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# **ΑΝΟΣΟΠΟΙΗΤΙΚΟ ΣΥΣΤΗΜΑ ΚΑΙ ΑΝΟΣΟΘΕΡΑΠΕΙΑ: ΚΑΙΝΟΤΟΜΕΣ ΘΕΡΑΠΕΙΕΣ ΣΤΗΝ ΑΝΤΙΜΕΤΩΠΙΣΗ ΤΟΥ ΚΑΡΚΙΝΟΥ**

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# The immune system protects from pathogens



# Immune Regulation and Tolerance

## Autoimmunity and Cancer

### From Basic Immunology to Translational Research:



#### Selected publications of PI as corresponding author:

1. Alissafi T. et al. *J. Clin. Investigation* 2018
2. Girtzmanaki et al. *Cell Reports* 2018
3. Alissafi T. et al. *J. Clin. Investigation* 2017
4. Hatzioannou A. et al. *J. Leuko. Biol.* 2017
5. Hatzioannou A. et al. *Oncoimmunology*, 2016

# **Autoimmune diseases**

# Deregulation of the immune system may lead to development of autoimmune diseases

## AUTOIMMUNE DISEASES

### Brain

Multiple Sclerosis  
Guillain-Barre Syndrome  
Autism



### Thyroid

Thyroiditis  
Hashimoto's Disease  
Graves' Disease



### Blood

Leukemia  
Lupus Erythematosus  
Hemolytic Dysglycemia



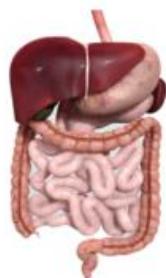
### Bones

Rheumatoid Arthritis  
Ankylosing Spondylitis  
Polymyalgia Rheumatica



### GI Tract

Celiac's Disease  
Crohn's Disease  
Ulcerative Colitis  
Diabetes Type I



Over 100  
Different Types of  
Autoimmune  
Disorders

### Nerves

Peripheral Neuropathy  
Diabetic Neuropathy



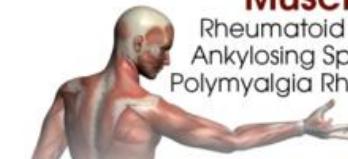
### Lung

Fibromyalgia  
Wegener's Granulomatosis



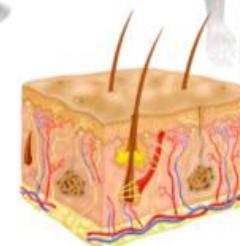
### Muscles

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Ankylosing Spondylitis  
Polymyalgia Rheumatica



### Skin

Psoriasis  
Vitiligo  
Eczema  
Scleroderma



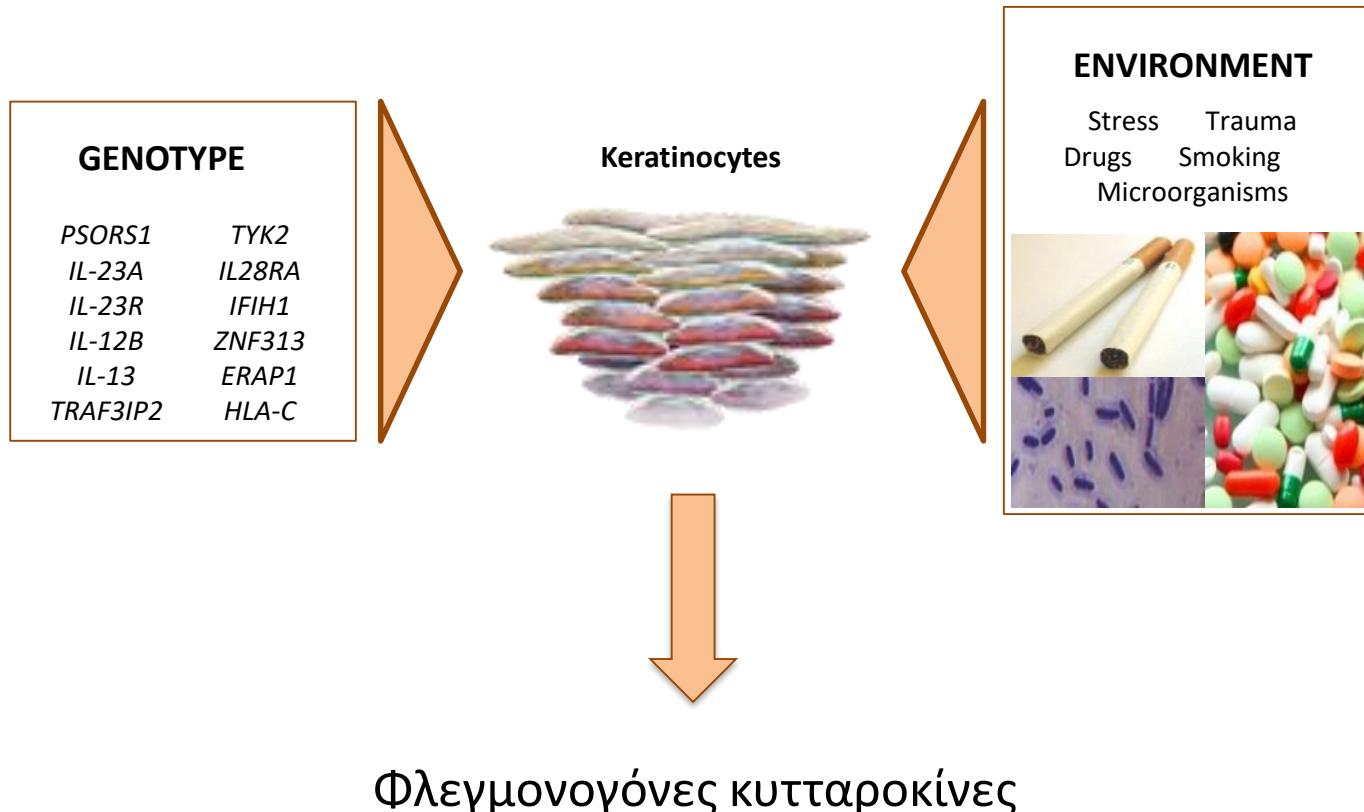
# Η ψωρίαση είναι μια χρόνια και σοβαρή νόσος, ανοσολογικής αρχής που επηρεάζει κυρίως το δέρμα

