



Introduction to Immunotherapy & Novel treatment strategies: temperature modulated immunotherapy

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What type of researcher are you?



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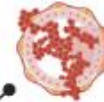


Gregor van Bochove

Glioblastoma



Breast cancer



Yasmin Civil



Yihe Zhao



Bella Bokan



Roxan Helderman

Colorectal cancer



Prostate cancer



Cervix cancer



Marloes IJff



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Fan Yang
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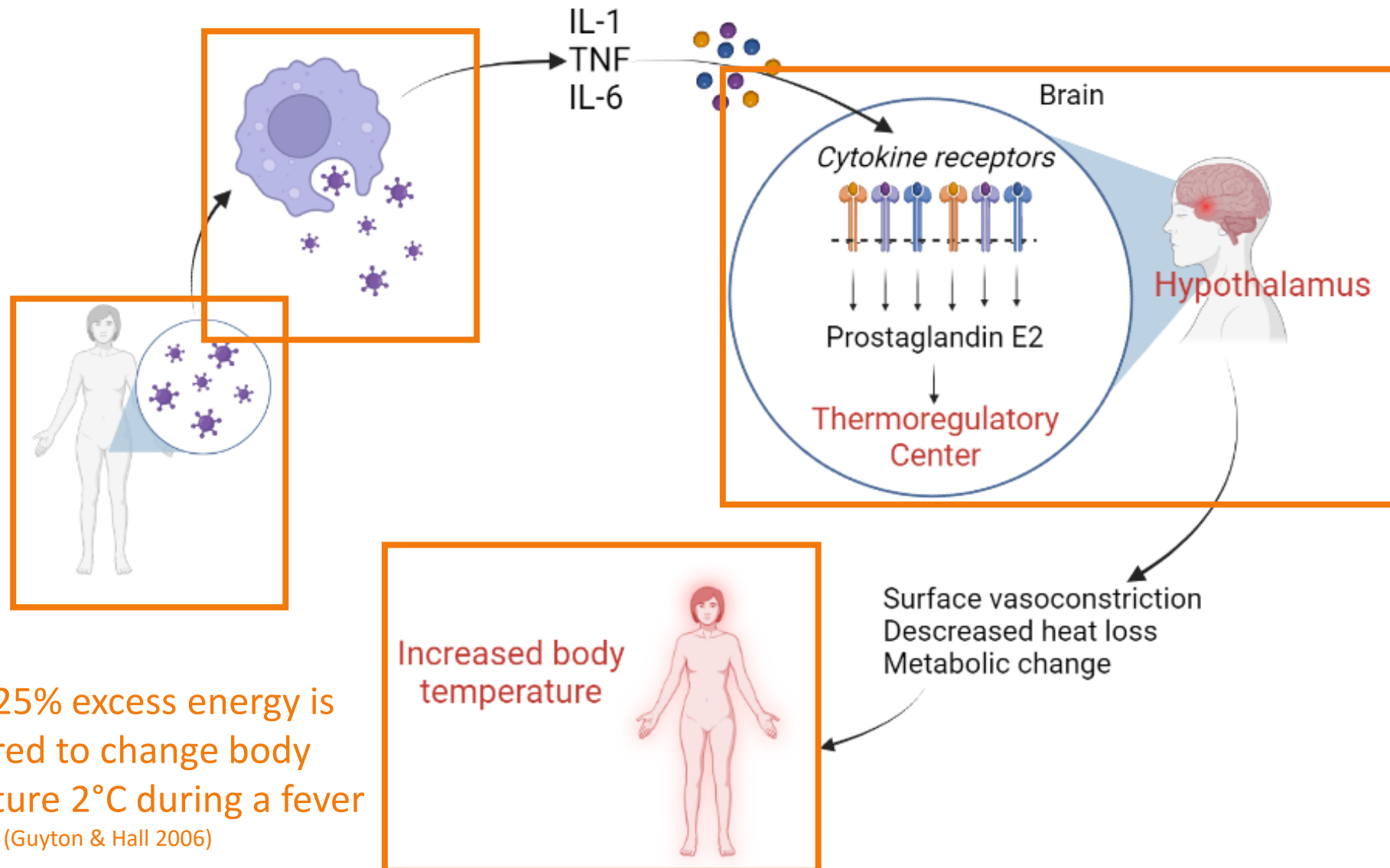


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What happens after an infection?

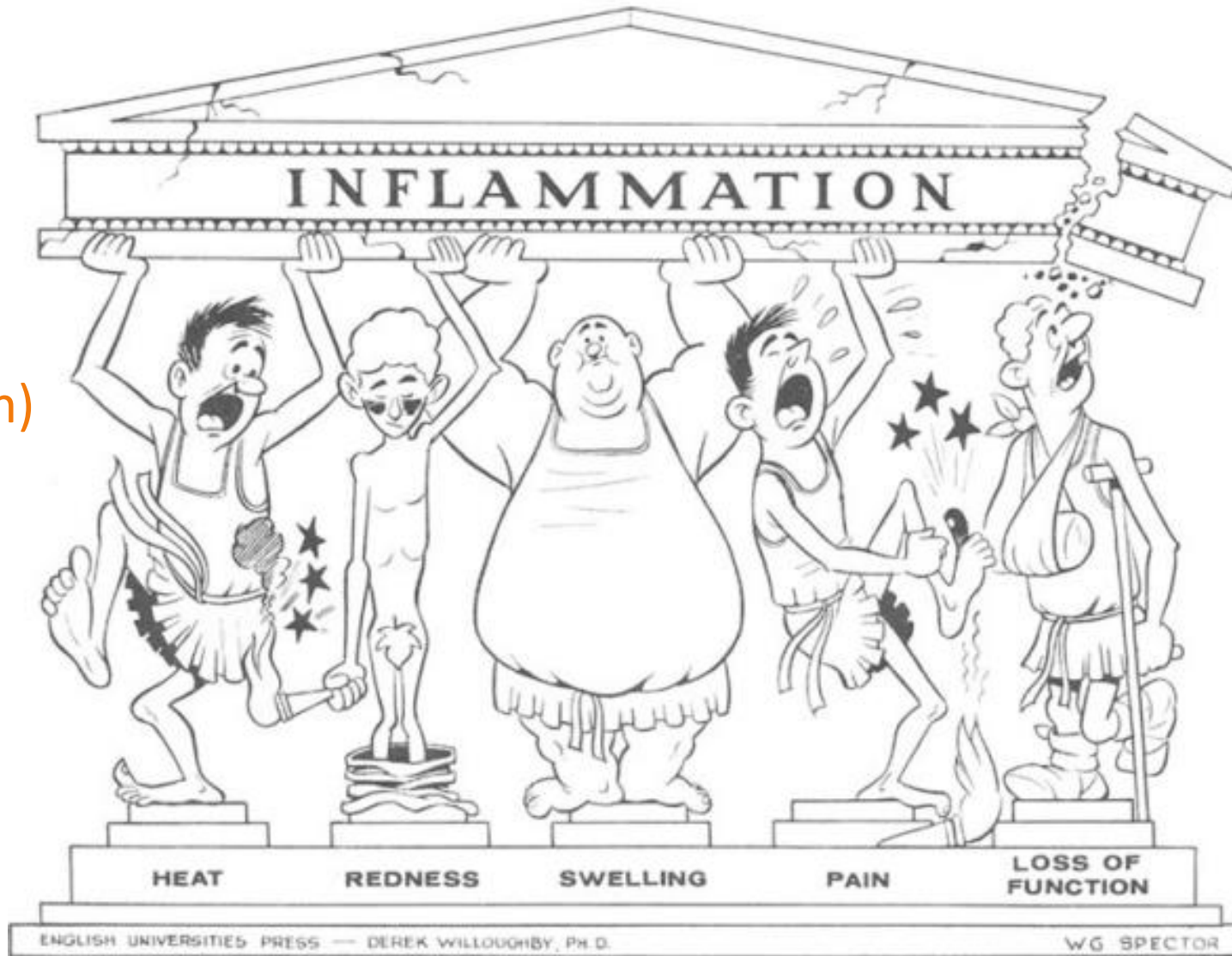


About 25% excess energy is required to change body temperature 2°C during a fever
(Guyton & Hall 2006)

(Adapted from Dinarello et al 2004)

Inflammation response

Inflammation:
Flamma = fire (Latin)



CALOR

RUBOR

TUMOR

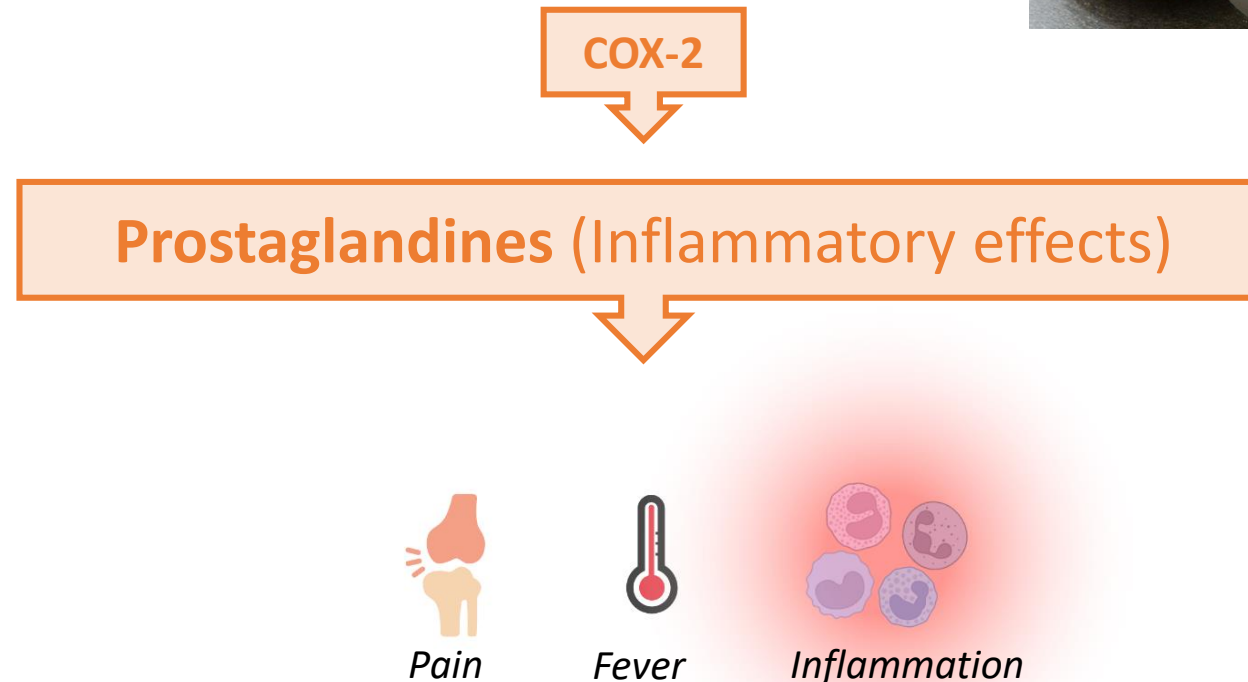
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COX2-inhibitor

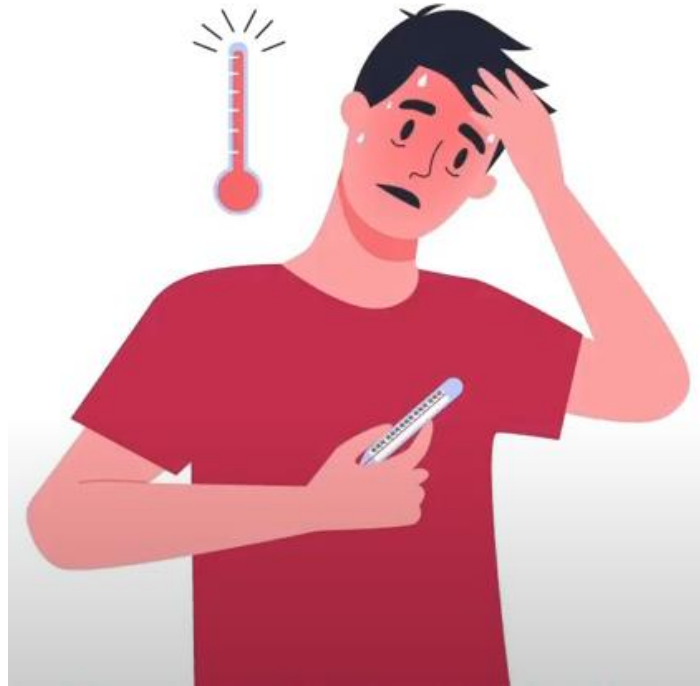
- NSAID (nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug)
- Targets COX-2 (cyclooxygenase-2)
- Thereby reducing inflammation, pain and fever



Fever: To treat or not to treat?



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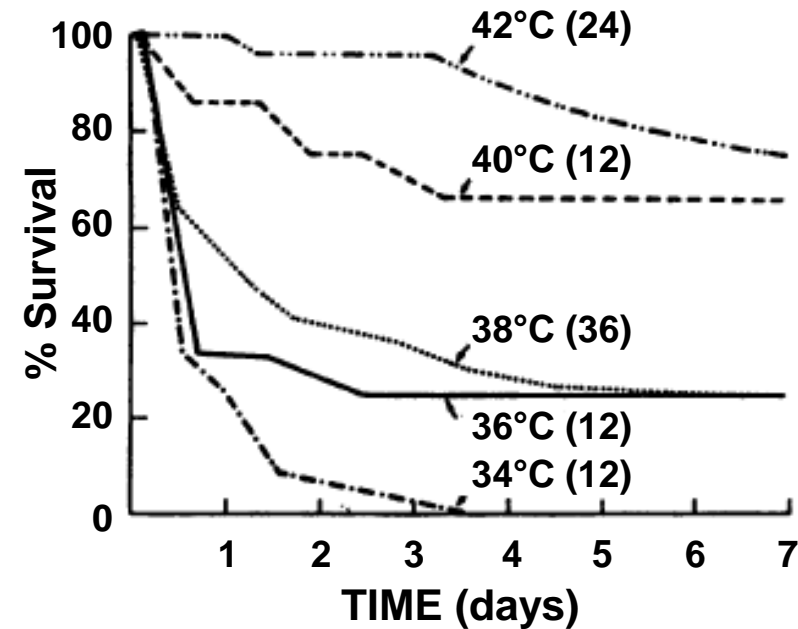
A. Treat: Fever is noxious. Suppression of fever will reduce its noxious effect.

B. Don't treat: Fever is a natural response with important biological responses.

After bacterial infection: increased host survival (Ectotherms)



Dipsosaurus dorsalis
“Northern Desert Iguana”

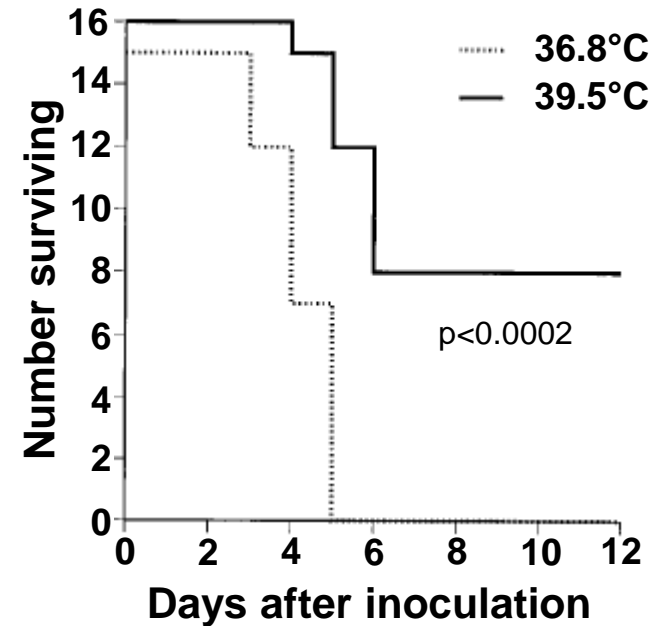


By monitoring the thermoregulatory behavior of the desert lizard after bacterial infection (*A. hydrophila*) animals that raised their core temperature by 4°C over normal had better survival than those who did not.

After bacterial infection: increased host survival (Endotherms)



CD-1 mouse
Infected with *K. pneumoniae*



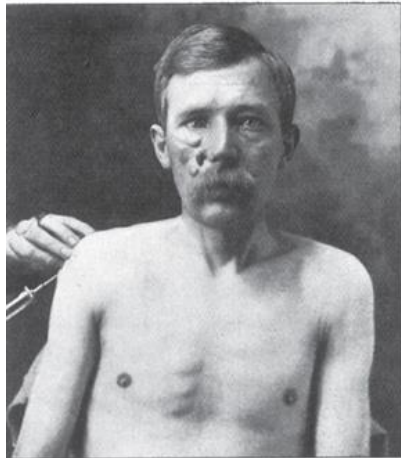
Increasing core body temperature from 37°C to 39.5°C:

- **Increase in host defense**
- Improved survival
- Altered cytokine production/expression
- Reduced bacterial load

William Coley – “The Father of Immunotherapy”



Investigating the death of a patient
Coley’s research: *evidence of the relationship between infection and cancer regression*



Coley’s therapy (utilized in his initial studies for patients with inoperable sarcoma) consists of the injection of by-products of two common bacteria: *Streptococcus pyogenes* and *Serratia marcescens*

Later analysis showed that the sickest, judged by those who got the highest fevers, did the best and often had “spontaneous remissions” of the tumor

Fever: Good or bad?

“...whether to treat an elevated temperature that occurs with an infectious disease is the subject of an ongoing debate.

Experimental evidence suggests that host defense mechanisms are enhanced by elevated temperature; thus, fever is potentially beneficial and should not be routinely suppressed.”

Fever at critically ill patients ICU: To treat or not to treat?

Patients in the ICU who have probable infection are treated with Acetaminophen.



Fever at critically ill patients ICU: To treat or not to treat?



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A. Treat: These patients are critically ill, they need all their energy to recover.

B. Don't treat: Fever helps is a natural response with important biological responses.

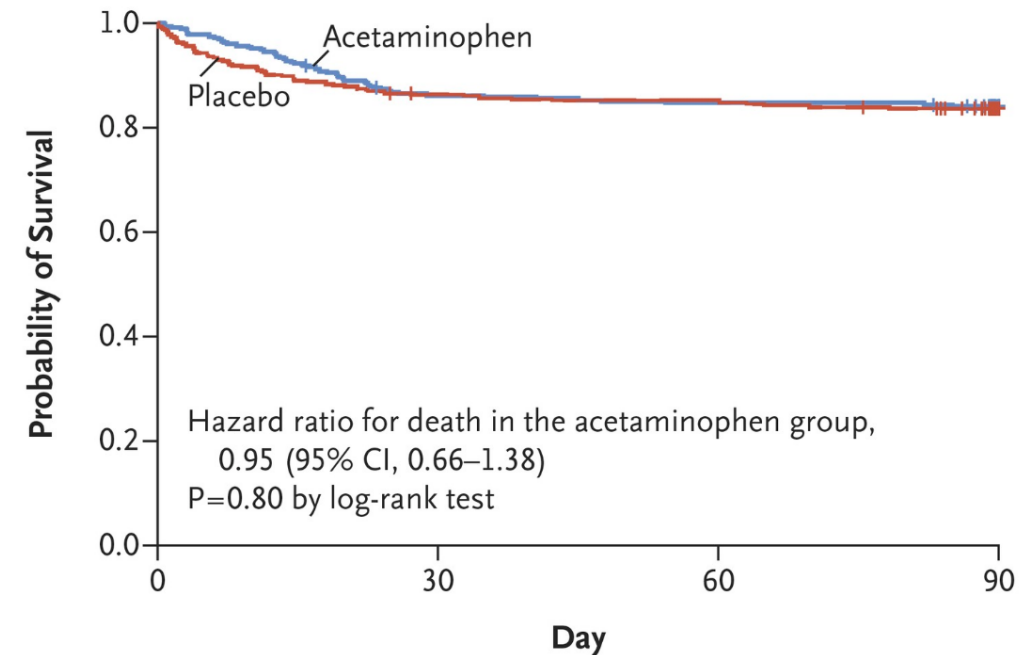
Fever at critically ill patients ICU: To treat or not to treat?

700 ICU patients with fever of known or suspected infectious etiology
Randomly assigned: 1 g i.v. acetaminophen or placebo, every 6 hours until discharge, resolution of fever, cessation of antimicrobial therapy or death.

Treated patients had a -0.28°C lower temp ($P < 0.001$)

ICU free days to day 28: 23 vs 22 days

Deaths by day 90: 15.9% vs 16.6%



No. at Risk					
Acetaminophen	346	296	291	225	
Placebo	343	294	290	214	

Fever at critically ill patients ICU: To treat or not to treat?

Outcome	Acetaminophen (N=346)	Placebo (N=344)	Absolute Difference†		P Value	
			<i>days (95% CI)</i>			
Primary outcome: ICU-free days — median (IQR)	23 (13–25)	22 (12–25)	0 (0–1)‡		0.07	
Key secondary outcomes						
Hospital-free days — median (IQR)	12 (0–19)	10 (0–18)	0 (0–0)		0.27	
Days free from mechanical ventilation — median (IQR)	27 (19–28)	26 (17–28)	0 (0–0)		0.14	
Days free from inotropes or vaso-pressors — median (IQR)	27 (25–28)	27 (24–28)	0 (0–0)		0.36	
Days free from renal-replacement therapy — median (IQR)	28 (28–28)	28 (28–28)	0 (0–0)		0.53	
Days free from ICU support — median (IQR)	26 (16–27)	25 (15–27)	0 (0–1)		0.14	
			Relative Risk (95% CI)		P Value	
			Unadjusted	Adjusted§	Unadjusted	Adjusted§
Death by day 28 — no. (%)	48 (13.9)	47 (13.7)	1.02 (0.68–1.52)	1.00 (0.67–1.50)	0.94	0.99
Death by day 90 — no. (%)¶	55 (15.9)	57 (16.6)	0.96 (0.66–1.39)	0.94 (0.65–1.35)	0.84	0.73

Fever

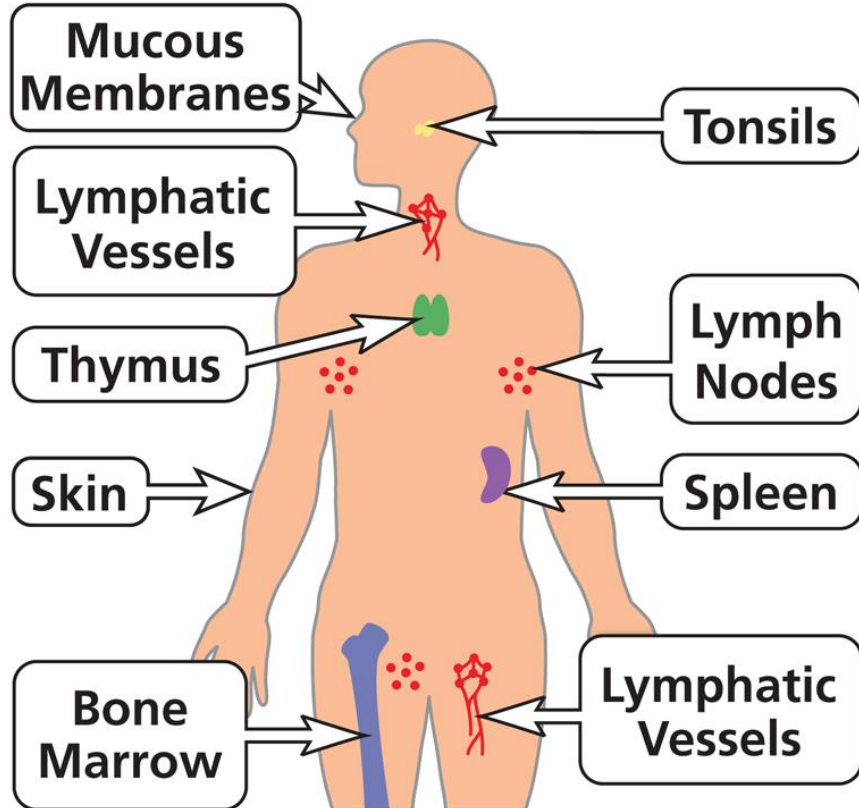
Fever is the body's host defense mechanism.



“An army of soldiers are fighting the enemy”

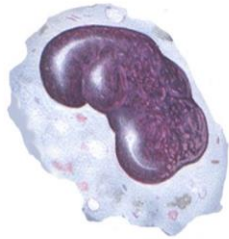
What does that army look like?

Immune System

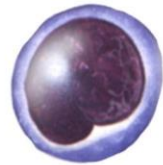


- **Cells**
 - Innate response - several cell types
 - Adaptive (specific) response - lymphocytes
- **Organs**
 - Primary: where lymphocytes develop/mature
 - Secondary where mature lymphocytes get activated
- **Circulatory system** (blood)
- **Lymphatic system** (lymph)

Blood cells



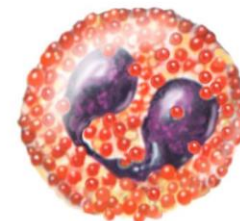
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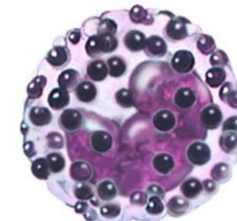
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Neutrophil



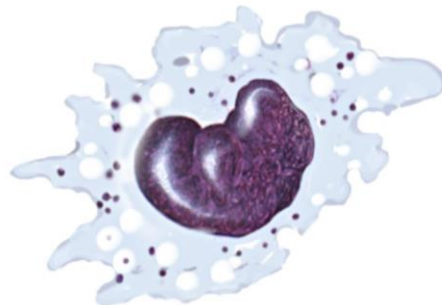
Eosinophil



Basophil



Dendritic Cell



Macrophage

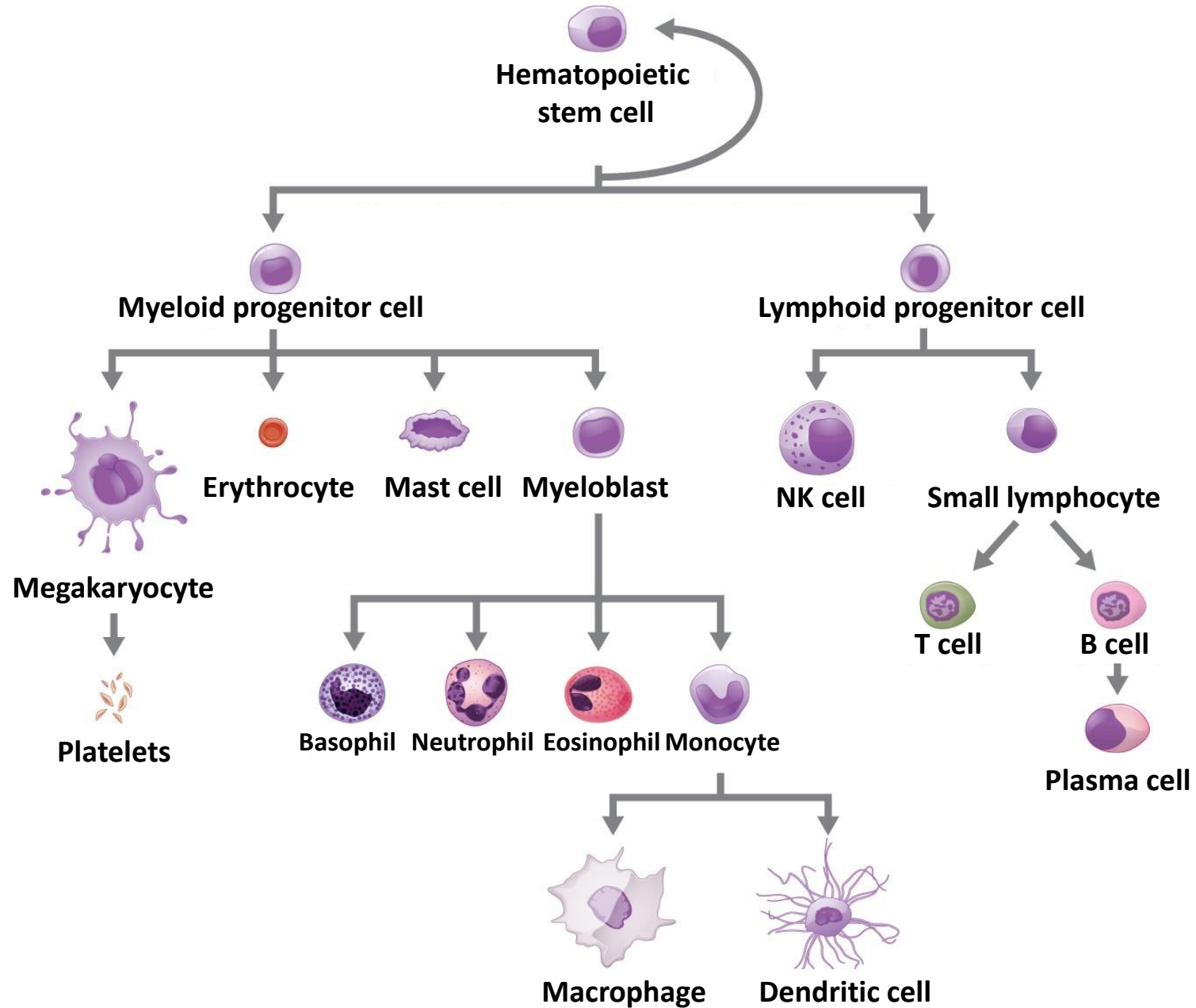


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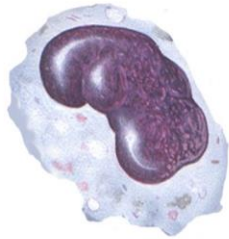
Platelets

Blood cells

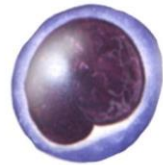


Blood cells

“FIRST RESPONDERS”



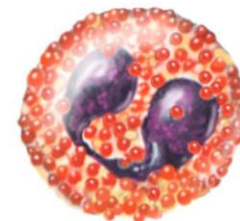
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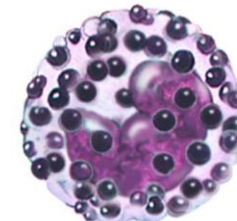
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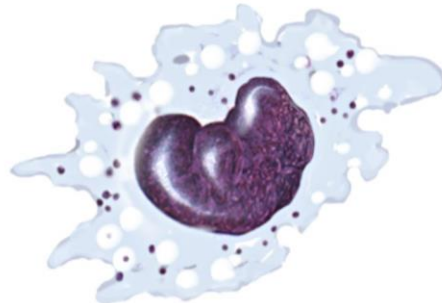
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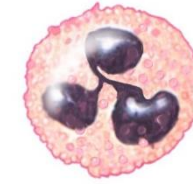
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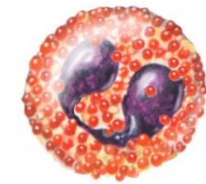
Platelets

