

Introduction to Intratumoral Therapy

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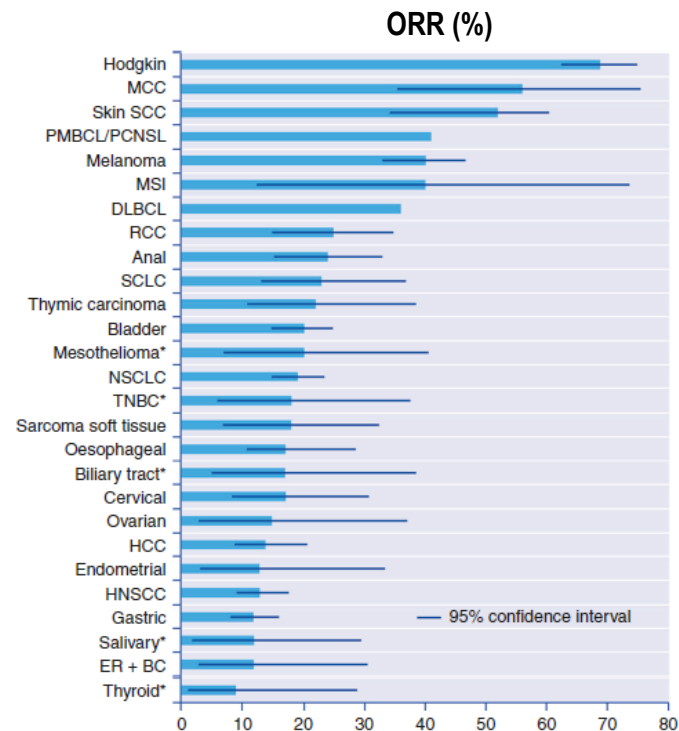
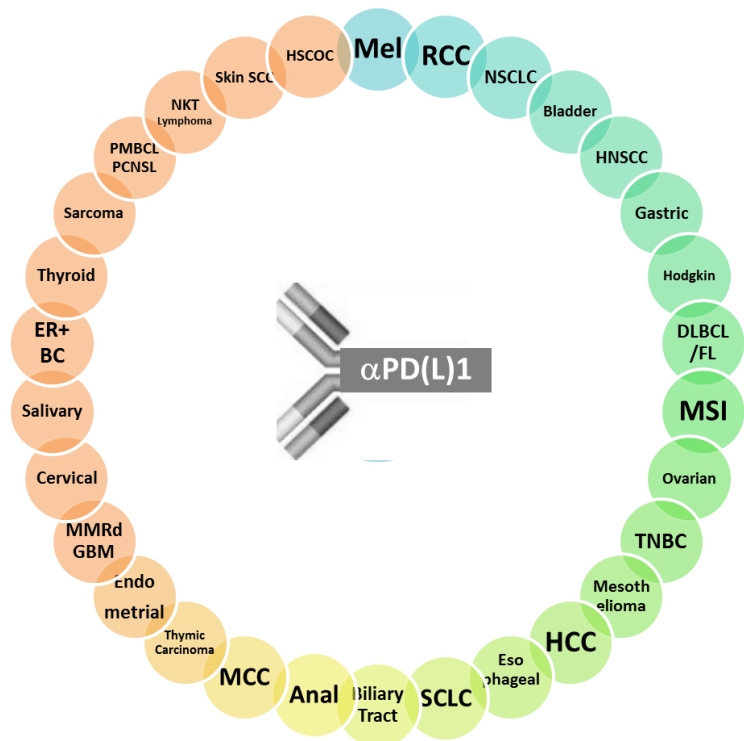
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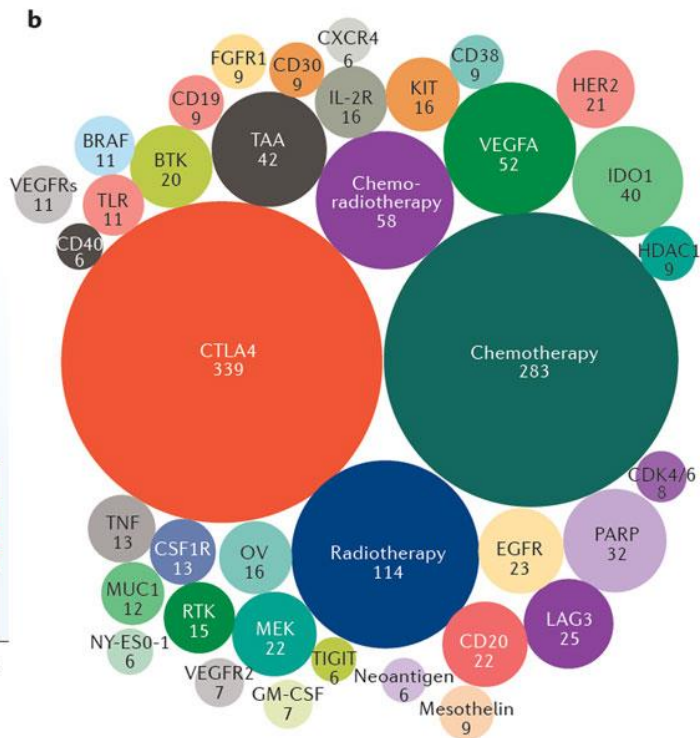
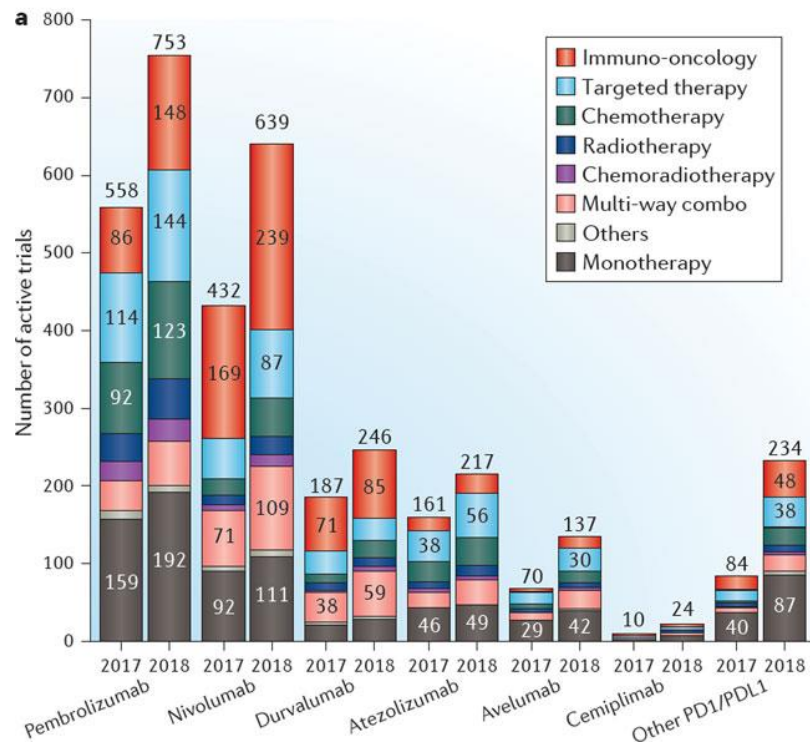
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Cancers with Sensitivity to PD(L)1 Blockade: « PD-lomas »

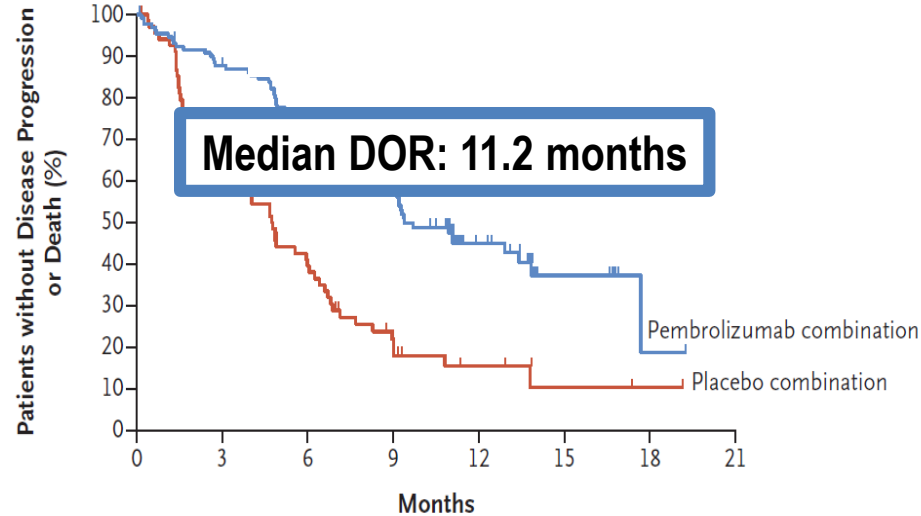


Clinical Trial Landscape for PD1/PDL1 Immune Checkpoint Blockade



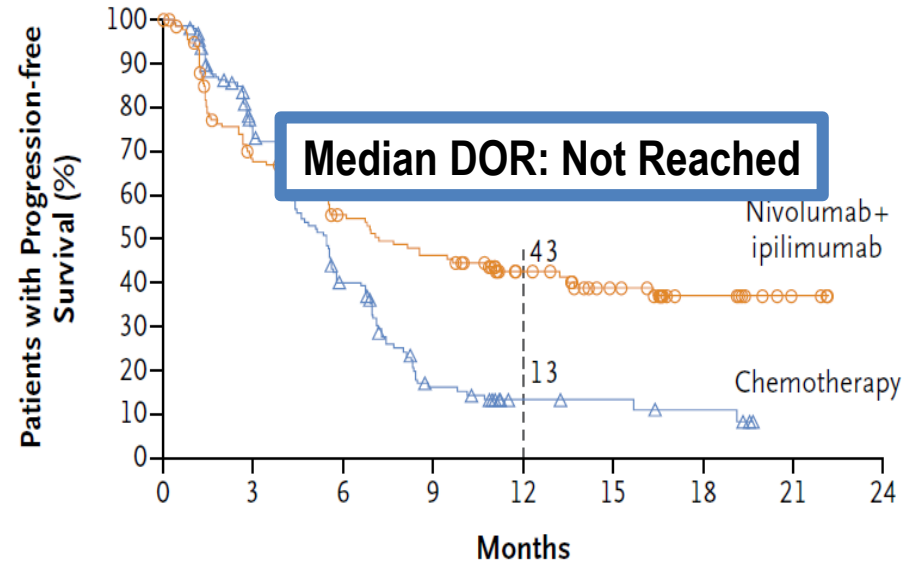
ANTI-PD1 COMBOS FOR I-O NAIVE NSCLC PATIENTS