- Η ψωρίαση είναι μια **χρόνια** νόσος, ανοσολογικής αρχής που επηρεάζει κυρίως το δέρμα.<sup>1,2</sup>
- Προσβάλλει το 2-3% του πληθυσμού
- **Δεν είναι ιάσιμη**, υπάρχουν όμως θεραπείες που στοχεύουν στην ανακούφιση των συμπτωμάτων.<sup>3</sup>
- Ακόμα και με τις υπάρχουσες θεραπείες η νόσος παρουσιάζει **εξάρσεις** ή και **επιδείνωση**.<sup>4,5</sup>
- Εμφανίζεται συνήθως μεταξύ **15-25 ετών** αλλά μπορεί να εμφανιστεί σε οποιαδήποτε ηλικία.
- **35% ασθενών** έχουν οικογενειακό ιστορικό
- Το 1/3 ασθενών πάσχουν από μέτρια-σοβαρή ψωρίαση

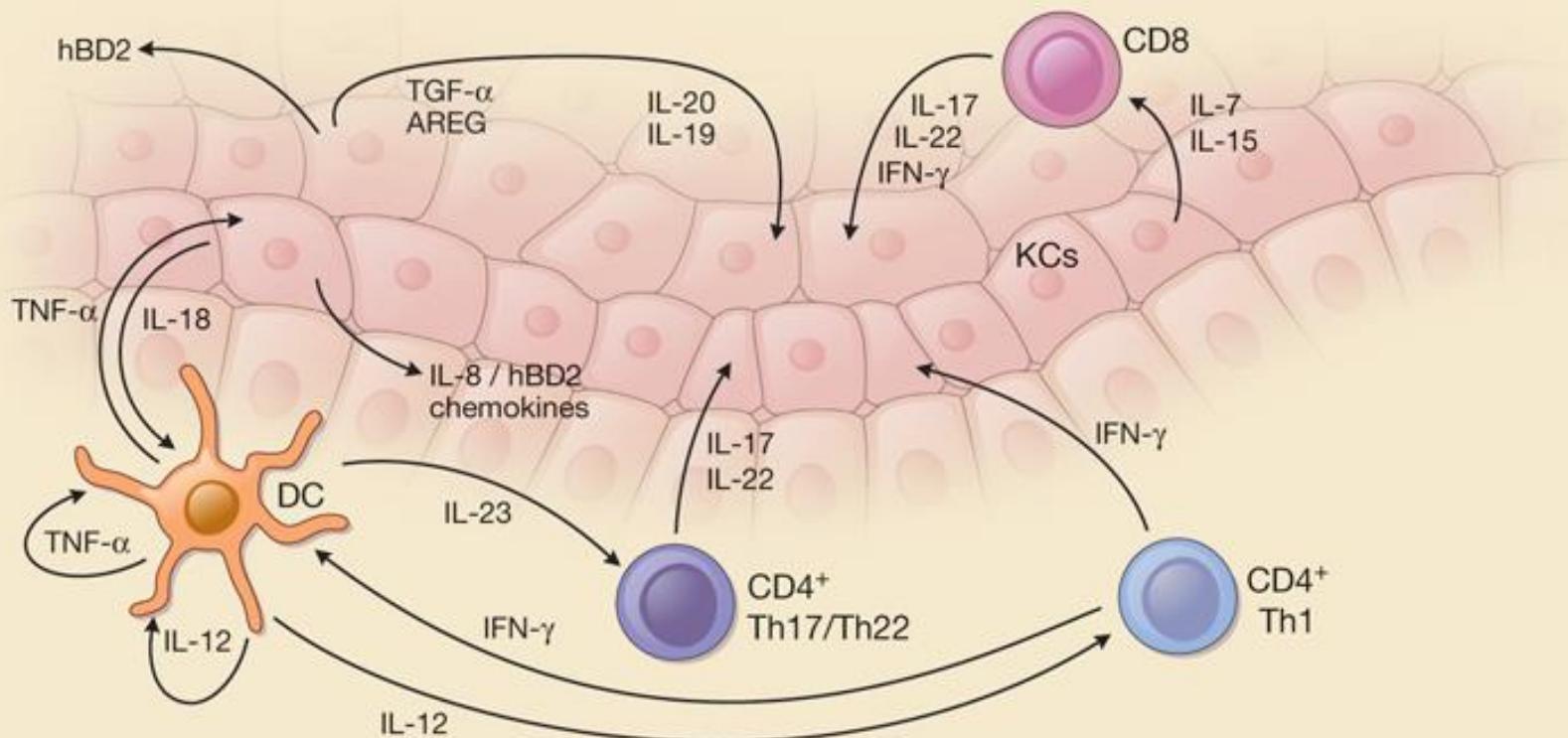


Photos adapted  
from Menter et al.

# Στην ψωρίαση μια σειρά από γενετικούς και περιβαλλοντικούς παράγοντες επάγουν την απελευθέρωση φλεγμονογόνων κυτταροκινών από το κερατινοκύτταρο



