# Adoptive Cellular Therapy SITC Primer October 2012

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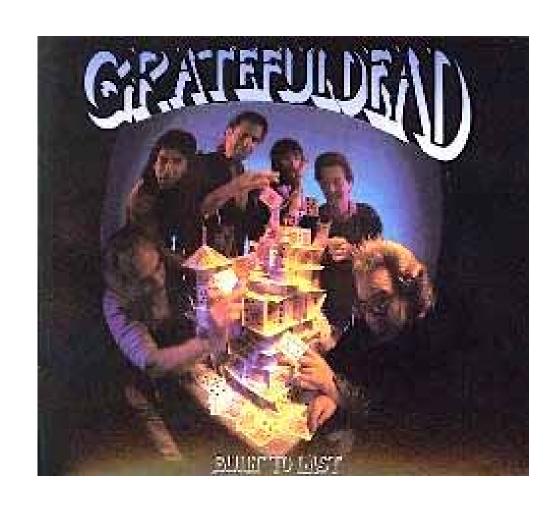
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#### T-cell therapy at the threshold

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Despite impressive clinical activity in B-cell lymphoma and melanoma, questions remain about the immunobiology of adoptive T-cell therapies.

Adoptive T-cell therapy in advanced metastatic melanoma or B-cell leukemias is garnering increasingly encouraging clinical data. Nature Biotechnology approached several experts in the field to seek their insights into some of the challenges of optimizing and commercializing these experimental treatments.

#### What factors in the host and tumor microenvironment might compromise T-cell therapy?

Michel Sadelain: The tumor microenvironment is the battlefleld where immune effec-



tors either eradicate a tumor or fail, succumbing to various inhibitory mechanisms promoted by the tumor. The sources of such inhibition are mul-

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e-mail: cjune⊕exchange.upenn.edu, m-sadelain⊚ski.mskcc.org, sar⊛nih.gov, jeffrey.weber⊕moffitt.org tiple, including regulatory T cells, type 2 macrophages, myeloid suppressor cells and the tumor cells themselves. The players are multiple and differ between tumor types and individuals. Although it is not a black box anymore, a lot remains to be learned. Extratumoral factors affect adoptive T-cell therapy in many ways. Examples include medullary or splenic reservoirs of myeloid suppressor cells; dysfunctional dendritic cells in lymph nodes; and extratumoral expression of antigen or cross-reactive peptides, which are the cause of 'on-target, off-tumor' side effects.

Steven A. Rosenberg: There clearly are aspects of the immune system that can regu-



Steven A. Rosenberg is Chief of Surgery at the US National Cancer Institute, Bethesda, MD. late if not suppress immune reactions, and dealing with them is important for immunotherapy. In fact, with adoptive T-cell transfer therapy, the critical aspect of getting it to work is first lymphodepleting the patient before we return to the patient either natural anti-

tumor cells or gene-modified antitumor cells. This prior lymphodepletion, using chemotherapy and sometimes with whole body irradiation, eliminates T-regulatory cells, myeloid-derived suppressor cells and other suppressive influences, and that's what can lead to complete durable regression in patients with melanoma who receive cell transfers. So dealing with the tumor microenvironment is critical.

Carl June: Our data show that replicative capacity of the transferred T cells may be a key factor that is required for efficacy of the procedure.

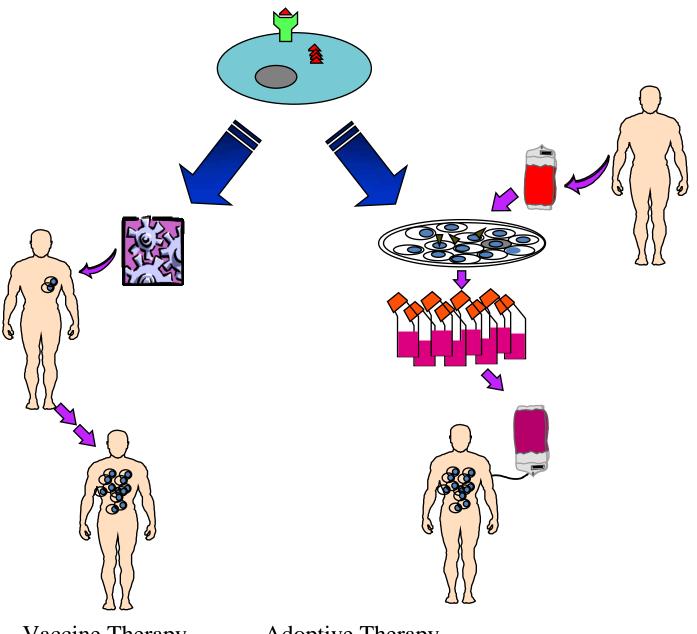


Carl June is Richard W. Vague Professor in Immunotherapy, Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania. In previous studies with Nan-ping Weng and Richard Hodes [at the US National Institutes of Health], we found that the replicative capacity of memory and naive T cells decreases with age. Thus, it is possible that T cells from aged patients may be less potent than those from younger patients.

#### Beyond lymphomas and melanomas, are there certain cancers that would be particularly challenging targets for T-cell therapy?

SAR: This whole area of genetically engineering of lymphocytes to express either conventional  $\alpha\beta$  T-cell receptors or CARs [chimeric antigen receptors] is a way to expand the range of immanotherapy to other cancer types. That was first shown in our papers in Blood [116: 4099–4102, 2010] and the Journal of Clinical Oncology paper [29: 917–924, 2011]. You can transduce chimeric receptors encoding CD19 and successfully treat patients with B-cell lymphomas or traditional  $\alpha$ - $\beta$  T cell receptors and treat patients with synovial cell sarcomas.

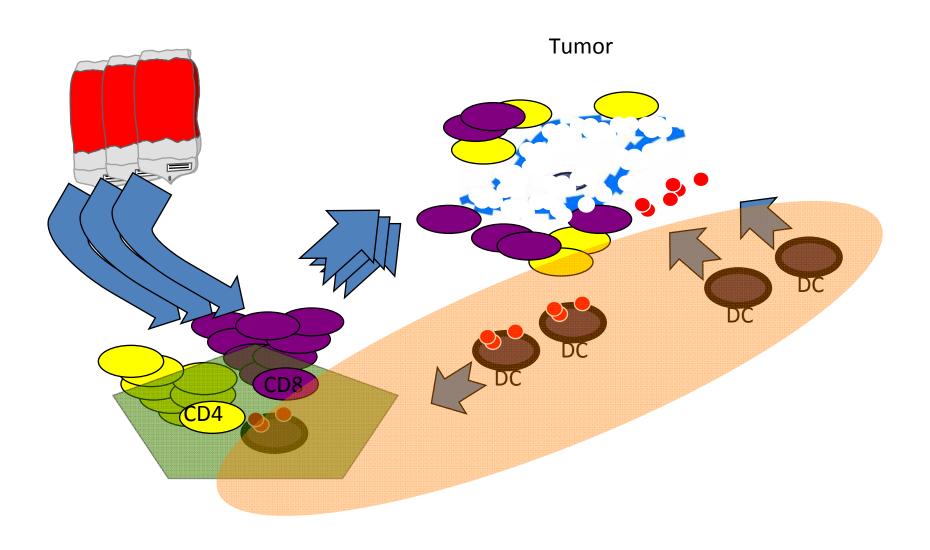
MS: There are still very few known common, tumor-specific antigens. The cancer/testes antigens are attractive, but they are inconsistently expressed in all cases of the tumor types where they tend to appear or in all cells of positive tumors. CD19 is a great target for CAR therapy, but few other cell-surface molecules possess such a favorable profile—high expression on most tumor cells and expression in normal cells restricted to a dispensable cell type. Target identification remains a major research goal.



