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***Special symposium. Melanoma therapy: from frustration to enthusiasm***

## **Chemotherapy and immunity : Friends or Foes?**

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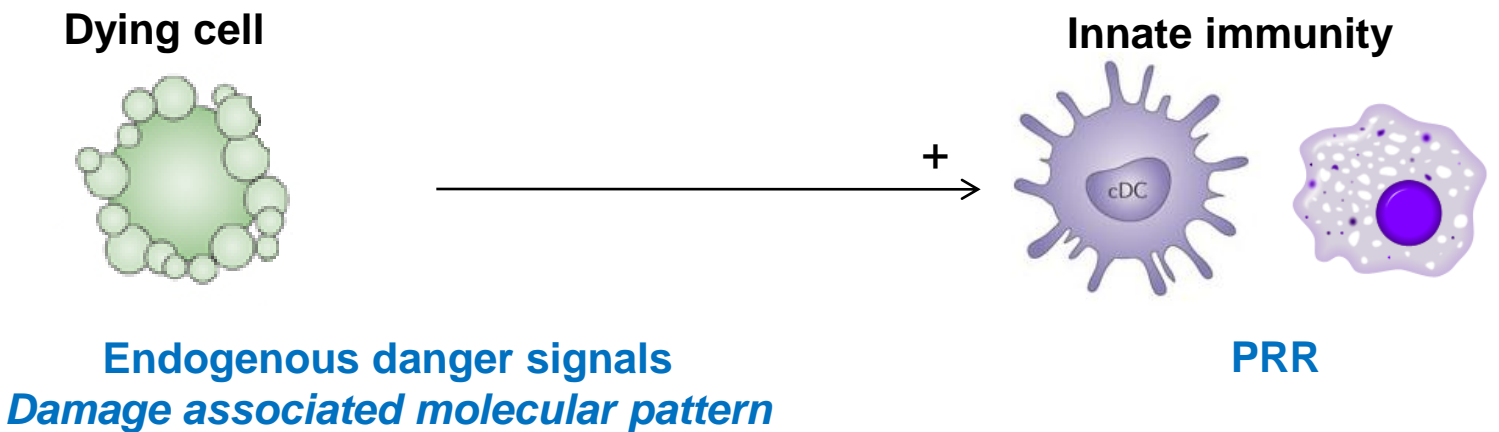
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# Endogenous danger signals that can lead to activation of innate immunity

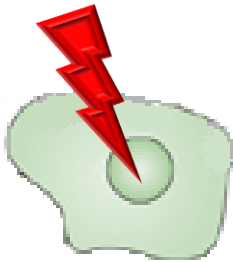


|                |   |              |
|----------------|---|--------------|
| HMGB1, HSP     | ↔ | TLR-2, -4    |
| DNA            | ↔ | TLR-9        |
| RNA            | ↔ | TLR-3        |
| ATP, uric acid | ↔ | <b>NLRP3</b> |
| SAP130         | ↔ | CLEC4A       |

