

# Immunotherapy in Genitourinary Cancers

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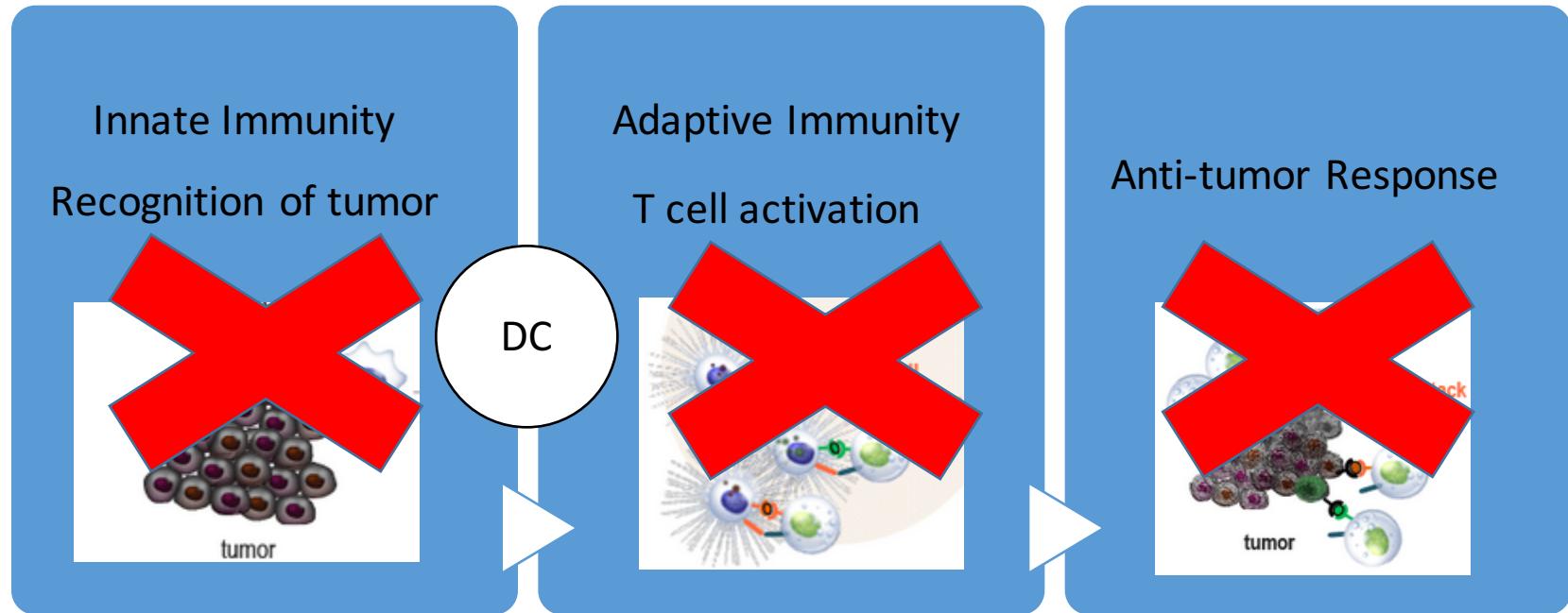
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# Outline

- Cancer Immunology
- Current Data of Immunotherapy in GU Cancers
- New Immunotherapy Concepts in GU cancers
- Future Research Directions

# Immune System and Cancer

## Tolerance



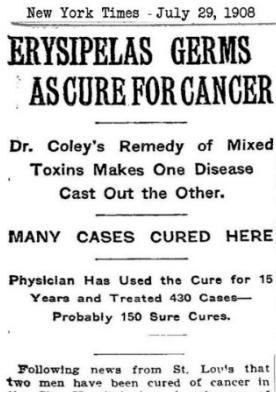
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# Cancer Immunotherapy

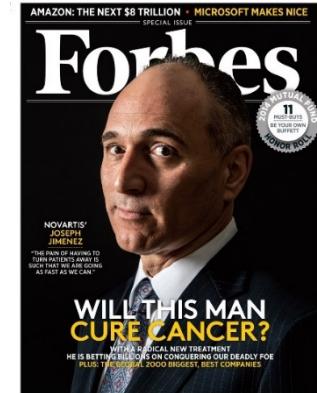
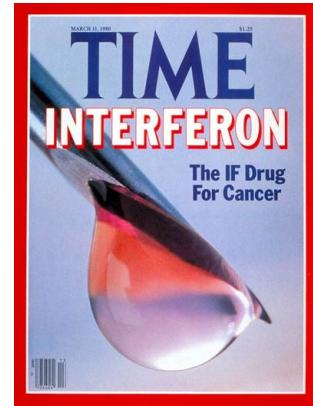
Break tolerance and reinvigorate antitumor immunity



Albert Calmette  
(1863-1933)



Camille Guérin  
(1872-1961)

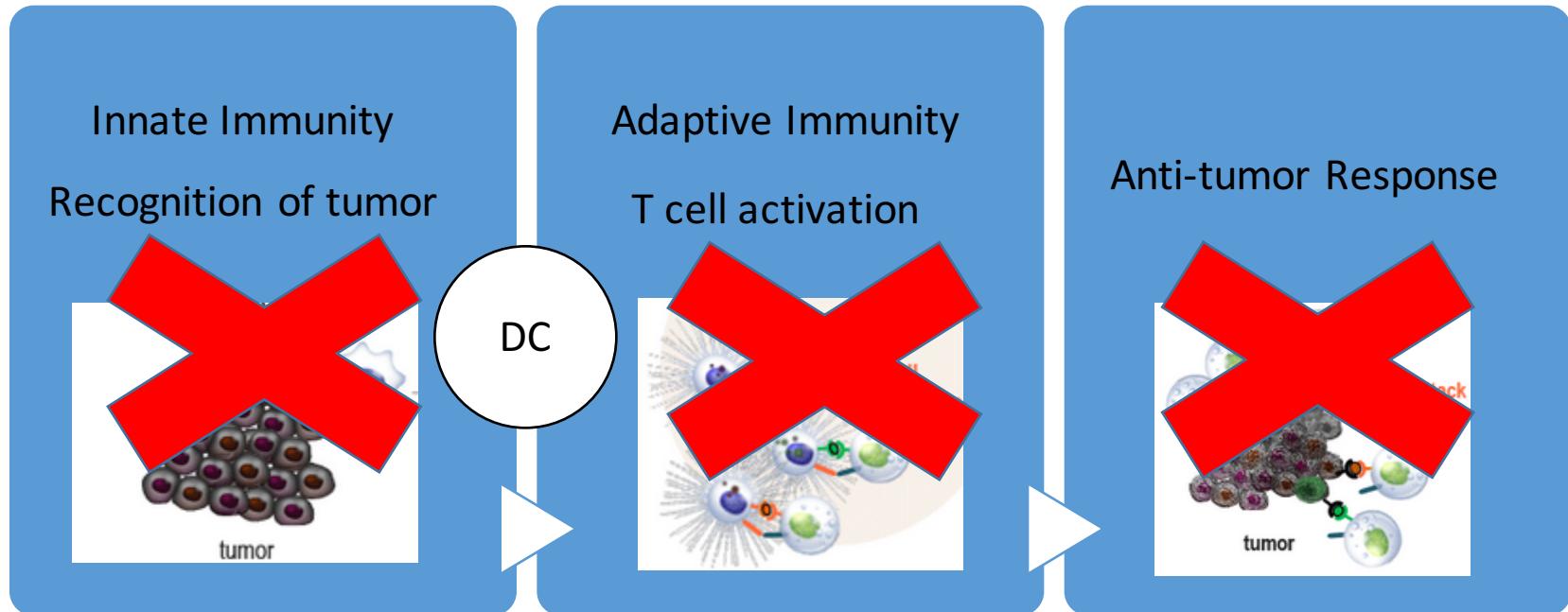


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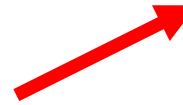
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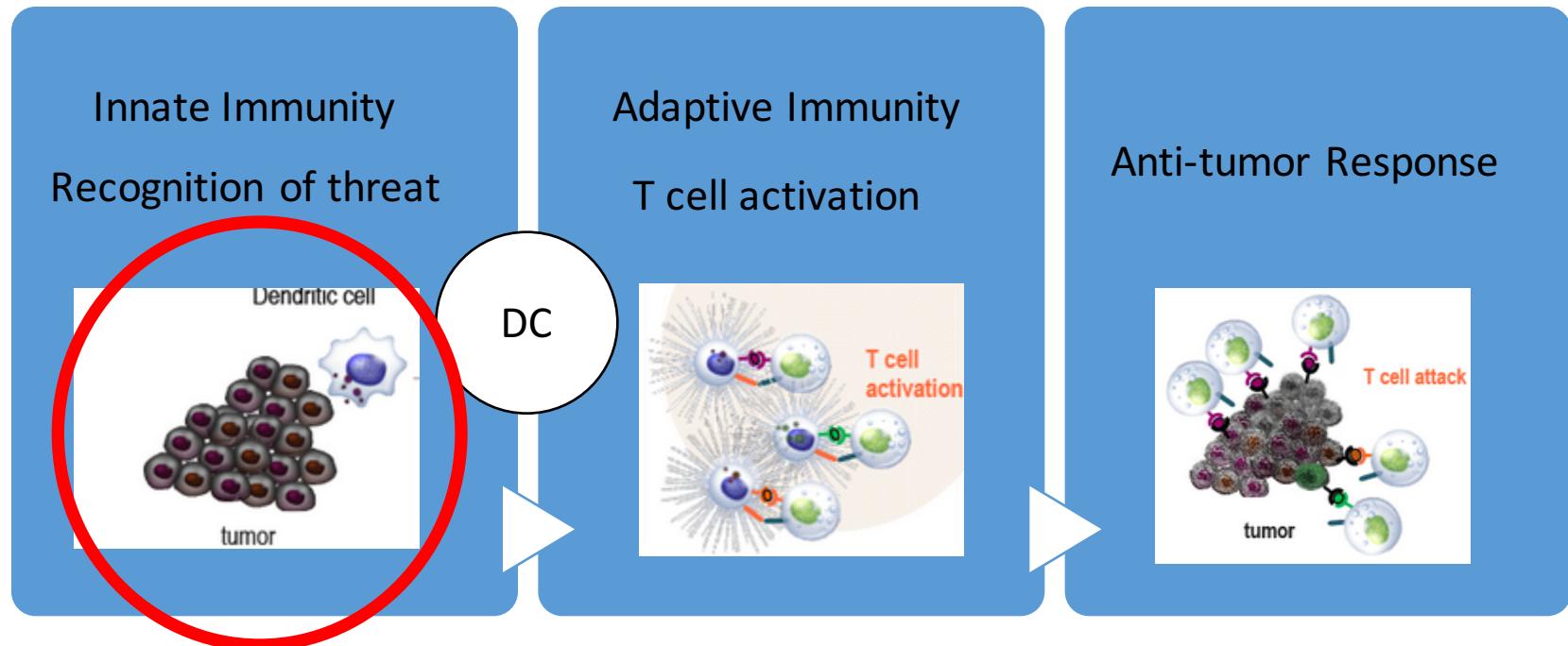


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Combinational approach

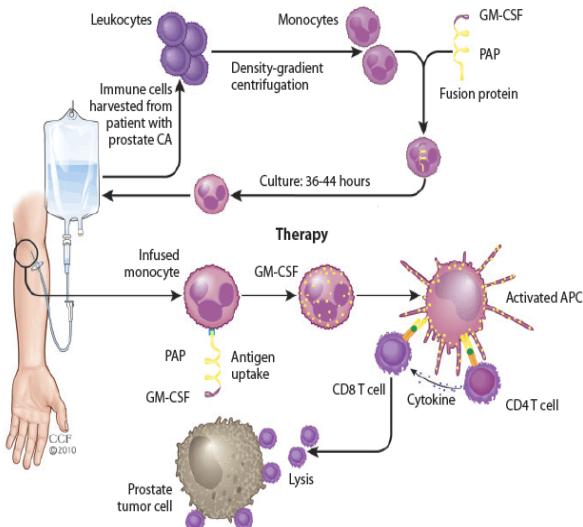
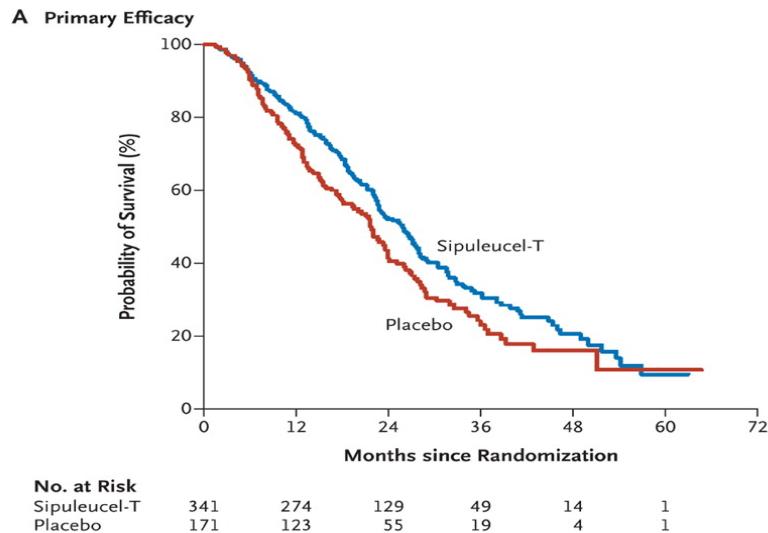
# Vaccine combination



