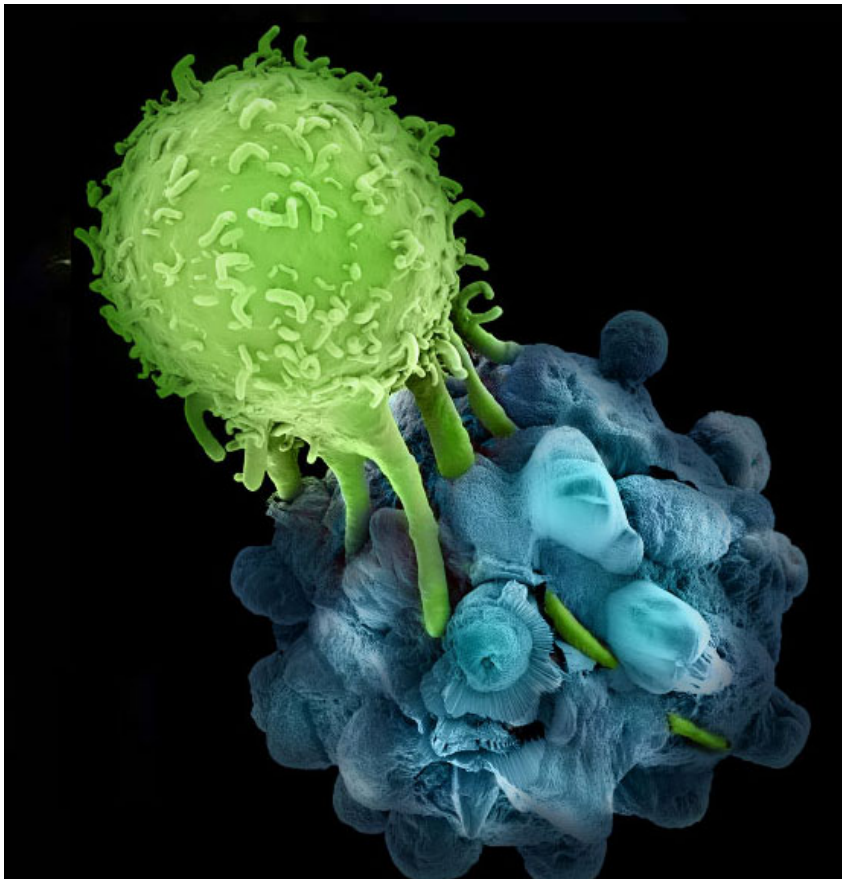


# Advances in Cancer Immunotherapy

**“Prediction: Cancer Immunotherapy in 10 Years”**

*SITC: December 14th 2013*



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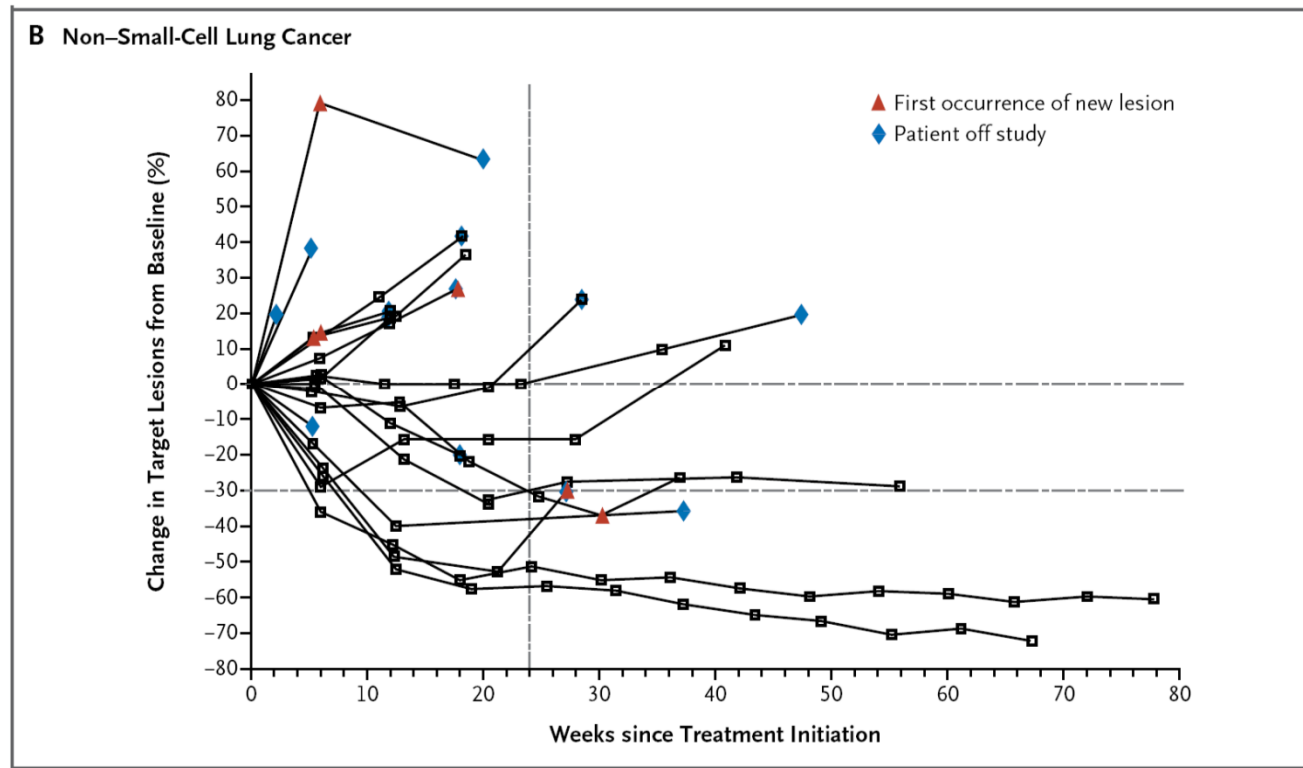
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# “Safety and Activity of Anti-PD-L1 Antibody in Patients with Advanced Cancer” [NSCLC: Partial Responses in 5 of 49]