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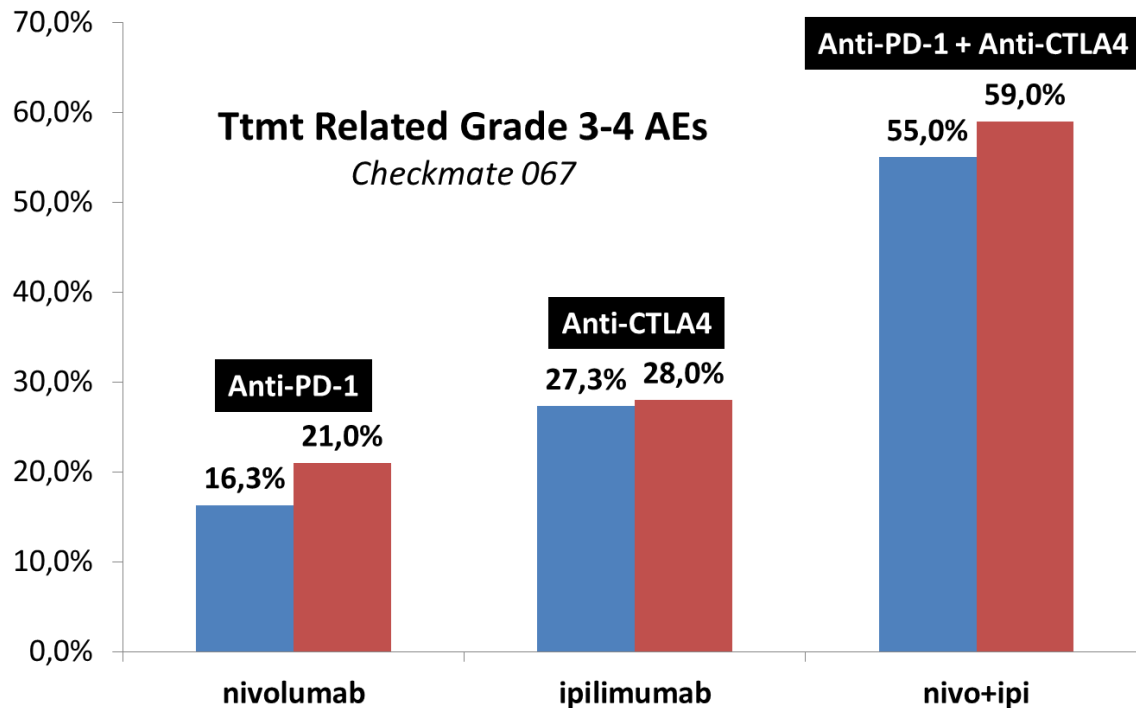
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Limit = Immune Related Adverse Events

On-target / Off-tumor Effects

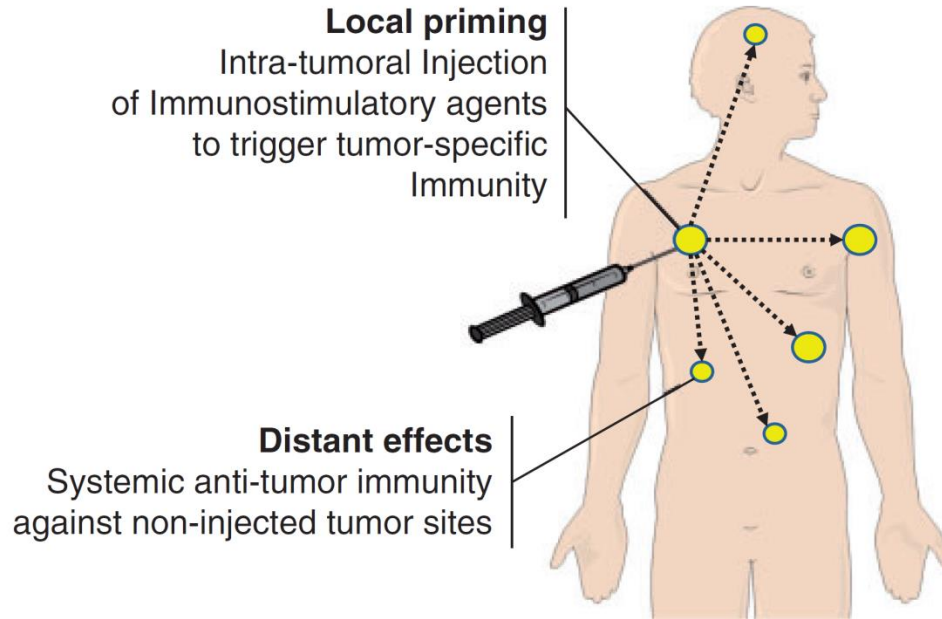


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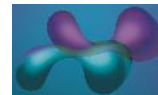
Human Intra-Tumoral Immuno-Therapy (HIT-IT)

On-target / On-tumor Effects



Advantages of In Situ Immunization over Cancer Vaccines

	CANCER VACCINES	INTRATUMORAL IMMUNOTHERAPY
THERAPEUTIC PRINCIPLE	• Tumor-specific targets identification • Off-target (off tumor) immune stimulation • Product draining into cutaneous lymph node • Mono- or pauci-clonal T-cell stimulation	• No antigen identification nor isolation required • On-target (intra-lesional) immune stimulation • Product draining into tumor draining lymph node • Polyclonal T and B-cell stimulation
PATIENT ELIGIBILITY	• <u>Peptide Vaccines</u>: ✓ Antigen Expression ✓ MHC-I restriction • <u>Neo-Epitope Vaccine</u>: ✓ Tumor material available ✓ Blood for germinal control	• No pre-treatment biopsy required • No MHC restriction • Injectable Lesion Available
DRUG PRODUCTION	• Out-licensed adjuvant • GMO facility if encoded into viral vector • <u>Peptide Vaccines</u>: GMP peptides • <u>Neo-Epitope Vaccine</u>: Identification of neo-antigen: <i>DNA/RNA sequencing, HLA-I binding prediction, HLA-I peptide elution</i>, GMP production for every patient	• Off-the shelf

