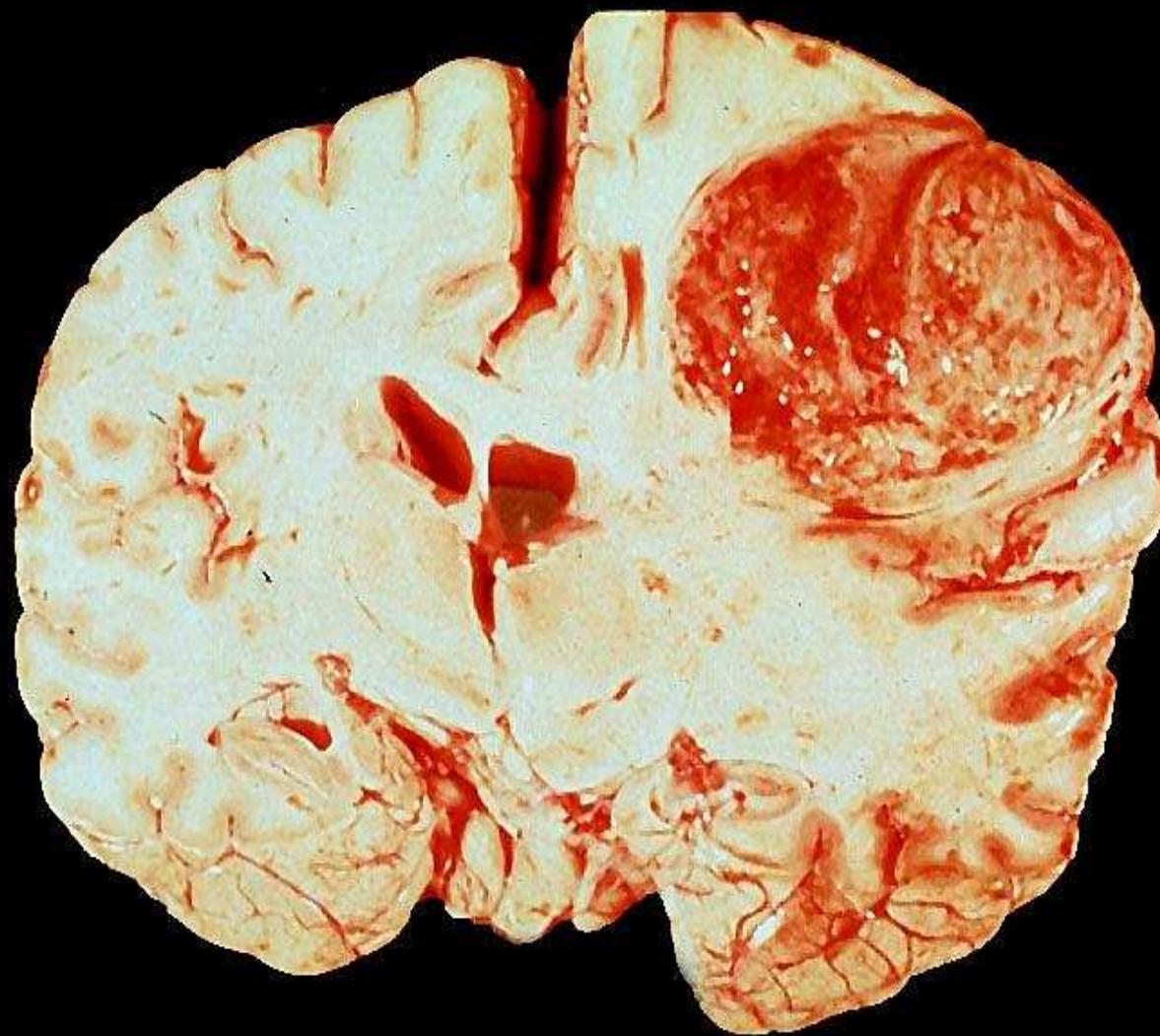




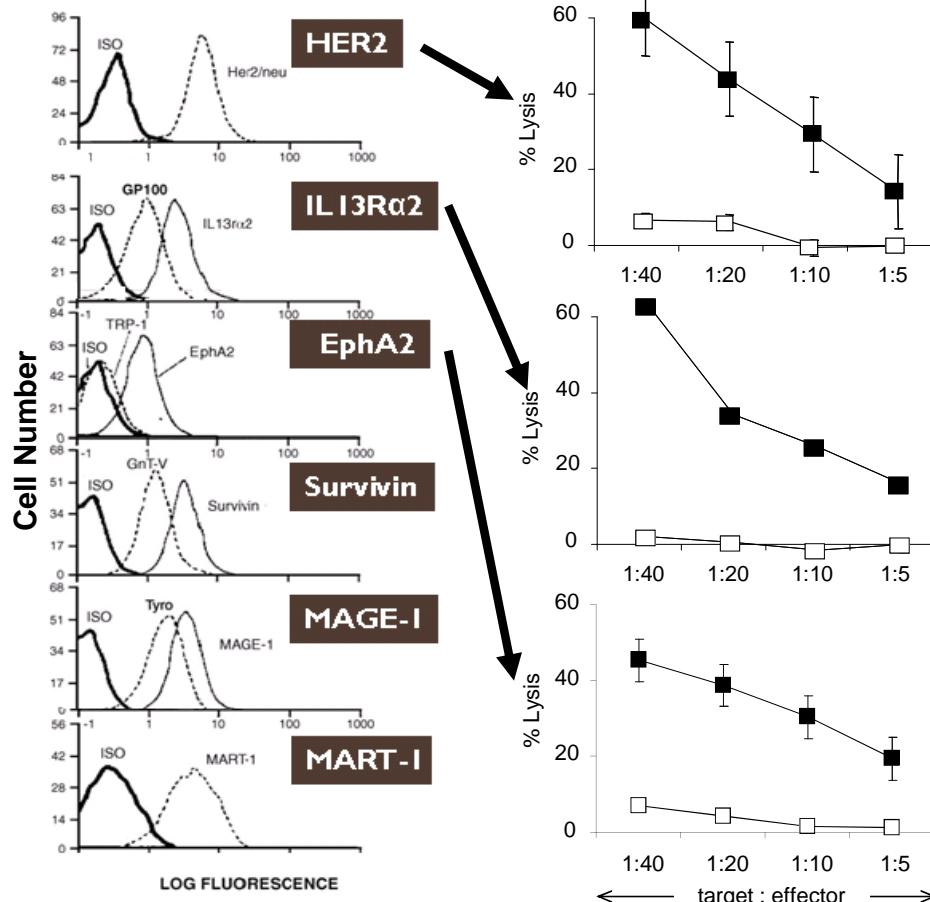
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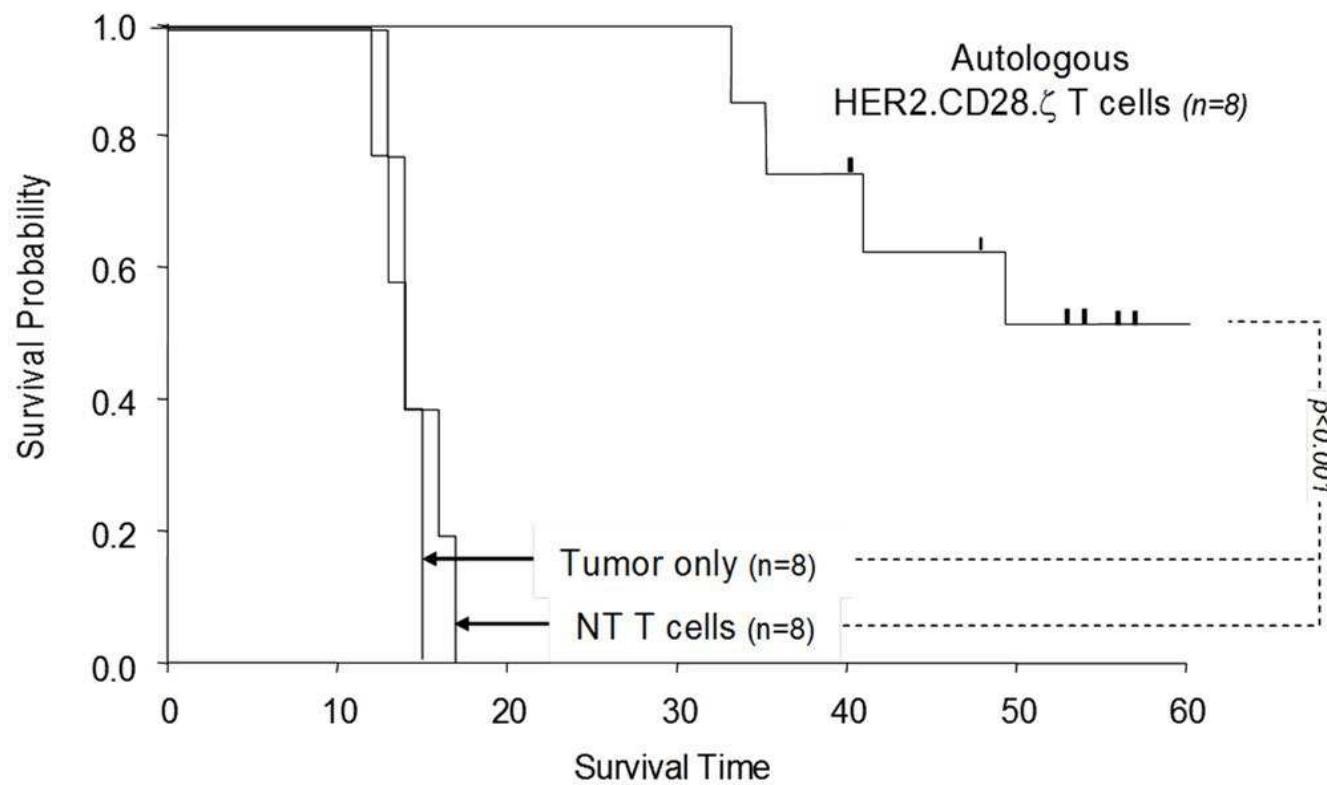
# Glioma Antigens

