

Neil Smith Memorial Lecture

A novel targeted immunotherapy for CTCL

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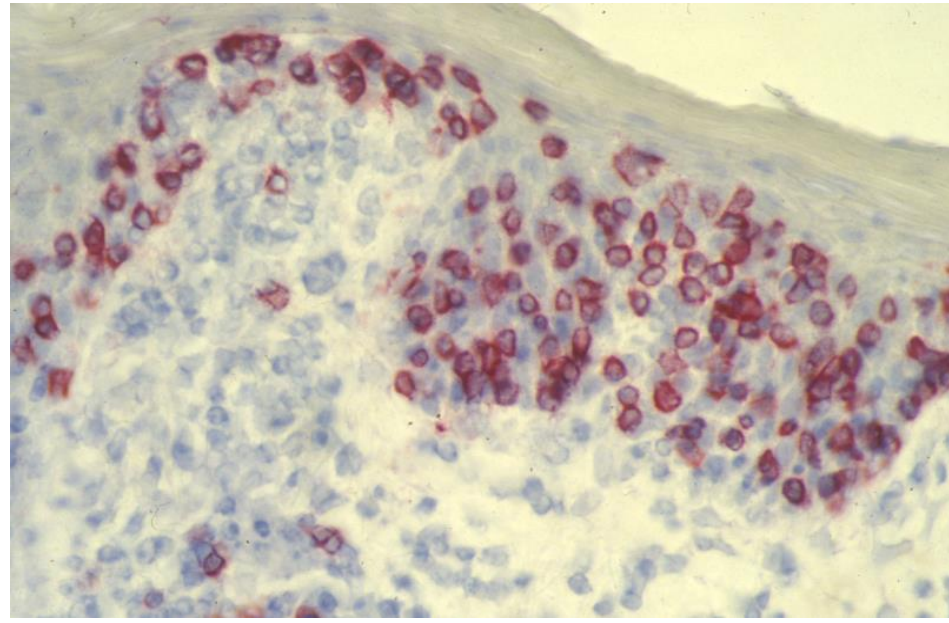
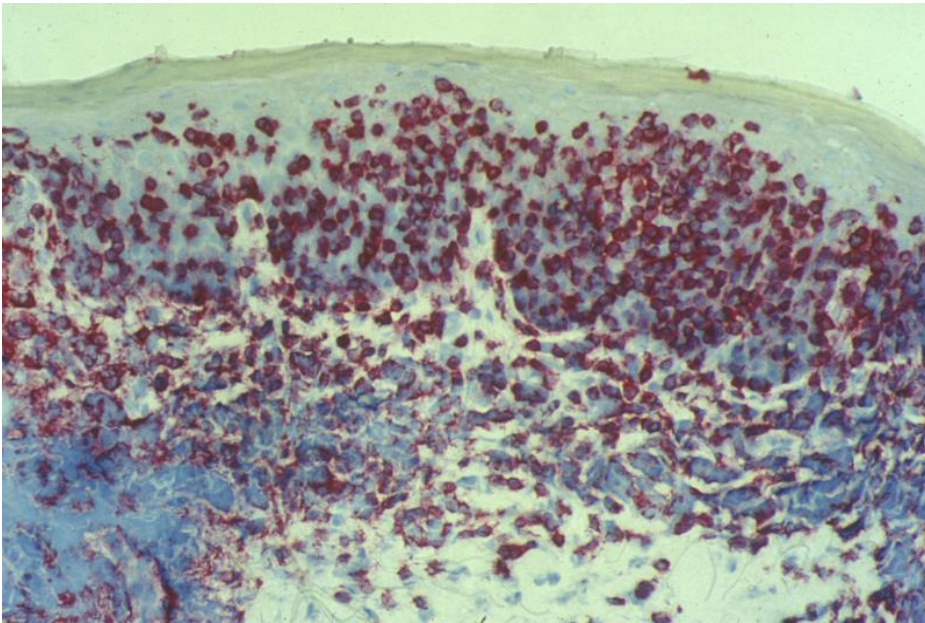
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How can we find new efficient treatments for CTCL patients ?

- Genomic studies to identify mutations and relevant targets within various signaling pathways
- Non specific immunotherapy: unleashing the immune system by releasing its negative regulatory checkpoints
- Specific immunotherapy: identifying tumor specific antigens to develop monoclonal antibodies specific for tumor antigens

Is it possible to separate reactive T cell clones from tumor T cell clones in CTCL skin and blood ?



Is there evidence for Tumor Infiltrating Lymphocytes in CTCL ?



blood

1998 91: 4331-4341

Isolation of Tumor-Specific Cytotoxic CD4⁺ and CD4⁺CD8dim⁺ T-Cell Clones Infiltrating a Cutaneous T-Cell Lymphoma

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British Journal of Dermatology 2003; **148**: 24–29.

Cutaneous Biology

Isolation of a CD8 $\alpha\alpha$ ⁺ CD4[–] tumour T-cell clone with cytotoxic activity from a CD4⁺ CD8[–] cutaneous T-cell lymphoma

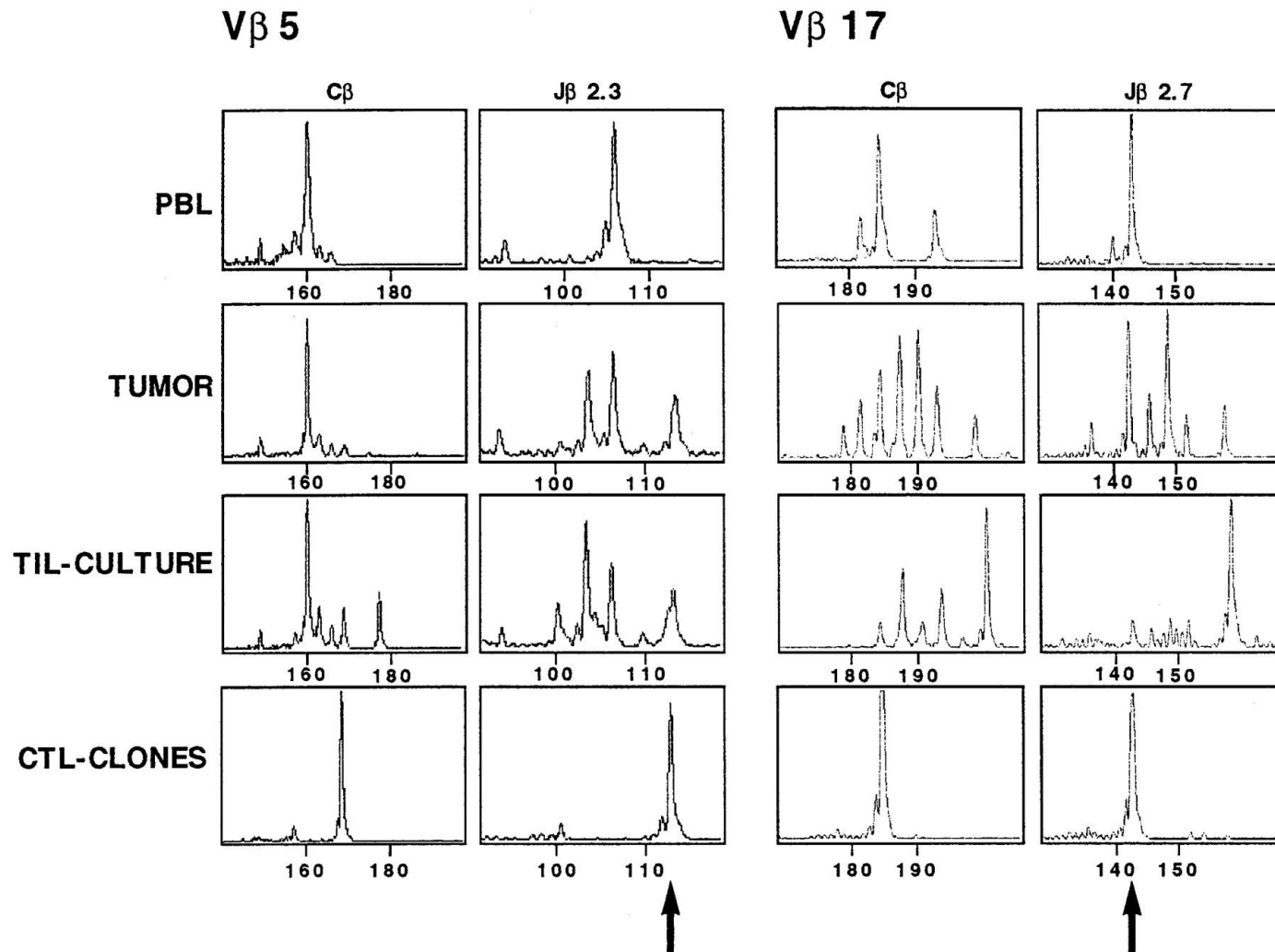
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Isolation of skin Tumor Infiltrating Lymphocytes in CTCL



T cell clones isolated from CTCL may arise from tumor T lymphocytes but also from reactive T lymphocytes

Significance of circulating T-cell clones in Sézary syndrome

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Identification of malignant Sézary cells by T-cell receptor (TCR) clonality studies is routinely used for the diagnosis of Sézary syndrome, but T-cell clones expressed in a single patient have never been accurately characterized. We previously reported that CD158k expression delineates Sézary syndrome malignant cells, and, more recently, we identified vimentin at the surface membranes of Sézary cells and normal activated lymphocytes. In the present study, T-cell clones from 13 pa-

tients with Sézary syndrome were identified by immunoscopy and further characterized in the blood according to their TCR V β , CD158k, and vimentin cell-surface expression. We found in most patients a unique malignant T-cell clone that coexpressed CD158k and vimentin and that, when patients were tested, was also present in the skin. However, in some patients we detected the presence of a nonmalignant circulating clone expressing high amounts of vimentin and lacking

CD158k. These results indicate that clonal expansion may originate from circulating malignant and nonmalignant CD4⁺ T cell populations in patients with Sézary syndrome. Identification of the malignant cells in Sézary syndrome cannot be achieved by T-cell clonality studies or by TCR V β monoclonal antibody (mAb) analysis alone; it also relies on CD158k phenotyping. (Blood. 2006;107:4030-4038)

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Establishment of CTCL-derived long-term T cell lines

Functional characterization of an IL-7-dependent CD4⁺CD8αα⁺ Th3-type malignant cell line derived from a patient with a cutaneous T-cell lymphoma

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CDR3 of the functional rearranged T-cell receptor variable β region (*TCR-Vβ*) transcript was sequenced in order to demonstrate for the first time the identity between a long-term cultured T-cell line derived from a cutaneous T-cell lymphoma (CTCL) patient and the malignant T-cell clone present in the blood. The patient's peripheral blood lymphocyte-derived cultured T-cell line had a CD3⁺Vβ22⁺CD4⁺CD8αα⁺CD25⁻ phenotype. It was named Pno and had been cultured for more than 1 year. Both fresh and long-term-cultured tumor cells proliferated

highly in response to interleukin-7 (IL-7), and exogenous IL-7 prevented Pno lymphocytes from apoptosis and maintained high levels of Bcl-2 expression. This unique malignant cloned lymphocyte line was further used to carry out functional studies. The results indicated that the CD3/TCR structures expressed by the Pno lymphocytes were functional because an immobilized anti-CD3 monoclonal antibody (mAb) or the combination of a soluble anti-CD3 mAb with submitogenic doses of phorbol 12 β-myristate 13 α-acetate induced a proliferative re-

sponse. Further, the CD2 and CD28 co-receptors were functional because they were able to induce a strong proliferative response upon their specific stimulation. Finally, the Pno T cell line had a Th3-type cytokine profile because it produced high amounts of the immunosuppressor cytokine tumor growth factor-β1 (TGF-β1). This high production of TGF-β1 may inhibit antitumor specific responses in CTCL. (Blood. 2000;96:1056-1063)

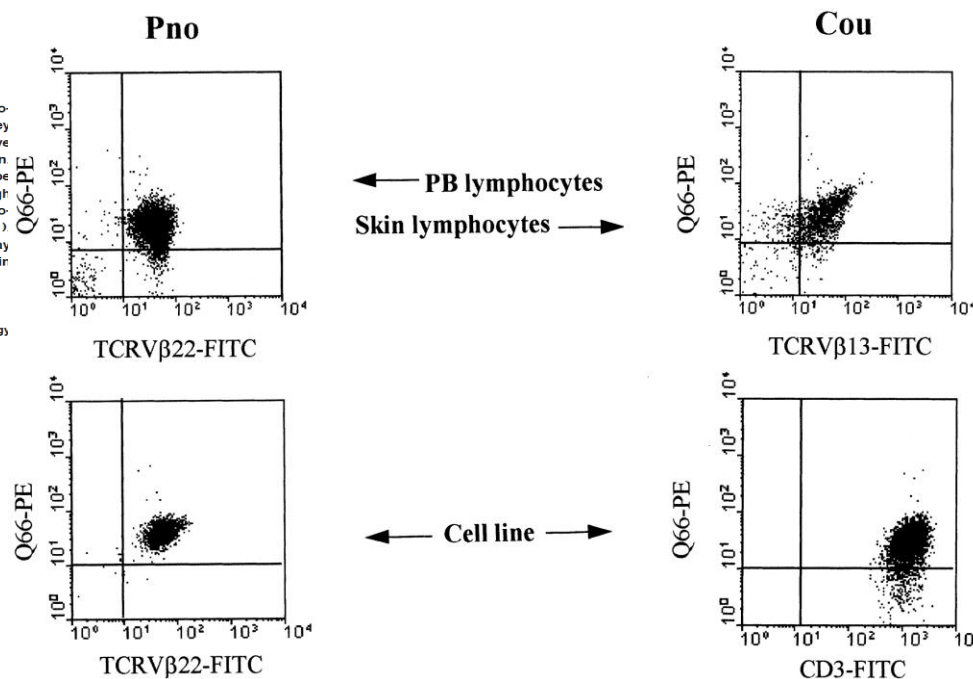
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Armand Bensussan

Member of International Human Cell Differentiation Molecules Council (CD nomenclature)

Test of more than 300 mAbs evaluated during the CDs' workshops





blood

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CD4⁺ cutaneous T-cell lymphoma cells express the p140–killer cell immunoglobulin-like receptor

Martine Bagot, Alessandro Moretta, Simona Sivori, Roberto Biassoni, Claudia Cantoni, Cristina Bottino, Laurence Bousmell and Armand Bensussan

CD158k/KIR3DL2 Is a New Phenotypic Marker of Sezary Cells: Relevance for the Diagnosis and Follow-Up of Sezary Syndrome

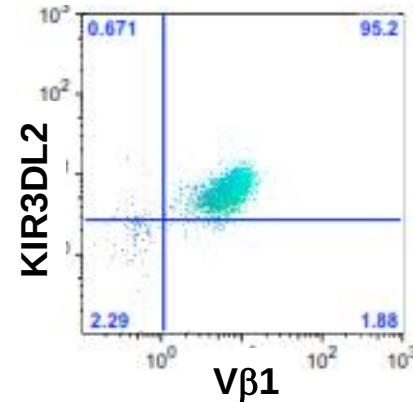
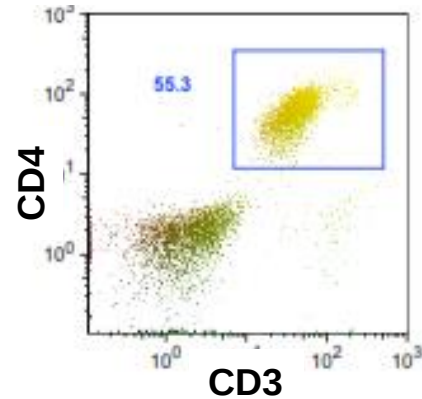
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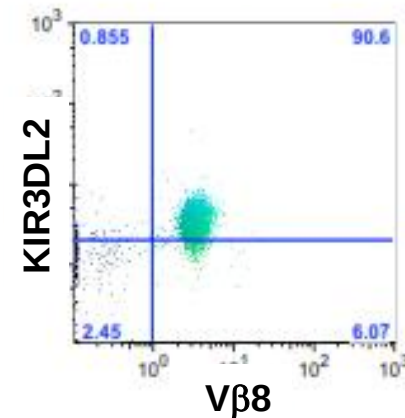
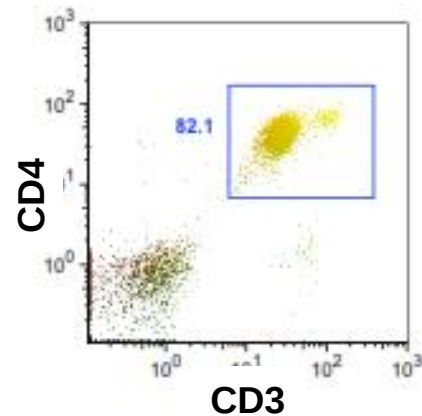
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KIR3DL2 is a phenotypic marker for Sezary cells

