

Innate Immunity, Inflammation and Cancer

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- **Inflammation:** a local response to tissue injury
 - Rubor (redness)
 - Calor (heat)
 - Dolor (pain)
 - Tumor (swelling)

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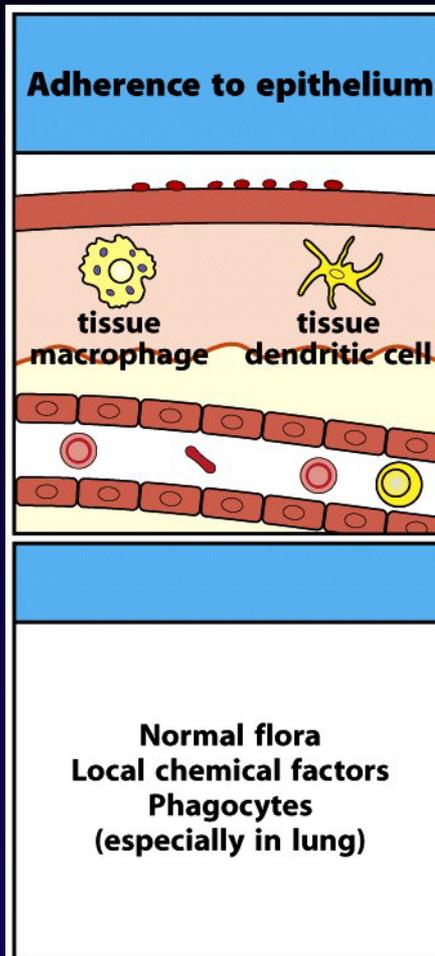
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- Some immune responses promote cancer, others suppress it

Innate Immunity and Inflammation

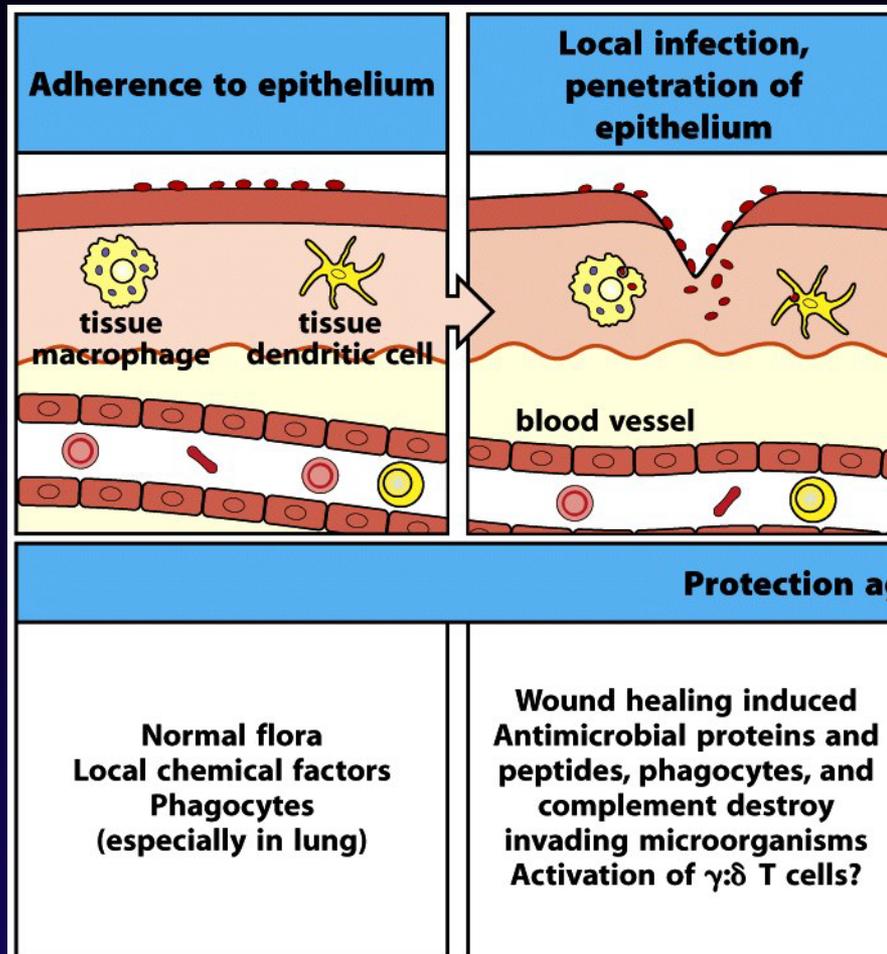
Functions:

- Rapid response to tissue damage
- Limit spread of infection
- Initiate adaptive immune response (T, B)
- Initiate tissue repair

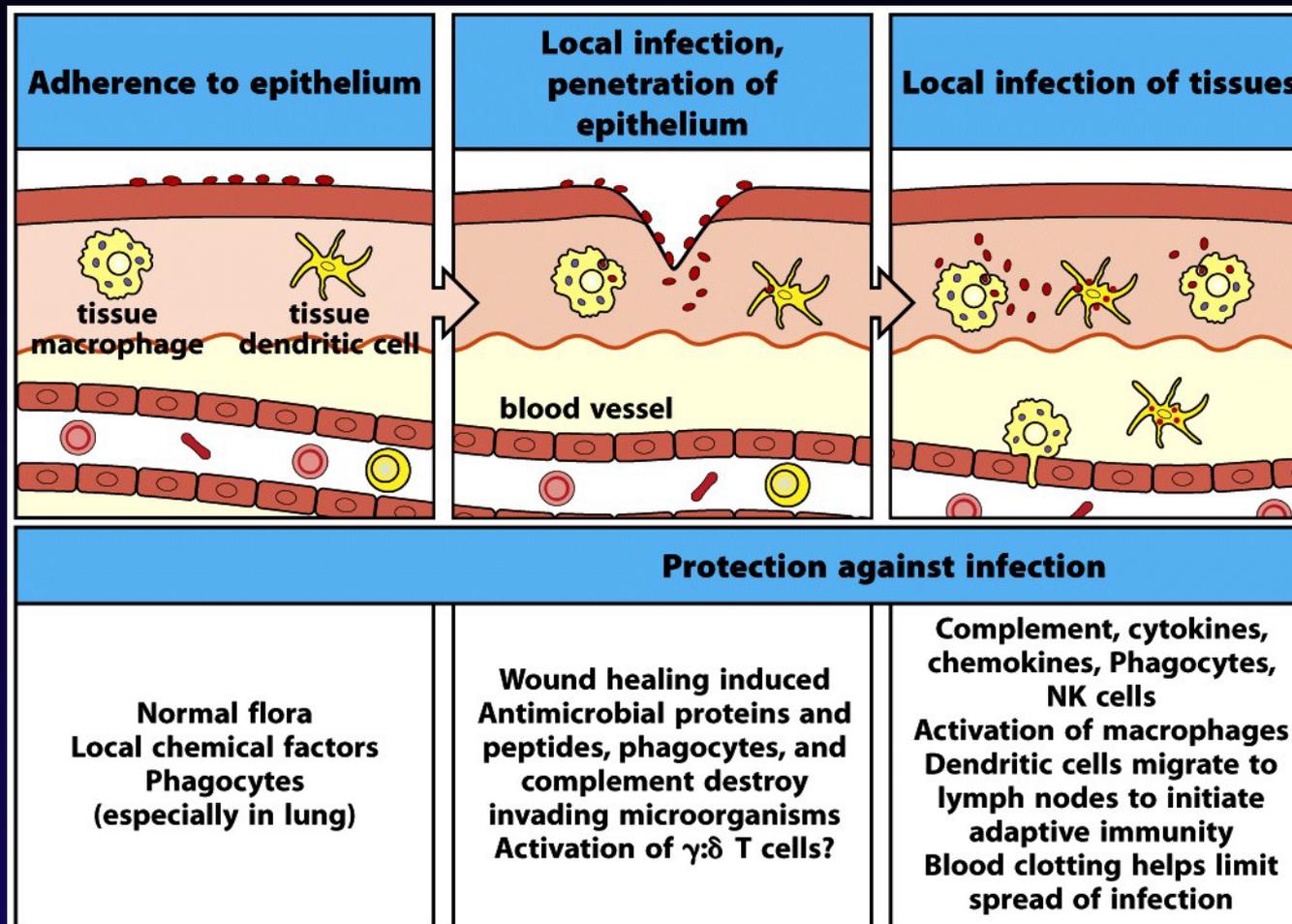
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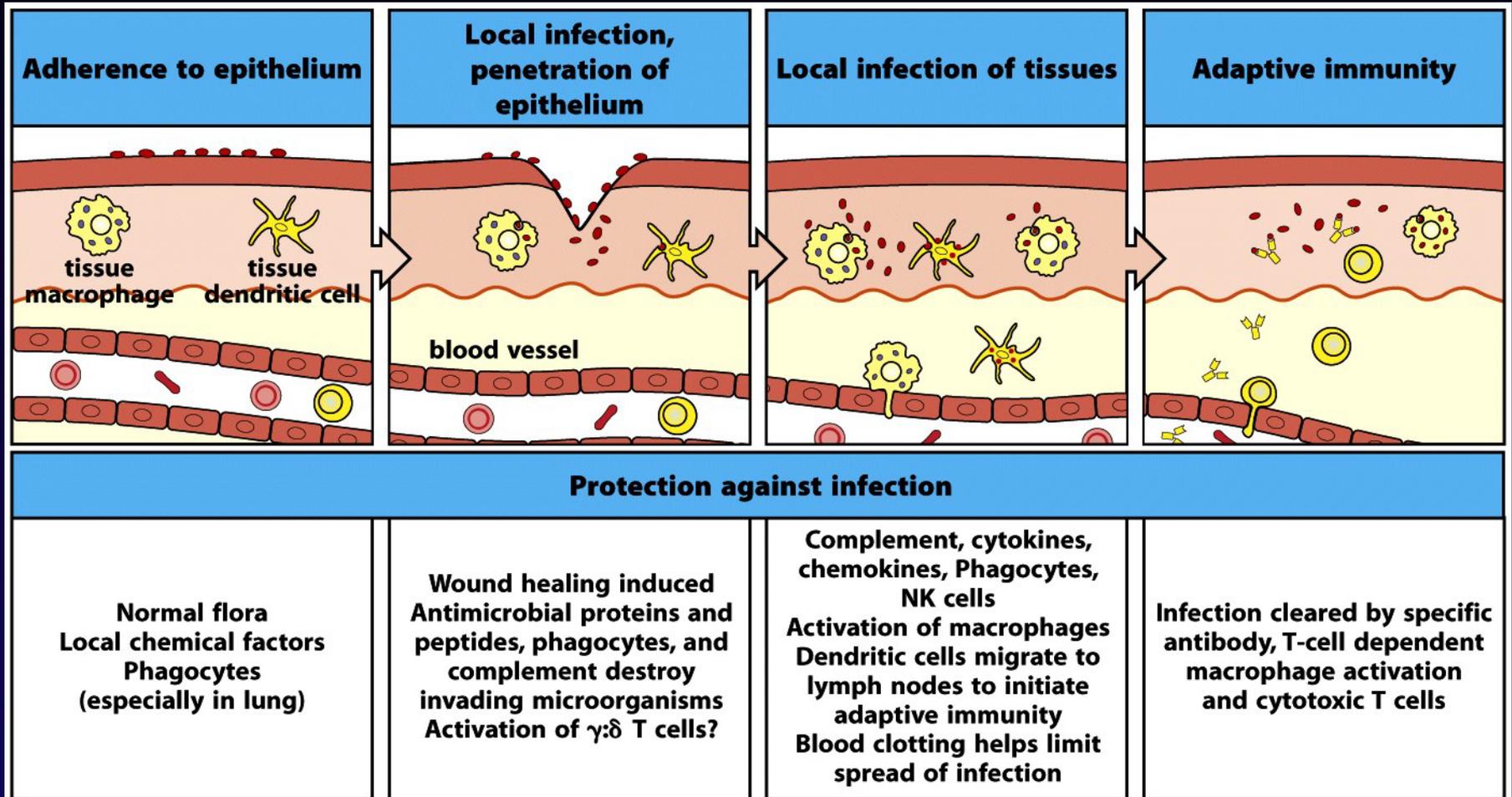
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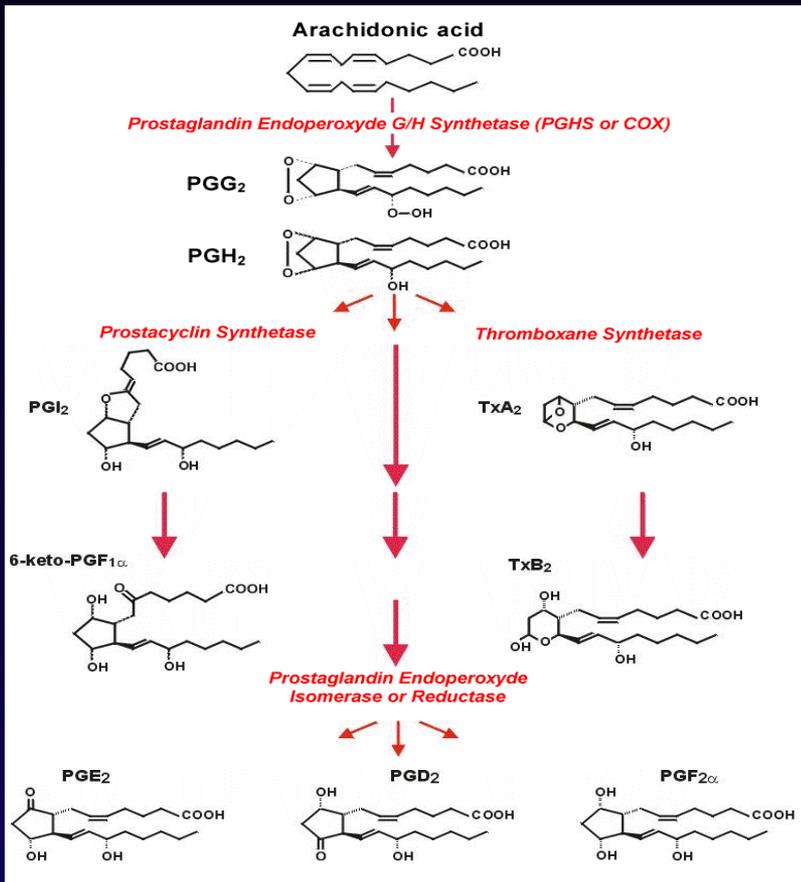
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Innate Immune Molecules: Cyclooxygenase-2 (COX-2)



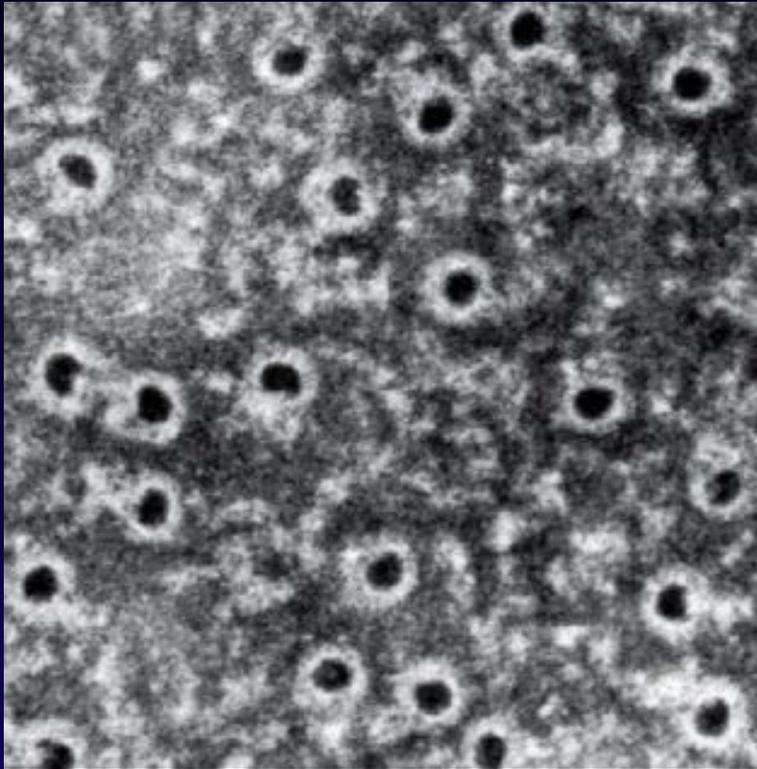
Recognize

- inflammation

Cause

- inflammation

Innate Immune Molecules: Complement System



Recognize

- pathogens
- antibodies
- lectins

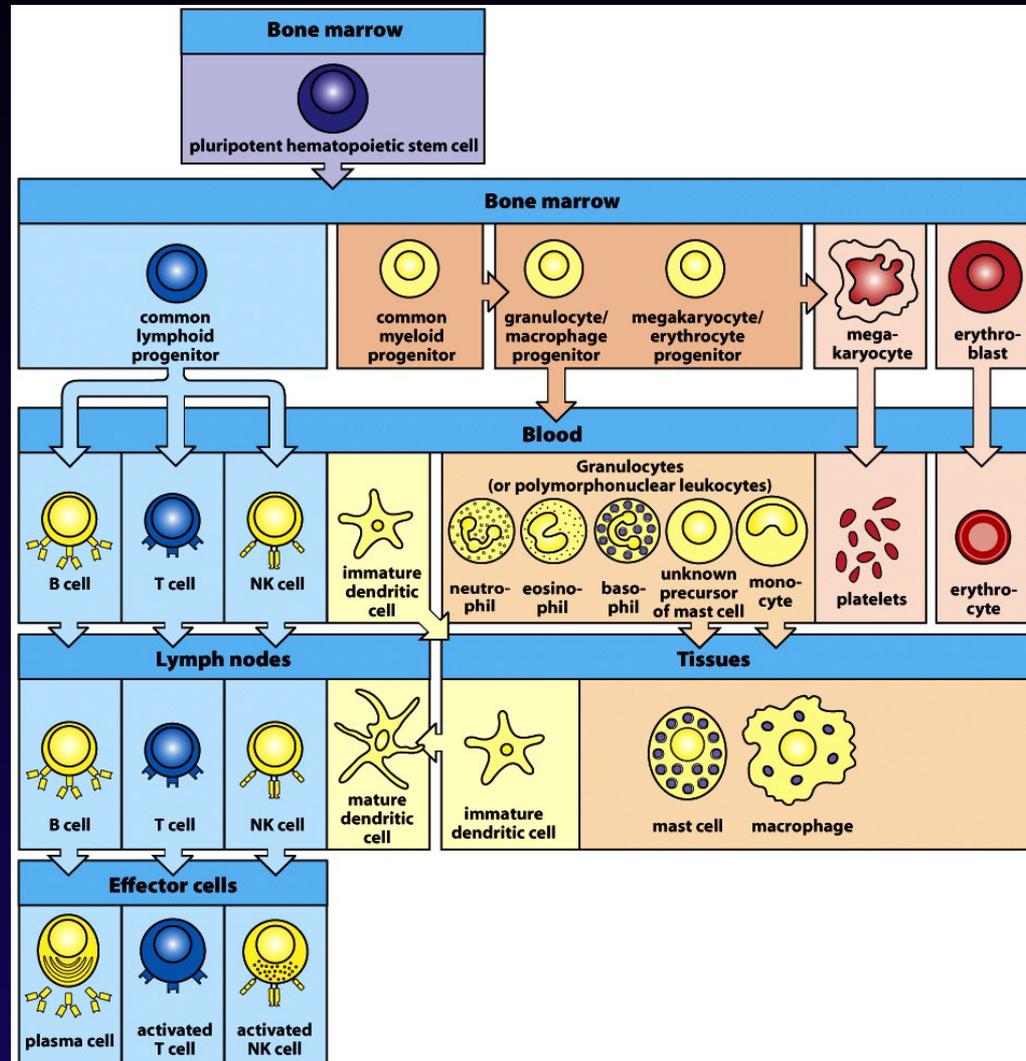
Cause

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- chemotaxis
- inflammation

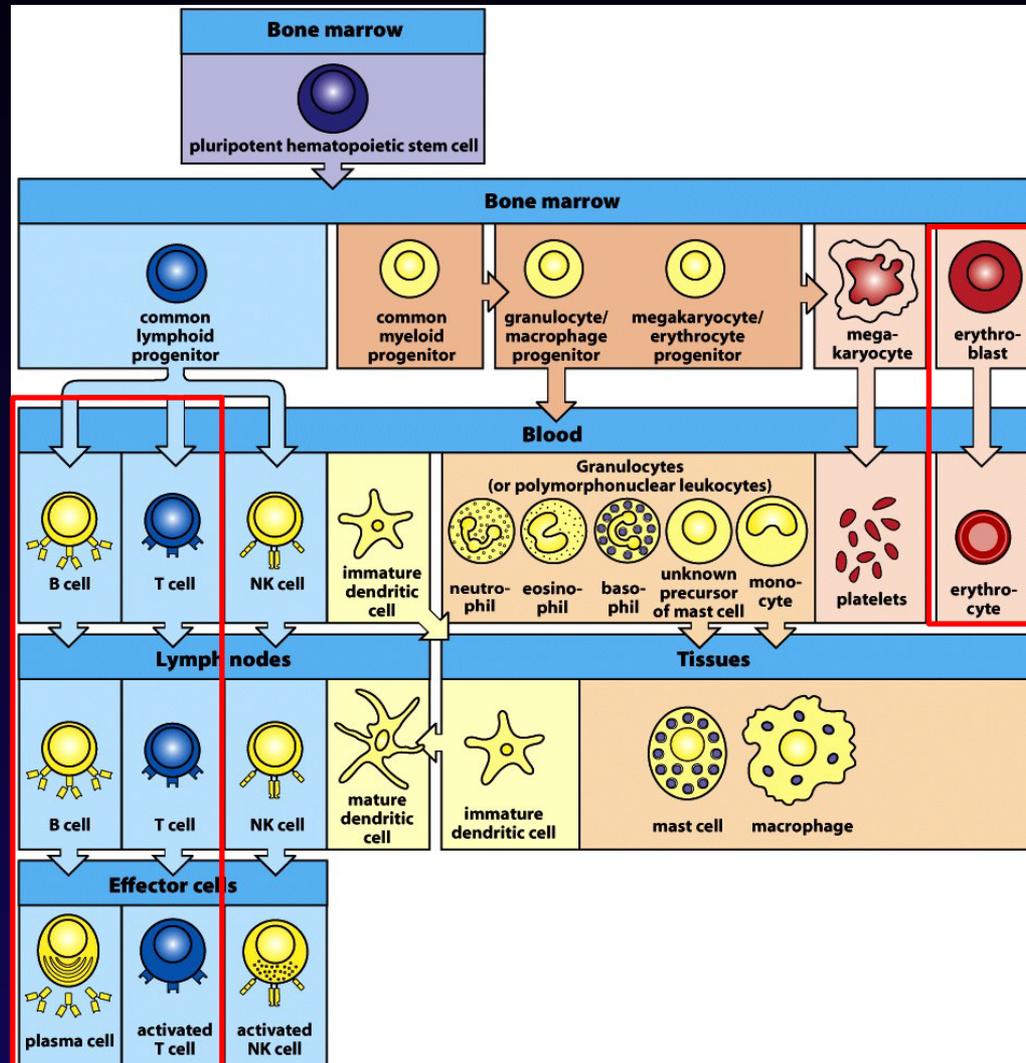
Innate Immune Molecules: type I IFN(- α , β)

- Induced by infection/damage
- Antiviral/Antiproliferative
- Increase innate and adaptive immunity
- Cause inflammation

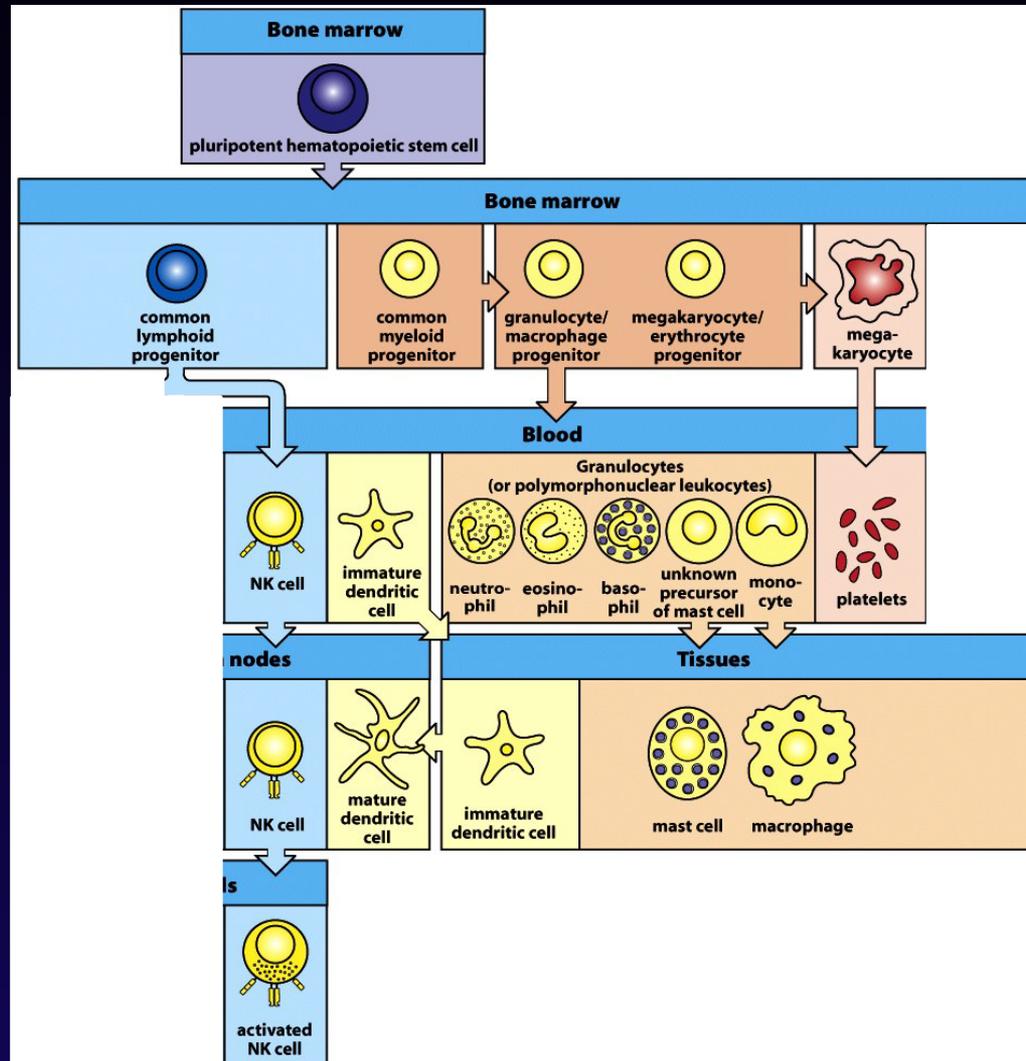
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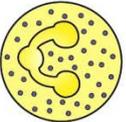
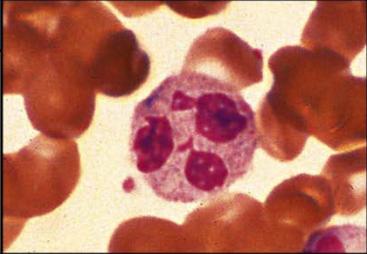
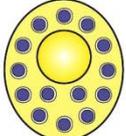
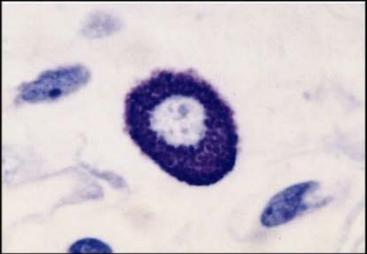
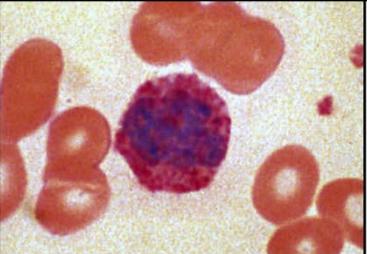
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Innate Immune Cells: granulocytes

