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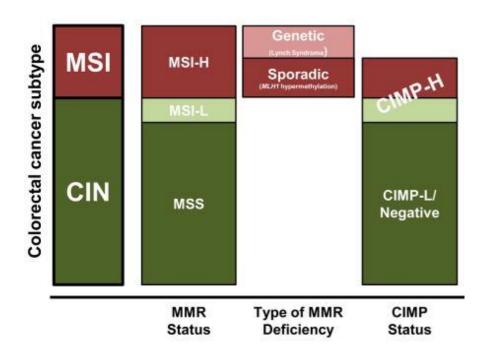




### **REALITY:**

The evolution of biomarkers for matched targeted therapies in CRC has been restrictive (until recently).

# **PAST:**





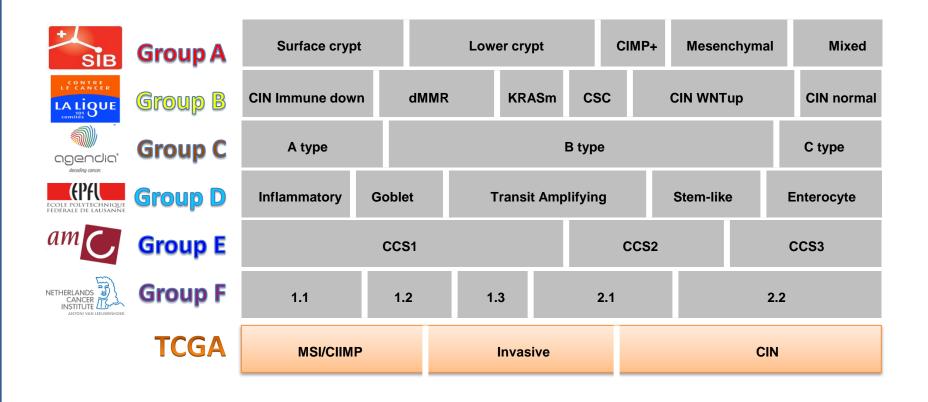
## **HYPOTHESIS:**

Intrinsic gene expression (immune) subtyping:

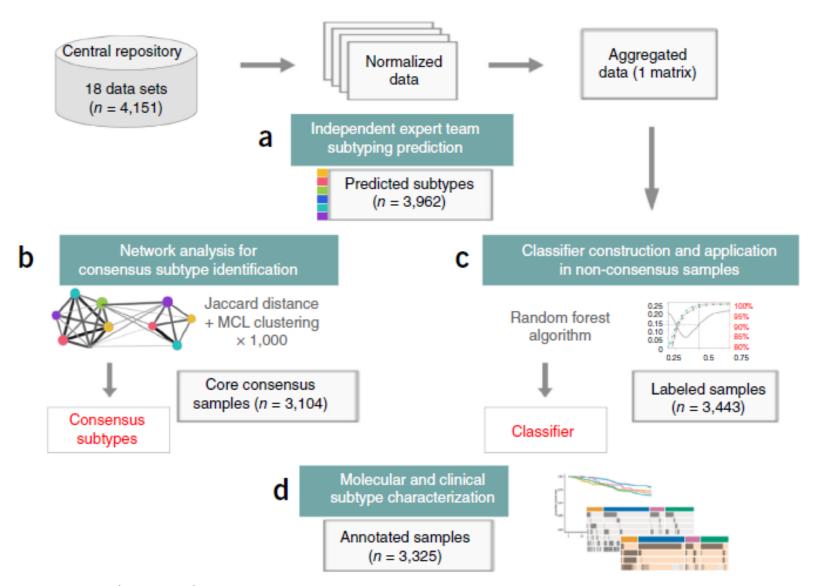
- increase the biological understanding of the disease;
- optimize patient stratification based on differences in outcome and response patterns to targeted agents.

