

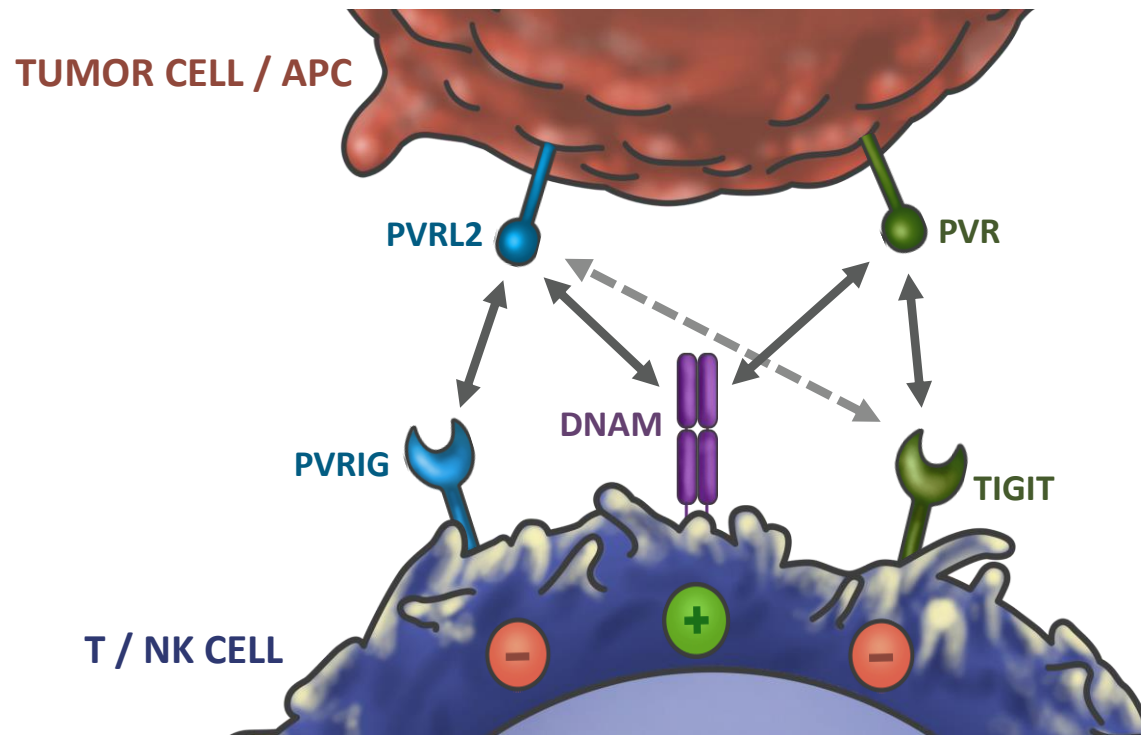
Harnessing PVRIG & TIGIT Combination in Anti-Cancer Immunity

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DNAM-1 Axis Plays Essential Role in Tumor Immunology

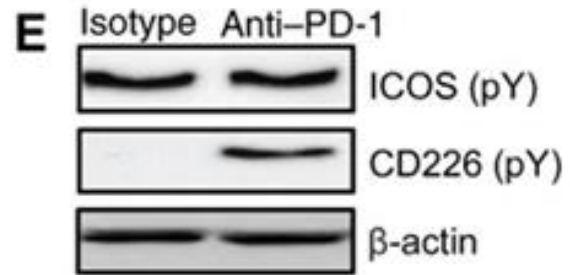


- PVRIG binds PVRL2 as a functional ligand (TIGIT has a low affinity for PVRL2)
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- DNAM-1 axis – two parallel dominant complementary inhibitory pathways (PVRIG & TIGIT)
 - TIGIT and PVRIG deliver direct inhibitory signals into T and NK cells
 - TIGIT/PVRIG has higher affinity to PVR/PVRL2 than DNAM-1 (decoy effect)

Alteber *et al.* Cancer Discov. 2021

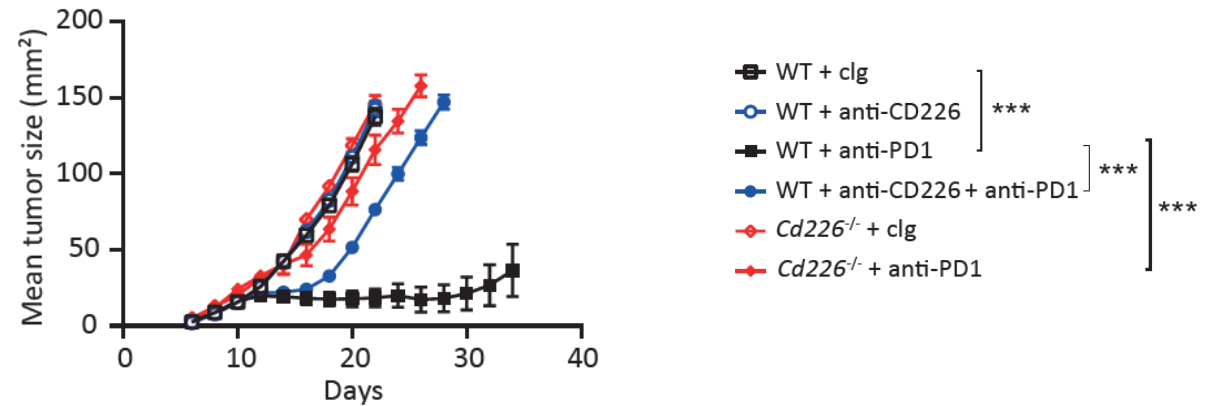
DNAM-1 Intersects with the PD-1 Pathway and is Required for In-vivo Response to PD-1 Blockade

