

AUTOIMMUNITY AND BIOMARKERS

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OUTLINE

- Biomarkers of autoimmunity in conventional autoimmune disease
- Findings in immune related adverse events
- Need for novel biomarker discovery

AUTOIMMUNE DISEASE PATHOGENESIS

Predisposition

Genetics

Activation

Environment

Progression

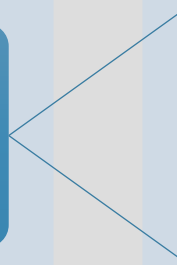
Loss of
Regulatory T
Cells

Epitope
Spreading

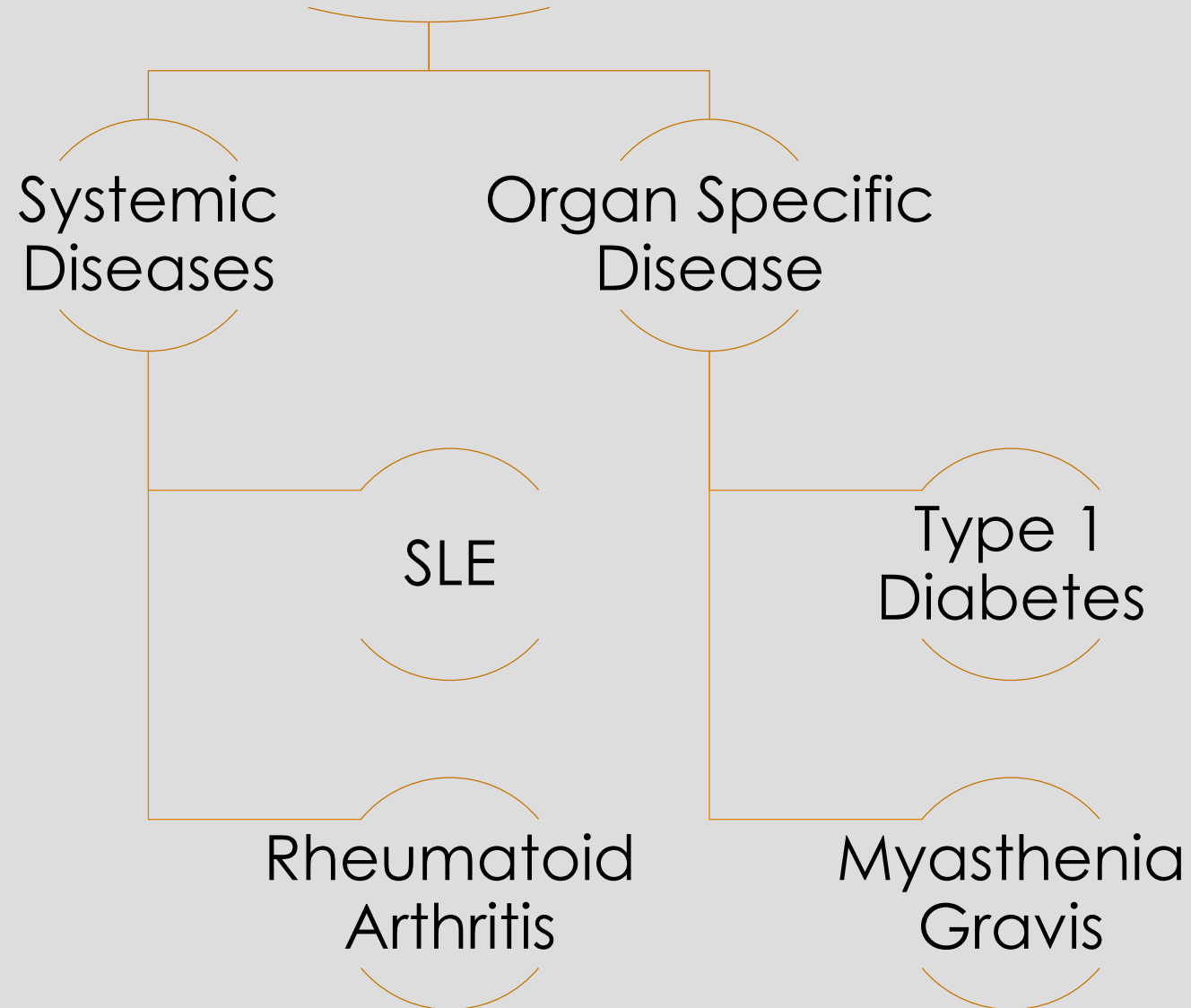
Tissue Injury

Autoantibodies

Autoreactive T-
Cells



Location of Autoimmunity



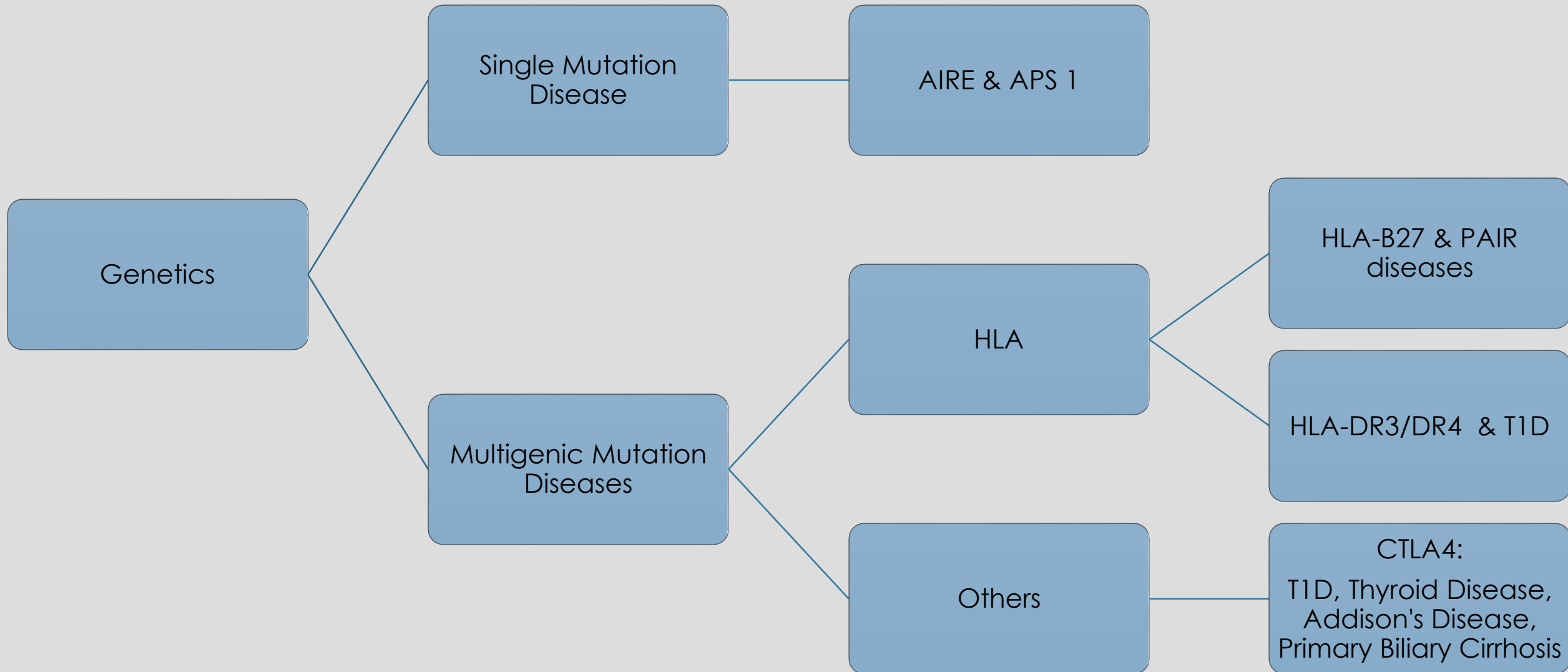
Mechanism of Autoimmune Pathogenesis



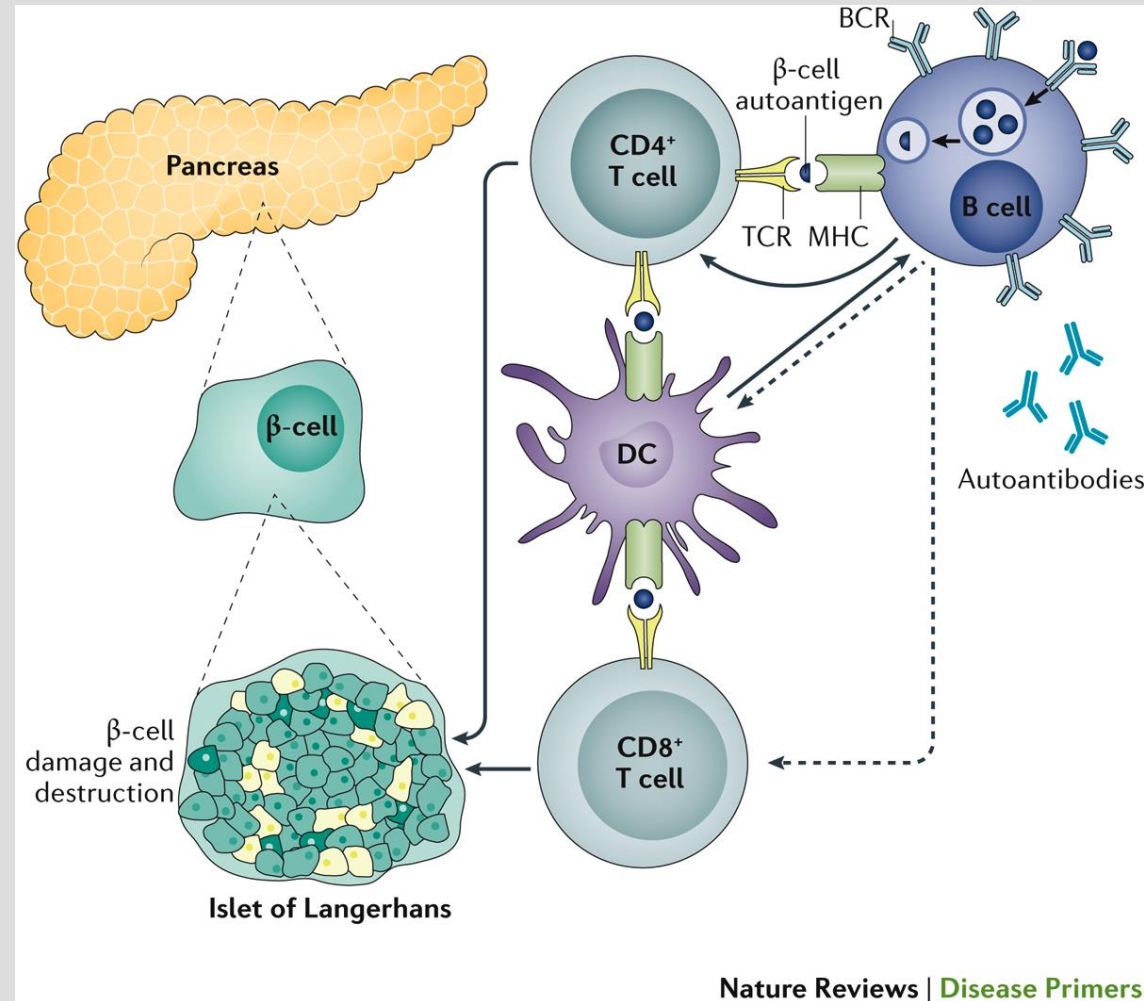
General alteration in the
selection, regulation, or
death of T cells or B cells

Aberrant response to a
particular antigen, self or
foreign

BIOMARKERS FOR AUTOIMMUNE DISEASE (RISK)



