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Cancer Immunotherapy**

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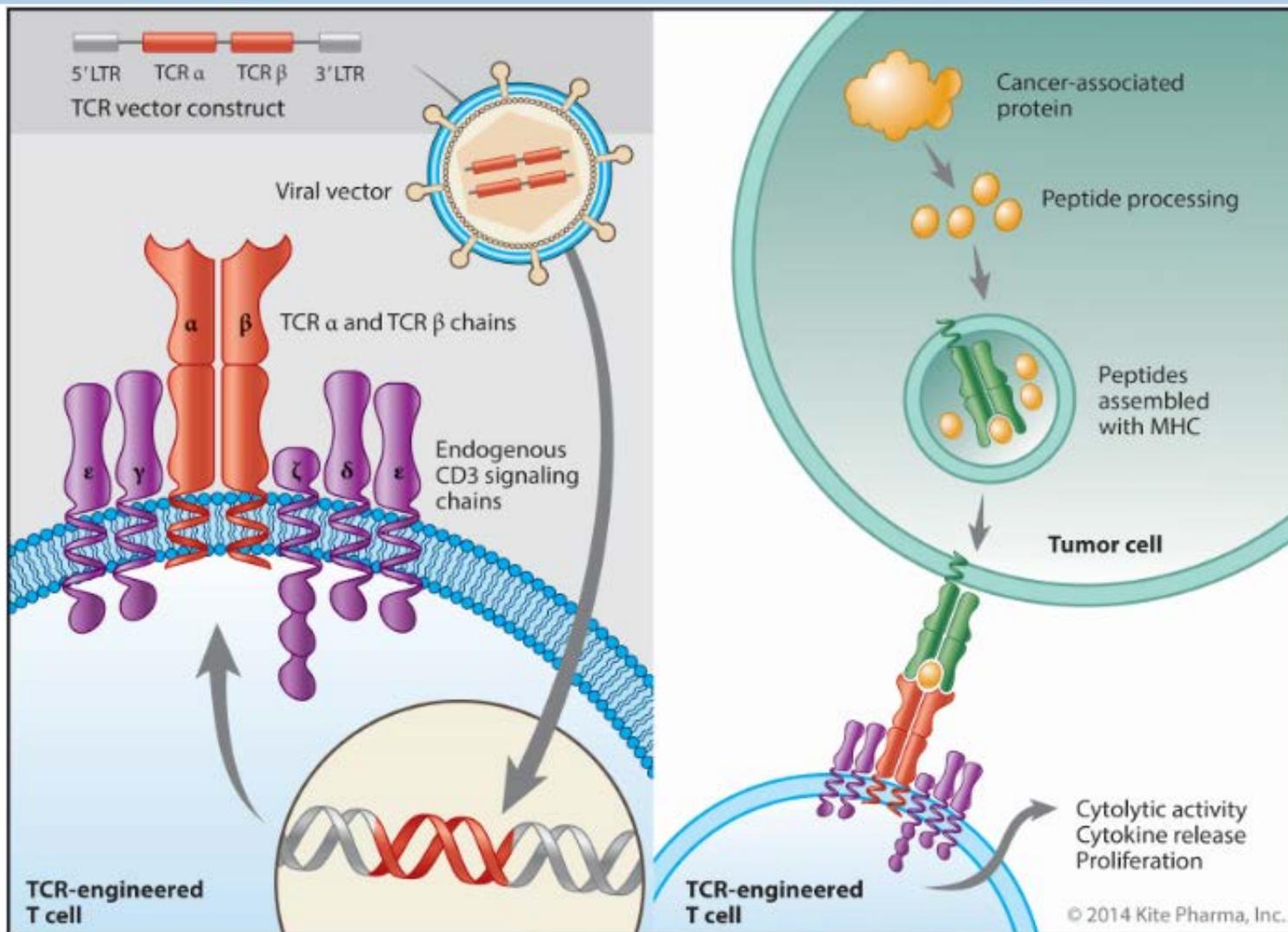
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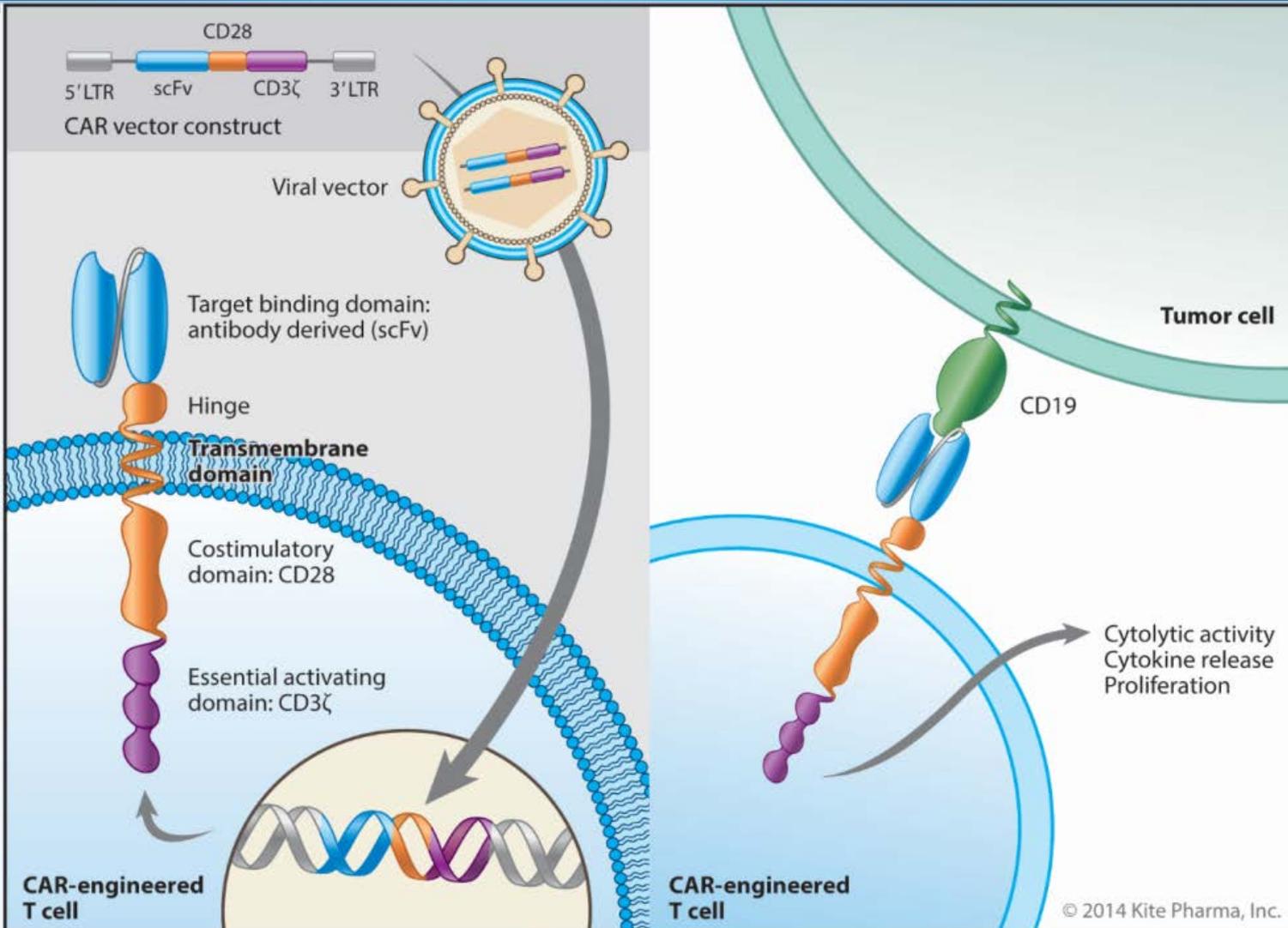
Primary Factors Influencing CAR T Cell Potency

