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Science

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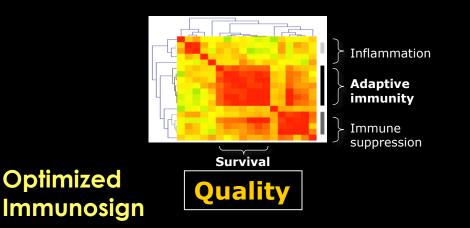
Type, Density, and Location of Immune Cells Within Human Colorectal Tumors Predict Clinical Outcome

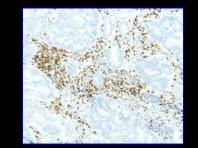
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The foundation a new concept ↓

Immune contexture

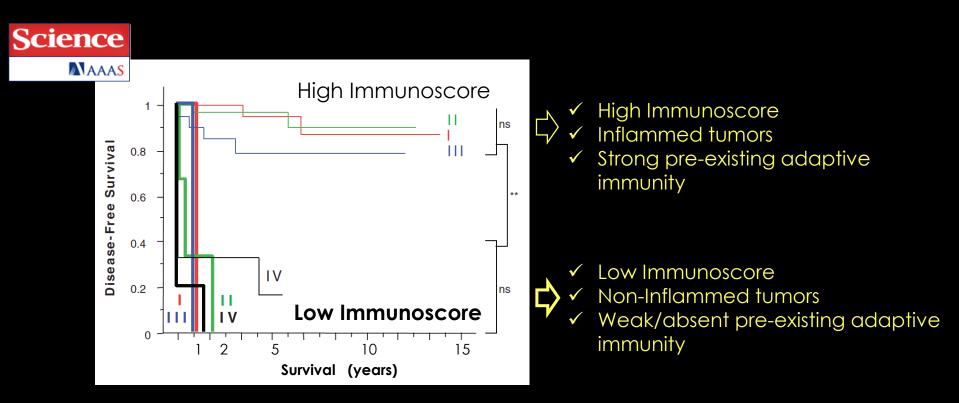




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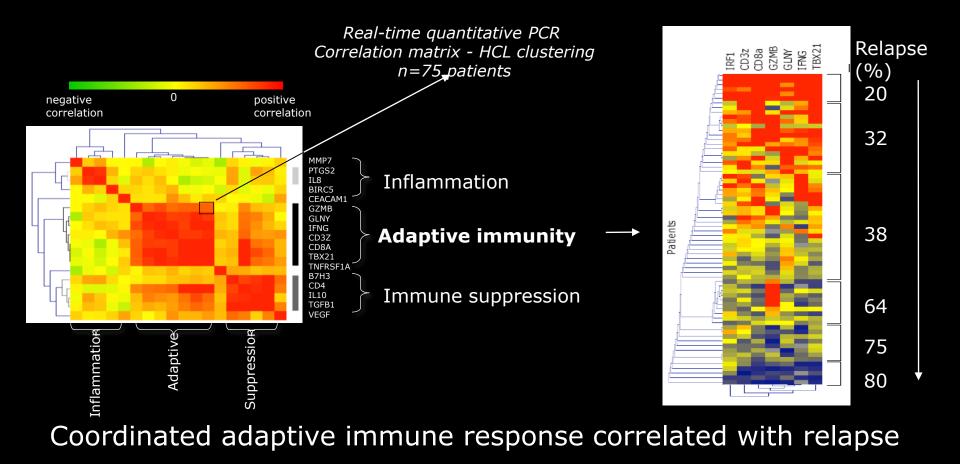
Galon J et al. Science 2006

Immunoscore: a novel paradigm for cancer



Coordinated adaptive immune reaction (Immunoscore) more than tumor invasion predicts clinical outcome Galon et al. **Science** 2006

Analysis of immune function





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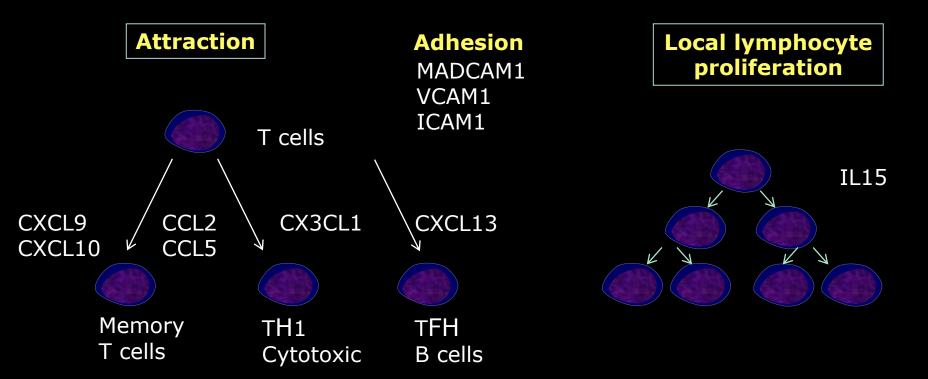
Multivariate Cox Analysis

Parameters	HR	P value
• T-stage	1.2	0.25
 N-stage 	1.4	0.15
 Differentiation 	1.1	0.84
• Immunoscore	1.9	0.00001

	"Immune Contexture" :	
Cells ->	√Туре	
Quantity ->	✓ Density	> Immunoscore
Spatial ->	✓Location	
Quality ->	✓Immune functional orientation	> Immunosign

Galon J et al. Science 2006

Mechanisms associated with T cells infiltration



Mlecnik et al. Gastroenterology 2010

Mlecnik et al. Science Transl Med 2014

Bindea et al. Immunity 2013

The continuum of cancer immunosurveillance

Y Review





The Continuum of Cancer Immunosurveillance: Prognostic, Predictive, and Mechanistic Signatures