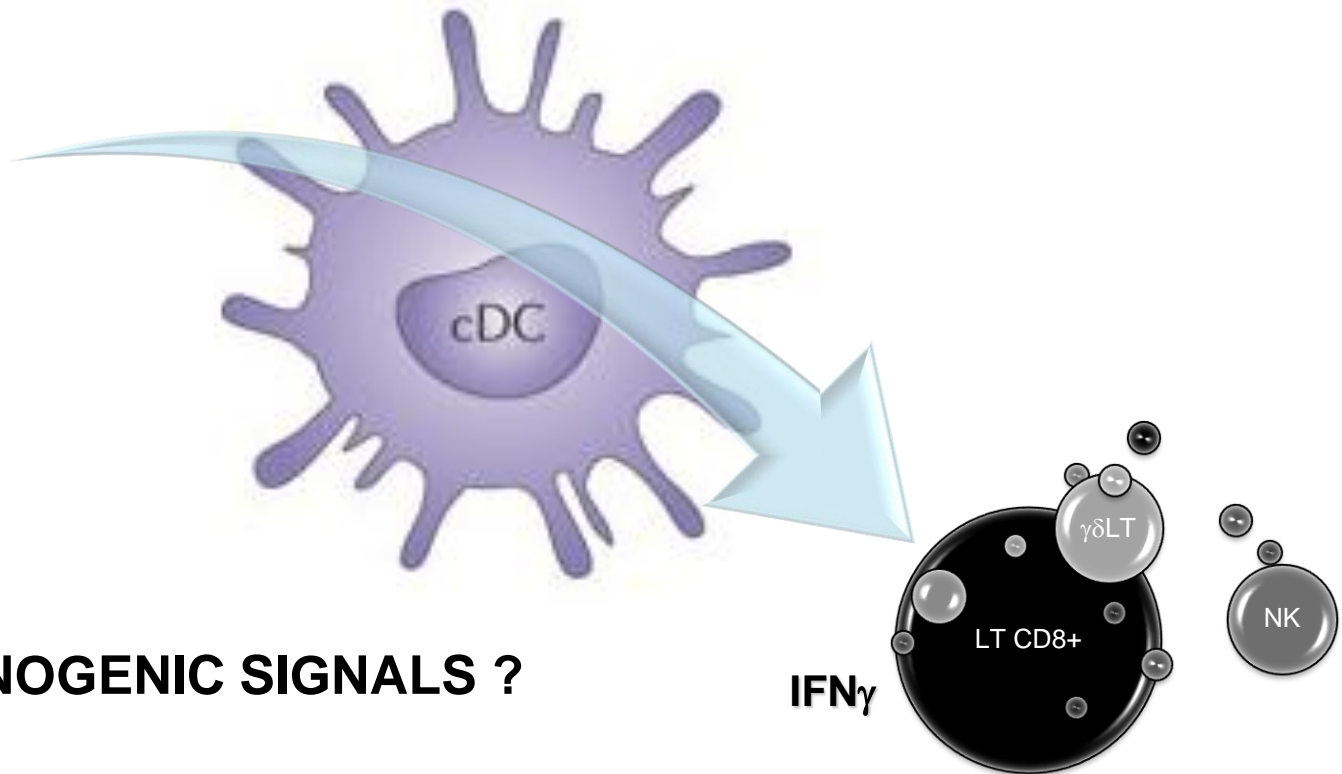
From Chen GY, Nat Rev Immunol, 2010

# Can conventional anticancer treatments lead to immunogenic cell death?

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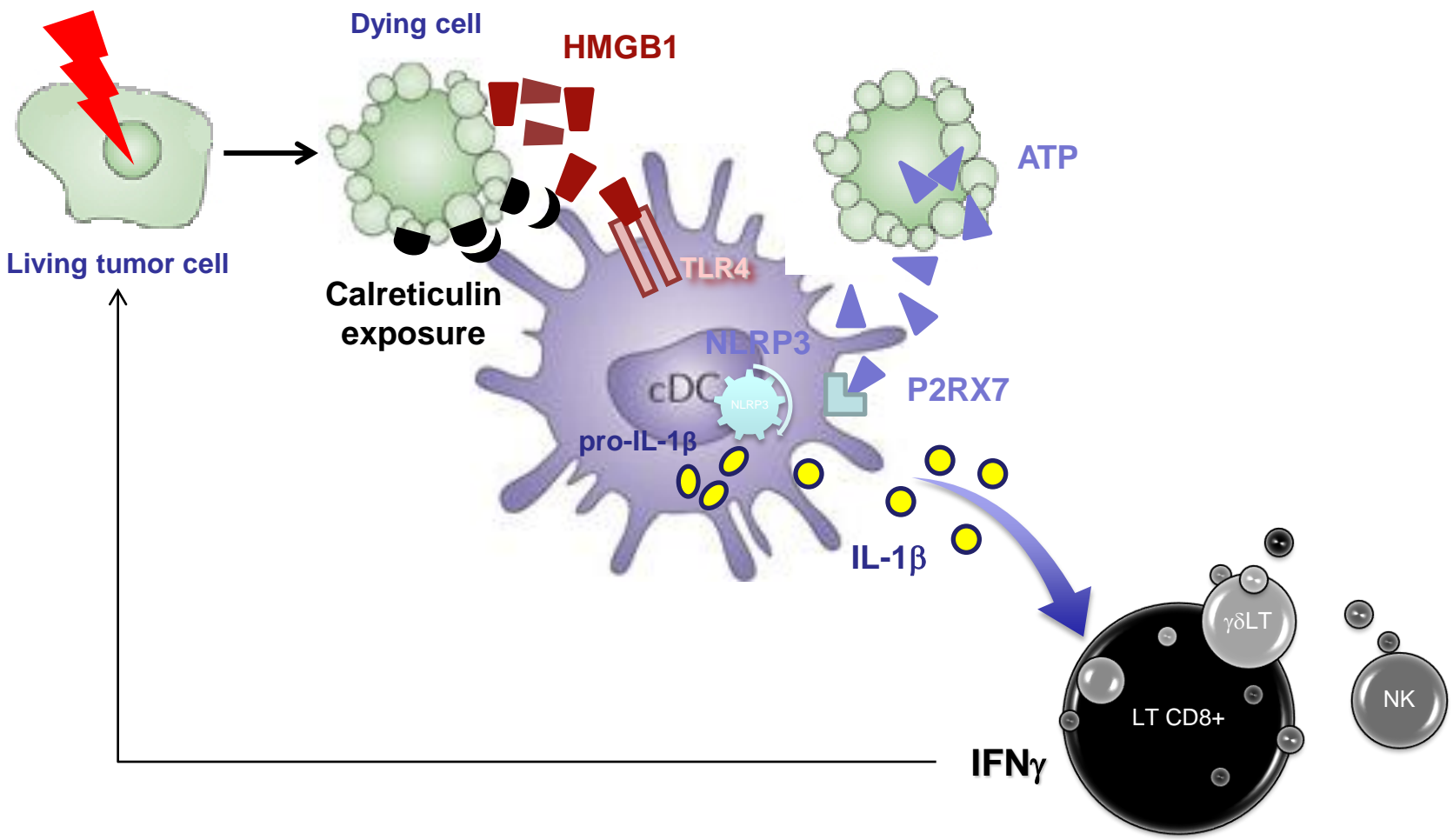