[Brahmer and Tykodi et al (with Chow, Bhatia, Martins, Eaton) NEJM June 4 2012]



## Anti-PD1

**NSCLC: PR 14 of 76 (18%)**

**All patients: Objective Responses:**

**9 of 25 (36%) with PD-L1-positive tumors ( $P = 0.006$ )**

**0 of 17 (0%) with PD-L1-negative tumors**

**[Topalian et al NEJM June 4 2012]**

# Seven Companies with Inhibitors of PD-L1 or PD-1 in Development &/or Pivotal Trials

**Table 2. Inhibitors of PD-L1 or PD-1 Currently Being Developed in Oncology**

Therapeutic	Lead Company	Antibody Type	Affinity/ $K_d$	Interaction Inhibited	Development
Anti-PD-L1					
MPDL3280A <a href="#">Herbst et al., 2013.</a>	Genentech/Roche	Engineered IgG1 (no ADCC)	0.4 nM	PD-L1:PD-1 PD-L1:B7.1	Broad (lung pivotal)
MEDI-4736 <a href="#">Stewart et al., 2011.</a>	AstraZeneca	Modified IgG1 (no ADCC)	Not available	PD-L1:PD-1 PD-L1:B7.1	Phase I
Anti-PD-1					
Nivolumab <a href="#">Brahmer et al., 2010.</a>	Bristol-Myers Squibb	IgG4	2.6 nM	PD-L1:PD-1 PD-L2:PD-1	Broad (lung, melanoma, RCC pivotal)
Lambrolizumab <a href="#">Patnaik et al., 2012.</a>	Merck & Co	IgG4 (humanized)	29 pM	PD-L1:PD-1 PD-L2:PD-1	Broad (melanoma pivotal)
Pidilizumab <a href="#">Rotem-Yehudar et al., 2009;</a> <a href="#">Westin et al., 2012.</a>	CureTech	IgG1 (humanized)	Not available		Broad
AMP-224 <a href="#">Smothers et al., 2013.</a>	GlaxoSmithKline	PD-L2 IgG1 Fc fusion	Not available	PD-L1:PD-1 PD-L2:PD-1	Phase I
MSB0010718C	EMD Sorono (Merck KGa)	IgG mAb		PD-L1	Phase I

**[Chen & Mellman Immunity 39, July 25, 2013]**

# **Immunotherapy – The Beginning of the End for Cancer: Transforming Cancer into Chronic Disease**

- **“Immunotherapies...will likely become the treatment backbone in up to 60% of cancers over the next 10 years compared with <3% today”.**
  - **Potential/likely \$35B potential/ annum market**
- The current explosion in all ongoing approaches (including checkpoint agents, vaccines and cell therapy) to utilise the immune system to seek and destroy cancer cells marks a watershed, analogous to the impact of HIV drugs transforming life expectancy in HIV, in our view.

**[From Citi Research / Division of Citigroup Global Markets Inc.  
Andrew Baum (May 2013)]**

# Phase I Trial: Roche anti-PD-L1

- Overall objective response (ORR)
  - All pts = 21%
  - NSCLC = 23%
  - Responses were stable over 24 weeks in responders
- Response rate in patients with high expression of PD-L1 = 83%
  - Surrogate for T cell infiltration
- Response rate in former smokers = 26% vs never smokers = 10%
  - Surrogate for T cell infiltration

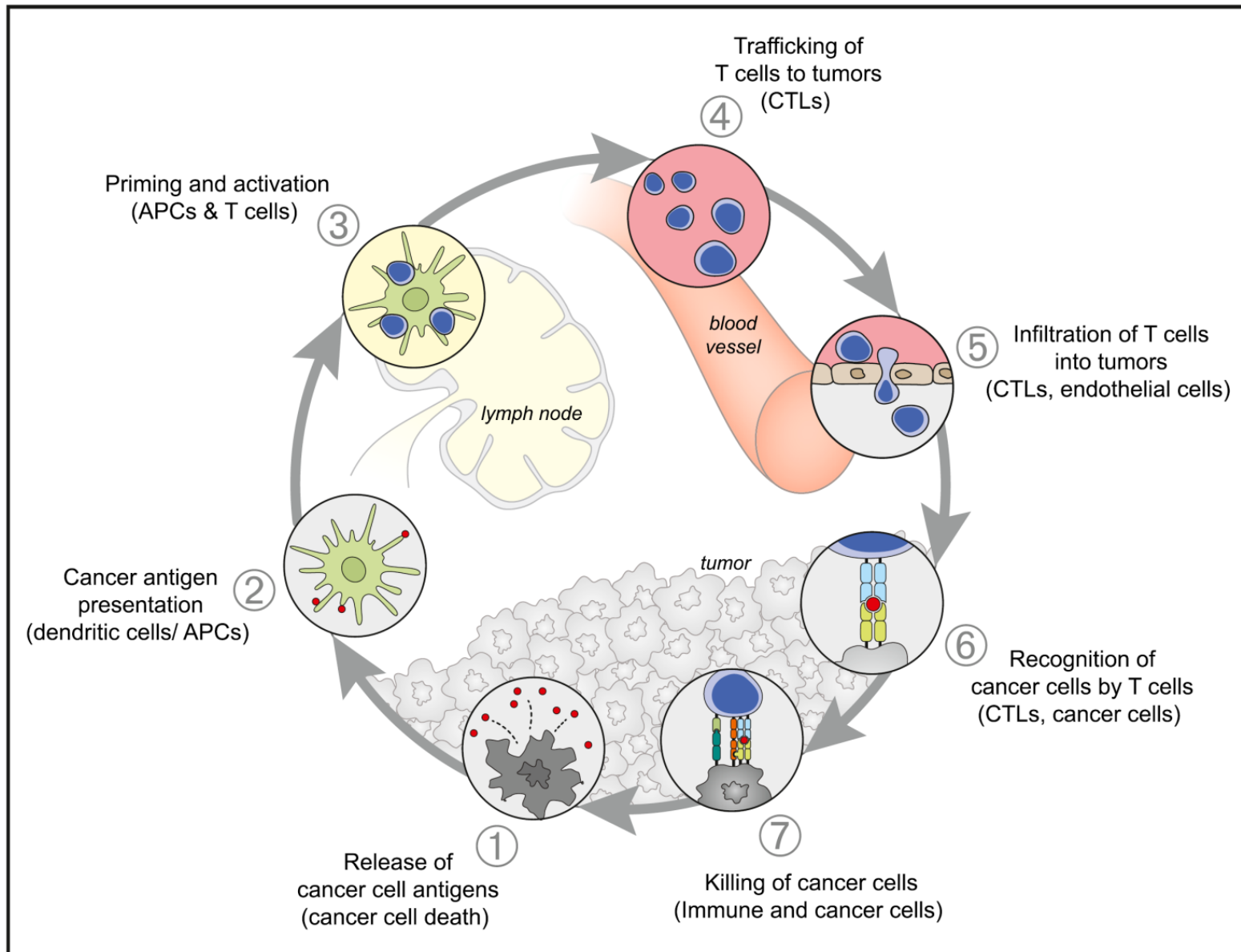
# The **MAJOR** Goal for Immunotherapy (& Likely 60% of Cancer Therapy)

