

# **New Agents and Therapeutic Strategies in CTCL**

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# Cutaneous T- and NK/T-cell Lymphomas

## New WHO-EORTC Classification

**Mycosis fungoides and variants/subtypes**

**Sézary syndrome**

**PC CD30+ lymphoproliferative disorders**

**Subcutaneous panniculitis-like T-cell lymphoma**

**Extranodal NK/T-cell lymphoma, nasal type**

**Cutaneous  $\gamma/\delta$  T-cell lymphoma**

**Adult T-cell leukemia/lymphoma**

**PC peripheral T-cell lymphoma, unspecified**

- Aggressive epidermotropic CD8+ T-cell lymphoma
- CD4+ sm/med-sized pleomorphic T-cell *lymphoma/LPD*
- PTCL, other

**WHO  
monogram,  
4<sup>th</sup> Ed, 2008**

# **Mycosis Fungoides**

## **Treatment of varying skin manifestations**



Patch  
T1-2



Tumor  
T3



Plaque  
T1-2



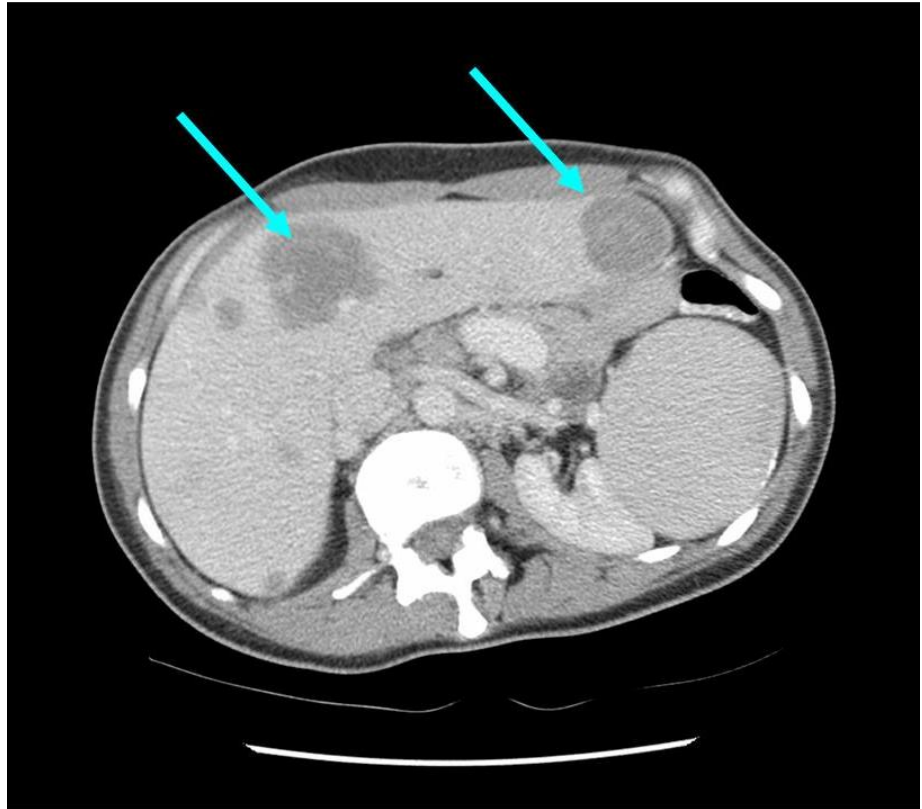
Erythroderma  
T4

# Management of extracutaneous disease



Blood

Viscera



Lymph  
node

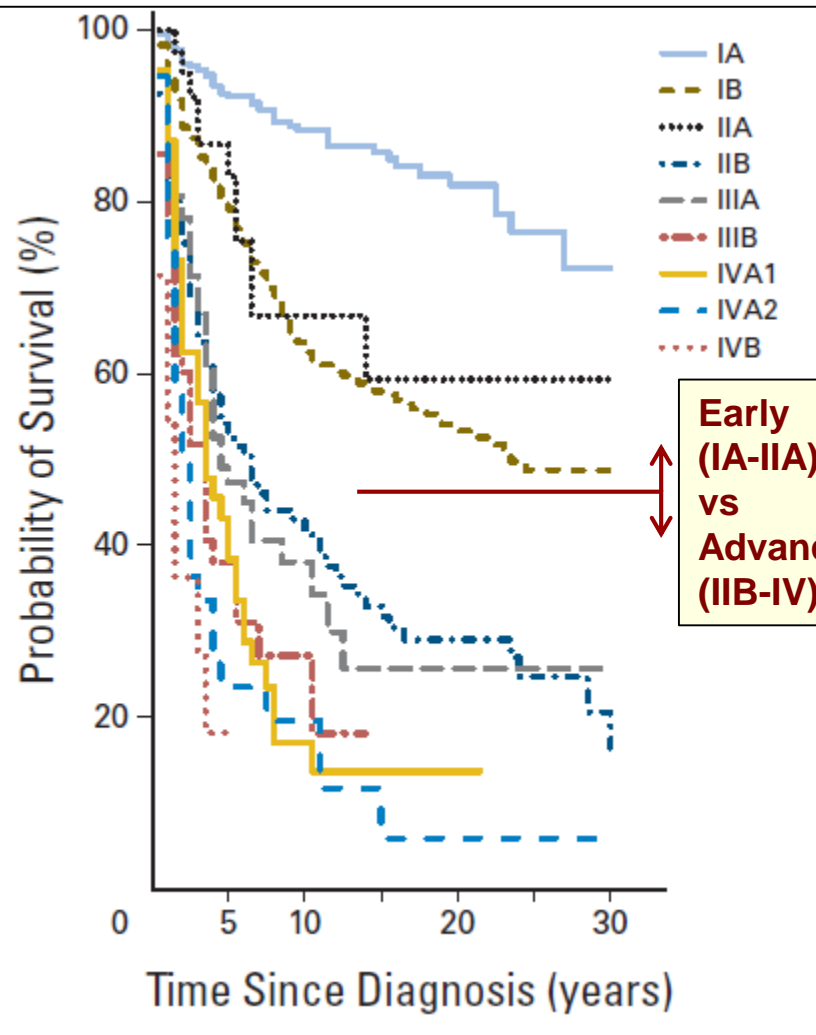




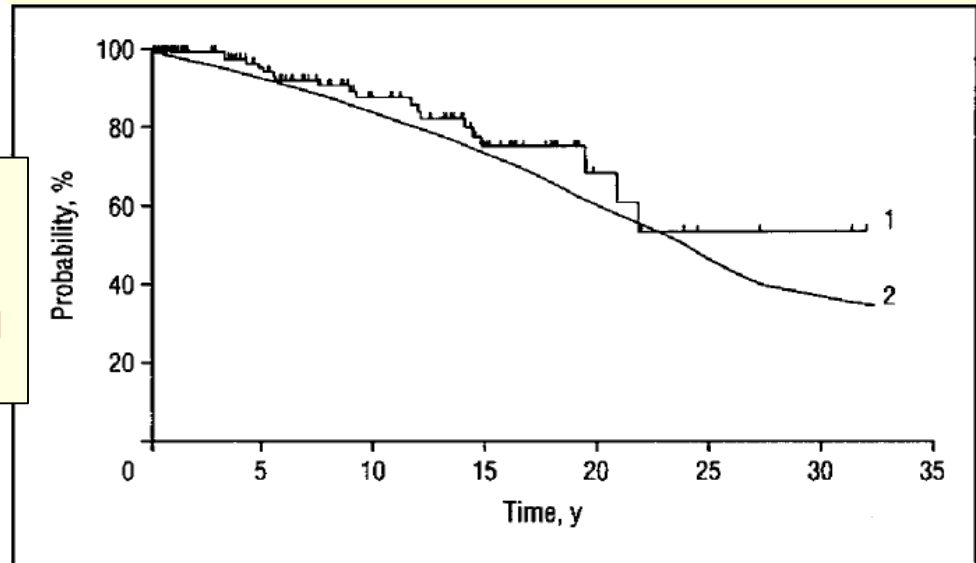
**Sézary syndrome-**  
generalized erythroderma,  
keratoderma, **severe**  
**itching; freq staph aureus**  
**infection**



# Prognosis of early vs advanced stage MF and SS: *Appropriate risk-stratification for treatment selection*



**Stage IA vs. control population:**  
*Life-expectancy is not altered in patients with limited patch/plaque disease*



**F-MF or LCT with worse clinical outcome**  
*F-MF not sig independent factor in advanced MF/SS (CLIC Scarisbrick et al, 2015)*

Arch Dermatol 146:607, 2010, J Clin Oncol 28:4730, 2010,  
Blood 119:1643, 2012, J Clin Oncol 2015;33:3766

# General concepts in managing MF/SS-CTCL

## Lack of evidence-based help

- Consensus-based management

NCCN, EORTC, other  
guidelines

## Overall goal of treatment

- Good PRs that are durable, well-tolerated, and improve QoL
- Lasting CRs are great but hard to attain and often at risk of undesired AEs

## Appreciate unique features of skin disease

- **Supportive therapy** is essential (barrier defect)
  - Chronic control of skin infections (staph, HSV)
  - Use anti-itch regimens, emollients/sealants
- Often observe **mixed responses**
- Can **re-cycle** treatments
- Optimize utility of **maintenance** therapy



SUGGESTED TREATMENT REGIMENS<sup>a</sup>**SYSTEMIC THERAPIES****Category A (SYST-CAT A)**

- Retinoids (bexarotene, all-trans retinoic acid, isotretinoin [13-cis-retinoic acid], acitretin)<sup>a</sup>
- Interferons (IFN-alpha, IFN-gamma)
- HDAC-inhibitors (vorinostat, romidepsin)<sup>e</sup>
- Extracorporeal photopheresis<sup>f</sup>
- Methotrexate (≤100 mg q week)

**Category B (SYST-CAT B)**

- First-line therapies (alphabetical order)
  - ▶ Brentuximab vedotin
  - ▶ Gemcitabine
  - ▶ Liposomal doxorubicin
  - ▶ Low-dose pralatrexate
- Second-line therapies
  - ▶ Chlorambucil
  - ▶ Pentostatin
  - ▶ Etoposide
  - ▶ Cyclophosphamide
  - ▶ Temozolomide
  - ▶ Methotrexate (>100 mg q week)
  - ▶ Bortezomib (category 3)

**SYSTEMIC THERAPIES (continued)****Category C (SYST-CAT C)<sup>g</sup>** (alphabetical order)

- Bortezomib (category 3)
- Brentuximab vedotin
- Gemcitabine
- Liposomal doxorubicin
- Low- or standard-dose pralatrexate
- Romidepsin
- See regimens listed on [TCEL-B 2 of 5](#) (PTCL-NOS)<sup>h</sup>

**COMBINATION THERAPIES*****Skin-directed + Systemic***

- Phototherapy + retinoid<sup>e</sup>
- Phototherapy + IFN
- Phototherapy + photopheresis<sup>f</sup>
- Total skin electron beam + photopheresis<sup>f</sup>

***Systemic + Systemic***

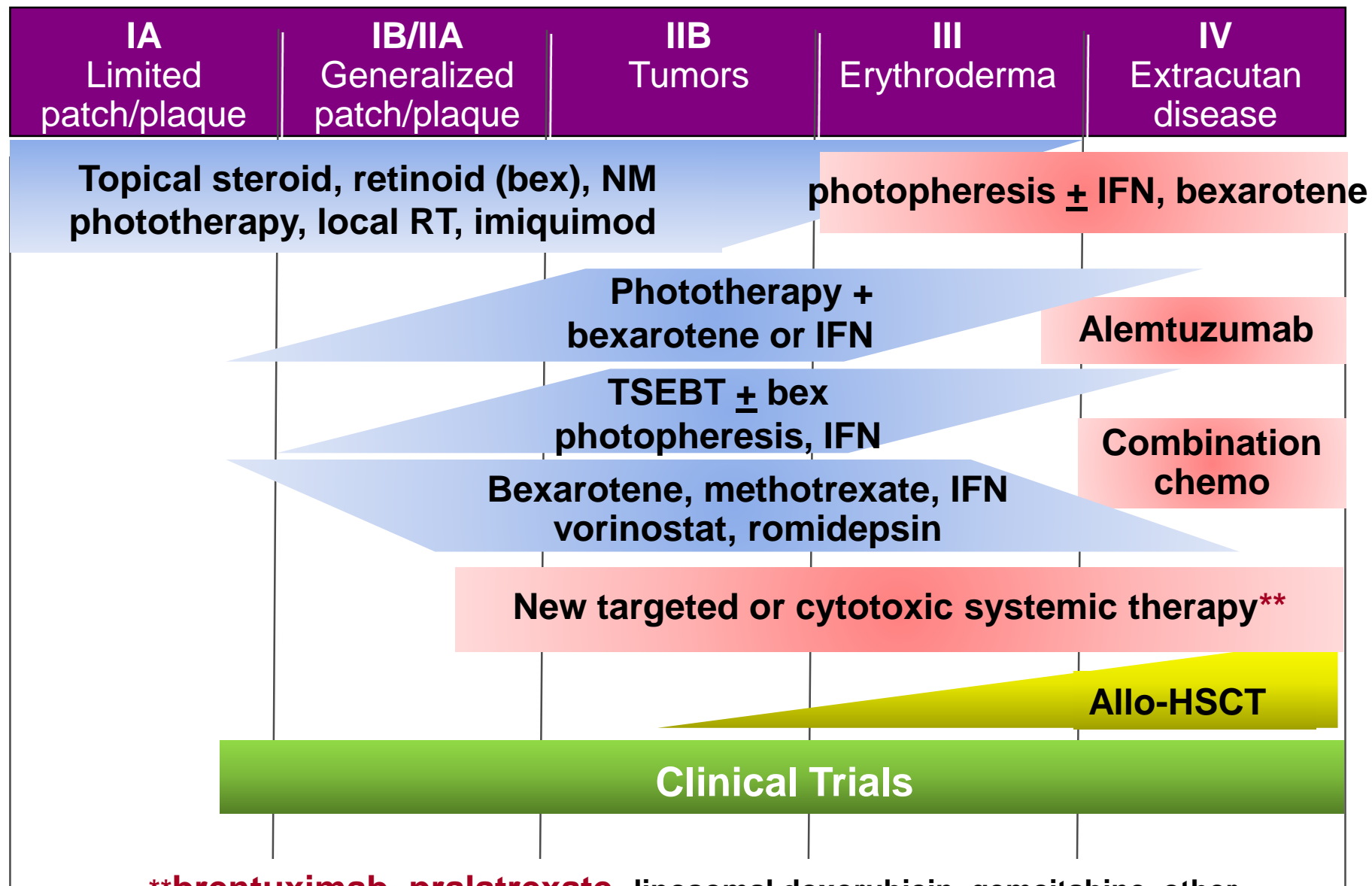
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**=> Stage-based management**



