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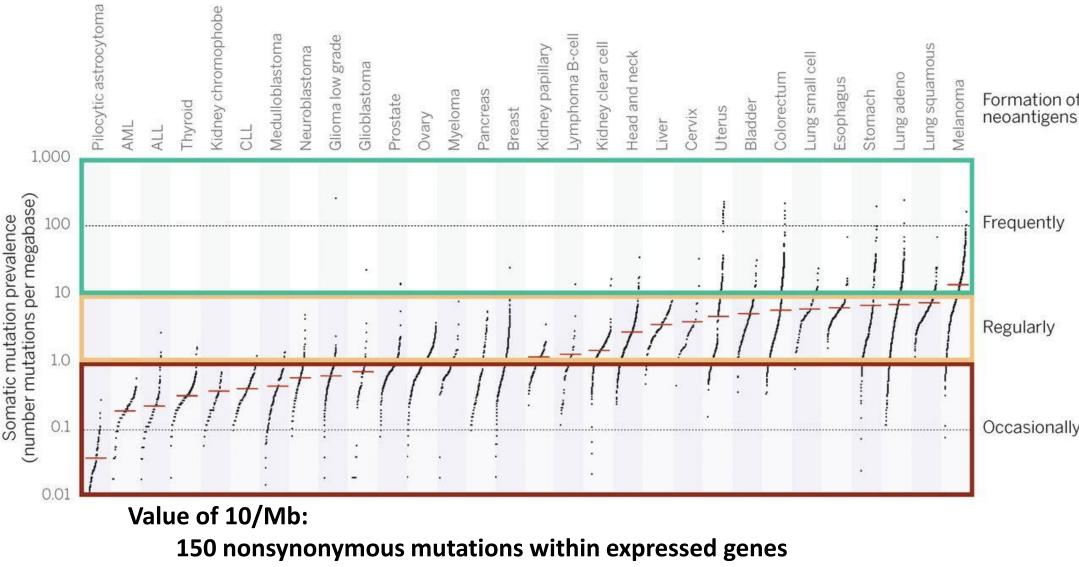
# Harnessing the immune system to fight cancer



# The concept of immunological surveillance

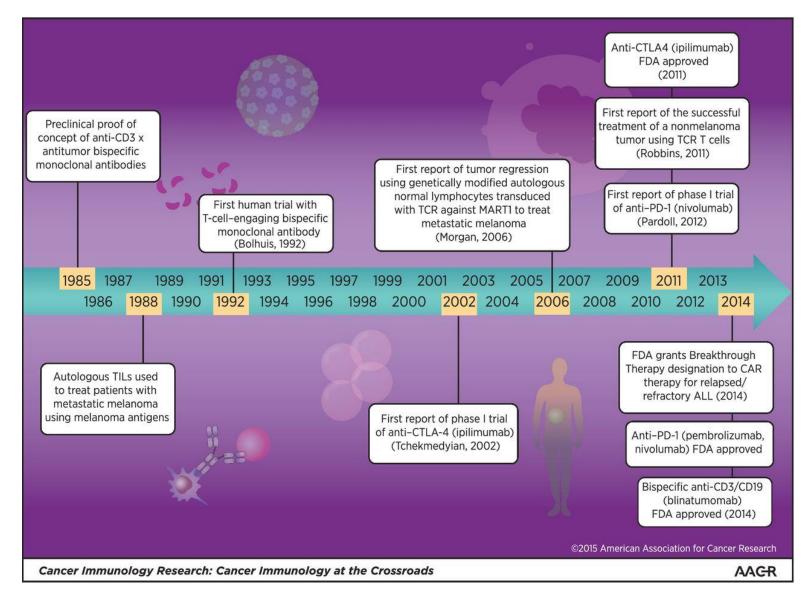
" In large long-lived animals, inheritable changes must be common in somatic cells and a proportion of these changes will represent a step towards malignancy. It is an evolutionary necessity that there should be some mechanism for eliminating or inactivating such potentially dangerous cells and it is postulated that this mechanism is of immunological character."

# Somatic mutations in tumors creates a neoantigen repertoire



Schreiber and Schumacher, 2015

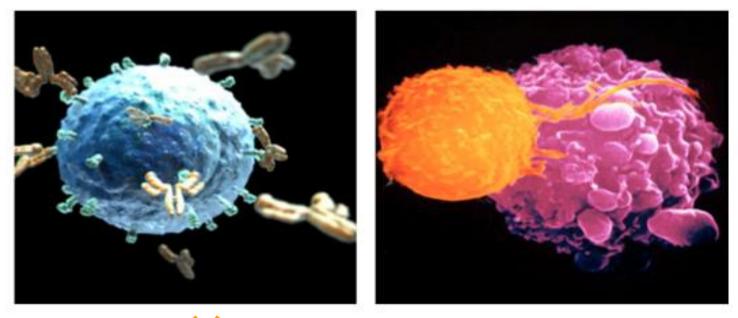
#### History of T-cell therapy in cancer.