- Manufacturing process
- Patient pre-conditioning regimen
- CAR Design

T Cell Receptor eACT

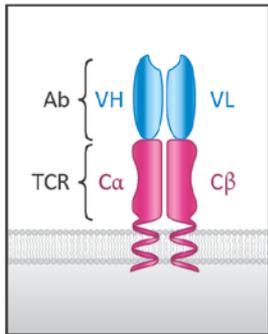


Chimeric Antigen Receptor eACT



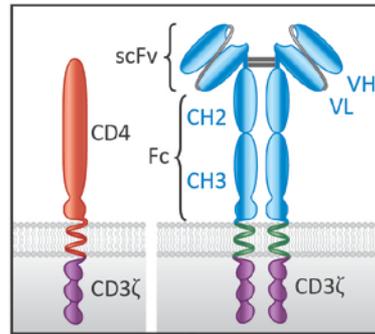
Evolution of the CAR Field: a 25 Year Odessey

Gross, 1989
Ab-TCR CAR



1989

Roberts, 1994
1st gen anti-HIV CARs: preclinical study
CD4ζ scFv-based CAR

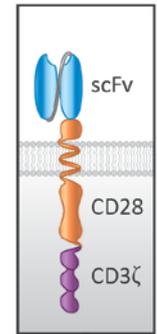


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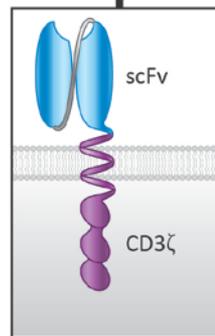
Kochenderfer, 2010
Clinical trial with
2nd gen CAR (α-CD19)



2010

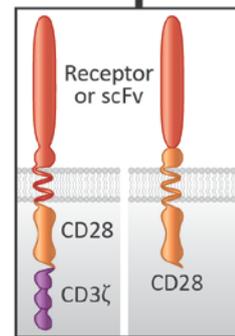
Irving & Weiss, 1991
CD8ζ CAR: proof of concept
Romeo & Seed, 1991
CD4ζ CAR: anti-HIV

1991



Eshhar, 1993
scFv-CAR

**Stancovski; Hwu;
Gross, 1993**
Anti-tumor CAR



Roberts, 1995
US 5712149 2nd gen CAR

Kershaw, 2000
Clinical trial with 1st gen
anti-folate receptor CAR
Lamers, 2006, 2007
Clinical trial with 1st gen CAR
anti-CA-IX CAR

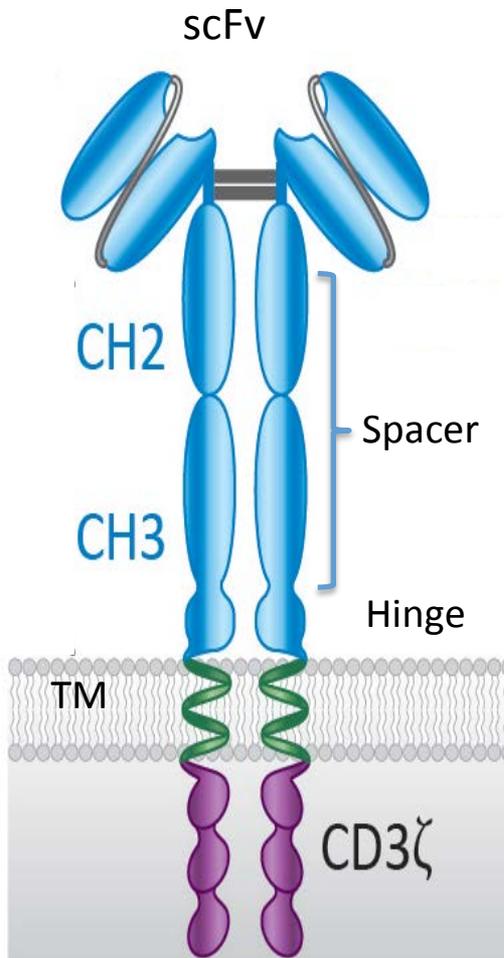
Walker, 1996
Clinical trial with 1st gen
anti-HIV CAR: CD4ζ

1996

Alvarez-Vallina & Hawkins, 1996
scfv-CD28
Krause, 1998: scFv-CD28;
Finney, 1998: 2nd gen scFv-CAR

CAR Design - 1st Generation

Essential features



I: TM & extracellular domain

- Spacer/Fc domain
 - Distance between T cell and target cell plasma membranes at immunological synapse (TCR-pMHC complex formation) ~ 135 Å
 - Requirement for/length of spacer (e.g. IgG Fc domain) is CAR scFv-epitope specific
- Hinge
 - Provides appropriate flexibility for CAR-target epitope binding
 - Derived from members of Immunoglobulin Superfamily (IgSF)
 - Potential for covalent homodimer formation via conserved Cys
- Transmembrane domain (TM)
 - Derived from IgSF TM proteins that participate in immunological synapse; independent of other proteins for surface expression