PD-1 inhibition blocks DNAM-1 (CD226) dephosphorylation and inactivation



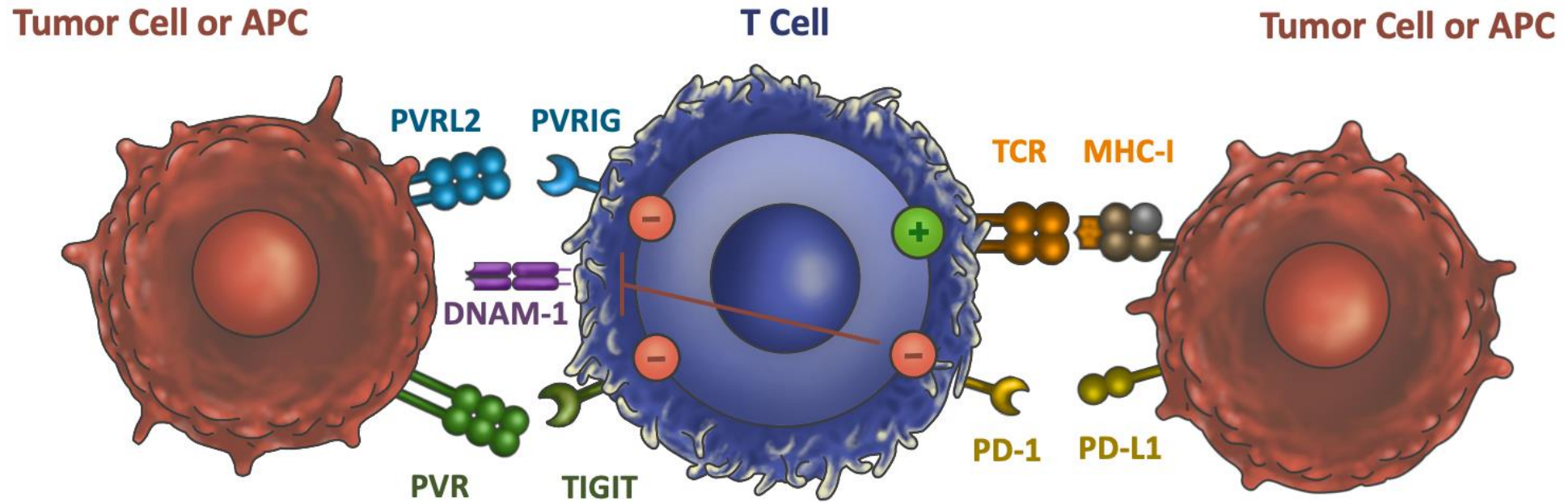
Wang et al., Science Immunology, 2018

DNAM-1 KO or inhibition reverses anti-PD-1 tumor growth inhibition



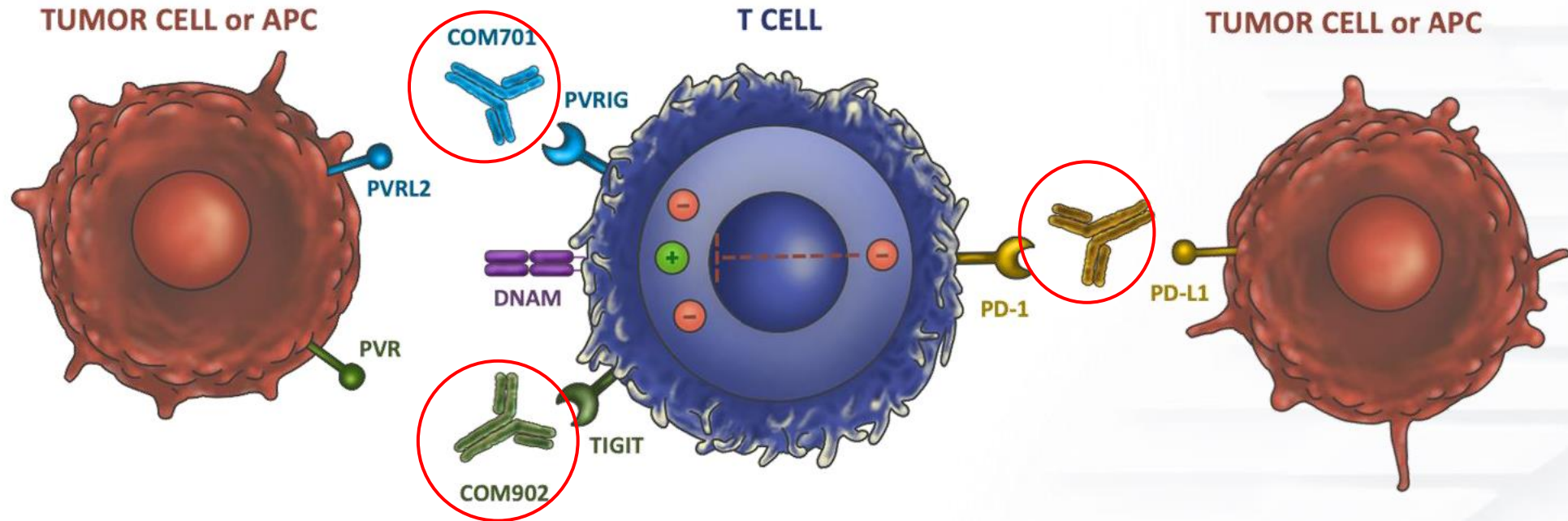
Weulersee et al. Immunity 2020

PVRIG, TIGIT and PD-1 are Players in the DNAM-1 Axis



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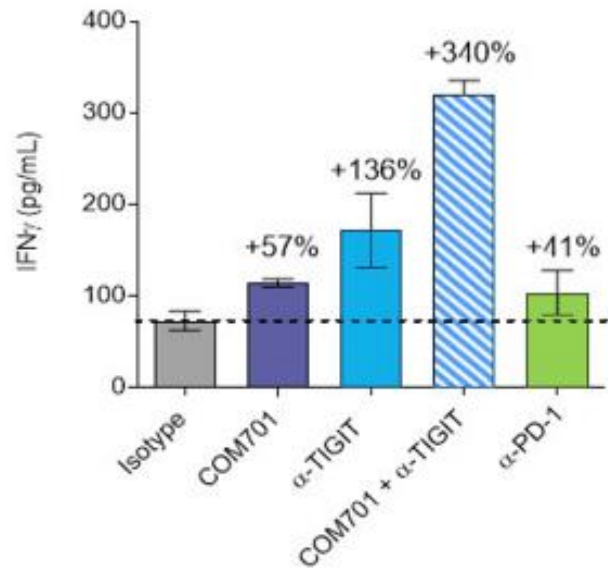
Potential Intersection Between PVRIG/TIGIT and PD-1 Pathways Support Combination Approach to Overcome Immunotherapy Resistance



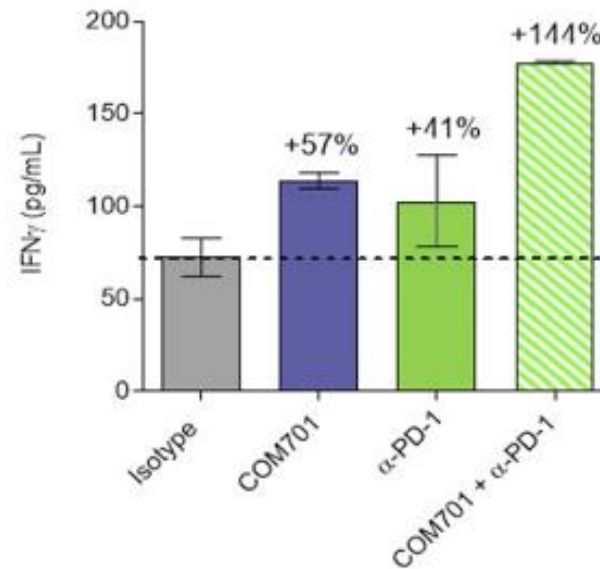
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Synergistic T Cell Activation With PVRIG, PD-1 and TIGIT Blockade

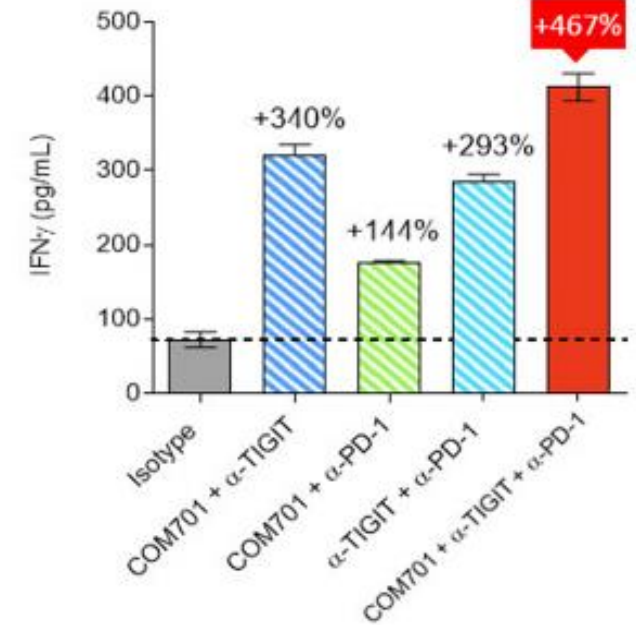
COM701 +/- anti-TIGIT



COM701 +/- anti-PD-1



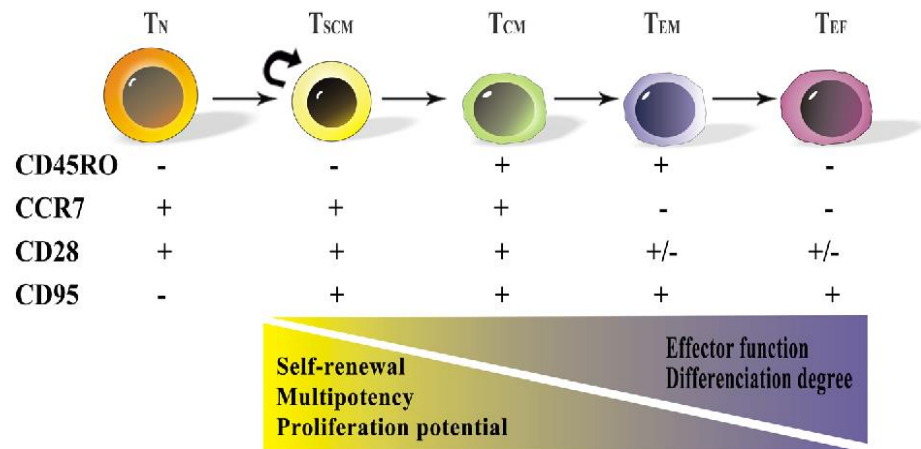
Triple combination



COM701 - anti-PVRIG antibody

Whelan, et al., Cancer Immunol Res. 2019

Early Differentiated T stem-like cells are Potent Inducers of Anti Tumor Activity Following Adoptive T cell Transfer



Xu et al., 2015, J. of Hem and Onc.

Central memory self/tumor-reactive CD8⁺ T cells confer superior antitumor immunity compared with effector memory T cells

Christopher A. Klebanoff^{1,2,3}, Luca Gattinoni^{1,2}, Parizad Torabi-Parizi^{1,5}, Keith Kerstann⁴, Adela R. Cardones³, Steven E. Finkelstein¹, Douglas C. Palmer¹, Paul A. Antony¹, Sam T. Hwang³, Steven A. Rosenberg¹, Thomas A. Waldmann¹, and Nicholas P. Restifo^{1,2,3}
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Wnt signaling arrests effector T cell differentiation and generates CD8⁺ memory stem cells

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 Gattinoni et al., 2009, Nat Med

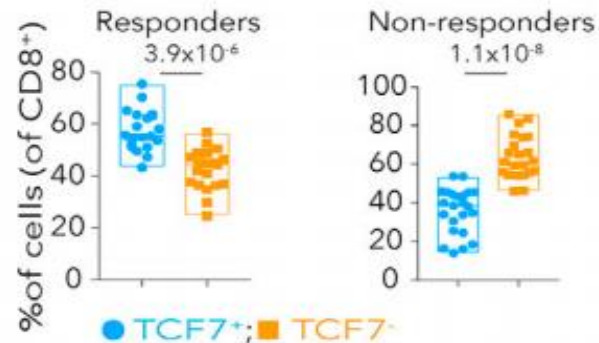
Stem-like CD8 T cells mediate response of adoptive cell immunotherapy against human cancer

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 Krishna et al., 2020, Science