Cell		Activated function
Neutrophil 		Phagocytosis and activation of bactericidal mechanisms
Eosinophil 		Killing of antibody-coated parasites
Mast cell 		Release of granules containing histamine and active agents
Basophil 		(Unknown) Antigen Presentation

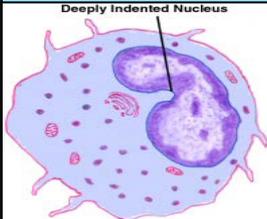
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Innate Immune Cells: phagocytes

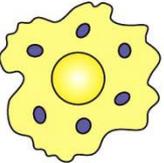
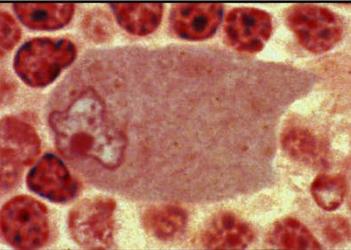
Cell	Activated function
<p>Monocyte</p> <p>Deeply Indented Nucleus</p>  	<p>Blood precursor of tissue Macrophages and Dendritic Cells</p>

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Cause

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- adaptive immunity
- inflammation

<p>Macrophage</p>  	<p>Phagocytosis and activation of bactericidal mechanisms</p> <p>Antigen presentation</p>
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<p>Dendritic cell</p>  	<p>Antigen uptake in peripheral sites</p> <p>Antigen presentation</p>
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Innate Immune Cells: NK, NKT and $\gamma\delta$ T cells

Recognize

- pathogens
- stressed cells
- “altered self”

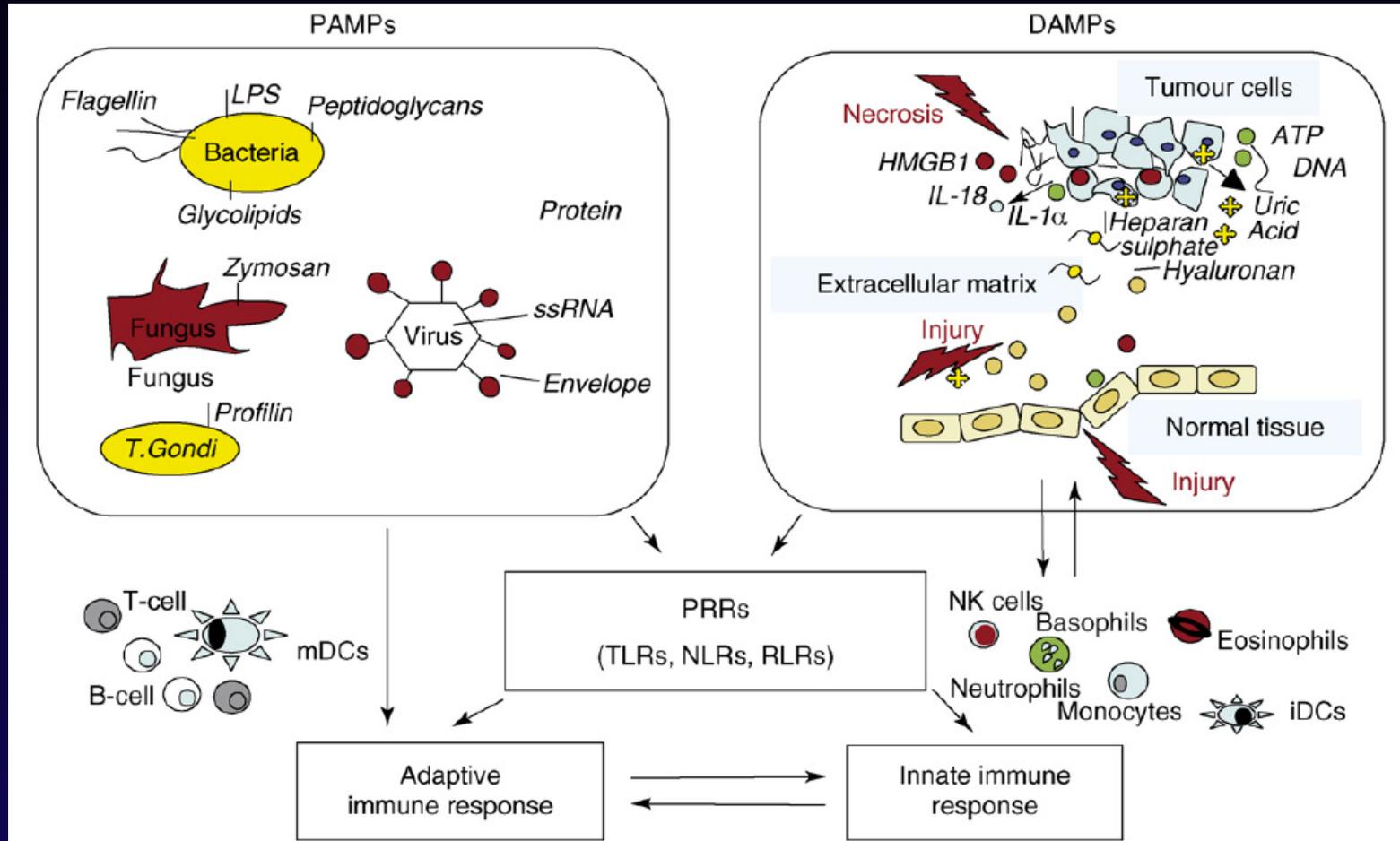
Cause

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- stressed/abnormal cell clearance
- inflammation

Danger signals start inflammation

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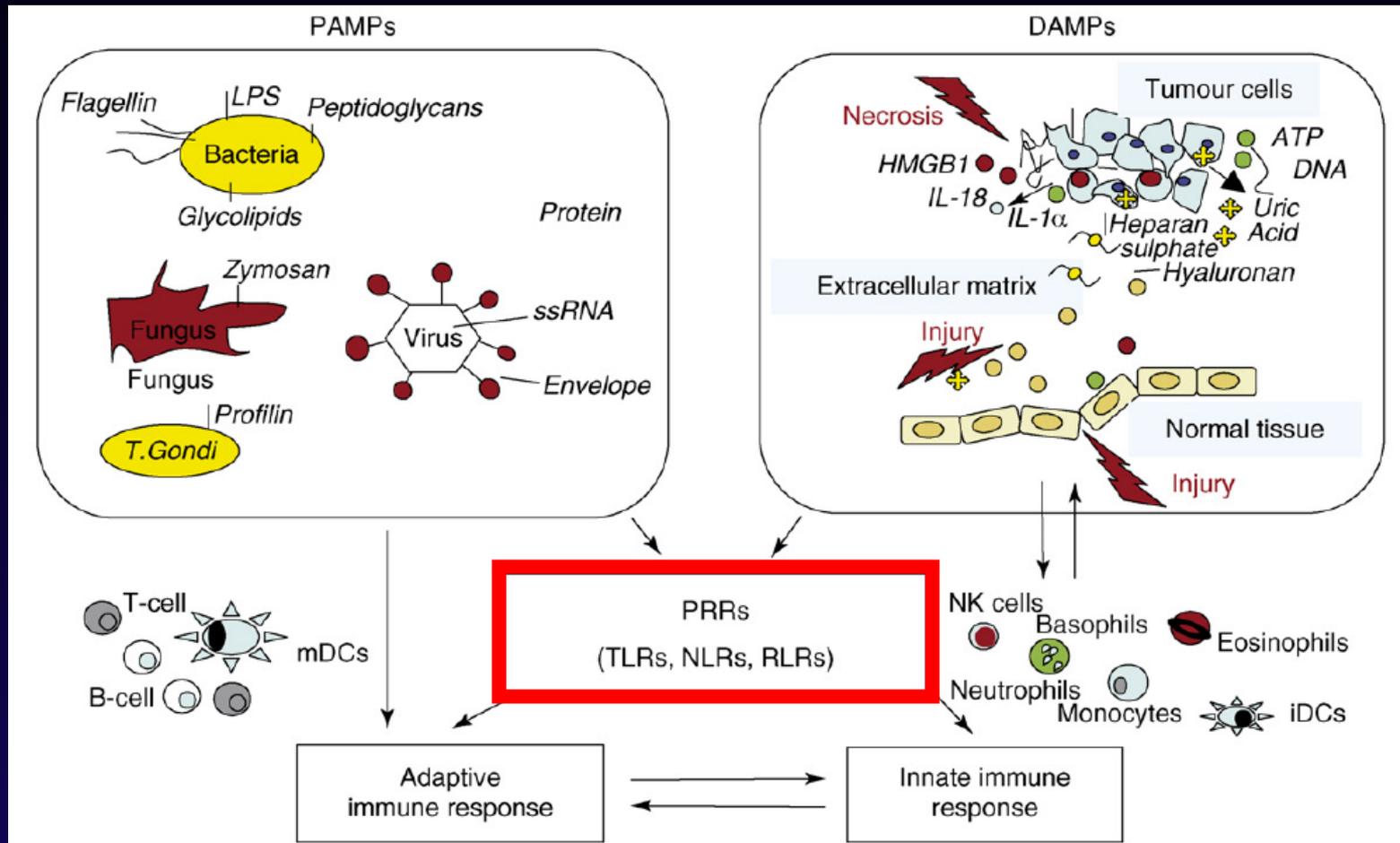
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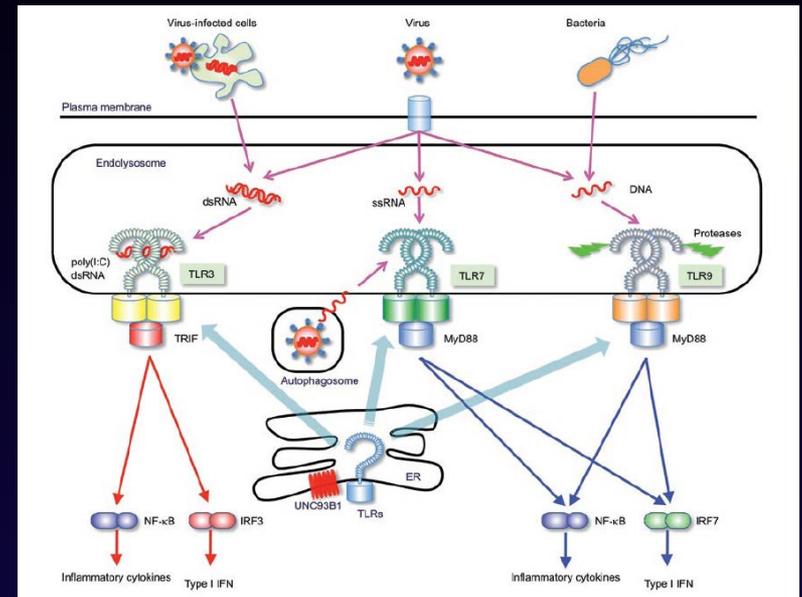
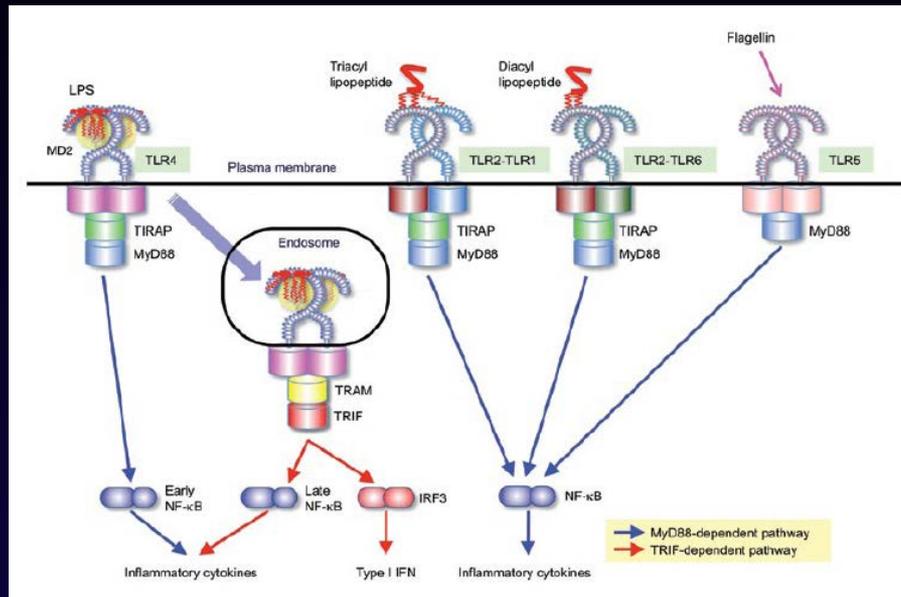
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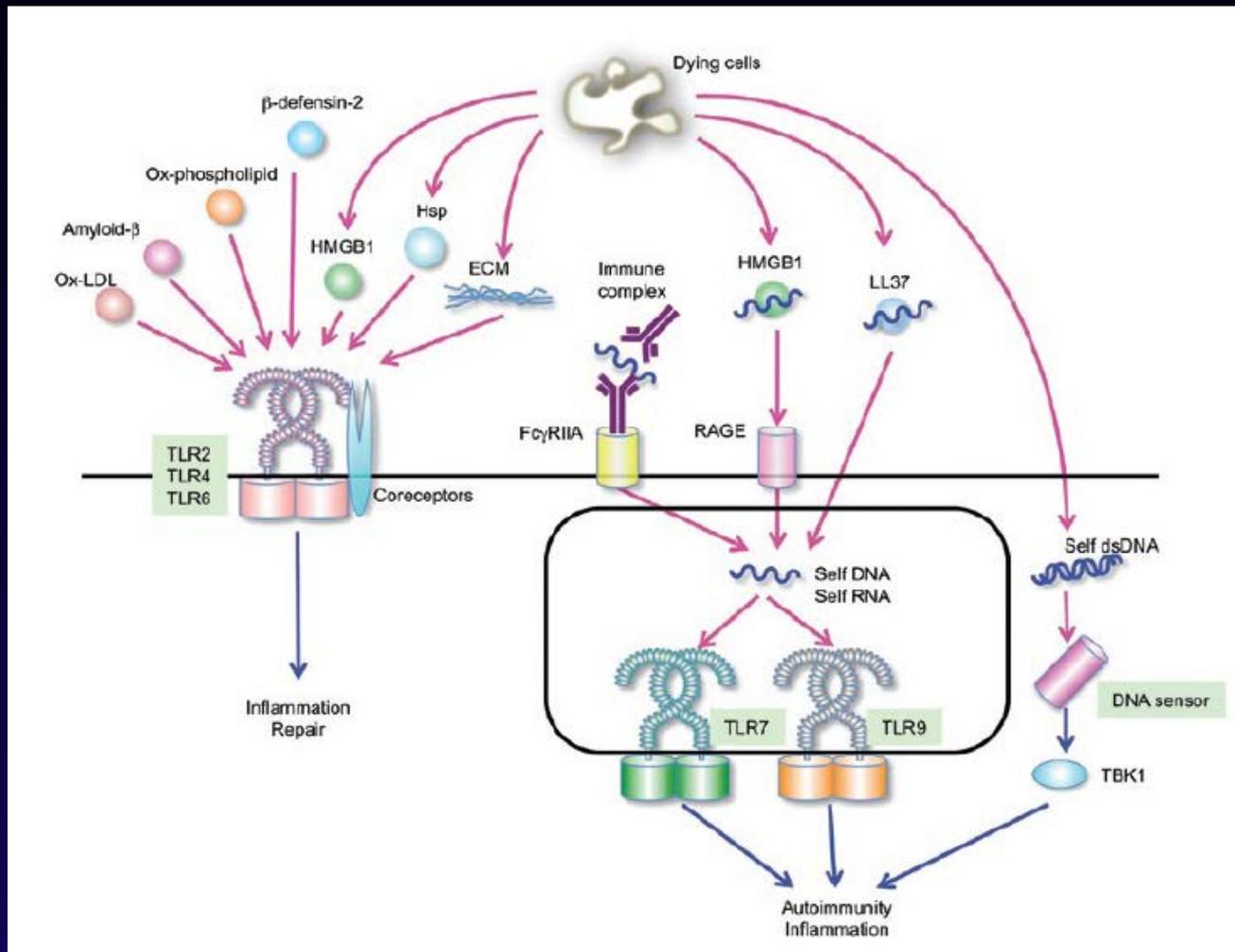
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Receptors sense Danger: Pathogens



Receptors sense Danger: Damage



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Innate Immunity and Inflammation in Cancer

- Outcomes vary:
 - Promote cancer (Bad inflammation)
 - Suppress cancer (Good inflammation)

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Bad Inflammation Causes Cancer

DANGER

cellular damage caused by

- pathogens
- physical damage
- chemicals
- UV
- etc

DANGER



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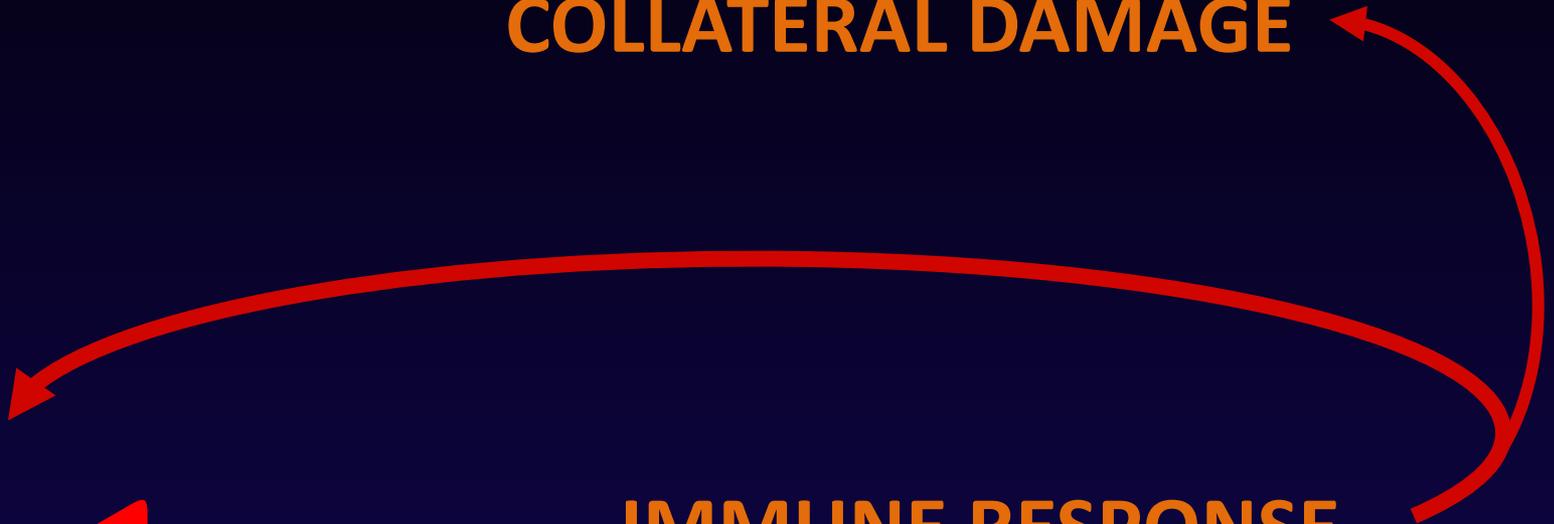


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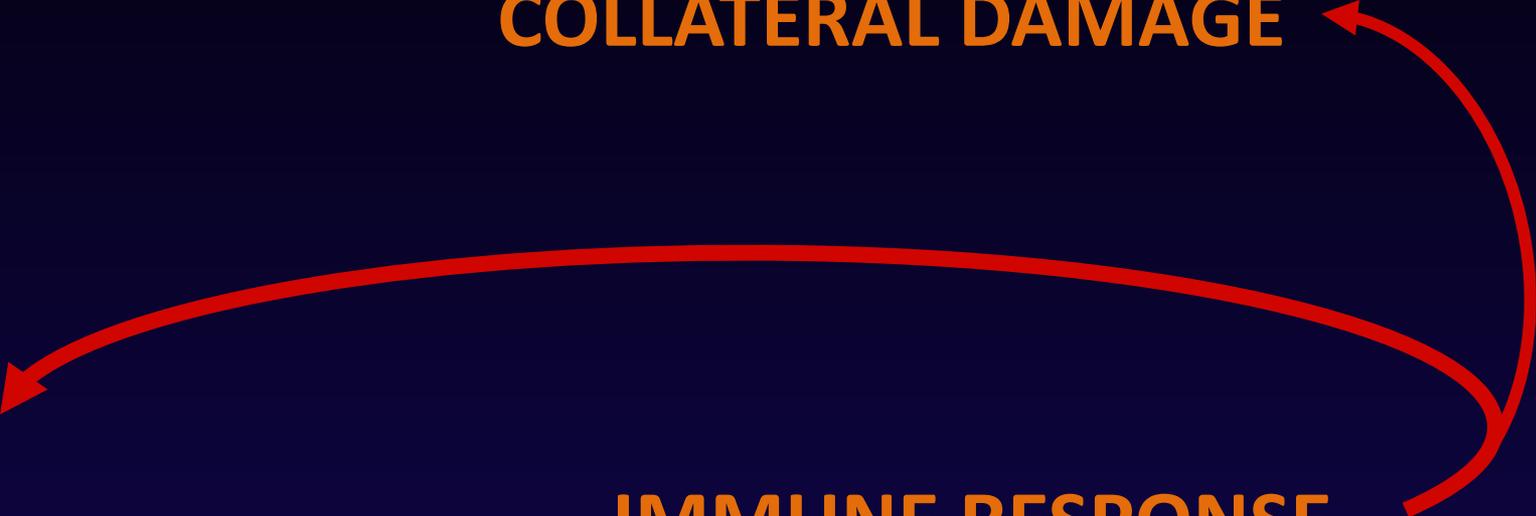


