

Immunotherapeutic Strategy: Immune Checkpoint Blockade

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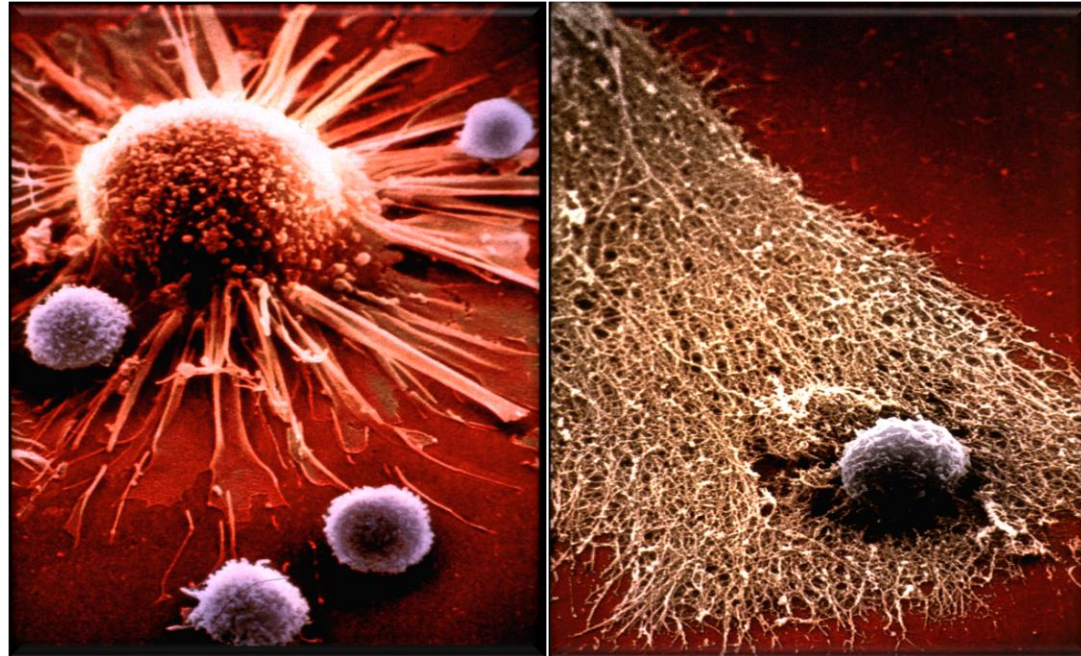
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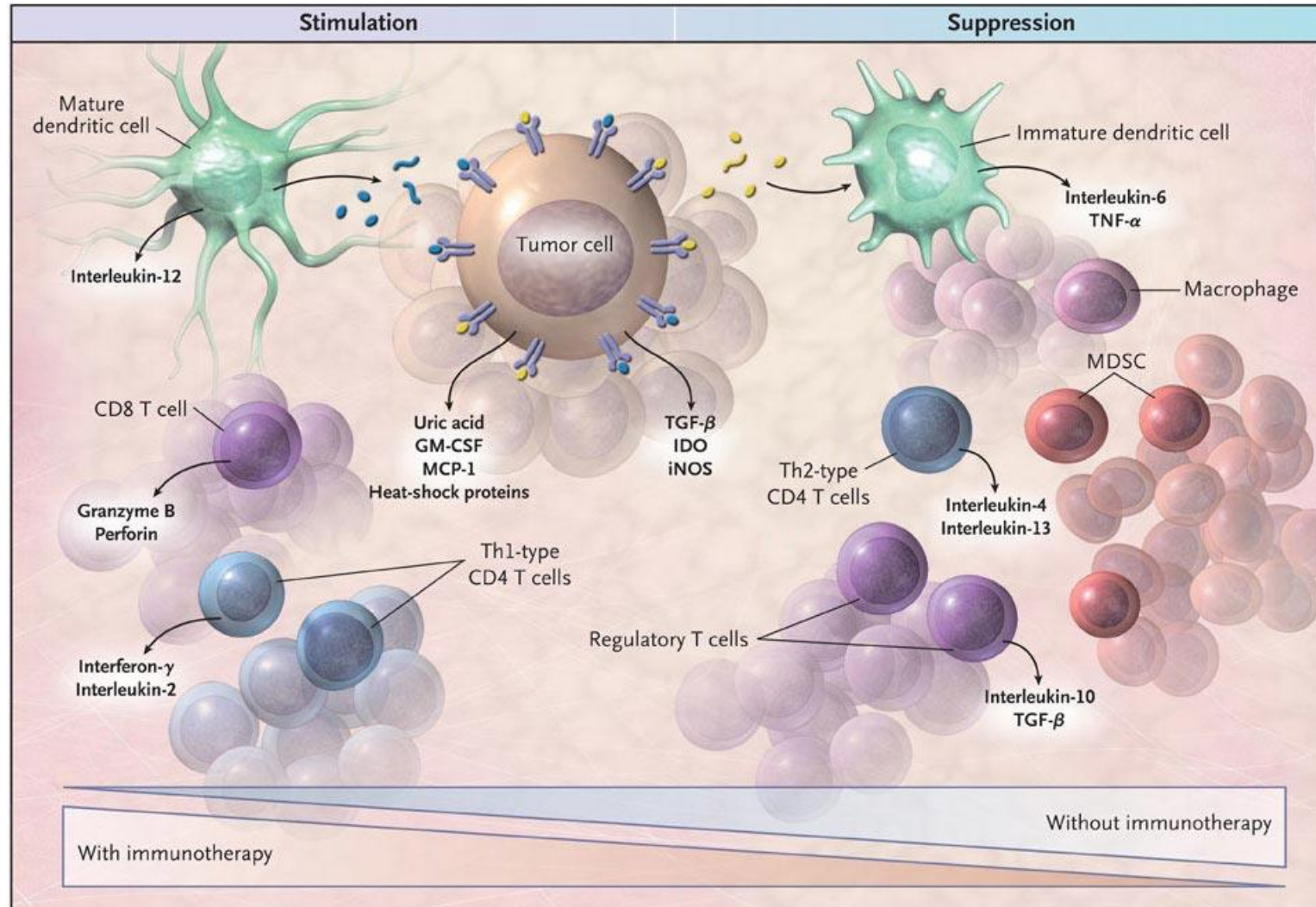
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Why Immunotherapy?

- Immune system can eradicate tumor cells
 - Adaptability
 - Specificity
 - Memory



Immune Tumor Microenvironment

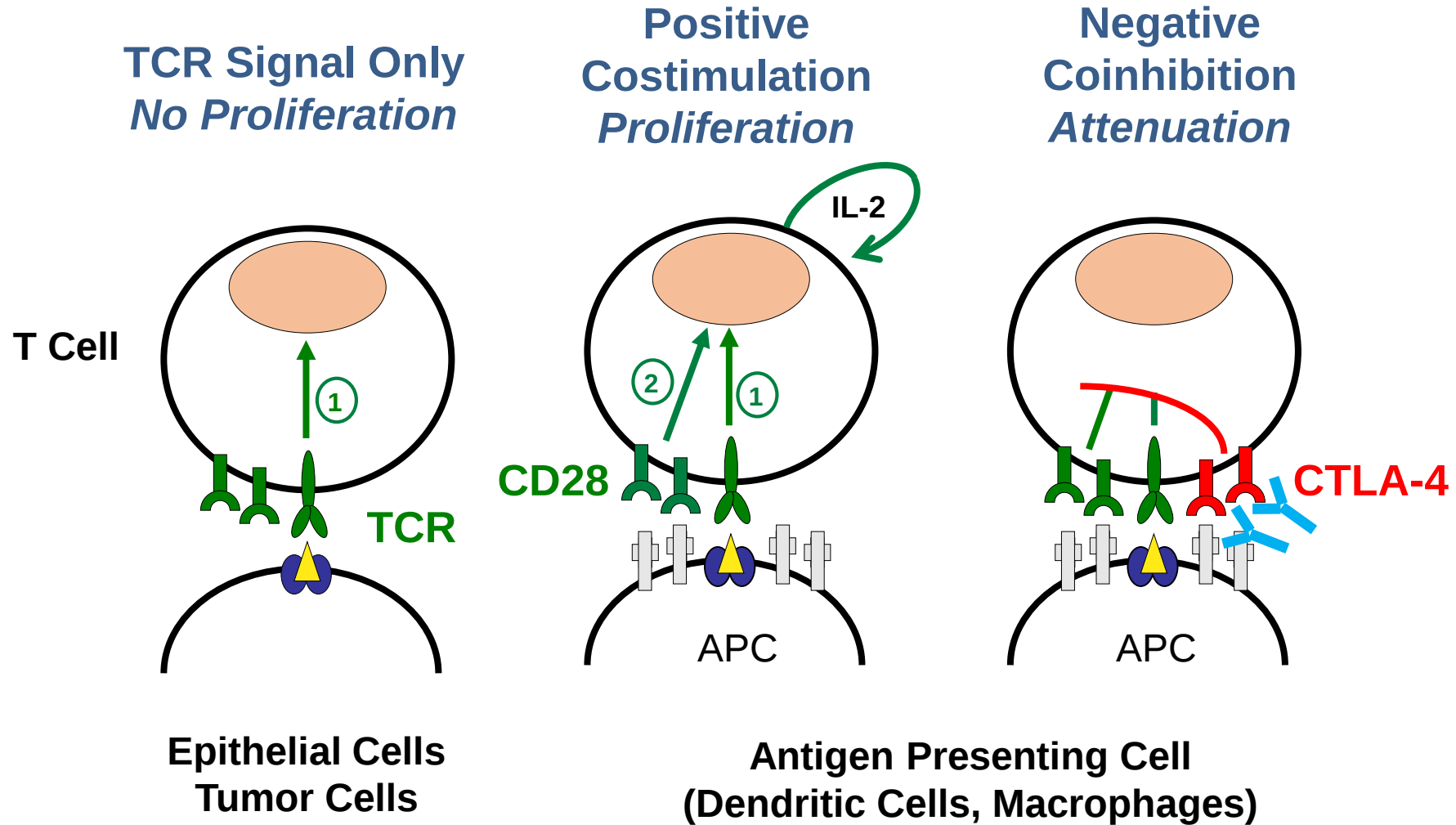


Immunotherapies

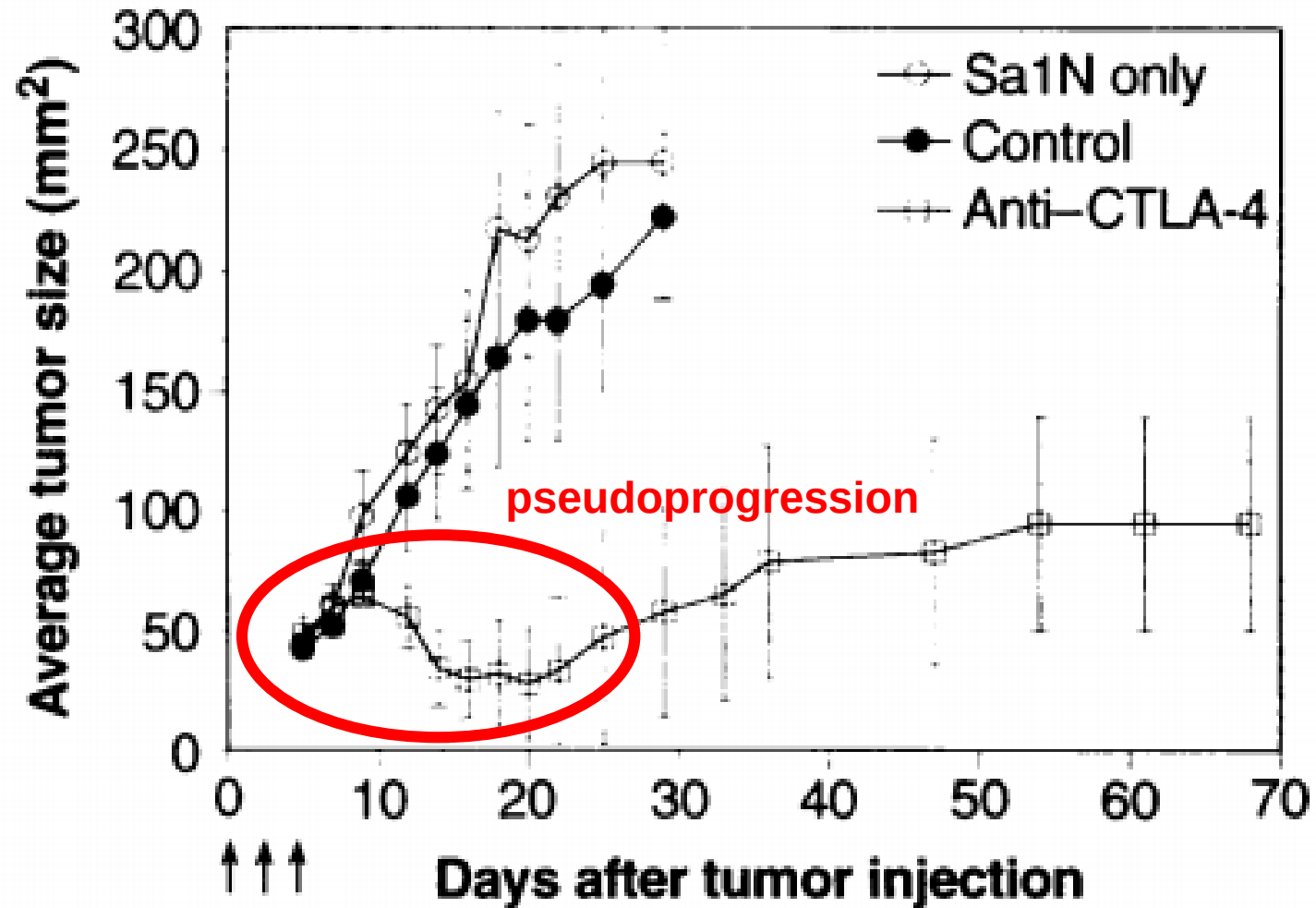
Not all the same!

- **Vaccines**
 - Directs immune system to focus on tumor antigen(s)
- **Cellular therapies**
 - CAR T cells target the tumor cells
- **Immune checkpoint therapies**
 - Increases T cell activation and function

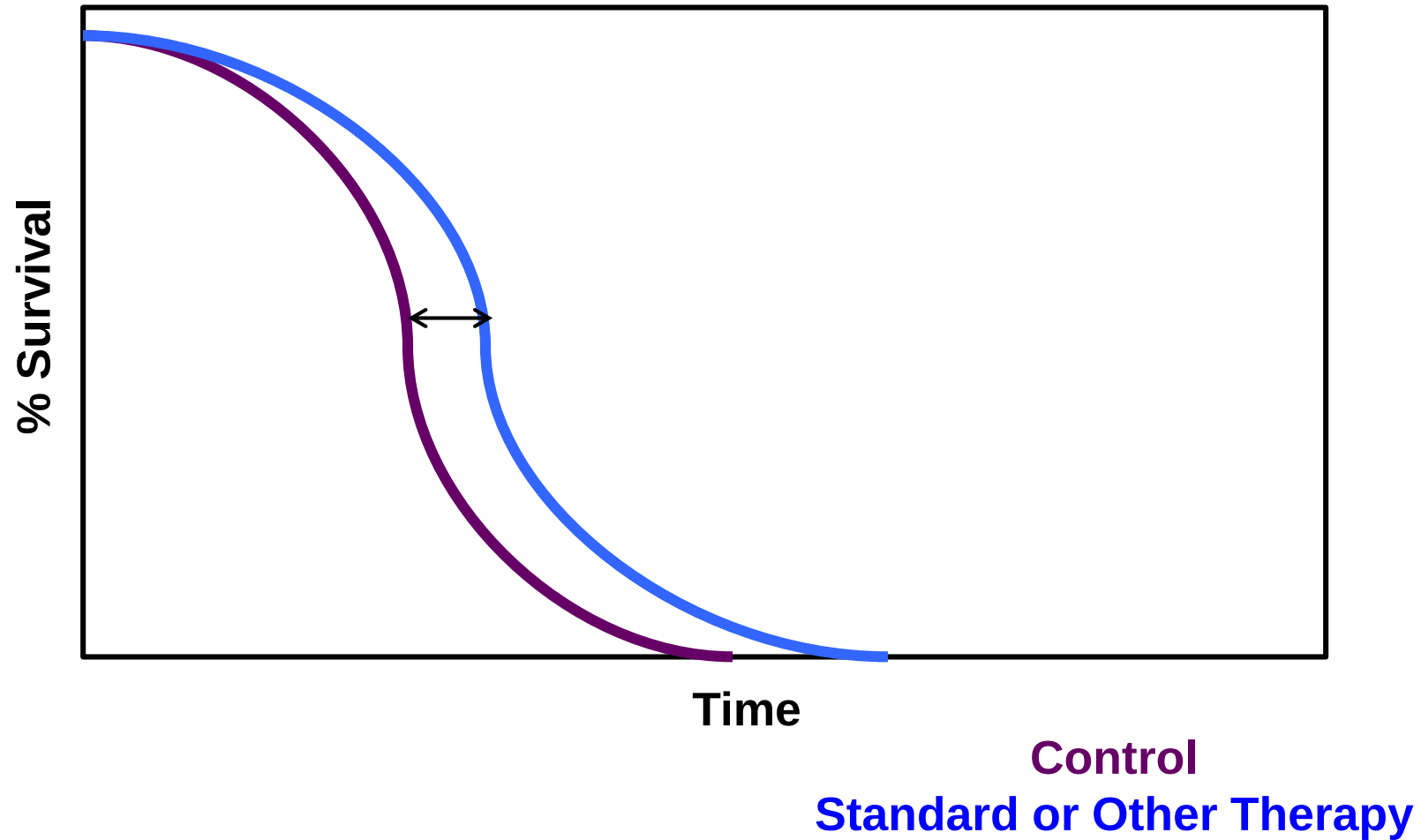
New Understanding of T Cell Regulation: Positive/Negative Signals Govern Responses



