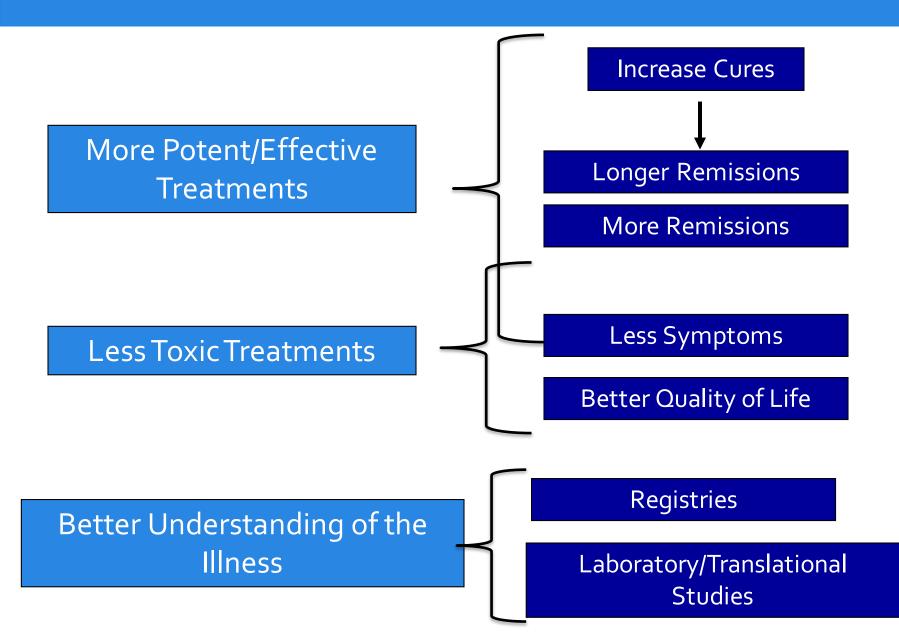
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# **Clinical Trials and Research Update**

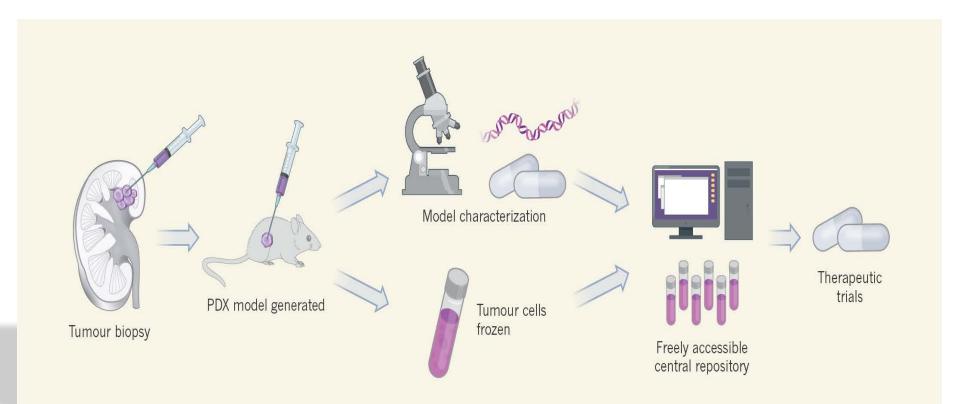
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#### **Cutaneous T-cell Lymphoma Studies: General Goals**



Kettering

#### Patient-derived xenografts to model human cancer





Murakami and Weinstock, *Nature* 2017

#### Collaborative network Bringing us all together for greater impact

CL International Consortium, *CLIC, a multinational, interdisciplinary, project-based research alliance of CL expert centers worldwide* to generate large-scale clinical and translational data for greater impact

- Initiated as ISCL-based interest in early 2013, officially supported by EORTC, USCLC, and other regional CL organizations
- Although inclusive in concept, the participants/sites are primarily determined by proposed projects, funding, and commitment





#### **Cutaneous Lymphoma International Consortium (CLIC): an International Alliance for Large-Scale Collaborative Investigations in Cutaneous Lymphoma**



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# **Clinical Trials**

- Clinical trials are usually testing a new treatment on people
  - New Medication
  - New test (HTS, MRD)
- Usually the goal is to find better and/or additional treatments
  - Brand new treatment
  - Existing treatment for a new indication
  - New combination of existing treatments
  - Existing treatment in a better way
- Informed Consent



# **Clinical Trials: Phase I/Early phase**

- Determine the correct dose/schedule for further studies
- Often very new drugs
- Might be a new combinations of existing drugs
- Learn about side effects
- Might be unknown therapeutic benefit
- Usually for patients in whom some conventional options have been tried.