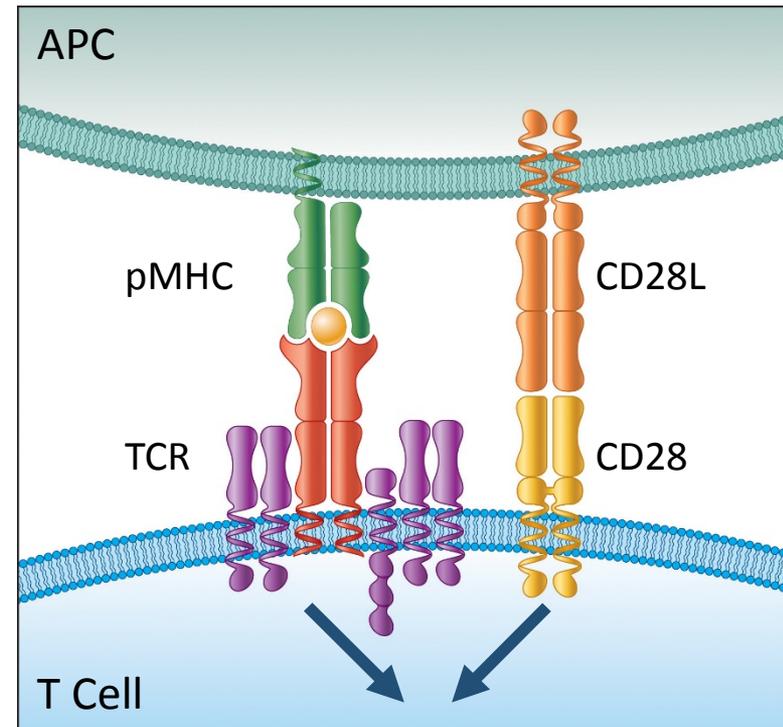
II: Signaling domain

- Cytoplasmic domain of TCR CD3 ζ chain provides essential signal 1 via ITAM adaptors

Role of Co-stimulatory Receptors

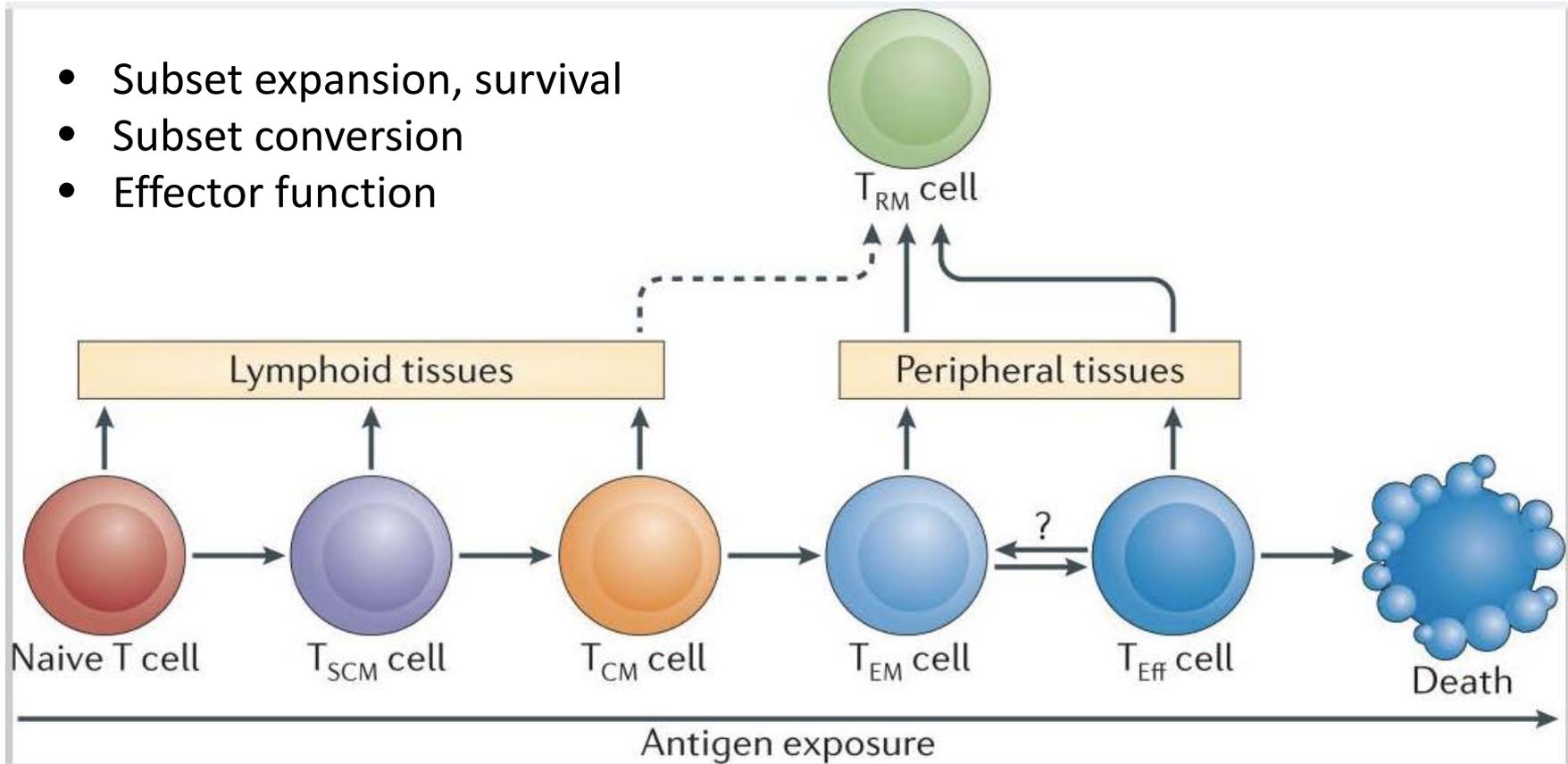
Concept of Signal 2

- Signal 1: TCR-pMHC
 - TCR/CD3 ζ ITAMS
- Signal 2: Co-signaling receptors
 - Stimulatory
 - Inhibitory
- Costimulatory receptors regulate
 - **Memory-effector T cell subsets**
 - Proliferation and survival
 - Polarization of effector T cells
- Two major superfamilies
 - Ig superfamily
 - CD28, CD2/SLAM, B7, TIM, CD226
 - TNFR superfamily



