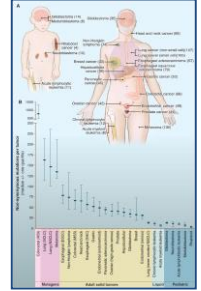
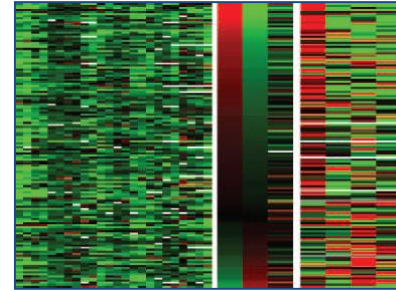
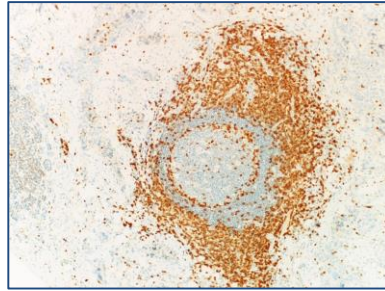
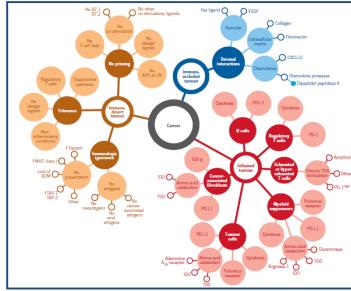
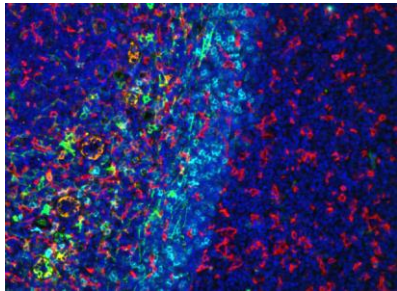


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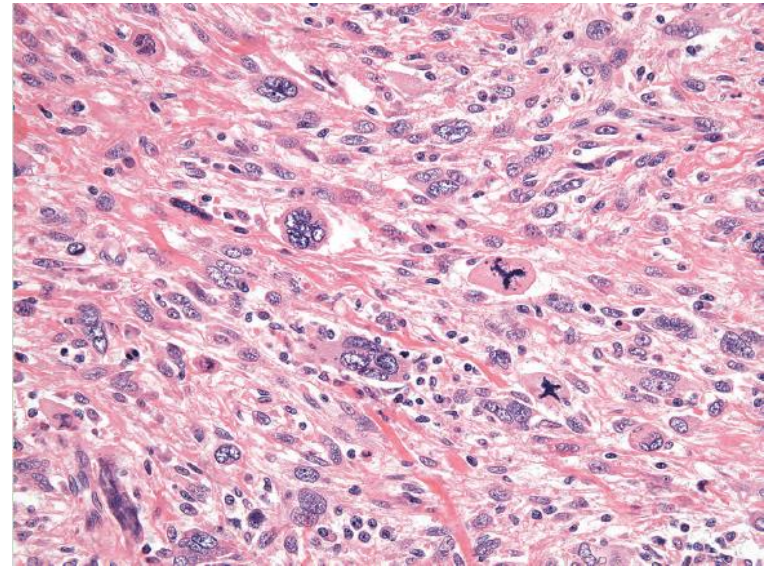
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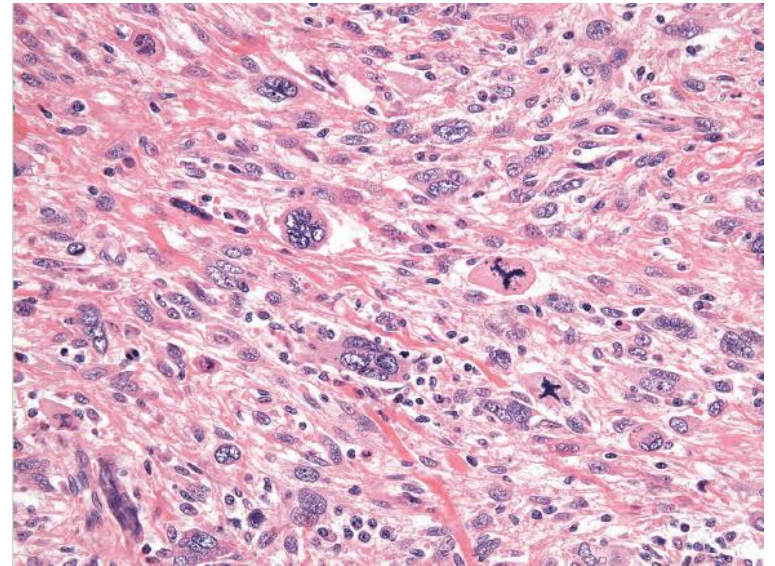
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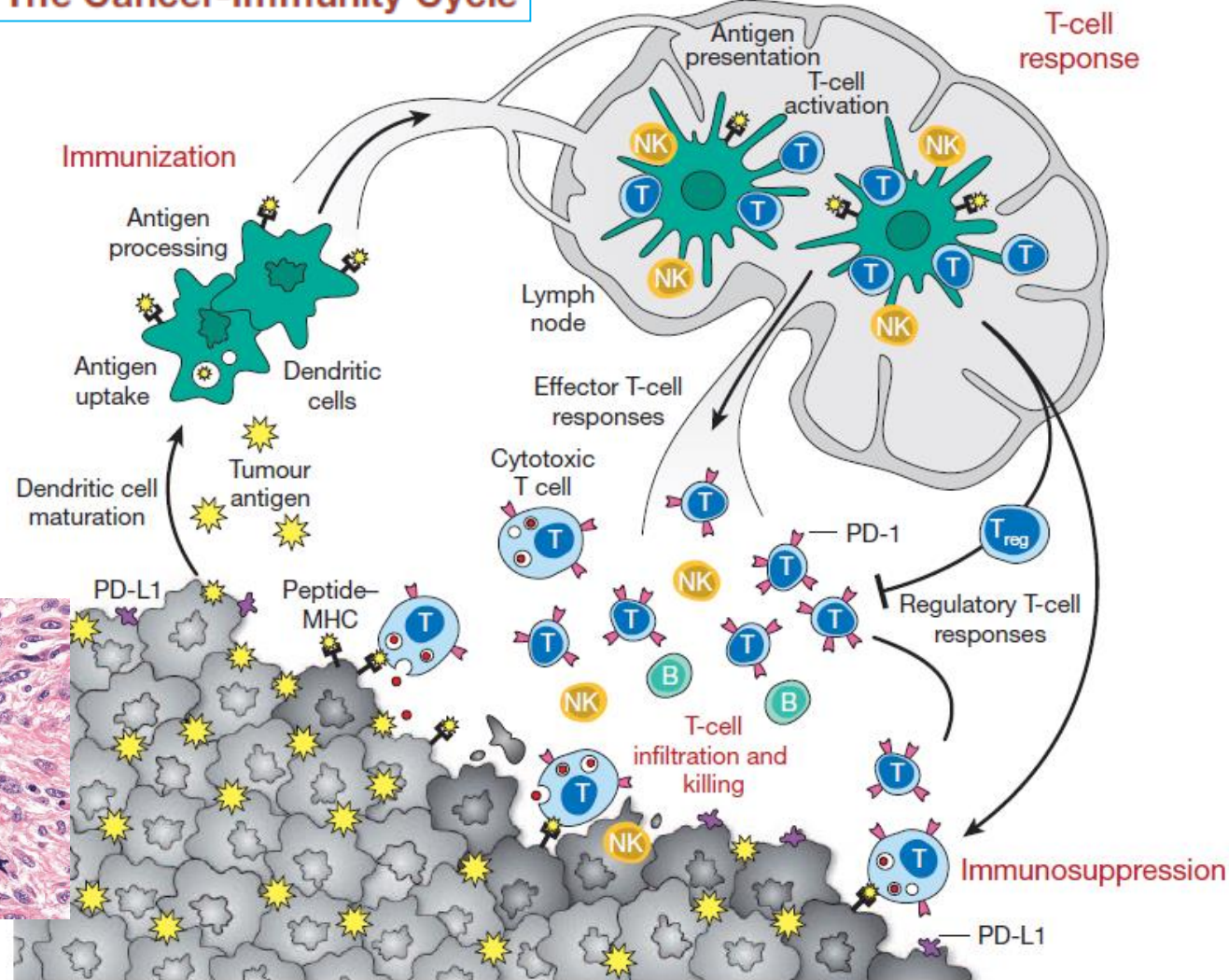
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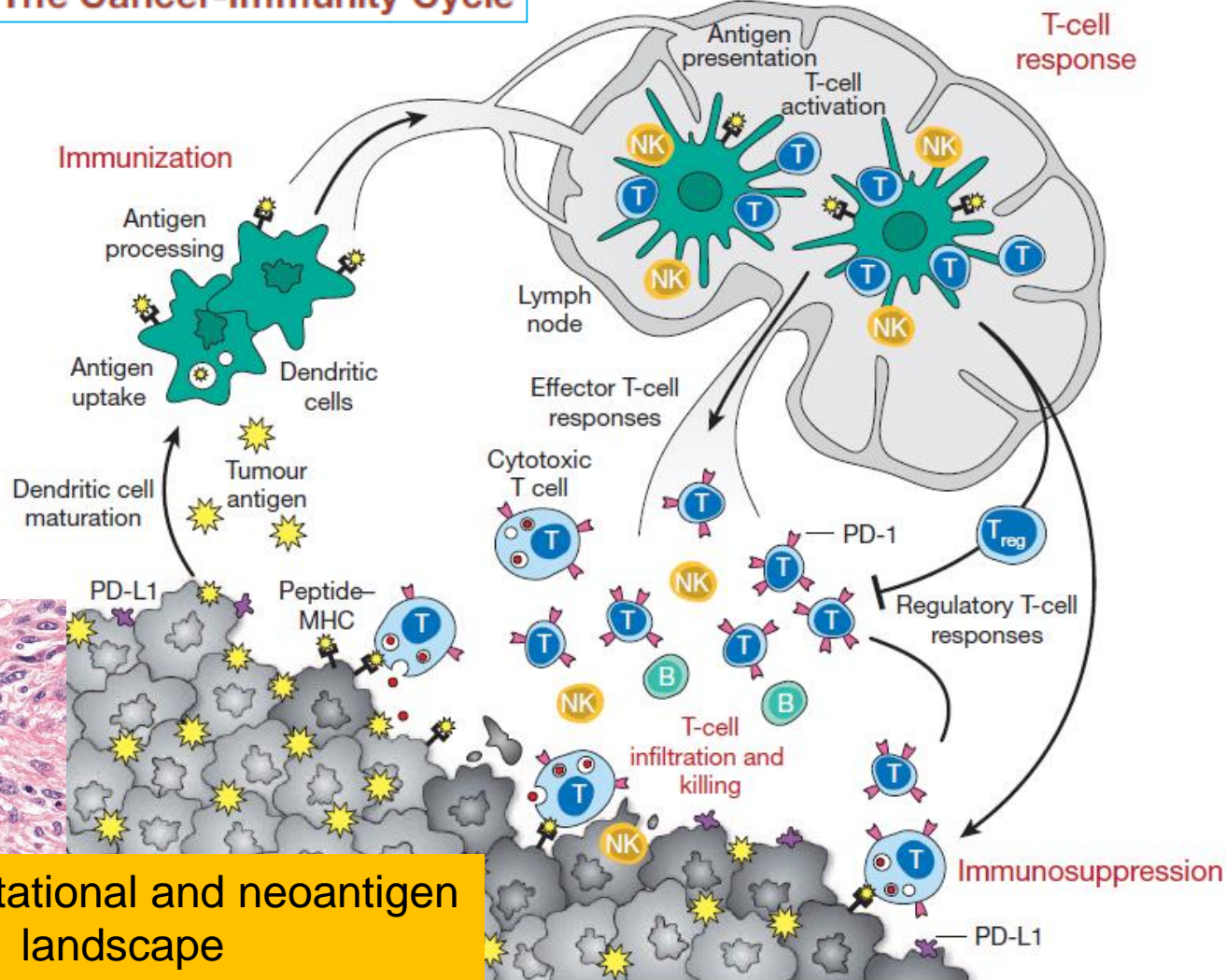
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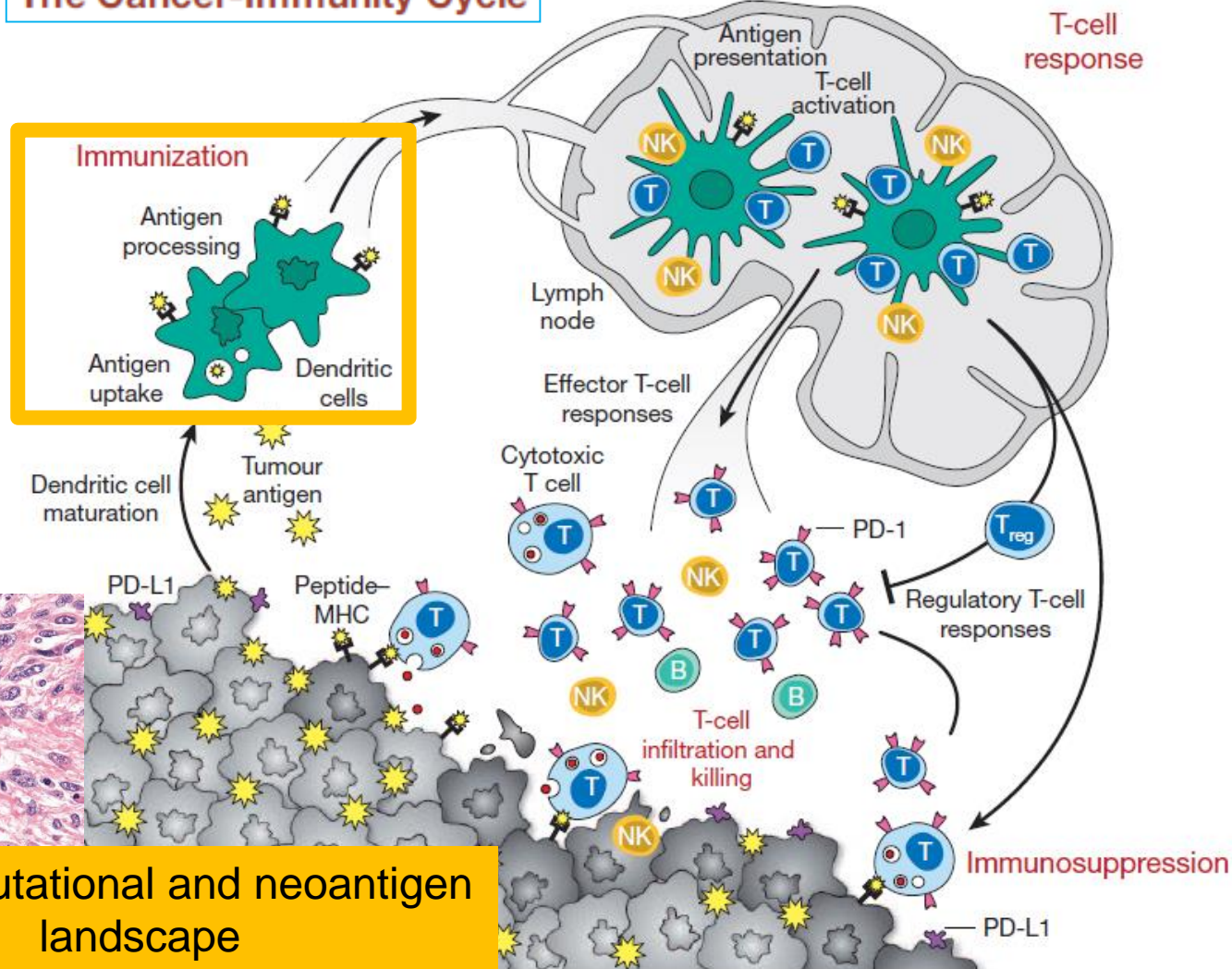
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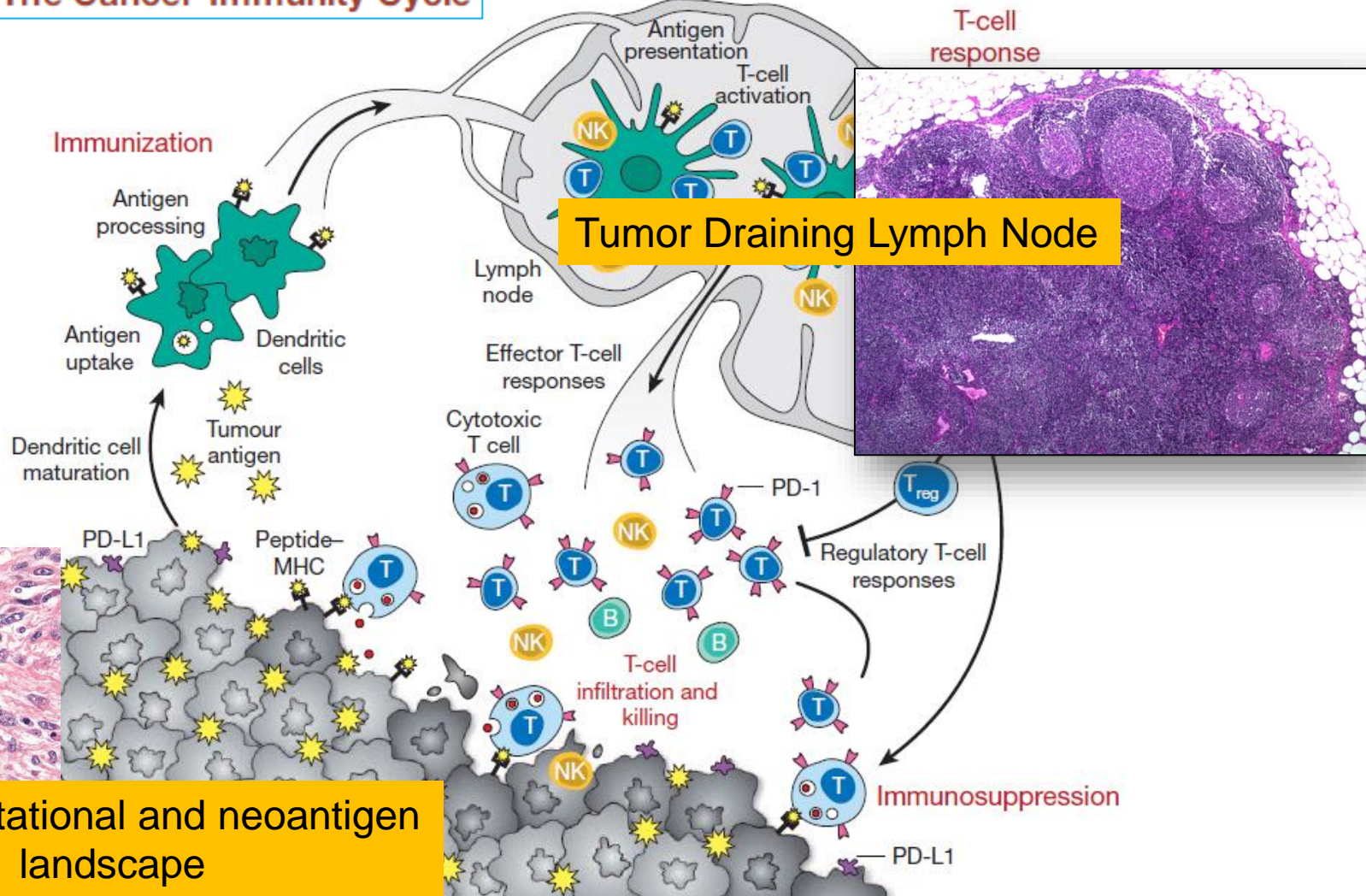
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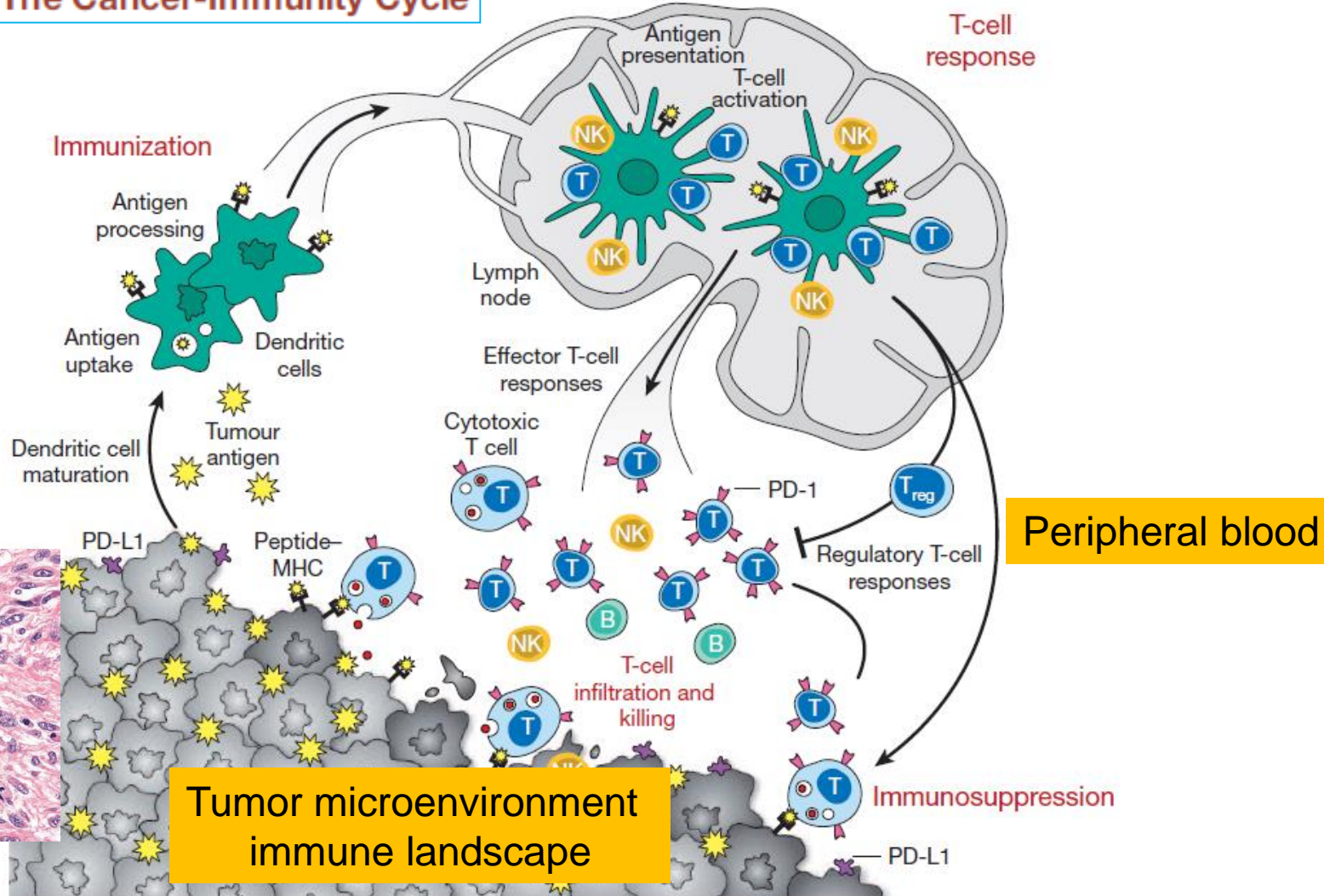
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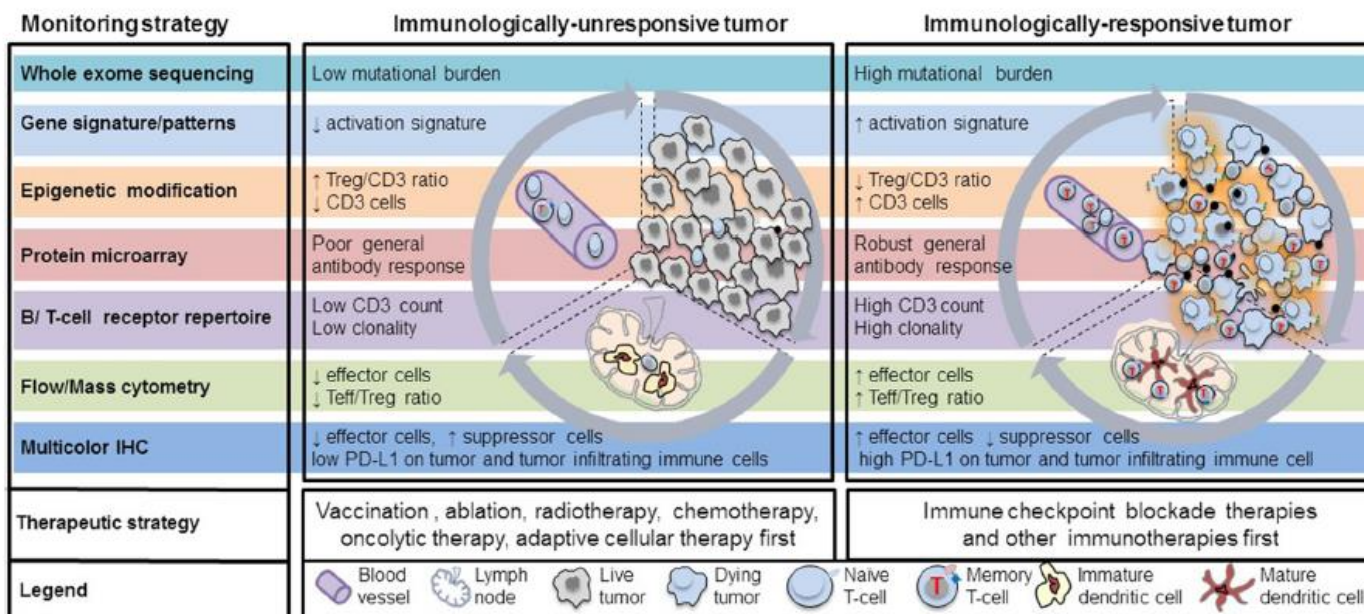