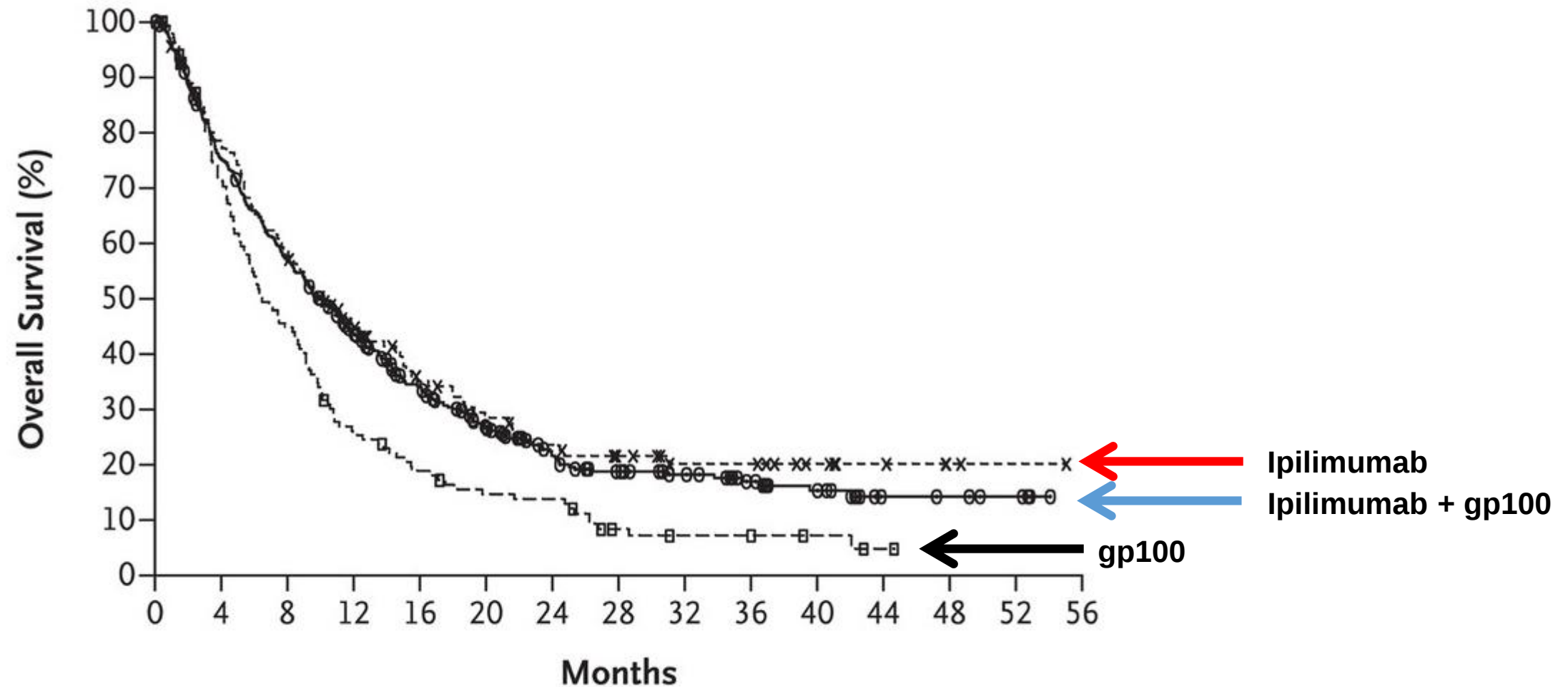
Anti-CTLA-4 Reduces Tumor Growth Rate



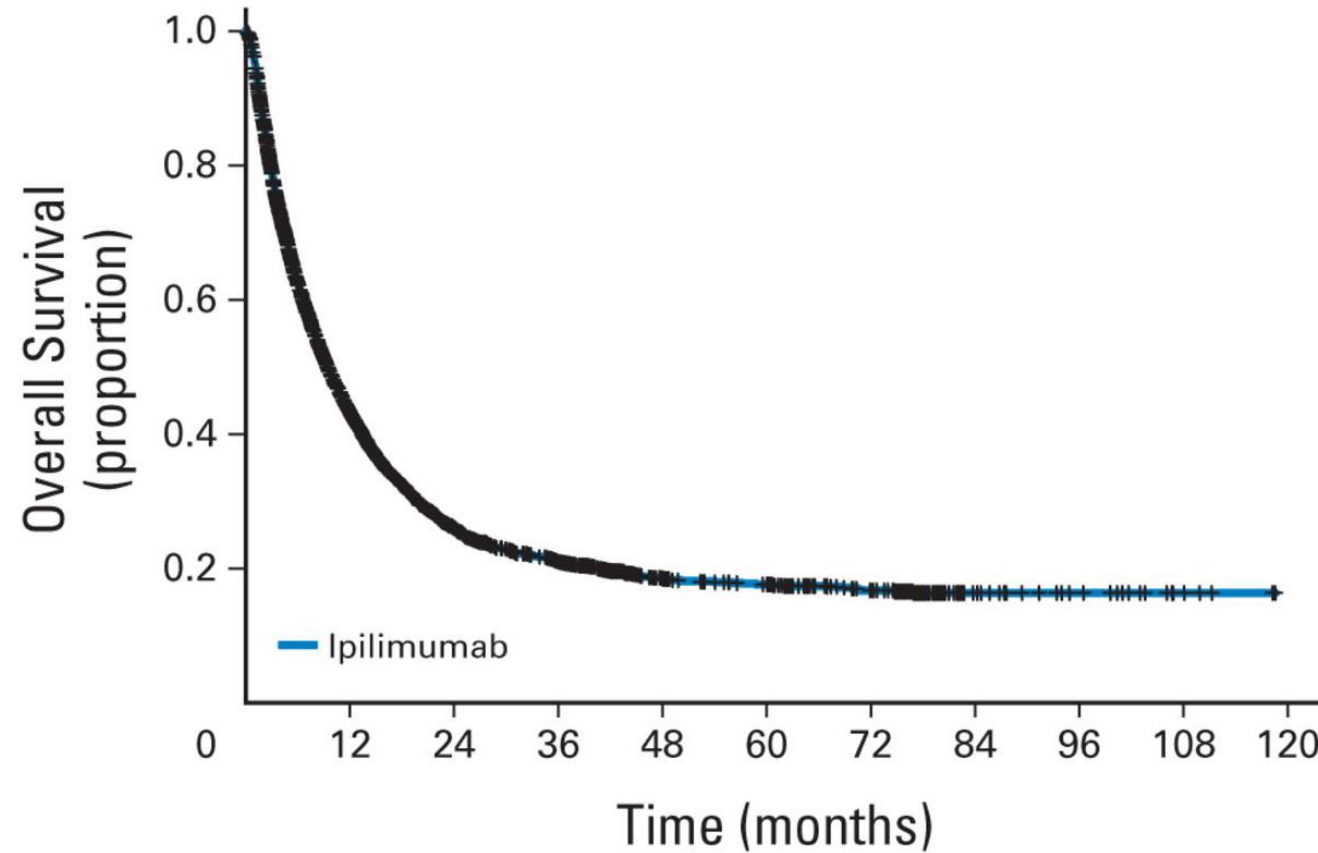
Improving Survival with a New Drug



Anti-CTLA-4 (Ipilimumab) Improves Survival in Patients with Metastatic Melanoma

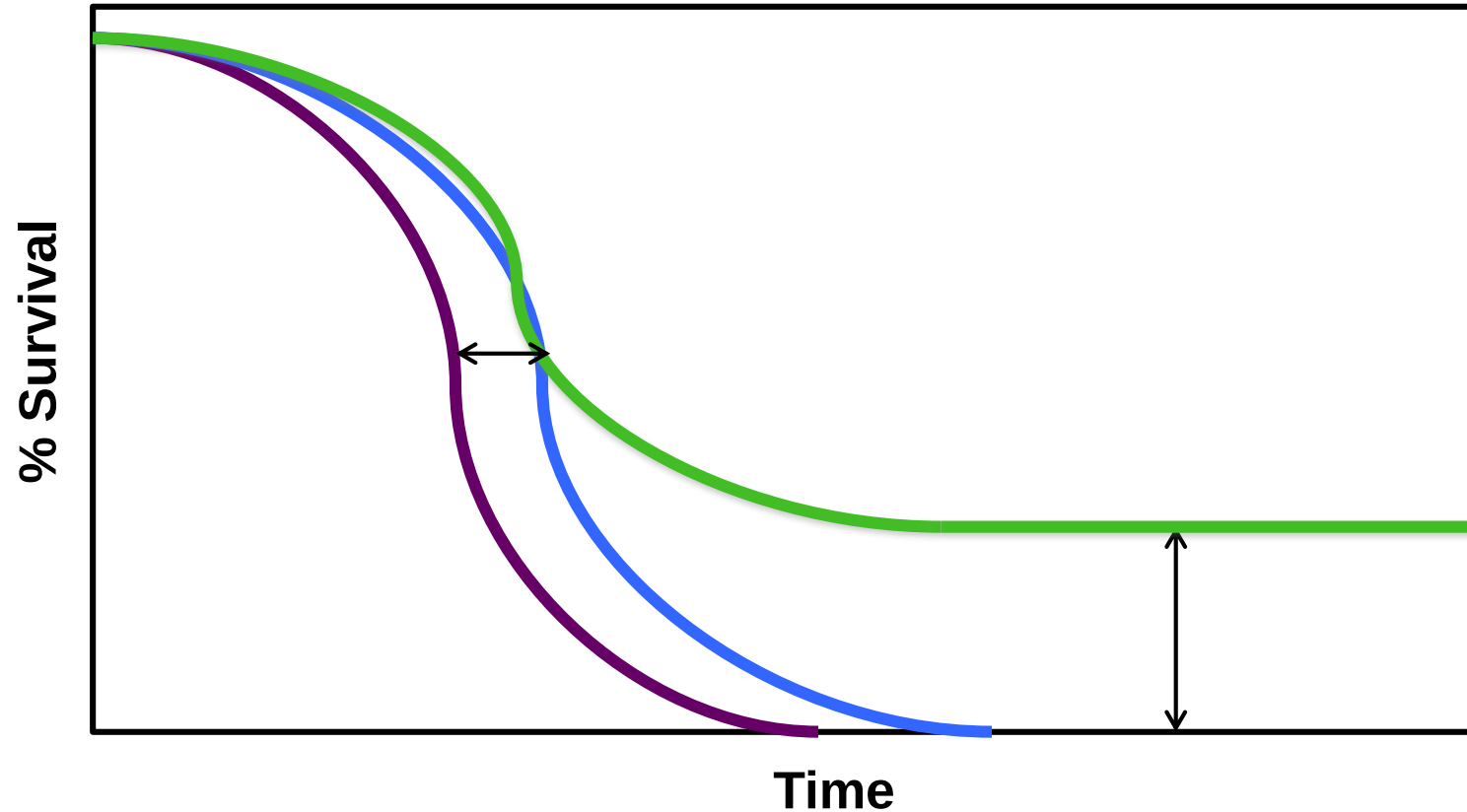


Anti-CTLA-4 Induces Durable Anti-Tumor Responses in Patients with Metastatic Melanoma



No. at risk
Ipilimumab 4,846 1,786 612 392 200 170 120 26 15 5 0

Improving Survival with Immune Checkpoint Therapy



Control

Standard or Other Therapy

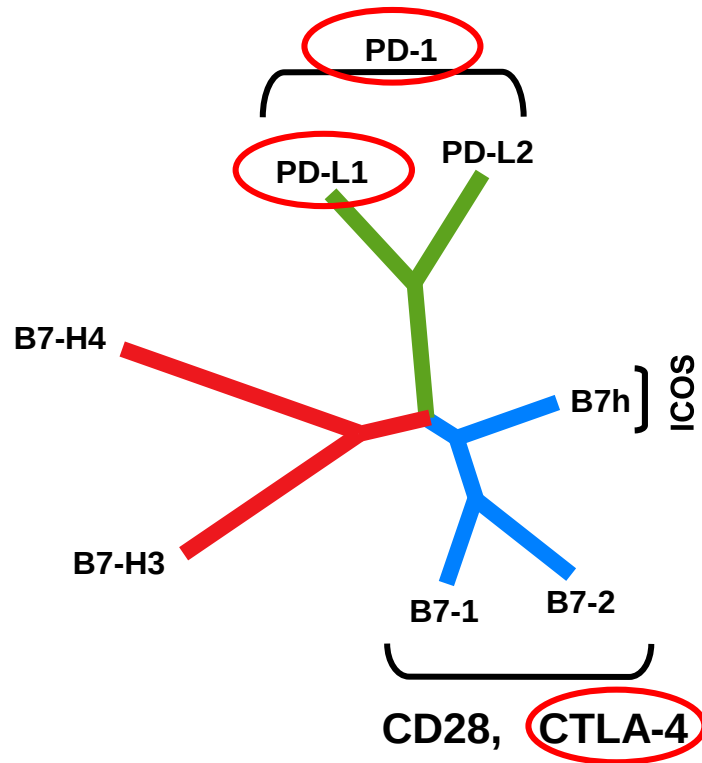
Immunotherapy (e.g. anti-CTLA-4)

2013: Breakthrough of the Year



December 20, 2013

FDA-Approved Immune Checkpoint Therapies



Zang, X et al. *Proc Natl Acad Sci*, 2003.

Urothelial Carcinoma

- Atezolizumab (2016)
- Avelumab (2017)
- Durvalumab (2017)
- Nivolumab (2017)
- Pembrolizumab (2017)

Melanoma

- Ipilimumab (2011)
- Nivolumab (2014)
- Ipilimumab + Nivolumab (2015)
- Pembrolizumab (2019)

Lung Carcinoma

- Nivolumab (2015)
- Pembrolizumab (2015)
- Atezolizumab (2016)
- Durvalumab (2018)

Renal Cell Carcinoma

- Nivolumab (2015)
- Ipilimumab + Nivolumab (2018)
- Avelumab (2019)

Colorectal Carcinoma

- Nivolumab (2017)
- Pembrolizumab (2017)
- Ipilimumab + Nivolumab (2018)

Head and Neck Squamous Cell Carcinoma

- Nivolumab (2016)
- Pembrolizumab (2016)

Lymphoma

- Nivolumab (2016)
- Pembrolizumab (2017)

Hepatocellular Carcinoma

- Nivolumab (2017)
- Pembrolizumab (2018)

Merkel Cell Carcinoma

- Avelumab (2017)
- Pembrolizumab (2018)

Gastric/Gastroesophageal Adenocarcinoma

- Pembrolizumab (2017)

Cervical Carcinoma

- Pembrolizumab (2018)

Cutaneous Squamous Cell Carcinoma

- Cemiplimab (2018)

Breast Carcinoma

- Atezolizumab (2019)

Esophageal Carcinoma

- Pembrolizumab (2019)

Uterine Carcinoma

- Pembrolizumab (2019)

2018: Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine



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Differences Between Anti-CTLA-4 and Anti-PD-1

Anti-CTLA-4	Anti-PD-1

Challenges/Limitations of Immune Checkpoint Therapies

- **Measuring disease burden / treatment response**
 - Immune-related response criteria (irRC)
- **Subset of patients benefit**
- **Toxicities**
 - Immune-related adverse events (irAEs)

Delayed Responses with Ipilimumab

Screening



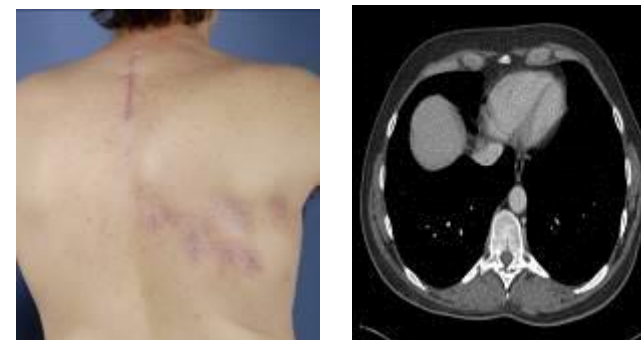
Week 12
Initial increase in
total tumour burden (mWHO PD)



Week 16
Responding



Week 72
Durable & ongoing response



Courtesy of K. Harmankaya

Moving Forward with Immune Checkpoint Therapies

- **Improving patient selection**
- **Turning “cold” tumors “hot”**
- **Understanding toxicities**

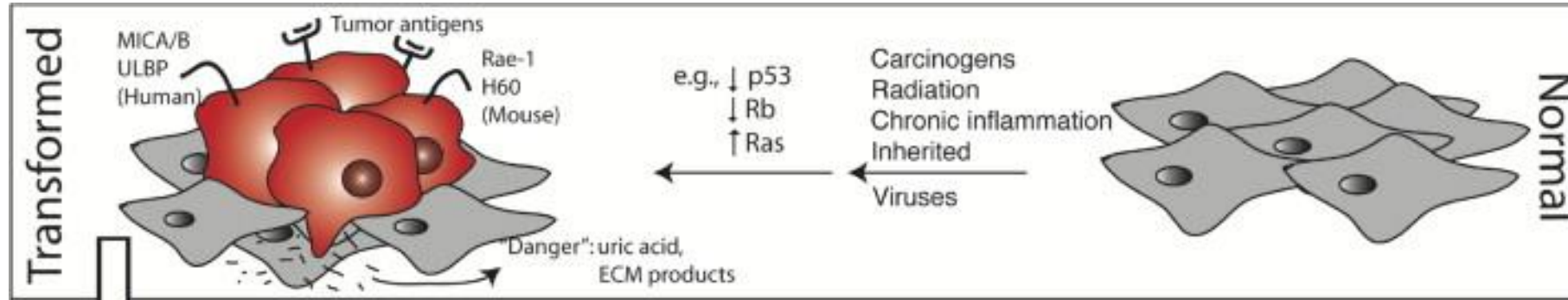
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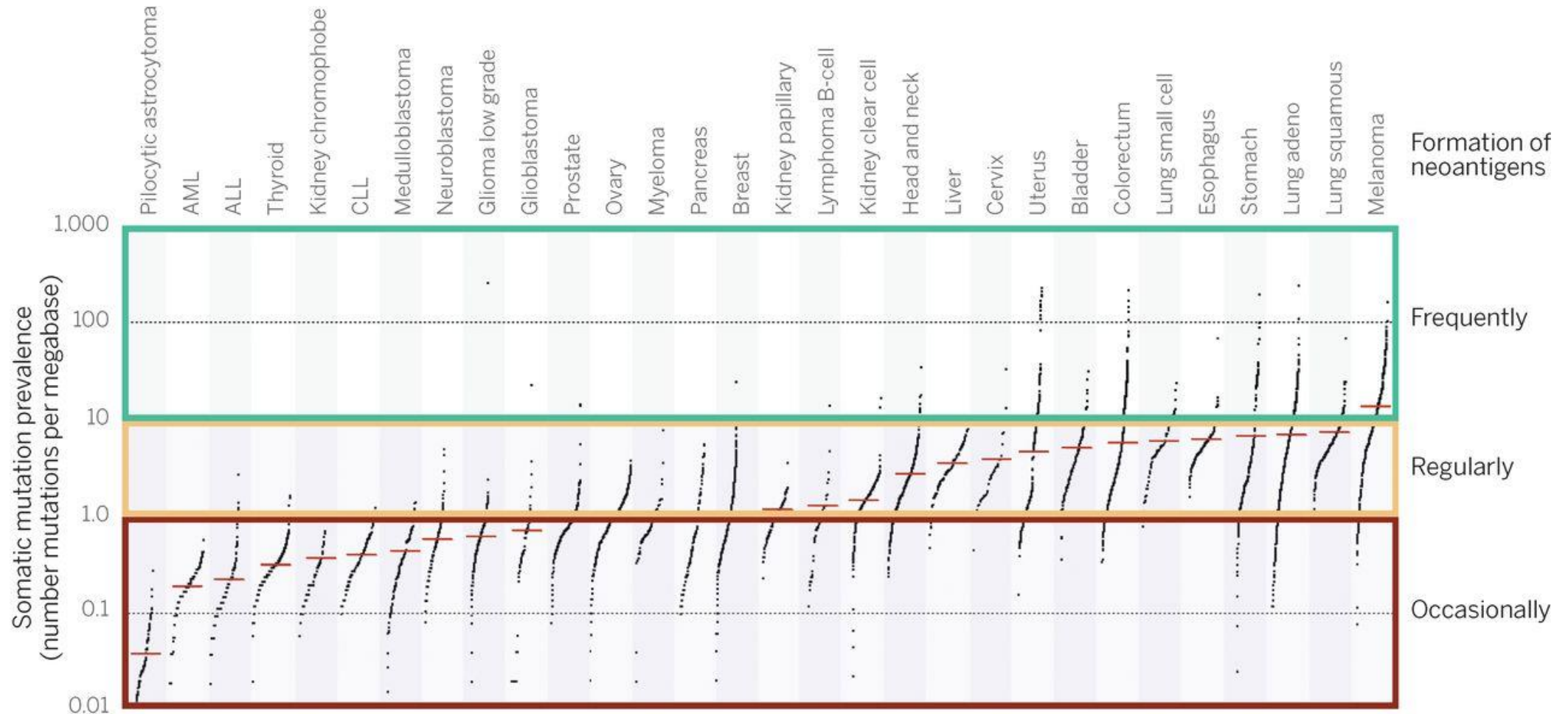
Ways to Improve Patient Selection

- **Identify patients who will more likely respond**
- **Exclude patients who will most likely not respond**

Tumor Neoantigens



Tumor Mutational Load and Frequency of Neoantigens



Schumacher TN and Schreiber RD, *Science*, 2015.

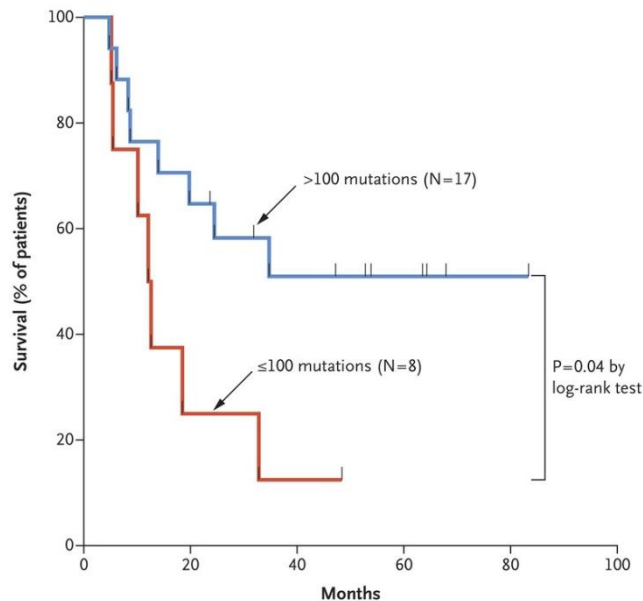
Neoantigens and Mutational Load Linked to Efficacy of Immune Checkpoint Therapies

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Genetic Basis for Clinical Response to CTLA-4 Blockade in Melanoma

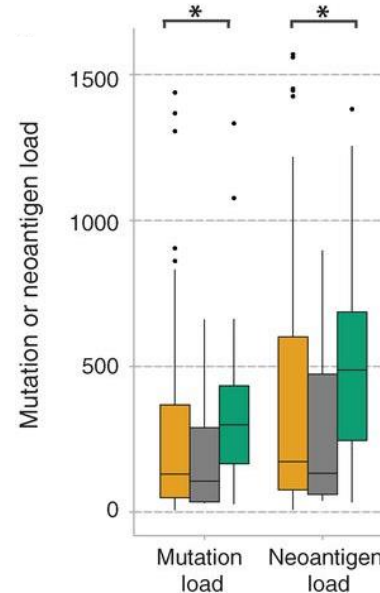
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ONCOLOGY

Genomic correlates of response to CTLA-4 blockade in metastatic melanoma

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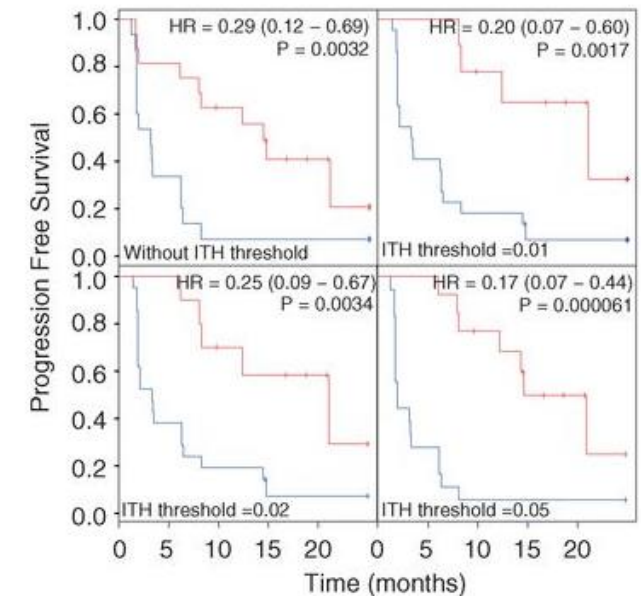
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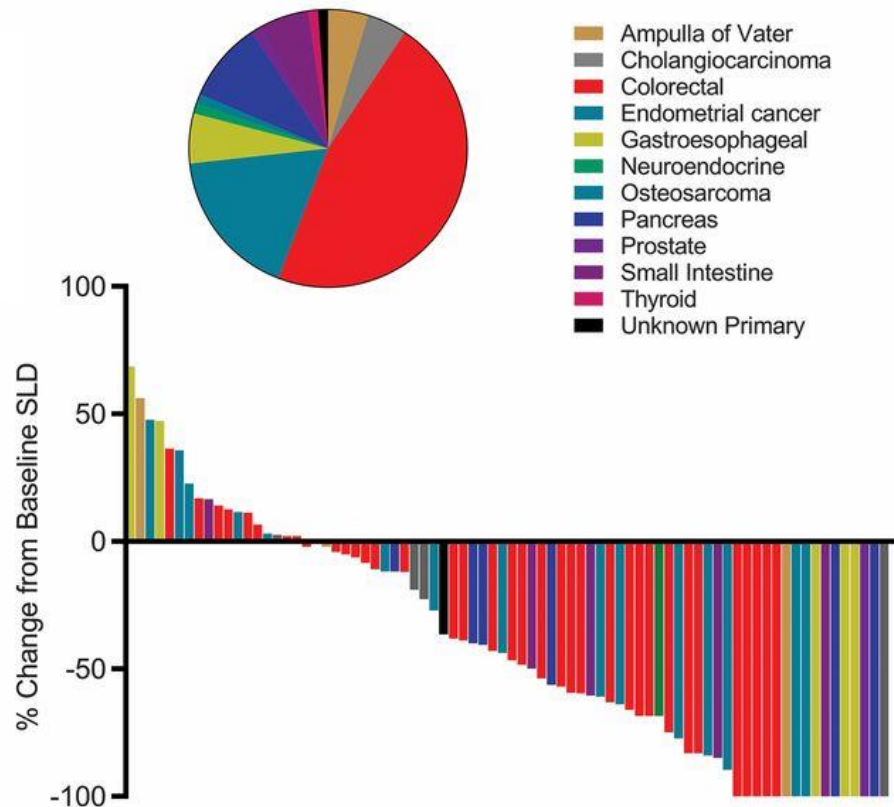
Clonal neoantigens elicit T cell immunoreactivity and sensitivity to immune checkpoint blockade