Granulocytes

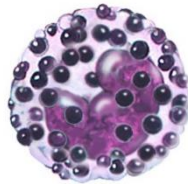
- Characterized by granules in their cytoplasm
- Polymorphnuclear leukocytes
- Produced in the bone marrow
- Front line of attack during immune response
 - Once neutrophils receive appropriate signals: approx. 30 min to leave the blood and reach the site of an infection



Neutrophil

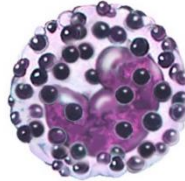
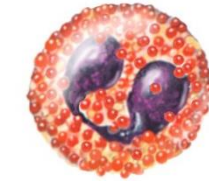
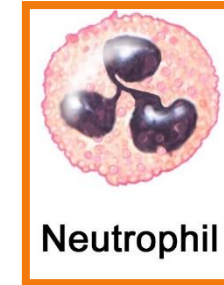


Eosinophil



Basophil

Neutrophils



- Most abundant: neutrophils (50-70% of WBC)
- One of the main effector cells in the innate immune system
- Released from bone marrow, circulate 7-10 hrs, enter tissues, live only a few days
- Numbers & recruitment increases during infections “leukocytosis” diagnostic
- Shown to kill microorganisms by phagocytosis 100 years ago
- Main cellular component of pus

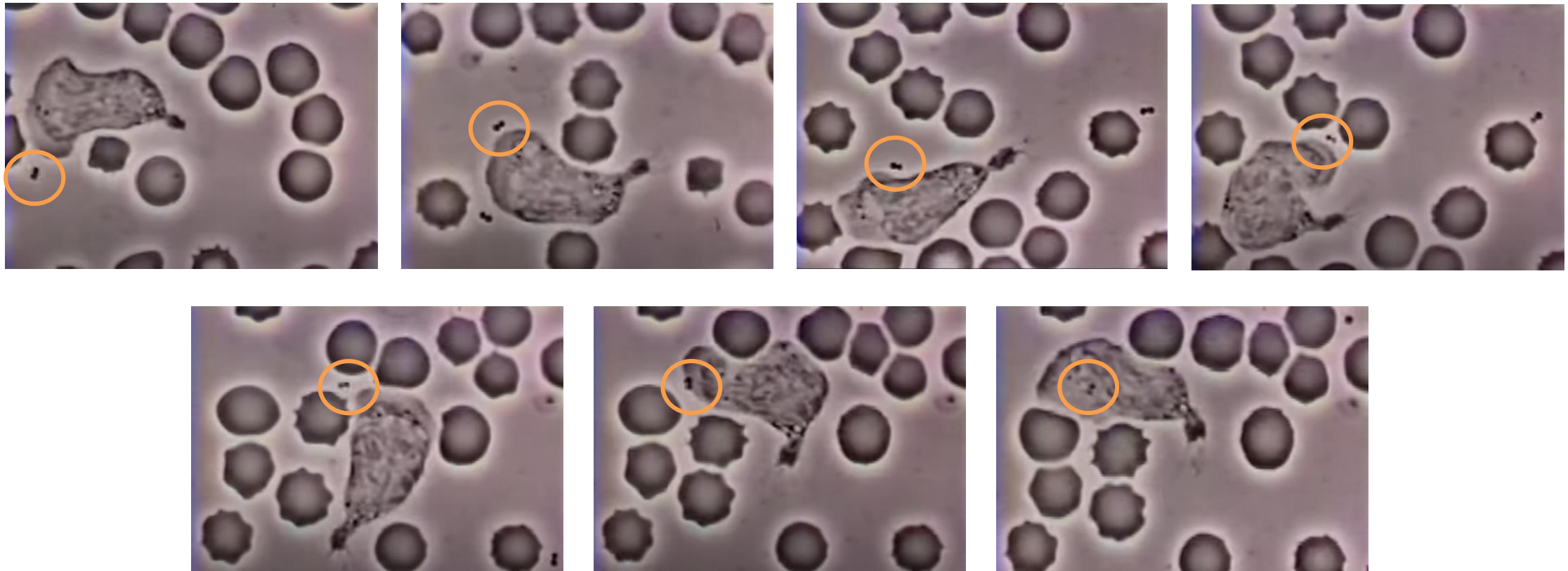
Neutrophil chasing bacteria



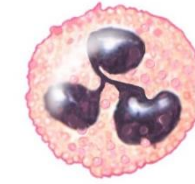
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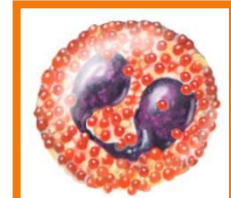
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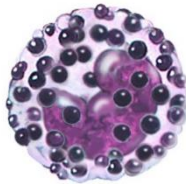
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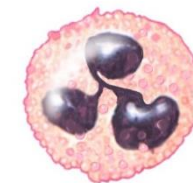
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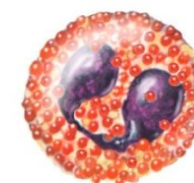
Basophil

- Bilobed nuclei (2-4 lobes)
- Motile, phagocytic
- Crucial part in killing of parasites, worms
- Their granules contain unique and toxic protein receptors that bind to IgG and IgA
- They are antigen-presenting cells: regulate other immune cell functions (e.g. CD4+ T cells, DCs, B cells, mast cells, neutrophils, basophils)

Basophil



Neutrophil



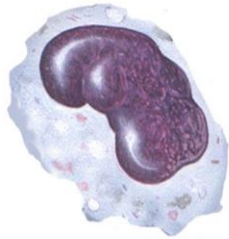
Eosinophil



Basophil

- One of the least abundant of all leukocytes (<1%)
- Bilobed
- Non-phagocytic
- Important in some allergic responses
- Critical to response to parasites
- Have receptors that can bind IgE, IgG, complement and histamine
- Bind circulating Abs and release histamine-increasing permeability of blood vessels

Blood cells



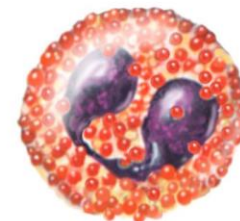
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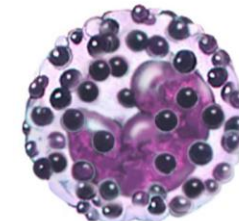
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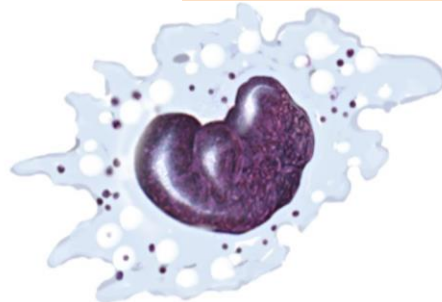
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Dendritic Cell



Macrophage



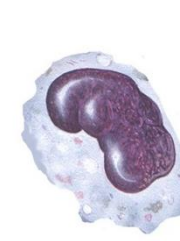
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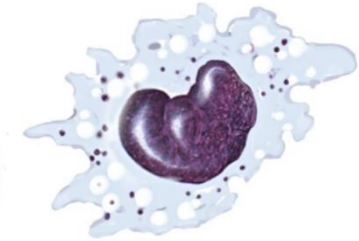
Platelets

Myeloid antigen presenting cells

- Phagocytic
- Ingest, digest into peptides, present on cell surface
- Bridge between innate and adaptive immune responses
- Make contact with antigens in periphery and then interact with lymphocytes in lymph node
- Secrete proteins that attract and activate other immune cells



Monocyte



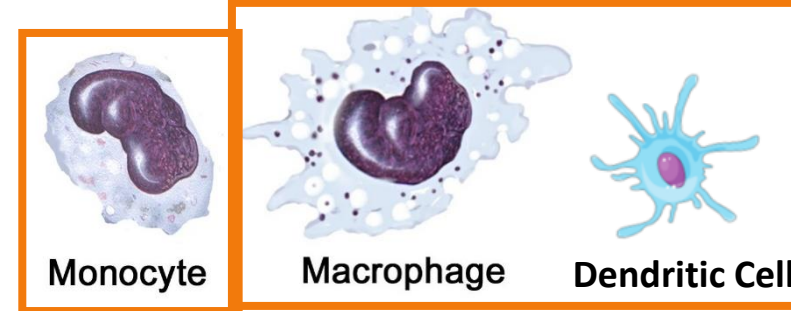
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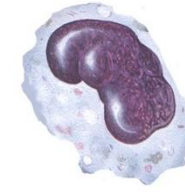
Monocyte

- Largest type of leukocyte (15-22 μm)
- Mononuclear, bean-shaped or kidney-shaped
- Circulate in blood for approx. 8 hrs
- Enter tissues and become fully mature macrophages and Dendritic cells
 - Enlarge
 - Become phagocytic

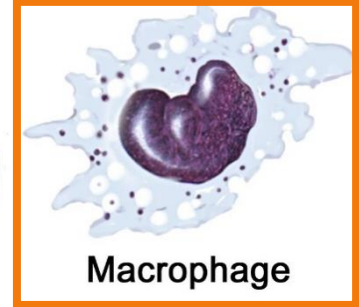


Macrophages

- Engulf and digest pathogens, such as cancer cells, microbes, cellular debris, foreign substances
- Phagocyte
- Play an critical role in nonspecific defense (innate immunity), and help to initiate specific defense mechanisms (adaptive immunity) by recruiting other immune cells, such as lymphocytes



Monocyte

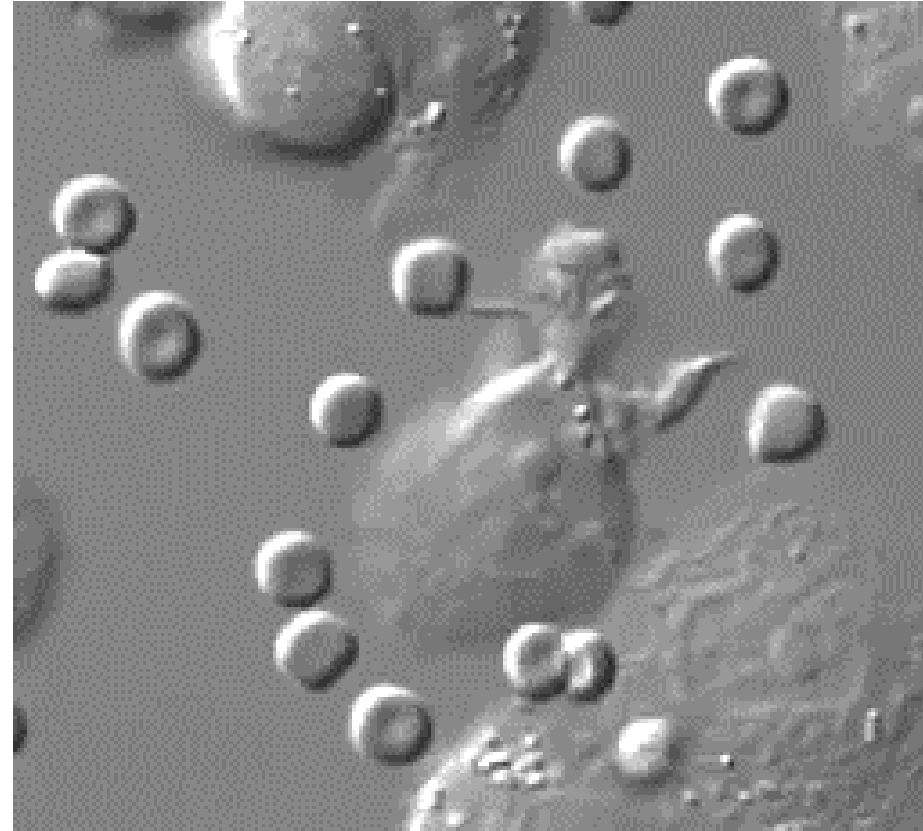


Macrophage



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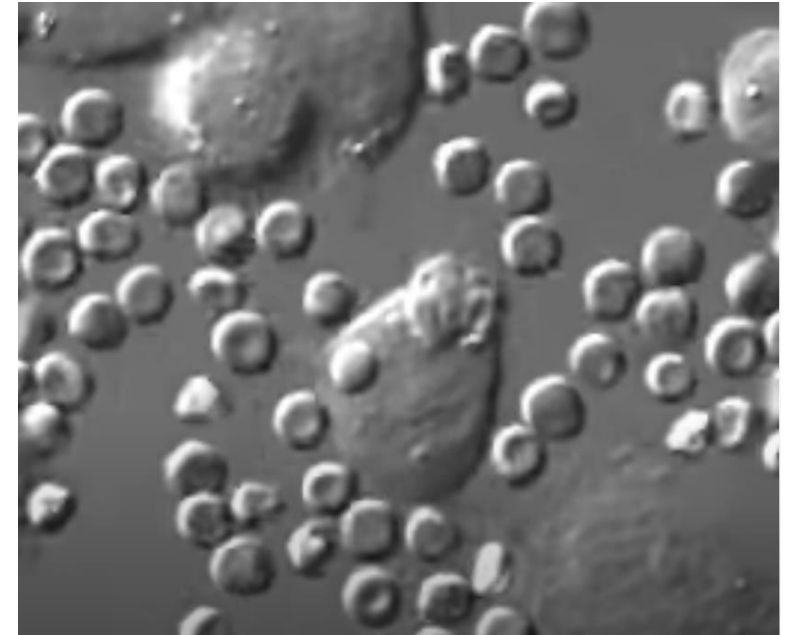
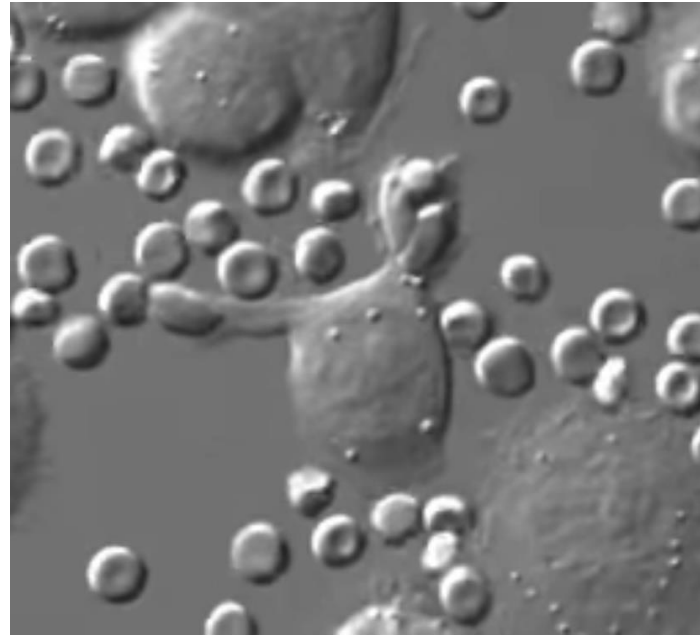
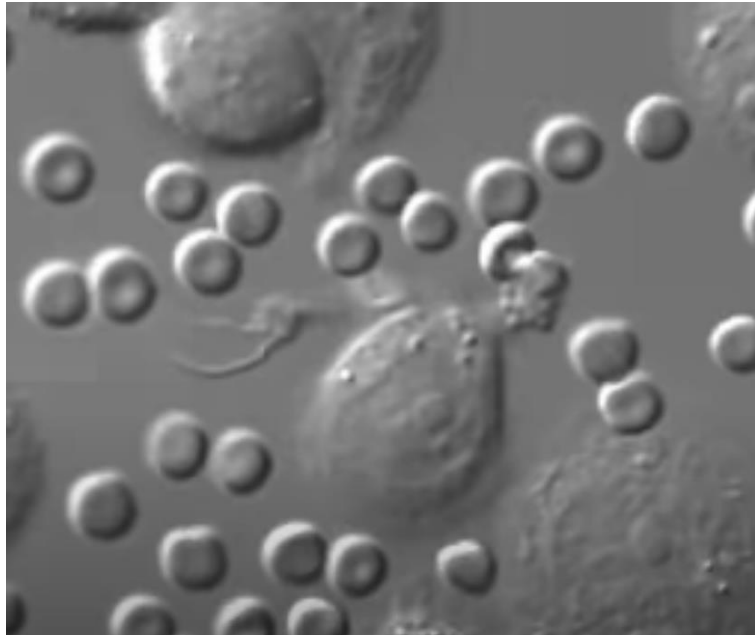
Macrophage engulfs foreign cells



Macrophages

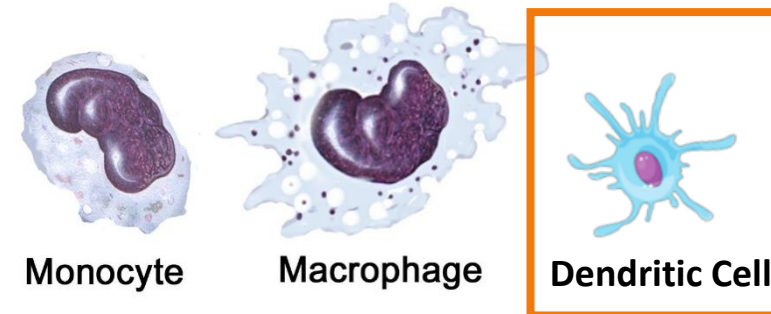
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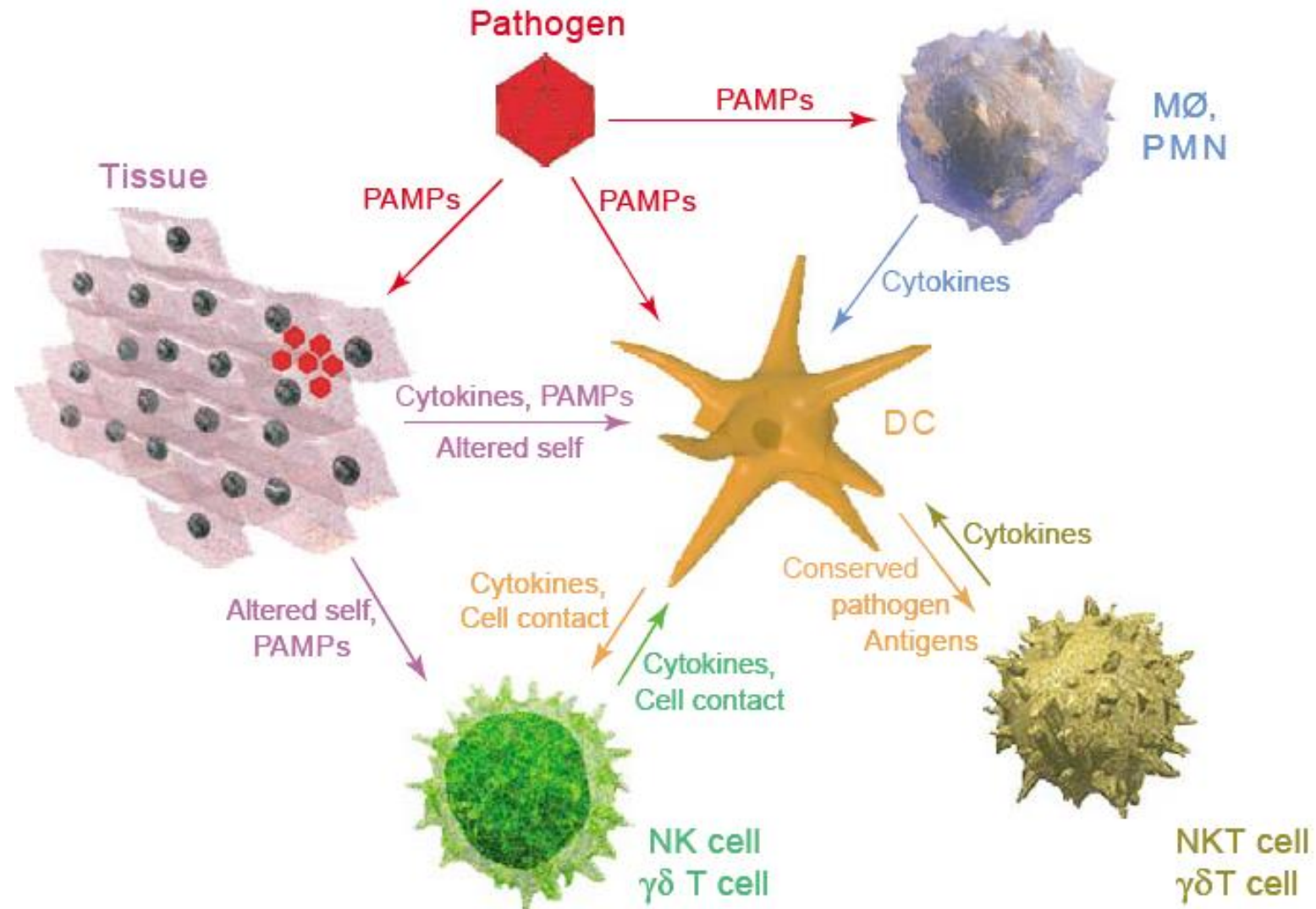


Dendritic cells

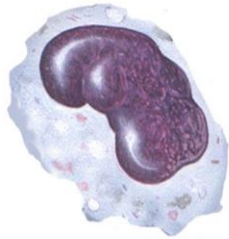
- Main function: to process antigen material and present it to the cell surface to the T-cells
- They act as messengers between the innate and the adaptive immune system
- Are present in tissue that are in contact with the external environment such as skin (there a specialized DC is called Langerhans cells), inner lining of the nose, lungs, stomach and intestines
- Once activated, they migrated to the lymph nodes
- Interact with T cells and B cells and shape the adaptive immune response



DC Activation



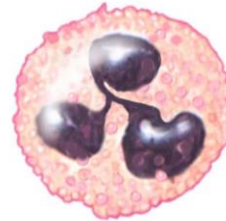
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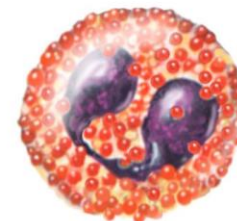
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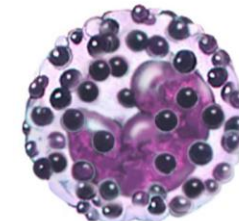
Lymphocyte



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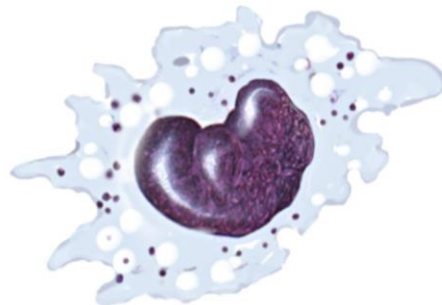
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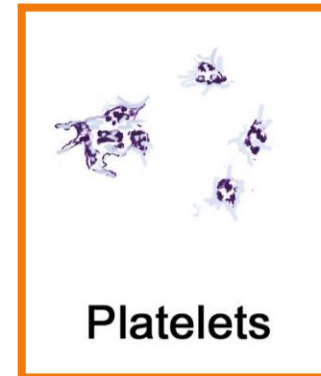
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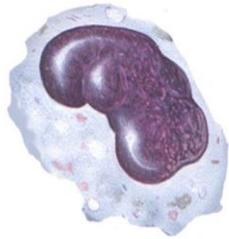
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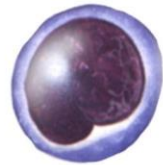
Platelets

- Thrombocytes (2-3 μ m)
“Clot” + “cell” (greek)
- Initiating blood clot
- No nucleus
- Fragments of cytoplasm of megakaryocyte

Blood cells



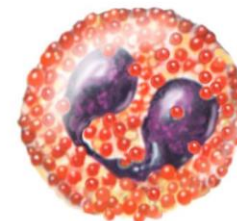
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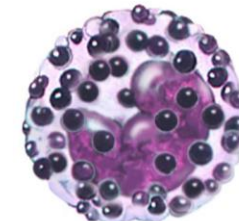
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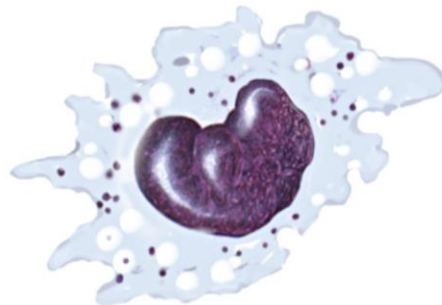
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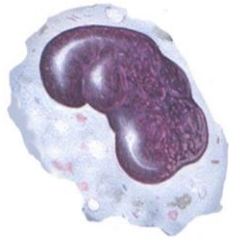


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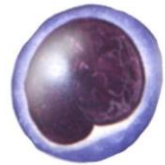
- Erythrocytes (6-8 μm)
- “Red” + “cell” (greek)
- Delivering oxygen
- No nucleus
- Hemoglobin binds O_2
- Circulate 100-120d

Blood cells

Adaptive Immune Response



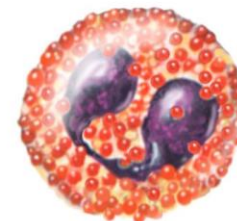
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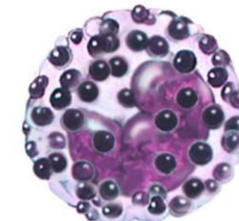
Lymphocyte



Neutrophil



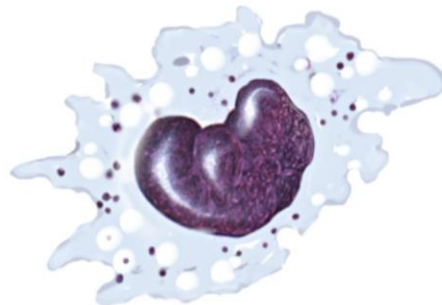
Eosinophil



Basophil



Dendritic Cell



Macrophage



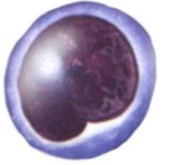
Erythrocyte



Platelets

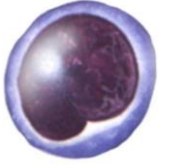
Lymphocytes

- 20-40% of WBC
- Large nucleus with dense heterochromatin
- Thin rim of cytoplasm
- Recognize specific antigenic determinants. Thus are responsible for specificity and memory of adaptive immune response



Lymphocyte

Lymphocytes



Lymphocyte

Three types: cannot be distinguished morphologically

- **T-cells**

- helper CD4+ recognize Ag in context of MHCII
- cytotoxic CD8+ recognize Ag in MHC I

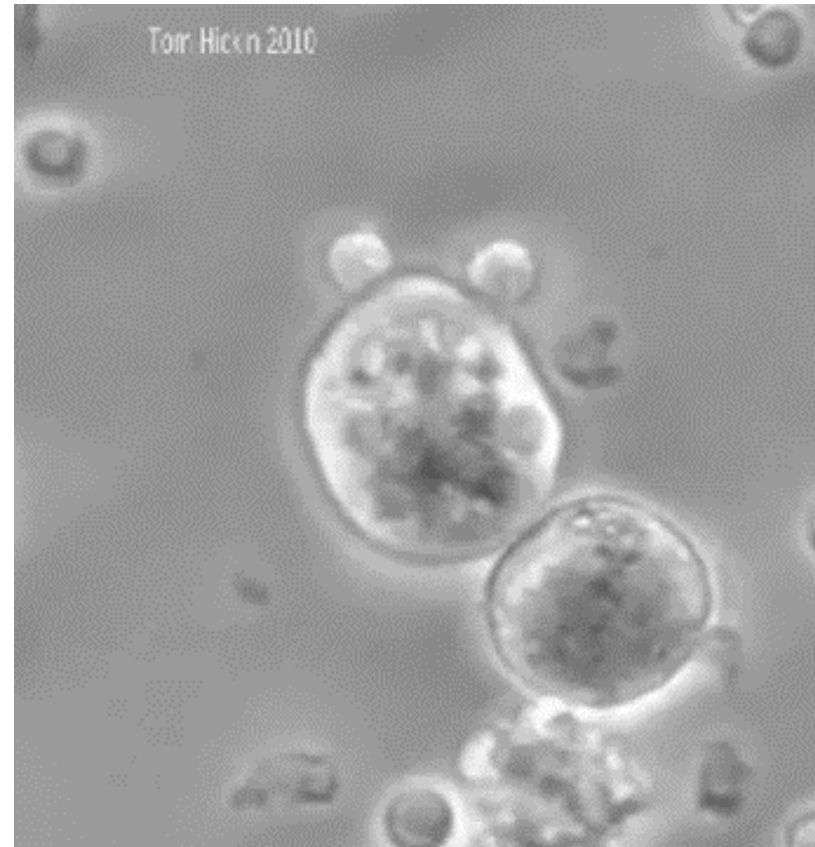
- **B-cells**

- become antibody producing plasma cells

- **NK cells**

- part of the innate immune response

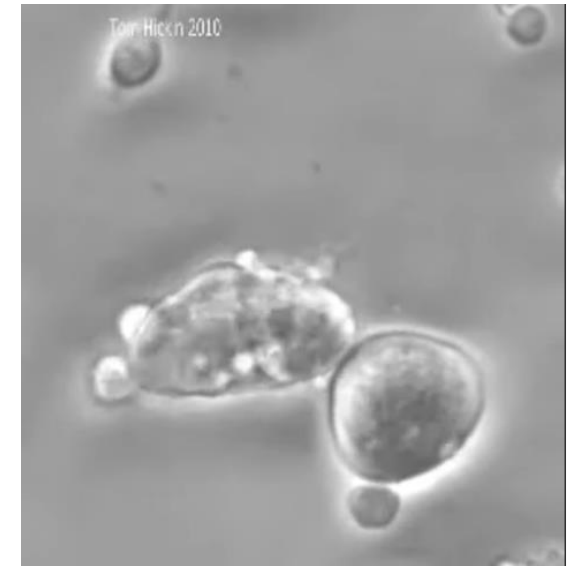
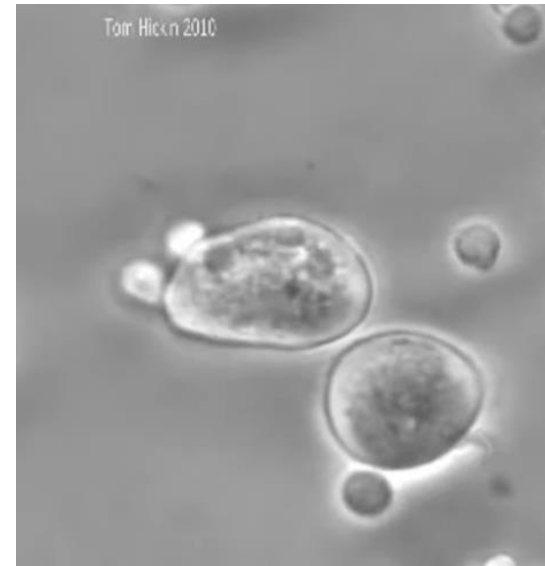
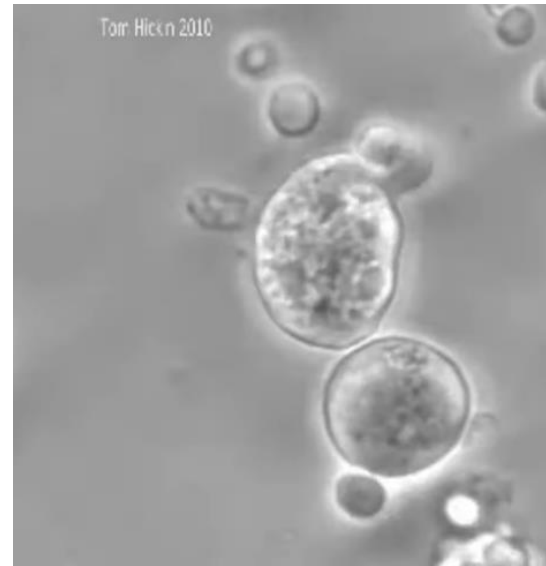
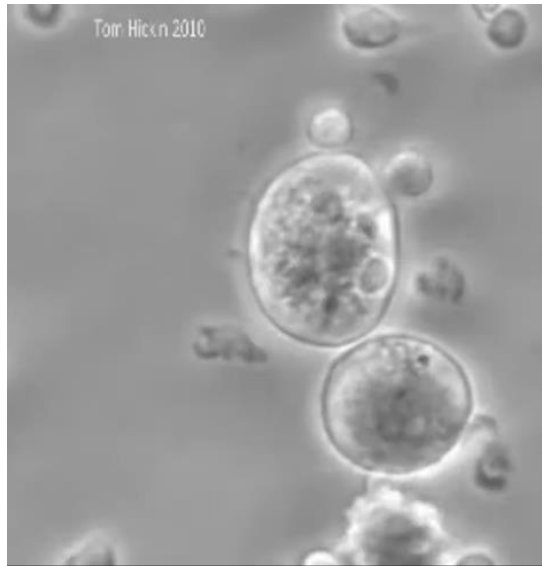
T-cells can kill tumor cells!