Autoreactive T cells in Conventional Autoimmunity



AUTOANTIBODIES IN CONVENTIONAL AUTOIMMUNE DISEASE

PATHOGENIC: DISEASE CAUSING AUTOANTIBODIES

- SLE
- Graves Disease

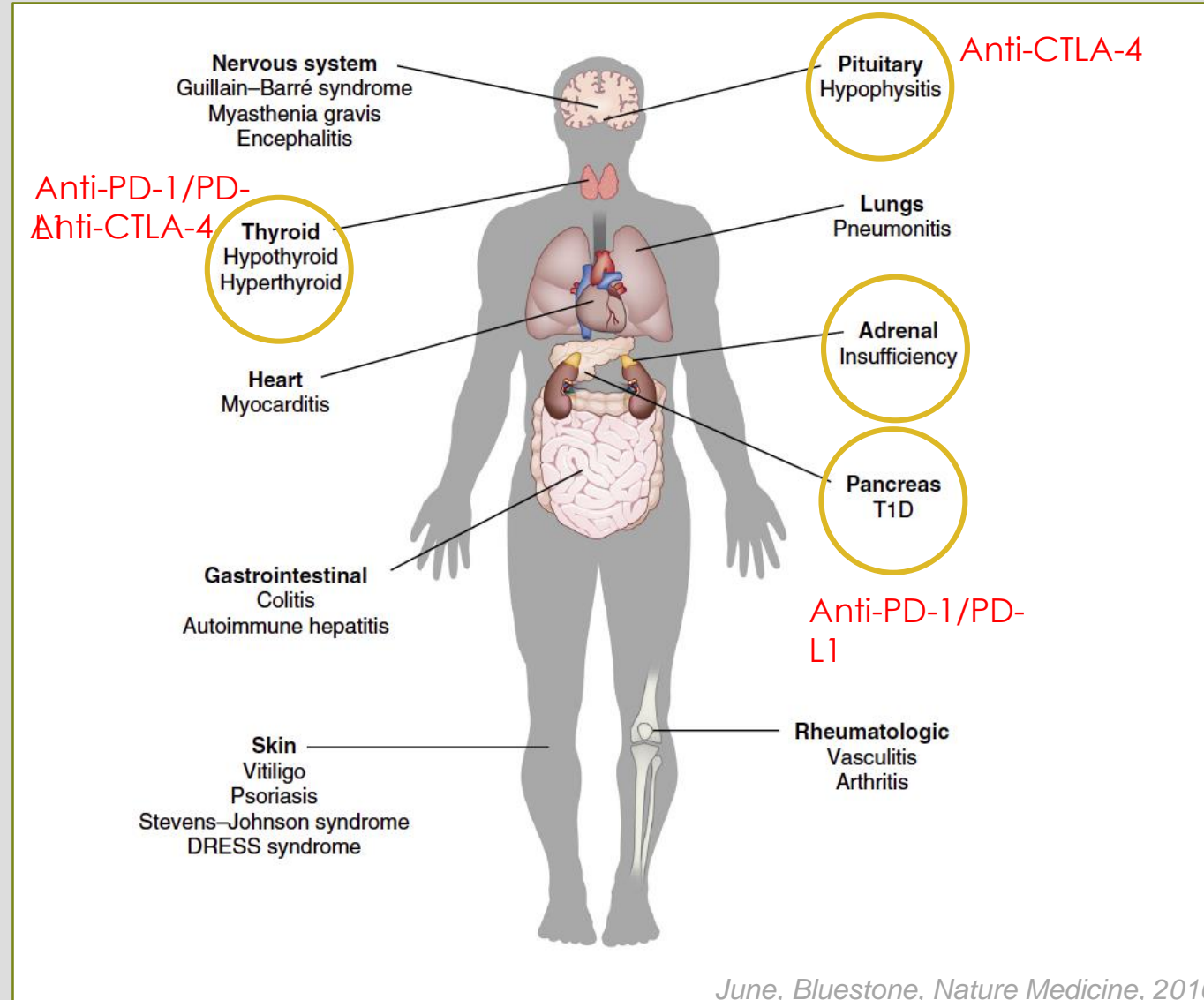
NON-PATHOGENIC: DISEASE IDENTIFYING AUTOANTIBODIES

- T1D
- Thyroglobulin Antibody in Thyroid Disease

DETOUR

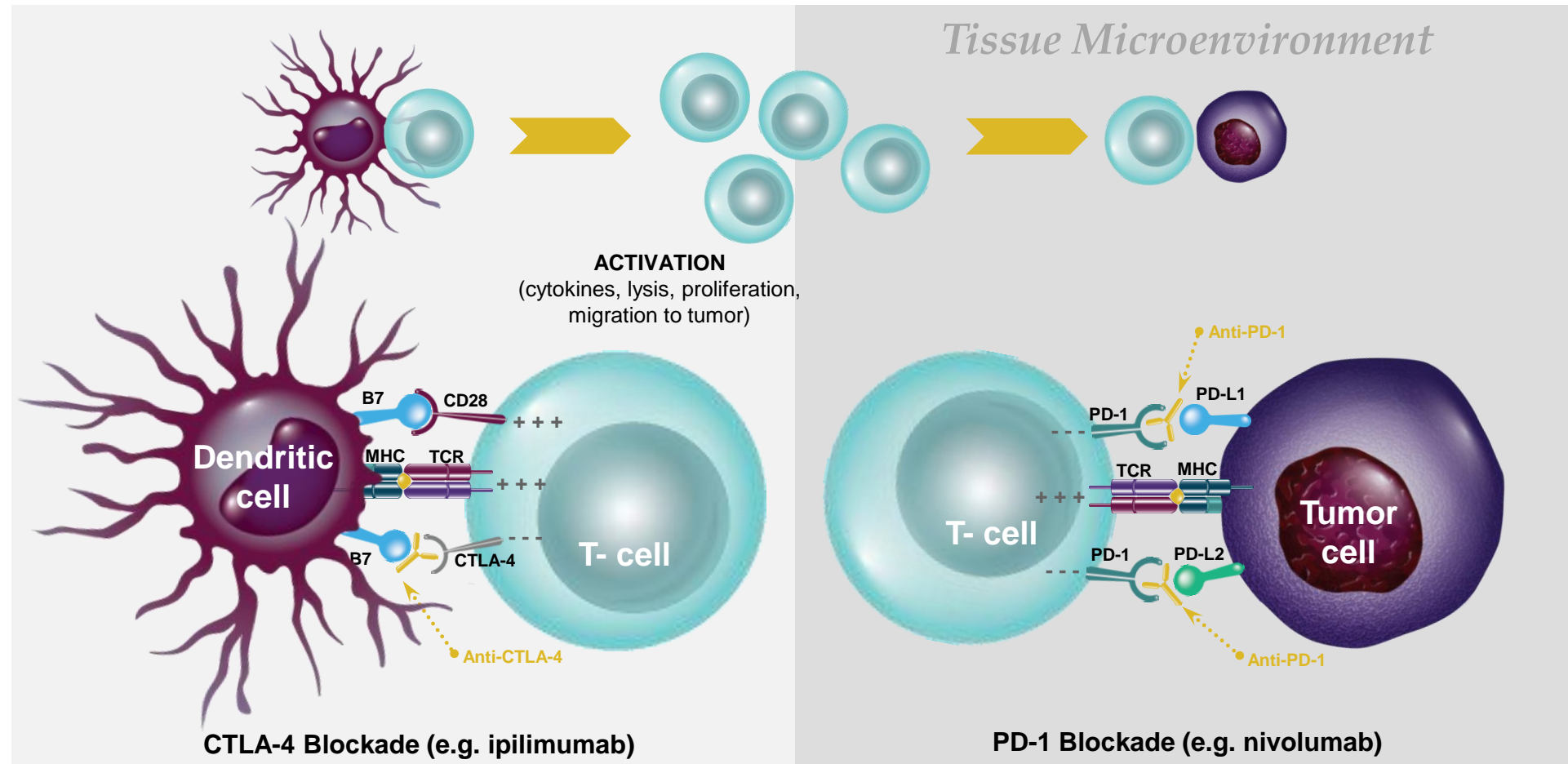
IMMUNE-RELATED ADVERSE
EVENTS

DIFFERENT DRUGS INDUCE DIFFERENT DISEASES IN DIFFERENT PATIENTS?



June, Bluestone, Nature Medicine, 2016

THE CTLA-4 AND PD-1 CHECKPOINT CAN ACT AT DIFFERENT POINTS AND AT DIFFERENT SITES IN IMMUNITY



Dominated in CD4
compartment

Dominated in CD8
compartment

BIOMARKERS PREDICTING IRAE: AN ACTIVE AREA OF RESEARCH

- Potential Risk Factors:
 - family history of autoimmune diseases/ genetic risk of autoimmunity
 - immune checkpoint inhibitor itself
 - tumor infiltration and location
 - previous viral infections
 - concomitant use of medicines with known autoimmune toxicities
- Hints:
 - Eosinophil count (Schindler et al, 2014)
 - Circulating IL-17 levels might be associated with gastrointestinal toxicity (Tarhini et al, 2015)
 - Diversification of the T-cell repertoire (Oh et al, 2017)

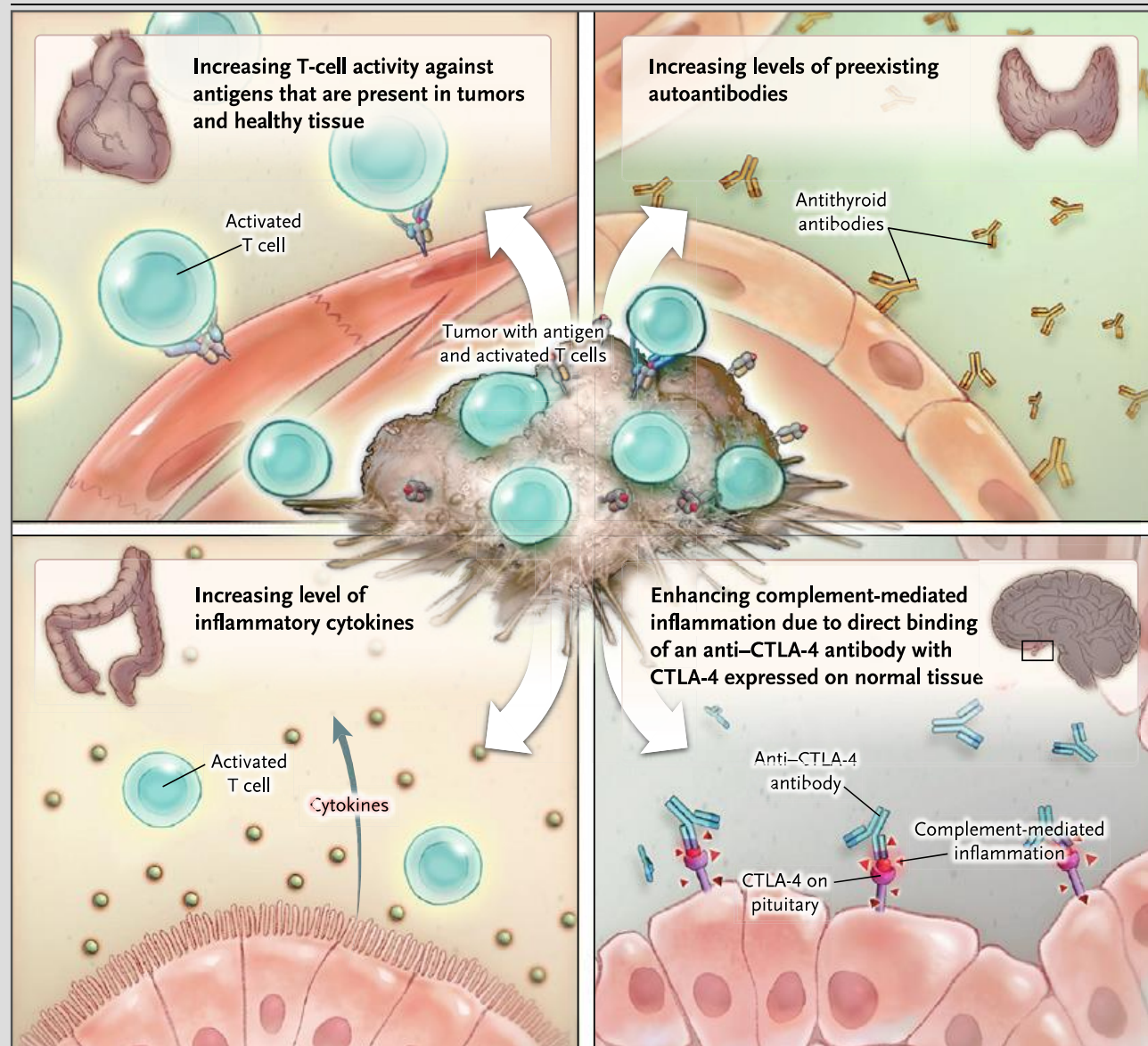
Reviewed in:

Topalian et al, Nature Reviews Cancer 20

Hopkins et al, British Journal of Cancer 20

Michot et al, European Journal of Cancer

DIFFERENT IRAE – DIFFERENT MECHANISMS?



