

Immuno-Oncology (I-O) Combinations

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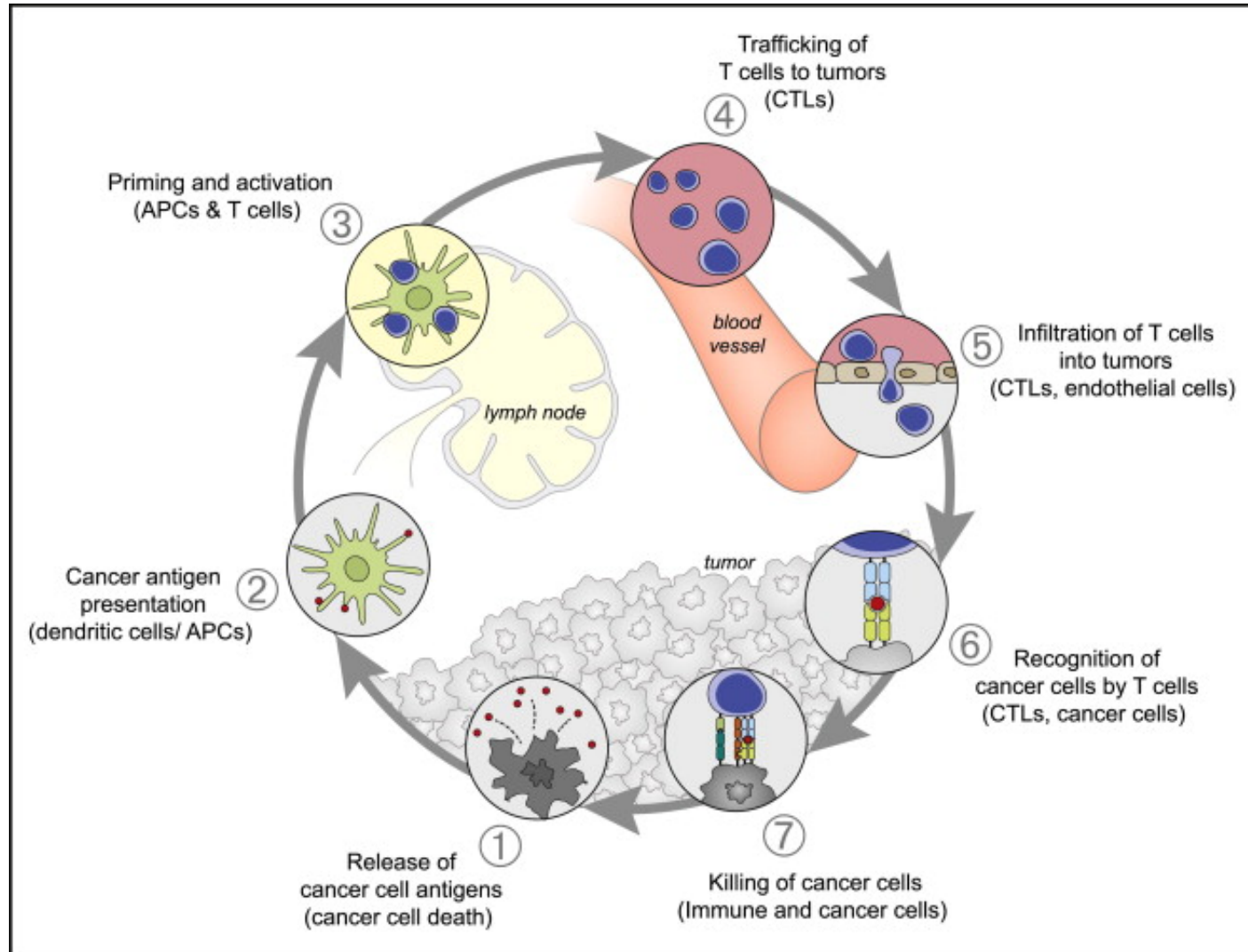
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Overview of Talk

- What's required for effective Cancer Immunotherapy
- Options for Combination Therapy
 - Examples
 - Vaccines
 - IDOi
 - Anti-LAG-3
 - Adoptive Cell Therapy
- Improving Patient Selection

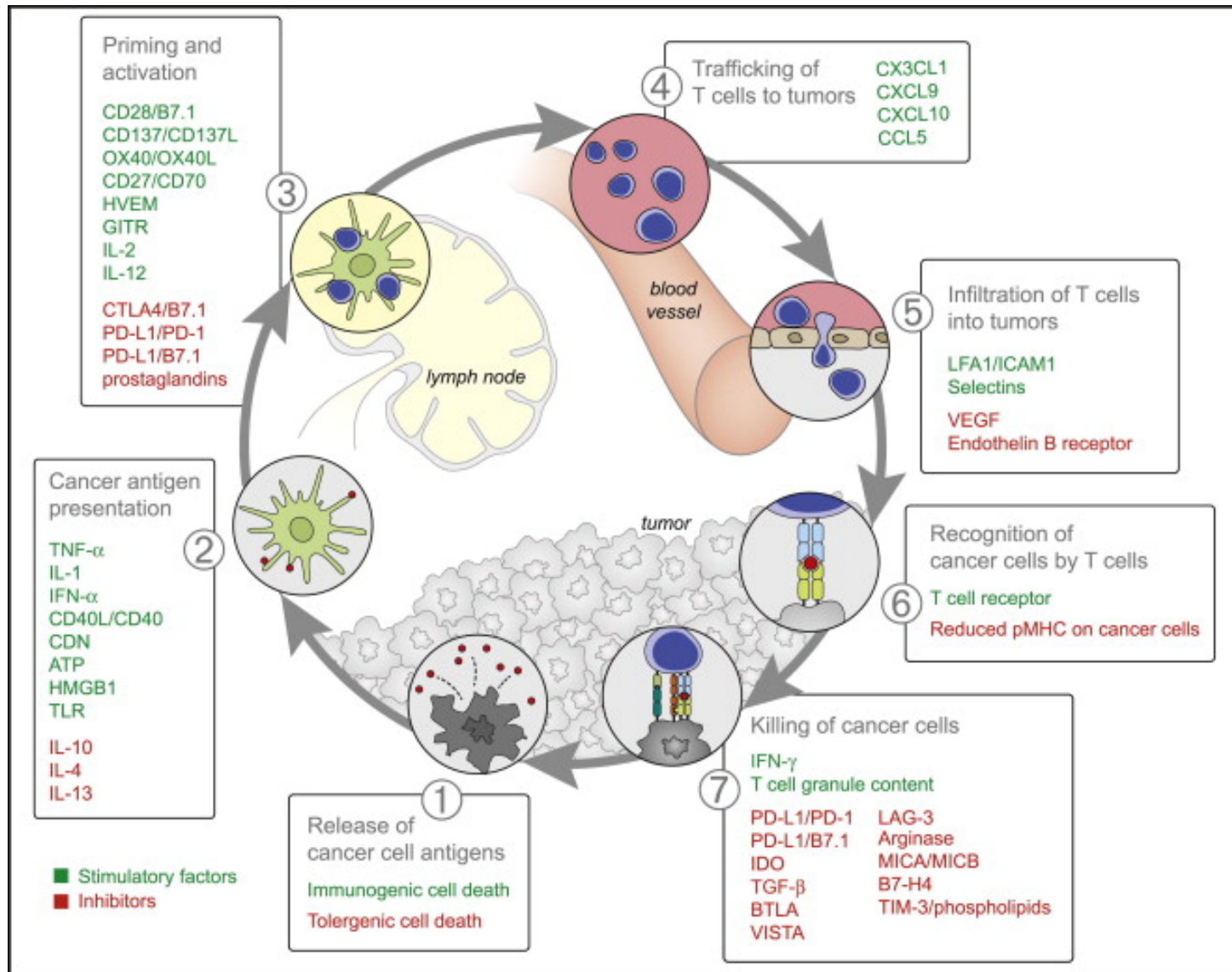
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Stimulatory and Inhibitory Factors in the Cancer-Immunity Cycle Each step of the Cancer-Immunity Cycle requires the coordination of numerous factors, both stimulatory and inhibitory in nature. Stimulatory factors shown in green promote immunity, ...

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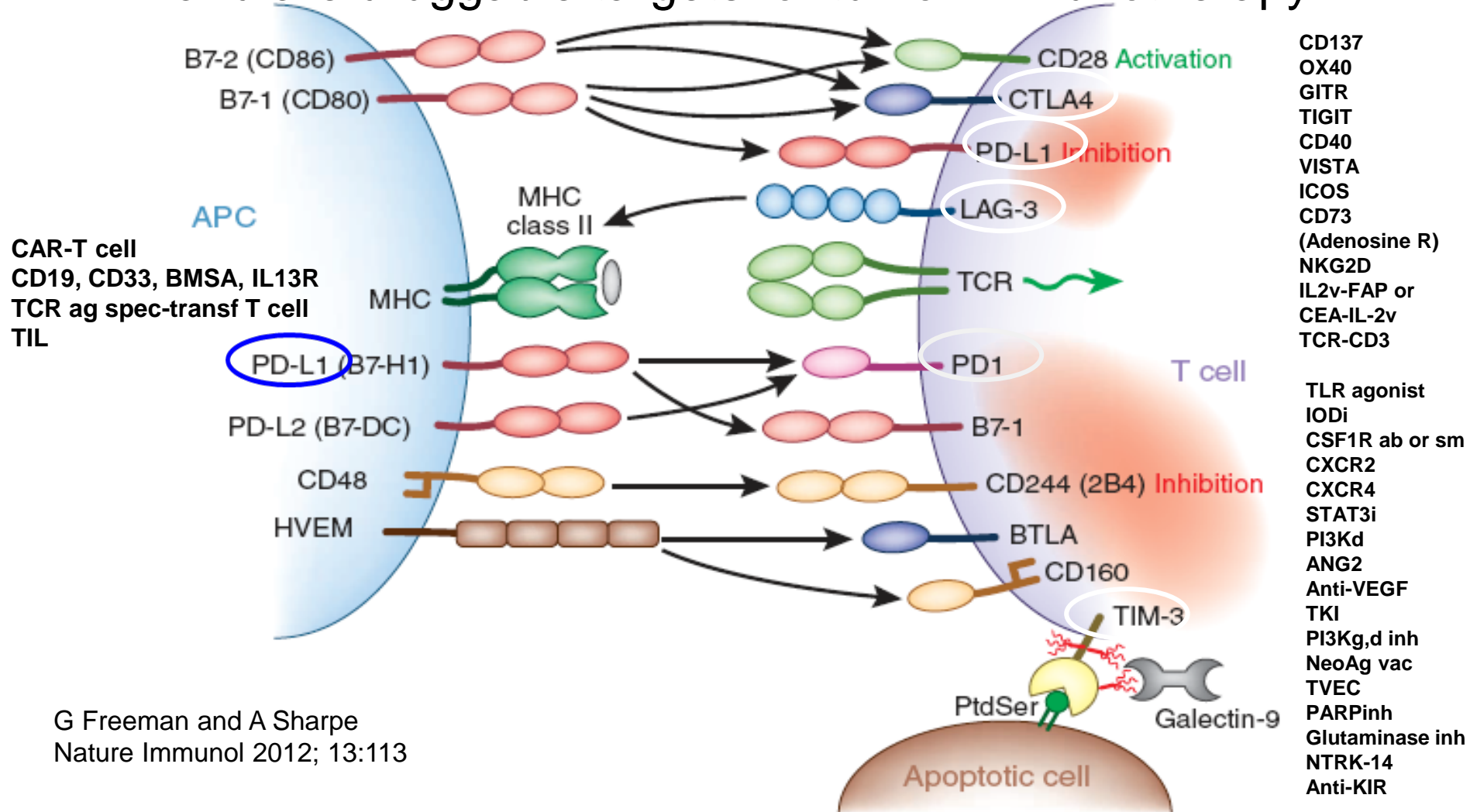
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- **Signal Inhibition, BRAF directed (BRAFi+MEKi), MEKi, PI3K inhibition (PTEN effects)**
- **Cytokines- IL-2, IFN a,b,g,, Directed cytokines (FAP-IL-2v or CEA-IL-2v)**
- **Epigenetic modulation- gene expression and EVR expression**
- **Microbiome modification- fecal transplants**
- **Chemotherapy other cytotoxics**
- **Localized Irradiation SBRT, SRS**

