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# ***Immune Checkpoint Blockade in Cancer Therapy: New Insights and Opportunities***

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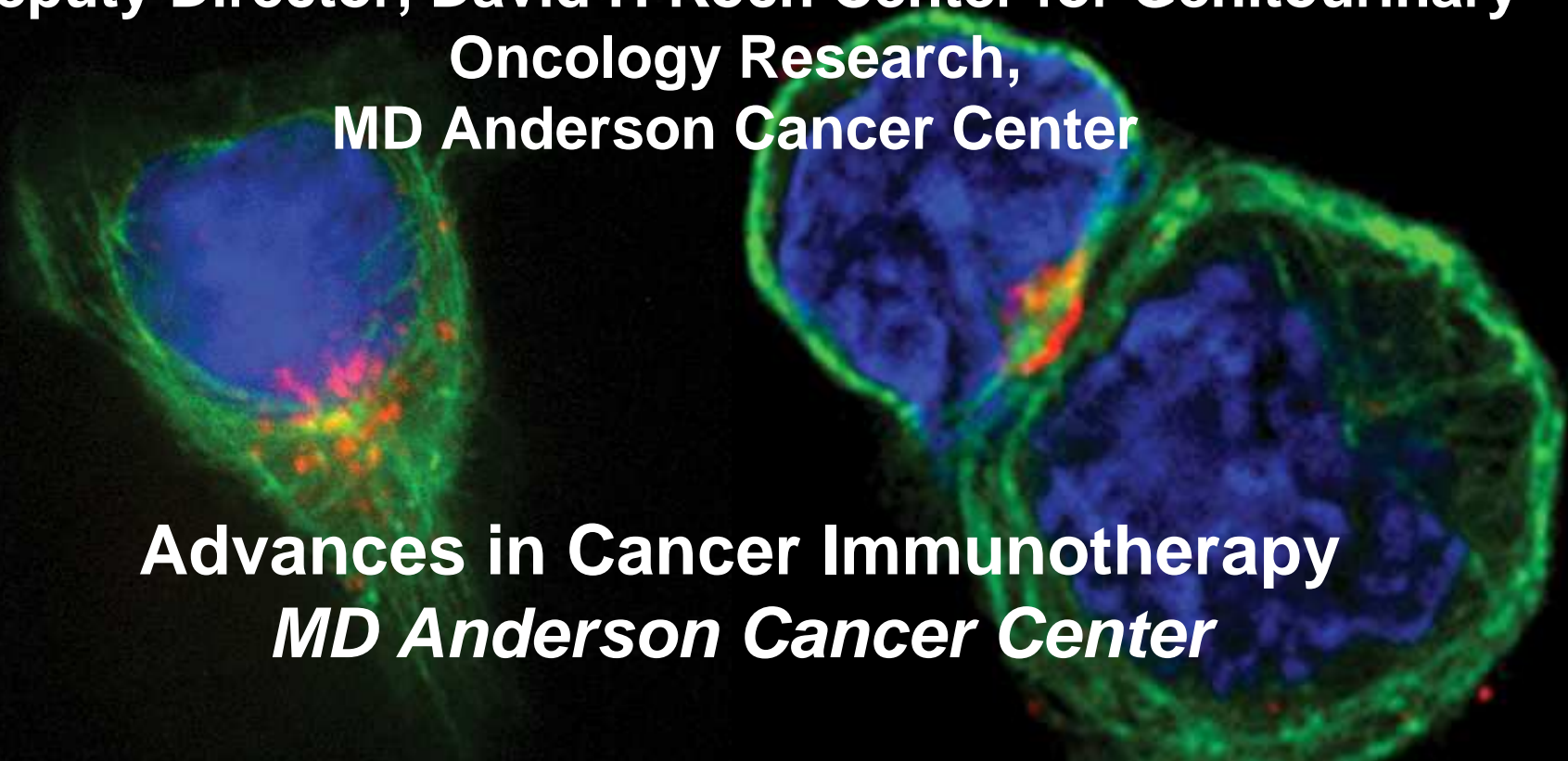
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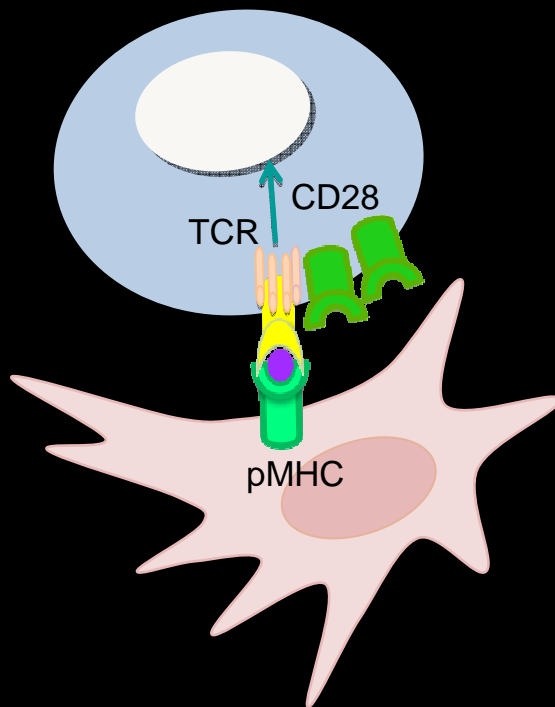
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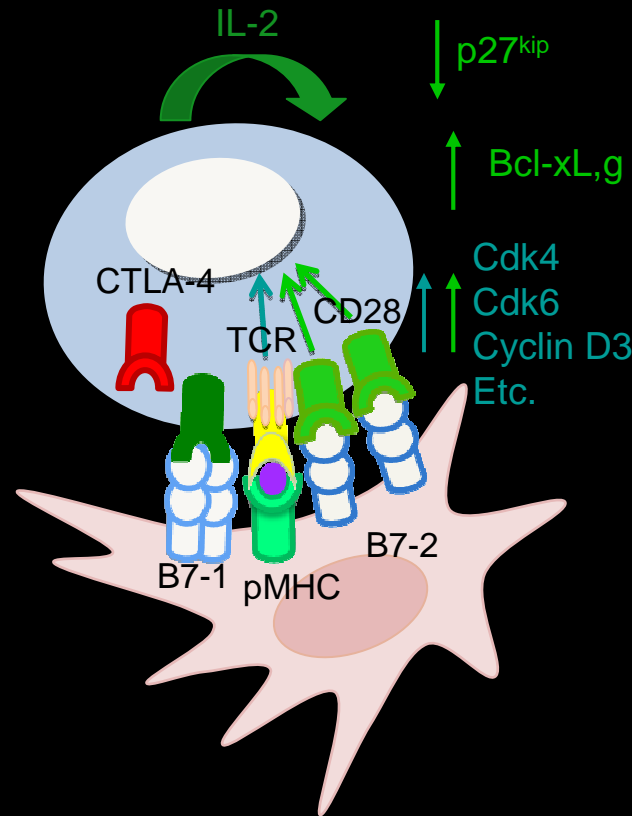


# Dynamic Integration of TCR and Costimulatory Signals

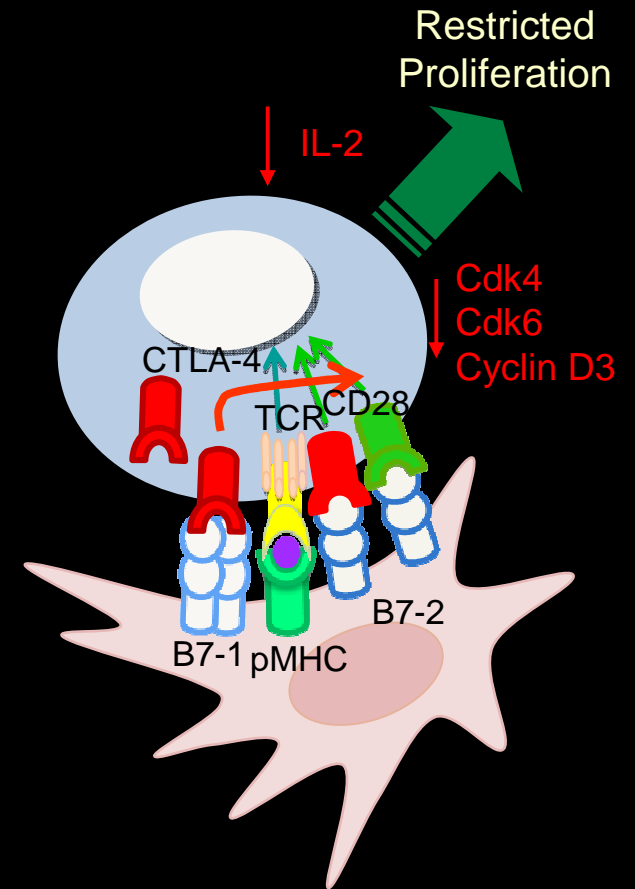
No Proliferation  
Anergy?