Living tumor cell



# Molecular events leading to immunogenic cell death

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# Calreticulin exposure dictates the immunogenicity of cancer cell death

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# Toll-like receptor 4–dependent contribution of the immune system to anticancer chemotherapy and radiotherapy

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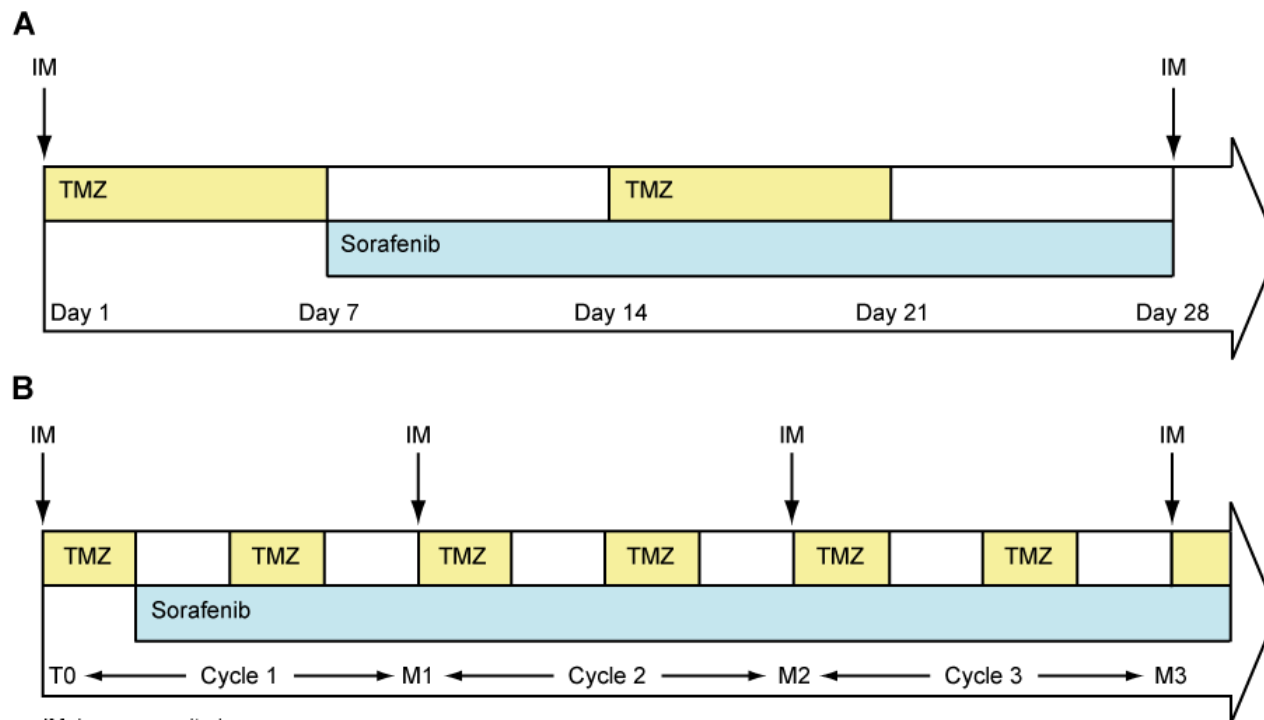
# Activation of the NLRP3 inflammasome in dendritic cells induces IL-1 $\beta$ –dependent adaptive immunity against tumors

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# Temozolomide and sorafenib combination in advanced melanoma patients