# Sipuleucel-T

## Autologous DC vaccine

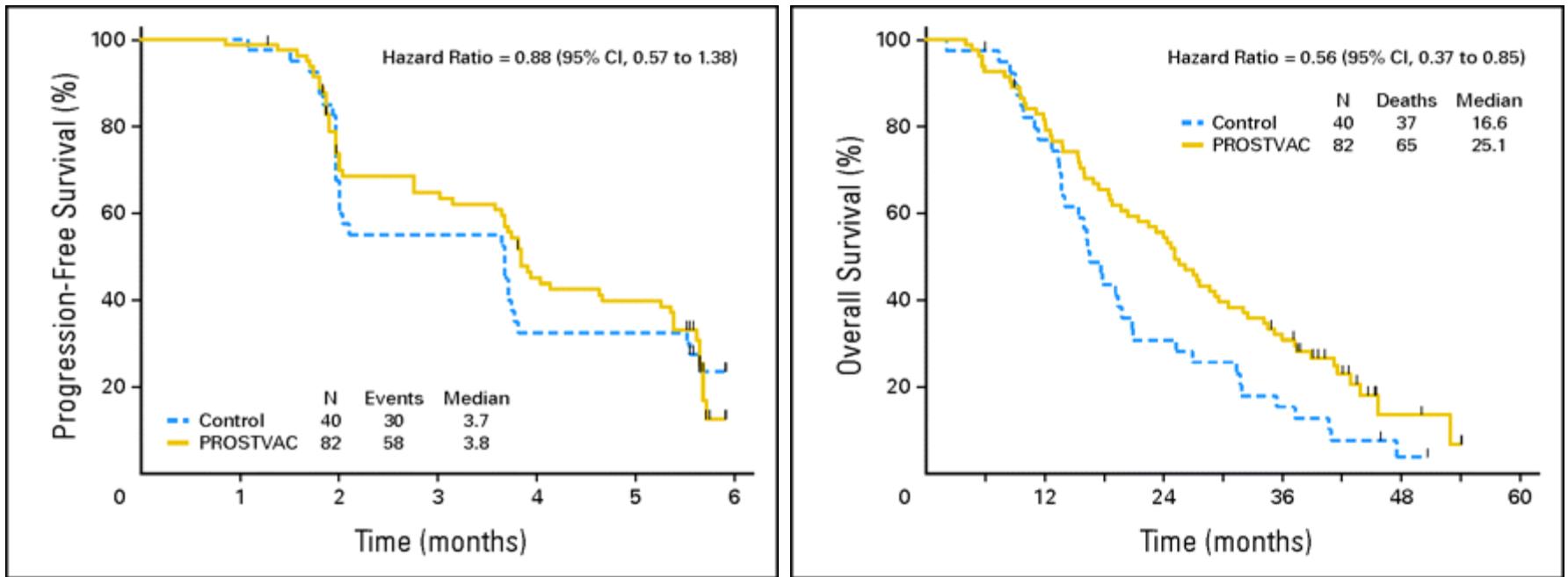
- PBMCs collected by leukapheresis
  - Cultured in EX VIVO with PA2024 (fusion protein of PAP and GM-CSF)
- Re-infusion of vaccine product x 3
  - Prime and boost



HR 0.775; P .032  
(25.8 vs. 21.7)

\*No difference in PFS  
1 PR  
2.6% PSA response ( $\downarrow >50\%$ )

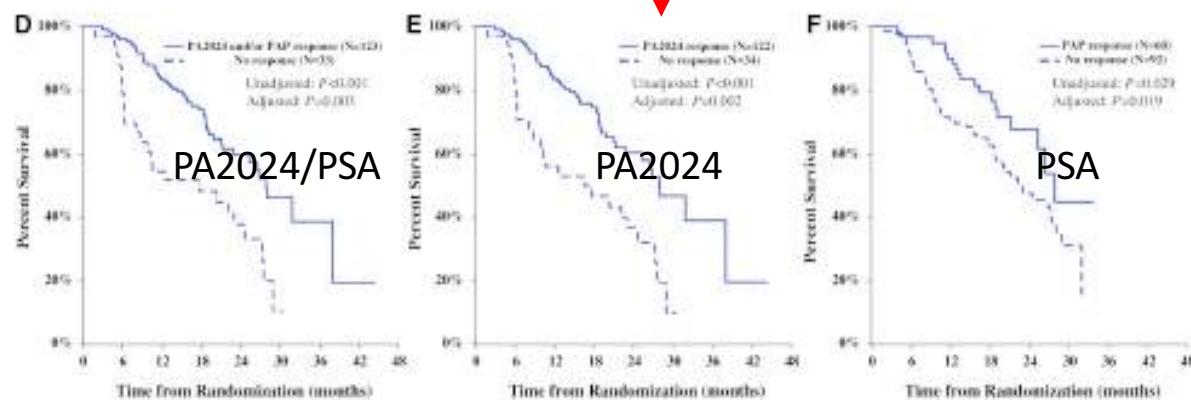
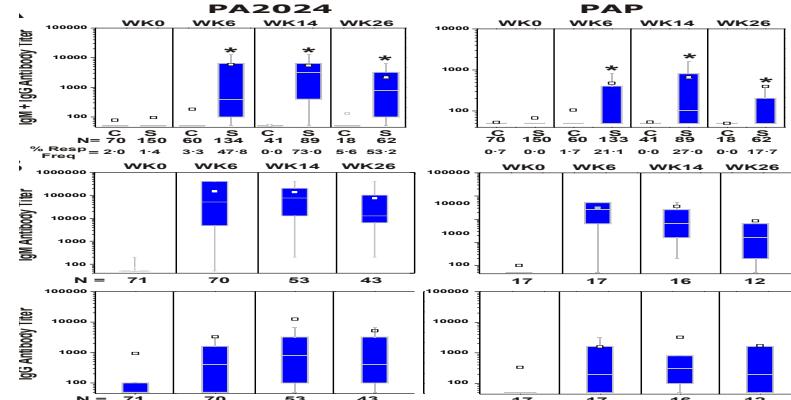
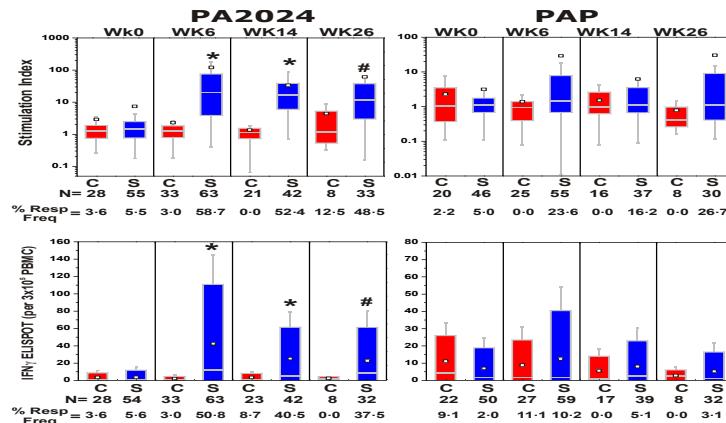
# PROSTVAC-VF



1 PSA response > 80%. No radiographic response

## Sipuleucel-T immune parameters correlate with survival: an analysis of the randomized phase 3 clinical trials in men with castration-resistant prostate cancer

### Sip-T induces long-lasting cellular and humoral immune responses



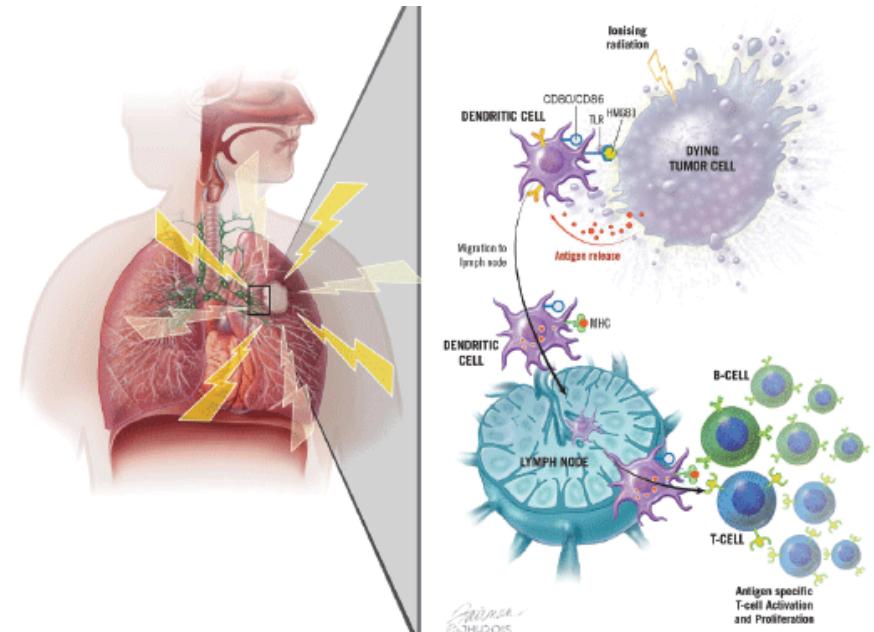
# Hypothesis I

Enhanced sipuleucel-T-induced immune response  
may translate into better clinical outcome

# Immune Modulation by Radiation

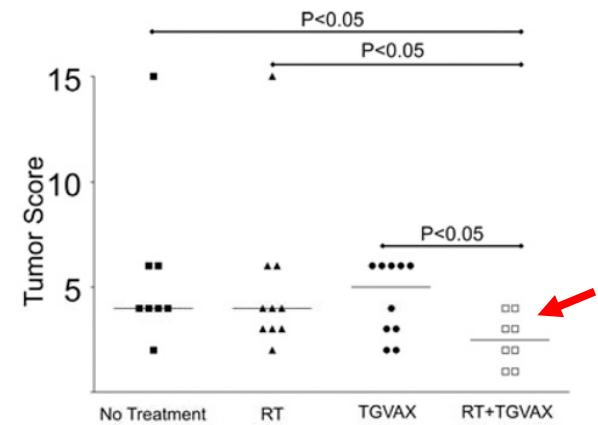
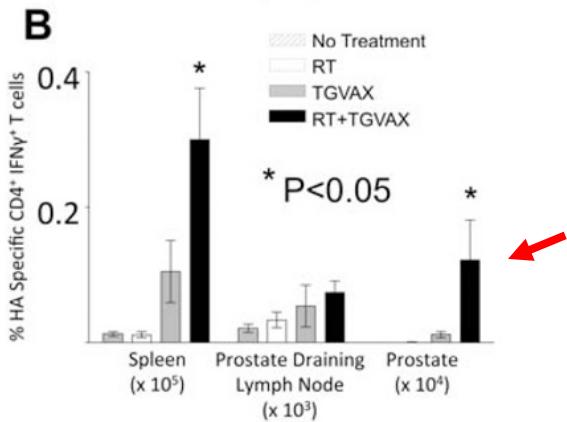
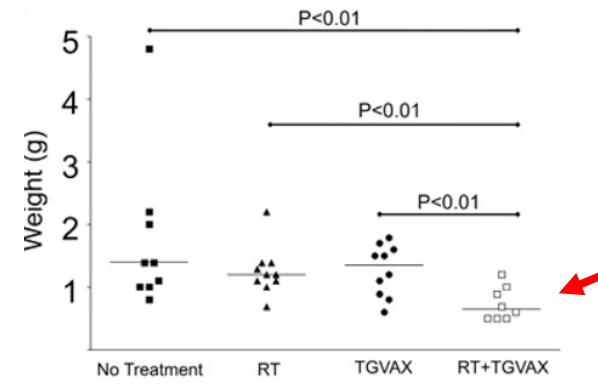
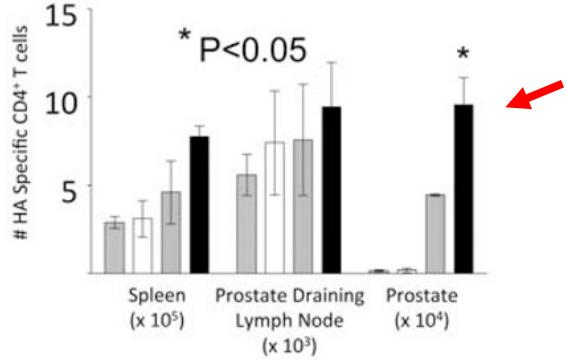
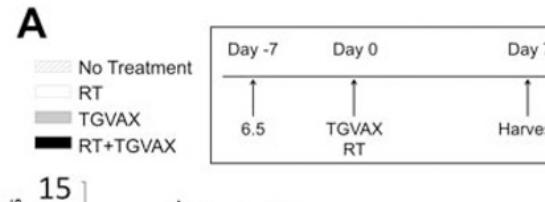
**RT-induced cell death = immunogenic cell death?**

- Release of TAAs
- Enhanced display of TAAs
- Enhanced expression of cell surface molecules
  - MHC class 1, ICAM-1
- Complex effects on TME