- Converting check-point inhibitor non-responders into check-point inhibitor responders
  - i.e., Converting T-cell poor tumors into T-cell inflamed tumors

# Agents to convert T cell poor tumors into T cell inflamed tumors are available

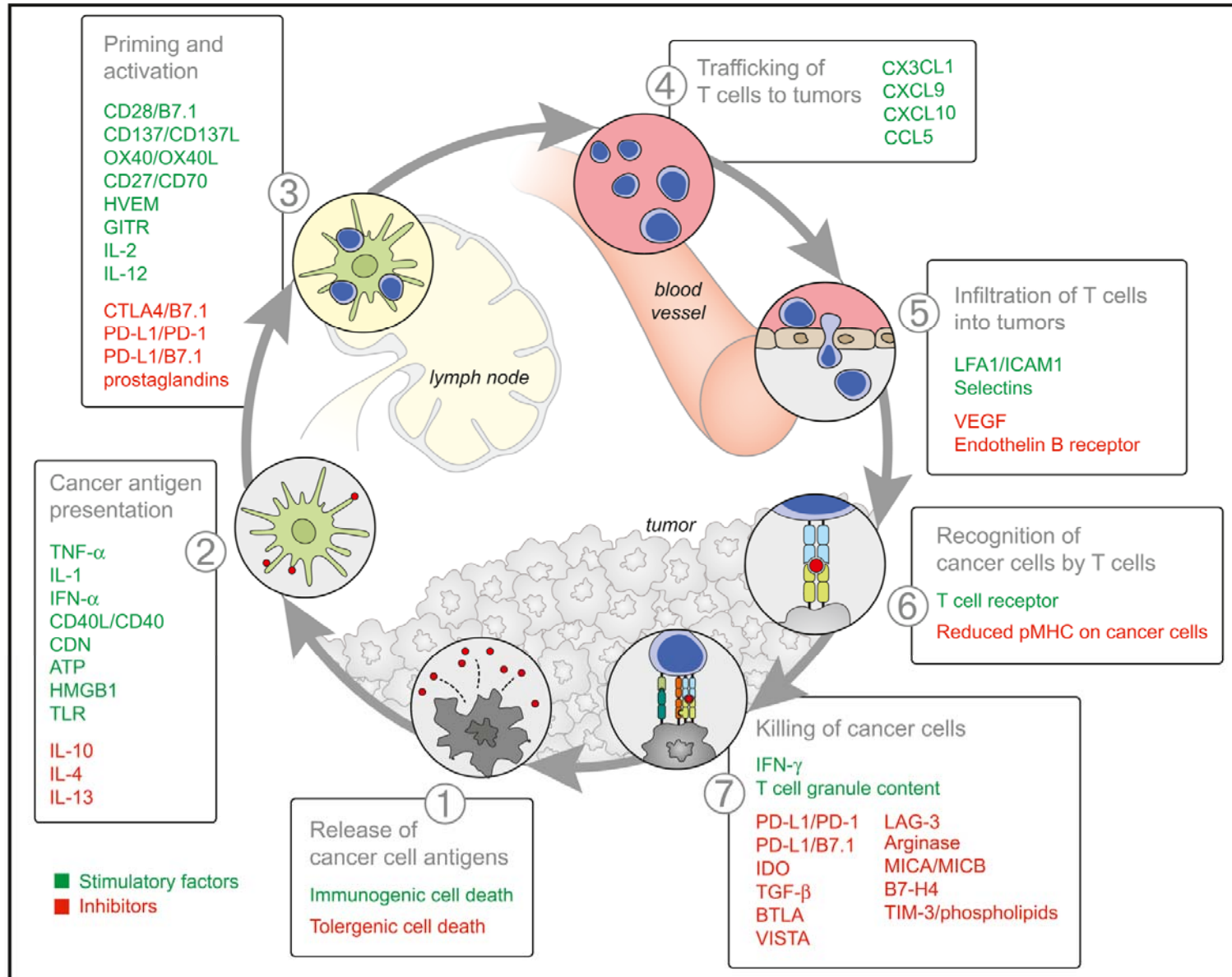
- Standard therapy: Radiation, chemotherapy, targeted therapy
- Immunotherapy
  - Dendritic cell activators
  - Dendritic cell growth factors
  - Vaccines
  - Vaccine adjuvants
  - T-cell stimulators
  - T-cell growth factors
  - Genetically modified T cells
  - Immune checkpoint inhibitors
  - Agents to neutralize or inhibit suppressive cells, cytokines and enzymes

