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# Epigenetic Immunomodelling to Improve the Efficacy of Cancer Immunotherapy

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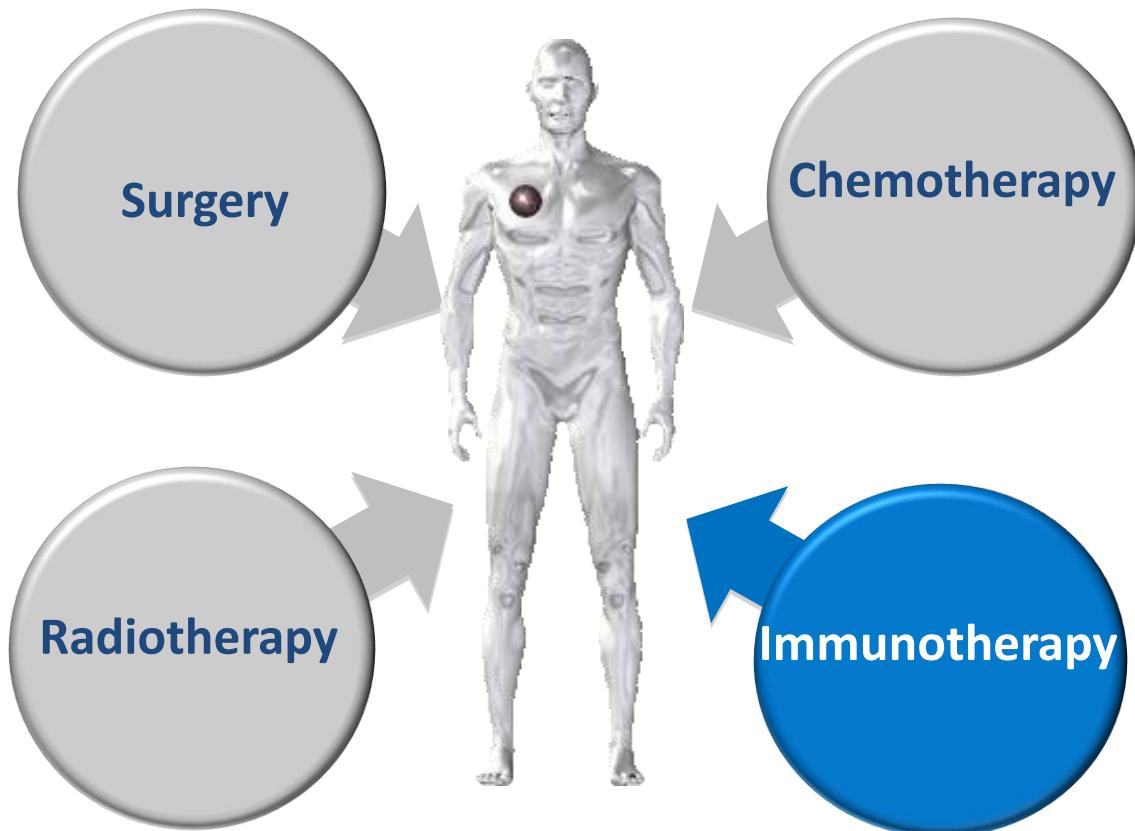
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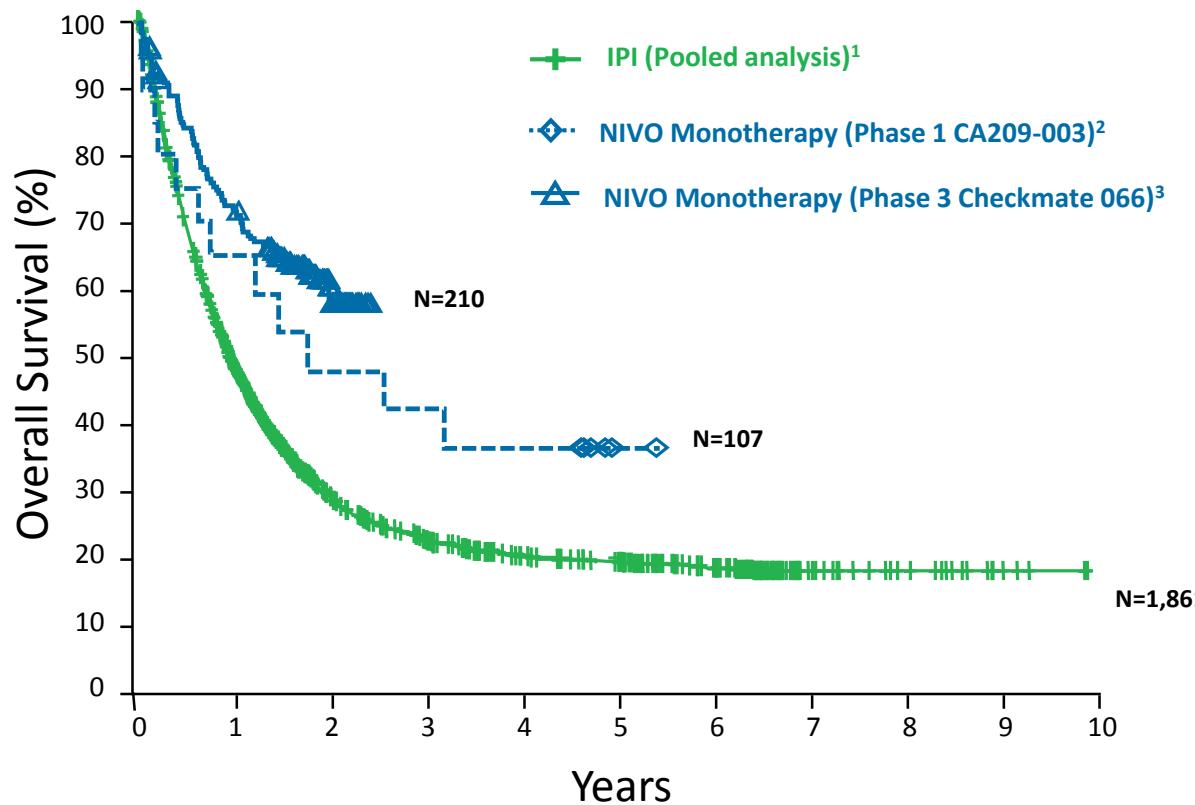
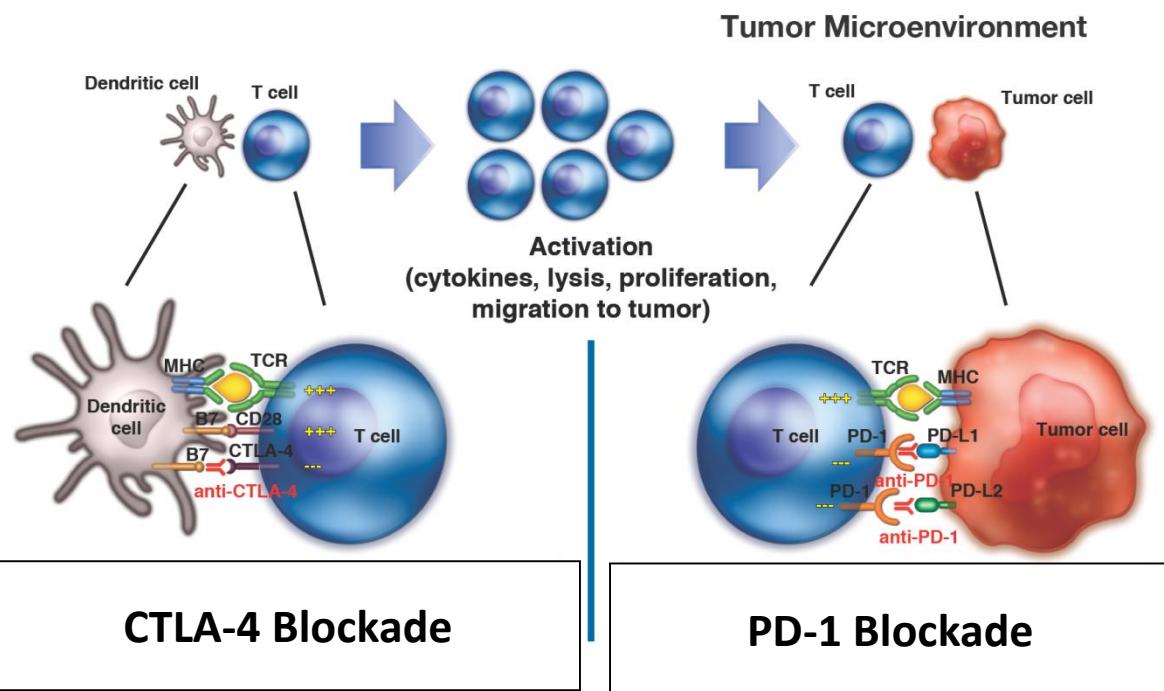
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# Evolving Therapeutic Options for Cancer Treatment



# Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors Provide Durable Long-term Survival for Patients with Advanced Melanoma



1. Schadendorf et al. *J Clin Oncol* 2015;33:1889-1894;

2. 2. Current analysis;

3. 3. Poster presentation by Dr. Victoria Atkinson at SMR 2015 International Congress.



# New combo/sequences

Improve host's immune system activity

## HOST



**Check-point mAb**  
**CTA-based vaccines**

## COMBOS



Modulate tumor immunogenicity and immune recognition

## TUMOR



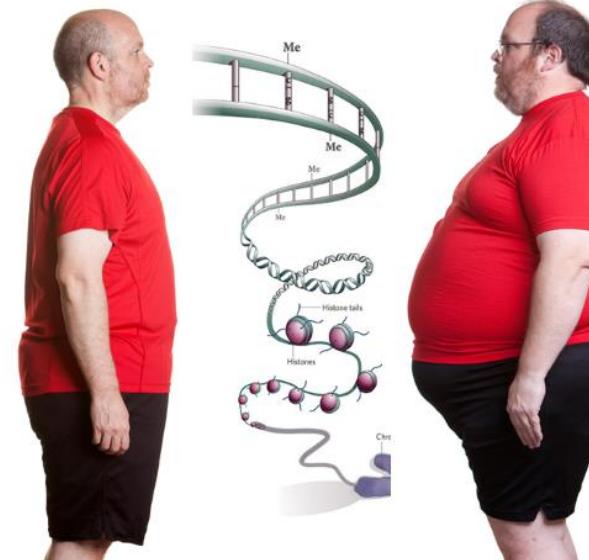
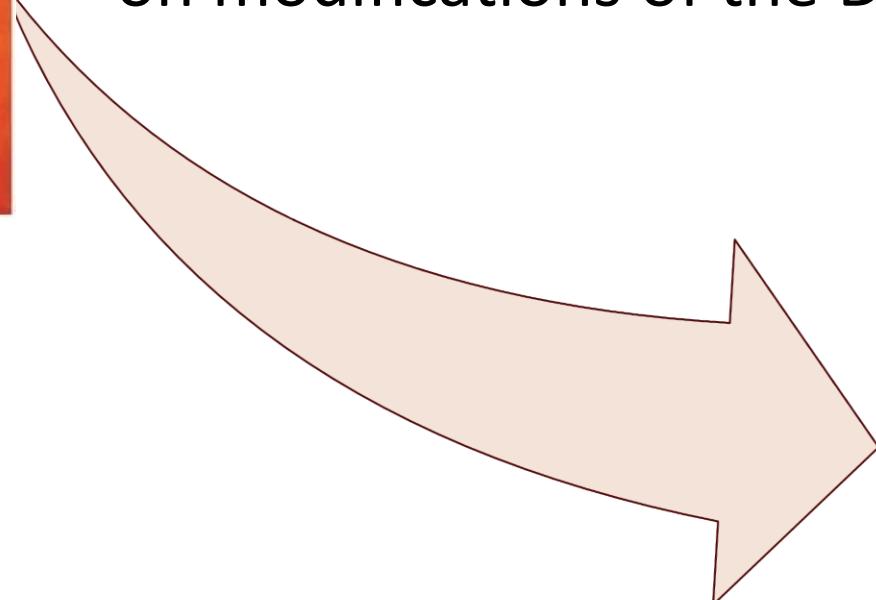
**Epigenetic drugs**



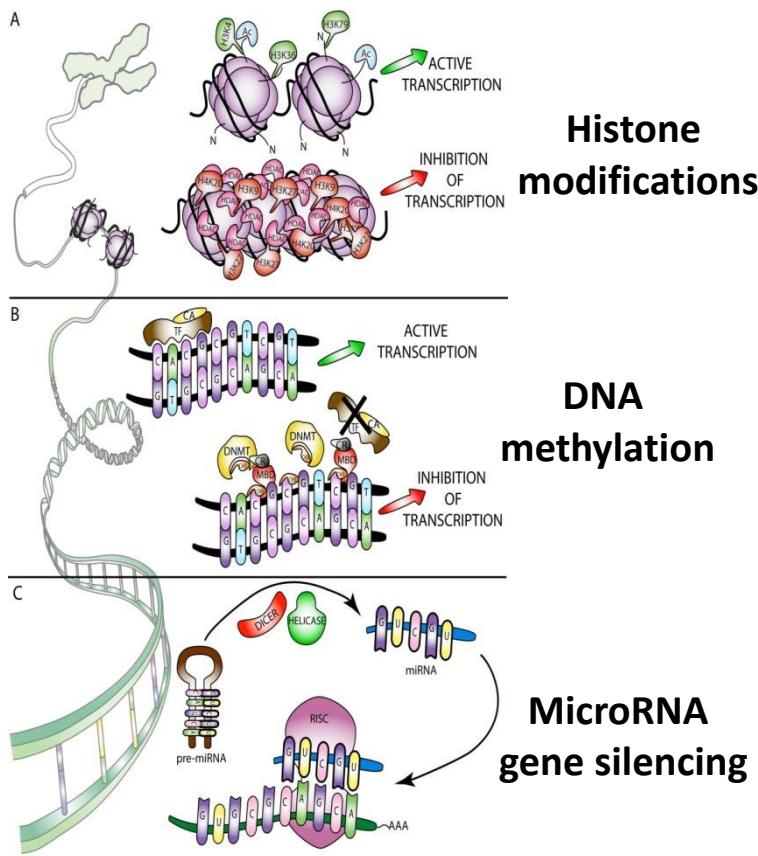
# Epigenetics



Heritable changes in gene expression  
not based  
on modifications of the DNA sequence