- HER2
- IL13R $\alpha$ 2
- EphA2
- EGFR $\nu$ 3
- Survivin
- MAGE-I
- MART-I



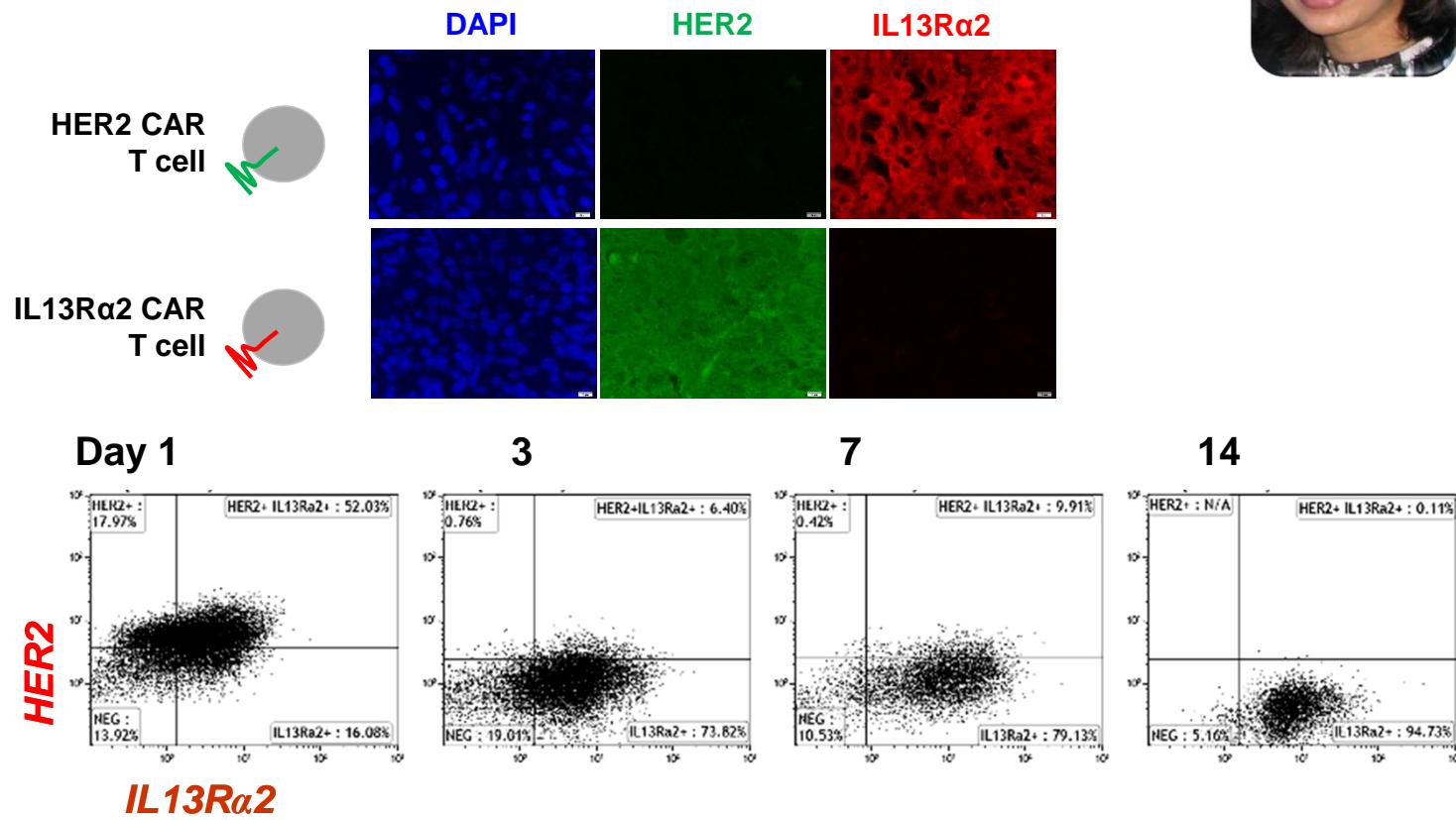
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# CART cells vs. GBM



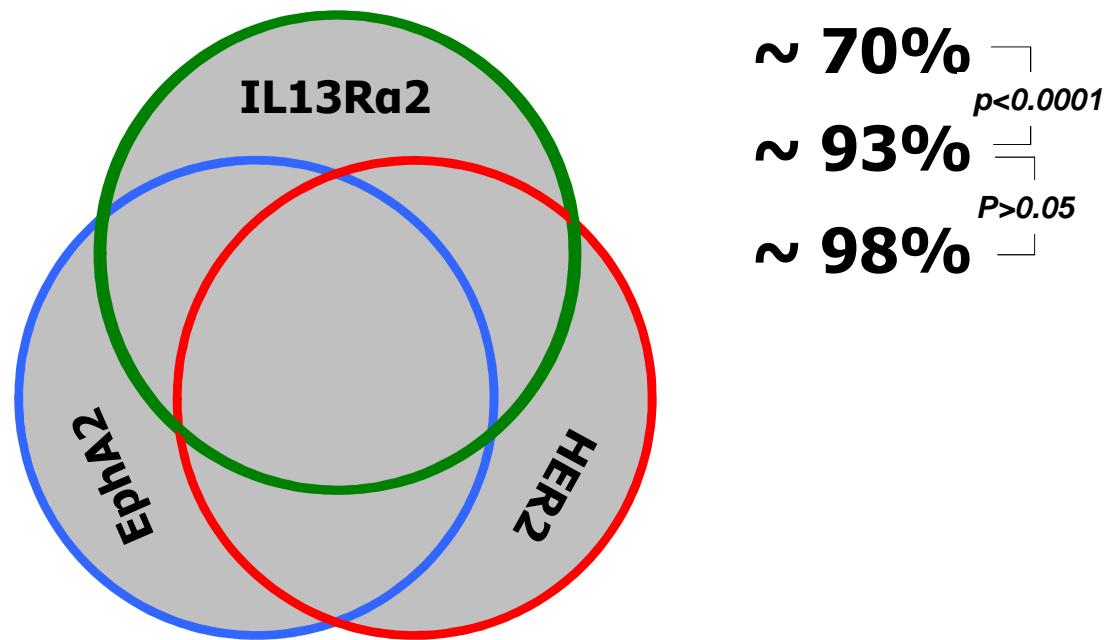
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# Antigen Escape



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# GBM: *intratumoral heterogeneity*

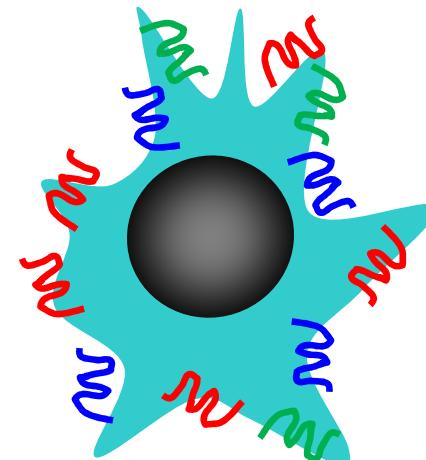
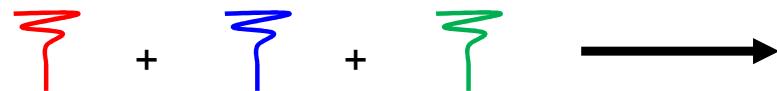


## 20 GBM (surgical excision)

- Flowcytometry on  $\geq 100,000$  cells
- IFC on 5+ cuts; 6+ hpf; 200+ cells/ hpf

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# Hypothesis



**Possible advantages:**

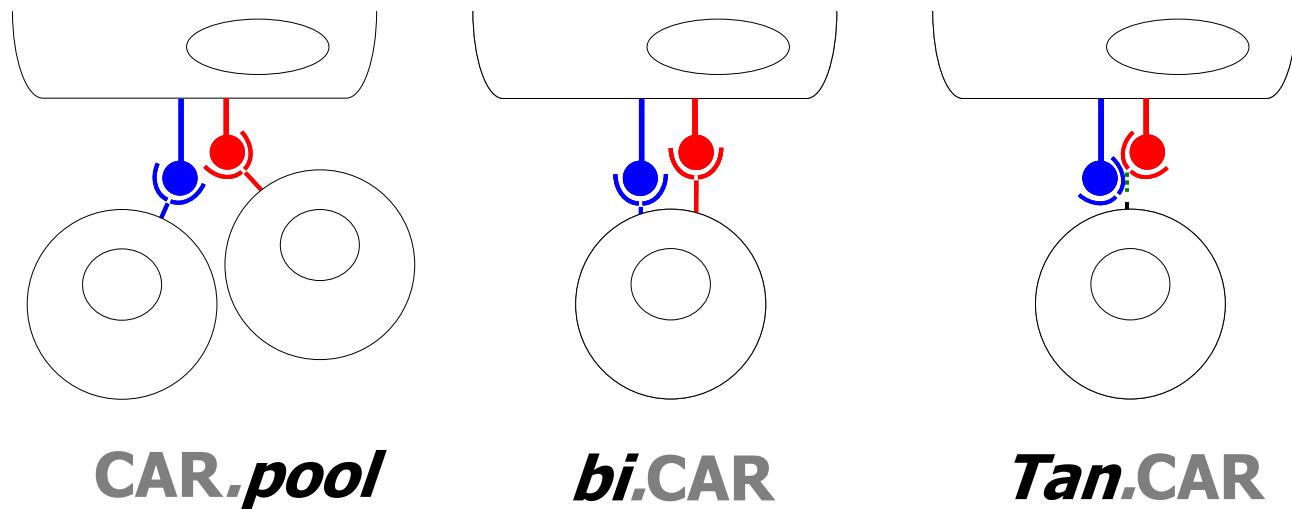
**Circumvent tumor escape**

- Heterogenous expression of target
- Down regulation of target
- Antigen loss variants