# Current Clinical Management of CTCL, 2016

[www.nccn.org](http://www.nccn.org) => NHL => MF/SS



\*\*brentuximab, pralatrexate, liposomal doxorubicin, gemcitabine, other

**What therapeutic advances have we made?**

# Advances in skin-directed therapies, to partner with systemic agents in CTCL

- Topical steroids
- Topical chemotherapy
  - FDA approval of topical mechlorethamine gel
- Topical retinoids (bexarotene)
- Topical imiquimod
- Phototherapy
  - UVB (narrow band, broad band)
  - PUVA (psoralen + UVA)
- **Radiation, *less is more***
  - **Low-dose (12 Gy) total skin electron beam therapy**
  - **Combine with immune modulation**
- Excimer, photodynamic therapy (not in NCCN)

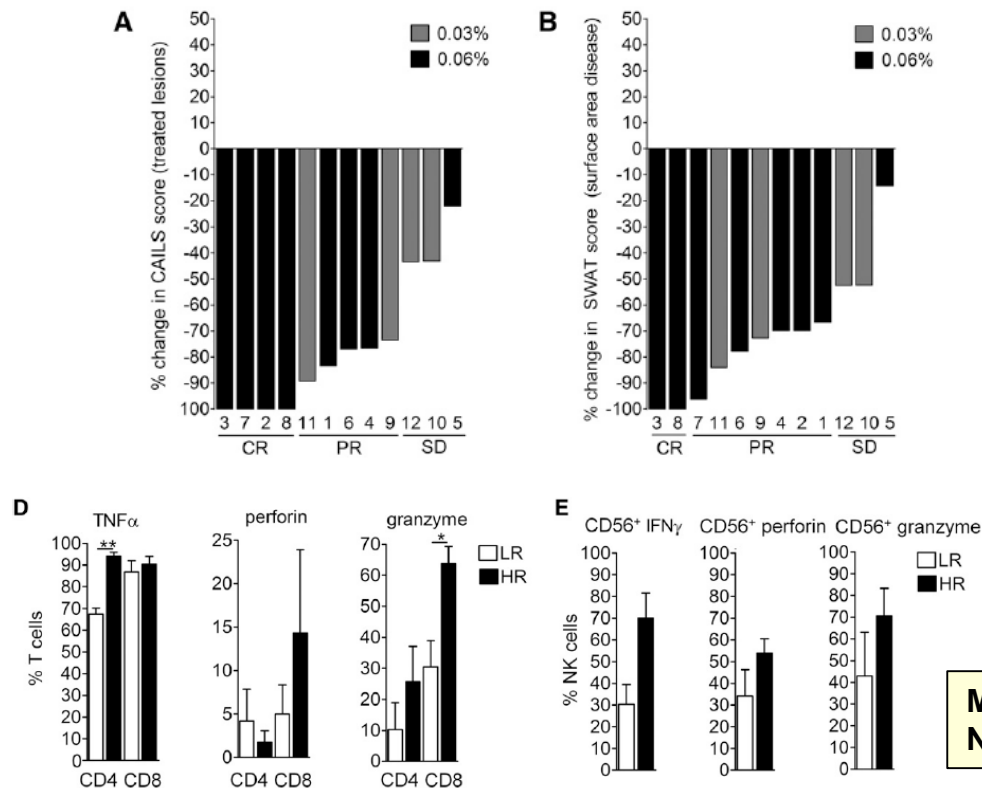
## New skin-directed therapies in clinical development:

- **Resiquimod**
- **Topical HDAC inhibitor (SHP-141/SHAPE)**
- **New PDT (hypericin)**

# Topical resiquimod can induce disease regression and enhance T-cell effector functions in cutaneous T-cell lymphoma

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**Malignant T cell eradication is a/w ↑T-cell and NK-effector functions in treated skin**



## MF IIB with LCT

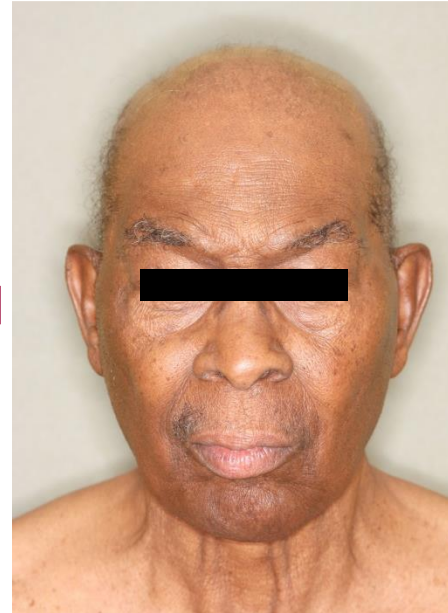


Standard  
dose  
TSEBT

36 Gy

***NOT CURATIVE,  
Retreatment limited***

***Why not use  
lower dose?***




# Low-dose total skin electron beam therapy as an effective modality to reduce disease burden in patients with mycosis fungoides: Results of a pooled analysis from 3 phase-II clinical trials

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72:286-92

- **Low-dose, 12 Gy (3 wks)** vs. standard, 36 Gy (10 wks)
- **Reliable/efficient reduction** in skin disease => **near 90% ORR, ~30% CR**
- **Less side effects:** no permanent hair loss, less skin toxicity
- **Can be given repetitively** in pt's course
- Low-dose can be followed or combined with other therapies to boost response and duration of benefit
- **Great option for folliculotropic disease or pts with multiple co-morbidities**

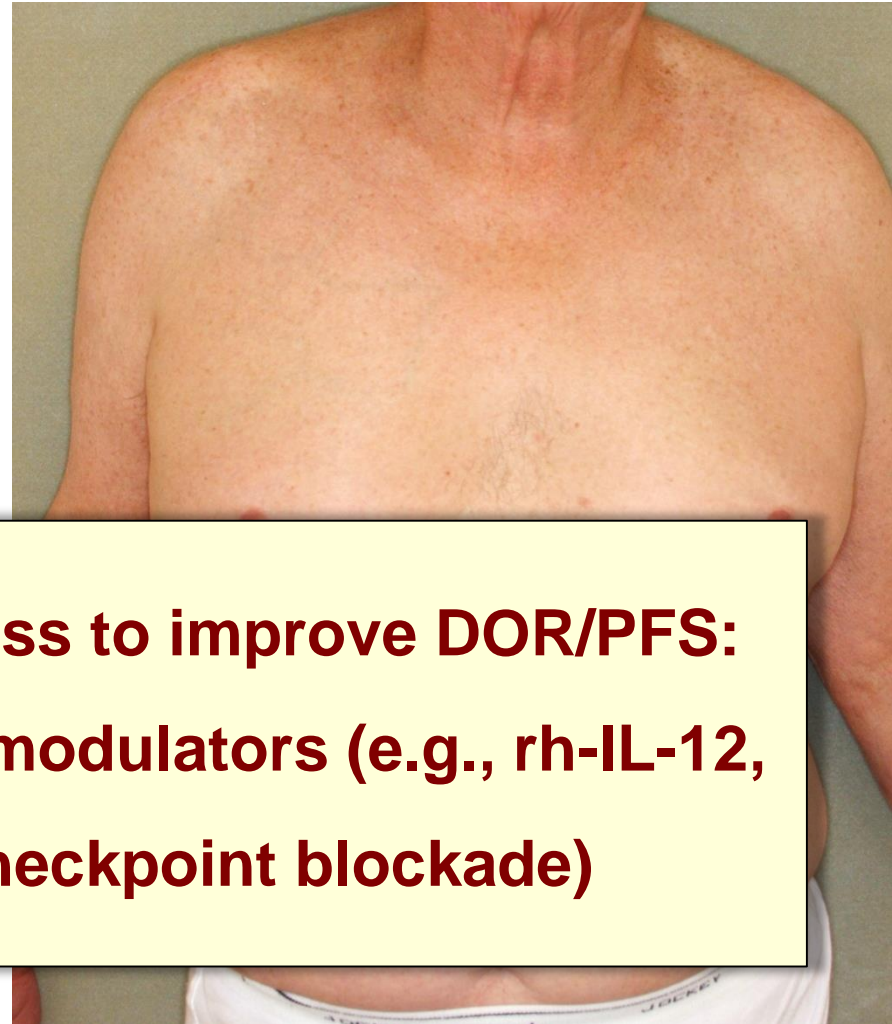
**Table II.** Best overall response to treatment at study termination, total time to response, and duration of clinical response

Characteristic	n (%)	Response data				ORR
		CR	PR	SD	PD	n (%)
Clinical stage						
All	33 (100)	9 (27)	20 (61)	4 (12)	0	29 (88)
IB	22 (67)	7	13	2	0	20 (91)
IIA	2 (6)	0	2	0	0	2 (100)
IIB	7 (21)	2	4	1	0	6 (96)
IIIA	2 (6)	0	1	1	0	1 (50)
Median time to response (range)		7.6 (3-12.4) wk				
Median duration of clinical benefit (95% CI)		70.7 (41.8-133.8) wk				

F-MF, n=8 (24%)  
LCT, n=4 (12%)



**Clinical response with low-dose (12 Gy) TSEBT**  
**69 yo M, stage IIB, folliculotropic MF, multiple comorbidities**



**Combination trials in progress to improve DOR/PFS:  
Low-dose TSEBT + immune modulators (e.g., rh-IL-12,  
IFN-gamma, immune checkpoint blockade)**

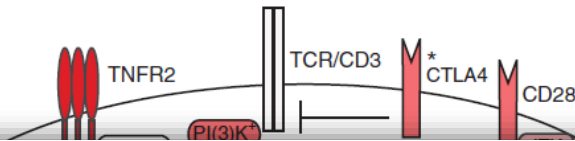
**Screening**  
**mSWAT 133**  
**Pruritus 8/10**

**Wk 16**  
**mSWAT 0 (CR)**  
**Pruritus 0/10**

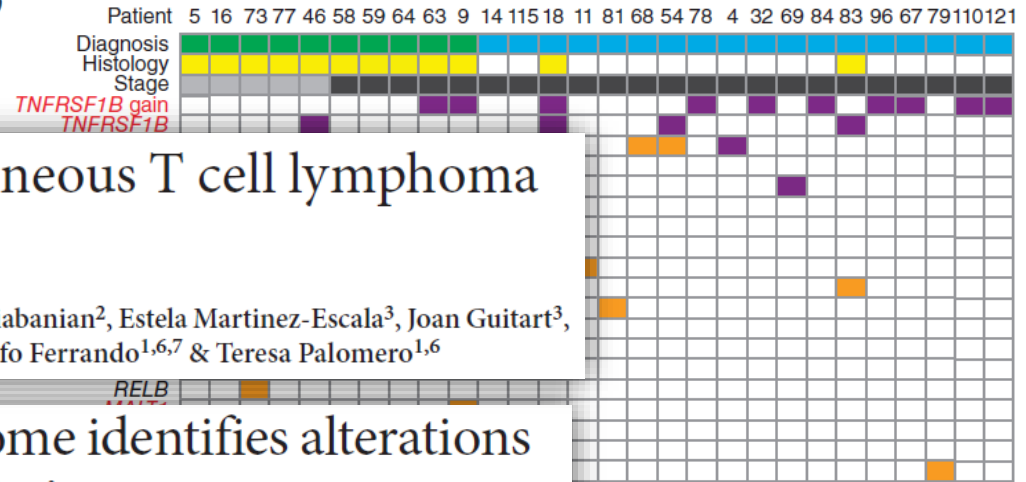
# Genomic analysis of mycosis fungoides and Sézary syndrome identifies recurrent alterations in TNFR2

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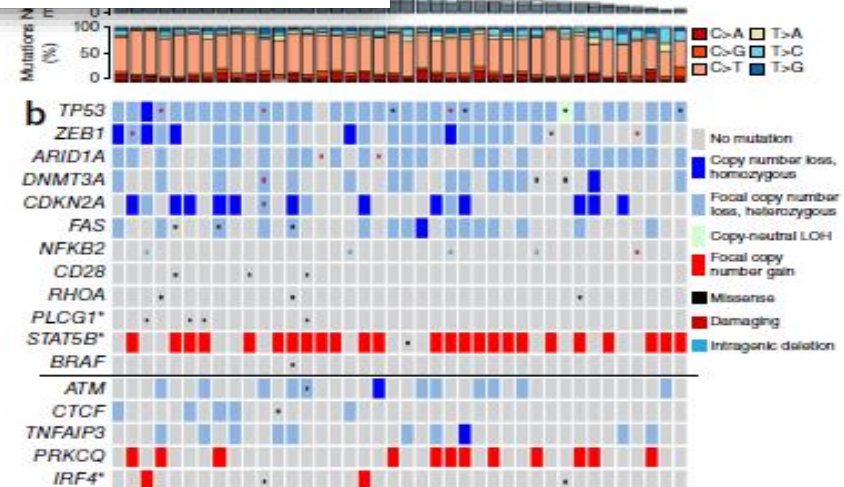
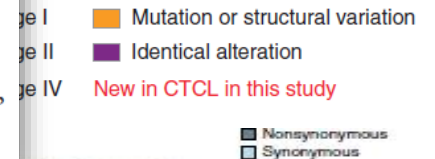


## The mutational landscape of cutaneous T cell lymphoma and Sézary syndrome

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## Genomic profiling of Sézary syndrome identifies alterations of key T cell signaling and differentiation genes