## Schema of IGR Phase II Trial: Dr Caroline ROBERT, 2006-2009

European Union Drug Regulating Authorities clinical trial EudraCT 2007-000527-18



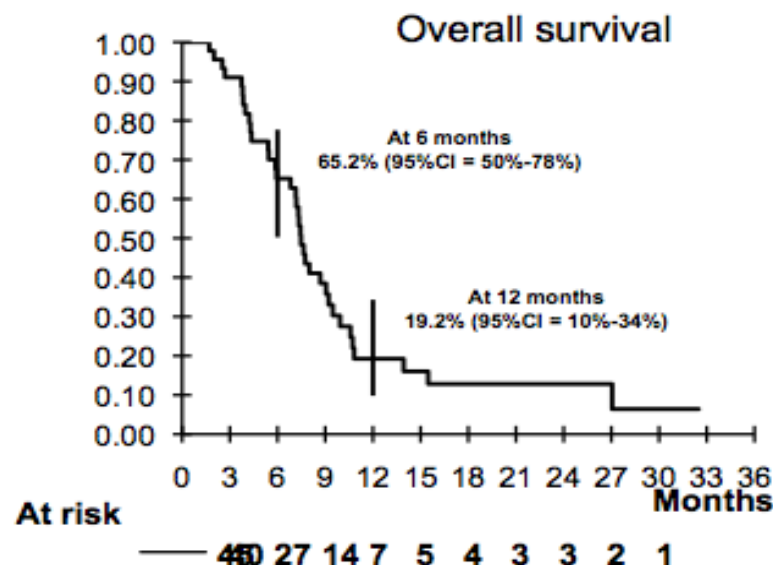
IM: immunomonitoring  
TMZ: temozolomide  
T0: before therapy  
M: month

**Table 1. Characteristics of Patients (n=45)**

|                                                        |                     |
|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Gender (male/female)</b>                            | 24/21               |
| <b>Age (mean ± SD)</b>                                 | 48.6 ± 13.8 [22-75] |
| <b>Type</b>                                            |                     |
| SSM <sup>(1)</sup>                                     | 12                  |
| Nodular                                                | 8                   |
| Lentigo maligna                                        | 1                   |
| Acral lentiginuous                                     | 2                   |
| Mucous                                                 | 6                   |
| Ophthalmologique                                       | 4                   |
| Other                                                  | 12                  |
| <b>Metastasis (n=43)</b>                               |                     |
| Number of metastases lesions per patient (mean ± SD)   | 5.1 ± 2.0 [1-10]    |
| <b>Metastatic sites</b>                                |                     |
| Nodes                                                  | 40                  |
| Liver                                                  | 11                  |
| Lung                                                   | 22                  |
| Peritoneum                                             | 8                   |
| Skin                                                   | 19                  |
| Bone                                                   | 7                   |
| Muscle                                                 | 4                   |
| <b>LDH level U/l (mean)</b>                            | 288.3 U/l           |
| LDH < 250 U/L                                          | 25                  |
| LDH > 250 U/L                                          | 15                  |
| ND                                                     | 5                   |
| <b>Treatment schedule</b>                              |                     |
| sorafenib 400 mg/j, temozolomide 100 mg/m <sup>2</sup> | 3                   |
| sorafenib 400 mg/j, temozolomide 150 mg/m <sup>2</sup> | 5                   |
| sorafenib 800 mg/j, temozolomide 150 mg/m <sup>2</sup> | 37                  |
| <b>Previous chemotherapy</b>                           |                     |
| No                                                     | 7                   |
| One line                                               | 15                  |
| Two lines                                              | 15                  |
| Three lines                                            | 7                   |
| Four lines                                             | 1                   |
| <b>3-month evaluation</b>                              |                     |
| Objective response or stabilization                    | 18                  |
| Progressive disease or death                           | 27                  |

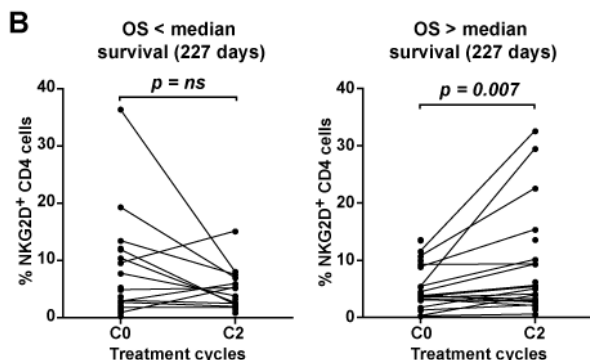
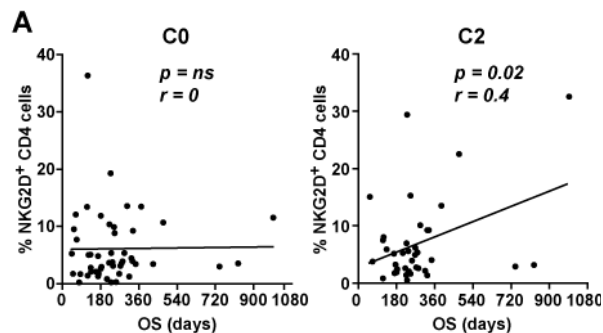
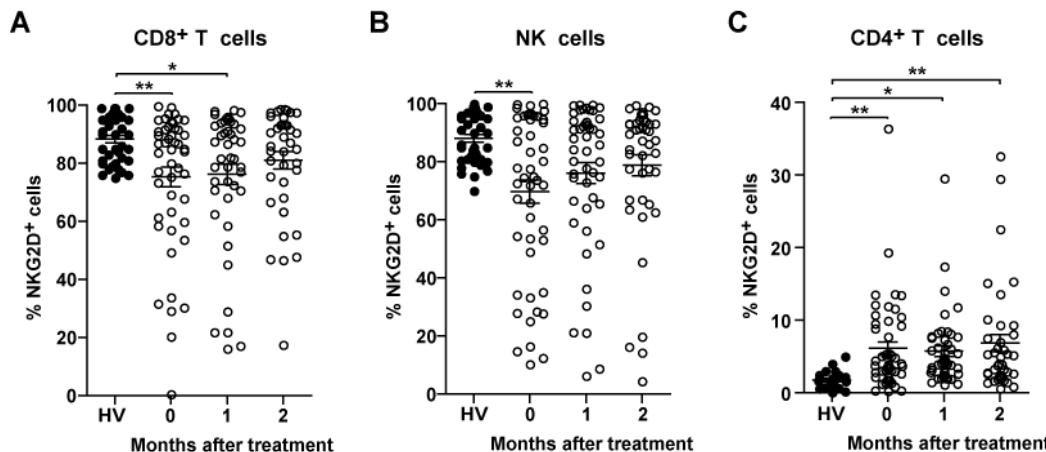
(1) SSM: Spreading Superficial Melanoma; ND : Not determined