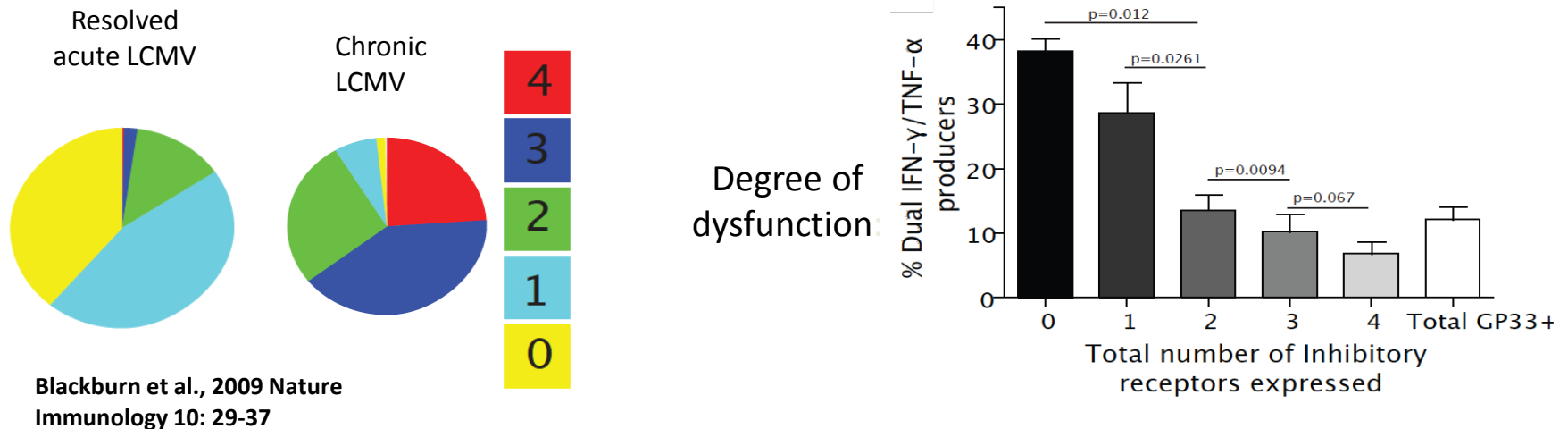
T cells in Tumors Express Multiple Immunoinhibitory Receptors

These regulate the balance between T cell activation and tolerance and are druggable targets for tumor immunotherapy



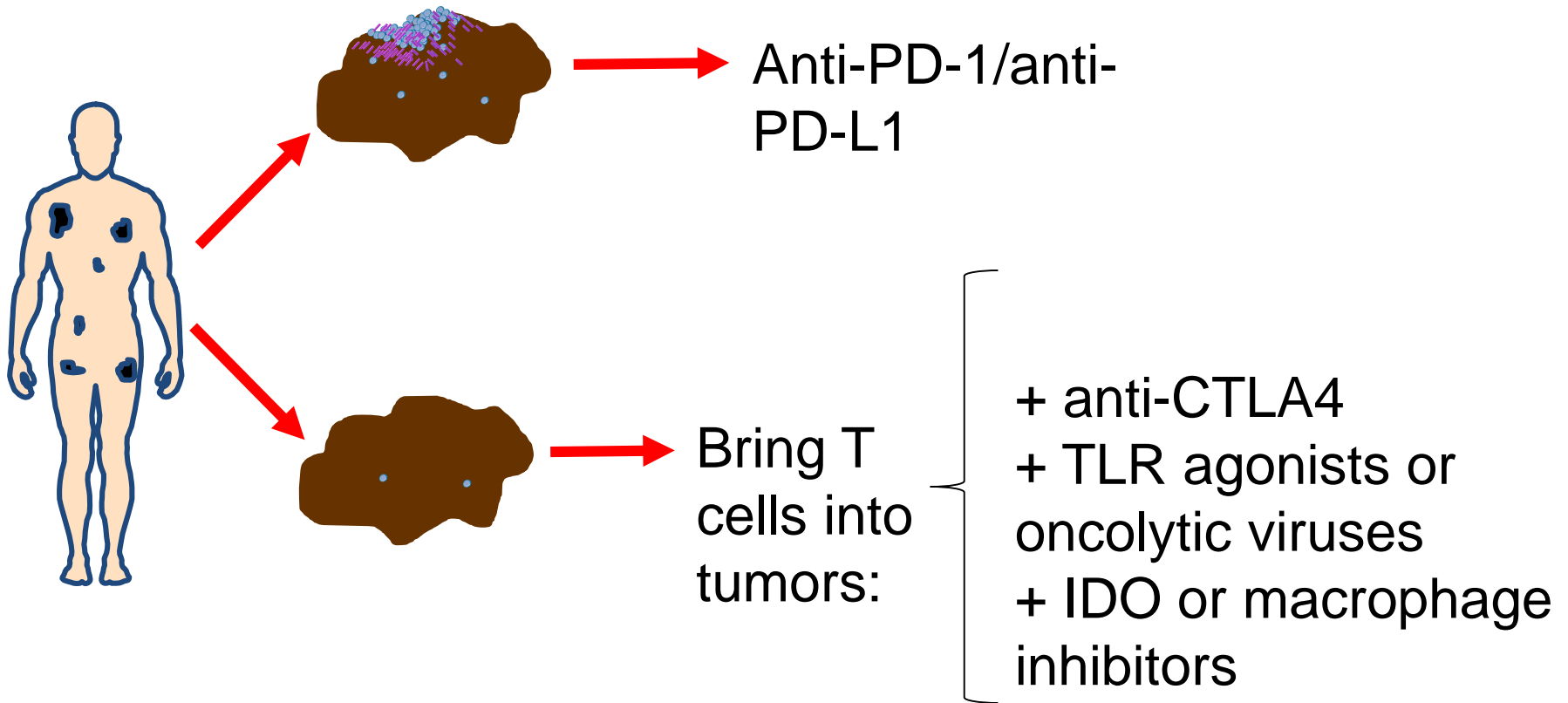
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Nature Immunol 2012; 13:113

T cells can coexpress multiple inhibitory receptors

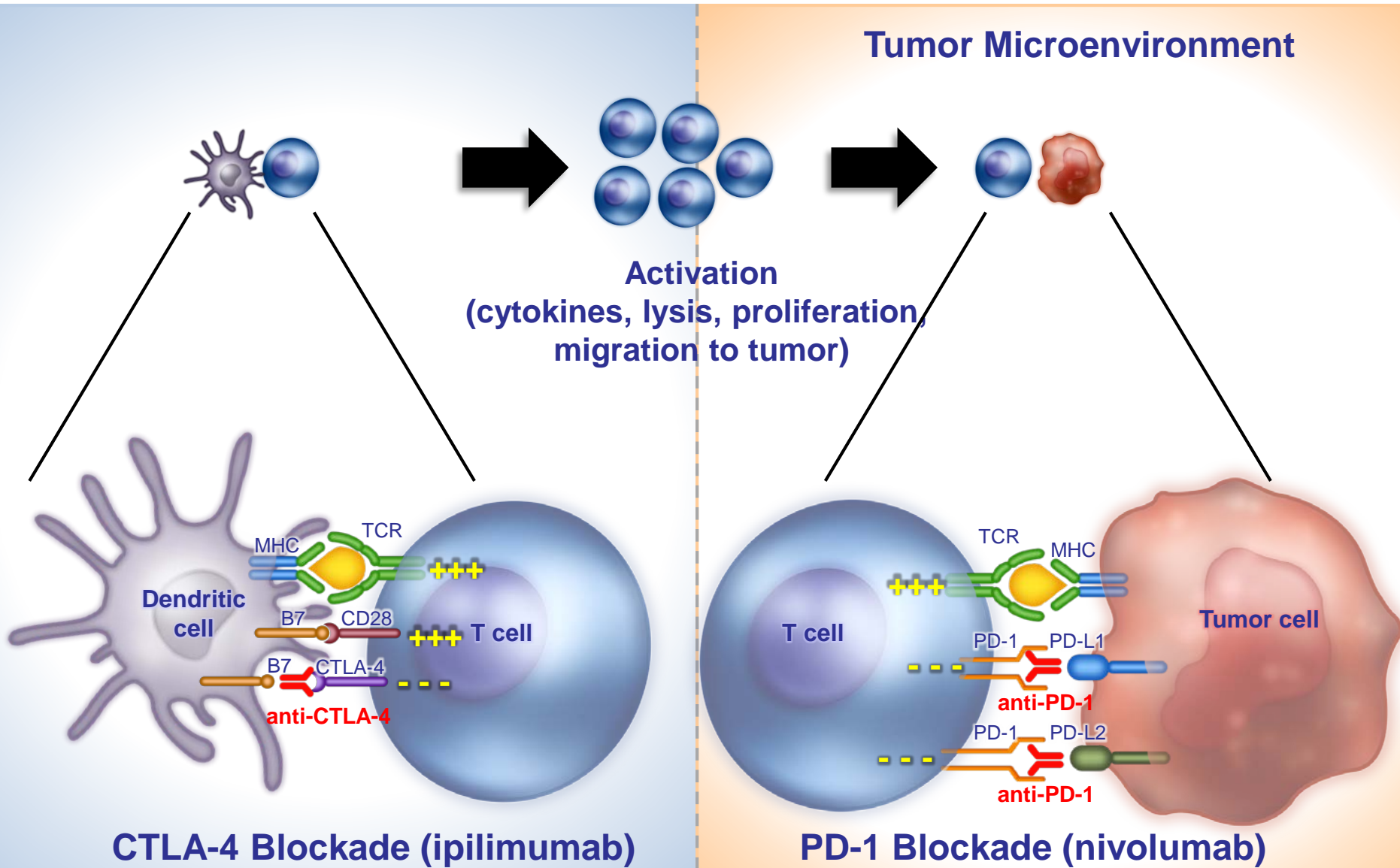


Co-blockade enables better rescue of exhausted T cells and therapeutic efficacy than blockade of a single inhibitory pathway, but ONLY anti-PD-1 monotherapy has substantial effects

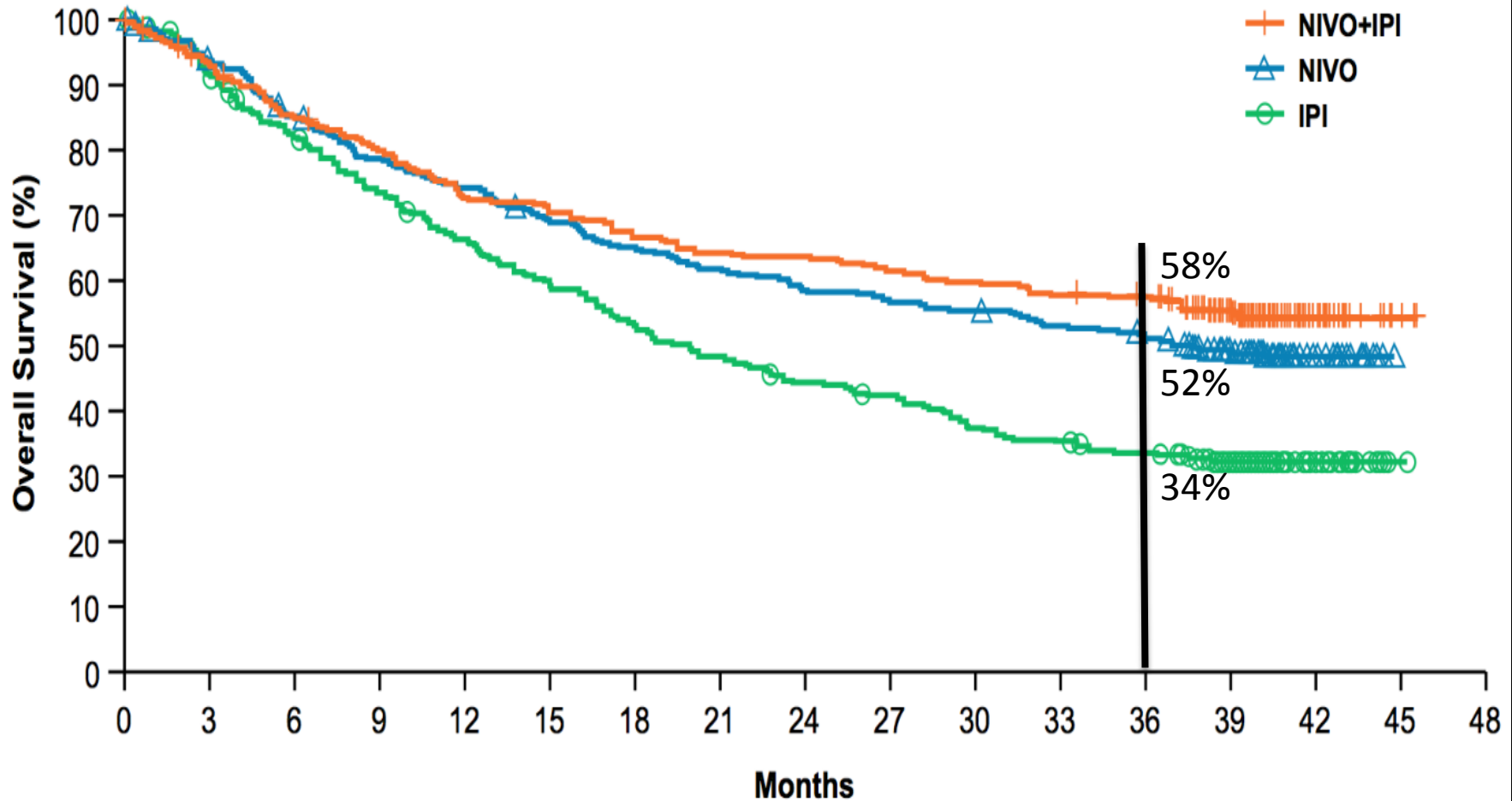
Enhancing Efficacy of anti-PD-1/L1



Blocking CTLA-4 and PD-1



Overall Survival in All Randomized Melanoma Patients : 067 Ipi+ Nivo vs Nivo vs Ipi