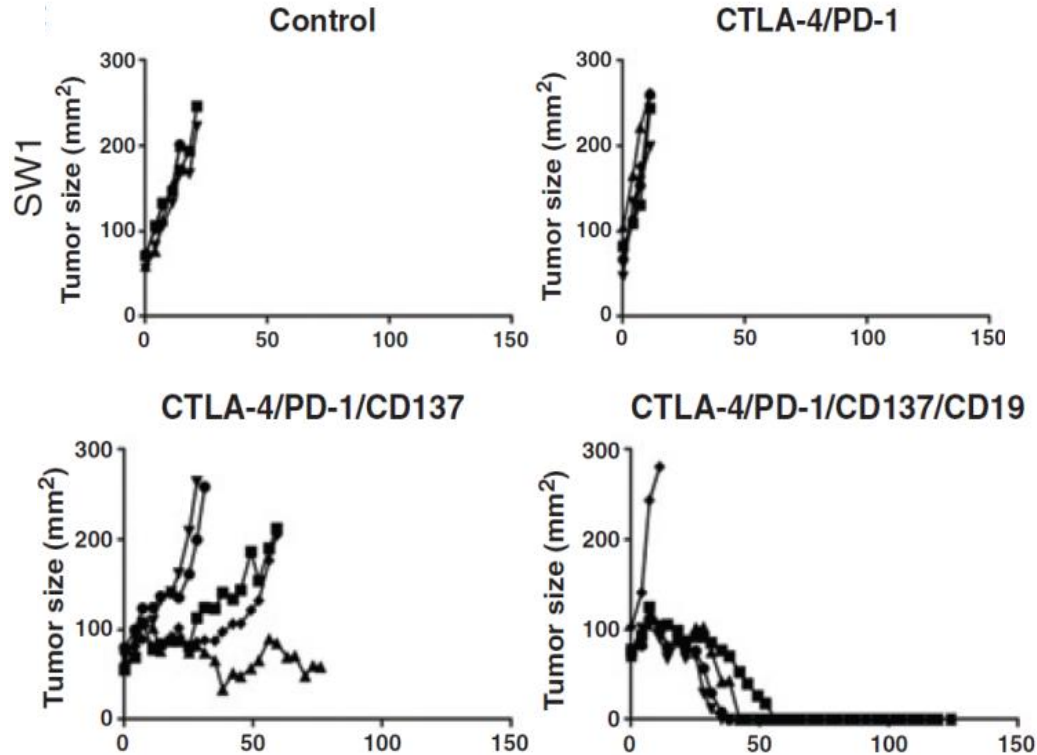


Cancer as a +/- Unstable Equilibrium



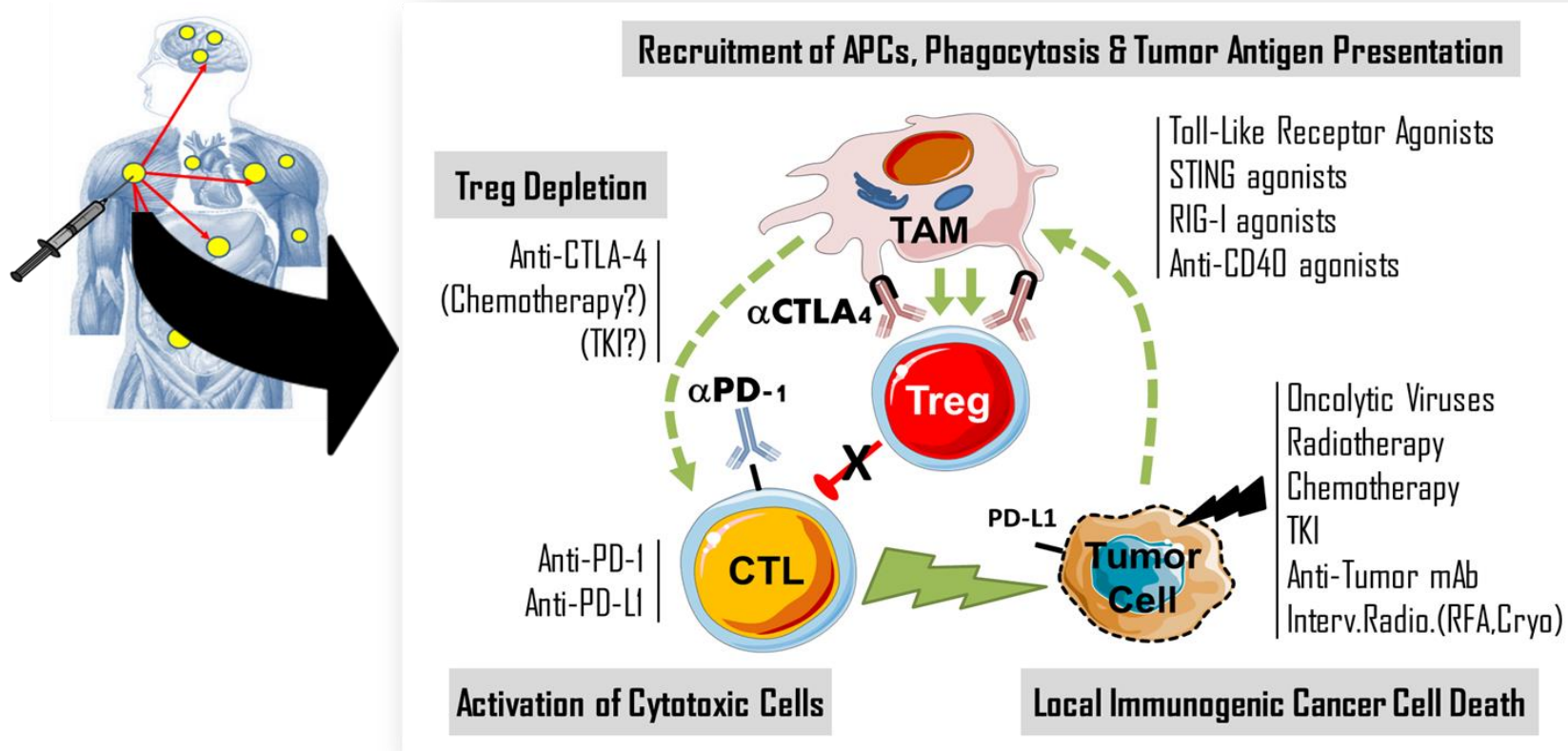
Cracking the Code of Intratumoral Immune Tolerance

Intratumor
Injections

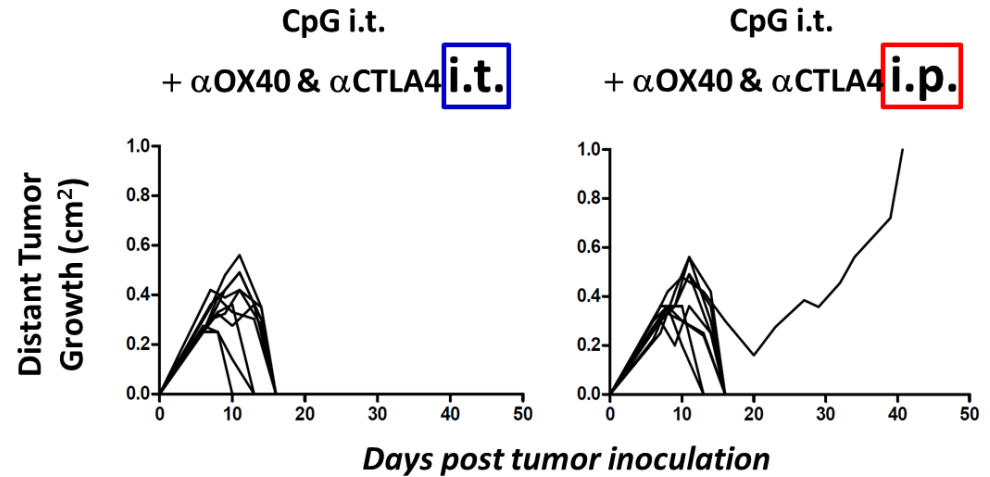
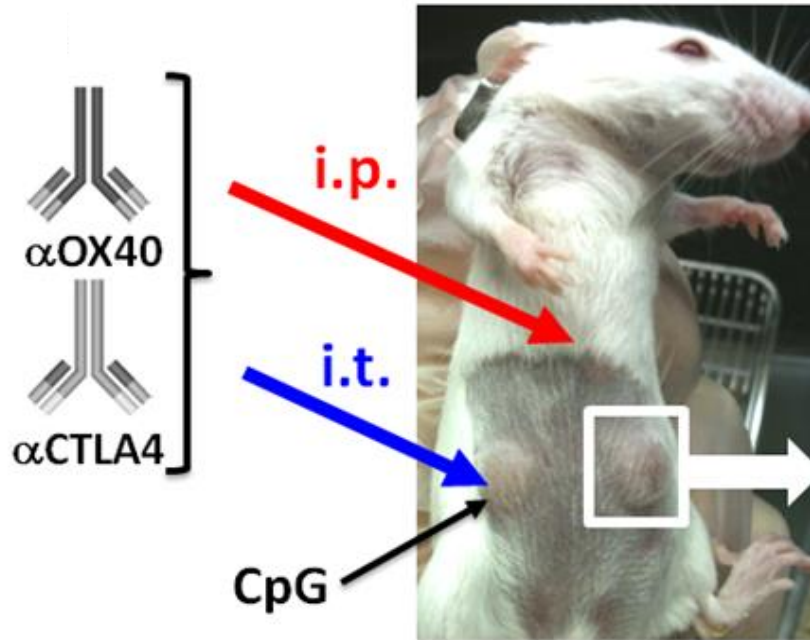


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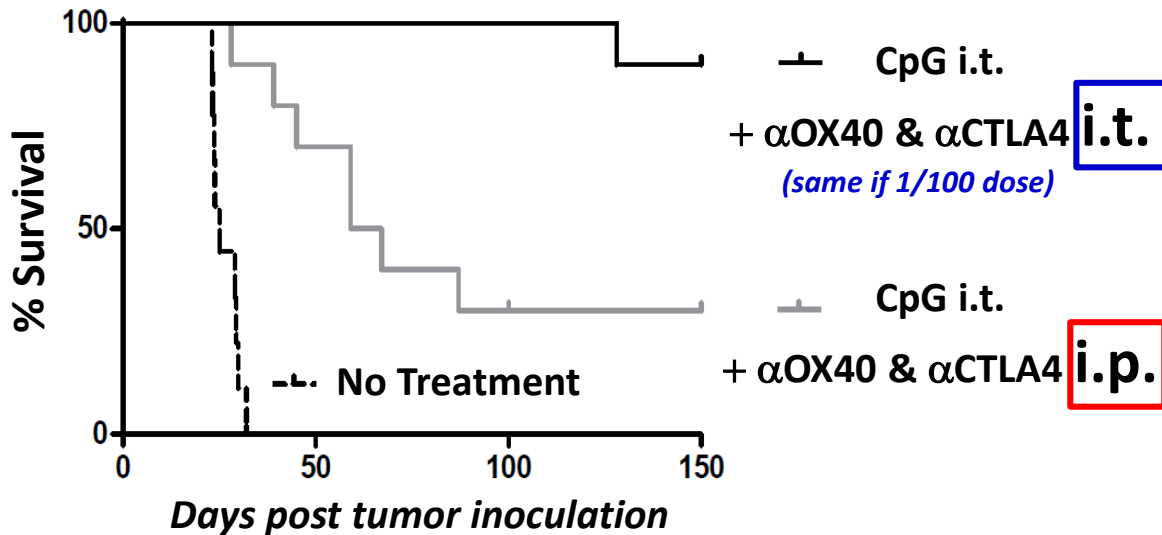
Potential Combinations for *In situ Priming* of Anti-Tumor Immunity



Systemic vs Local Immunomodulation: Effect on Contra-Lateral Tumor Growth



Intra-tumoral immunomodulation Works better than Systemic immunomodulation

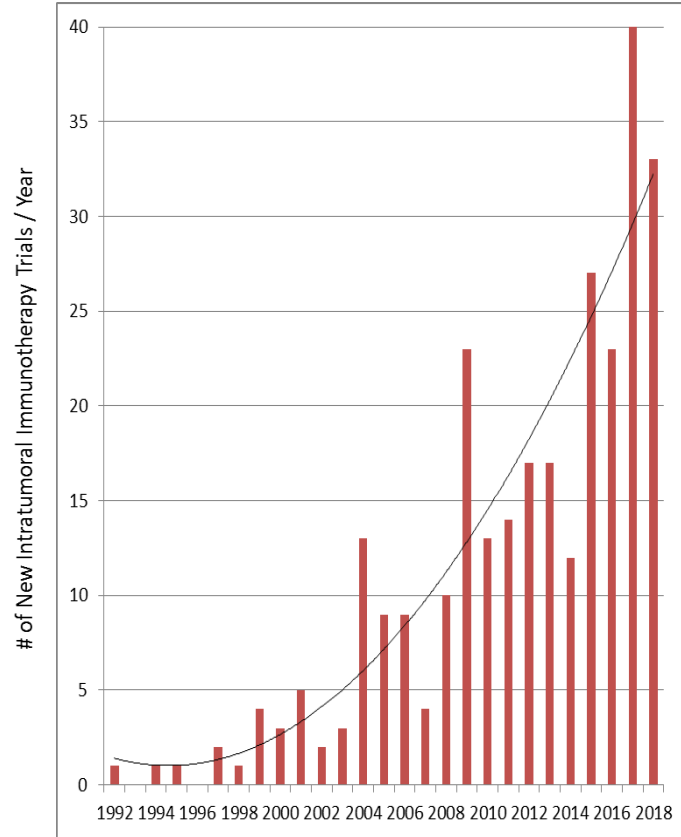


HIT-IT: Usual Skepticism

- Feasibility
- Acceptability
- Implementation
- Ability to register an intratumoral drug

Number of New Intratumoral Immunotherapy Trials / Year

(clinicaltrials.gov)



Bristol-Myers Squibb

Apexigen

ALLIGATOR
bioscience

Janssen

gsk

Cleveland BioLabs

IISA
Pharmaceuticals

MOLOGEN AG

AstraZeneca

MedImmune

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Therapies Ltd.