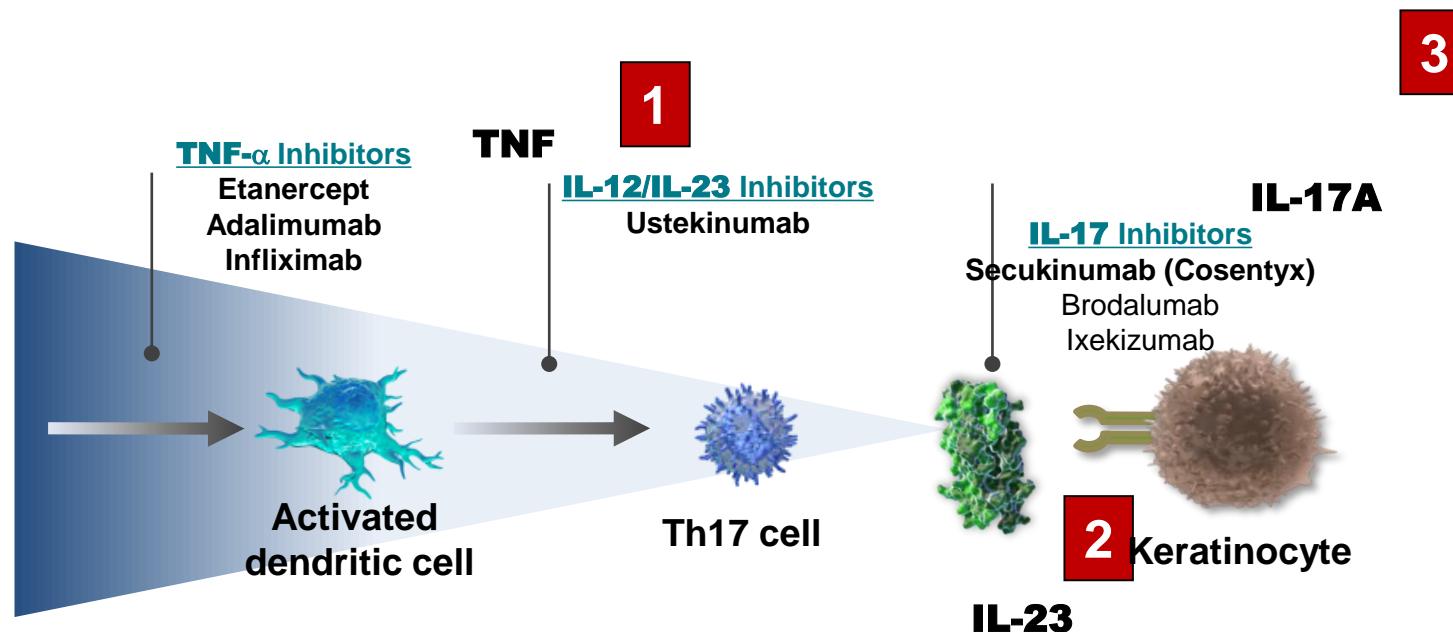
## Cytokine network in psoriasis



Source: Goldsmith LA, Katz SI, Gilchrest BA, Paller AS, Leffell DJ, Wolff K: *Fitzpatrick's Dermatology in General Medicine*, 8th Edition: [www.accessmedicine.com](http://www.accessmedicine.com)

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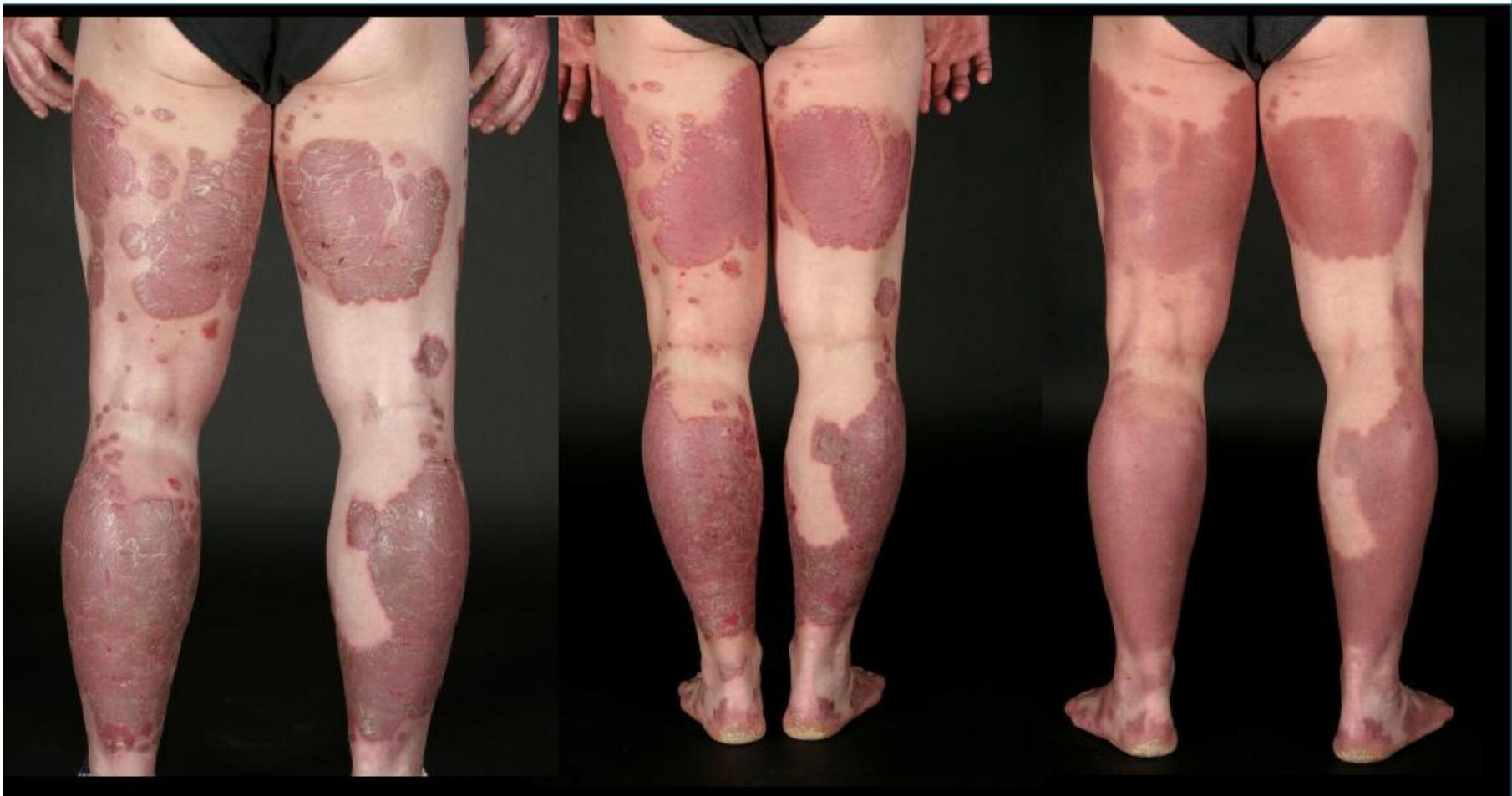
# Η IL17Α έχει πιο στοχευμένη δράση, γιατί δρα απευθείας στο κερατινοκύτταρο



IL, interleukin; Th, helper T cells; TNF, tumor necrosis factor.

Adapted from Nestle FO et al. N Engl J Med. 2009;361:496-509; Kopf M et al. Nat Rev Drug Discov. 2010;9:703-718; Garber K. Nat Biotechnol. 2011;29:563-566.