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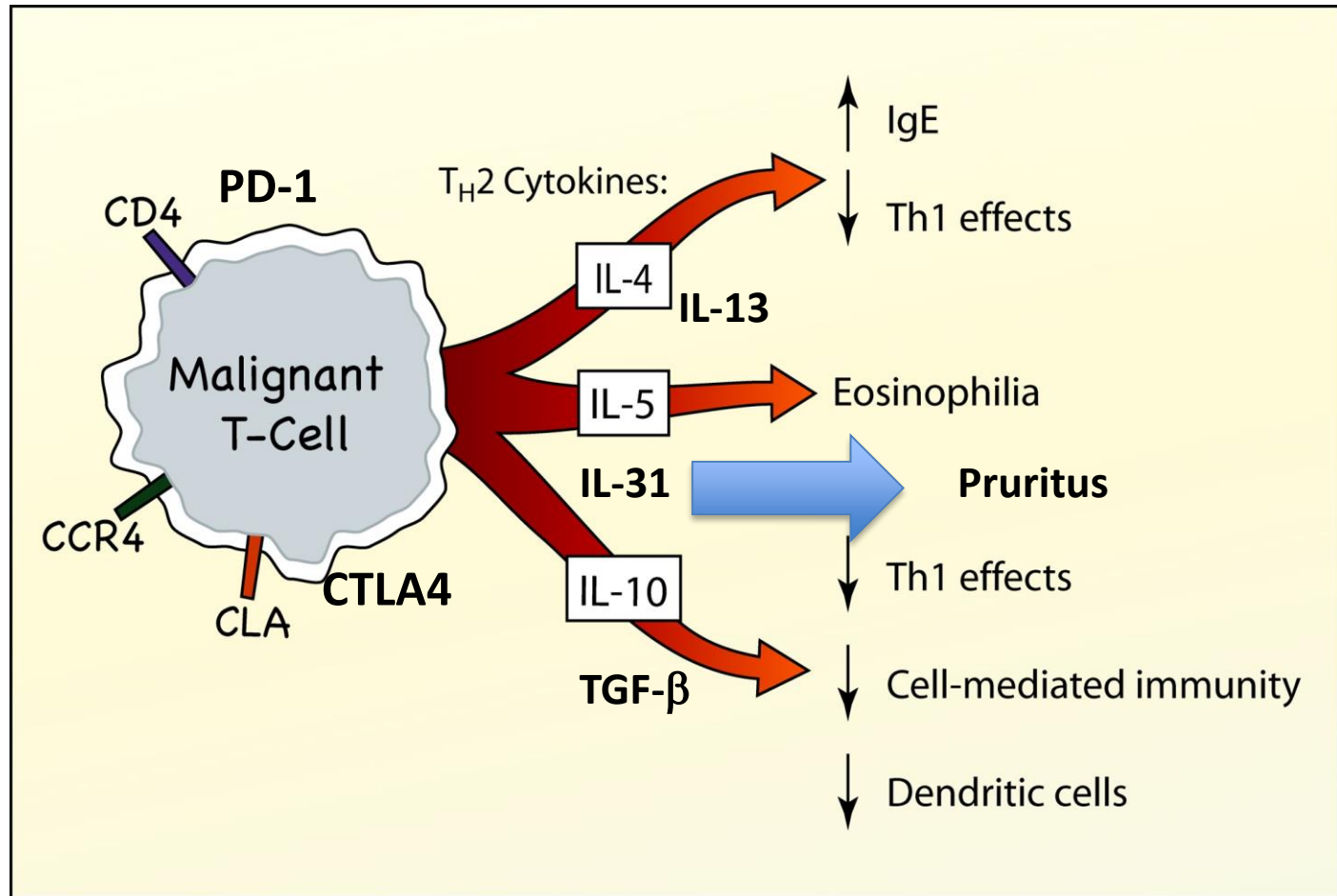


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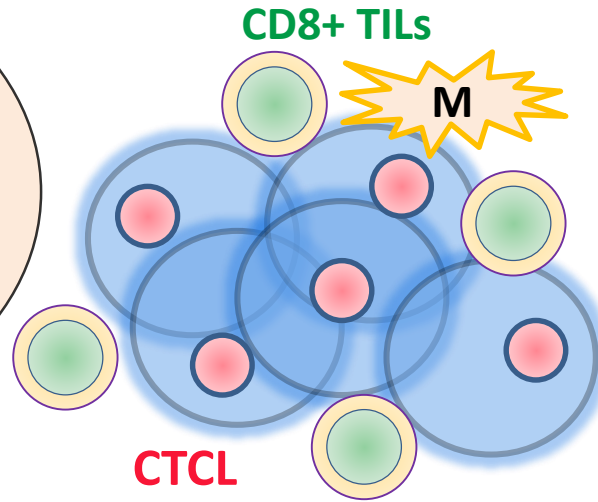
# Effects of soluble factors, immune dysregulation in MF/SS



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**Mogamulizumab**  
**Denileukin diftitox/E7777**  
**Alemtuzumab**  
**Anti-KIR3DL2 mab**

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**Anti-CTLA-4 mAbs**  
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**IDO inhibitor**  
**Treg depleting agents**

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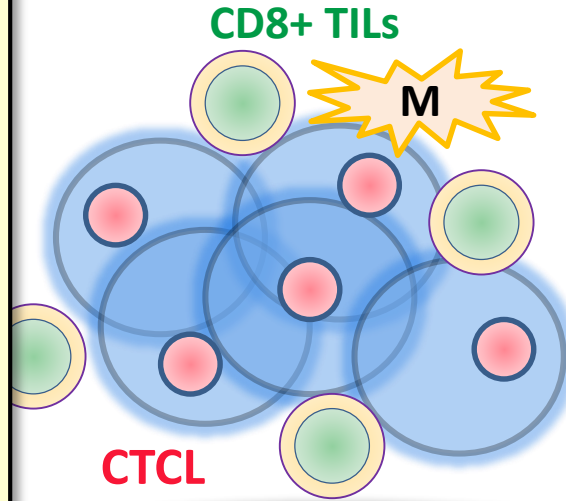
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**Bortezomib, carfilzomib**  
**Duvelisib, idelalisib**  
**Sirolimus, everolimus**  
**Jak inhibitors**  
**Syk-Jak dual inhibitor**  
**ITK inhibitor**  
**Anti-apoptotic agents**  
**Anti-miR-155**  
**HDAC inhibitors**  
**Demethylating agents**  
**Anti-folates (pralatrexate)**



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# Efficacy of Systemic Agents in CTCL

## Efficacy data for FDA approval

Agent (Class)	Indication	Year	Study	N	ORR	DOR
Romidepsin (HDAC inhibitor)	CTCL with prior systemic therapy	2009	Pivotal	96	34%	15 mo
			Supportive	71	35%	11 mo
Denilefemine (Fusion inhibitor)						4 mo
Bexarotene (RXR agonist)						5+ mo
Vorinostat (HDAC inhibitor)						6+ mo
			Supportive	33	24%	4 mo

***Need better therapies, more options:***  
***Brentuximab vedotin (anti-CD30 ADC)***  
***Mogamulizumab (anti-CCR4 mab)***  
***Both phase 3 RCT***  
***(superior DOR/PFS or impressive ORR)***

# Phase II Multi-Institutional Trial of the Histone Deacetylase Inhibitor Romidepsin As Monotherapy for Patients With Cutaneous T-Cell Lymphoma

Richard L. Piekarz, Robin Frye, Maria Turner, John J. Wright, Steven L. Allen, Mark H. Kirschbaum, Jasmine Zain, H. Miles Prince, John P. Leonard, Larisa J. Geskin, Craig Reeder, David Joske, William D. Figg, Erin R. Gardner, Seth M. Steinberg, Elaine S. Jaffe, Maryalice Stetler-Stevenson, Stephen Lade, A. Tito Fojo, and Susan E. Bates

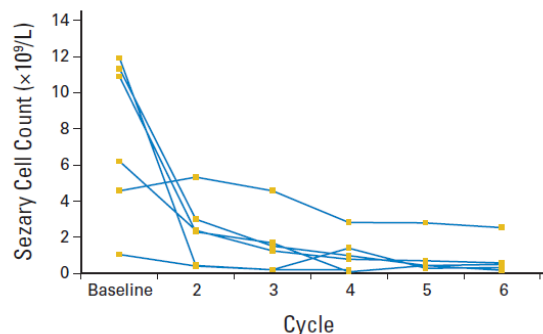
*J Clin Oncol* 2009;27:5410

## Final Results From a Multicenter, International, Pivotal Study of Romidepsin in Refractory Cutaneous T-Cell Lymphoma

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*J Clin Oncol* 2010;28:4485

	Pivotal study		NCI study	
	As-treated N = 96	Evaluable N = 72	As-treated N = 71	Evaluable N = 63
ORR, n (%)	33 (34%)	30 (42%)	25 (35%)	25 (40%)
95% CI	[25, 45]	[30, 54]	[25, 49]	[28, 53]
CCR, n (%)	6 (6%)	6 (8%)	4 (6%)	4 (6%)



**Rapid and sustained  
blood Sez cell response**

## Romidepsin administration 14 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV D1, 8, 15 of 28d cycle

**Table 2.** Disease Response

Response	All Patients (N = 96)		
	No.	%	95% CI
ORR (CR + PR)	33	34	25 to 45
CR	6	6	2 to 13
PR	27	28	19 to 38
SD	45	47	37 to 57
PD	10	10	5 to 18
Stage IB and IIA (n = 28)			
ORR	7	25	
CR	1	4	
Stage IIB (n = 21)			
ORR	9	43	
CR	2	10	
Stage III (n = 23)			
ORR	9	39	
CR	1	4	
Stage IVA (n = 24)			
ORR	8	33	
CR	2	8	
Stage IIB to IVA (n = 68)			
ORR	26	38	
CR	5	7	
ORR in patients with blood involvement (n = 37)			
	12	32	
Duration of response (OR; n = 33), months*			
Median		15.0	
Range		0.0+-19.8+	
TTR (OR; n = 33), months			
Median		2.0	
Range		0.9-4.8	
TTR (CR; n = 6), months			
Median		4	
Range		0.9-6.9	
TTP (n = 33), months			
Median		8	
Range		0+-21.7+	

# 39 F, subcutaneous panniculitis-like TCL with HPS Rapid improvement with romidepsin therapy

**Pre-treatment**



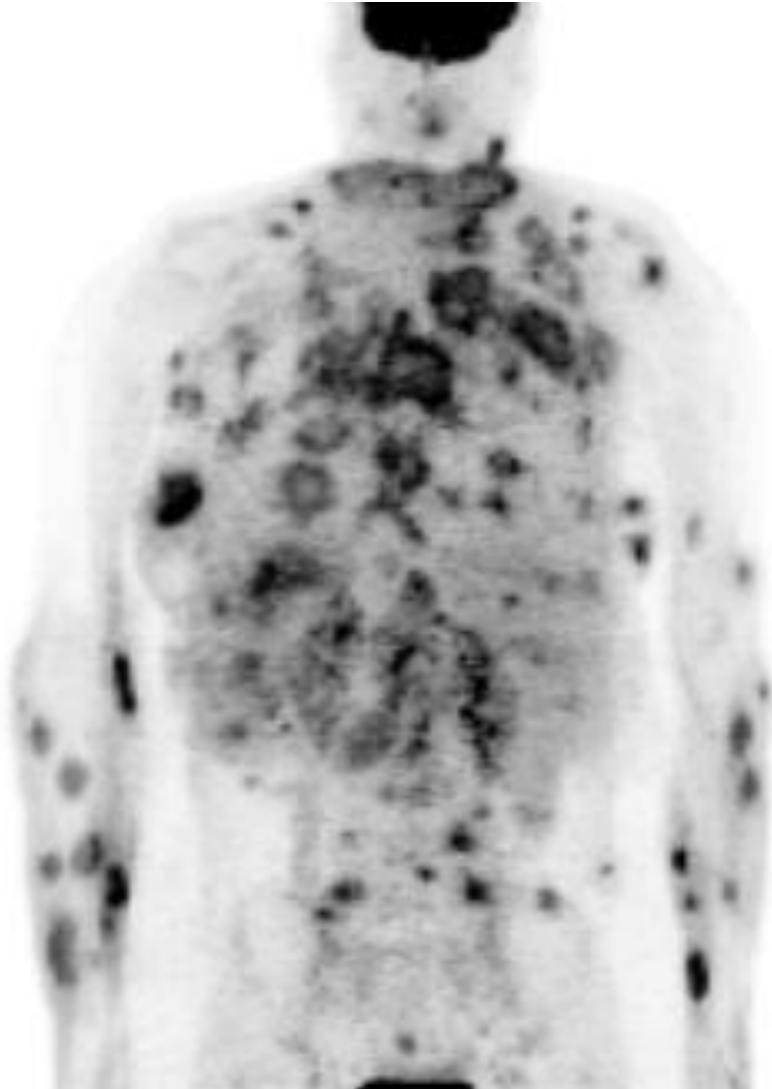
**After 2 cycles**





# Improvement demonstrated by PET/CT

Pre-romidepsin

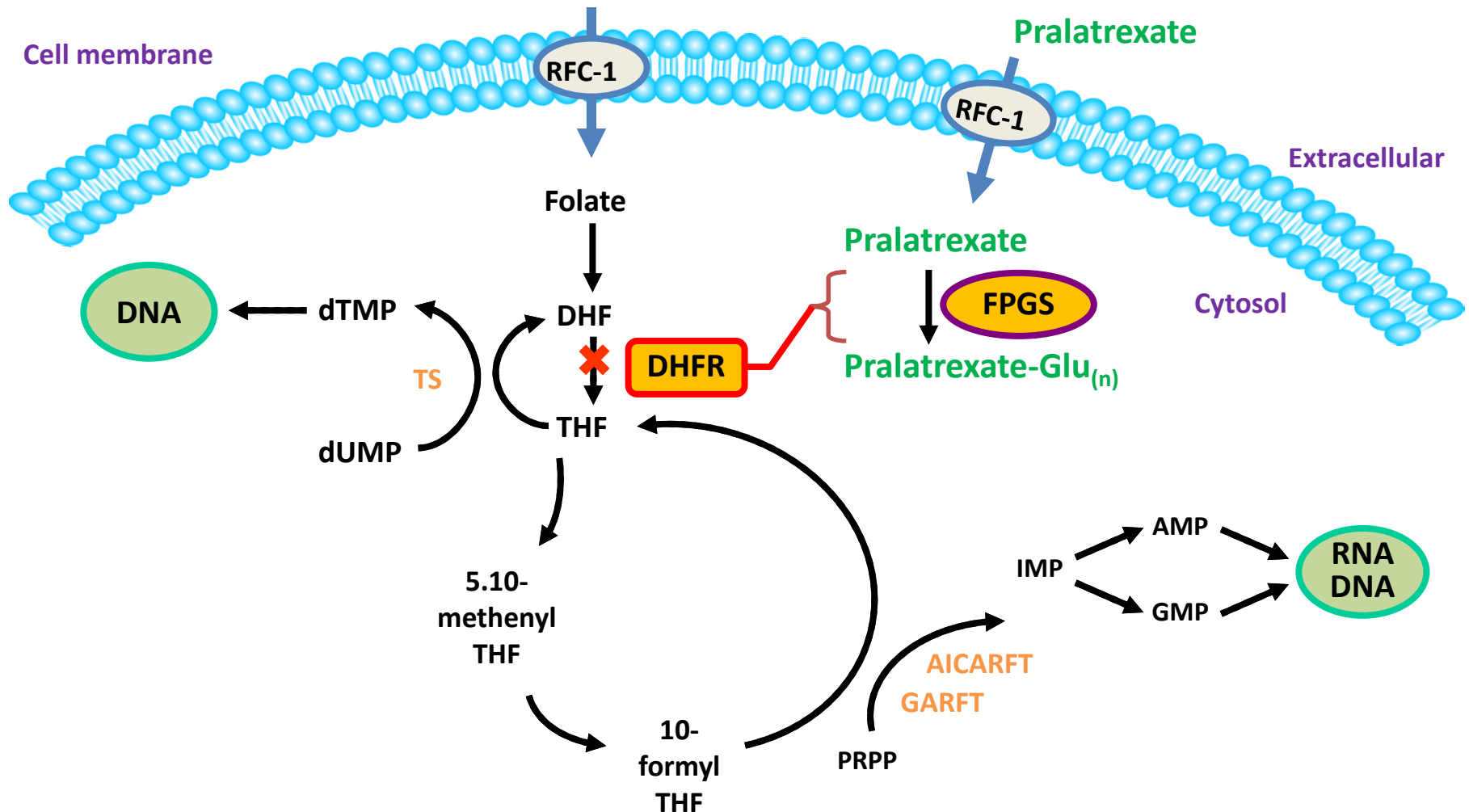


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# Pralatrexate with improved tumor selectivity

- Improved **anti-folate** agent => **↑ cellular uptake/retention, tumor > normal**
- High affinity for RFC-1; efficient substrate for polyglutamylation by FPGS
- Antifolate activity via the inhibition of DHFR.



