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Direction of the Field: The Future of Cancer Immunotherapy

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- By virtue of discussing the future, I will be discussing non-FDA approved indications during my presentation.



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Diagnostics

Therapeutics

Improvements in Staging and Immunotherapy Biomarkers

- Immunoscore
 - CD3, CD8, T cell memory
 - PD-L1, TMB, GEP and others
- Next generation sequencing
 - MSI-high, MMR defects, etc.
- Gut microbiome
- Tumor microenvironment/metabolomics



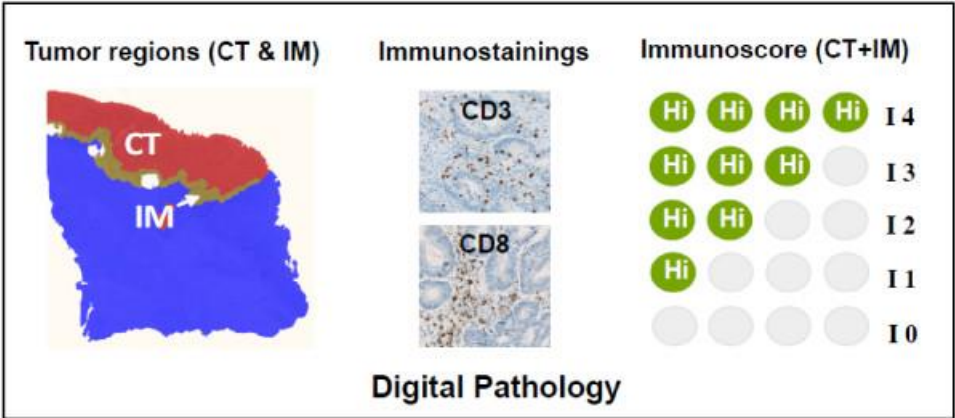
Current standard diagnostics

- Histopathology
- Flow cytometry
- Immunohistochemistry
- Cytogenetics
- Molecular studies: RT-PCR/FISH



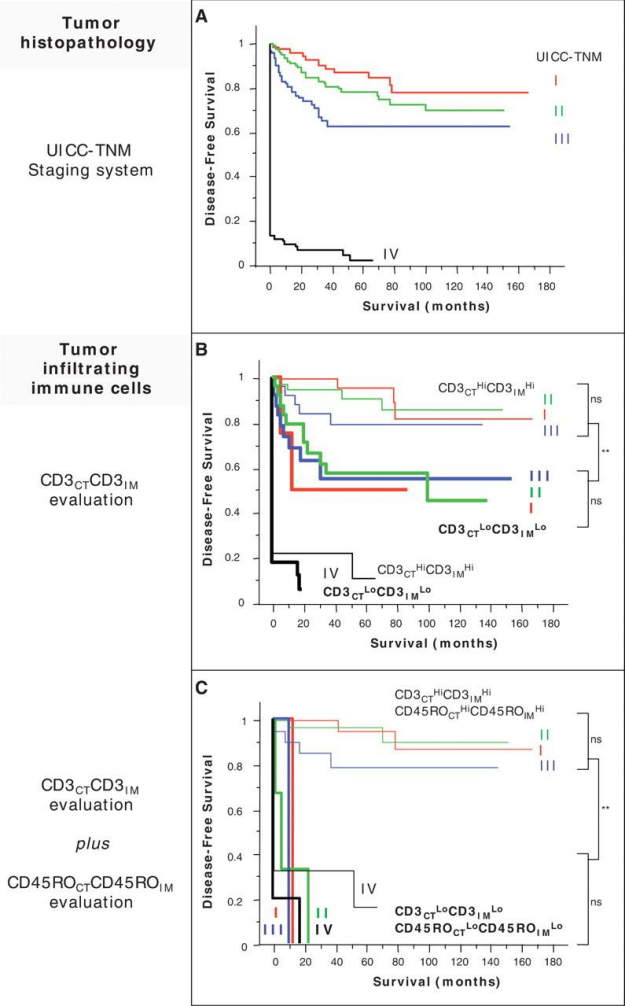
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Immunoscore will become part of standard pathologic reports for all tumors, used as a biomarker for responses and correlate with survival



Cancers where immunescore correlates with outcome

Adult tumors	Hepatocellular carcinoma
Colorectal cancer	Breast cancer
Melanoma	Ovarian cancer
Renal cell carcinoma	Spinal chordoma
Non-small cell lung cancer	Pediatric tumors
Head and neck cancer	Neuroblastoma
Gastric cancer	Osteosarcoma



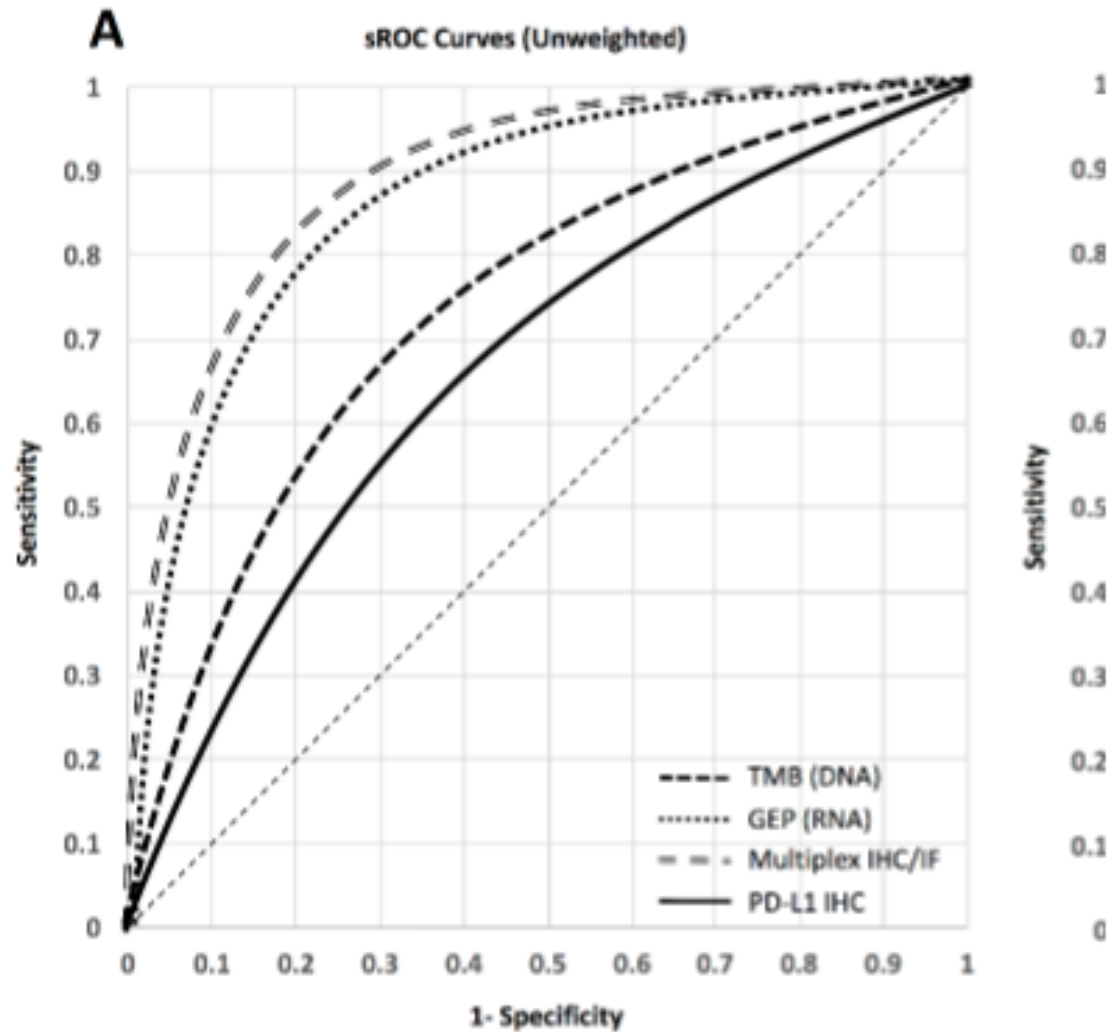
Using assays together increases positive predictive value of responding to anti-PD(L)1 therapy

- Meta-analysis of 44 papers/abstracts examining the association between overall response rate to anti-PD(L)1 monotherapy and reported biomarkers including:
 - PD-L1 immunohistochemistry
 - Tumor mutation burden (TMB)
 - Gene expression profiling (GEP)
 - Multiplex immunohistochemistry/immunofluorescence (mIHC/IF)



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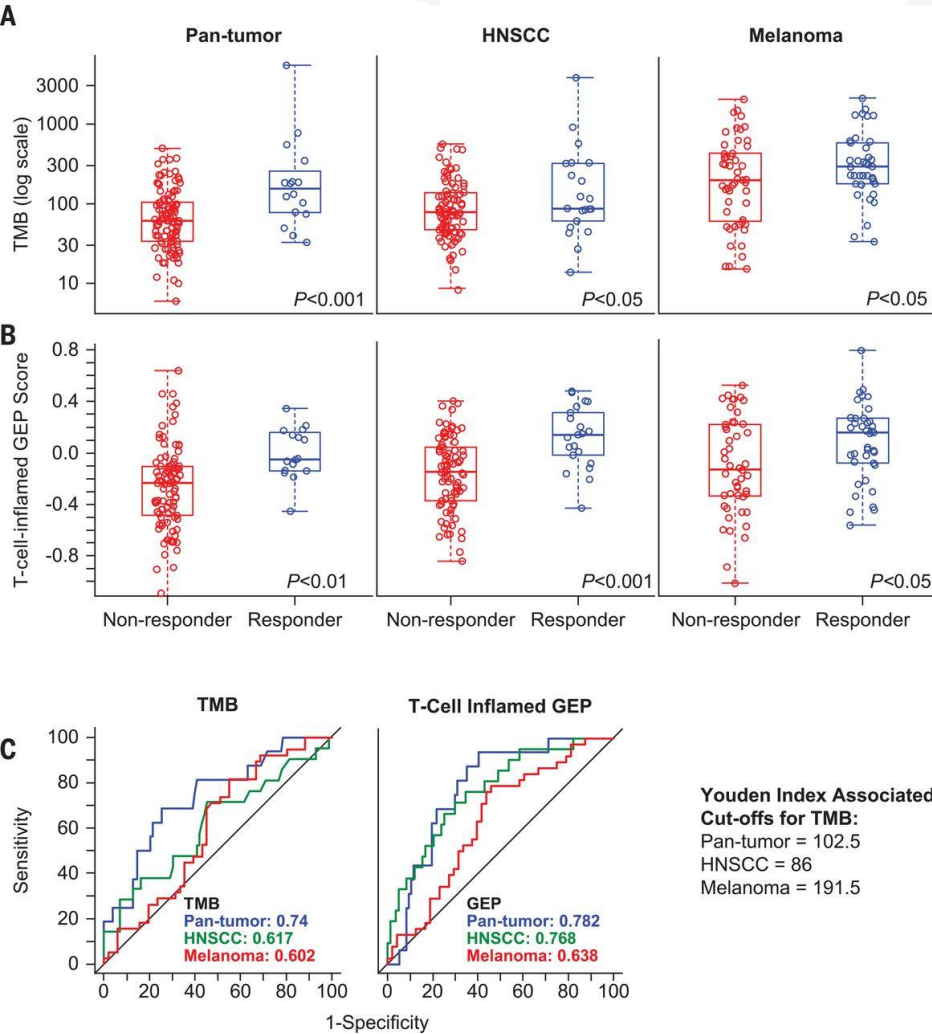
Multiplex IHC/IF has improved sensitivity and specificity in predicting responses to anti-PD-1/PD-L1 therapy.



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Abstract O6: Steve Lu et al. Comparison of biomarker assay modalities in anti-PD-(L)1 monotherapy: a meta-analysis

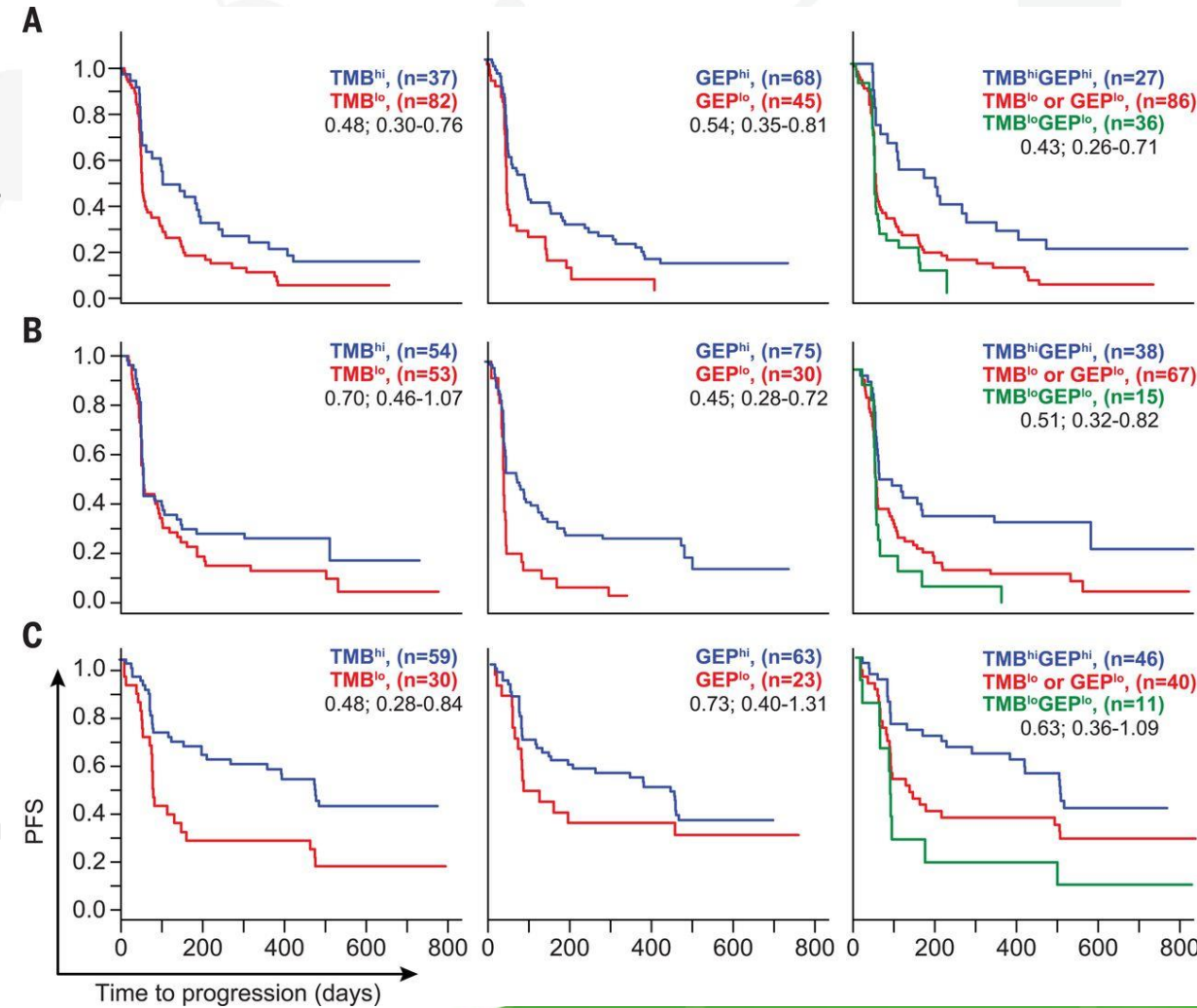
Individual association of TMB or T cell-inflamed GEP with anti-PD-1 response across multiple patient cohorts



