Adoptive T cell therapy

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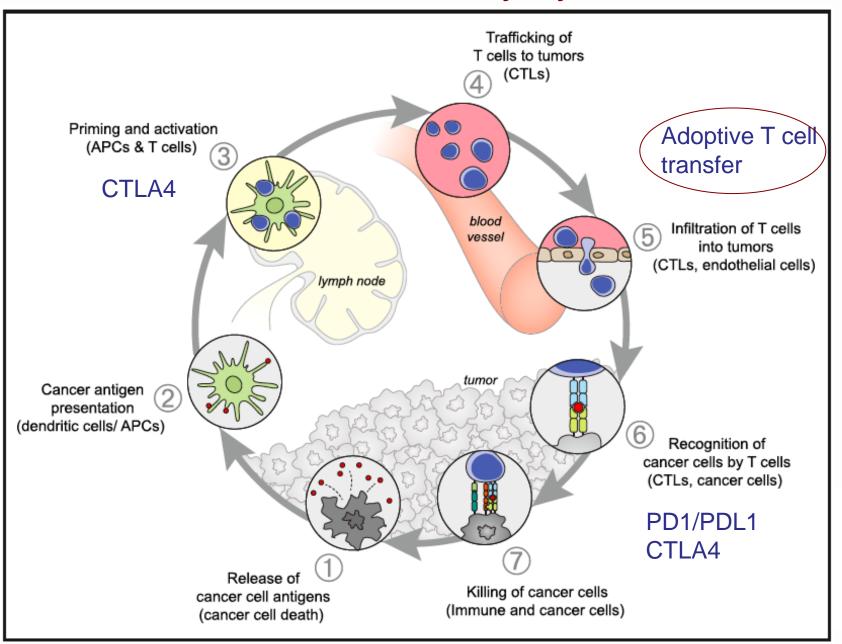
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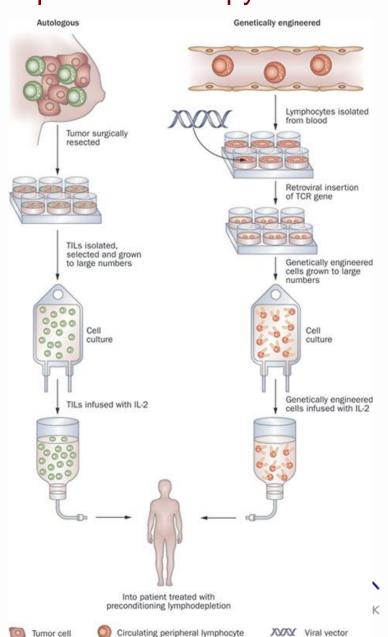
Cancer immunity cycle



Chen & Mellman Immunity 2013

Different strategies available for adoptive cell therapy

- Tumor infiltrating lymphocytes: TIL therapy
- Genetically modified peripheral blood lymphocytes
 - inserting a tumor-reactive TCR
 - inserting a tumor-reactive CAR
 - using retroviral insertion
 - using lentiviral insertion
 - using transposon-based insertion



symphocytes presenting antitumor TCRs

Role for T cells in cancer

The NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL of MEDICINE

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Intratumoral T Cells, Recurrence, and Survival in Epithelial Ovarian Cancer

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PERSPECTIVES

OPINION

The immune contexture in human tumours: impact on clinical outcome

Wolf Herman Fridman, Franck Pagès, Catherine Sautès-Fridman and Jérôme Galon



Type, Density, and Location of Immune Cells Within Human Colorectal Tumors Predict Clinical Outcome

Jérôme Galon, et al.

Science 212, 1060 (2006):

Science **313**, 1960 (2006); DOI: 10.1126/science.1129139



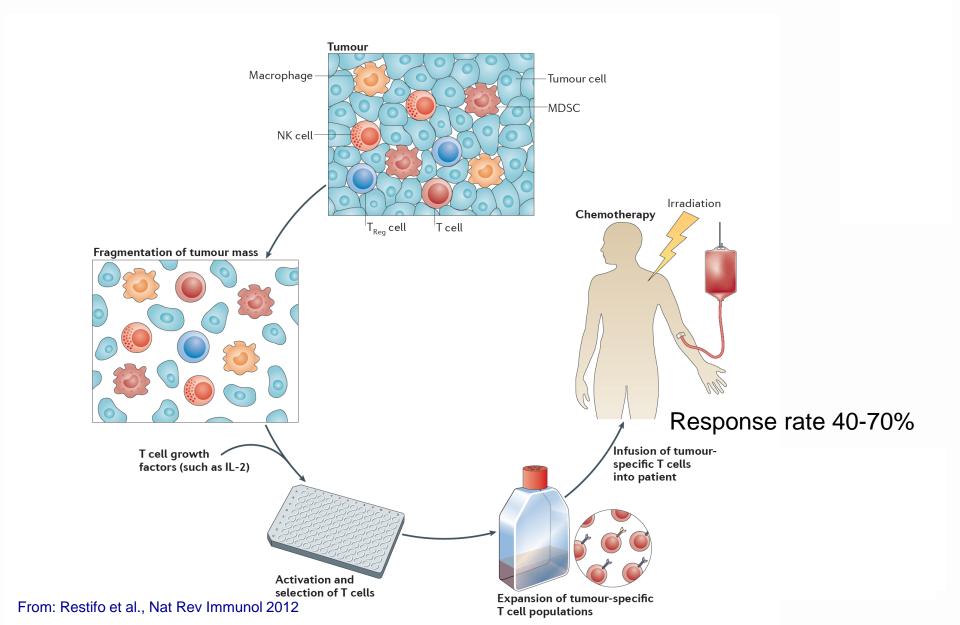
Cancer Research

Immunotype and Immunohistologic Characteristics of Tumor-Infiltrating Immune Cells Are Associated with Clinical Outcome in Metastatic Melanoma

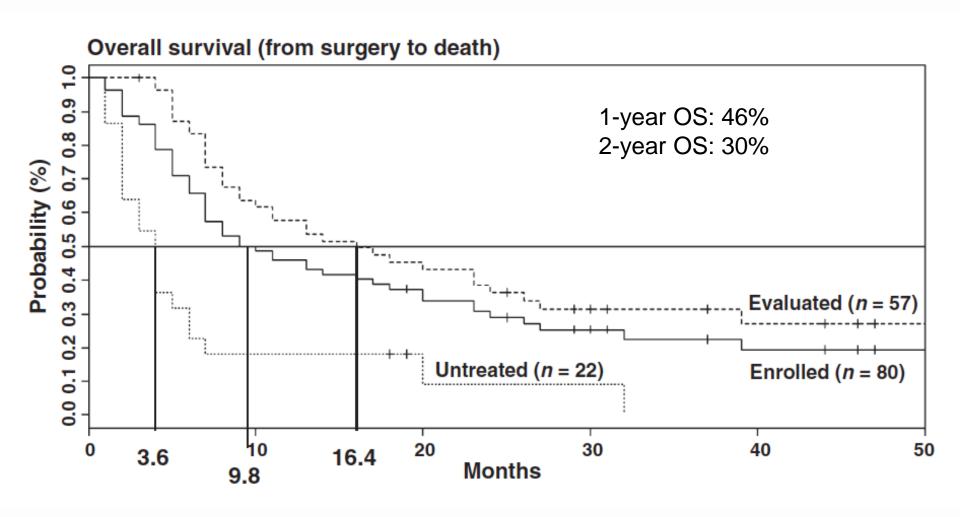
Gulsun Erdag, Jochen T. Schaefer, Mark E. Smolkin, et al.

