

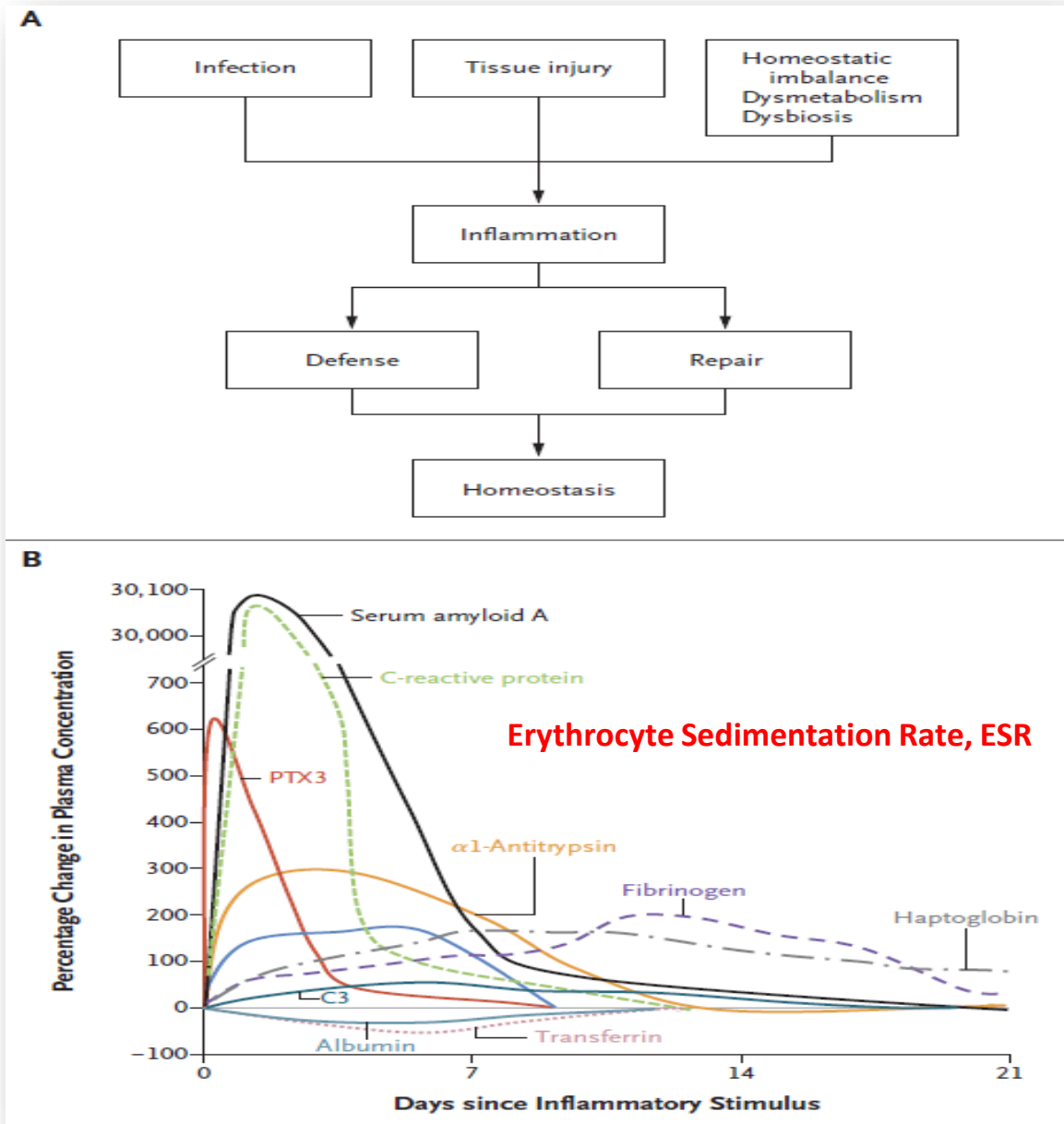
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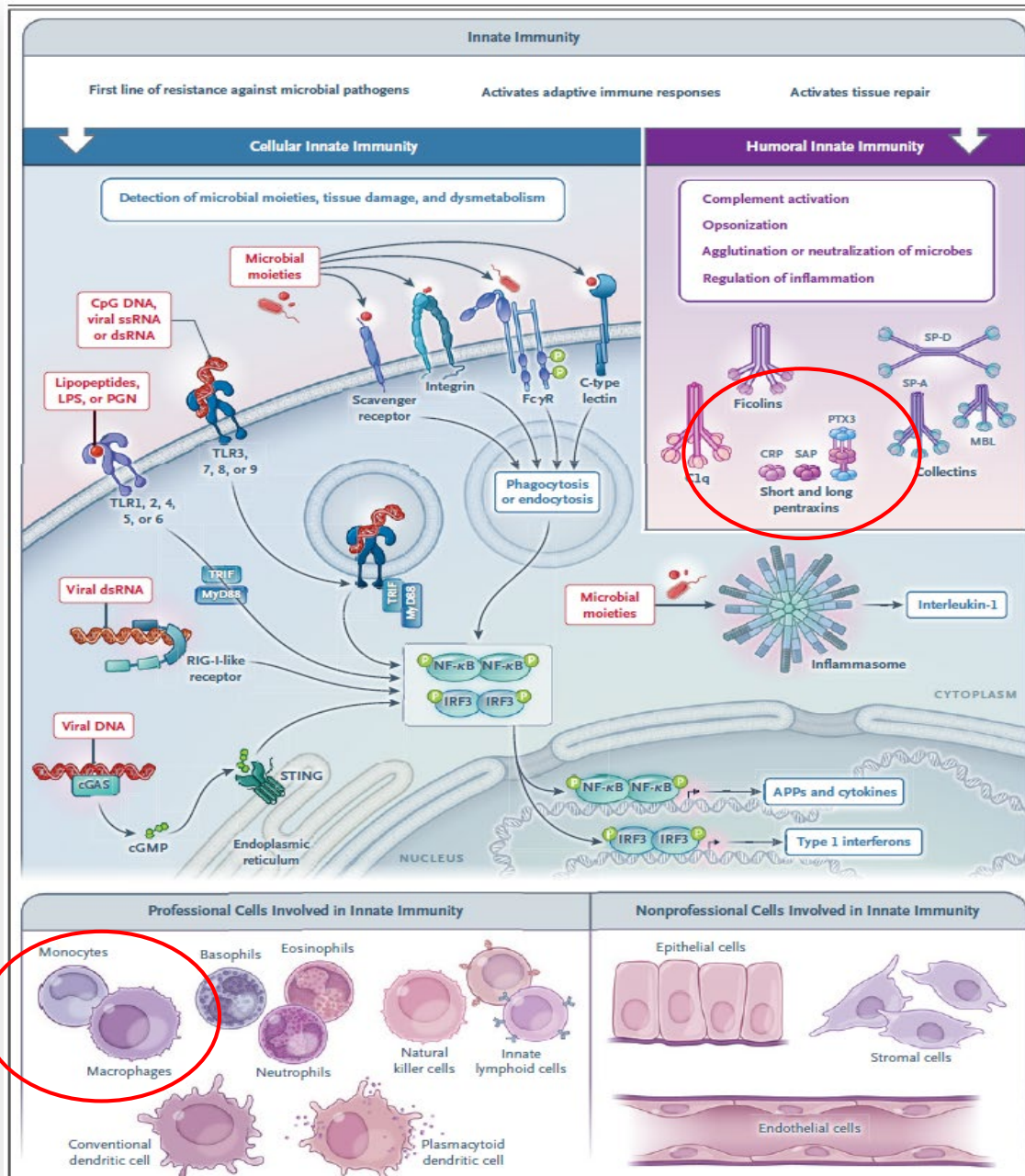
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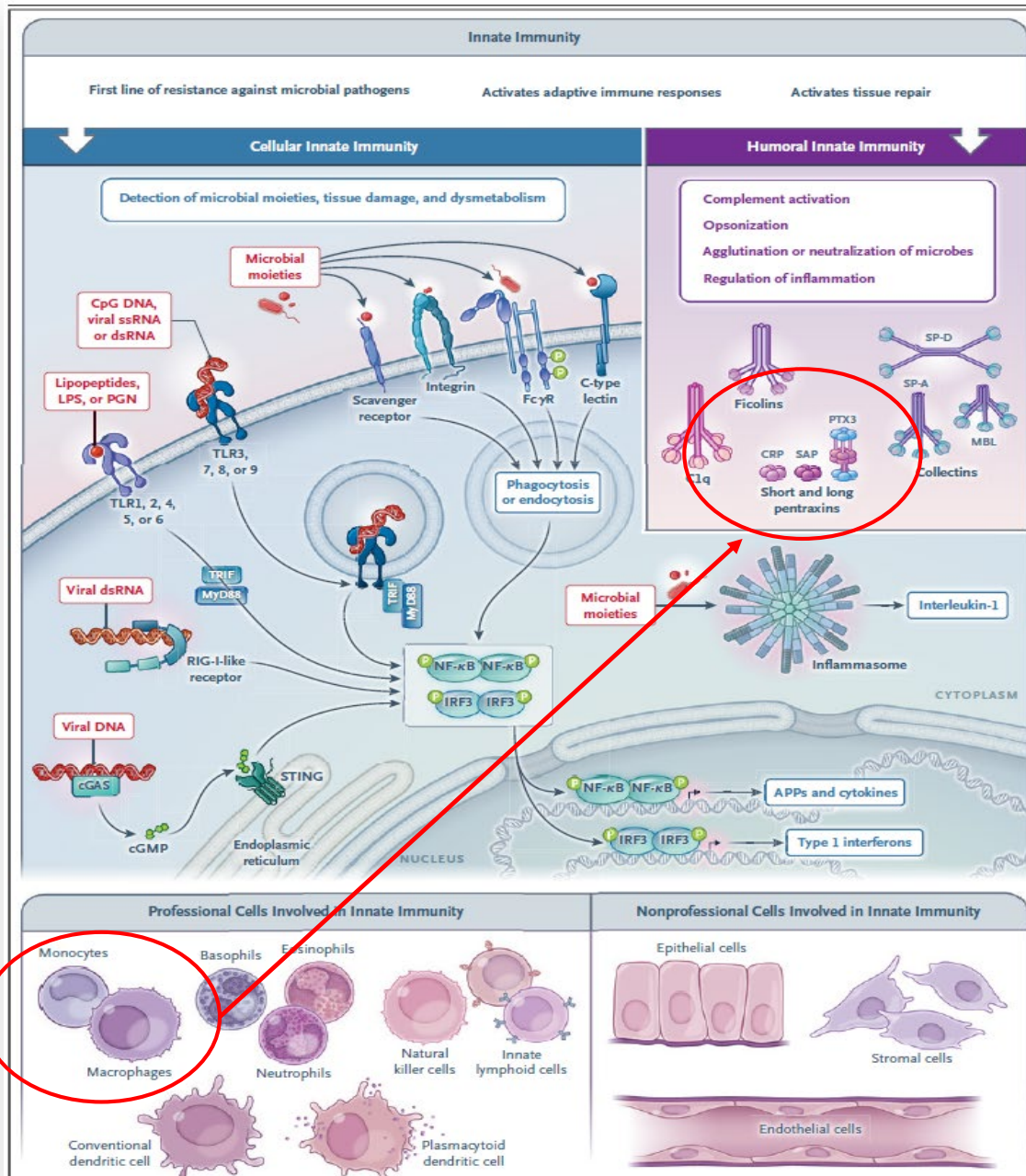


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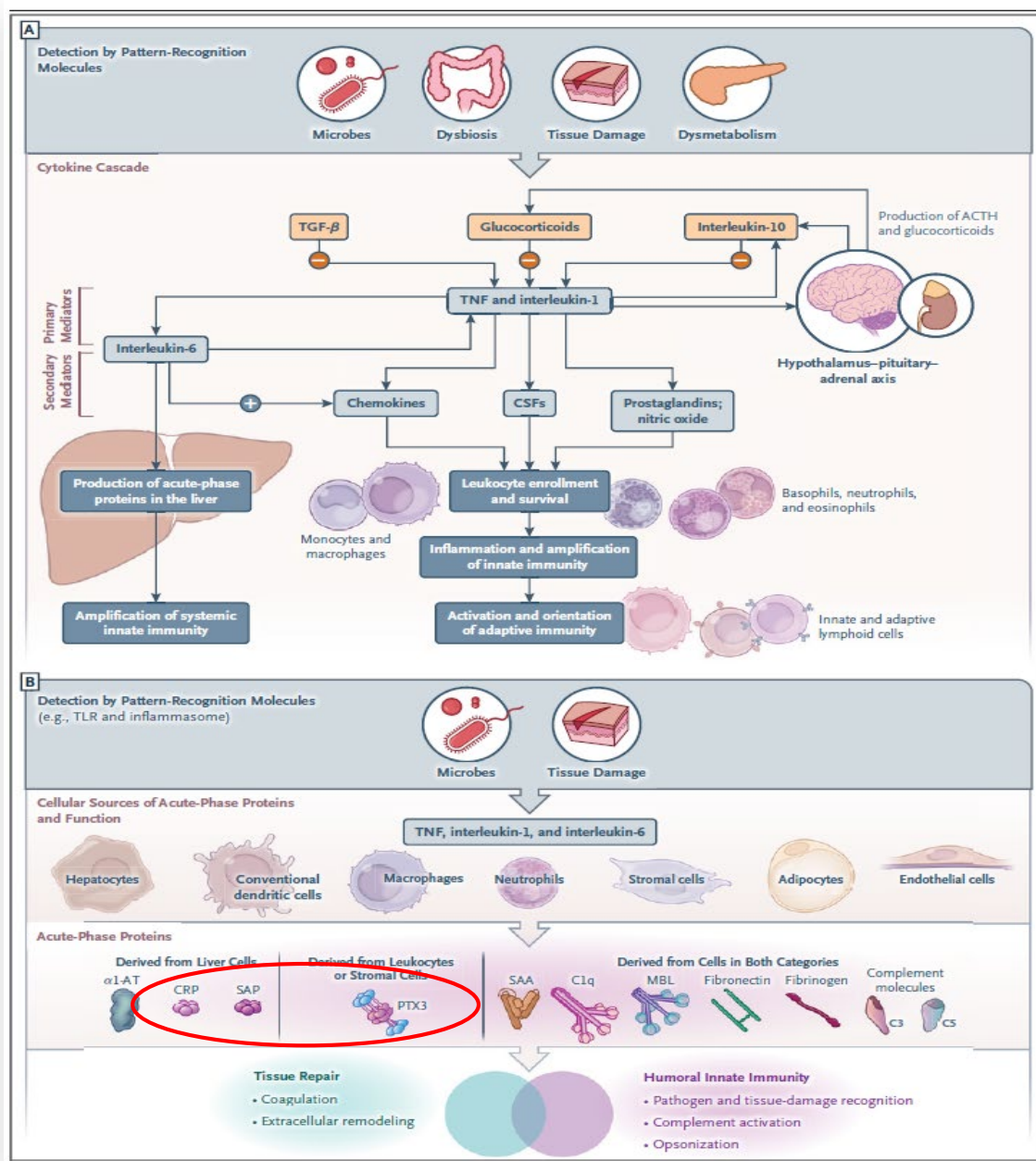
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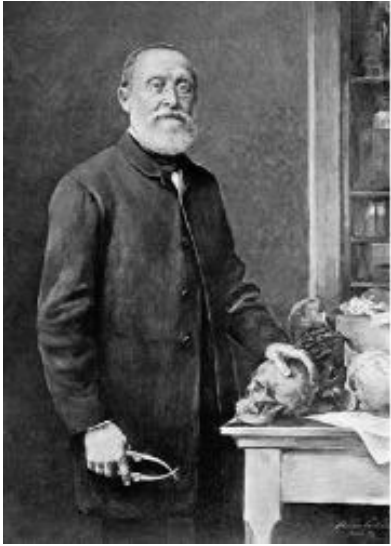






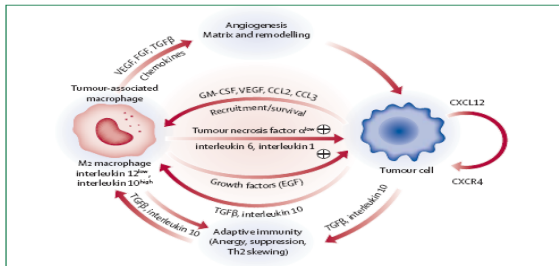


# INFLAMMATION, MACROPHAGES AND CANCER

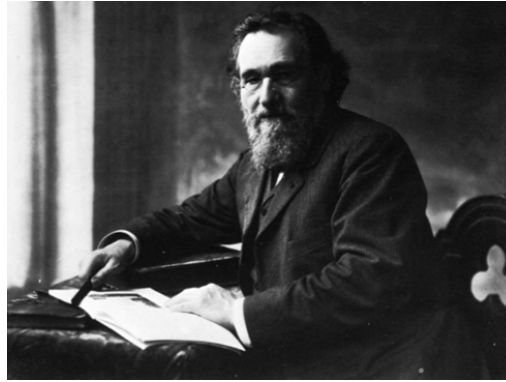


**RUDOLF LUDWIG KARL VIRCHOW (1821-1902)**

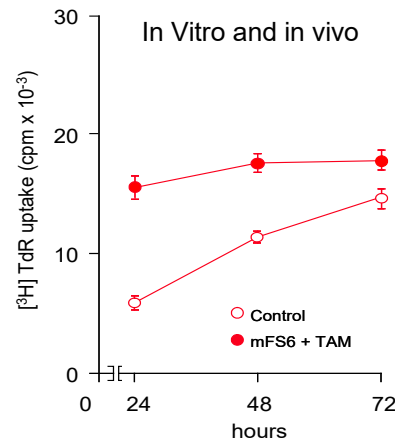
*Balkwill and Mantovani, Lancet 2001*



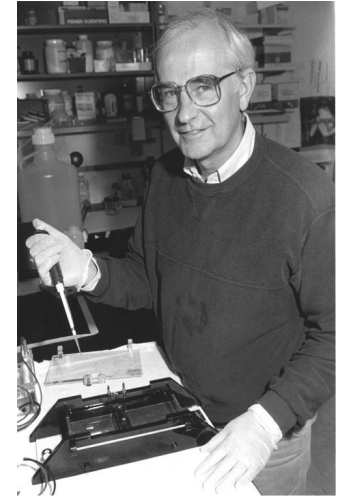
*(Mantovani et al. Lancet 2008; Nature 2008)*



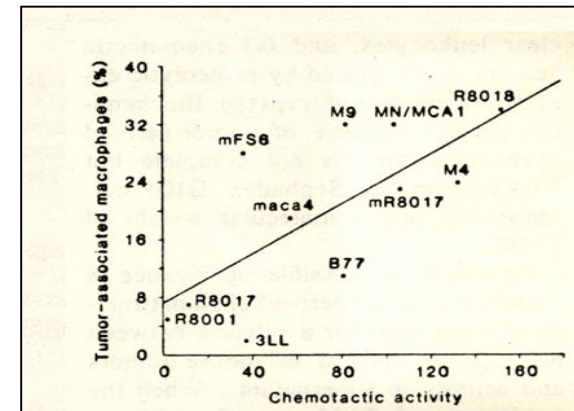
**Ilya Mechnikov (1845-1916)**  
The Nobel Prize in Physiology and Medicine  
1908



*(Mantovani A. 1978)*



*(TAM: Robert Evans, Transplantation, 1972; Evans and Alexander, Nature, 1970)*



*(Bottazzi et al Science 1983)*

**M2-like**

**M2**



**M1**

**M1-like**

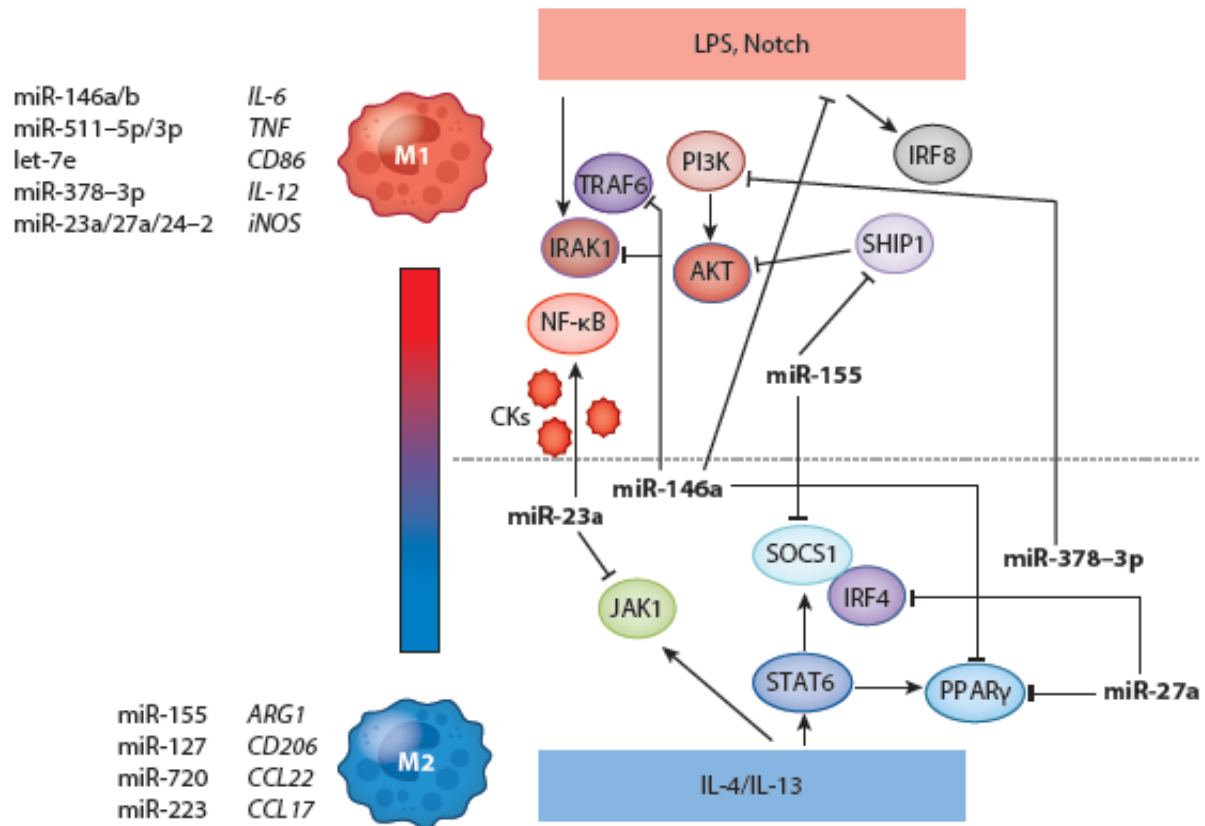
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«A distinct and unique transcriptional program expressed by tumor-associated macrophages (defective NF-kappaB and enhanced IRF-3/STAT1 activation)»

Biswas et al., Blood 2006

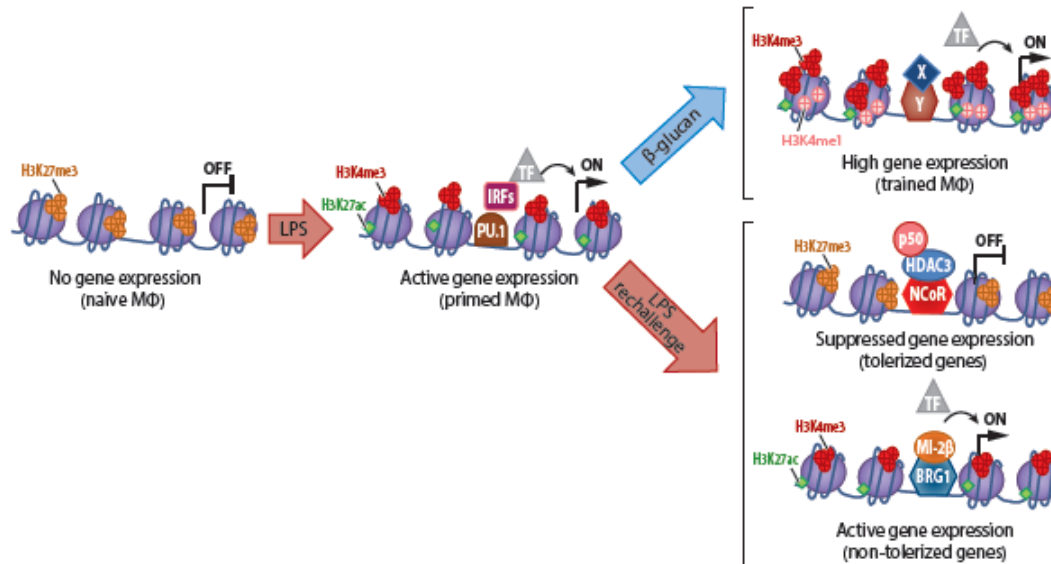
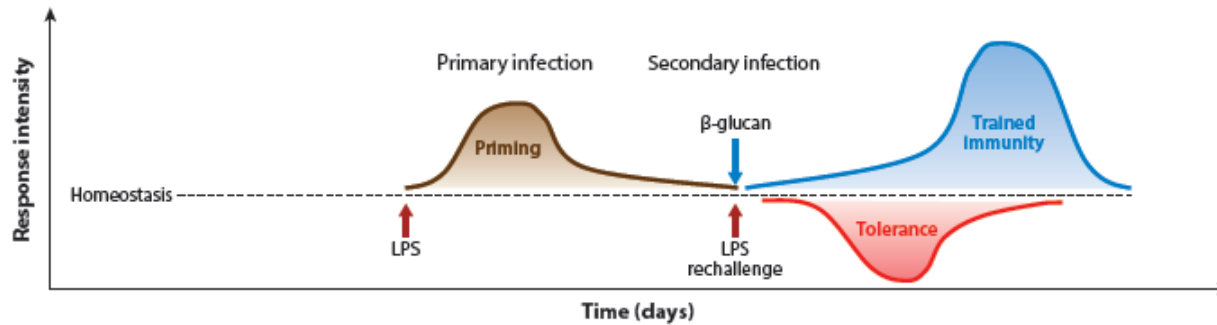
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# MOLECULAR MECHANISMS UNDERLYING MACROPHAGE POLARIZATION



