

A Decade in the Life of Tumor Immunology

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The role of the immune system in the recognition and prevention or therapy of cancer remains a fascinating and important topic of research. The first in the series of Keystone Symposia on Cellular Immunity and Immunotherapy of Cancer was held in 1990 in Park City, Utah (1). Progress in tumor immunology and new developments in immunology that could impact on this field have been featured and appraised in these meetings at 3- or 4-year intervals (2, 3). The fourth meeting in this series was held in January 2000 in Santa Fe, NM. This special issue of Clinical Cancer Research is devoted to the major topics discussed at the meeting. It features original articles by the meeting participants and reviews of recent progress in cancer immunology.

cytokine-activated T cells that were not antigen specific but could kill tumor cells, the identification of tumor antigens focused the field on specificity. Years of experiments with tumors in mice taught two important lessons: antitumor immune responses can be tumor specific, and tumor growth can be prevented by immunization. Identification of tumor antigens in human tumors foreshadowed the future of tumor-specific immunization in people. This goal was very appealing and every newly identified tumor peptide brought that goal closer to reality. Already by the time of the second Symposium, Phase I clinical trials in peptide-based cancer vaccines occupied a large portion of the meeting agenda. Progress in identification of new tumor antigens and their use in cancer immunotherapy continues to generate excitement in the field, and papers by Kao *et al.*, Geiger, *et al.*, Beatty *et al.*, Santin *et al.*, Rudolf *et al.*, Gajewski *et al.*, Meaker *et al.*, Zier *et al.*, Pittet *et al.*, and Romero *et al.* featured in this

models where



Cancer vaccine tested

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Doctors are testing a vaccine that could trigger immunity to three forms of cancer and eventually prevent the disease.

A 56-year-old man with colon cancer was injected with the vaccine yesterday at the Pittsburgh Cancer Institute. He was the second of 20 patients to undergo treatment for cases of colon, breast or pancreatic cancer now considered incurable.

"We want to know if we can induce immunity," said Dr. Olivera J. Finn, director of the center's immunology program. "If this is eventually successful, clearly I see it as the first therapy that a patient would receive following surgery or following diagnosis."

The patients will continue to receive shots for six weeks and doctors will be able to evaluate the success of the treatment after a year, Finn said.

The vaccine is developed from an abnormal form of a complex of protein and sugars called mucin, a molecule found on the surface of cells in the breast, colon and pancreas. Other cancer vaccines are made from whole proteins and from tumor cells.

"We're shining a light, a beacon, on this abnormal mucin," said Dr. Michael T. Lotze. "We're identifying a target for the vaccine."

If the vaccine produces immunity, it could be administered to patients after surgery to help prevent a recurrence of cancer, he said.

"That's the ideal time to consider a vaccine," said Dr. Philip Livingston of Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York. "If that proves to be effective in that setting, then you can of course consider using it in patients with high-risk factors."

Lotze said Pittsburgh researchers hope someday to inject people at risk for developing cancer as a preventative.

The vaccine can cause slight side effects such as fever, chills and swelling, Lotze said.

The Pittsburgh Cancer Institute received U.S. Food and Drug Administration approval for vaccine testing on Dec. 18 Finn said.

AP Photo

While in her lab at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center yesterday, Olivera J. Finn tells how the cancer vaccine she helped develop works.

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1980-2021 Four Decades in the Life of Immunotherapy: Looking Back and Looking Forward to Immunotherapy of Cancer Coming of Age

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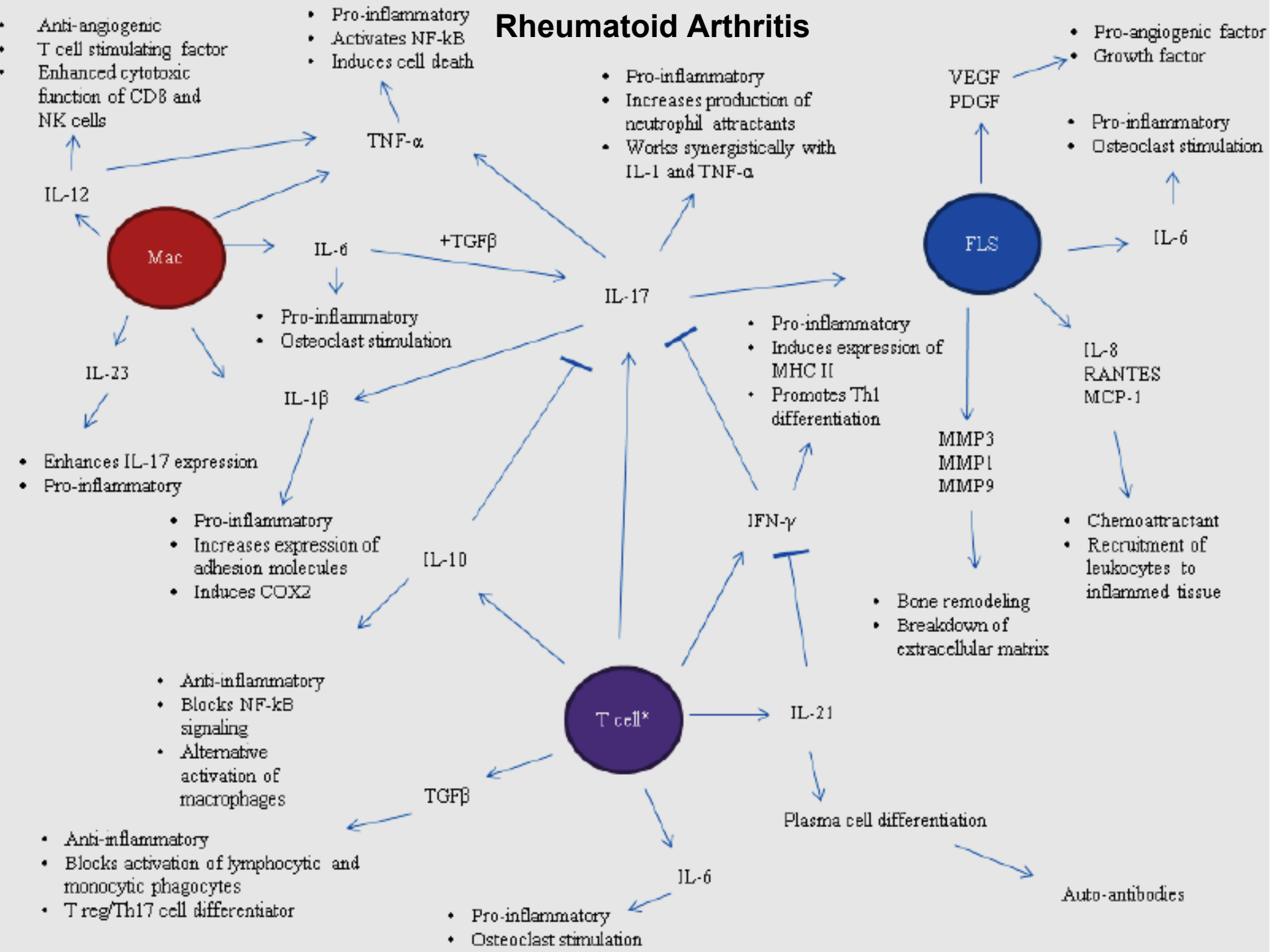
- **Clinigen (IL-2)**
- **Nurix (NextACT) Chief Cellular Therapy Officer**
- **Checkmate, Inc. (TLR9/Checkpoints)**
- **iRepertoire, Inc. (Hudson Alpha Institute)**

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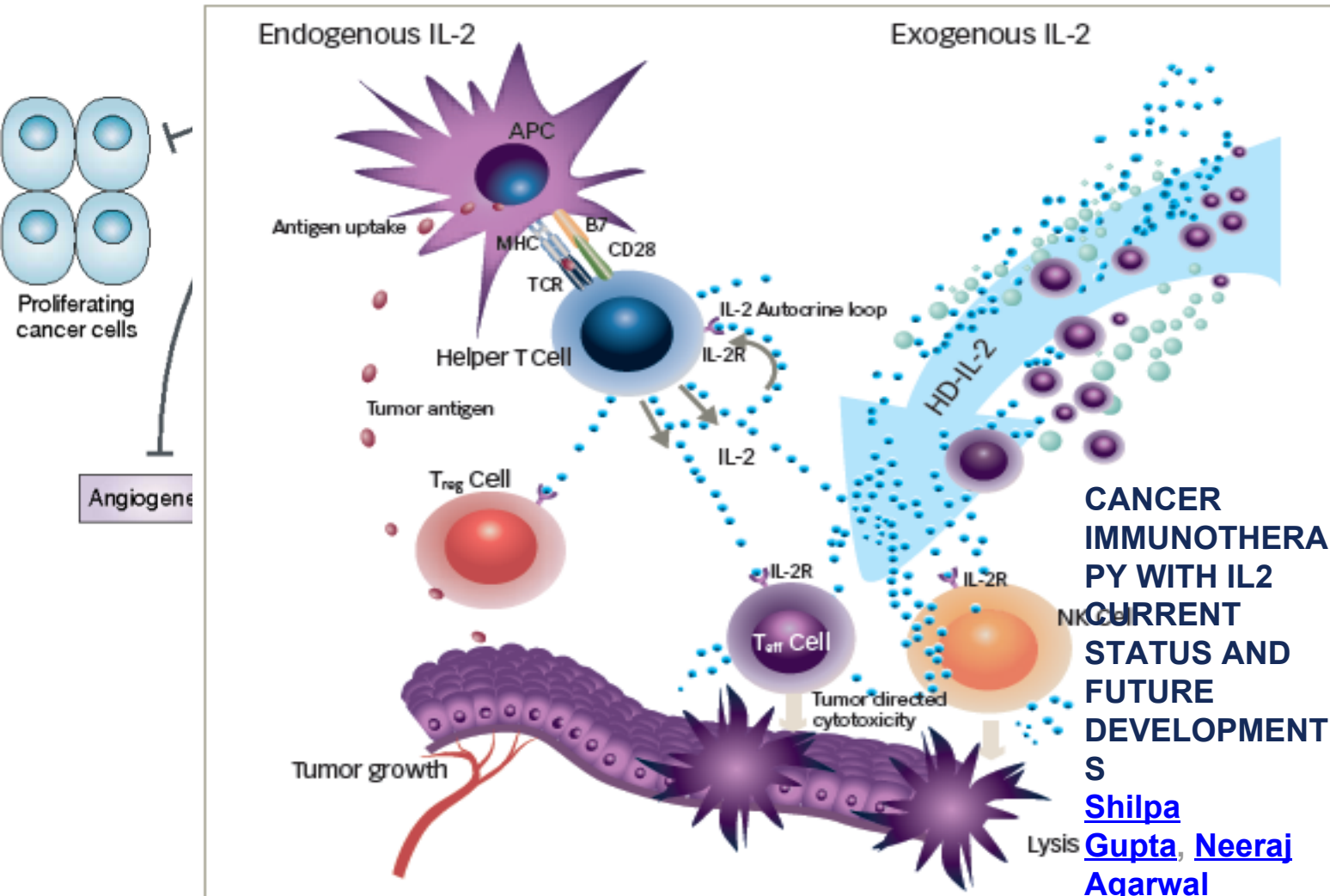
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Rheumatoid Arthritis



Cancer Immunotherapy

Figure 1: Dual mechanism of action of interleukin-2



APC = antigen-presenting cell; HD-IL-2 = high-dose interleukin; NK = natural killer; MHC = major histocompatibility complex. TCR = T cell receptor. Source: [Brennan et al. 2016](#).