# **Clinical Trials: Phase II**

- Phase II clinical trials test efficacy of a therapy, cannot determine superiority to a standard therapy
- Usually already know "best" dose and side effects
  - Scenario A
    - Test the anti-tumor effect of a new drug
  - Scenario B
    - Evaluate the effectiveness of a new combination or approach to therapy

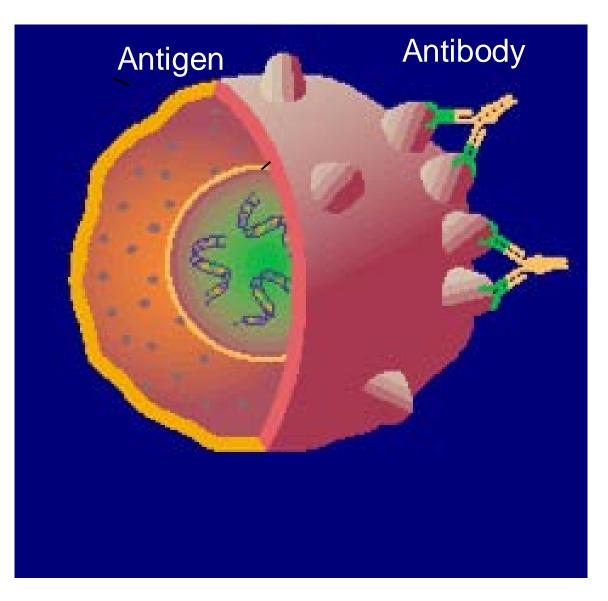


# **Clinical Trials: Phase III**

- A randomized comparison of a standard regimen to a new treatment
  - Patient might get one or another treatment (usually you do not get to choose)
  - Placebo control studies are unusual in CTCL
  - If an experimental therapy looks better in a Phase II study, we are often not sure without a phase 3