Cancer Res 2012;72:1070-1080. Published OnlineFirst January 19, 2012.

Tumor infiltrating lymphocytes: TIL therapy in melanoma



Overall survival of metastatic melanoma patients treated with TIL (ITT analysis)



Clinical data N10TIL003: ongoing complete response 4 years

Prior to TIL 3 wks post TIL 8 wks post TIL 12 wks post TIL

12 wks post TIL

Biopsy at wk 7 showed no viable tumor cells

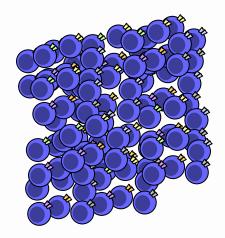


Immunotherapy of melanoma: TIL therapy

TIL are grown from melanoma tumors







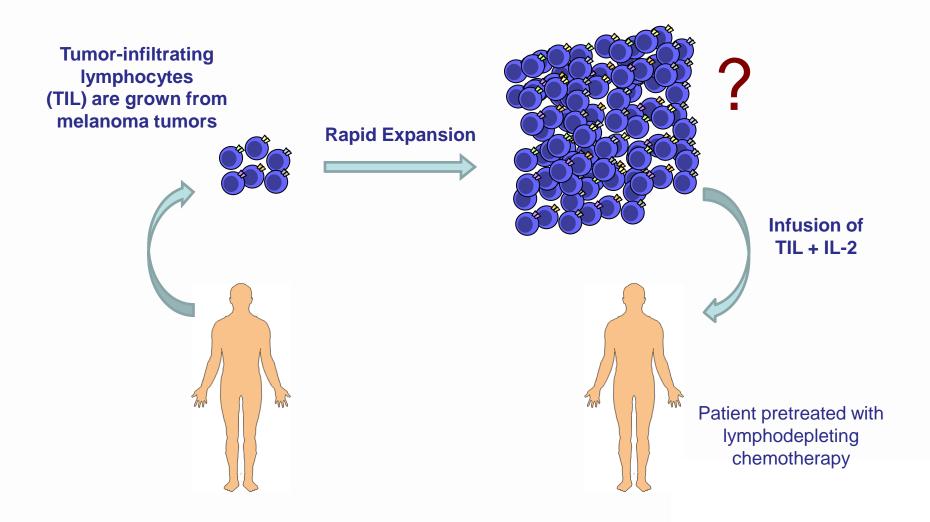
A few million T cells



1x10¹¹ T cells

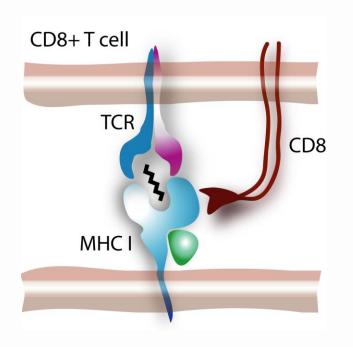


The big unknown



- Which cytotoxic T cells mediate cancer regression?
 - Could we specifically boost their numbers?

What could tumor-specific cytotoxic T cells detect on human cancer?

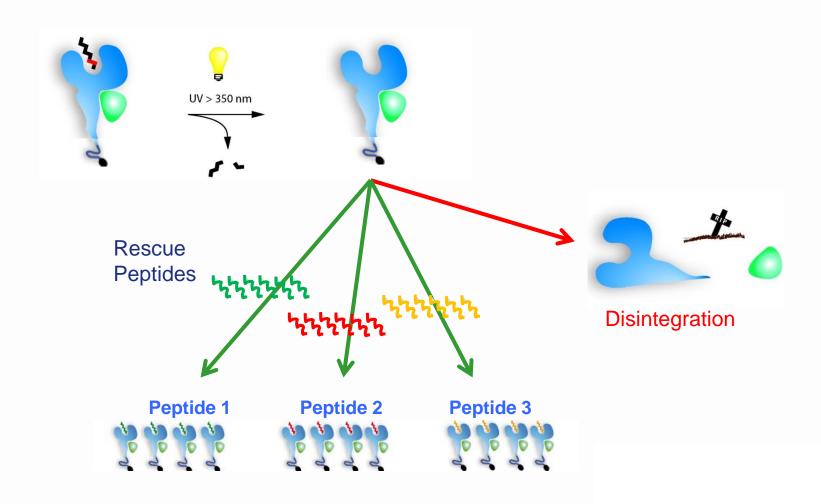


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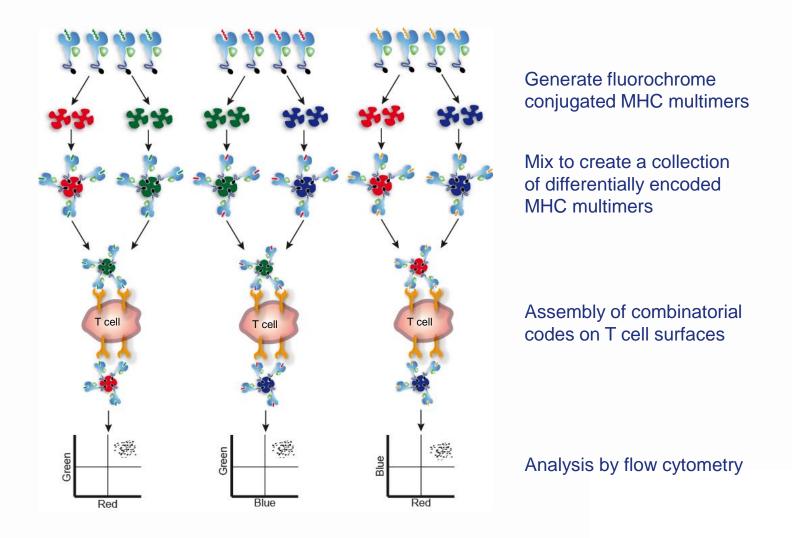
Generation of pMHC multimers by UV-induced peptide exchange



Allows generation of 1000s of pMHC in parallel

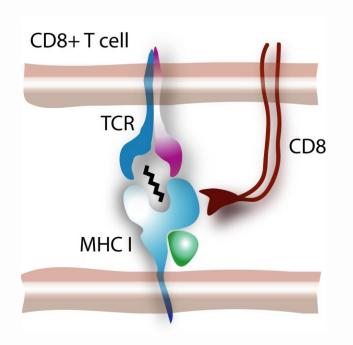
Toebes et al. *Nat. Med.* 2006 Bakker et al. *PNAS* 2008