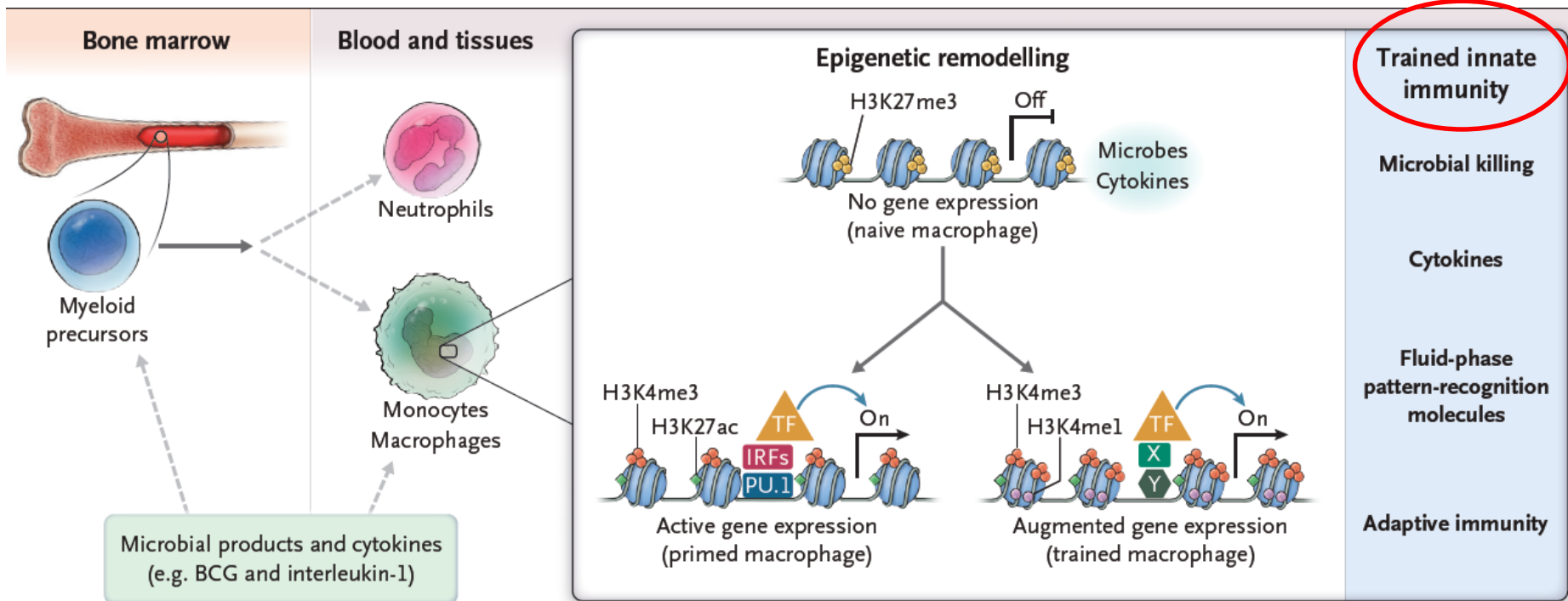


# DIVERSITY, MECHANISMS AND SIGNIFICANCE OF MACROPHAGE PLASTICITY

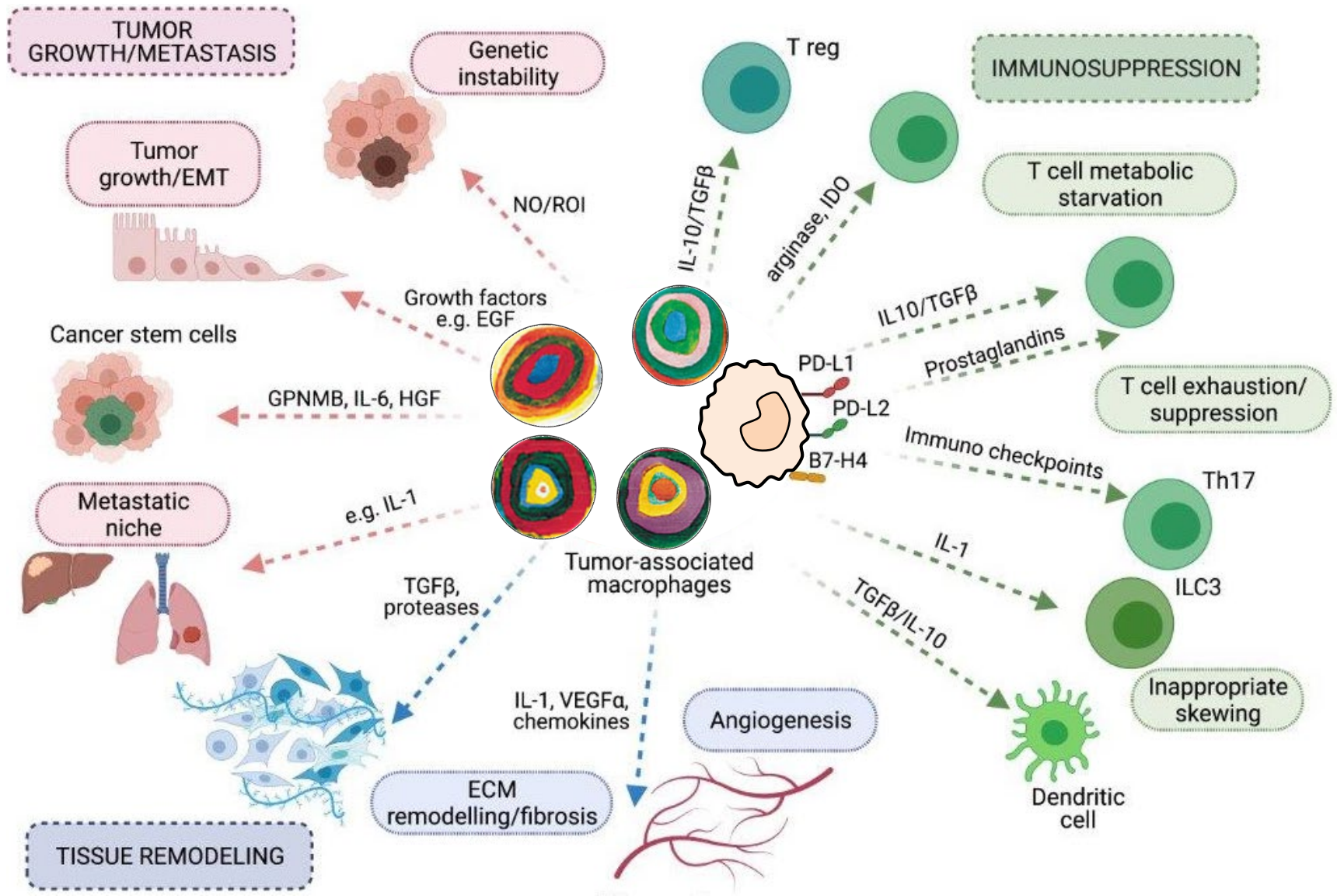


*(Locati, Curtale and Mantovani, Annual Review of Pathology, 2020)*

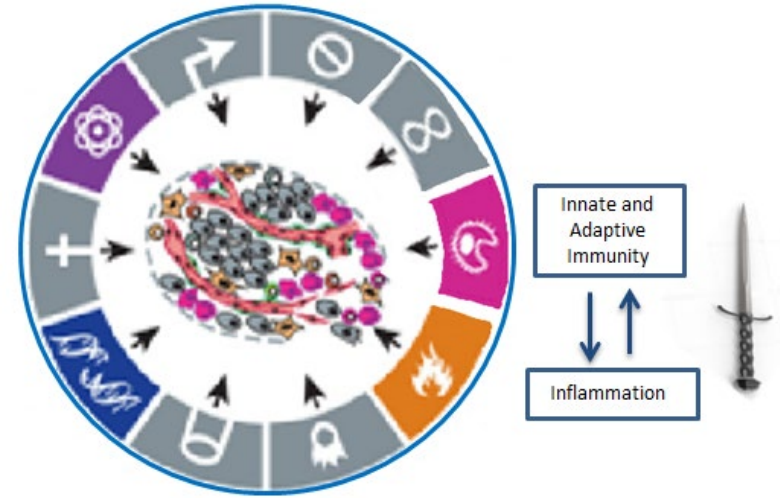
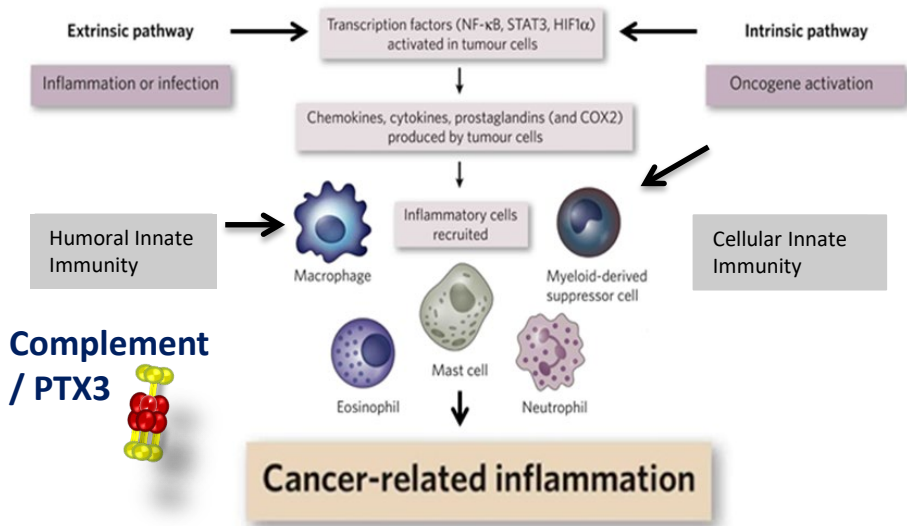
# Cellular and Molecular Mechanisms Underlying Trained Innate Immunity in Response to Vaccines, Microbial Products and Cytokines



(Mantovani, Netea. Trained Innate Immunity, Epigenetics, and Covid-19, New England Journal of Medicine, 2020 )



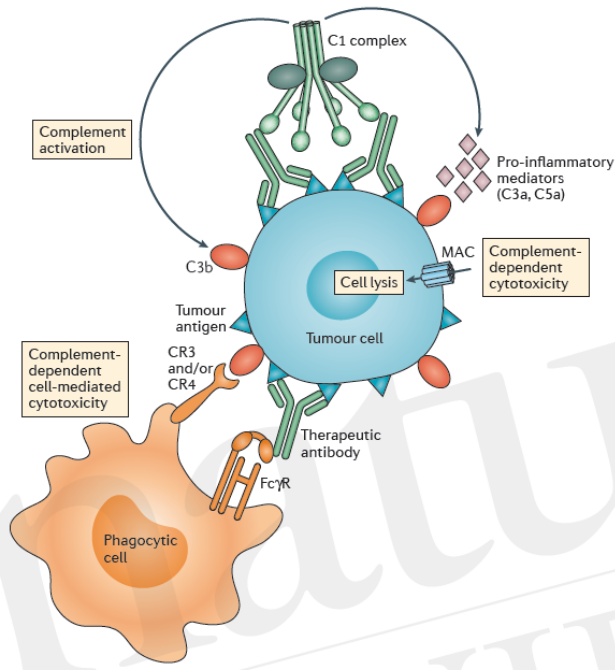
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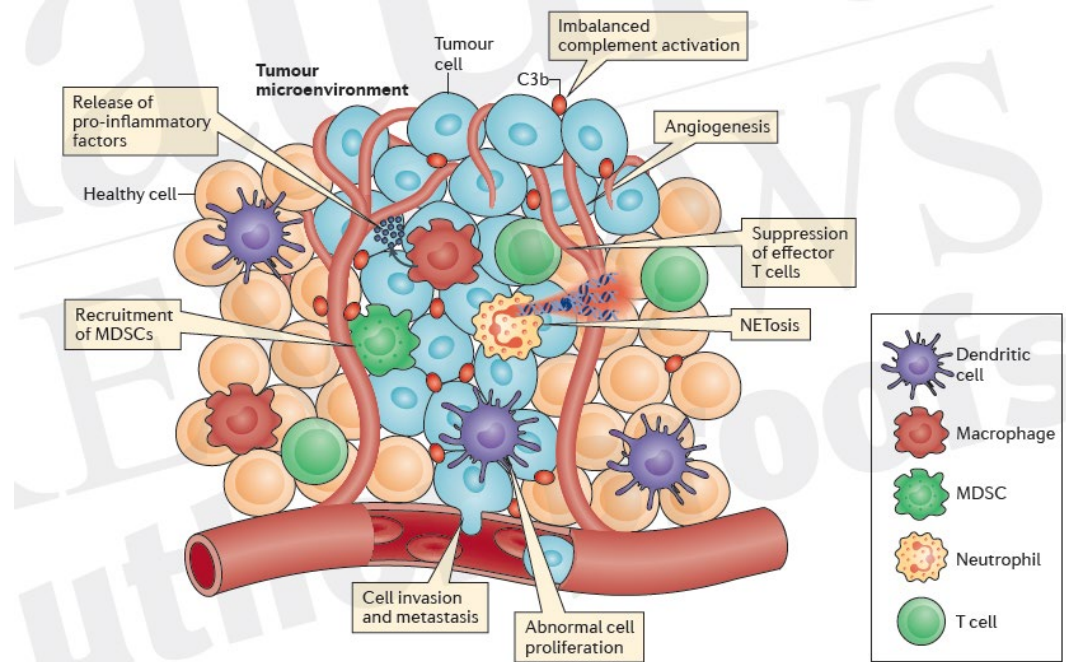


# Complement in cancer: untangling an intricate relationship



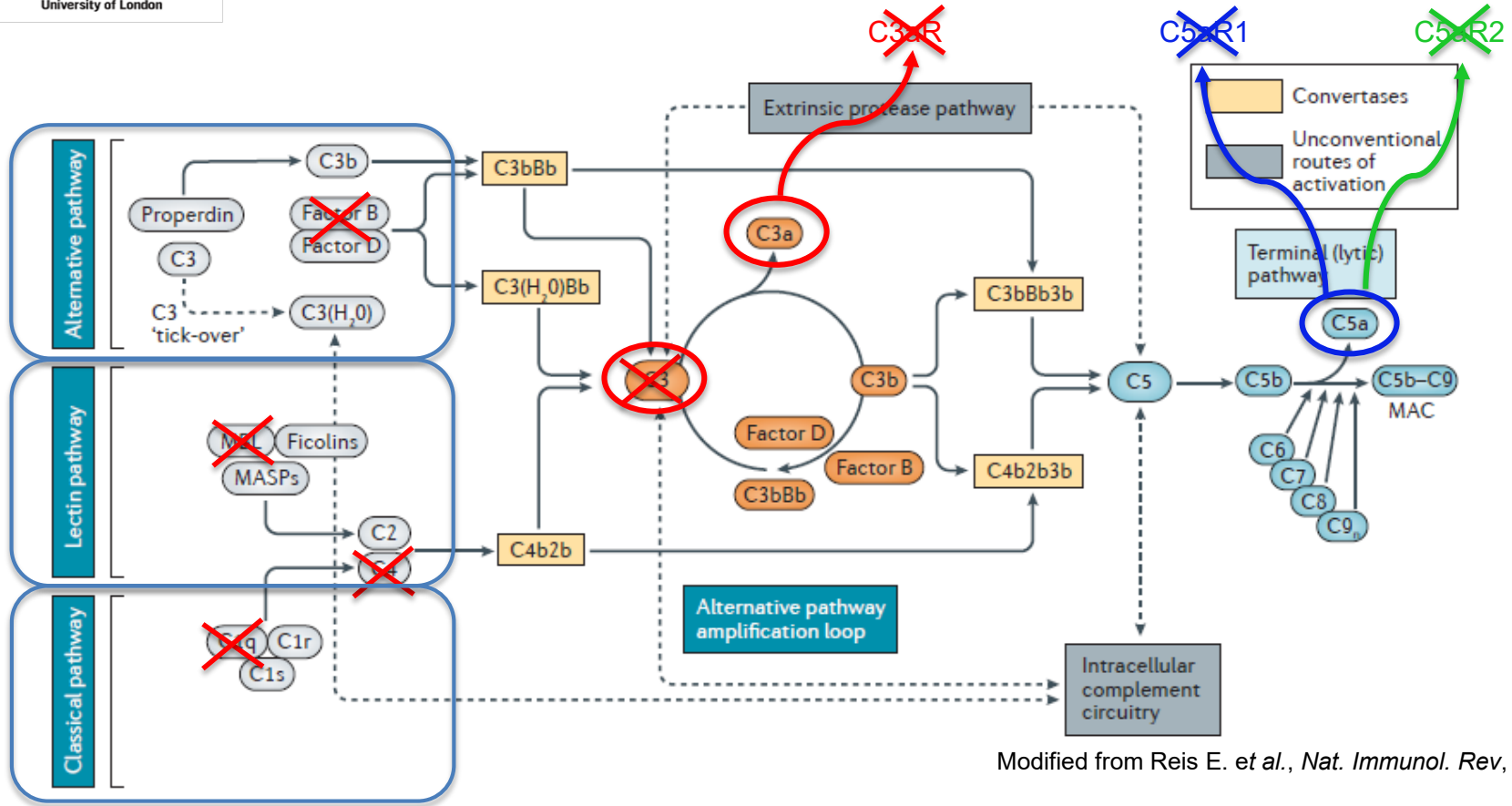
**Figure 1**

Complement mediates tumour cytotoxicity in the context of antibody-based immunotherapy



**Figure 2**

Complement activation in the tumour microenvironment promotes tumorigenesis



Modified from Reis E. et al., Nat. Immunol. Rev, 2018.

C3-upstream mechanism(s)

*Factor B*<sup>-/-</sup> mice

*MBL1/2*<sup>-/-</sup> mice

*C4*<sup>-/-</sup> mice

*C1q*<sup>-/-</sup> mice

*C3*<sup>-/-</sup> mice

C3-downstream mechanism(s)

*C3aR*<sup>-/-</sup> mice

*C5aR1*<sup>-/-</sup> mice

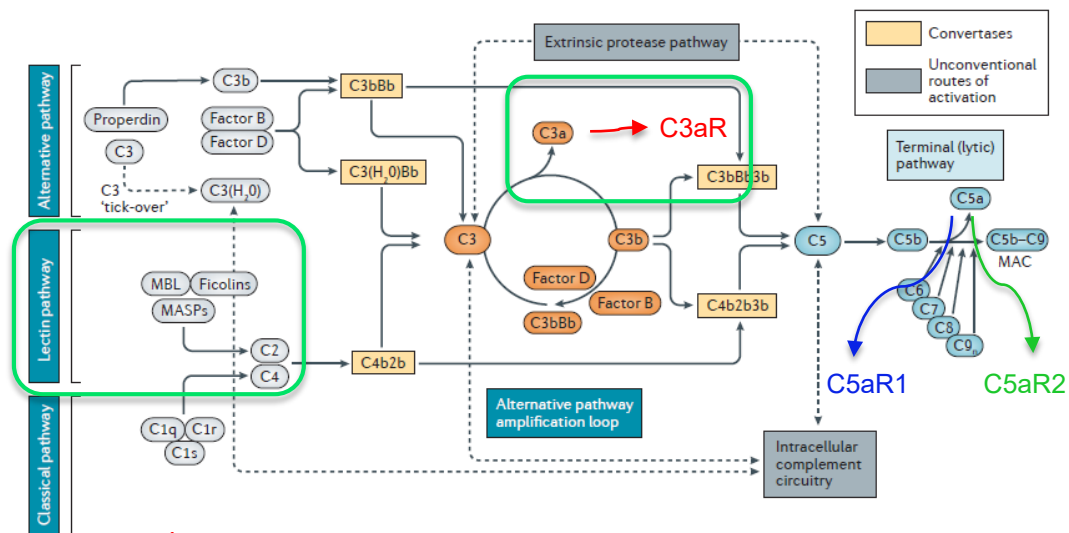
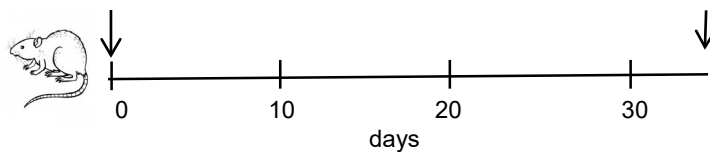
*C5aR2*<sup>-/-</sup> mice

**(Magrini et al Nature Cancer 2021)**

FS6 transplantable model

Benzo(a)pyrene-induced (FS6) sarcoma-derived cells sc injected

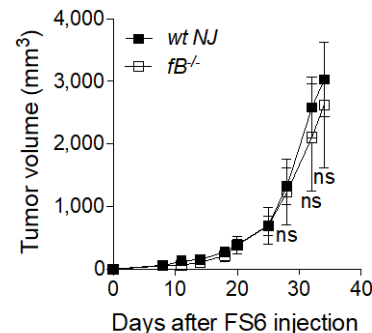
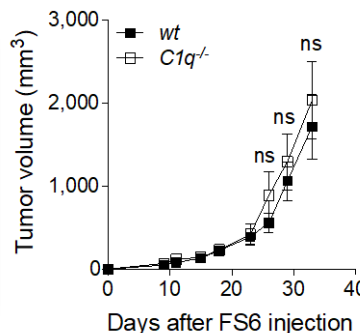
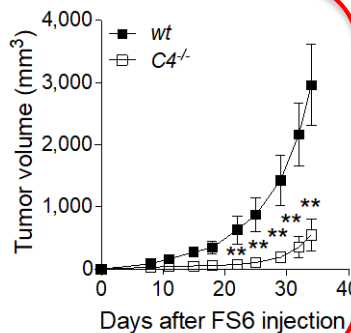
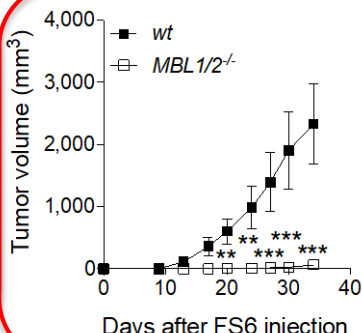
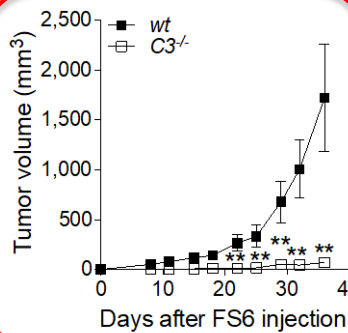
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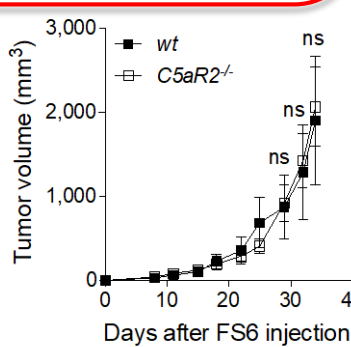
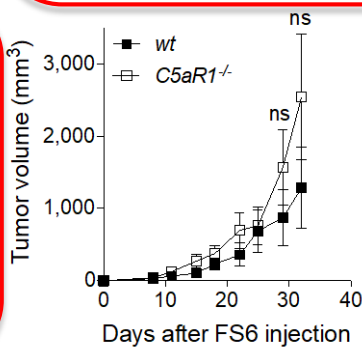
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*C4*<sup>-/-</sup>



*C3aR*<sup>-/-</sup>

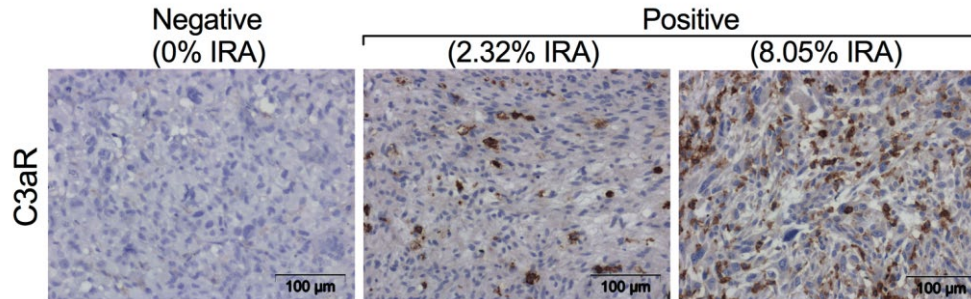
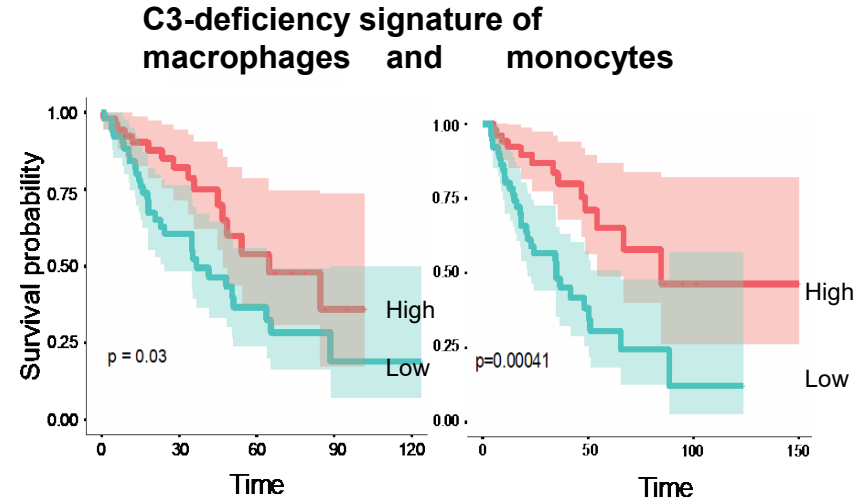
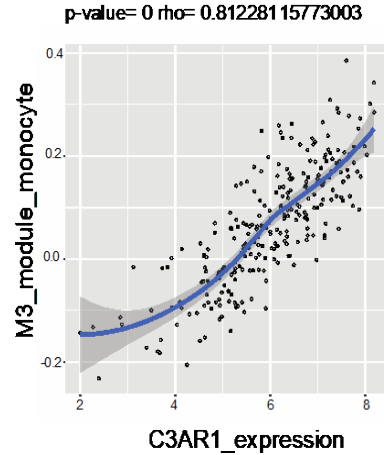
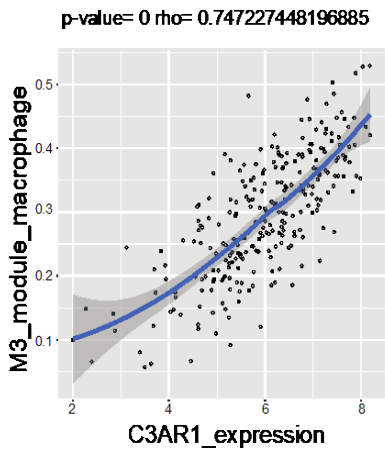


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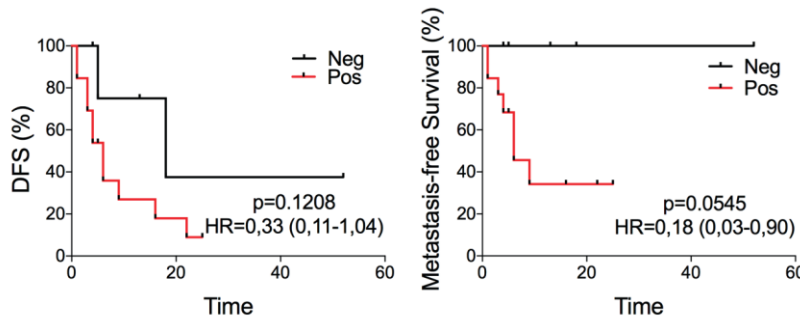