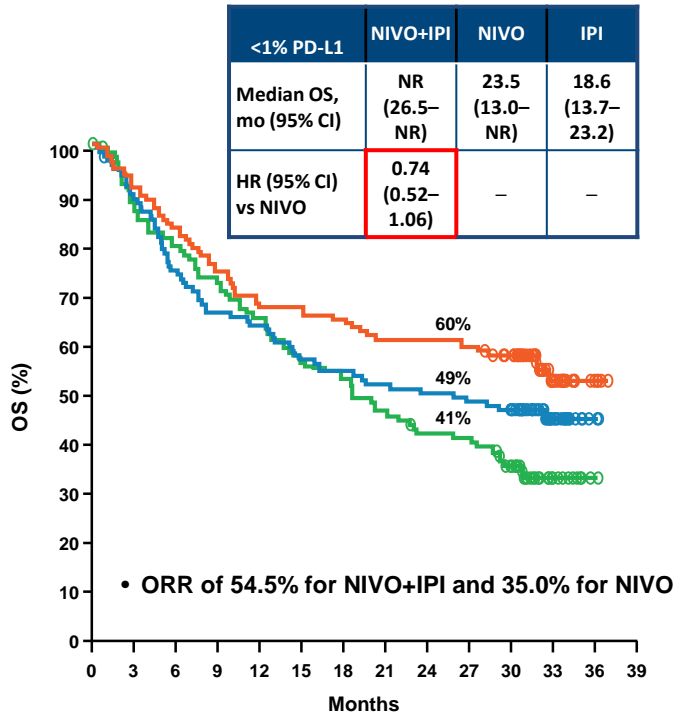


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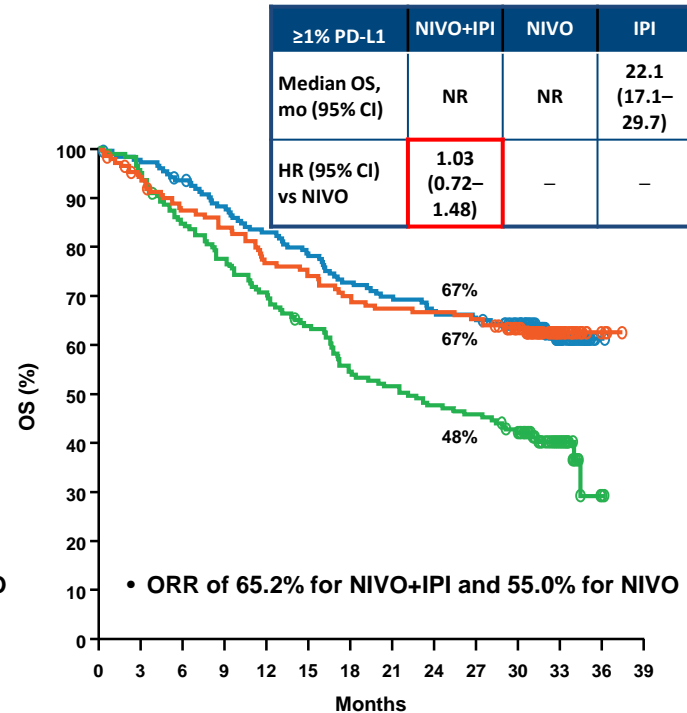
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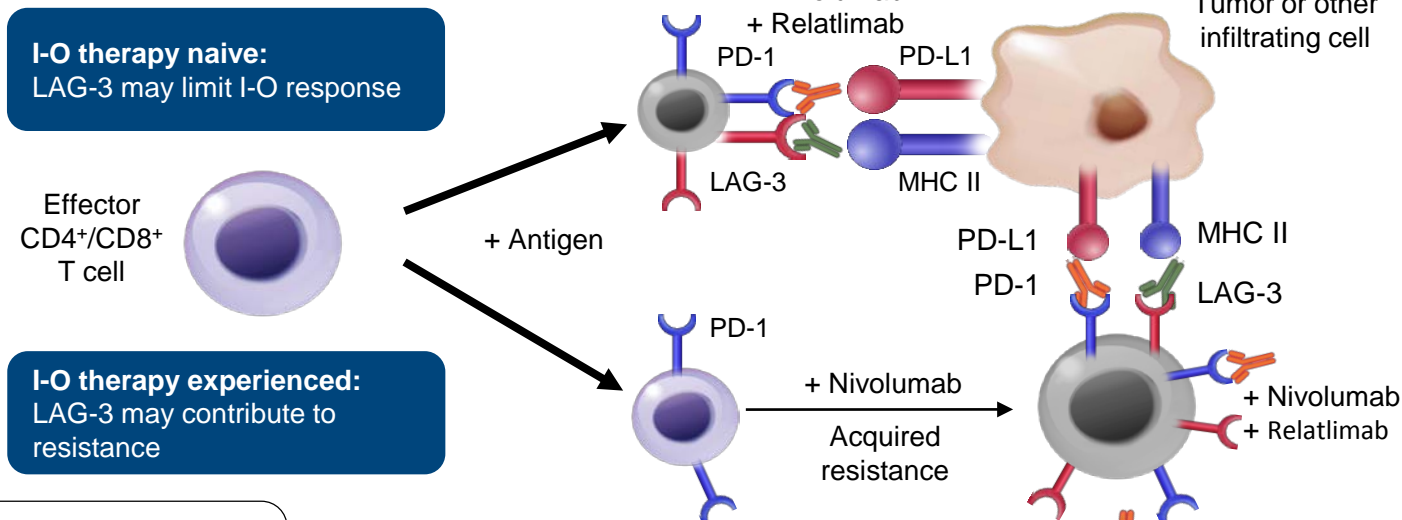
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Potential Role of LAG-3 in T-Cell Exhaustion and Anti-PD-1 Resistance

- LAG-3 regulates a checkpoint pathway that limits the activity of T cells¹
- LAG-3 and PD-1 receptors are overexpressed and/or co-expressed on tumor-infiltrating lymphocytes in melanoma^{2,3}



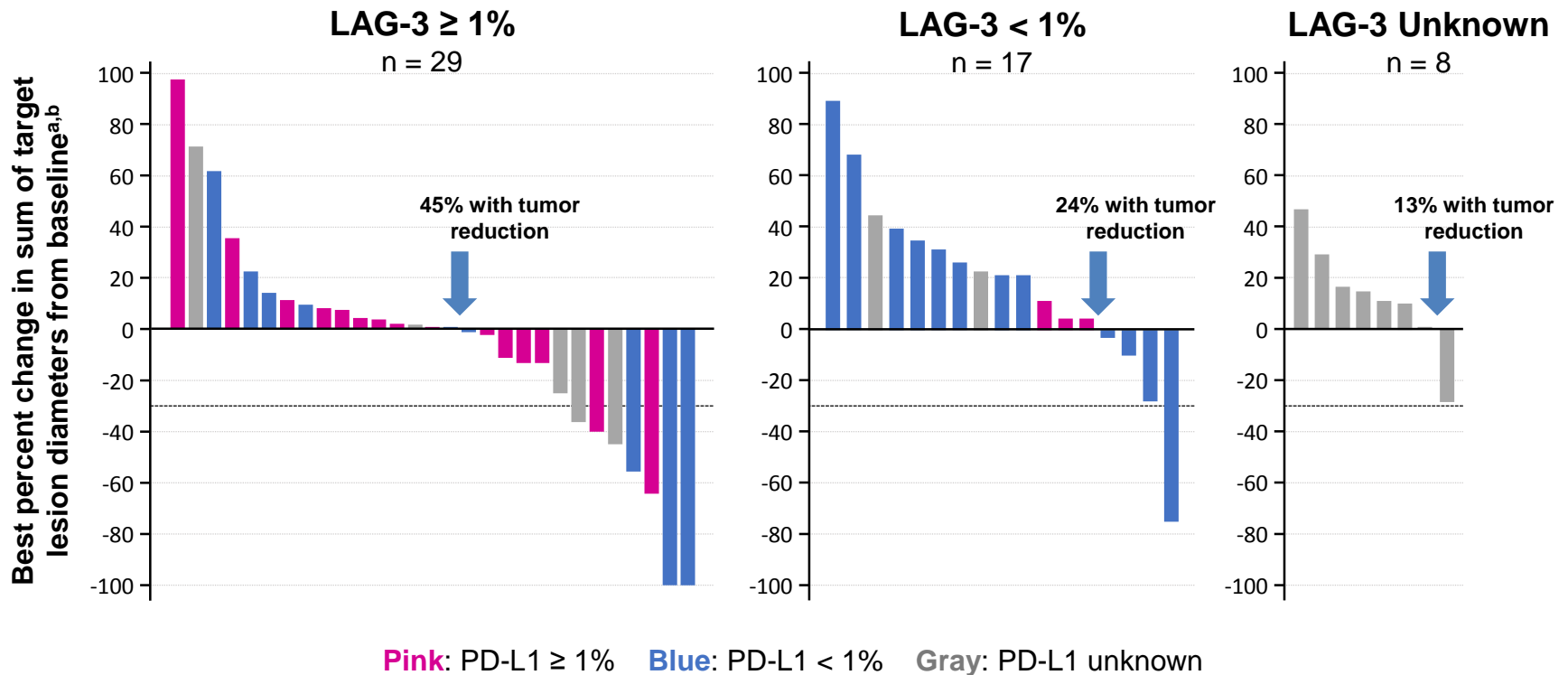
 Nivolumab
 Relatlimab
 (BMS-986016/anti-LAG-3)

I-O, immuno-oncology; MHC II, major histocompatibility complex class II; PD-1, programmed death-1; PD-L1, programmed death ligand 1.

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Antitumor Activity of Relatlimab (anti-LAG3) + Nivolumab

Change in Tumor Size by LAG-3 Expression



^aSix patients with clinical progression prior to their first scan and 1 with PD due to a new symptomatic brain metastasis prior to getting full scans were not included.

^bOne patient with best change from baseline > 30% had a best response of SD.

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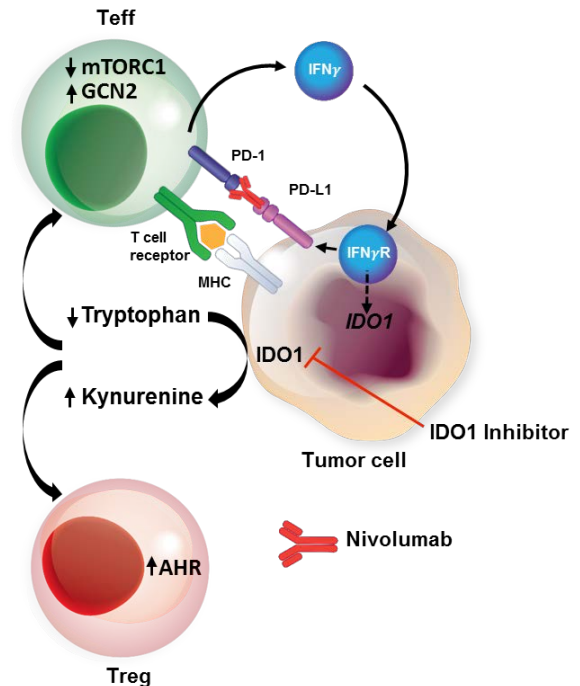
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Rationale for IDO1 Inhibitor Plus Anti-PD-1 Combination Therapy

- IDO1 enzyme inhibits T-cell function through local depletion of tryptophan and production of immunosuppressive kynurenine and downstream metabolites¹
- High IDO1 expression is associated with a decrease in immune cell tumor infiltration and an increase in regulatory T cells^{1,2}
- IDO1 expression in tumors has also been associated with poor prognosis, increased progression, and reduced survival^{1,2}
- Anti-PD-1 treatment upregulates *IDO1* expression in patients^{3,4}



Adapted from Moon YW et al. *J Immunother Cancer*. 2015;3:51. Published under Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International License (<http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/>).