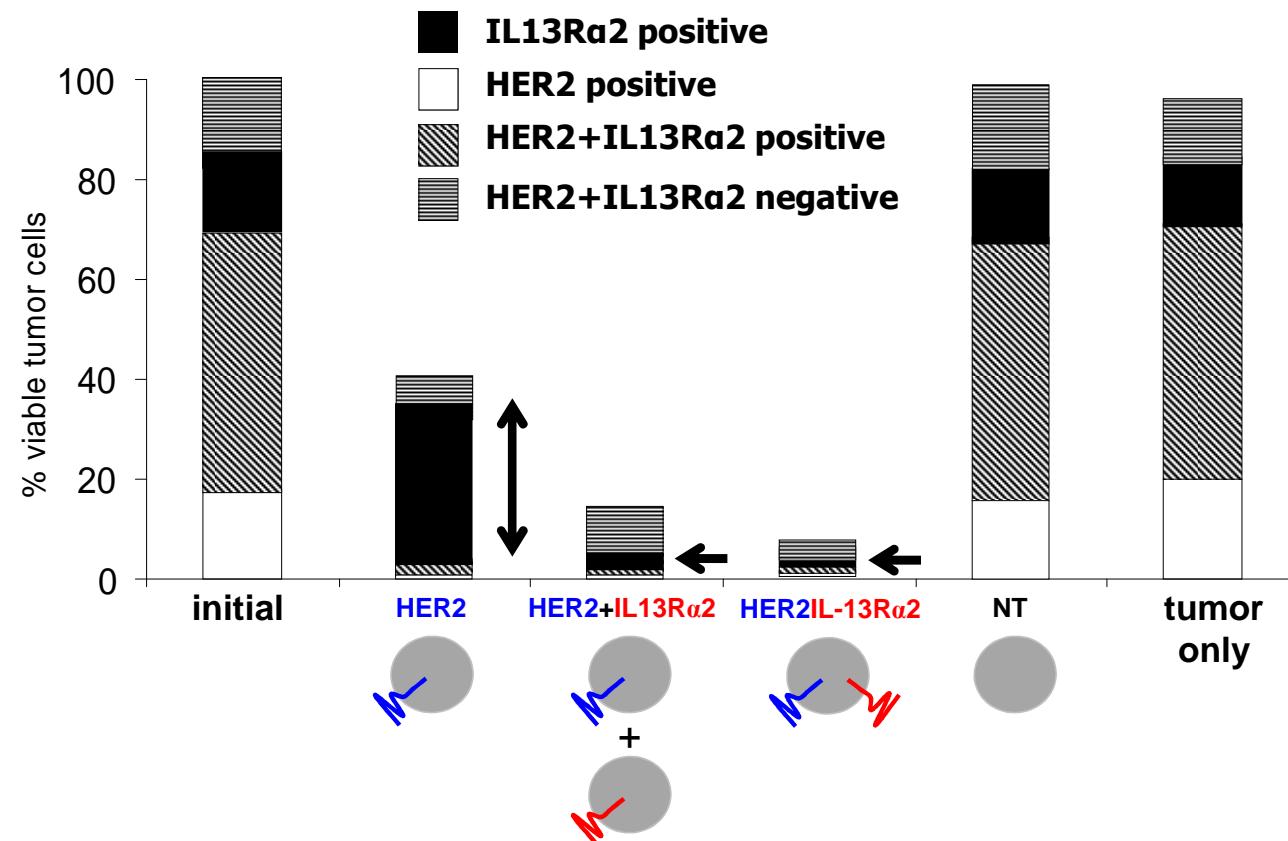
**Improve T cell activation**

# Multiplex T cell Products

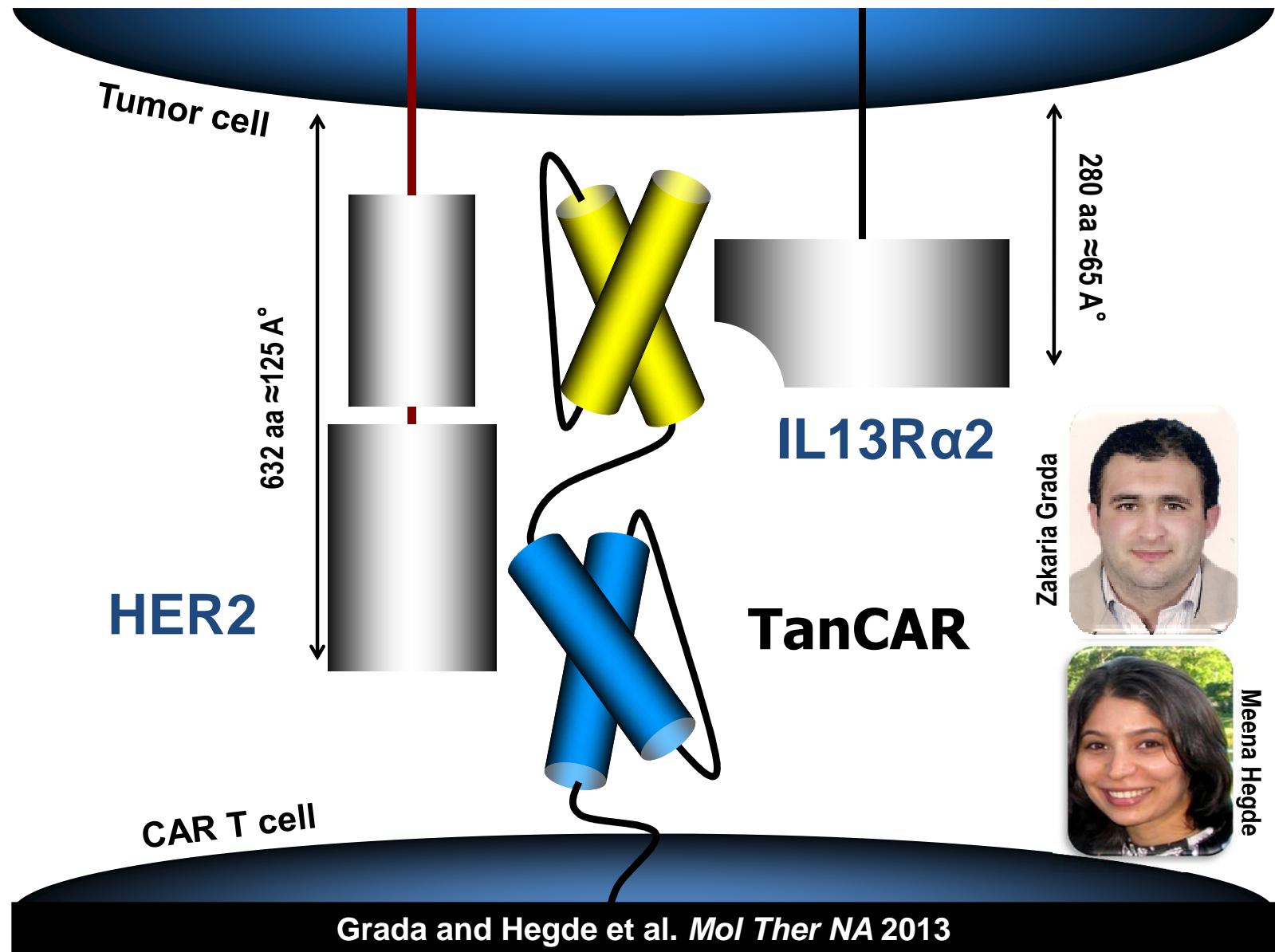
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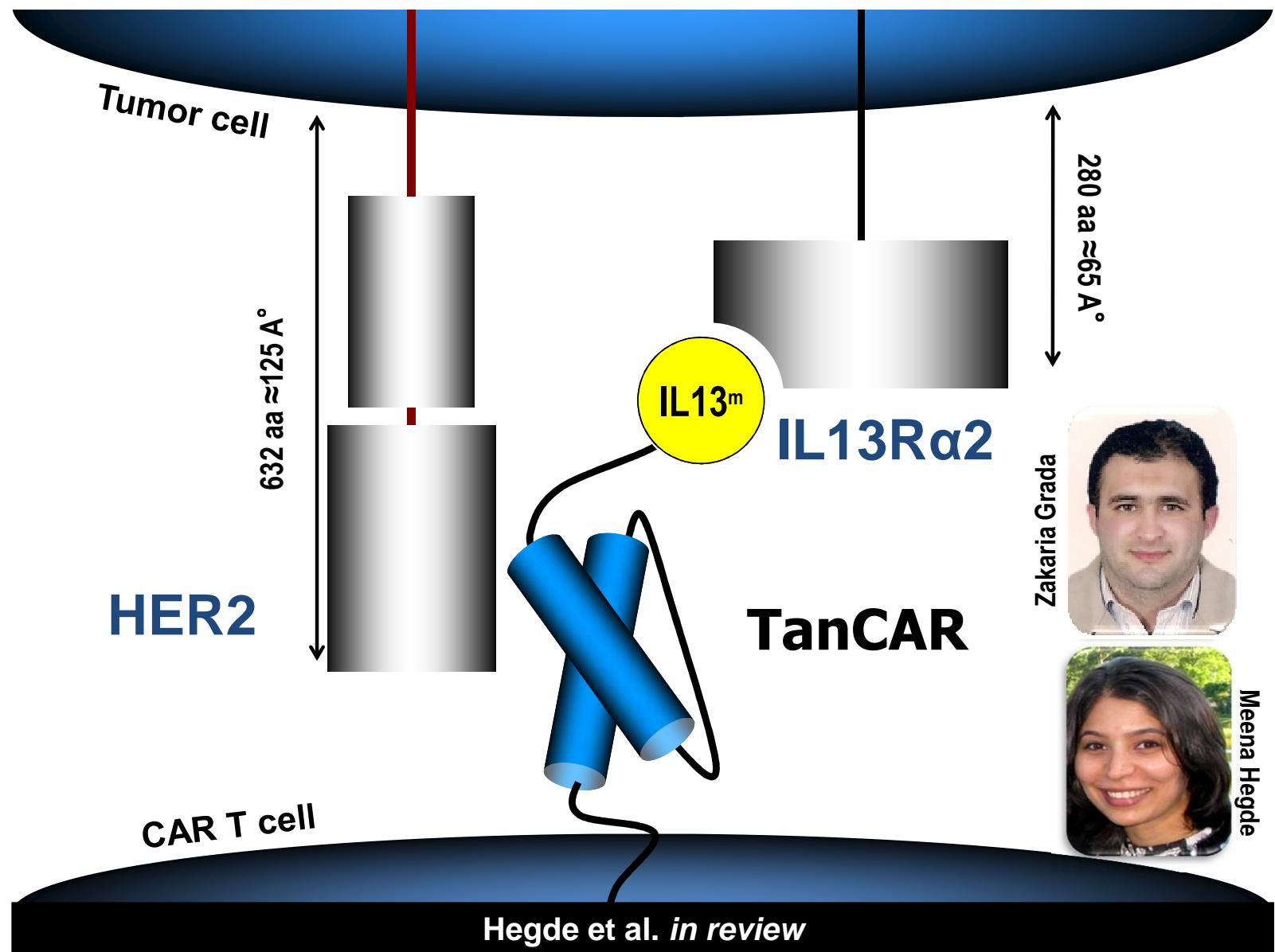


