

# Immune dysfunction in ovarian carcinoma and implications for immunotherapy

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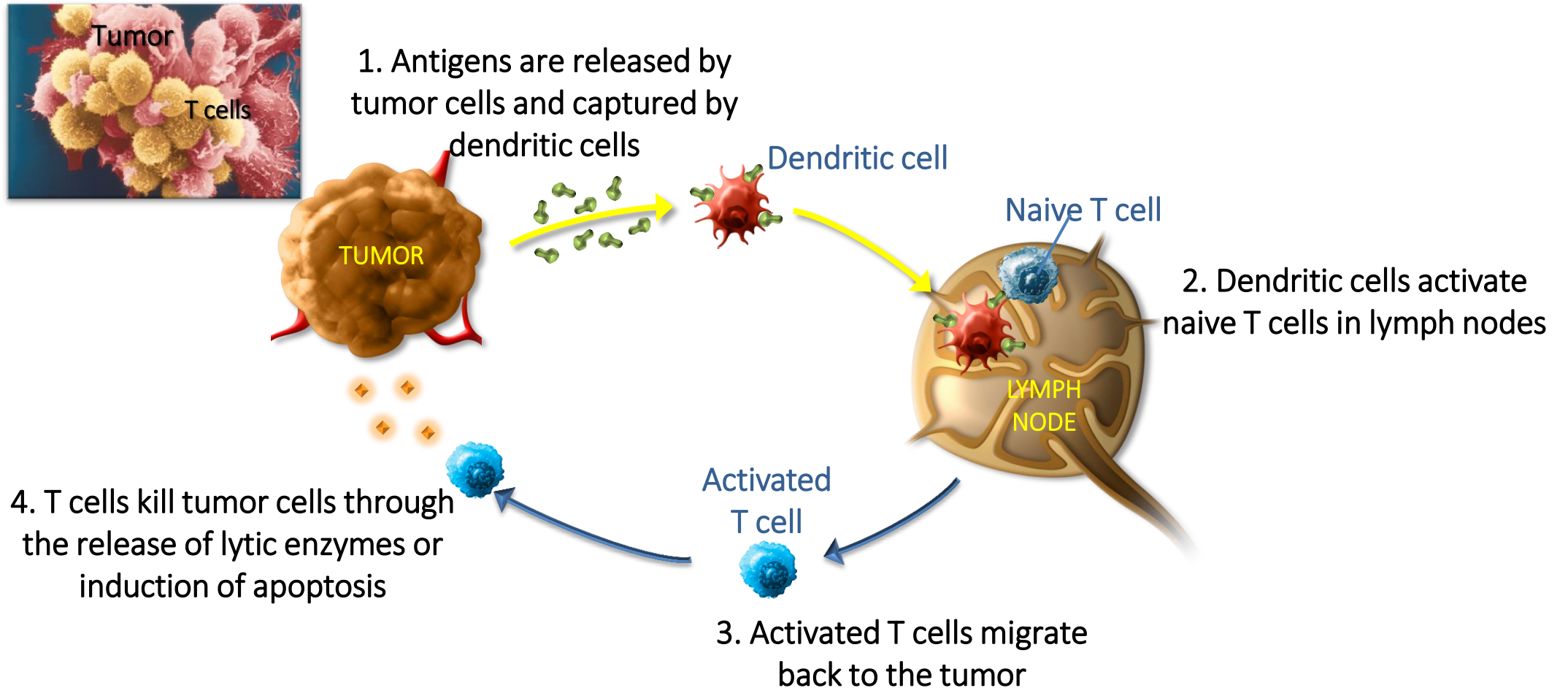
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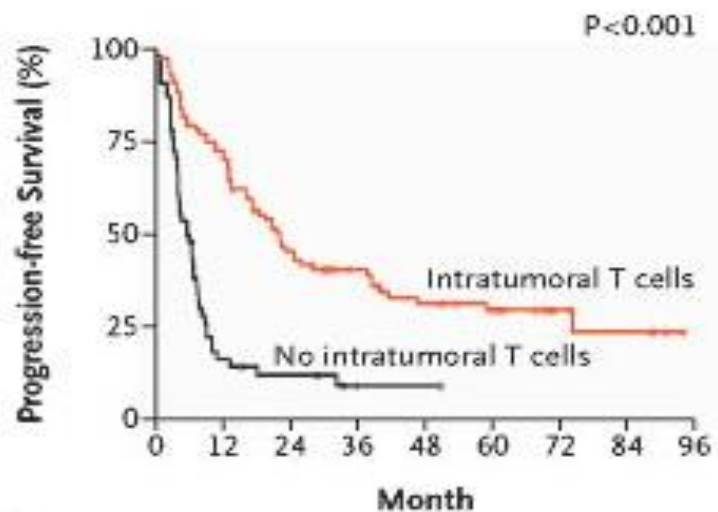
# Main steps to induce anti-tumor immunity



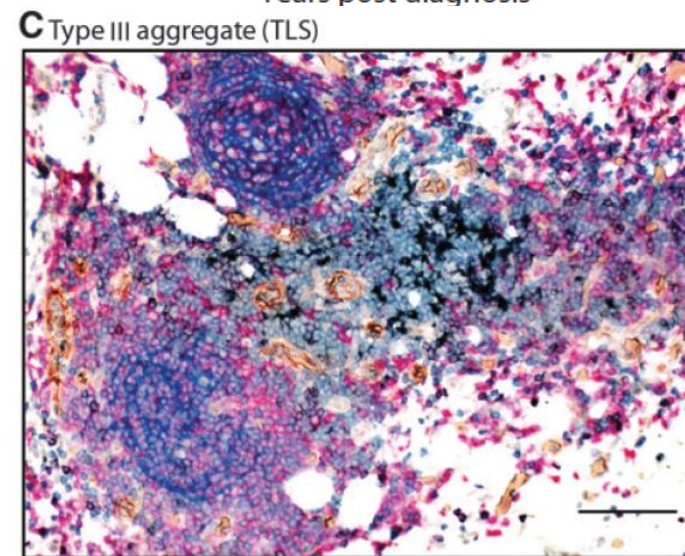
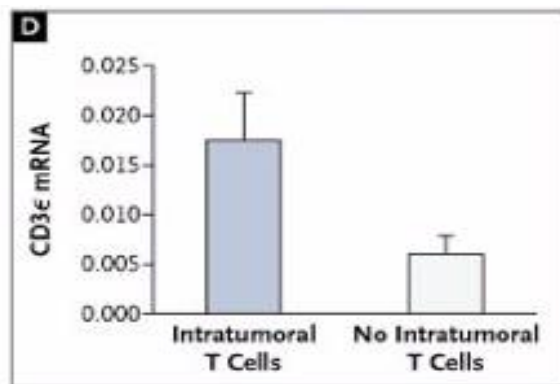
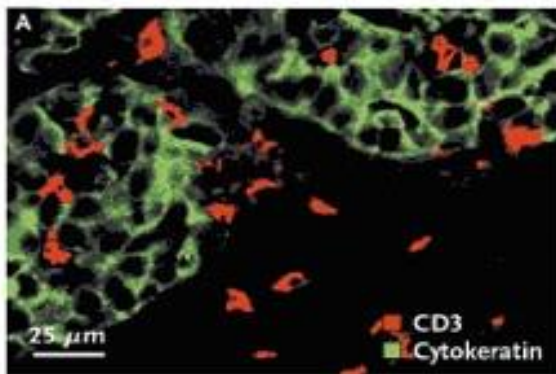
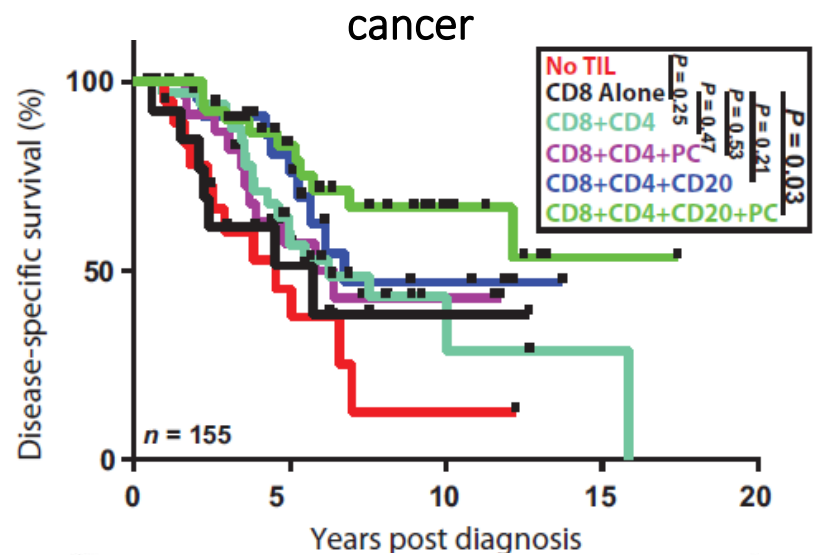