Patient 1

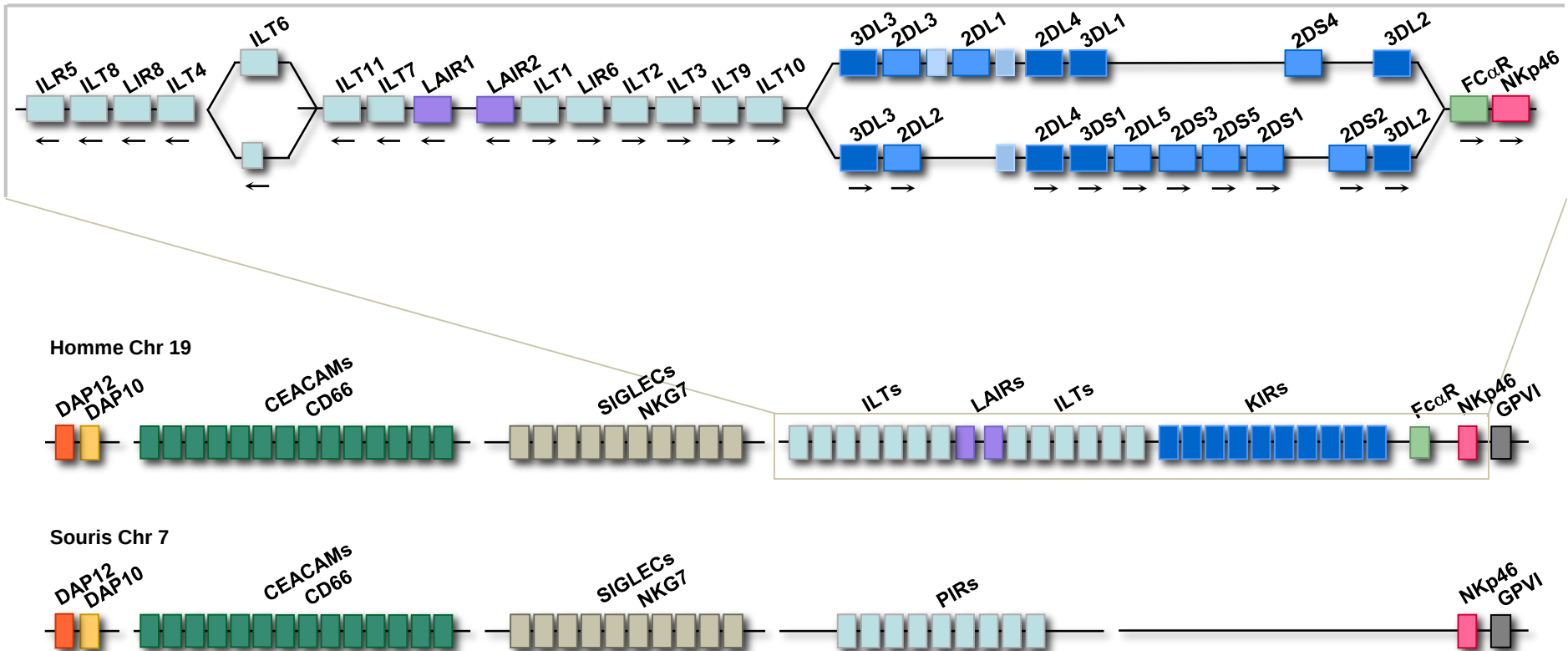


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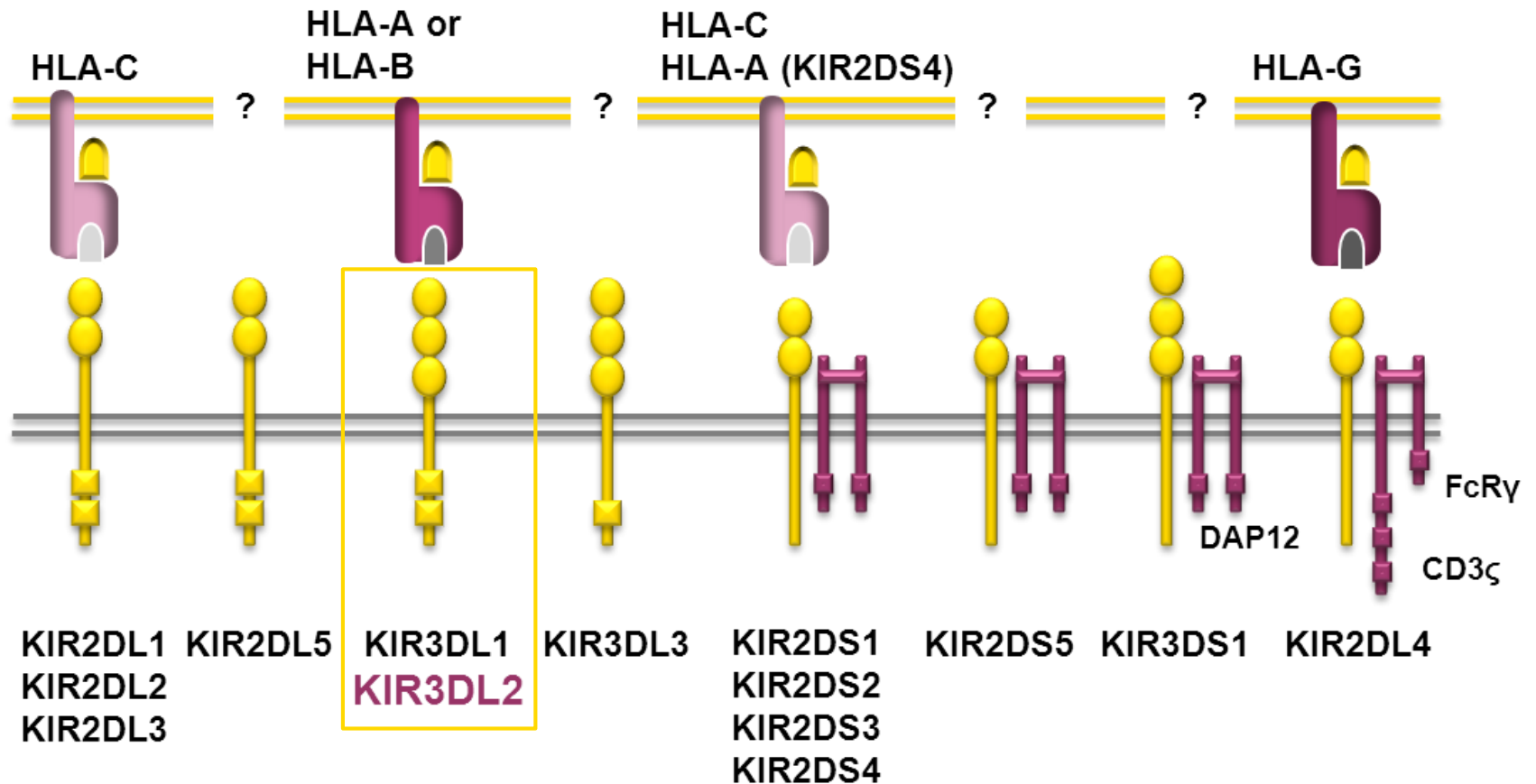


Clonal leukemic Sézary cells, defined by a single Vβ chain expression, are KIR3DL2⁺ in patient blood

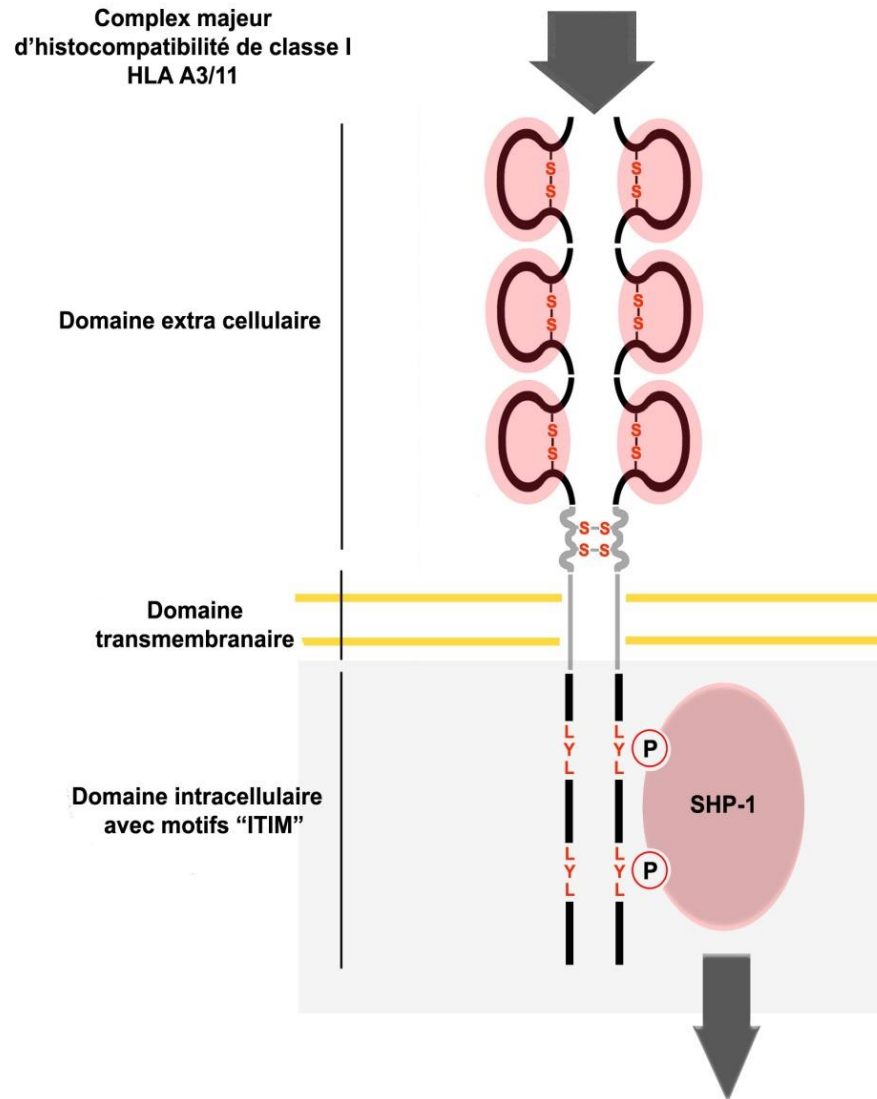
Leucocyte Receptor Cluster Organization



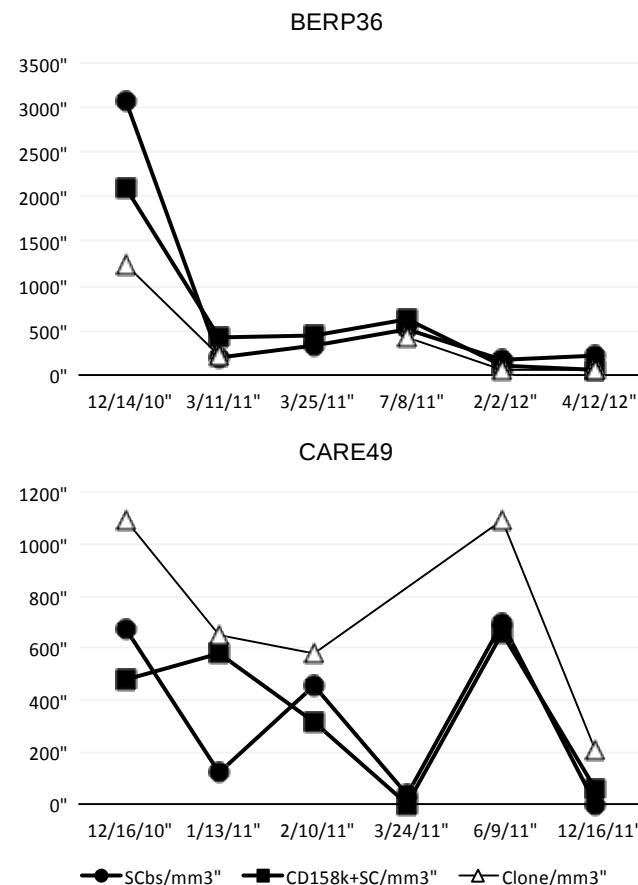
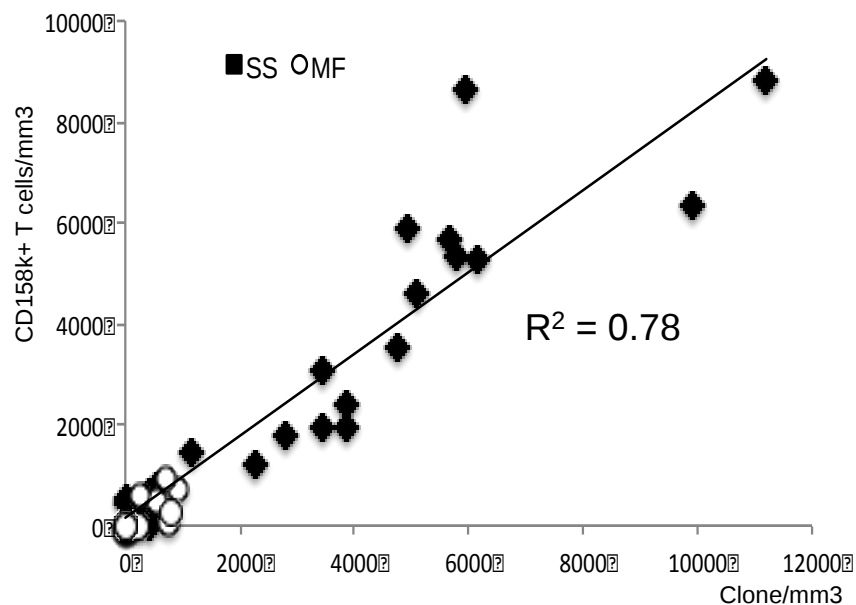
KIR Receptor Family



The KIR3DL2/CD158k receptor



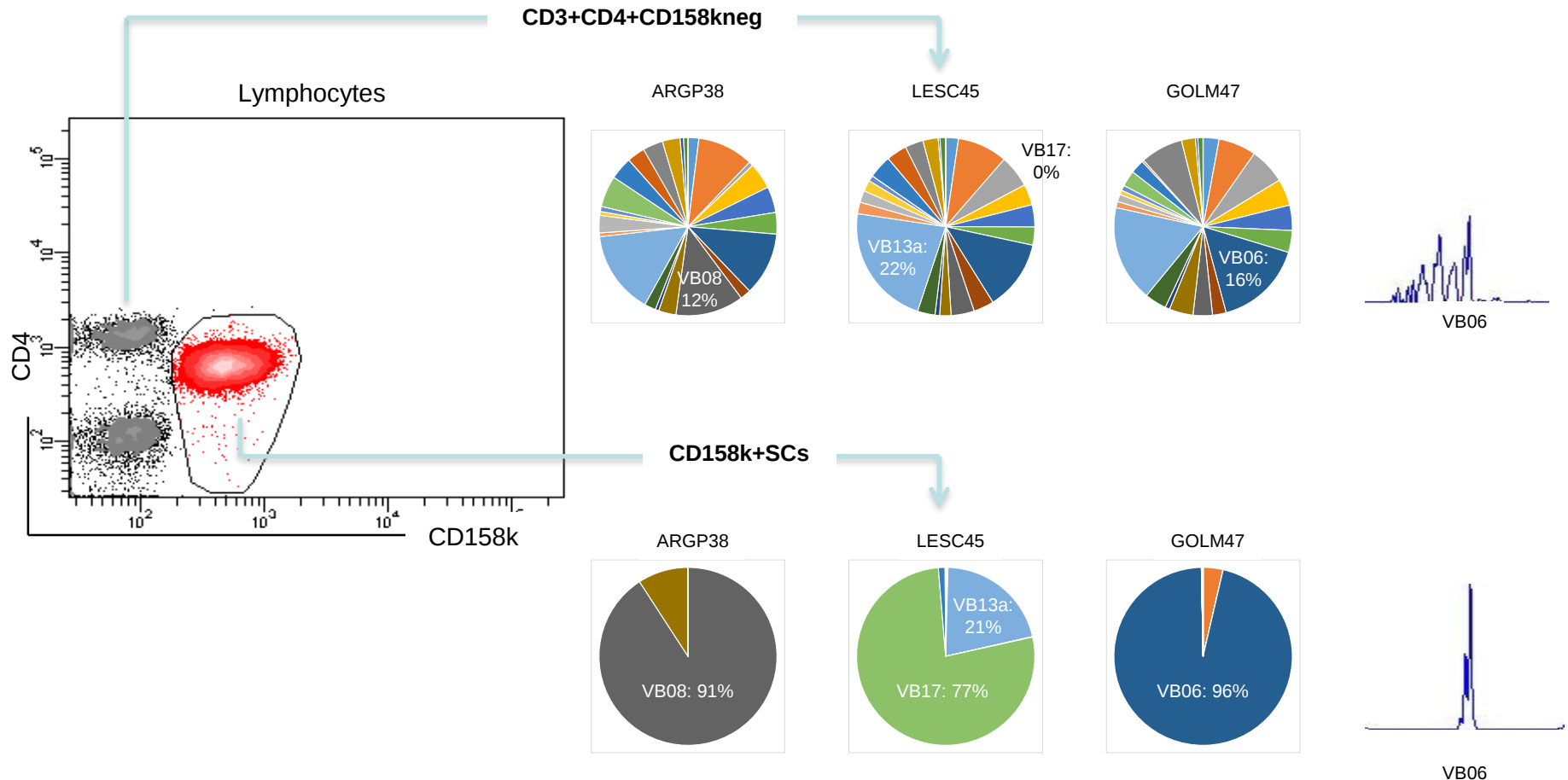
Identification of Sezary cells using either cytomorphology, flow-cytometry or TCR repertoire



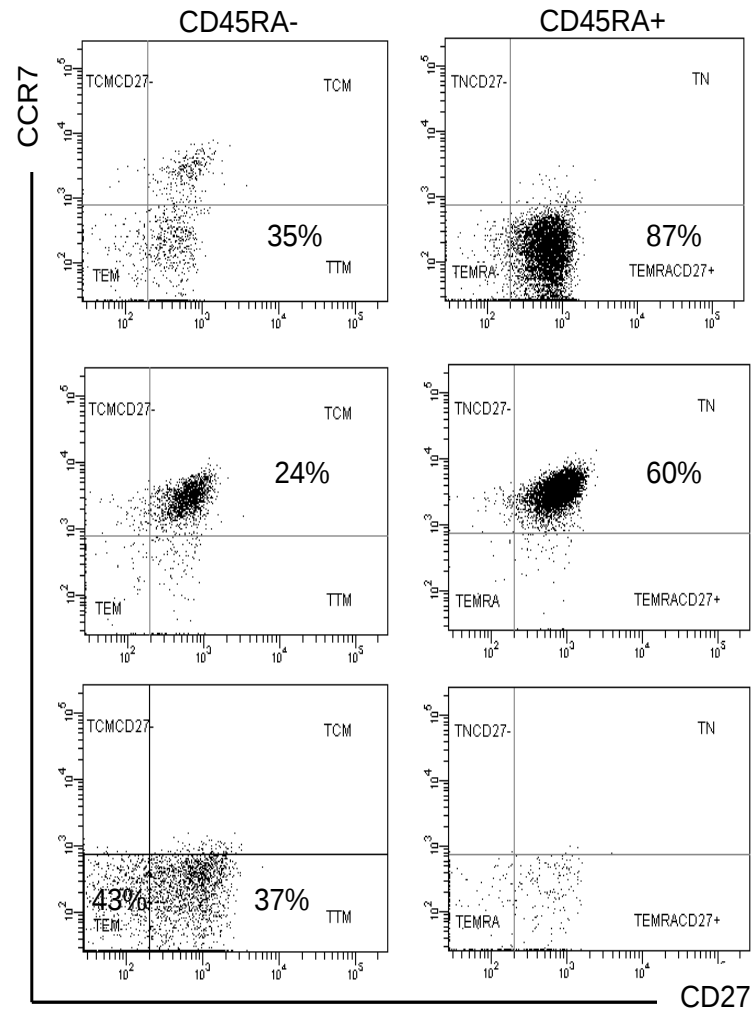
Longitudinal evolution over a period of 18 and 12 months

Analysis of CD158k+ T cells

Immunoscope analysis of V β families from CD158k+CD4+T cell and CD158k+T cells

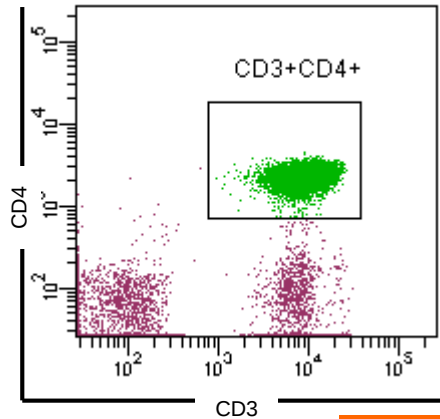


Phenotypic heterogeneity of CD158k+ T cells: memory and naive subsets



3 patients at initial diagnosis

Phenotypic heterogeneity of T cells

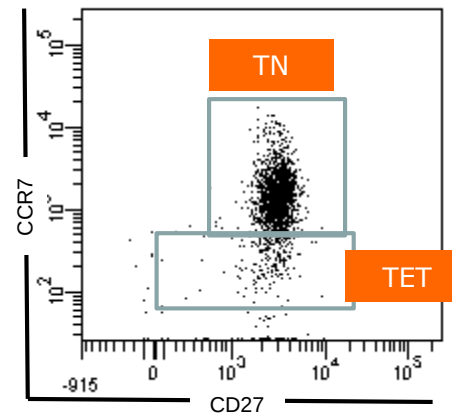
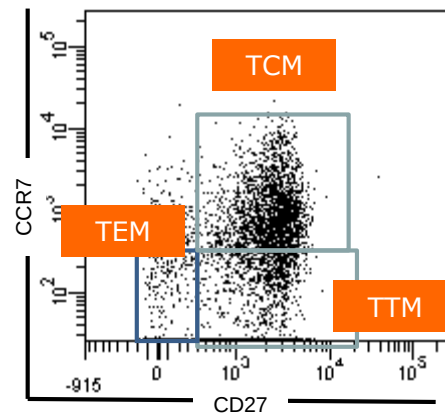
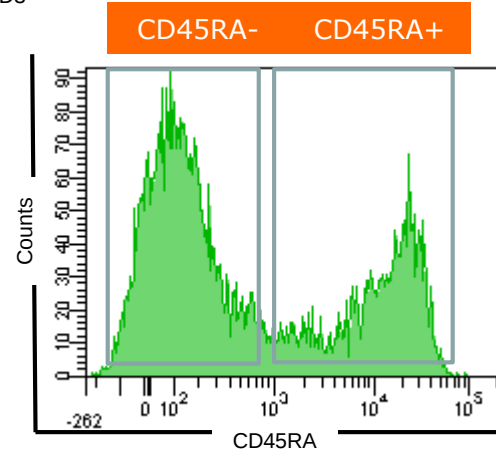
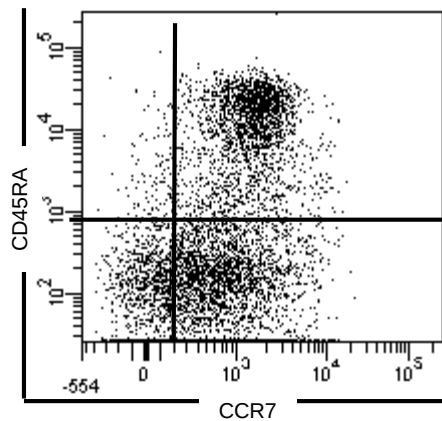


CD45RA+

- CCR7+CD27= T Naive
- CCR7-CD27-= T Effector Terminal

CD45RA-

- CCR7+CD27+= T Central Memory
- CCR7-CD27+= T Transitional Memory
- CCR7-CD27-= T Effector Memory