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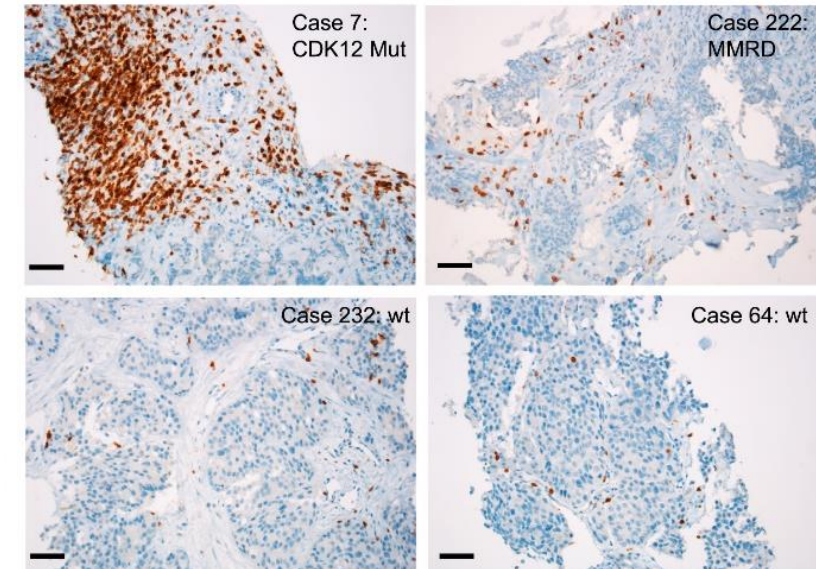
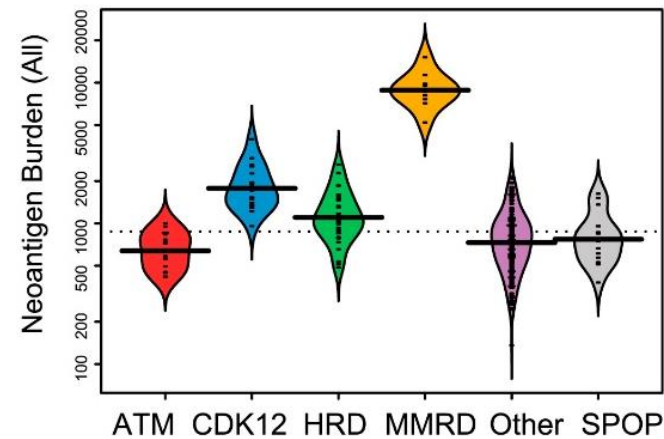
Genomic Defects that Increase Neoantigen Burden

Mismatch Repair (MMR) Defects



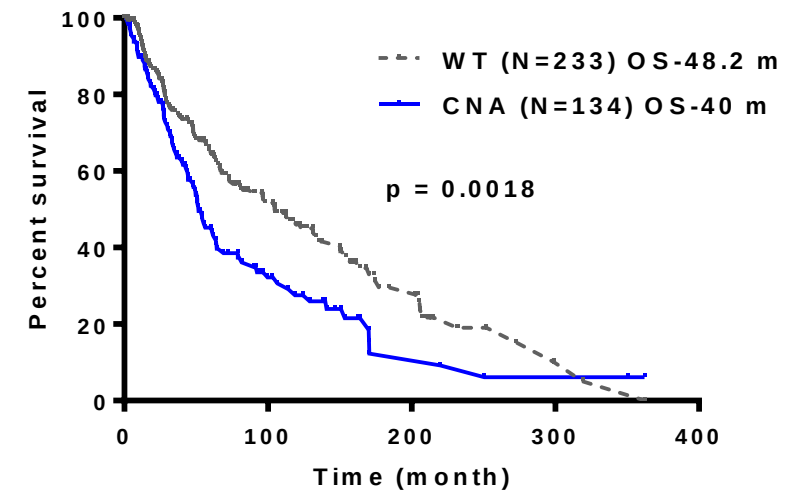
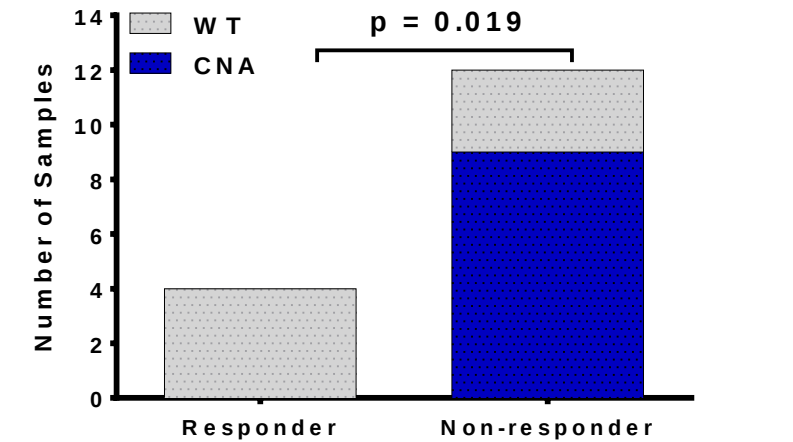
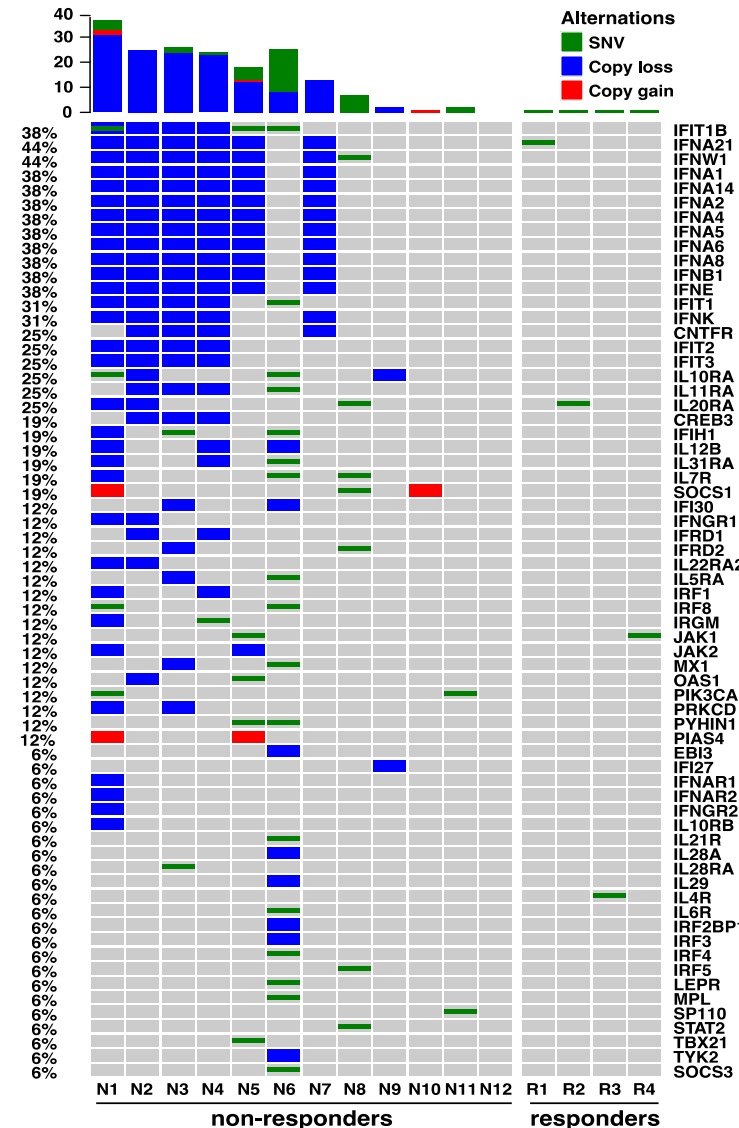
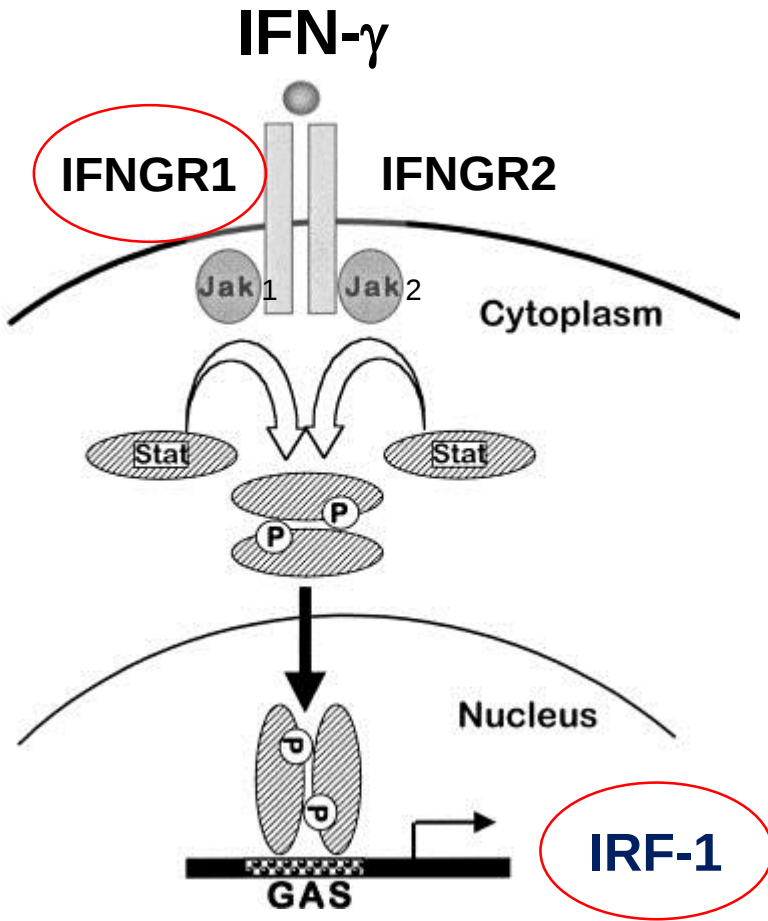
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CDK12 Mutations



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Defects in the IFN- γ Signaling Pathway Promote Resistance to Immune Checkpoint Therapies



Modified from Kisseleva et al. *Gene*, 2002.

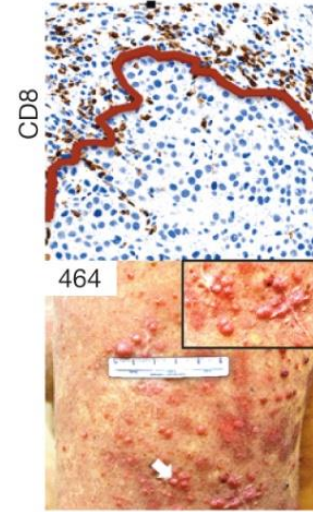
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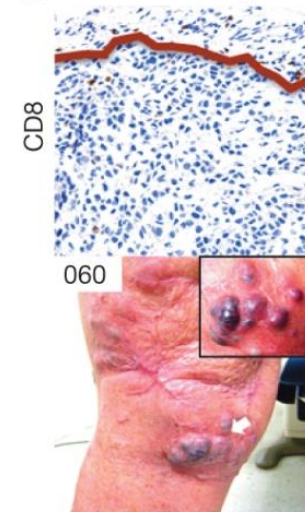
More CD8 T Cells Makes Anti-PD-1/PD-L1 Work Better

Response (N = 22)



Before Tx

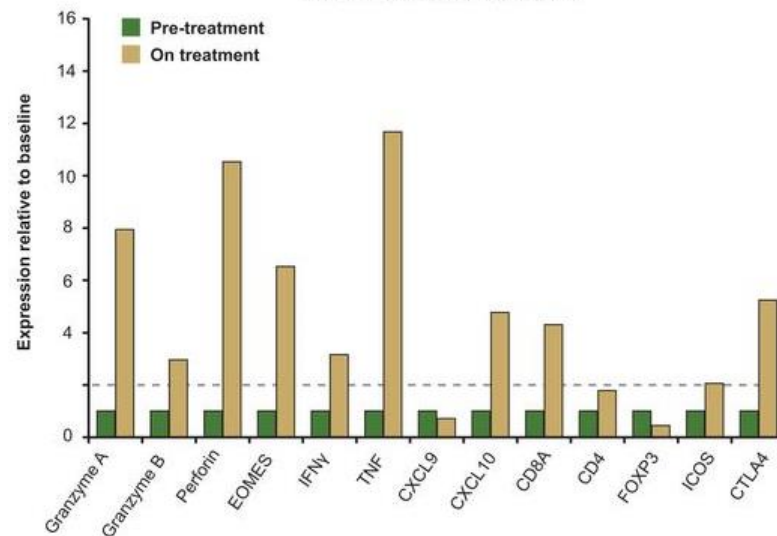
Progression (N = 24)



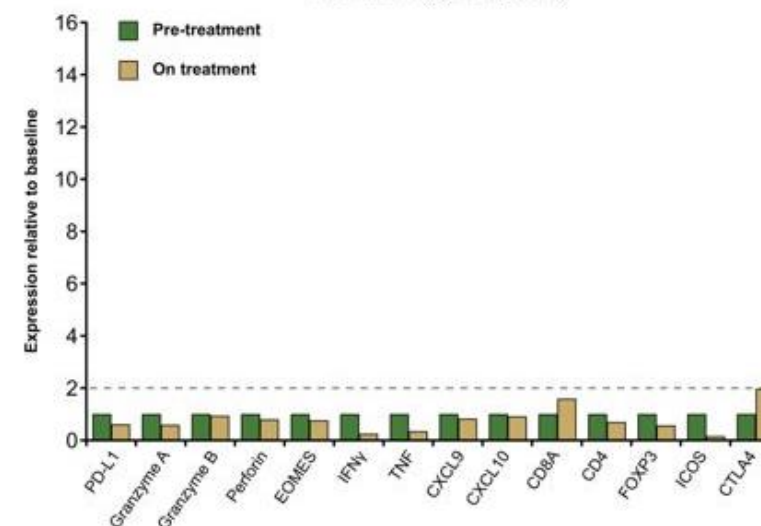
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T-cell markers (gene expression)



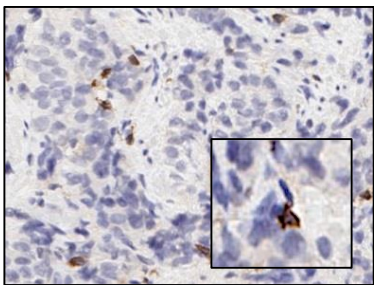
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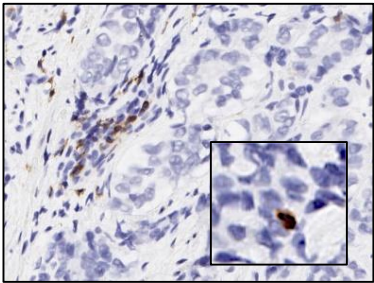
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Few T Cells Within the Prostate Tumor Microenvironment

Primary

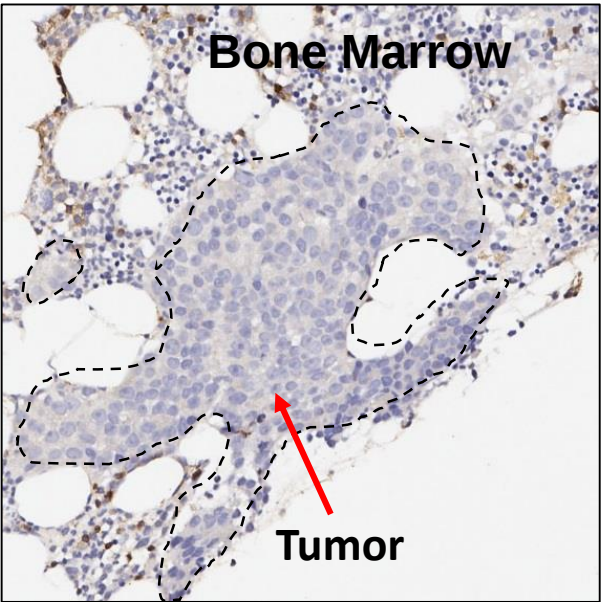


CD4

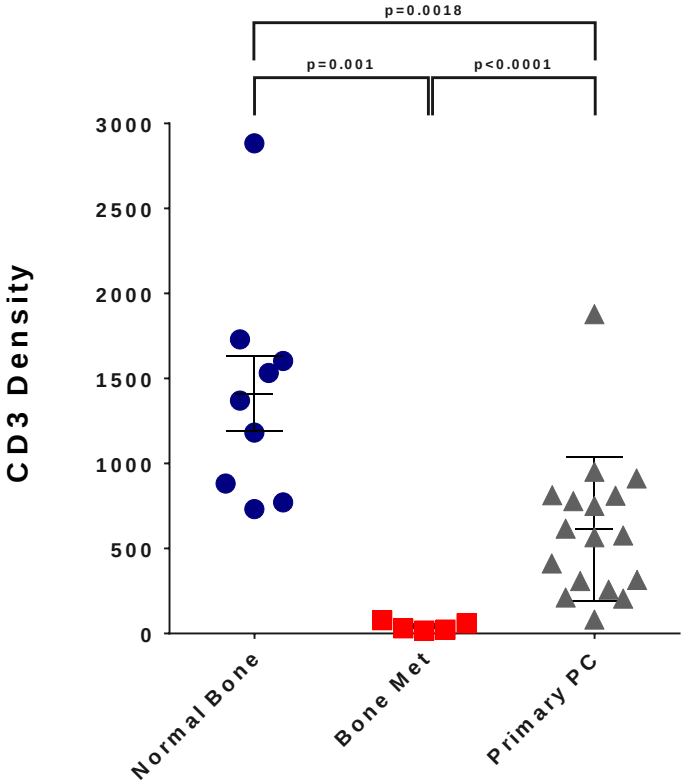


CD8

Bone Metastasis



CD3



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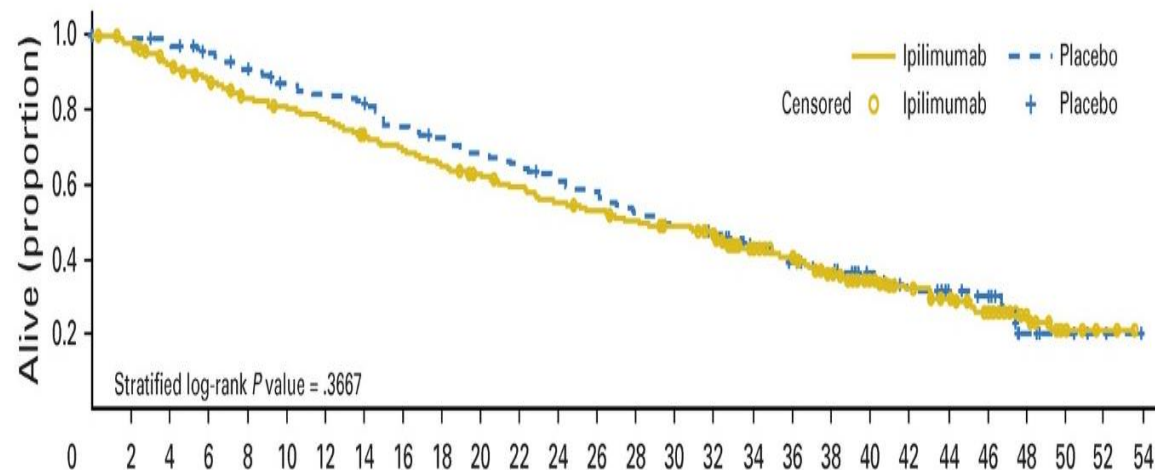
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**0/17 prostate cancer patients
with objective responses**

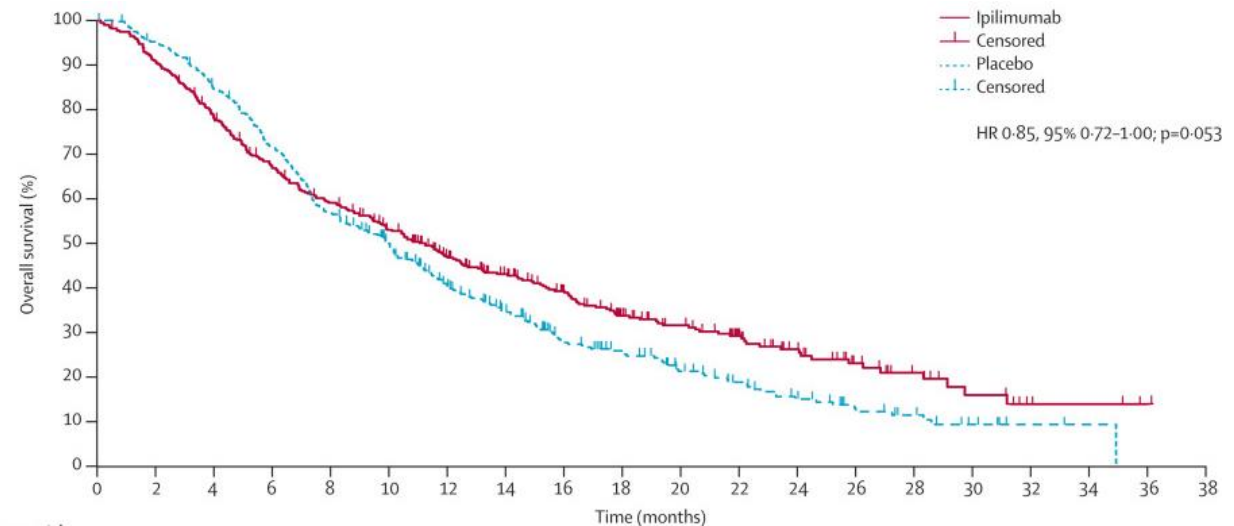
Ipilimumab Does Not Improve Overall Survival Metastatic Prostate Cancer

Pre-Chemotherapy



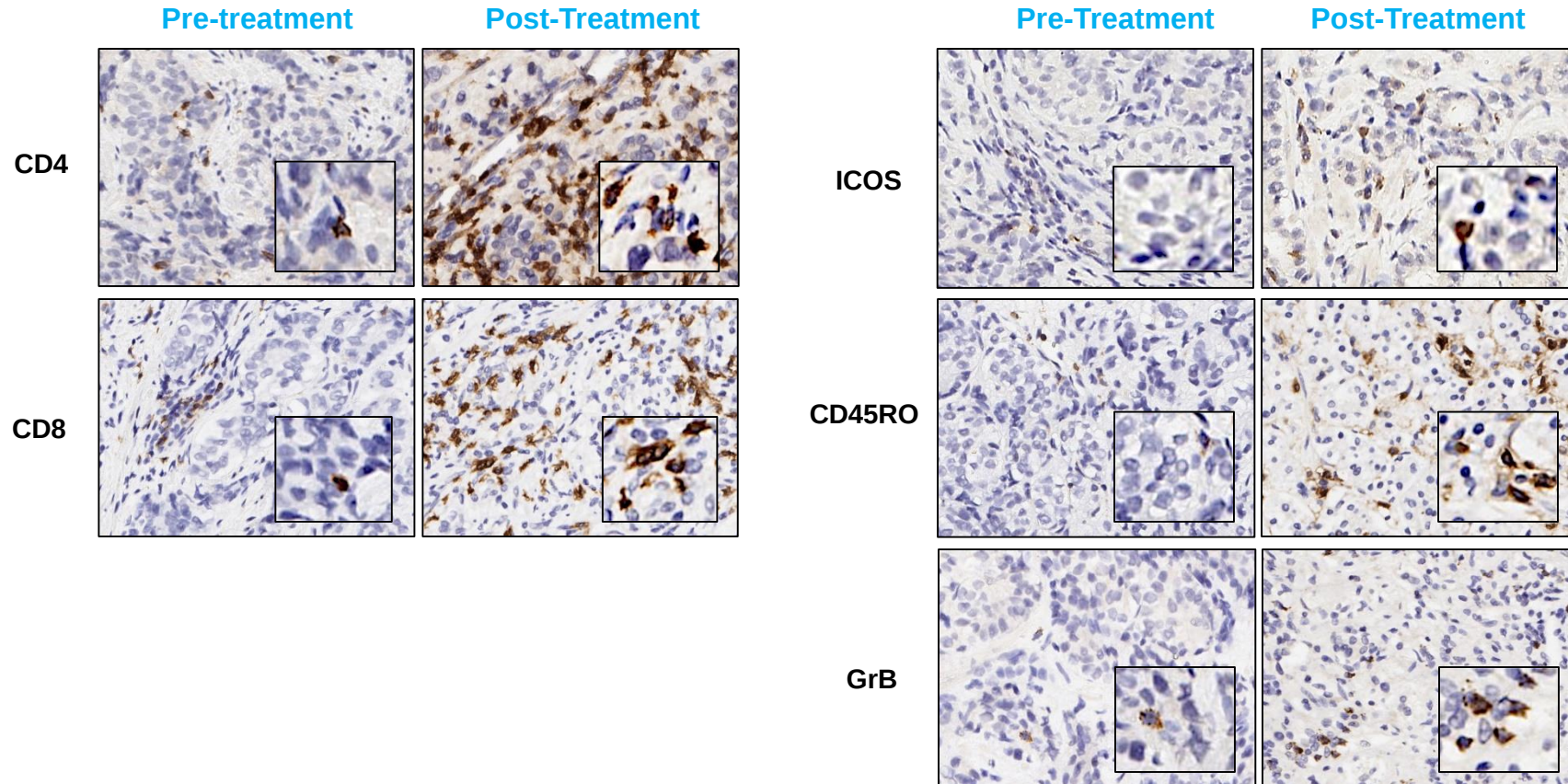
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Post-Chemotherapy



