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# Immunotherapy in Hematological Malignancies 2018

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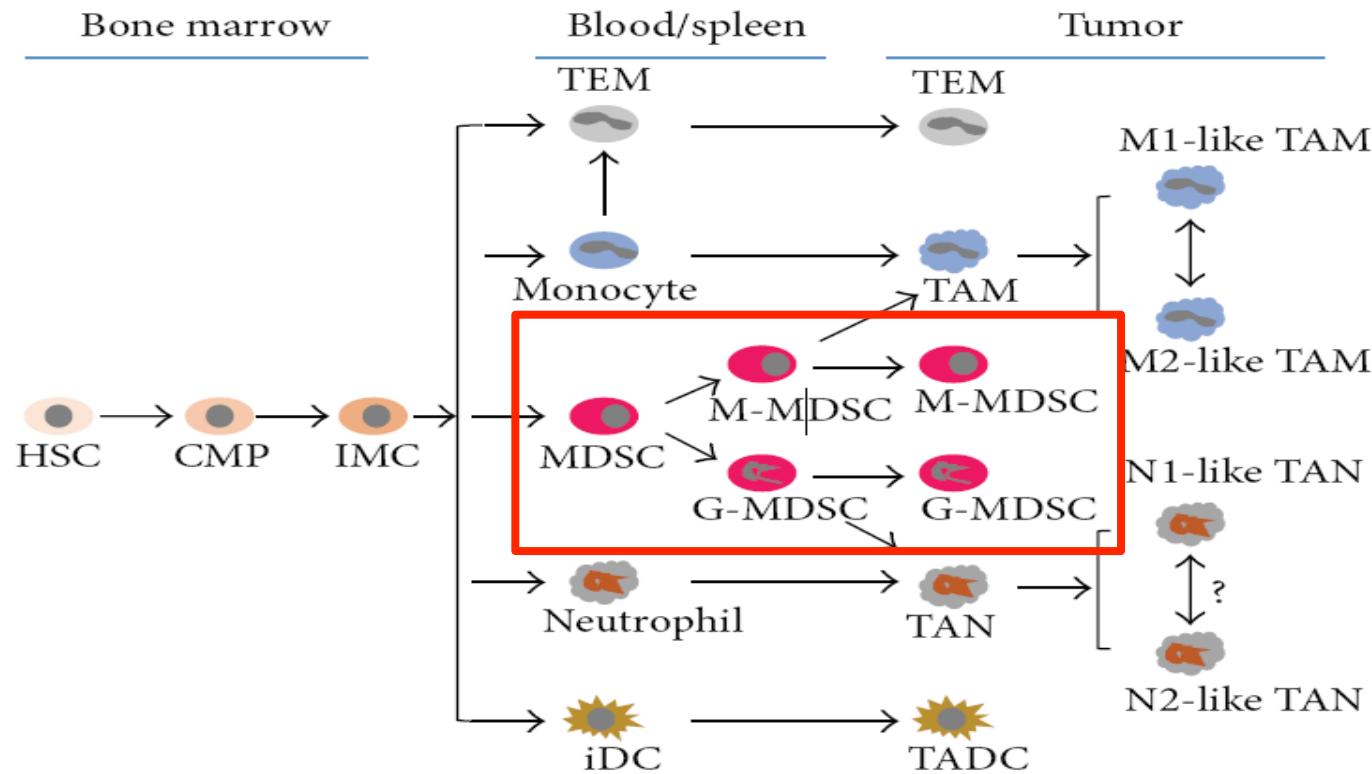
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**ROLE OF AMINOACIDS DEGRADING ENZYMES IN  
LYMPHO-PROLIFERATIVE DISEASES**

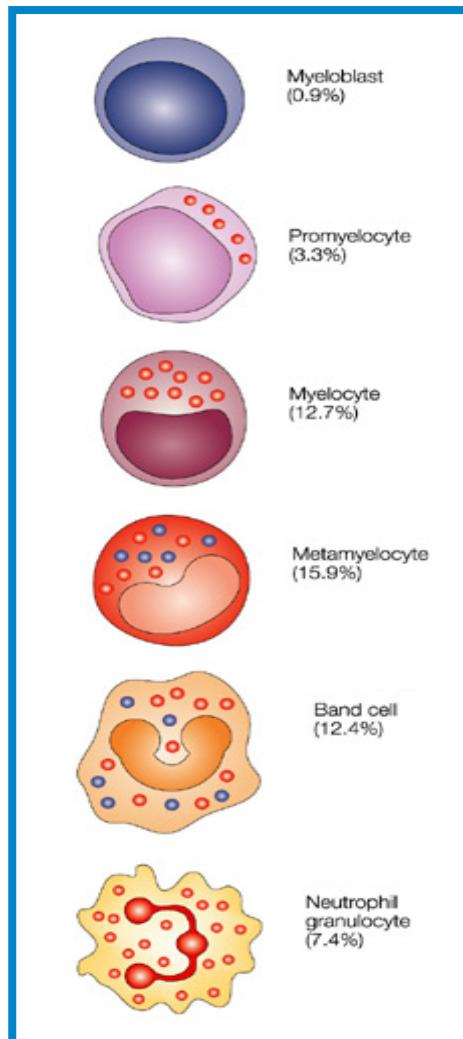
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# Tumor-associated myeloid cells



IMC: immature myeloid cells, TEM: Tie2-expressing monocyte, MDSC: myeloid-derived suppressor cell, M-MDSC: myeloid MDSC, G-MDSC: granulocytic MDSC, iDC: immature dendritic cells, TADC: tumor-associated dendritic cells, TAM: tumor-associated macrophage, and TAN: tumor-associated neutrophil

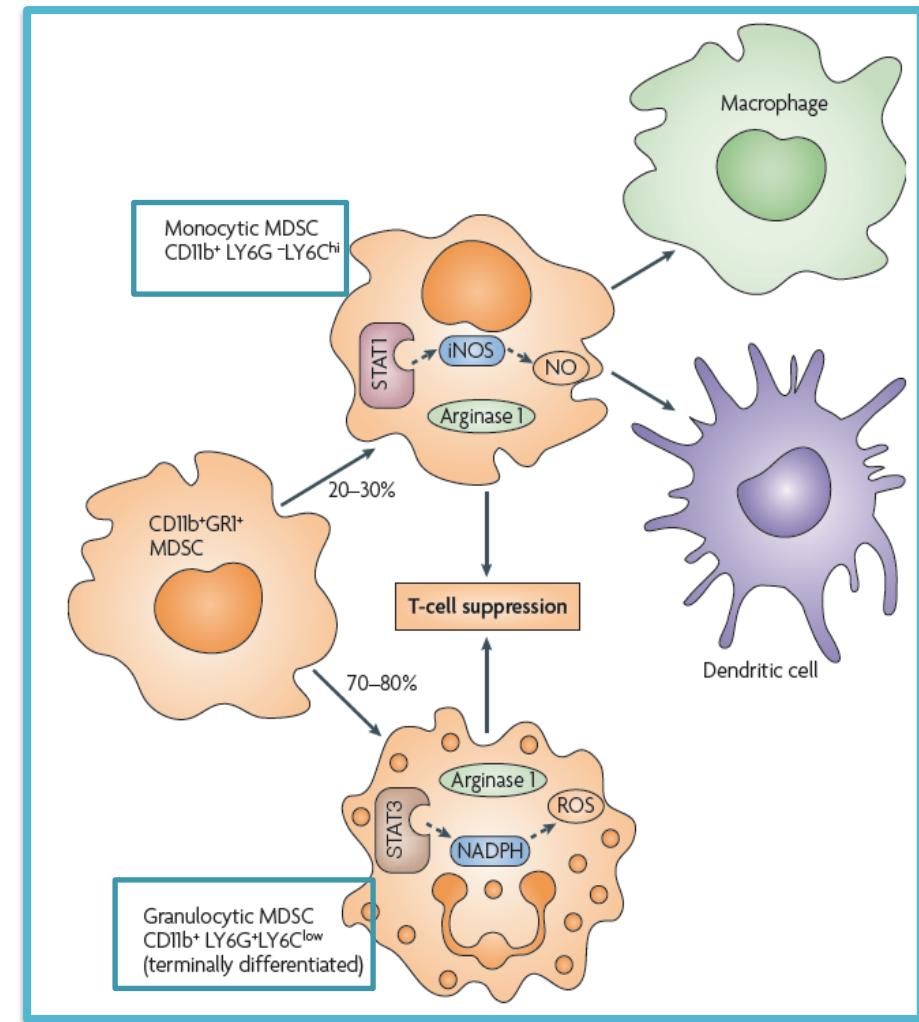
# What myeloid-derived suppressor cells are



## MDSC INDUCERS

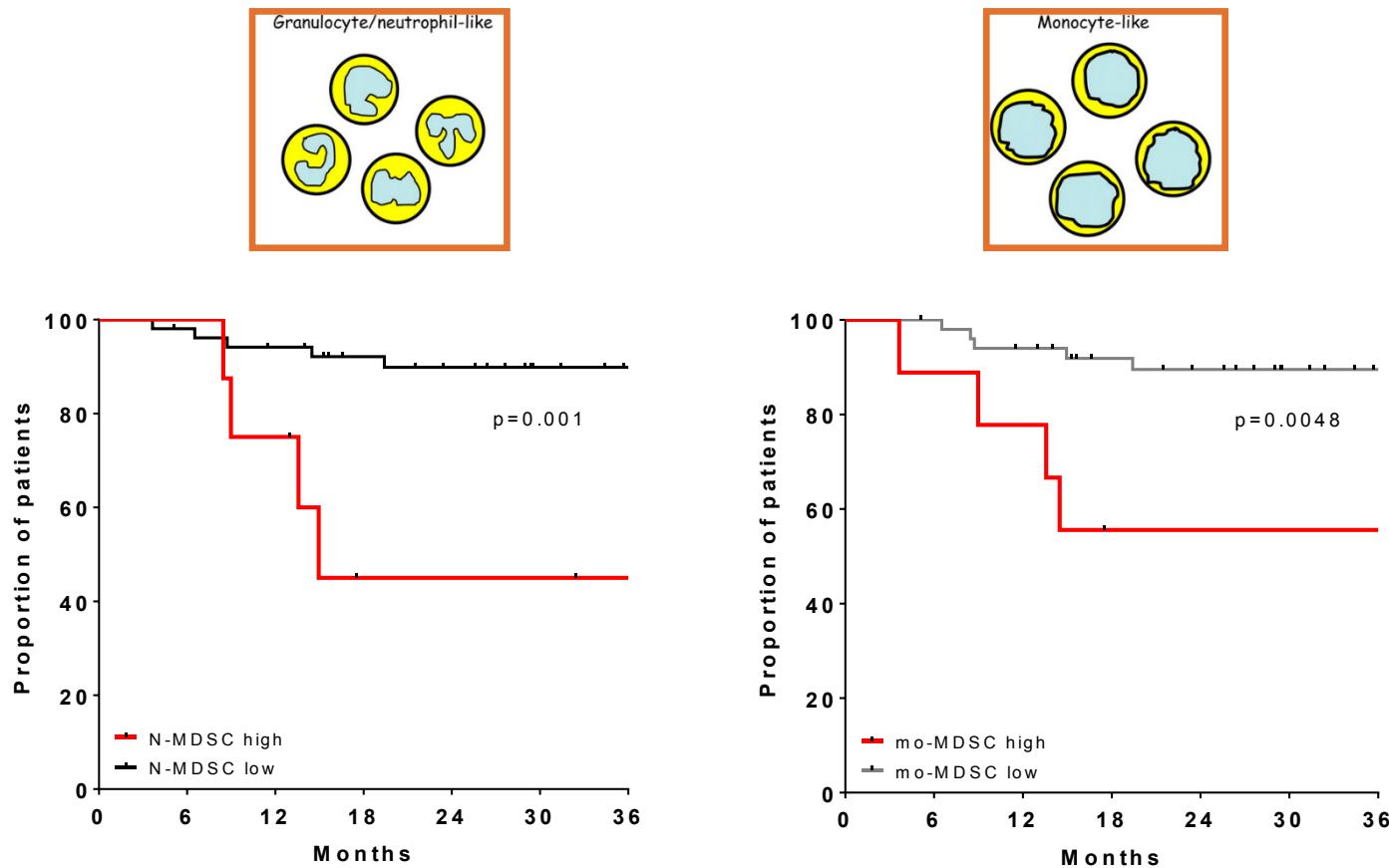
G-CSF, IL1- $\beta$ ,  
IL-4, IL6,  
TGF-  $\beta$

(e.g. inflammation,  
trauma, tumour)



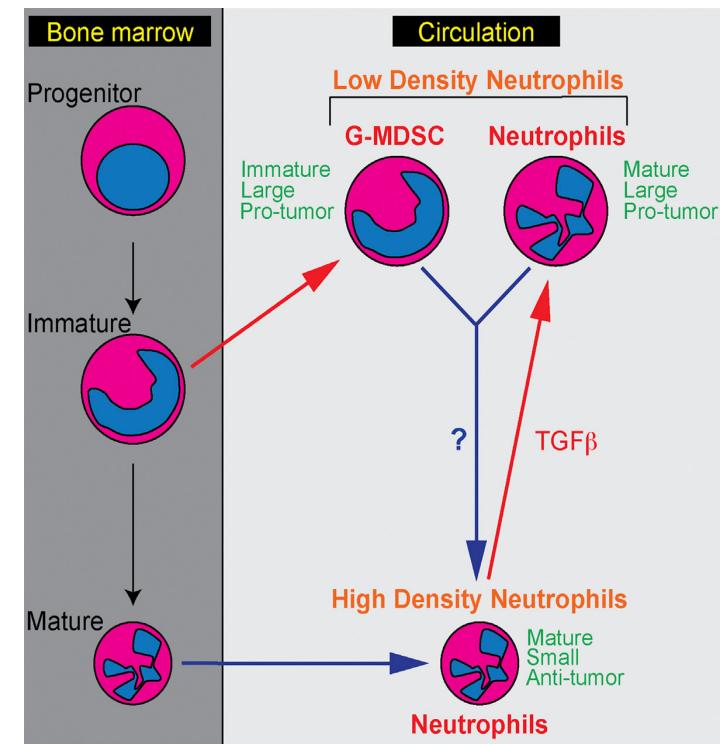
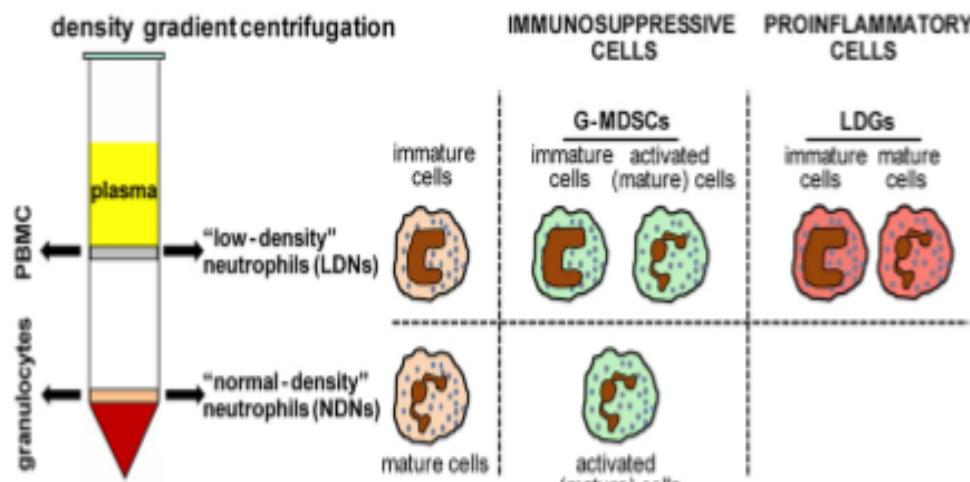
Gabrilovich et al; Nat Rev Immunol. 2009 Mar;9(3):  
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# MDSC and clinical outcome in HL