# IL-17A a therapeutic target is psoriasis



Baseline

PASI < 50

PASI >50

# IL-17A a therapeutic target is psoriasis



Baseline

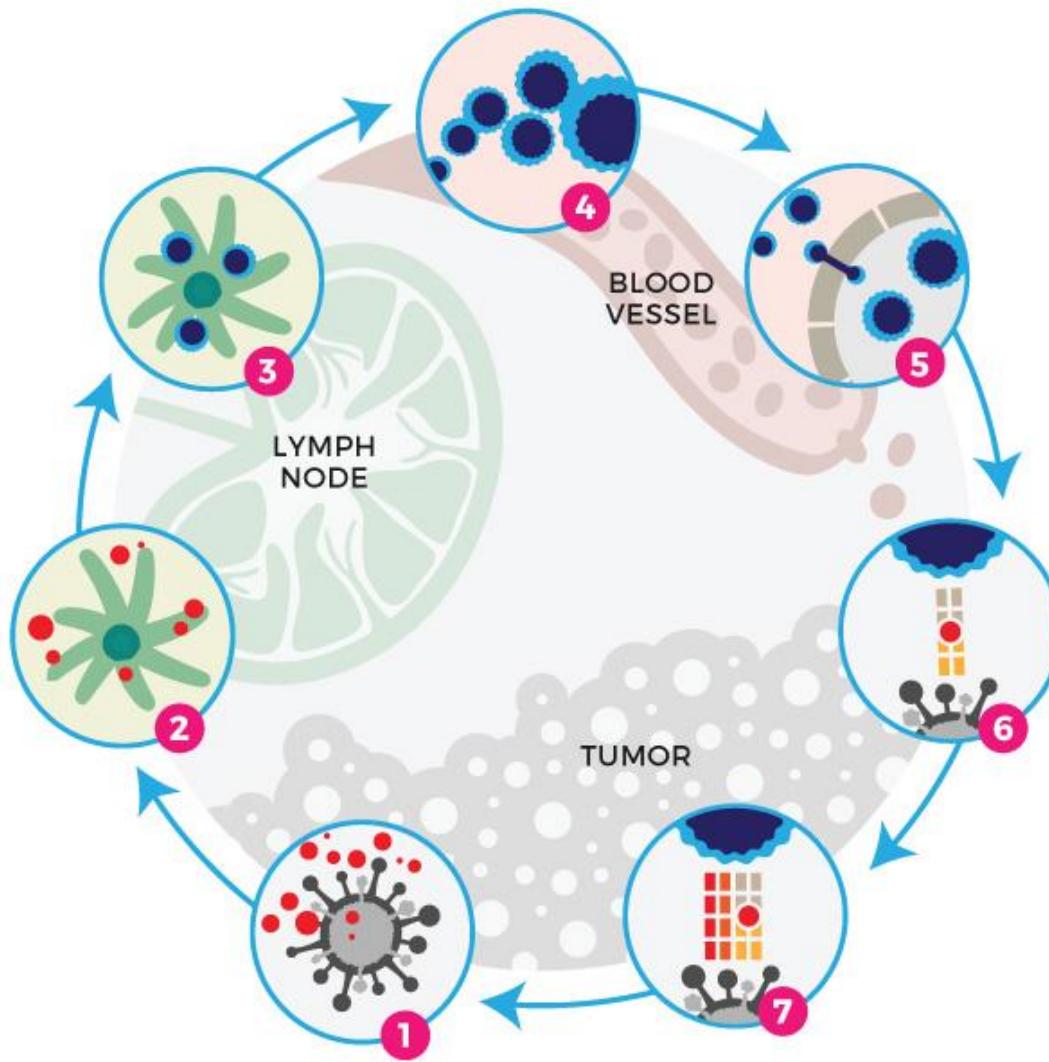
PASI >90

PASI >98

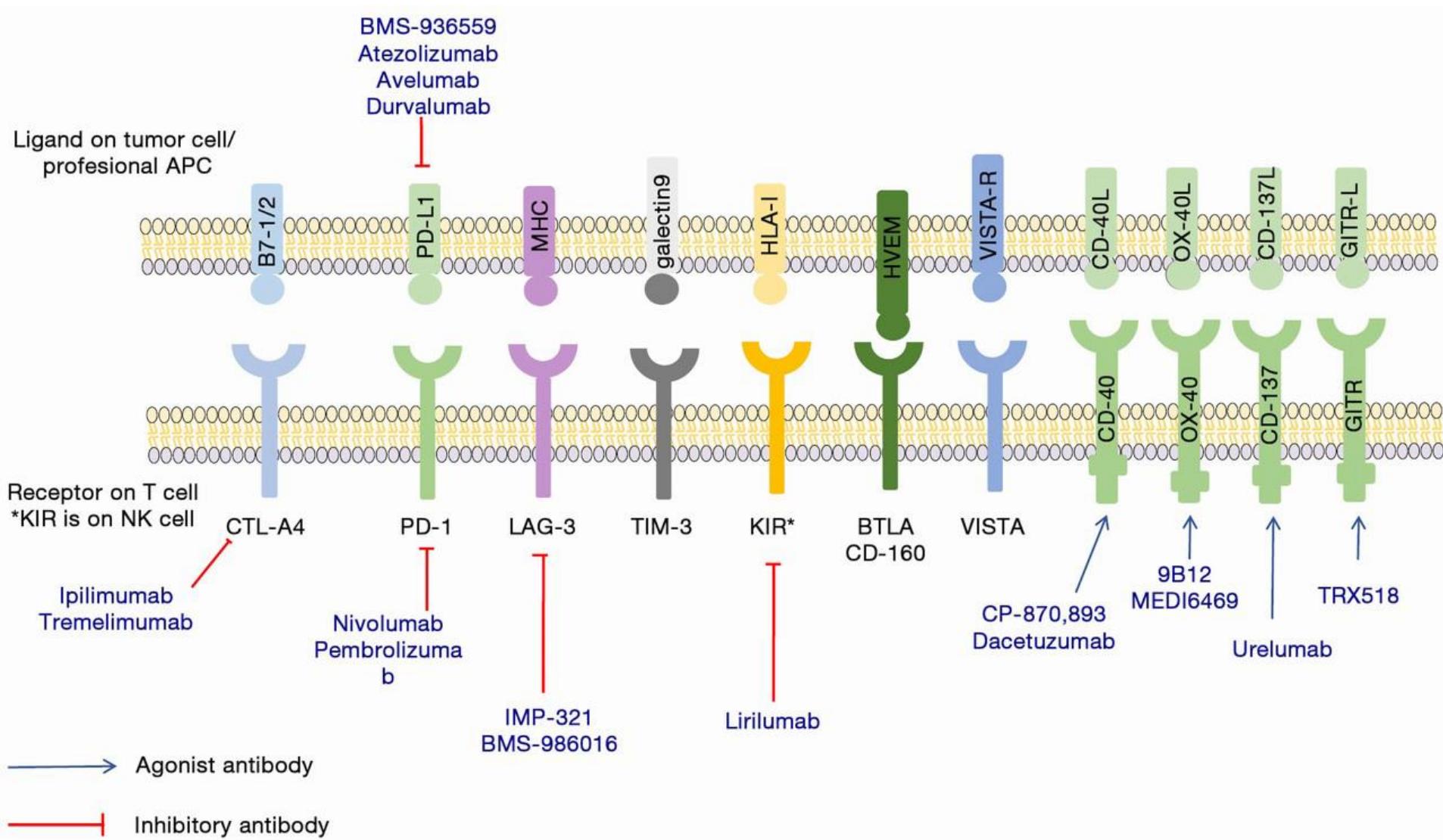
# Cancer Immunology

# The immune system is capable of fighting cancer

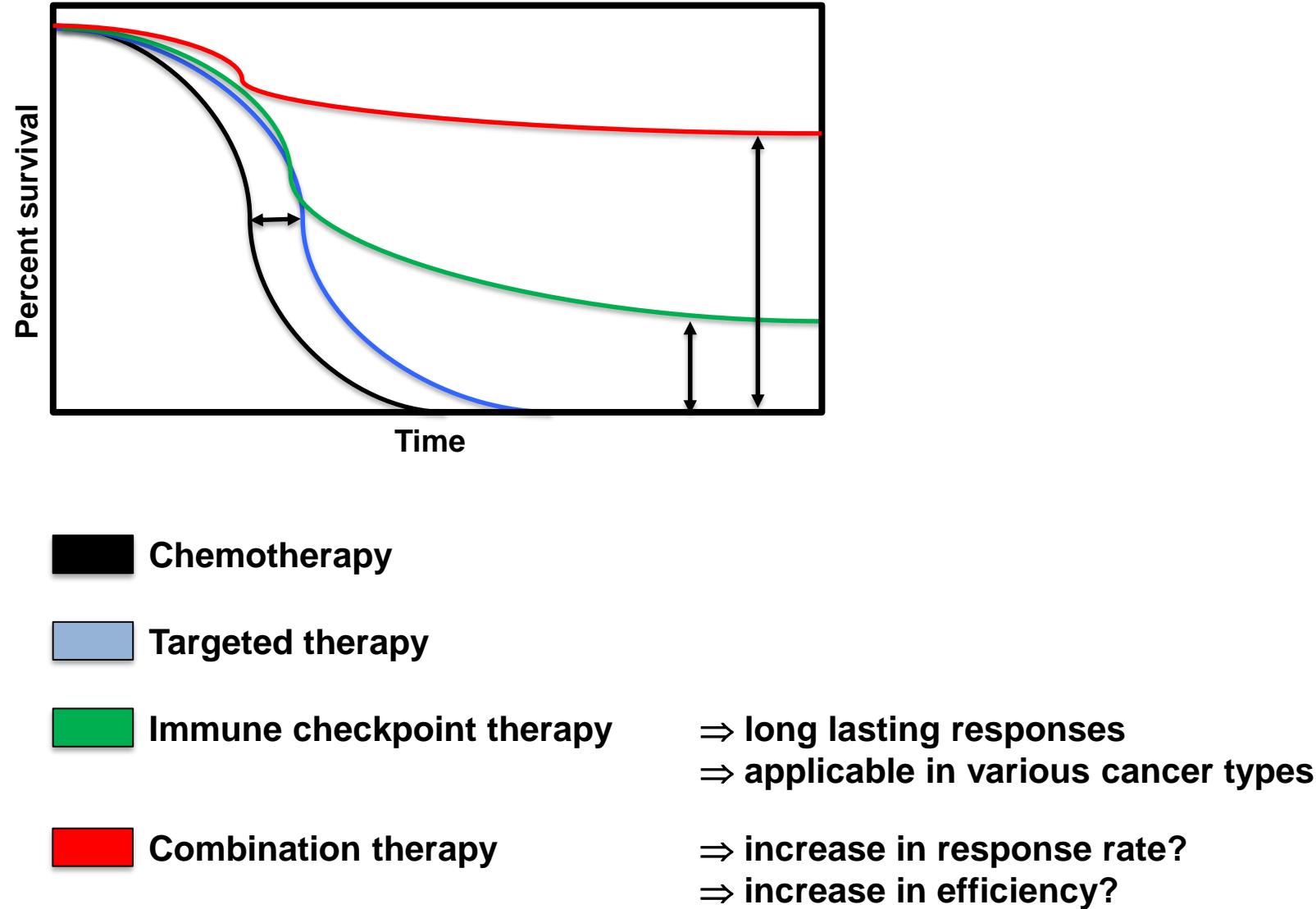
## THE CANCER-IMMUNITY CYCLE



# The Checkpoint Blocking/Agonist Antibodies in the treatment of Cancer



# Combination therapy in cancer increases the IrAEs



# THE NOBEL PRIZE IN PHYSIOLOGY OR MEDICINE 2018

Illustrations: Niklas Elmehed



James P. Allison • Tasaku Honjo

“for their discovery of cancer therapy by inhibition  
of negative immune regulation”