# Offsetting Antigen Escape



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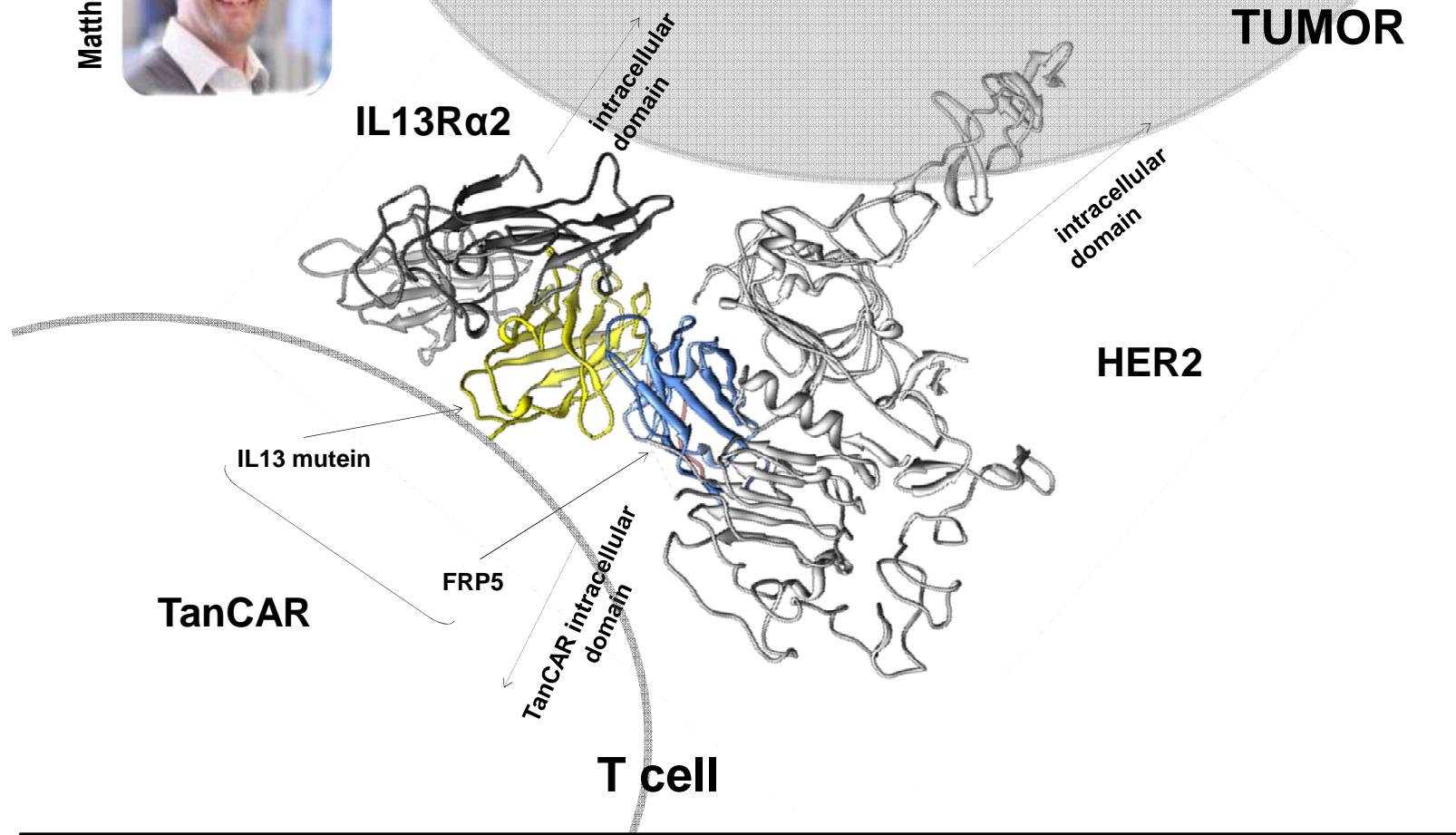




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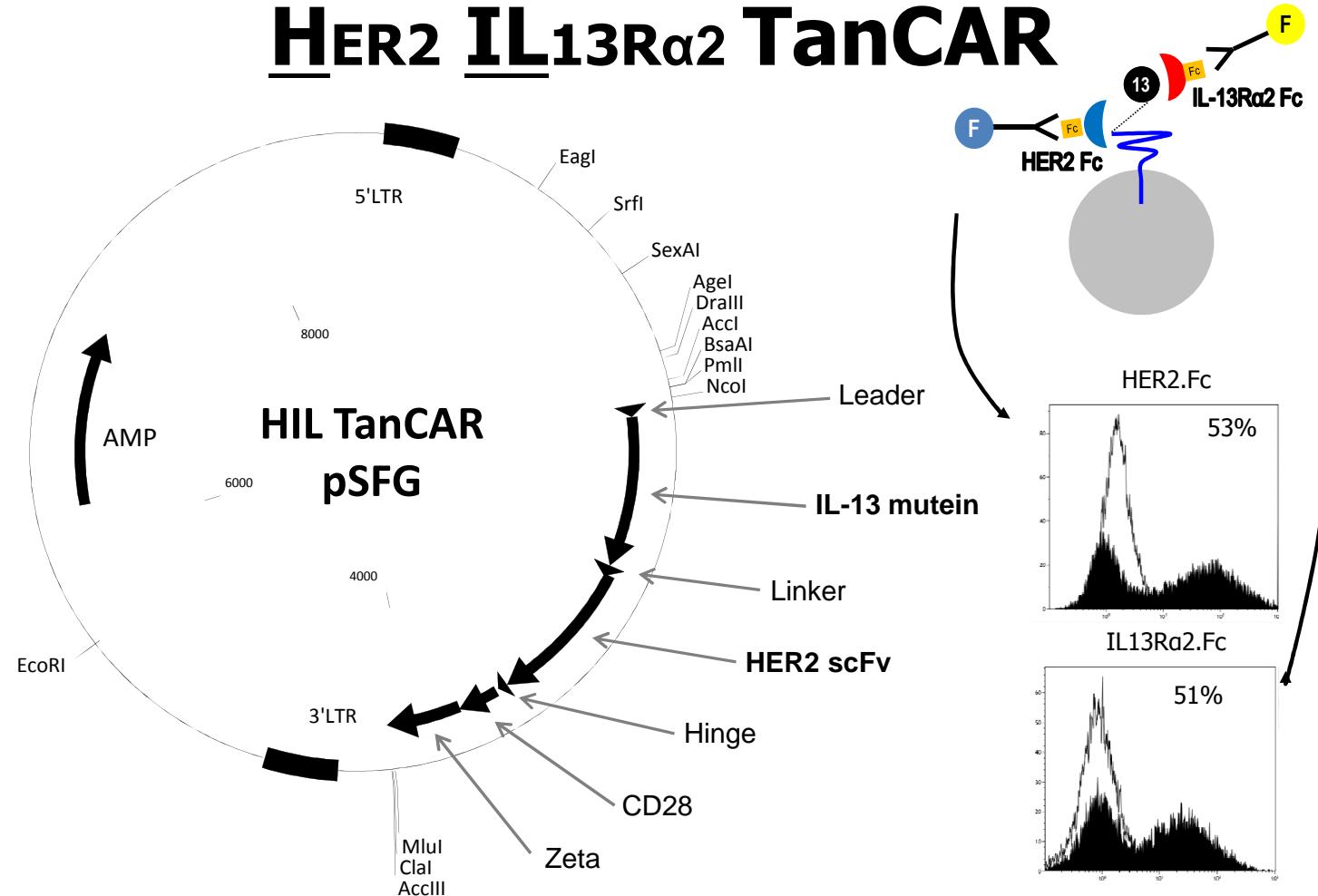