DYNAVAX
INNOVATING IMMUNOLOGY

Idera

Pfizer

IMMUNE DESIGN

Oncovir, Inc.

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PHARMACEUTICALS

ARRAY
BIOPHARMA

Celldex
therapeutics

Cytokines &
factors

INTRATUMORAL
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Therapeutics

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DISCOVERIES

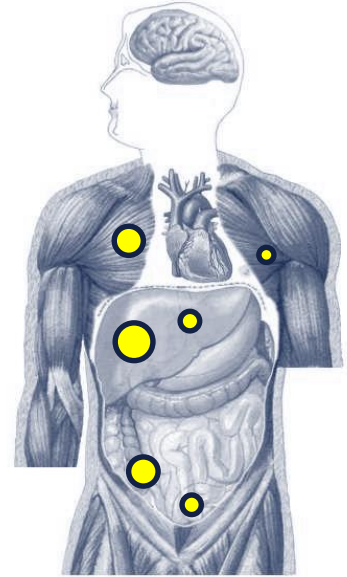
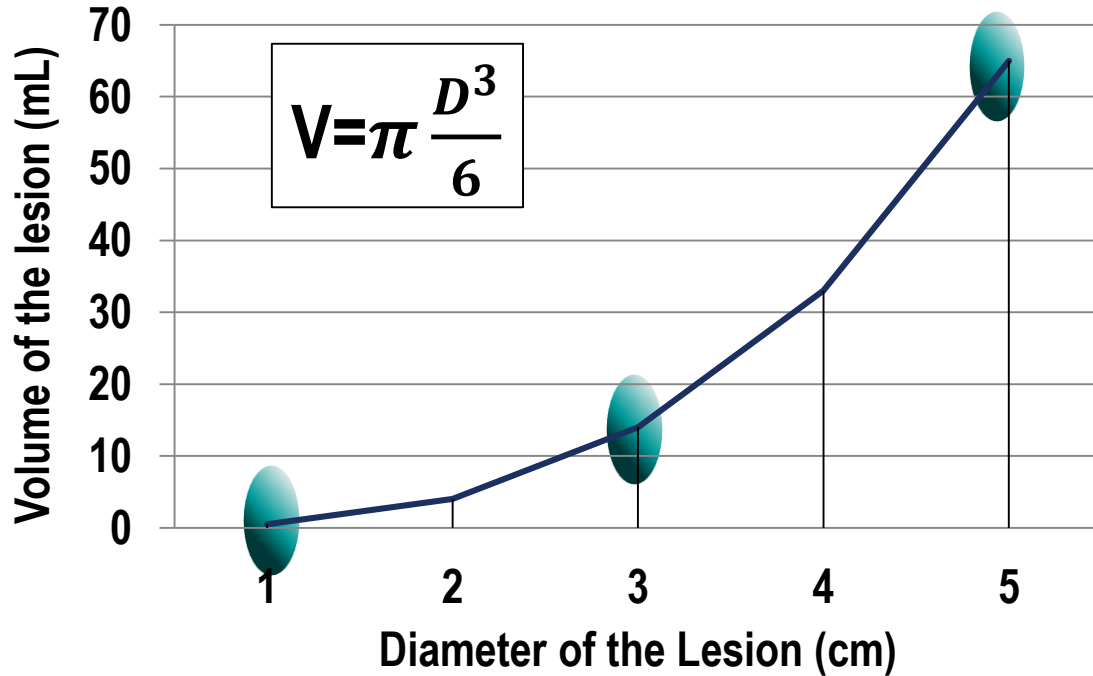
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HIT-IT: Actual Challenges

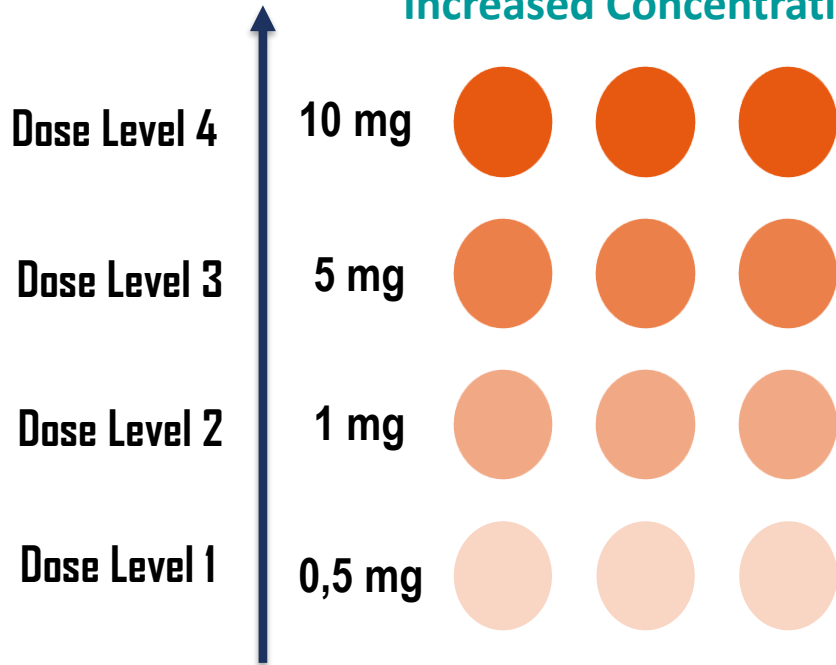
- ◆ Dose
- ◆ Regimen
- ◆ Efficacy Assessment
- ◆ PK/PD
- ◆ Trial Designs, MTDs & DLTs

How Do We Determine the Right Dose for HIT-IT ?