Activation, Initiation



Inhibition

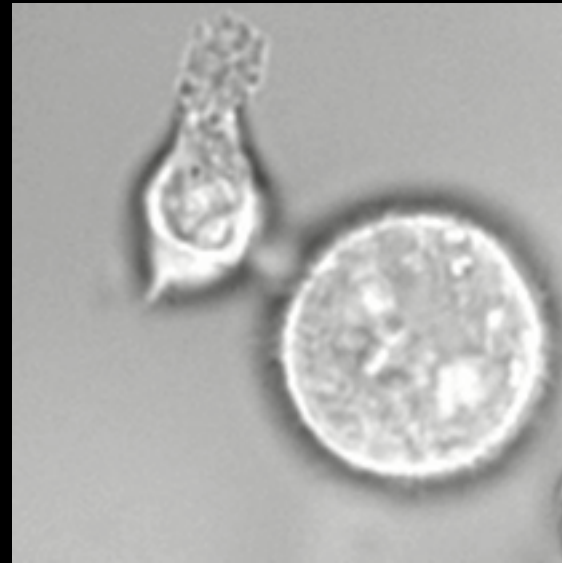


# Localization of CD28 and CTLA-4 to the T Cell-APC Interface

CD28

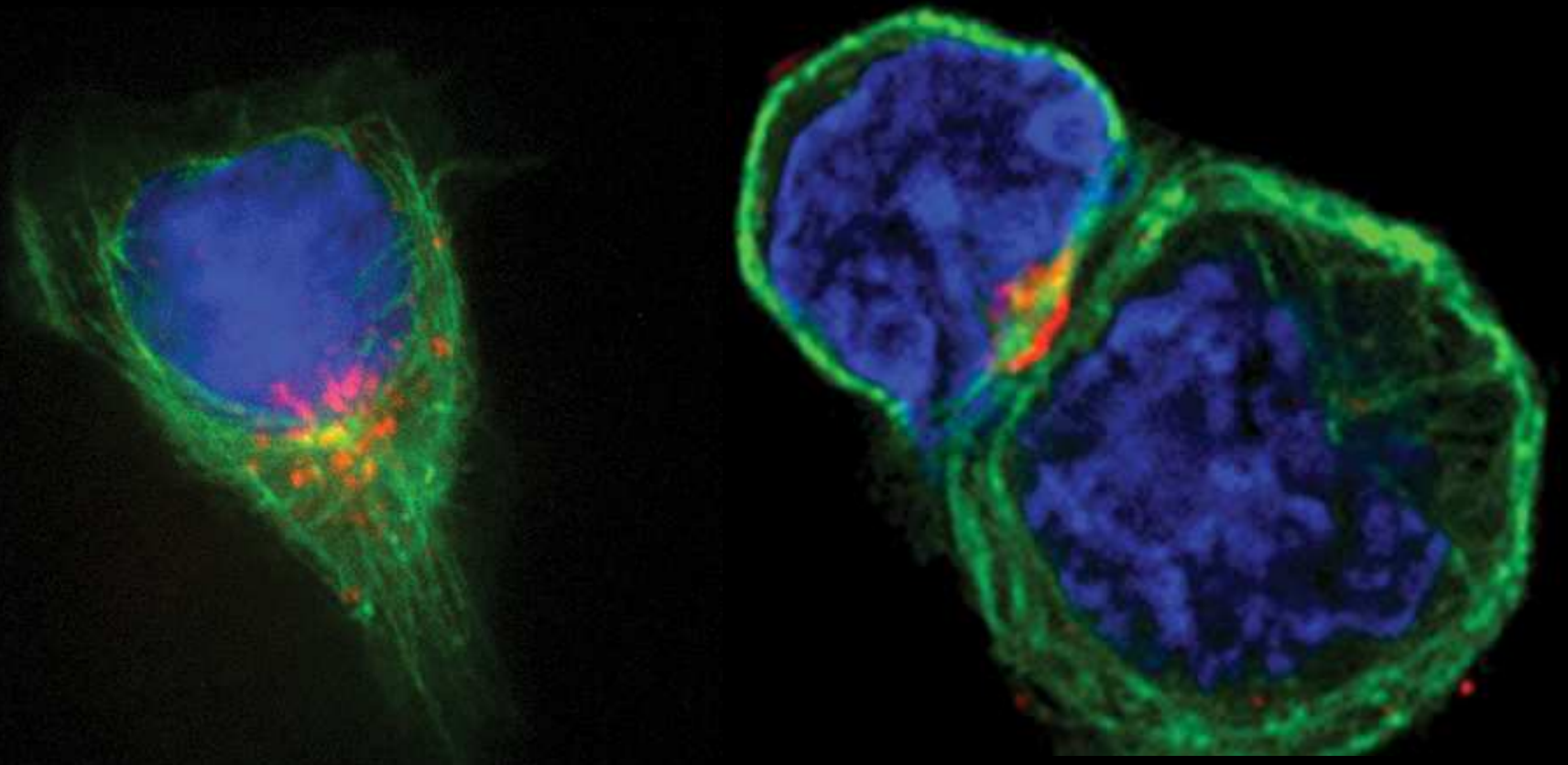


CTLA-4

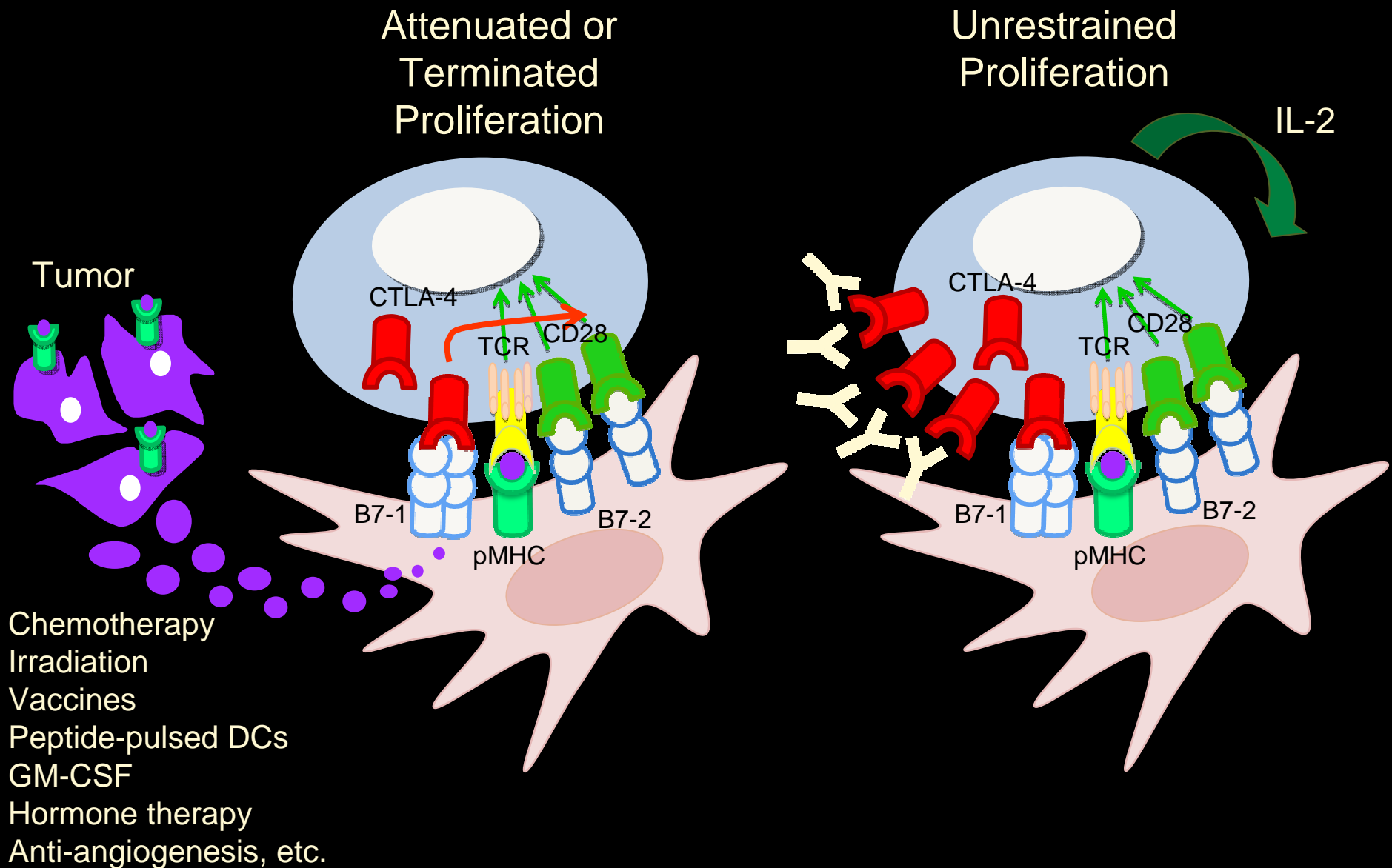


~ 5 minutes

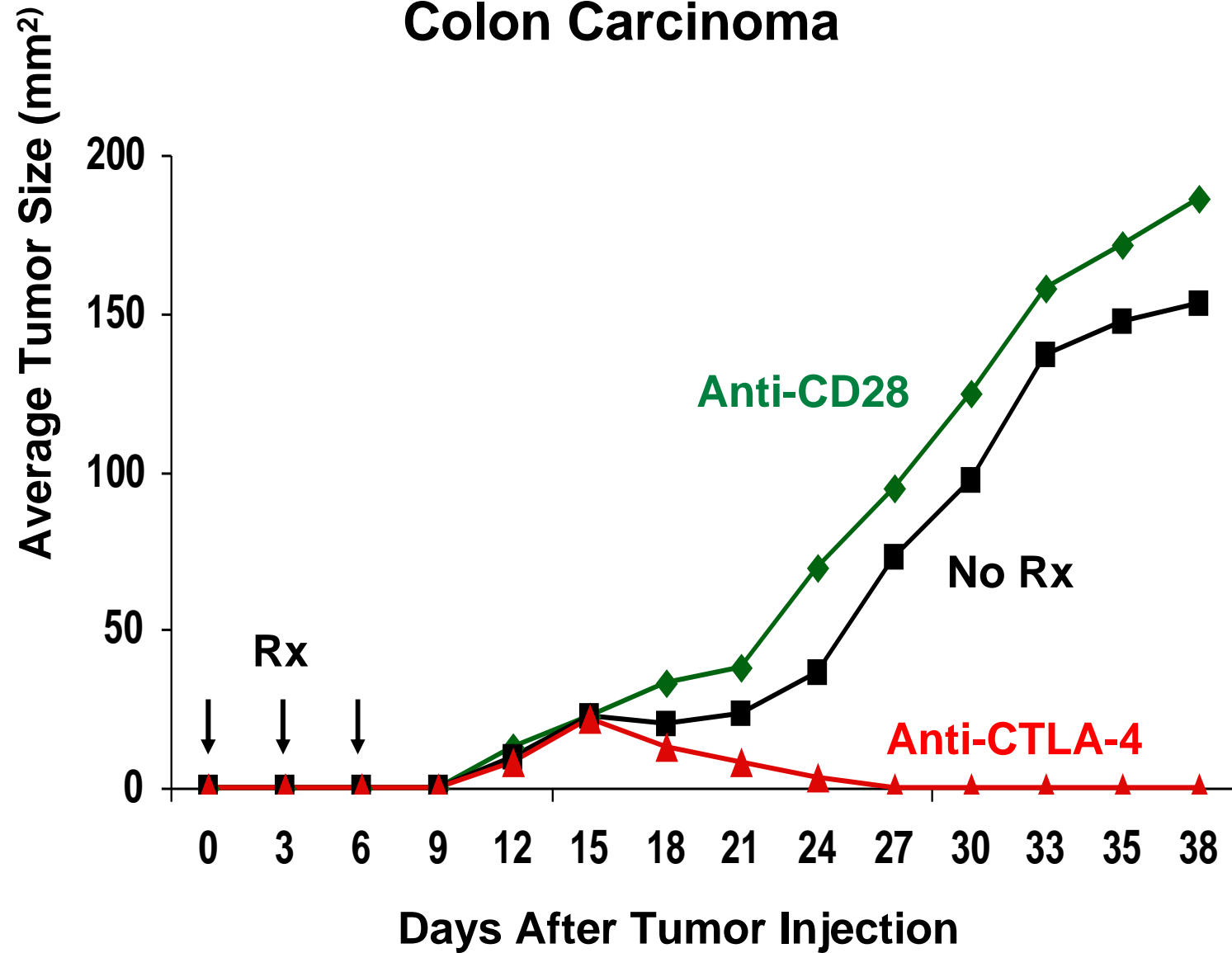




# CTLA-4 Blockade Enhances Tumor-Specific Immune Responses

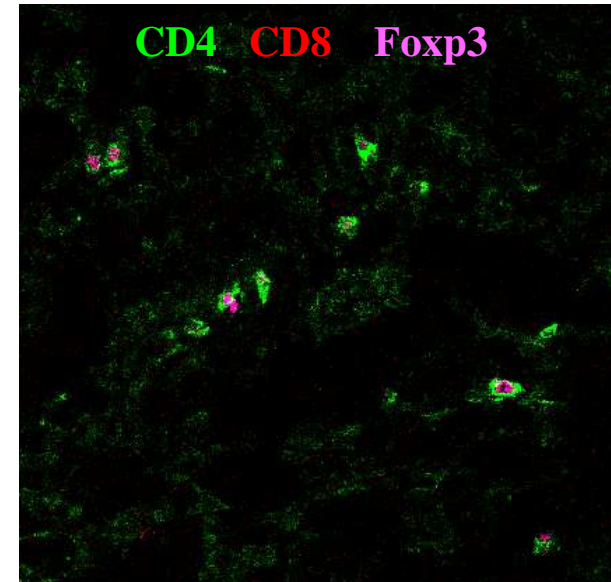
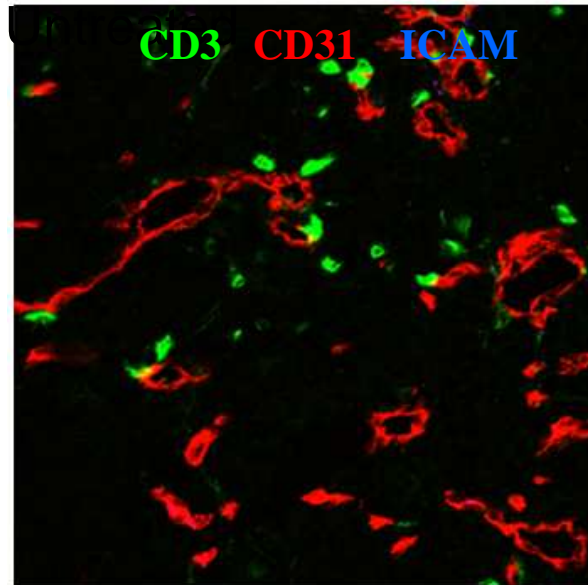


# Anti-CTLA-4 Induces Regression of Transplantable Colon Carcinoma

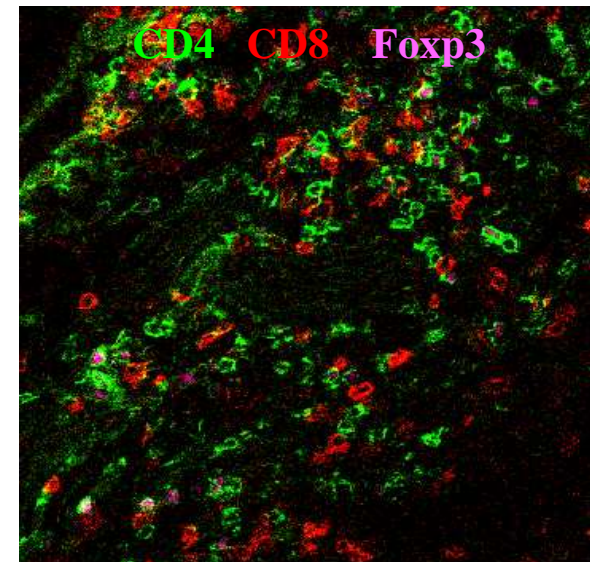
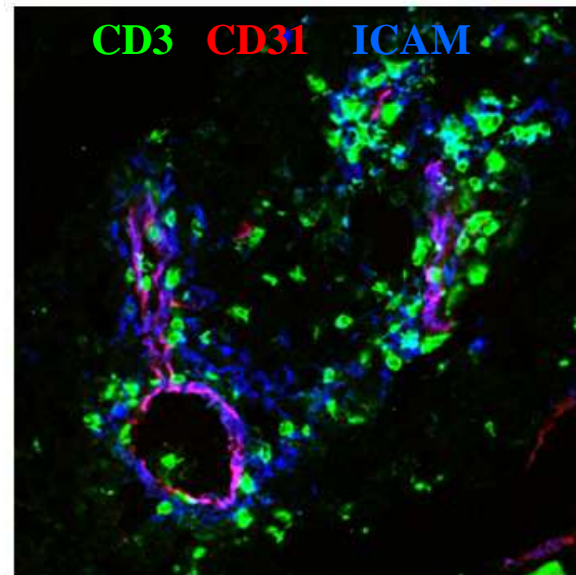


**anti-CTLA-4/GVAX therapy activates the tumor vasculature and increases infiltration of tumors by CD4 and CD8 effector cells**