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Recent Results of anti-PD-1 + IDOi

- Phase I/II results from the KEYNOTE-37 trial, the combination Pembrolizumab and Epecadostat induced objective responses in 29 of 53 (55%) treatment-naïve patients, including seven CRs
- 22 of 38 evaluable patients (58%) responded to the recommended phase II dose of epacadostat (100 mg).
- Median progression-free survival (PFS) of 22.8 months in the treatment-naïve pts, and NR in the patients who received the phase II dose of epacadostat

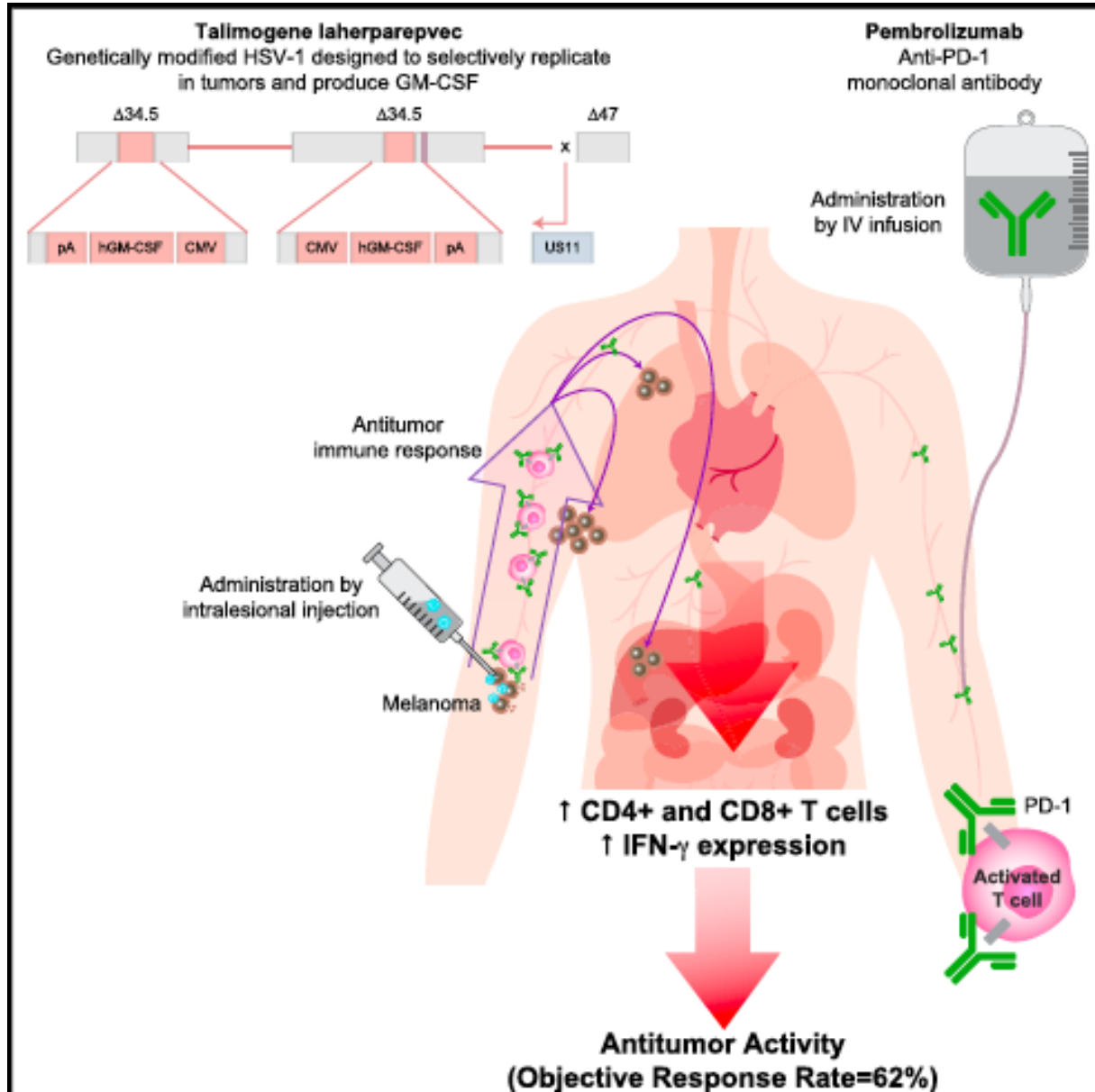
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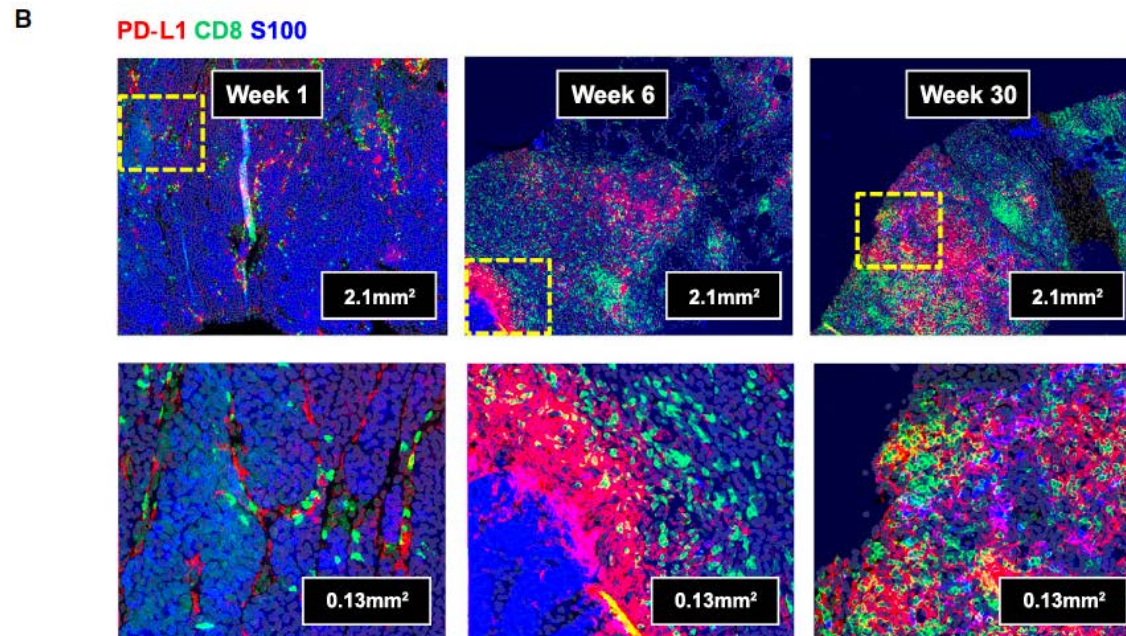
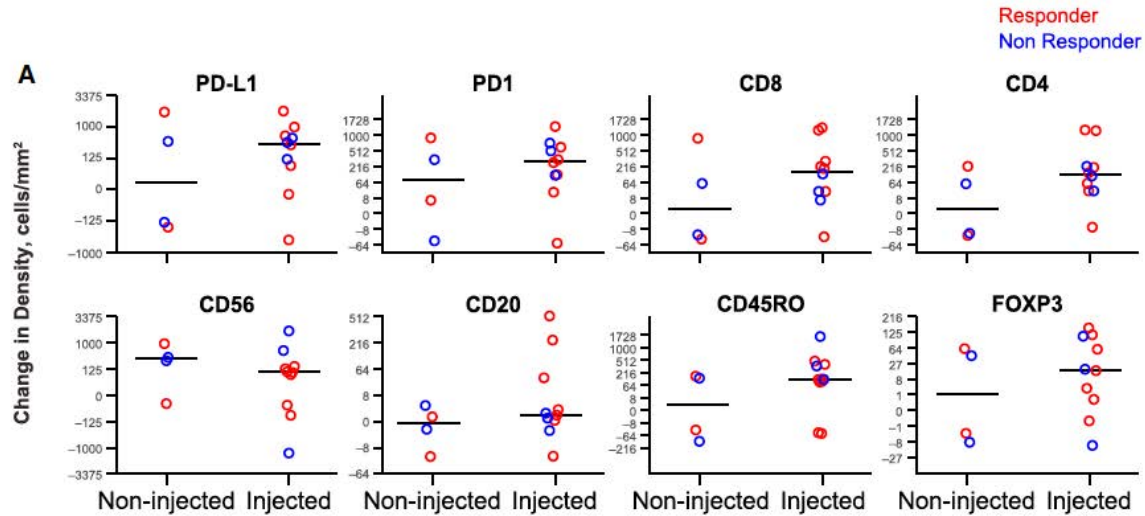
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Oncolytic Virus Injection Promotes Intratumoral T Cell Infiltration to Improve Anti-PD-1 Immunotherapy



Talimogene Laherparepvec Increases Tumor-Infiltrating Lymphocyte Density and PD-L1 Expression in Tumors



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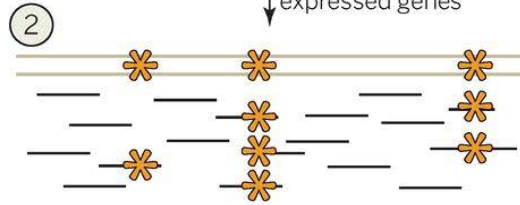
Cancer exome-based

identification of neoantigens.