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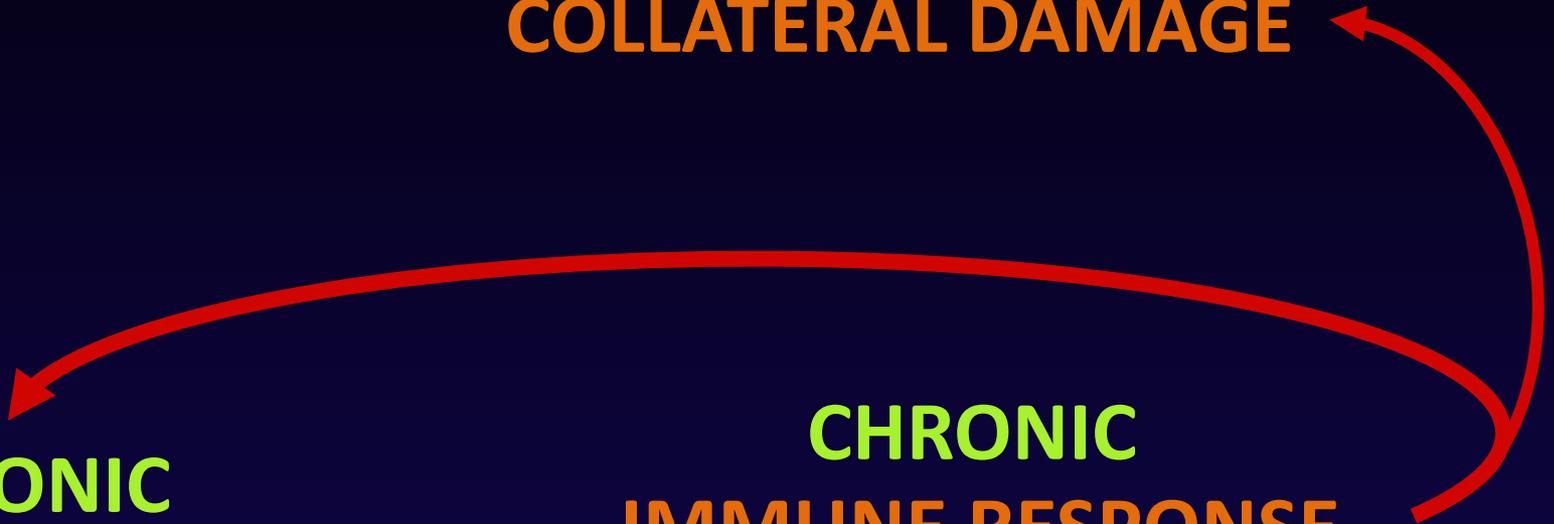
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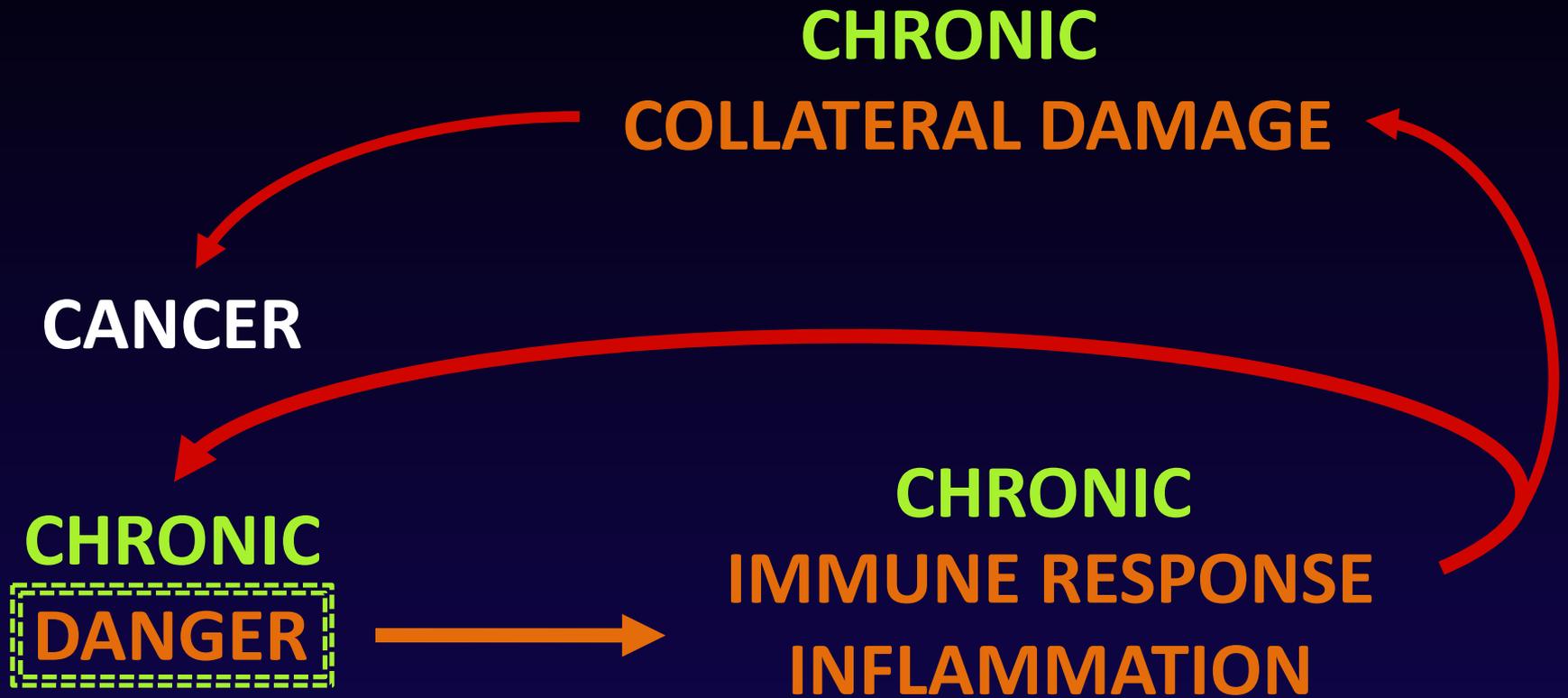


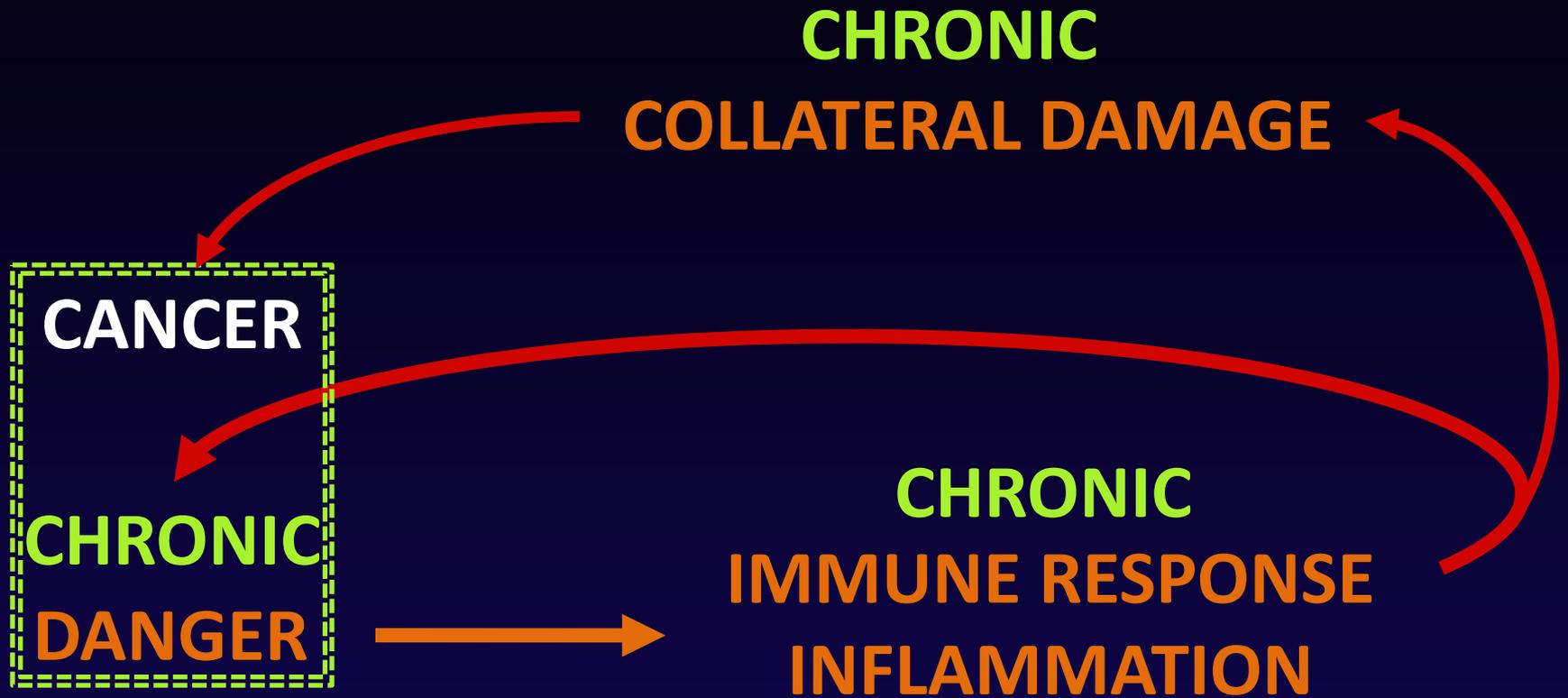
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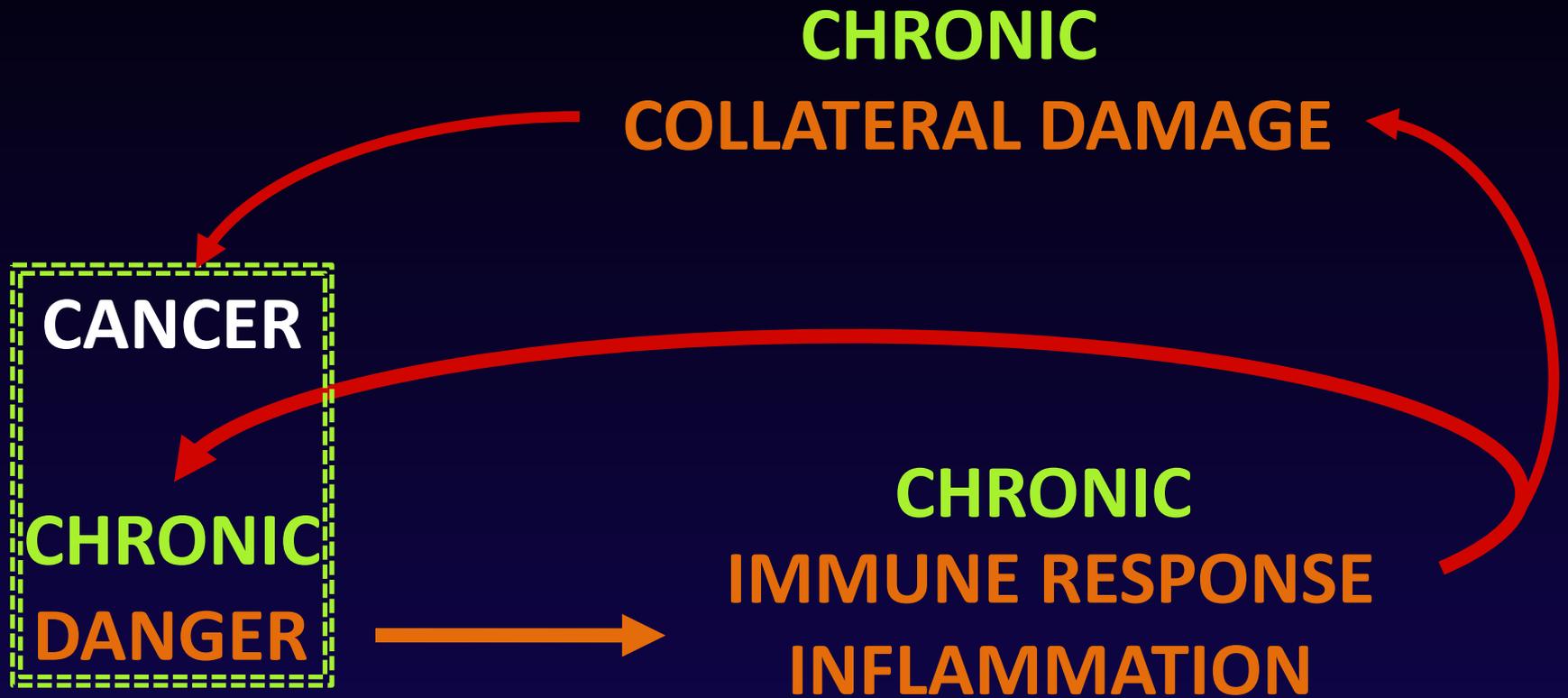
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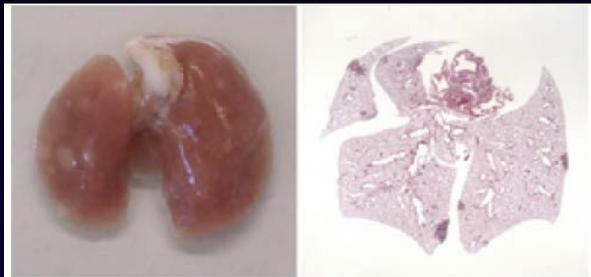




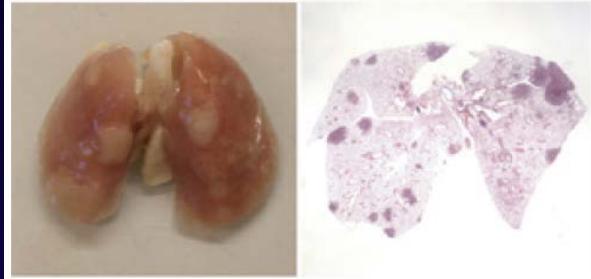
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Inflammation can Promote Cancer: collaboration with K-ras mutation

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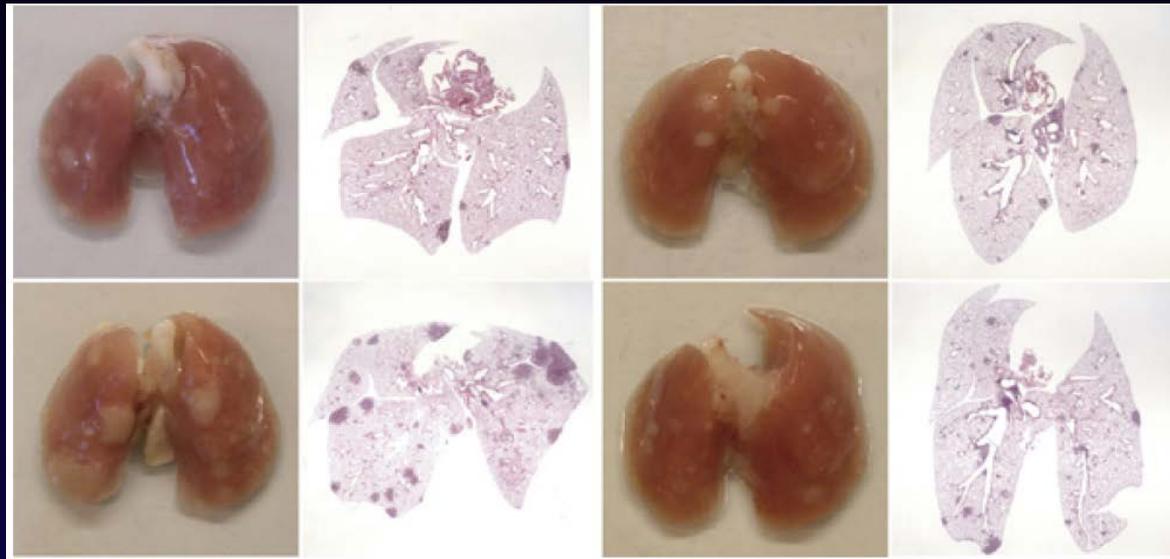


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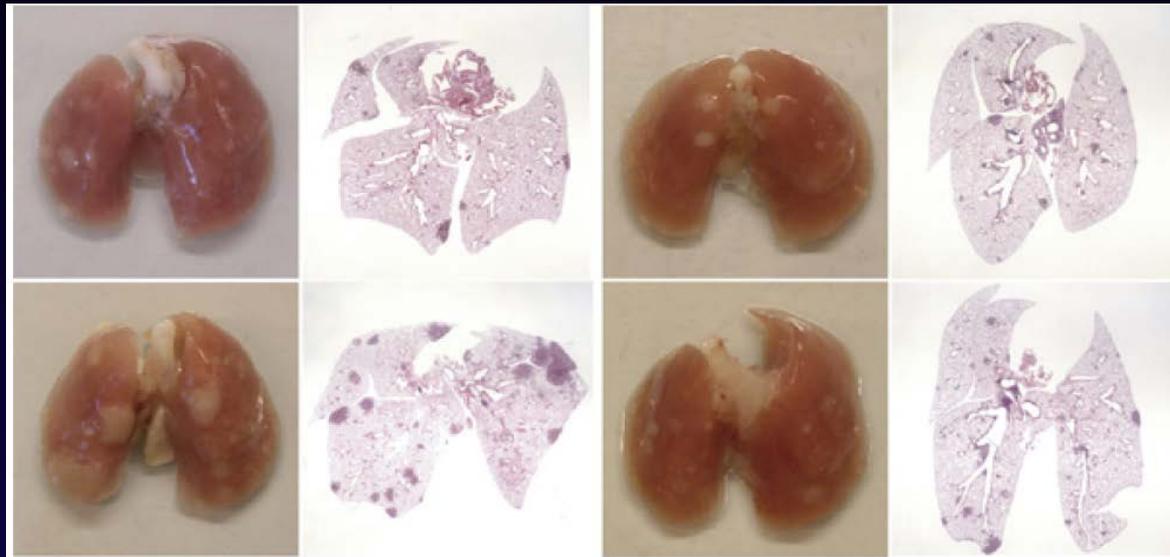
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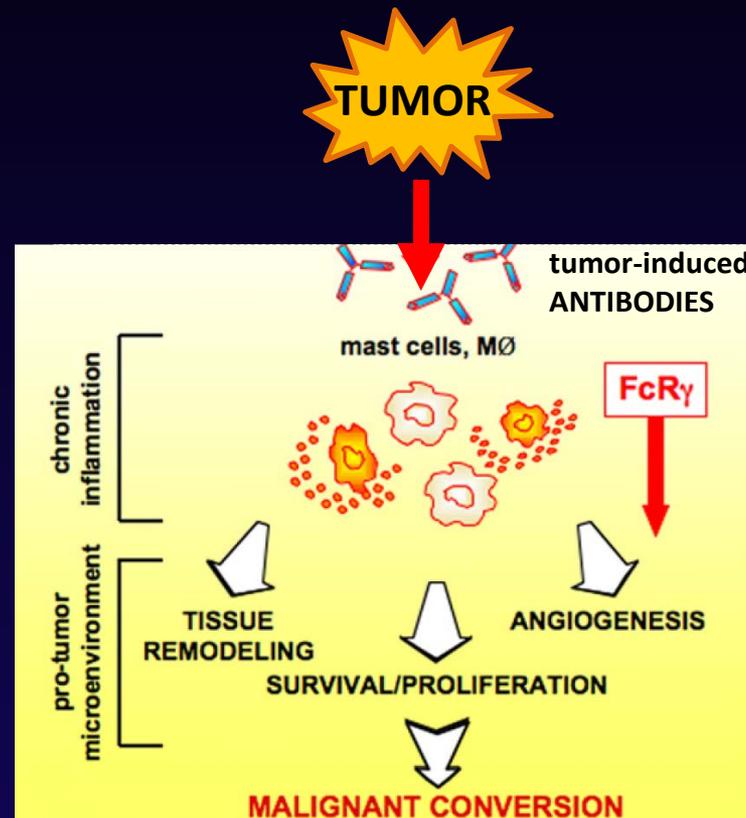


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- ↓ NF- κ B
- ↓ pSTAT3
- ↓ IL-6
- ↓ neutrophils
- ↓ angiogenesis

Inflammation can Promote Cancer: collaboration with HPV E6/E7 oncogene



Tumors can induce bad inflammation

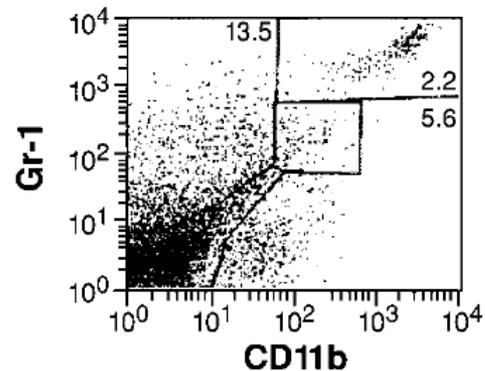
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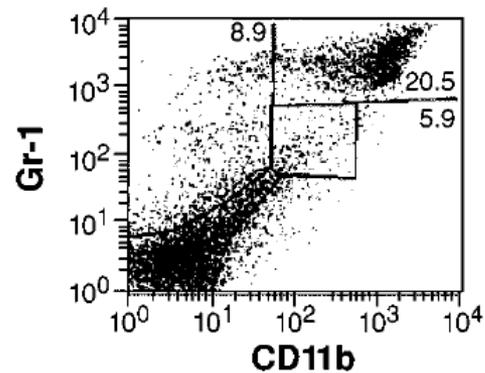
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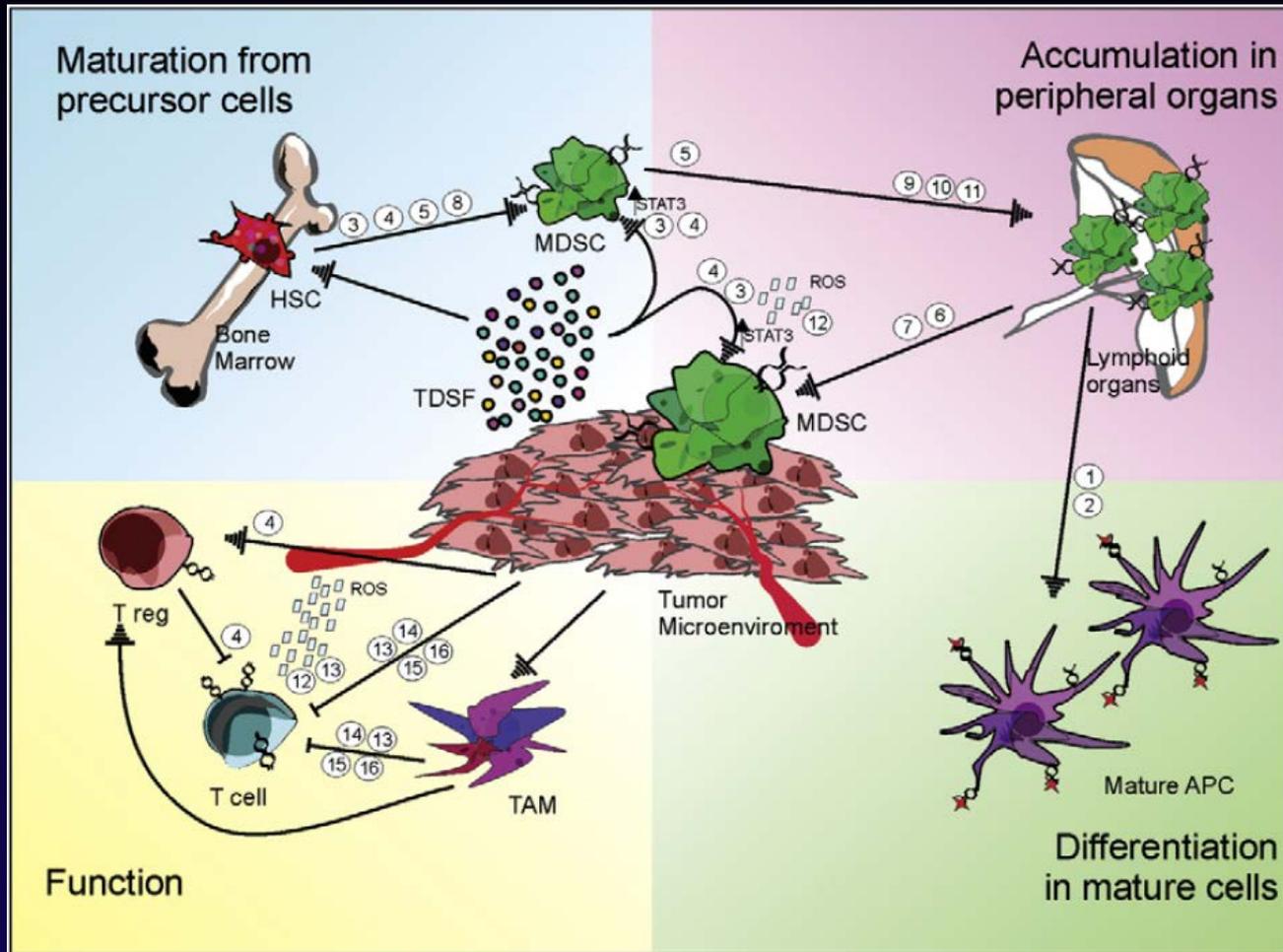
Spleen (no tumor)



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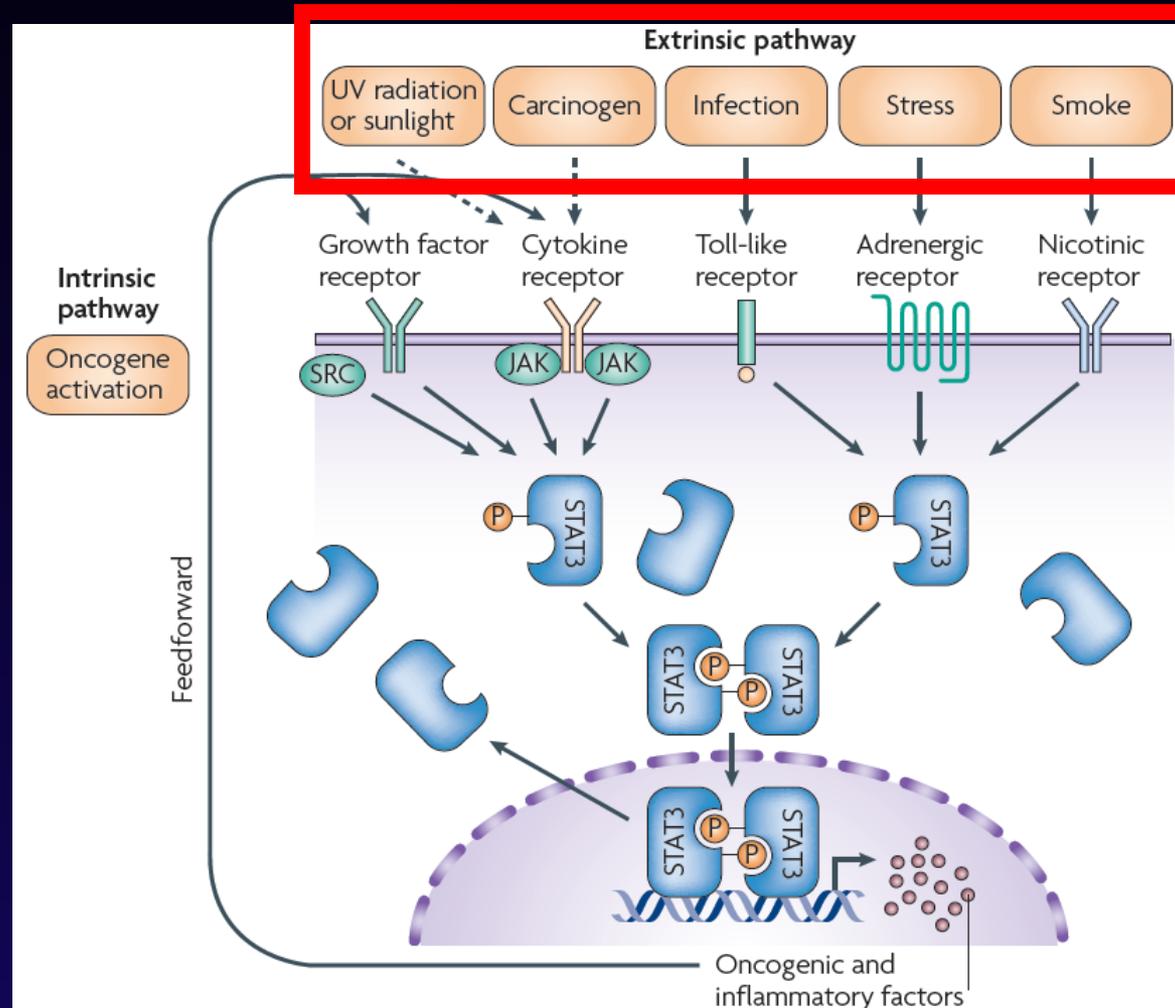


