

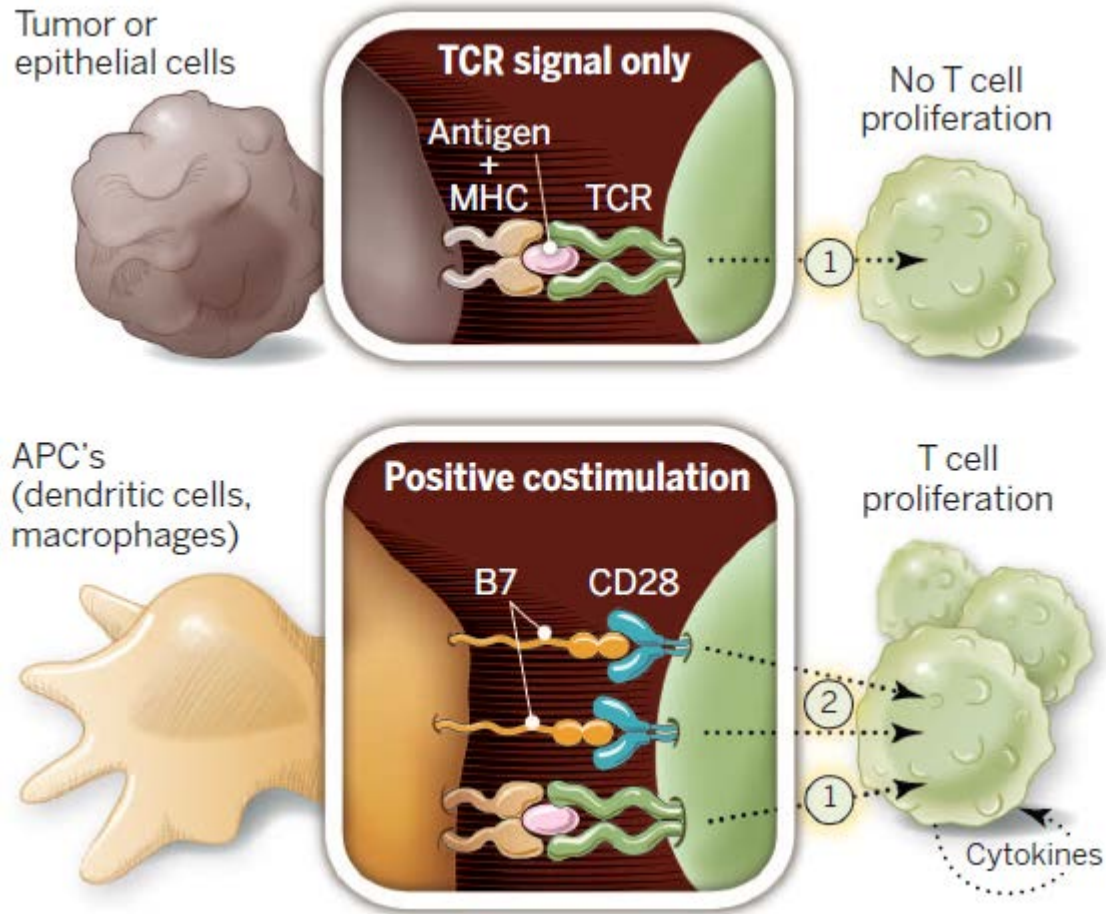
Иммунотерапия раковых опухолей с точки зрения системной биологии

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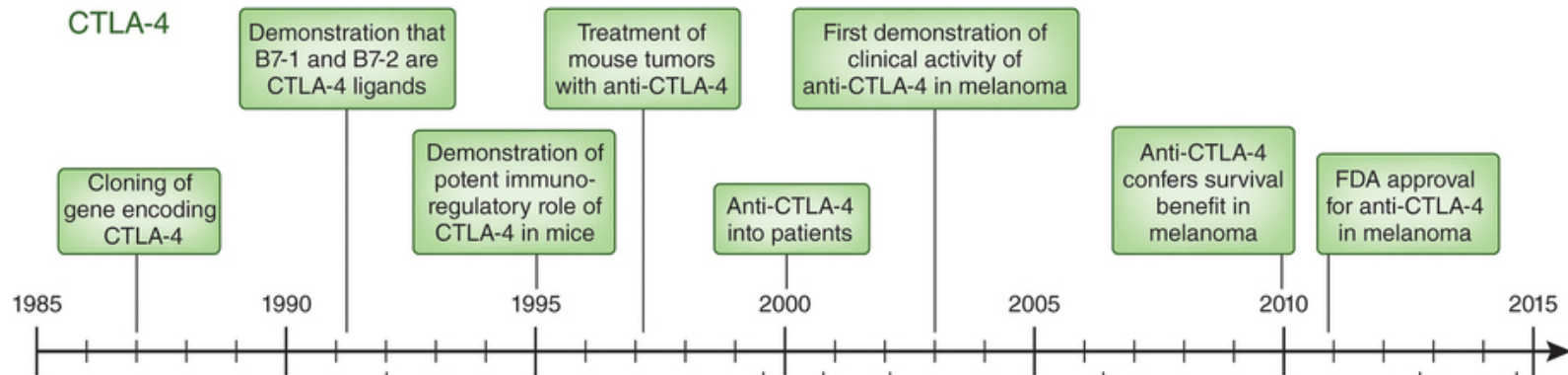
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T cell activation requires 2 signals

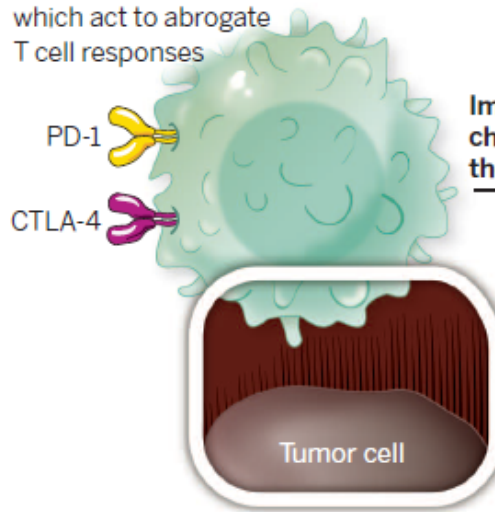


CTLA4 and PD-1 are checkpoint regulatory molecules



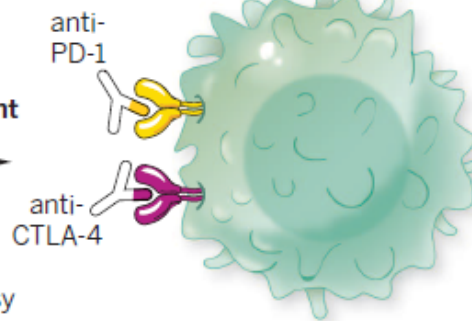
Immunotherapy addresses second checkpoint

Activated T cells up-regulate immune checkpoint molecules such as CTLA-4 and PD-1, which act to abrogate T cell responses



