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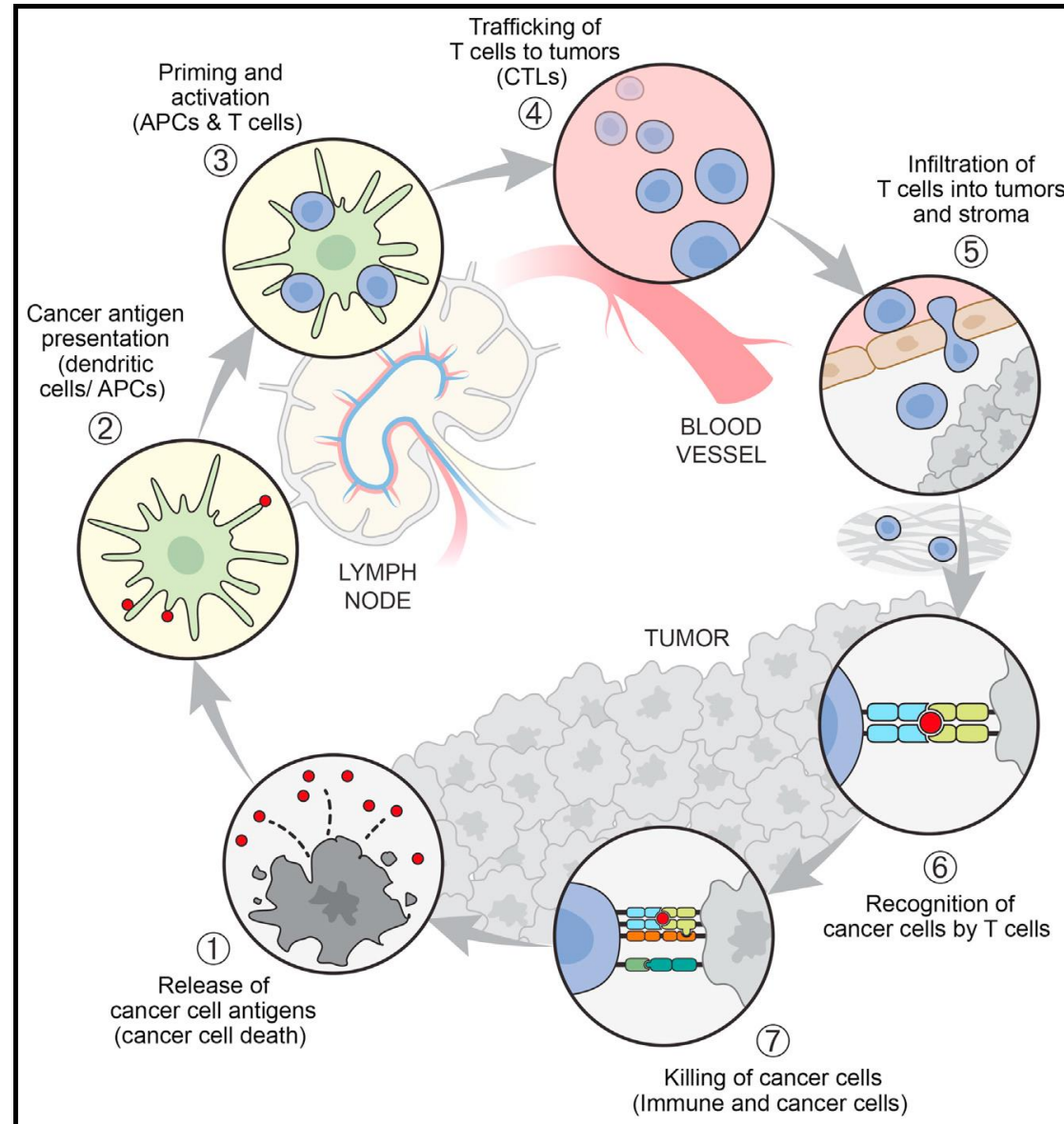


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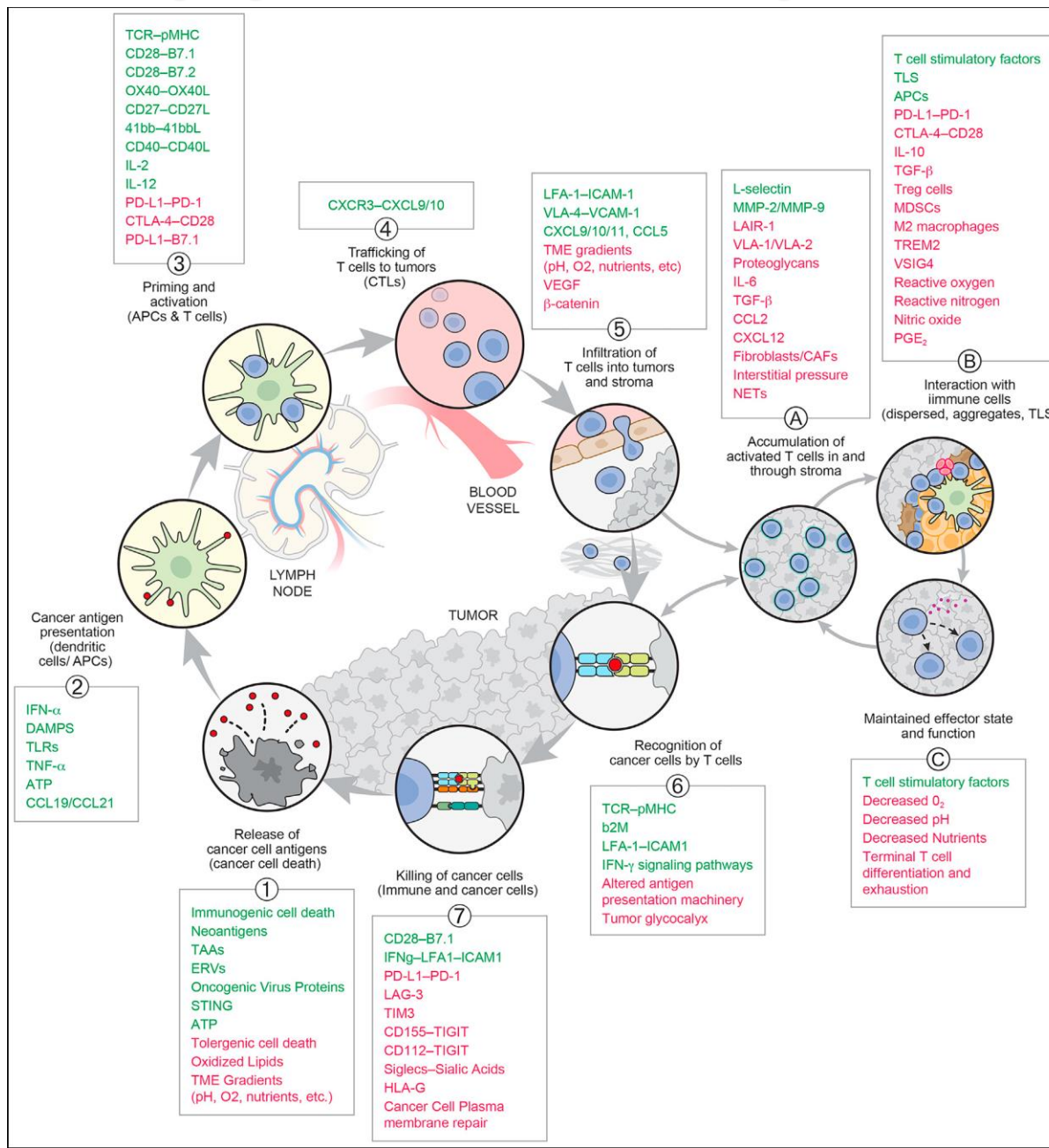
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"Immunità e tumori"

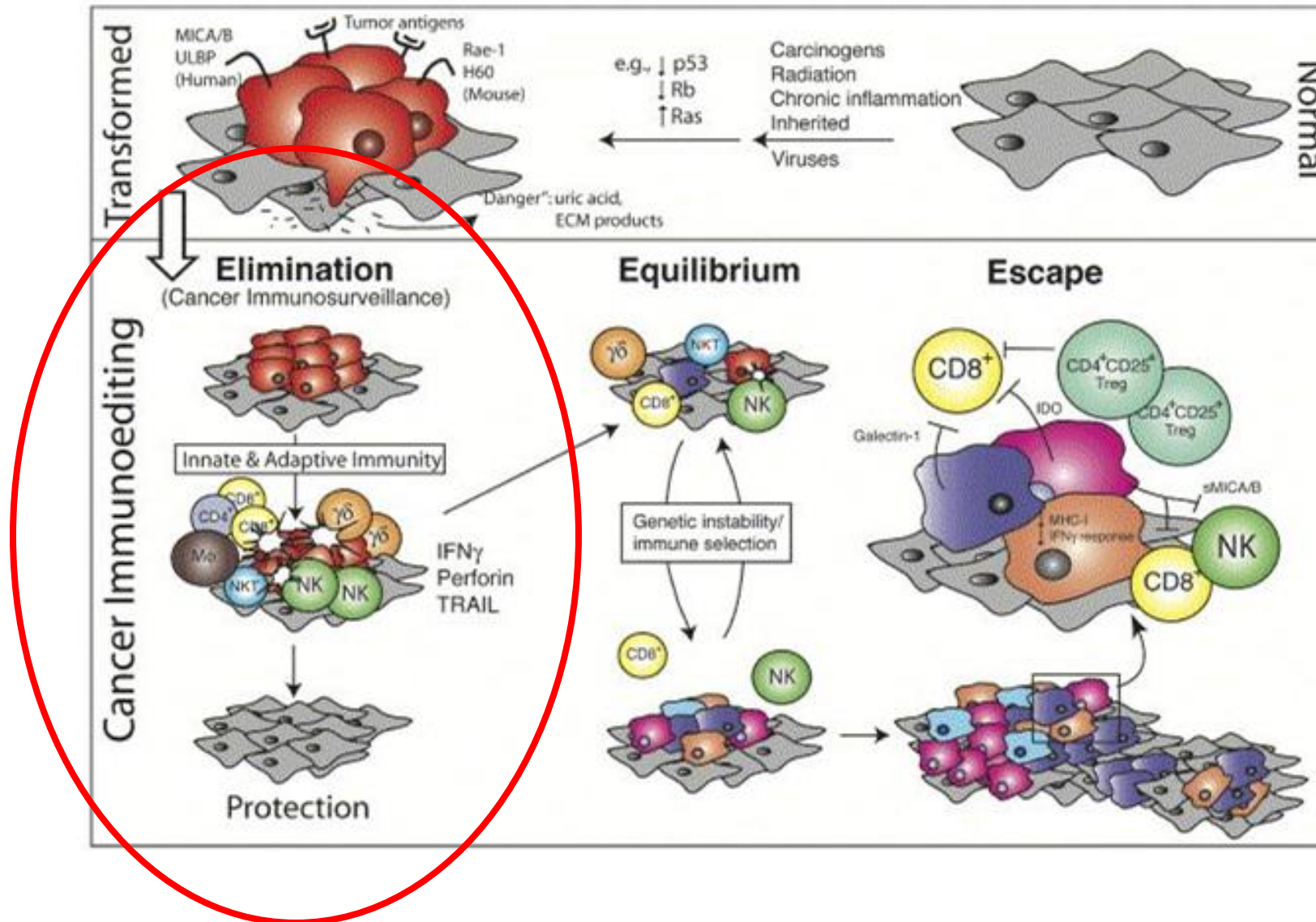
The Cancer-Immunity Cycle

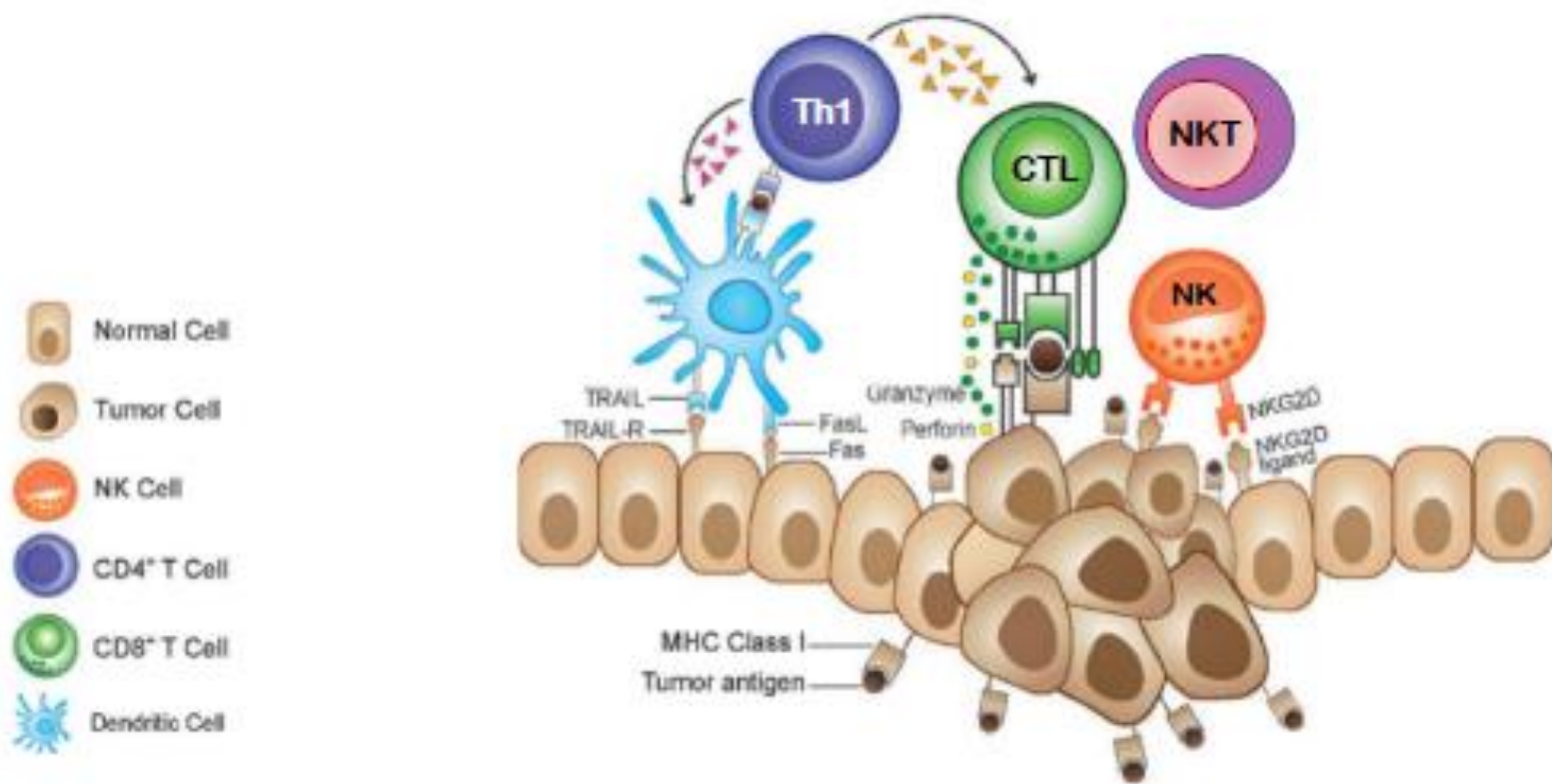


The cancer-immunity cycle with stimulatory and inhibitory factors



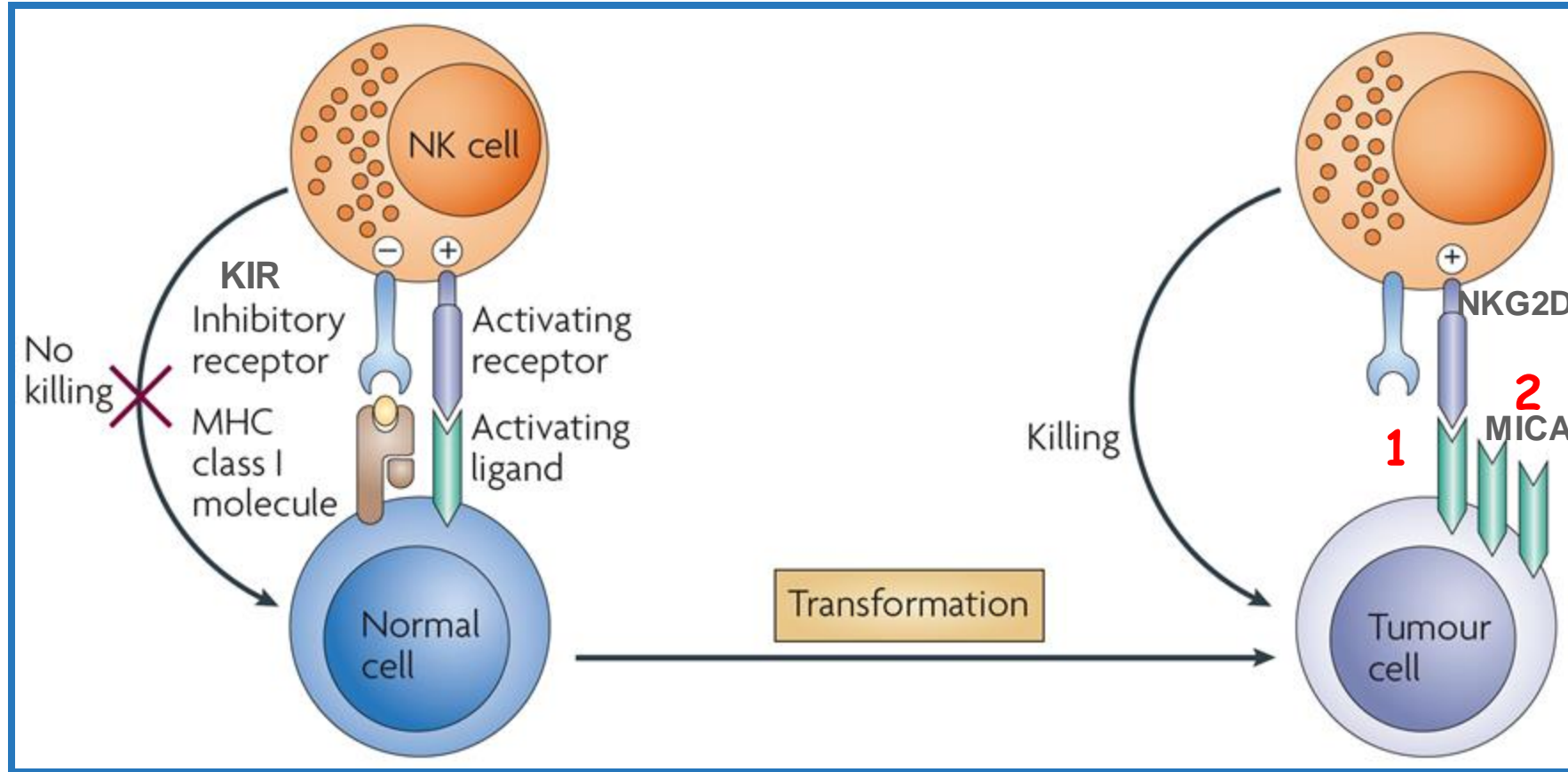
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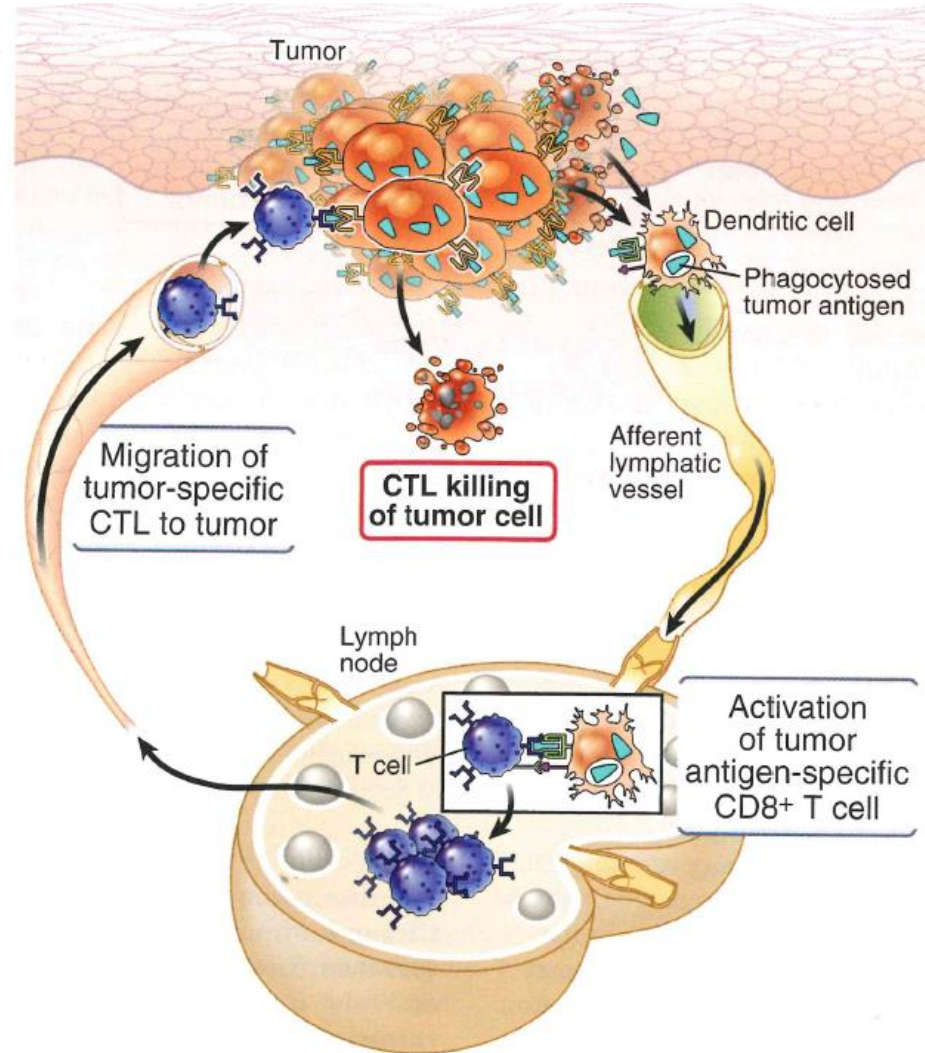
Elimination

Le cellule NK eliminano una cellula tumorale attraverso il *missing-self* (1) e l'*induced-self* (2)



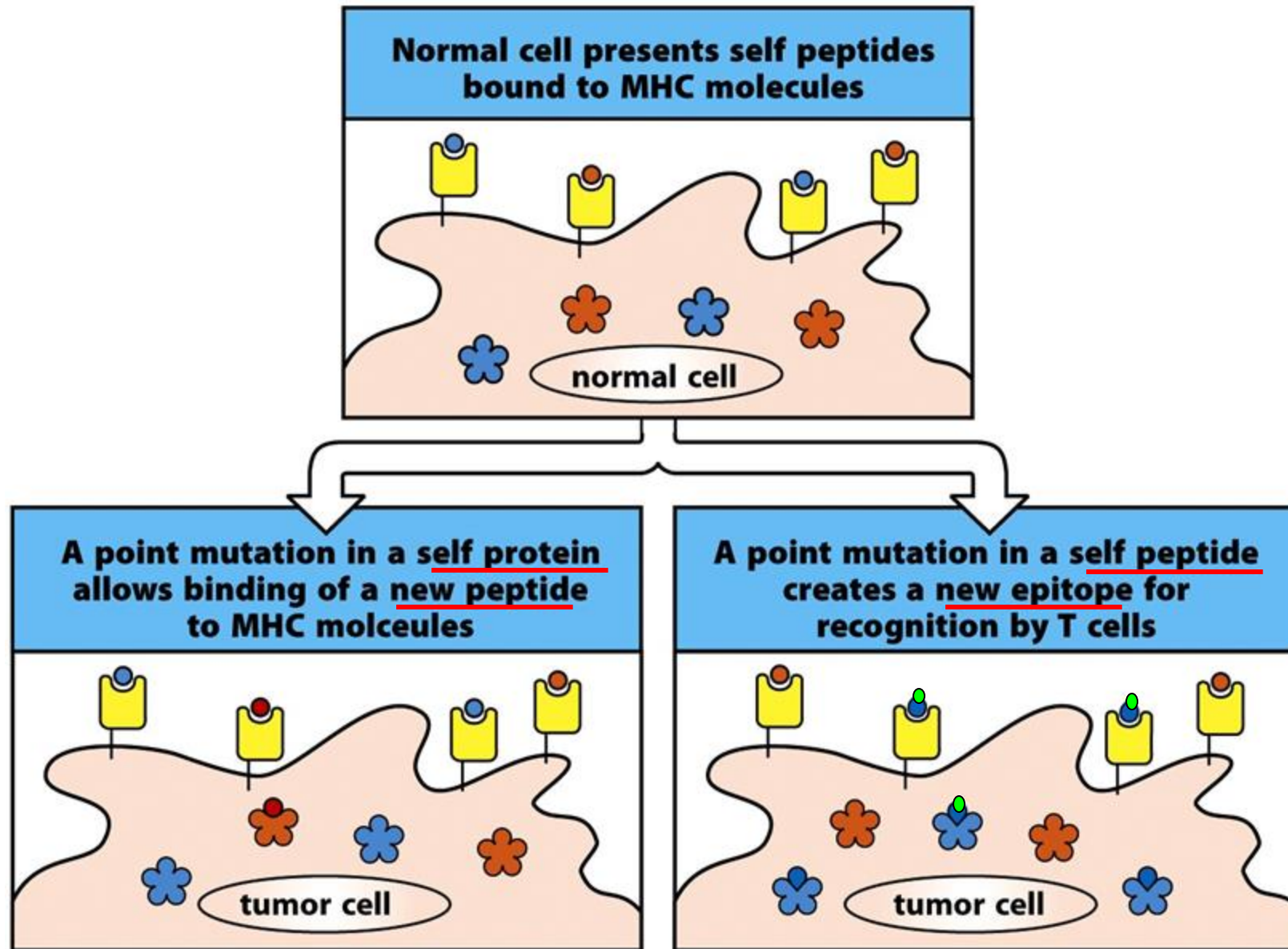
il *missing-self* (1) è la perdita di inibizione (MHC-I);
l'*induced-self* (2) è una "super-attivazione" (MICA, ULBPs)

The principal mechanism of immune protection against tumors is killing of tumor cells by CD8+ CTLs



Gli antigeni tumorali

Gli antigeni tumorali possono derivare da proteine mutate...