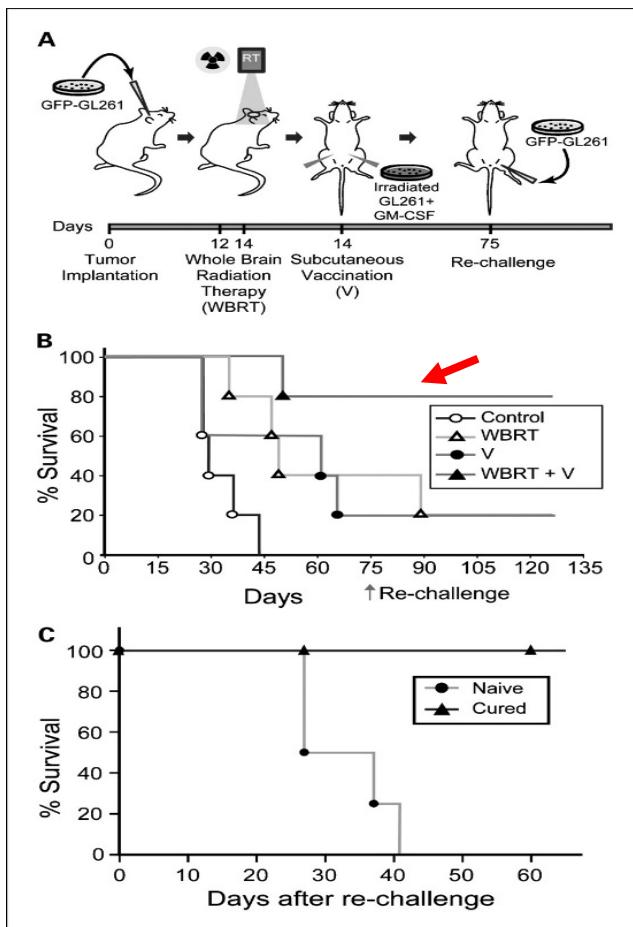


**In-situ personalized “vaccine”**

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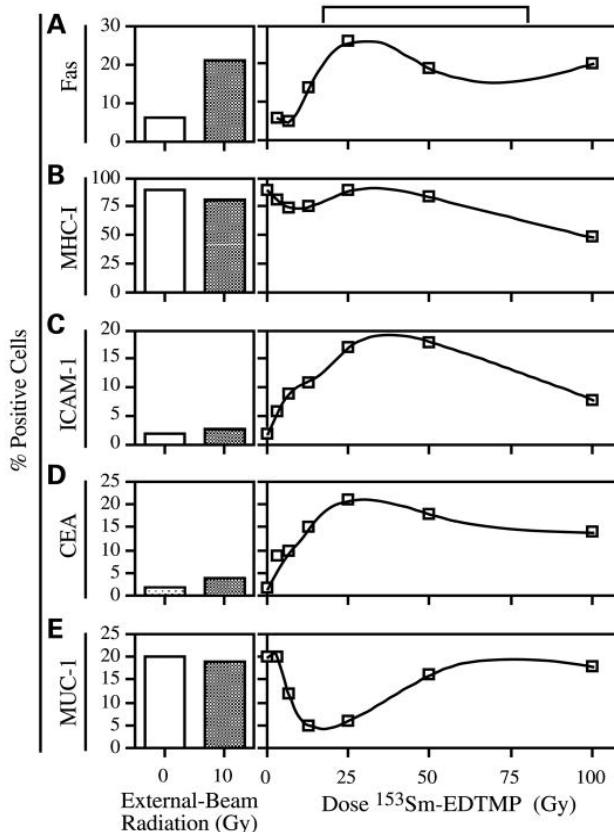
WBRT:  
Upregulation of MHC-I  
CD4/CD8 T cell tumor infiltration

# Radiation + Vaccine: Clinical trials

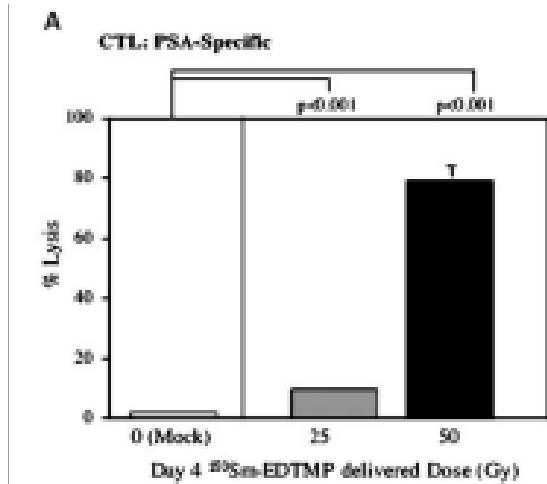
- Phase II Sipuleucel-T + EBRT (NCT01807065): closed
  - Feasibility
- Phase II Sipuleucel-T + SABR (NCT01818986): open
  - Time to progression
- Pilot Sipuleucel-T + EBRT (NCT01833208): open
  - Ag specific T cell activation
- Multicenter Sipuleucel-T + EBRT (NCT02232230): open
  - Ag specific T cell activation

# Immune Modulation by Radiopharmaceuticals

$^{153}\text{Sm-EDTMP}$



	0 Gy	25 Gy	50 Gy
<i>Accessory genes</i>			
<i>Fas</i>	1	2	2
<i>ICAM-1</i>	1	29	34
<i>Tumor antigen genes</i>			
<i>PSA</i>	1	2.8	2.8
<i>PSM4</i>	1	4.2	4.6
<i>PAP</i>	1	29	36
<i>CEA</i>	1	10	13
<i>MUC-1</i>	1	3.7	2.9



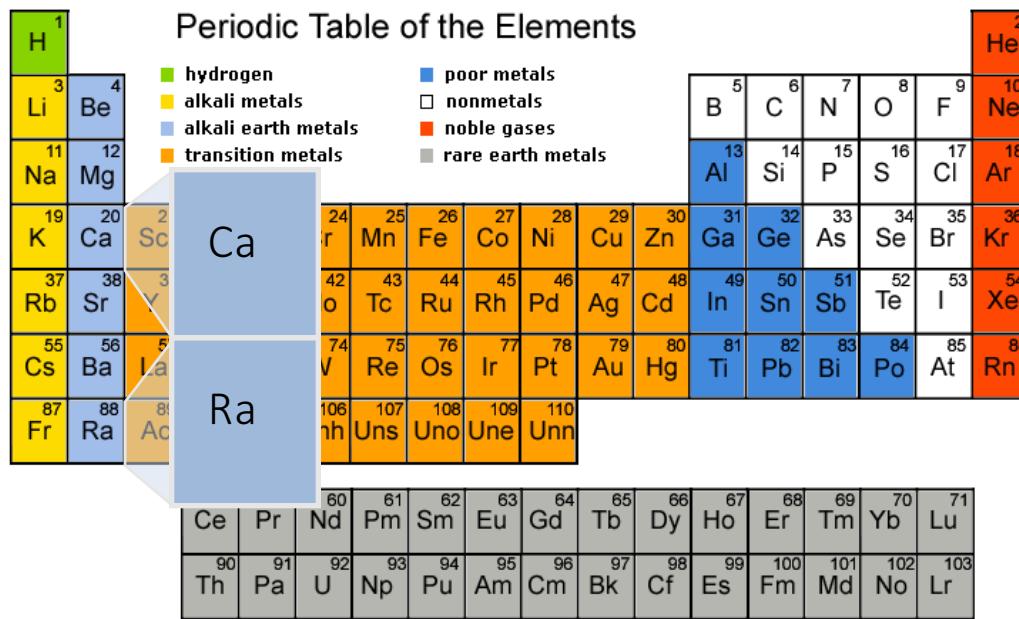
# Radiopharmaceutical + Vaccine

Phase II samarium-153 EDTMP (Sm-153) +/- PROSTVAC vaccine

	<b>Sm-153</b>	<b>Sm-153 + PSA-TRICOM</b>	
<b>PFS</b>			
At 4 mo	3/18 (16.7%)	8/21 (38.1%)	p=0.13
mPFS (mo)	1.7	3.7	HR=0.48, p=0.034
<b>PSA decline</b>			
≥ 30%	0	4/21 (19.0%)	p=0.073
≥ 50%	0	2/21 (9.5%)	p=0.283

Sm-153 on D#8 and then Q12 weeks +/- PSA-TRICOM on D# 1, 15, 29, then Q4 weeks  
Early closure of this trial due to poor accrual after 44 pts

# Radium-223



## Hypothesis II

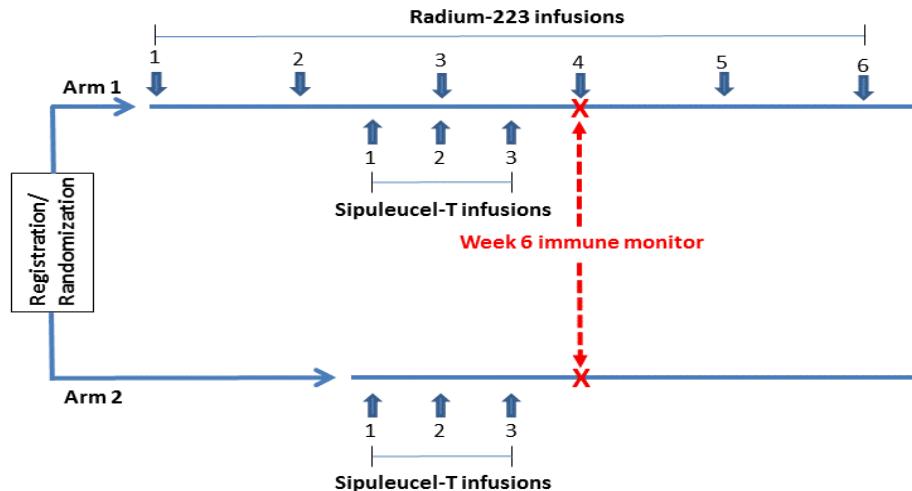
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Combined radium-223 may enhance  
sipuleucel-T induced immune response

# Phase II Study of Sipuleucel-T with or without Radium-223

mCRPC with no or minimal Sx

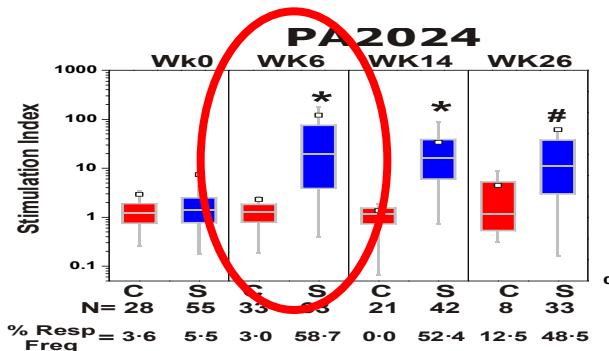


1' Objective:

To determine whether Rad-223 to sipuleucel-T enhances i

1' Endpoint:

**PA2024-specific T-cell proliferation** at 6 weeks after 1<sup>st</sup> sip



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## 2' Clinical Endpoints

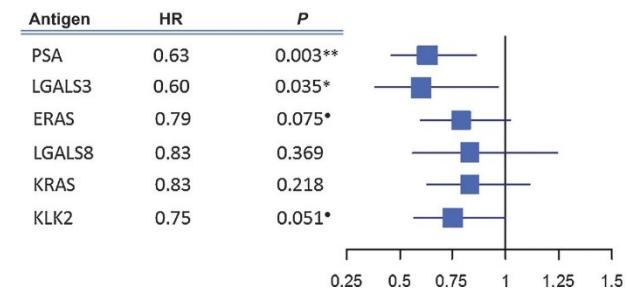
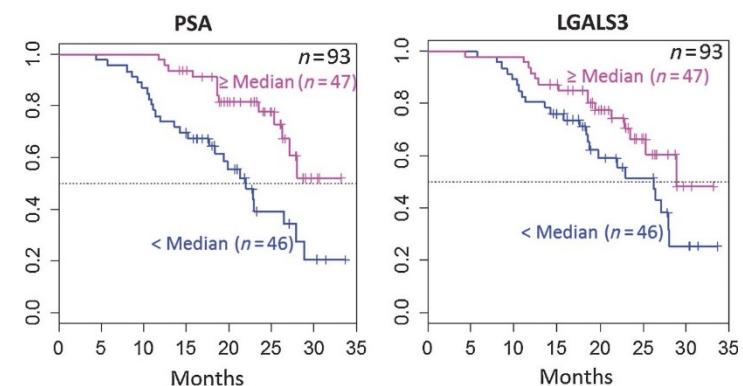
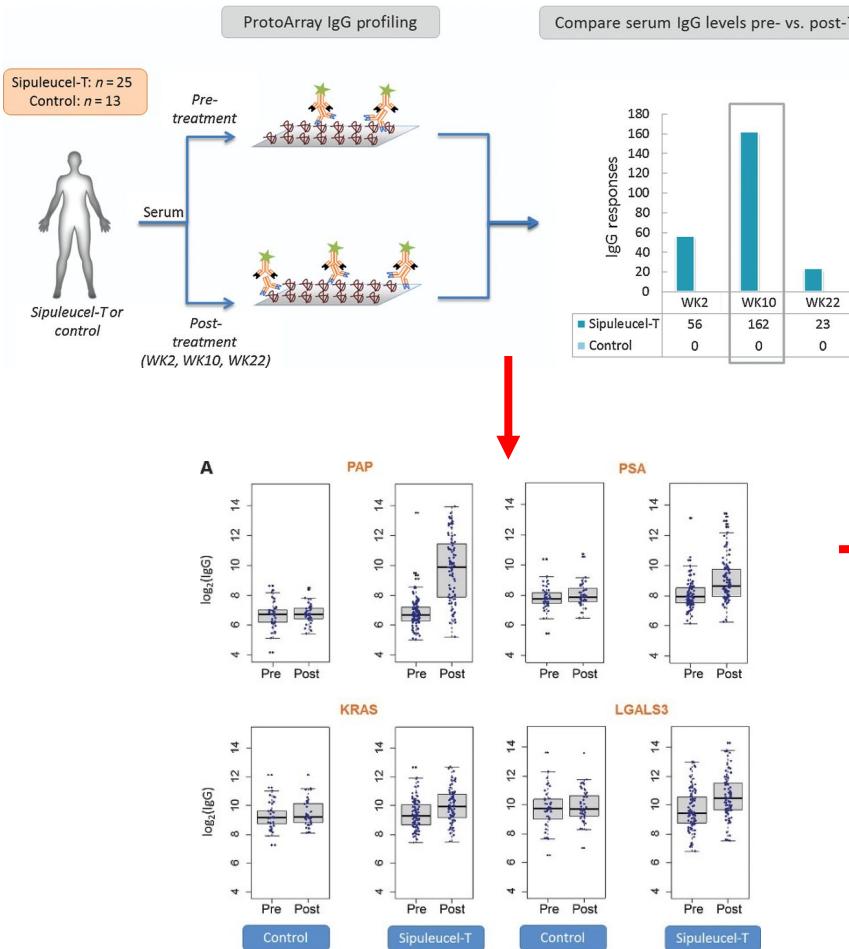
- Safety (CTCAE v4.0 )
- PSA progression (PCWG2)
- Radiographic progression (RECIST/PCWG2)
- Pain progression (Use of opioid analgesics )
- Occurrence of first SRE
- First chemotherapy use