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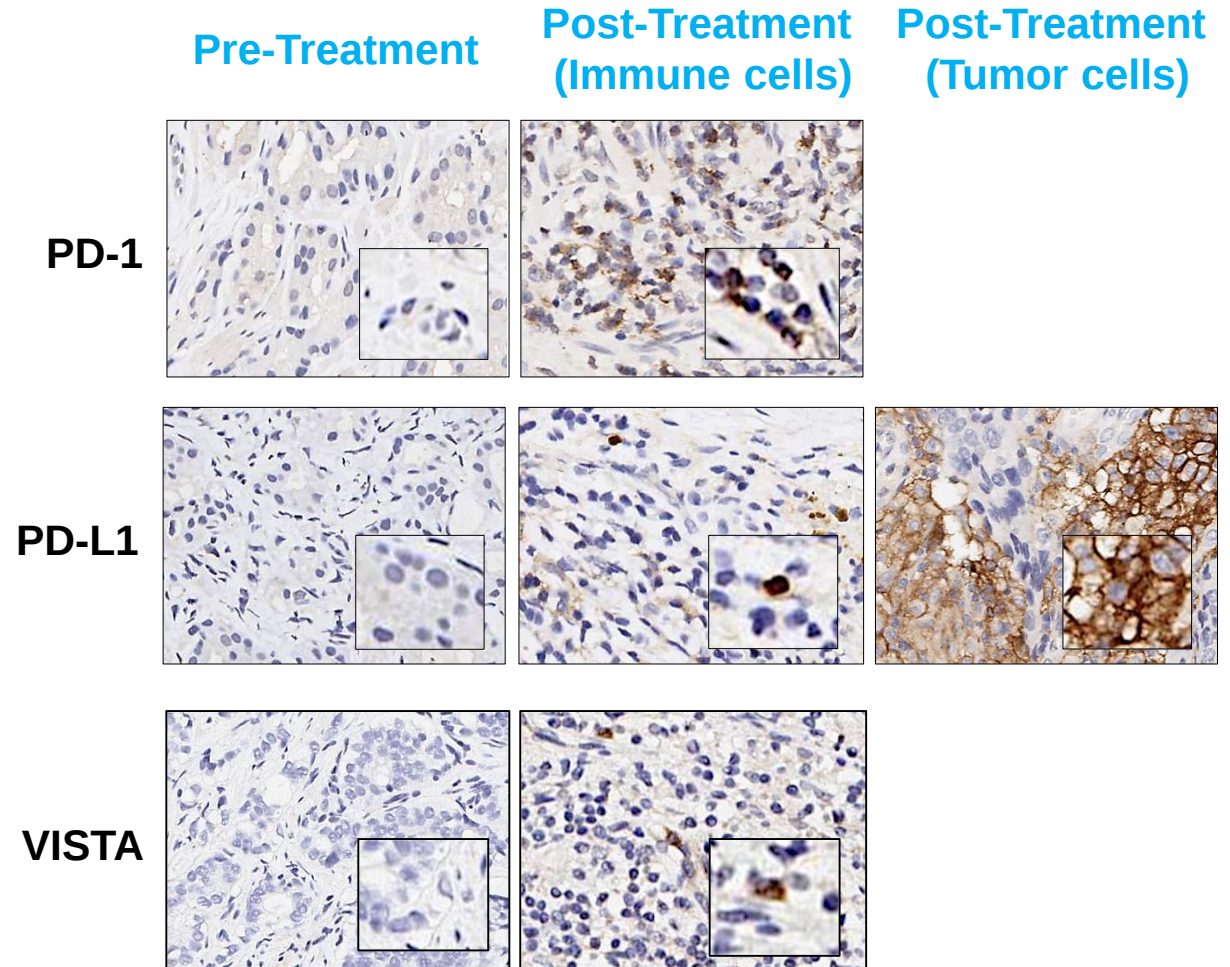
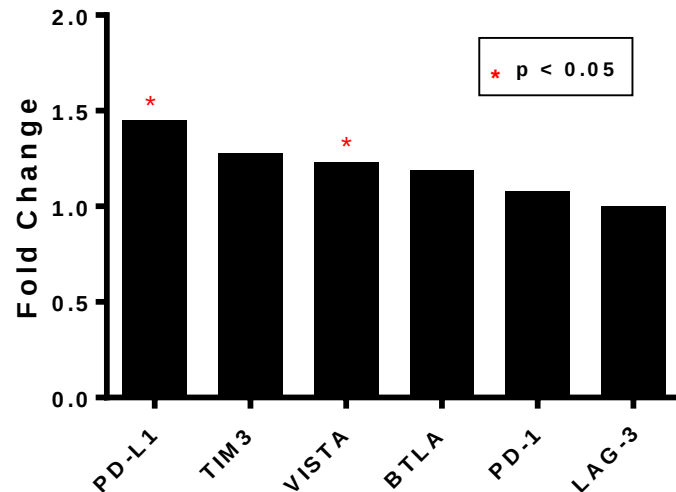
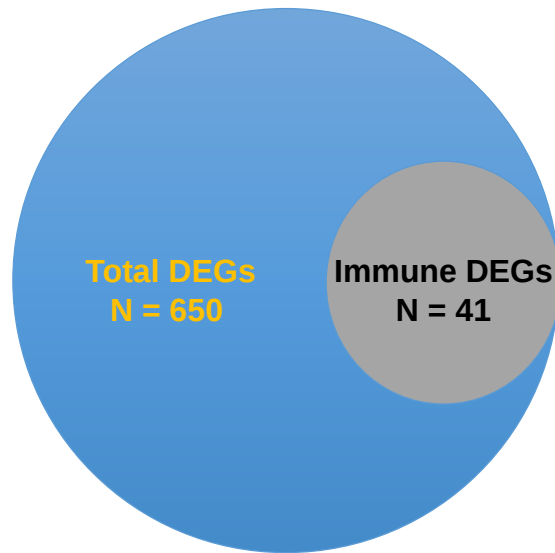
Ipilimumab Increases Immune Infiltration Within the Primary Prostate Tumor Microenvironment



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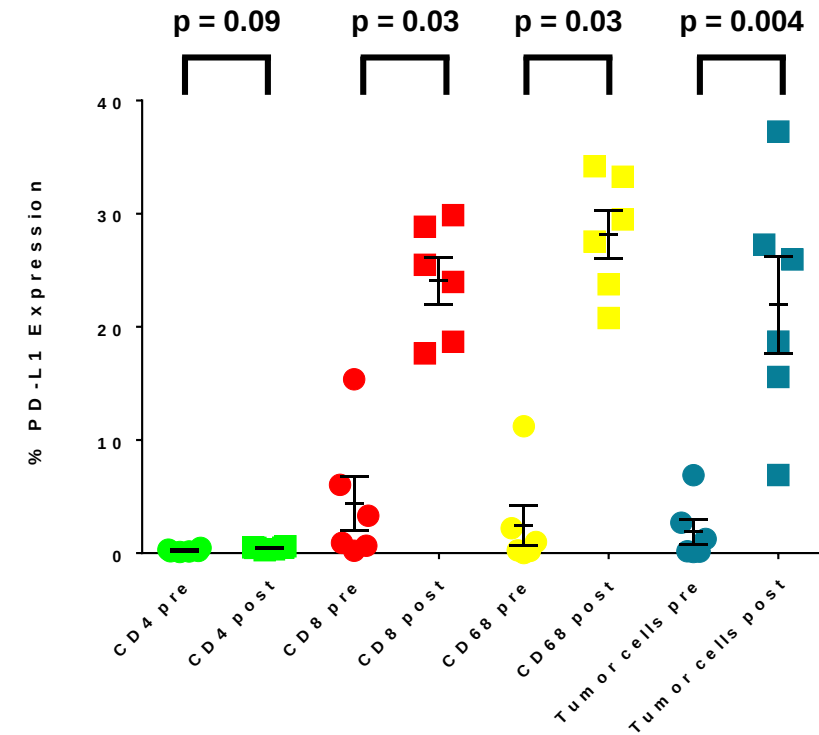
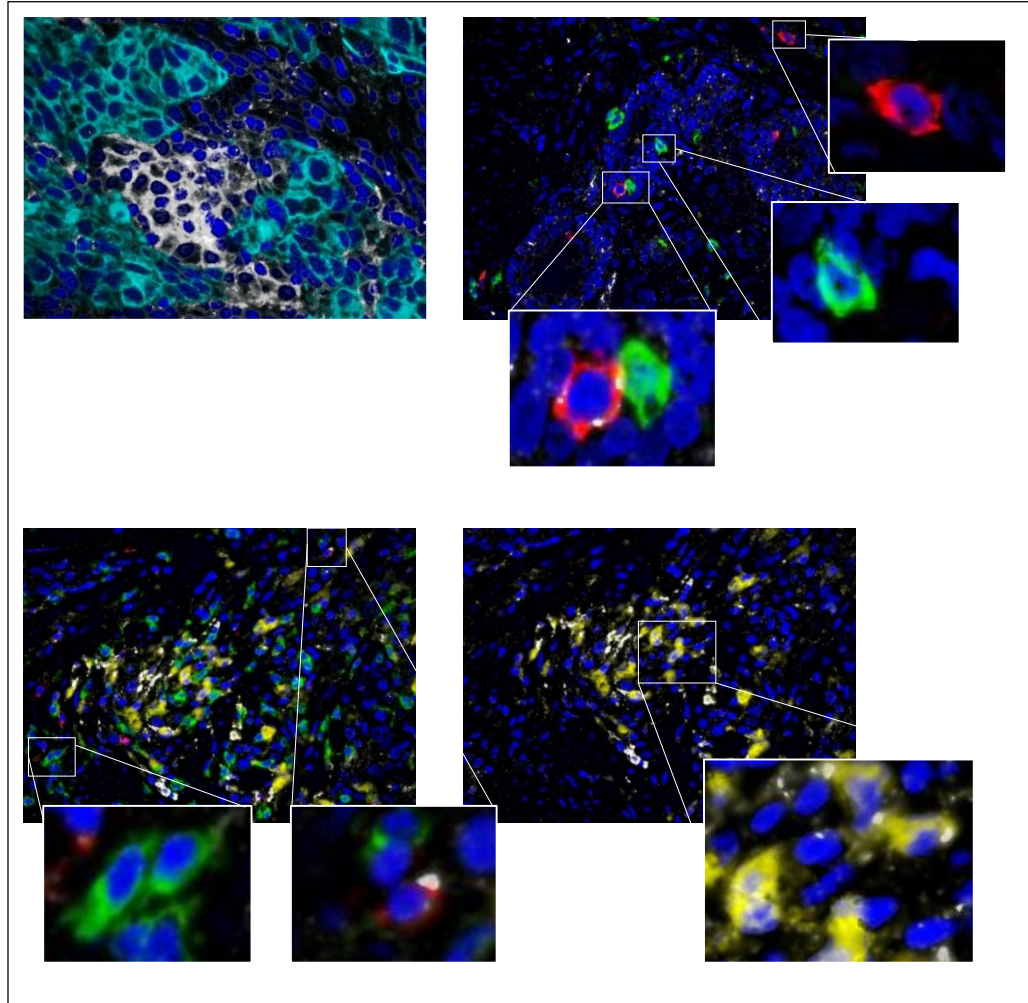
Increased Tumor-Infiltrating T Cells are Insufficient Due to Adaptive Resistance

Differentially-Expressed Genes (DEGs)

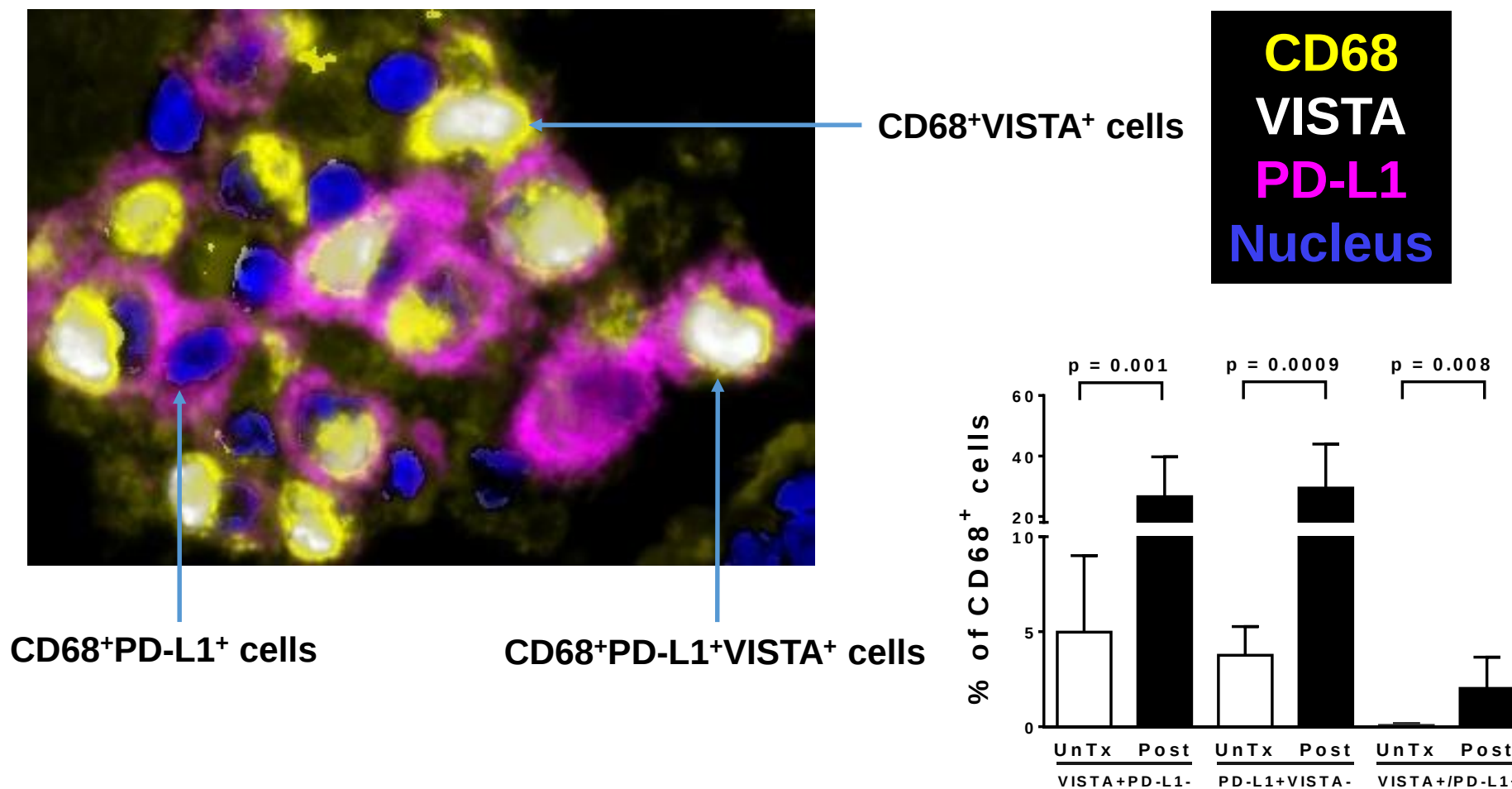


Ipilimumab Increases PD-L1 Expression on CD8⁺, CD68⁺, and Tumor Cells

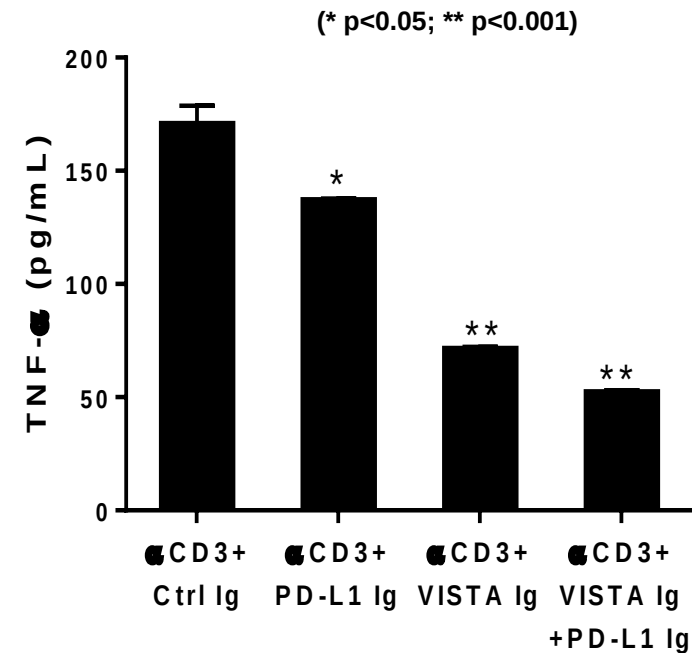
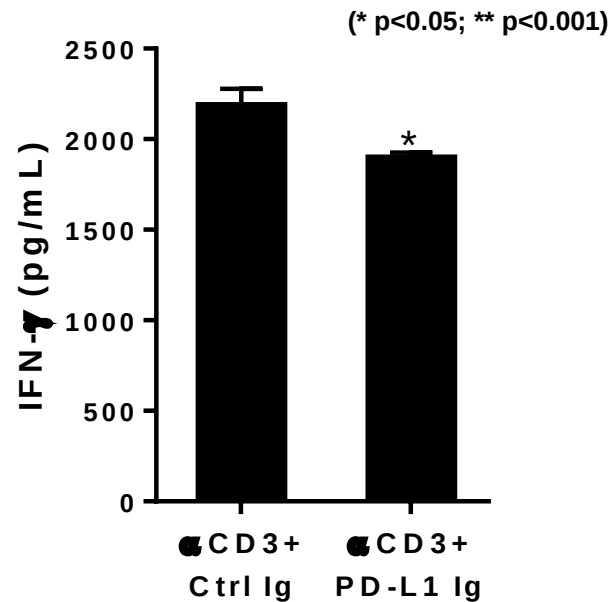
Nucleus
Tumor/Epithelial cells
PD-L1
CD4
CD8
CD68



VISTA and PD-L1 Expression on Macrophages

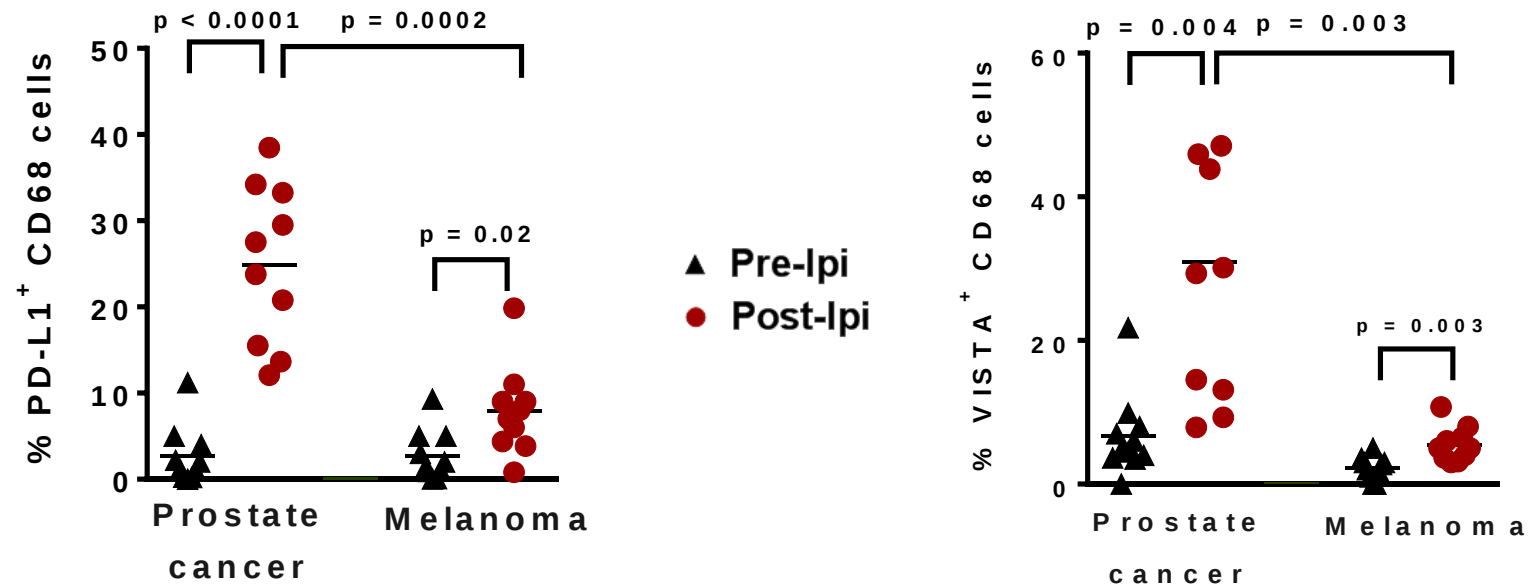


PD-L1 and VISTA Inhibit T Cell Cytokine Production

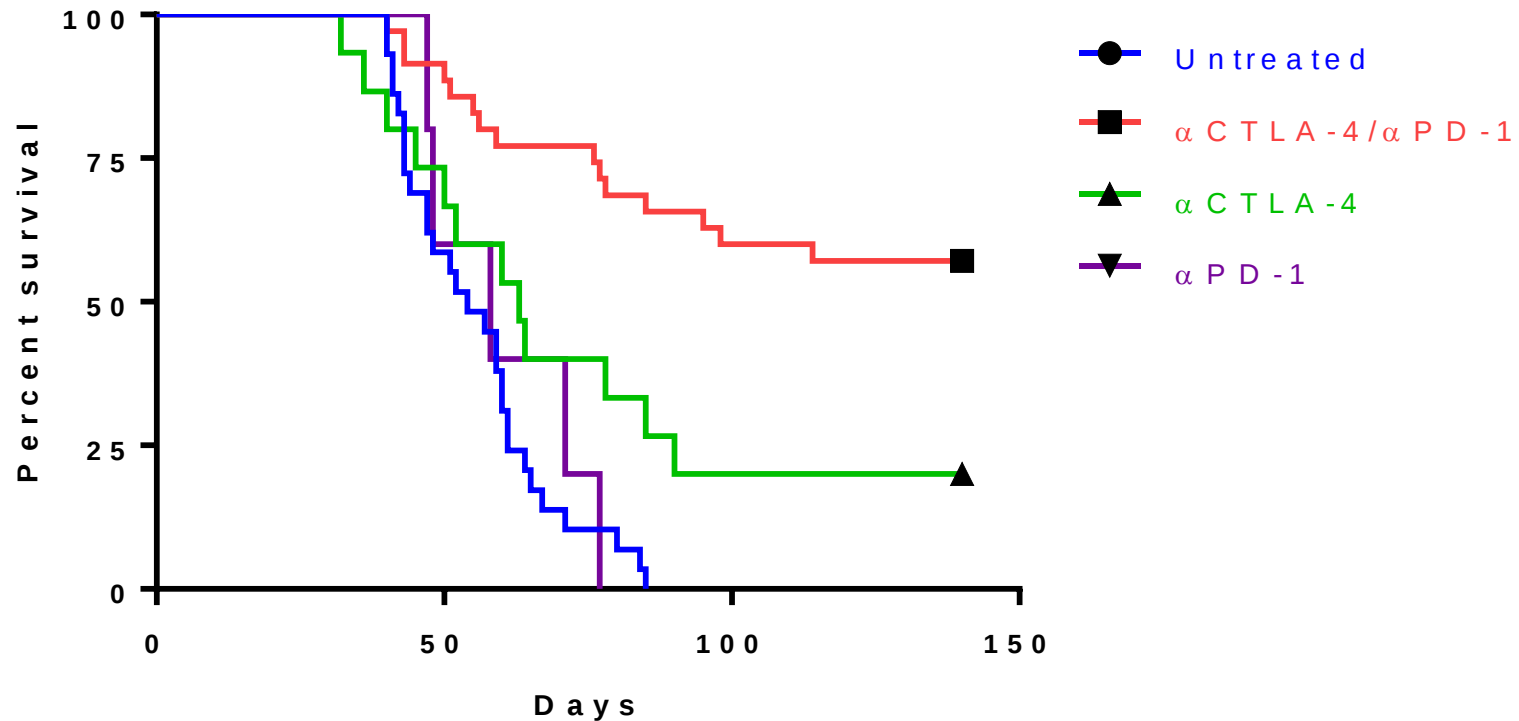


What's Different Between Prostate Cancer and Melanoma Following Treatment with Ipilimumab?

