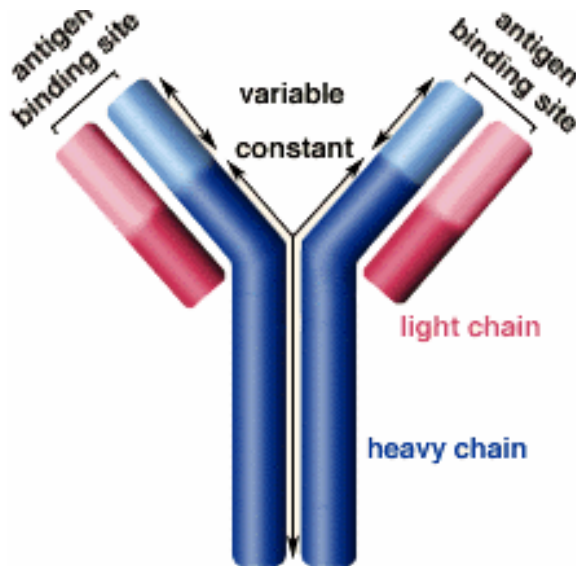


# Antibody Therapy: Biology, Immunocytokines, and Hematologic Malignancy

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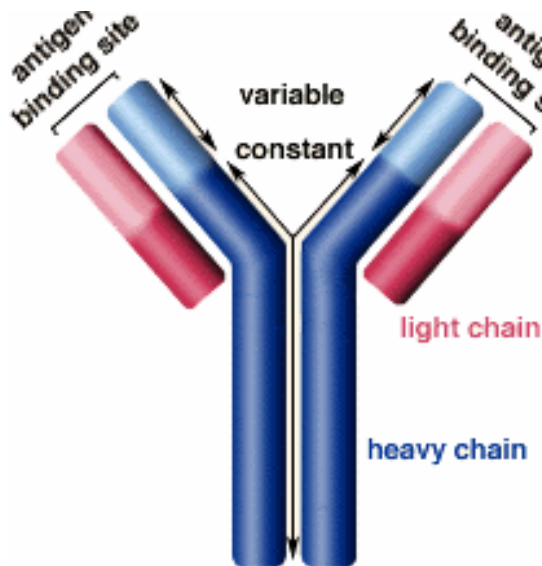
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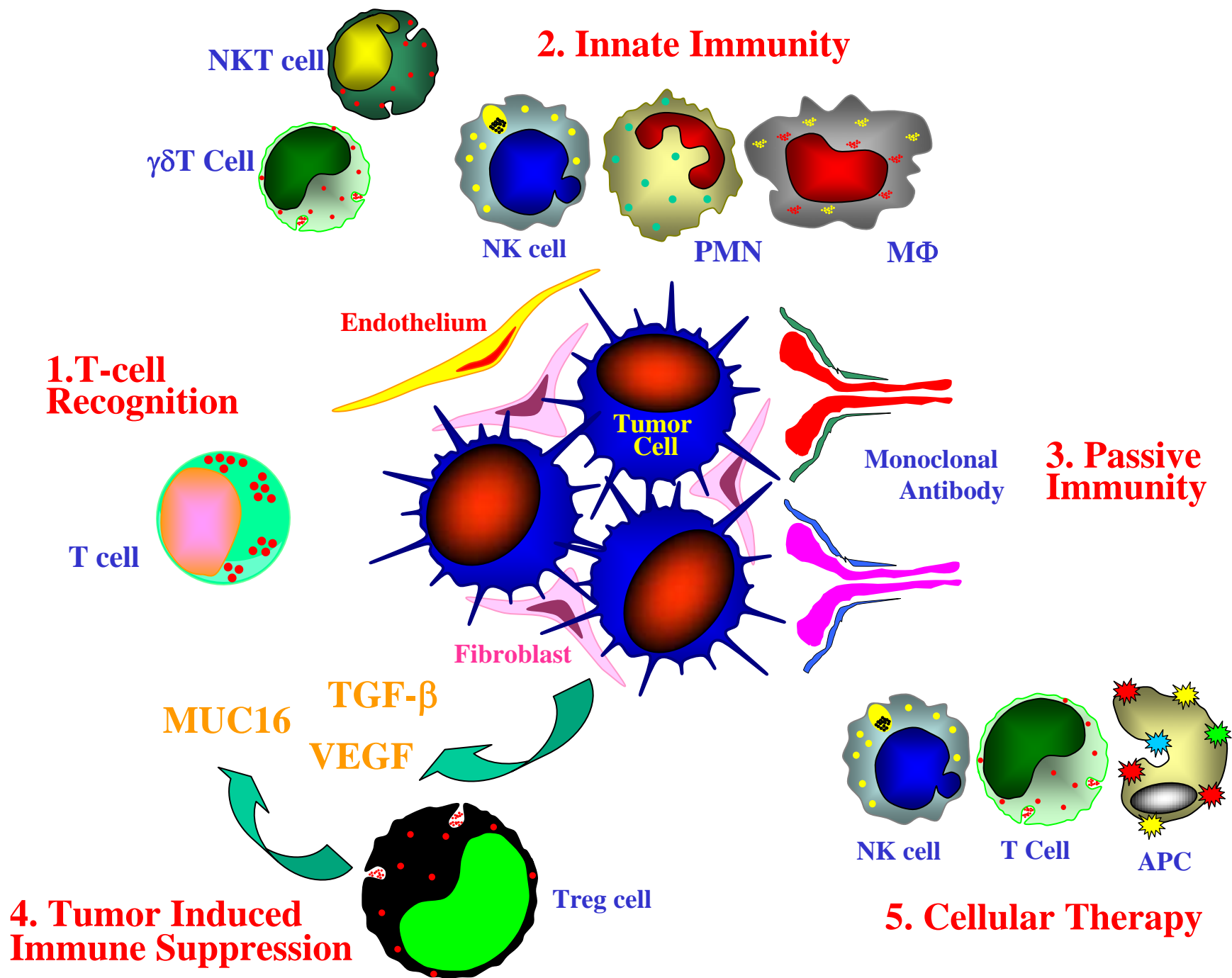
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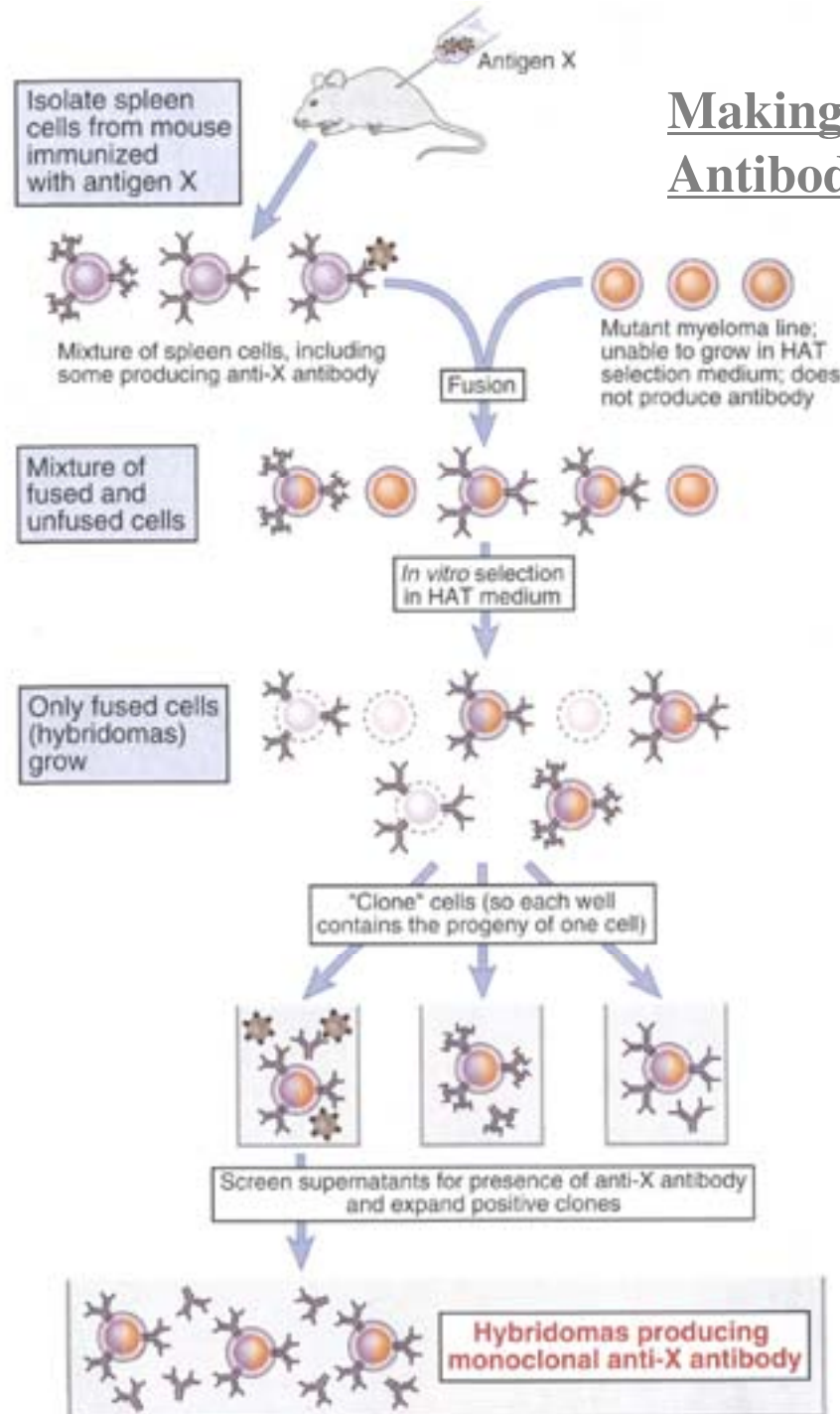
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## Making Monoclonal Antibody (mAb)



Abbas and  
Lichtman:2003

# **Underlying principle of mAb therapy**

**SELECTIVE recognition of  
tumor cells, but not most  
normal cells by therapeutic  
mAb**

# Clinically Relevant mAb target antigens

## LEUKEMIA

## SOLID TUMOR

CD-20

B

GD-2

NBL/Mel

CD-19

B

Her2

Breast

CD-5

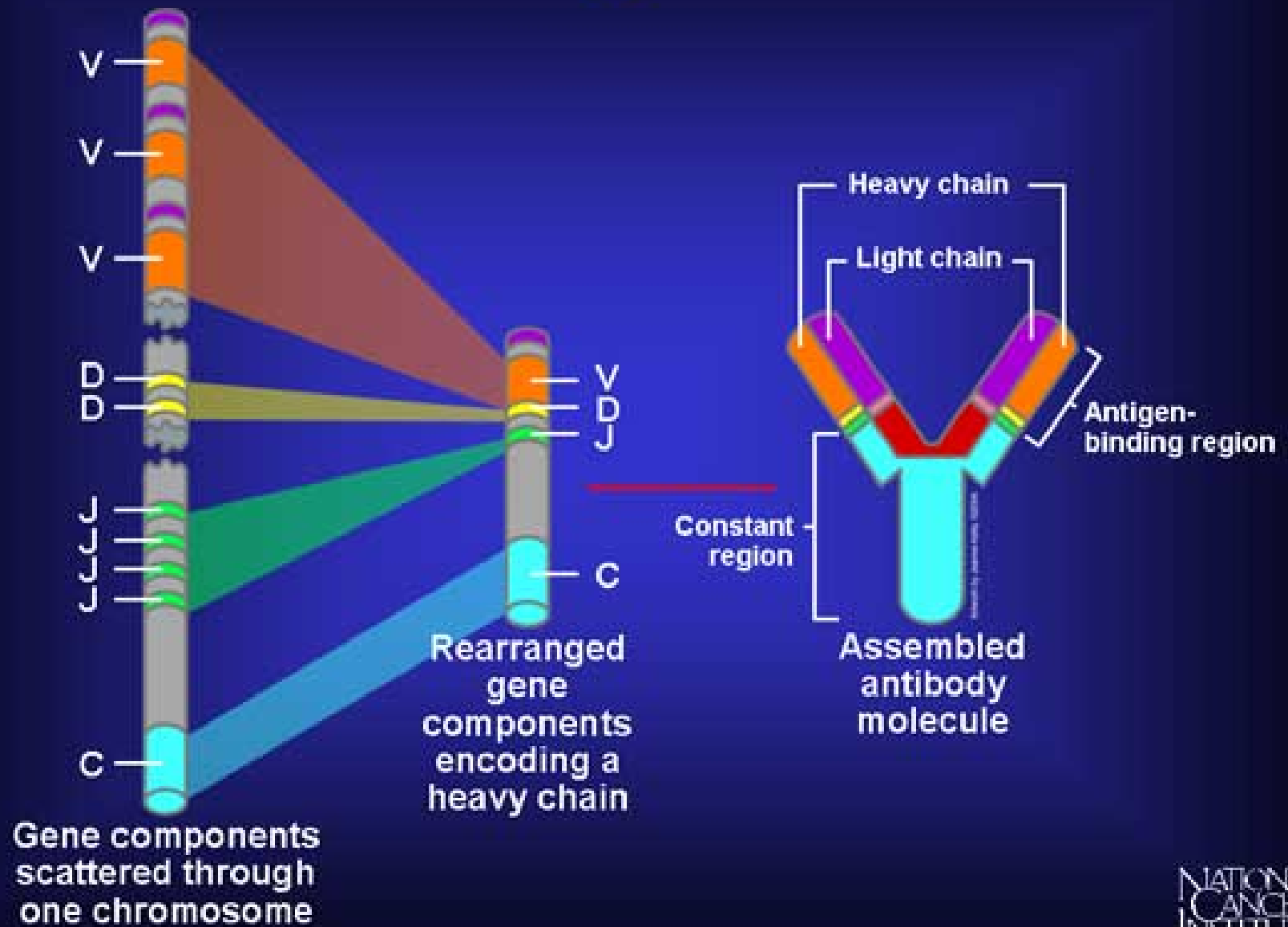
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# From Genes to Antibodies

## Antibody Genes



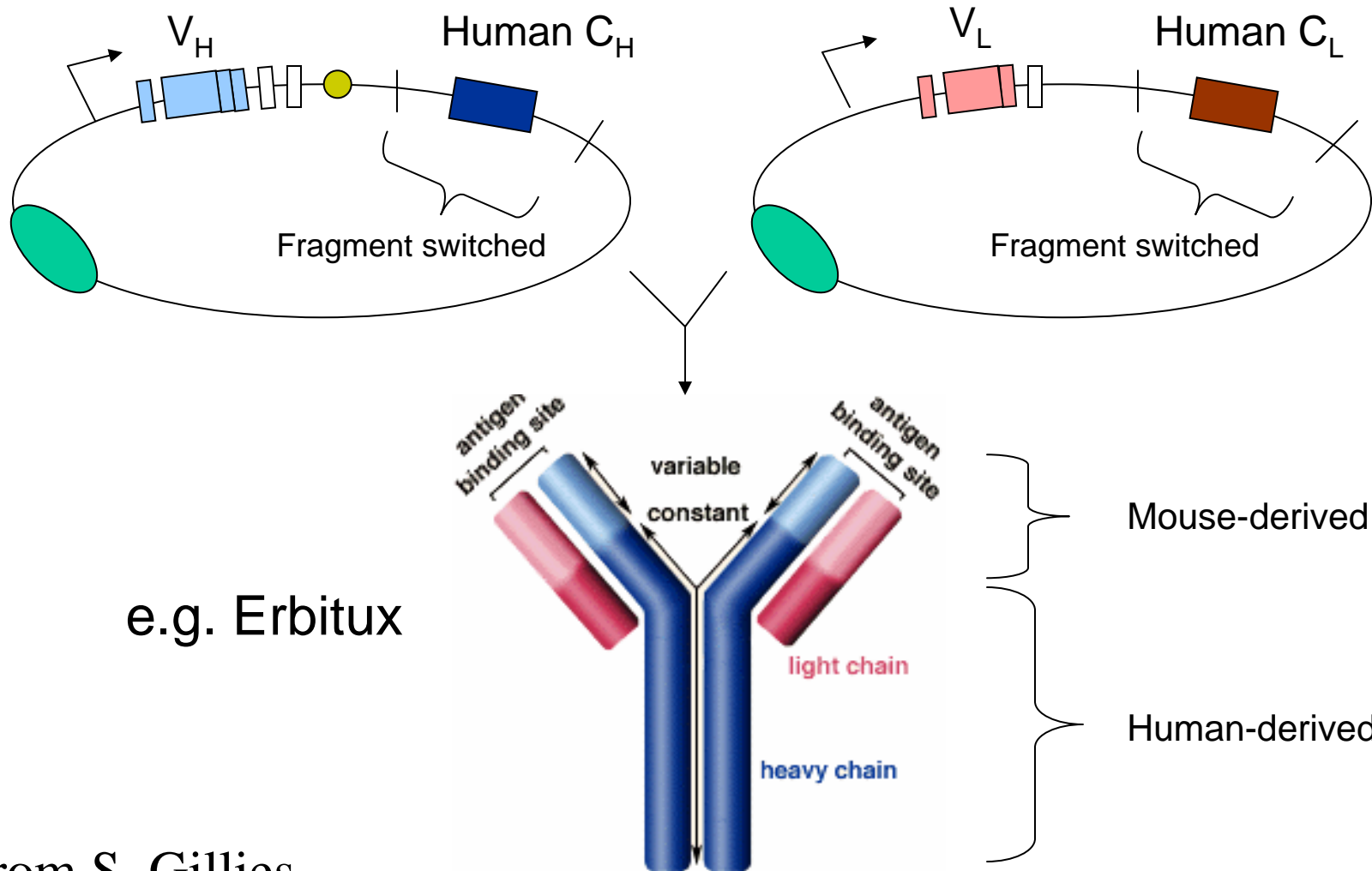
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# Antibody Engineering