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## 2' Immune Endpoints

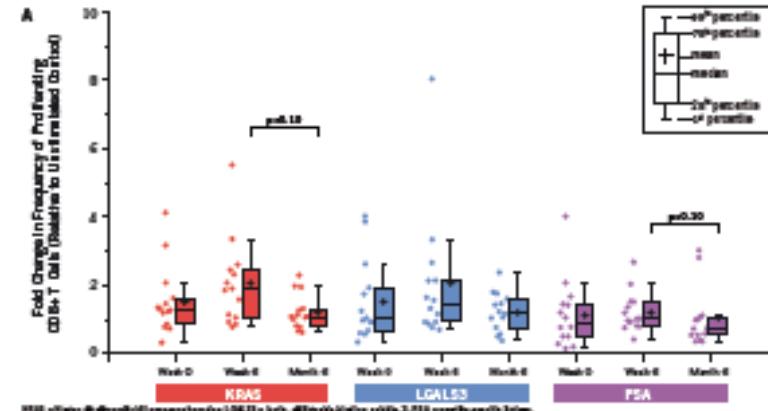
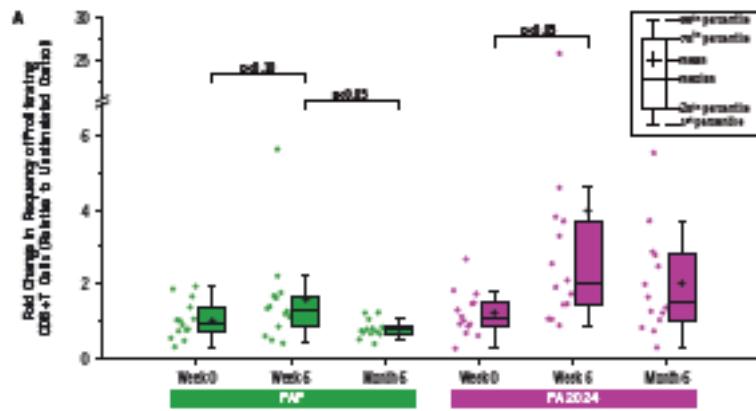
- PA2024-and PAP-specific T-cell proliferation
  - $^3\text{H}$ -thymidine assay
- PA2024-and PAP-specific T-cell activation
  - IFN $\gamma$  ELISPOT
- PA2024-and PAP-specific Ab (IgM/IgG) response
  - ELISA
- **Sipuleucel-T induced antigen (epitope) spread**
  - IgG responses to off-target Ags (Protein microarray)
- Product immune parameters

# Humoral Immune Response against Nontargeted Tumor Antigens after Treatment with Sipuleucel-T and Its Association with Improved Clinical Outcome



# Sipuleucel-T induced Antigen Spread CD8 T cell responses to secondary antigens

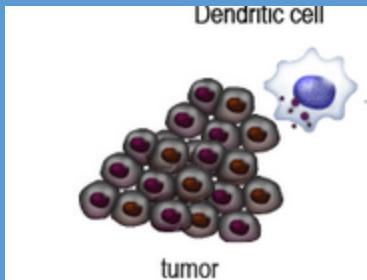
- PBMCs obtained from STAND (n=10) and STRIDE (n=4) trial
- CD8 T cell proliferation to secondary antigens
  - KRAS, LGALS3, PSA
  - At baseline, week 6, and month 6



# Immune Checkpoint

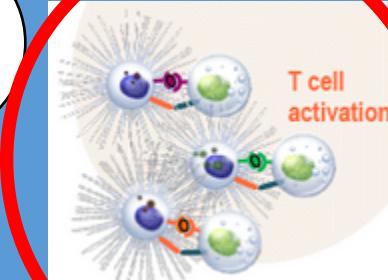
Innate Immunity

Recognition of threat

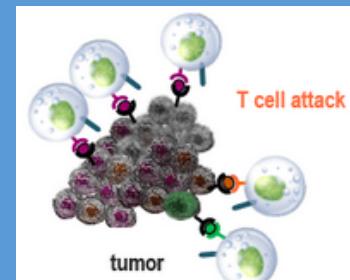


Adaptive Immunity

T cell activation



Anti-tumor Response



# Atezolizumab vs. Pembrolizumab vs. Avelumab Post-platinum mUC

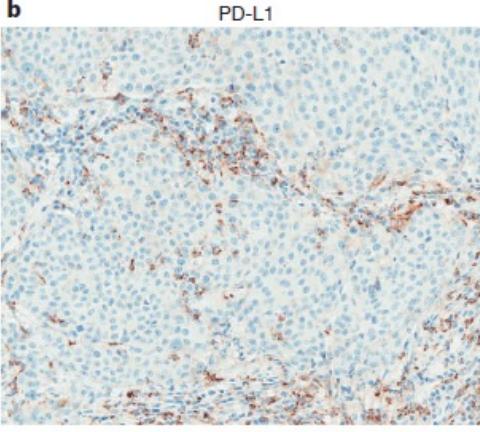
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		-	9%
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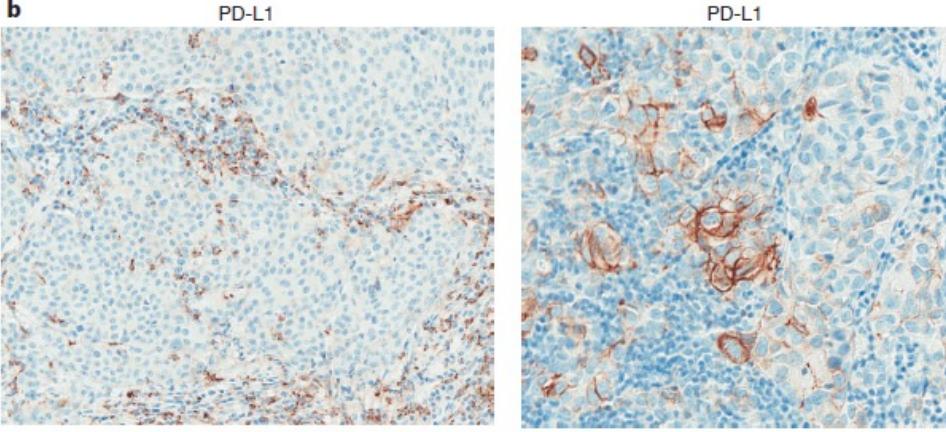
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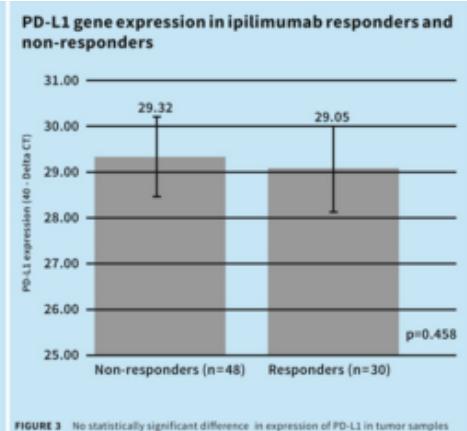
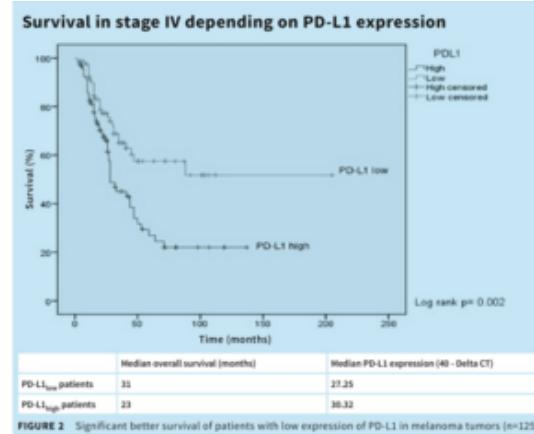
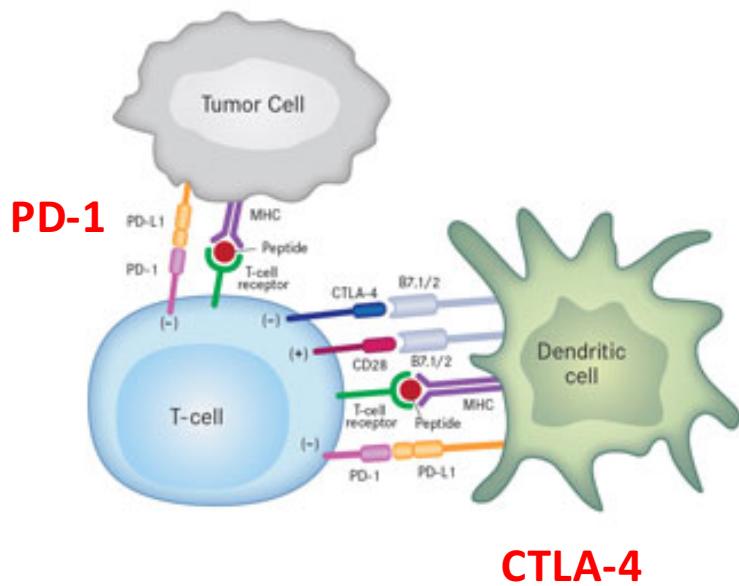
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**b** PD-L1



Tumour-infiltrating immune cells      Tumour cells

# Dual Immune Checkpoint Inhibition: Anti-PD-1/PD-L1 + Anti-CTLA-4



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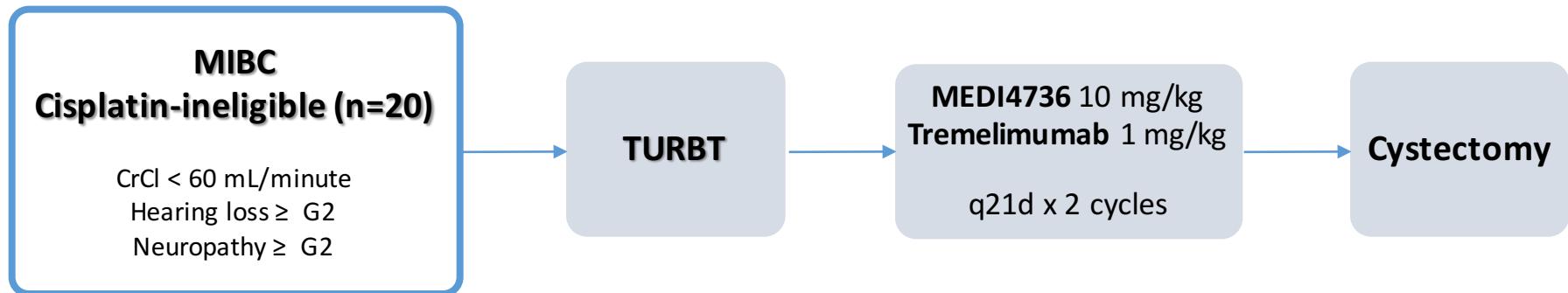
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Herbst	mSolid Tumors	Atezolizumab	PD-L1	34%	16%
McDermott	mRCC	Atezolizumab	PD-L1	20%	10%
Horn	mNSCLC	Atezolizumab	PD-L1	45%	14%
Plimack	mUC	Pembrolizumab	PD-1	33%	9%
Daud	mMel	Pembrolizumab	PD-1	53%	6%
Garon	mNSCLC	Pembrolizumab	PD-1	45%	17%
Choueiri	mRCC	Nivolumab	PD-1	22%	8%
Brahmer	mNSCLC	Nivolumab	PD-1	15%	14%
Callahan	mMel	Nivolumab + Ipilimumab	PD-1/CTLA-4	41%	46%
Hammers	mRCC	Nivolumab + Ipilimumab	PD-1/CTLA-4	50%	55%
Larkin	mMel	Nivolumab + Ipilimumab	PD-1/CTLA-4	72%	58%
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# Dual Immune Checkpoint Inhibition



## Primary Endpoint:

- Tumor infiltrating CD8+ T-cell at cystectomy after MEDI4736/tremelimumab

## Secondary Endpoints:

- Safety and antitumor efficacy of MEDI4736/tremelimumab

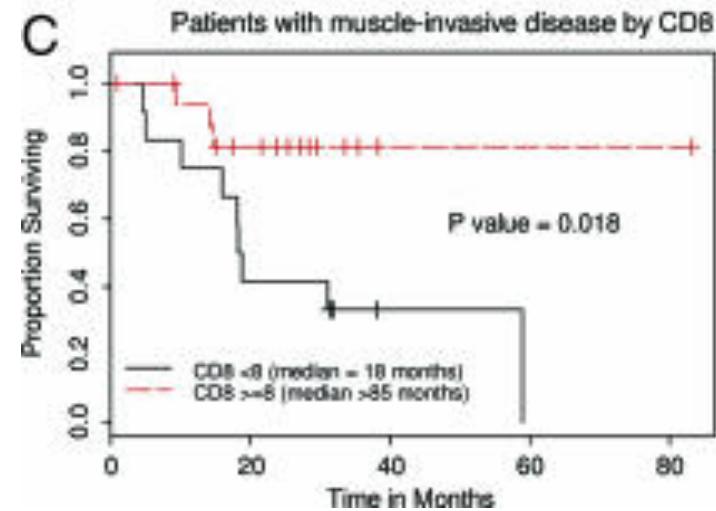
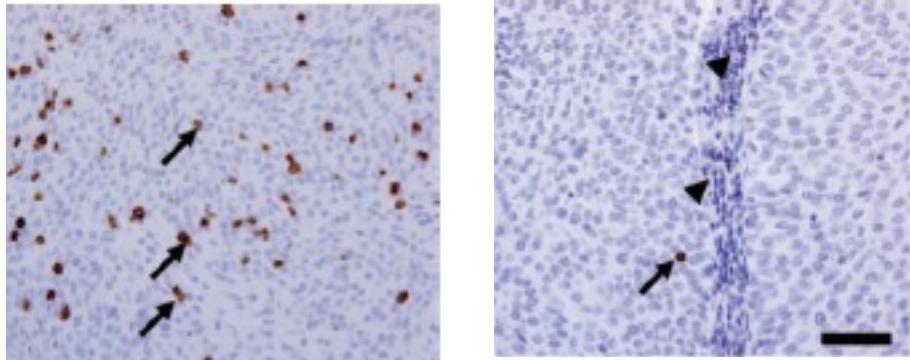
## Exploratory Endpoints:

- Characterization of tumor tissue and peripheral lymphocytes
- Analysis of soluble immune markers (cytokines/chemokines)
- Analysis of tumor and blood genetic and epigenetic profiles
- Assessment of T-cell repertoire

# Tumor Infiltrating Lymphocyte (TIL): prognostic marker?

Intratumor vs. margin/stroma? TIL vs. subtype? density vs % vs. ratio?

