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# Radiation and abscopal effect: lessons from solid tumors

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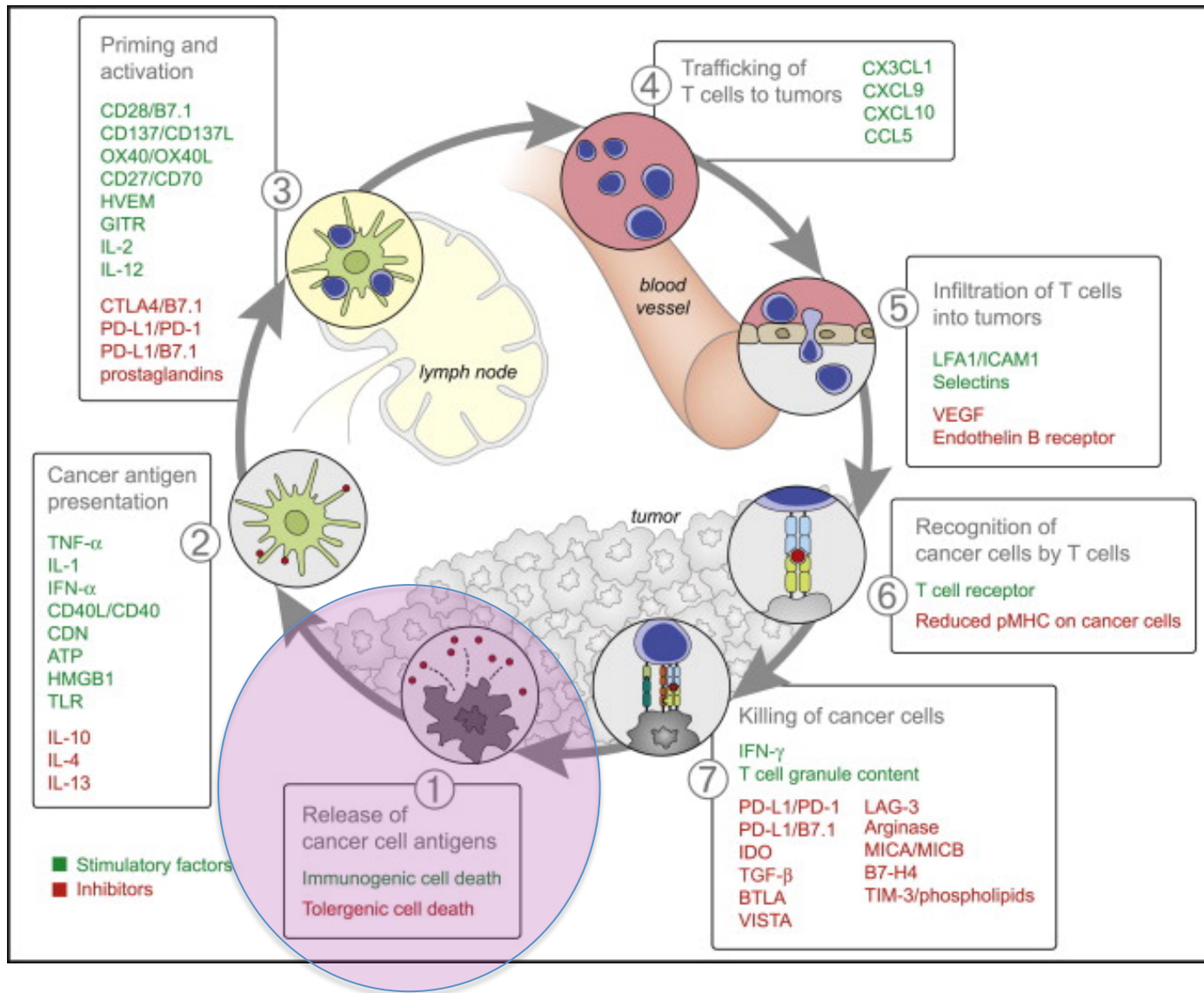
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## RT may stimulate the immune system by:

- Broadening up the immune repertoire of T cells (vaccination effect)
- Attracting T-cells to the irradiated site (homing effect)
- Rendering irradiated cells more vulnerable towards T-Cells mediated cell kill (vulnerability effect)



Chen and Mellman, Cell 2013



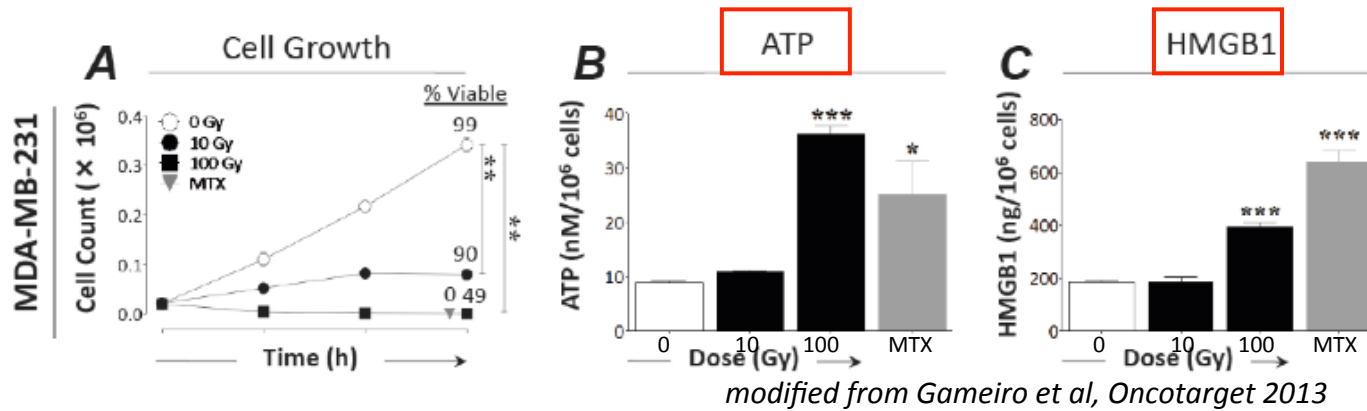
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# Radiation induces *in vitro* the hallmarks of immunogenic cell death



*Nude mice bearing prostate xenografts*

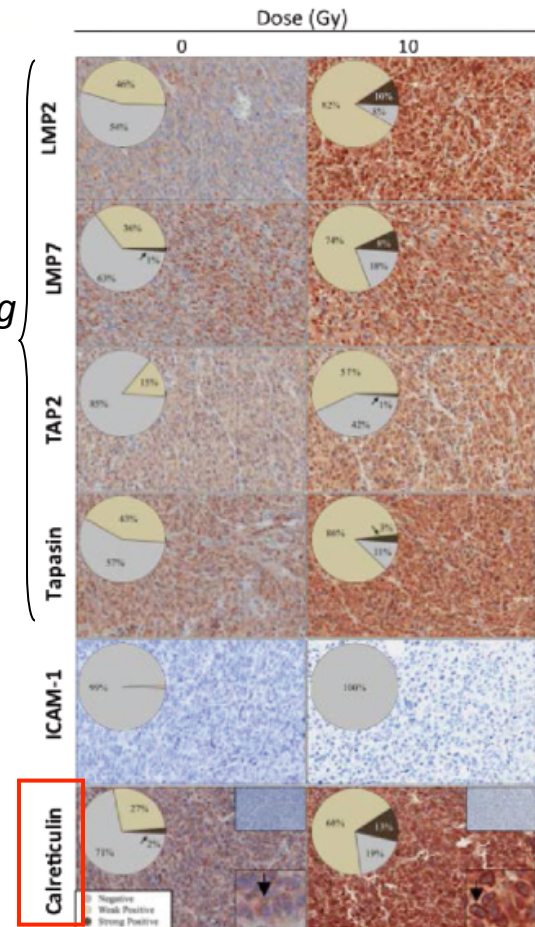
- radiation-induced immunogenic modulation of tumor enhances antigen-processing and calreticulin exposure, resulting in enhanced T-cell killing