Phenotypic heterogeneity of CTCL

blood

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Sézary syndrome and mycosis fungoides arise from distinct T-cell subsets: a biologic rationale for their distinct clinical behaviors

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- Sezary patients:
Central memory T-cells
CD45RA-CCR7+CD27+
- Mycosis fungoides:
Effector memory T cells
CD45RA-CCR7-CD27-

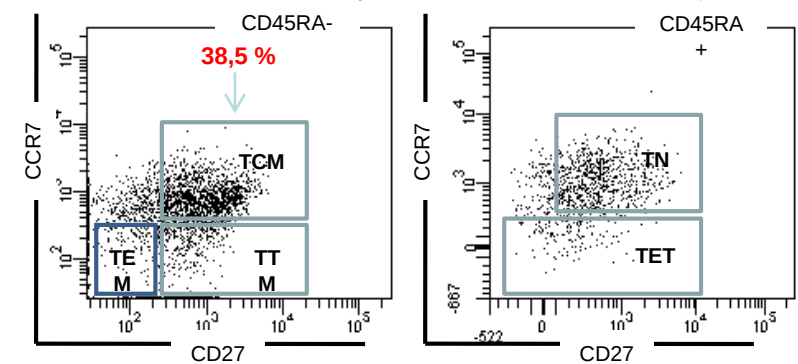
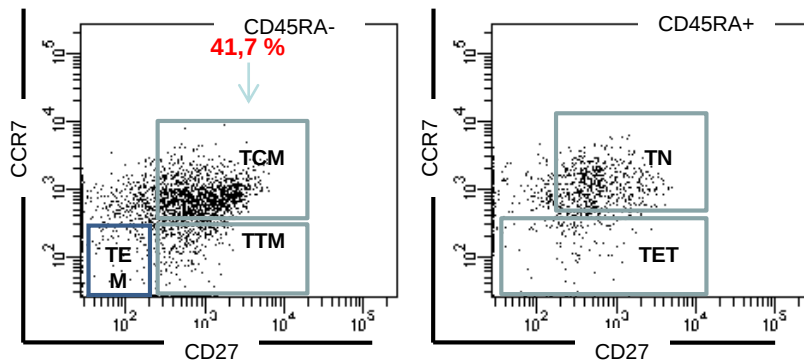
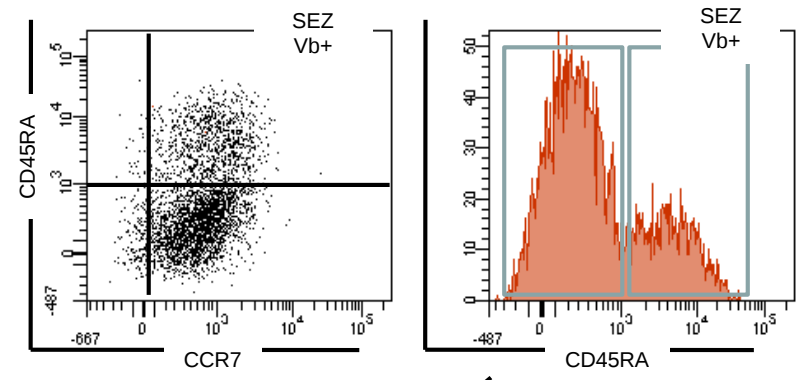
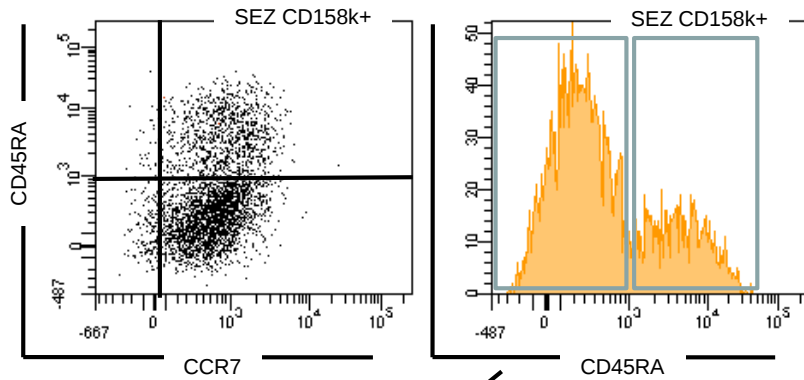
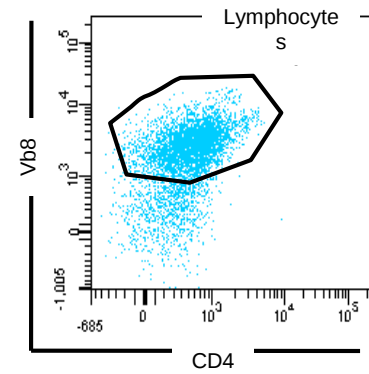
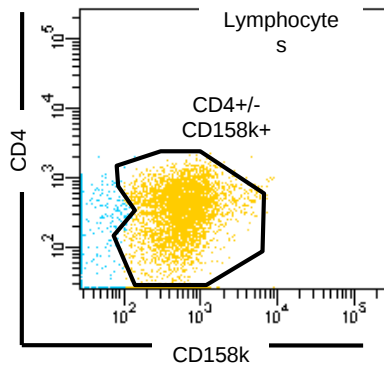
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Skin effector memory T cells do not recirculate and provide immune protection in alemtuzumab-treated CTCL patients

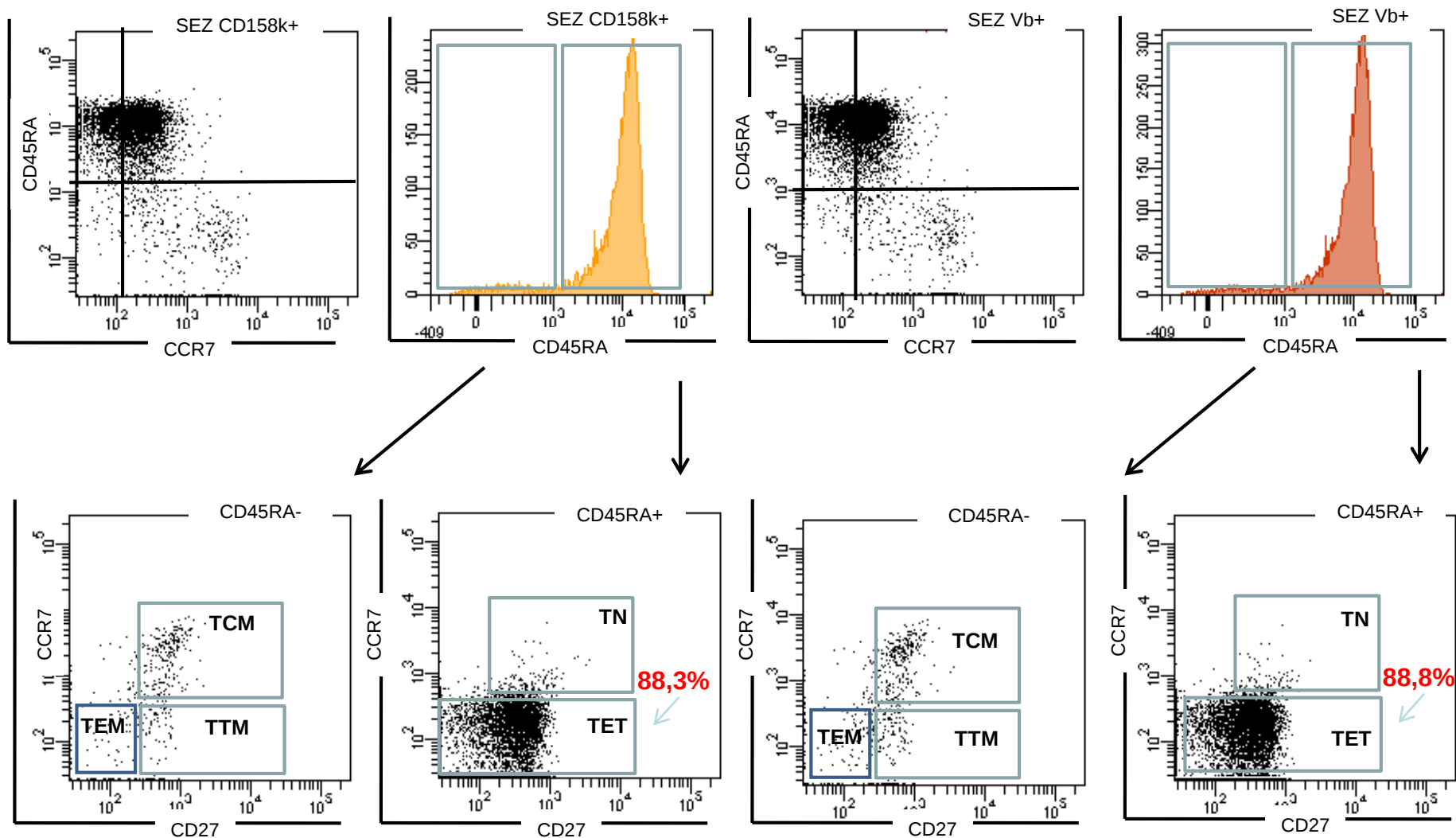
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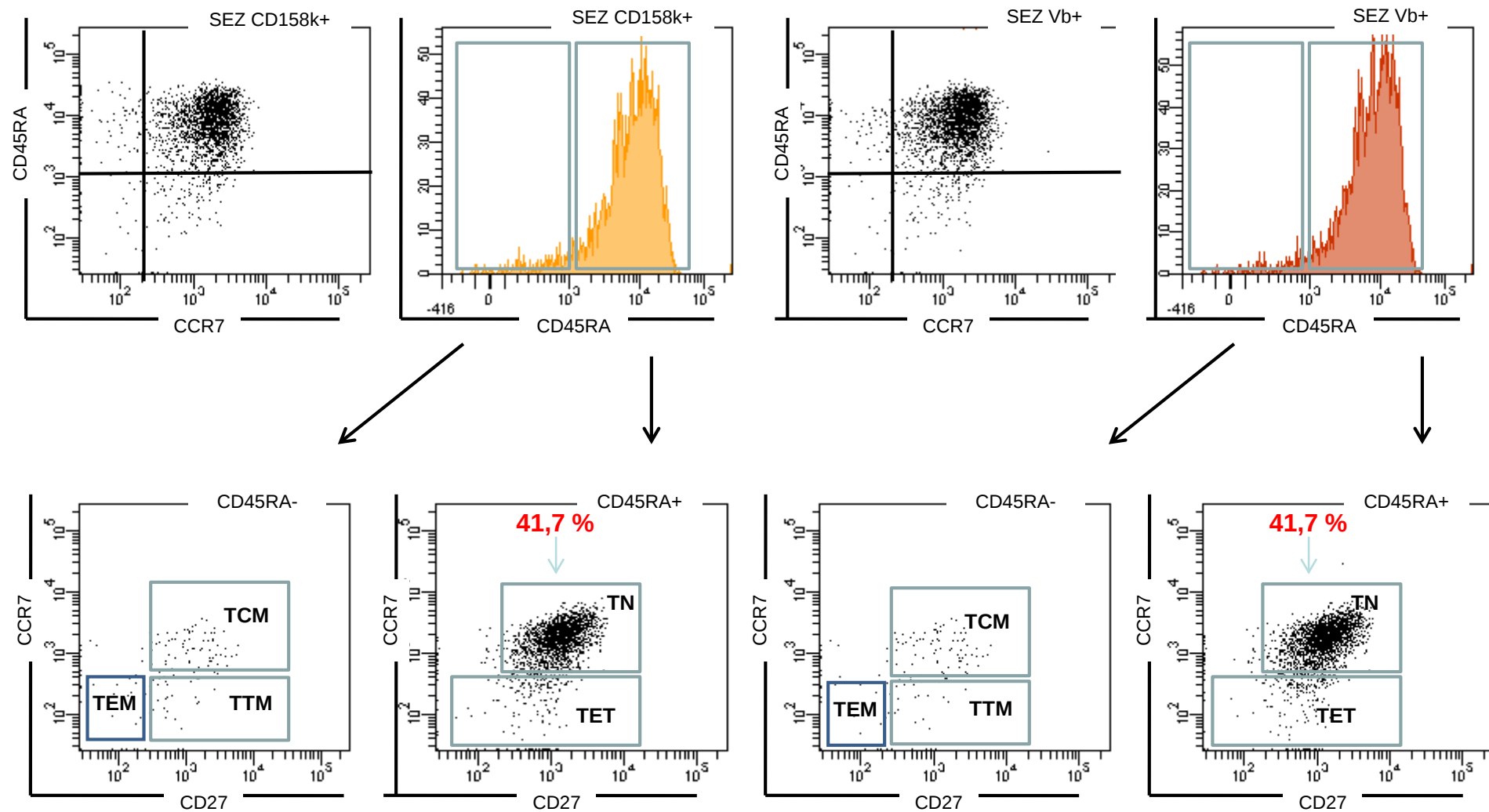


Phenotype: Central memory : **CD45RA-**CCR7+CD27+

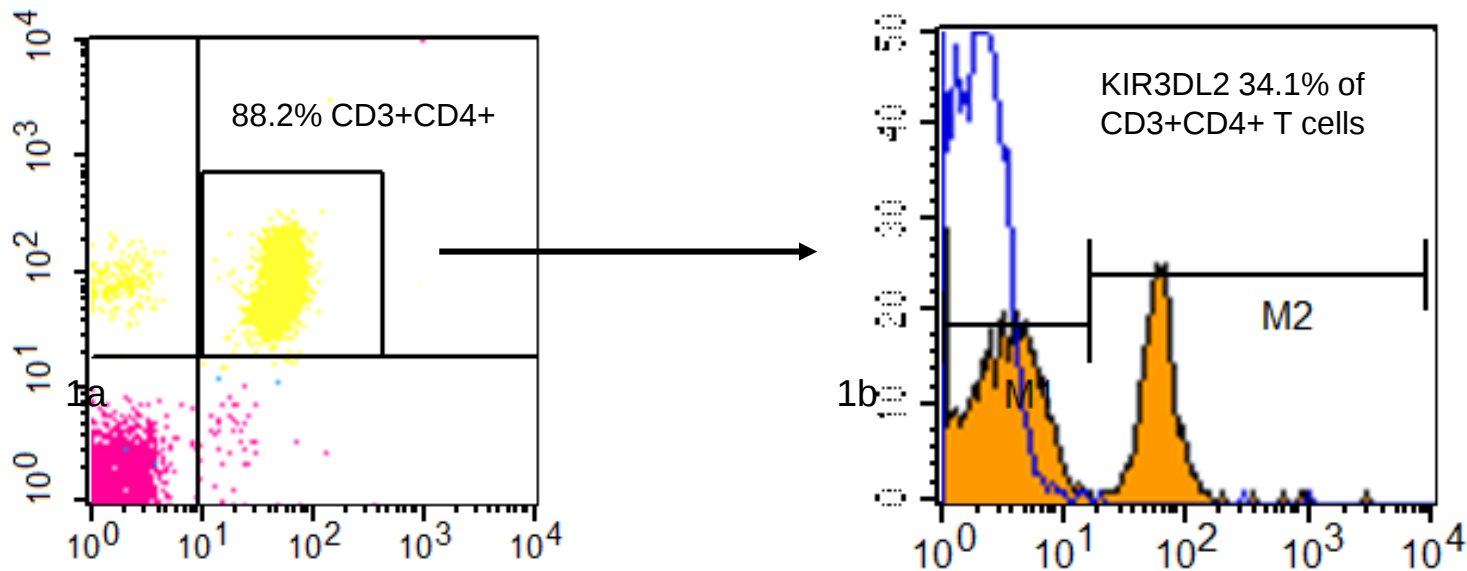
Phenotype Effector Terminal : **CD45RA+CCR7-CD27-**



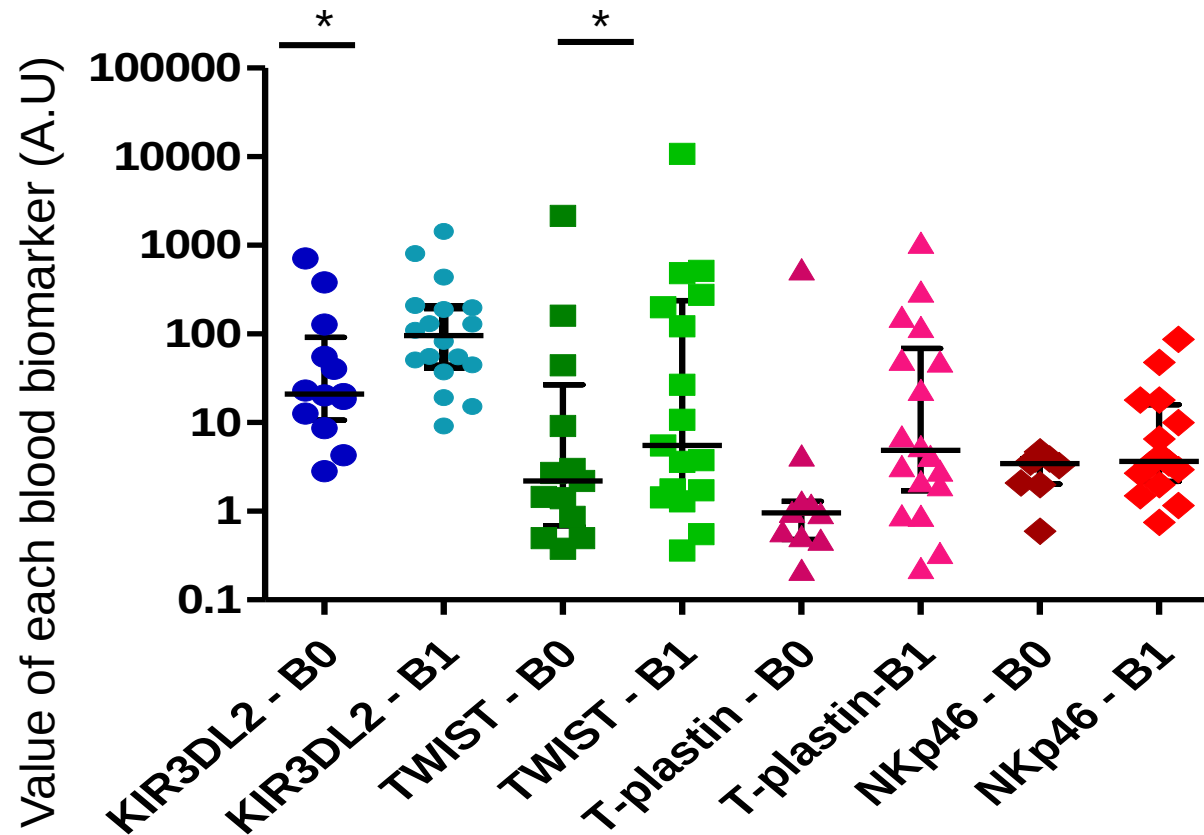
Naive Phenotype : CD45RA+CCR7+CD27+



Flow cytometric analysis of CD3+CD4+KIR3DL2+ cells in a B1 erythrodermic mycosis fungoides