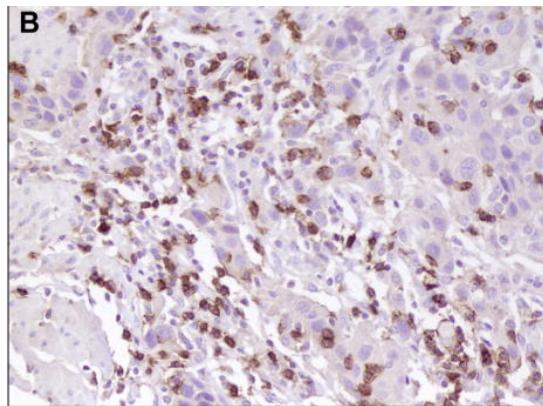
- The presence of TILs associated with improved survival in MIBC (n=154)
- ↑ CD8+ TILs ( $\geq 8/0.0625 \text{ mm}^2$ ) correlated with better survival in MIBC (N=69)



$$8/0.0625 \text{ mm}^2 \approx 4/100 \text{ tumor cells}$$

Lipponen et al. Eur J Cancer. 1992,  
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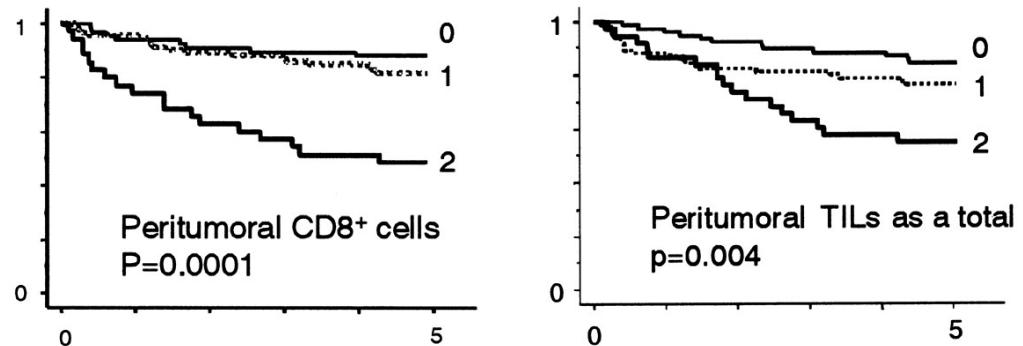
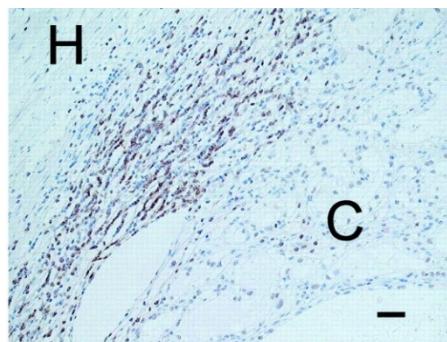
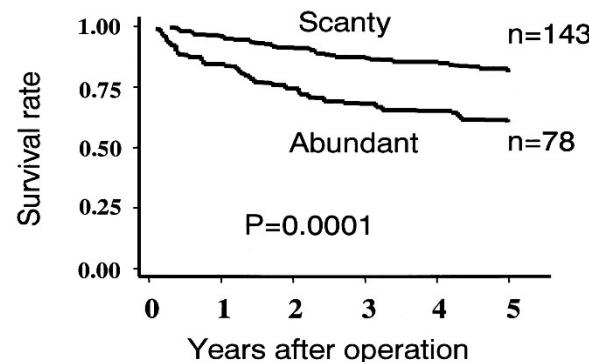
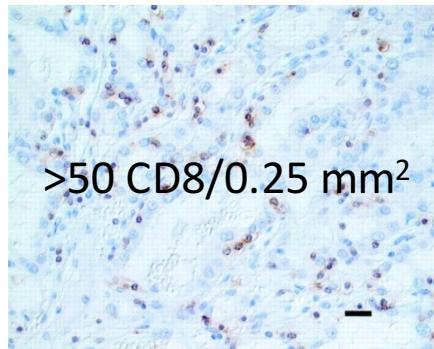
CD8 Density	Overall Survival		Disease-specific Survival	
	OR (95% CI)	P Value	OR (95% CI)	P Value
Unadjusted	0.12 (0.02–0.68)	.02	0.14 (0.03–0.78)	.02
Adjusted for demographic parameters *	0.1 (0.02–0.69)	.02	0.06 (0.01–0.53)	.01
Adjusted for pathologic parameters †	0.1 (0.01–0.69)	.02	0.05 (0.01–0.62)	.02
Adjusted for neoadjuvant therapy ‡	0.04 (0.004–0.46)	.01	0.1 (0.02–0.6)	.01
Adjusted for intravesical therapy	0.09 (0.01–0.58)	.01	0.11 (0.02–0.7)	.02

Intratumoral CD8+ T cells (400x)

High CD8 density: **≥60 CD8+/HPF**: 11/56 (19.6%): intratumoral (n=56)

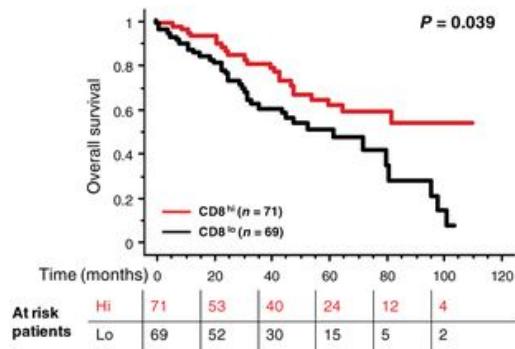
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Paradoxical correlation of CD8<sup>+</sup> T-cell infiltration with poor prognosis



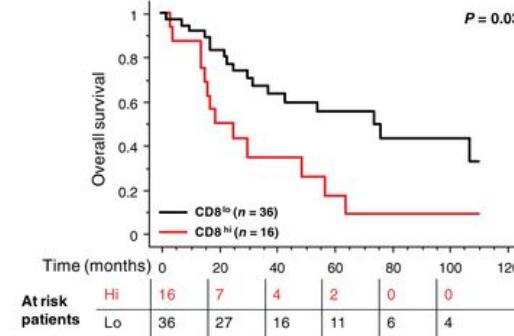
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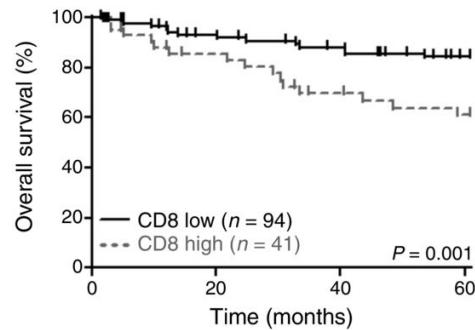
Colon cancer lung mets

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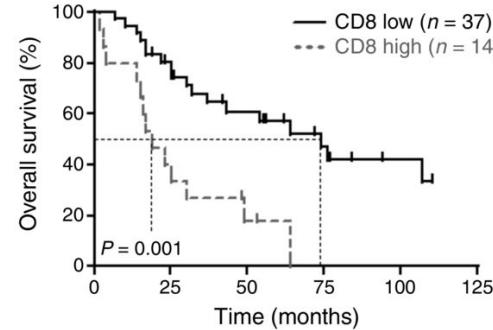
RCC lung mets

CD8<sup>+</sup> cell density



Primary RCC tumor

CD8<sup>+</sup> cell density

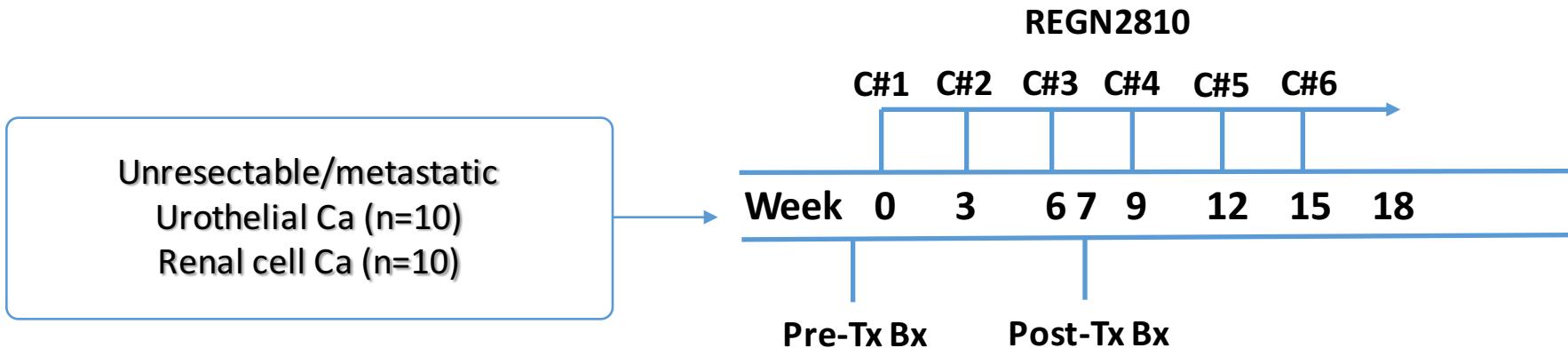


RCC Lung mets

Remark et al. Clin Cancer Res 2013

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# Immune Predictive Biomarker Pharmacodynamics

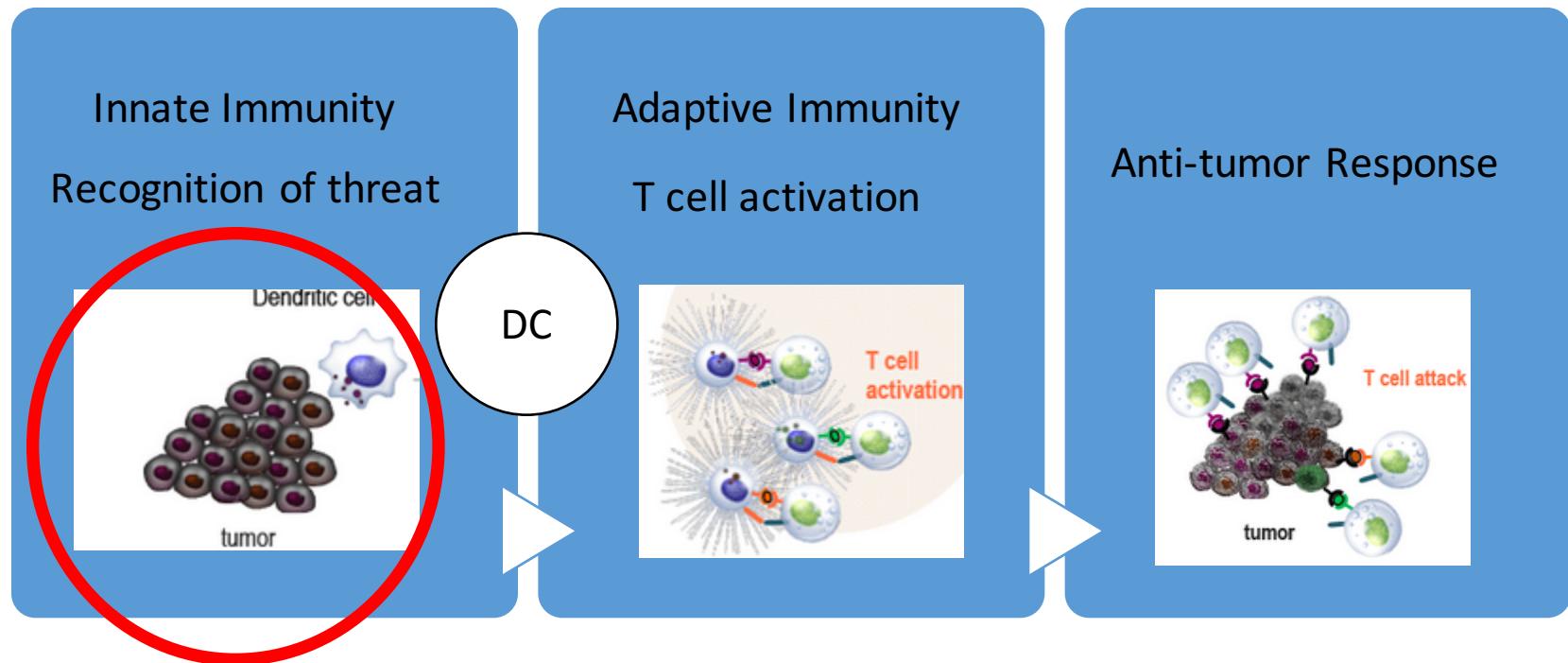


TIL: CD8 density vs. CD8 delta vs. CD8/Treg ratio vs. Other  
Immune gene expression signature (velocity?)  
PD-L1 expression  
TCR clonality  
Mutational burden  
MMR gene (microsatellite instability)  
Prognostic vs predictive?