# Evidence of tumor immunosurveillance in ovarian cancer

Tumor-infiltrating lymphocytes Correlation with survival in ovarian cancer patients



Tumor-infiltrating plasma cells are associated with Tertiary Lymphoid Structures, cytotoxic T cell responses and superior prognosis in ovarian cancer



CD3/Tcell  
 CD8/CTL  
 CD20/Bcell  
 CD21/FDC  
 CD208/DC  
 PNA<sub>d</sub>/HEV

# META-ANALYSIS OF 10 STUDIES COMPRISING 1815 PATIENTS WITH OVARIAN CANCER

Intraepithelial TILs are a robust predictor of outcome in ovarian cancer and define a specific class of patients

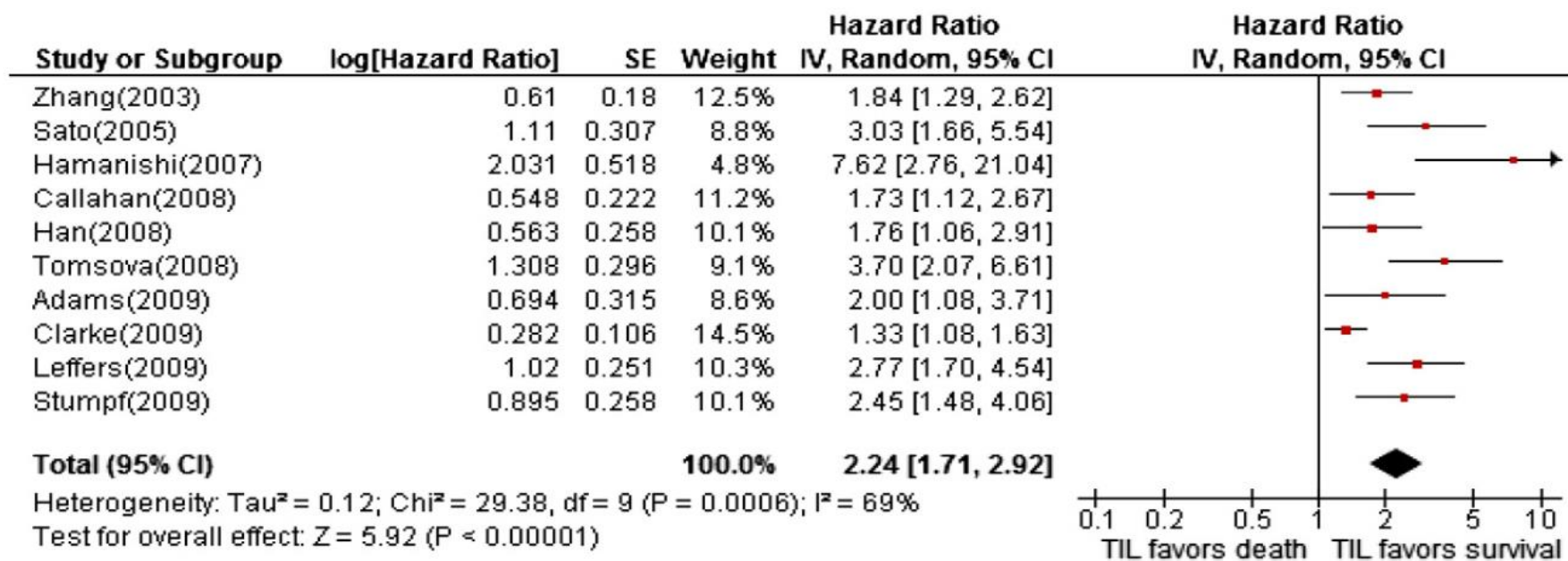
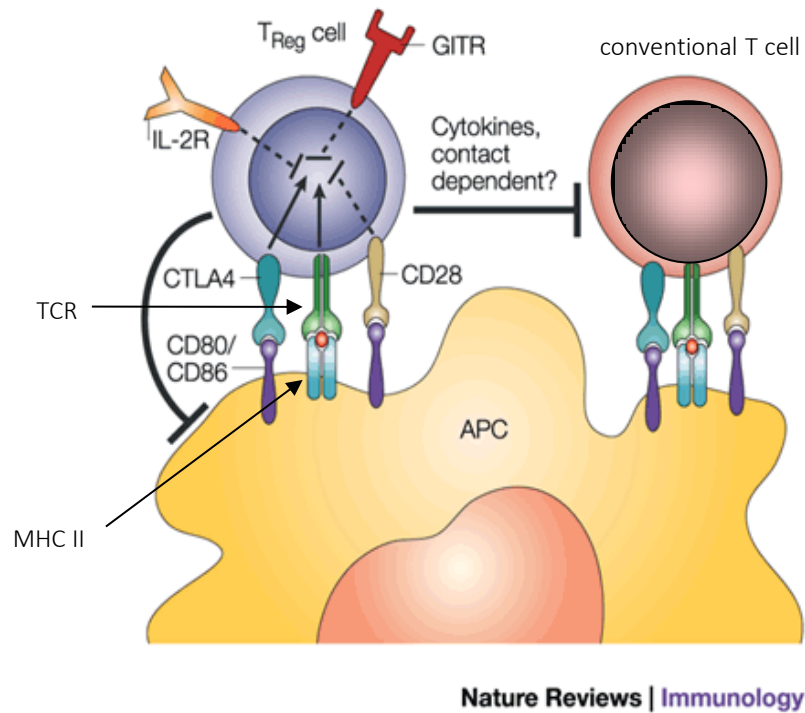


Fig. 2. Forest plot of associations of TILs with overall survival in select studies.

Hwang WT, Adams SF, Tahirovic E, Hagemann IS, Coukos G. Prognostic significance of tumor-infiltrating T cells in ovarian cancer: a meta-analysis. *Gynecol Oncol.* 2012;124(2):192-8.