① Obtain tumor material

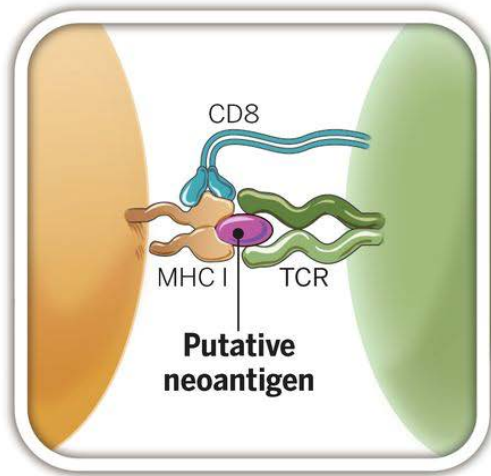


Identify tumor-specific mutations within expressed genes

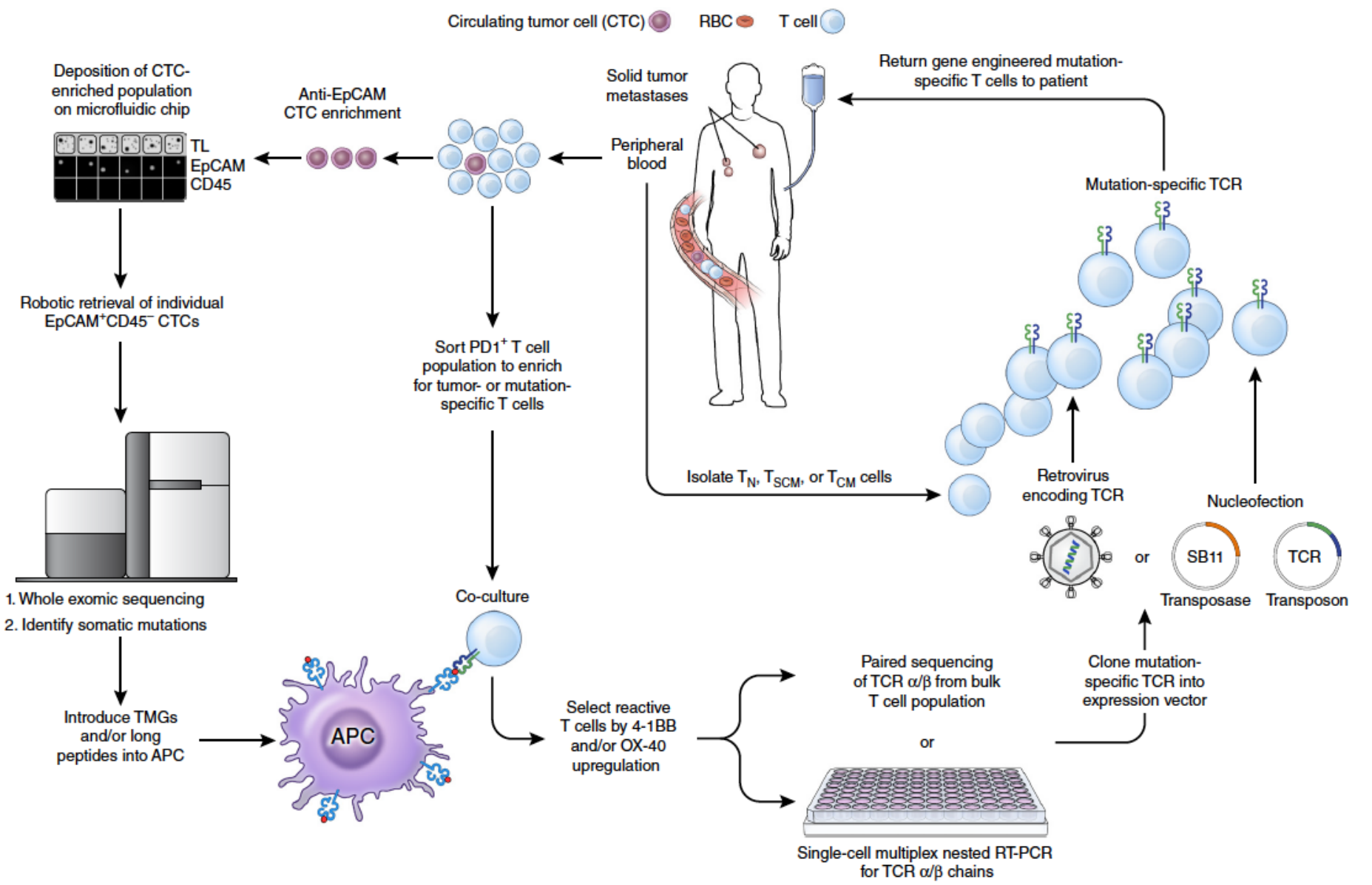


③ - Filter *in silico* Filter by MS analysis

④ Assess T cell recognition



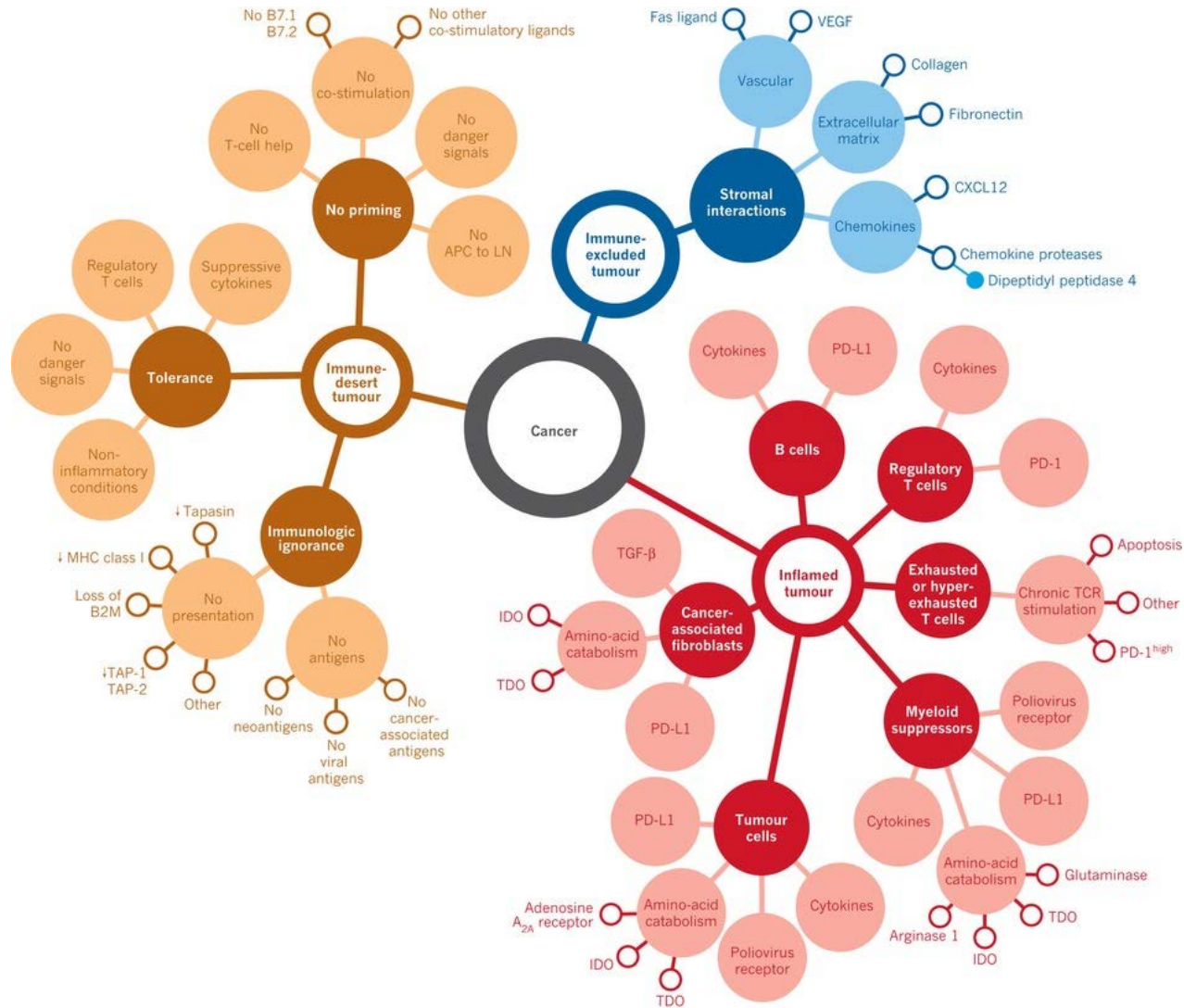
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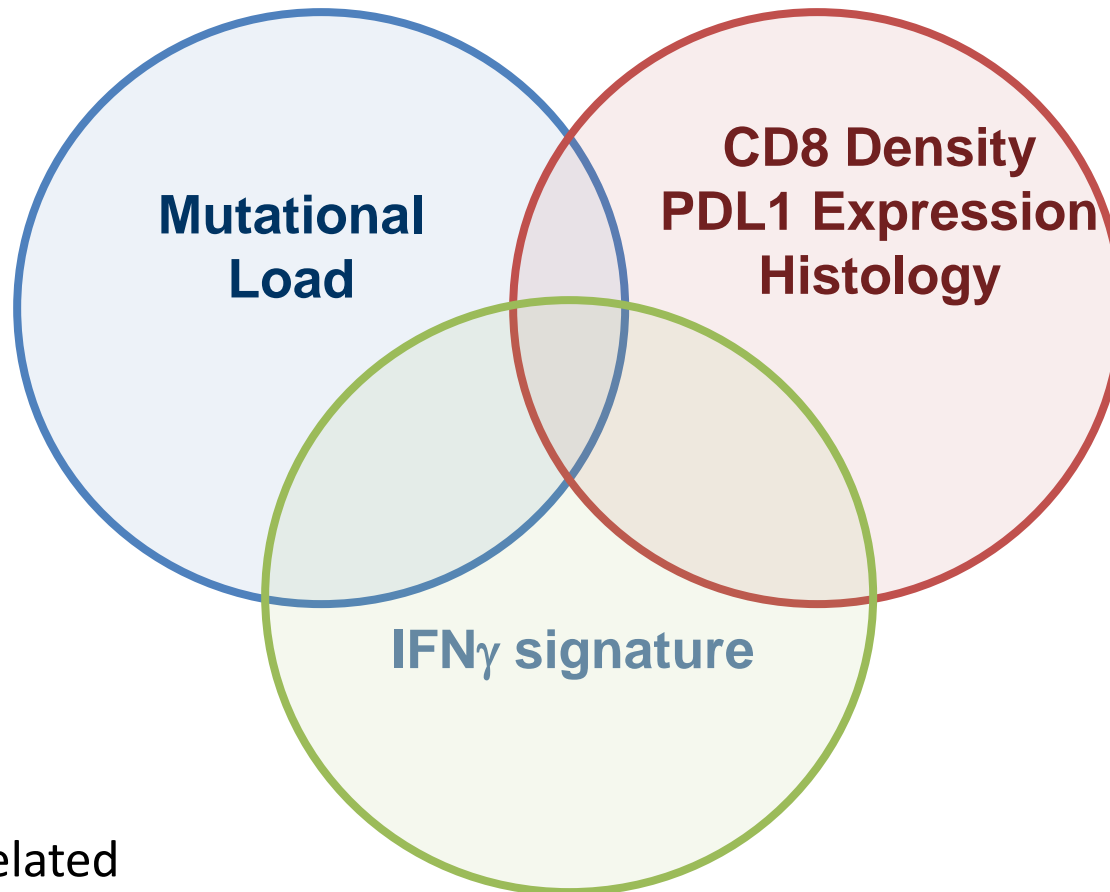
Summary

- What's required for effective Cancer Immunotherapy
- Combination Therapy –
 - Underway in full gear
 - Rationale for many combinations- selection
 - IDOi
 - Anti-LAG-3
 - Vaccines
 - Adoptive Cell Therapy
- Improving Patient Selection
 - Biomarker Development- **Too many**- how to simplify
 - Use to select the most effective
 - Use to select the least toxic

Cancer-immune phenotypes.

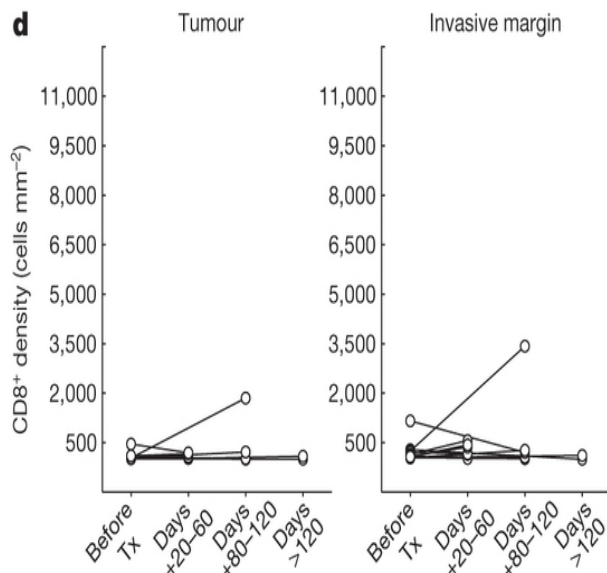
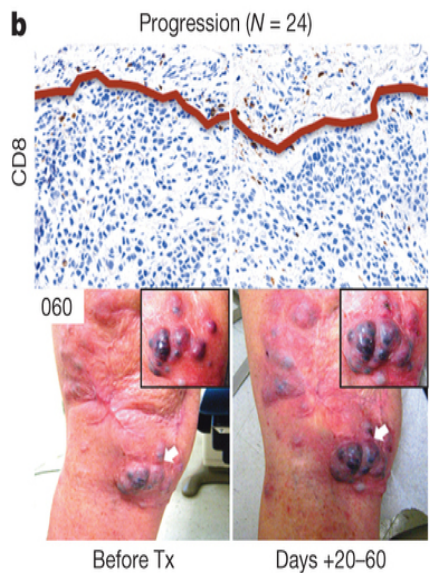
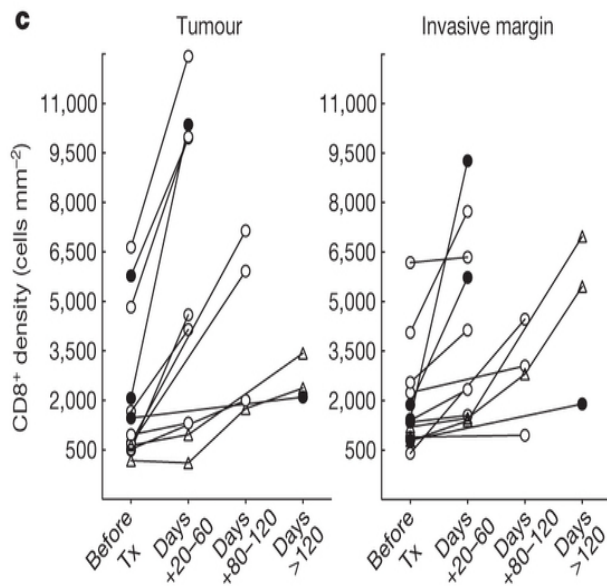
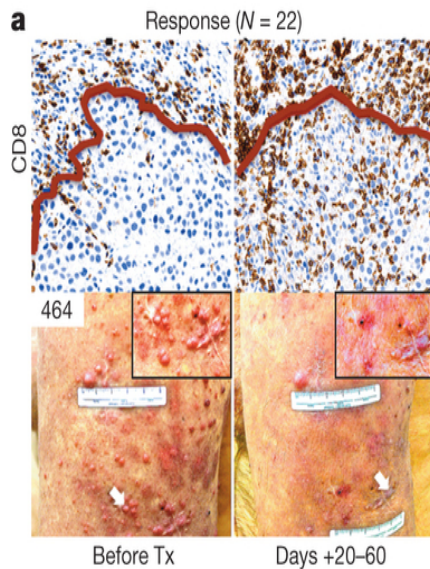