Antigen-processing machinery components

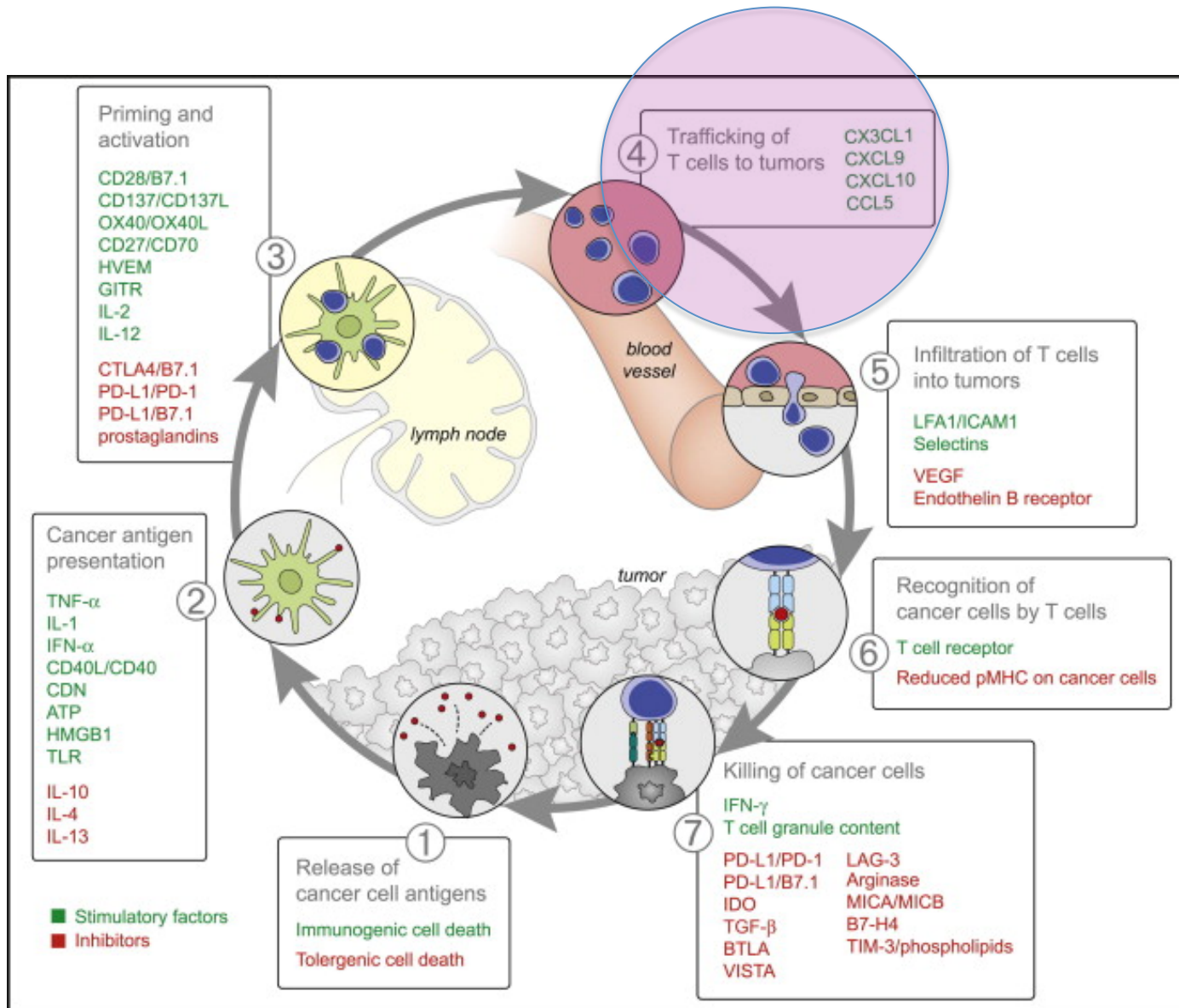
Immunogenic cell death (ICD) features



Calreticulin



Gameiro et al, Oncotarget 2013



Chen and Mellman, Cell 2013



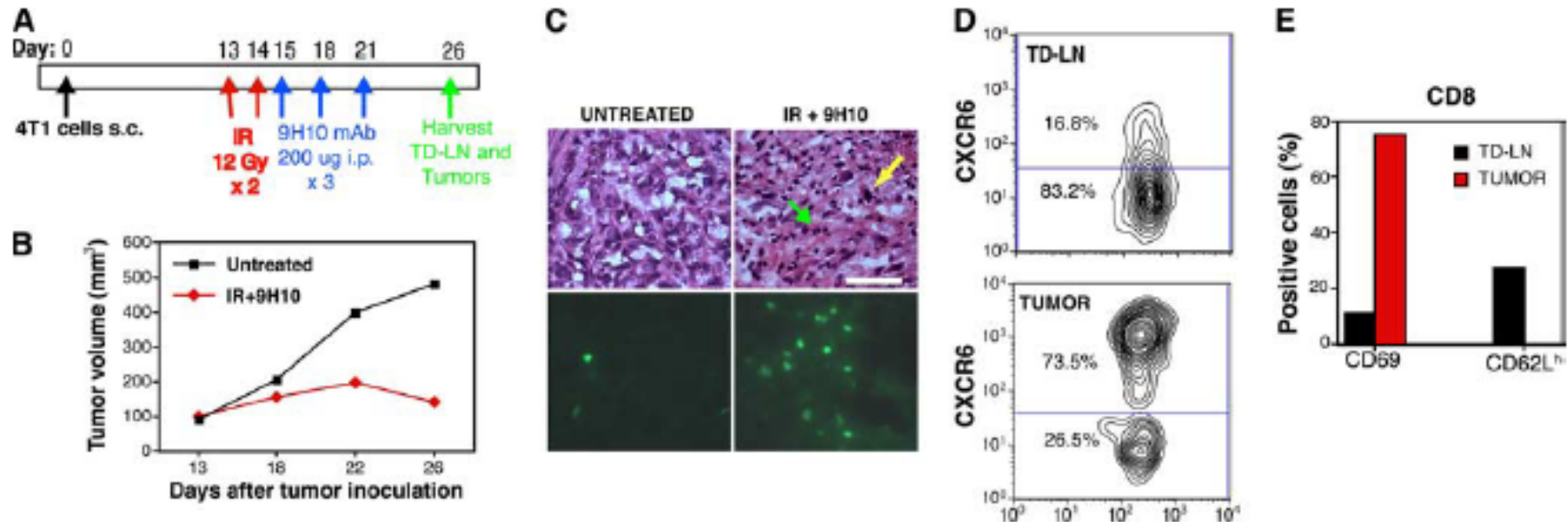
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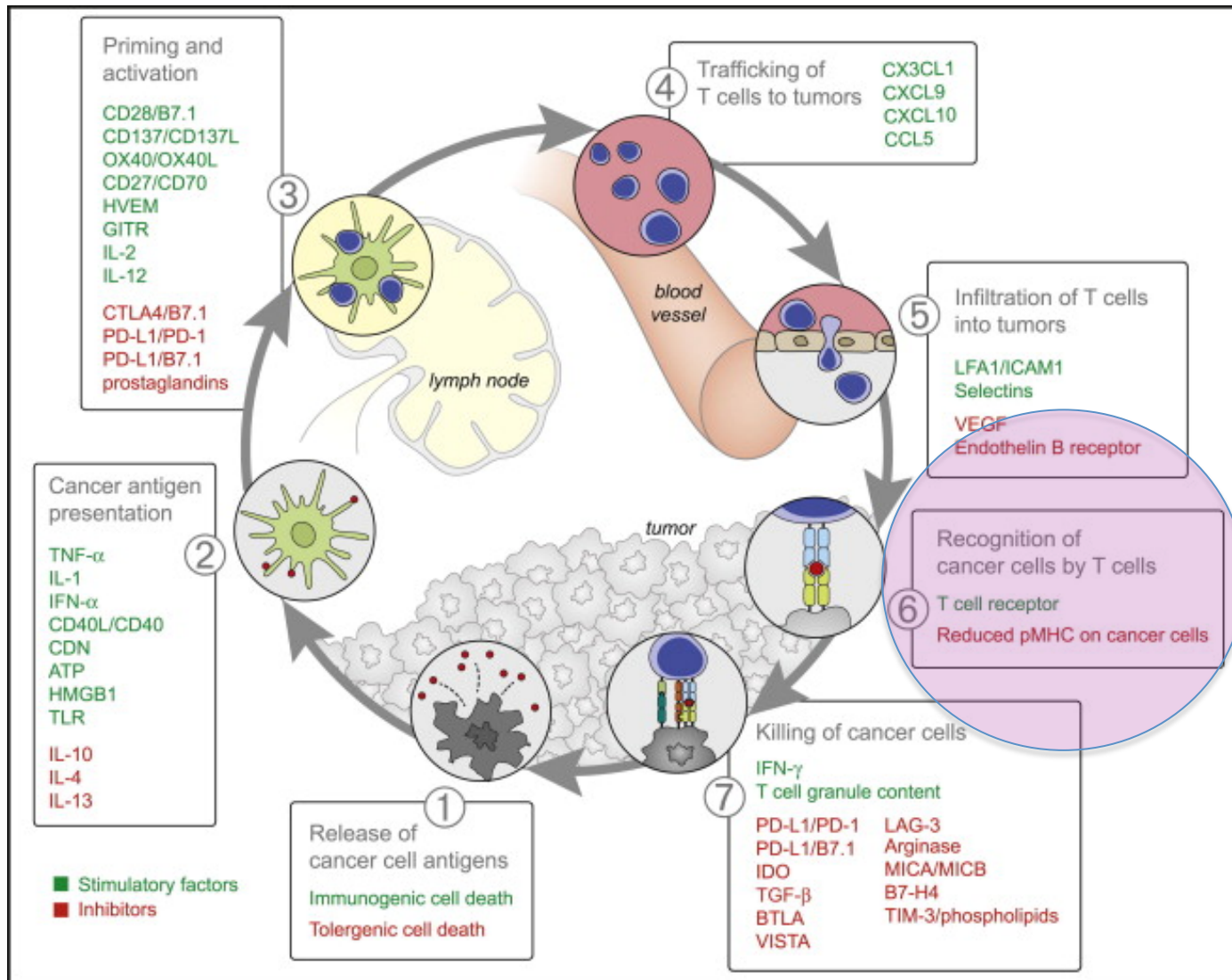


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# Migration of T-cells in 4T1 Breast Cancer Mouse Model after RT (2 x 12 Gy)



Matsumura/Formenti/Demaria et al., J Imm, 2008  
 Pilonis/Demaria/Formenti et al. Clin Cancer Res, 2009



Chen and Mellman, Cell 2013



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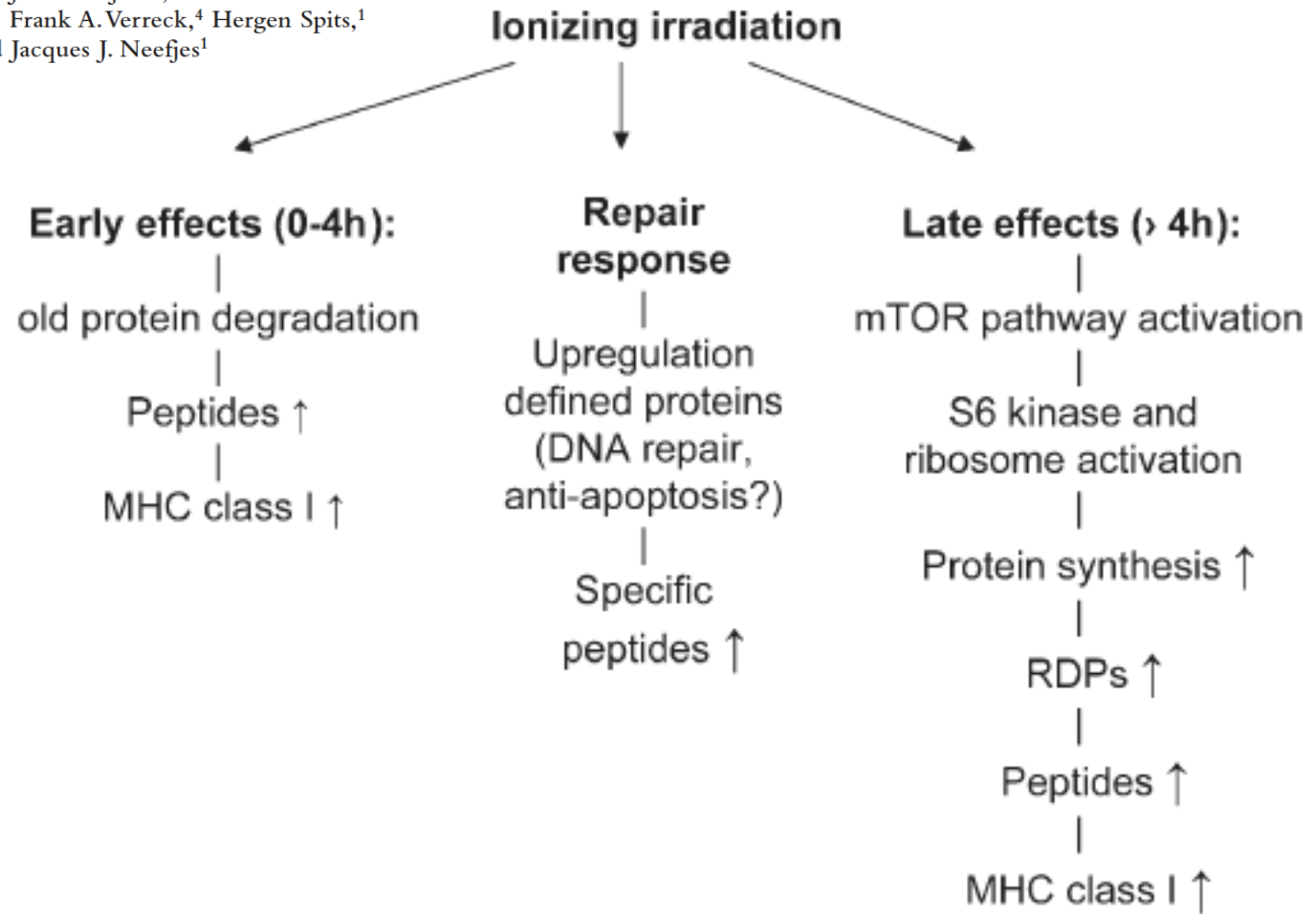


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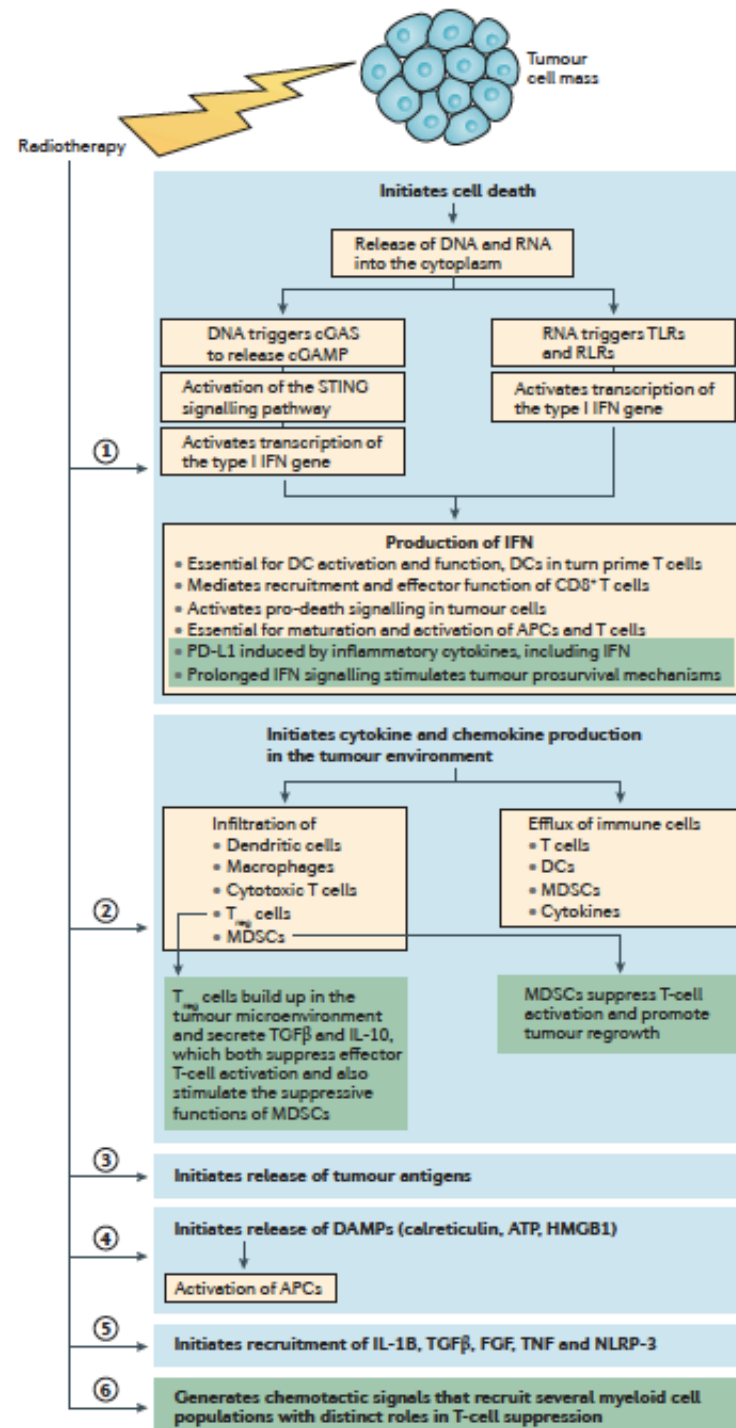