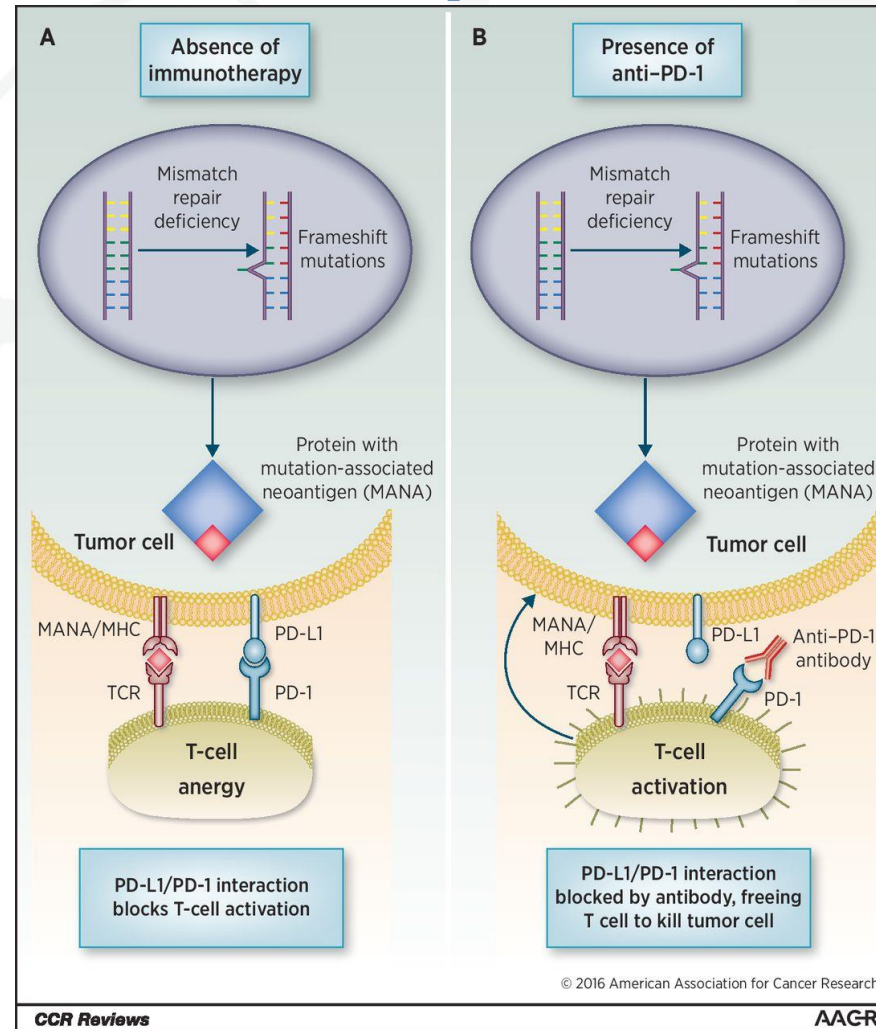
Pan-tumor

HNSCC

Melanoma



Proposed relationship between MSI status and immunologic response.



Jonathan C. Dudley et al. Clin Cancer Res 2016;22:813-820



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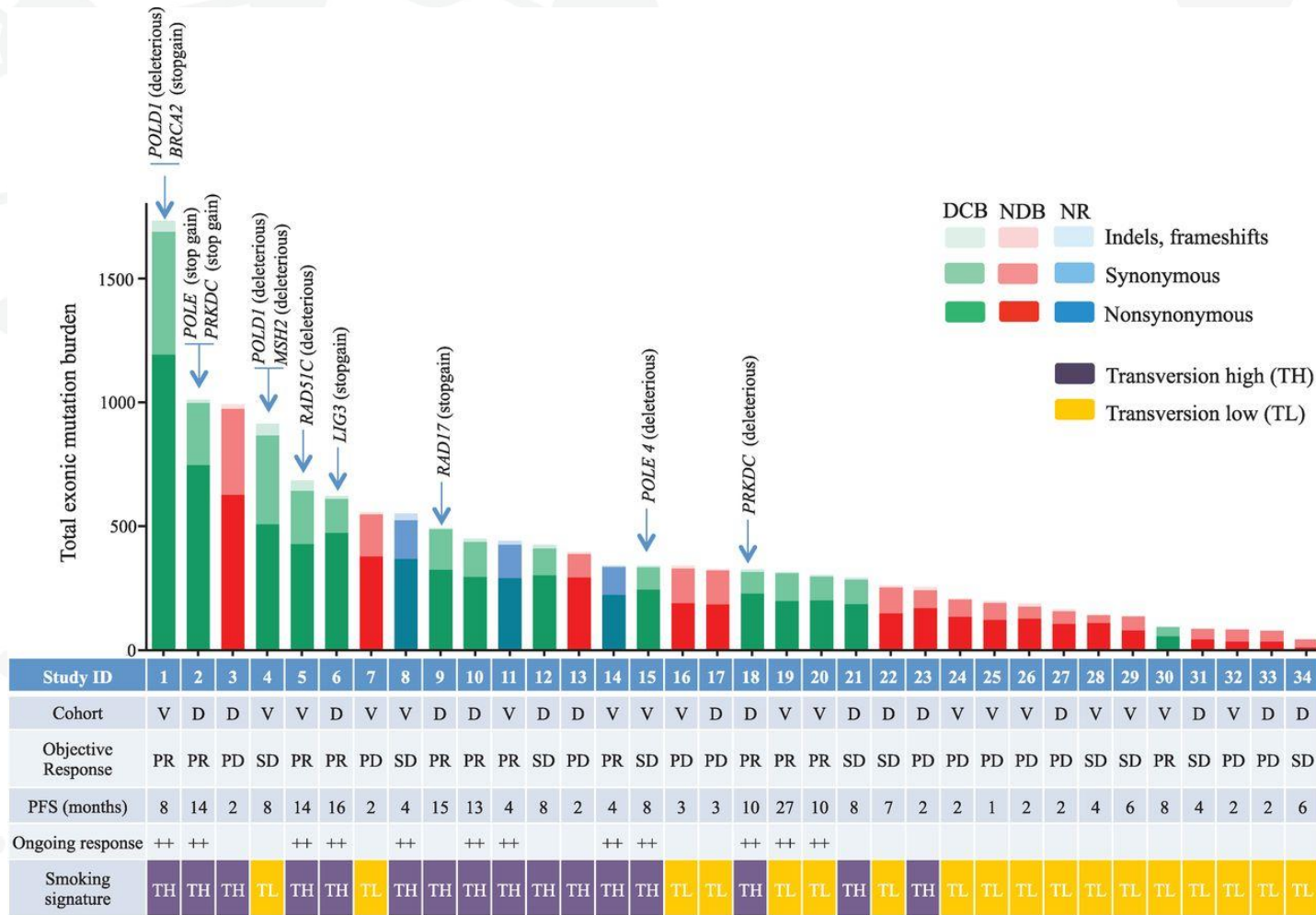
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Better intersection of next generation sequencing with predicting immunotherapy responses

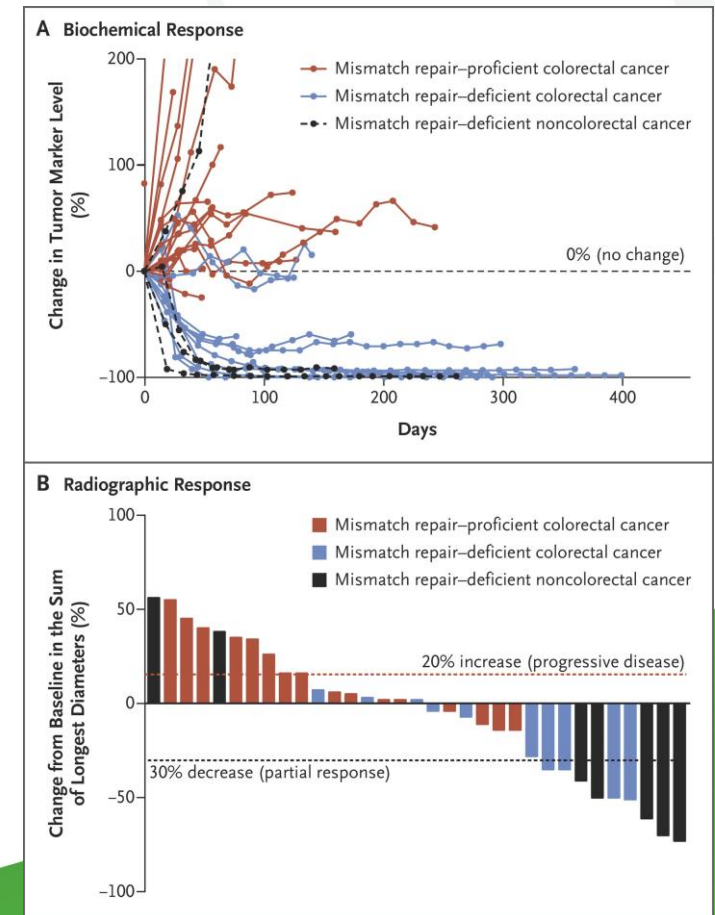
Tumor mutational burden



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Rizvi et al. 2016 Science

Mismatch repair defects



Le et al. 2015 New Engl J Med

Query and modulate the gut microbiome to improve responses to immunotherapy

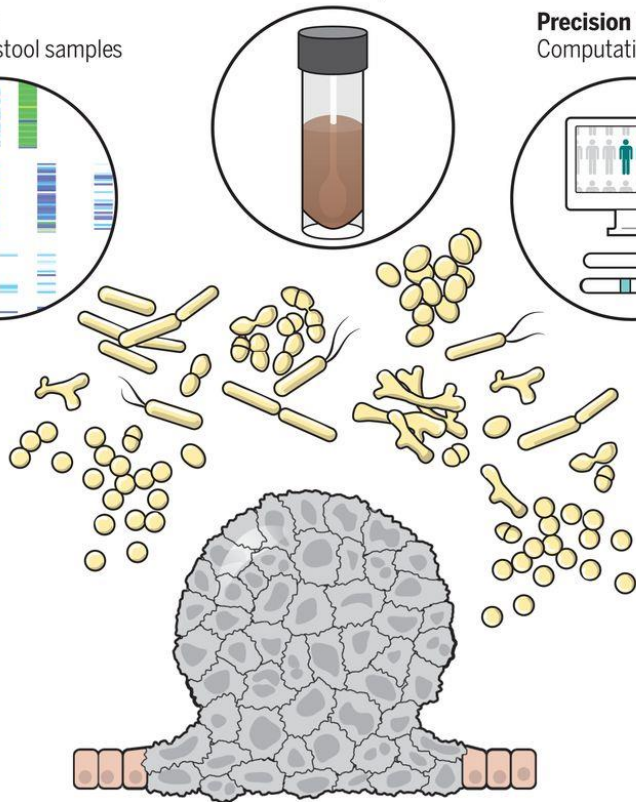
Microbiome therapy
Fecal microbial transplantation