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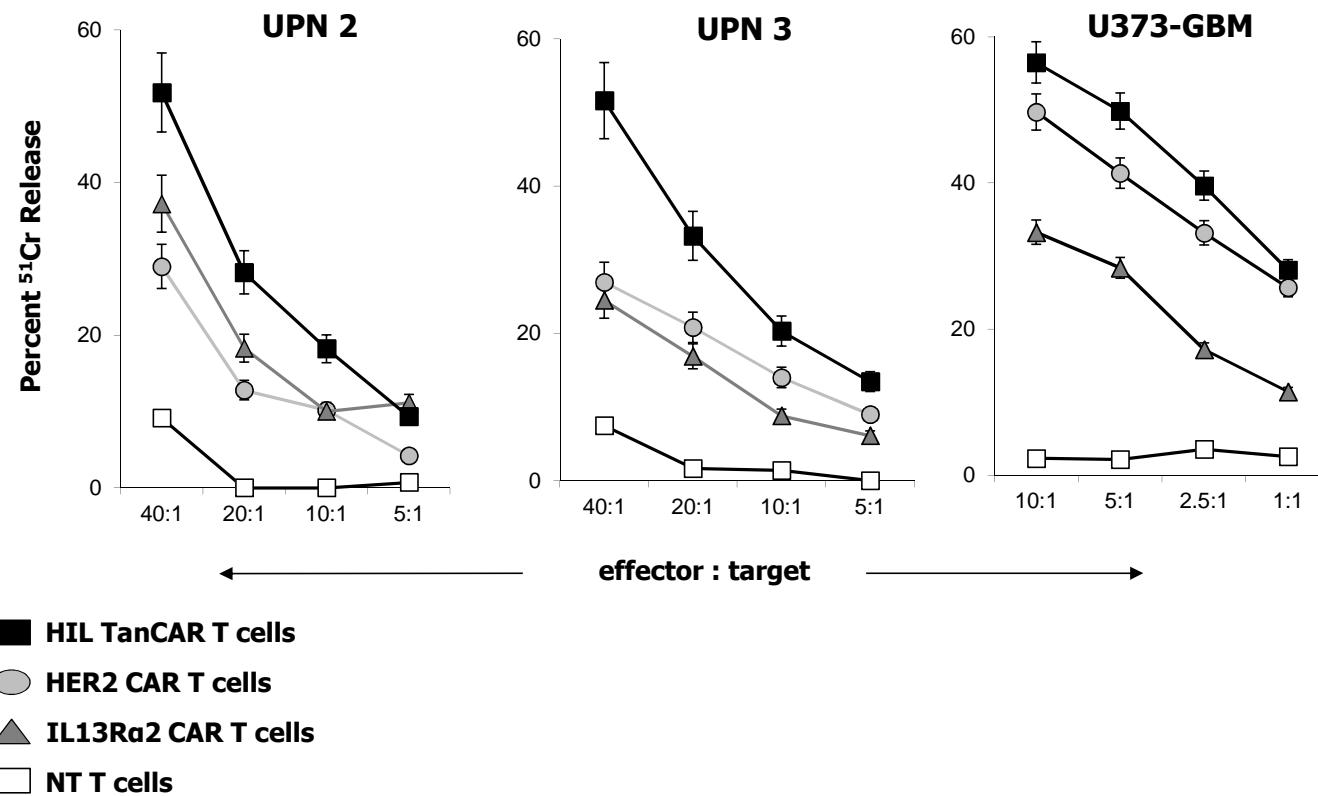
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# HER2 IL13R $\alpha$ 2 TanCAR



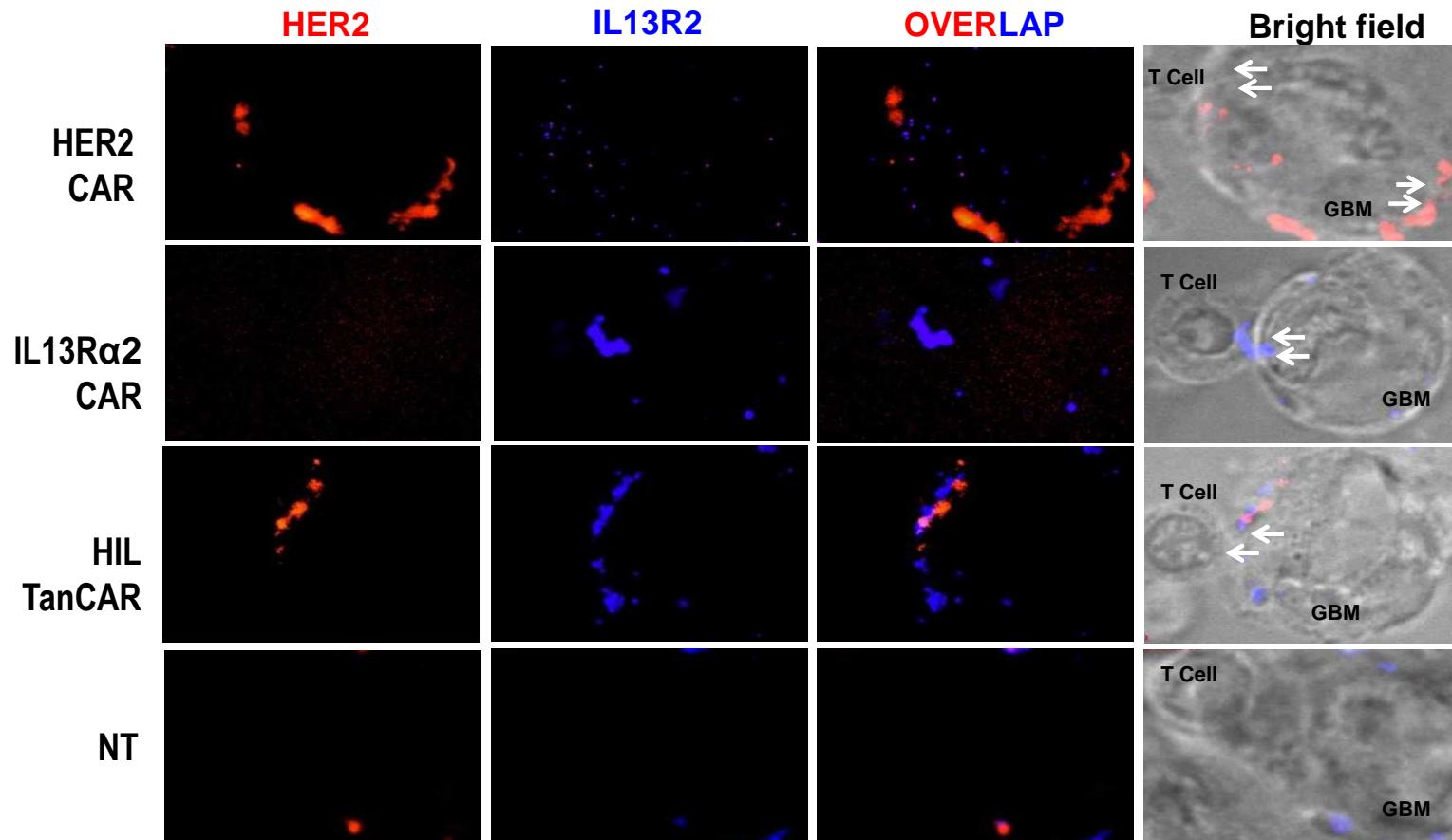
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# Enhanced Cytolysis