# Radiation modulates the peptide repertoire, enhances MHC class I expression, and induces successful antitumor immunotherapy

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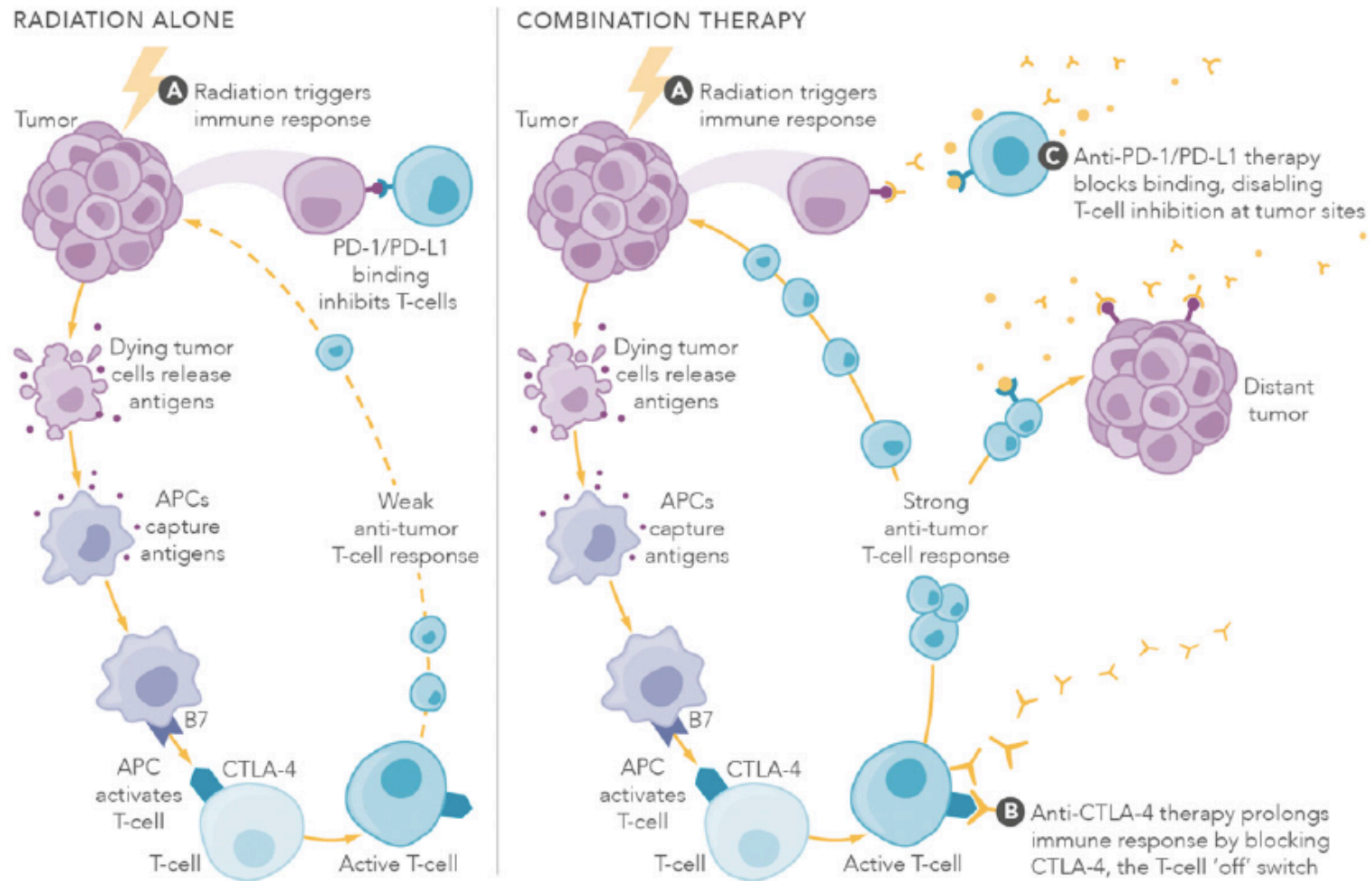


# The role of IFN



# Radiation redux

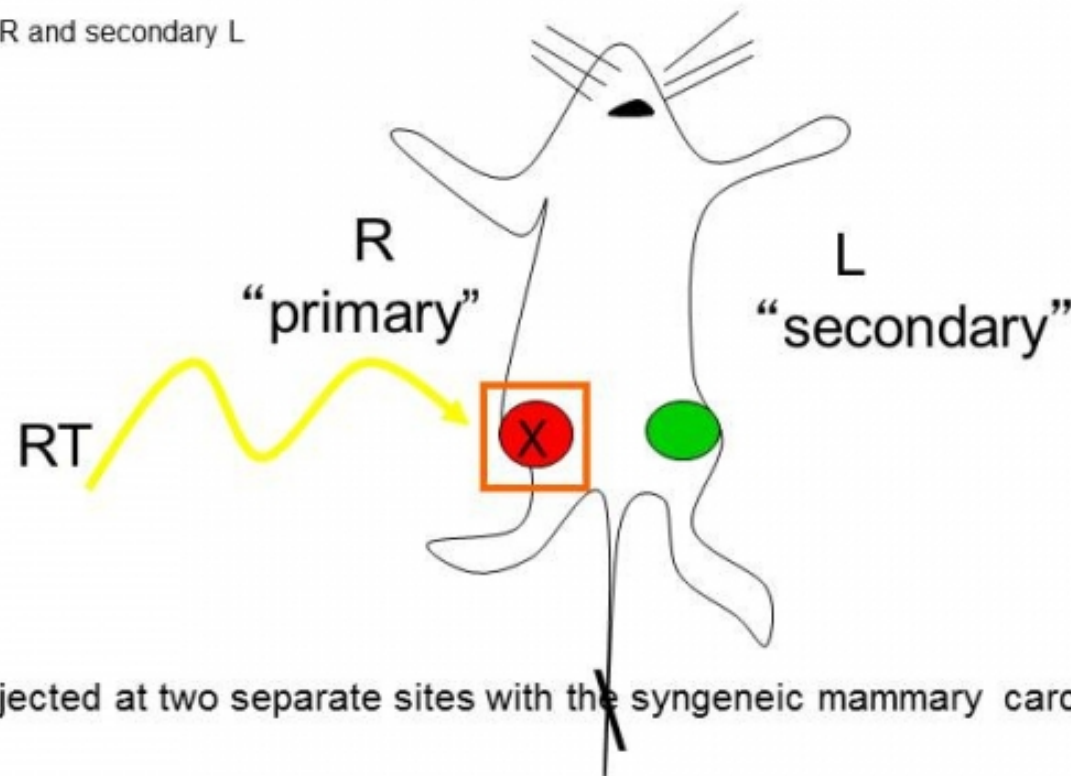
Could traditional radiation treatments work in concert with immunotherapy to mount a more effective assault on cancer?



## Hypothesis:

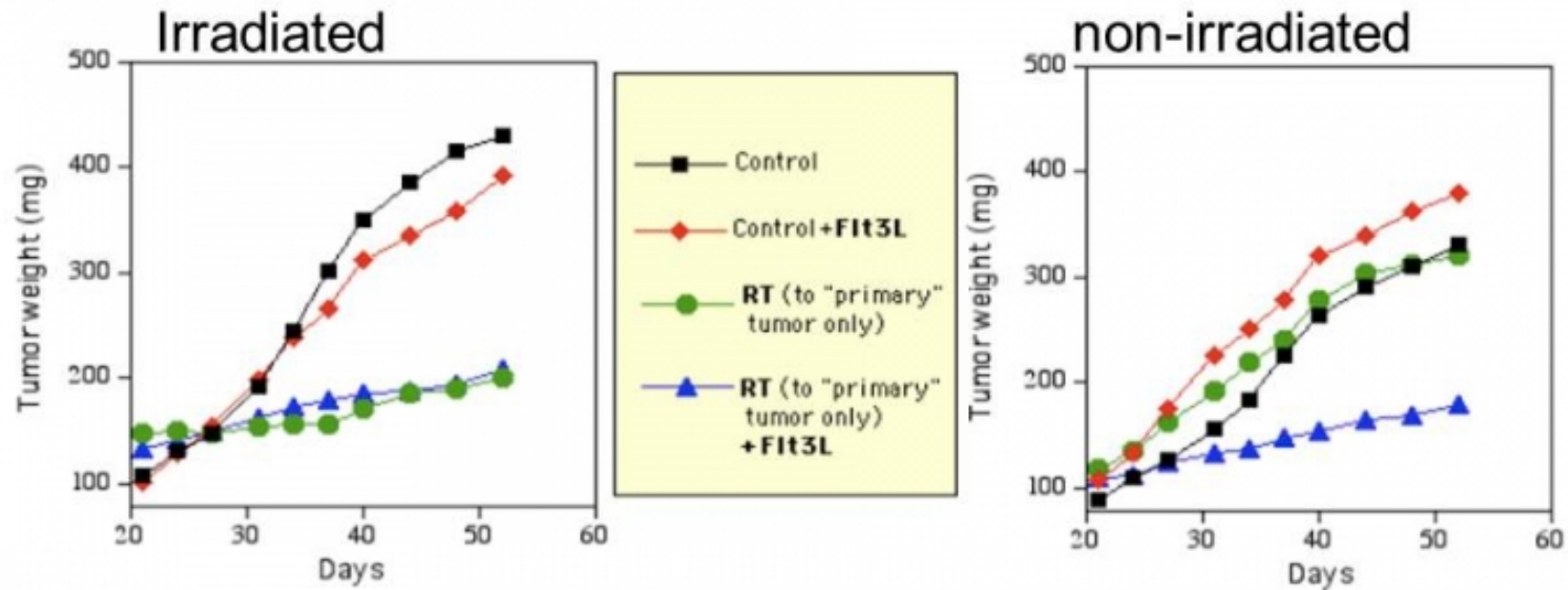
Ionizing radiation can stimulate anti-tumor immunity –by generating an *in situ* vaccine - and combination with immunotherapy may uncover this effect

Day: 0	20	21	31
67NR 5x10 <sup>4</sup> or 10 <sup>5</sup> each sides, primary R and secondary L	RT 2 Gy		Flt3-L (0.5mg/kg)