# <u>Targeted therapy:</u> <u>Monoclonal Antibodies & T cell based</u>

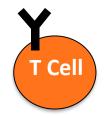
#### Antibody Targeting of Cancer

T Cell Targeting of Cancer

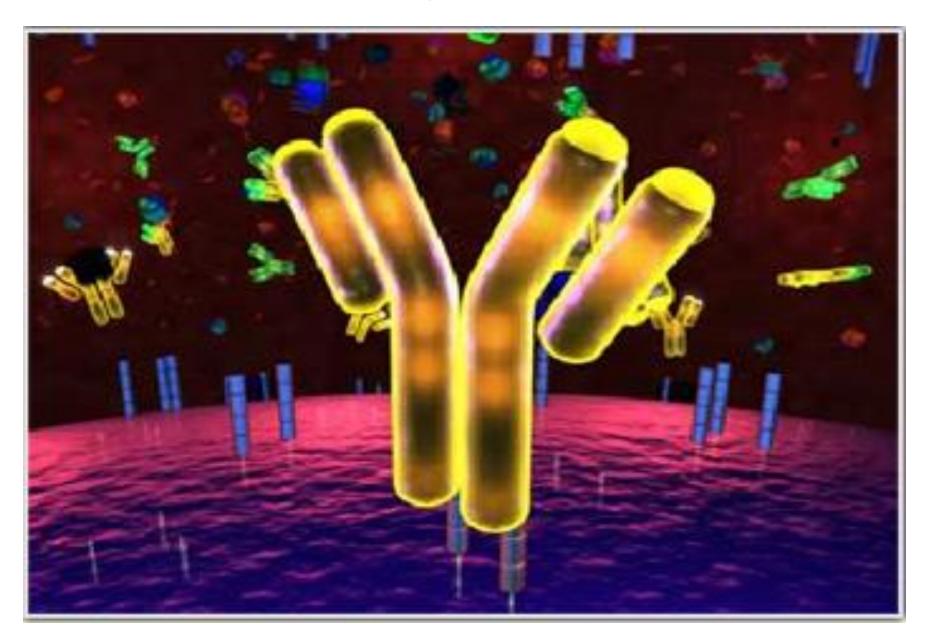








# Immunotherapy with Antibodies



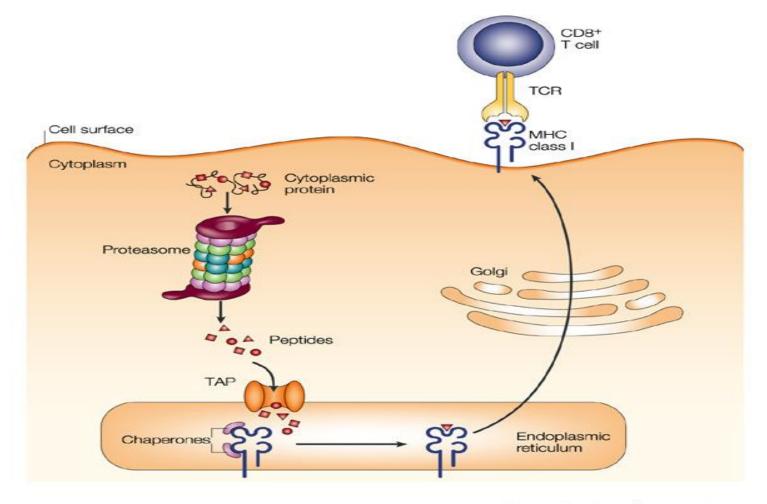
# Antibodies to modulate immunity and cancers

- Anti-cytokine antibodies in autoimmunity (e.g. anti-TNF; 2.5 billion/yr)
- Herceptin; 1.6 billion/yr
- Blocking of T cell inhibition in cancer (e.g. anti-CTLA-4, anti-PD1)

# **Prophylactic cancer vaccines:**

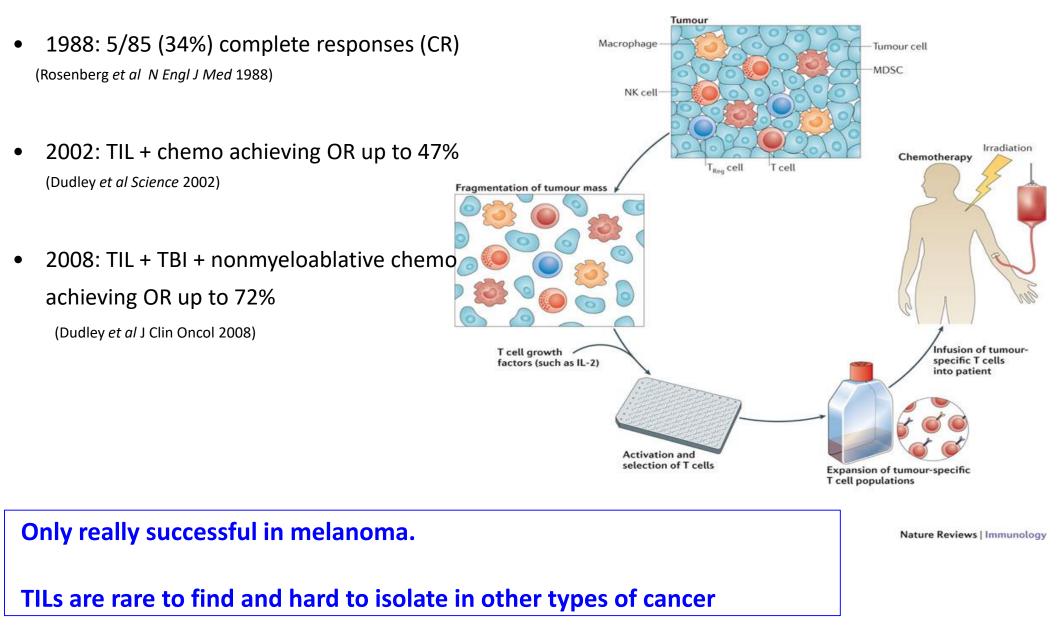
Liver cancer: HBV vaccine Cervical cancer: HPV vaccines (Gardasil and Cervarix)

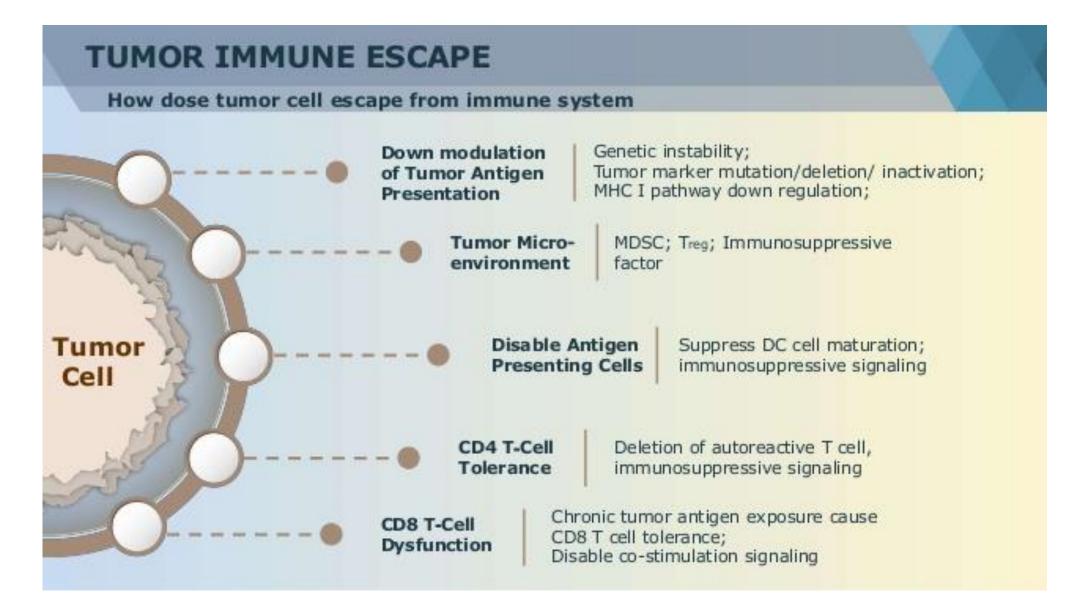
# Most cancer antigens are intracellular proteins: they are recognized by TCR and not by antibodies