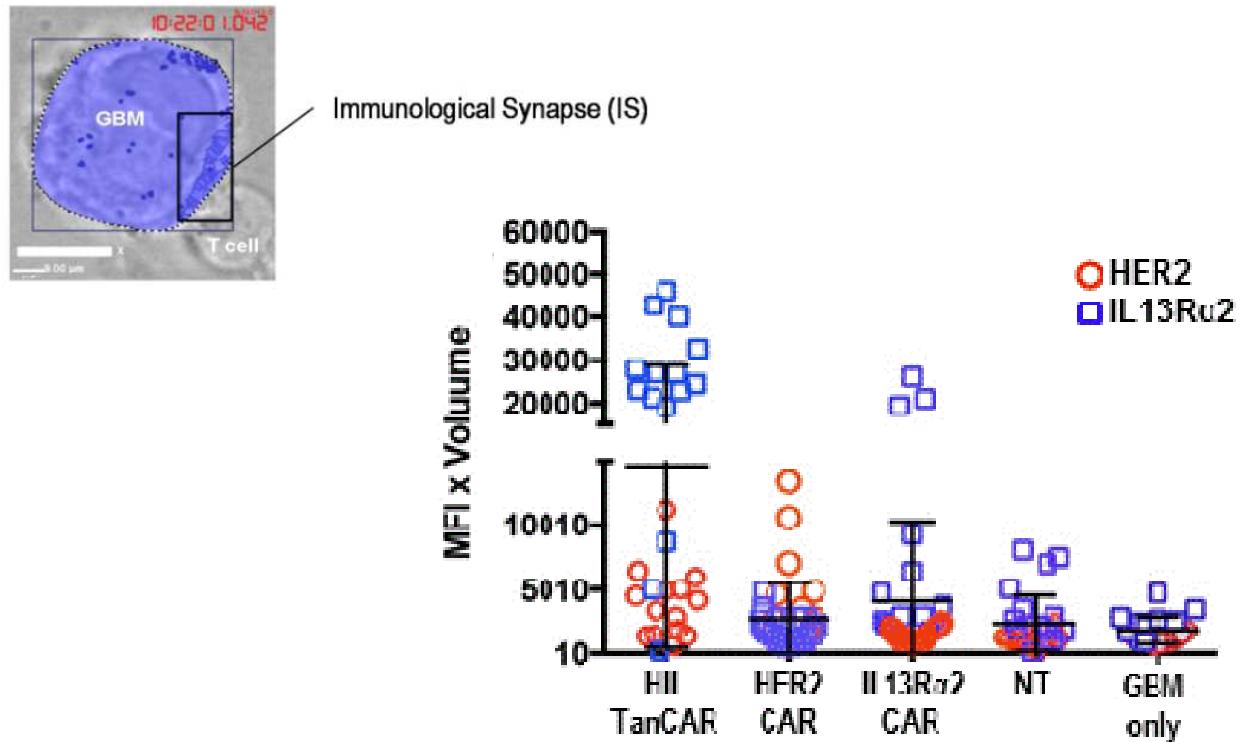
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# HIL TanCAR Synapse



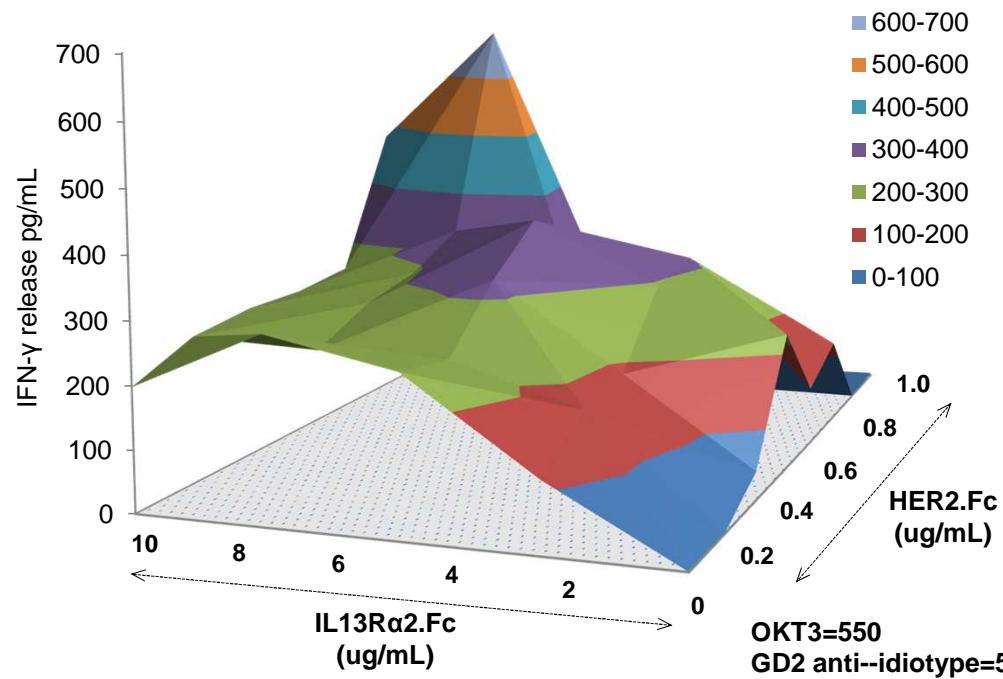
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# Larger HIL TanCAR Synapse



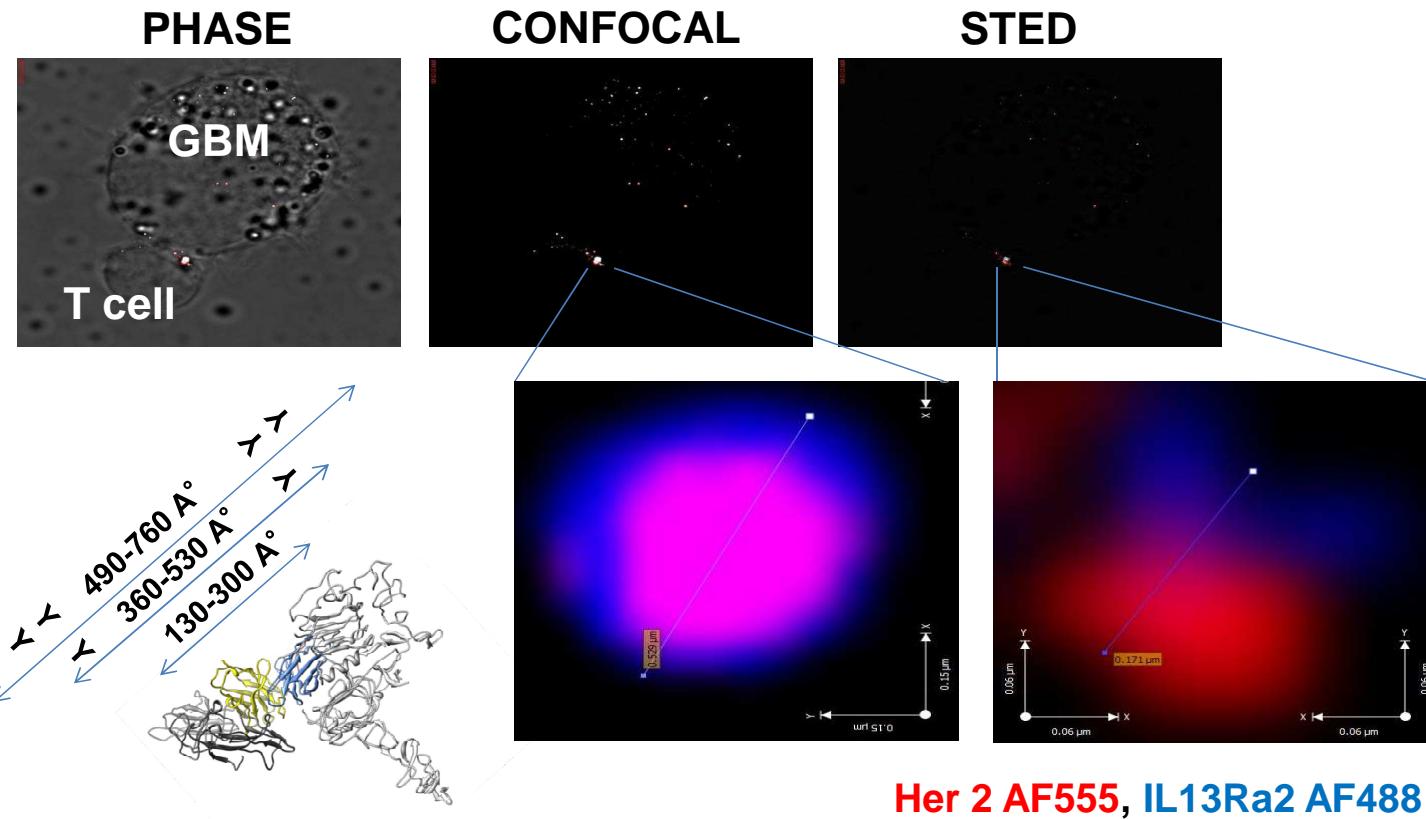
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# Dynamics of Activation: IFN $\gamma$

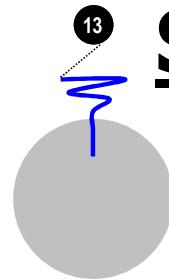


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# Can TanCAR Co-engage Targets?

