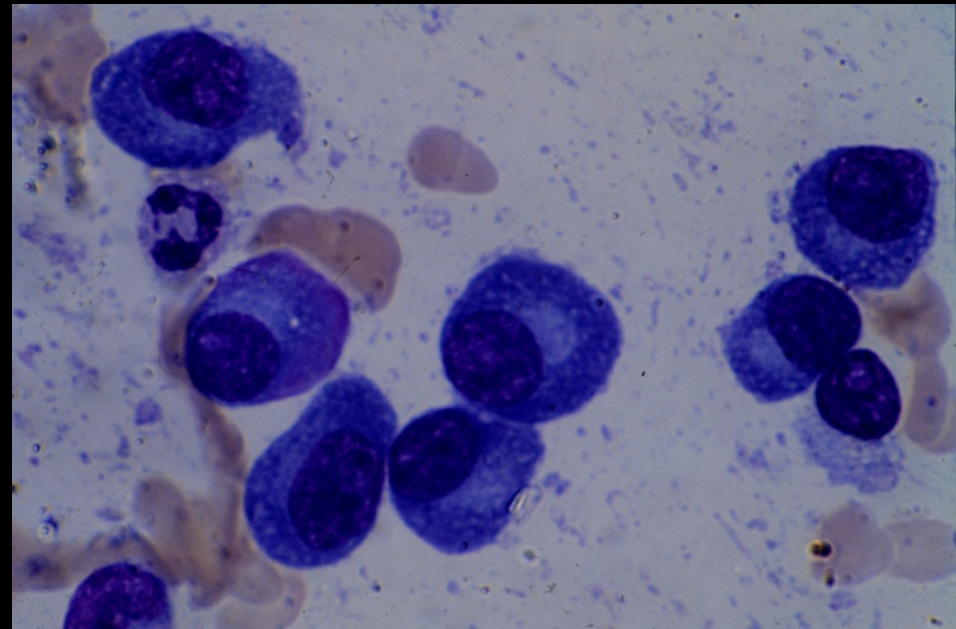
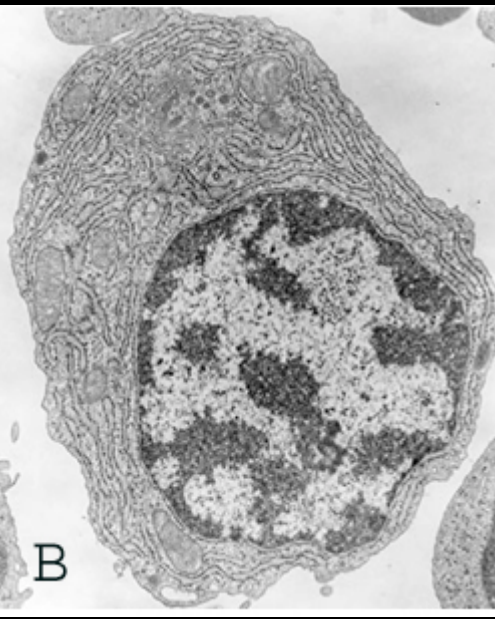


AMR Therapies: Update 2010- Present



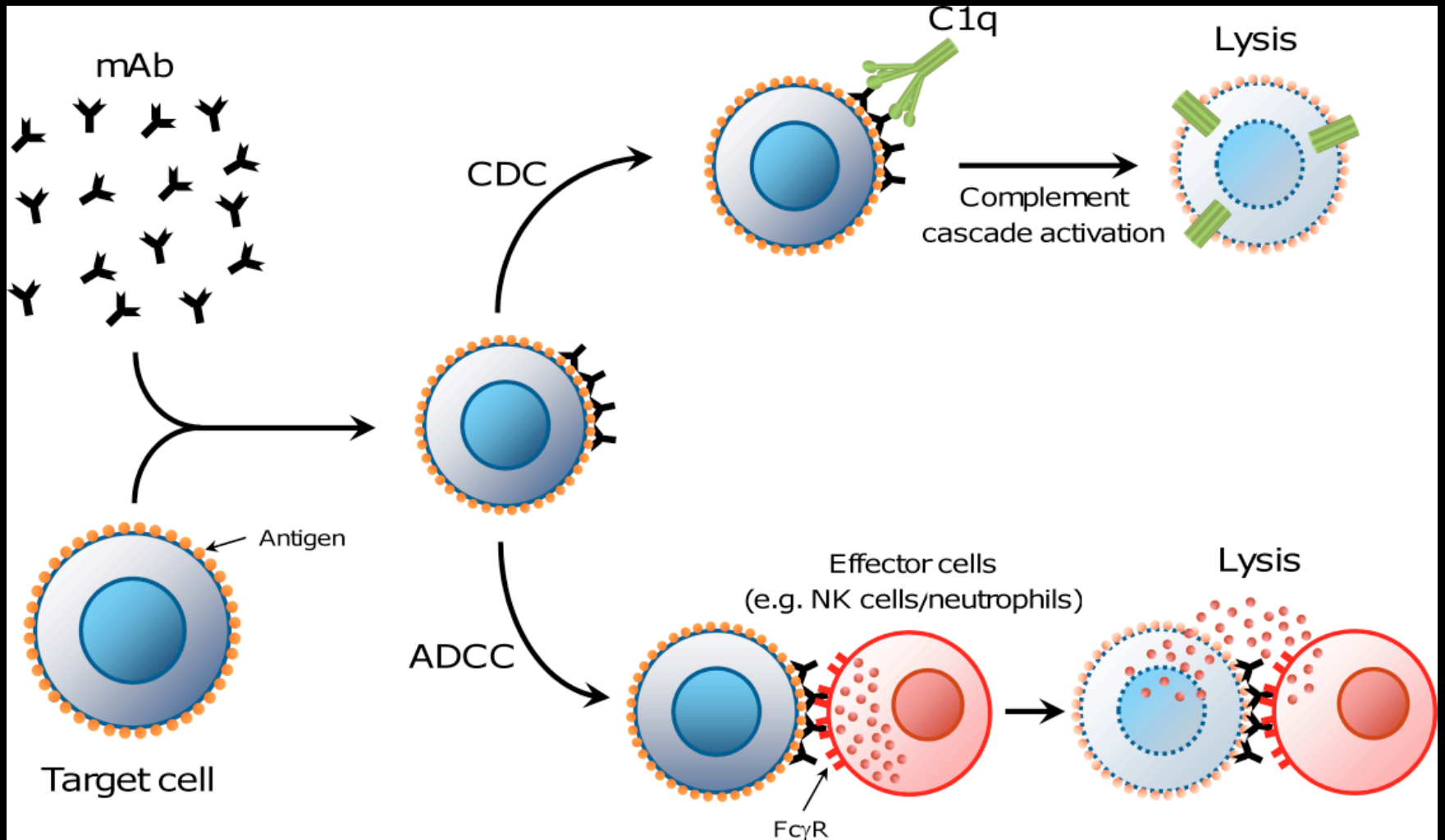
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- Grants
 - Amgen
 - Bristol Myers Squibb
 - Genentech
 - Glaxo Smith Kline
 - Novartis
 - Sanofi