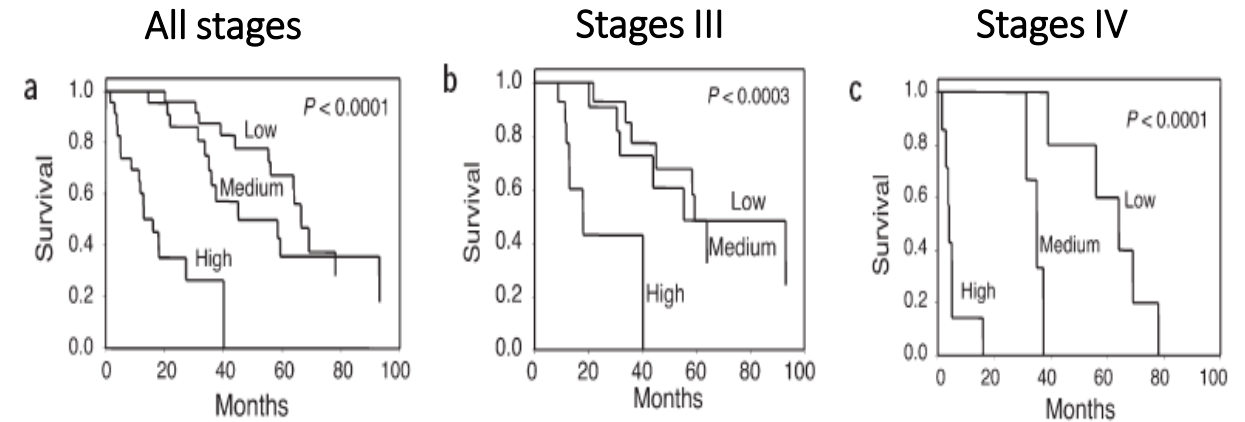
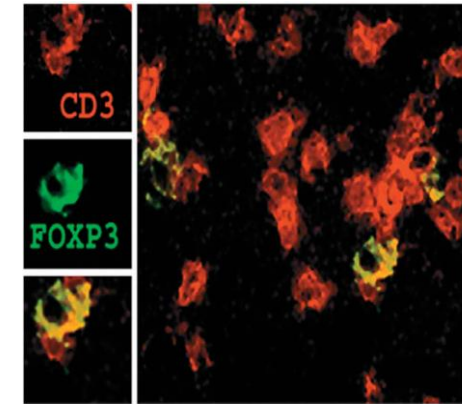
# Immune evasion in ovarian cancer through recruitment of immunosuppressive cells

Regulatory T lymphocytes (Treg) inhibit conventional T cell activation



Adapté de : Wood, K.J. and Sakaguchi, S. (2003) *Nat Rev Immunol* 3, 199-210

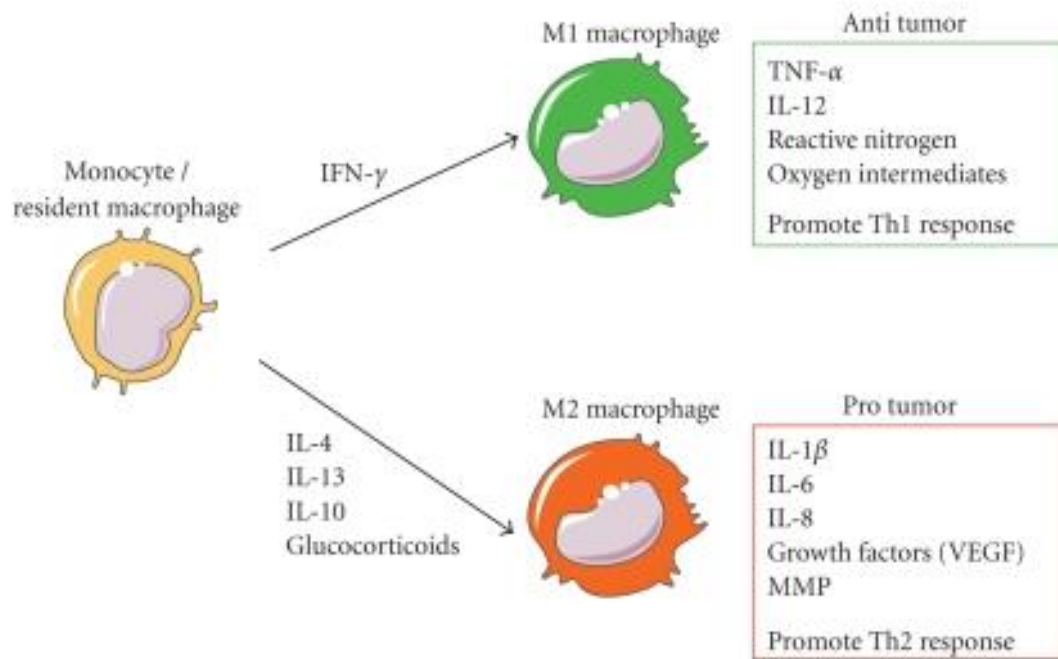
Regulatory T cell (Treg) Infiltration Is a Bad Prognosis Factor in Ovarian Tumor



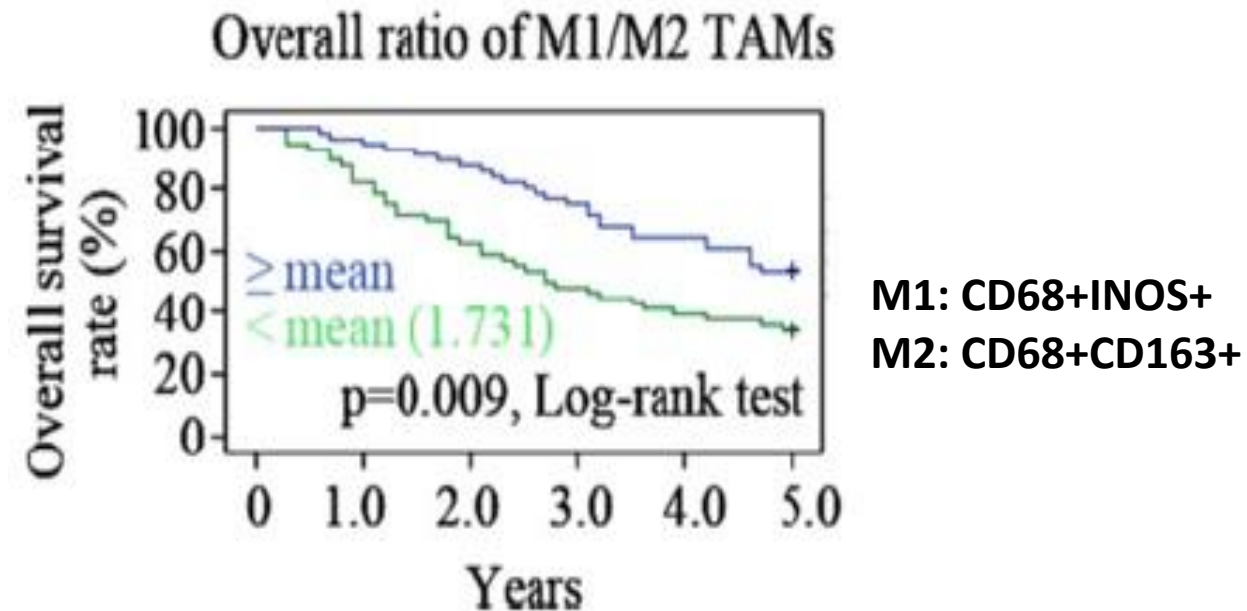
- Increased Treg frequency in blood of patients suffering from different cancer types (Udaya 2002, Wolf 2003)

# Immune evasion in ovarian cancer through recruitment of immunosuppressive cells

Dichotomy between M1/M2 phenotypes



A high M1/M2 ratio of tumor-associated macrophages is associated with extended survival in ovarian cancer patients