- First step - development of monoclonal antibodies
  - Fusion of antibody-producing B cell with myeloma
  - Results in immortalized monospecific Ab-producing cell line
- Second step - ability to clone and re-express Abs
  - Initially done with cloned, rearranged genes from hybridomas
  - Parallel work with isolated Fab fragments in bacteria
- Third step - re-engineering for desired properties
  - Reducing immunogenicity of mouse antibodies
  - Tailoring size and half-life for specific need
  - Adding or removing functions
- Engineered diversity – phage display approach

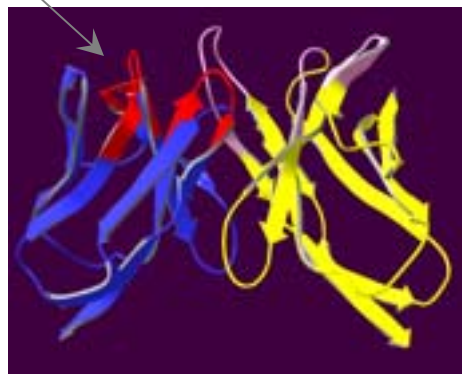
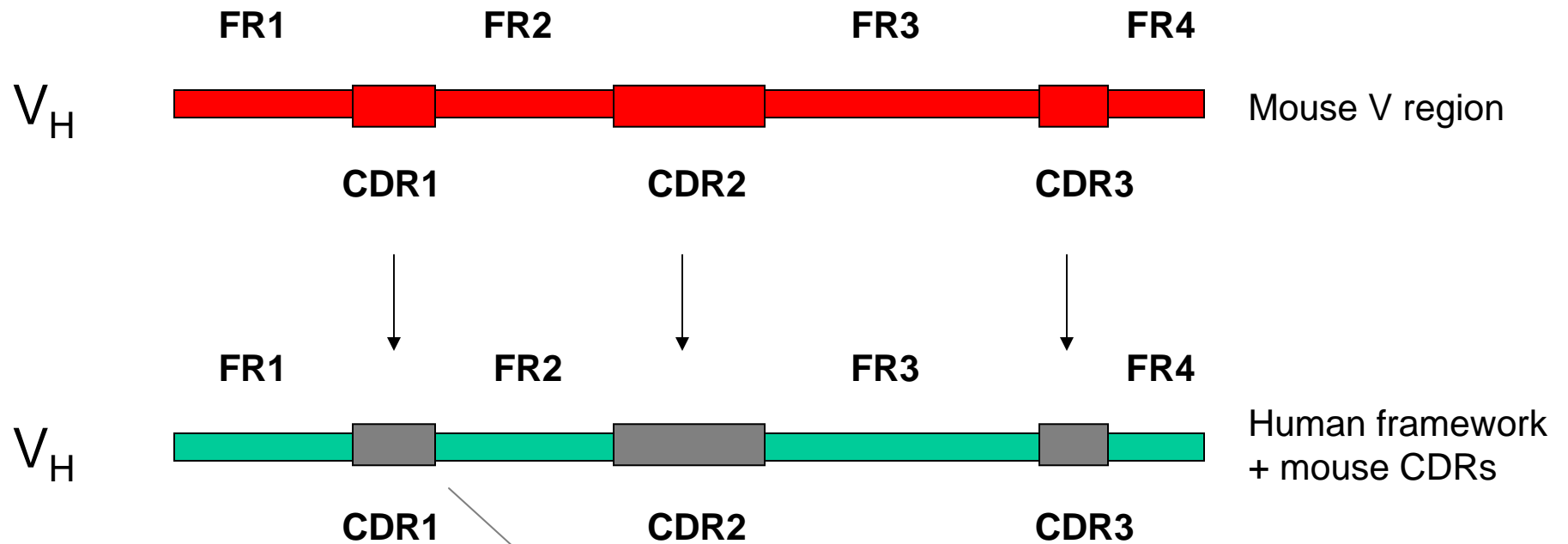


# Chimeric Mouse-human antibodies



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# V Region “humanization”

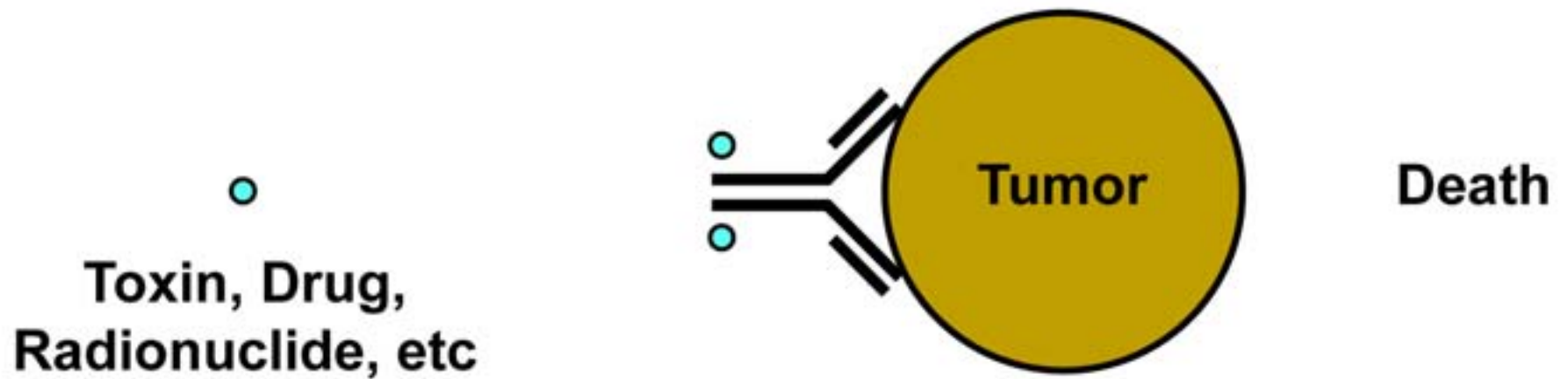


This approach has worked but often leads to mis-folding of CDRs requiring additional FR back-mutations

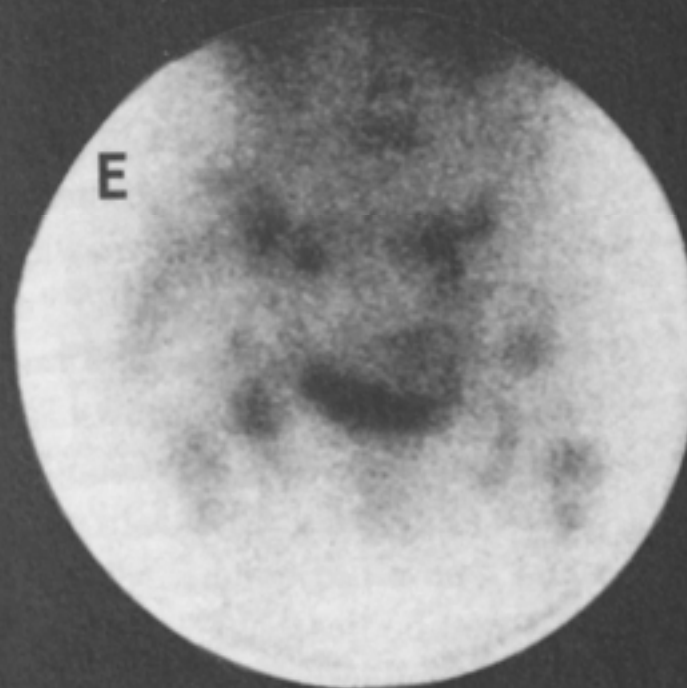
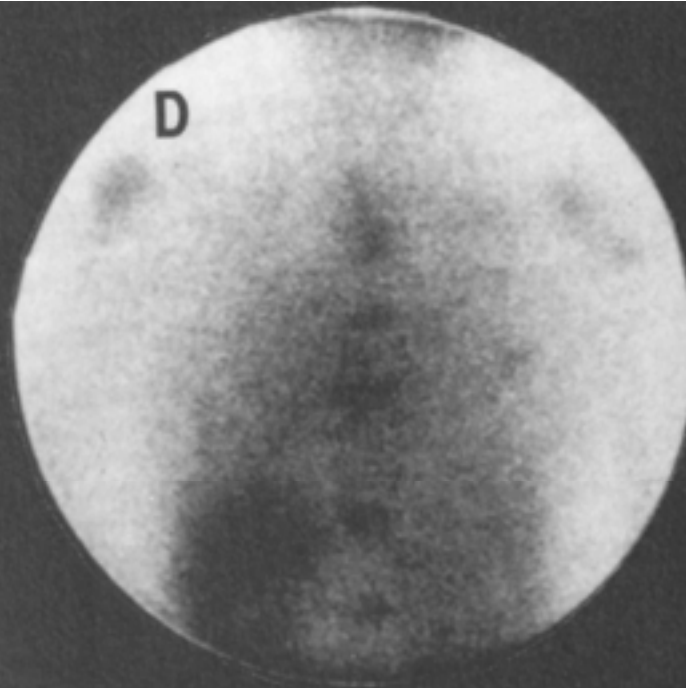
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# Mechanisms of mAb mediated anti-tumor effects