# Cancer Immunity Cycle

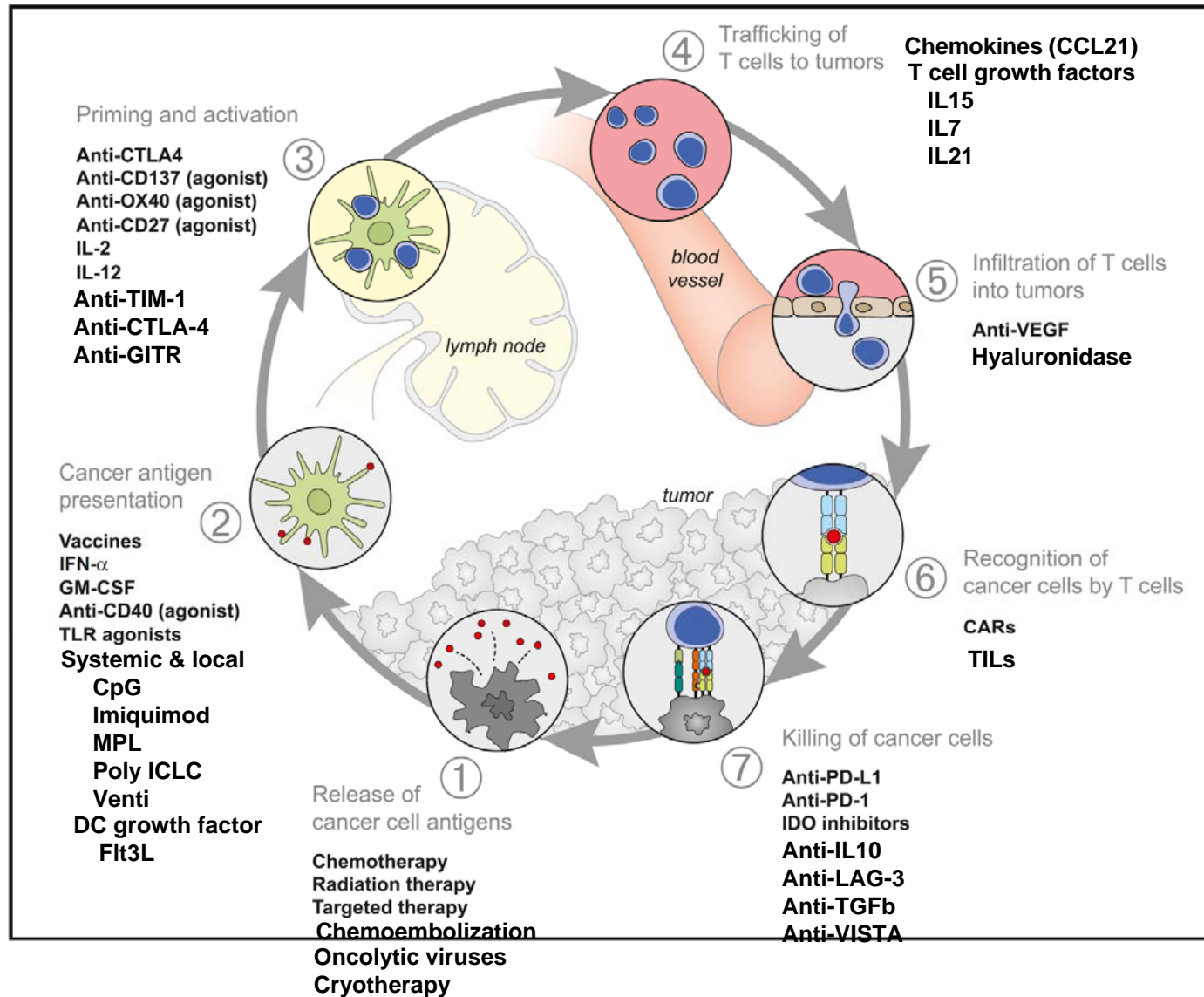




# Stimulatory and Inhibitory Factors in the Cancer-Immunity Cycle



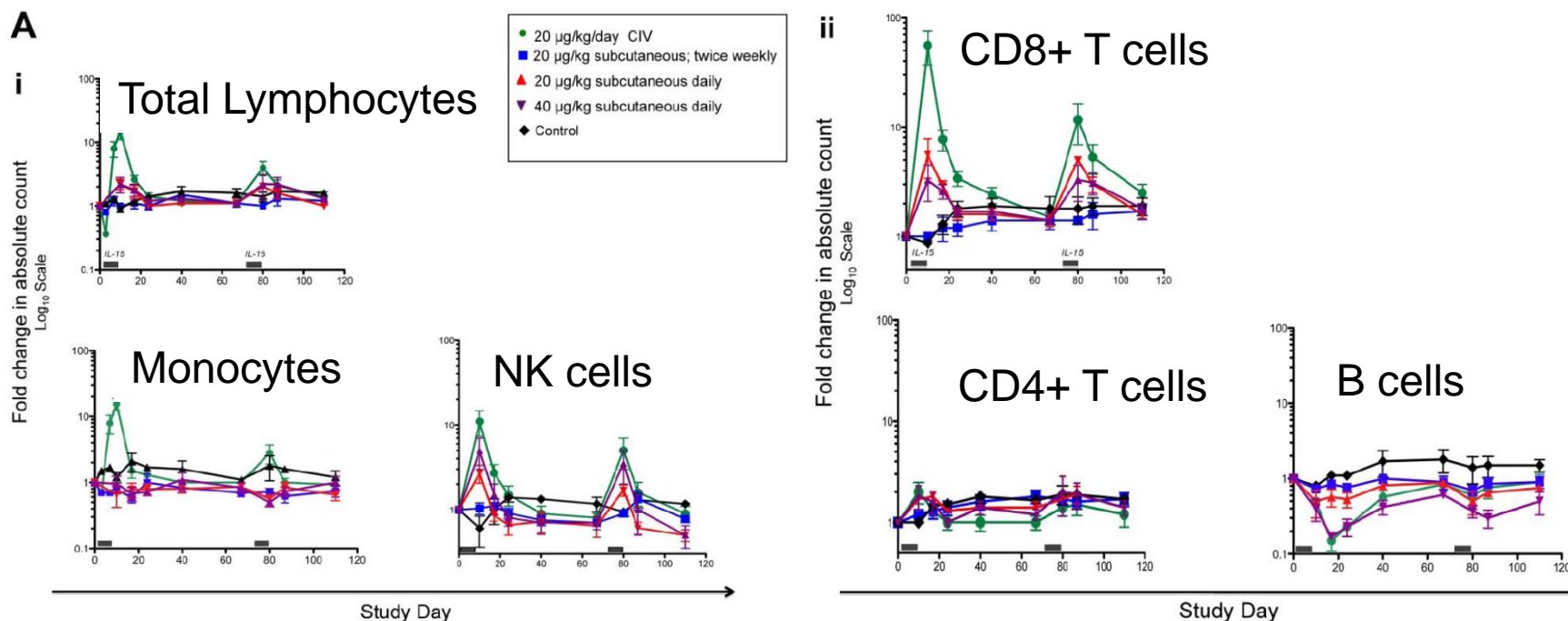
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[Revised from: Chen & Mellman Immunity 39, July 25, 2013]