## Identification of an active, well-tolerated dose of pralatrexate in patients with relapsed or refractory cutaneous T-cell lymphoma

Steven M. Horwitz, Youn H. Kim, Francine Foss, Jasmine M. Zain, Patricia L. Myskowski, Mary Jo Lechowicz, David C. Fisher, Andrei R. Shustov, Nancy L. Bartlett, Maria L. Delioukina, Tony Koutsoukos, Michael E. Saunders, Owen A. O'Connor and Madeleine Duvic

Doses $\geq 15$ mg/m <sup>2</sup> , 3/4 weeks (IV)	61% ORR
<b>Optimal dose in CTCL, 15 mg/m<sup>2</sup>, 3/4 weeks (IV)</b>	<b>45% ORR</b>
<b>DOR, estimate rate at 6 mo</b>	<b>73%</b>
<b>Median PFS not reached; estimate rate at 6 mo</b>	<b>70%</b>

	Optimal Dose, 15 mg/m <sup>2</sup> N=29		
Event	ALL	Grade 1-2	Grade 3
Stomatitis	14 (48%)	9 (31)	5 (17%)
Fatigue	11 (38%)	10 (34%)	1 (3%)
Nausea	9 (31%)	9 (31%)	0 (0%)
Skin toxicity**	6 (21%)	4 (14%)	2 (7%)

**No great data that combinations is more meaningful over single agent PDX in CTCL patients:**

**PDX + bex (Duvic et al ASH 2015)**

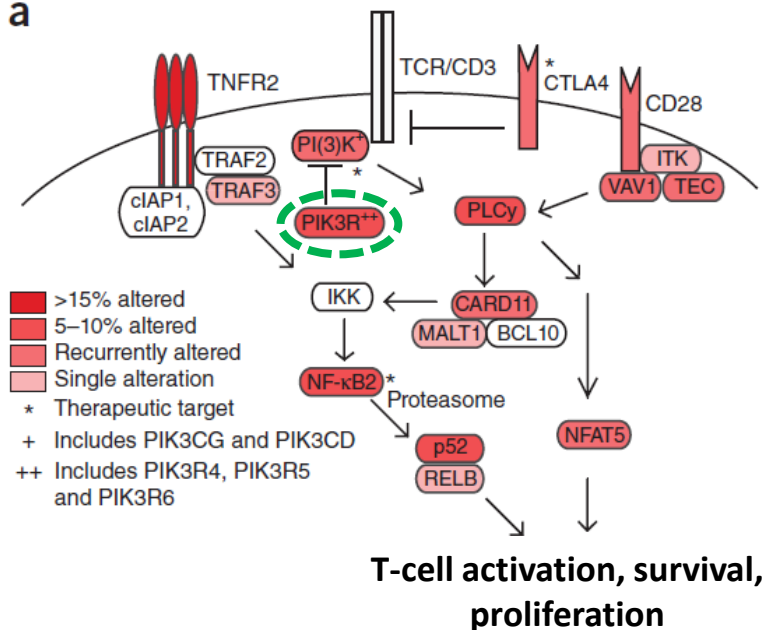
- MTD = PDX 15 mg/m<sup>2</sup> + bex 150 mg/m<sup>2</sup>
  - ORR 60%, 4 CR, 14 PR
  - DOR estimate at 6 mo 67%
  - Median PFS = 12.8 mo
- ↑toxicity related terminations

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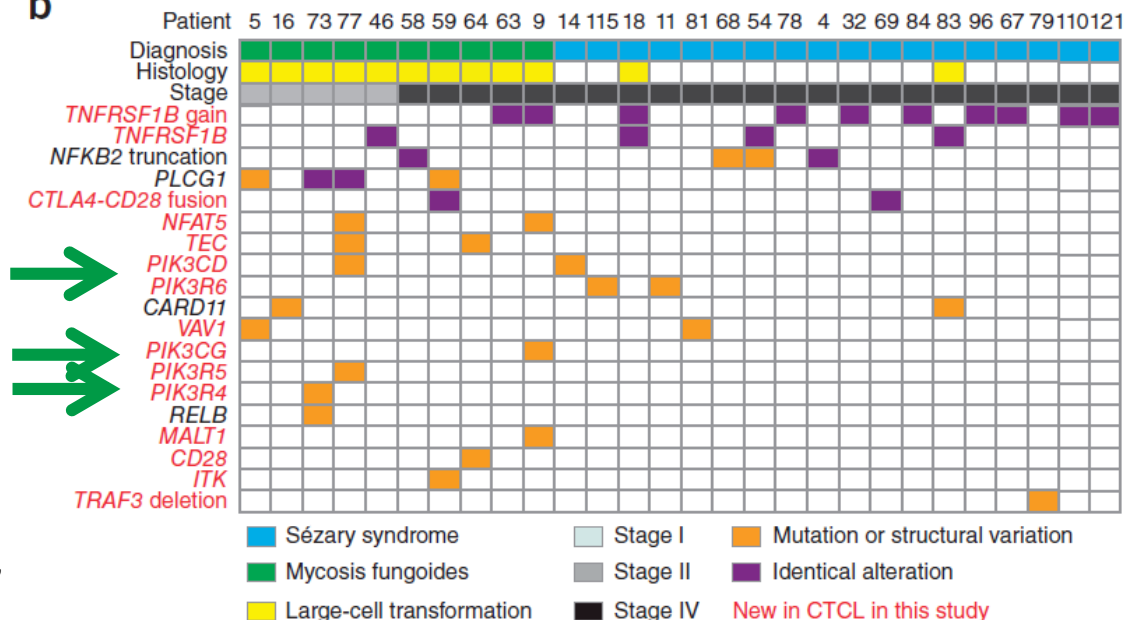
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# **Duvelisib (IPI-145), a Phosphoinositide-3-Kinase- $\delta,\gamma$ Inhibitor, Shows Activity in Patients with Relapsed/Refractory T-Cell Lymphoma**

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# Clinical Activity in TCL

Population	n	Best Response, n (%)					Median Time to Response, months (Range)
		CR	PR	SD	PD	ORR	
All TCL	33	2 (6)	12 (36)	7 (21)	12 (36)	<b>14 (42)</b>	1.9 (1.5, 3.8)
PTCL	15	2 (13)	6 (40)	1 (7)	6 (40)	<b>8 (53)</b>	1.9 (1.5, 3.5)
CTCL	18	0	6 (33)	6 (33)	6 (33)	<b>6 (33)</b>	2.4 (1.6, 3.8)

Includes evaluable patients = at least 1 on-treatment response assessment or PD without assessment

CR = complete response; PR = partial response; SD = stable disease; PD = progressive disease

ORR = CR + PR

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## Clinical trials with duvelisib combination strategies in CTCL

- CTCL: PRs in 4 MF, 1 Sézary syndrome, and 1 MF-LCT

# Targets for therapy in cutaneous T-cell lymphoma

## Tumor cell surface molecules

(e.g., CD4, CD25, CD30, CD52, **CCR4**, CD158k/KIR3DL2)

CD8+ TILs

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## Microenvironment, immune mechanisms

(e.g., PD-1, PD-L1, CTLA-4, SIRP $\alpha$ /CD47, IDO, MDSC, Tregs)

**CCR4**, an attractive target:  
CCR4 is expressed in malignant T cells and T<sub>regs</sub>

⇒ **Tumor-directed and possible added immune modulatory effects**

**Anti-CCR4 mAb selectively depletes effector-type FoxP3<sup>+</sup>CD4<sup>+</sup> regulatory T cells, evoking antitumor immune responses in humans**

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**Approved in Japan 2012 for pts with ATL and  
in 2014 for CTCL and PTCL**

# Phase 1/2 study of mogamulizumab, a defucosylated anti-CCR4 antibody, in previously treated patients with cutaneous T-cell lymphoma

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## Reduction of Regulatory T Cells by Mogamulizumab, a Defucosylated Anti-CC Chemokine Receptor 4 Antibody, in Patients with Aggressive/Refractory Mycosis Fungoides and Sézary Syndrome

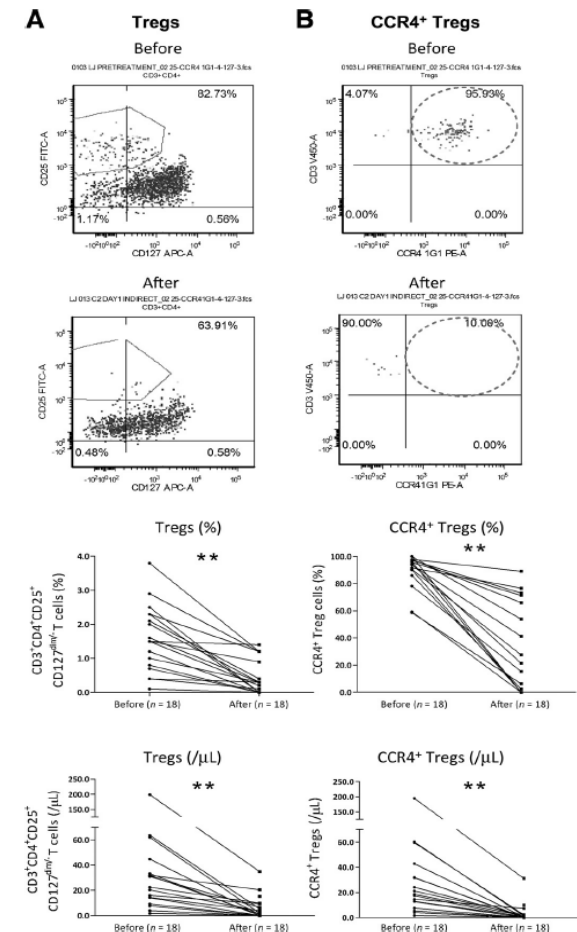
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### Peripheral blood:

- CCR4 expression on malignant T cell = 21-100%
- CCR4 expression on Tregs = 59-100% (mean 88%)
- Significant reduction of CCR4+ cells after treatment
- Overall ↑ % CD8+ T cells; ↑ NK cells after treatment with restoration of NK function

### Lesional skin:

- ↓infiltrating CCR4+ and/or FoxP3+ T cells





# Overall response rate in phase 1/2 study

	ORR	No. of patients			
		CR	PR	SD	PD
Sezary Syndrome (N=17)	47%	2	6	7	2
Mycosis Fungoides (N=21)	29%	1	5	12	3
TOTAL (N=38)	37%	3	11	19	5

Intravenous administration, weekly x 4, then every 2 wks

# Case Study: Patient 03-Stanford

(SS; Stage IVA; 6 Prior Therapies; 0.3 mg/kg)

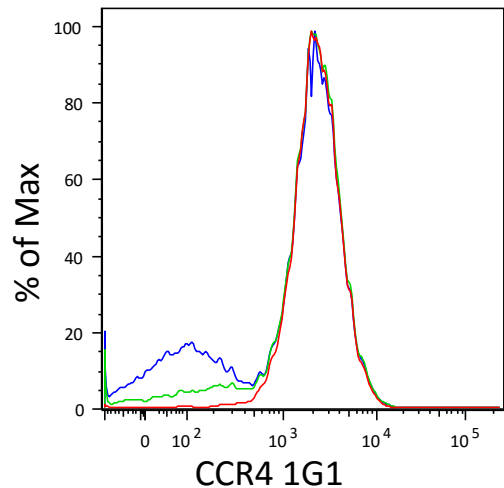
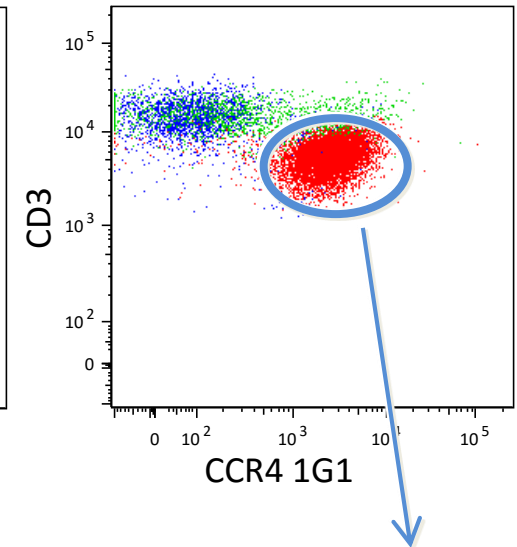
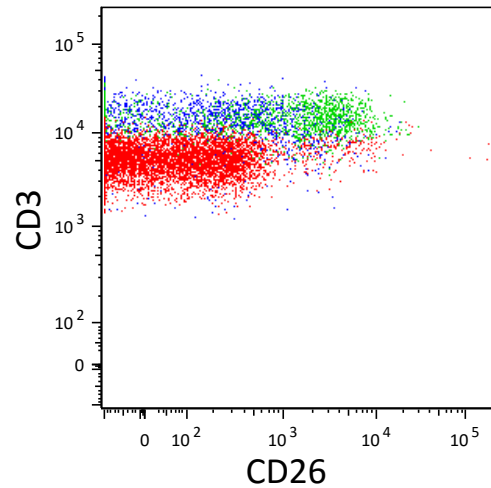
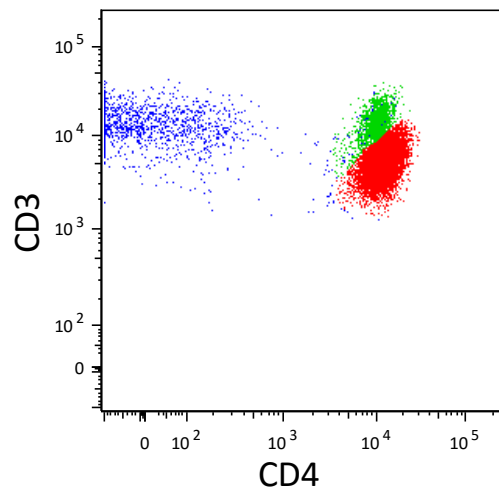