## **Delivery of Toxic Agent**

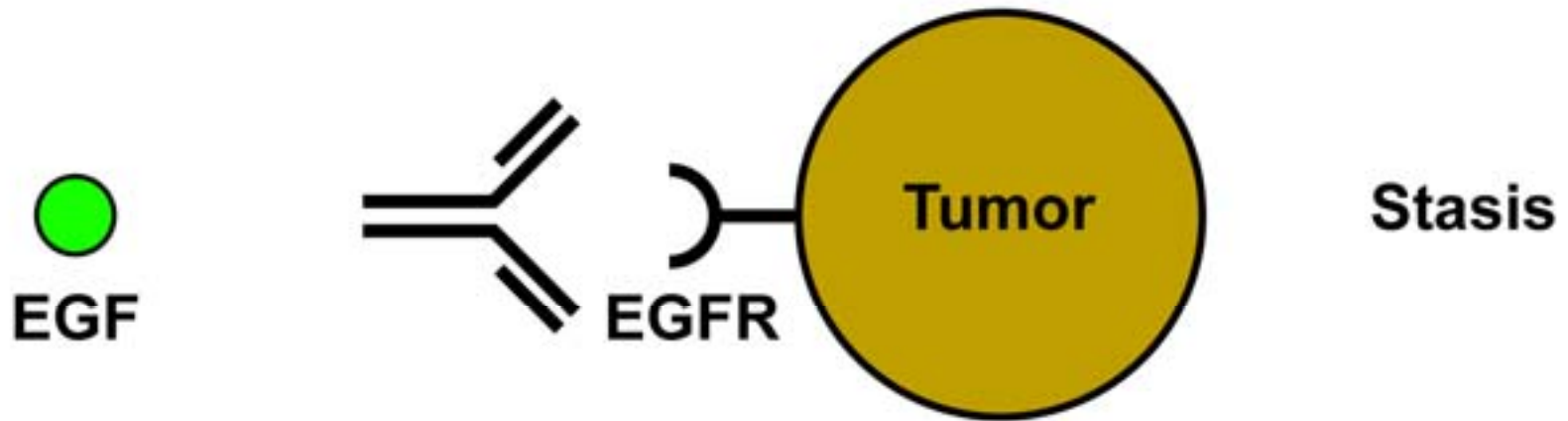


$^{131}\text{I}$ -3F8 binding  
to melanoma

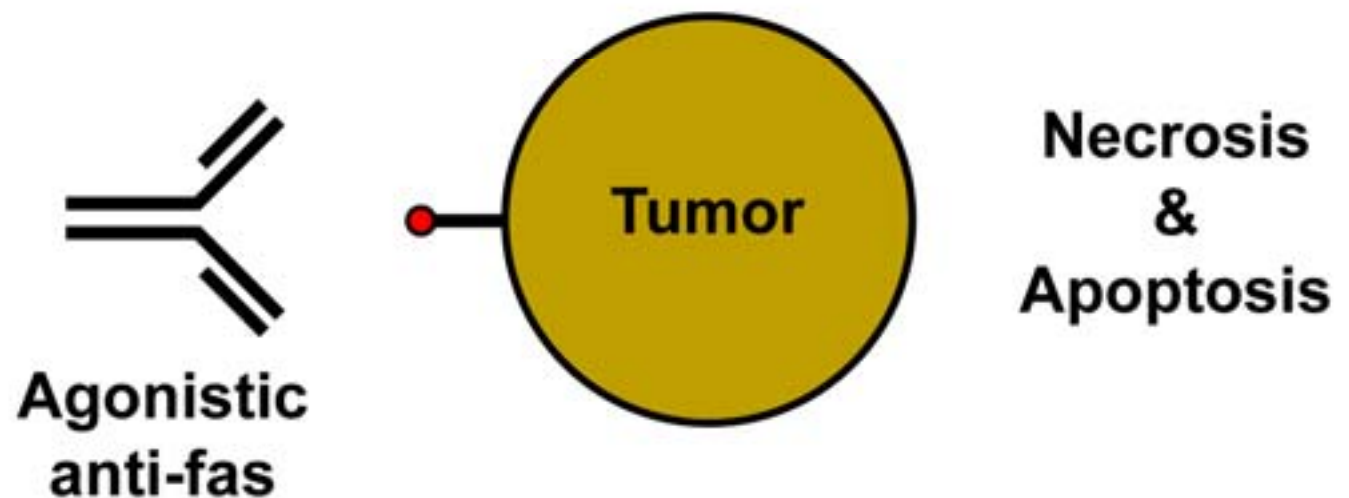


Cheung et al.  
Biol Ther. Of  
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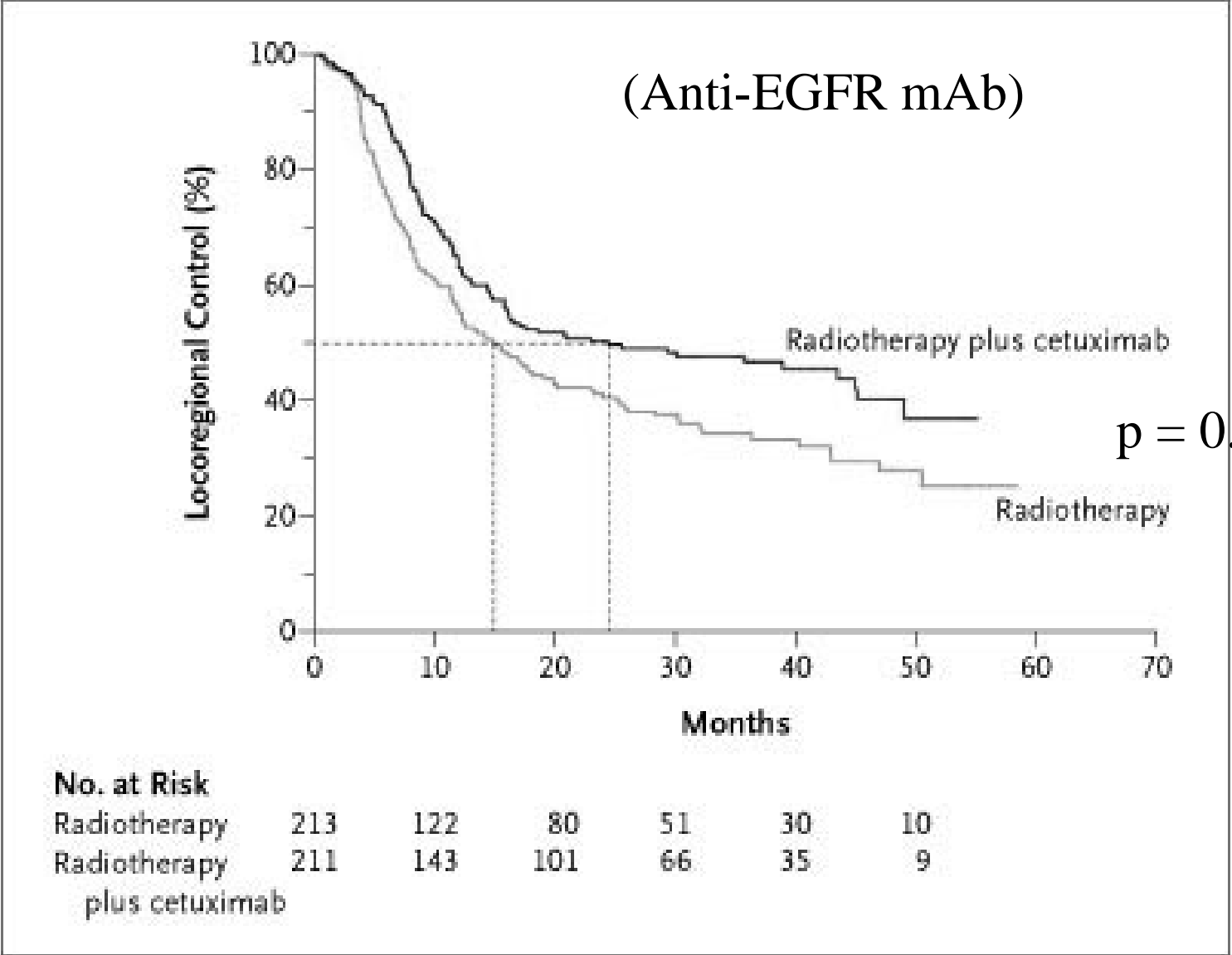
# Receptor Blockade



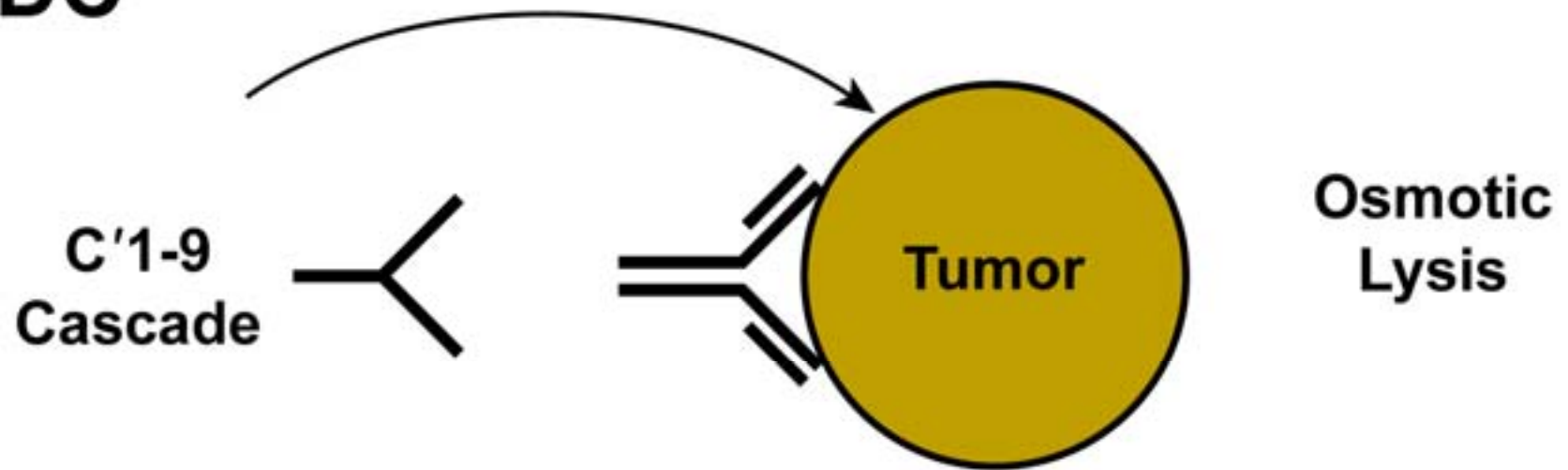
# Signal Activation



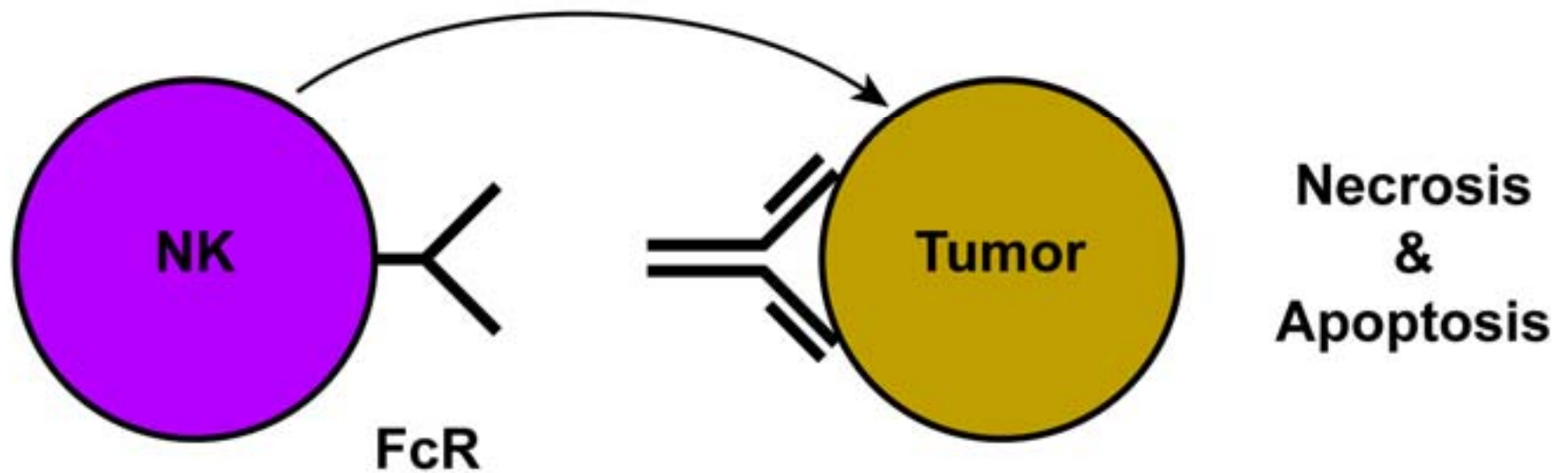
Bonner JA, Harari PM et al. Radiotherapy plus cetuximab for squamous-cell carcinoma of the head and neck. NEJM, 354:634, 2006



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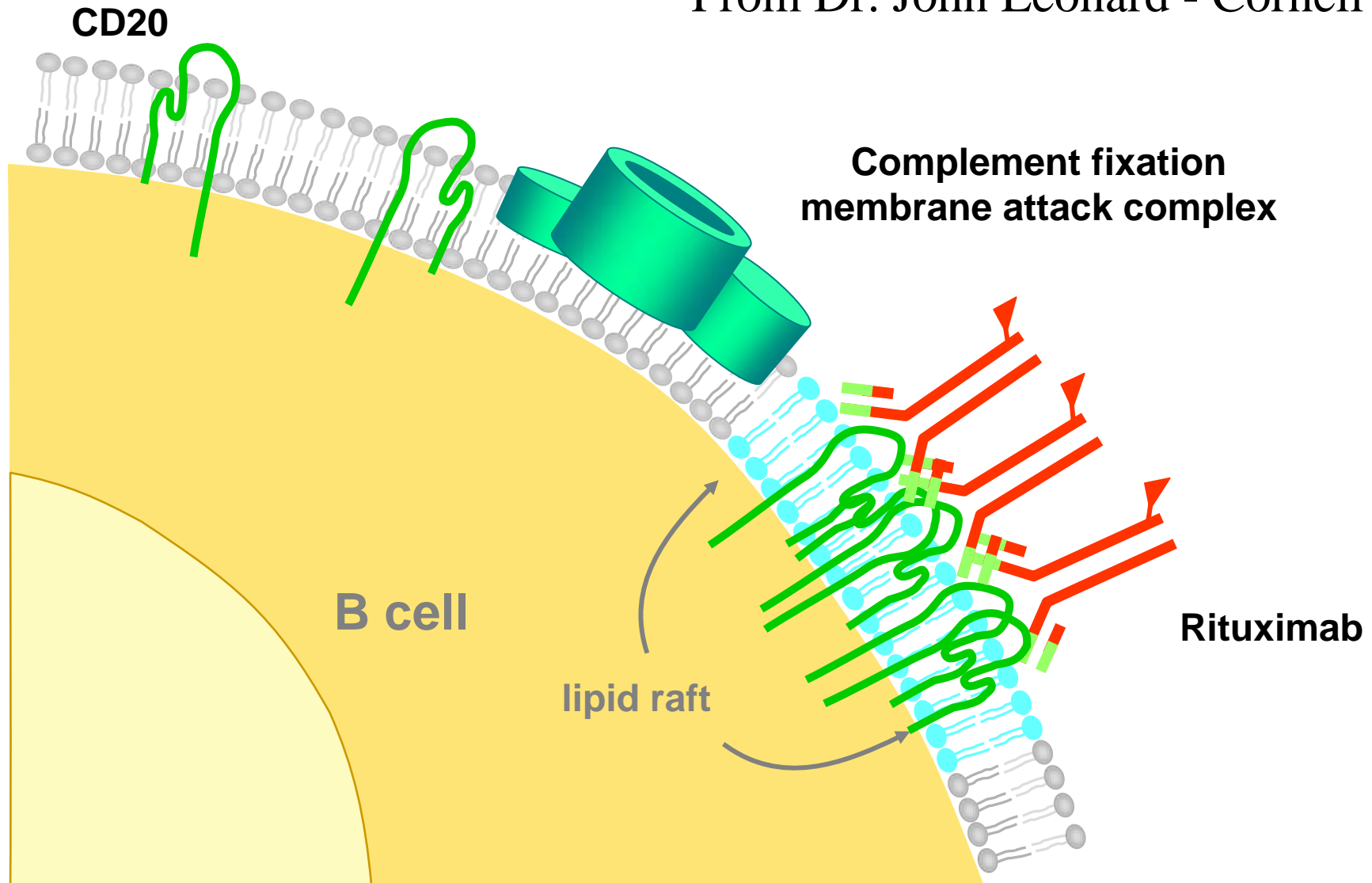


## ADCC



# Mechanisms of anti-CD20 therapy: CDC

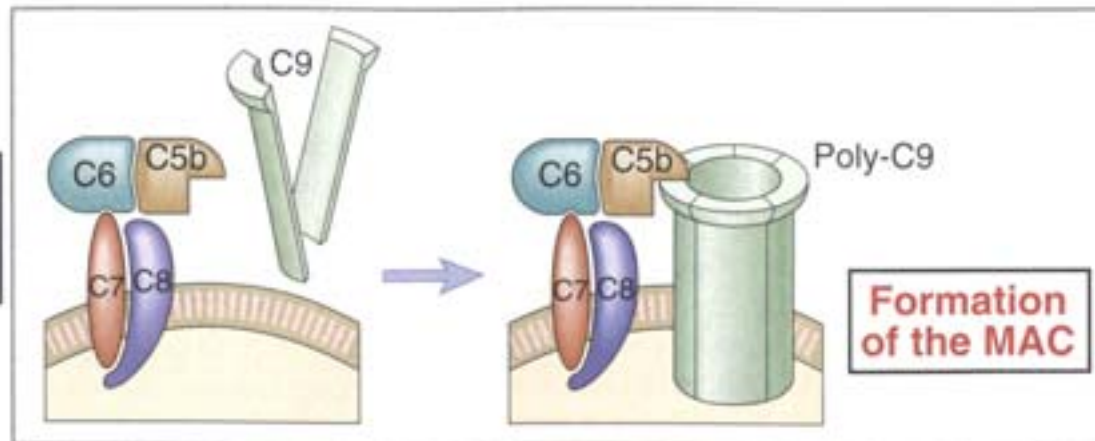
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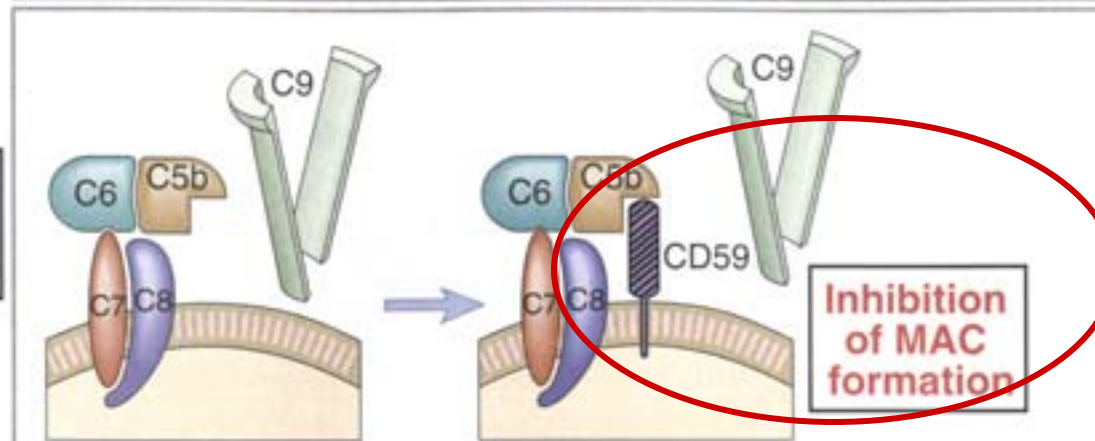


## CD59 and S protein Inhibit MAC

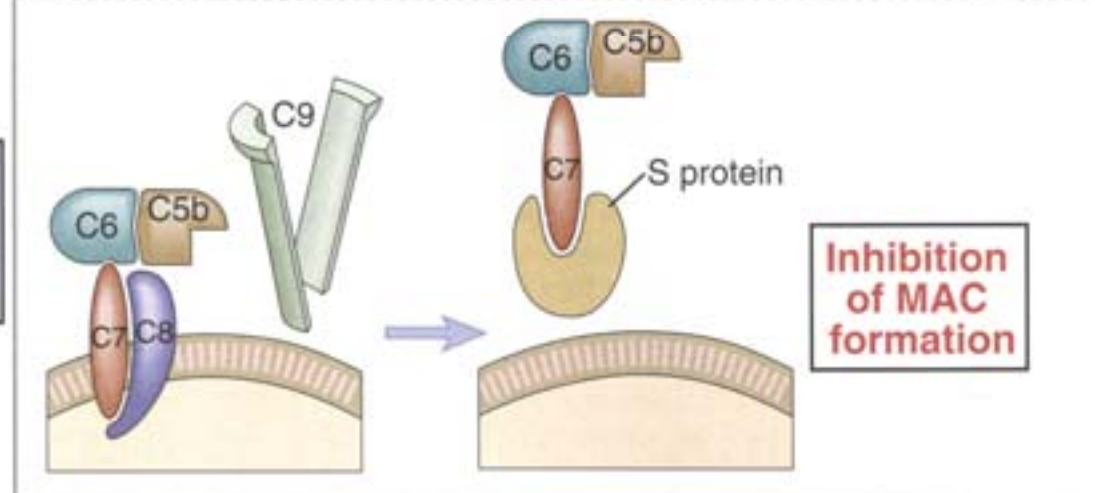
Activation of late  
components  
of complements