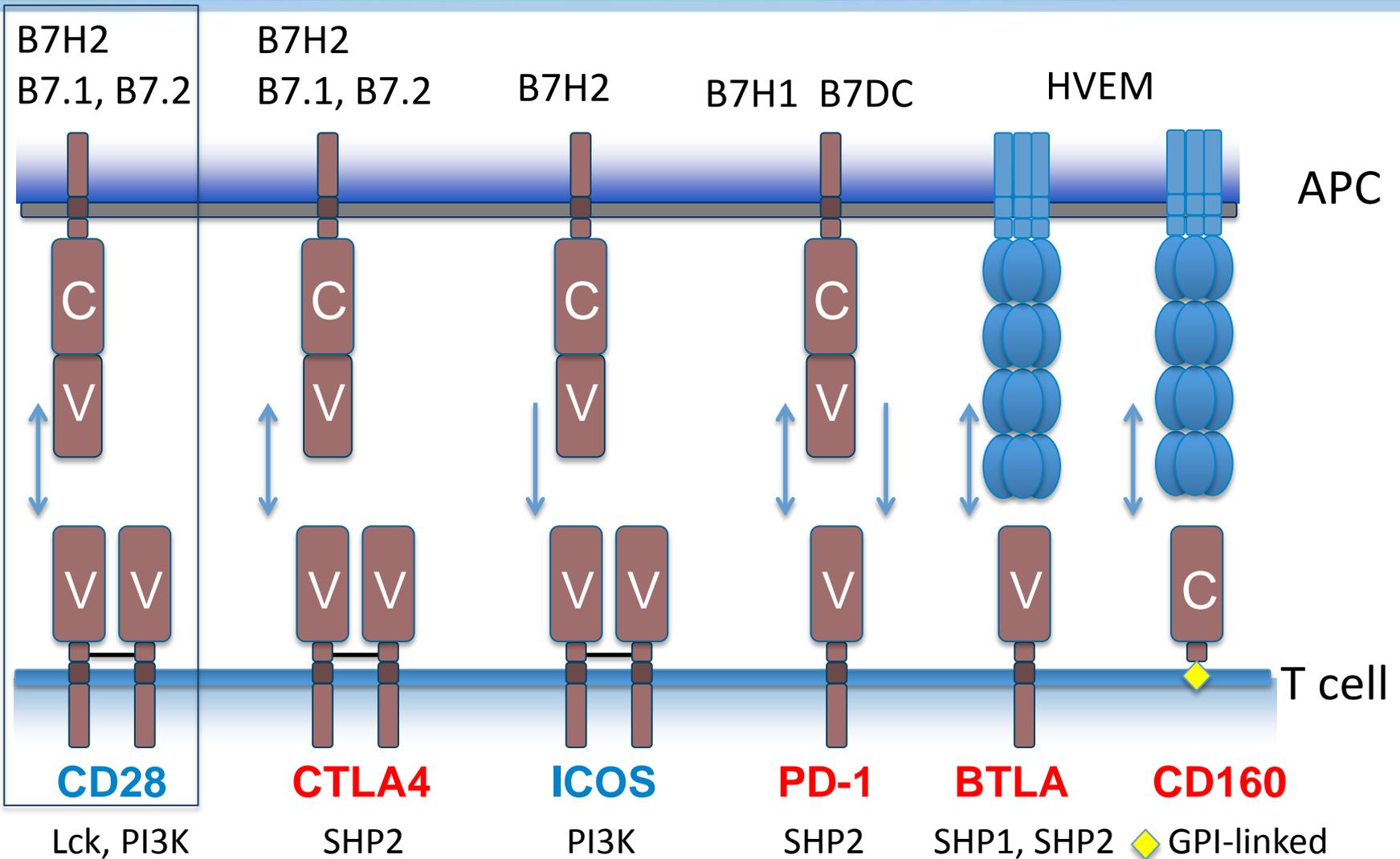
Role of Costimulatory Receptors in Regulation of Human T Memory, Expansion & Survival