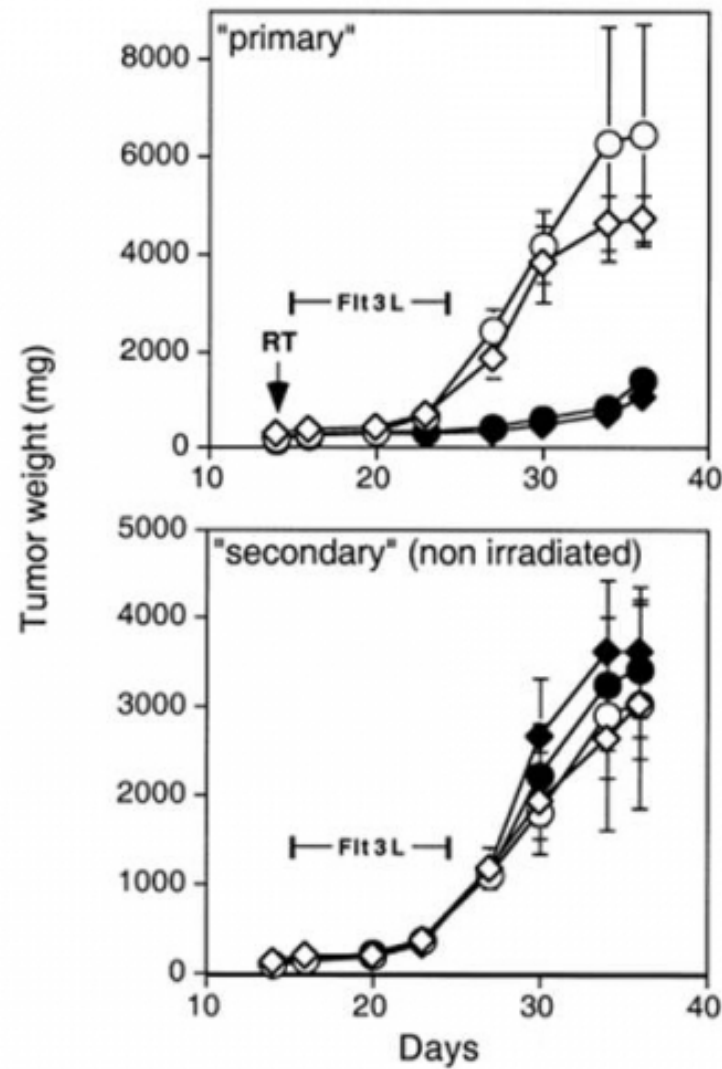
BALB/C mice injected at two separate sites with the syngeneic mammary carcinoma 67NR cell line

## RT+Flt3-L : systemic anti-cancer effects



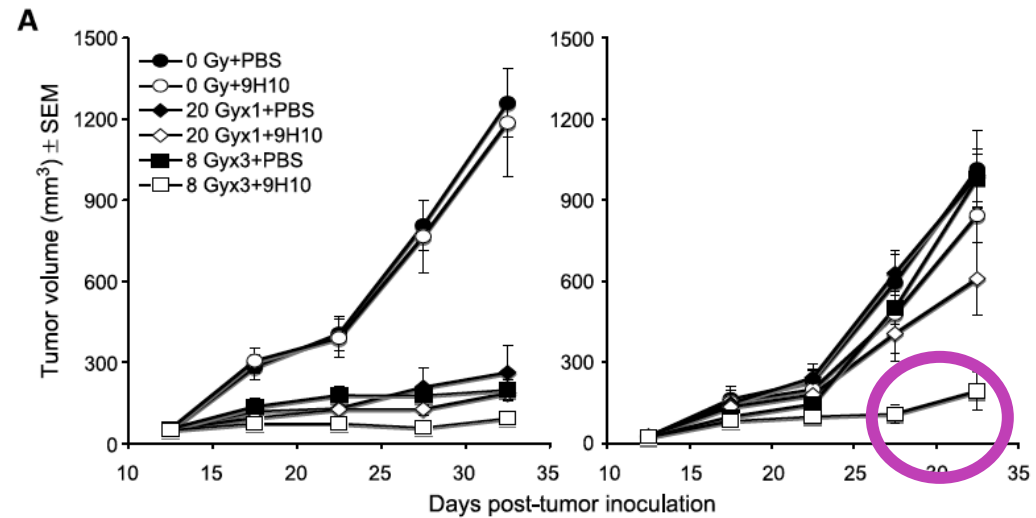
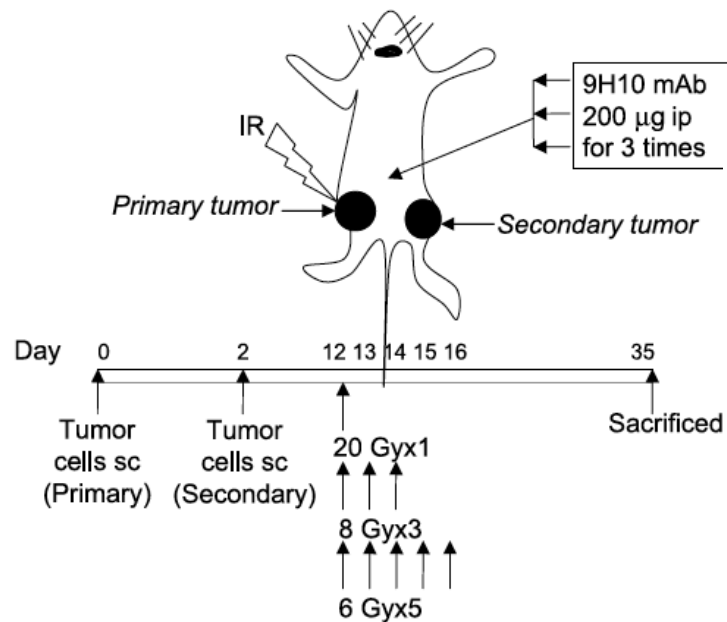
*Int J Radiation Oncology Biol Phys* 2004

## Abscopal Effect is abrogated in nude mice

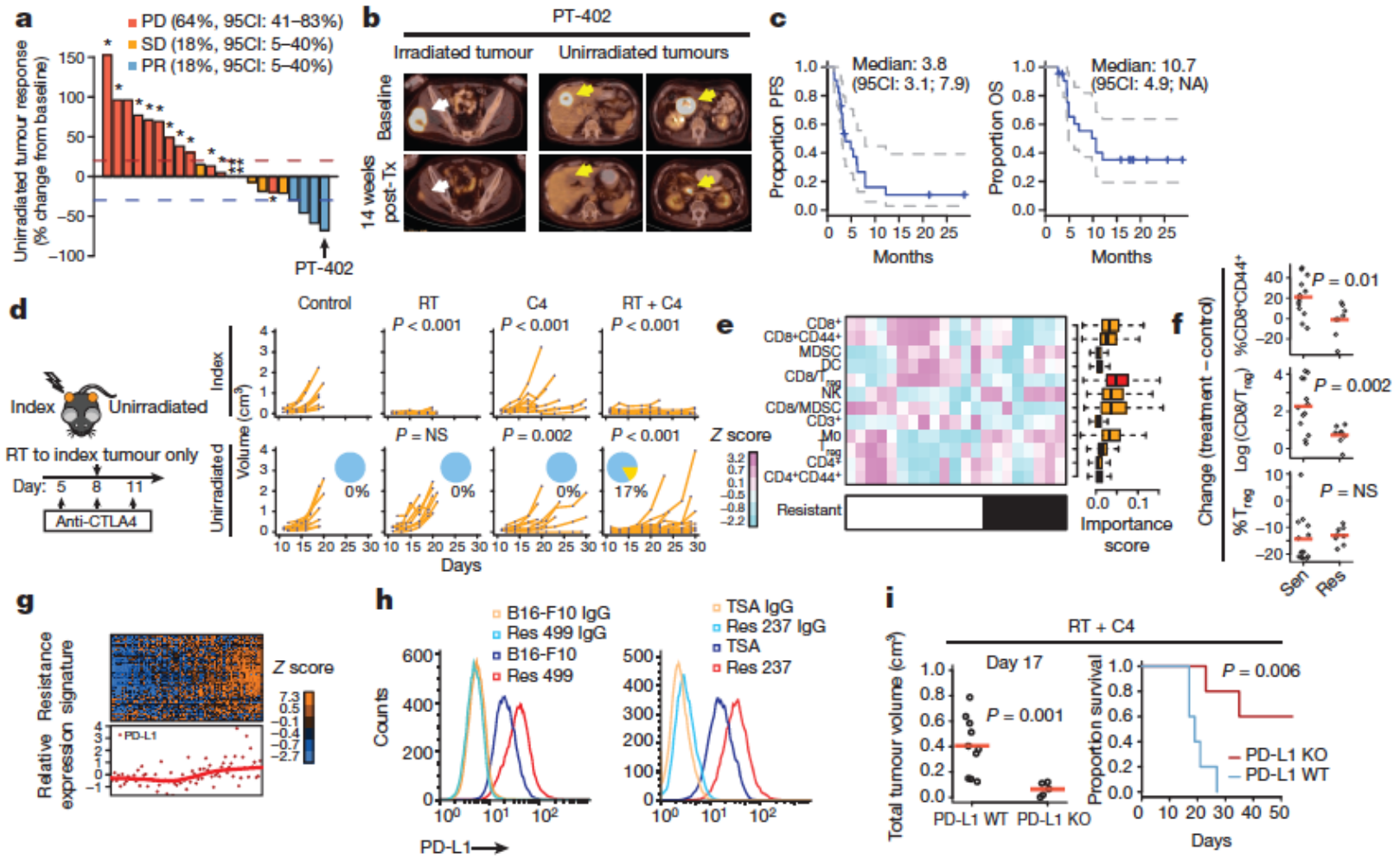


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# RT + ipilimumab: single fraction vs. fractionated RT

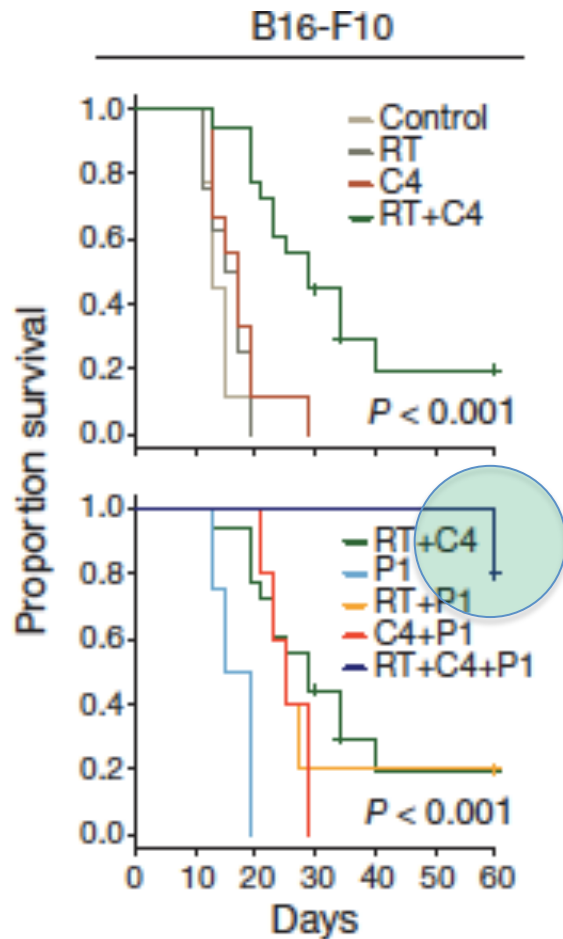


# Radiation and dual checkpoint inhibition activate non-redundant immune mechanisms in cancer





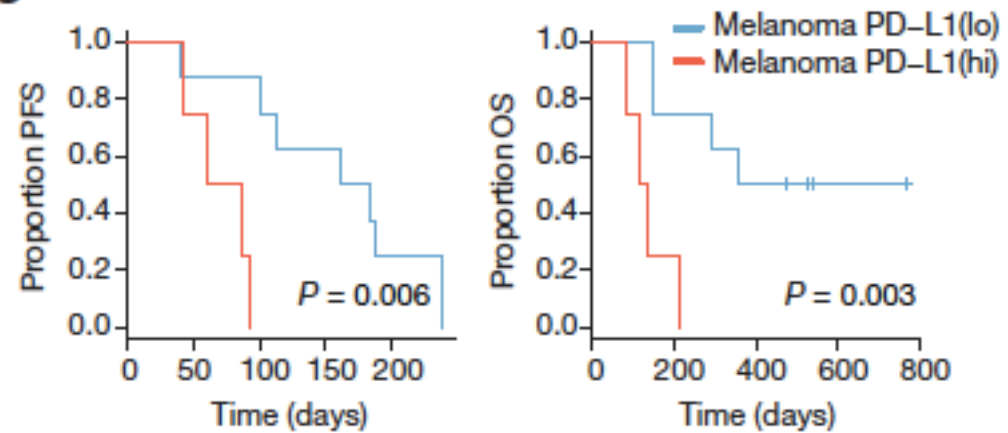
# Resistance to anti-CTLA-4 and radiation depends on PD-L1 expression in melanoma patients