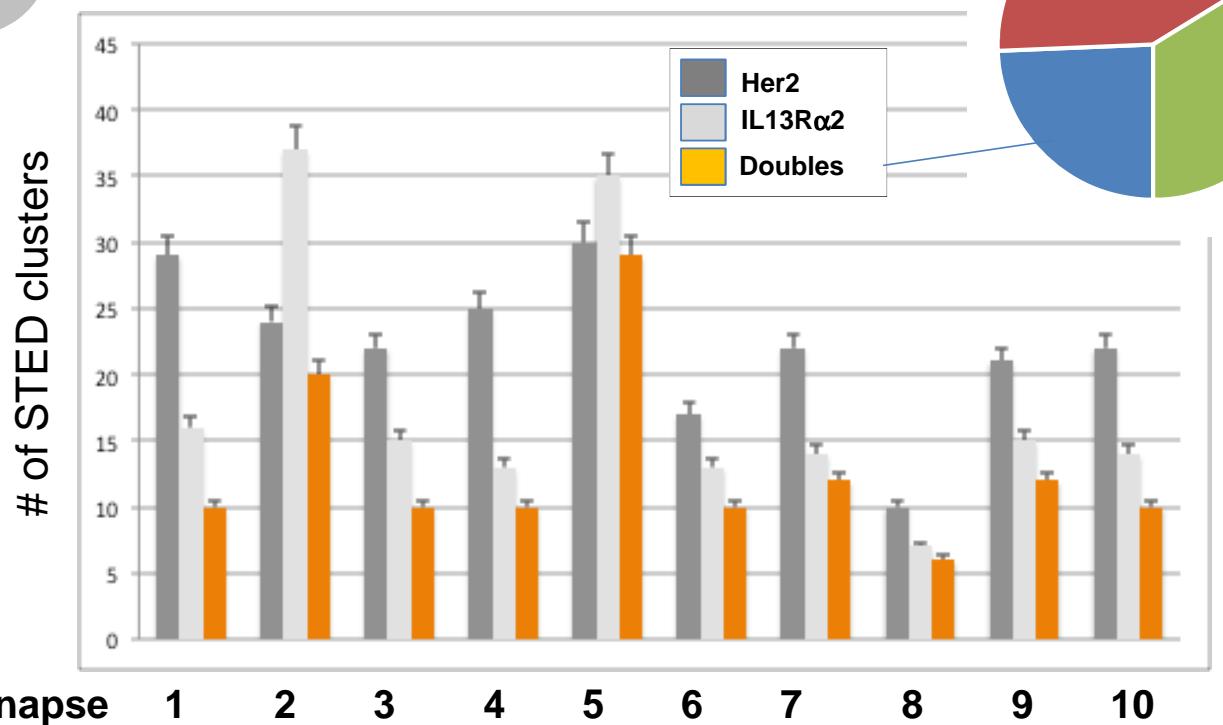


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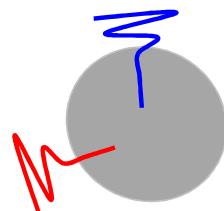
# Simultaneous Engagement?