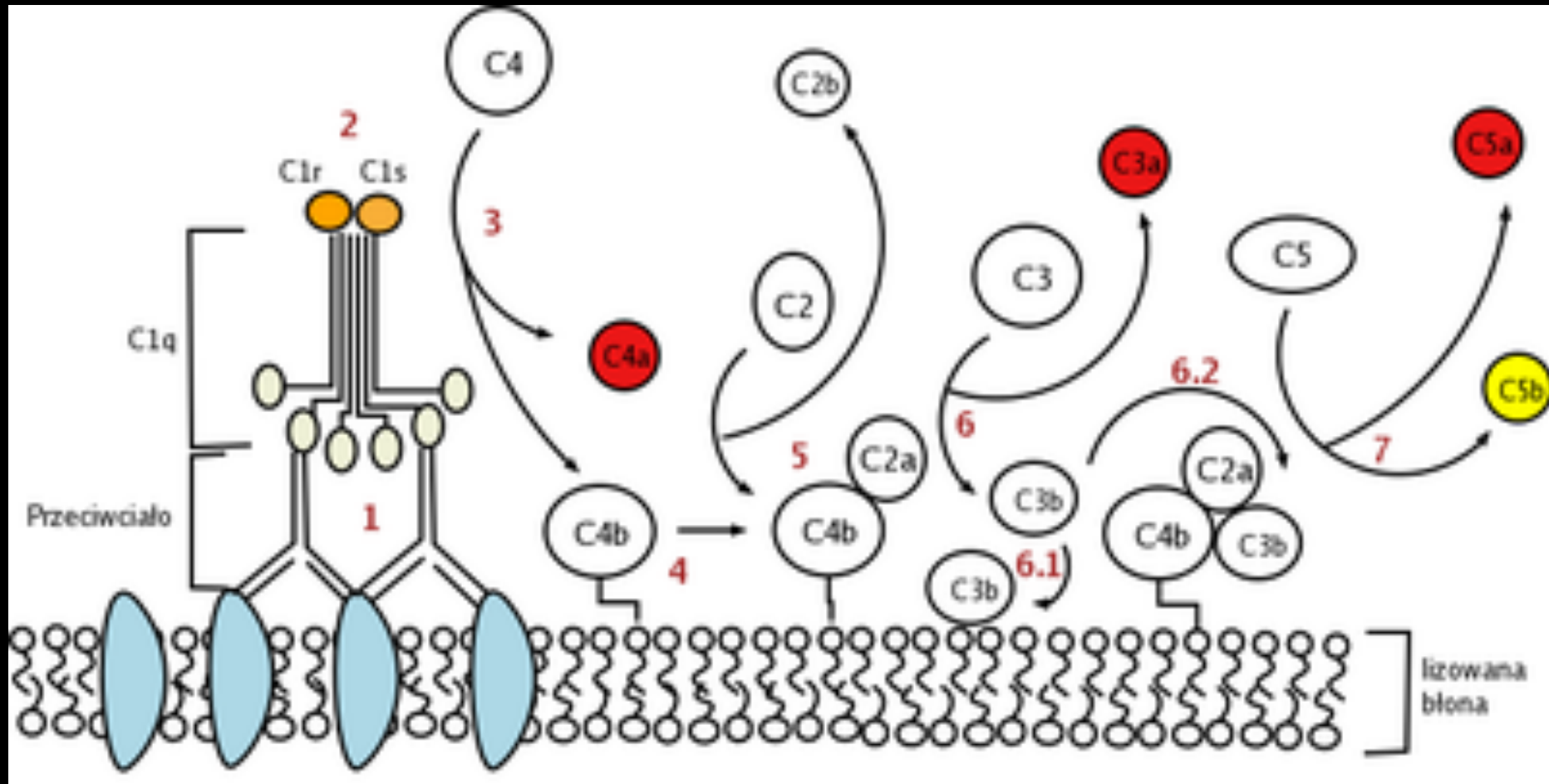
AMR Therapies

- Extracellular protein targets
 - Complement inhibitors
 - Distal
 - Proximal
 - Immunoglobulin
 - Enzymatic cleavage
 - Physical removal
- Plasma Cells
 - Proteasome inhibitors
 - Reversible
 - Irreversible

Anti-HLA Antibody Function: Transplant Injury



Proximal v Distal Complement Inhibition



Distal Complement Inhibition

- Eculizumab (*Soliris*) Alexion
 - Binds C5 and inhibits conversion to C5a
 - Prevents MAC generation

 - Approved 2007 for PNH
 - Approved 2011 of aHUS

 - “Most expensive drug” yearly cost \$400k/yr

Distal Complement Inhibition

- Eculizumab (*Soliris*) Alexion

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Terminal Complement Inhibition Decreases Antibody-Mediated Rejection in Sensitized Renal Transplant Recipients

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Key words: Alloantibodies, anti-HLA antibodies, antibody-mediated rejection, complement, chronic rejection, kidney transplantation, sensitized recipients

Abbreviations: AMR, antibody-mediated rejection; BFXM, B-cell flow cytometric crossmatch; DSA, donor-specific alloantibody; HLA, human leukocyte antigens; PE, plasma exchange.

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Single arm study
Historical controls
Reduction of AMR in high risk pts

AMR occurred in 8% of pts
Despite terminal C inhibition

Outcomes beyond 1 year
showed TG still occurs

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Antibody-mediated rejection despite inhibition of terminal complement

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Distal Complement Inhibition

- Eculizumab (*Soliris*) Alexion
- Safety and Efficacy of Eculizumab to Prevent AMR in Living Donor Kidney Transplant Recipients Requiring Desensitization
 - NCT01399593
 - Randomized open label
 - Primary EP tx failure (AMR, GL, death, loss to F/U)
 - 102 pts (39 sites)
 - Study terminated “did not achieve significance for primary endpoint”
 - Estimated rejection rate in study was lower than assumed in power calculation for study design
 - Lower risk patients were allowed in study at midpoint due to low enrollment
 - Primary completion date March 2015, final data not in clinicaltrials.gov

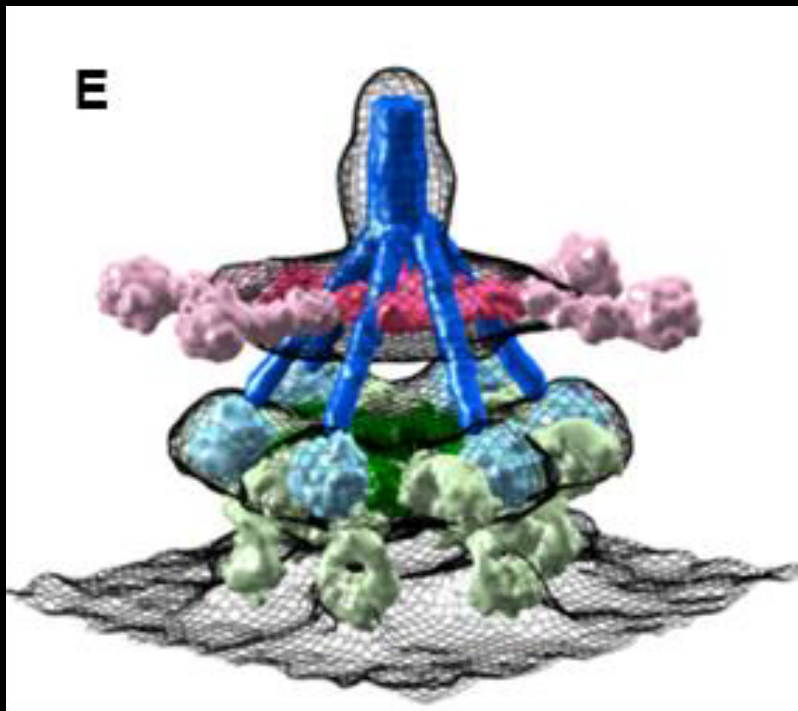
Distal Complement Inhibition

- Eculizumab (*Soliris*) Alexion
 - Safety and Efficacy of Eculizumab in the Prevention of AMR in Sensitized Recipients of a Kidney Transplant From a Deceased Donor
 - NCT01567085
 - Interventional, single limb open label
 - Posttransplant tx failure (AMR, GL, death, loss to F/U)
 - 80 pts 15 sites
 - Last updated clinicaltrials.gov Oct 2016, estimated study completion June 2017

Distal Complement Inhibition

- Eculizumab (*Soliris*) Alexion
- Eculizumab Therapy for Chronic Antibody-Mediated Injury in Kidney Transplant Recipients: A Pilot Randomized Controlled Trial
- Kulkarni S, Pober J et al
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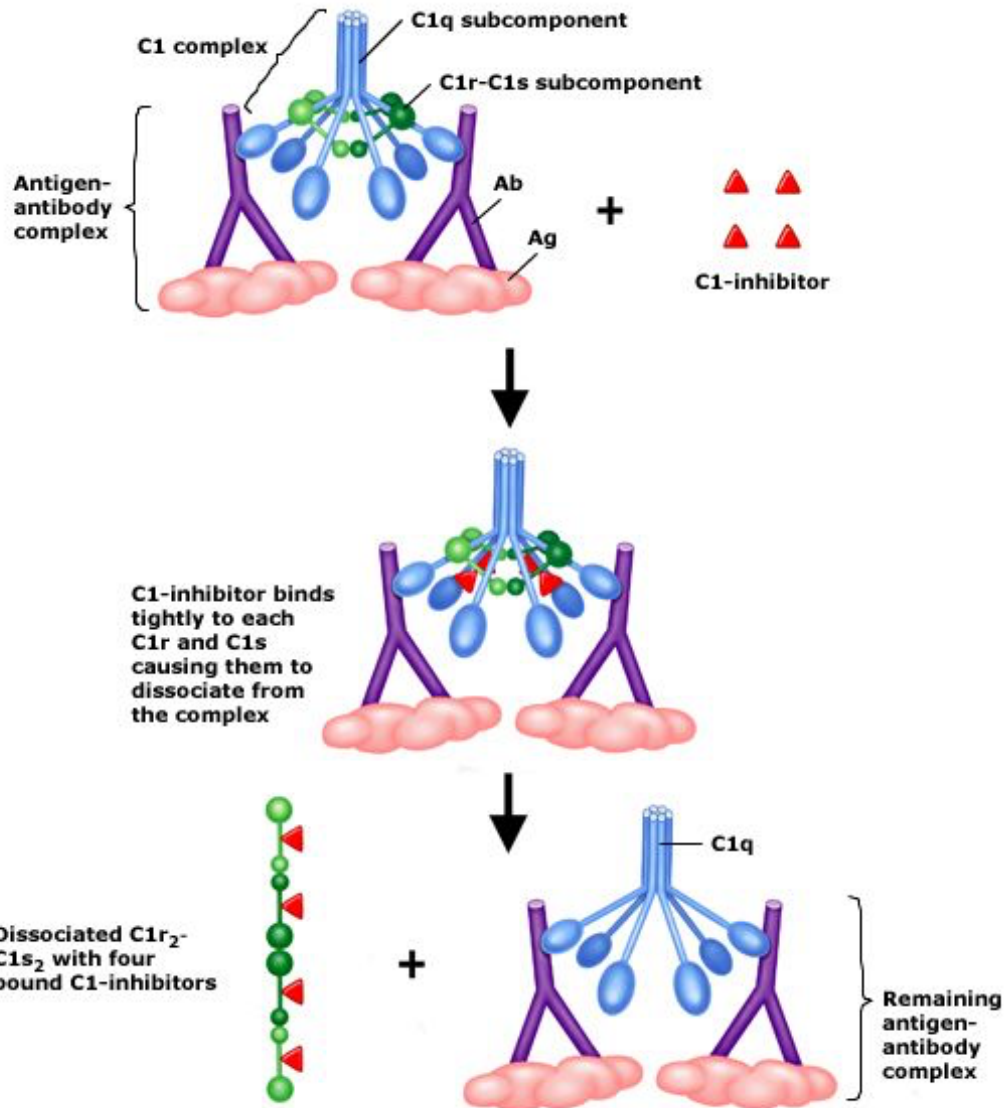