A CASE STUDY: IMMUNE CHECKPOINT INHIBITOR INDUCED DIABETES MELLITUS IN A YALE-UCSF COHORT

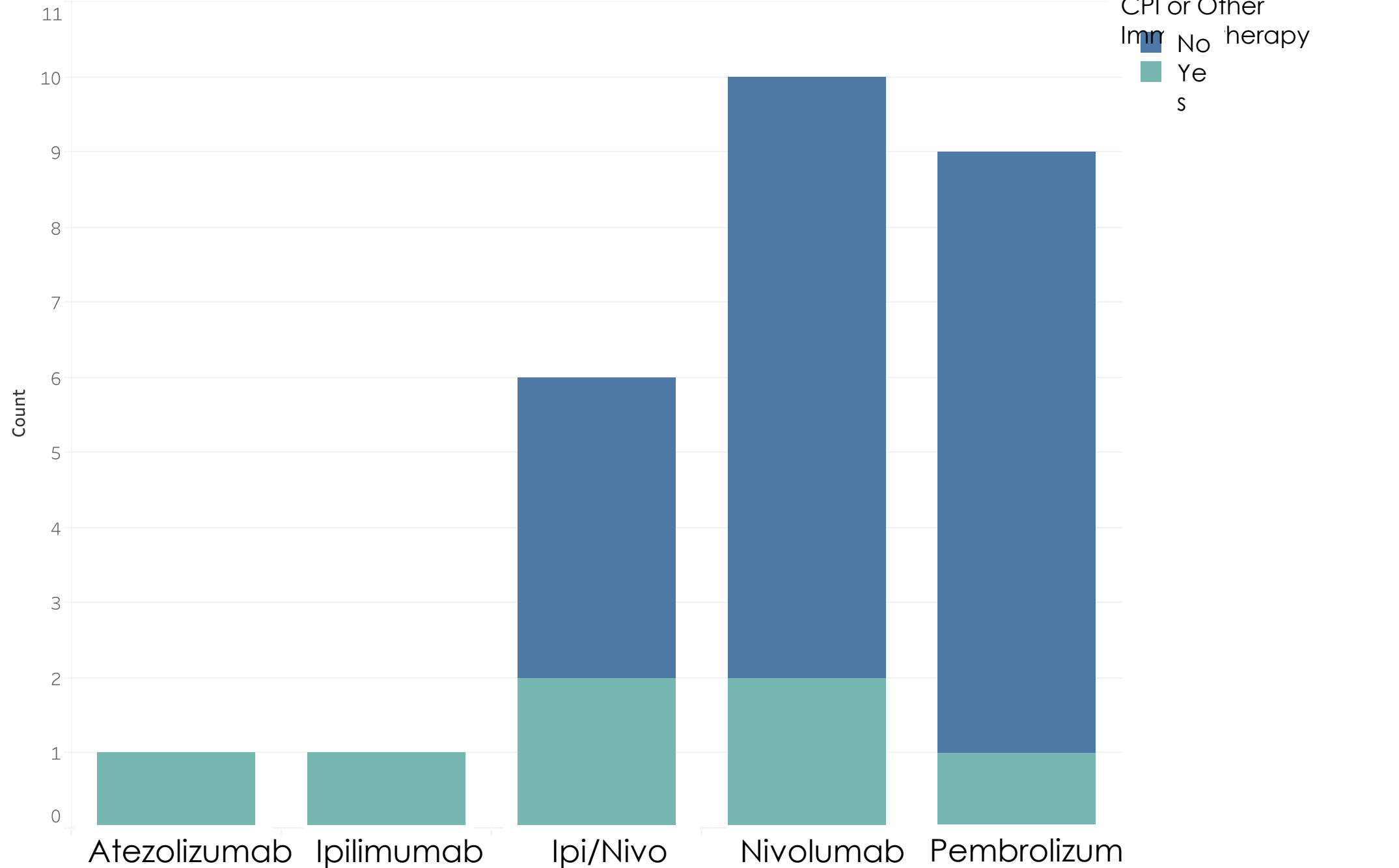
- New onset hyperglycemia requiring exogenous insulin treatment
- Evidence of insulin deficiency through either presentation in DKA or absent c-peptide
- Continued to require insulin for more than 1 month

27 Patients

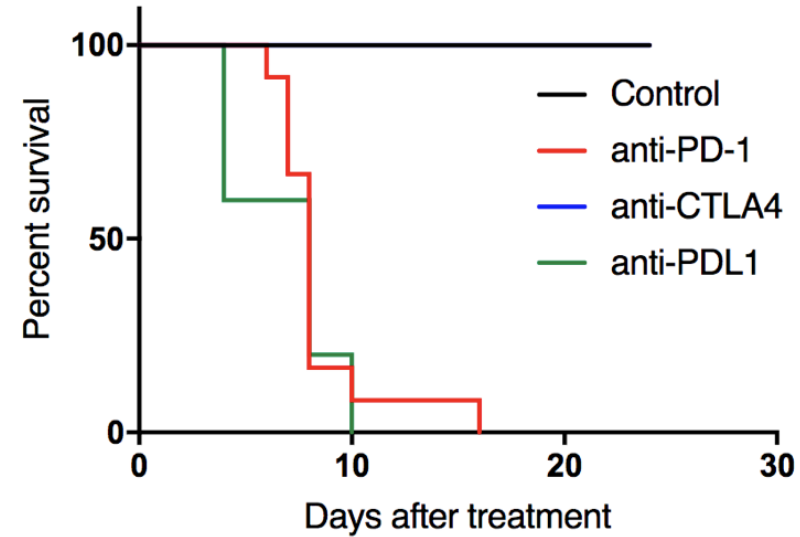
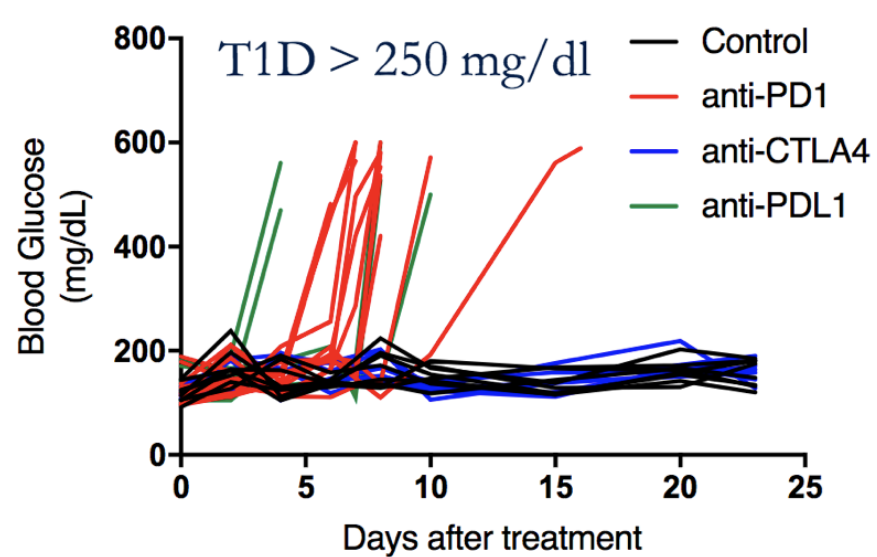
0.9% incidence in all immune checkpoint inhibi

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CPI Type



PD-1, BUT NOT CTLA-4, BLOCKADE INDUCES RAPID T1D

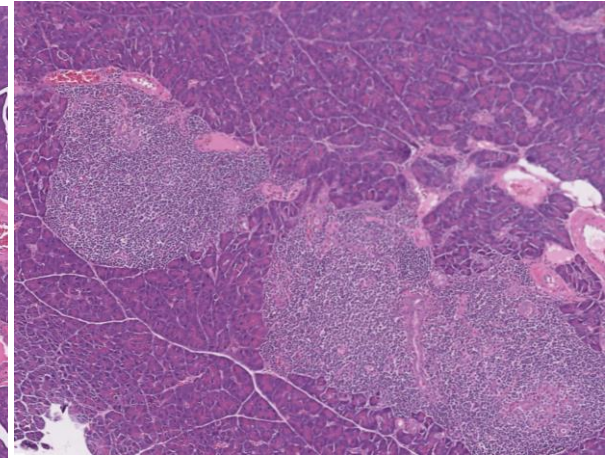
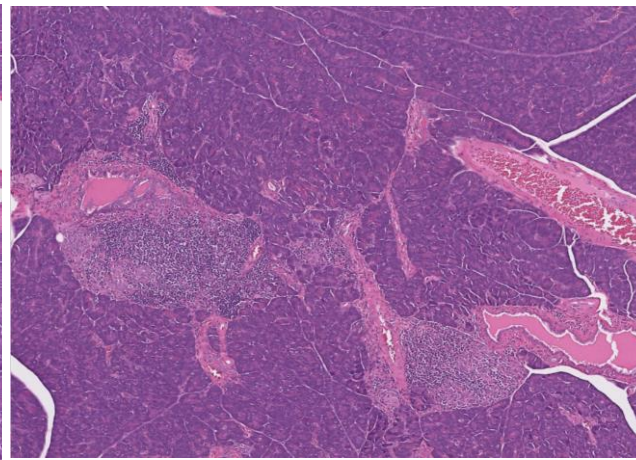
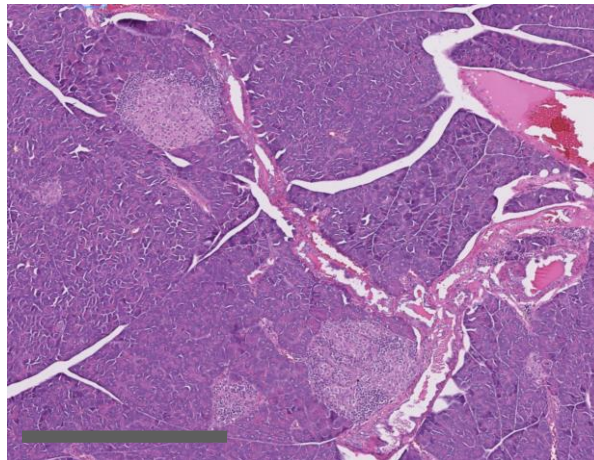
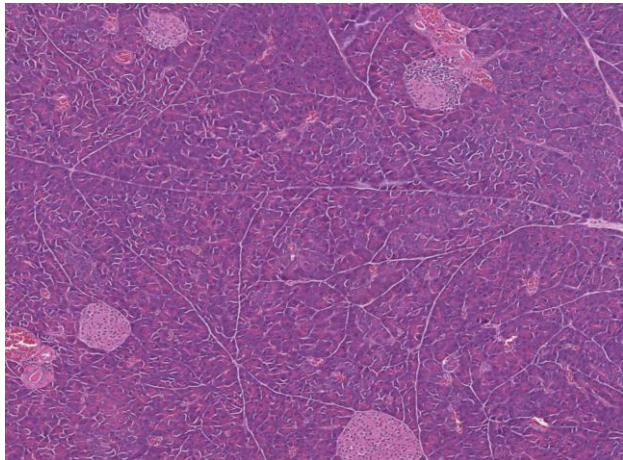