## TCGA

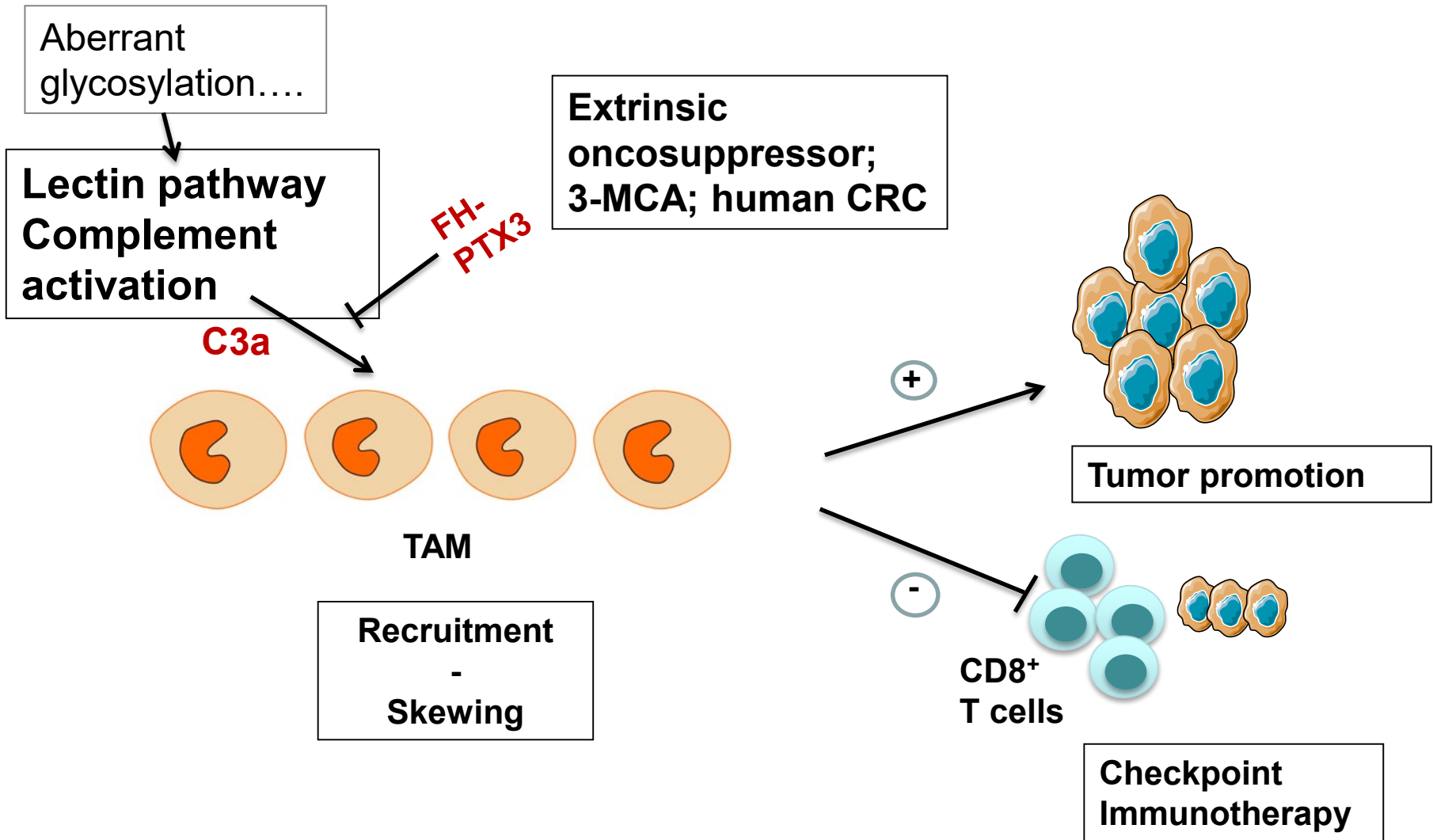


**Undifferentiated pleomorphic sarcomas - UPS**



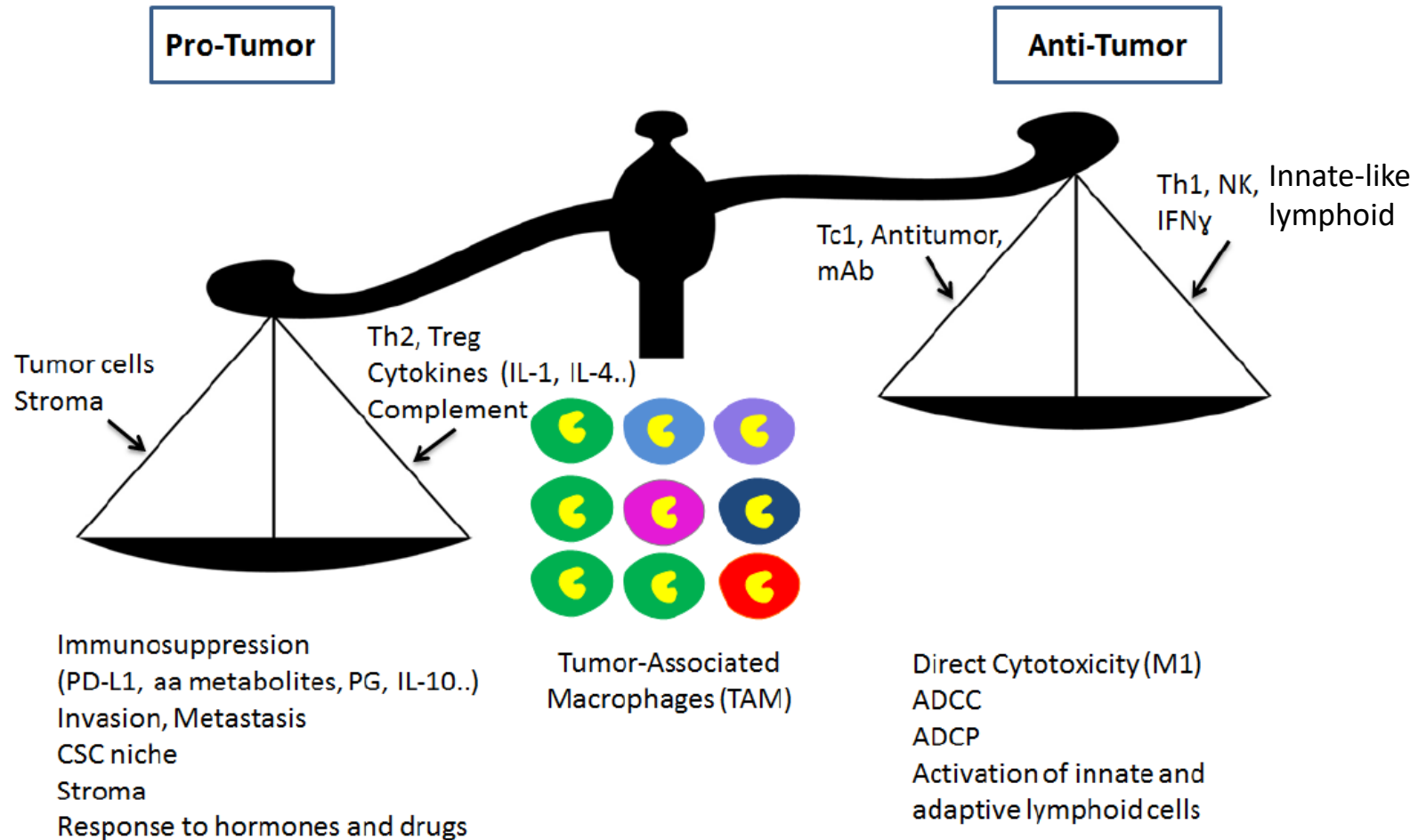
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# Complement and PTX3 in 3-MCA carcinogenesis and selected human tumors

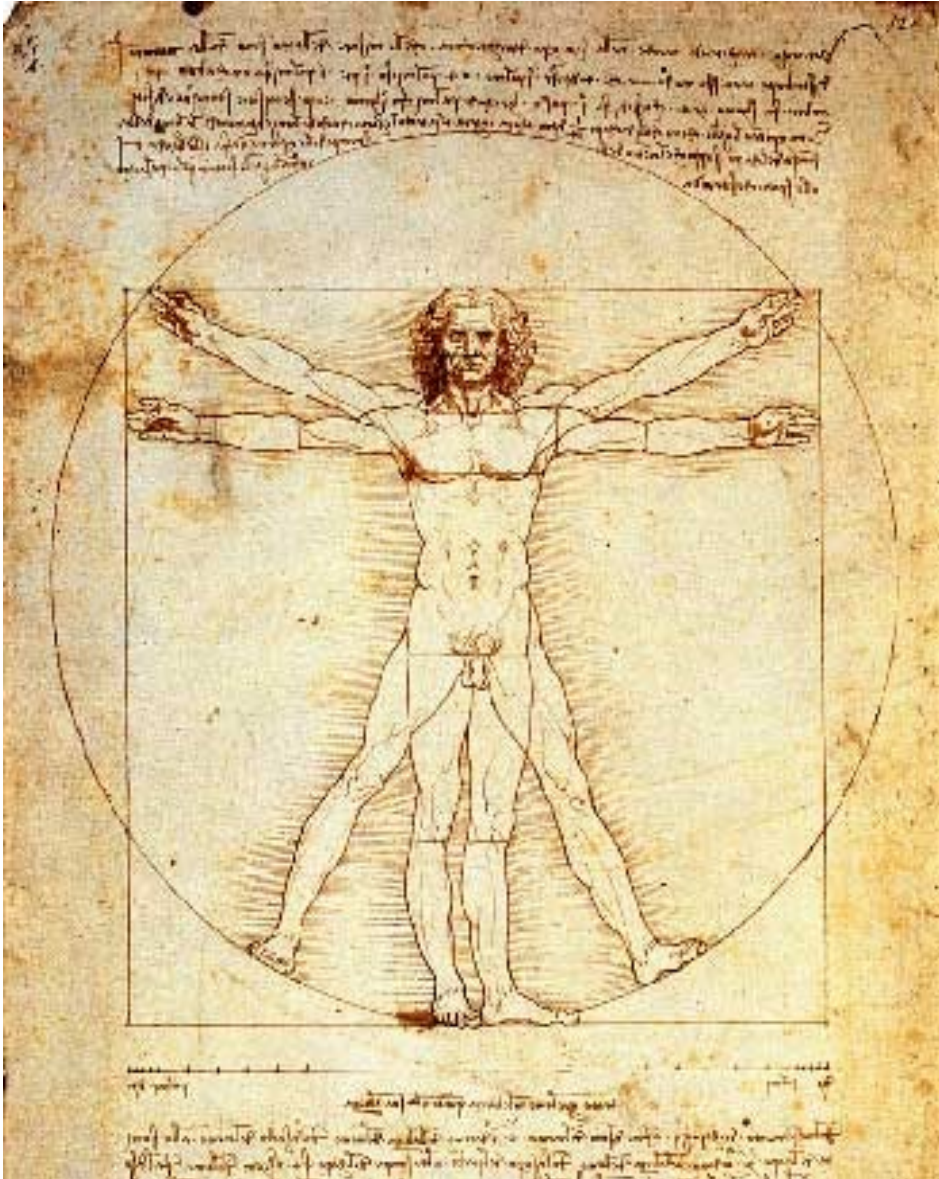


(Bonavita et al, Cell, 2015;  
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## The macrophage balance in cancer



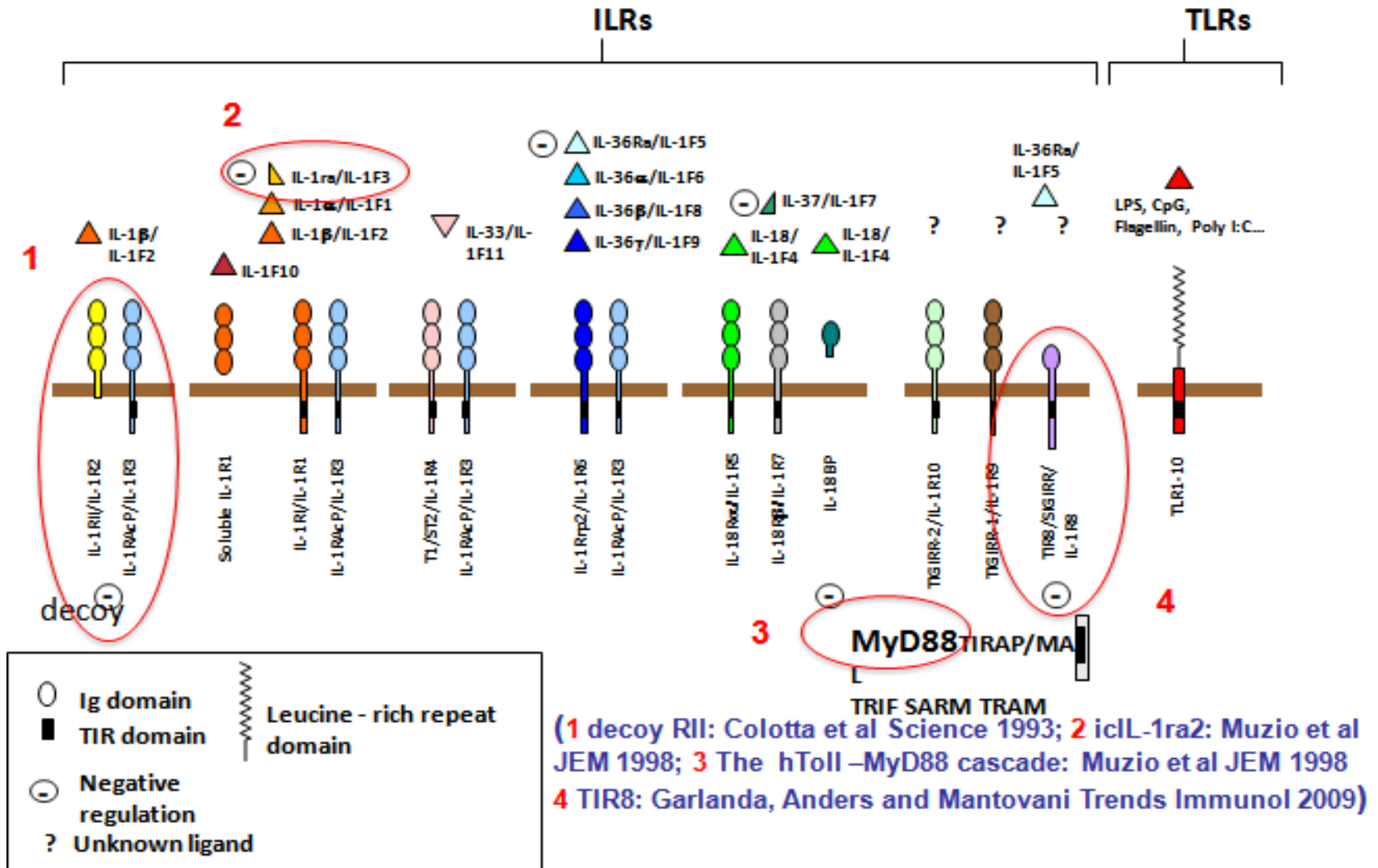
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- 1. Pathology:  
prognostic vs  
predictive**
- 2. Prevention/  
Interception**
- 3. Reeducation  
or targeting  
corrupted  
policemen**



# THE IL-1 RECEPTOR (ILR)



(for a review on IL-1/IL-1R family Garlanda et al Immunity 2013; Immunity 2019)

[CANCER RESEARCH 50, 4771-4775, August 1, 1990]

## Interleukin 1-induced Augmentation of Experimental Metastases from a Human Melanoma in Nude Mice<sup>1</sup>

Raffaella Giavazzi,<sup>2</sup> Angela Garofalo, Maria Rosa Bani, Mauro Abbate, Pietro Ghezzi, Diana Boraschi, Alberto Mantovani, and Elisabetta Dejana

[CANCER RESEARCH 53, 5051-5054, October 15, 1993]

## Interleukin 1 Receptor Antagonist Inhibits the Augmentation of Metastasis Induced by Interleukin 1 or Lipopolysaccharide in a Human Melanoma/Nude Mouse System<sup>1</sup>

Renato G. S. Chirivi, Angela Garofalo, Ines Martin Padura, Alberto Mantovani, and Raffaella Giavazzi<sup>2</sup>

[CANCER RESEARCH 54, 2667-2672, May 15, 1994]

## Interleukin-1 Receptor Blockade Reduces the Number and Size of Murine B16 Melanoma Hepatic Metastases<sup>1</sup>

Fernando Vidal-Vanaclocha, Cristian Amézaga, Aintzane Asumendi, Gilles Kaplanski, and Charles A. Dinarello<sup>2</sup>

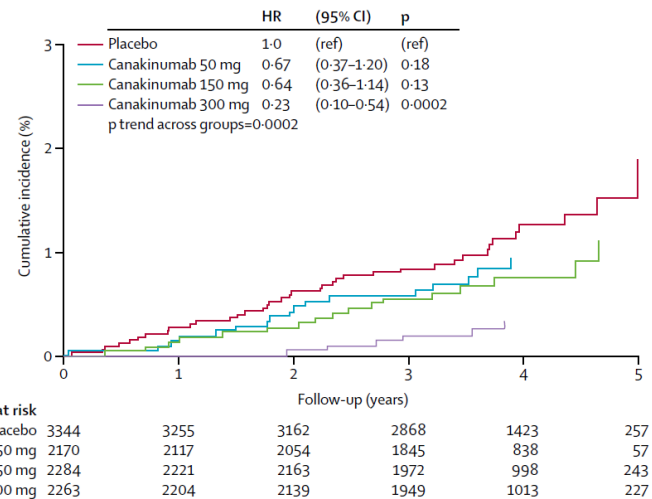
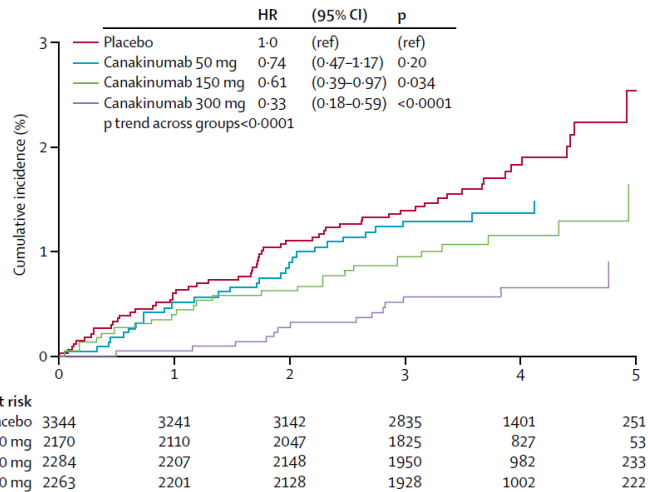
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## IL-1 is required for tumor invasiveness and angiogenesis

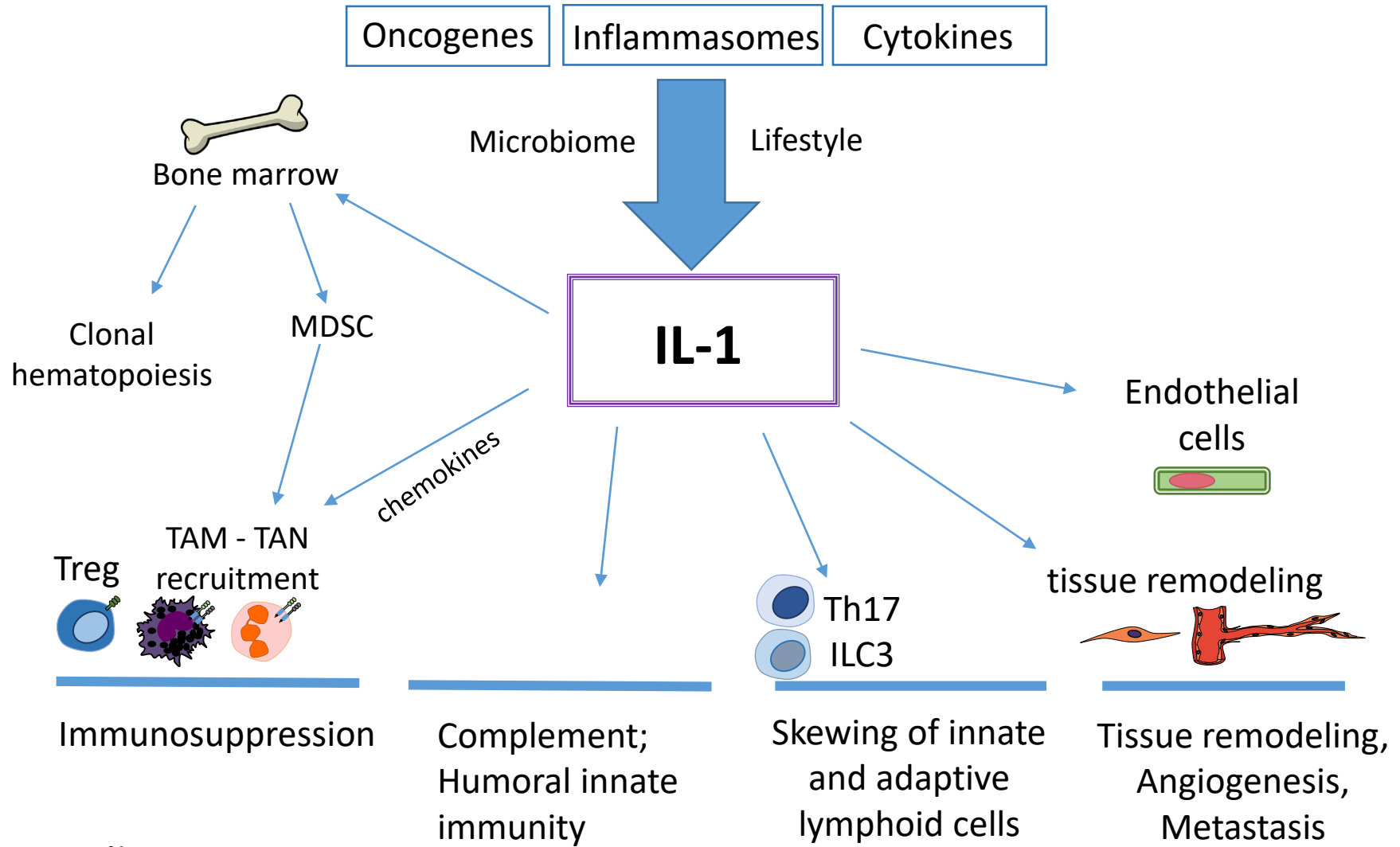
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## Effect of interleukin-1 $\beta$ inhibition with canakinumab on incident lung cancer in patients with atherosclerosis: exploratory results from a randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial

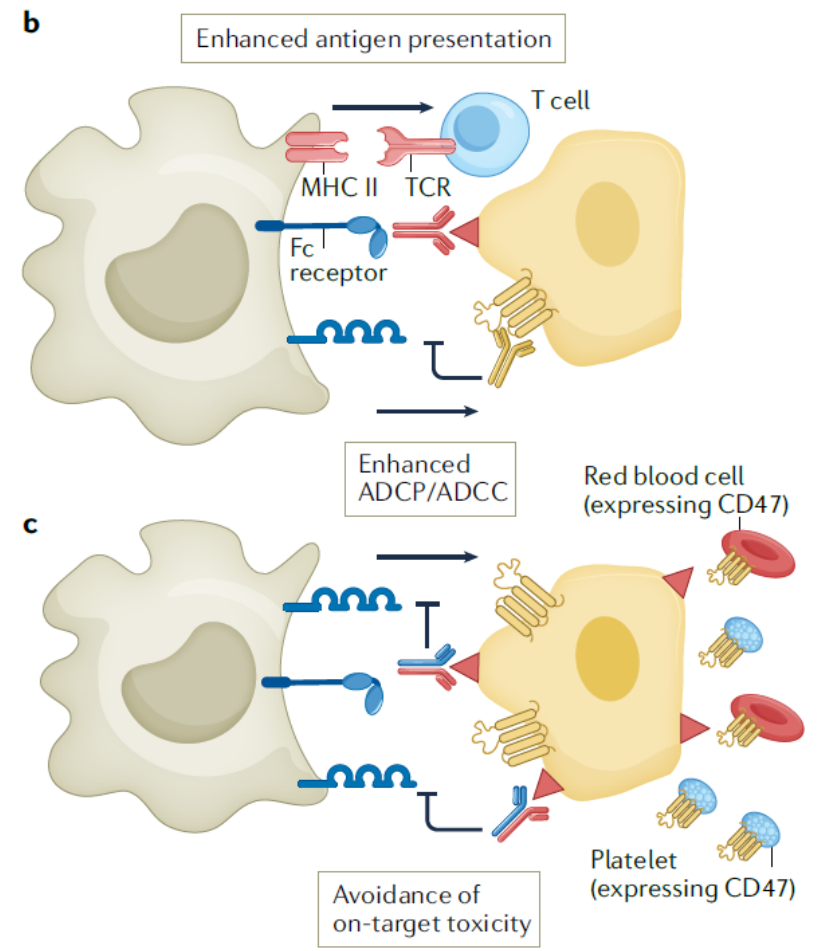
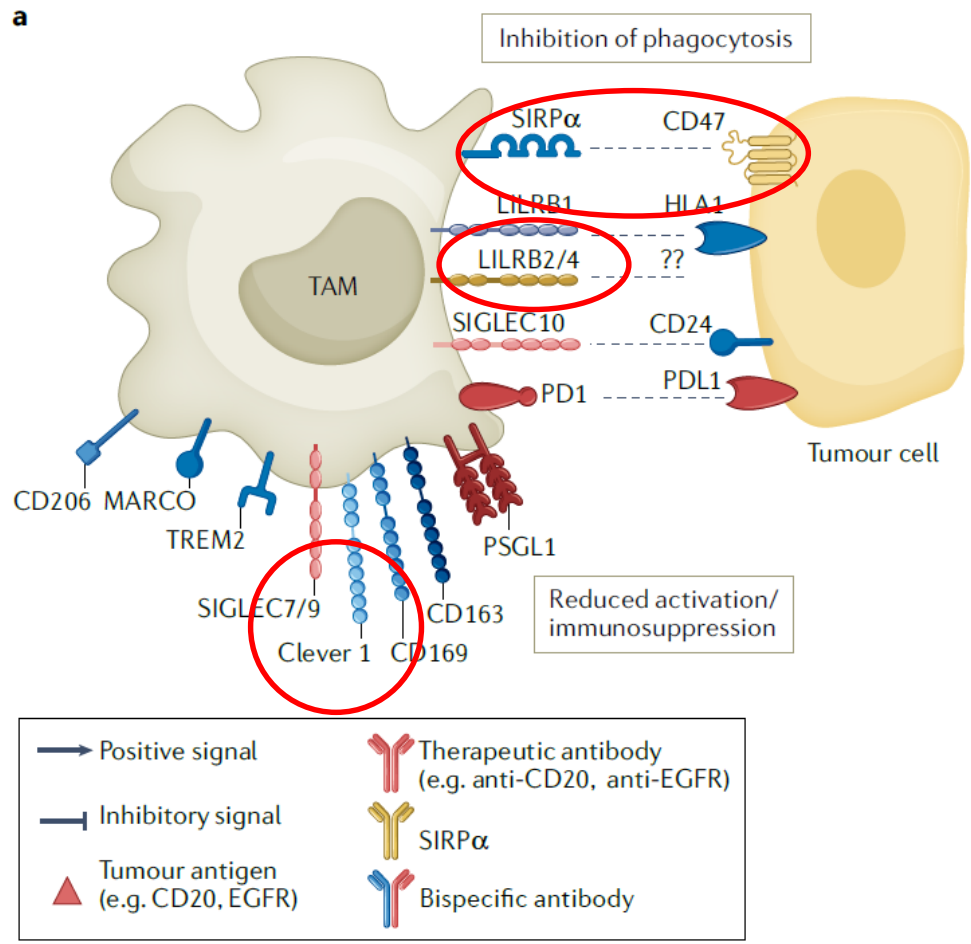
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# INTERLEUKIN-1 IN TUMOR PROGRESSION, THERAPY AND PREVENTION



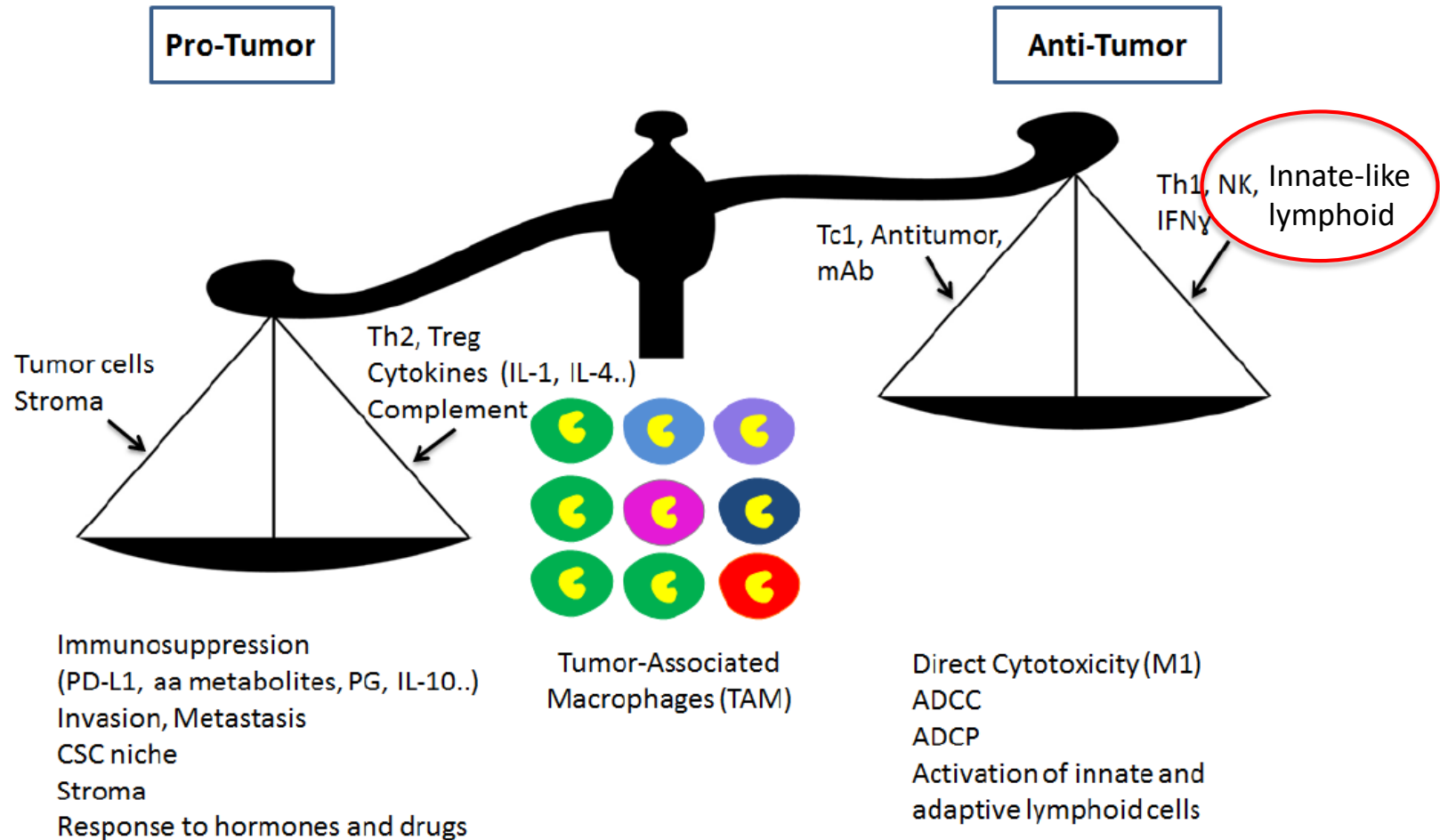
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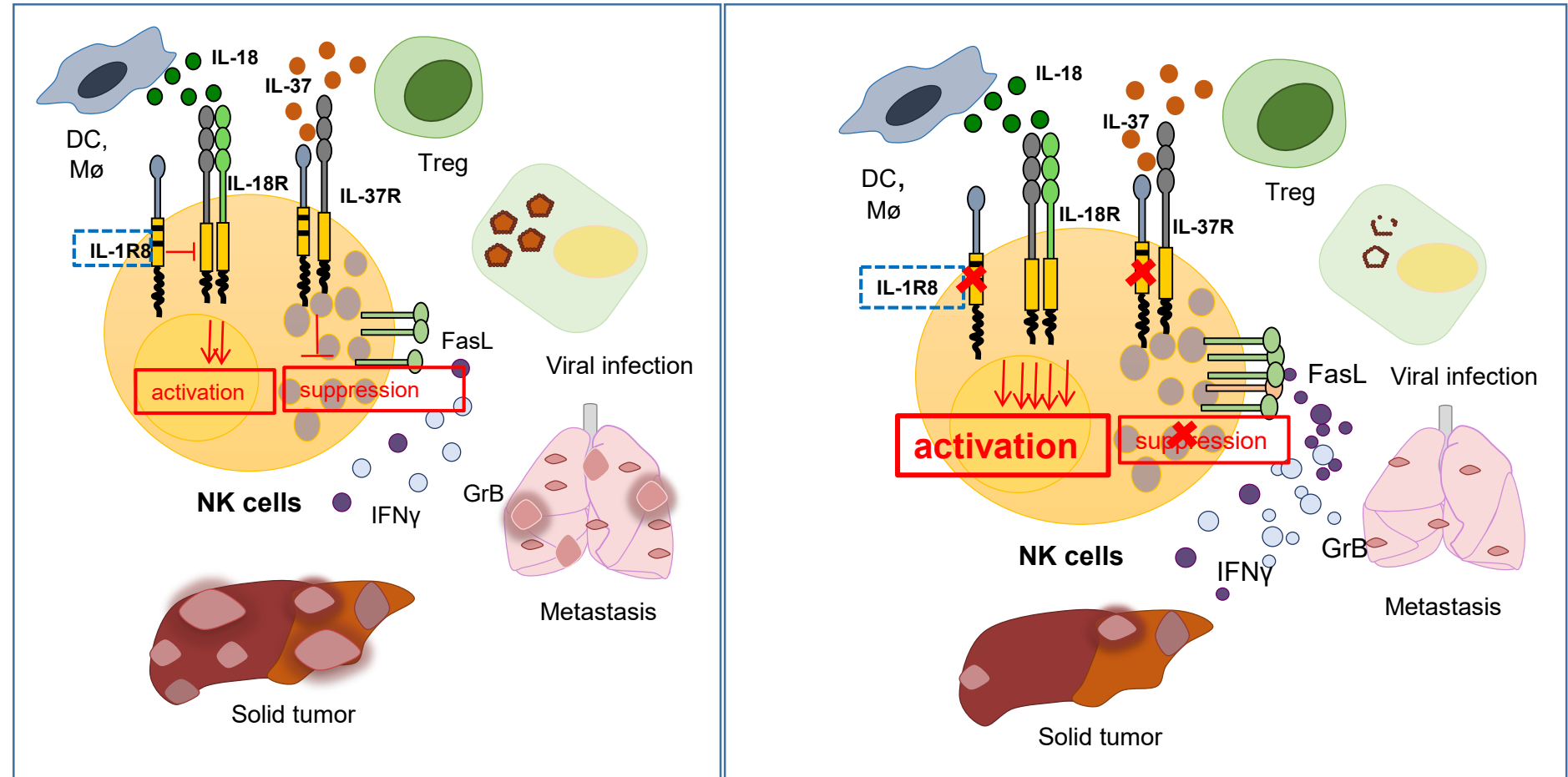