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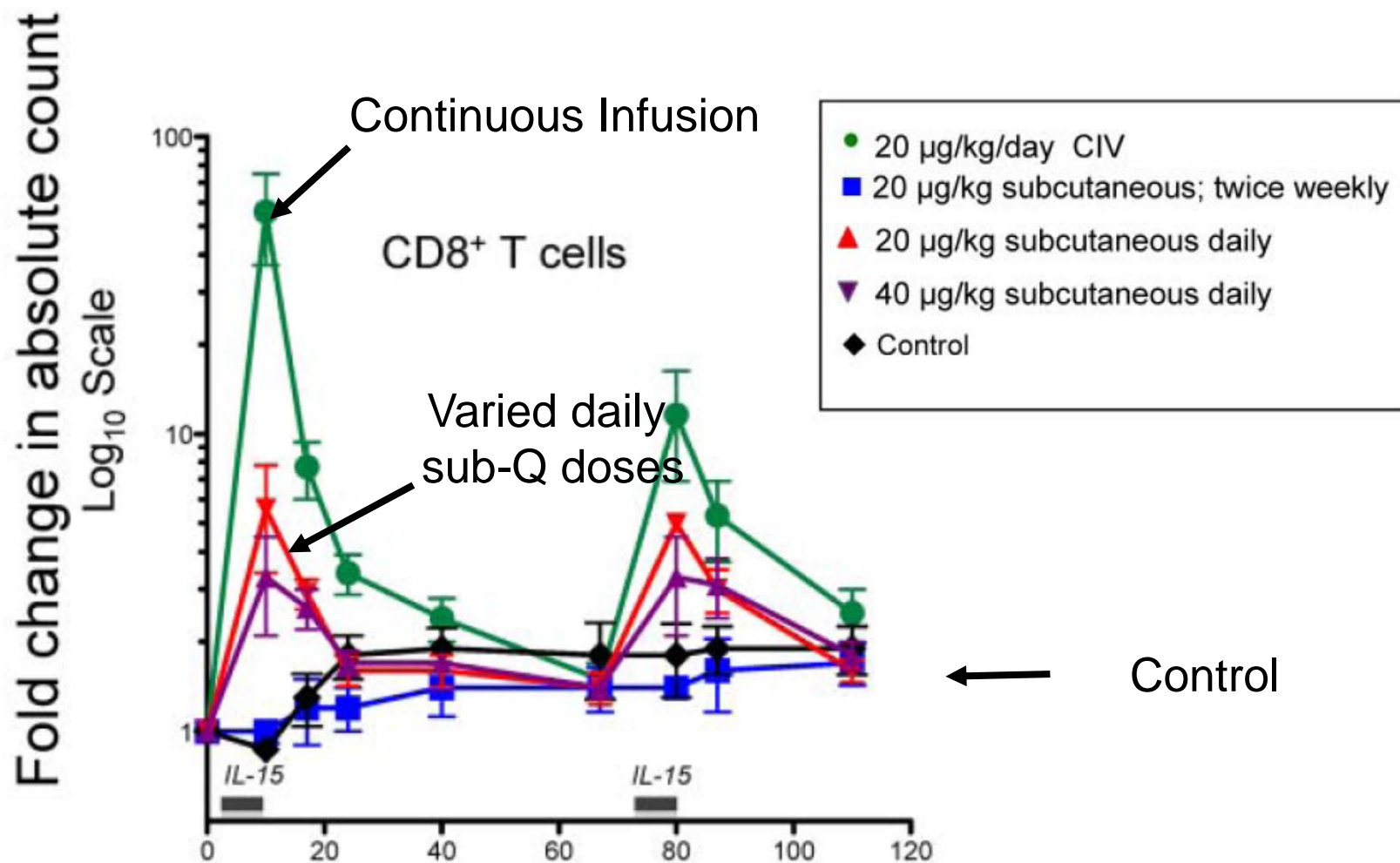
“IL-15 administered by continuous infusion to rhesus macaques induces massive expansion of CD8 T effector memory population in peripheral blood”