Blood biomarkers in B0 and B1 Erythrodermic MF patients



Sezary cells also express activating Killer cell Ig-like Receptors



blood

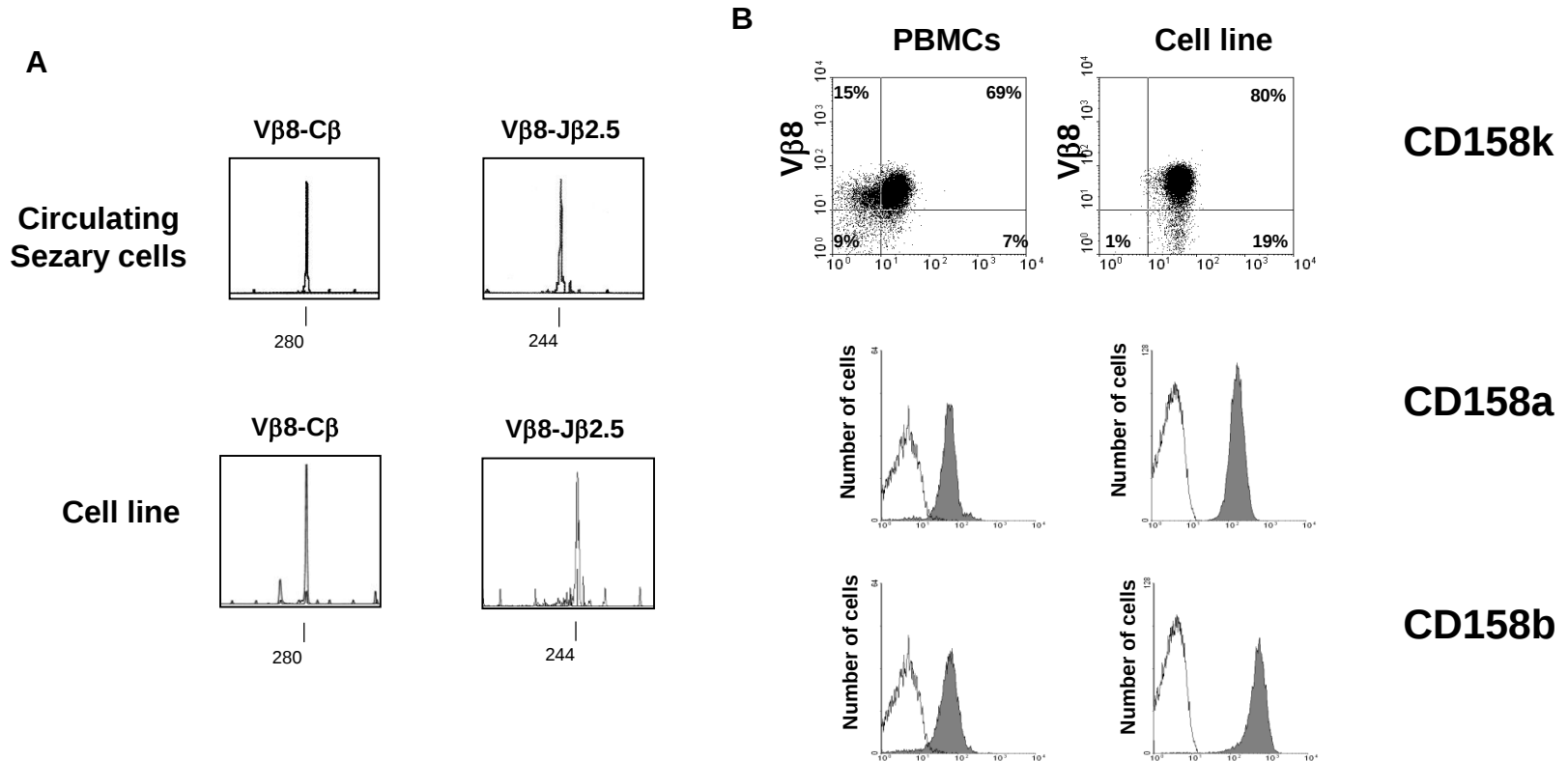
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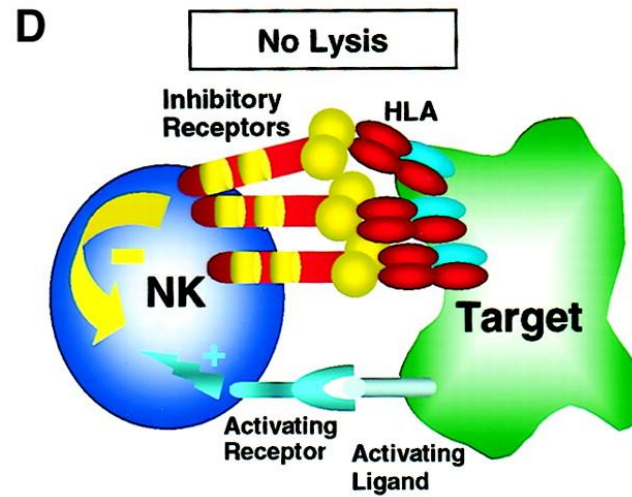
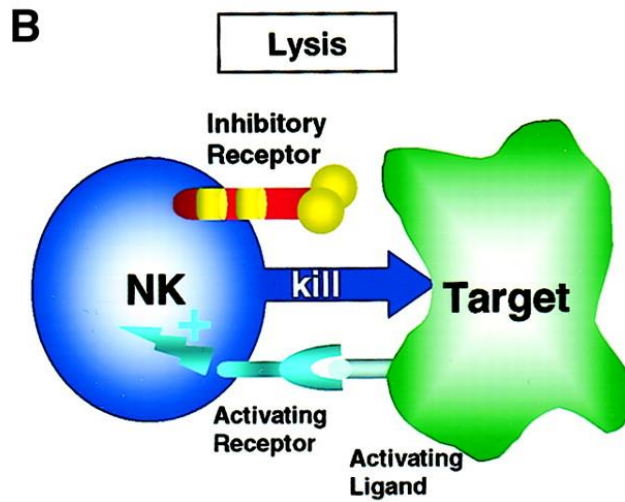
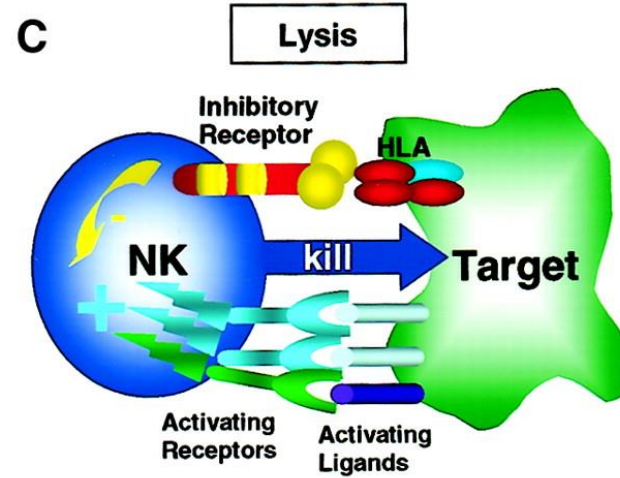
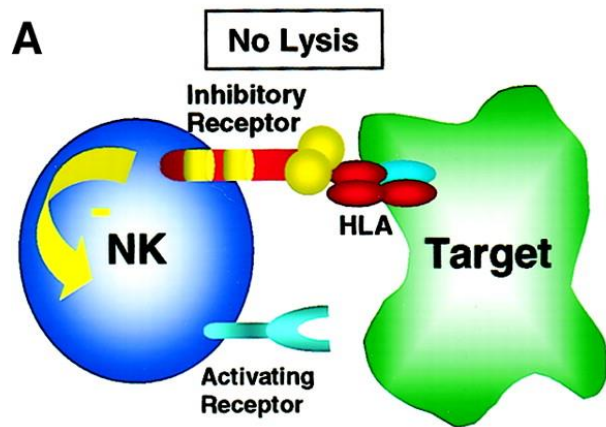
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Expression of other KIRs by Sezary cells



What is the function of CD158k/KIR3DL2
on CTCL cells ?

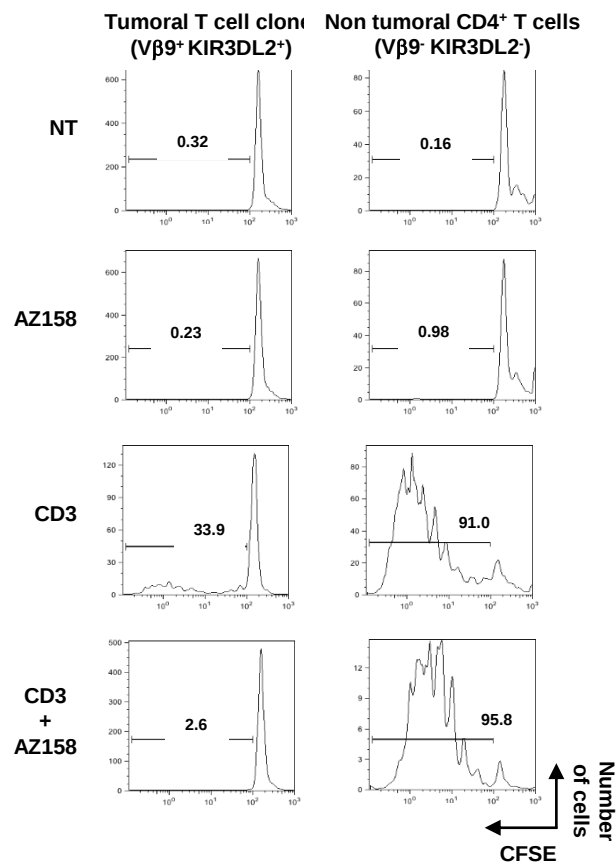




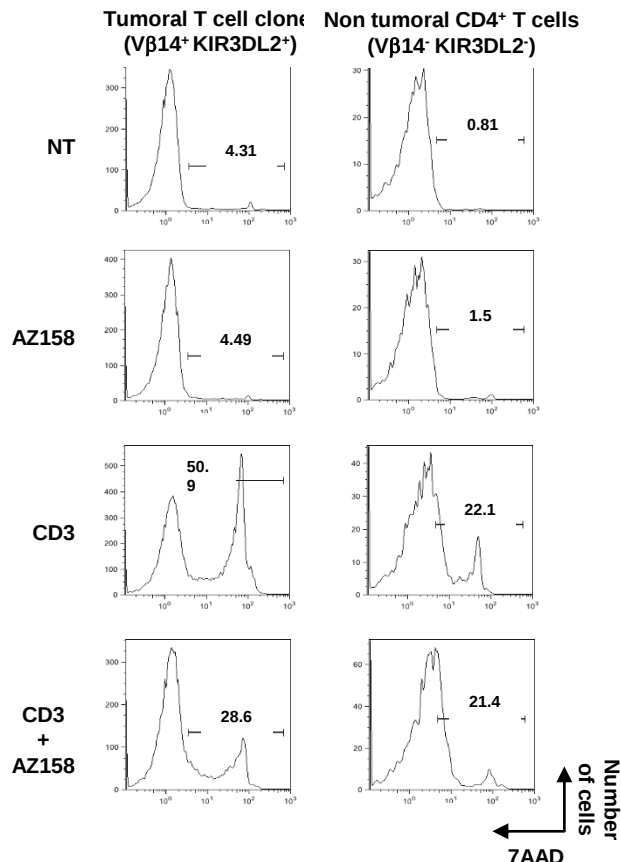
KIR3DL2 is a coinhibitory receptor on Sézary syndrome malignant T cells that promotes resistance to activation-induced cell death

Nicolas Thonnart, Anne Caudron, Isabel Legaz, Martine Bagot, Armand Bensussan and Anne Marie-Cardine

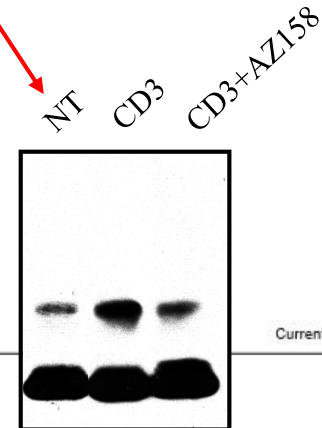
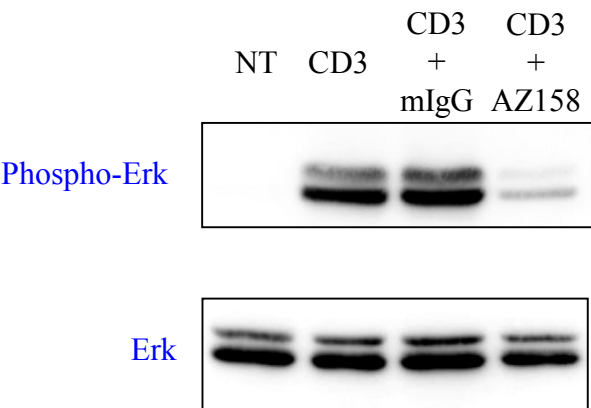
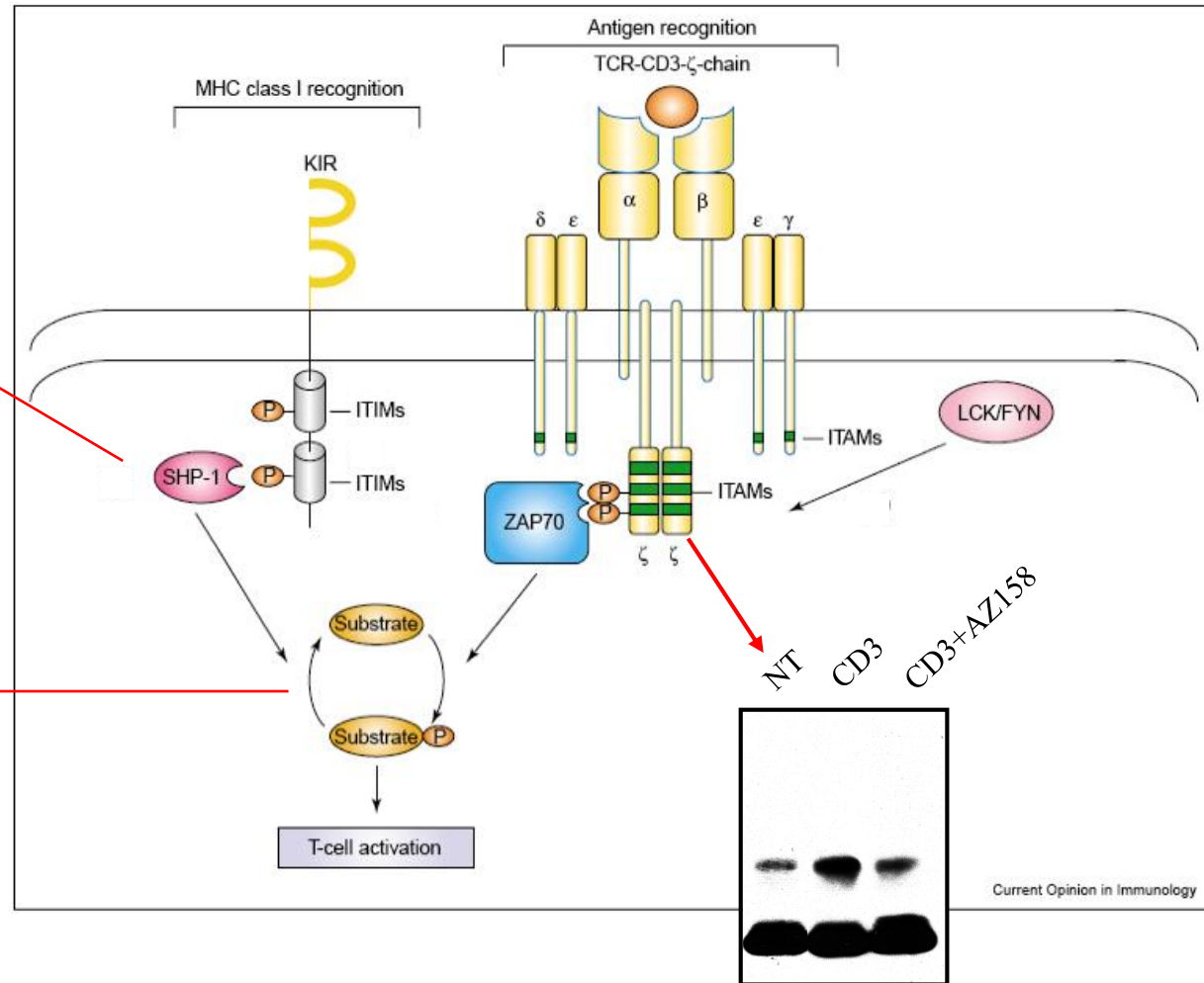
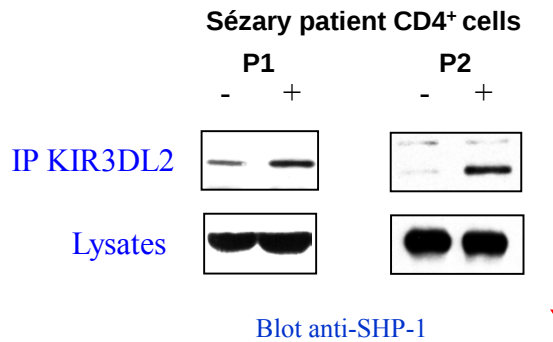
Prolifération



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Inhibition of the CD3-mediated activation upon CD158k recruitment

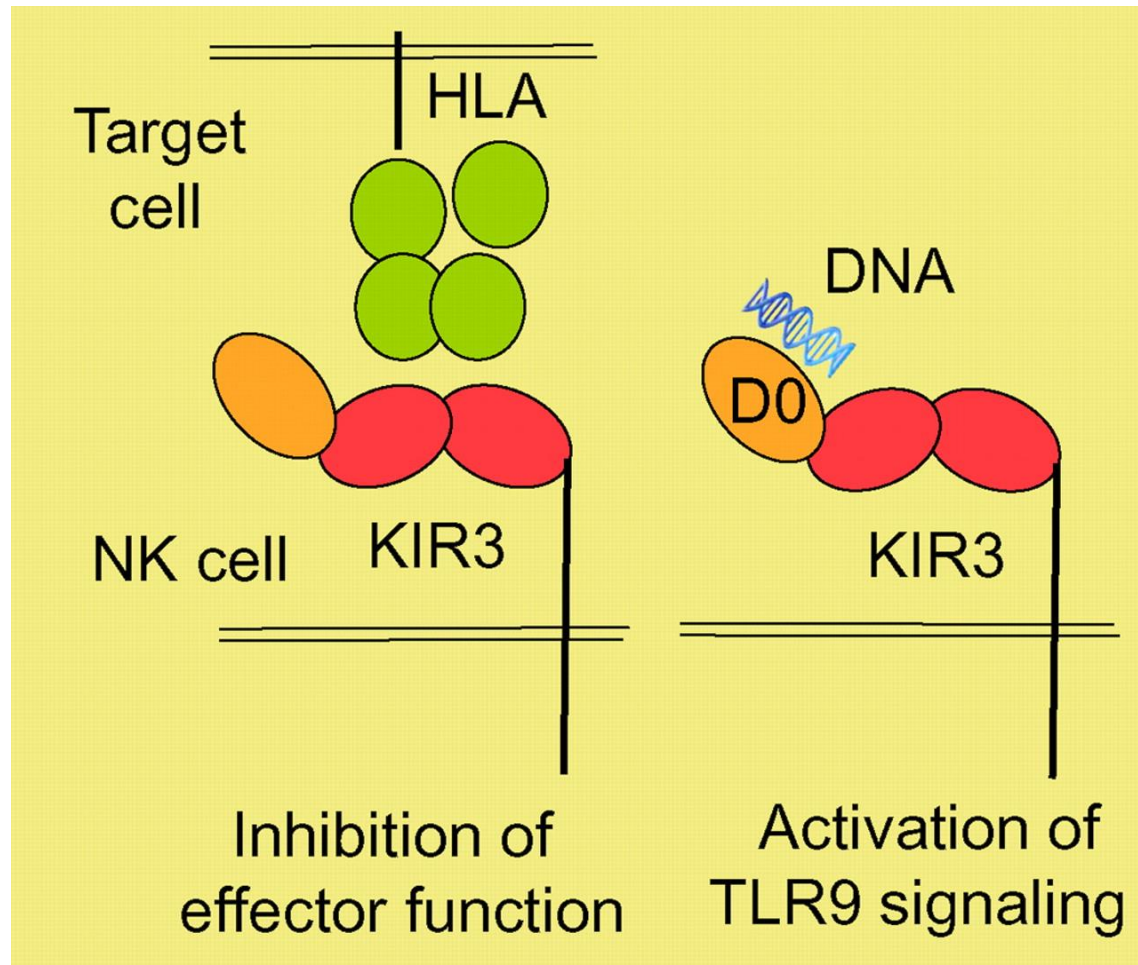


Co-inhibitory receptor

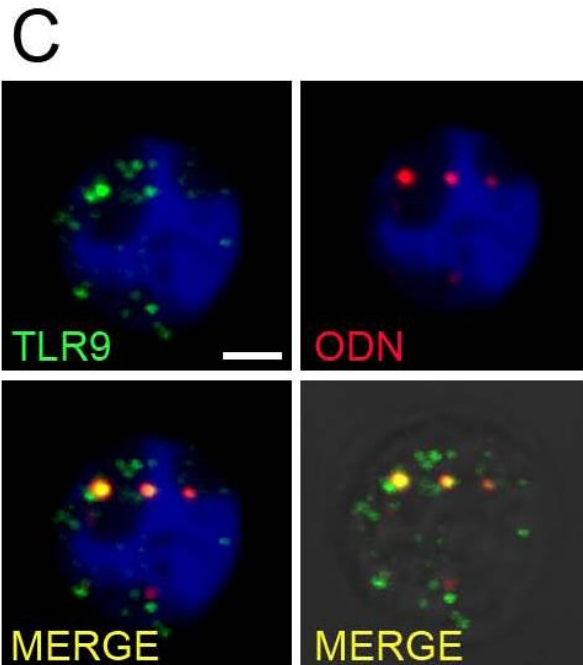
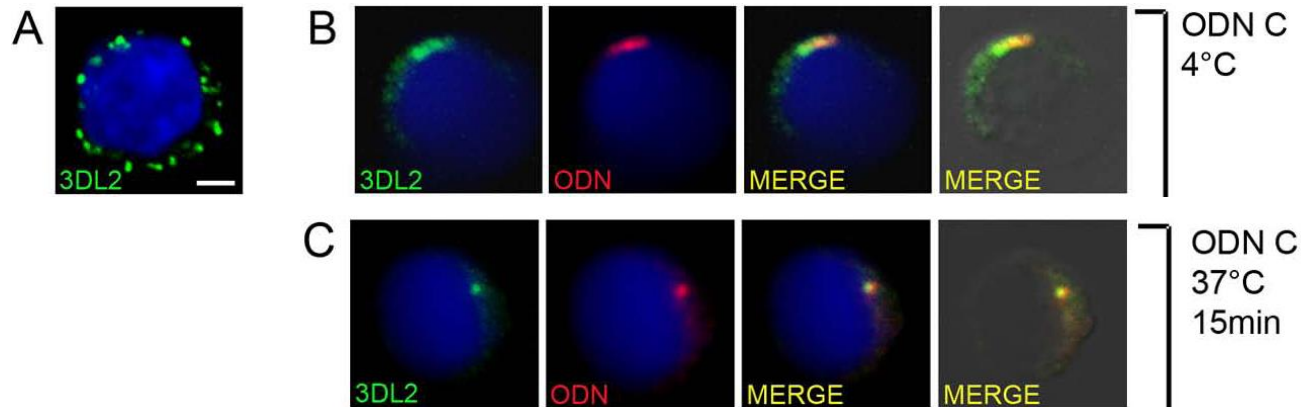
Phospho-ζ