Self-assembling molecular codes



Allows detection of 47 T cell responses in parallel

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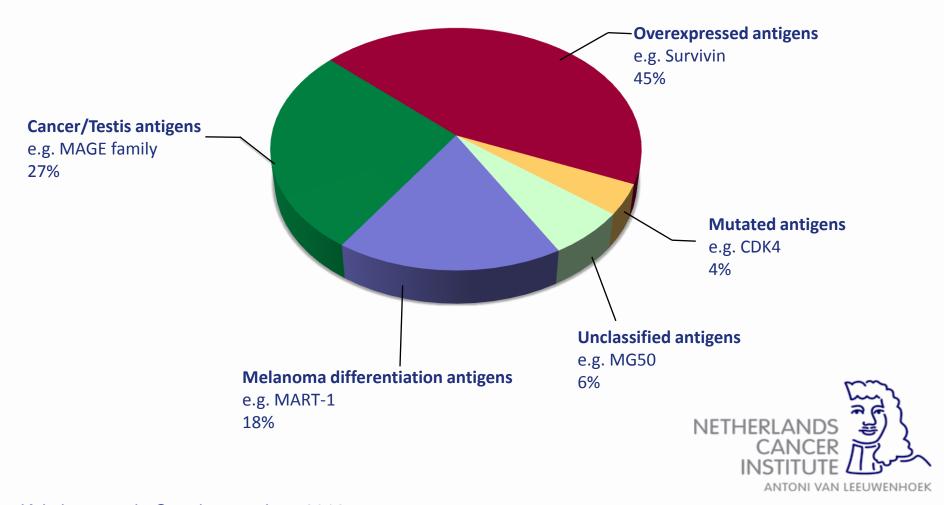
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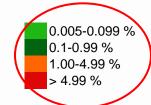
Melanoma associated epitope panel

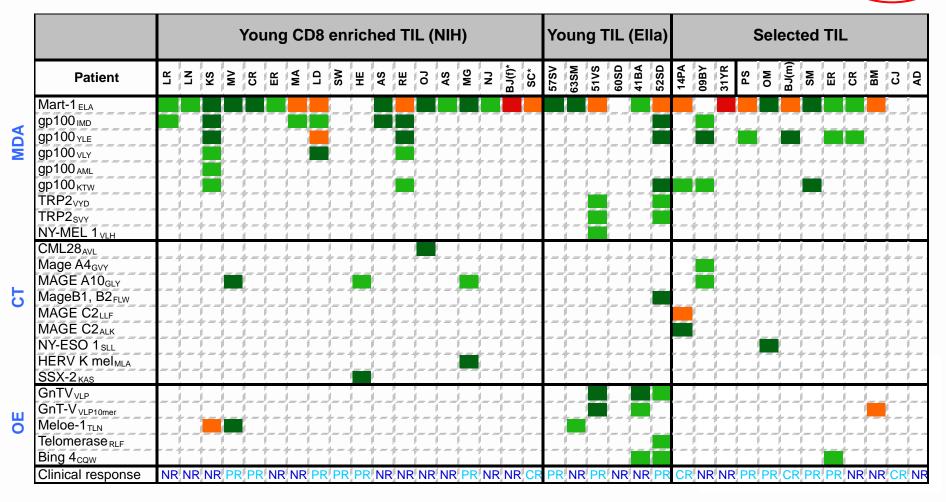
HLA-A2 restricted peptide panel includes 145 epitopes



Visualizing the composition of TIL

T cell responses are very low magnitude





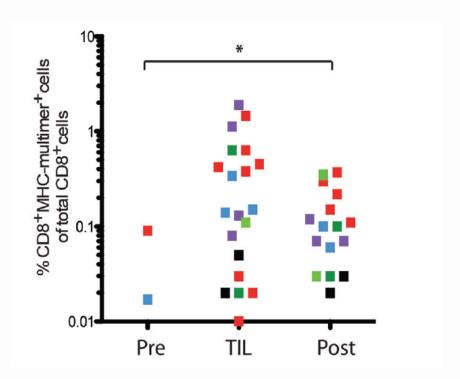
TILs against shared tumor antigens

- In the majority of TILs T cells specific for shared antigens can be found
 - Melanocyte differentiation Ags (Mart-1, gp100, etc)
 - Cancer/Testis gene products (NY-eso-1, MAGE, SSX-2, etc
 - Overexpressed Ags (Meloe etc.)
- Low frequency (mostly below 1%)
- No correlation with response



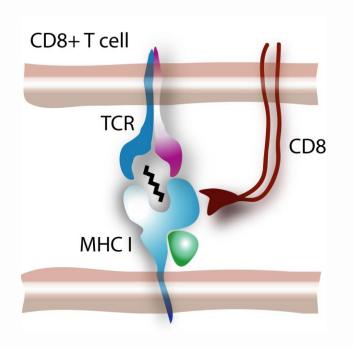
TIL therapy broadens the tumor-reactive CD8⁺ T cell compartment in melanoma patients

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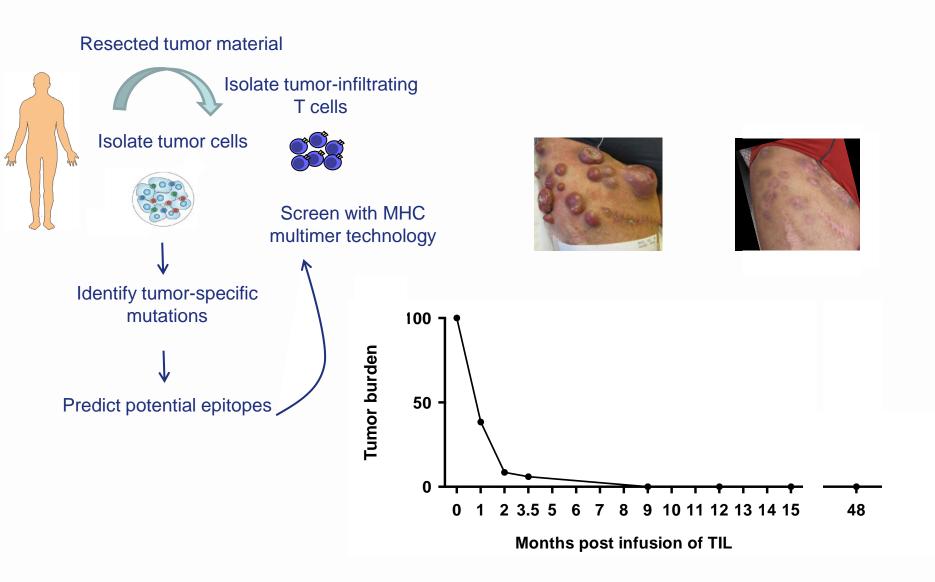


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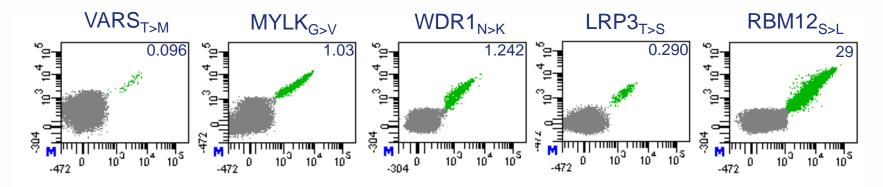