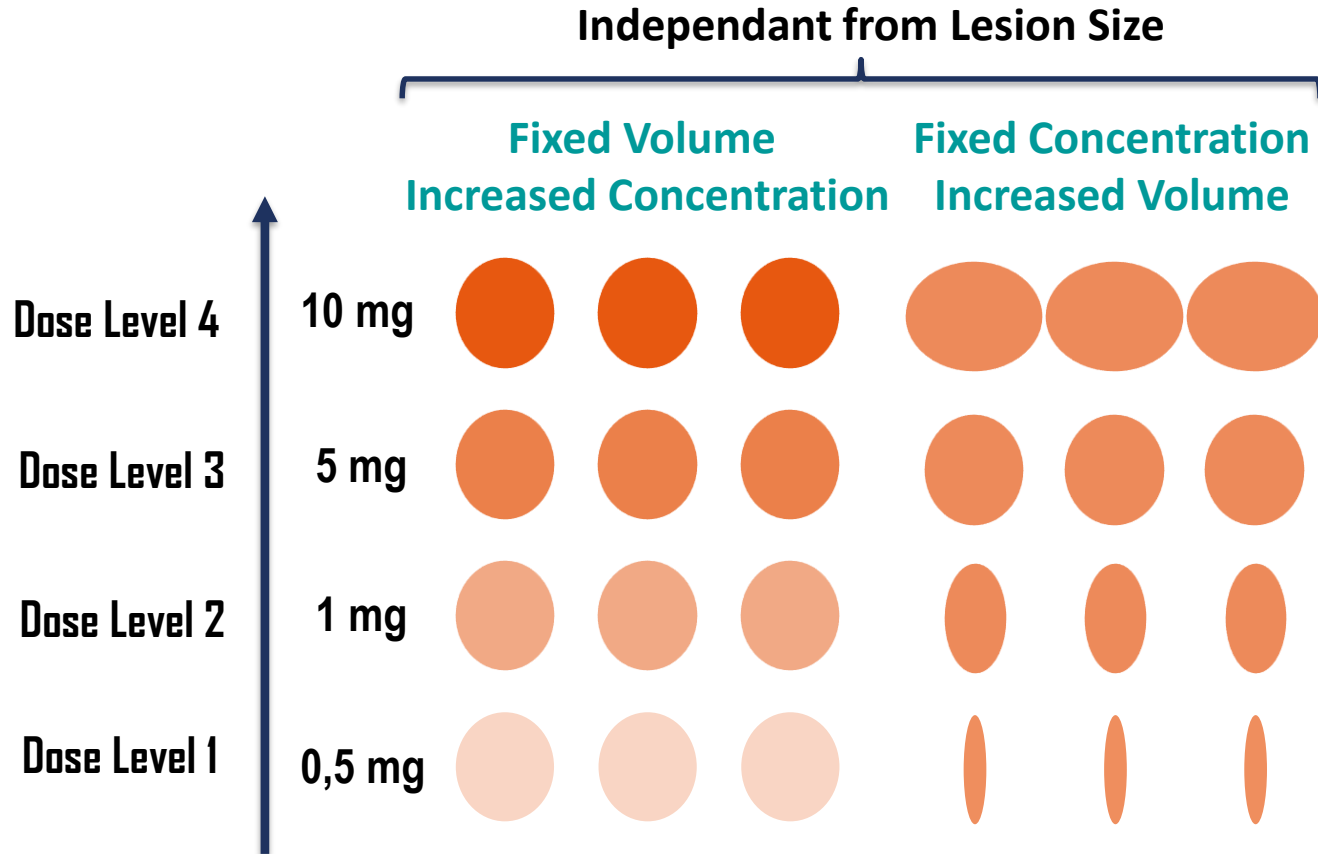


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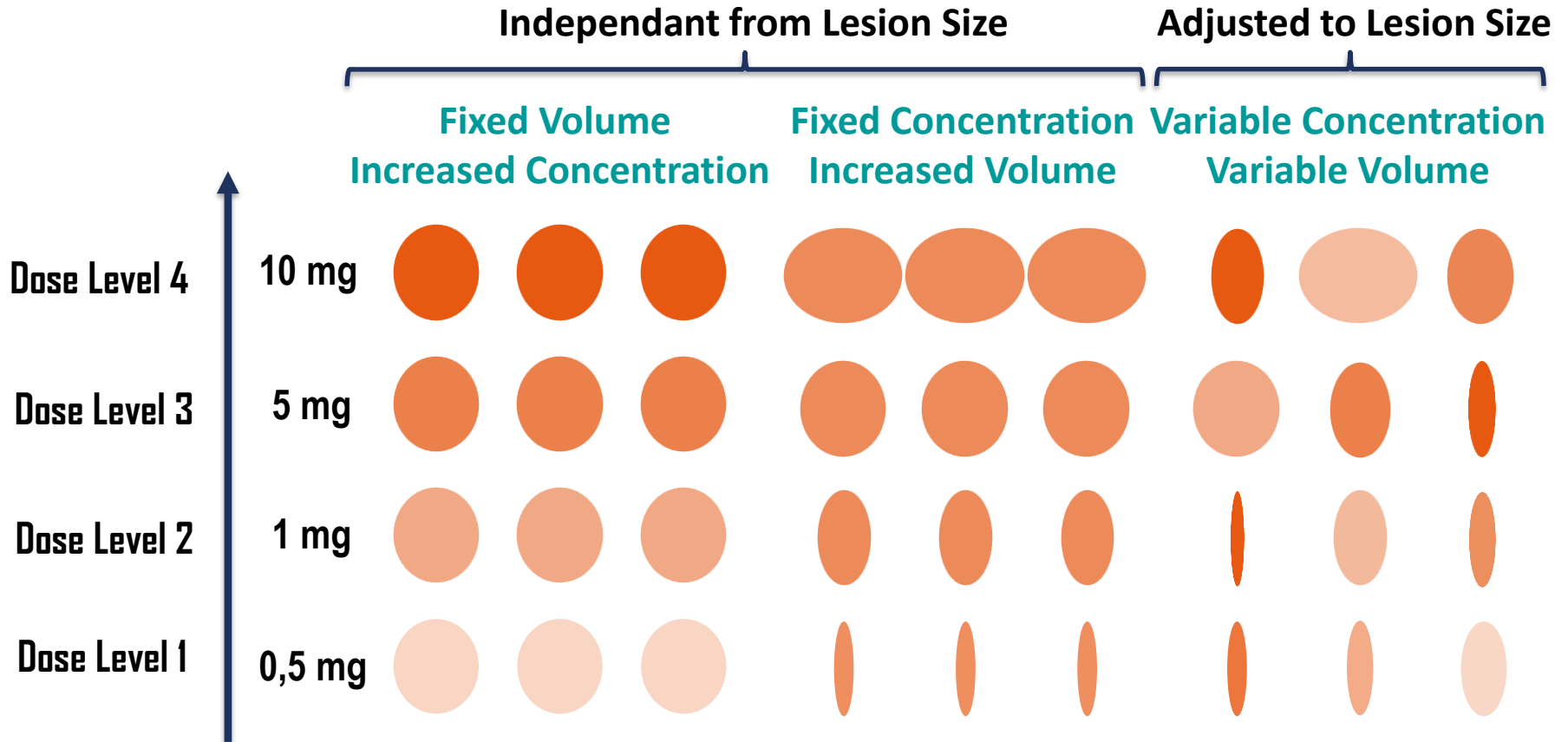
Fixed Volume
Increased Concentration



How Do We Determine the Right Dose for HIT-IT ?



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Trial Designs, MTDs & DLTs

- Dose escalation to reach MTD or Optimal Biological Dose ? ➔ *how do you define OBD??*
- PD is key ! ➔ *How much PD data can you get out of a 3+3 design?*
- Are Grade 3/4 dose-related, lesion-related or patient related (DLTs)? ➔ *Better define DLT criteria*

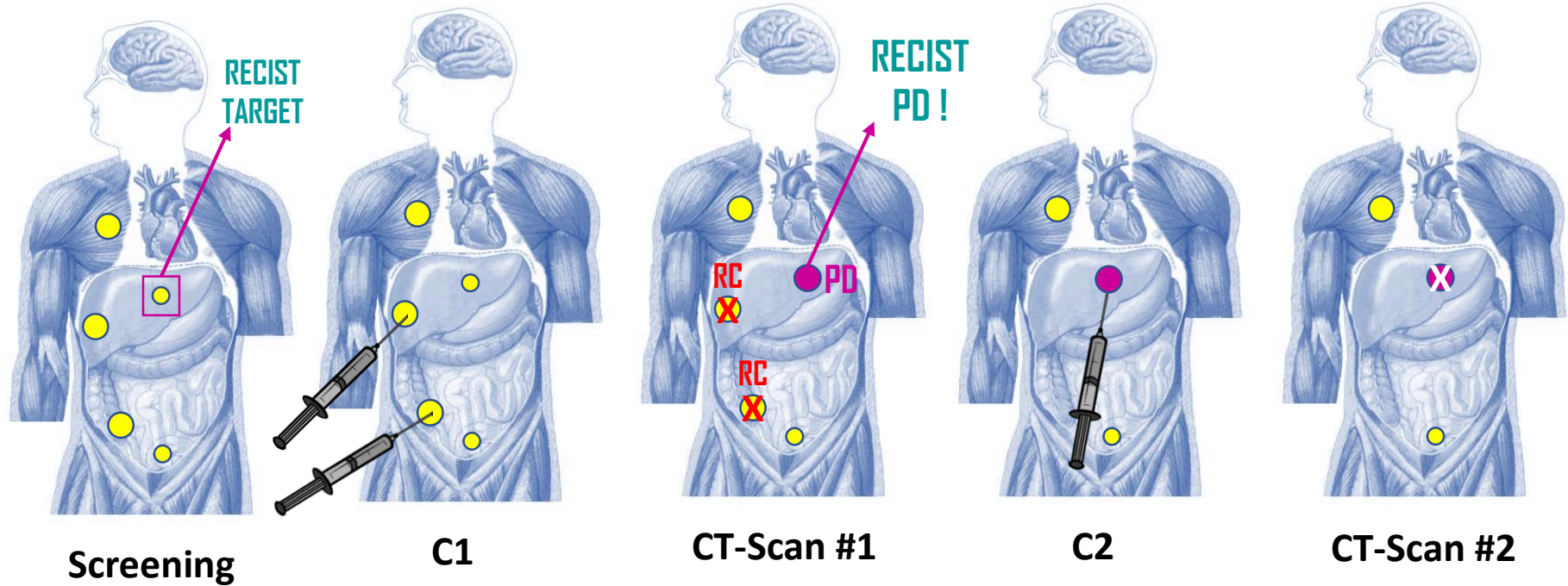
Which Regimen for HIT-IT ?

- Q2W/Q3W regimen: based on recovery for white blood cells & PK
- *During an infection, the immune system is not working one day every 3 weeks*
- Half life & PD effects: rather short with agonists
- Tachyphylaxia over time +/- ADAs

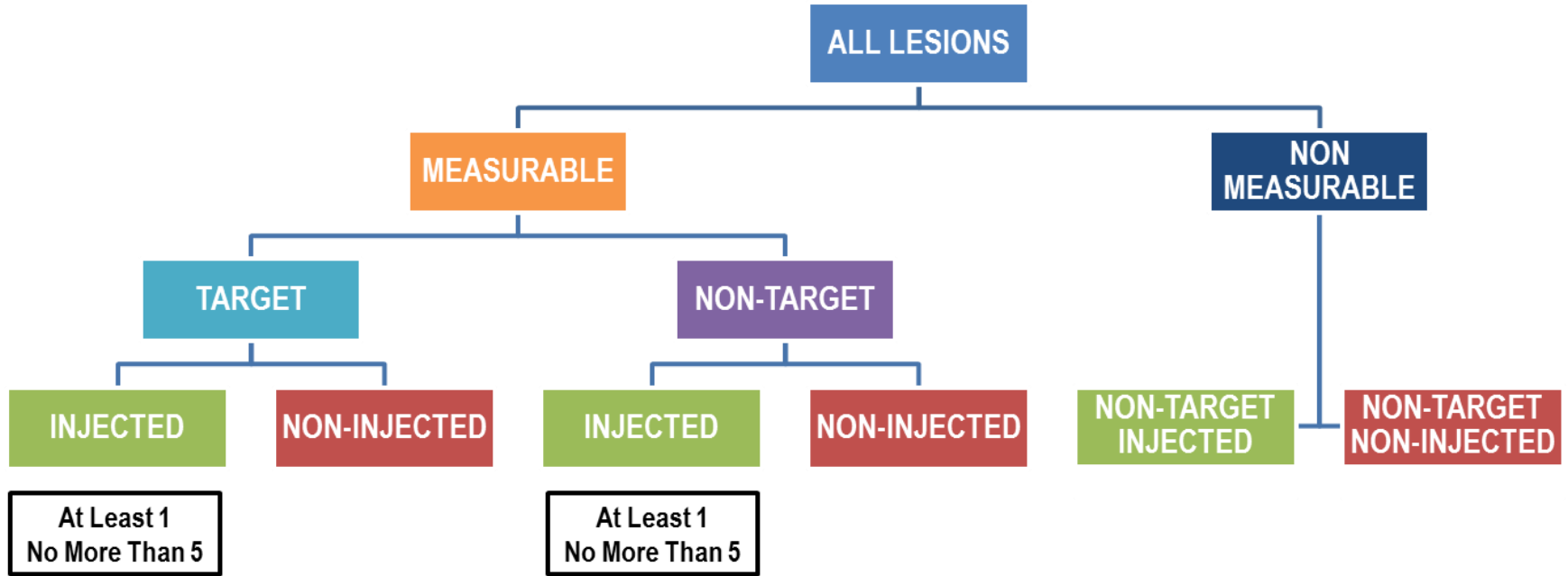
PK/PD: what does matter ? What dose matters ?