Continuous intravenous infusion for 10 days resulted in a massive (70-fold) expansion of CD8 TEM cells in the peripheral blood

[Sneller et al BLOOD, DEC 2011 VOLUME 118, NUMBER 26]

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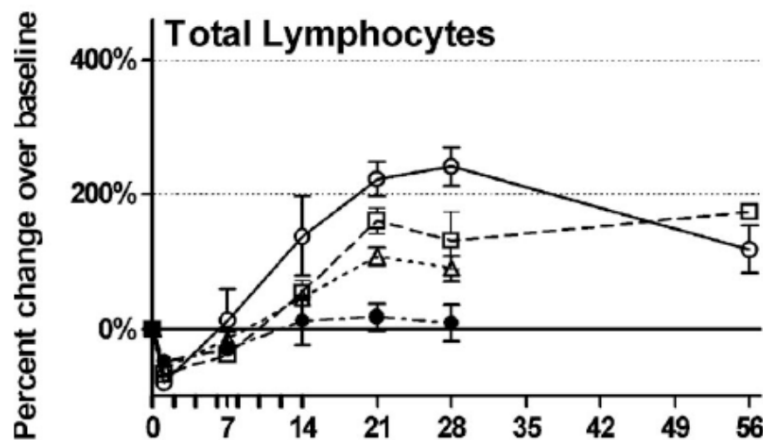


## (Example 2) IL-7: Homeostatic T cell Growth Factor

“Administration of rhIL-7 in humans increases in vivo TCR repertoire diversity by preferential expansion of naive T cell subsets”