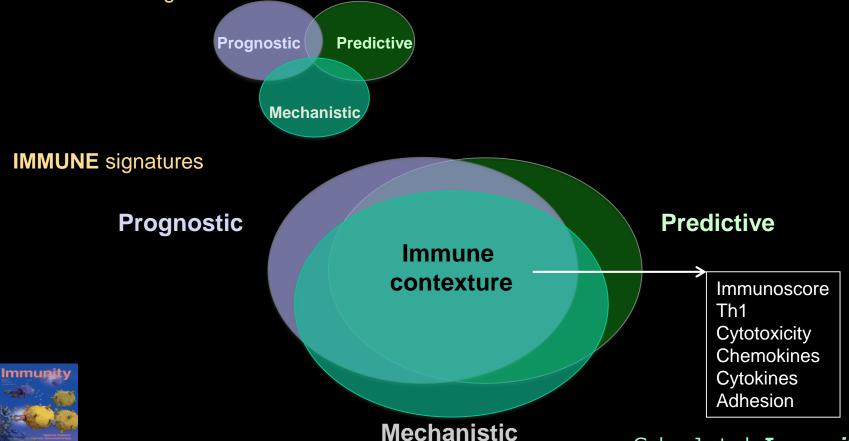
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Galon J et al. Immunity 2013







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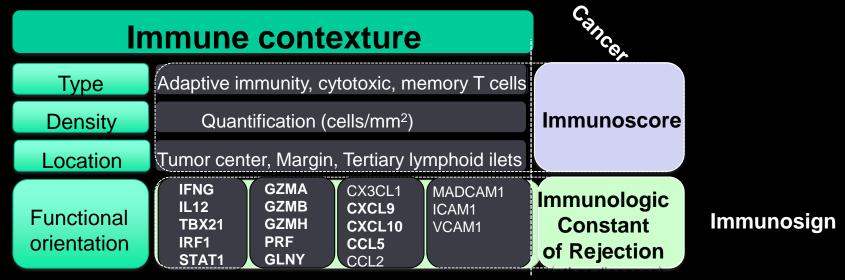
The overlap between prognostic, predictive and mechanistic

immune signatures

Immune contexture

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NE signatures		CXCR3/ CXCL9-11 Pathway	CCR5/ CCL3-5 Pathway	Granzyme Perforin Granulisin/ TIA- 1/CASPs Pathway	Adhesion Molecules	References
Prognost	ic					
DIESSI		+		+	+	Ascierto et al., 2012
	+	+	+			Curtis et al., 2012
Ovarian	+		+	+		Leffers et al., 2010
	+	+			+	Zhang et al., 2003
Melanoma	+	+	+			Messina et al., 2012
	+	+				Mann et al., 2013
	+	+	+	+	+	Mlecnik et al., 2010
	+			+		Galon et al., 2006
Colorectal	+			+		Pagès et al., 2005
	+		+	+		Tosolini et al., 2011
		+				Jiang et al., 2010
Lung			+			Moran et al., 2002
Hepatocellular	+	+	+		+	Chew et al., 2012
	+		+	+	+	Chew et al., 2010
Predictive	е					
		+				Denkert et al., 2010
Breast (Chemo)	+	+				Desmedt et al., 2008
	+	+				Teschendorff et al., 2007
	+	+				Ignatiadis et al., 2012
Melanoma	+					Wang et al., 2002
(IL-2/ vaccine/	+		+		+	Weiss et al., 2011
adoptive	+	+				Gajewski et al., 2010
therapy/anti-		+	+			Bedognetti et al., 2012
CTLA-4)	+	+	+	+		Ji et al., 2012
	+	+	+	+		Ulloa-Montoya et al., 2013
Lung	+	+	+	+		Ulloa-Montoya et al., 2013
Mechanis	stic					
		+	+	+	+	Panelli et al., 2002
(IL-2/	+					Wang et al., 2002
vaccine/anti-	+		+		+	Weiss et al., 2011
CTLA-4)				+		Aarntzen et al., 2012
	+	+	+	+		Ji et al., 2012
Basal Cell (Imiguimod)	+	+	+			Panelli et al., 2007

Galon J et al. *Immunity* 2013



T_H1 Cytotoxic Chemokines Adhesion

Galon J et al. Immunity 2013

CD19-CAR-T immunotherapy: ZUMA-1 Trial



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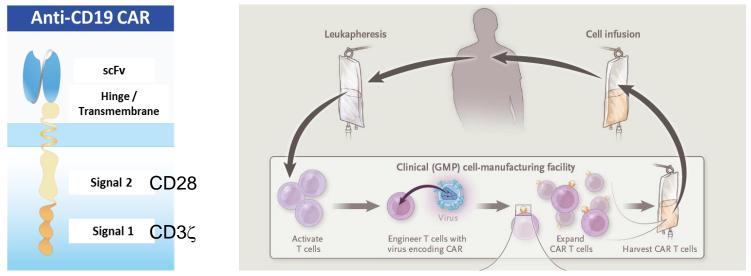
ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Axicabtagene Ciloleucel CAR T-Cell Therapy in Refractory Large B-Cell Lymphoma

S.S. Neelapu, F.L. Locke, N.L. Bartlett, L.J. Lekakis, D.B. Miklos, C.A. Jacobson,
I. Braunschweig, O.O. Oluwole, T. Siddiqi, Y. Lin, J.M. Timmerman, P.J. Stiff,
J.W. Friedberg, I.W. Flinn, A. Goy, B.T. Hill, M.R. Smith, A. Deol, U. Farooq,
P. McSweeney, J. Munoz, I. Avivi, J.E. Castro, J.R. Westin, J.C. Chavez, A. Ghobadi,
K.V. Komanduri, R. Levy, E.D. Jacobsen, T.E. Witzig, P. Reagan, A. Bot, J. Rossi,
L. Navale, Y. Jiang, J. Aycock, M. Elias, D. Chang, J. Wiezorek, and W.Y. Go

Neelapu et al. NEJM 2017

CAR-T Design and Product Manufacturing



Adapted from Tran et al, NEJM 2017

The CAR-T was approved by the US FDA and European Commission for the treatment of adult patients with relapsed/refractory large B cell lymphoma after ≥ 2 lines of systemic therapy