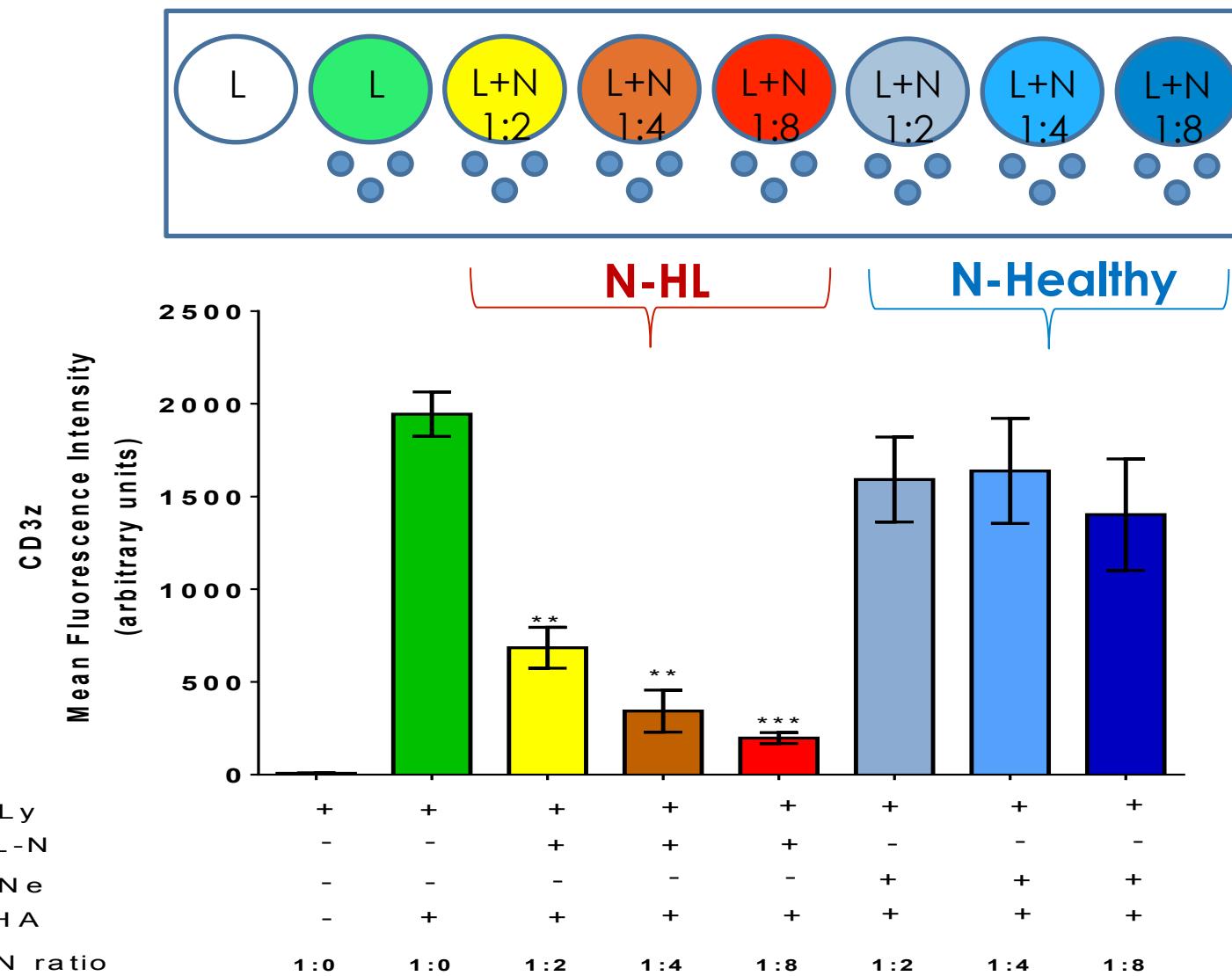


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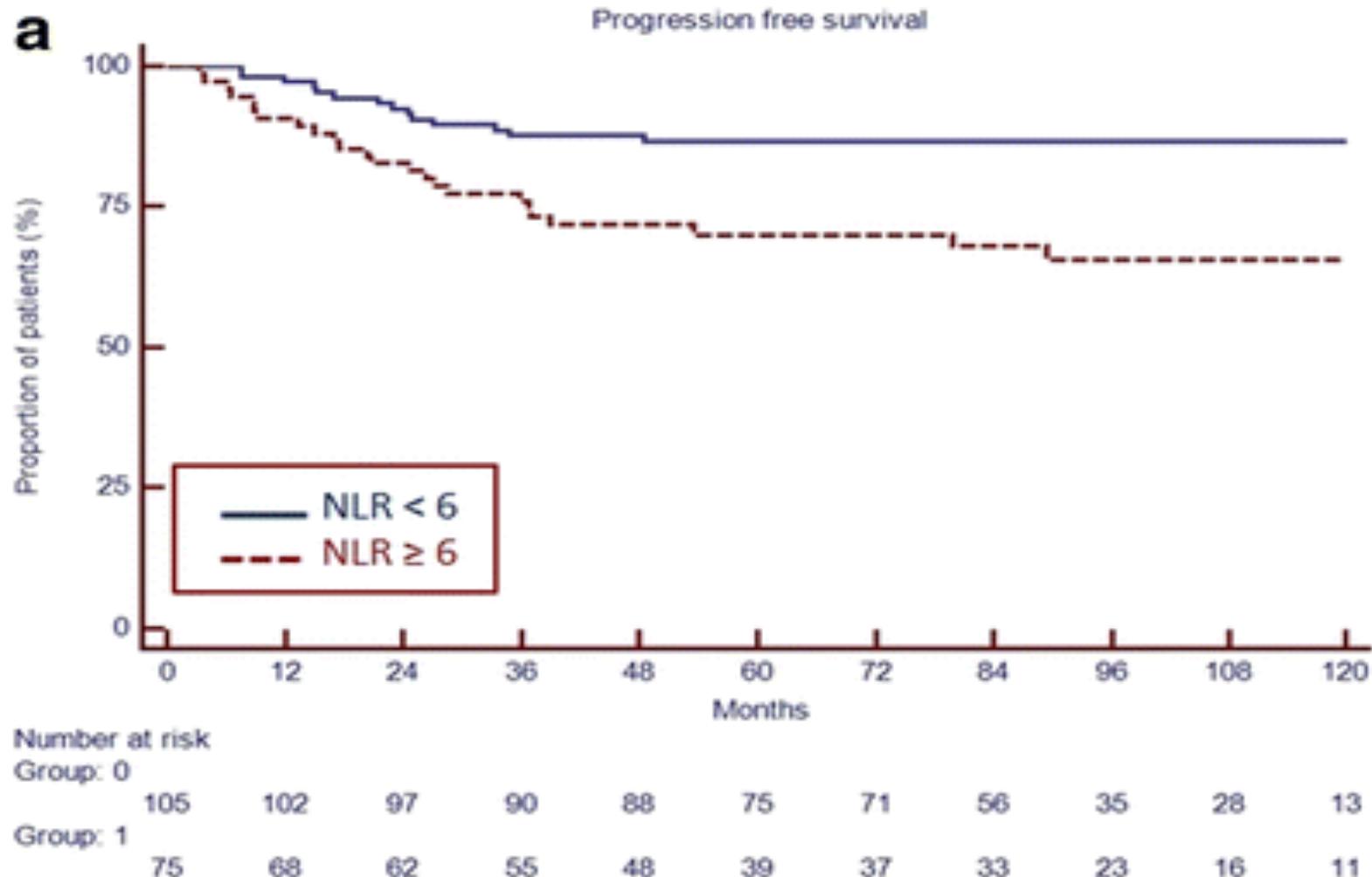
# G-MDSC or low-density neutrophils in peripheral blood?



# N-HL: functional evaluation

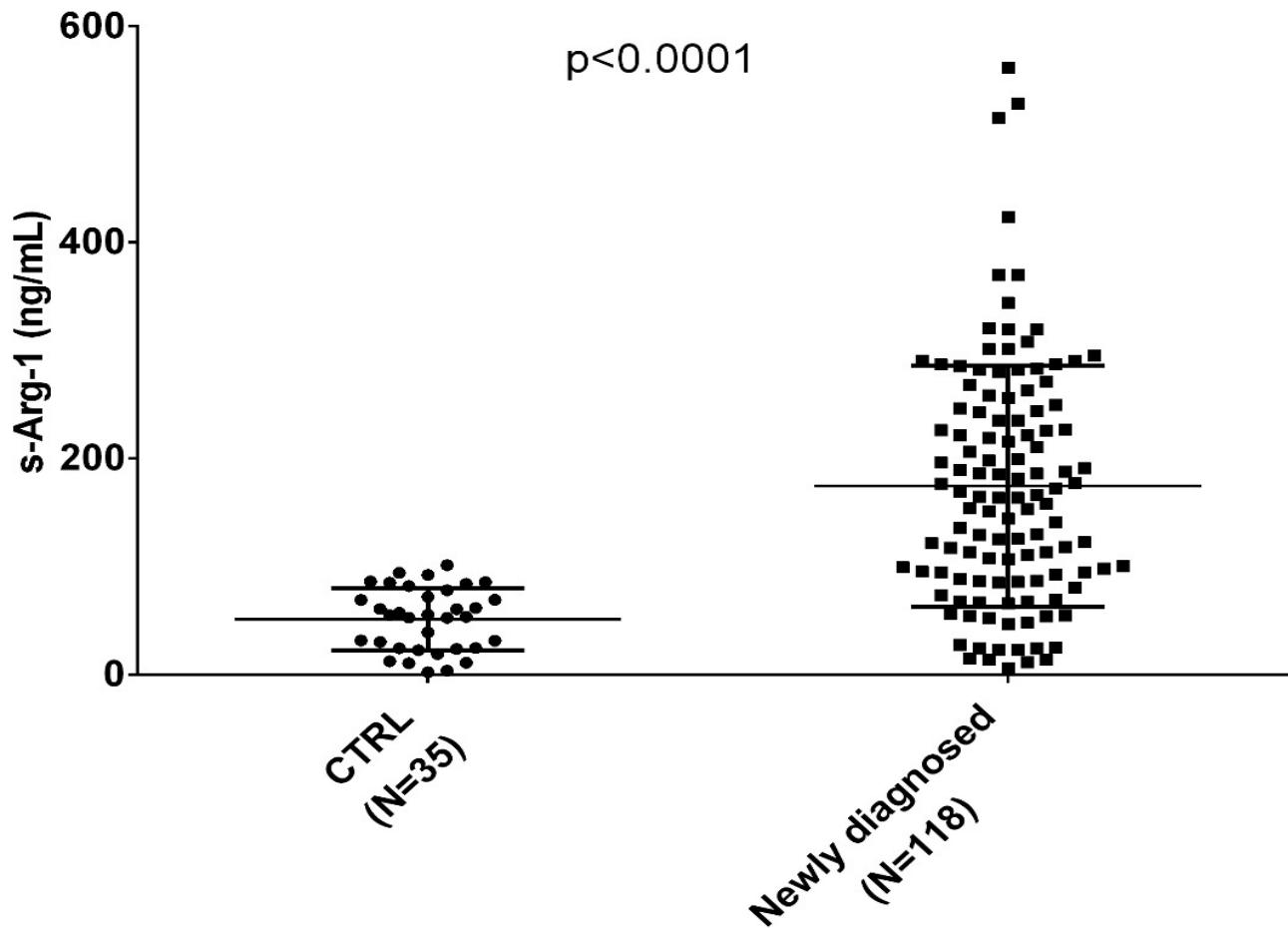


# NLR in Hodgkin Lymphoma

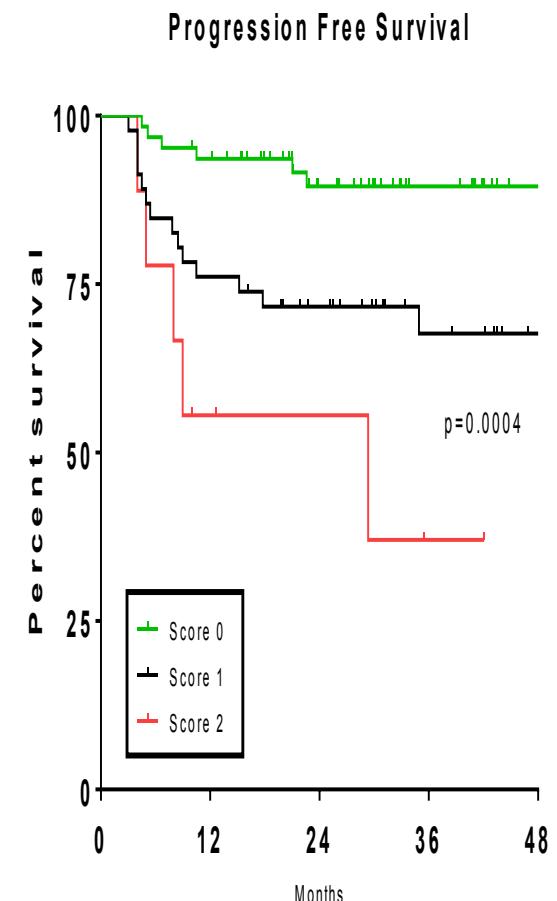
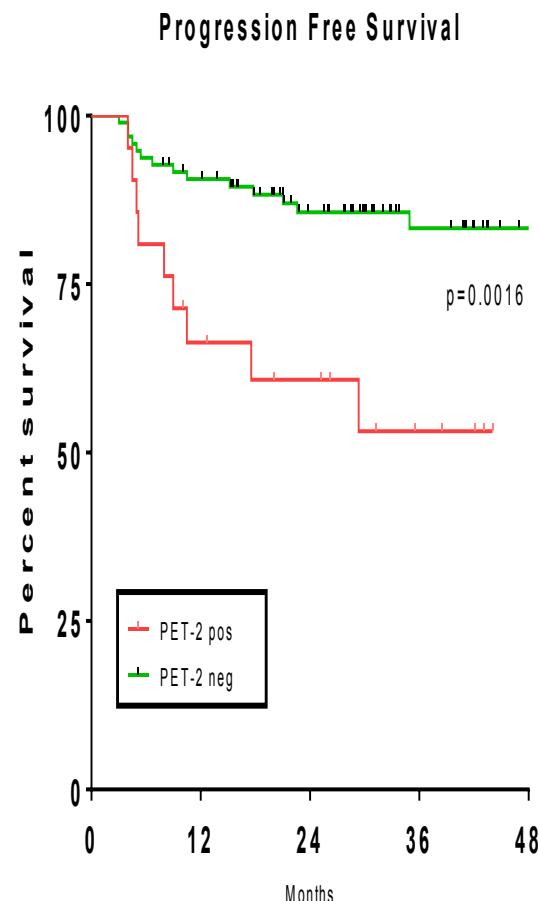
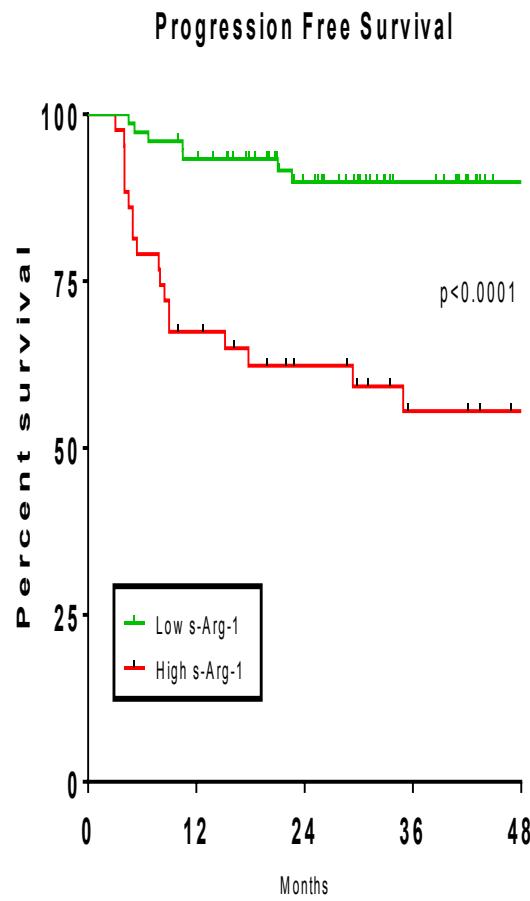


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# S-Arg-1 is increased in HL

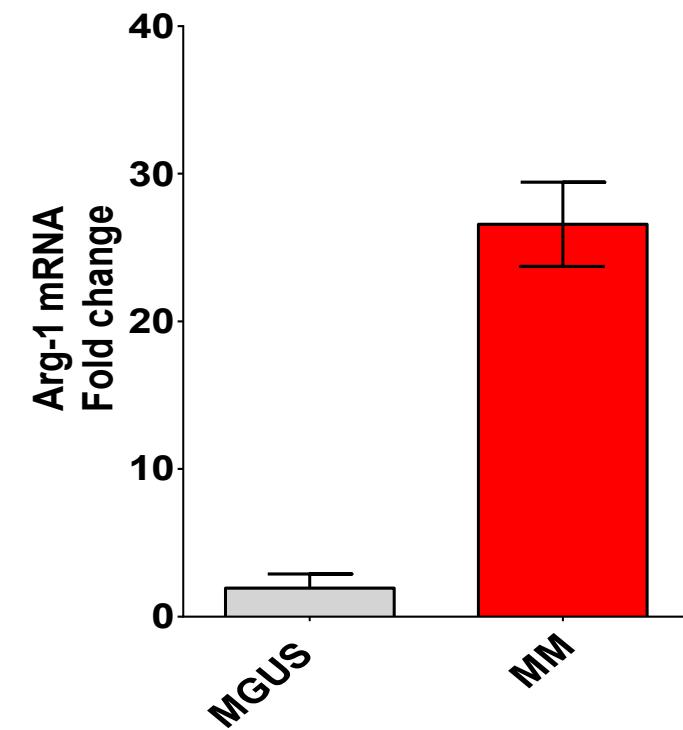
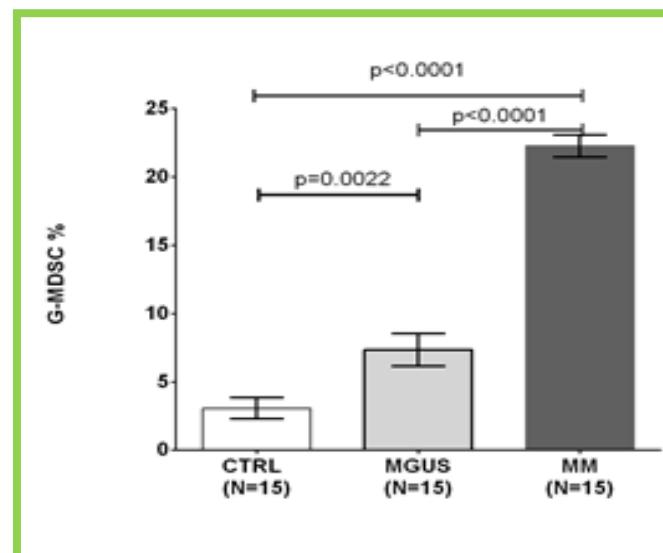
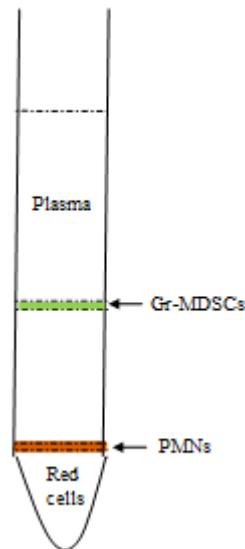