Immune checkpoint therapy

Antibody blockade of immune checkpoints enhances T cell responses

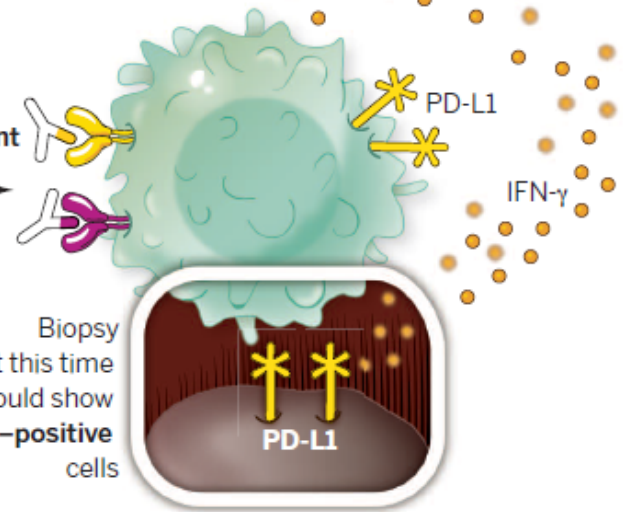


Biopsy at this time would show **PD-L1-negative** cells

Enhanced T cell infiltration into tumor tissue

Immune checkpoint therapy

Activated T cells make IFN- γ which increases PD-L1 expression



Huge success both in clinics and in academia



2011 -
ipilimumab approved by FDA
for melanoma

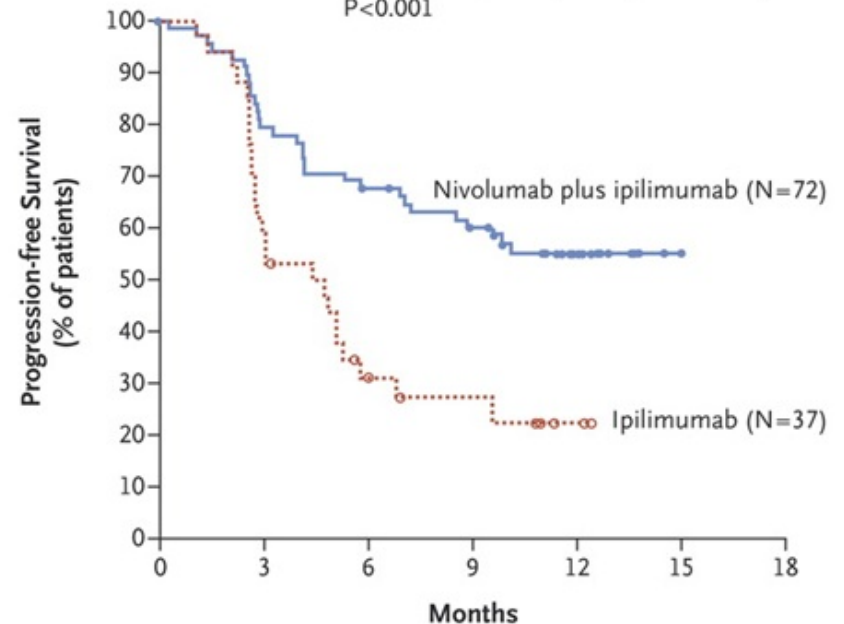


2013 -
breakthrough of the year

Paradigm shift

| CONVENTIONAL THERAPIES | INHIBITORY IMMUNE SIGNALS |
|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Chemotherapy | CTLA-4 |
| Radiation | PD-1/PD-L1 |
| Surgery | LAG-3 |
| Genomically targeted | TIM-3 |
| Anti-angiogenic | VISTA |
| Hormonal | BTLA |

| | Death or Disease Progression <i>no. of patients/total no.</i> | Median Progression-free Survival <i>mo (95% CI)</i> |
|---------------------------|--|--|
| Nivolumab plus Ipilimumab | 30/72 | NR |
| Ipilimumab | 25/37 | 4.4 (2.8–5.7) |
| | Hazard ratio, 0.40 (95% CI, 0.23–0.68) P<0.001 | |

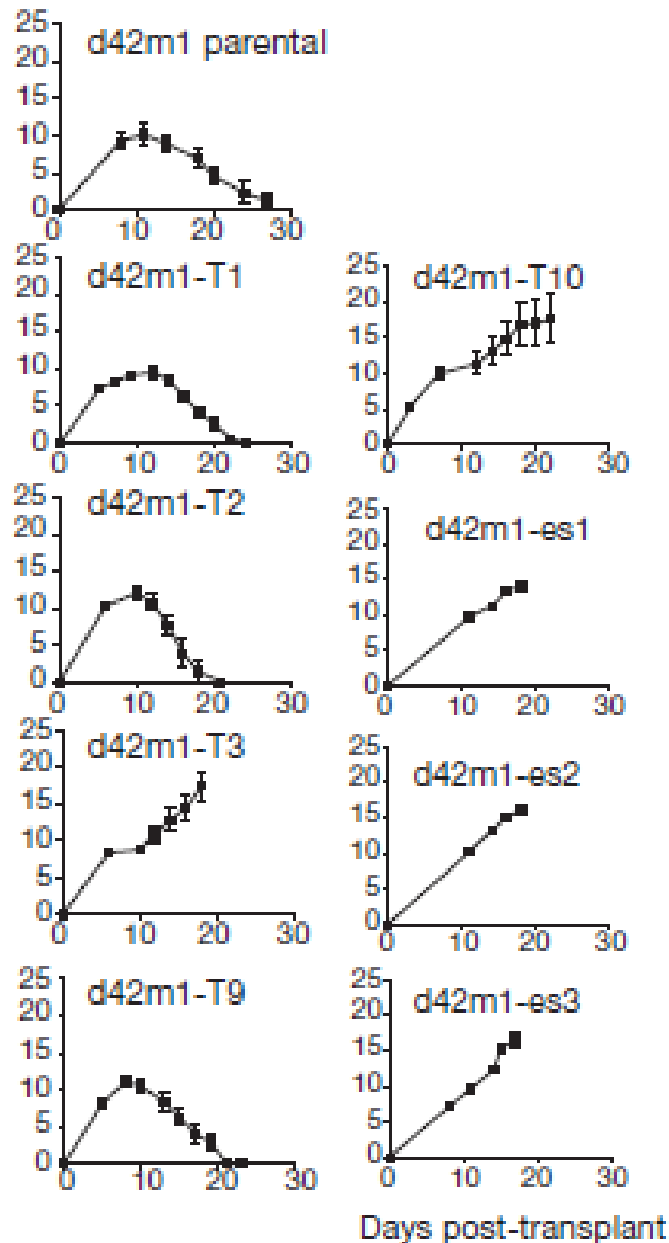


No. at Risk

| | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|---|---|
| Nivolumab plus ipilimumab | 72 | 54 | 45 | 38 | 20 | 1 | 0 |
| Ipilimumab | 37 | 20 | 9 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 0 |

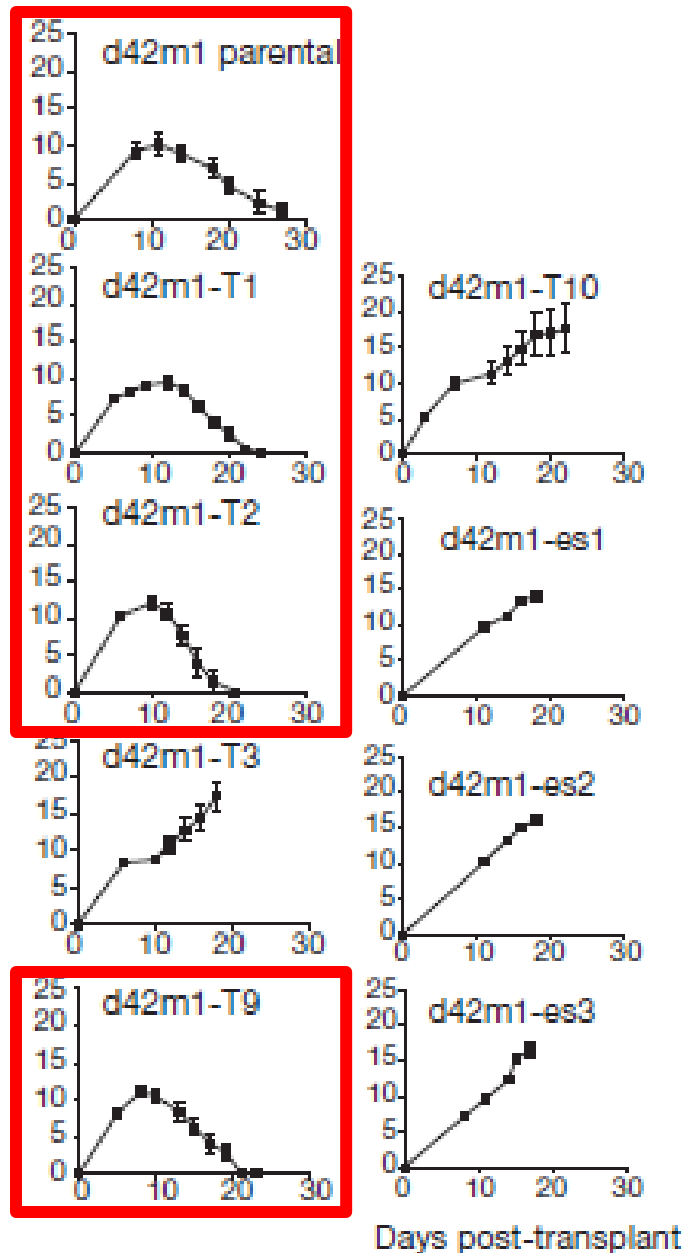
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Mouse model of tumor rejection – panel of sarcomas