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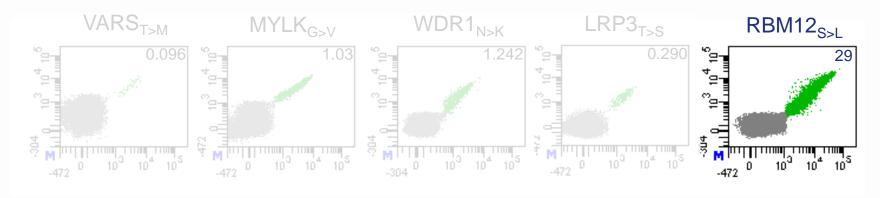
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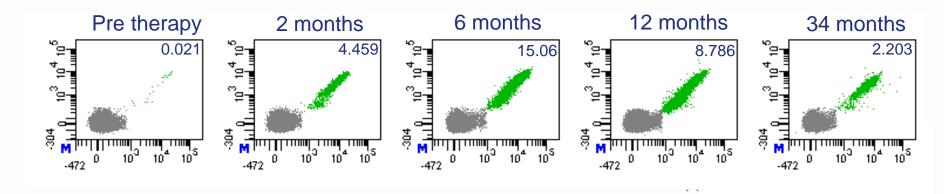


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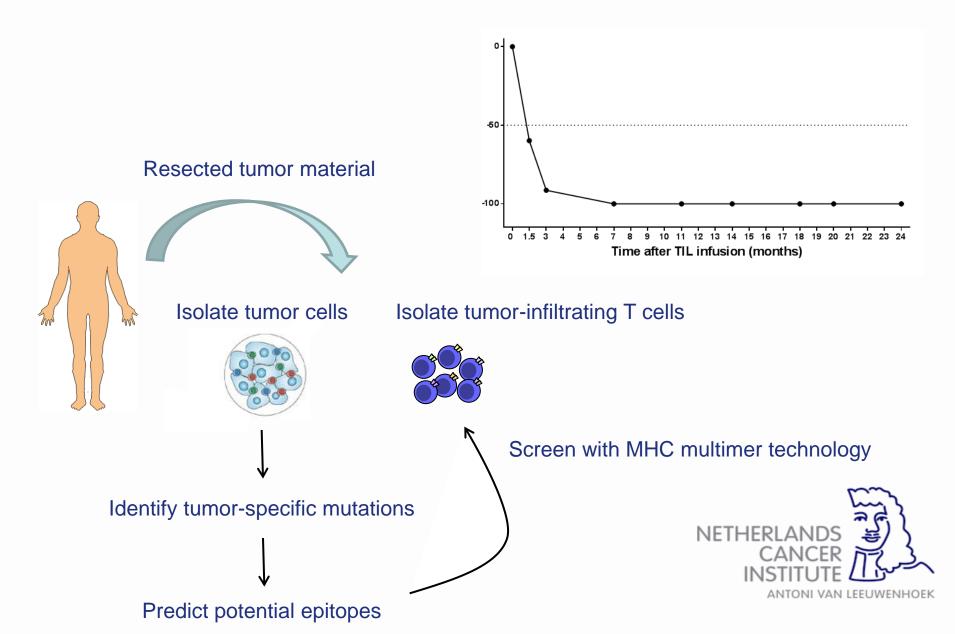


Peripheral blood



>450 fold increase in neo-antigen specific T cell reactivity upon TIL therapy

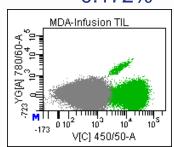
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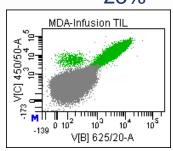
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Infusion TIL product

0.172%



23%

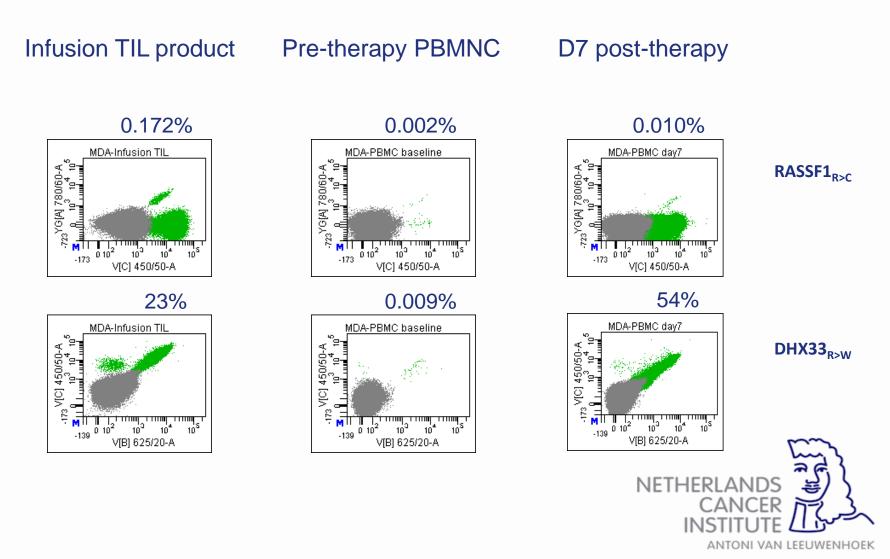


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Pt 008: CR upon TIL therapy



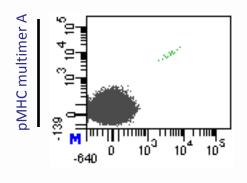
Major (>5000 fold) increase in neo-antigen specific T cell reactivity upon TIL therapy

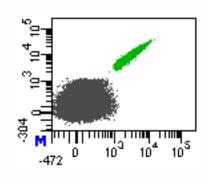
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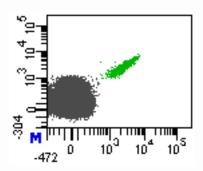
Resected tumor material Isolate tumor cells Isolate tumor-infiltrating T cells Screen with MHC multimer technology Identify tumor-specific mutations

Predict potential epitopes

Pt 004:





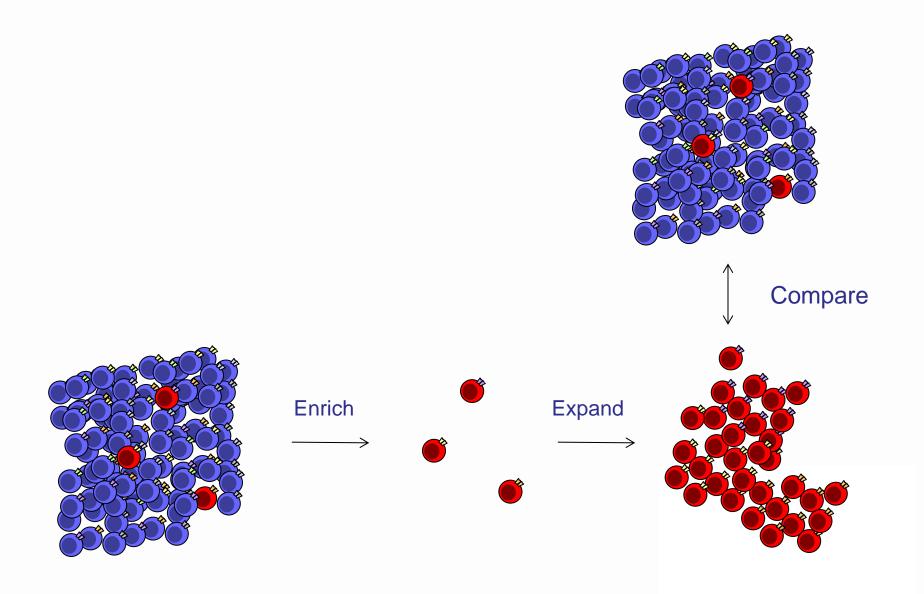


pMHC multimer B

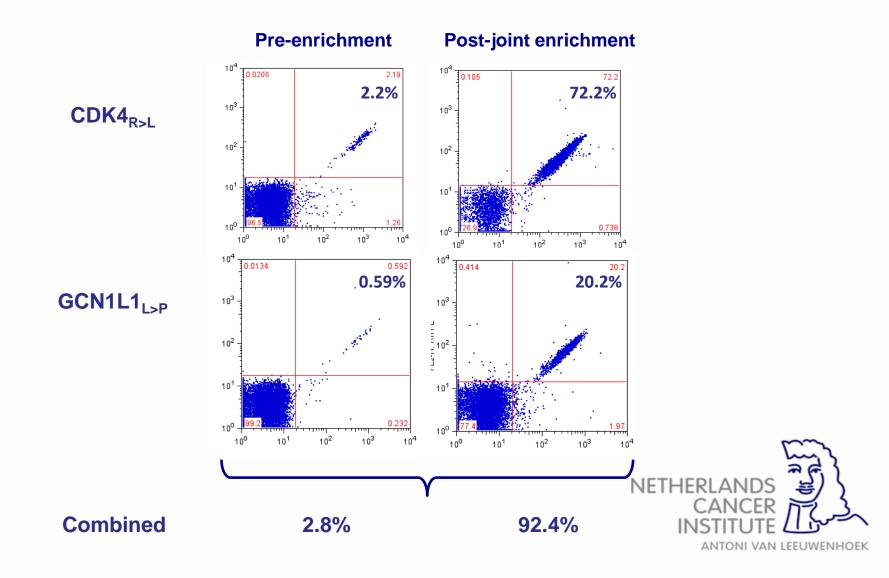
DNAH17_{H>Y} (0.003%) VLFEDAVA<u>H</u> > VLFEDAVA<u>Y</u> CDK4_{R>L} (1.604%) ARDPHSGHFV > ALDPHSGHFV GCN1L1_{L>P} (0.407%) ALLET<u>L</u>SLLL > ALLET<u>P</u>SLLL



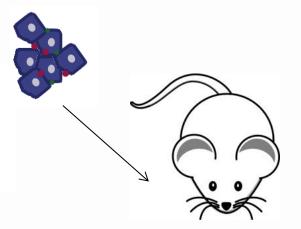
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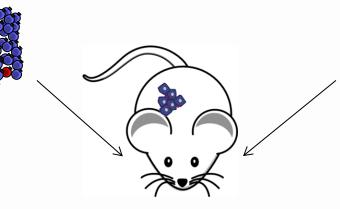
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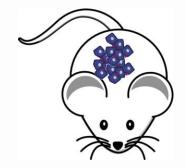


2a) Inject autologous bulk T-cell product



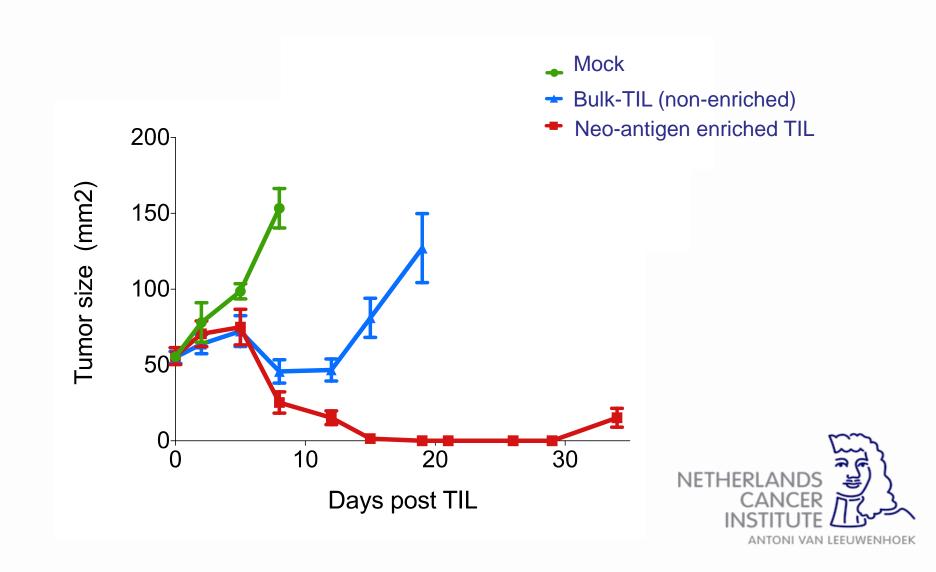
2b)
Inject autologous
neo-Ag enriched
T-cell product

3) Monitor tumor growth

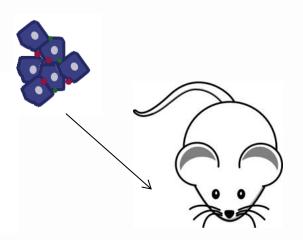




Neo-antigen enriched TIL can mediate superior tumor control

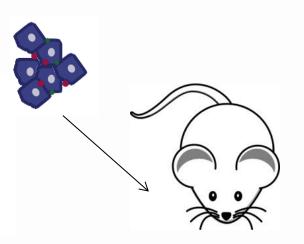


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(NSG-mice)

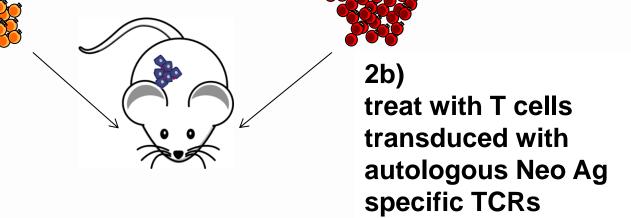




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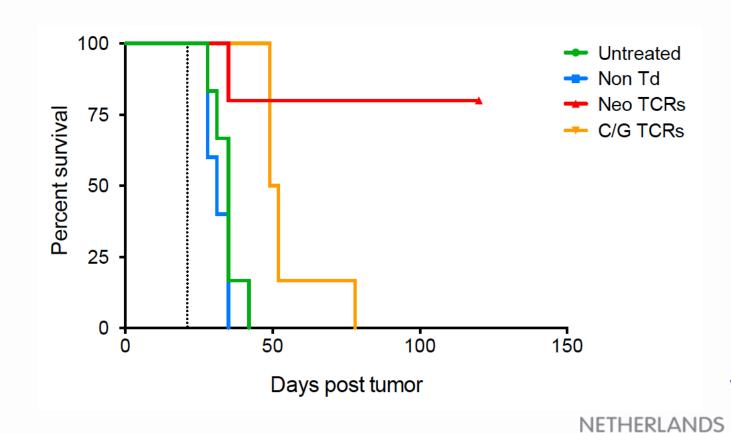
2a)
treat with T cells
transduced with
autologous C/T Ag
specific TCRs



Assess whether neo-antigen specific TCRs outperform C/G specific TCRs

Do neo-antigen specific TCRs* outperform C/G antigen specific TCRs**?

caution: n=1 expt, repeat ongoing



^{* 2} TCRs, against CDK4 and GCN1L1 neo-antigens

^{** 4} TCRs, against 3 MAGE-C2 epitopes, 1 MAGE-A10 epitope

What have we learned from TIL therapy?