**Untreated**

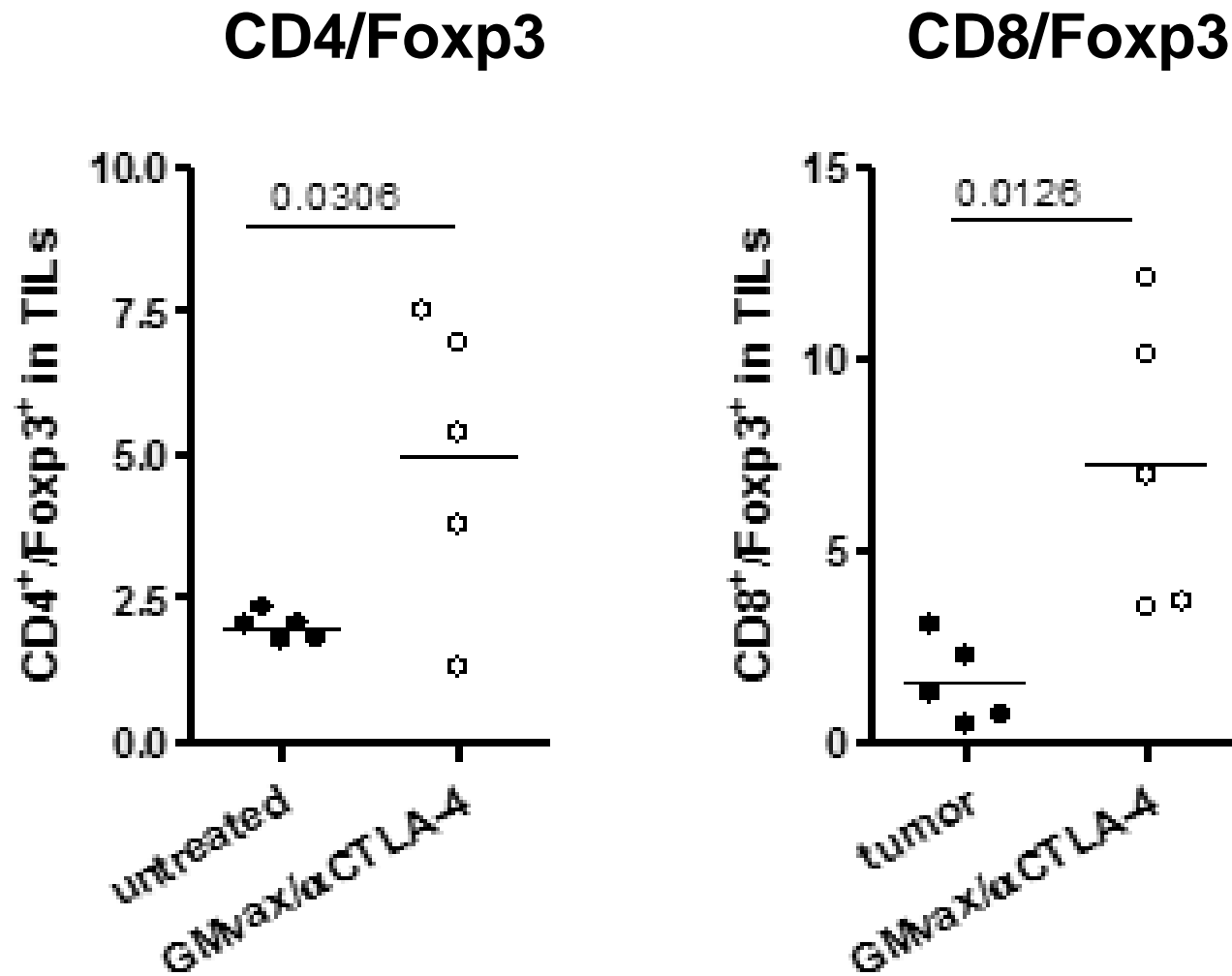


**$\alpha$ CTLA-4/GVAX**

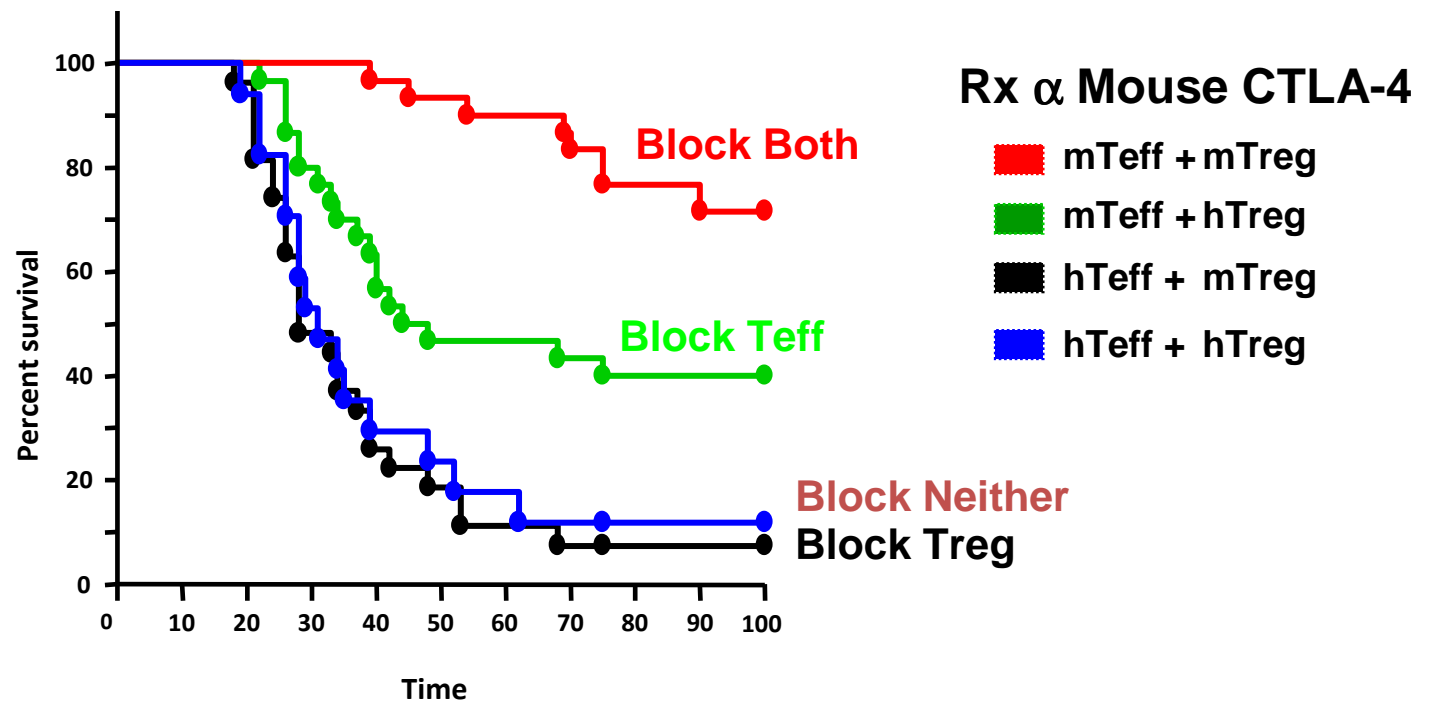


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# $\alpha$ CTLA-4/GVax **Increases** Teff/Treg Ratio In Tumor



# Blockade of CTLA-4 on both Teff and Treg compartments is necessary for optimal anti-tumor activity



# **Effects of $\alpha$ CTLA-4 on Treg**

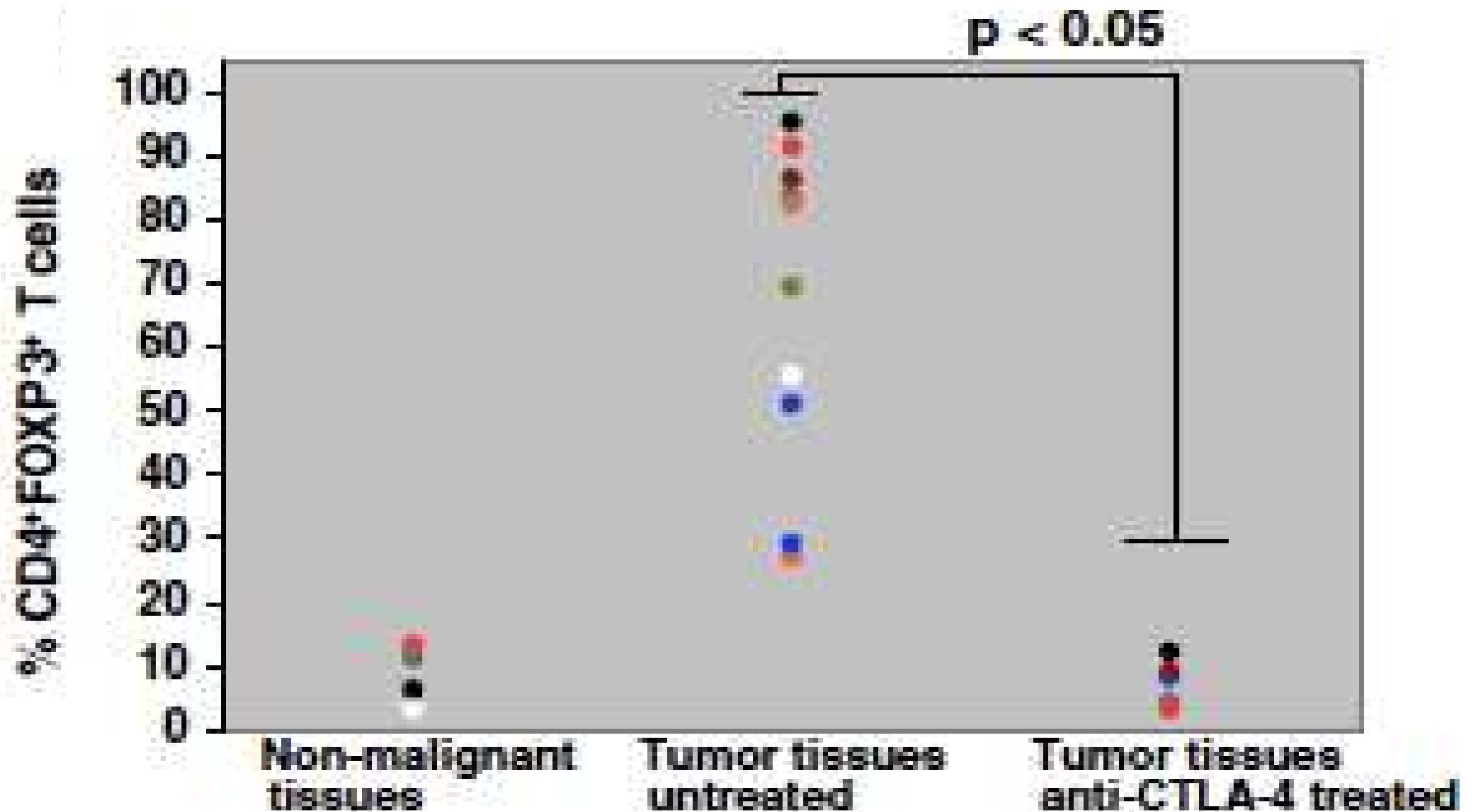
## **Peripheral Lymph Nodes**

**Expand due to blockade of cell intrinsic inhibition of proliferation by CTLA-4**

## **Tumor**

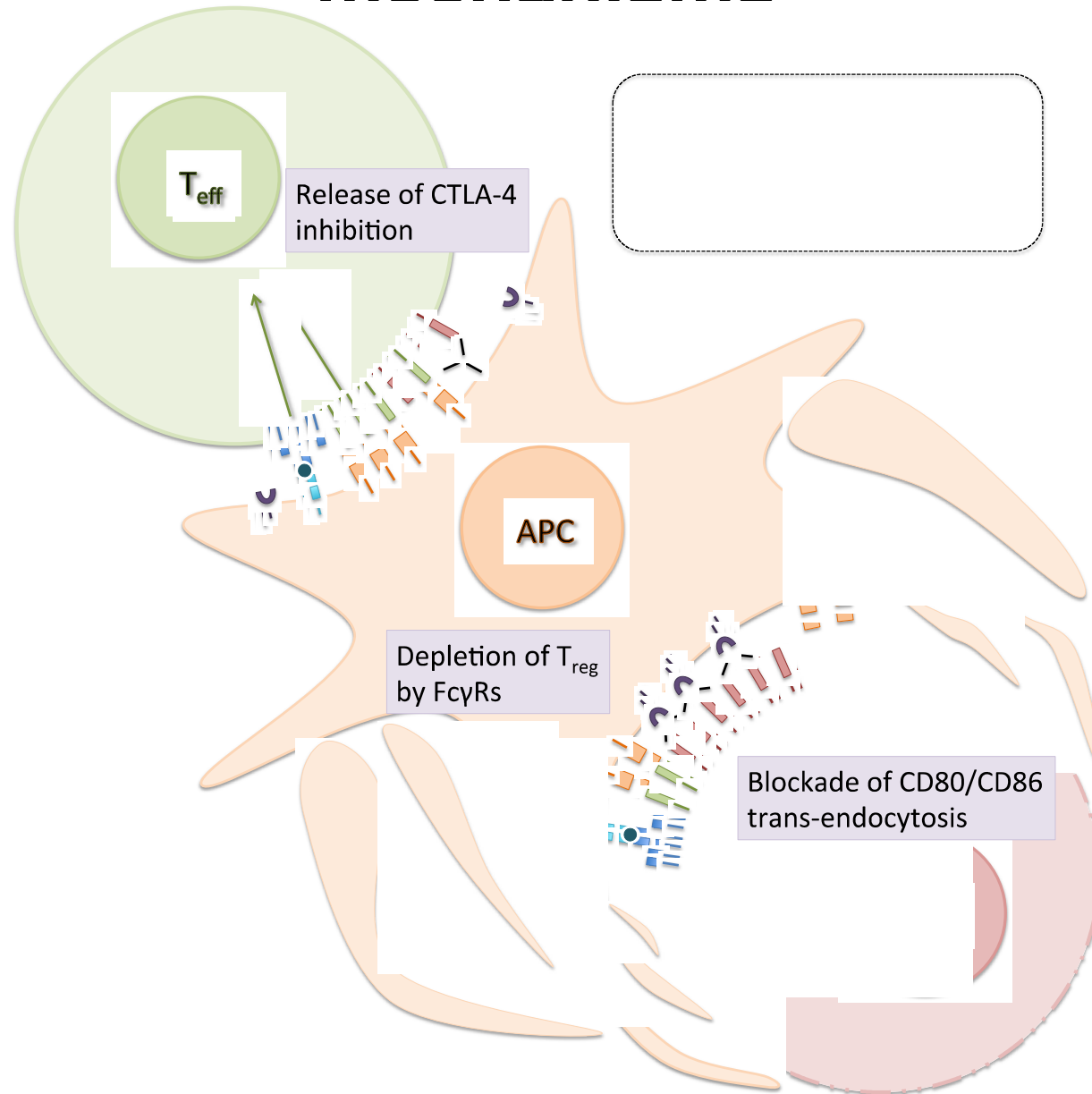
**Killed by ADCC by Fc $\gamma$ R-IV on macrophages due to higher expression of CTLA-4 on Treg than Teff and higher levels of macrophages in tumor**

# Ipilimumab Rx reduces Foxp3+ T cells in bladder cancer patients





# $\alpha$ -CTLA-4 antibody functions by multiple mechanisms



# **Ipilimumab**

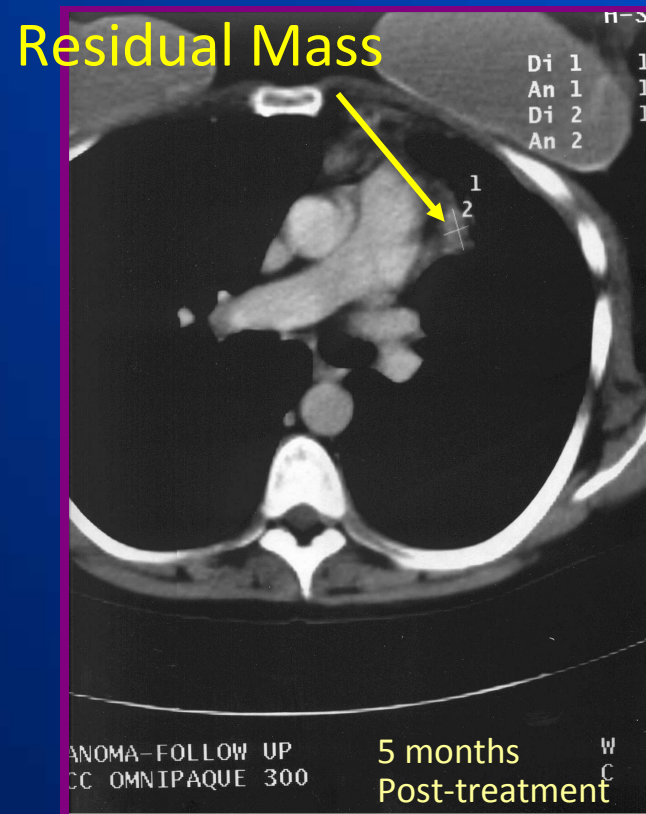
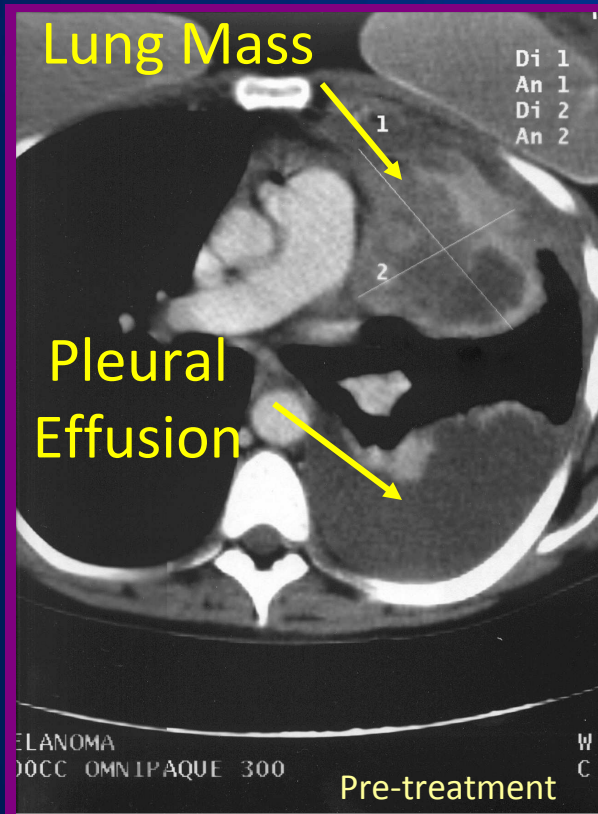
**(Medarex, Bristol-Myers Squibb)**