# S-Arg-1 and PFS (n=118)



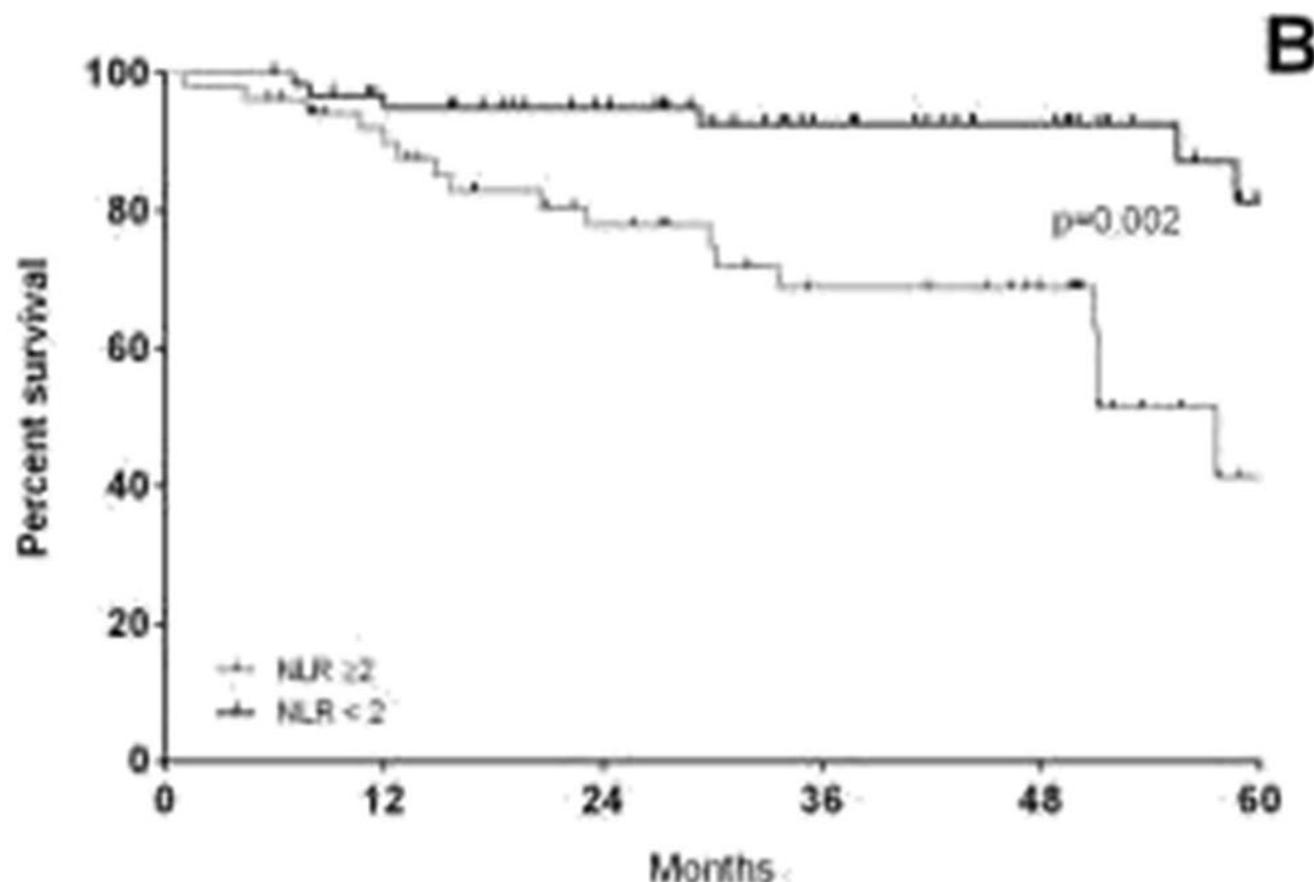
## *G-MDSCs sono aumentate nel MM*

Ficoll upper ring



*Romano A., Parrinello N., manuscript under revision*

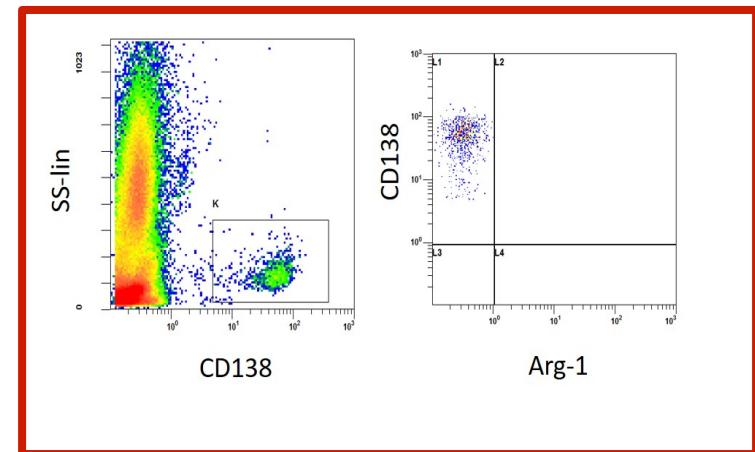
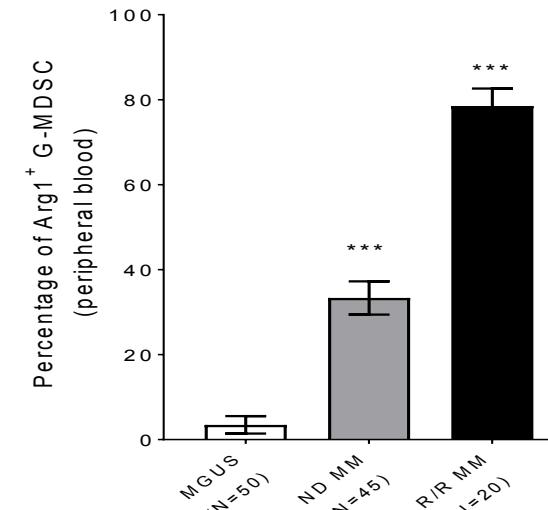
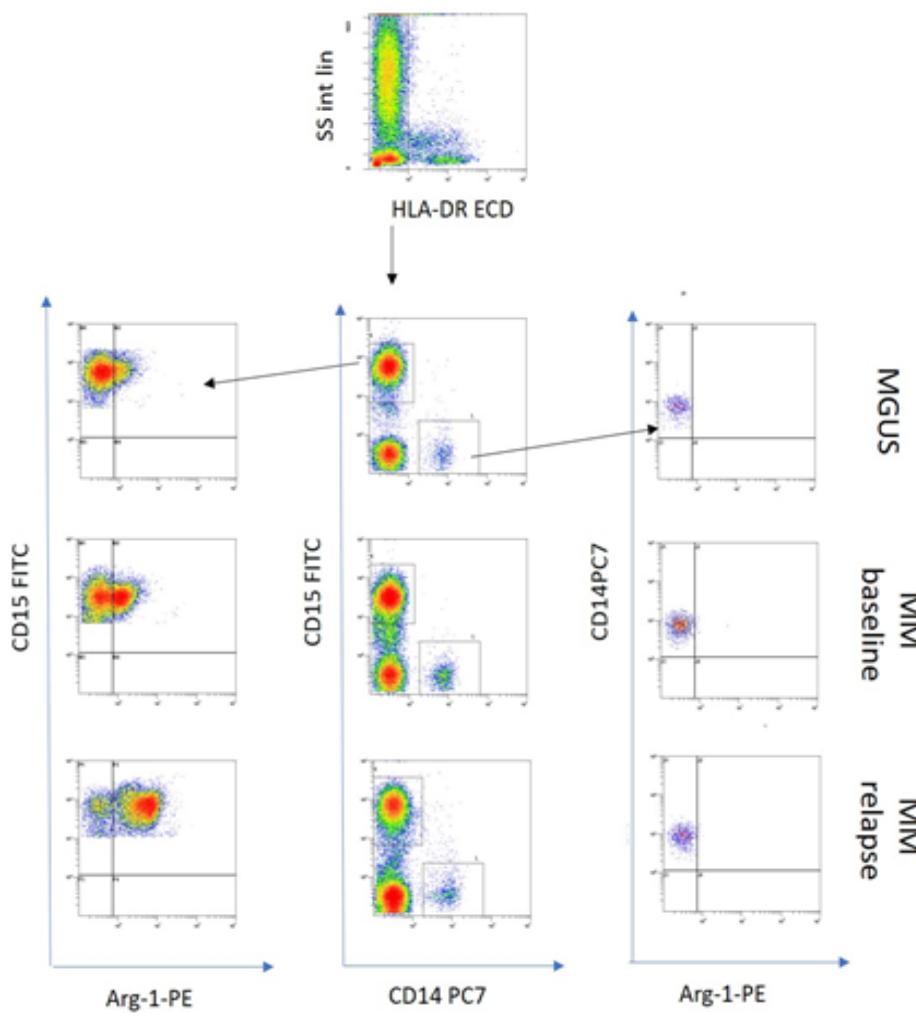
# Significance of NLR in Myeloma Patients Treated with ABMT



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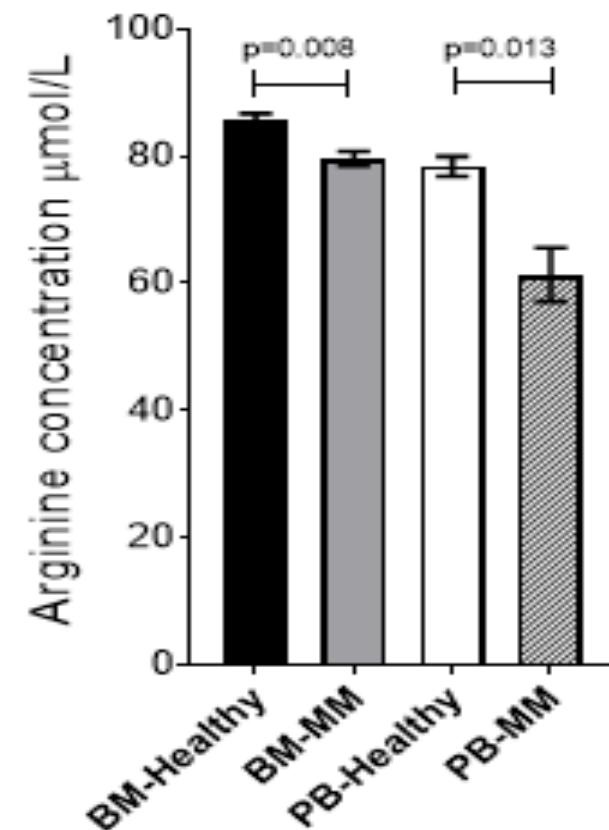
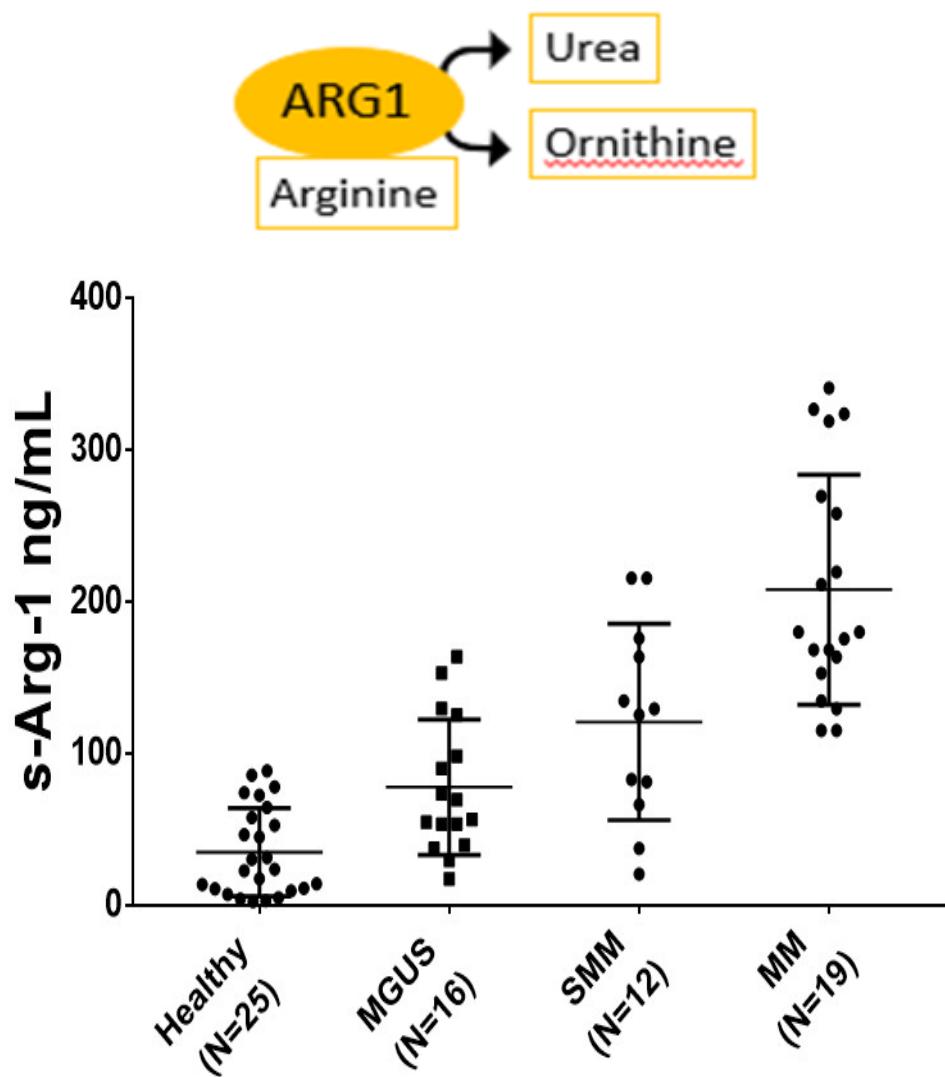
# Arg-1 is increased in MM-G-MDSC