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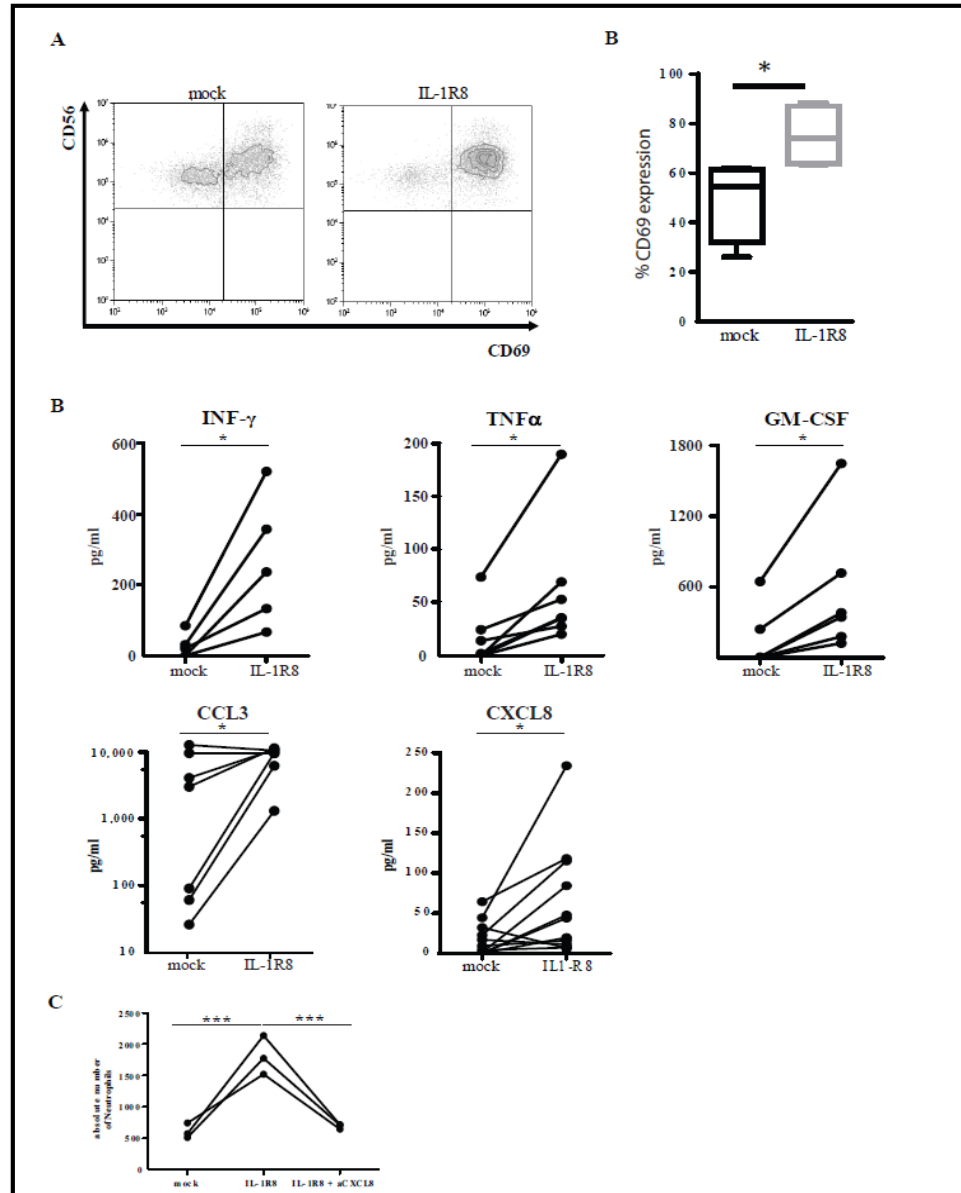
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## IL-1R8 as a checkpoint of NK cell anti-tumor and anti-viral activity



(Molgora et al. Nature 2017; Miller et al. Cancer Immunol Res 2018)

# Effect of IL-1R8 silencing on NK cell effector function



(Landolina et al , J Immunotherapy of Cancer. 2022)

# Profiling human monocyte-to-macrophage differentiation and polarization

## C-type lectin receptors

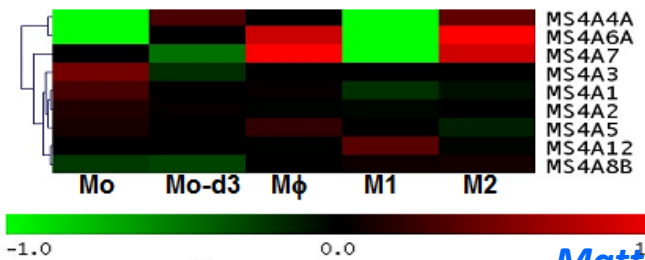
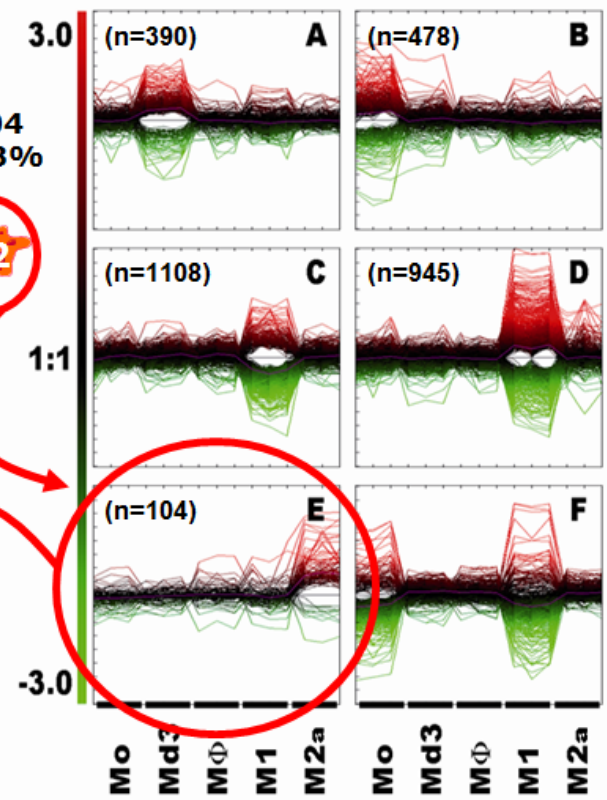
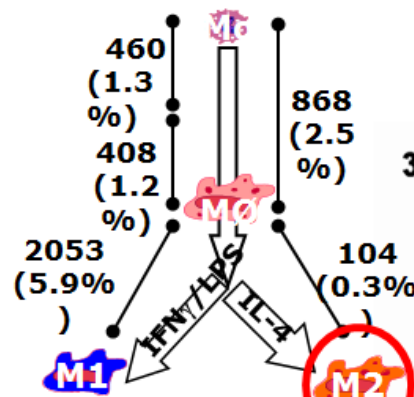
Mannose receptor	44
DC-SIGN	3.6
CLEC10A	2.5
DCL-1	3

## Scavenging receptors

Scavenging receptor A	9
Scavenger receptor B	3
Stabilin 1	6
CD163	5

## ECM molecules

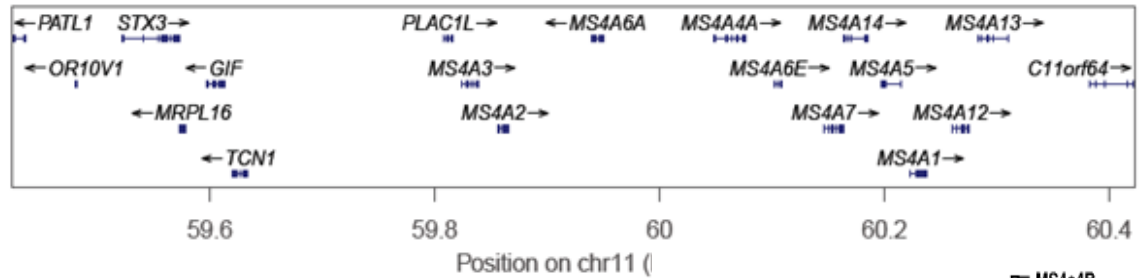
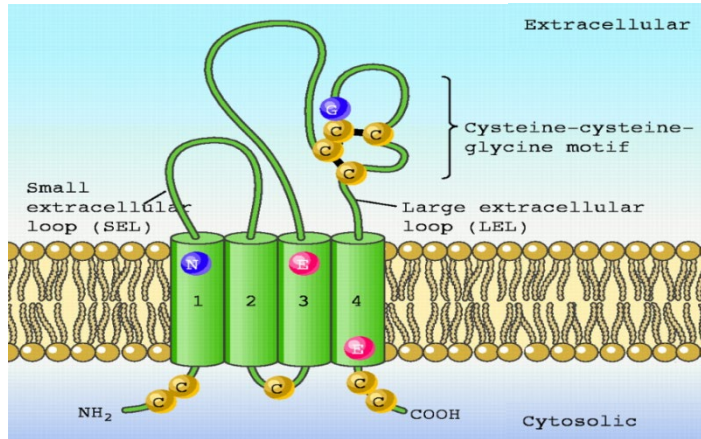
Osteoactivin	83
Osteopontin	26
Factor XIII A1	11
FN1	7



A-B: differentiation; C-D-F: M1; E: M2  
(transcriptional data from Martinez et al, J Immunol 2006)



# MS4A proteins: a tetraspanin-like superfamily



## MS4A1 (CD20)

B lymphocytes. Cell surface molecule involved in BCR signaling (transmembrane  $Ca^{++}$  conductance).

## MS4A2 (FcεRIβ)

Mast cells. High affinity receptor for IgE involved in FcεRI signaling (ITAM domain).

## Ms4a4b

T cells. Promotes Th1 function and enhances GITR signaling.

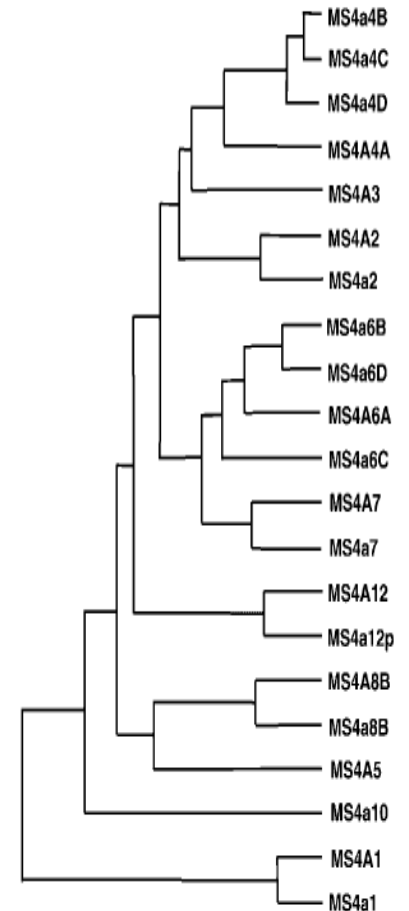
## Ms4a8a

Marker of a TAM subset in murine breast carcinoma and melanoma (Schmieder, 2012; Michel, 2013).

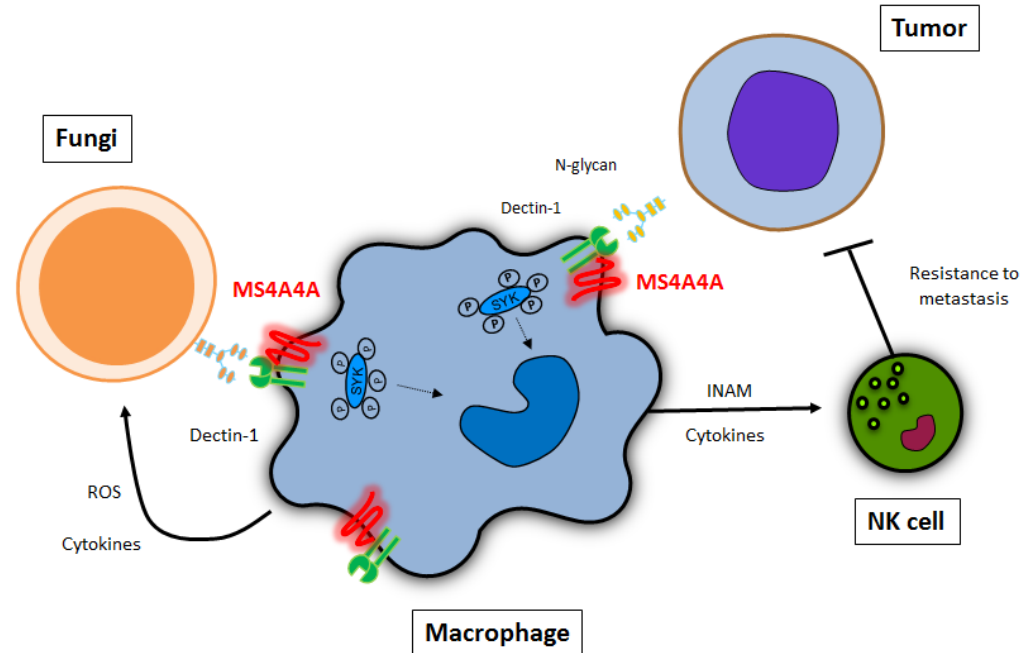
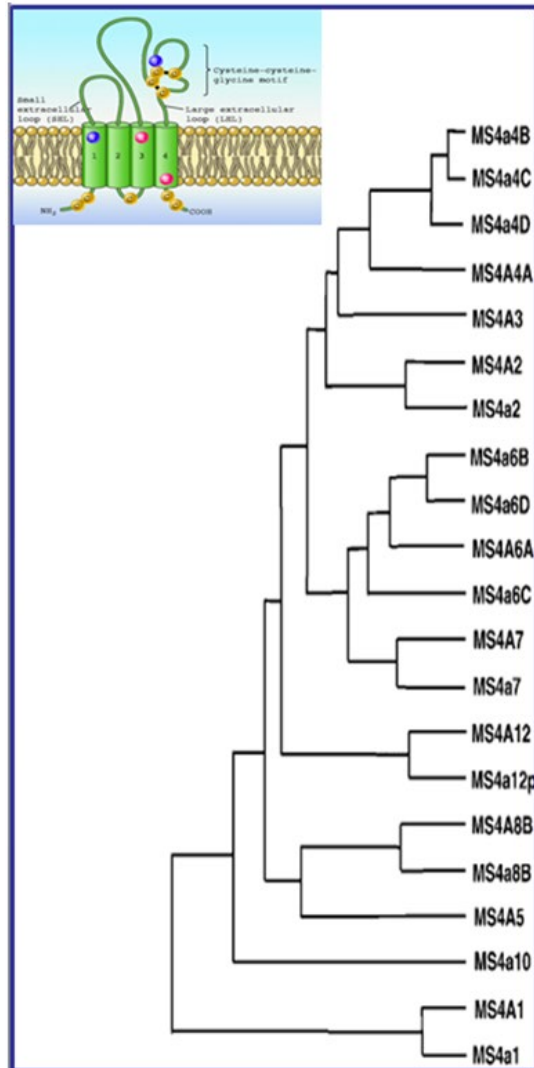
## MS4A12

Colonic epithelial cells. Involved in cell differentiation

*(Mattiola Mantovani and Locati Trends Immunol 2021)*



## THE MACROPHAGE TETRASPAN MS4A4A: FROM IGNOROME TO HUMAN DISEASES (including RA; Alzheimer)

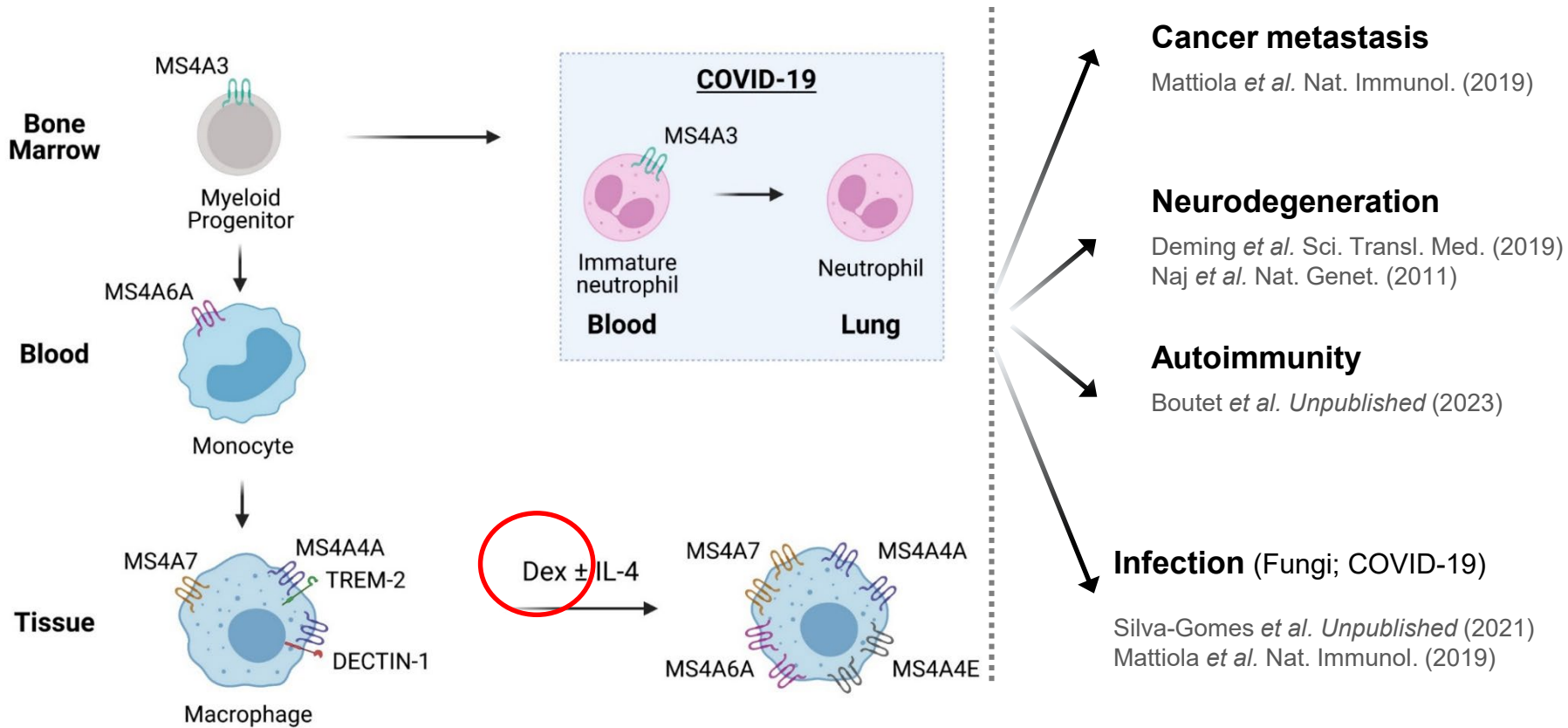


### GENETIC ASSOCIATIONS WITH ALZHEIMER DISEASE

- 1) Naj AC, et al. Nature Genet 43:436-41, 2011.
- 2) Chouraki V, et al. Genetics of Alzheimer's disease. Adv Genet 87:245-94, 2014.
- 3) Hollingworth P, et al. Nature Genet 43:429-435, 2011.
- 4) Ma et al Aging Cell 2019
- 5) Deming et al bioRxiv 2018
- 6) Hou et al Neurobiol of Aging 2019

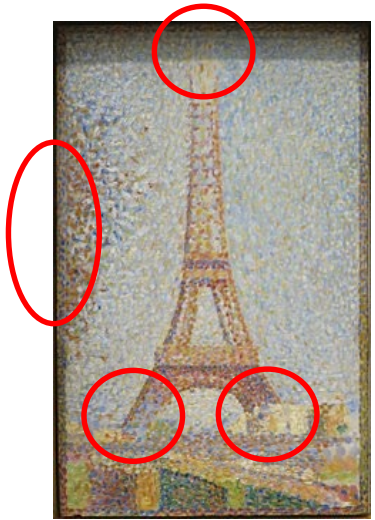
*Martinez et al J. Immunol. 2006; Mattiola et al, Nature Immunol, 2019*

# Tetraspanin-like MS4A molecules in myeloid cells

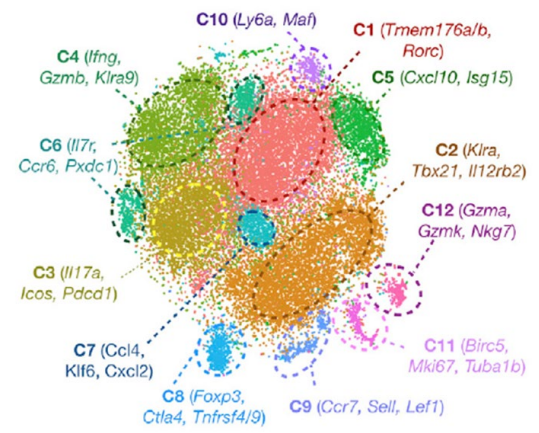


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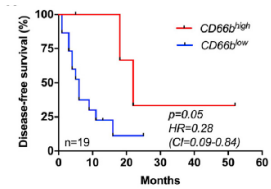
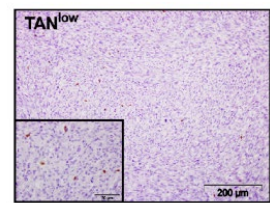
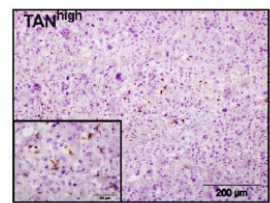
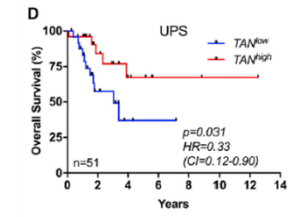
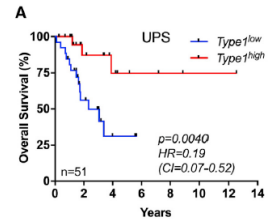
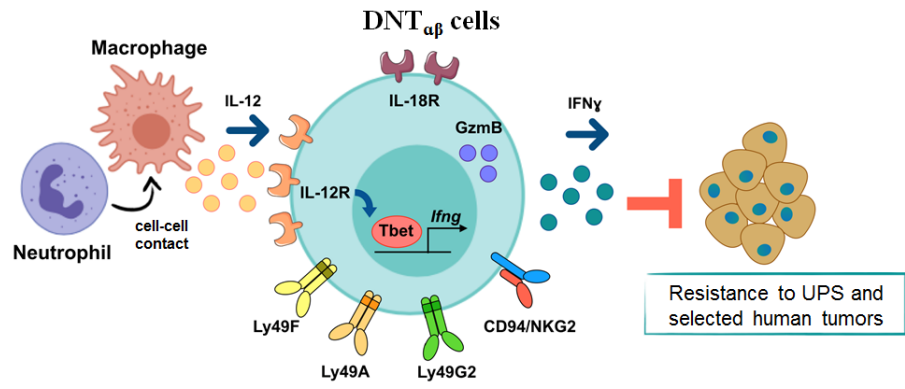
# FROM SINGLE CELL ANALYSIS TO BEDSIDE



Georges Seurat (Pointillisme)



## Insilico bioinformatics, TCGA







Review

Prognostic significance of tumor-associated macrophages: past, present and future

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ABSTRACT

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Tumor tissues are populated by a multitude of macrophages, highly different in functional activity, localization and morphology. A clear contribution to disease progression has been shown in multiple cancer types, holding promise for the development of innovative macrophage-based prognostic tools. Current studies aimed at assessing the prognostic role of macrophages have documented the relevance of the macrophage population as a whole. However, dissecting the diversity of mononuclear phagocytes in tumor tissues has provided important information about the coexistence of distinct populations of macrophages with different prognostic significance. Here we summarize evidence of macrophage prognostic function in human cancer and focus on classical and modern strategies aimed at measuring macrophage features and deciphering their diversity. The wealth of new data generated will reshape our knowledge of macrophage complexity and hopefully foster the forthcoming development of these new metrics into prognostic tools as well as new therapeutic strategies.