# Dual Immune Checkpoint Inhibition

Author	Population	Agent	Target	PD-L1+ ORR	PD-L1- ORR
Petrylak	mUC	Atezolizumab	PD-L1	50%	17%
Herbst	mSolid Tumors	Atezolizumab	PD-L1	34%	16%
McDermott	mRCC	Atezolizumab	PD-L1	20%	10%
Horn	mNSCLC	Atezolizumab	PD-L1	45%	14%
Plimack	mUC	Pembrolizumab	PD-1	33%	9%
Daud	mMel	Pembrolizumab	PD-1	53%	6%
Garon	mNSCLC	Pembrolizumab	PD-1	45%	17%
Choueiri	mRCC	Nivolumab	PD-1	22%	8%
Brahmer	mNSCLC	Nivolumab	PD-1	15%	14%
Callahan	mMel	Nivolumab + Ipilimumab	PD-1/CTLA-4	41%	46%
Hammers	mRCC	Nivolumab + Ipilimumab	PD-1/CTLA-4	50%	55%
Larkin	mMel	Nivolumab + Ipilimumab	PD-1/CTLA-4	72%	58%
Grasso	mMel	Nivolumab	PD-1	44%	17%
Topalian	mSolid Tumors	Nivolumab	PD-1	36%	0%

# Immune System and Cancer

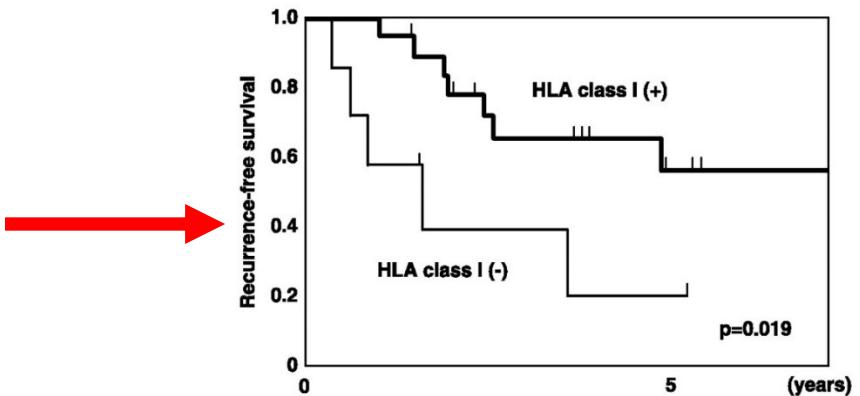
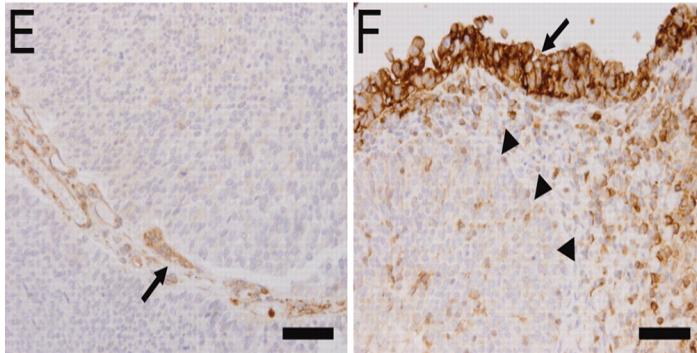


**Loss/down-regulation of MHC I**  
Loss/masking of TAAs

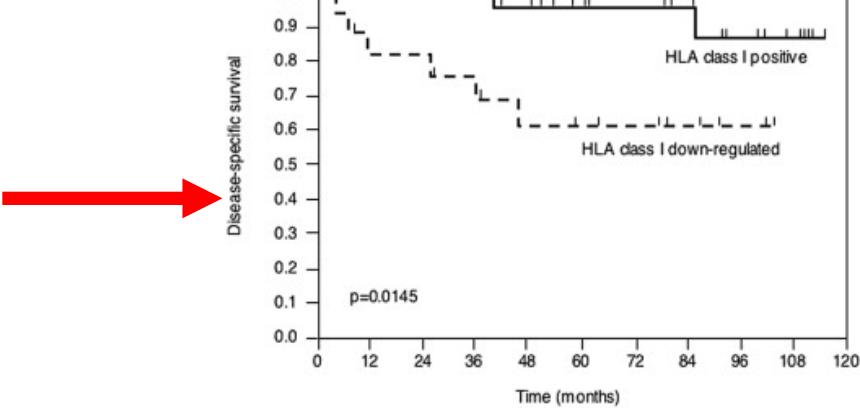
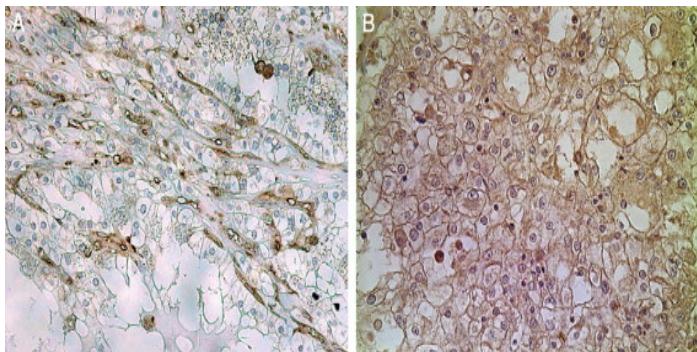


# Failed antigen presentation: MHC (HLA) I downregulation

Bladder



RCC



# Innate Immunity



Cytotoxicity **in the absence of MHC/Ag complex**

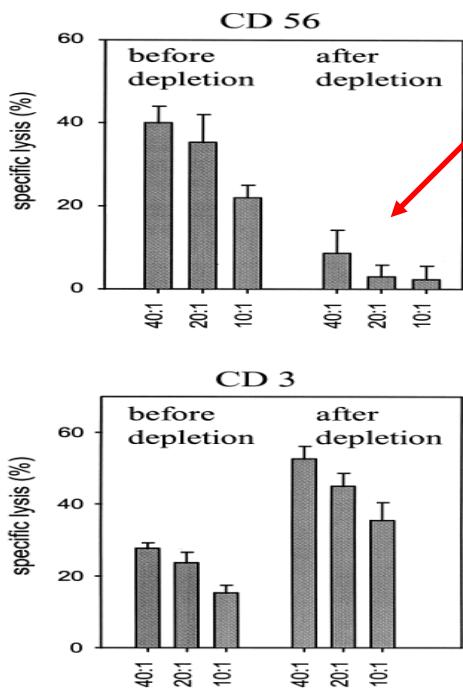
# NK Cells

- Rc-based recognition of “**abnormal cell**”
  - Missing-self: loss of MHC I
  - Non-self: pathogen-encoded molecules
  - Stressed-self: stress-induced ligands
- Tumor immune surveillance
  - Direct tumor cell cytotoxicity
    - Perforin and granzymes-dependent necrosis
    - Death Rc-mediated apoptosis (TRAIL, FasL)
  - Bridge to adaptive immune response
    - Release of cytokines and chemokines
    - Recruitment of other accessory/effectector immune cells

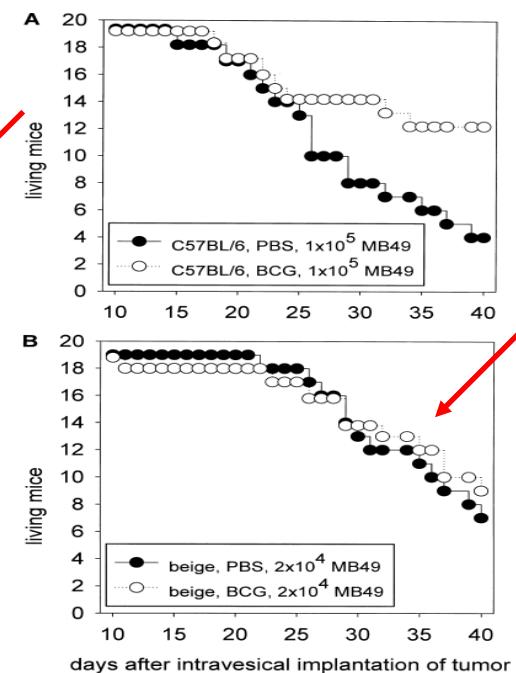
# Role of NK Cells in Antitumor Response