# Epigenetics modifications



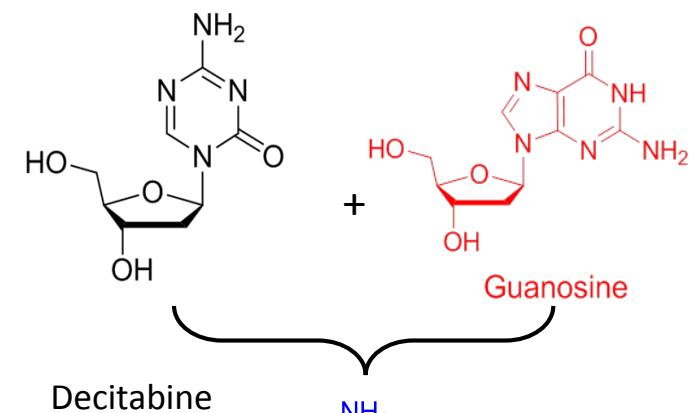
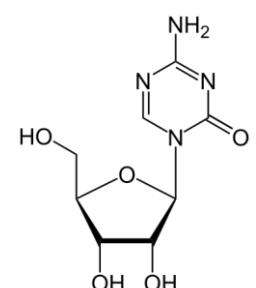
## PHARMACOLOGICALLY REVERSIBLE

HDAC inhibitors (HDACi)

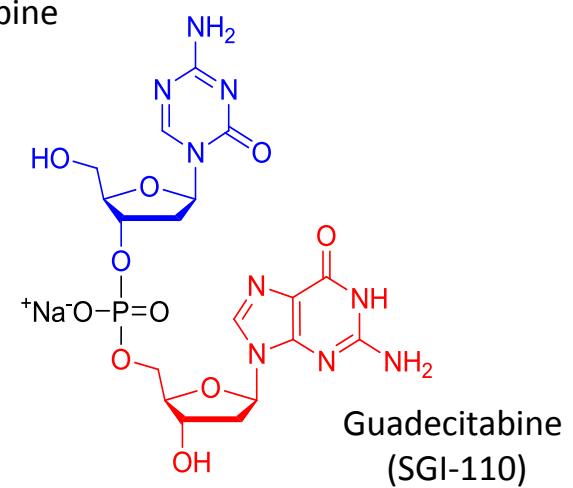
DNMTs inhibitors (DNMTi)