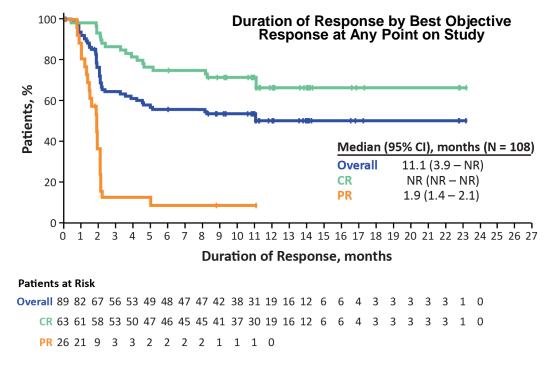
ZUMA-1 Trial: Clinical Outcomes

CAR T-Cell Ther	apy for Refractory Large B	-Cell Lymphoma						
MULTICENTER, PHASE 2 CLINICAL TRIAL								
CAR T-cell Therapy	82% Objective response	96 Patients Had grade ≥3 adverse events:						
N=101	54% Complete response	12 D						
80	(20% Objective response in historical controls)	13 Patients Had cytokine release syndrome (including 2 deaths)						
	52% Overall survival at 18 months	28 Patients Had neurologic events						

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Neelapu et al. 2017

ZUMA-1 Trial: Long-Term Follow Up

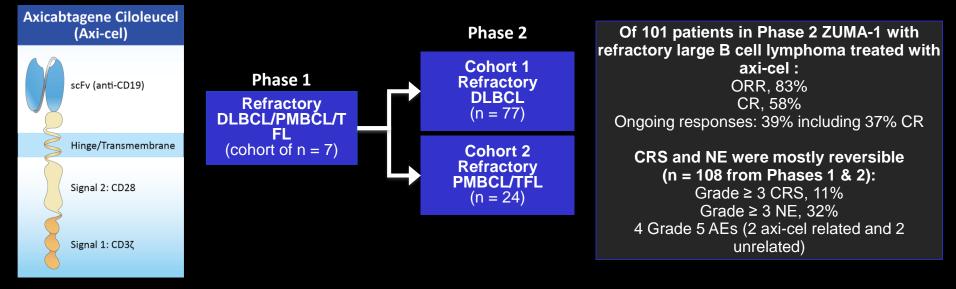


CR, complete response; PR, partial response; NR, not reached; CI, confidence interval.

Locke et al, ASCO 2018

CAR-T cell therapy

CAR Design and Schematic Representation of ZUMA-1 Trial

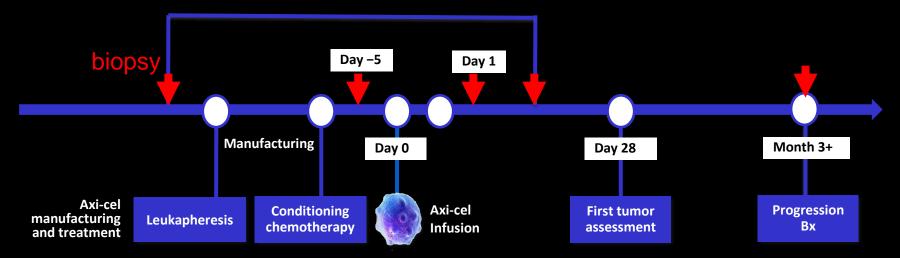


Axi-Cel Maintained Ongoing Responses at Median Follow-Up of 27.1 Months

AE, adverse event; axi-cel, axicabtagene ciloleucel; CR, complete response; CAR, chimeric antigen receptor; CRS, cytokine release syndrome; DLBCL, diffuse large B cell lymphoma; NE, neurologic event; NHL, non-Hodgkin lymphoma; ORR, objective response rate; PMBCL, primary mediastinal B cell lymphoma; TFL, transformed follicular lymphoma.

Tumor microenvironment analysis: Zuma 1 - Protocol and Timing of Paired Biopsies

Tumor biopsy: baseline and within 3 weeks post axi-cel



axi-cel, axicabtagene ciloleucel.

- > What are the changes in TME Post-CAR-T?
- > Which patients are responding to CAR-T?
- > What are the mechanisms of relapse?
- > Can we predict toxicities?

- > TME Tx related signature
- > Predictive TME signature (baseline and early post Tx)
- > Biomarkers at relapse
- > Toxicity signature

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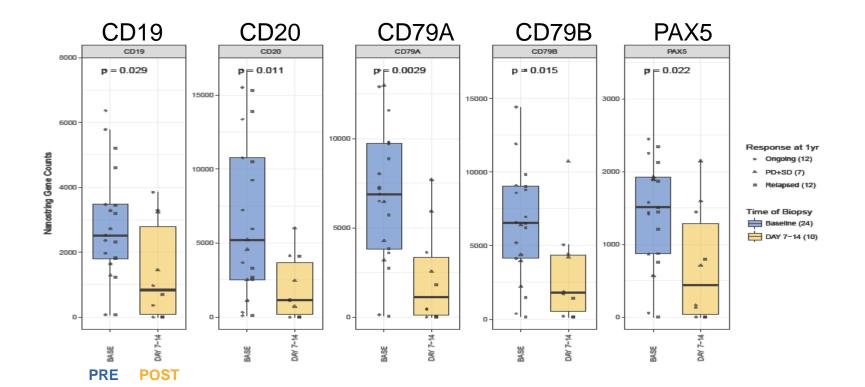
Prespecified Gene Sets Analyzed

Immune	osign 21	Ехр	a <mark>nded 43 I</mark> r	nmune Gene	Panel	PanCancer Immune Pro	filing Panel (763 genes)
CD3G	STAT4	CTLA4	GZMH	CD8A	PDCD1	Adaptive imm	iune response
CD3E	CD3D	CD3G	IRF1	CX3CL1	TNFRSF9	B cells	T cells
GZMK	GZMM	CD3E	GZMA	CXCL10	TSLP		
PRF1	CD8A	REN	GZMB	TNFRSF18	CCL2	eg, BLK, CD19, CR2,	eg, CD2, CD2E, CD3G,
ICOS	CXCL10	GZMK	CXCL11	CD69	CD247	MS4A1, TNFRSF17	CD6
STAT1	IL15	CCL5	STAT4	CD274	GNLY		
CCR2	CCL2	ITGAE	LAG3	IL15	LTK	Innate immu	ne response
IRF1	TBX21	PRF1	CD3D	PF4	TBX21	Cytotoxic cells	Dendritic cells
GZMA	CXCR3	ICOS	CXCL9	IFNG	VEGFA	eg, CD8, BLC2	eg, CCL12, CCL17
GZMB	CD69	STAT1	GZMM	CXCL13	CXCR3	Macrophages	Granulocytes
CXCL11		CCR2	IL17A	PROM1		eg, APOE, CCL7	eg, CMA1, CSF3R