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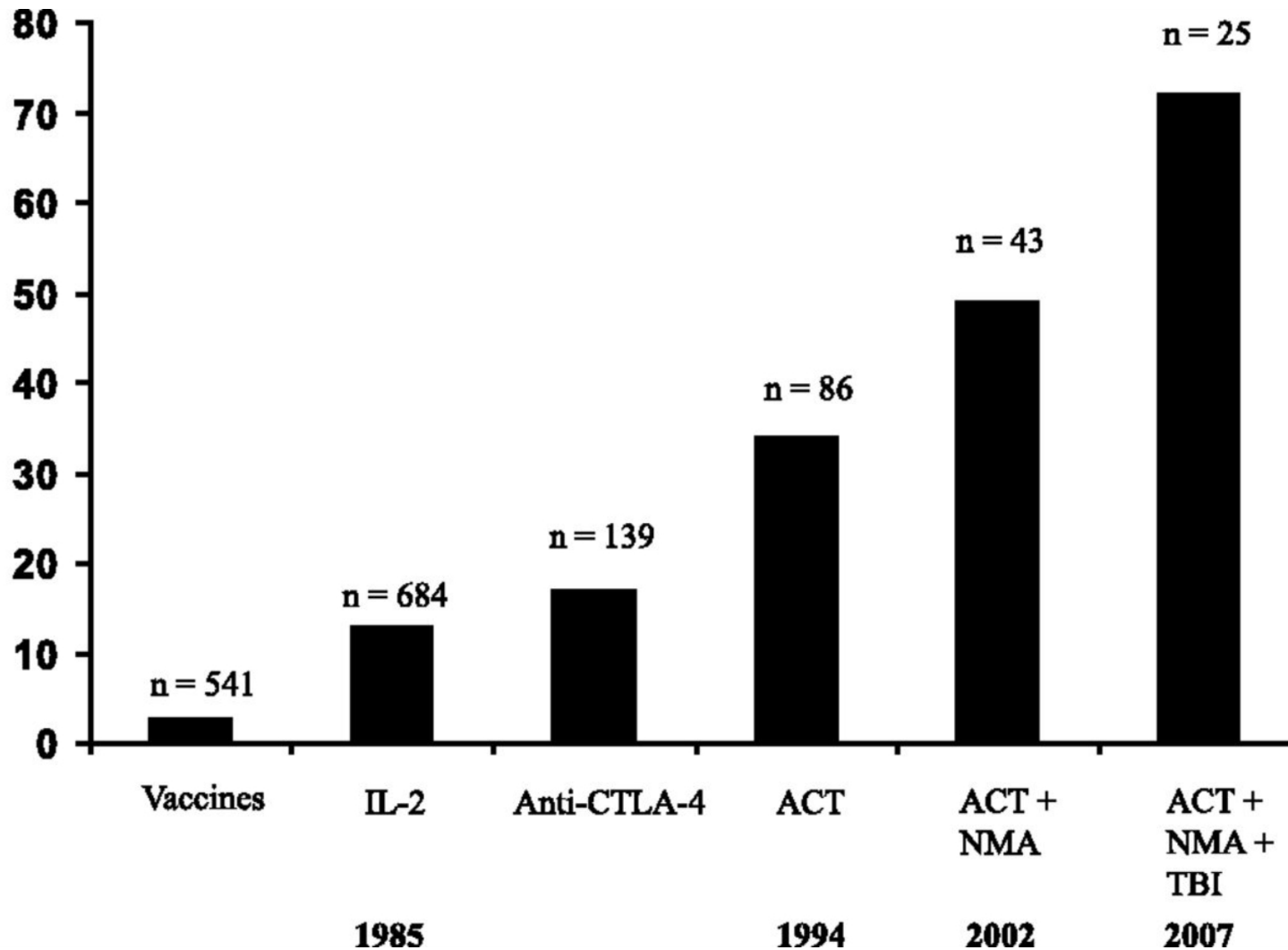
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Cytokines in cancer pathogenesis and cancer therapy

• [Glenn Dranoff](#)

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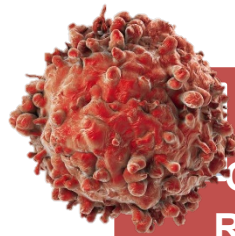
IL-2: The First Effective ImmunoRx for Human Cancer

Steven A. Rosenberg
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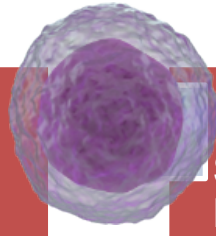
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Foundations of Cancer Therapy



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ChemoRx
Radiation

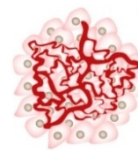
- **Other Targets:**
- Signal Transduction
- Autophagy
- Oncogenes
- Tumor Suppressor Genes



T Cells

Immune
Stimulants
IL2-1st ICI

- Checkpoint Inhibition-CTLA4, PD1, PDL1
- Adoptive Cell Therapy (CARTs, TIL)
- DC, Other Vaccines



Anti-VEGF

- Chloroquine
- Platelet Derived Growth Factor (PDGF)
- Fibroblast Growth Factor (FGF)
- Tie 2 Kinase stabilization
- β -phosphatase inhibitors

Disturbance of function (*functio laesa*): the legendary 5th cardinal sign of inflammation, added by Galen to the four cardinal signs of Celsus=Autophagy.

Rather LJ. Bull N Y Acad Med. 1971.

Calor (warmth), *dolor* (pain), *tumor* (swelling) and *rubor* (redness), and (later) loss of function Celsus, *De Medicina*

Cancer is the endstage of chronic inflammation in adults



Evolution of Cancer

Treatments: Surgery (ACS)



Ancient physicians and surgeons knew that cancer would usually come back after it was surgically removed. The Roman physician Celsus wrote, “After excision, even when a scar has formed, none the less the disease has returned.”

Successful Surgical Excision is Immunotherapy
Successful Radiation Therapy is Immunotherapy
Successful Hormonal Therapy is Immunotherapy
Successful Chemotherapy is Immunotherapy

A cold-blooded view of adaptive immunity

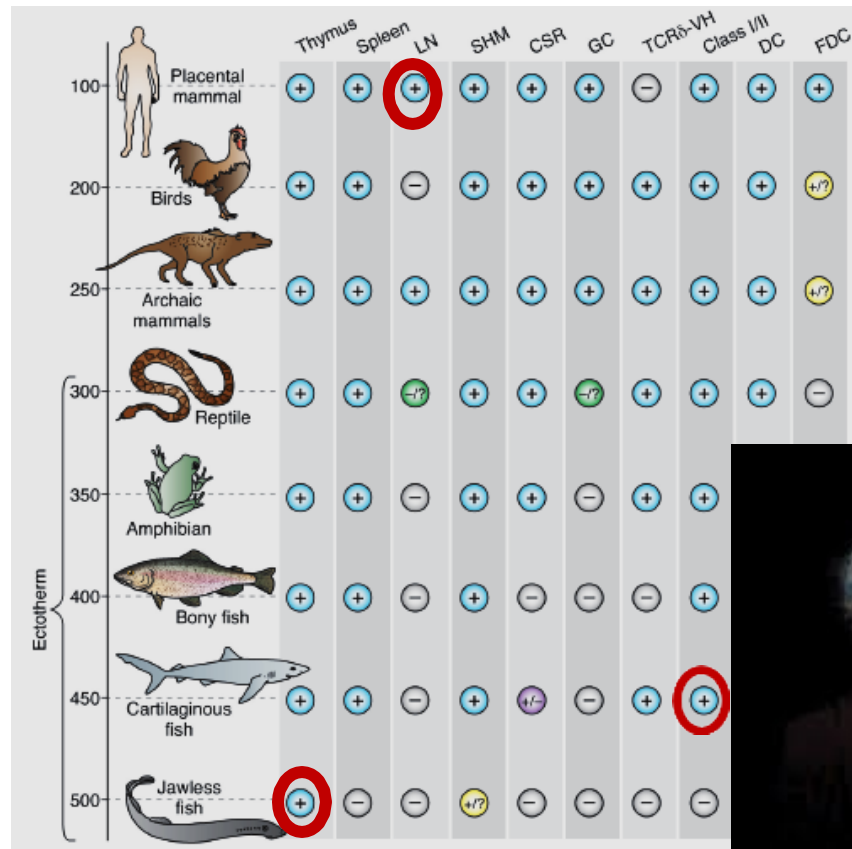
Nature Review Immunology (2018)

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Innate immunity in
single cell organisms
(4byrs) evolved:
0) TLRs, NLRs,
ALRs, RLRs, STING
(**STRANGER-**
Janeway)



and jasmonic acid)
that limit pathogens;
4) SIRP α /CD47
5) PIR's



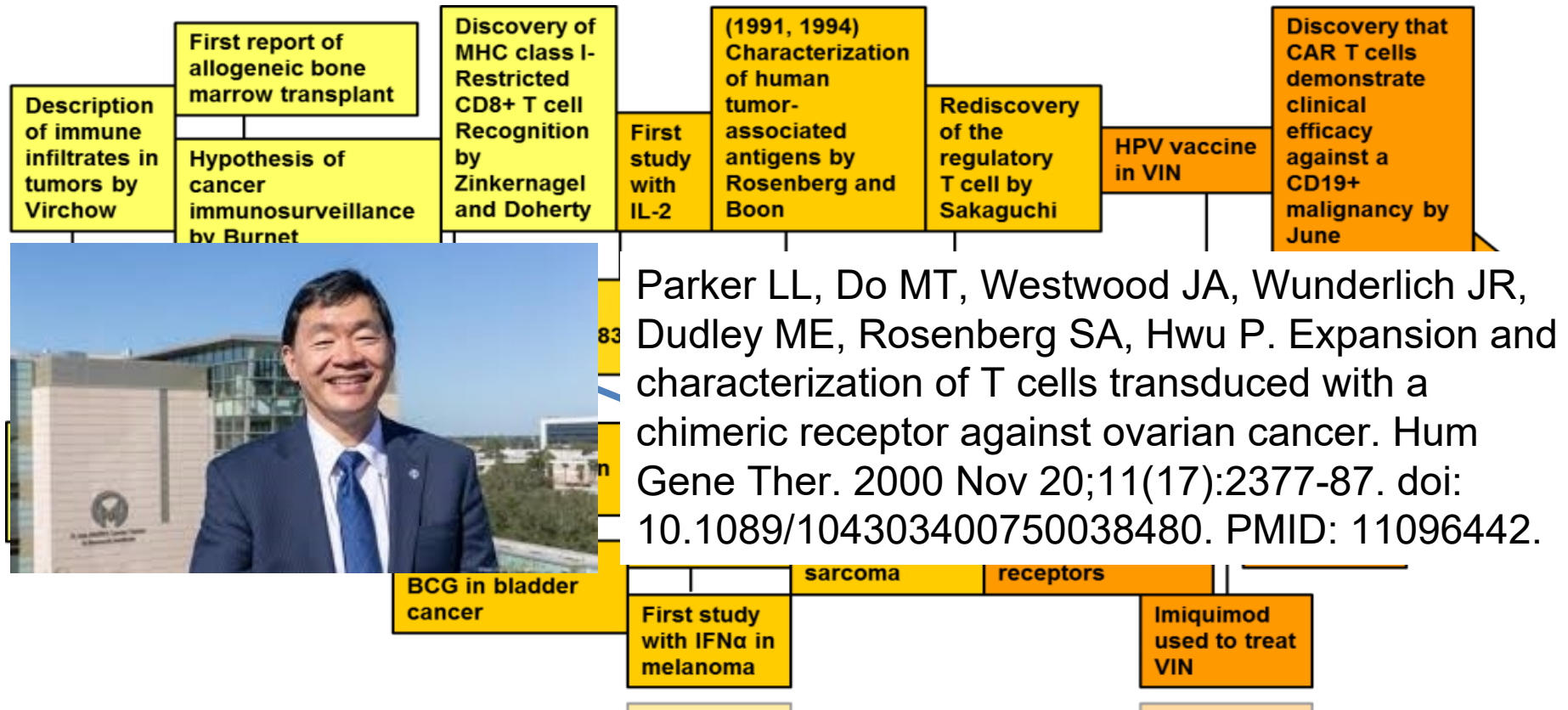
NK cells and
MHC-like
molecules
(Maternal/Fetal
interface):
*Botryllus
schlosseri* is a
colonial



DANGER-
Matzinger

History of Immunotherapy

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Parker LL, Do MT, Westwood JA, Wunderlich JR, Dudley ME, Rosenberg SA, Hwu P. Expansion and characterization of T cells transduced with a chimeric receptor against ovarian cancer. Hum Gene Ther. 2000 Nov 20;11(17):2377-87. doi: 10.1089/104303400750038480. PMID: 11096442.

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Fraietta, Joseph A <jfrai@upenn.edu>

The lymphocyte as a factor in natural and induced resistance to transplanted cancer.

Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A 1:435–437; 1915

Hence, it would seem fair to conclude that the lymphocyte is a necessary factor in cancer immunity – James B. Murphy and John J. Morton (Murphy and Morton 1915)





NIELS K. JERNE, M.D.