CD59 inhibits  
poly-C9  
assembly



S protein inhibits  
membrane  
insertion of  
C5b-C7



Abbas and Lichtman:  
2003

Complement mediated destruction is inhibited in vitro by CD59 (blocks MAC)

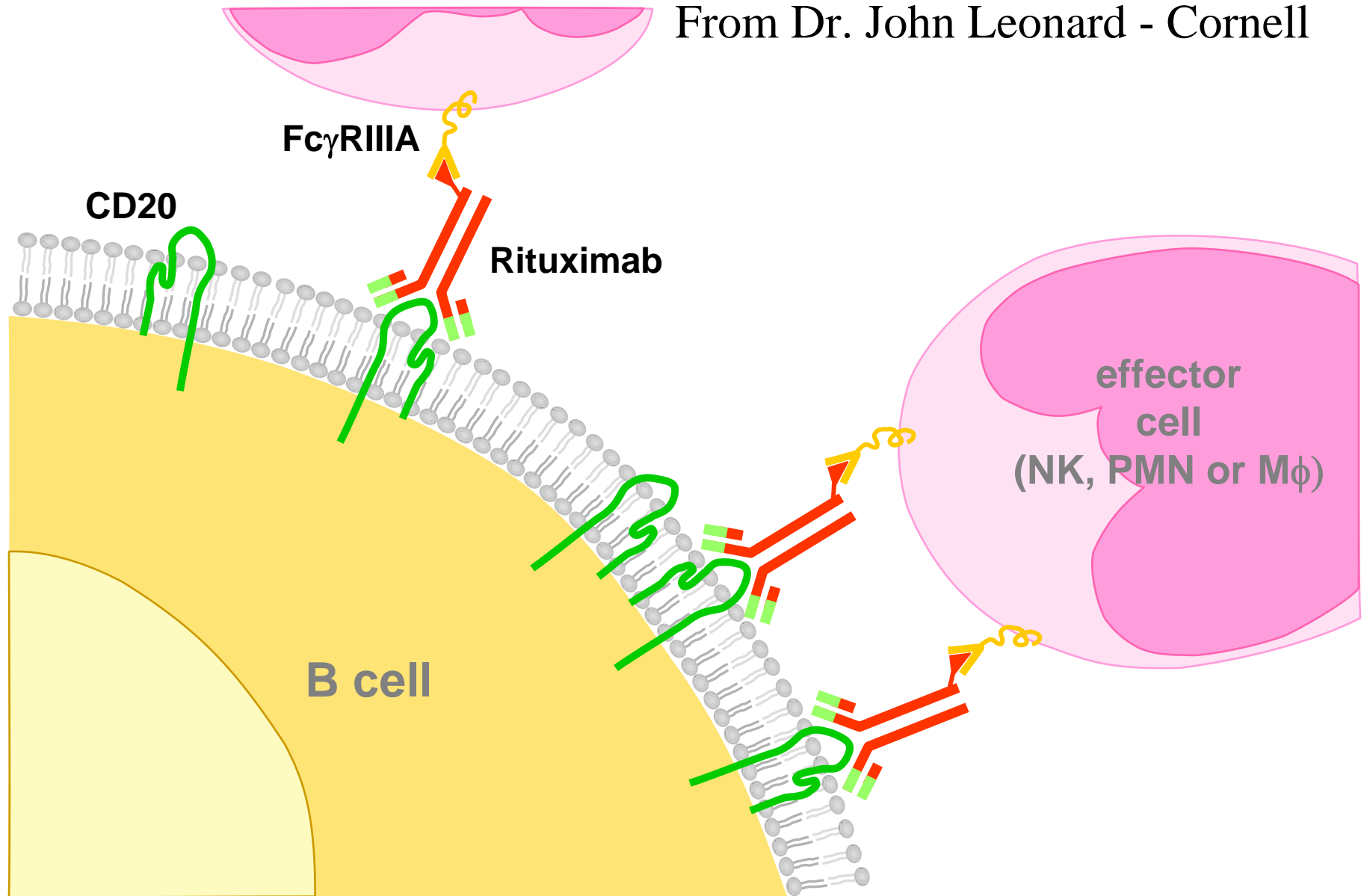
Tumor cell type	CD59	CD20	Viability	Viability
			Rituxan	Rituxan + C'
NHL	+++++	+++++	100%	90%
NHL	-	+++++	100%	0%

**BUT, there is no correlation in vivo with CD59 and Rituxan response!**

Treon et al . J. Immunother. 24:263, 2001

# Mechanisms of anti-CD20 therapy: ADCC

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# Human Fc $\gamma$ Receptor Family

Fc $\gamma$ RI

Fc $\gamma$ RIIA

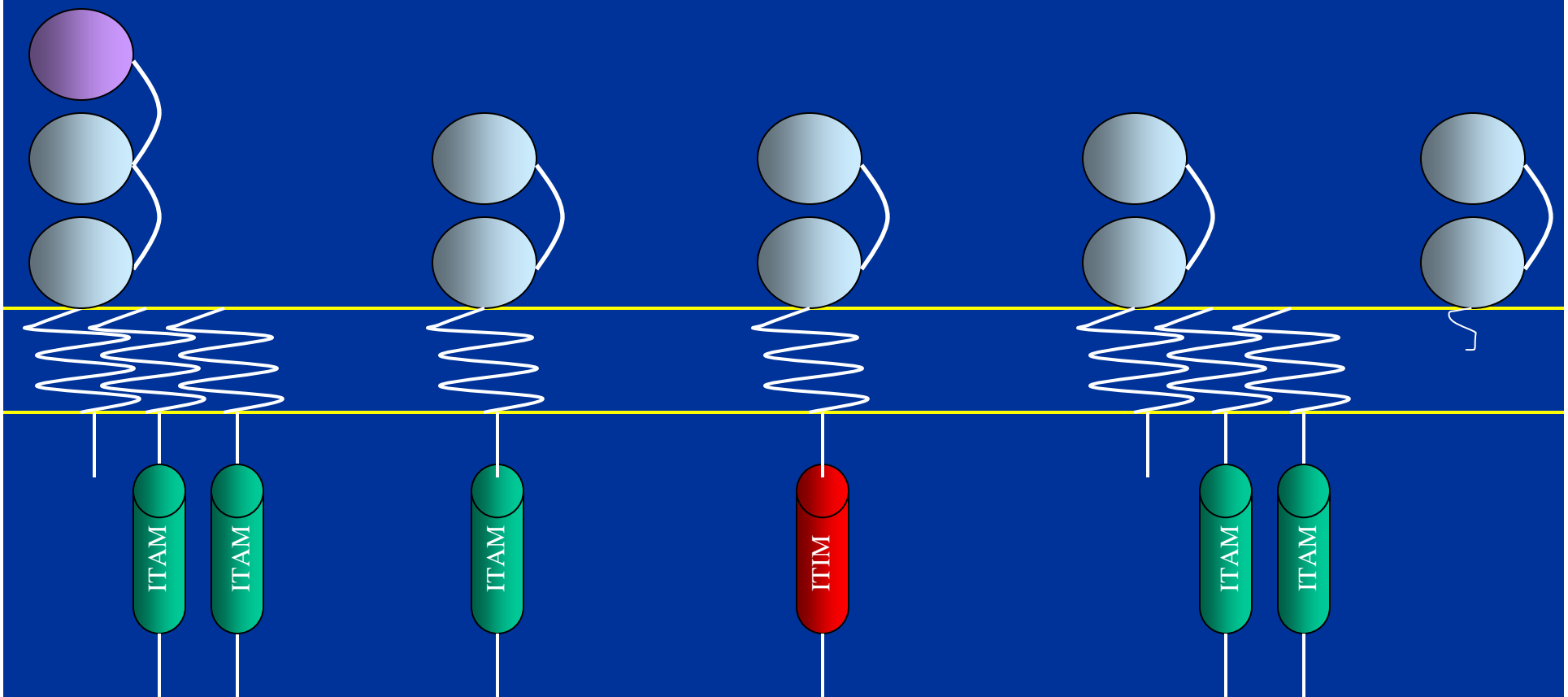
Fc $\gamma$ RIIB

Fc $\gamma$ RIIA

Fc $\gamma$ RIIB

CD32

CD16



Dr. R. Clynes – Columbia U

## 2 Major Types of Activating FcR for IgG

- Fc $\gamma$ RIIA (CD32)
- **Expressed on:**
  - Macrophages
  - PMNs
- **Functions:**
  - Phagocytosis
  - ADCC
- Fc $\gamma$ RIIIA (CD16)
- **Expressed on:**
  - NK Cells
- **Functions:**
  - ADCC

## Efficacy of FcR influences in vivo Rituxan Effects

### AA #158 of FcRIII

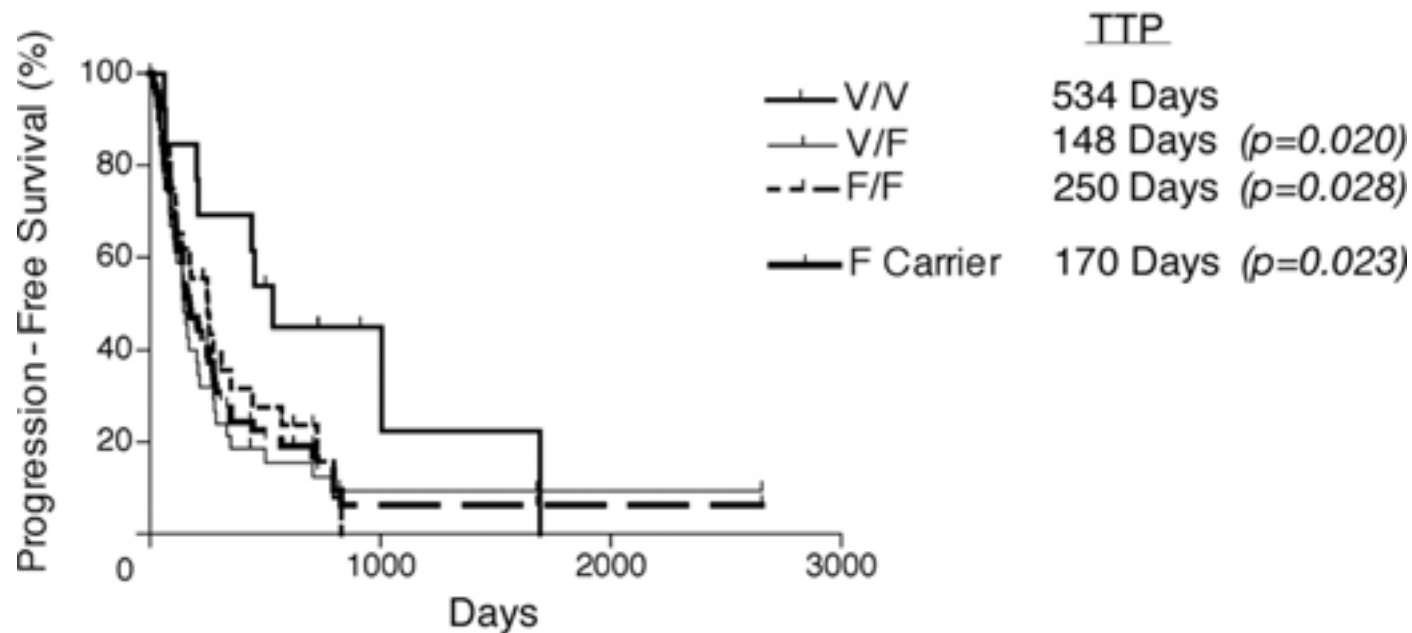
V → Higher Affinity for huIgG  
F → Lower Affinity

<u>Phenotype</u>	<i>In Vitro</i>	<u>Reponse Rate</u>	
	<u>ADCC</u>	<i>In Vivo</i> to Rituxan	
V/V	++++	++++	} p < .05
V/F	++	+	
F/F	+	+	

Cartron et al. Blood 99:754, 2002

# Importance of FcγRIIIA on NK cells in Rituxan Therapy

**Fig. 2**

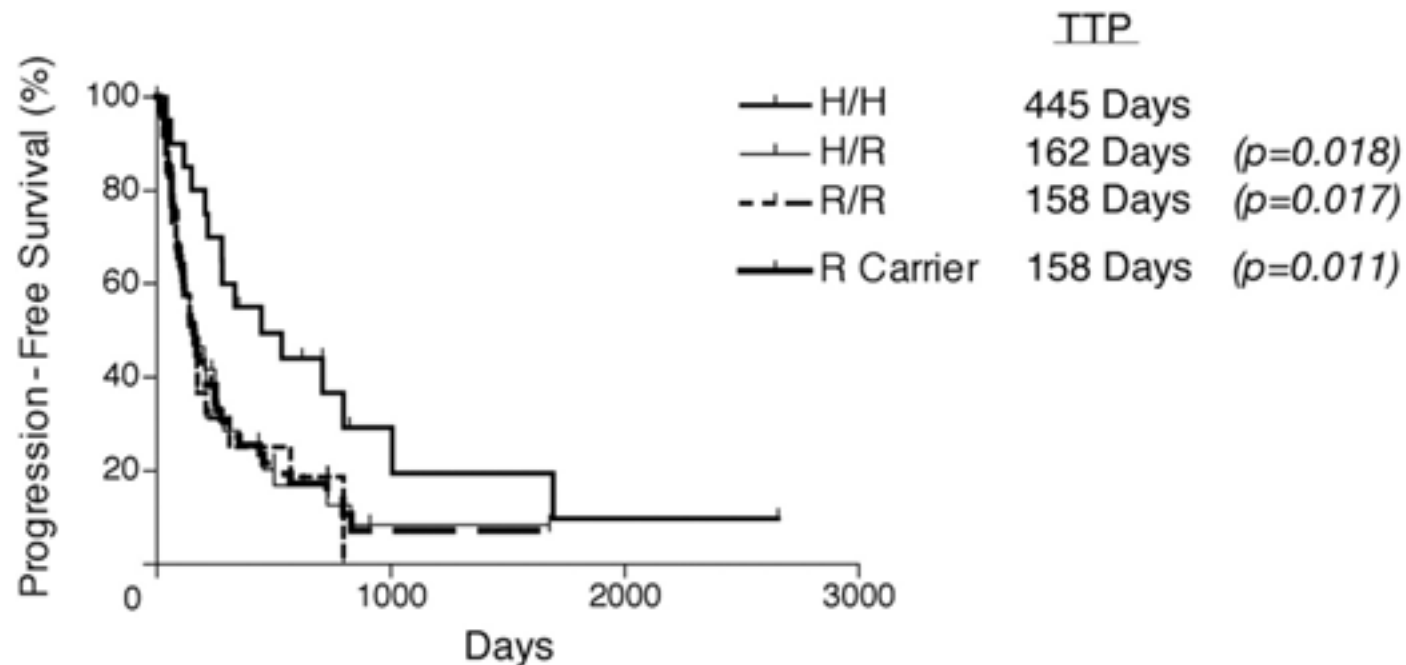


Weng, W.-K. et al. J Clin Oncol; 21:3940-3947 2003

**Kaplan-Meier estimates of progression-free survival by immunoglobulin G fragment C receptor IIIa (Fc RIIIa) 158 valine (V)/phenylalanine (F) polymorphism.**

# Importance of FcγRIIA on Mφs and PMNs cells in Rituxan Therapy

**Fig. 3**



Weng, W.-K. et al. J Clin Oncol; 21:3940-3947 2003

**Kaplan-Meier estimates of progression-free survival (PFS) by immunoglobulin G fragment C receptor IIa (Fc RIIa) 131 histidine (H)/arginine (R) polymorphism.**