IL-7 administered every other day (days 1 – 14) at 4 dose levels

IL-7 therapy increases circulating T cells

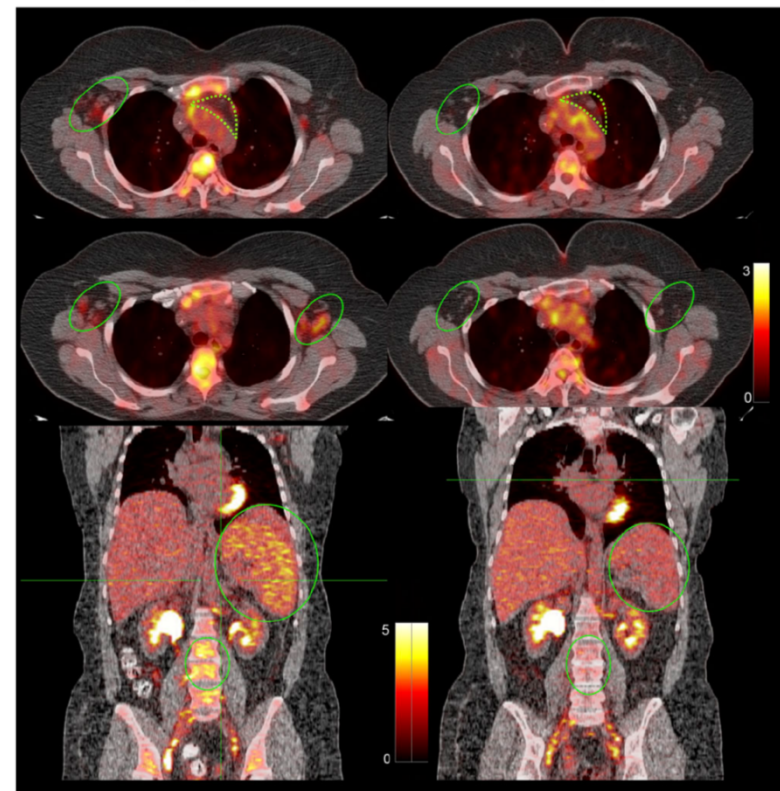


Increased metabolic activity = pink →  
Maximal = yellow

PET-CT imaging of lymphoid organs  
& increased metabolic activity after rhIL-7

Day 14

Day 56

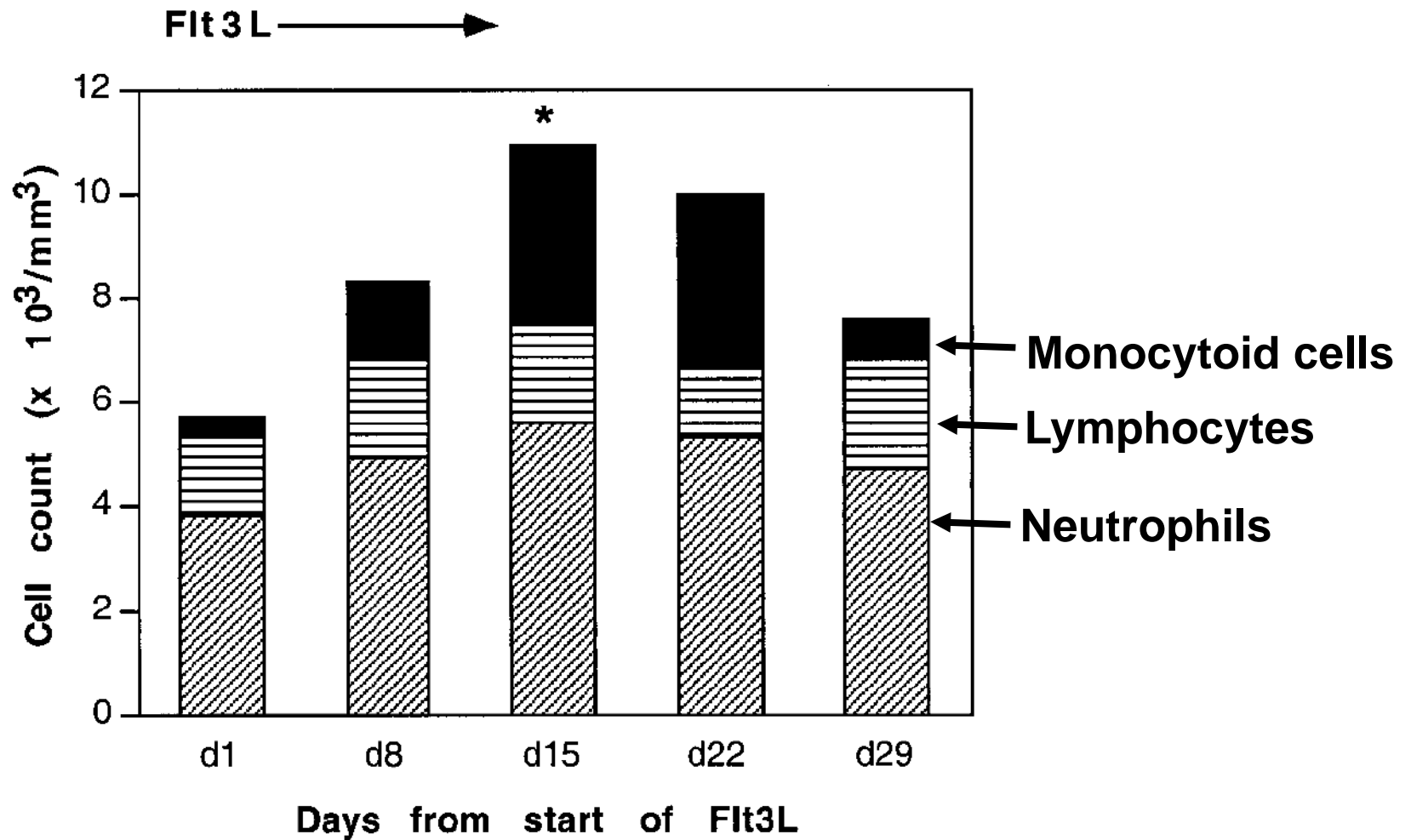


[Sportès (Mackall) et al JEM 1681:2007]



## (Example 3) Flt3-L : Dendritic Cell Growth Factor

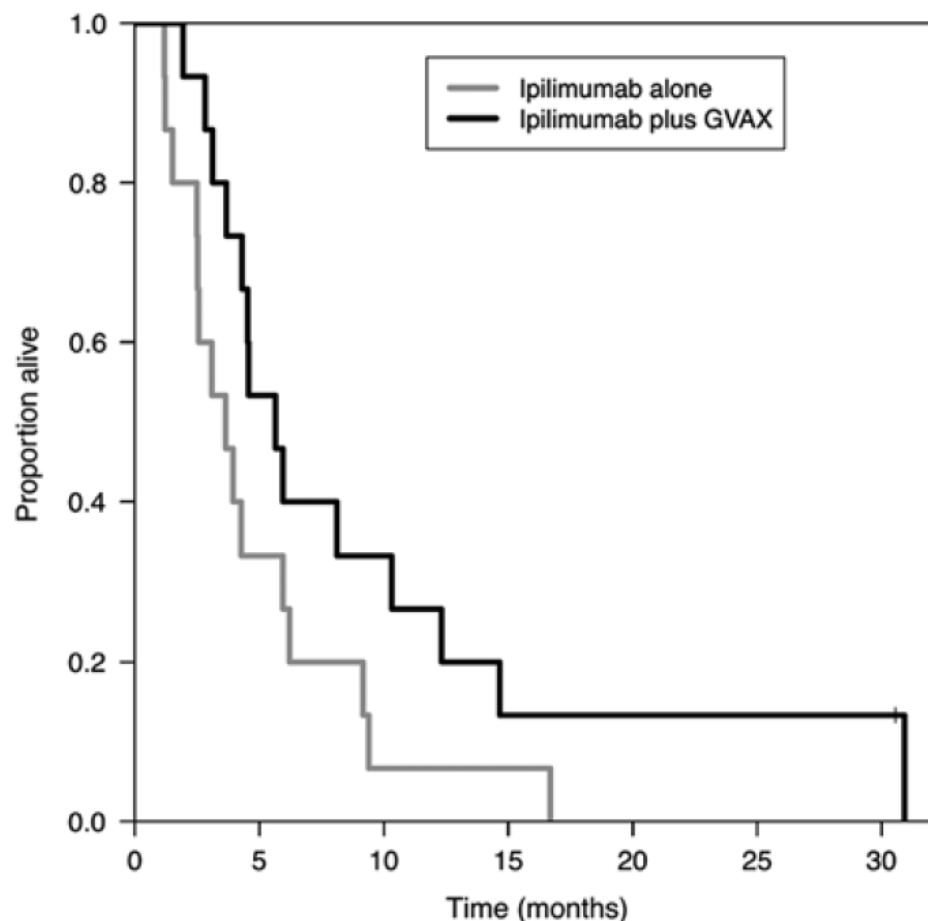
### Peripheral Blood Counts during Flt3-L Administration



[Morse et al. JCO 18:3883-3893, 2000]

## (Example 4) Vaccine + Check Point Inhibitor

“Evaluation of Ipilimumab in Combination With Allogeneic Pancreatic Tumor Cells Transfected With a GM-CSF Gene in Previously Treated Pancreatic Cancer”