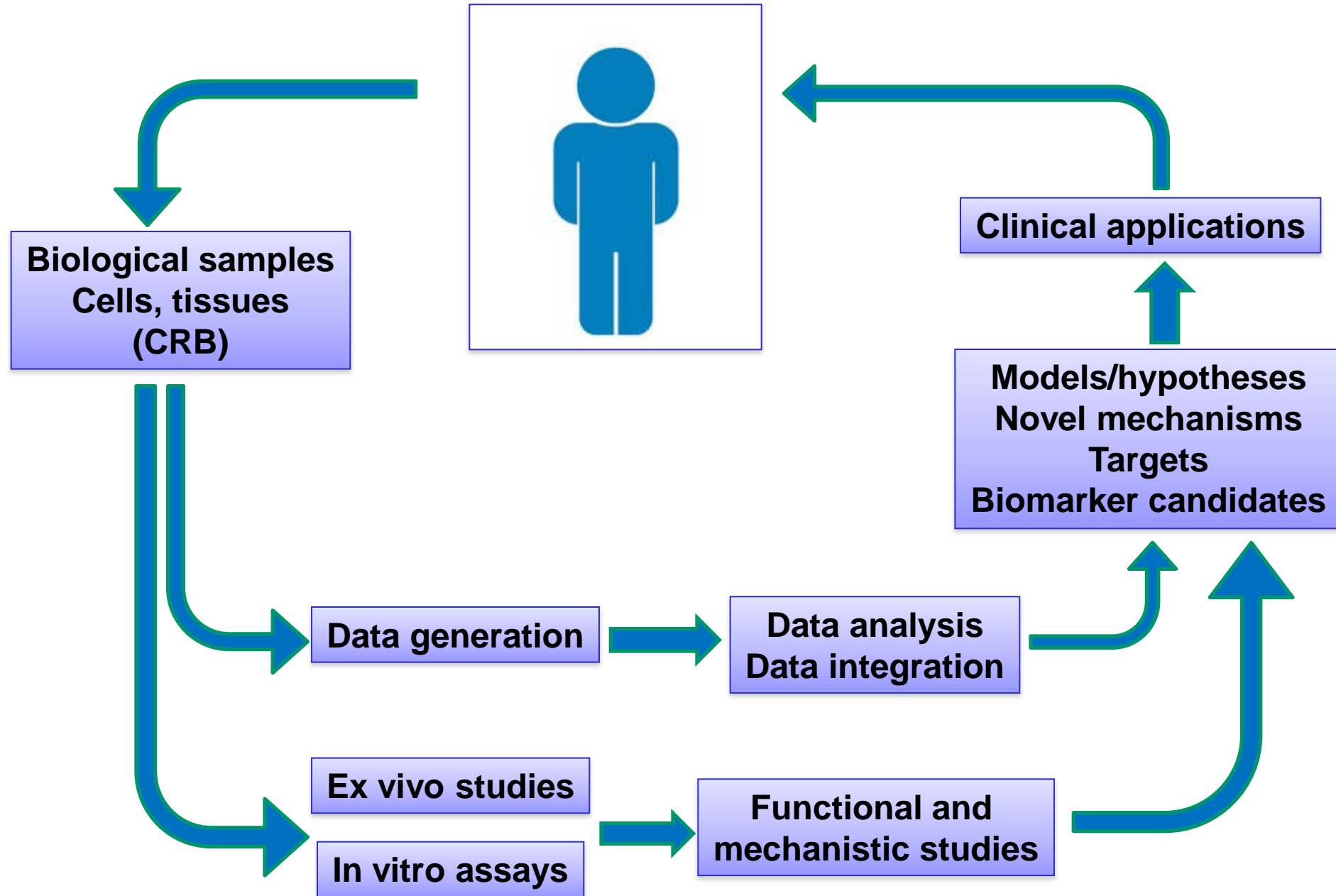


# Hypothesis and objectives






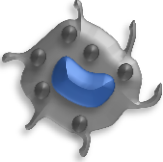


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- General hypothesis : characterization and understanding of these mechanisms together with the identification of the tumor and immune determinants that contribute to anti-tumor immunity will allow the development of innovative therapeutic strategies inducing and/or restoring anti-tumor immunity.
- Overall objectives:
  - To identify pathways contributing to immune evasion in OC
  - To discover targets to restore anti-tumor immunity in OC

# A patient-centric strategy: from the patient and back to the patient

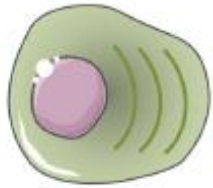


# Diversity of human dendritic cell subsets

Blood	 BDCA1 <sup>+</sup> DC CD11c <sup>+</sup> BDCA1 <sup>+</sup> CD11b <sup>+</sup>	 BDCA3 <sup>high</sup> DC CD11c <sup>low</sup> BDCA3 <sup>high</sup> CD11b <sup>-</sup> XCR1 <sup>+</sup> Clec9A <sup>+</sup>	 Plasmacytoid DC CD11c <sup>-</sup> BDCA2 <sup>+</sup> CD123 <sup>+</sup>
Tissues	 BDCA1 <sup>+</sup> DC CD11c <sup>+</sup> BDCA1 <sup>+</sup> CD11b <sup>+</sup>	 BDCA3 <sup>high</sup> DC CD11c <sup>low</sup> BDCA3 <sup>high</sup> XCR1 <sup>+</sup> Clec9A <sup>+</sup>	 Langerhans cells CD11c <sup>low</sup> CD11b <sup>-</sup> CD1a <sup>high</sup> CD207 <sup>+</sup> EpCAM <sup>high</sup>
Inflammation sites	 Inflammatory DC CD11c <sup>+</sup> CD11b <sup>+</sup> SIRPα <sup>+</sup> FcεR1 <sup>+</sup> BDCA1 <sup>+</sup>	 pDC CD11c <sup>-</sup> BDCA2 <sup>+</sup> CD123 <sup>+</sup>	

# Functional specialization of DC subsets

pDC



Production of type I and III Interferons

Th1, Th17 or Treg induction?

Innate defenses against viruses

BDCA3/CD141<sup>+</sup> DC



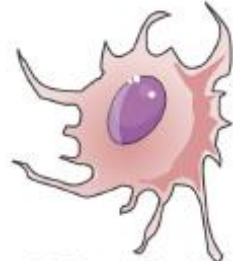
Production of IL-12 and type III interferons

Th1 or Treg induction?

Cross-presentation of exogenous antigens to CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells

Tolerance to self / Cellular immunity to intracellular pathogens and tumor

BDCA1/CD1c<sup>+</sup> DC



IL-23 production?

Th22, Th17 or Th2 induction?

Presentation of exogenous antigens to CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells

Cellular & humoral immunity to extracellular pathogens

Inflammatory Mo-DC

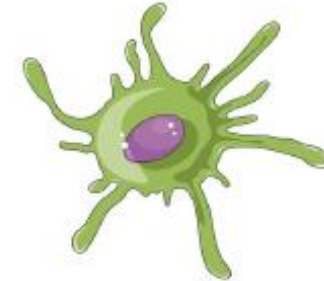


Production of TNF, ROI, NOI.

Th17 or Th2 induction?

Innate defenses against infections

Langerhans cells

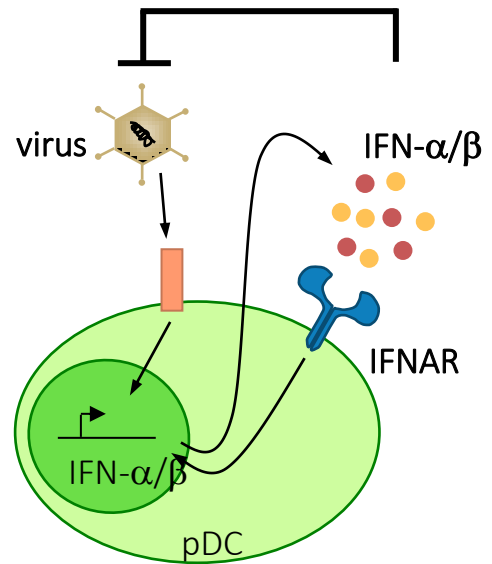


Skin homeostasis?

Treg induction?

Skin defense against Infections?