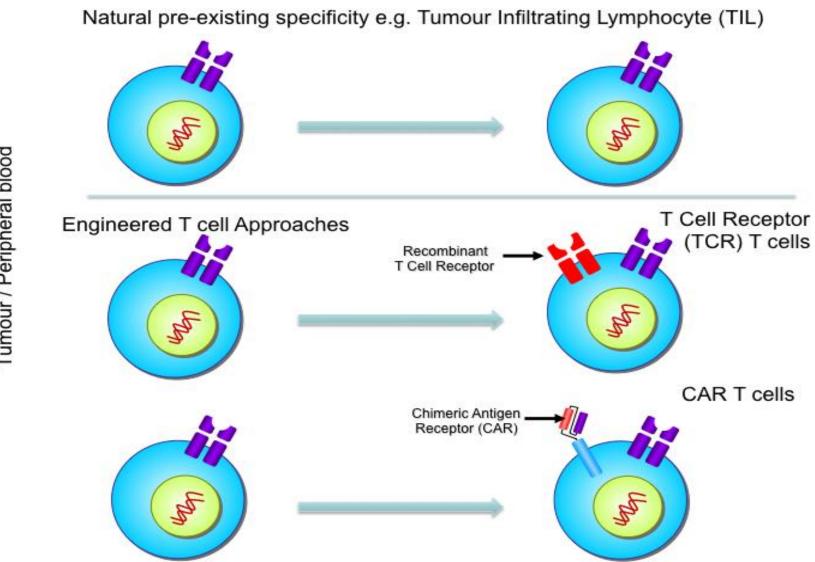
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# Adoptive Immunotherapy: Melanoma