- Subset expansion, survival
- Subset conversion
- Effector function

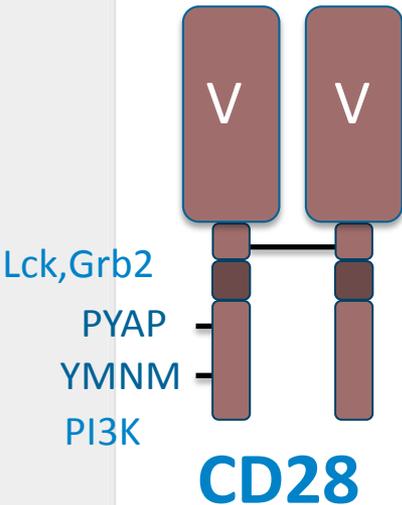


Farber et al., Nat Rev Immunol 2014 14:24

CD28 Family of Co-signaling Receptors

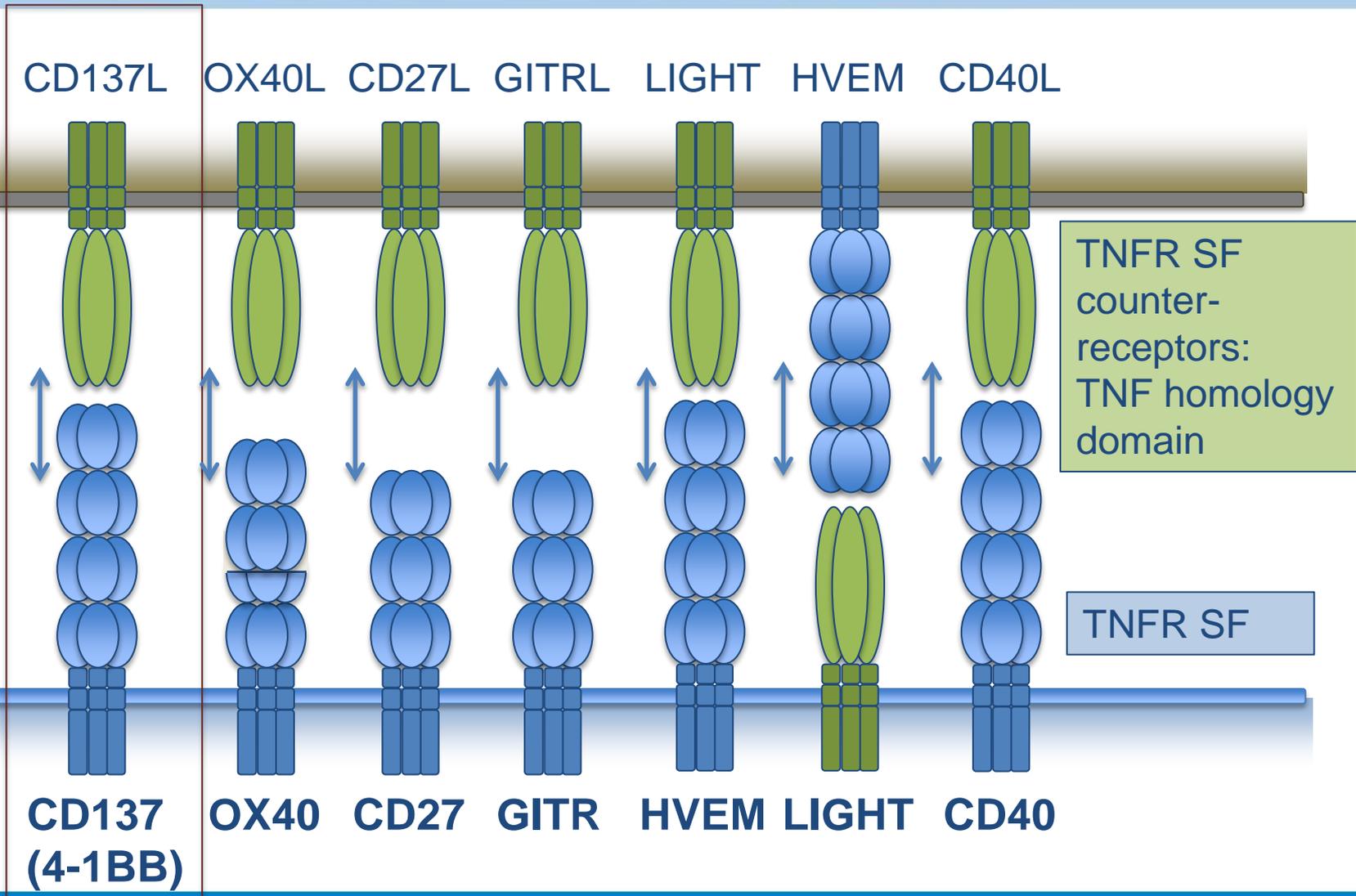


CD28 Costimulatory Function



- Constitutively expressed on naïve & memory subsets
 - Naïve, Tscm, Tcm, Tem
 - Ligands induced on APC –EARLY
- Naïve T cells
 - Essential for naïve T cell activation
- Major prosurvival and proliferative role
 - Induces IL-2 production and T cell proliferation
 - Protects against antigen-induced cell death and anergy
- Memory subsets
 - Major role in Tcm expansion; CM→EM conversion
- Acts as a TCR signal amplifier
 - Mitogenic activity requires TCR, CD3 ζ , Zap70
 - No TCR-pMHC independent activity in response to natural ligand

TNFR Superfamily of Co-signaling Receptors



41BB Costimulatory Function



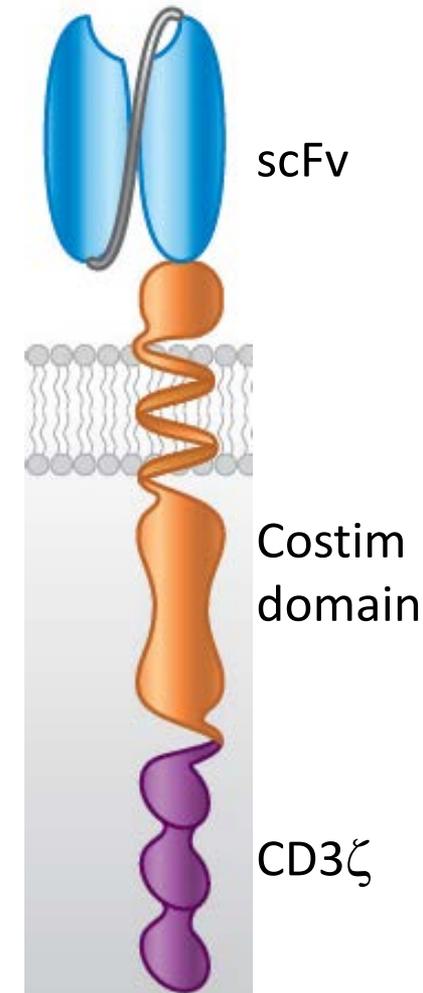
**CD137
(4-1BB)**

- Expression induced during late phase of T cell activation
 - Transiently induced on activated T cells (GITR-dependent?)
 - CD137L induced on APC
 - Induced on Tcm cells by IL-15 and IL-2 in vitro
- No role in naïve T cell priming
- Drives CD8 Tcm expansion/maintenance
 - TCR activation-/antigen-independent expansion – unlike CD28
 - Does not induce IL-2
 - Proximal signaling pathways distinct from TCR/CD3, CD28 & ICOS
 - Distal pathways partially overlapping
 - More dramatic impact on CD8s compared to CD4s

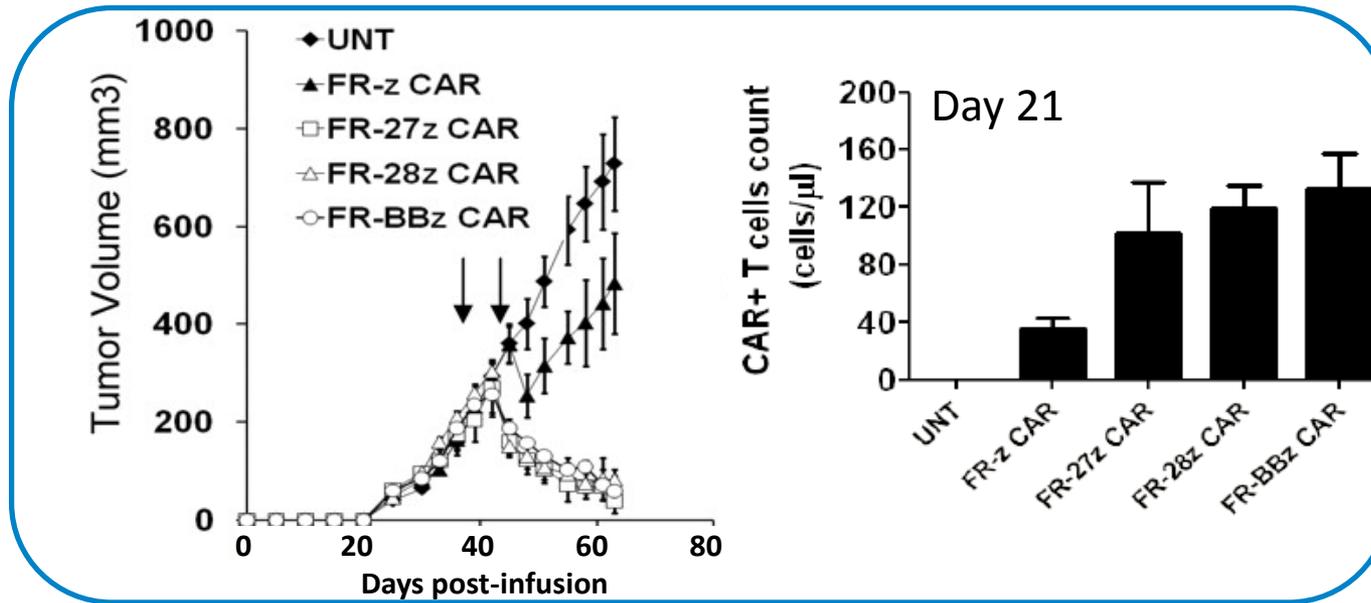
CAR Design: Second Generation

Inclusion of Co-stimulatory Domain

- Drives temporal association of CD3 ζ signal 1 and costimulatory signal 2
- Compensates for lack of costimulatory ligand expression on non-hematologic solid tumors, and down-regulation of costimulatory receptors on T cells
- Enhances T cell persistence, expansion and anti-tumor activity in setting of hematologic malignancies, despite expression of costimulatory ligands
 - Kowolik et al., 2006 *Cancer Res* 66: 10995 [CD28-CAR vs 1st gen in mouse]
 - Savoldo et al., 2011 *J Clin Invest* 121: 1822 [CD28-CAR vs 1st gen in human]