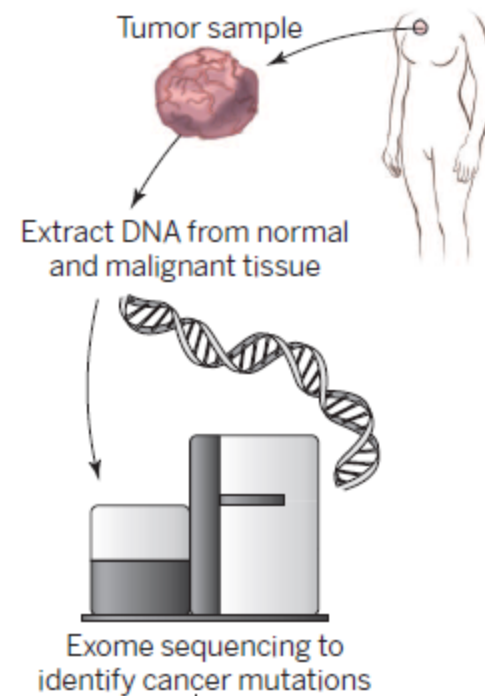


Some mouse sarcomas are naturally rejected while others grow out

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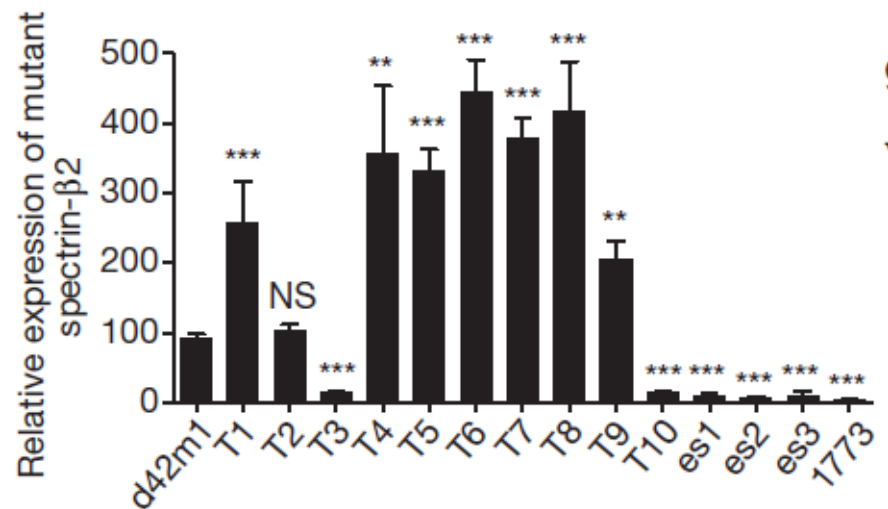
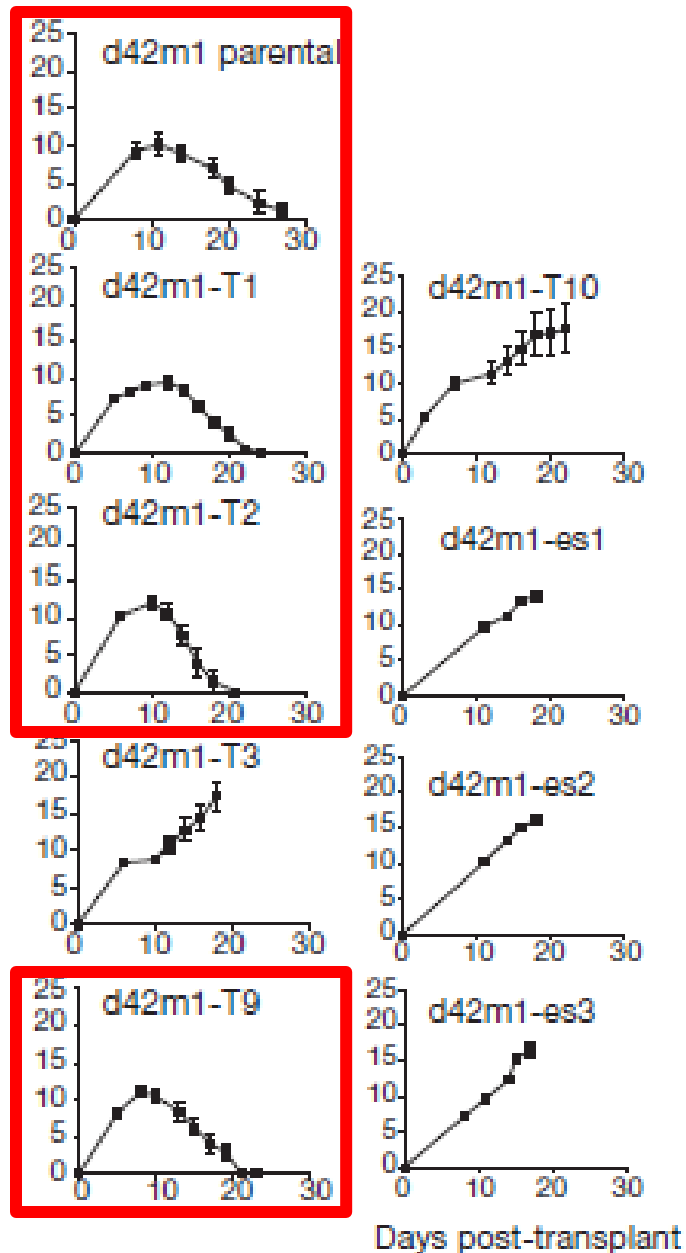


Hypothesis:
Tumor neoantigen is responsible for rejection

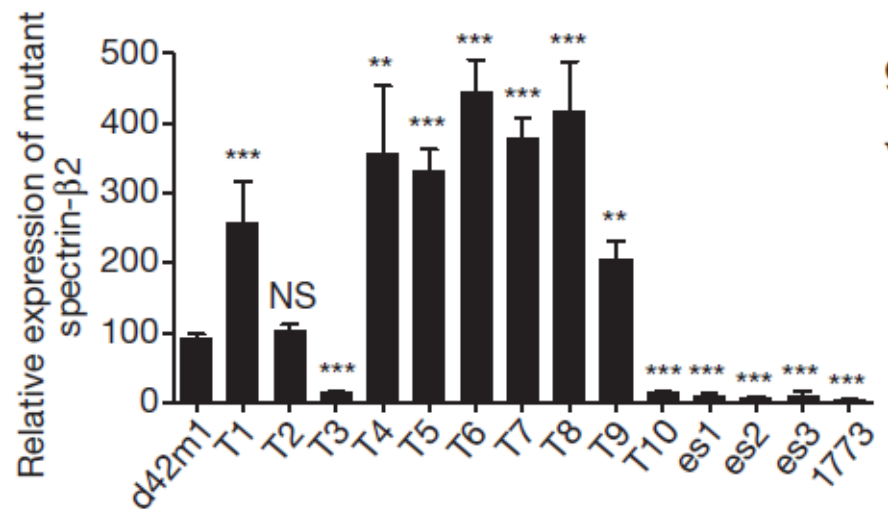
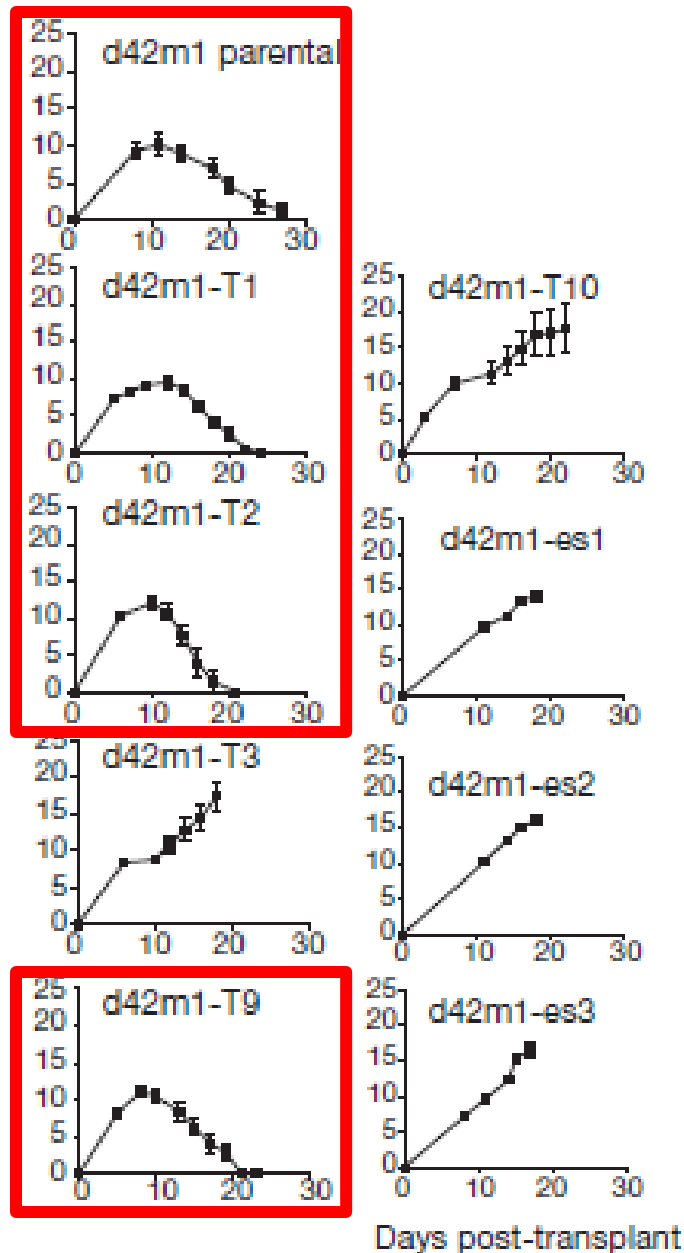


compare mutational landscape of
regressor vs progressor tumors

Only regressor tumors express spnb2 mutant!