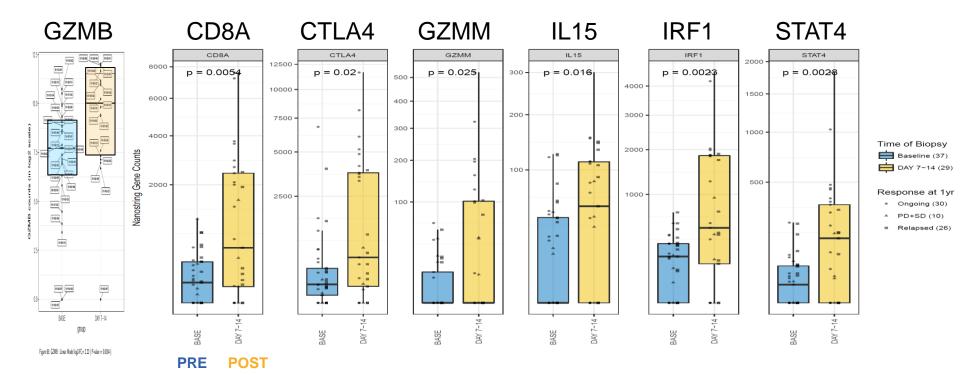
Changes in Tumor Micro-Environment (TME) immune genes after CAR-T (Yescarta)

Changes in TME PRE and POST CAR-T

Changes in Gene Expression in TME Post Axi-Cel: Decreased B Cell Lineage Gene Expression Post Treatment



Changes in Gene Expression in TME Post Axi-Cel: Increase of Cytotoxic T Cells and Interferon-Program Related Genes (Immunosign) Post Treatment



Changes in Gene Expression in TME Post Axi-Cel: Increase Post Treatment

Activating checkpoints

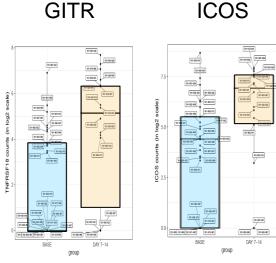
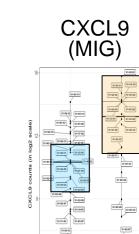
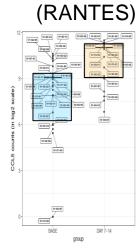


Figure 64: TNFRSF18 : Linear Model log2-FC= 2.12 (P-value = 0.00786)





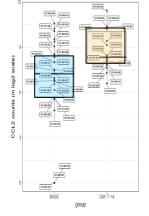
BASE



Chemokines

CCL5





PRE POST

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Figure 58: CXCL9 : Linear Model log2-FC= 2.28 (P-value = 0.00564

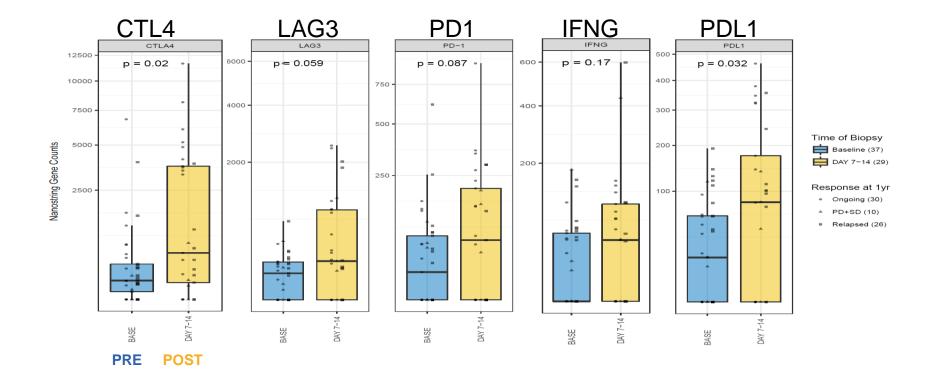
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Figure 60: CCL5 : Linear Model log2-FC= 1.99 (P-value = 0.00634)

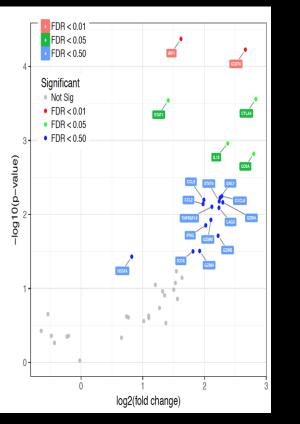
Figure 63: CCL2 : Linear Model log2-FC= 1.98 (P-value = 0.0072)

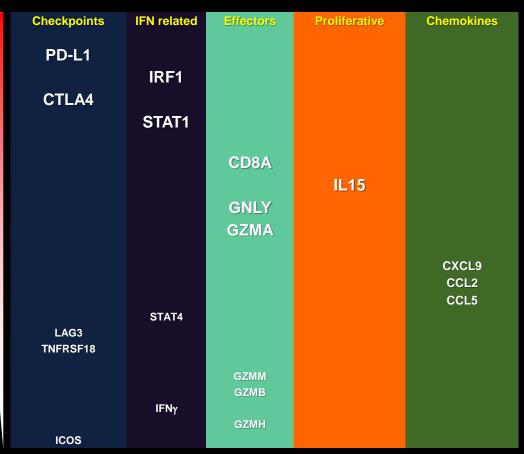
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Changes in Gene Expression in TME Post Axi-Cel: IFNg-Program Related Checkpoints (Immunosign panel) Post Treatment



Treatment with Axi-Cel Results in Rapid and Dramatic Changes in the Tumor Immune Microenvironment