control

anti-CTLA-4

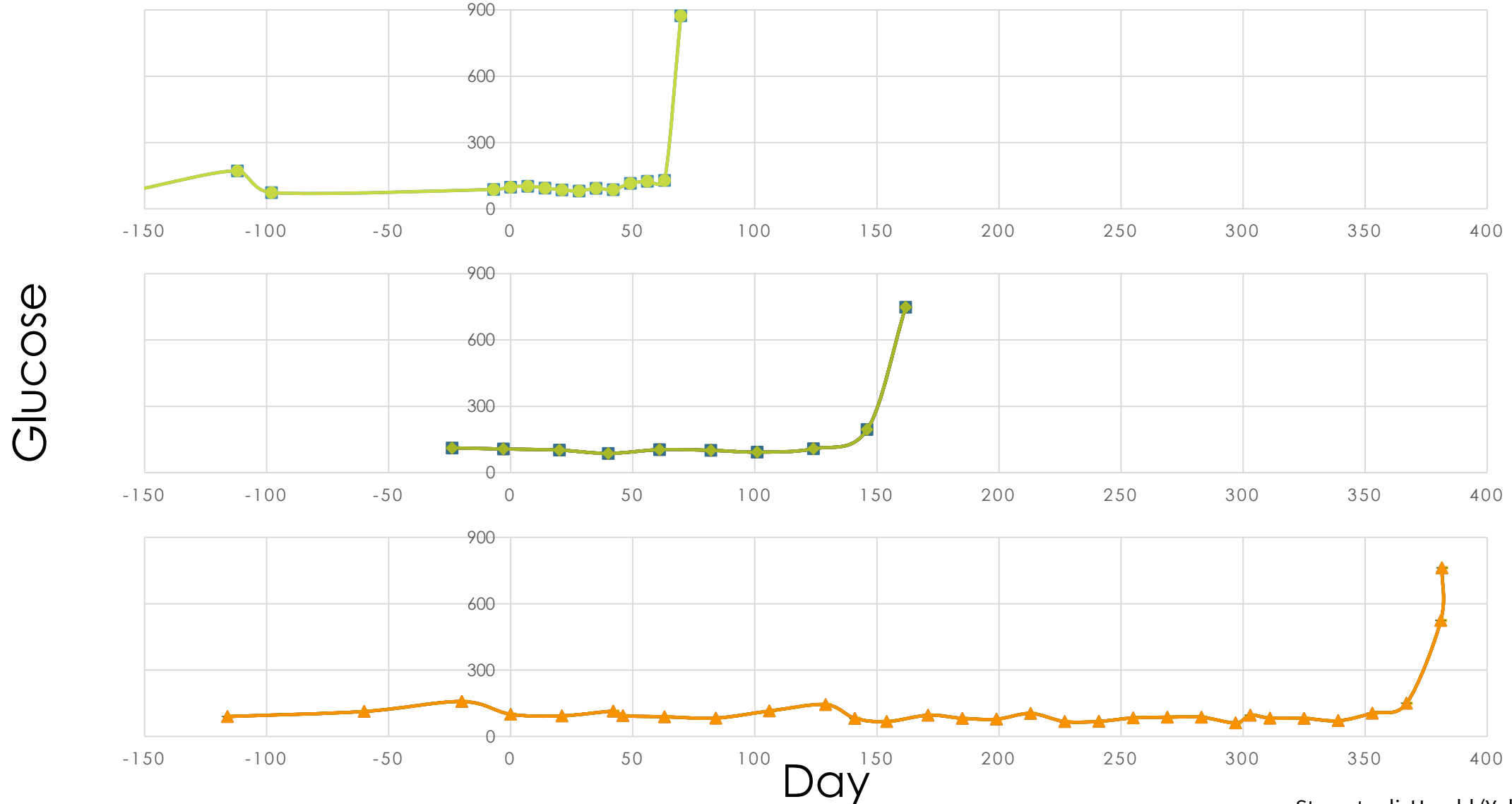
anti-PD1

anti-PDL1



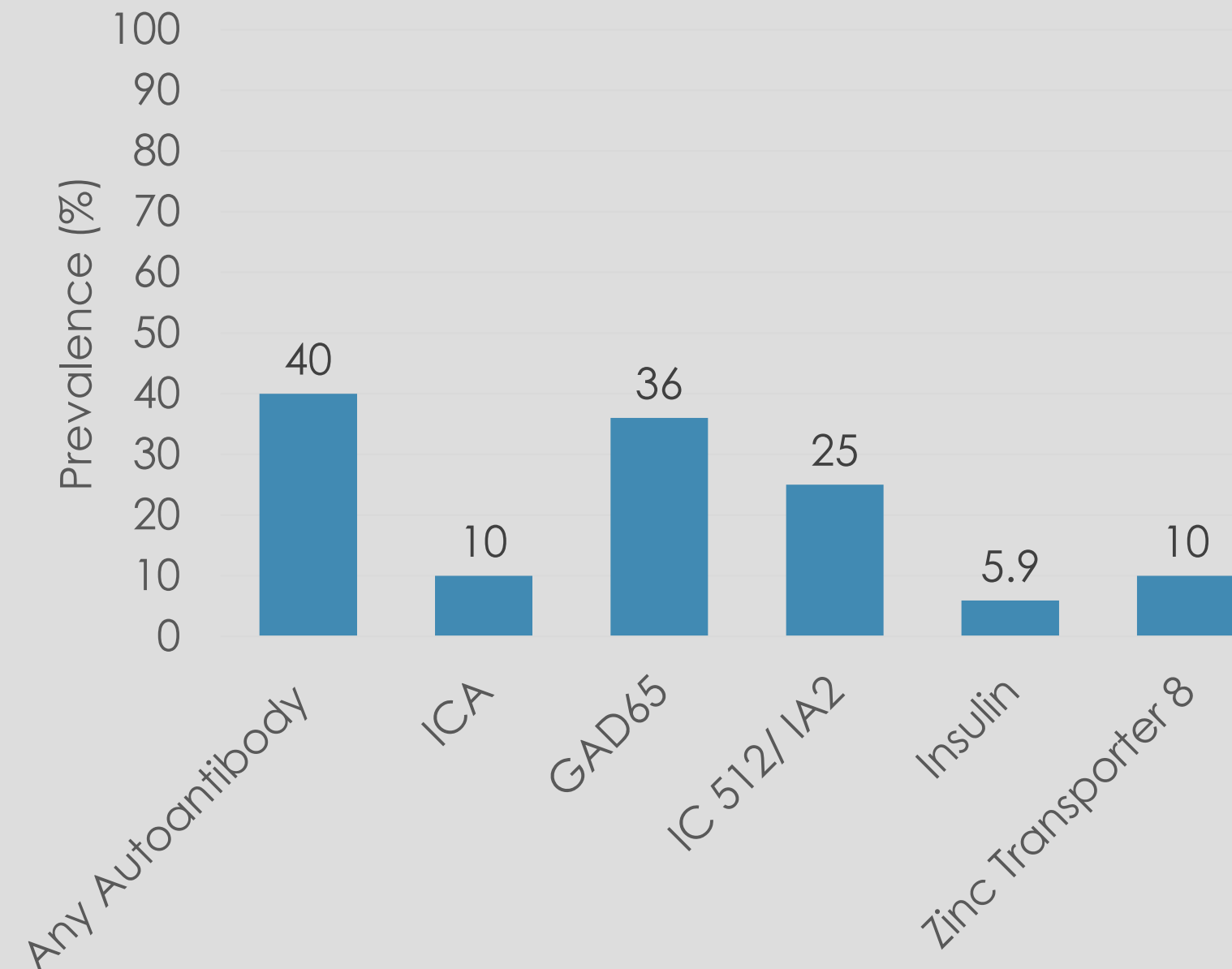
Young, Bluestone,
unpublished, 2018

Progression of Hyperglycemia

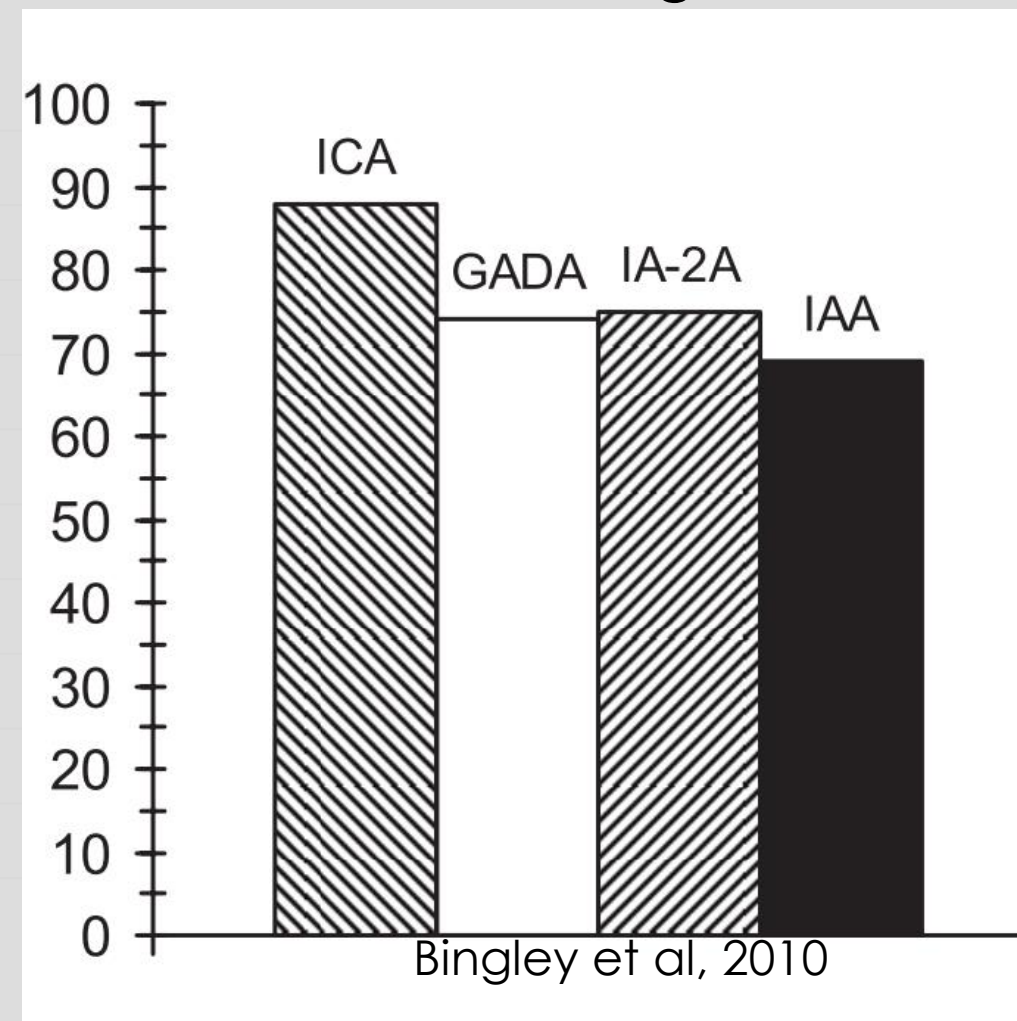


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Autoantibody Positivity at Time of CPI DM Diagnosis