## Bladder

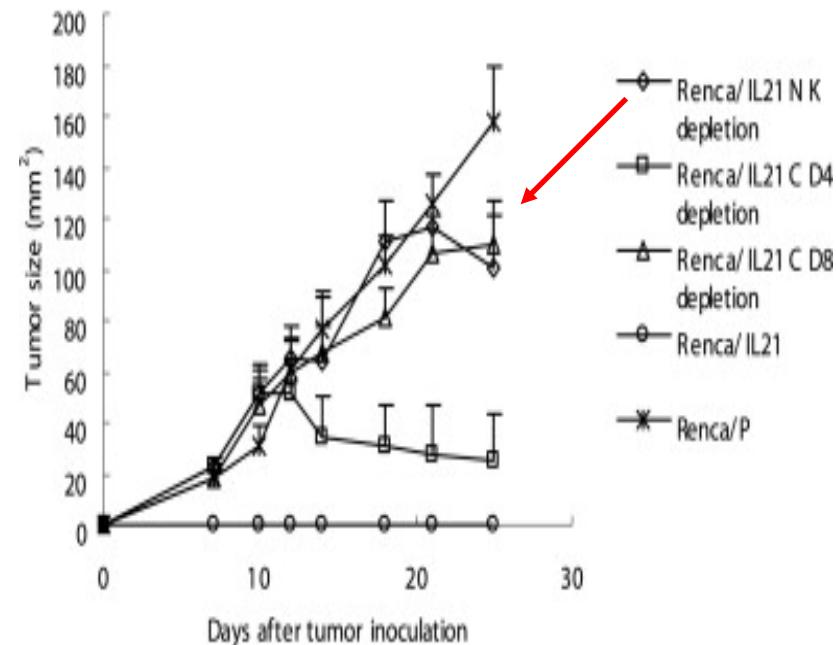
### NK cell depletion



### NK-WT mice



## RCC



### T-cell depletion

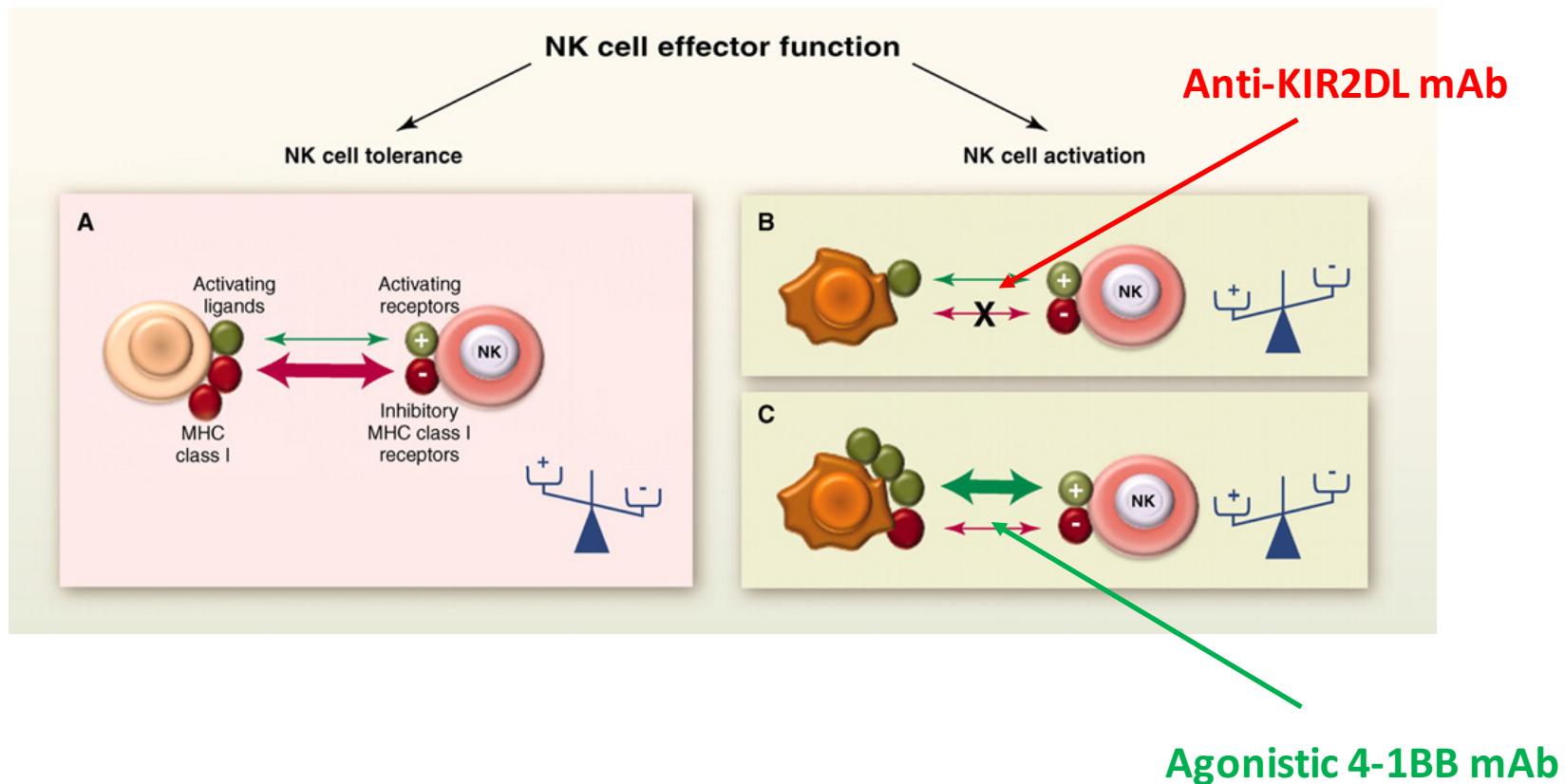
### NK cell deficient beige mice

## Bladder BCG therapy

## RCC IL-21 therapy

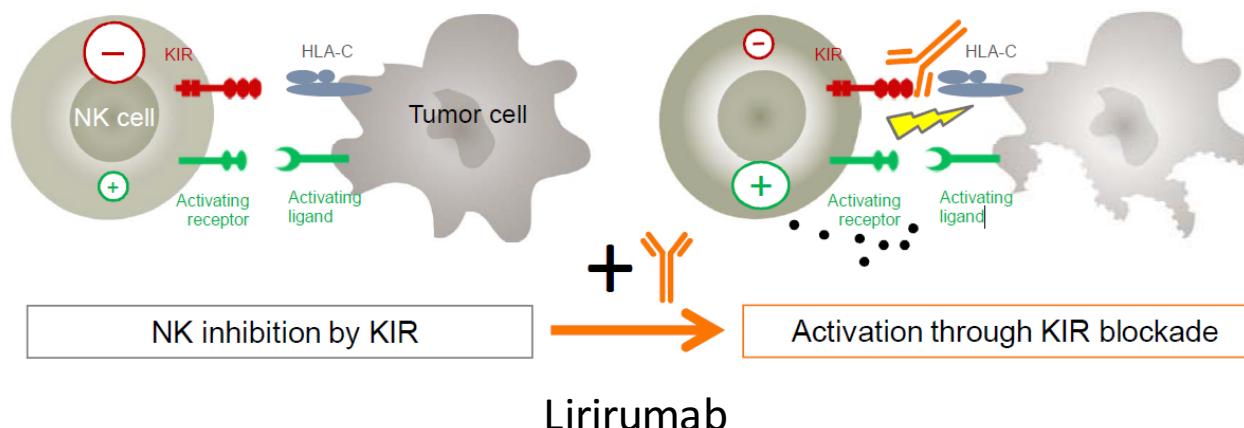
# NK Cell Activity

Balance of activating and inhibitory Rc stimulation

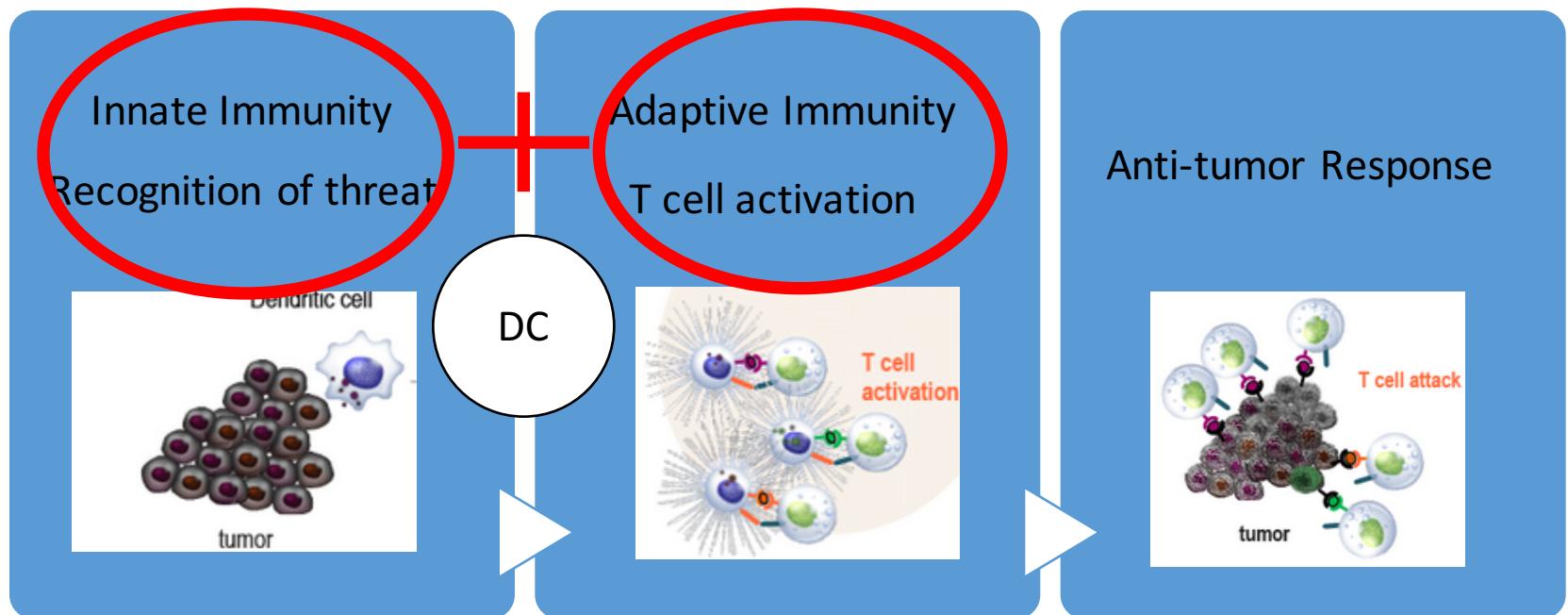


# Killer cell Ig-like Receptors (KIRs): KIR2DL: Inhibitory Rc

- MHC I-specific receptors: inhibitory vs activating
  - **KIR2DL** (1/2/3) interacts with HLA-C allotypes
  - KIR3DL interacts with HLA-A and B allotypes
- KIR/HLA interaction determines the responsiveness
- NK cells preferentially kill cells with low MHC I



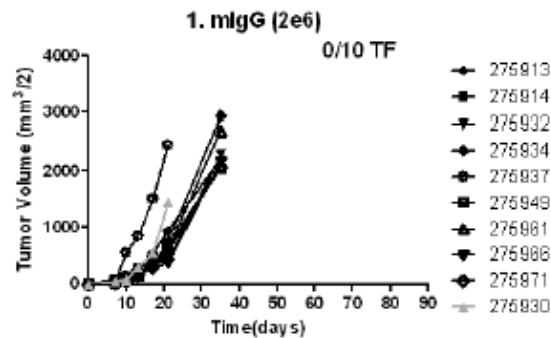
# Combination of Adaptive and Innate Immunity



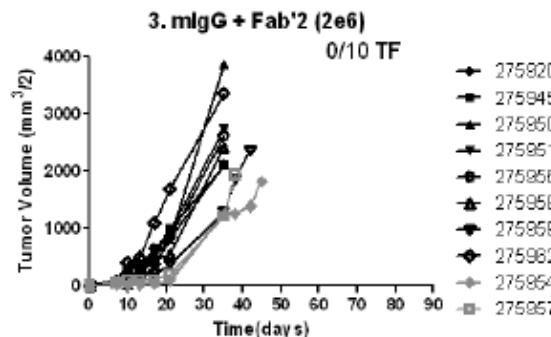
# Combination of Adaptive and Innate Immunity Anti-PD-1 and KIR mAB

Figure 1-1: Anti-PD-1 and Anti-KIR in MC38 Murine Colon Carcinoma Model

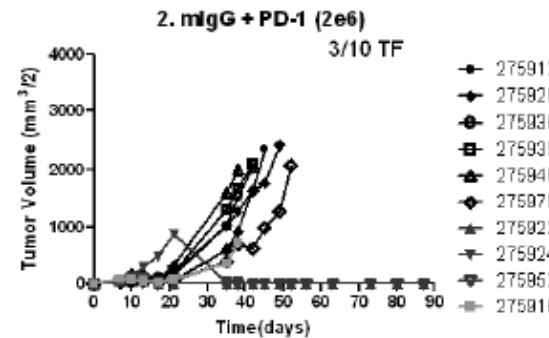
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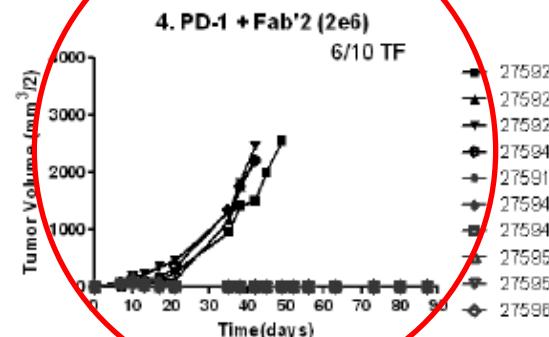
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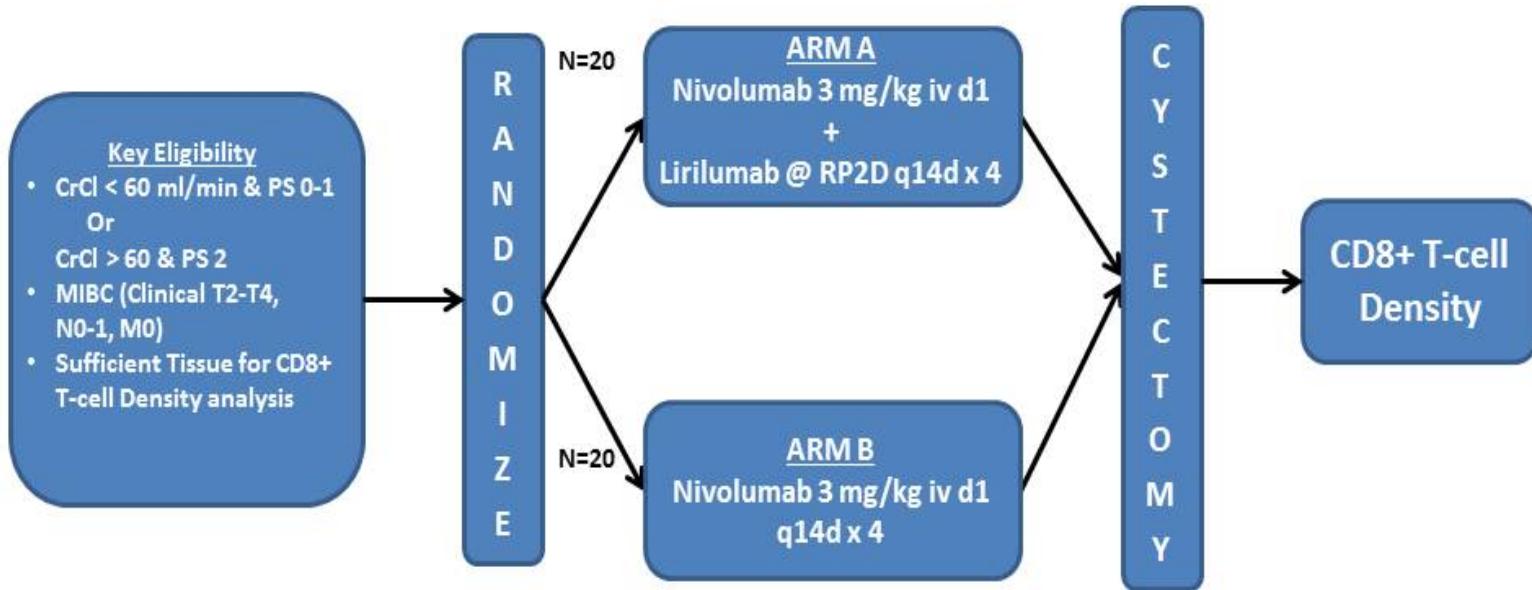
Anti-PD-1 mAB