Professor and Chairman, Department of Microbiology, 1962-1966

*Winner of the
1984 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine
for his contributions to the understanding of the immune*

"Foreign"
stimulus

Eigen-behaviour of the immune system following Niels Jerne

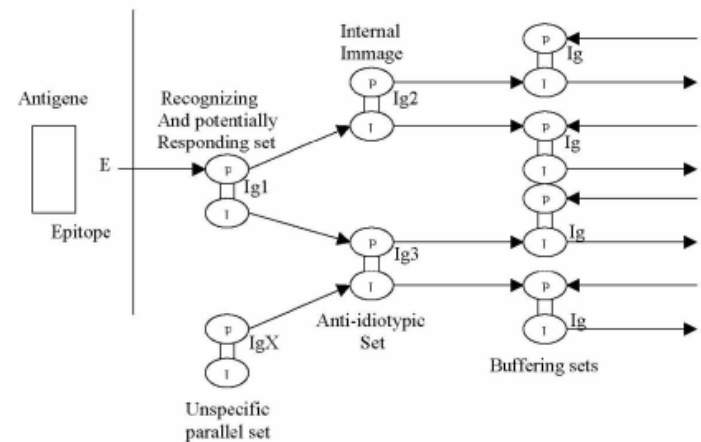
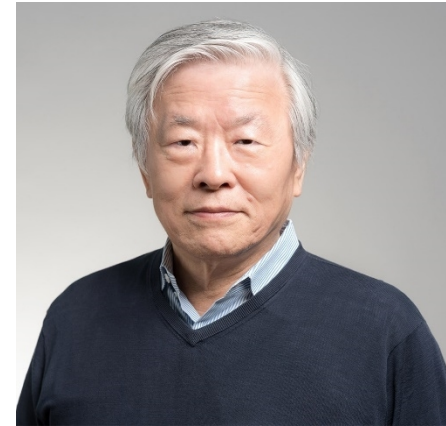


Fig. 1. A model of Niels Jerne's immunological network model (from 1974). For each Ig, a precursor (p) and an effector (e) are shown.

Rearranged Receptors in B and T Cells

Susumu Tonegawa Professor, Nobel Laureate
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Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Massachusetts, US



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Hayday AC, Saito H, Gillies SD, et al. Structure, organization, and somatic rearrangement of T cell gamma genes. *Cell* 1985;40:259-69.

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The Immunologic Big Bang

Pillars of Immunology

The Journal
of Immunology

A Convergent Immunological Holy Trinity of Adaptive Immunity in Lampreys: Discovery of the Variable Lymphocyte Receptors

Martin F. Flajnik

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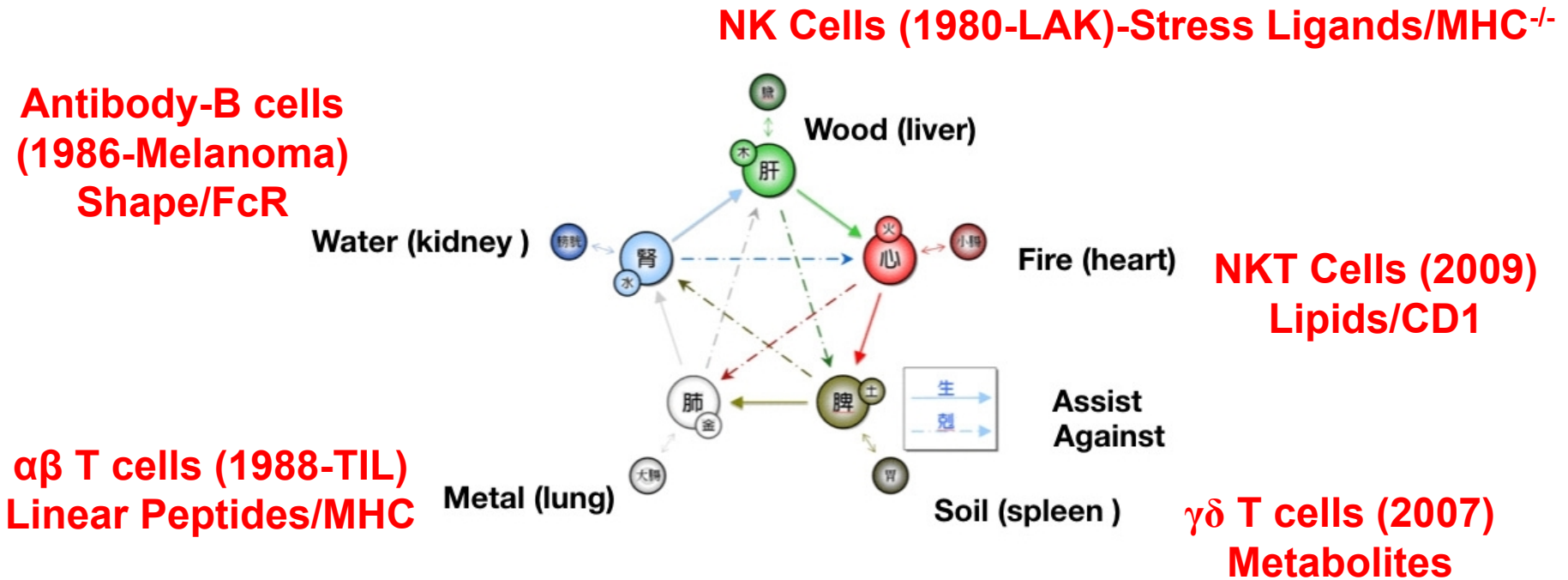


Zeev Pancer and Max Cooper With a Larval Lamprey at UAB



>500 Million Years of Adaptive Immunity-Wu Xing

The Immunologic Big Bang



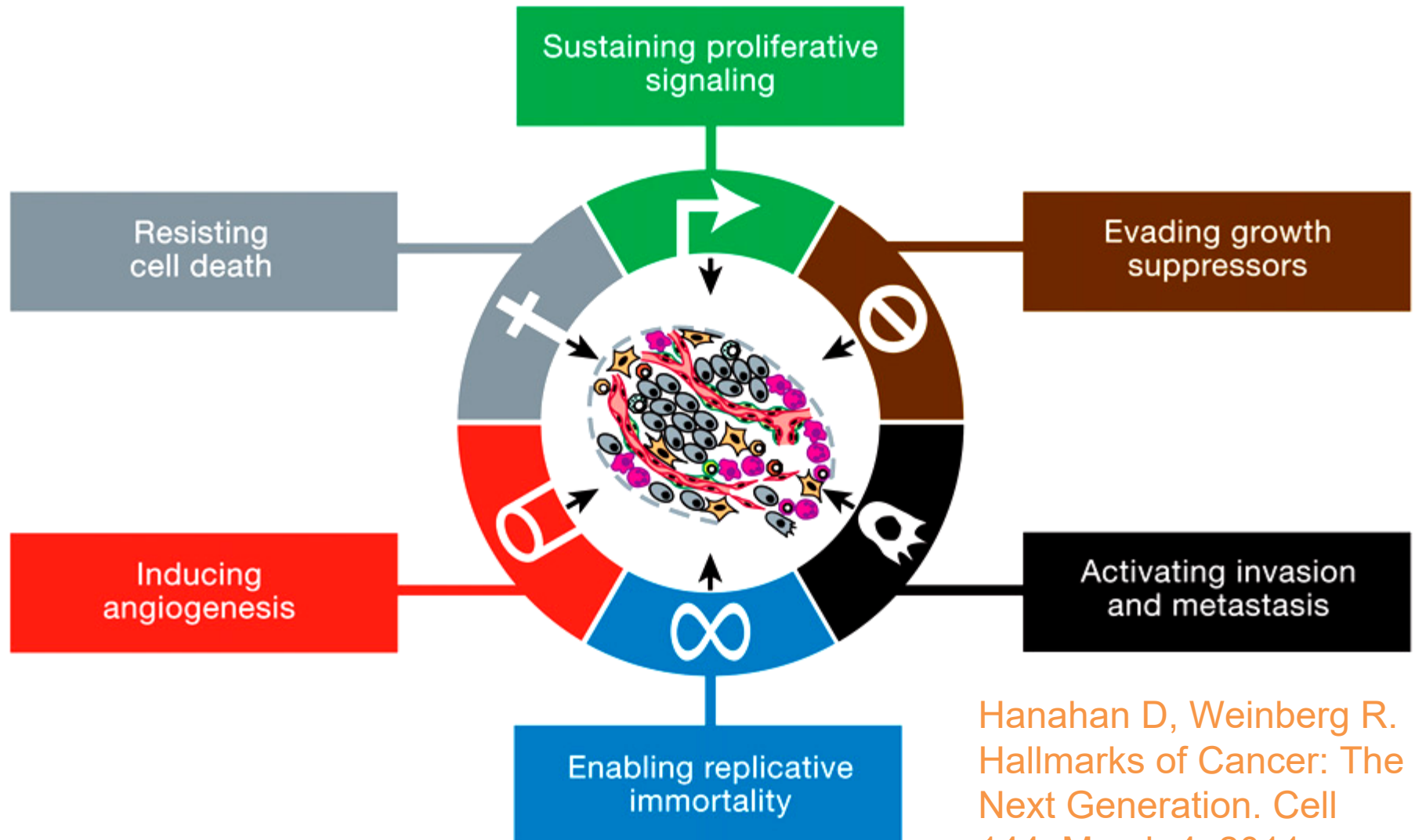
"Wǔ zhǒng liúxíng zhī qì" (五種流行之氣) or "the five types of chi dominating at different times".

The Hellström Paradox

- A paradox lies at the heart of cancer.
- Coursing through many tumors are legions of immune cells, including the T cells that should be fighting the cancer.
- Yet these T cells are typically dysfunctional — they stop working and let the tumor grow with abandon.
- Scientists have a name for this conundrum: the Hellström paradox, after Ingegerd and Karl Hellström, the immunologists who first drew attention to it more than 50 years ago.
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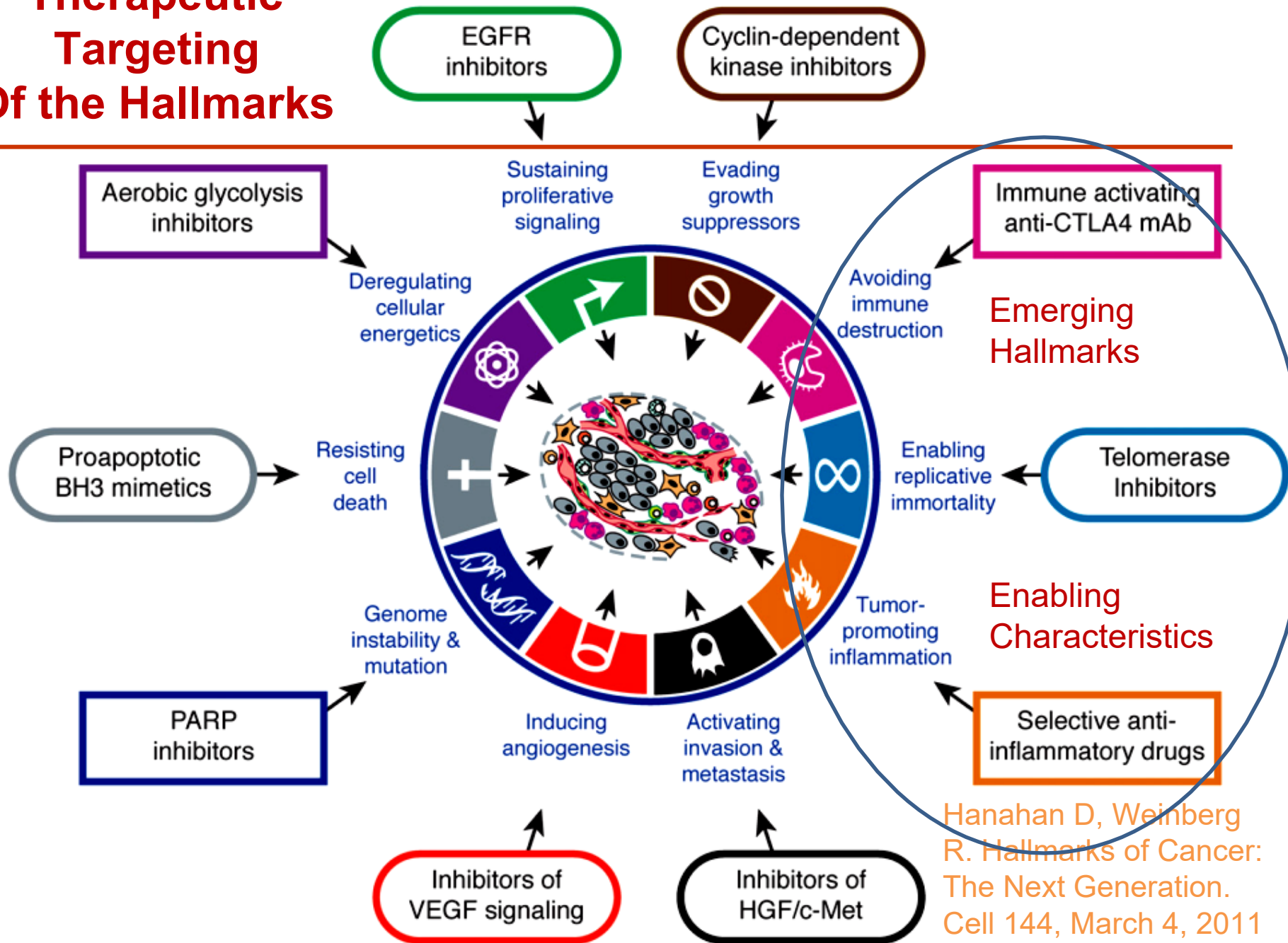


Original Hallmarks of Cancer



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Hallmarks of Cancer: The
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Therapeutic Targeting Of the Hallmarks



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The Beginning of Molecular Therapeutics - 1978

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Will Interferon Kill Cancer? Finnish Dr. Kari Cantell Is Helping the World Find Out

But Cantell and the Finnish Red Cross, now producing 250 billion units (5,285 quarts) a year, have provided the great bulk of pure interferon used for clinical studies on humans, including a \$2 million batch bought last year by the American Cancer Society. “Production is the bottleneck,” says Cantell, who finds it “stupid and irritating” that until recently nobody else has tried to produce the substance in large-scale volume.