Vaccine Therapy

Adoptive Therapy

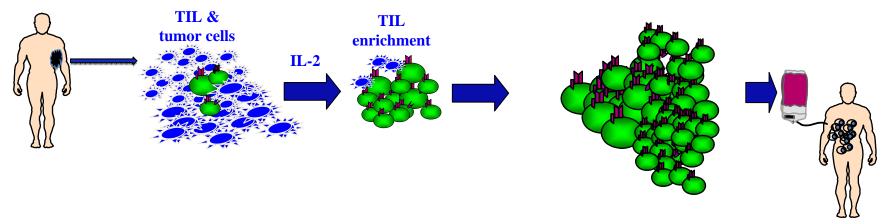
#### **Adoptive T Cell Therapy**



TIL Transferred Receptors CAR/TCR Endogenous

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### **Tumor Infiltrating Lymphocytes (TILs)**



Melanoma

RCC

Ovarian

Breast

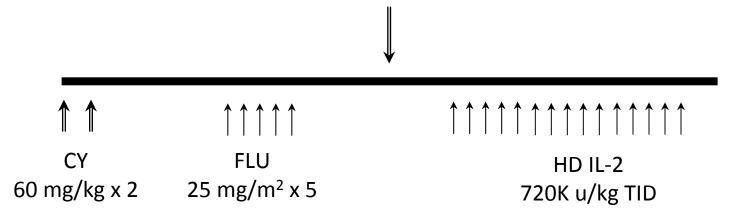
Colorectal

TIL Transferred Endogenous Receptor Receptors CAR/TCR **Requires tumor HD IL-2 dependence Least labor intensive** 

### Adoptive Therapy following Non-myeloablative Lymphodepletion

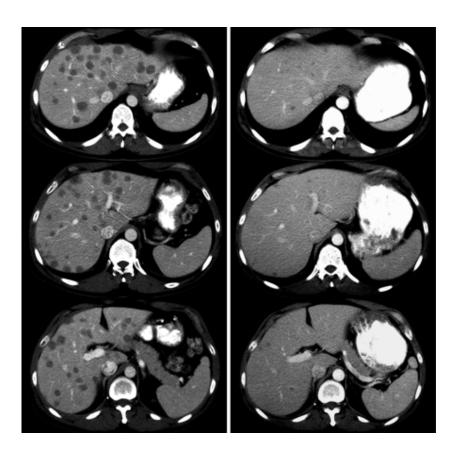
#### Study Design

- Patients with metastatic melanoma
- Treated at time of progression, refractory disease
- TIL expanded in vitro to > 10<sup>10</sup> cells

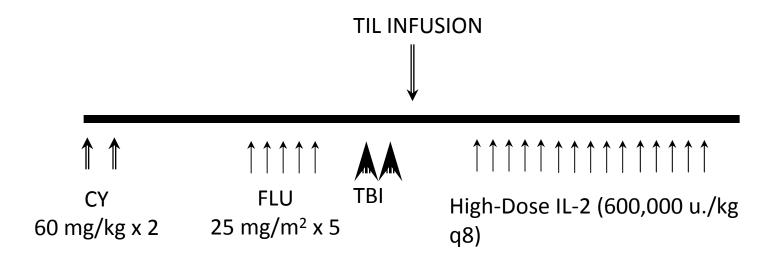


Dudley et al, Science 2002

Pre- Post-

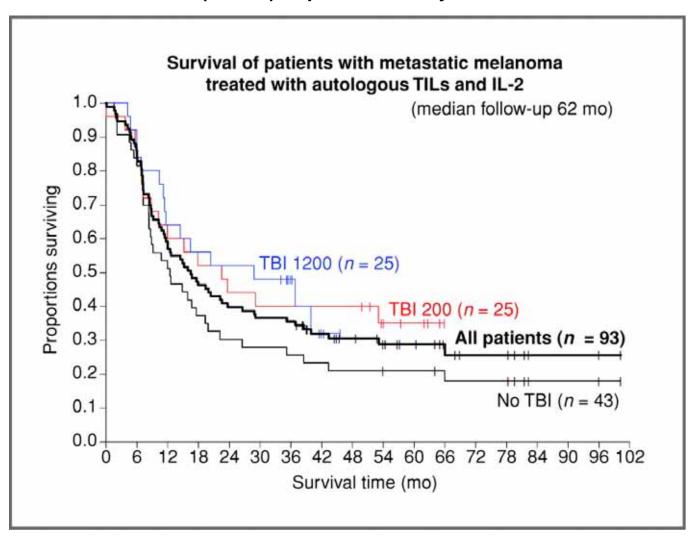


- 18 / 35 responders (3 CR, 15 PR)
- Serious adverse events (≥Grade 4)
  - Uveitis
  - PCP
  - EBV-LPD
  - Intubation
- Clonal response at tumor site



Treatment		n (%) of patients (duration in mo)		
	Total	PR	CR	
No TBI	43	16 (37)	5 (12)	21 (49)
		84, 36, 29, 28, 14, 12, 11, 7, 7, 7, 7, 4, 4, 2, 2, 2	82+, 81+, 79+, 78+, 64+	
200 TBI	25	8 (32)	5 (20)	13 (52)
		14, 9, 6, 6, 5, 4, 3, 3	68+, 64+, 60+, 57+, 54+	
1,200 TBI	25	8 (32)	10 (40)	18 (72)
		21, 13, 7, 6, 6, 5, 3, 2	48+, 45+, 44+, 44+, 39+, 38+, 38+, 38+, 37+, 19	
Total	93	32 (34)	20 (22)	52 (56)

Overall survival of patients receiving TILs with the chemotherapy preparative regimen alone (no TBI) or plus 2 or 12 Gy TBI.