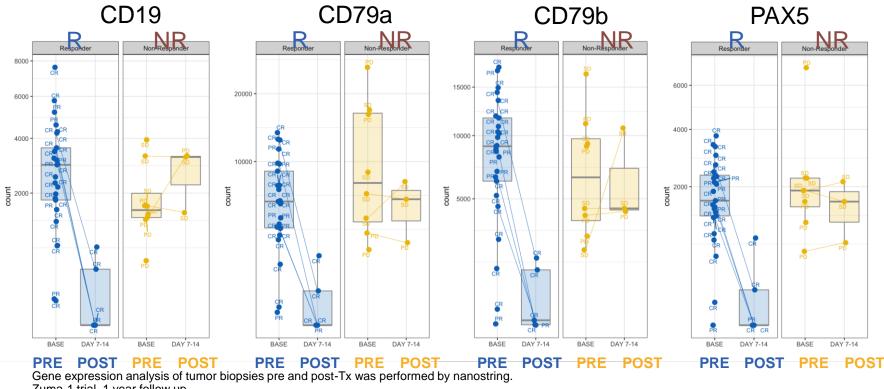


Top transcripts from a pre-specified 43 immune gene panel upregulated in tumor 7-21 days after treatment. IDO1 and other genes not in the 43 panel are pending.

Changes in Tumor Micro-Environment (TME) immune genes after CAR-T (Yescarta)

Changes in TME POST CAR-T in Responders (R) and Non-Responders (NR)

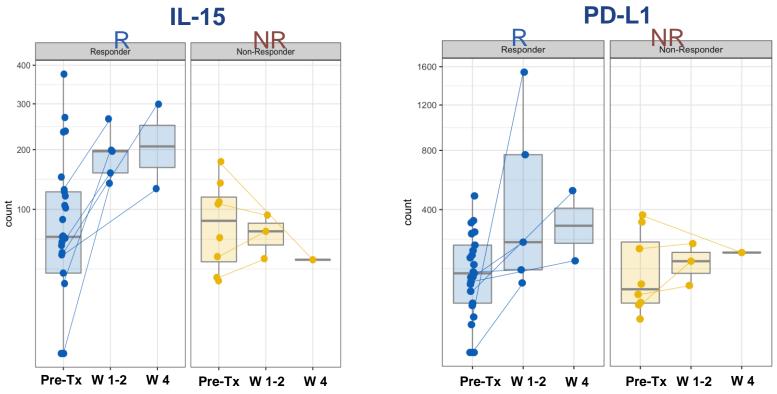
Rapid Decline in Expression Levels of B Cell-Related Genes Post Axi-Cel in Responding Patients



Zuma-1 trial, 1 year follow up

Bot et al, Cell Therapies and Bioengineering Conference, 2018

Changes in IL-15 and PD-L1 Gene Expression in the Tumor Microenvironment in Responding vs Non-Responding Patients



Gene expression analysis of tumor biopsies pre and post-Tx was performed by nanostring. Responder: Best response was complete or partial response. Non-responder: best response was progression or stable disease. Zuma-1 trial, 1 year follow up

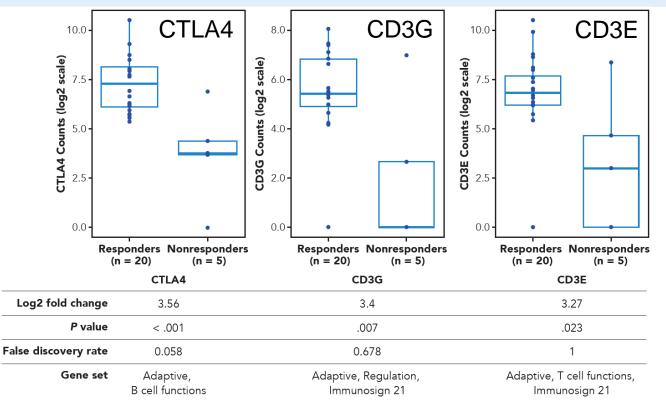
Bot et al, Annual CAR TCR Summit, 2018

> TME Tx related signature

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- > Mechanisms of relapse
- > Toxicity signature

Immune Genes Elevated in Tumor Biopsies Measured Before CAR T Cell Treatment From Responders From a Prespecified 43 Immune Gene Panel^a



^aThis analysis was performed on samples from 25 patients treated with axi-cel with a minimum follow-up of 9 months. One patient subsequently converted from a "nonresponder" to a "responder" at 12-month follow-up.

Pre-specified Immunosign21 custom signature separates OR from non-OR

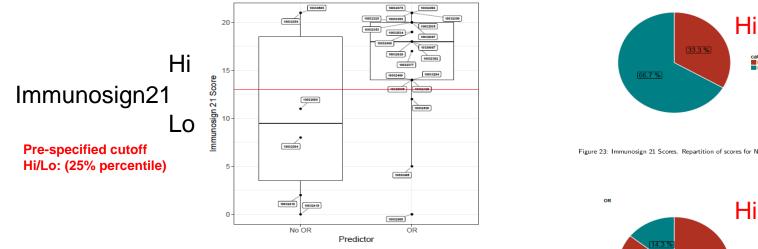


Figure 22: Immunosign 21 Scores. The red line is the low/high score cut-off

	ImmunoSign 21	High	Low
Objective.Response			
No OR		2	4
OR		18	3

Table 15: Contingency table for ImmunoSign 21 Level and Objective.Response. Associated Fisher test p.value is: 0.024