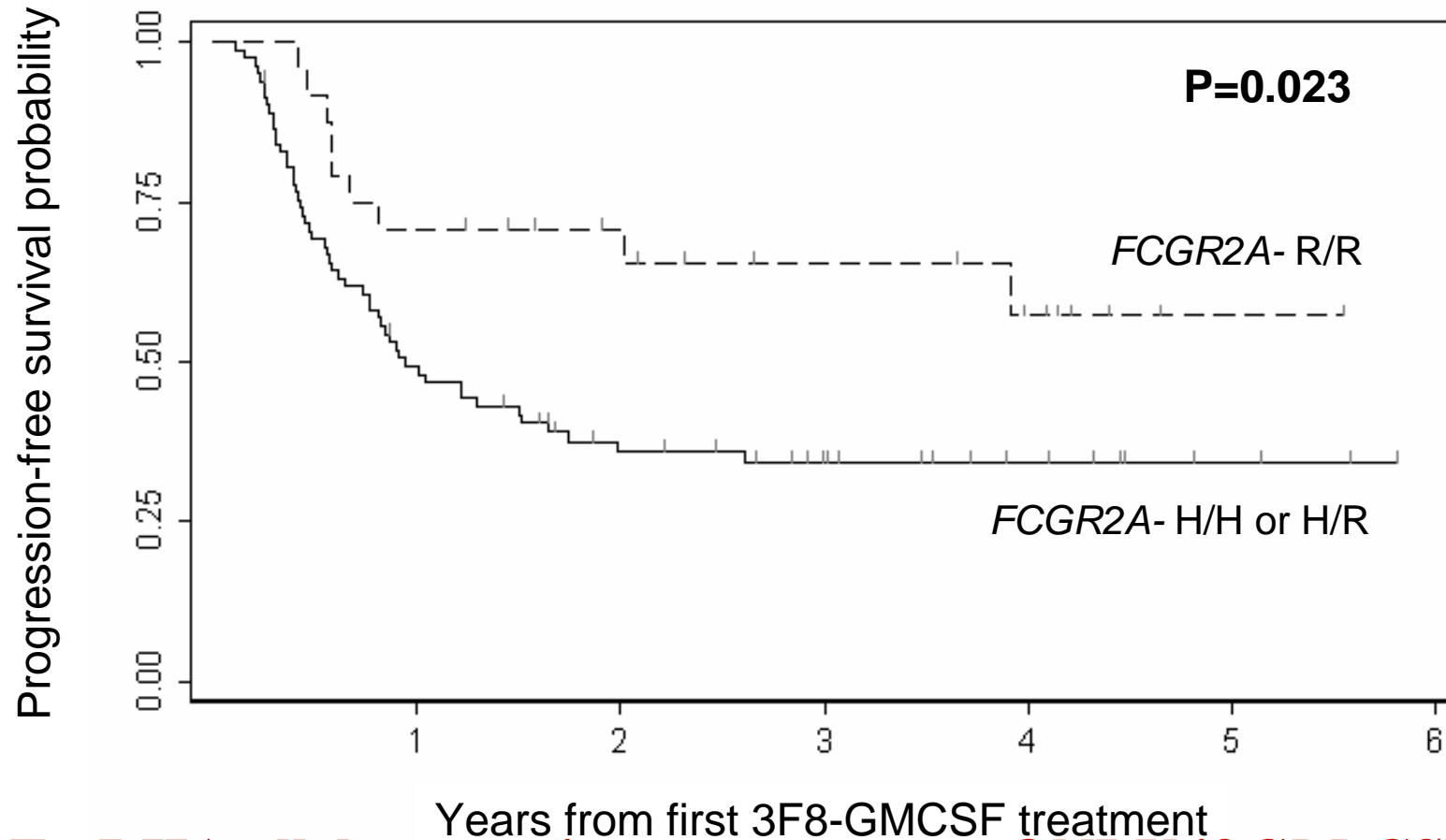
## Activate cells with FcγRIIA (PMNs and Mφs) with GM-CSF

- Treat with murine anti-GD2 mAb (3F8 or ch14.18) AND GM-CSF
- 3F8 is a murine IgG3 mAb:
- Murine IgG3 mAb binds better to the FcγRIIA-R131 than to the FcγRIIA-H131 allele
- Does the FcγRIIA allele status impact on outcome?

Cheung et al, JCO, 24:2885, 2006

MSKCC-IRB#9418, N=106, high-risk NB, no h/o prior relapse

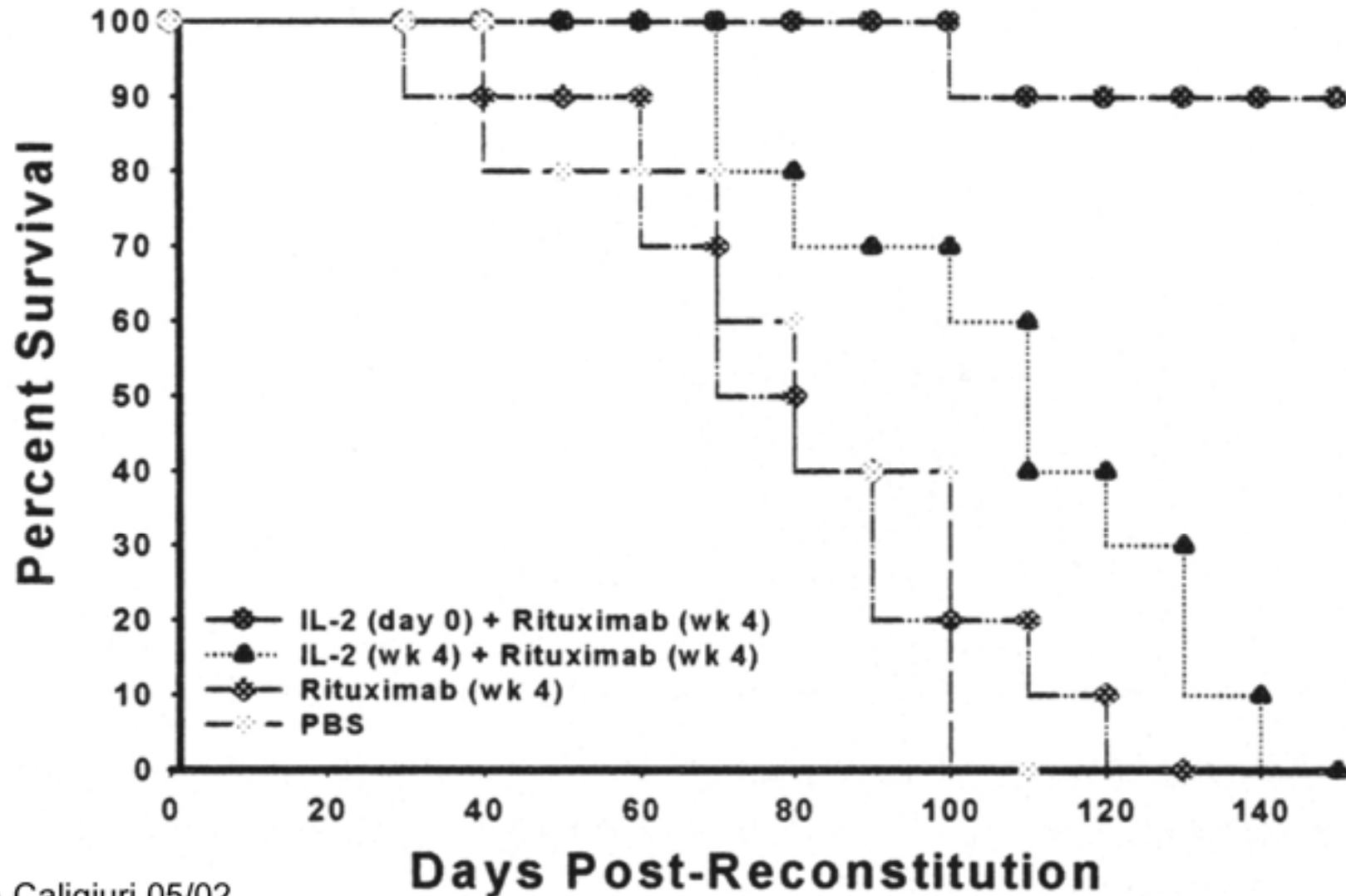
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**The FcγRIIA allele status impacts outcome ONLY if GM-CSF is given (based on historical controls receiving 3F8 without GM-CSF).**

## Activate NK cells to mediate ADCC

### In Vivo IL-2/Rituximab Trial



# CCG-0935/0935A-

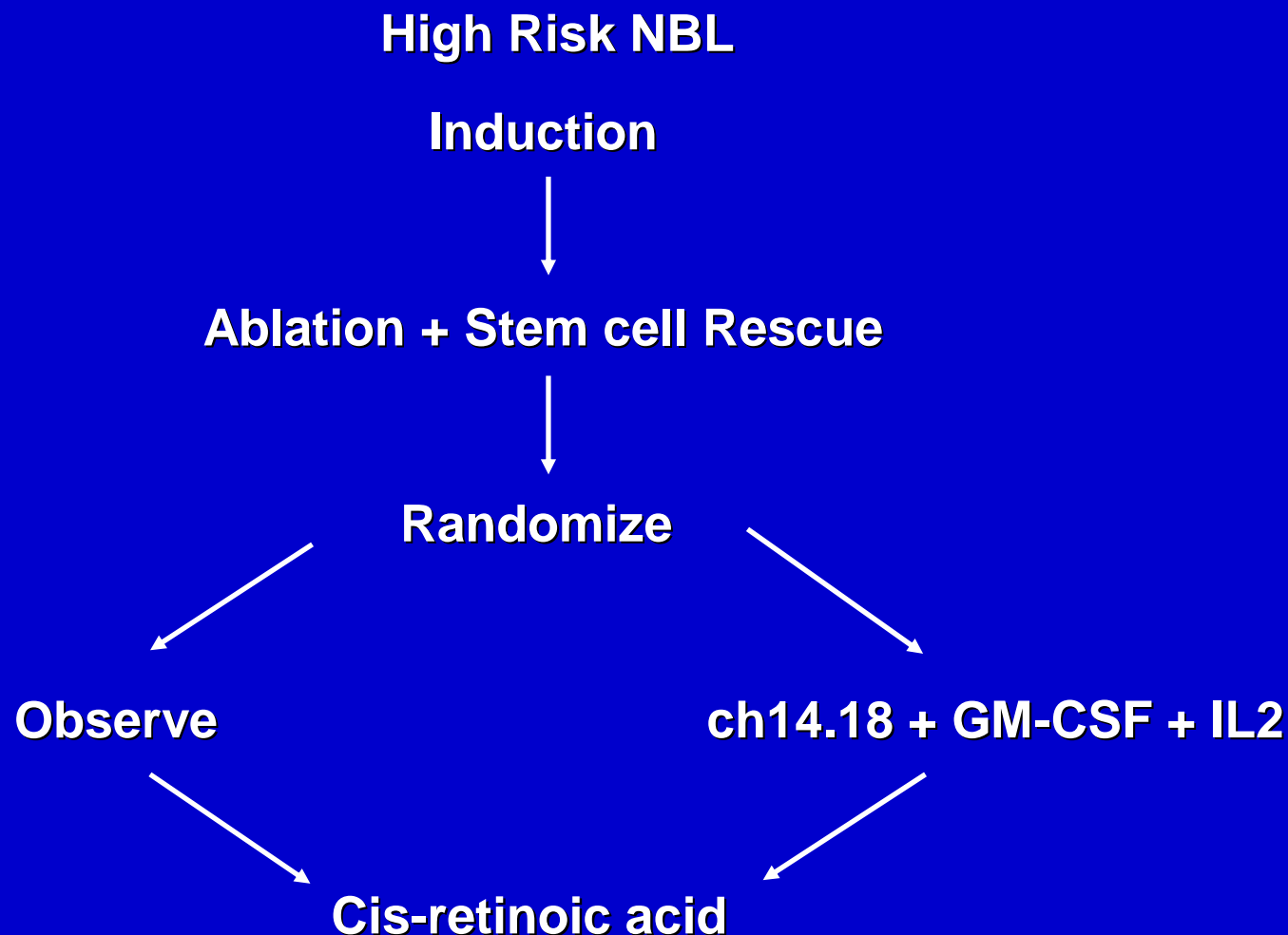
## Pilot Phase-I study of ch14.18 + IL2 + GM-CSF following ABMT for NBL

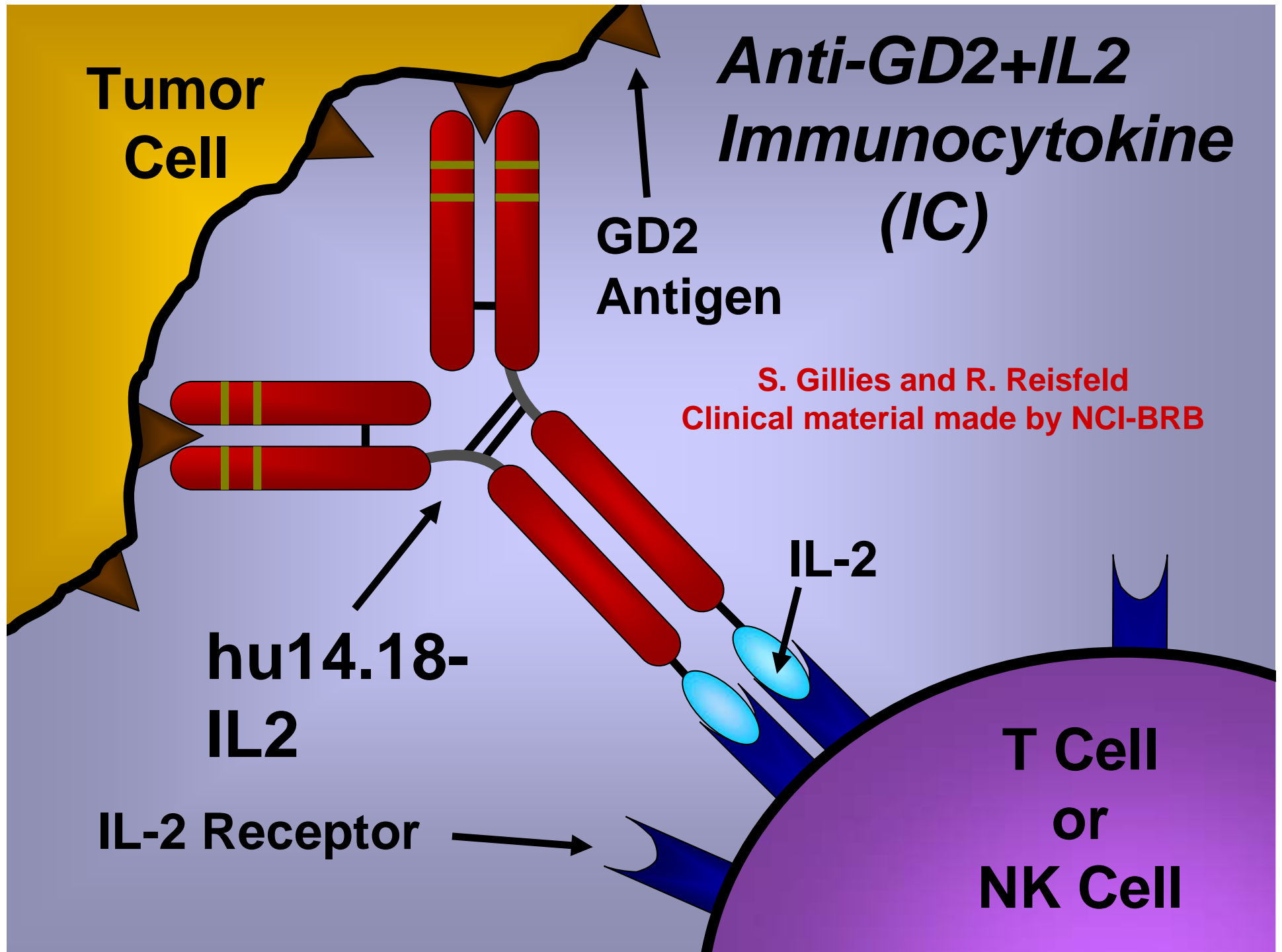
- Day 0 ABMT
- Day 35 Ch14.18 + GM-CSF
- Day 56 Ch14.18 + IL2
- Day 77 Ch14.18 + GM-CSF
- Day 98 Ch14.18 + IL2
- Day 119 Ch 14.18 + GM-CSF
  - Ozkaynak et al JCO 18:4077, 2000
  - Gilman et al, Submitted 2007