Autoantibody Positivity at Time of T1DM Diagnosis

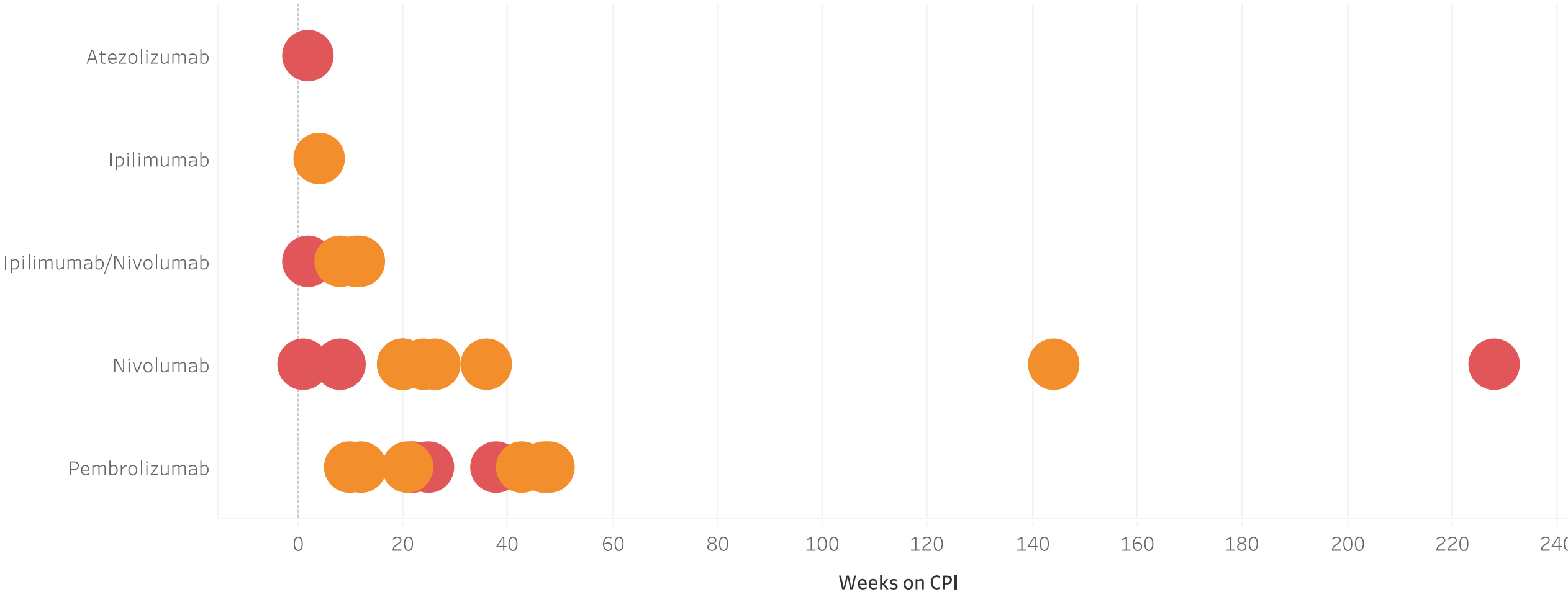


If four markers are measured—GADA, IA-2A, IAA, and ICA or ZnT8A—only 2–4% of patients are autoantibody negative at the time

Pre and Post Treatment T1D Autoantibodies in Patients with CPI Diabetes

Patient	Abs before tx			Abs after tx			
	GAD	IA-2	ZnT8	GAD	IA-2	ZnT8	Insulin
1	NEG	NEG	NEG	NEG	NEG		NEG
2	POS	POS	POS	POS	NEG		NEG
3	NEG	NEG	NEG	POS	POS	NEG	POS

Autoantibody Positivity and Timing of DM Onset

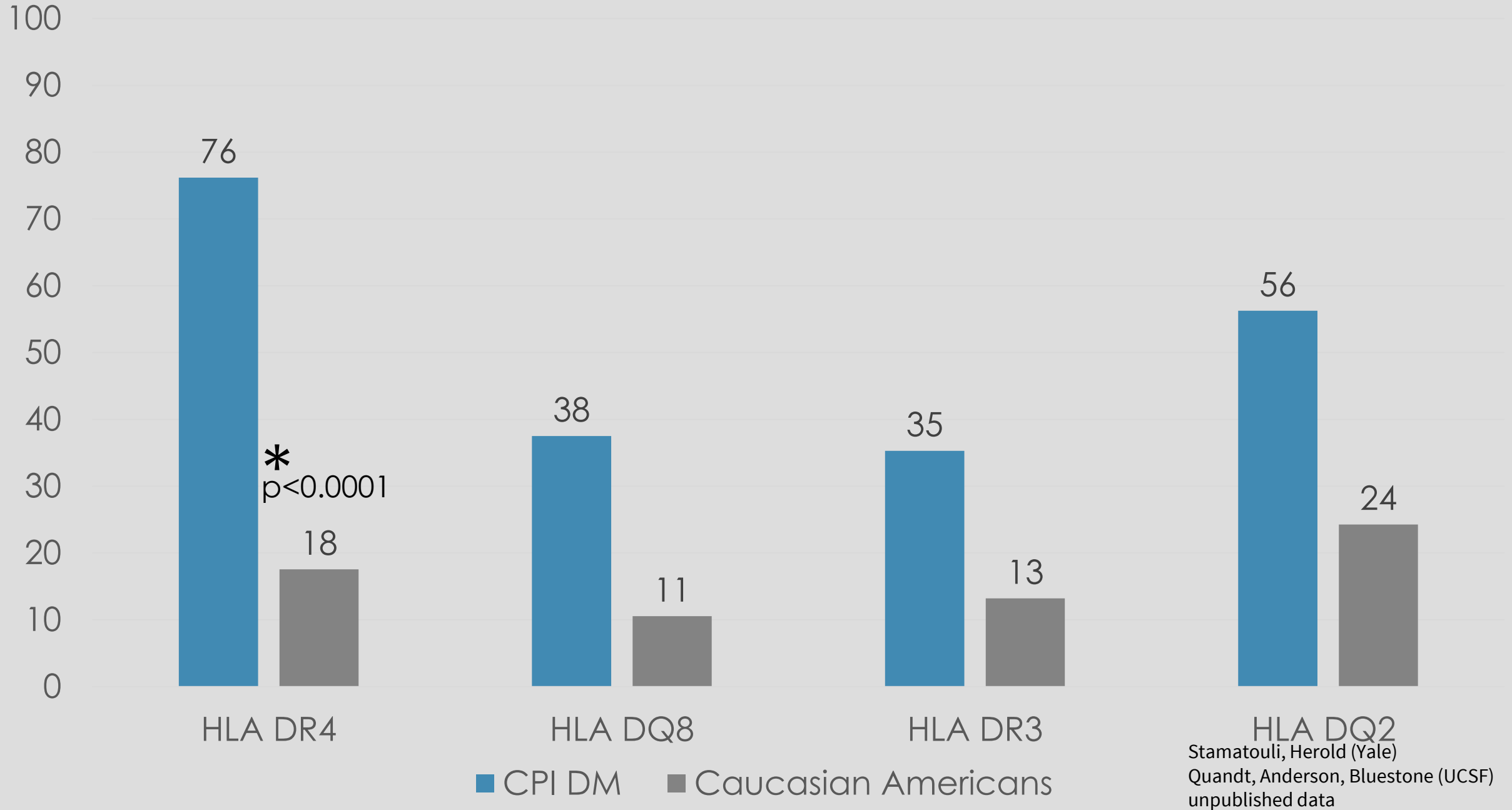


Any Ab
■ No Ab
■ At Least 1 Ab Positive

Significantly faster time to onset in Ab+ individuals:
Wilcoxon Rank Sum Test, median cycles 2.5 for
those with any positive autoantibody and 13 for
those with negative autoantibodies, p= 0.024

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HLA Allele Frequencies



KEY FINDINGS

- 100% of subjects were recently exposed to PD-1 or PD-L1 inhibitors; only 1 developed CPI-DM while on ipi monotherapy (having recently gotten combination therapy)
- Over 95% of subjects had no significant hyperglycemia until within 14 days of CPI-DM diagnosis.
- 40% of patients had at least one positive T1D autoantibody at the time of diagnosis
- 76% were positive for HLA-DR4, whereas only 35% were positive for other major risk allele, HLA-DR3

ANOTHER IRAE AND ITS CONVENTIONAL DISEASE CORRELATE: INFLAMMATORY ARTHRITIS

MONOTHERAPY:

PD-1/PD-L1

- Small joints are affected
- Arthritis is the only irAE

COMBINATION THERAPY:

CTLA-4 + PD-1/ PD-L1

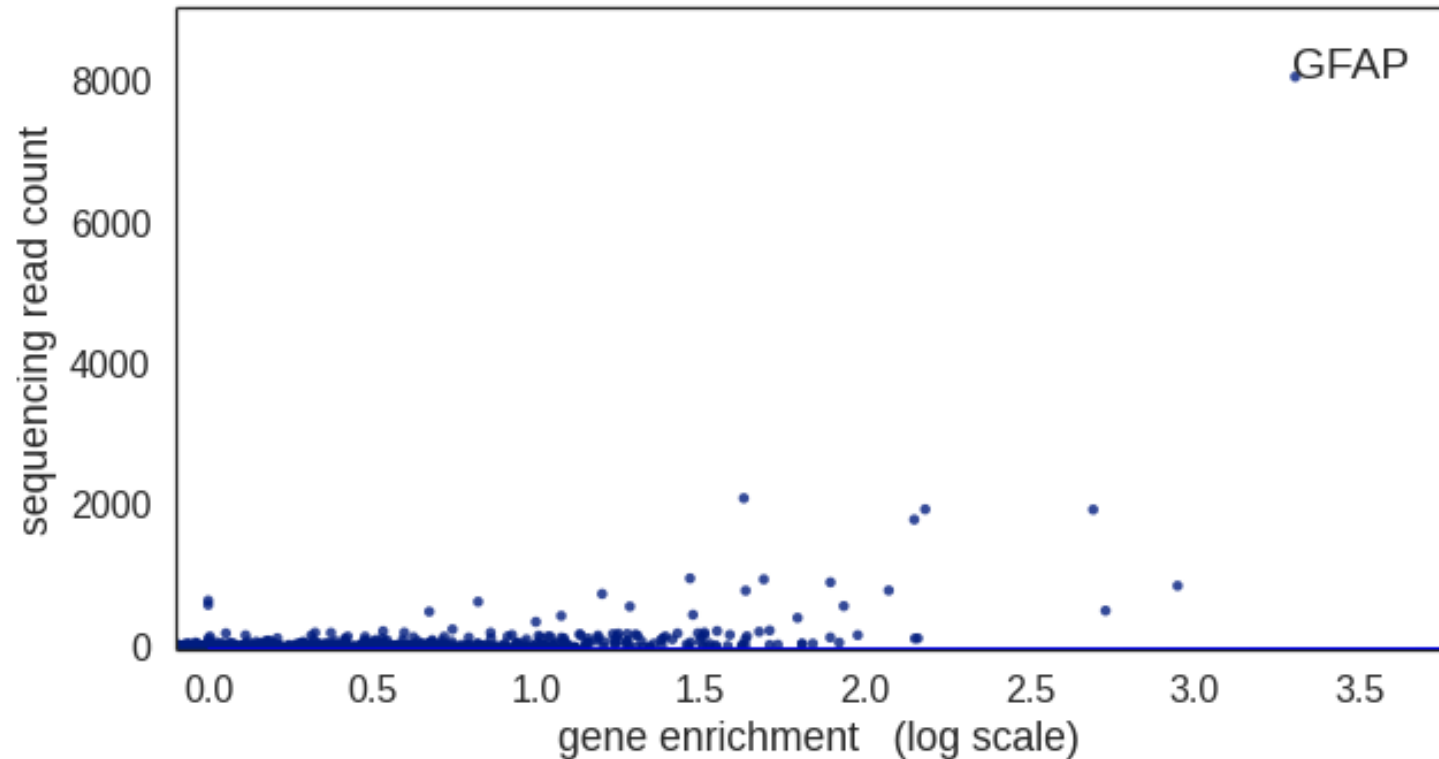
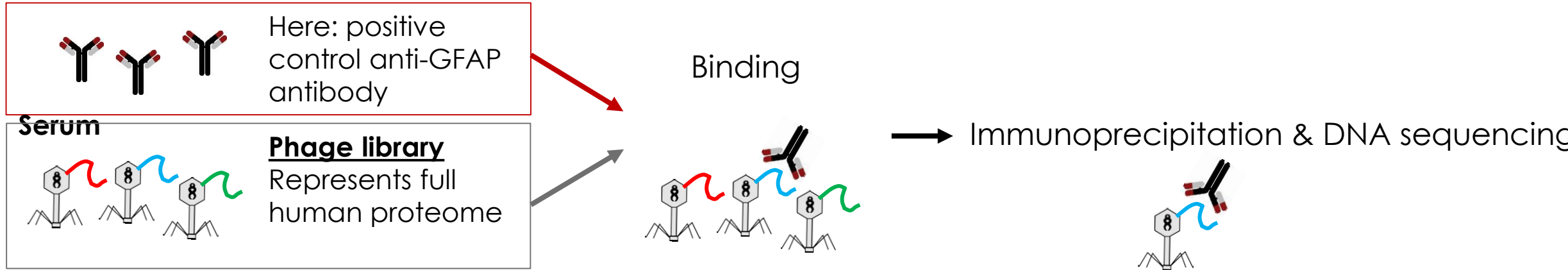
- Large joints, especially in the lower extremity
- Often have colitis