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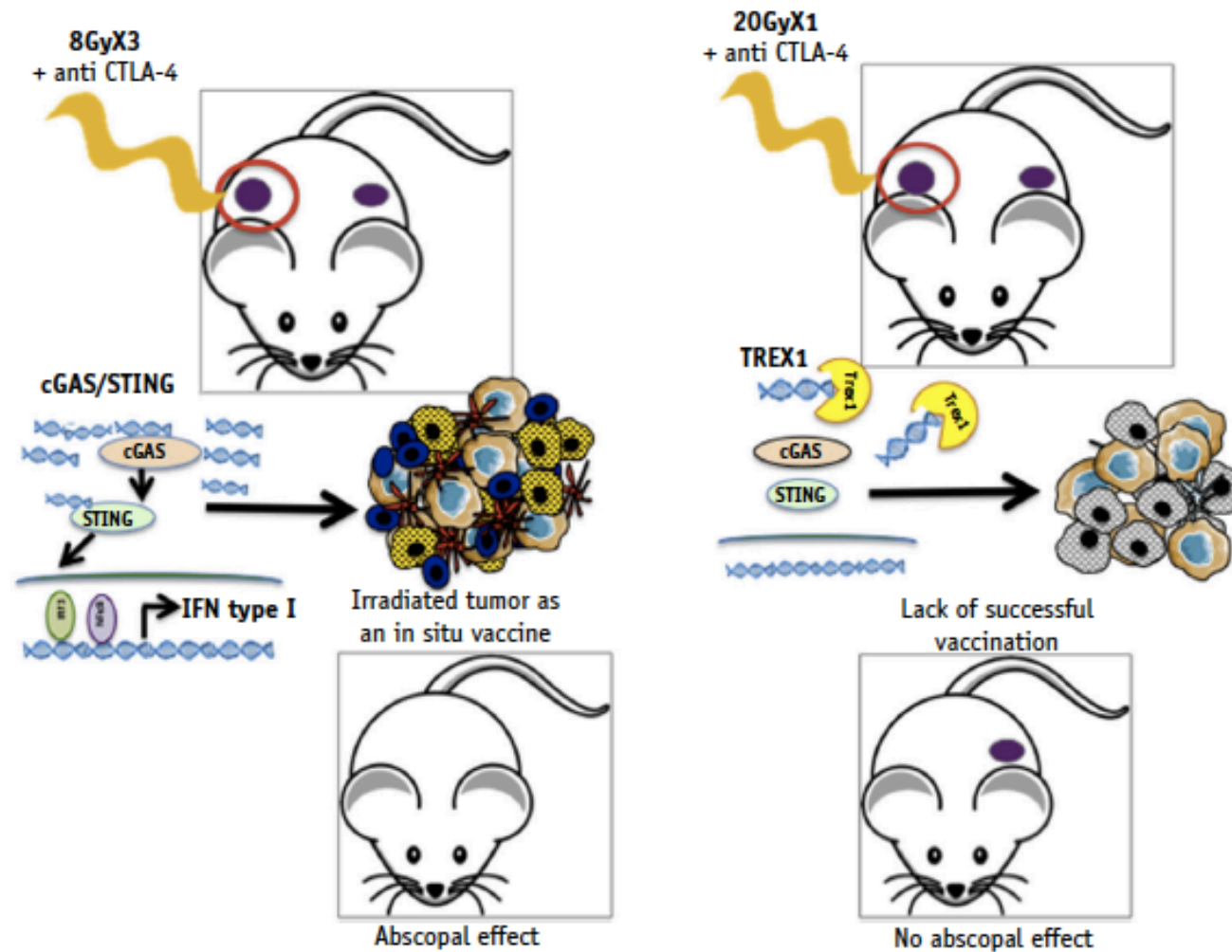
RECIST	Melanoma	
	PD-L1(lo)	PD-L1(hi)
PR	2	0
SD	1	0
PD	5	4

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# DNA exonuclease Trex1 regulates radiotherapy-induced tumour immunogenicity

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Vanpouille-Box et al, Nat Comm 2017; Formenti et al, IJROBP 2017



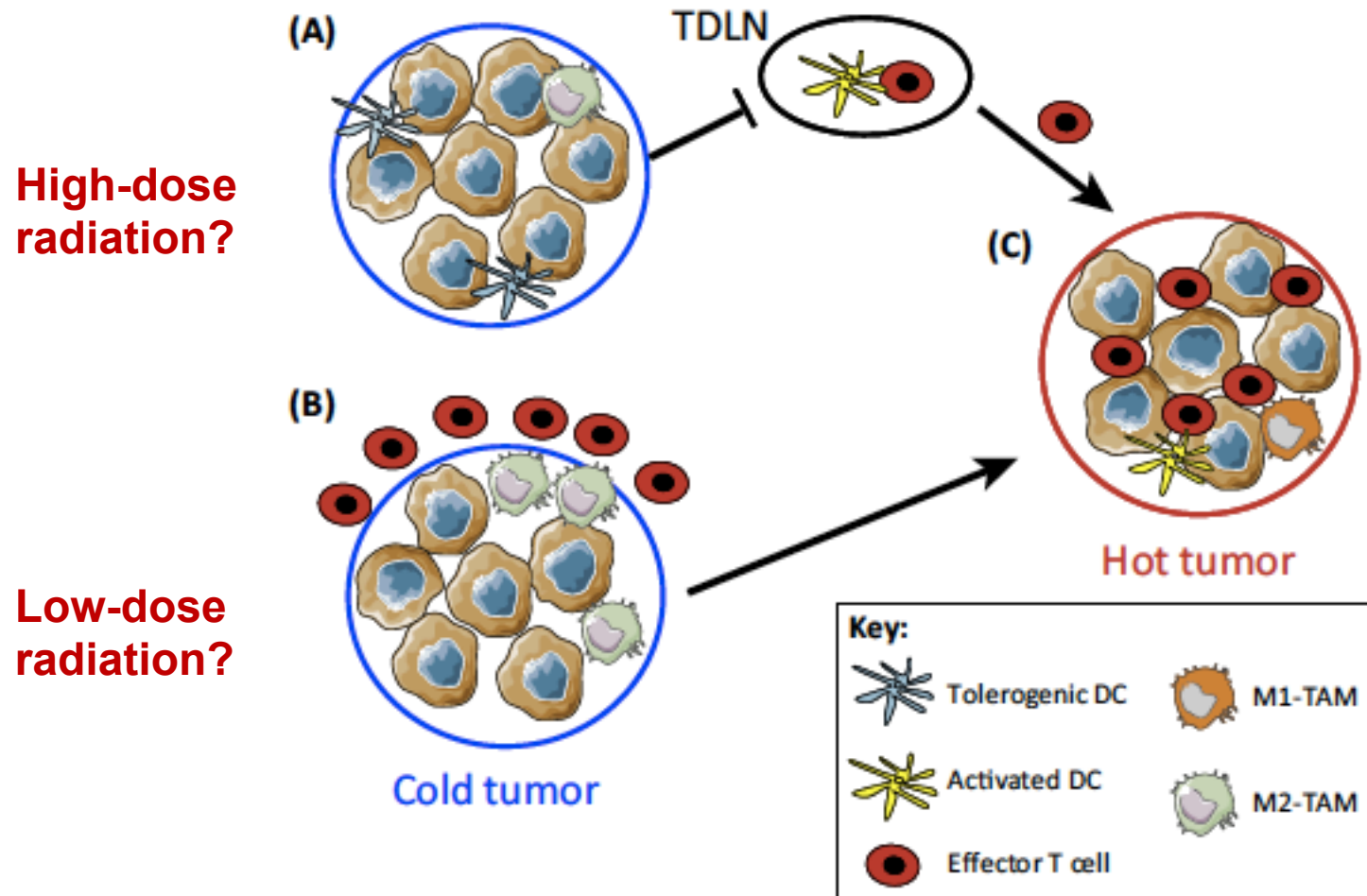
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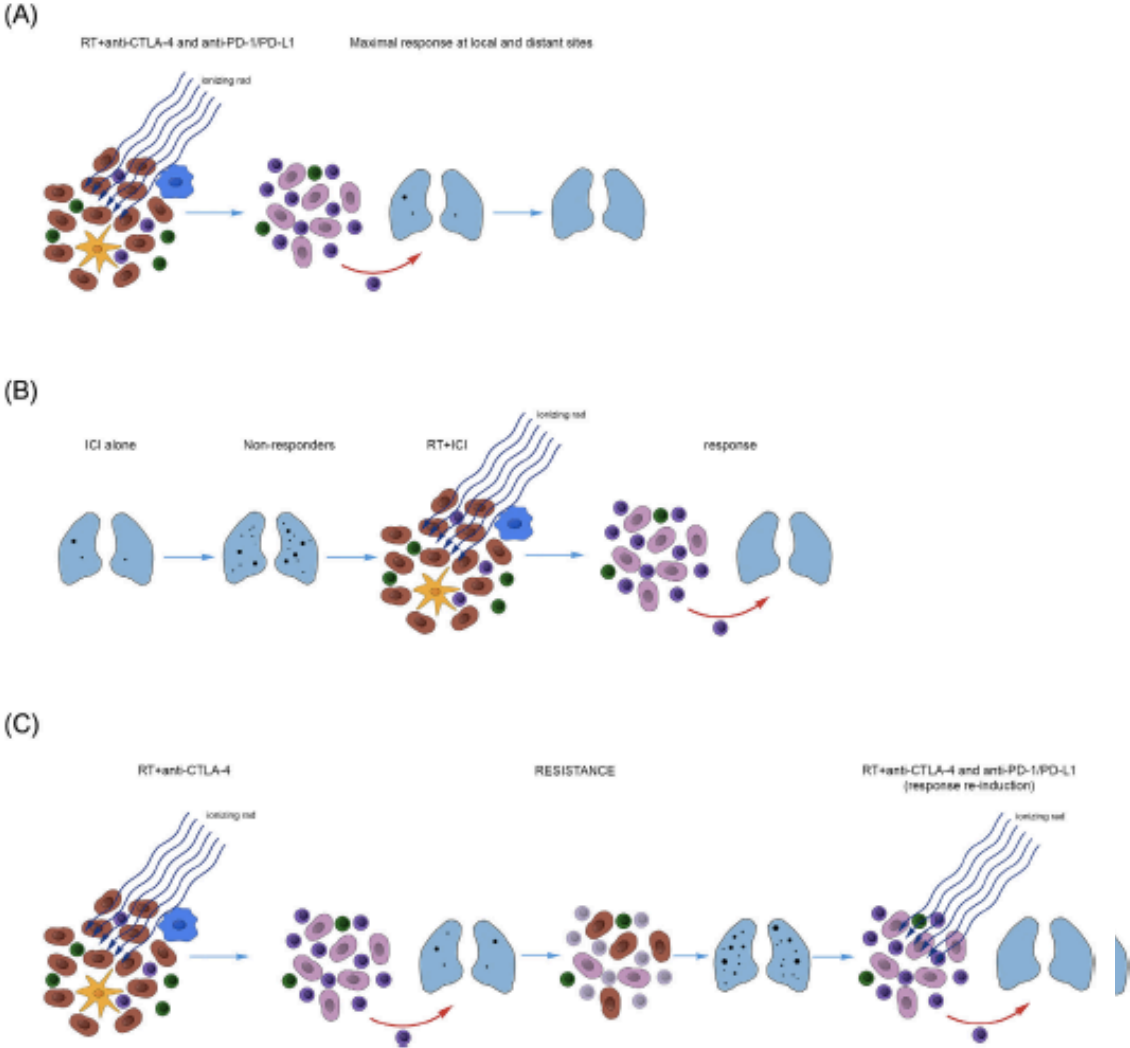
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# Converting 'Cold' Tumors into 'Hot' Ones