# DNA hypomethylating agents

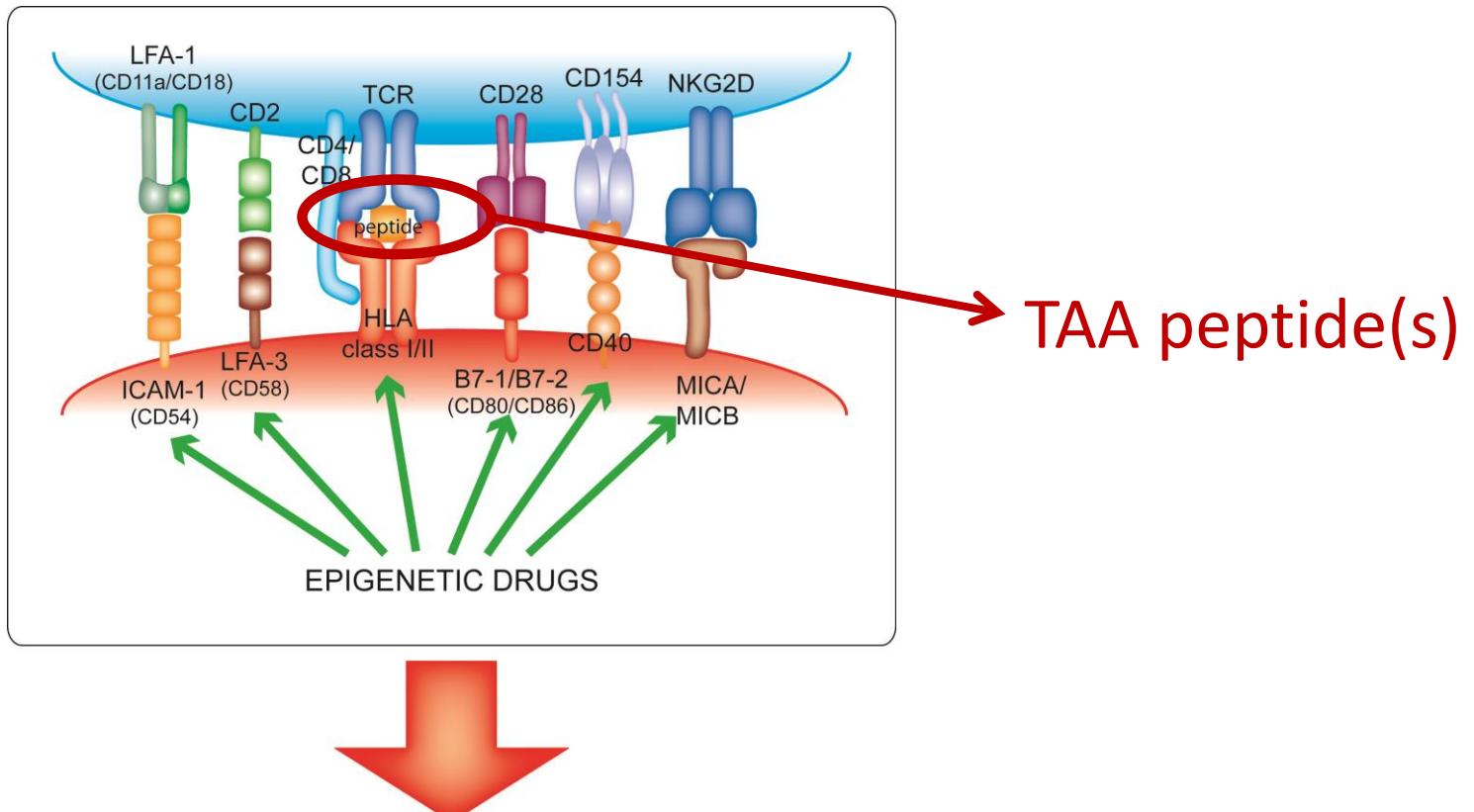
## First generation



## Next generation



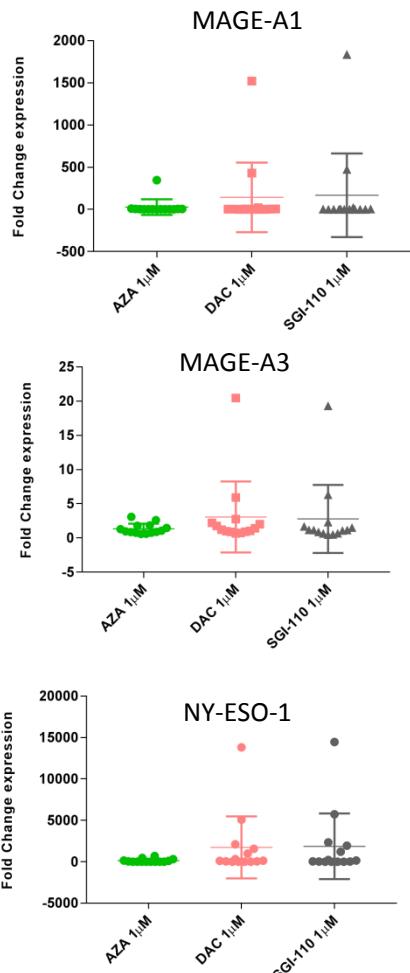
# Immune recognition



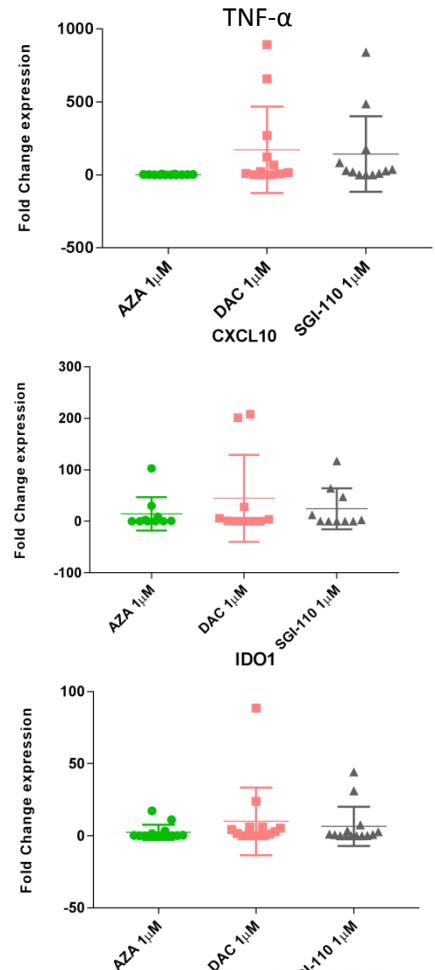
L. Sigalotti et al. / Pharmacology & Therapeutics 2014

# Melanoma immunomodulatory activities of DHAs

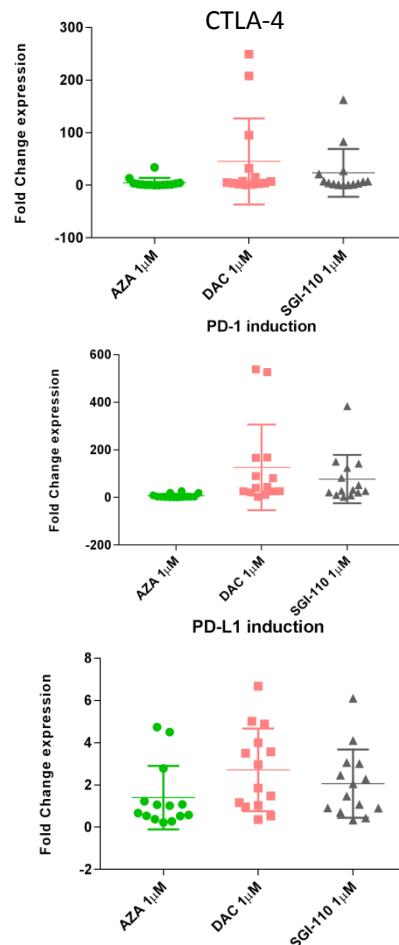
CTA



IMMUNOMODULATORS

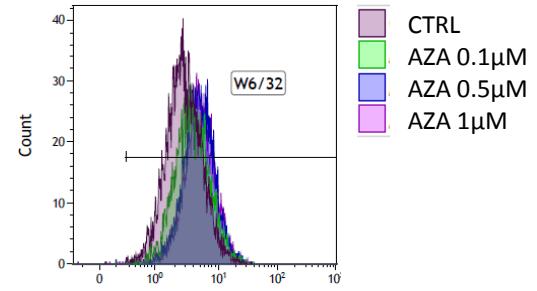


IMMUNE CHECKPOINT

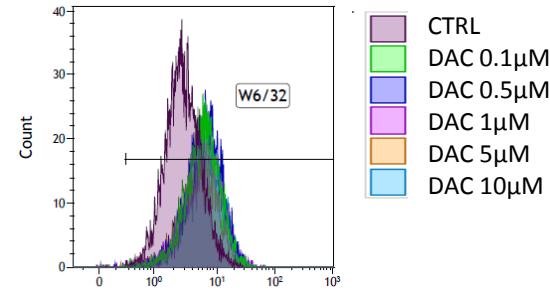


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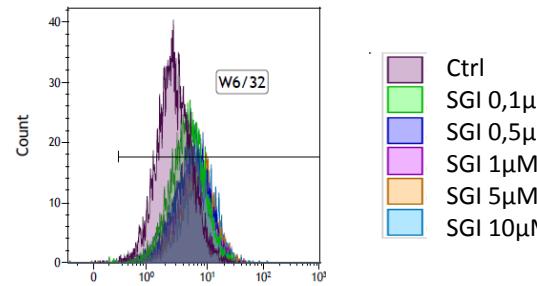
Mel 275 Azacytidine