myeloid but not MM cells express aminoacid degrading enzymes Arg-1



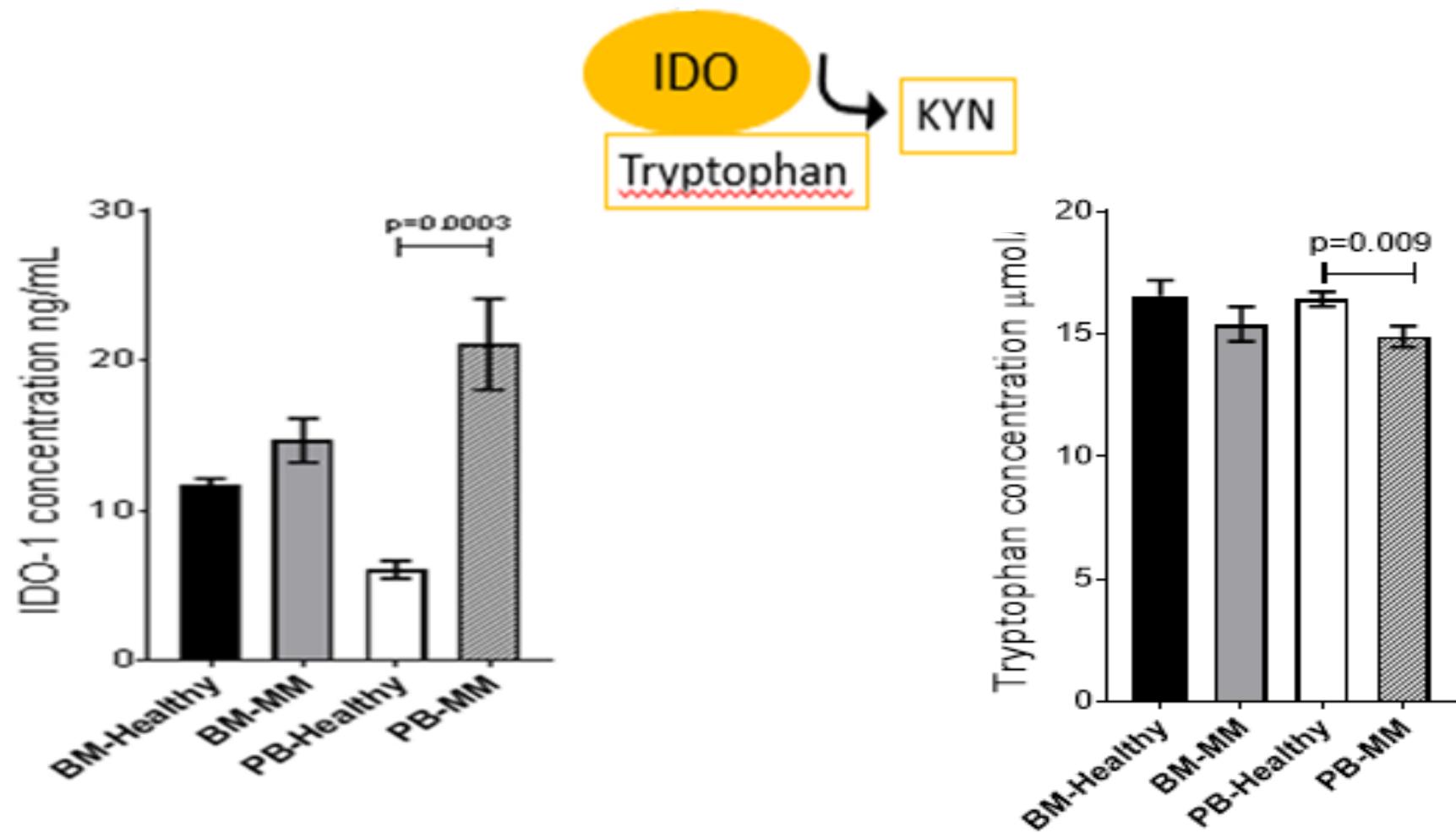
*Romano, Ex.Rev.Hem, 2018*

# Aminoacid shortage in MM environment



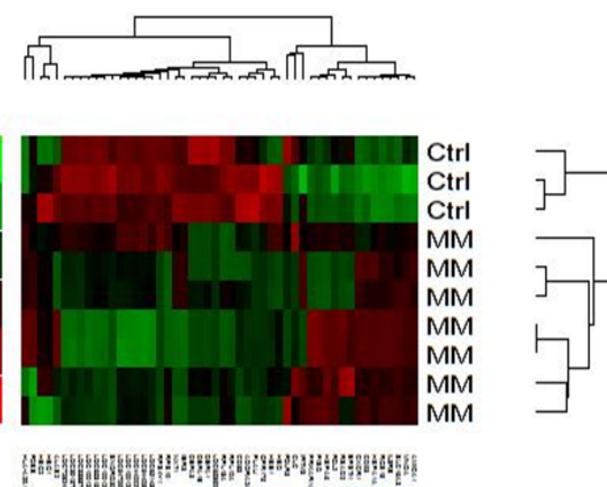
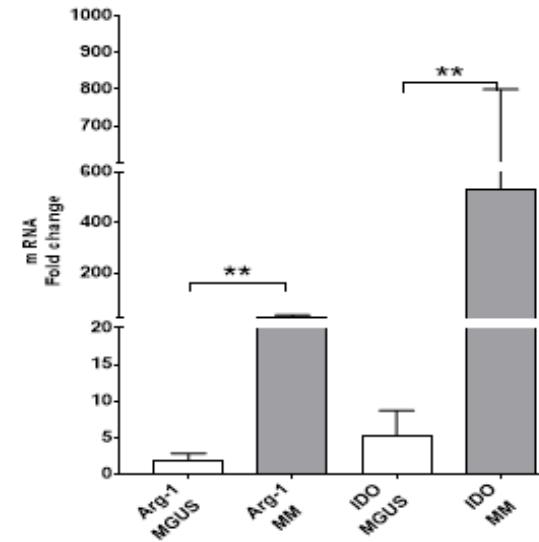
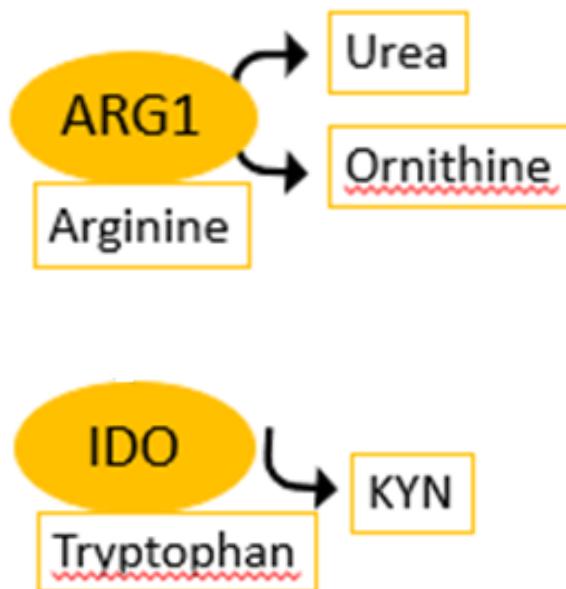
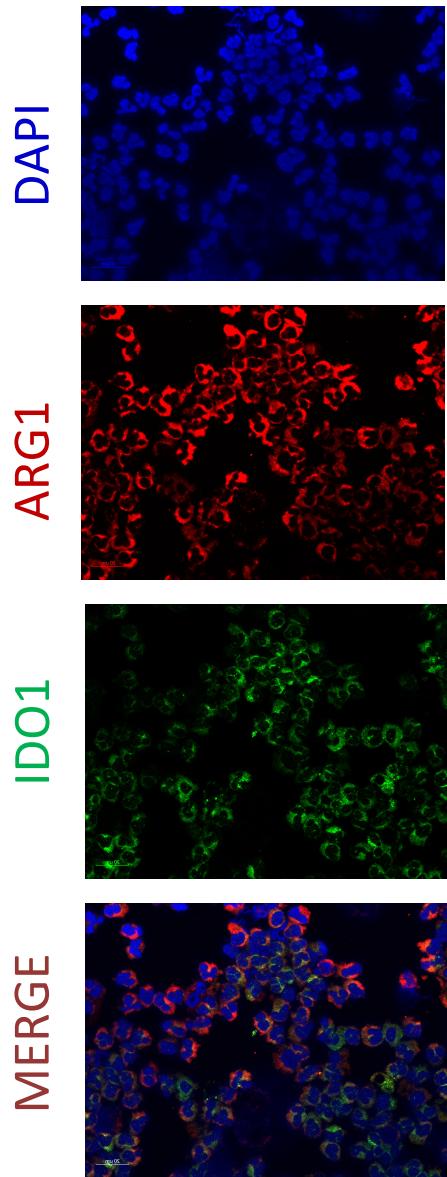
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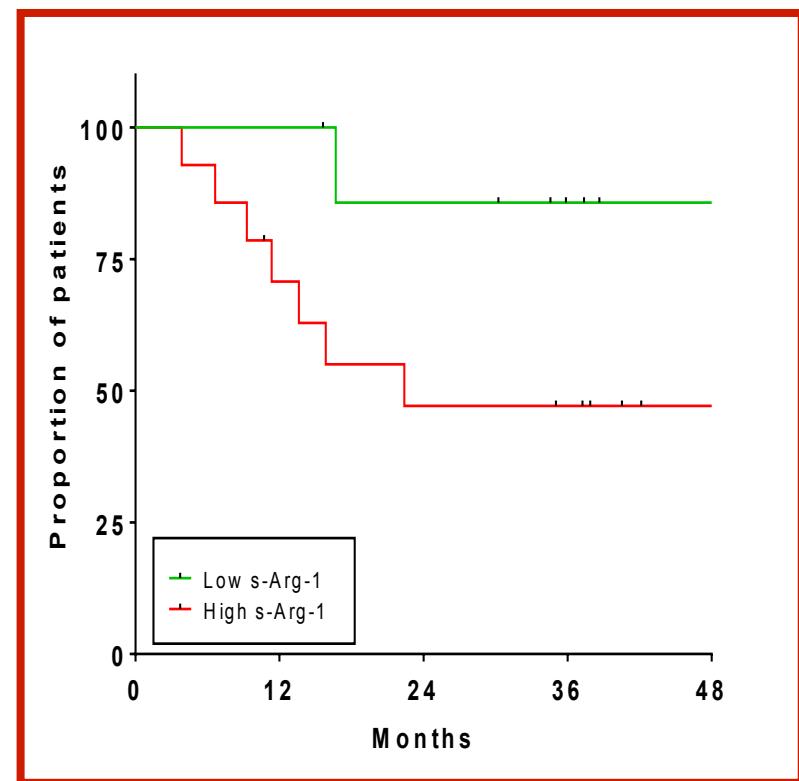
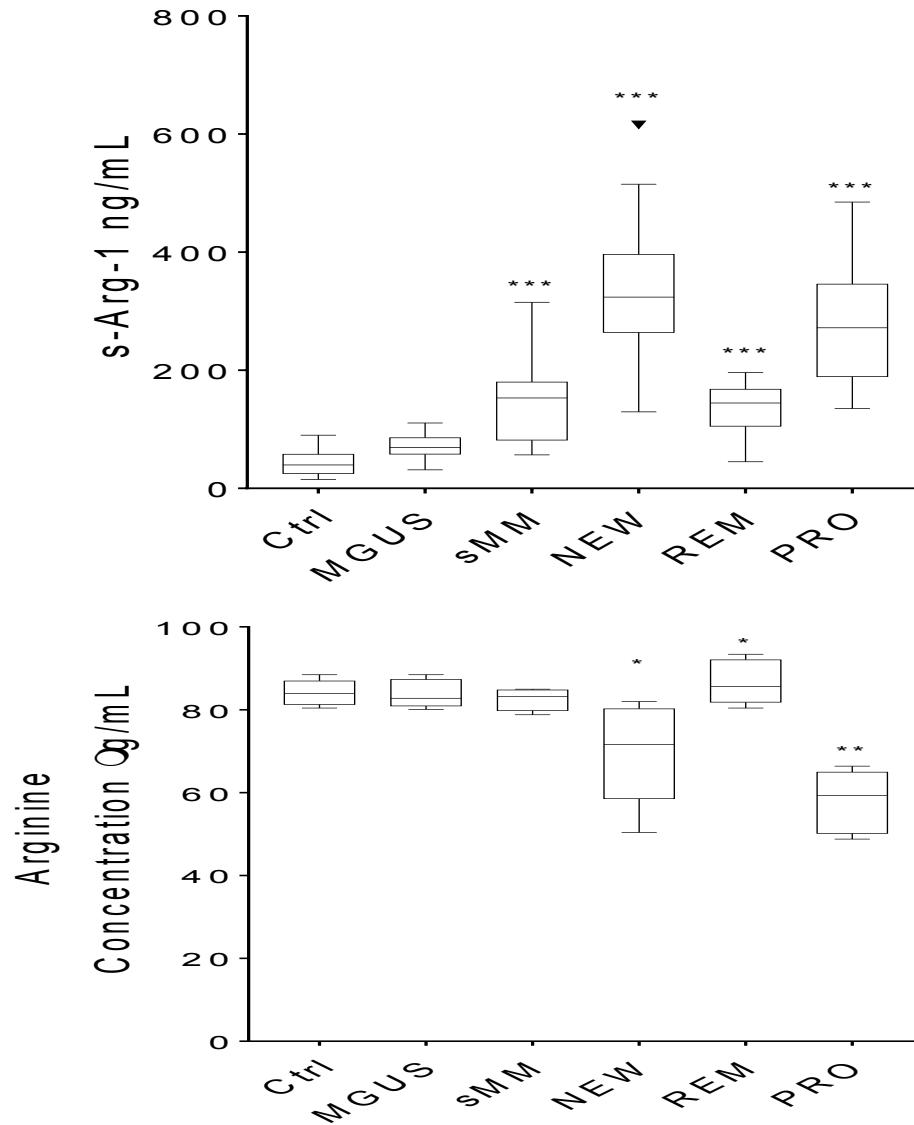


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# Aminoacid degrading enzymes are increased in HDN-MM

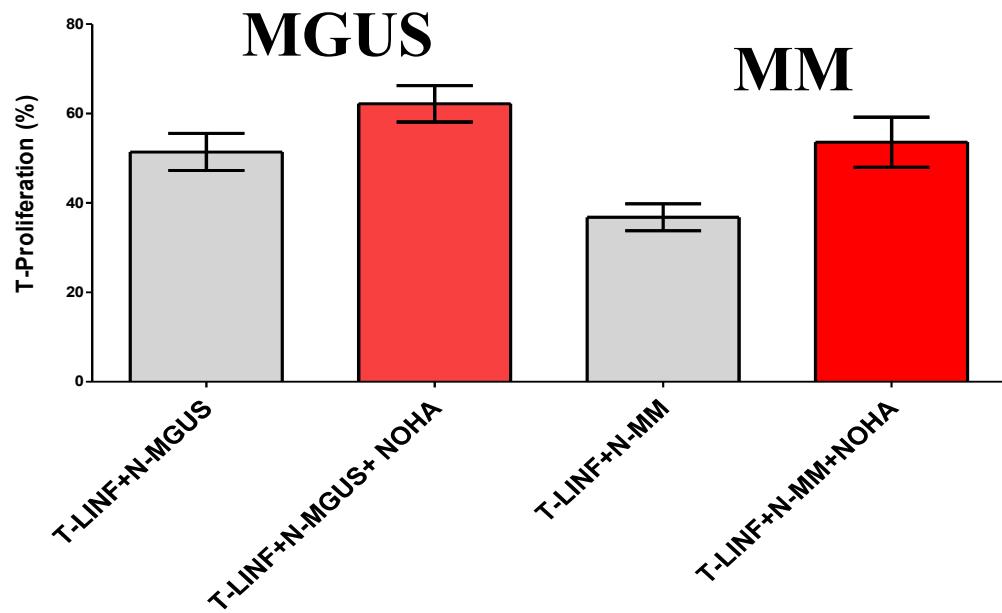
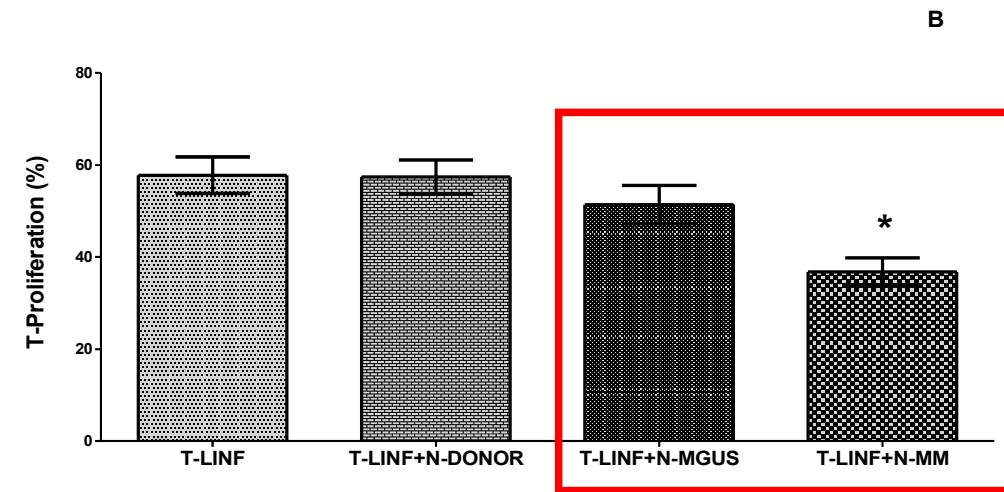
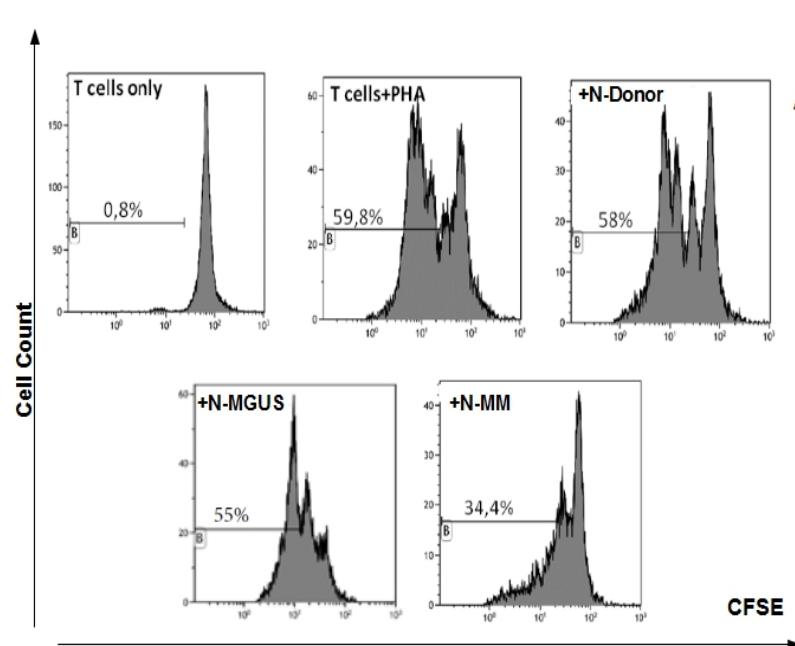


# Increased Arg-1 and reduced arginine in MM



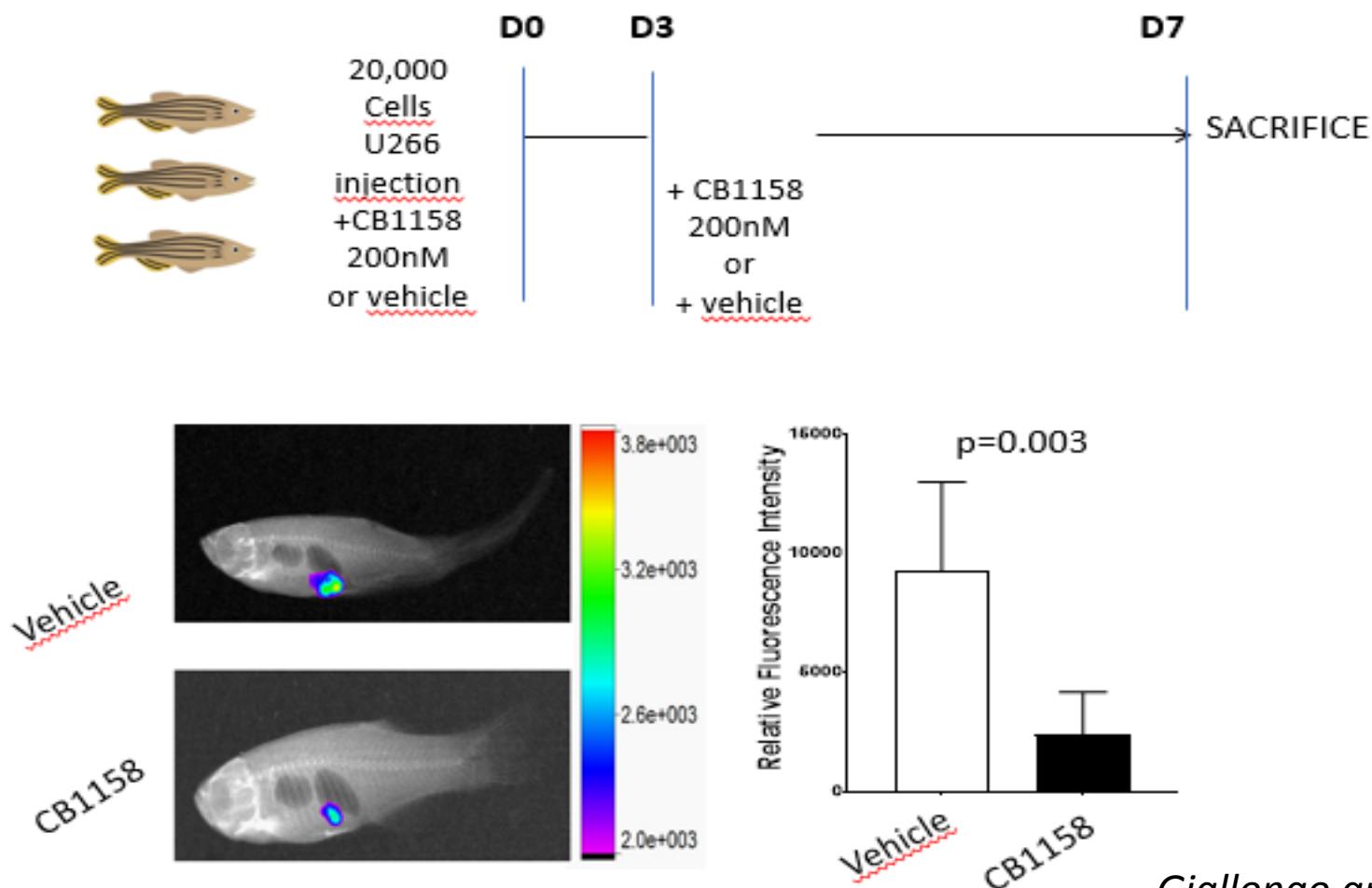
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# Neutrofili di MM inibiscono la proliferazione T-cellulare