1. Introduction

Recent years have witnessed a switch in perspective of prognostic markers in oncology. Increased recognition of the fundamental role of immune and stromal mediators in cancer biology has twisted our attention from traditional prognostic factors related to tumor cell characteristics (tumor size, local invasion, nodal involvement, spread to distant organs) to microenvironmental components, alongside clonal alterations. Patient stratification, which is essential to guide clinical management of cancer patients, is a complex process that requires identification of tumor features correlated with clinical variables. This operation becomes particularly important when nonconventional or combined therapeutic regimens - for which data collected on large cohorts of patients is not available yet - are adopted. In this scenario, fostered by the increasing evidence of an impact of leucocyte populations on the prognosis of cancer patients, the immune landscape is

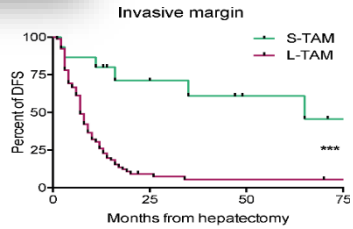
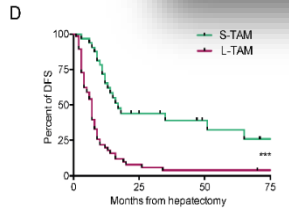
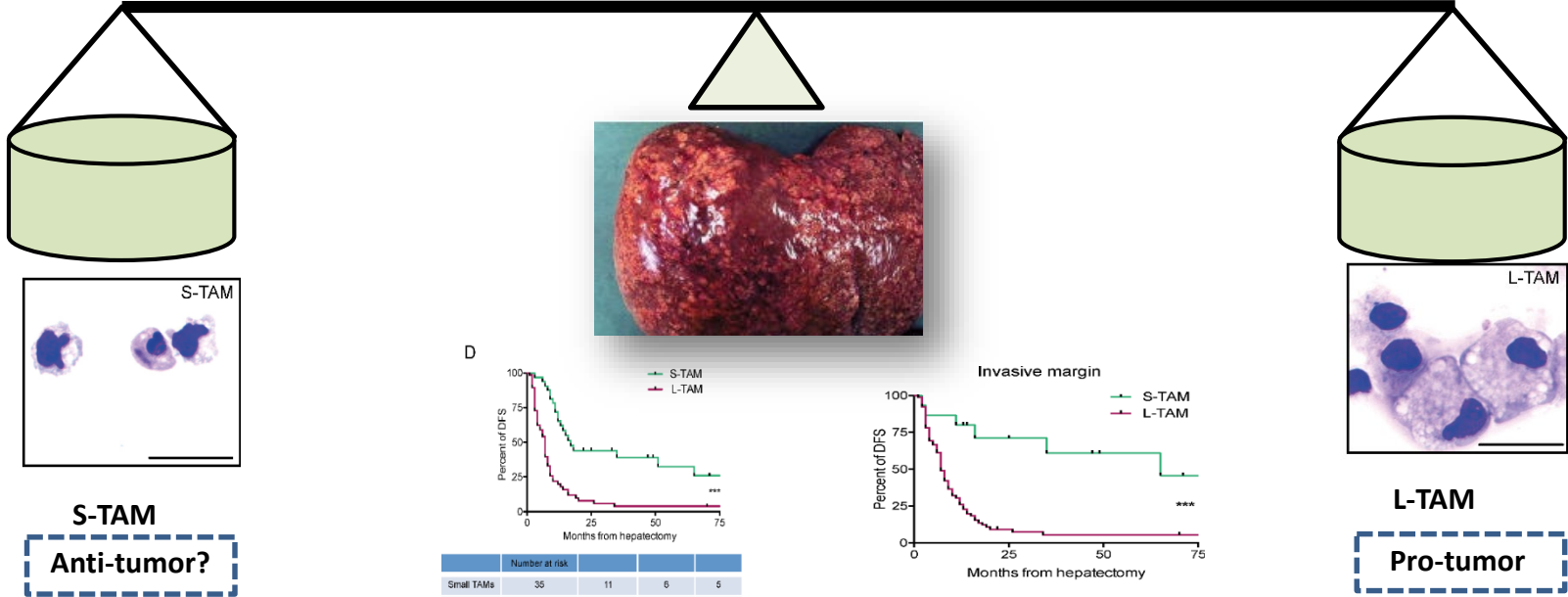
emerging as a promising tool to help in the stratification of clinical outcome [1–6].

A wealth of studies has revealed the association of specific immune parameters, with post-operative outcome of cancer patients. These studies have been primarily focused on T cells [1,2,4,5,7,8], while fewer studies are available on other immune types. However, by increasing our appreciation of the importance of immune profiles in dictating clinical outcome, these studies are slowly modifying our approach to cancer classification and set the foundations to explore whether macrophages, the most frequently found cells within the tumor microenvironment [9–13], hold potential to ameliorate the critical task of patient stratification. This effort goes along with studies testing the possibility to exploit macrophages as therapeutic targets. Here we review our current understanding of macrophage assessment tools to be exploited as new prognostic markers.

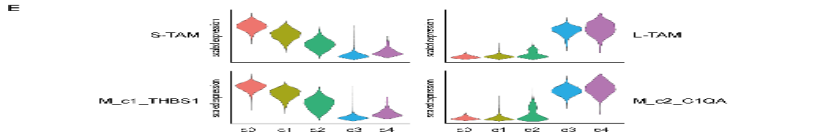
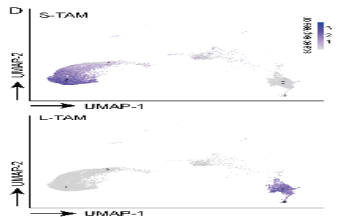
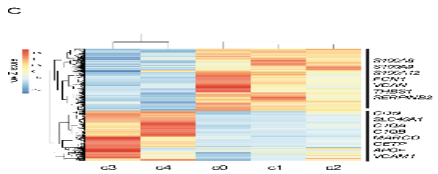
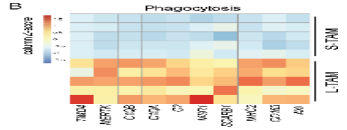
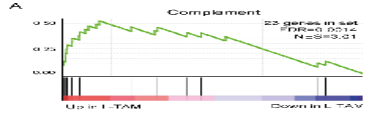
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# MACROPHAGE MORPHOLOGY and LOCALIZATION IN CRC METASTASIS AS A CORRELATE OF FUNCTION (SINGLE CELL) WITH PROGNOSTIC SIGNIFICANCE

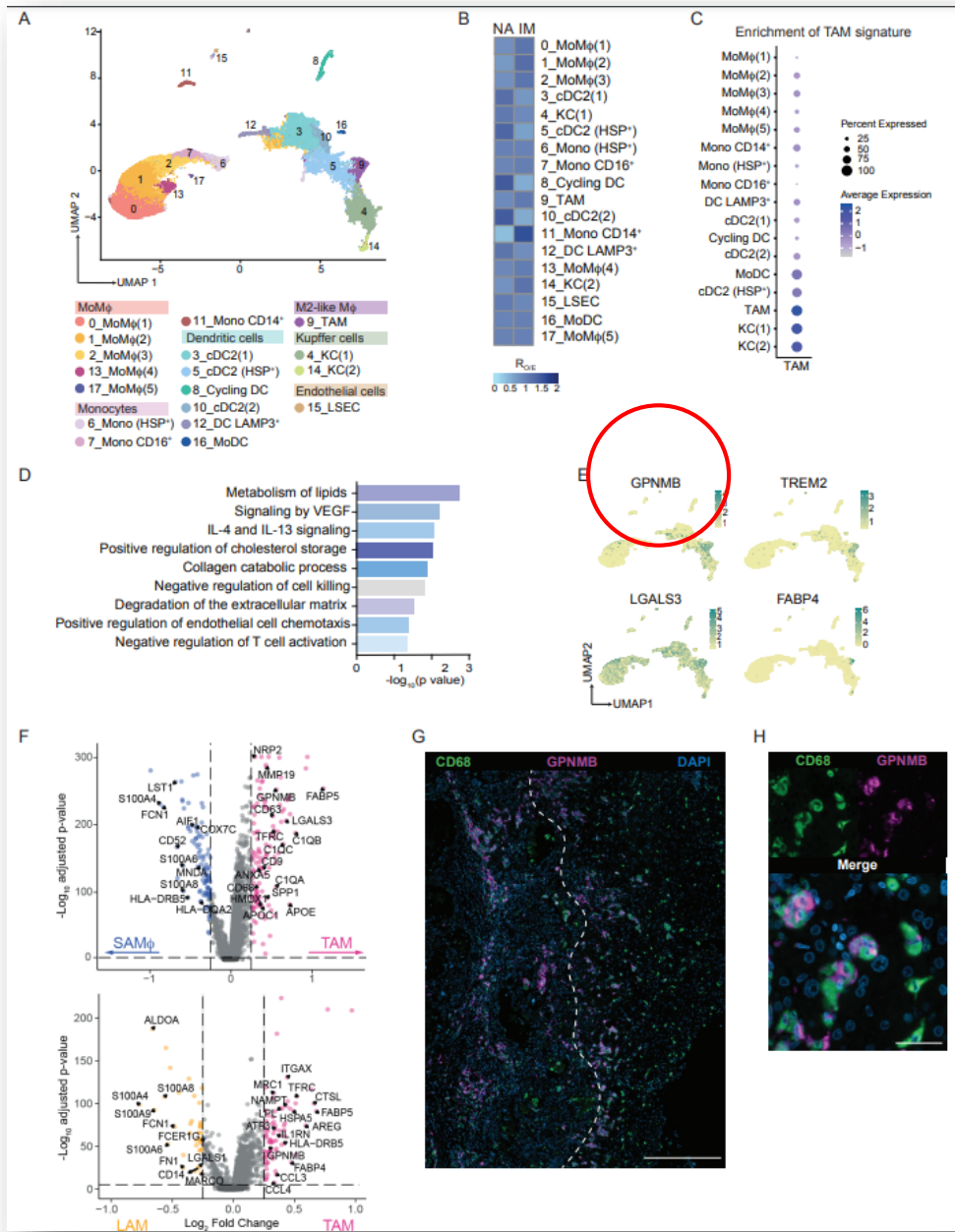


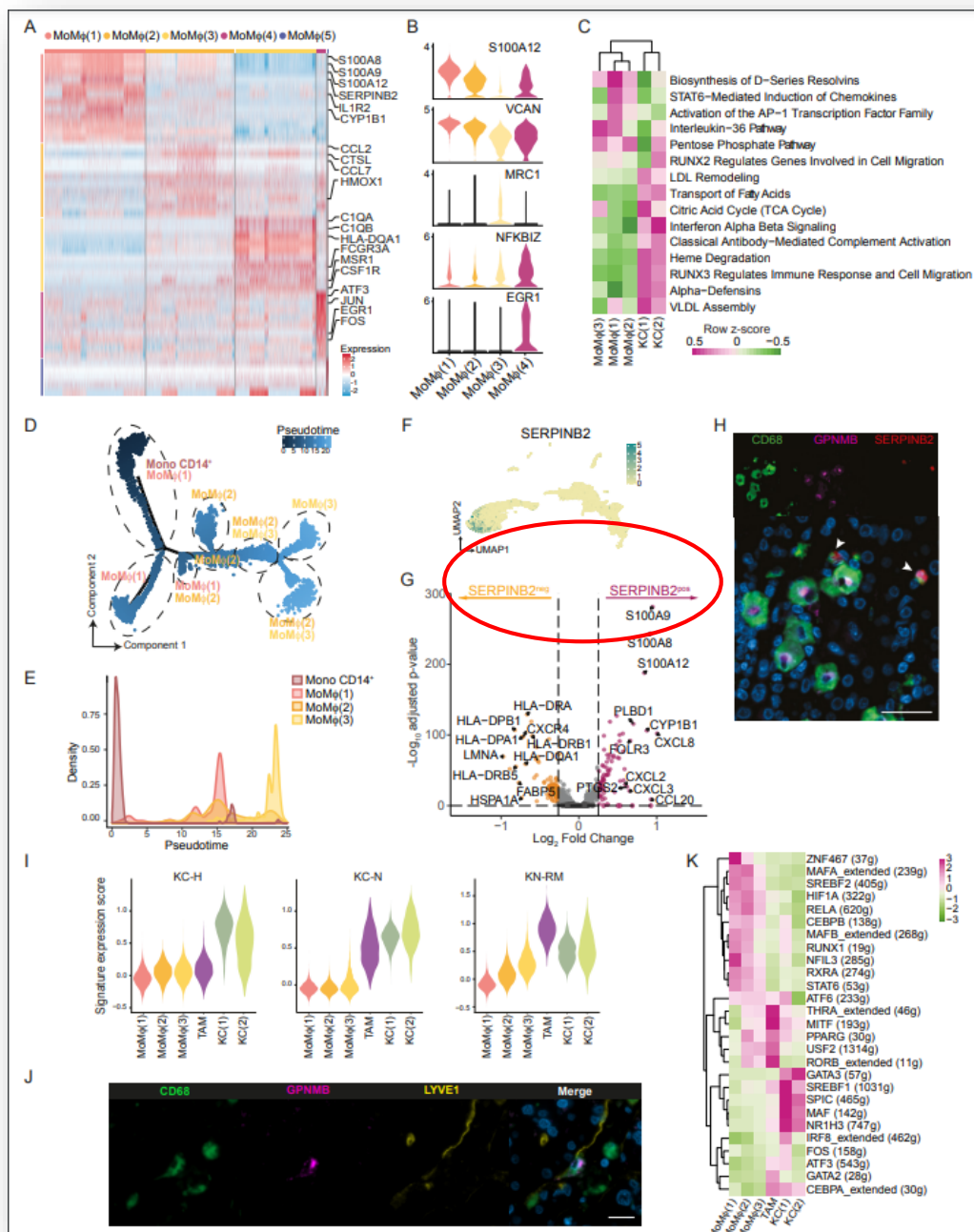
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Large TAMs	66	4	2	1	



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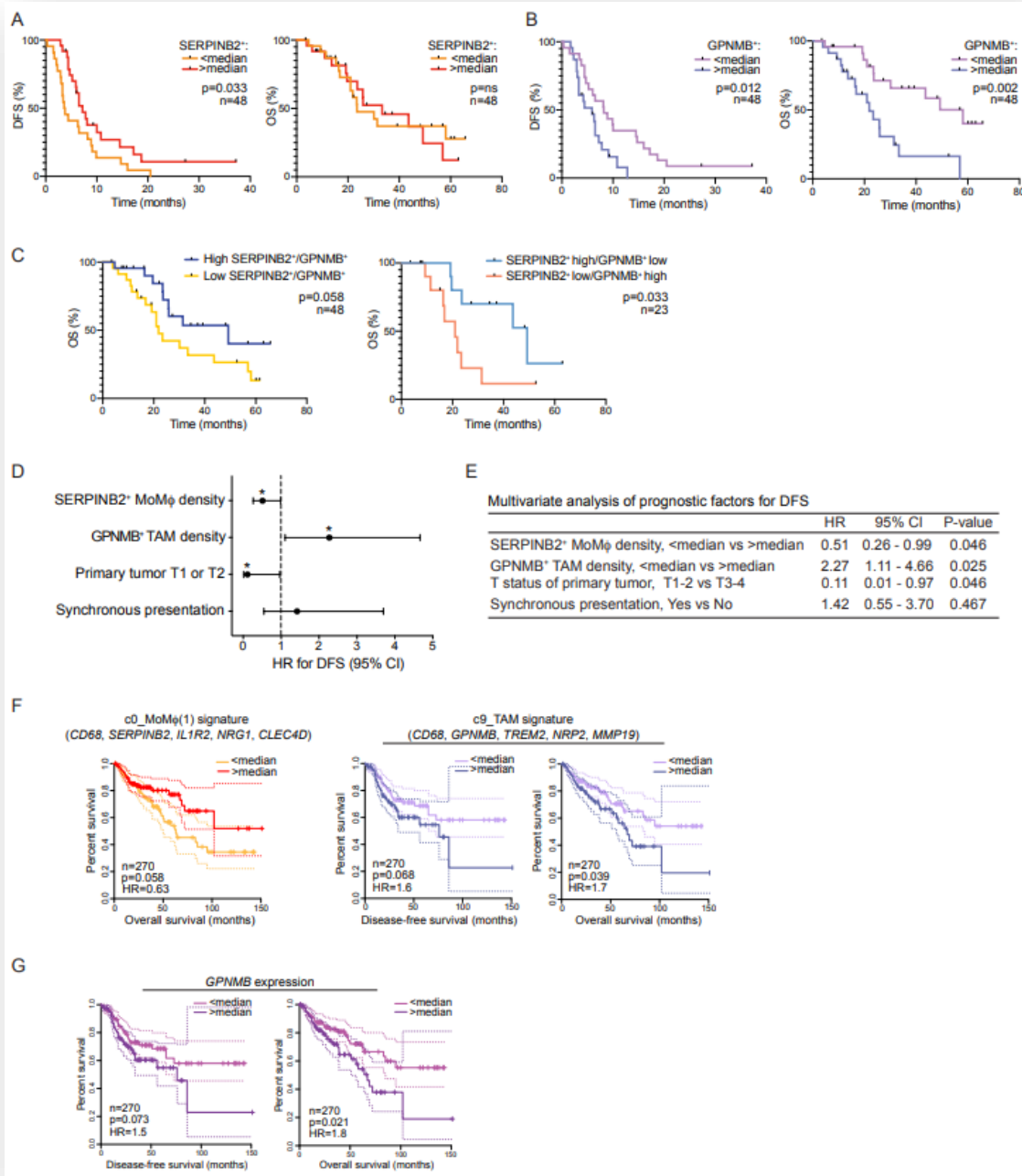
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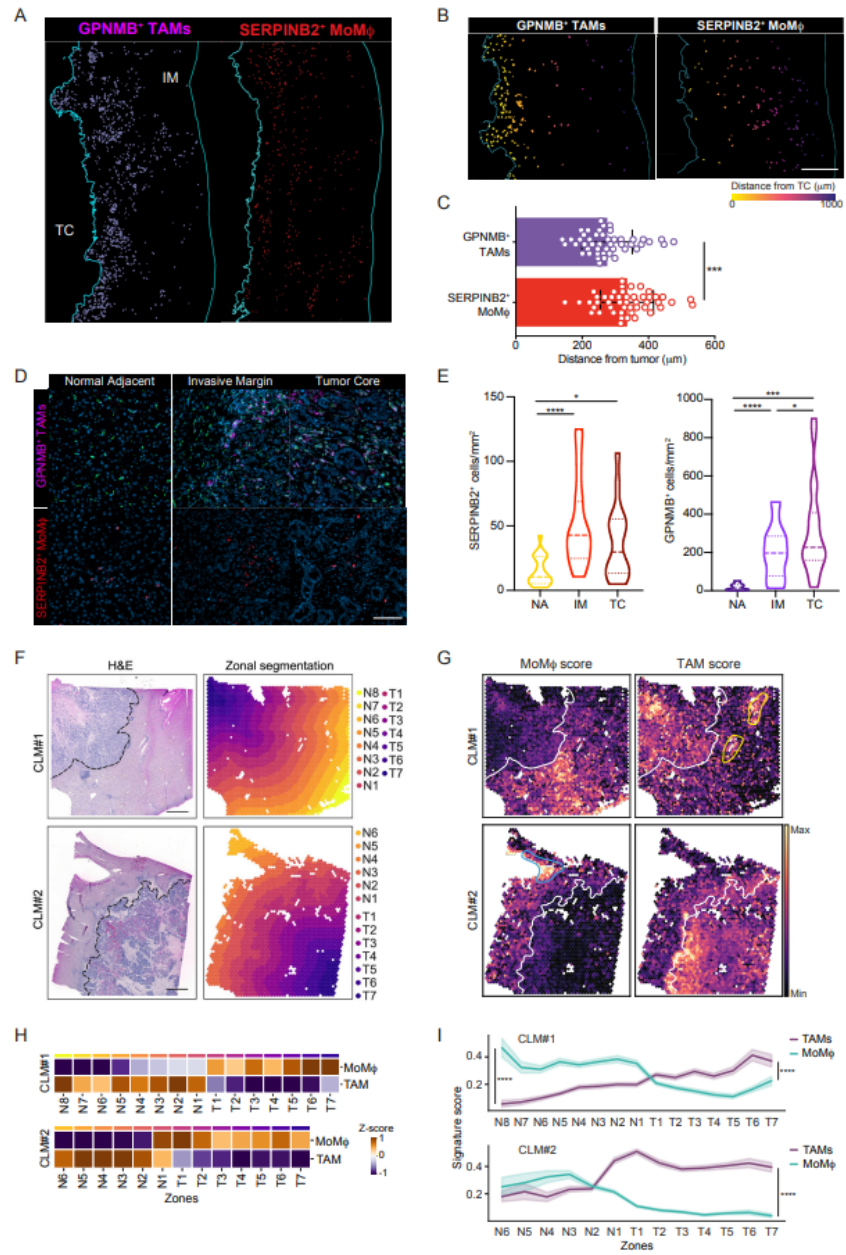




# Clinical relevance of SERPINB2<sup>+</sup> MoMφ and GPNMB<sup>+</sup> TAMs in CLM and primary CRC

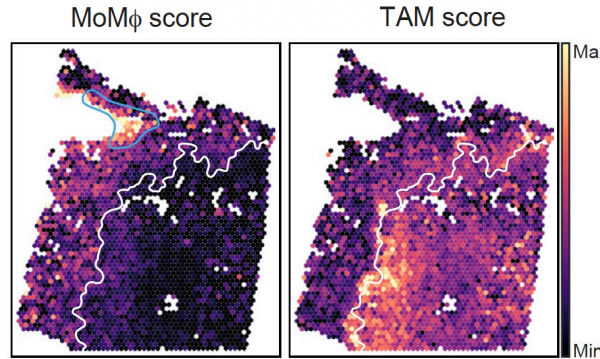
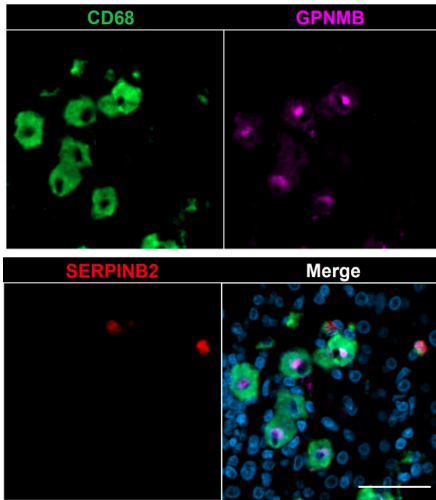


# Spatial assessment of MoM $\phi$ and TAMs in the TME

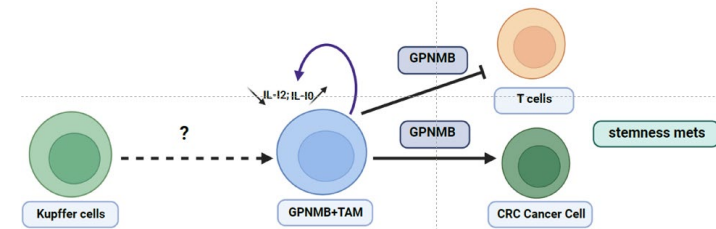
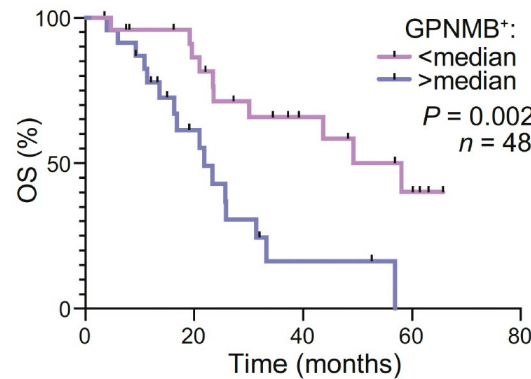
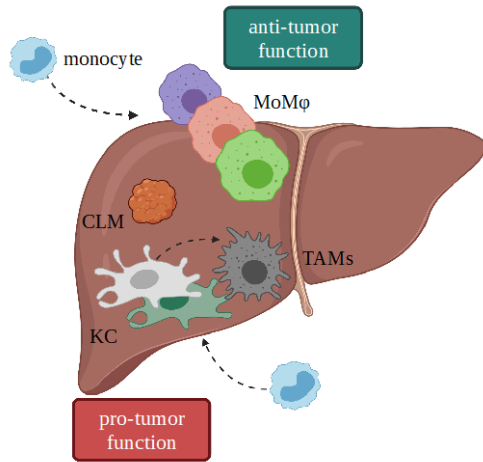
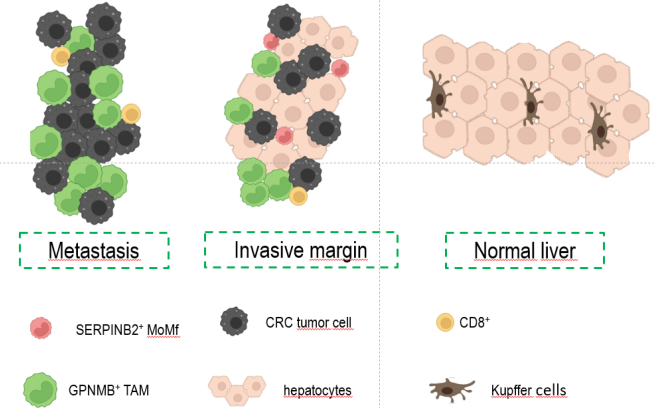




# Origin, Spatial Distribution (mIHC; Transcriptomics) and Significance of Mononuclear Phagocytes in Colorectal Cancer Liver Metastasis

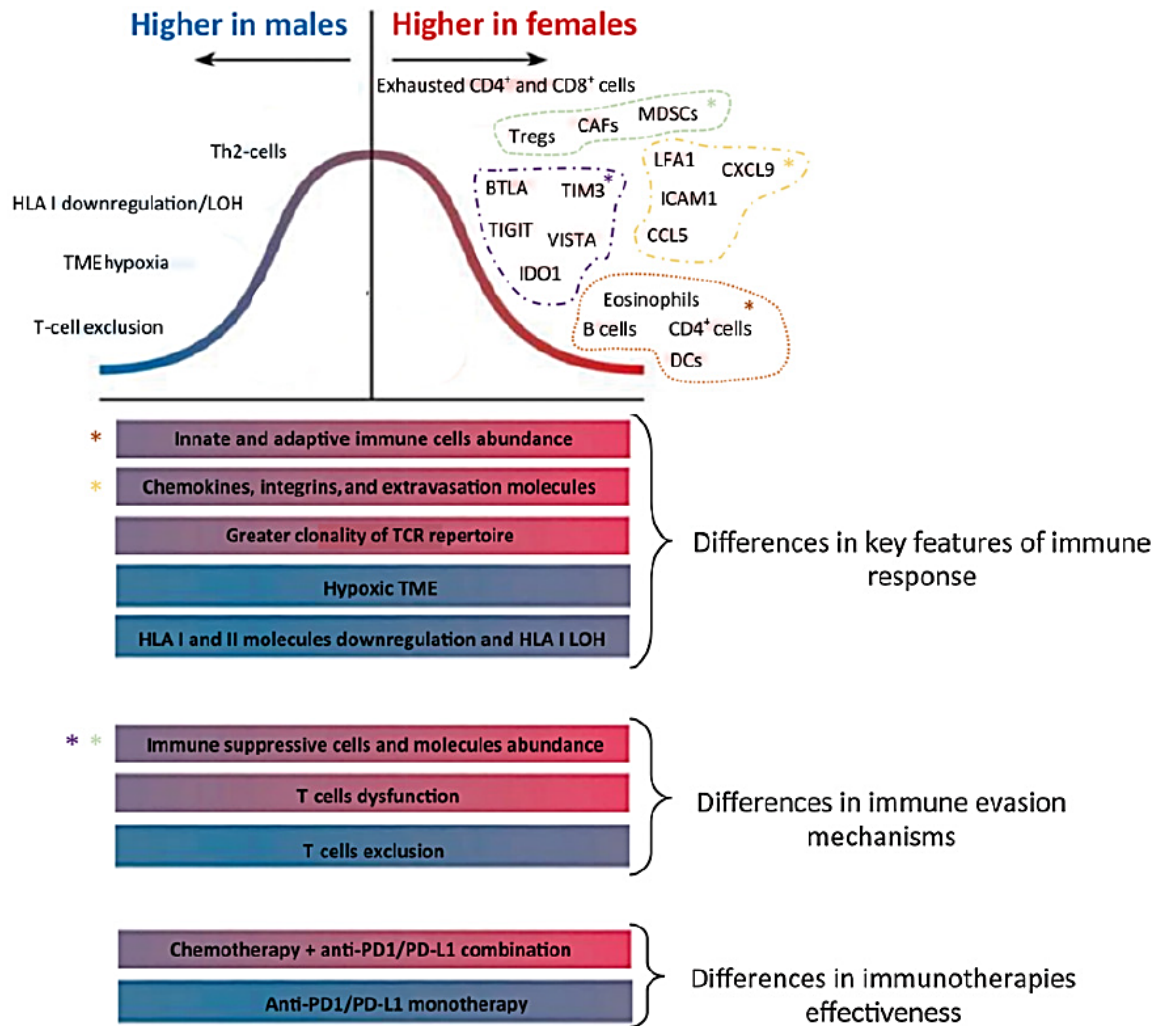


Origin, differential distribution (spatial-transcriptomics) and significance of Mononuclear phagocytes in CRC liver metastasis