Biomarker Model

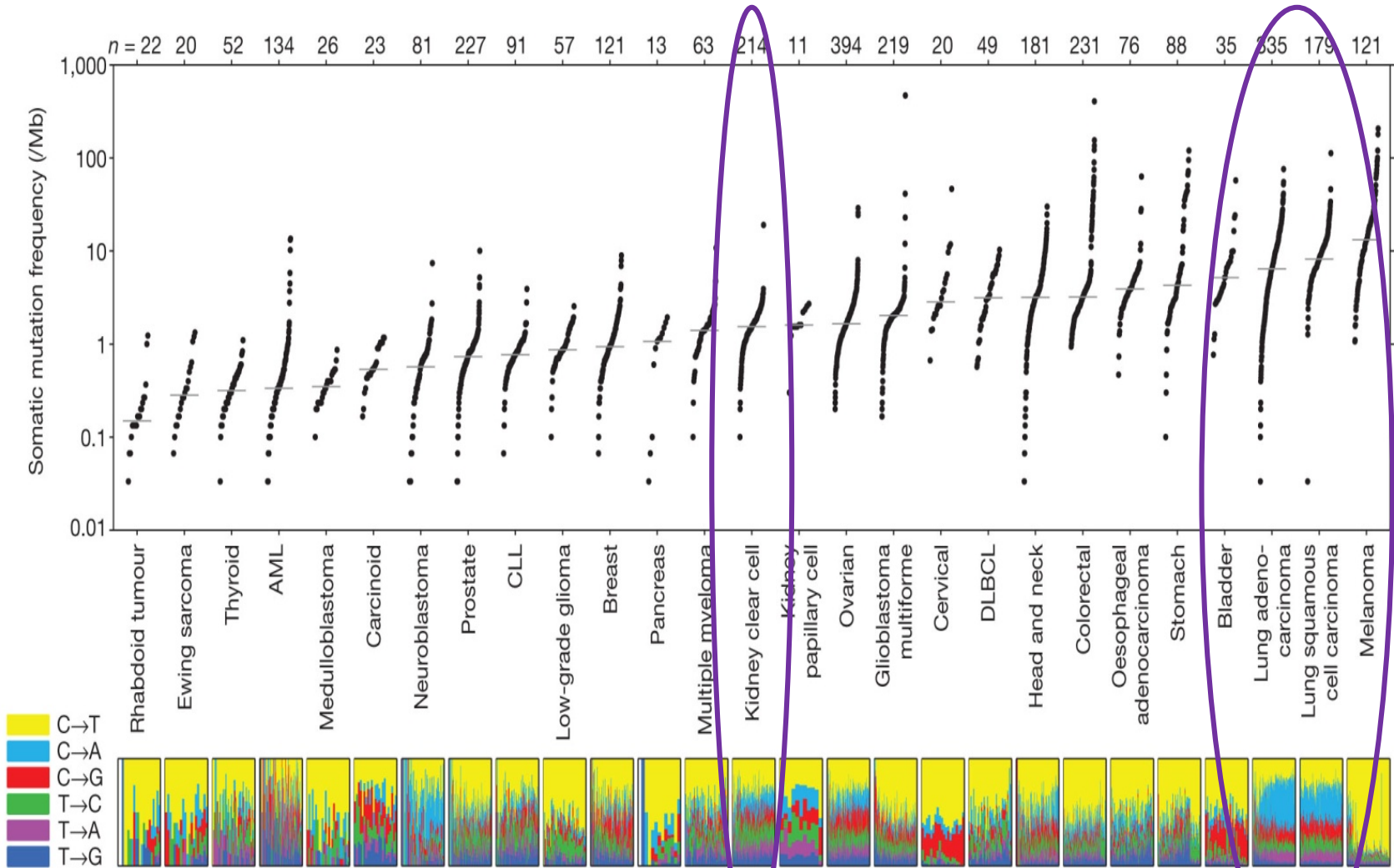


- All inter-related
- Some tumors may have a larger sweet spot

CD8+T cell Density within the Tumor and at Invasive Margin Importance

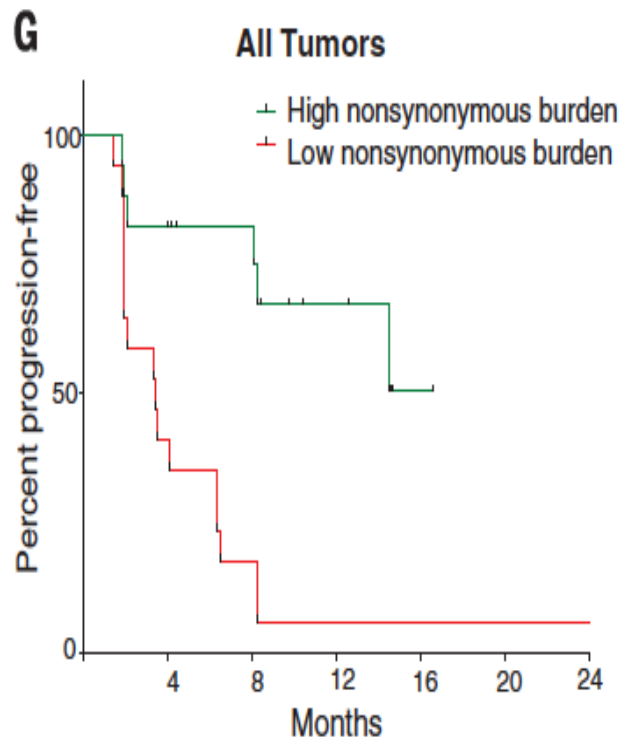


Somatic mutations by tumor type



Mutational landscape determines sensitivity to PD-1 blockade in non-small cell lung cancer

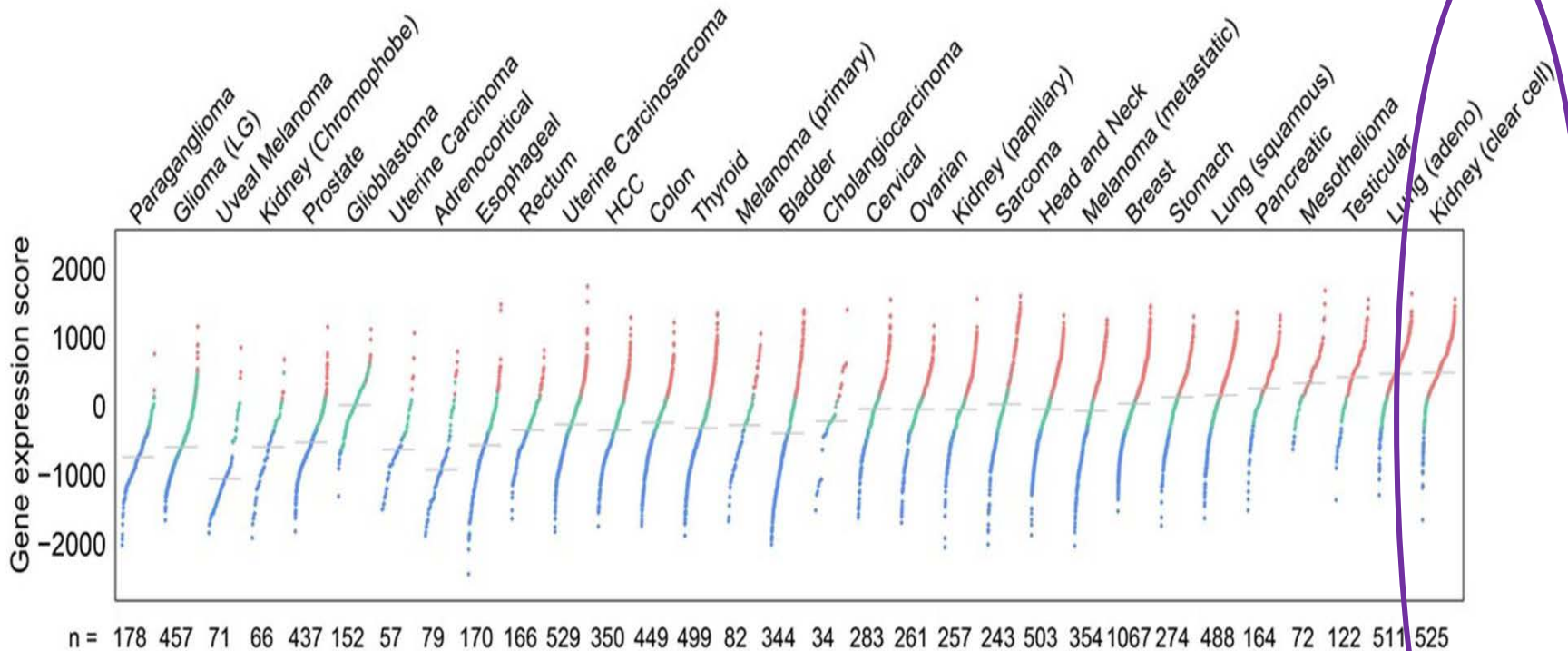
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Hypothesis:
PD-1 Blockade works in patients with most “mutated” / “immunogenic” cancers.

This data supports hypothesis

T cell-inflamed tumor microenvironment by tumor type in increasing frequency

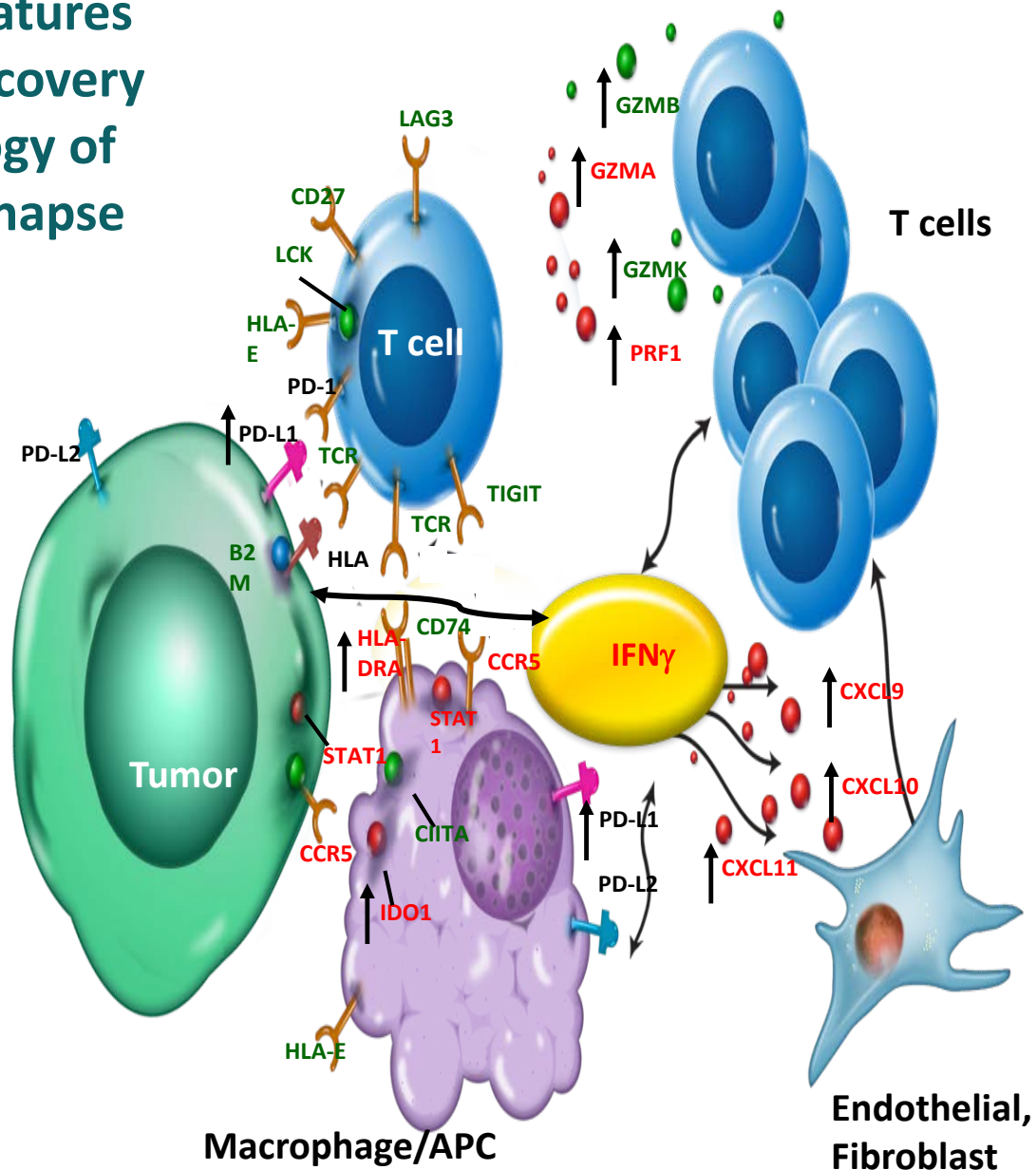


No correlation observed between mutational load and increasing T cell gene signature