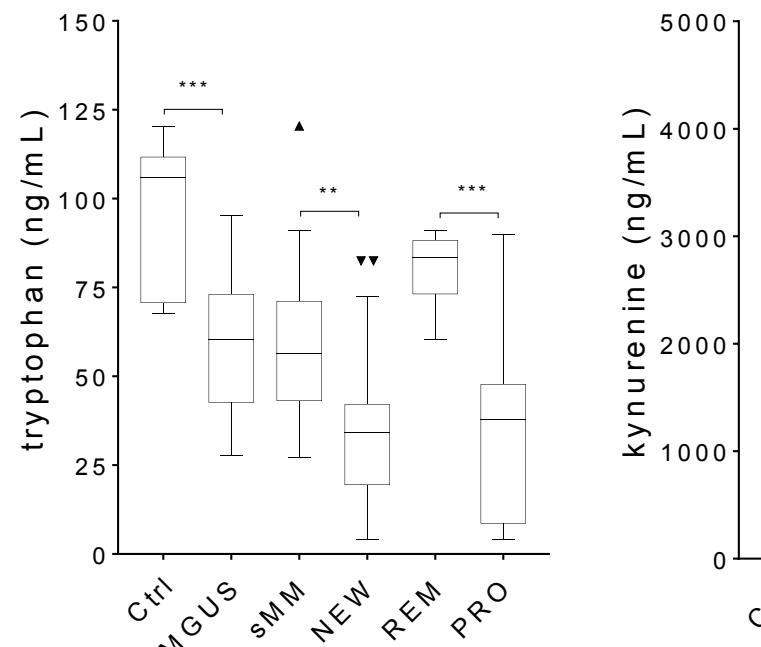
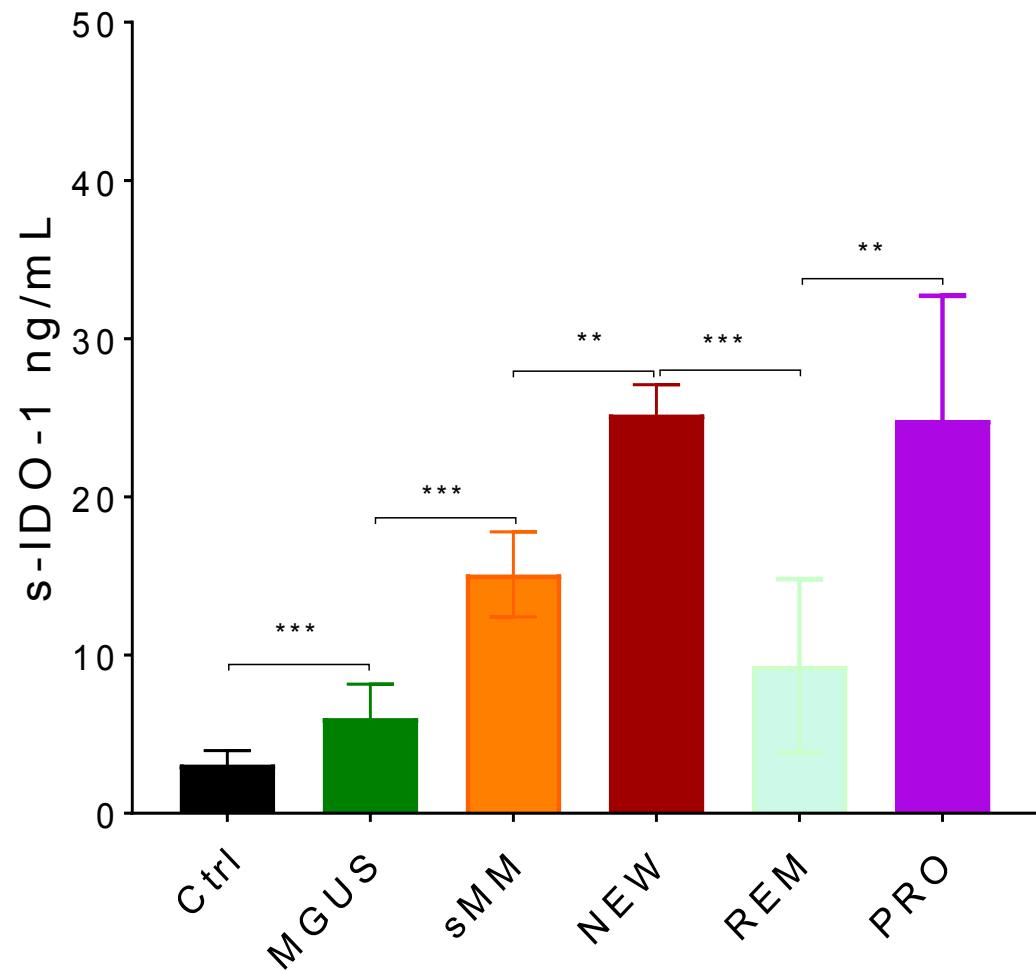
Nor-NOHA  
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# CB1158-Arg1 inhibitor reduces MM engraftment in vivo



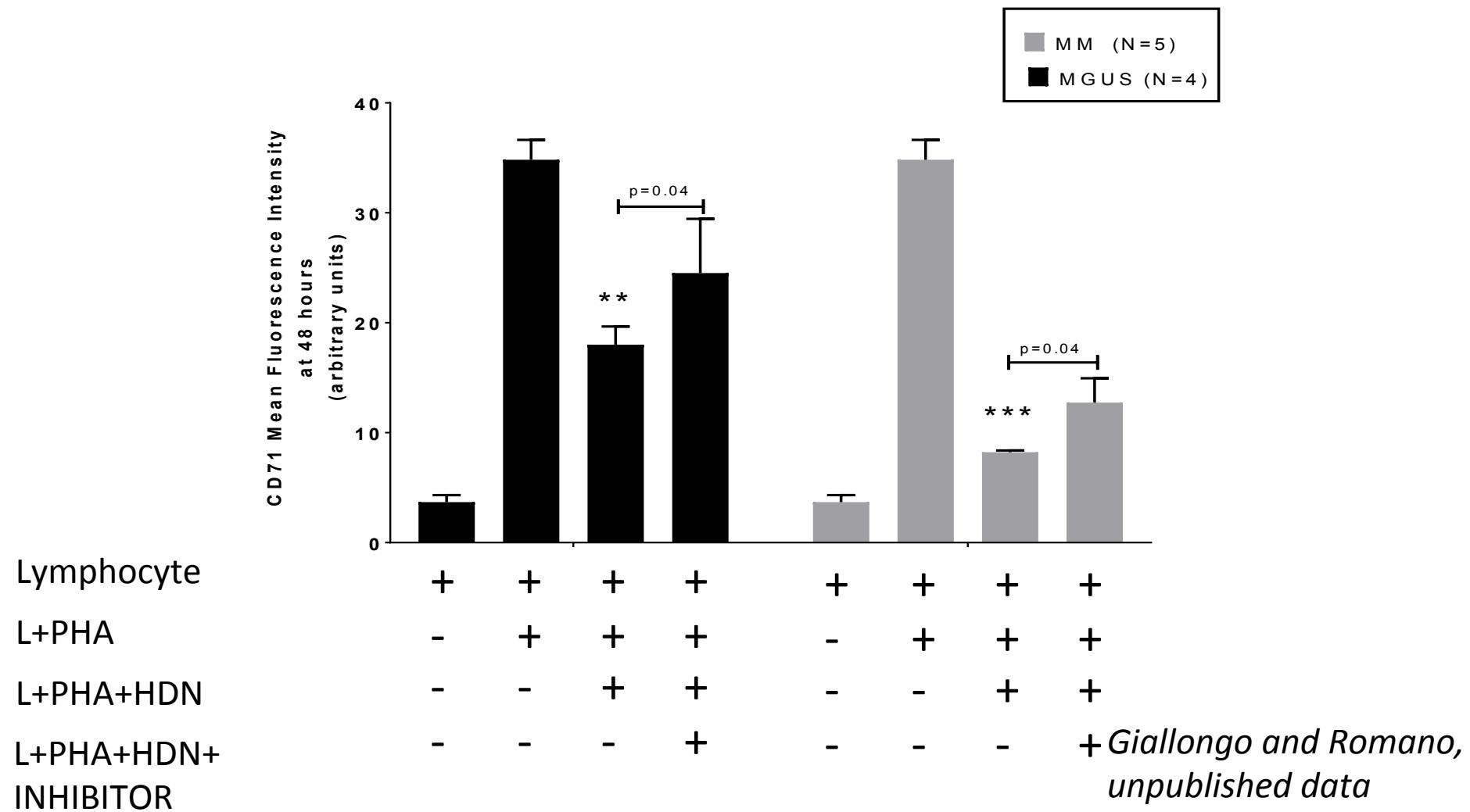
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# tryp/KYN is reduced in MM progression due to increased s-IDO-1

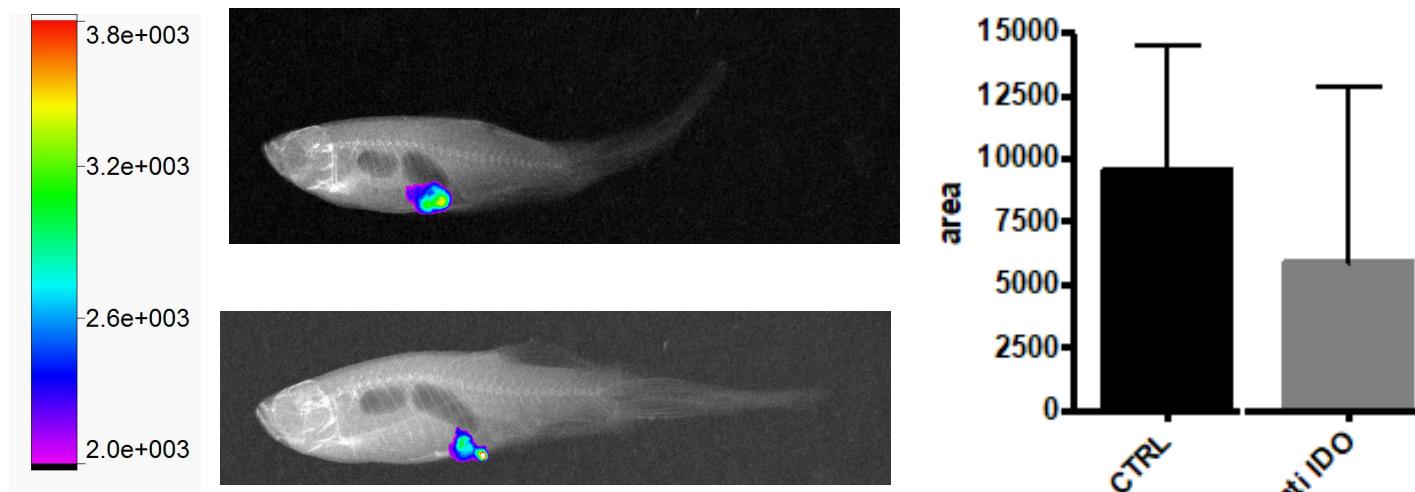
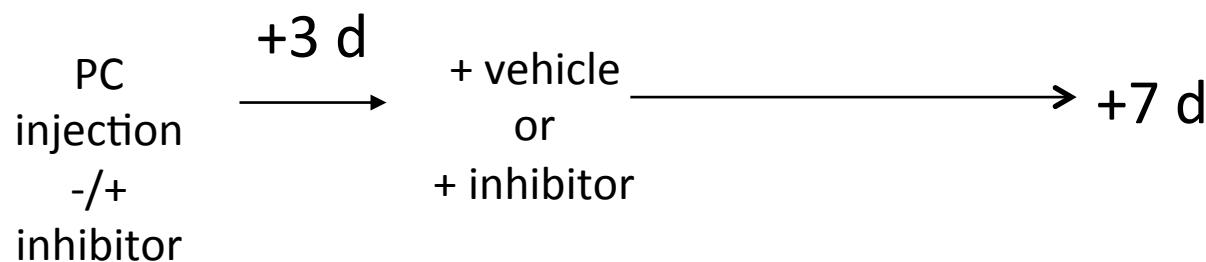


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# IDO-1 inhibition partially reverts T-cell dysfunction due to HDN

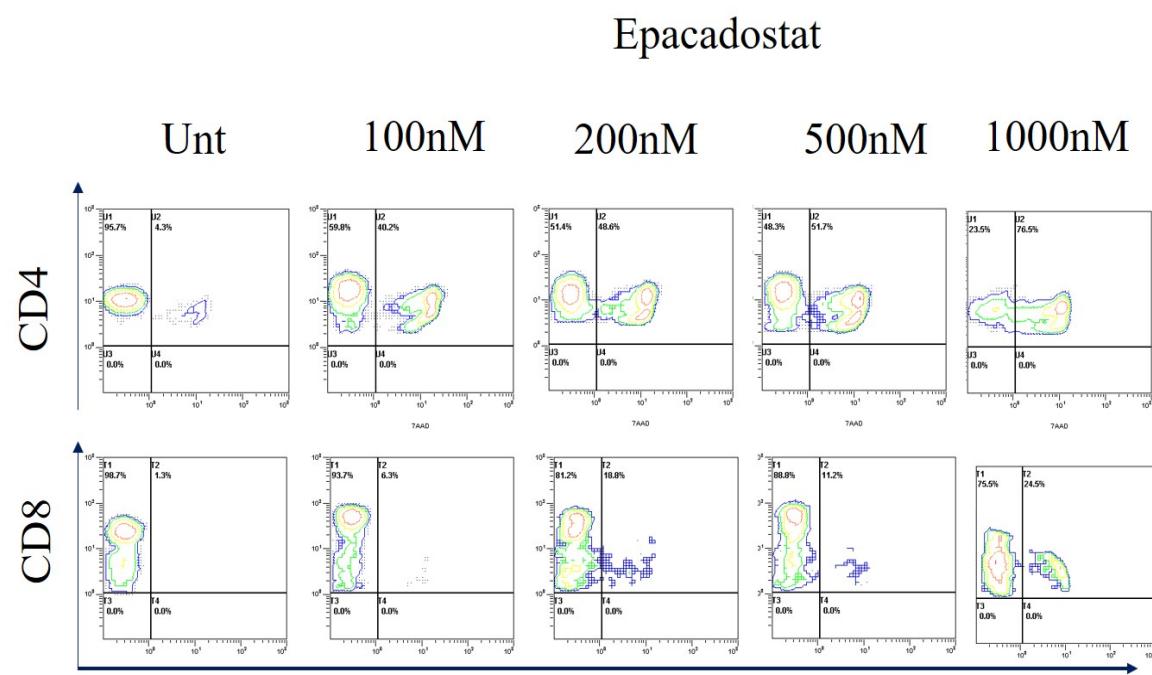
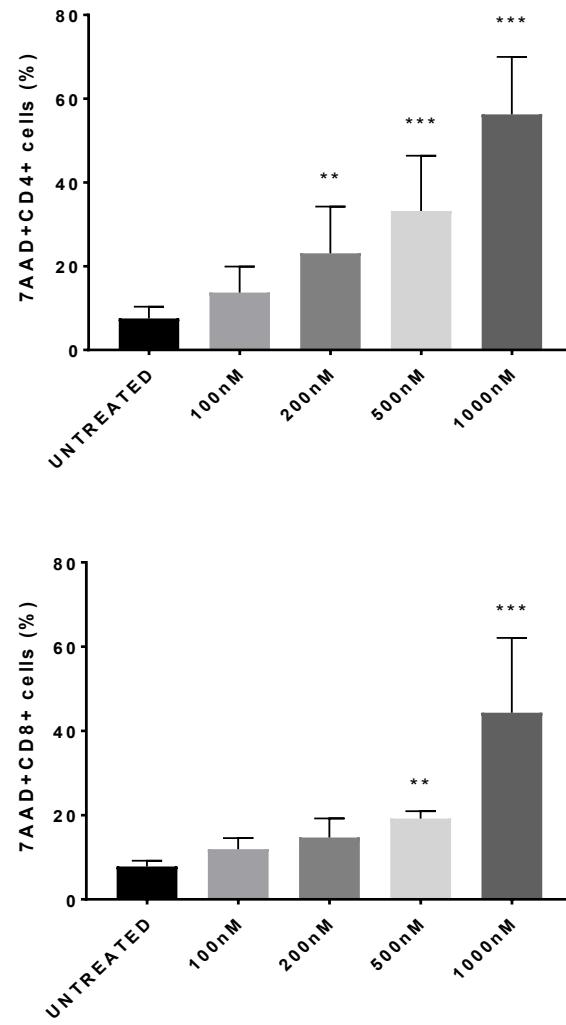


# Epacadostat-IDO1 inhibitor has a minor activity in reducing MM engraftment *in vivo*



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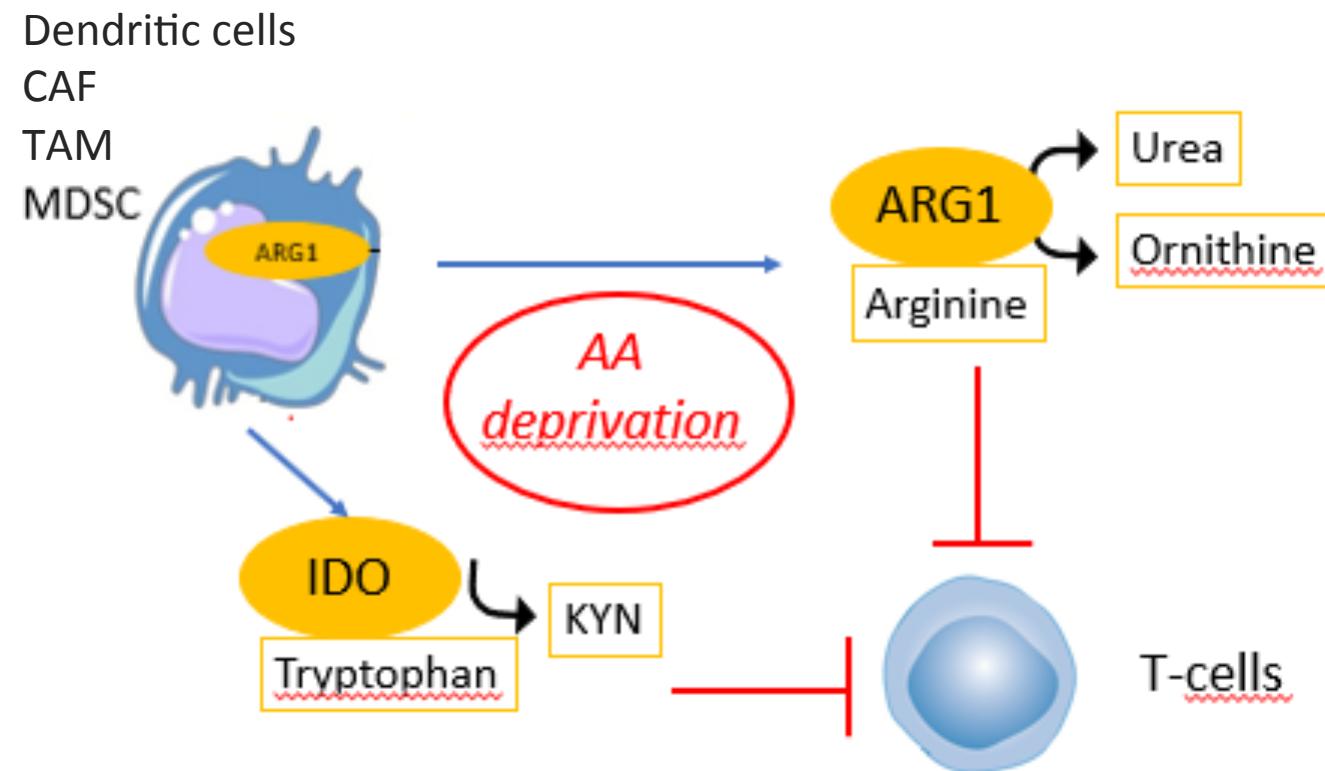
# Increased epacadostat concentration is toxic for T-cells