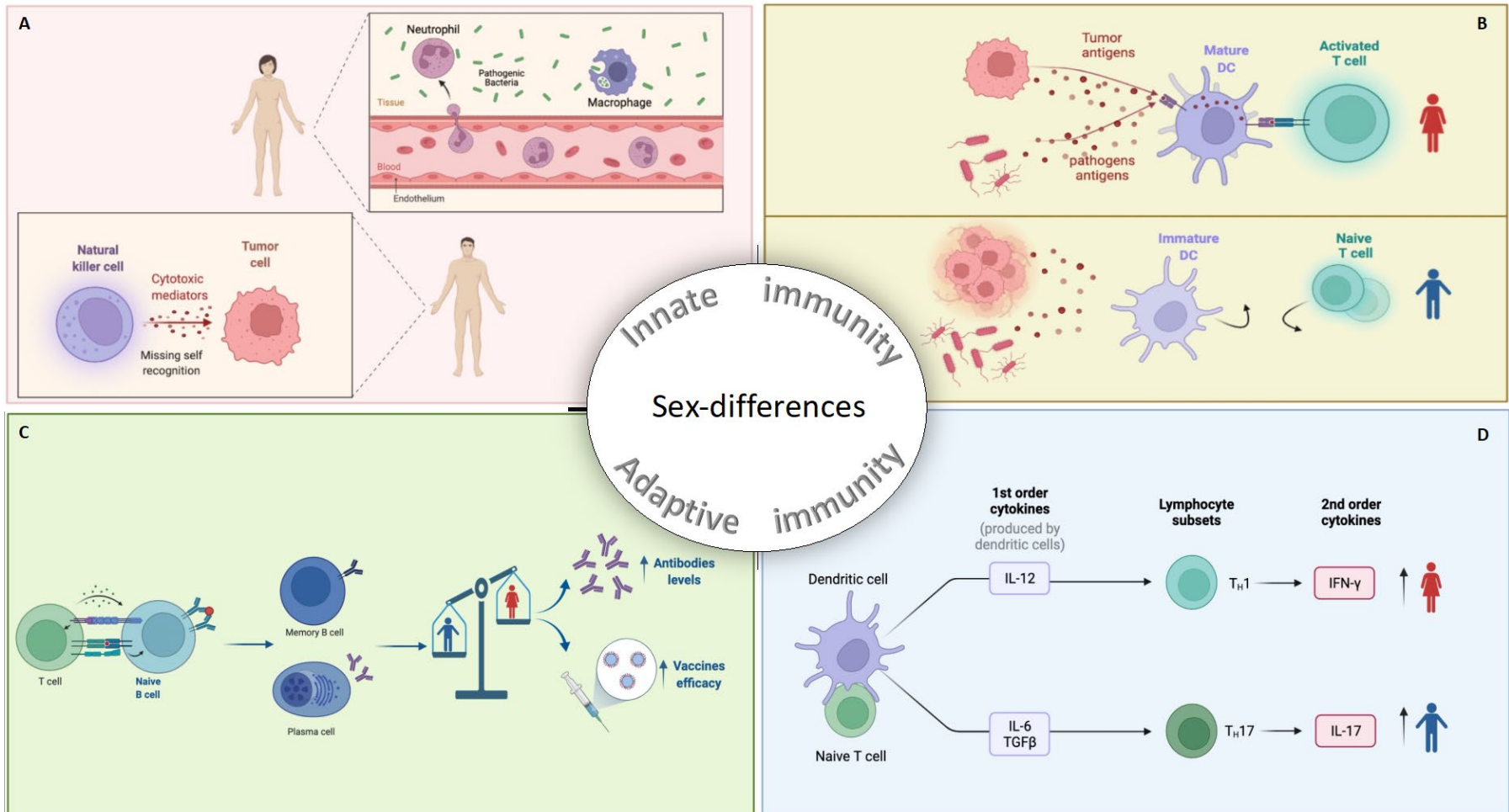
# Sex-based differences of molecular mechanisms of anticancer immune response and immune evasion

Molecular Characterization of the TME of NSCLC Patients



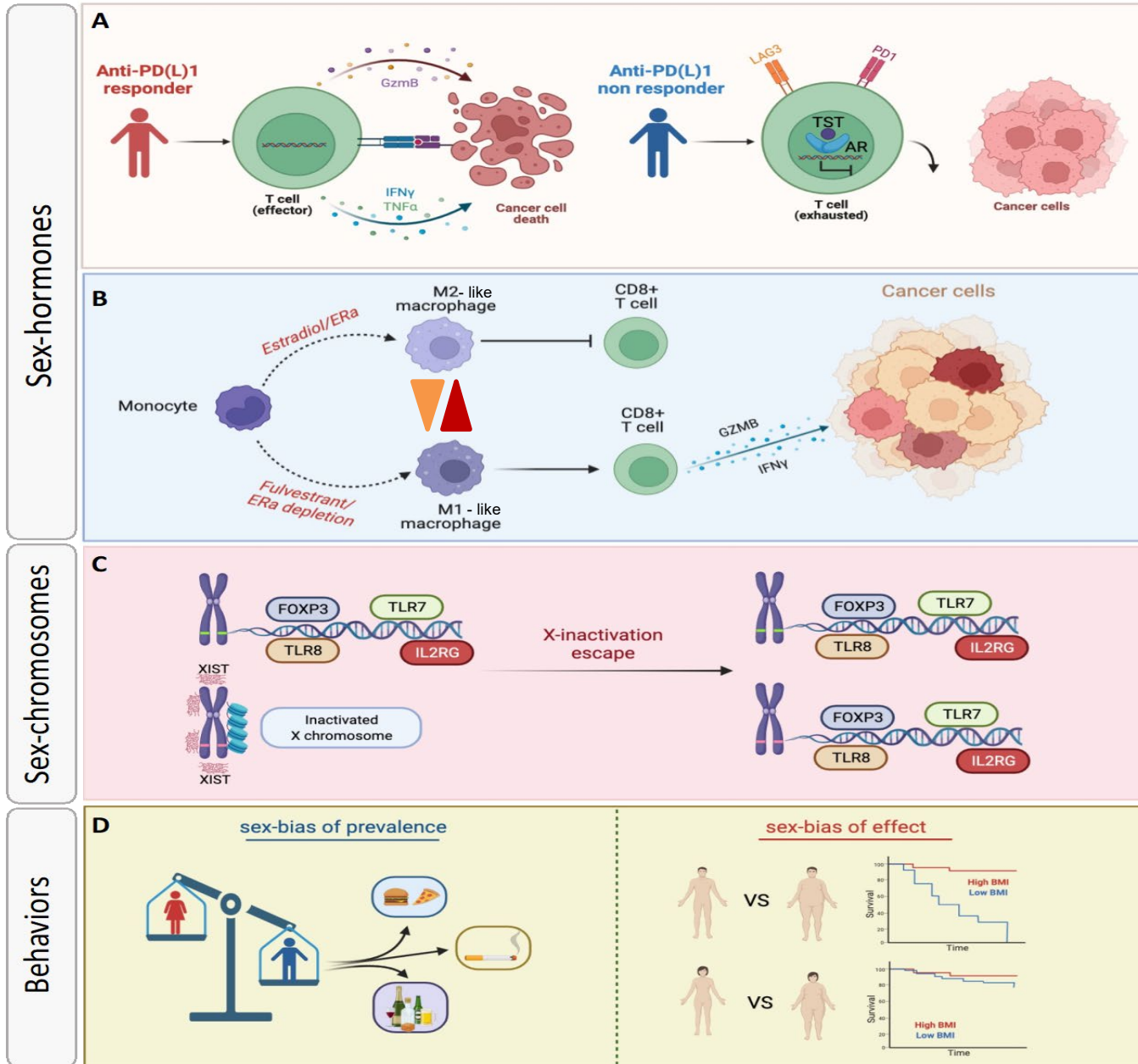


# Differences of innate and adaptive immune responses between healthy women and men



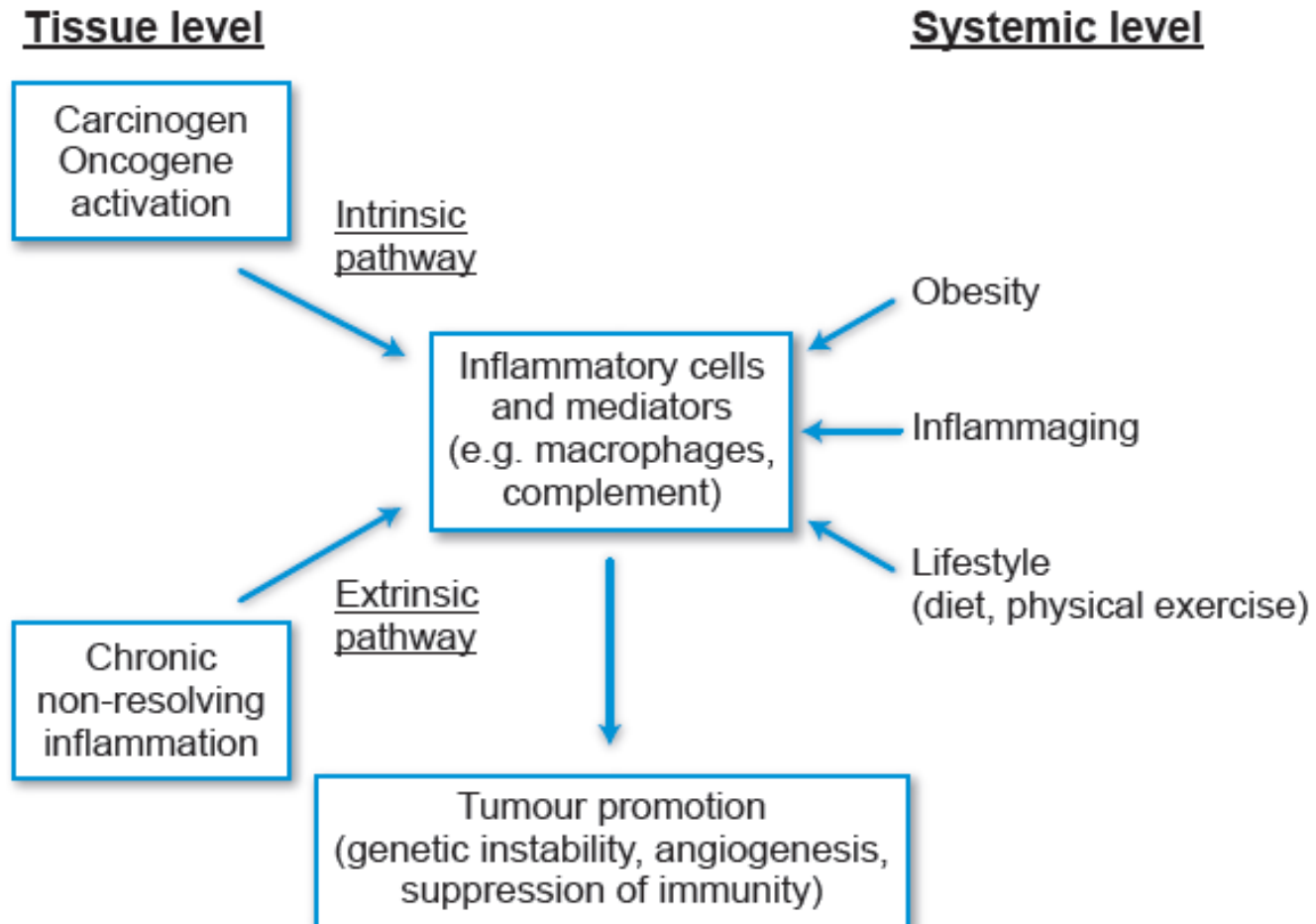
*(Pala et al Cancer Cell 2022)*

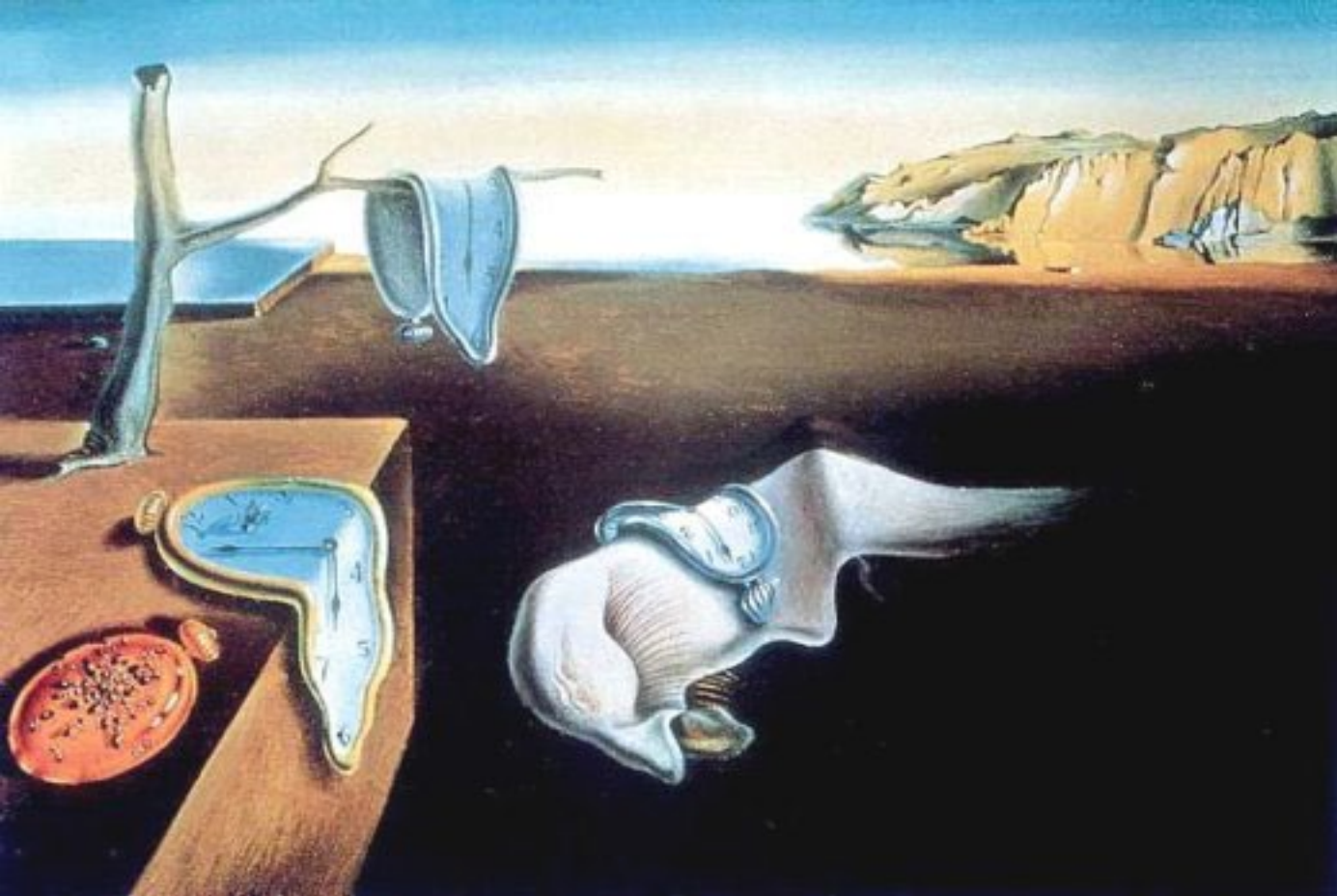
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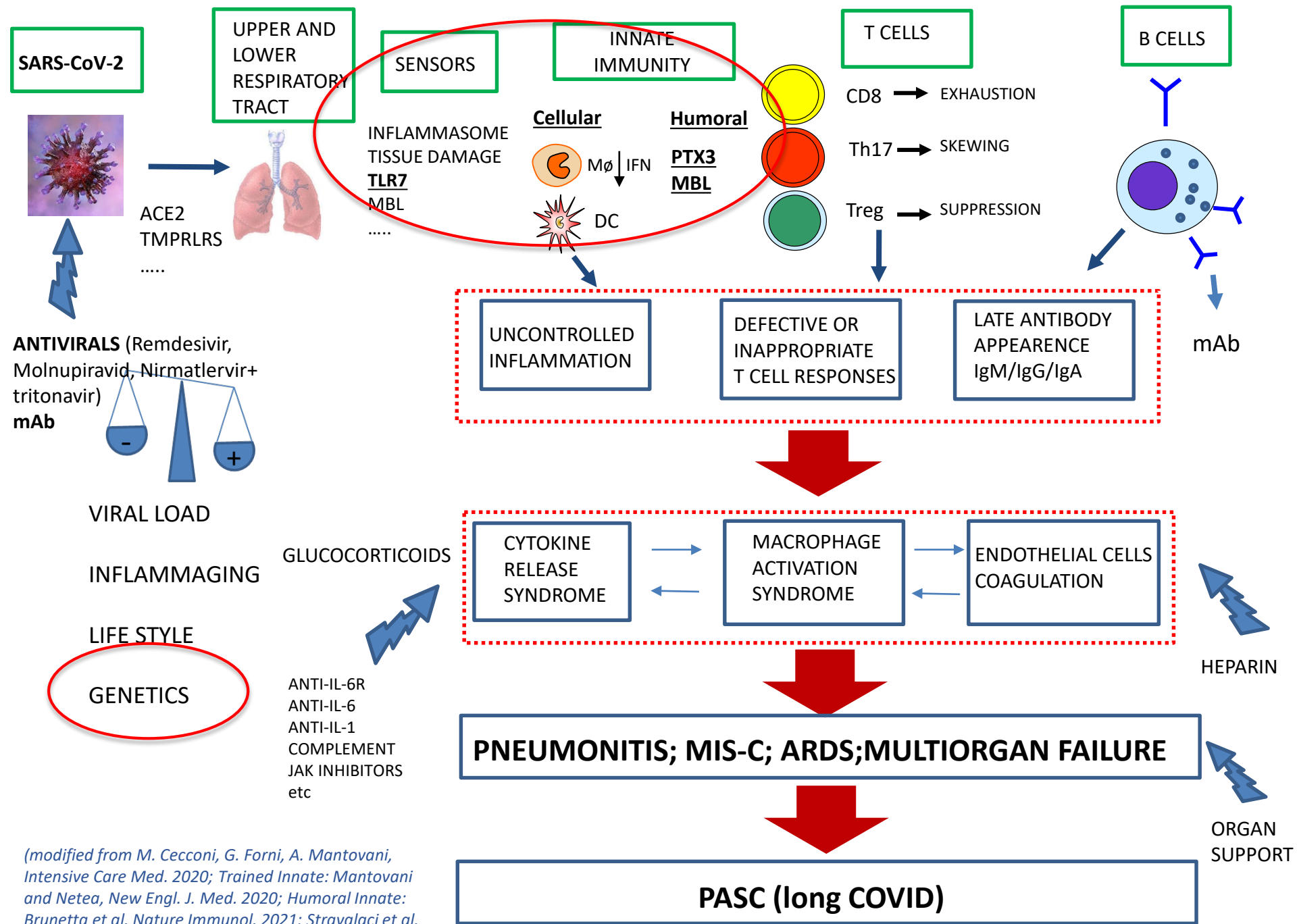


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## Pathways connecting inflammation and cancer at the tissue level and at the systemic level



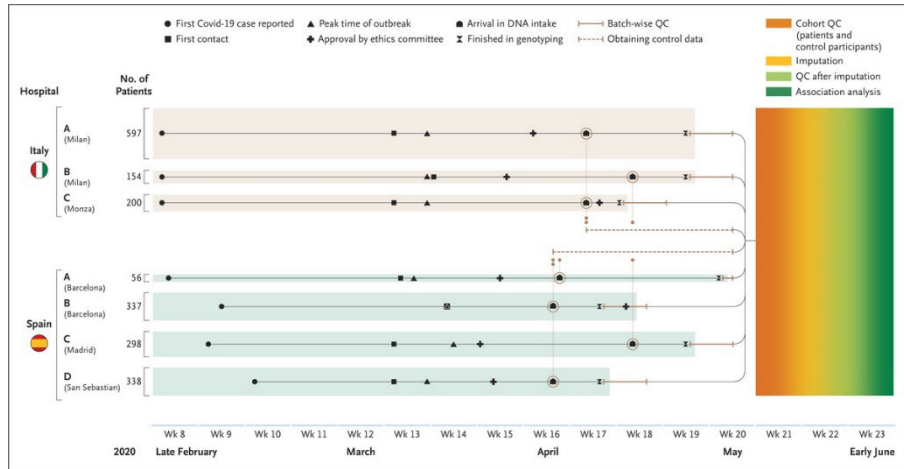




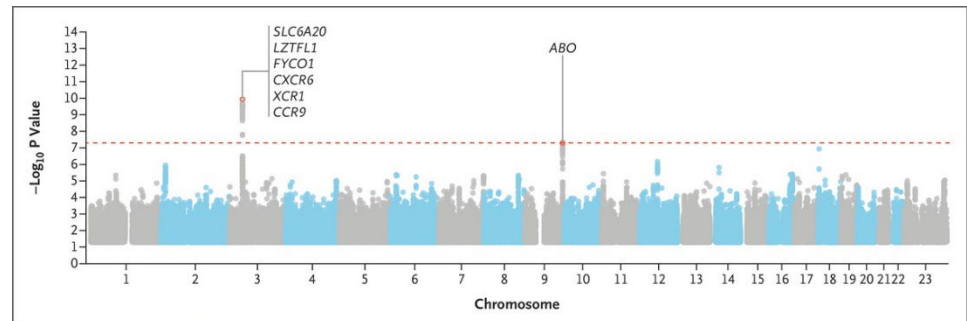
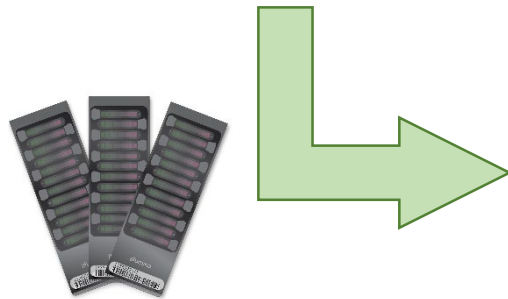
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# Timeline of rapid COVID-19 GWAS



## Manhattan Plot of the meta-analysis highlighting the two susceptibility loci for Severe COVID-19 with Respiratory Failure



Ellinghaus D, et al. Genomewide Association Study of Severe Covid-19 with Respiratory Failure. *N Engl J Med.* 2020;NEJMoa2020283.

## Article

# Mapping the human genetic architecture of COVID-19

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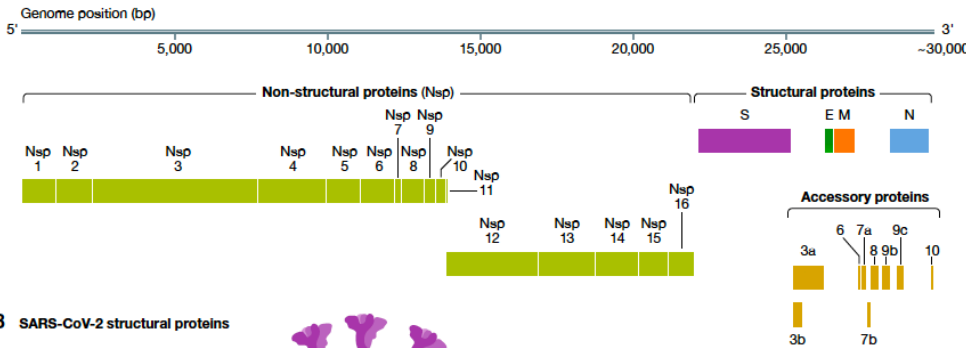
## COVID-19 Host Genetics Initiative\*

The genetic makeup of an individual contributes to susceptibility and response to viral infection. While environmental, clinical and social factors play a role in exposure to SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19 disease severity<sup>1,2</sup>, host genetics may also be important. Identifying host-specific genetic factors may reveal biological mechanisms of therapeutic relevance and clarify causal relationships of modifiable environmental risk factors for SARS-CoV-2 infection and outcomes. We formed a global network of researchers to investigate the role of human genetics in SARS-CoV-2 infection and COVID-19 severity. We describe the results of three genome-wide association meta-analyses comprised of up to 49,562 COVID-19 patients from 46 studies across 19 countries. We reported 13 genome-wide significant loci that are associated with SARS-CoV-2 infection or severe manifestations of COVID-19. Several of these loci correspond to previously documented associations to lung or autoimmune and inflammatory diseases<sup>3-7</sup>. They also represent potentially actionable mechanisms in response to infection. Mendelian Randomization analyses support a causal role for smoking and body mass index for severe COVID-19 although not for type II diabetes. The identification of novel host genetic factors associated with COVID-19, with unprecedented speed, was made possible by the community of human genetic researchers coming together to prioritize sharing of data, results, resources and analytical frameworks. This working model of international collaboration underscores what is possible for future genetic discoveries in emerging pandemics, or indeed for any complex human disease.

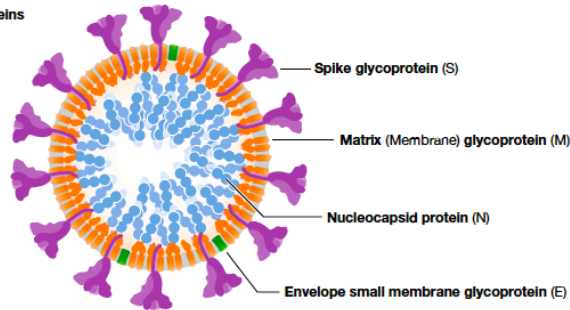
*(Andrea Ganna and the COVID-19 Host Genetics Initiative, Nature, 2021)*

# THE CHANGING LANDSCAPE OF COVID-19

## A SARS-CoV-2 genome



## B SARS-CoV-2 structural proteins



«ἔοικα γοῦν τούτου γε σμικρῶ τιτι  
αὐτῷ τούτῳ σοφώτερος εἶναι, ὅτι ἂ  
μὴ οἶδα οὐδὲ οἶομαι εἰδέναι»

«Hence, I feel that I am wiser in this  
minor respect: what I do not know, I  
do not believe I know». Socrates

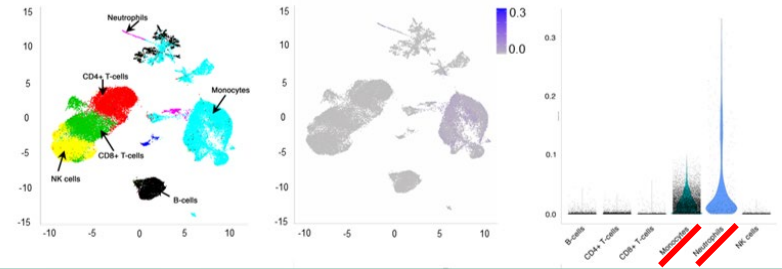
**COVID-19: AT THE INTERCEPTION OF GENETIC PREDISPOSITION,  
IMMUNODEFICIENCY UNMASKED BY THE VIRUS, AUTOIMMUNITY  
AND UNCONTROLLED INFLAMMATION**

(Platone, Apologia)

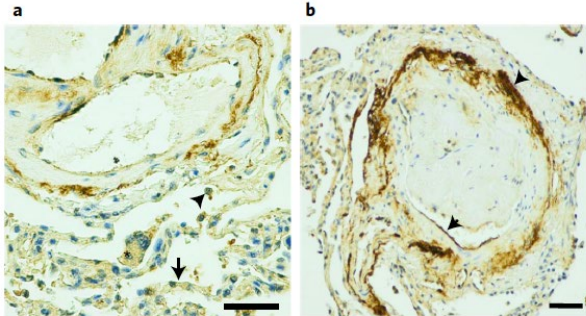
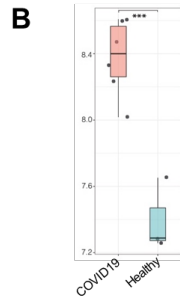
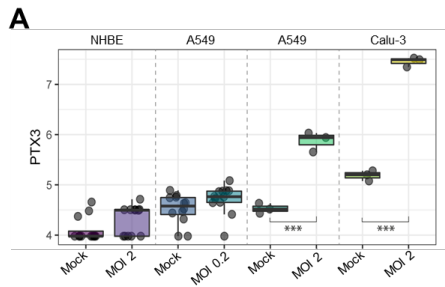
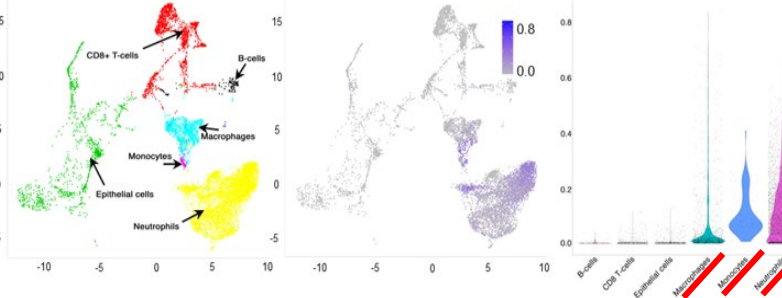
# Macrophage expression and prognostic significance of the long pentraxin PTX3 in COVID-19

Enrico Brunetta<sup>1,2,10</sup>, Marco Folci<sup>1,2,10</sup>, Barbara Bottazzi<sup>1,10</sup>, Maria De Santis<sup>1</sup>, Giuseppe Gritti<sup>3</sup>, Alessandro Protti<sup>1,2</sup>, Sarah N. Mapelli<sup>1</sup>, Stefanos Bonovas<sup>1,2</sup>, Daniele Piovani<sup>1,2</sup>, Roberto Leone<sup>1</sup>, Ilaria My<sup>1,2</sup>, Veronica Zanon<sup>1</sup>, Gianmarco Spata<sup>1</sup>, Monica Bacci<sup>1</sup>, Domenico Supino<sup>2</sup>, Silvia Carnevale<sup>2</sup>, Marina Sironi<sup>1</sup>, Sadaf Davoudian<sup>1</sup>, Clelia Peano<sup>1,4</sup>, Francesco Landi<sup>3</sup>, Fabiano Di Marco<sup>5,6</sup>, Federico Raimondi<sup>5</sup>, Andrea Gianatti<sup>7</sup>, Claudio Angelini<sup>1</sup>, Alessandro Rambaldi<sup>3,8</sup>, Cecilia Garlanda<sup>1,2</sup>, Michele Ciccarelli<sup>1</sup>, Maurizio Cecconi<sup>1,2</sup> and Alberto Mantovani<sup>1,2,9</sup>