2nd Gen CAR: Impact of Costimulatory Domain on Potency and Persistence



Song D et al. Blood
2012;119:696-706

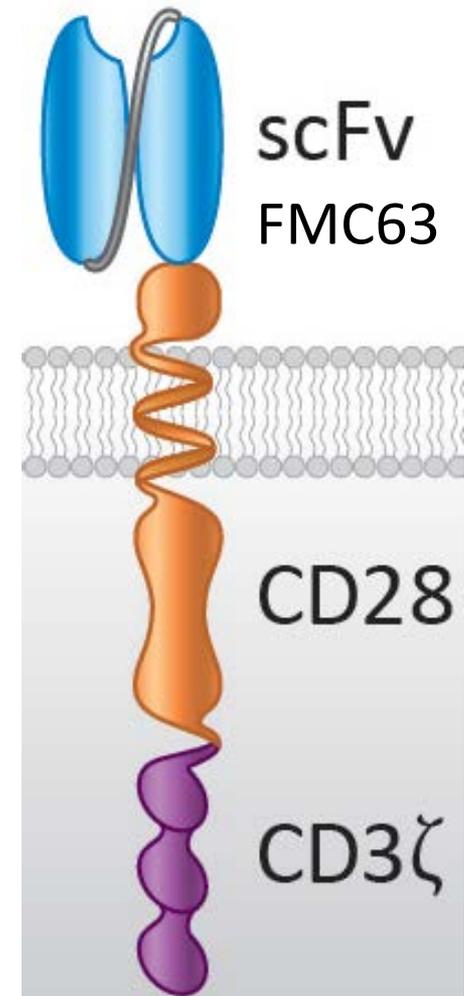
Folate receptor (FR)-
specific CARs:

- FR- ζ
- FR-CD27 ζ
- FR-41BB ζ
- FR-CD28 ζ

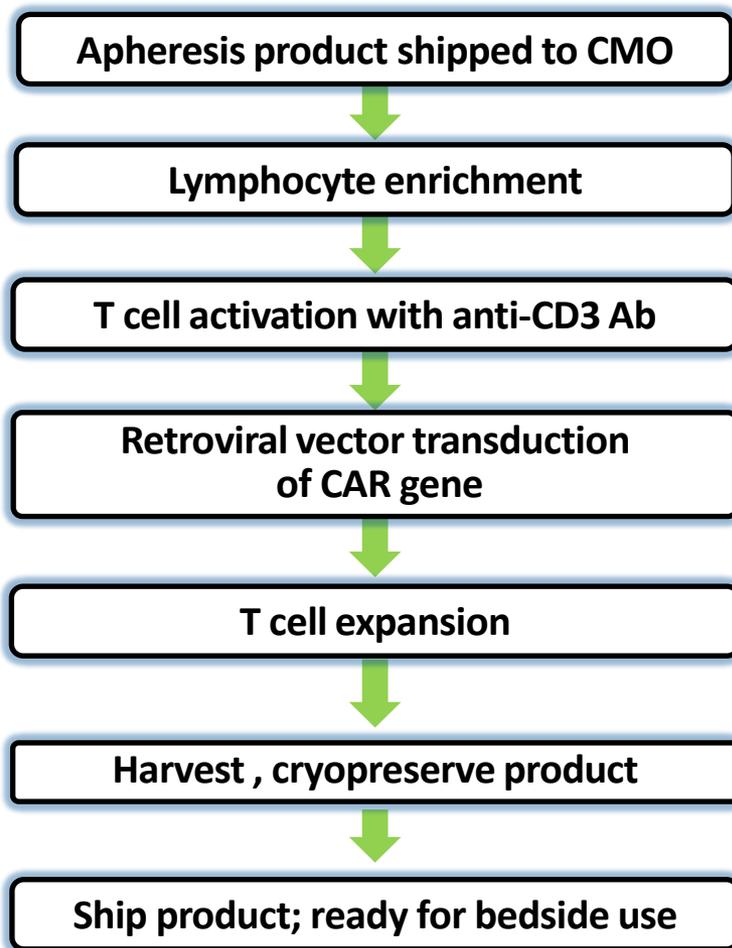
- As expected, anti-tumor activity 2nd gen CARs dramatically superior to 1st gen ζ only
- No significant difference in anti-tumor activity of different 2nd gen CAR T cells
- No significant difference in blood frequency of 2nd gen CAR T cells @ 3 weeks
- Impact of costimulatory (and other) domains on CAR T cell effector functions, memory subset formation/survival in blood & tumor under investigation

Kite/NCI Study of anti-CD19 CAR in Relapsed/Refractory B-Cell Malignancies

- Phase 1/2 study investigating safety, feasibility, and efficacy
 - DLBCL, PMBCL, CLL, Indolent NHL
- Refractory/recurrent disease incurable by standard therapy
- Evolving treatment protocol (conditioning/dosing)
- 10-day manufacturing process → reduced to ~ 1 week