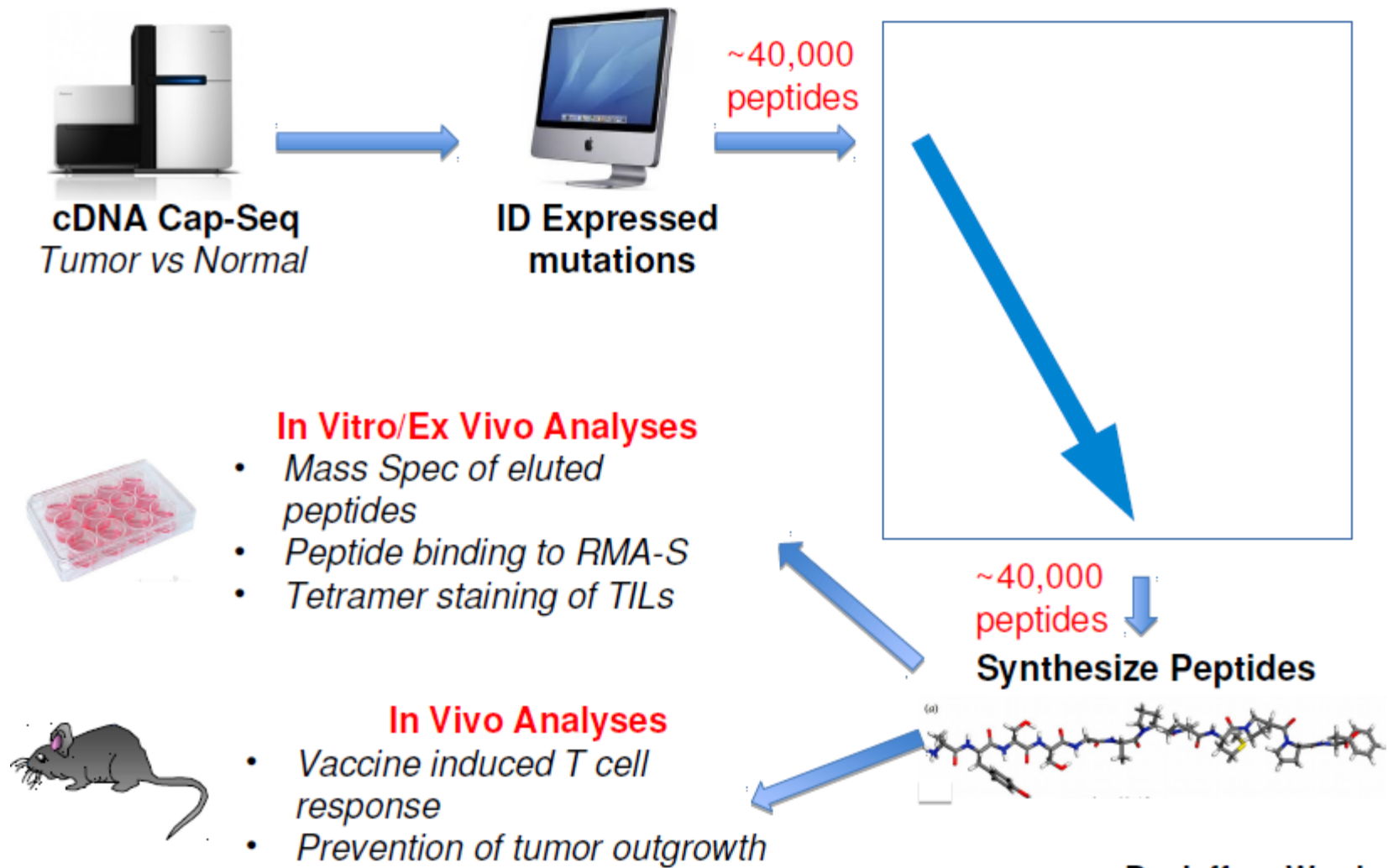


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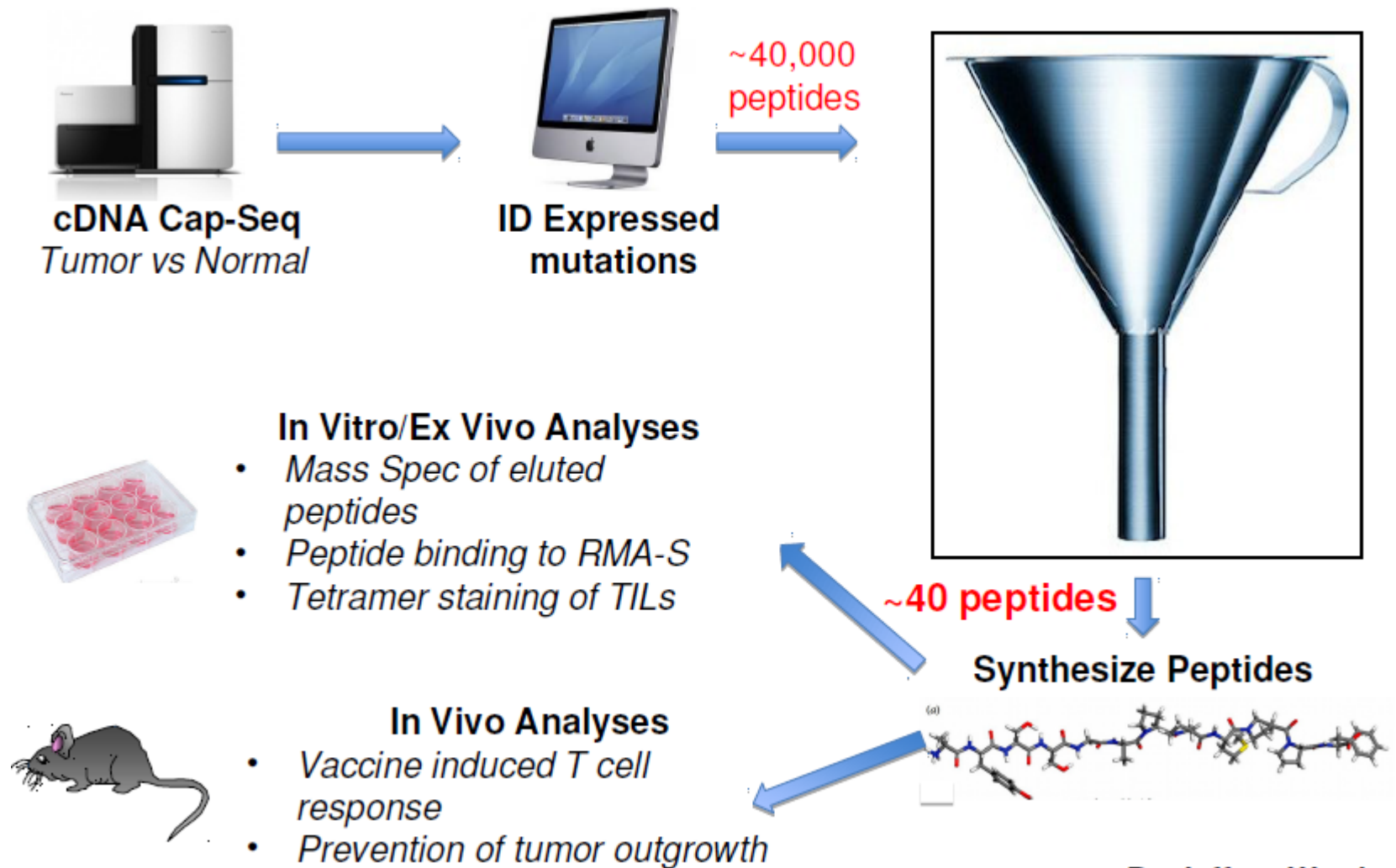


Spnb2 mutant is also computationally strong binder to MHC!