# Schema: C.O.G. NBL Study ANBL0032

(2002)- A. Yu Chair

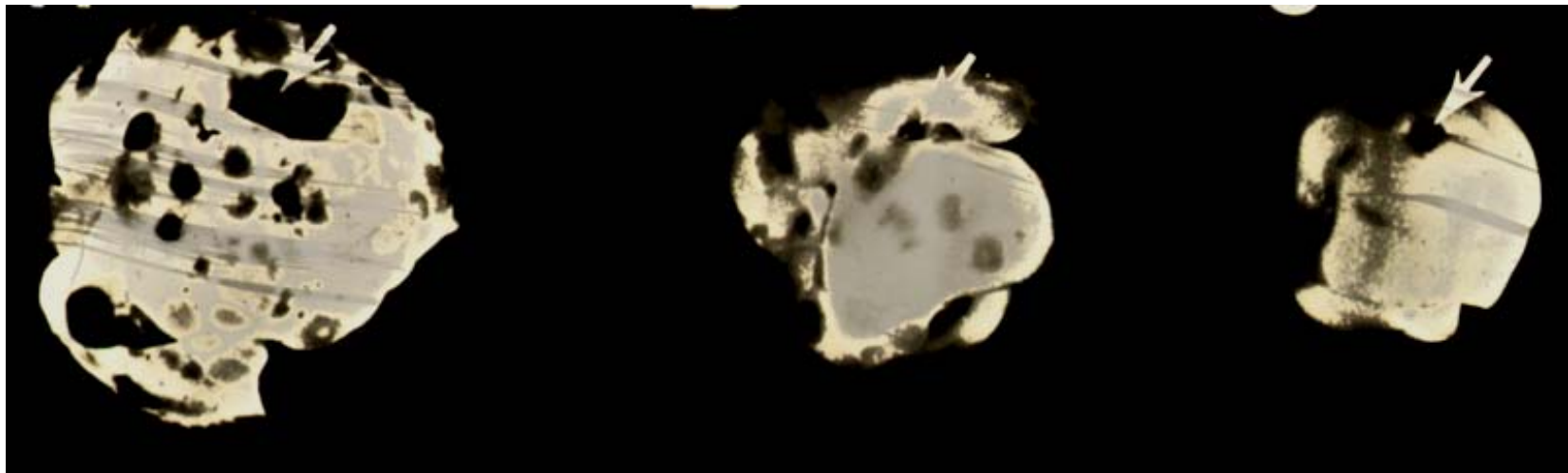
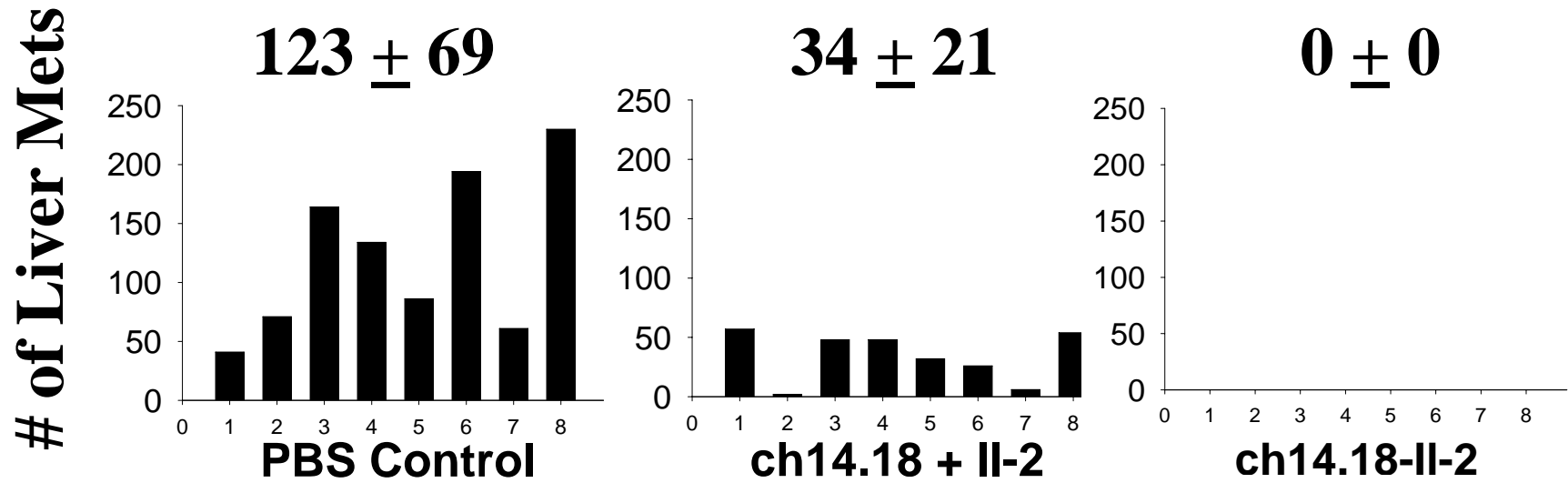
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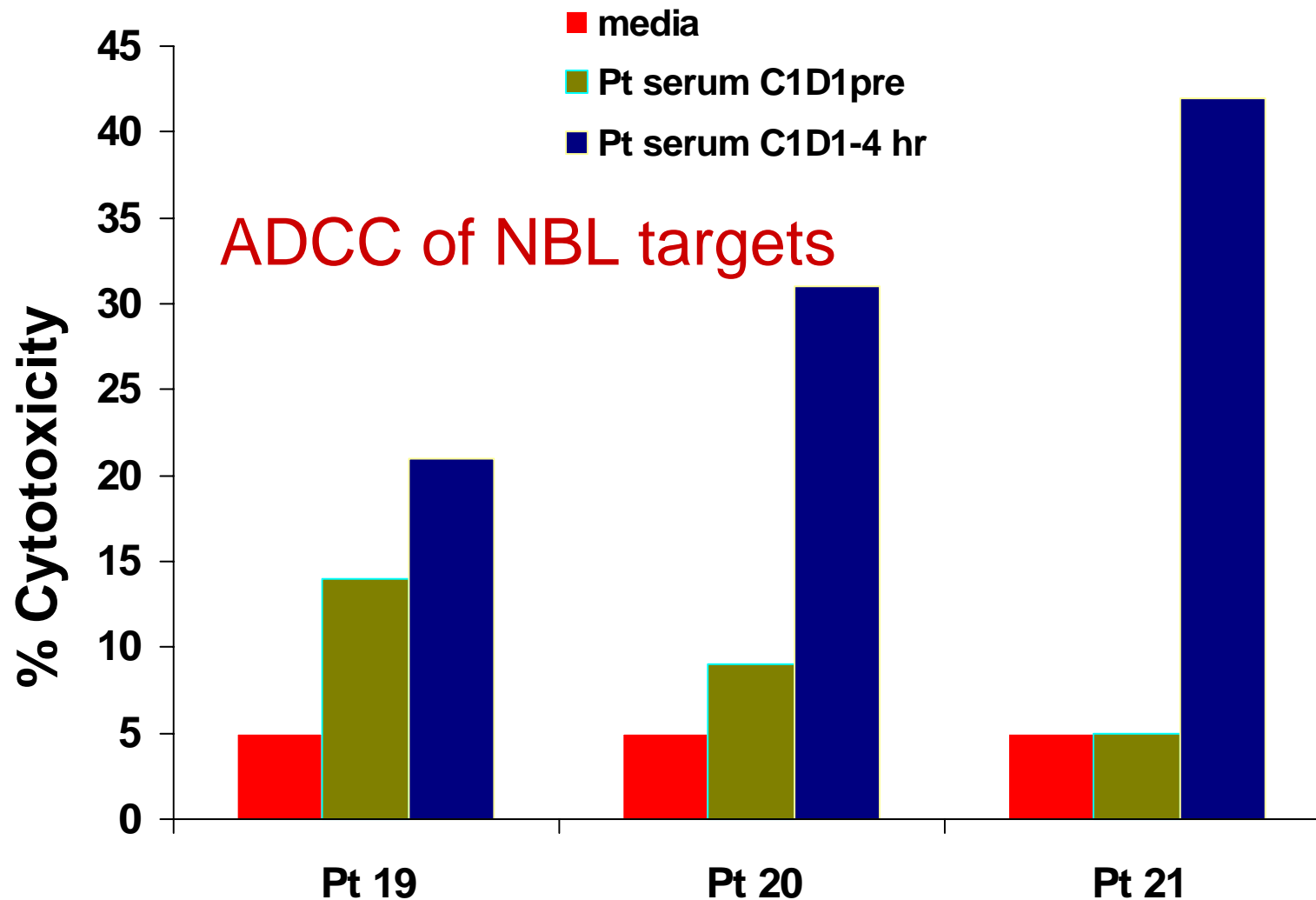


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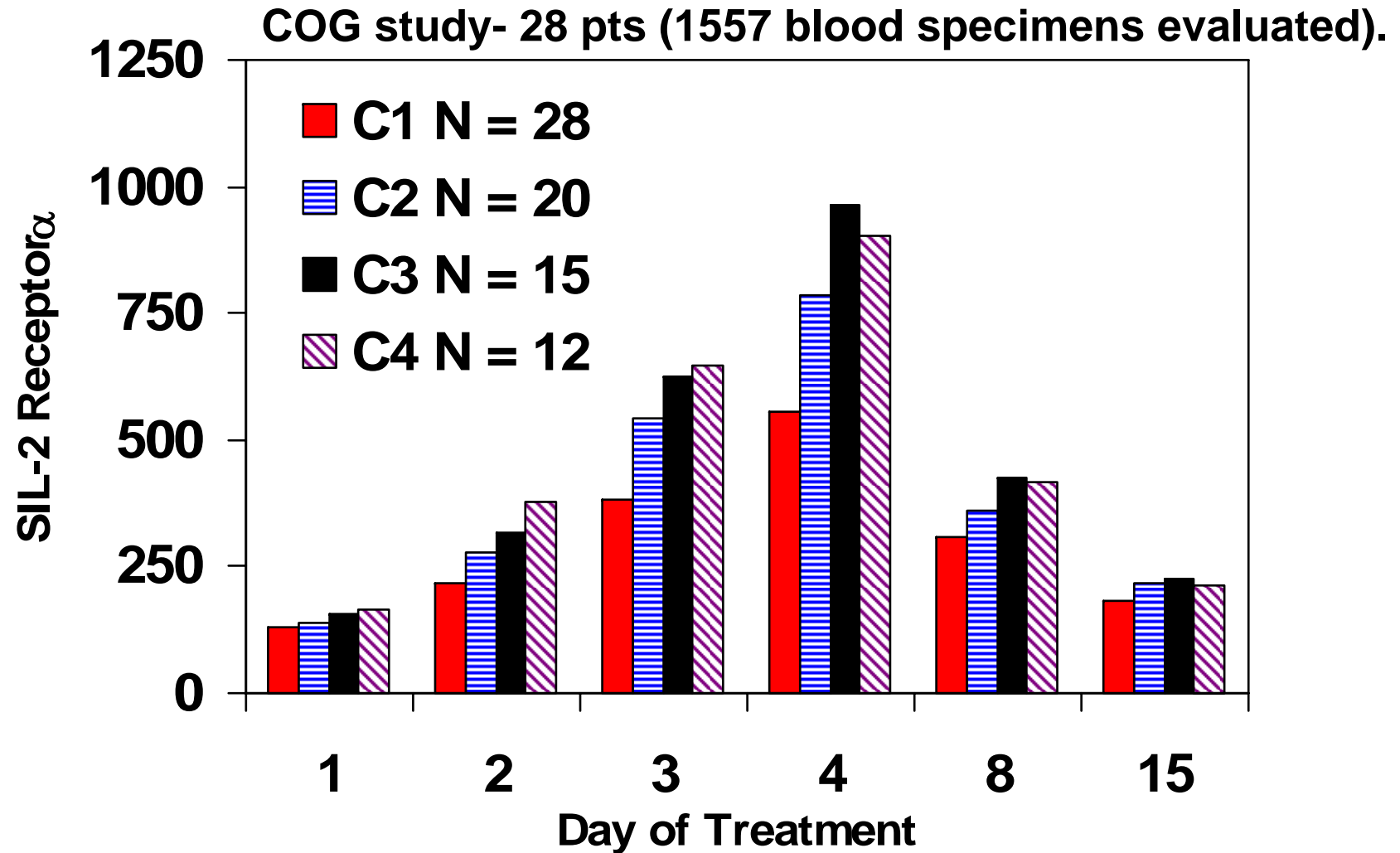


## Assays with Patient Effectors (C1D8) And Serum Pre and Post hu14.18-IL2 Infusion (1144 Blood samples from 33pts)



King DM, Albertini MR, Schalch H, Hank JA, Surfus J, Mahvi D, Schiller JH, Warner T, Kim KM, Eickhoff J, Kendra K, Reisfeld R, Gillies SD, Sondel PM. J.Clin.Onc. 22:4463,2004





Soluble IL-2 receptor  $\alpha$  level determined on days 1,2,3,4,8 and 15 of each course.

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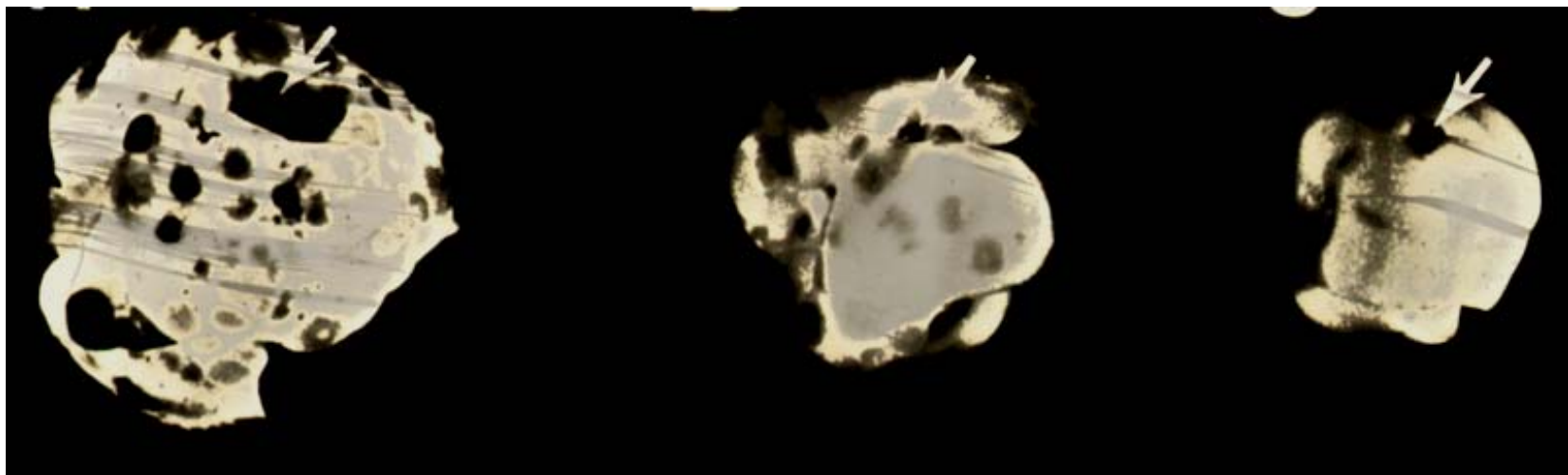
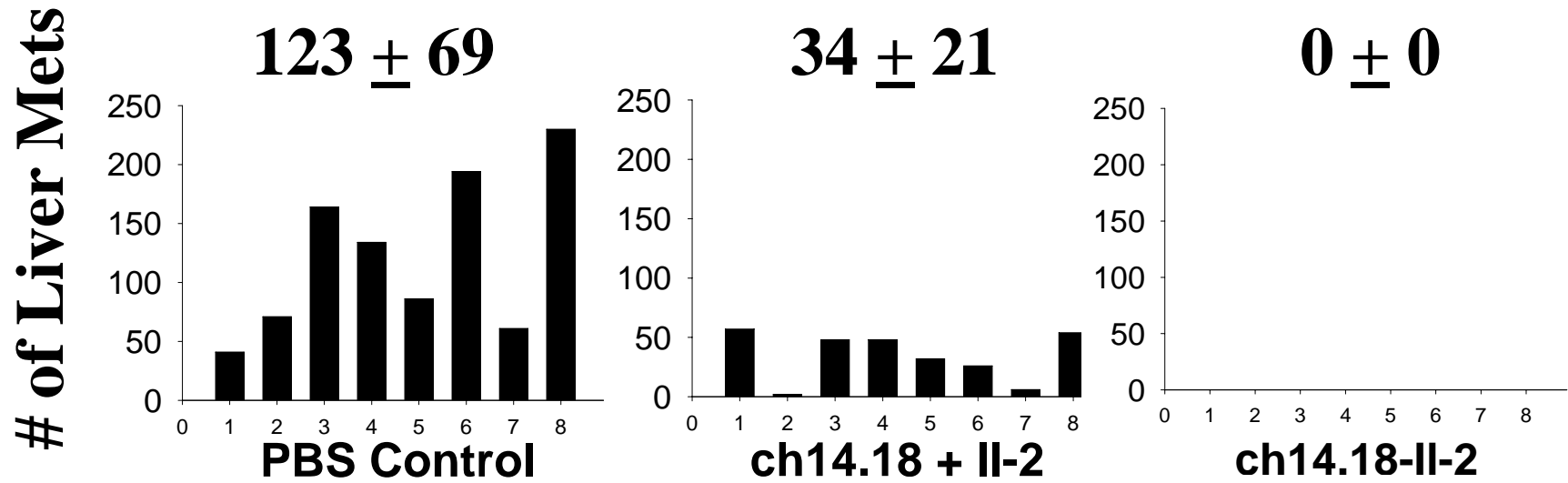
# **Conclusions from Phase I Trials**