Biomarkers
Sequencing stool samples

Precision medicine
Computational biologist

Therapy optimization
Immunotherapeutic effects

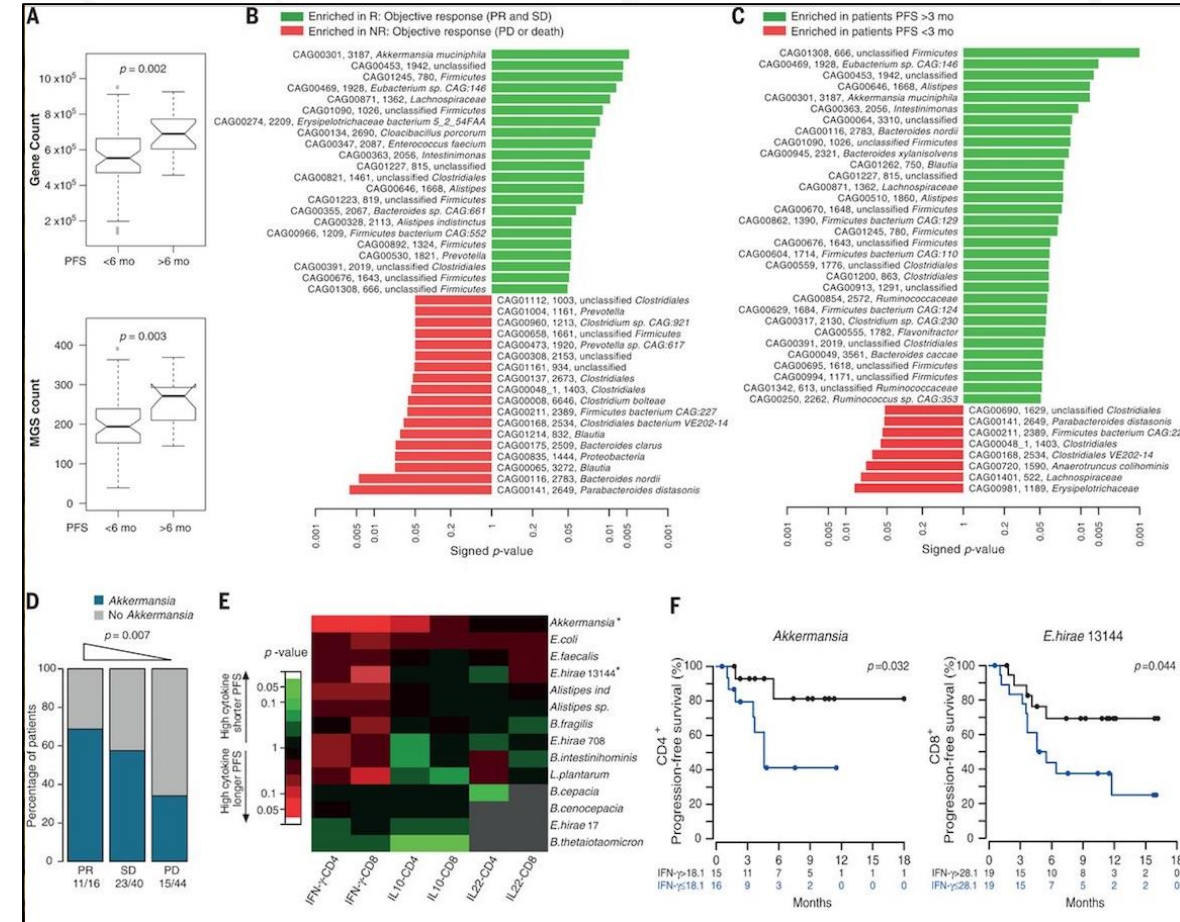
Drug discovery
Microbiome-derived compounds or
microbiome-targeted drugs



Zitvogel et al. 2018 Science

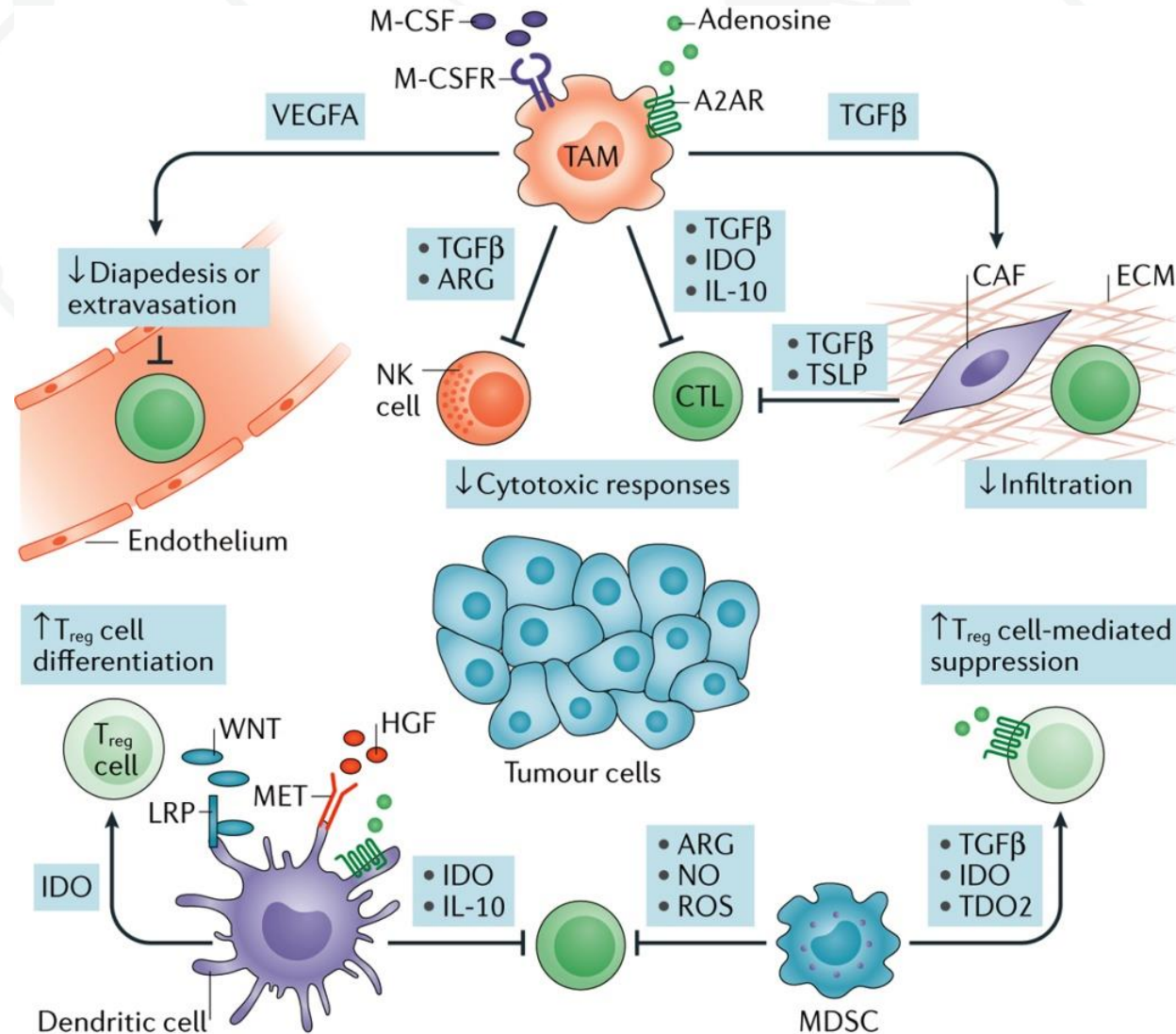


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Routy et al. 2018 Science

Tumor microenvironment is immuno-suppressive due to multiple cells and cytokines

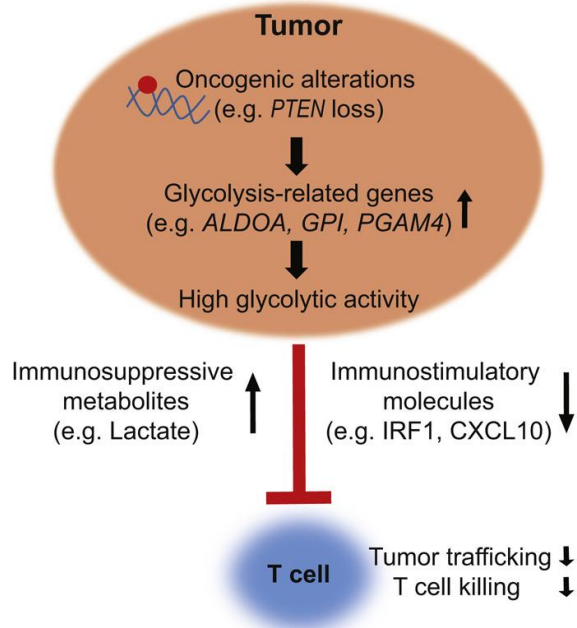


Gotwals et al. 2017



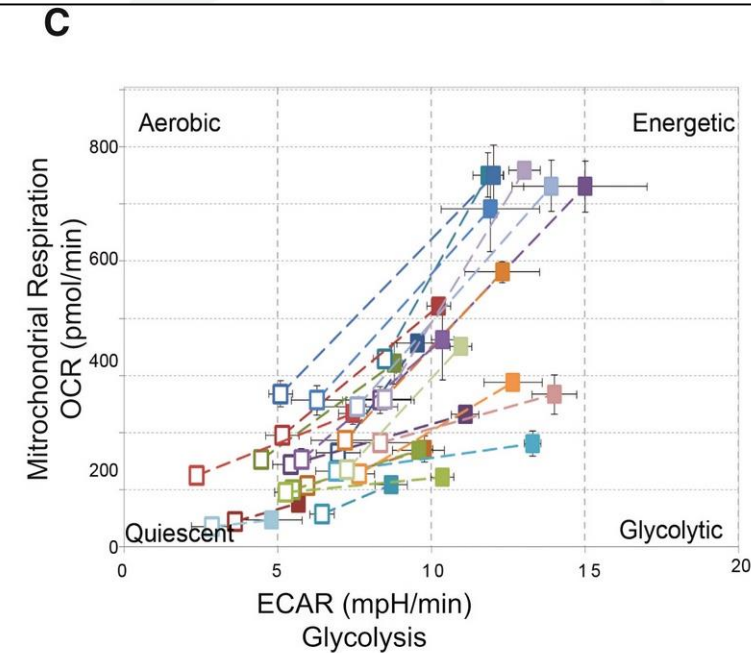
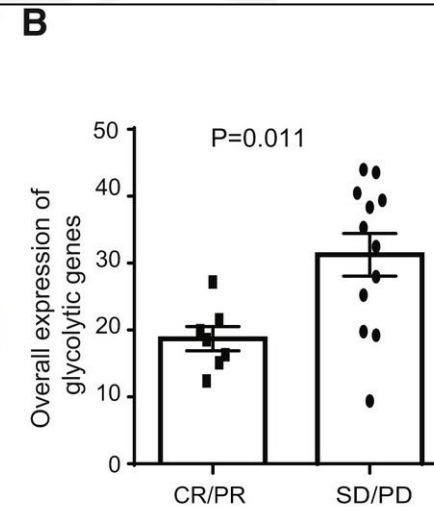
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Manipulate the tumor metabolic environment to enhance immunotherapy responses



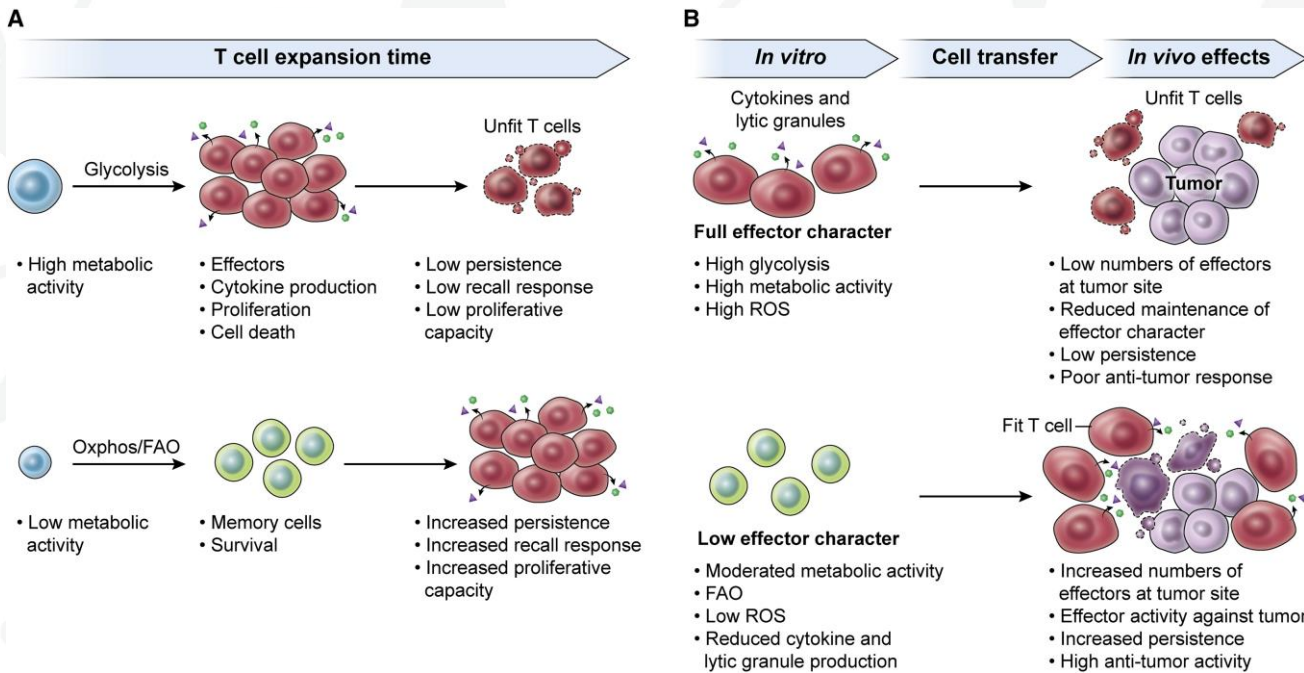
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GAPDH	1.733471	0.143722
GPI	1.700951	0.015443
LDHA	1.429014	0.302088
LDHB	1.511258	0.152462
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PFKP	1.232823	0.463708
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PGAM4	1.5305	0.033143
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Cascone et al. 2018 Cell Metab