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A novel KIR-associated function: evidence that
CpG DNA uptake and shuttling to early endosomes is
mediated by KIR3DL2

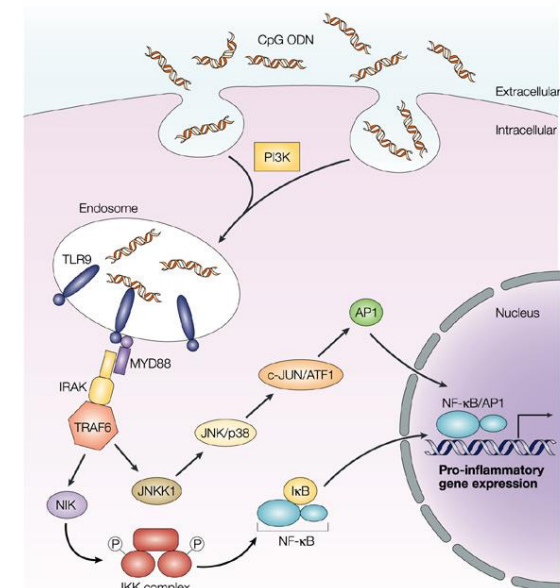


Visualisation of KIR3DL2-ODN interactions by confocal microscopy



Co-internalisation of KIR3DL2 and CpG-ODN in endosomes where TLR9 is located

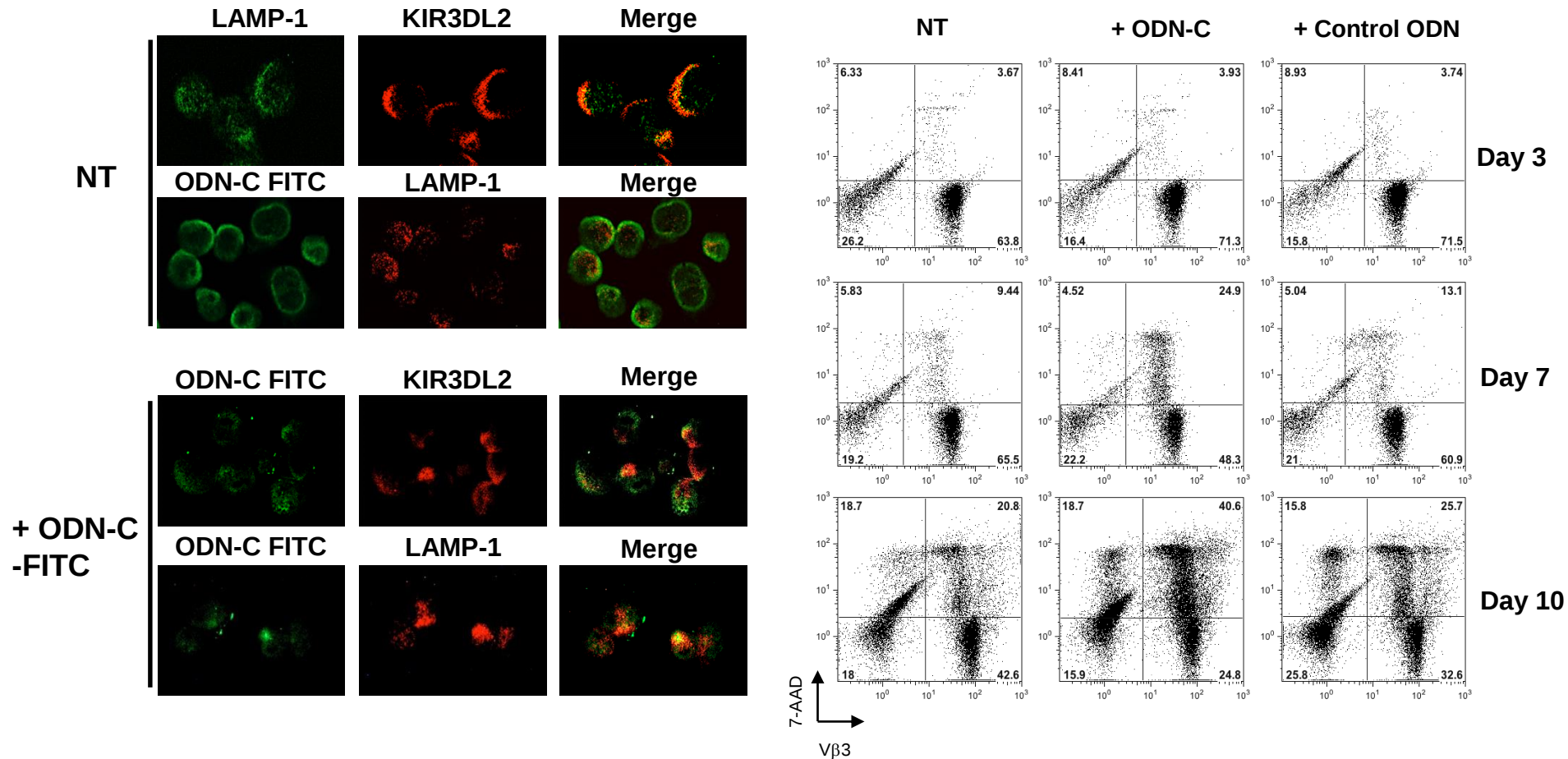
Sivori et al, Blood 2010



KIR3DL2/CpG ODN Interaction Mediates Sézary Syndrome Malignant T Cell Apoptosis

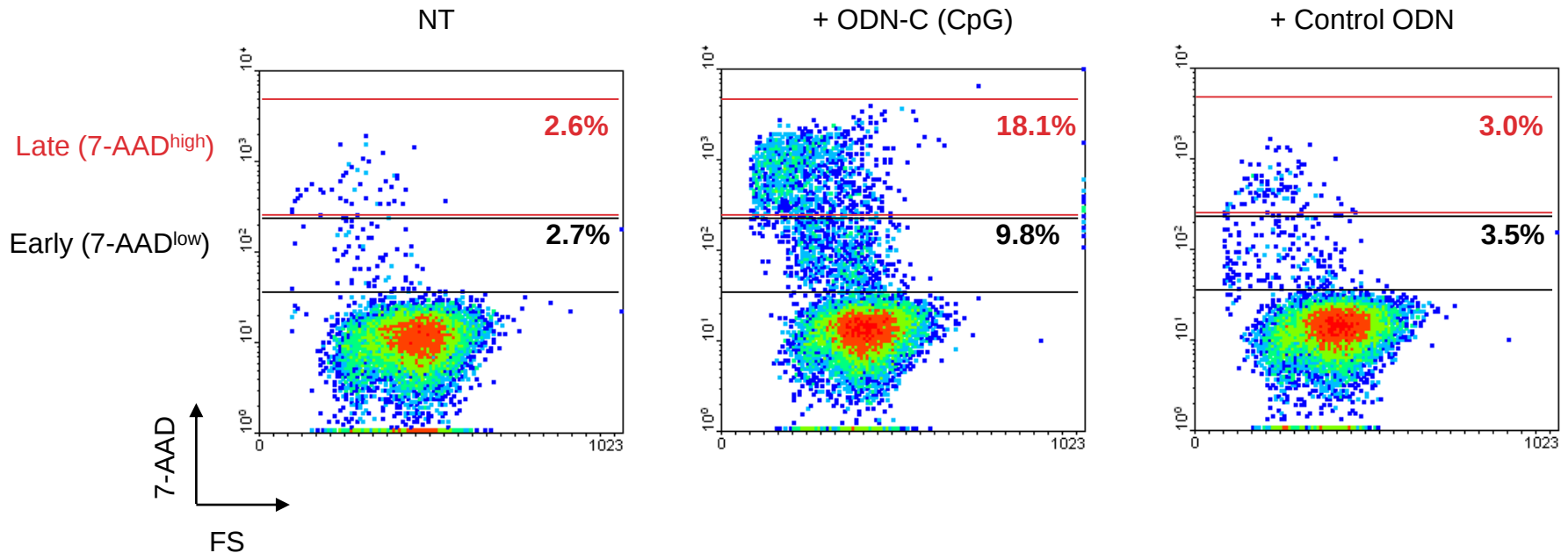
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KIR3DL2-CpG ODN interactions induces Sézary cell death

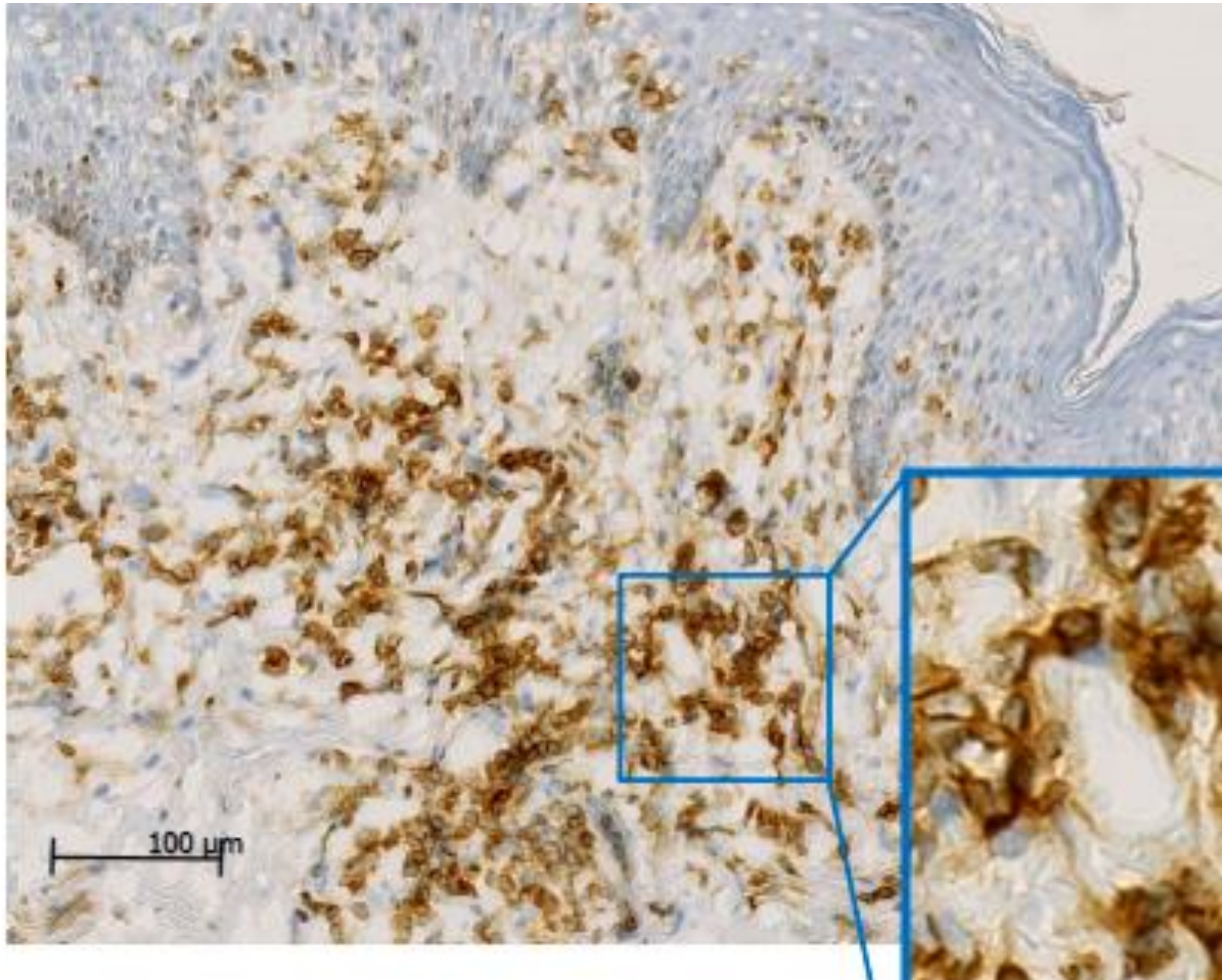
Sézary Patient
Gate: TCRV β 8⁺ CD4⁺



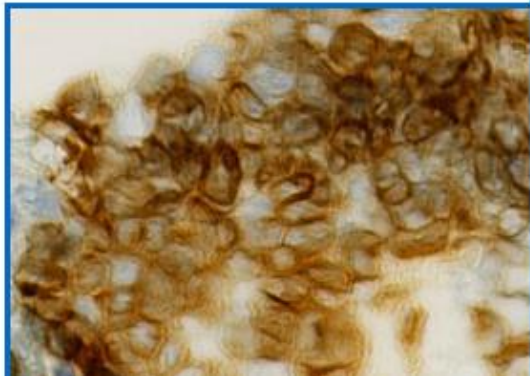
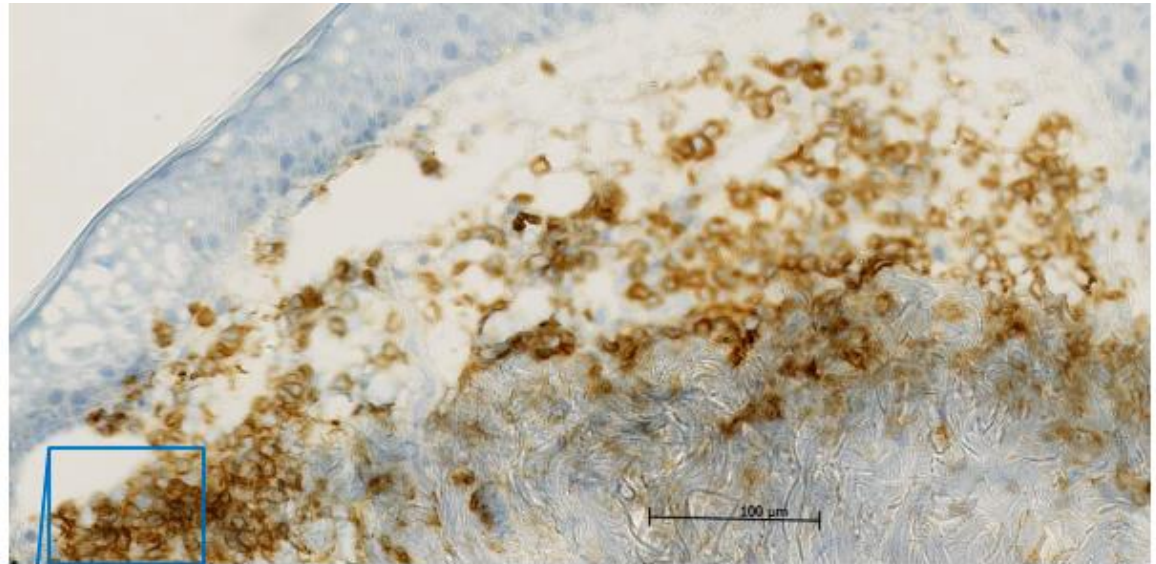
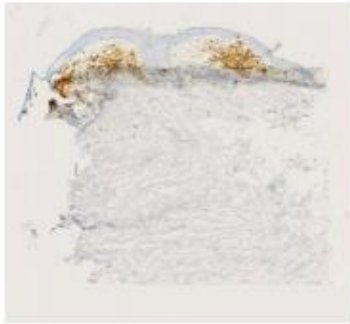
What is the distribution
of CD158k/KIR3DL2 ?