Pretreatment  
Course 1 Day 1



Post treatment  
Post Course 11

# Response in Blood: Patient 01-Stanford (SS; Stage IVA; 6 prior therapies; 0.1 mg/kg) Pre-treatment

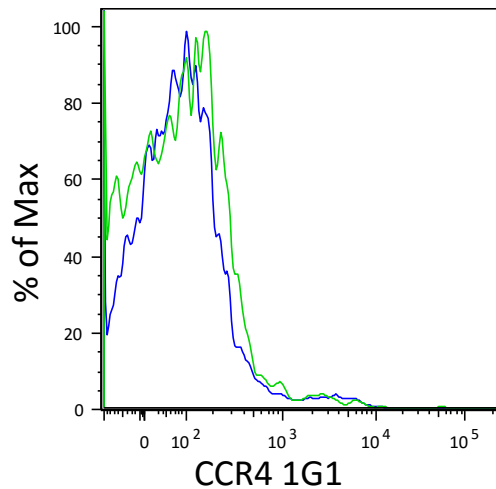
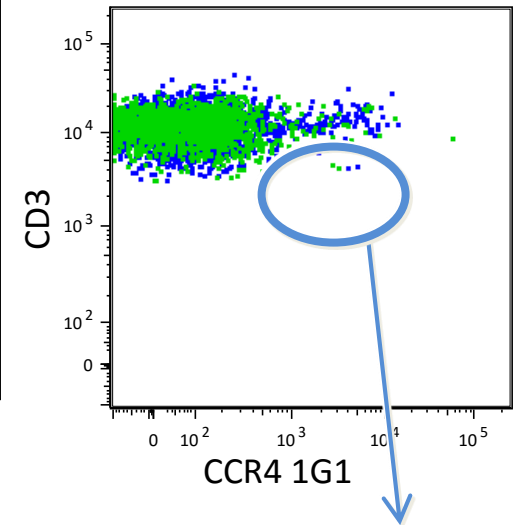
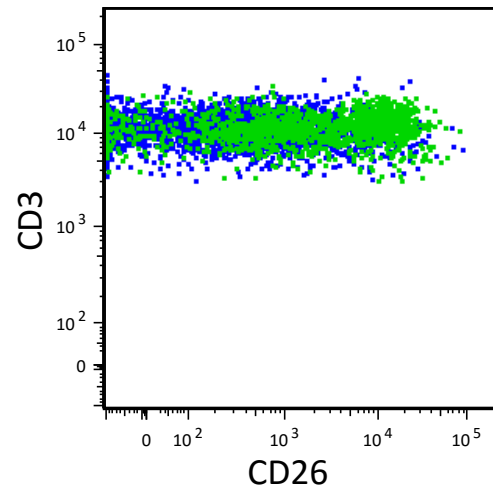
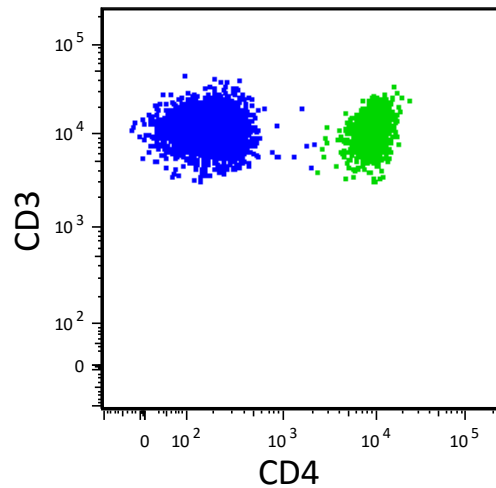





■ Lymphoma cells  
■ Normal CD3+CD4+  
■ CD3+CD4neg

**Lymphoma cells**

# Response in Blood: Patient 01-Stanford

## Post-treatment



 Lymphoma cells  
 Normal CD3+CD4+  
 CD3+CD4neg

**Lymphoma cells  
undetectable**

**Maintaining  
response >2 yrs**



**Table 2. Nonhematologic adverse events regardless of relationship to treatment reported by >10% of patients in the safety population (N = 42)**

Preferred term*	Patients, n (%)			
	Grade 1-2	Grade 3	Grade 4-5	Total
Nausea	11 (26.2)	2 (4.8)	0 (0)	13 (31.0)
Chills	10 (23.8)	0 (0)	0 (0)	10 (23.8)
Infusion-related reaction	9 (21.4)	0 (0)	0 (0)	9 (21.4)
Headache	9 (21.4)	0 (0)	0 (0)	9 (21.4)
Pyrexia	8 (19.0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	8 (19.0)
Fatigue	7 (16.7)	0 (0)	0 (0)	7 (16.7)
Cutaneous drug eruption	6 (14.3)	1 (2.4)	0 (0)	7 (16.7)
Diarrhea	5 (11.9)	1 (2.4)	0 (0)	6 (14.3)
Pruritus	5 (11.9)	0 (0)	0 (0)	5 (11.9)
Upper respiratory tract infection	5 (11.9)	0 (0)	0 (0)	5 (11.9)
Vomiting	3 (7.1)	2 (4.8)	0 (0)	5 (11.9)

# **KW-0761 (mogamulizumab, anti-CCR4)**

## **Clinical Development Summary**

- Clinical responses are most impressive in the skin and blood compartments in ATL and CTCL
- Absence of infections with chronic therapy, no need for antimicrobial prophylaxis ( $\leftrightarrow$  alemtuzumab)

***Phase III RCT (vs. vorinostat) in CTCL  
completed enrollment***

***First CTCL trial to use PFS as primary  
endpoint for approval***

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CD8+ TILs

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## Microenvironment, immune mechanisms

(e.g., PD-1, PD-L1, CTLA-4, SIRP $\alpha$ /CD47, IDO, MDSC, Tregs)

**CD30**, an attractive target:  
CD30 expression is increased in  
proliferative or malignant  
lymphocytes

=> **good tumor selectivity**

Tumor

mecha

Signal

(e.g.,

RAS/R

**Apoptotic pathways** (e.g. Bcl/Bax, TNFR, Fas, miRNAs)

**Epigenetics** (e.g., histone, non-histone proteins)

**Metabolic/survival pathways** (e.g., RFC-1, PARP)

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ORIGINAL REPORT

Results of a Phase II Trial of Brentuximab Vedotin for  
CD30<sup>+</sup> Cutaneous T-Cell Lymphoma and  
Lymphomatoid Papulosis

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# CD30 as a target in MF/SS

- **HL and sALCL with consistent expression of CD30 on tumor cells and high response rates**
  - accelerated FDA-approval 8/2011
  - Similarly, good clinical activity in cutaneous CD30+ ALCL expected
- **MF/SS with variable CD30 expression in neoplastic cells**
  - Transformed MF with more frequent and greater CD30 expression, 30-50%
  - Non-transformed MF, 0-15% (majority of MF)



# Patient characteristics, n=32

Age (y), median (range)		62 (20-87)	
Sex, n (%)		Men	19 (59)
		Women	13 (41)
Stage, n (%)		IB	4 (13)
		IIA	0
		IIB	18 (56)
		III	0
		IV/SS	10 (31)
Large cell transformation (LCT) Folliculotropic MF (FMF), n (%)		LCT	16 (50)
		FMF	8 (25)
		LCT & FMF	5 (15)
Prior systemic therapies, median (range)		3 (1-13)	
CD30 baseline, % of skin infiltrate, n (%)	A: < 10%	14 (43)	
	B: 10-50%	14 (43)	
	C: >50%	4 (13)	

Advanced stage (88%)

F-MF, LCT (90%)

Variable CD30

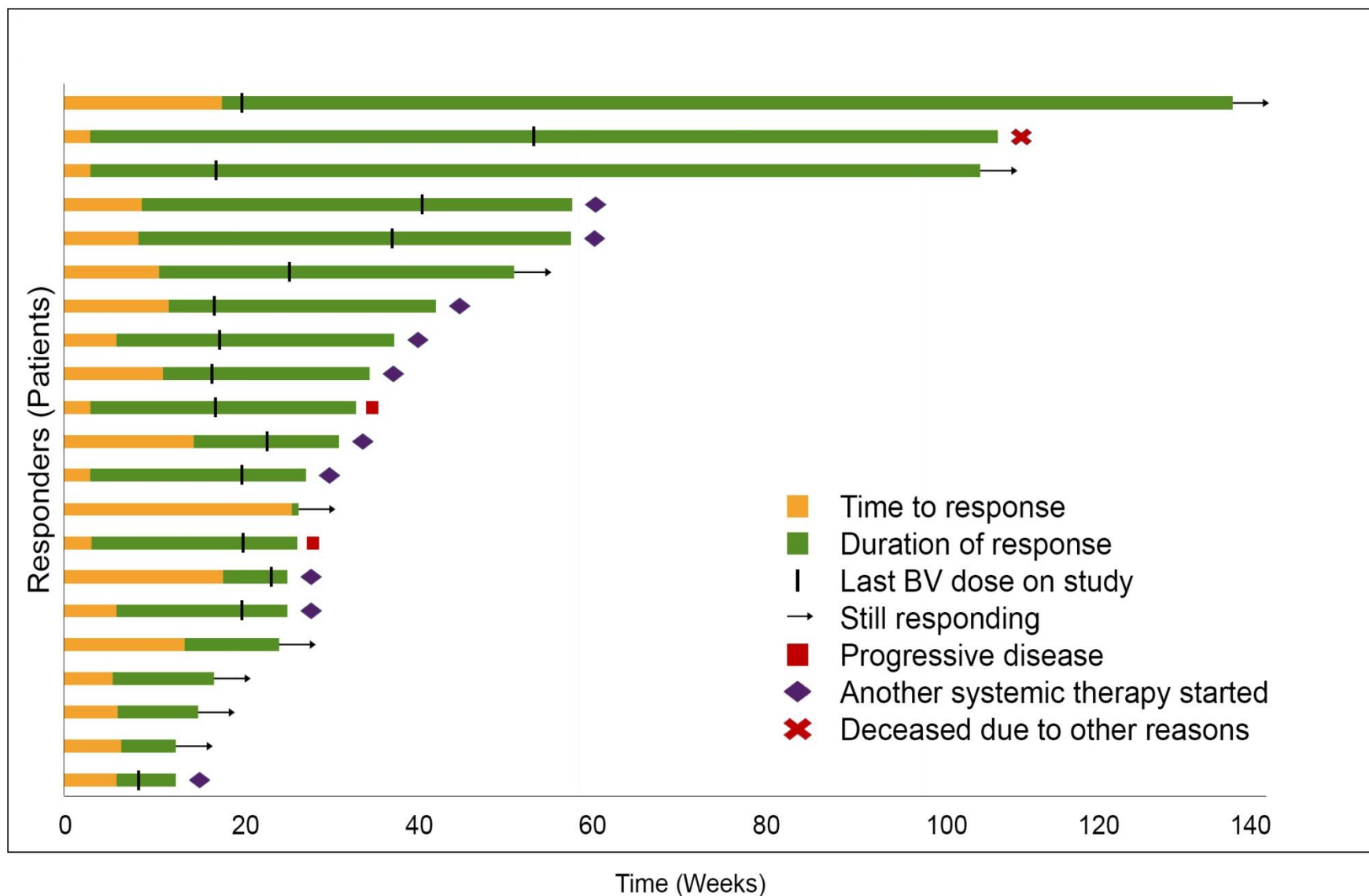
## Global response by clinical stage

Stage	Response Rate	CR	PR	SD	PD
IB (n=4)	75%	0	3	1	0
IIB (n=18)	78%	0	14	2	2
IV/SS (n=8)*	50%	1	3	1	3
Total n= 30*	70%	1	20	4	5

\*Unable to evaluate response in 2 patients

**1.8 mg/kg every 3 wks x 8, cont only if ongoing benefit, max 16;  
dose-modification with Gr 2 PN**

# Time course in 21 patients with objective/global clinical responses



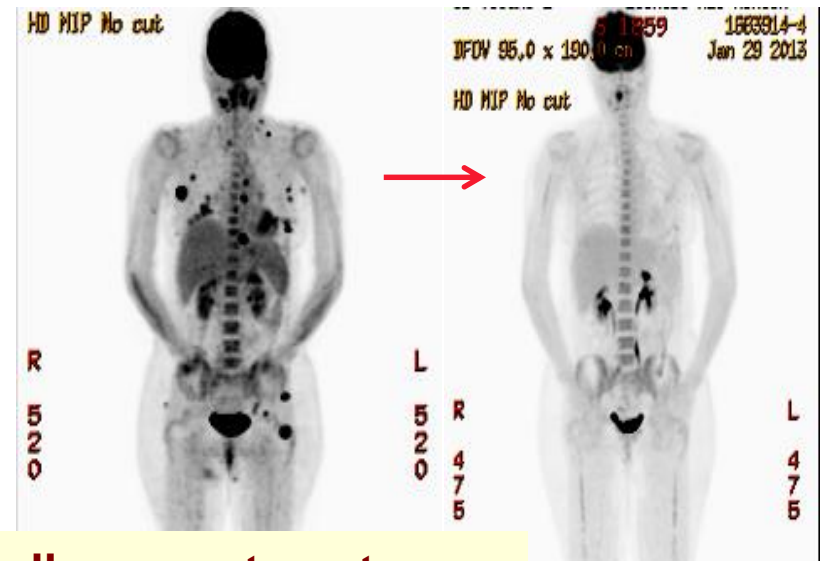
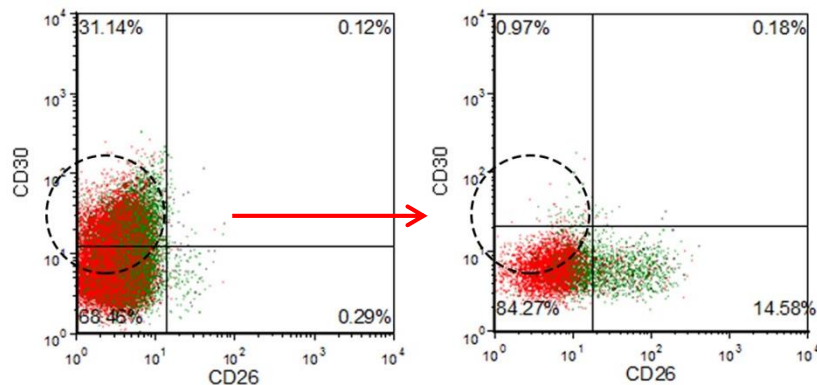
- **Median TTR = 6.6 wk (3.0-27.0)**
- **At 6, 12 mo, 90%, 79% are continuing responses by KM estimate**