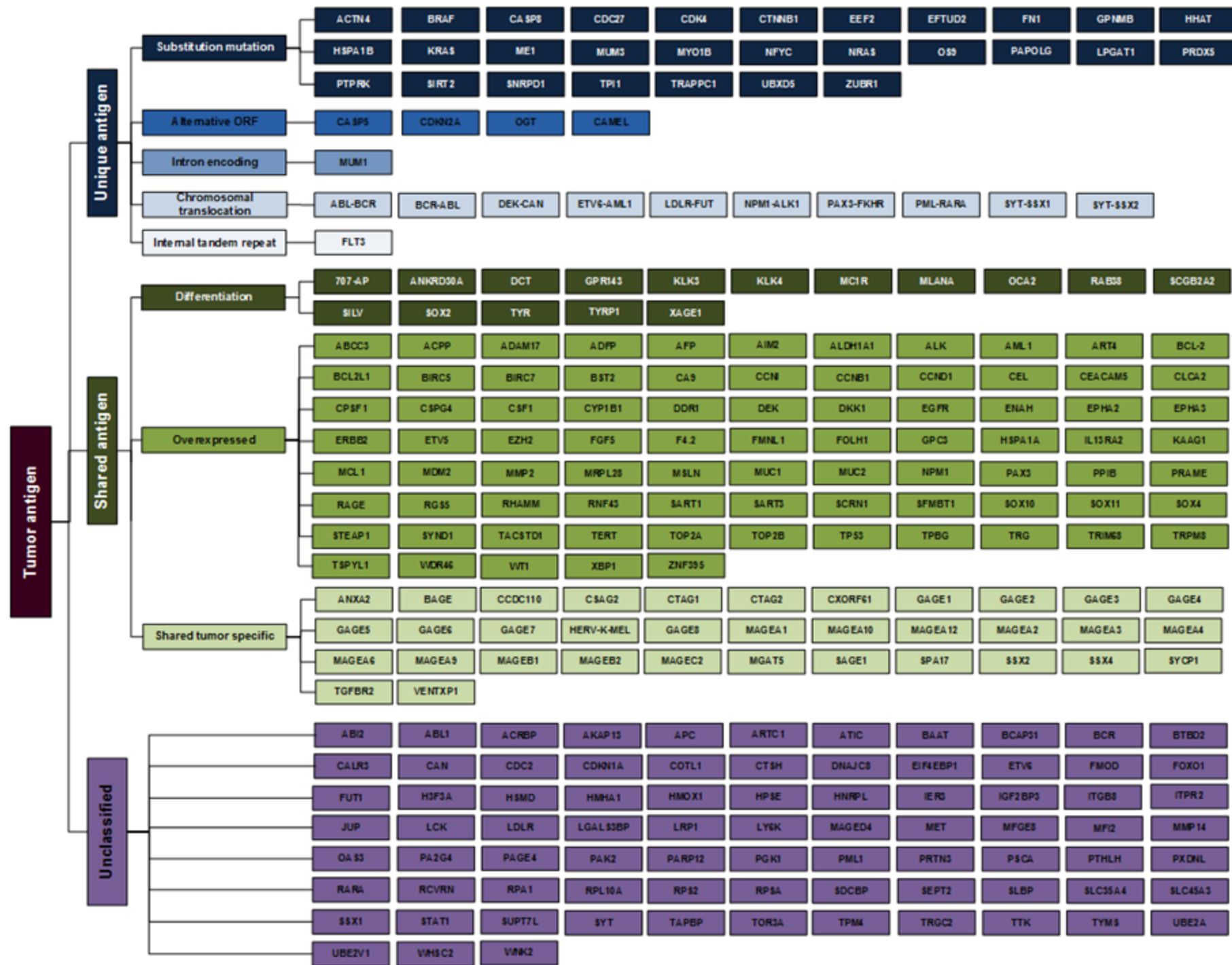


... ma
anche da
proteine
non mutate

Antigen type	Description	Examples of antigen type
Tumour-specific antigens ^{3,9} TSA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Completely absent from normal host cells• Arise in cancer cells from oncogenic viral proteins or nonsynonymous somatic mutations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• HPV oncoproteins E6 and E7 (HPV-associated cancers of the cervix, anus and oropharynx)^{11,12}• Individual KRAS mutations (pancreatic, colon, lung and various other cancers)^{10,19}
Tumour-associated antigens ⁹ TAA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Low levels of expression on normal host cells• Disproportionately expressed on tumour cells• Often result from genetic amplification or post-translational modifications• Can be selectively expressed by the cell lineage from which the cancer evolved	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ERBB2 (some breast cancers and various other cancers)¹⁵⁰• Mesothelin (pancreatic cancer and mesothelioma)¹⁵⁹⁻¹⁶¹• CD19 on B cell malignancies^{27,28}
Cancer/testis antigens ^{13,14} CTA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Absent on normal adult cells, except in reproductive tissues (e.g. testes, fetal ovaries and trophoblasts)• Selectively expressed by various tumour types	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• MAGE (various cancers)¹⁶²• NY-ESO-1 antigen (various cancers)¹⁶³

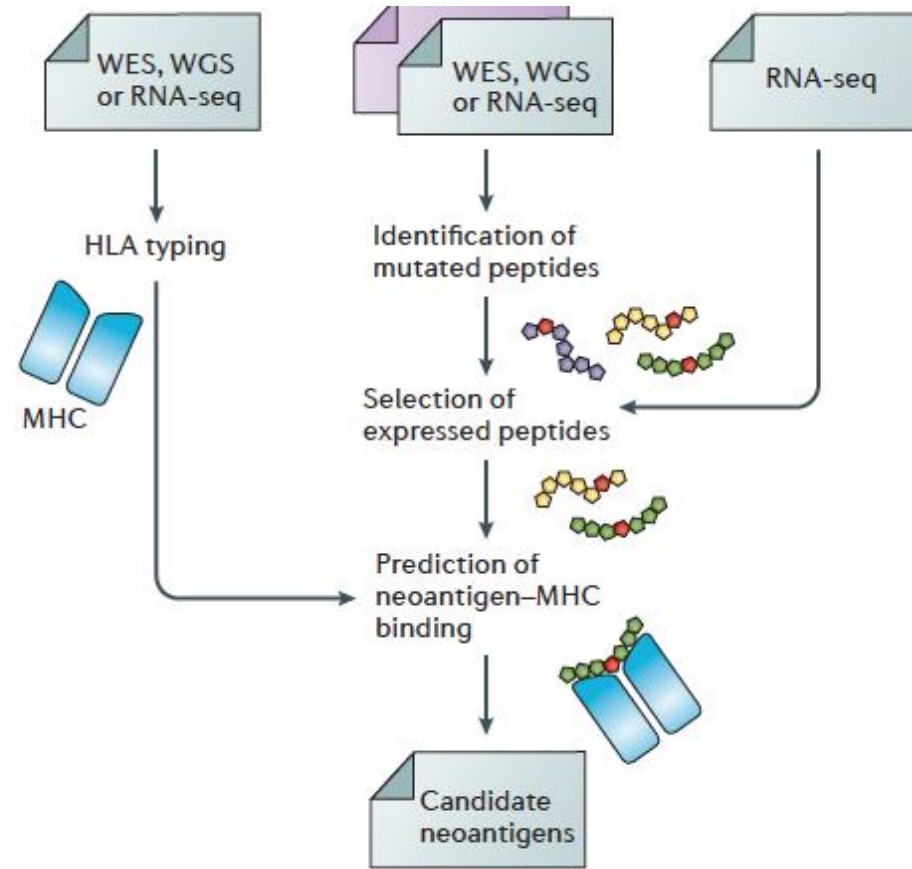
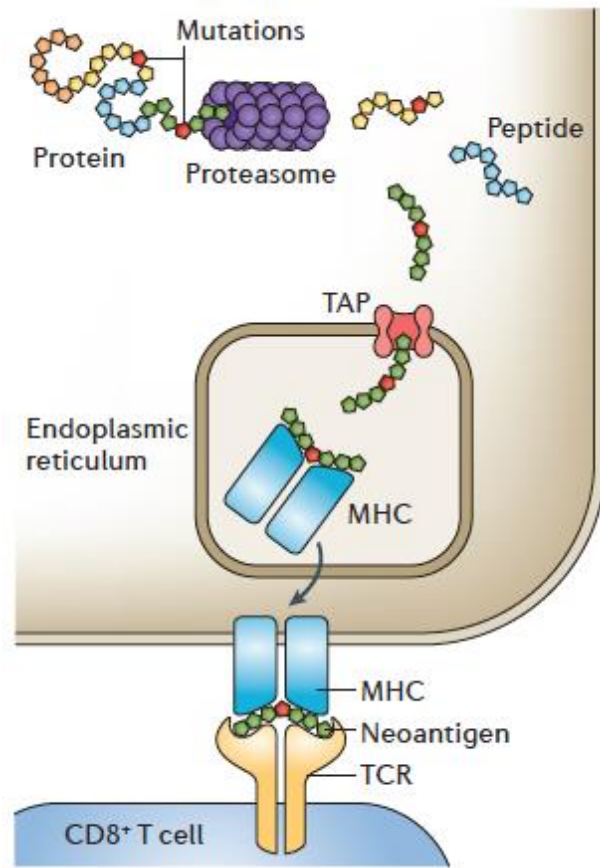
ANTIGENI TUMORALI UMANI

- **Prodotti di geni amplificati o mutati** (HER-2/neu).
- **Prodotti di oncogeni o geni onco-soppressori** (Ras, Bcr-Abl, p53).
- **Prodotti di virus oncogeni** (E6 ed E7 del papilloma virus; EBNA-1 del virus di Epstein-Barr).
- **Antigeni tumorali/testicolari**: normalmente silenti nei tessuti normali (tranne testicolo e trofoblasto), ma espressi da molti tumori (MAGE).
- **Antigeni oncofetali**: espressi nei tessuti fetali in via di sviluppo e da molti tumori nell'adulto, ma non dai tessuti normali (CEA, AFP).
- **Antigeni di differenziazione tissutale** (tirosinasi dei melanociti, antigene prostatico specifico/PSA, CD10, CD20).
- **Glicolipidi e glicoproteine alterate** (MUC-1).



TANTIGEN: Classification of tumor antigens

Developed by Bioinformatics Core at Cancer Vaccine Center, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.



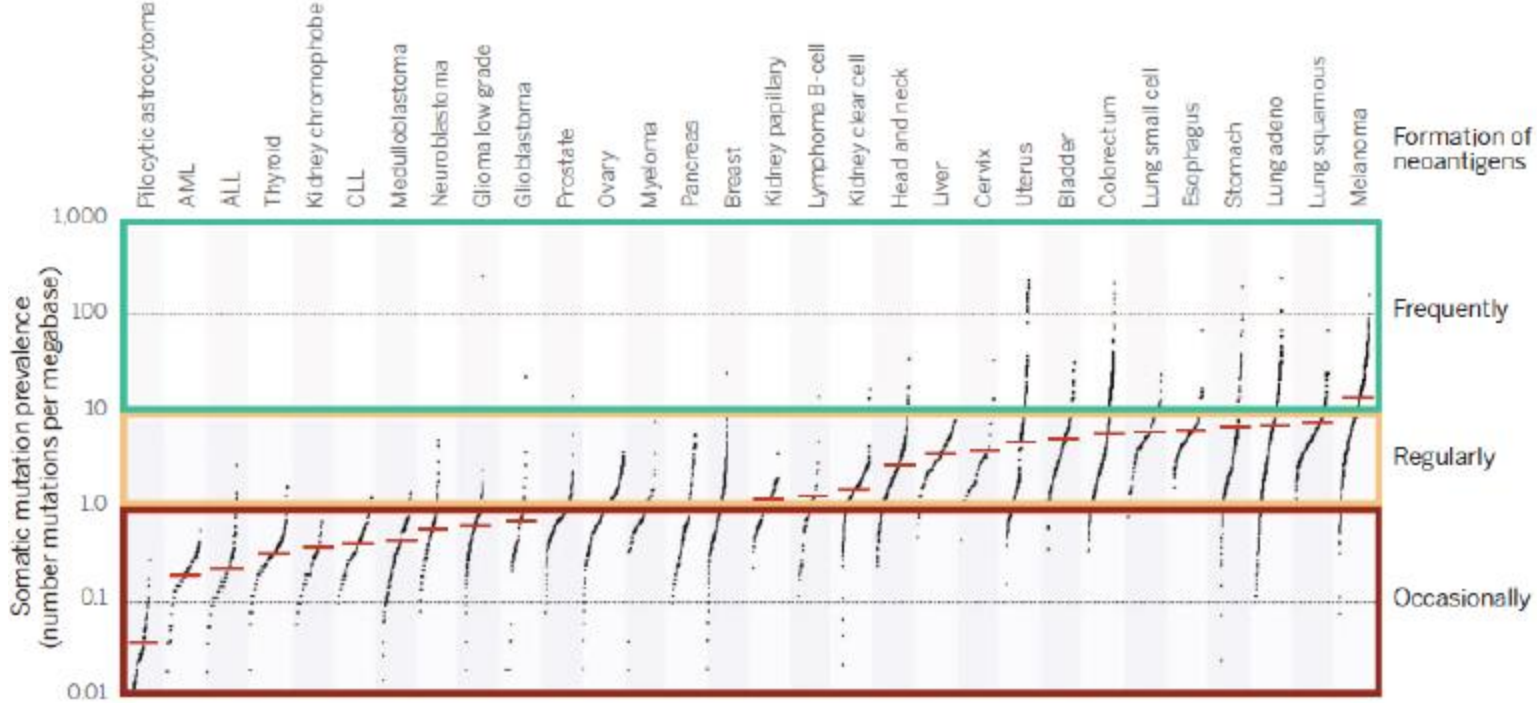
Cancer whole exome sequencing

- Driver mutations
- Passenger mutations
- Nonsynonymous mutations

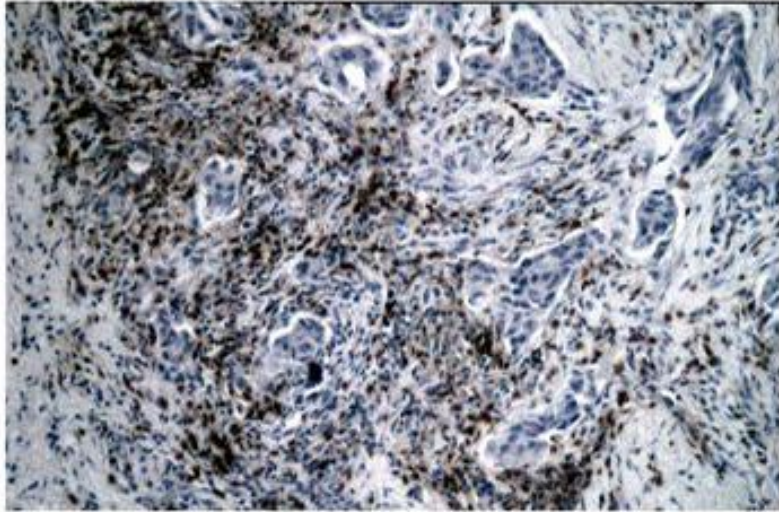


Neoantigens

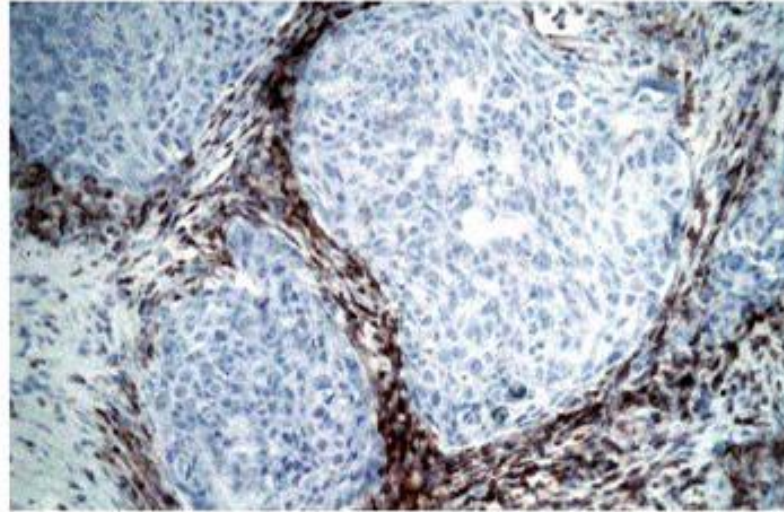
Estimate of the neoantigen repertoire in human cancers



I linfociti T devono essere localizzati nel posto giusto!

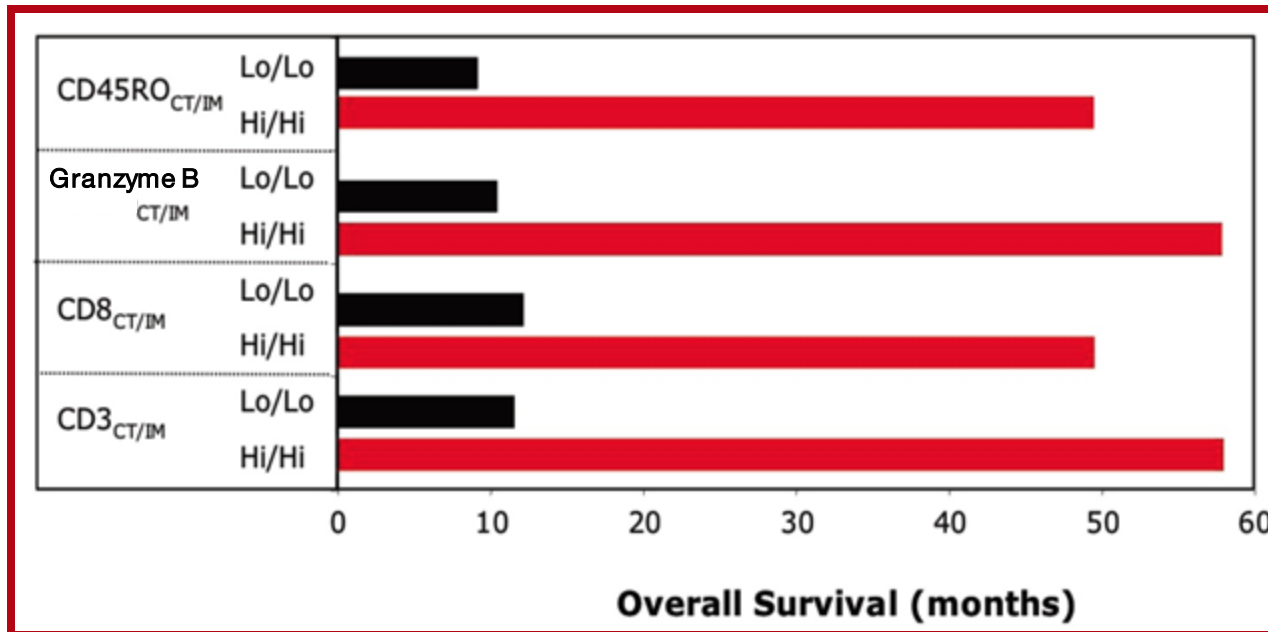
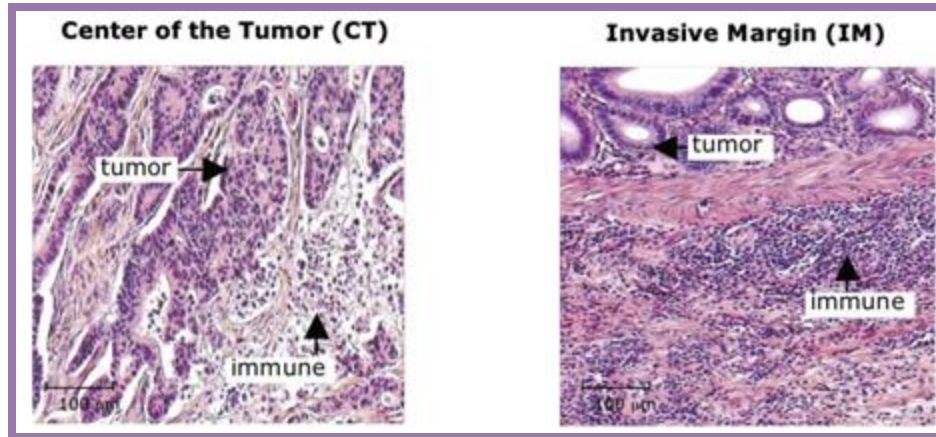
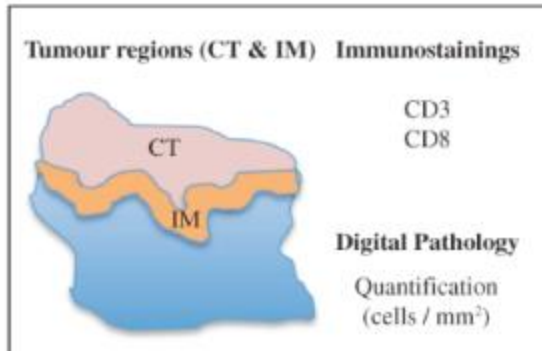


CD3+ INTRATUMORALI



CD3+ PERITUMORALI

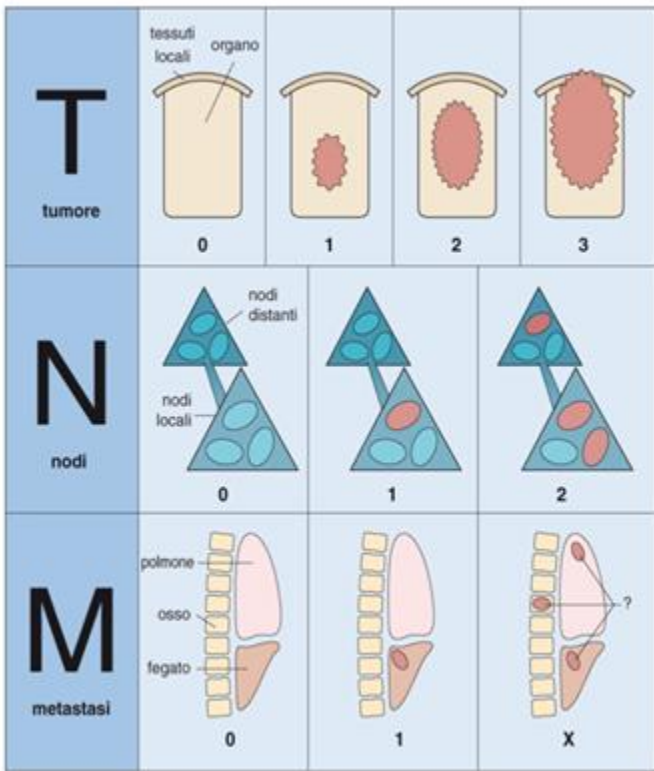
Tanti, di buona qualità e nel posto giusto: come la presenza dei linfociti T correla con una prognosi migliore nel cancro del colon-retto



Type, Density, and Location of Immune Cells Within Human Colorectal Tumors Predict Clinical Outcome

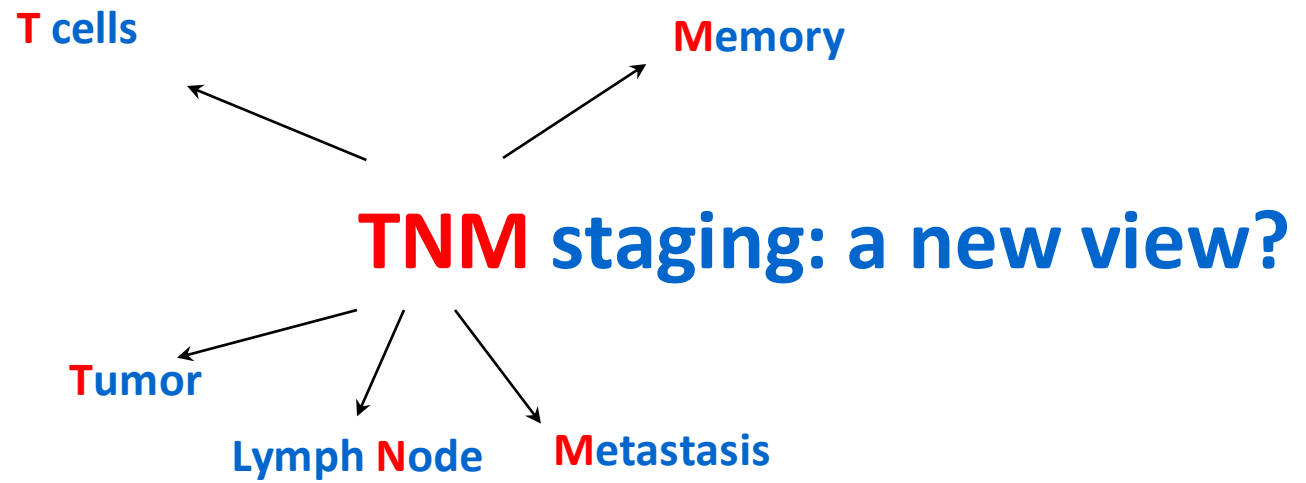
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Stadiazione e (staging)

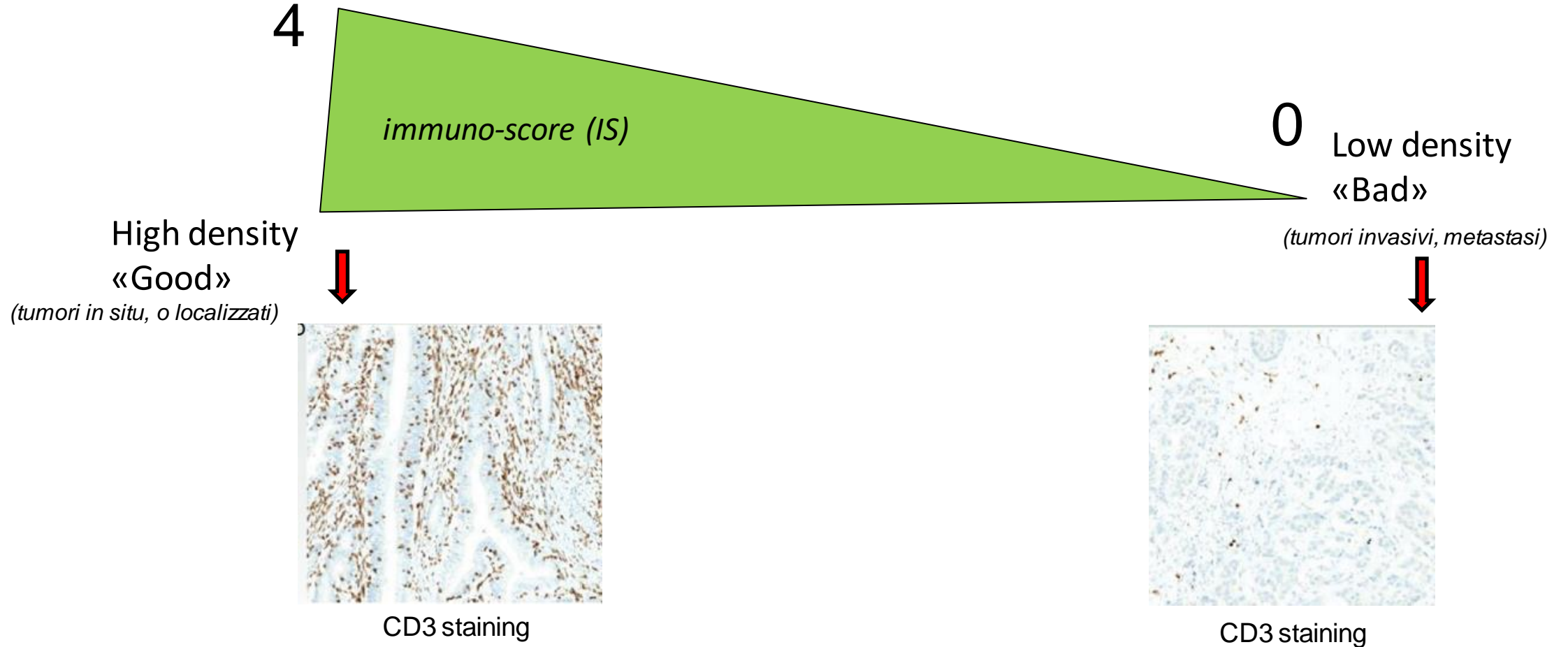
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TNM Staging in Colorectal Cancer: T Is for T Cell and M Is for Memory

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A new view in cancer staging? T is for T cells and M is for Memory