**Fully human antibody to CTLA-4**

**>17,000 patients treated to date:**

- **Objective responses in melanoma, prostate, ovarian, lung, & kidney cancer, glioblastoma**
- **Adverse events: colitis, rashes, hepatitis, hypophysitis. Manageable with systemic steroids**

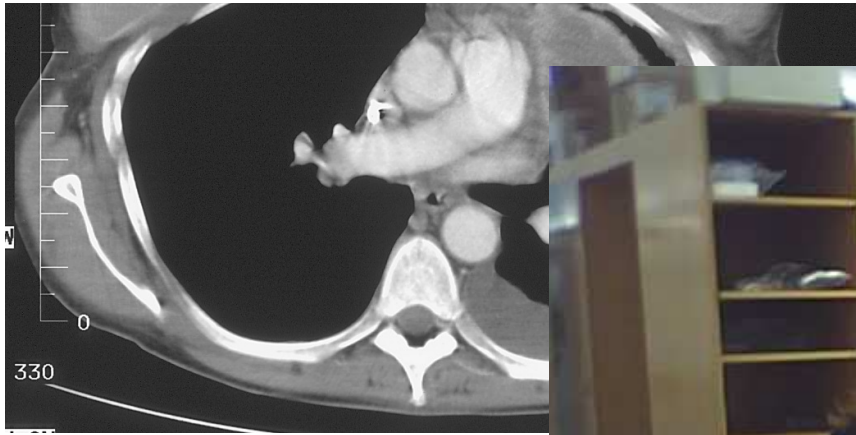
# Clinical Response - Melanoma



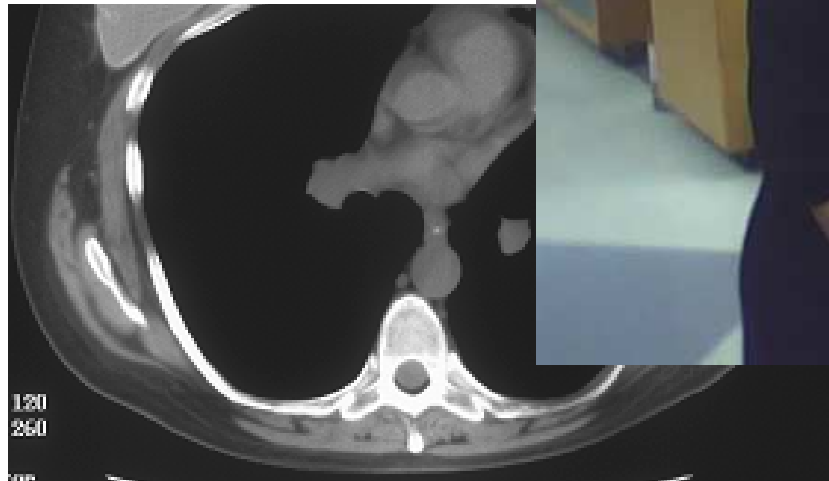
Baseline and 5 months post-MDX-010 treatment CT scans of patient with metastatic melanoma (1 month status post dendritic cell vaccine) who experienced regression of all known sites of disease. The patient continues without relapse at last reported follow-up visit

# The longest survivor on ipilimumab

May 2001, after progression on IL-2



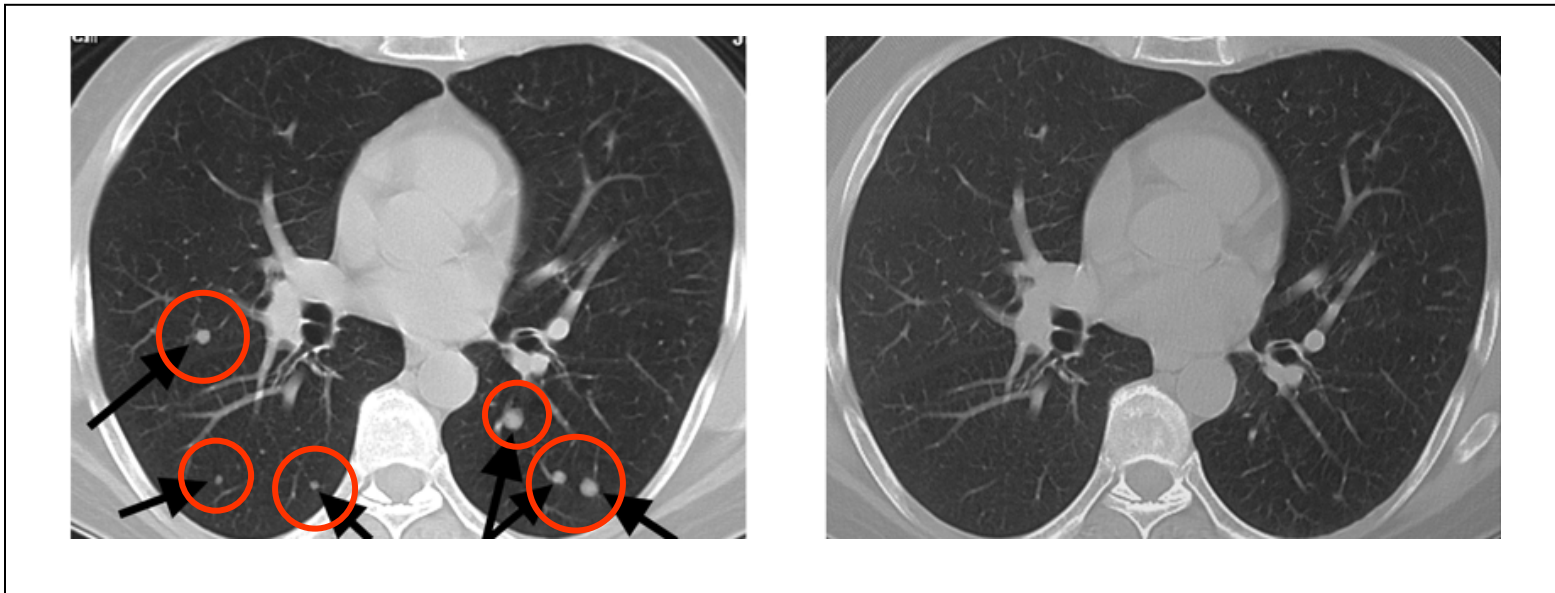
10 years later



Ribas

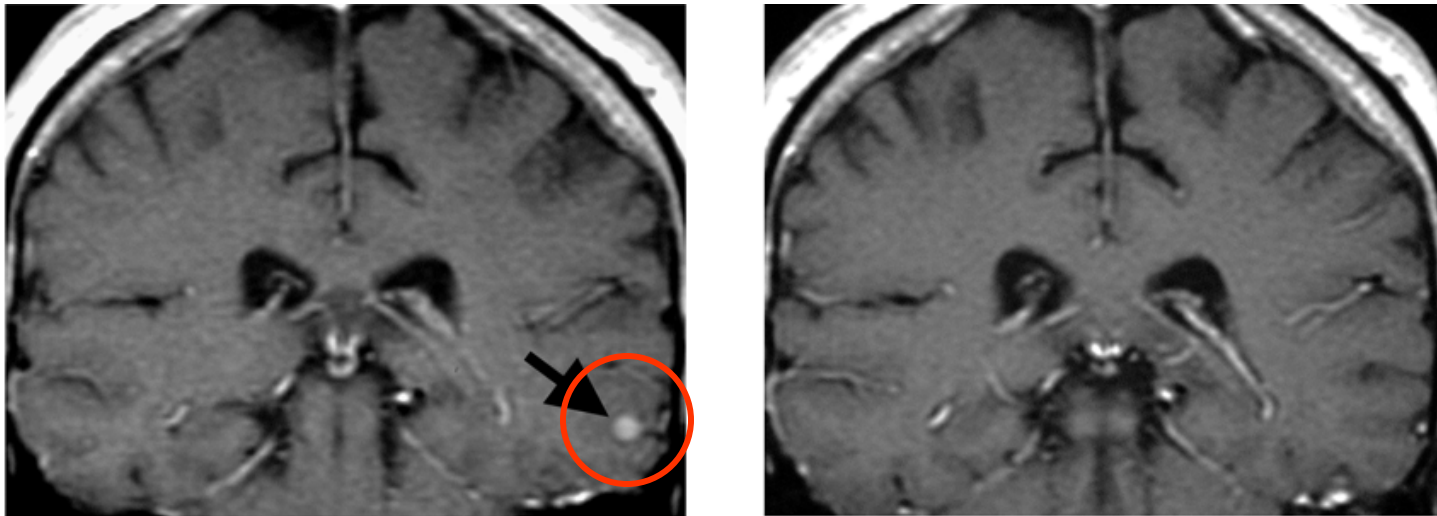
# Complete Responder: Melanoma

Experienced complete resolution of 2 subcutaneous nodules, 31 lung metastases and 0.5 cm brain metastasis.



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# Complete Responder: Prostate Cancer

**Screening**



**14 months**



**Phase III trials ongoing**

**BMS**



## Baseline 11/28/06



**Wolchok (MSKCC)**



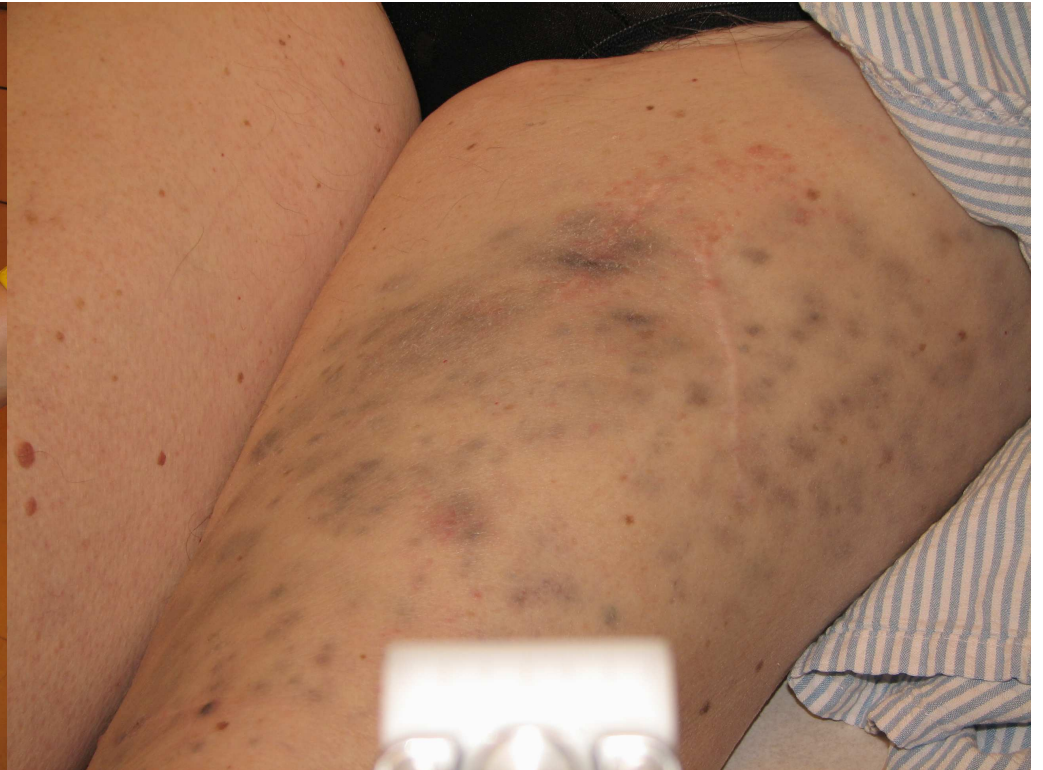
**1/9/07**

**6 Weeks**



**2/12/07**

**10 Weeks**



**Wolchok (MSKCC)**

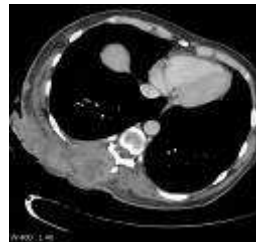
# Evolution of Response: Patient Example