T-cells can kill tumor cells!

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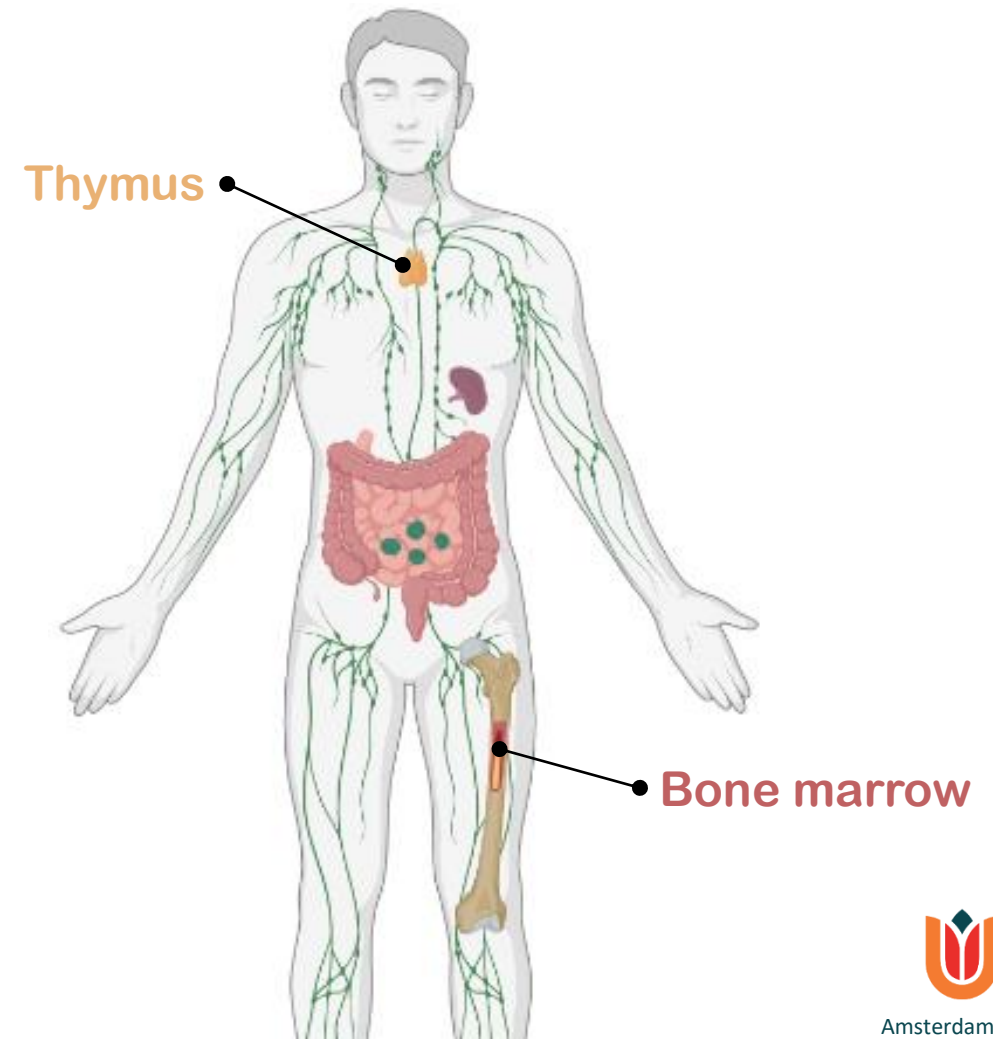
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Lymphatic system

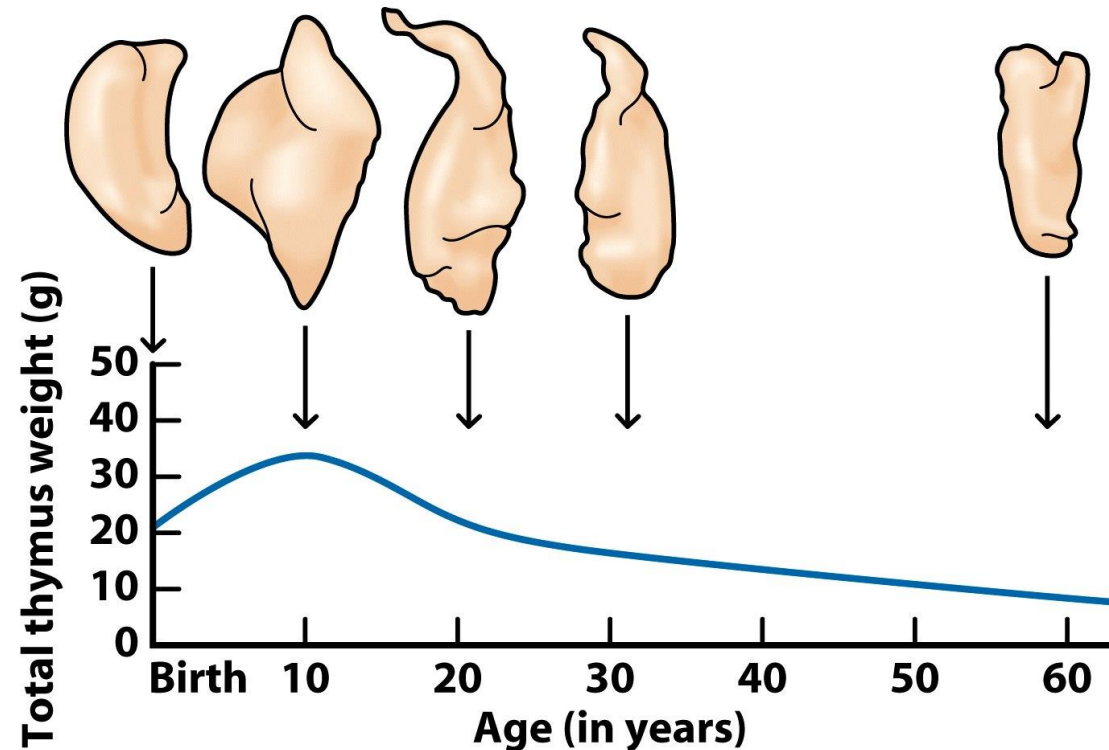
Primary lymphoid organ: Where lymphocytes are formed + mature

- Bone marrow
 - production of T-cells and B-cells
 - maturation of B-cells
- Thymus
 - maturation of T-cells



Adult thymus

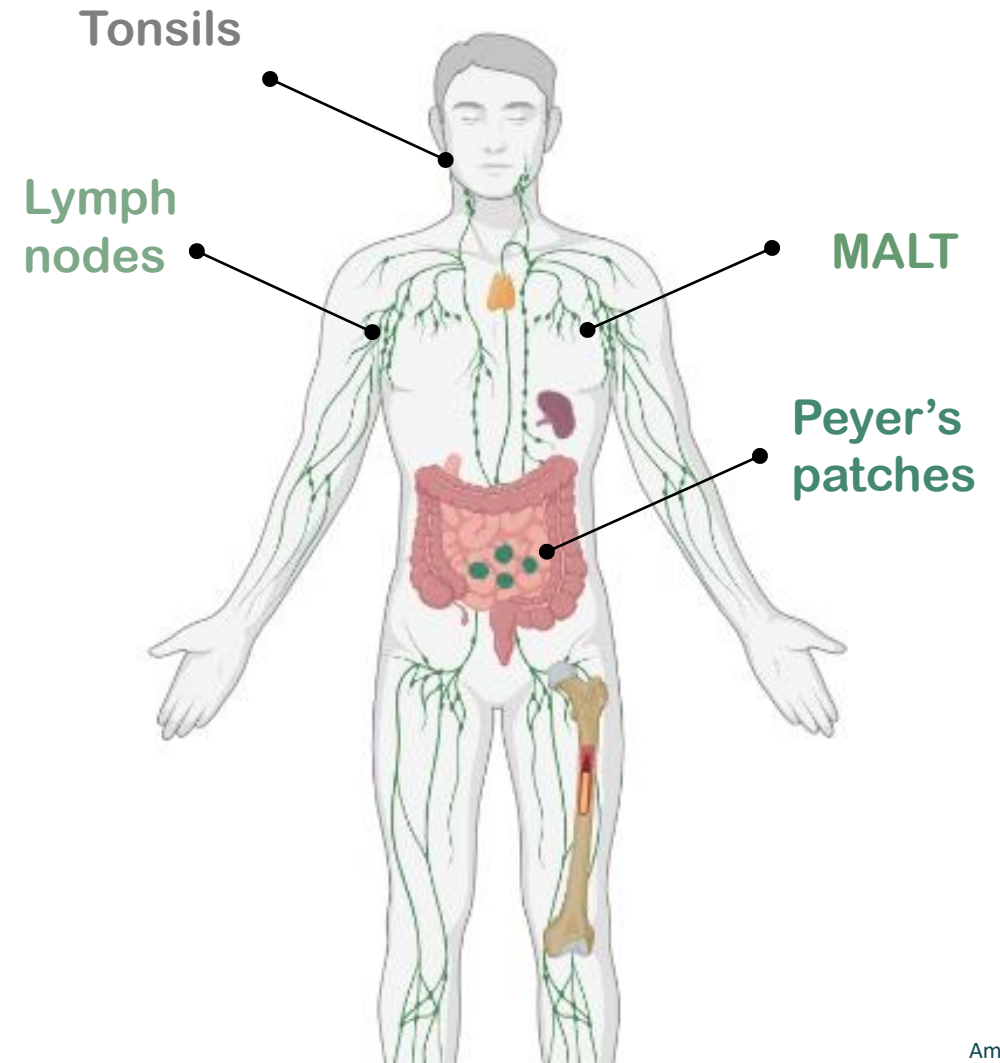
- Rate of T-cell production peaks prior to puberty
- Greatly reduced but continuous through adulthood
- Thymus undergoes Involution
 - Fatty infiltration
 - Lymphocyte depletion



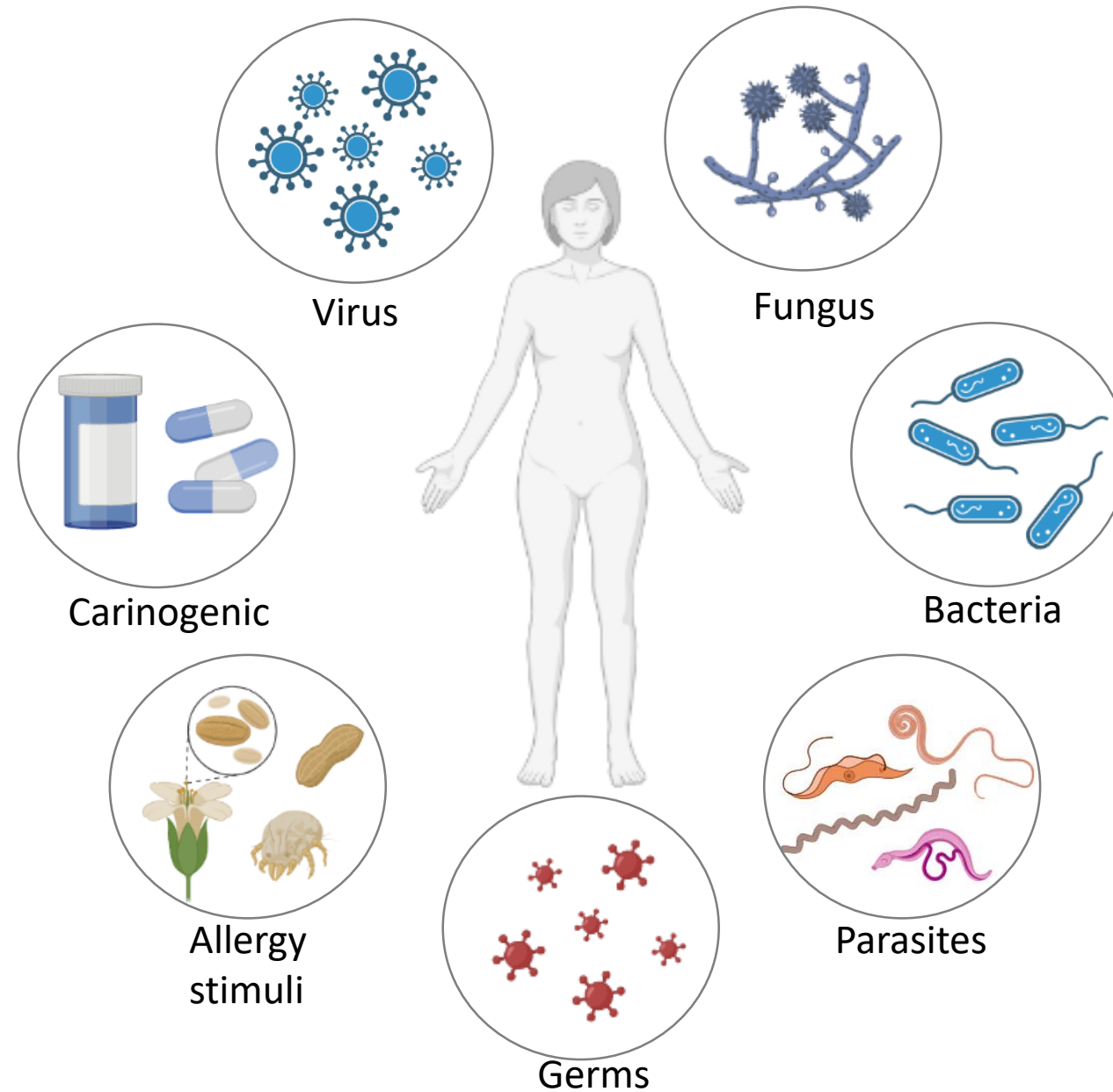
Lymphatic system

Secondary lymphoid organ: Where lymphocytes are activated

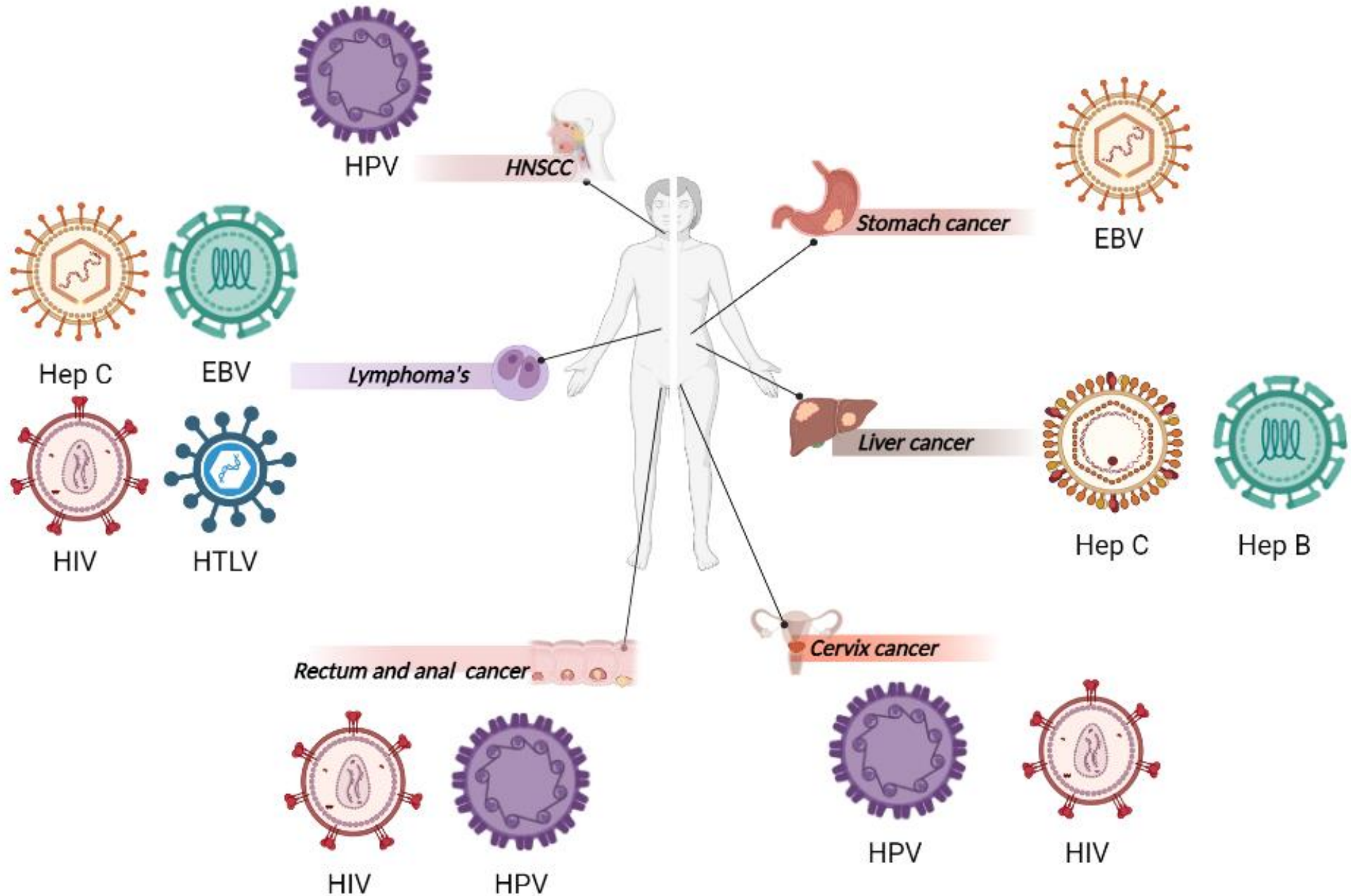
- Lymph nodes (adults ~450 LN)
- Tonsils
- Peyer's patches
- Mucosa associated lymphoid tissue (MALT)



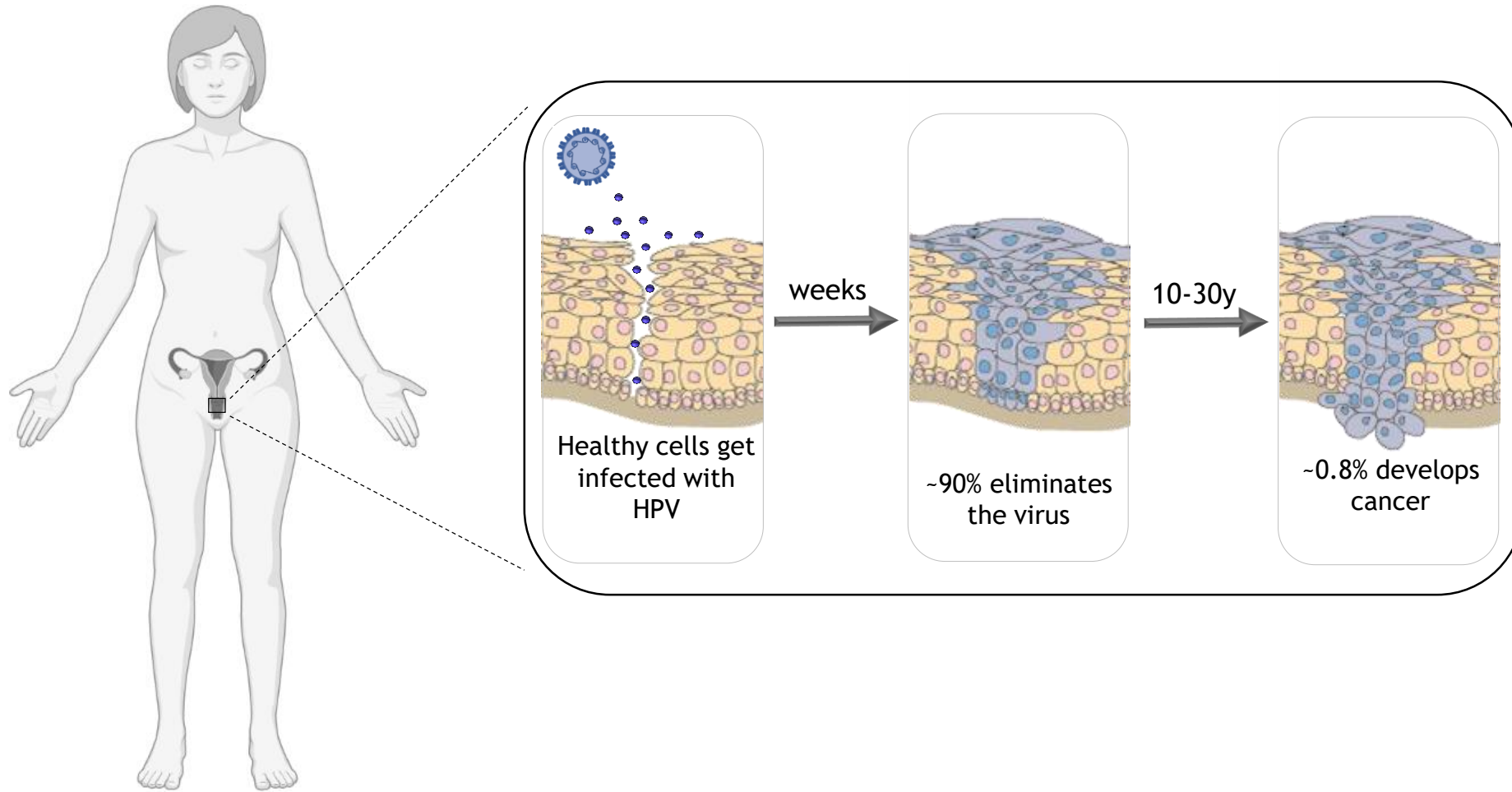
Our immune response is very powerful



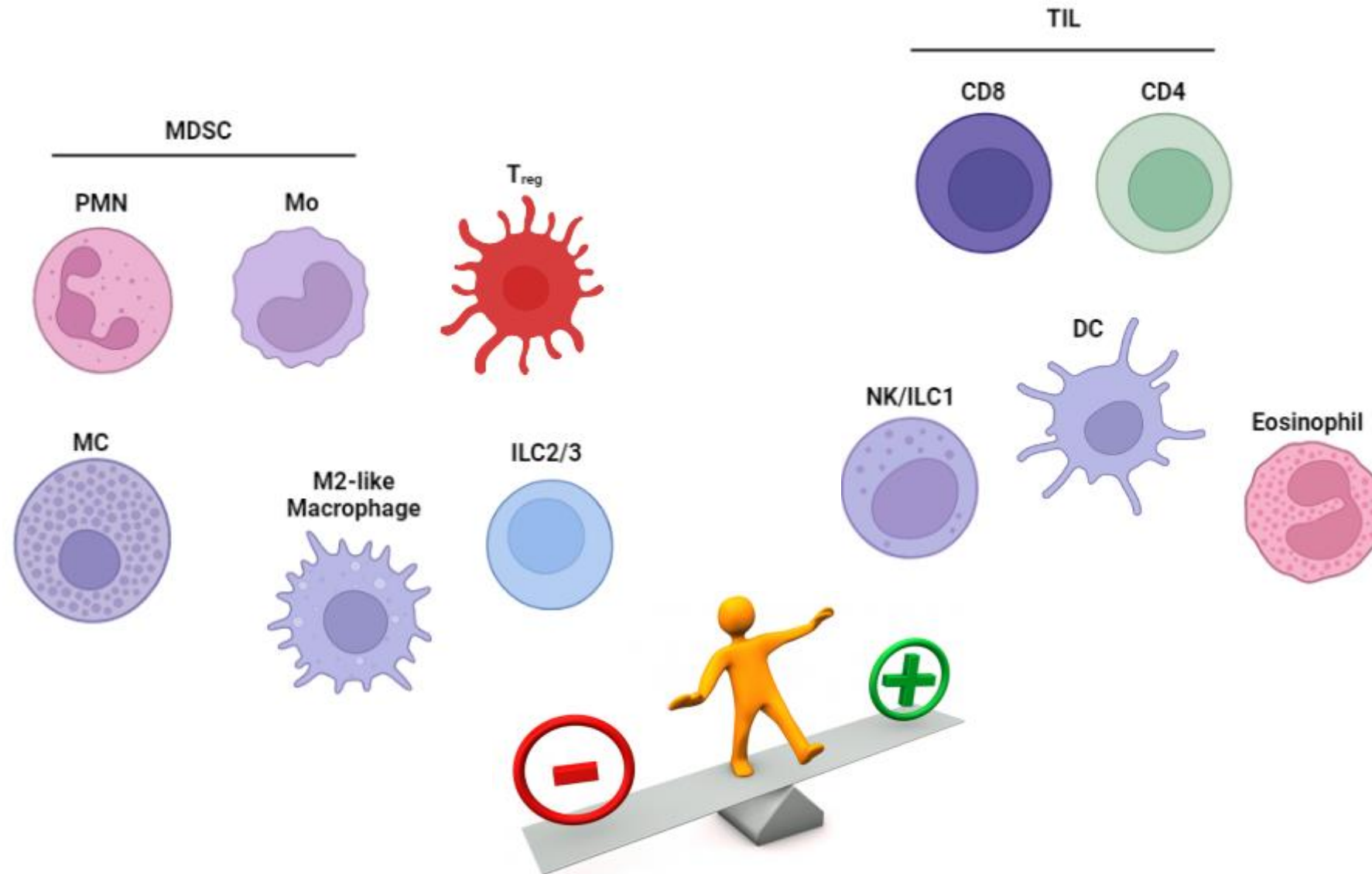
Virus-related cancer



Human Papillomavirus causes cervical cancer



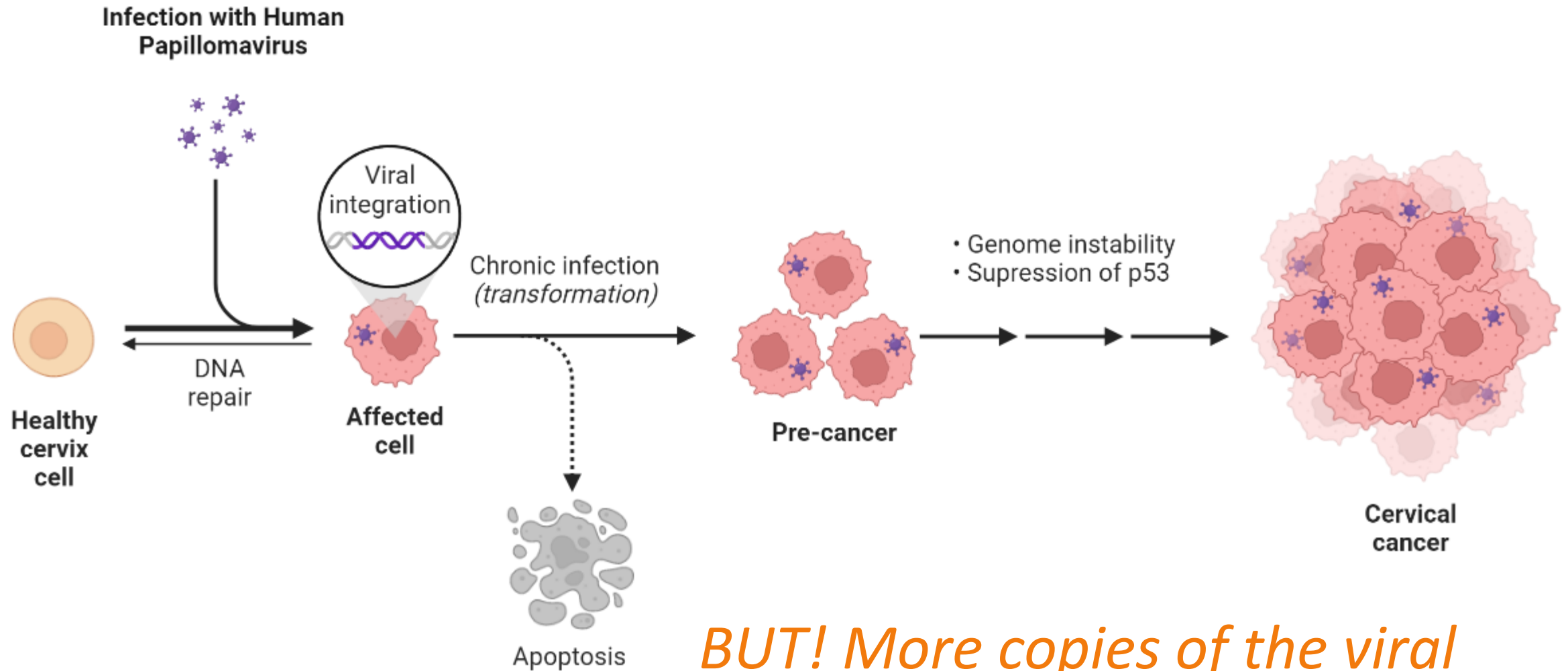
Why do some people develop cancer while others don't?