## Patients characteristics





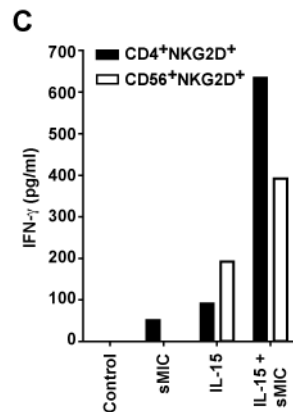
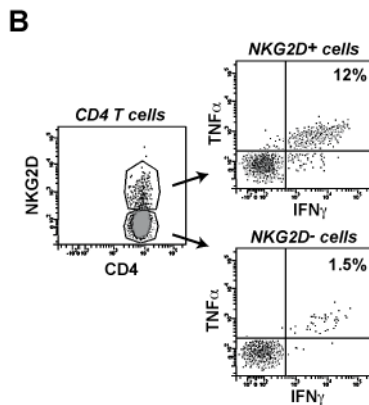
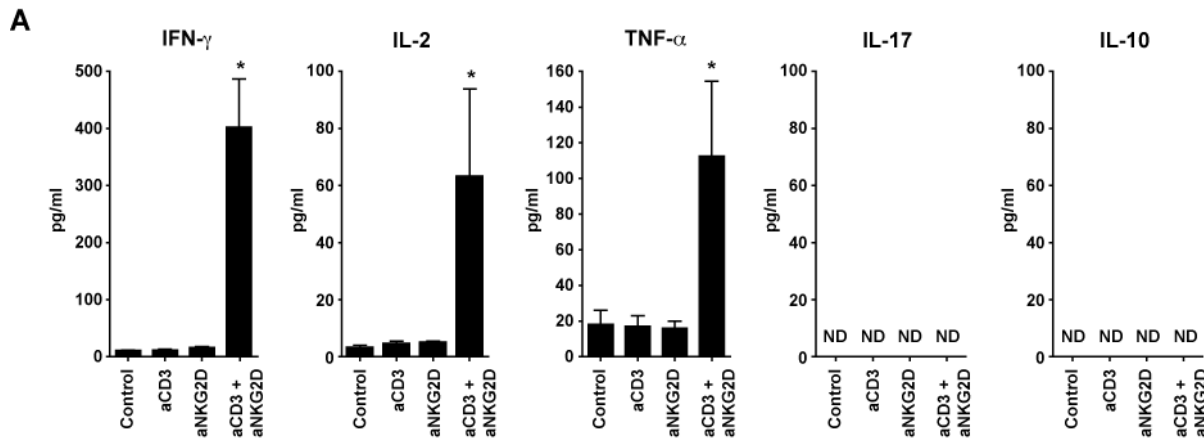
# Accumulation of a CD4<sup>+</sup> NKG2D<sup>+</sup> T cell subset in MM patients...