**Screening**



**Week 12**

**Initial increase in  
total tumor burden (mWHO PD)**



**Week 16**  
**Responding**

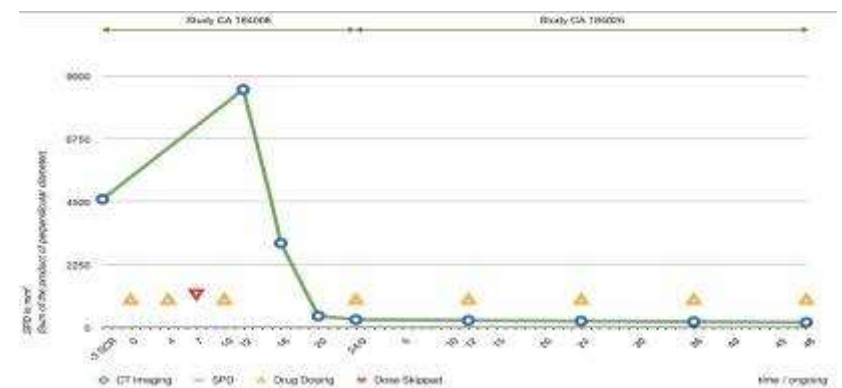


**Week 72**

**Durable & ongoing response  
without signs of IRAEs**

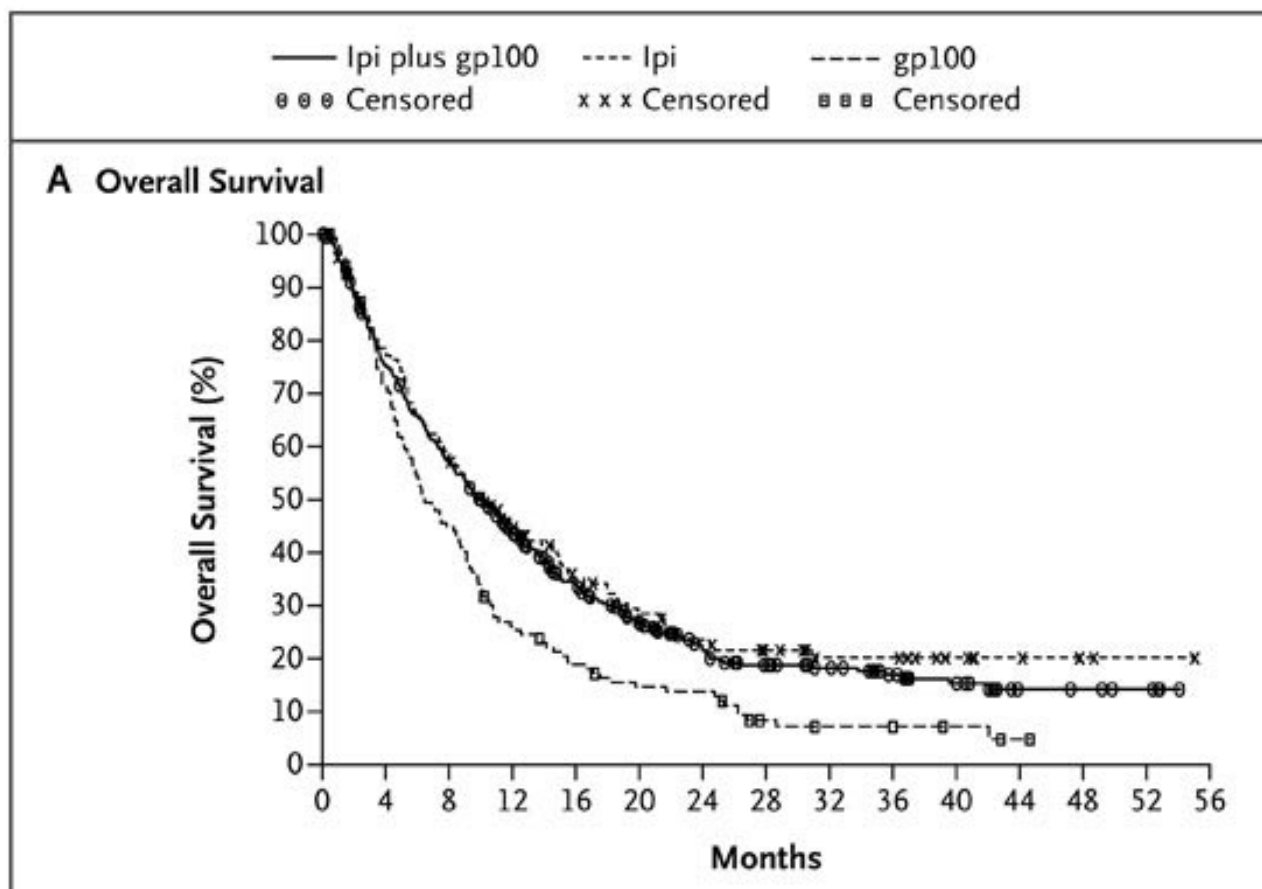


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# Kaplan-Meier Analysis of Survival



Survival Rate	Ipi + gp100 N=403	Ipi + pbo N=137	gp100 + pbo N=136
1 year	44%	46%	25%
2 year	22%	24%	14%

# **Ipilimumab**

## **(Bristol-Myers Squibb)**

- **Metastatic Melanoma**

- **Ipilimumab was approved by FDA in 2011 for second and front line therapy.**
- **Trial of ipilimumab plus dacarbazine showed enhanced survival over dacarbazine alone.**

- **Castrate-resistant Prostate Cancer**

- **Randomized Phase III registration trails ongoing of ipilimumab following palliative radiation**

# **Critical Issues for Further Clinical Development of anti-CTLA-4**

- **What are the cellular and molecular mechanisms involved in the anti-tumor effect?**
- **What distinguishes between responders and non-responders?**
- **What are the best conventional therapies or vaccines to be used combinatorially?**

***How can we increase the response rate?***

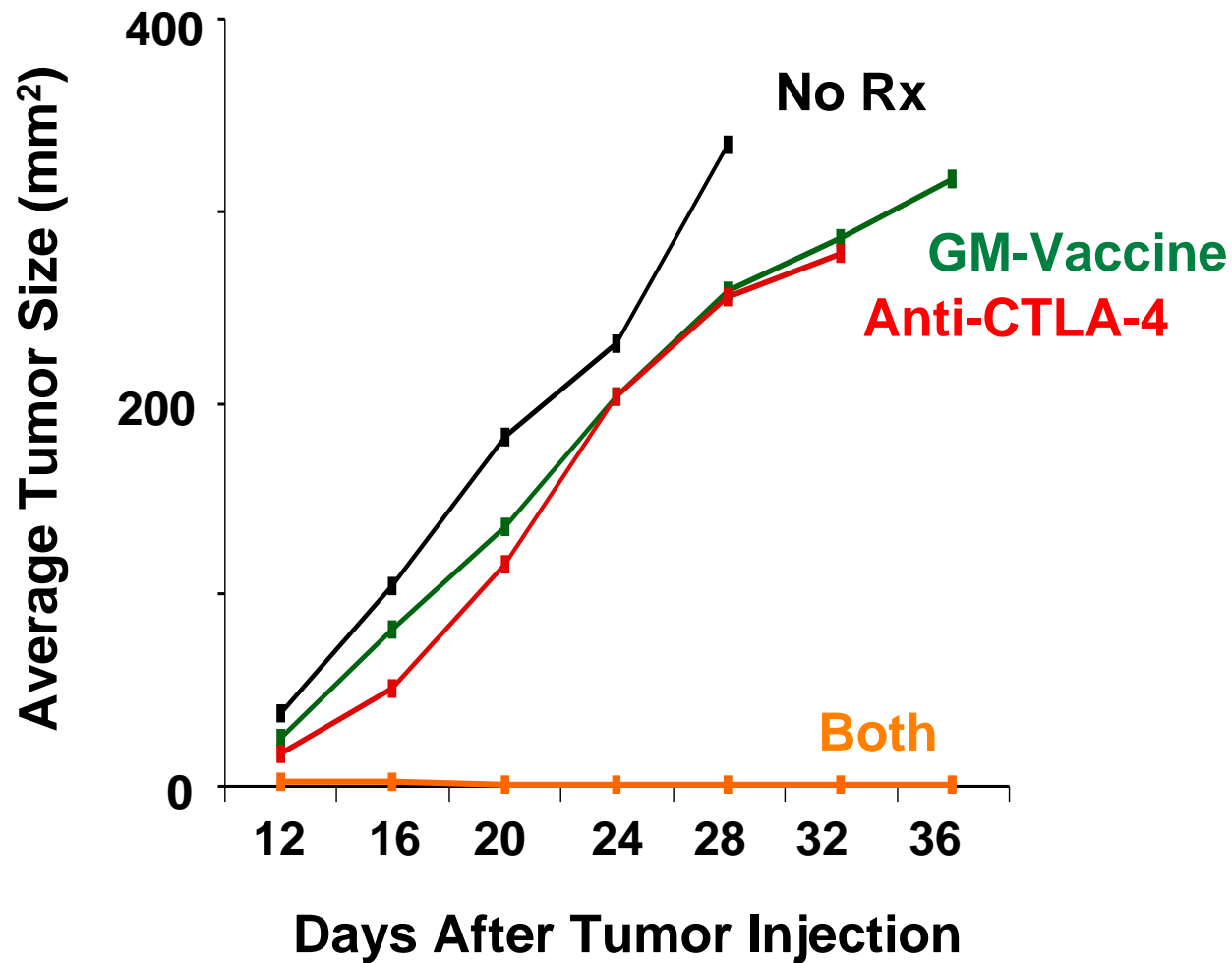
# **Combinations to Increase Efficacy of CTLA-4 Blockade**

- **Vaccines**

**GVAX, DNA, Protein**

**(But *not* minimal Class I MHC restricted peptides)**

# Anti-CTLA-4 and GM-CSF Tumor Cell Vaccine Synergize to Eradicate Established B16 Melanoma

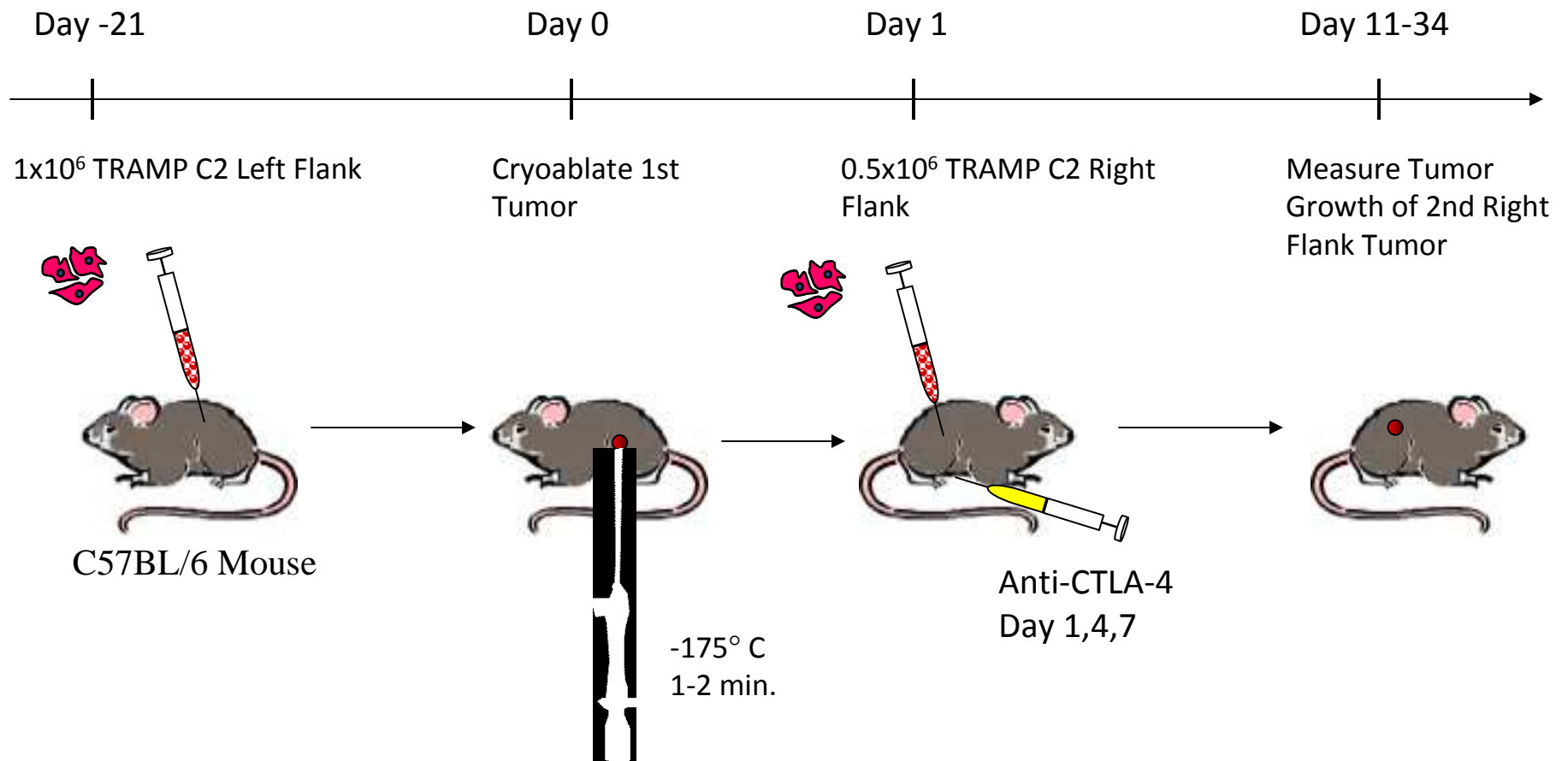


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- **Vaccines**
- **Conventional Therapies**  
**Chemotherapies, Local radiation,**  
**Cryoablation**