(Adapted from Salemme et al, Front Oncol, 2021)



HPV integrates to the human DNA



BUT! More copies of the viral DNA can get integrated

HPV in cell lines

Cervical cancer is mainly caused by HPV16 and HPV18

SiHa cells 1 copy of viral DNA/cell
 1 copy gets transcribed

Caski cells 500 copies of viral DNA/cell
 499 copies are silenced

What does this mean?





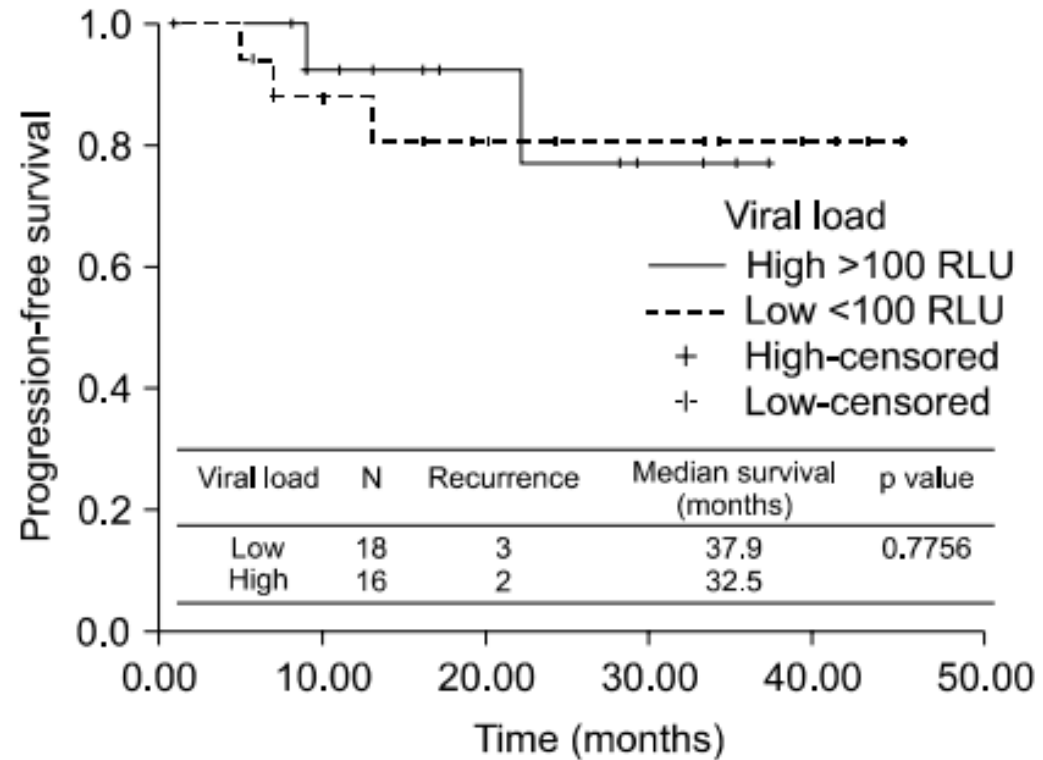
What do you think...?

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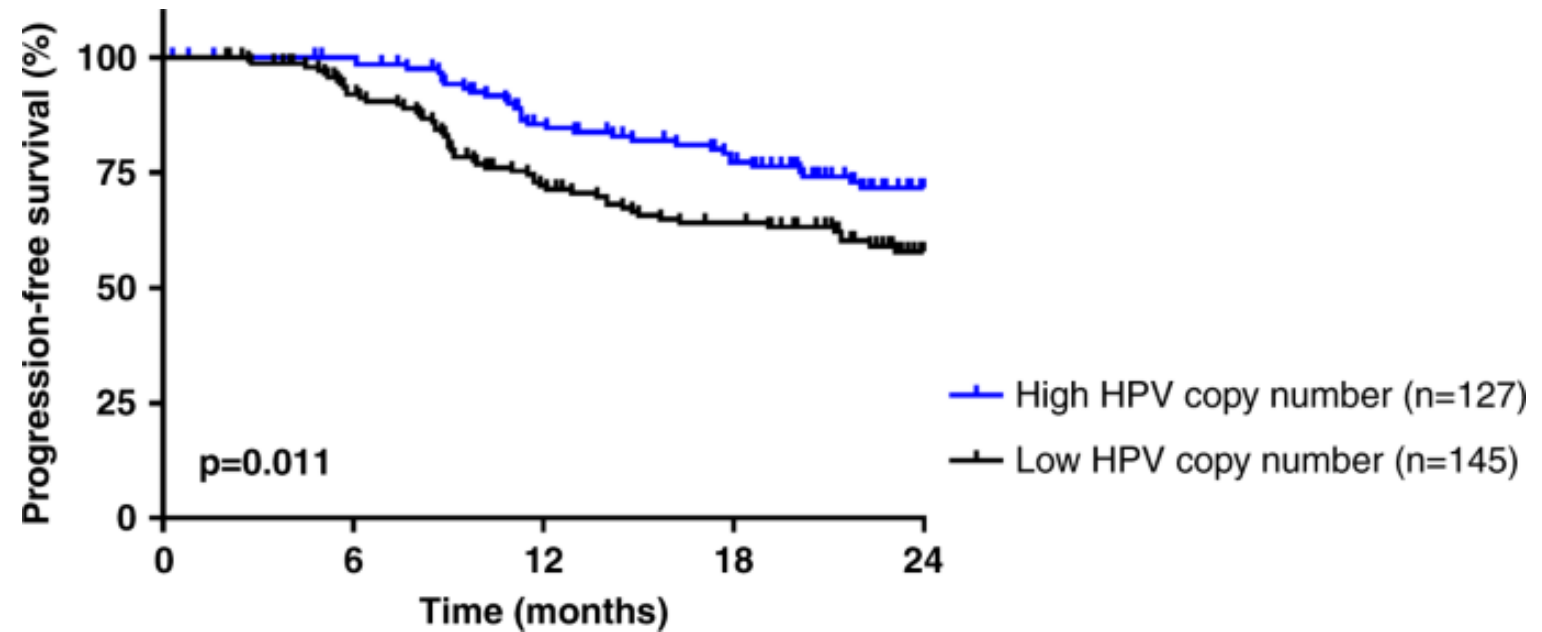
Is the viral load correlated to treatment response?

- A. Definitely! More viral DNA will cause more viral proteins, thus more suppression of your immune system
- B. No, of course not: a person is just positive or not for HPV, the amount of virus doesn't matter

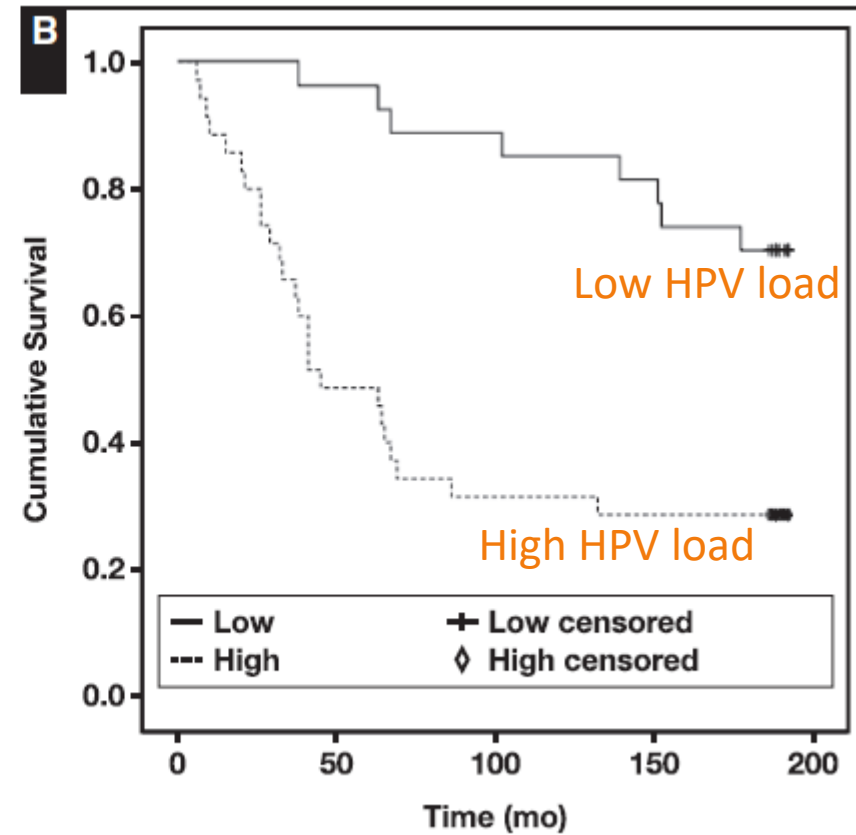
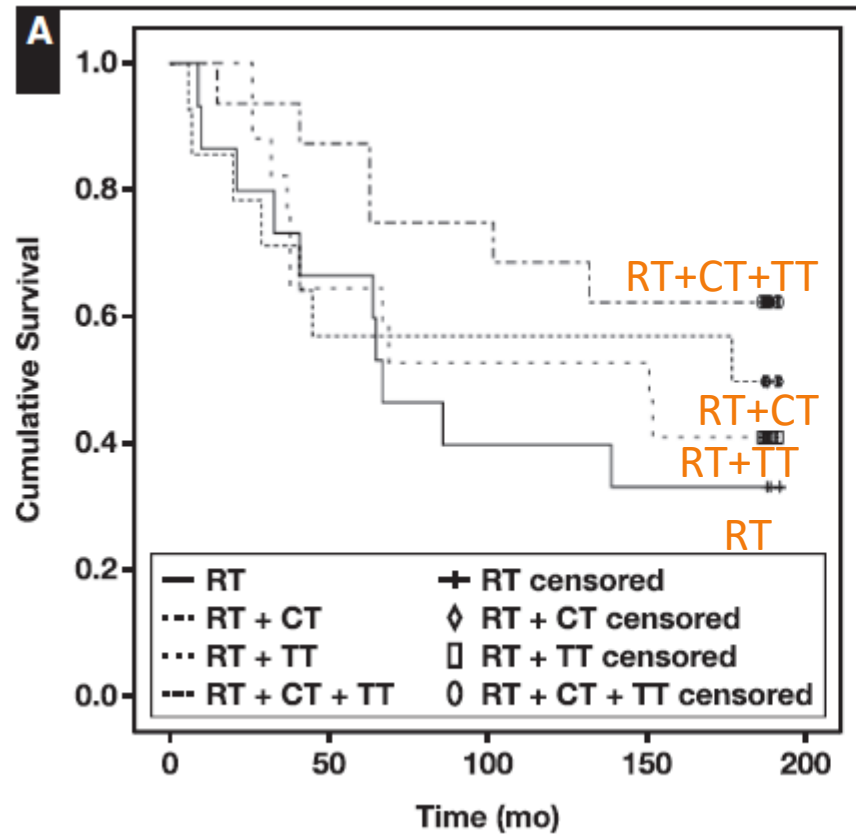
No sign. Correlation of HPV load and PFS



High HPV copy number is associated with longer PFS



High HPV load is correlated with poor survival



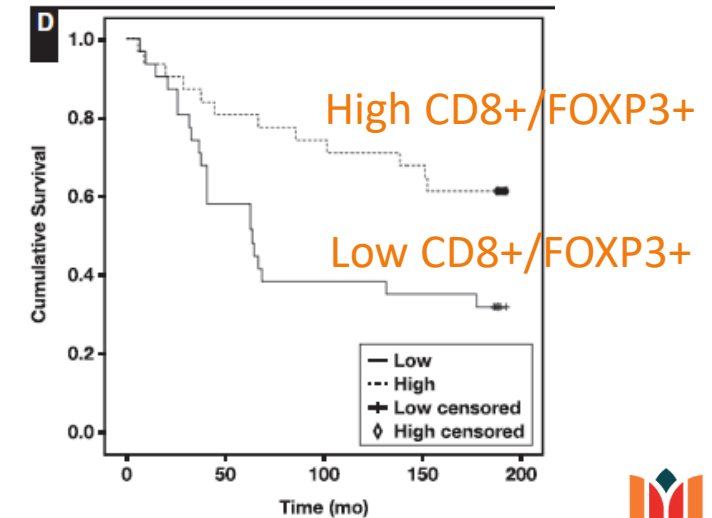
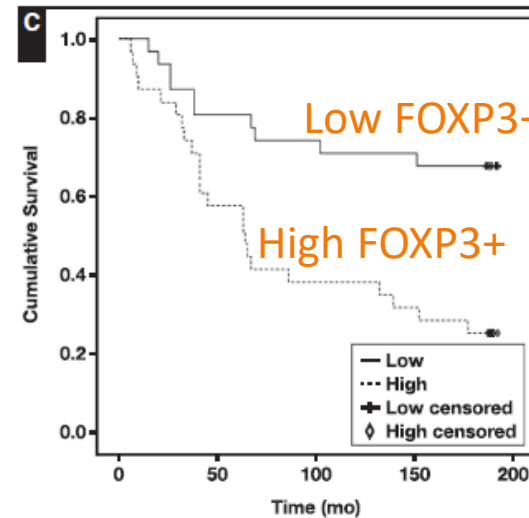
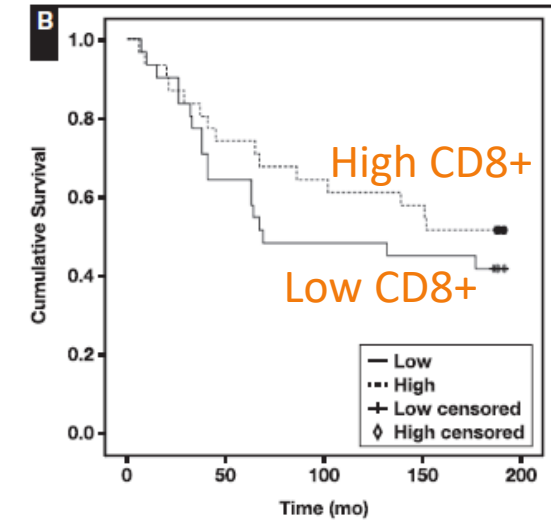
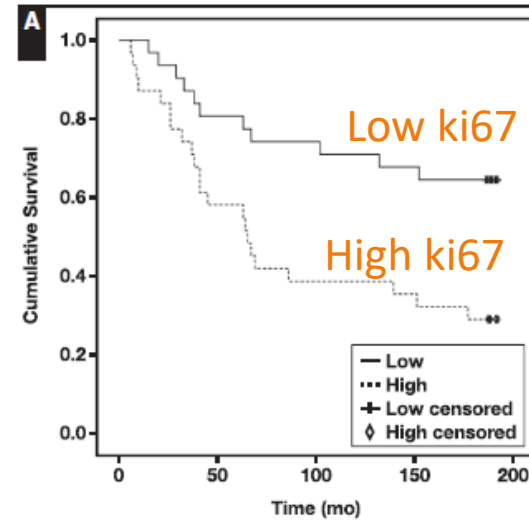
Increased HPV viral load is associated with Immunosuppr.

TME and predicts worse long-term survival

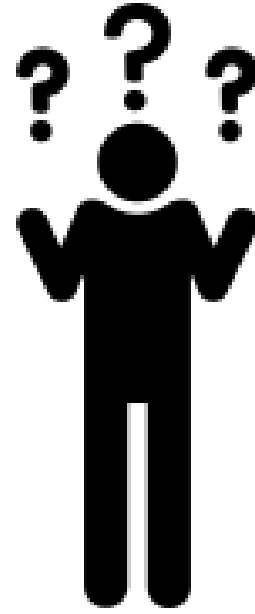
Overall Survival of the Patients Under Various Treatment Approaches

Group	Survival, No./ Total No. (%)	χ^2 Value	P Value
RT	5/15 (33.3)	2.950	.399
RT + CT	7/14 (50.0)		
RT + TT	7/17 (41.2)		
RT + CT + TT	10/16 (62.5)		
Total	29/62 (46.8)		

CT, chemotherapy; RT, radiotherapy; TT, thermotherapy.

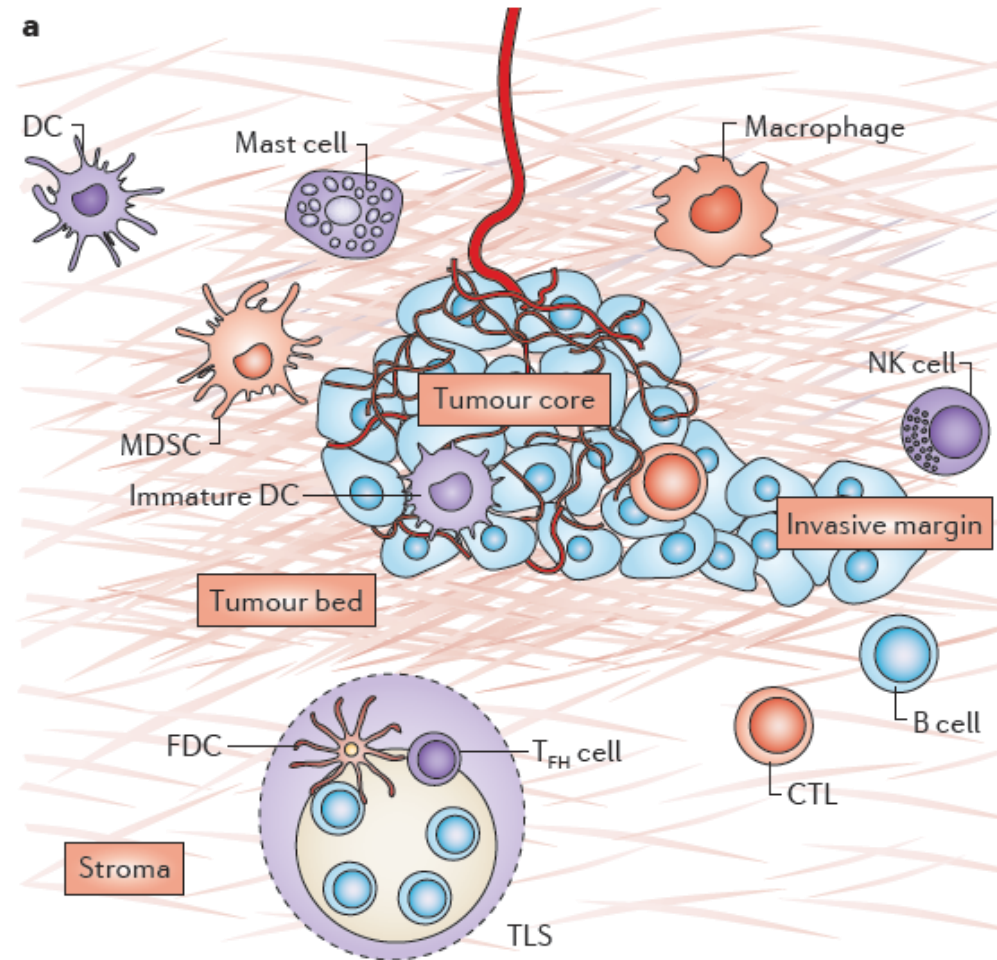


Some think they know the answer



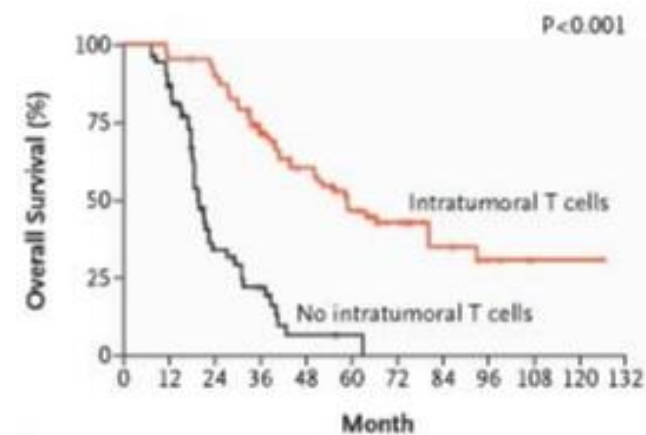
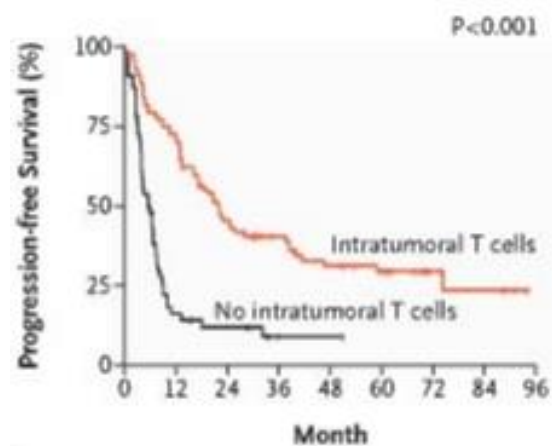
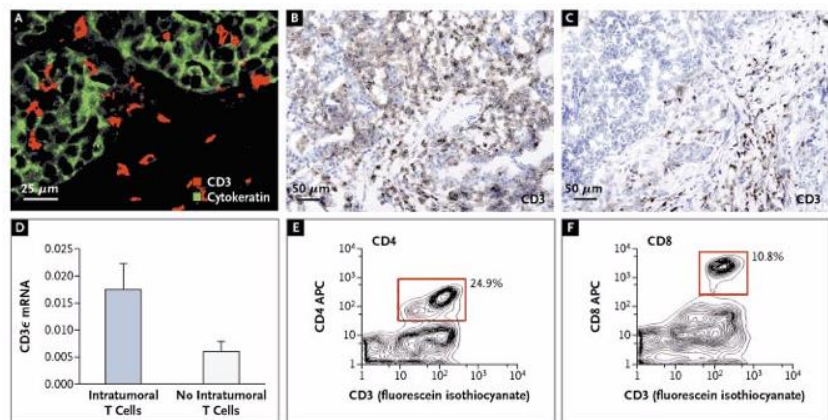
*Looking at all the data:
we actually don't have an answer yet*

The Immune contexture

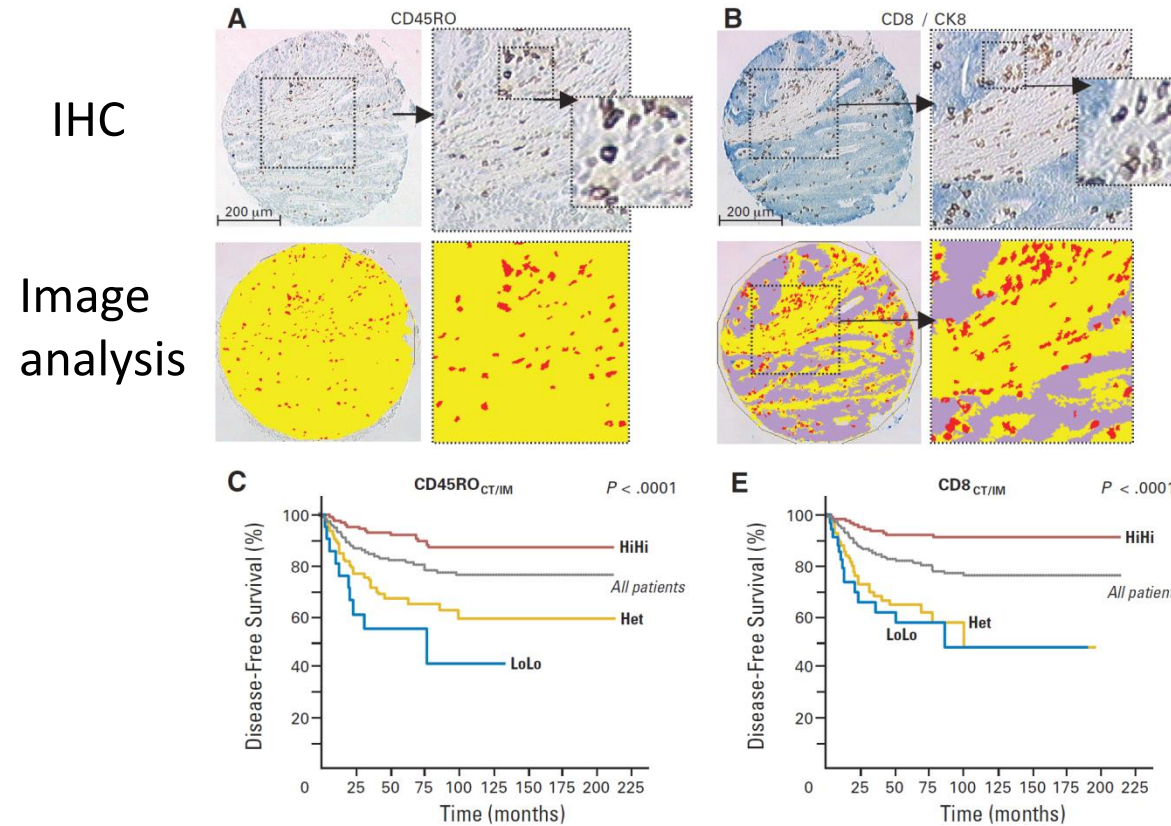


Many types of immune cells can be found in the TME

TIL correlate with survival in ovarian cancer patients



Patients: TIL correlated with 5y outcome



Immune contexture

- Location
- Density
- Functional orientation

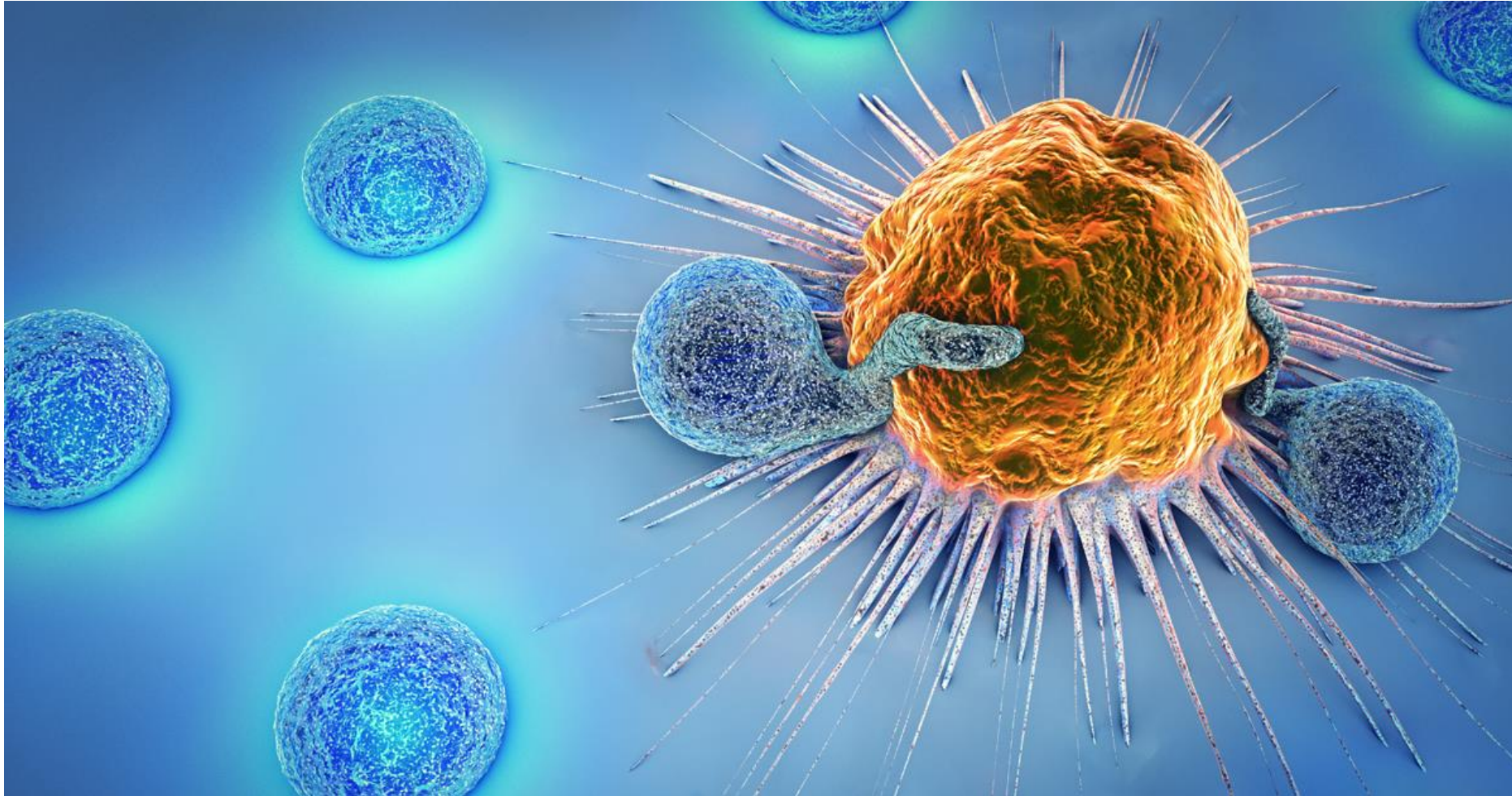
Center vrs. invasive margin

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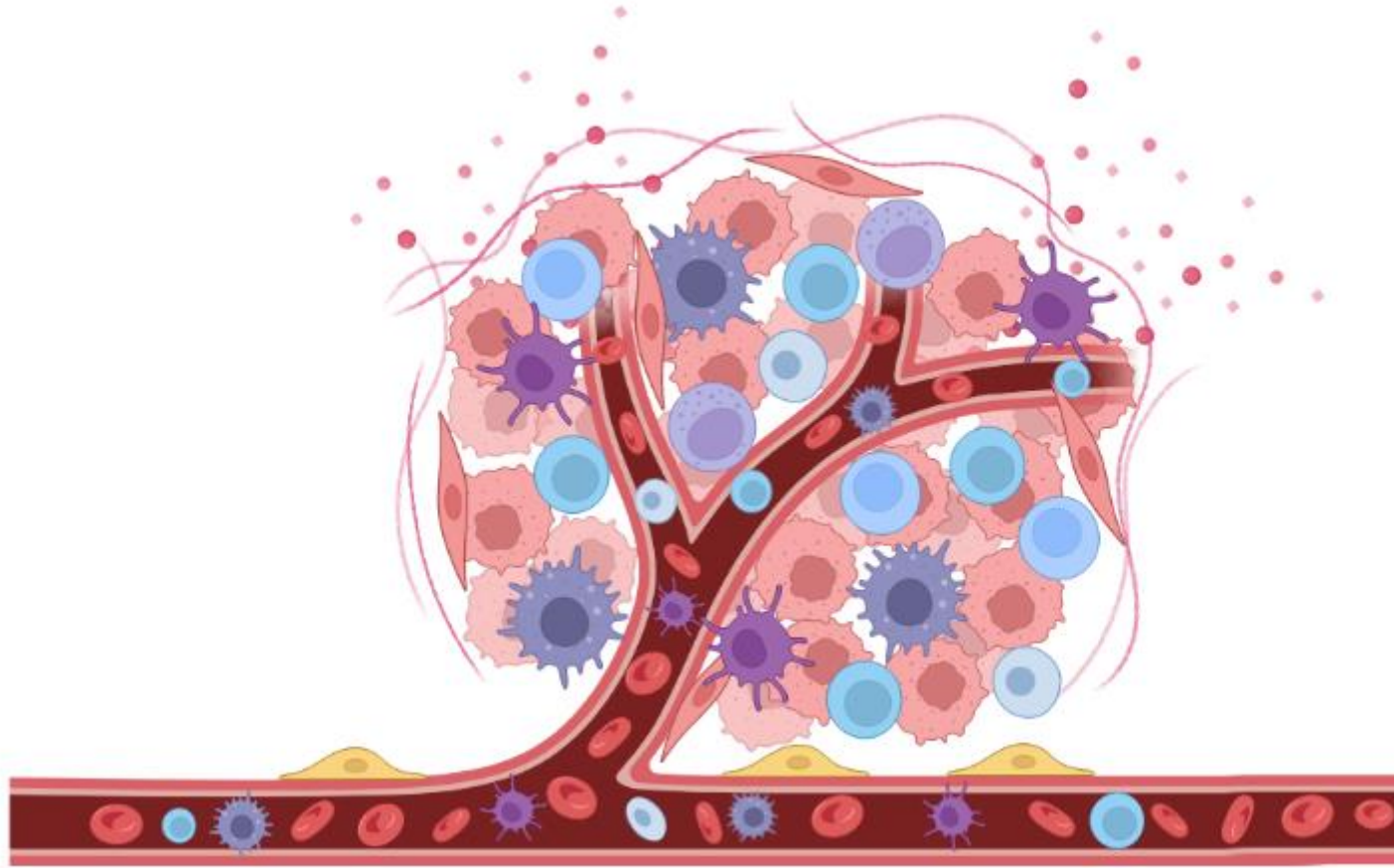
Cancer classification using the “Immunoscore”: a worldwide task force