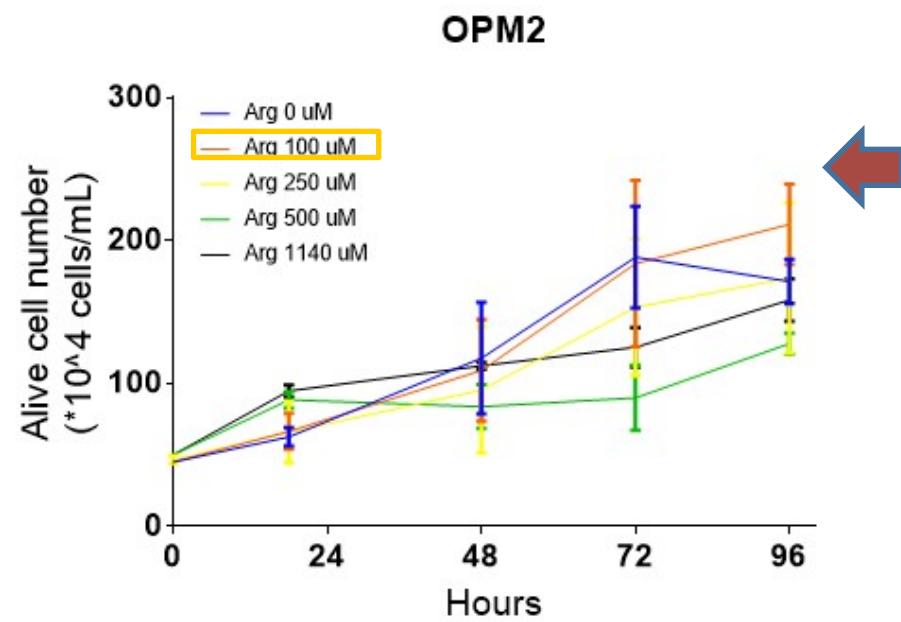
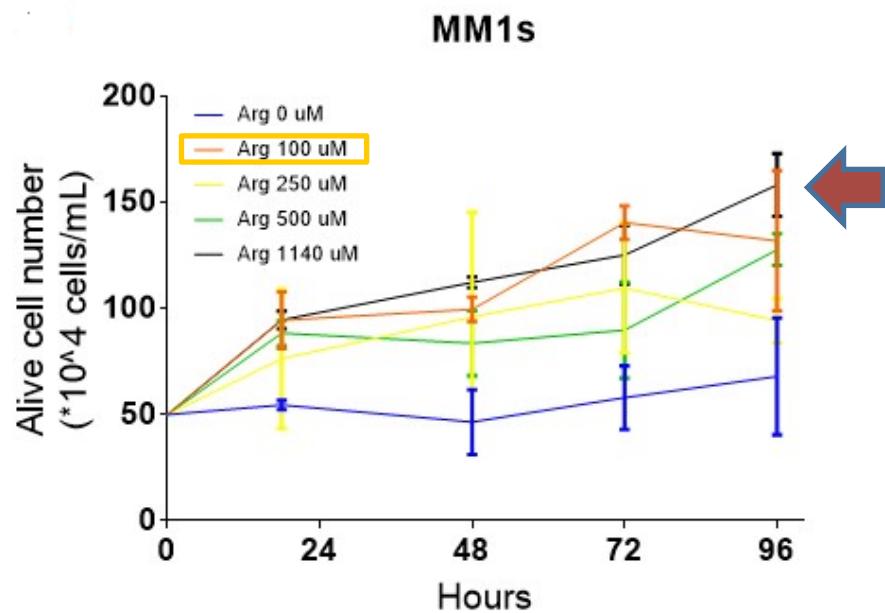
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## Aminoacid degrading enzymes are increased in MM environment

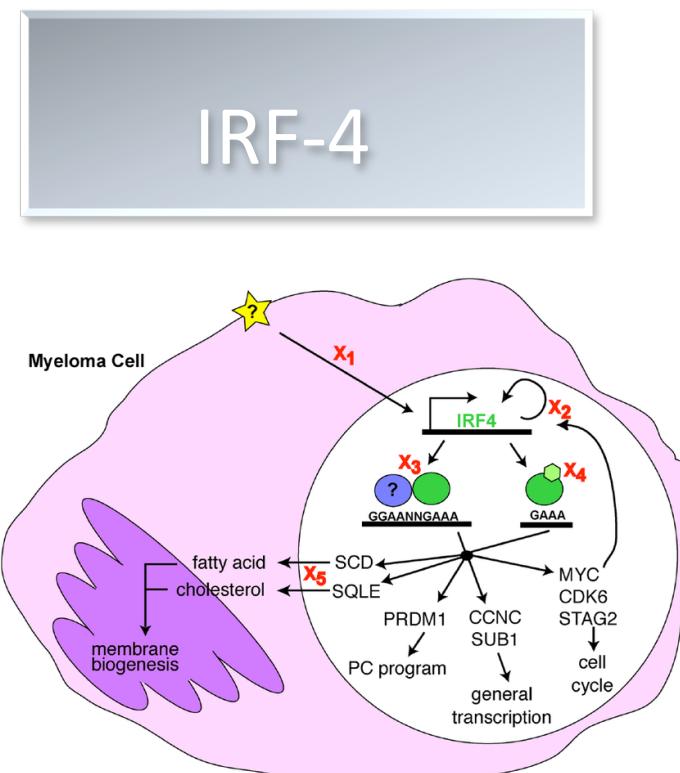


# Progressive arginine and tryptophan deprivation do not affect cell viability and proliferation in MM



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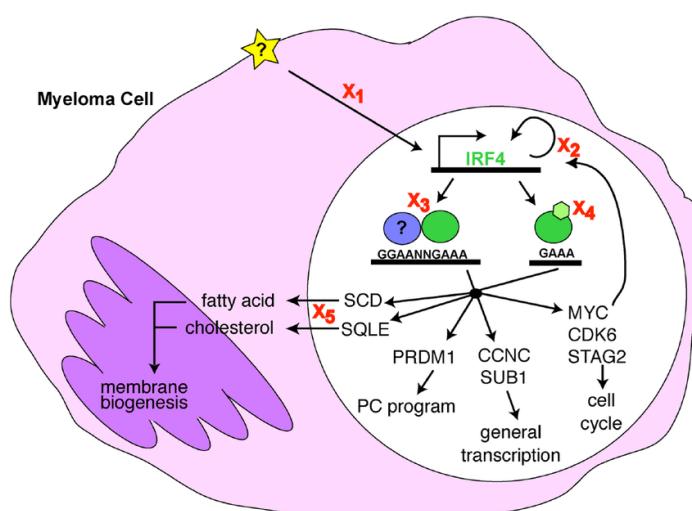
# non-oncogene addiction in MM



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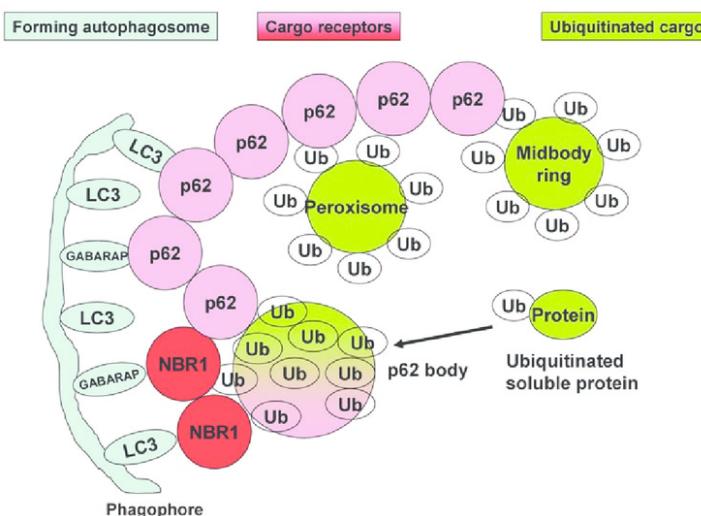
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IRF-4



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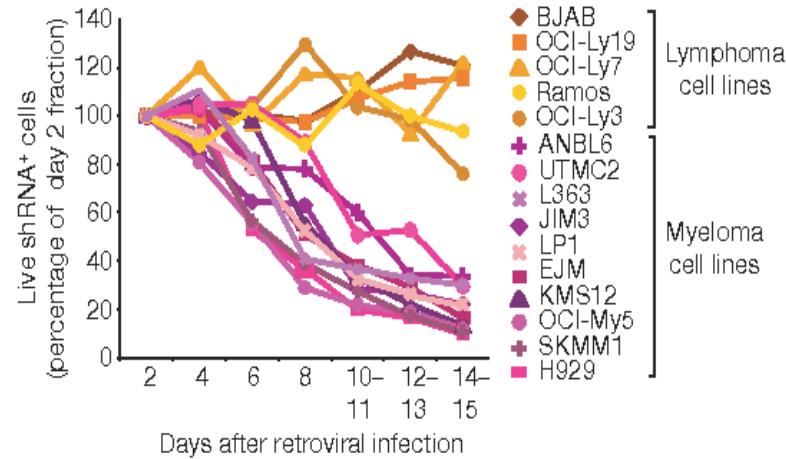
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Milan,  
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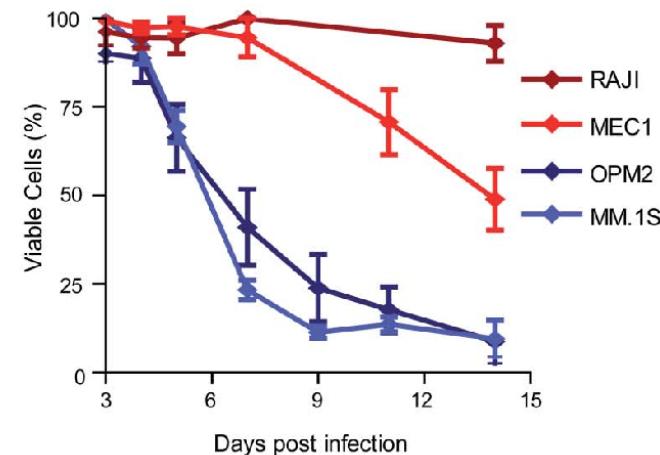
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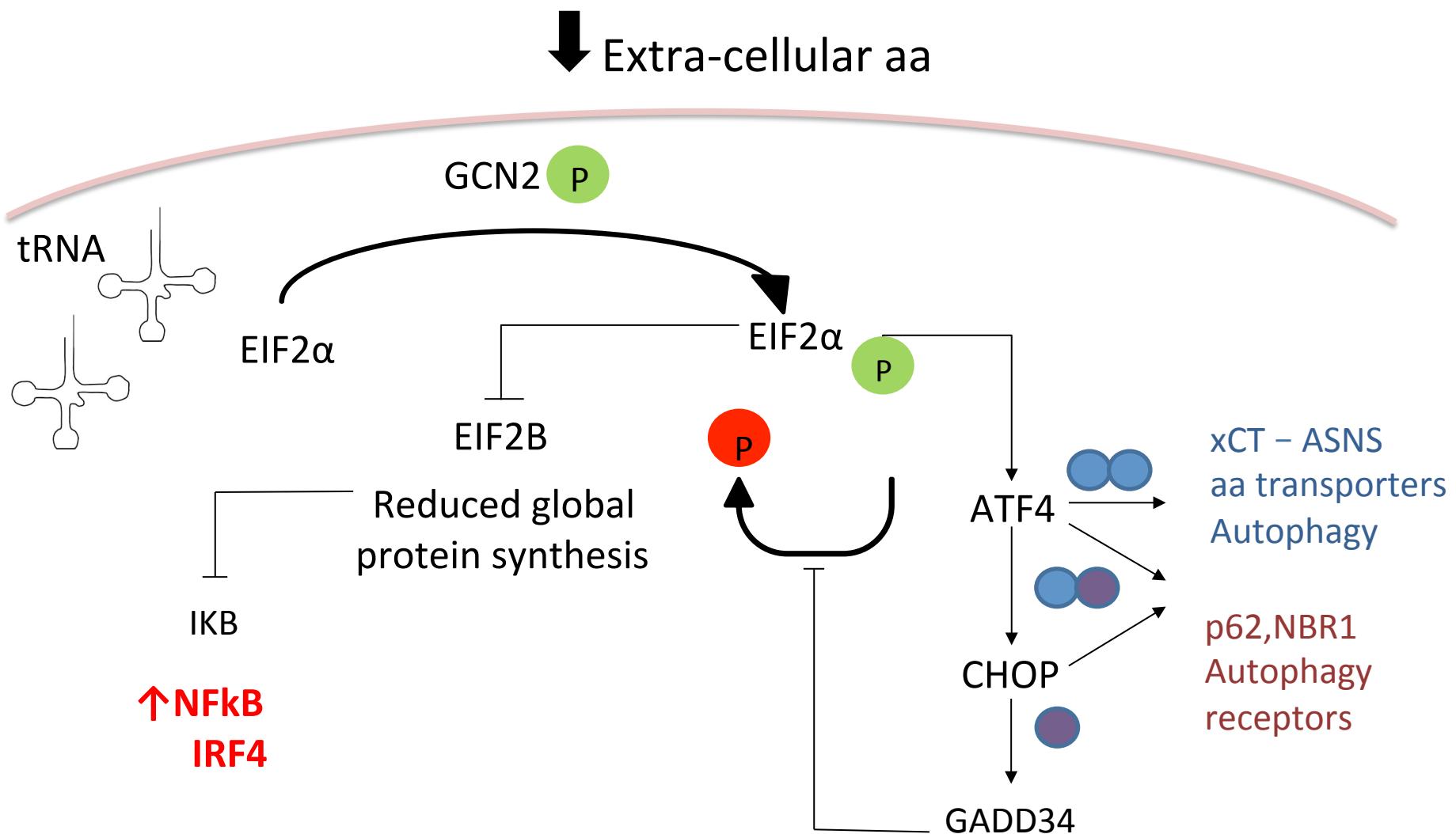
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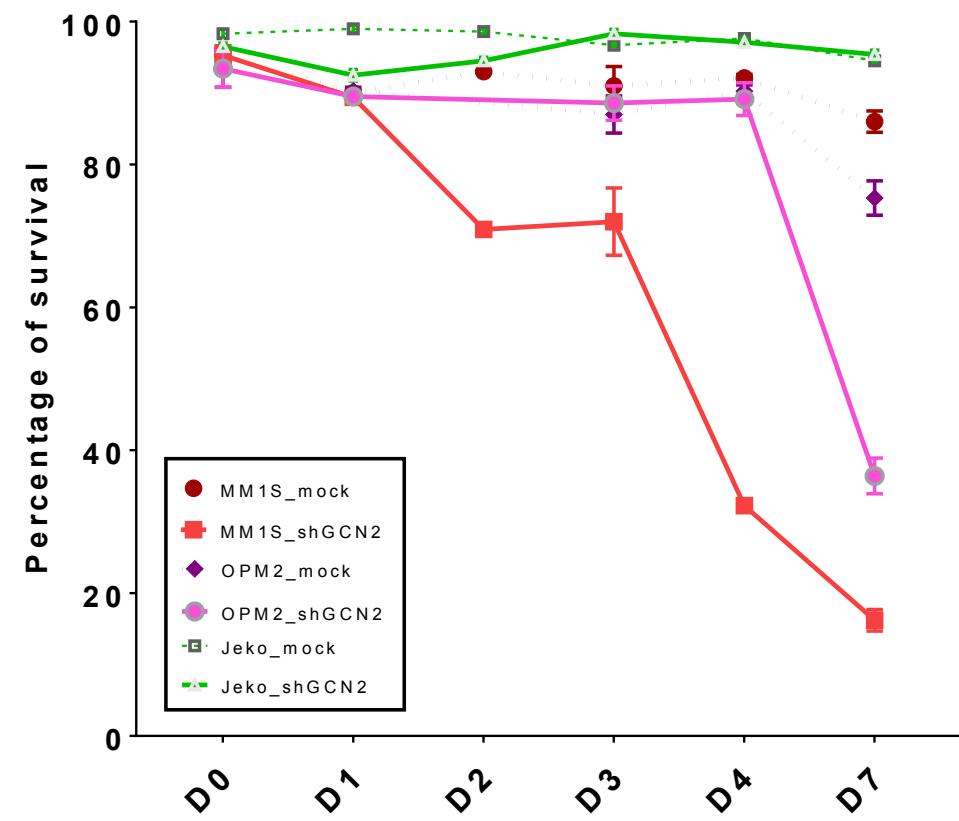
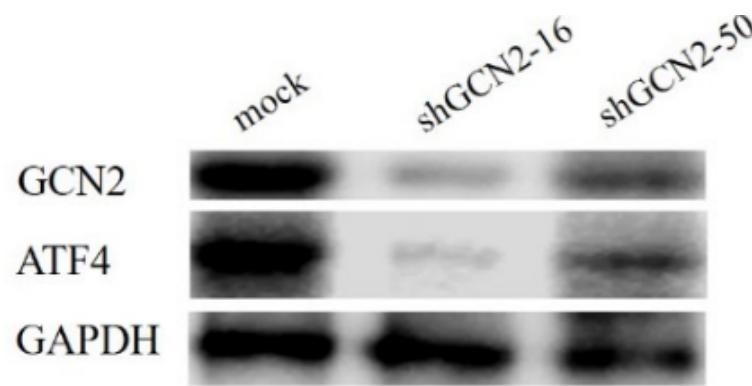
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# aa deprivation response: GCN2 pathway