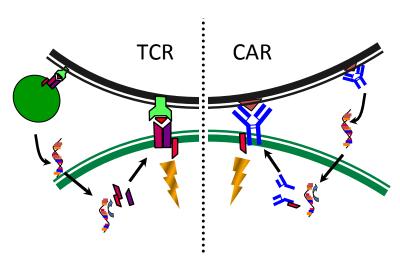


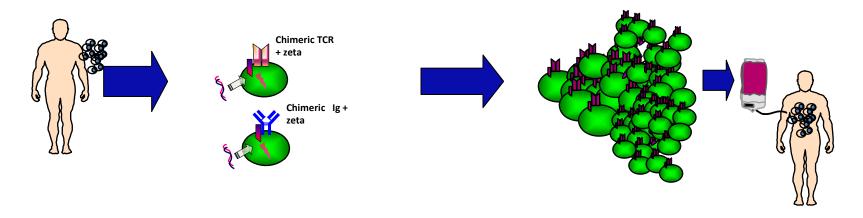
Rosenberg S A et al. Clin Cancer Res 2011;17:4550-4557

- Significant responses
- Durability?
- Patient eligibility
- Facilities available
- 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> generation TIL
  - Gene-modification
  - Selection

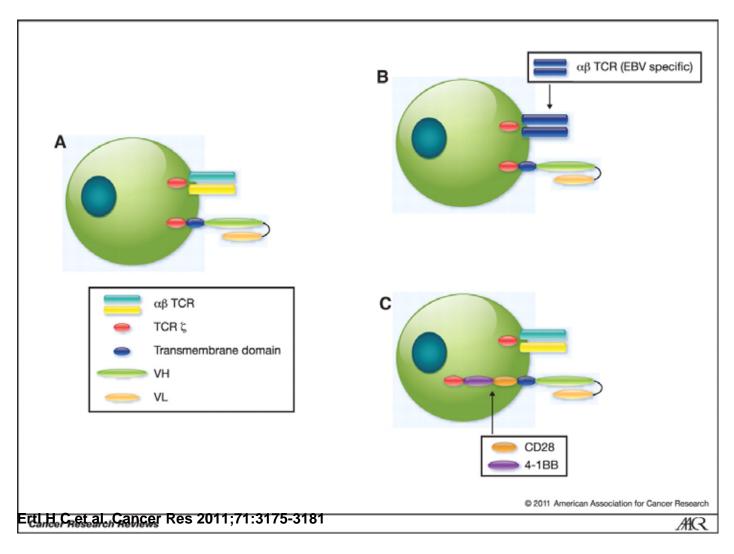
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Requires tumor	Transduction efficiency	
HD IL-2 dependence	Regulatory approval	
Least labor intensive	Uniform specificity	
	Most efficient	







Requirement for a costimulatory signal





#### Anti-CD19-4-1BBz

#### <u>Chimeric Antigen Receptor–Modified T Cells in Chronic Lymphoid Leukemia</u>

David L. Porter, M.D., Bruce L. Levine, Ph.D., Michael Kalos, Ph.D., Adam Bagg, M.D., and Carl H. June, M.D.

N. Engl J Med 2011; 365:725-733

#### T Cells with Chimeric Antigen Receptors Have Potent Antitumor Effects and Can Establish Memory in Patients with Advanced Leukemia

Michael Kalos, Bruce Levine, David Porter, Sharyn Katz, Stephan Grupp, Adam Bagg, Carl H. June

Sci Transl Med 10 August 2011: Vol. 3, Issue 95, p. 95ra73

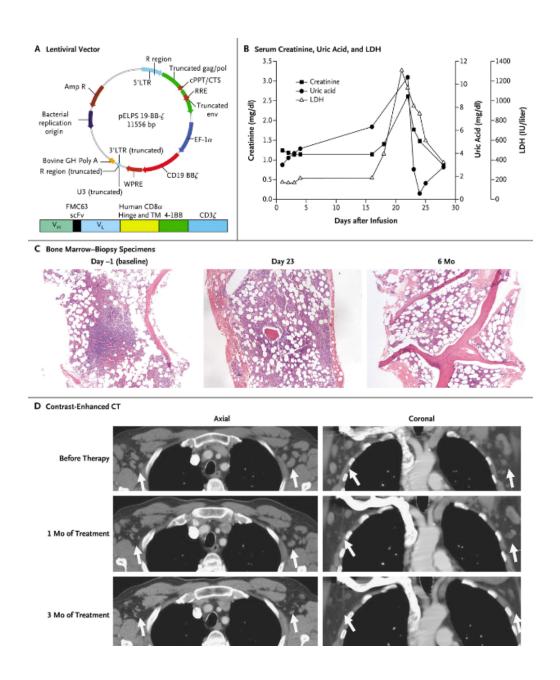
3 Patients with advanced CLL. Lymphodepltion but no IL-2 post-infusion

CAR: anti-CD19 + CD137/CD3-zeta

BM 70% CLL Bendamustine 1.6 x 10^7 CR BM 95% CLL Bendamustine /Rituximab 1.0 x 10^6 PR

BM 40% CLL Pentostatin/CTX 1.5 x 10^5 CR (Tumor lysis)

Persist > 6 months, > 1000-fold expansion, >1000:1 killing, > 1 kg tumor No immunogenicity to vector



#### Anti-CD19-CD28z

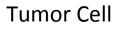
Safety and persistence of adoptively transferred autologous CD19-targeted T cells in patients with relapsed or chemotherapy refractory B-cell leukemias. Blood. 2011 Nov 3;118(18):4817-28. Brentjens RJ...Sadelain M

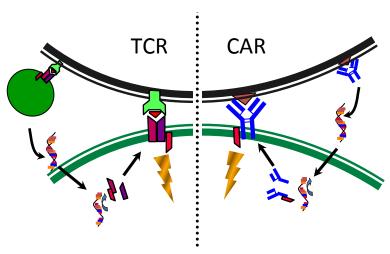
Anti-CD19-CD28/zeta

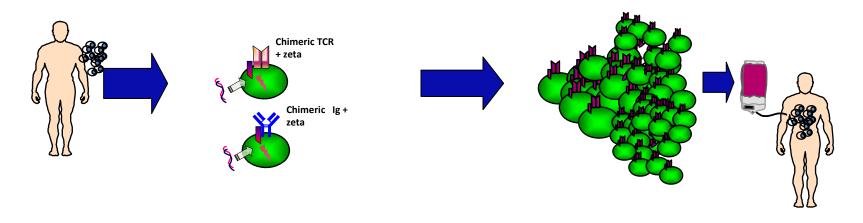
10 patients

Up to 3 x  $10^7$ /kg +/- cyclophosphamide conditioning no post-infusion IL-2

8/9 well toelrated
3 of 3 with bulky CLL + CY conditioning -> (1 PR, 2 SD)
Persistence 4-6 weeks in 2/7 by BM
Persistence copy number .01 – 1.0/ 100 cells 30 days+







### Target Antigen/ Cancer

Antigen	CAR or TCR	Cancer
MART-1, gp100	TCR	Melanoma
NY-ESO-1	TCR	Sarcoma, Myeloma, (Breast, Lung)
MAGE-A3	TCR	Any cancer MAGE-A3+
P53	TCR	Any cancer overexpress p53
CD19	CAR	Lymphoma
EGFRvIII	CAR	Glioblastoma, Breast, Lung
Kappa Light Chain	CAR	CLL, B cell NHL
Her2Neu	CAR	Osteosarcoma, Breast
CD30	CAR	Lymphoma (NHL and HD)
GD2	CAR	EBV-specific CTL targeting GBM

