

# Inmunoterapia con células NK y CAR-T en el cáncer infantil



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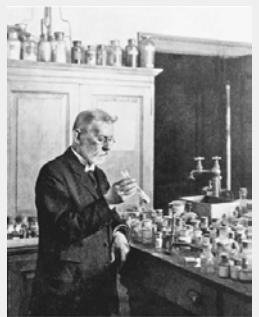
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# Cytotoxic lymphocyte



*James A Sullivan. Quill Graphics. Charlottesville, VA, USA*

# “From immune hypothesis to drug development”



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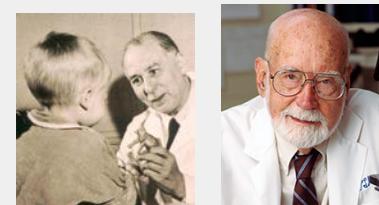
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2012

2018



aminopterine

Total chemotherapy

HSCT

Clinical trials

Personalized medicine

Cell therapy and advances therapies

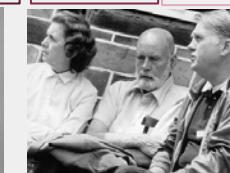
1955-1990

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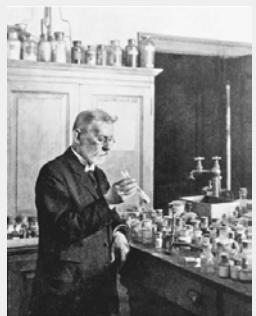
2000

2005

2010



## “From immune surveillance to cancer immunoediting”



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**Lewis Thomas and MacFarlane Burnet:**  
*The theory of immune surveillance.*

**Ralph Schreiber:**  
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**Tasuku Honio and James P Allison:**  
*The checkpoint inhibitors*

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### MILESTONES IN IMMUNOTHERAPY OF CANCER