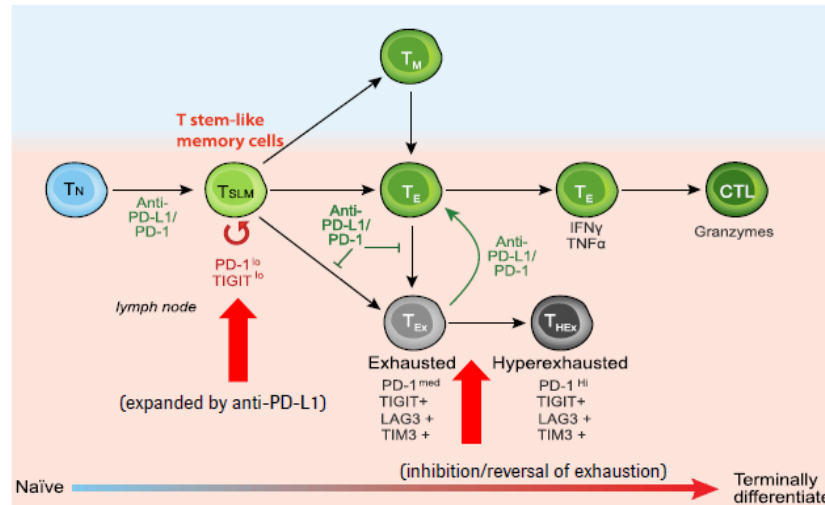
Growing Evidence of Early Differentiated T stem-like memory cells

Importance in Response to Checkpoint Blockade

Fraction of Tscm (TCF7⁺) cells is a predictive of PD-1 response in melanoma



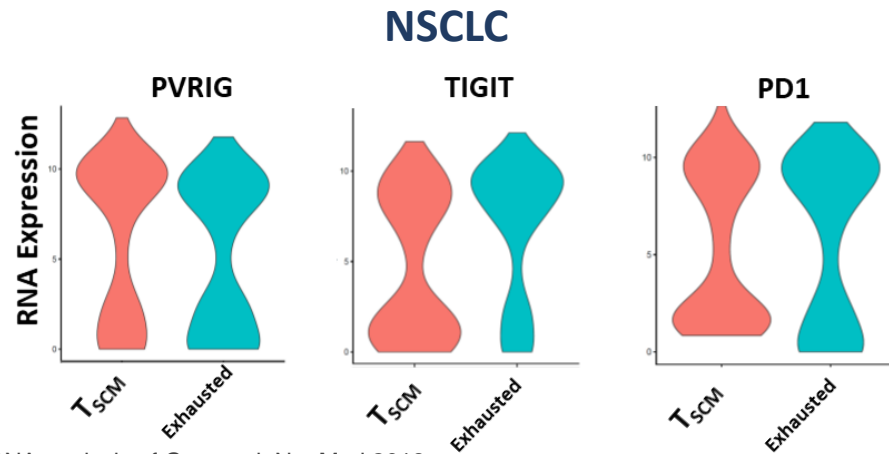
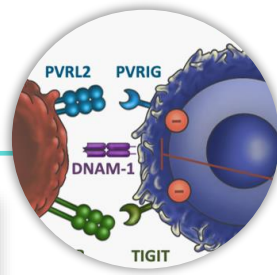
Sadeh-Feldman et al., 2018, Cell



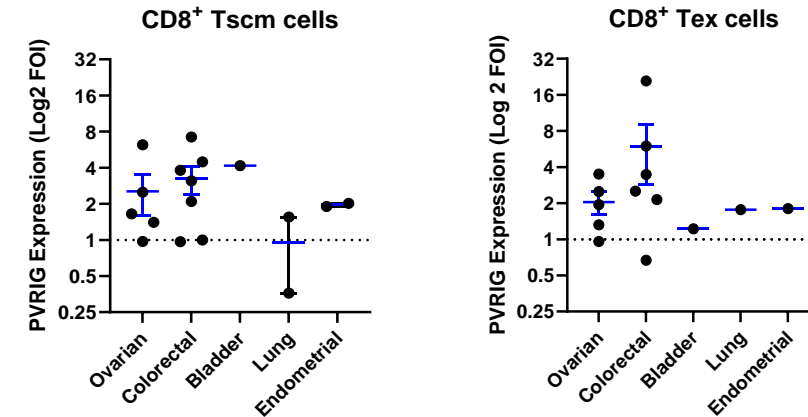
Modified from Chen and Mellman Nature 2017

- Anti-PD-L1 expands a key population of PD-1-positive Tscm which also express TIGIT
- TIGIT and PD-1 co-blockade might enable optimal Tscm activation and DNAM-1 co-stimulation

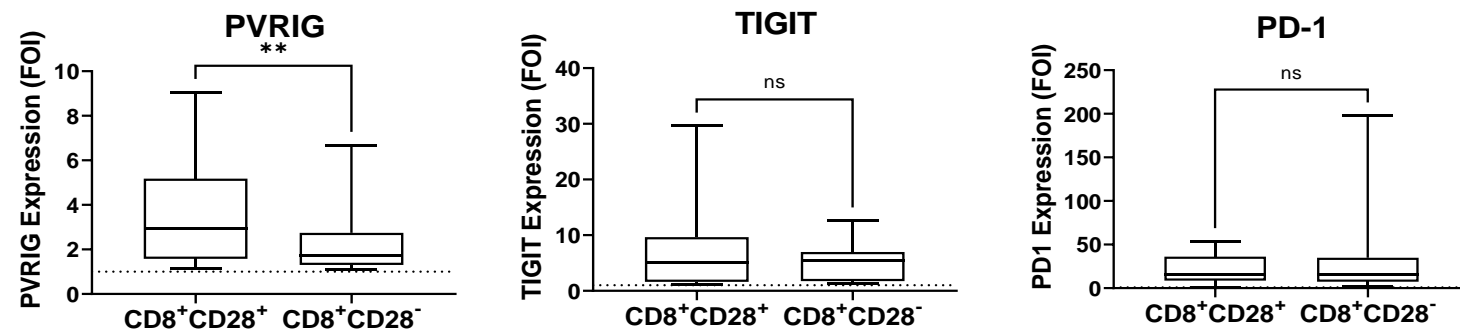
PVRIG is Expressed by Early Differentiated Tscm and has Higher Expression on Early Differentiated CD8⁺ T Cells



scRNA analysis of Gau et al. Nat Med 2018



Internal FLOW cytometry Data

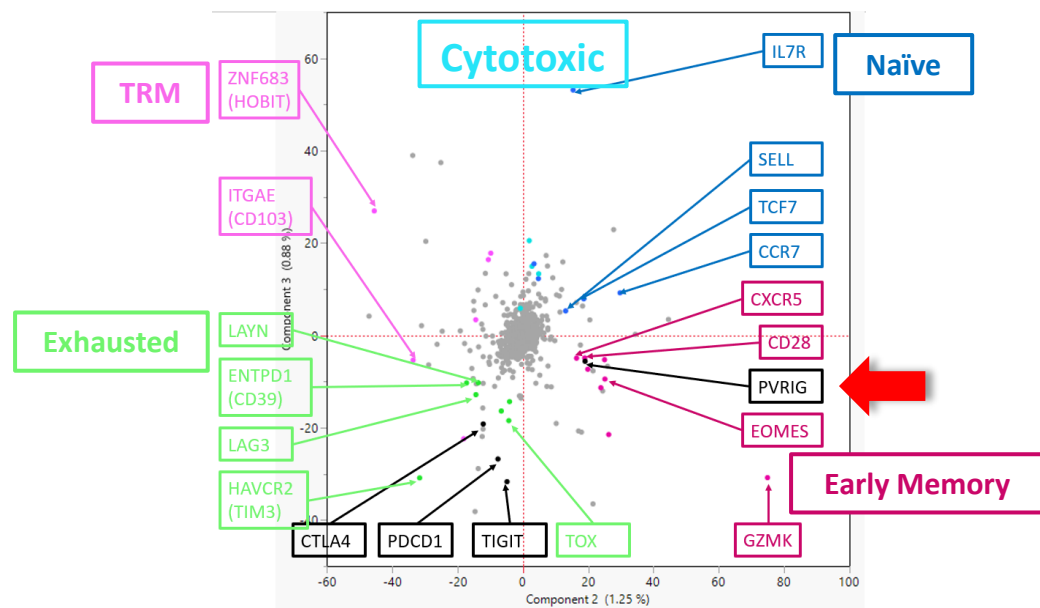


Internal FLOW cytometry Data

Potential for enhanced Tscm activation, expansion and generation of effector T cells