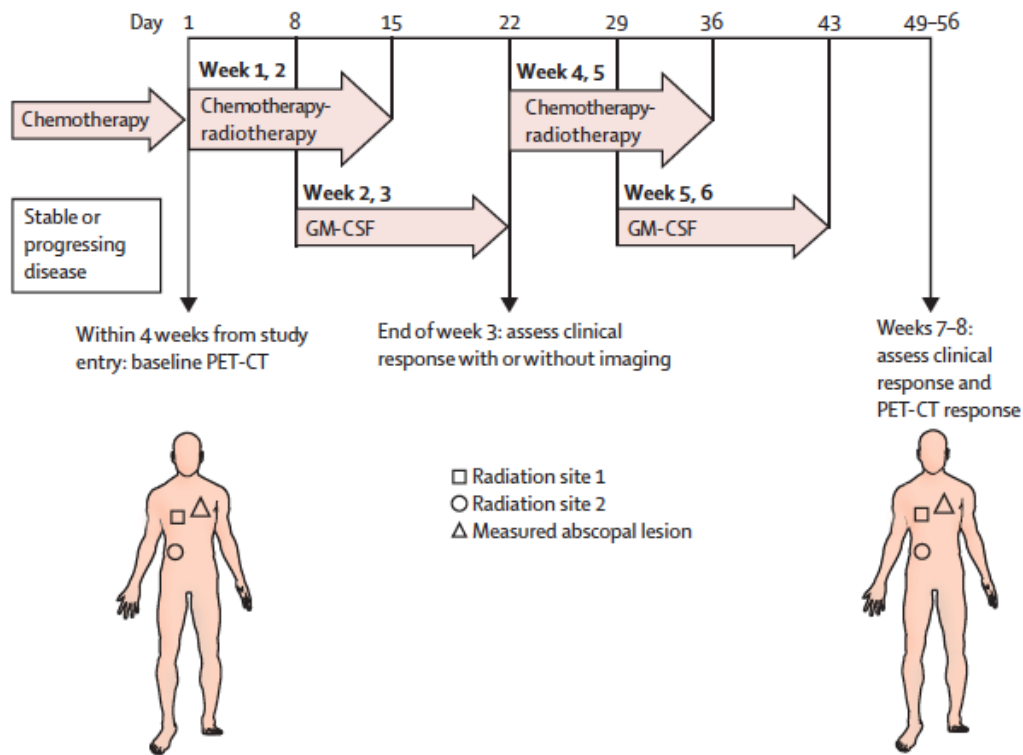


Trends in Cancer

# Different clinical strategies: overcoming resistance?



# RT + GM-CSF in metastatic solid tumors



Enrolled patients (n=41)	
Age (years)	62.0 (54.5-69.5)
Sex	
Male	8 (20%)
Female	33 (80%)
Number of previous therapies	
Radiotherapy	1 (0-3)
Chemotherapy	3 (2-4)
Number of measurable lesions	
Chest	2 (1-3)
Abdomen	0 (0-0.5)
Pelvis	0 (0-0)
Any site	3 (2-4)
Number of patients with lesions	
3 lesions	21 (51%)
4-6 lesions	15 (37%)
>6 lesions	5 (12%)

Data are n (%) or median (IQR).

**Table 1: Baseline patient characteristics**

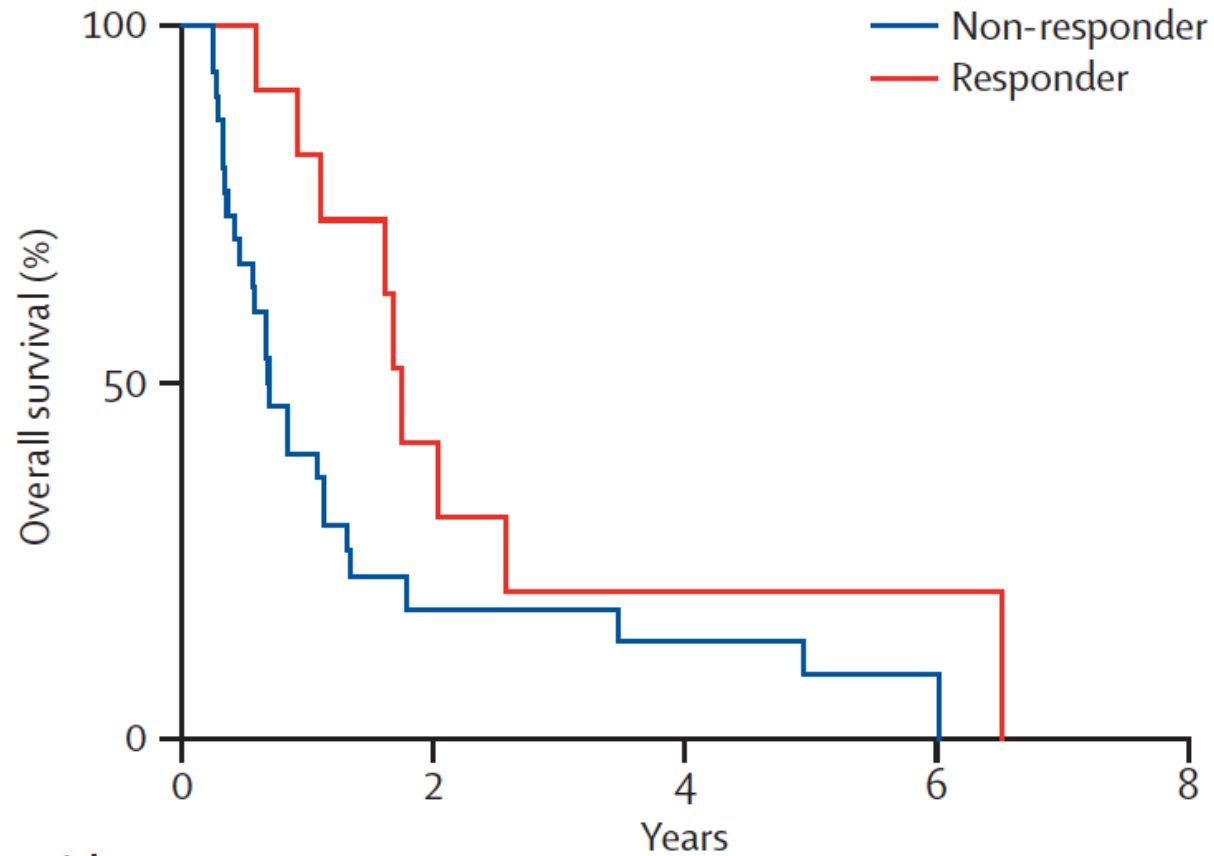
## RT + GM-CSF in metastatic solid tumors

	Patients diagnosed	Patients completing scheduled therapy	Patients not assessable for best abscopal response	Patients assessable for best abscopal response				Patients assessable for best abscopal response who completed their scheduled therapy			
				PD	SD	PR	CR	PD	SD	PR	CR
Non-small-cell lung cancer	18 (44%)	13 (32%)	2 (5%)	2	10	2	2	1	7	2	2
Breast cancer	14 (34%)	11 (27%)	1 (2%)	2	6	5	0	2	4	4	0
Thymic cancer	2 (5%)	2 (5%)	--	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0
Urothelial cancer	2 (5%)	0	--	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ovarian cancer	2 (5%)	0	1 (2%)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eccrine cancer	1 (2%)	1 (2%)	--	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Cervical cancer	1 (2%)	1 (2%)	--	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Small-cell lung cancer	1 (2%)	1 (2%)	--	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>41 (100%)</b>	<b>30 (73%)</b>	<b>4 (10%)</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>

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

**Table 2: Best abscopal responses based on patient diagnoses and completion of scheduled therapy**

# RT + GM-CSF in metastatic solid tumors

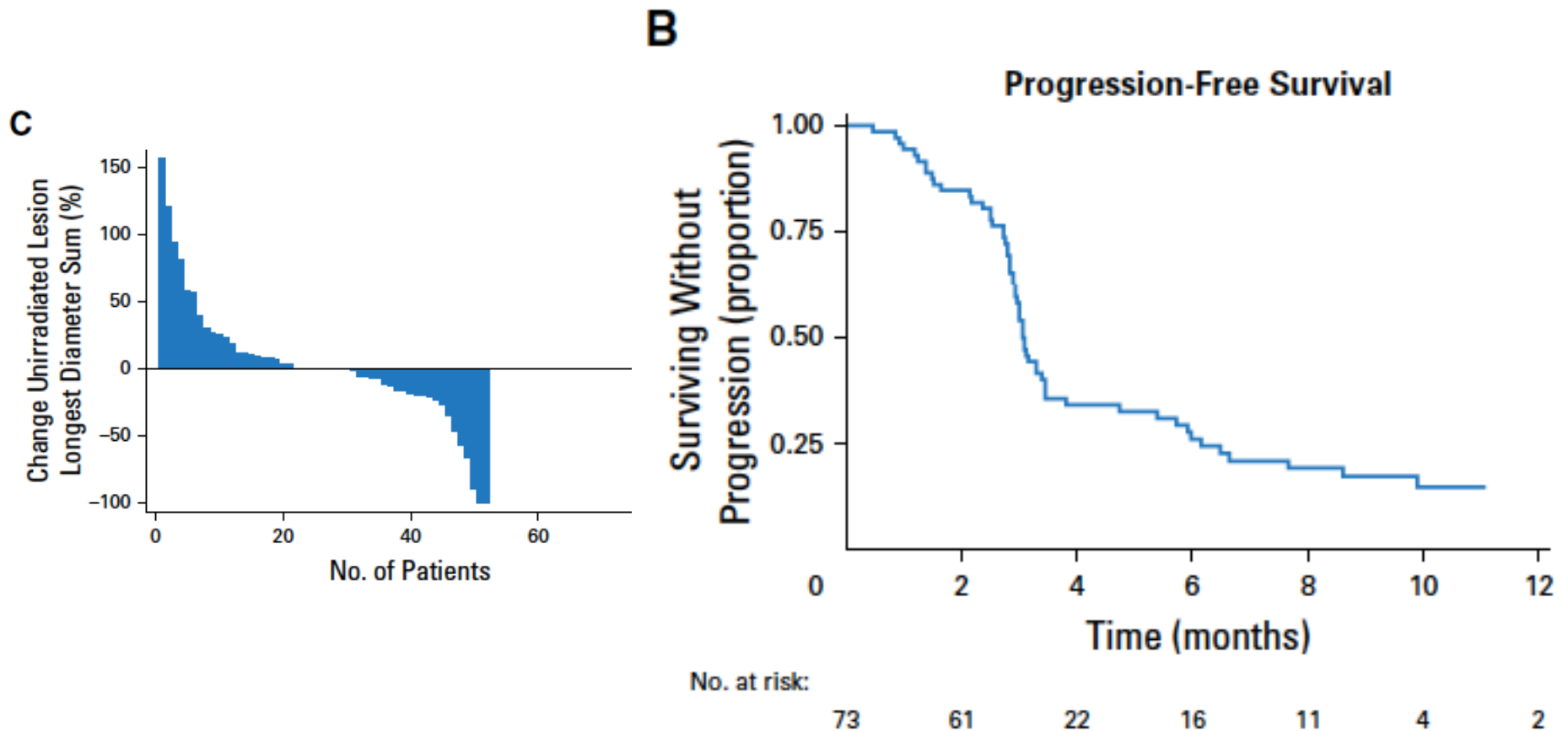


### Number at risk

	0	2	4	6	8
Non-responder	30	4	3	1	..
Responder	11	4	2	1	..