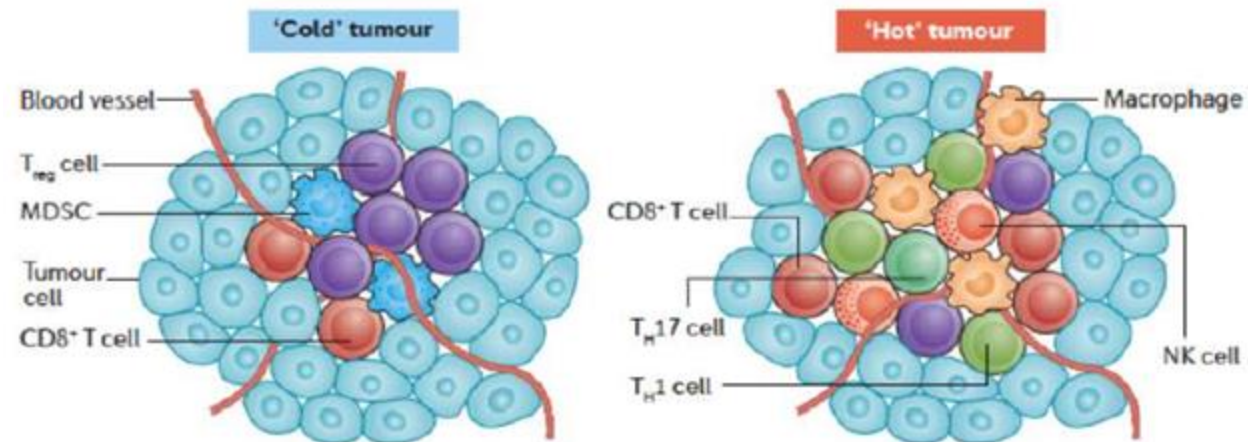


Immuno score: CD8+/CD45+RO+/GRZB+ in CT (center of the tumour) e IM (invasive margin)

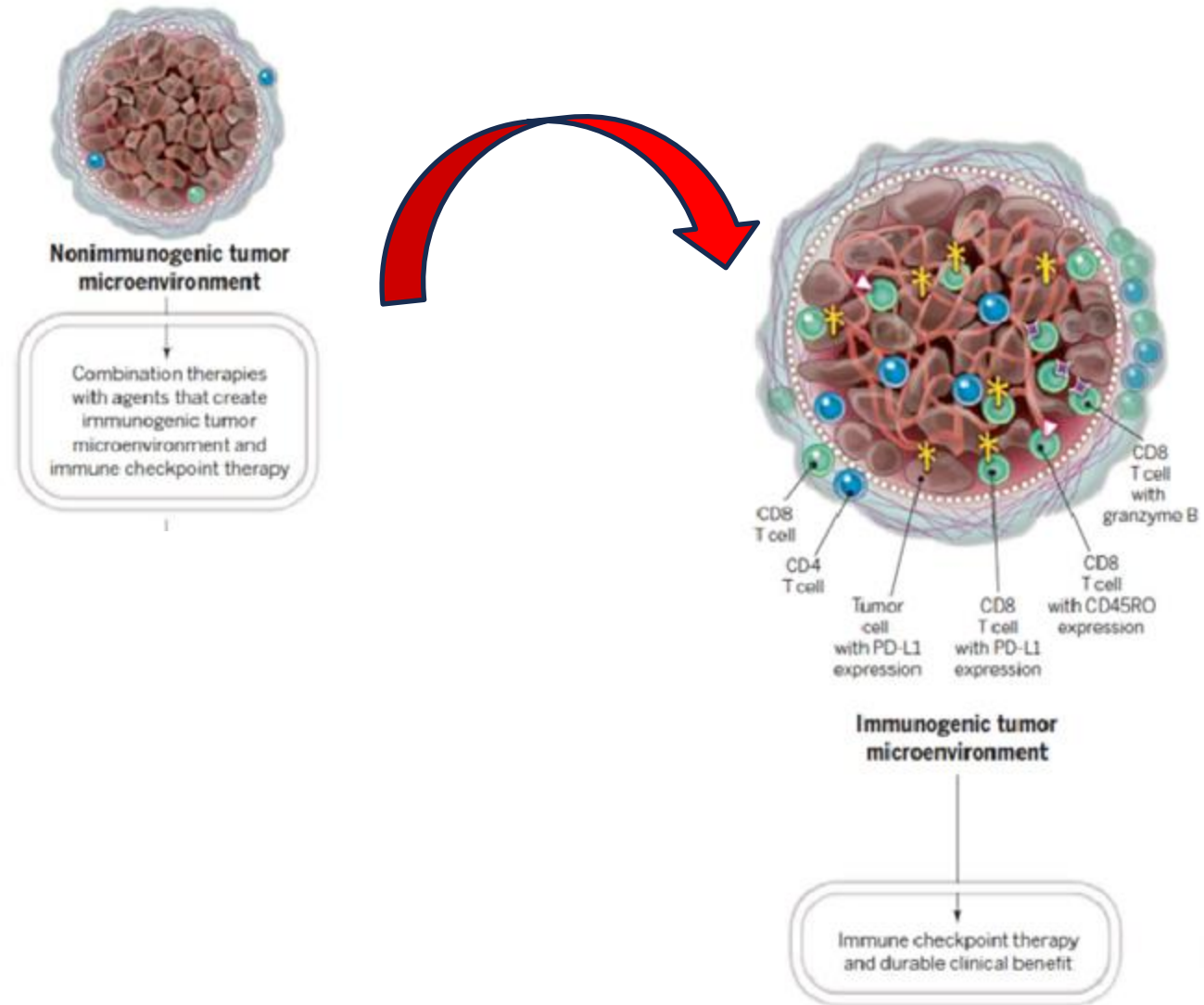
Capability of a tumor to correctly present immunogenic antigens has also been linked to the tumor's capacity to attract immune cells

Quantitation and distribution of immune cells within a tumor have been proposed as broad measurements of tumor immunogenicity, with three typical scenarios being recognized:

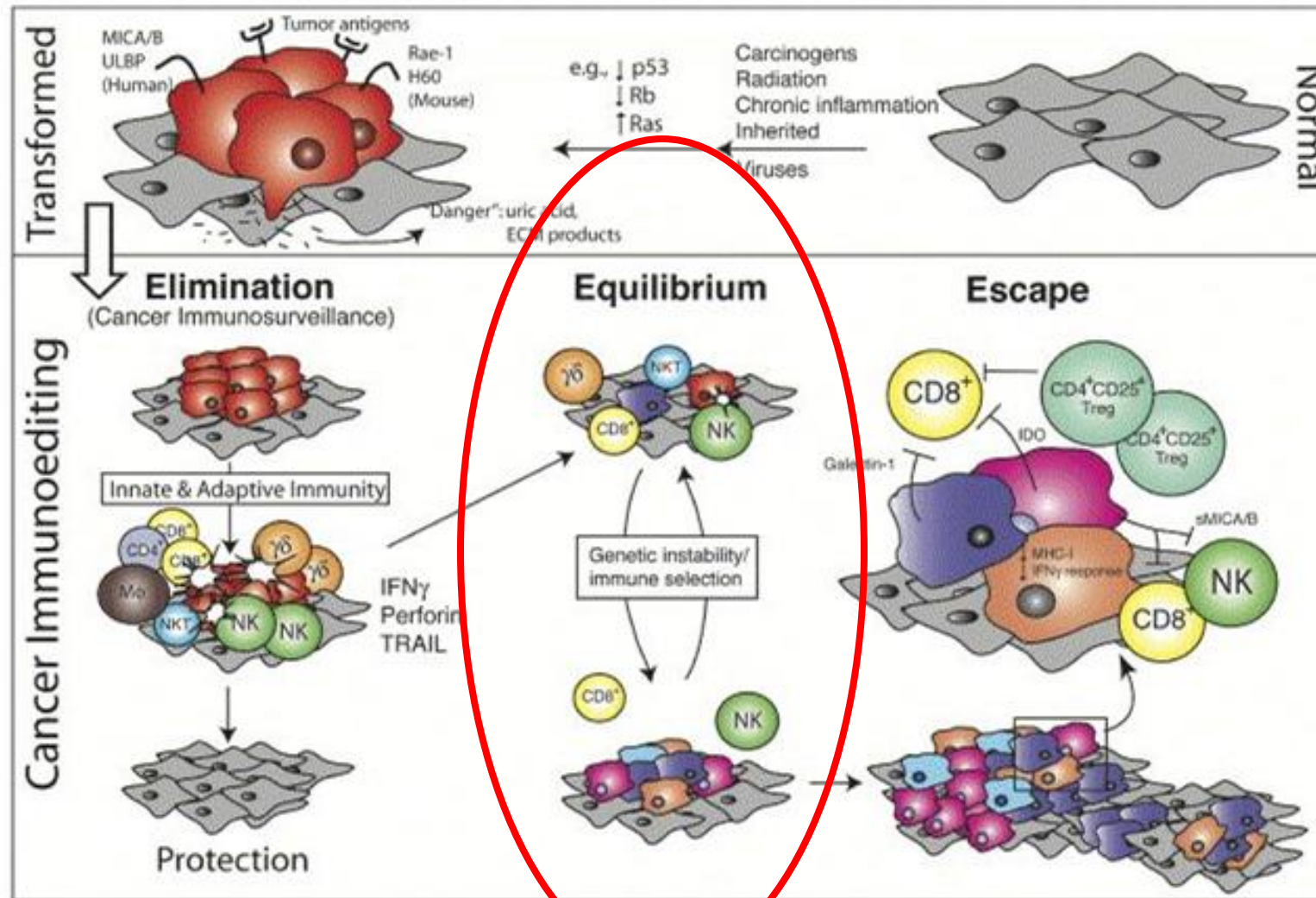
- 1- inflamed tumors (“hot”, immune infiltration),
- 2- immune excluded tumors (presence of T cells at the tumor margins but not in the tumor core)
- 3- Immune desert tumors (“cold”, no immune infiltration)



Trasformare un tumore “freddo” in uno “caldo”



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Il processo di formazione delle metastasi

1889 Stephen Paget

L'ipotesi "Seed and Soil" (Il seme e il terreno):

Le metastasi si sviluppano solo se il seme e il terreno sono compatibili!



In his paper, Paget analyzes 735 fatal cases of breast cancer, complete with autopsy, as well as many other cancer cases from the literature and argues that the distribution of metastases cannot be due to chance, concluding that although "the best work in pathology of cancer is done by those who... are studying the nature of the **seed...**" [the **cancer cell**], but the "observations of the properties of the **soil**" [the **secondary organ**] "may also be useful"...

The Lancet, 1889

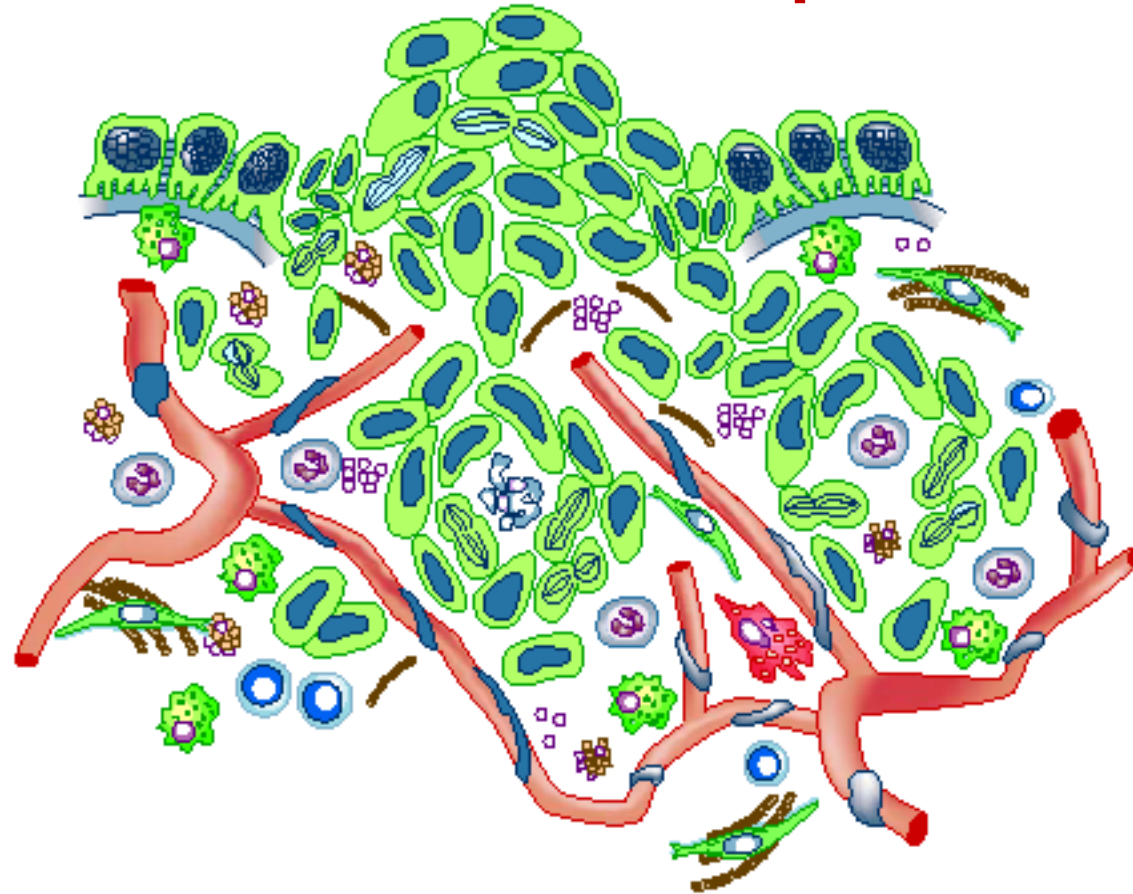
"When a plant goes to seed, its seeds are carried in all directions; but they can only live and grow if they fall on congenial soil."

Seed and Soil



I semi vanno in tutte le direzioni, ma cresceranno solo quelli che cadranno dove il terreno gli è congeniale

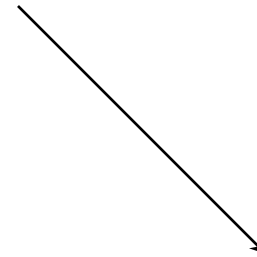
... Il terreno...
Il microambiente è importante!



Il microambiente tumorale è un protagonista indispensabile del processo neoplastico, poiché favorisce la proliferazione, la sopravvivenza e la migrazione delle cellule tumorali.

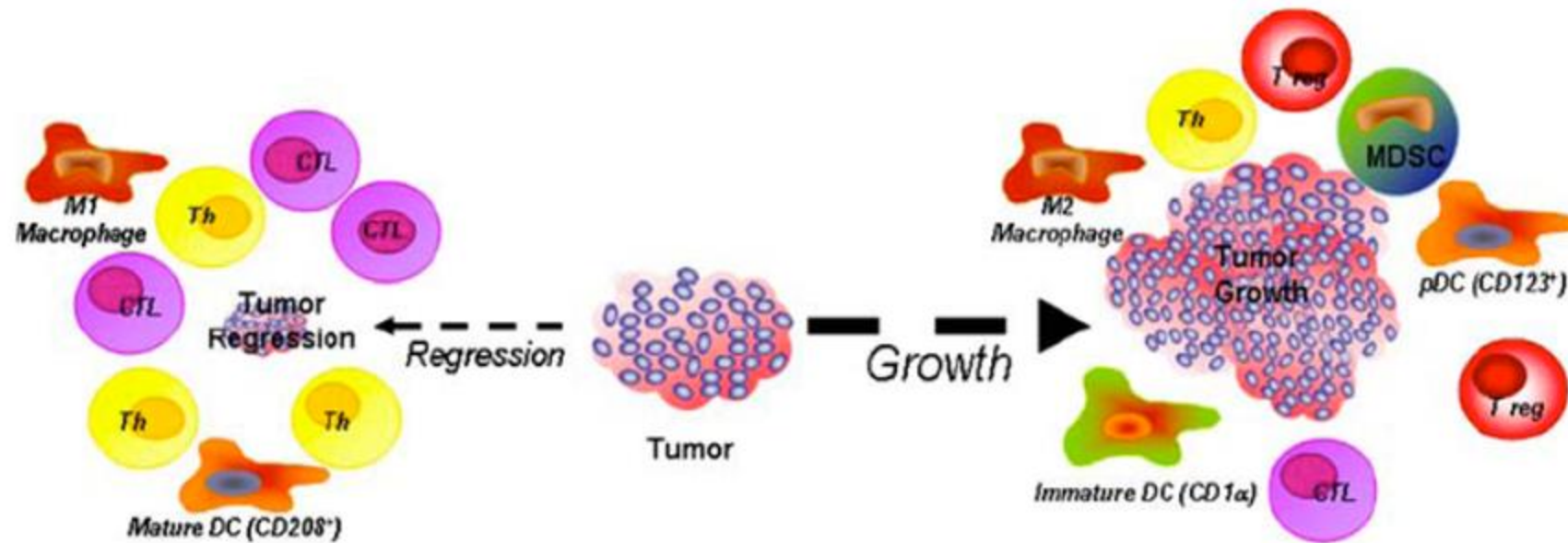
Coussens LM and Werb Z Nature 2002

Although cancer is described as a disease of genetic mutations, it is clear the important, but multifaceted role of the host.



Inflammation e cancro

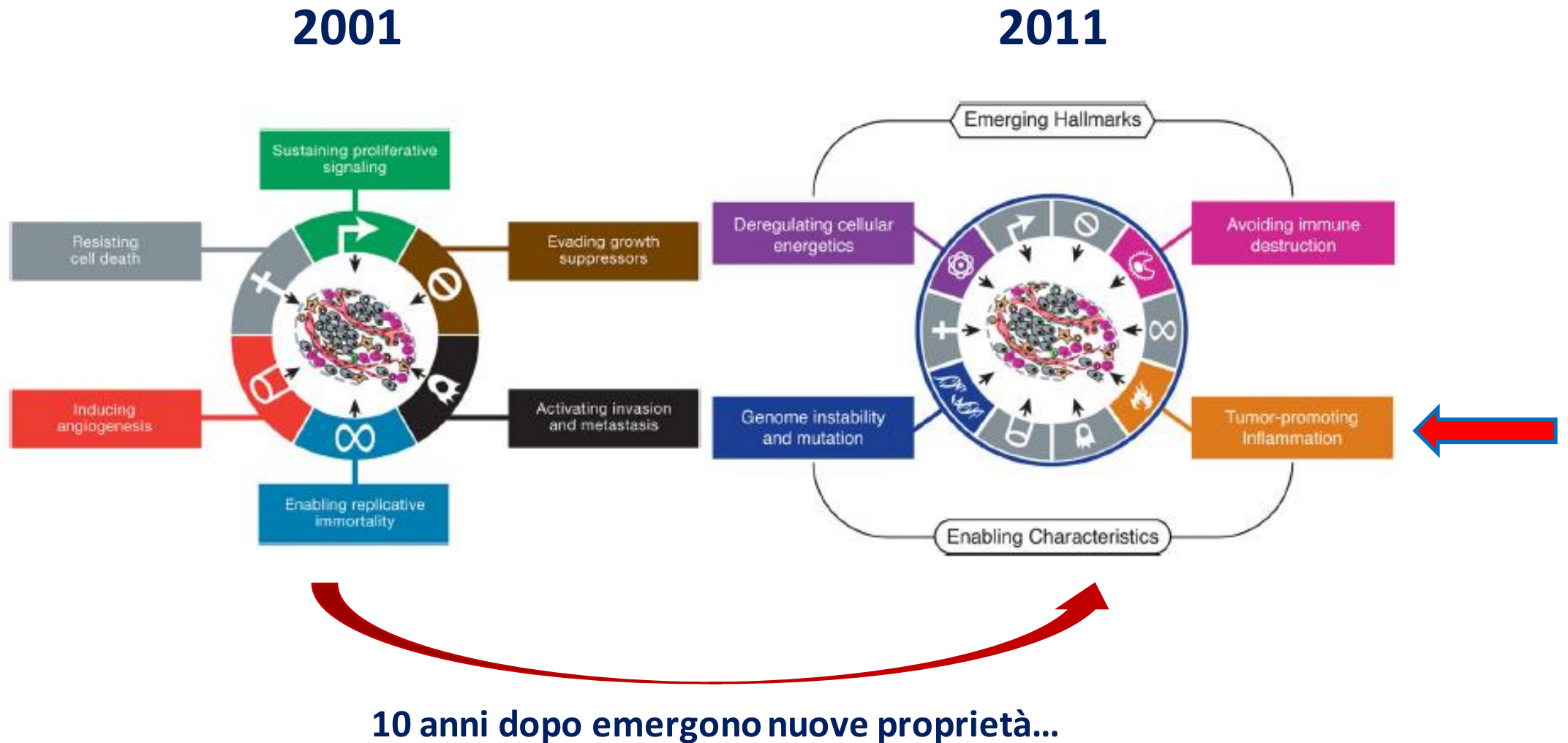
Il sistema immunitario è come “un’arma a doppio taglio”



THE IMMUNE SYSTEM IS A “DOUBLE-EDGED SWORD”

- It can destroy tumor cells, and yet paradoxically also promote and sustains cancer.
- The complexity of the immune system-cancer relationship depends on tumor cellular origin, mode of transformation, anatomic location, stromal response, cytokine production profile, inherent immunogenicity....etc.

Le proprietà di un tumore





Infiammazione e cancro: evidenze a favore

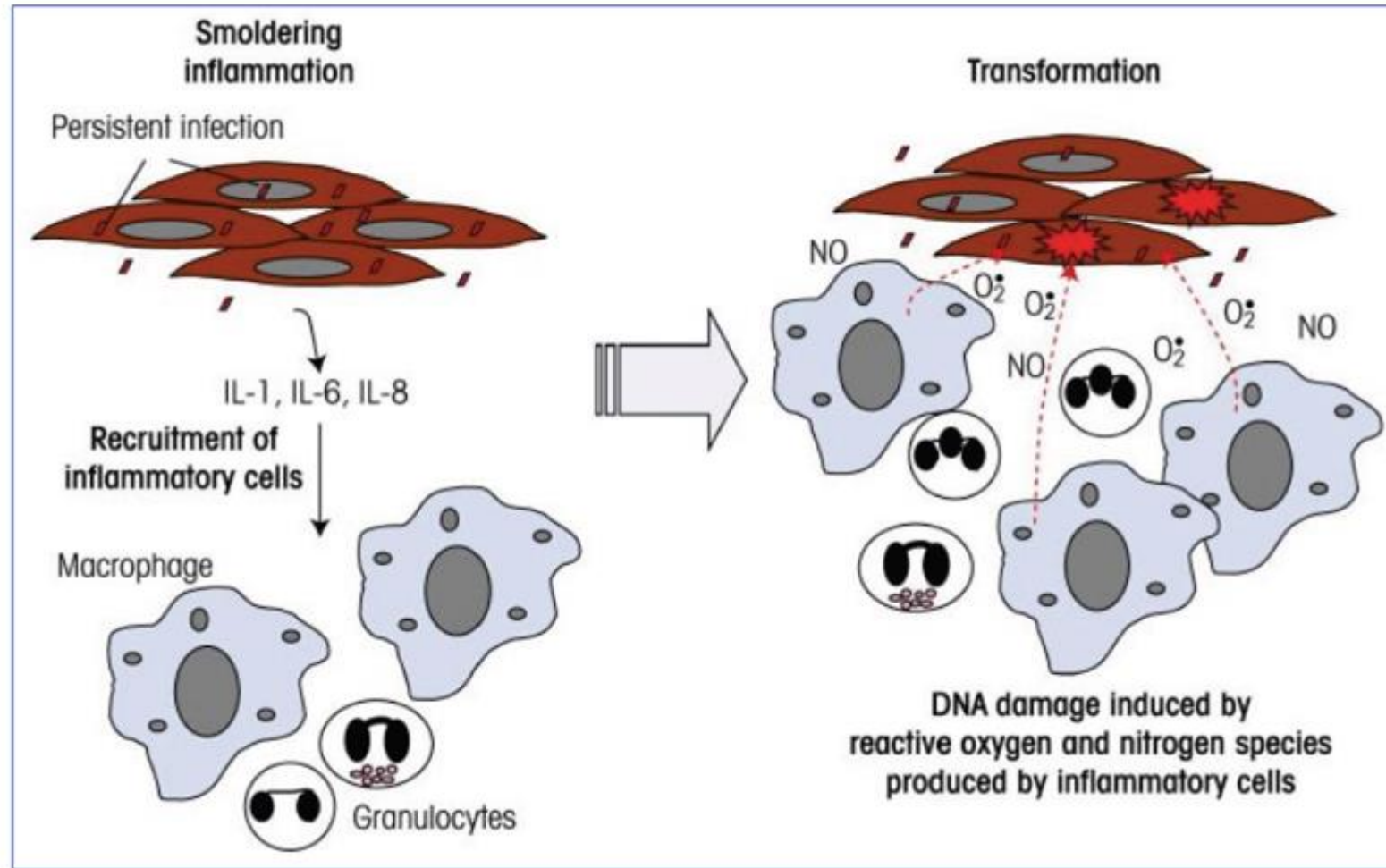


Virchow, 1863

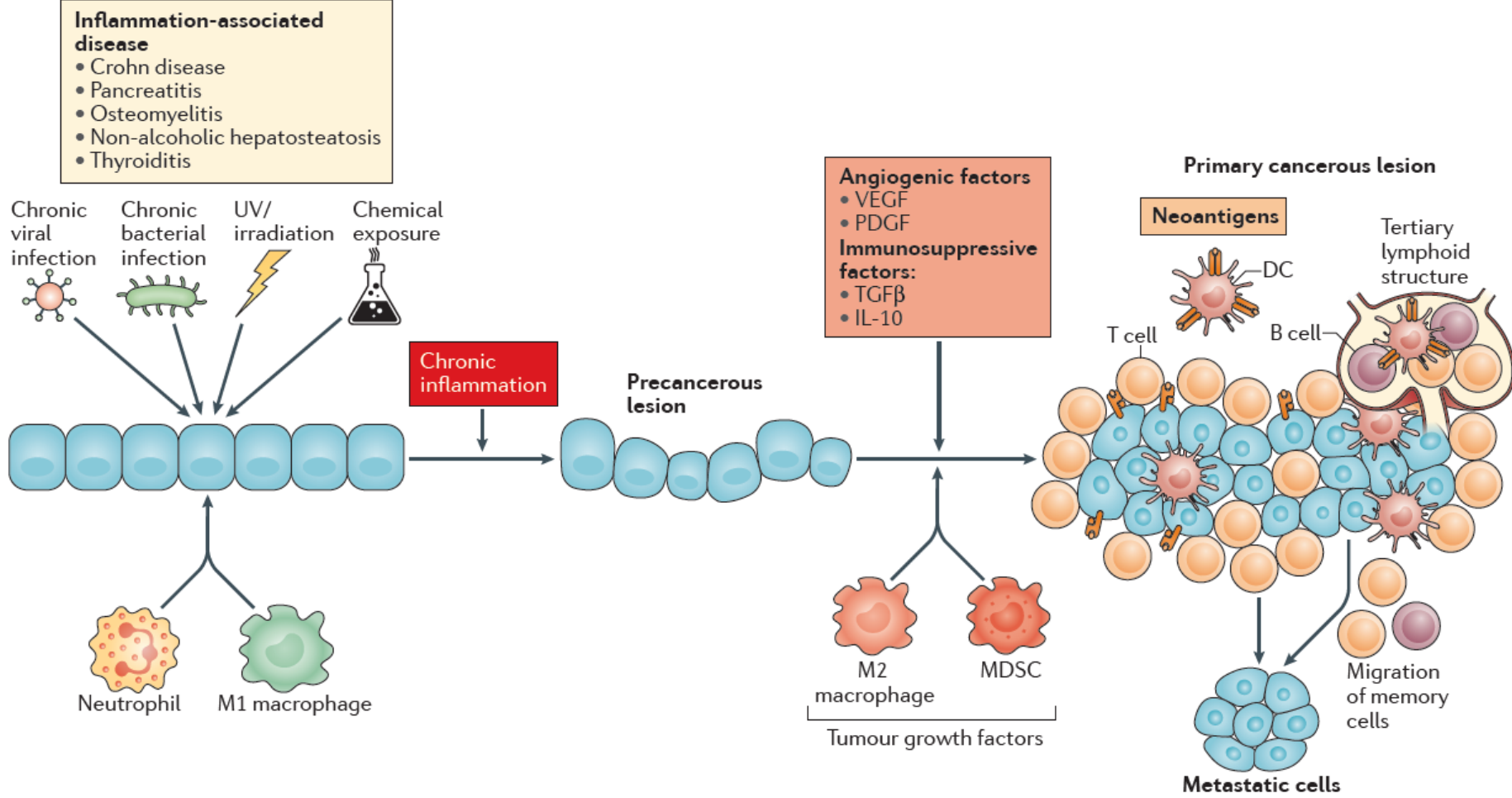
- Le malattie infiammatorie dell'intestino (colite ulcerosa, malattia di Crohn) sono associate ad un alto rischio di cancro del colon-retto. Individui con la colite ulcerosa hanno un rischio dieci volte maggiore di sviluppare un cancro del colon-retto, rispetto al rischio calcolato per il resto della popolazione.
- L'esposizione cronica a sostanze irritanti che causano un'infiammazione dei bronchi (es., sigarette, asbesto, silice) è associata ad un elevato rischio di cancro del polmone.
- L'esposizione eccessiva ai raggi UV aumenta il rischio di melanoma.
- Molti tumori sono correlati ad una esposizione cronica ai patogeni (es., cancro dello stomaco ed *Helicobacter pylori*; epatocarcinoma e HCV; cancro della cervice e HPV).