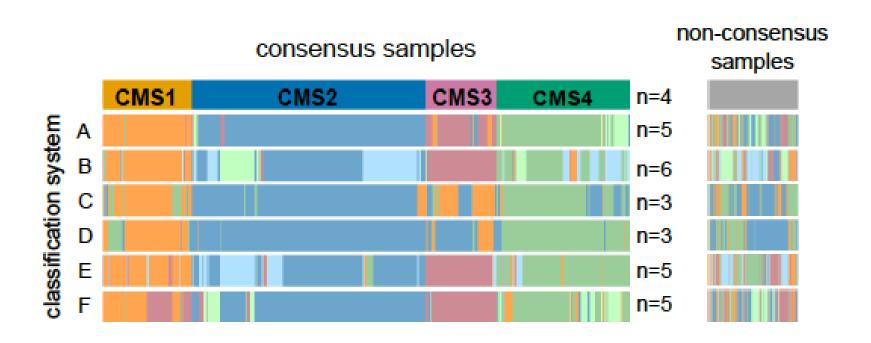


# Colorectal cancer intrinsic subtypes – published classifiers

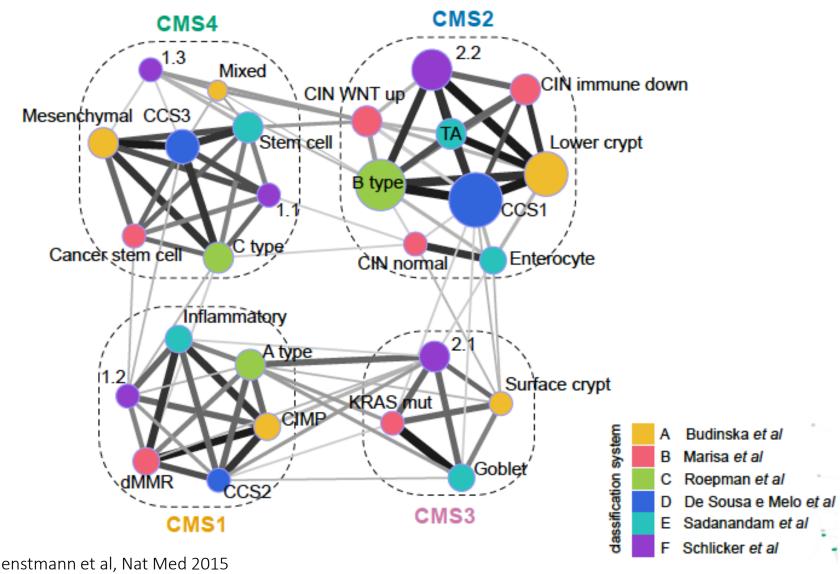






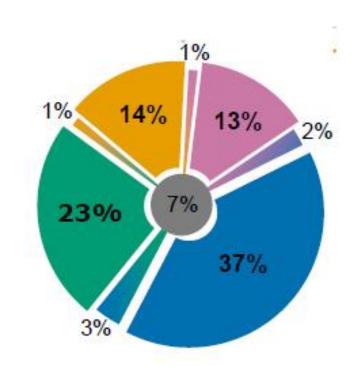




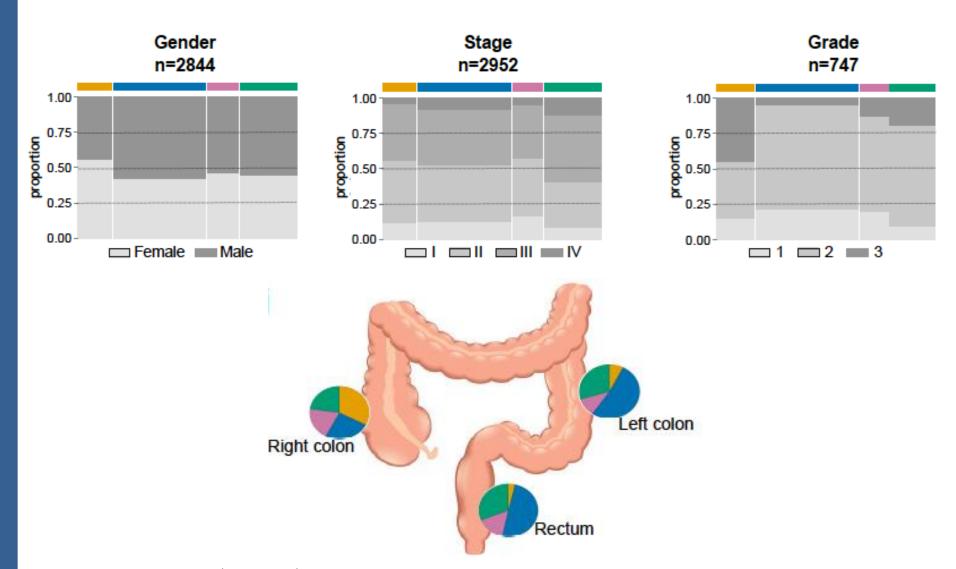




CMS1 MSI Immune CMS2 Canonical CMS3 Metabolic CMS4 Mesenchymal

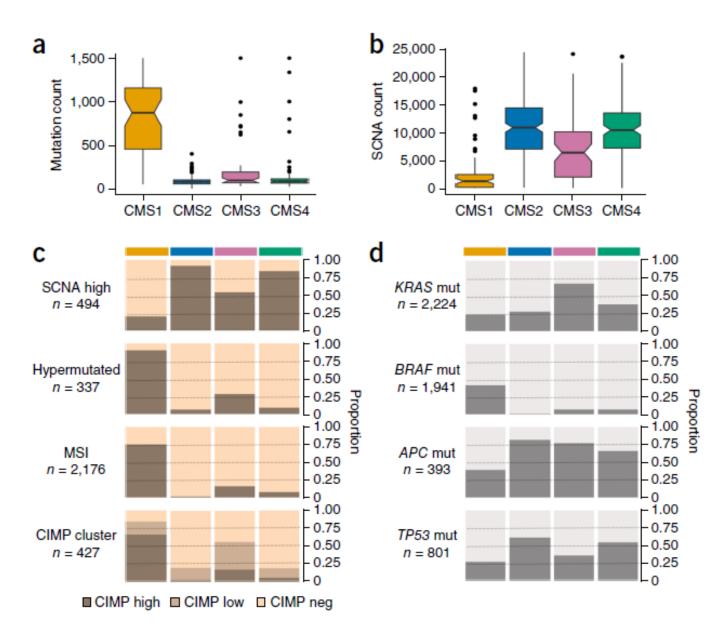




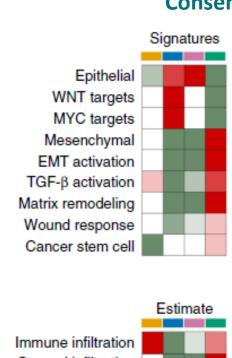