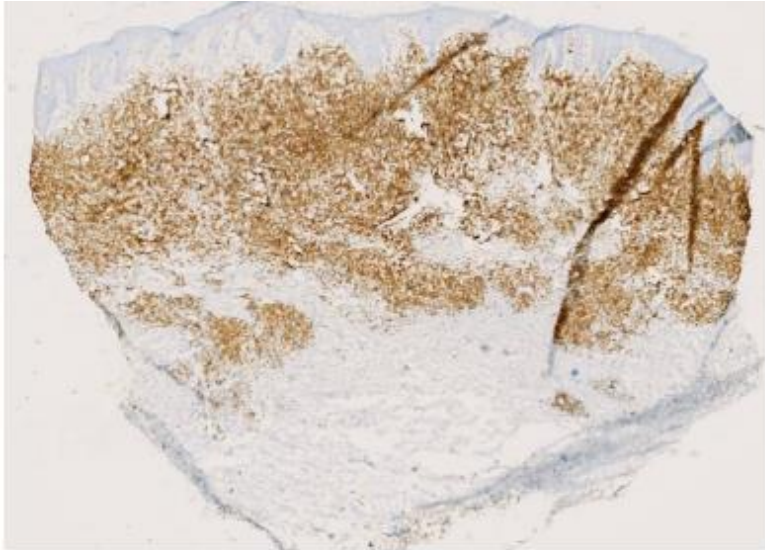
Sezary Syndrome



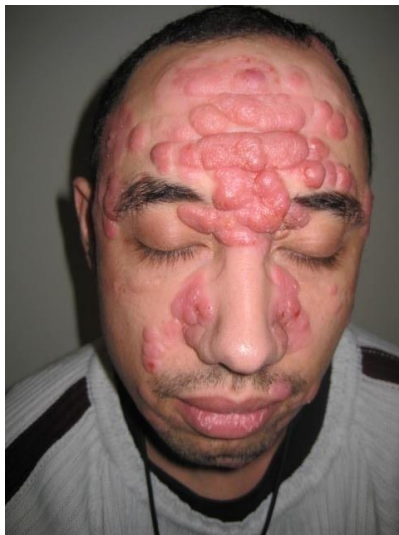
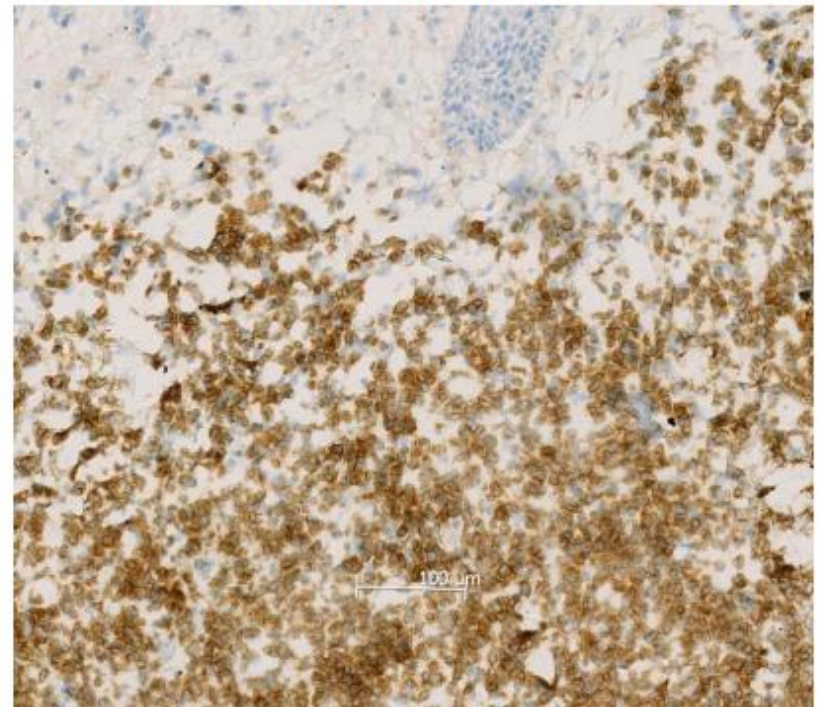
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Transformed mycosis fungoides



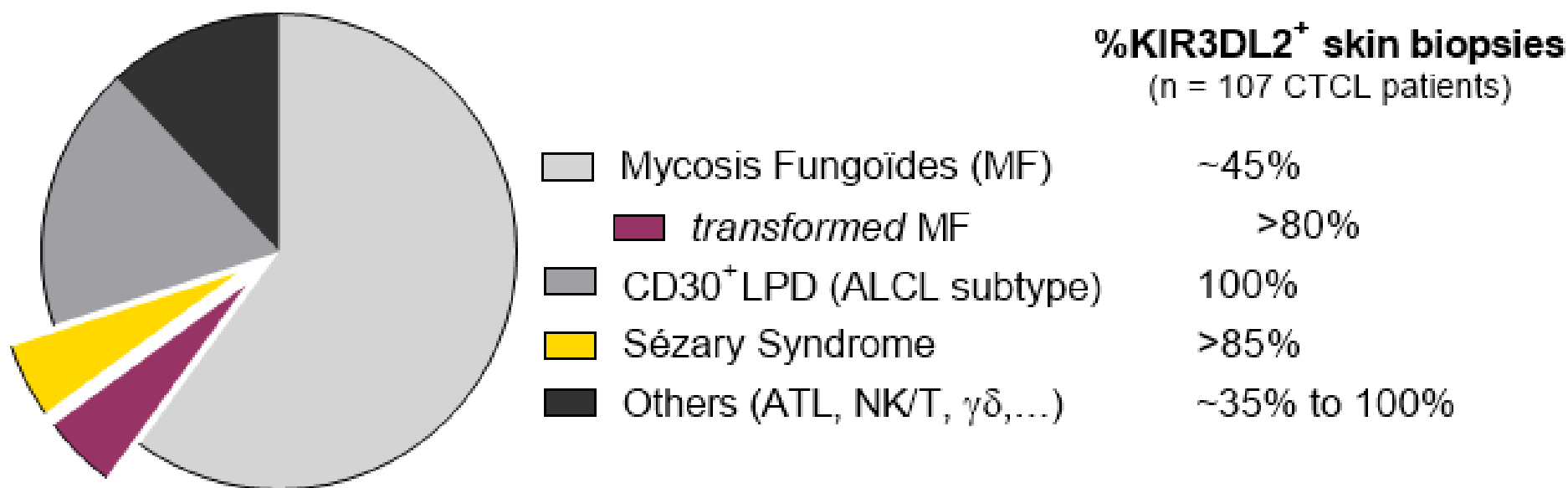
TMF grade IIB / 96% of tumoral cells KIR3DL2 positive



CTCL landscape

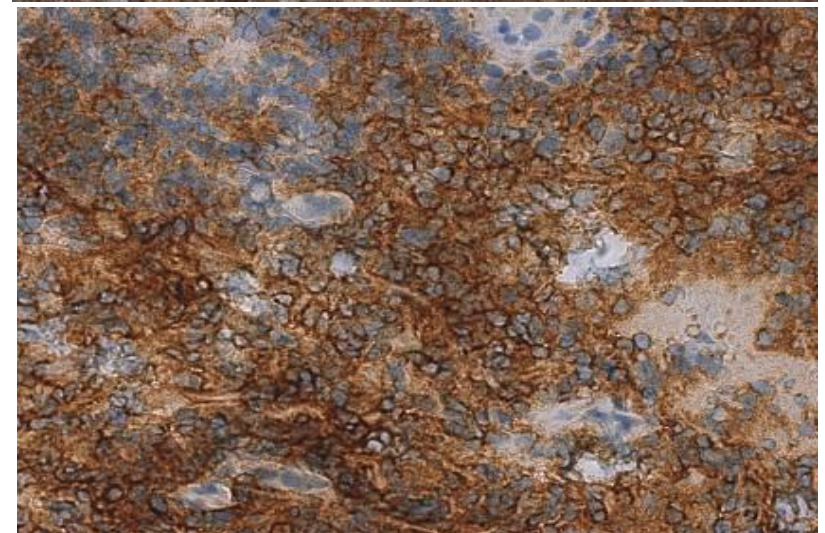
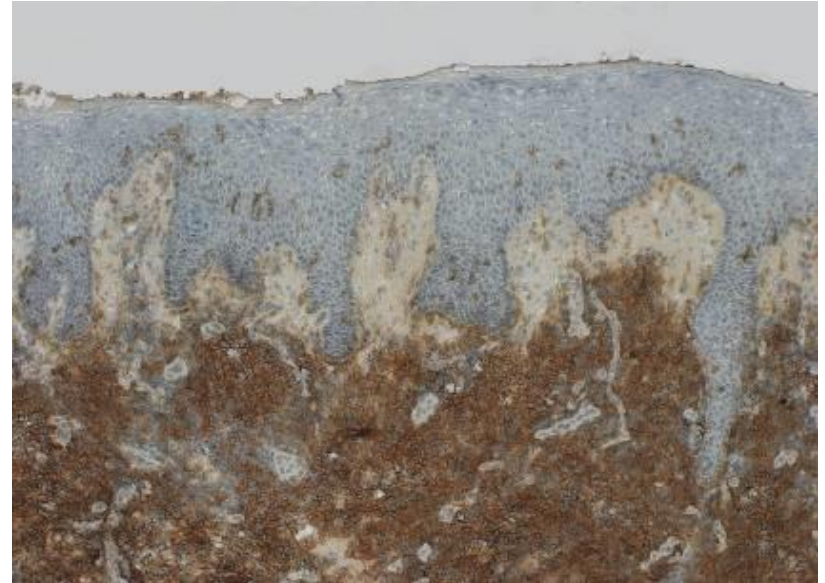
KIR3DL2 expression by WHO-EORTC subtype

CTCL subtypes
per WHO-EORTC classification

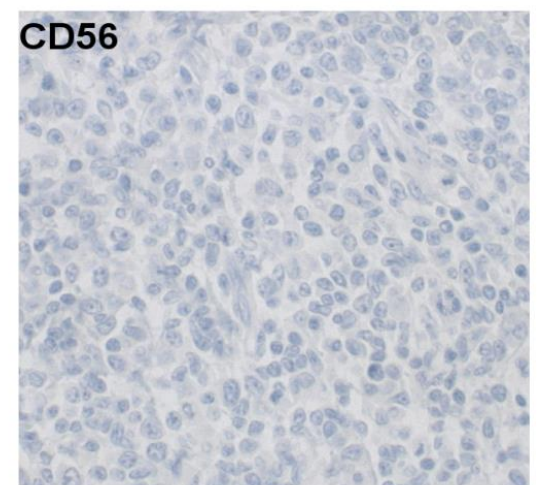
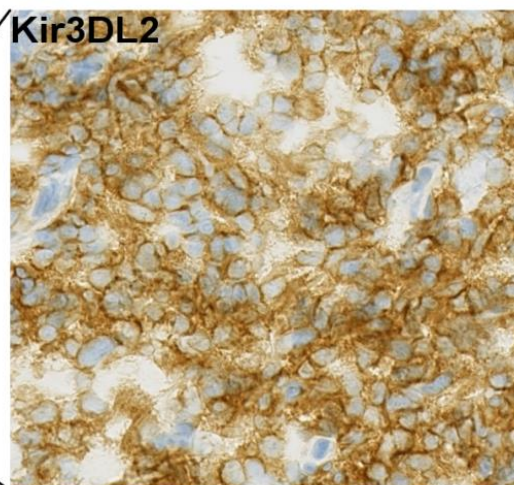
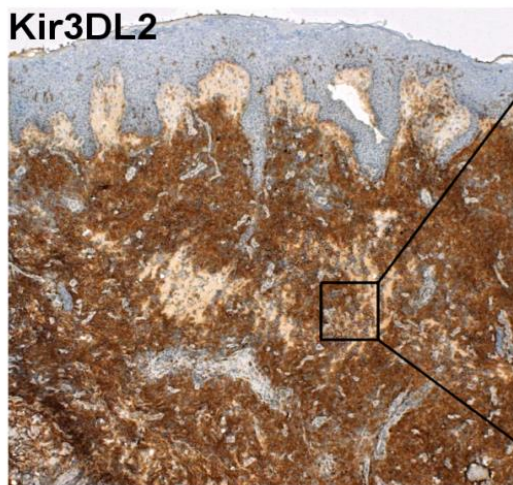
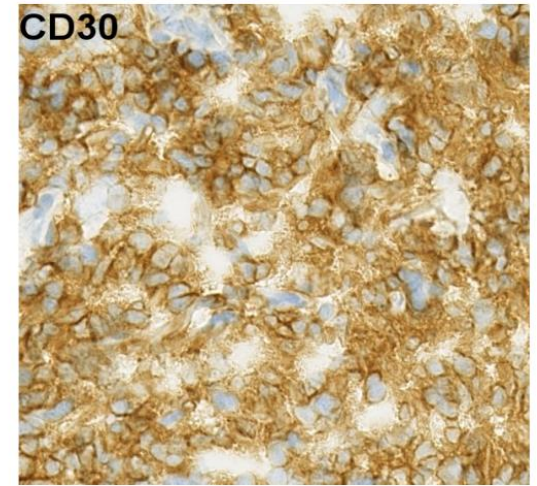
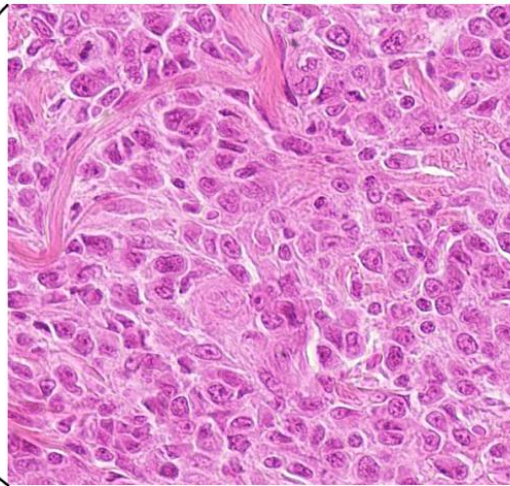
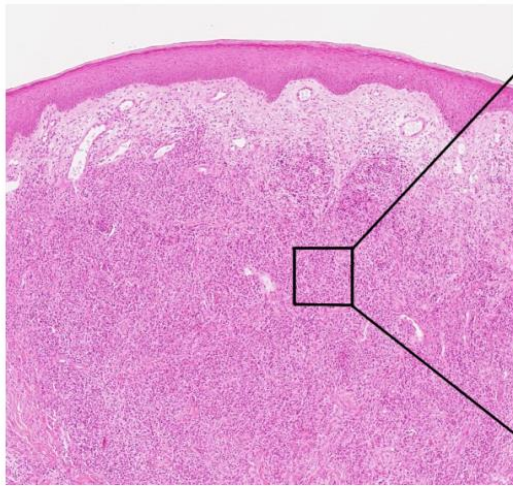


KIR3DL2 is expressed in ~65% of all CTCL, irrespective of disease subtype.
Expression is more prominent in Sézary syndrome, transformed mycosis fungoides and CD30⁺ LPD (ALCL subtype)

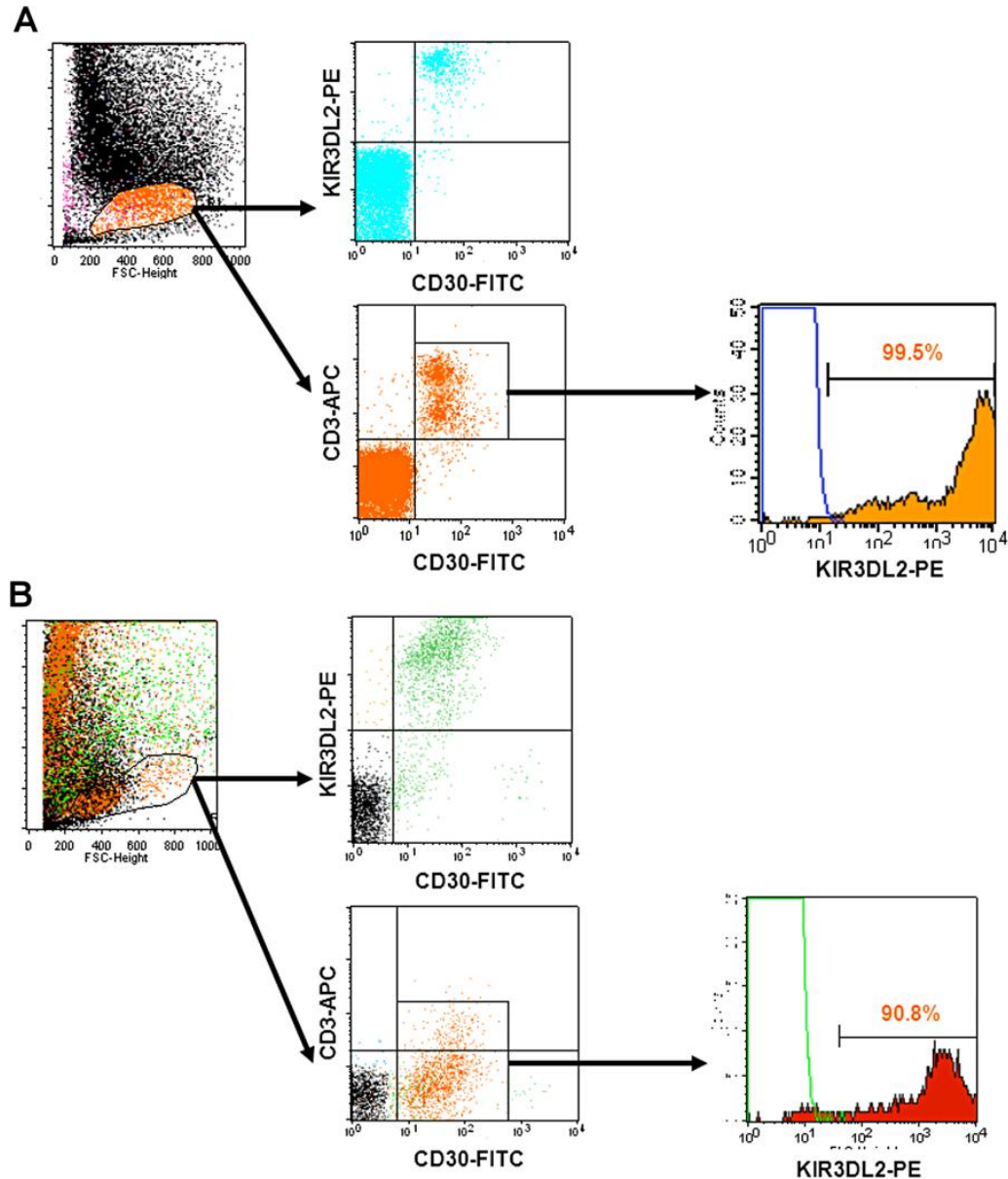
Primary cutaneous anaplastic large cell lymphoma



KIR3DL2 expression in primary cutaneous anaplastic large-cell lymphoma

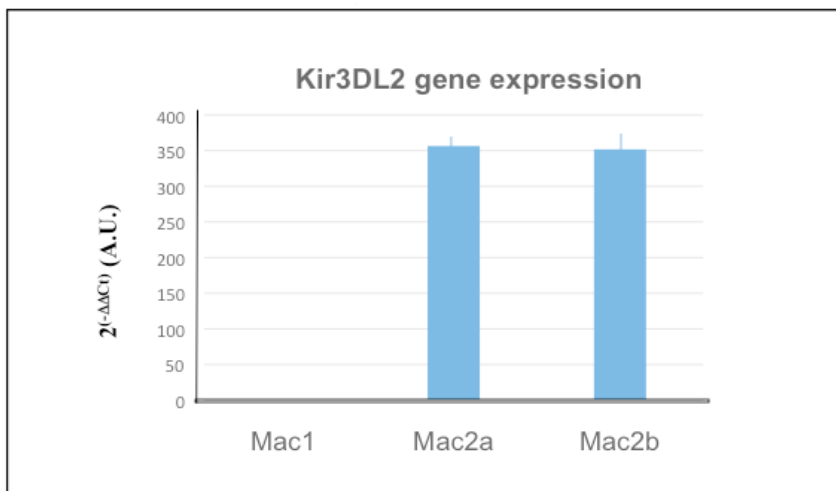


Strong KIR3DL2 expression by skin-infiltrating lymphocytes in pcALCL

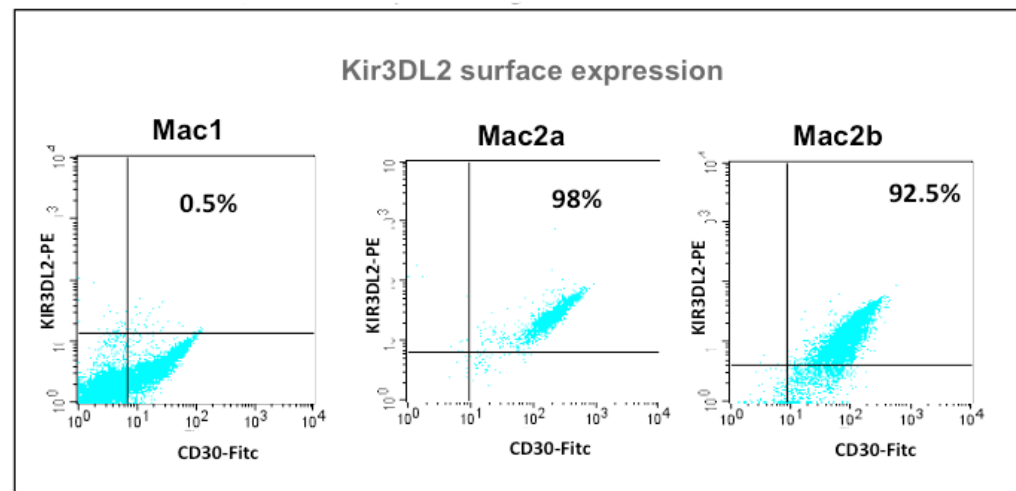


KIR3DL2 is expressed by Mac2a and Mac2b ALCL lines

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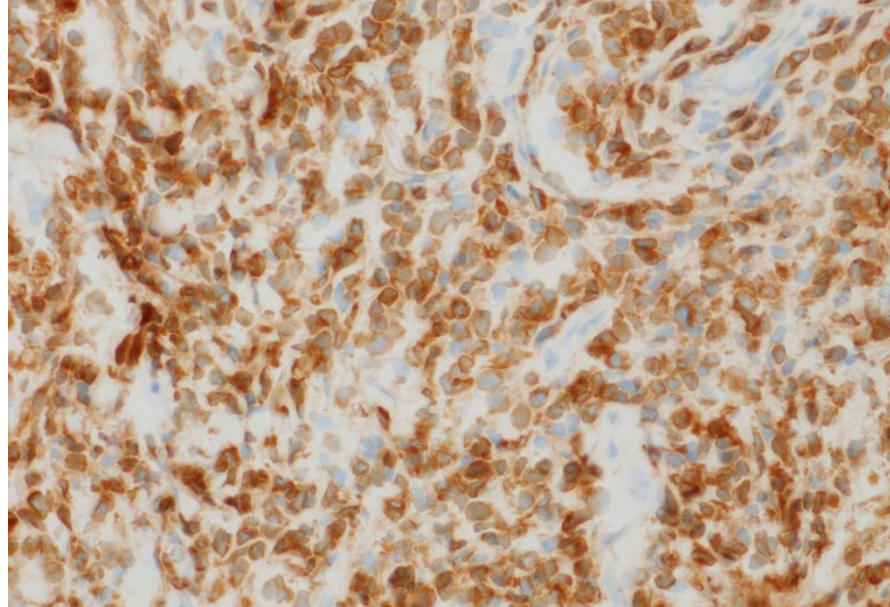
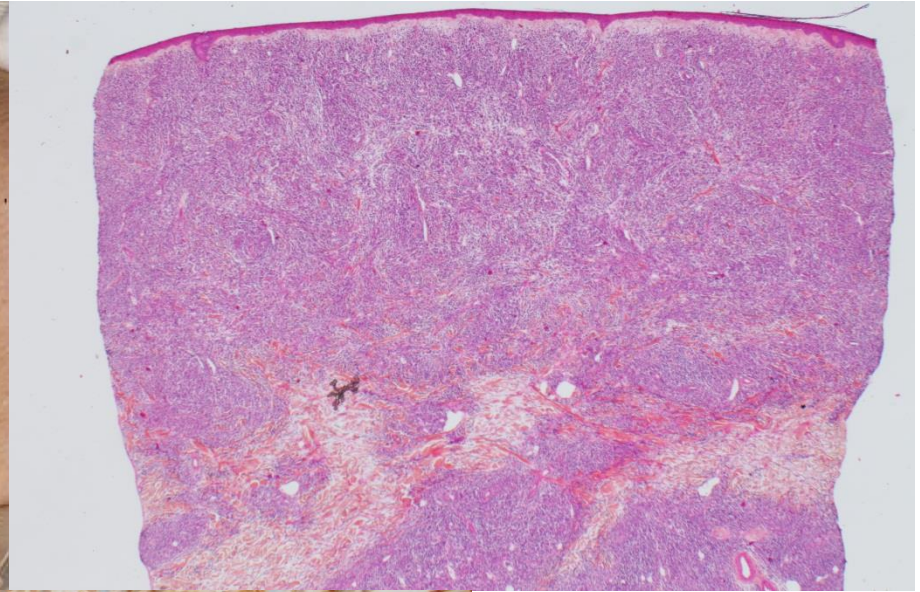