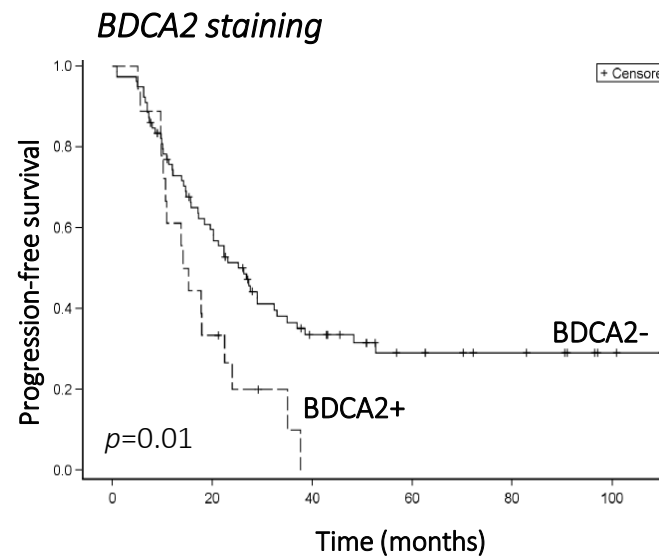
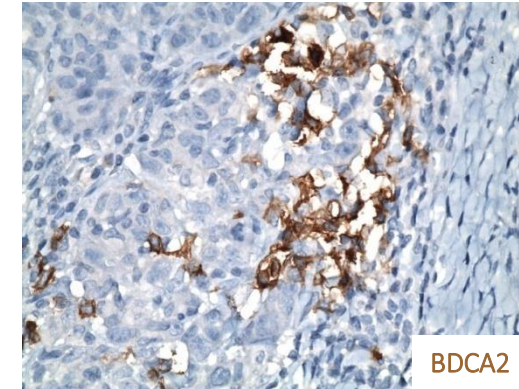
# High tumor infiltration by IFN $\alpha$ -deficient plasmacytoid DC is associated to poor clinical outcome



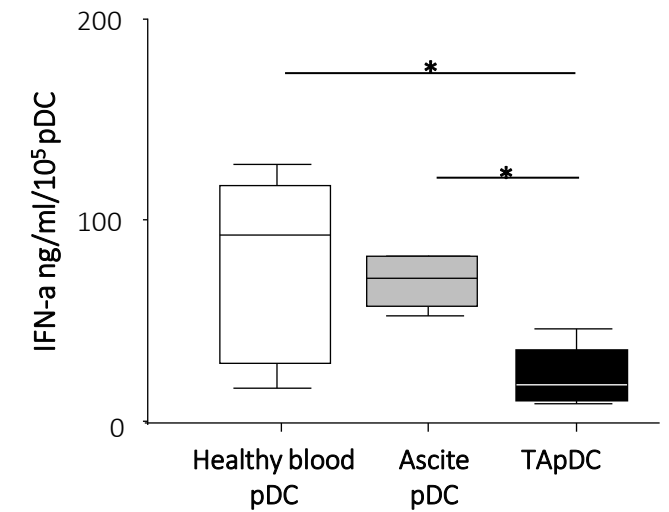
Natural Interferon Producing Cells

**ROLE IN  
ANTI-VIRAL DEFENSE**

## Ovarian cancer



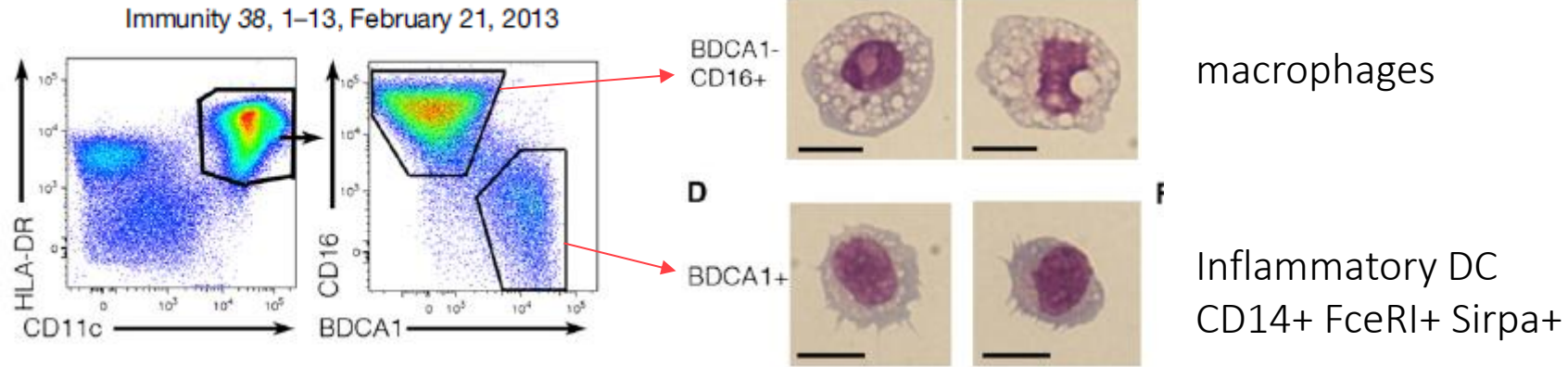
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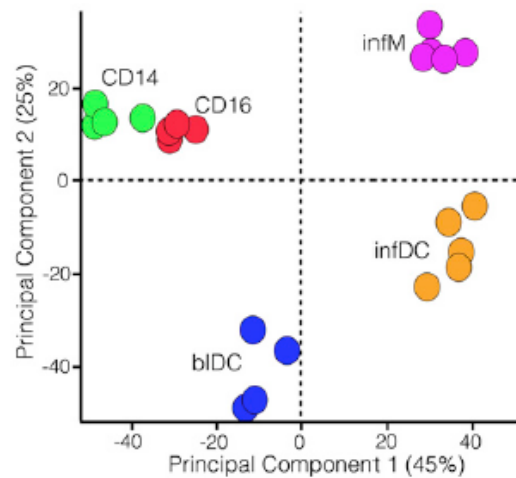
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# Human inflammatory dendritic cells induce Th17 cell differentiation