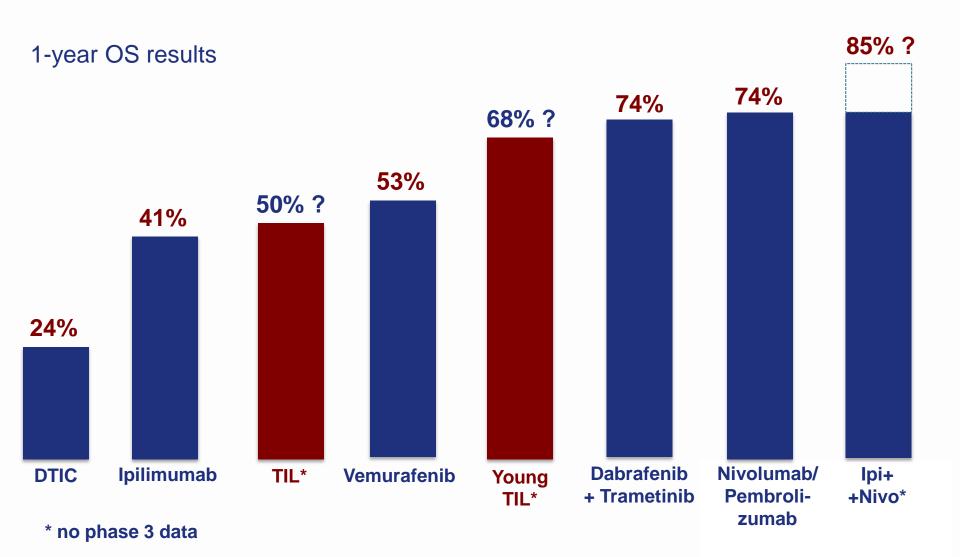
- TIL contain oftentimes many melanomaspecific CD8 and CD4 T cell populations
 - Against shared antigens (MDA, C/T, overexpressed)
 - Against neo-antigens
- Upon infusion of TIL, the tumor-reactive CD8 and CD4 T cell compartment is broadened in melanoma patients

What have we learned from TIL therapy?

- Objective clinical response rates vary between 38% and 72% of treated melanoma patients in phase II clinical trials (mostly heavily pretreated pts)
- Median OS in this group 16 months
- Patients with CR upon TIL have an excellent prognosis



How does TIL compare to other therapies?



McArthur et al. Lancet Oncol 2014; Hodi et al. NEJM 2010; based on Rosenberg and Dudley Curr Opin Immunol 2009; McArthur et al. Lancet Oncol 2014; based on Dudley et al. JCO 2013; Long et al. Lancet 2015; based on Robert et al. NEJM 2015; prediction based on Larkin et al. NEJM 2015 and Sznol et al. ASCO 2014

Comparison between TIL and checkpoint inhibitors

- TIL: one treatment
- Surgery is required
- Complex GMP and patient specific production process
- Drop-out rate up to 25% of pts
- In hospital (2-3 weeks)
- Predictable and manageable side-effects
- High treatment costs

- Ipilimumab: 4 infusions
- Anti-PD1: >>4 infusions
- Off-the-shelf product

- No ipilimumab in LDH > 2x ULN
- Outpatient clinic
- Unpredictable, but manageable side effects
- Even higher treatment costs

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Taking the next step for TIL based ACT

Randomized phase III study comparing TIL based ACT to standard ipilimumab treatment in metastatic melanoma

To obtain EMA approval of 'classical' TIL therapy as an ATMP

- NL:
 - John Haanen: NKI-AVL, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- DK:
 - Inge Marie Svane: Herlev Hospital, Copenhagen,
- UK:
 - Robert Hawkins: University of Manchester and the Christie NHS Foundation Trust, UK



Phase II trial in refractory MM patients

Lion Biotechnology



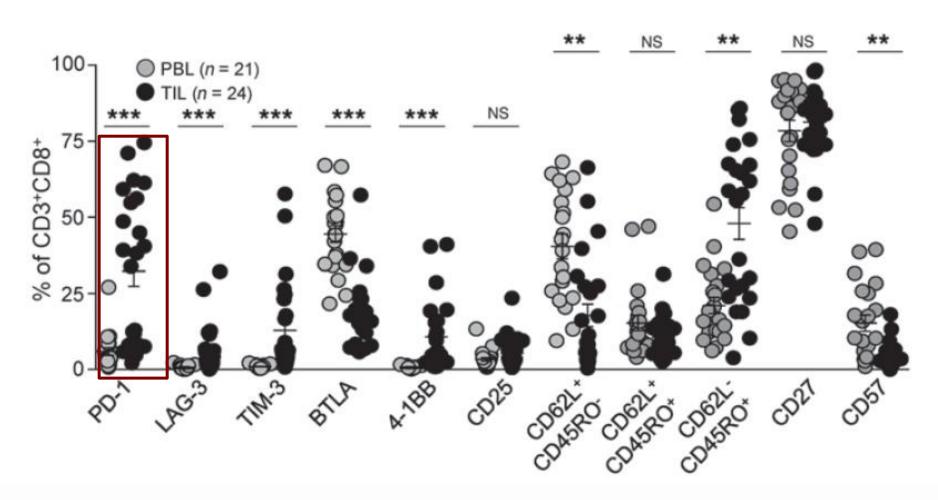
Pipeline

Sponsor	Indication	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	
NCI/Lion Bio	2nd line metastatic melanoma Phase 2 Complete				
NCI/Lion Bio	1st line metastatic melanoma in combination with vemurafenib	Phase 1 in progress			
Moffitt Cancer Center	1st line metastatic melanoma in combination with ipilimumab	Pilot trials in progress			
	1st line metastatic melanoma in combination with nivolumab	Pilot trials in progress			

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PD1 identifies patient-specific tumor-reactive TIL