- Currently histopathological stage scoring is based on TNM (Tumor, Node, Metastasis) - characteristics of the **tumor**
- Little value in predicting response to therapy
- Proposed “**Immunoscore**” - first **immune based** classification

Using our immune system to fight cancer

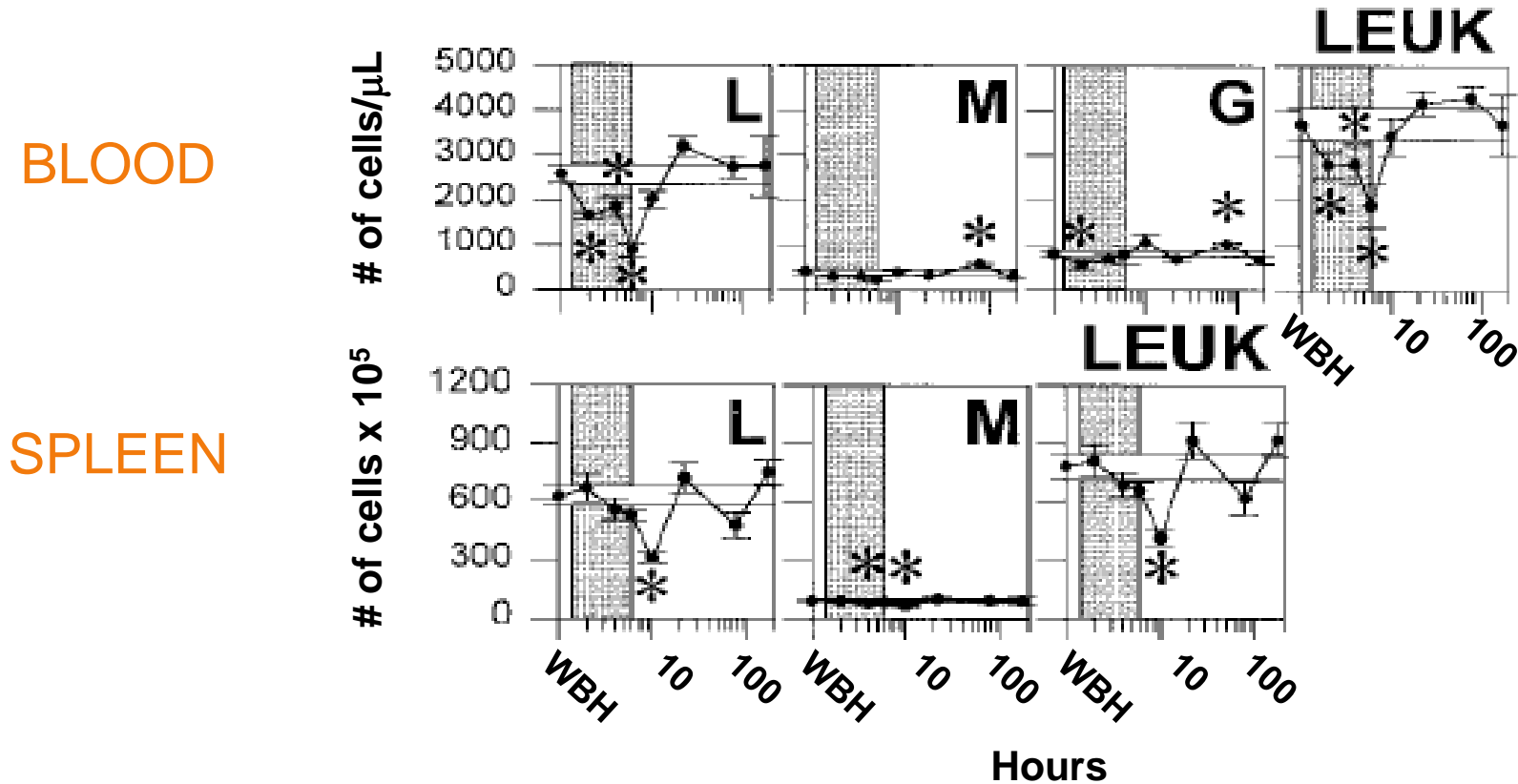


Mild hyperthermia has many effects on the immune system



- Migration of immune effector cells to target site
- Regulation of effector molecules and release of soluble factors
- Proliferation of effector cells
- Killing of target cells

Fever-range hyperthermia alters leukocyte distribution

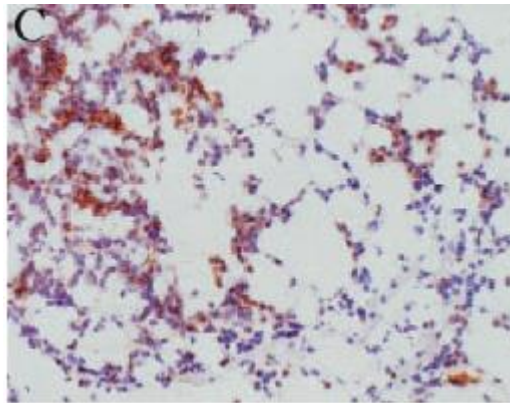


Hyperthermia treatment alone can alter lymphocyte, monocyte, and granulocyte numbers in mice.

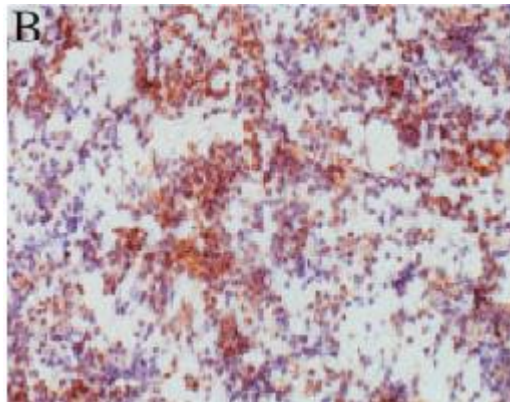
Fever-range HT increases neutrophil accumulation

Lung After Infection

37°C



39°C



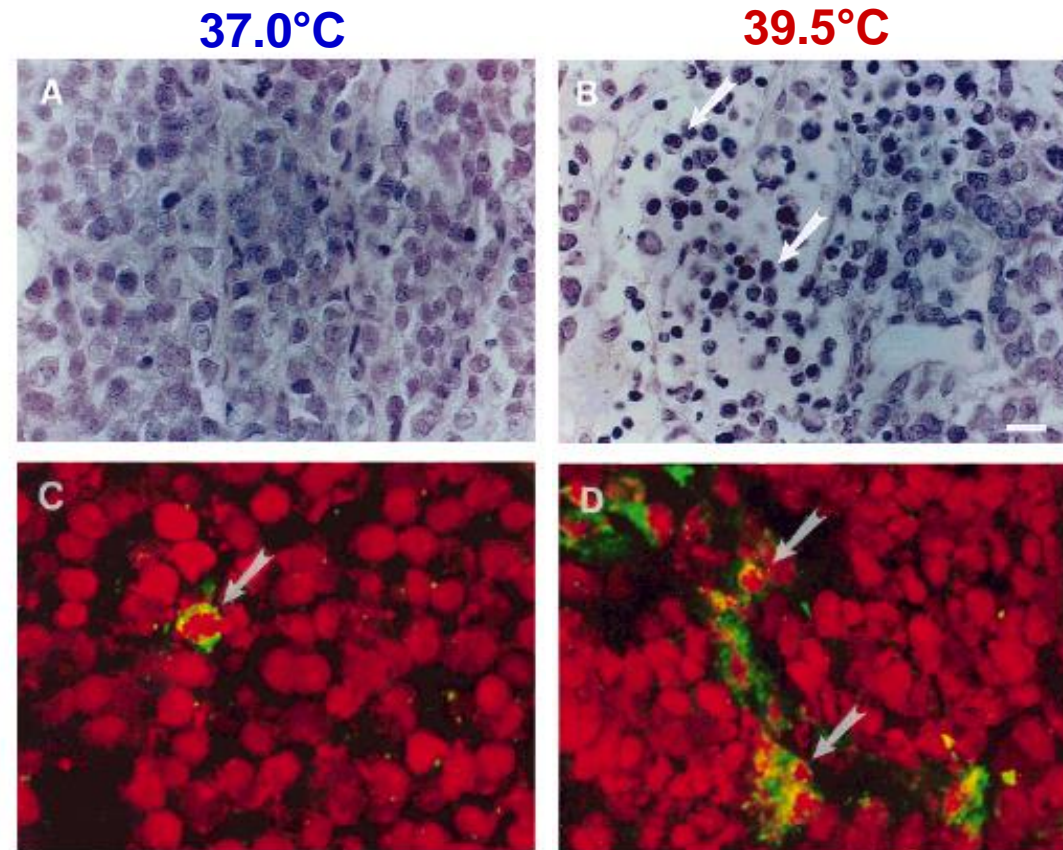
- Elevating murine body temperature to 39°C after i.t. injection of *K. pneumoniae* or LPS leads to:
 - enhanced PMN infiltration into the lung
 - decreased bacterial burden due to host related immunity
 - decreased survival due to extensive lung damage caused by the heightened immune response
- Increasing core body temperature to 39.7°C after i.p. injection of *K. pneumoniae* or LPS lead to:
 - enhanced PMN numbers in the peritoneum
 - decreased bacterial burden
 - increased survival (from 0%-50%)

Rice et al, Journal of Immunology (2005)

Jiang et al, Infection and Immunity (2000)

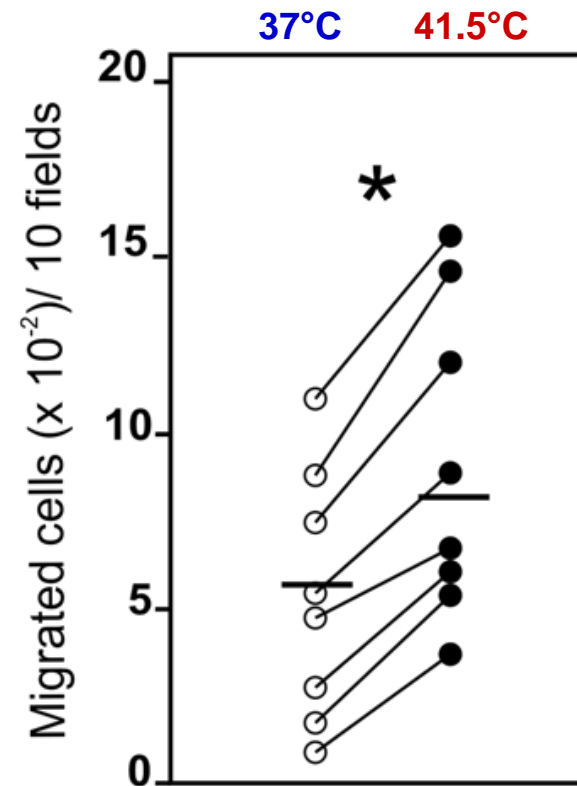
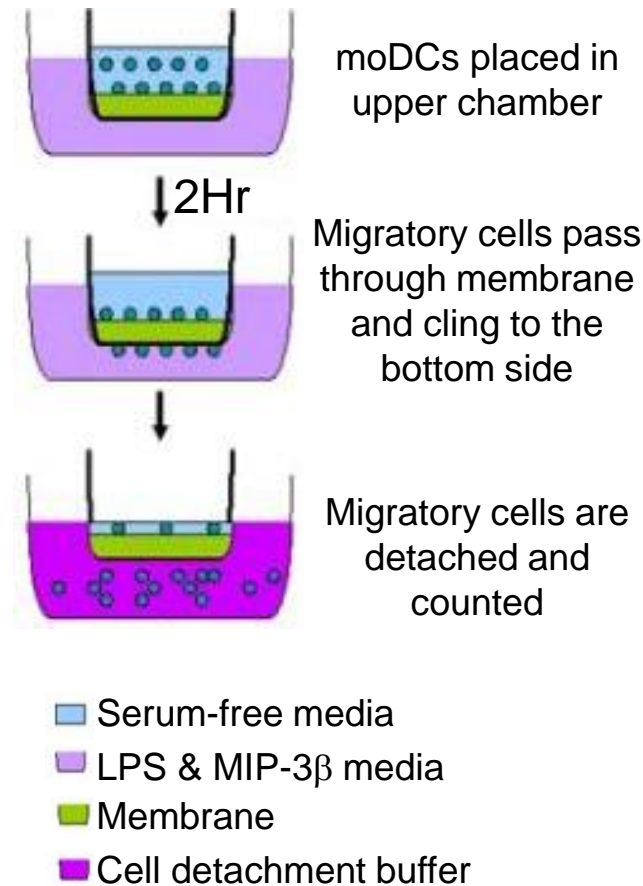


Fever-range HT recruits NK cells into tumor tissue

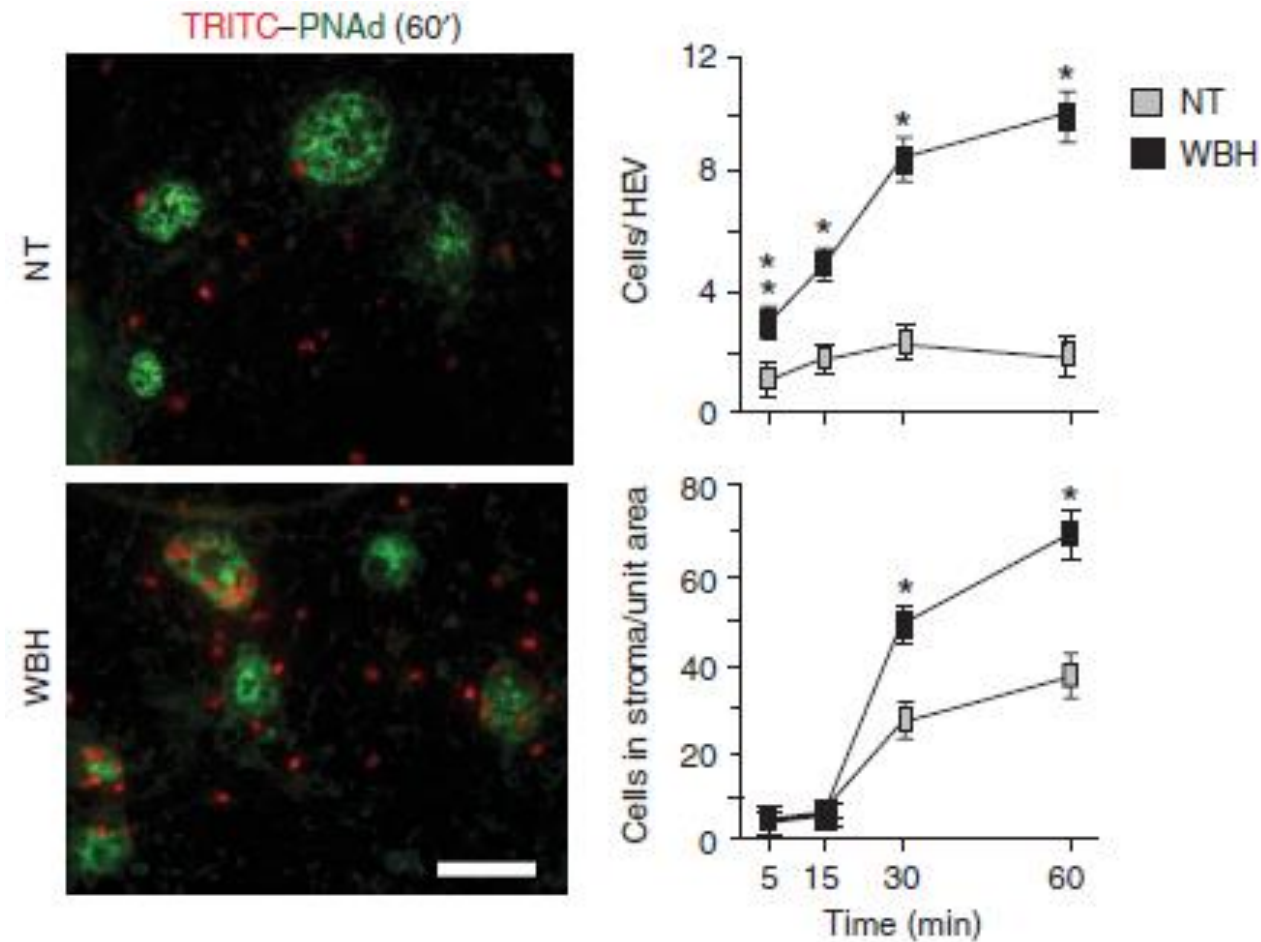


SCID mice with patient breast cancer xenografts

Moderate HT increases Mo-derived DC migration toward chemokine signaling

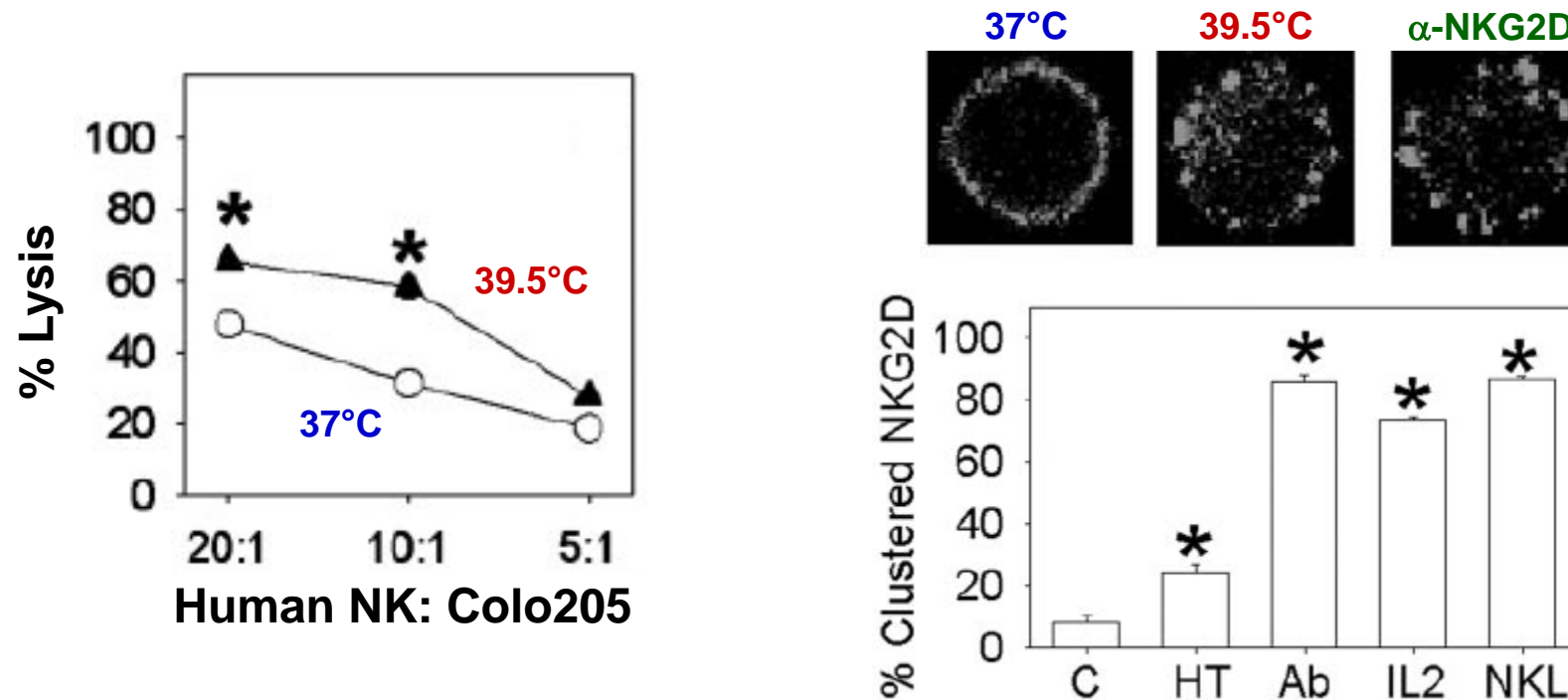


Fever-range HT promotes lymphocyte trafficking into Lymph nodes



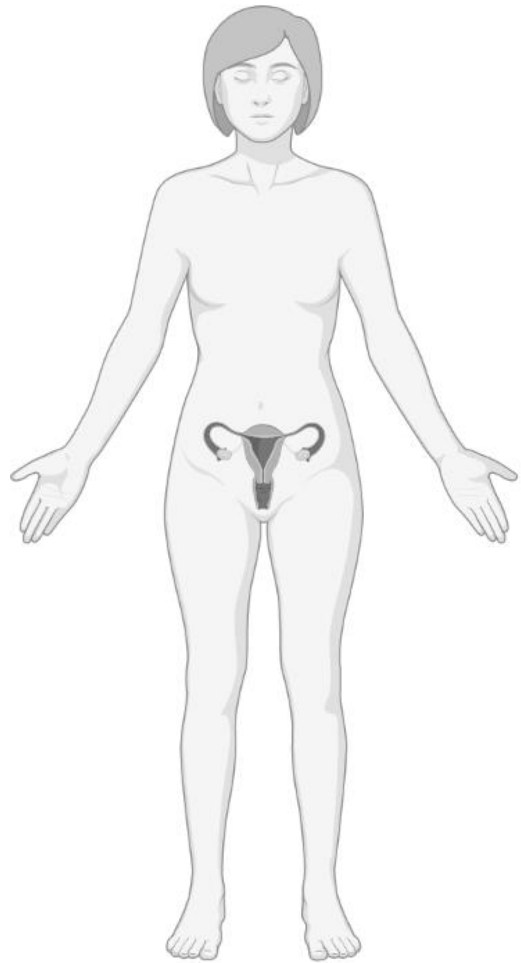
Hyperthermia's effect is dependent on an IL-6-mediated up-regulation of ICAM-1.

Fever-range HT enhances NKG2D-mediated NK cell cytotoxicity



Hyperthermia's enhancement of NK cell cytotoxicity is also associated with an increase of the NKG2D ligand, MICA, on the target cell surface.

Treatment for cervical cancer

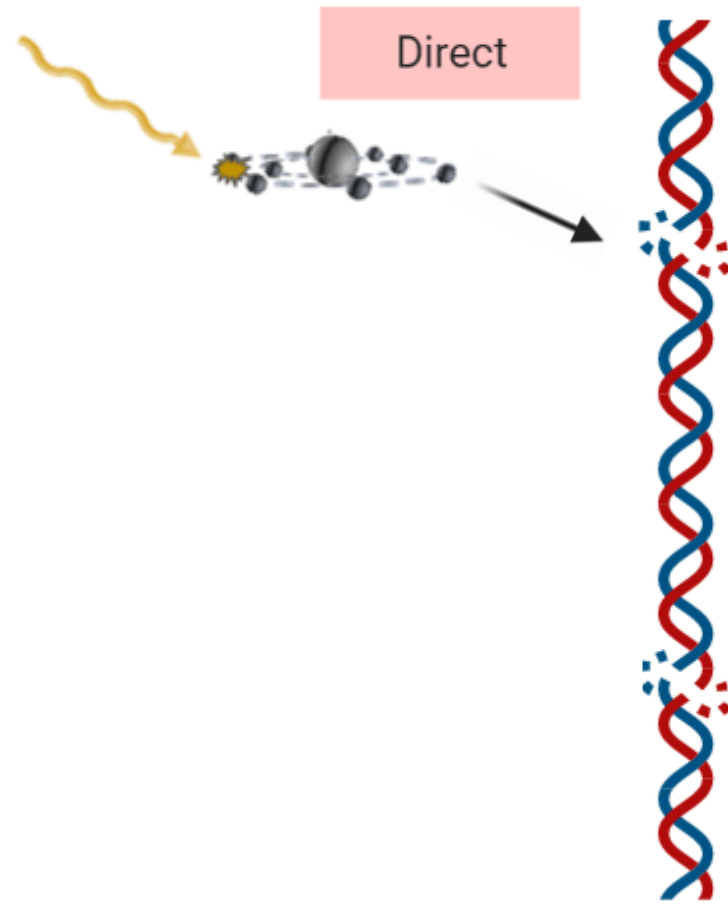


Standard-of-care = chemoradiation

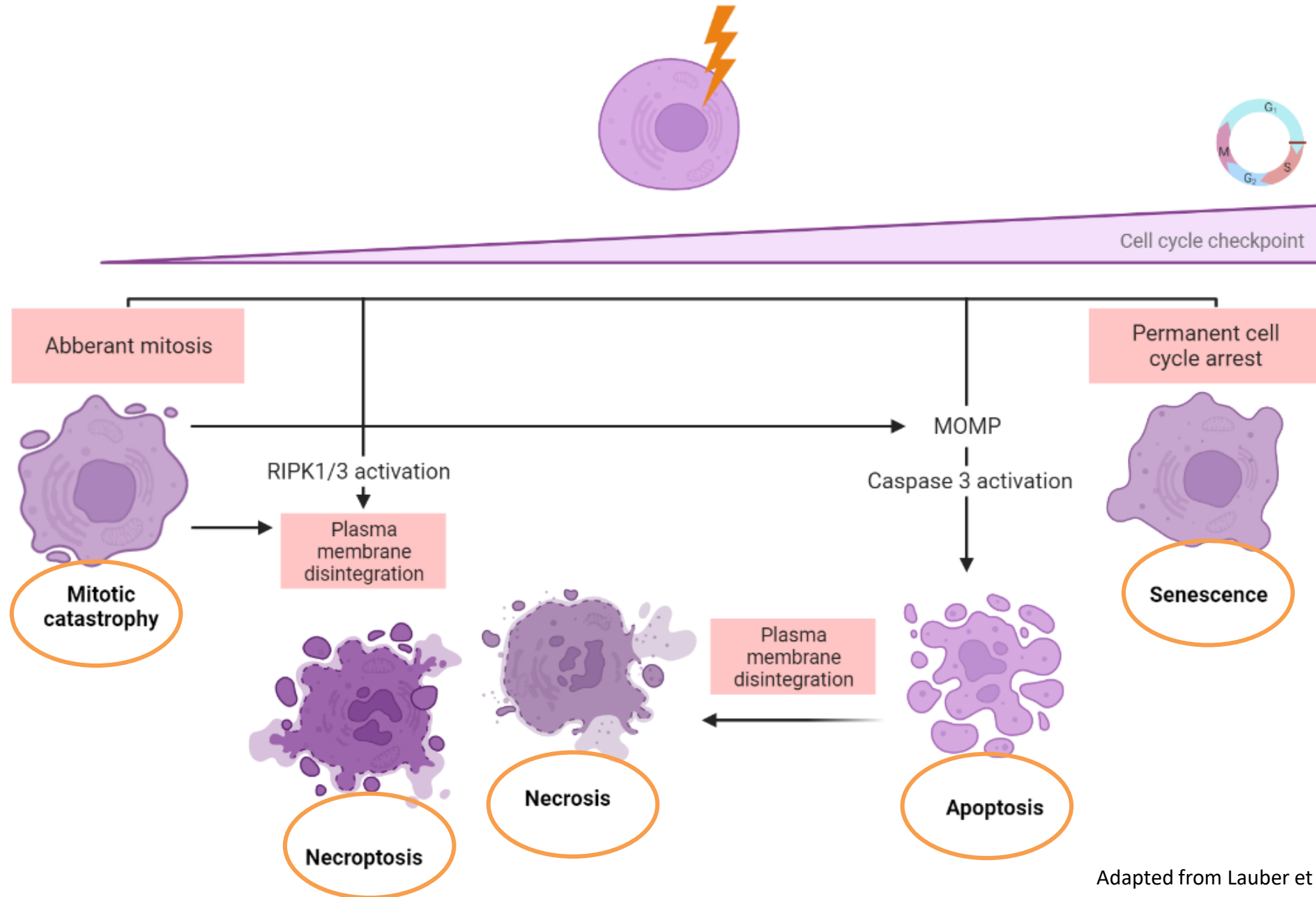
In case of contra-indications

Thermoradiation

Target of ionizing radiation



Different types of cell death



Different types of cell death

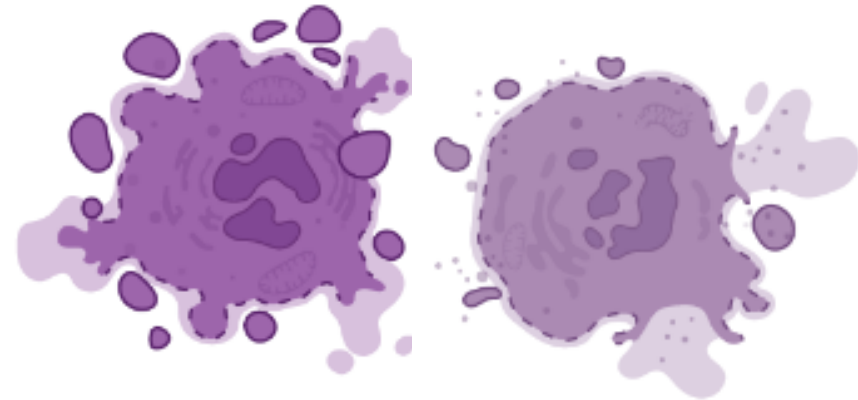
Quiet cell death



Apoptosis

- No danger signal
- Phagocytosis by macrophage
- Antigen presented without co-stimulation
- Immunosuppressive cytokines
- T-cell death