Immunosuppressive Macrophages



CTLA-4 and PD-1/PD-L1 Targeting in a Mouse Model of Prostate Cancer



**Combination of “immune checkpoint targets”
will improve efficacy**

Initial Results From a Phase 2 Study of Nivolumab Plus Ipilimumab for the Treatment of Metastatic Castration-Resistant Prostate Cancer (CheckMate 650)

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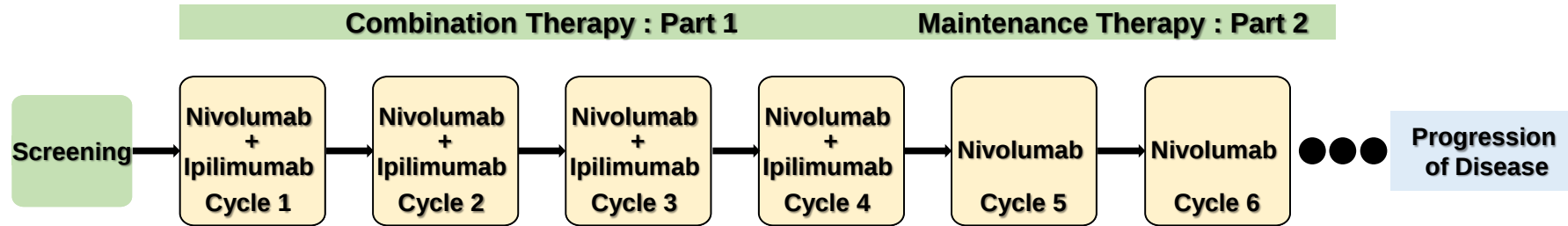
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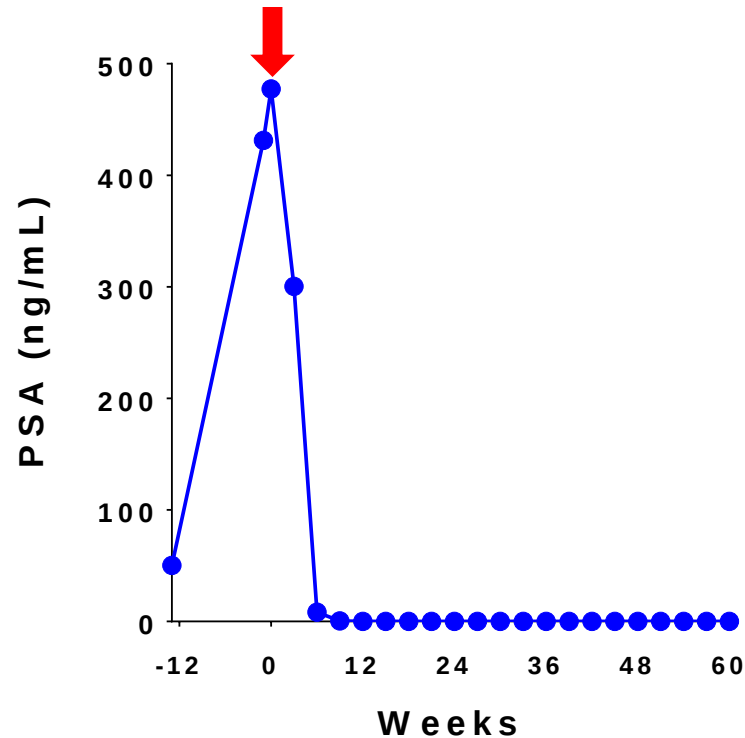
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Overcoming Adaptive Resistance: Anti-PD-1 + Anti-CTLA-4

Nivolumab + Ipilimumab in mCRPC (NCT02985957)



PI: Sharma; Co-PI: Subudhi



Tumor Mutational Burden (TMB) is Associated With Efficacy

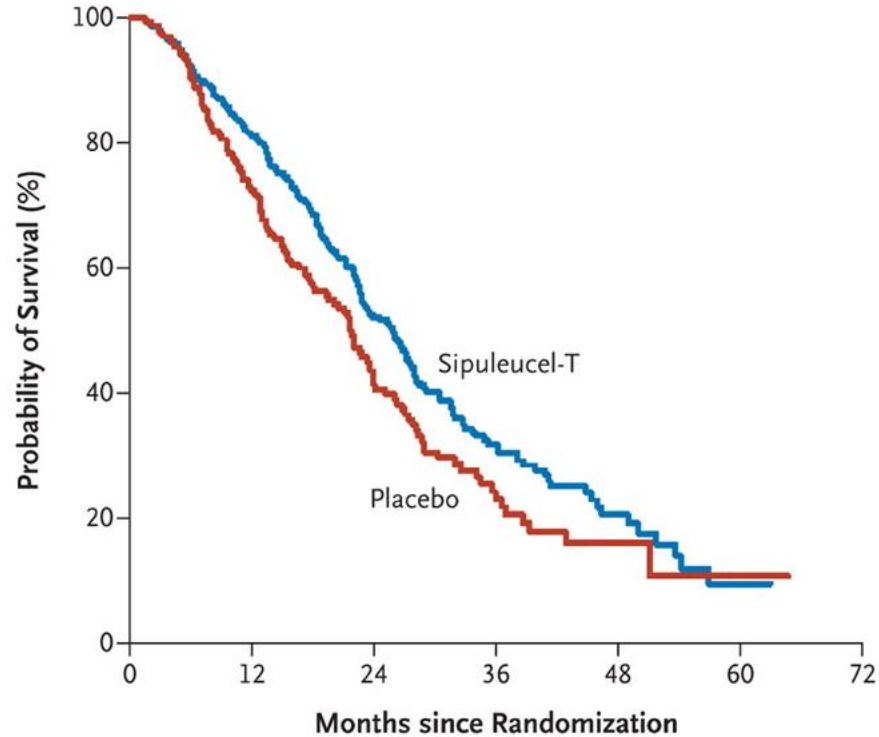
Objective response, n (%)	Cohort 1		Cohort 2	
TMB	Low TMB (n = 11)	High TMB (n = 12)	Low TMB (n = 8)	High TMB (n = 6)
Complete or partial response	1 (9.1) ^b	6 (50.0)	0 (0)	3 (50.0)
Stable disease	5 (45.5)	5 (41.7)	1 (12.5)	2 (33.3)
Progressive disease/undetermined	5 (45.5)	1 (8.3)	7 (87.5)	1 (16.7)

^aTMB was derived from whole exome sequencing of tumor samples with whole blood DNA from the same patient as control. TMB was based on the total number of somatic missense mutations and high and low TMB in this analysis represents above and below the median in the study population (74.5 mutations per patient).

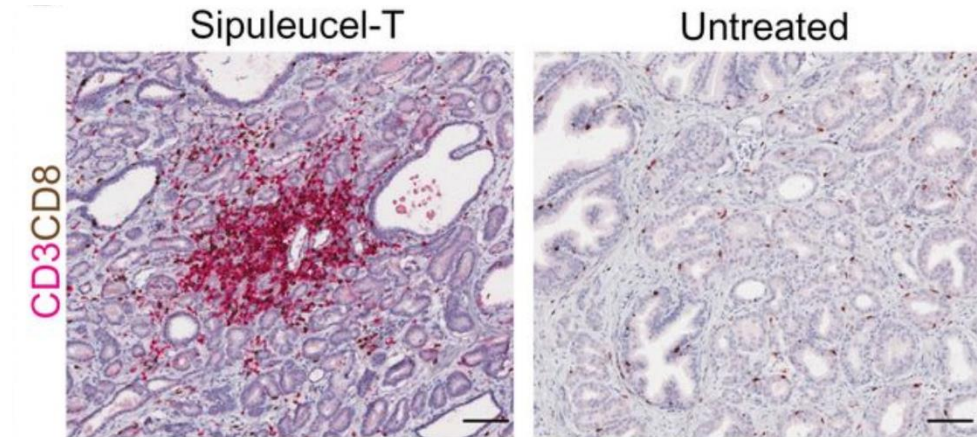
^bThis patient had an unconfirmed PR.

Targeting a Conventional Prostate Cancer Antigen Induces T Cell Infiltration into the Tumor Microenvironment

Sipuleucel-T (DC Vaccine)

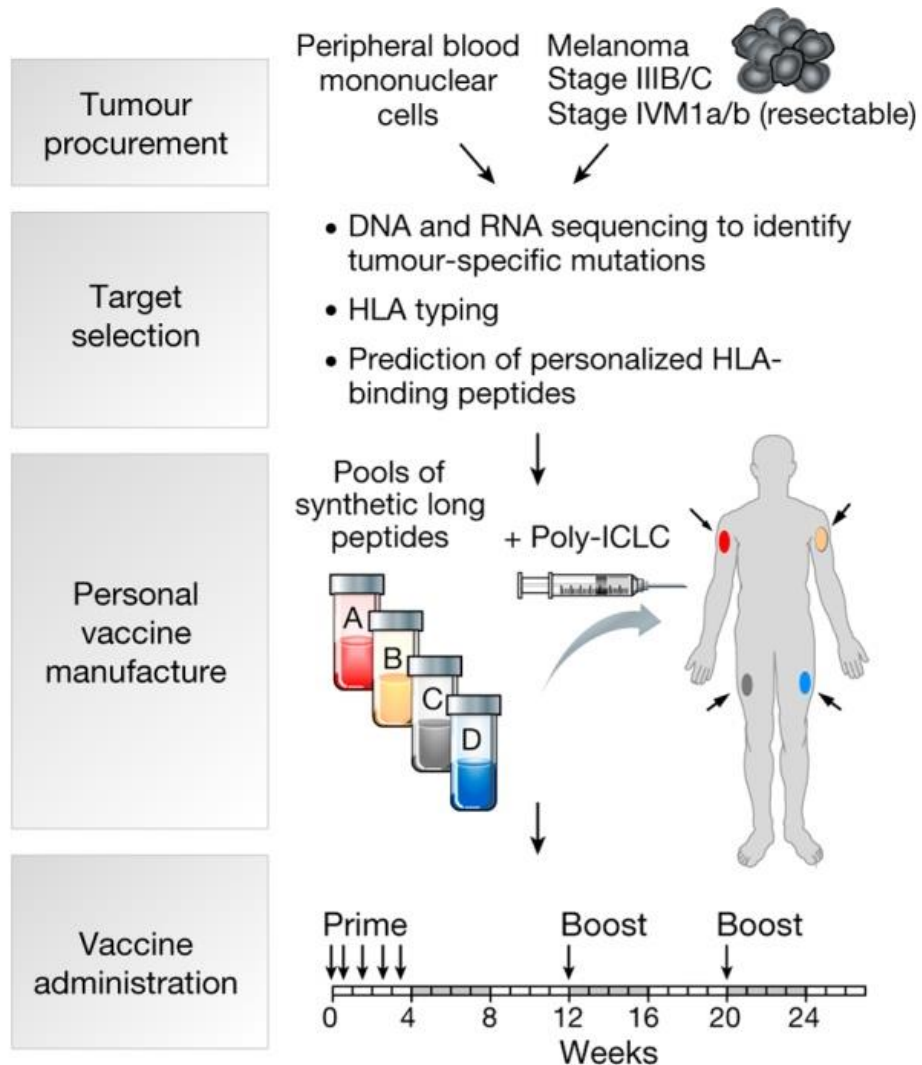


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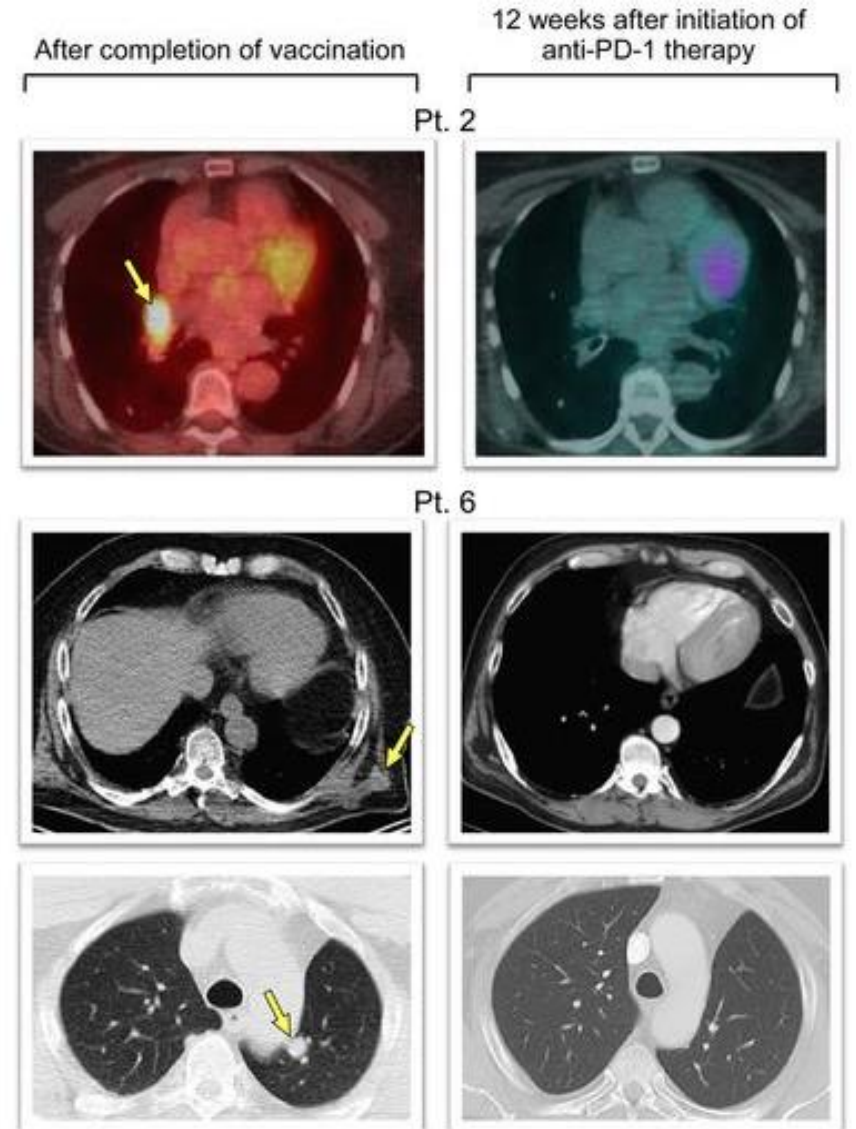


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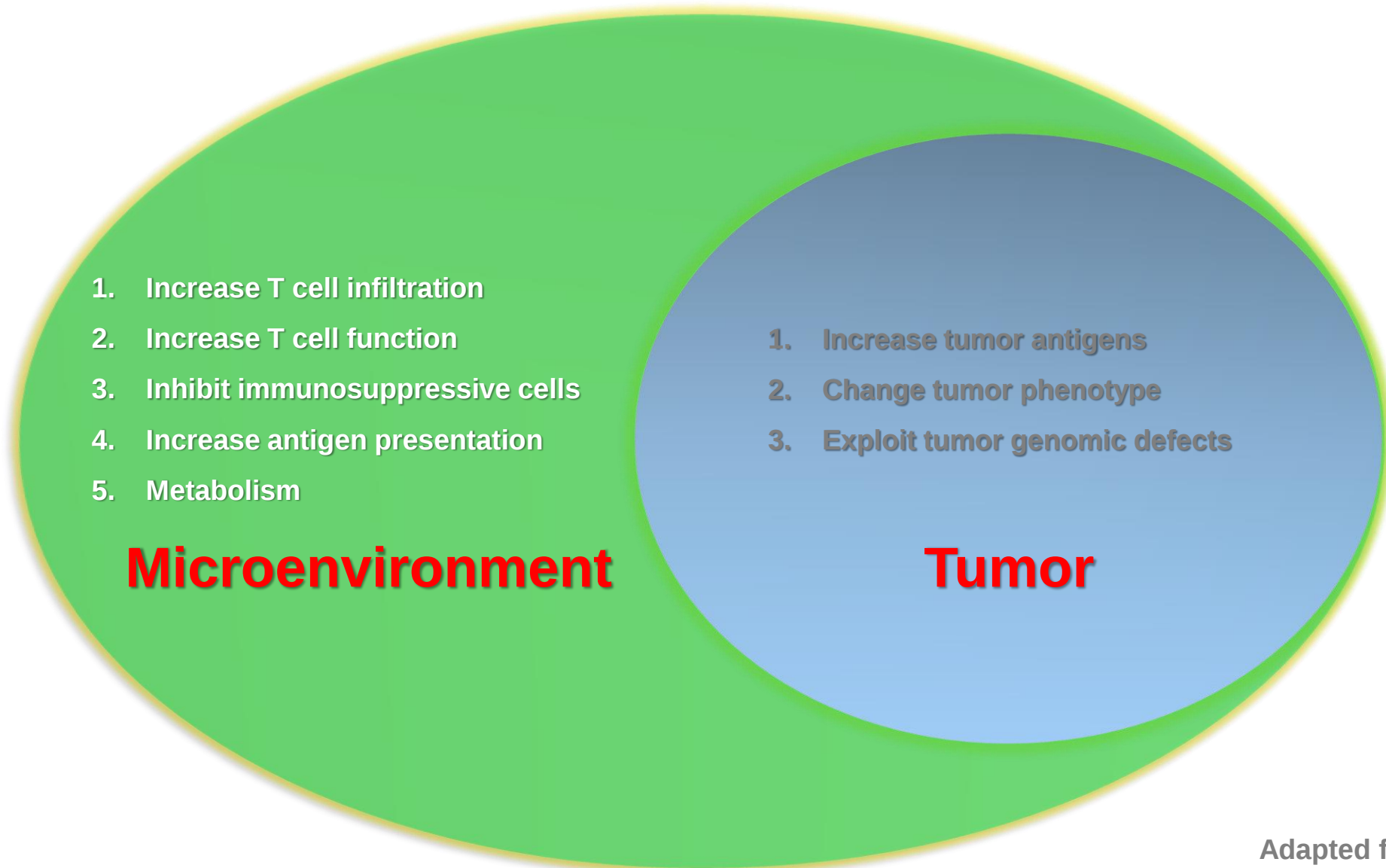
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Making Immune Checkpoint Therapies More Effective



Targeting Strategies

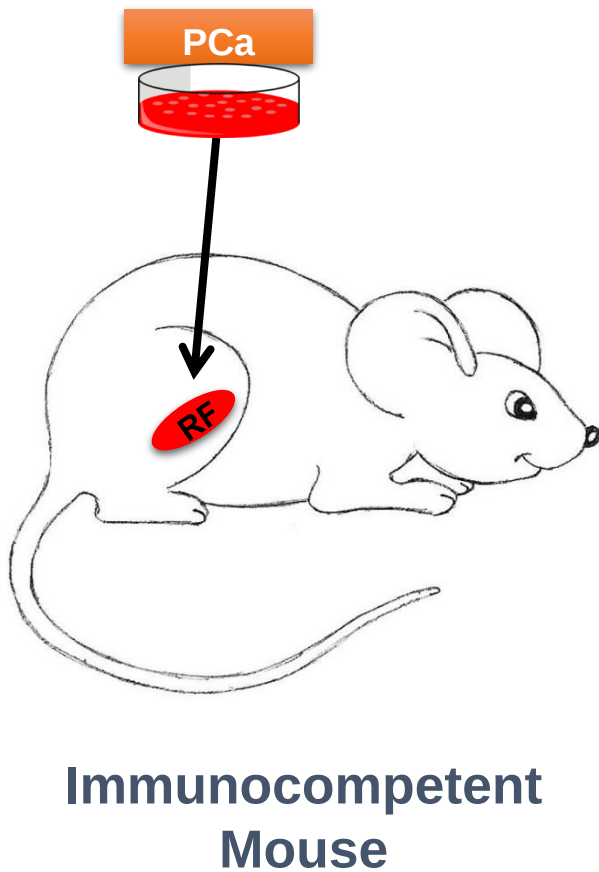
- Immune checkpoints
- Chemotherapy
- Hormone therapy
- PARP inhibitors
- XRT
- Vaccines
- Cytokines
- Epigenetic modulators
- Metabolites

Prostate Cancer Bone Metastases are Associated with Poorer Survival

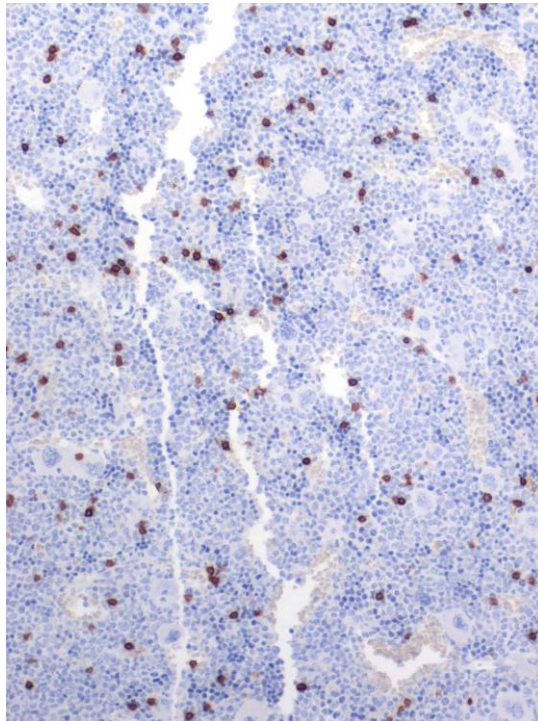
	Lymph Node Only	Bone Only	Bone + Lymph Node
% Men	6.4	42.9	29.8
Overall Survival (Months)	31.6	21.3	

Halabi, S et al. *J Clin Oncol*, 2016.