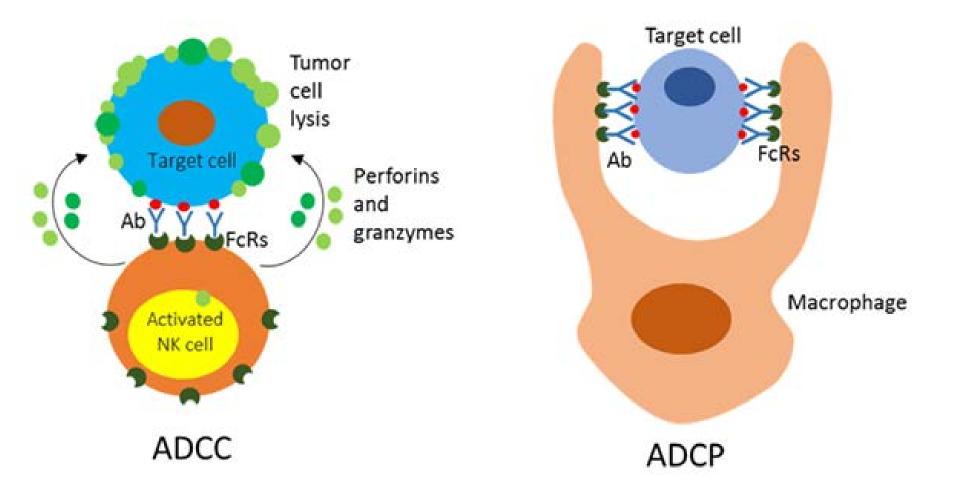


#### **Types of Treatment: Antibodies**



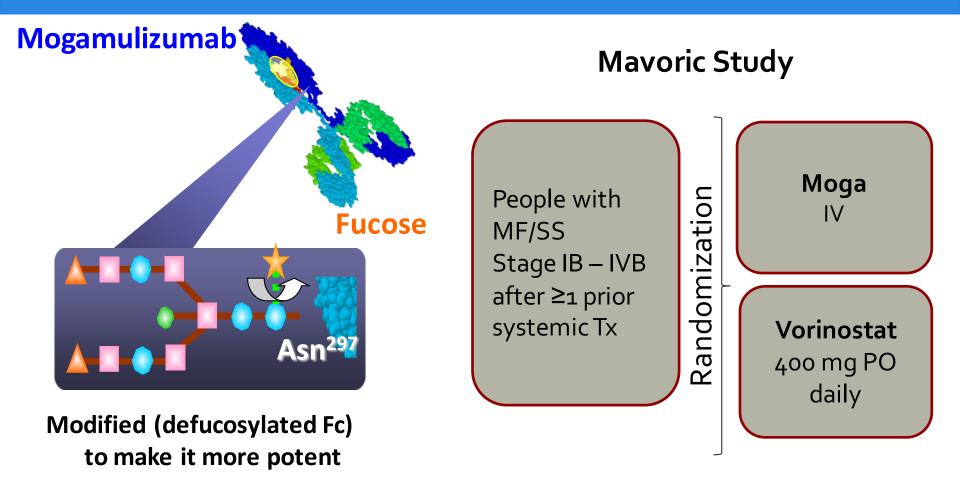


# Antibodies can help the immune system eliminate cancer cells





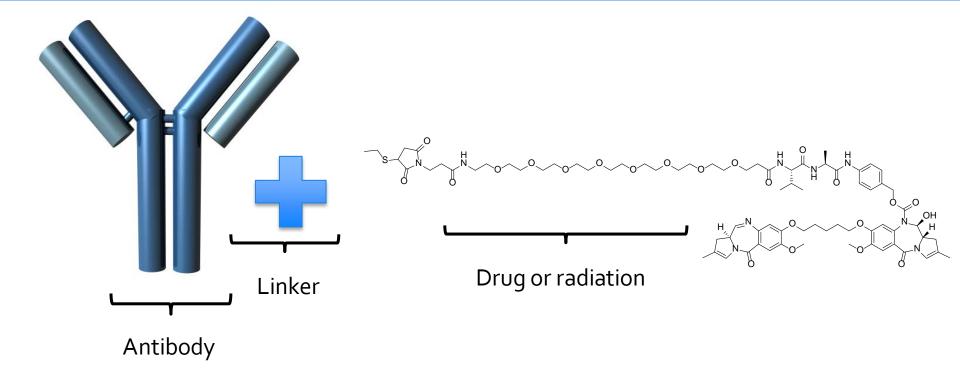
#### Mogamulizumab (KW-0761); anti-CCR4



1. Shinkawa et al. J Biol Chem 2003;278:3466; 2. Ishii et al. Clin Cancer Res 2010;16:1520; 3. Niwa et al. Cancer Res 2004;64:2127; 4. Matsushita T Koregon T Hematol 2011;46(3):148-150; 5. Ishida et al. Clin Cancer Res 2003;9:3625; 6. Ishida et al. Clin Cancer Res 2004;10:5494; 7. Duvic et al. Blood 2015;125:1883-1889.

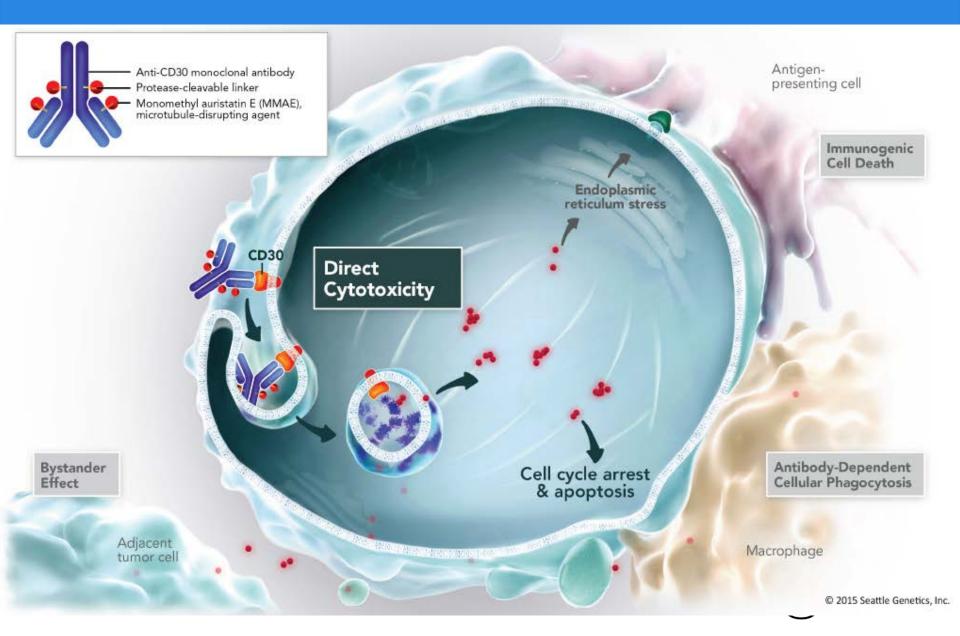
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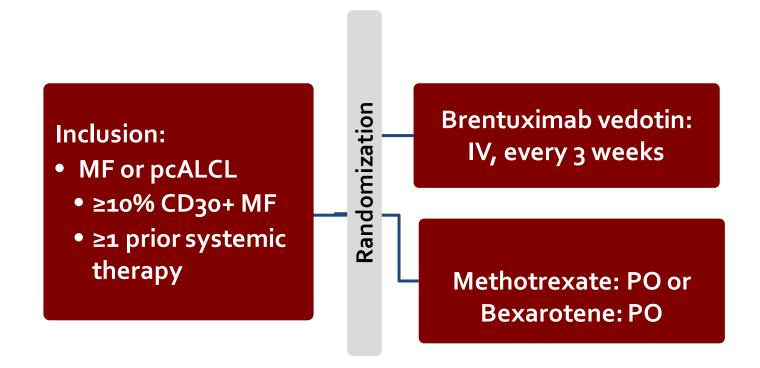
### Antibody drug conjugates (ADC)