History of SITC



The First Winter Course SITC 2019 Mesa AZ



Cancer Immunotherapy



2013



2014



James Allison
Immunotherapy
Nobel Prize 2018



Gordon Freeman
Autophagy
Nobel Prize 2016

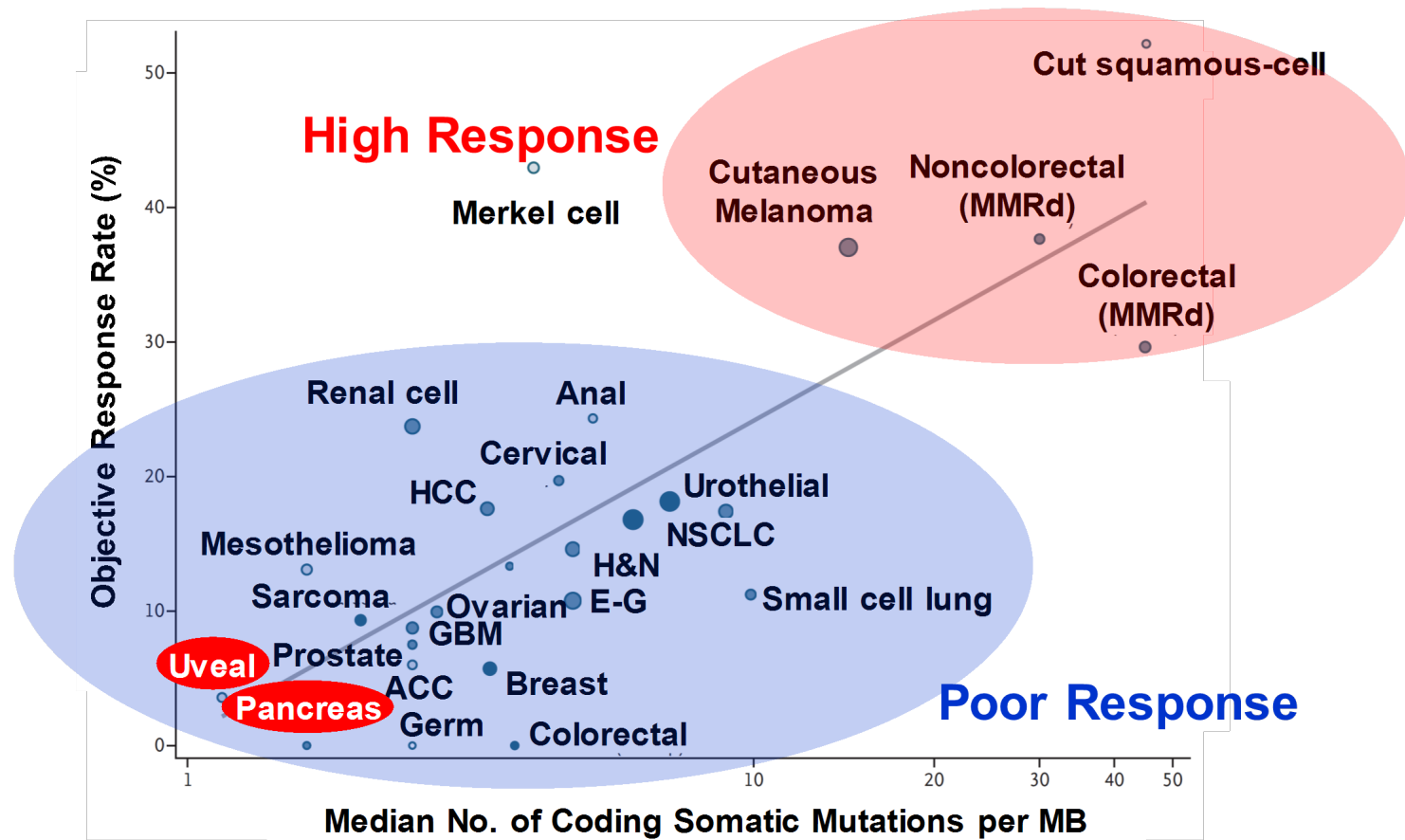


Tasuku Honjo
Immunotherapy
Nobel Prize 2018

Dana-Farber scores legal win on immunotherapy patents likely worth billions: 6 things to know Alia Paavola, May 20th, 2019

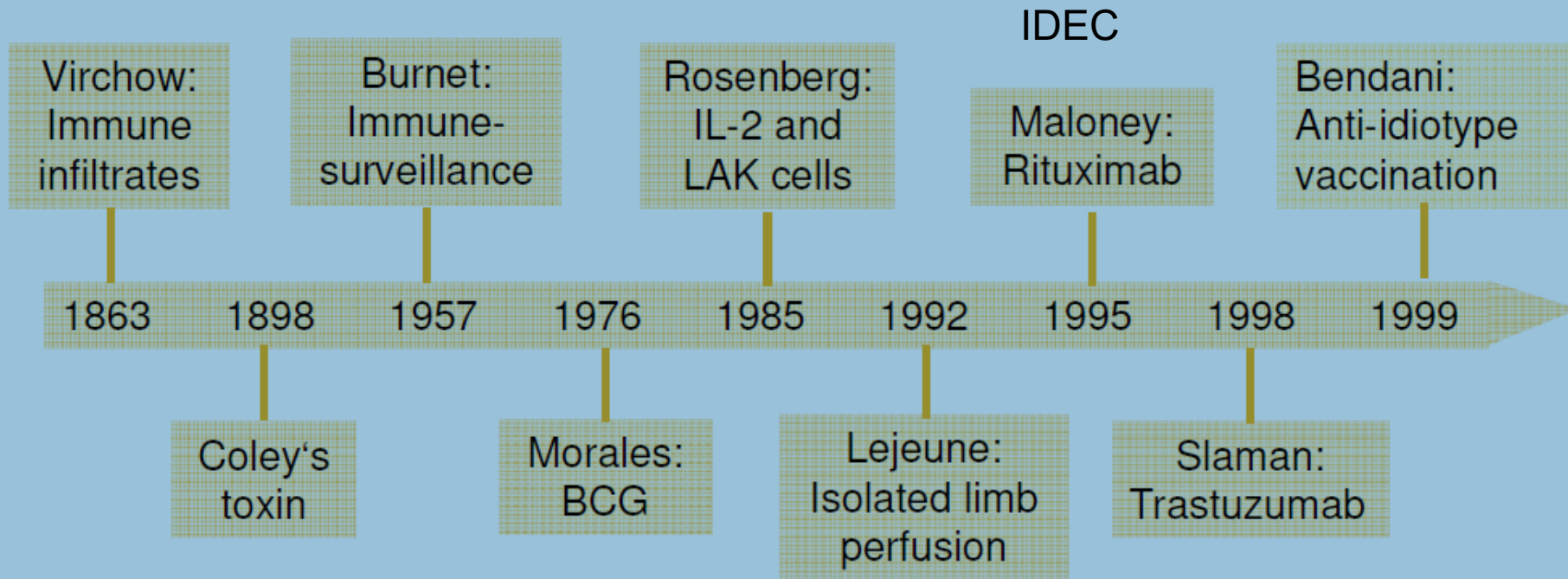
In a major win for Boston-based Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, a federal court ruled that one of its researchers should be listed as an inventor on six patents that are believed to be worth billions of dollars.

The Critical Need for More Effective Immunotherapies for Solid Tumors



Adapted from NEJM Dec 21 2017

Before There were Checkpoints



Coley's Toxins, 1893



Fig. 2. Patient as he first appeared to Coley in 1891, 7 years after the accidental erysipelas-induced regression of inoperable sarcoma (Coley, 1893a).

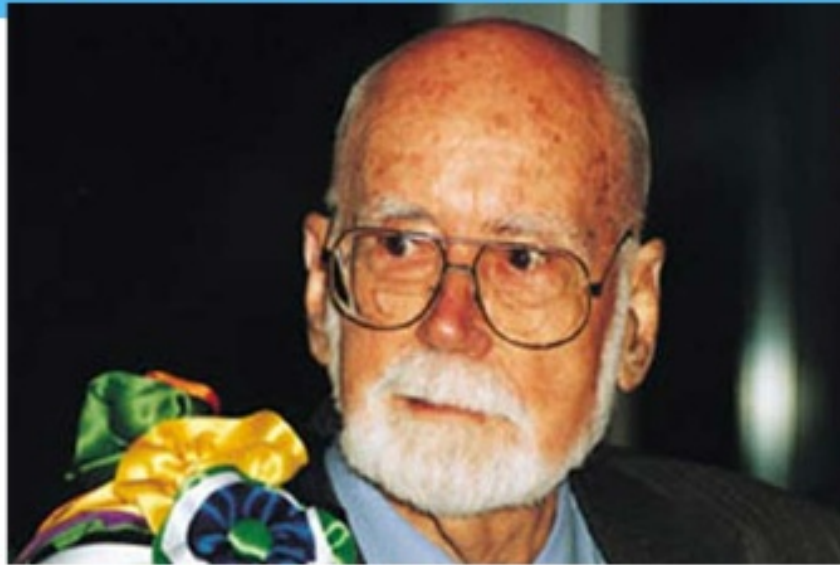
W. Busch.
Einfluß von
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Berliner
Klin Wschr
1866. 3:
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Complete remission of a sarcoma in
a patient after 2 episodes of
erysipelas caused by
streptococcus pyogenes

William Coley, 1893

E. Donnall Thomas

The Nobel Prize, 1990



first successful HSCT in treatment of acute leukemias

Thomas ED, Lochte HL, Lu WC, Ferrebee JW. Intravenous infusion of bone marrow in patients receiving radiation and chemotherapy. N. Engl. J. Med. 1957; 257: 491

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Cooperstown, NY Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital

First 40 Yrs of Cancer Immunotherapy



Steven A.
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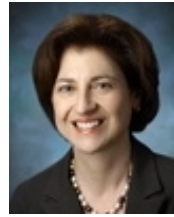
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Michael T.
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IL-2 Given to
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1985



Suzanne
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Tumor
Infiltrating
Lymphocytes
(TILs)
And gene
therapy (PD-
1/PD-L1)

1987



Yutaka
Kawakami

IL-4 given to
patients;
MART-
1/Melan A

1989



Michael
Atkins

IL-12 given
to patients

1995



Hideaki
Tahara

IL-12
Gene
Therapy

1996



Olja
Finn

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Cells
Given To
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T-cells & TCGF