Tan.CAR T cells

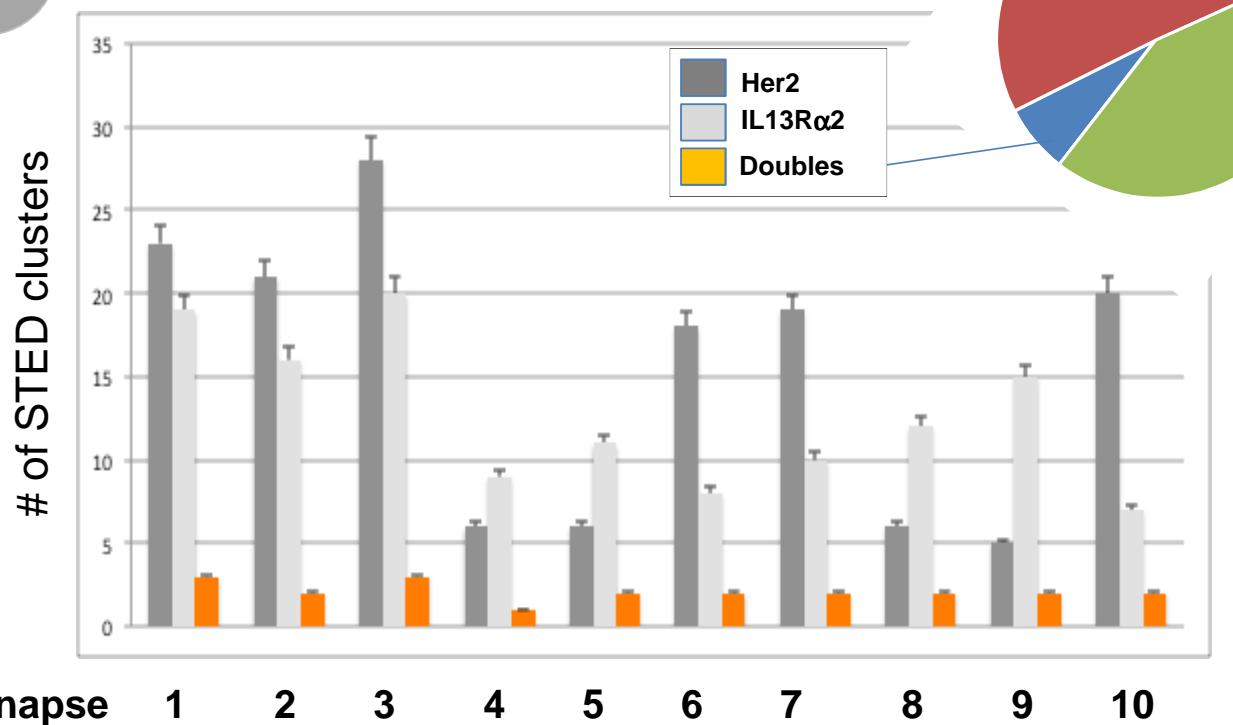


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# Unimodal Synapse

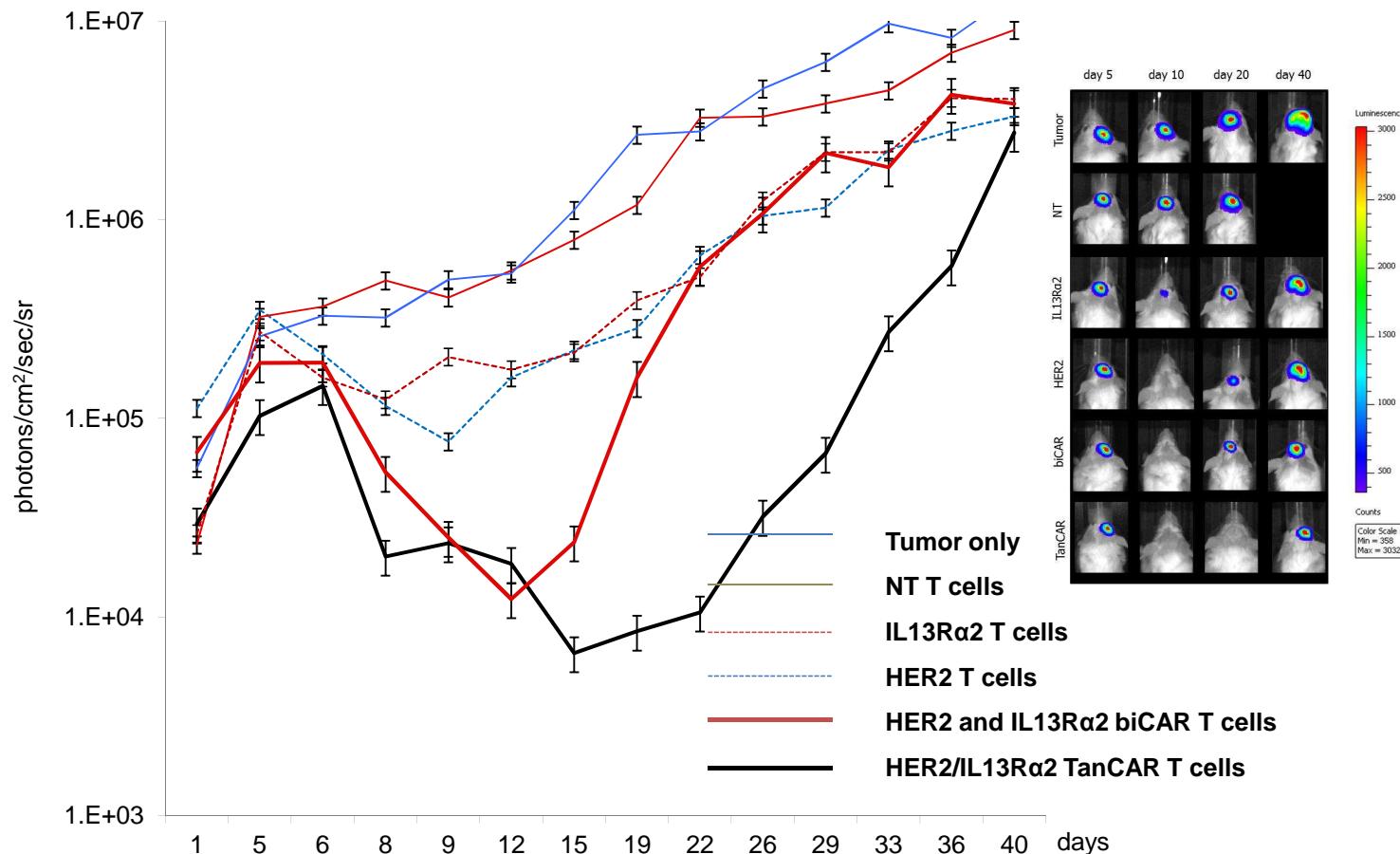


## bi.CAR T cells



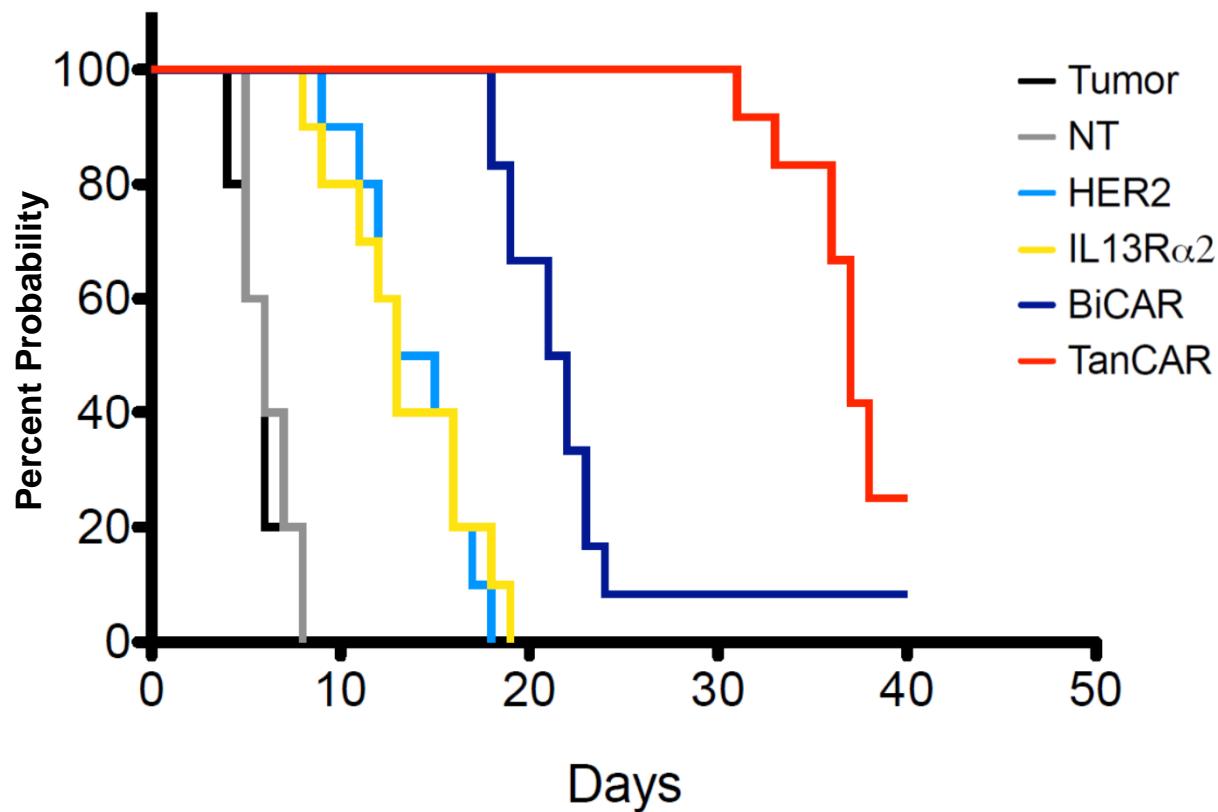
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# Anti-glioma *in vivo* Activity



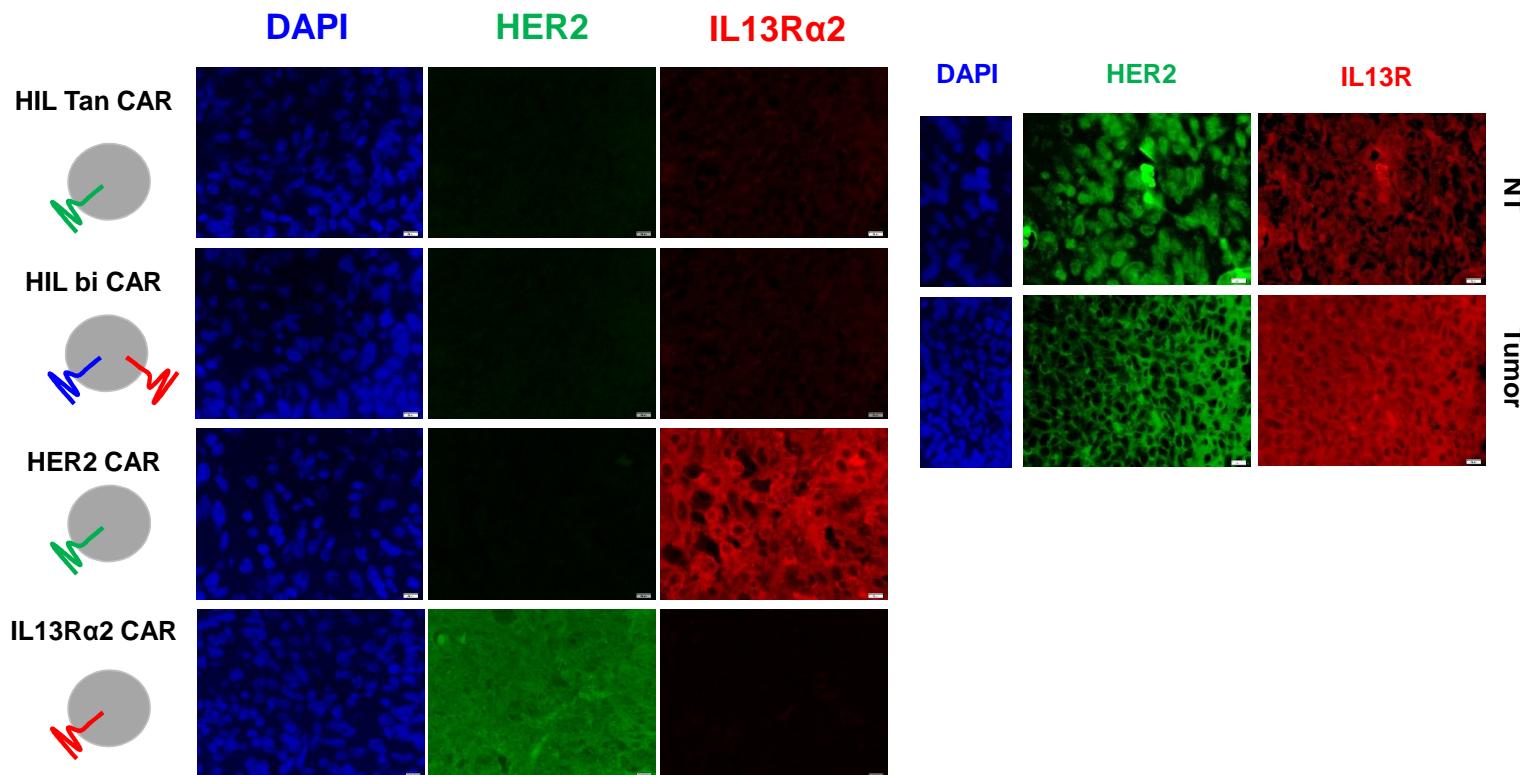
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# Improved TTP



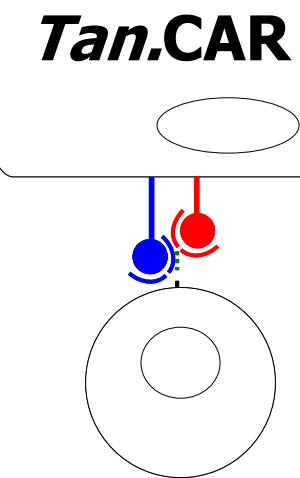
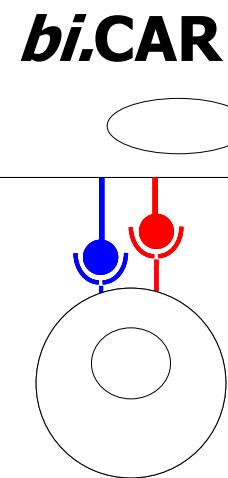
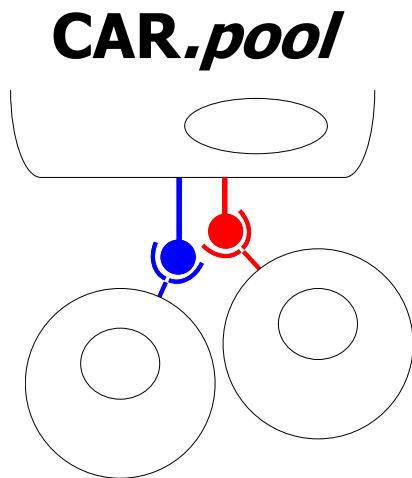
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# Mitigating Antigen Escape



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# Conclusion: TanCAR T cells



offset antigen escape

offset antigen escape

+ enhance T cell activation

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+ selective synergy

# Future

## TanCAR Molecules

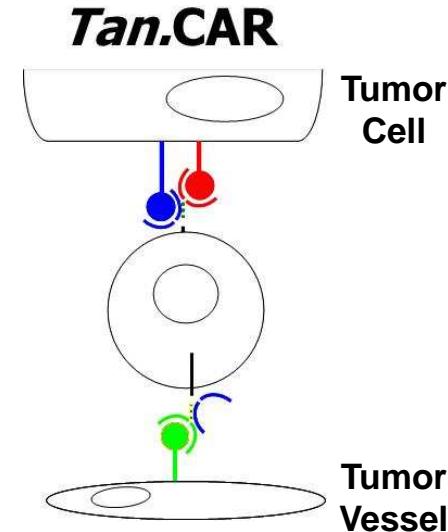
CIS: HER2/GD2

TRANS: TAA/TEM8

## Target the tumor PROFILE

Custom-made vs. Universal CART  
Develop an RNA platform

## HIL TanCAR in a Phase I trial .....



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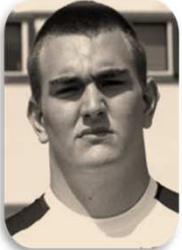
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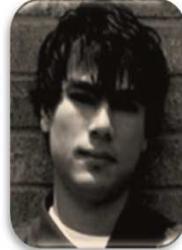
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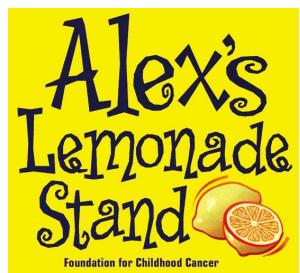
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