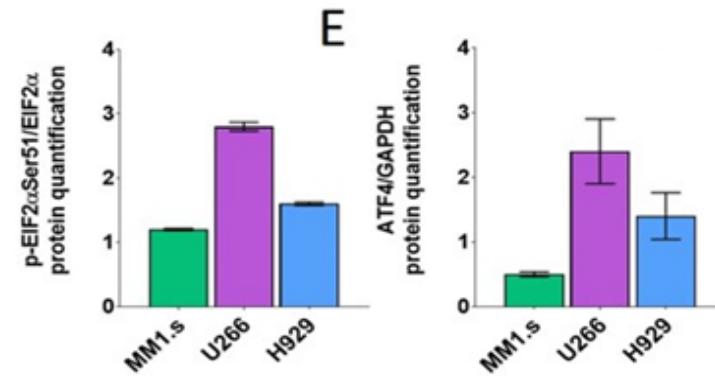
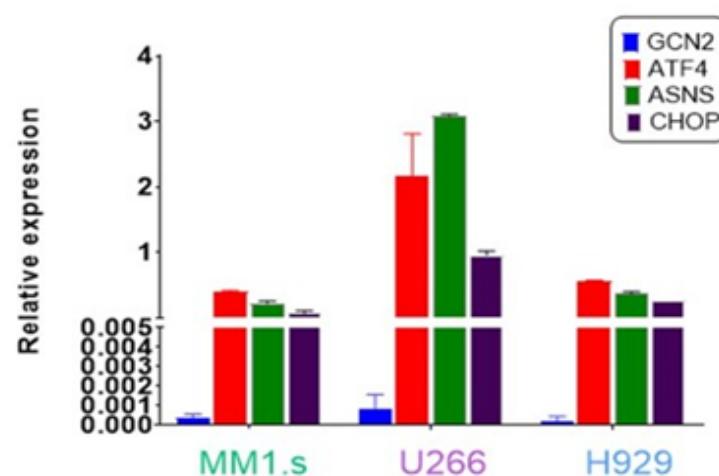
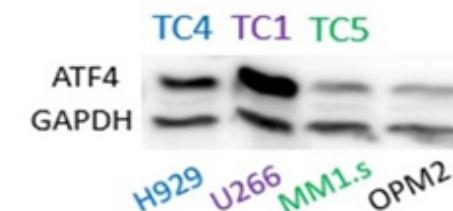
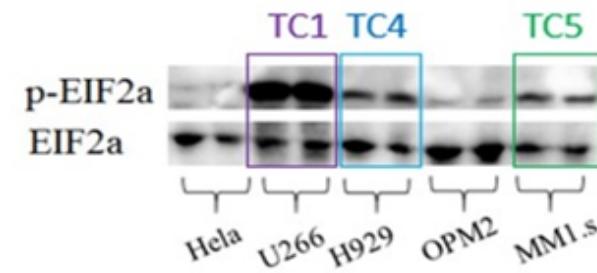
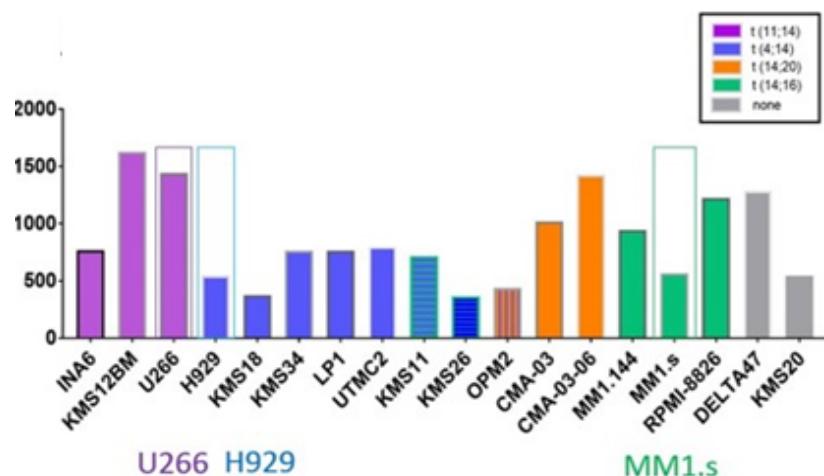
B'Chir W., et al. Nucleic acids research. 2013

# GCN2 is required for MM cells survival



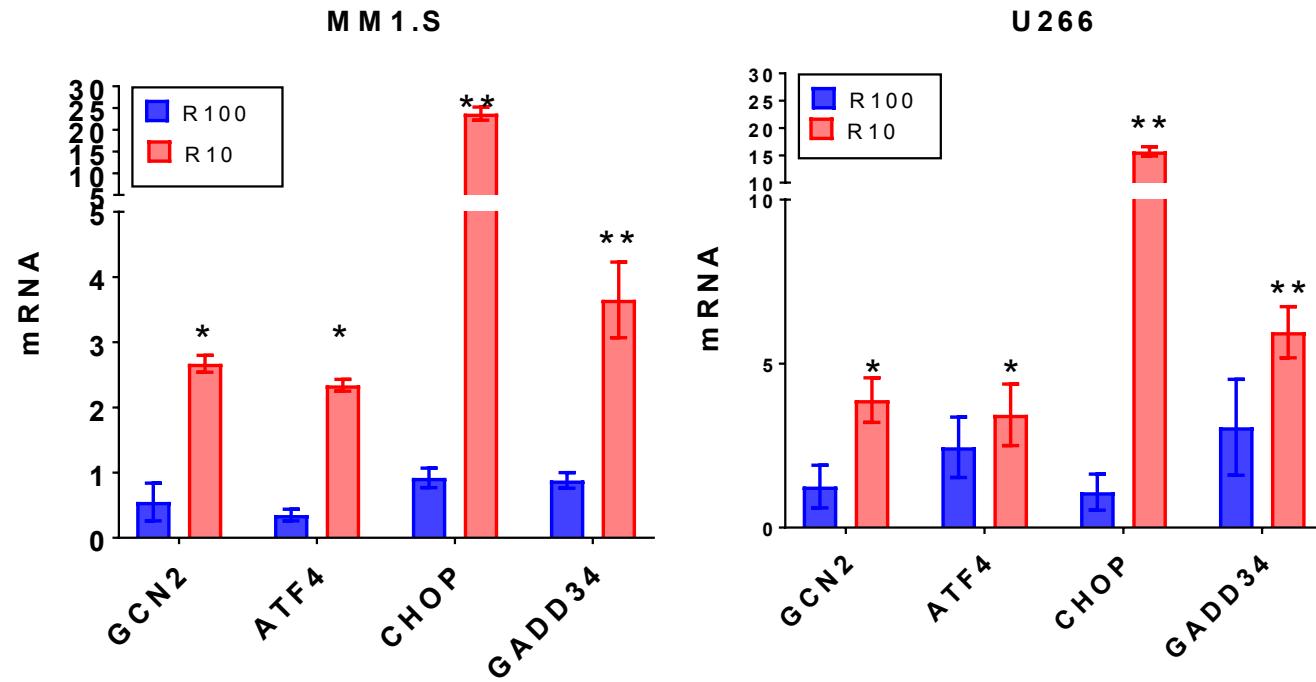
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# Tonic GCN2 signalling in MM

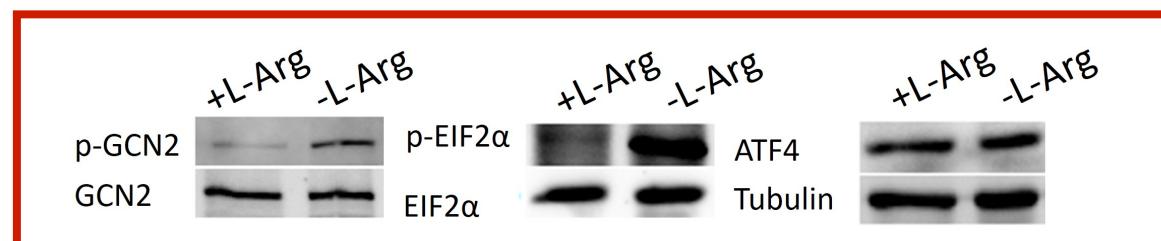


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# aa deprivation response induces GCN2 in MM

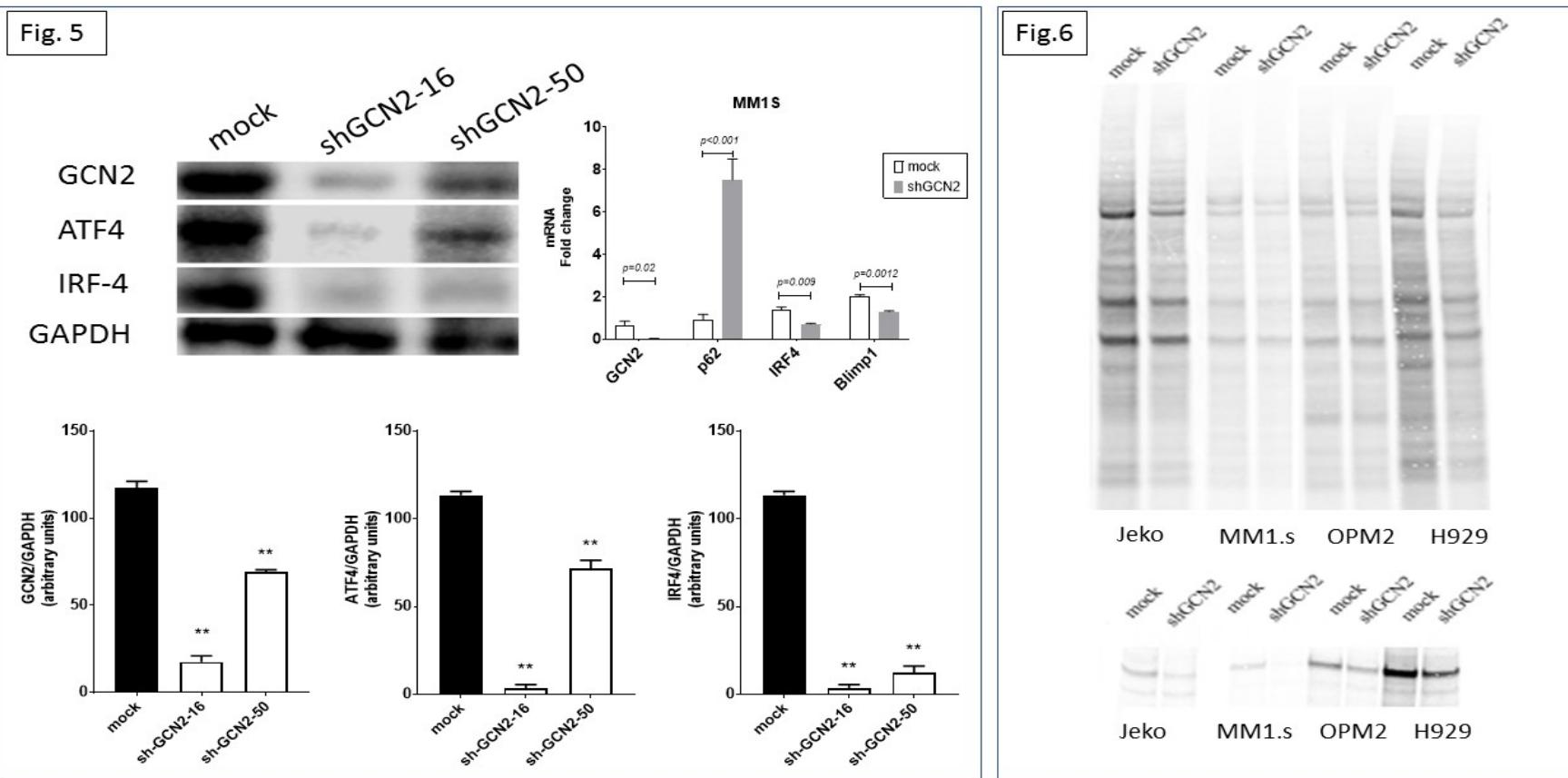


R100: arginine 1140  $\mu$ M  
R0: : arginine 0  $\mu$ M



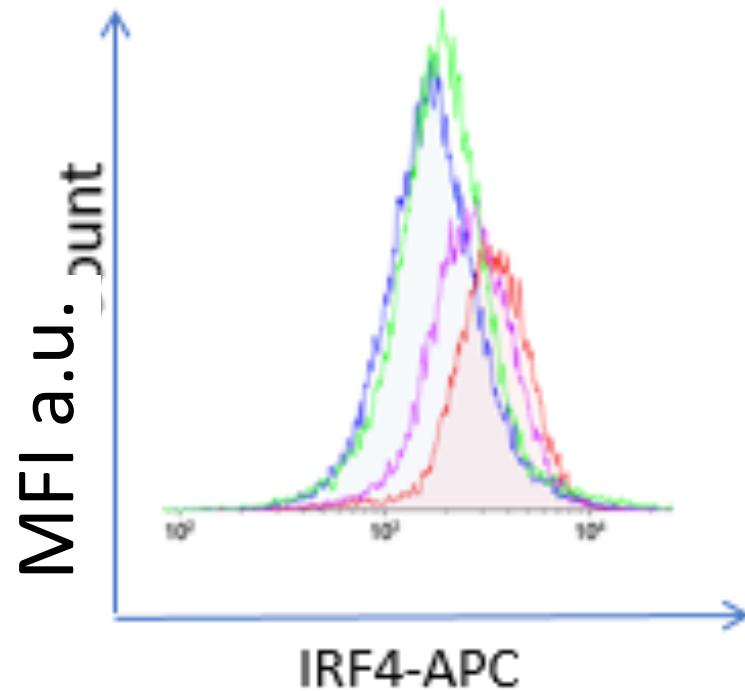
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# Reduction in GCN2 signalling is associated to IRF4 silencing

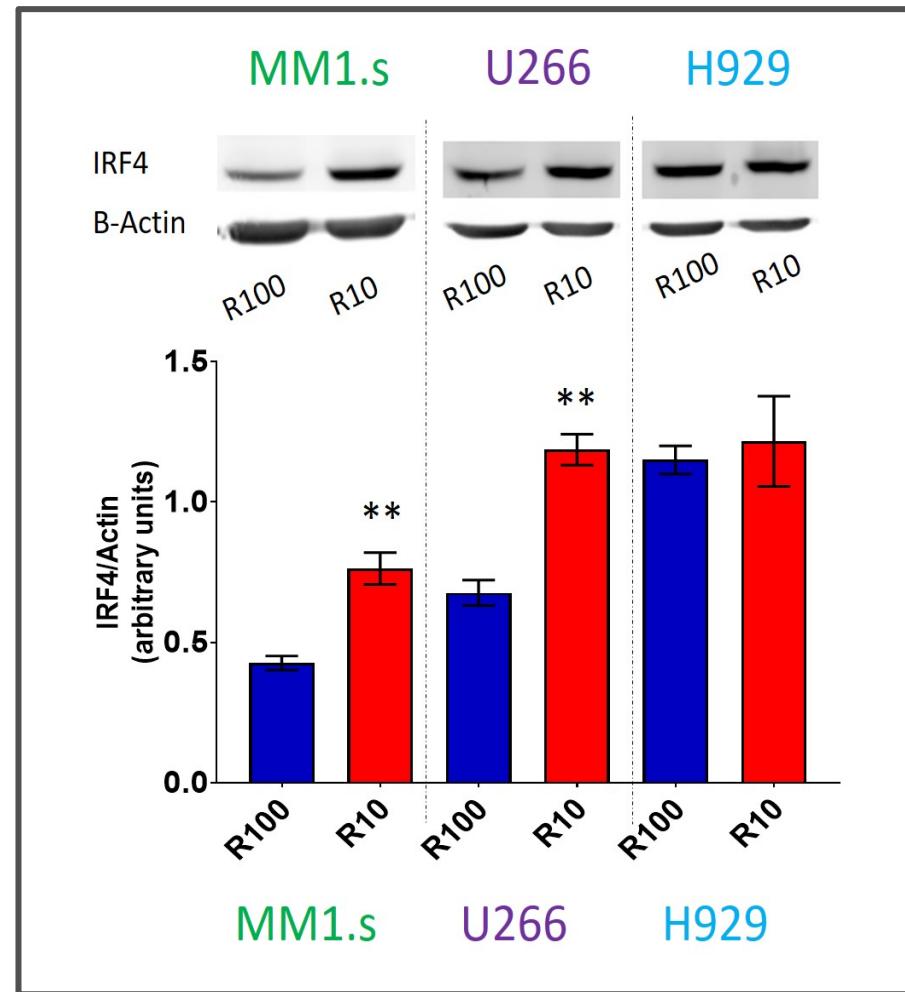


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# Progressive arginine deprivation induces IRF-4

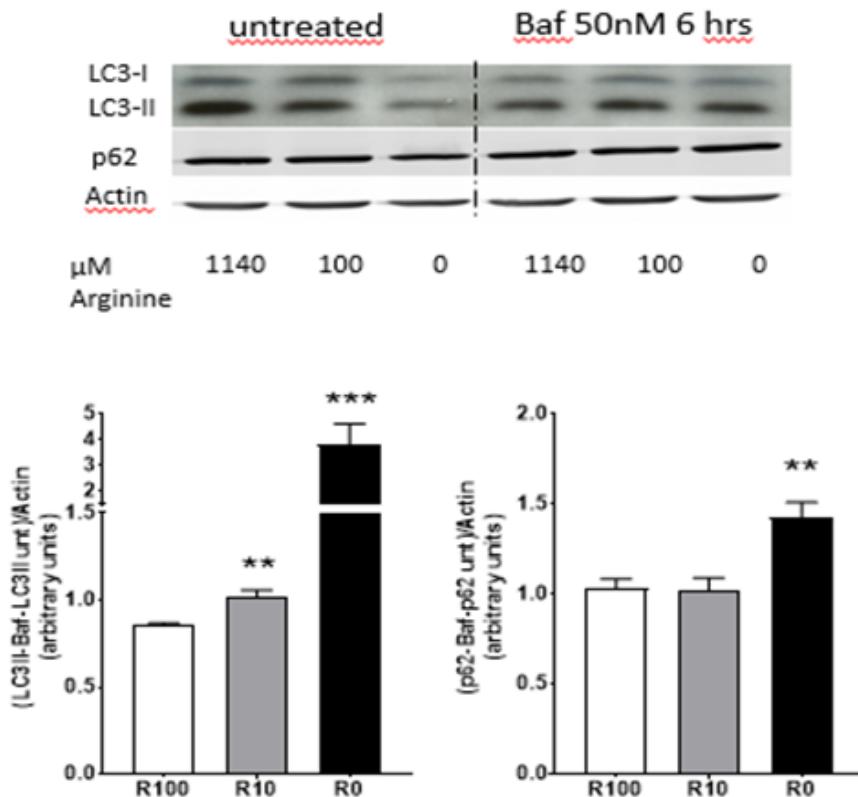


CM: RPMI+FBS, arginine 1140  $\mu$ M  
R100: RPMI+dFBS, arginine 1140  $\mu$ M  
R10: RPMI+dFBS, arginine 100  $\mu$ M  
R0: : RPMI+dFBS, arginine 0  $\mu$ M