REPORTS

Complement Is Activated by IgG Hexamers Assembled at the Cell Surface

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C1 Inhibitor



Proximal Complement Inhibition

Berinerit	CSL Behring	CI esterase inhibitor	plasma derived
Cinryze	Shire (Viropharma)	CI esterase inhibitor	plasma derived
Ruconest	Pharming	CI esterase inhibitor	recombinant

Proximal Complement Inhibition

A Phase I/II Placebo-Controlled Trial of C1-Inhibitor for Prevention of Antibody-Mediated Rejection in HLA Sensitized Patients

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Background. Antibody-mediated rejection (AMR) is a severe form of rejection, mediated primarily by antibody-dependent complement (C) activation. C1 inhibitor (C1-INH, Berinert) inhibits the classical and lectin pathways of C activation. We performed a randomized, placebo-controlled study using C1-INH in highly sensitized renal transplant recipients for prevention of AMR. **Methods.** Twenty highly sensitized patients desensitized with IMG + rituximab ± plasma exchange were enrolled and randomized 1:1 to receive plasma-derived human C1-INH (20 IU/kg/dose) versus placebo intraoperatively, then twice weekly for 7 doses. Renal function, adverse events (AEs)/serious AEs, C3, C4, and C1-INH levels were monitored and C1q+ HLA antibodies were also blindly assessed. **Results.** One patient in the C1-INH group versus 2 patients in the placebo group developed serious AEs, but none were re-

- CSL Behring
- Phase 1-2 randomized placebo controlled pilot study
- 20 patients

Proximal Complement Inhibition

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Plasma-Derived C1 Esterase Inhibitor for Acute Antibody-Mediated Rejection Following Kidney Transplantation: Results of a Randomized Double-Blind Placebo-Controlled Pilot Study

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patients achieved supraphysiological levels throughout. This new finding suggests that C1 INH replacement may be useful in the treatment of AMR.

Abbreviations: AMR, antibody-mediated rejection; AE, adverse event; C1 INH, C1 esterase inhibitor; C4d, fourth complement protein degradation pro-

- Shire/Viropharma
- Phase 2b randomized double blind placebo controlled pilot study
- 18 patients

Proximal Complement Inhibition

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C1 Inhibitor in Acute Antibody-Mediated Rejection Nonresponsive to Conventional Therapy in Kidney Transplant Recipients: A Pilot Study

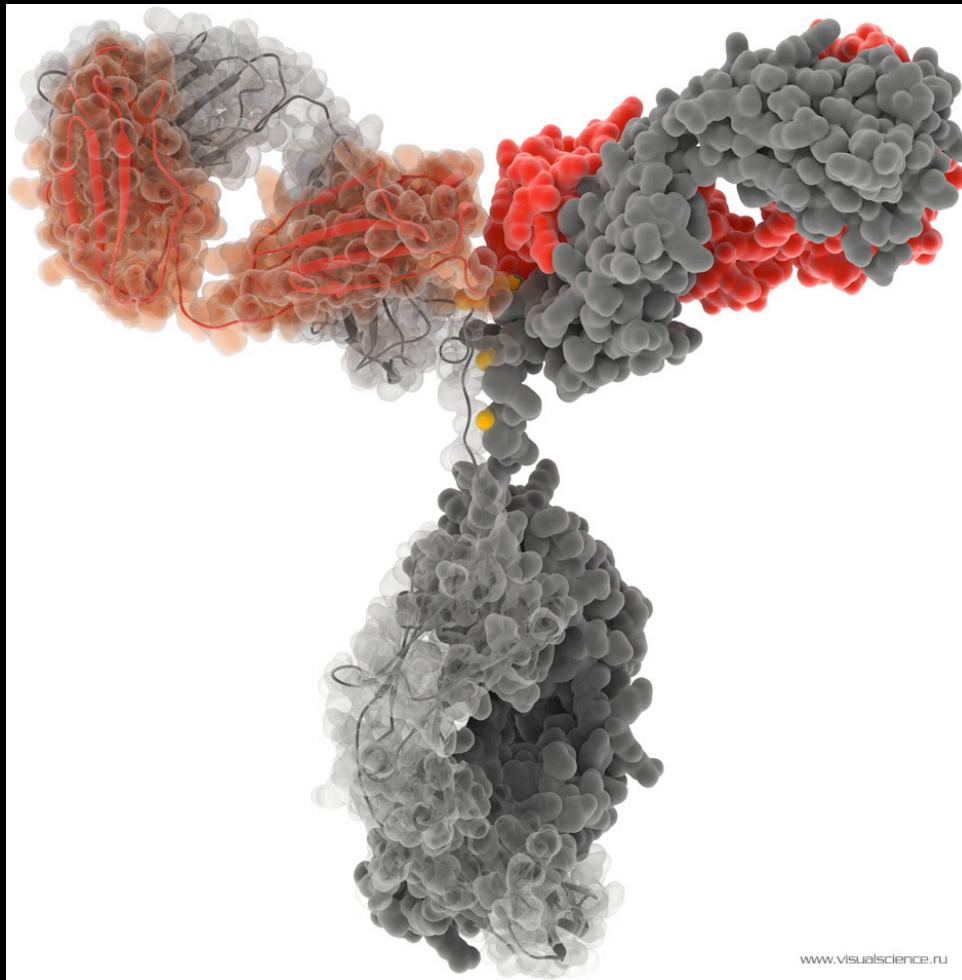
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Abbreviations: ABMR, antibody-mediated rejection; DSA, donor-specific antibody; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; INH, inhibitor; IVIG, intravenous immunoglobulin; MFI, mean fluorescence intensity; SOC, standard of care

- CSL Behring
- 6 patient pilot study

Immunoglobulin



IdeS

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IdeS, a Highly Specific Immunoglobulin G (IgG)-Cleaving Enzyme from *Streptococcus pyogenes*, Is Inhibited by Specific IgG Antibodies Generated during Infection

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- Bacterial enzyme- cysteine protease
- Specifically cleaves human IgG
- Cleaves IgG into F(ab)'₂ and Fc fragments
- Humans commonly produce neutralizing activity during clinical streptococcal infection
- Anti-IdeS neutralizing antibodies commonly found in humans

IdeS: A Bacterial Proteolytic Enzyme with Therapeutic Potential

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Abstract

Background: IdeS, a proteinase from *Streptococcus pyogenes*, cleaves immunoglobulin (Ig)G antibodies with a unique degree of specificity. Pathogenic IgG antibodies constitute an important clinical problem contributing to the pathogenesis of a number of autoimmune conditions and acute transplant rejection. To be able to effectively remove such antibodies is therefore an important clinical challenge.

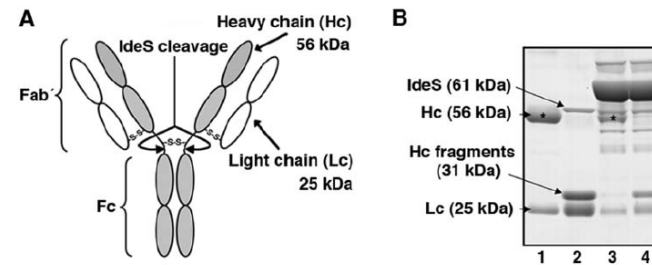


Figure 1. IdeS cleaves IgG in human blood. (A) Structure of IgG. The IdeS cleavage sites are indicated. (B) The following samples were separated by SDS-PAGE. Lane 1: Five µg of human polyclonal IgG in 10 µl PBS. Lane 2: Five µg of human polyclonal IgG and 1 µg of IdeS in 10 µl PBS (IgG and IdeS were preincubated for three hours at 37°C before SDS-PAGE). Lane 3: Ten µl of plasma from human blood diluted 1:50 in PBS. Lane 4: One hundred µl of human blood was preincubated with 1 µg of IdeS for three hours at 37°C. The plasma from this sample (containing approximately 20 µg/ml) was diluted 1:50 in PBS, and 10 µl of this material was separated in lane 4. The asterisk indicates the IgG heavy chain. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0001692.g001

IdeS

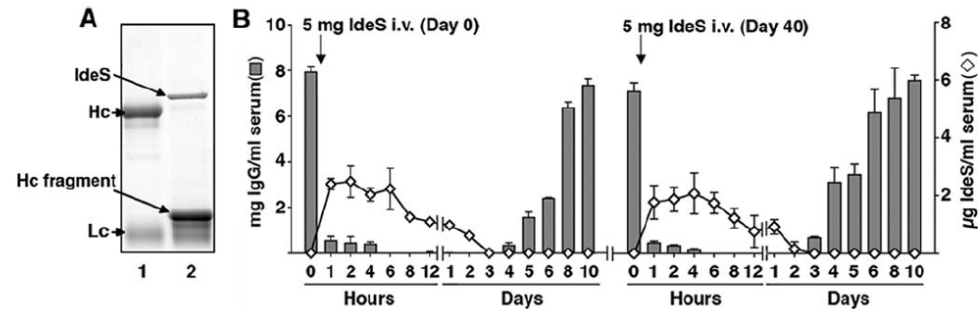
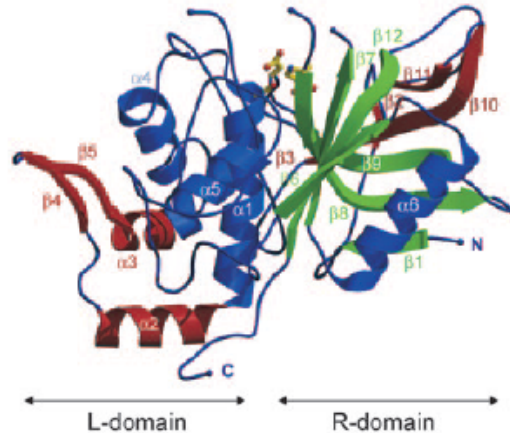