## **hu14.18-IL2**

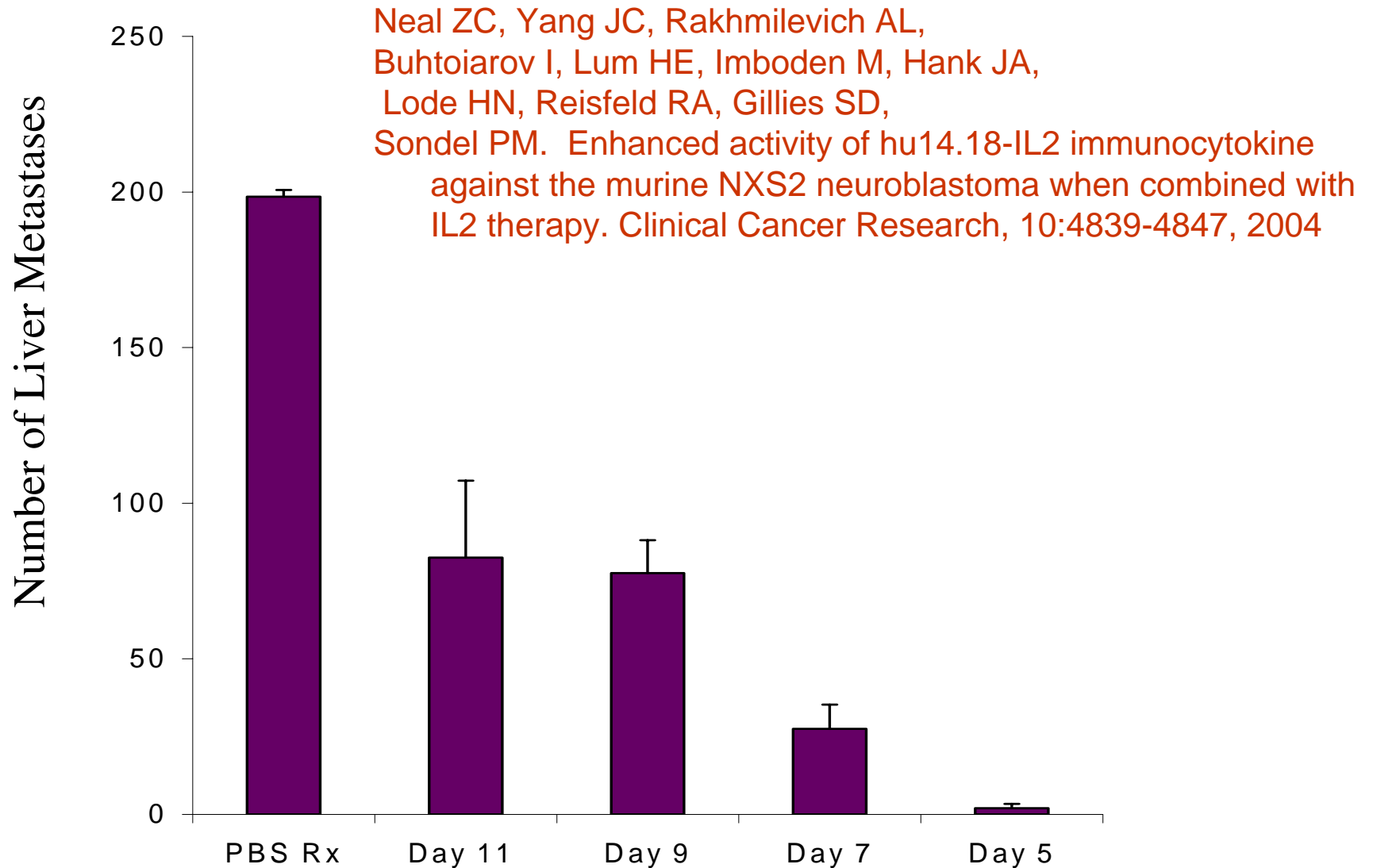
- **Dose, Schedule and MTD with acceptable toxicity found in pts. with NBL and MEL.**
- **MTD in children with NBL (heavily pretreated with chemo) is higher than MTD in adults, as expected. Similar PK.**
- **Hu14.18-IL2 induces immune activation in vivo (PBL, sIL2R, ADCC).**

# Efficacy of ch14.18-IL2 Immunocytokine against Murine Neuroblastoma Liver Metastases

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## Hu14.18-IL2 Efficacy: Dependence on Minimal Tumor Status



hu14.18-IL2 (10ug/d) for 5 days starting on day 5, 7, 9, or 11 following  $5 \times 10^5$  NXS2 cells injected on day 0, and harvested on day 28.

**ANBL0322:**  
**A Phase II Trial of the**  
**HU14.18-IL2 Fusion Protein in**  
**Children with Refractory**  
**Neuroblastoma**

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# ANBL0322 Patient Accrual Goals

- Stratum 1 (n=20): residual/refractory NBL measurable by standard radiographic criteria
- \*Stratum 2 (n=20): residual/refractory NBL not measurable by standard radiographic criteria, but evaluable by MIBG scanning or by bone marrow histology
- \*Stratum 3 (n=20): residual/refractory neuroblastoma in clinical remission but with disease identified by BM ICC (>5 NBL cells per 1,000,000 cells)

\*MRD Strata

## Clinically Approved MoAb for Cancer (2007)

<u>Generic</u>	<u>Brand</u>	<u>Target</u>	<u>Indication</u>
Rituximab	Rituxan	CD20	B cell NHL
Trastutumab	Herceptin	HER-2	HER-2 Breast CA
Gemtuzumab	Mylotarg	CD33	AML (mAb-toxin)
Alemtuzumab	Campath	CD52	B-CLL, CTCL
Ibritumomab Tosifumomab	Zevalin Bexxar	CD2	Refractory B NHL (Radiolabeled mAb)
Basiliximab/ Daclizumab	Anti-TAC	CD25	Anti-Graft Rejection/ GVH
Bevacizumab	Avastin	VEGF	GI Malignancies
Edrecolomab	17-1A	EpCam	GI Malignancies
Cetuximab	Erbitux	EGFR	GI Malignancies

# Potential role for mAbs in standard therapy – clinical goal

- Include a mAb-containing regimen (possibly combined with other therapy) in the standard care for patients with high-risk cancers (i.e. likely to relapse)
- Goal – to prevent recurrence



# Antitumor applications of mAb

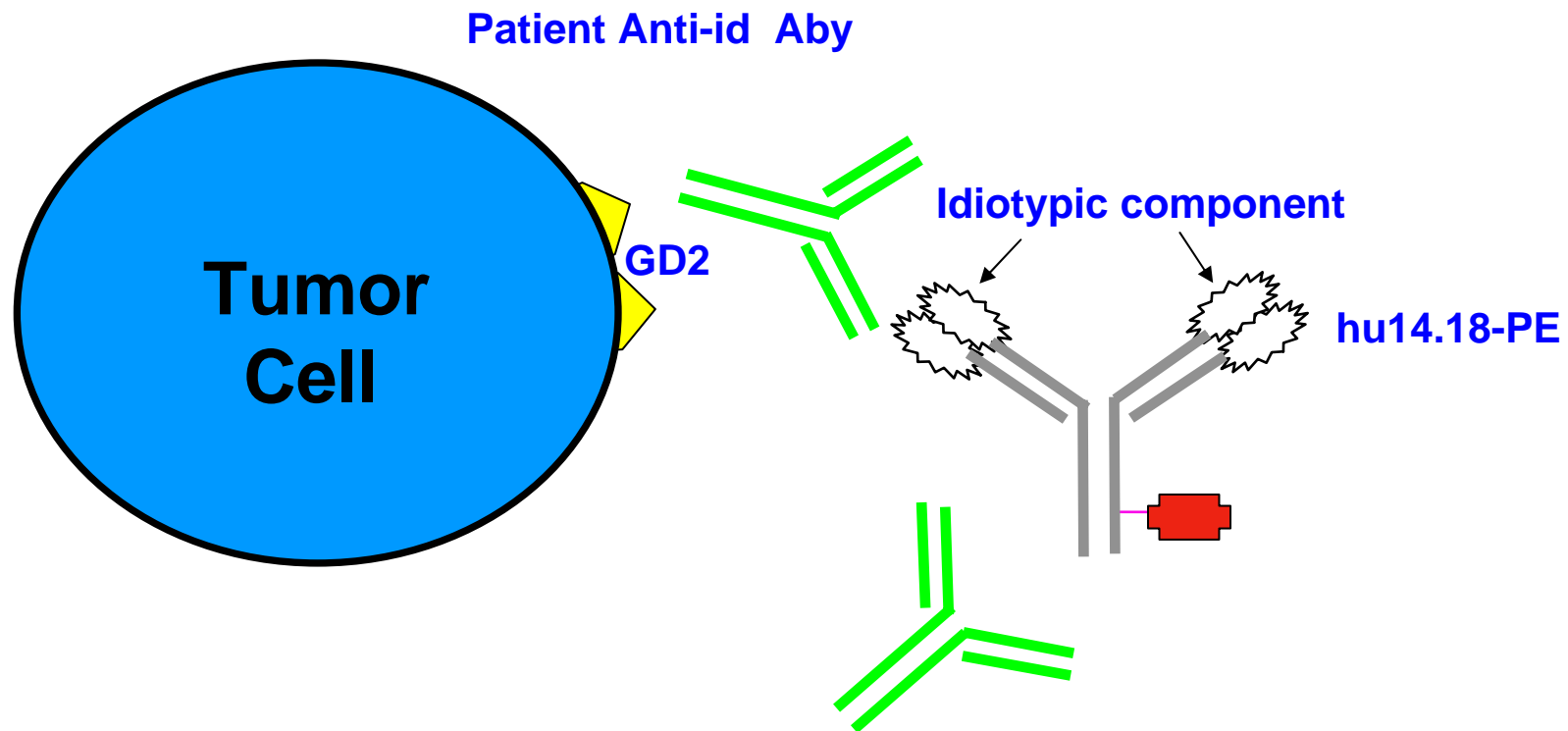
- Some are already working! (ie: FDA approved components of standard therapy)
- Continued development and efficacy appear likely.

# Important issues not covered

## 1. The IMMUNOGENICITY of mAbs in patients

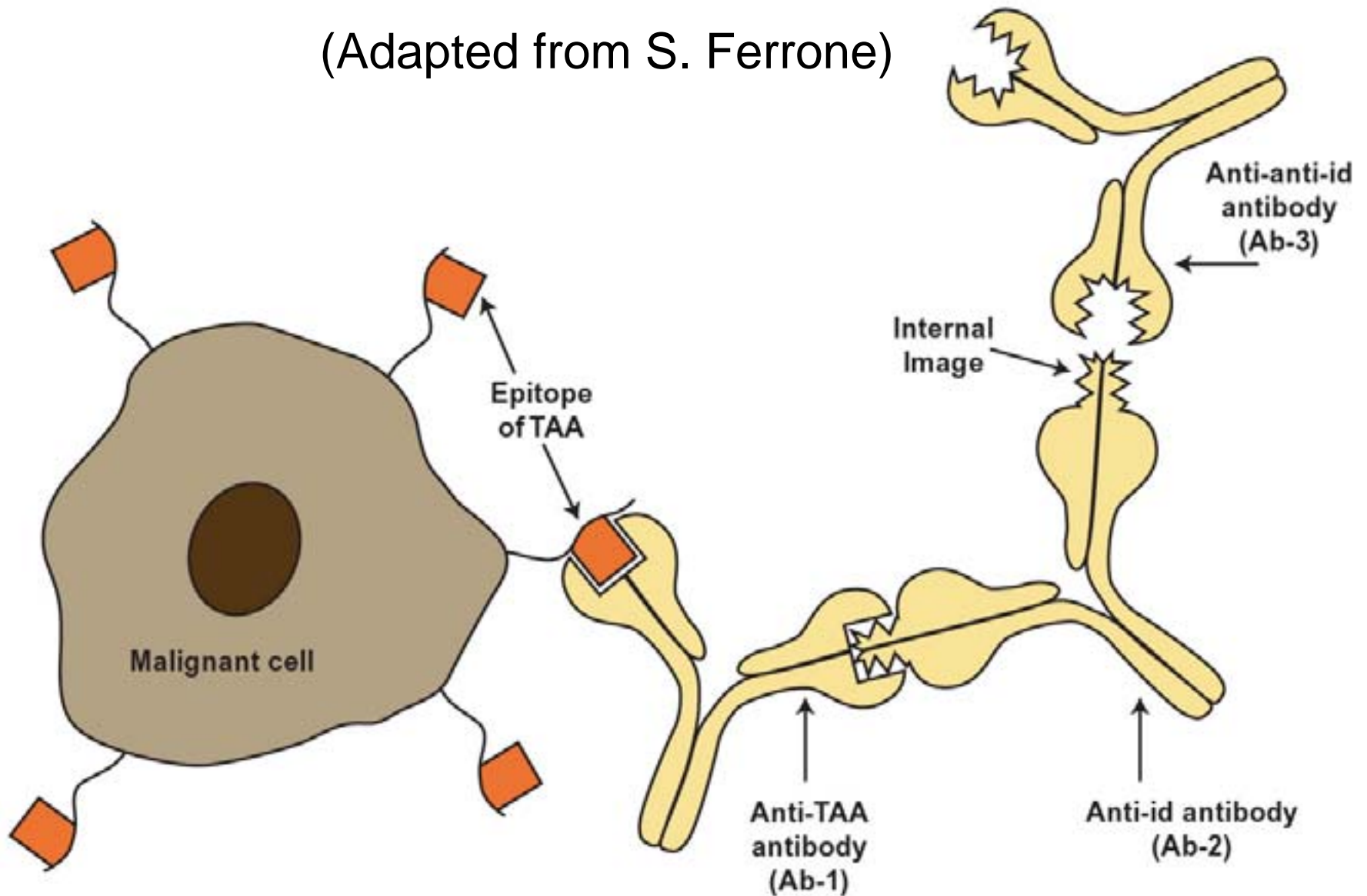
- Does the patient's immune response (HAMA, HACCA, anti-id) HELP or HINDER the anti-tumor effect?