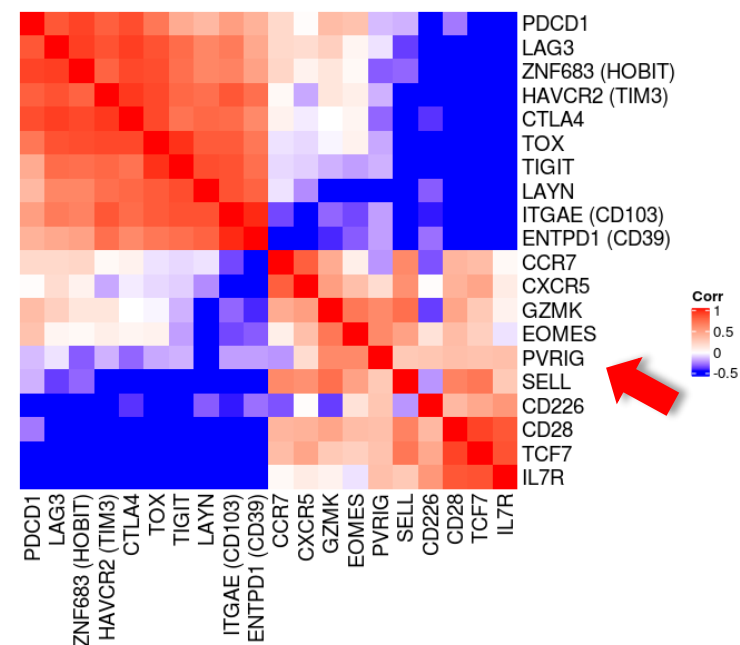
PVRIG Uniquely Clusters with Early Differentiated/Tscm Genes

PCA Analysis of CD8⁺ T cell genes, NSCLC



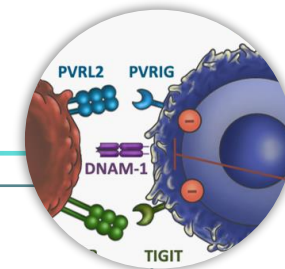
GSE99254_NSCLC Dataset internally analyzed

Unsupervised correlation analysis of scRNA, CRC



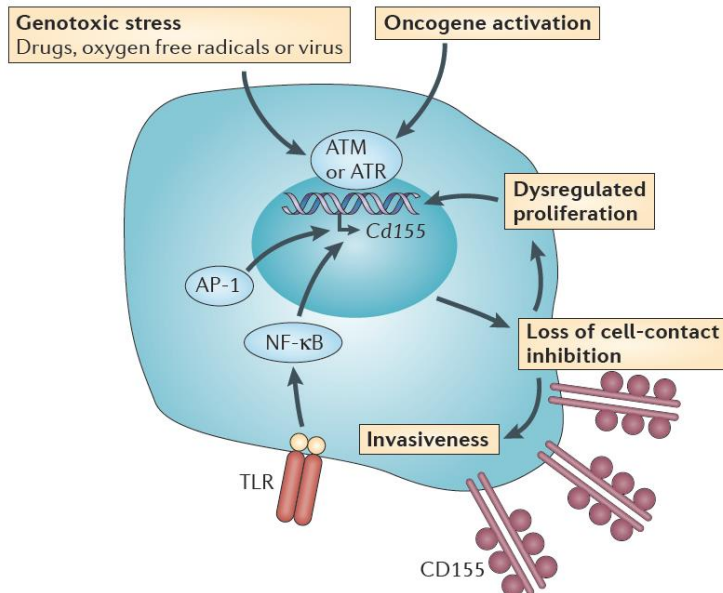
GSE108989_CRC Dataset internally analyzed

PVRL2 and PVR are Expressed in Inflamed and Non-Inflamed Tumors Types



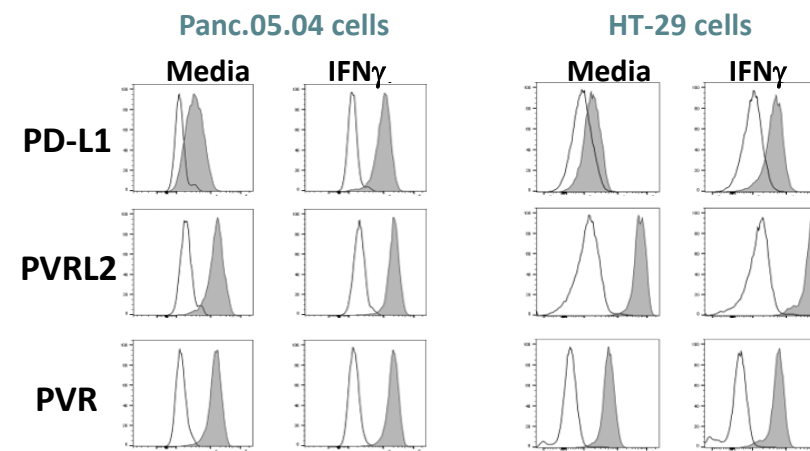
PVR/PVRL2 on tumor cells induced by:

1. Genotoxic stress (DNA damage, oxidative stress)
2. Tumorigenesis (loss of contact inhibition/increased invasiveness)



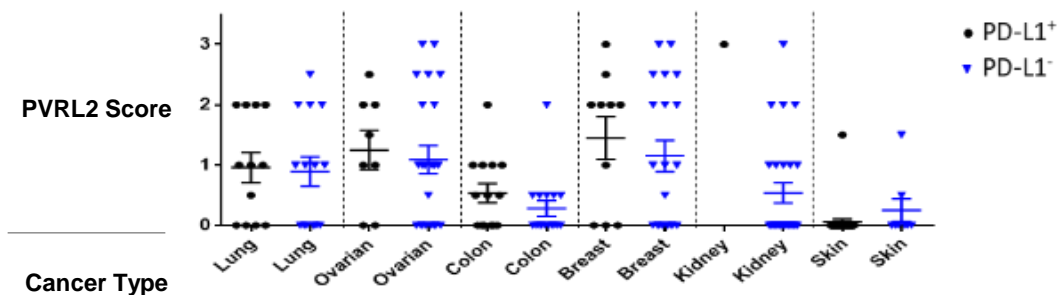
Martinet et al. Nature Rev. Imm. 2015

PVR/PVRL2 on tumor cells are not modulated by IFN- γ



Modified from Whelan, et al., Cancer Immunol Res. 2019

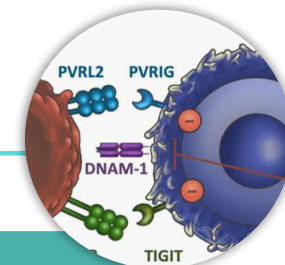
PVRL2 commonly expressed in PD-L1 negative tumors



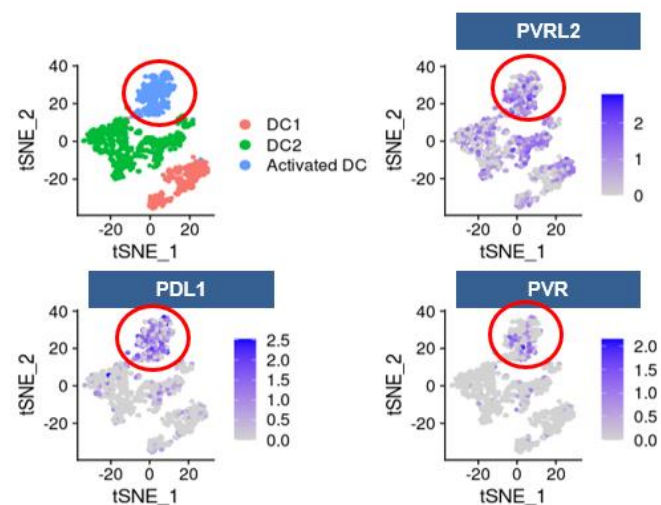
SITC, November 2017, Whelan, et al., poster presentation