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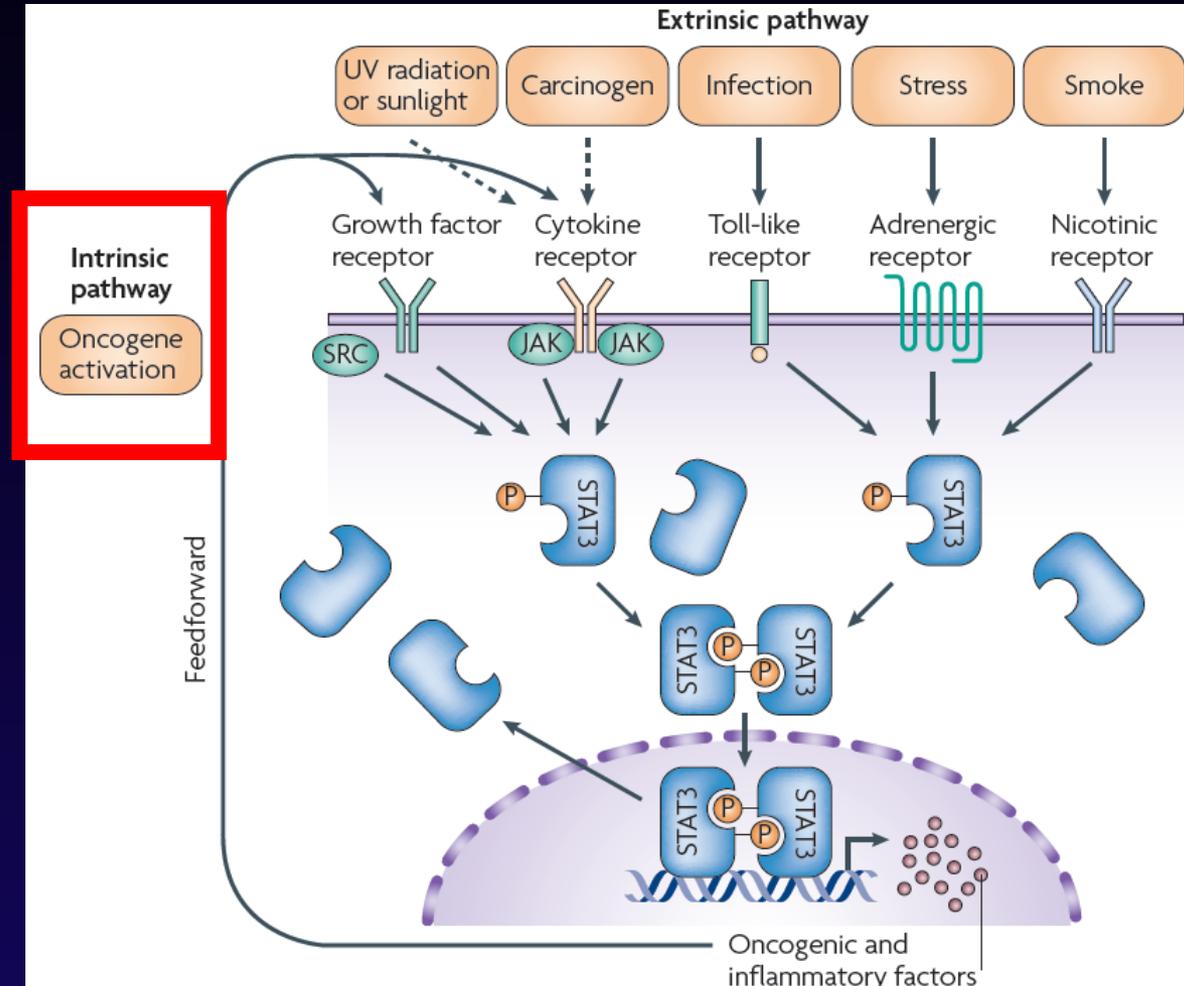
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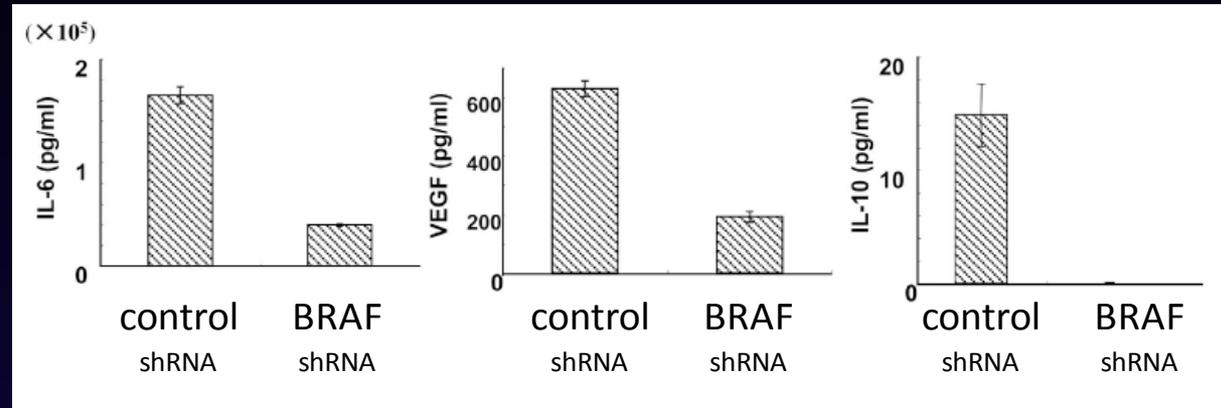
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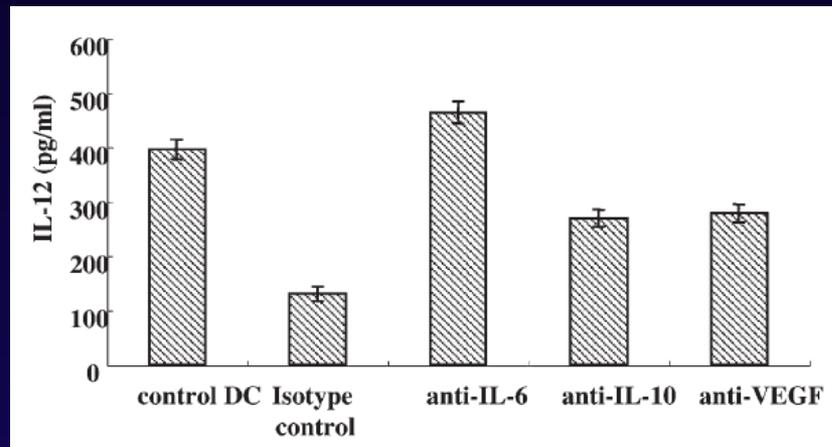
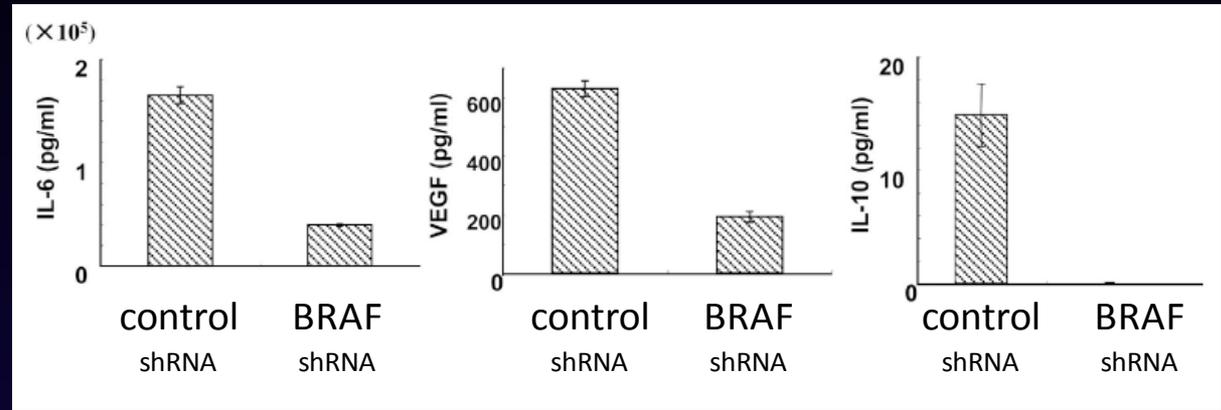
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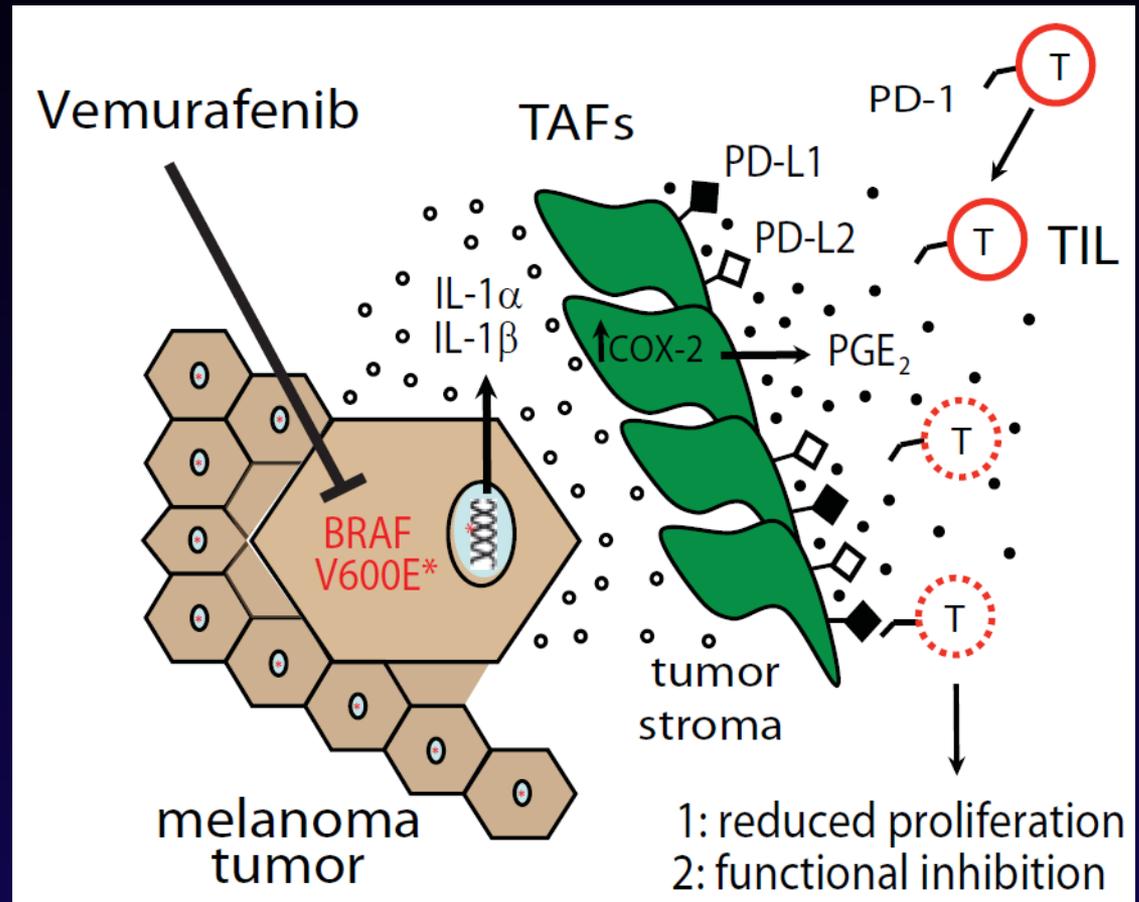
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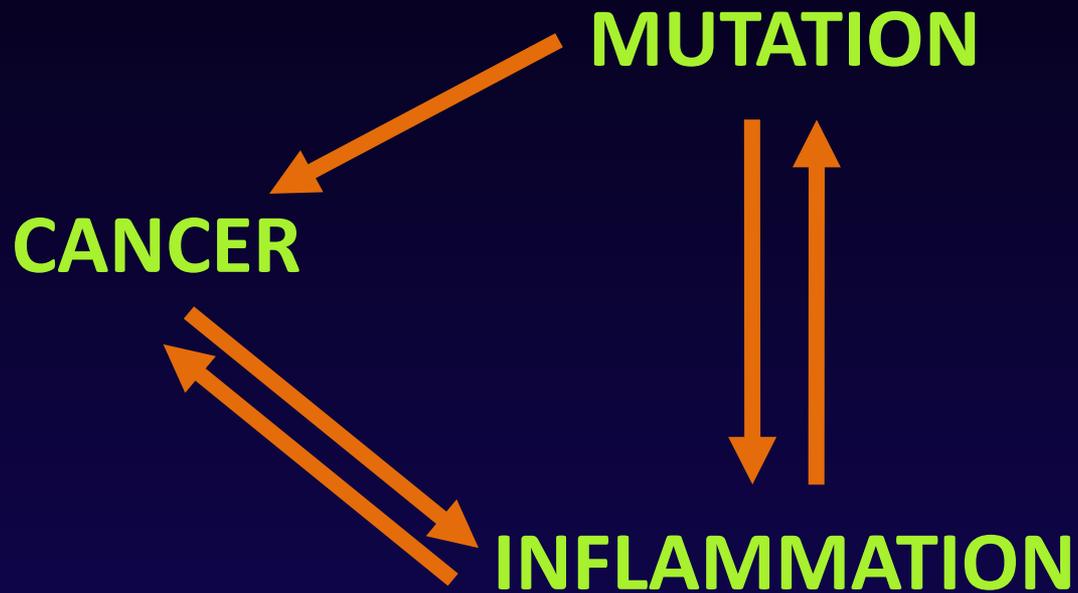
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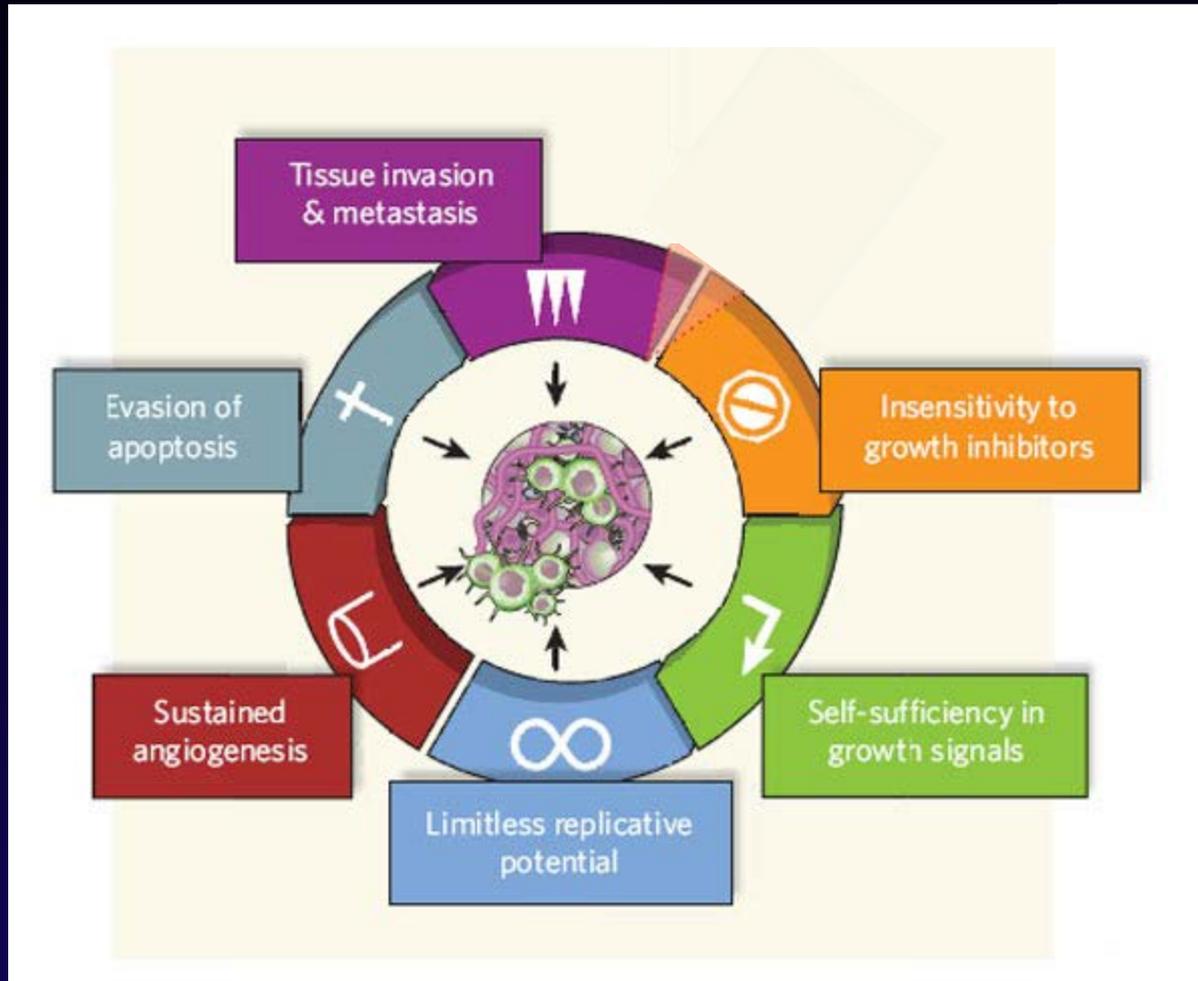
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promote expression of immunosuppressive molecules



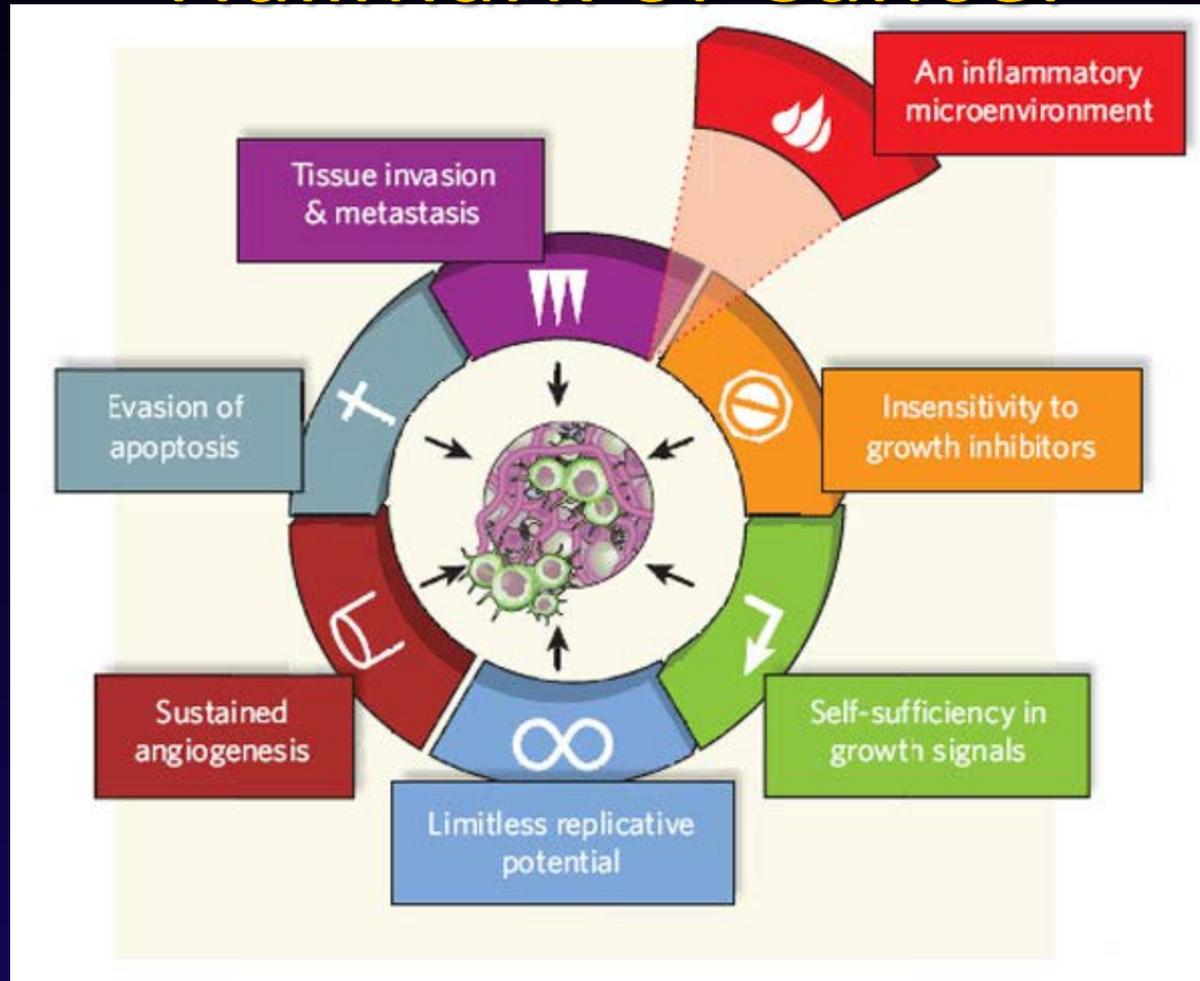
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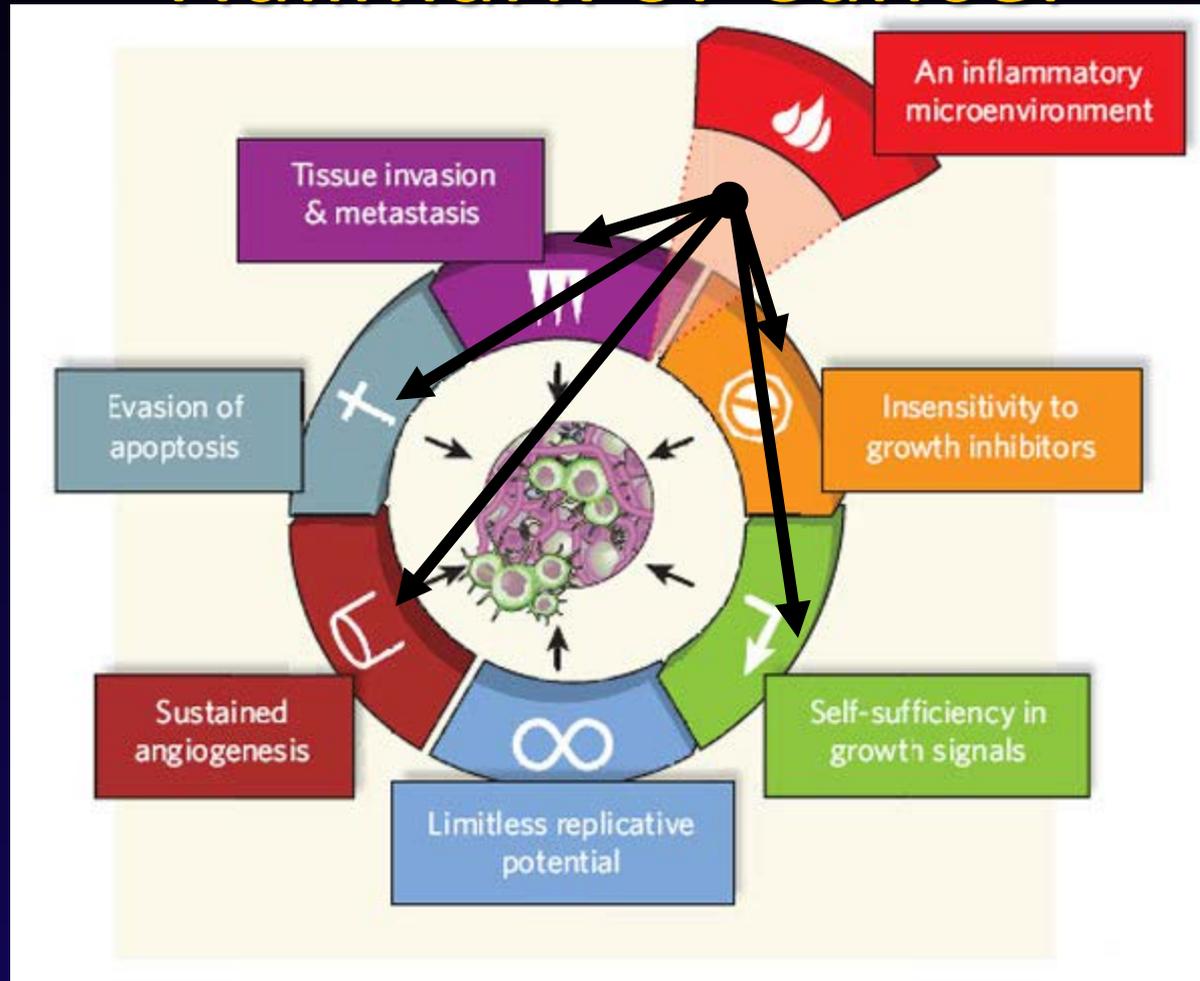
Classic Hallmarks of Cancer



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Good vs. Bad Inflammation in Cancer