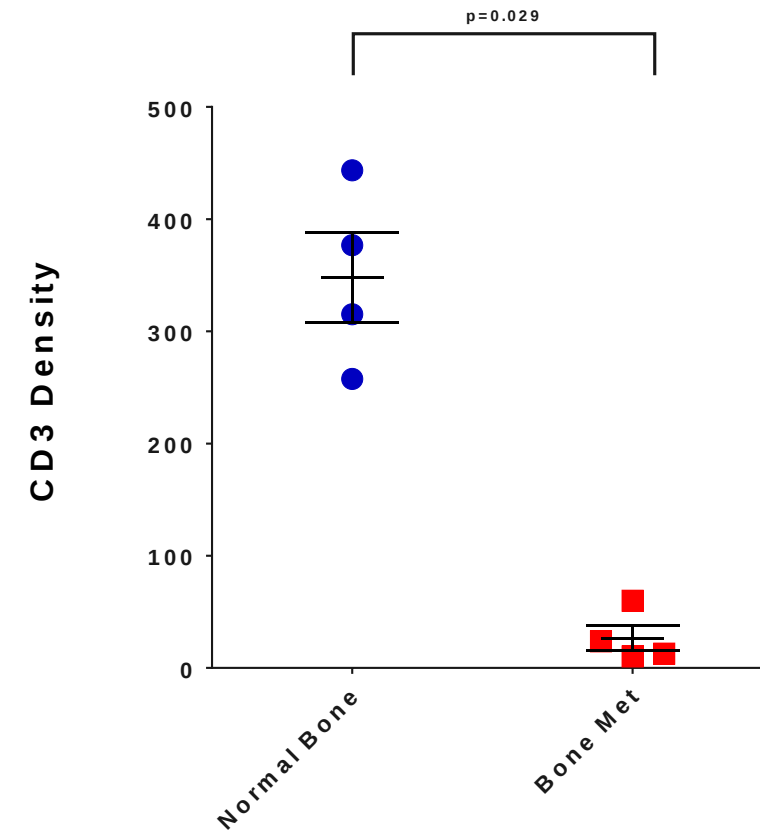
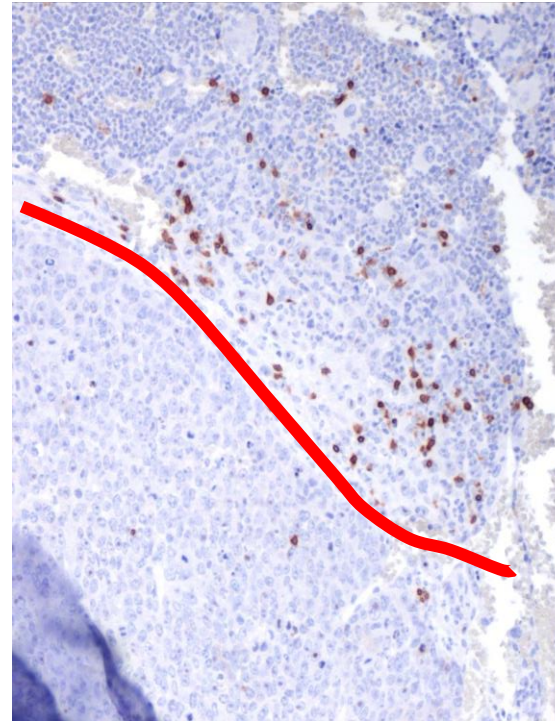
CD3 T Cell Exclusion from the Mouse Bone Tumor Microenvironment



Left femur
No tumor

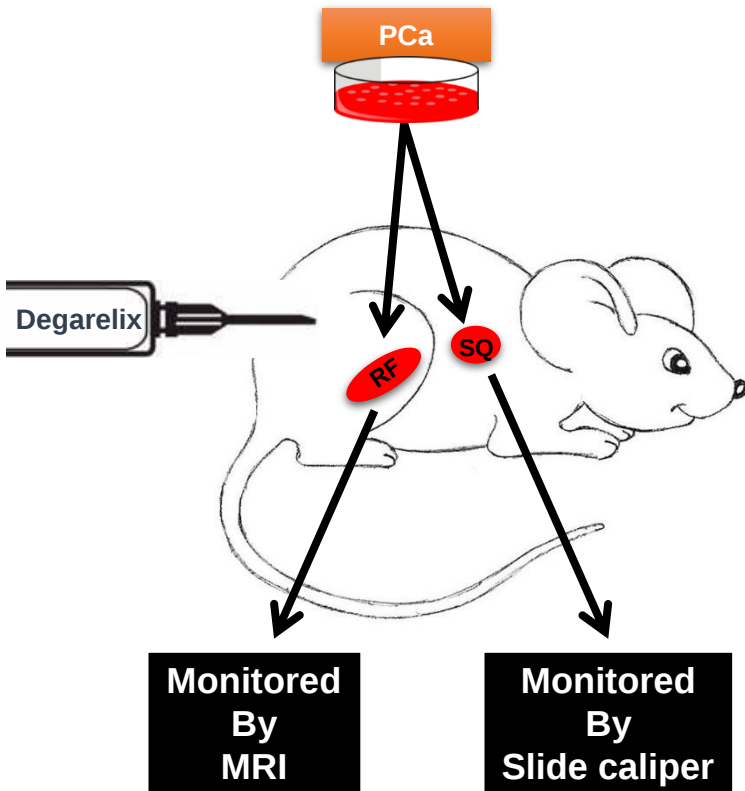


Right femur
Tumor

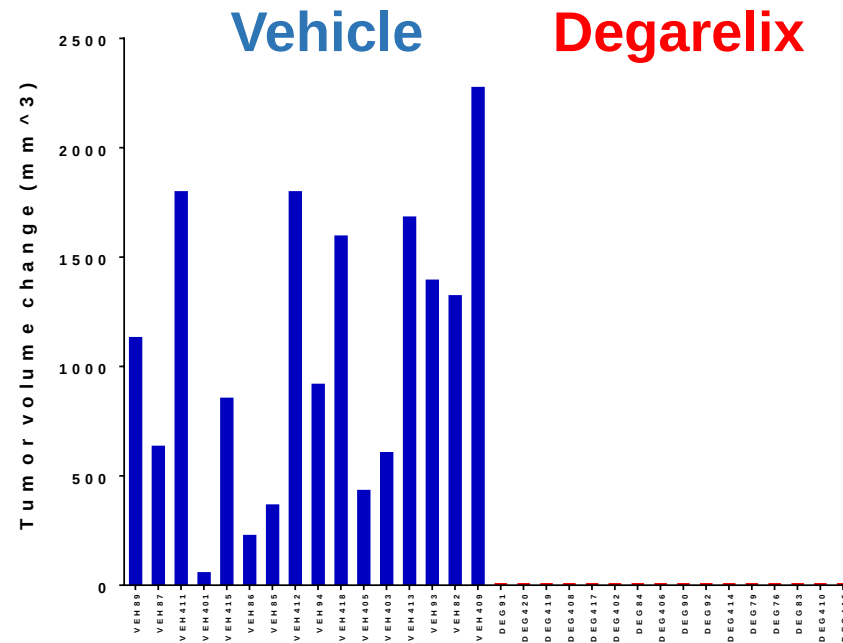


Castration-Resistance Develops Faster in the Bone

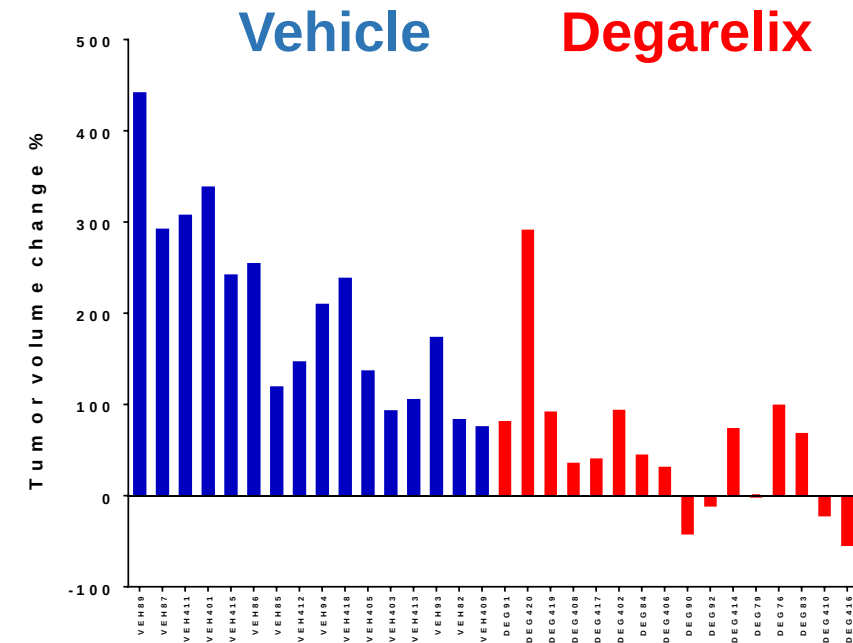
3-weeks Post-Treatment



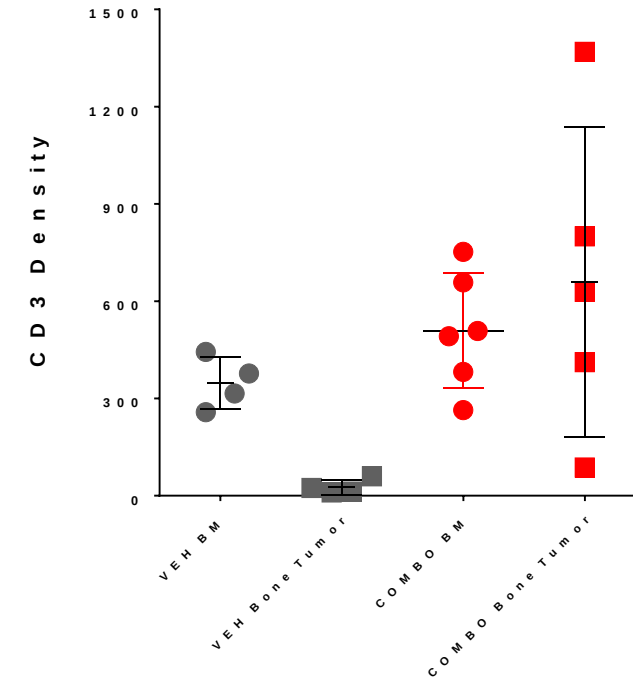
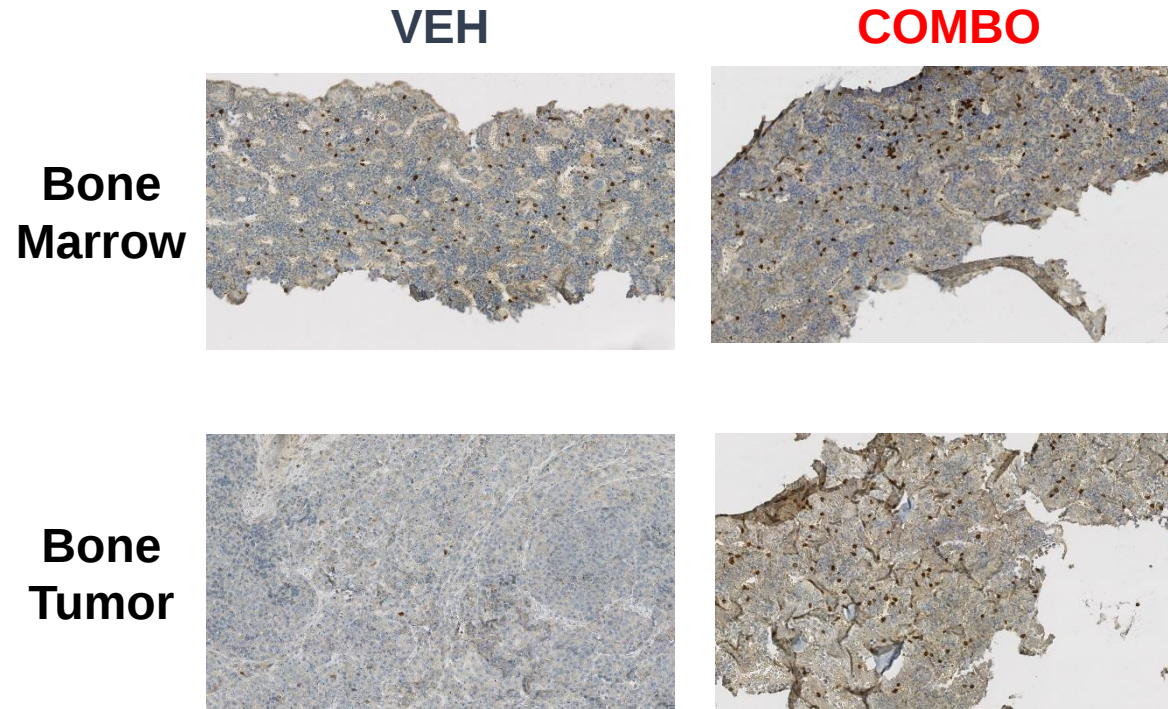
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Intrafemoral tumors

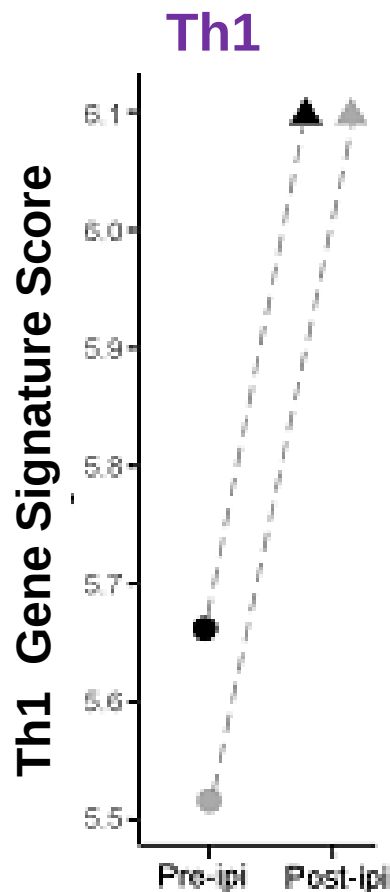


T Cell Exclusion is Overcome by Targeting CTLA-4 and PD-1

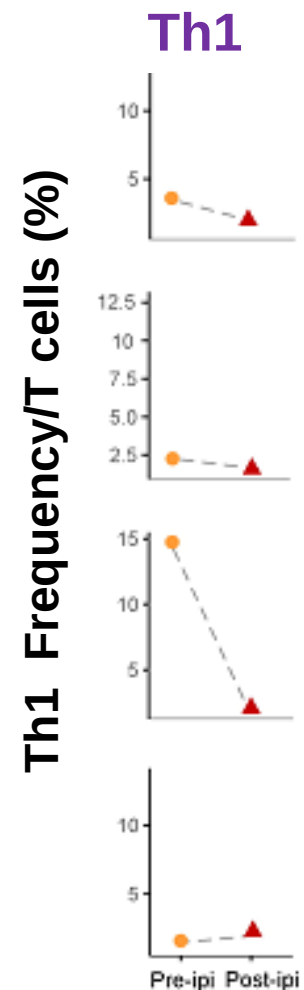


Anti-CTLA-4 Fails to Induce Th1 Responses in Human Prostate Cancer Bone Metastases

Primary Prostate Cancers

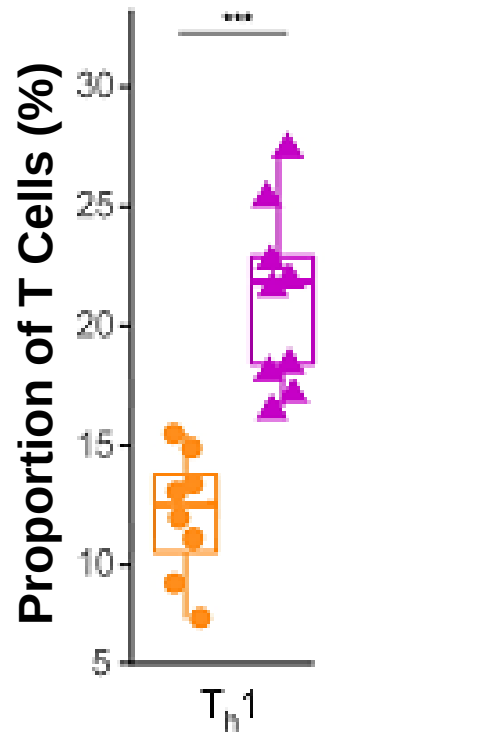


Prostate Bone Metastases



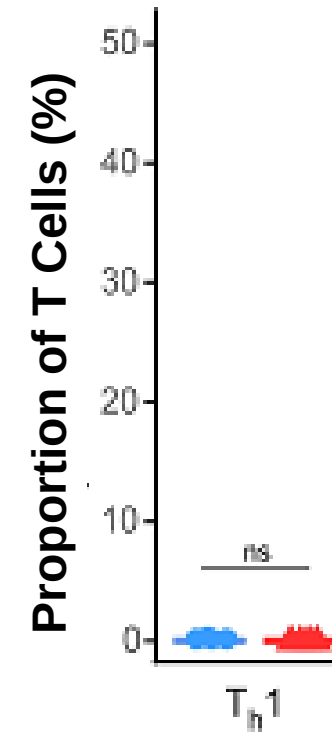
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Subcutaneous Tumor



IgG α CTLA4 + α PD1

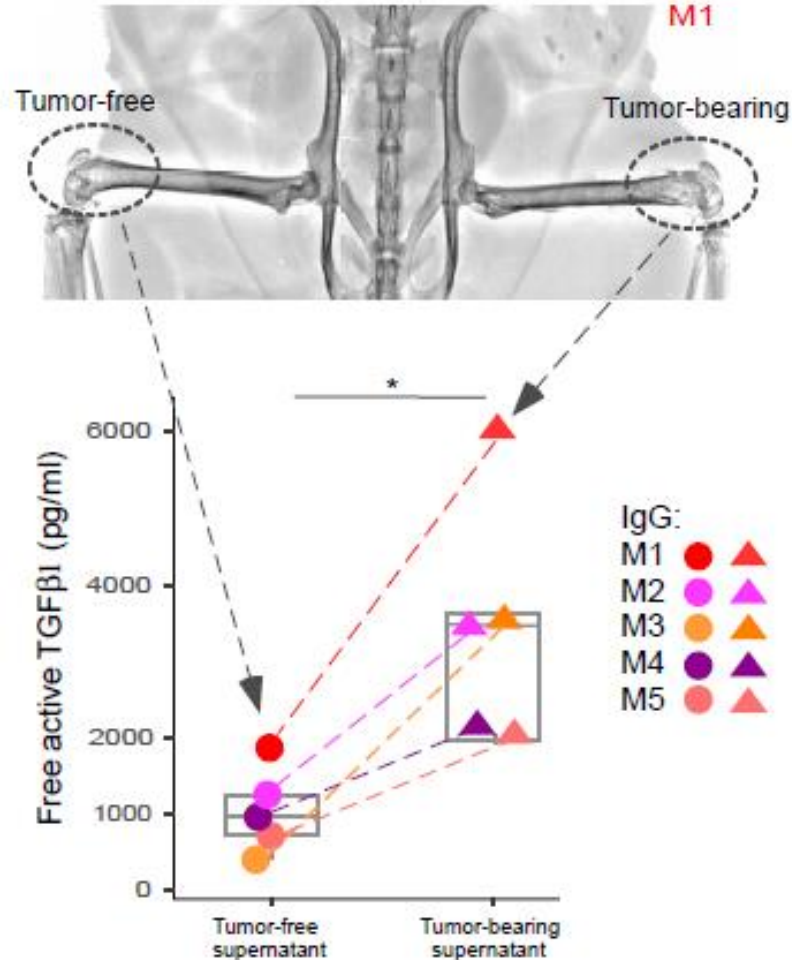
Bone Tumor



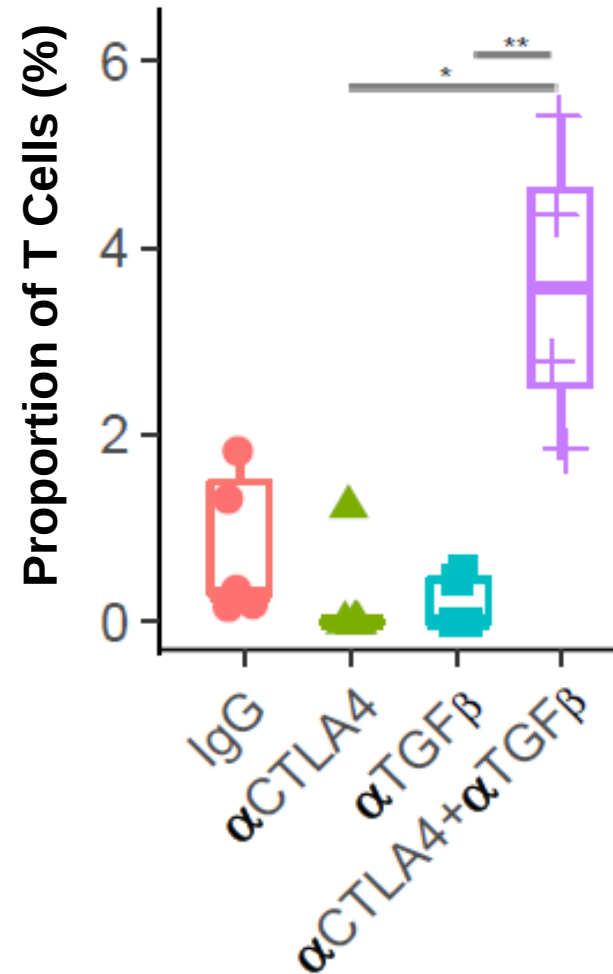
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Elevated TGF- β 1 Levels in Murine Prostate Bone Tumors