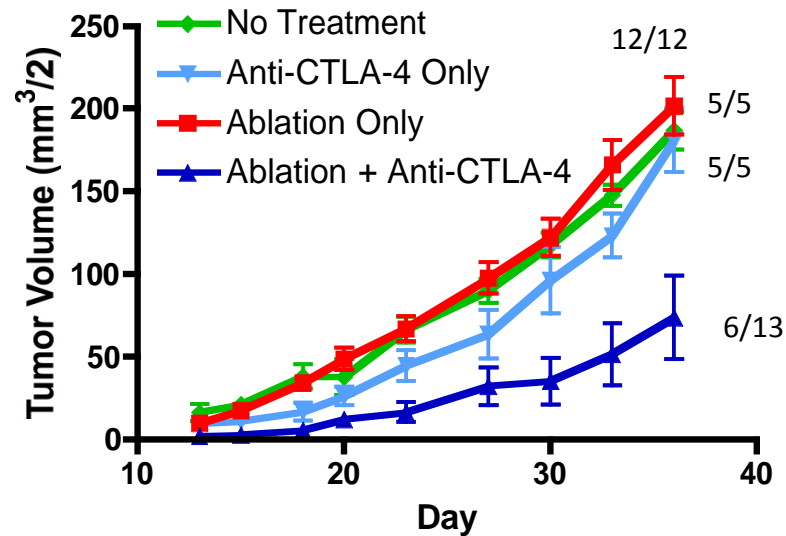


# Combining Cryoablation with Anti-CTLA-4

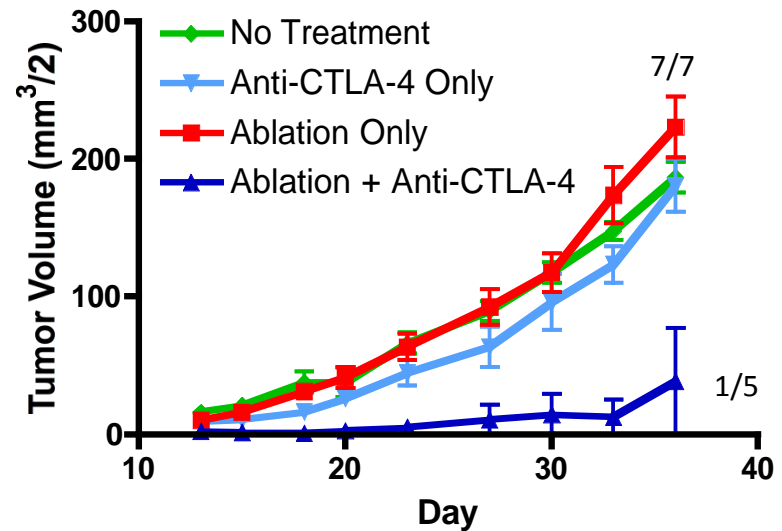


# TRAMP C2 Cryoablation +/- Anti-CTLA-4

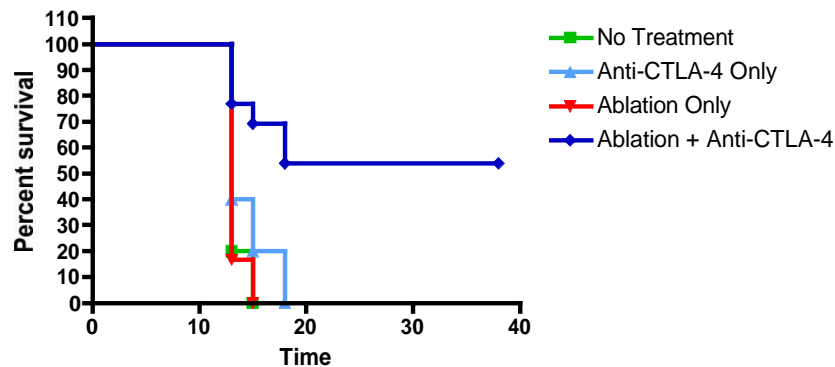
All Mice



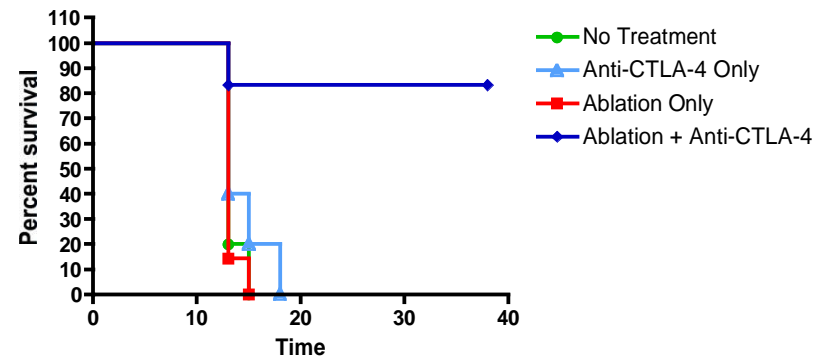
Complete Ablation Only



Tumor Free Survival All Mice: Survival proportions



Tumor Free Survival Complete Ablation: Survival proportions

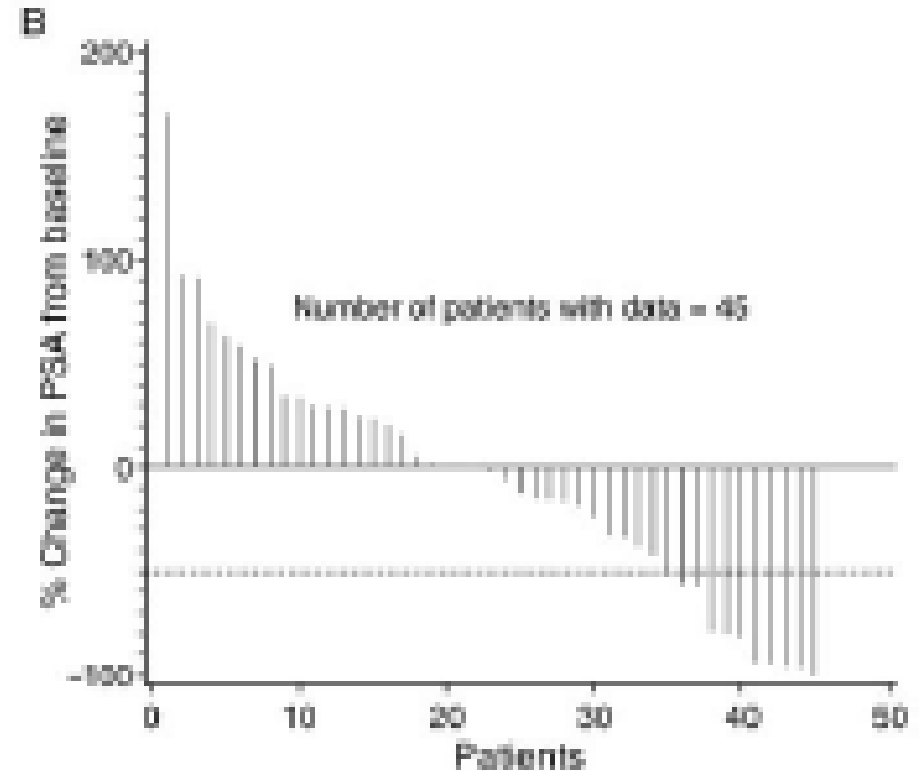
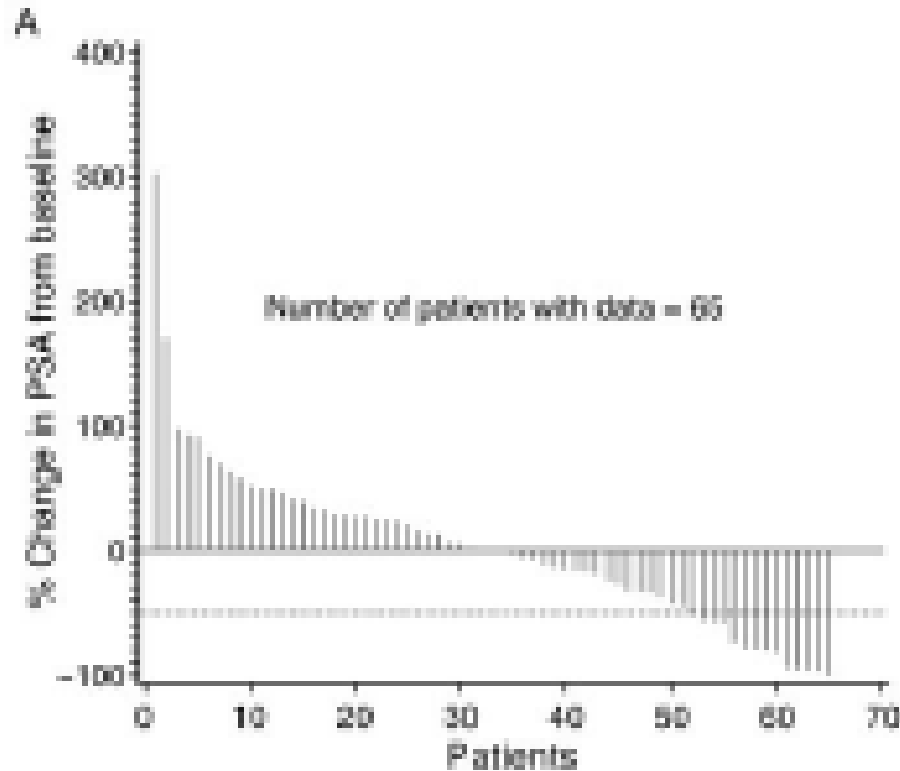


Waitz, Solomon, Norton

# Ipi +/- XRT in CRPC

## All Cohorts

## 10mg/kg +/- XRT

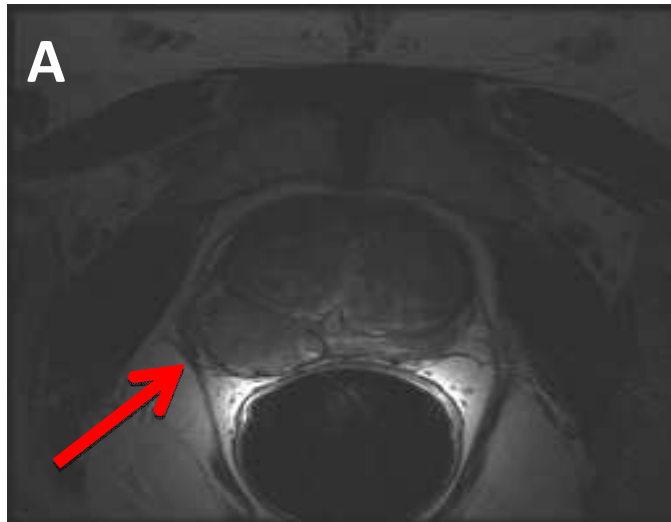


(Greatest change in PSA by day 85 of study)

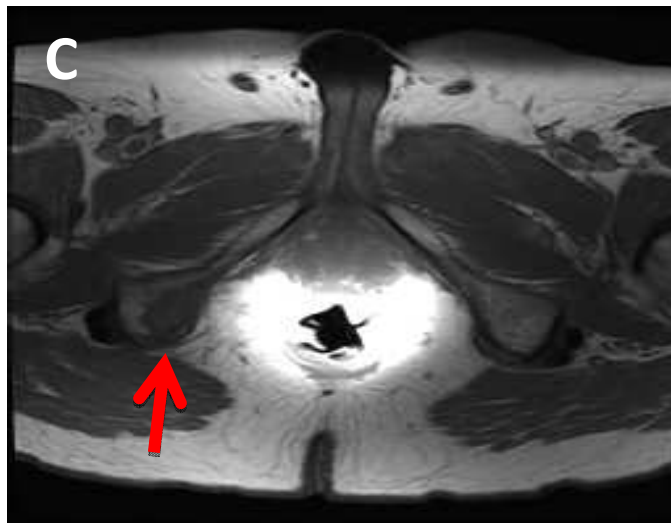
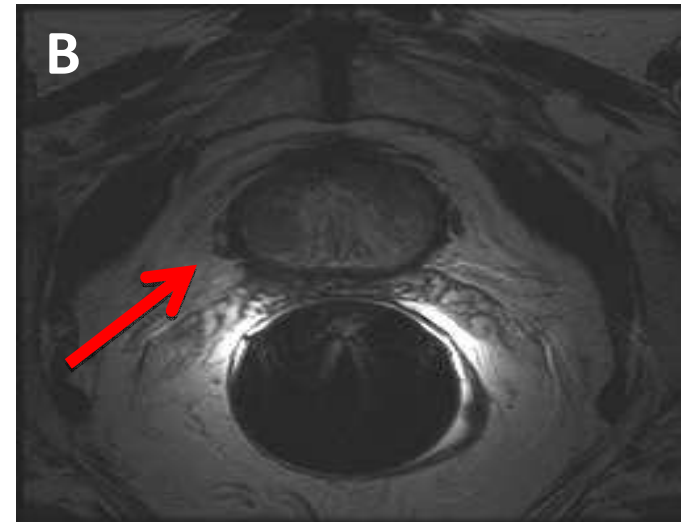
Slovin et al. Annals Oncol. 2013

# Regression of metastatic disease after ipilimumab plus androgen deprivation

Pre



Post



Aparicio and Sharma (MDACC)

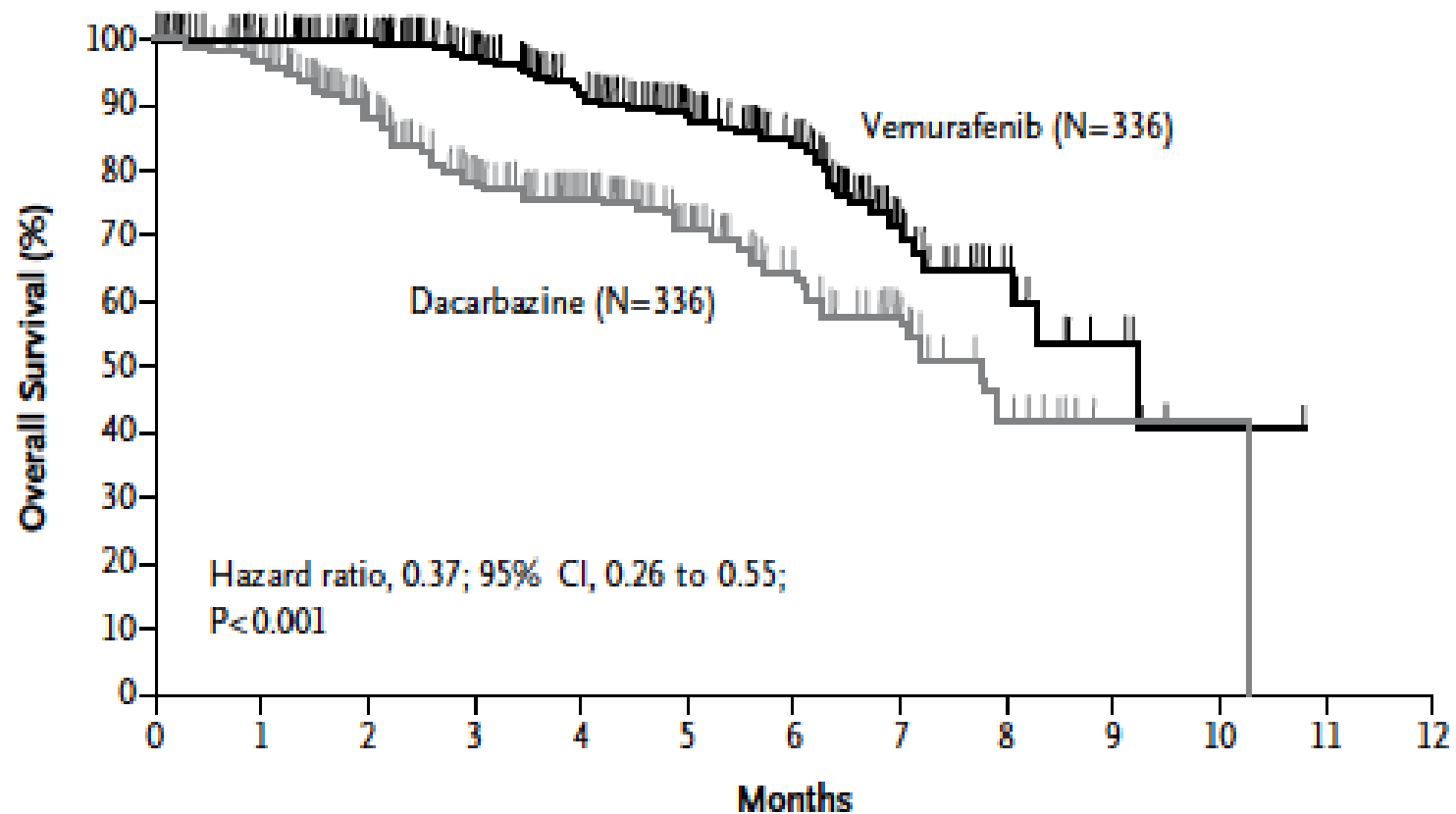
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# **Targeted Therapies**