PVRIG+TIGIT co-blockade may address PD-L1^{low} non-inflamed tumor types

PVRL2 Has a Dominant Expression on Dendritic Cells

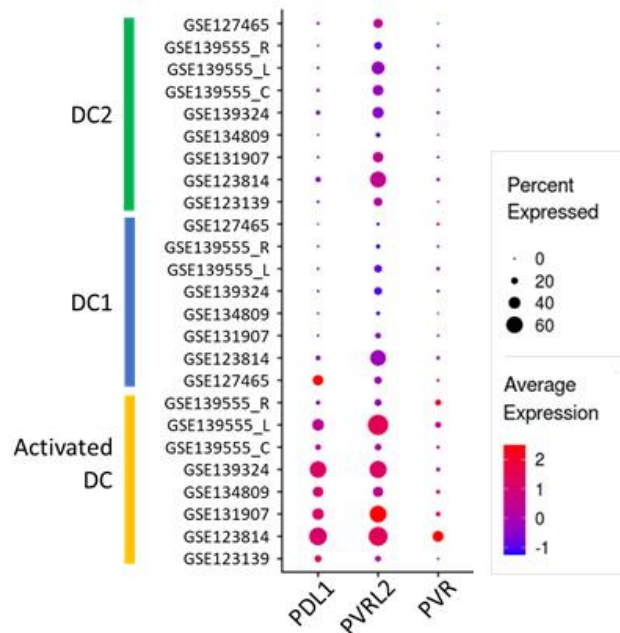


DC Population in SCC/BCC

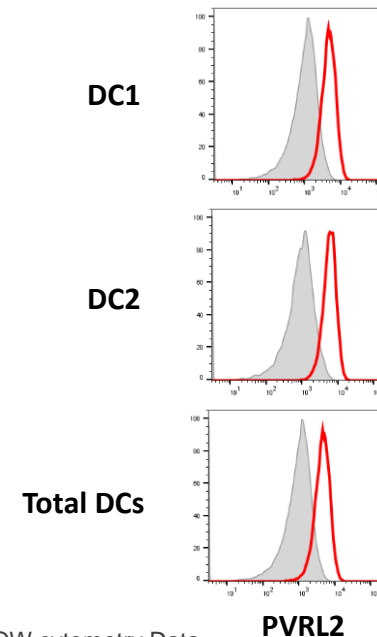


GSE123814 Dataset internally analyzed

Multiple scRNA cancer datasets



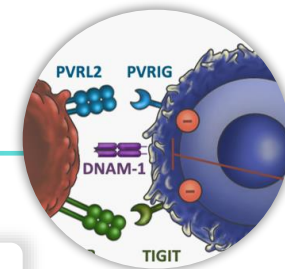
Ovarian cancer



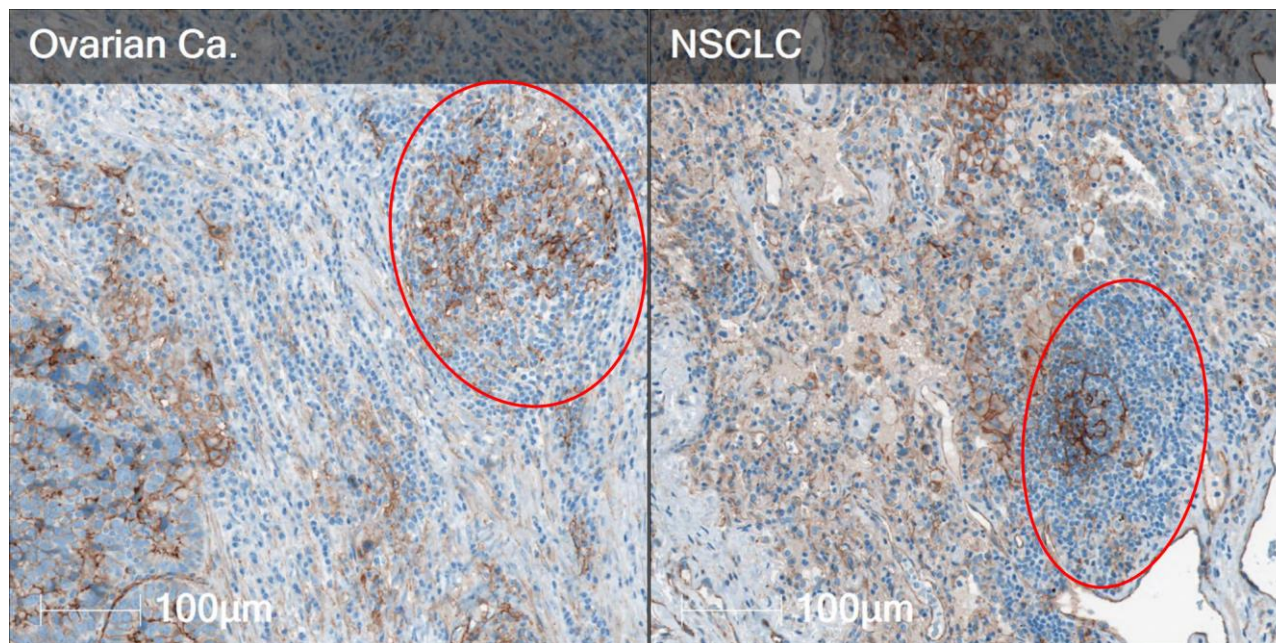
Internal FLOW cytometry Data

PVRL2 blockade may enhance interaction and activation of Tscm by DCs in PD-L1^{low} non-inflamed tumor types

PVRL2 is Expressed in Tertiary Lymphoid Structures



PVRL2



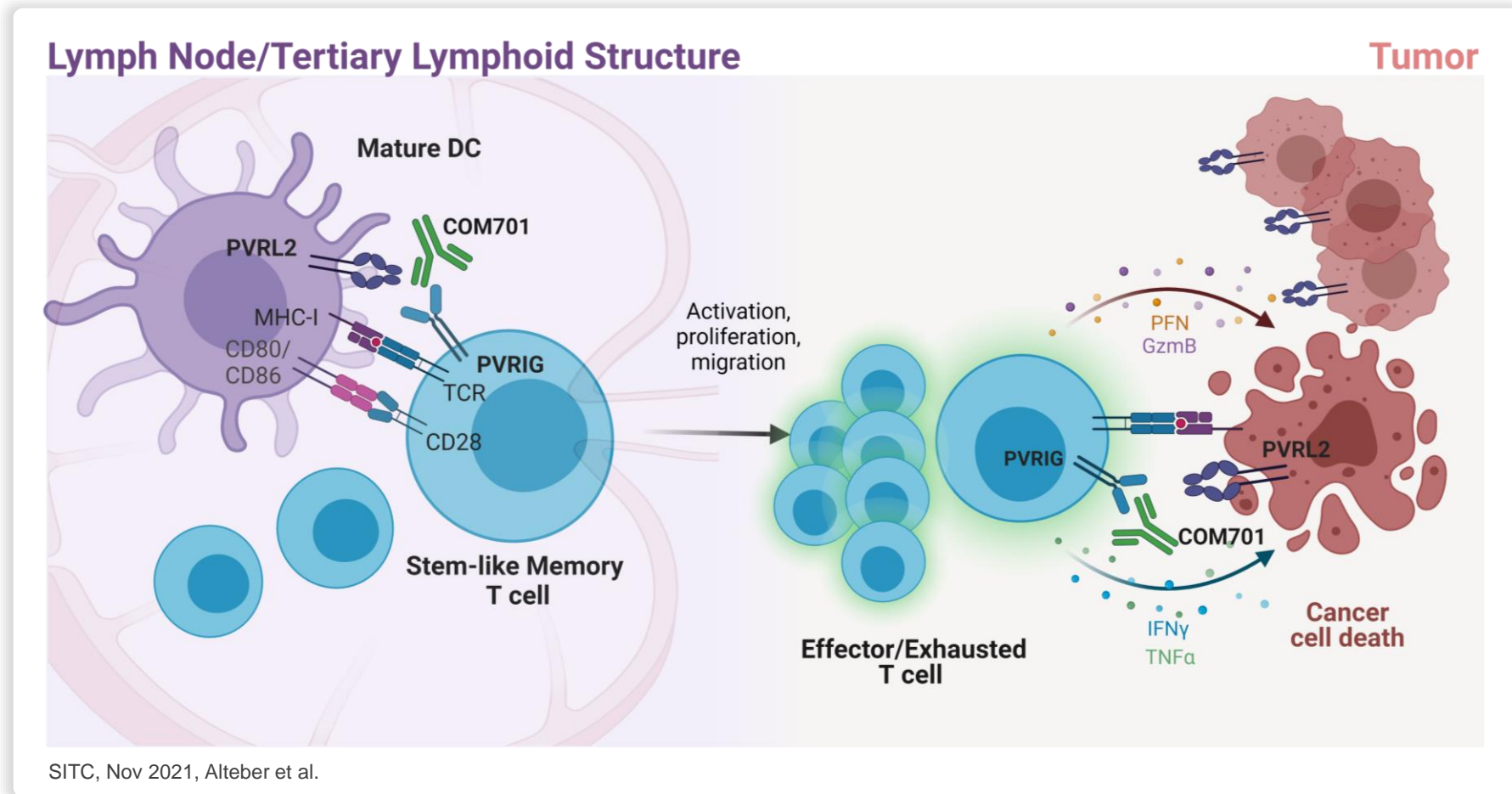
Tertiary lymphoid structures are Lymphoid Structures in the tumor bed in which local T cell activation occur

- Predictive of PD-1 response

Helmink et al Nature 2020

Potential of PVRIG blockade to enhance T cell proliferation at the tumor bed

PVRIG⁺ Stem-like Memory T cells Interaction with PVRL2⁺ DCs Hypothesis



COM701 Clinical Programs

Phase 1 Arm A – Monotherapy

Identifier: NCT03667716

Monotherapy
Dose Escalation

Monotherapy Cohort Expansion
(20 patients; progressed on SOC)

All-comers
(progressed on SOC)

Ovarian, Breast, Endometrial and CRC (MSS),
NSCLC

Enrollment completed; data presented at
AACR '20 and ASCO June '21

Enrollment completed; data presented at
ASCO June '21

Phase 1 Arm B – Dual Combination with nivolumab

Identifier: NCT03667716

Dual Combination: Escalating doses of
COM701 with fixed dose of nivolumab

Dual Combination Cohort Expansion
(progressed on SOC)

All-comers (progressed on SOC)

Ovarian, Breast, Endometrial and CRC (MSS)

Initial data presented at AACR '20; updated
data presented at ASCO June '21

First patient dosed Q2 '21
N=20 per arm

Phase 1/2– Triple Combination

Identifier: NCT04570839

Triple Combination Dose Escalation
Escalating doses of COM701 with fixed doses
of nivolumab + BMS-986207

Triple Combination Cohort expansion

All-comers (progressed on SOC)
Data presented at SITC Nov 2021

Ovarian, Endometrial, HNSCC, additional
tumor types with high PVRL2 expression
First patient dosed Q3 '21
N=20 per arm