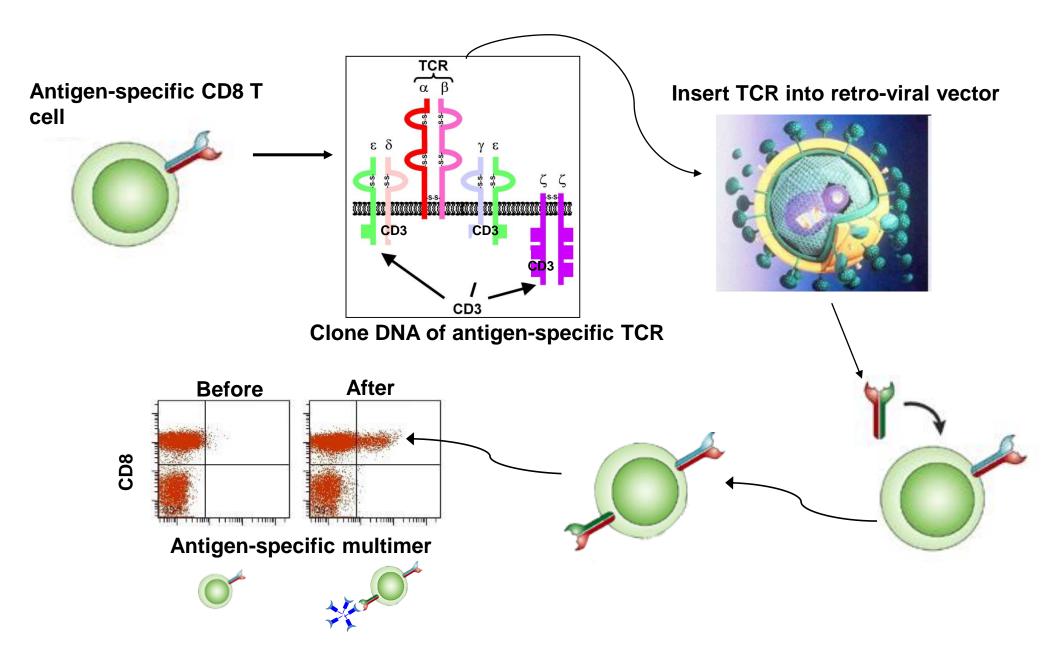


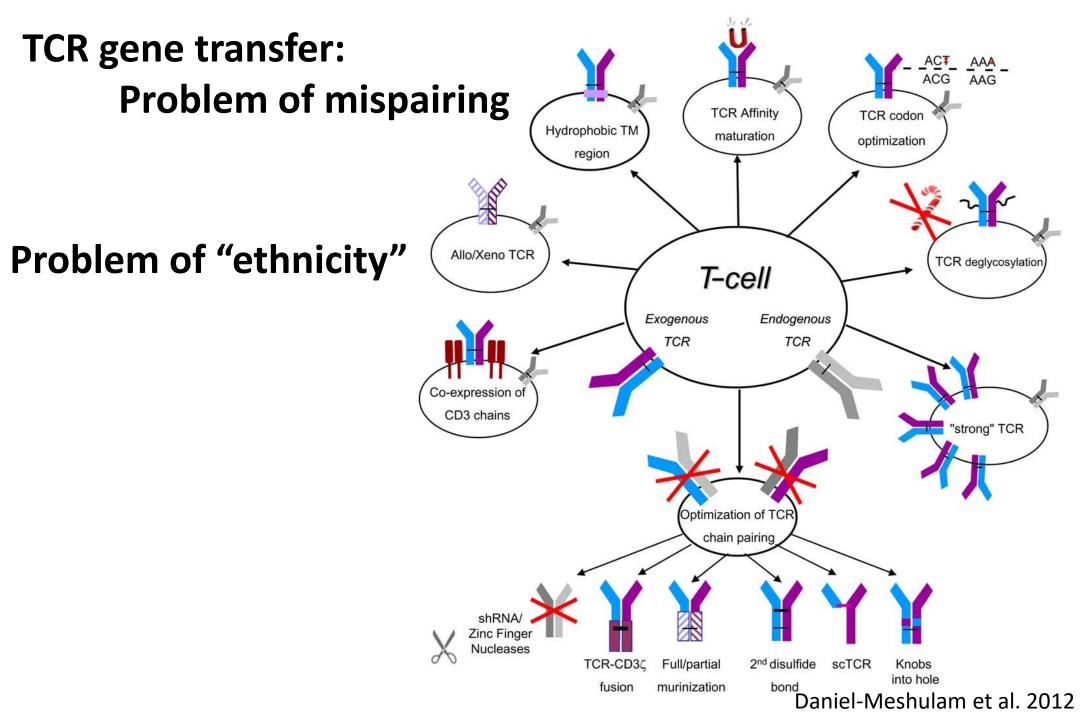


# **Potential Sources of T Cells for Therapy**

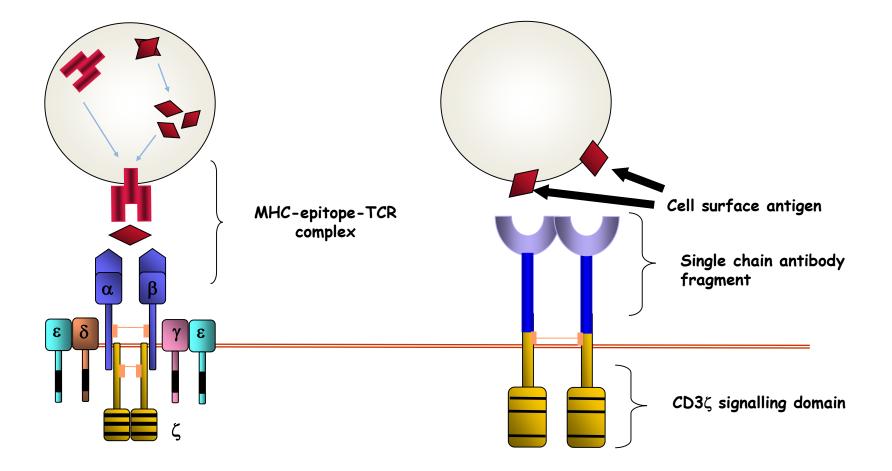


# Introduction of a new/optimized TCR

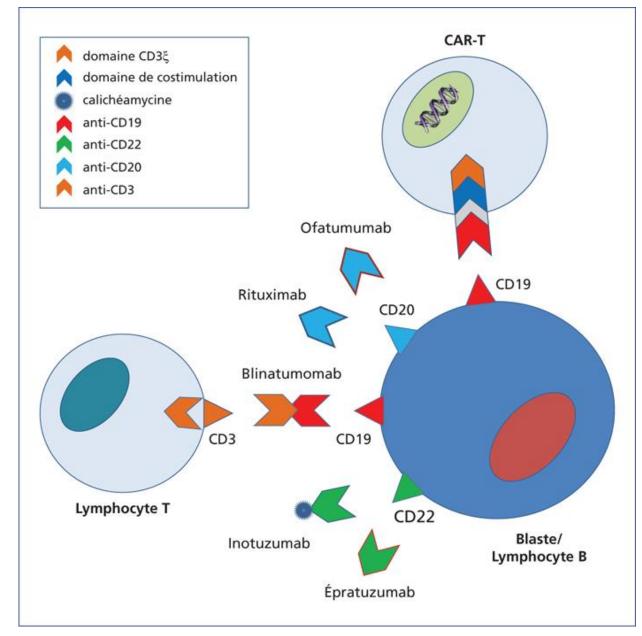




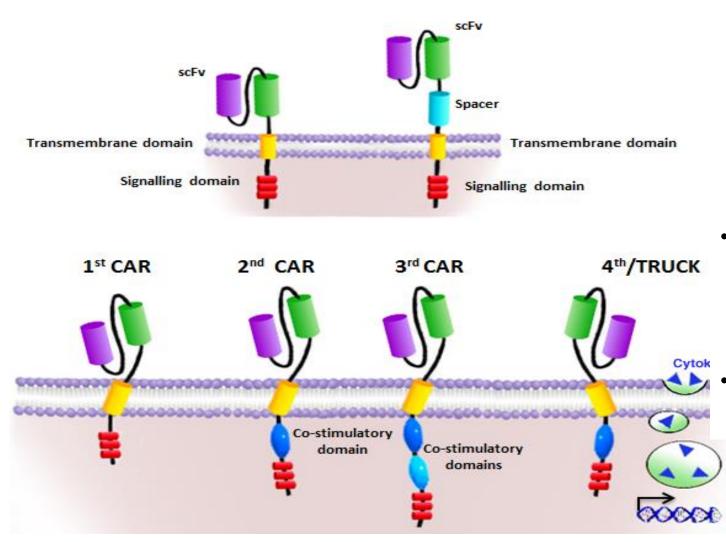
# **CAR T cells: Avoidance of HLA restriction**



#### Antibody, BiTE and CAR tumor treatments



# **CAR Generations**



- Extracellular single chain
  variable fragment (scFv) specific
  for a tumour associated antigen
  (TAA).
  - Linked to intracellular signaling domains which facilitates T cell activation

# **CARs in the clinic**

CBS/AP / July 12, 2017, 4:54 PM

#### **CAR-T gene therapy for leukemia clears FDA hurdle**



https://www.cbsnews.com/news/car-t-leukemia-cancer-gene-therapy-fda/

Table 1 | Examples of chimeric antigen receptor T cell clinical trials

Target	Indication	Clinical trials and refs*		
CD19- or CD20-dir	rected trials			
CD19 or CD20	Leukaemia	NCT01860937, NCT02146924, NCT02228096, NCT02435849, NCT02028455, NCT02614066, NCT02625480, NCT01747486, NCT02030847, NCT02535364 and NCT01683279		
		7,8,20,210-214		
	Leukaemia or lymphoma	NCT02443831, NCT02529813, NCT02546739, NCT01430390, NCT01853631, NCT02050347, NCT02456350, NCT02081937, NCT02132624, NCT02349698, NCT01475058 and NCT02537977		
		10,33,215–220		
	Lymphoma	NCT02650999, NCT02431988, NCT02631044, NCT02445248, NCT02277522, NCT02624258, NCT01493453, NCT01840566, NCT02134262, NCT02247609, NCT02348216 and NCT02030834		
		14,27,28,34,221–226		
	Multiple myeloma	16,227		
Additional targets f	for haematological CAR T cell trials			
CD22	B cell malignancy	NCT02588456 and NCT02315612		
lgκ light chain	B cell malignancy	228		
CD30	Lymphoma	NCT02259556 and NCT02274584		
		229		
CD138	Multiple myeloma	230		
BCMA	Multiple myeloma	NCT02546167 and NCT02215967		
CD33	Myeloid malignancies	231		
CD123	Myeloid malignancies	NCT02623582 and NCT02159495		
NKG2D ligands	Various haematological malignancies	NCT02203825		
ROR1	Leukaemia	58		
Solid tumour CAR T	Cell trials			
EGFR	EGFR* solid tumours	NCT02331693		
		232		
EGFRvIII	Glioblastoma	NCT02209376		
		74,75,124,233		
GD2	Neuroblastoma, Ewing's sarcoma, osteosarcoma and melanoma	NCT01822652 and NCT02107963		
IL13Ra2	Glioma	NCT02208362		
HER2	HER2+ solid tumours	107,110		
Mesothelin	Mesothelioma, pancreatic cancer and ovarian cancer	NCT02159716, NCT02414269, NCT01897415, NCT02580747 and NCT02465983		
		99		
PSMA	Prostate cancer	NCT01140373		
		234		
FAP	Malignant pleural mesothelioma	NCT01722149		
GPC3	Hepatocellular carcinoma	NCT02395250		
MET	Breast cancer	NCT01837602		
MUC16	Ovarian cancer	NCT02498912		
CEA	Various solid tumours	NCT02349724 and NCT01723306		
Lewis-Y	Solid tumours and myeloid malignancies	NCT01716364		
MUC1	Hepatocellular carcinoma, NSCLC, pancreatic carcinoma and triple-negative invasive breast carcinoma	NCT02617134 and NCT02587689		

BCMA, B cell maturation antigen; CEA, carcinoembryonic antigen; EGFR, epidermal growth factor receptor; EGFRvIII, EGFR variant III; FAP, fibroblast activation protein; GPC3, glypican 3; HER2, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2; lg, immunogloulln; IL 13Ra2, interleukin 13 receptor a2 subunit; MUC, mucin; NSCLC, non-small cell lung carcinoma; ROR1, receptor tyrosine kinase-like orphan receptor. \*Ongoing trials are indicated by NCT accession numbers and trials with published or presented results are denoted by references.