-> Validation on N=51 samples

N=27

Chi2 Pvalue, P=0.023

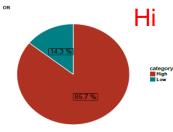
67% Lo

No OR

Figure 23: Immunosign 21 Scores. Repartition of scores for No OR samples

Category High Low

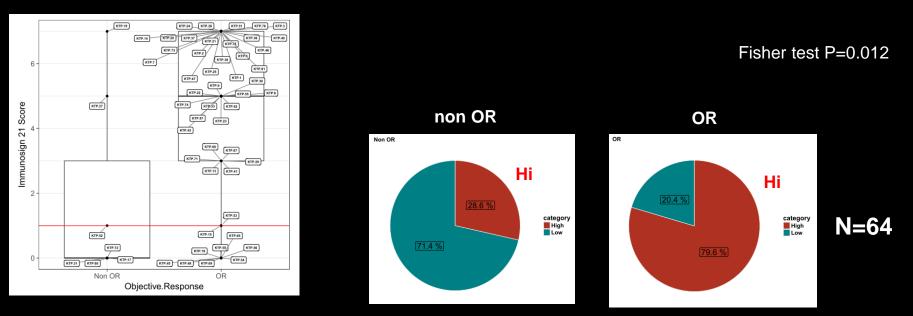
No OR



OR 86% Hi

Pre-specified Immunosign[®] 21 separates OR from non-OR

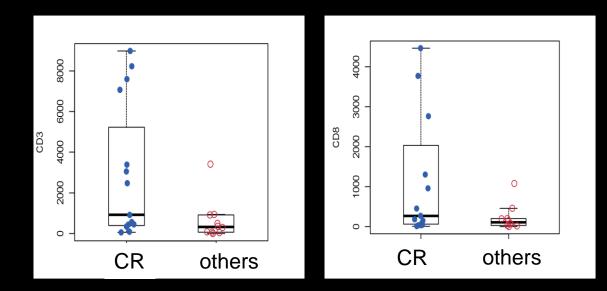
OR vs No OR (Objective.Response) in pre-treatment Population



Immunosign[®] 21 pre-CAR-T infusion predicts Objective Response

Pre-treatment T-cell densities

Association Between Intratumoral Densities of CD3+ and CD8+ T Cells and Clinical Outcome



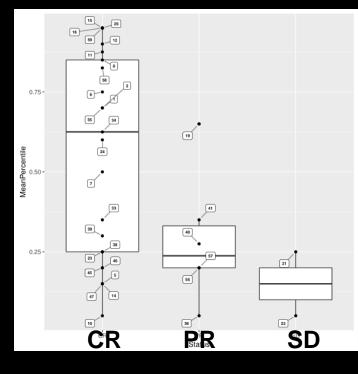
Pretreatment intratumoral densities of CD3+ and CD8+ T cells trends positively with achievement of CR (P = .025 and .049, respectively)

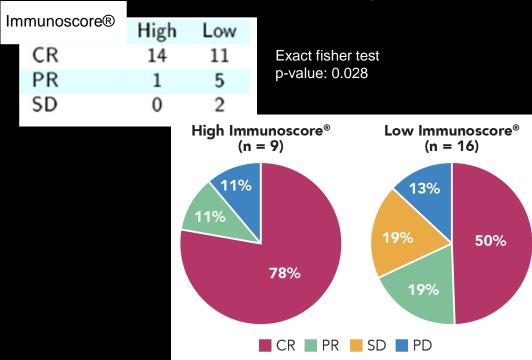
CR, complete response.

Immunoscore analysis

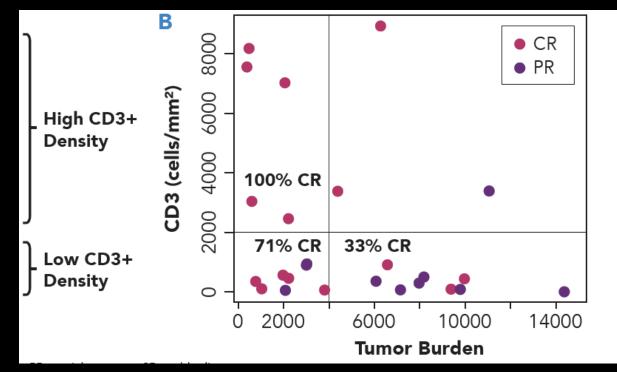
Mean Percentile Immunoscore®

Significant Increase of Biopsy Immunoscore[®] on patient with CR





T cell densities & Tumor burden analysis



CR after CAR-T treatment correlates with "Hot" TME pretreatment.

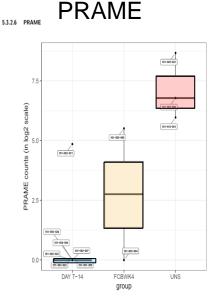
However, a subset of patients with "Cold" TME pretreatment and low intratumoral T cell density, achieved CR. Data suggest that CAR T cells may overcome a detrimental TME defined by low density of intratumoral CD3+ T cells pretreatment

KITE ZUMA-1 clinical trial Translational Biomarkers analysis

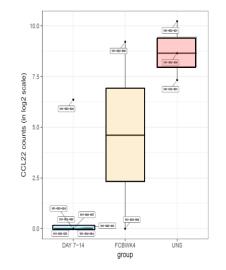
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Change in TME upon progression: mechanisms of relapse

Enhancement of expression of select genes upon progression



53.2.14 CCL22 CCL22



 $\label{eq:Figure 168: CCL22: Linear Model log2-FC= NA (Anova P-value = 0.0131) in post-treatment+OR (Treatment.Status.Objective.Response) population.$

POST Biopsy Wk14 Biopsy After Relapse (Progressor)

AICDA 5.3.2.20 AICDA (The protein is involved in somatic hypermutation, gene conversion, and class-switch recombination of immunoglobulin genes) 10.0 101-012-001 AICDA counts (in log2 scale) 101-002-006 101-000-024 101-002-006 5.0 101-024-00 2.5 0.0 DAY 7-14 FCBWK4 UNS aroup

Figure 174: AICDA : Linear Model log2-FC= NA (Anova P-value = 0.0168) in post-treatment+OR (Treatment.Status.Objective.Response) population.