# Safety and Clinical Activity of Pembrolizumab and Multisite Stereotactic Body Radiotherapy in Patients With Advanced Solid Tumors

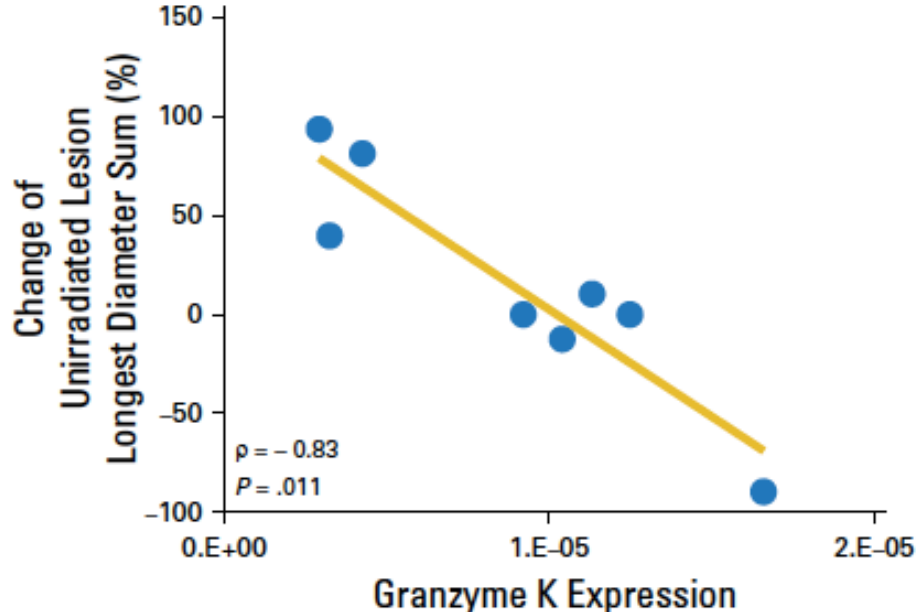
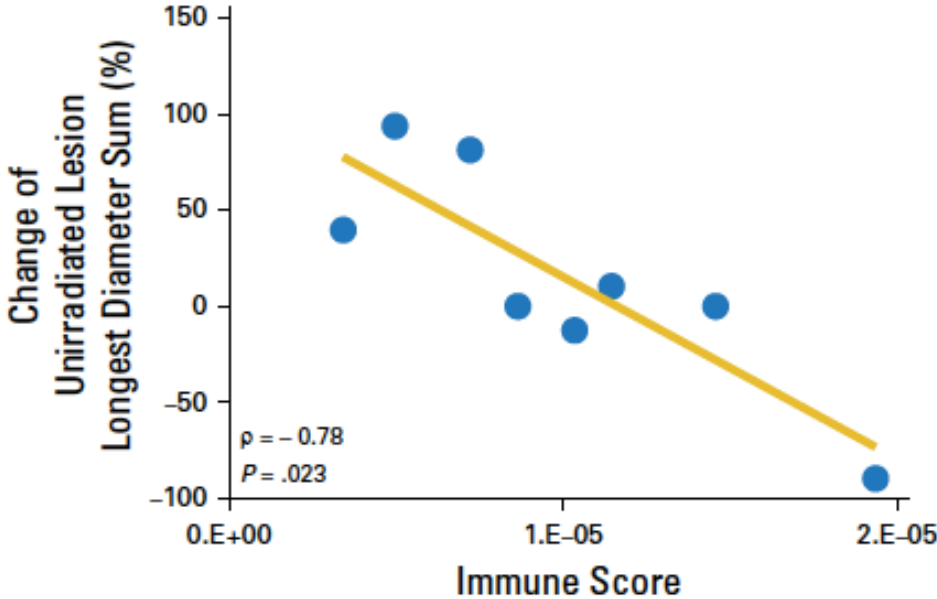
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Luke et al, JCO 2018



# Correlation between IFN-related immuno-score and non-irradiated tumor response



Luke et al, JCO 2018

# How to potentiate RT-immunotherapy combination?

1. Overcome barriers to antigen release and antigen-presentation at treated site (appropriate RT dose, type I IFN release)
2. Enable T-cells trafficking and cytotoxic T-cells killing in non-irradiated tumors
3. By-pass antigenic heterogeneity among different metastases (broadening of TCR repertoire)
4. Counterbalance the immunosuppressive effects/T-cell exhaustion (suppress PD-1 axis)



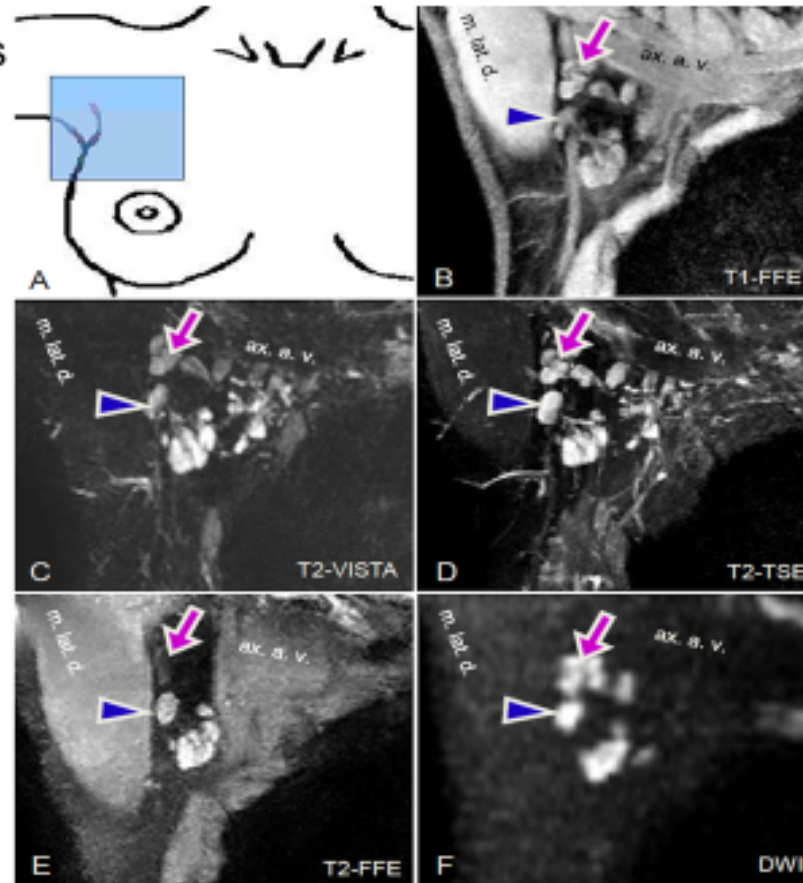
# RT on Immunological Compartments?



## In room MRigRT Clinical Examples

### > Imaging breast lymph nodes

- (B) T1-FFE (water-only image)
- (C) T2-VISTA
- (D) T2-TSE (water-only image)
- (E) T2-FFE
- (F) DWI ( $b = 1000 \text{ s/mm}^2$ )



Courtesy Jan Lagendijk



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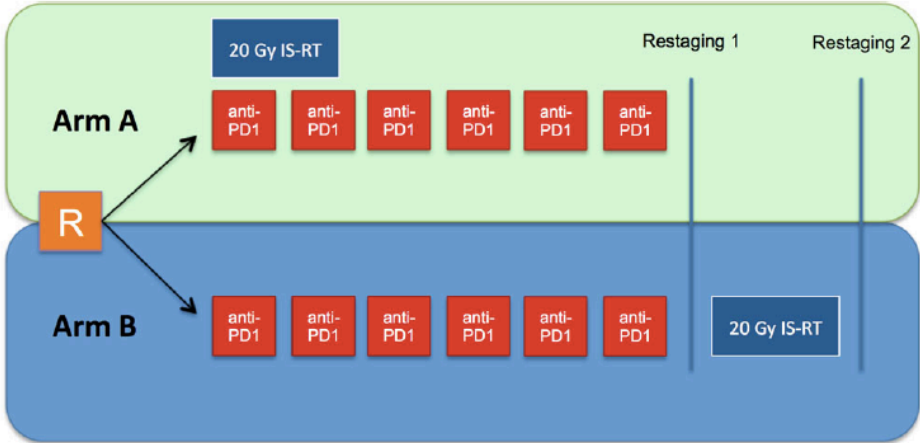
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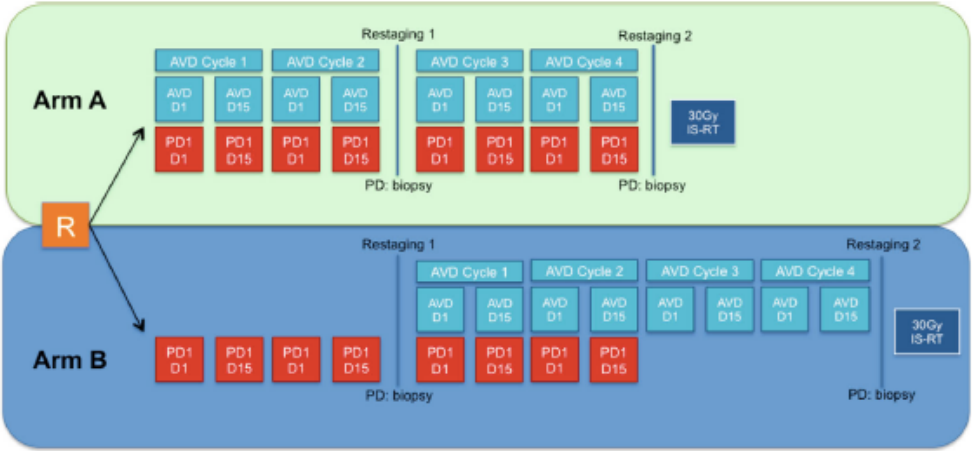
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# GHSg study on early stage HL

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## Stage I/II follicular lymphoma: spread of bcl-2/IgH+ cells in blood and bone marrow from primary site of disease and possibility of clearance after involved field radiotherapy

Pt	Baseline	Treatment	I FU	II FU	III FU	IV FU	V FU	VI FU	VII FU	VIII FU	IX FU	X FU
1	■▲	RT	□△	□△	□△	□△	□△	□△	□△	□△	□△	□△
2	□▲	RT	□△	□△	□△	□△	□△	□△	□△	□△	□△	□△
3	□△	RT	□△									
4	■▲	RT	□△	□△	□△	□△	□△	□△	□△			
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Pulsoni et al, BJH 2007



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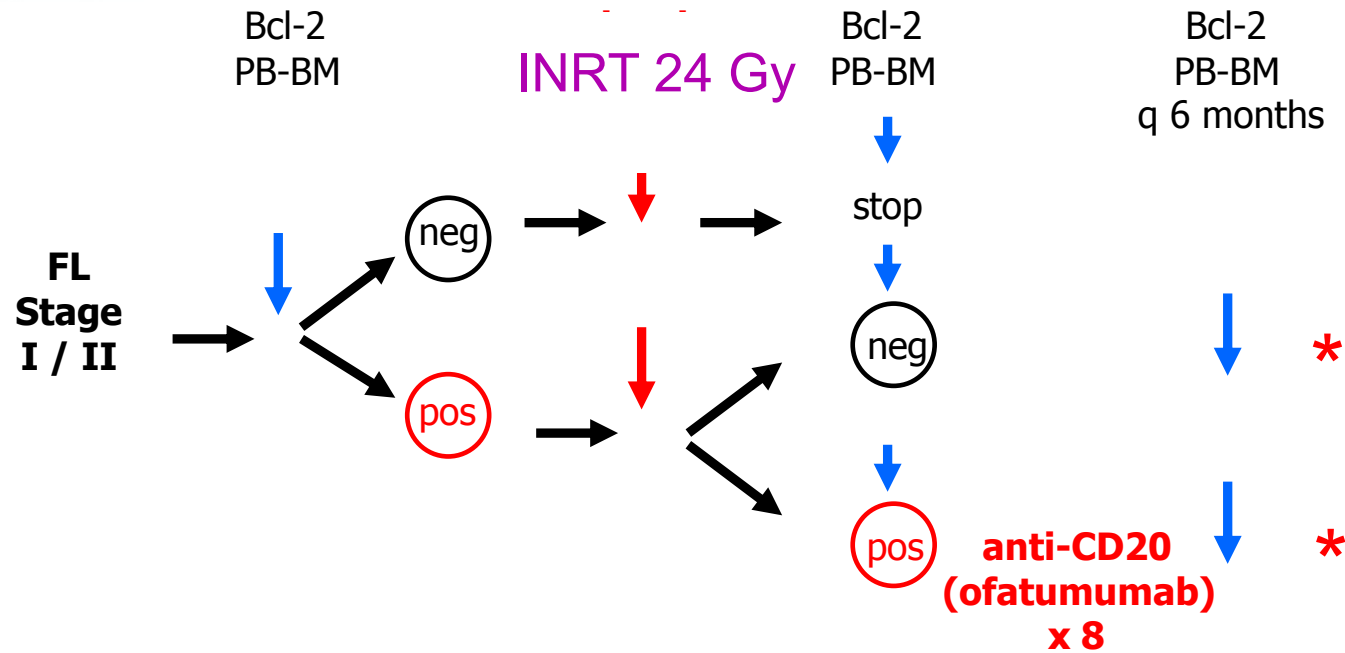