Will also change T cell metabolism to enhance immunotherapy responses



Kishton et al. 2017 Cell Metab

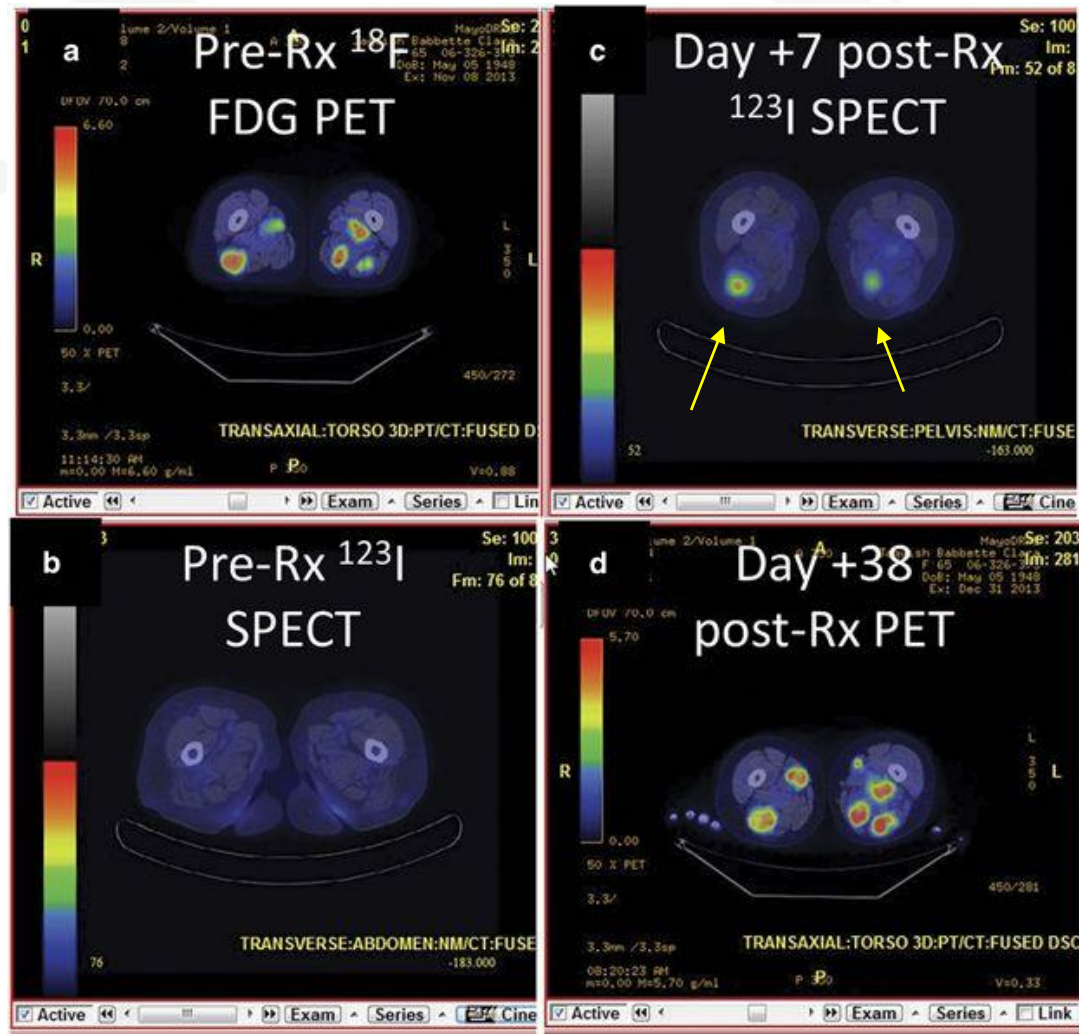
Molecule	Target	Metabolic outcome	Clinical (C), pre-clinical (P)
2-DG	Hexokinase	↓ Glycolysis	P
Mdivi-1	Drp-1	↓ Mitochondrial fission	P
JQ1	c-Myc	↓ Glycolysis	P
STF-31	GLUT1	↓ Glycolysis	P
WZB117	GLUT1	↓ Glycolysis	P
Rapamycin	mTOR	↓ Glutamine metabolism	C
Metformin	AMPK, ETC	↑ FAO, others	C
Fenofibrate	PPARα	↑ Fatty acid catabolism	P



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Dugnani et al. 2017 Cancer Lett

Will see improvements in use of imaging modalities to track immune response



Phase I trial of systemic administration of Edmonston strain of measles virus genetically engineered to express the sodium iodide symporter in patients with recurrent or refractory multiple myeloma



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Therapeutics

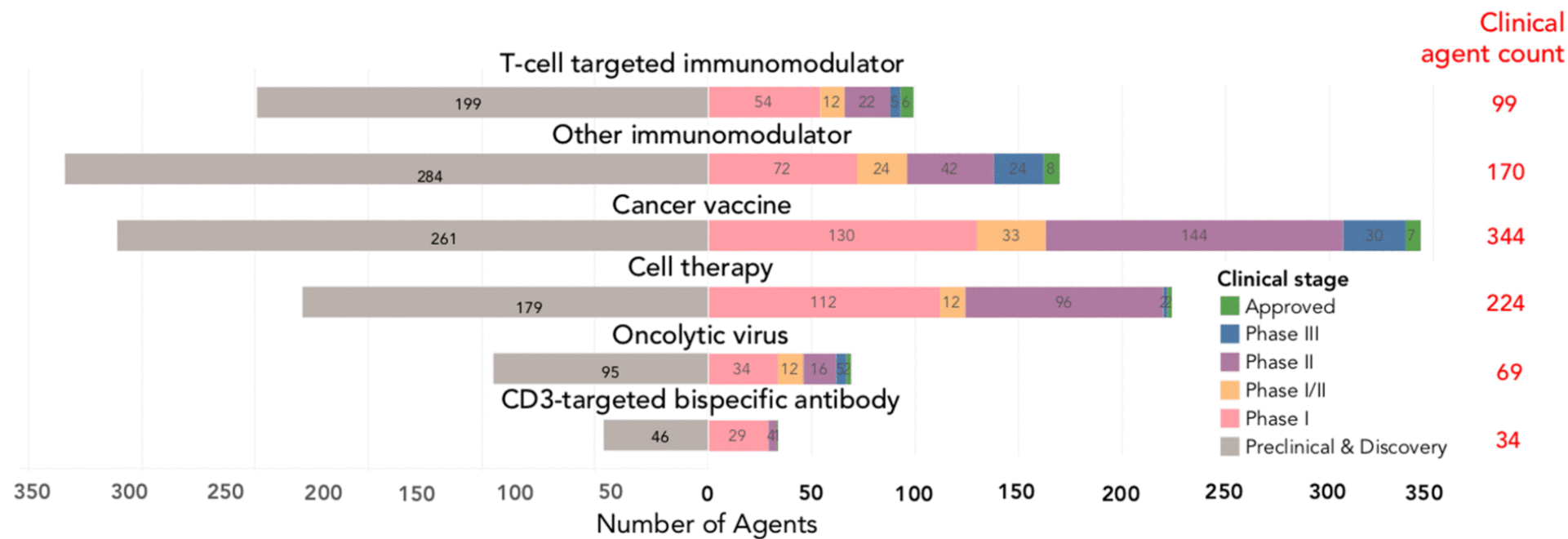
Expansion of immunotherapy therapeutics

- Antibody therapy
 - Checkpoint agonists/inhibitors
 - Antibody-drug conjugates
 - Bispecifics
- Oncolytic viral therapy
- Radiotherapy/Immunotherapy
- Cellular therapy
 - Vaccines
 - +/- anti-PD1
 - CAR T, CAR NK
 - CAR NKT, CAR CIK cells emerging
 - TCR transduced T cells
 - Gamma delta T cells

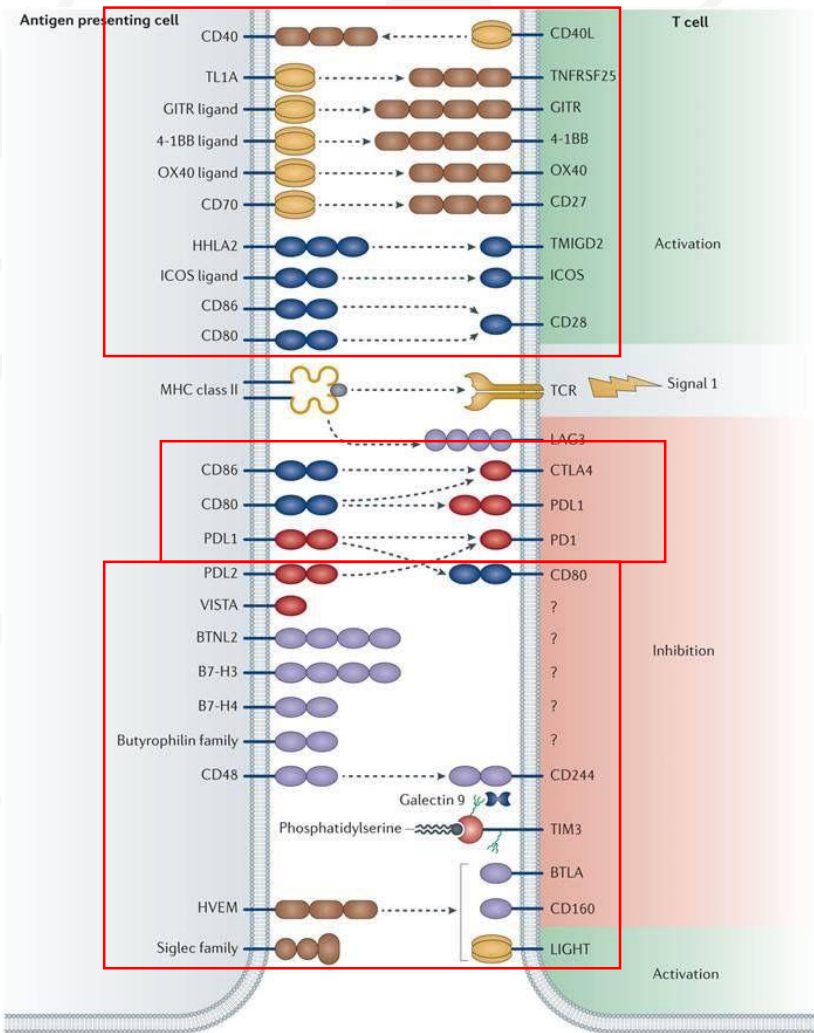


2,004 IO AGENTS IN DEVELOPMENT

940 AGENTS ARE IN CLINICAL STAGES, AND 1,064 IN PRECLINICAL



The number of checkpoint agonists and antagonists will expand and be used in combination



Nature Reviews | Drug Discovery

Mahoney KM et al. 2015 Nat Rev Drug Discovery

Appendix: Immune checkpoint modulators in combination clinical trials (August 2017)

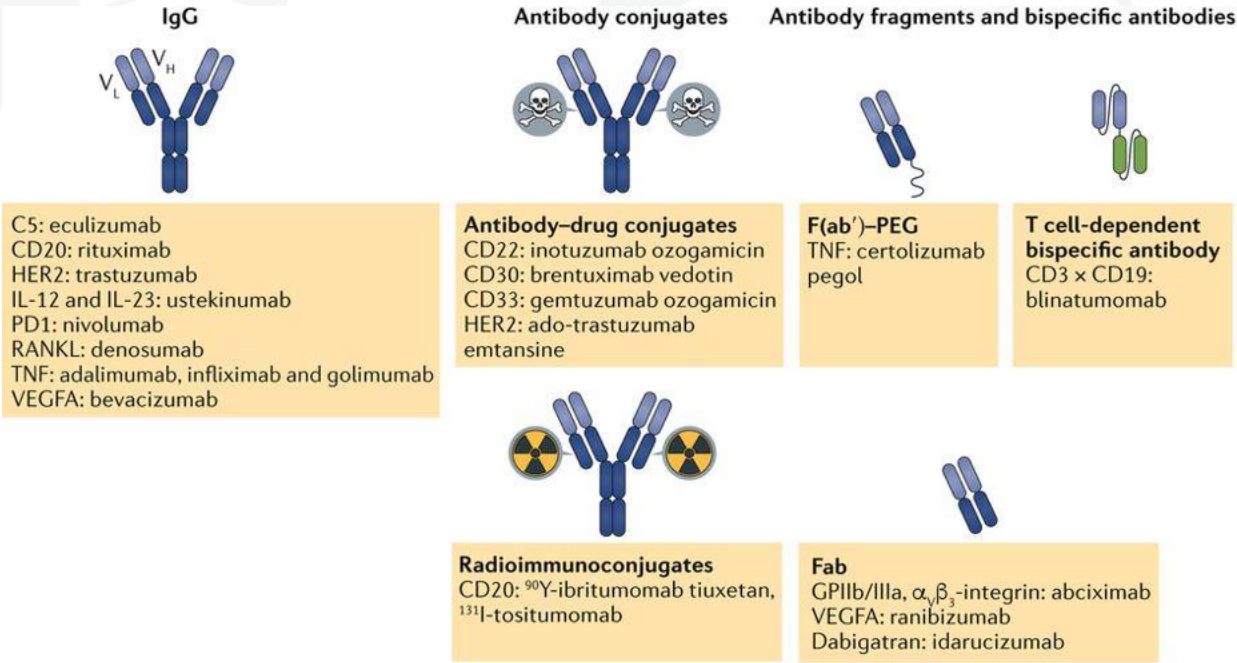


Checkpoint modulator name	Target	Checkpoint modulator name	Target	Checkpoint modulator name	Target
PF-05082566 / Utomilumab	4-1BB	GWN323	GITR	MOXR0916	OX-40
Urelumab	4-1BB	INCAGN01876	GITR	PF-04518600	OX-40
AZD4635	ADORA2A	MK-1248	GITR	AMP-224	PD-1
CPI-444	ADORA2A	MK-4166	GITR	BGB-A317	PD-1
NIR178	ADORA2A	GSK3359609	ICOS	IBI308	PD-1
PBF-509	ADORA2A	JTX-2011	ICOS	JS001	PD-1
Preladenant / MK-3814 / SCH420814	ADORA2A	Epacadostat	IDO	MEDI0680	PD-1
Enoblituzumab	B7-H3	Indoximod	IDO	Nivolumab	PD-1
Varlilumab	CD27	KHK2455	IDO	PDR001	PD-1
APX005M	CD40	NLG919 / GDC-0919	IDO	Pembrolizumab	PD-1
CP-870,893 / RO7009789	CD40	BMS-986205	IDO	PF-06801591	PD-1
Dacetuzumab	CD40	Lirilumab	KIR	REGN2810	PD-1
Lucatumumab	CD40	BMS-986016	LAG-3	SHR-1210	PD-1
SEA-CD40	CD40	LAG525	LAG-3	Atezolizumab	PD-L1
ISF35 / rAd-CD40L	CD40	MK-4280	LAG-3	Avelumab	PD-L1
MEDI5083	CD-40L	REGN3767	LAG-3	Durvalumab	PD-L1
ARGX-110	CD70	IMP321	MHC II	FAZ053	PD-L1
Galiximab	CD80	Monalizumab	NKG2A	LY3300054	PD-L1
BMS-986218	CTLA-4	ABBV-368	OX-40	CX-072	PD-L1
Ipilimumab	CTLA-4	BMS-986178	OX-40	BMS-986207	TIGIT
MK-1308	CTLA-4	GSK3174998	OX-40	MTIG7192A	TIGIT
Tremelimumab	CTLA-4	MEDI0562	OX-40	LY3321367	TIM-3
BMS-986156	GITR	MEDI6383	OX-40	MBG453	TIM-3
		MEDI6469	OX-40	TSR-022	TIM-3