Figure 3. In vivo cleavage and removal of IgG from the blood circulation of rabbits injected with IdeS. (A) SDS-PAGE of rabbit polyclonal IgG (5 µg in 10 µl PBS) alone (lane 1), or preincubated with IdeS (5 µg IgG and 1 µg IdeS in 10 µl PBS) for three hours at 37°C (lane 2). Bands corresponding to IdeS (61 kDa), IgG heavy chains (Hc, 56 kDa), IdeS-generated Hc fragments (31 kDa) and IgG light chains (Lc, 25 kDa), are indicated. (B) Levels of IgG (grey bars) and IdeS (◇) in serum samples from a rabbit injected i.v. with IdeS (5 mg diluted in 2.5 ml PBS). IgG was determined by ELISA and IdeS by Western blotting and chemoluminescence in a Chemidoc XRS Imaging system. Samples were analyzed three times and mean values ± SD are indicated. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0001692.g003

Structure of the streptococcal endopeptidase IdeS, a cysteine proteinase with strict specificity for IgG

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Pathogenic bacteria have developed complex and diverse virulence mechanisms that weaken or disable the host immune defense

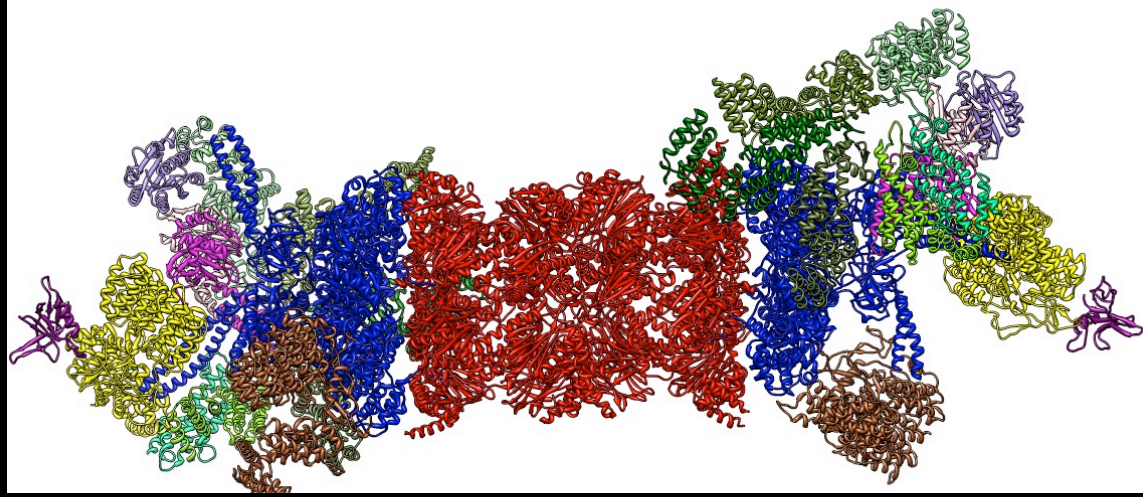
exotoxin B), IdeS contains an RGD motif (4, 14, 15), which is involved in the interaction of IdeS with vitronectin ($\alpha_V\beta_3$) and

IdeS Clinical Trials

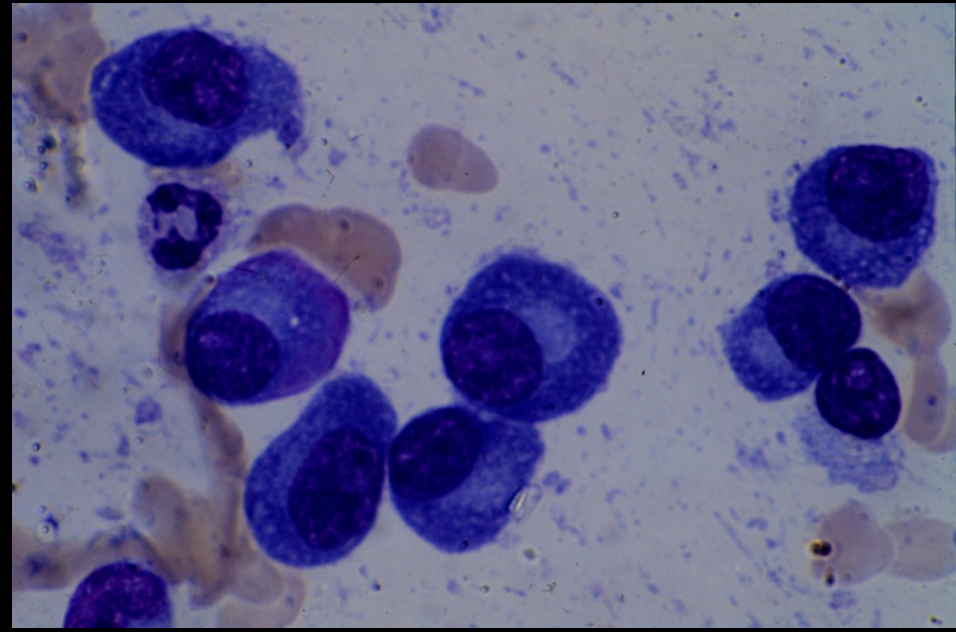
- *Phase 1-2 Trial to Evaluate Safety and Tolerability of IdeS (IgG endopeptidase) To Eliminate Donor-Specific HLA Antibodies and Prevent AMR in Highly HLA Sensitized Patients*
- Interventional single limb pilot
- 20 pts, single center
 - Jordan and Hansa Medical AB

Plasma Cell Targeting

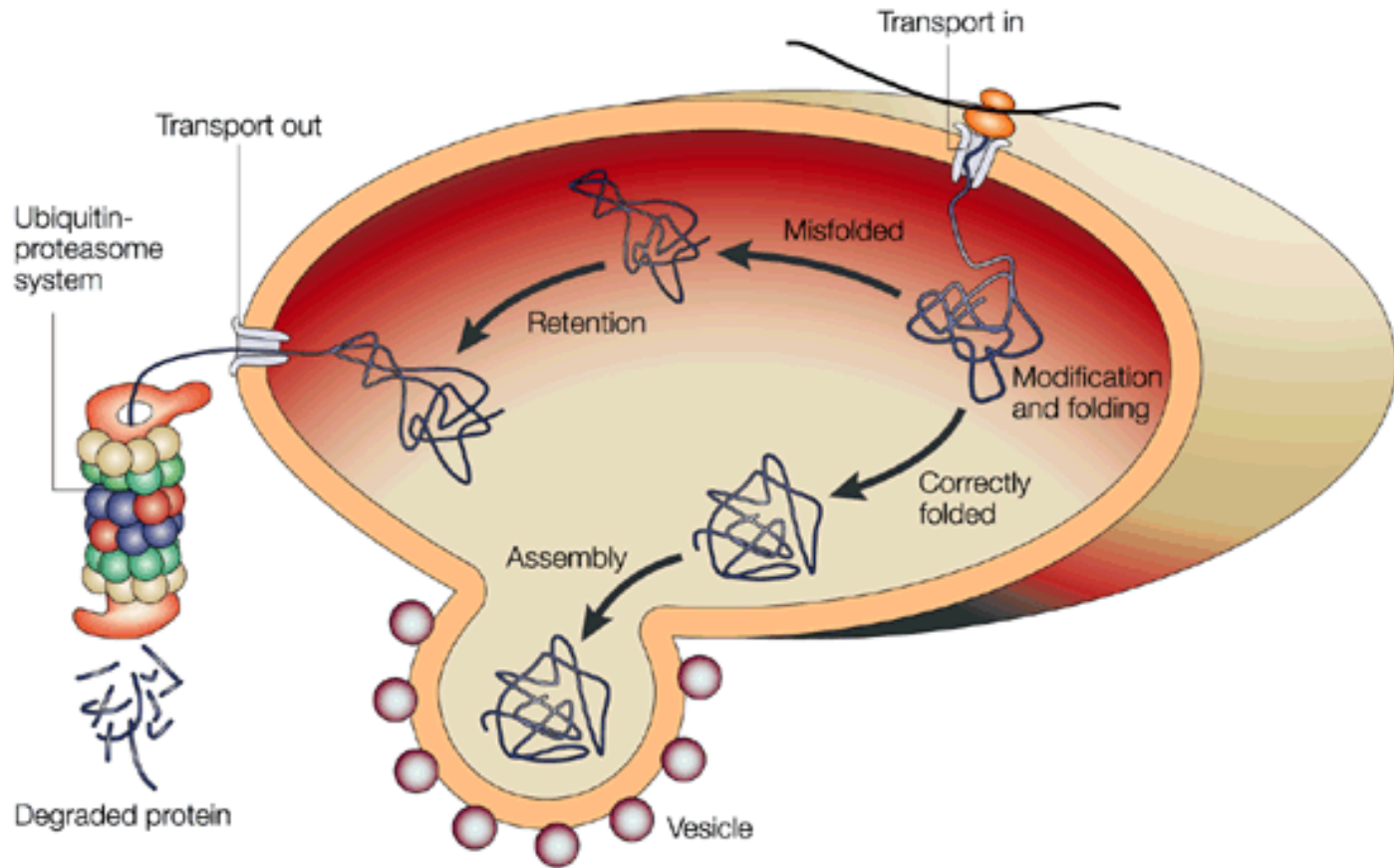
- Proteasome inhibitors
 - Distal
 - Inhibition of protease activity
 - Constitutive proteasome inhibitors
 - Immunoproteasome inhibitors
 - Proximal
 - Non-protease inhibitors
 - Ubiquitin binding inhibitors
 - Deubiquitinases (DUBs)
- ER Stress and autophagy modulation
 - Proximal UPR inhibitors
 - Autophagy inhibitors
- Plasma cell niche and survival factors
 - CXCR4 antagonists
 - BAFF antagonists
 - IL-6 antagonists
- Combinatorial approaches