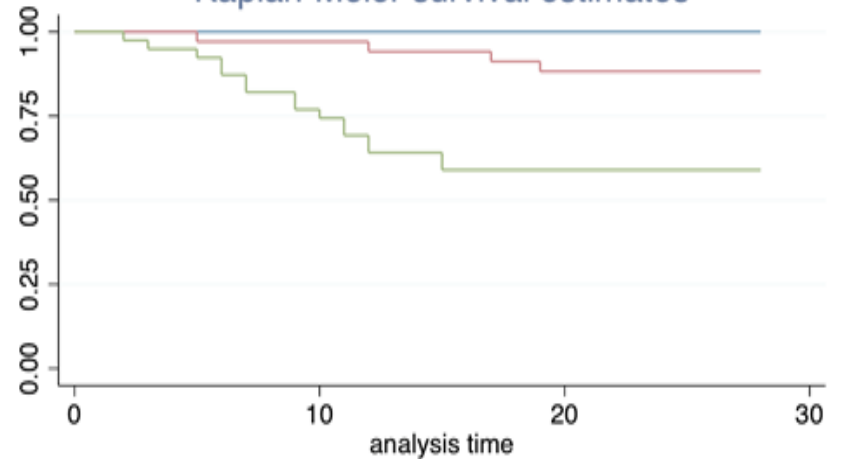
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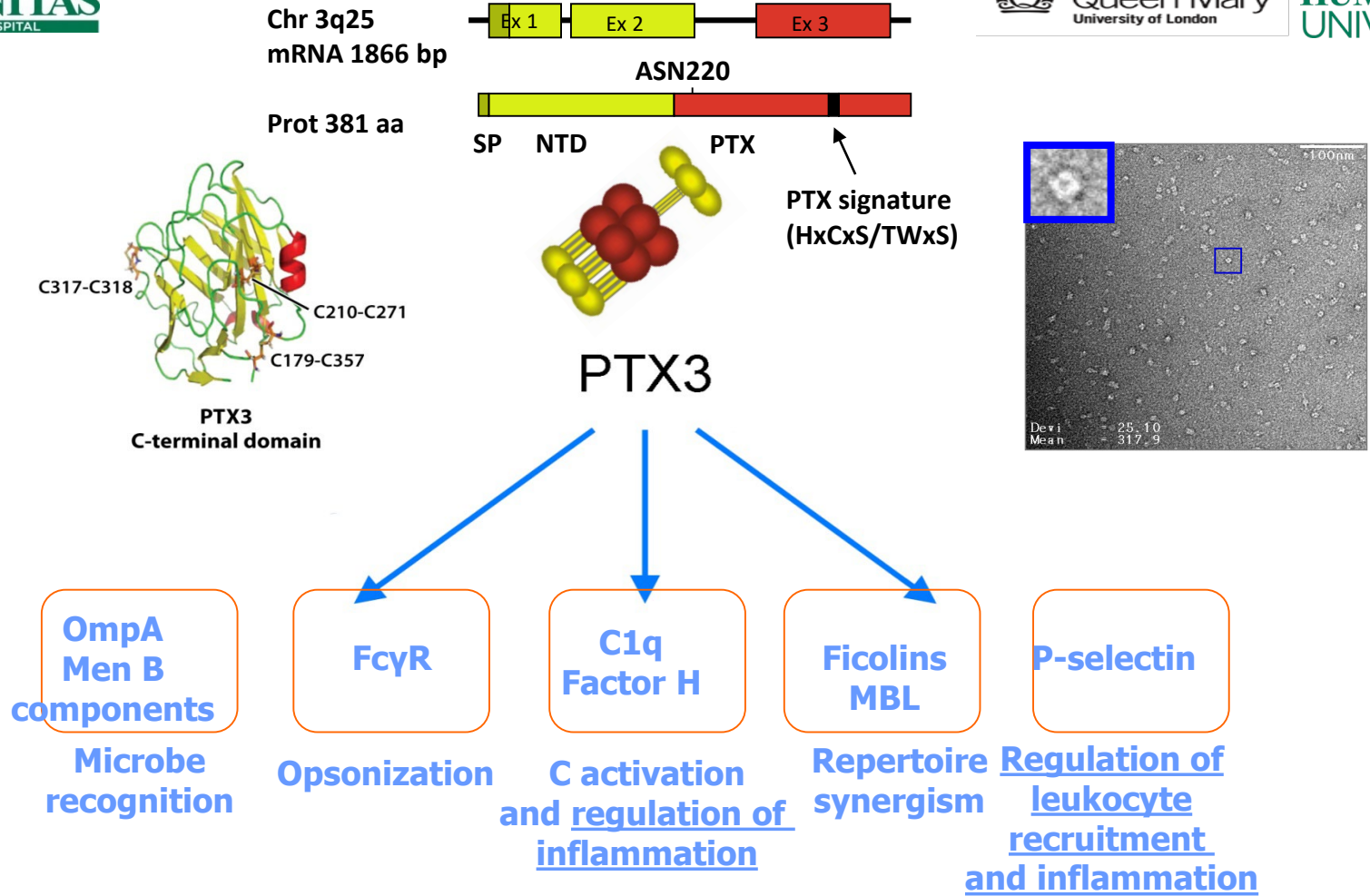


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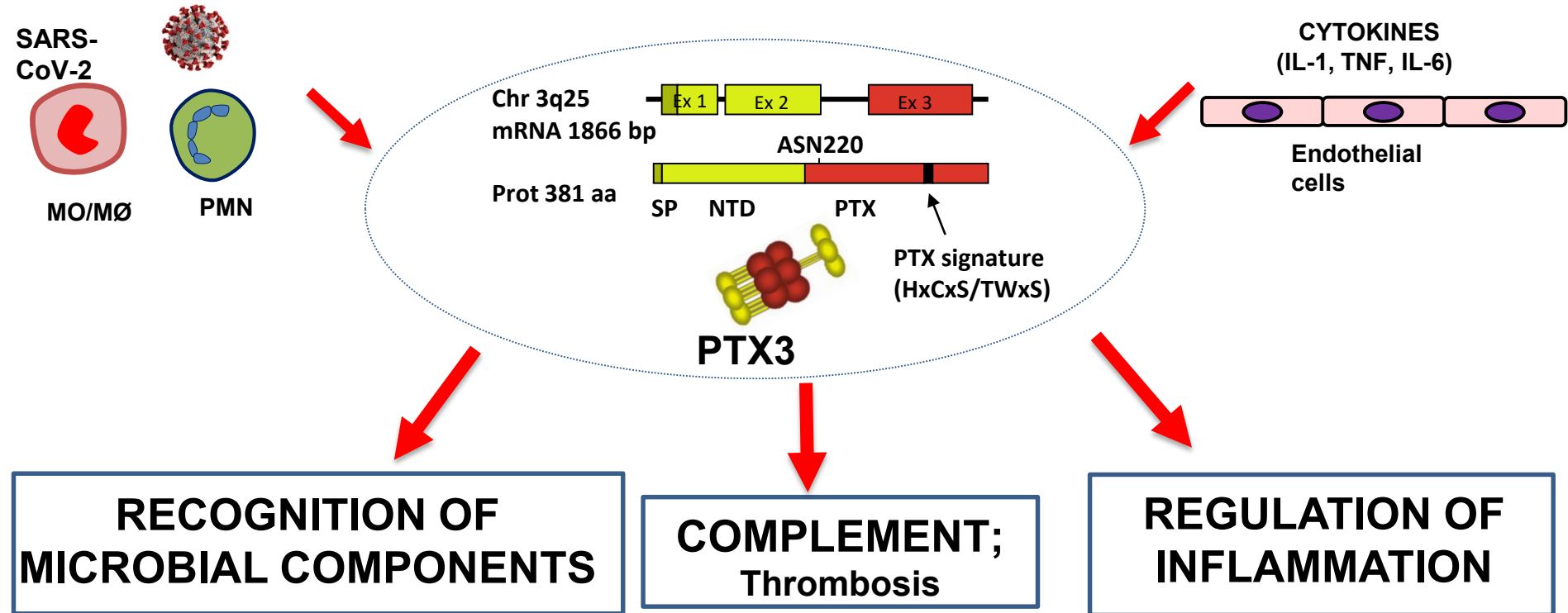




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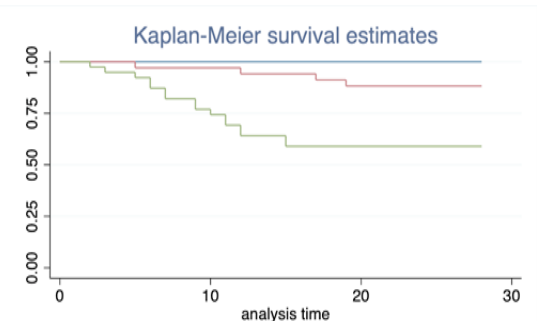


# PROGNOSTIC SIGNIFICANCE OF PTX3: INTEGRATING MYELOMONOCYTIC CELL AND ENDOTHELIAL CELL RESPONSE



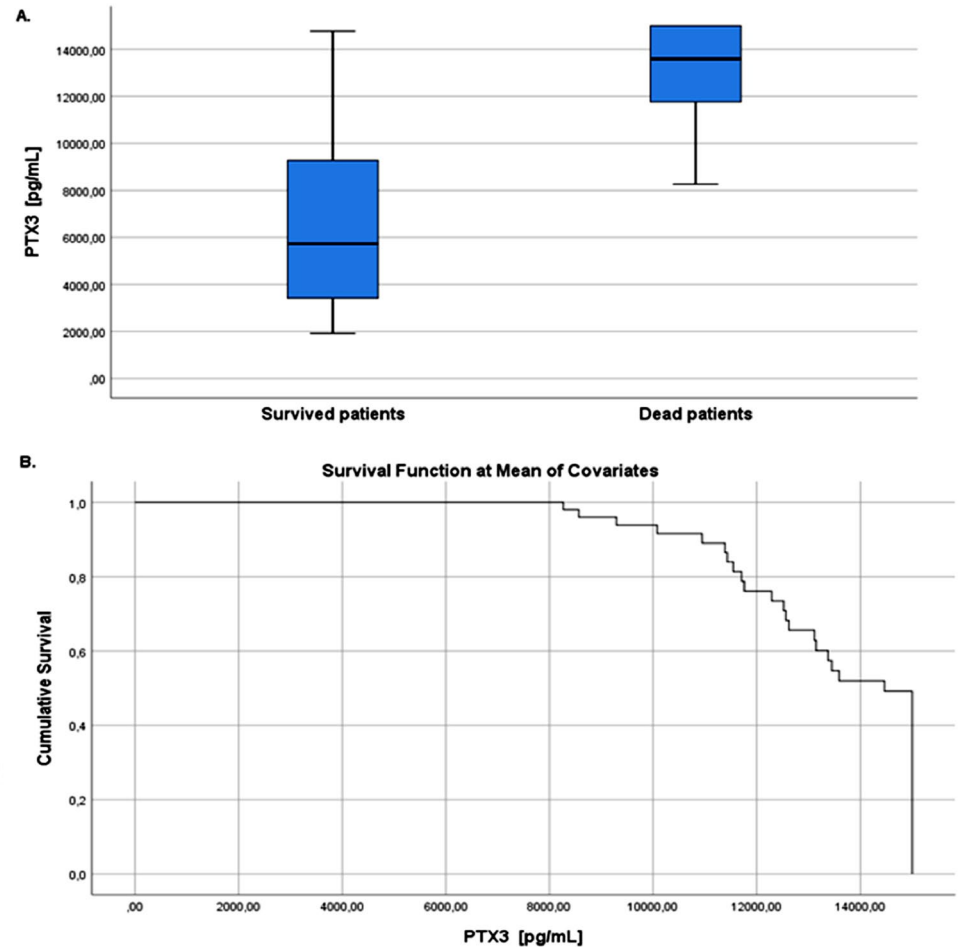
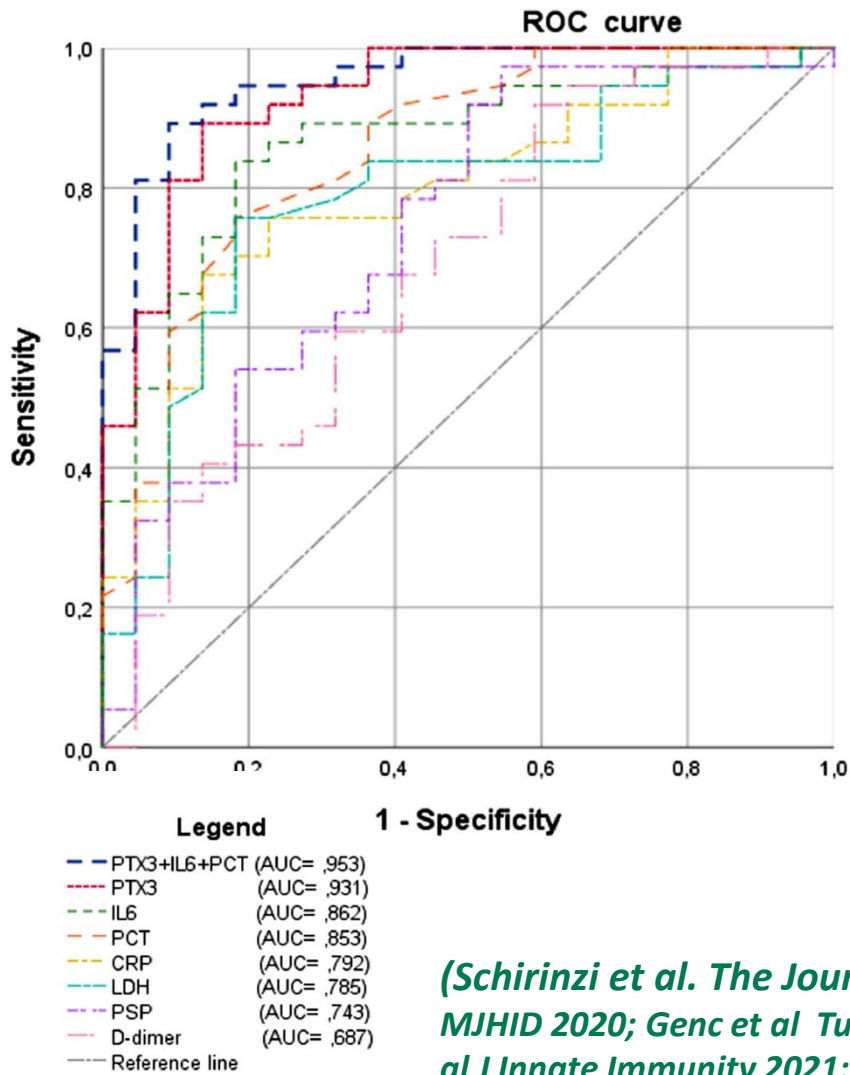
## BIOMARKER; PROGNOSIS

*(Brunetta, Folci, Bottazzi et al., Nature Immunology, 2020; MedRxiv 2021)*



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# PTX3 AS A PREDICTOR OF DEATH IN COVID-19



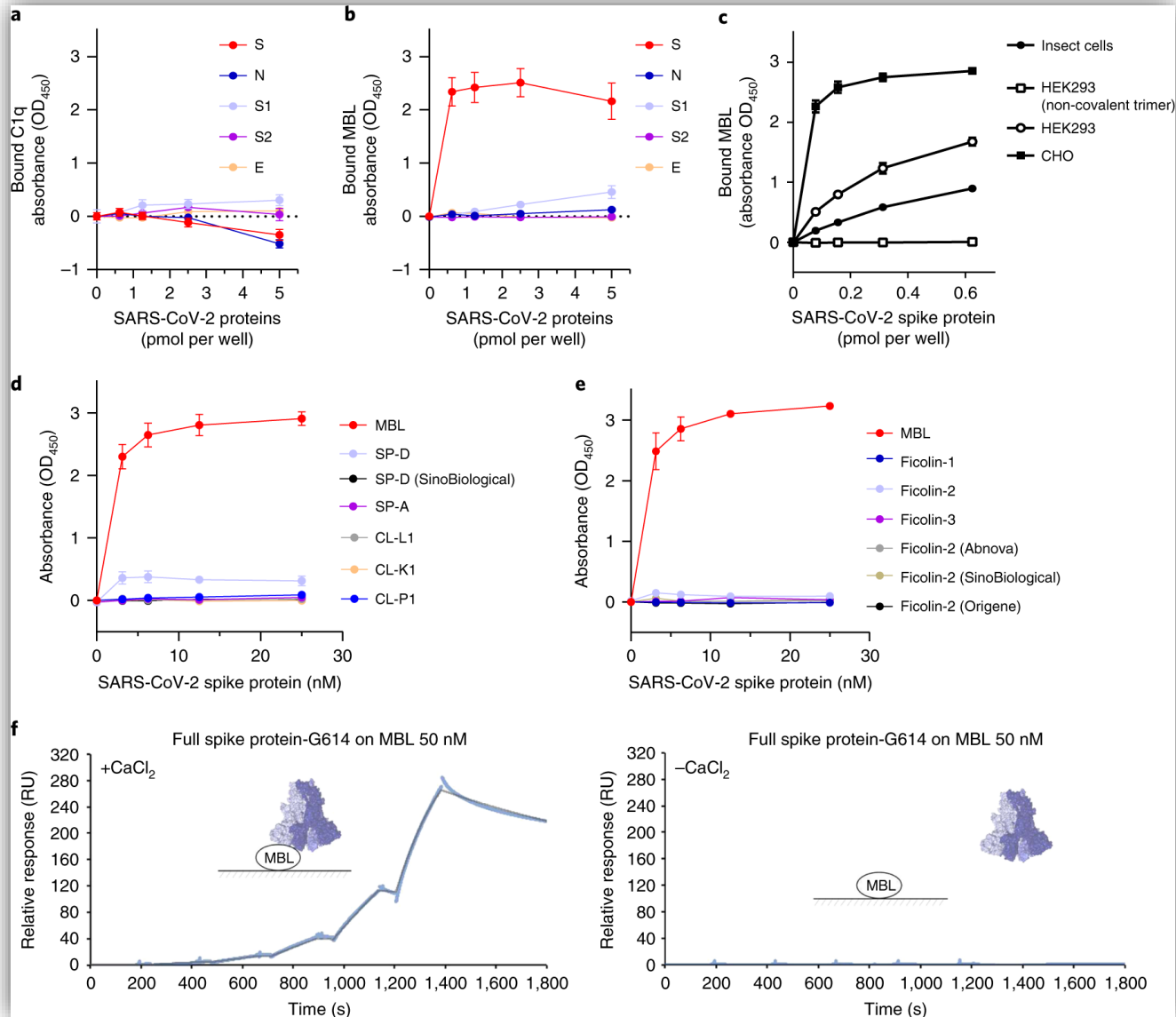
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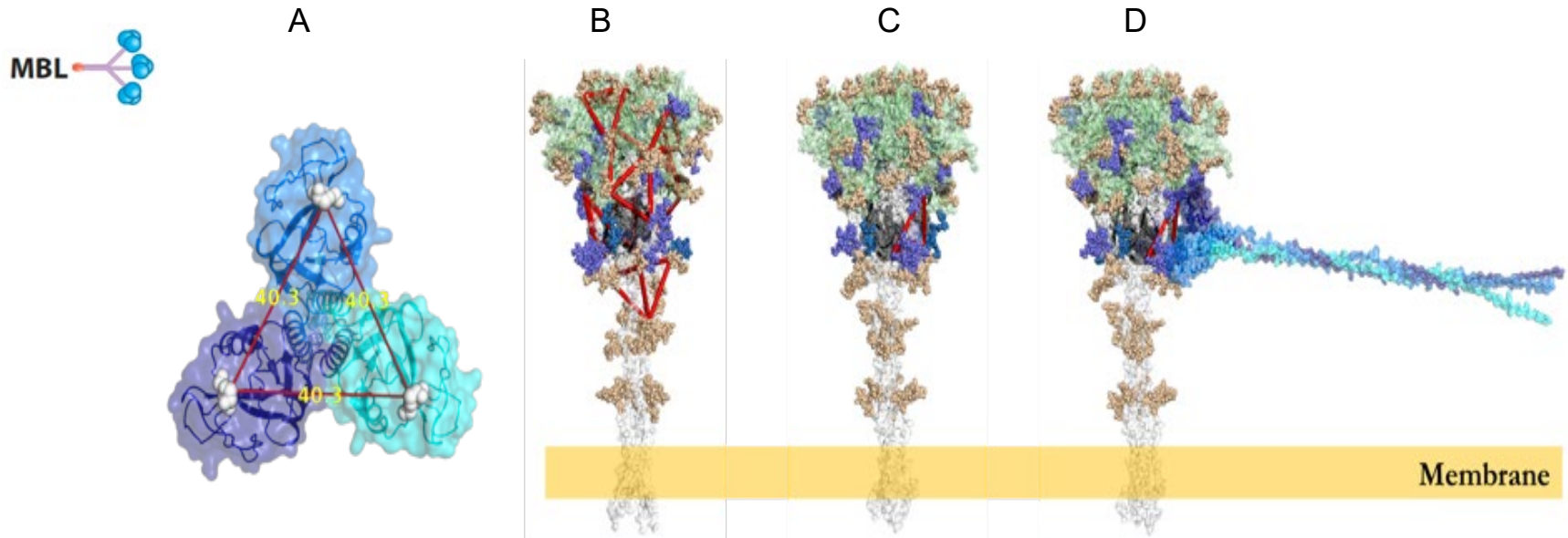
**Table 1. Main Acute-Phase Proteins and Their Role in Covid-19.\***

Function and Protein or Proteins	Degree and Type of Change in Inflammatory Conditions <sup>†</sup>	Role or Roles in Covid-19 and Associated Conditions <sup>‡</sup>
<b>Humoral innate immunity</b>		
C-reactive protein	↑↑↑↑	Association with death, ICU admission, need for interleukin-6 inhibition, and PASC <sup>11-14</sup>
Serum amyloid P	↑ or →	ND
Serum amyloid A	↑↑↑↑	Association with severity <sup>15</sup>
PTX3	↑↑↑	Association with death, lung lesions on CT, response to interleukin-6 inhibition, intubation, thrombotic events, and PASC <sup>16-19</sup>
C1q, C3, and C4	↑	Association with pathogenesis <sup>20,21</sup>
C4-binding protein	↑	ND
Mannose-binding lectin	↑↑ or →	Viral inhibition, association with thromboembolism <sup>22</sup>
Interleukin-1Ra	↑↑	Association between anti-interleukin-1Ra auto-antibodies and severity, MIS-C, or myocarditis after SARS-CoV-2 vaccination <sup>23</sup>
<b>Coagulation or tissue repair and remodeling</b>		
Fibrinogen	↑↑	Association of D-dimer with thromboembolism <sup>14</sup>
Prothrombin	→	ND
Fibronectin	↑ or →	ND
α2-Macroglobulin	↑	ND
Antithrombin III	↓	ND
α1-Antitrypsin	↑↑	ND
α1-Antichymotrypsin	↑↑	ND
Urokinase-type plasminogen activator	↑	ND
Thrombopoietin	↑↑	ND
<b>Iron metabolism</b>		
Transferrin	↓	ND
Ferritin	↑↑	Association with ICU admission and mechanical ventilation <sup>14,24</sup>
Haptoglobin	↑↑	ND
Hemopexin	↑	ND
Hepcidin	↑↑	ND
<b>Other carrier proteins</b>		
Albumin	↓	ND
Ceruloplasmin	↑ or →	ND
Apolipoproteins	↓	ND
α1-Acid glycoprotein	↑↑	ND

# Interaction of C1q, MBL, ficolins and surfactant proteins with SARS-CoV-2 proteins



# Model of the interaction between MBL and Spike



A- Trimeric MBL model shows the distance of approximately 40 Å between mannose-binding sites.

B- 14 mannose-binding sites in Spike, represented as red triangles.

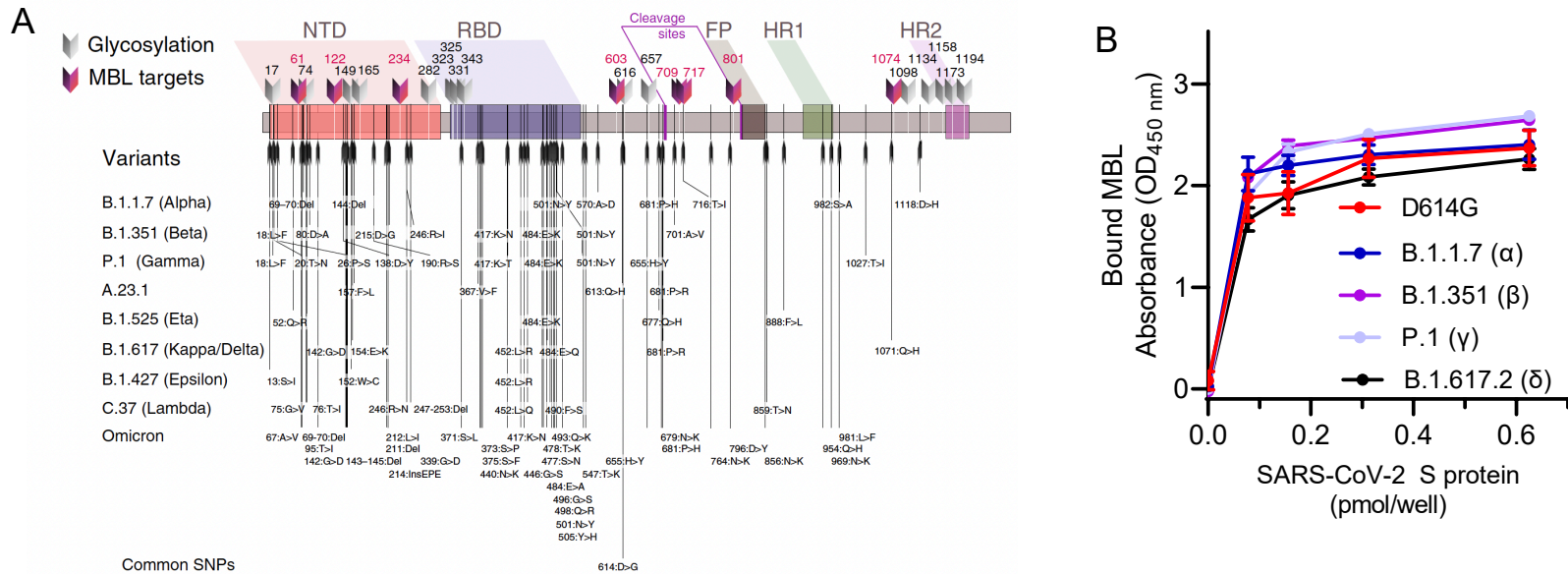
C- Putative binding site of MBL (highest site-specific probability to be glycosylated with oligomannose).

D- Spike-MBL complex.

Glycosylation sites are colored according to the oligomannose glycosylation probability. Gold < 60%. Purple > 80% up until S2' region. Blue > 80% in the S2' region.