Anti-PD-1 mAB  
Anti-KIR mAB



# Phase II Nivolumab + Lirilumab



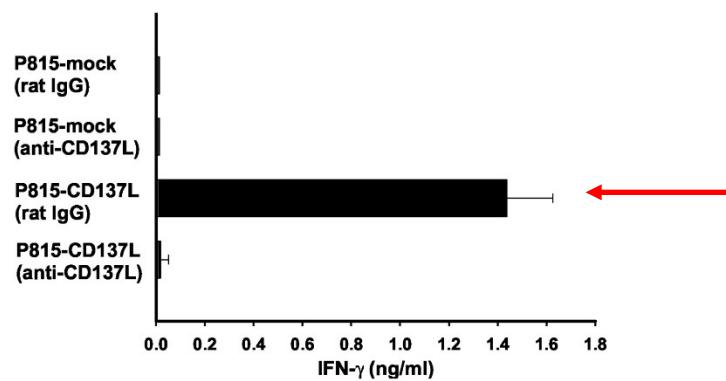
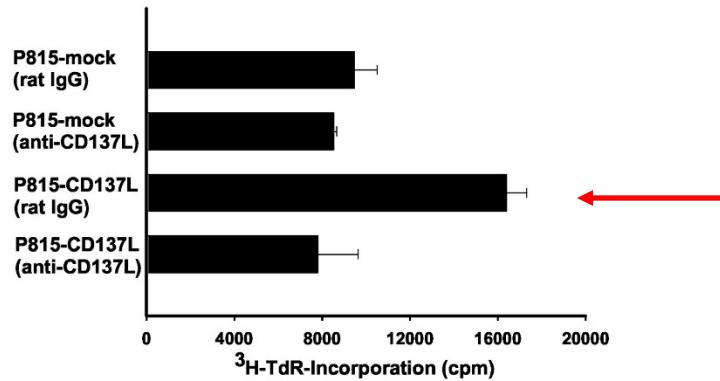
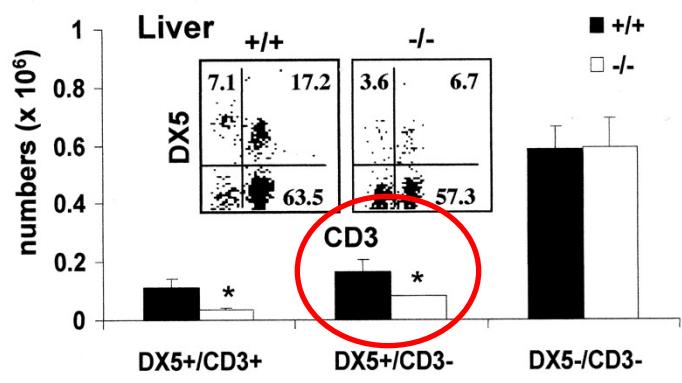
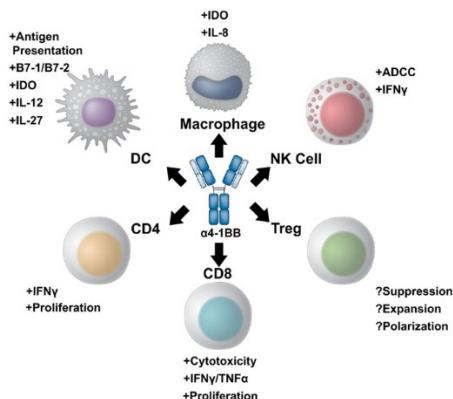
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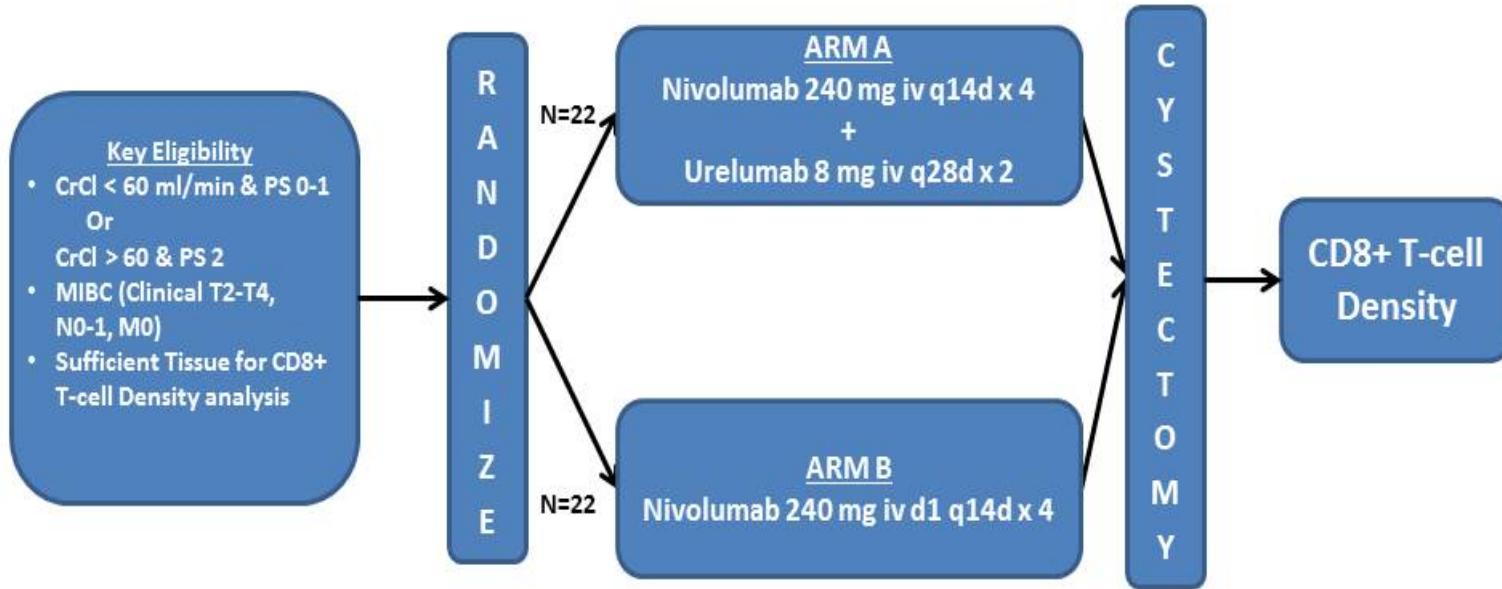
## Secondary Endpoints:

- Safety and antitumor efficacy (the rate of < pT2N0)
- Immunologic Biomarkers and clinical association:  
Peripheral/tissue lymphocyte subsets, cytokine, PD-L1, KIR2DL1/2/3 expression

# 4-1BB (CD137): Co-stimulatory Rc: Urelumab



# Phase II Nivolumab + Urelumab



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# Selective Ongoing Combination Immunotherapy Trials

- Dual checkpoint inhibition
  - Anti-PD-1/PD-L1 + Anti-CTLA-4
  - INCB24360, Indoximod (IDO1)
  - BMS-986016 (LAG3)
  - MGA271 (B7-H3)
- Checkpoint + costim Rc
  - Varlilumab (CD27)
  - Urelumab, PF-05082566 (4-1BB)
  - MEDI6469 (OX40)
  - MK-4166 (GITR)
- Checkpoint + Radiation
  - EBRT, SBRT
- Checkpoint + chemoRx
- Checkpoint + NK-cell
  - ALT-803 (IL-15), Lirilumab (Anti-KIR)
- Checkpoint + Epigenetic agents
  - Demethylating agents: 5-azacitidine
  - HDACi: Entinostat, Vorinostat
- Checkpoint + Vaccine
  - GVAX, Sipuleucel-T, ProstVac, pTVG-HP
- Checkpoint + Cytokines
  - IL-2, IFN
- Vaccine + Cytokine
  - modified gp100 peptide + IL-2
  - ProstVac + GM-CSF
- Checkpoint + TKIs
  - VEGF
  - BTK (Ibrutunib, ACT-196)

# Selective Ongoing Combination Immunotherapy Trials in GU Cancers

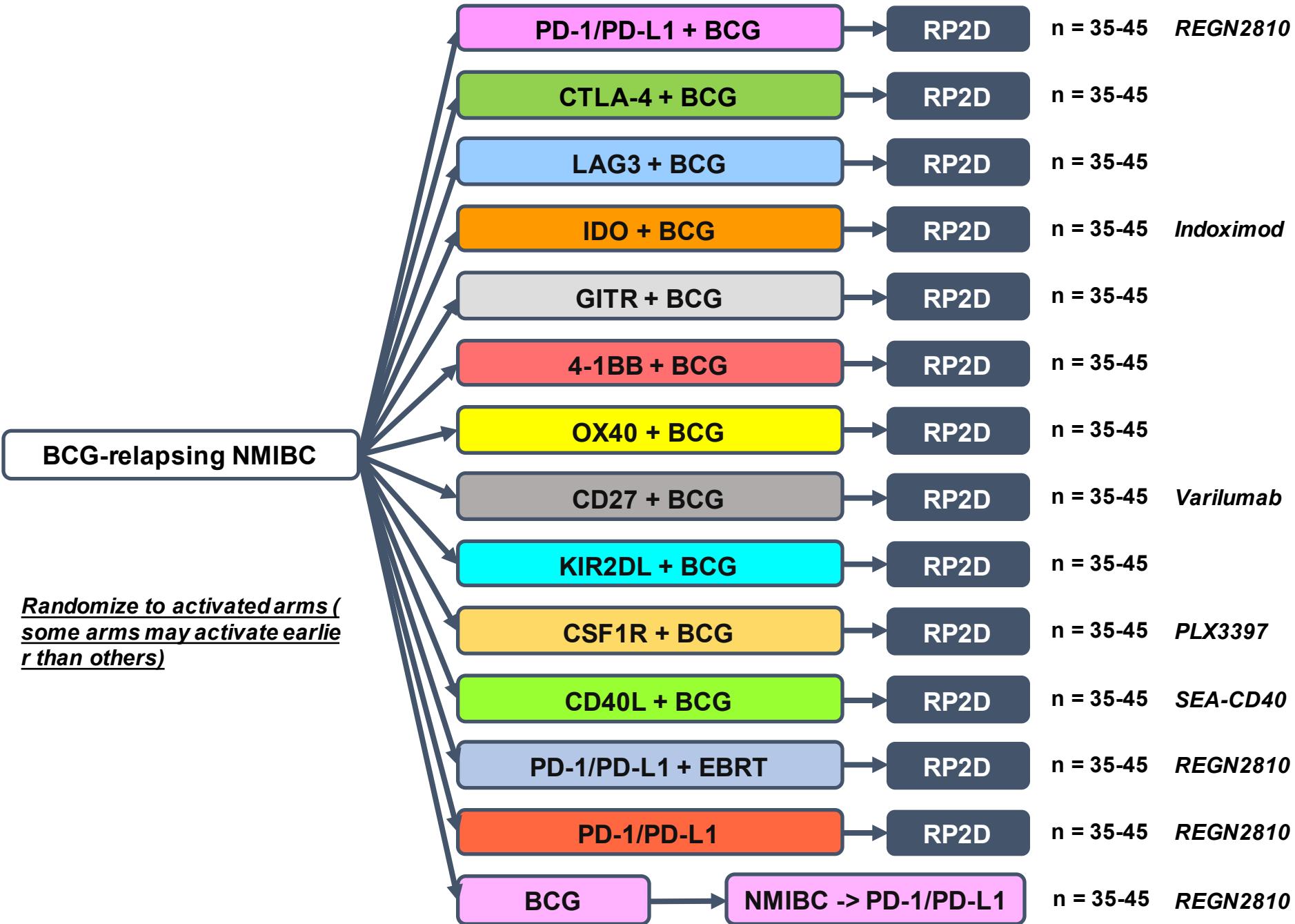
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<b>PROSTATE</b>			
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	Sipuleucel-T with concurrent vs. sequential Enz	Randomized PII	NCT01981122
	Sipuleucel-T ± Radium-223	Randomized PII	NCT02463799
	Sipuleucel-T ± RT	Randomized PII	NCT01807065
	Sipuleucel-T with immediate vs. delayed ipilimumab	Randomized PII	NCT01804465
Prostvac-VF	Rrostvac-VF ± GM-CSF vs. placebo	Randomized PIII	NCT01322490
	Enz ± Rrostvac-VF	Radomized PII	NCT01867333
	Docetaxel ± Prostvac-VF	Radomized PII	NCT01145508
Ipilimumab	Ipilimumab + AA	Single-arm PII	NCT01688492
	Ipilimumab + ADT	Single-arm PII	NCT01498978
Pembrolizumab	Pembrolizumab + pTVG-HP	PI/II	NCT02499835
	ADXS-PSA +/- Pembrolizumab	PI/II	NCT02325557
<b>RENAL CELL CARCINOMA</b>			
Nivolumab/ Ipilimumab	Nivolumab + Ipilimumab vs. sunitinib	Randomized PIII	NCT02231749
	Nivolumab + Bevacizumab vs. Ipilimumab	Randomized PII	NCT02210117
MPDL3280A	MPDL3280A + Bevacizumab vs. sunitinib	Randomized PIII	NCT02420821
Pembrolizumab	Pembrolizumab ± Pazopanib	PI/II	NCT02014636
	Pembrolizumab ± Pazopanib	PI	NCT02133742
	Pembrolizumab + PegIFN-2b vs. Pembrolizumab + Ipilimumab	PI/II	NCT02089685
	Pembrolizumab + Bevacizumab	PI/II	NCT02348008
	Pembrolizumab + INCB024360	PI/II	NCT02178722
DC-vaccine	DC-vaccine + Cytokine-Induced Killer Cell vs. IL-2	Randomized PII	NCT00862303
HD IL-2	HD IL-2 + entinostat	PI/II	NCT01038778
	HD IL-2 + Radiation	Single-arm PII	NCT01884961
	HD IL-2 + SBRT	Single-arm PII	NCT02306954
<b>UROTHELIAL CARCINOMA</b>			
Nivolumab	Cabozantinib + Nivolumab ± Ipilimumab	PI	NCT02496208
Pembrolizumab	Pembrolizumab + Docetaxel or Gemcitabine	PI	NCT02437370
	Pembrolizumab + INCB024360	PI/II	NCT02178722
	Pembrolizumab + Gemcitabine (Neoadjuvant)	PI/II	NCT02365766
	Pembrolizumab + ACT-196	Randomized PII	NCT02351739

# Mix & Match? Shotgun?



- Biologic rationale
- Clinically unmet need
- Biomarker
- Novel trial design





# Conclusions/Future Directions

- The promising data of cancer vaccine and checkpoint inhibitors have opened new frontiers in IT for cancer
- Limitations exist with current IT such as low response rate and lack of reliable biomarkers
- Combinational approach is expected to overcome current limitations and maximize the benefit of IT
- New IT trials with solid biologic rationale and novel trial designs in clinically unmet need population are warranted



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