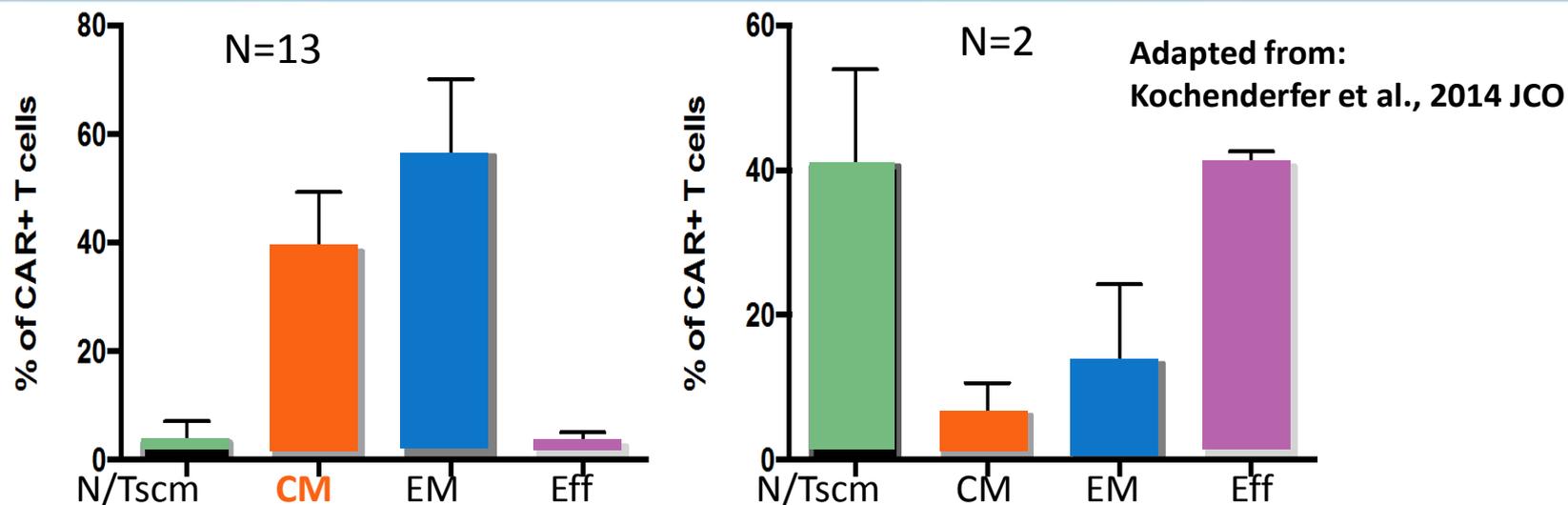


Streamlined and Rapid eACT™ Manufacturing Process for anti-CD19 CAR T Cells (KTE-C19)



- Single T cell stimulation of PBMC in human serum-free media
- Streamlined process amenable to cGMP
- Progenitor Cell Therapy (PCT) to manufacture clinical supply
- Kite developing additional clinical and commercial manufacturing facilities
- Transportation logistics in place for KTE-C19 multi-center clinical trial

Kite/NCI Phase1/2 Memory Subset Composition of 10-Day Product



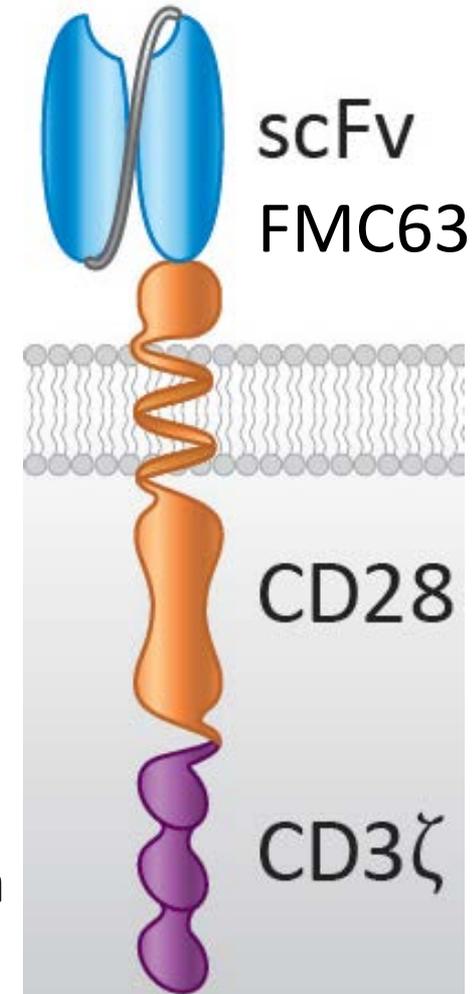
- CAR+ Tcm present at ~40% in 10-day product for 13/15 patients
- Peak frequency CAR+ T cells in blood observed at day 7-17 post transfer
- Impressive clinical response
 - 8 CR, 4 PR, 1 stable, out of 13 evaluable patients
- Potential for reconstitution normal B cells
 - Retreat if necessary
- Extensive immunophenotypic analysis of patient product and blood samples underway

Kite/NCI Study of anti-CD19 CAR in Relapsed/Refractory B-Cell Malignancies: Phase 1/2

- 32 adult patients enrolled (29 evaluable); largest dataset of anti-CD19 CAR in lymphoma

Tumor Type (n evaluable)	Overall Response Rate	Complete Response Rate
Any (29)	76%	38%
DLBCL/PMBCL (17)	65%	35%
CLL (7)	86%	57%
Indolent NHL (5)	100%	25%

- 16 patients still in response; 12 ongoing > 1 year
- 3 patients were re-treated after progression; all in ongoing response (17+ to 52+ months)



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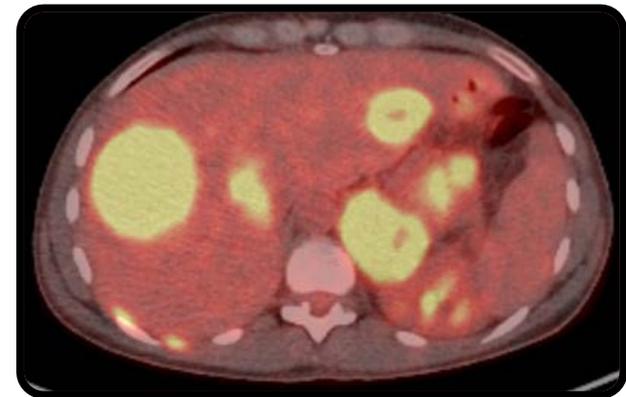
Complete Response in Patient with Chemotherapy Refractory PMBCL

Primary Mediastinal Large B-Cell Lymphoma

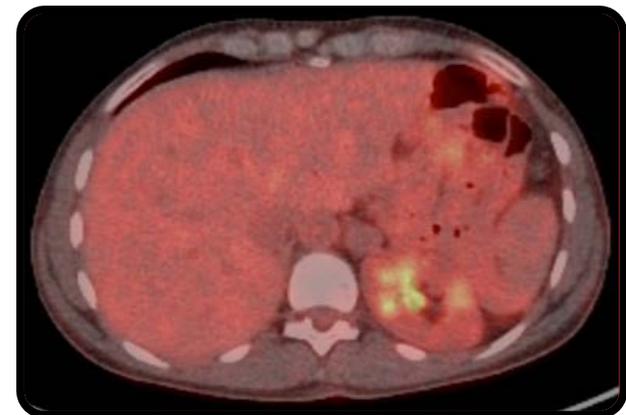
- Primary refractory
- Progressed on R-CHOP, R-ICE, and R-GDP
- Referred for progressive liver and other abdominal lymphoma