#### **Completed Clinical Studies**



Cancer Regression in Patients After Transfer of Genetically Engineered Lymphocytes Richard A. Morgan *et al.* 

Science **314**, 126 (2006); DOI: 10.1126/science.1129003

#### Review

Trends in Biotechnology November 2011, Vol. 29, No. 11

Table 1. Recent Clinical Success using Gene Modified T Cells

Cancer	Target Antigen	Gene-Vector	Comments	Reference
Neuroblastoma	GD2	CAR-RTV	Cell persistence better in viral-specific CTL	Pule et al., 2008
Indolent B-NHL and mantle cell lymphoma	CD20	CAR-EP	Successful demonstration of non-viral gene transfer	Till et al., 2008
Melanoma	MART-1	TCR-RTV	30% response rate with on-target/off-tumor toxicity	Johnson et al., 2009
Melanoma	gp100	TCR-RTV	19% response rate with on-target/off-tumor toxicity	Johnson et al., 2009
Lymphoma	CD19	CAR-RTV	Near complete response with concomitant elimination of B cells.	Kochenderfer et al., 2010
Colorectal cancer	CEA	TCR-RTV	Responses associated with on-target/off-tumor toxicity	Parkhurst et al., 2010
Synovial sarcoma and melanoma	NY-ESO-1	TCR-RTV	50% response rate with no toxicity.	Robbins et al., 2011

Abbreviations; CAR, Chimeric Antigen Receptor; TCR, T Cell Receptor; RTV, gamma-retroviral vector; EP, electroporation.

### Molecular Construct Issues

- CAR/TCR: affinity
  - Phage display, mutations
  - HSC, iPS + Notch ligand
- TCR: pairing
  - Disulfide, murine, zipper
- Transfection efficiency
  - Lentiviral, SB transposon
- Cell type
  - 3
- Immunogenicity

## Transferred Receptor: TCR / CAR Clinical Issues

- Cytokine release syndrome toxicity
- On-target Toxicities

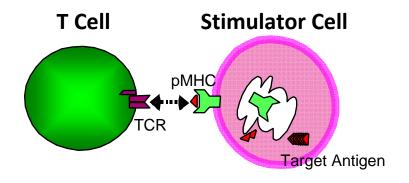
- Minimize/escalate conditioning
- Dose escalation
- Split infusion dosage

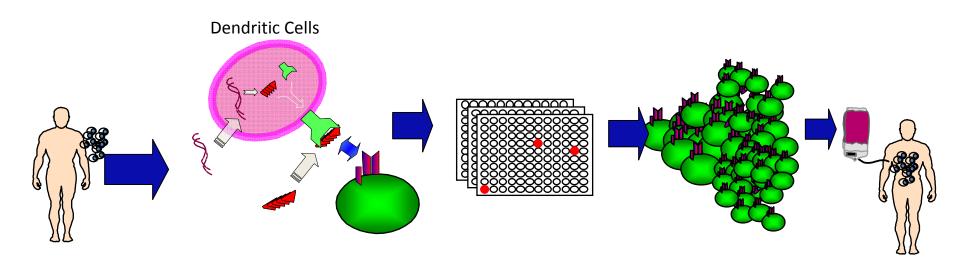
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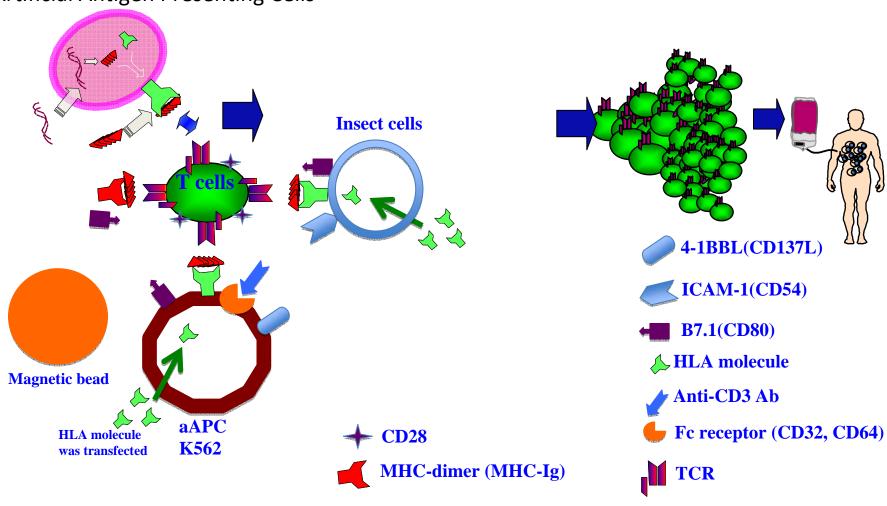


Antigen-specific T Cell Enrichment

T Cell Expansion & Infusion

### **Endogenous Receptor**

**Artificial Antigen Presenting Cells** 

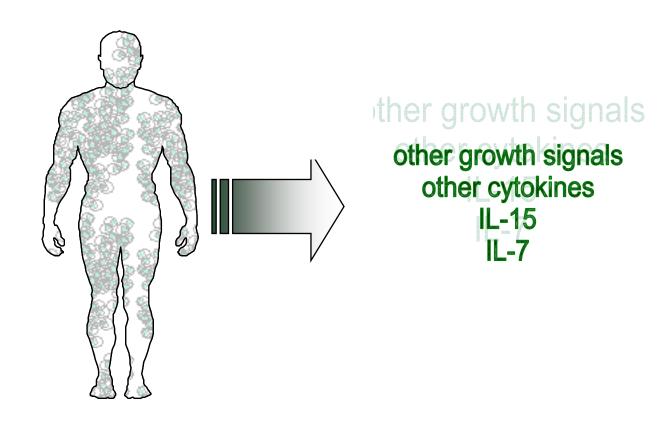


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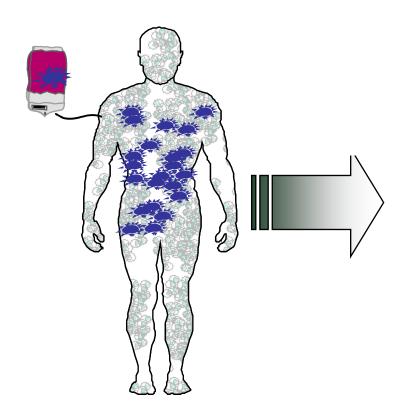
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#### Lymphoid Homeostasis