Inductor	Inflammation	Cancer
Gut pathogens	Inflammatory bowel disease	Colorectal cancer
Tobacco smoke	Bronchitis	Bronchial lung cancer
<i>Helicobacter pylori</i>	Gastritis	Gastric cancer
Human papilloma virus	Cervicitis	Cervical cancer
Hepatitis B/C virus	Hepatitis	Hepatocellular carcinoma
Bacteria, gall bladder stones	Cholecystitis	Gall bladder cancer
Tobacco, genetics, alcohol	Pancreatitis	Pancreatic cancer
Epstein-Barr virus	Mononucleosis	Burkitt's lymphoma
Ultraviolet light	Sunburn	Melanoma
Asbestos fibers	Asbestosis	Mesothelioma
Gram-uropathogens	Schistosomiasis (Bilharzia)	Bladder cancer
Gastric acid, alcohol, tobacco	Esophagitis	Esophageal adenocarcinoma

Chronic inflammation can promote malignant transformation



Key elements of cancer-related inflammation



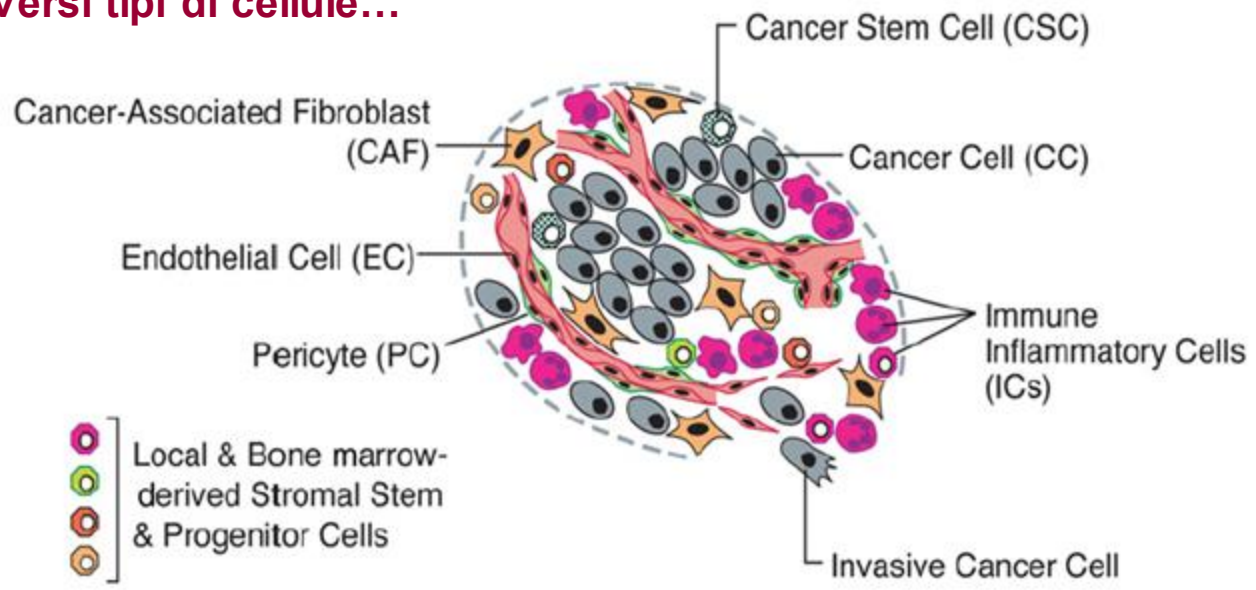
Quali sono le cellule infiammatorie nel microambiente tumorale che favoriscono lo sviluppo e la progressione tumorale?

- **Macrofagi associati al tumore (TAM)**
- **Cellule dendritiche (DC)**
- **Mastociti**
- **Neutrofili**
- **Eosinofili**

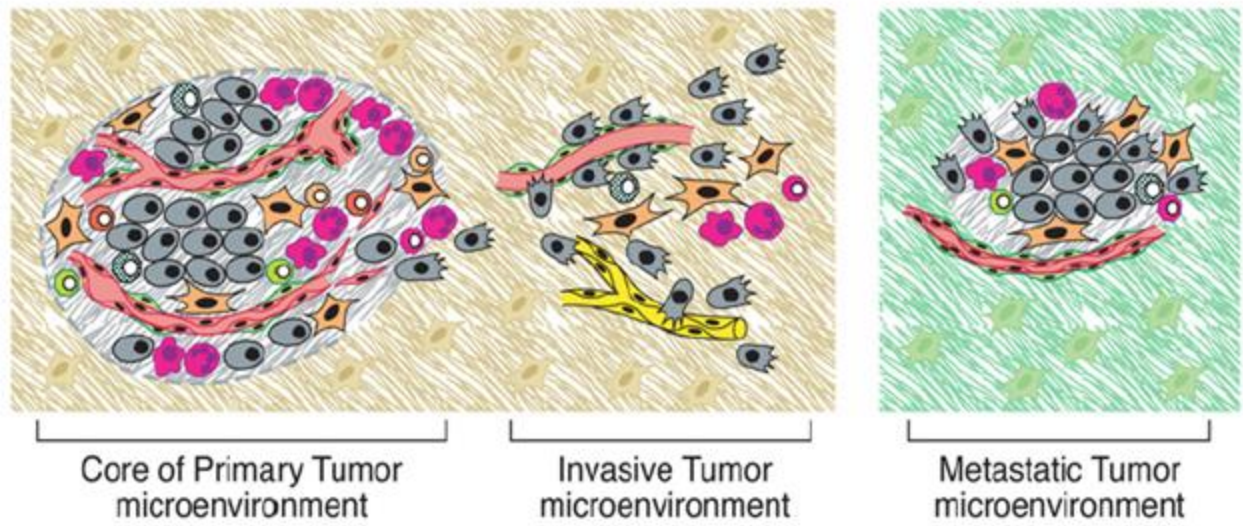
Cosa fanno?

- **Inibiscono la risposta anti-tumorale.**
- **Promuovono la proliferazione cellulare, la deposizione dello stroma, l'angiogenesi.**
- **Inducono o aumentano il danno al DNA.**

Un tumore è costituito da diversi tipi di cellule...

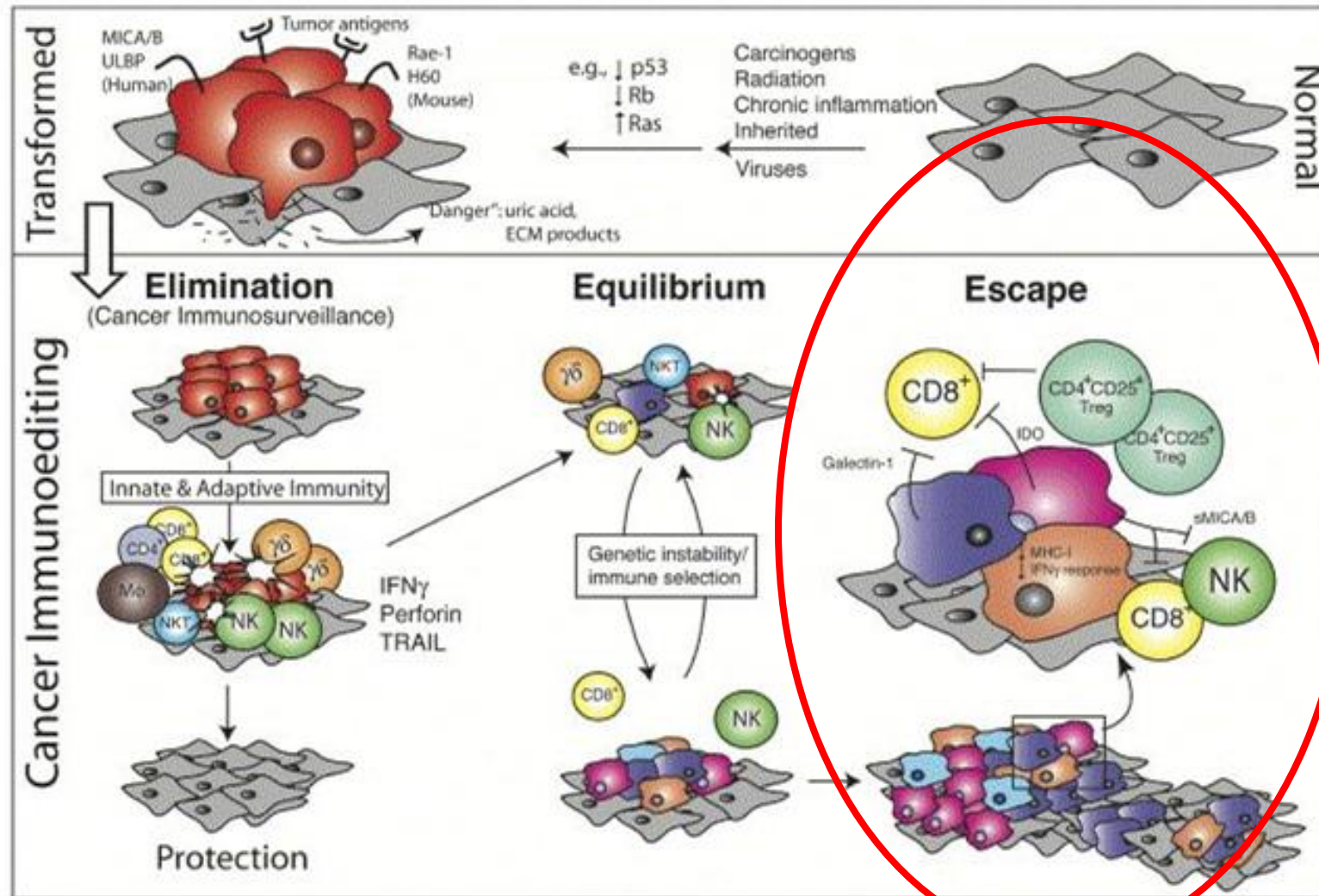


**tumor-promoting
&
tumor-killing**



...e da diversi microambienti

The immune system establishes a dynamic interaction with the tumour: **cancer immunoediting**

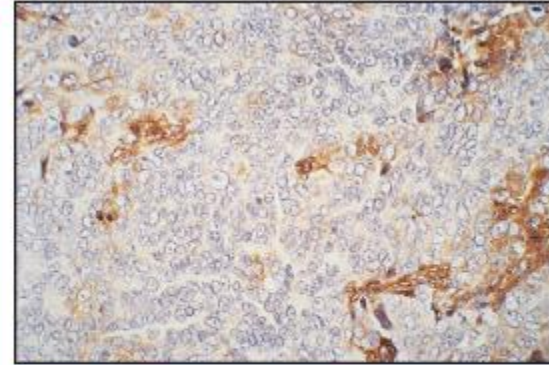
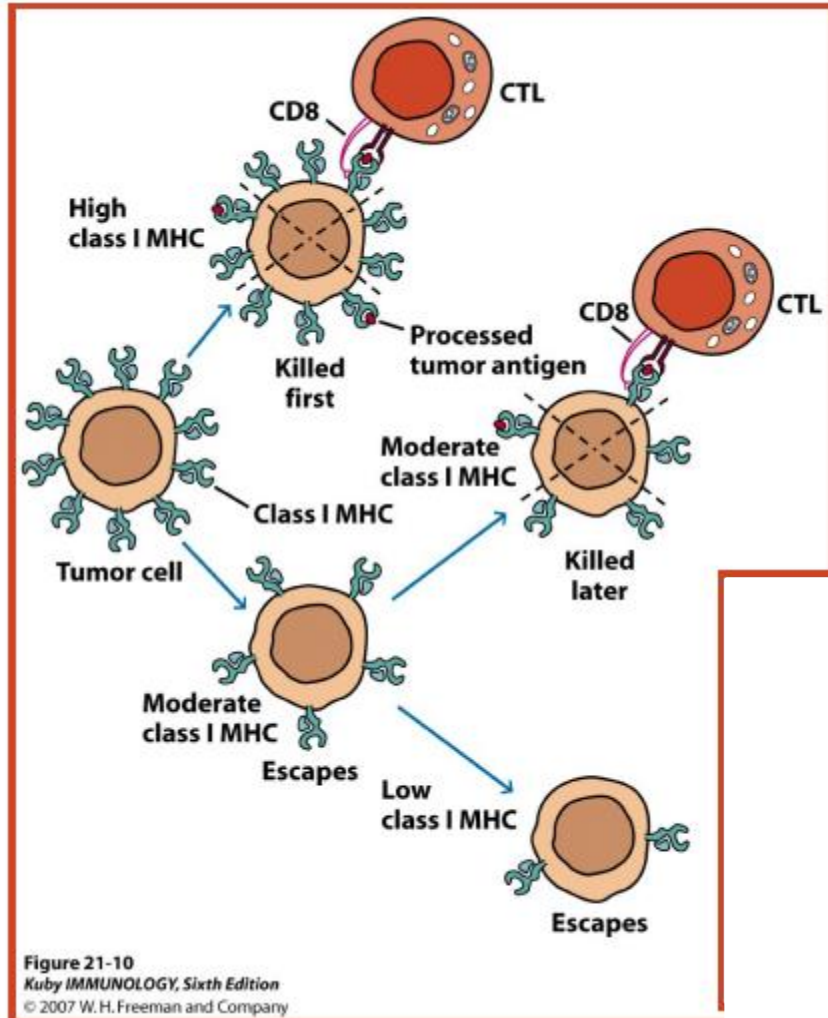


Alcuni meccanismi con cui i tumori sfuggono al riconoscimento da parte del sistema immunitario



Low immunogenicity	Tumor treated as self antigen	Antigenic modulation	Tumor-induced immune suppression	Tumor-induced privileged site
<p>No peptide:MHC ligand No adhesion molecules No co-stimulatory molecules</p>	<p>Tumor antigens taken up and presented by APCs in absence of co-stimulation tolerize T cells</p>	<p>Antibody against tumor cell- surface antigens can induce endocytosis and degradation of the antigen. Immune selection of antigen-loss variants</p>	<p>Factors (e.g., TGF-β) secreted by tumor cells inhibit T cells directly. Induction of regulatory T cells by tumors</p>	<p>Factors secreted by tumor cells create a physical barrier to the immune system</p>

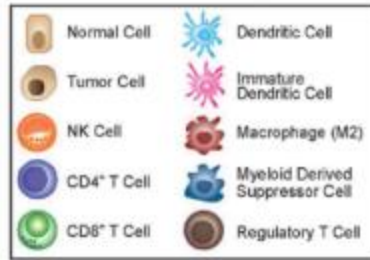
Class I HLA down-modulation as a tumor evasion strategy against CTL recognition



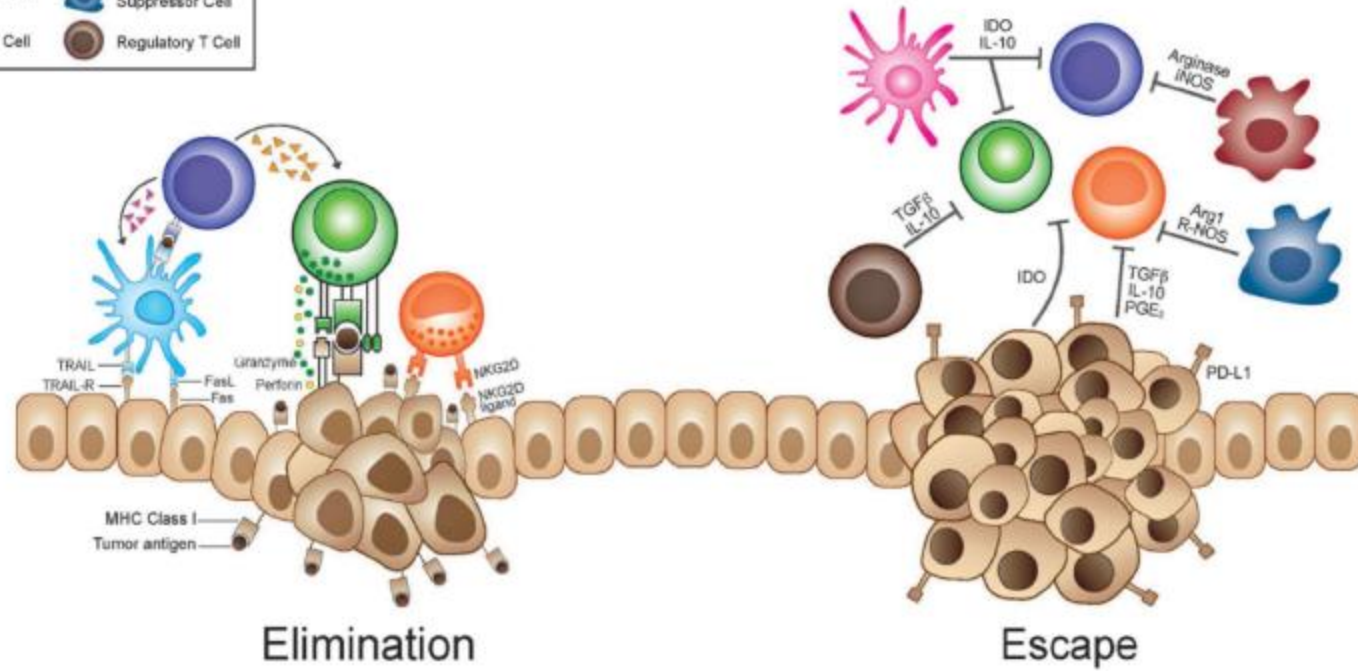
HLA-I- prostate cancer, with HLA-I+ stroma and infiltrating cells

Frequency (%) of HLA-I altered phenotypes in invasive tumors

Escape

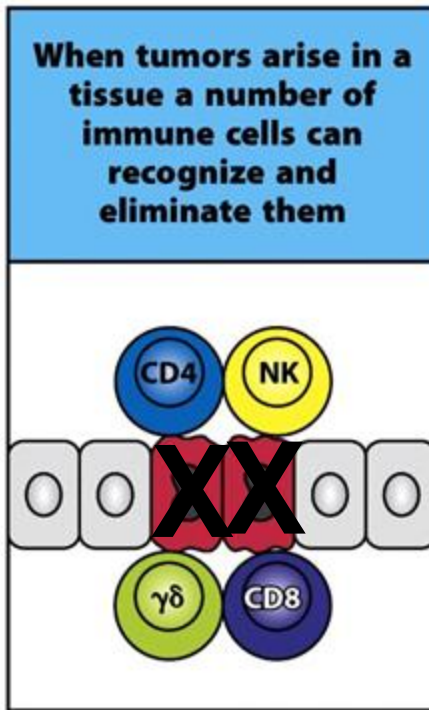


Tumor Microenvironment

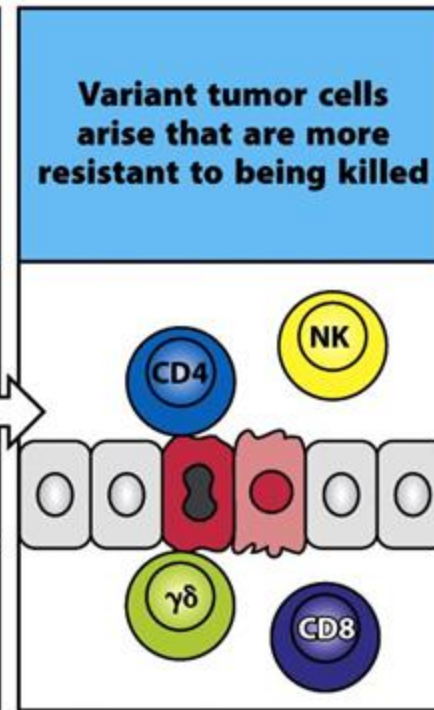


“Immunoediting” del tumore: le 3 E

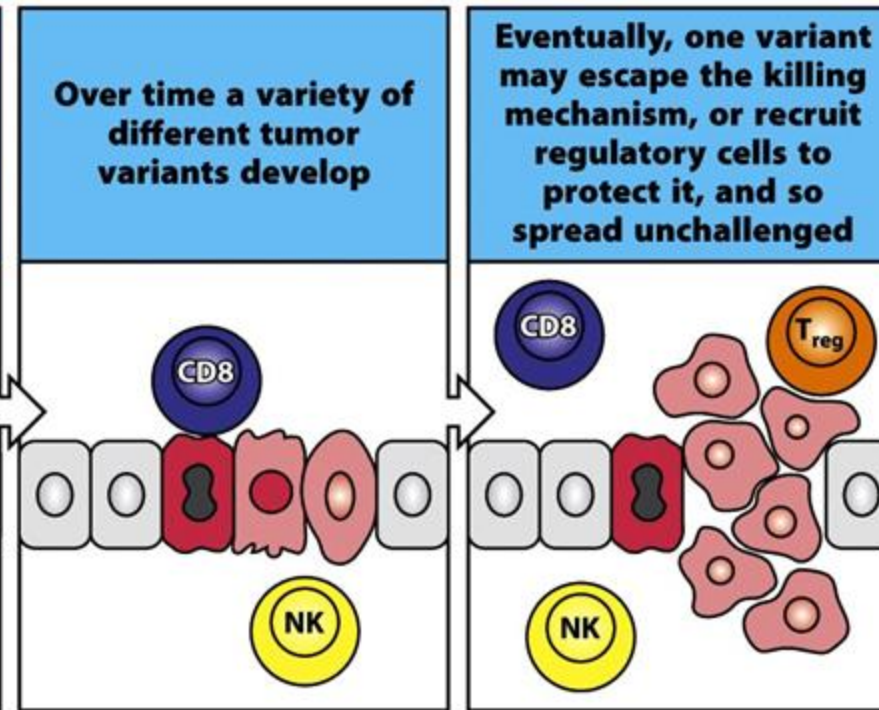
Eliminazione



Equilibrio



Evasione



Immunoterapia dei tumori

Immunoterapia dei tumori

Elimination

**Attivazione dell'immunità
innata e adattativa**

- Vaccinazione con antigeni tumorali
- Anticorpi monoclonali che attivano molecole co-stimolatorie (OX40, 4-1BB, CD40, ecc.)
- Trattamento con citochine (es., IFN- α , IL-2)
- Aumento della presentazione dell'antigene (es., TLRs, DCs)
- Trasferimento adottivo di linfociti T tumore-specifici

Premere sull'acceleratore



Escape

**Neutralizzazione dei meccanismi
di inibizione e di soppressione**

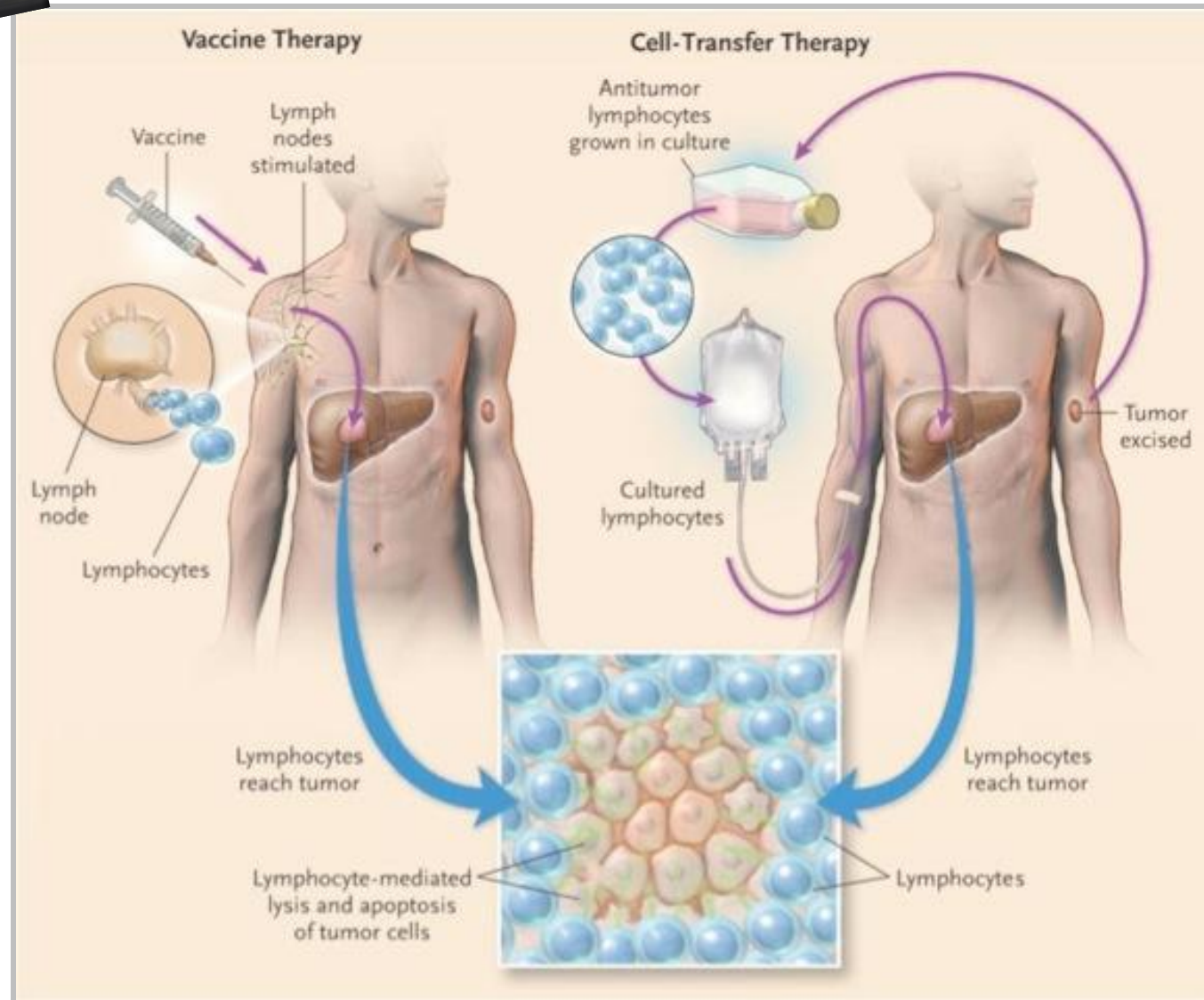
- Chemioterapia/Radioterapia
- Anticorpi monoclonali contro molecole inibitorie (anti-CTLA-4, anti-PD-1)
- mAbs anti-CD25 (cellule T regolatorie)

Togliere i freni





Two main approaches to cancer immunotherapy: vaccine therapy and cell-transfer therapy



Approcci sperimentali per i vaccini anti-tumore

1. Trovare antigeni tumore-specifici, da utilizzare per l'azione dei CD8+ CTLs o di anticorpi.
2. Rendere i tumori più immunogenici, unendoli ad adiuvanti o facendogli esprimere citochine o molecole costimolatorie.
3. "Dendritic cell loading" con antigeni specifici o con cellule tumorali intere e stimolazione con adiuvanti specifici in sistemi di colture cellulari, prima del re-inoculo nel paziente.