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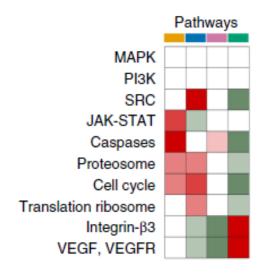


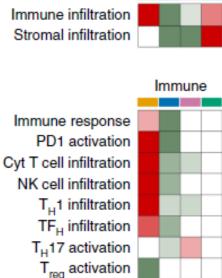




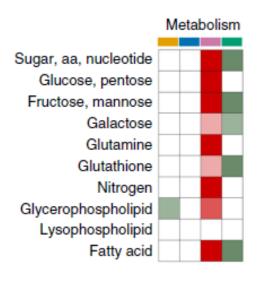


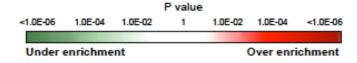
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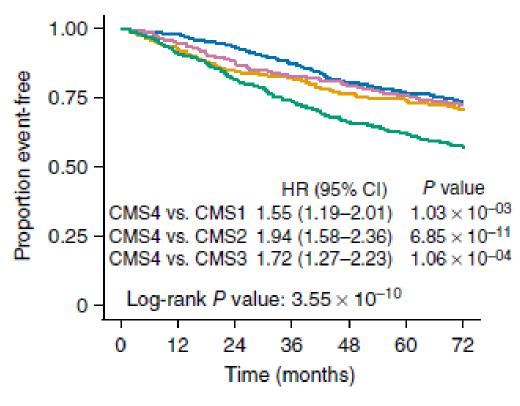
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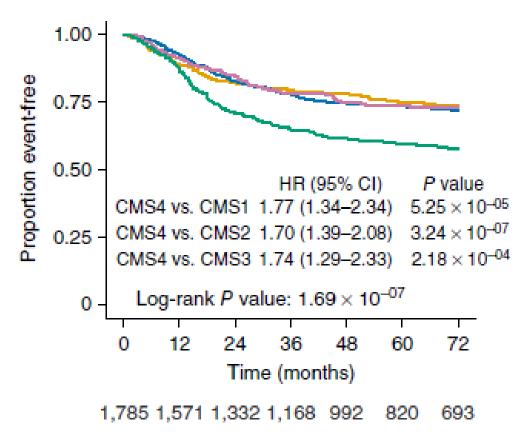
# Overall survival