#### T-Cell Therapy Eradicates an Aggressive Leukemia in Two Children

Mar. 25, 2013 — Two children with an aggressive form of childhood leukemia had a complete



# In Girl's Last Hope, Altered Immune Cells Beat Leukemia



Breakthroughs in Cancer Immunotherapy Webinar: Carl June, Engineering T Cells to Conquer Cancer

# CD19 CAR–T cells of defined CD4<sup>+</sup>:CD8<sup>+</sup> composition in adult B cell ALL patients

Cameron J. Turtle,<sup>1,2</sup> Laïla-Aïcha Hanafi,<sup>1</sup> Carolina Berger,<sup>1,2</sup> Theodore A. Gooley,<sup>1</sup> Sindhu Cherian,<sup>3</sup> Michael Hudecek,<sup>1</sup> Daniel Sommermeyer,<sup>1</sup> Katherine Melville,<sup>1</sup> Barbara Pender,<sup>1</sup> Tanya M. Budiarto,<sup>1</sup> Emily Robinson,<sup>1</sup> Natalia N. Steevens,<sup>1</sup> Colette Chaney,<sup>1</sup> Lorinda Soma,<sup>3</sup> Xueyan Chen,<sup>3</sup> Cecilia Yeung,<sup>3,4</sup> Brent Wood,<sup>3,4</sup> Daniel Li,<sup>5</sup> Jianhong Cao,<sup>1</sup> Shelly Heimfeld,<sup>1</sup> Michael C. Jensen,<sup>1,6</sup> Stanley R. Riddell,<sup>1,2,7</sup> and David G. Maloney<sup>1,2</sup>

JCI, 2016

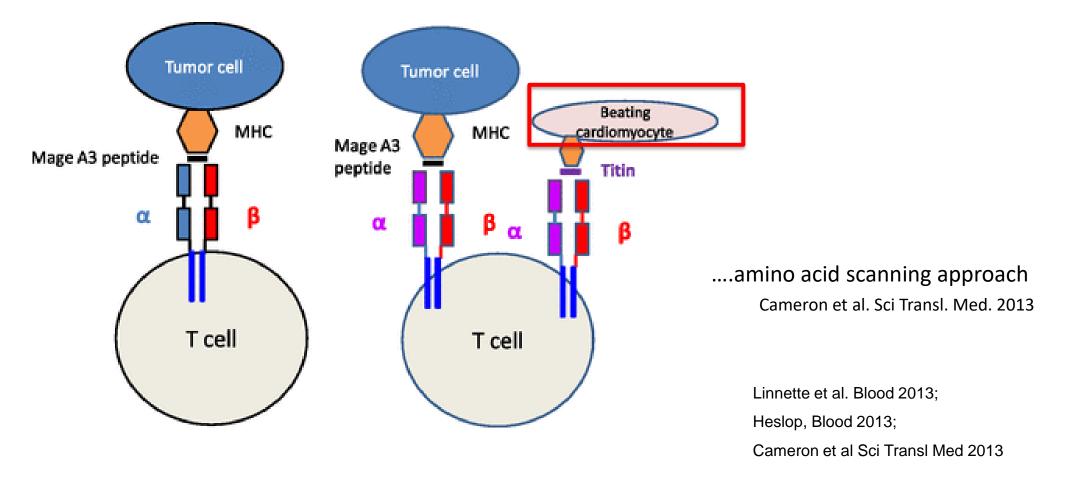
27 of 29 ALL patients went into remission: 93%

7 of 11 non-Hodgkin lymphoma patients treated with CAR T cells and improved chemotherapy went into complete remission: 64%

## But there are problems....

Death of two patients treated with MAGE A3 TCRs died of cardiotoxicity

**Cross-reactivity between the HLA A1-restricted MAGE A3 and Titin** 



-Many patients don't respond to immunotherapy

- -T cells are not active against tumor antigens
- -T cells don't persist

#### Issues....

? Why are CD19-CARs so much more potent than all other CARs...

- Optimal chemotherapy/ TBI
- Type of T cells to transduce (naive/effector/memory/etc..)
- Optimizing Ex vivo culture conditions/selection to: Avoid exhaustion / Enhance effector functions?

# Significant differences in CD19-CAR chemotherapy protocols....

Kalos et al 2011

Bendamustine Bendamustine/Rituximab Pentostatine/Cyclophosphamide

Lee et al 2014

Cyclophosphamide

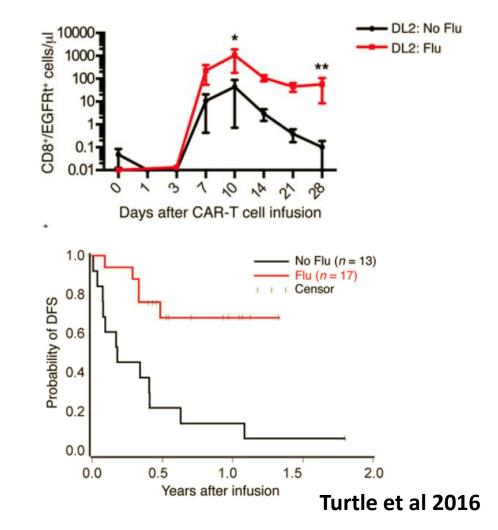
Porter et al 2011 Pentostatine/cyclophosphamide

Brentjens et al 2011 None Cyclophosphamide

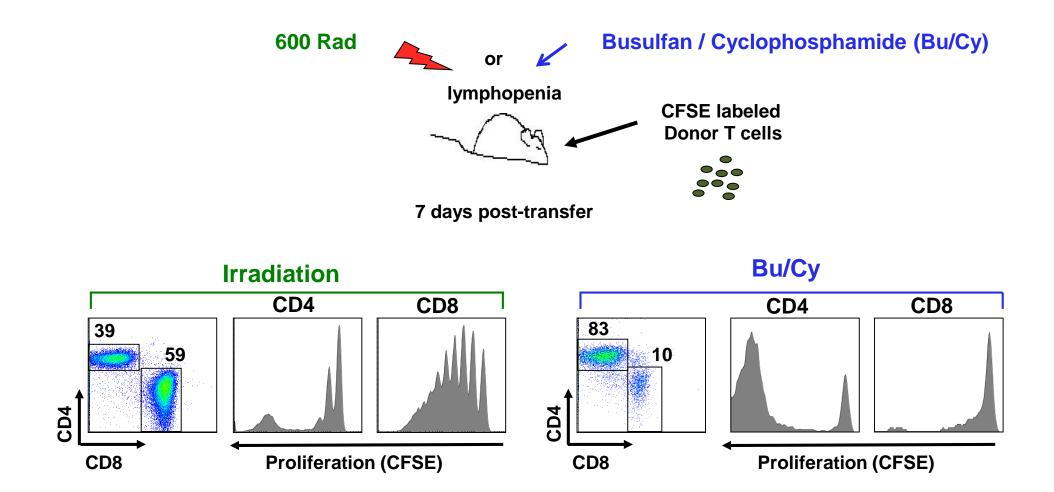
Turtle et al 2016 Cyclophosphamide Fludarabine/Cyclophosphamide