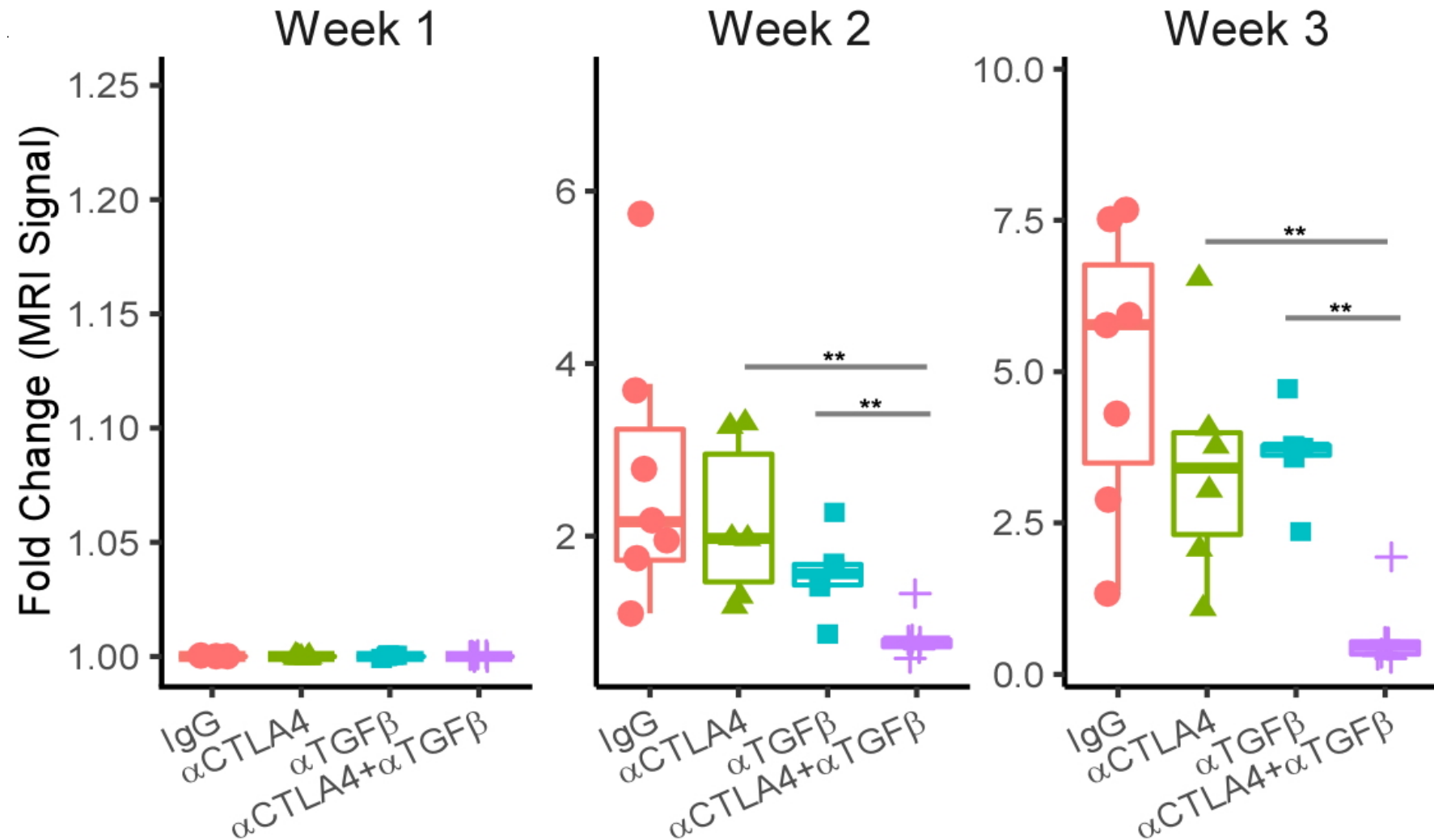
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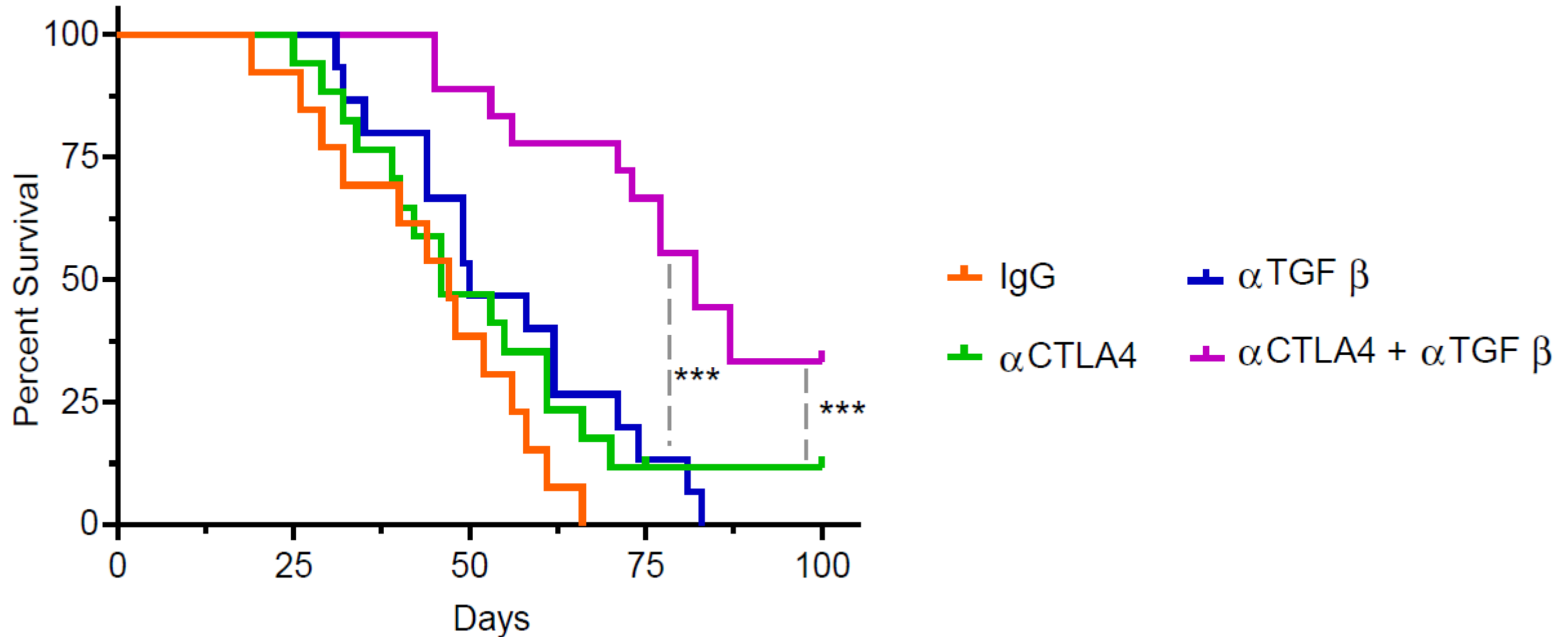
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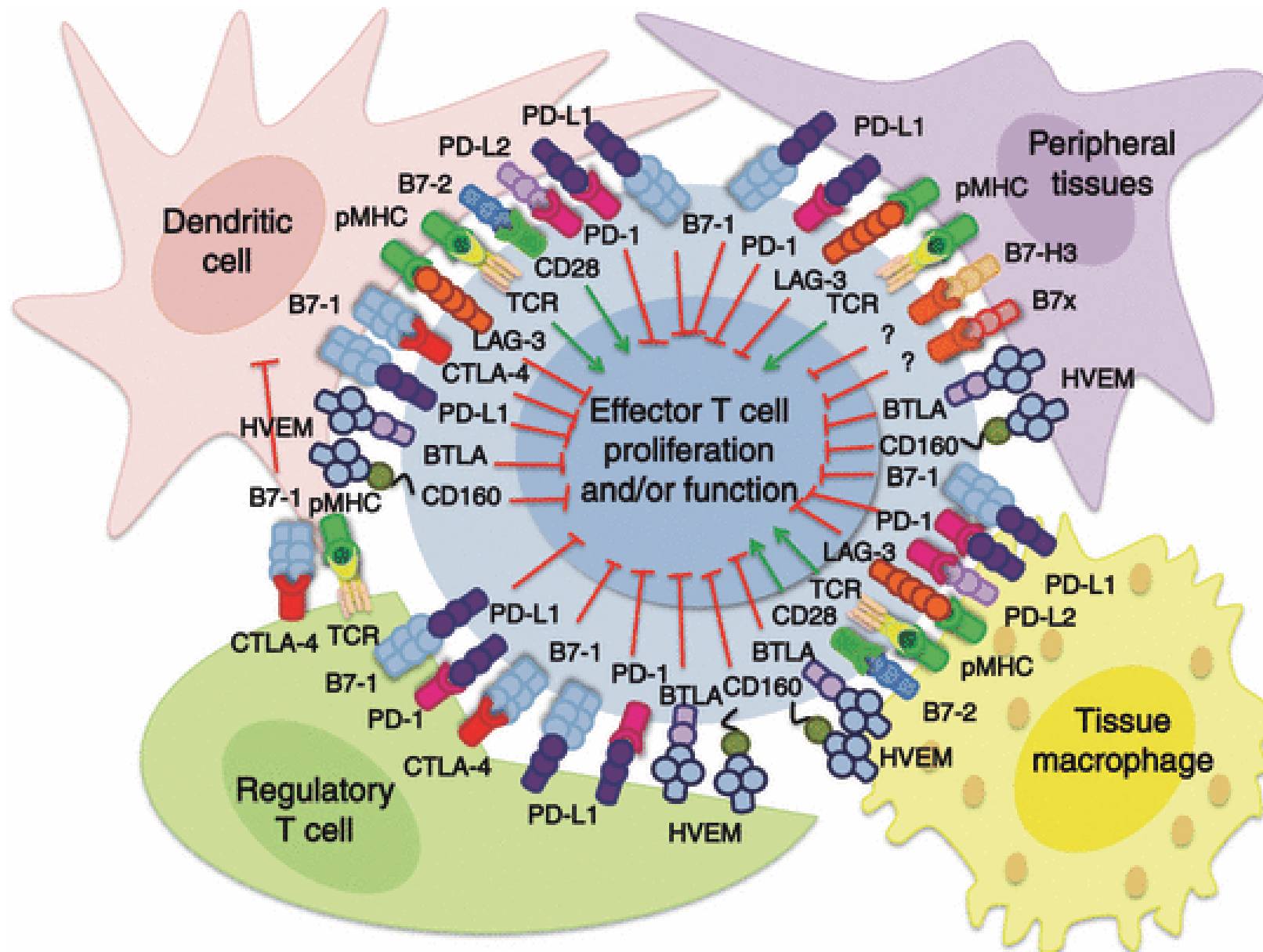
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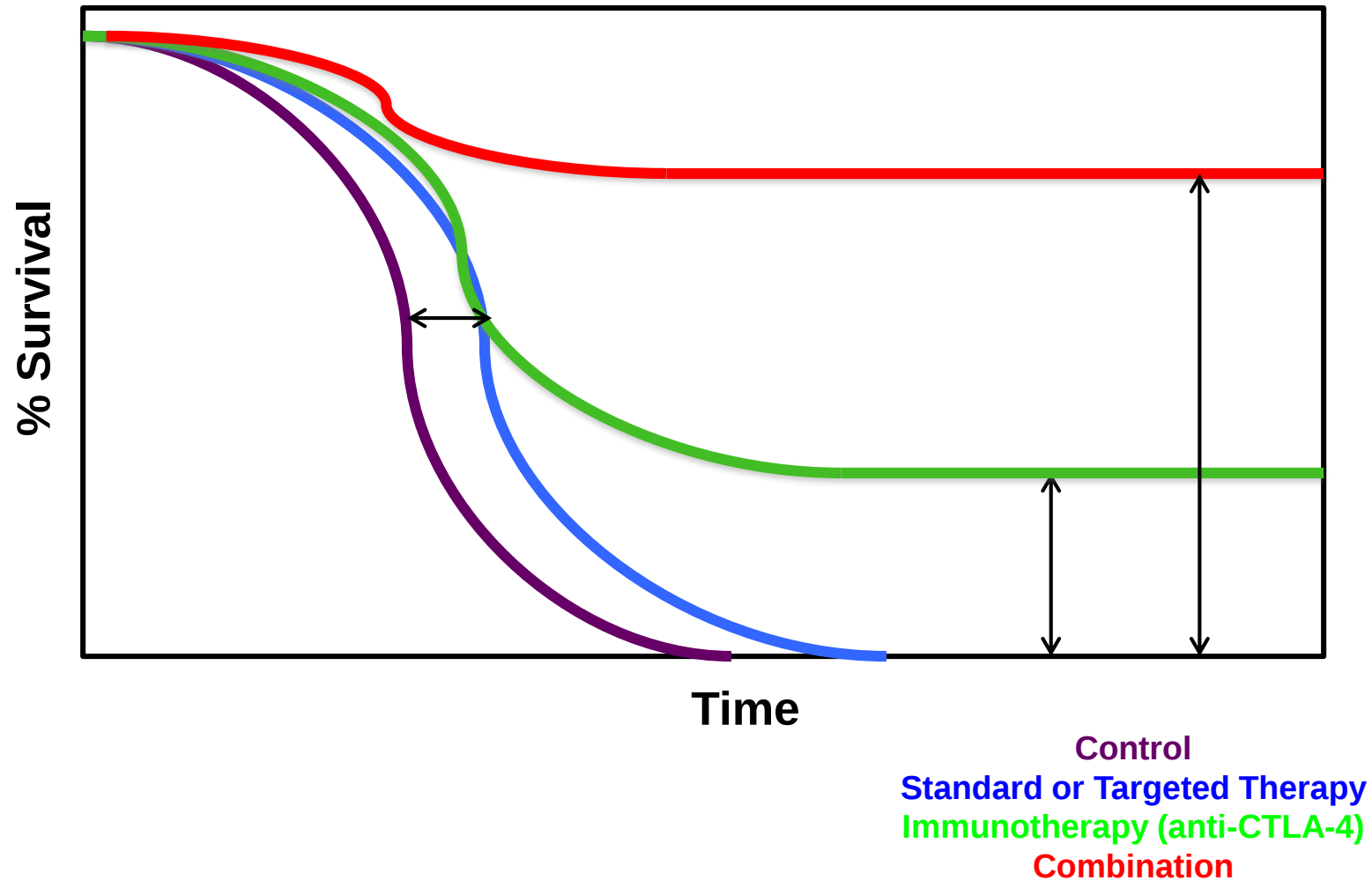
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Novel Immunotherapy Targets



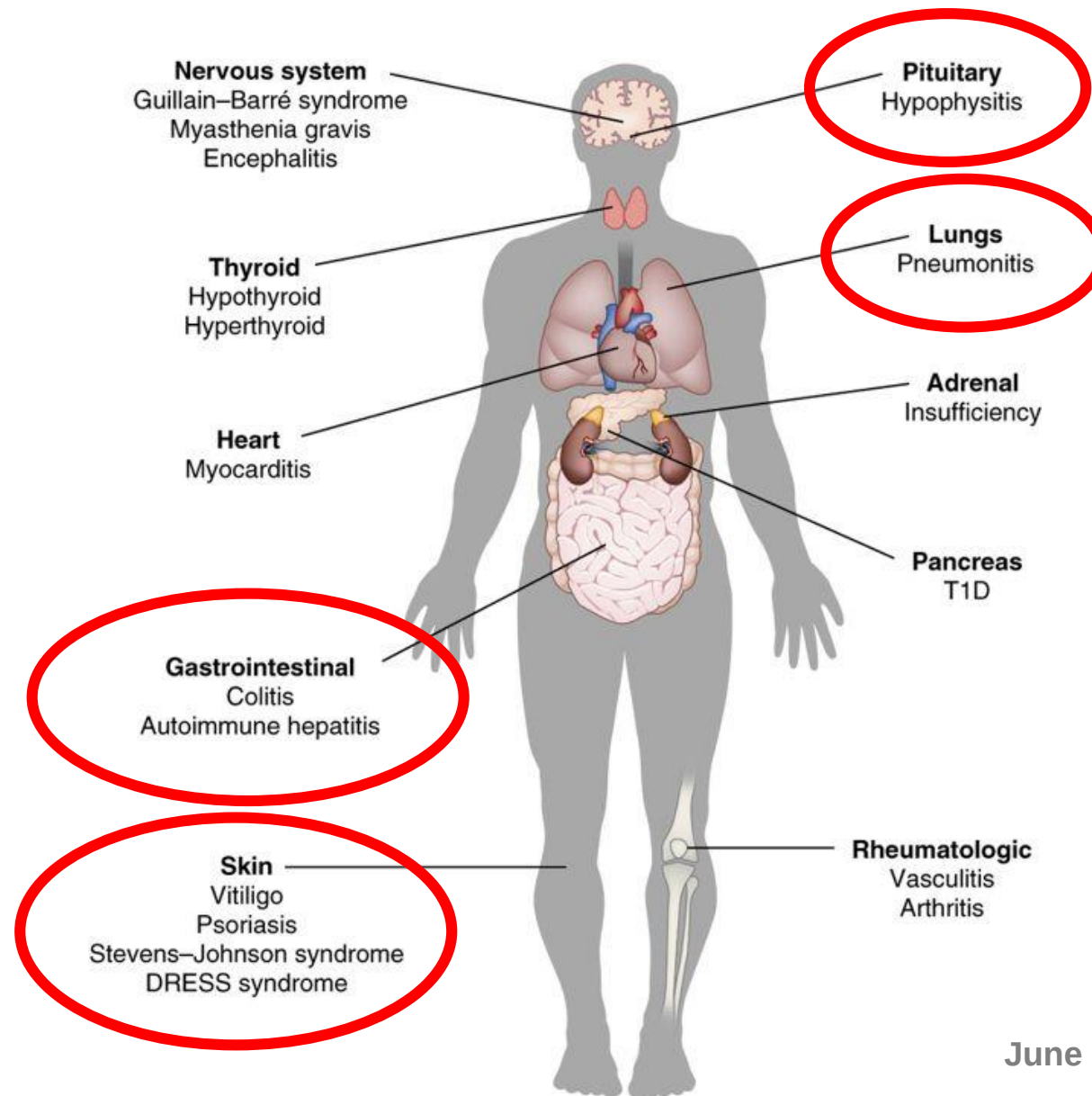
Improving Survival with Combination Therapy



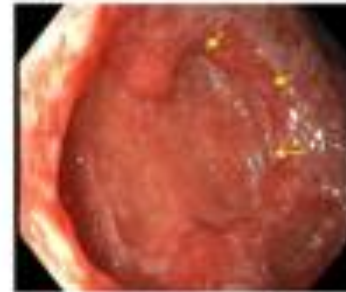
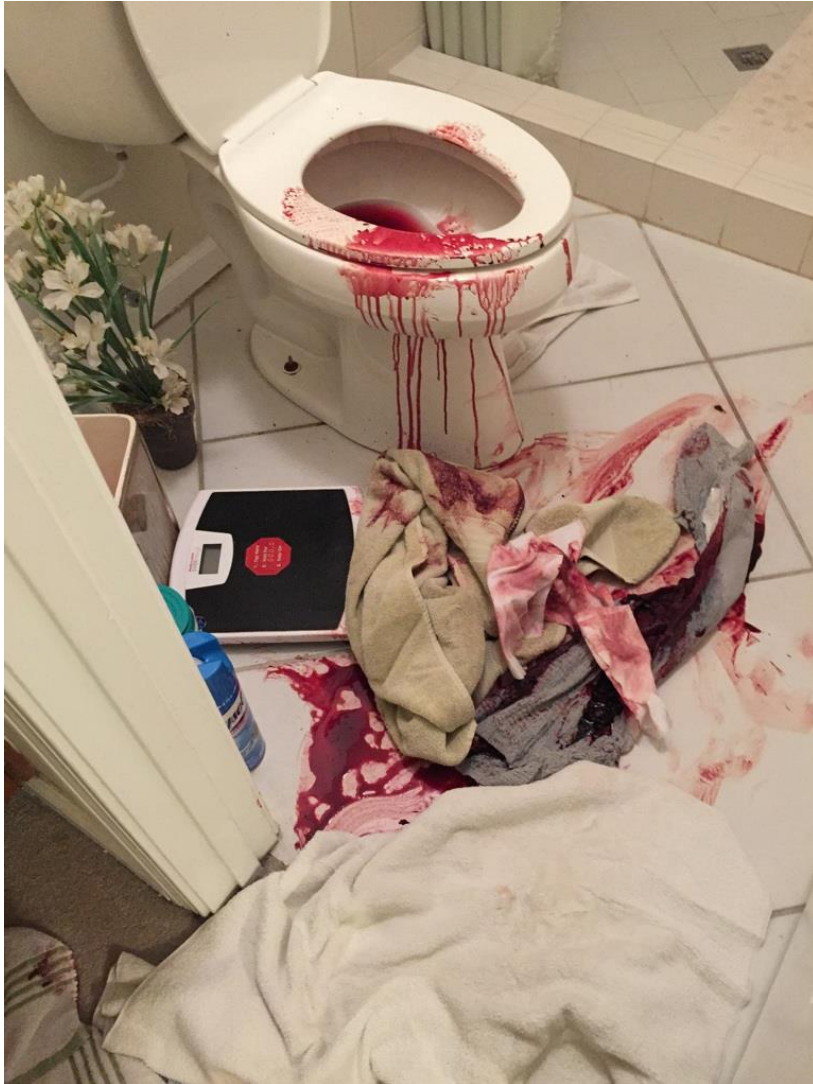
Moving Forward with Immune Checkpoint Therapies

- Improving patient selection
- Turning “cold” tumors “hot”
- **Understanding toxicities**

Organ-Specific Immune-Related Adverse Events (irAEs)



Immune-Related Colitis/Diarrhea



Diagnosis



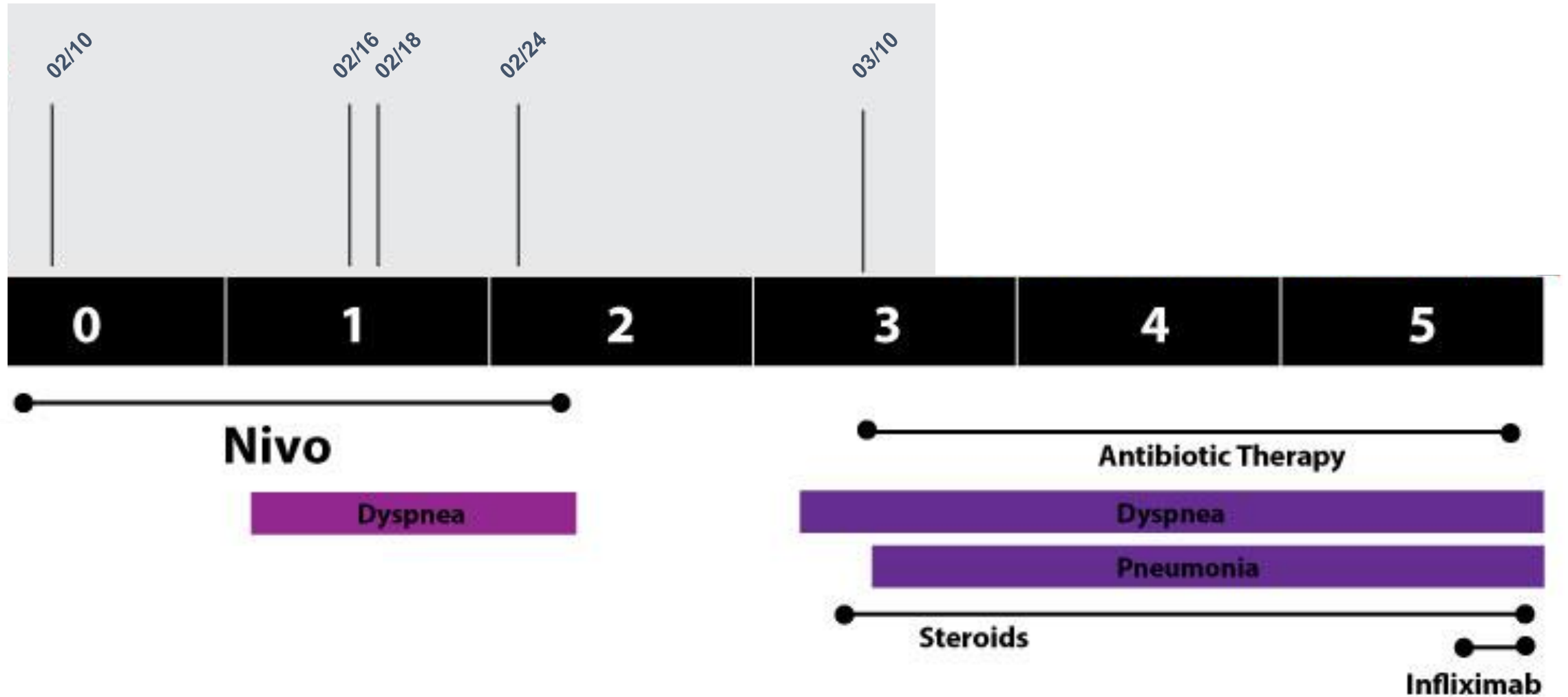
Following steroids and
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1 dose vedolizumab



Post-FMT

Wang Y et al, *Nat Med*, 2018.