1957 Bone Marrow Transplant

1984 IL-2  
Immunotherapy

1988 Adoptive T  
cell

Donald Thomas

Premio Nobel

1990



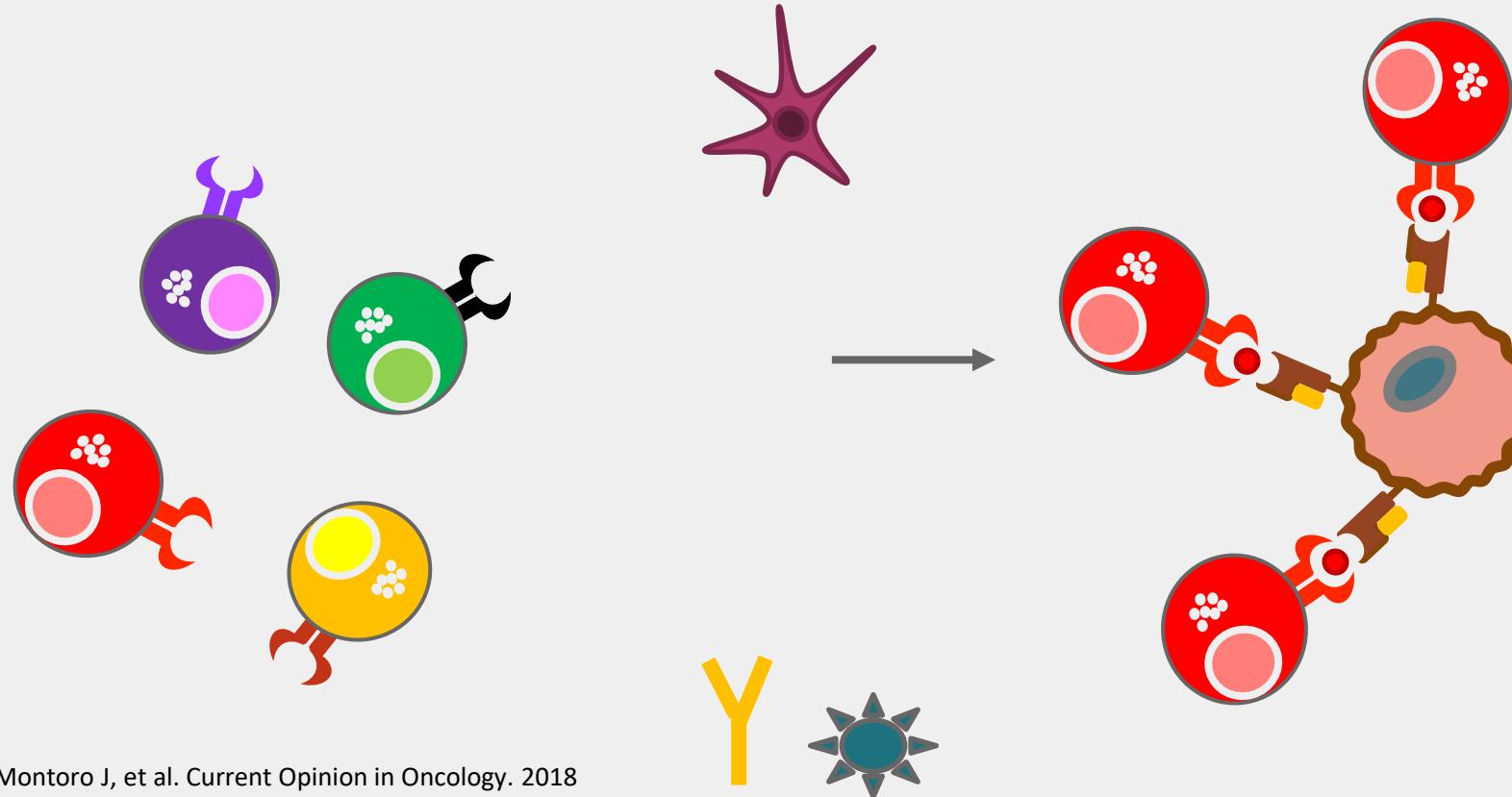
Tasuku Honio James P Allison

1997 Antibody  
therapy  
2002 NK cell  
alloreactivity

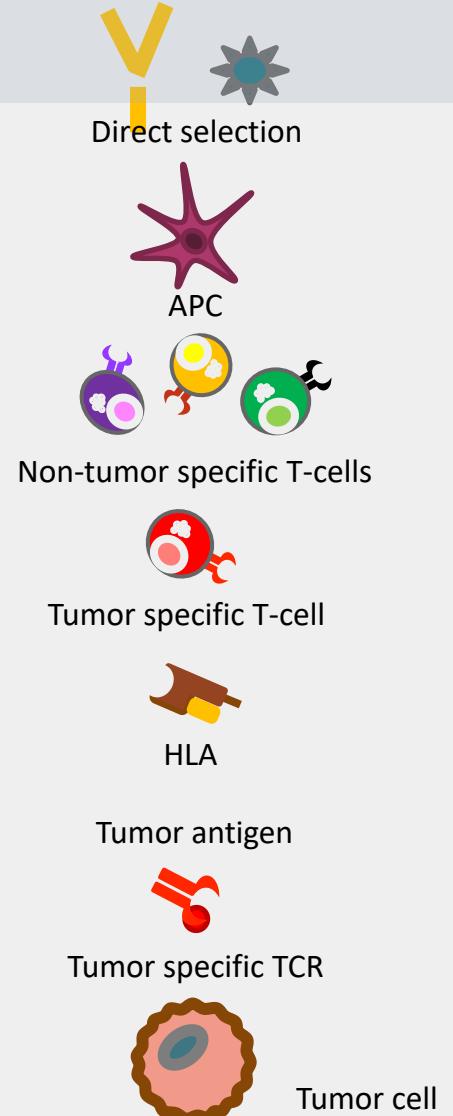