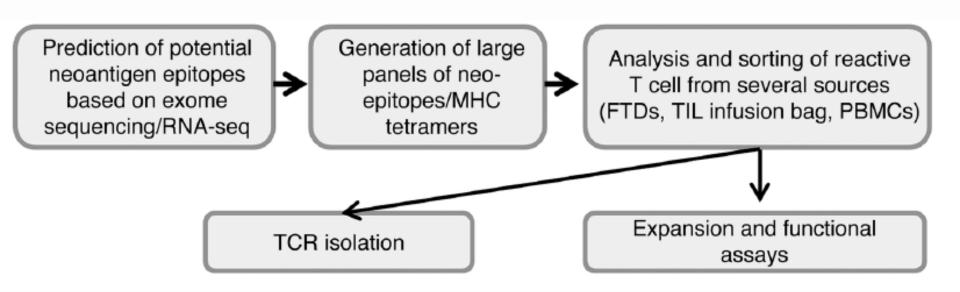
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Isolation of neoantigen-specific T cells from tumor and peripheral lymphocytes

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Immunogenicity of somatic mutations in human gastrointestinal cancers

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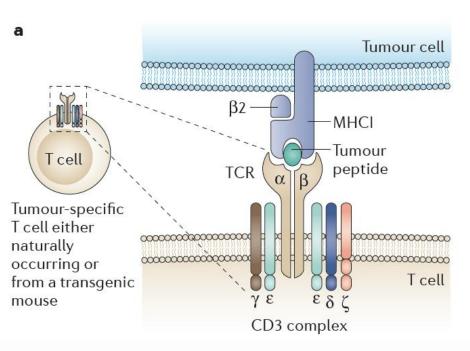
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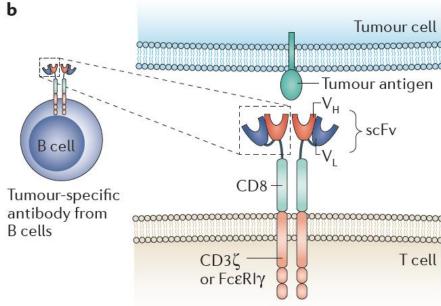
Mutation-specific TIL in GI cancers harboring a low mutational load

Table 1. Mutation-reactive T cells in metastatic GI cancers. NE, not evaluated.

Patient ID	Age/sex	Tumor type	Number of mutations	Number of mutations as- sessed ‡	Number of TIL cultures assessed	Number TIL cultures with mutation reactivi- ty§	Mutated pro- tein recognized	Amino acid change	T cell type	Frequency of mutation-reactive TCR in tumor (%)
3737*	45/F	Bile duct	26	25	5	5	ERBB2IP	E805G E805G	CD4 CD4	0.009 0.375
3812	44/M	Bile duct	48	179	5	0	_	_	_	_
3942	46/F	Rectal	155	144	6	2 4 3	NUP98 KARS GPD2	A359D D356H E426K	CD8 CD8 CD4	0.67 0.020 0.037
3948	48/M	Esophageal	84	211	5	2 2 2	PLEC XPO7 AKAP2	E1179K P274S Q418K	CD4 CD4 CD4	NE NE NE
3971	49/M	Colon	118	118	23	11	CASP8	F67V	CD8	1.25
3978	46/F	Bile duct	39	38	9	1¶	ITGB4	S1002I	CD4	NE
3995	50/M	Colon	58	154	19	2 15 2	TUBGCP2 RNF213 KRAS	P293L N1702S G12D	CD8 CD8 CD8	0.023 0.60 0.055
4007	52/M	Colon	134	264	23	4 5	SKIV2L H3F3B	R653H R653H A48T	CD8 CD8 CD8	0.090 0.014 1.19
4032	46/M	Colon	101	222	24	12	API5	R243Q R243Q	CD8 CD8	0.083 0.059
						1 7	RNF10 PHLPP1	E572K G566E	CD8 CD8	0.030 0.081
4069	57/M	Pancreatic	10	97	15	1	ZFYVE27	R6H	CD8	0.088