Grupp et al 2013

None Etoposide/ Cyclophosphamide



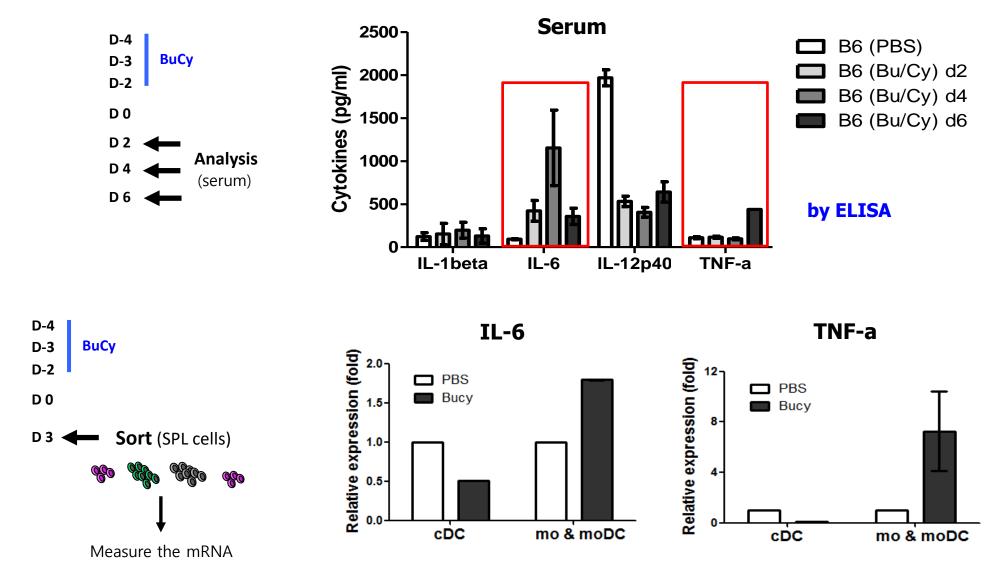
#### **Conditioning regimens differentially affect T cell proliferation**



#### Homeostatic CD8 proliferation

**Extensive rapid CD4 proliferation** 

## Significant induction of IL-6 and TNF-a in Bu/Cy-conditioned mice



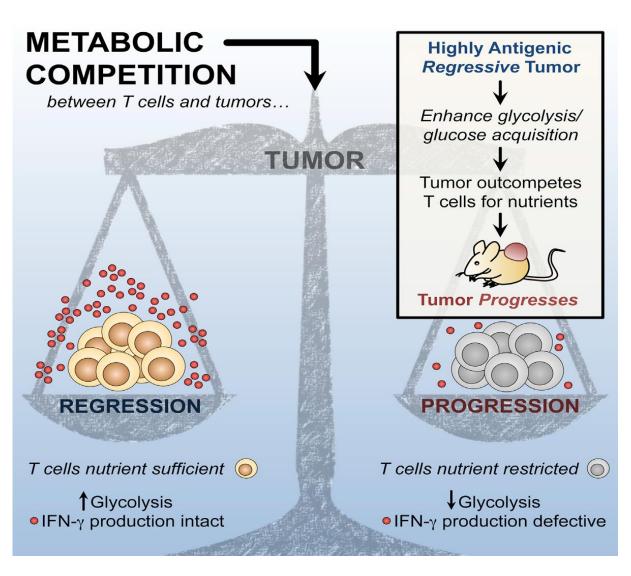
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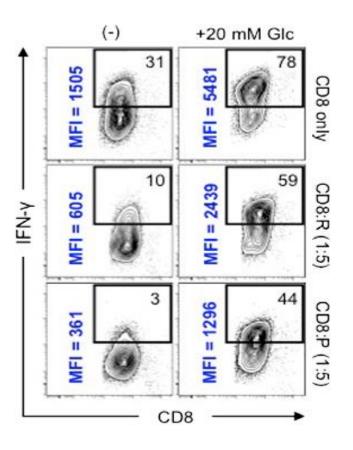
#### Modulation of T cell fate by...

stromal and cytokine micro-environment following chemotherapy and irradation

Role of metabolism...

Tumor and T cells compete for glucose and other nutrient resources....

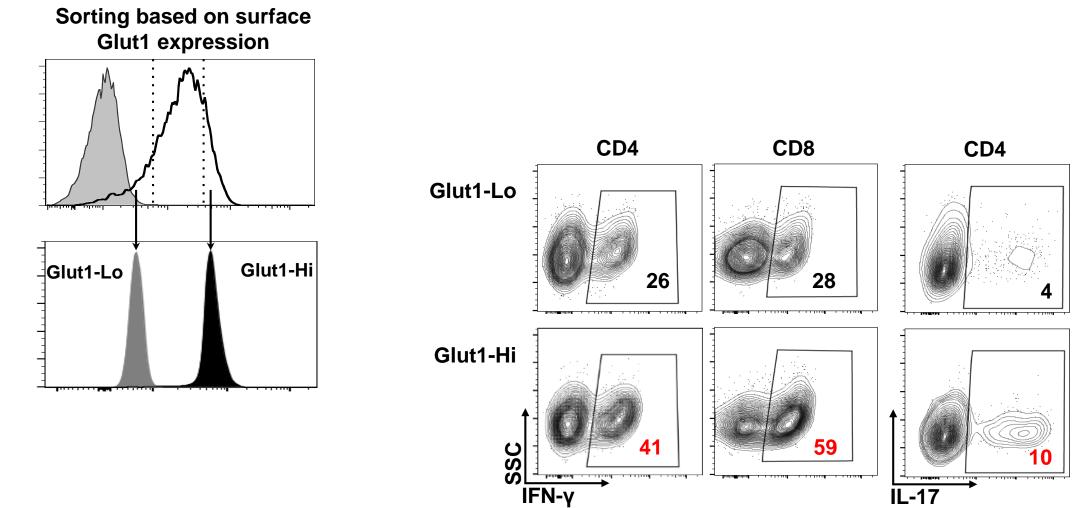




Erika Pearce and colleauges, Cell 2015

Can expression of the Glut1 glucose transporter be used to select T cell subsets with distinct effector functions?