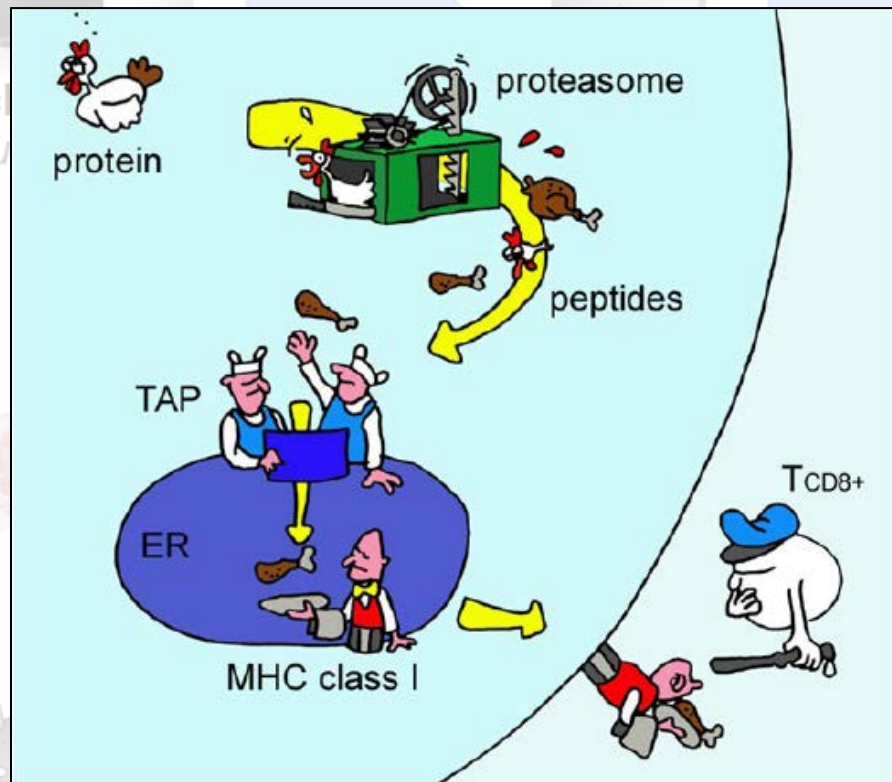
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~40,000
peptides



~40 peptides

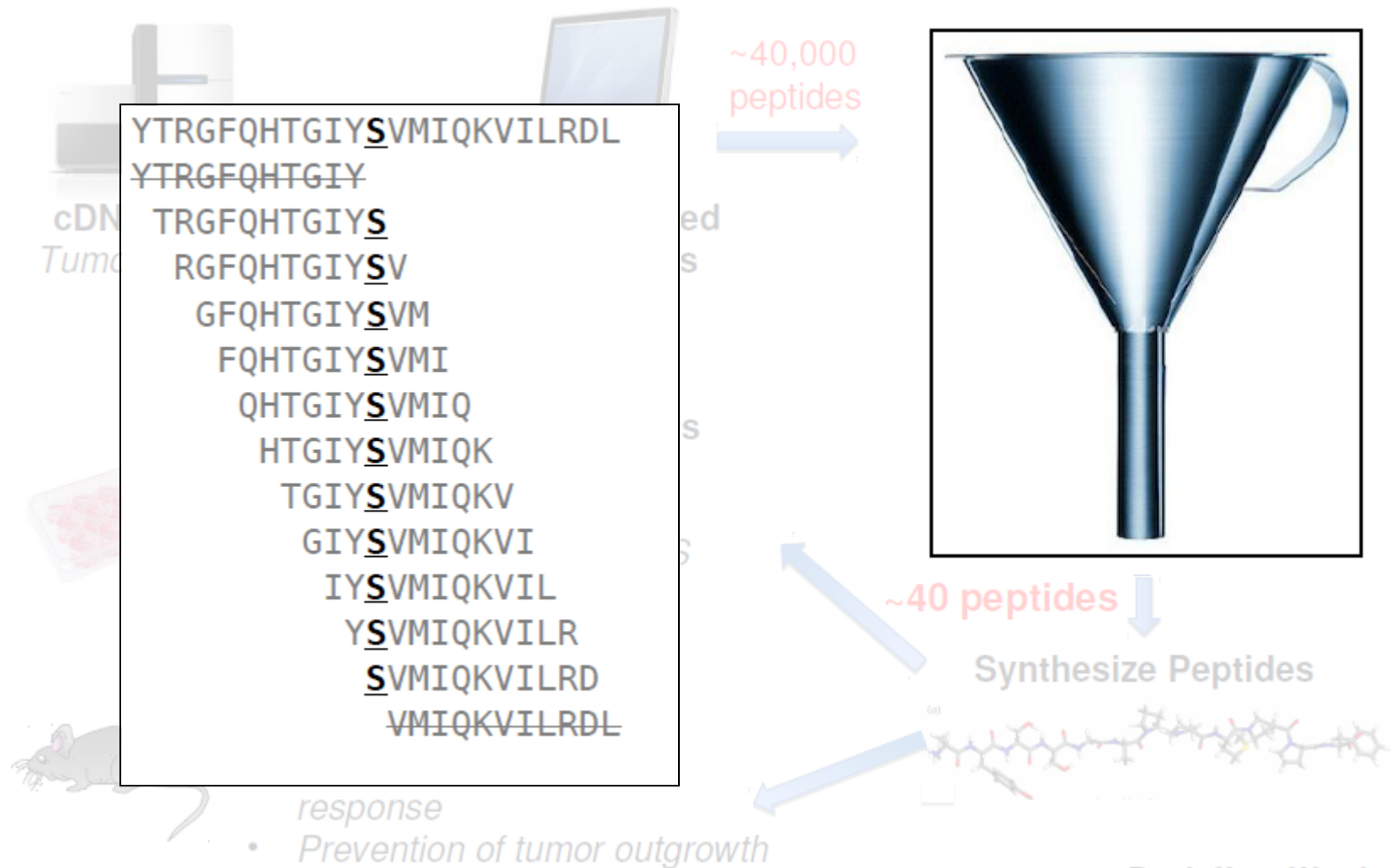
Synthesize Peptides



- *Prevention of tumor outgrowth*

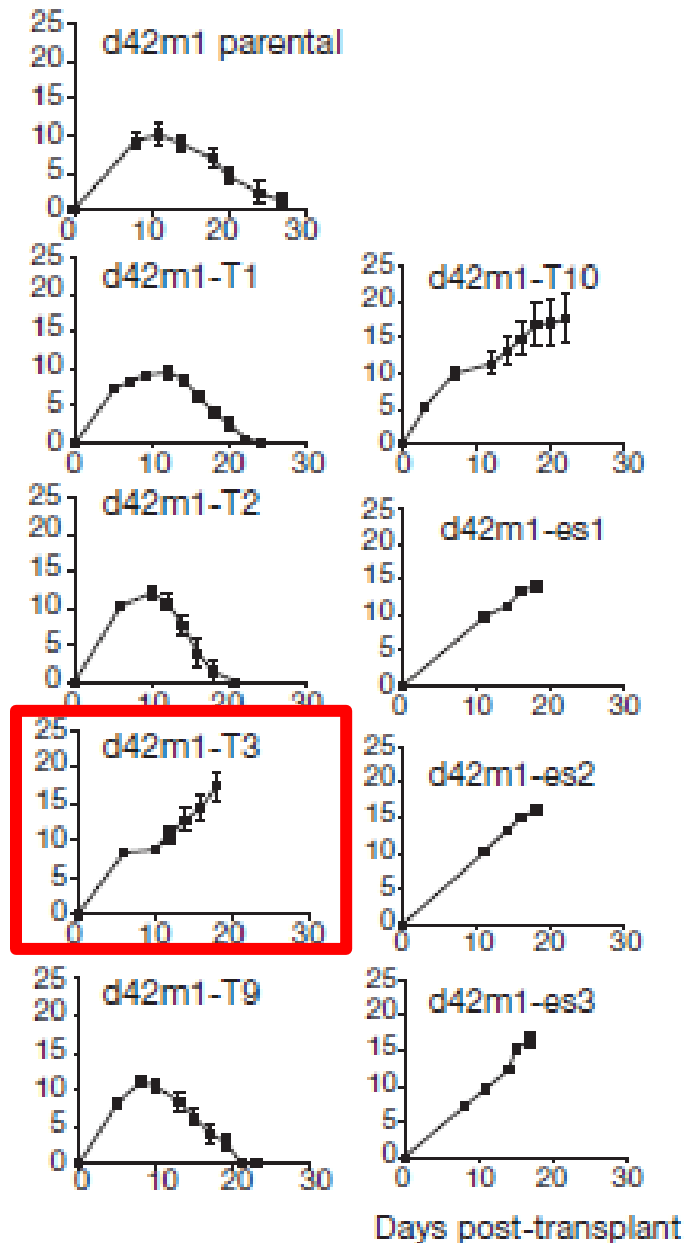
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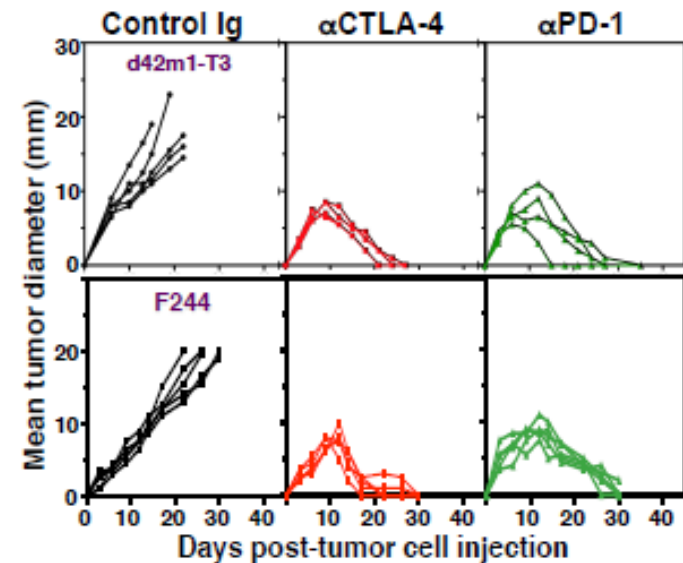