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More development and potential approvals of antibody-drug conjugates

Emerging antibody-drug conjugates	Target cancer
Sacituzumab govitecan	Breast cancer
Mirvetuximab canavanine	Ovarian cancer
Rovalpituzumab tesirine	Lung cancer
Depatuxizumab mafodotin	Glioblastoma
Oportuzumab monatox	Bladder cancer
Denintuzumab mafodotin	B cell malignancies
Indatuximab ravtansine	Multiple myeloma
Lorvotuzumab mertansine	Small cell lung cancer
Moxetumomab pasudotox	B cell malignancies
Pinatuzumab vedotin	B cell malignancies
Polatuzumab vedotin	B cell malignancies



Oncolytic viral therapy will continue to expand viral agents, biologics, and target tumors

	Adenovirus ^a	Herpes simplex virus ^b	Pox virus	Coxsackie virus	Maraba virus	Poliovirus	Measles virus	Newcastle Disease virus
Genome	dsDNA	dsDNA	dsDNA	ssRNA	ss (–) RNA	ss (+) RNA	ss (–) RNA	ss (–) RNA
Genome size	Moderate (32 kb)	Large (152 kb)	Large (130–375 kb)	Small (~8 kb)	Small (11–15 kb)	Small (7.5 kb)	Small (~16 kb)	Small (~15 Kb)
Cell entry mechanism	Endocytosis	Endocytosis; penetration	Membrane penetration and fusion	Micropinocytosis via epithelial tight junctions	Endocytosis; pH-dependent fusion activation	Receptor-mediated endocytosis	Membrane fusion	Endocytosis; pH-independent direct fusion
Cell entry receptors	hCAR; VCAM1; CD46	HVEM; nectin 1; nectin 2	GAGs; EFC	CAR; DAF	Unknown	CD155	CD46; SLAM	Neuraminidase receptor; sialoglyco-conjugates

^aE1B-55 K/E3B-deleted adenovirus in combination with chemotherapy was approved for the treatment of late-stage refractory nasopharyngeal cancer by the Chinese State Food and Drug Administration in 2005. ^bHerpes simplex virus type 1 (HSV-1) with ICP34.5 deletion and encoding granulocyte–macrophage colony-stimulating factor (GM-CSF) was approved for stage III–IV melanoma treatment by the US Food and Drug Administration in 2015 and by Australia and the European Medicines Agency (EMA) in 2016.

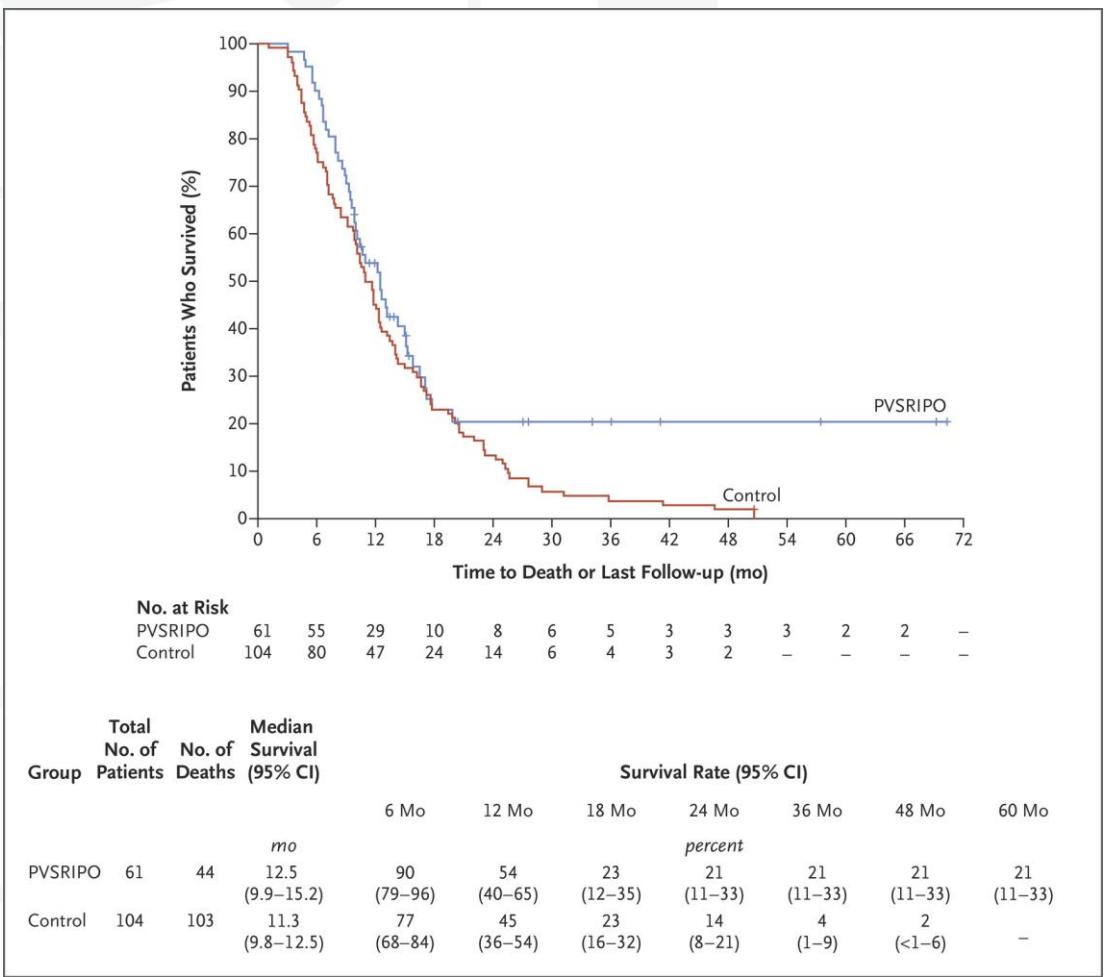
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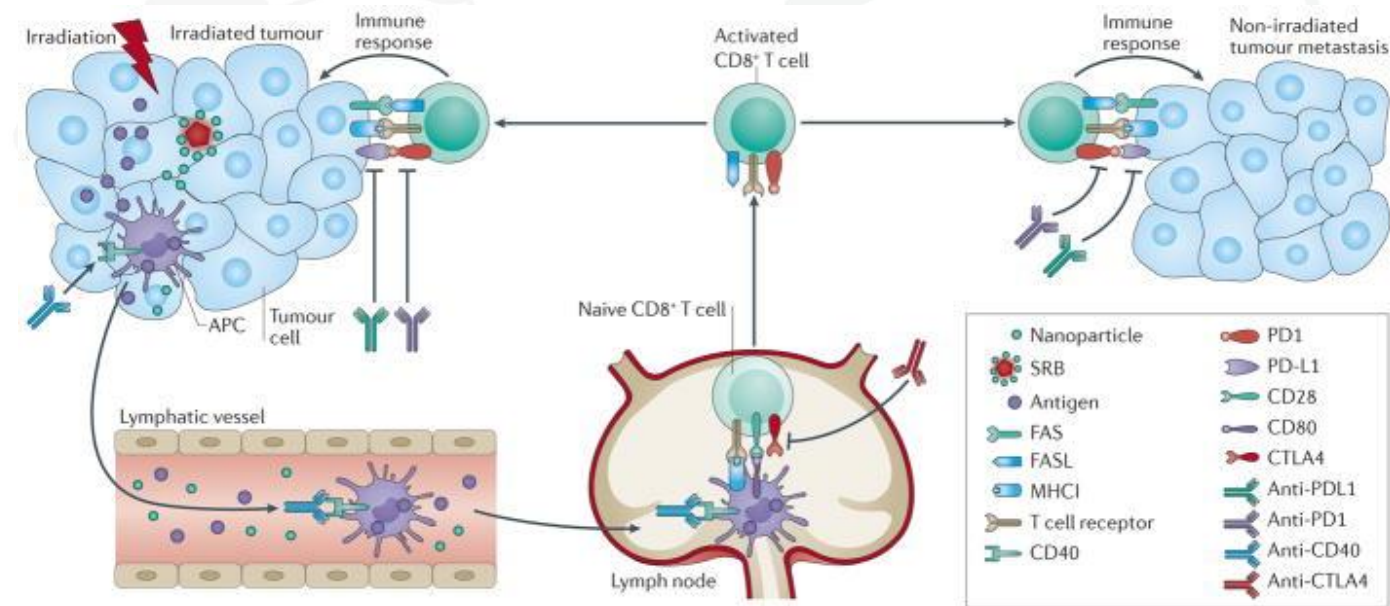
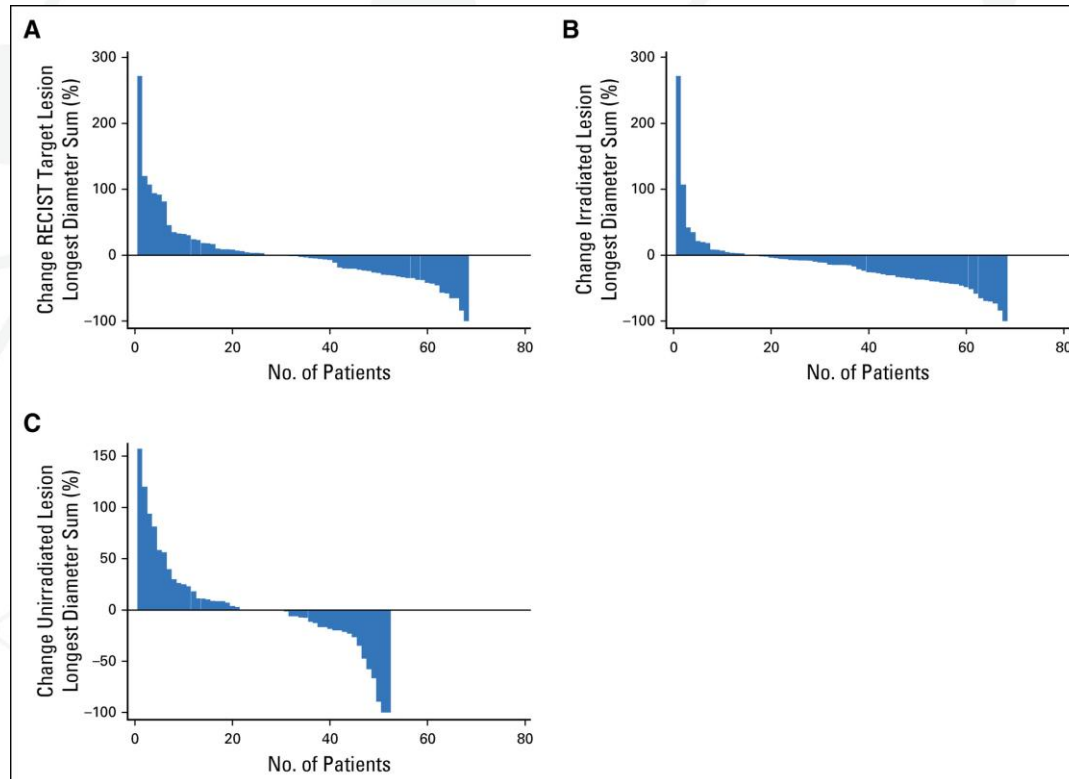
PVSRIPO for Glioblastoma multiforme



A Study of Intratumoral CAVATAK™ in Patients With Stage IIIc and Stage IV Malignant Melanoma (VLA-007 CALM) [Clinicaltrials.gov/NCT01227551](https://clinicaltrials.gov/NCT01227551)

Outcome	Result
Percentage of Participants With Immune-related Progression-Free Survival (irPFS) at 6 Months	38.6 (26.0 to 52.4)
Percentage of Participants With Durable Response Rate of 6 months or more	21.1

Radiation therapy will be increasingly used as a means of enhancing immunotherapy



Ngwa et al. 2018 Nat Rev Cancer

Luke et al. 2018 J Clin Oncol



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Radiation therapy can be safely combined with immunotherapy

Institution (reference)	Primary site	n	Radiotherapy	Immunotherapy	Schedule	Nonirradiated lesions			Grade 3+ toxicities
						CR	PR	SD	
University of Pennsylvania	Melanoma	22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 Gy × 2–3 or 8 Gy × 2–3 1 site 	Ipilimumab 3 mg/kg every 3 weeks × 4	First ipilimumab 3–5 days after RT	0/22 (0%)	4/22 (18%)	4/22 (18%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of patients with any grade 3 toxicity not reported Grade 3 anemia (4/22; 18%) most common No grade 4–5 No DLT
Stanford	Melanoma	22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multiple dose-fx regimens (BED10 range 28.0–112.5 Gy) 1–2 sites 	Ipilimumab 3 mg/kg every 3 weeks × 4	RT within 5 days of first ipilimumab	3/22 (14%)	3/22 (14%)	5/22 (23%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2/22 (9%) grade 3 1/22 (5%) grade 4 No grade 5
MD Anderson Cancer Center	NSCLC, CRC, sarcoma, RCC, and others	35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50 Gy/4 fx or 60 Gy/10 fx 1 site 	Ipilimumab 3 mg/kg every 3 weeks × 4	RT 1 day after first ipilimumab or 1 week after second ipilimumab	0/31 (0%)	3/31 (10%)	4/31 (13%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12/35 (34%) grade 3 No grade 4–5 2/35 (6%) with DLT