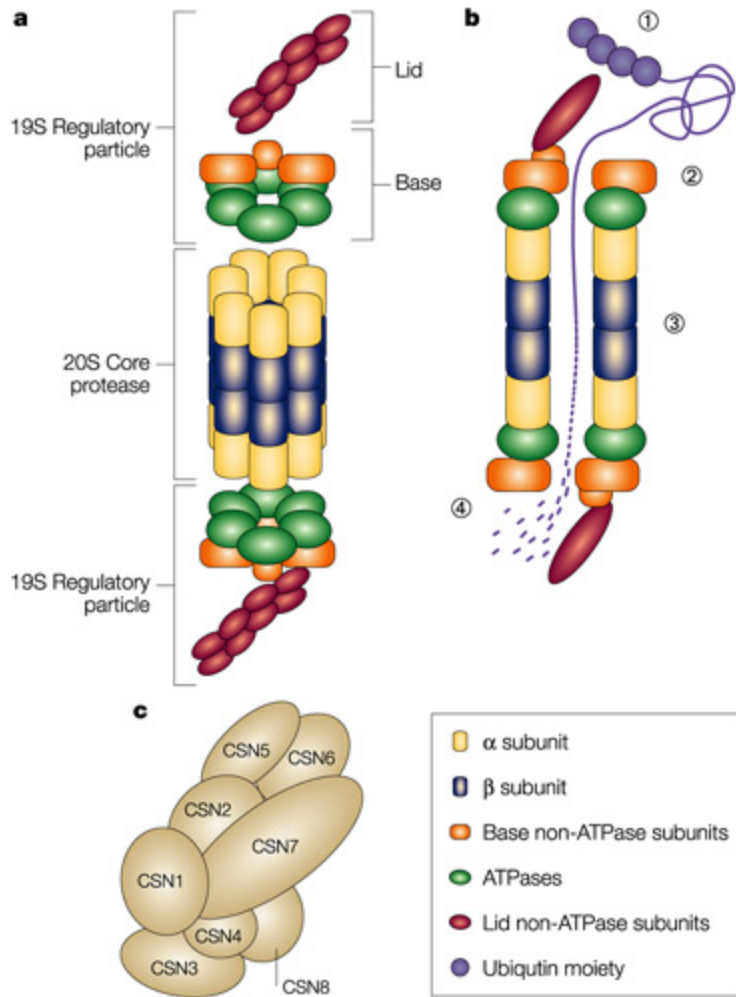
Proteasome Inhibition



ER Stress



Proteasome Structure



Proteolysis is conducted by three beta subunits, beta1, beta2, and beta5, of the 20S proteasome.

Enzymatic v nonenzymatic inhibitors

Bortezomib AMR Papers



Bortezomib Provides Effective Therapy for Antibody- and Cell-Mediated Acute Rejection

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RAPID COMMUNICATION

Proteasome Inhibitor-Based Primary Therapy for Antibody-Mediated Renal Allograft Rejection

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Early and Late Acute Antibody-Mediated Rejection Differ Immunologically and in Response to Proteasome Inhibition

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Rapid Reduction in Donor-Specific Anti-Human Leukocyte Antigen Antibodies and Reversal of Antibody-Mediated Rejection With Bortezomib in Pediatric Heart Transplant Patients

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CLINICAL AND TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH

Prospective Evaluation of the Toxicity Profile of Proteasome Inhibitor-Based Therapy in Renal Transplant Candidates and Recipients

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Proteasome inhibitor treatment of antibody-mediated allograft rejection

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Purpose of review

Bortezomib is a first-in-class proteasome inhibitor that was originally Food and Drug Administration approved for the treatment of multiple myeloma. In the past few years, off-label use in solid organ transplant recipients has demonstrated its ability to provide plasma cell-targeted therapy in humans. The purpose of this review is to provide an update on the immunologic and clinical results with bortezomib in transplant recipients.

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Proteasome inhibitor therapy for antibody-mediated rejection

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New Proteasome Inhibitors

AGENT	TARGET	CLASS	PHARMA	AREA OF DEVELOPMENT	PHASE
Carfilzomib (PR-171)	NF-kB	2nd Generation Proteasome Inhibitor (IV)	Onyx	Relapsed/Refractory MM	Phase II
				Relapsed Solid Tumors	Phase Ib/II
				Carfilzomib + Lenalidomide + Dexamethasone in Relapsed MM	Phase Ib
				Relapsed MM	Phase II
MLN9708 ixazomib	NF-kB	2nd Generation Proteasome Inhibitor (IV)	Millennium	Relapsed/Refractory MM	Pre-Clinical

Carfilzomib and Lung Transplant Rejection

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Proteasome Inhibitor Carfilzomib-Based Therapy for Antibody-Mediated Rejection of the Pulmonary Allograft: Use and Short-Term Findings

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dysfunction or progression versus nonresponders (25% vs. 83%, $p = 0.04$). No deaths occurred within 120 days and 7 patients died post CFZ therapy of allograft failure. Larger prospective interventional studies are needed to further describe the benefit of CFZ-based therapy for pulmonary AMR.

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Abbreviations: ACR, acute cellular rejection; AHG-CDC, anti-human globulin complement dependent cytotoxicity; ALL, acute lung injury; AMR, antibody

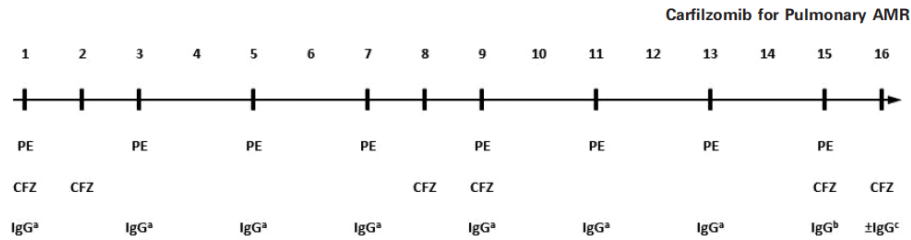


Figure 2: CFZ-based AMR regimen. Sixteen-day course. PE, plasma exchange (1.5 plasma volume exchanges/session) replaced with 5% albumin and/or fresh frozen plasma; CFZ, carfilzomib 20 mg/m²; IgG, intravenous immunoglobulin G (Gammagard Liquid, 10%). ^a100 mg/kg; ^b500 mg/kg; ^c500 mg/kg if serum IgG level <700 mg/dL. Order of therapy: PE, CFZ, intravenous immunoglobulin G on days where all three are administered. CFZ doses were administered over 10–30 min and premedicated with sodium chloride 0.9% 250 mL bolus, acetaminophen 650 mg, diphenhydramine 25–50 mg, ondansetron 4 mg, and prednisone 40 mg. IgG doses were premedicated with acetaminophen 650 mg and diphenhydramine 25–50 mg. AMR, antibody-mediated rejection.

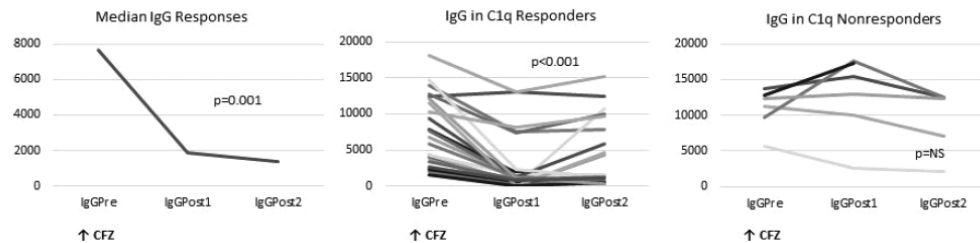
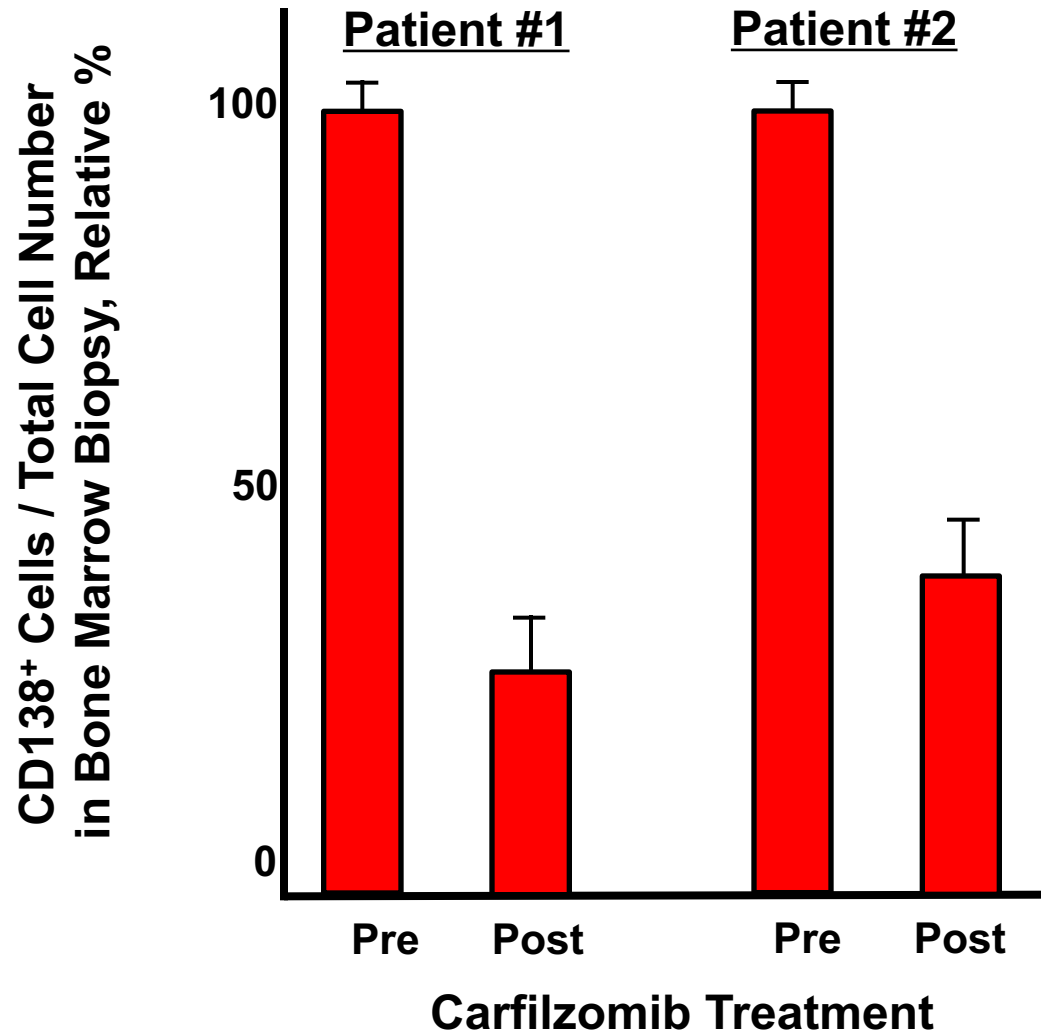