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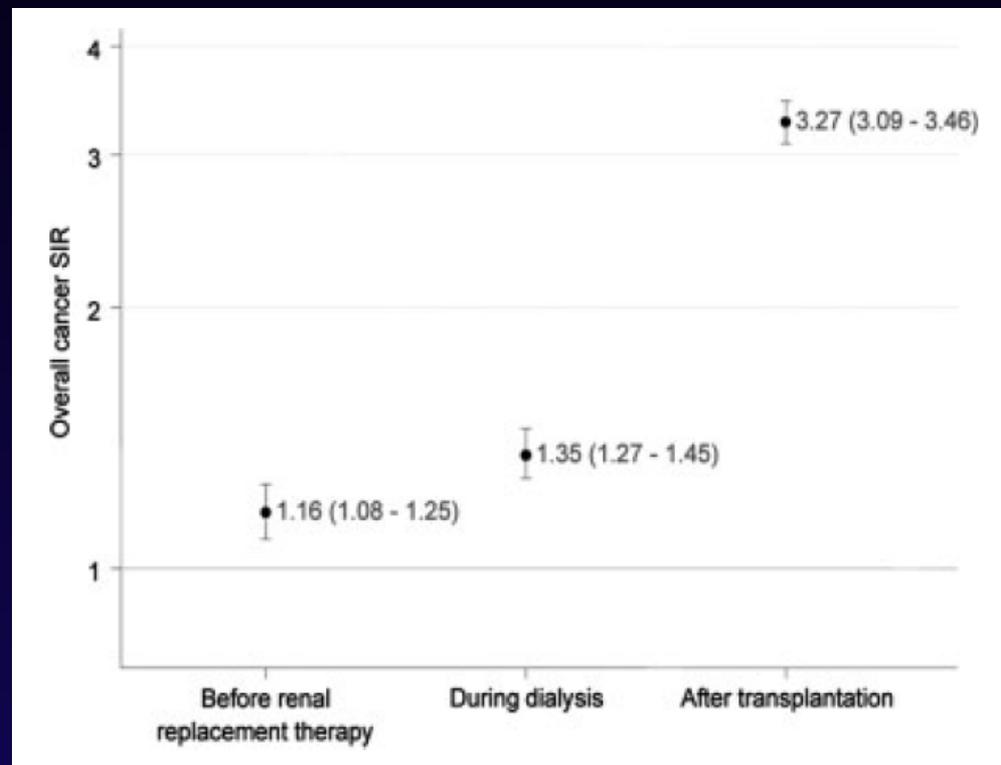
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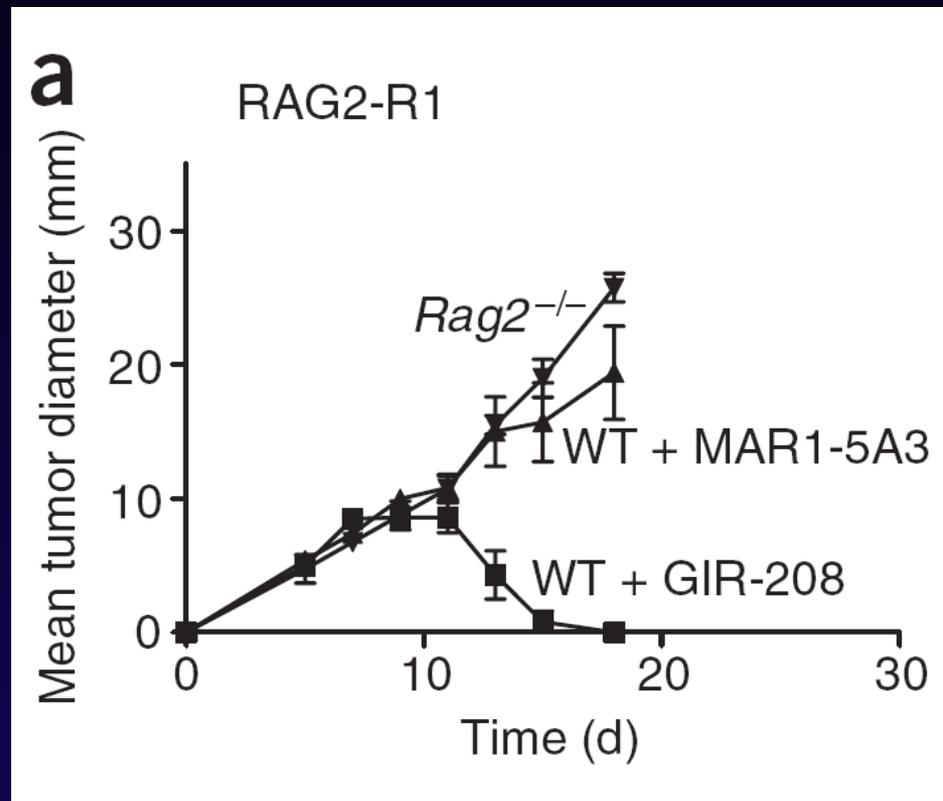
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Post-transplant Immunosuppression Increases Cancer Incidence



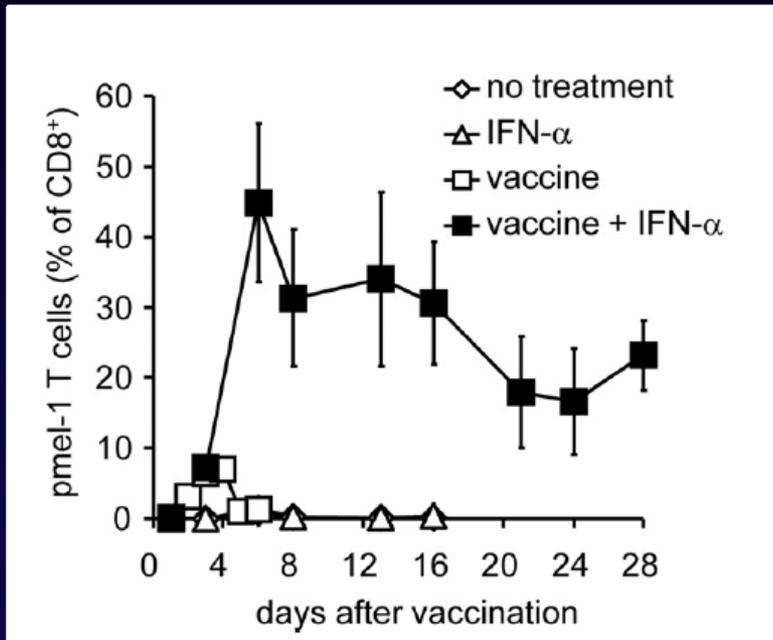
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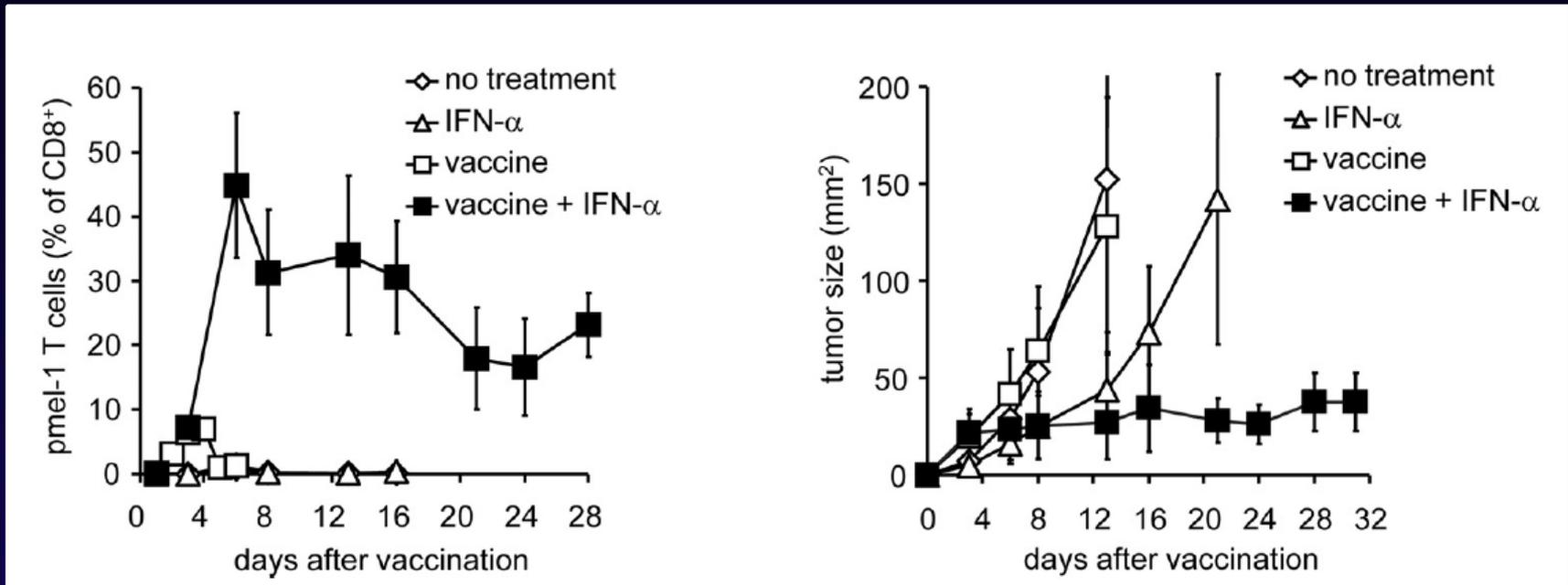
IFN- α receptor
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Intratumoral PBS



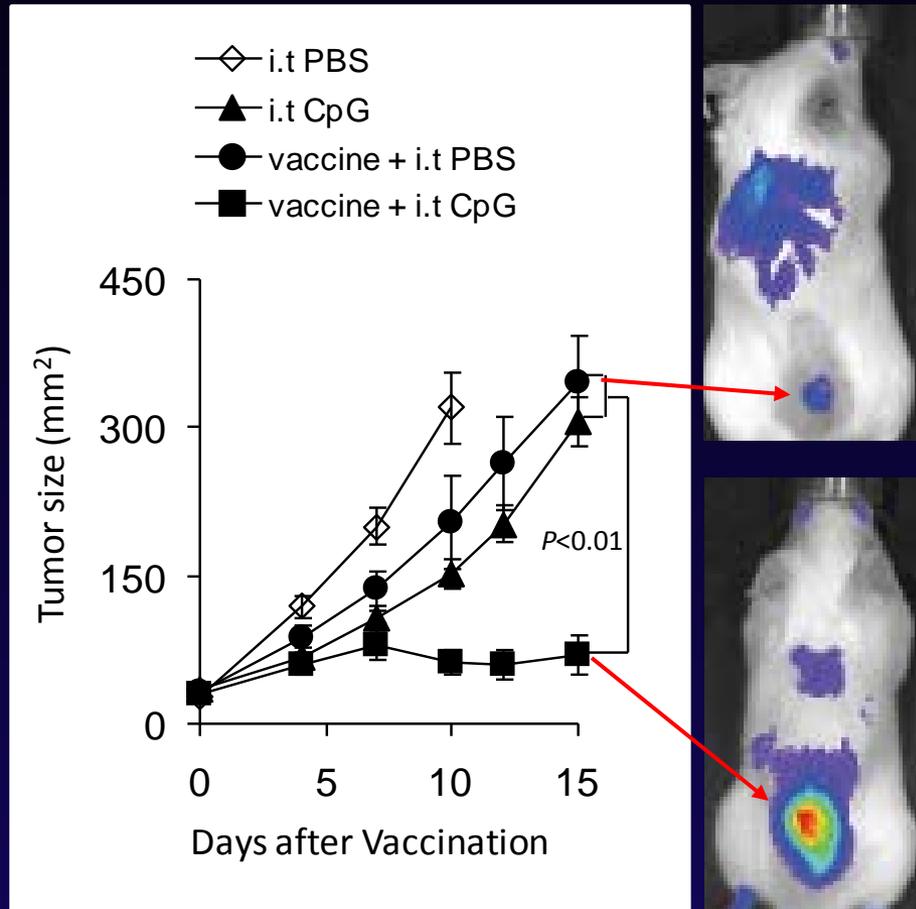
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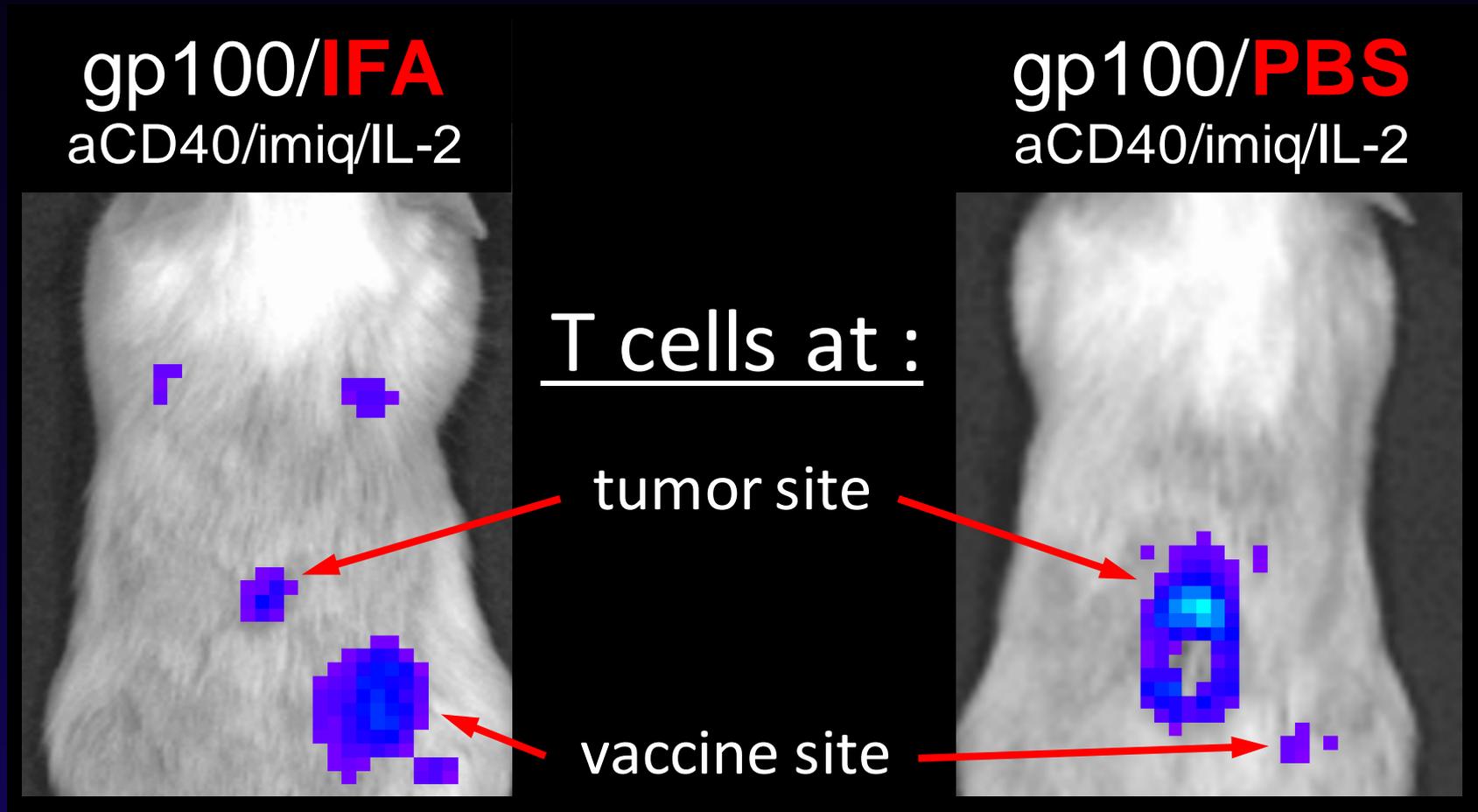
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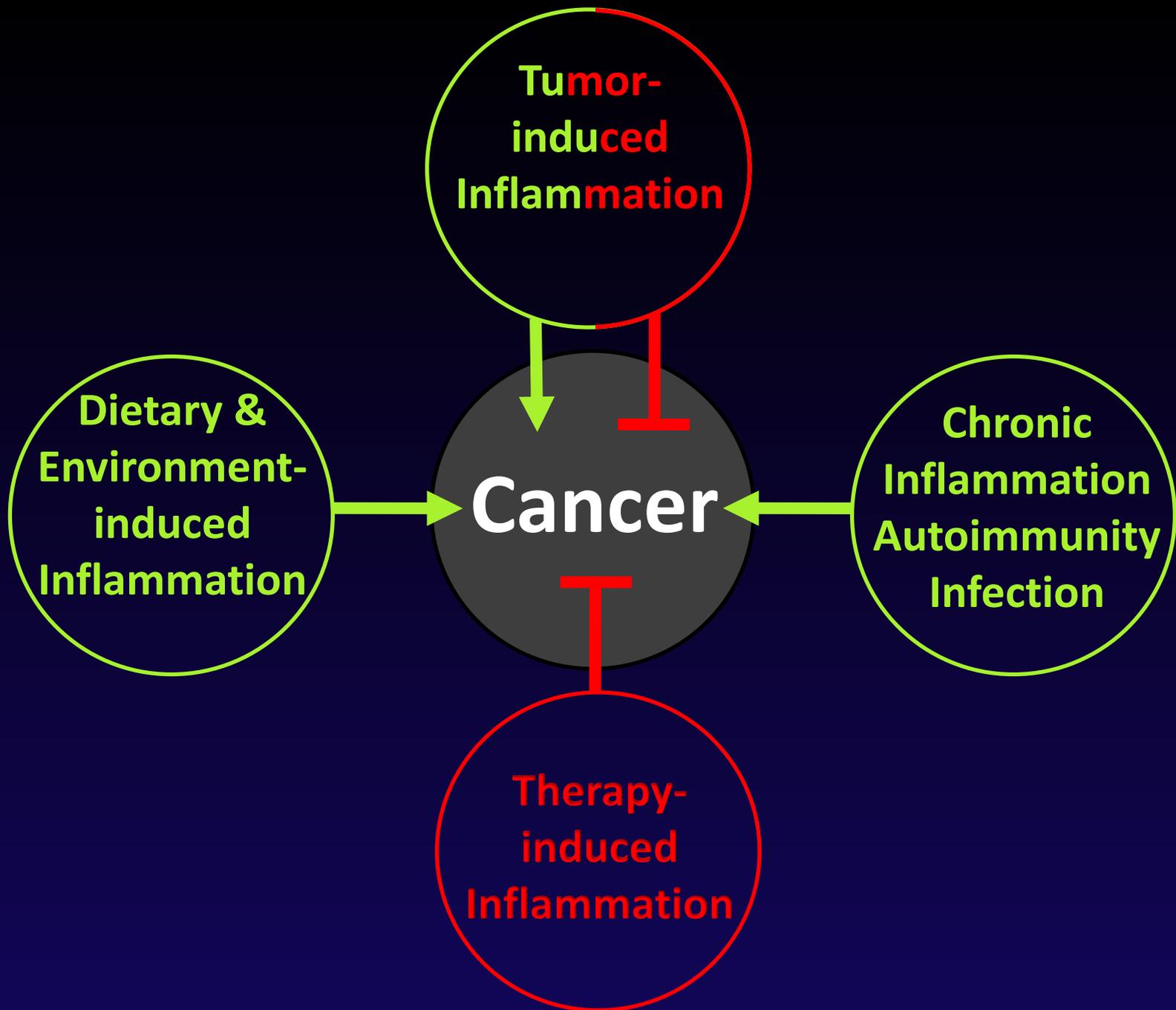


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Choice of vaccine adjuvant controls T cell trafficking to tumor





Bottom Line: Inflammation can be Good or Bad: Pro or Anti-Tumor

Table 1. Roles of Different Subtypes of Immune and Inflammatory Cells in Antitumor Immunity and Tumor-Promoting Inflammation

Cell Types	Antitumor	Tumor-Promoting
Macrophages, dendritic cells, myeloid-derived suppressor cells	Antigen presentation; production of cytokines (IL-12 and type I IFN)	Immunosuppression; production of cytokines, chemokines, proteases, growth factors, and angiogenic factors
Mast cells		Production of cytokines
B cells	Production of tumor-specific antibodies?	Production of cytokines and antibodies; activation of mast cells; immunosuppression
CD8 ⁺ T cells	Direct lysis of cancer cells; production of cytotoxic cytokines	Production of cytokines?
CD4 ⁺ Th2 cells		Education of macrophages; production of cytokines; B cell activation
CD4 ⁺ Th1 cells	Help to cytotoxic T lymphocytes (CTLs) in tumor rejection; production of cytokines (IFN γ)	Production of cytokines
CD4 ⁺ Th17 cells	Activation of CTLs	Production of cytokines
CD4 ⁺ Treg cells	Suppression of inflammation (cytokines and other suppressive mechanisms)	Immunosuppression; production of cytokines
Natural killer cells	Direct cytotoxicity toward cancer cells; production of cytotoxic cytokines	
Natural killer T cells	Direct cytotoxicity toward cancer cells; production of cytotoxic cytokines	
Neutrophils	Direct cytotoxicity; regulation of CTL responses	Production of cytokines, proteases, and ROS

In the Clinic: Cancer Therapies that Block Bad Inflammation

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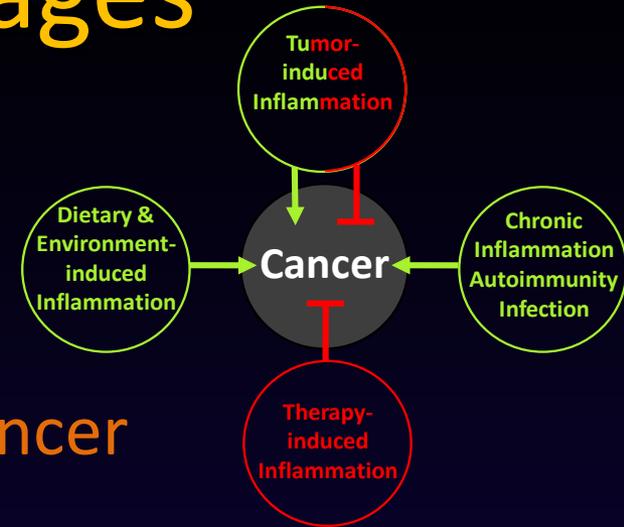
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How therapeutics may promote cancer

- induce mutation (chemotherapy)
- induce inflammation (cytokines, TLR agonists, agonistic antibodies)
- change the microbiome (antibiotics, foods)?
- **block cells/factors that suppress cancer**
 - CD8⁺ T cells/NK cells
 - type I IFN, IFN- γ
 - TNF- α - lymphoma?
 - IL-15?
 - IL-12/IL-23
 - IL-17A?

Take Home Messages



- Inflammation is a classic hallmark of cancer
- Innate Immunity & Inflammation can promote or suppress cancer
- Manipulating immunity can promote or suppress cancer
- Understanding of inflammatory cells & molecules in cancer is limited but growing, allowing therapeutic intervention

Cancer Vaccines

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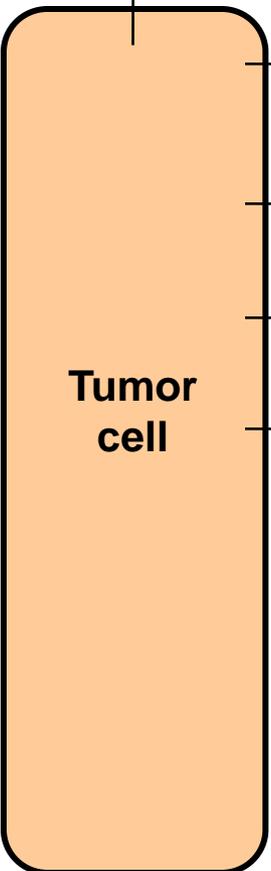
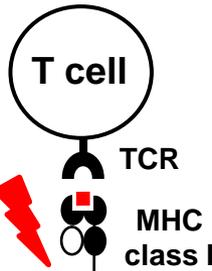


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Cytokine release



Self

Immuno-
genicity

Foreign



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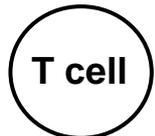


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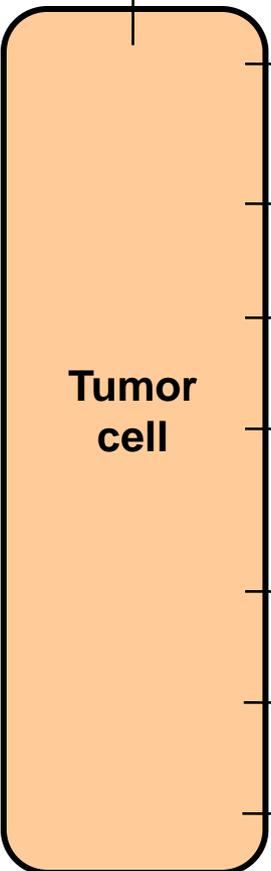
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→ Single point mutations 