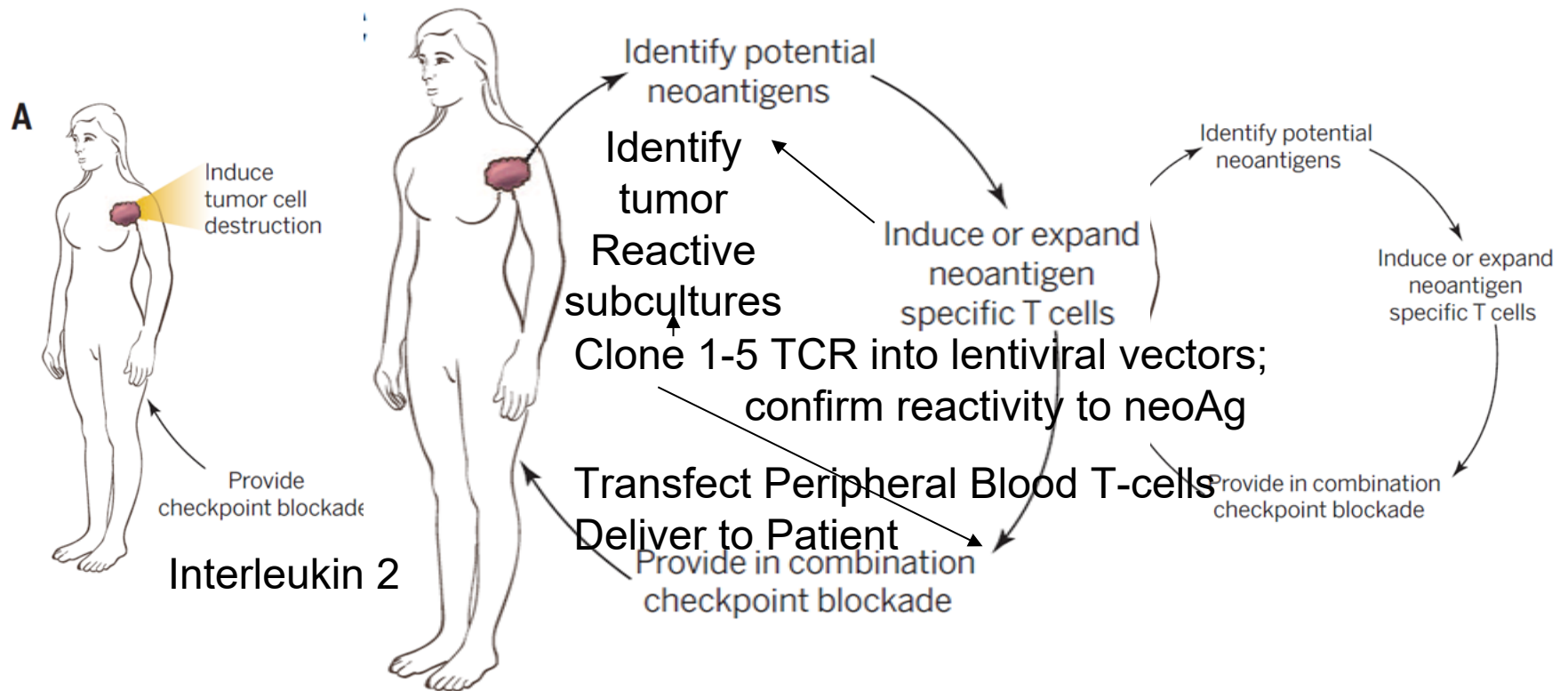
Tumor Vaccines

Innate
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Unpacking Current Immunotherapies to Drive T-cell Responses



Cytokines are medically relevant endogenous small (~15kDa) proteins

Cytokine-based therapies in human disease

Cytokine	Brand name	Status	Indication	Year of 1 st FDA Approval
IL-2	Proleukin	Approved	Cancer	1992
IL-11	Neumega	Approved	Thrombocytopenia	1994
EPO	Epogen	Approved	Anemia	1989
G-CSF	Neupogen	Approved	Myelosuppression from chemo	1991
GM-CSF	Leukine	Approved	Myelosuppression from chemo	1991
IFN- α	Intron-A	Approved	Hepatitis, Cancer	1991
IFN- β	Betaseron	Approved	Multiple sclerosis	1993
IFN- γ	Actimmune	Approved	Granulomatosis	1990
IL-7		Clin dev	Cancer, anti-viral	
IL-10		Clin Dev	Cancer, anti-inflammatory	
IL-12		Clin dev	Cancer, anti-viral	
IL-15		Clin dev	Cancer	
IL-21		Clin dev	Cancer	

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John
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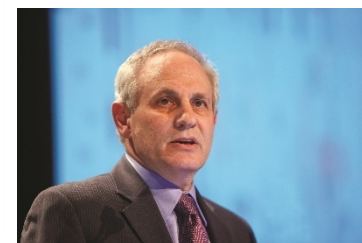
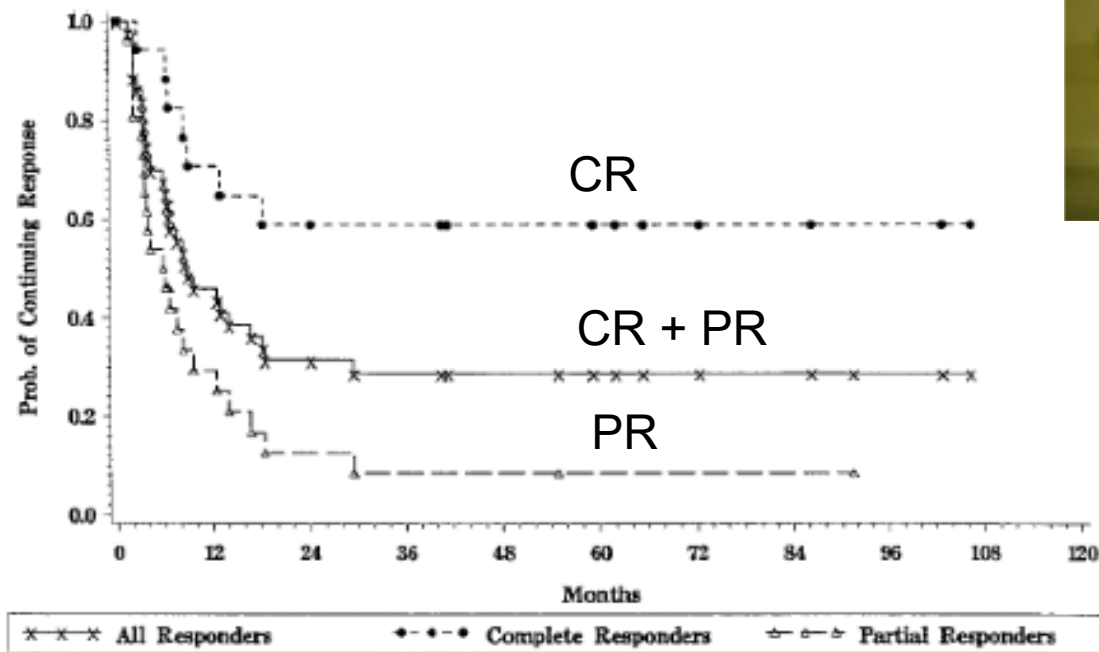


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Clinigen



Paging Dr. Crick
John Wehrle

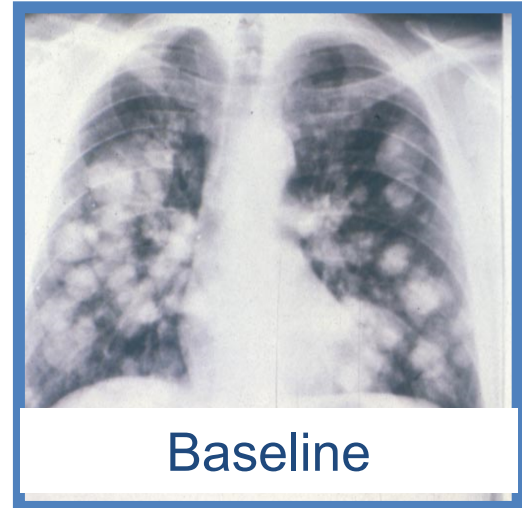
Proof of Principle: Deep responses produce remissions



Atkins, Lotze et al. J Clin Oncol. 1999

High Dose IL-2 Immunotherapy

- Approved in patients with melanoma and kidney cancer.
- Significant 'toxicity'.
- Associated with 'cytokine storm'.
- iNOS blockers, sTNF-R or IL-1Ra have yielded limited reduction in side effects.
- IL-2 treatment is associated with a '**systemic autophagic syndrome**' and temporally limited tissue dysfunction.



AR. Chavez, X Liang, MT Lotze.
Ann. N.Y.Acad.Sci. 1182:14-27 (2009)

Cytokine Working Group

CWG: The Abbreviated History (SITC 2018)

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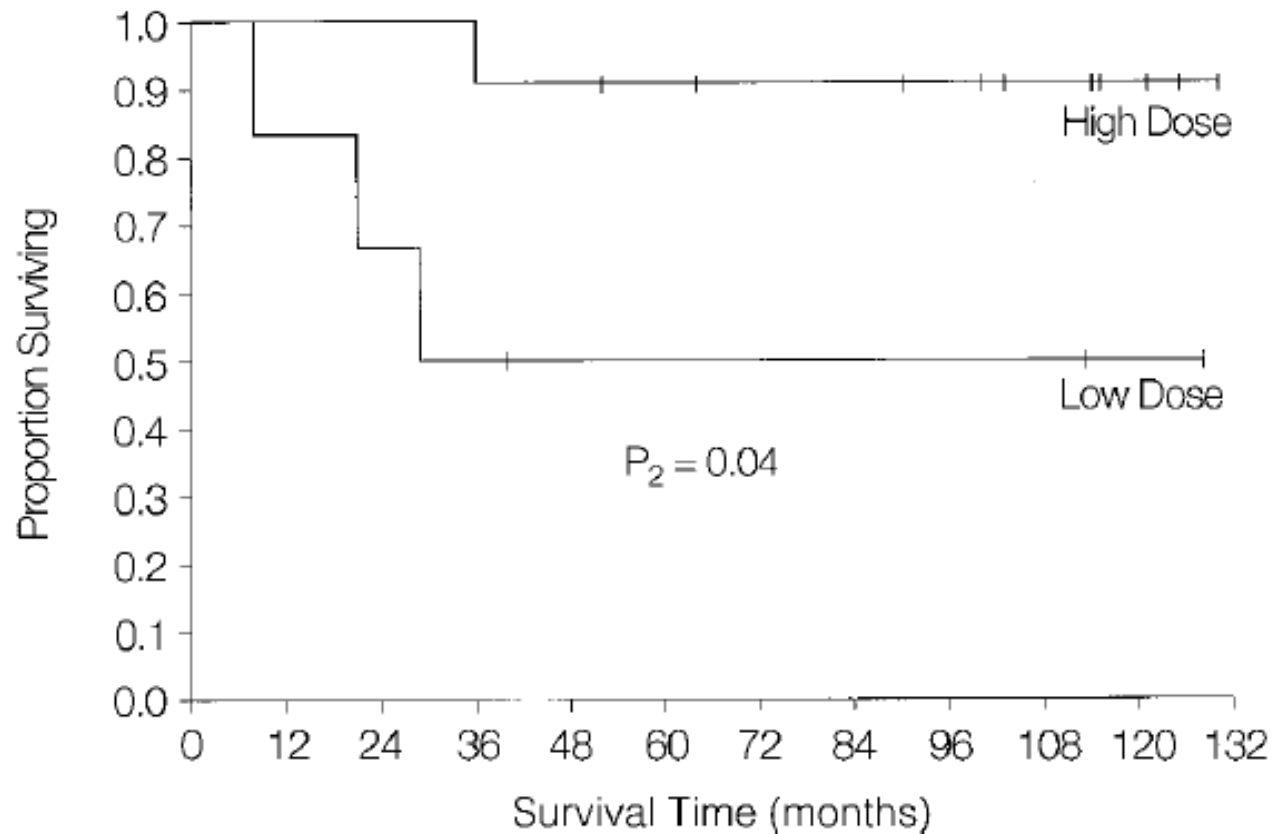


Fig 2. Survival of patients completely responding to high-dose versus low-dose intravenous interleukin-2.