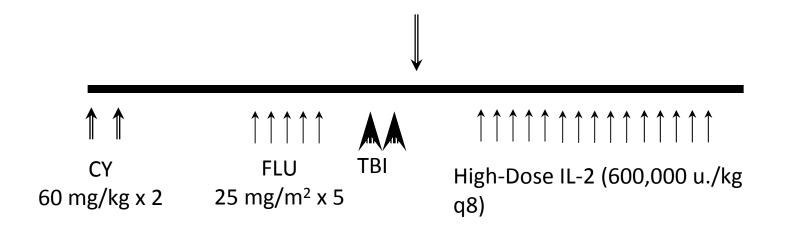
### Lymphodepletion

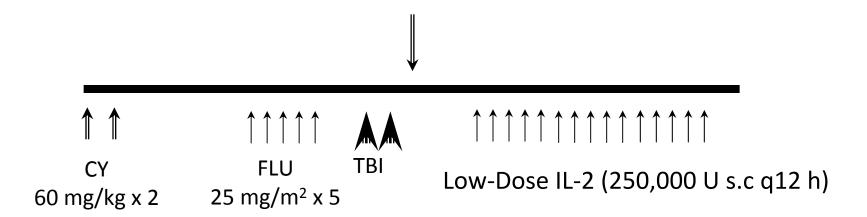
building a better environment

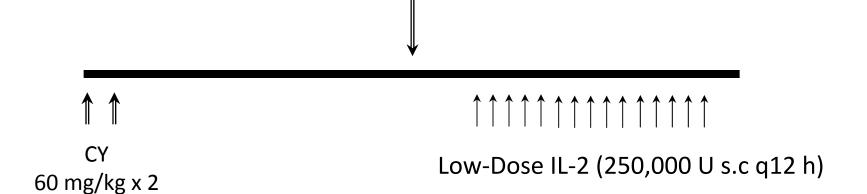


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#### Objectives:

- Evaluate Safety
- Evaluate T Cell Persistence
- Evaluate anti-tumor efficacy

#### T Cell Infusion:

- Antigen-specific CD8+ T cell clones
- Targeting MART-1, gp100
- Dose: 10<sup>10</sup> cells / m<sup>2</sup>

#### Eligibility Criteria:

- Stage IV (Metastatic)
- HLA-A2

Transferred melanoma-specific CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells persist, mediate tumor regression, and acquire central memory phenotype

Aude G. Chapuis<sup>a</sup>, John A. Thompson<sup>b</sup>, Kim A. Margolin<sup>b</sup>, Rebecca Rodmyre<sup>a</sup>, Ivy P. Lai<sup>a</sup>, Kaye Dowdy<sup>a</sup>, Erik A. Farrar<sup>a</sup>, Shailender Bhatia<sup>b</sup>, Daniel E. Sabath<sup>c</sup>, Jianhong Cao<sup>a</sup>, Yongqing Li<sup>a</sup>, and Cassian Yee<sup>a,1</sup>

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Chapuis A. et al, PNAS. March 2012