Figure 4: Single-antigen bead neat IgG MFI responses. IgGPre, neat IgG MFI at AMR (day 0); IgGPost1, neat IgG MFI at day 16; IgGPost2, neat IgG MFI at day 42. All (left), C1q responders (center), C1q nonresponders (right). AMR, antibody-mediated rejection; C1q, complement-1q; IgG, immunoglobulin G; MFI, mean fluorescence intensity; NS, not significant; Pre, value prior to AMR; Post, value after CFZ therapy.

U of Cincinnati Carfilzomib Trial

- FDA IND and UC IRB approval
- Enrollment initiation Nov 2014
- Desensitization trial
- Proof of concept
- Iterative design
- Adaptive enrollment based on precision estimates of treatment effect
- Biologic assessment of resistant BMNR LLPCs

Carfilzomib Monotherapy BMPC Depletion

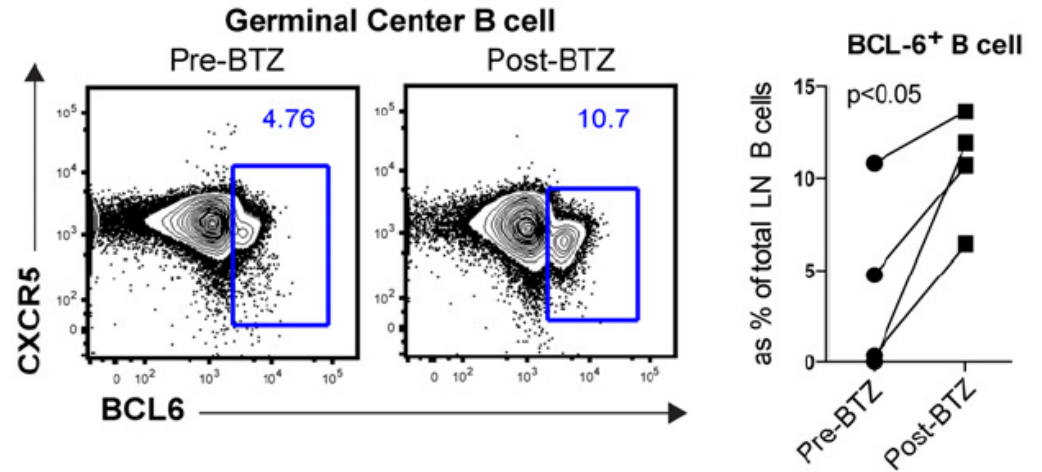


Humoral Compensation after Bortezomib Treatment of Allosensitized Recipients

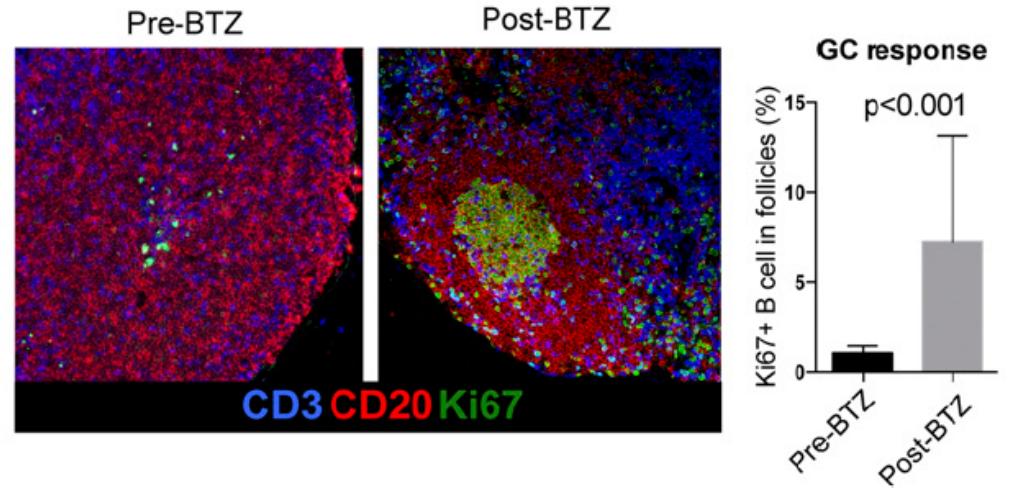
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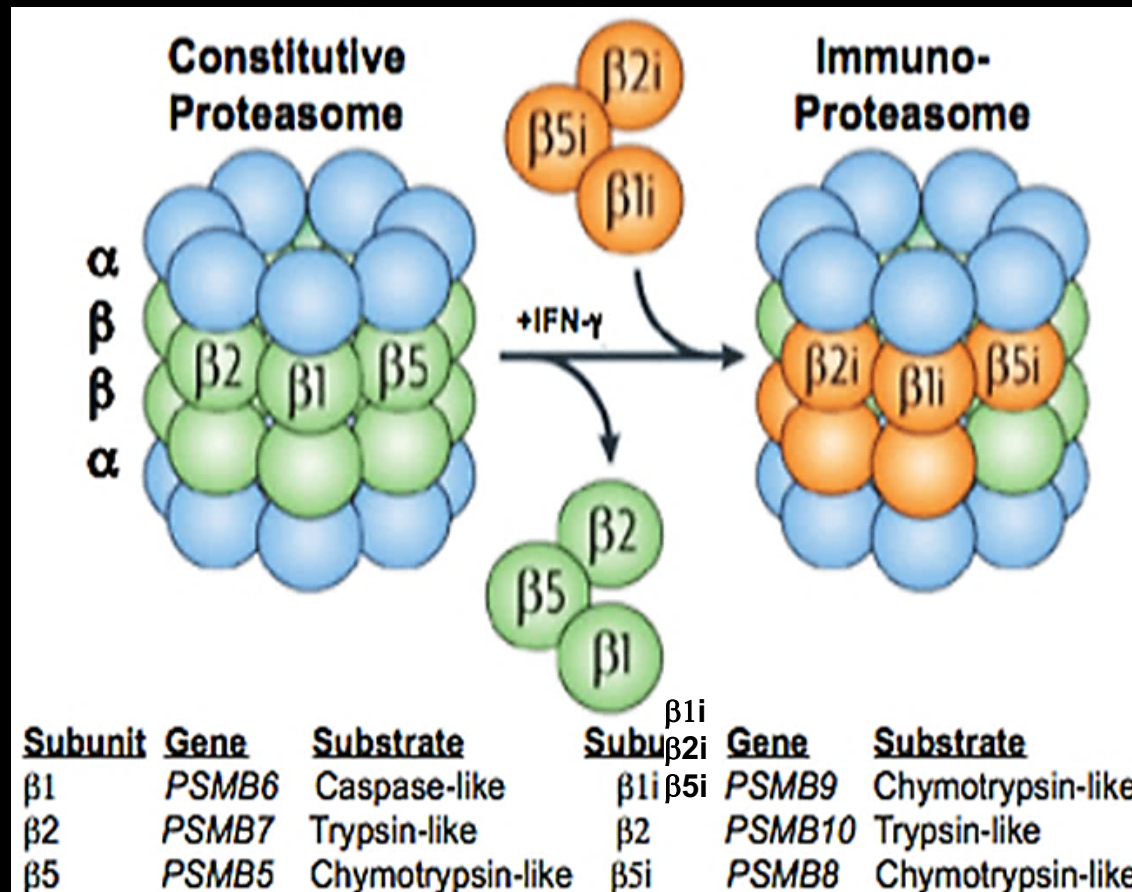
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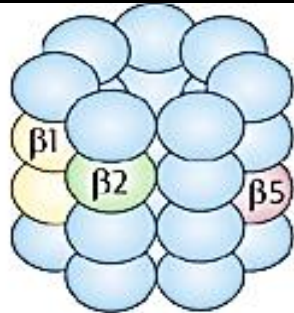
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Constitutive Proteasome Conversion to Immunoproteasome