- HLA B27 Negative
- RF and antiCCP antibodies were largely negative
 - In 50 patients, 2 had positive antibodies
- More often persists even after CPI cessation

BIOMARKER DISCOVERY

- Clinical Considerations:
 - Timing of biomarker
 - irAE as a biomarker of treatment benefit
- Interrogation of T-cell Repertoire for Antigen Discovery
 - Understanding the changes in the T-Cell Repertoire (David Oh with PI Larry Fong)
 - Deep sequencing (10x)
- Antigen and Antibody Discovery
 - Phage Display Assays and Proteome Array (Sara Vazquez with PI Joe DeBisi)

PHAGE DISPLAY ASSAYS



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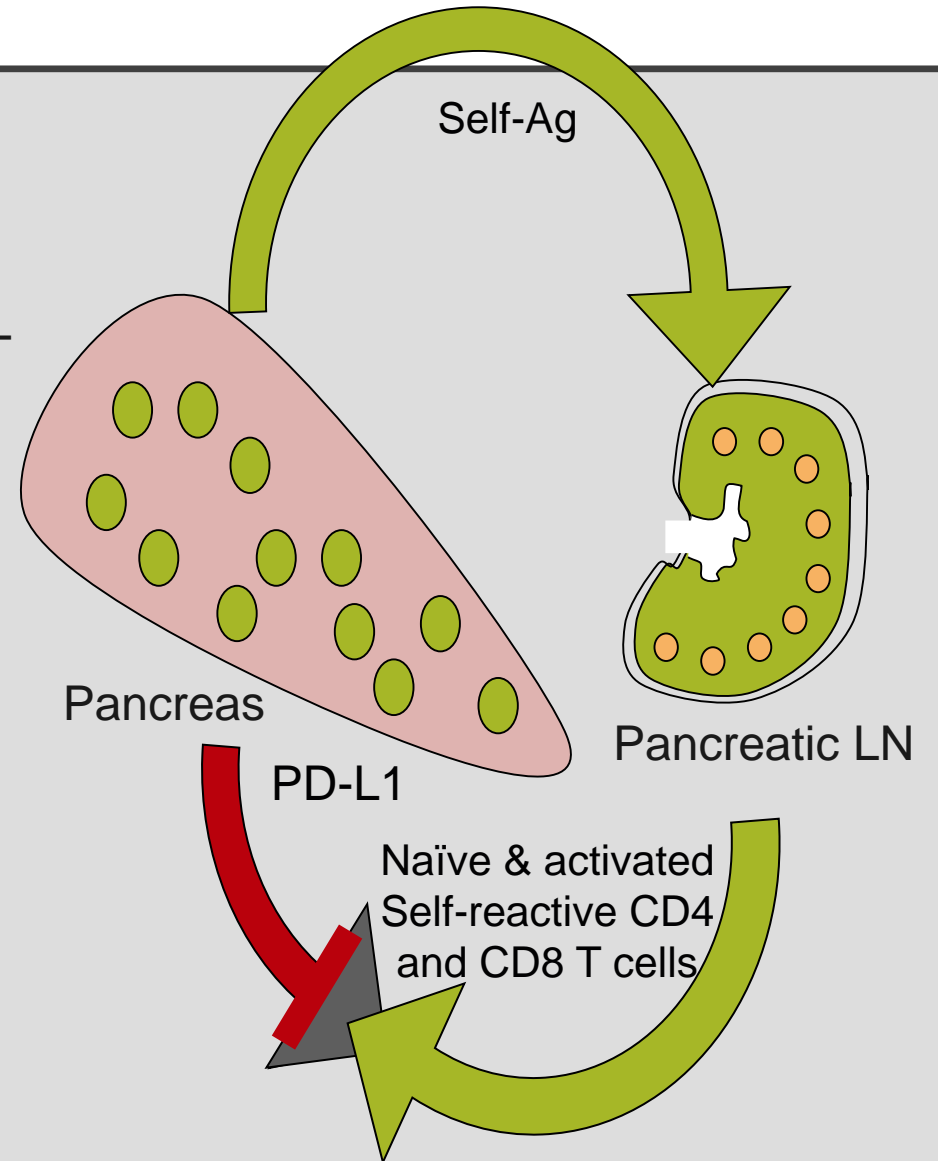
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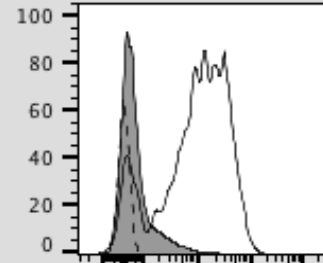
TISSUE EXPRESSION OF PD-L1 PROMOTES SELF TOLERANCE

- PD-1:PD-L1 pathway regulates limits activation of self reactive & pathogenic effector CD4 and CD8 T cells
- PD-L1 on non-hematopoietic cells inhibits self-reactive T cells & shields target organ from immune-mediated tissue damage
- PD-L1 acts as a tissue-specific negative regulator of pathogenic T cell responses

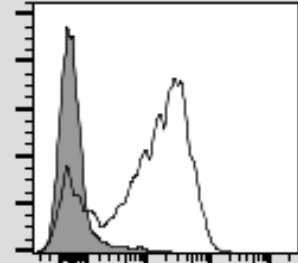


THE PDI-PDL1 AXIS IS CRITICAL FOR LIMITING AUTOREACTIVE T CELL DAMAGE OF BETA- CELLS

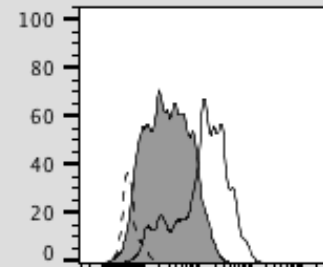
CD8+ T cells



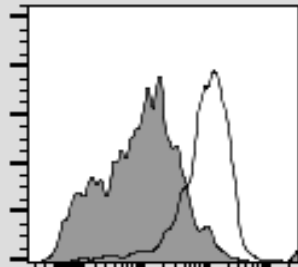
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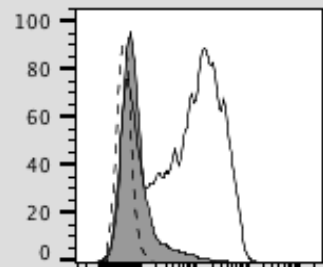
CD4+CD25+ T cells



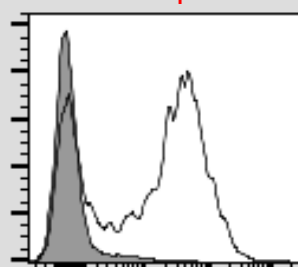
CD4+Foxp3+ T cells



CD4+CD25- T cells



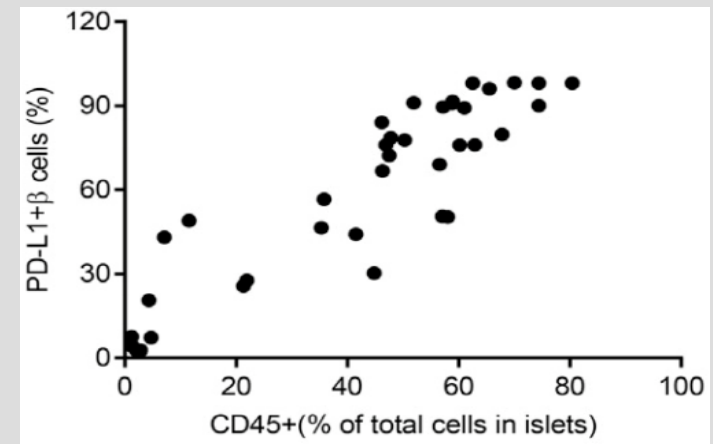
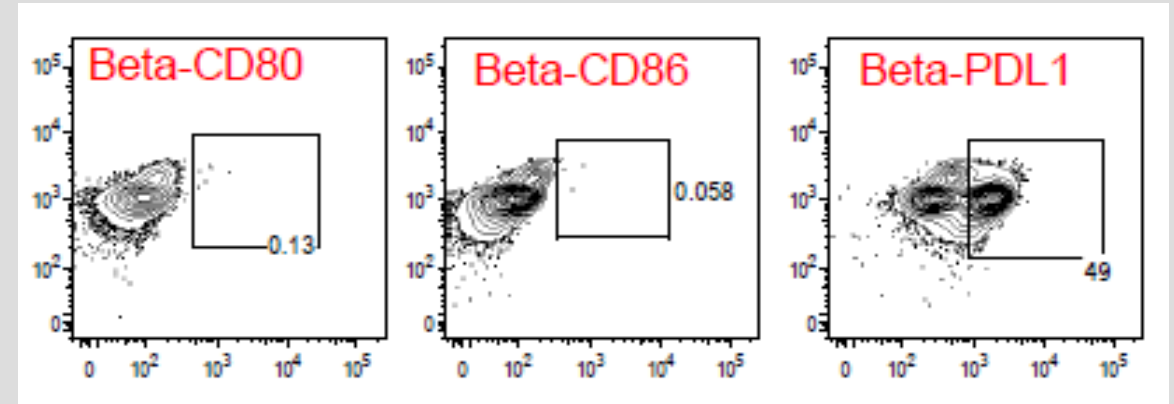
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PD1