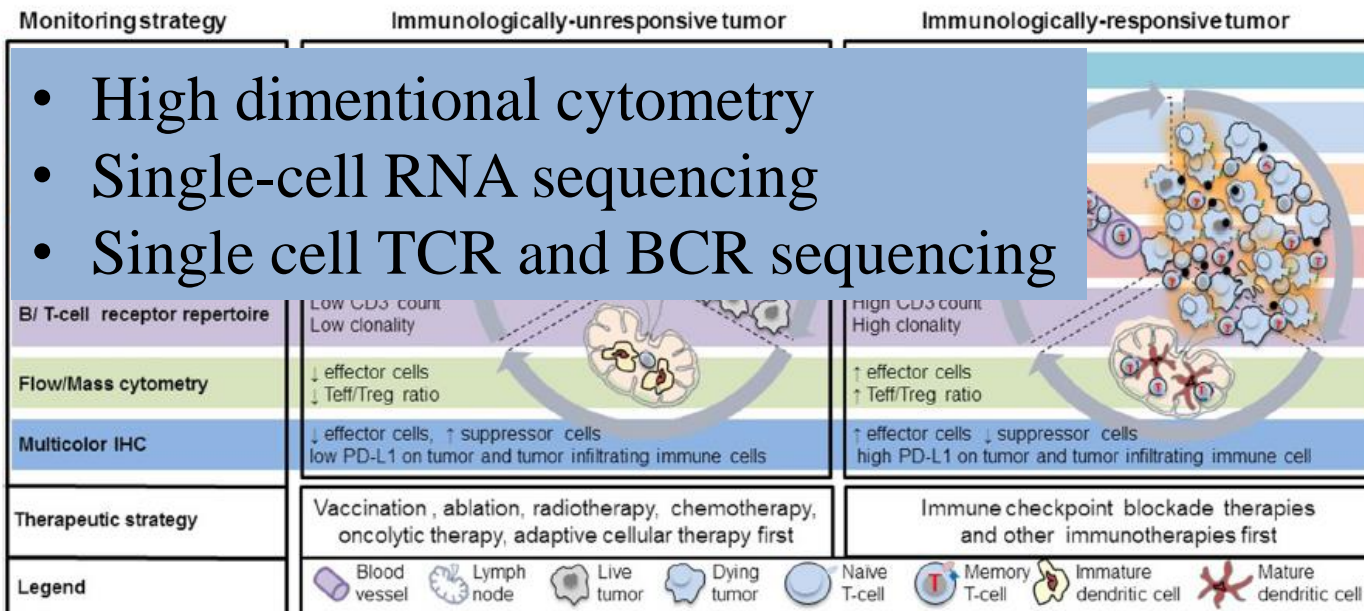
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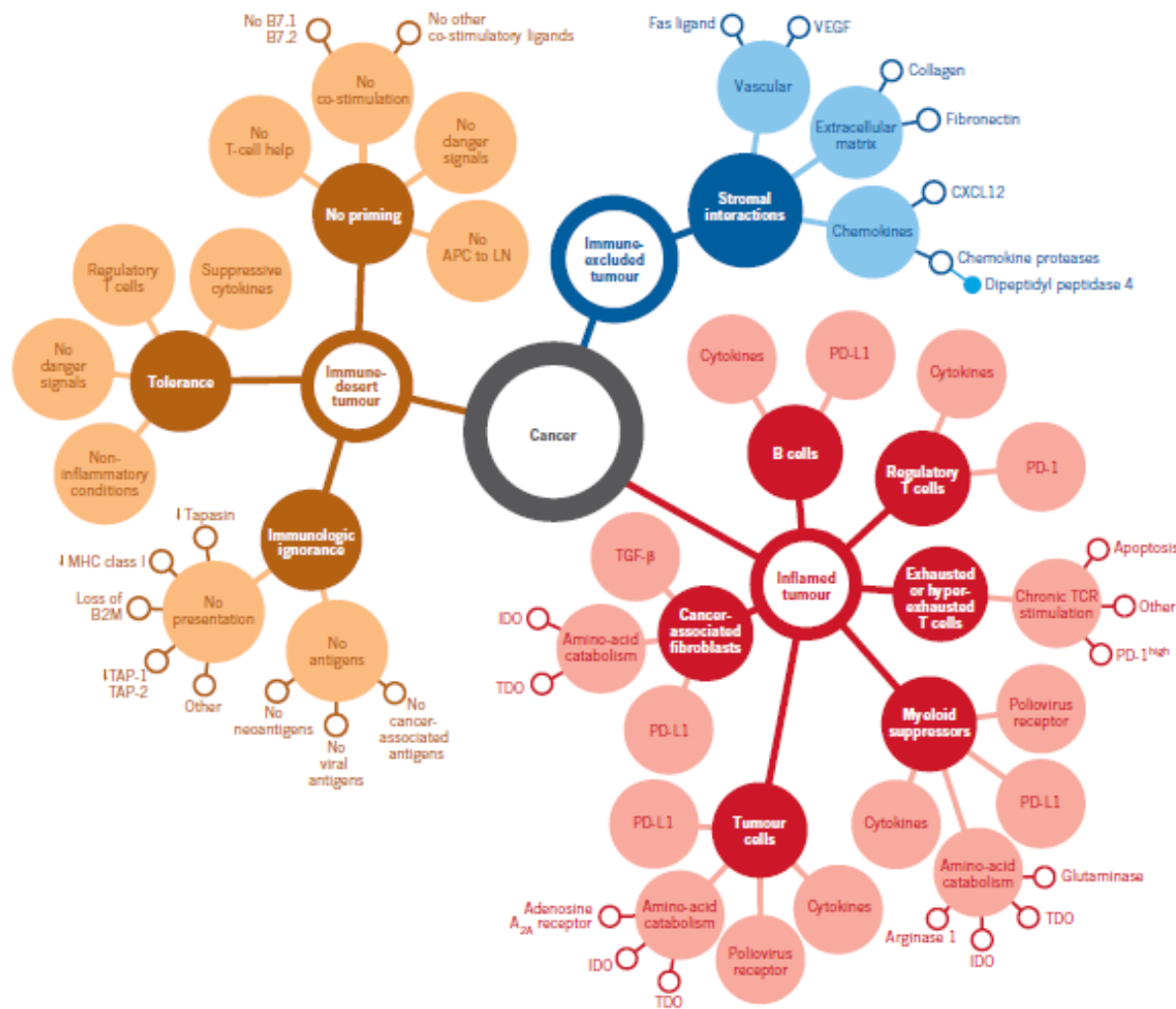


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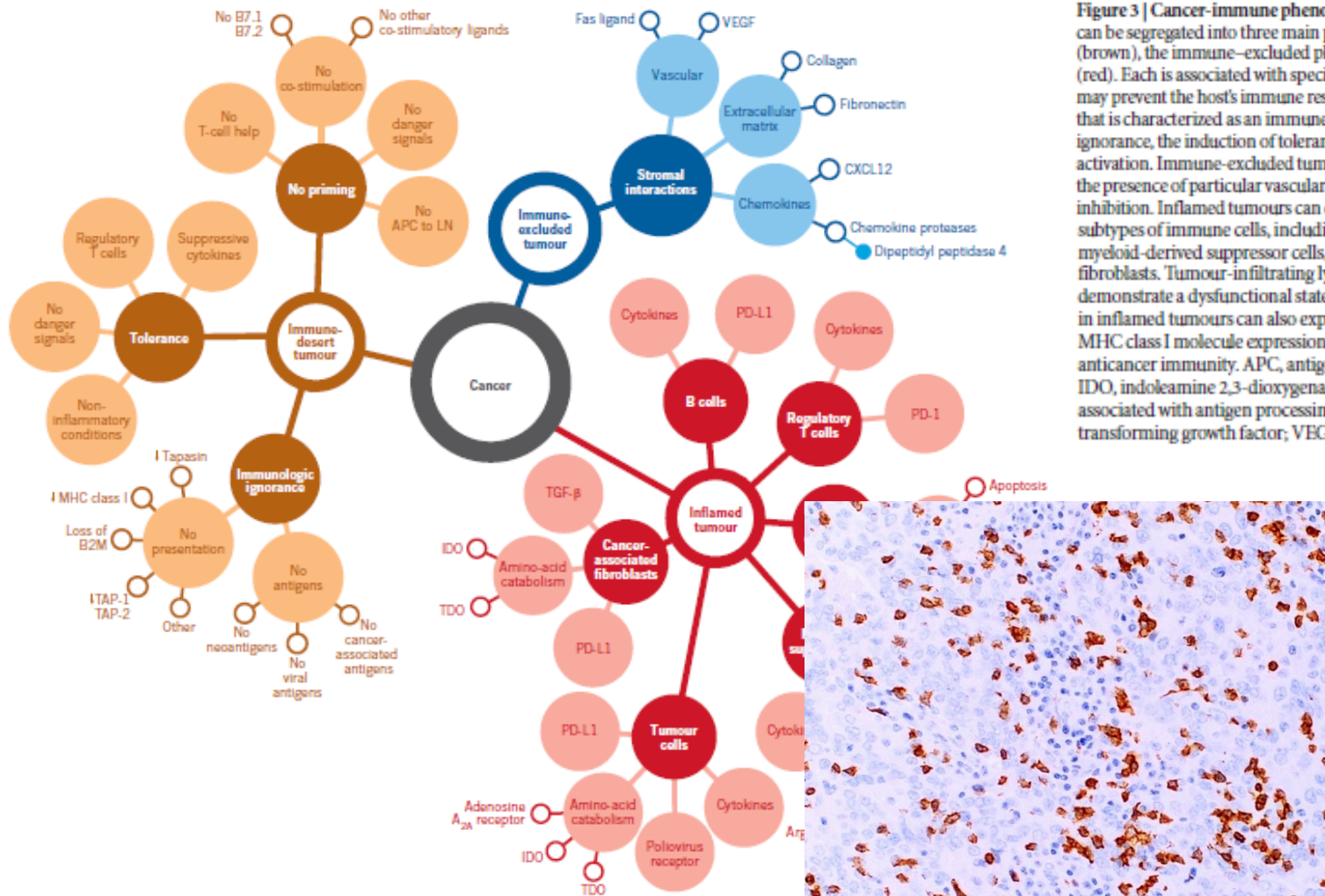
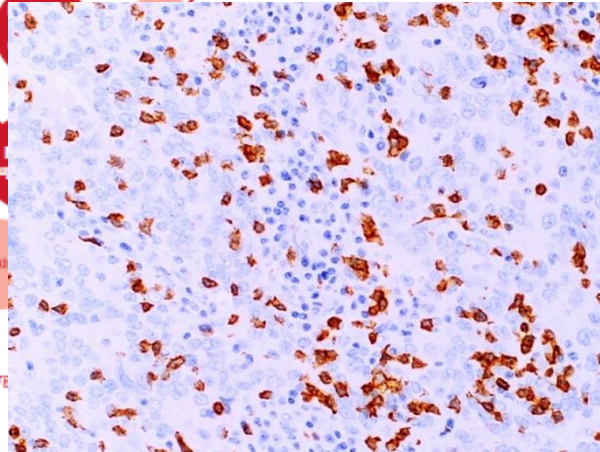


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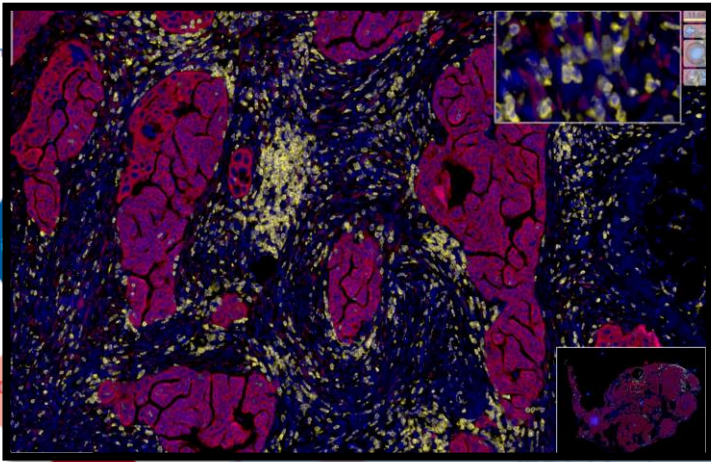
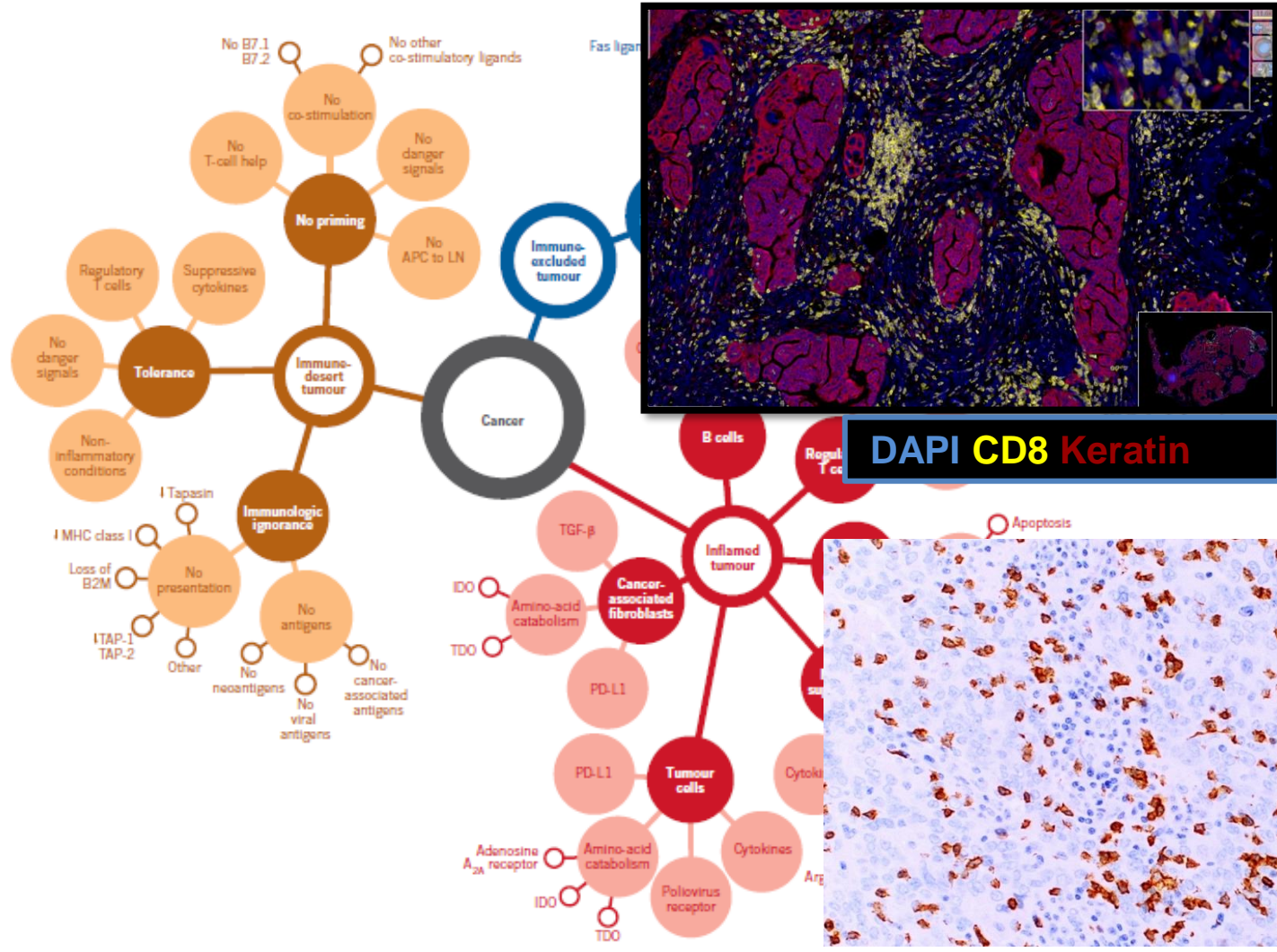