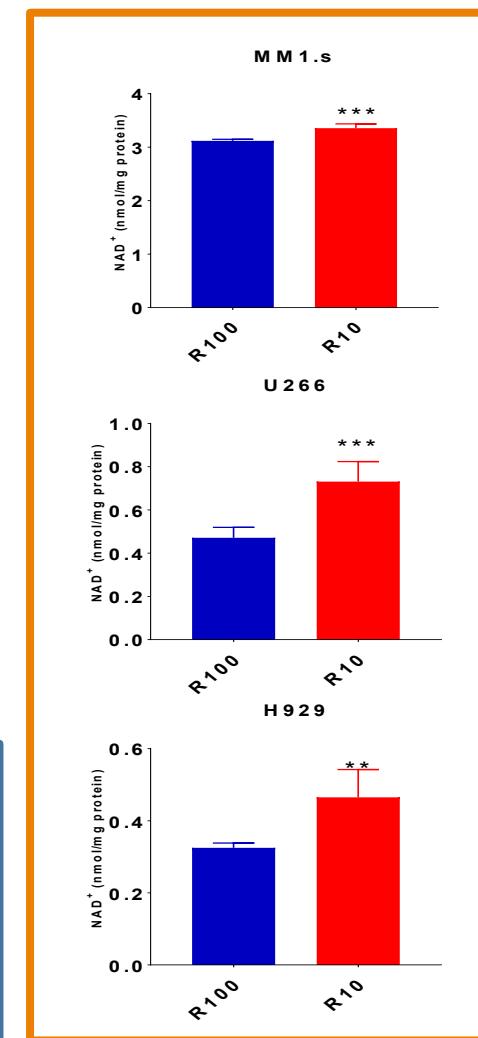
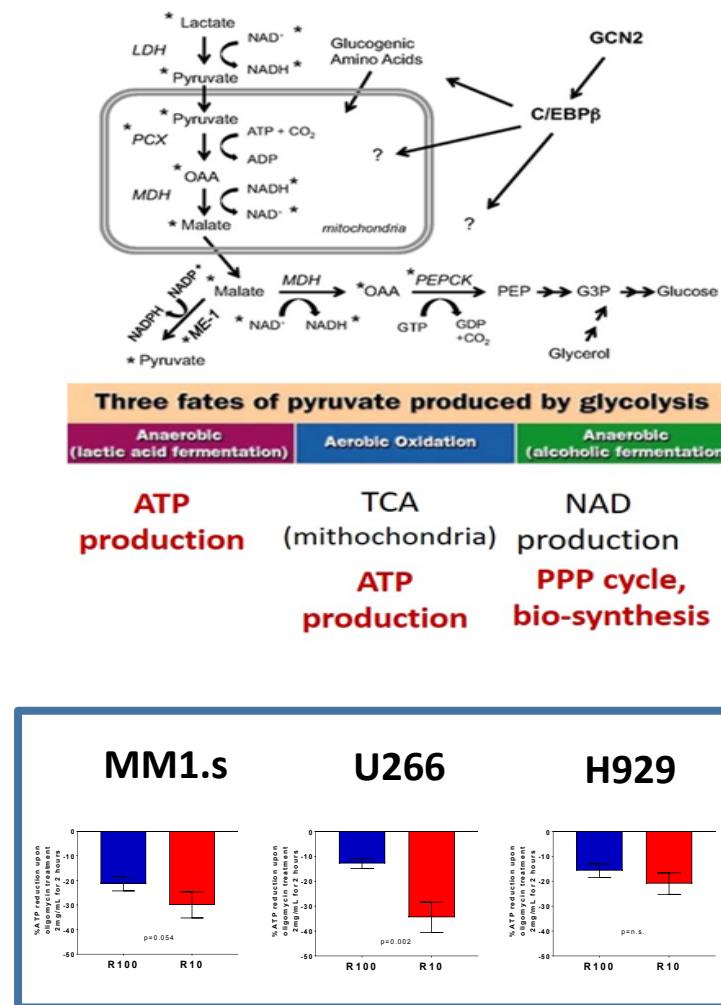
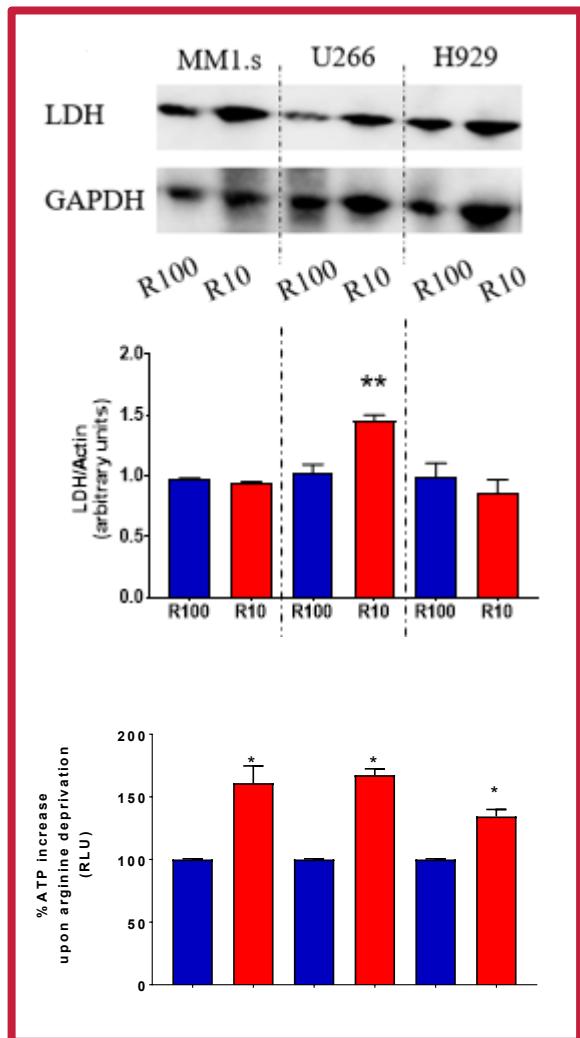
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# Progressive arginine deprivation induces autophagy flux



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# Bioenergetics of MM cells upon arginine deprivation



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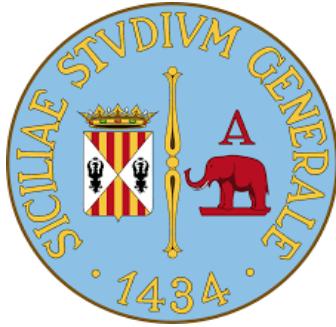
MDSC and  
HDN

conclusions

↑ aminoacids  
degrading  
enzymes



MM competence



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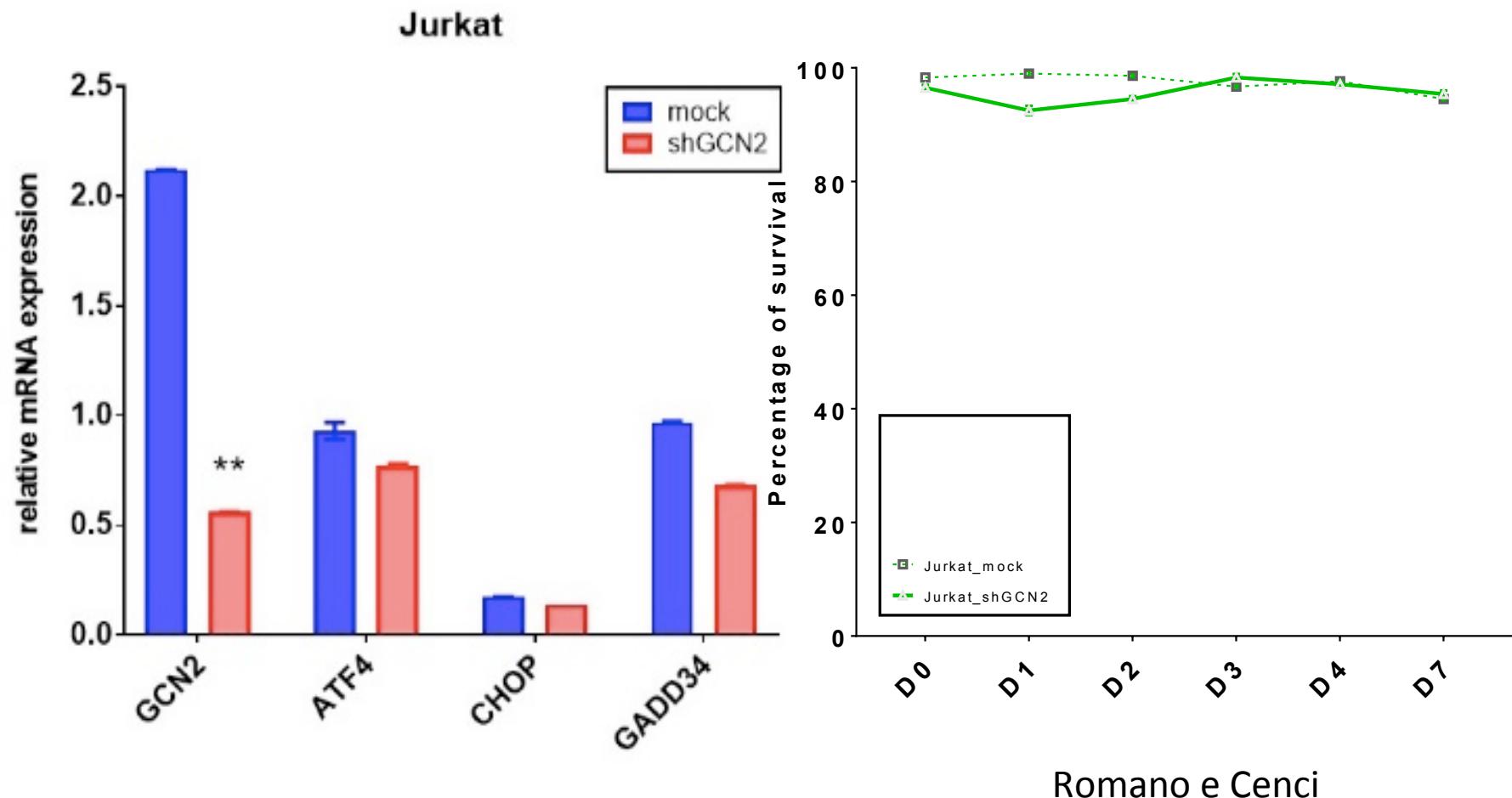


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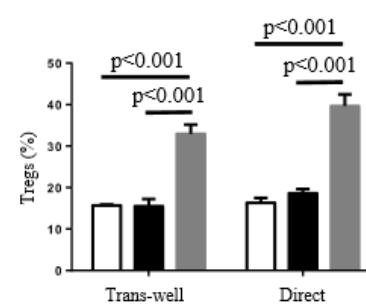
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# GCN2 is required for MM but not for T-cell lymphoma survival

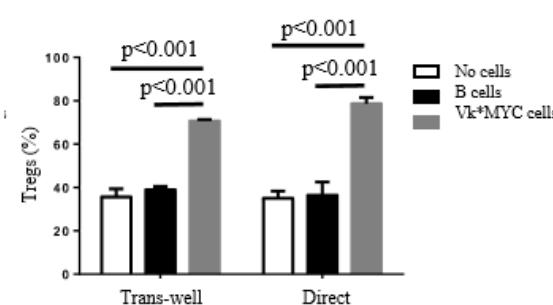


# MM cells induce and expand Tregs in vitro and in vivo

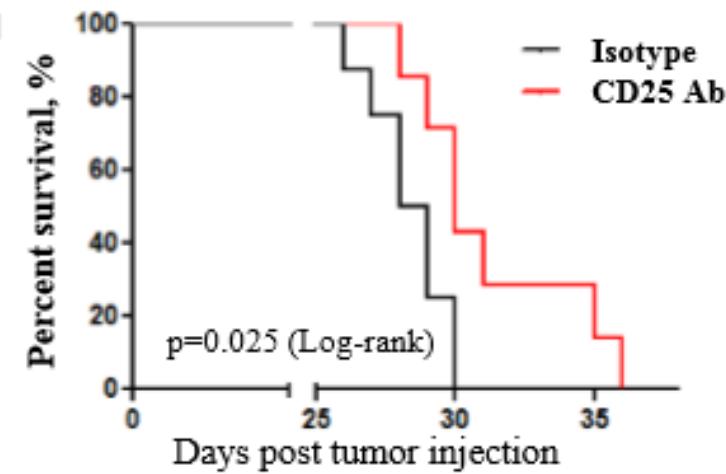
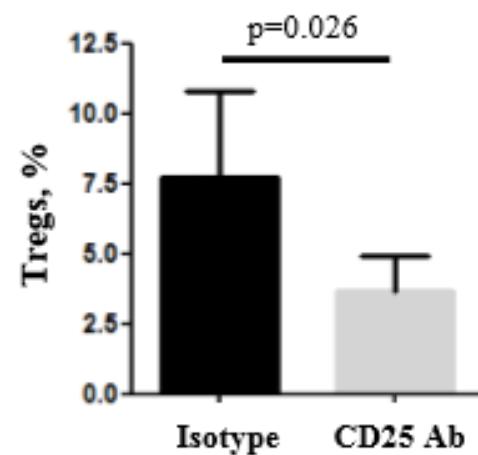
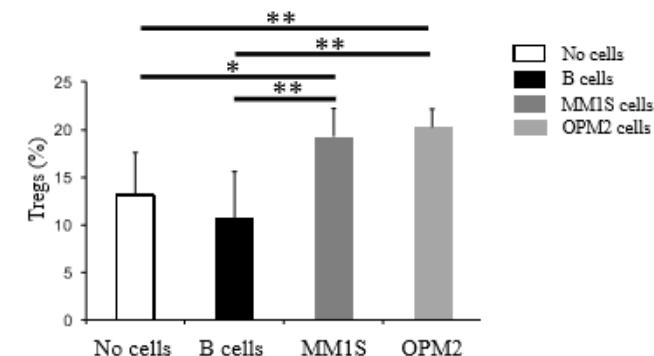
A Treg induction assay



B Treg expansion assay

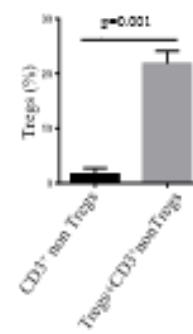
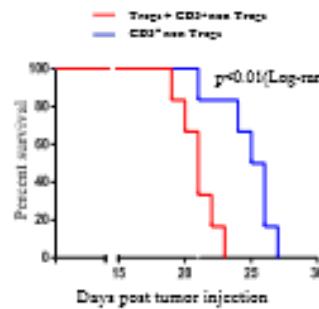
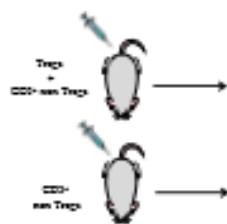
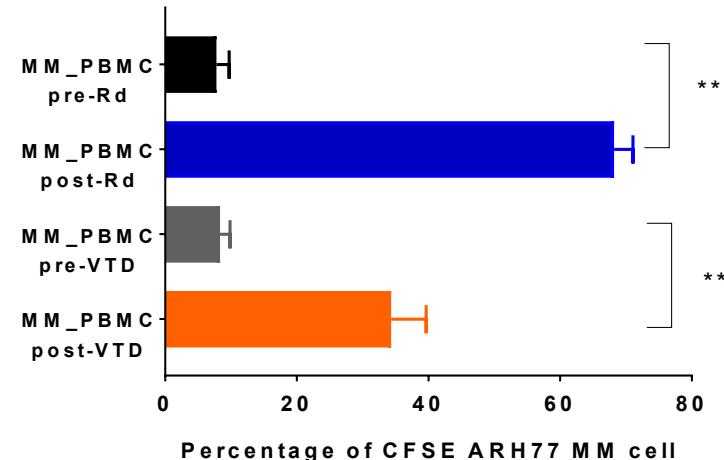
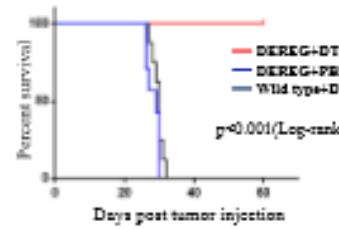
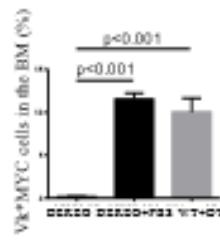
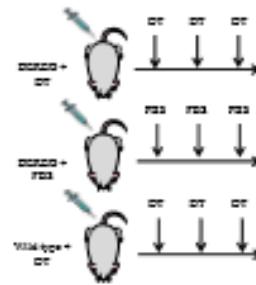


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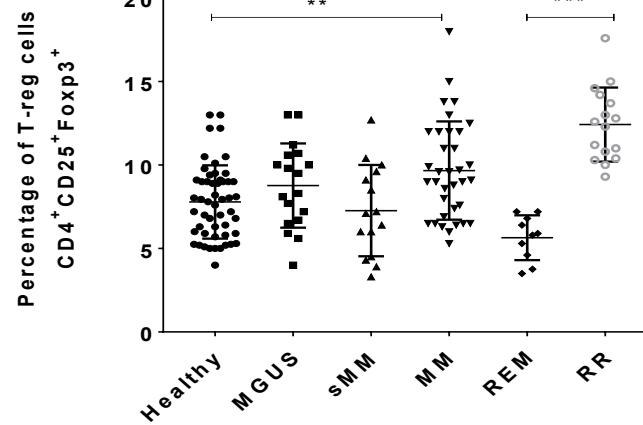


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