These cells are correlated with OS after two cycle of treatment

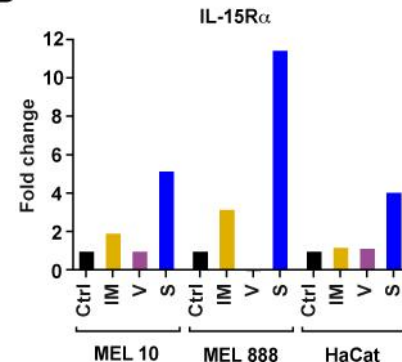
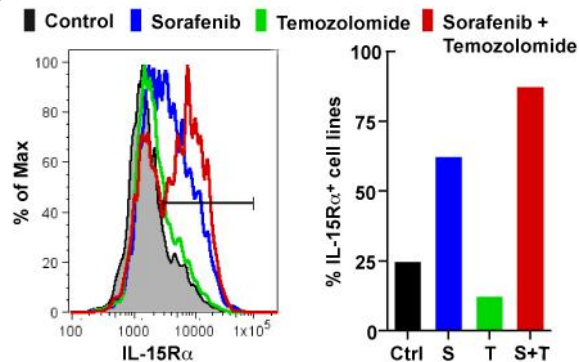
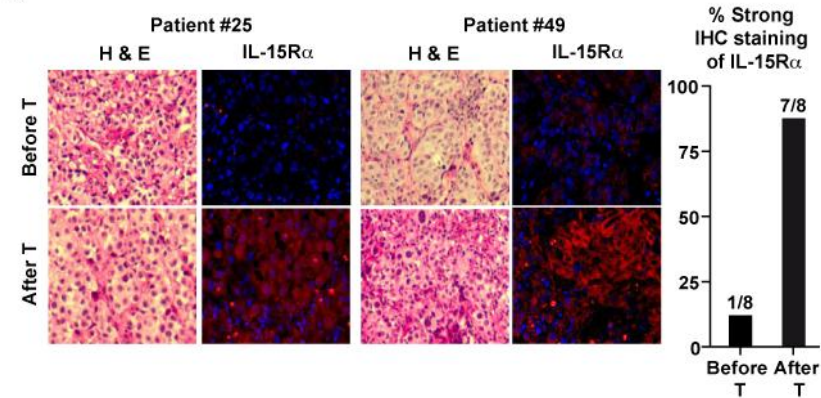
Only patients with OS > median survival had an augmentation in the proportion of CD4<sup>+</sup>NKG2D<sup>+</sup> T after treatment.

# CD4<sup>+</sup> NKG2D<sup>+</sup> T cells produce Th1 cytokines after stimulation through TCR or CD122 in synergy with NKG2D triggering.