# Patient Anti-id Antibody Inhibits Binding of hu14.18 to Tumor cells ( Flow Cytometry Assay)



## Mimicry of a TAA determinant by anti-id antibodies

(Adapted from S. Ferrone)

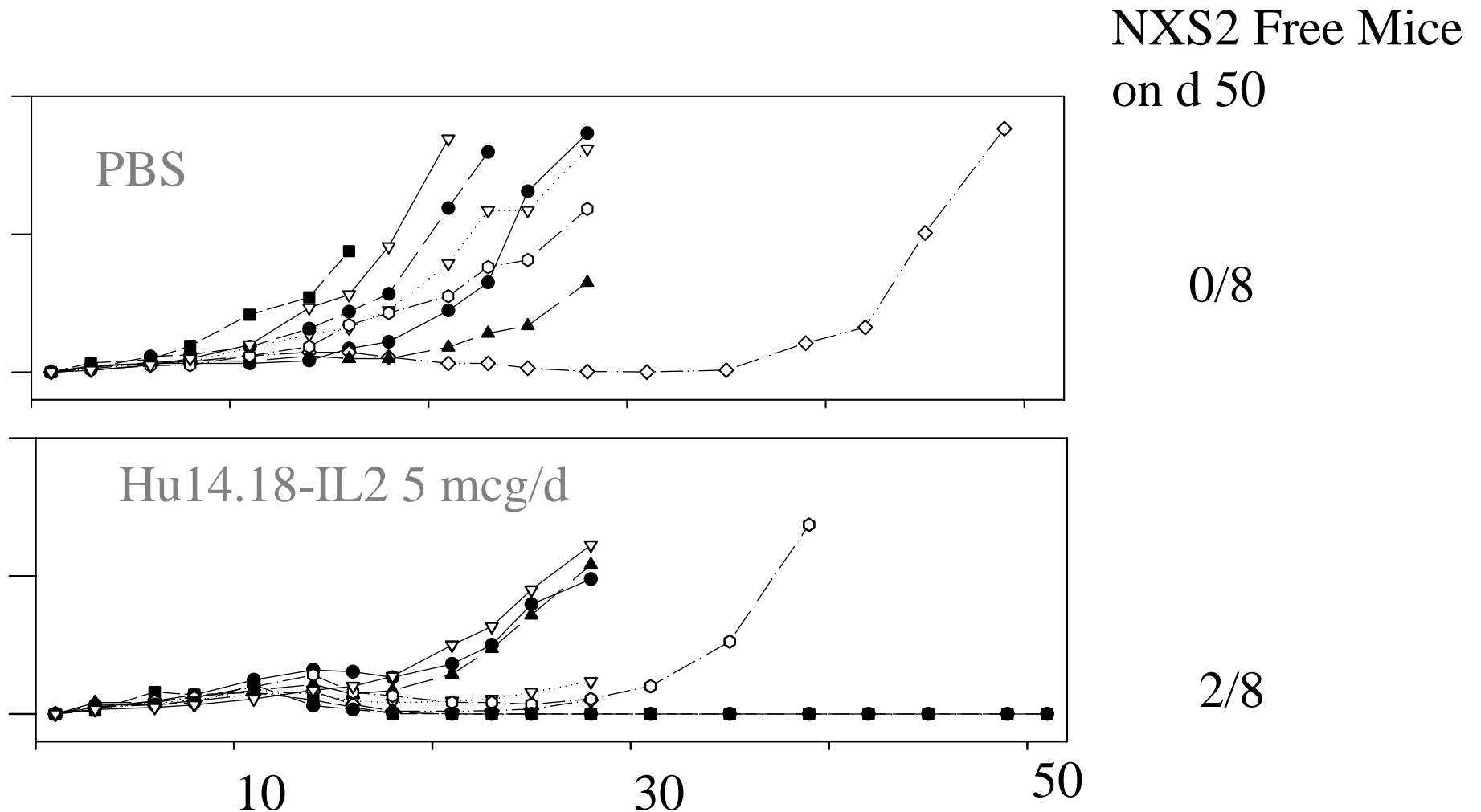


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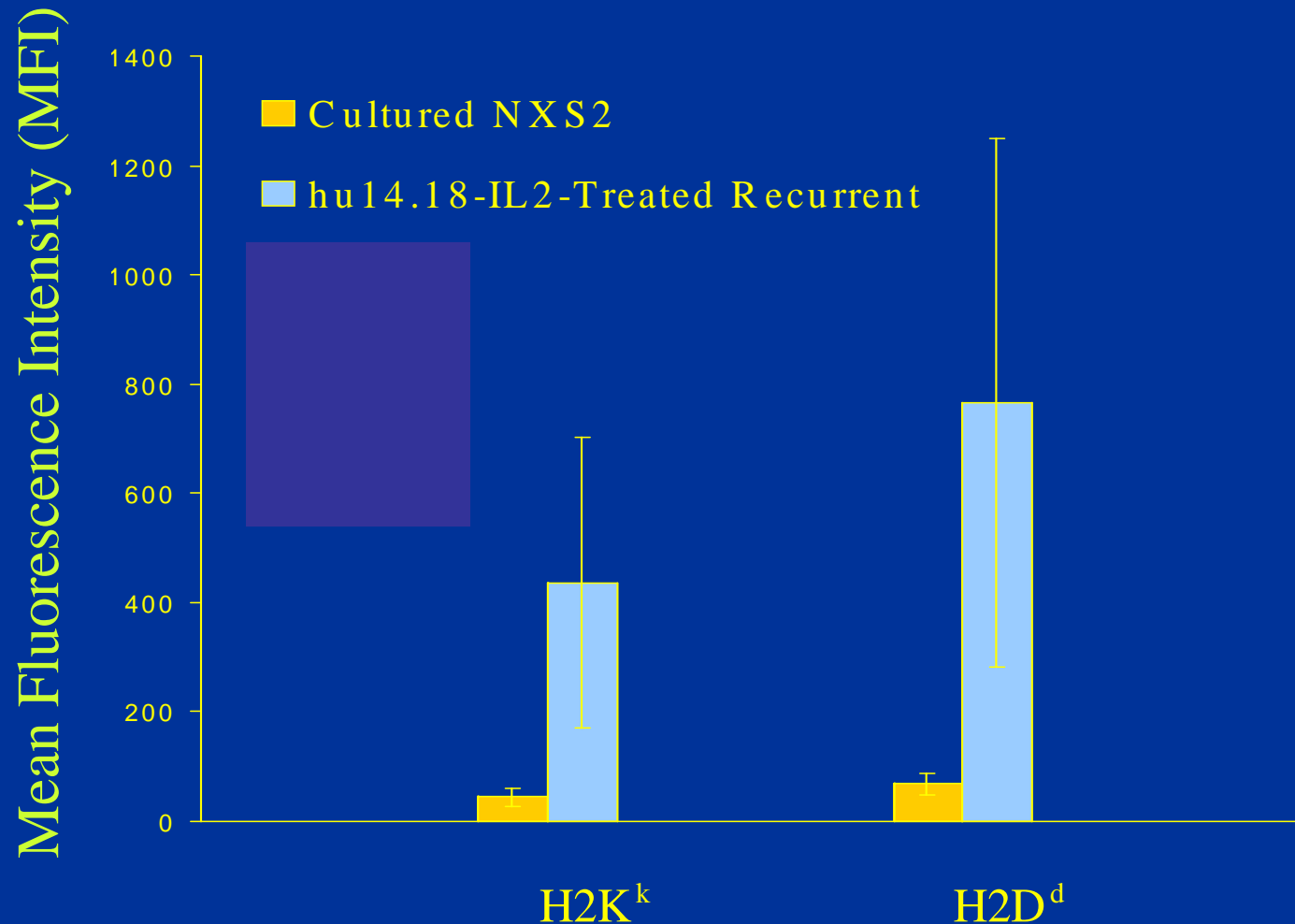
2. The ability of tumors to ESCAPE from immunotherapy (ie: antigen loss or MHC modulation)

- Equivalent to selecting cancer cells with multi-drug resistance

# Suboptimal hu14.18-IL2 treatment causes transient antitumor effects in mice with palpable neuroblastomas

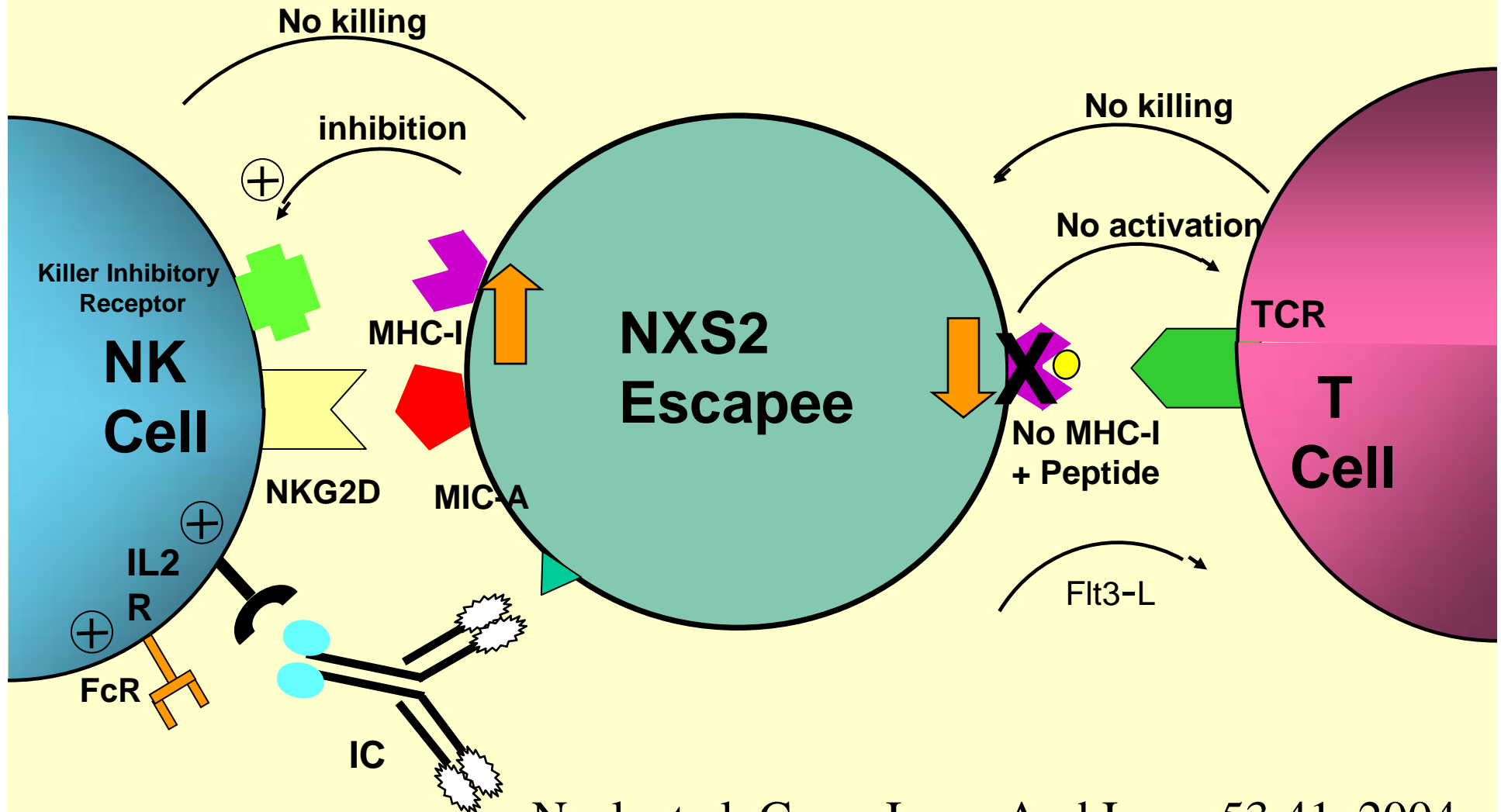


Neal et al. NXS2 NBL express increased MHC -I upon recurrence from NK dependent immunotherapy. Cancer Imm. and Imm. 53:41-52, 2004



Results: a > 9-fold increase in H2K<sup>k</sup> expression  
and a > 10-fold increase in H2D<sup>d</sup> expression

# NXS2 Tumors modulate class I, down OR up, to escape T or NK mediated Immunotherapy



Neal et al. Canc. Imm. And Imm. 53:41, 2004



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**PROOF THAT CANCER RESEARCH MAKES A DIFFERENCE!**



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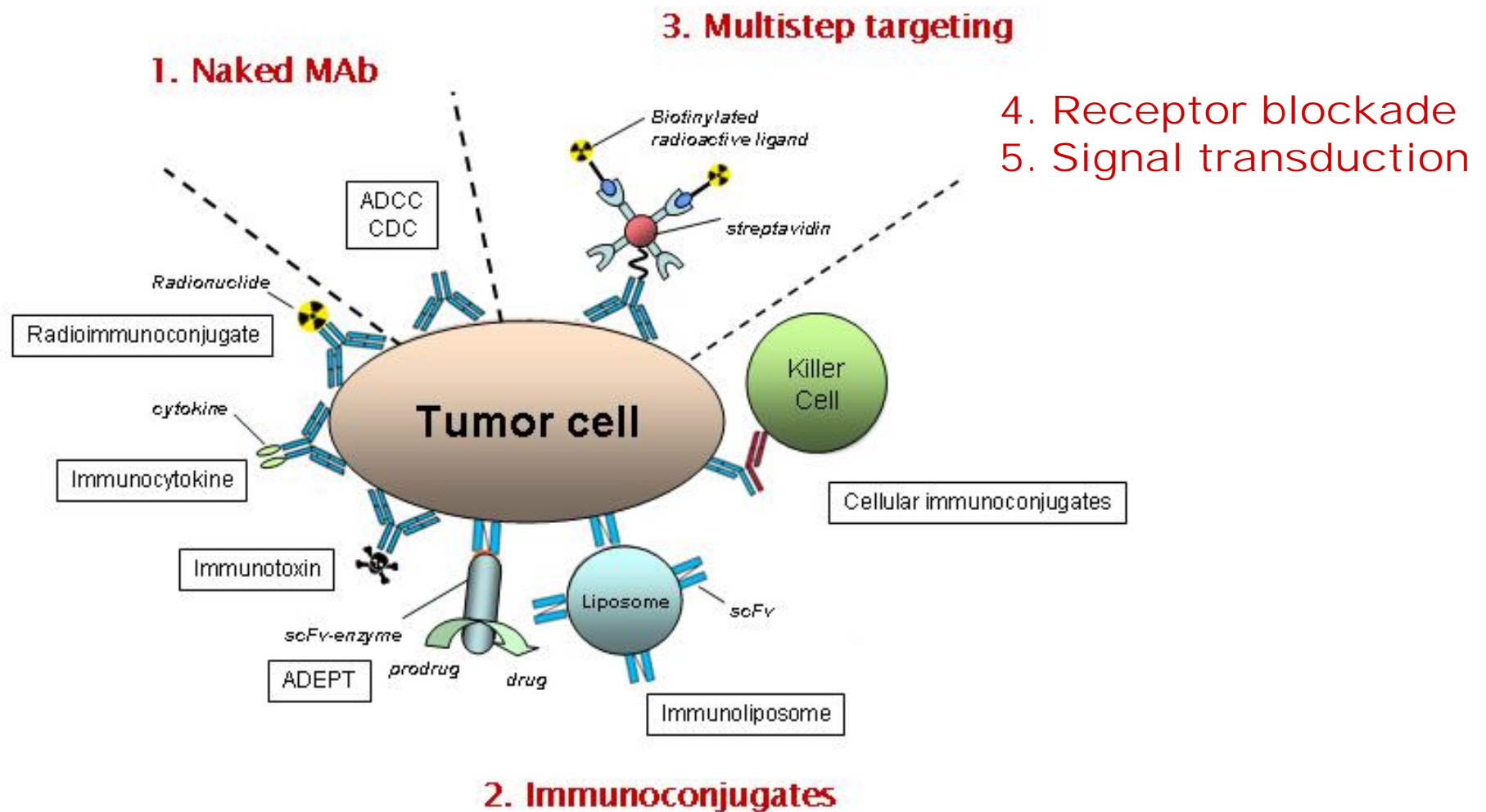
- 3. The potential for combining mAb therapy with other immunotherapies to prevent ESCAPE from immunotherapy
- Combine mAbs, or use mAbs together with cytokines or vaccines

# Important issues not covered

## 4. The potential for combining mAb therapy with other treatments (ChemoRx, RadioRx)

- Timing may be key. Should mAb be given during chemo cycle or after immune recovery?

# Anti-tumor applications of mAb



Adapted from Cheung and Sondel 2005