> POST Biopsy E Wk14 /

Biopsy After Relapse (Progressor)

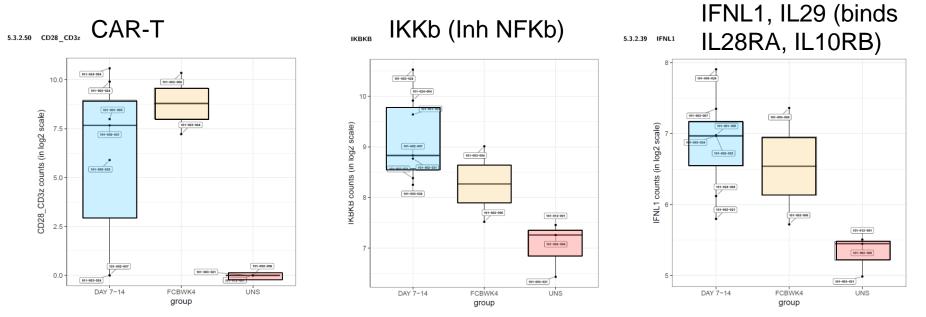
Figure 160: PRAME : Linear Model log2-FC= NA (Anova P-value = 0.00514) in post-treatment+OR (Treatment.Status.Objective.Response) population.

POST

BiopsyBiopsyWk14After R

After Relapse (Progressor)

Diminution of CAR and immune related genes upon progression



 $\label{eq:Figure 204: CD28_CD32: Linear Model log2-FC= NA (Anova P-value = 0.0527) in post-treatment+OR (Treatment.Status.Objective.Response) population.$

POST Biopsy Wk14 Biopsy After Relapse (Progressor)

POST Biopsy Wk14

s.Objective.Response) population

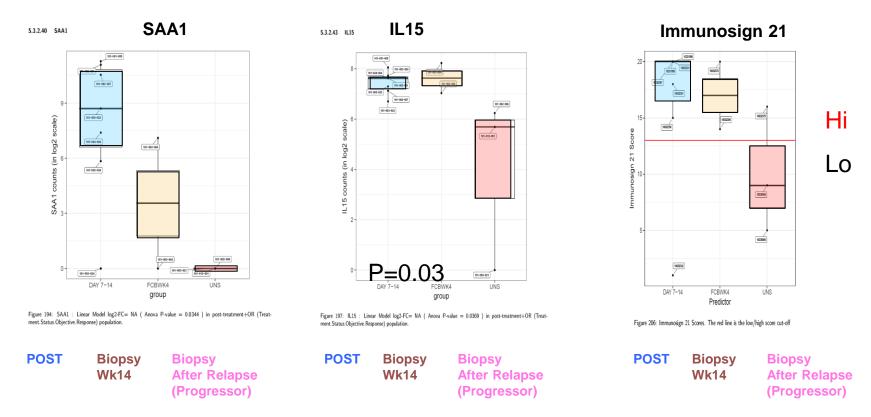
Biopsy After Relapse (Progressor) POST Biopsy Wk14

IKBKB : Linear Model log2-FC= NA (Anova P-value = 0.0134) in post-treatment+OR (Tri Figure 193: IFNL1 : Linear Model log2-FC= NA (Anova P-value = 0.0338) in post-treatment+OR (Treat-

ment.Status.Objective.Response) population.

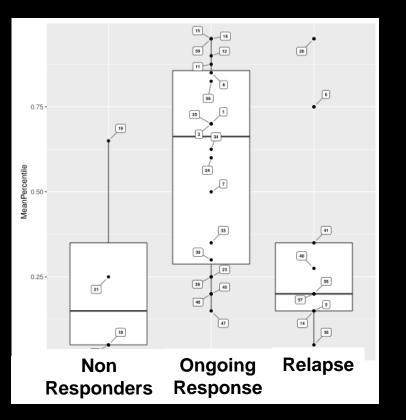
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Diminution of CAR and immune related genes upon progression



Decrease of IL15 and of Immunosign21 upon progression (to be confirmed on larger dataset)

Immunoscore in Ongoing Response



Significant Increase of Biopsy Immunoscore[®] on Ongoing Response

Exact fisher test p-value: 0.030

Immunoscore®	High	Low
Non-responder	1	3
Ongoing	12	8
Relapsed	2	7

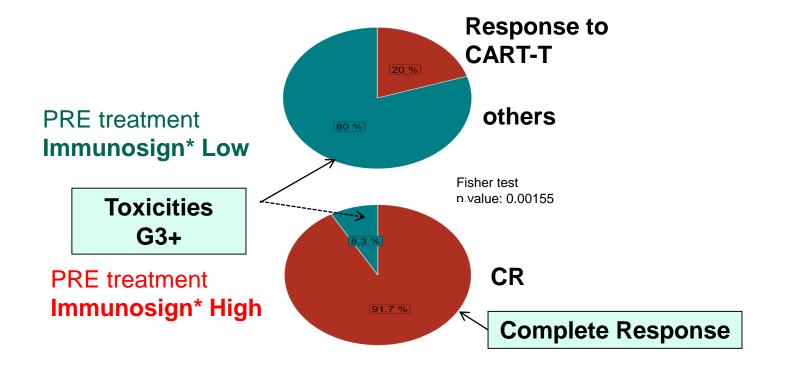


Immunoscore® may be decreased in relapse samples

KITE ZUMA-1 clinical trial Translational Biomarkers analysis

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- > Mechanisms of relapse
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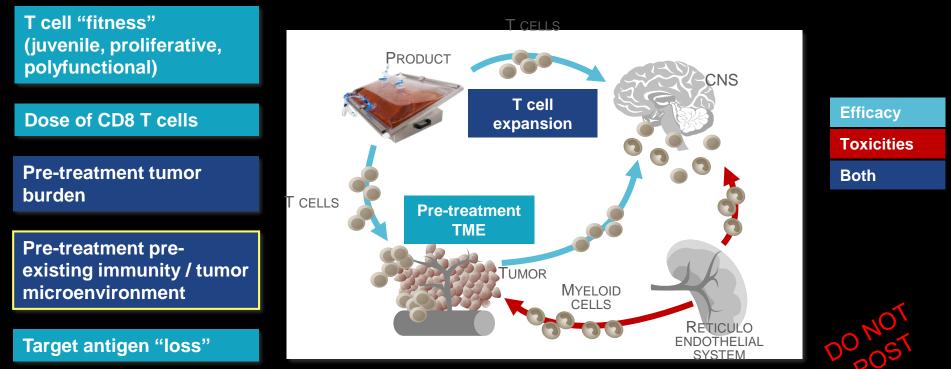
Conclusion / Interpretation: KITE ZUMA-1 clinical trial Translational Biomarkers