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Checkpoint blockade works in progressor tumors



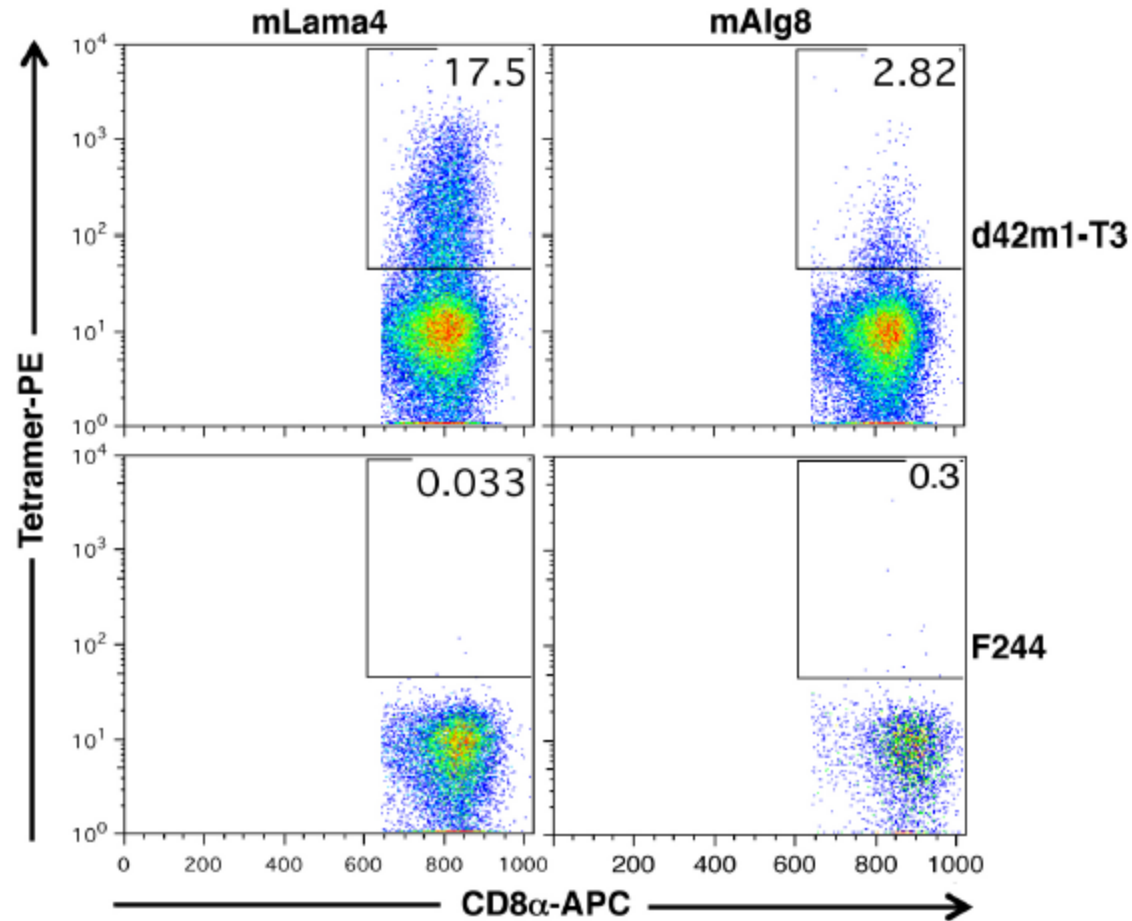
aCTLA4/aPD1 treatments “cure” the mice



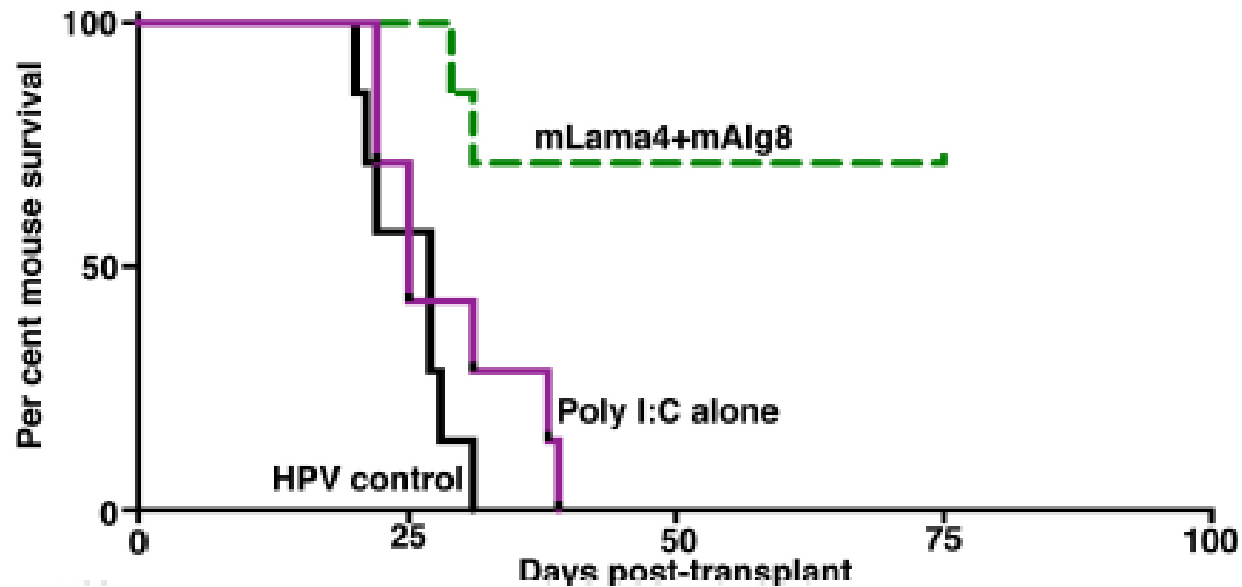
Potential Antigens identified for T3 tumor

| Rank | Id | WT peptide | Mut peptide | Median mutant affinity (nm ⁻¹) | Cutting score | Neopeptide ratio |
|------|---------------------|------------|-------------|--|---------------|------------------|
| 1 | Sbf2_V511L | FNYLYSPV | FNYLYSPL | 0.3998714058 | 0.542809 | 3.5952400634 |
| 2 | Alg8_A506T | ITYAWTRL | ITYTWTRL | 0.2223404132 | 0.954498 | 1.0616164751 |
| 3 | Lama4_G1254V | GGFNFRTL | VGFNFRTL | 0.2188577796 | 0.967372 | 12.8123805304 |
| 4 | 6430548M08Rik_H290R | KVYLYTHL | KVYLYTRL | 0.1841609862 | 0.847512 | 1.2786360207 |
| 5 | Apob_T1328S | STNVYSNL | SSNVYSNL | 0.1027451056 | 0.870279 | 1.6649288887 |
| 6 | Olfr168_P253H | VTFYYAPF | VTFYYAHF | 0.0916300653 | 0.823354 | 0.667371074 |
| 7 | Olfr1121_D127Y | MSYDRYVAI | MSYYRYVAI | 0.0883059591 | 0.478287 | 1.4165113789 |
| 8 | Olfr12_I133M | MAYDRFMAI | MAYDRFMAM | 0.0818398718 | 0.975672 | 1.7597270663 |
| 9 | Tpm2_I266T | ITLLFSFL | TTLLFSFL | 0.0712708996 | 0.923923 | 0.3596749785 |
| 10 | Olfr849_G208R | VSVLFFGV | VSVLFFRV | 0.0698917259 | 0.368878 | 1.7065708369 |