Immune-Related Pneumonitis

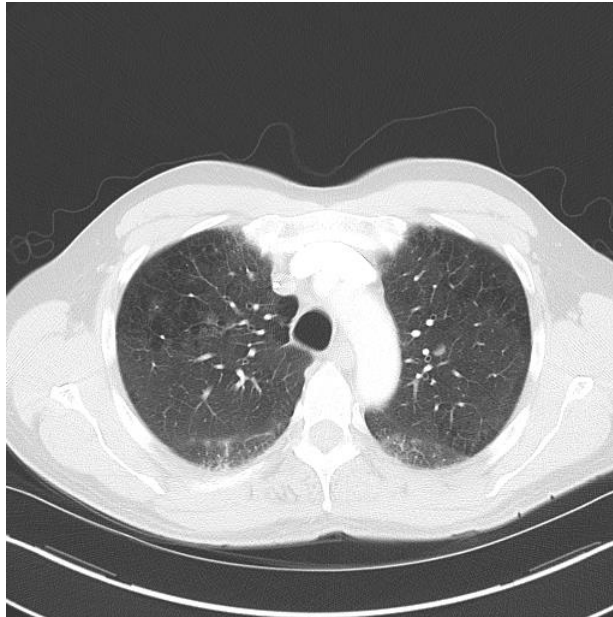


Monday Morning Quarterback

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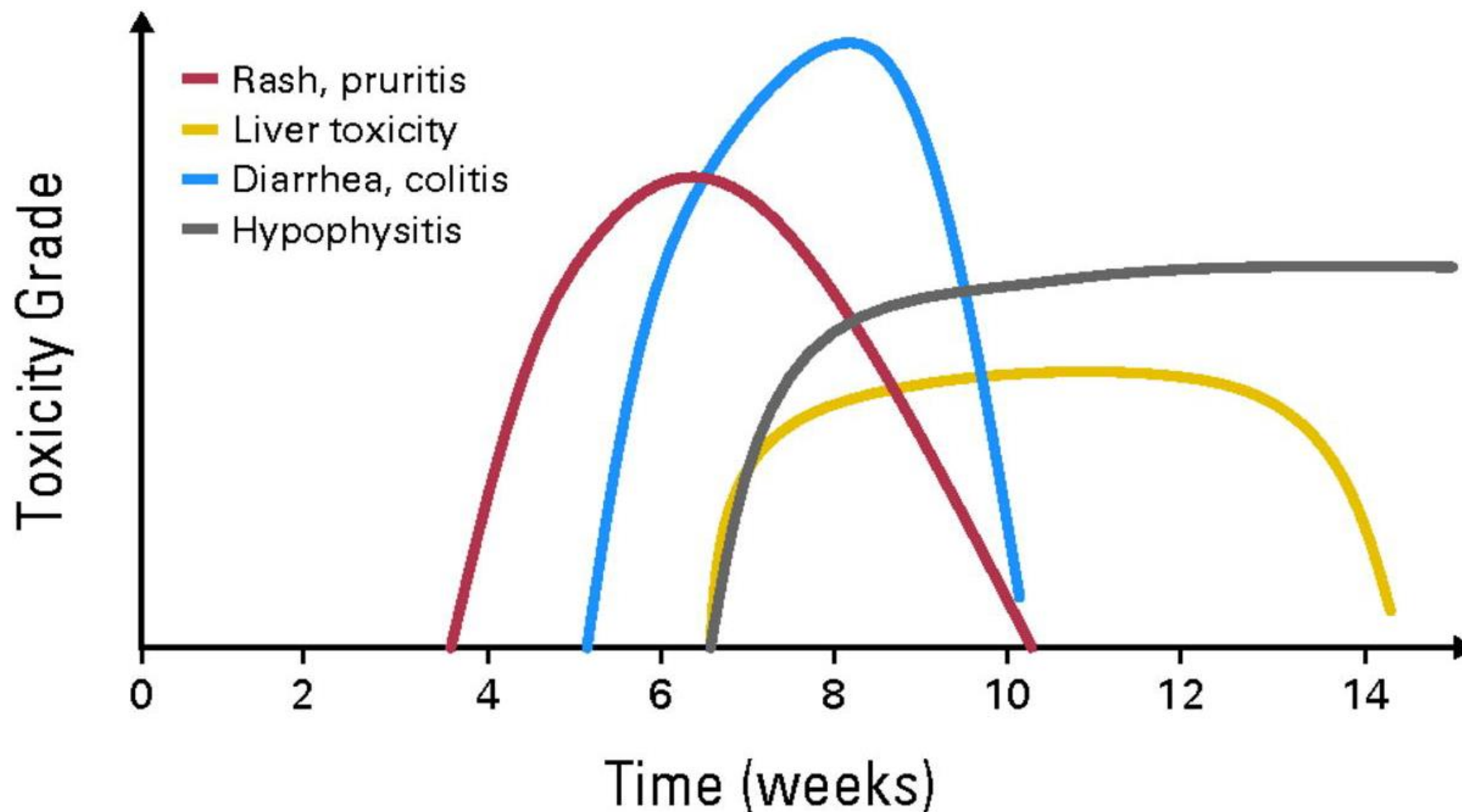
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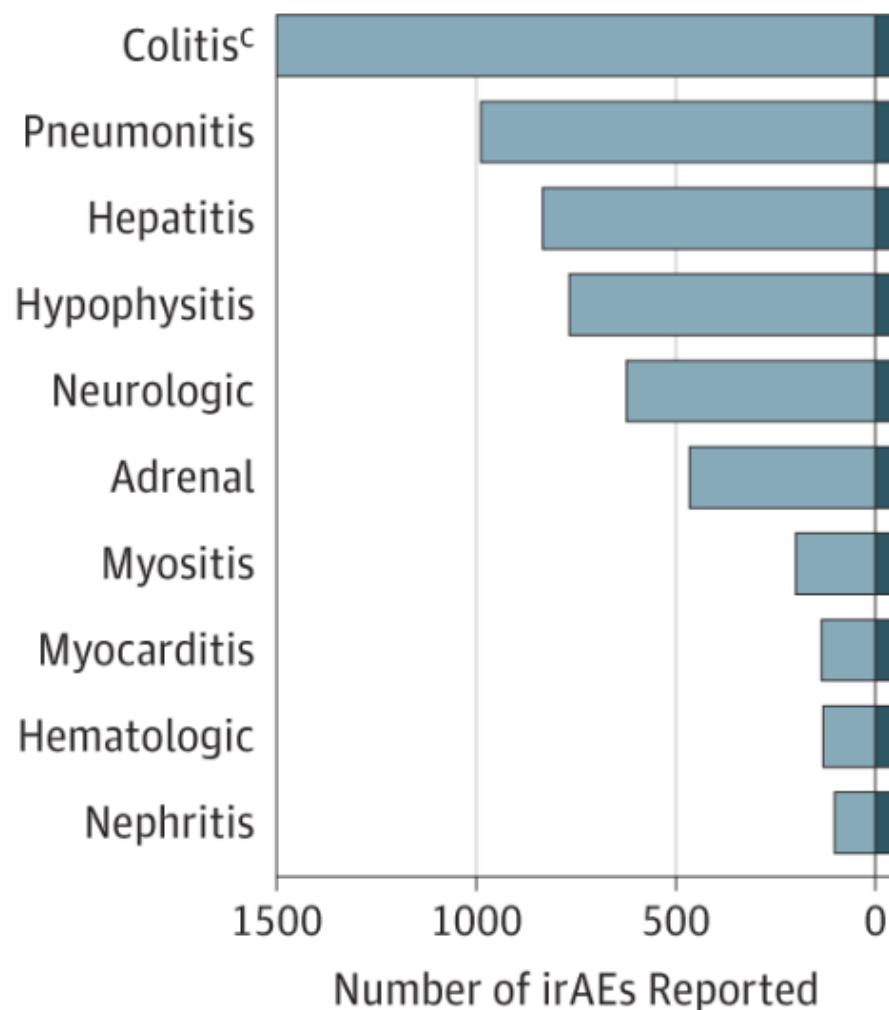
Safety Considerations

- **irAEs appear to be under-reported**
- **Early recognition/intervention with immunosuppressive/biological agents**
 - **Medical team**
 - **Patient/Family**
 - **Laboratory tests**
 - **Consult teams**

Kinetics of Appearance of irAEs

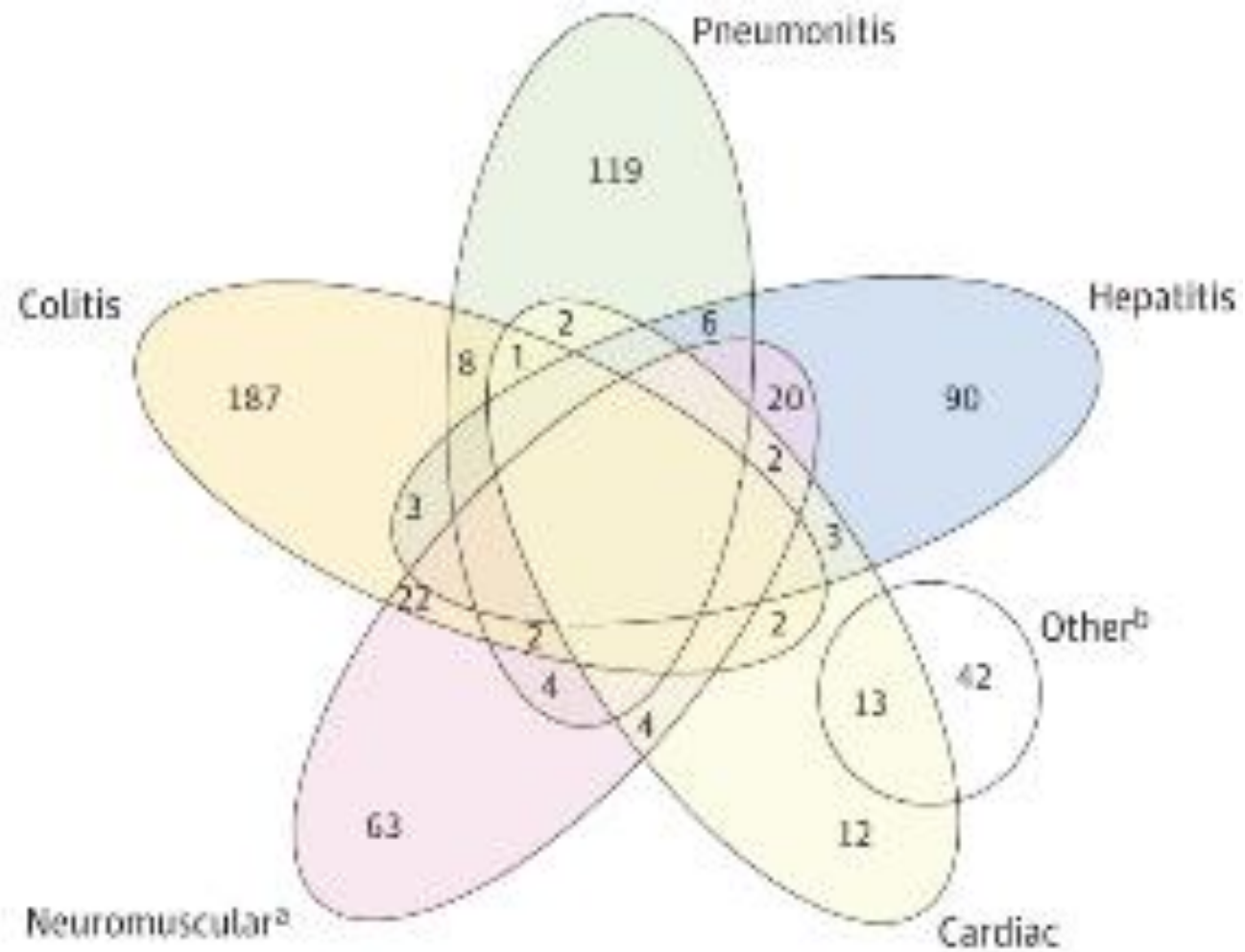


Cases and Fatality Rates for Different Types of irAEs



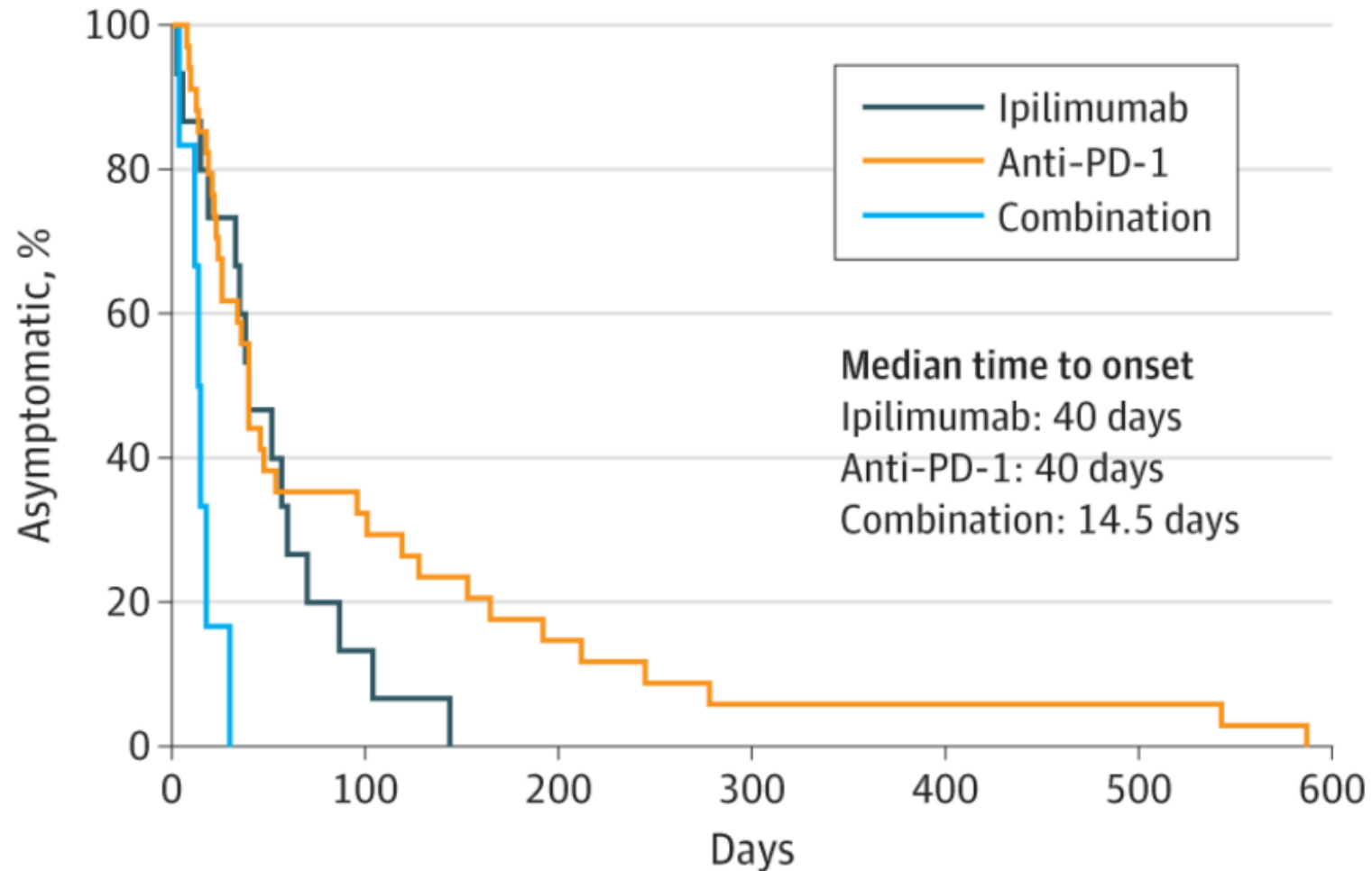
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Co-Occurring Fatal irAEs

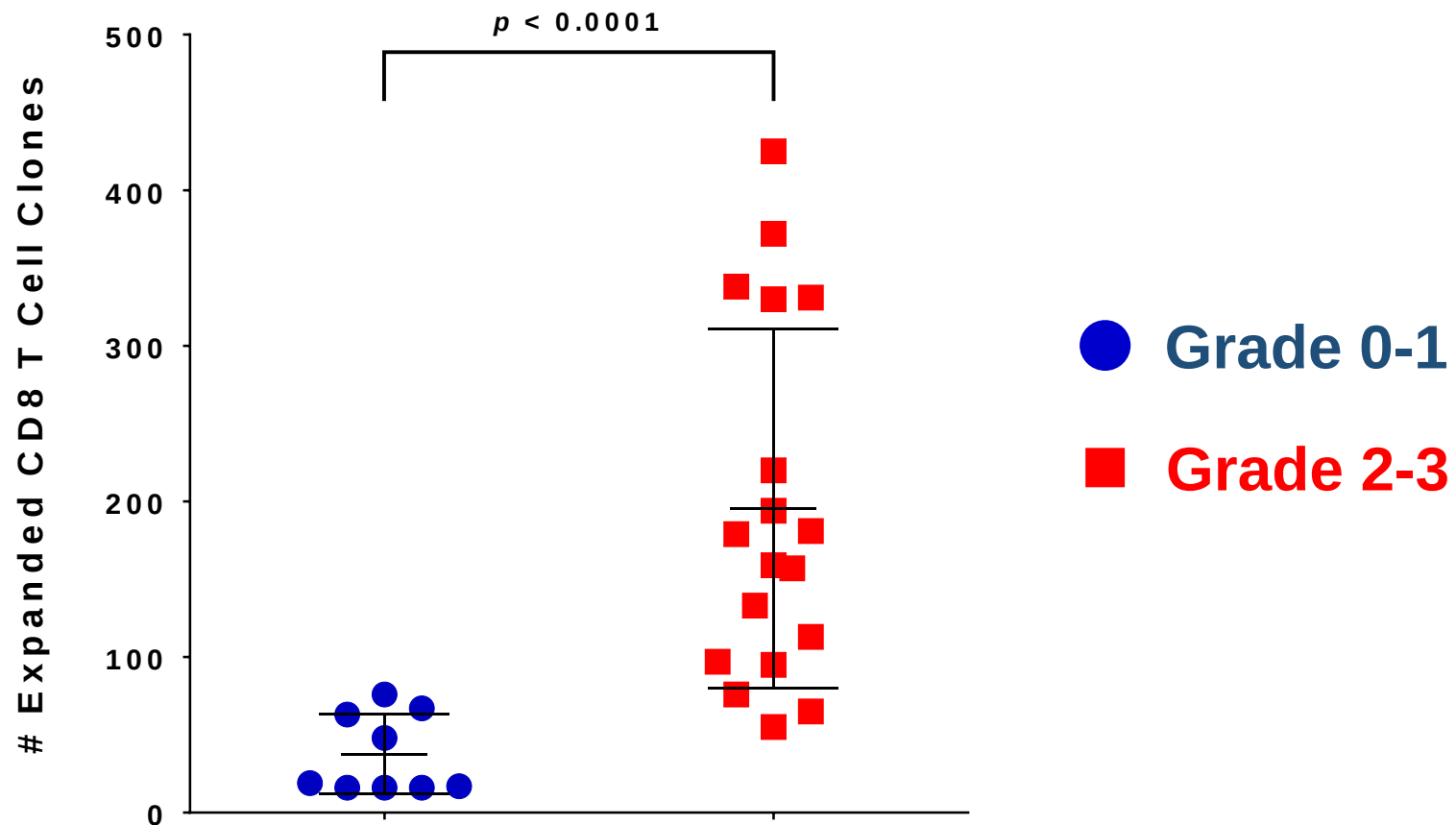


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Time to Symptom Onset for irAEs



Systemic CD8 Clonal Expansion Precedes Grade 2-3 irAEs



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Management of irAEs

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Conclusions for Immune Checkpoint Therapies

- **Each target has a different mechanism of action**
- **Induce durable responses in a subset of patients**
- **Responses are associated with TMB in some malignancies**
- **Combinations can be used to turn “cold” tumors “hot”**
- **Toxicities can be fatal**
- **Better biomarkers are required to maximize efficacy and minimize toxicities**