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Therapeutic vaccines: Augmentation of anti-tumor immune response

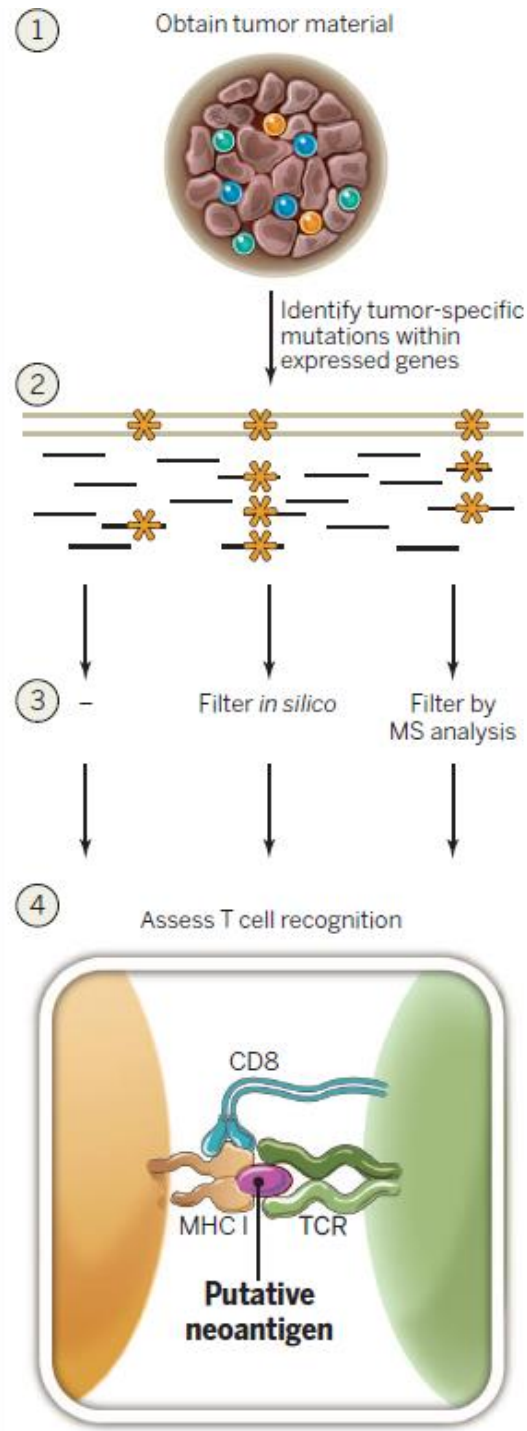
1. Trovare antigeni tumore-specifici

L'antigene tumorale "ideale" per la vaccinazione

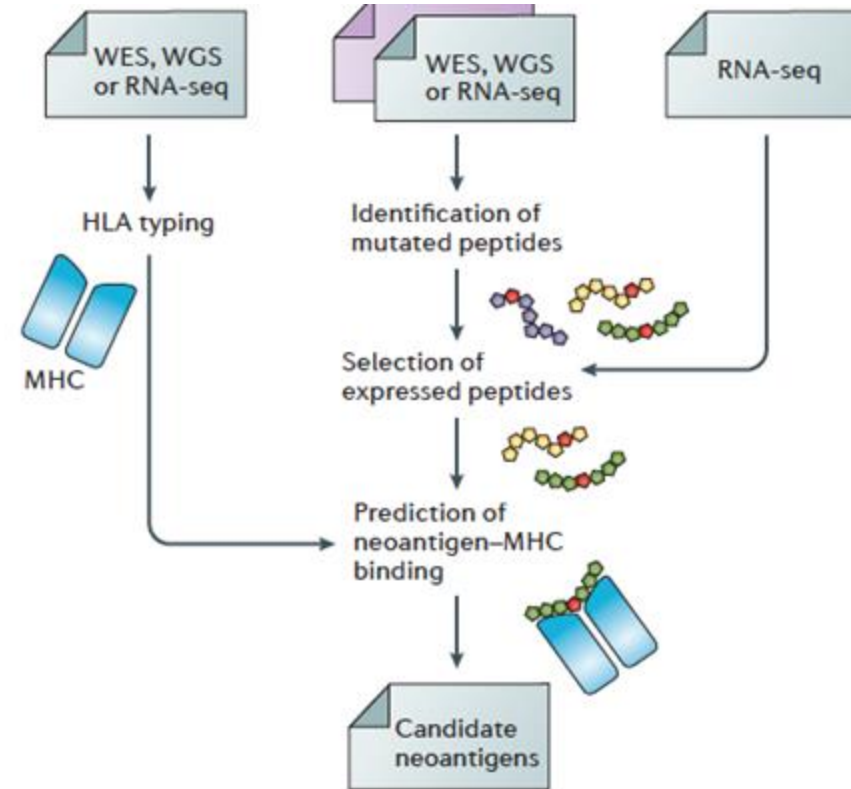
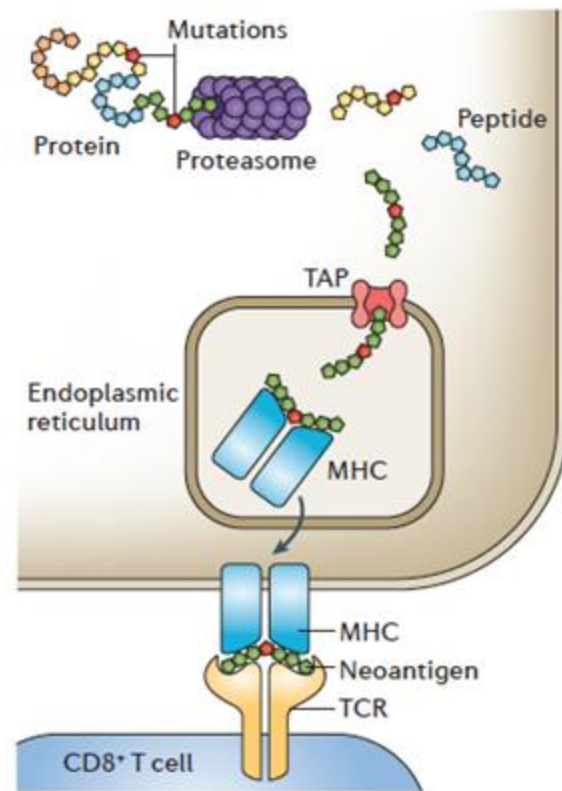
- ❖ E' altamente espresso in un ampio numero di tumori.
- ❖ E' espresso durante le prime fasi della trasformazione neoplastica.
- ❖ Gioca un ruolo fondamentale nella trasformazione neoplastica.
- ❖ E' dotato di più peptidi immunogenici che possono essere presentati da alleli HLA diversi.
- ❖ I suoi peptidi immunogenici sono generati dalla processazione nella cellula tumorale.
- ❖ E' riconosciuto da un vasto repertorio di cellule T in grado di generare delle risposte efficaci.

1. Trovare antigeni tumore-specifici

Cancer exome-based identification of neoantigens



1. Trovare antigeni tumore-specifici



Cancer whole exome sequencing

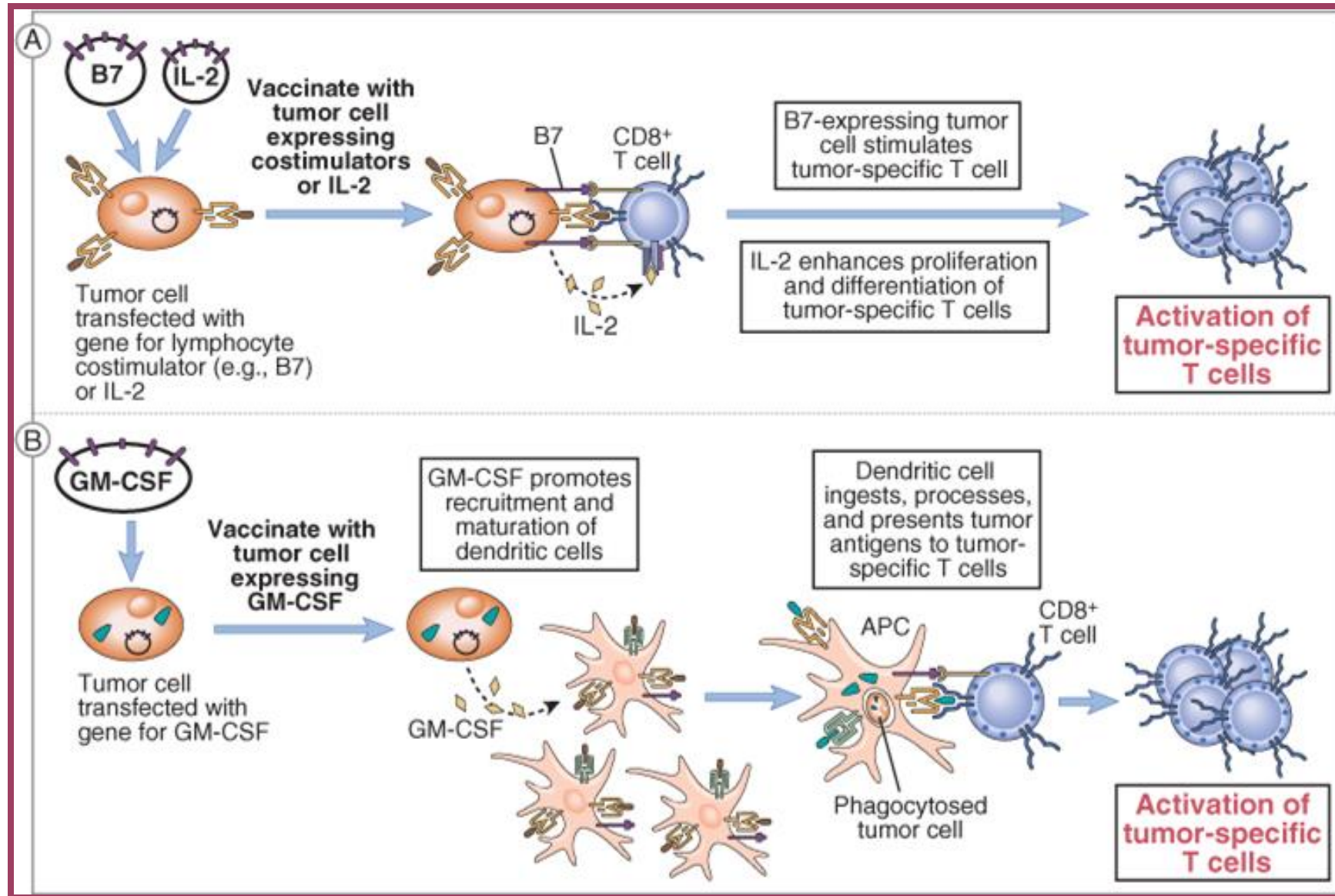
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Neoantigens

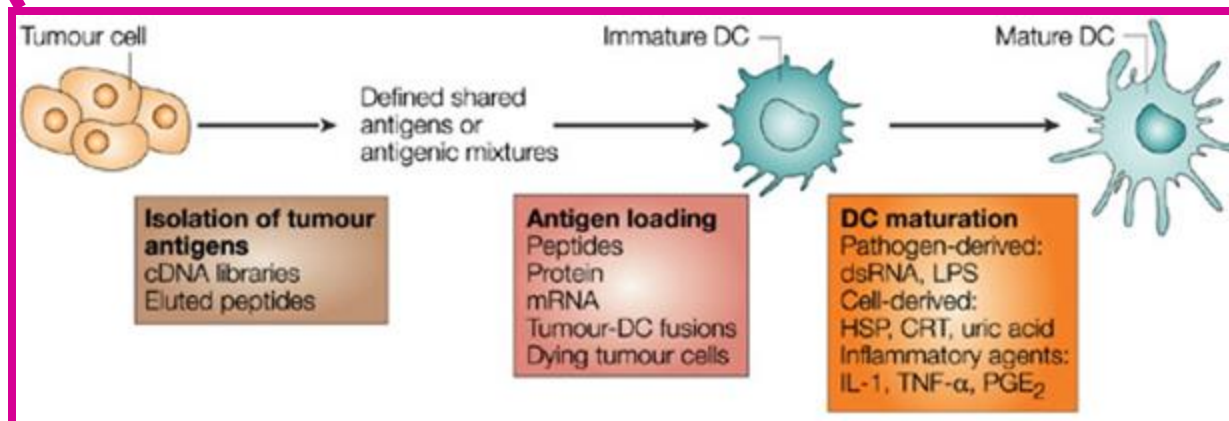
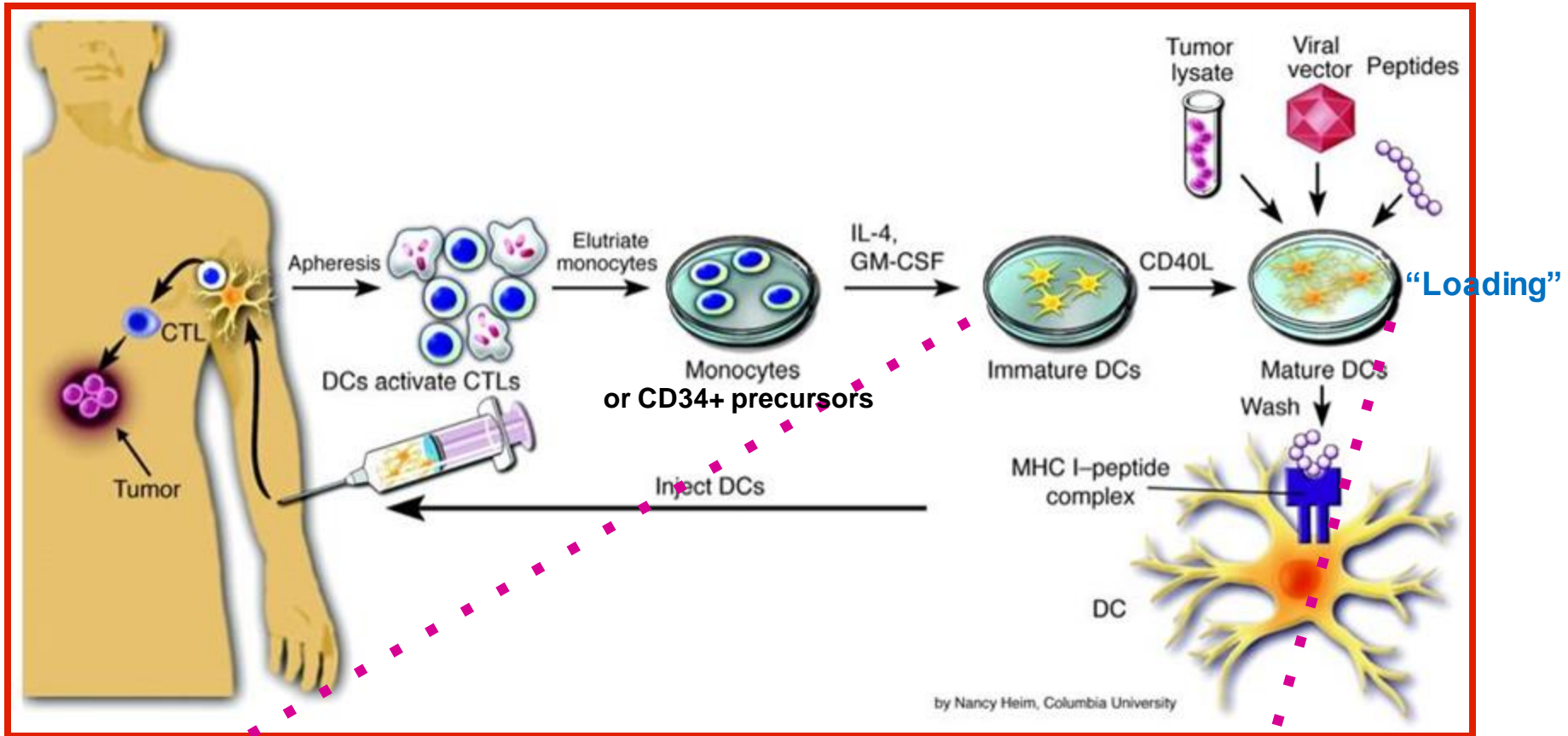
2. Rendere i tumori più immunogenici

Manipolazioni genetiche per aumentare l'immunogenicità delle cellule tumorali



3. DC loading

Generazione di vaccini basati sulle cellule dendritiche (DC) anti-tumore

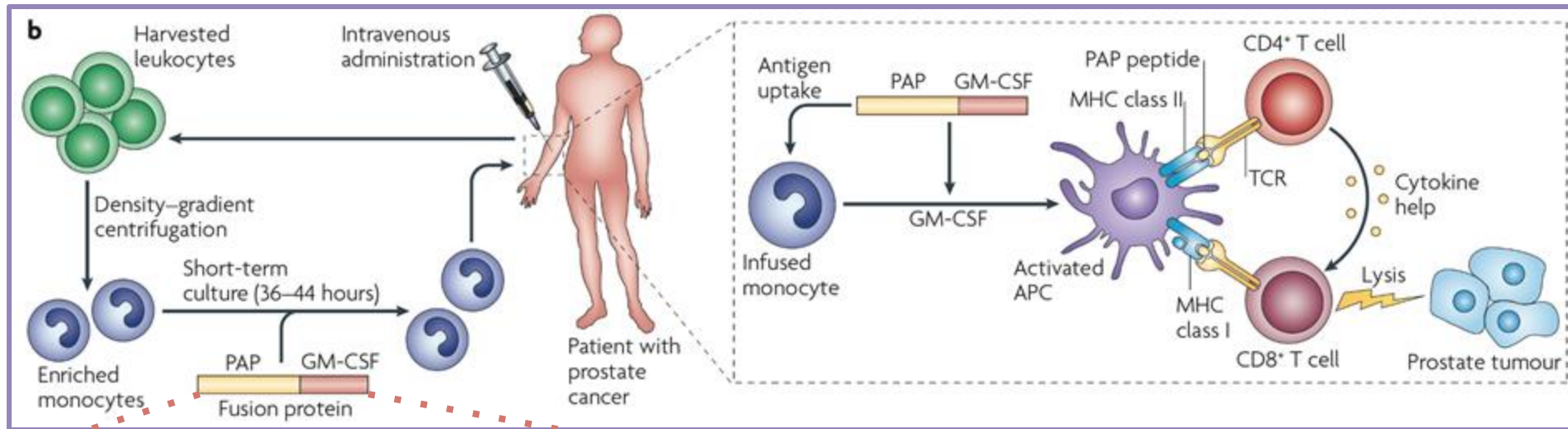


First U.S. "cancer vaccine"!

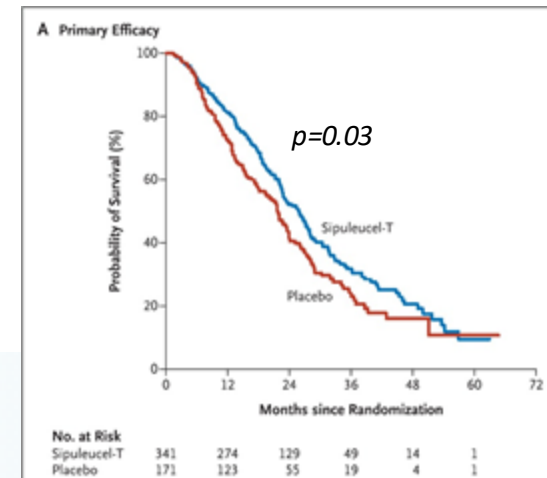


Sipuleucel-T (Provenge)

Autologous cellular immunotherapy for the treatment of asymptomatic or minimally symptomatic metastatic and hormone refractory prostate cancer

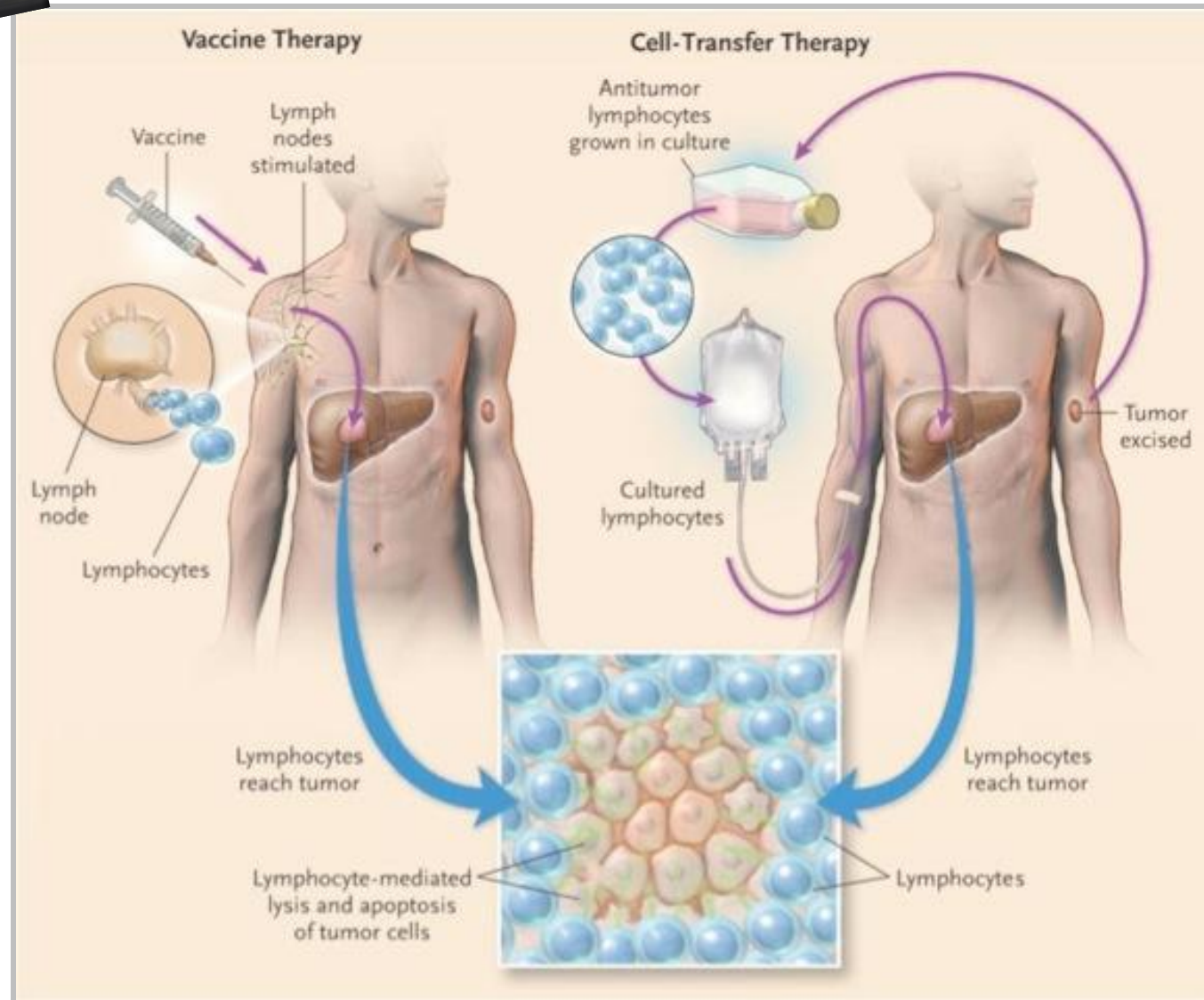


PAP-GM-CSF consists of prostatic acid phosphatase (PAP), an antigen expressed in prostate cancer tissue, linked to granulocyte-macrophage colony-stimulating factor (GM-CSF)