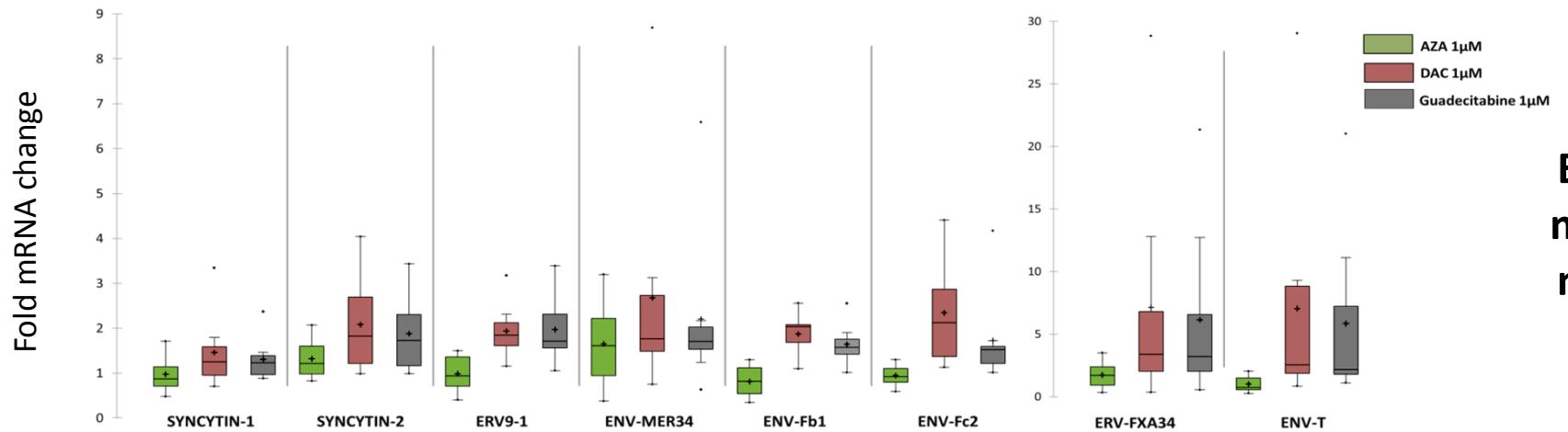
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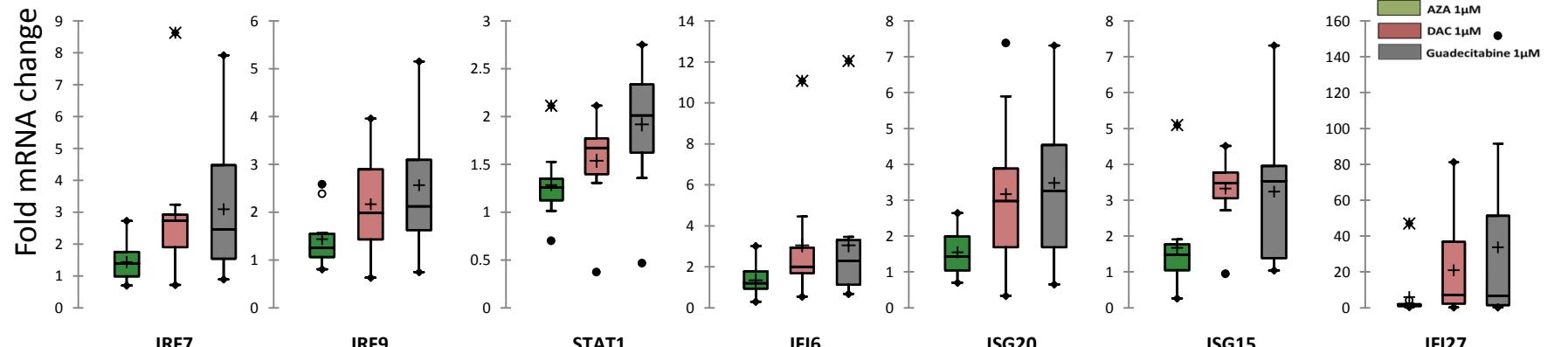
Mel 275 Guadecitabine (SGI-110)



# Interferon stimulated genes modulation in melanoma cells by DHA



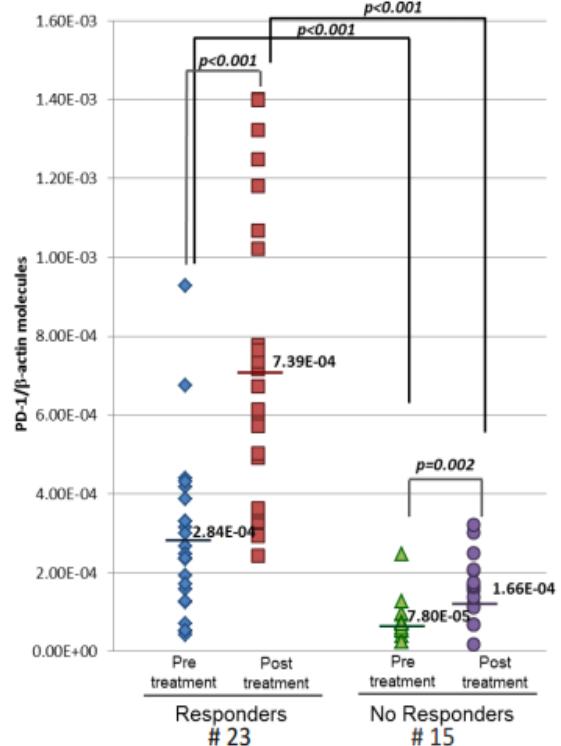
**Endogenous retrovirus modulation in 8 human melanoma cell by DHA**



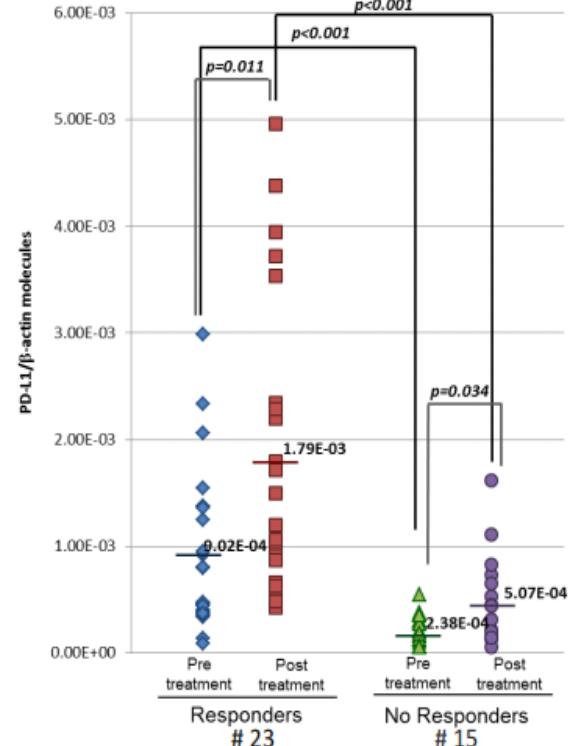
**IFN pathway modulation in 10 human melanoma cell by DHA**