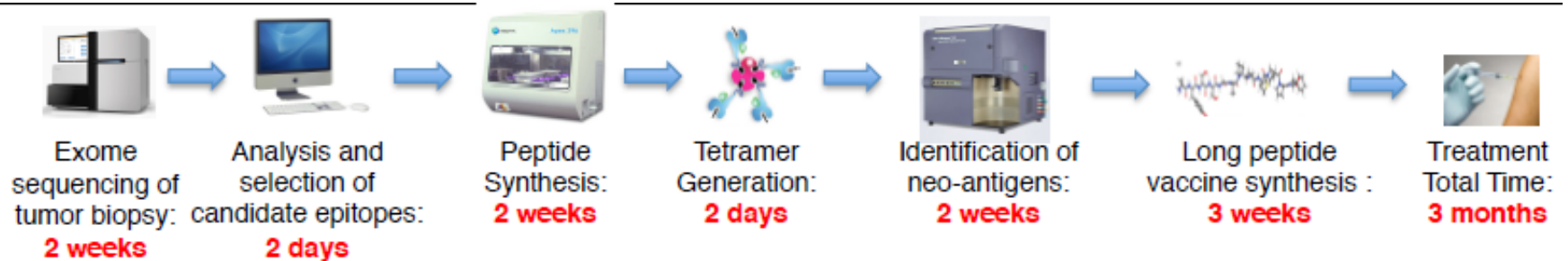
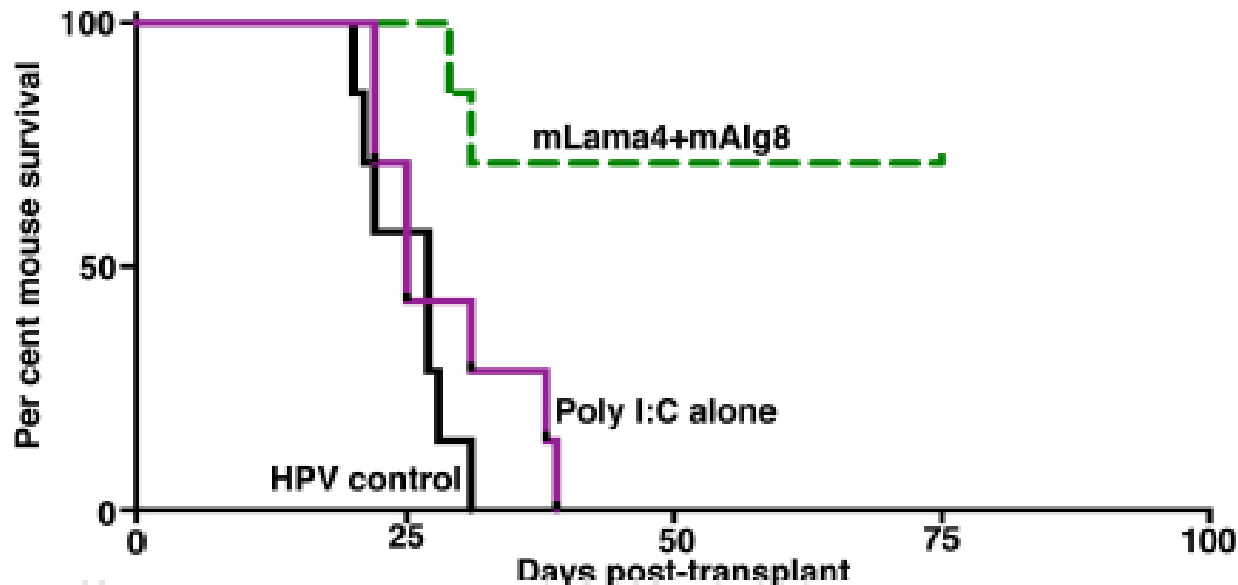
Antigen-specific T-cells are present in tumor even before treatment!



Therapeutic vaccination saves the mouse!

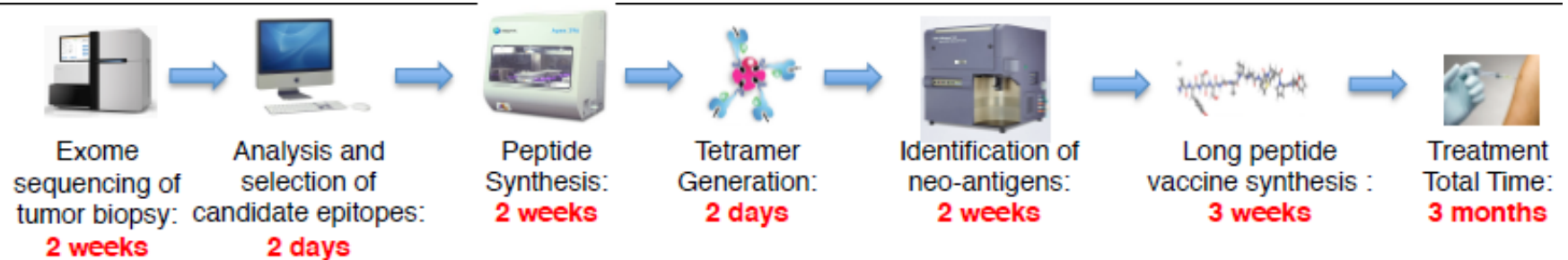


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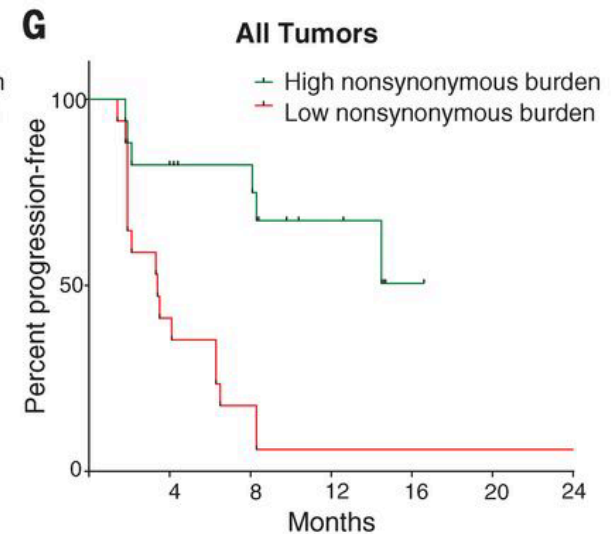
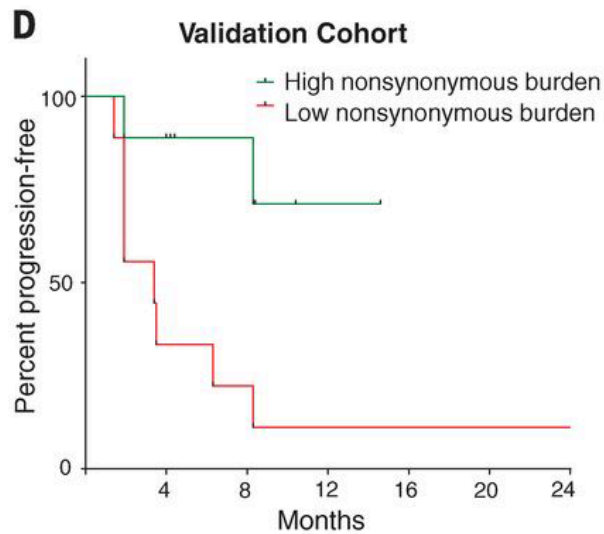
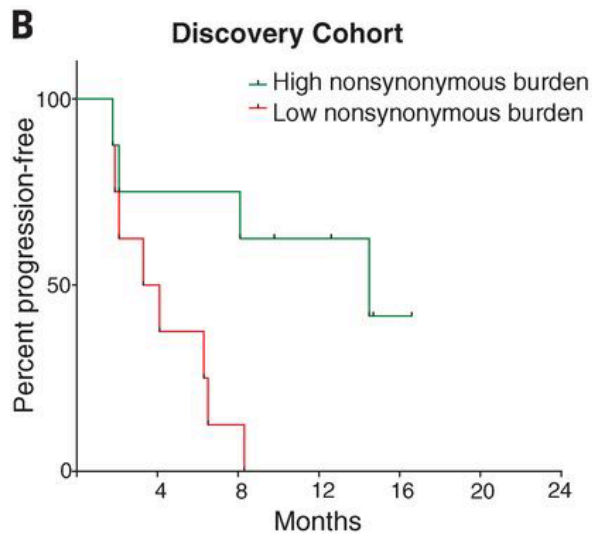