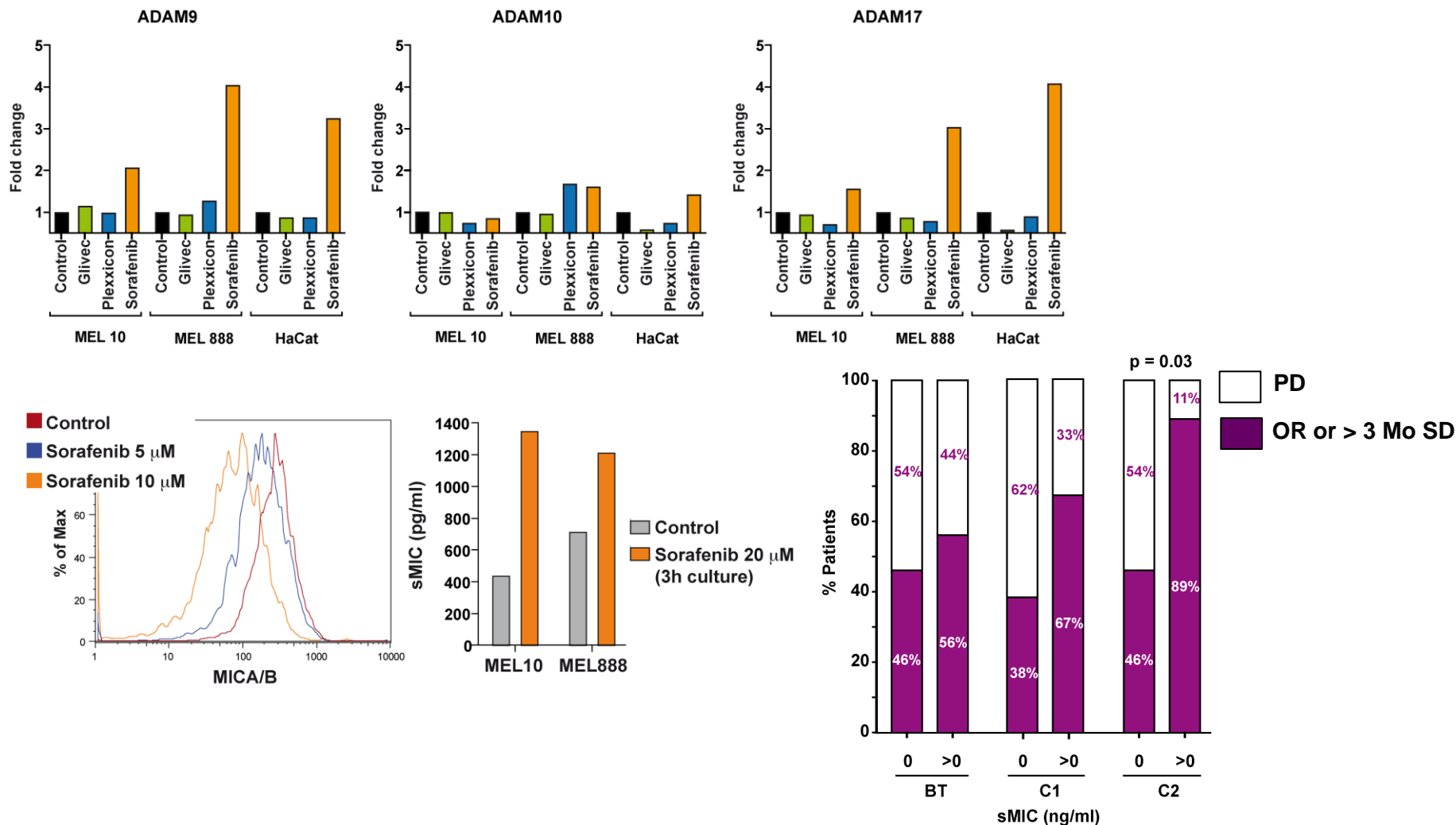


CD4<sup>+</sup> NKG2D<sup>+</sup> T cells constituted a Th1 polarized T-cell subset with a potential to react in a TCR independent fashion when stimulated by IL-15 along with sMIC.

# Sorafenib-induced IL-15Ra expression in the tumor

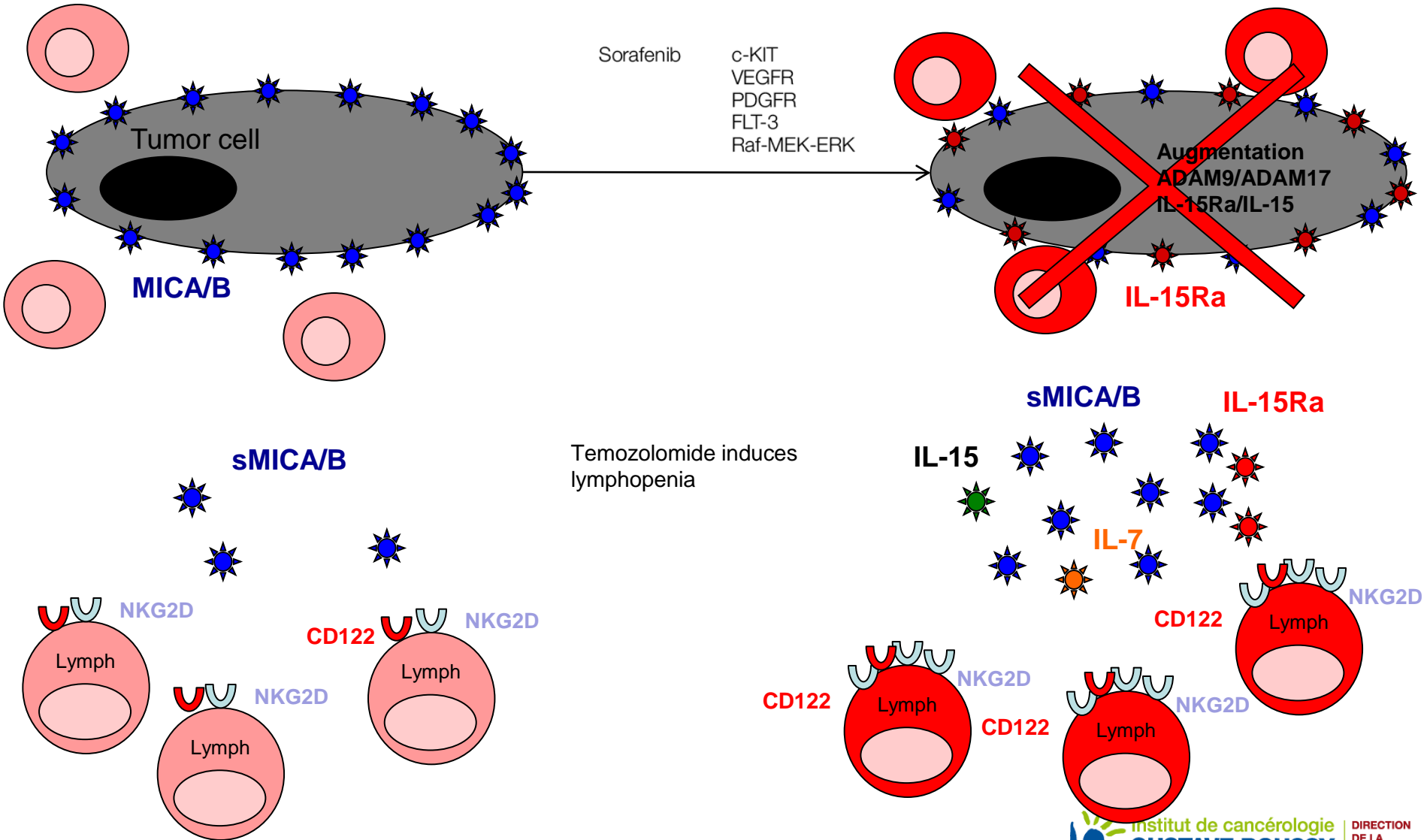


# Sorafenib-induced shedding of MICA/B leading to accumulation of sMIC in these MM



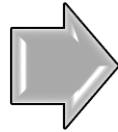
sMIC being associated with clinical activity