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CAR-T : A Mechanistic Model of Efficacy and Toxicities

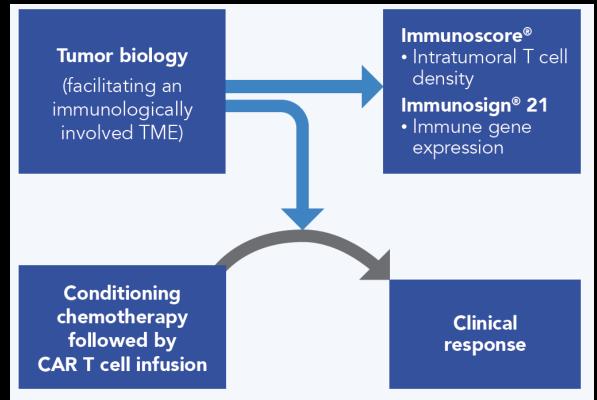


*Based on: Kochenderfer, JCO 2017; Neelapu, NEJM 2017; Locke, AACR 2017; Galon, ASCO 2017; Rossi, SITC 2017; Locke, ASH 2017; Rossi, Blood 201Z, ASH 2018, AACR2018, AACR 2019. TME – Tumor microenvironment .

CONCLUSIONS

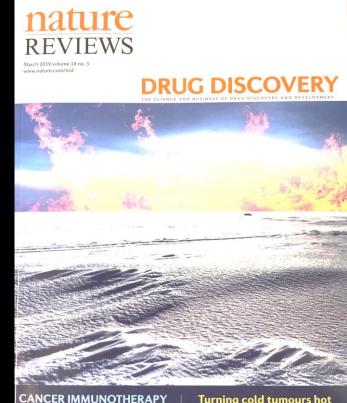
- Pre-existing T cell-involved features of the TME (High Immunoscore, High Immunosign) may be associated with a response to CAR-T
- Factors intrinsic to tumor biology may influence CAR T cell efficacy through the immune microenvironment (Pre-treatment TME enriched in T cell and innate immune-related genes)
- ✓ CAR-T could overcome an unfavorable TME (low Immunoscore) in a subset of patients
- ✓ CAR T cell treatment is associated with rapid and profound changes in the TME
 - Increase of immune checkpoints, IFN-related genes and chemokines
 - Elevation of IL-15 and PD-L1 gene expression in CR and PR
- These results support anti-CD19 CAR T cell treatment optimizations designed to overcome an immune-detrimental TME

Model Linking Tumor Biology Features With TME and Response to CAR T Cell Therapy



CAR, chimeric antigen receptor; TME, tumor microenvironment.

Treating hot, altered and cold immune tumors with immunotherapy



TGF-Bi* Anti-PD1* Activators Anti-ECM* Anti-PDL1* of NK cells Anti-CTLA4* Radiotherapy CD3, CD8 Anti-TIM3* Oncolytic peptides* T_{Br}, T_h1 Memory ECM Collagen Exhausted PD1 Anti-LAG3* EMT/MET T cells PD1-L1L1 TKI CTLA4 Microbiome Barrier Antimodulators³ TIM-3 CTLA4/PD1* IDD /accine* Mesenchymal Tolerance LACcalceticulin Neo-epitop Combo vaccine' checkpoint Anti-PD1/ No/low Anti-CTLA Anti-LAG3 adjuvancit combo* Anti-TIM3* Mutations Anti-BTLA^{\$} Instability MSL No/low CIN inducer Anti-SIGLEC-95 other ICP* genicity CTI 44 ow-immunoscore High-immu CART Anti-OX40 LRa* TIM-3 Anti-ICOS* No/low LAG Combination Anti-CD13 DDR agent heckpoints Anti-GITR* Other ICF Anti-CD OX40 CD4 Hypoxia Anti-CD3 DORAZA* HIF1a Anti-CD7 Anti-CD73* 11-7* Anti-CD39 GITR Cyte Angiogene -15* IL-21 HIE1:* Adhesion MADCAM1 GMCSE VEGE 11-17* Anti-C-VEGF ICAM1 Excluded , Immunosuppresse IENce! VCAMI Epigenetic Anti-Inhibitory reprograming ICAM1 angiogenesis mediators VCAM15 Anti-HEV⁴ IDO MDSC Oncogenie HDAC-i* Activation HMA* Combo IDOi* RET.I* Immuno NOS1 T-cell Combo TDOi* MEK1 trafficking suppressio Argina Apoptotie CSF1R TKP W/MT. Cyclophosphamid CXCI 9/10/11 PI3K-i Chemotherapy CXCI 1/13 MEK-i PI3Kq-i* Survivin Batf3 IL-10 MET-if XCR1/XCL1 lasquinimod' IAP Anti-CSF1R* mTOR STING MDSC Chemokines MCL-IEN-a depletio Anti-UGHT Anti-CCR5* Anti-II -6 TGF6-i PI3K-i* urvivir STING-a⁵ mTOR-i

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Absent Low Immunoscore

Cold Non-inflamed **Altered** Intermediate Immunoscore

Excluded CT-Lo, Hi-IM

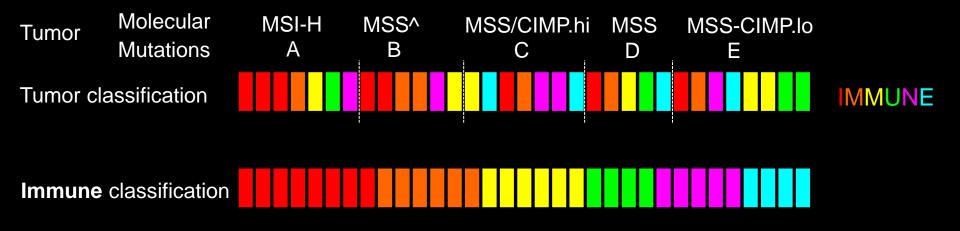
Immunosuppressed

Optimal High Immunoscore

Hot Inflamed

Response to T cell checkpoint inhibition

Stratification of cancer based on the immune status



-> Importance of having standardized immune Assays

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