Phase 1 – Combination with COM902

Identifier: NCT04354246

Dual Combination Evaluation for
Safety/Tolerability
COM902 + COM701 (both at RDFE)

Dual Combination Cohort Expansion
COM902 + COM701

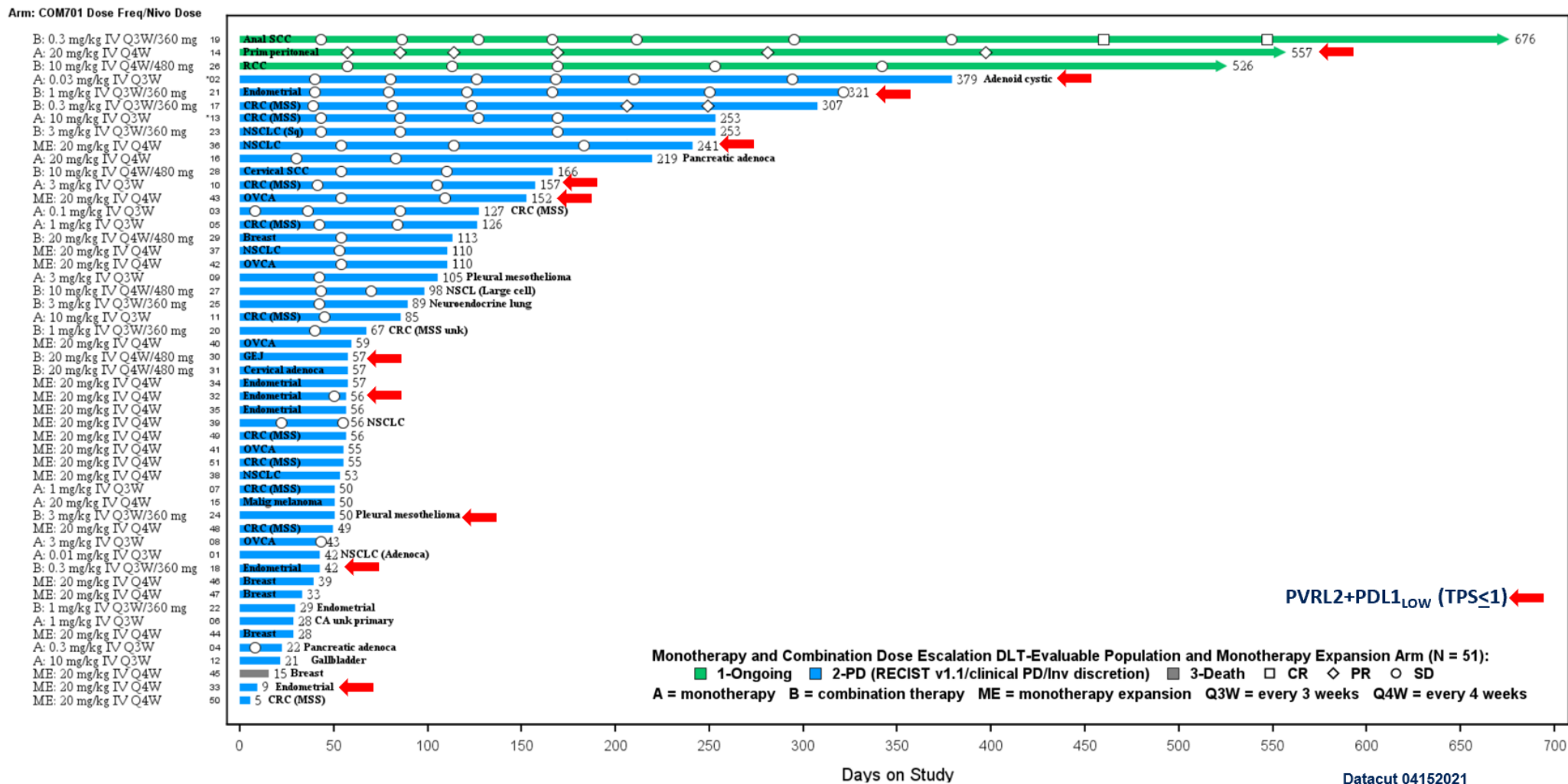
All-comers (progressed on SOC)
First patient dosed Q3 '21

HNSCC, NSCLC, CRC (MSS)
First patient dosed Q4 '21
N=20 per arm

Study Objectives

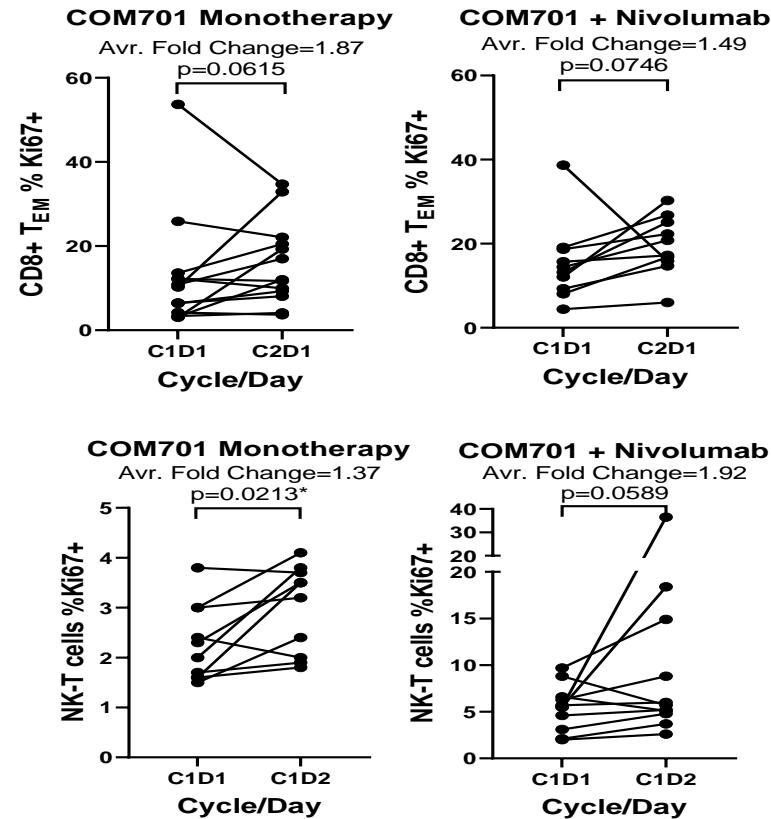
Safety & Tolerability, PK/PD, Preliminary anti-tumor activity

COM701 Monotherapy and Nivolumab Combination Therapy: Swimmer Plot

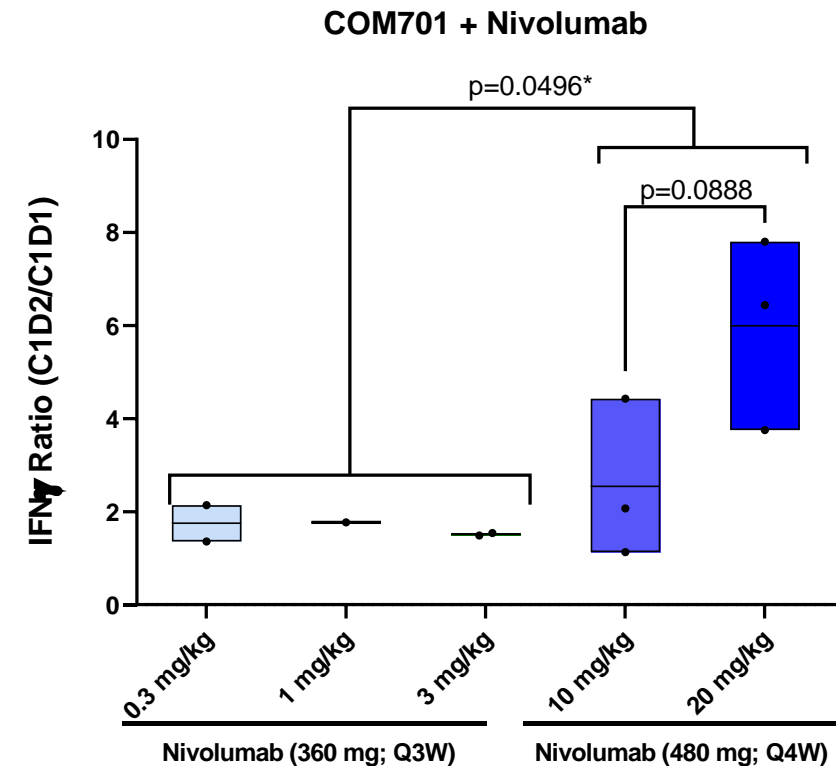


Increased Immune activation in Peripheral Blood of Patients Treated with COM701 Monotherapy and Nivolumab Combination Therapy

A trend of increasing proliferation of CD8⁺ T_{EM} (effector memory T cells) and NK-T cells in peripheral blood