Ongoing Complete Response 15+ months

Prior to treatment

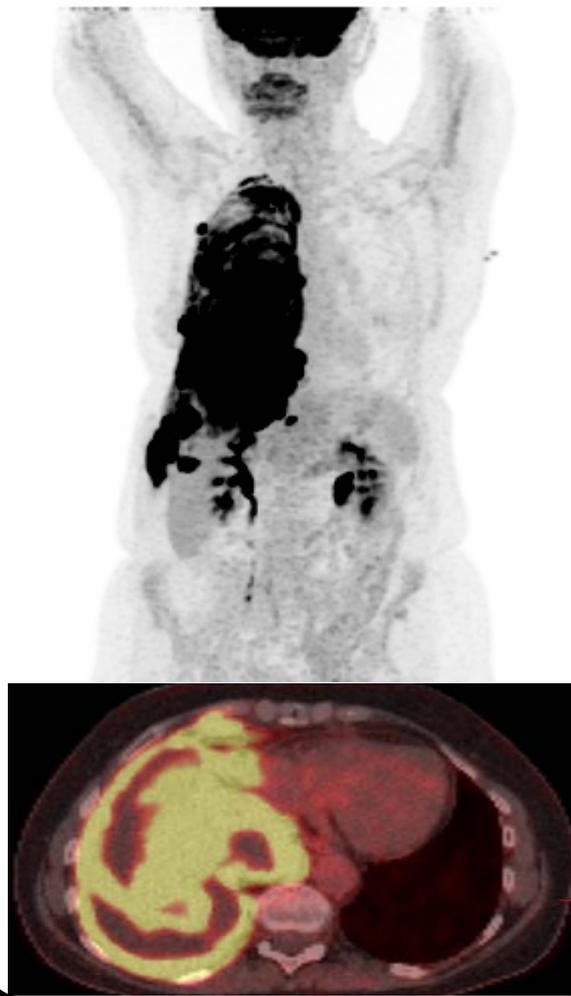


9 months post-treatment



Patient with Refractory DLBCL

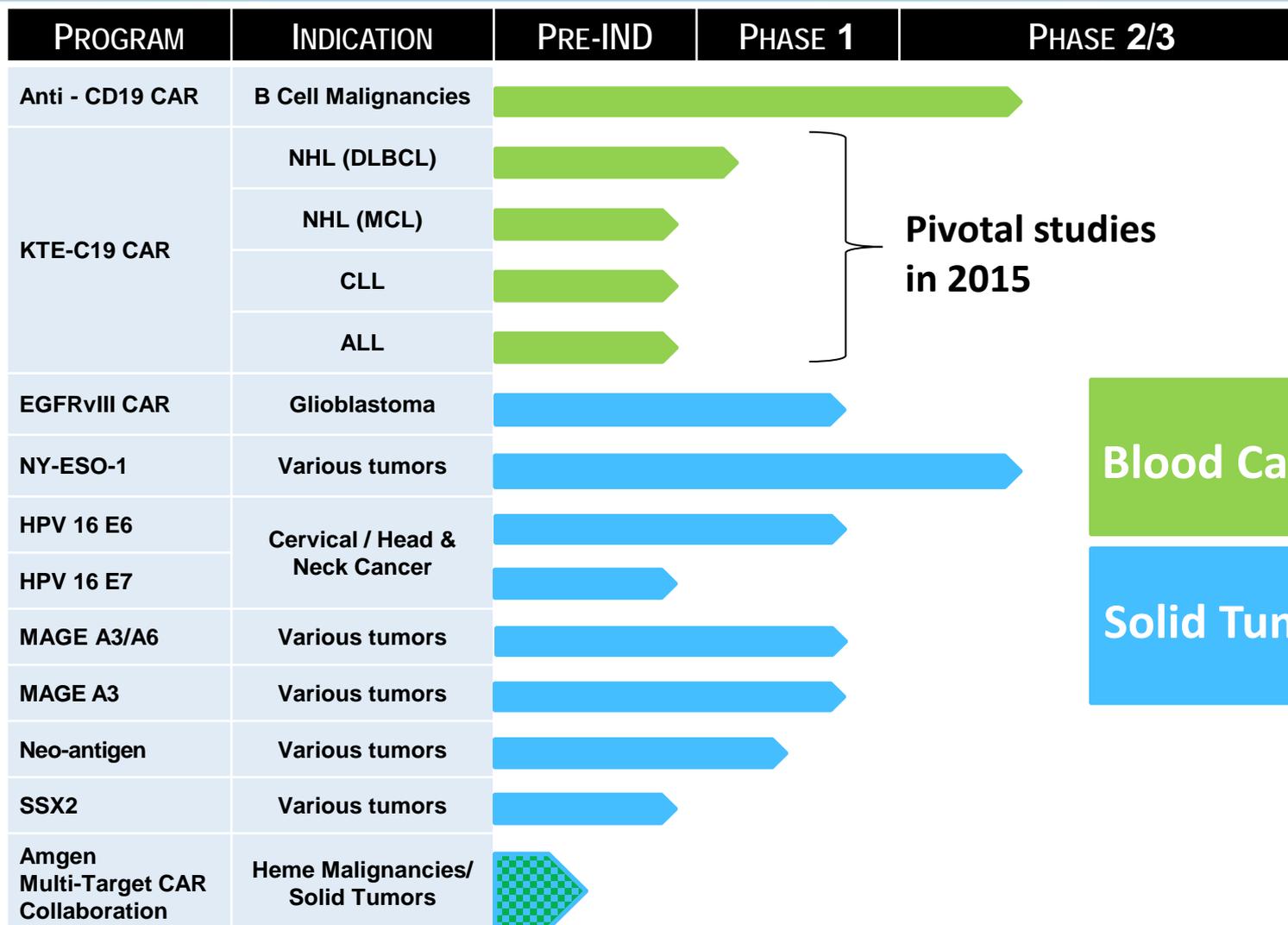
Prior to treatment



6 months post-treatment



Kite's CAR & TCR Product Pipeline



Kite CAR T Cell Product Development

- Key attributes of optimal CAR T cell product
 - Robust CAR expression
 - Minimal tonic signaling
 - Efficient multifunctional T cell activation in response to antigen
 - Durability of response and/or ability to retreat
 - Relatively straightforward manufacturing process
- Manufacturing process
 - KTE-C19: streamlined, rapid process
 - In addition, developing new processes for eACT products
- CAR Design
 - High throughput characterization and selection of optimal TM/hinge/spacer domains
 - Rational selection of costimulatory domain
- *Next generation eACT*

Next Generation eACT