# Regulation of Immune checkpoints expression in PBMC from AML patients by guadecitabine

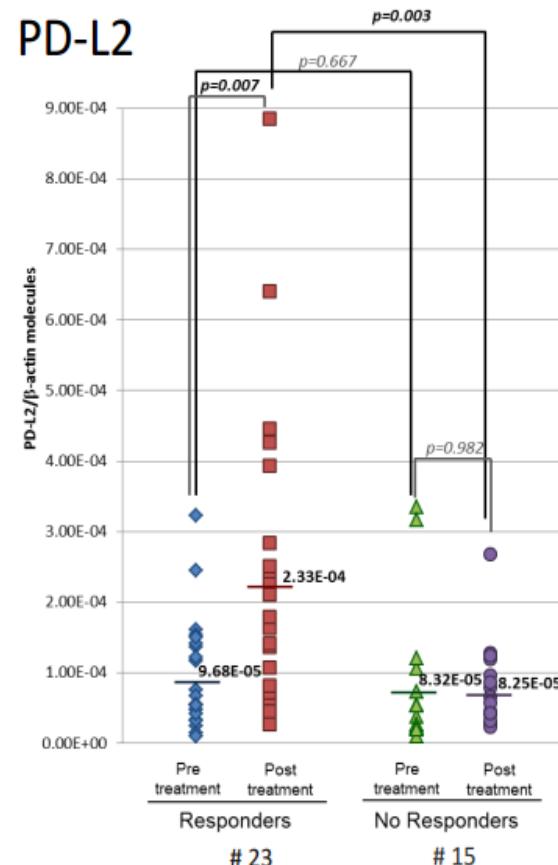
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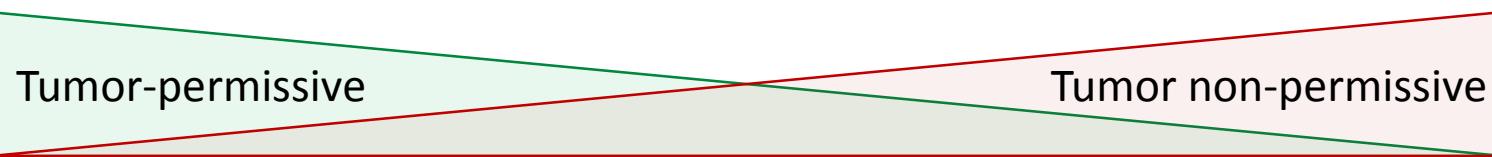
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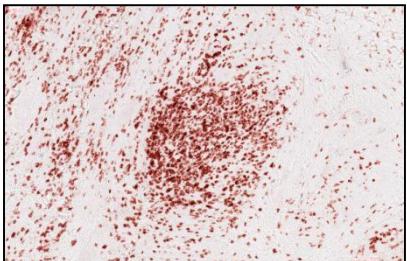
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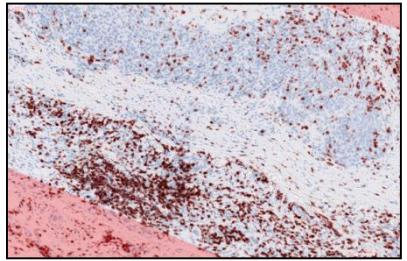
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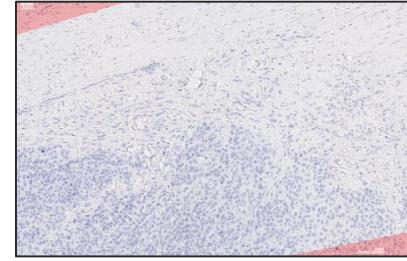
pre-existing immunity



T-cell migration defect



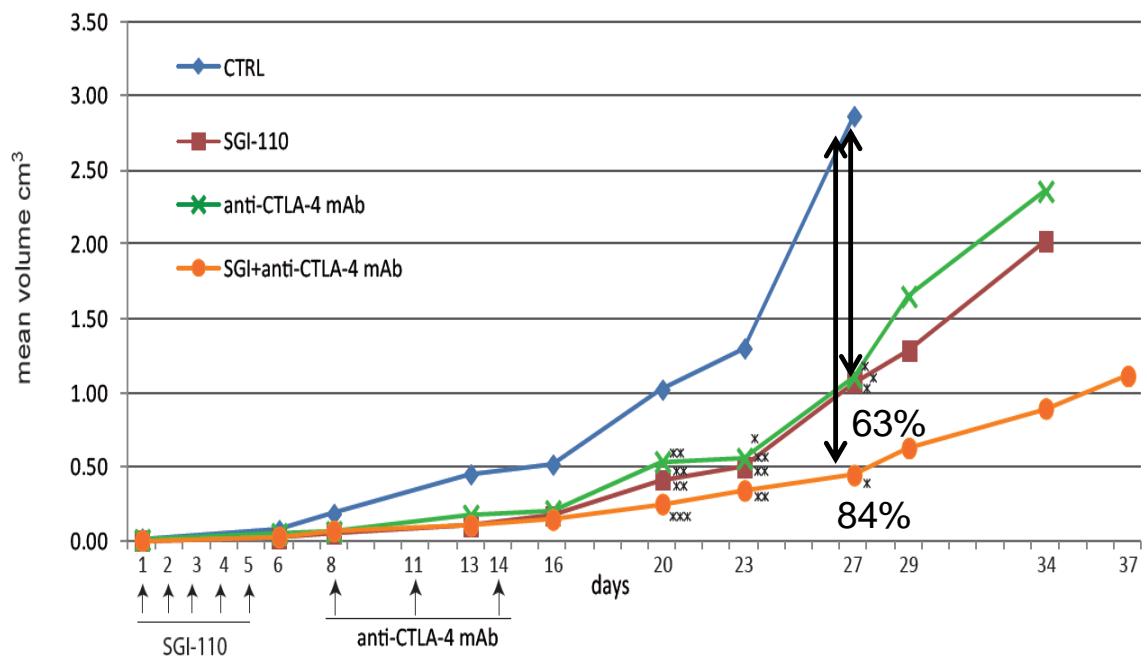
Immune desert tumors



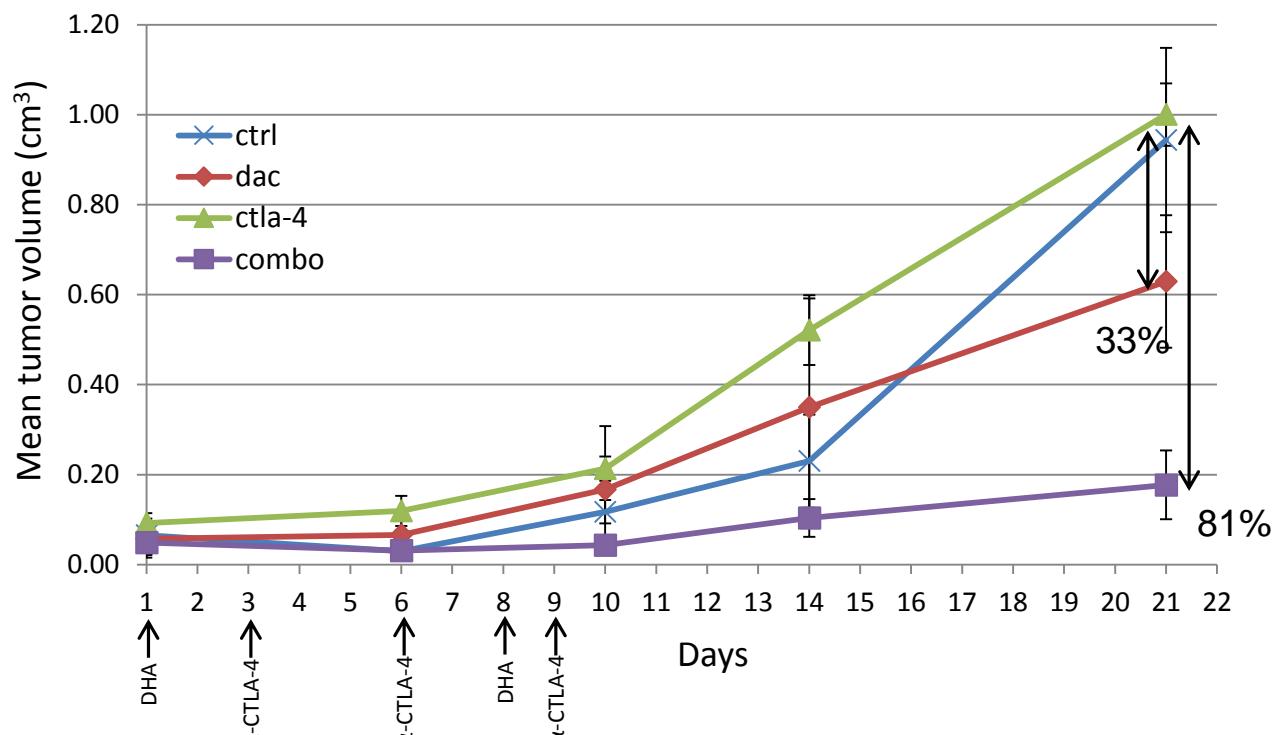
Adapted from Hedge PS, et al. Clin Cancer Res 2016; 22(8) 1865-1874.