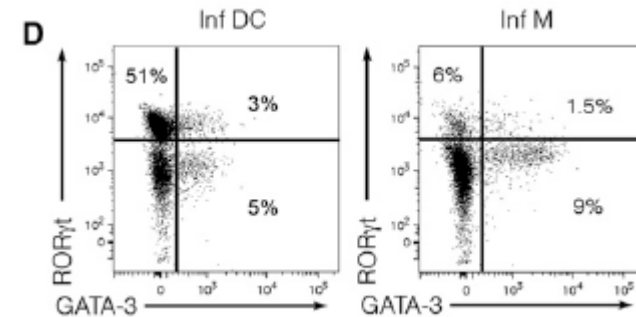
## Ovarian cancer ascites



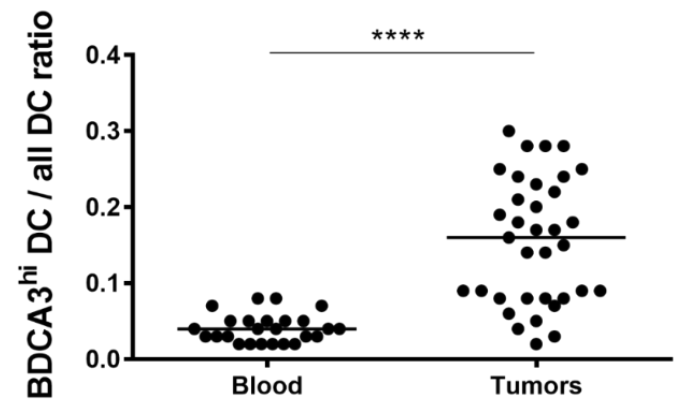
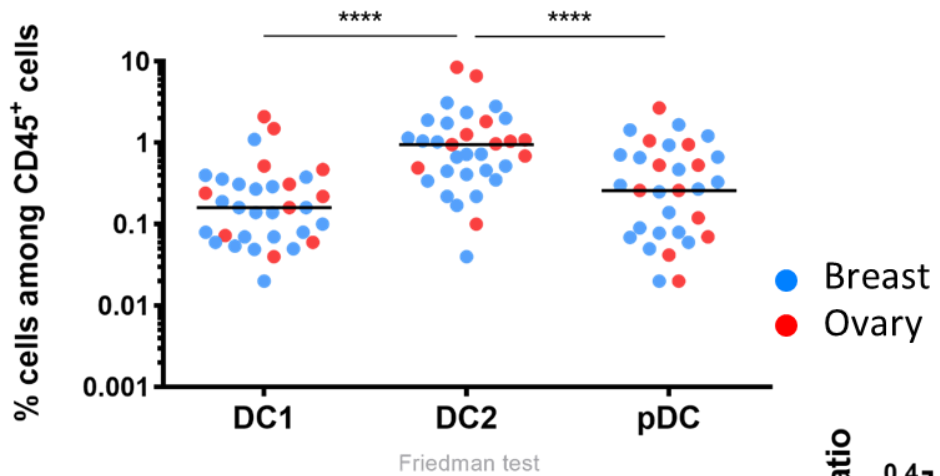
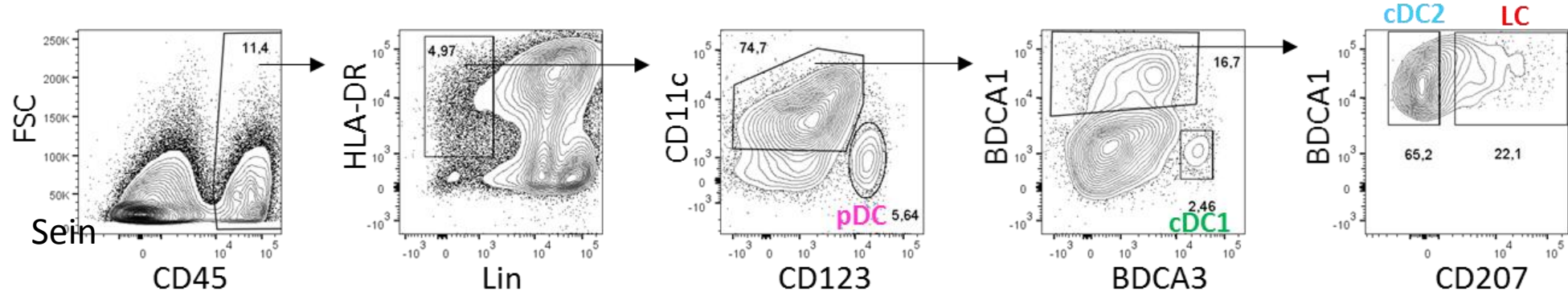
infDC represent a distinct DC subset  
(Gene expression profile – microarray Affymetrix)



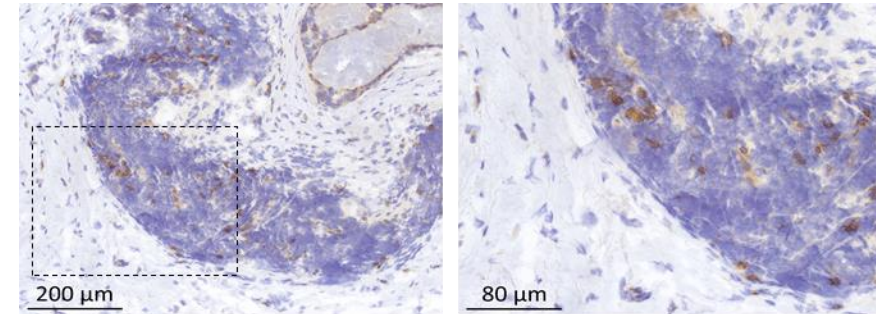
infDC induce Th17 cells



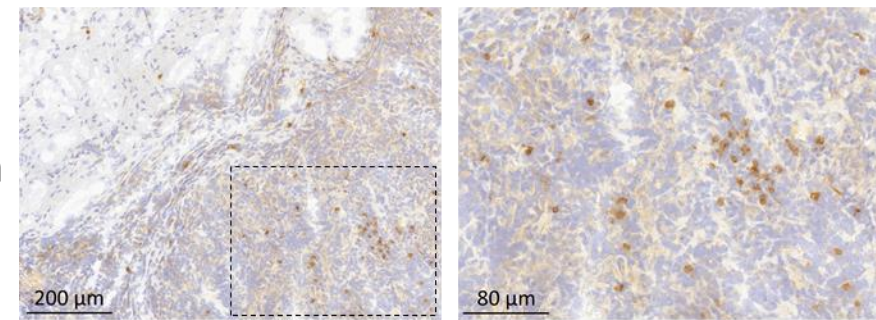
# CD141<sup>+</sup> DC (cDC1) are enriched in ovarian cancer among other DC populations