On-target toxicity

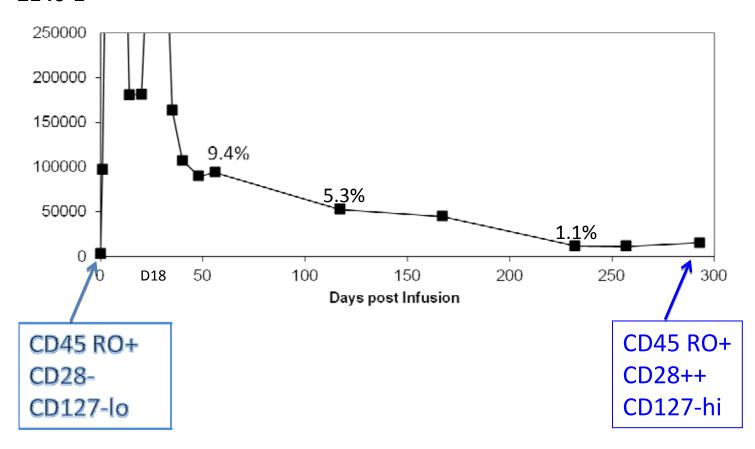






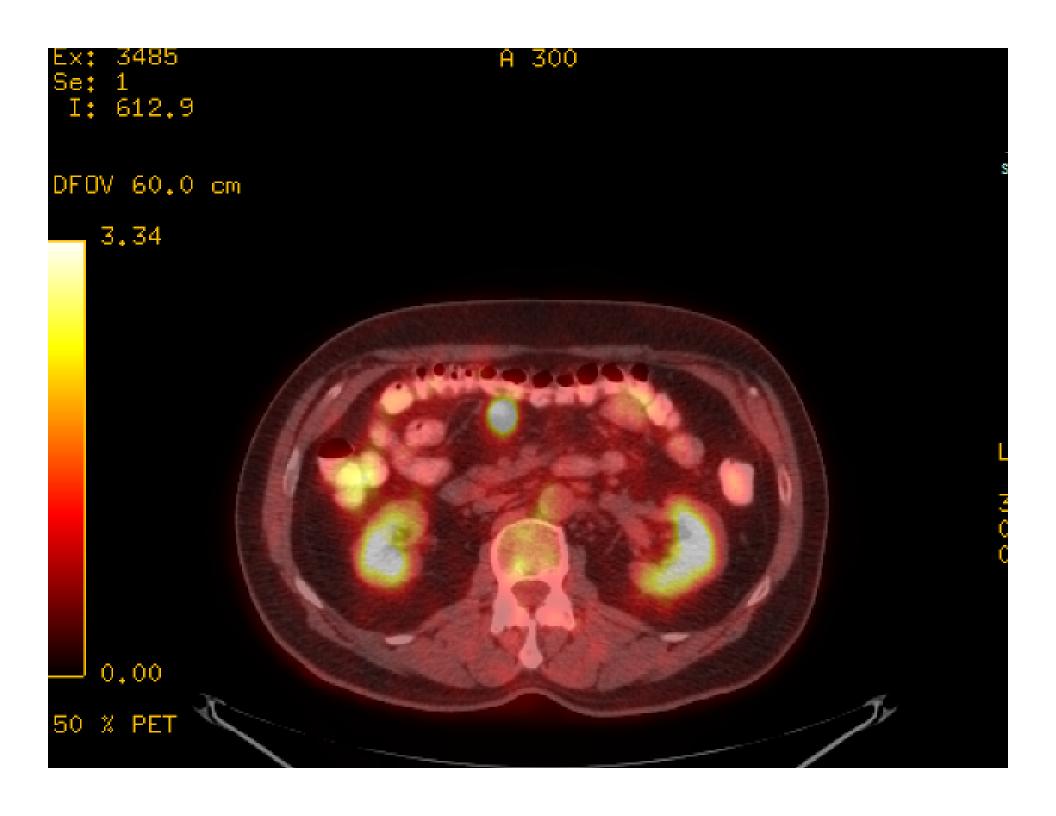
#### T cell persistence in vivo

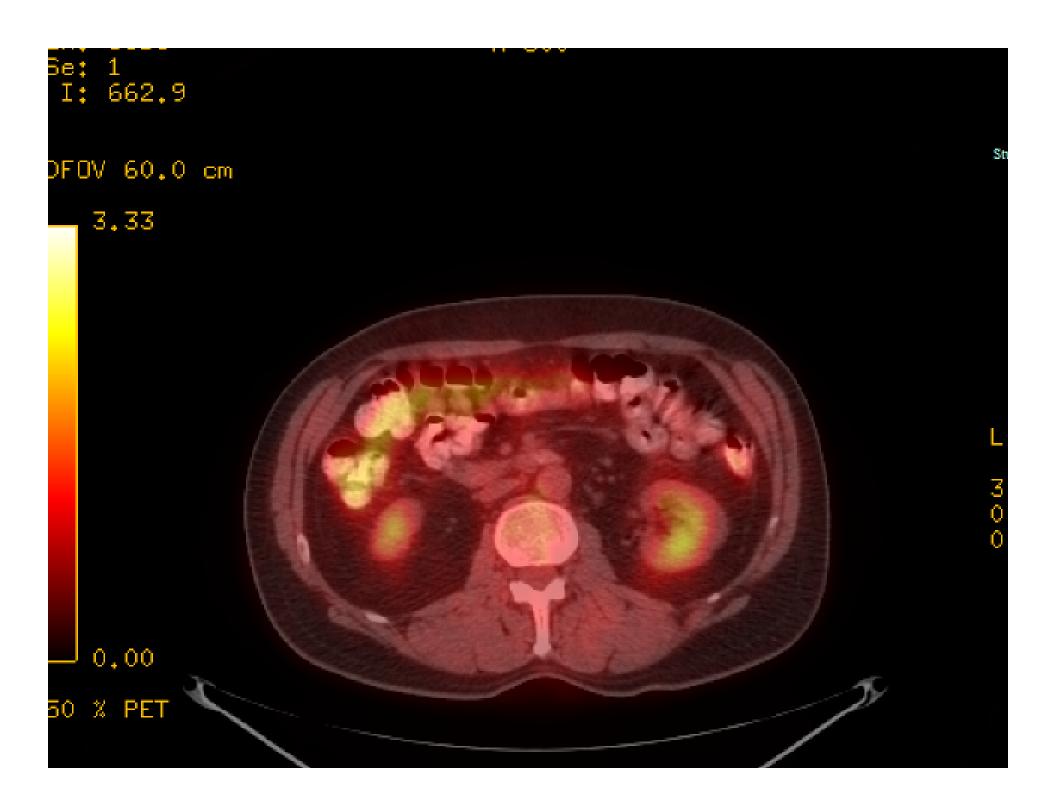
#### 2140-1



# Clinical Response

Patient	Target	Toxicity	Persistence	Disease Sites	Response
2140-1	Tyrosinase	F,N,R	>290 days	Cervical, supraclavicular LN, Chest Wall, Breast Pulmonary nodules	MR
2140-2	Tyrosinase	F	16 days	Mediastinal, Pulmonary nodules	PD
2140-3	gp100	F,N,R	>85 days	Mesenteric LN, scapular subcutaneous dz	CR (> 12 mths)
2140-4	MART-1	F, N, R	> 30 days	Pulmonary, inguinal, subcutaneous	SD
2140-5	MART-1	F, N,R	> 30 days	Right and left kidneys, adrenal, liver	PR
2140-6	MART-1	F, N, R	> 30 days	Mediastinal, supra clavicular, mammary chain, periportal, portacaval nodes.	PR







Establishment of Antitumor Memory in Humans Using in Vitro-Educated CD8 + T Cells

Marcus O. Butler *et al.* Sci Transl Med 3, 80ra34 (2011); DOI: 10.1126/scitranslmed.3002207

- aAPCs (K562, CD80, CD83, HLA-A2)
- MART-1 specific CTL + IL-2/ IL-15
- Treatment plan:
  - CTL alone (no conditioning or IL-2)

No. Age		Metastatic e/sex disease at study entry	Previous therapy	Total cells infused			Time	Outcome	Duration
	Age/sex			Graft 1	Graft 2	Status on day 70	to next therapy	after CTL or next therapy	of response (months)
1	74/M	Liver, adrenal, spleen, lung, skin	LND; carboplatin, paclitaxel, sorafenib; gp100 vaccine	4.0 × 10 <sup>8</sup>	None	Death on day 51	_	Died without therapy	_
2	69/M	Lung, skin	WLE; LND; temozolomide; melphalan limb perfusion	4.0 × 10 <sup>8</sup>	4.0 × 10 <sup>8</sup>	PD	Day 103 ipilimumab (10 mg/kg)	PR	16
3	49/F	Lung, adrenal	WLE; LND; RT; HD IL-2	4.3 × 10 <sup>8</sup>	4.3 × 10 <sup>8</sup>	MR	Day 146 ipilimumab (10 mg/kg)	PR	31+
4	68/M	Skeletal muscle, lung, mediastinum, cardiac	Small-bowel resection; HD IL-2; ipilimumab versus gp100 versus both	3.8 × 10 <sup>8</sup>	3.8 × 10 <sup>8</sup>	SD	Day 140 RAF265	SD	3
5	66/M	Lymph nodes	WLE; LND	$4.4 \times 10^{9}$	$2.5 \times 10^{9}$	PR	No other therapy	CR to CTL day 140	25+
6	55/M	Lung	WLE; LND; pulmonary nodule resection	1.8 × 10 <sup>9</sup>	3.4 × 10 <sup>9</sup>	SD	Day 287 HD IL-2	Death due to line sepsis	_
7	70/F	Lung, skin	WLE; LND; adjuvant IFN	4.0 × 10 <sup>9</sup>	4.0 × 10 <sup>9</sup>	PD	Day 335 ipilimumab (3 mg/kg)	SD	6
8	80/M	Lung, mediastinum	LND; RT; temozolomide	3.6 × 10 <sup>9</sup>	3.6 × 10 <sup>9</sup>	SD	Day 372 ipilimumab (3 mg/kg)	SD	5
9	64/M	Lung, skin	WLE; LND; adjuvant IFN	4.4 × 10 <sup>9</sup>	4.4 × 10 <sup>9</sup>	PD	Day 146 ipilimumab (10 mg/kg) +	PR	13+