- High response rates, rapid tumor regression in patients with target**
- Responses are often of short durability, not necessarily associated with overall survival**
- Recurrence is associated with drug resistance**
- Success may require iterative identification of targets, development of additional drugs**

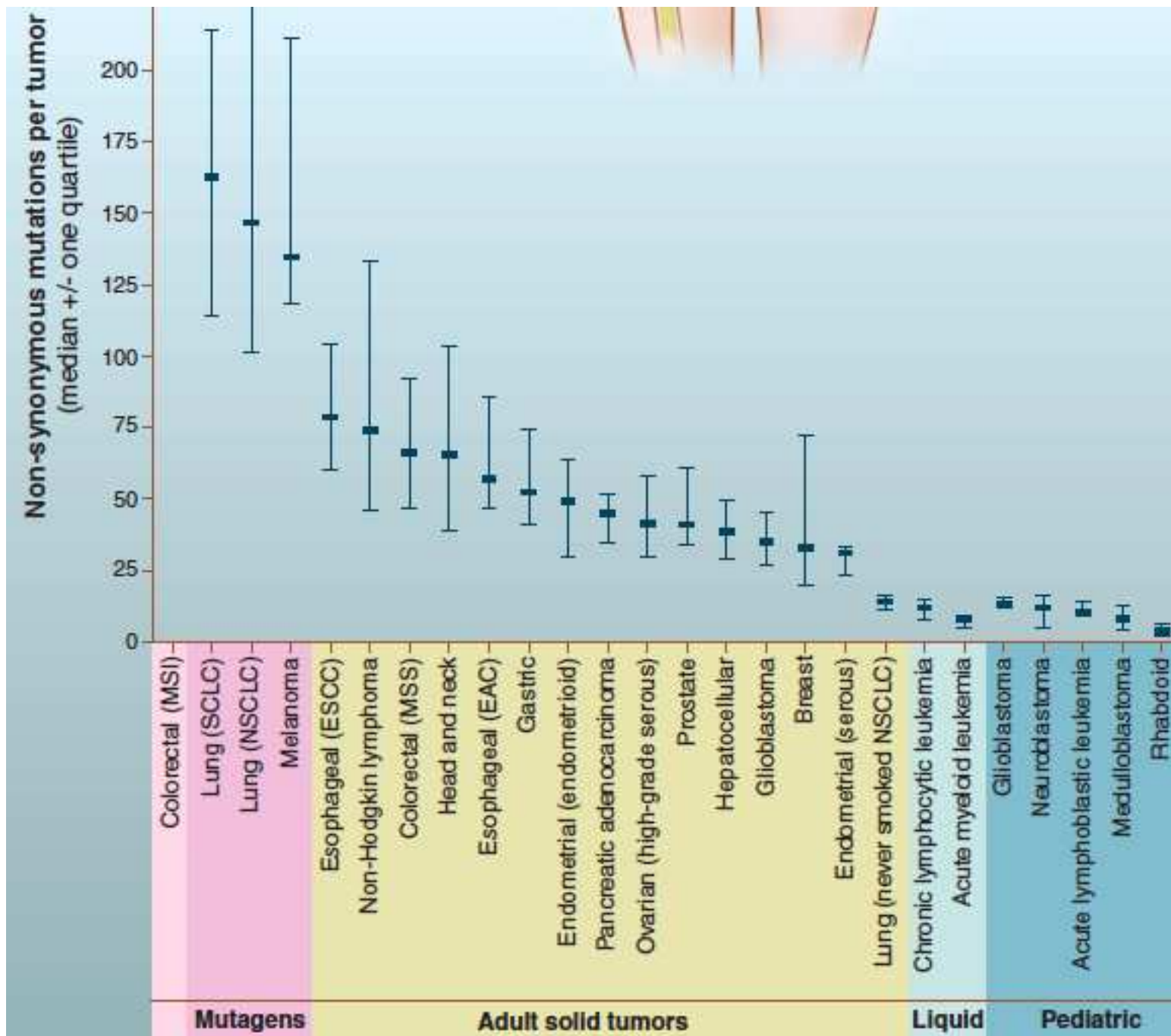
# Efficacy of Vemurafenib in V600E+ Melanoma





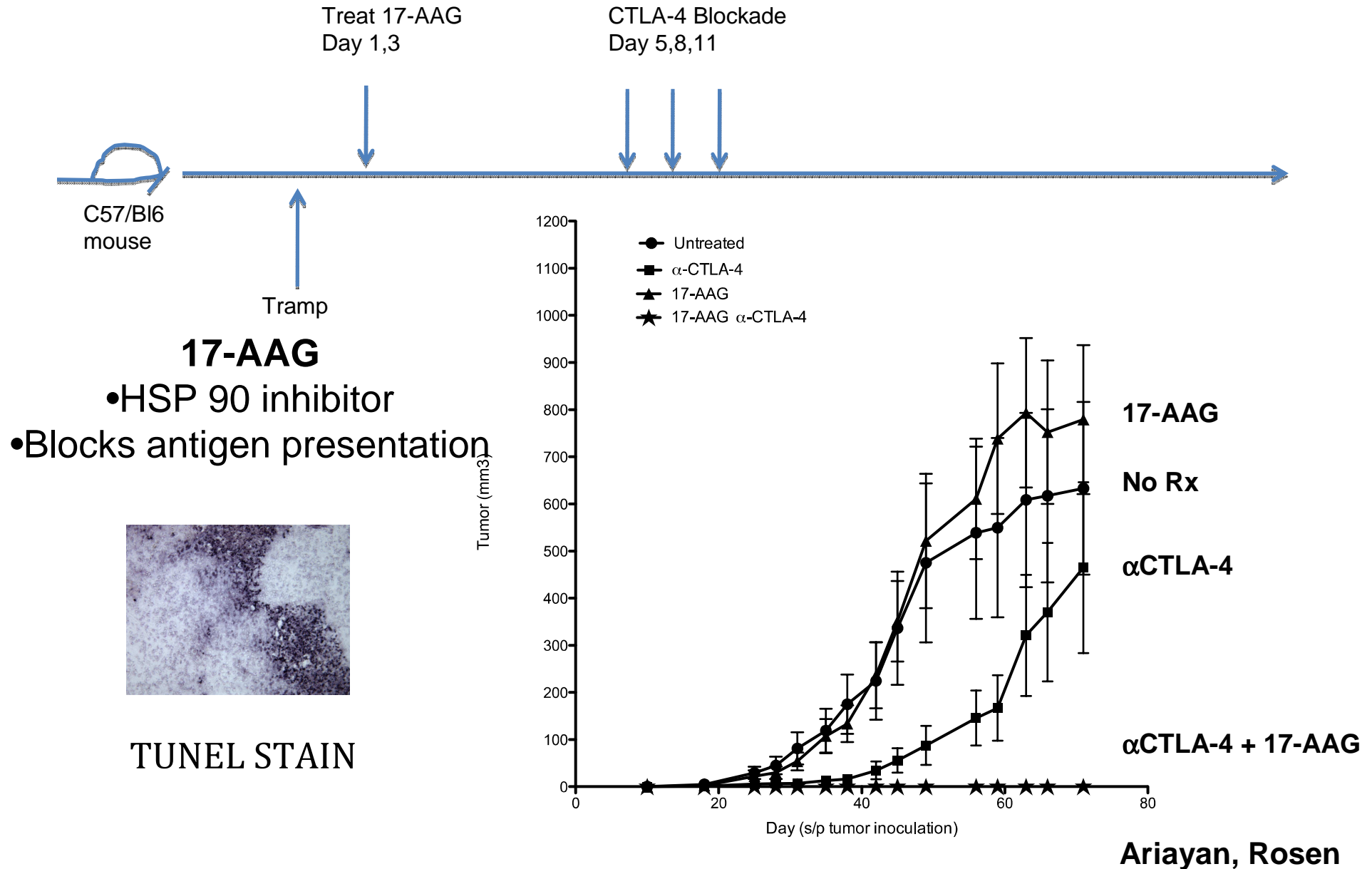
# **Targeting Neoantigens: Drugs as Vaccines**

- **Breast and colorectal tumors contain ~100 missense mutations/cell (Vogelstein)**
- **Many of these (~50%) may be neoantigens (Segal and Allison)**
- **Exome Sequencing shows varying numbers of missense mutations in different tumors:**
  - **Prostate: 30-70**
  - **Glioblastoma: 30-50**
  - **Melanoma: 400-500**
- **Killing tumor cells should release multiple neoantigens and prime multiple T cell responses**
- **Sustaining these responses by immune checkpoint blockade may result in durable responses**



Vogelstein et al *Science* 2013

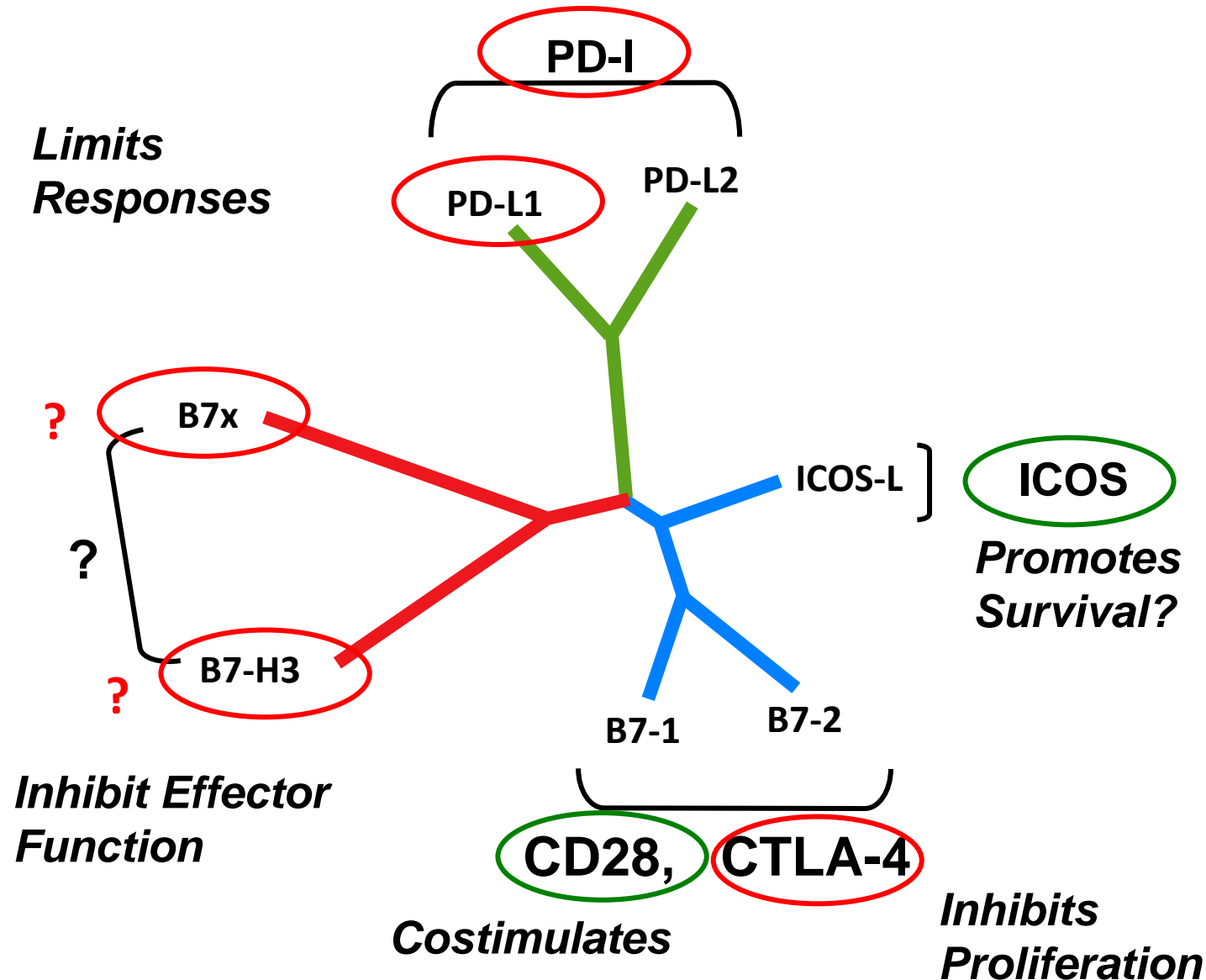
# HSP90 Inhibitor Enhances Efficacy of CTLA-4 Blockade in Rx of TRAMP-C2 Prostate Tumors