- PK: who cares if low systemic doses ?
- ~~PK~~ vs local bioavailability (*tumor or draining LN?*)
- PD+++ : target expression & target engagement

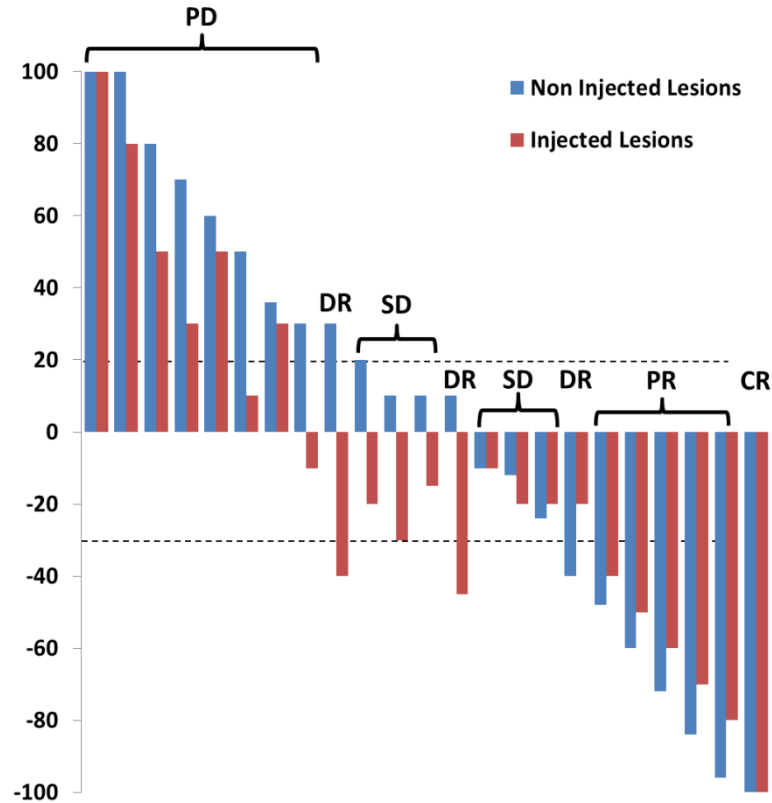
Imaging Assessment Criteria: RECIST is not Adapted to HIT-IT



Intra Tumoral RECIST (itRECIST)

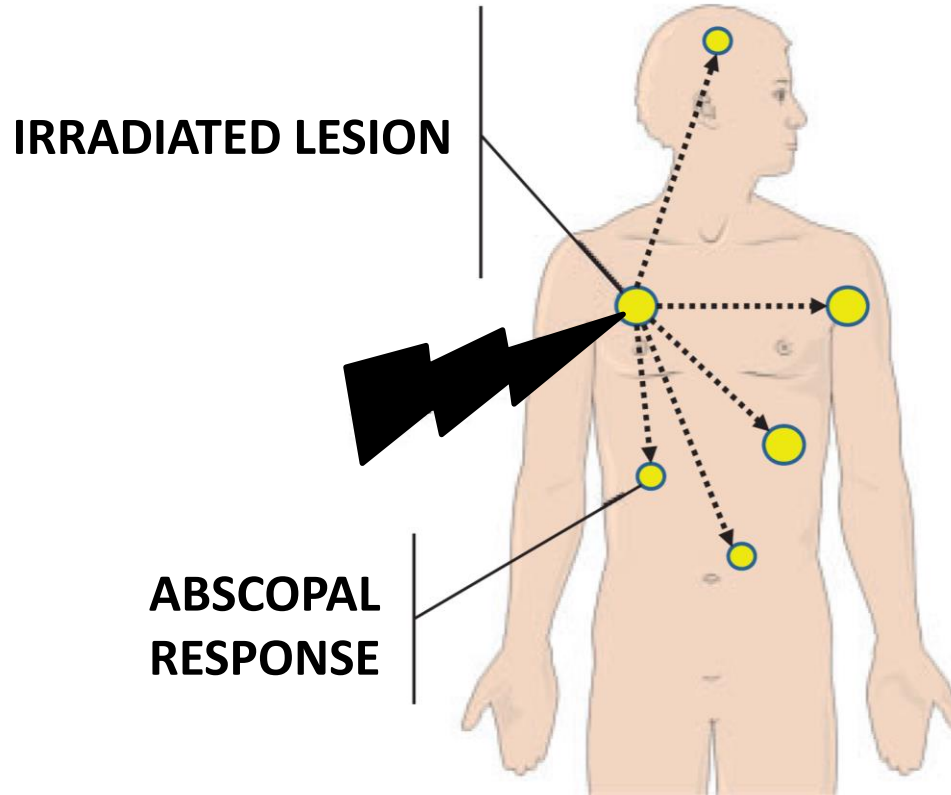


Waterfall Plots for HIT-IT

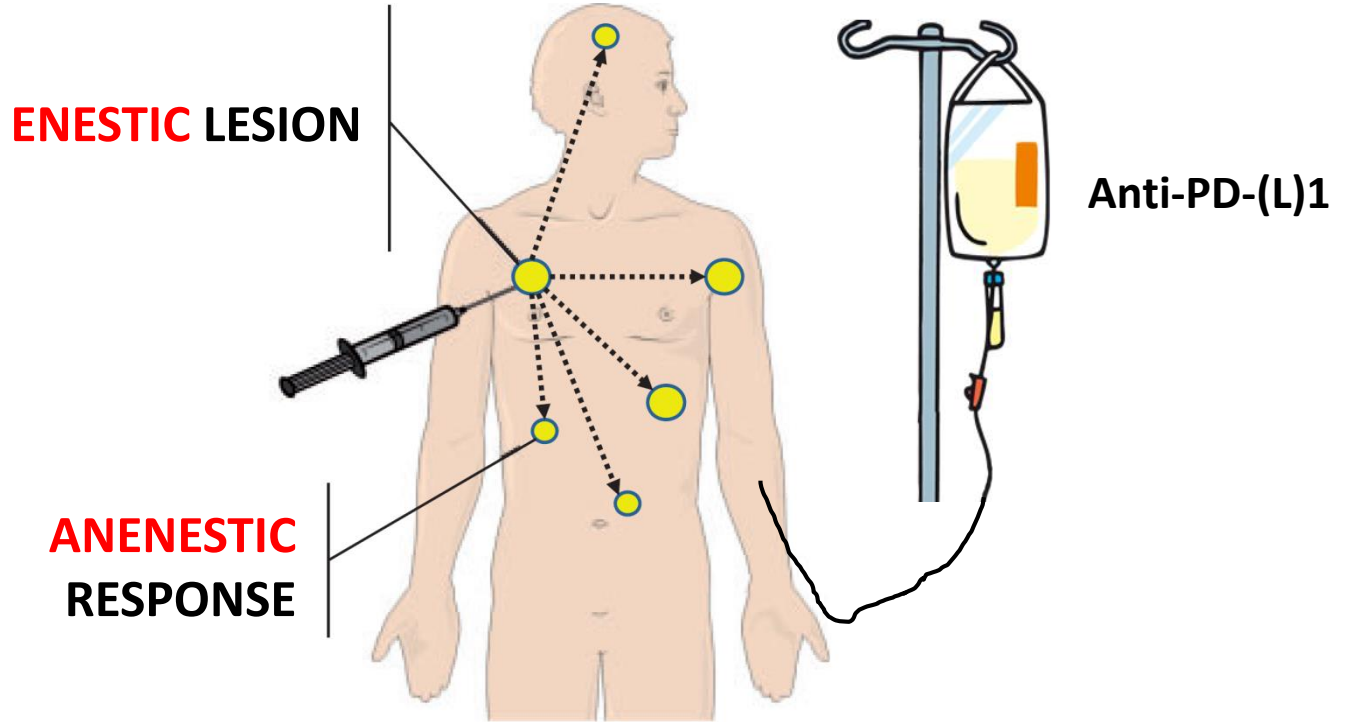


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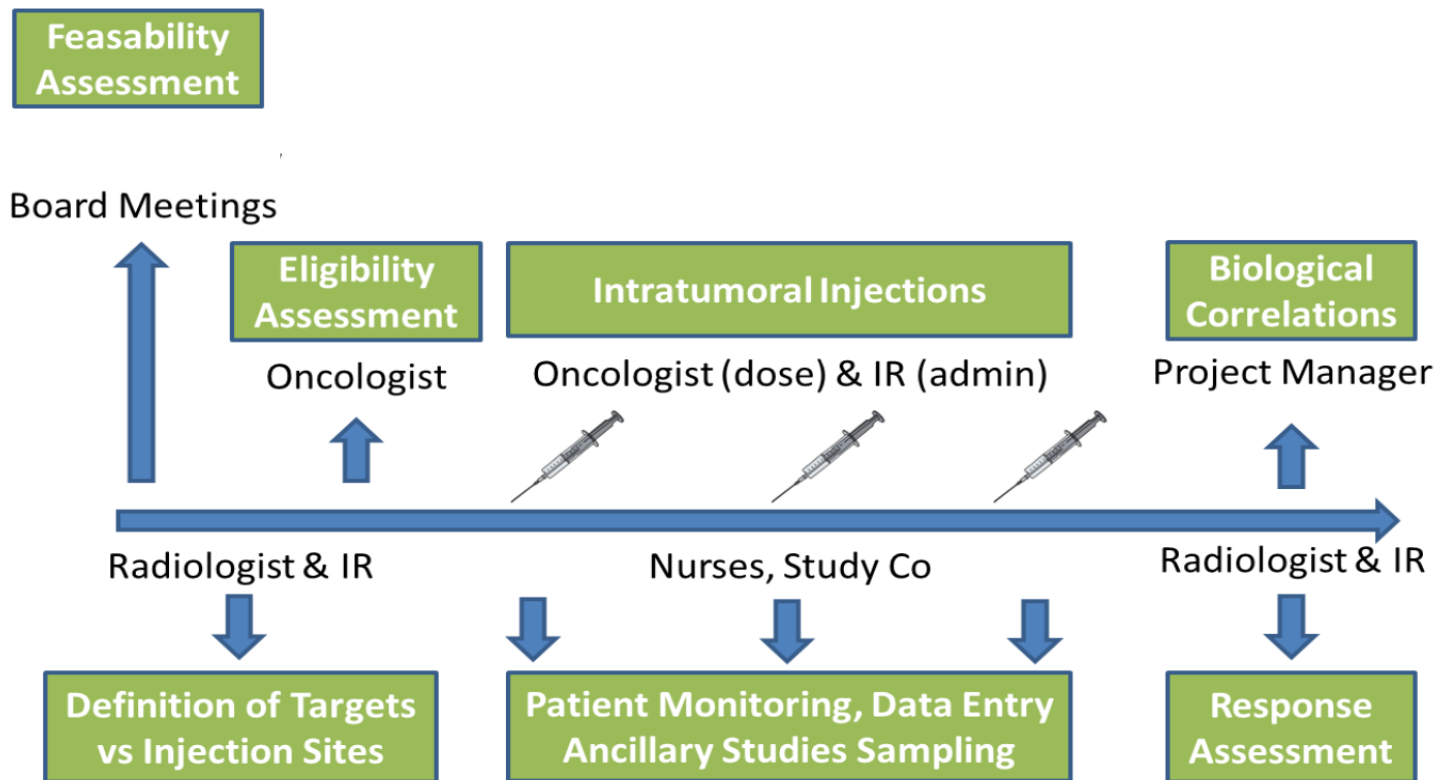
ABSCOPAL = IRRADIATION