#### Antibody Drug conjugates

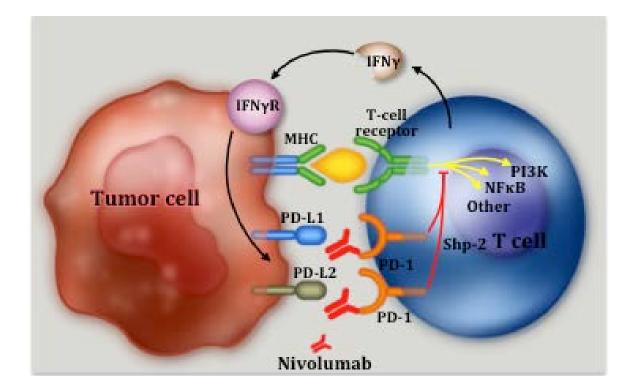






#### **Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors**

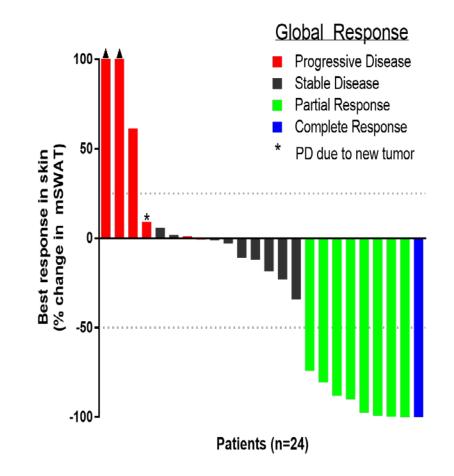
- PD-1 ligands block immune response on immune effector cells.<sup>1</sup>
- PD-L1 on malignant cells and/or in the tumor microenvironment suppresses antitumor immunity.



<sup>1</sup>Francisco LM et al. J Exp Med 2009;206:3015-29. <sup>2</sup>Andorsky DJ et al. Clin Cancer Res 2011;17:4232-44



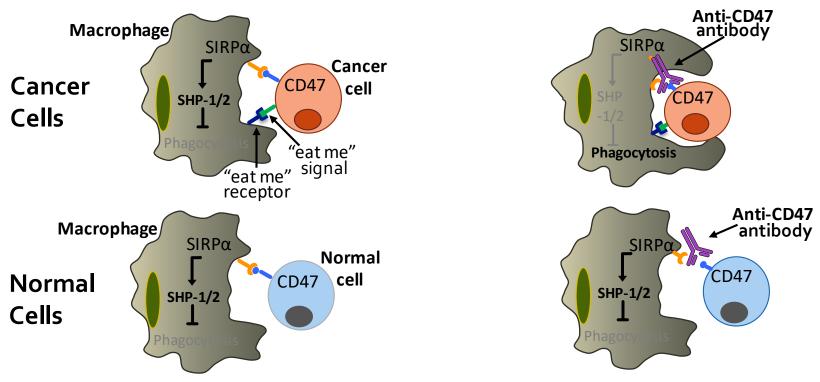
# Pembrolizumab in CTCL: Responses seen across all clinical characteristics