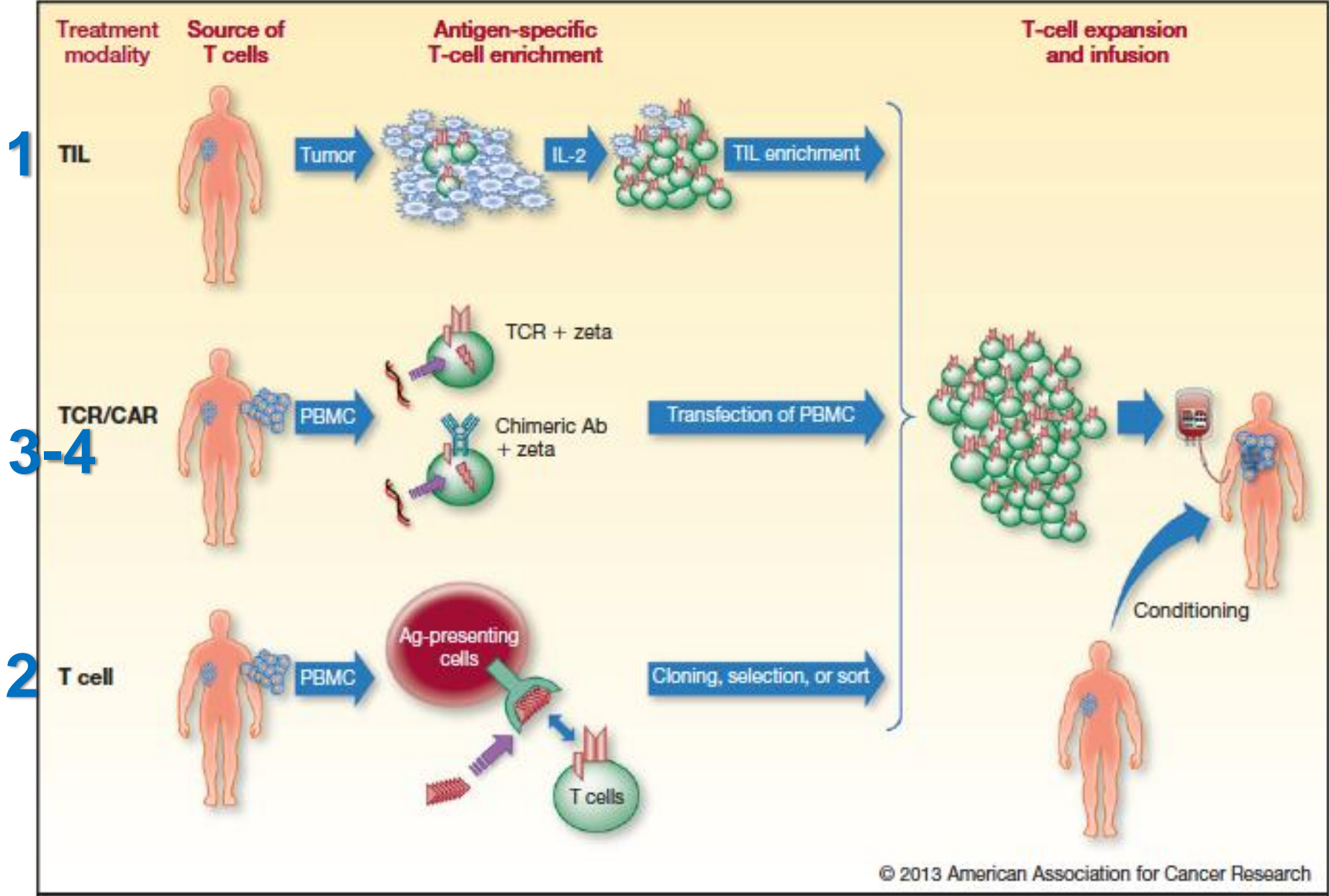




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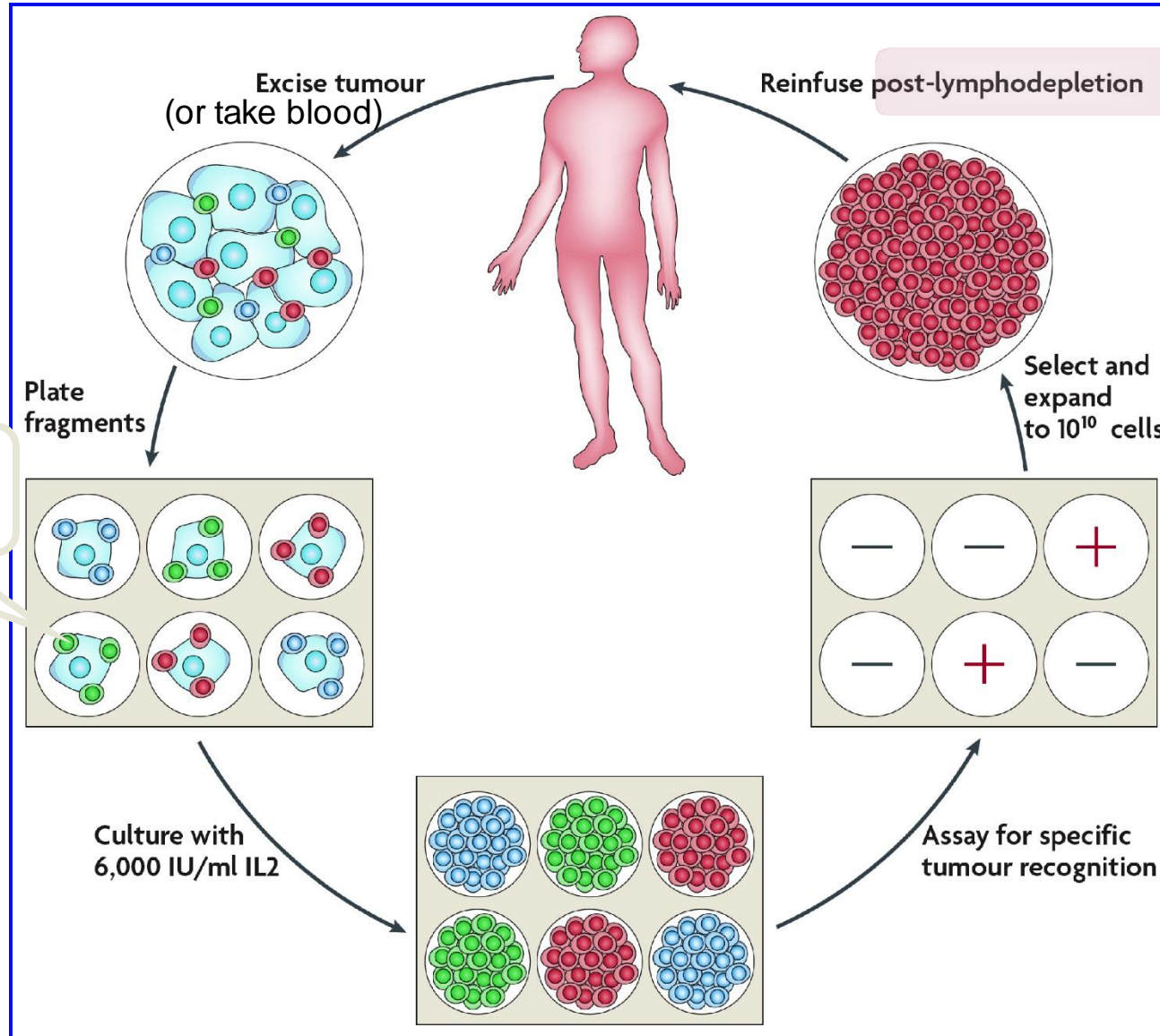


Diversi approcci per il trasferimento adottivo di linfociti T tumore-specifici



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Trasferimento adottivo di linfociti T tumore-specifici



TIL: tumor-infiltrating lymphocytes

Rapid expansion of T cells (1,000- to 5,000-fold, sometimes with infusion of IL-2), achieving 10-100 billion cells for adoptive transfer.

SUPERNATURAL T cells: genetic modifications of T cells for cancer therapy (T-CAR)



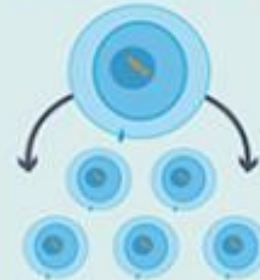
MANUFACTURING PROCESS

Isolate and activate T cells

Engineer T cells with CAR gene

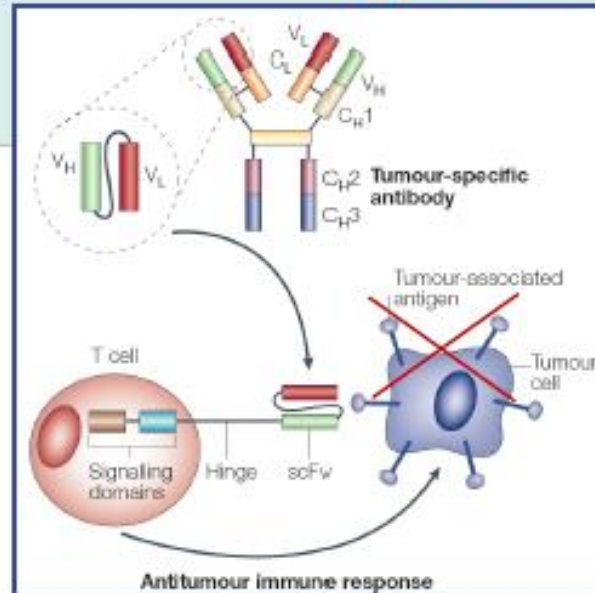


Grow and expand number of T cells



INFUSION

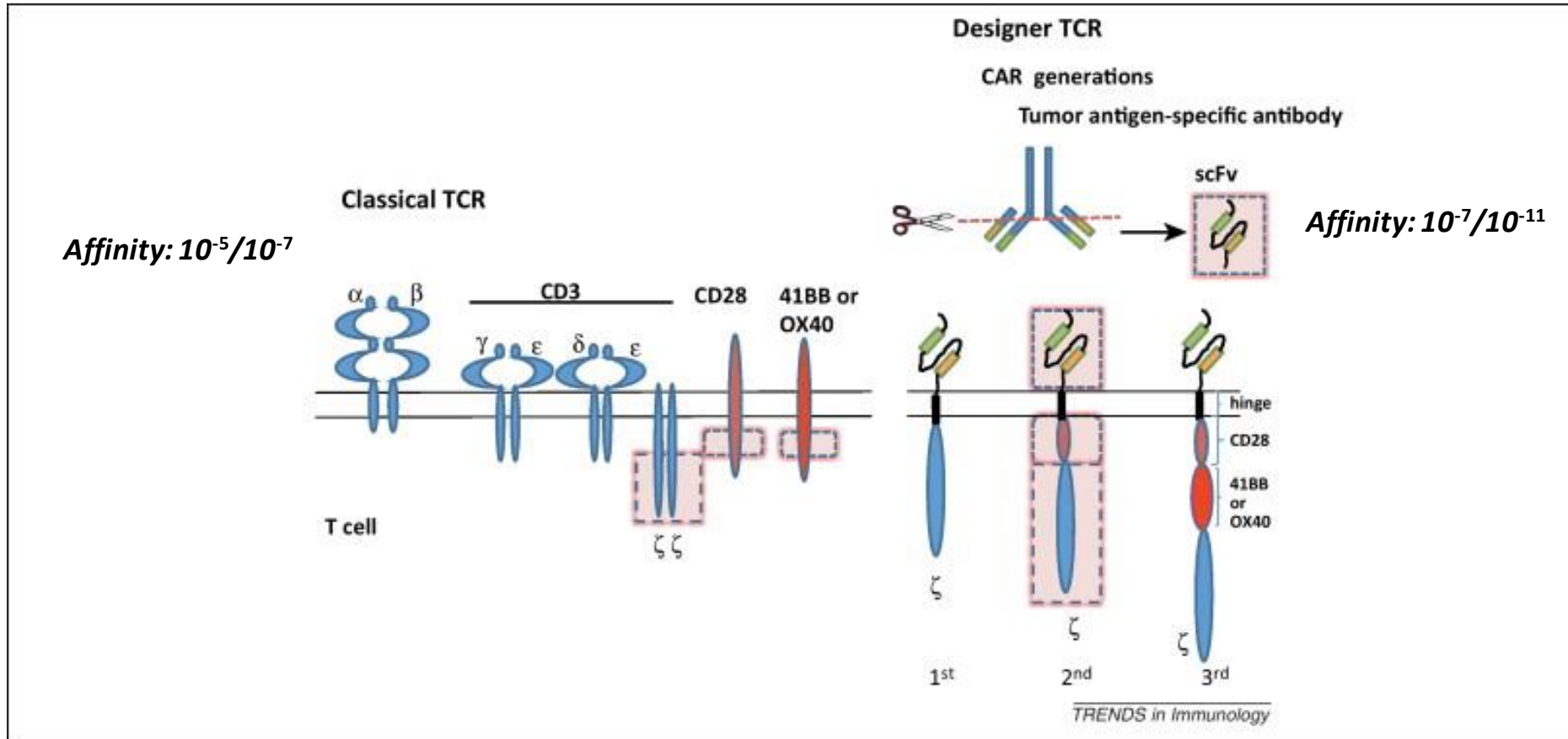
Infuse same patient with engineered T cells



T-CAR (chimeric antigen receptor)

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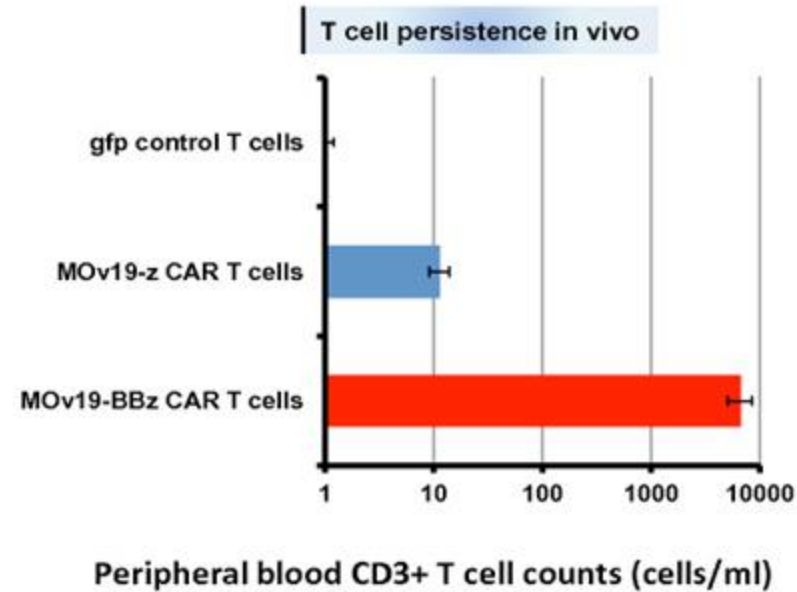
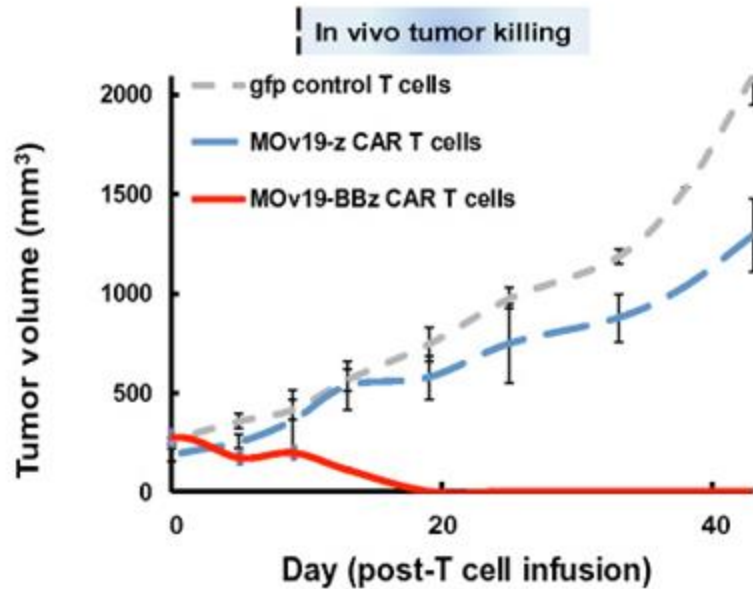
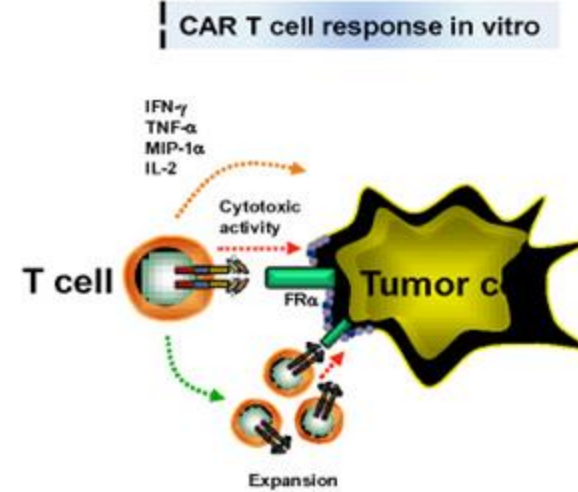
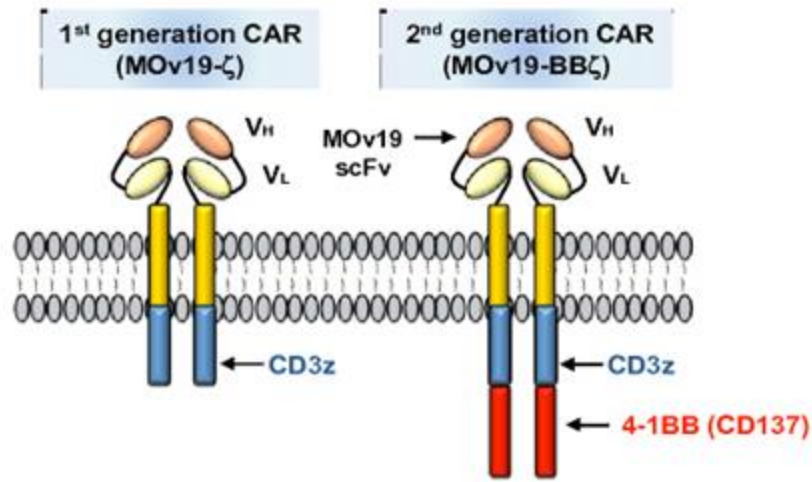
Chimeric Antigen Receptor (CAR) engineering



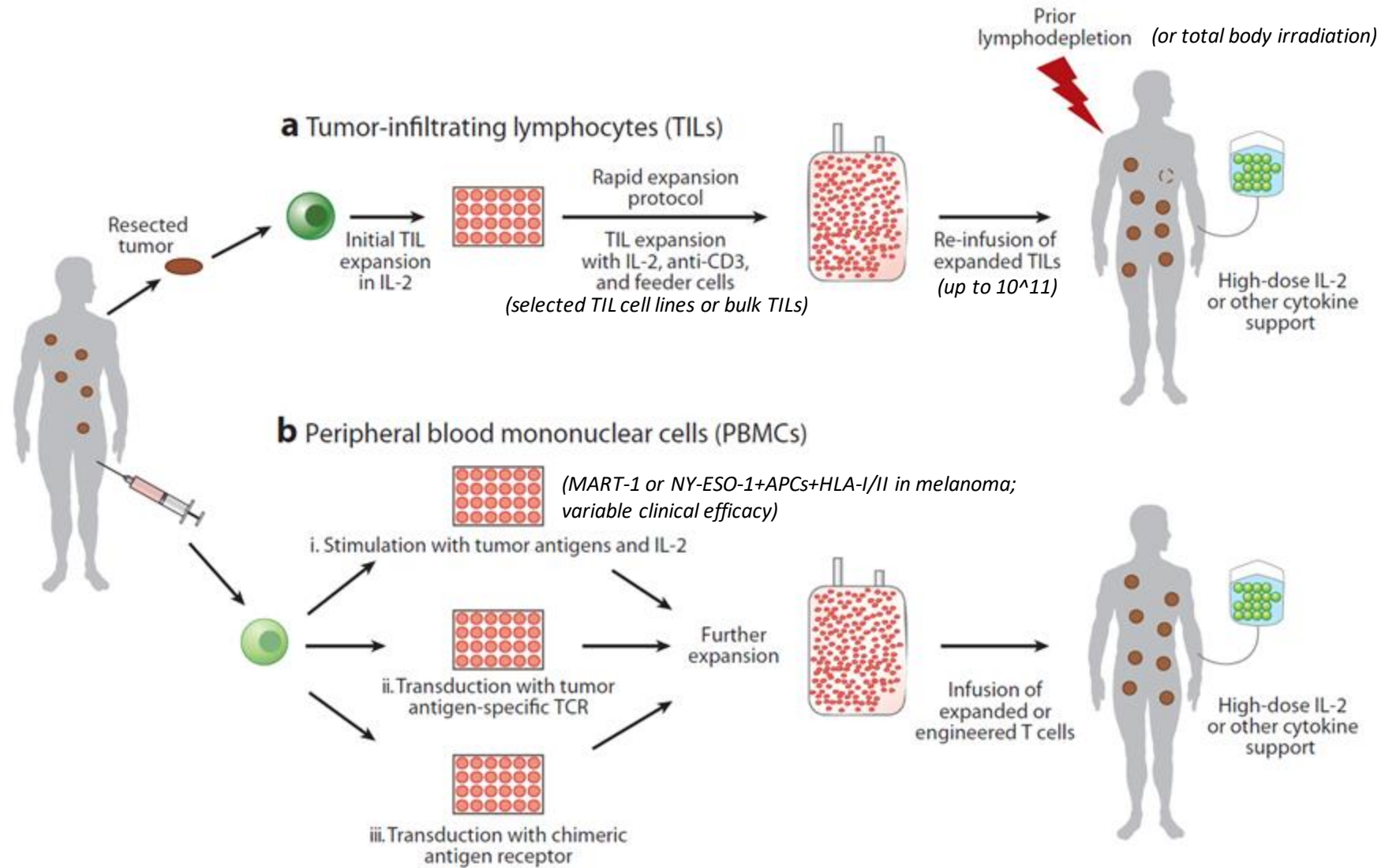
scFv: single-chain variable fragments

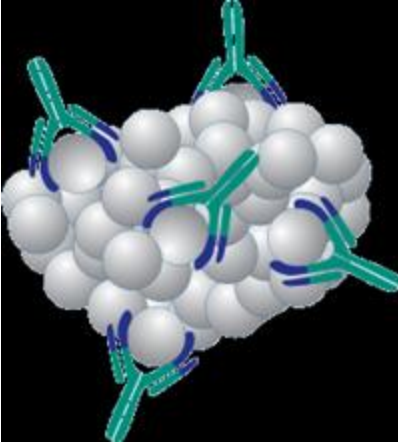
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Preclinical results for CAR T cell therapy



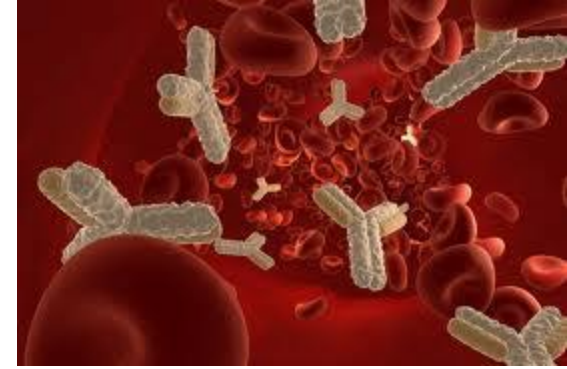
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Elimination

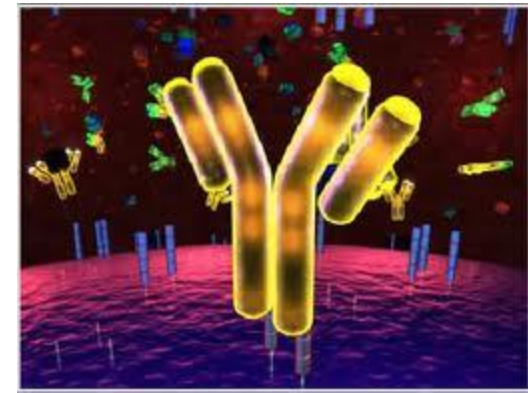
Escape



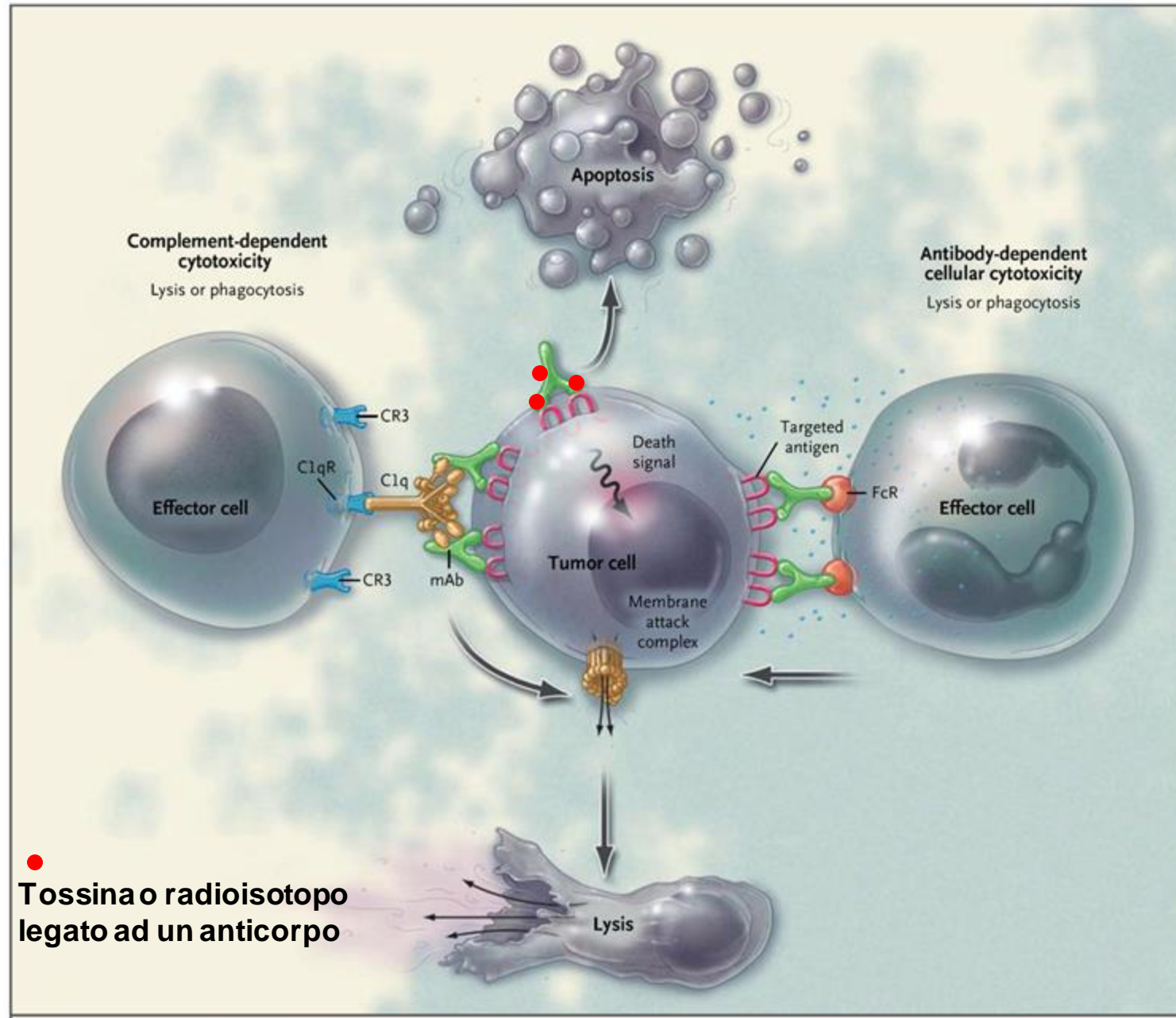
Gli anticorpi monoclonali: come sfruttare un prodotto del sistema immunitario nella terapia contro il cancro