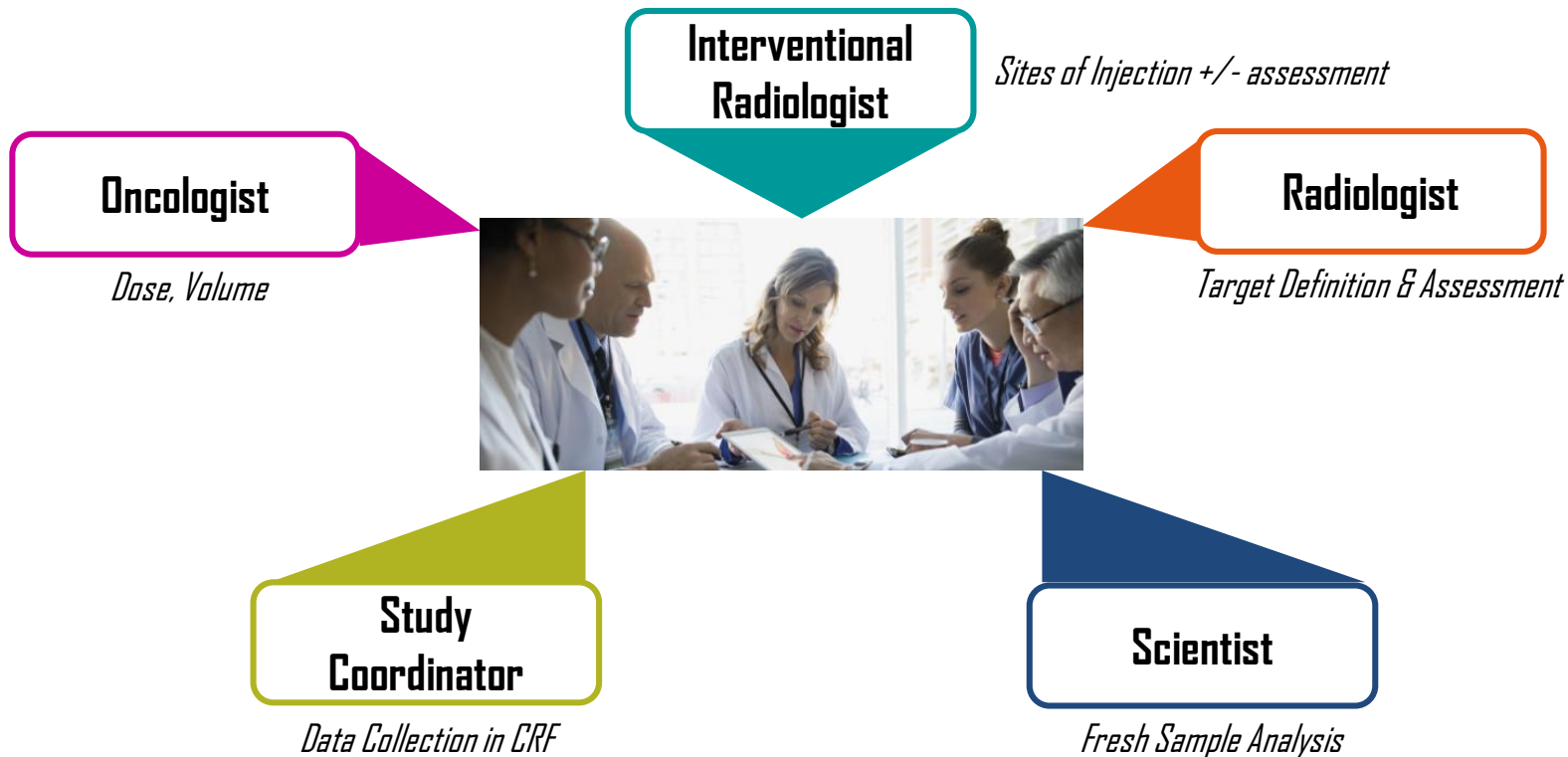
ENESTIC (*injected*) vs ANENESTIC (*non-injected*)



Logistics for Intratumoral Immunotherapies

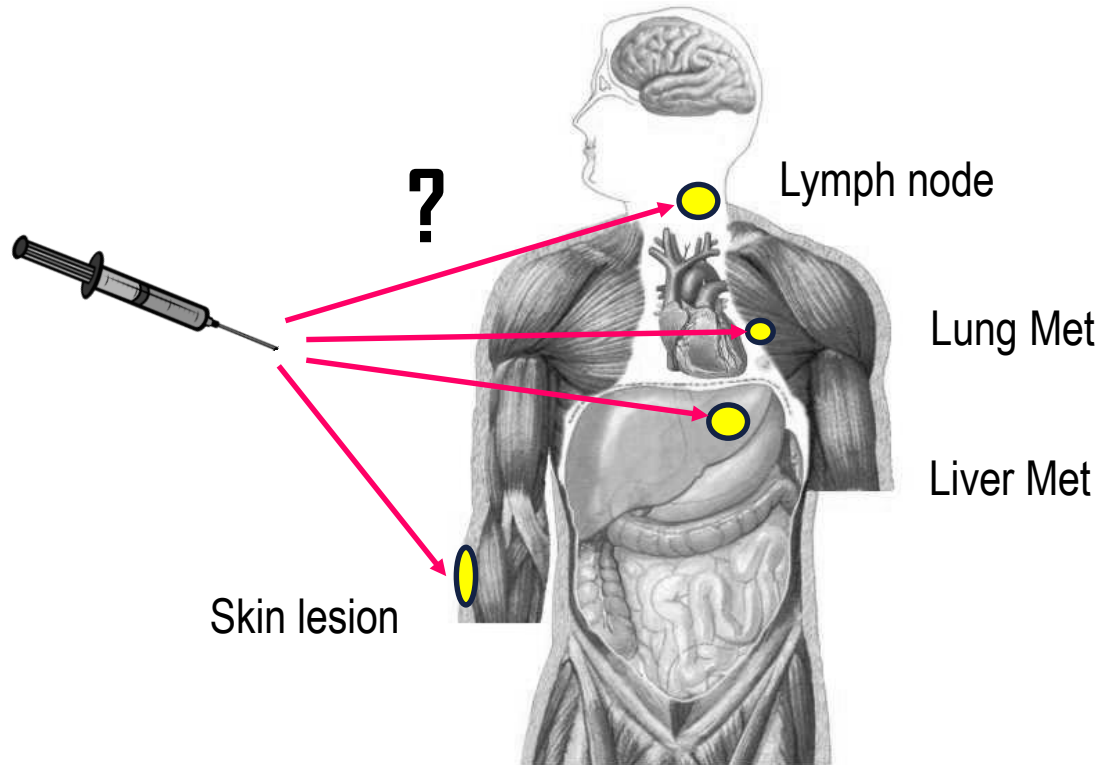


Dedicated Board Meetings for Intratumoral Immunotherapy

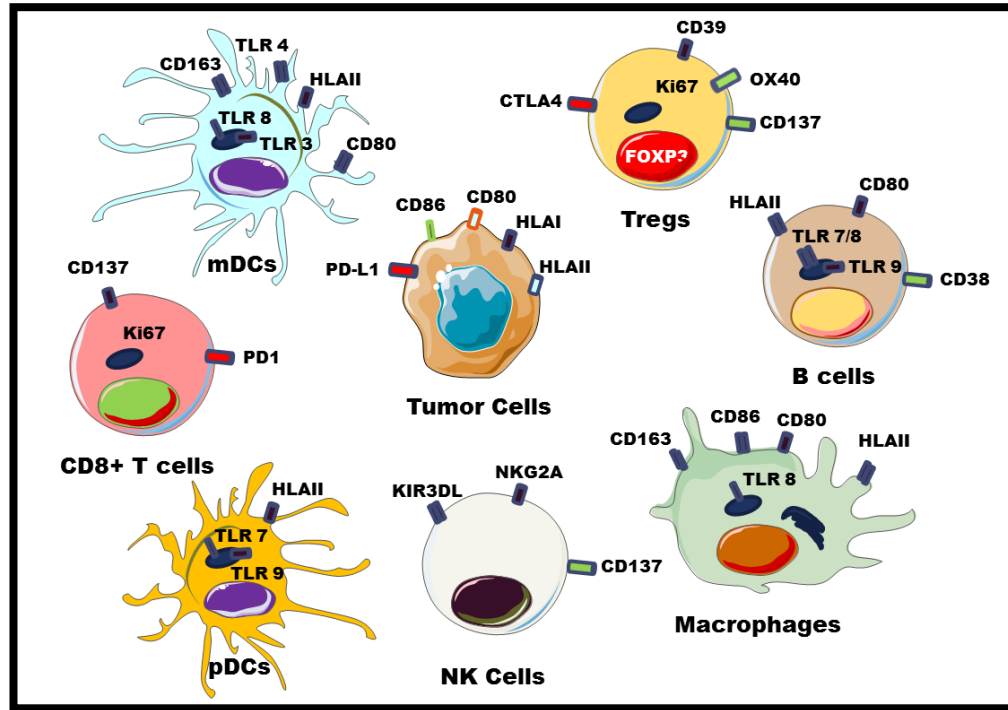


Current Clinical & Scientific Questions for HIT-IT

Are some tumor sites better than others to generate a anti-tumor response in non injected sites ? (prioritization)



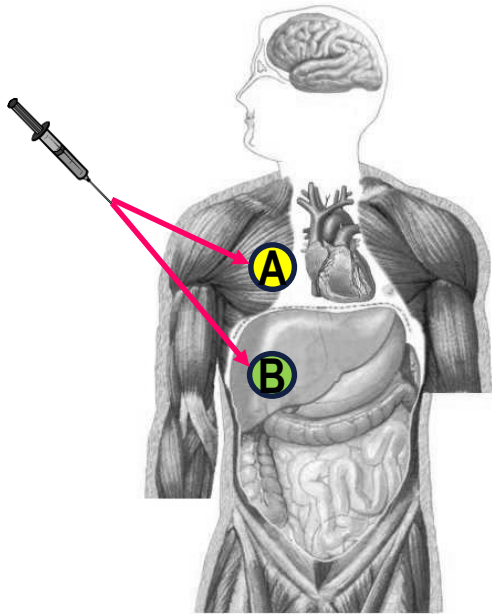
Are pre-existing immune infiltrates predictive for efficacy or can you inflame a cold tumor ?