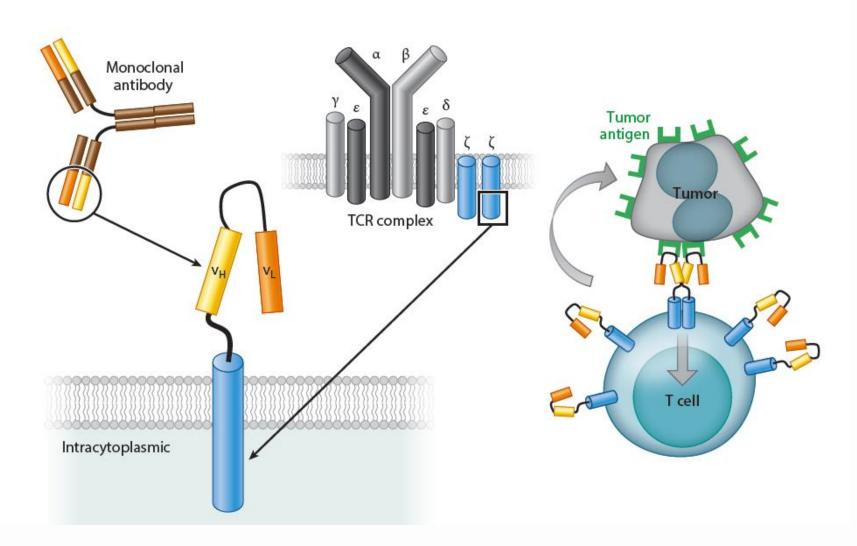
Infusion of gene-modified T cells



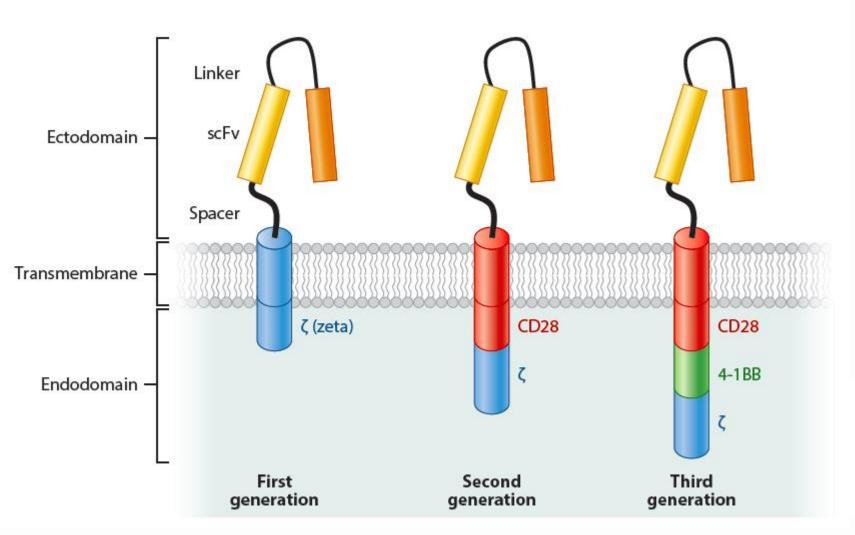




CAR T cell concept



Further development of CARs



Ramos et al. Ann Rev Immunol 2016

Success of CD19 CAR T cell therapy

Study	CAR design	Trial design	Malignancy	Outcome ^a	Refs
Kochenderfer et al. 2010	Murine CD19scFv–CD28/CD3ζ	Case report	Follicular lymphoma	PR	[3]
Brentjens <i>et al.</i> 2011	Murine CD19 scFv–CD28/CD3ζ	Pilot (nine patients)	CLL (n =8), acute lymphoblastic leukemia (n = 1)	One PR	[4]
Kalos <i>et al.</i> 2011 Porter <i>et al.</i> 2011	Murine CD19 scFv-4-1BB/CD3ζ	Pilot (three patients)	CLL (n = 3)	Two CR, one PR	[5,6]
Savoldo et al. 2011	Murine CD19 scFv–CD3ζ and CD28/CD3ζ	Pilot (six patients)	Non-Hodgkin lymphoma (n = 6)	Two SD	[7]
Kochenderfer <i>et al.</i> 2012	Murine CD19scFv–CD28/CD3ζ	Pilot (eight patients)	Non-Hodgkin lymphoma $(n=4)$ CLL $(n=4)$	One CR, five PR	[8]
Brentjens <i>et al.</i> 2013 Davila <i>et al.</i> 2014	Murine CD19 scFv–CD28/CD3ζ	Phase I (16 patients)	Acute lymphoblastic leukemia	CR 88%	[9,10]
Grupp et al. 2013	Murine CD19 scFv–4-1BB/CD3ζ	Pilot (two patients)	Acute lymphoblastic leukemia	Two CR	[11]
Maude et al. 2014	Murine CD19 scFv–4-1BB/CD3ζ	Phase I/II (30 patients)	Acute lymphoblastic leukemia	CR 90%	[12]
Lee et al. 2015	Murine CD19scFv–CD28/CD3ζ	Phase I (21 patients)	Acute lymphoblastic leukemia	CR 70%	[13]
Kochenderfer et al. 2015	Murine CD19scFv–CD28/CD3ζ	Phase I (15 patients)	Non-Hodgkin lymphoma $(n = 11)$ CLL $(n = 4)$	CR 53% PR 26%	[14]

8. Toxicity management

Anti-cytokine therapy Steroids

7. Safety systems

Suicide systems

Targets for clearance by exogenous antibody

Transient expression or persistence

6. Host conditioning

Lymphodepleting chemotherapy
Lymphodepleting antibodies
Allogeneic transplant

5. Ex vivo preparation

Artifical APCs

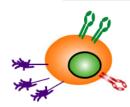


Culture time

Cell dose and character

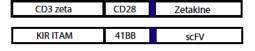
Cytokine support

1. Target choice



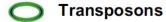
Tissue distribution
Surface density
Oncogene addiction

2. CAR structure



3. Vector choice





~~RNA

Lentivirus

4. Effector cells

Third party Patient_derived

Cryopreserved Gene edited

Viral specific



Flow sorting

Column spearation

Composition

NK cells T cells

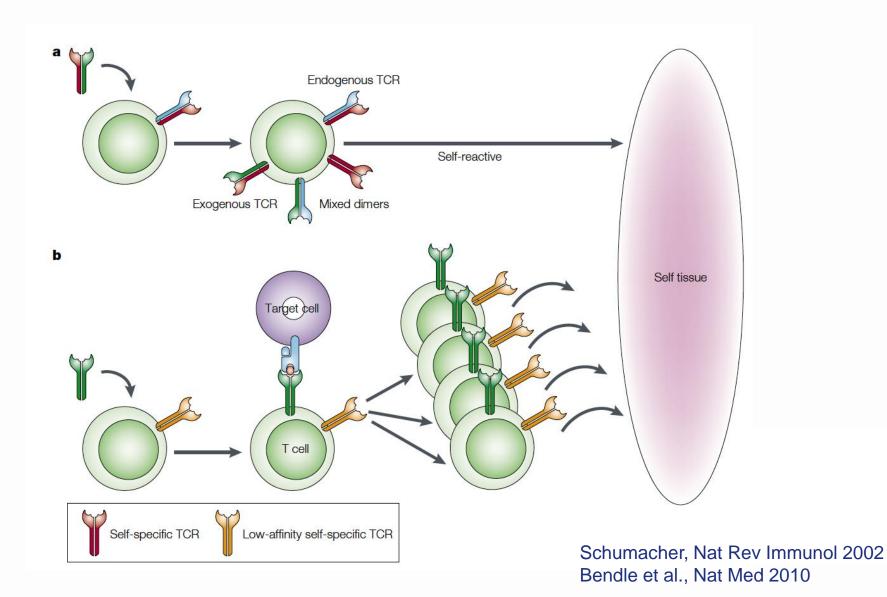
PBMCs

TCR gene therapy

- 2006: MART-1 TCR gene therapy
 - RR 13% (n=15)(Morgan et al., Science 2006)
- 2008: MART-1 and gp100 TCR gene therapy
 - RR 30% (MART-1 TCR; n=20)
 - RR 19% (murine gp100 TCR; n=16)
 (Johnson et al., Blood 2009)
- 2011: NY-eso-1 TCR gene therapy
 - RR 45% (n=11)(Robbins et al., J Clin Oncol 2011)
- 2012 MAGE-A3 TCR gene therapy
 - Aborted due to unexpected toxicity



Potential toxicities of TCR gene therapy (I)



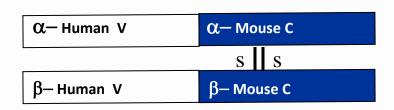
Selection of TCR and modification of vector

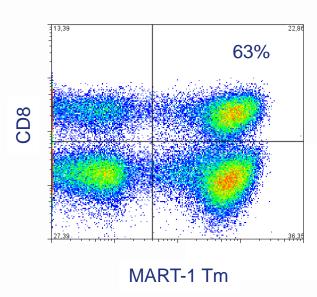
1D3_{opt}HMCys:

- 1D3 TCR recognizes MART-I epitope (from vaccinated patient)
- codon-optimized for optimal expression
- additional disulfide bond to prevent mispairing with endogenous TCR chains*
- murine instead of human constant region to further reduce mispairing
- 2A peptide between alpha and beta chain for equimolar production

Retrovirus:

- MP71 retroviral vector (good expression and used elsewhere in clinical trials)





* (Kuball Blood 2007, Cohen Cancer Res 2006&2007)

Potential toxicities of TCR gene therapy

- On and off-target toxicity
 - Melanocyte differentiation antigens
 - Vitiligo; uveitis; Vogt-Koyanagi-Harada syndr.
 - MAGE-A3
 - CNS toxicity (cross-reactivity with MAGE-A9 peptide)
 - Cardiac toxicity (cross-reactivity with myocardiac peptide)
 - CEA
 - colitis

Take home message

- TIL research and therapy has contributed extensively to our understanding of cancer immunity
- TIL therapy and adoptive therapy of gene modified T cells will be developed further to become a (personalized) drug treatment
- These therapies may be combined with other (non)-immunotherapies in the future
- Use of gene modified T cells:
 - Extremely promising in hemato-oncology
 - Promising in solid tumors (especially TCR modified T cells)





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