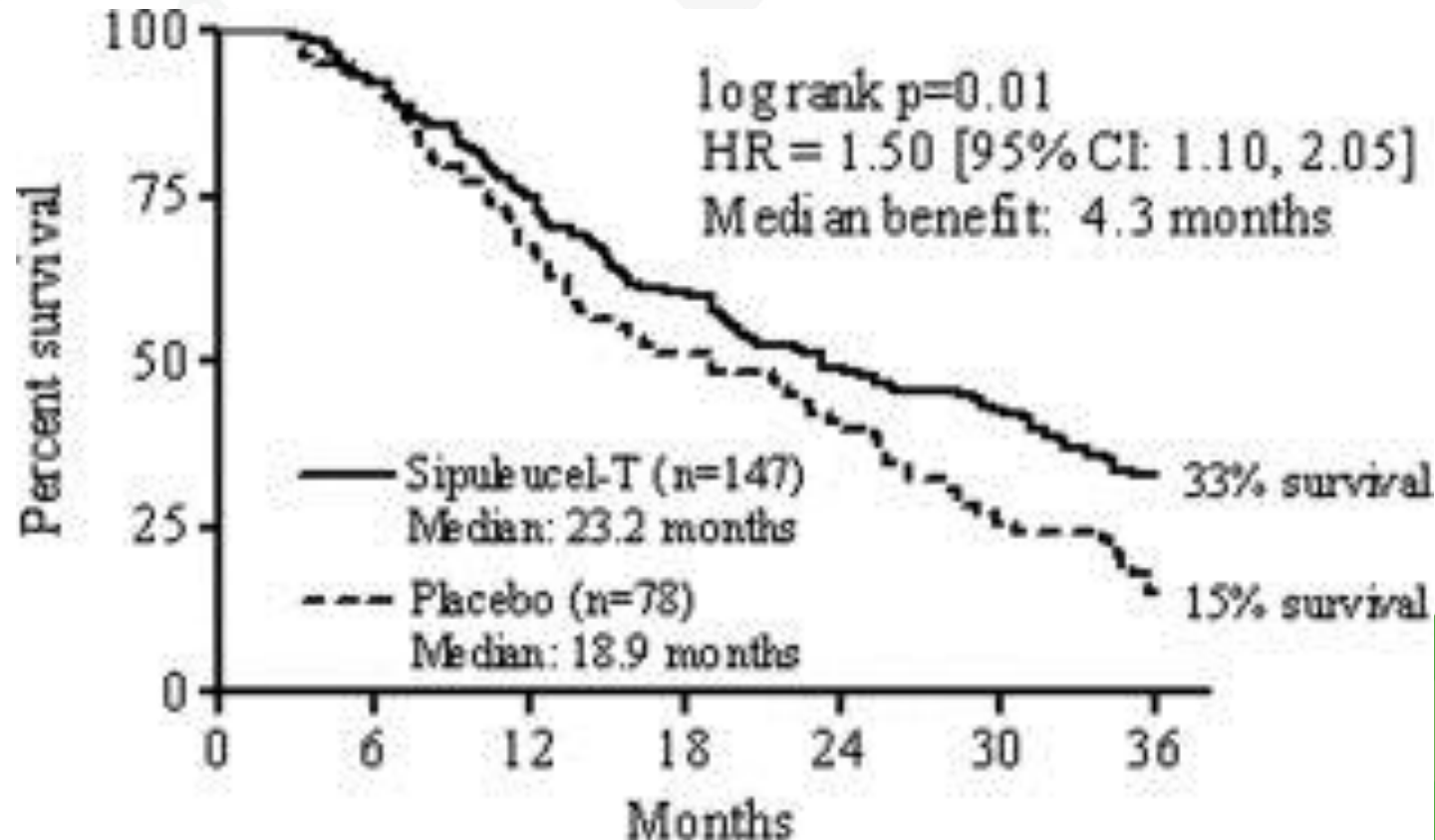


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Ko and Formenti 2018 Ther Adv Med Oncol

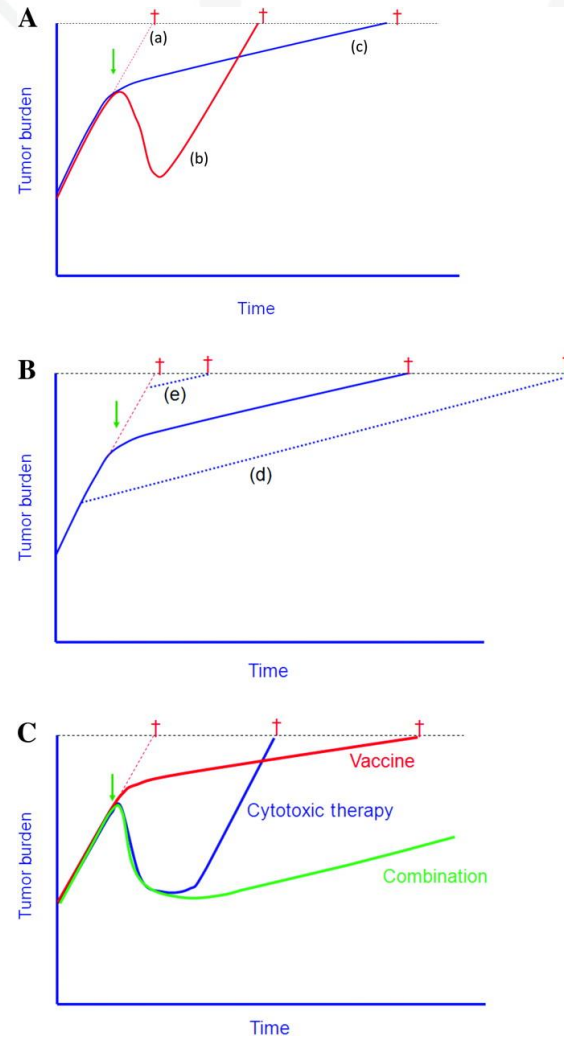
sipuleucel-T (Provenge)

- composed of autologous antigen presenting cells that express prostatic acid phosphatase and GM-CSF
- Patients demonstrated a 33% reduction in the risk of death for progression in asymptomatic, metastatic, hormone-refractory prostate cancer, extending overall survival 4.1 months
- FDA approved 2010



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Tumor growth rates following chemotherapy vs vaccine therapy



Schlom J JNCI J Natl Cancer Inst 2012;104:599-613

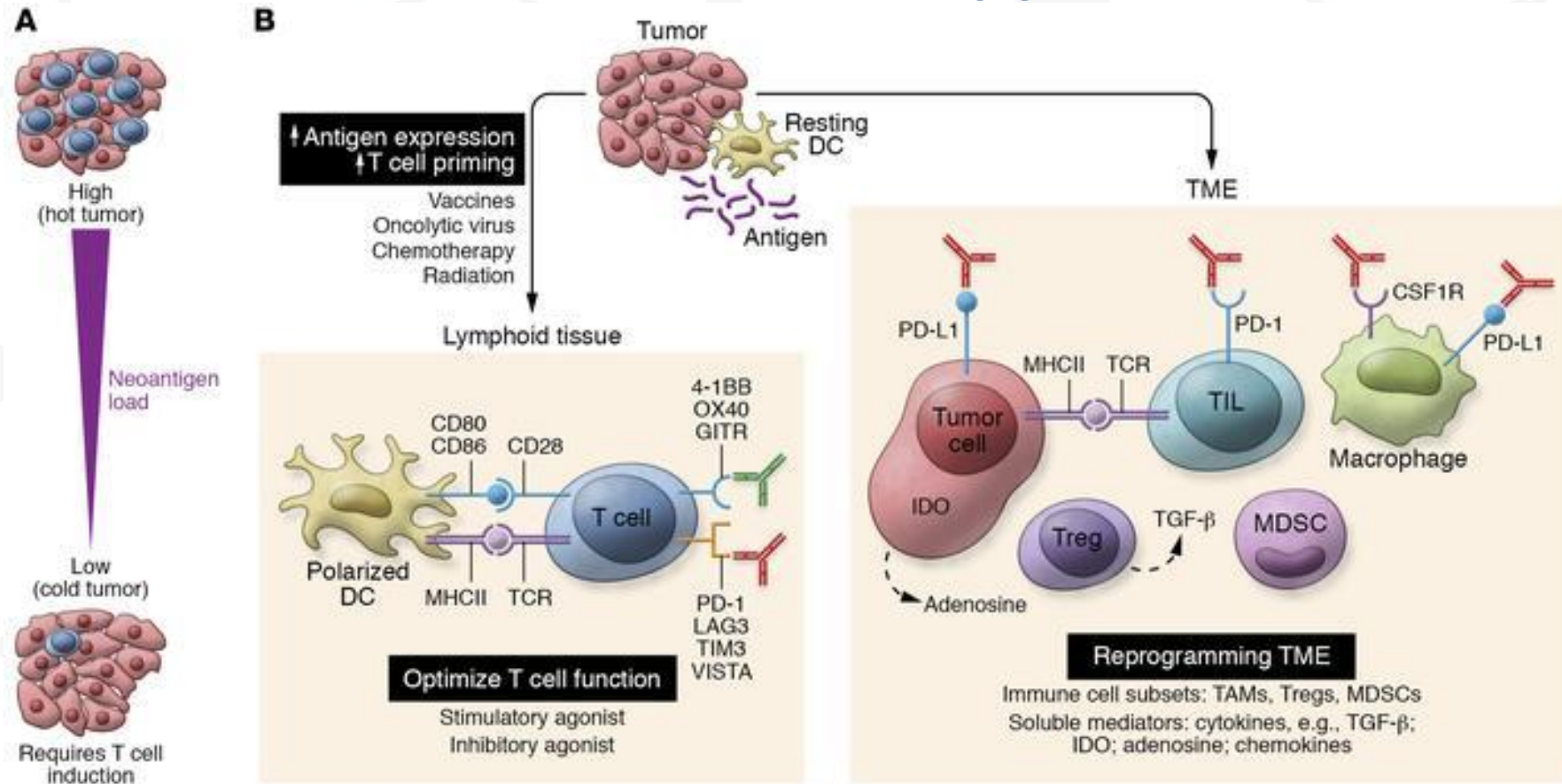


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JNCI

Emerging strategies for combination checkpoint modulators in cancer immunotherapy

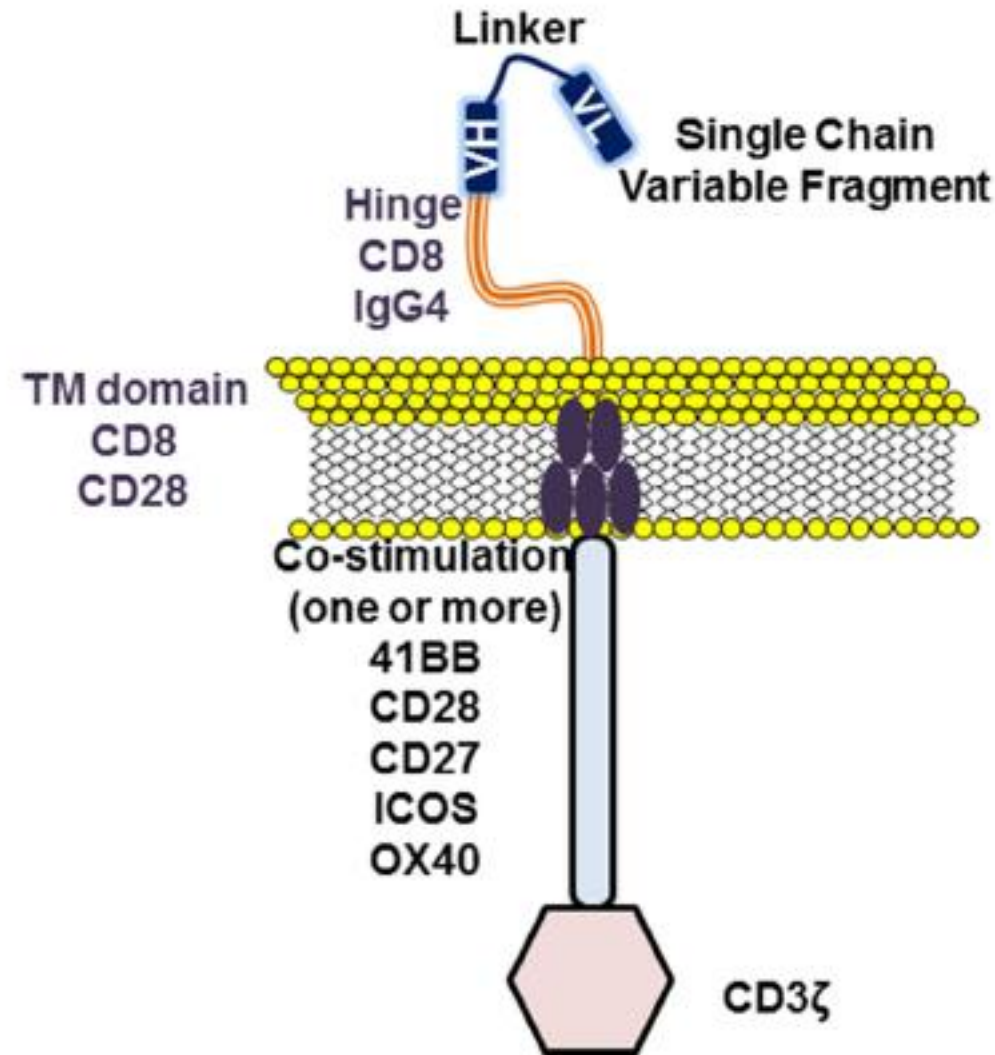


Popovic et al. 2019 J Clin Invest



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A variety of CAR constructs will be tested initially in hematologic malignancies, but then in solid tumors