## **Glut1-Hi T cells exhibit high cytokine production capacity**



Cretenet et al., Sci Reports 2016

# **Problems with CAR T cell therapy**

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Hinrich Abken 🗠

#### CAR T-cell therapy of solid tumors

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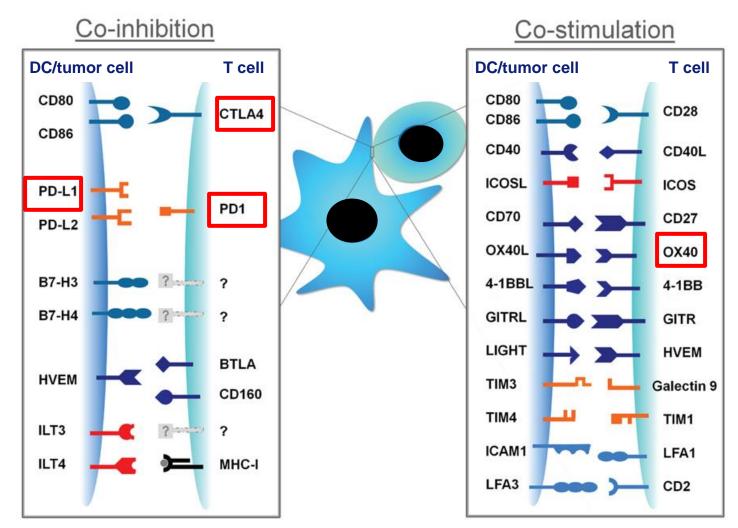
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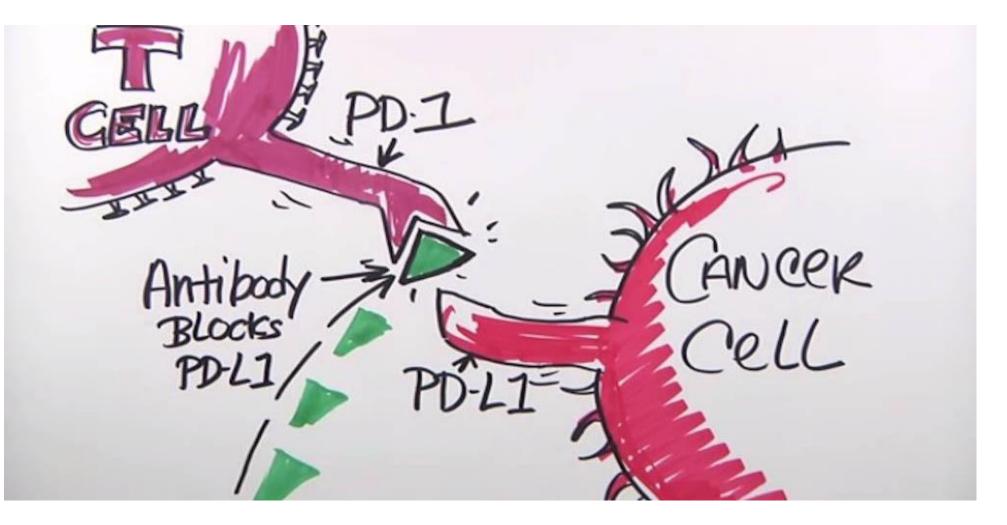
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# T cell co-signaling: an extended family of receptors and ligands



Checkpoint inhibitors keep T cells in 'check' so they do not attack normal tissue



Dana Farber Cancer Institute

# T cell co-signaling: like people's hugs





Harmless or not?

'The inhibitory hug' PD-1 CTLA-4 No comment

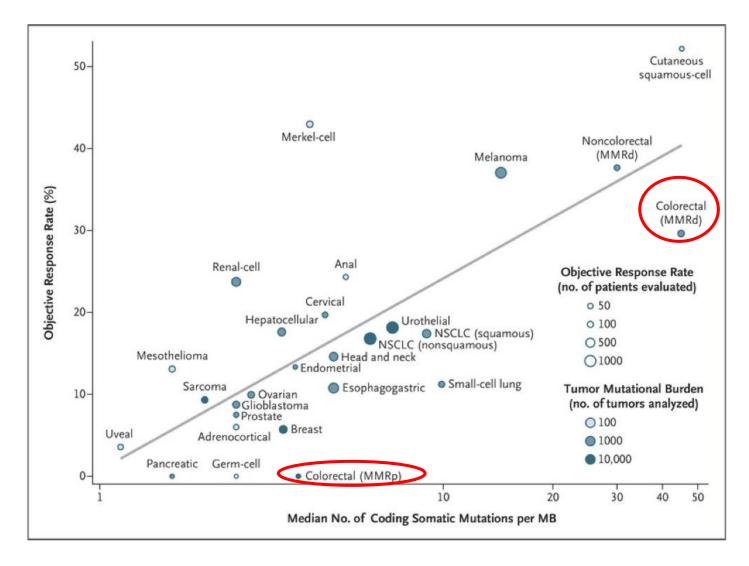
'The stimulatory hug' OX40 4-1BB

# Improved Survival with Ipilimumab in Patients with Metastatic Melanoma N Engl J Med. 2010, 363:711

# Safety, activity, and immune correlates of anti-PD-1 antibody in cancer N Engl J Med. 2012 Jun 28;366(26):2443-54

**Challenge:** Autoimmune side effects due to 'global' T cell activation

# Efficacy of PD1 inhibitors correlates with tumor mutational status



Yarchoan et al. NEJM, 2017

# T cells induce inflammation even if target antigen is expressed in minute quantities on healthy cells

T cell co-signaling antibodiesIpilimumab or Nivolumab:Grade 3-4 SAE in 15-25% of pts, deaths in up to 2% of ptsIpilumimab+Nivolumab:Grade 3-4 SAE in 50% of ptsPembrolizumab:Grade 3-4 SAE in 20% of pts

Grade 3-4 SAE are mostly inflammation of skin and/or gastrointestinal tract, and liver enzyme abnormalities

# Adoptively transferred T cellsTILs:Vitiligo and uveitis in 35 and 15% of pts, respectivelyCAR T cells:B-cell anaplasia and cytokine release syndrome in responding pts (CD19 target)<br/>Liver enzyme abnormalities in 50% of pts (CAIX – Rotterdam study)1<br/>Respiratory distress and death of pt (ERBB2)TCR T cells:Severe melanocyte destruction of skin, eyes and ears in 25% of pts (MARTI/HLA-A2; gp100/HLA-A2)<br/>Inflammation of colon in responding pts (CEA/HLA-A2)<br/>Neurological toxicity in 33% of pts (2 out of 3 pts died) (MAGE-A3/HLA-A2, shared epitope)<br/>Cardiac toxicity and death in 2 pts (MAGE-A3/HLA-A1, recognition of similar epitope)