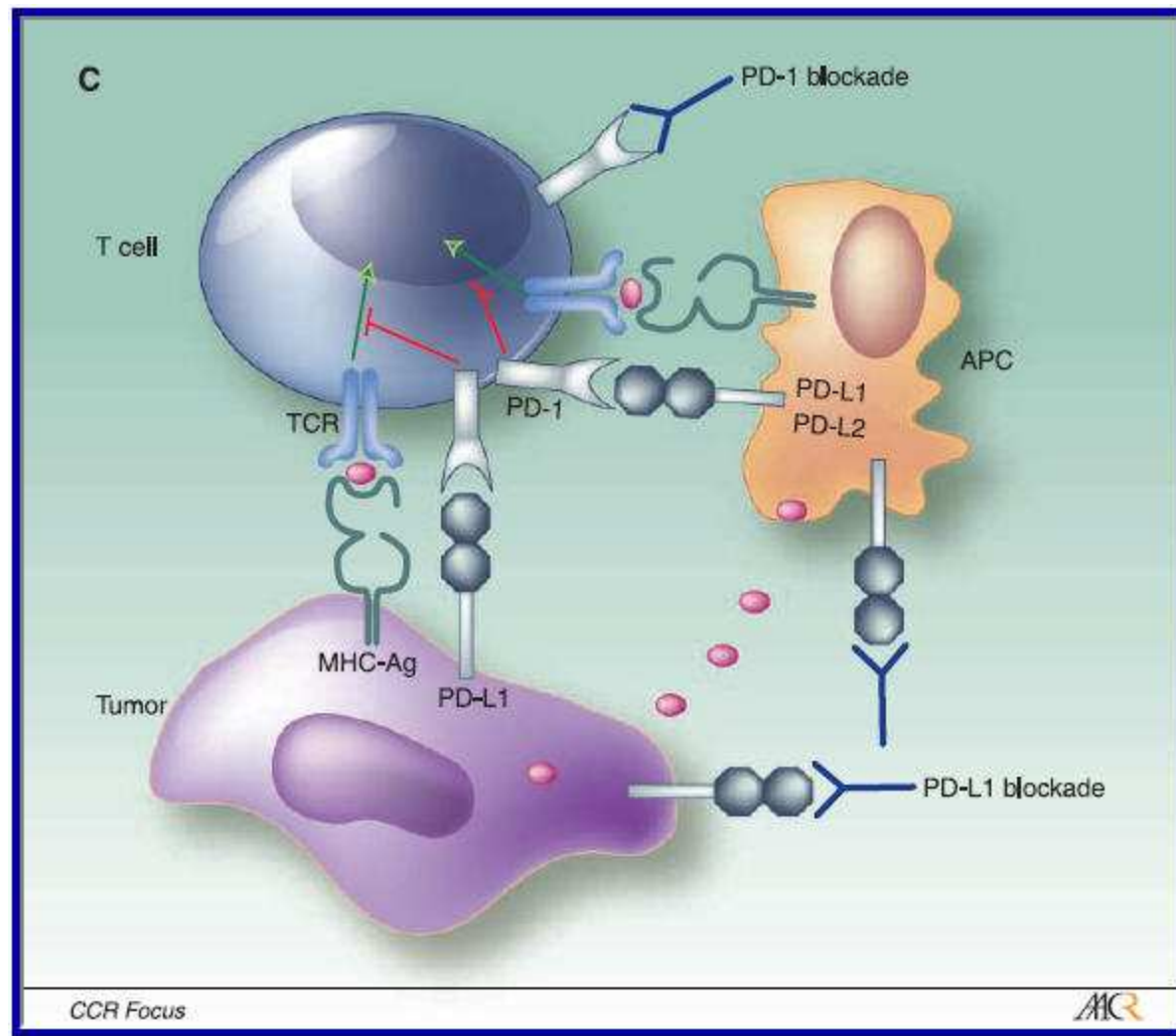
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- **Combinations of Checkpoint Inhibitors**  
**PD-1, PD-L1, B7-H3, B7-H4,**  
**Vista, Tim-3, Lag-3**

# Combination of Multiple Immune Checkpoint Blockers



# Programmed Death 1



# **Anti – PD-1 (BMS-936558)**

**296 Patients with Metastatic Cancer  
1, 3, 10 mg/kg, MTD not reached**

**Safety: Adverse events similar to Ipilimumab, but  
4% pneumonitis (3 deaths)**

## **Clinical Activity:**

**Melanoma (n= 94): 28% CR/PR, 6% SD**

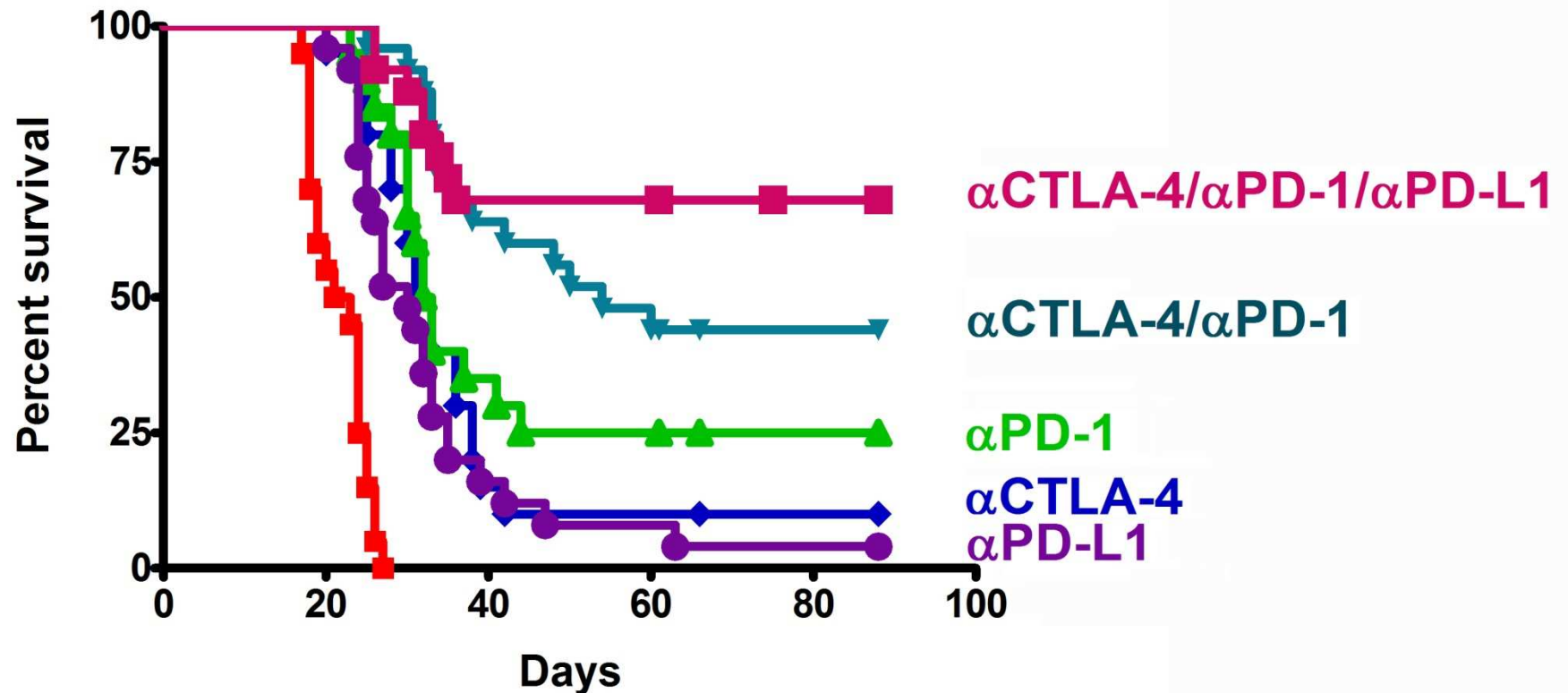
**NSCLC (n=76): 18% CR/PR, 7% SD**

**RCC (n= 33): 27% CR/PR, 27% SD**

***CRC (n=19), CRPC (n=13): No responses***

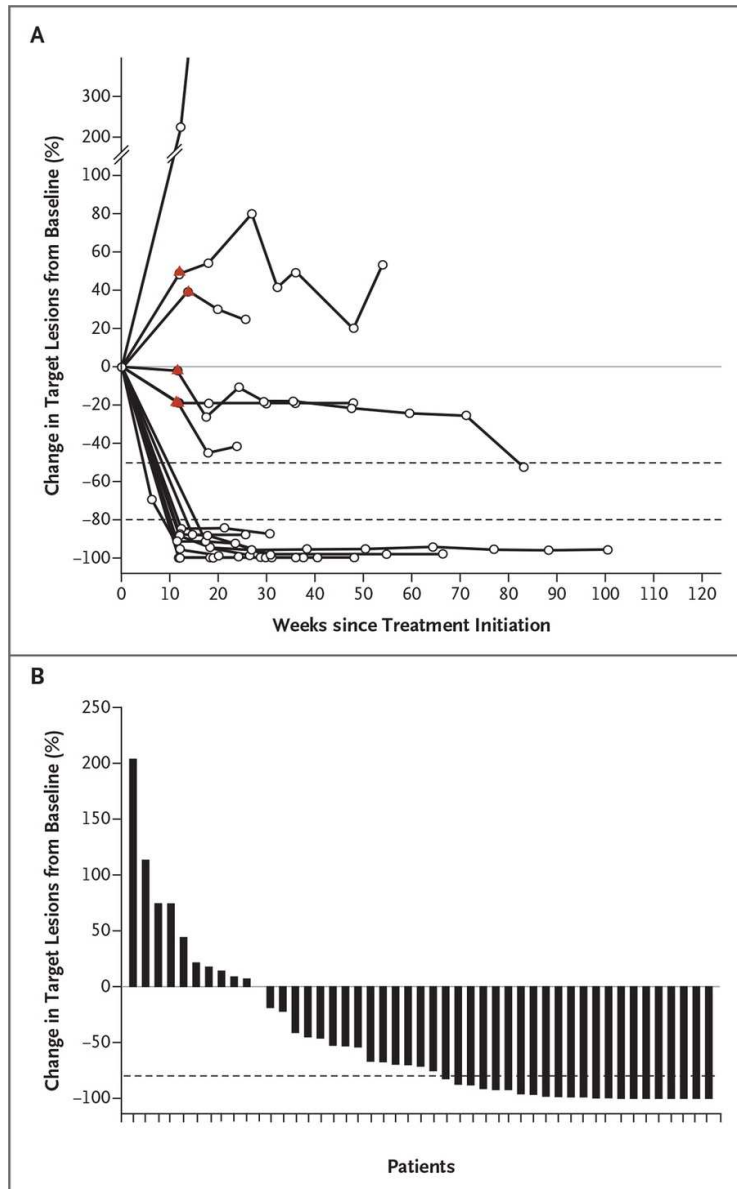
# Combination blockade of the CTLA-4 and PD-1 pathways promotes rejection of B16 melanoma

Combination FVAX (B16-Flt3-ligand)+ Antibody





# Clinical Activity in Melanoma Patients Receiving Nivolumab ( $\alpha$ PD-1) and Ipilimumab ( $\alpha$ CTLA-4)

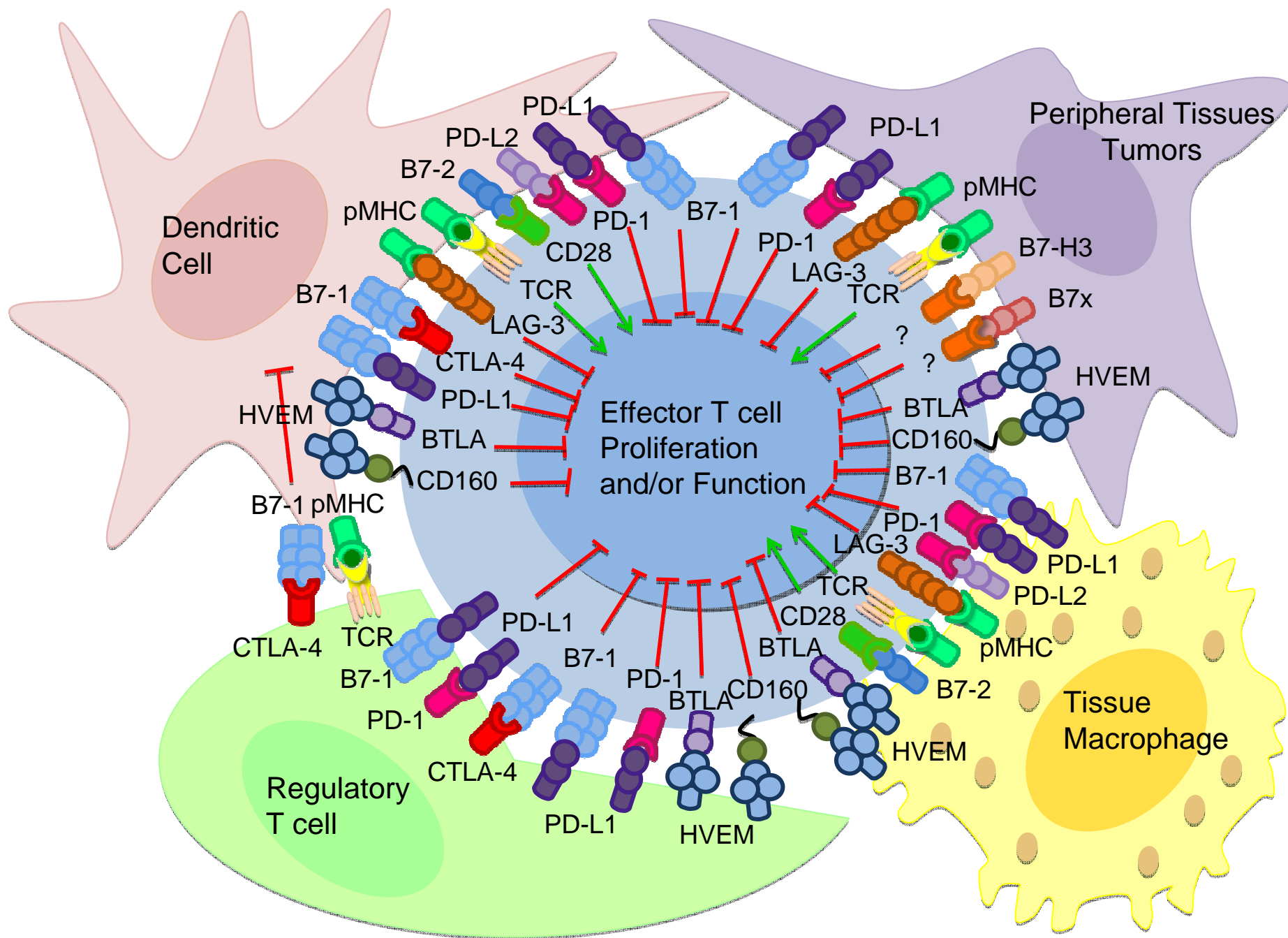


**40% Objective CR+PR**  
**65% Clinical Activity**

**ASCO 2013**  
**NEJM 6/2/2013**

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- **Conventional Therapies**
- **Targeted Therapies**
- **Combinations of Checkpoint Inhibitors**
- **Stimulation of Additional Costimulatory  
Pathways**  
**OX40, CD137, ICOS**



# Improving Survival with Combination Therapy