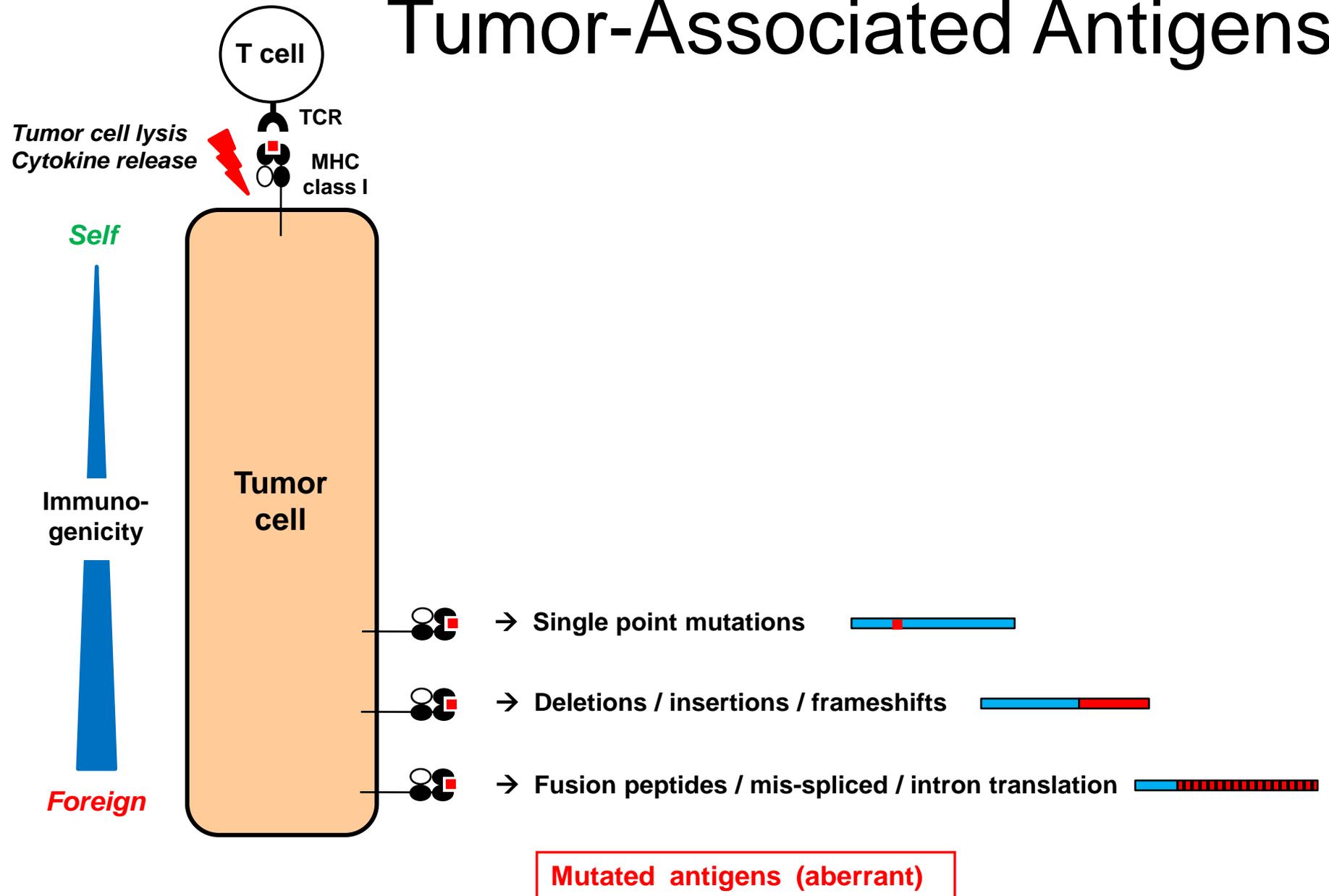
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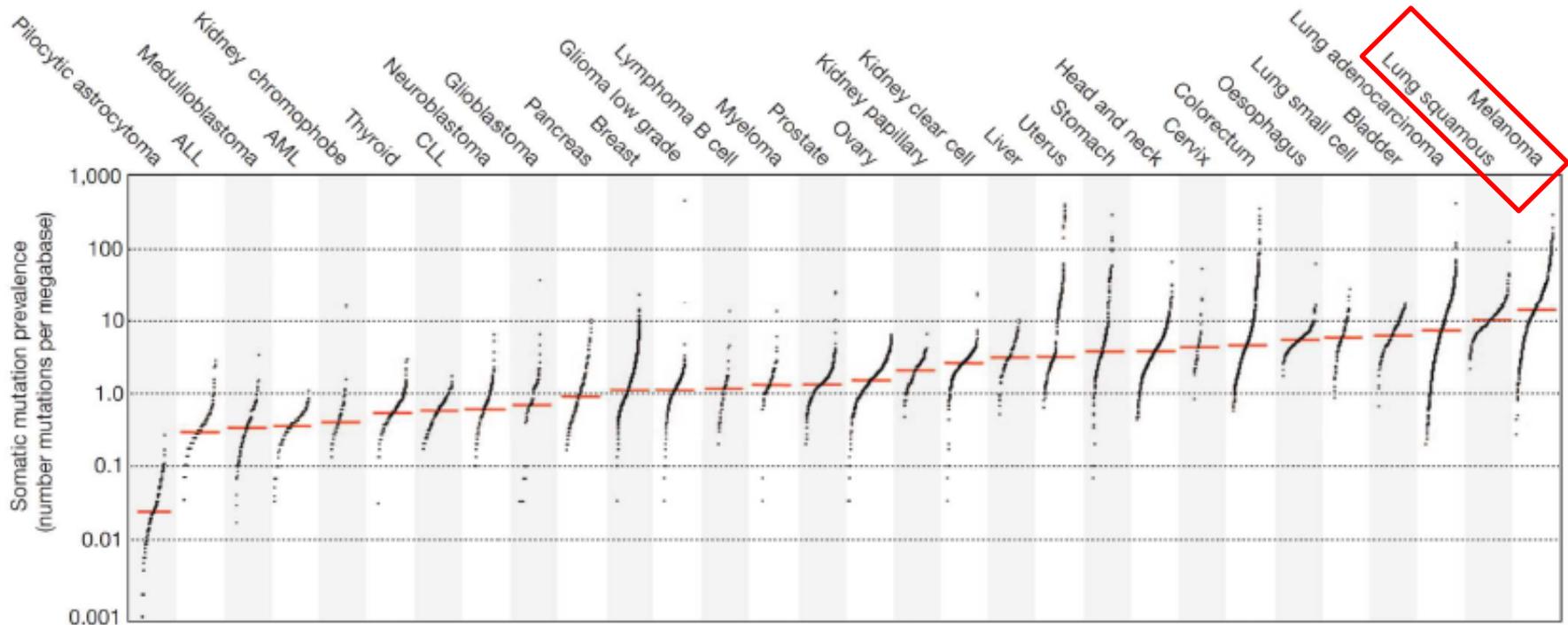
→ Fusion peptides / mis-spliced / intron translation 

Mutated antigens (aberrant)

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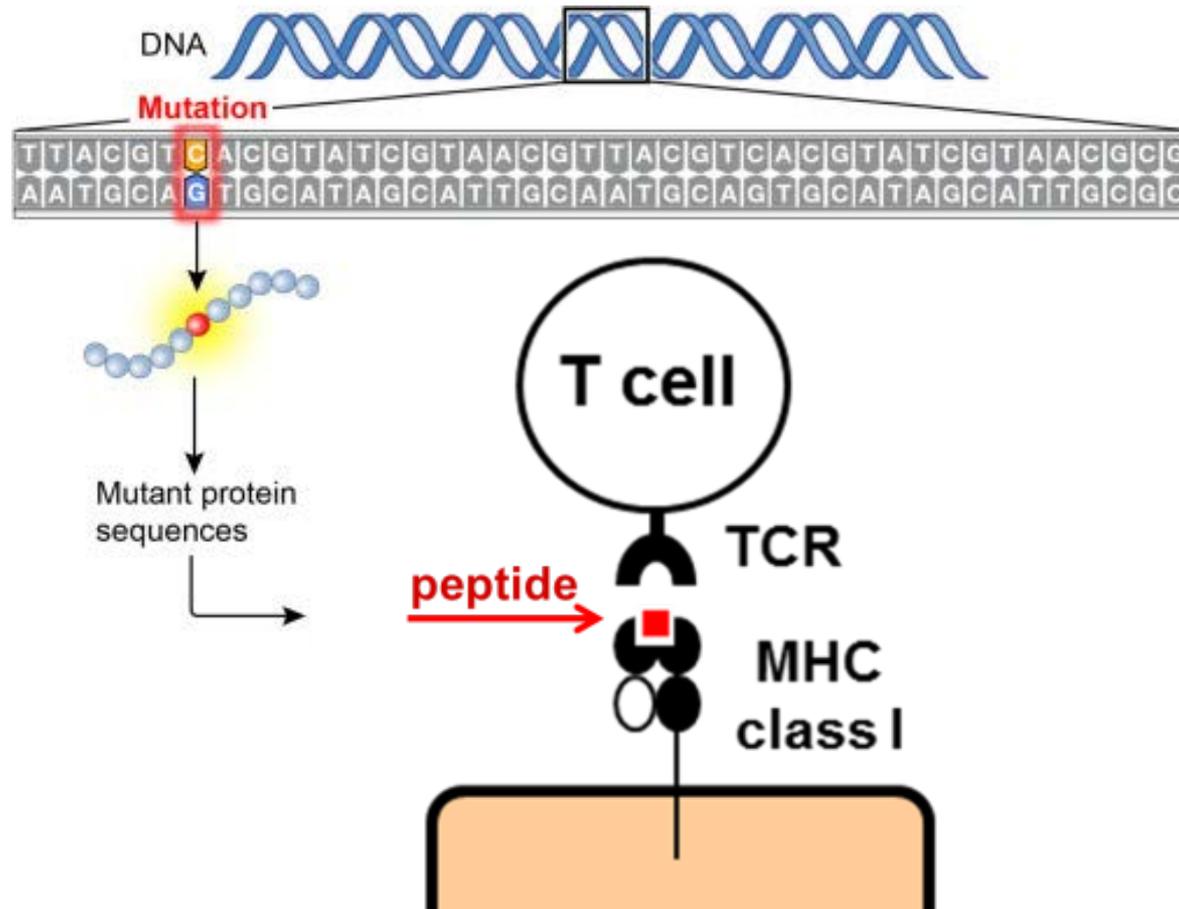
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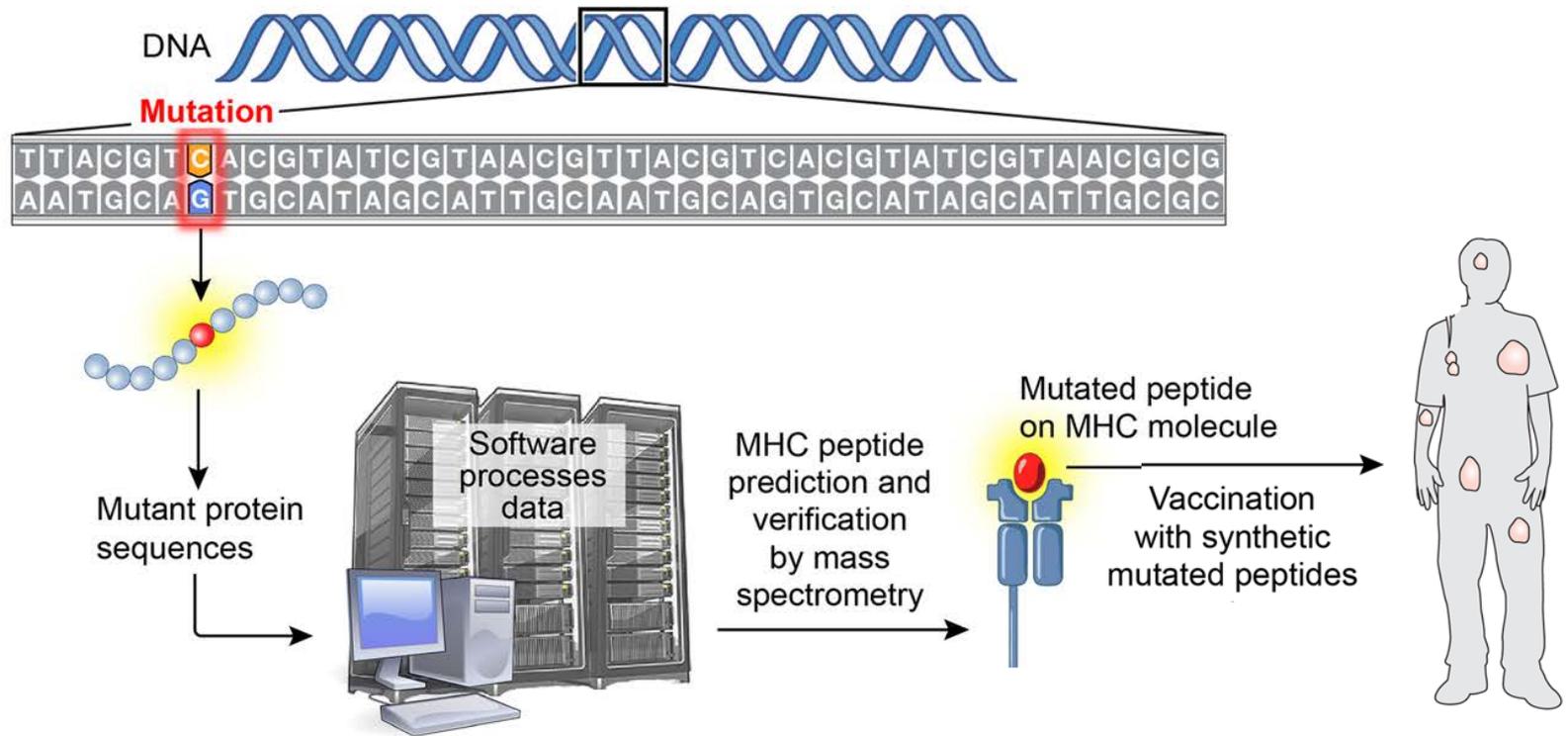
Signatures of mutational processes in human cancer Alexandrov et al.

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Mutated Peptides as Cancer Antigens



From Mutation to Vaccine



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vaccine adjuvant



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Vaccine Adjuvants

- mechanisms of action:
 - antigen depot for prolonged release
 - protects antigen from degradation
 - increases antigen uptake by APCs
 - pro-inflammatory/pro-immunogenic milieu

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gp100 Peptide Vaccine and Interleukin-2 in Patients with Advanced Melanoma

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gp100 peptide vaccine has activity in metastatic melanoma

Stage IV and locally advanced stage III melanoma patients

High-dose IL-2 +/- gp100 peptide in IFA (= water-in-oil emulsion)

	IL-2+gp100/IFA	IL-2	p-value
Overall response rate	22.1%	9.7%	0.022
Progression free survival	2.9 months	1.6 months	0.010
Median overall survival	17.6 months	12.8 months	0.096

Clinical Trials of Cancer Vaccines

402 open studies (USA only) using cancer vaccines (www.clinicaltrial.gov)

1. Study of Peptide Vaccination With Tumor Associated Antigens Mixed With Montanide in Patients With **CNS Tumors**
2. CpG 7909/IFA With or Without Cyclophosphamide in Combination Either With NY-ESO-1-derived Peptides or the NY-ESO-1 Protein for **NY-ESO-1-expressing Tumors**
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Peptide-based Cancer Vaccines

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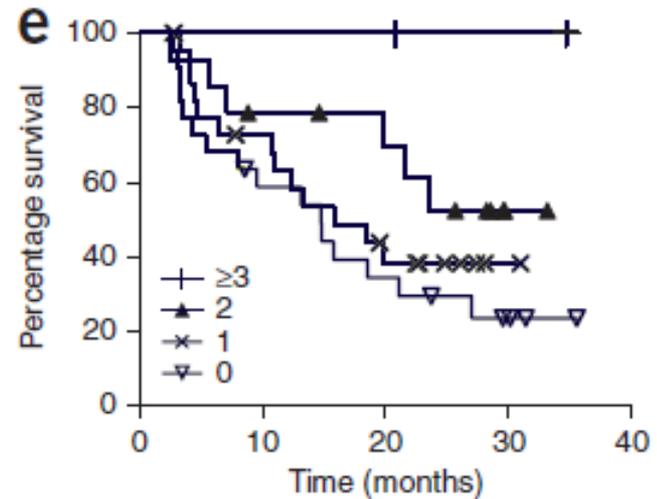
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79% clinical response
47% CR (>24 months)

Immune response can correlate with clinical outcome

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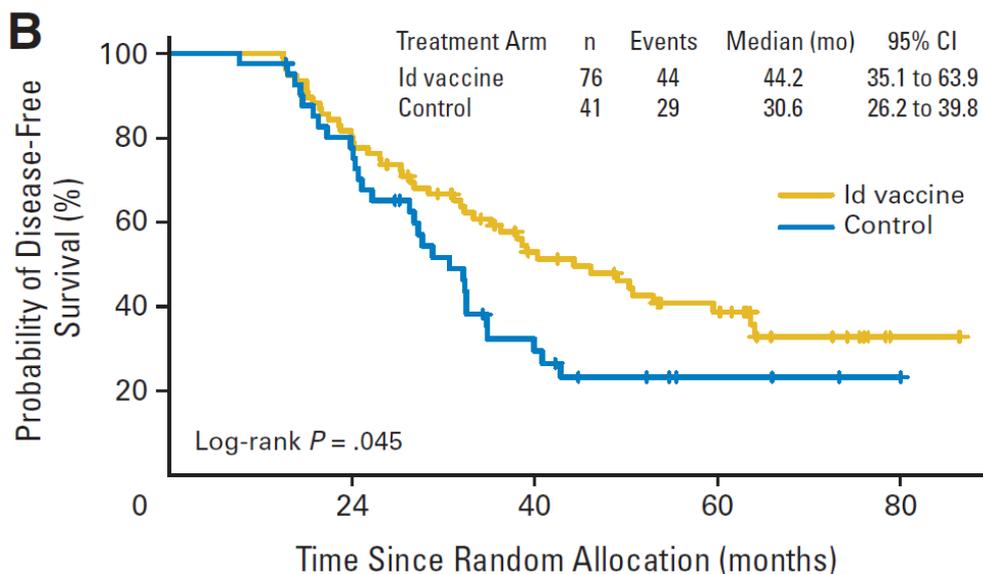


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Antigen: Lymphoma Idiotype (antibody)
conjugates to KLH
Adjuvant: GM-CSF

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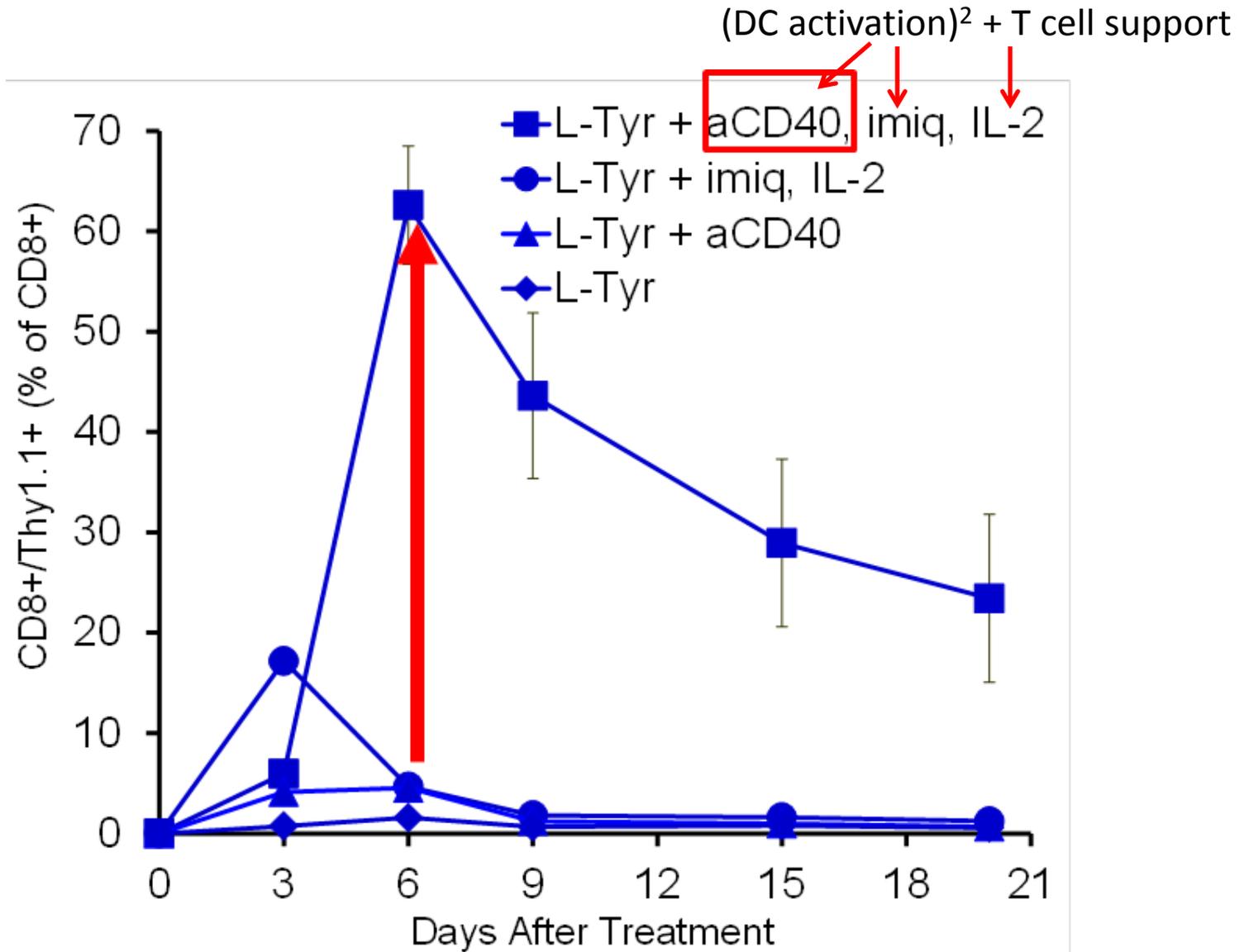
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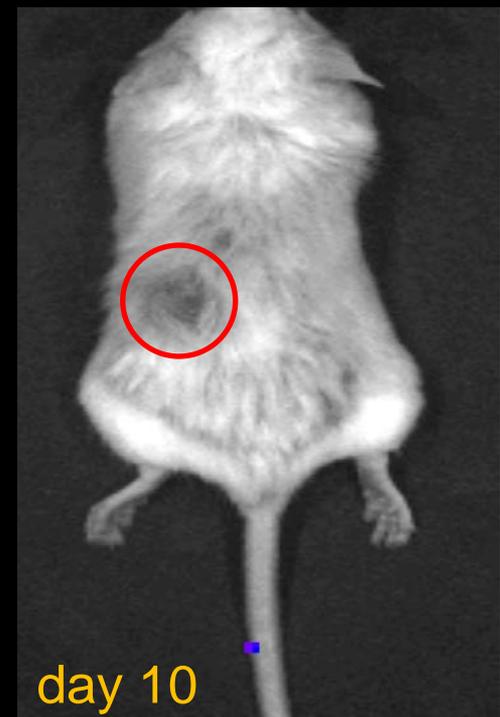
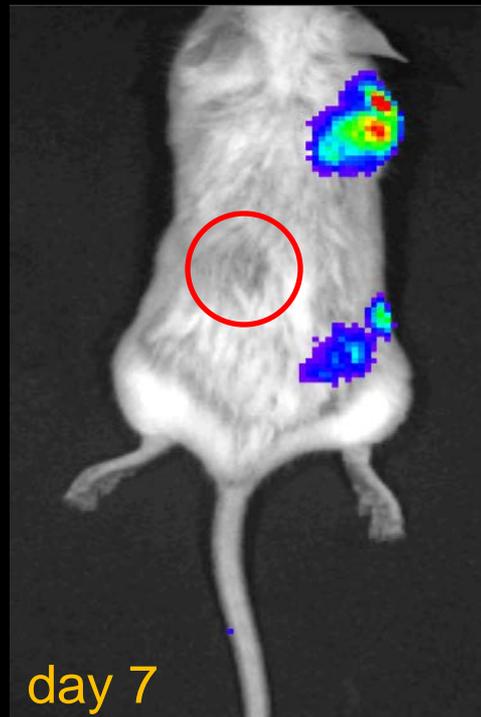
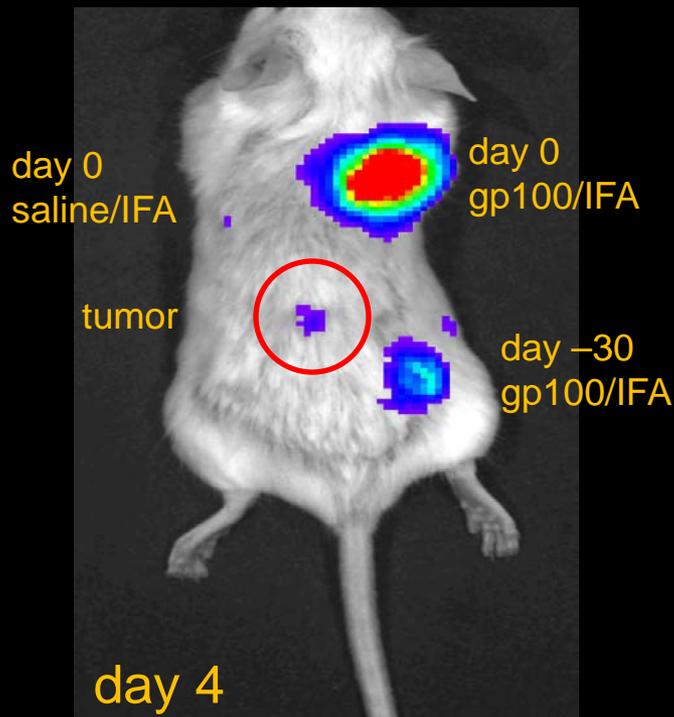
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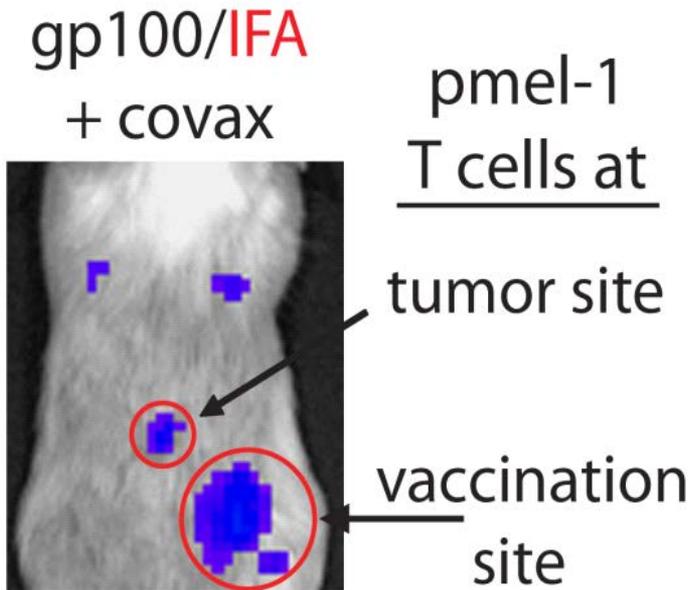
Where are the T cells?