#### **Overall response rate: 38%**



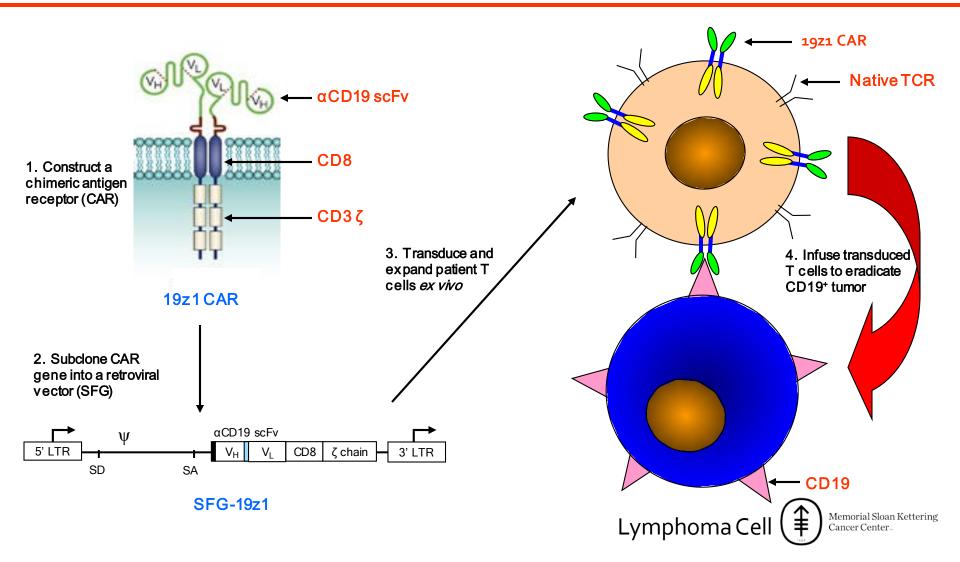
# CD47 A Cancer Immune Checkpoint



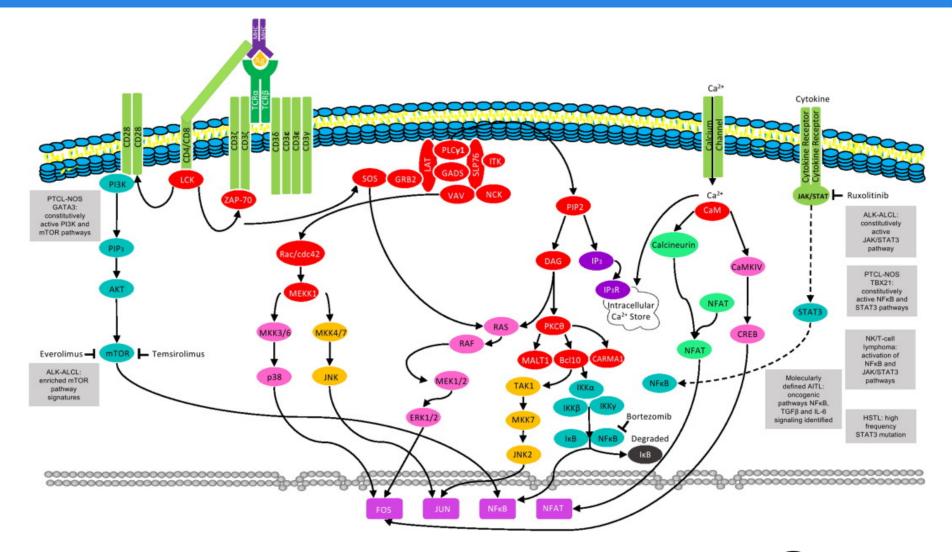
- CD47 sends a "don't eat me" signal to immune cells
- CD47 is expressed on a wide variety of cancers including CTCL
- Antibodies that block the CD47 potently stimulate immune phagocytosis of cancer cells



#### Generation of CD19-targeted Autologous T cells (CAR) for treatment of B cell Lymphoma



## signaling pathways



Javeed Iqbal, Ryan Wilcox, Hina Naushad, Joseph Rohr, Tayla B. Heavican, Chao Wang, Alyssa Bouska, Kai Fu, Wing C. Chan, Julie M. Vose. Genomic signatures in T-cell lymphoma: How can these improve precision in diagnosis and inform prognosis? Blood Reviews, 2015



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#### **Research in systemic therapies: Many**

- Antibodies-many
- Antibody drug conjugates-many
- Immune checkpoint inhibitors
- CAR-T-maybe in the future
- Small molecules-many
- miRNA
- New skin directed therapies-Larissa (I think) will cover
- Others



### Many exciting new approaches in CTCL

- New drugs approved by the FDA
- **New/improved technology** allowing us to learn more, help identify actionable targets, and modify/render agents more effective/safe
- More encouraging treatment options (many in the pipeline) with Improved/more tumor-selective therapies, less toxicity

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# Working together at large scale for greater impact

survival outcomes

• Taking steps towards personalized, precision medicine



or