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# Anti-tumor activity of combo in different syngeneic mouse models



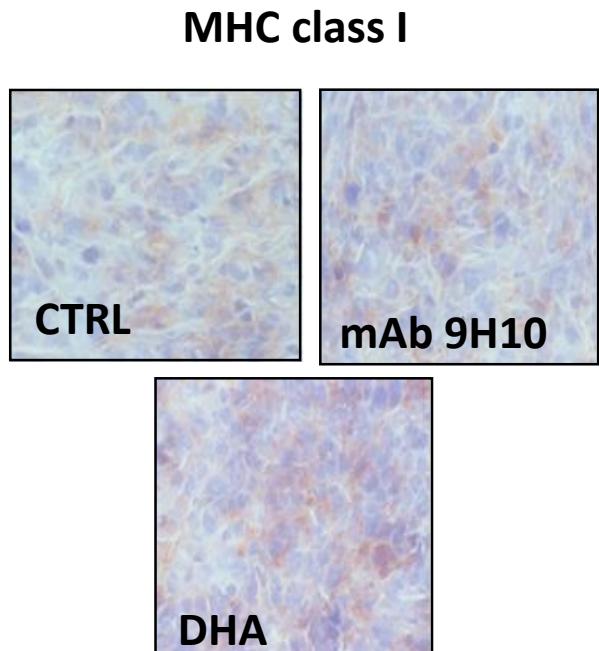
A. Covre et al., Semin Oncol 2015



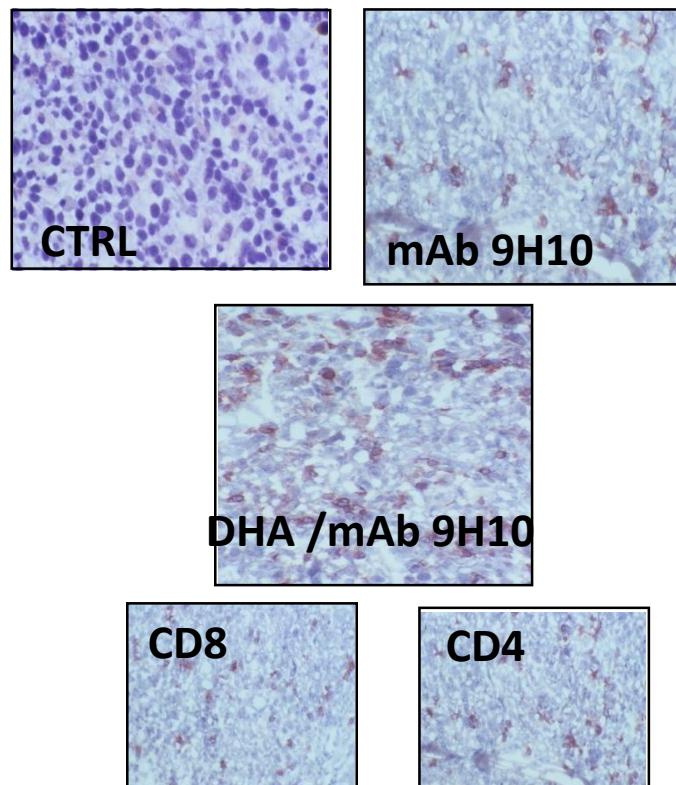
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# IHC analysis of tumor and normal tissues