Number at risk 2,129 1,842 1,623 1,442 1,237 1,009 767

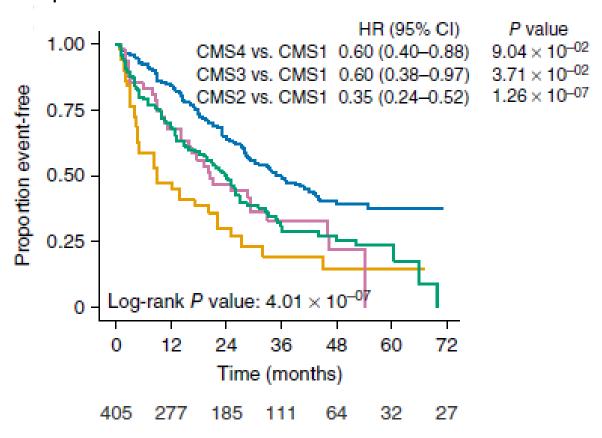


# Relapse-free survival





# Survival after relapse

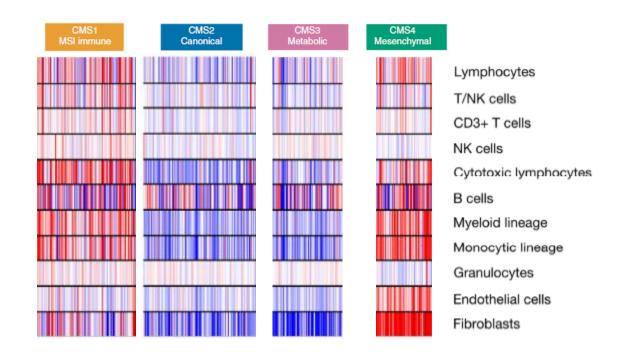




CMS1 MSI immune	CMS2 Canonical	CMS3 Metabolic	CMS4 Mesenchymal
14%	37%	13%	23%
MSI, CIMP high, hypermutation	SCNA high	Mixed MSI status, SCNA low, CIMP low	SCNA high
BRAF mutations		KRAS mutations	
lmmune infiltration and activation	WNT and MYC activation	Metabolic deregulation	Stromal infiltration, TGF-β activation, angiogenesis
Worse survival after relapse			Worse relapse-free and overall survival