# Great clinical response to brentuximab vedotin in MF/SS

Sézary syndrome, IVA<sub>1</sub>

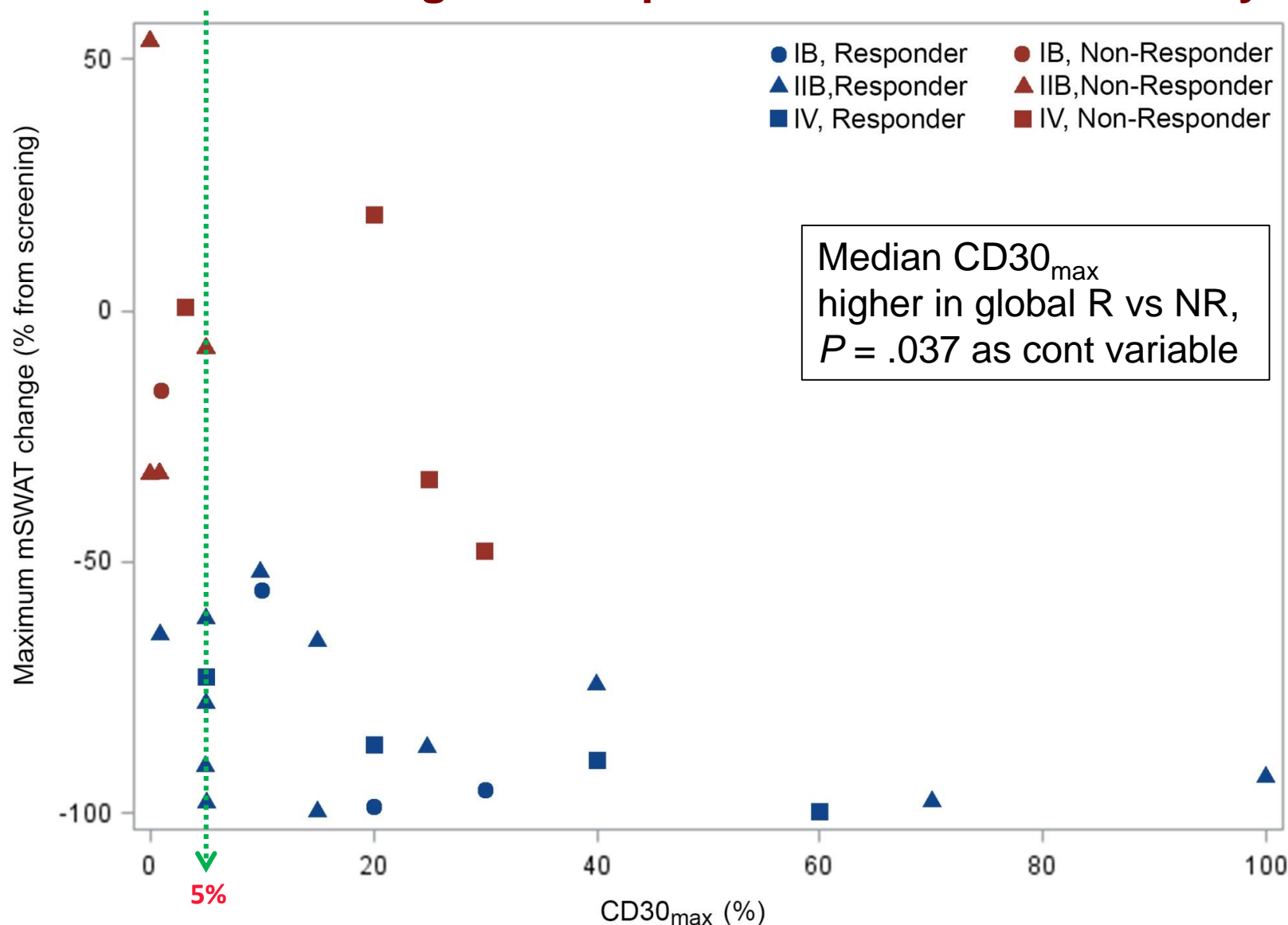


MF IVA<sub>2</sub> LN with LCT



**BV demonstrates clinical activity in all compartments**

# Correlation of skin/global response with skin CD30<sub>max</sub> by IHC



**Global ORR by CD30<sub>max</sub> <5% vs ≥5%, 17% vs. 83%,  $P = .0046$**   
**Significance of 5% threshold confirmed in matured, pooled analysis (n=71)**



# Summary and Conclusions

- Brentuximab vedotin showed significant clinical activity in refractory/advanced MF/SS, majority with F-MF/LCT
  - Primary endpoint met: ORR 70% (90% CI, 53%-83%), sig greater than 35% ORR recent FDA-approved agents
  - Responses seen across all stages/compartments
  - Encouraging duration of clinical benefit

**Included in the 2015 NCCN NHL practice guidelines**

**Phase III RCT (vs MD choice- oral bex or MTX)**

**completed, pending FDA submission:**

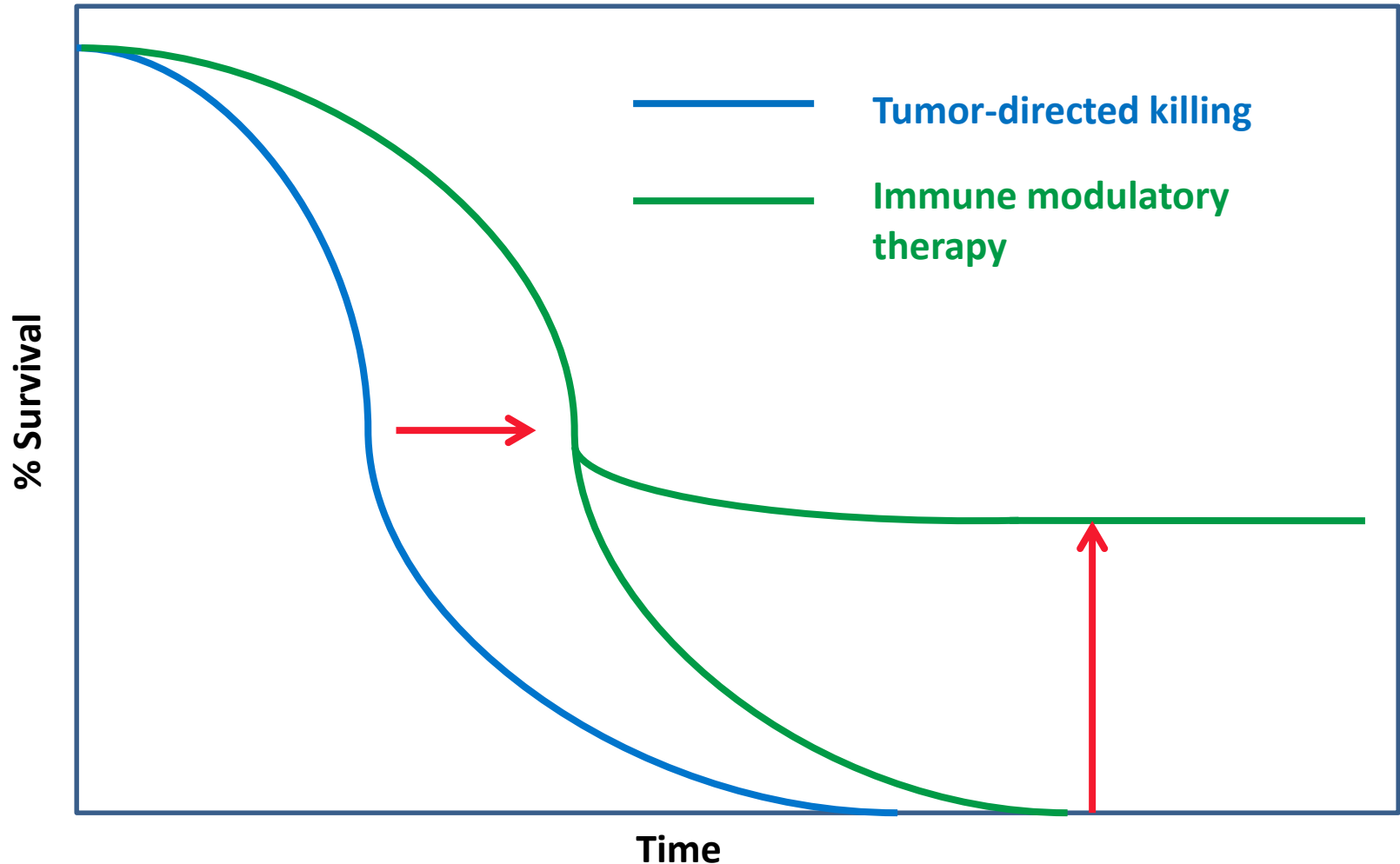
**Included MF and pcALCL, excluded SS**

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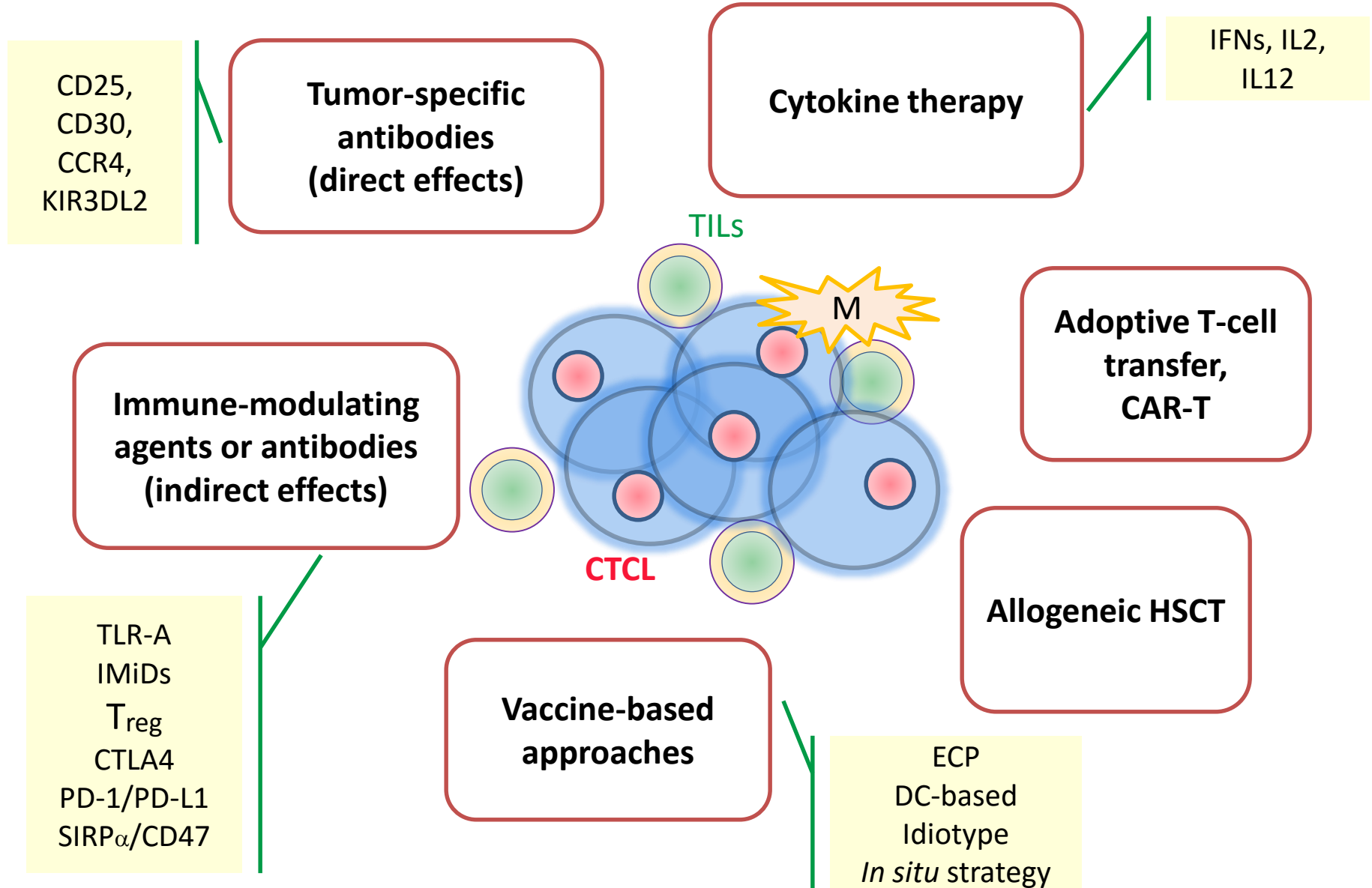
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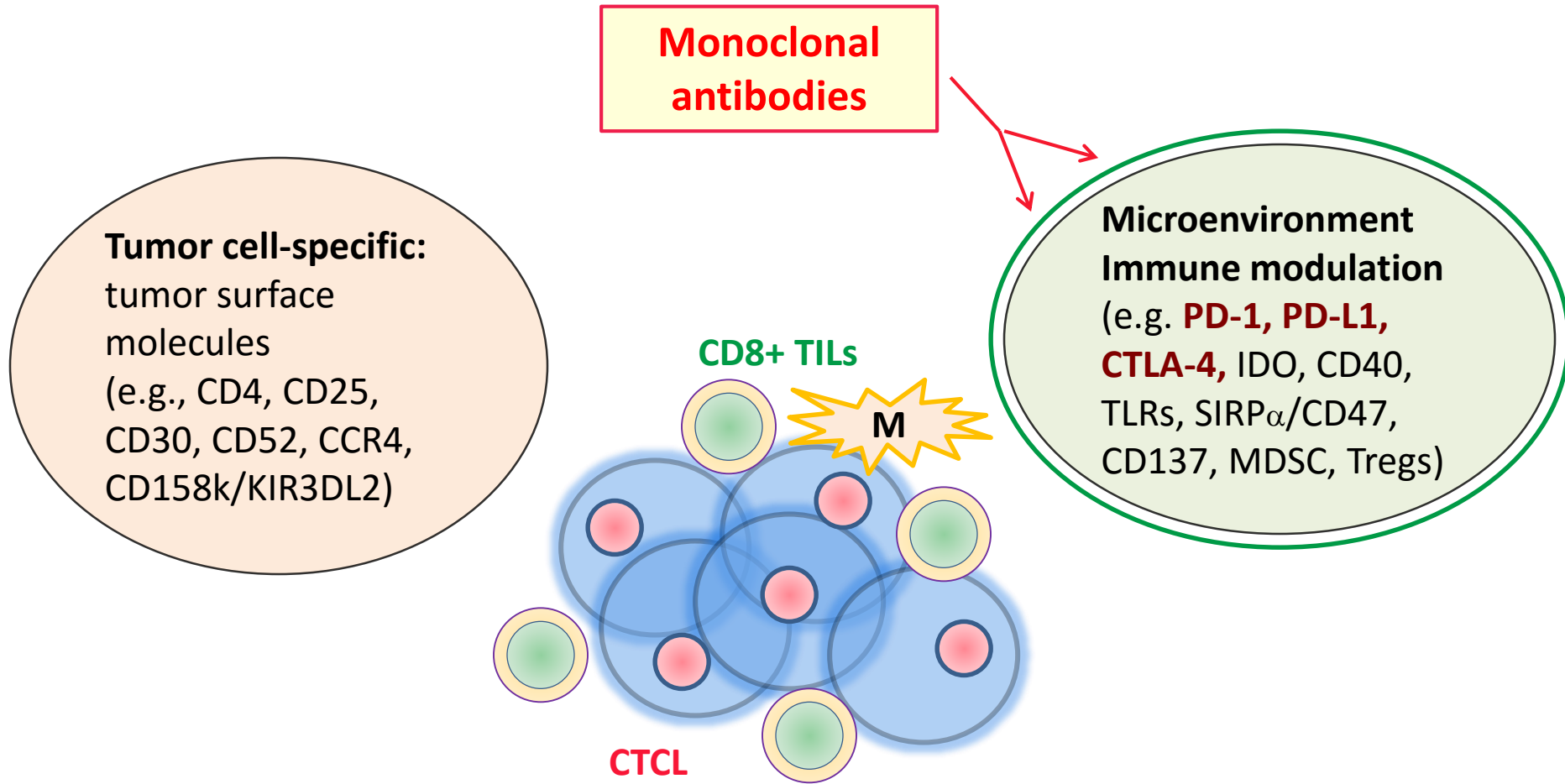
*Partnering with immunotherapy*