Danger-signalling cell death

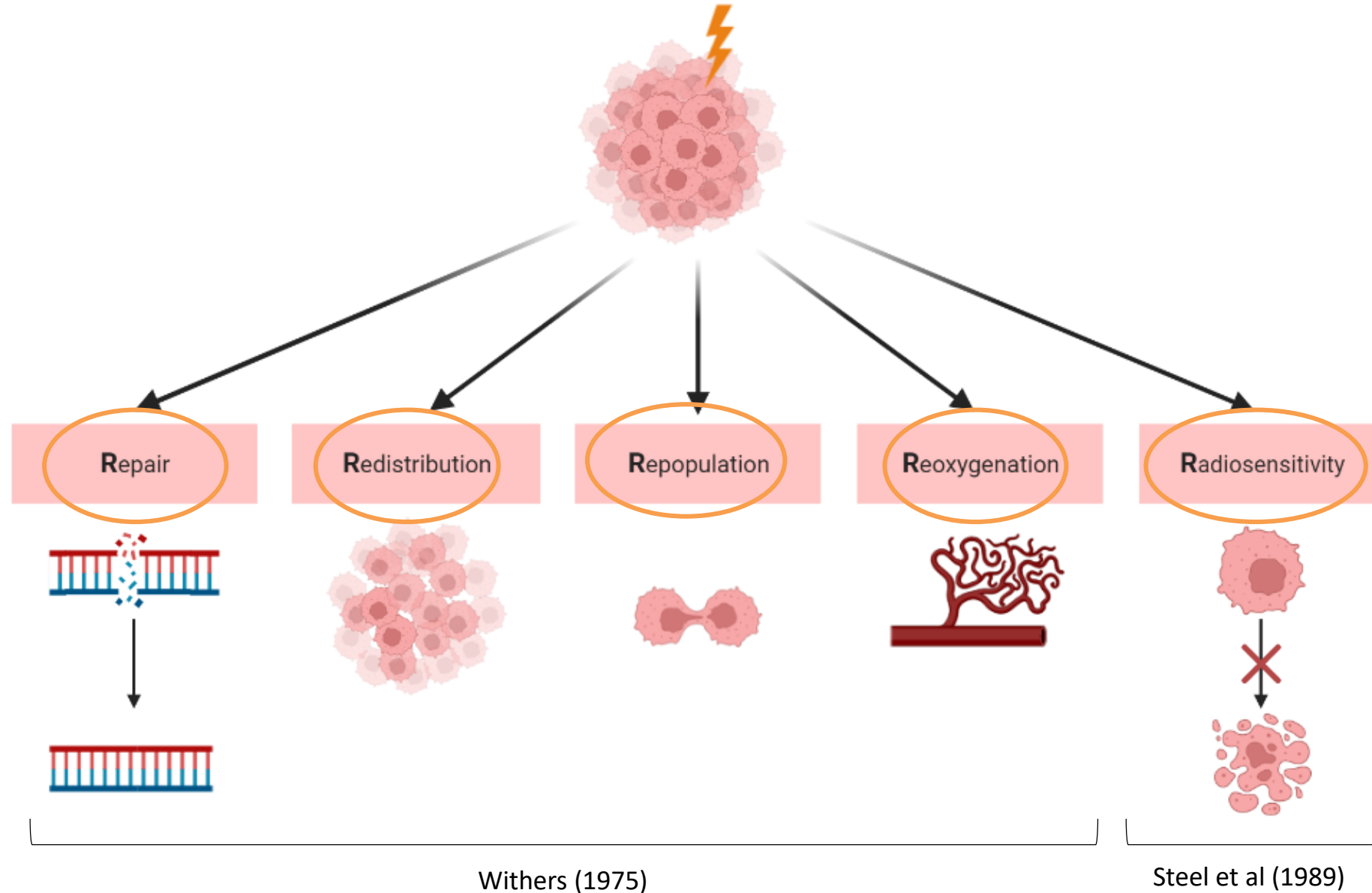


Necroptosis

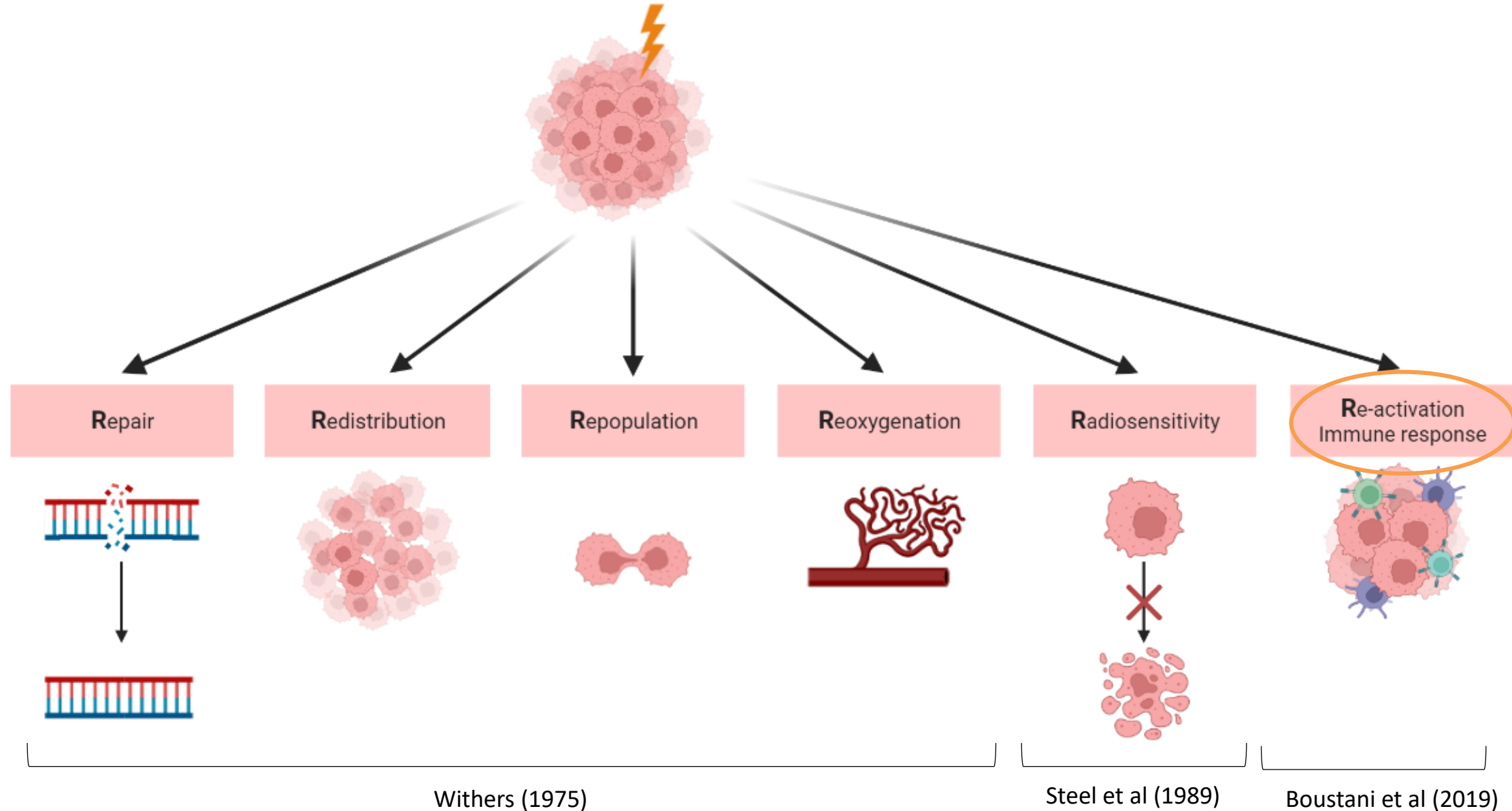
Necrosis

- Release of danger signals
- Antigens taken up by dendritic cells
- DC mature and migrate to lymph nodes
- Antigen presented + co-stimulation
- Proinflammatory response
- T-cell activation

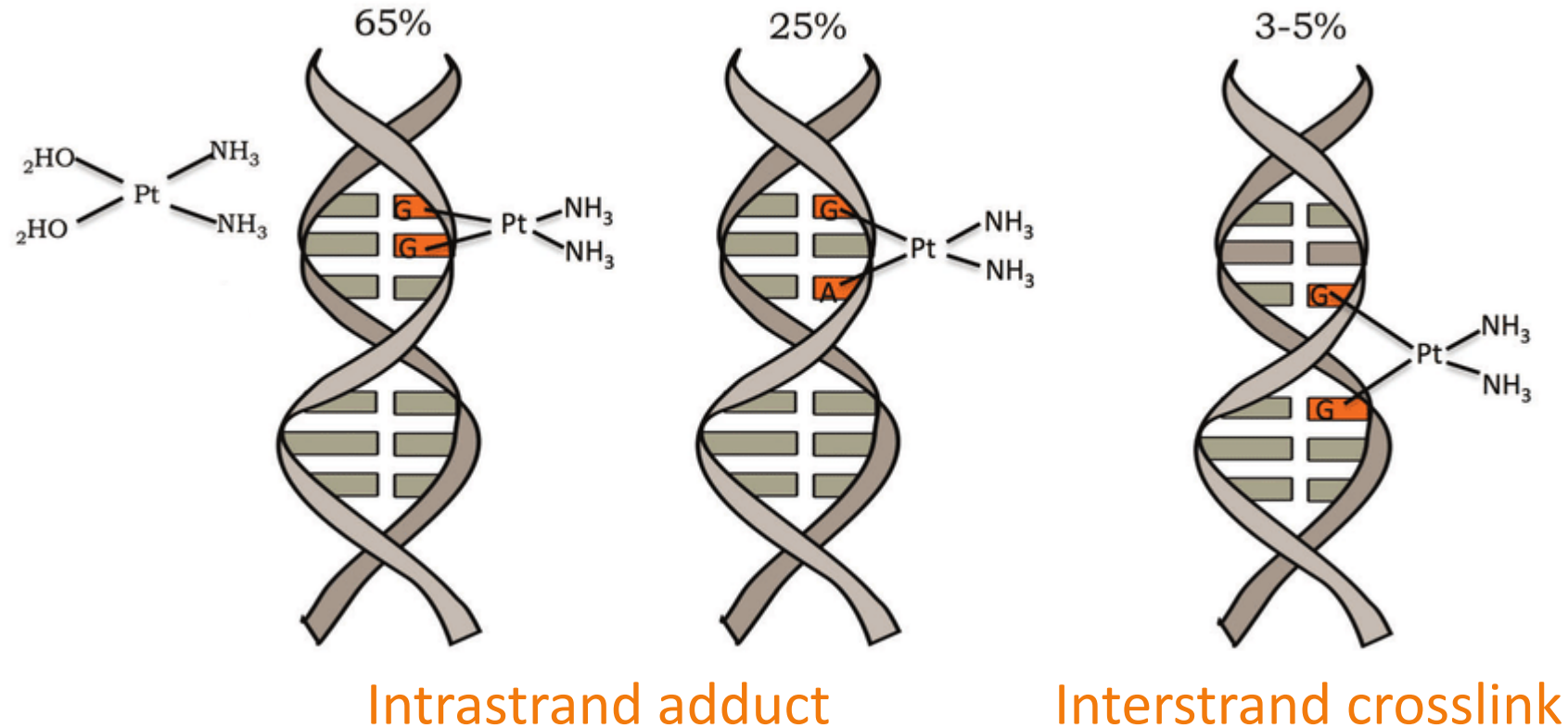
Factors influencing local tumor control: 5 R's



Factors influencing local tumor control: 6 R's



Cisplatin-based chemotherapy



Reducing side effects



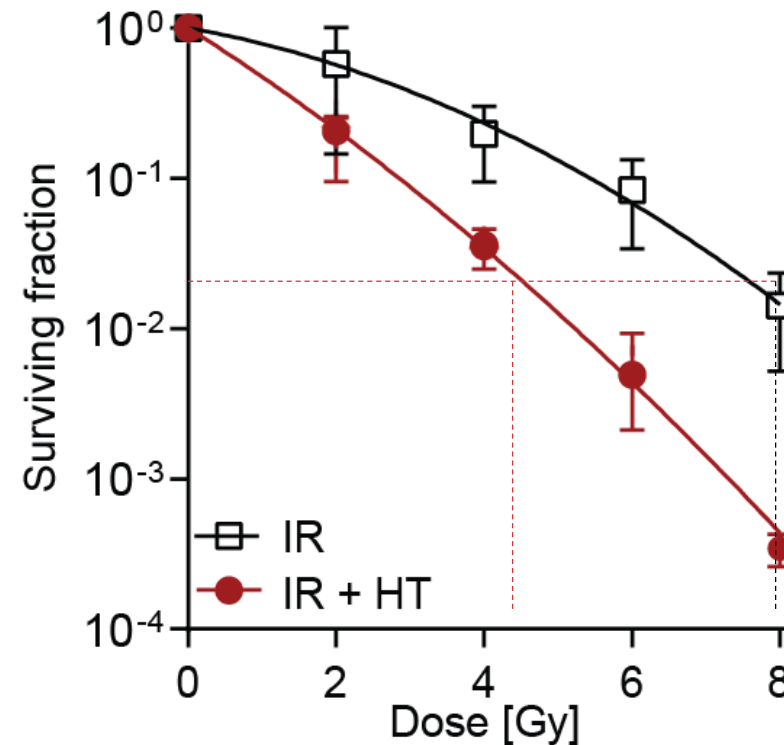
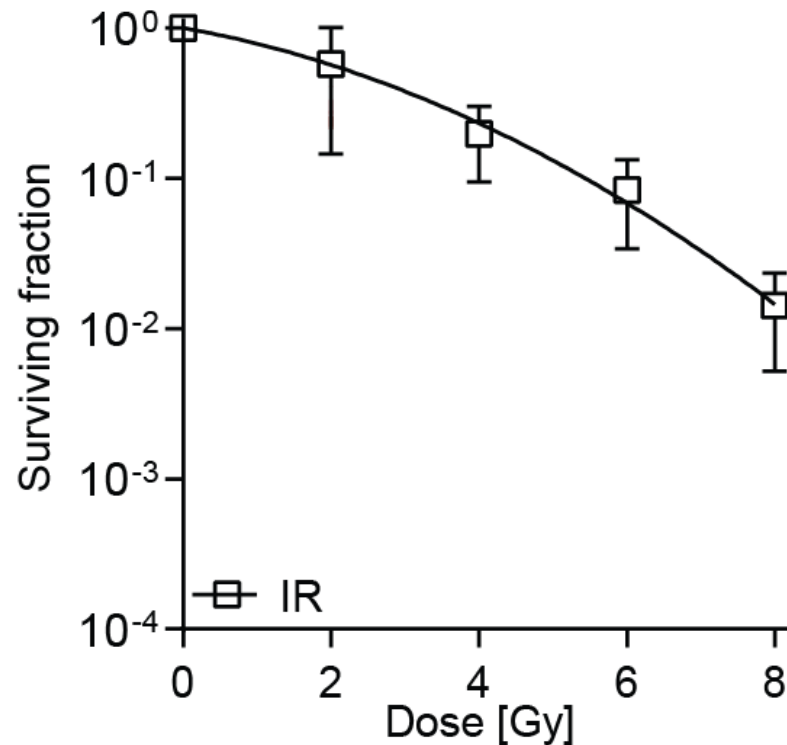
Renal dysfunction



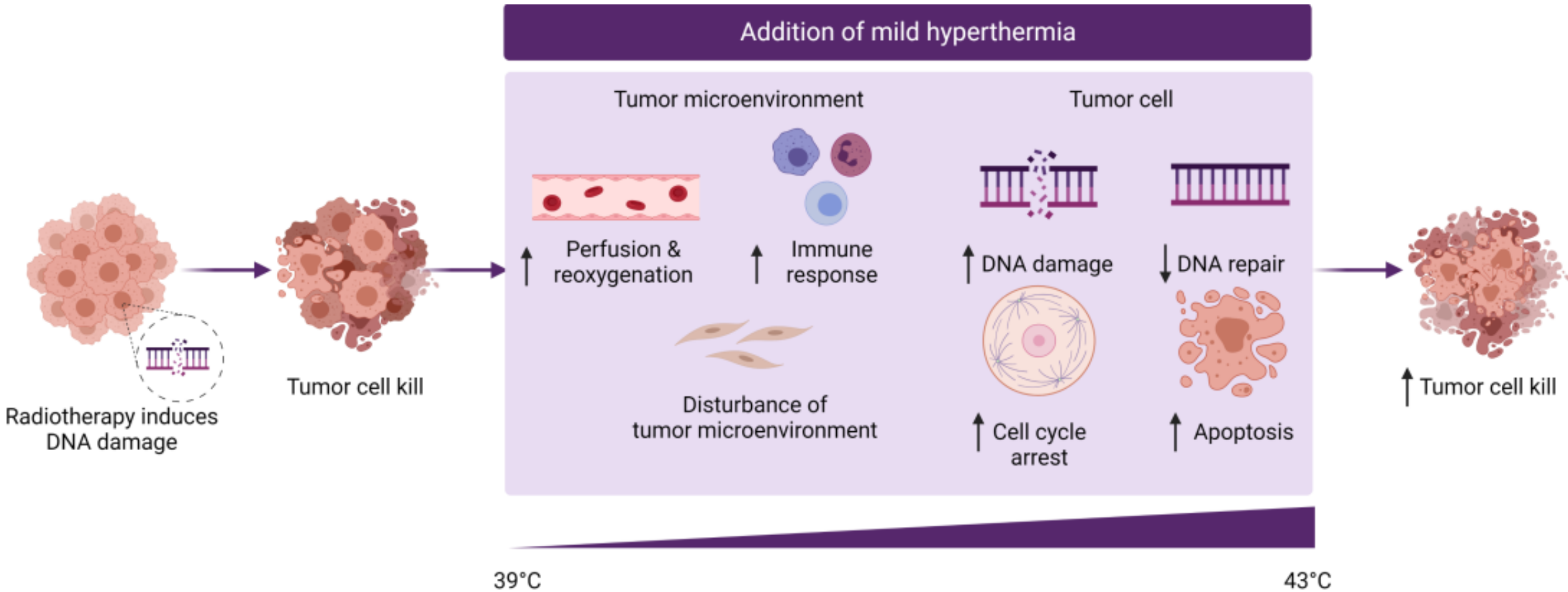
Hearing loss

Radiosensitizer: Hyperthermia

Cervical cancer patients, in case of contraindication for cisplatin: Thermoradiation



Hyperthermia



Clinical trials prove: hyperthermia is effective





The abscopal effect

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Do you know what the abscopal effect is?

A. YES

B. NO



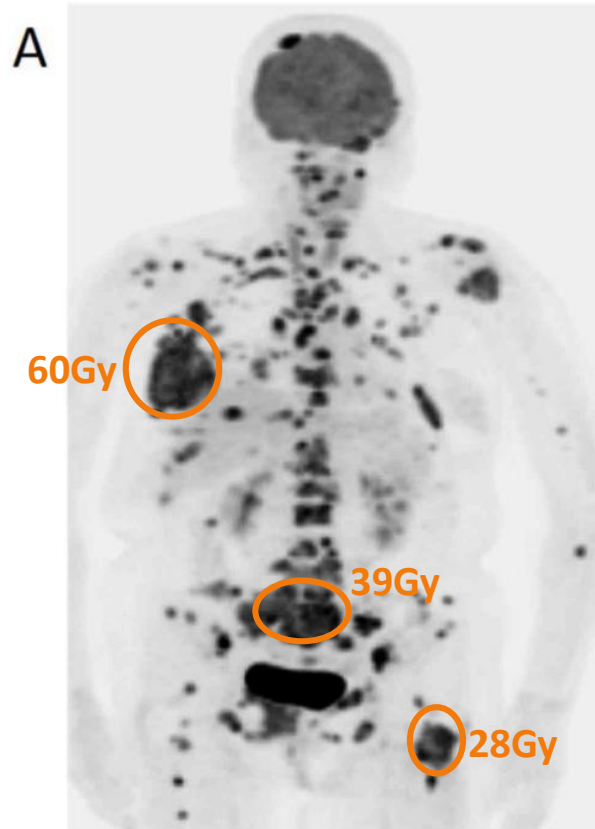
The abscopal effect is immune mediated

RH Mole, British journal of Radiology, 1953
'Very rare antitumor immune response'

Observed in:

- Malignant melanoma (2014, 2015)
- Lymphoma (2017)
- Renal cell carcinoma (2012)
- Hepatocellular carcinoma (2008, 1998)
- Lung cancer (2017, 2013)
- Uterine cervical carcinoma (2007)

The abscopal effect



2Gy/day

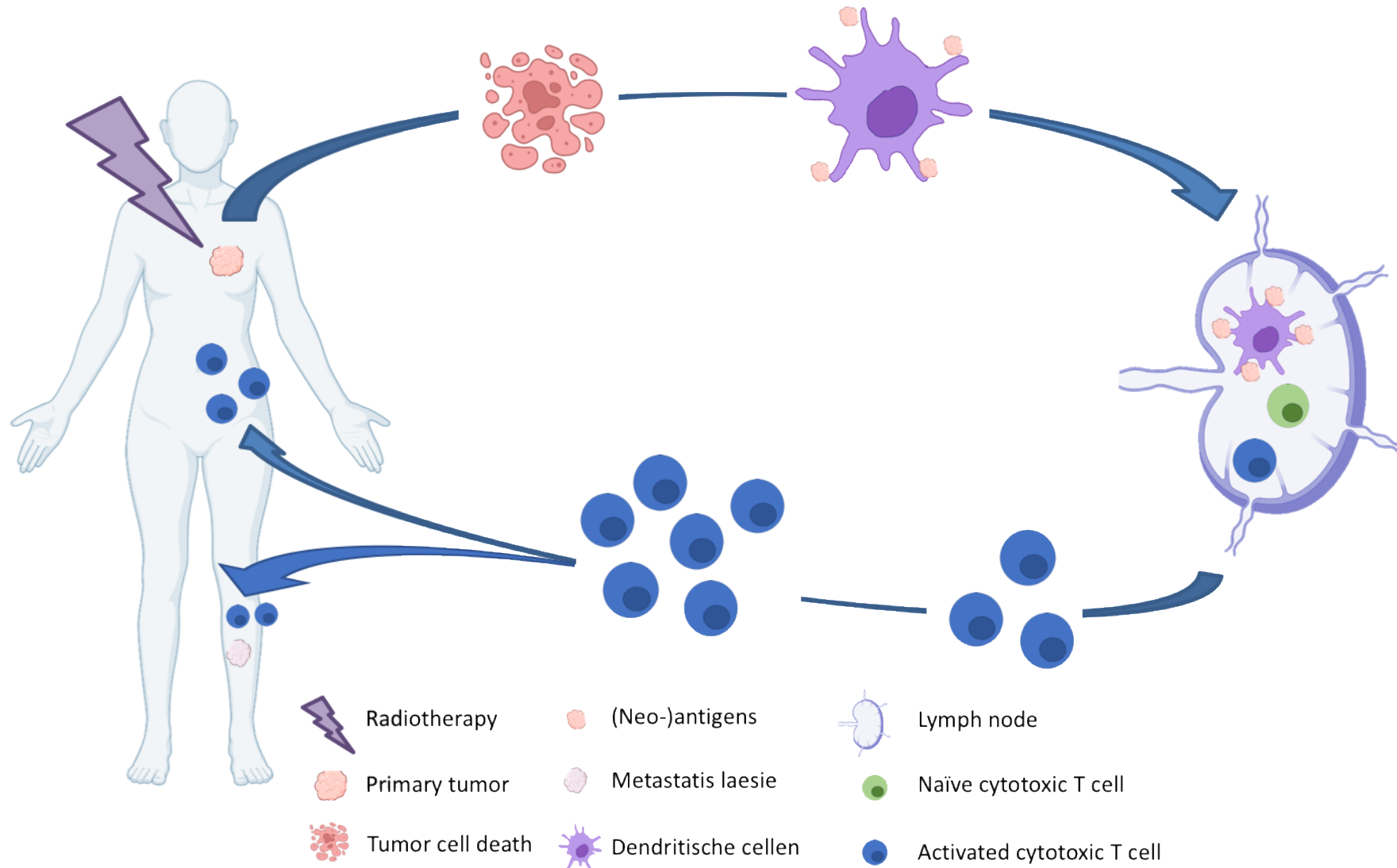
64y old woman, breast cancer
Breast mass + pain in hip:
breast cancer + mets in bone,
lung and lymph nodes

Local radiotherapy to breast
tumor + some bone metastases
ER+/HER2-
No chemotherapy

At 10 months after radiotherapy:
Spontaneous regression



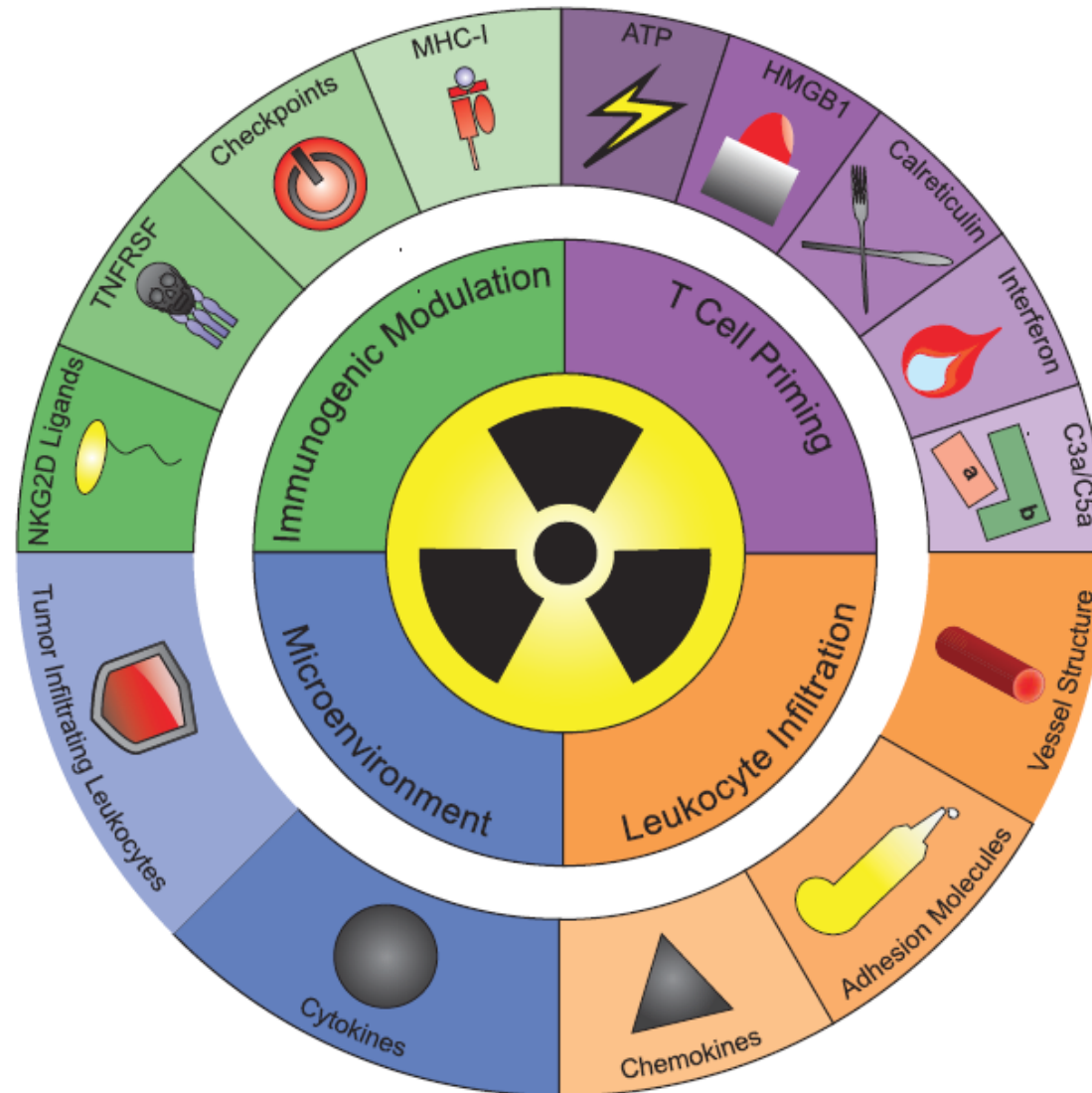
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Principles of the radiation-induced immune response