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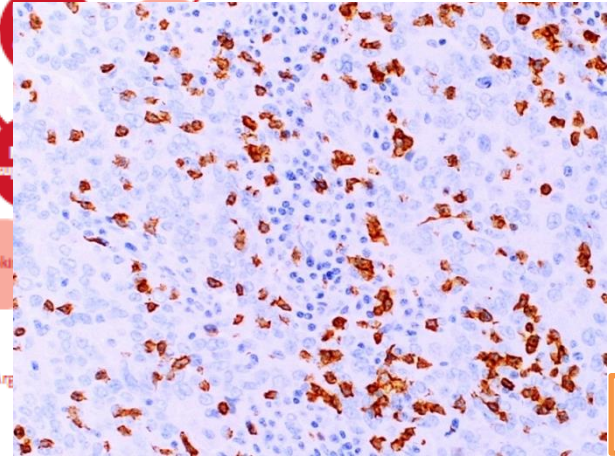
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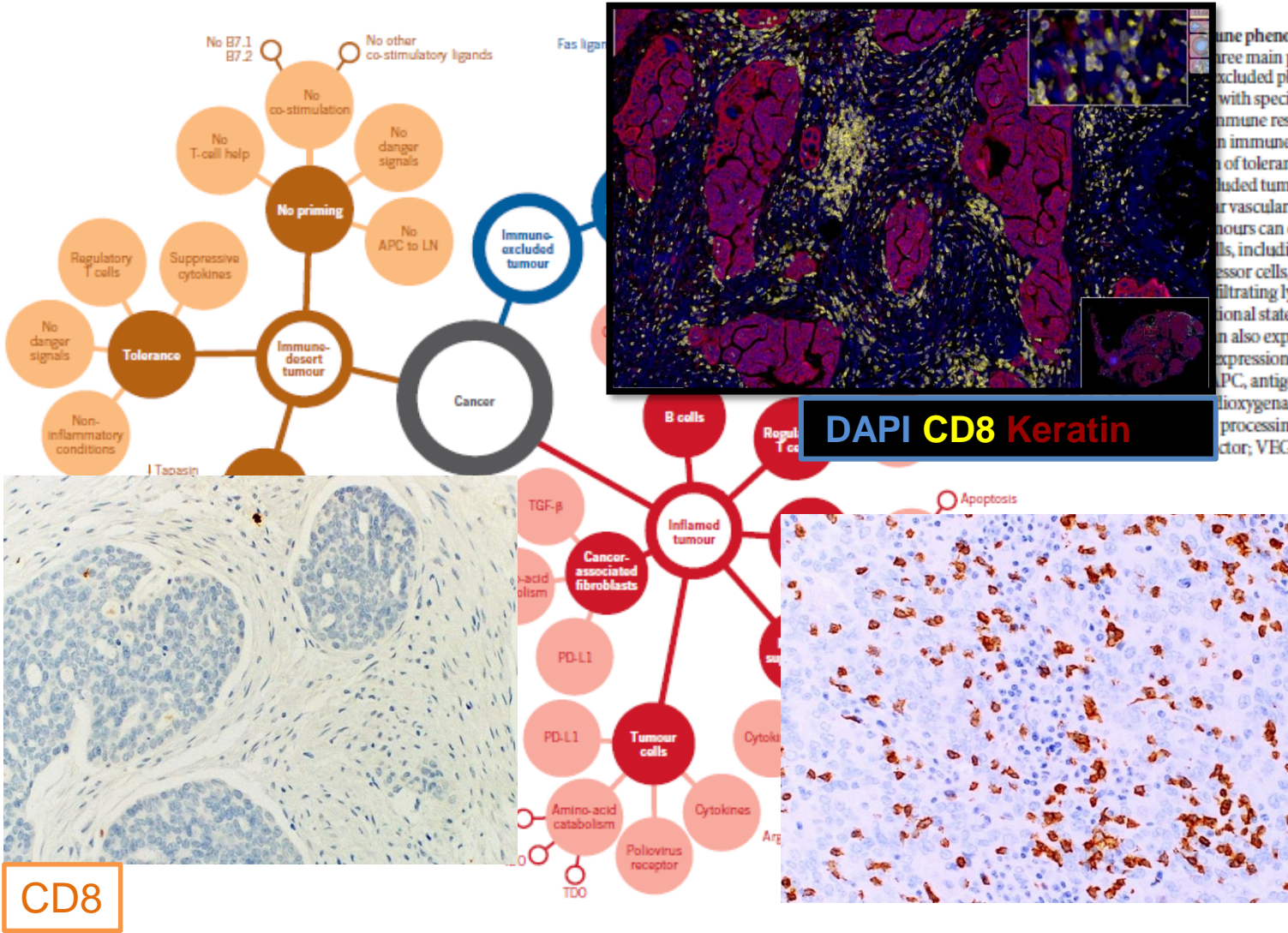
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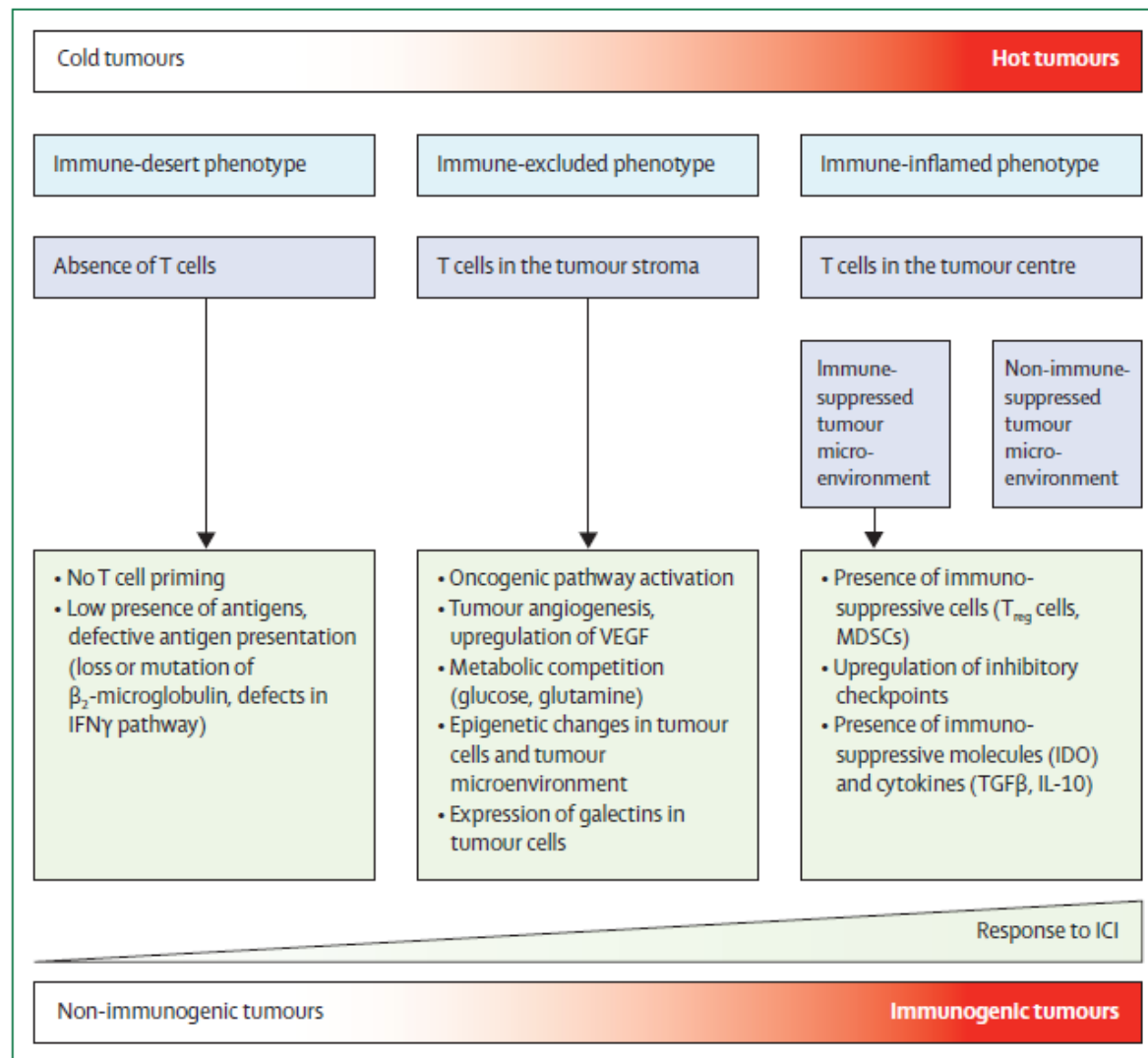


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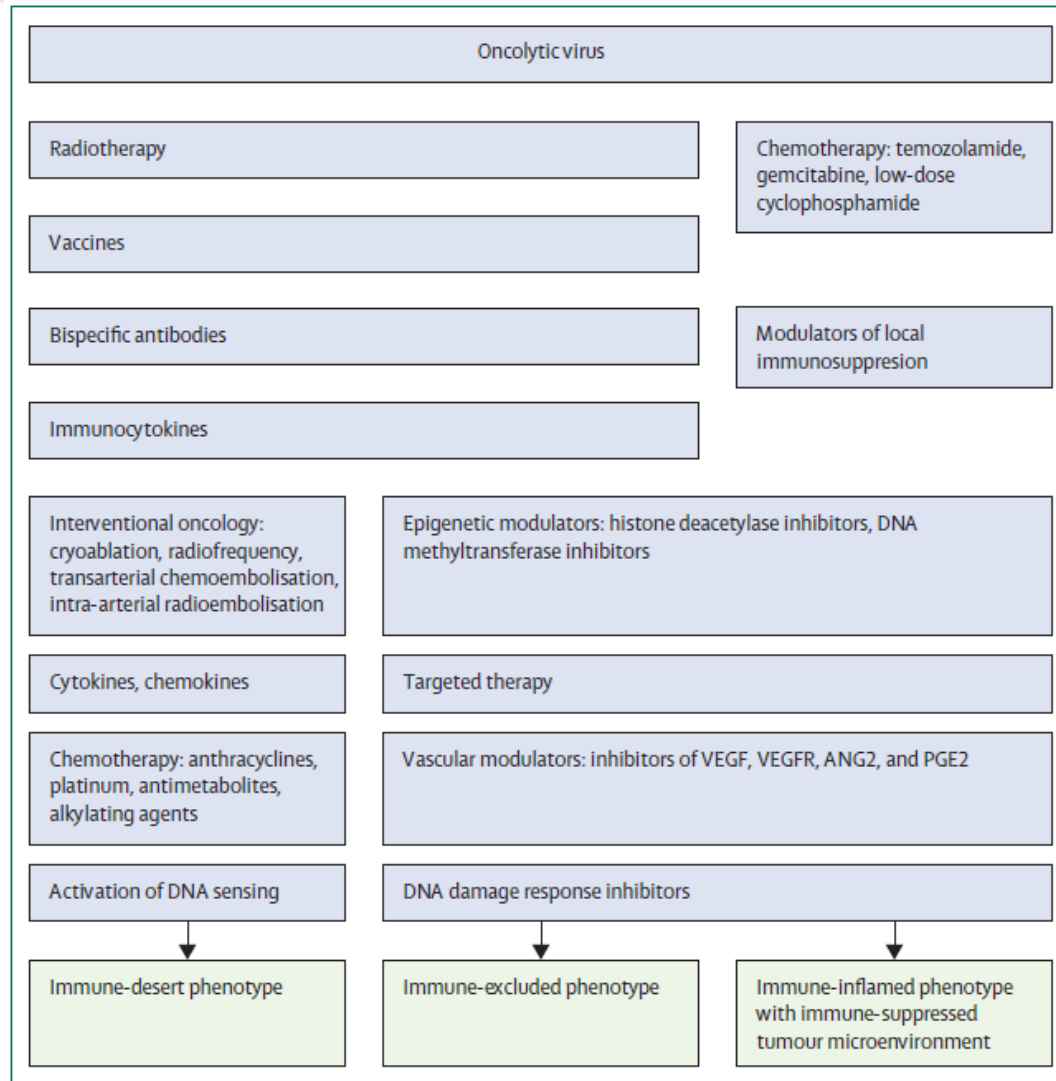


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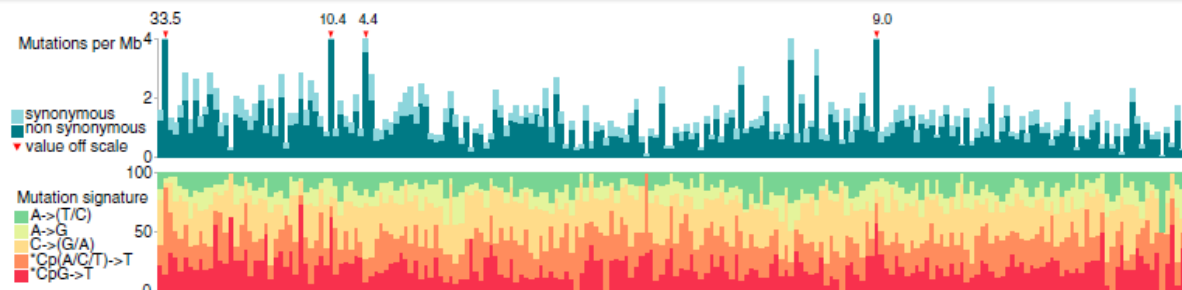
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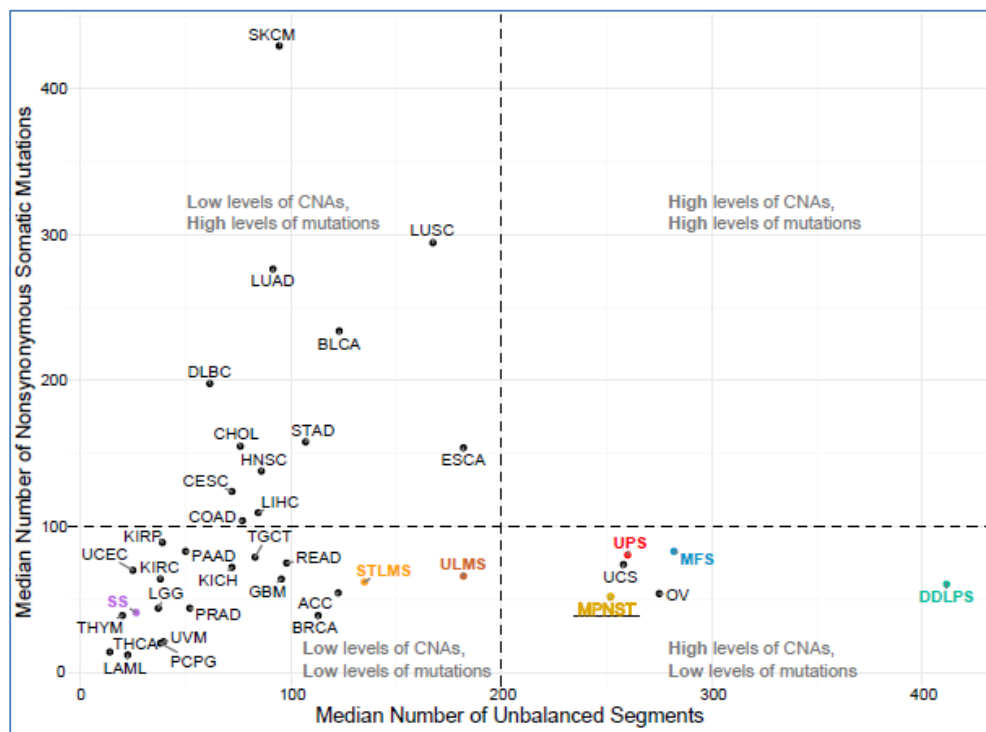
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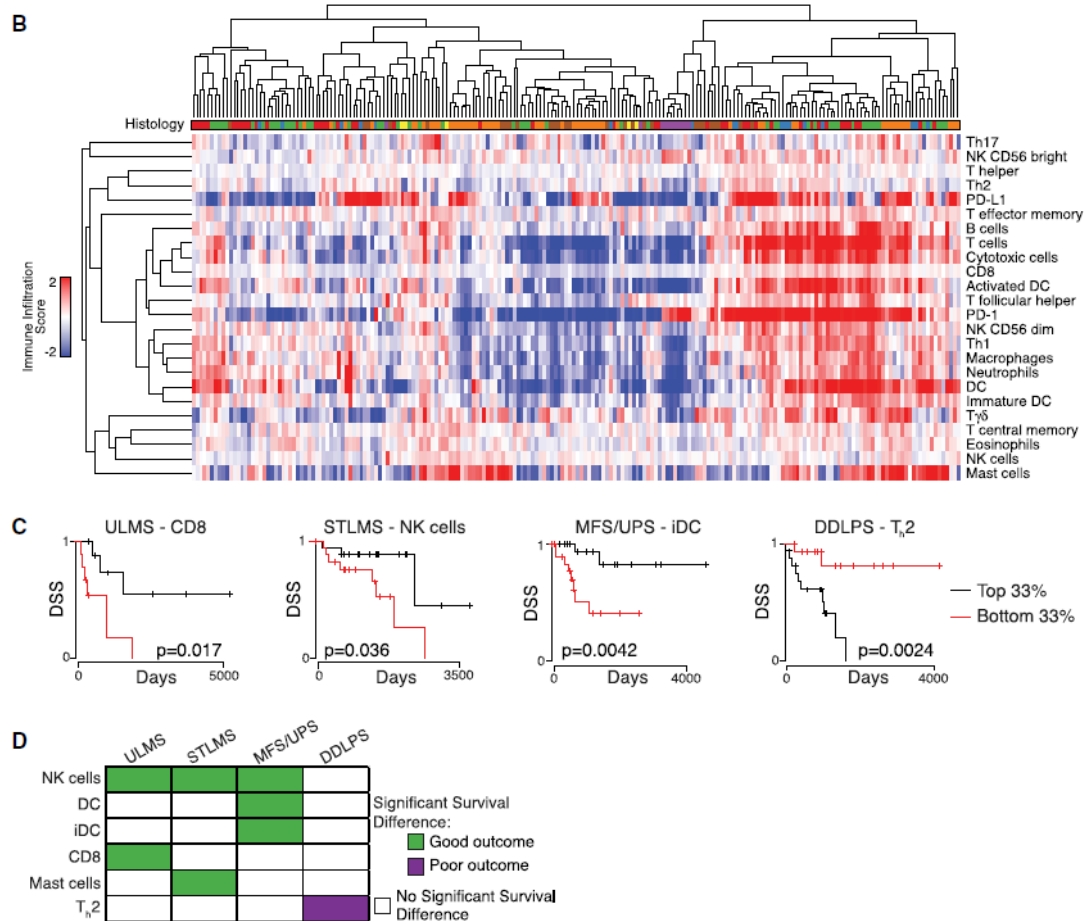


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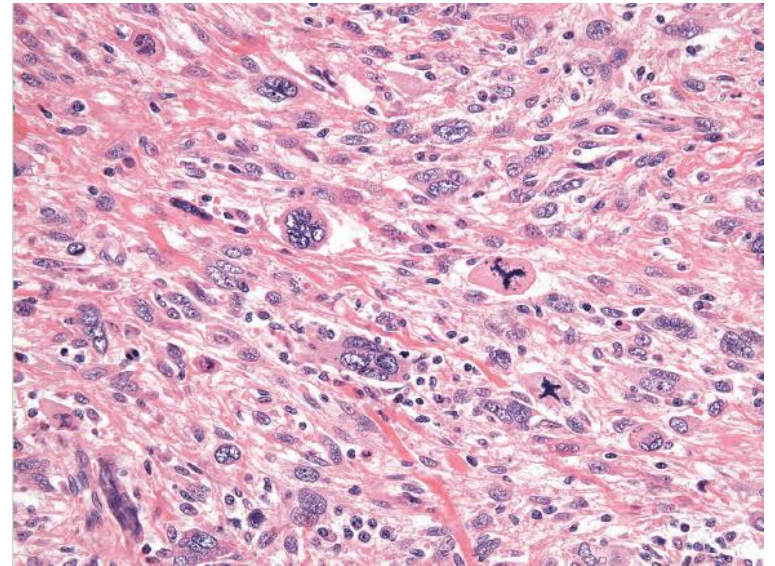
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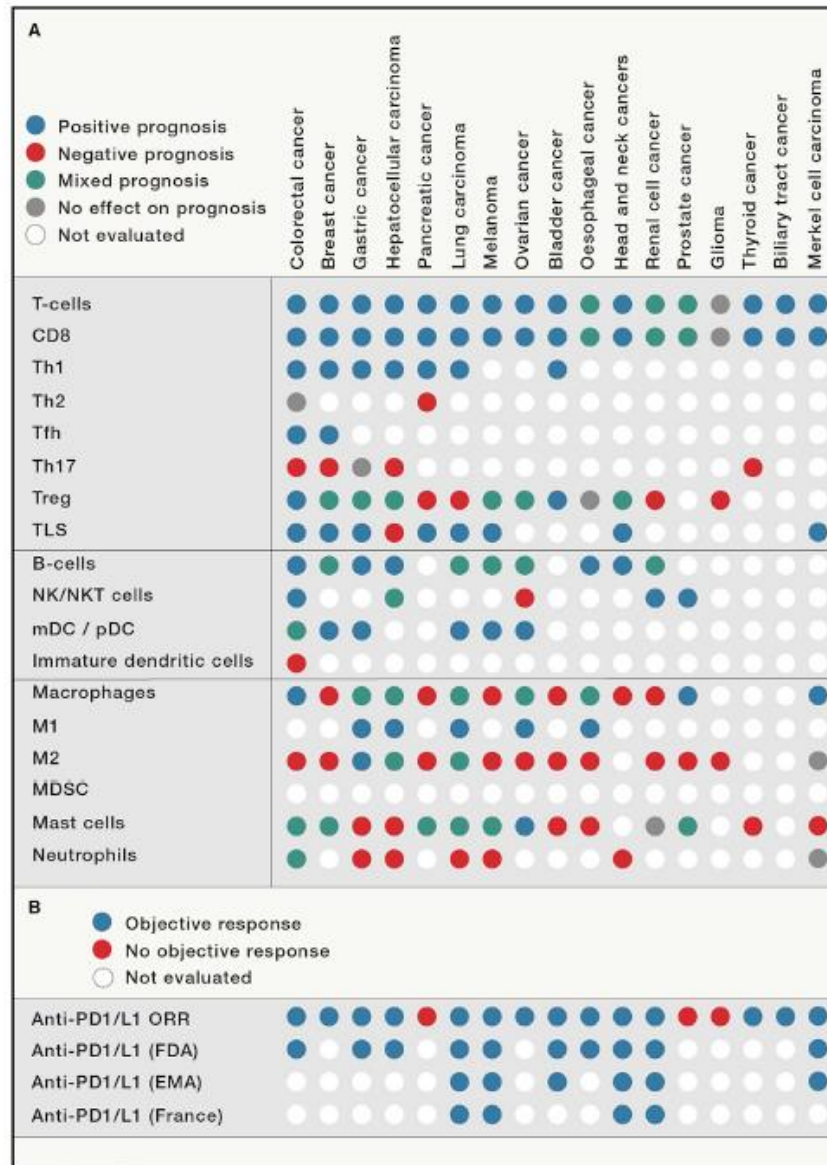