# Immunotherapy strategies in CTCL



# Targeting T-cell immune checkpoints in MF/SS



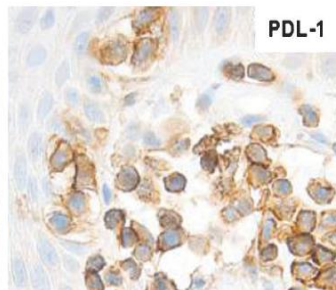
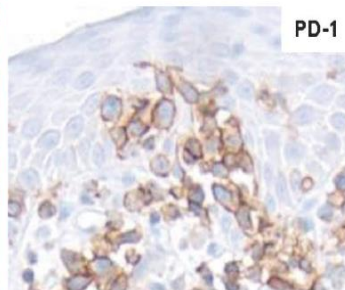
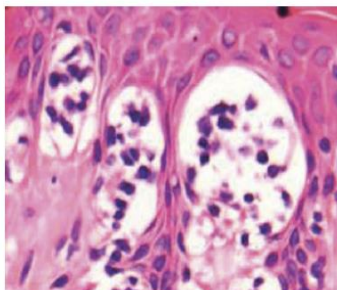
# Rationale for immune checkpoint blockade in MF/SS

- Systemic and local tissue immune impairment is observed
- Mounting evidence that T cell immunity is critical for meaningful antitumor response
- Tumor-infiltrating CD8+ T cells have been associated with improved survival and therapies which augment their function are effective in MF/SS
- Allogeneic HSC transplantation can result in sustained remissions suggesting immune response to tumor may be curative
- Significant expression of PD-1 and PD-L1 has been demonstrated in the skin and peripheral blood in MF/SS
- Reports of 9p24.1/PD-L2 translocation, breakpoints in PD-L1 (CD274), recurrent SNV in CD28, or CTLA4-CD28 fusion in MF/SS support a genomic basis for immune evasion

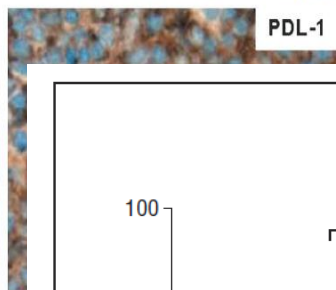
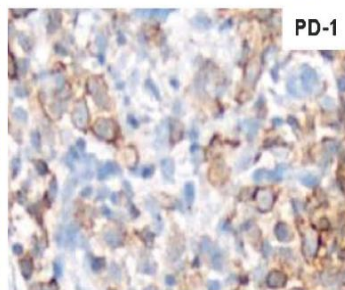
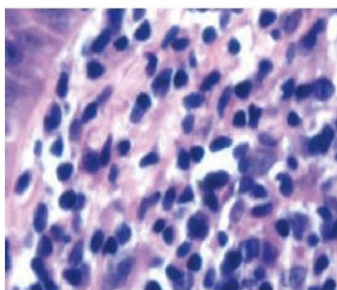


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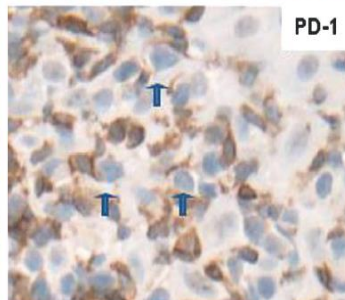
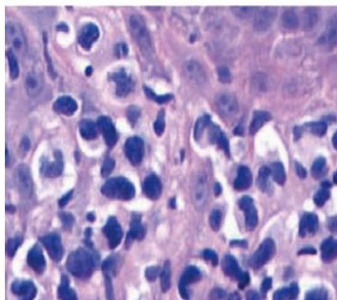
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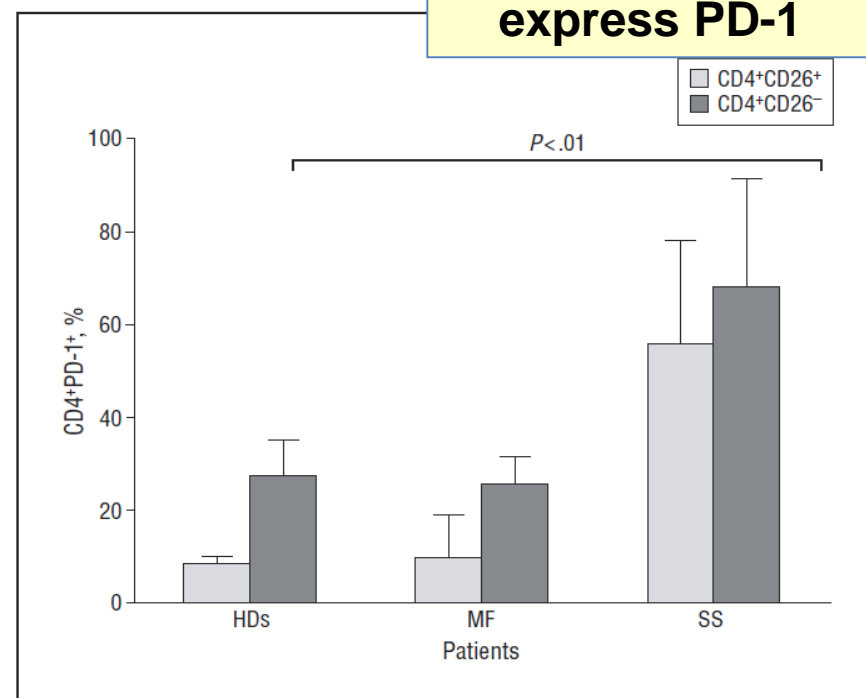


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**PB Sézary cells  
express PD-1**

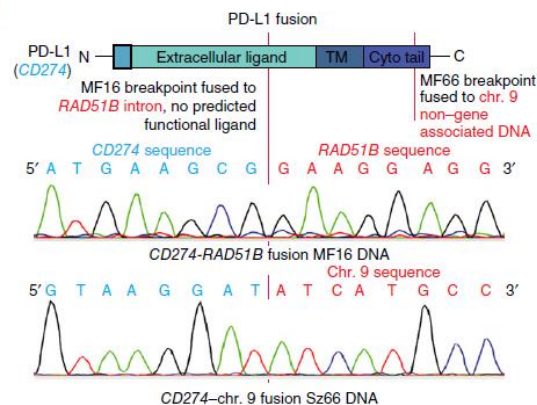
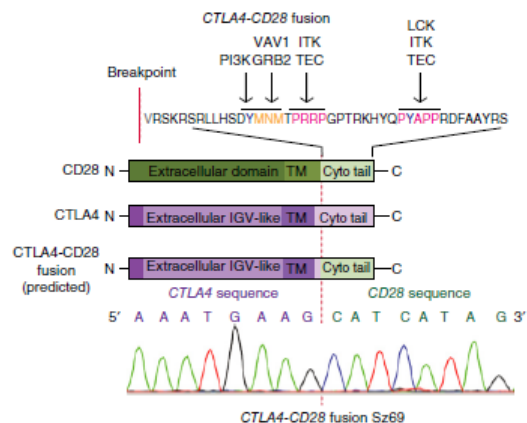
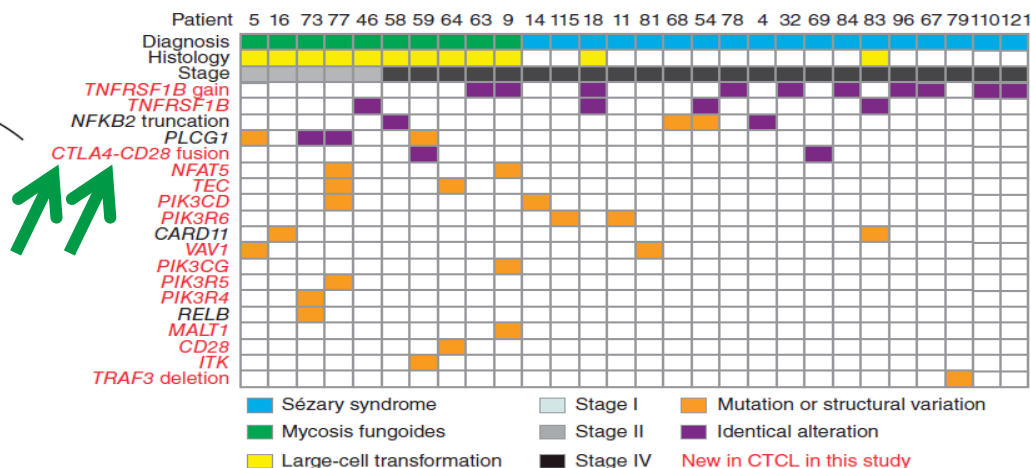
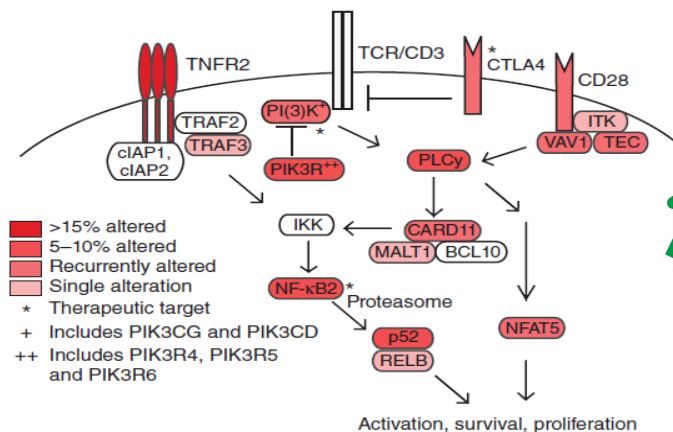


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# Genomic analysis of mycosis fungoides and Sézary syndrome identifies recurrent alterations in TNFR2

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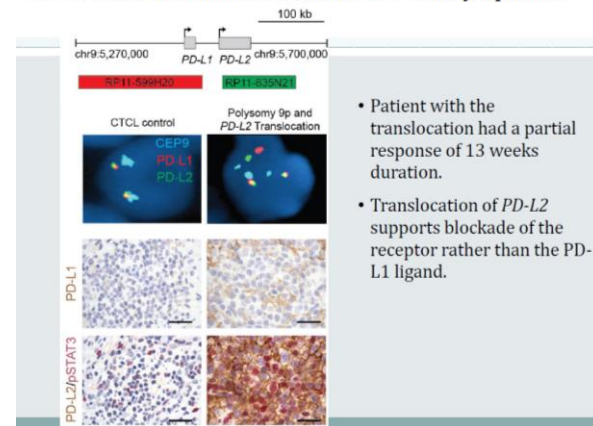


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PD-L2 Translocation in a Cutaneous T-cell Lymphoma

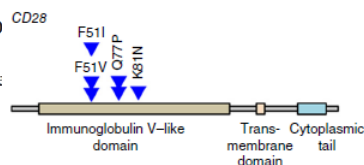


- Patient with the translocation had a partial response of 13 weeks duration.
- Translocation of PD-L2 supports blockade of the receptor rather than the PD-L1 ligand.

## Genomic landscape of cutaneous T cell lymphoma

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# **Cancer Immunotherapy Trials Network**

## **NCI Protocol # CITN-10**

### **A Phase 2 Study of Pembrolizumab for the Treatment of Relapsed/Refractory MF/SS**

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# Special considerations for immunotherapeutics

- **Treatment beyond initial PD** in recognition of immune mediated flare reaction, at investigator's discretion
  - Clinically “stable” vs “unstable”
  - If true PD is confirmed by subsequent mSWAT (each cycle) or scheduled global response assessment (q 12 wks/4 cycles), then go off study; hard stop is 25% worse in any compartment beyond initial PD data
  - **Biopsy is recommended to help distinguish pseudoprogression vs true progression, and to characterize immune/TCR profile (TCR CDR3 high throughput sequencing)**

# Planned biomarker and correlative studies

*CITN (Fred-Hutch CC), Merck, Stanford*

- Chromogenic (single-color) IHC for PD-L1
  - PD-L1 as potential biomarker of response
- Multiparametric (two-color) IHC
  - Characterize spatial association of PD-1+ TILs and PD-L1+ cells
- Multiplexed ion beam imaging (MIBI)
  - Enhanced visualization/mapping of protein expression using metal-conjugated Abs
- Transcriptional and NGS analysis
  - Nanostring platform use to profile mRNA expression
  - Correlation of mutational burden
- Immunophenotyping and T cell function assays
  - CyTOF and multiparametric flow cytometry
- Cytokine/chemokine analysis (ELISA)



## Patient characteristics, n=24

Age (y), median (range)	67 (44-85)	
Sex, n (%)	Male	18 (75)
	Female	6 (25)
Stage, n (%)	IB	1 (4)
	IIB	2 (8)
	IIIA	3 (13)
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	IVA	15 (62)
MF, n (%)	9 (38)	
Sézary syndrome, n (%)	15 (62)	
Large cell transformation (LCT)	3 (12)	
Prior systemic therapies, median (range)	4 (1-10)	