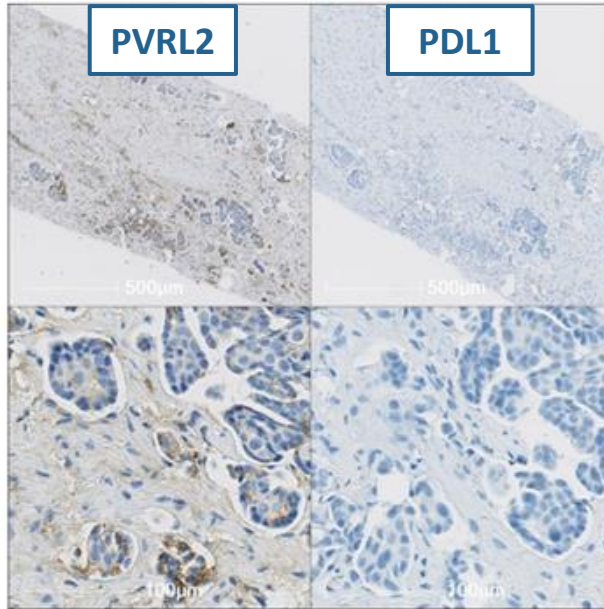
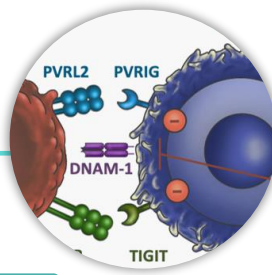


Increase in serum IFN γ upon COM701+nivolumab treatment with a trend for COM701 dose dependency



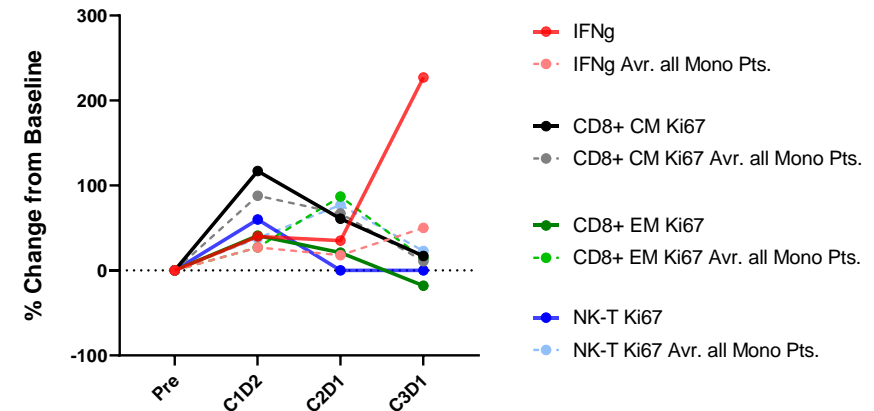
Confirmed PR in Patient with Primary Peritoneal PD-L1^{neg} Cancer Treated with COM701 Monotherapy

Patient received 3 prior lines of anti cancer therapy



- Pre-treatment Archival biopsy (>1 year)
- Negative PD-L1 staining
- PVRL2 expression found on tumor and endothelial cells
- Immune “desert”: no immune cells detected in biopsy

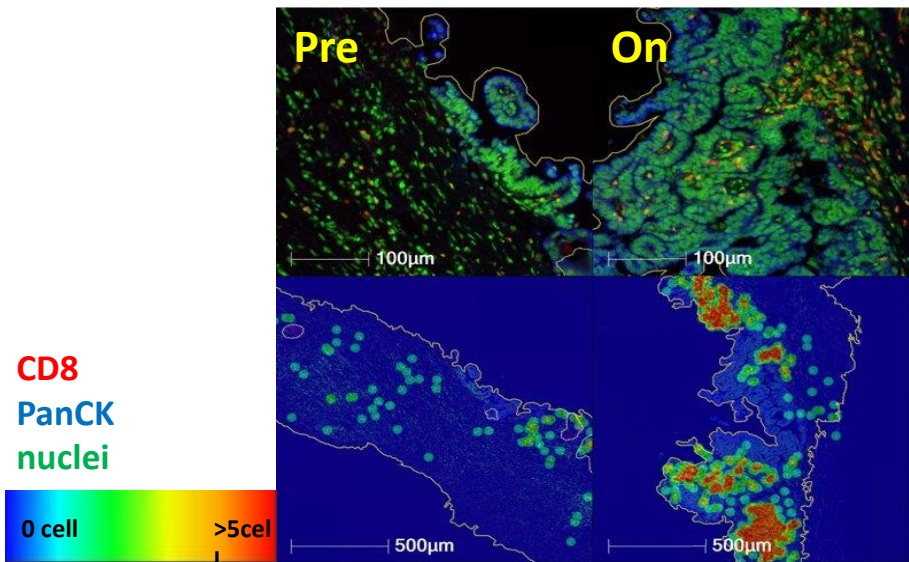
Increase in IFN γ induction and immune activation in peripheral blood



ASCO, June 2021, Vaena et al., Oral presentation

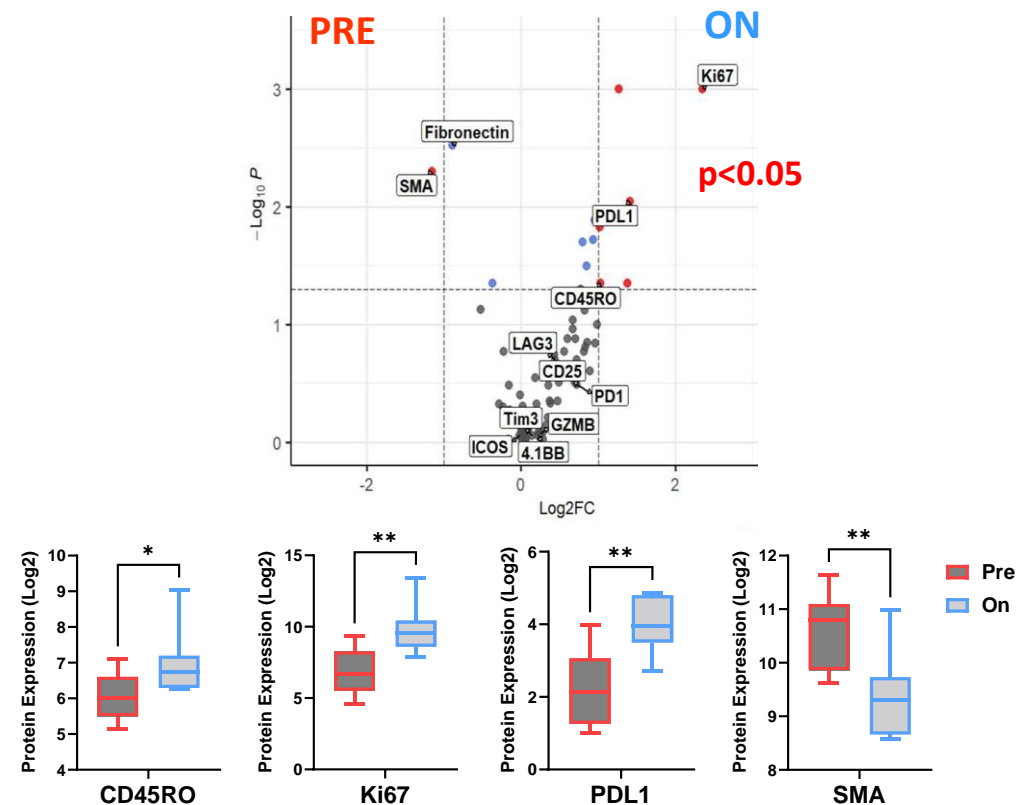
COM701 Monotherapy Induced Immune Activation in TME of Patient with Ovarian Cancer (Radiologically PD)

CD8 distribution in TME



% CD8 cells	1.4	5.9
Maximum CD8 Density (CD8/µm²)	0.005	0.012
Av. Distance Tumor-CD8 (µm)	51.027	23.190

Protein expression in CD8 regions (NanoString, DSP)

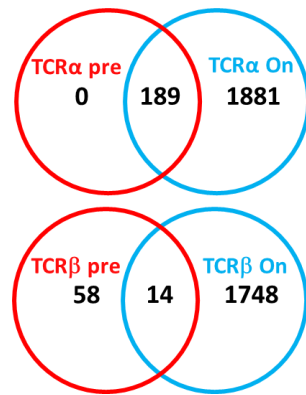


Patient with PVRL2^{high} (H-score=250) PDL1 (8% TPS) ovarian cancer demonstrating shift from stromal markers towards immune activation in TME following COM701 monotherapy

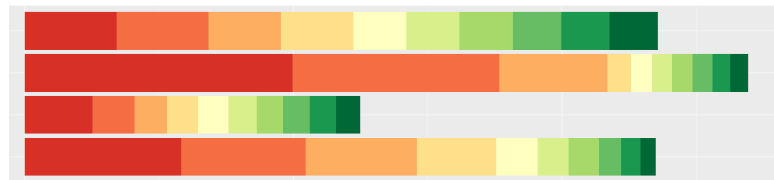
Increased TME Immune Activation and TCR Clonality in Patient with CRC (MSS) with PR to COM701+nivolumab Combination Therapy