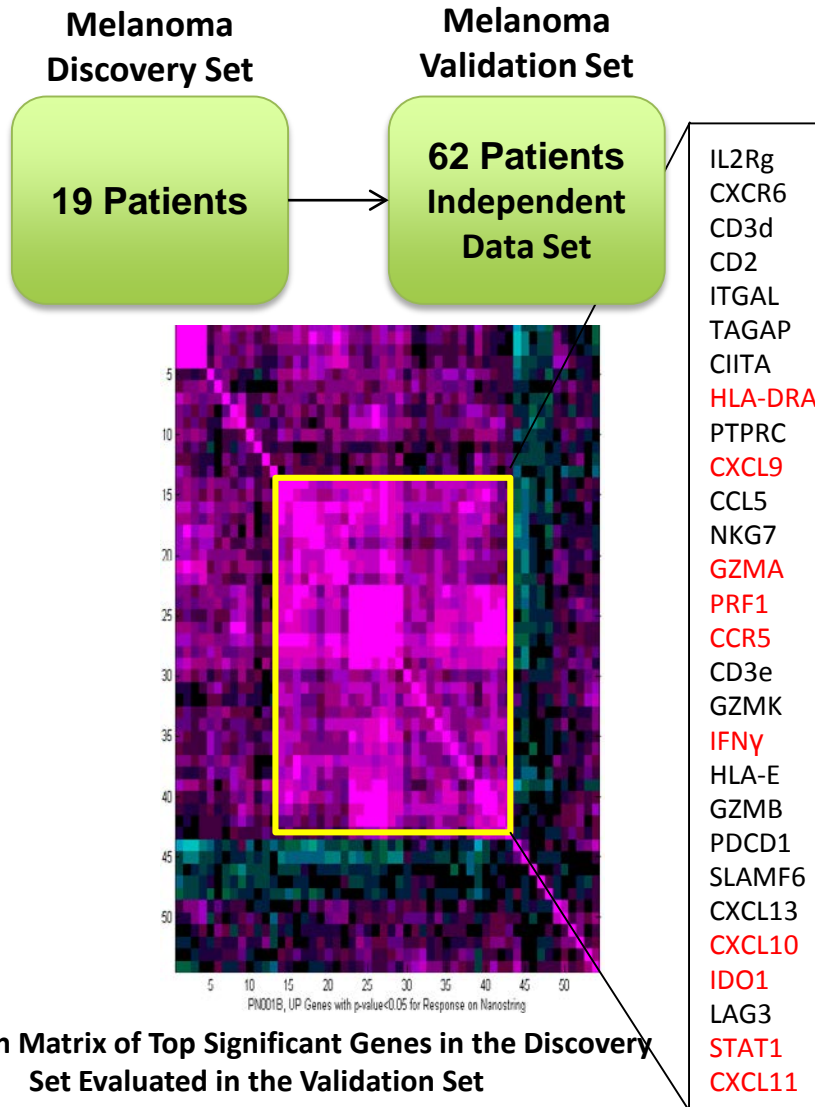
Expanded Gene Signatures Identified During Discovery Analysis Reveal Biology of Complex Immune Synapse

Discovery analysis of entire NanoString melanoma data set led to identification of new genes:

- **IFN γ signaling**
- **MHC class I and II antigen presentation machinery**
- **T-cell activation markers**

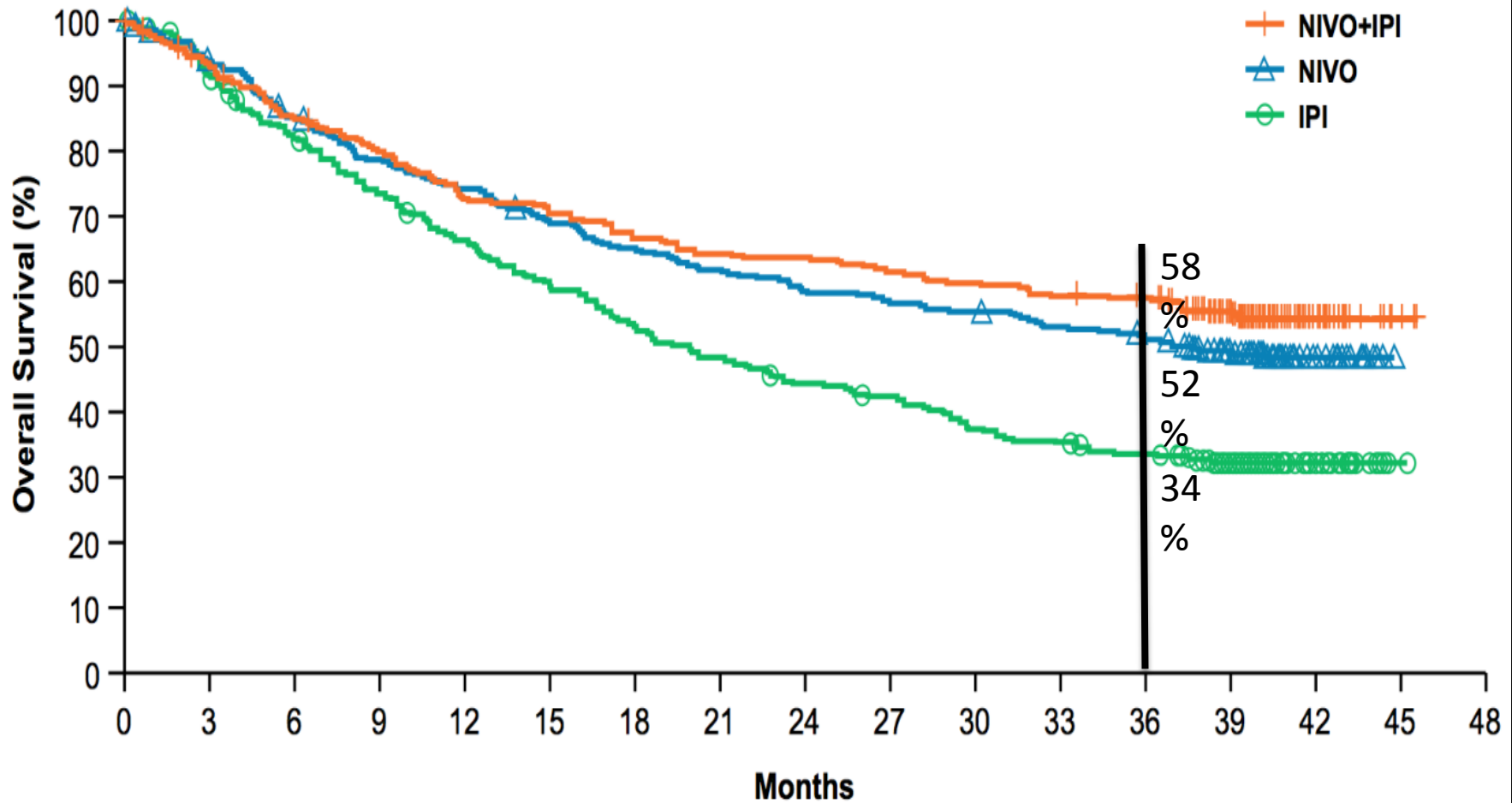


Signature Expanded in Validation Set (While Blinded to Clinical Outcome)



“Preliminary Expanded Immune” (28-gene) signature: coherent set correlated with the 10-gene “Preliminary IFN γ ” signature genes (in red)

Overall Survival in All Randomized Patients : 067 Ipi+ Nivo vs Nivo vs Ipi

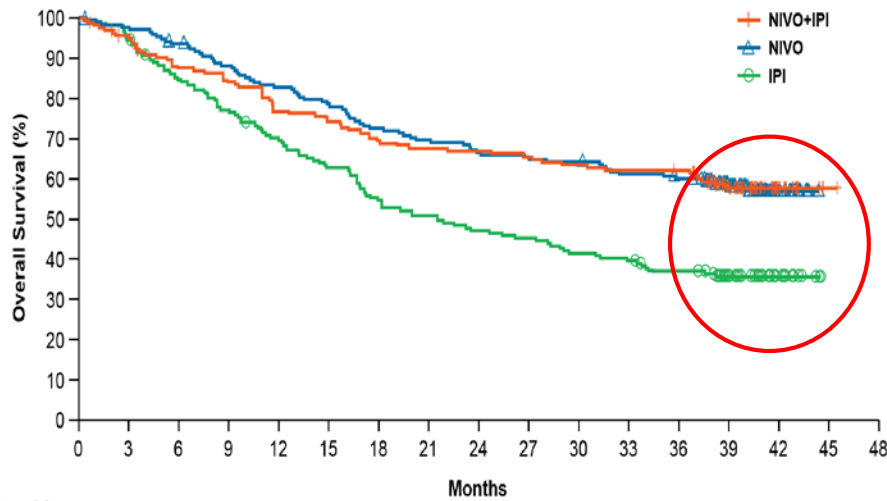


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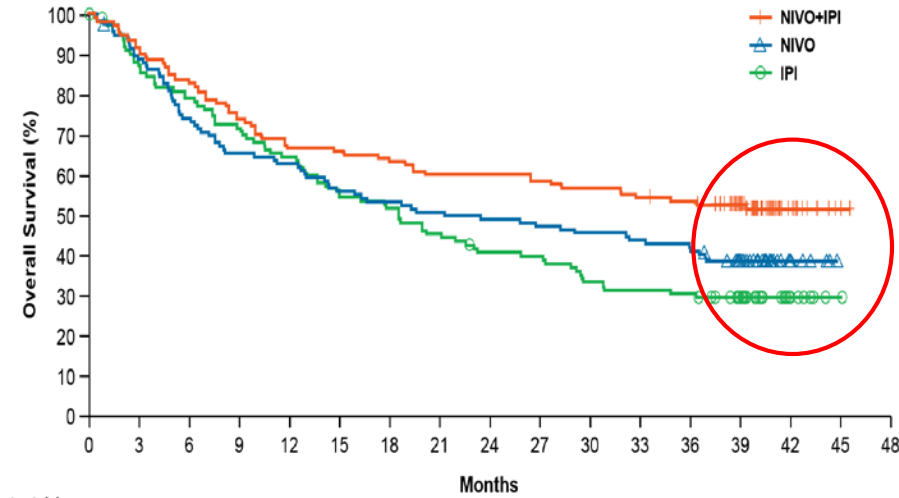
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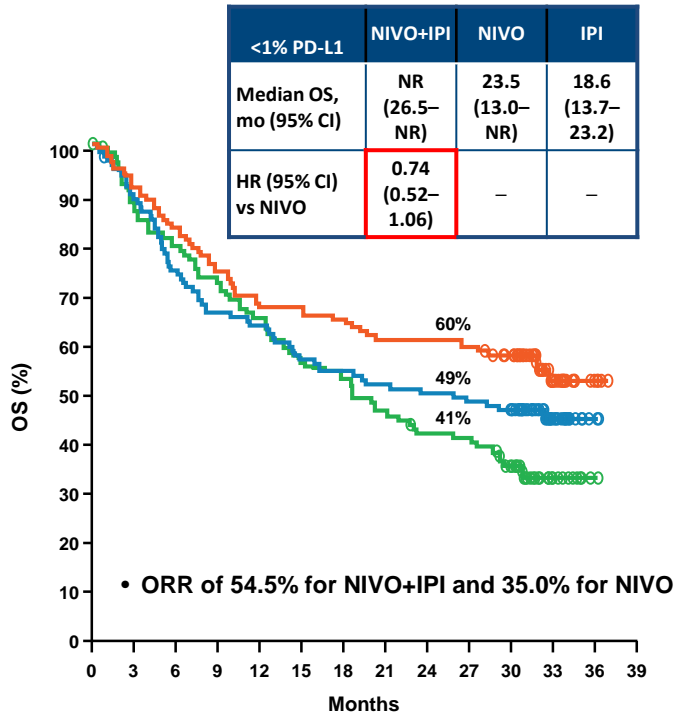