Advanced stage 96%

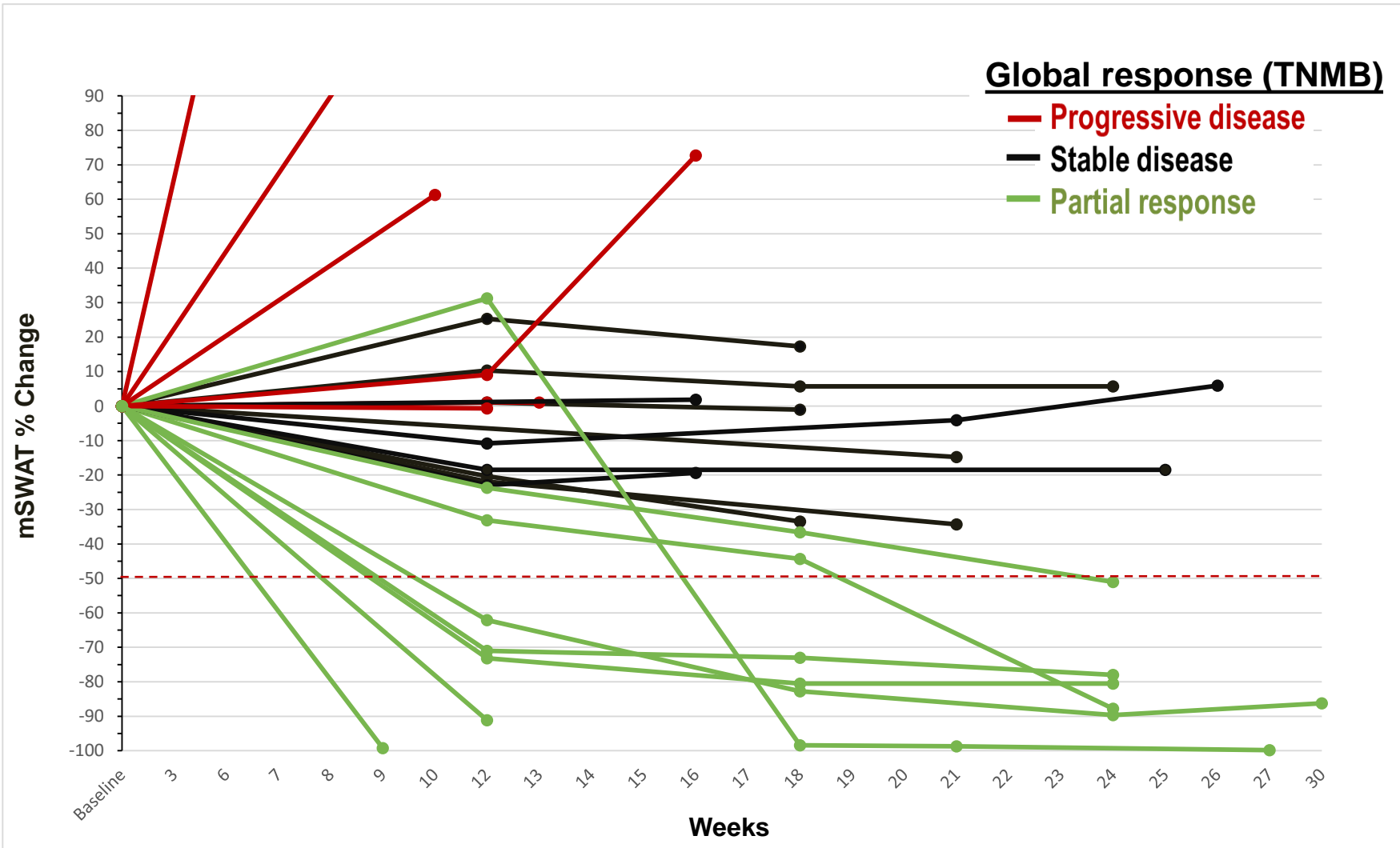
# Global response (skin+LN+blood), n=24

Stage	Response Rate	PR	SD	PD	
IB (n=1)	0	0	0	1	Advanced stage 96%
IIB (n=2)	100%	2	0	0	
IIIA (n=3)	33%	1	2	0	
IIIB (n=3)	33%	1	0	2	
IVA (n=15)	27%	4	8	3	
MF (n=9)	44%	4	3	2	SS 62%
SS (n=15)	20%	4*	7	4	
LCT (n=3)	33%	1	1	1	
Total n= 24	33%	8	10**	6	

\*1 (stage IVA2) of 4 possible CR

\*\*4 SDs continuing on treatment

# Activity of pembrolizumab in skin (mSWAT %change) and global response



Median best mSWAT reduction 16.0% (99.8% to -198.5%)  
**2 pts with near CR in skin**  
8/24 objective responses, median TTR = 11 wks (8-22)

## Drug-related adverse events, $\geq 2$ occurrence

	All grades		Grade 1/2		Grade 3/4 (Severe AE)	
Adverse Event	N	%	N	%	N	%
Skin eruption	5	21	3	13	2	8
Anemia	3	13	1	4	2	8
WBC decreased	2	8	2	8	0	0
LFT (AST/ALT) elevated	2	8	1	4	1	4
Diarrhea	2	8	2	8	0	0
Fever	2	8	2	8	0	0
Face edema	2	8	1	4	1	4

\* Exfoliative dermatitis (n=2), immune-mediated skin flare (n=2), excessive peeling/edema (n=1)

# Anti-PD-1 mab, pembrolizumab, in MF/SS

## *Summary*

- **Objective clinical responses observed in 8/24 (33%)**
  - MF (IIB/III, 4/9, 44%) and SS (IVA, 4/15, 20%)
  - Range of prior therapies, responses in heavily treated pts (3 of 8 responders with 6-7 prior systemic txs)
- **Well-tolerated and toxicity was manageable**
  - Skin reactions as most common AE, probably due to flare reaction
- **Biomarker/biology/molecular data pending, to better understand tumor/immune escape mechanisms**
  - Guide enrichment of response subset

***Combination immune strategies to improve ORR and DOR/PFS, being developed***

***Anti-PD-1 mAb + IFN-gamma  
+/- low-dose TSEBT***

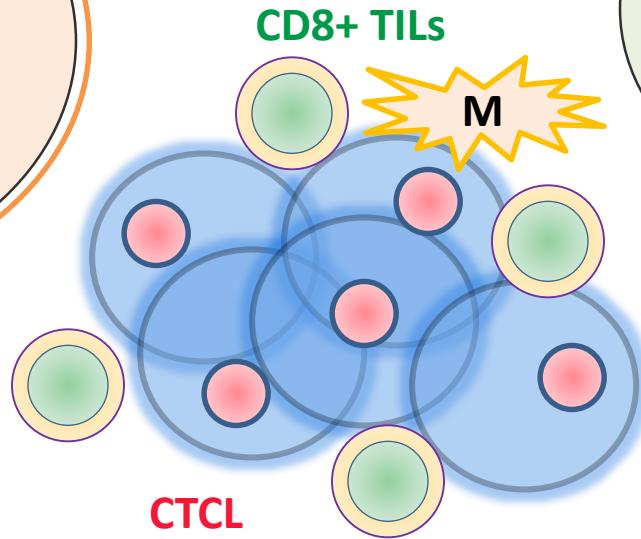


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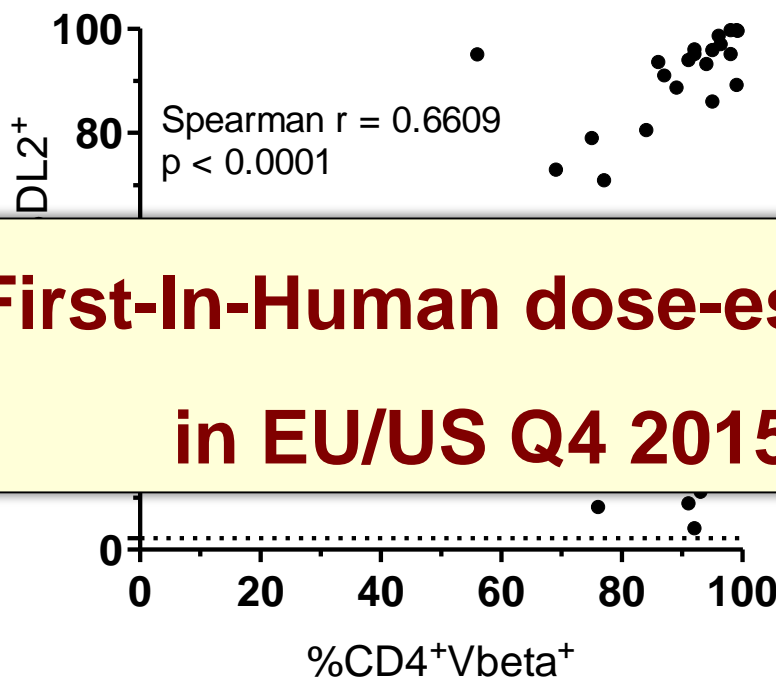


**CD158k/KIR3DL2**  
**Consistently  
expressed in MF/LCT  
and Sézary syndrome**

**IPH4102 MOA by  
ADCC and ADCP**

# KIR3DL2 expression In Sézary cells

Correlation between KIR3DL2 and TCR-V $\beta$  expression in flow cytometry on blood CTCL cells in Sézary syndrome patients (n = 32)



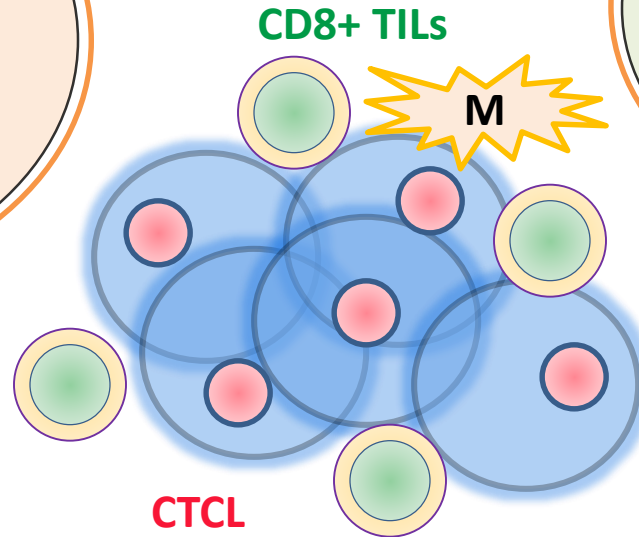
**IPH4102 First-In-Human dose-escalation study  
in EU/US Q4 2015**

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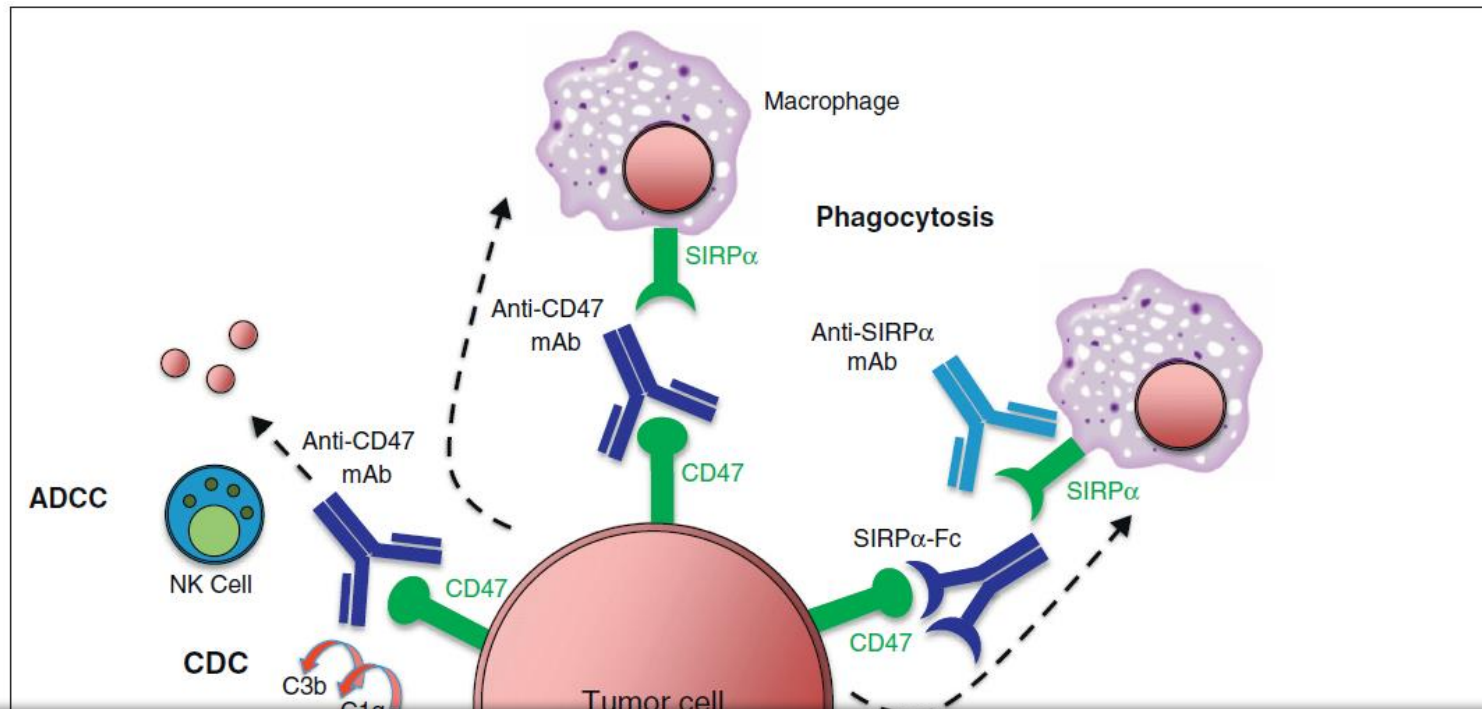


**SIRP $\alpha$ /CD47 axis**  
“Don’t eat me” signal by  
tumor cells

**Evasion of macrophage  
phagocytosis**

*Weissman group, Stanford*

# Targeting CD47–SIRP $\alpha$ axis in cancer immunotherapy: converting “don’t eat me” $\rightarrow$ “eat me” signal and more



**A First-In-Human Phase Dose Escalation Trial of Hu5F9-G4 in Advanced Solid Malignancies: Stanford platform CTCL (MF/SS) expansion cohort**



Apoptosis



Dendritic Cell



CD8+ T Cell

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# New agents and improved therapeutic strategies in CTCL

- **New/improved technology** allowing us to learn more, help identify actionable targets, and modify/render agents more effective/safe
- **More encouraging treatment options** (more in the pipeline)
- **Use old therapies smarter** (e.g., low-dose TSEBT+ immunotherapy)
- **Improved/more tumor-selective** therapies, less toxicity
- Learning to **partner with immune/microenvironment modulators**
- **Can cure advanced stage MF/SS** with allogeneic HSCT
- **Molecular/biomarker platforms integrated into clinical trials** to learn predictive value for response/resistance/escape, toxicity, or survival outcomes
- Taking steps **towards personalized, precision medicine**