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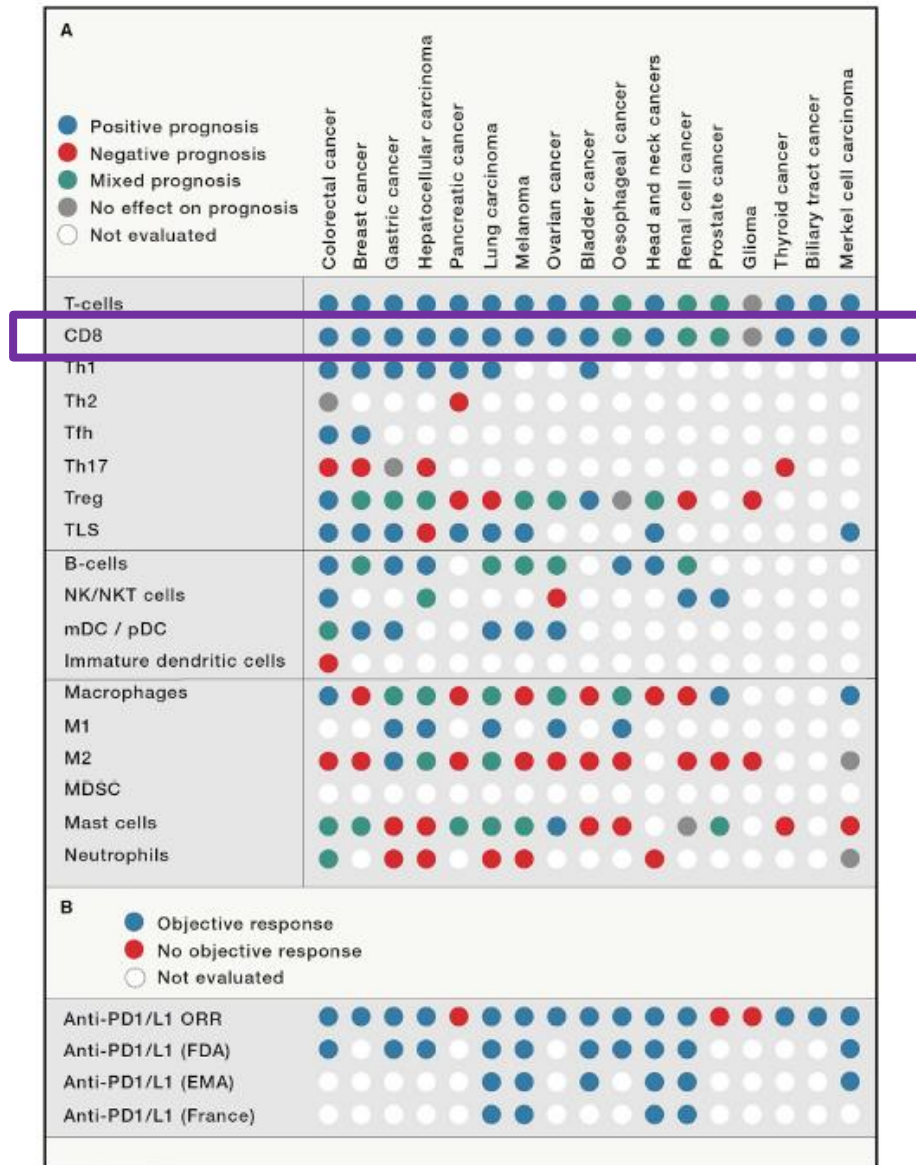
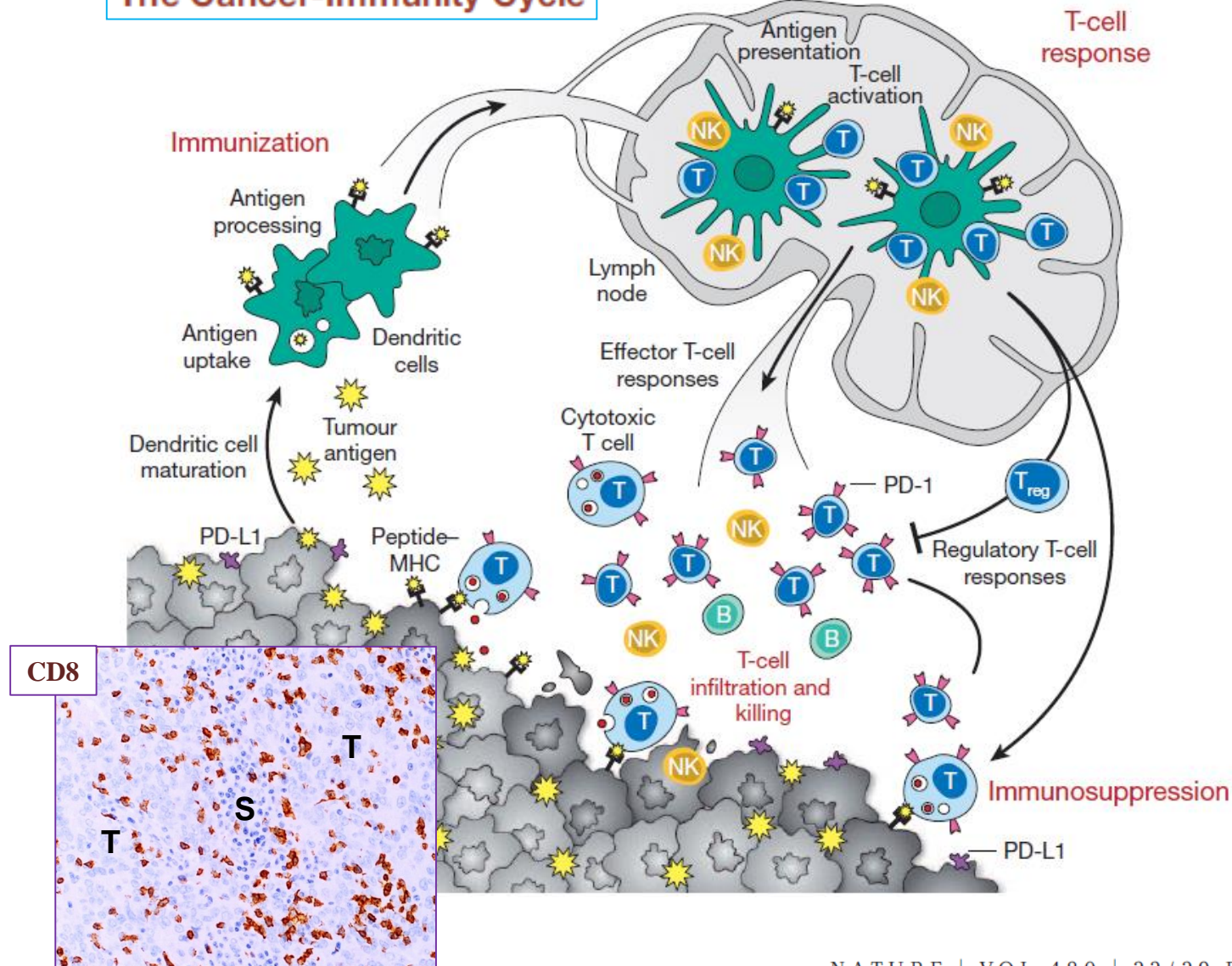


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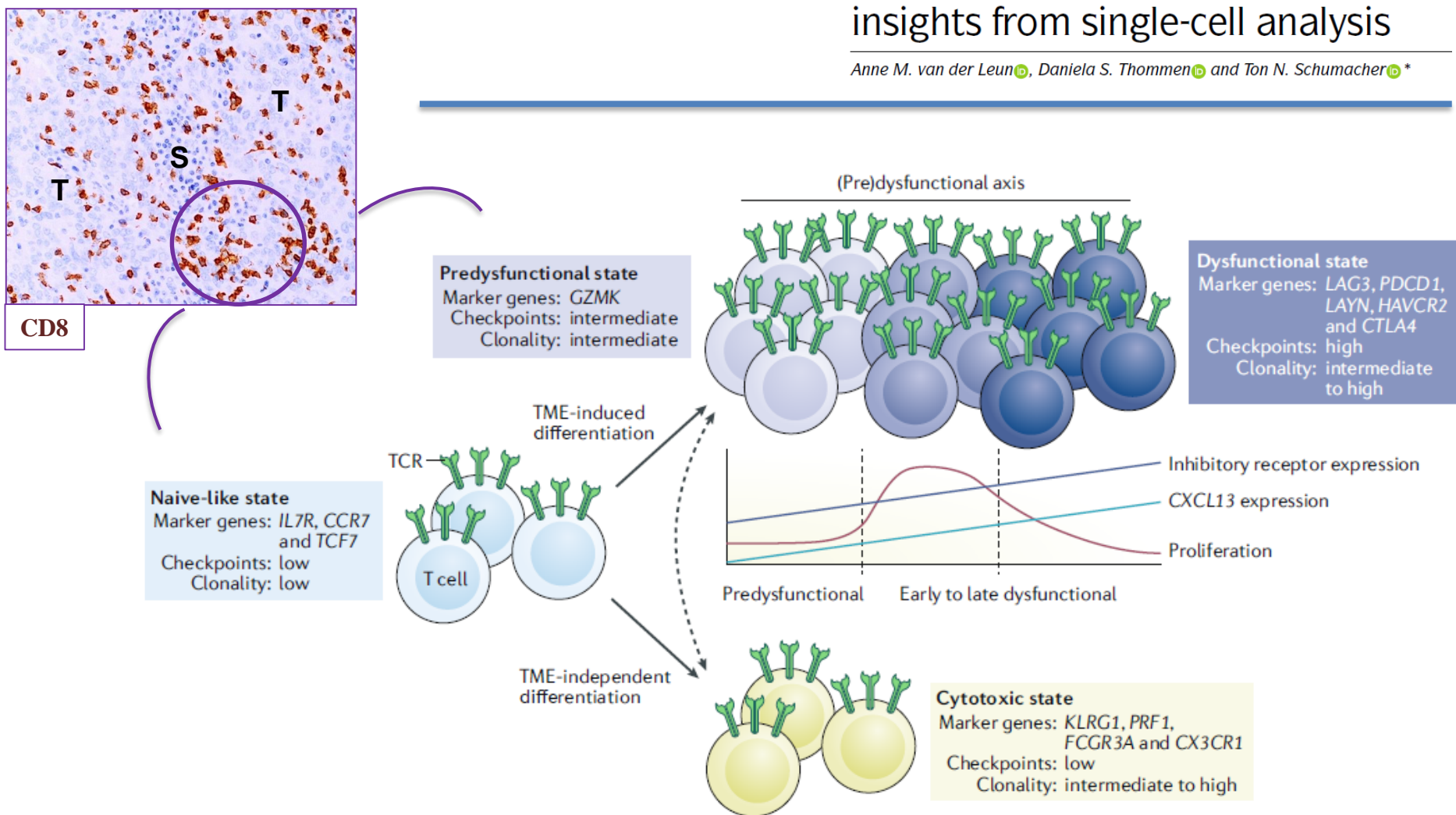
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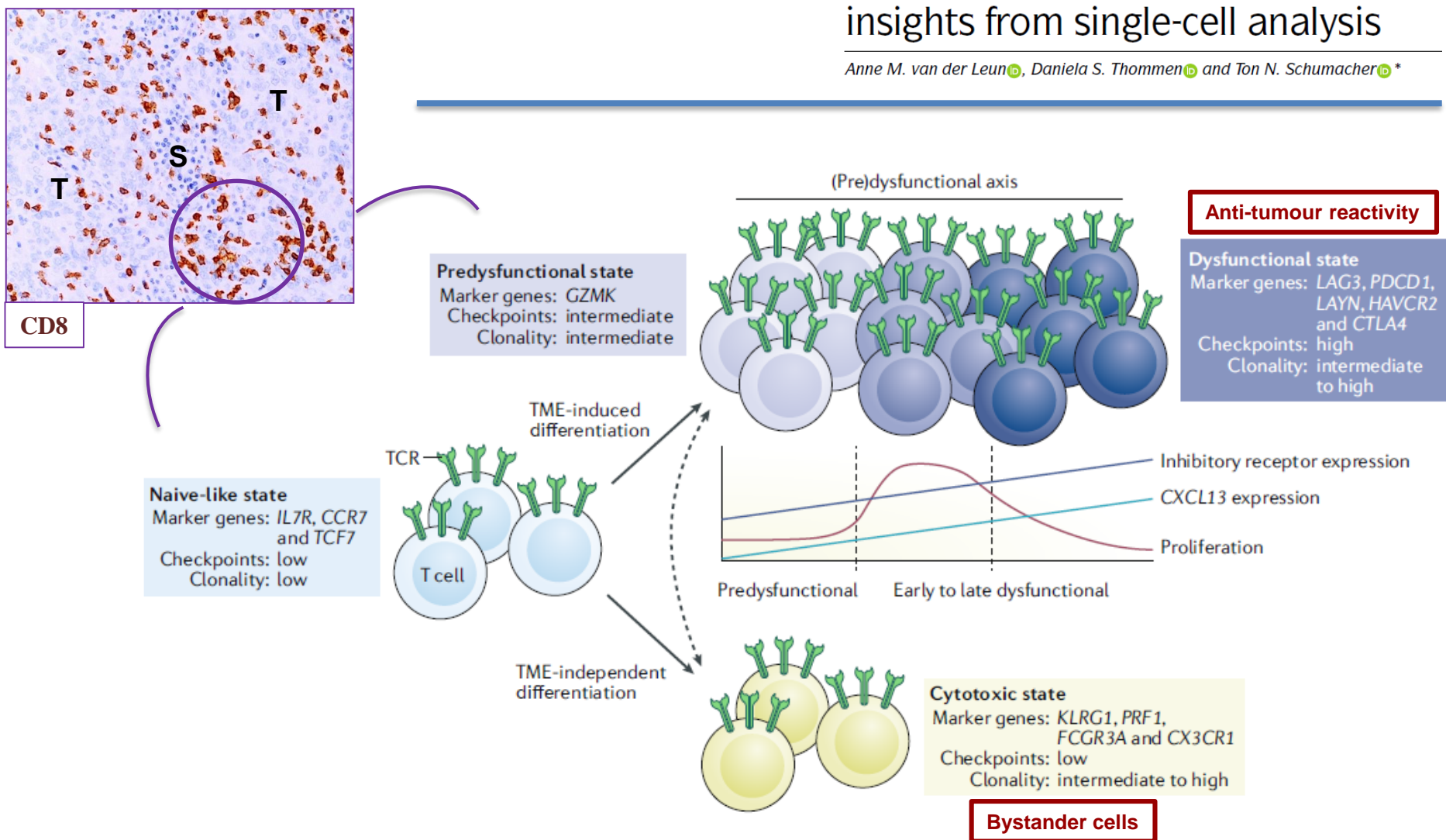
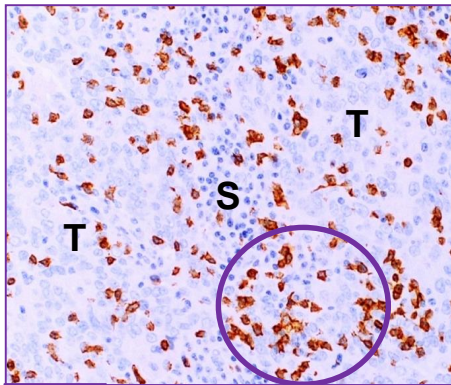


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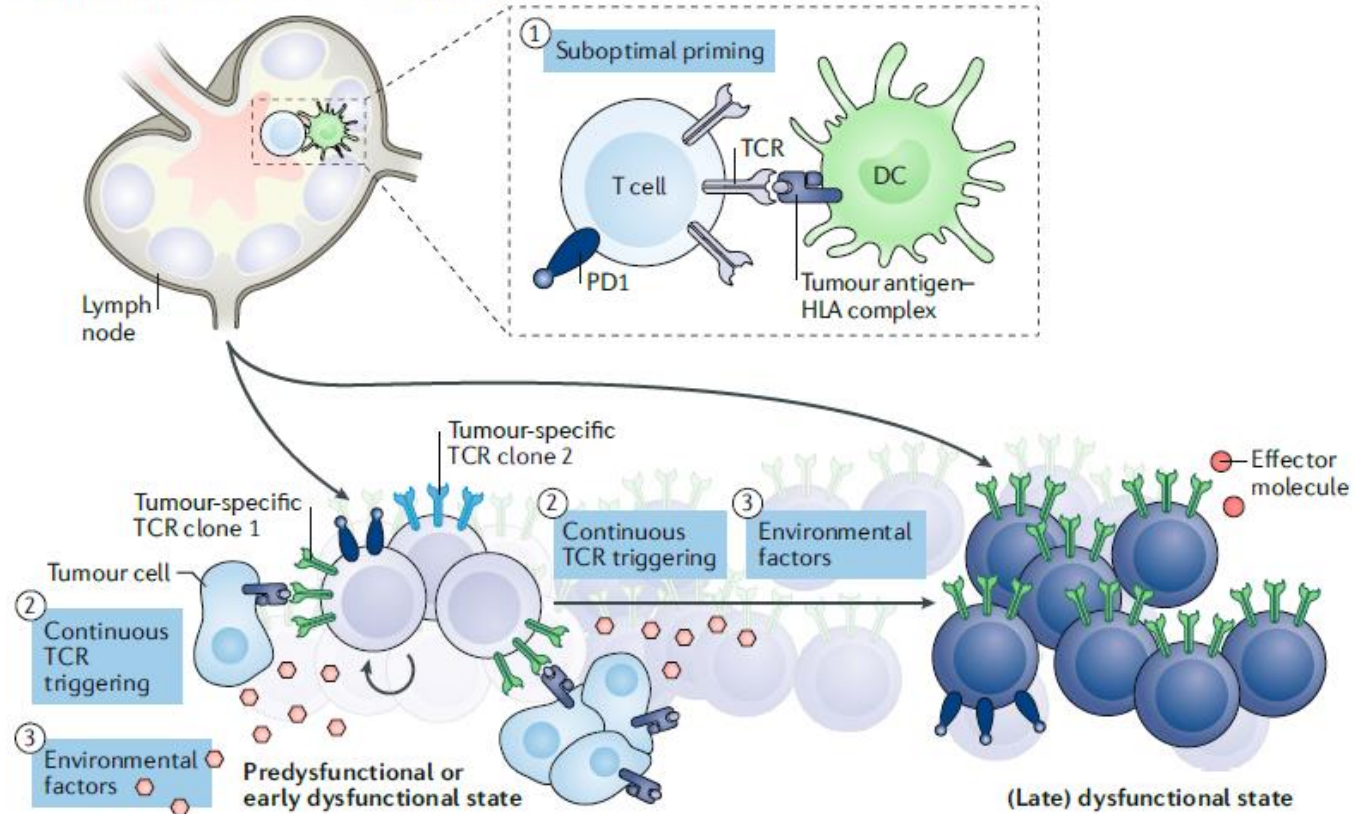
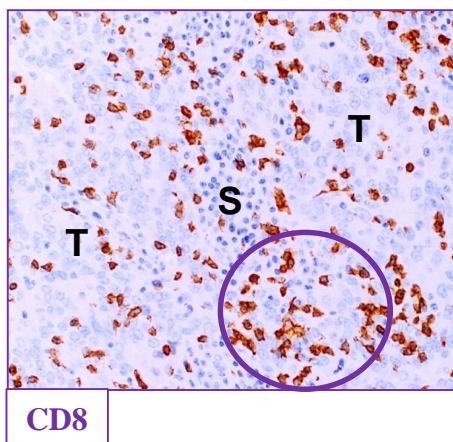