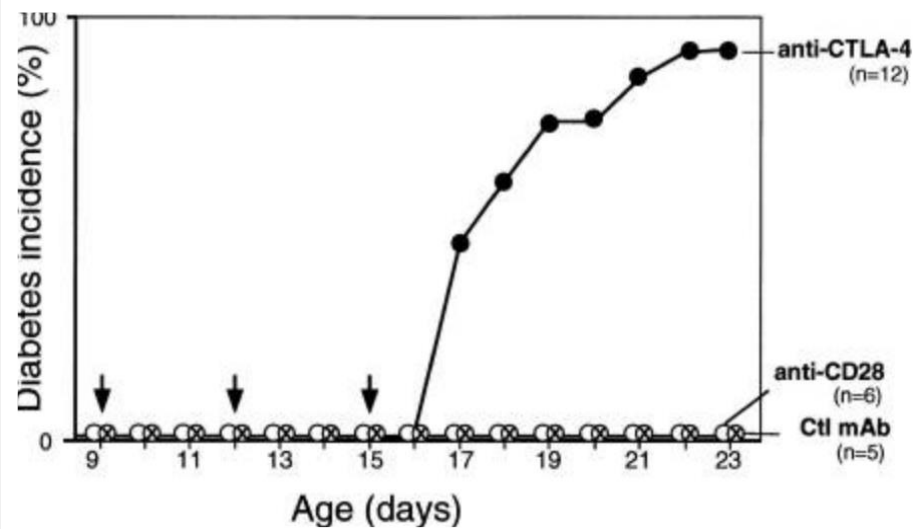
CTLA4

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pancreatic LN
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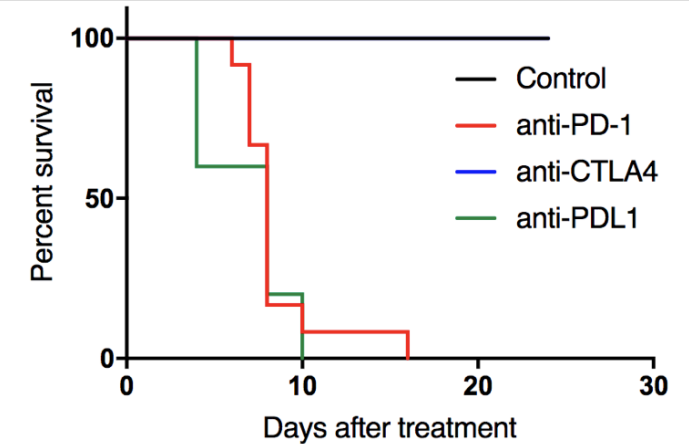
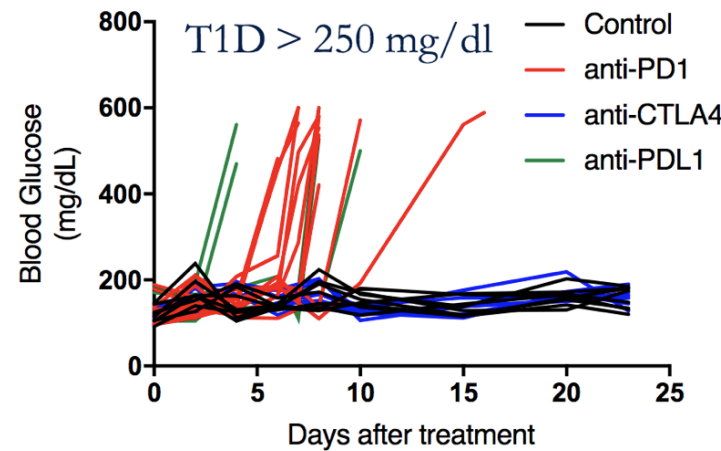


Rui et al. Cell Metabolism, 2017; Kevan Heron

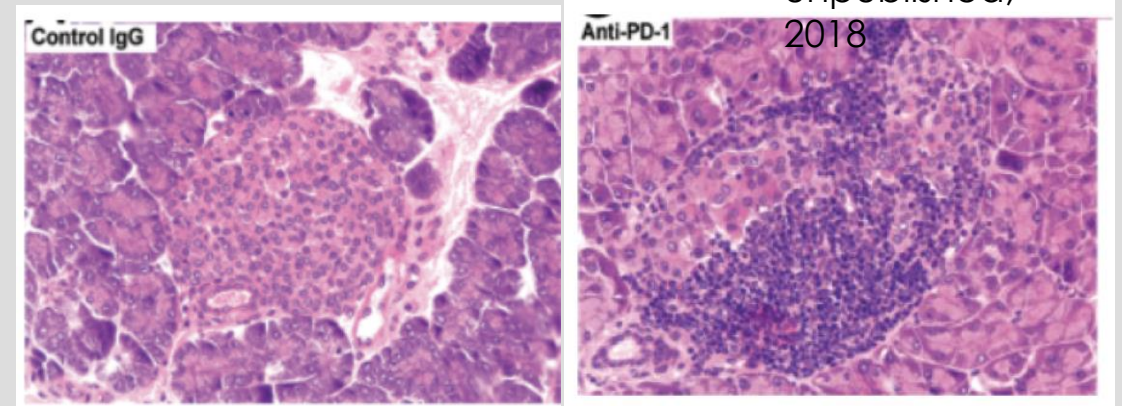
RELATIVE ROLE OF CTLA-4 VERSUS PD-1 DEPENDS ON THE AGE OF THE MICE



BDC2.5/NOD mice were injected at 9, 12, and 15 d of age

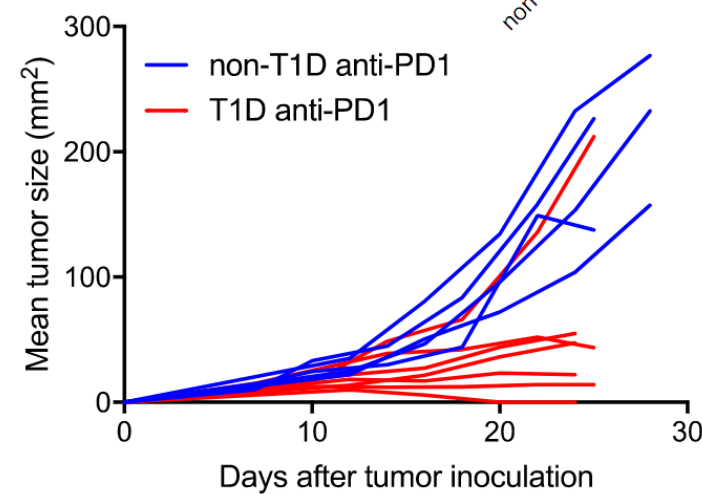
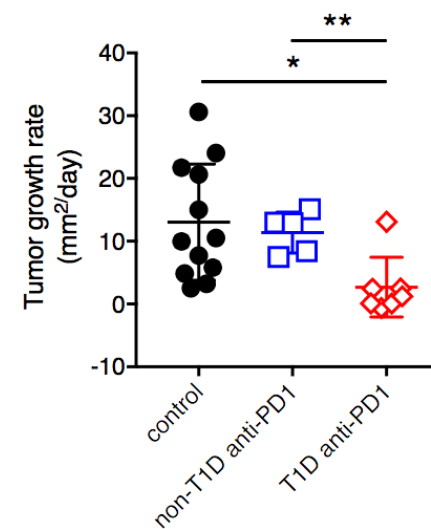
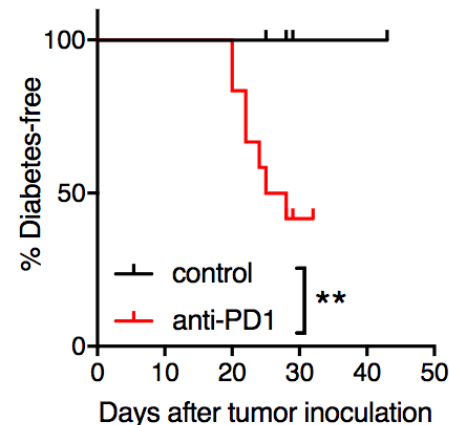
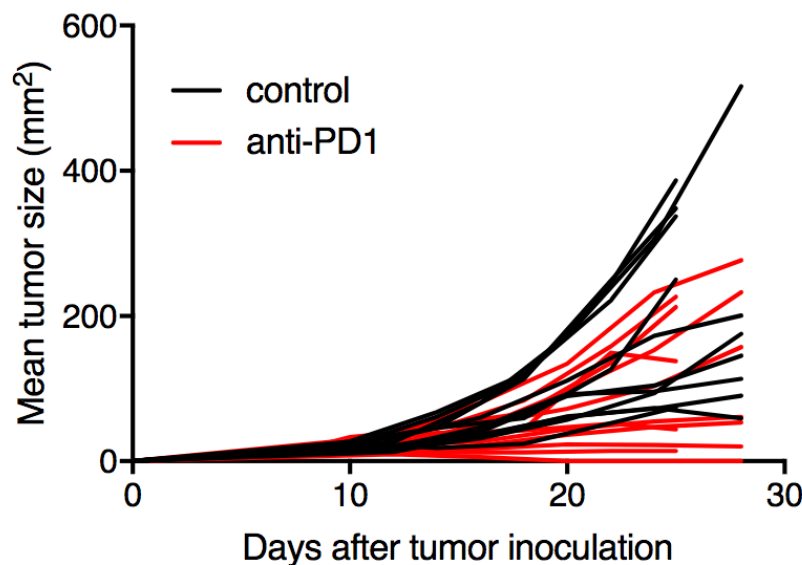
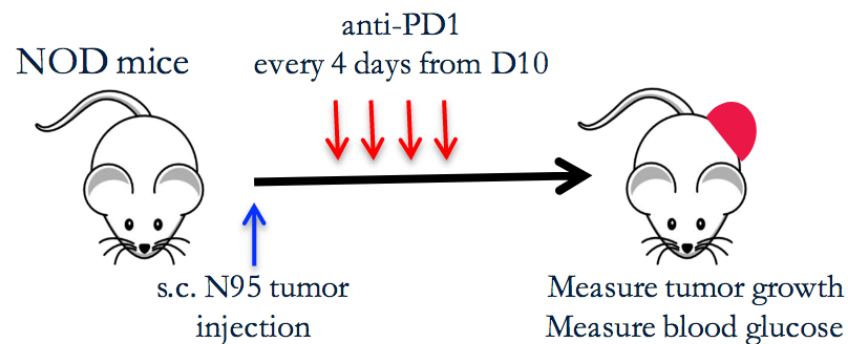


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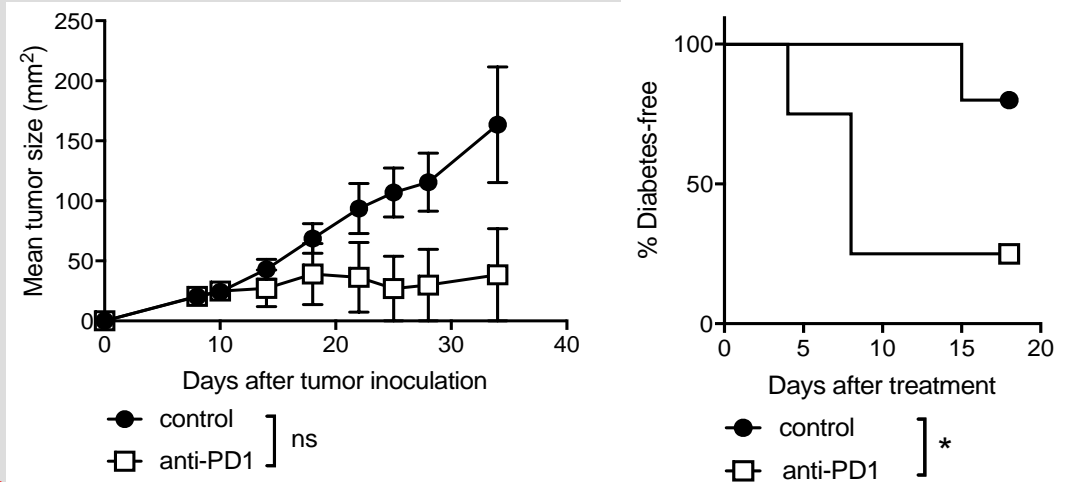
Ansari et. al. 2003