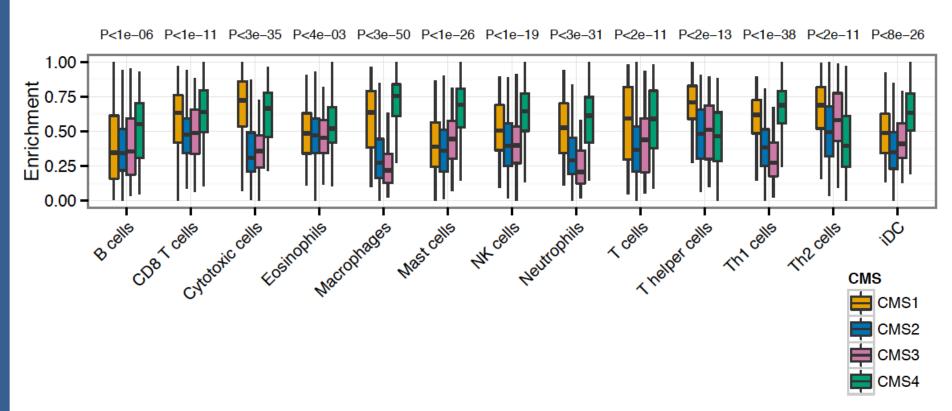


# Supervised immune infiltration analysis (immunophenotype)





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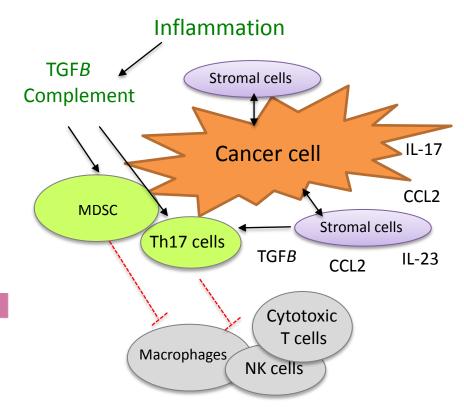




# Immune-activated MSI immune dMMR - MSI Hypermutation Th1 cells Cancer cell Th1 cells IFNγ PDL1 IFNγ CXCL9/10/13 Cytotoxic T cells Macrophages NK cells Immune-ignorant CMS3 Metabolic Canonical Cancer cell

# Immune-tolerant

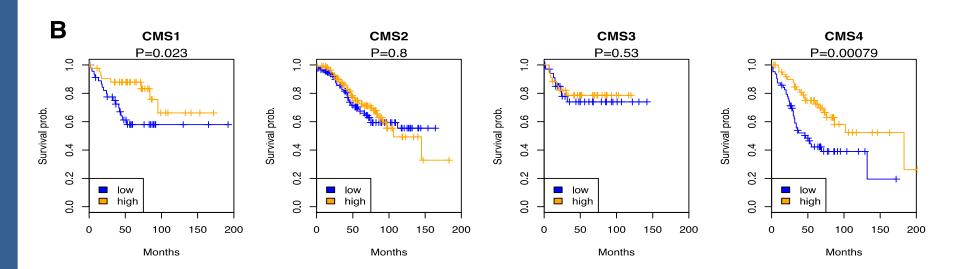






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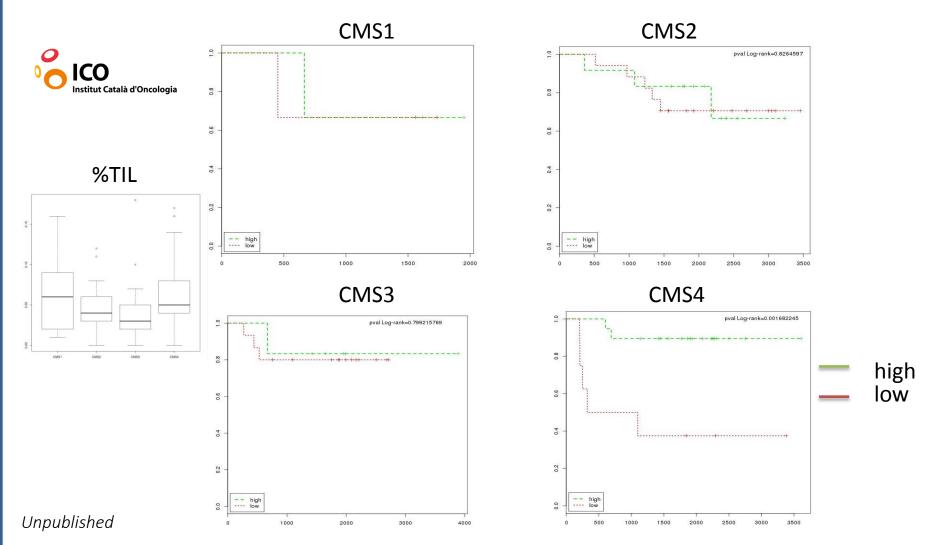
# Intra-CMS prognosis according to NK cell activation signature





#### MECC cohort

# Intra-CMS prognosis according to tumor infiltrating lymphocytes (TILs)





### **TAKE-HOME MESSAGES 1:**

Even being enriched for key clinicopathological, genomic and epigenomic markers, the striking biological differences of the four CMS groups are only evident when looking at cancer cell pathway activation level and tumor microenvironment.



# **TAKE-HOME MESSAGES 2:**

Prognostic differences in unsupervised gene expression signatures confirm the clinical relevance of biological processes implicated in each CMS group.

BUT... predictive value is key for clinical translation!