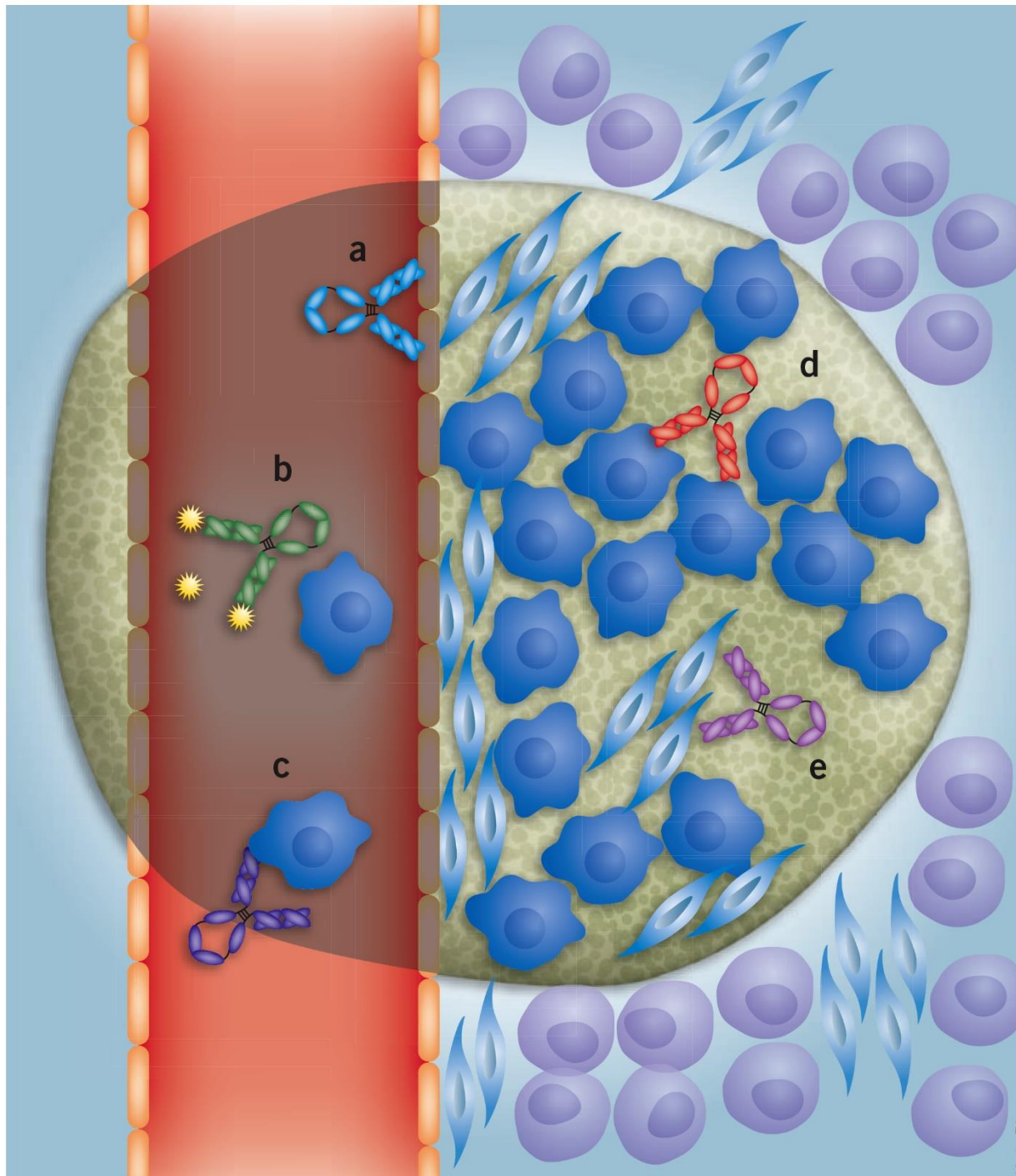
contro un antigene tumorale
o una molecola espressa dalla cellula neoplastica

contro una molecola espressa dai linfociti T



Immunoterapia mediata dagli anticorpi monoclonali: meccanismi d'azione

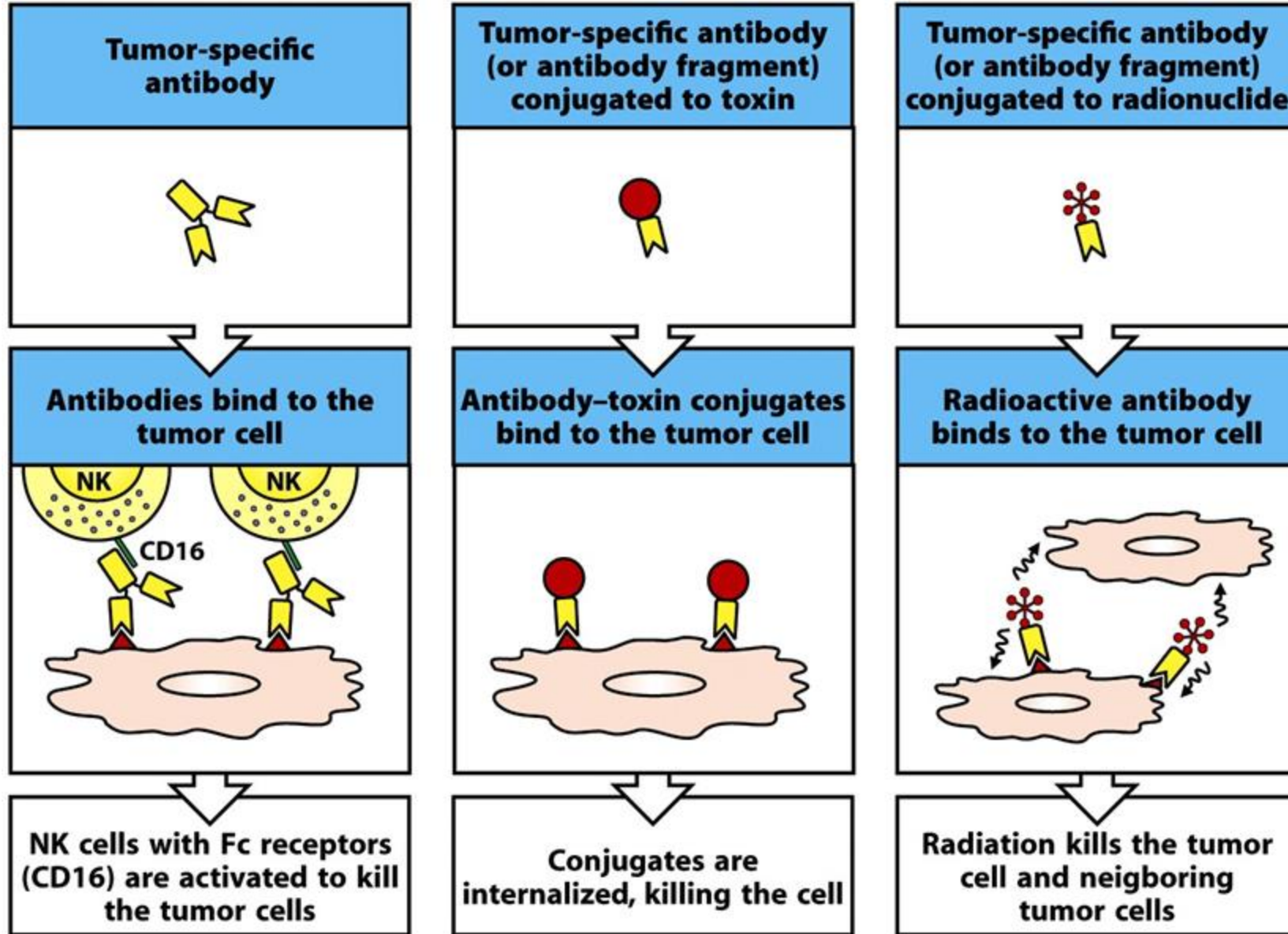




Potential targets for antibody therapy of cancer

- a) Tumor-associated blood vessel
- b) Vascular growth factors (i.e. VEGF)
- c) Diffuse malignant cells
- d) Tumor cells in a solid tumor
- e) Tumor-associated stroma

MoAb-MEDIATED IMMUNOTHERAPY



Anticorpi monoclonali approvati per l'uso clinico in oncologia

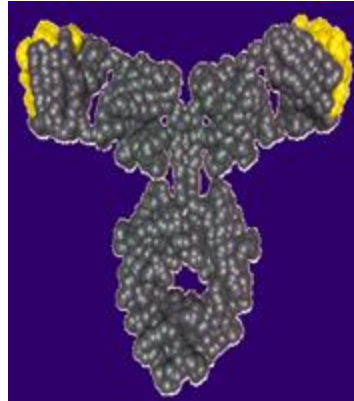
Generic name (trade name)	Origin	Isotype and format	Target	Indication	Year approved by FDA
Unconjugated mAbs					
Trastuzumab (Herceptin)	Humanized	Human IgG1	HER2/ <i>neu</i>	Breast cancer	1998
Rituximab (Rituxan)	Murine-human chimeric	Human IgG1	CD20	Lymphoma	1997
Cetuximab (Erbix)	Murine-human chimeric	Human IgG1	EGF receptor	Colorectal cancer	2004
Bevacizumab (Avastin)	Murine-human chimeric	Human IgG1	VEGF	Colorectal, lung cancers	2004
Alemtuzumab (Campath-1H)	Humanized	Human IgG1	CD52	Chronic lymphocytic leukemia	2001
Immunoconjugates					
Ibritumomab tiuxetan (Zevalin) together with rituximab	Murine	⁹⁰ Y-radiolabeled murine IgG1	CD20	Lymphoma	2002
Tositumomab and ¹³¹ I tositumomab (Bexxar)	Murine	¹³¹ I-radioabeled murine IgG2a	CD20	Lymphoma	2003
Gemtuzumab (Myelotarg)	Human (drug derived from streptomycete)	Human IgG4 conjugated to calicheamicin	CD33	Acute myelogenous leukemia	2000

Trastuzumab

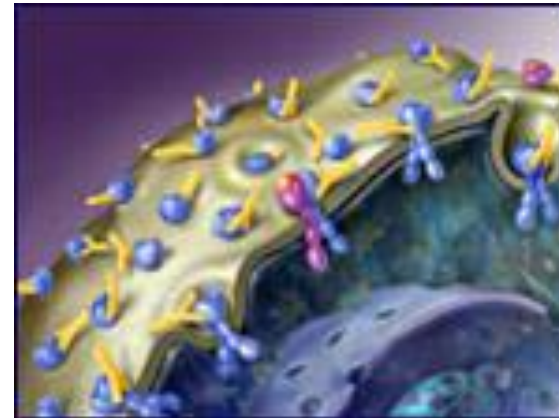
[un anticorpo diretto contro l'human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 (HER-2)]
[nome commerciale HERCEPTIN]:
storia di un successo



HER-2 iperespresso



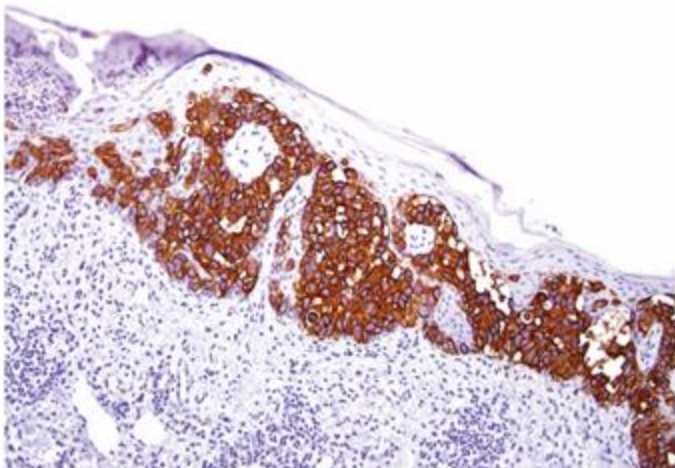
HERCEPTIN



HERCEPTIN blocca HER-2

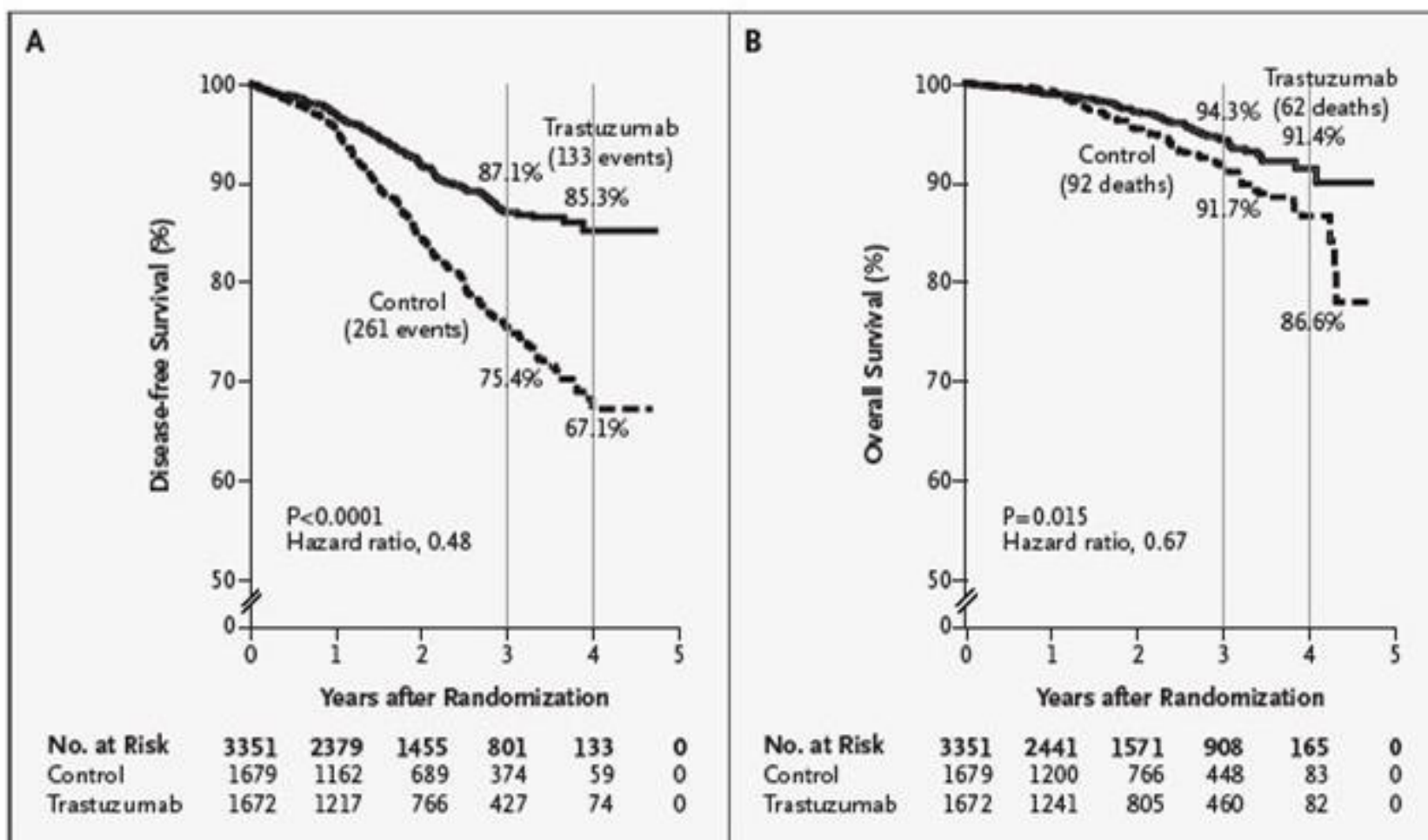
DALLA MOLECOLA ALLA CLINICA: Her2/Neu

- ❖ Her2 è over-espresso nel 30% dei carcinomi mammari e questo correla con il grado di aggressività del tumore (*staging* e *grading* più avanzati).
- ❖ Rappresenta un utile mezzo per identificare quelle pazienti che potrebbero beneficiare della terapia con anticorpi anti-Her2.
- ❖ **Inibizione di Her2 per trattare il carcinoma della mammella:**
L'uso dell'anticorpo monoclonale anti-Her2 TRASTUZUMAB (un mAb umanizzato) porta all'arresto del ciclo cellulare (effetto anti-proliferativo diretto o interferenza con il legame dell'EGF al recettore)



HER-2-positive invasive ductal carcinoma

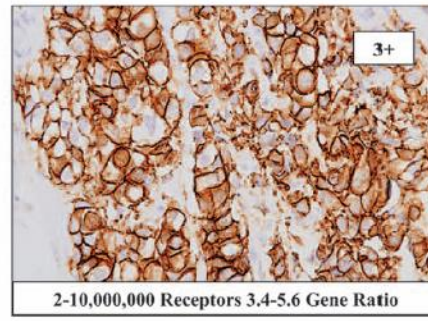
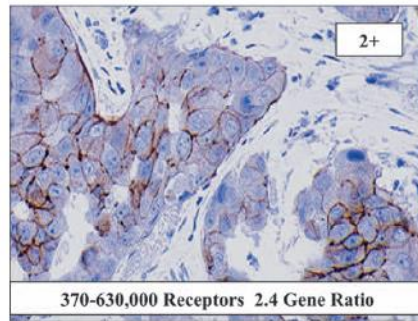
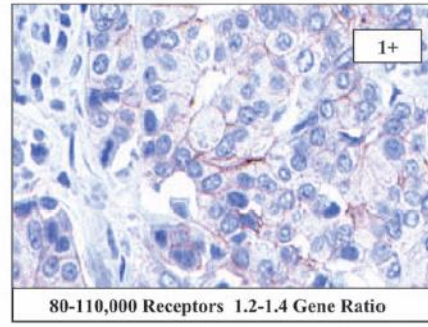
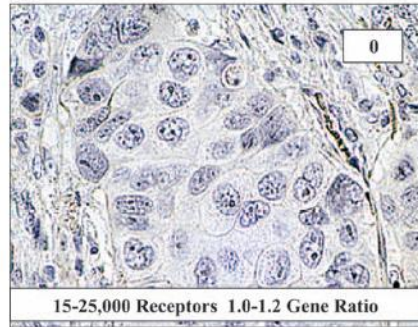
Trastuzumab: the first success



Dati su 1694 donne (NEJM) hanno dimostrato un allungamento significativo della sopravvivenza dopo trattamento con chemioterapia seguita da Herceptin

Human epidermal growth factor receptor (HER)-2 testing

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Score (USA):
0-1+: negative
2+: equivocal
3+: positive

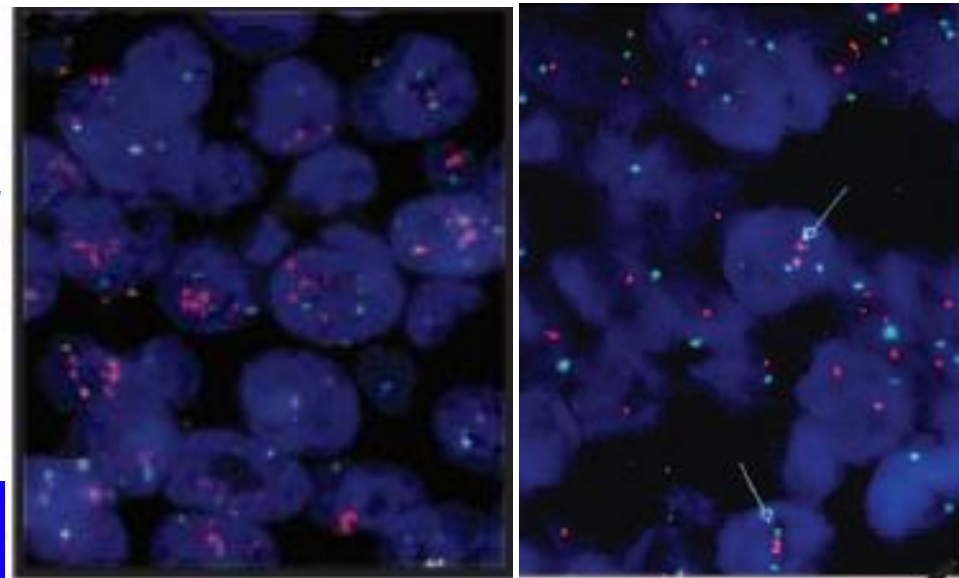
Gene copy number:

=4 (amplified)

=1.9 (not amplified)

Trastuzumab is not good for everyone...

Pink: Her2 gene
Green: centromere (chr 17)



Immunoterapia dei tumori

Elimination

**Attivazione dell'immunità
innata e adattativa**

- Vaccinazione con antigeni tumorali
- Anticorpi monoclonali che attivano molecole co-stimolatorie (OX40, 4-1BB, CD40, ecc.)
- Trattamento con citochine (es., IFN- α , IL-2)
- Aumento della presentazione dell'antigene (es., TLRs, DCs)
- Trasferimento adottivo di linfociti T tumore-specifici

Premere sull'acceleratore



Escape

**Neutralizzazione dei meccanismi
di inibizione e di soppressione**

- Anticorpi monoclonali contro molecole inibitorie (anti-CTLA-4, anti-PD-1)
- Chemioterapia (es. ciclofosfamide)
- mAbs anti-CD25 (Treg)

Togliere i freni



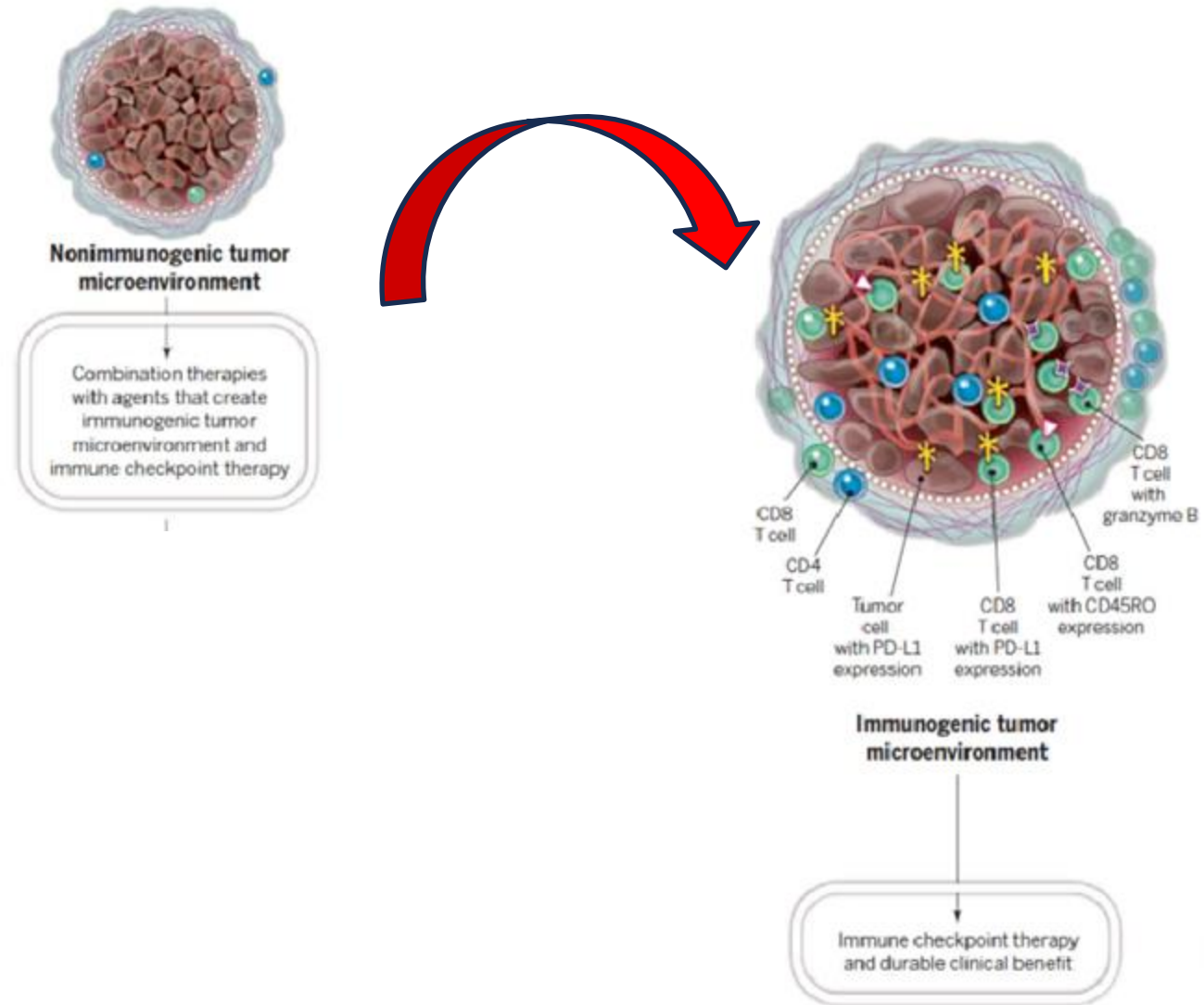


2018 Nobel Prize in Physiology and Medicine was awarded to Tasuku Honjo and James Allison for their discoveries in cancer immunology.

Professor Honjo was awarded due to his discovery of the programmed death molecule-1 (PD-1) on T cells.

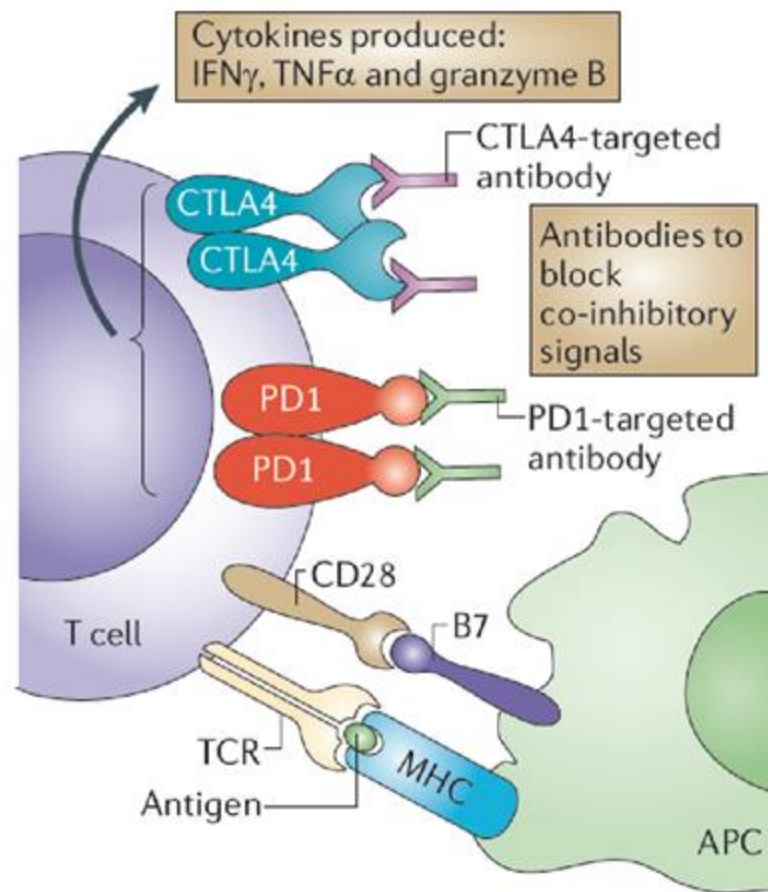
Professor Allison discovered another important immunosuppressive molecule: cytotoxic T-lymphocyte antigen-4 (CTLA-4)

Trasformare un tumore “freddo” in uno “caldo”





Togliere i freni....