Adapted from Shekarian T, et al. Pattern Recognition Receptors: Immune Targets to Enhance Cancer Immunotherapy.
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Is **concomitant** treatment of several lesions better than **sequential** ?

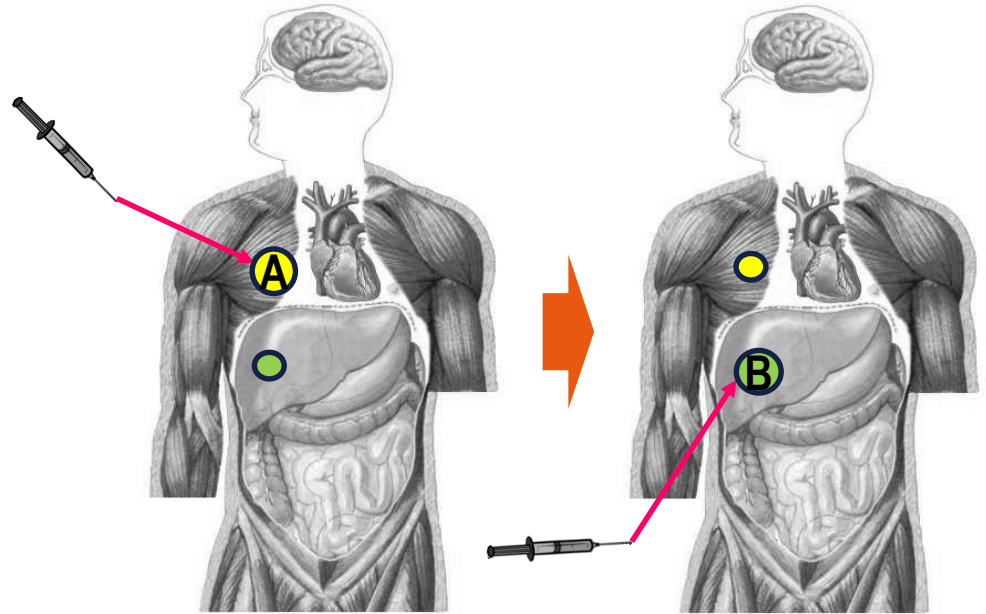
A+B



C1D1

or

A→B

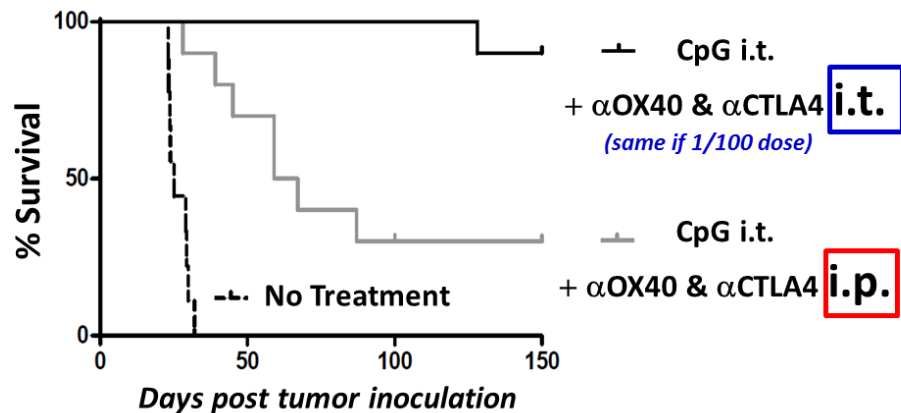


C1D1

C2D1

Prime-Boost?

Is HIT-IT generating a better **memory anti-tumor immunity** than systemic therapy ?

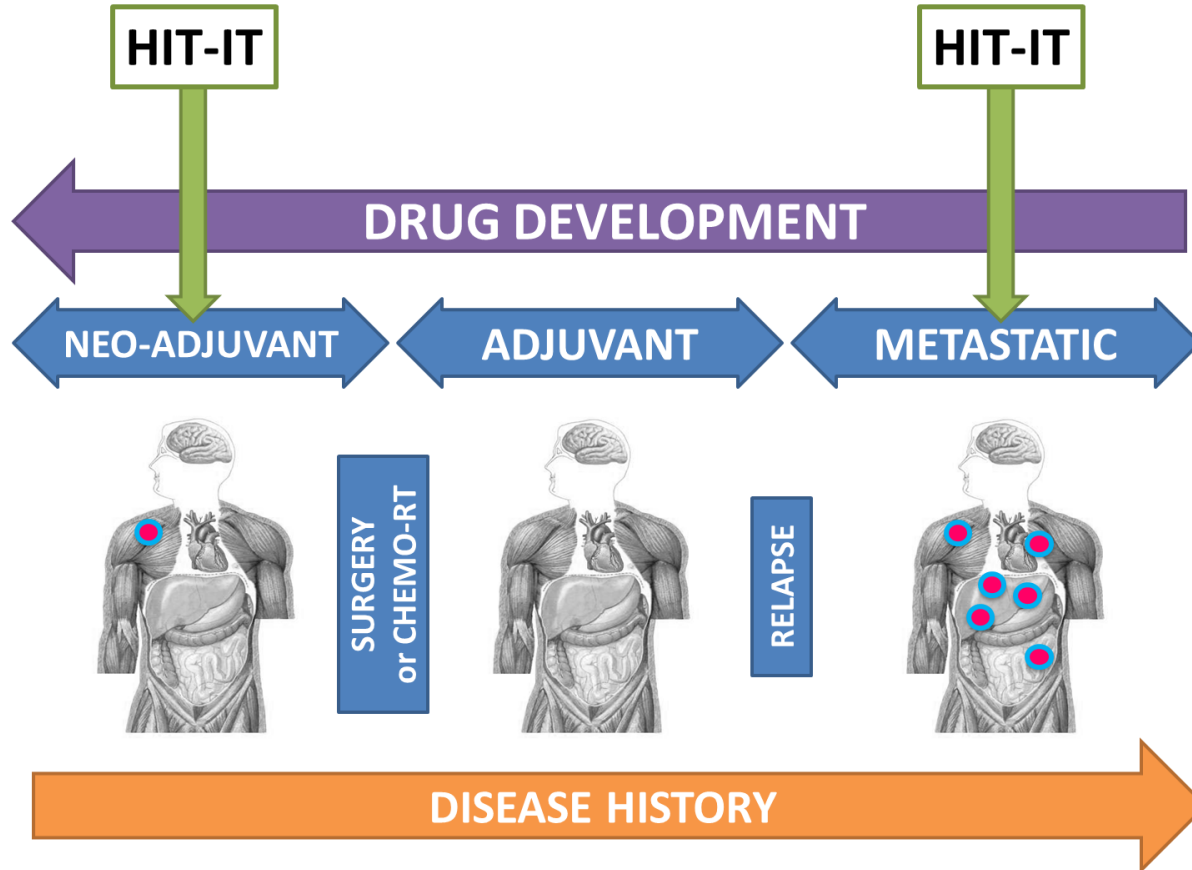


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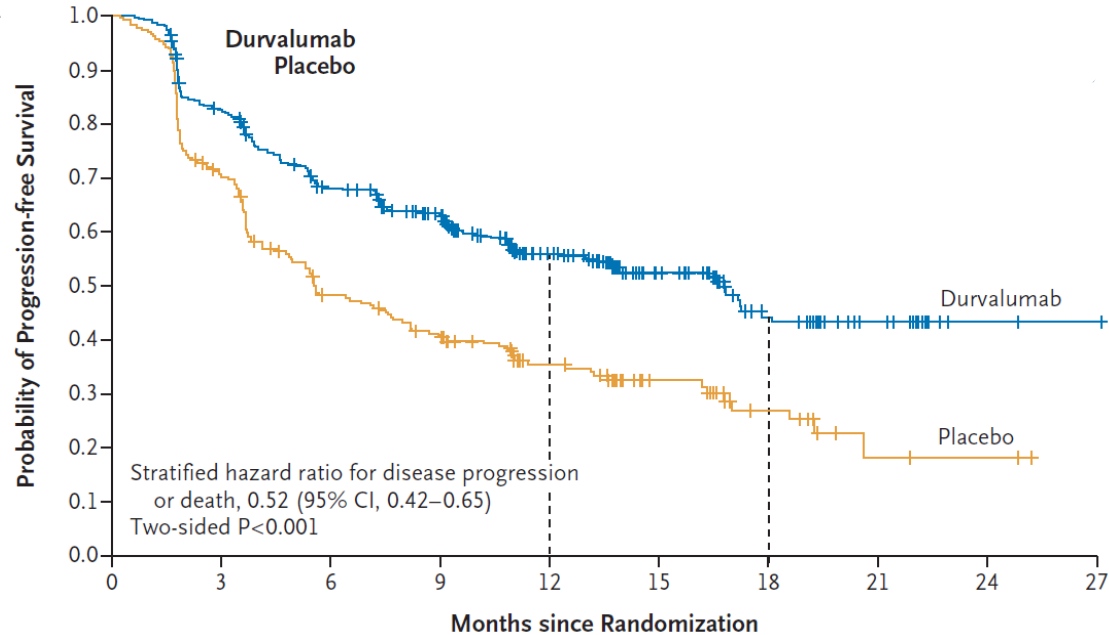
Surrogate markers
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Assessment ?

Pioneer What Could Become the Next Standard of Care

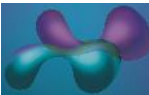


Neo-Adjuvant IT vs Adjuvant IV

NEO-ADJUVANT IO



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Take Home Messages

- **Local priming** to trigger systemic responses
- Immunization agnostic from target : **Universal** rather than personalized cancer vaccine
- **Safety** allowing multiple combinations
- Multiple sites for **prime boosting** & address cancer heterogeneity
- **Pre/On-treatment biological explorations** to better understand variability of anti-cancer immune responses

*Needs Dedicated Staff & Resources
for Clinical Implementation & Research Performance*

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