THE NOBEL ASSEMBLY AT KAROLINSKA INSTITUTET

# Cancer Immunotherapy: A paradigm shift in cancer treatment

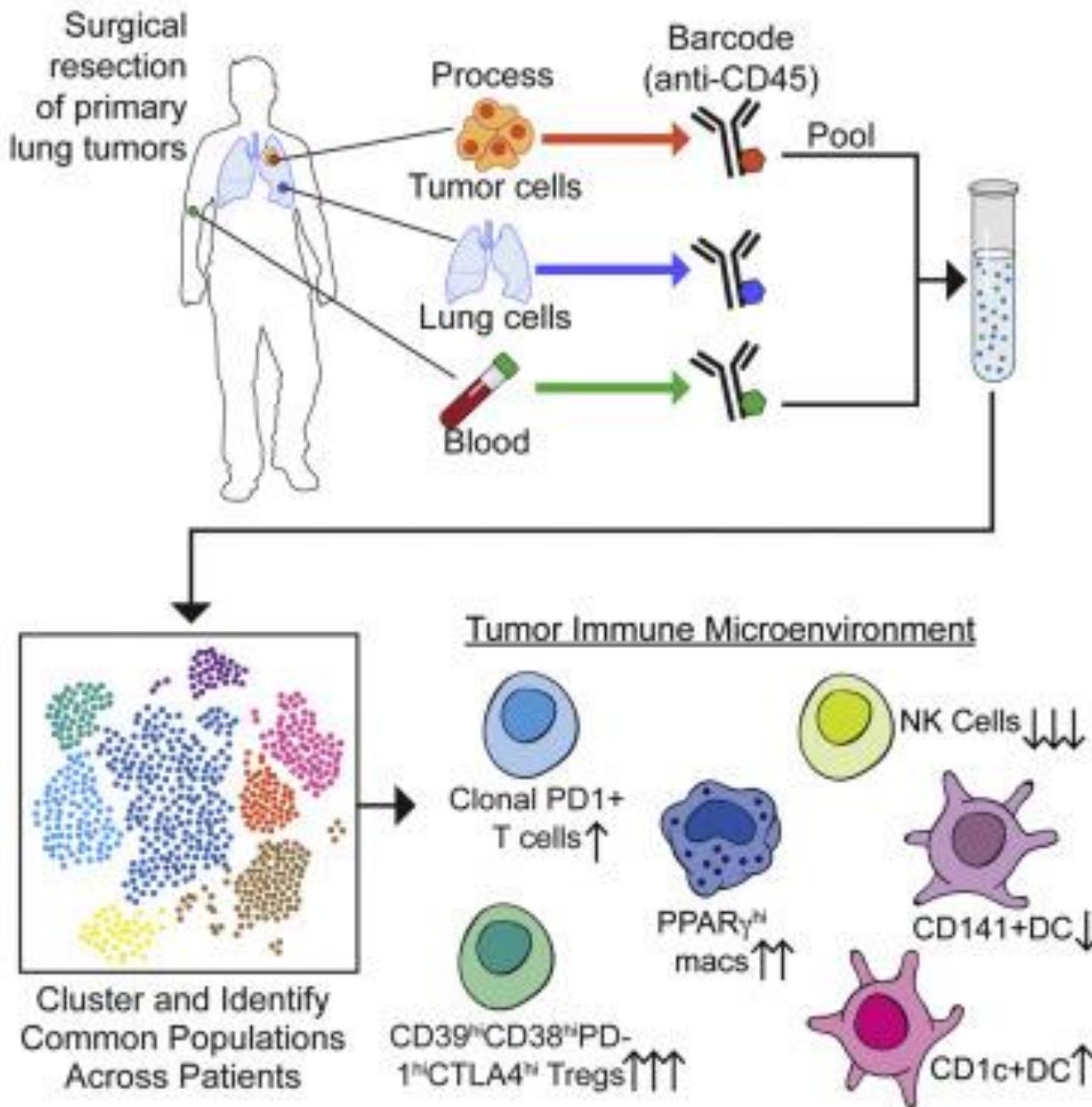
## Caveats

- ❖ A low proportion of patients respond
- ❖ Life-threatening autoimmunity (**IrAEs**)

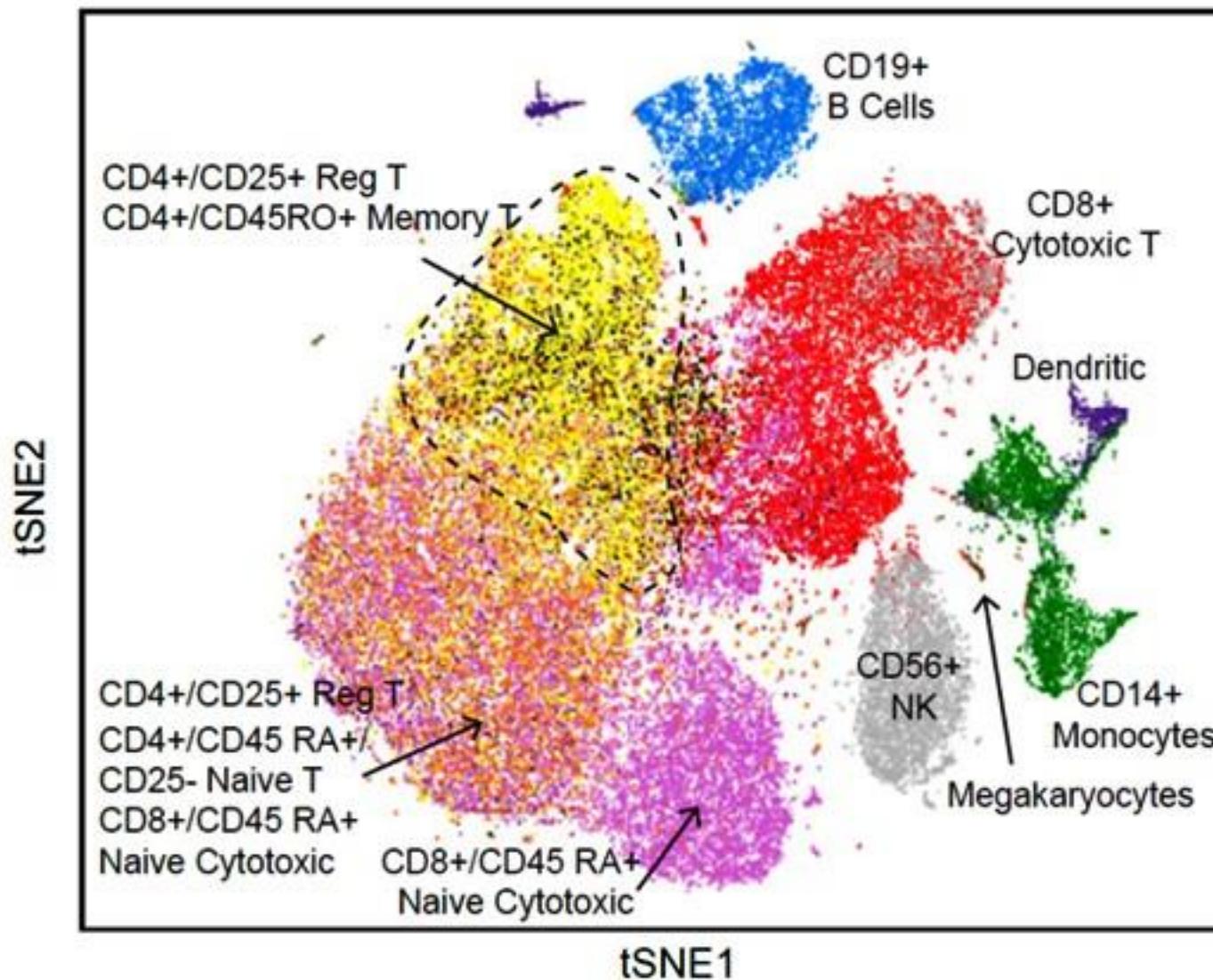


Lack of validated non-invasive biomarkers to reliably predict response to immunotherapy