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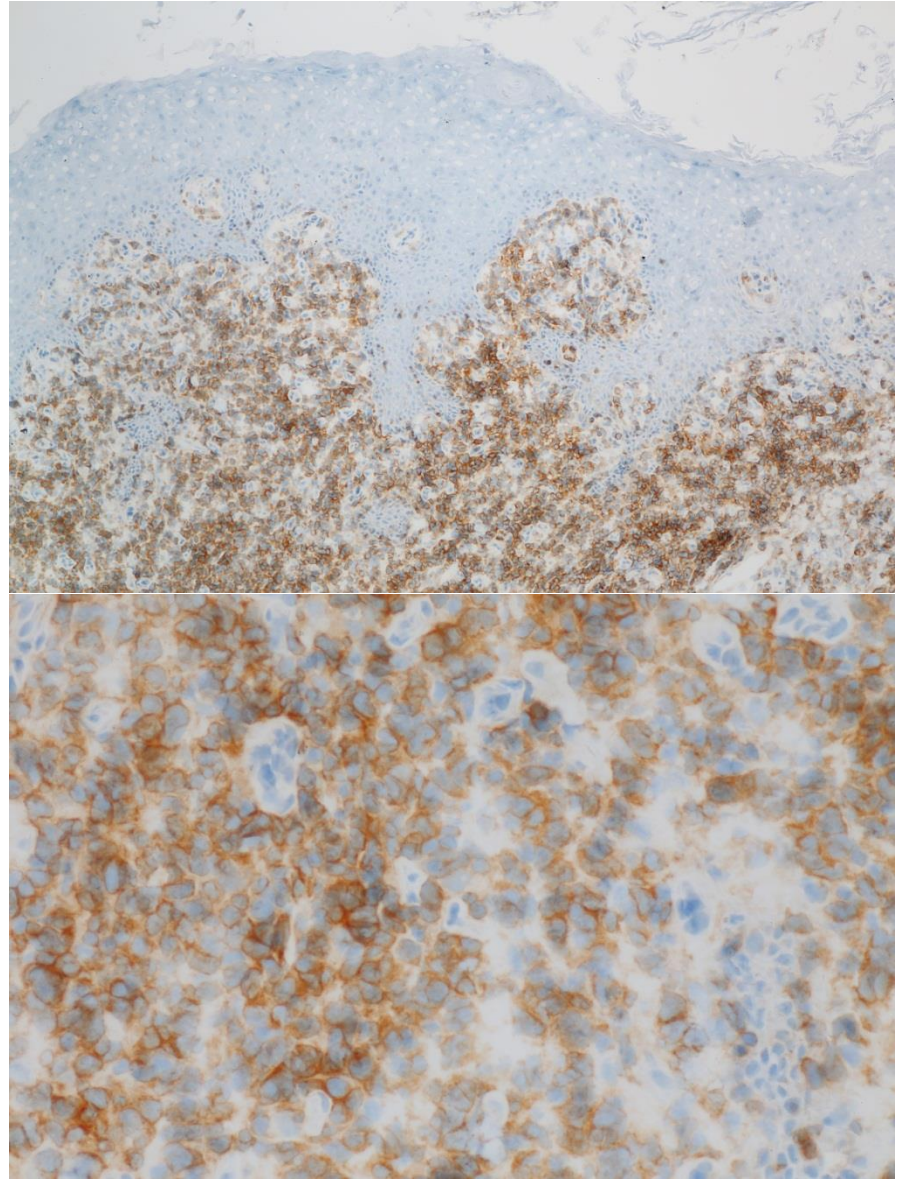


- Mac2a and Mac2b cell lines were derived from separate, rapidly growing skin tumors during disease progression, in a pcALCL patient
- Mac1 was derived from circulating tumor cells in the blood of the same patient during an earlier indolent course of the disease

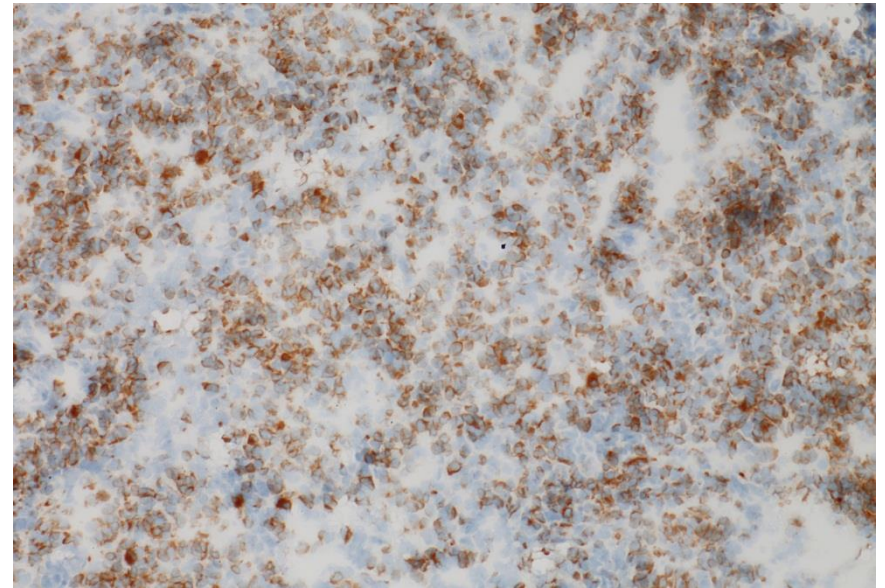
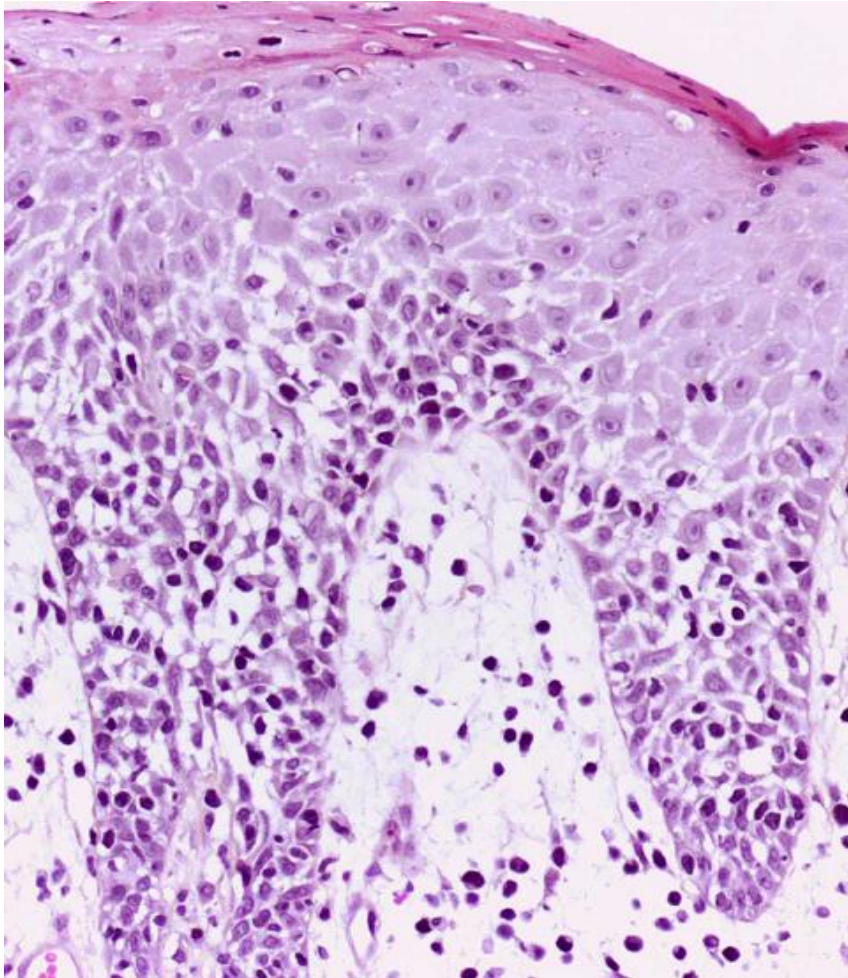
Cutaneous γ/δ T-cell lymphoma



Extranodal NK/T lymphoma, nasal type



Primary cutaneous aggressive epidermotropic CD8+ T-cell lymphoma



Is there a rationale to develop
an anti-KIR3DL2 Immunotherapy ?



NK cells of Sezary patients are functional

Circulating Natural Killer Lymphocytes Are Potential Cytotoxic Effectors Against Autologous Malignant Cells in Sezary Syndrome Patients

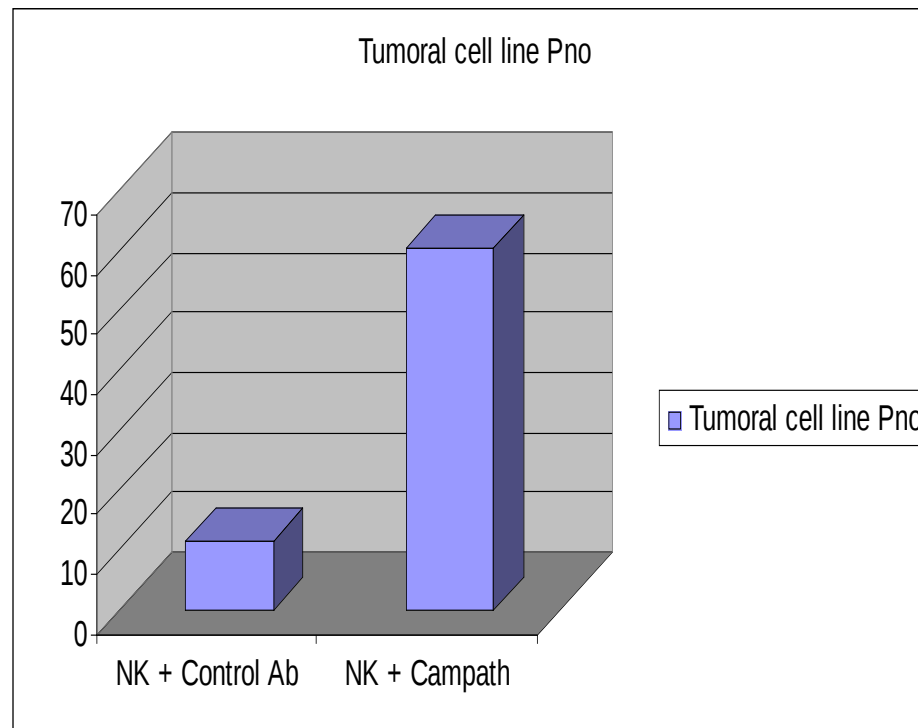
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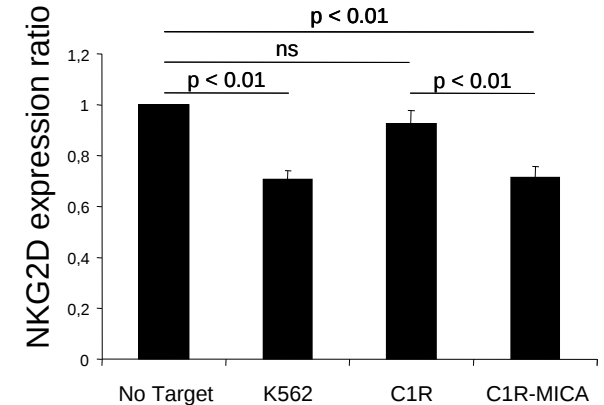
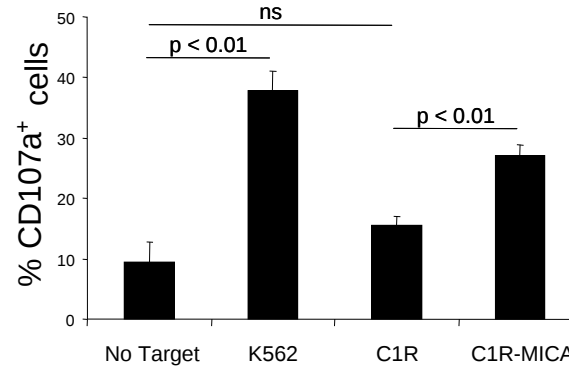
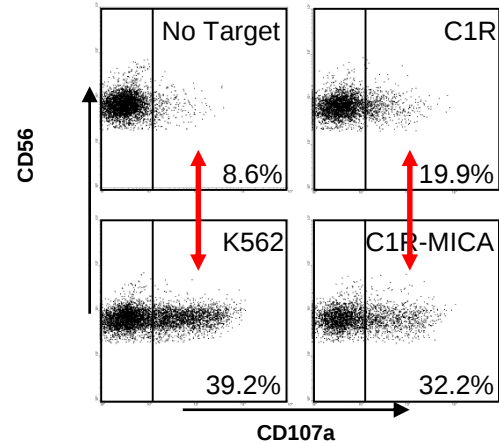
Patients with advanced cutaneous T cell lymphoma (CTCL) exhibit profound defects in cell-mediated immunity. Although it has been suggested that Sezary syndrome (SS) patients have a decreased natural killer (NK) lymphocyte activity, nothing has been reported concerning the sensitivity of Sezary cells to NK lymphocyte-mediated cytotoxicity. Peripheral blood NK cells from healthy donors were tested against Sezary tumoral cell lines as well as against freshly isolated Sezary cells. Further, we studied their ability to exhibit antibody -dependent cell-mediated cytotoxicity using either the murine anti-CD158k/KIR3DL2 monoclonal antibody (moAb) AZ158 that specifically recognizes Sezary cells, or the anti-CD52 monoclonal antibody alemtuzumab. The results show that Sezary cell lines are susceptible to NK lymphocyte lysis. More importantly, we found that freshly isolated malignant cells are killed either by IL-2 activated allogeneic NK lymphocytes or when the tumor lymphocyte targets are incubated with an anti-MHC class I F(ab)'2 antibody. Further, anti-KIR3DL2 and anti-CD52 moAb can enhance the NK lysis. Finally, we report that NK lymphocytes isolated from SS patients are potentially cytotoxic lymphocytes against autologous malignant Sezary cells. These findings indicate that antitumor-mediated NK lymphocyte cytotoxic activity can be triggered in patients with CTCL and raise the possibility of developing novel therapeutic strategies by stimulating their innate immunity.

NK lysis of tumor cells is enhanced via an ADCC mechanism

Alemtuzumab



Sezary patients NK cells are able to degranulate



- Sezary NK cells are able to degranulate perforin and granzymes against a HLA-Cl.I-negative target.
- NKG2D activates Sezary NK cells.

⇒ Sezary patients NK cells are

- fully functional
- ready to kill NKG2D-L⁺ targets

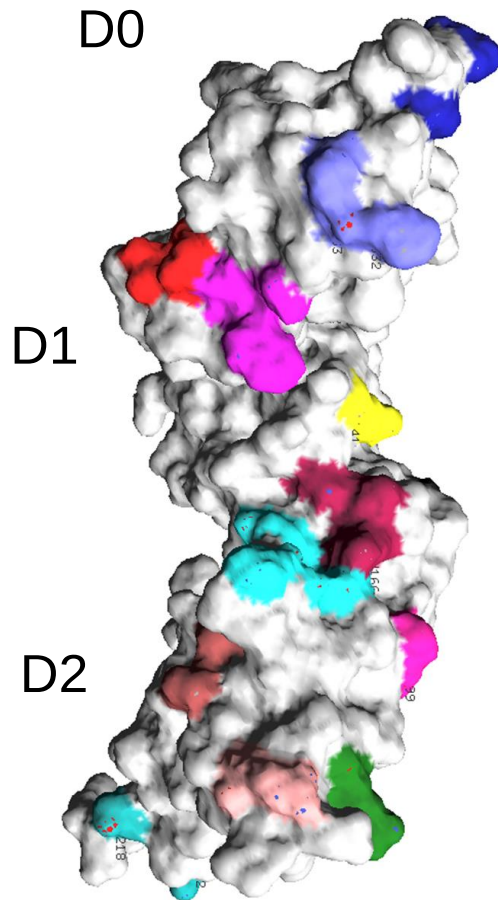
Is it possible to develop a specific anti-KIR3DL2 Immunotherapy ?