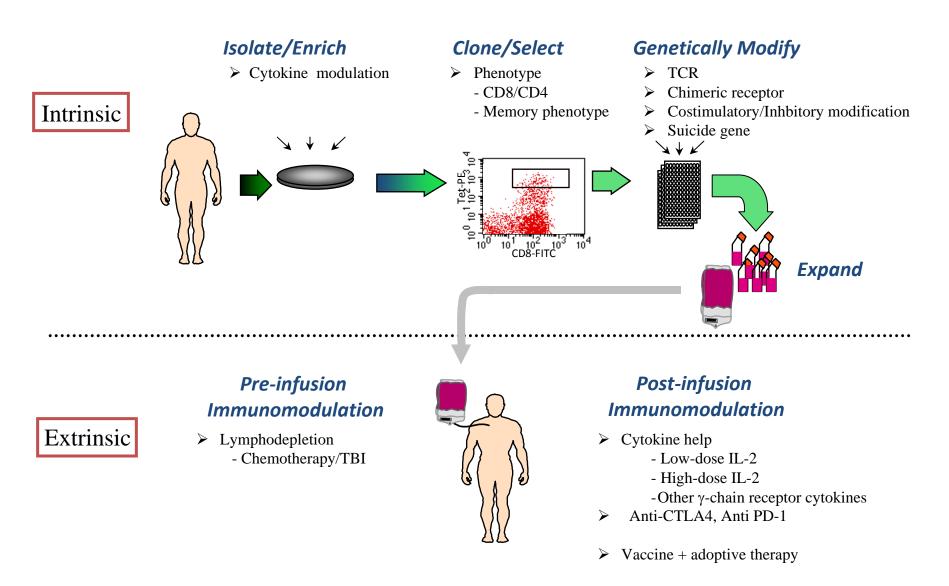
- Effective, Relatively low toxicity
- Clinical Responses (RECIST)
- Longterm persistence
- Reversion to Memory (?)
- Effector Cell type?
- Time to generation of Effector Cells

# The bigger picture...

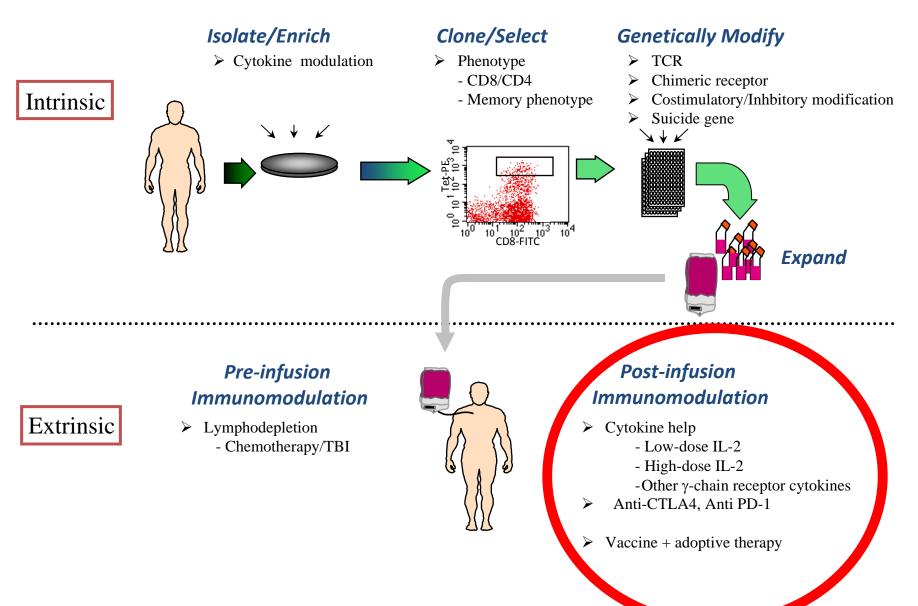
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Isolate/Enrich Clone/Select (Genetically Modify) 10 102 103 104 CD8-FITC **Expand** 

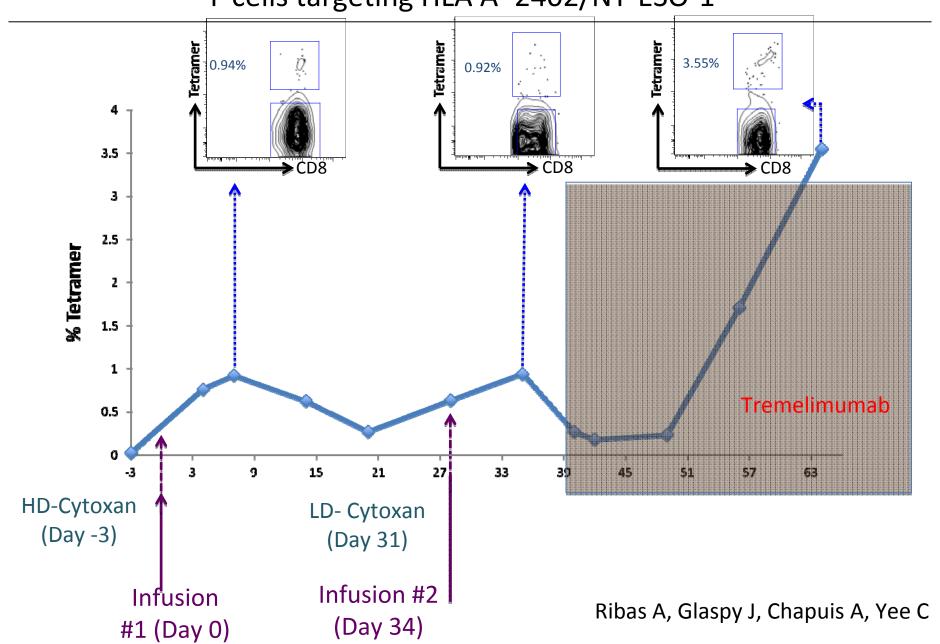
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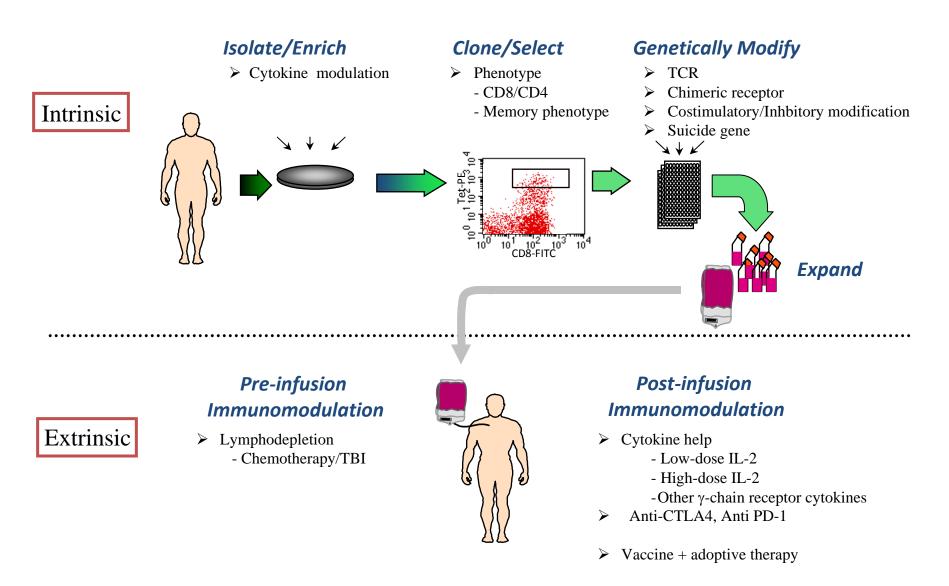
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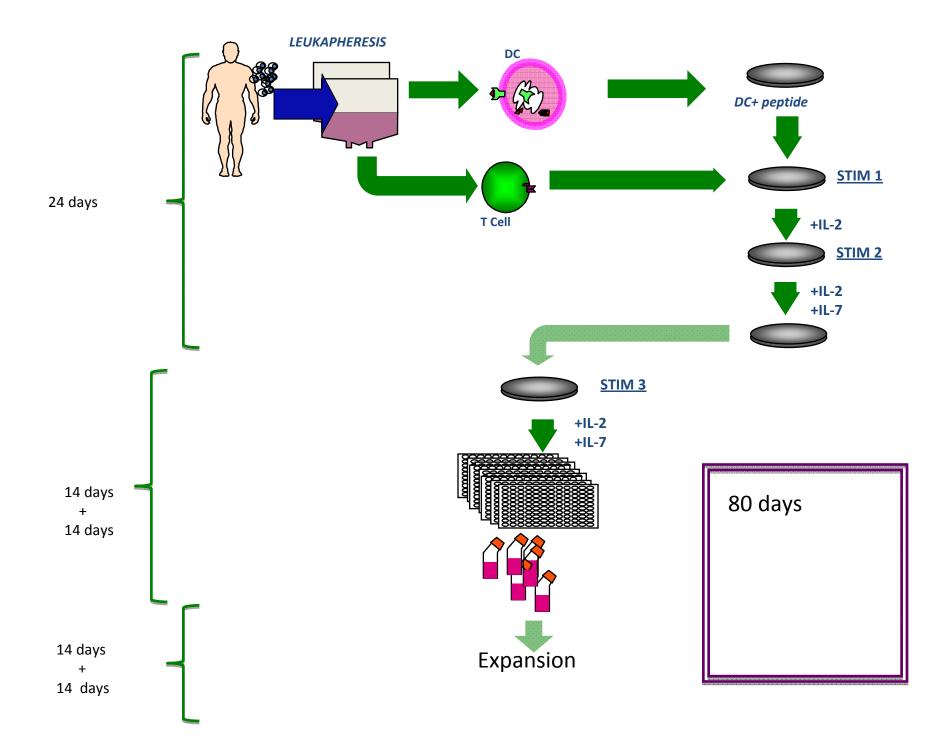