Breast cancer

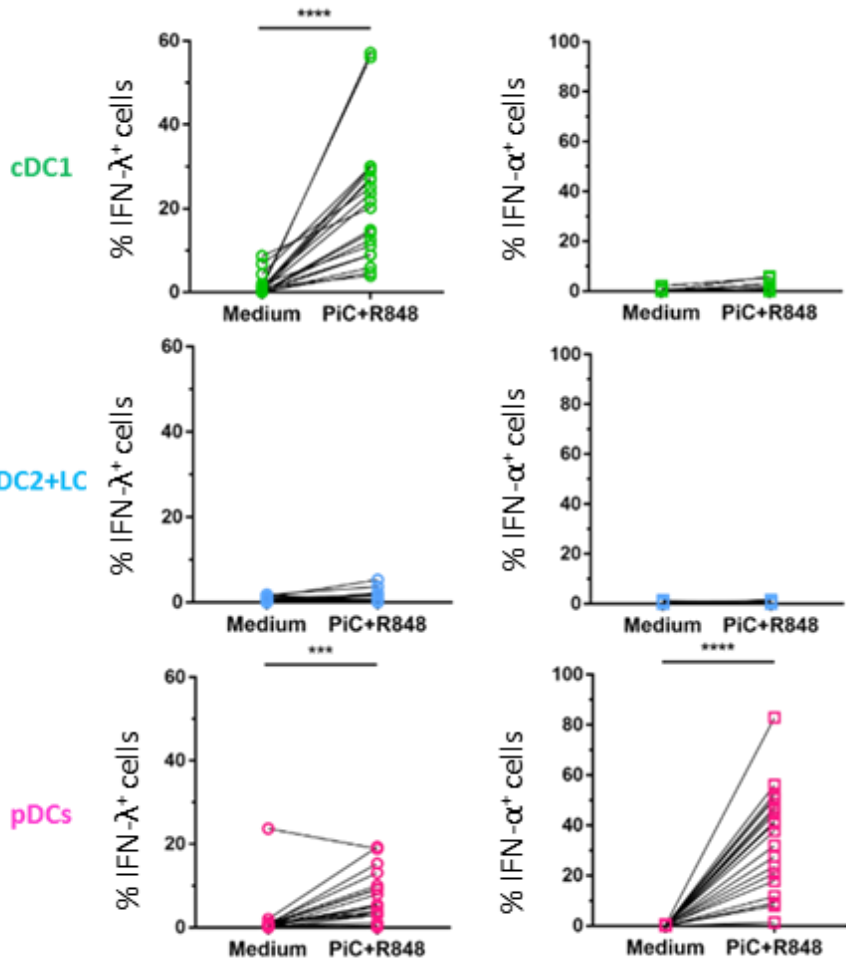


Ovarian cancer

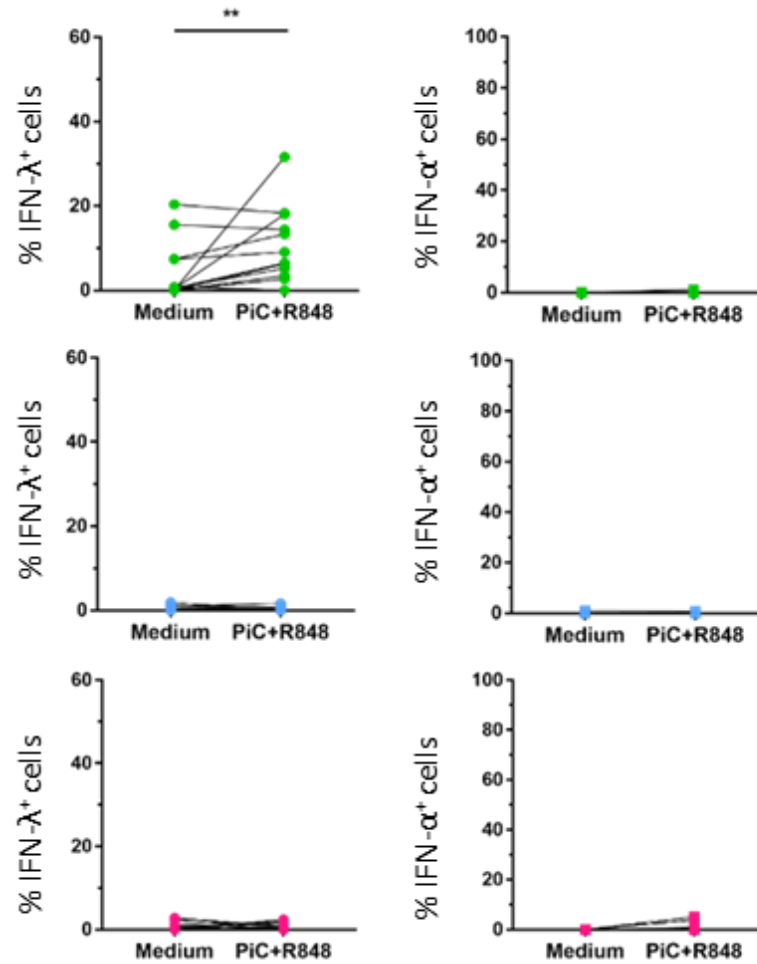


# In contrast to pDC, cDC1 can be reactivated and produced IFN-L in cancer

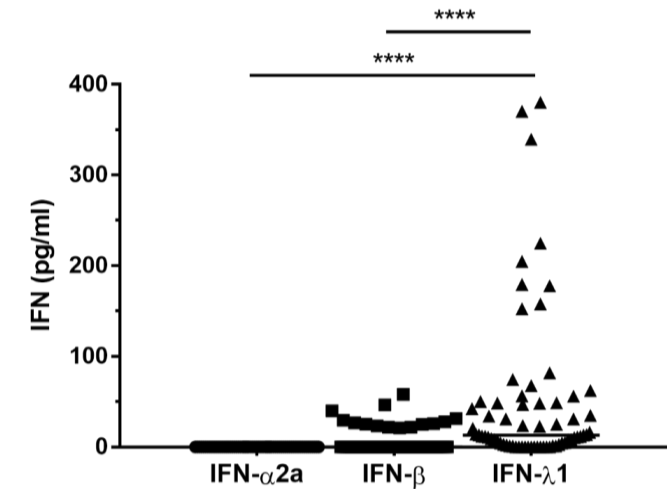
## Patients' PBMC



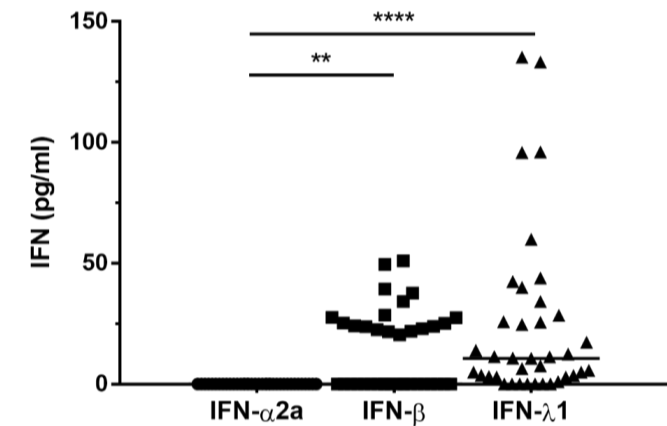
## Breast tumor



## Breast cancer



## Ovarian cancer





# Definition of tumor inflammation states using large-scale multiprocessing analysis of human primary ovarian cancer and breast tumors

A non-interventional prospective study : 2011 to 2016

## Inclusion criteria

### FRESH TISSUES

Tumor



Juxta  
Tumor



### Breast cancer (BC) or ovarian cancer (OC)

#### Inclusion criteria:

- All subtypes
- No immune modulation prior to surgery (1 month)

**Recruitment:** 483 BC patients, + 16 benin tumors  
22 OC patients + 18 kystic lesions

## Experiments

### A) TME cellular composition

#### 3 Multiparametric Flow cytometry (FACS) panels

- **A:** Neutrophils, fibroblasts, macrophages subsets, epithelial cells, endothelial cells, oxydative stress
- **B:** CD14+DC, MoMac, B cells, T cell subsets, DC subsets, pDC, CD16+cells
- **C:** Fibroblasts subsets, epithelial cells

### B) Soluble TME



Supernatant from  
whole tissue culture  
(24h)

- Inflammation
- Metabolism
- Angiogenesis
- Chemotaxis
- Growth factors
- Metalloproteases

55 analytes quantified by  
Luminex, MSD and  
colorimetric assays

## Data management and analysis

### Database creation and quality controls

Biological data (236 items)



Clinical data (42 items)



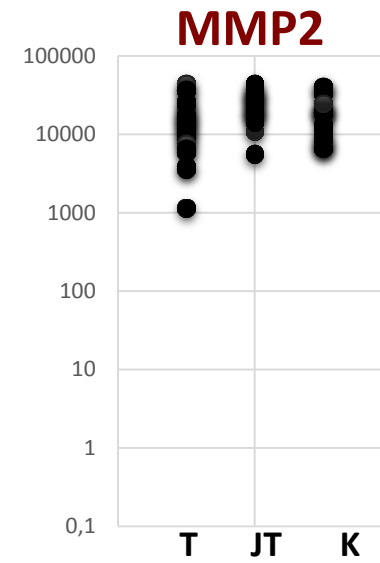
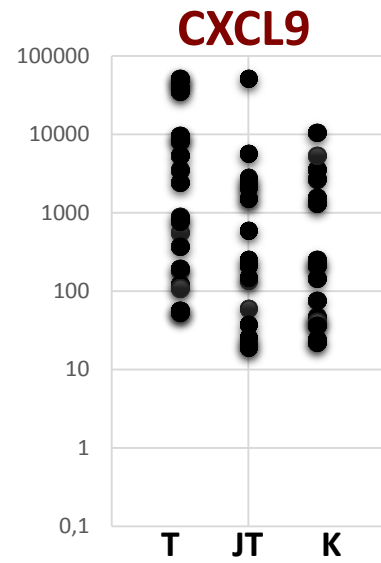
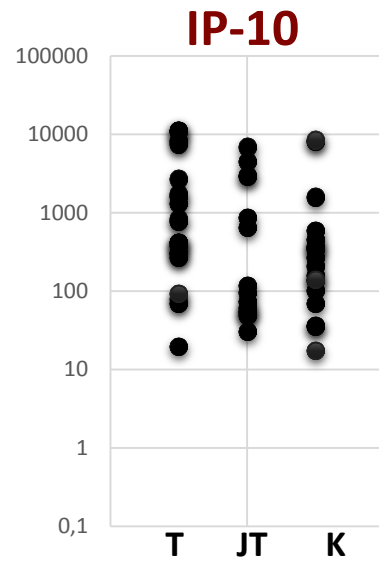
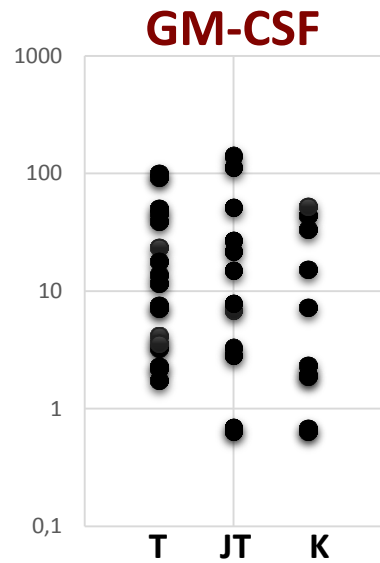
with Bioinformatics Platform  
and Direction des données department