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Combining microenvironment normalization strategies to improve cancer immunotherapy – Rakesh Jain PNAS February 18, 2020 117:3728–3737

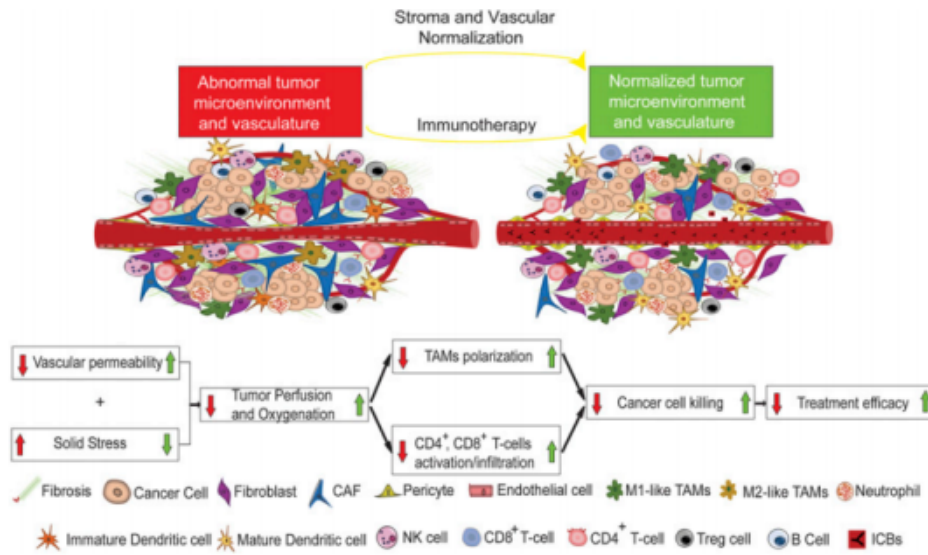
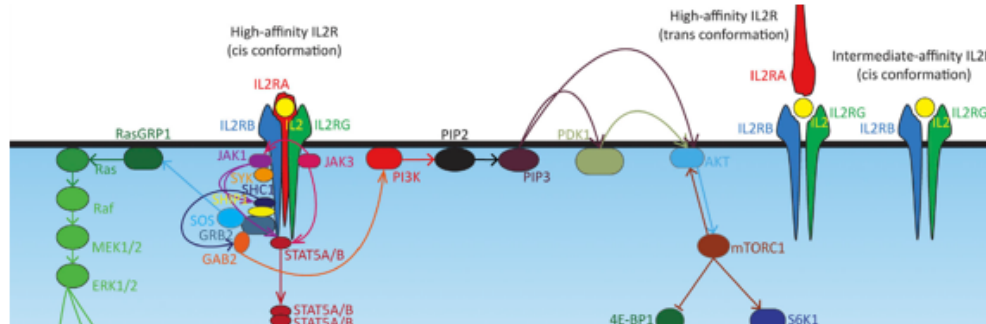
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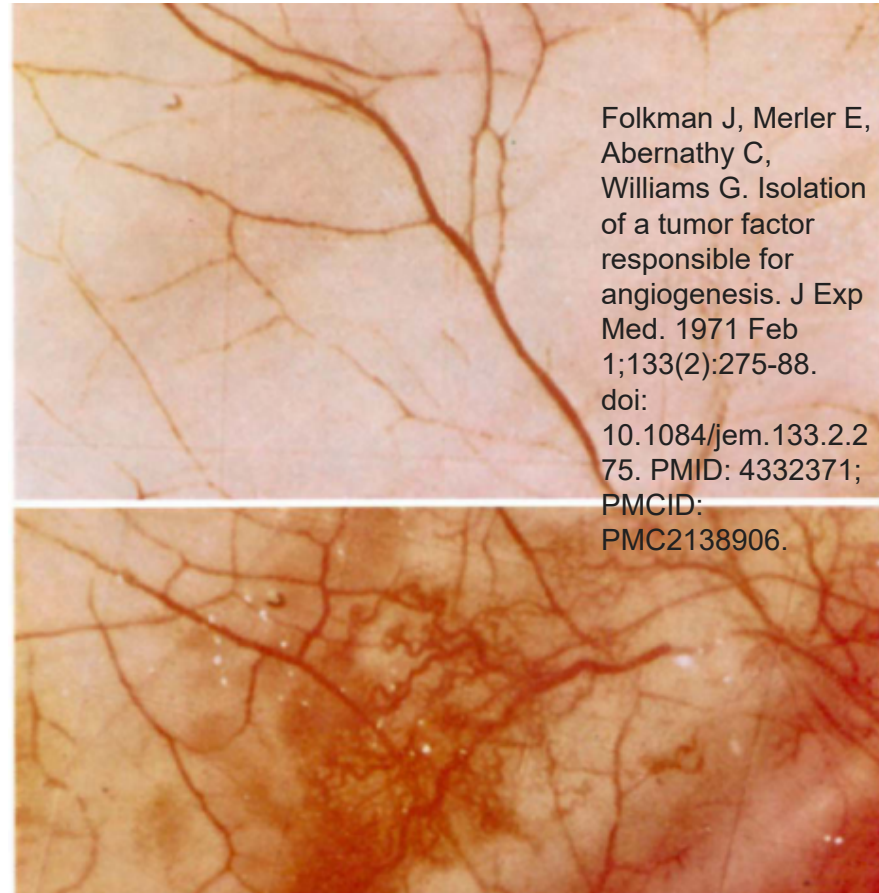
REVIEW

Effects of interleukin-2 in immunostimulation and immunosuppression

Jonathan G. Pol^{1,2,3,4,5}, Pamela Caudana⁶, Juliette Paillet^{1,2,3,4,5,7}, Eliane Piaggio^{6,8}, and Guido Kroemer¹



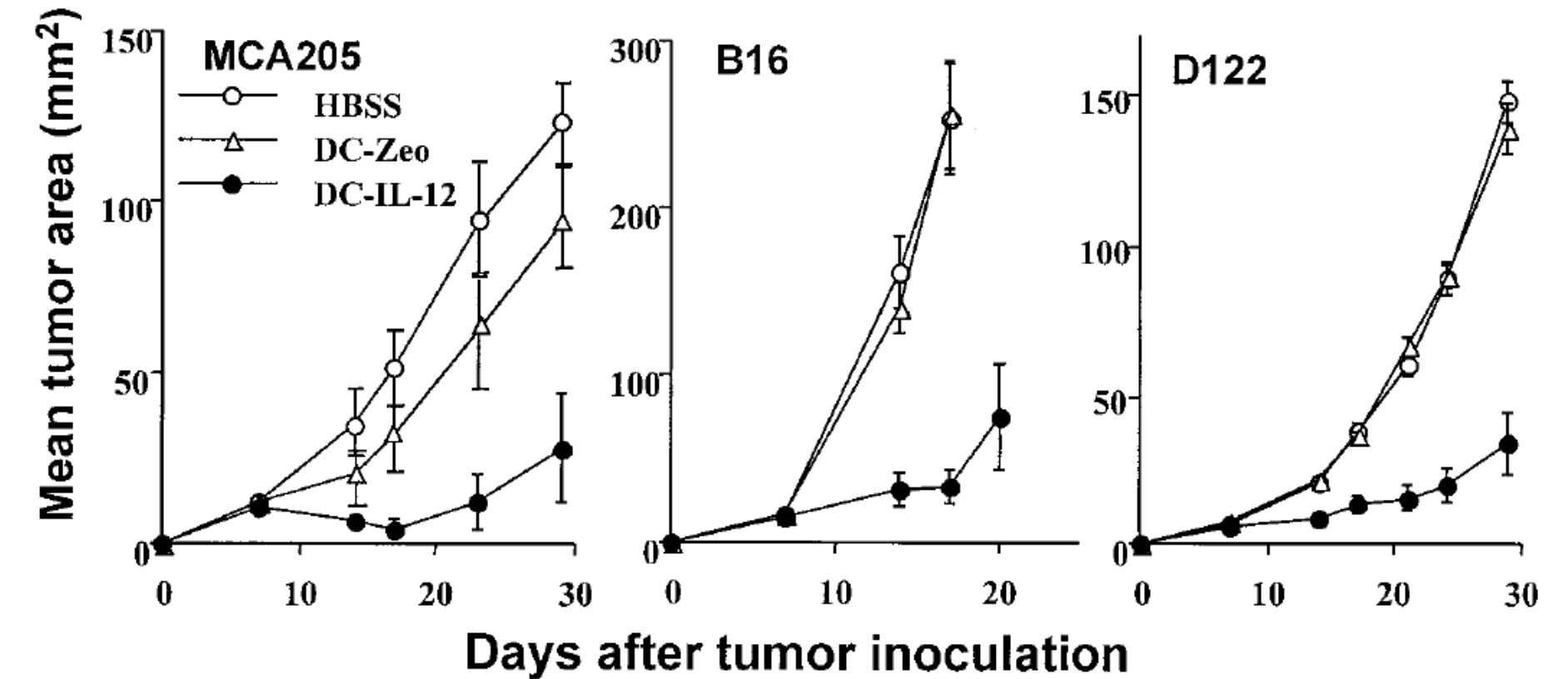
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Induction of Systemic and Therapeutic Antitumor Immunity Using Intratumoral Injection of Dendritic Cells Genetically Modified to Express Interleukin 12¹

Yasuhiko Nishioka, Motohiro Hirao, Paul D. Robbins, Michael T. Lotze, and Hideaki Tahara²

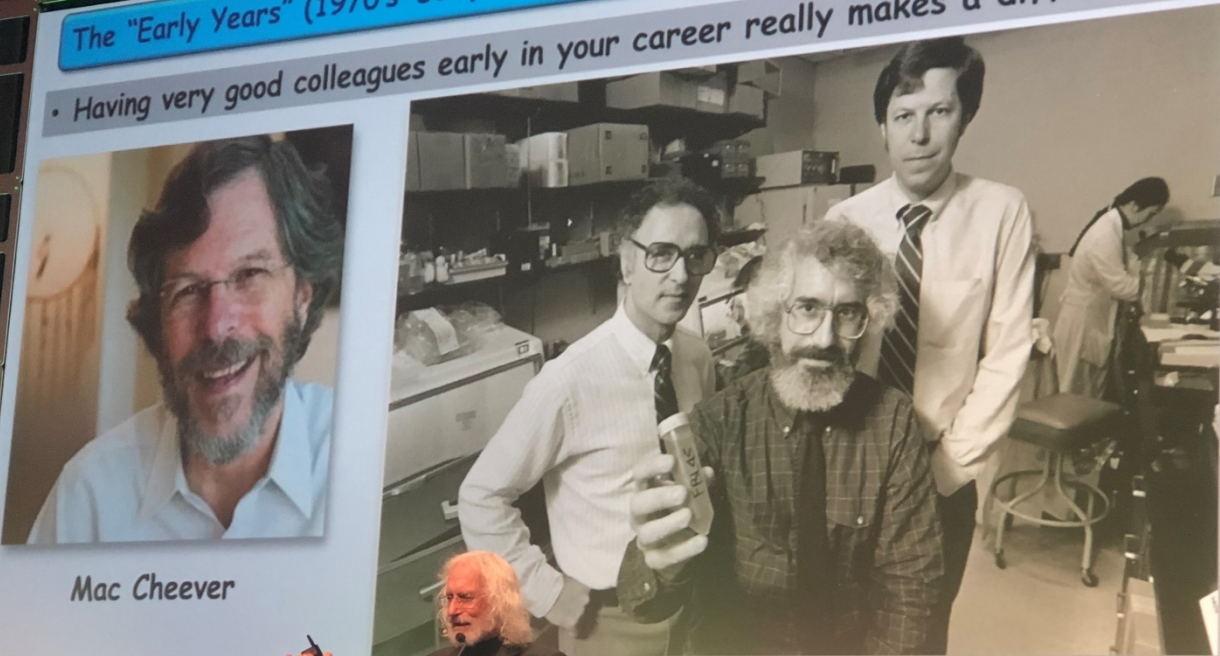
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The "Early Years" (1970's-80's): Developing T cell therapy in mouse models