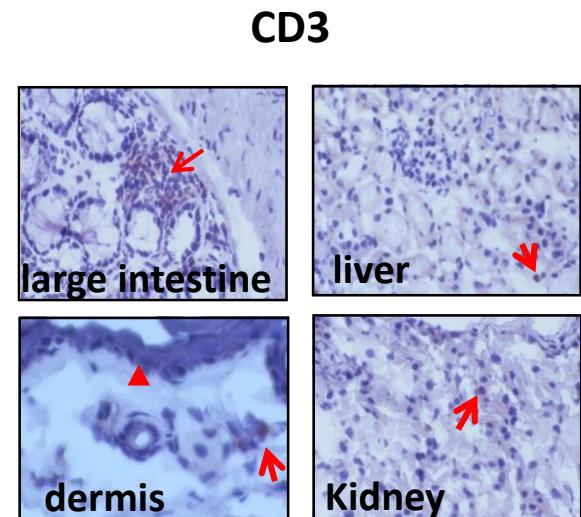
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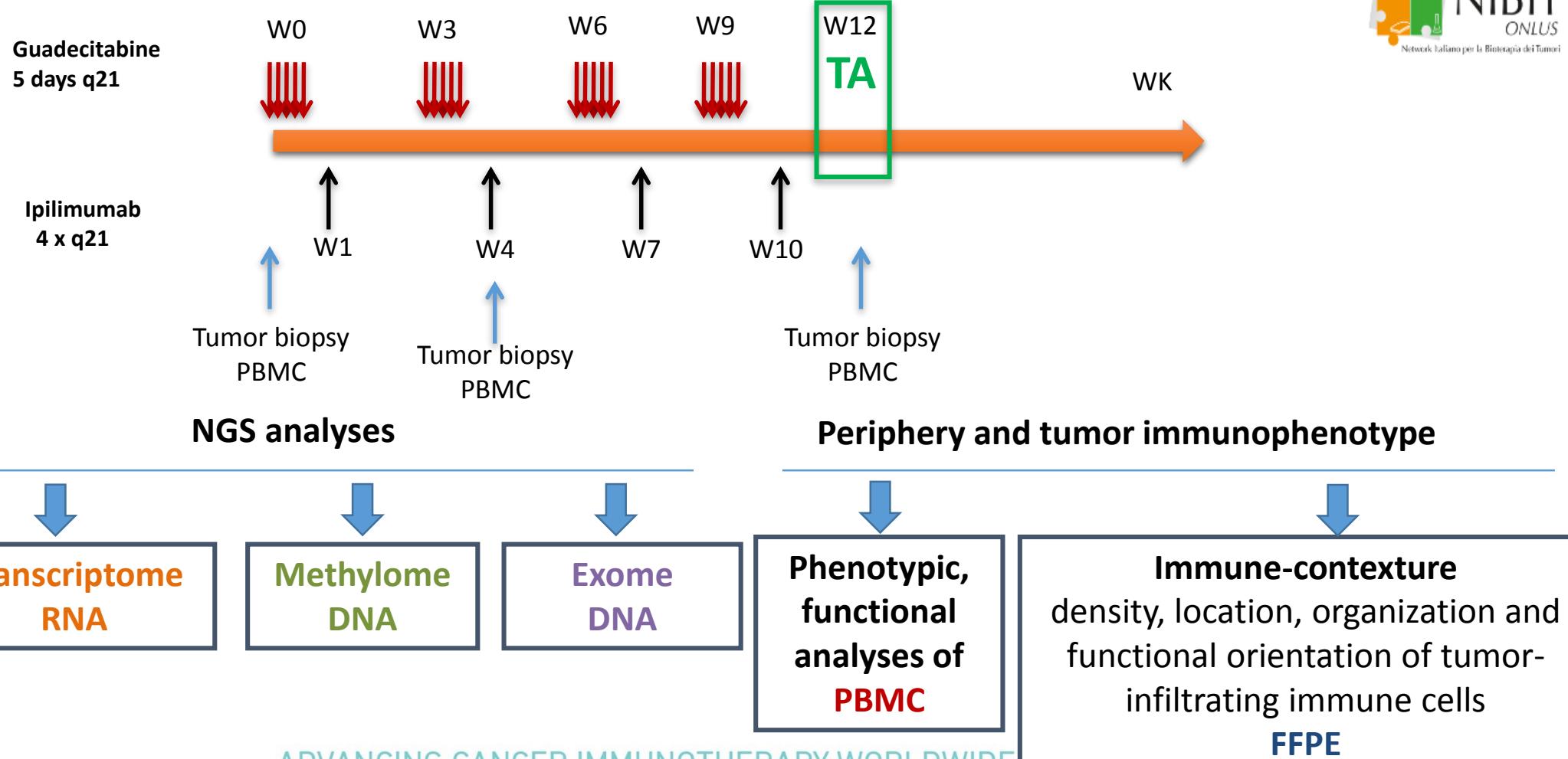
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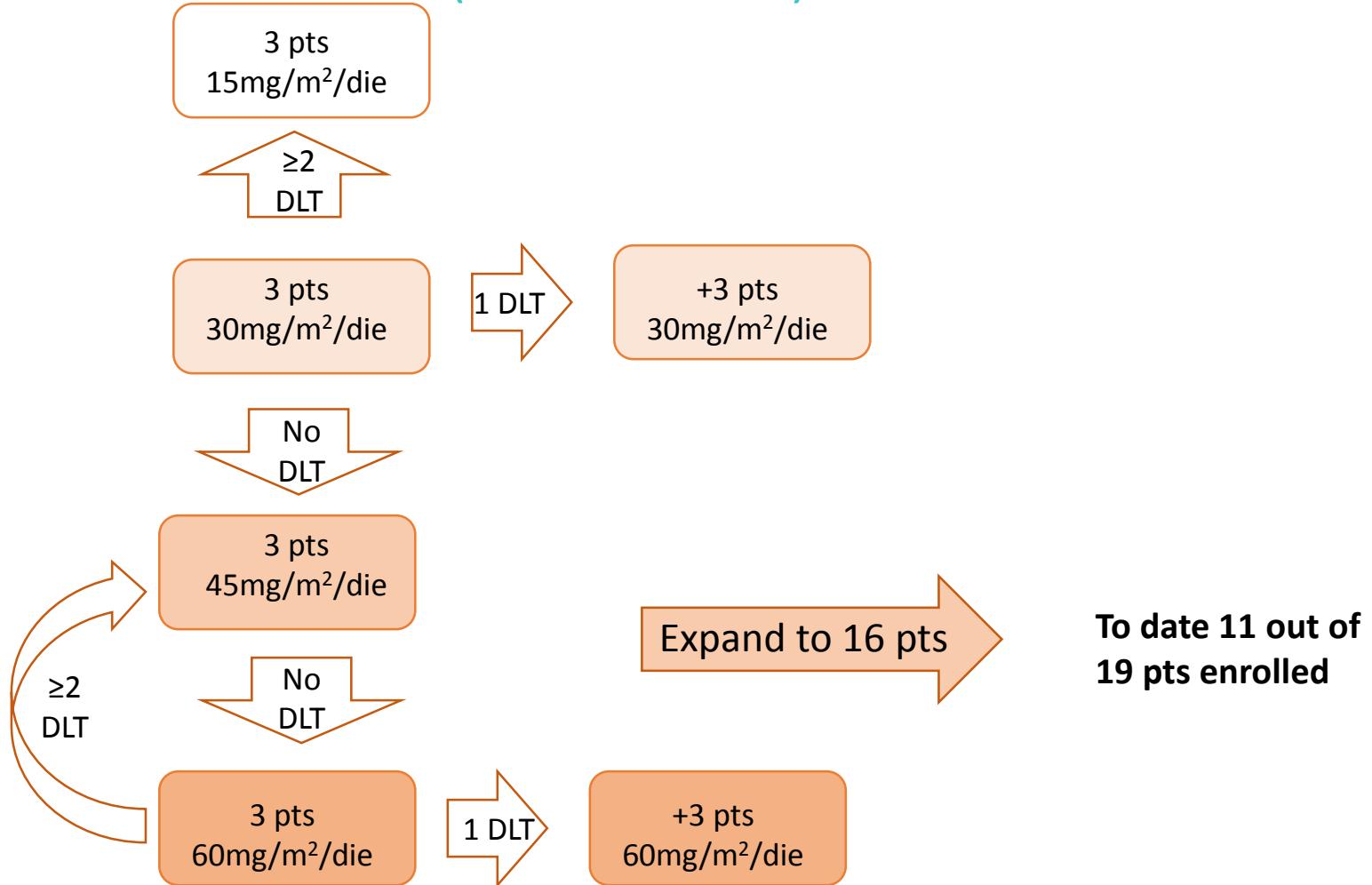
## NORMAL TISSUES



# Epigenetic immuno-sequencing: the NIBIT-M4 Study (NCT02608437)



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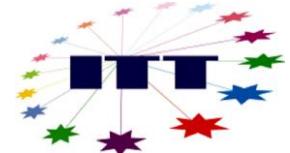




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