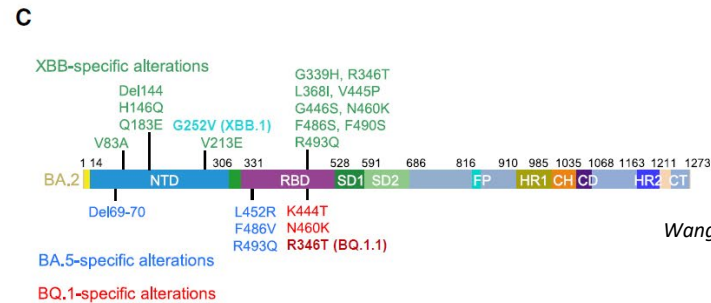
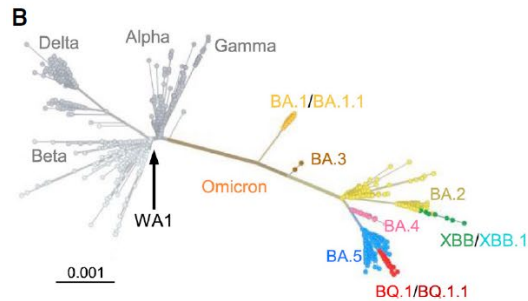
# Mutations of SARS-CoV-2 Spike variants do not impact glycosylation sites and interaction with MBL



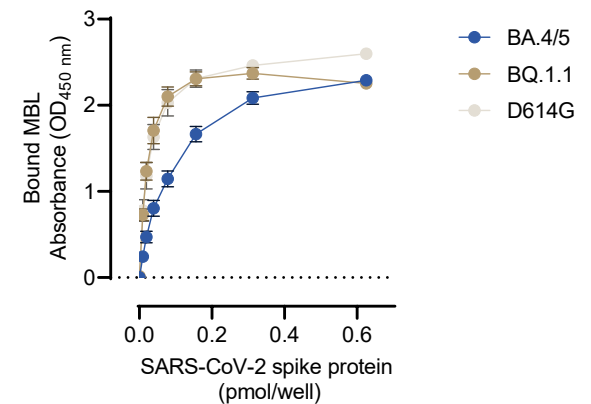
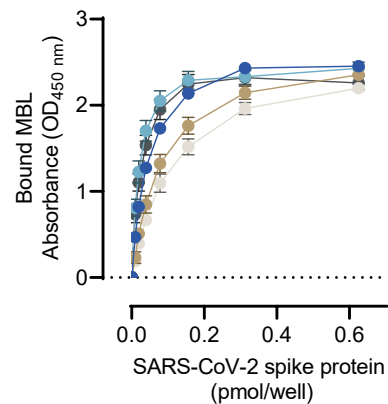
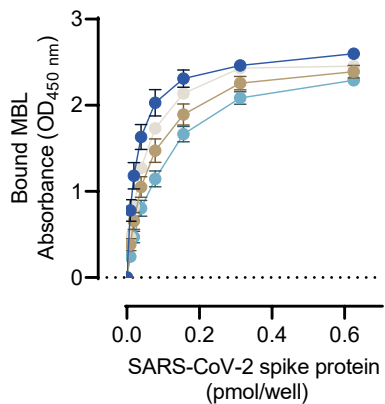
- None of reported mutations involve the glycosylation sites
- Binding of MBL to S is not affected by mutations of variants

This is in line with the role of innate immunity in recognizing conserved and essential microbial moieties (C. Janeway).

# Binding of MBL to SARS-CoV-2 spike protein Omicron subvariants



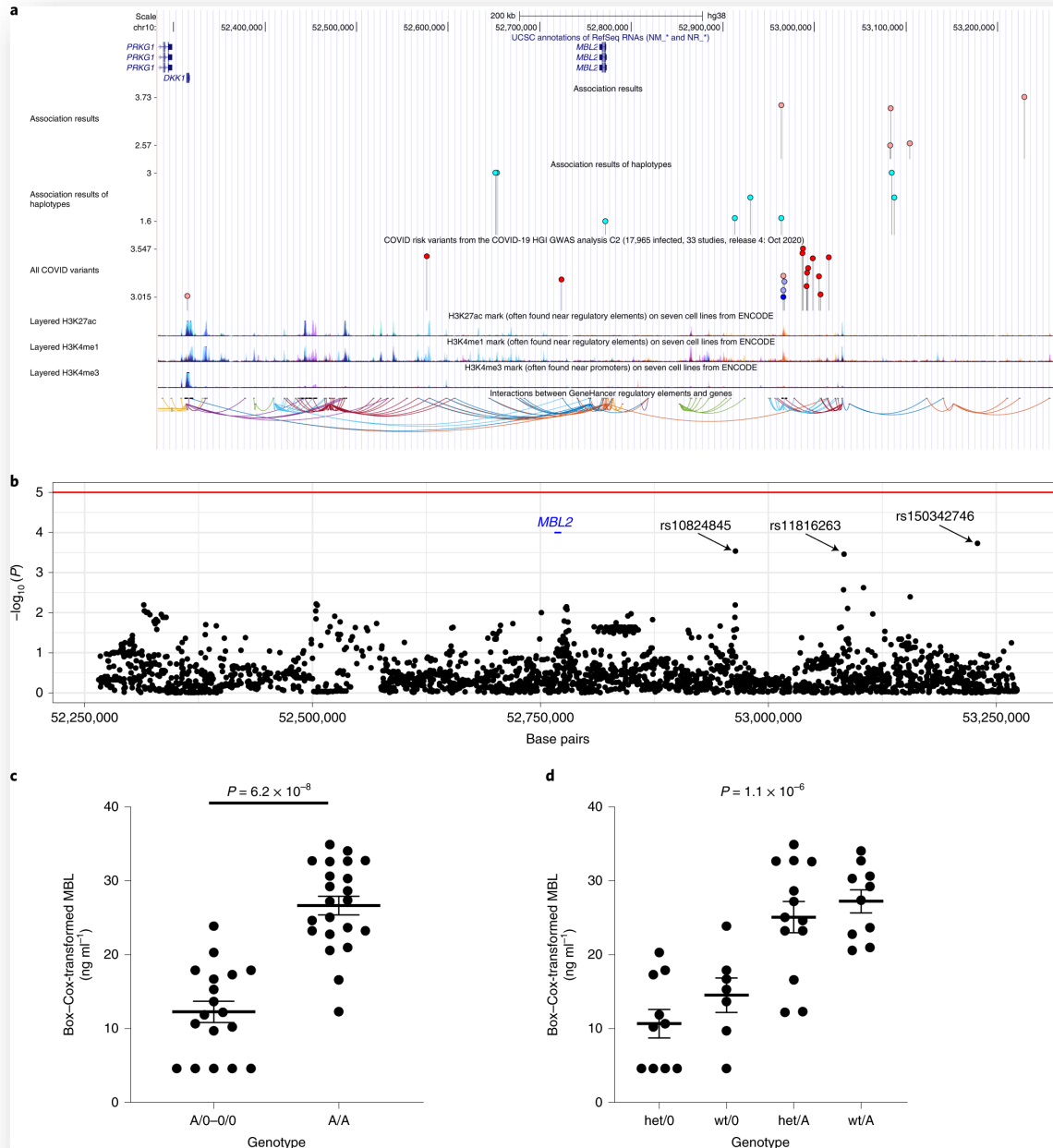
Wang et al., 2023, Cell 186, 1–8



n=3 exp, mean ± SEM

(Stravalaci et al unpublished data)

# The *MBL2* locus: structure and main association signals with severe COVID-19



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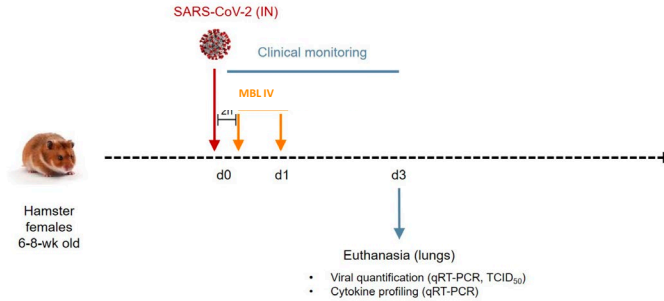
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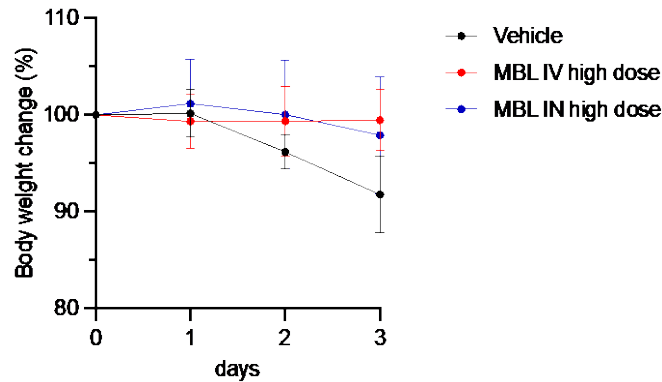
## Genetic determinants of mannose-binding lectin activity predispose to thromboembolic complications in critical COVID-19

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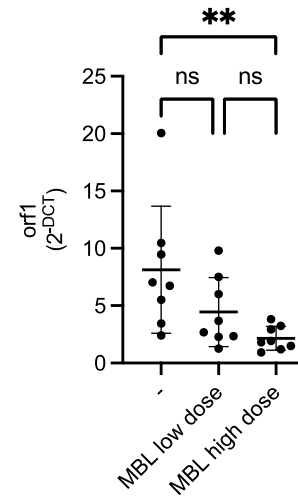
# COVID-19 in vivo therapy with MBL



## Body weight loss

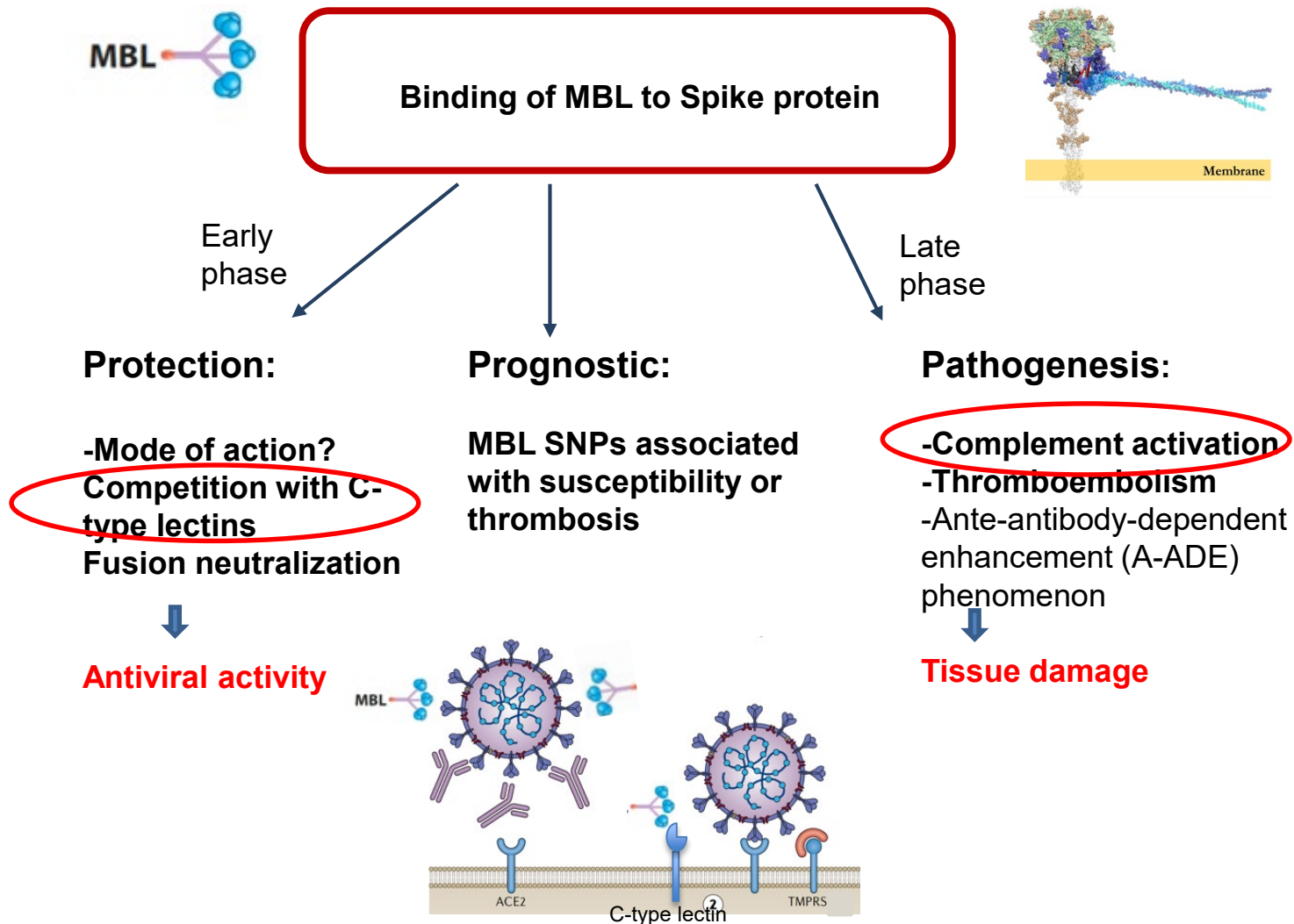


## Viral load



**MBL treatment protects SARS-CoV-2 infected hamsters**

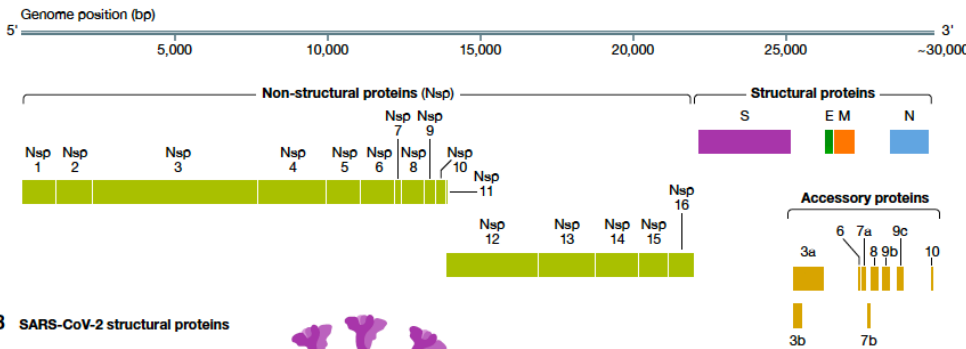




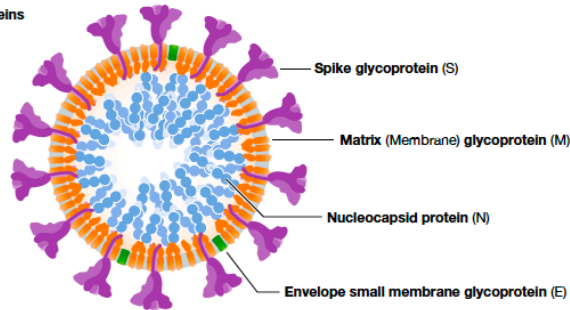
(Stravalaci, Pagani et al. Nature Immunol. 2022; and unpublished data)

# THE CHANGING LANDSCAPE OF COVID-19

## A SARS-CoV-2 genome



## B SARS-CoV-2 structural proteins



«ἔοικα γοῦν τούτου γε σμικρῶ τινα αὐτῷ τούτῳ σοφώτερος εἶναι, ὅτι ἂ μὴ οἶδα οὐδὲ οἶομαι εἰδέναί»

«Hence, I feel that I am wiser in this minor respect: what I do not know, I do not believe I know». Socrates

**COVID-19: AT THE INTERCEPTION OF GENETIC PREDISPOSITION, IMMUNODEFICIENCY UNMASKED BY THE VIRUS, AUTOIMMUNITY AND UNCONTROLLED INFLAMMATION**

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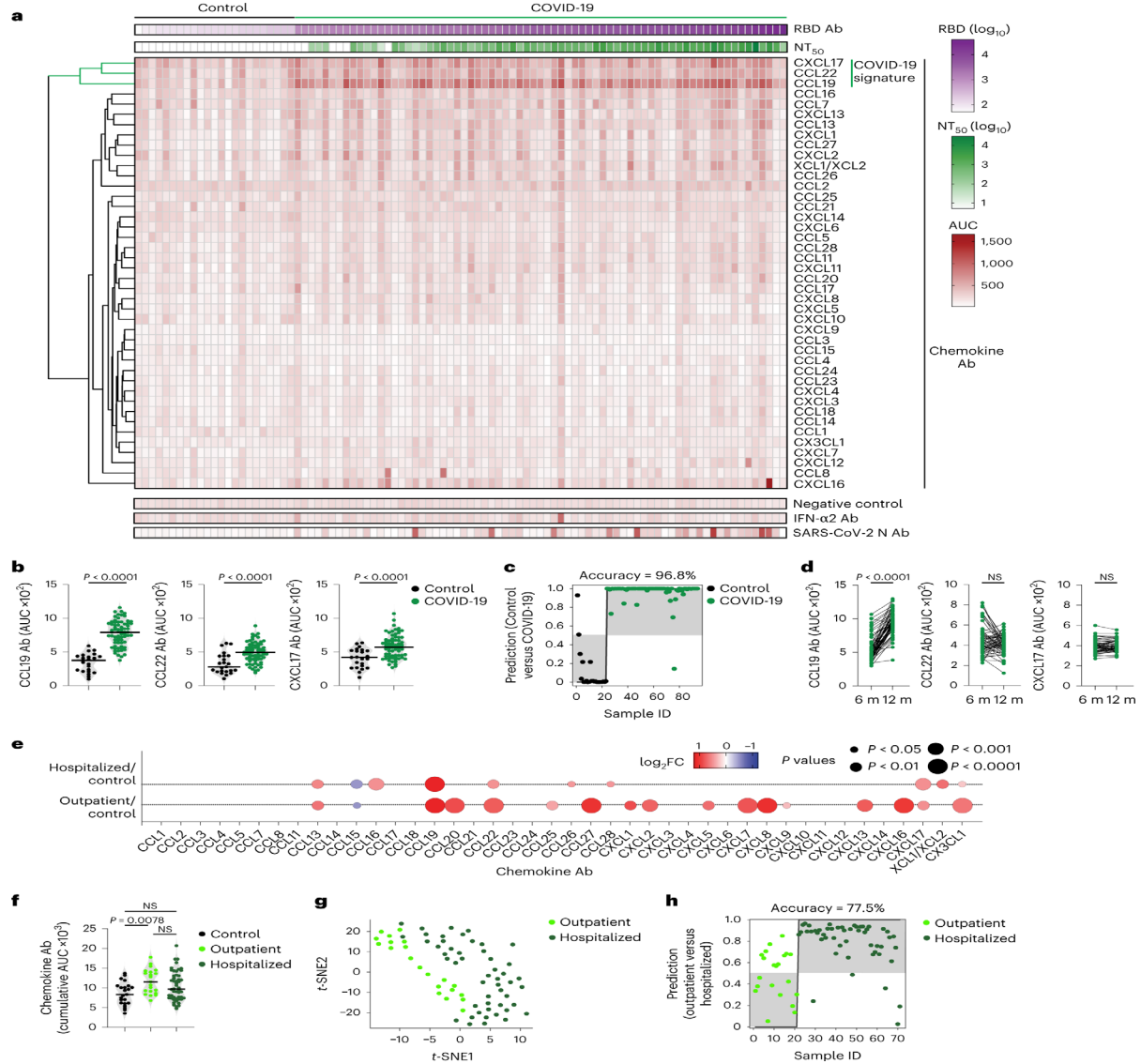
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Infection with severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 associates with diverse symptoms, which can persist for months. While antiviral antibodies are protective, those targeting interferons and other immune factors are associated with adverse coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outcomes. Here we discovered that antibodies against specific chemokines were omnipresent post-COVID-19, were associated with favorable disease outcome and negatively correlated with the development of long COVID at 1 yr post-infection. Chemokine antibodies were also present in HIV-1 infection and autoimmune disorders, but they targeted different chemokines compared with COVID-19. Monoclonal antibodies derived from COVID-19 convalescents that bound to the chemokine N-loop impaired cell migration. Given the role of chemokines in orchestrating immune cell trafficking, naturally arising chemokine antibodies may modulate the inflammatory response and thus bear therapeutic potential.

# ANTI-CHEMOKINE AUTOANTIBODIES IN COVID-19



## **AUTOANTIBODIES AGAINST CHEMOKINES IN COVID-19**

- **Omnipresent in COVID-19 in three independent cohorts (Lugano, Zurich, Milan)**
- **CXCL5, CXCL8, CCL25 autoantibodies were associated with protection against hospitalization in severe disease: Neutrophil trafficking?**
- **CCL21, CXCL13, CXCL16 autoantibodies were associated with no long COVID at 1year: T and B cell trafficking?**

(Muri..... Uguccioni and Robbiani Nature Immunol 2023)



## THE YING-YANG AUTOIMMUNITY IN COVID-19

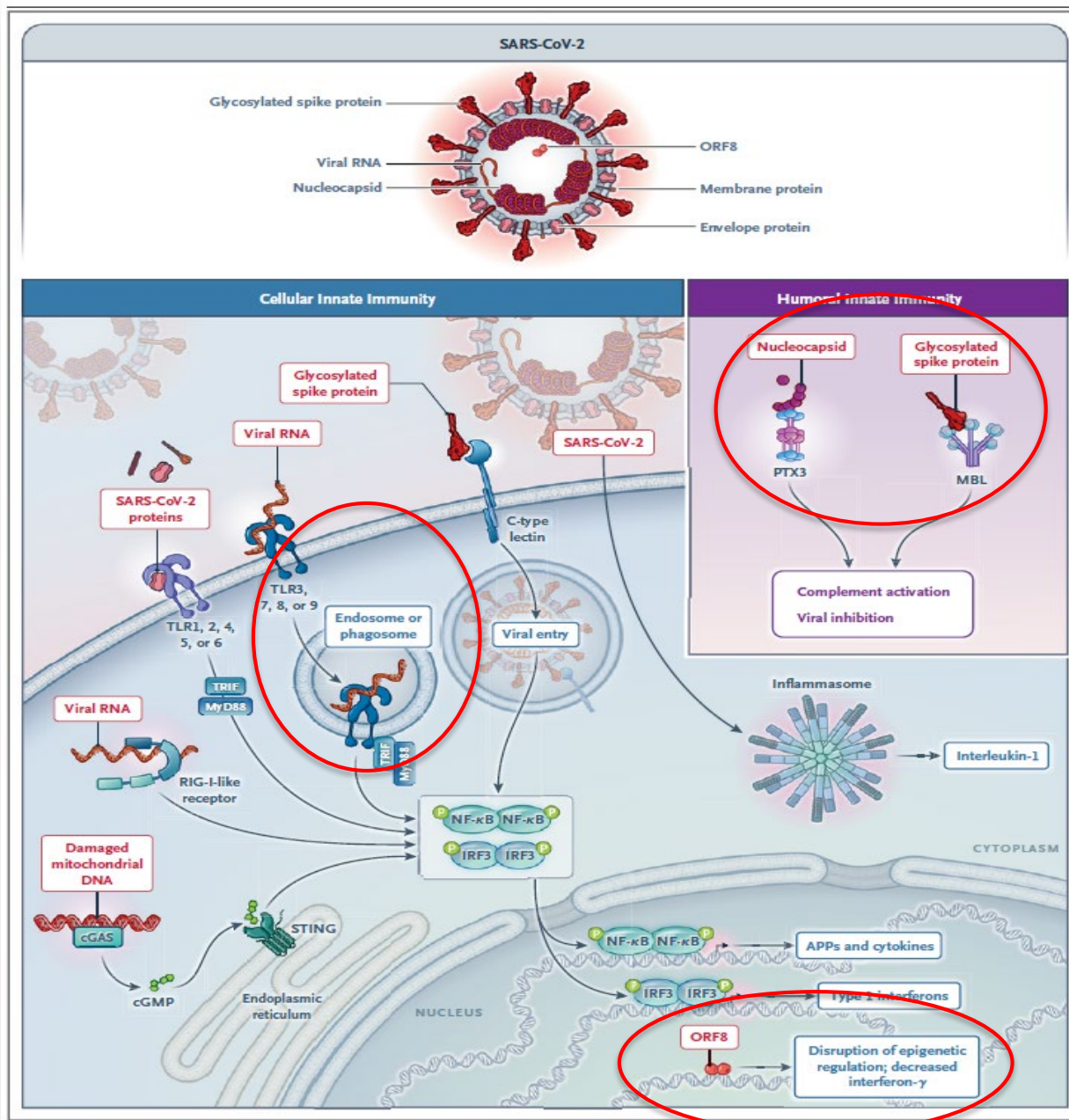
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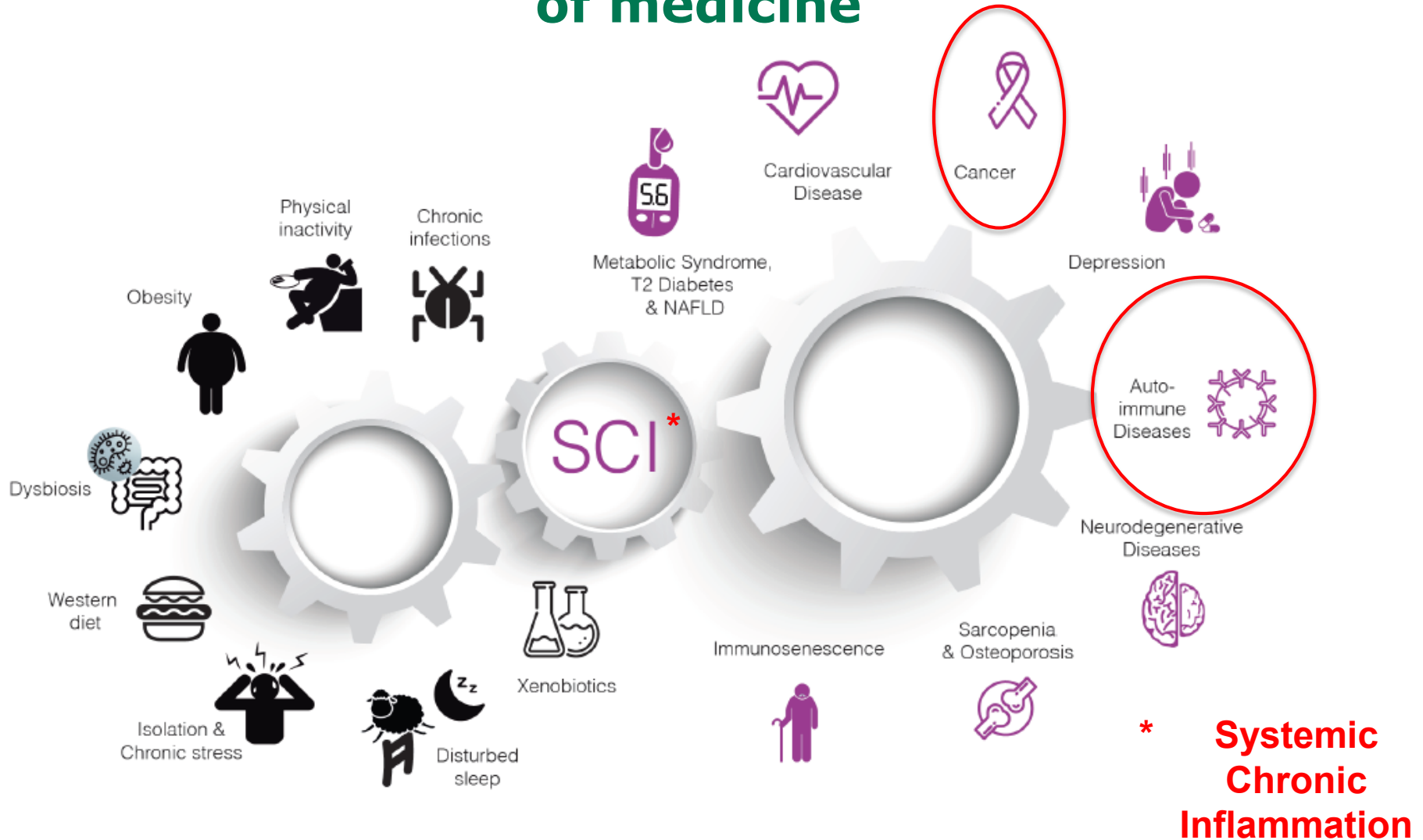
**PATHOGENESIS  
OR  
PROTECTION  
AGAINST  
LONG COVID**

**DIVERSE OR  
BLOCKING A SUBSET  
OF CHEMOKINES**

(eg Bastard et al Science 2020 ; Muri... Robbiani Nature Immunol. 2023)



# Inflammation and Immunity as a metanarrative of medicine



*(Mantovani et al, Immunity, 2019; Furman et al Nature Med., 2020)*

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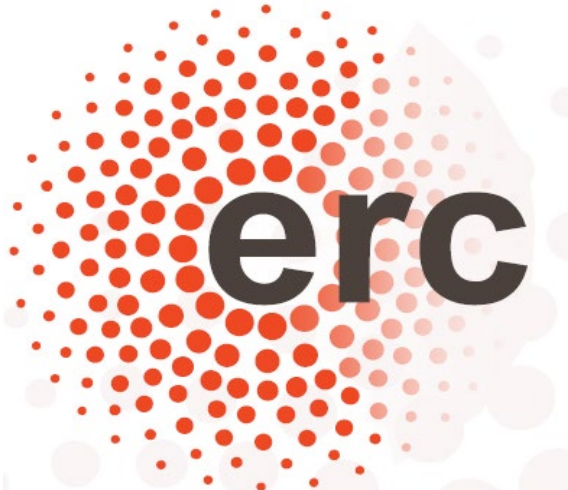
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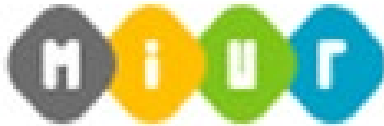


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