Independent validation in two additional tumors

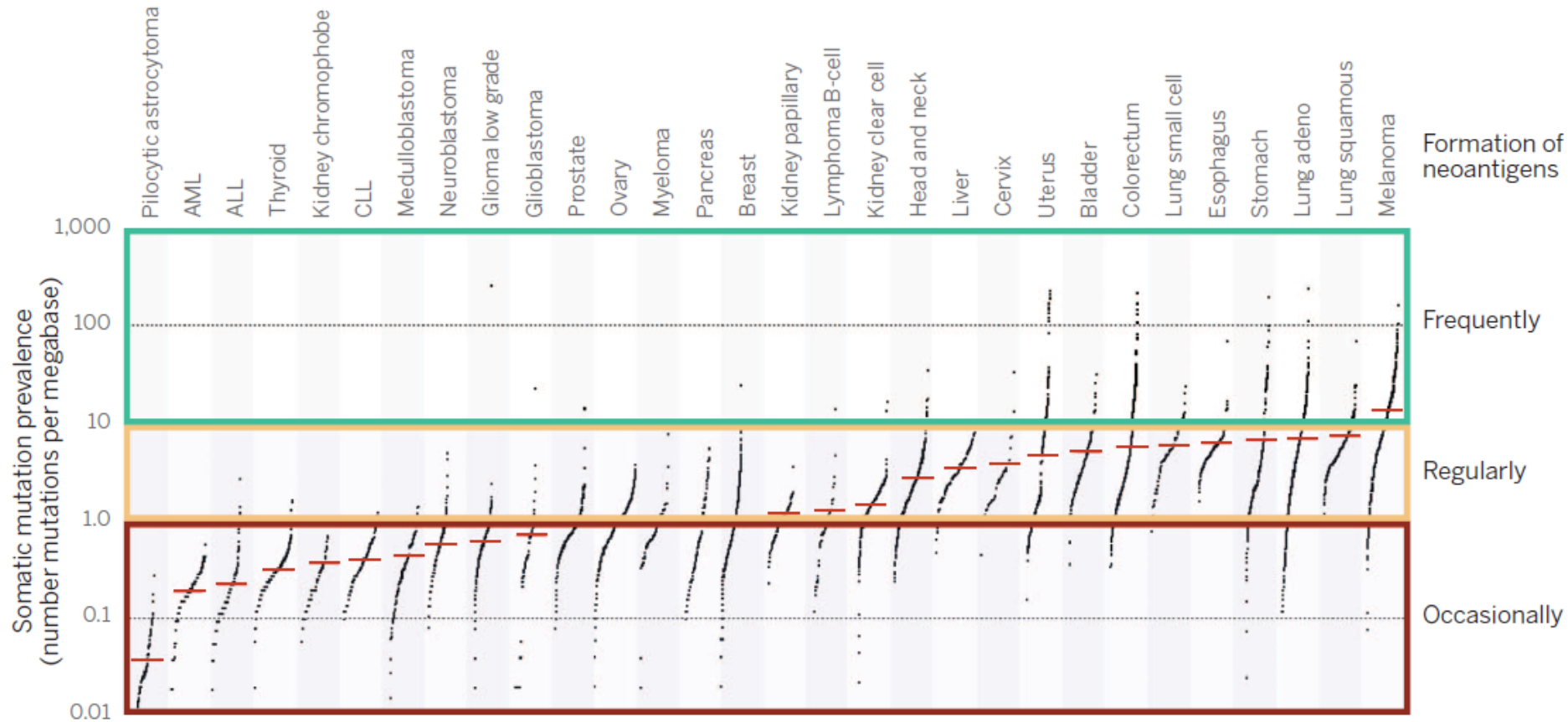
| Tumor | Epitope | Sequence | Allele | Anchor? | Rank |
|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------------|---------|------|
| d42m1 (r) | Spectrin-b2 | VAVVNQIAL | H-2D ^b | Y | 1 |
| 1969 (r) | Rabac1 | VSFPFFCL | H-2K ^b | N | 1 |
| | Gpd2 | YSPENMELL | H-2D ^b | N | 1 |
| T3 (p) | Alg8 | ITYTWTRL | H-2K ^b | N | 1 |
| | Lama4 | VGFNFRTL | H-2K ^b | N | 2 |
| F244 (p) | Pex14 | IAFAFHQL | H-2K ^b | N | 1 |



Mutational load is predictive of immunotherapy response



This is why first successes of checkpoint blockade are in melanoma!!



It all started in 19th century



Fig. 1. Dr William B. Coley (active career 1891–1936).

Worked in New York Cancer Hospital
(later became a part of Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center)

- Noticed that infection with erysipelas often leads to spontaneous regression of sarcomas
- Started therapeutically infection patients with inoperable sarcomas

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Fig. 3. First patient Coley treated by deliberate induction of erysipelas (Coley, 1896a). Large lesion on neck broke down and disappeared under treatment; see text for description. Patient remained well for 8 years, then died of recurrence (Coley, 1909).

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Note resemblance to classical vaccine formulation:

Adjuvant + Adaptive Immunity Target

Streptococci action is sarcoma specific!

“The curative action of erysipelas upon malignant tumors . . . is much more powerful in sarcoma than carcinoma.” (Coley, 1894a.)

Survival

Table 2. *Summary of Patients Treated with Coley's Toxins before 1940*

| Type of cancer | Total | A | B | C | D | E |
|---|-------|----|----|----|----|----|
| Soft tissue sarcomas ¹ | 84 | 32 | 12 | 11 | 12 | 17 |
| Lymphosarcomas (lymphomas) ² | 33 | 10 | 4 | 4 | 7 | 8 |
| Osteosarcoma ³ | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ewing's tumor/reticulum cell sarcoma ⁴ | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Ovarian carcinoma ⁵ | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Cervical carcinoma ⁵ | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Testicular ⁶ | 14 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Renal ⁷ | 8 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Multiple myeloma ⁸ | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Colorectal carcinoma ⁹ | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Breast carcinoma ¹⁰ | 13 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Melanoma ¹¹ | 6 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 |

Evaluation was restricted to those patients who were considered to be inoperable at the time of treatment, and who received no therapy other than the vaccine. Individual patient records are tabulated as follows: A, those making no beneficial response to the treatment; B, those making an initial response, but either known to relapse at any time or lost to follow-up in less than 5 years; C, those rendered free of disease, but lost to follow-up after at least 5, but less than 10, years; D, those rendered free of disease, but lost to follow-up after at least 10, but less than 20, years; E, those rendered free of any clinical evidence of disease for a period of time not less than 20 years. ¹Nauts, 1975c. ²Nauts and Fowler, 1969. ³Nauts, 1975b. ⁴Nauts *et al.*, 1953. ⁵Nauts, 1977. ⁶Fowler, 1968. ⁷Nauts, 1973. ⁸Nauts, 1975a. ⁹Fowler, 1969b. ¹⁰Nauts, 1984. ¹¹Fowler, 1969a.

Sarcomas have characteristic genomic landscape

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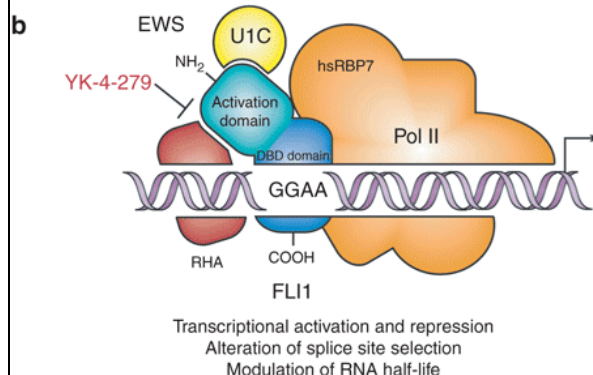
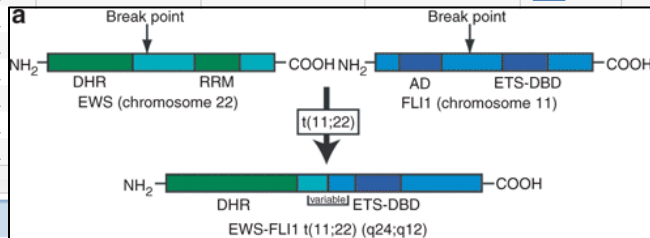
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Genes

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| Mutation ID | 5' Partner Gene | | | | 3' Partner Gene | | | | No. of Mutations | Mutation Frequency |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| | Gene Name | Last Observed Exon | Inferred Breakpoint | Inserted Sequence | Gene Name | First Observed Exon | Inferred Breakpoint | Inserted Sequence | | |
| COSF166 | EWSR1 | 7 | 1112 | - | FLI1 | 6 | 920 | - | 736 | 54.04% |
| COSF168 | EWSR1 | 7 | 1112 | - | FLI1 | 5 | 854 | - | 345 | 25.33% |
| COSF170 | EWSR1 | 10 | 1364 | - | FLI1 | 6 | 920 | - | 41 | 3.01% |
| COSF172 | EWSR1 | 10 | 1364 | - | FLI1 | 5 | 854 | - | 33 | 2.42% |
| COSF177 | EWSR1 | 7 | 1112 | - | FLI1 | 8 | 1046 | - | 15 | 1.1% |
| COSF181 | EWSR1 | 7 | 1112 | - | FLI1 | 7 | 986 | - | 9 | .66% |
| COSF185 | EWSR1 | 10 | 1364 | - | FLI1 | 8 | 1046 | - | 4 | .29% |
| COSF178 | EWSR1 | 9 | 1331 | - | FLI1 | 4 | 650 | - | 4 | .29% |
| COSF184 | EWSR1 | | | | | | 986 | - | 3 | .22% |
| COSF228 | EWSR1 | | | | | | 1094 | - | 3 | .22% |
| COSF1303 | EWSR1 | | | | | | 986 | - | 2 | .15% |
| COSF183 | EWSR1 | | | | | | 986 | - | 1 | .07% |
| COSF205 | EWSR1 | | | | | | 920 | - | 1 | .07% |
| COSF179 | EWSR1 | | | | | | ? | - | 165 | 12% |
| | | | | | | | | | 1362 | 100% |



Fusion neoantigens are similar to *Streptococci* native protein epitopes!

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Fusion Transcript Structures



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