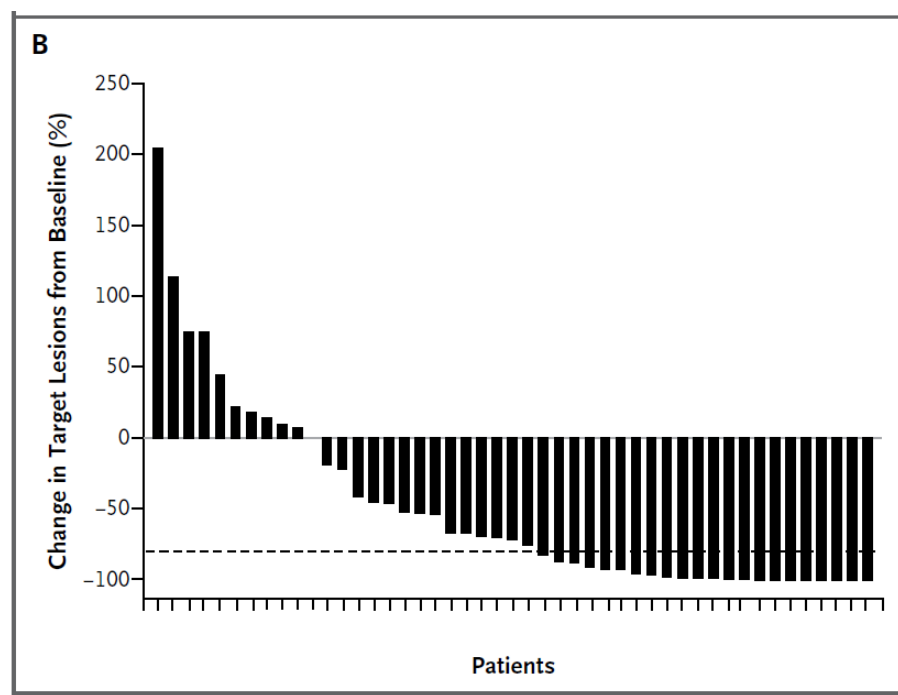
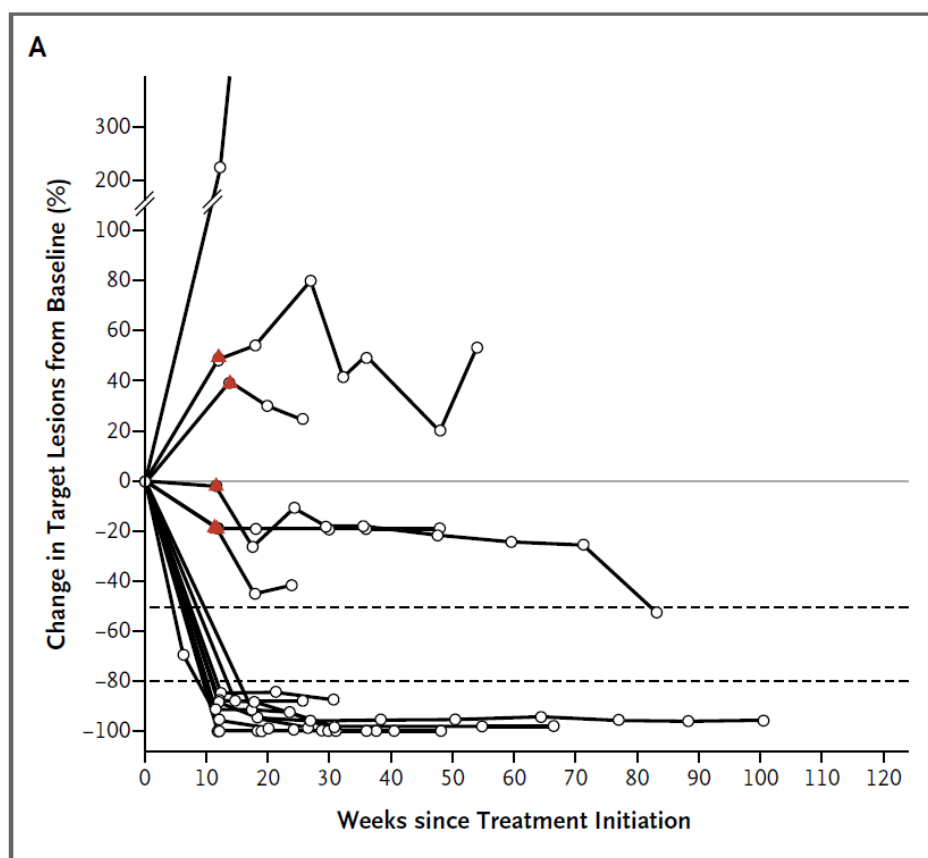


The Kaplan-Meier overall survival curve as of January 27, 2013. One patient in arm 2 (ipi + GVAX) is still alive.

[Le et al J Immunother  
36 (7) September 2013]

## (Example 5) Two Check Point Inhibitors

# Nivolumab (anti-PD1) plus ipilimumab in advanced melanoma.



[Wolchok et al NEJM 2013 Jul 11;369(2):122-33]



# Foreseeable Future: Realistic Assessment

- Majority of NSCLC patients in US will be treated with anti-PD-1/ anti-PD-L1 (or next generation check point inhibitors)
  - 25% will respond
    - Therapeutic interventions to increase depth of response
  - 75% of lung cancers will not respond
    - Therapeutic interventions to convert to responsive
- Majority of NSCLC patients will be assessed for possible response to anti-PD1/ anti-PD-L1
  - IHC for T cells and PD-L1; Gene signature for immune responsiveness)
- Small subsets of most cancers will respond
  - Therapeutic interventions to increase depth of response
- Most will be predicted to not respond
  - Therapeutic interventions to convert to responsive