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# “MIRO” study (Molecularly Immuno-Radiotherapy Oriented)



## FLOW CHART



\* In case of conversion from (neg) to (pos) → **anti-CD20 (ofatumumab) x 8**

Courtesy A. Pulsoni, FIL Follicular Lymphoma Group

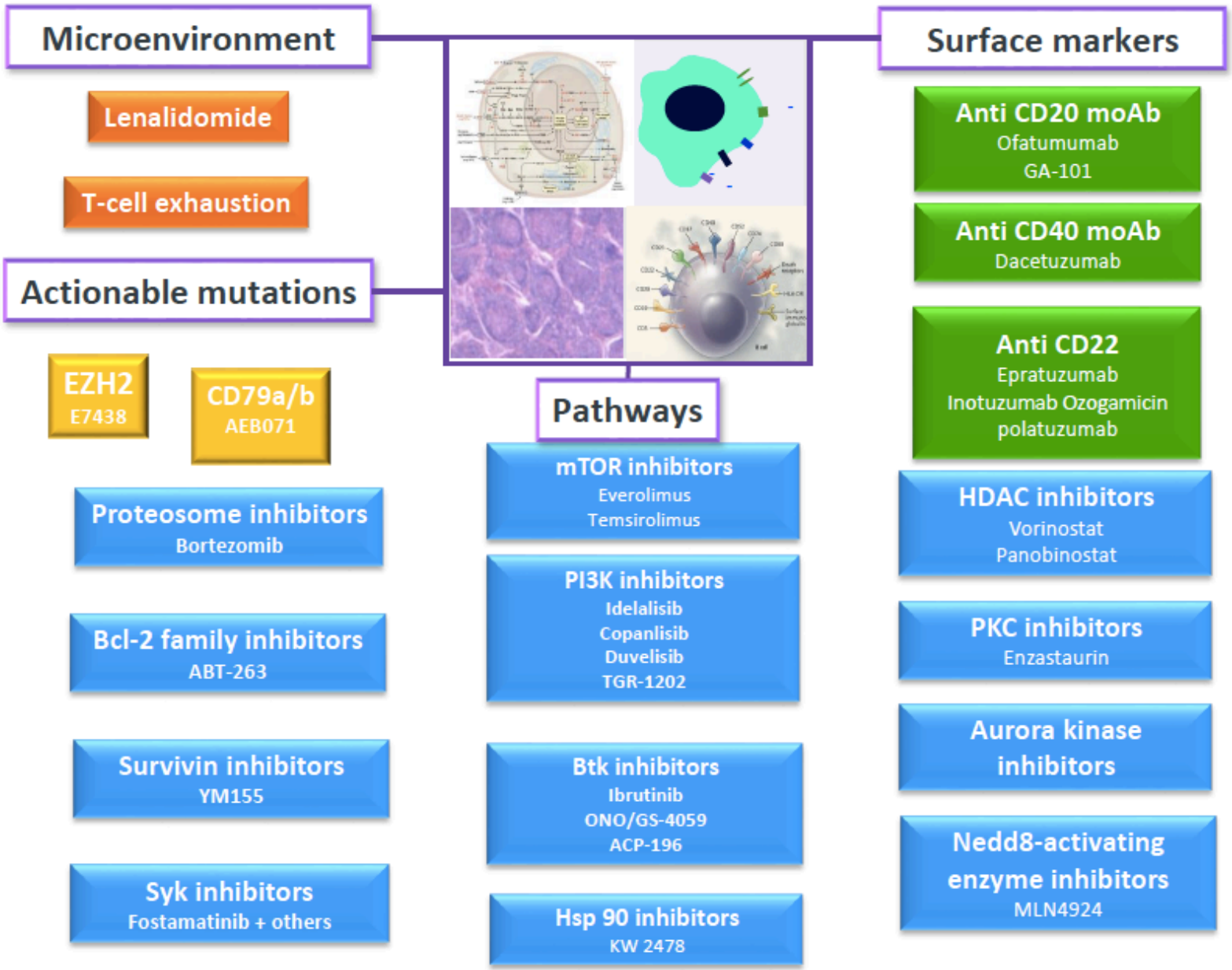


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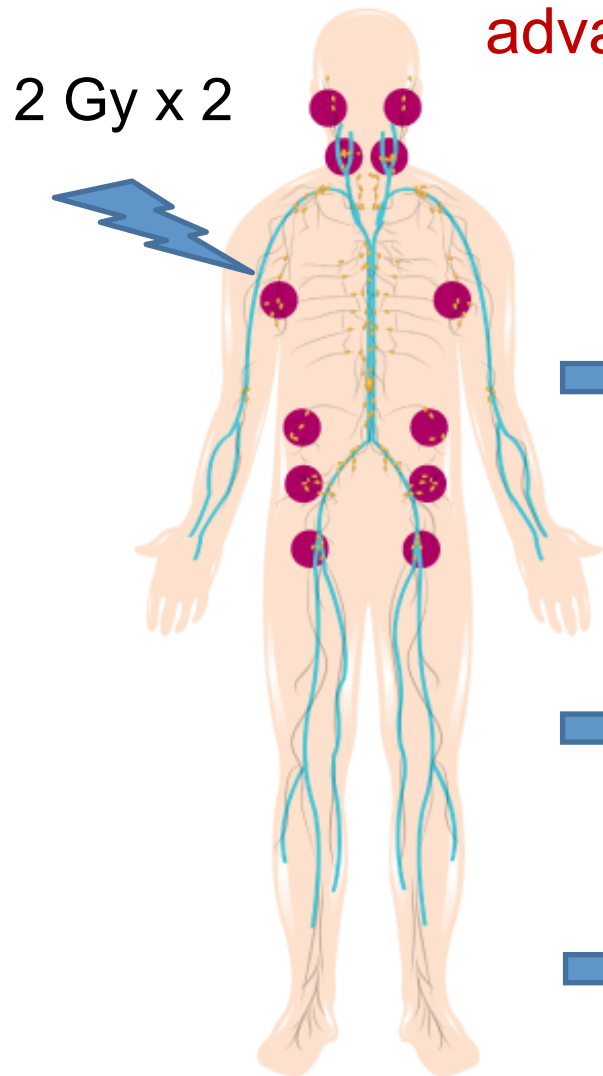
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## Possible innovative uses of low dose RT for advanced stage FL



Immunecheckpoint inhibitors +/-  
Rituximab?

Lenalidomide +/- Rituximab?

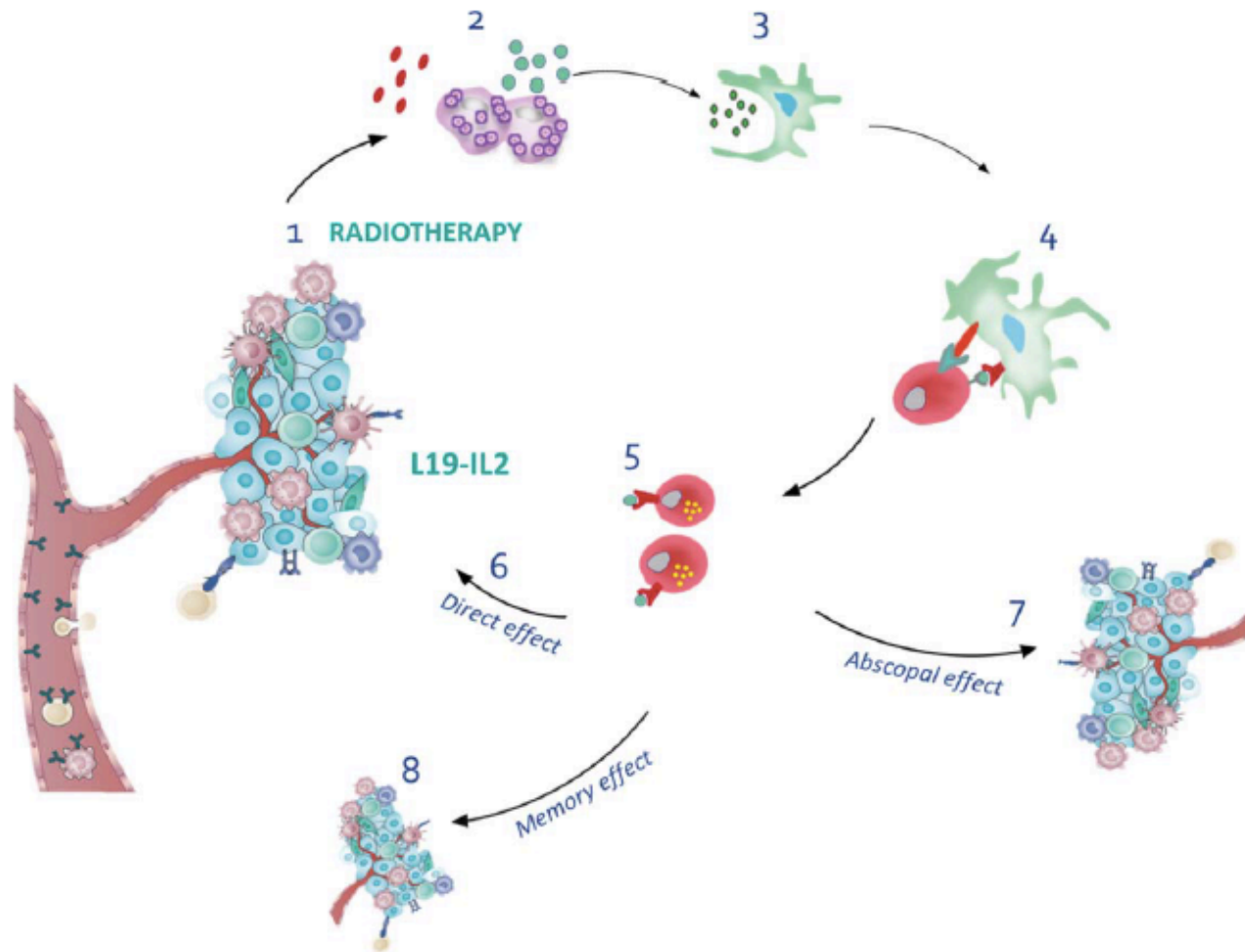
Repeated RT?





# The immunocytokine L19-IL2: An interplay between radiotherapy and long-lasting systemic anti-tumour immune responses

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**Radiation Sensitizes Tumor Cells to CAR T Cell Immunotherapy**

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**Results:** Neoadjuvant radiation two days before CAR T cell treatment, even at a low dose of 2 Gy, dramatically increases the rate of tumor cell killing relative to no radiation (57% vs 96% tumor death at a ratio of 1:1 effector/tumor cell,  $P < 0.001$ ).

Although radiation alone results in significant tumor cell death, the tumor cells surviving RT are more sensitive to CAR T cell mediated killing, at a wide range of CAR T cell/tumor cell ratios.

## RT&Immunotherapy: a bright future?