Immunoproteasome

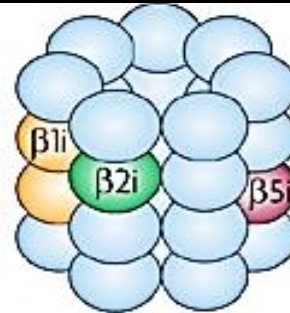


Constitutive proteasome

$\beta 1$ (PSMB6, Y, δ)

$\beta 2$ (PSMB7, Z, MC14)

$\beta 5$ (PSMB5, X, MBI, ϵ)



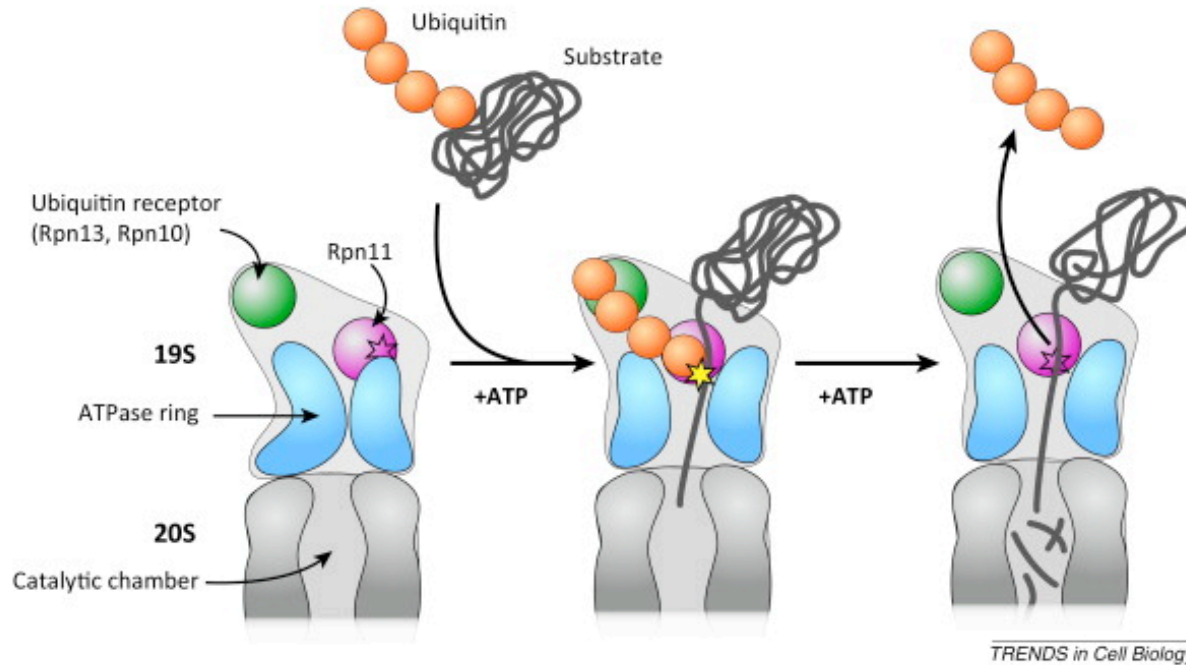
Immunoproteasome

$\beta 1i$ (PSMB9, LMP2)

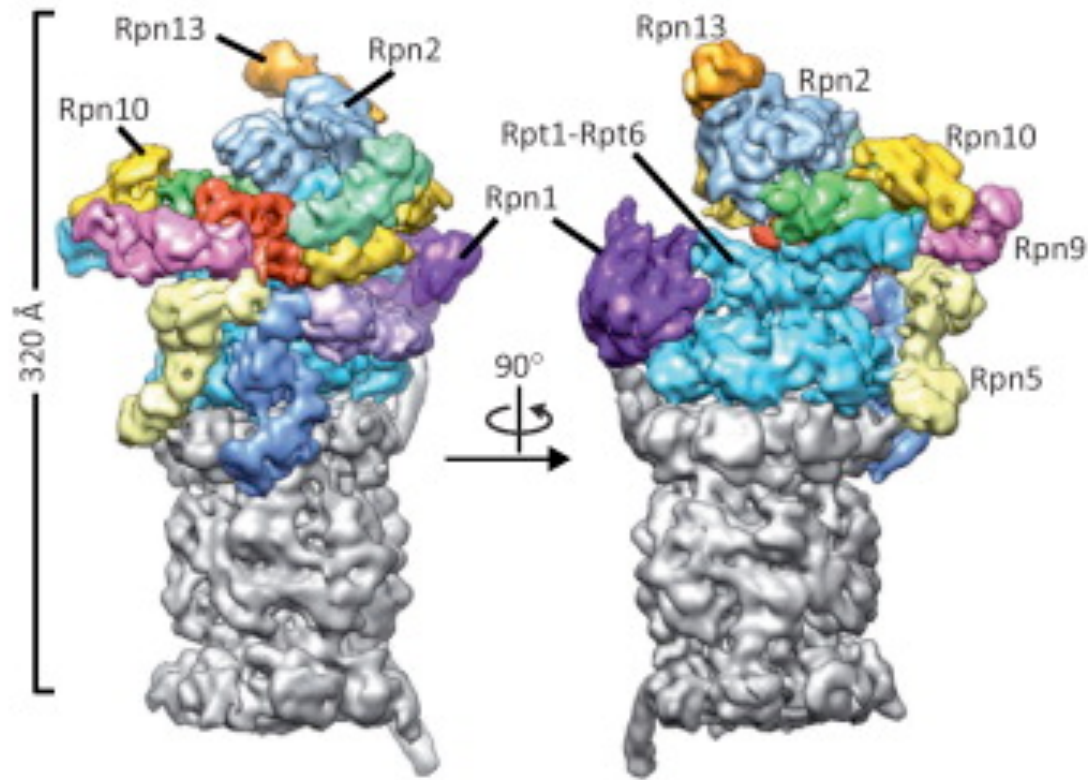
$\beta 2i$ (PSMB10, LMPI0, MECL1)

$\beta 5i$ (PSMB8, LMP7)

Proteasome Degradation: Events Proximal To Protein Degradation



- Ubiquitin recognition and binding
- Protein unfolding and chamber entry
- Deubiquitination

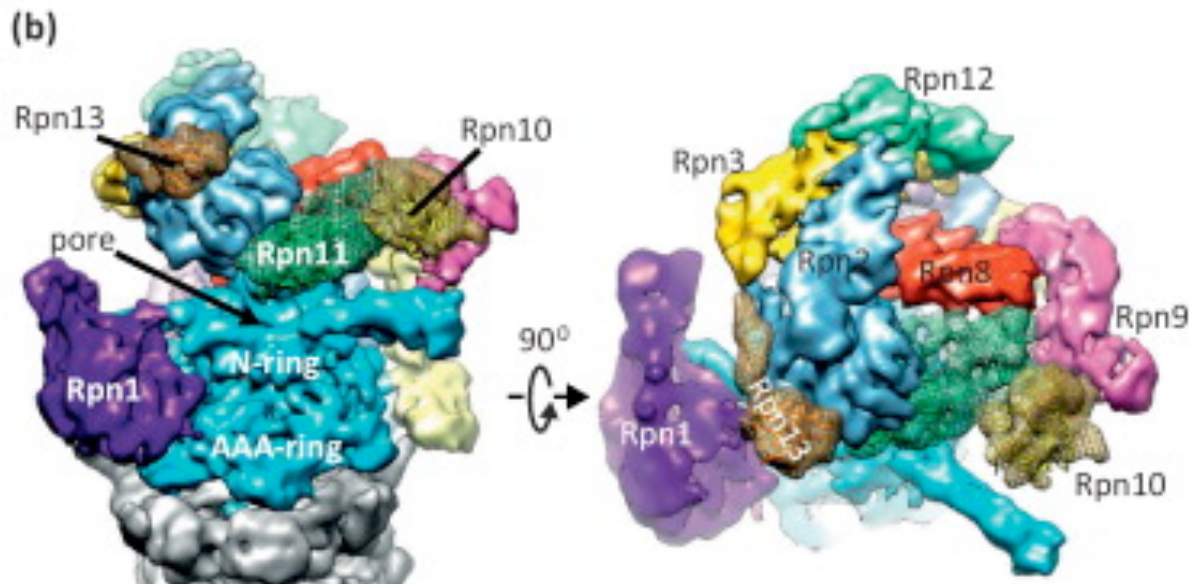


19S regulatory cap consists of:

6 ATPases

3 DUBs

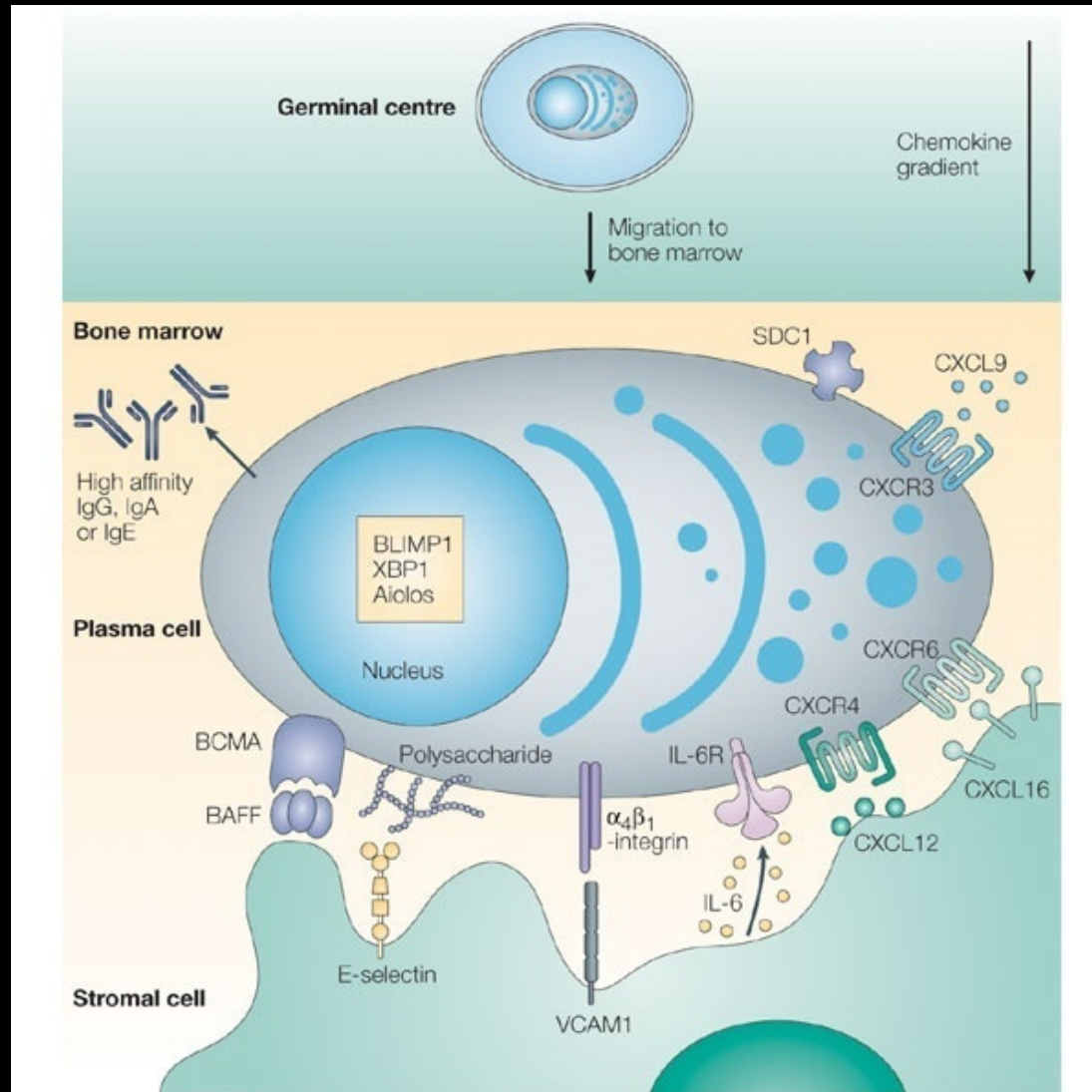
2 Ub receptors



Plasma Cell Niches

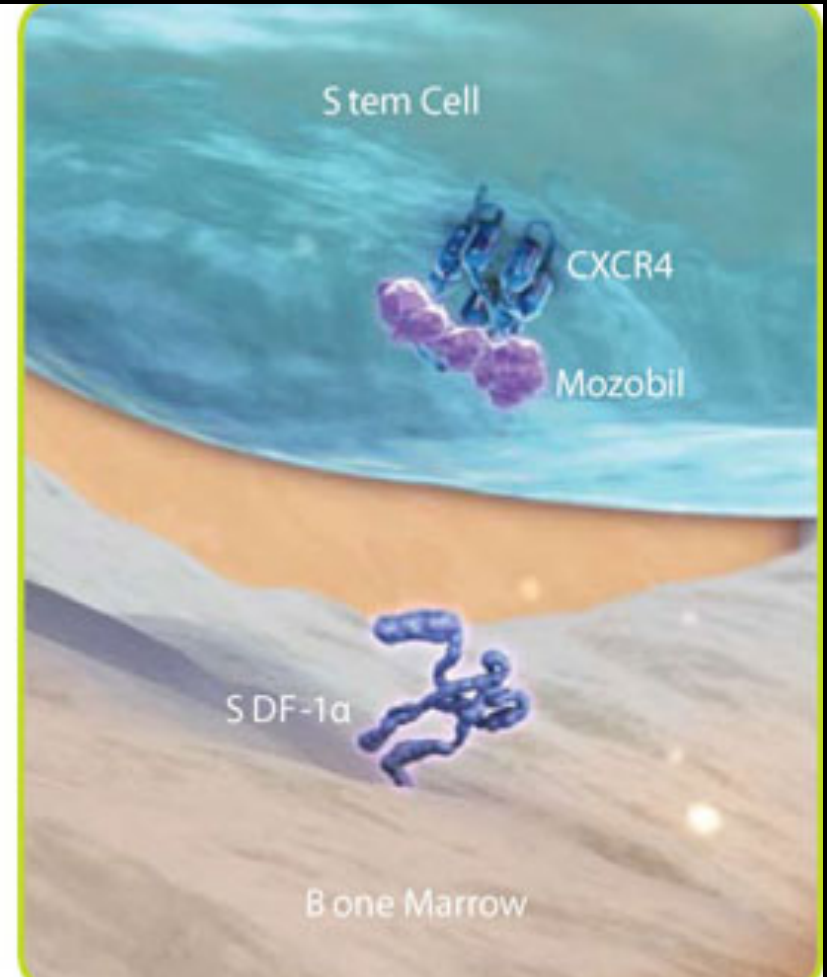
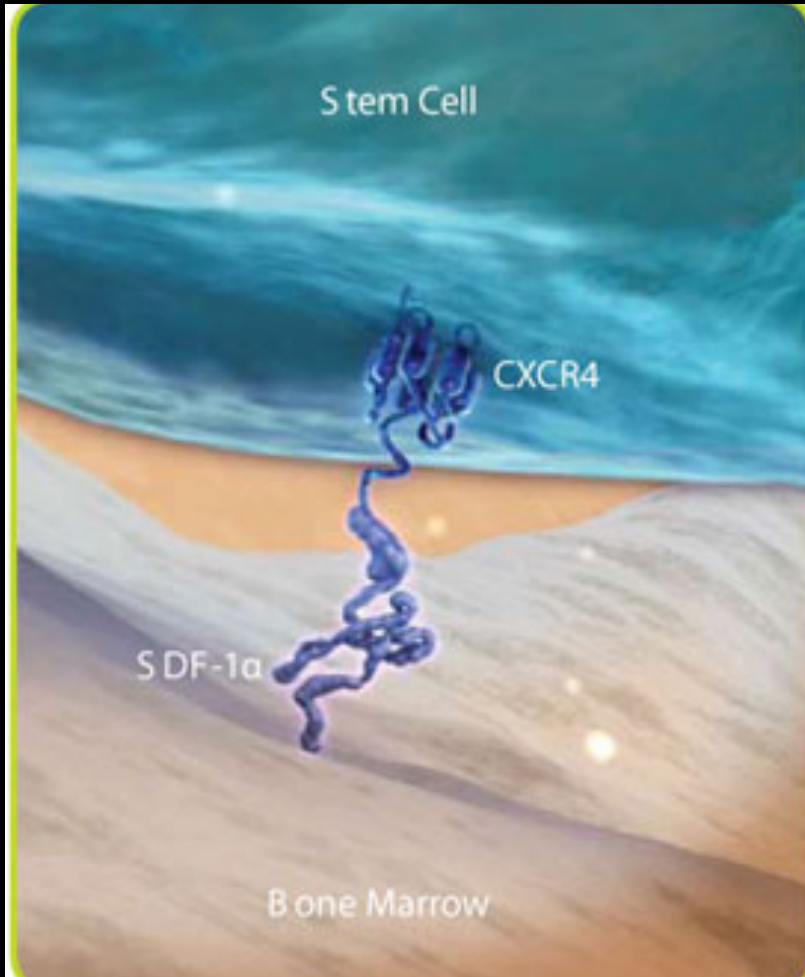
- PC niches exist in bone marrow, spleen and LN
- Bone marrow niche is the most characterized
- Consists of multiple cell types
 - Bone marrow stromal cells, osteoclasts, macrophages, eosinophils
 - Multiple cytokine, chemokines and cell surface protein interactions are thought to be important in promoting long term PC survival
- Spleen and LN niches are less well characterized

BMNR LLPC Niche: Druggable Targets



CXCR4: CXCL12 Blockade

- Plerixafor (*Mozobil*, Sanofi)



IL-6 Blockade

- *Tocilizumab (Actemra, Genentech)* IL6R
- *Siltuximab (Sylvant, Janssen)* IL6

BAFF Inhibition

- *Belimumab (Actemra, Glaxo Smith Kline)*
- *Tabalumab (Lilly)*

New Druggable Targets for AMR: Conclusions

- A significant number of innovative approaches have emerged over the past several years that
 - Ig degradation
 - Target early stages of classical complement cascade

New Druggable Targets for AMR: Conclusions

- Plasma cell targeted therapeutic approaches include
 - Newer proteasome inhibitors
 - Irreversible inhibitors
 - Selective IP inhibitors
 - Proximal proteasome inhibitors
 - Plasma cell niche components

New Druggable Targets for AMR: Combinatorial Regimens

- Antihumoral therapeutic regimens, similar to those that target T cell responses are likely to be **combinatorial regimens**
- Requisite properties for AMR regimens
 - Mechanism for dealing with preexisting Ab
 - Mechanisms for dealing with preexisting cell populations
 - Mechanisms for dealing with newly produced cellular populations
- ***Combinatorial regimens provide the opportunity to achieve synergy***