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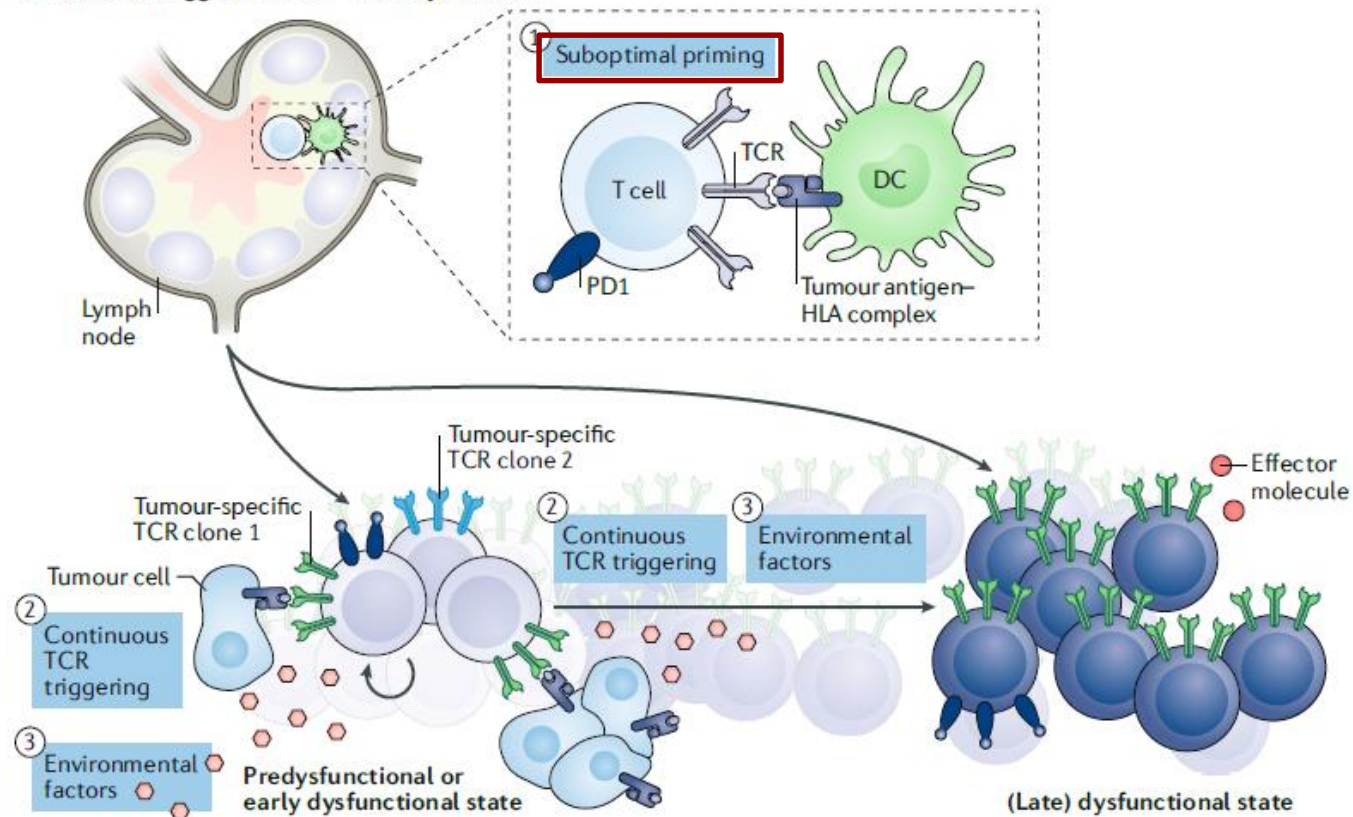
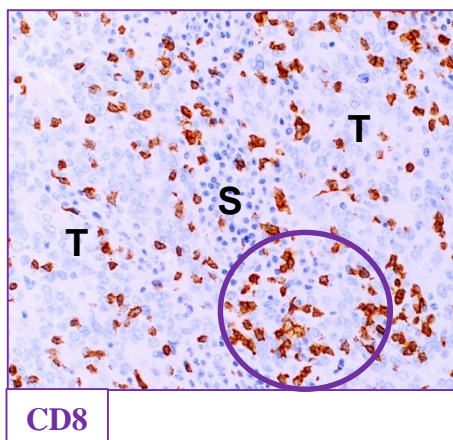


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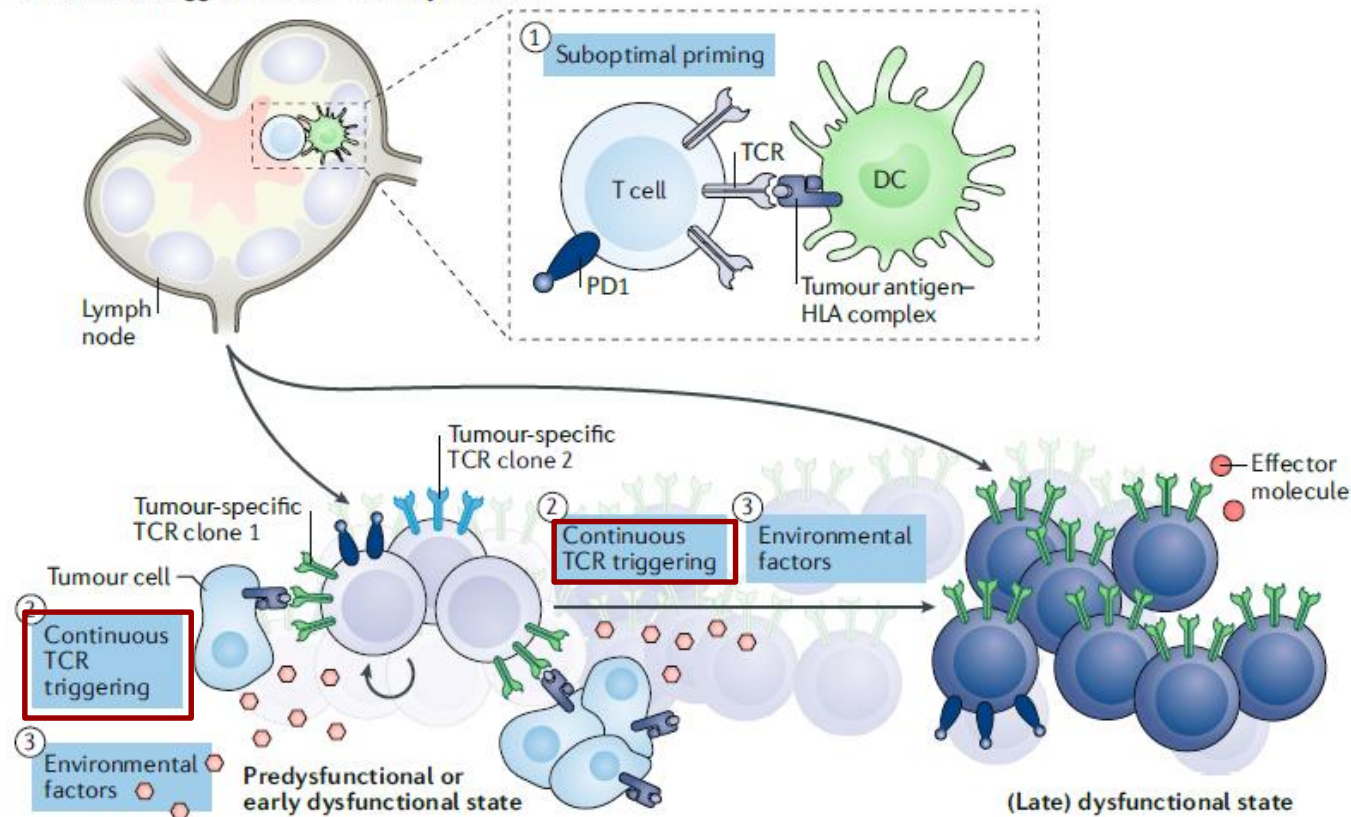
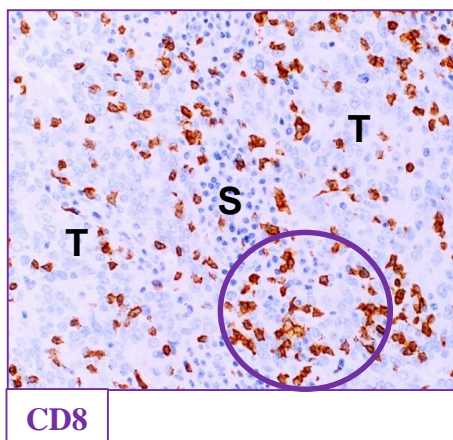


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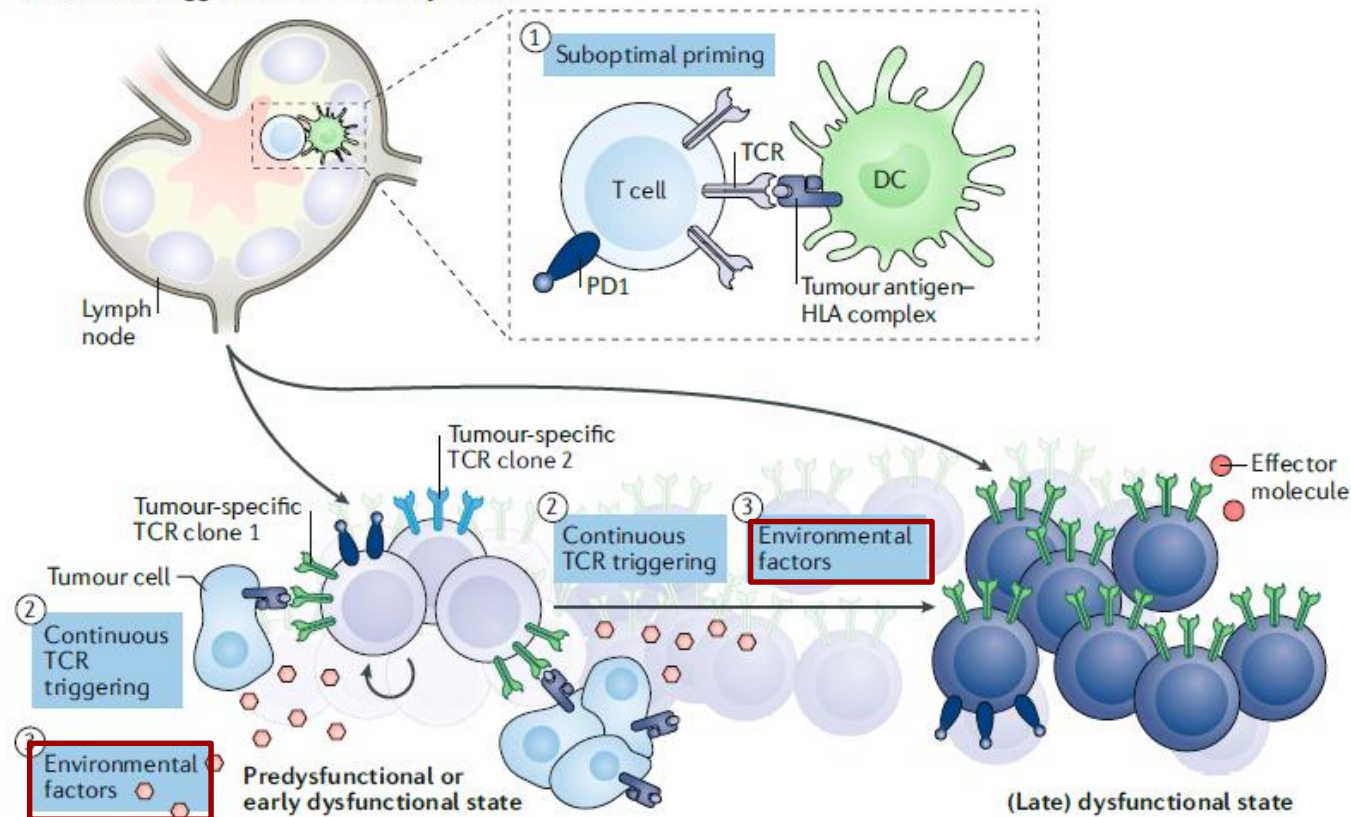
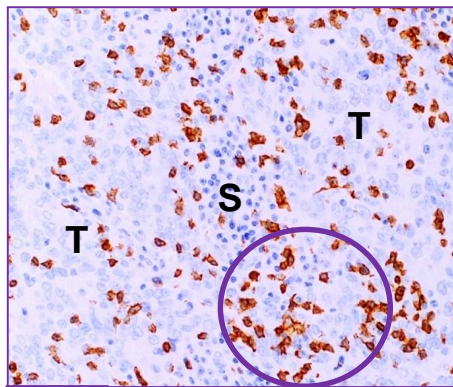


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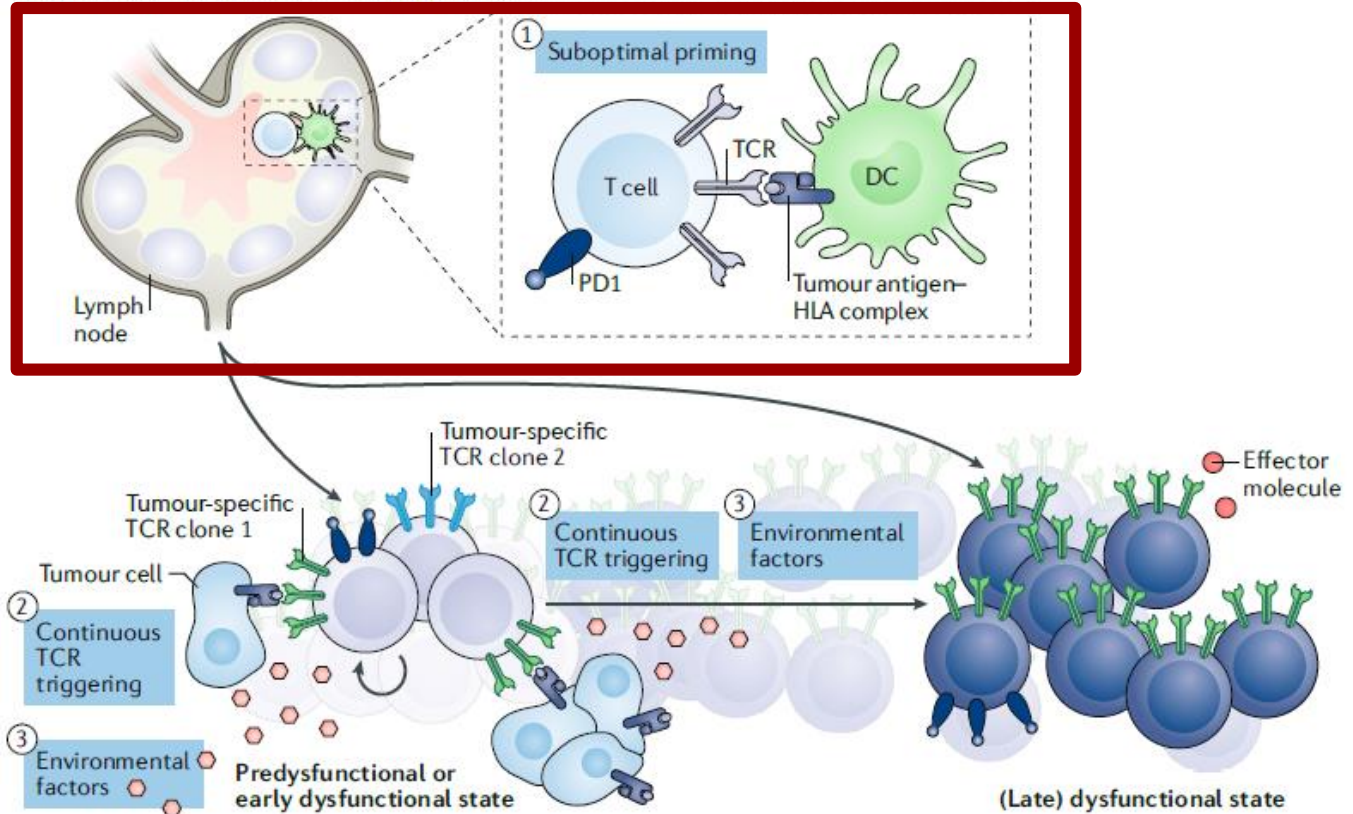


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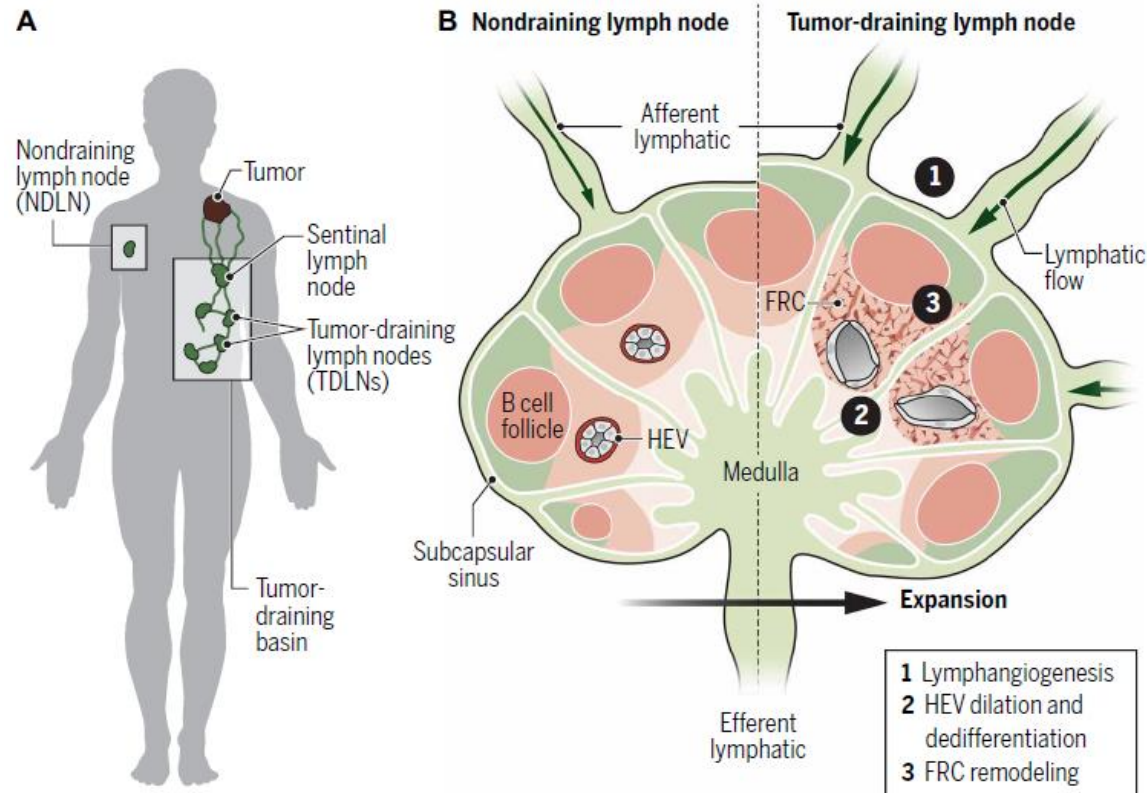
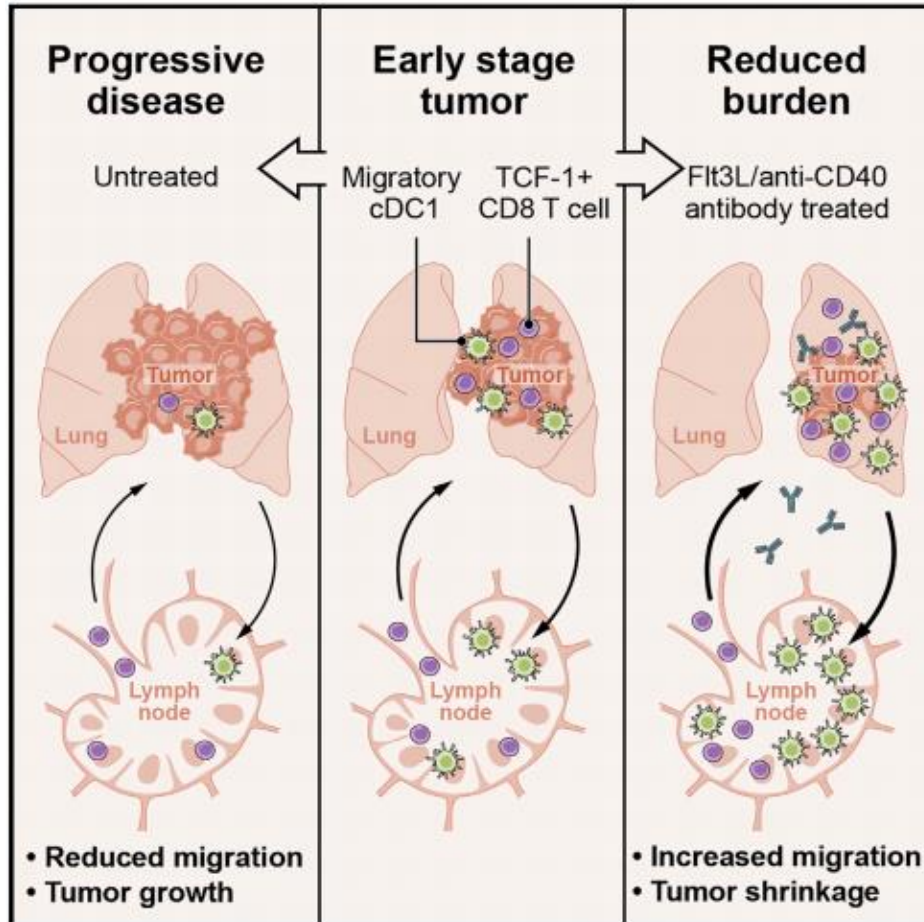


Fig. 1. The LN undergoes structural changes as a function of tumor drainage. (A) Solid tumors are connected to LNs through a network of lymphatic vessels that transport fluid, soluble factors, lipids, and cells. The SLN is the first LN draining tumor-associated lymph and is assayed clinically to determine the metastatic potential of a nascent malignant lesion. This SLN sits in a basin of TDLNs that are at risk of metastatic seeding and uniquely affected by a tumor when compared with distant NDNLs. (B) Afferent lymph flows from the tumor to the TDLN and delivers tumor-derived material including antigens and extracellular vesicles to the TDLN. TDLNs progressively expand and initiate three major stromal remodeling processes that affect TDLN structure and metastatic potential: (1) The TDLN undergoes extensive lymphangiogenesis, expanding lymphatic sinuses. LN lymphangiogenesis is initiated before tumor seeding and supports initial regional metastatic progression. (2) HEVs initially increase in density but ultimately undergo dilation and dedifferentiation, which may impair lymphocyte recruitment. (3) FRCs proliferate in the TDLN, resulting in widened conduits, altered size exclusion properties of the reticular conduits, and antigen delivery into the LN paracortex.