- Having very good colleagues early in your career really makes a difference

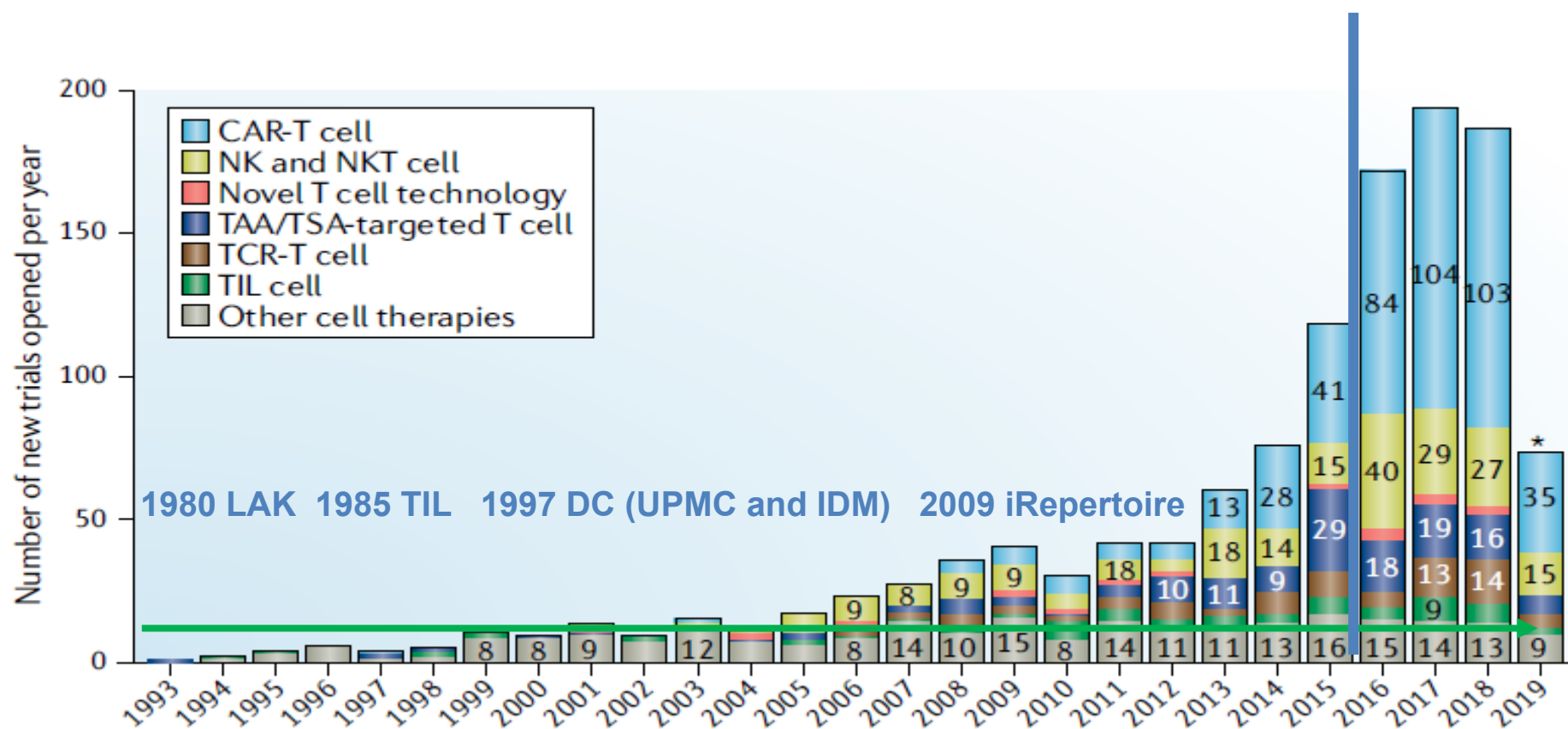


Mac Cheever

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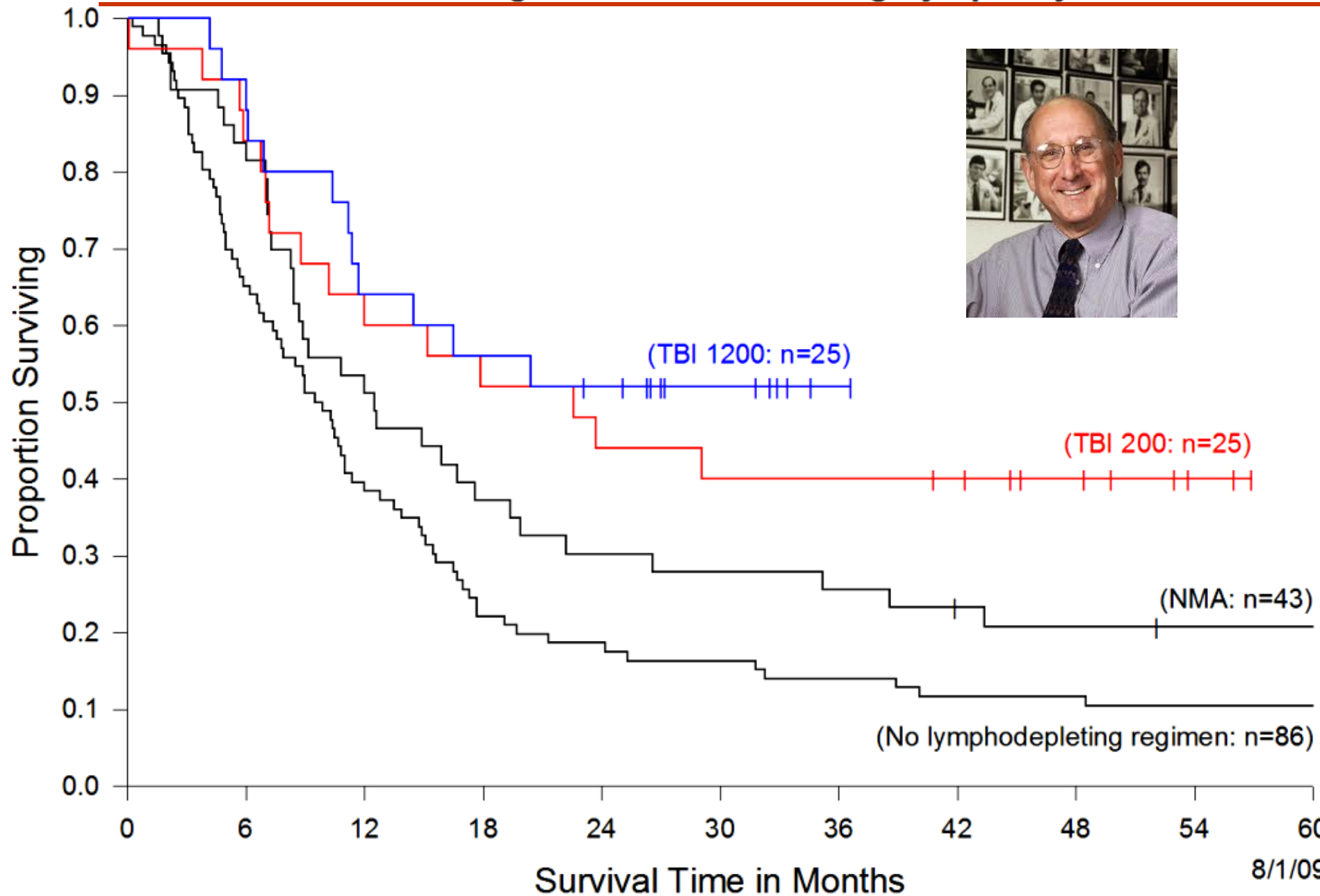
The image shows a presentation slide titled "The 'Early Years' (1970's-80's): Developing T cell therapy in mouse models". Below the title is a bullet point: "• Having very good colleagues early in your career really makes a difference". The slide features two photographs. On the left is a portrait of Mac Cheever, a man with a beard and glasses. On the right is a group photo of three men in a laboratory setting. The man in the center of the group photo is holding a vial labeled "T-RAE". In the foreground, a man with white hair and glasses is speaking at a podium. The podium has a sign that reads "SITC 2018". The background of the slide is decorated with a green and black geometric pattern.

Growth of Cell Therapy Last 25 Years

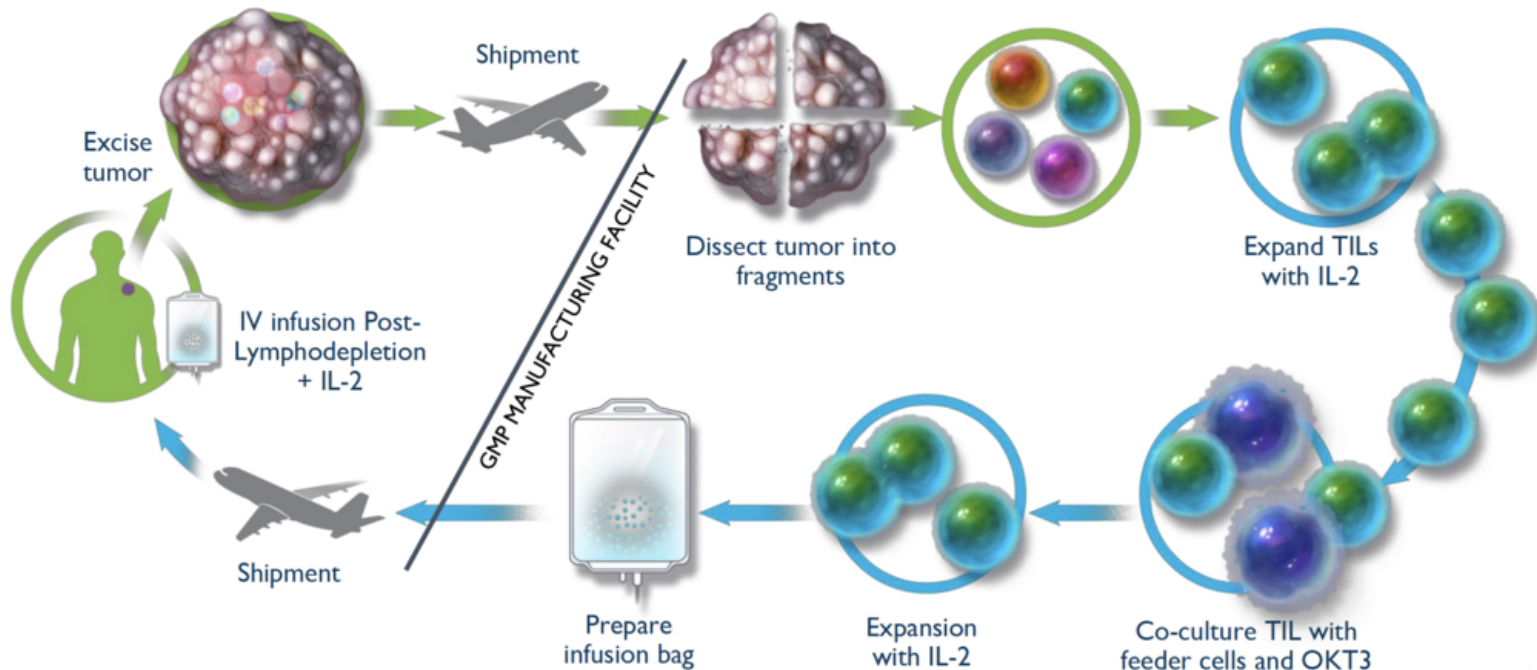




Survival of Patients with Metastatic Melanoma Treated with Autologous Tumor Infiltrating Lymphocytes and IL-2