2012 Dendritic cell vaccines  
2013 Checkpoint inhibitor  
2017 CART cell therapies

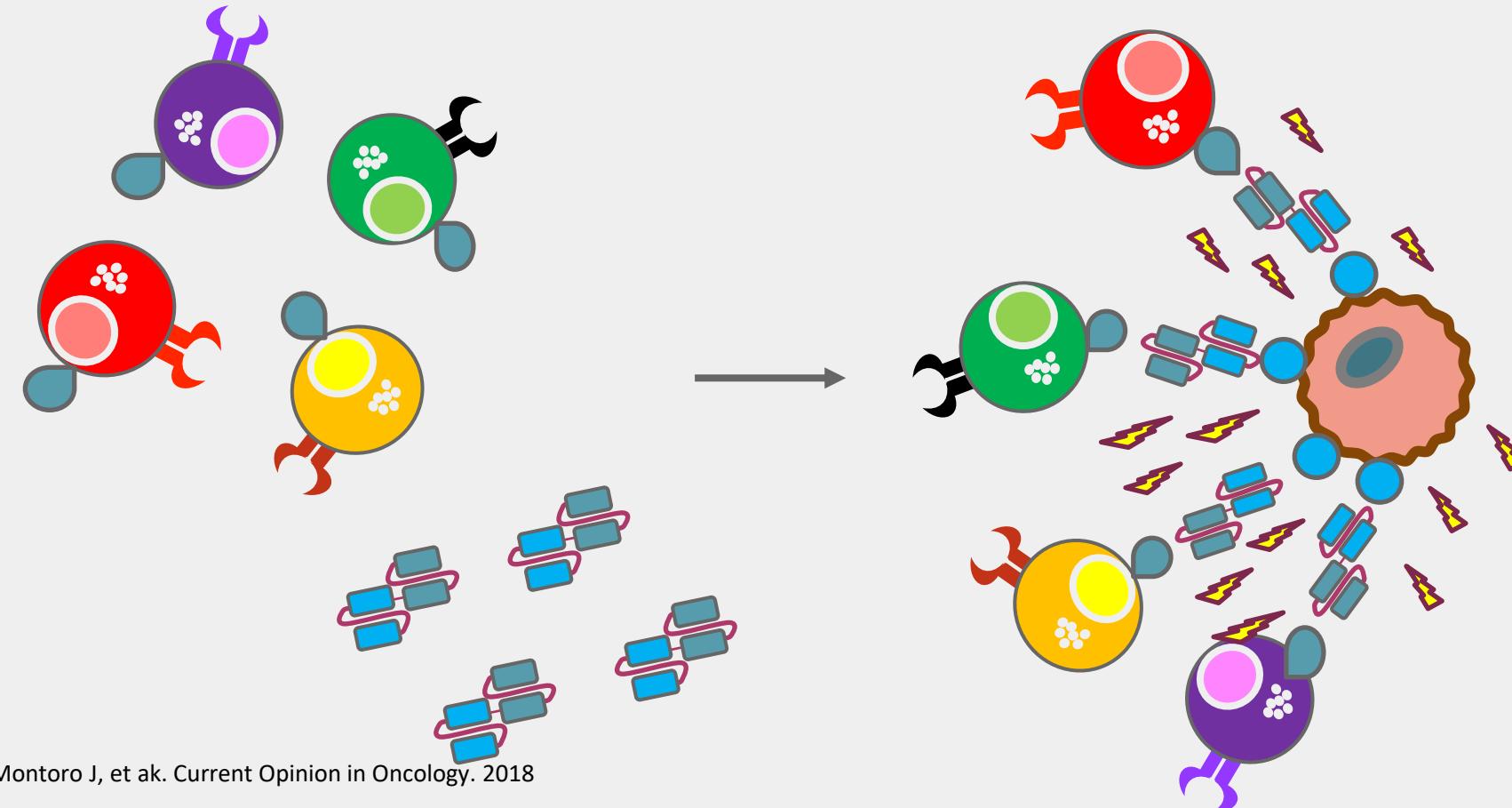
## Cytotoxic T lymphocytes



Montoro J, et al. Current Opinion in Oncology. 2018



## Bi-specific antibodies



Perforin and granzymes