### Statistical analysis

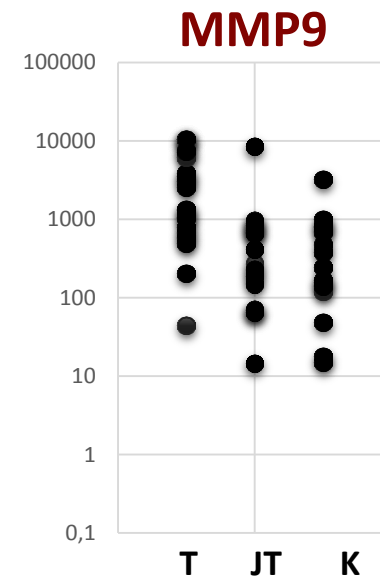
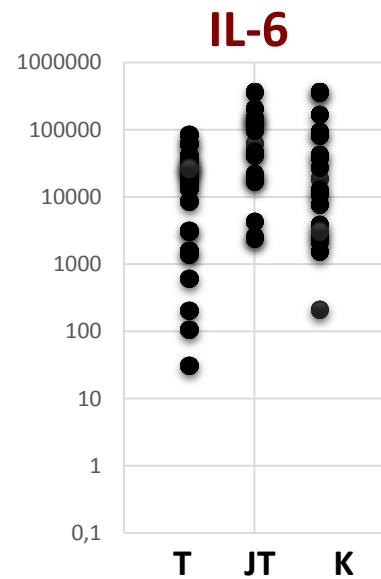
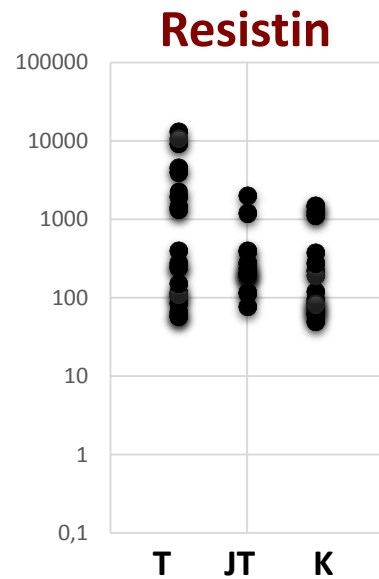
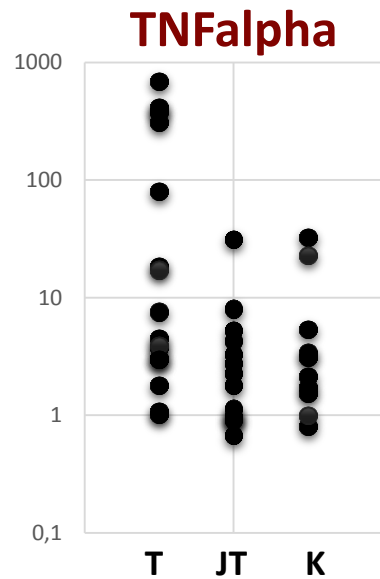


- Descriptive analysis
- Association between biological parameters
- Association with clinical parameters
- Specific questions : biological knowledge driven hypothesis:
  - Tumor versus juxtatumors
  - T low versus T high

# Broad profiling of tumor inflammatory mediators in ovarian cancer



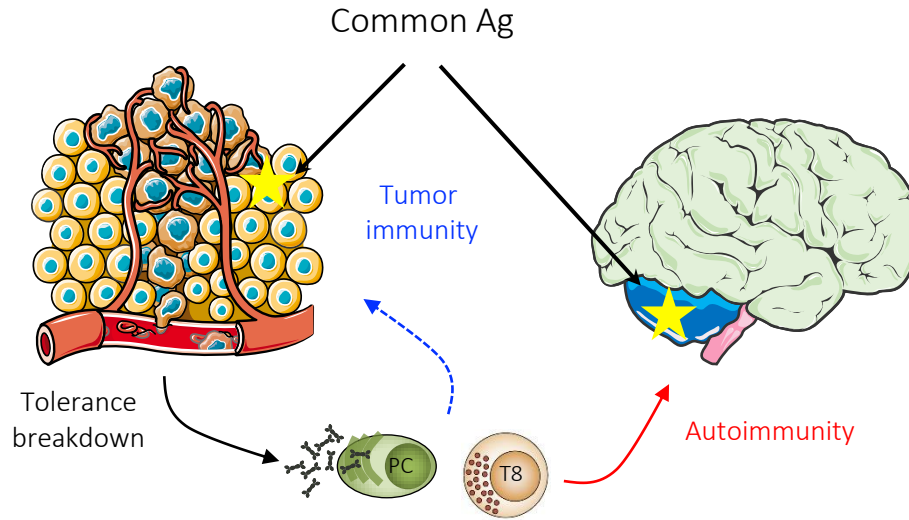
(T) Tumor n=22  
(JT) Juxtatumor n=17  
(K) Kystic lesion n=18



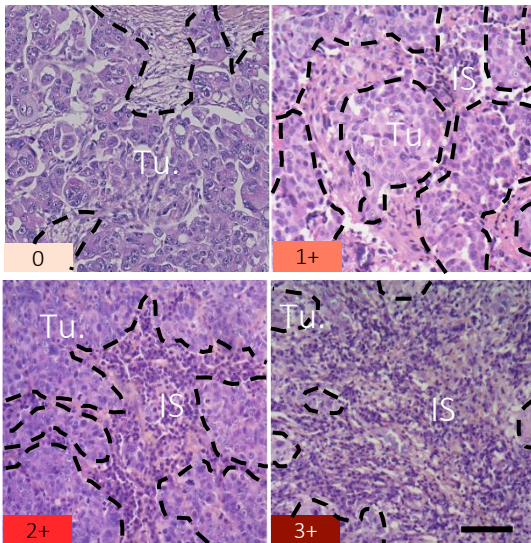
# Analysis of tumors from patients with paraneoplastic neurological syndromes to study salient features and initiation of anti-tumor immunity



Jerôme Honorat  
Virginie Desestret



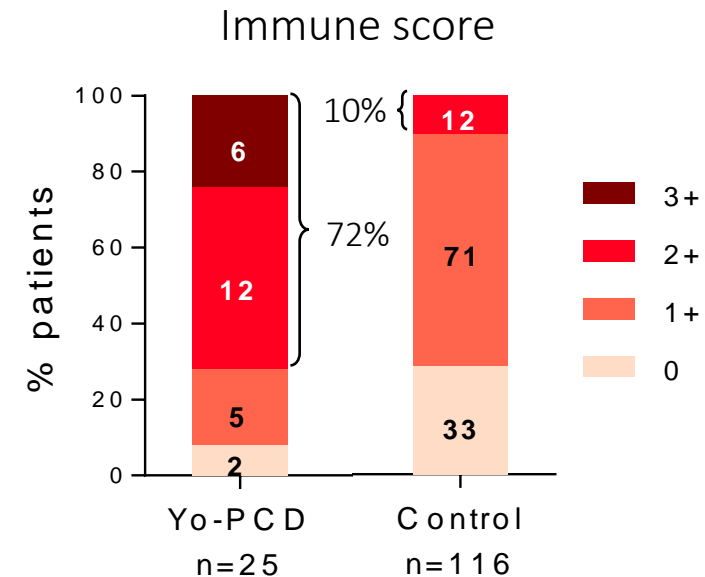
- ☞ Rare autoimmune disease
- ☞ High levels of autoAb
- ☞ Tumors often small and hard to diagnose
- ☞ Proof of efficient tumor immune surveillance?






Yo paracerebellar degenerations

Quantification of the Immune infiltrate in ovarian tumors (HPS staining)

Tumor (Tu.) – Immune Stroma (IS)



# Immune activating and suppressive pathways in ovarian cancer: From new mechanisms to clinical perspectives

	Anti-tumor immunity	Biomarker	Therapeutic targeting
 BDCA3 <sup>high</sup> DC	+	???	Activation Induction of IFN-lambda TLR-3 ligands
 Plasmacytoid DC	-	Bad prognosis	Depletion
 Inflammatory DC	???	???	???