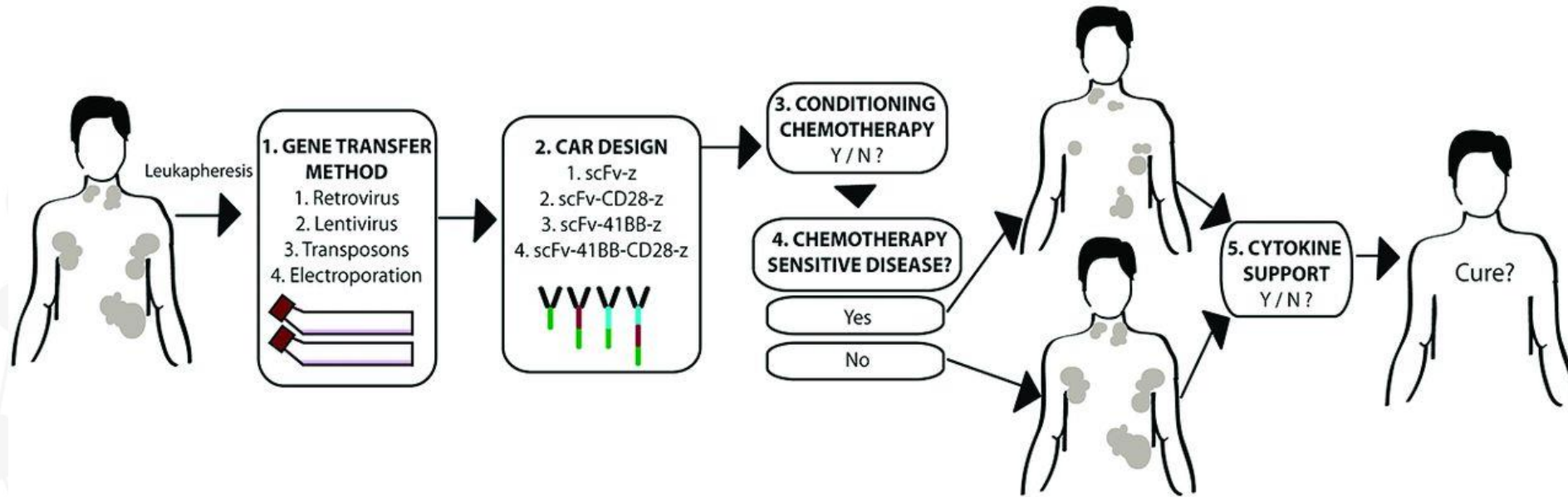


Kenderian et al. 2017 Biol Blood Marrow Transplant



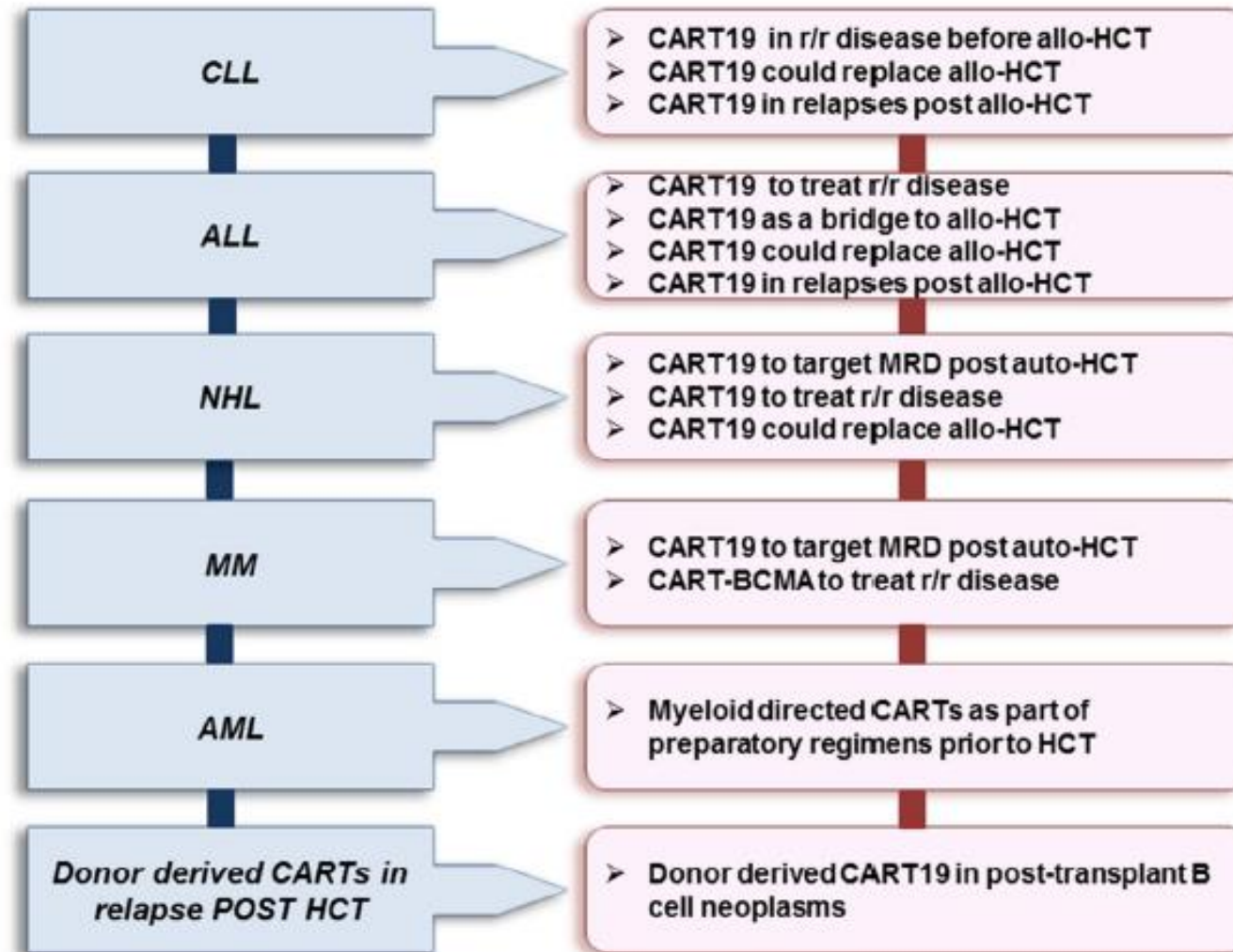
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Test variables in clinical trial design.



Brentjens R J , and Curran K J Hematology 2012;2012:143-151

CAR T cells will be used as frontline therapy in lieu of, or as a bridge to, allogeneic hematopoietic stem cell transplant



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CARs in development for hematologic malignancies

- **CD20** (B cell cancers)
- **CD22** (B cell cancers)
- **CD23** (B cell cancers)
- **CD30** (B cell cancers)
- **CD37** (B and T cell cancers)
- **ROR1** (lymphoid cancers)
- **CD133** (lymphoid and myeloid cancers)
- **TSLPR** (lymphoid cancers)

- **BCMA** (multiple myeloma)
- **CS1** (multiple myeloma)
- **CD138** (multiple myeloma)

- **CD5** (T cell cancers)
- **CCR4** (T cell cancers)
- **CD7** (T cell and myeloid cancers)

- **CD33** (myeloid cancers)
- **CD123** (myeloid cancers)
- **Lewis-Y** (myeloid cancers)
- **CD44v6** (myeloid cancers)
- **CLL-1** (myeloid cancers)
- **Folate receptor beta** (myeloid cancers)
- **FLT3** (myeloid cancers)
- **NKG2D** (myeloid cancers)



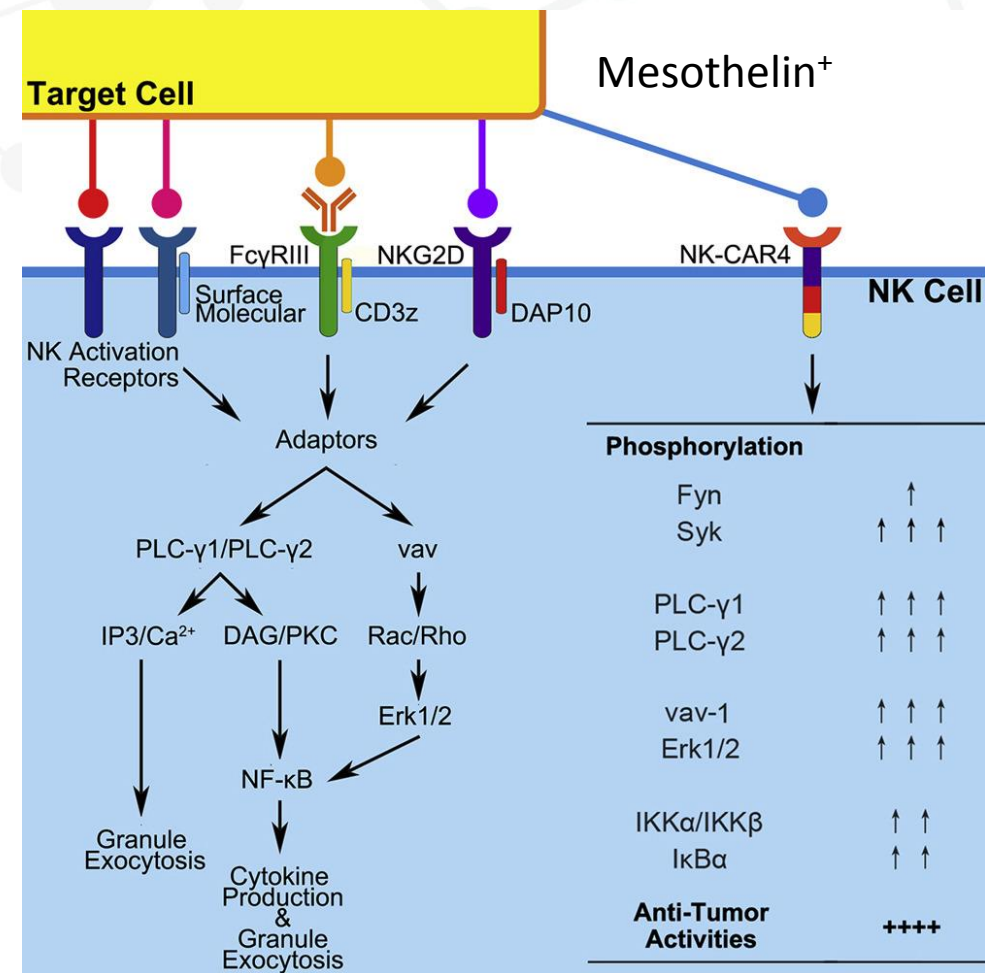
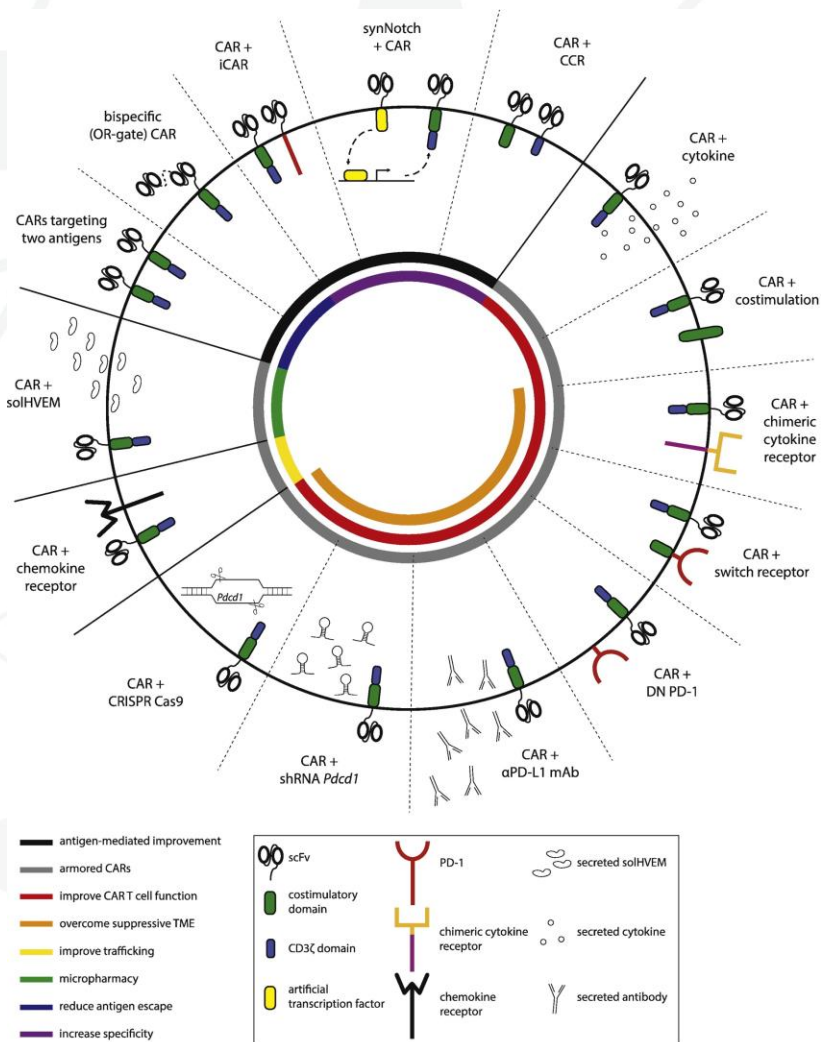
CARs in development for solid tumors

- **AFP** (liver cancer)
- **ALK** (neuroblastoma)
- **Carbonic anhydrase IX** (kidney cancer)
- **CD24** (ovarian cancer)
- **CD70** (kidney cancer)
- **CD133** (liver, brain, breast cancer)
- **CD171** (neuroblastoma)
- **CD276** (multiple histologies)
- **CEA** (lung, colorectal, gastric, pancreatic cancers and liver metastases)
- **cMet** (breast cancer)
- **CSFR1** (tumor-associated macrophages)
- **EGFR** (lung, colorectal, ovary, pancreatic cancer)
- **EGFRvIII** (gliomas, glioblastoma)
- **EpCAM** (liver, stomach and colon cancer)
- **EphA2** (glioma)
- **Fibroblast activation protein** (mesothelioma)
- **Folate receptor alpha** (breast, ovarian cancer)
- **GD2** (neuroblastoma, sarcomas and melanoma)
- **Glypican-3** (liver, lung cancer)
- **HER2** (breast cancer, glioblastoma, ovarian, lung, pancreatic, sarcoma and medulloblastoma)
- **IL-13R α** (gliomas)
- **Lewis-Y** (breast cancer)
- **Mesothelin** (pancreatic, ovarian, mesothelioma, breast cancer)
- **MG7** (liver metastases)
- **MUC-1** (breast, liver, lung, pancreatic, glioma, colorectal, gastric cancer)
- **NKG2D** (multiple histologies)
- **PSCA** (pancreatic cancer)
- **PSMA** (prostate cancer)
- **TEM8/ANTRX1** (breast cancer)
- **VEGFR2** (multiple histologies)