Changes to immunogenicity of tumor cells

Immune cell infiltration into tissue/ cytokines & changes to suppressive cells



T Cell Priming
Ag uptake & DC
maturation

Immune cell
infiltration into tissue

Cancer immunotherapy in the news

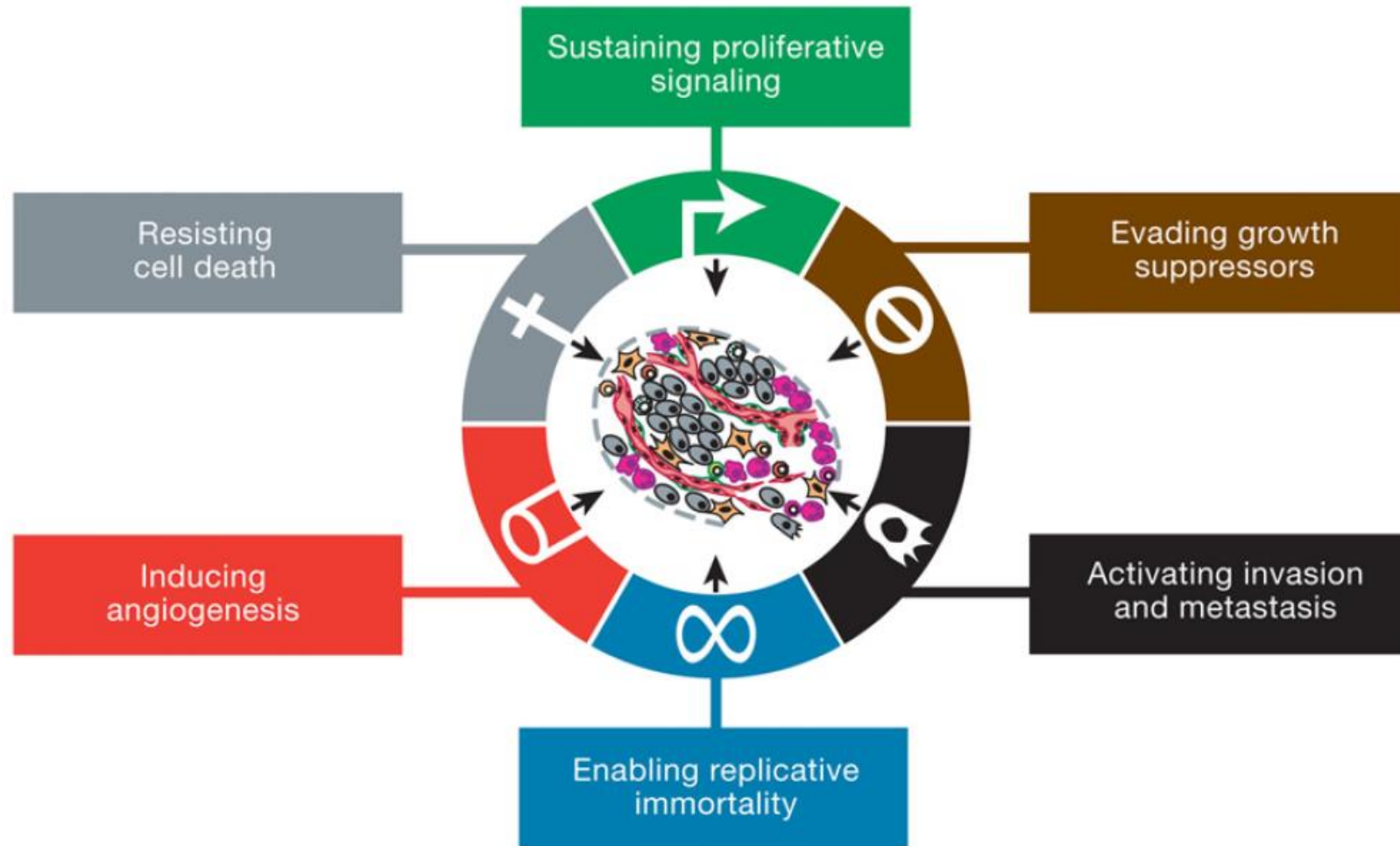


Arming the Immune System Against Cancer



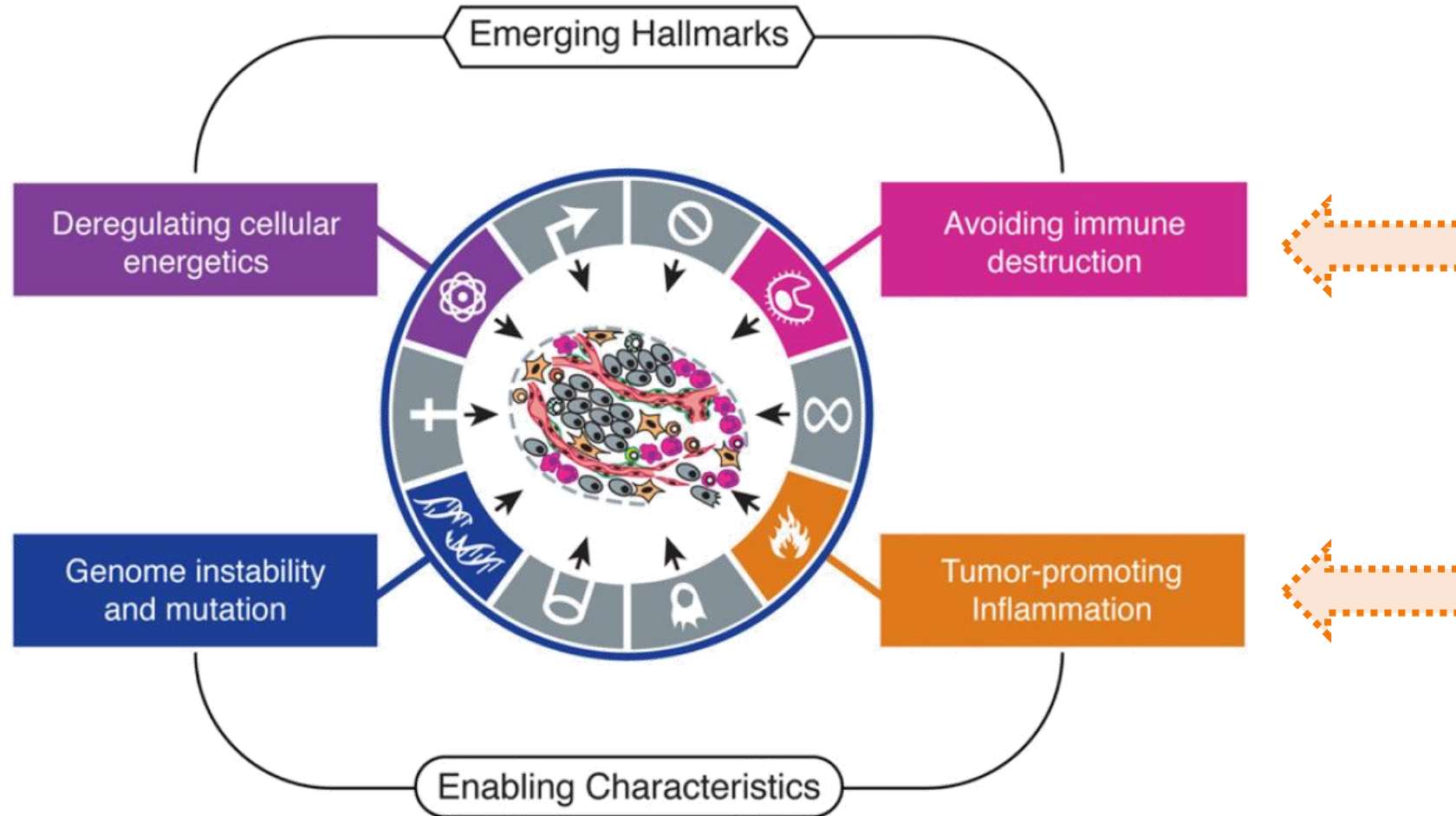
2013- Breakthrough of the Year!
“This year marks a turning point in cancer”.

Original 6 “Hallmarks of Cancer”

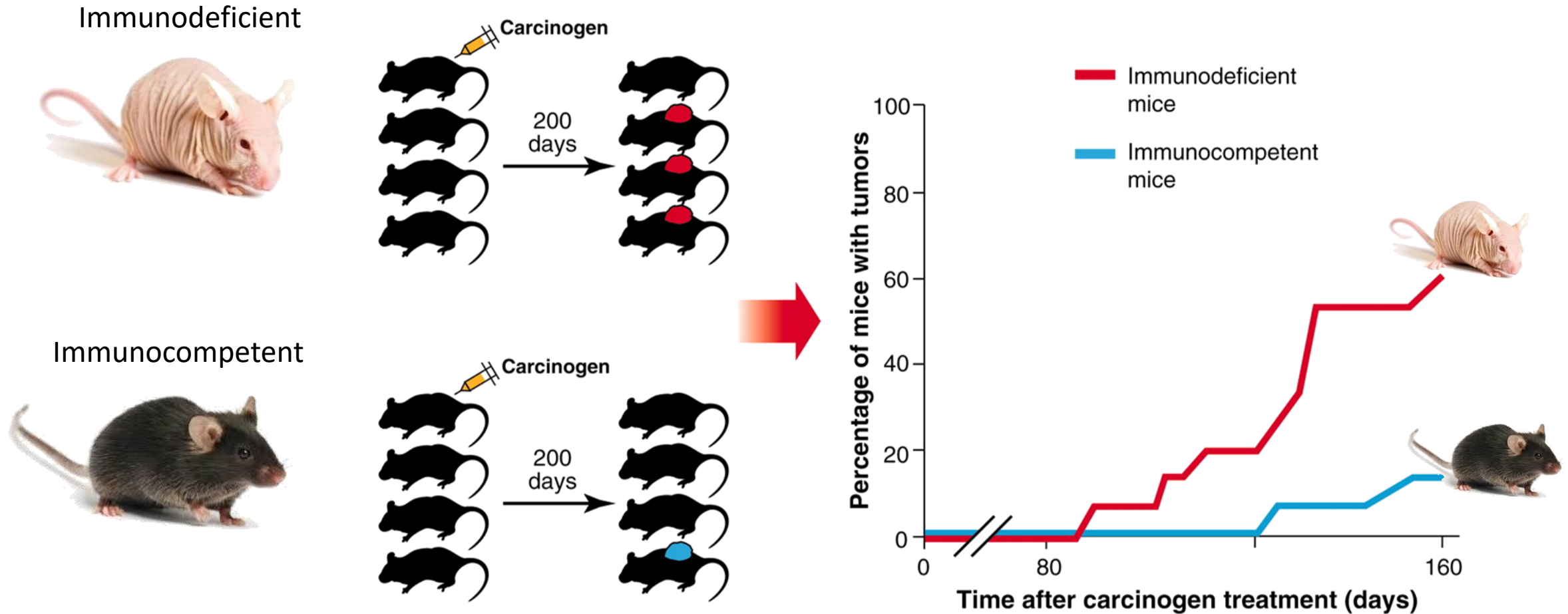


Hallmarks of Cancer – The next generation

A decade later

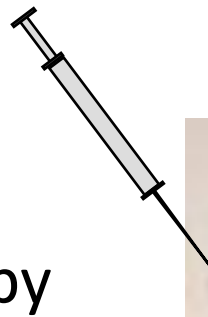


Immune status of mice determines susceptibility to carcinogens = role for immune cells

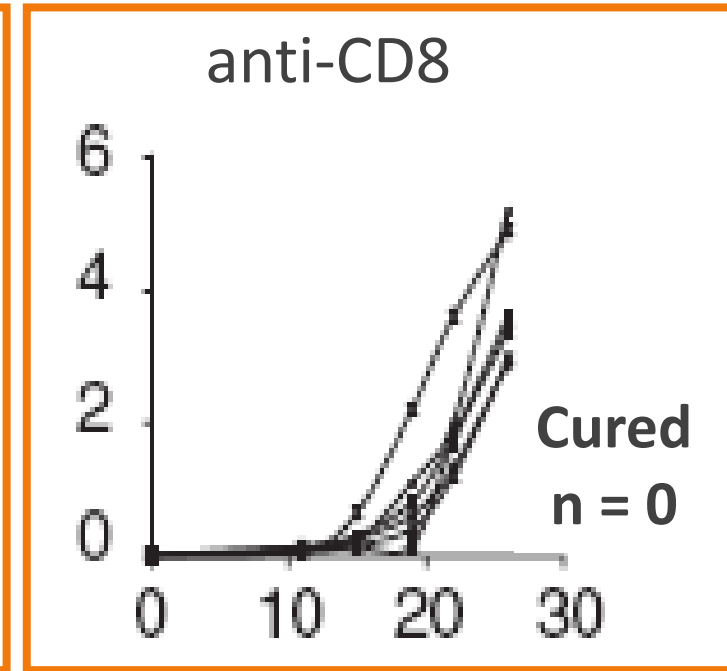
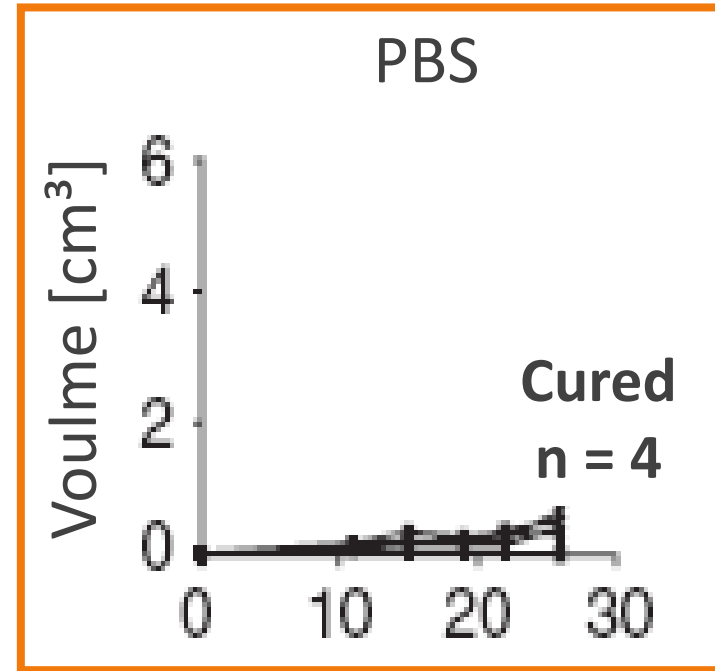


The adaptive immune response increases efficacy of chemo

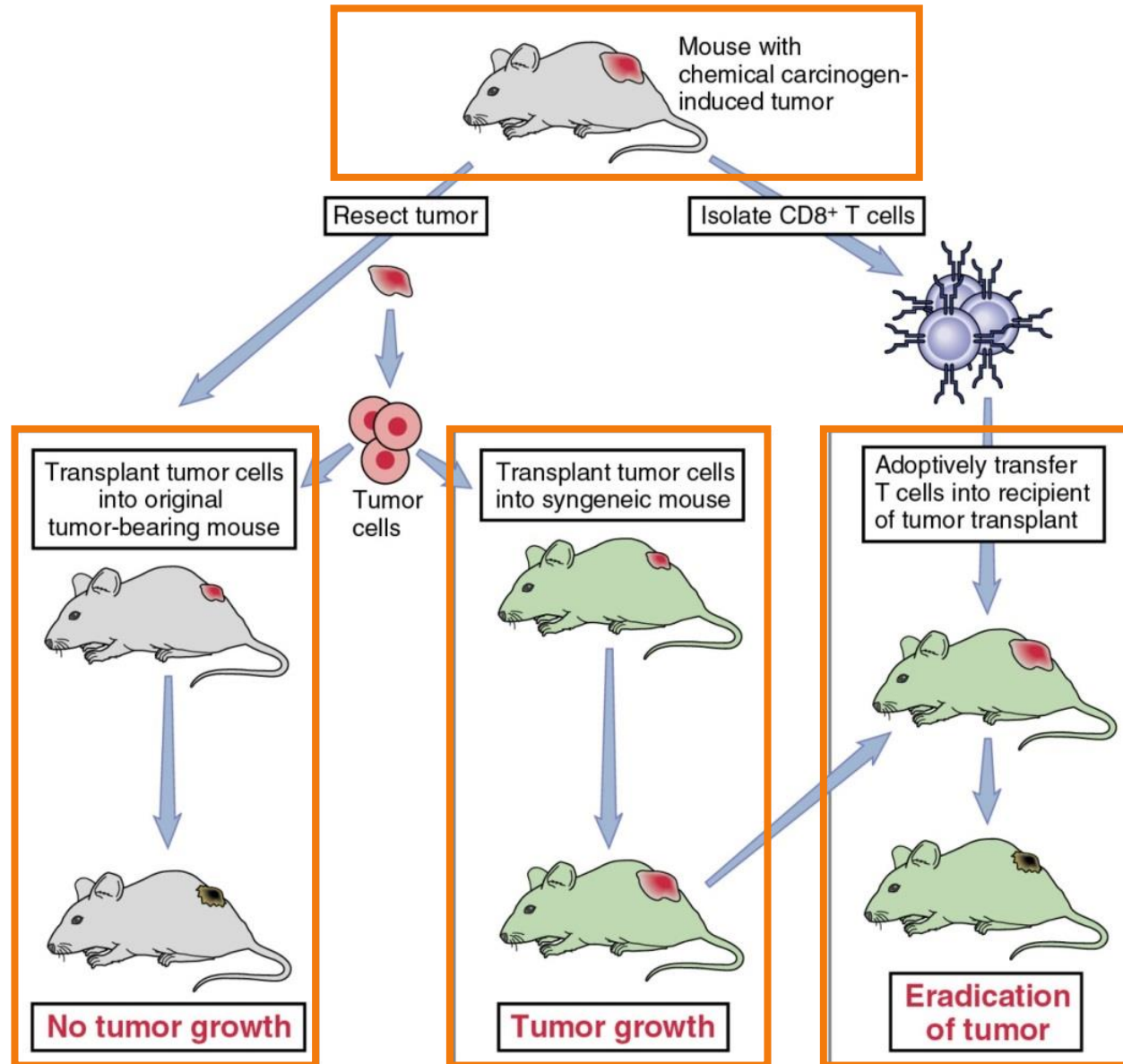
CT26 tumor



Intratumoral chemotherapy

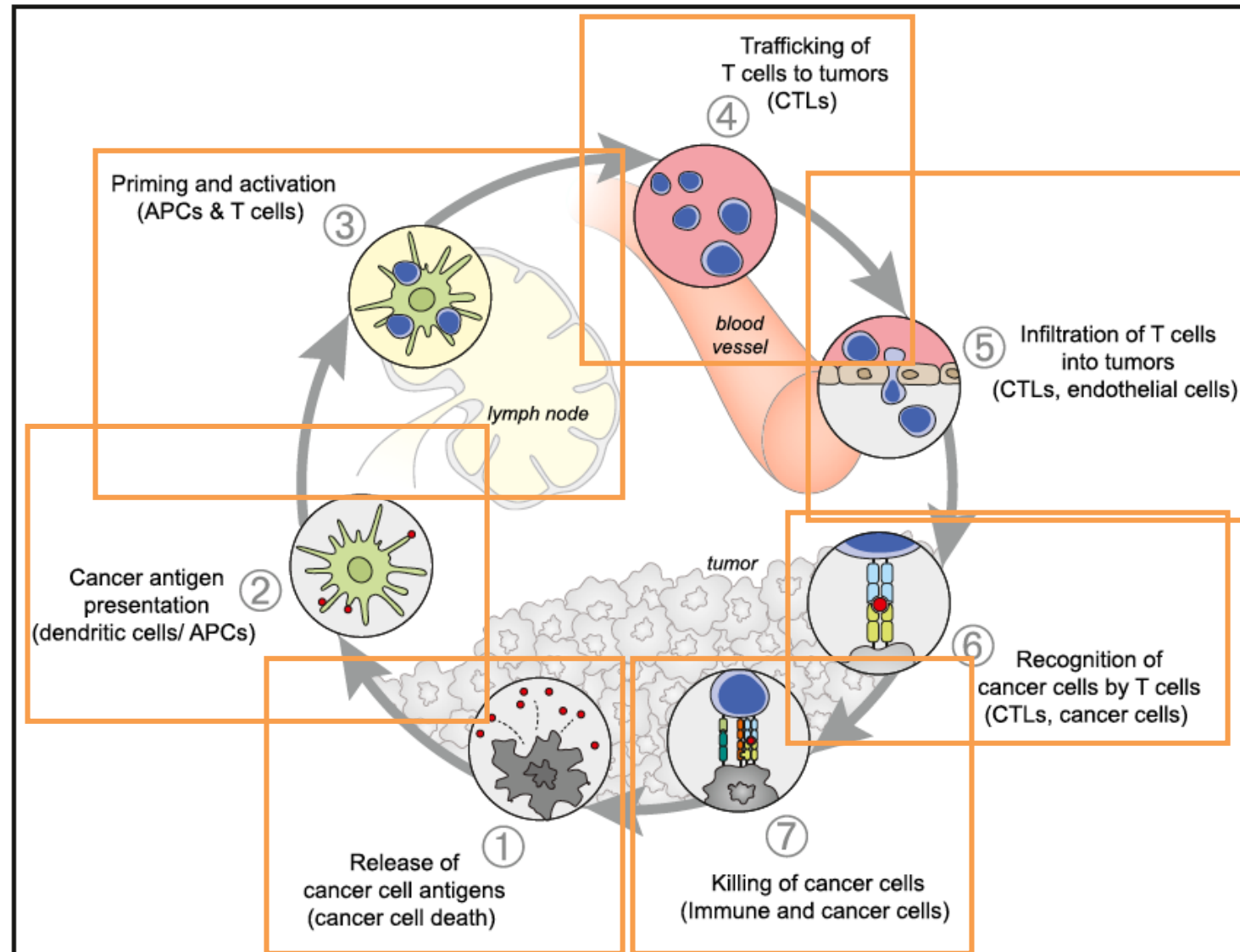


The immune system CAN control tumors

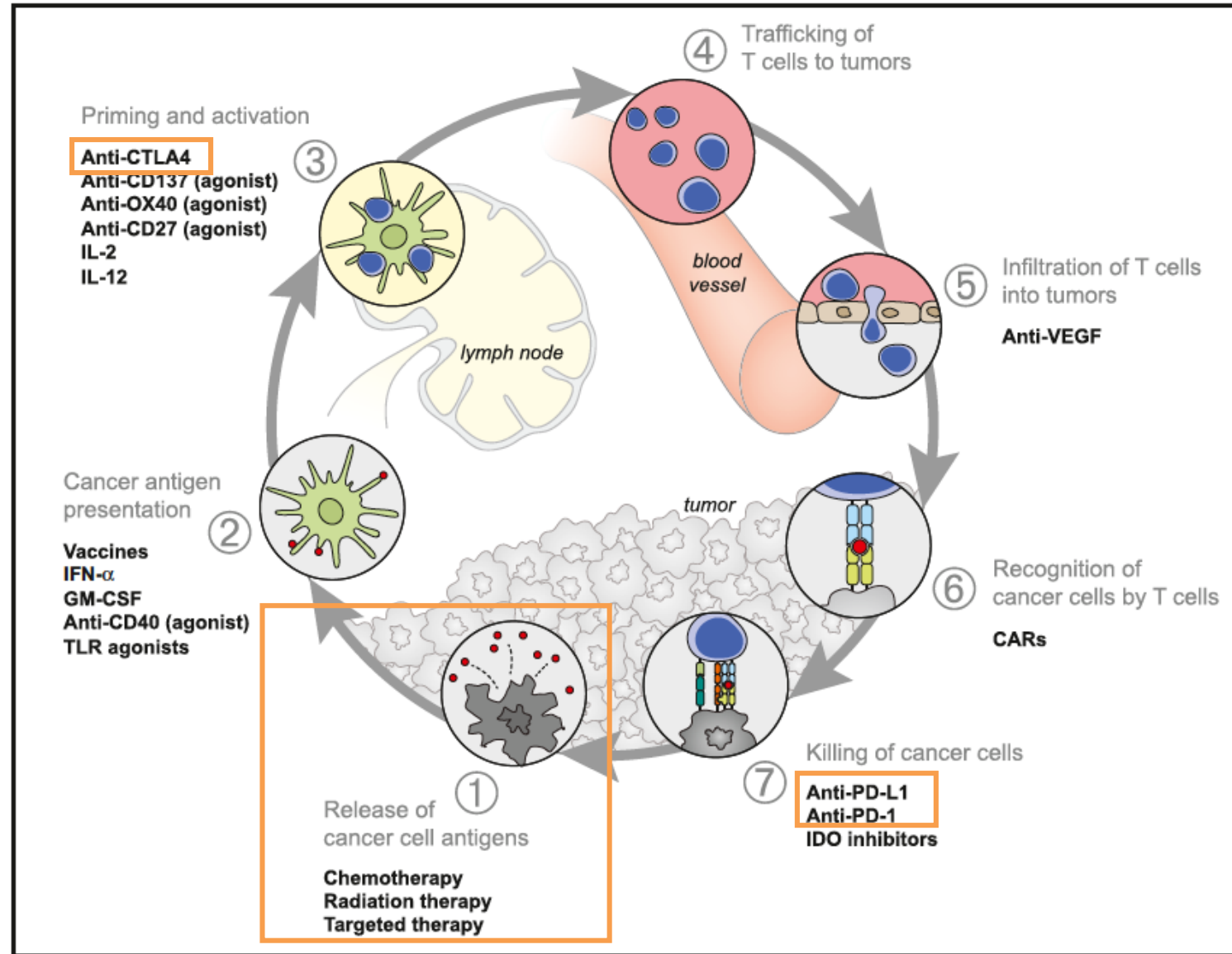


A proof of principle experiment

The Cancer-Immunity Cycle



Therapies that might affect the Cancer-Immunity Cycle



Nobel Prizes 2018



James P. Allison

and



Tasuku Honjo

"for their discovery of cancer therapy by inhibition of negative immune regulation."

- 1982- discovered CTLA-4
- 1996- showed that malignant tumors could be successfully treated in animals by blocking CTLA-4
- Currently MD Anderson

- 1992- discovered PD-1
- Showed that malignant tumors could be successfully treated in animals by blocking PD-1/PD-L1 interaction
- Currently- Kyoto University