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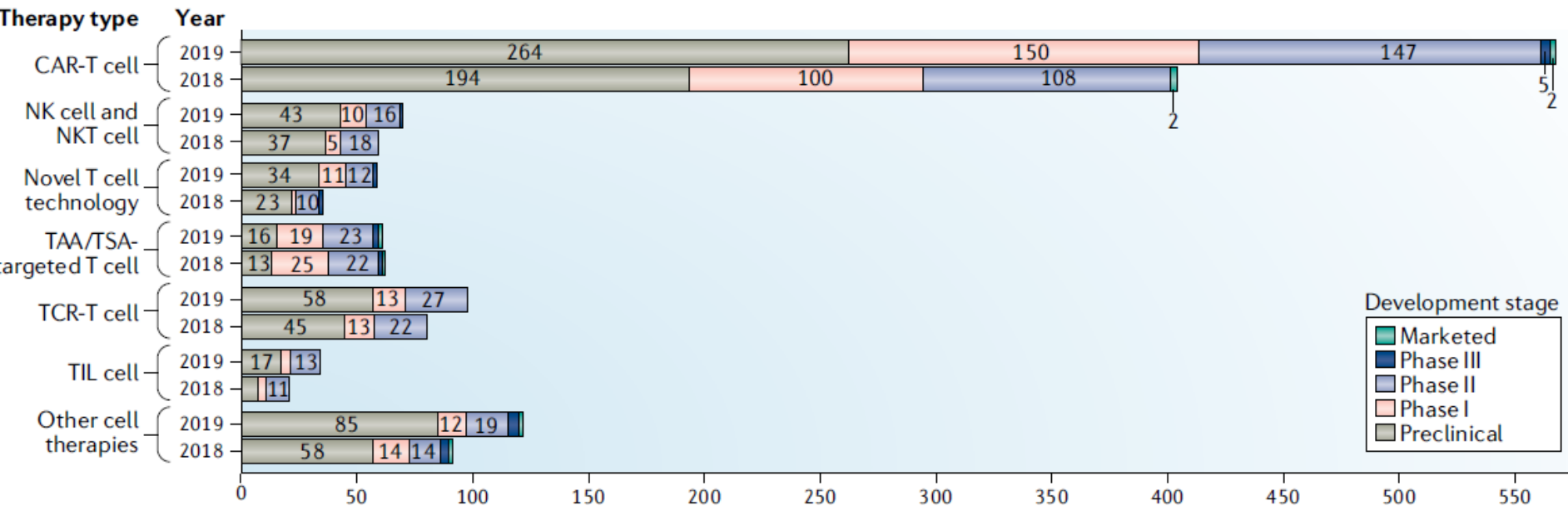
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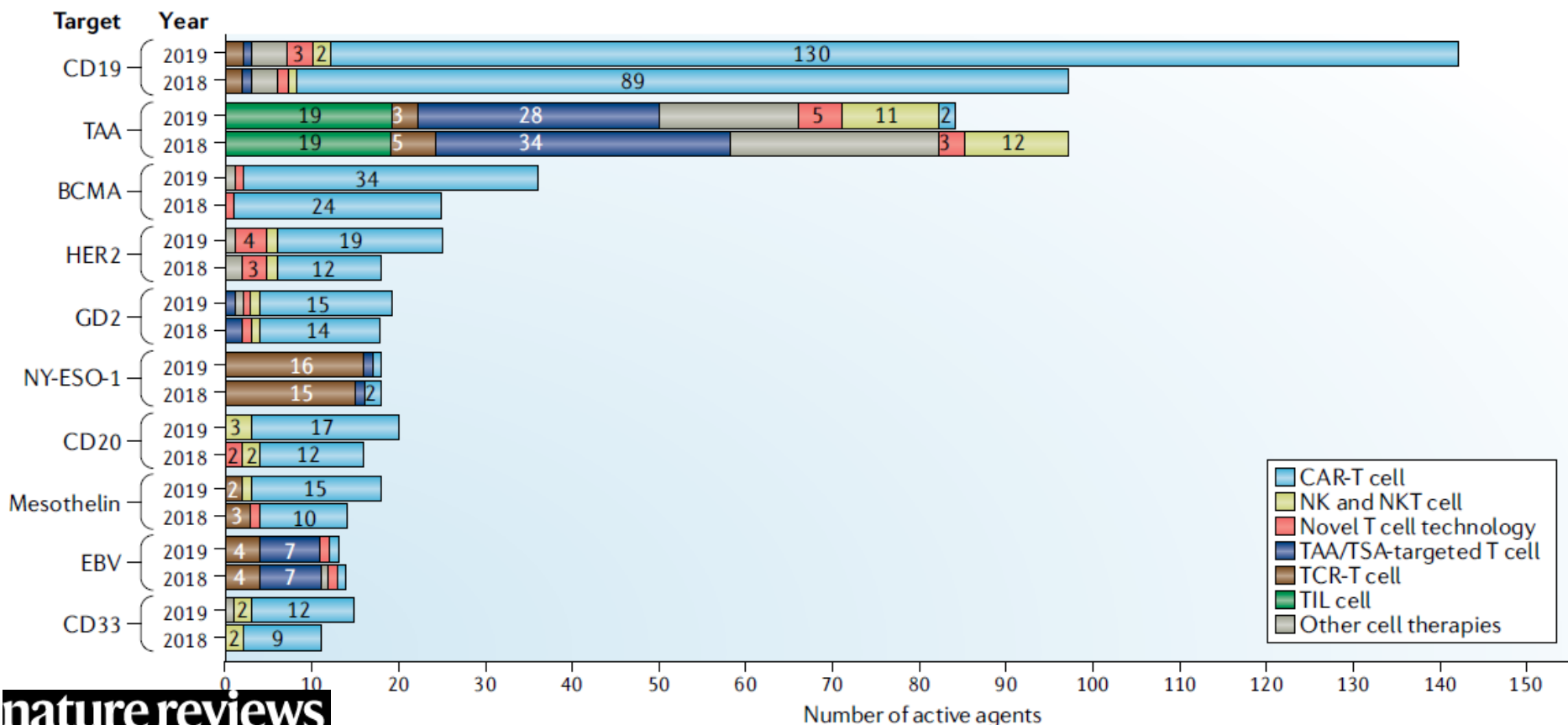
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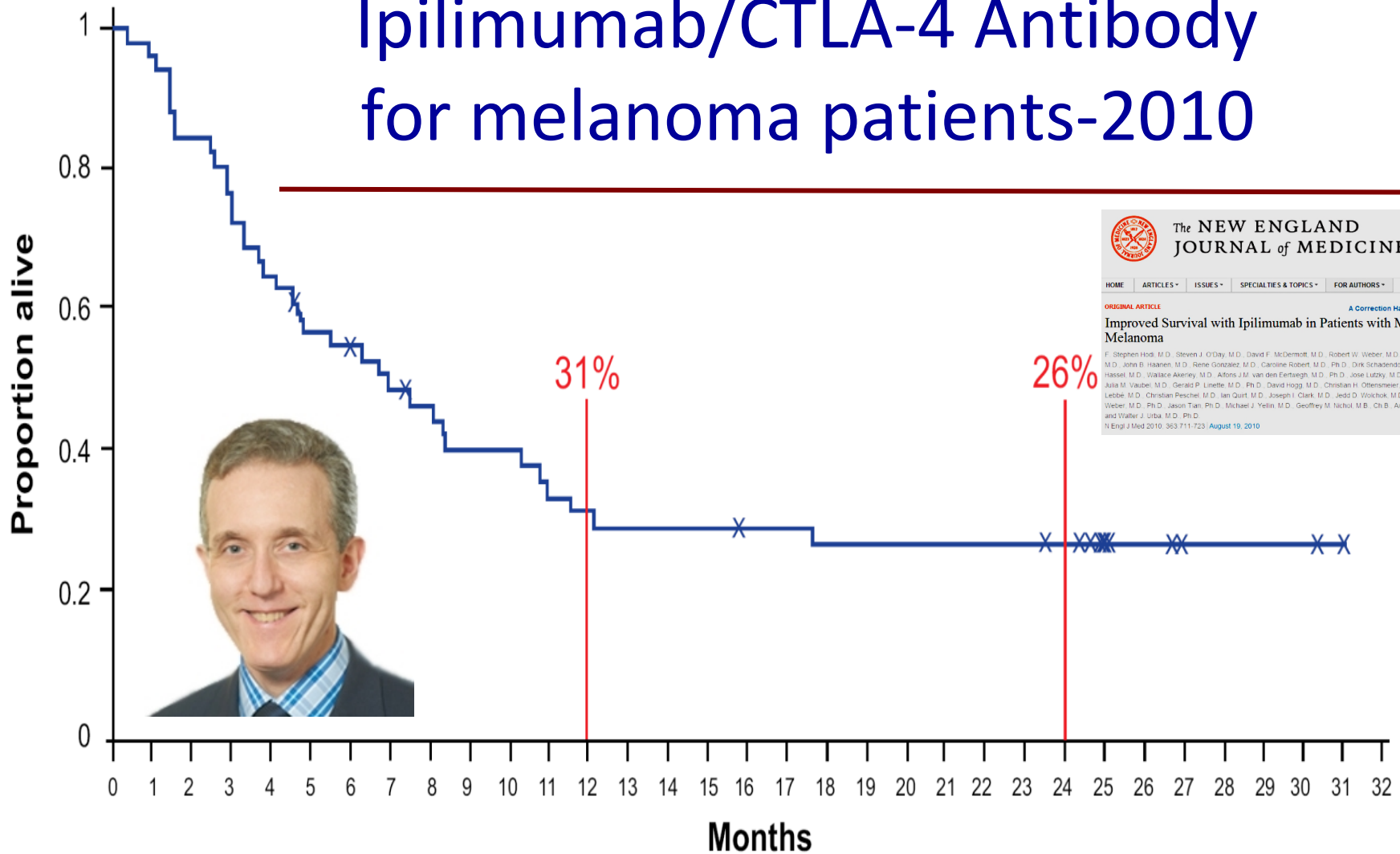
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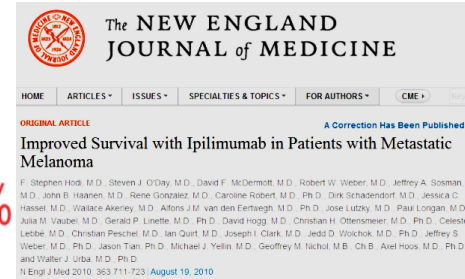
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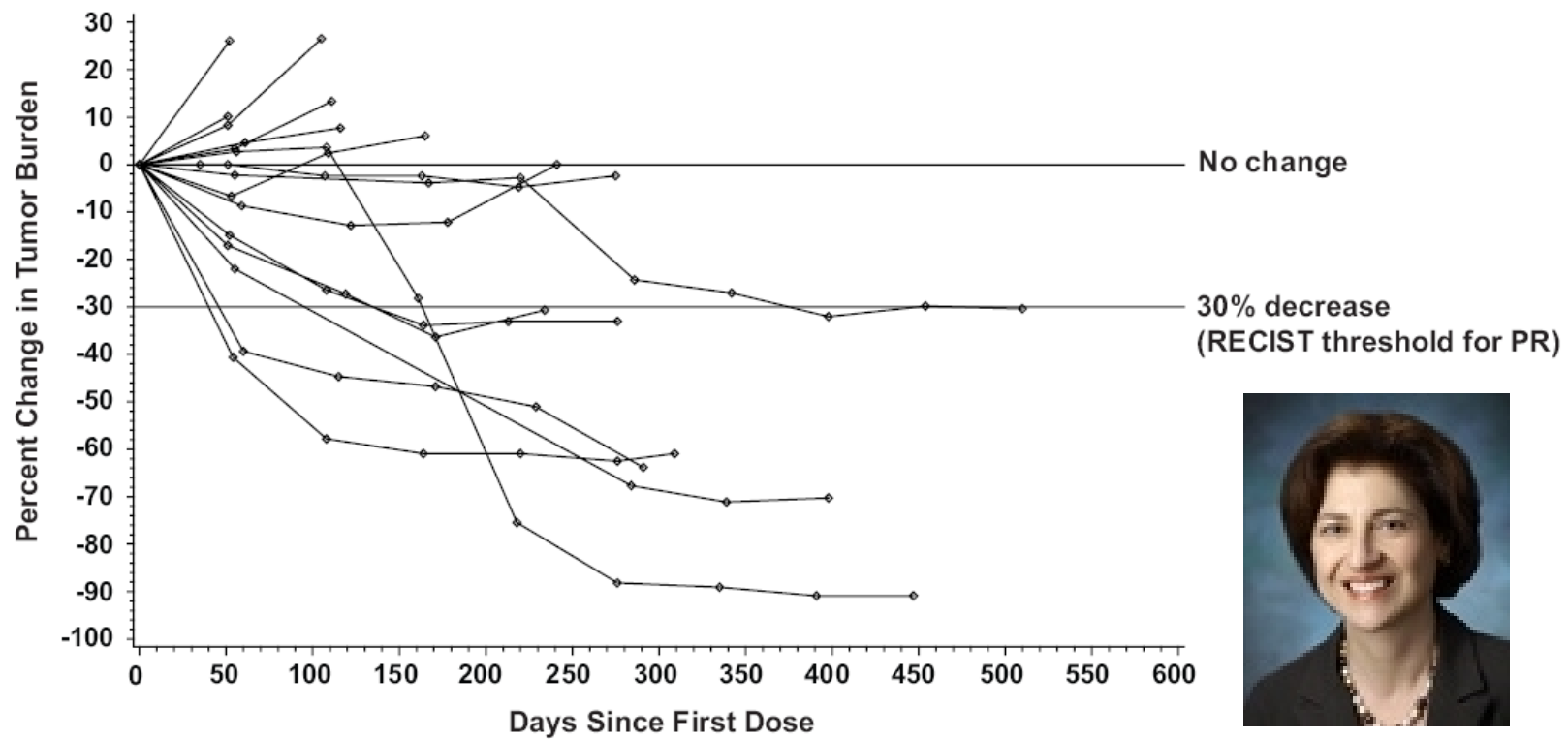
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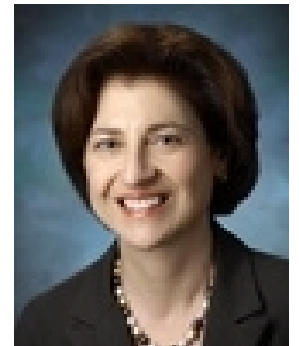
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*Patients treated at the 10 mg/kg dose



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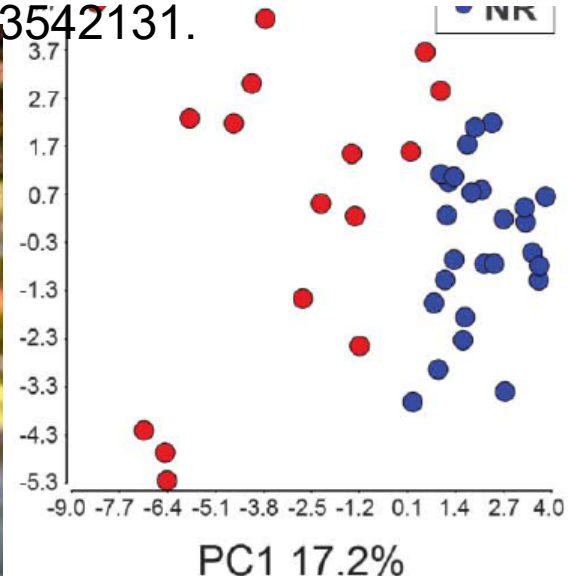
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