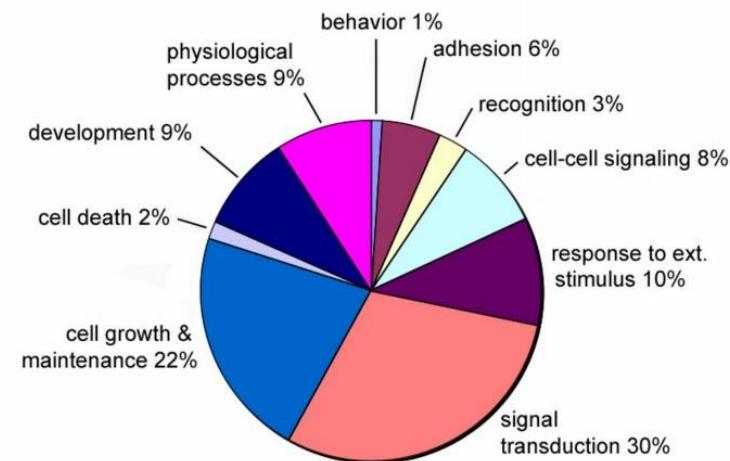
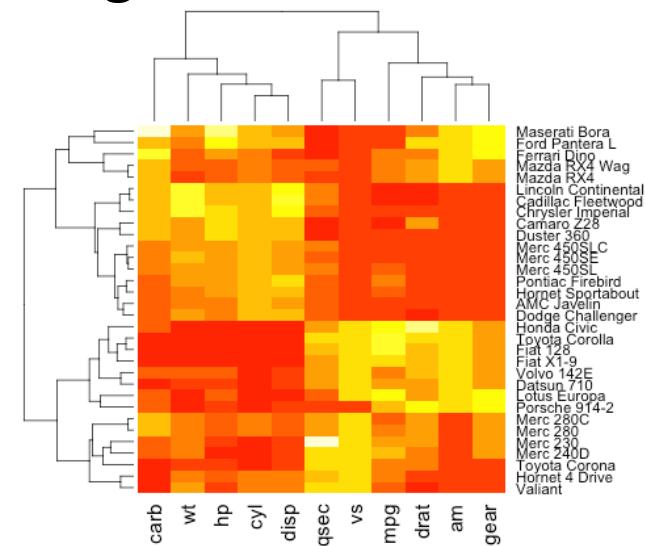
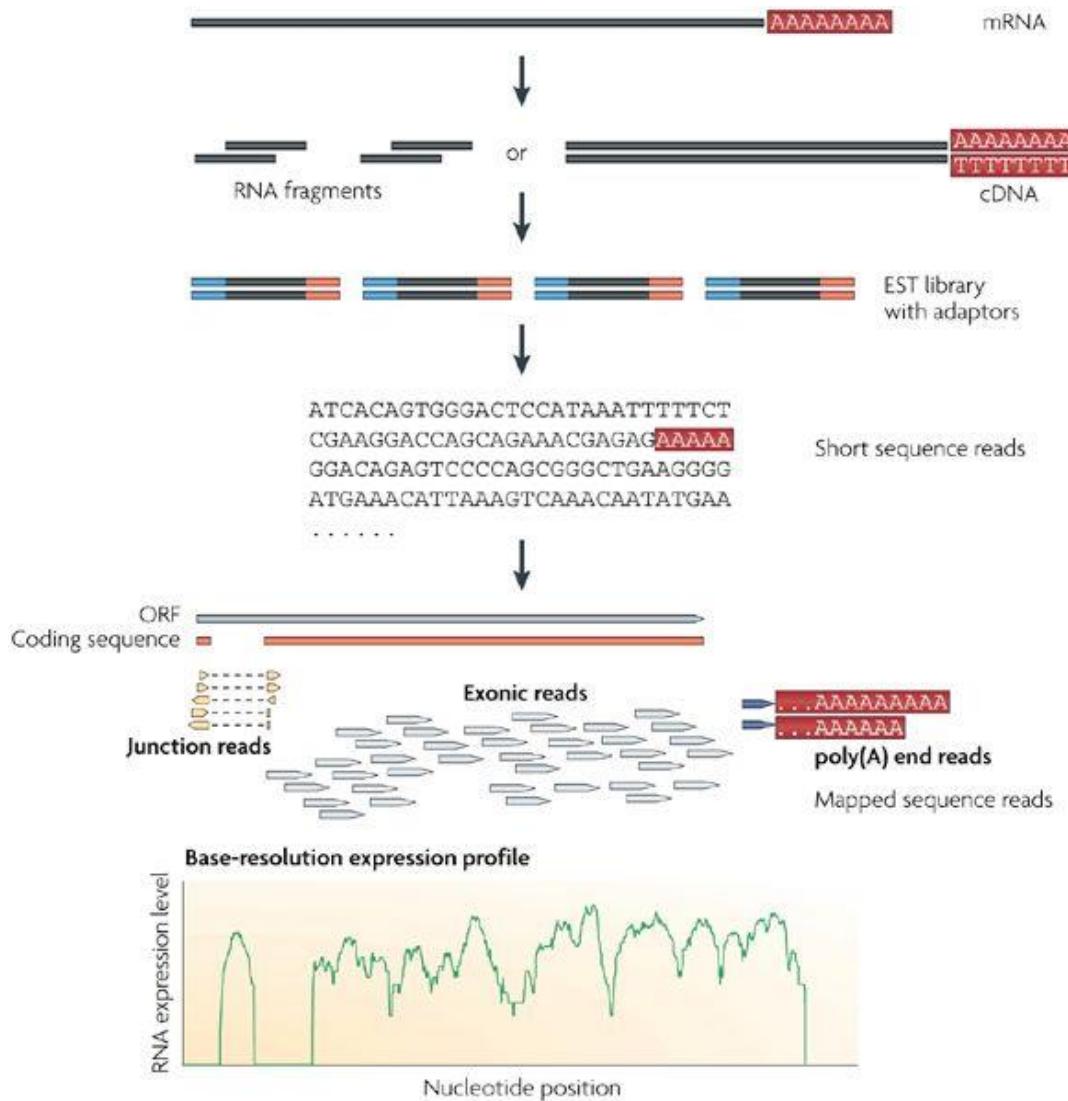
# Single cell mass cytometry analysis (CYTOF)