“Checkpoints” constrain the immune response

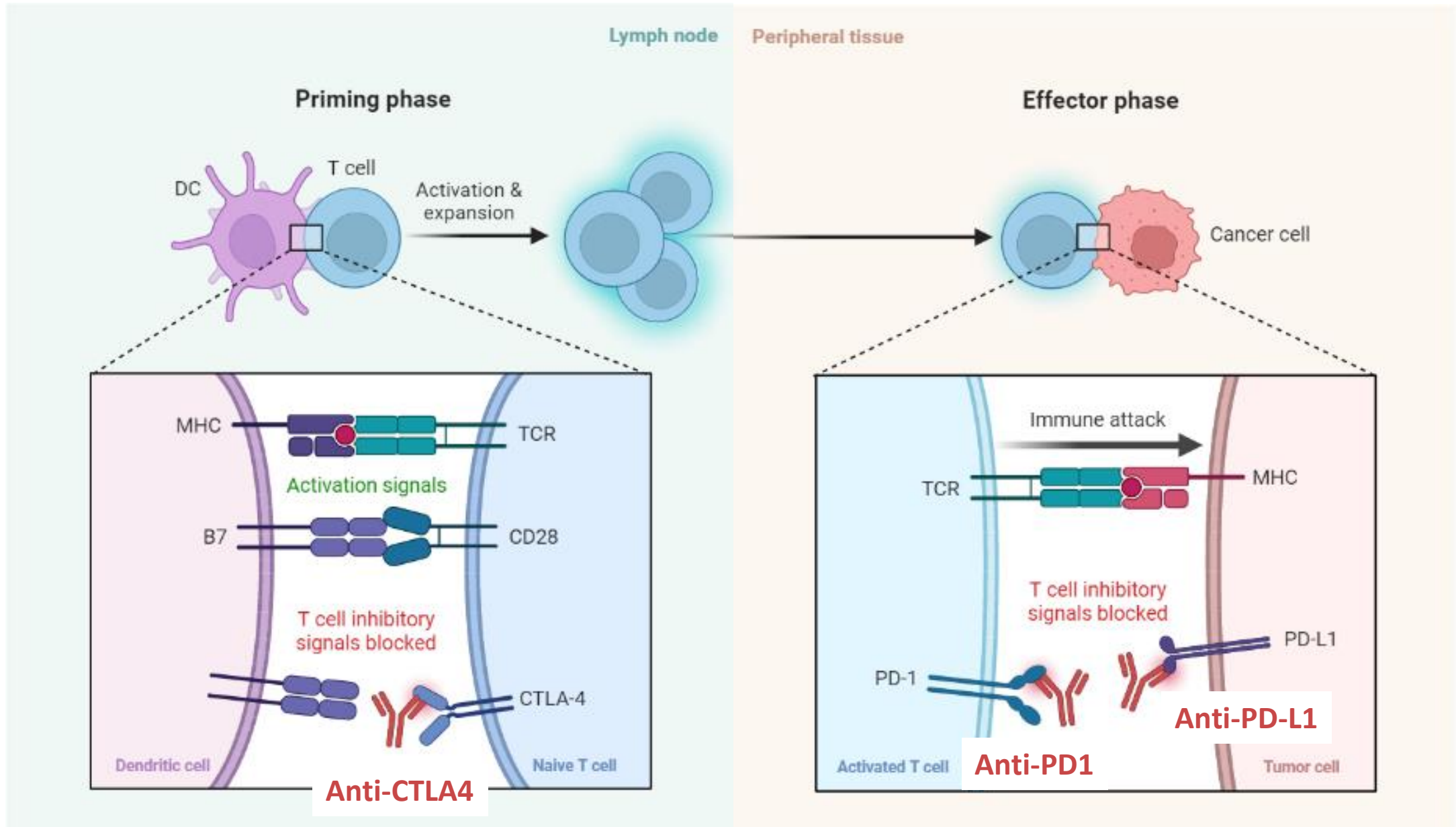
Immune system detecting



Cancer cells escape from immune system by PD1

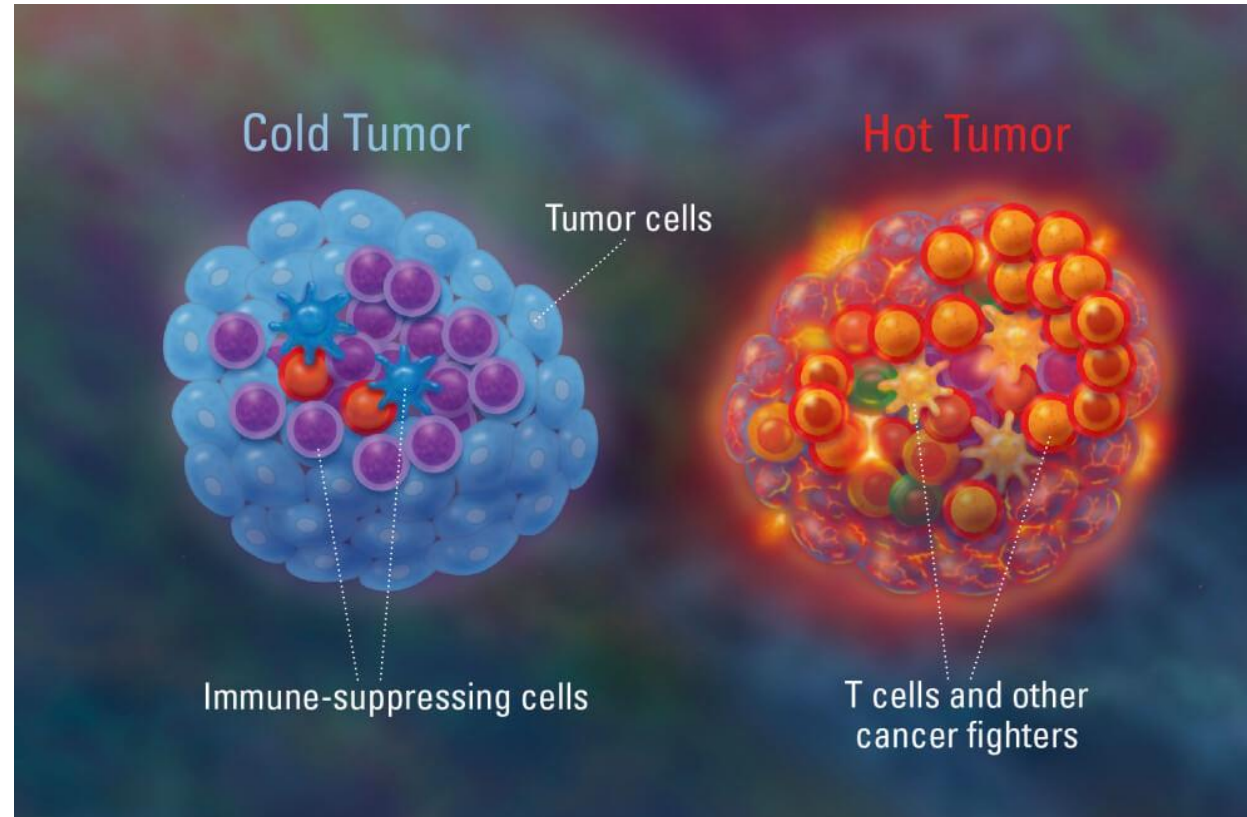


"Checkpoints" constrain the immune response

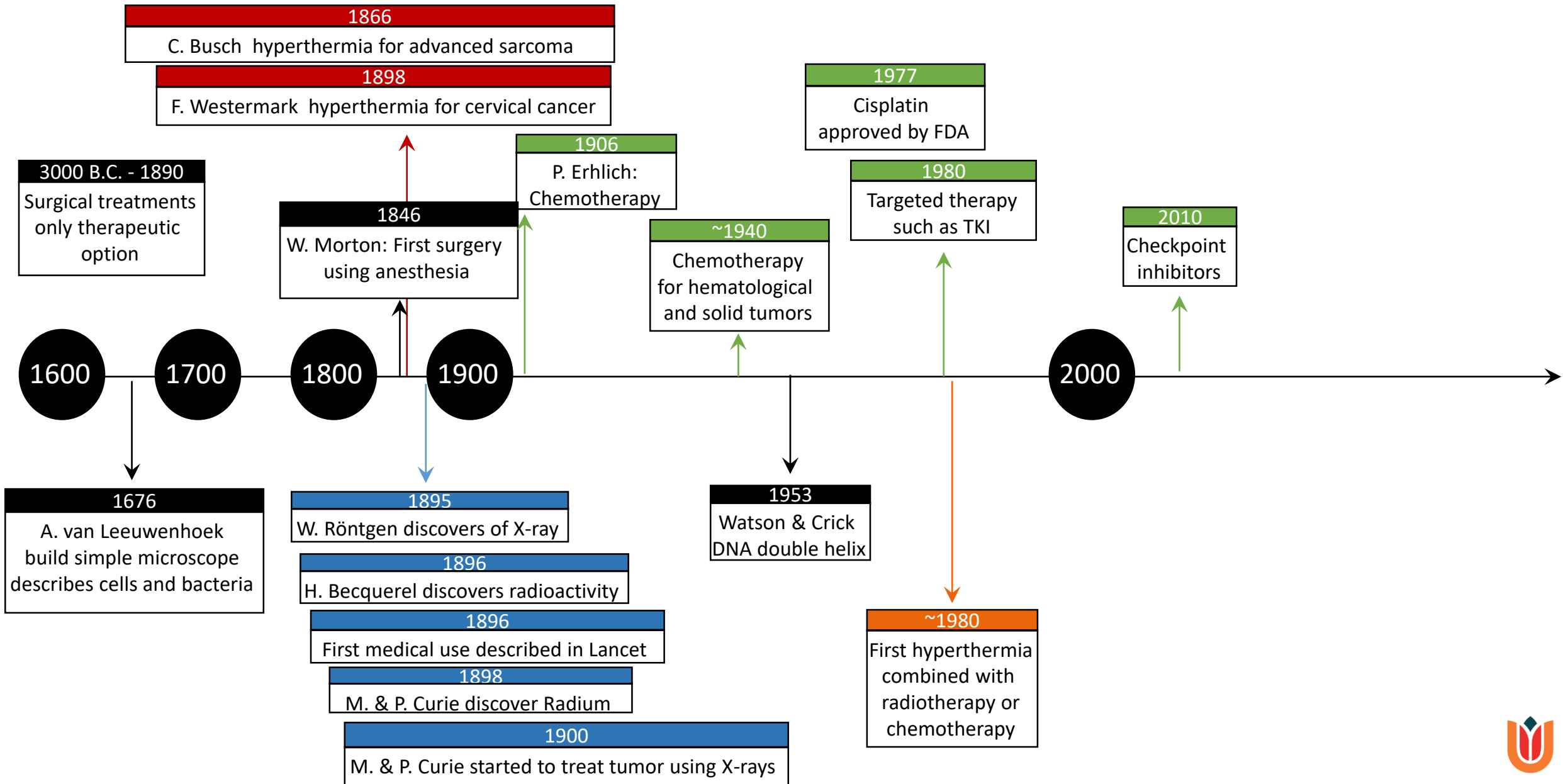


“Cold” vs. “Hot tumors”

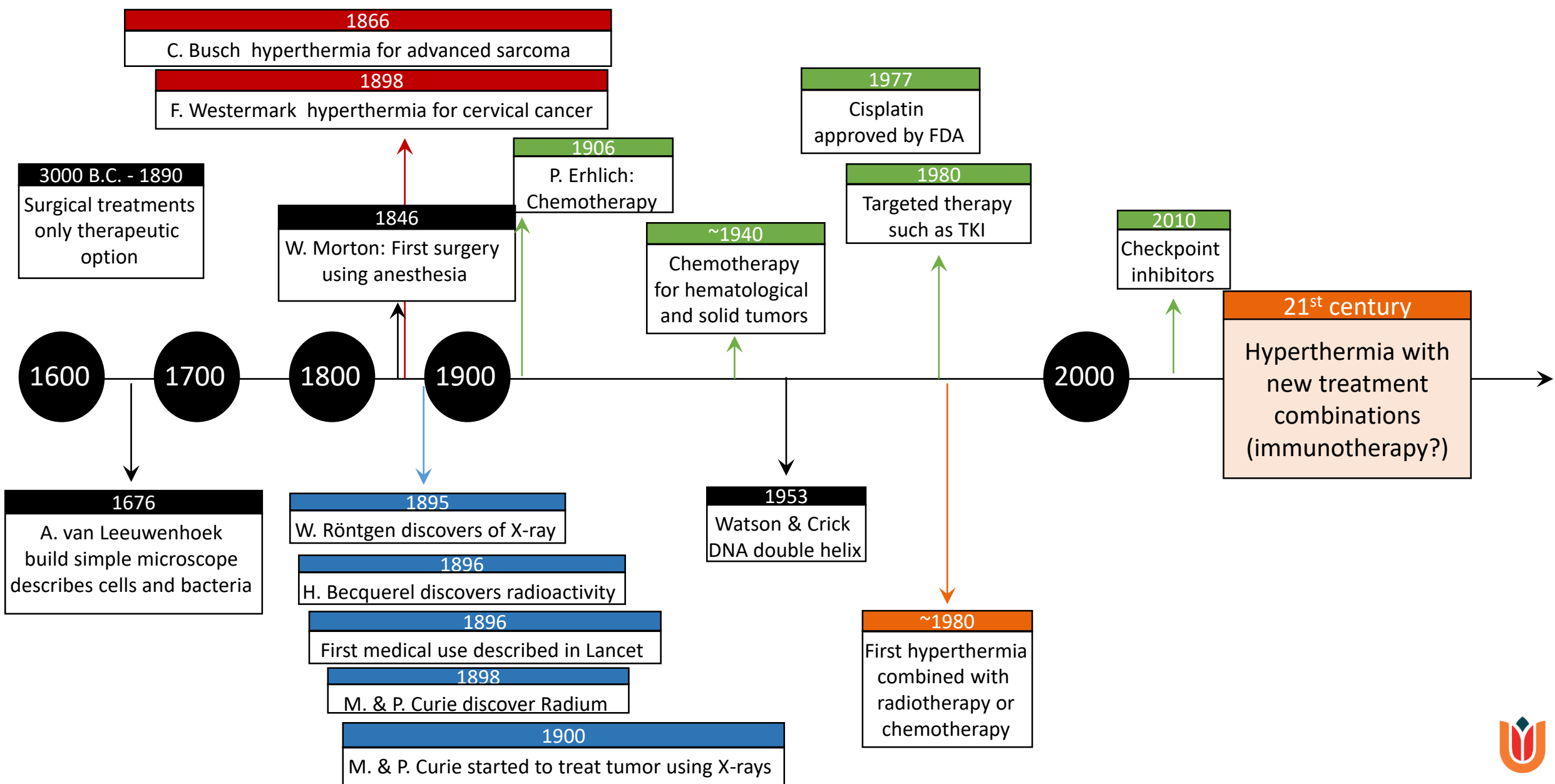
Immune
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Timeline of anti-cancer treatments



Timeline of anti-cancer treatments



Thank you for your attention



Some extra slides below

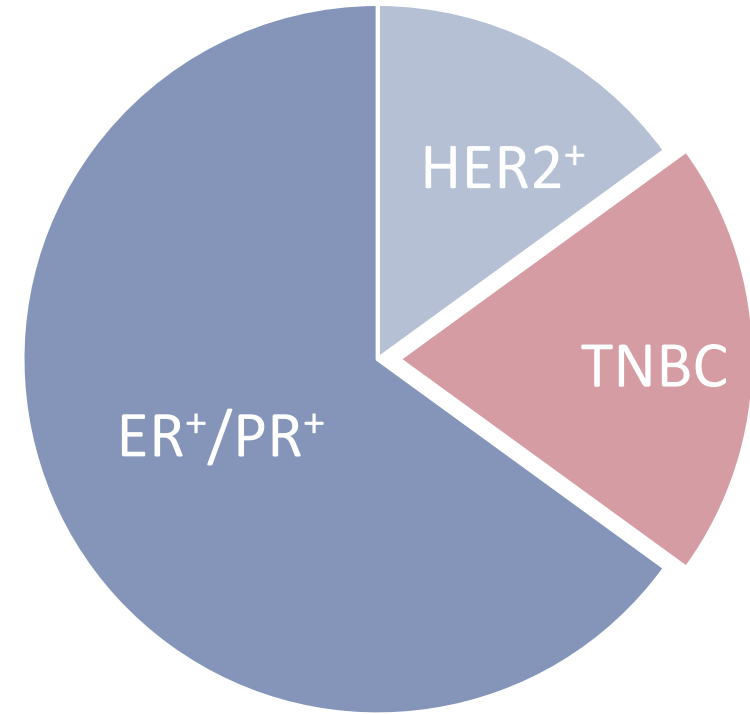


Incidence of Breast Cancer

- 1.7 million new cases/ year
- 12% of all cancers
- 25% of all cancers in women

5-year survival:

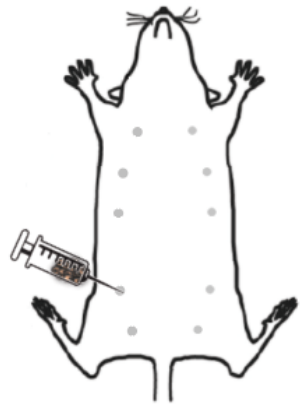
- 80-90% at early stage
- 24% at more advanced stage



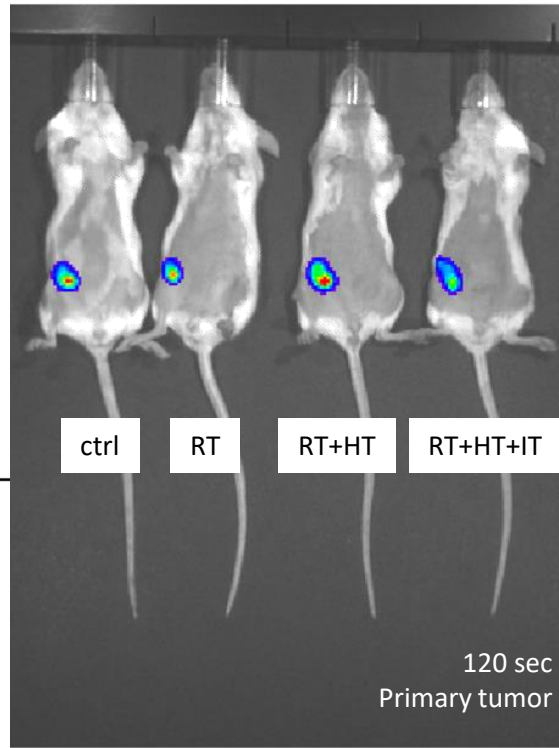
- 10-20% are TNBC
- 5-year survival 77%

4T1 highly metastatic breast cancer murine model

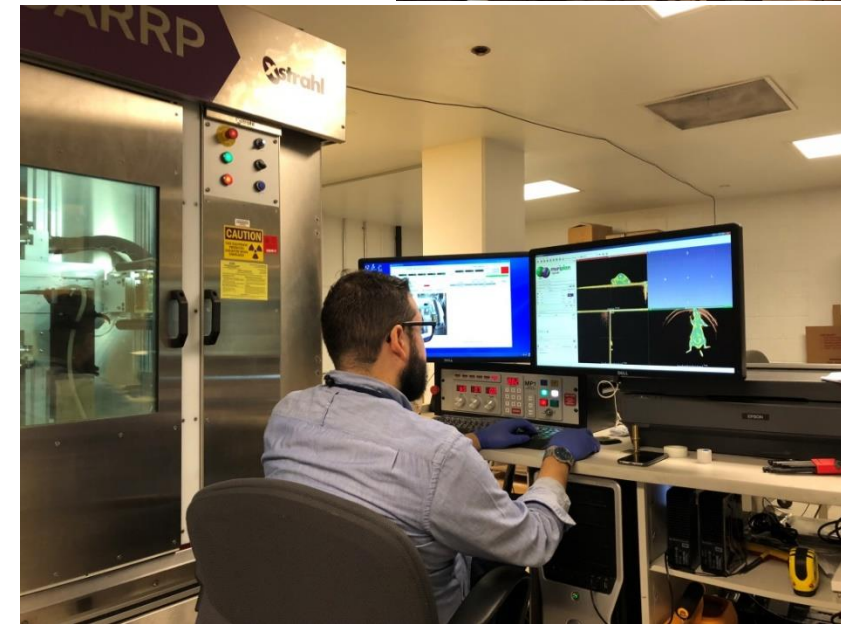
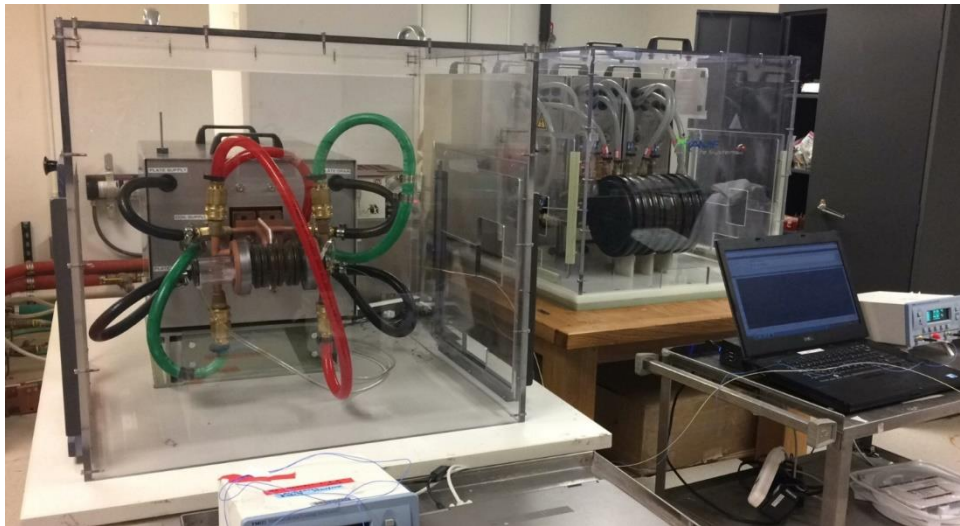
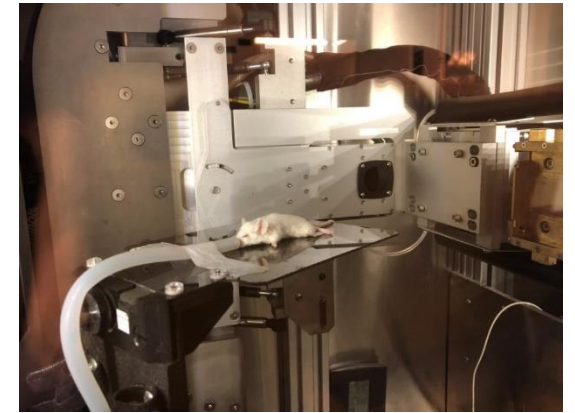
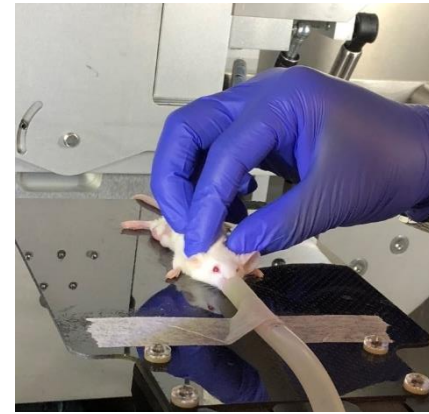
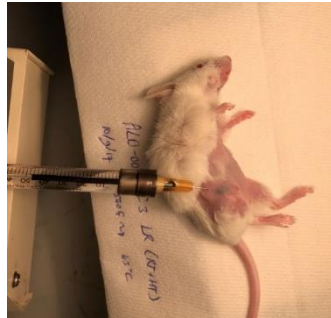
Injection of tumour cells in
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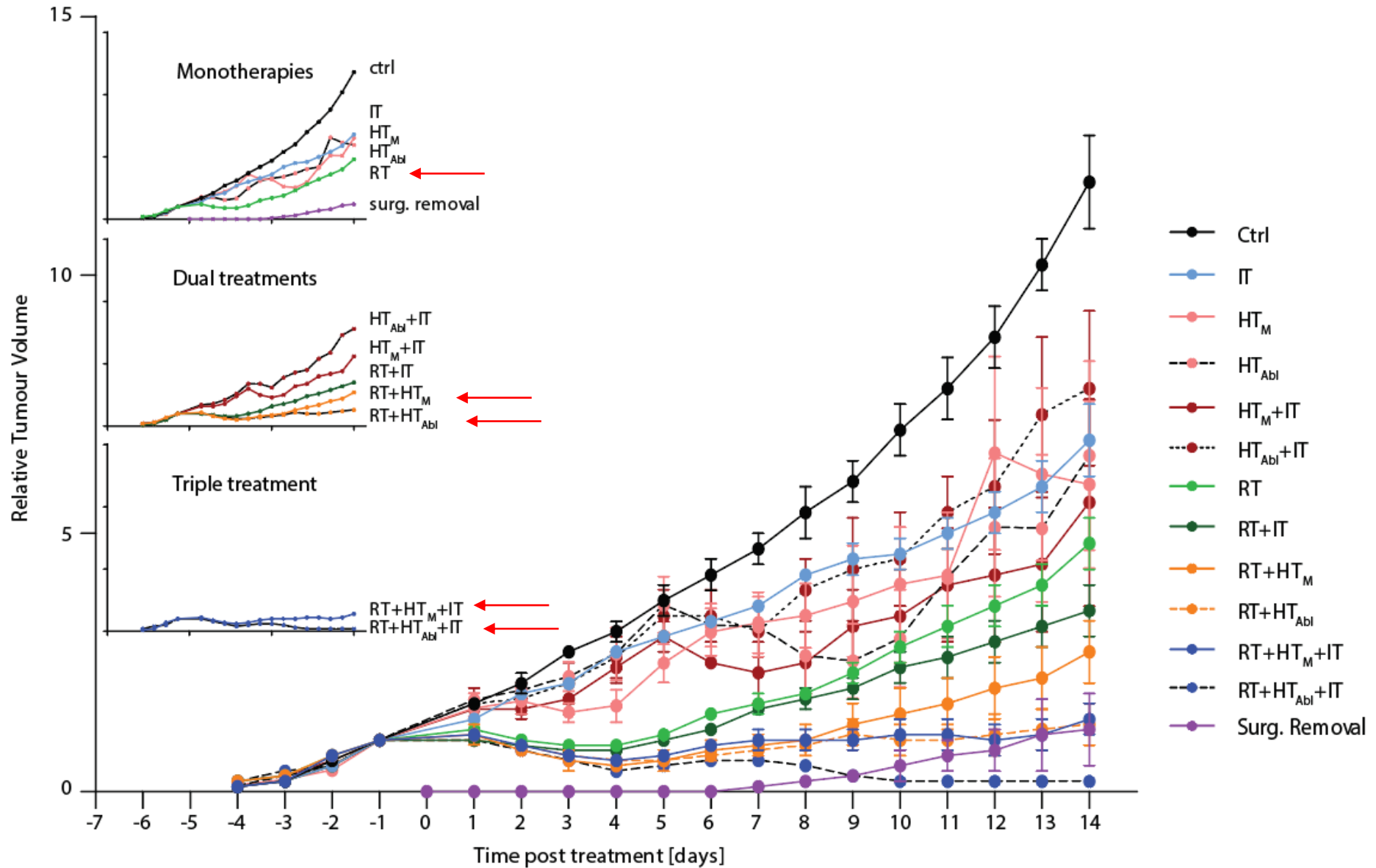
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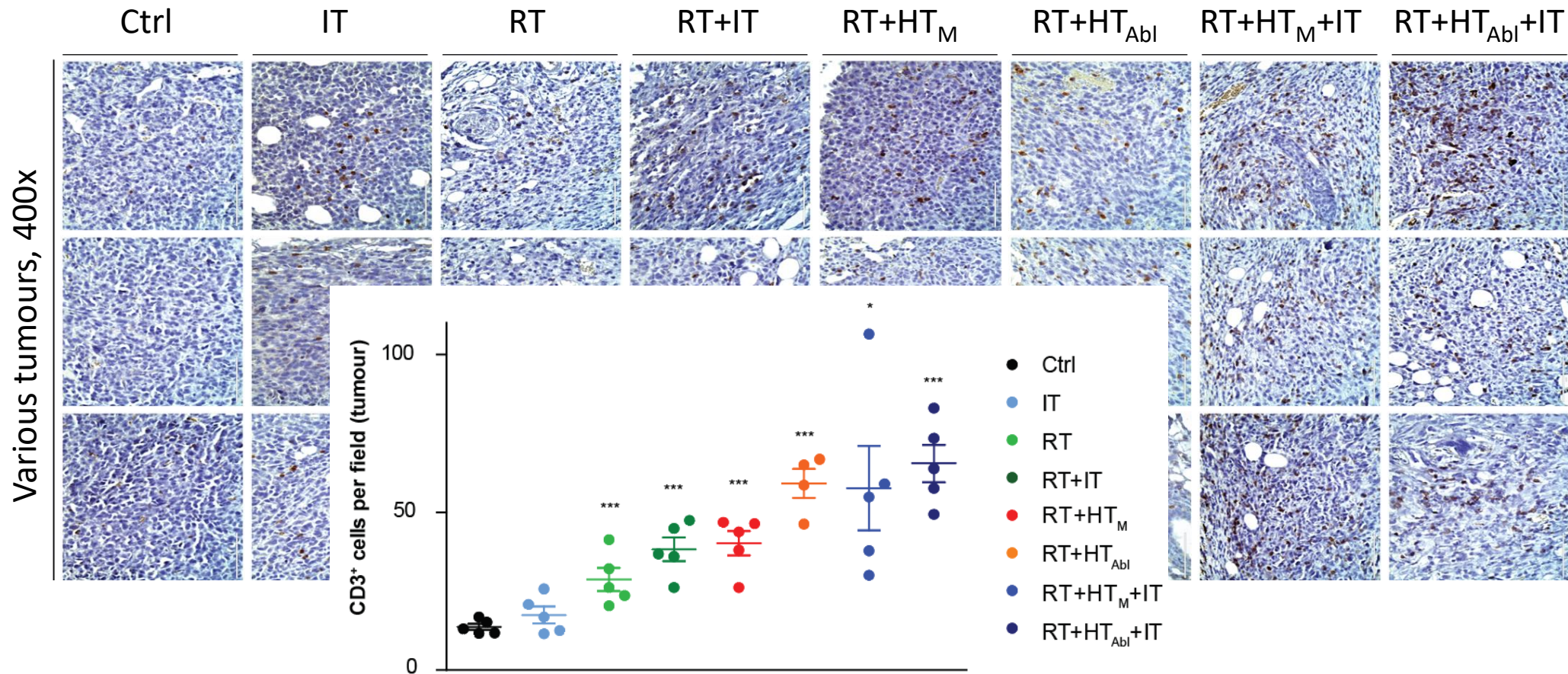
Primary tumor growth after various treatments



Primary tumor growth after various treatments



Addition of IT → T-cell infiltration



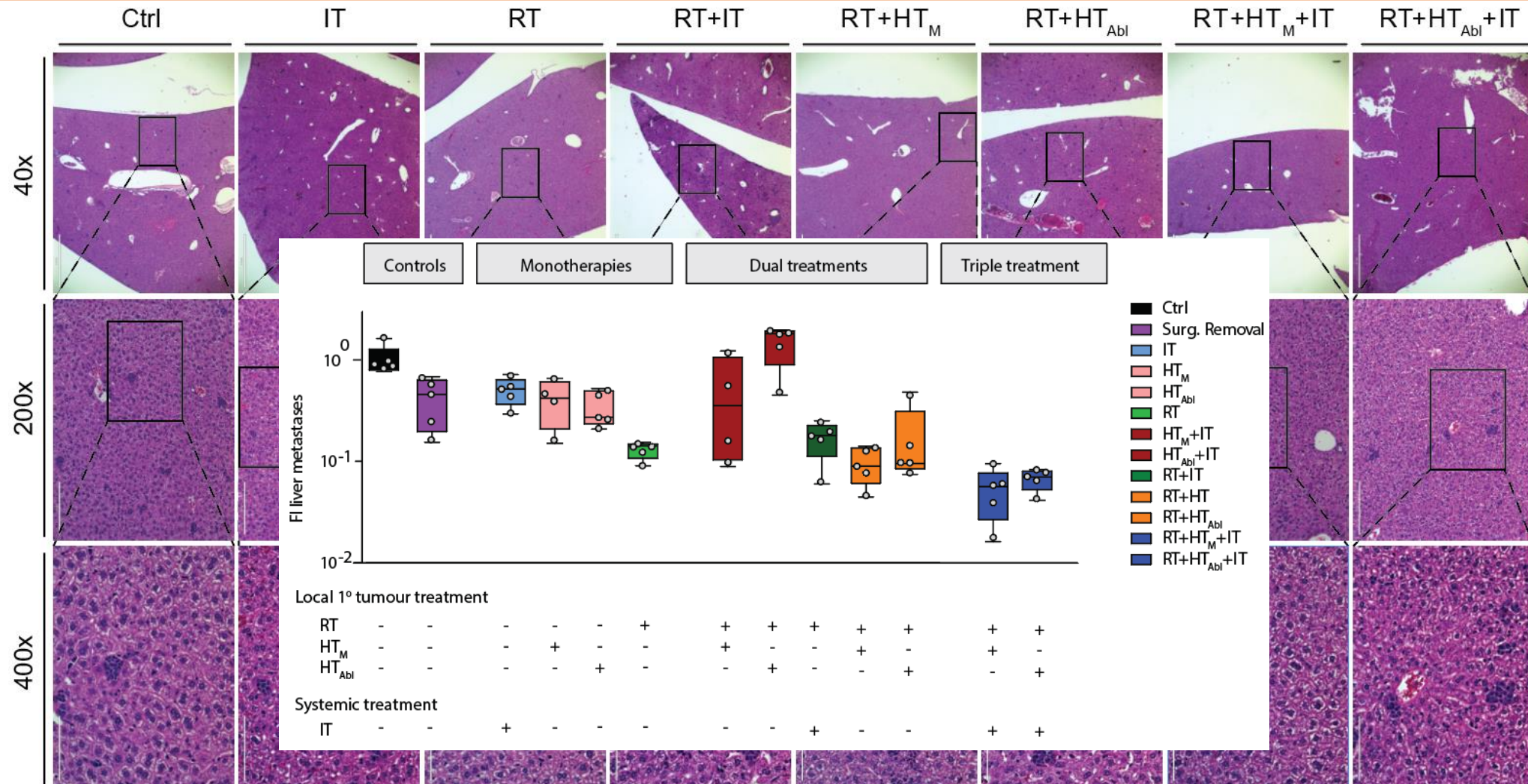
Local 1° tumour treatment

RT	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
HT _M	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-
HT _{Abl}	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+

Systemic treatment

IT	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	+
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Reduction in No of liver metastases



Minor reduction in No of lung metastases

H&E