PD1 inhibitors Meta-analysis-6360 patients, 16 studies

2.9% incidence of pneumonitis\*

<sup>1</sup>Lamers, JCO, 2006; Lamers, Mol Ther, 2013

\*Wu et al. Scientific Reports 2017

# And dangers of activating T cells by PD-1 inhibition...

## Rapid Progression of Adult T-Cell Leukemia–Lymphoma after PD-1 Inhibitor Therapy

Table 1. Laboratory Data.*						
Variable	<b>Baseline Value</b>	Peak Value after Nivolumab Treatment†				
	All Patients	Patient 1, Chronic ATLL‡	Patient 2, Smoldering ATLL§	Patient 3, Acute ATLL¶		
PD-L1 expression on ATLL cells (%)∥		<1	<1	5		
Creatinine (mg/dl)	<1.1	1.4	2.5	1.7		
Calcium (mg/dl)	<10.0	12.2	13.3	11.8		
Lactate dehydrogenase (U/liter)	<320	1335	351	3520		
White-cell count (per mm³)	<12.0	40.6	17.0	41.2		
Factor increase in absolute lymphocyte count		11.7	1.5	10.6		
Atypical lymphocytes (%)	≤5	24	NA	30		
Bilirubin (mg/dl)	<1.0	2.5	0.6	21.7		
Factor increase in HTLV-1 DNA**		63.0	NA	2.4		

#### Clinical trial NCT02631746 (nivolumab)- STOPPED after 3 patients

\*Ratner et al. NEJM, May 2018

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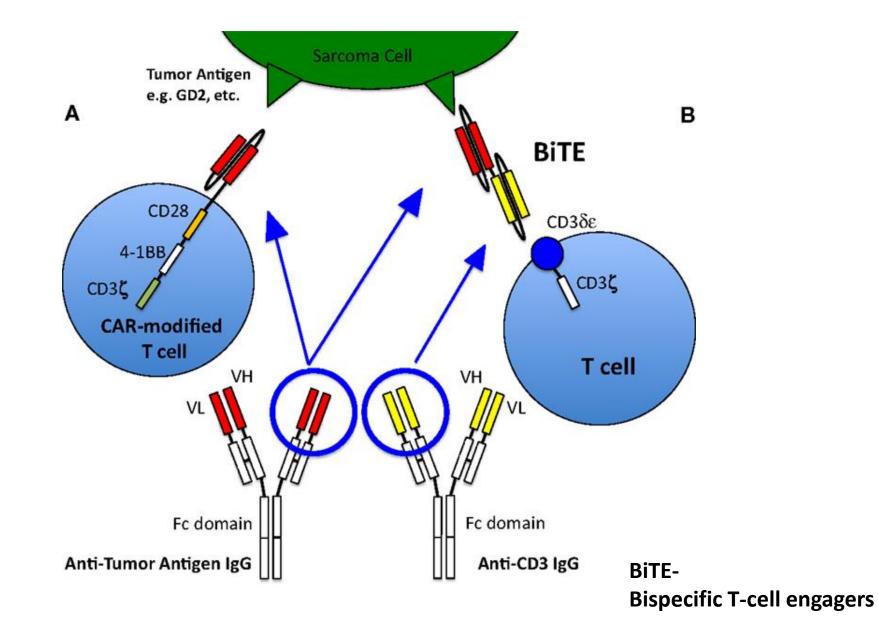
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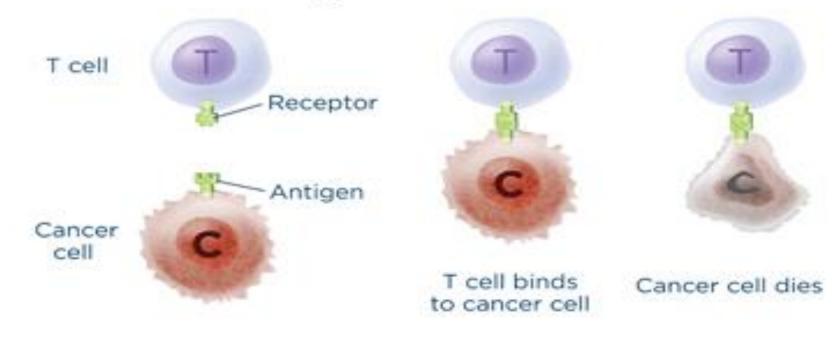
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Potential for bispecific antibodies: Bringing tumor antigens and T cells "together"



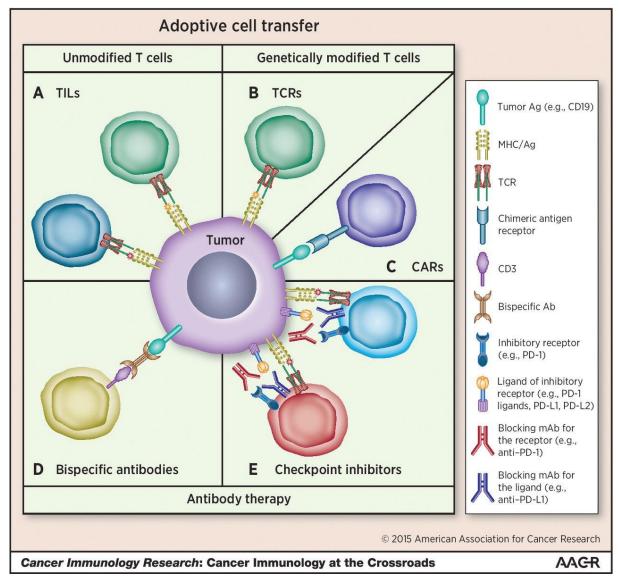
# **T-cell Therapy**

# T Cell Attacking Cancer Cell



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#### Multiple strategies are being used to optimize T-cell therapies for cancer....



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#### T cell co-signaling: clinical studies

#### Anti-CTLA4 mAb (Ipilimumab, BMS)

Phase III trial with vaccination, 137 melanoma pts: Phase III trial with dacarbazine, 252 melanoma pts:

Anti-PD1 mAb (Nivolumab, BMS)

Phase I trial, 94 melanoma pts: 33 renal cell carcinoma pts: 76 NSCLC pts:

Phase III trial, 418 melanoma pts:

OR: 28%; CR: 2% (Hodi, NEJM, 2010) OR: 14%; CR: 10% (Robert, NEJM, 2011)

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OR 40%; CR: 8% (Robert, NEJM, 2015)

#### Anti-CTLA4 mAb (Ipilumimab)+anti-PD1 mAb (Nivolumab)

Phase I trial, 53 melanoma pts: Phase II, 142 melanoma pts:

Anti-PD1 mAb (Pembrolizumab, Merck) Phase I trial, 135 melanoma pts: OR: 40%; CR: 10% (Wolchok, NEJM, 2013) OR: 61%; CR: 22% (Postow, NEJM, 2015)

OR: 38%; CR: nr (Hamid, NEJM, 2013)

# Anti-PD1 therapy in

Melanoma

#### **Renal Cell Carcinoma**

#### Lung Cancer