CD3xCD19 BsAb



CD19



CD3



Non-tumor specific T-cells



Tumor specific T-cell



HLA



Tumor antigen

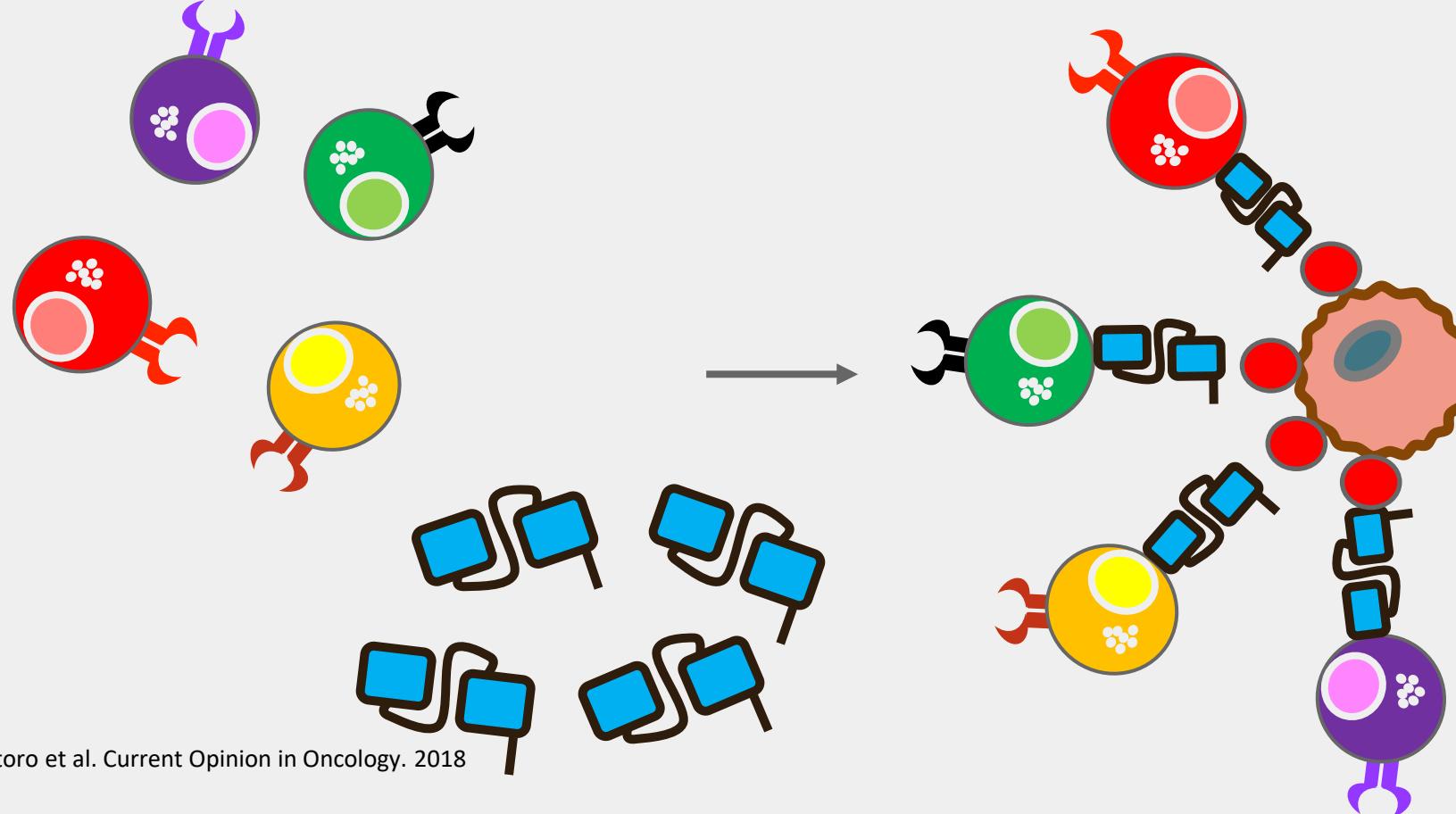


Tumor cell

## CHIMERIC ANTIGEN RECEPTOR (CAR)-T-CELL



CD19



Montoro et al. Current Opinion in Oncology. 2018