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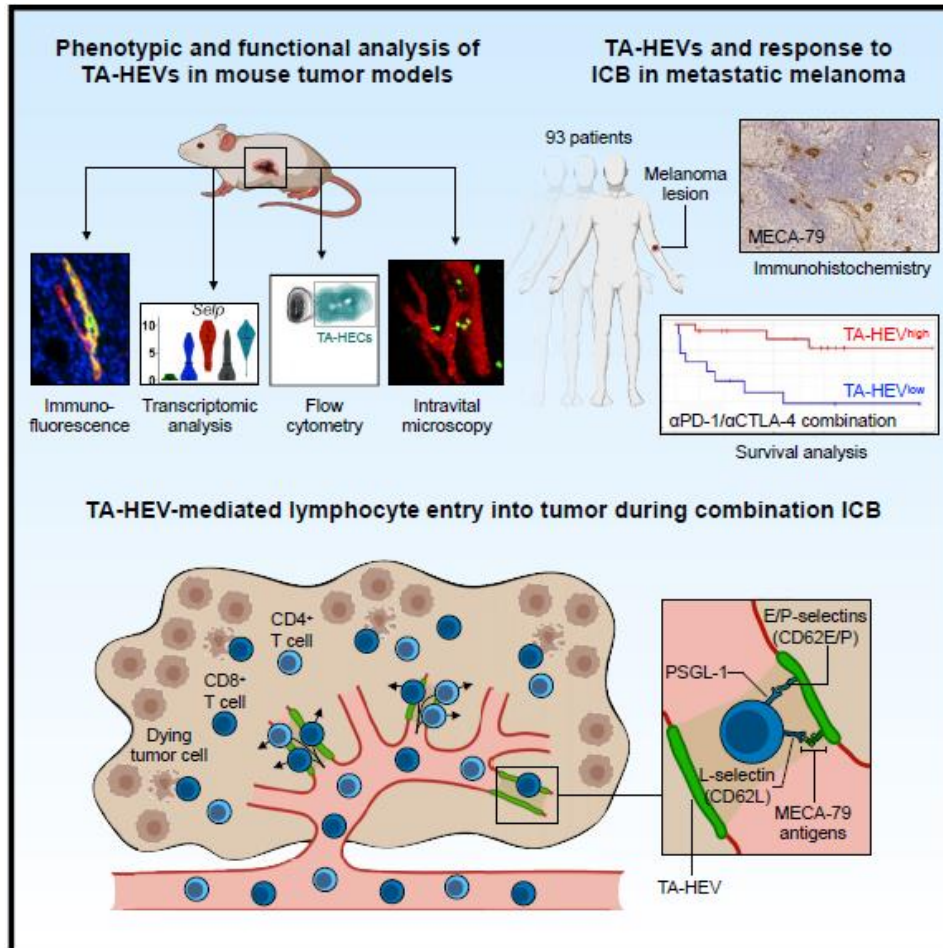


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Tumor-associated high endothelial venules mediate lymphocyte entry into tumors and predict response to PD-1 plus CTLA-4 combination immunotherapy

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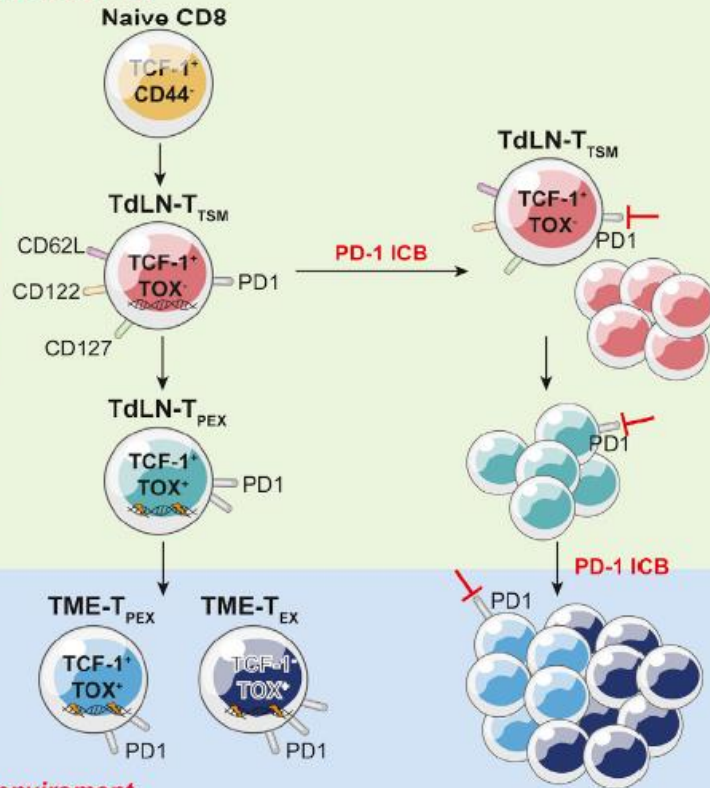
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Tumor draining lymph node



Tumor microenvironment

TdLN-T_{TSM}, TdLN derived Tumor Specific Memory T cells Epigenetic scarring
 T_{PEX}, Precursors of Exhausted T cells T_{EX}, Exhausted T cells PD-1 blocking

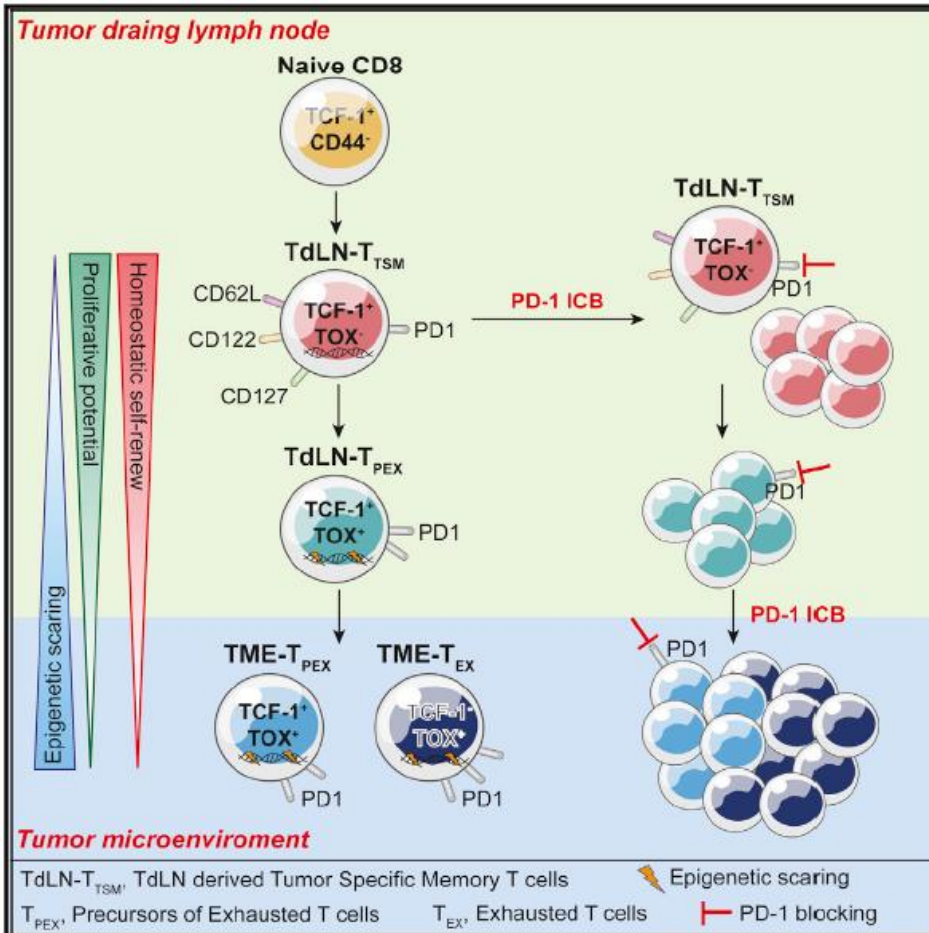
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Tumor Immunology and Tumor Evolution: Intertwined Histories

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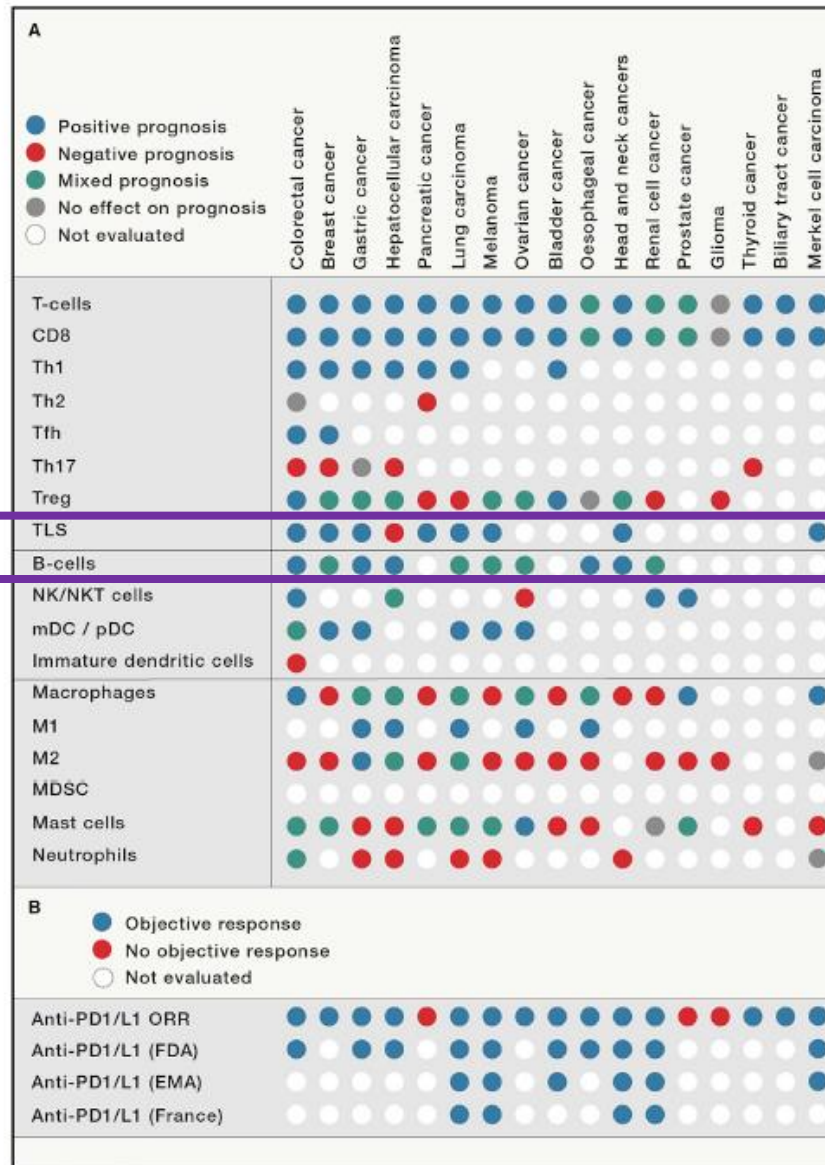


Figure 3. Prognostic Effect of Immune Cells in Solid Cancer

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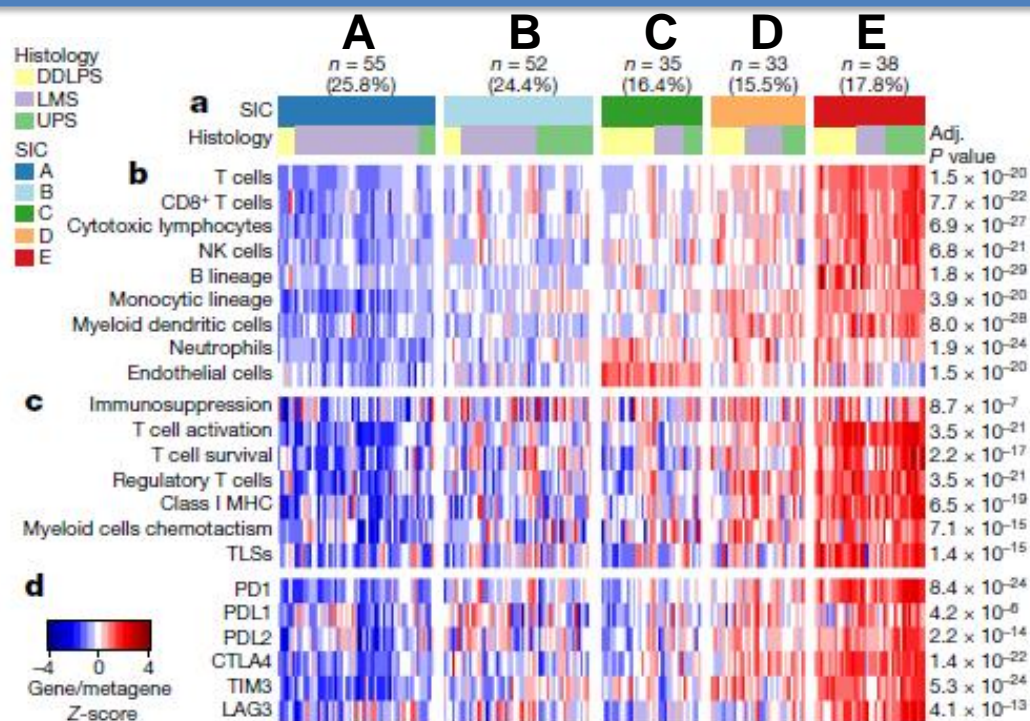
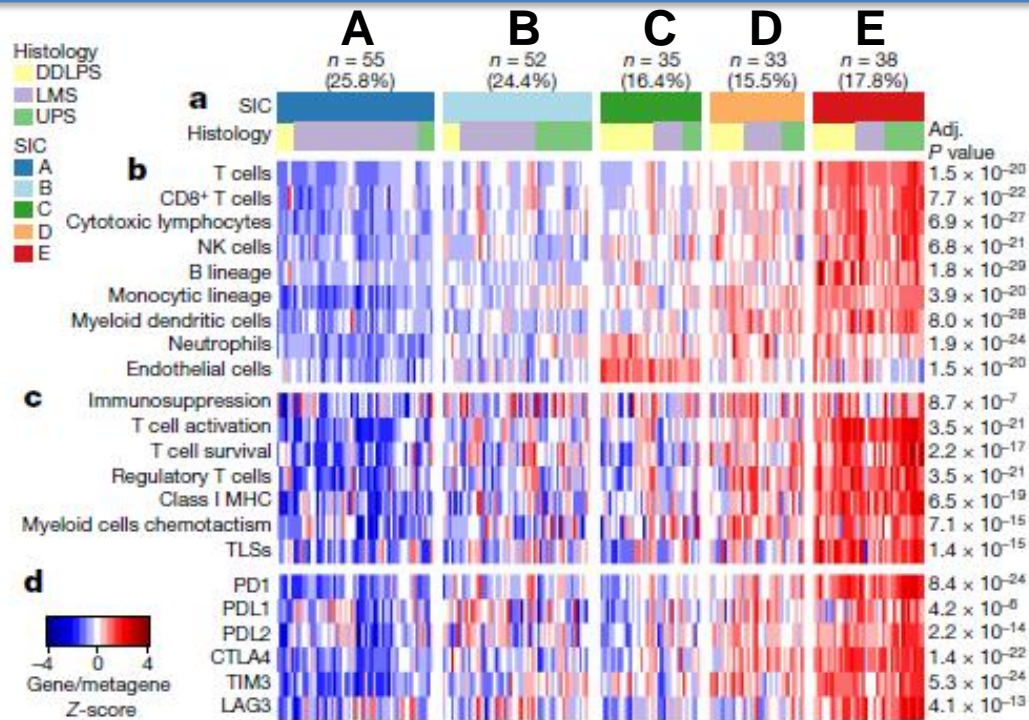


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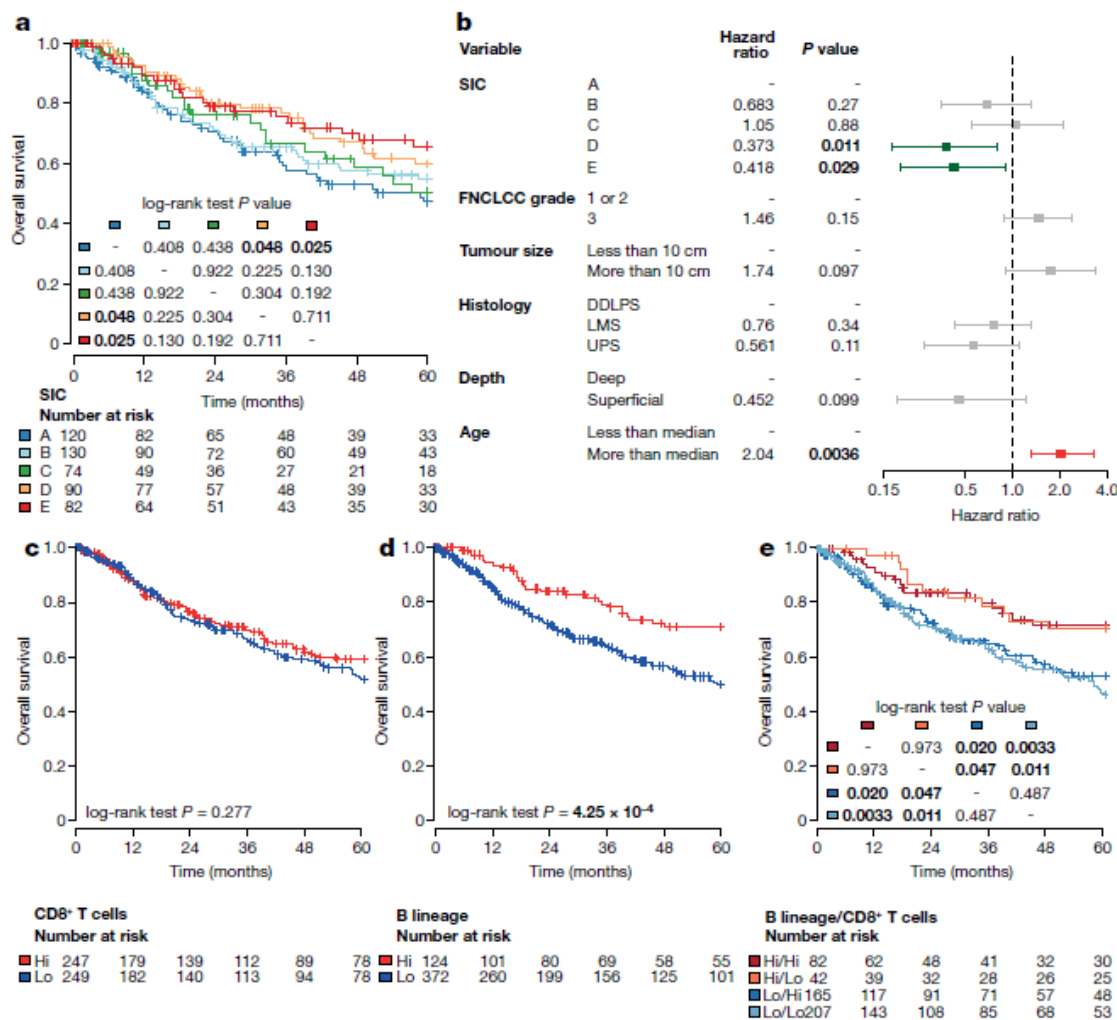