Patient received 4 prior lines of anti cancer therapy

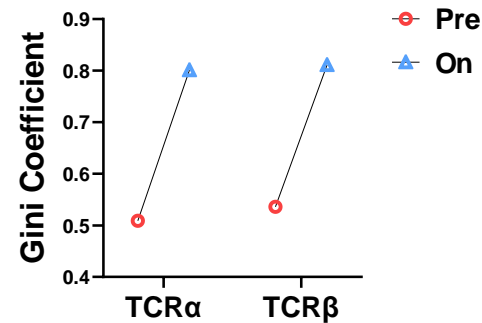
Induced number of clones



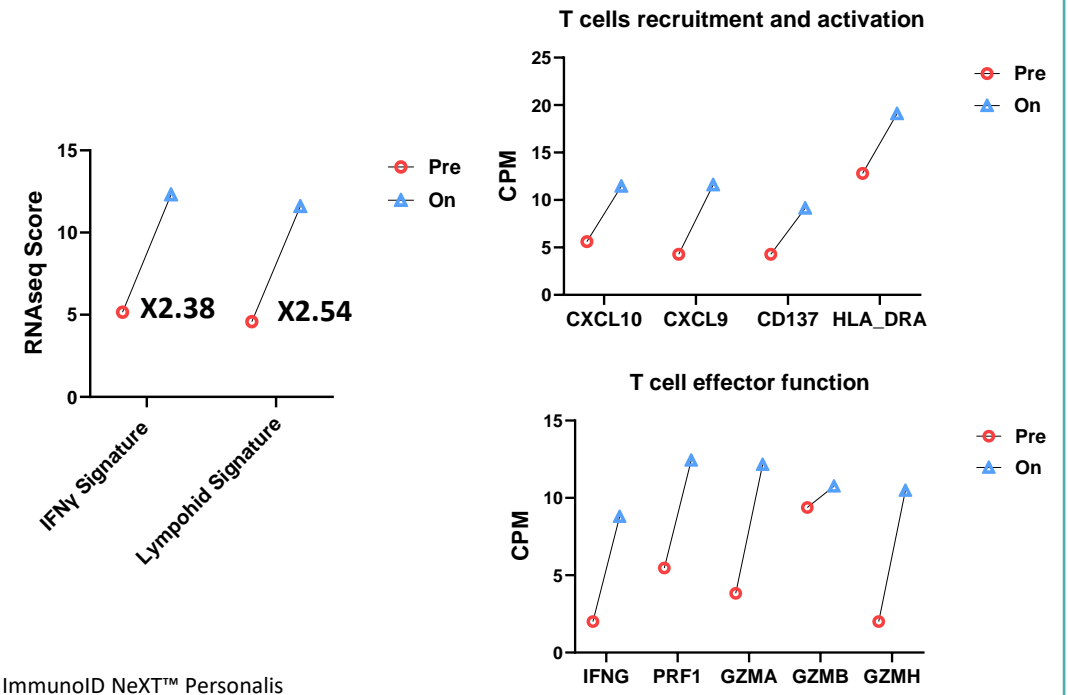
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Increased clonal expansion

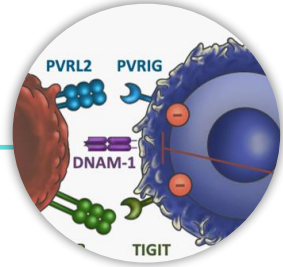


Increased Immune infiltration and activation

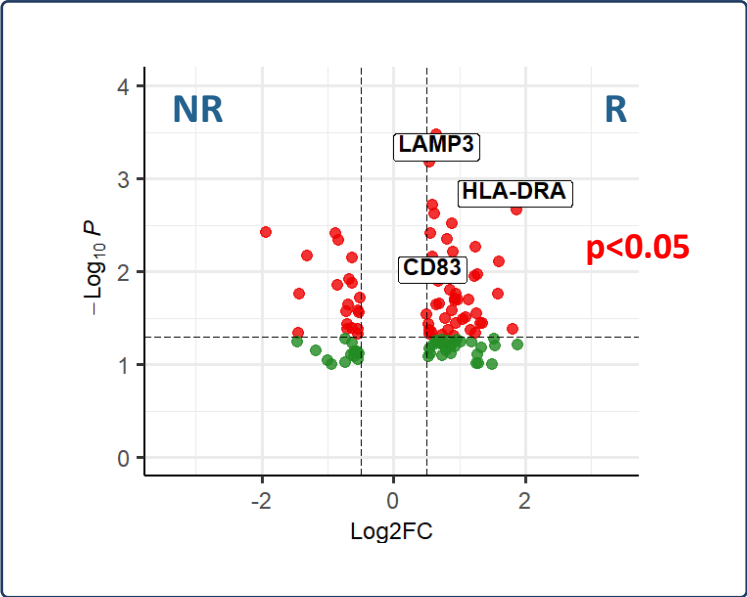


Patient with PVRL2⁺ (H-score=25) PDL1^{low} (1% TPS) MSS-CRC demonstrating increase in TCR numbers and clonality and T cell infiltration and activation in TME following COM701+nivolumab combination

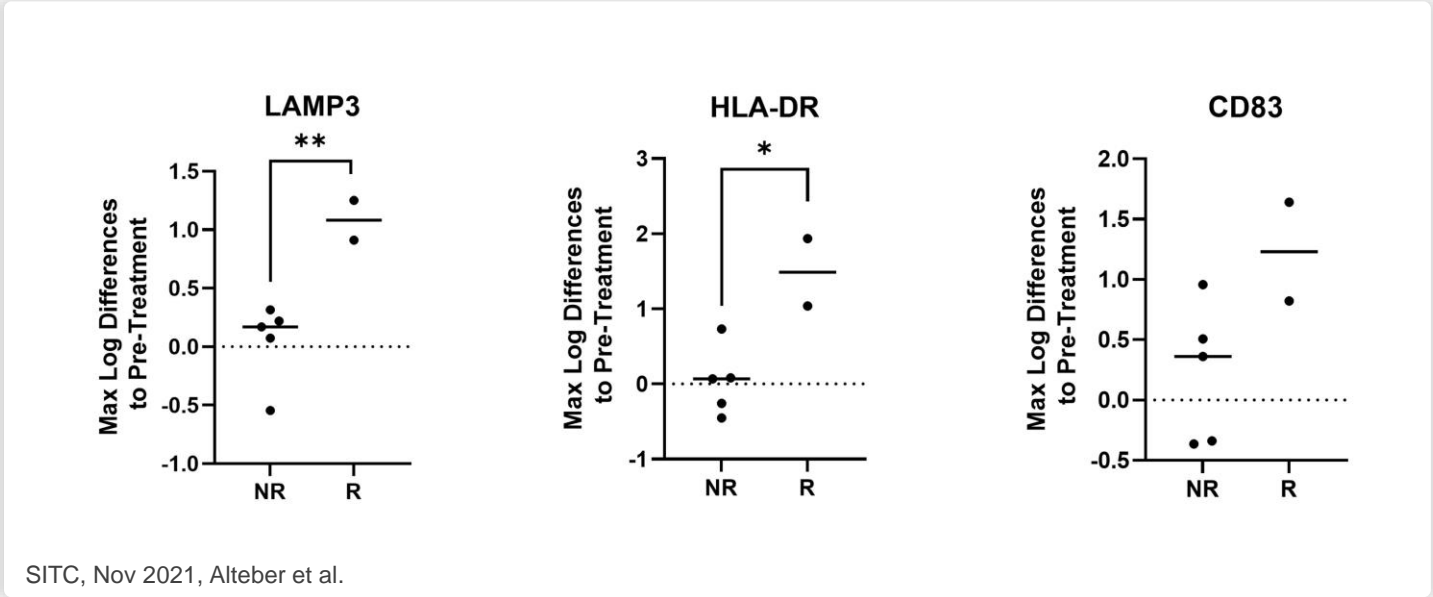
Combination of COM701+nivolumab Induced Markers of Activated DCs in Serum of 2 Responding Patients



Responders (R) vs non-responders (NR) differential gene expression



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SITC, Nov 2021, Alteber et al.

Induction of activated-DC markers in serum of 2 patients that clinically responded to COM701+nivolumab, compared to non-responders

Summary

- PVRIG, a novel checkpoint in the DNAM-1 axis, expressed on stem-like and exhausted T cells but has a unique dominant expression on early differentiated Tscm
- PVRL2 (ligand for PVRIG) and PVR (ligand for TIGIT) are expressed in PD-L1^{low} and PD-L1^{high} tumor types
- PVRL2 is dominantly expressed across DC types and in Tertiary Lymphoid Structures
- PVRIG blockade may enhance Tscm activation by DCs, resulting in their increased expansion and differentiation. A potential mechanism which could lead to increased T cell expansion and infiltration into less 'inflamed' tumors
- Preliminary data shows that COM701 (anti-PVRIG) monotherapy induced immune activation in periphery and signs of anti-tumor activity in patients with PVRL2⁺PD-L1^{low} tumors
- Data shows increased infiltration and activation of T cells in TME of patient treated with COM701 monotherapy
- Dual (PVRIG & PD-1) blockade resulted in increased T cell clonality and activation in TME of CRC (MSS) responding patient and increased induction of activated DC markers in serum of 2 patients responding to this therapy
- Dual (PVRIG & TIGIT or PVRIG & PD-1) and triple blockade (PVRIG & TIGIT & PD-1) clinical trials are ongoing



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