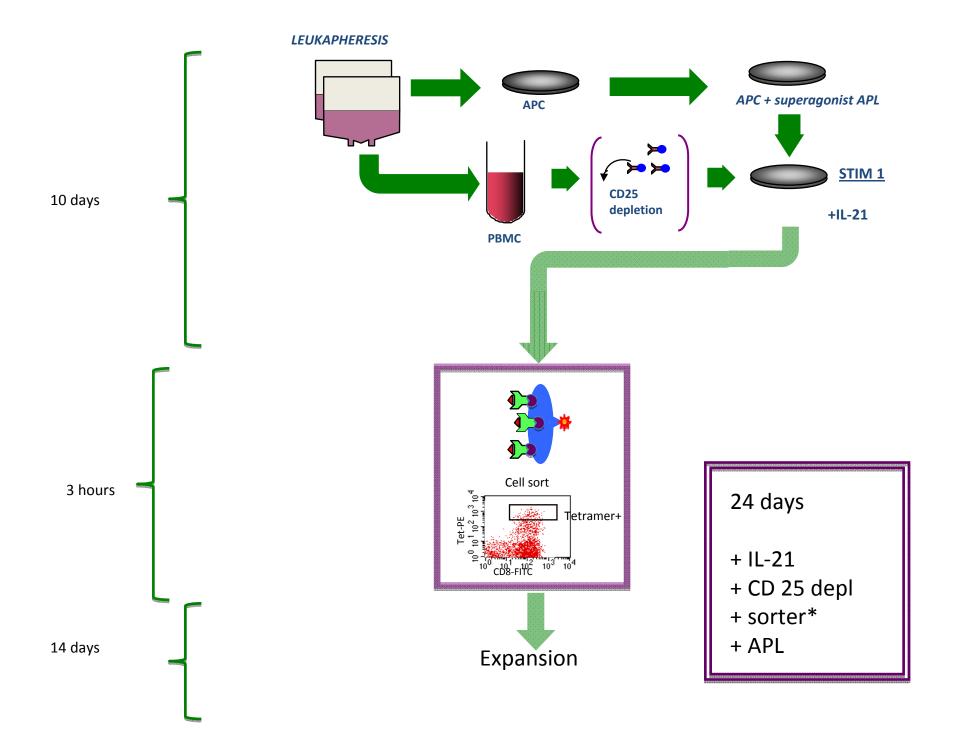
# Metastatic breast cancer, NY-ESO-1+, T-cells targeting HLA A\*2402/NY-ESO-1



#### Adoptive T Cell Therapy: Extended Protocol







## Immunologic monitoring

- Cellular level:
  - Epimax
  - SCBC
  - Tetramer multiplex slides
  - TCR sequencing
- Host level
  - Biopsy
  - Noninvasive imaging

# Prospects for Adoptive Cellular Therapy

- Clinical indications
- Clinical setting
- Combination Therapy
- Advances in technology
  - In vitro generation of effectors
  - Combinational reagents
  - Immunologic monitoring
- Immunologic monitoring

## **Antigen Receptor**

Which of the following is *not* true:

- a. The TCR recognizes fragments of whole proteins (peptides) presented on the surface of cells by MHC molecules
- b. T cells can target peptides derived from both surface and intracellular proteins
- c. Chimeric antigen receptors (CARs) are fusion products of TCR alpha and beta region and cytoplasmic signaling domains
- d. T cells engineered to express CARs can recognize tumor cells expressing a target surface or intracellular protein

## **Antigen Receptor**

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### TIL

- Tumor infiltrating lymphocytes
- a. Are comprised almost exclusively of CD8 T cells (CTL)
- b. Are found only in melanoma tumor samples
- c. Can only be expanded in vitro using high-dose IL-2
- d. Are a source of antigen-specific T cell

## TIL

Tumor infiltrating lymphocytes

d. Are a source of antigen-specific T cell

## CD4 T cells

- The following statement regarding CD4 T cells is not true:
- a. Recognize peptide presented by Class I MHC
- b. Can kill tumor cells directly
- c. Can recruit other nonspecific effector cells to the tumor site
- d. Can be regulatory / suppressor T cells

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## Peptide-MHC multimers

- Which are the following statements is not true:
- Peptide-MHC multimers
- a. Can be used to identify antigen-specific CD8 T cells
- b. Can be used to sort and isolate rare antigenspecific T cells
- c. Can be used for immunohistochemistry staining
- d. Cannot be used to identify antigen-specific CD4 T cells

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## **Current Events**

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a. Jerry Garcia

c. ICE-T

d.PSY

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