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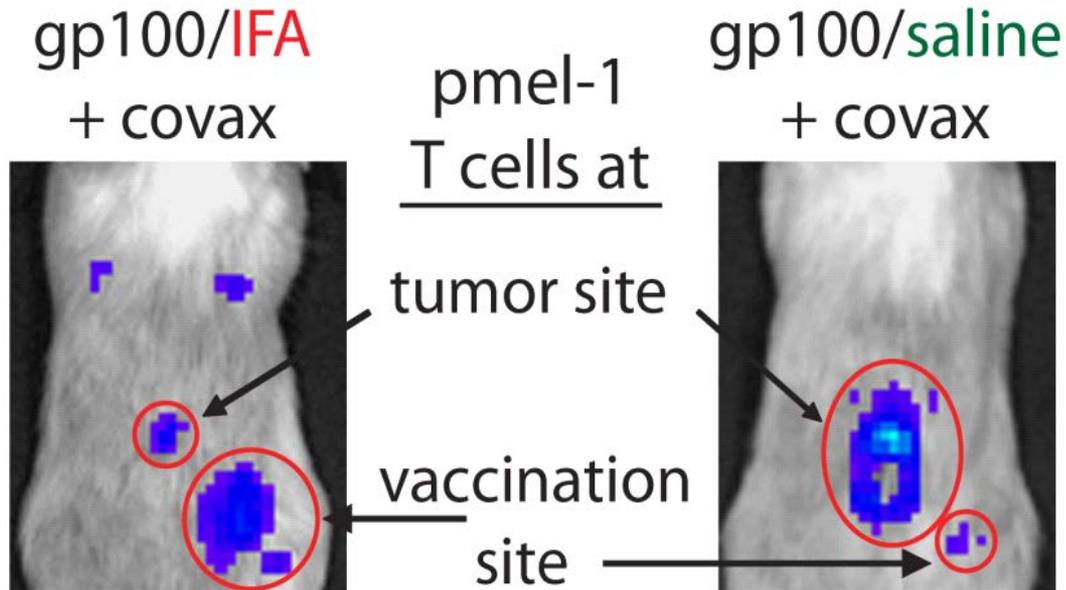
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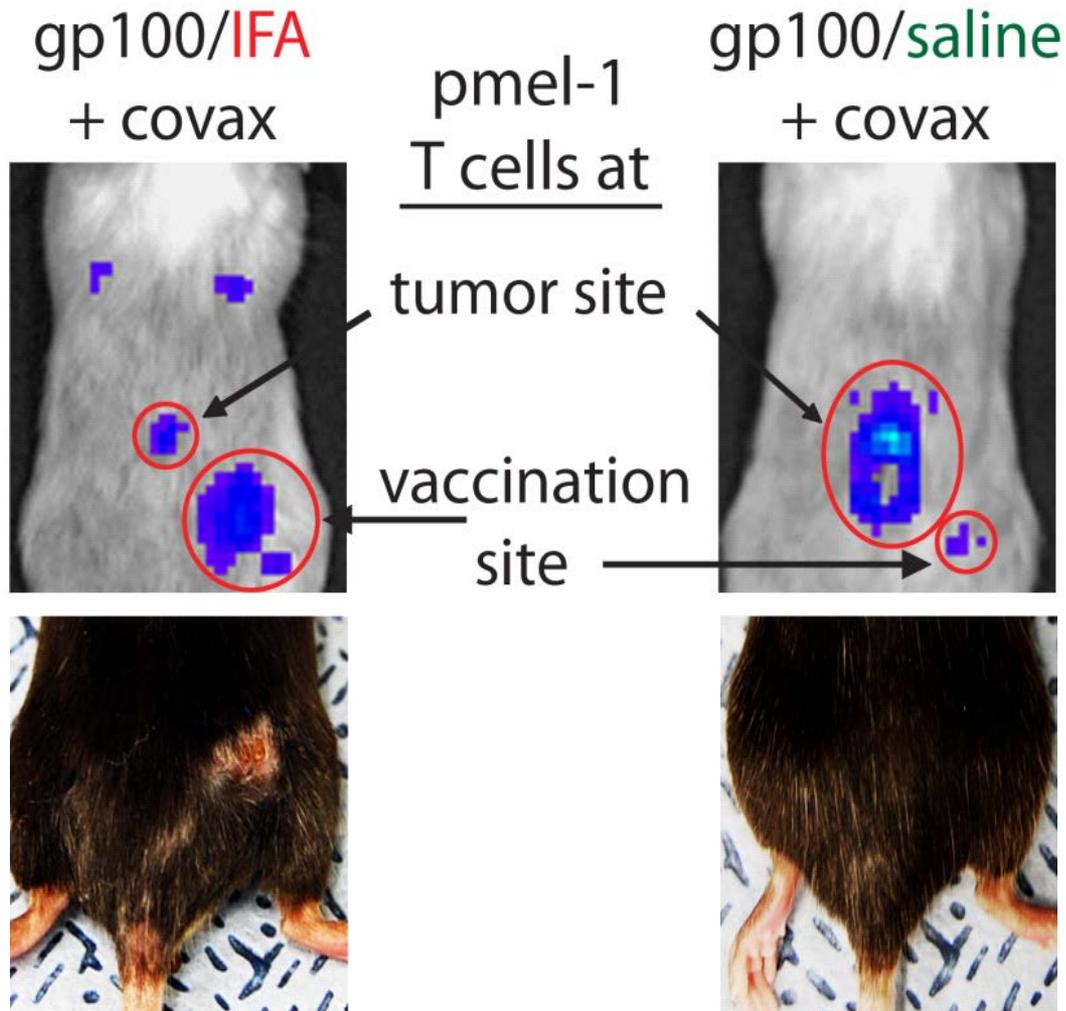
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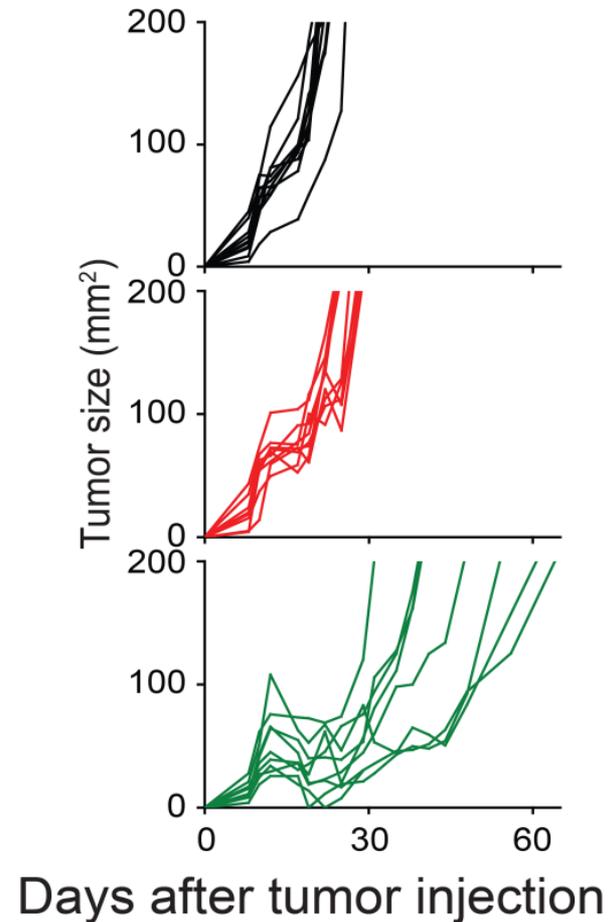
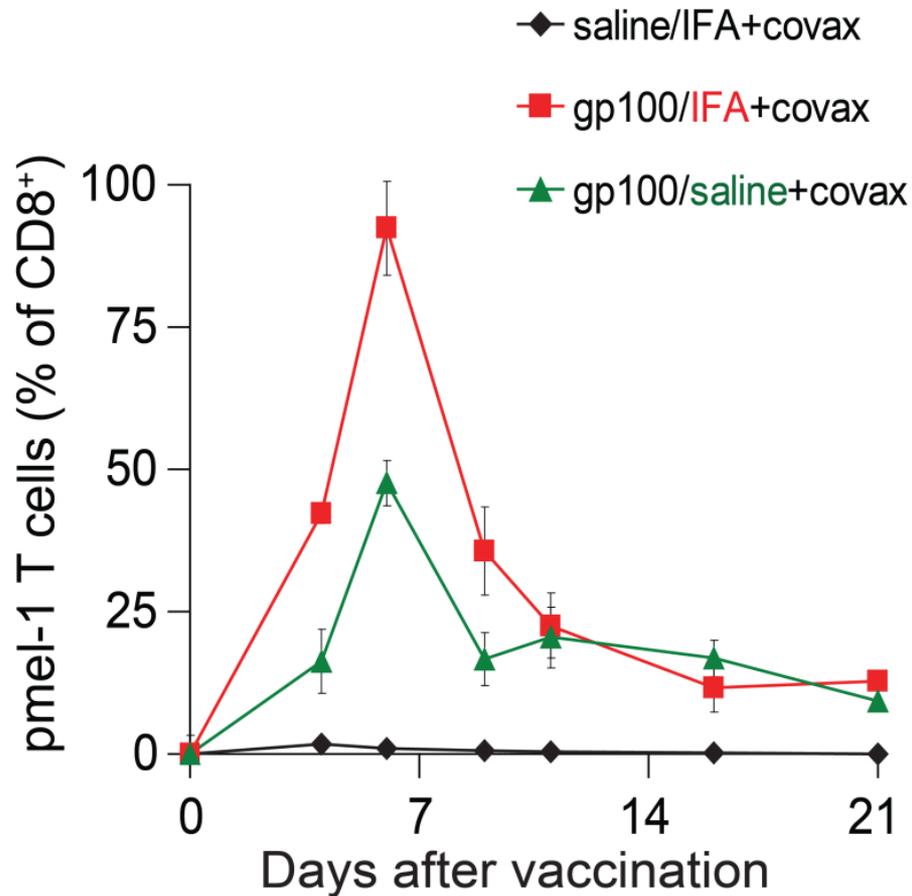
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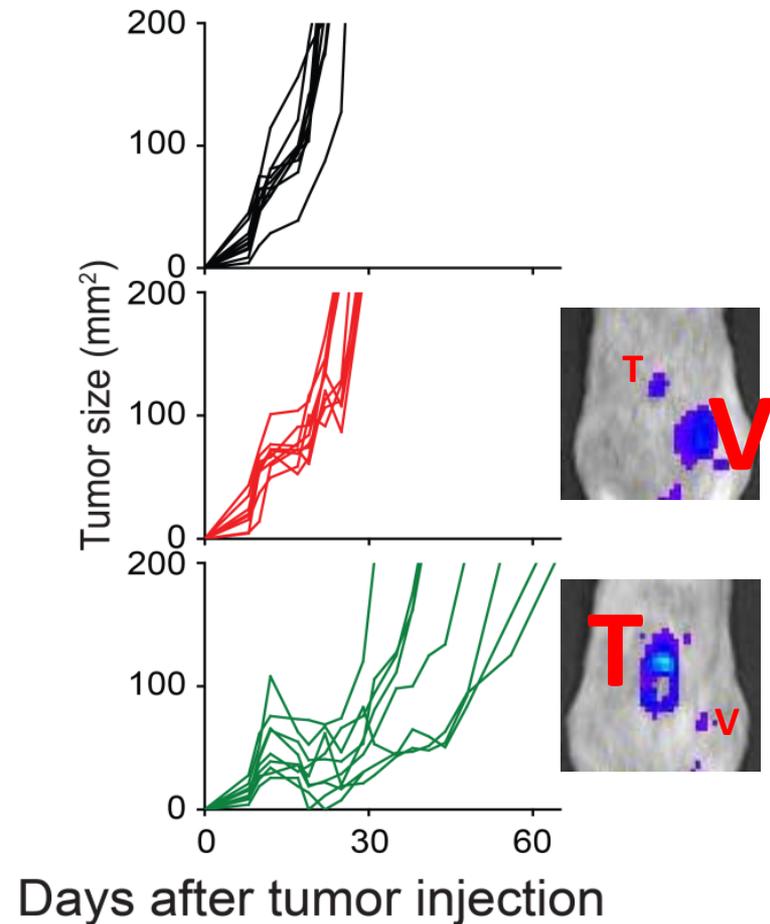
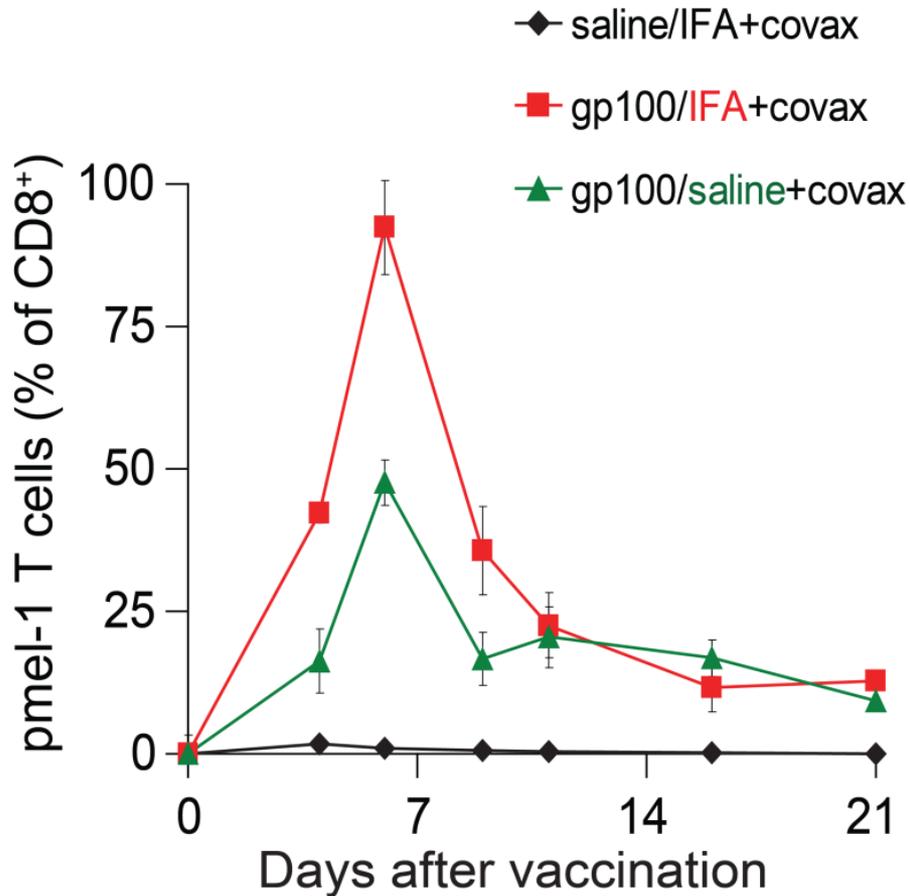
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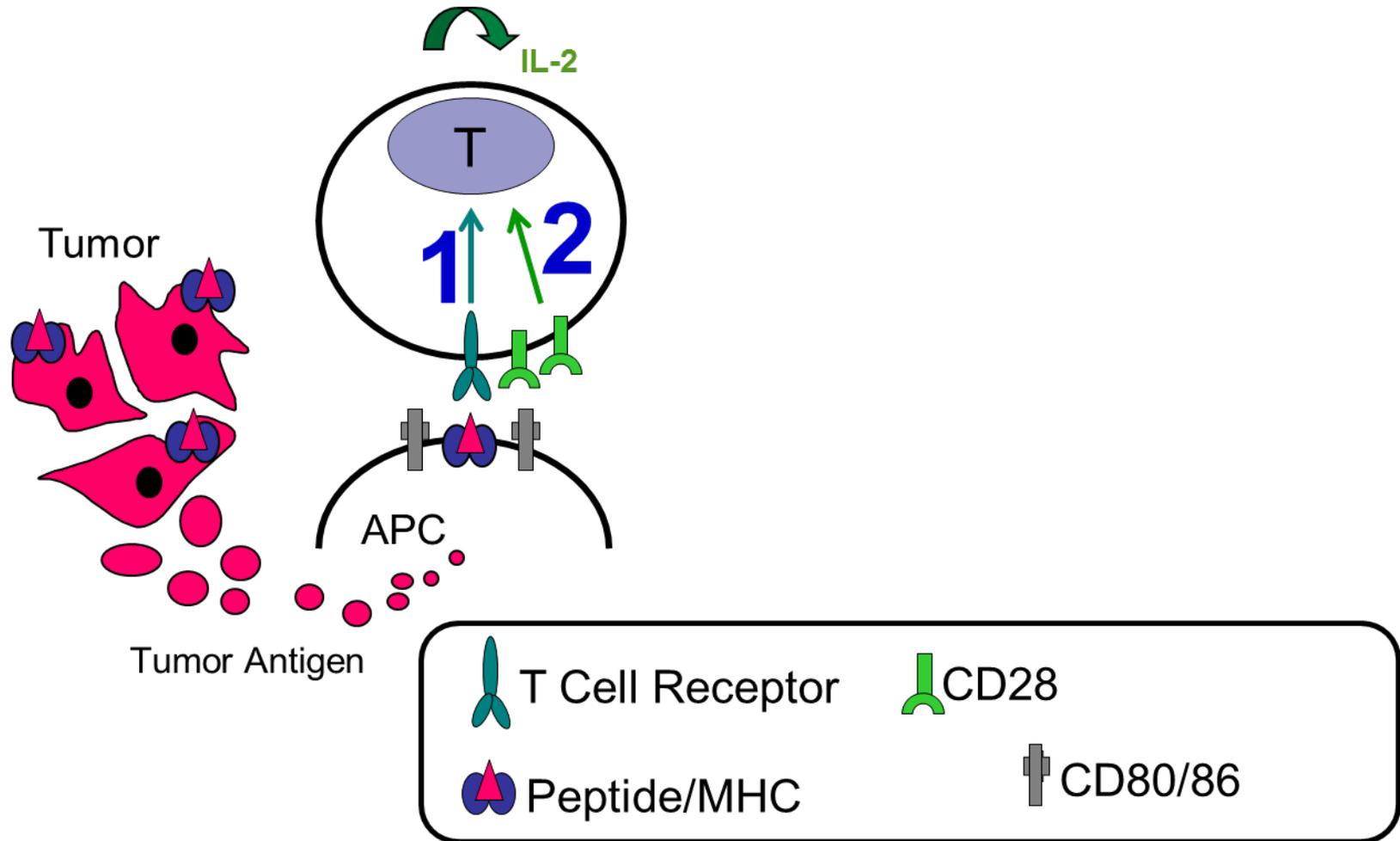
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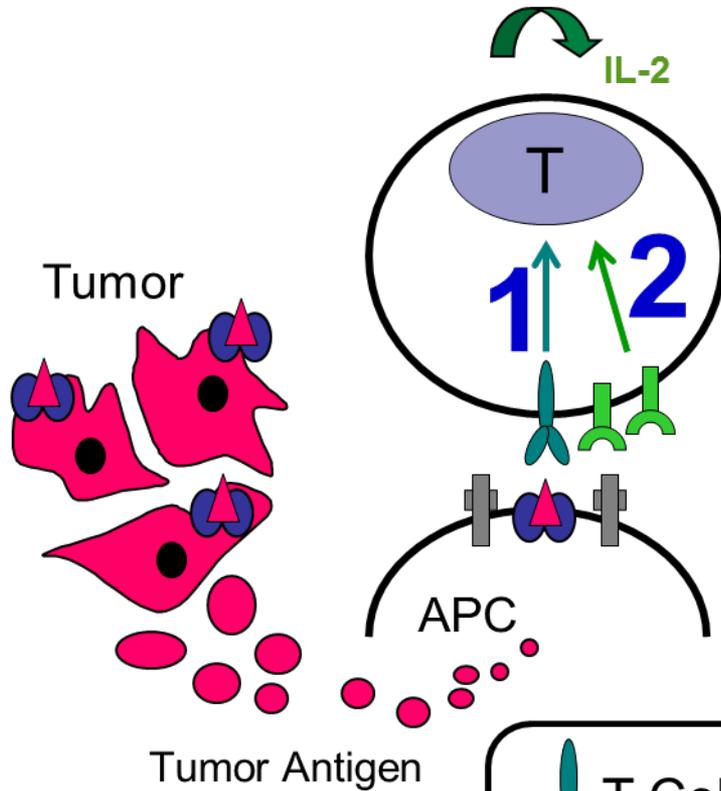
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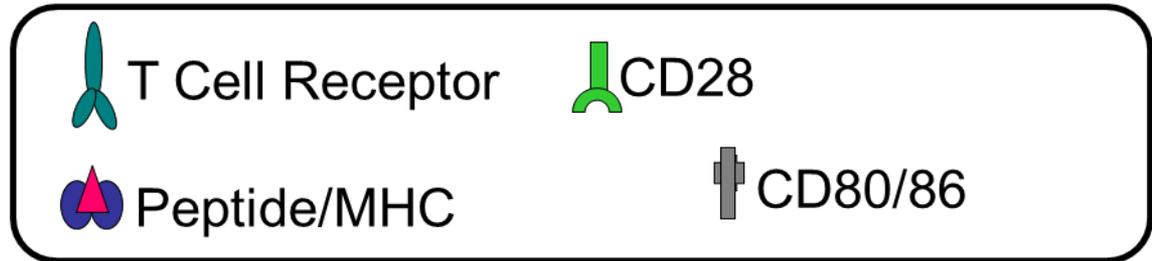


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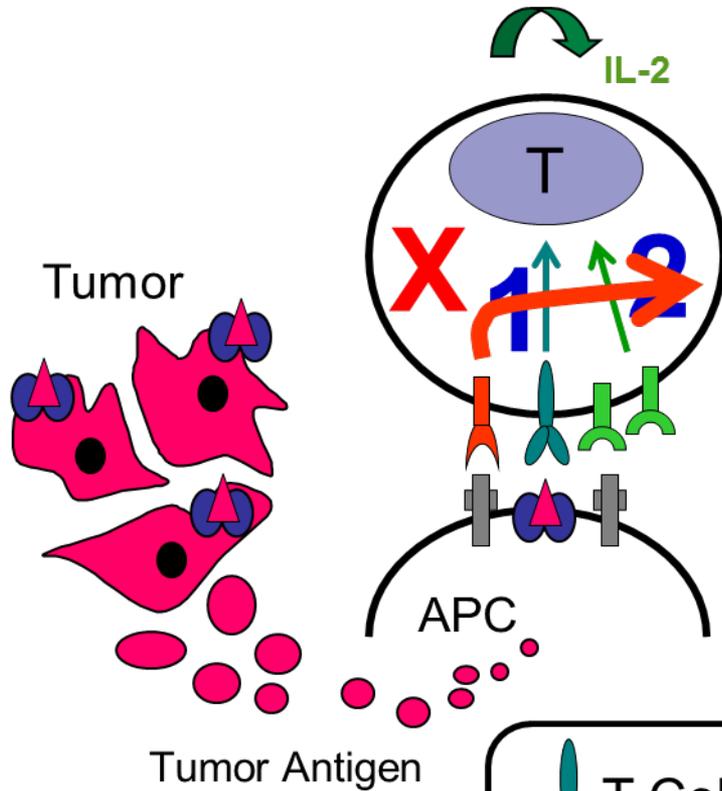