# LETTER

doi:10.1038/nature16967

# Mutant Kras copy number defines metabolic reprogramming and therapeutic susceptibilities

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Low glucose + glutathione biosynthesis inhibitor

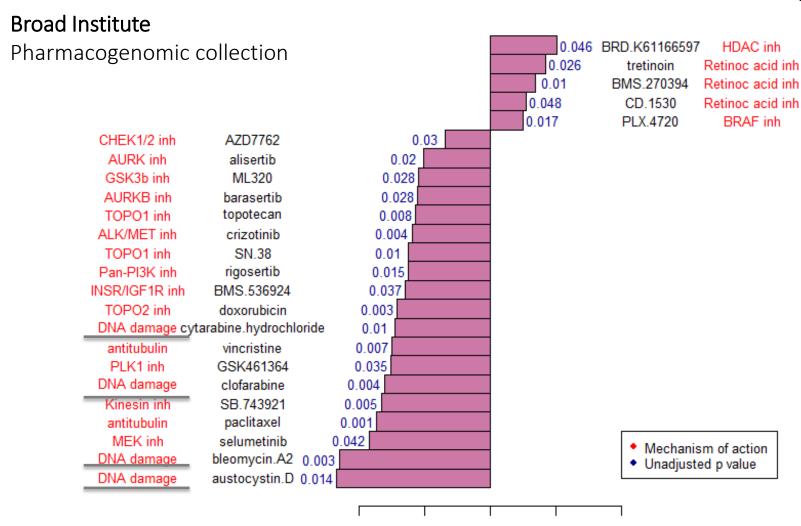


Redox/ROS – DNA damage





6 cells



-2

Sensible

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Median AUC difference

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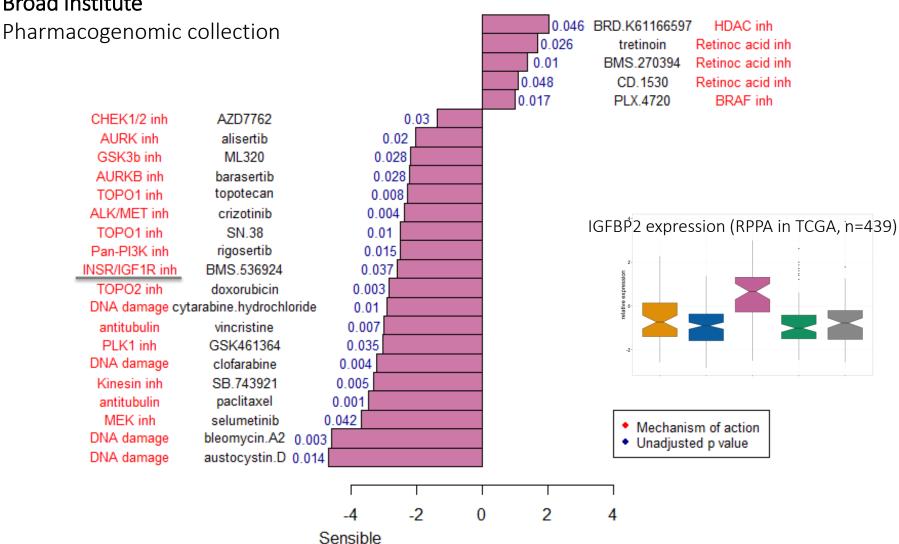
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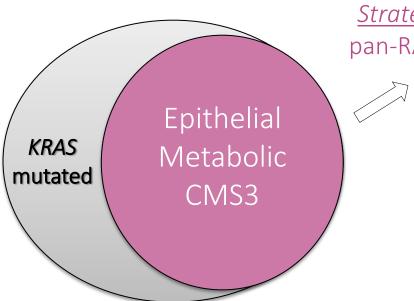