Anti-PD1-induced T1D mice display improved anti-tumor immune responses

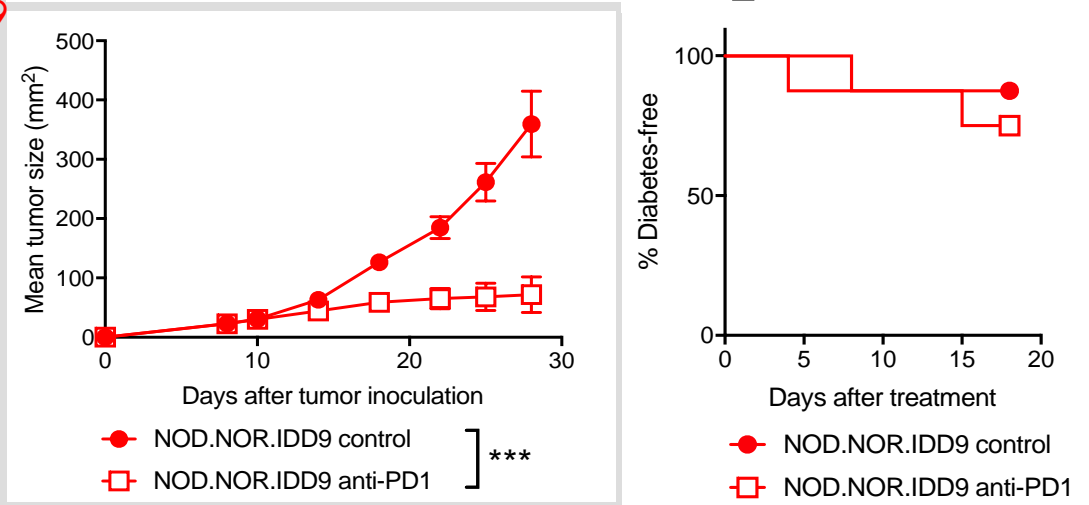


IDD9 CONGENIC MICE DISPLAY RESISTANCE TO ANTI-PD1 T1D AND ROBUST TUMOR CONTROL

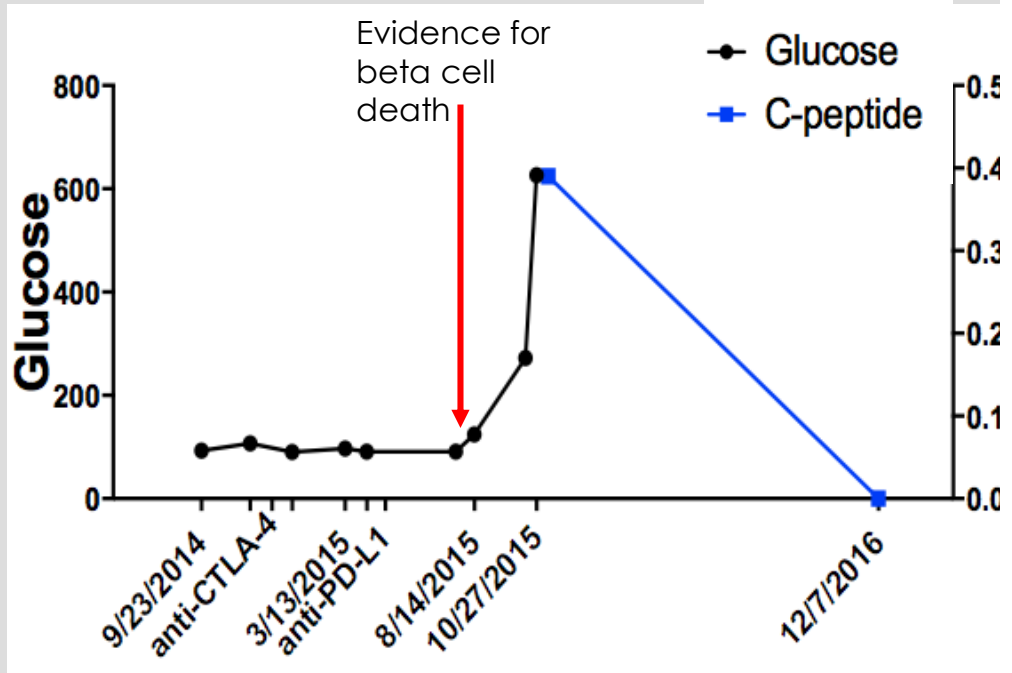
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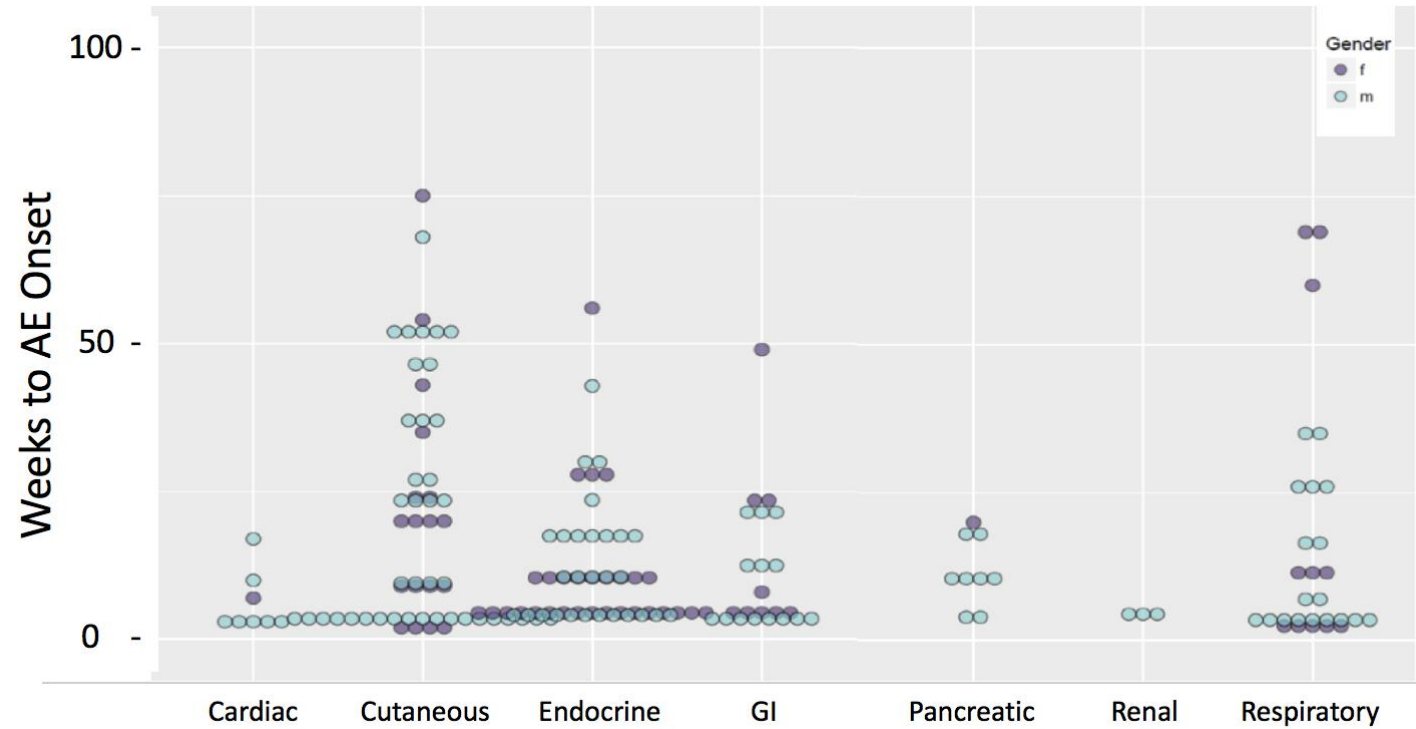
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TIMING – ARE WE BREAKING IMMUNE TOLERANCE AND ENGAGING NEW CELLS IN IMMUNITY?

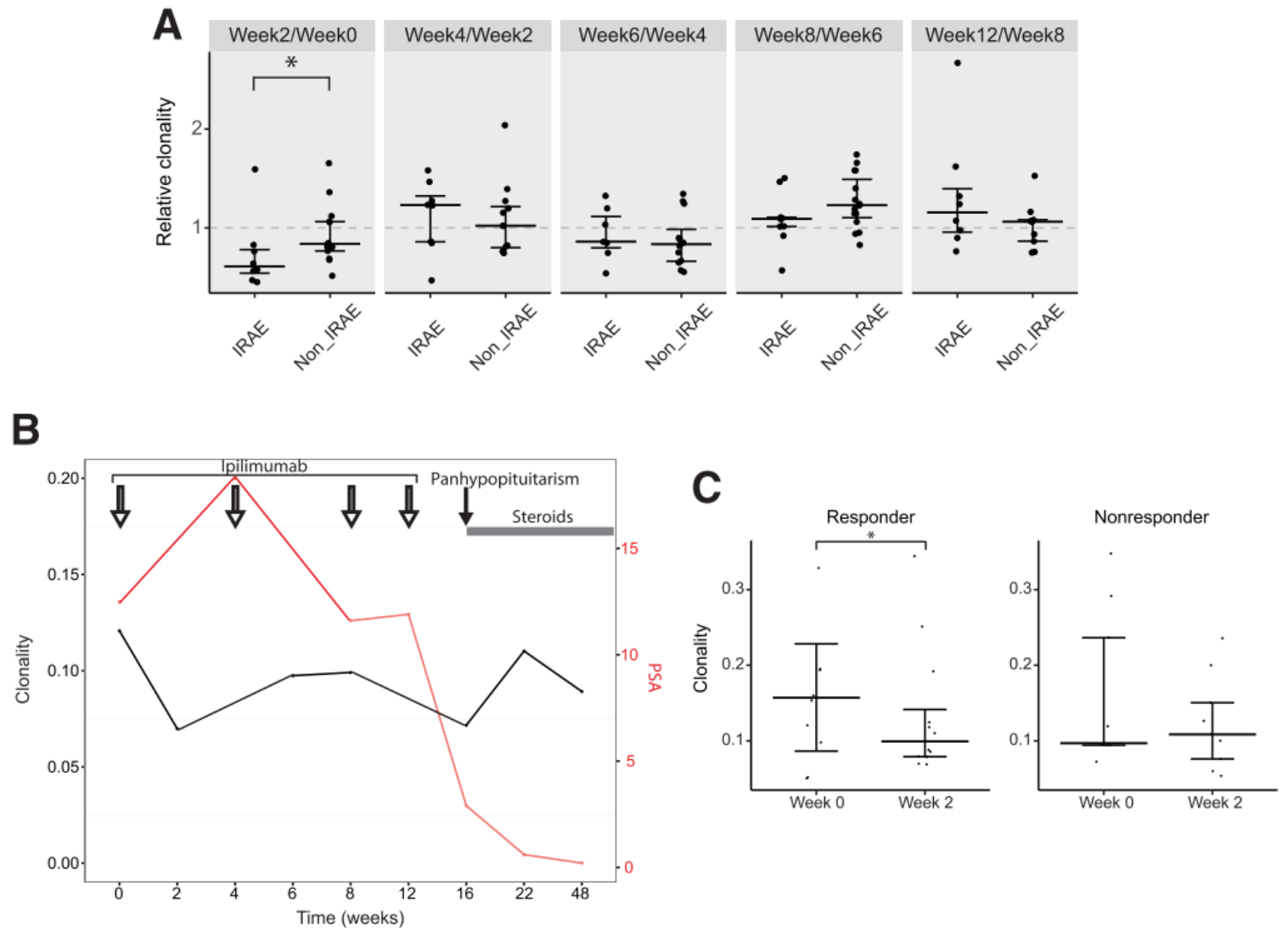


Herold and colleagues, unpublished



(Analysis by Nick Bayless, data originally from Hofmann and Zimmer et al, Eur J Cancer 2016)

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** A decrease in clonality connotes an increase in the number of unique clones, i.e. an increase in diversification. (Oh et al, 2017)