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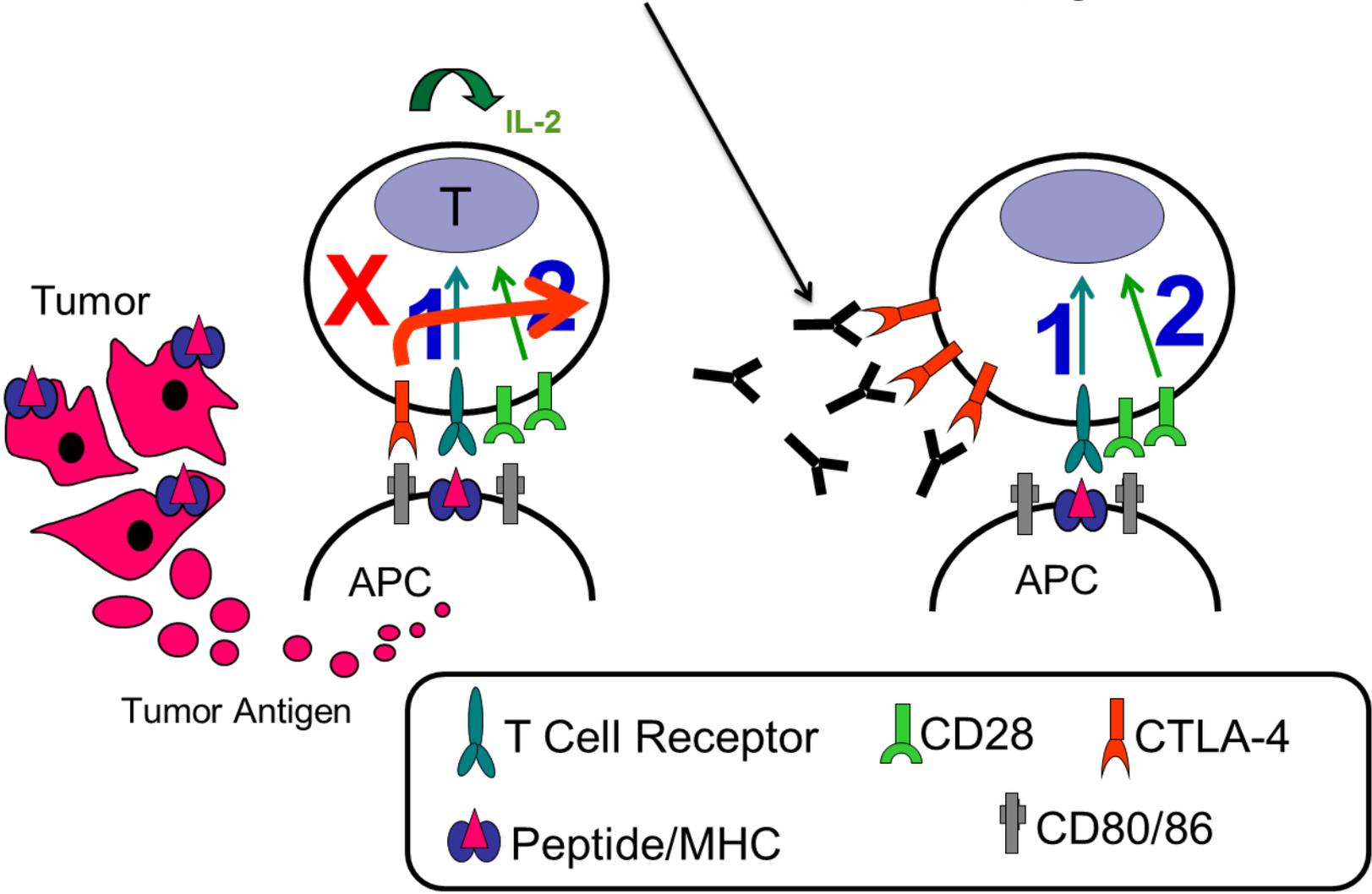
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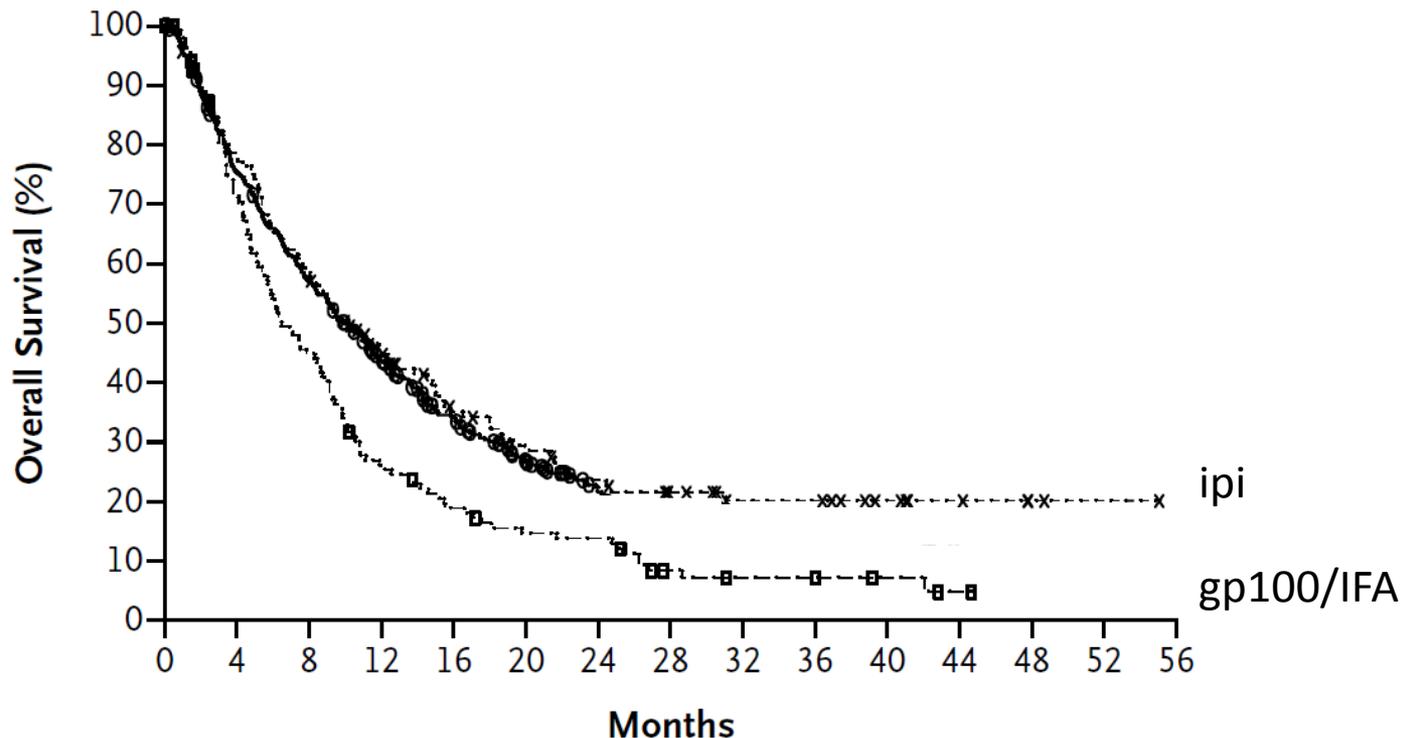
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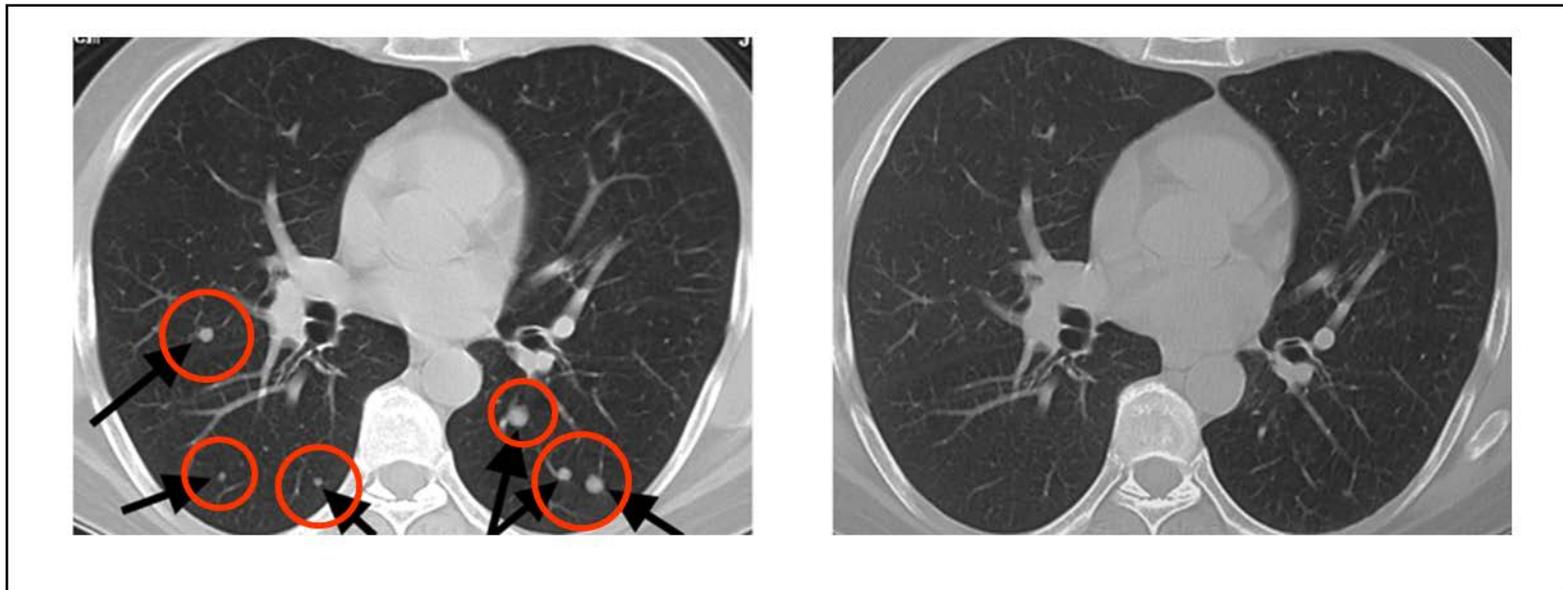
Overall Survival



Complete Responder: Patient 11

Metastatic Melanoma

Experienced complete resolution of 2 subcutaneous nodules, 31 lung metastases and 0.5 cm brain metastasis.



Slow, prolonged tumor regression



Checkpoint Blockade + Vaccines

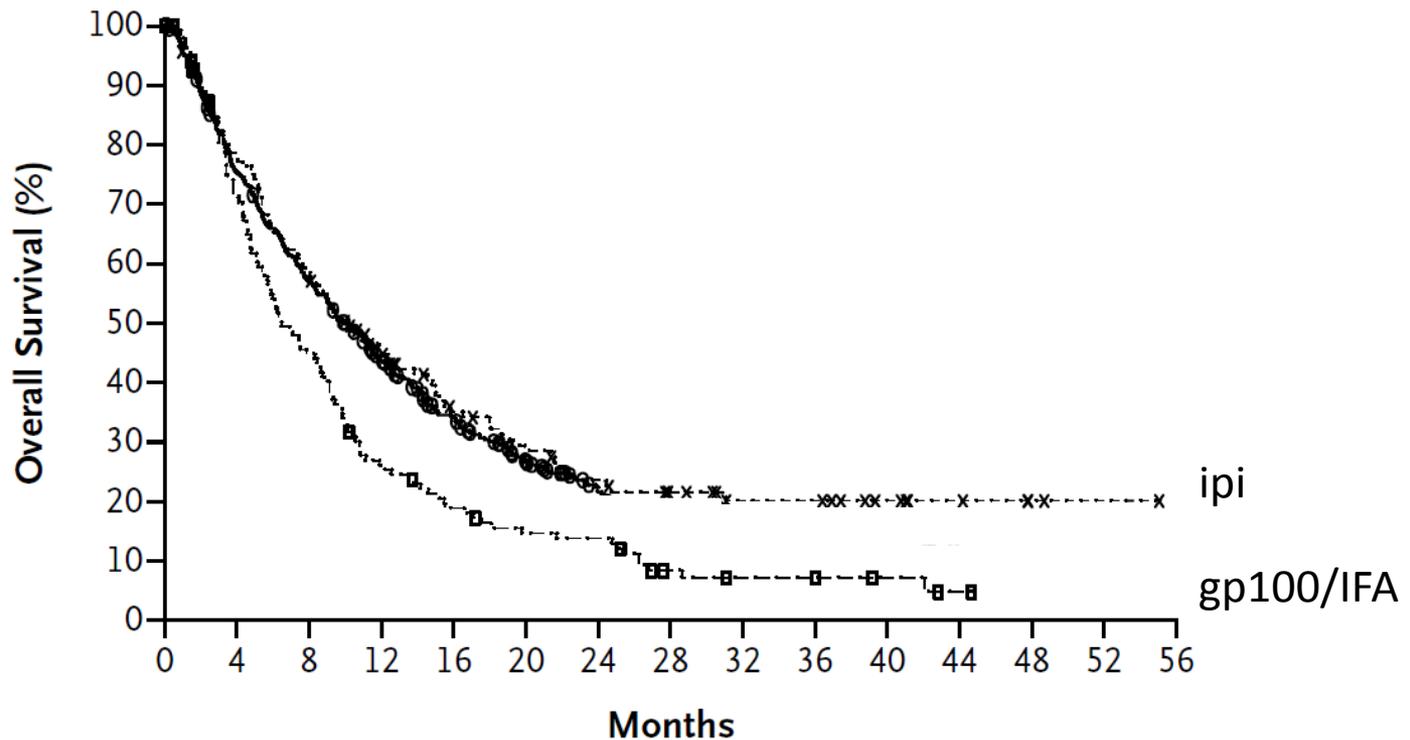
Vaccination and anti-CTLA-4/PD-1 both activate T cells, through different pathways, and could synergize.

However, this was not observed.

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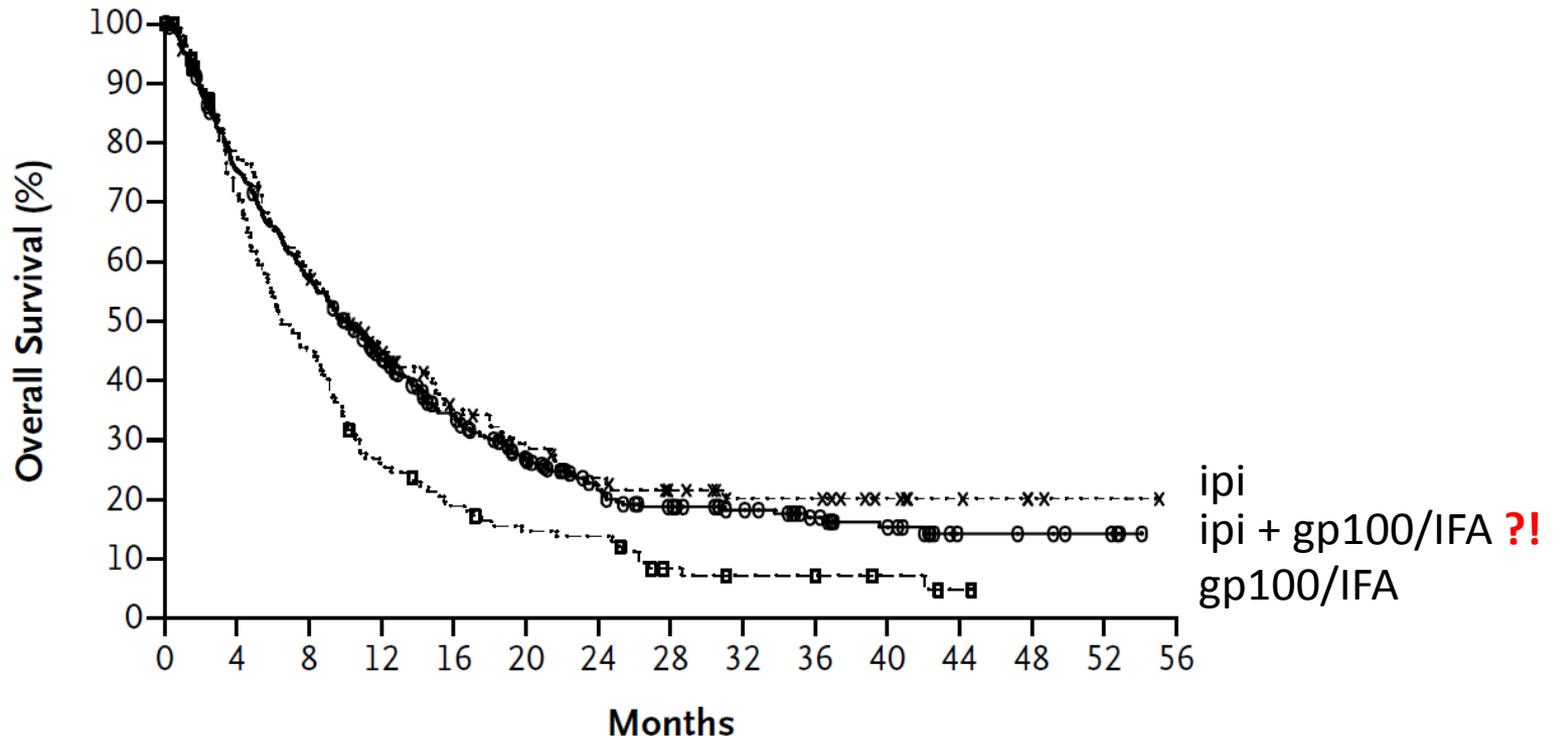
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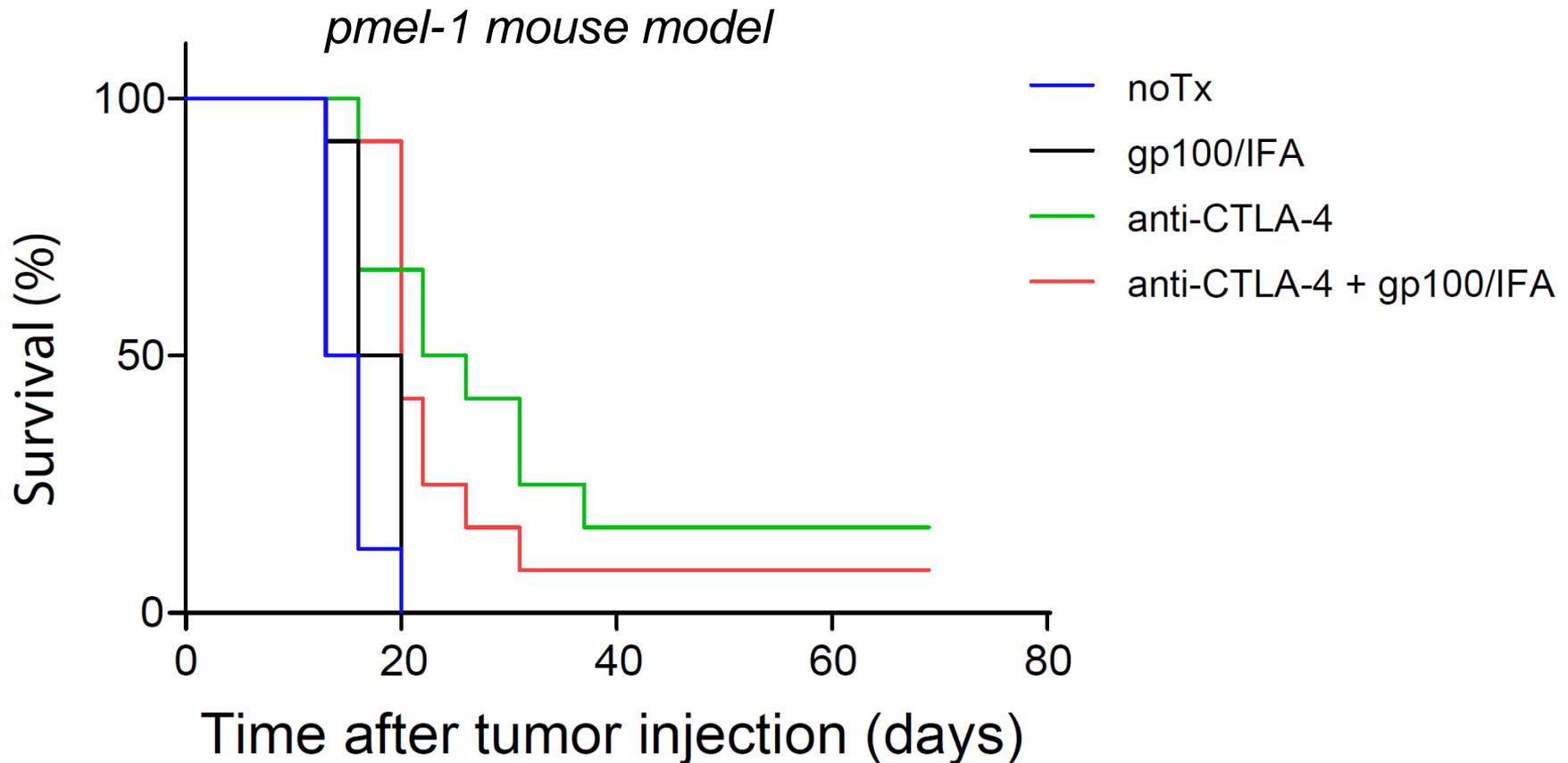
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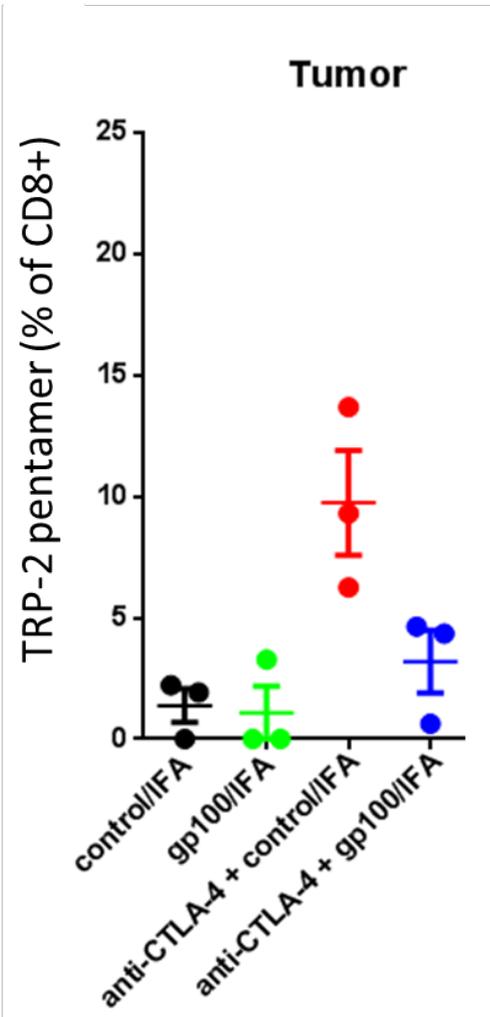
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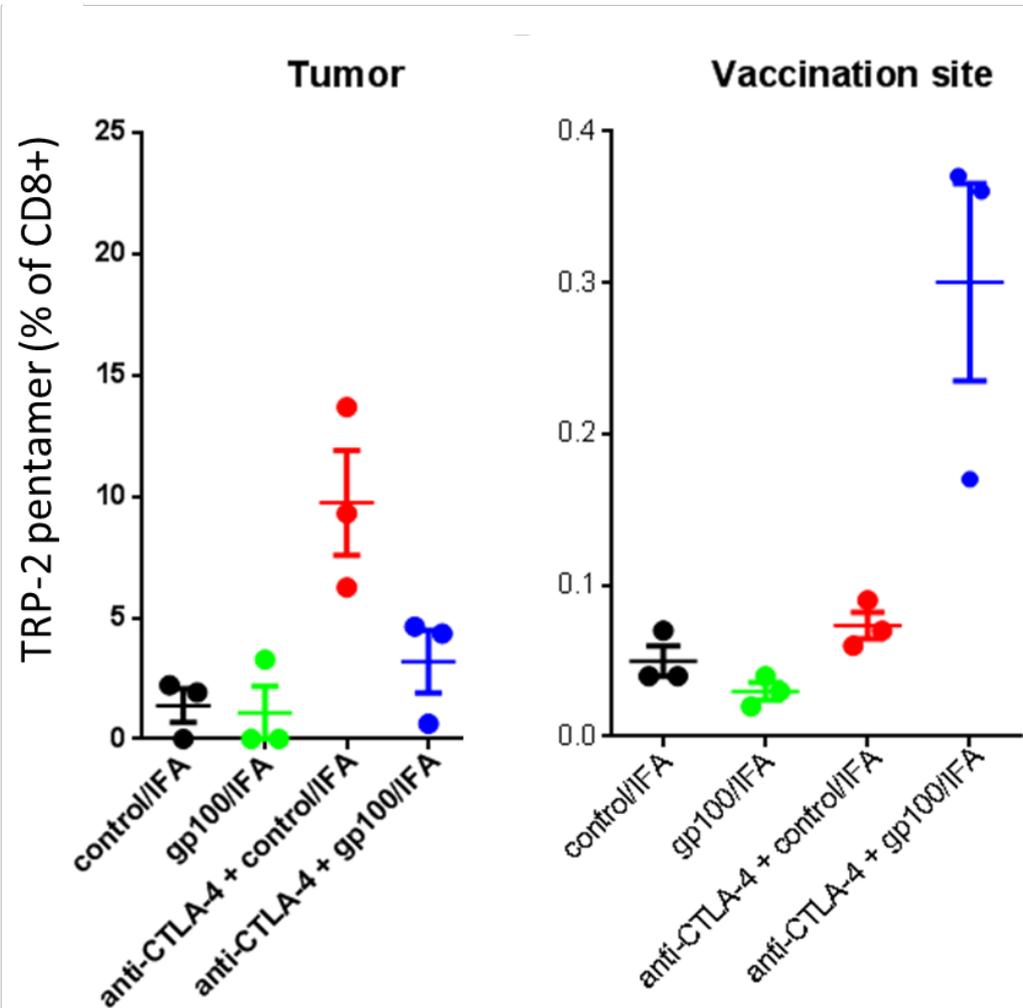
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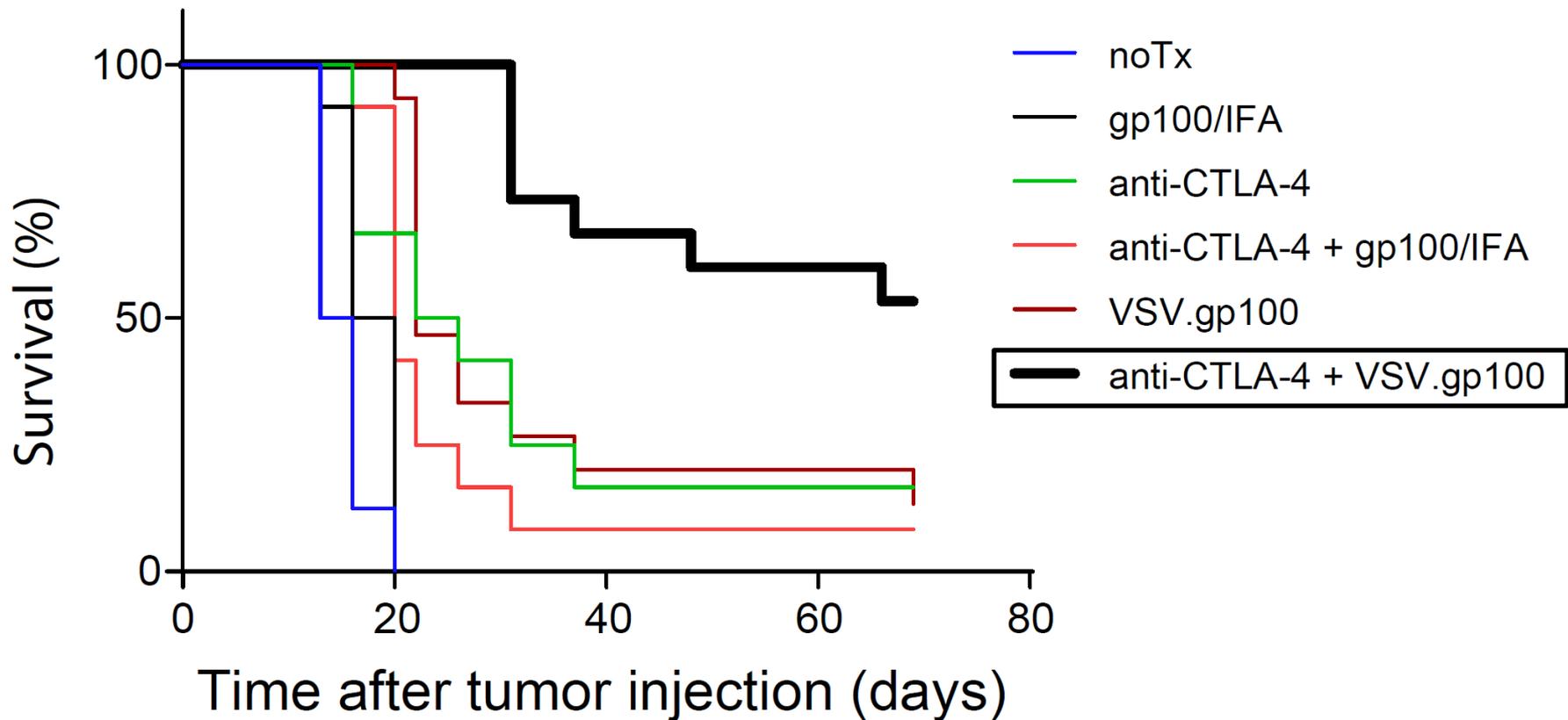
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Virus-based vaccination synergizes with anti-CTLA-4 therapy



Conclusions

- Cancer vaccines can have clinical impact
- T cell responses tend to be (too) low or dysfunctional

To induce better T cell / clinical responses:

- Formulation matters: possible T cell sequestration
- Add immunomodulators (cytokines, TLR agonists)
- Combine with checkpoint blockade
- **Combination Vaccines: Multiple Immunostimulatory Molecules**



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