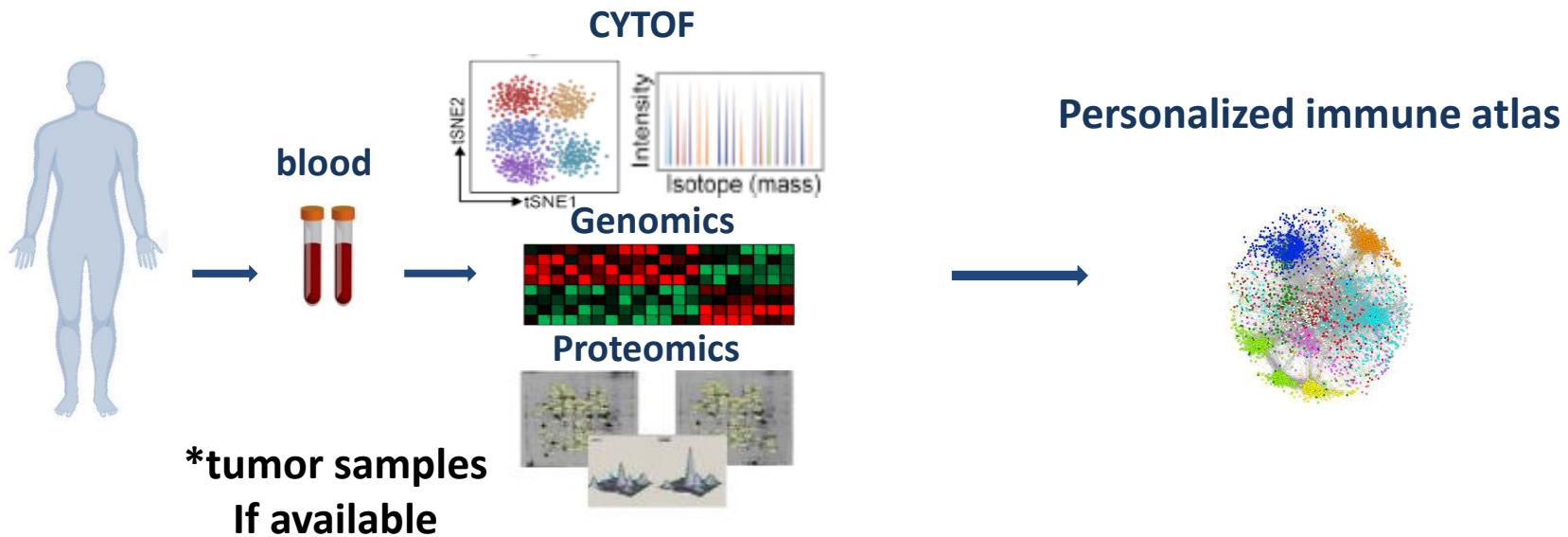
# Detailed characterization of blood cells through CYTOF



# Genomics: RNA sequencing



# Multi-parametric immune profile of PBMCs from cancer patients: an approach for precision medicine ([IWAS](#))

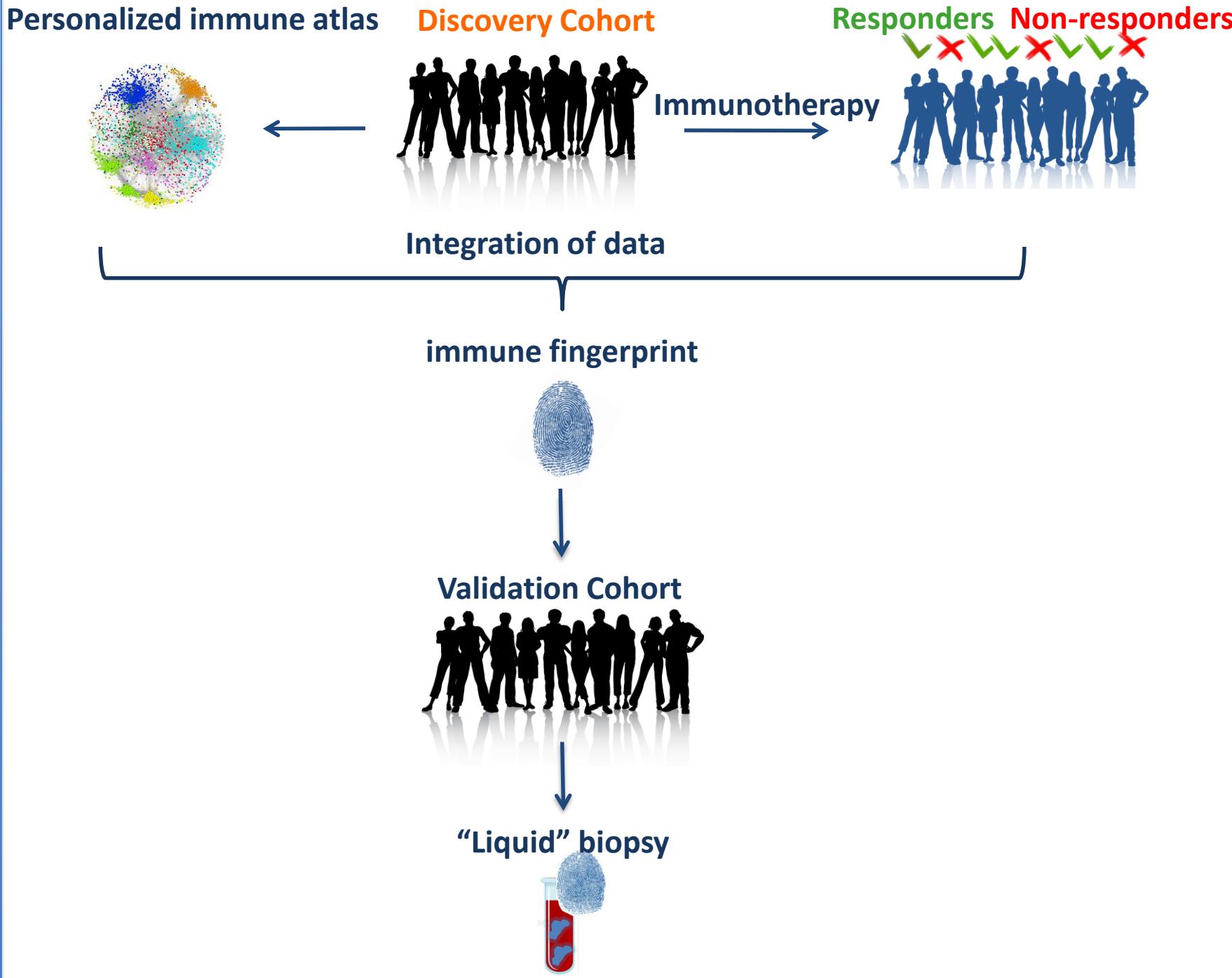


A. Single cell mass cytometry (CyTOF) in PBMCs

B. RNA-seq of PBMCs (or population of interest)

C. Proteomic/ Metabolomic analysis

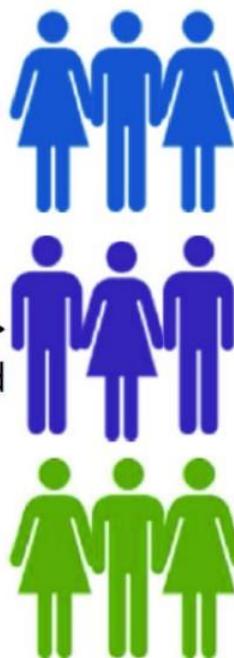
# Pipeline for “liquid” biopsy



### One-size fits-all medicine



### Stratified medicine



#### Stratification

Patients are grouped by:  
Disease  
Subtypes  
Demographics  
Clinical features  
Biomarkers

### Precision medicine



#### Personalisation

Patient individual:  
Preferences,  
Clinical features  
Medication history  
Environment  
Behaviours & habits  
Biomarker

Precision medicine

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