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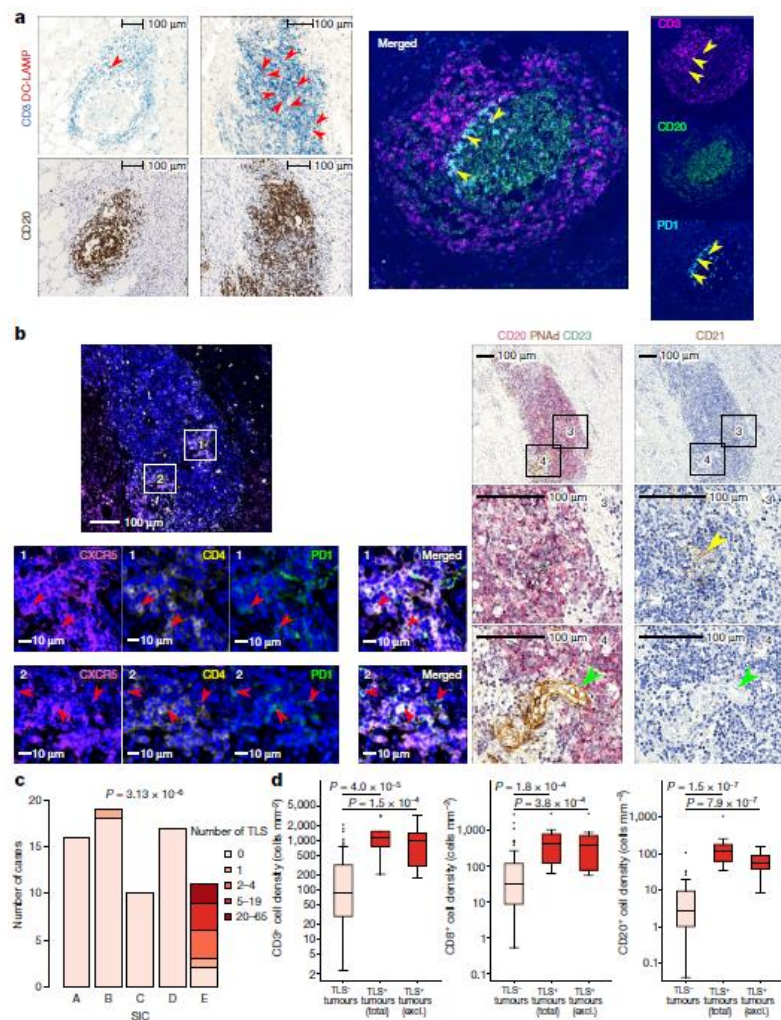


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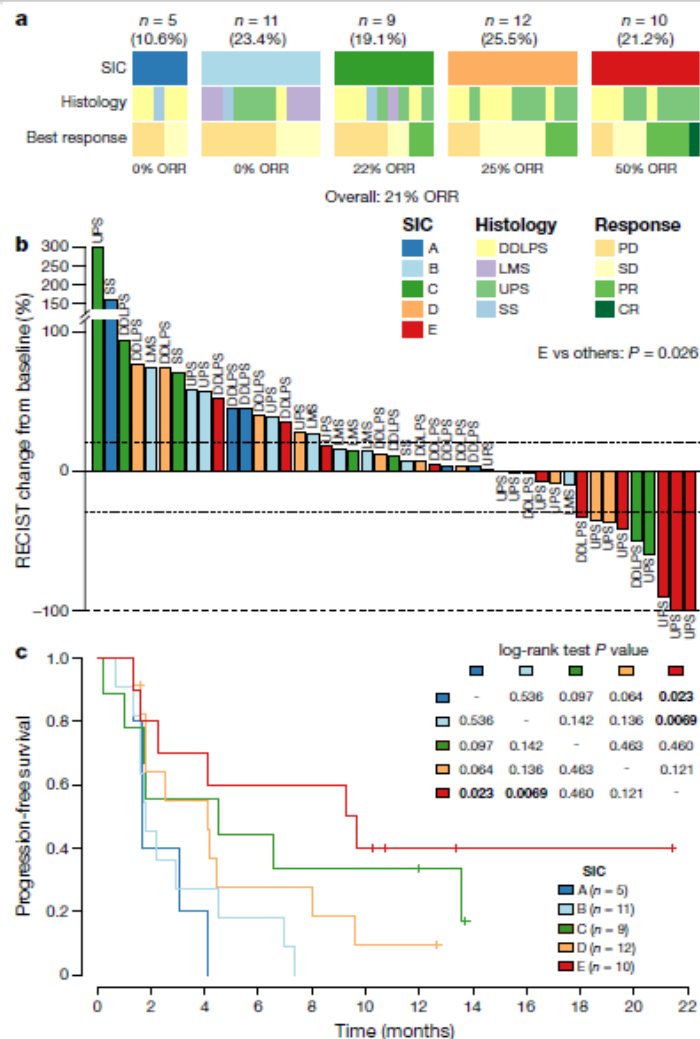


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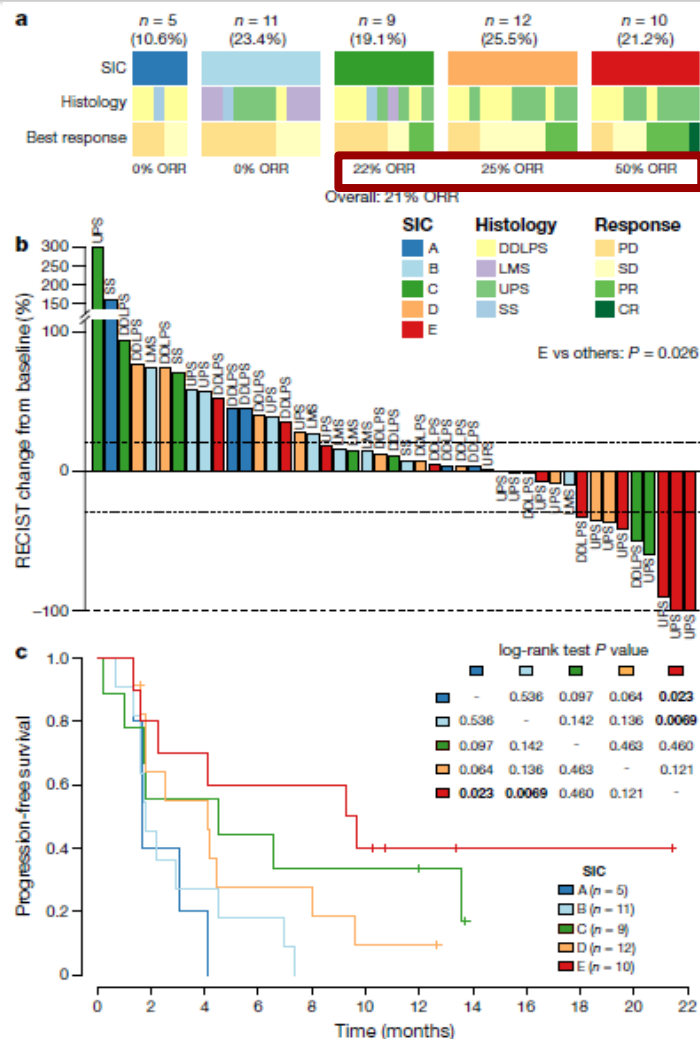
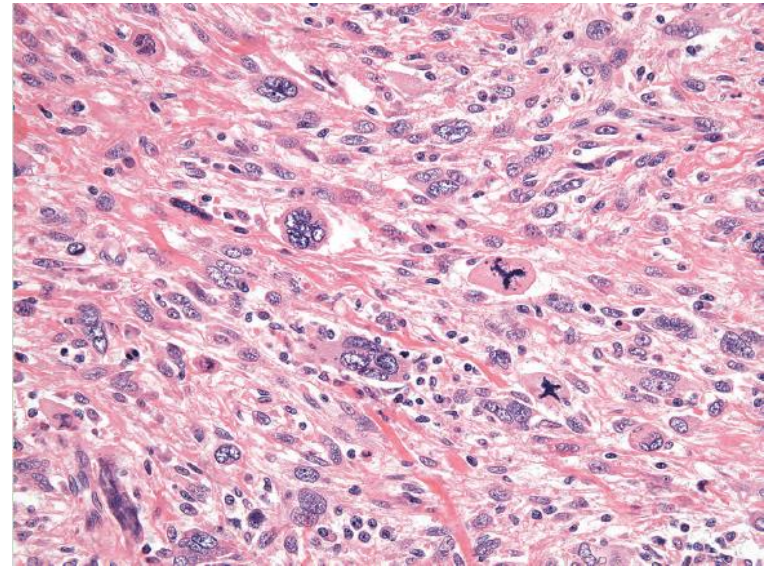


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Q: Can low dose radiation reprogramme the tumor microenvironment of tumors with scarce immune infiltration and together with immunotherapy induce mobilization of (innate and/or adaptive) immunity?

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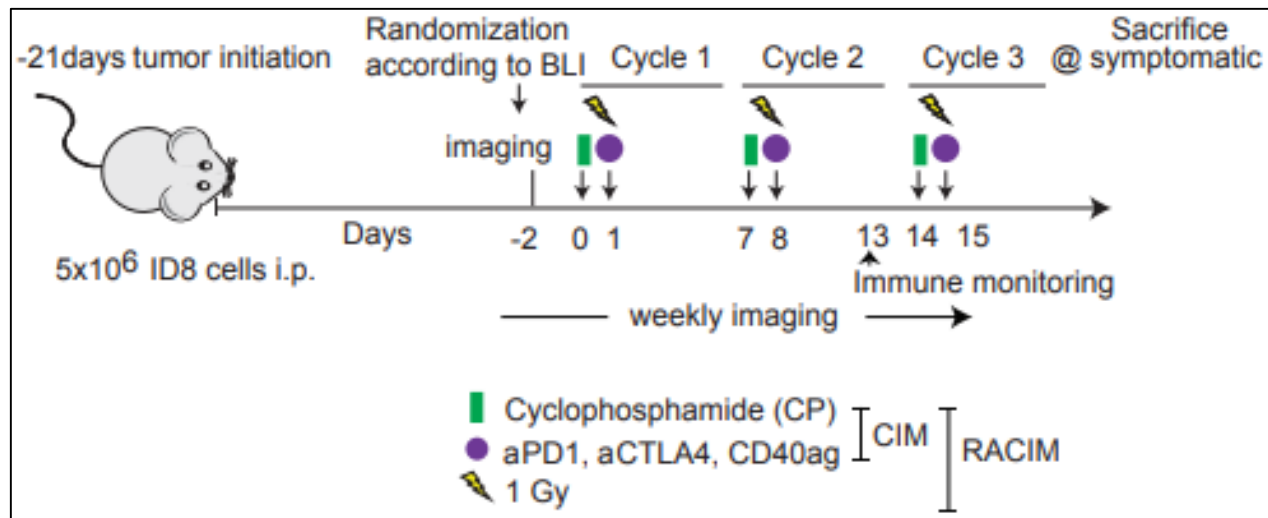
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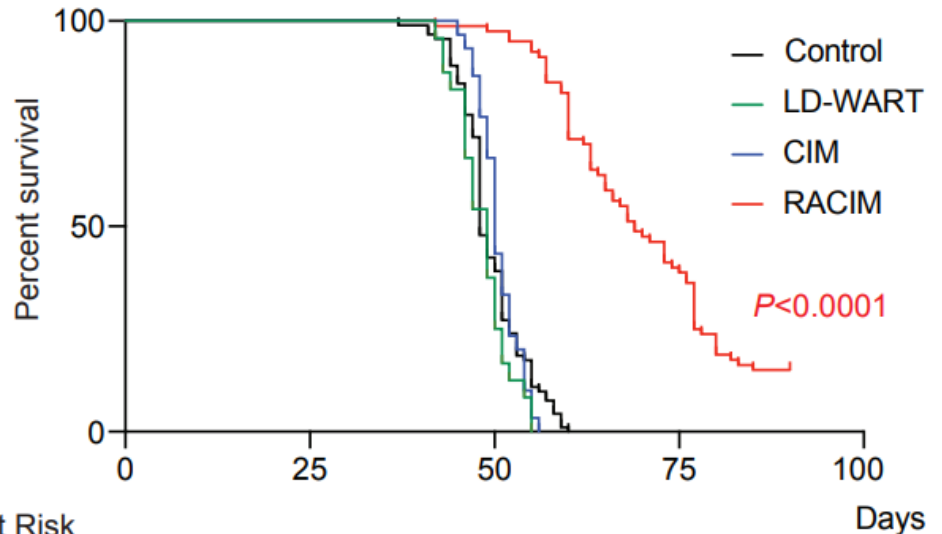
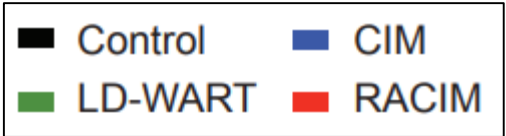
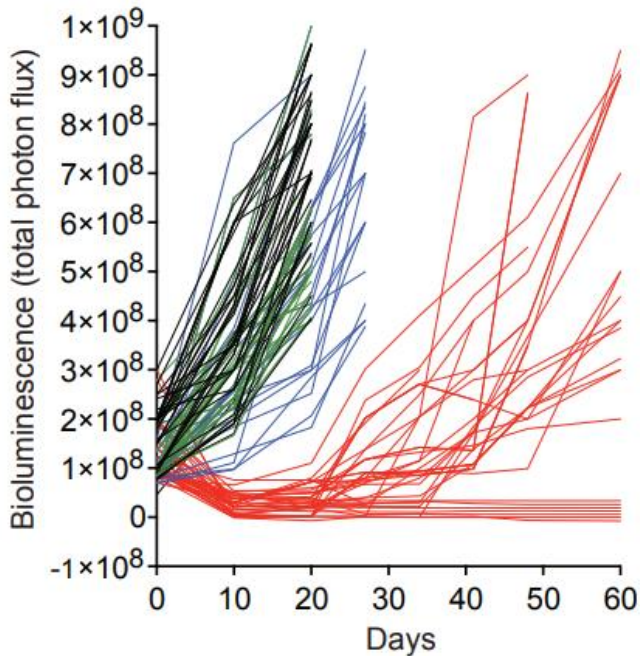


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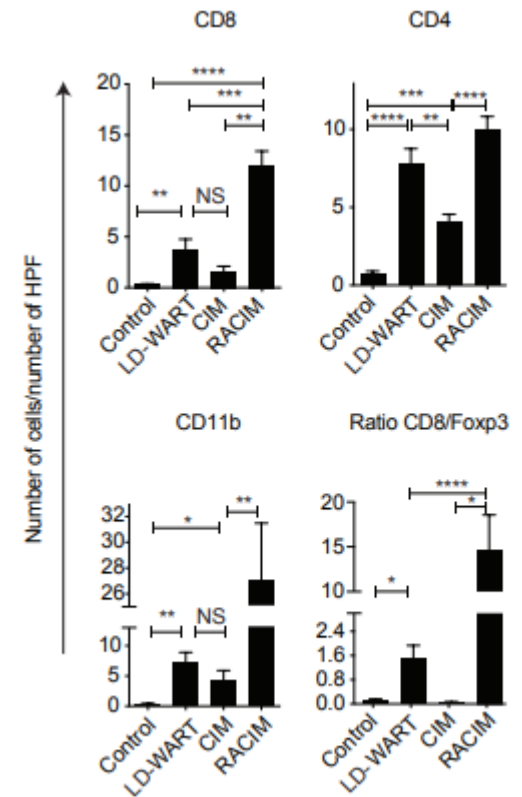
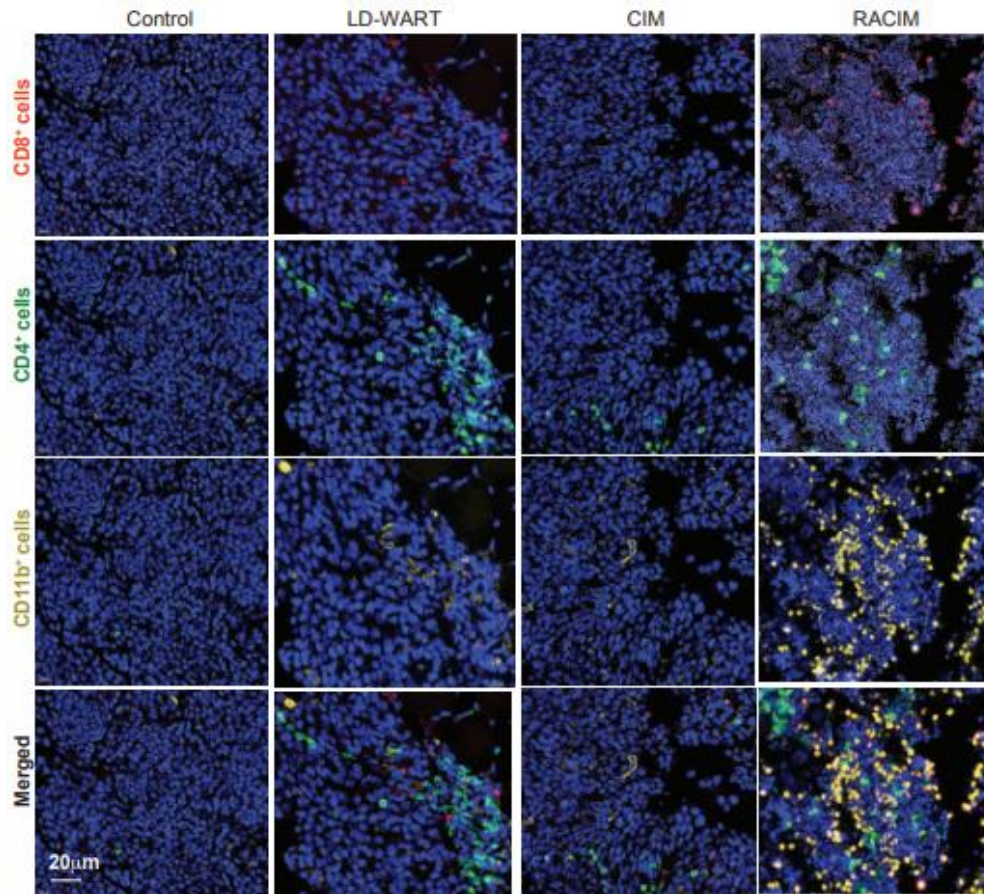