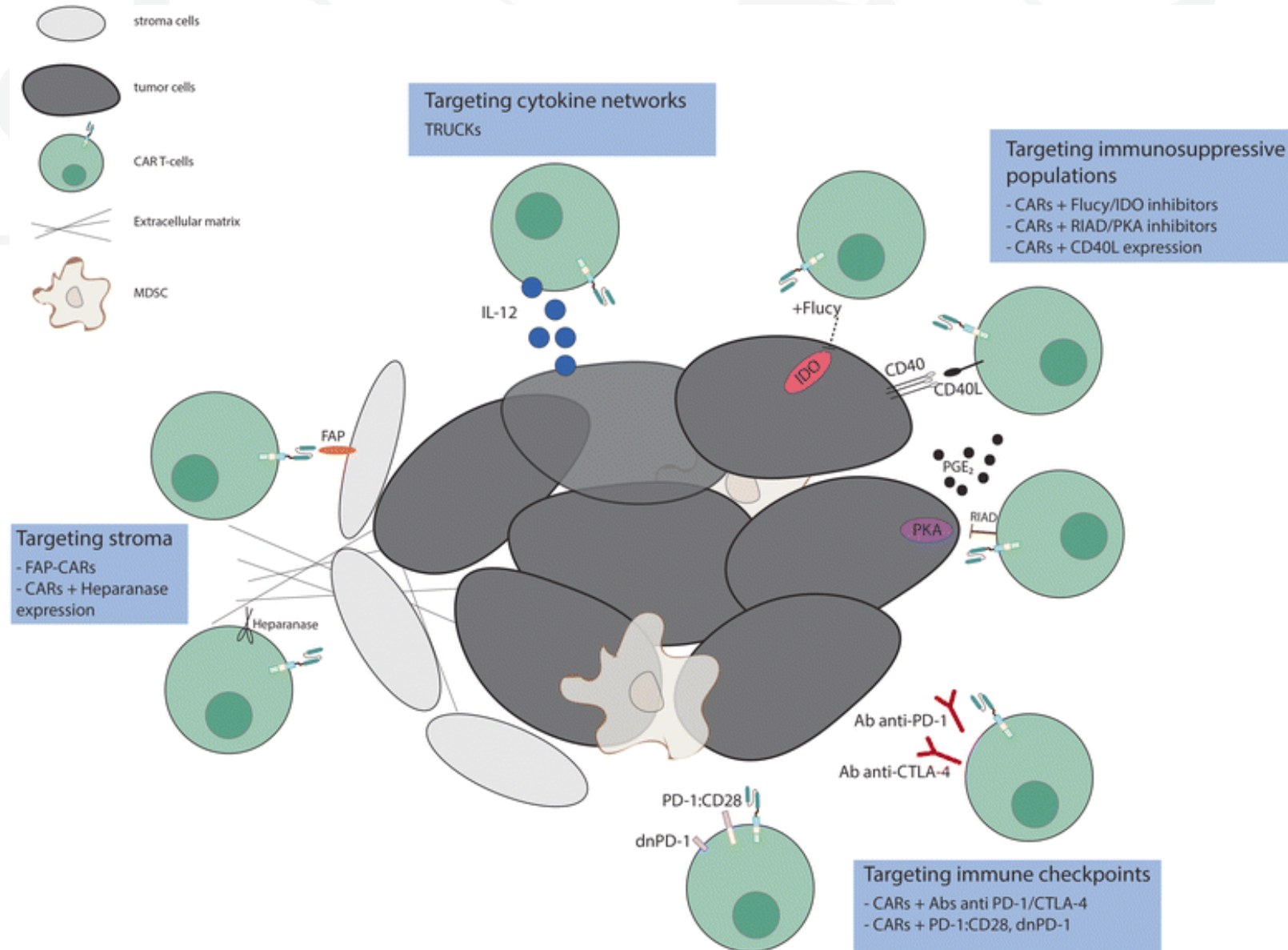
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Enhanced engineering of CAR T and CAR NK will help reduce side effects while improving efficacy



Li et al. 2018 Cell Stem Cell

Combination strategies to improve CAR efficacy will be used for solid tumors



Scarfo and Maus 2017 J Immunother Cancer

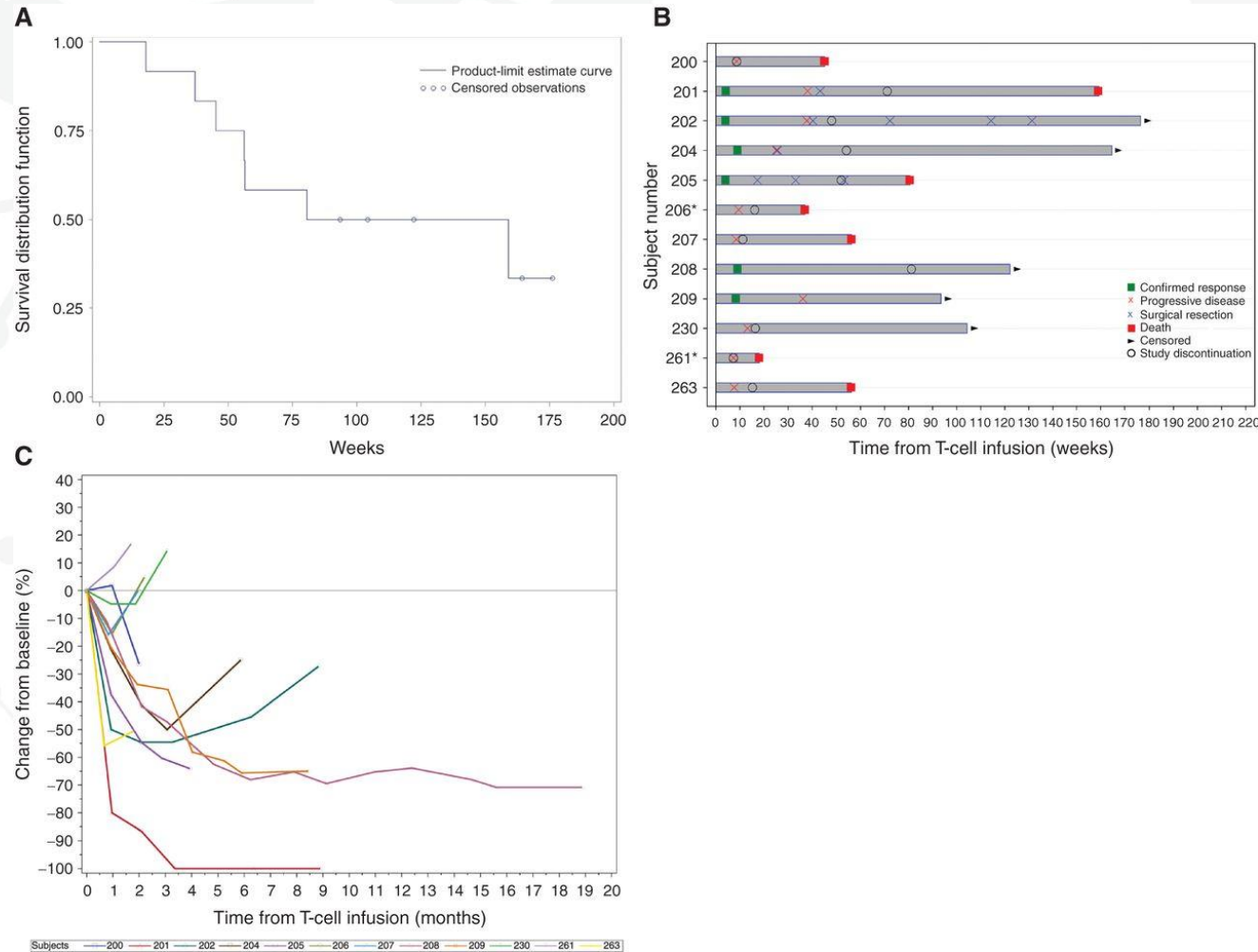


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TCR transduced T cells will provide durable responses in solid tumors

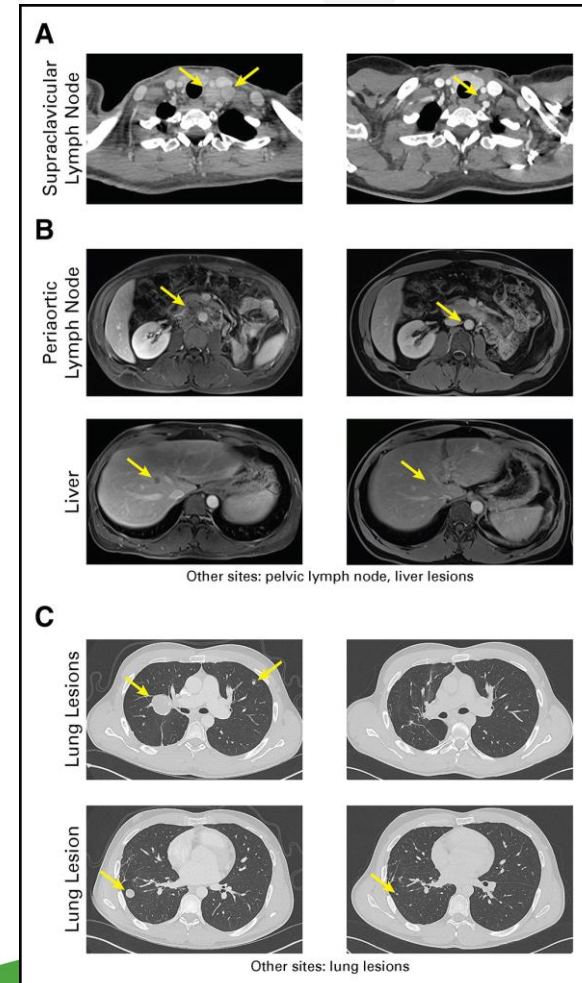
NY-ESO-1

D'Angelo et al. 2018 Cancer Discov



MAGE-A3

Lu et al. 2017 J Clin Oncol

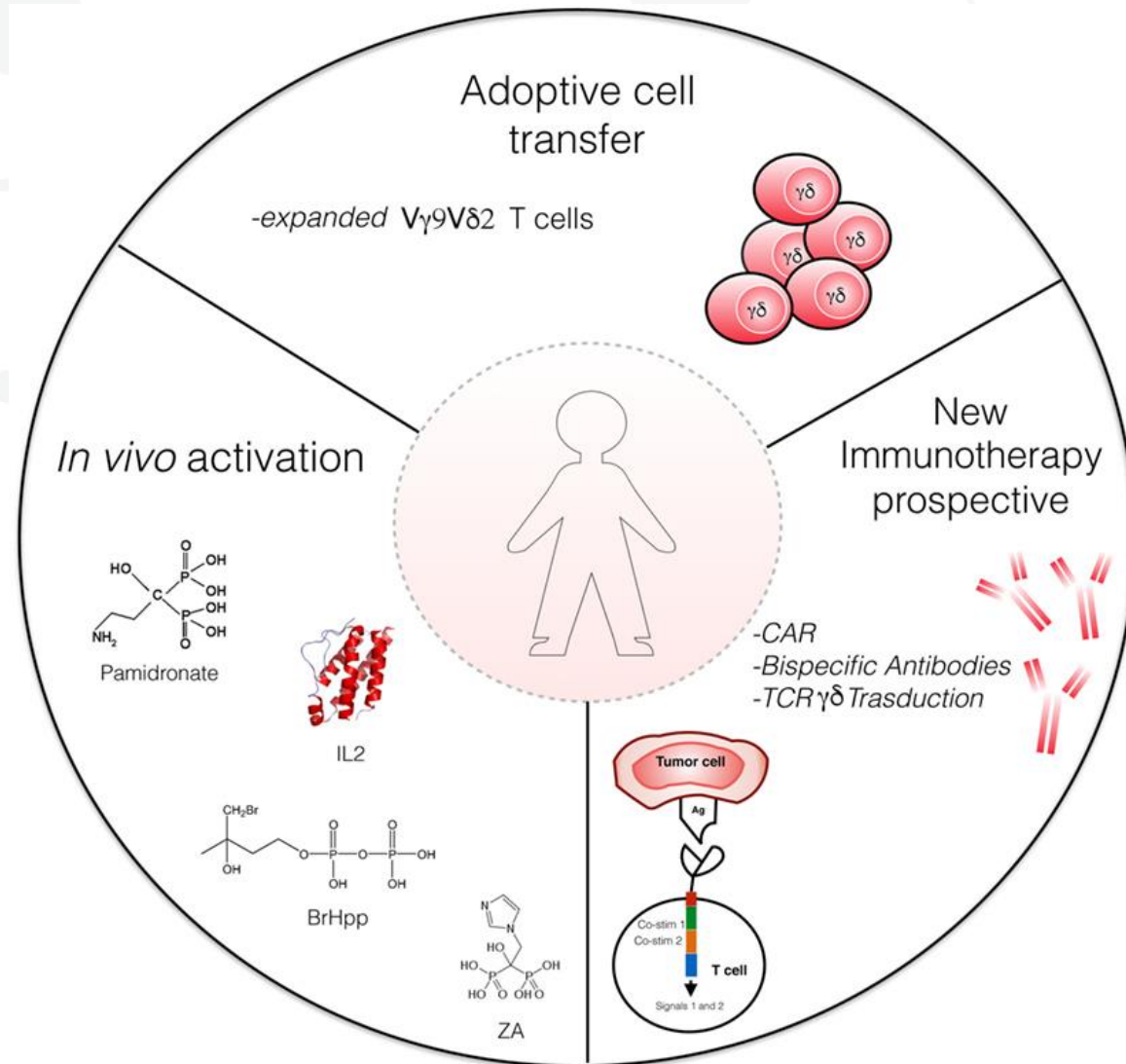


29 months

18 months

4 months

New and improved gamma-delta T cell therapy?



Lo Presti et al. 2018 Front Immunol

Conclusions

- The future of cancer immunotherapy is bright, with advances occurring in both diagnostics and therapeutics at a rapid pace
- We will see improvements in our ability to distinguish immunologically “hot” vs. “cold” tumors, and potentially be able to convert “cold” into “hot” tumors
- Advances in genetic engineering and biomanufacturing will permit development of “next generation” antibodies, viruses, targeted radiotherapies and cellular therapies for cancer.