Median AUC difference



# Predictive value – *hypotheses targeted therapies*



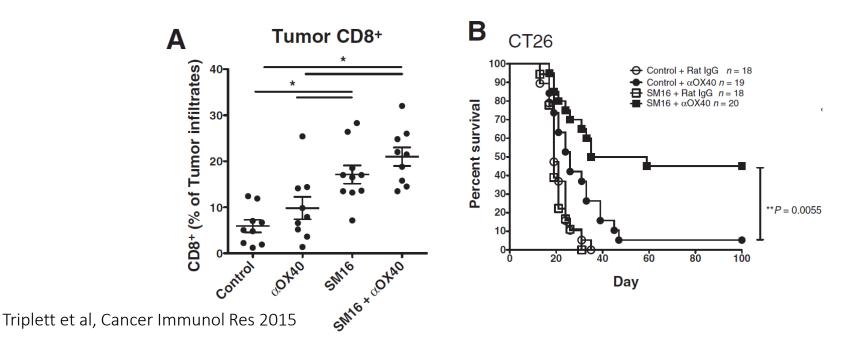
<u>Strategy</u>: combination of DNA damage agents, pan-RAF inhibitors, metabolic enzyme inhibitors



# STAT3 Signaling Is Required for Optimal Regression of Large Established Tumors in Mice Treated with Anti-OX40 and TGFβ Receptor Blockade ☑

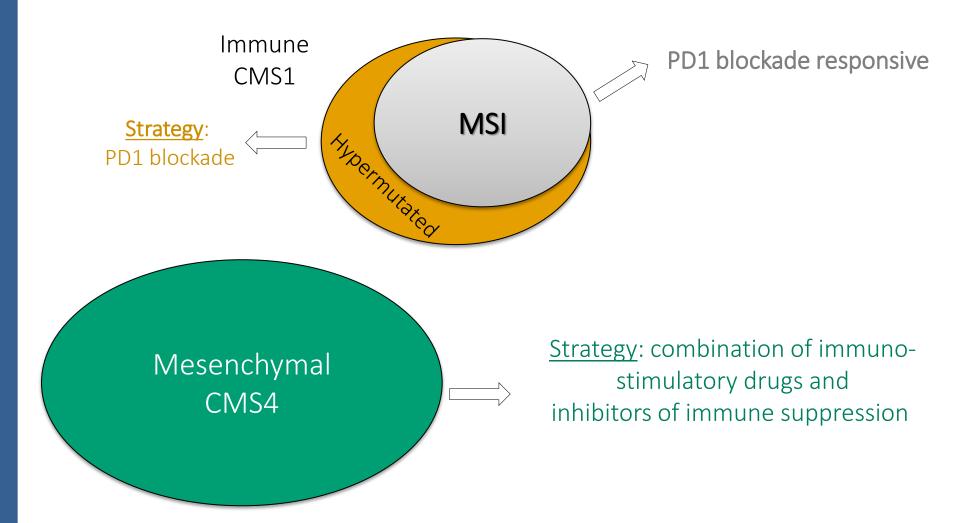
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# OX40 agonist + TGFBR inhibitor in CMS4 in vivo model



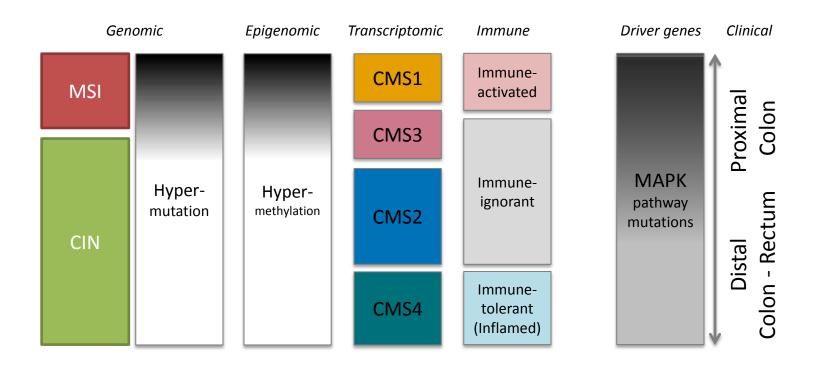


# Predictive value – *hypotheses immune therapies*





# **PRESENT:**





## **TAKE-HOME MESSAGES 3:**

The CMS groups provide the foundation for further disease stratification.

Qualitative and clinically relevant disease subtyping takes time and multiple resources.



## **TAKE-HOME MESSAGES 4:**

Still unknown what combination of genomic features

(mutation + MSI + gene expression + immune) will
provide will provide the best prediction of drug response.



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