# Putative scenario during MM treatment by Sorafenib & Temozolomide

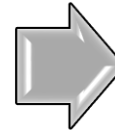


## Anti-cancer treatments : A new point of view

Therapy



Tumor cell  
death



Therapeutic  
success

Therapy



Immunogenic  
cell death



Response to  
immunogenic  
signals



Tumor  
infiltration by  
immune  
effectors



Therapeutic  
success

Therapy



Direct  
stimulation  
of the IS



Induction of  
potent  
immunity



Tumor  
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Therapeutic  
success

**A better comprehension of these mechanisms should help to determine which treatment should be combine with immunoregulators and to select groups of patients that could benefit from this chemo/immuno-approaches.**





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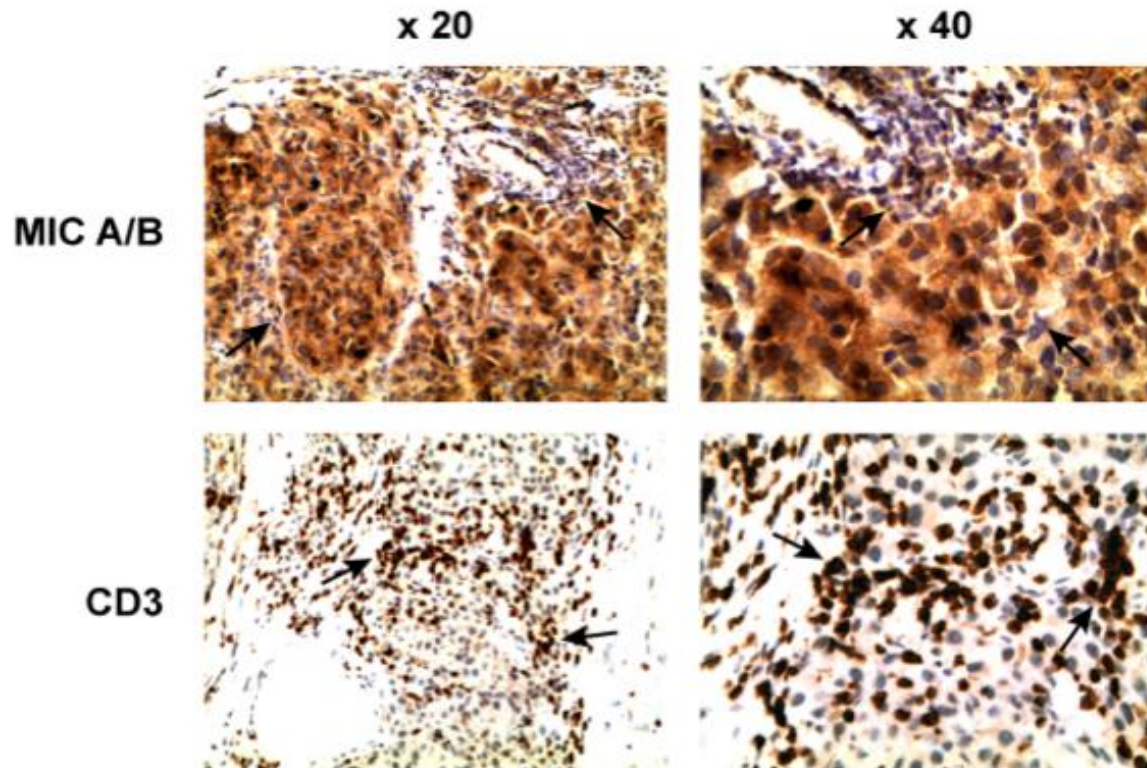


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**Immunohistochemistry stainings of melanoma: No significant modulation of T cell infiltrates nor NKG2DL expression with the combo therapy.**



|       | Clinical response | Before therapy |     |     |        | After therapy |     |     |        |
|-------|-------------------|----------------|-----|-----|--------|---------------|-----|-----|--------|
|       |                   | CD3            | CD4 | CD8 | MICA/B | CD3           | CD4 | CD8 | MICA/B |
| Nr. 1 | SD                | ++             | +/- | ++  | ++     | ++            | +   | ++  | +      |
| Nr. 2 | SD                | -              | -   | -   | ++     | -             | -   | -   | +      |
| Nr. 3 | SD                | ++             | +   | +   | +      | ++            | +   | +   | +      |
| Nr. 4 | NR                | +              | -   | +   | +      | +             | -   | -   | +      |
| Nr. 5 | NR                | +              | -   | -   | +      | +             | -   | -   | +      |
| Nr. 6 | NR                | +              | -   | -   | ++     | +             | -   | -   | ++     |
| Nr. 7 | NR                | +              | -   | ++  | +      | ++            | -   | -   | ++     |
| Nr. 8 | NR                | +              | -   | ++  | ++     | +             | -   | -   | ++     |



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