Ipilimumab (anti-CTLA-4)

**Nivolumab
(anti-PD1)**



*Metastatic melanoma
FDA 2011 Ipilimumab
FDA 2014 Nivolumab*

Immunecheckpoint blockade therapy



Enhancement of Antitumor Immunity by CTLA-4 Blockade

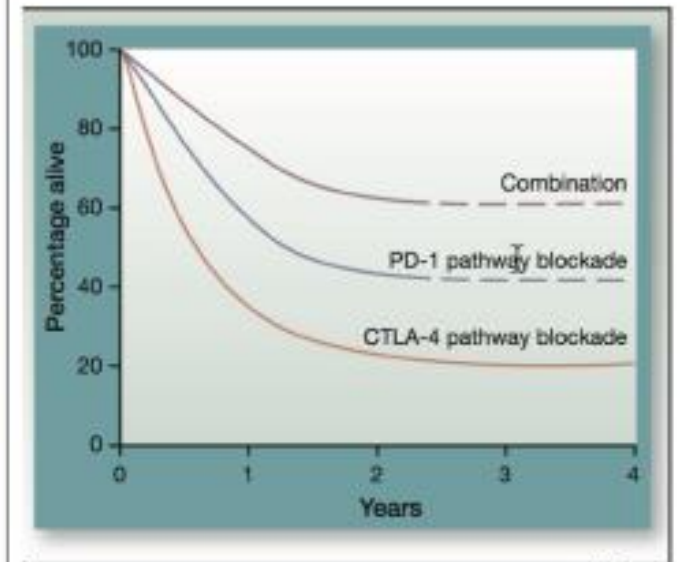
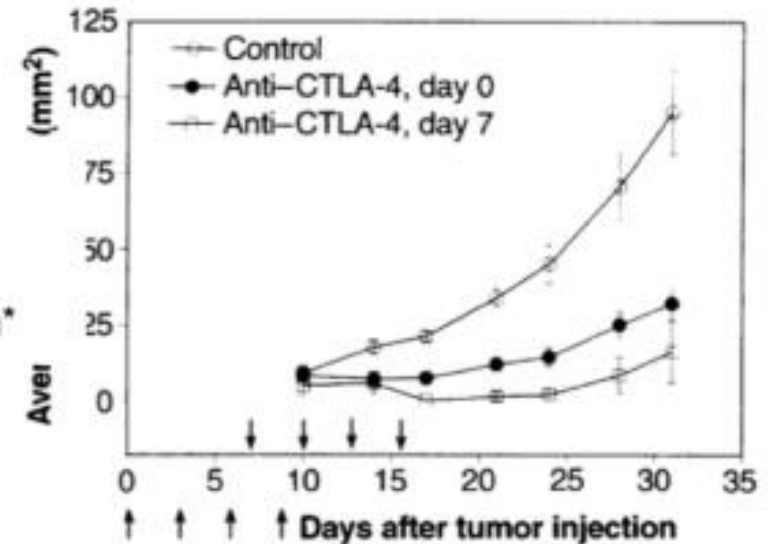
Dana R. Leach, Matthew F. Krummel, James P. Allison*

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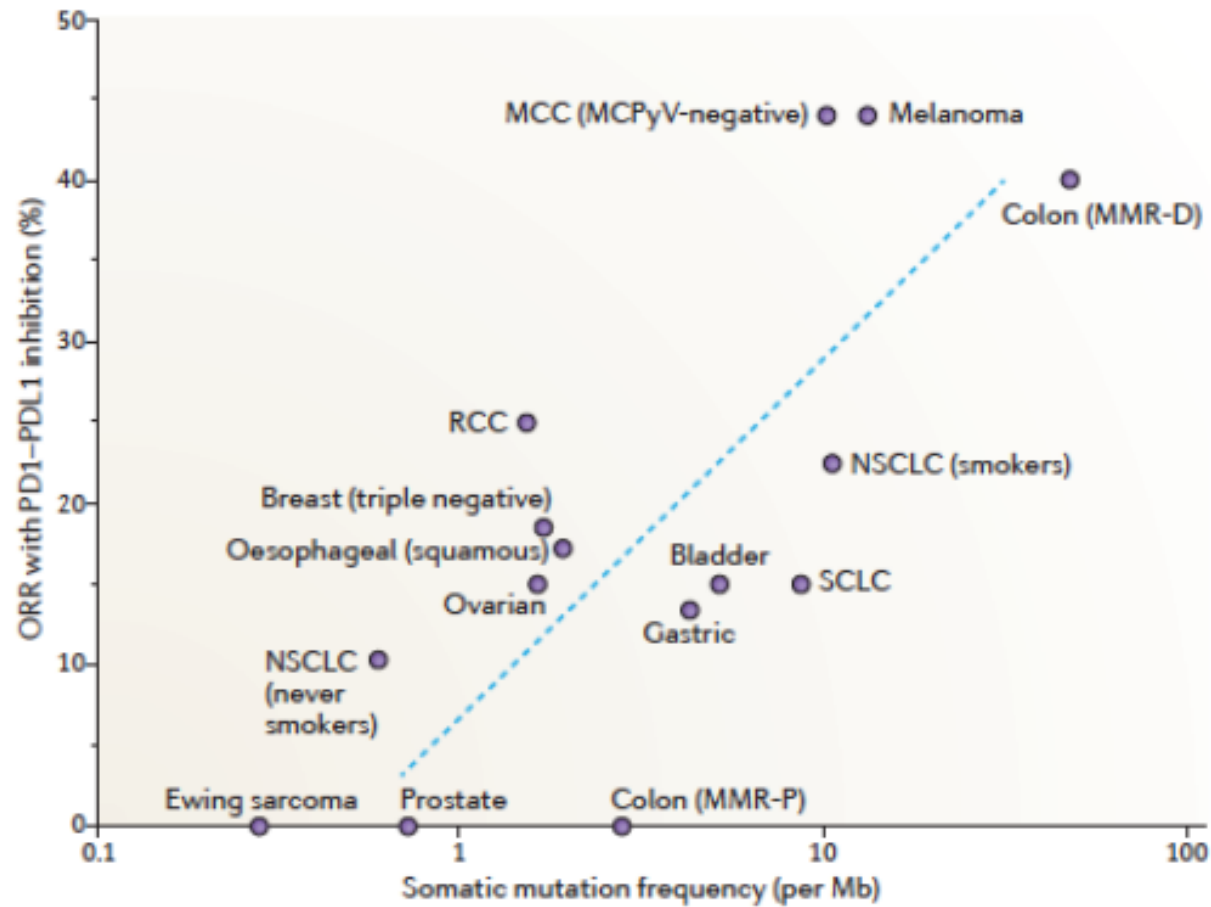


Strategies for overcoming tumor immune evasion mechanisms and examples of agents in clinical development (12)

Treatment strategy	Examples of agents in clinical development
Reversing the inhibition of adaptive immunity (blocking T-cell checkpoint pathways)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inhibiting the CTLA-4 checkpoint molecule^a 	Ipilimumab: approved for melanoma Tremelimumab: phase II for malignant mesothelioma, HCC, melanoma
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inhibiting the interaction between PD-1 checkpoint and its ligands^a 	Nivolumab (anti-PD-1): phase III for melanoma, NSCLC, RCC Pembrolizumab (MK-3475; anti-PD-1): phase III for NSCLC, melanoma MPDL3280A (RG7446; anti-PD-L1): phase III for NSCLC Pidilizumab (CT-011; anti-PD-1): phase II for FL, prostate, pancreatic, melanoma AMP-514 (MED10680; anti-PD-1): phase I for solid tumors MEDI4736 (anti-PD-L1): phase I for solid tumors AMP-224 (recombinant PD-L-Fc fusion protein): phase I for solid tumors rHlgM12B7 (anti-PD-L2): phase I for melanoma
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inhibiting the LAG-3 checkpoint molecule 	IMP321: phase I for breast, RCC; phase II for melanoma BMS-986016: phase I for solid tumors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inhibiting the TIM-3 checkpoint 	No agent undergoing clinical evaluation

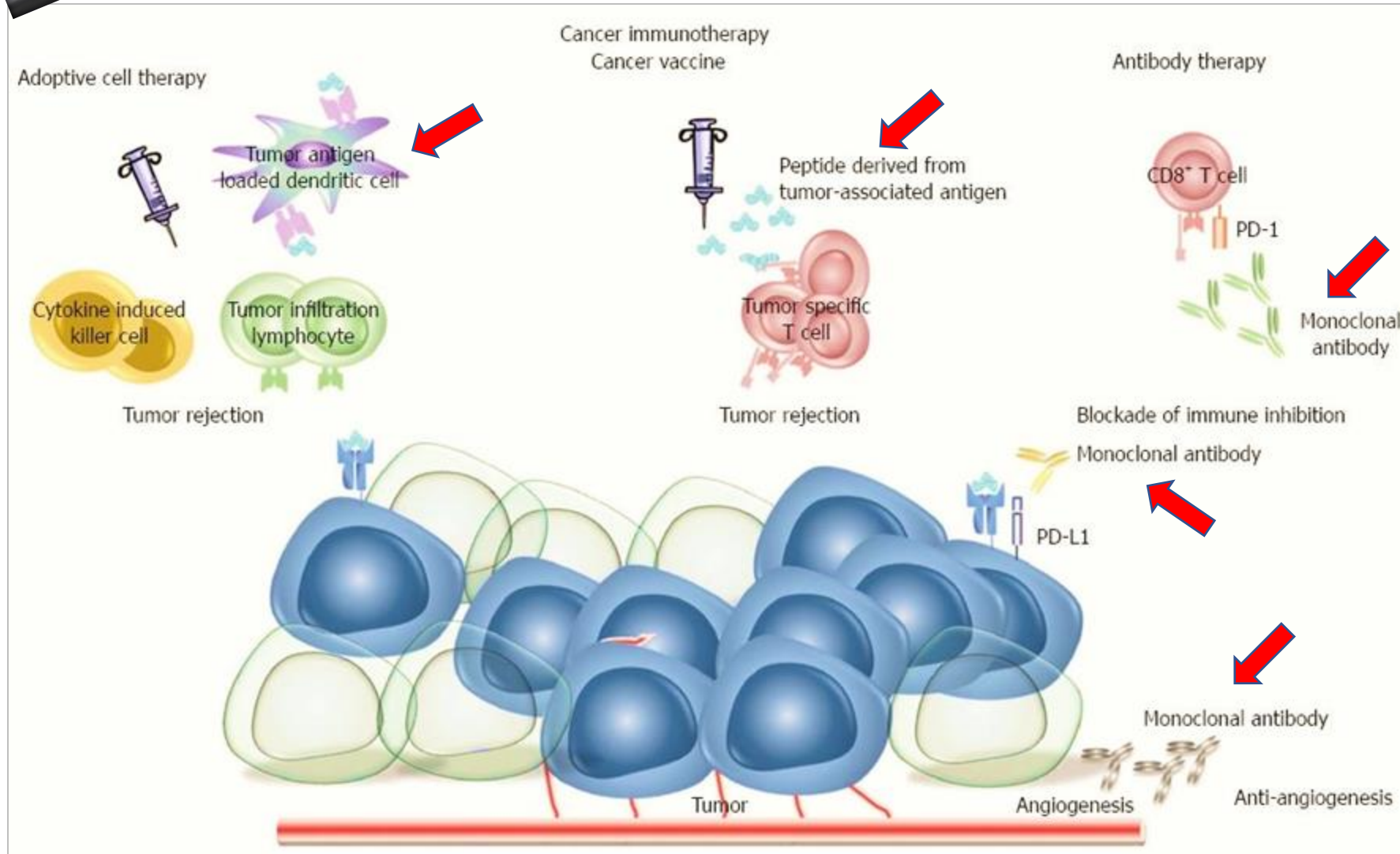


Correlation of tumor somatic mutation frequency with objective response rates to immune checkpoint blockade





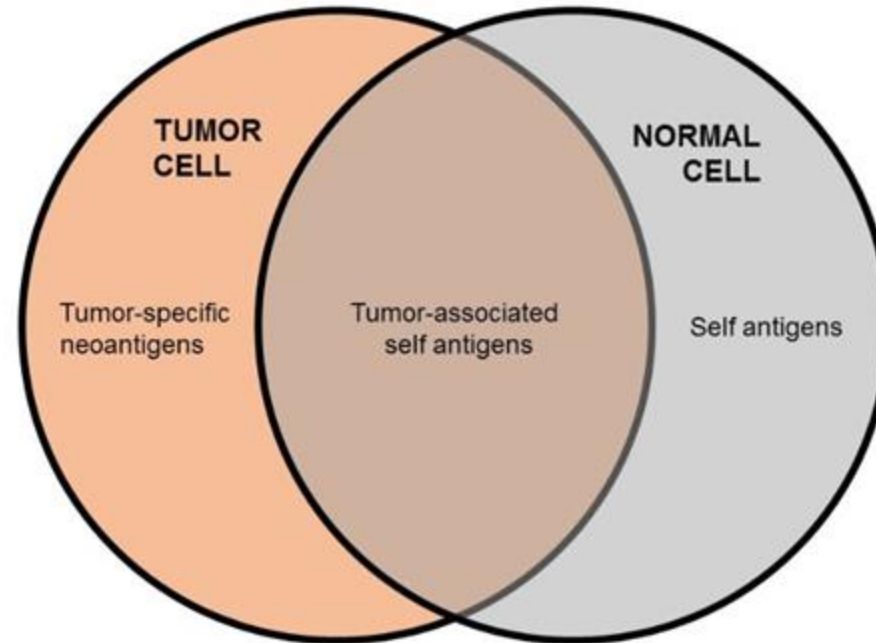
Premere sull'acceleratore e togliere i freni: *la terapia che unisce i vaccini anti-tumorali con gli inibitori degli «immuno checkpoint»*



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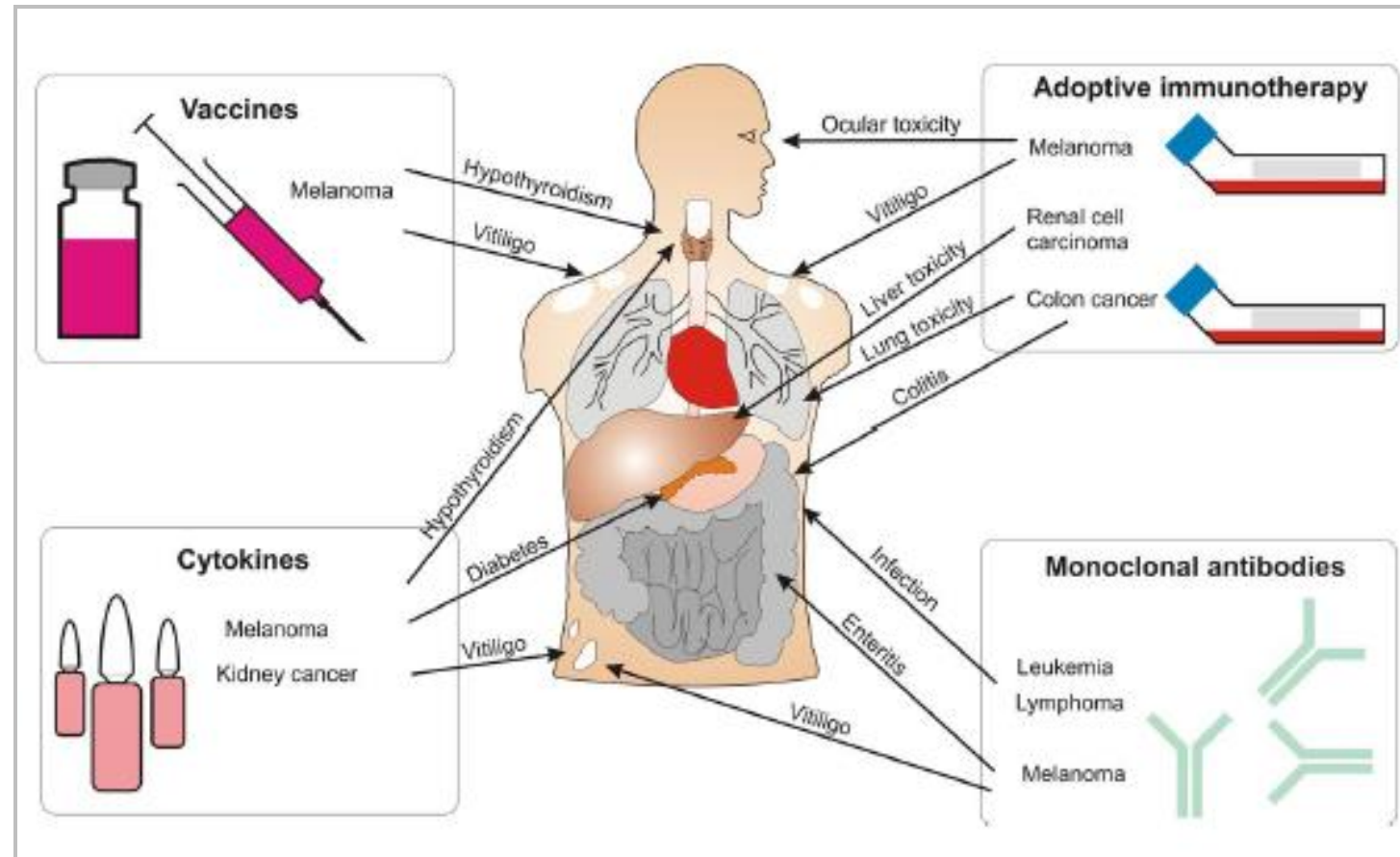


**Tumours represent a dilemma to “self-non self” dichotomy:
the link between tumor immunity and autoimmunity**



The tumor represents an immunoprivileged self entity, based on the observation that malignant cells could employ self tolerance mechanisms more efficiently than their normal counterparts to avoid autoimmune responses.

Immune toxicity associated with immunotherapy of cancer



Clinical benefits of anti-cancer immunotherapy are often paralleled by robust autoimmune reactions, suggesting that tumor cells, no matter how malignant they are, remain for the most part self entities.



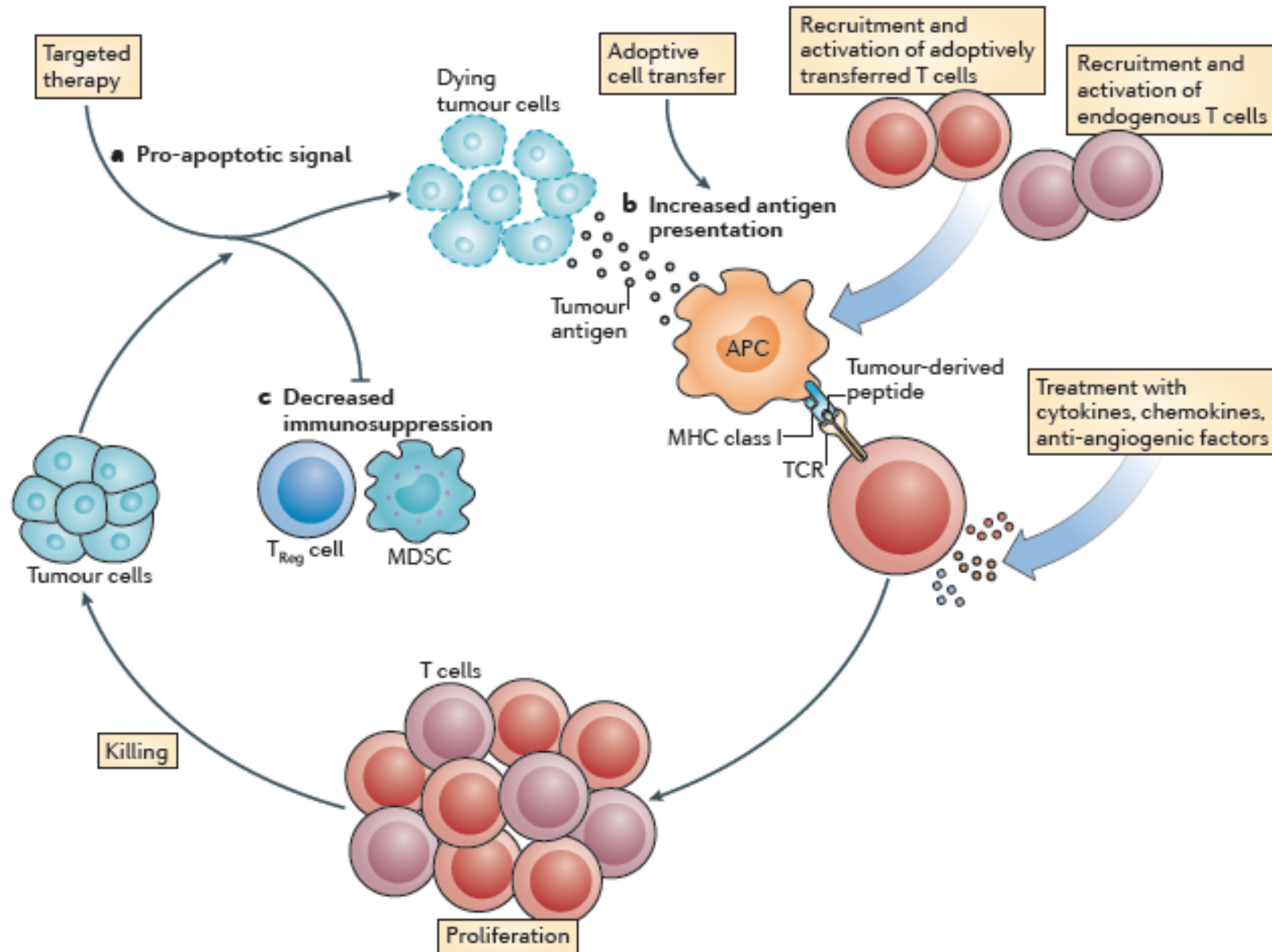
The **challenge** of the **future** cancer immunotherapy research will be a better understanding of the link between tumor immunity and autoimmunity



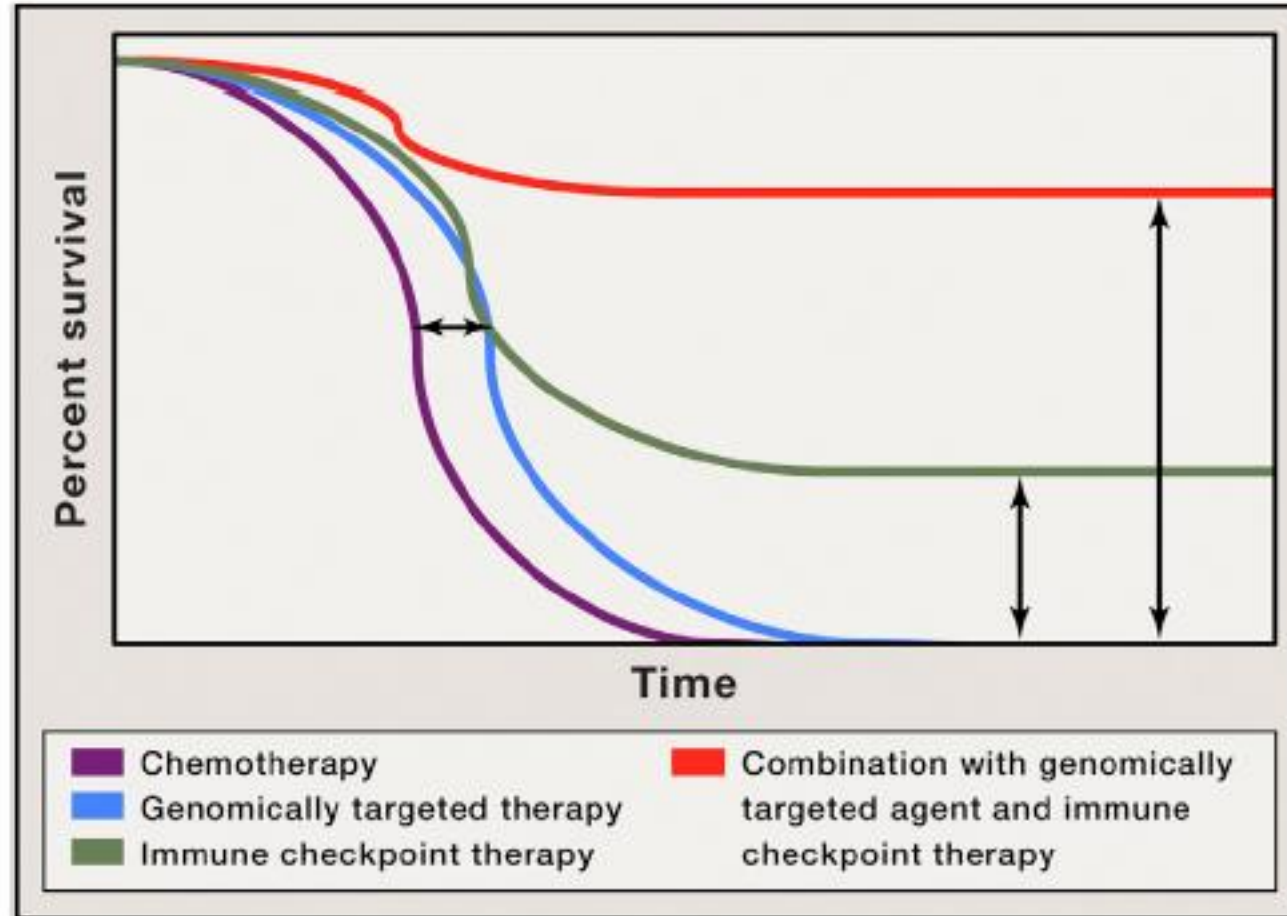
**To
avoid**

**Jumping from the frying pan
into the fire**

Combining targeted therapies with adoptive cell transfer-based immunotherapy



Improved overall survival as a result of combination therapy



Chemokine receptor as targets for therapy

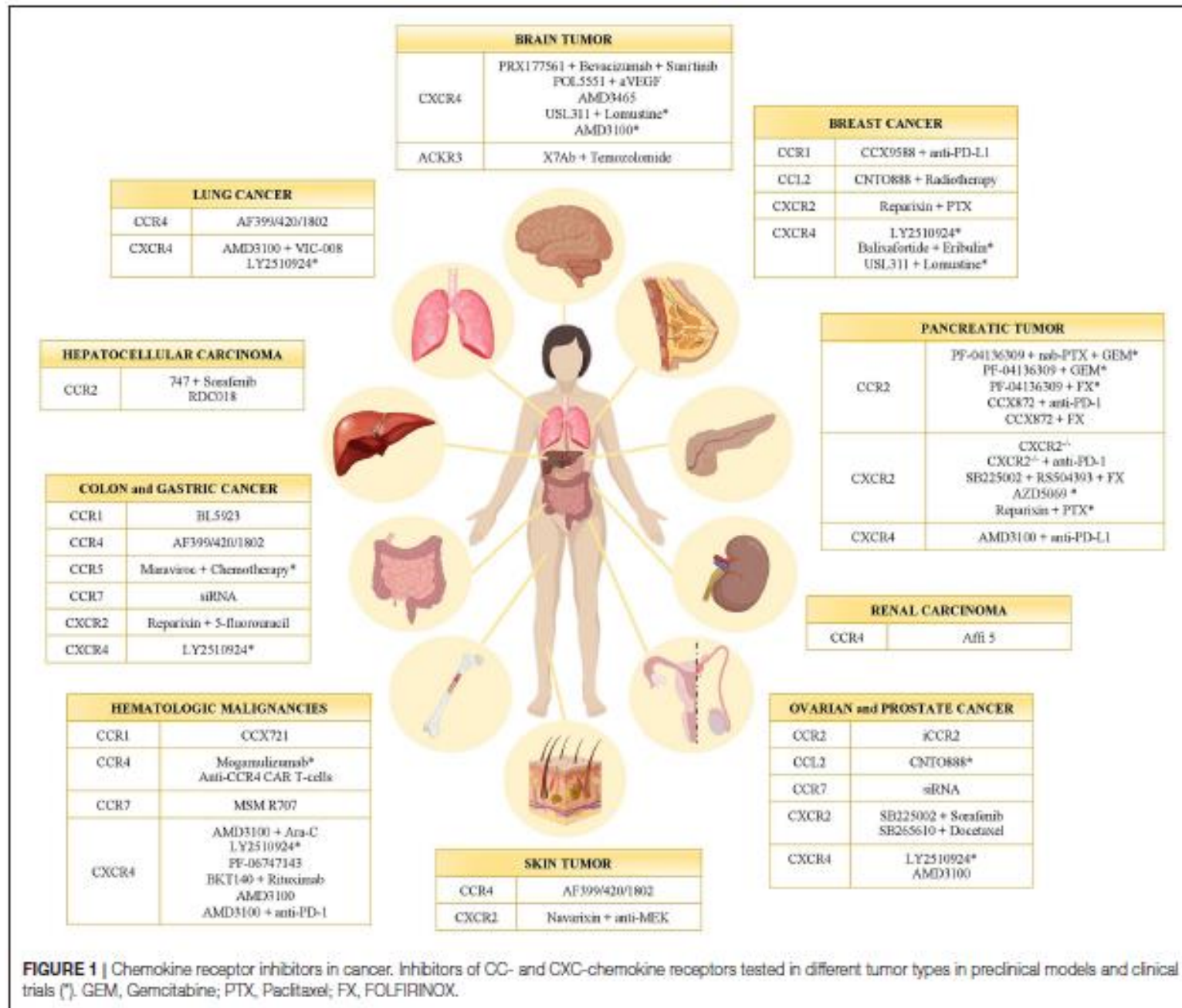


FIGURE 1 | Chemokine receptor inhibitors in cancer. Inhibitors of CC- and CXC-chemokine receptors tested in different tumor types in preclinical models and clinical trials (*). GEM, Gemcitabine; PTX, Paclitaxel; FX, FOLFIRINOX.

**Combinare vecchie e nuove terapie
può essere la strategia vincente!**