- Specific expression of KIR3DL2 by malignant T lymphocytes
- Circulating Sézary patients NK lymphocyte are functional
- Sézary T cell clones are sensible to Perforin/GrB lysis



Development of a therapeutic monoclonal antibody (Innate Pharma)

Portfolio of anti-KIR3DL2 mAbs



- mAbs binding to epitopes on all 3 Ig domains of KIR3DL2 were generated and all their epitopes were identified
- Epitopes (colored AA) bound correlate with distinctive properties (efficient killing of KIR3DL2⁺ cells, internalization of the molecule, inhibition of binding to HLA-class 1...)
- Based on preliminary efficacy data, the 3 most promising candidates were humanized

The 3 Ig domains of KIR3DL2 protein

Strategy for the generation and testing of anti-KIR3DL2 therapeutic antibodies

Immunization of Balb/c mice with KIR3DL2-Fc chimeric protein



Selection of KIR3DL2 specific mAb (n = 12)



Chimerization



Humanization

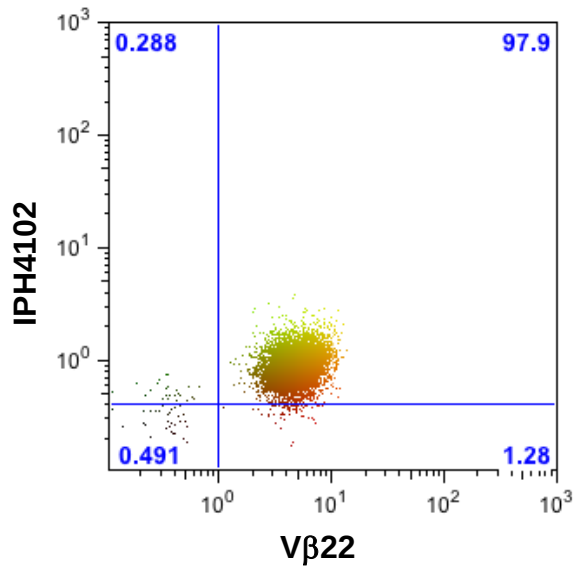


Binding properties
Functional assays

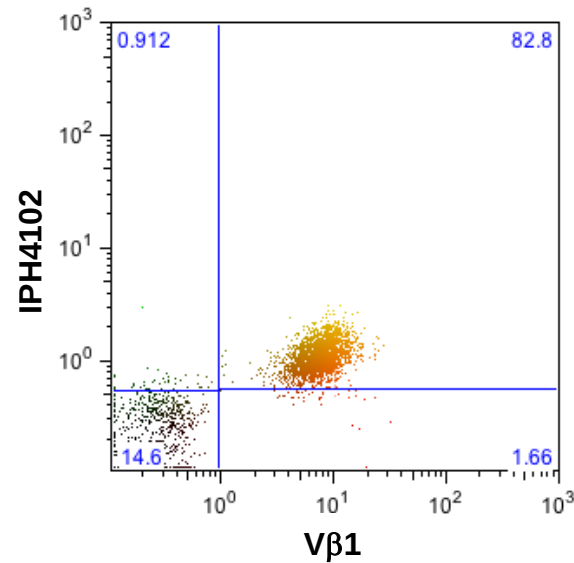
Candidate mAb:
IPH4102

IPH4102 delineates Sézary cells

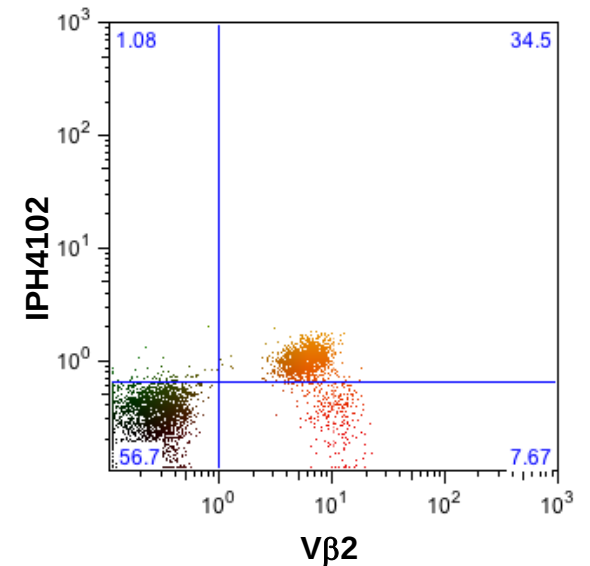
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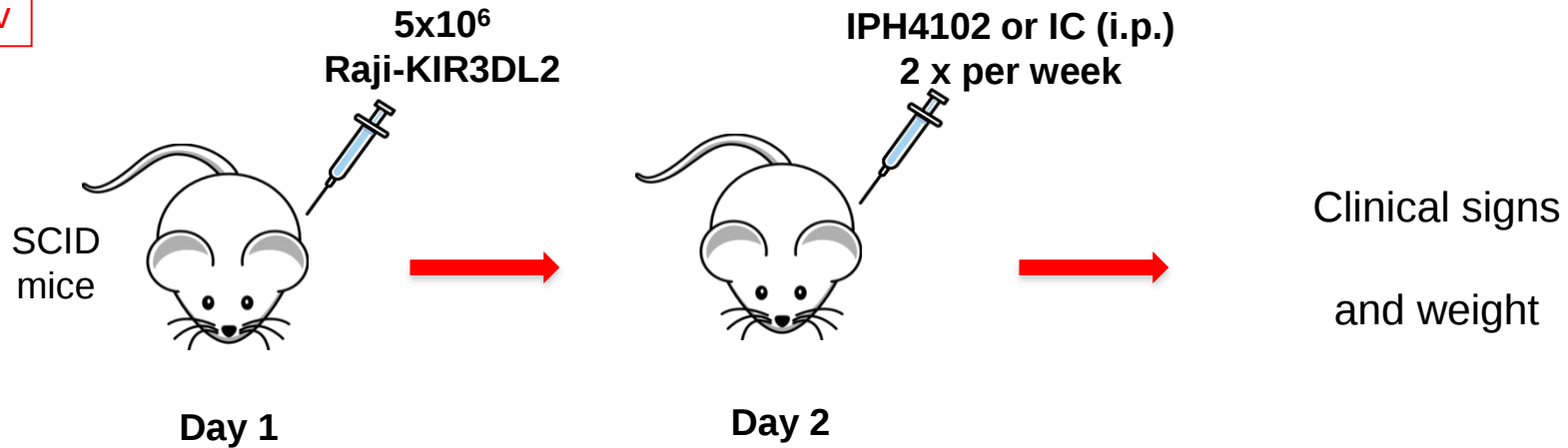


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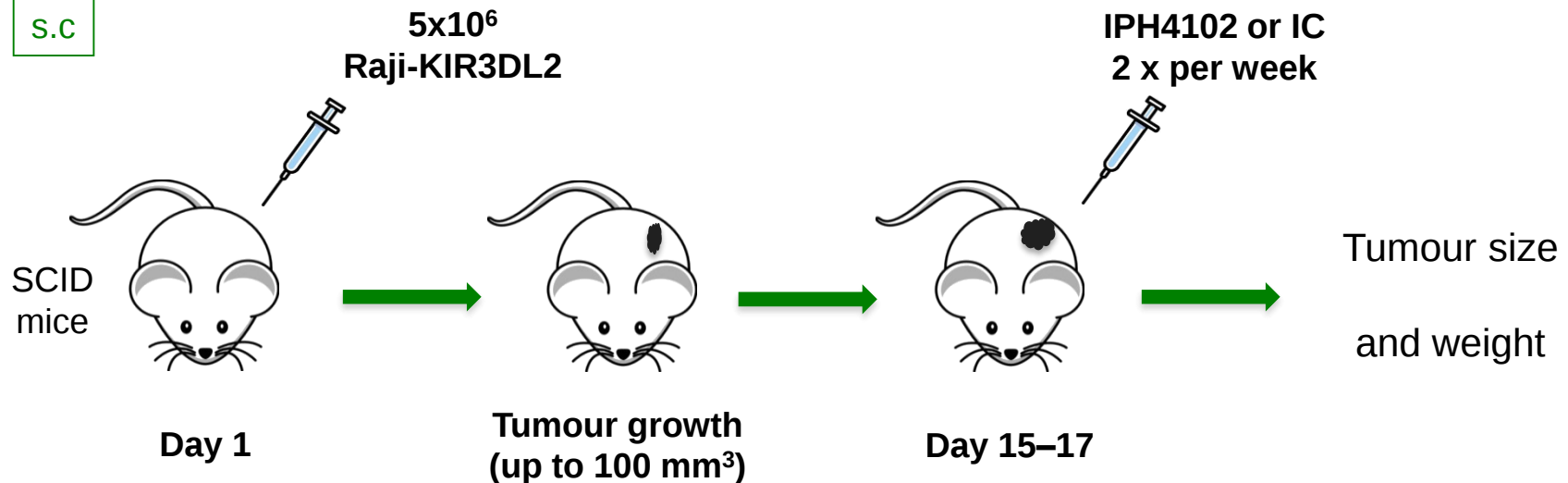


In vivo efficacy of IPH4102: experimental design

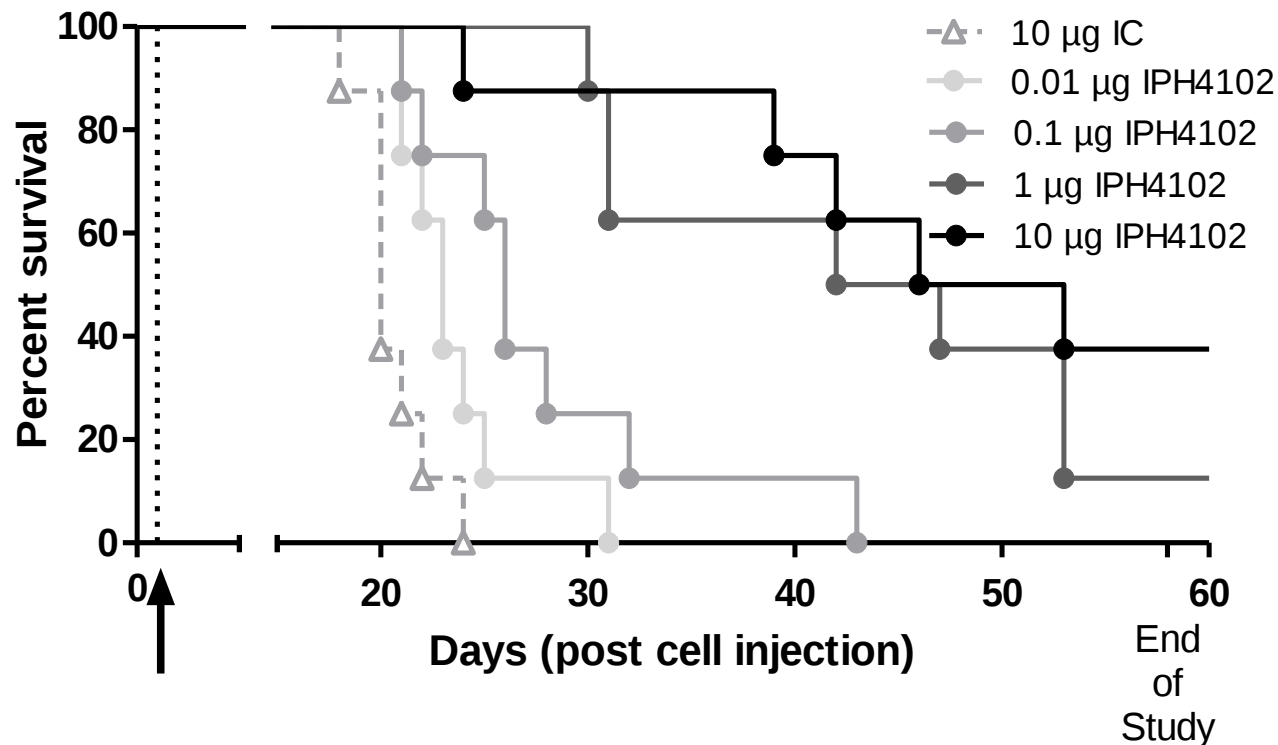
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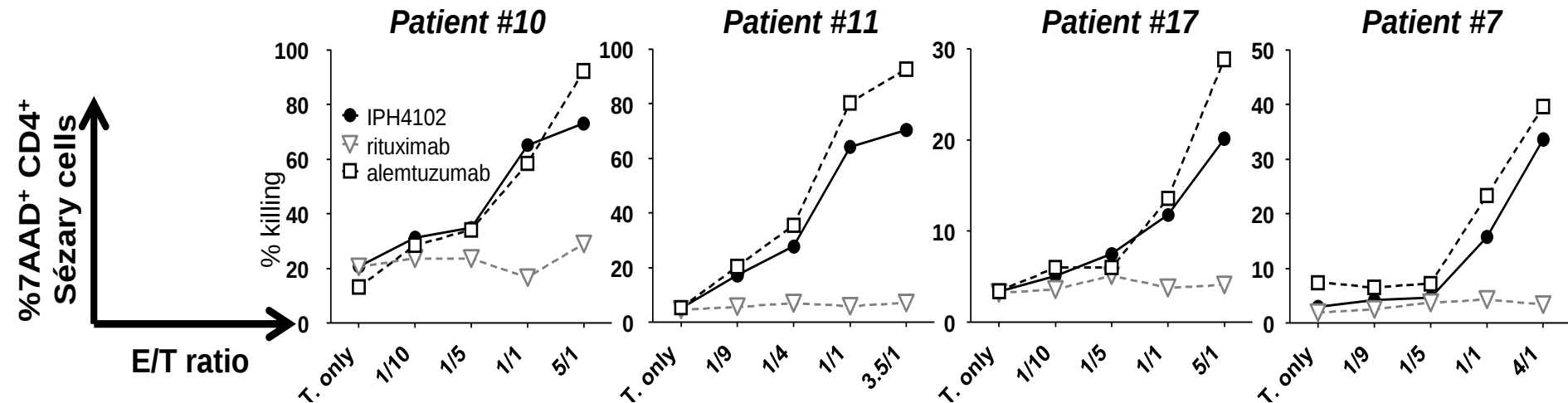
IPH4102 promotes the survival of mice engrafted with KIR3DL2+ tumour cells



IPH4102 improves survival
in a dose-dependent manner

Mice: SCID (n = 8)
RAJI-KIR3DL2: 5 M IV at D0
IPH4102: single IV admin. at D1
Read-out: survival

IPH4102 Efficacy *ex vivo*: Autologous ADCC Efficacy Results

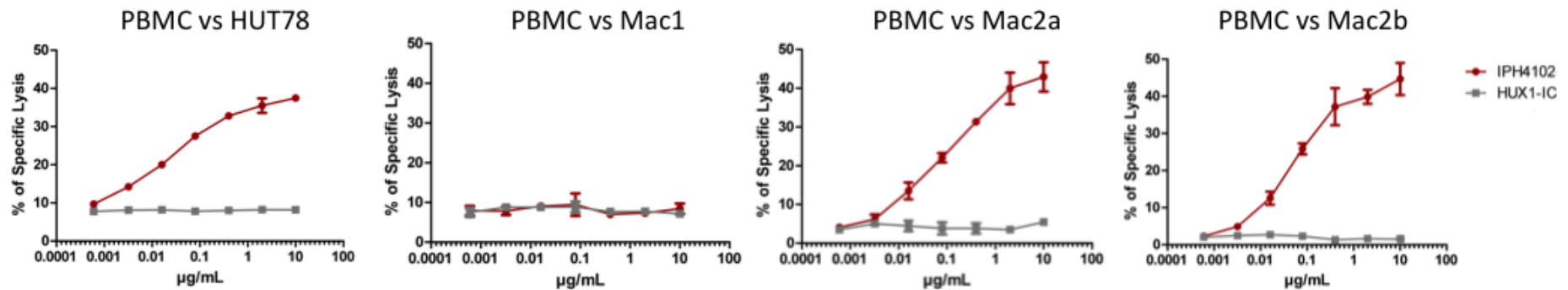


IPH4102 as potent as alemtuzumab
in *ex vivo* autologous ADCC assays

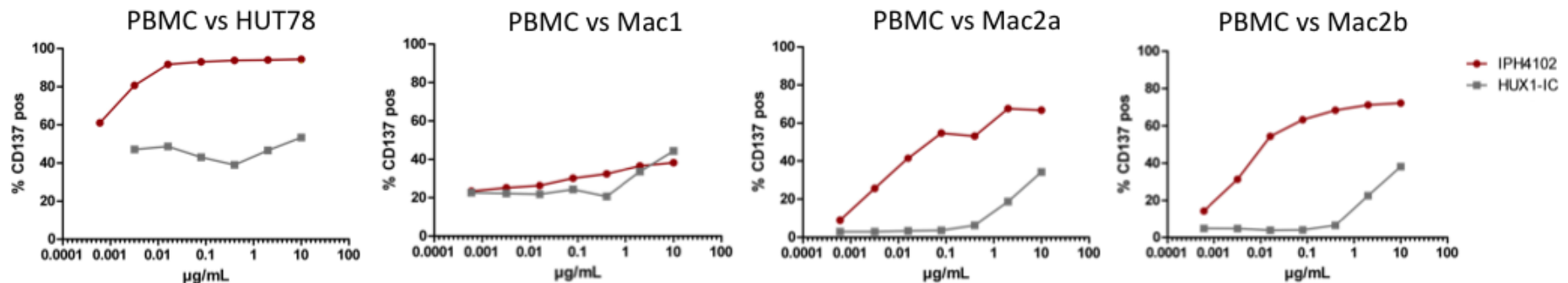
mAb: 10 µg/mL
 Incubation time: 4 – 6 hours
 Read-out: 7AAD incorporation
 KIR3DL2 sites per cell: 1,000 to 4,000
 %KIR3DL2+ cells among CD4+ > 85%
 Total n = 15 patients

KIR3DL2+ Mac2a and Mac2b ALCL lines are sensitive to ADCC mediated by IPH4102

a. IPH4102-induced antitumor cytolytic activity



b. IPH4102-induced NK cell activation



IPH4102-101 FIH Development

- Sept 2013-Sept 2014: Preclinical studies
- August 2014: Orphan Drug designation in the European Union for the treatment of CTCL
- Sept 2014-Sept 2015: Regulatory process
- 5 August 2015: ANSM approval for phase I trial in France
- 11 Sept 2015: FDA approval
- 21 Sept 2015: French ethics committee approval

IPH4102-101 STUDY DESIGN

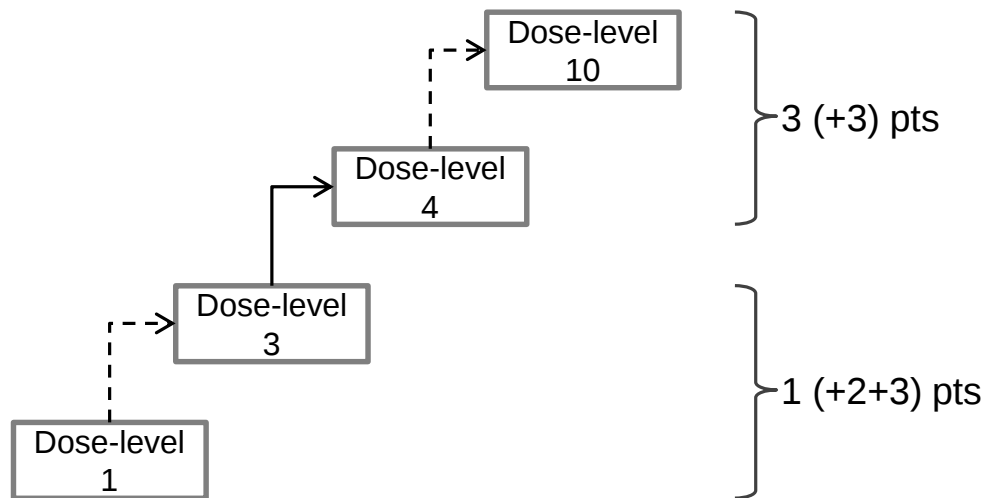
- First-in-Human Phase I study of IPH4102
- Two-portion study:
 - Dose-escalation portion – 10 dose-levels
 - Cohort expansion portion, at the recommended dose determined in the dose-escalation – 2 CTCL subtypes (SS and tMF)
- Patient profile:
 - Relapsed/refractory (≥ 2 previous lines of systemic therapy) CTCL patients
 - For MF/SS patients: grade $\geq$ IB
- Centrally assessed expression of KIR3DL2 on tumors:
 - KIR3DL2-positivity on skin biopsies (and/or blood CD4⁺ T cells, if applicable), is required for eligibility

IPH4102-101 FIH Study Design Objectives

- Primary objective: to assess safety & tolerability of increasing IV doses of single agent IPH4102 by:
 - characterizing the dose-limiting toxicities (DLT) and (S)AEs
 - identifying the MTD or Recommended Ph 2 Dose (RP2D)
- Secondary objectives:
 - To explore antitumor activity
 - To assess pharmacokinetics (PK) and immunogenicity
- Translational objectives, biomarker exploration:
 - To monitor the fate of KIR3DL2-expression cells in skin lesions, blood and lymph nodes (pharmacodynamics)
 - To monitor immune cell activation in blood and explore NK cell and macrophage infiltration in skin lesions
 - To assess Minimal Residual Disease (clonal V β chain)
 - To assess cytokine release

IPH4102-101 FIH Study Design

Study Design



- **Dose-escalation Part:**
accelerated 3+3 design
pts with KIR3DL2+ tumors
all CTCL subtypes eligible

- **Cohort expansion Part:**
same dose for all: RP2D
pts with KIR3DL2+ tumors
pre-selected CTCL subtypes

**Recommended
Phase II Dose (RP2D)**

e.g. $n = 10 \text{ tMF} + 10 \text{ SS}$

The CTCL subtypes and number of
pts will be adjusted based on the
findings during the dose escalation
phase

IPH4102-101 FIH STUDY DESIGN

Participating sites

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- Guy's and St Thomas' Hospital, London UK (S. Whittaker)
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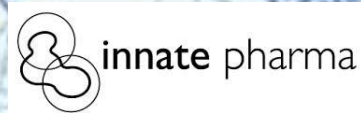
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