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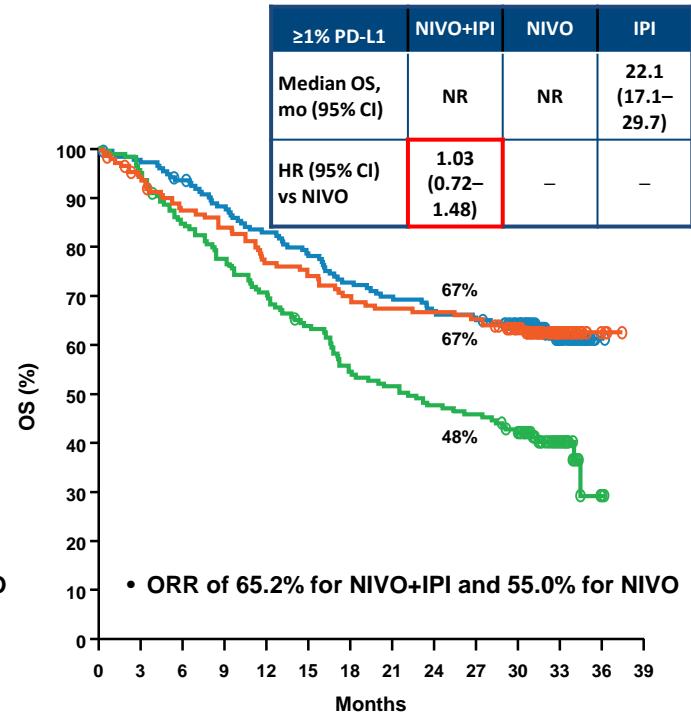
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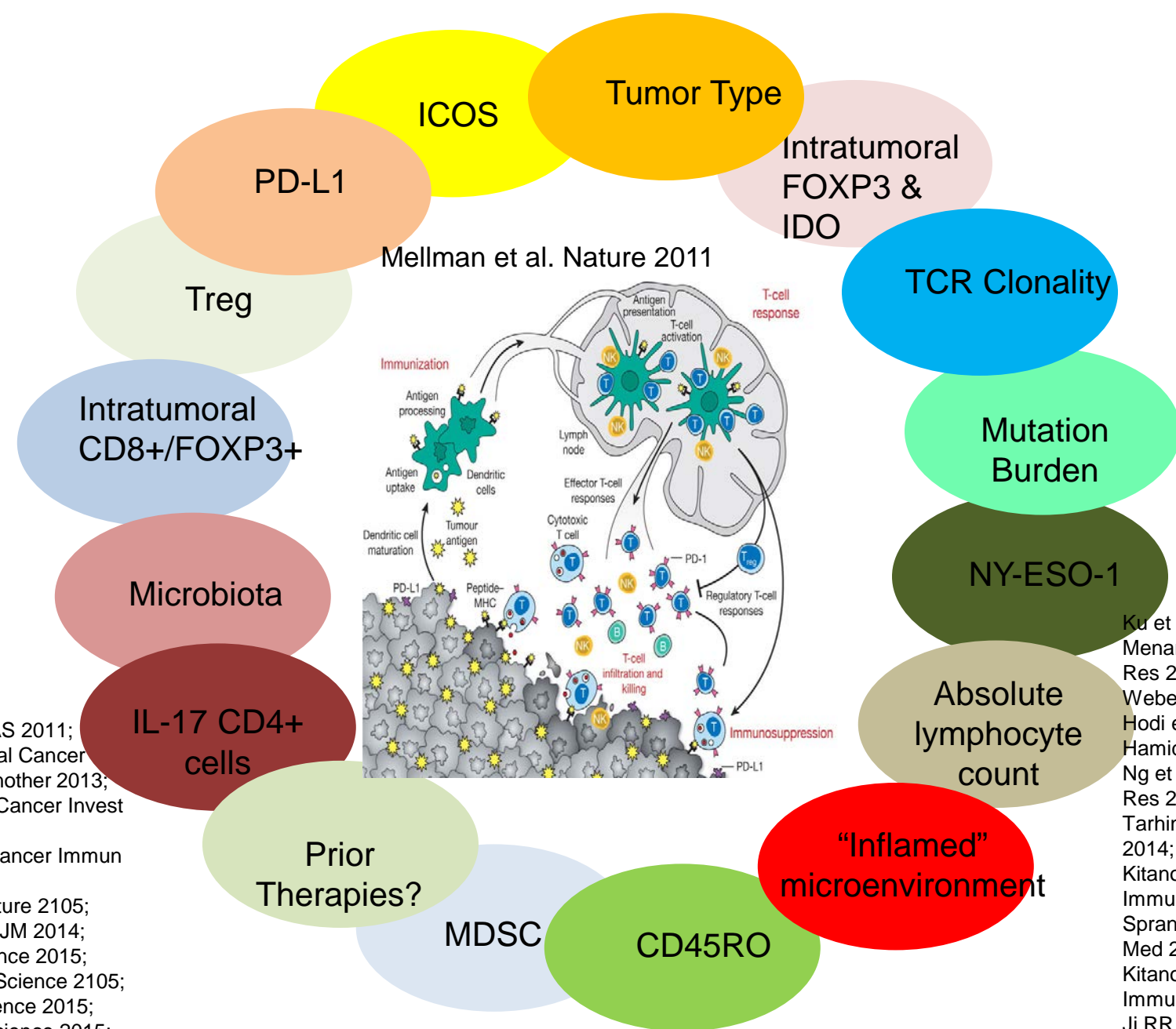
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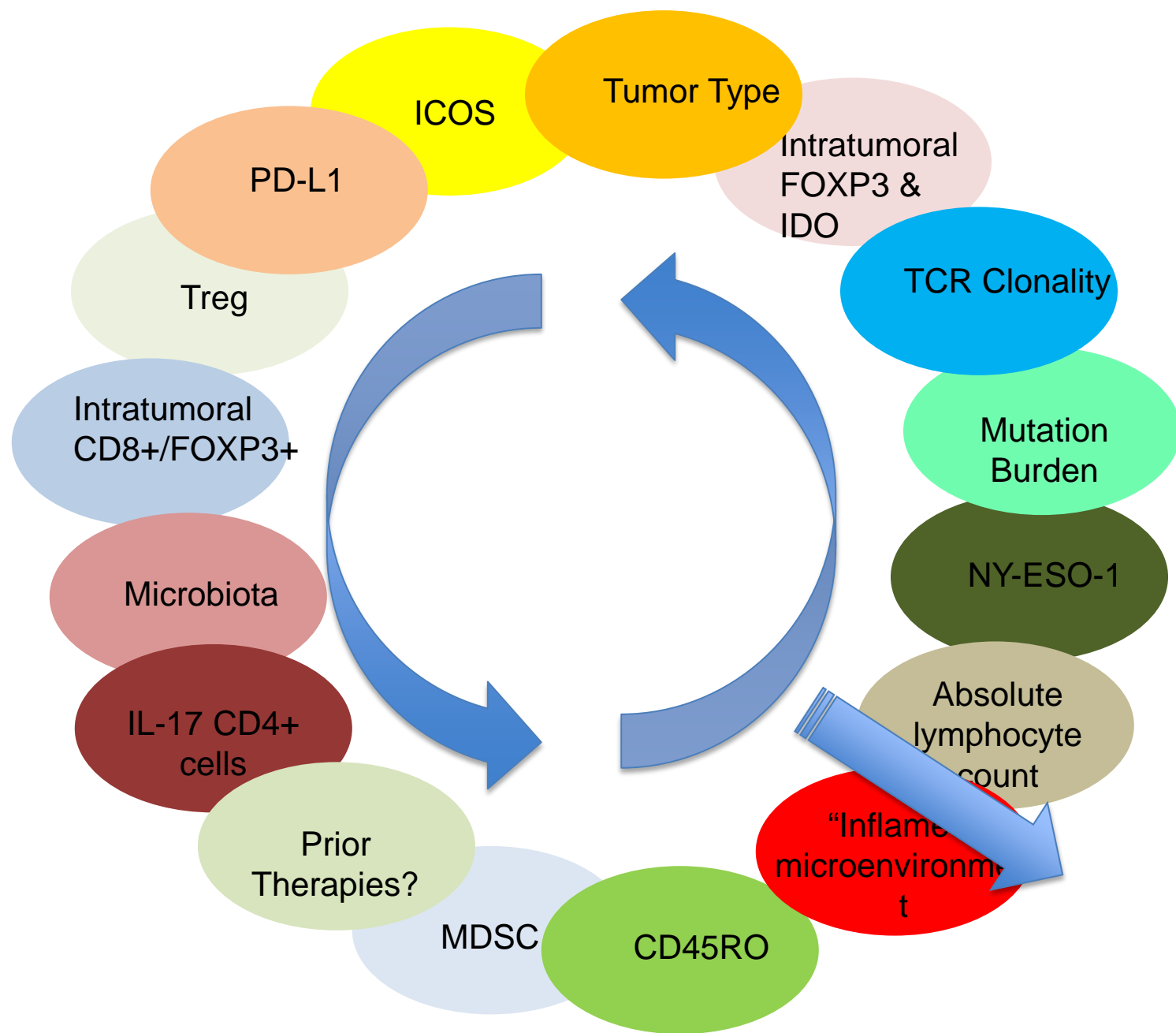
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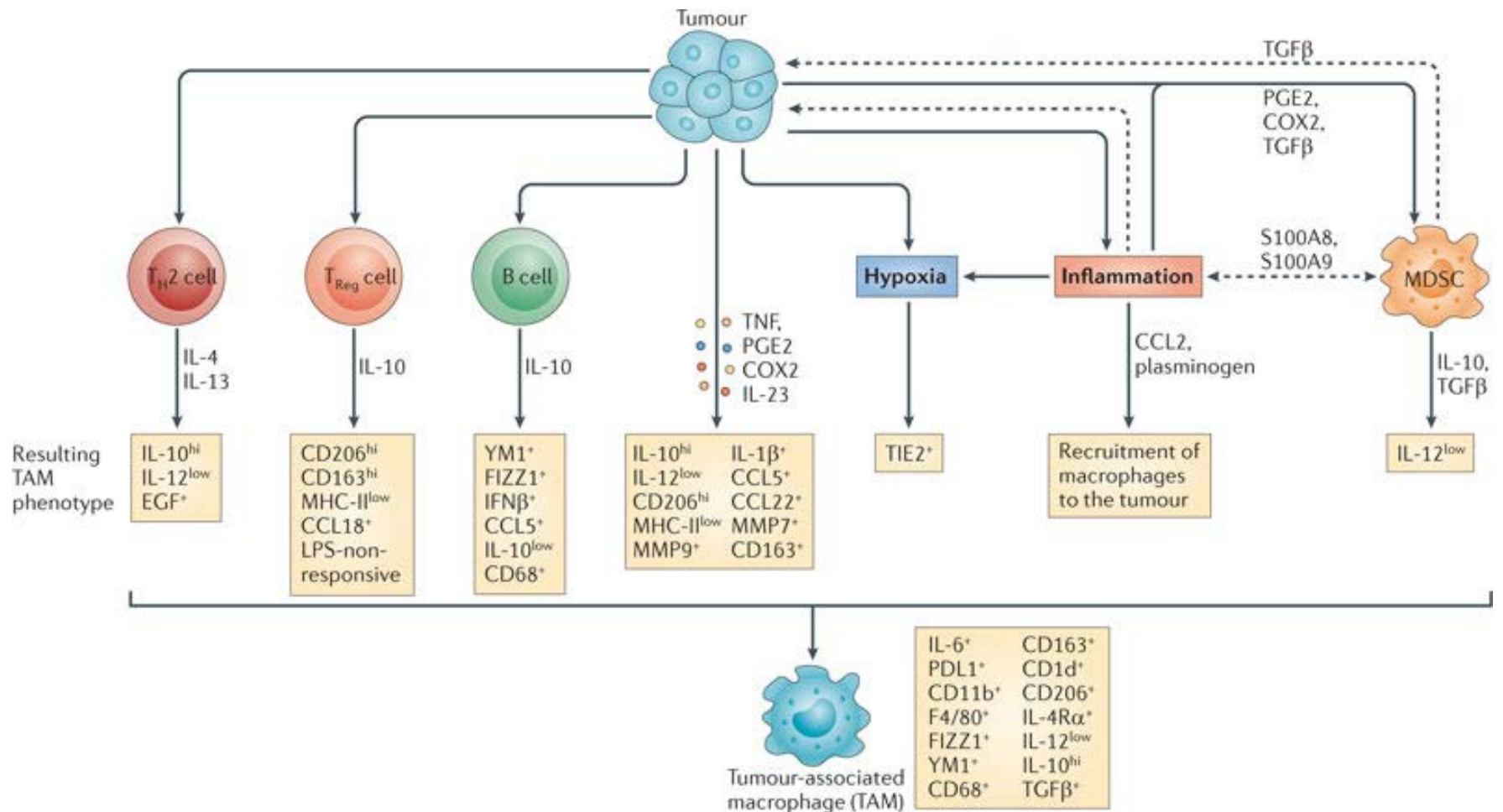


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Tumor Interactions to Suppress the Immune System



Overcome Tumor -Induced Immune Suppression

The Barriers

- Cell Populations
- Soluble Factors
- Immune checkpoints
- Loss of Tumor Antigens