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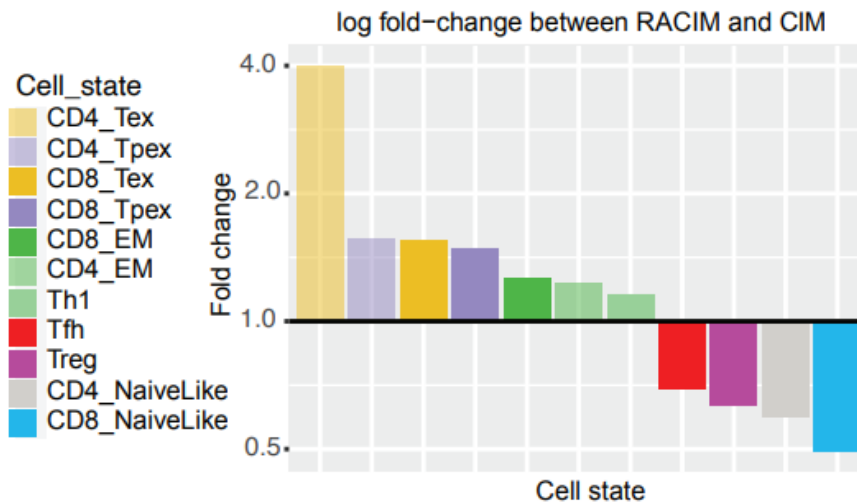
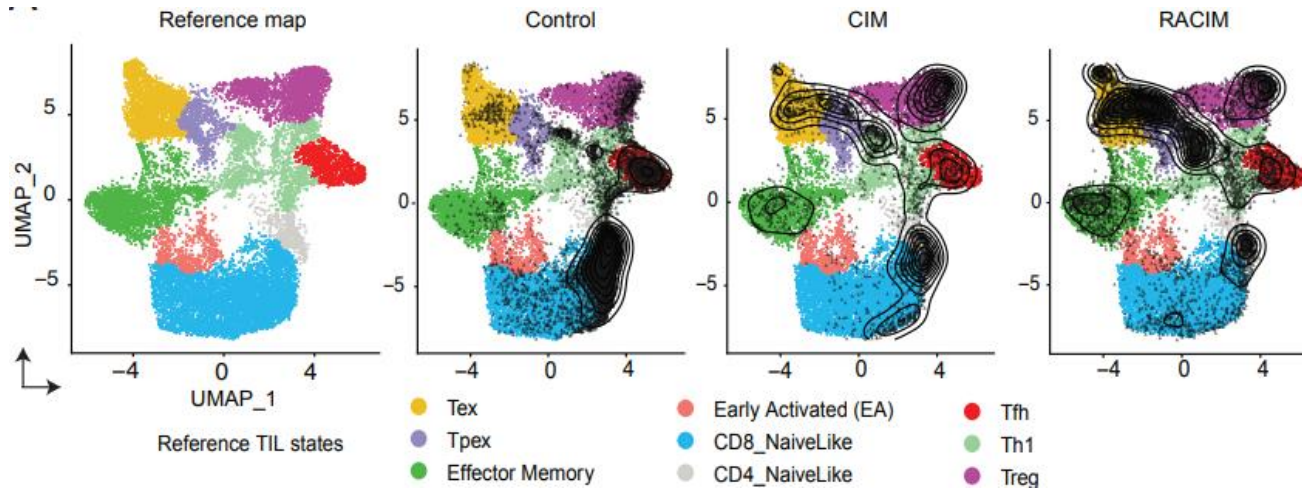
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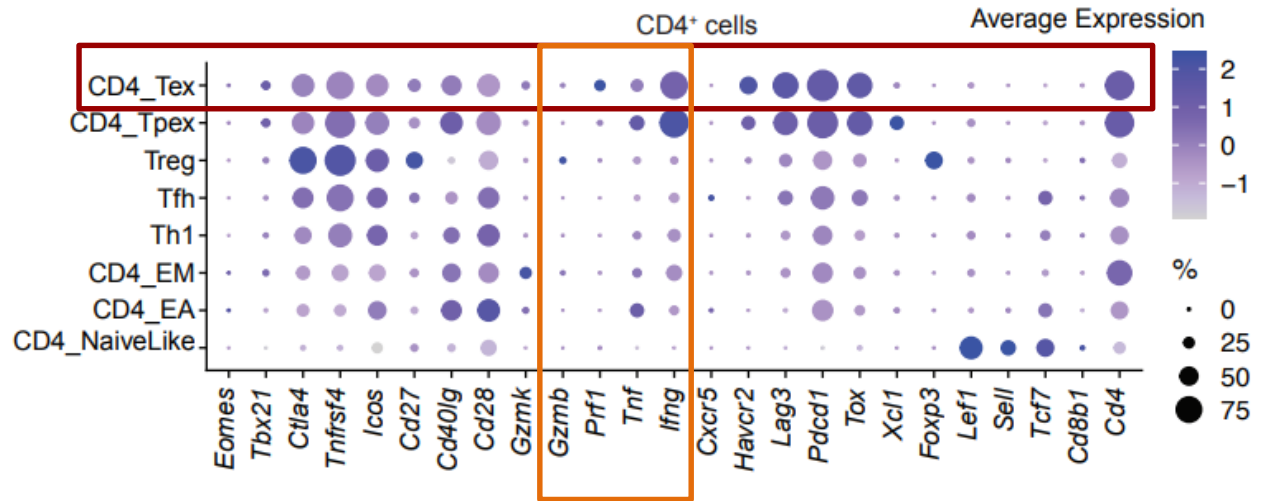
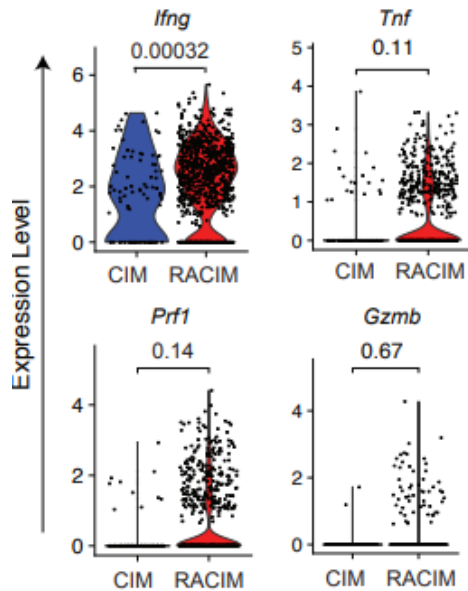
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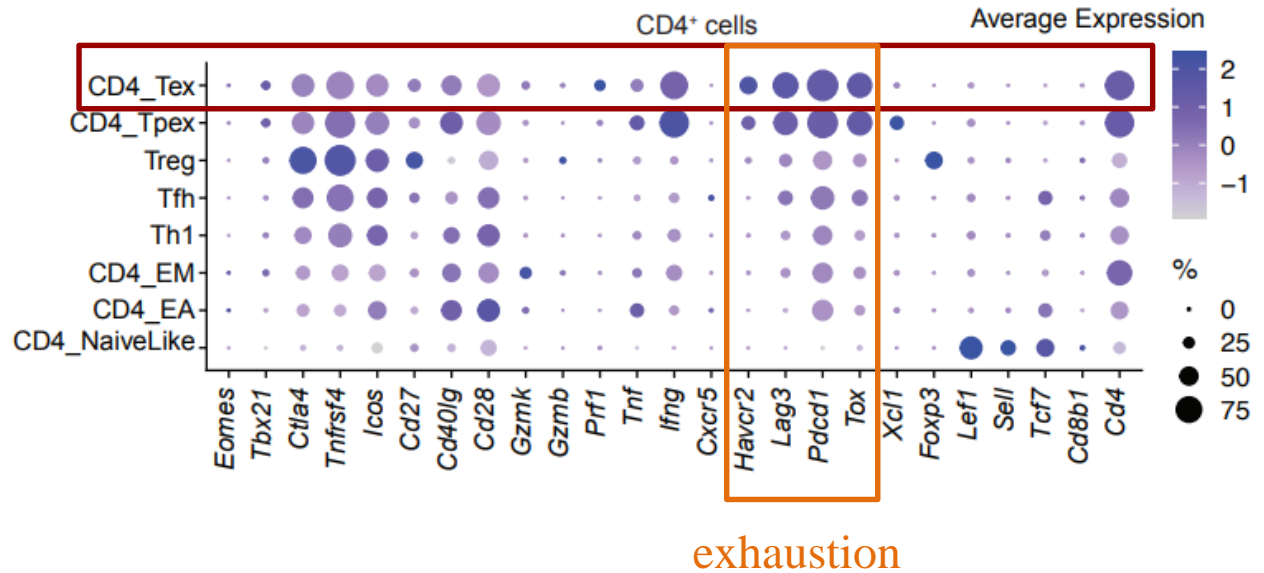
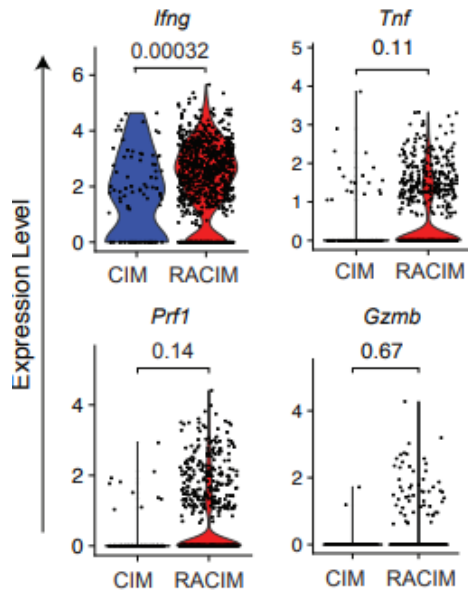
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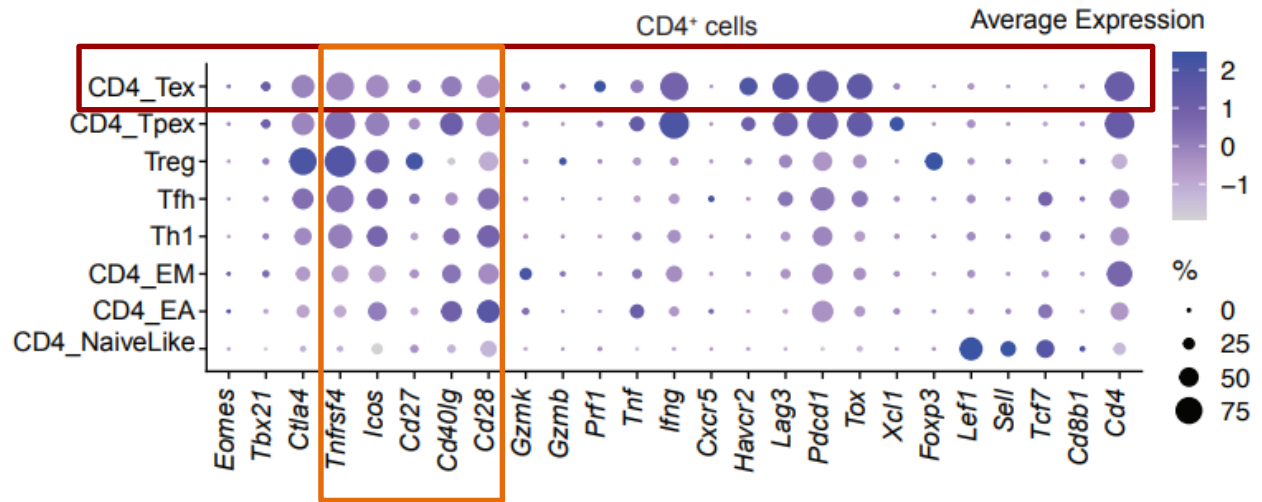
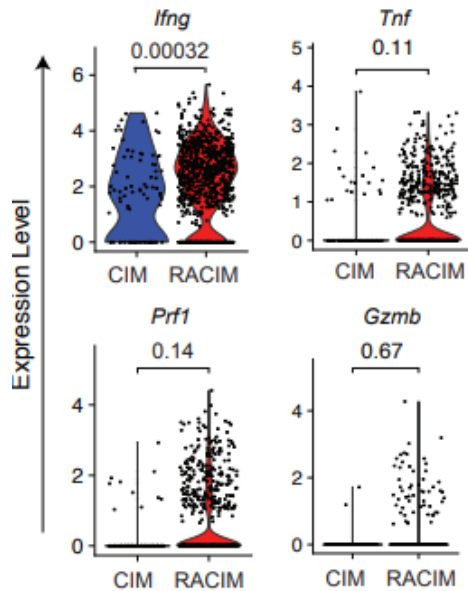
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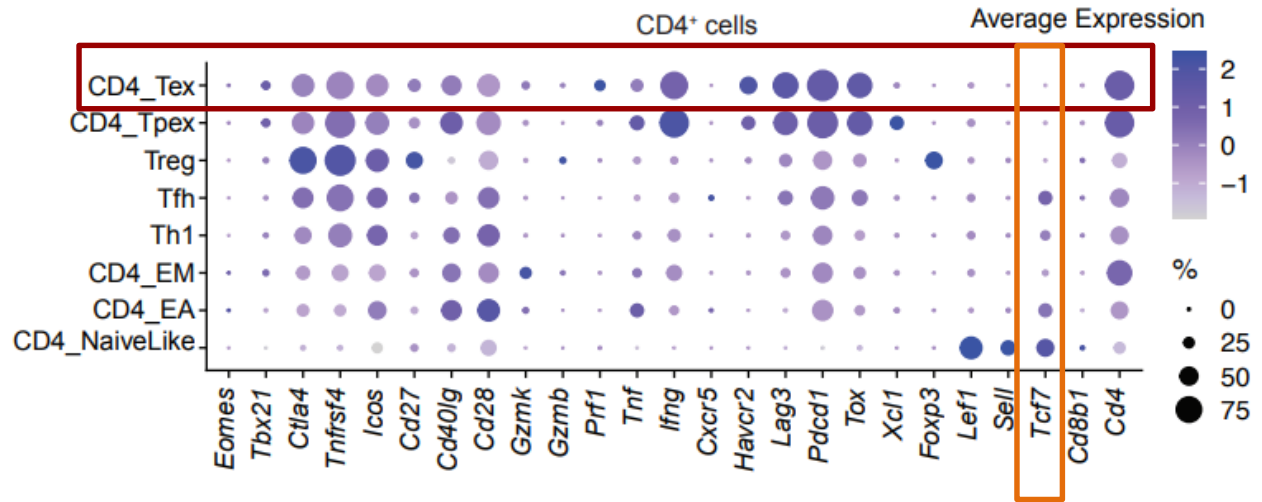
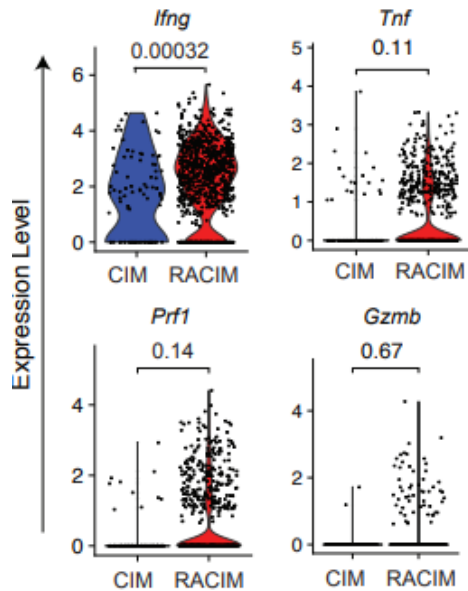


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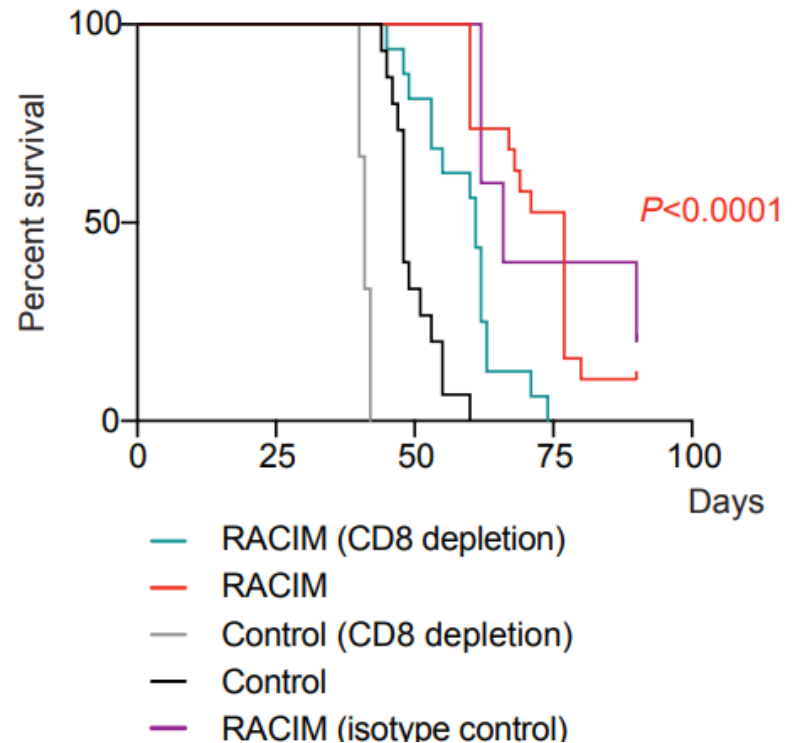
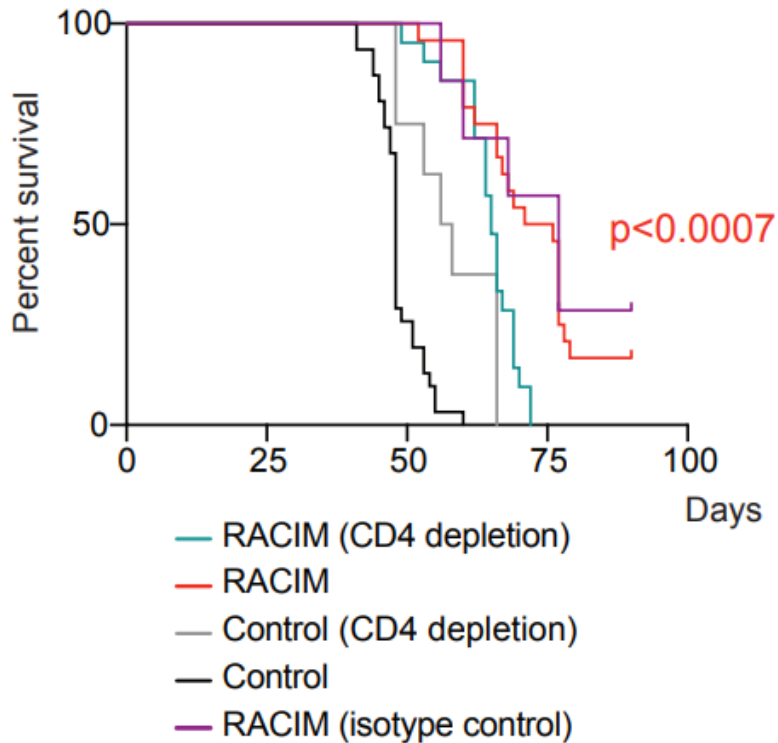
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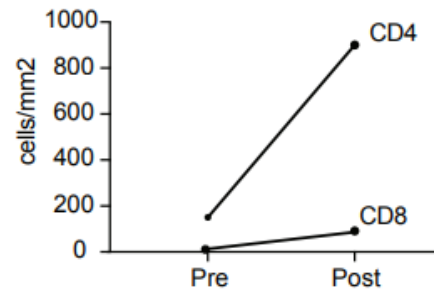
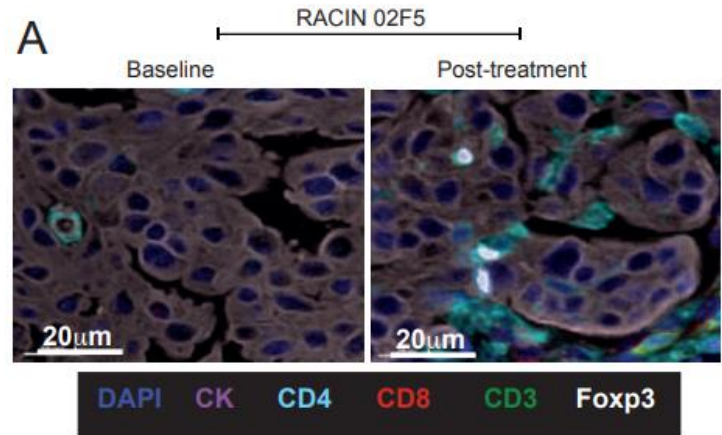
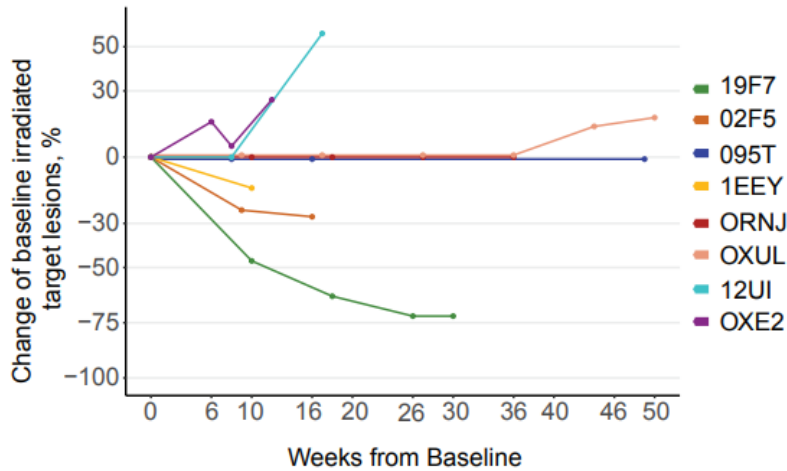
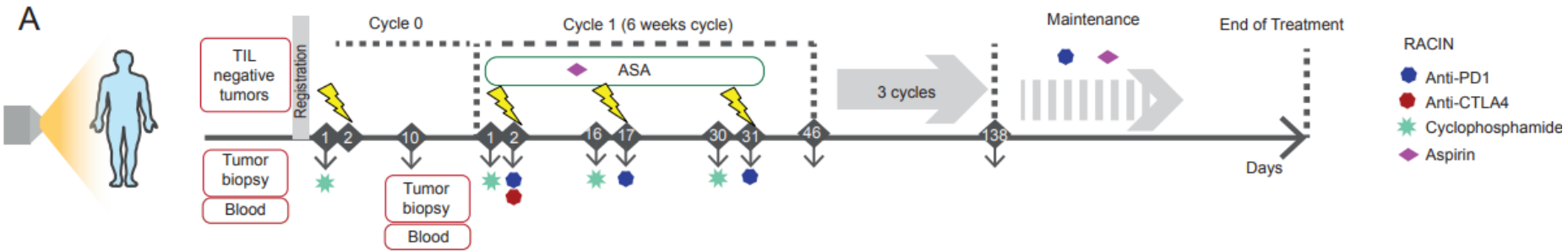


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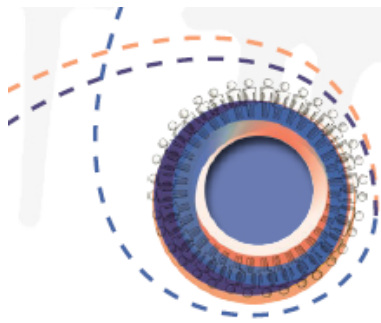
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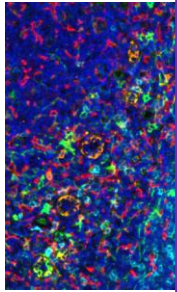
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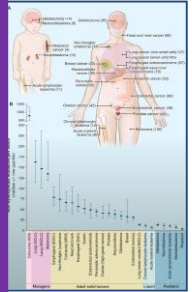


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- (ii) the activation of dendritic cells (DCs)
- (iii) the release of danger signals and the upregulation of cytokines and chemokines
- (iv) normalization of the tumor vasculature
- (v) activate DNA sensing pathways in host and tumor cells, triggering production of type I interferon (IFN) and mobilizing innate and adaptive immunity
- (vi) abscopal effect