CD19-CAR



Non-tumor specific T-cells



Tumor specific T-cell



HLA



Tumor antigen



Tumor specific TCR

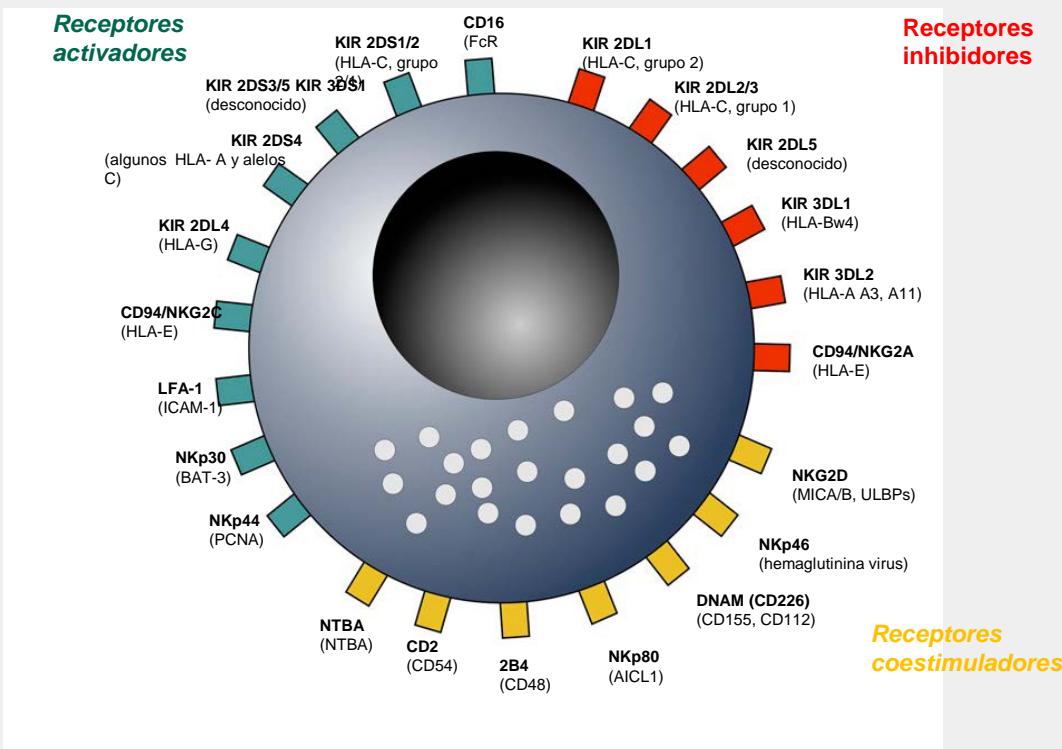


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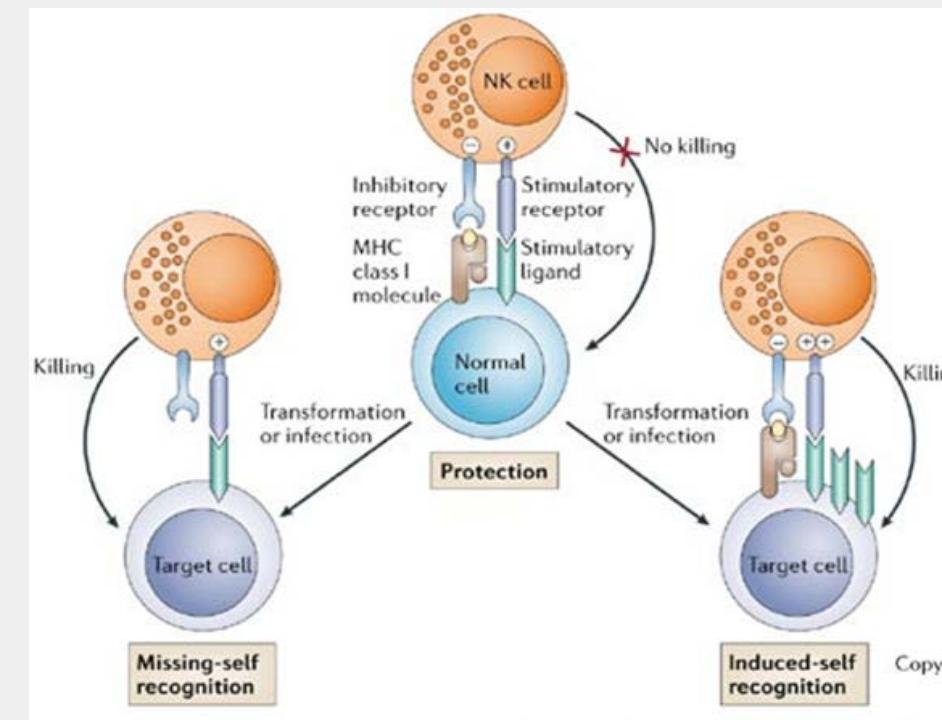
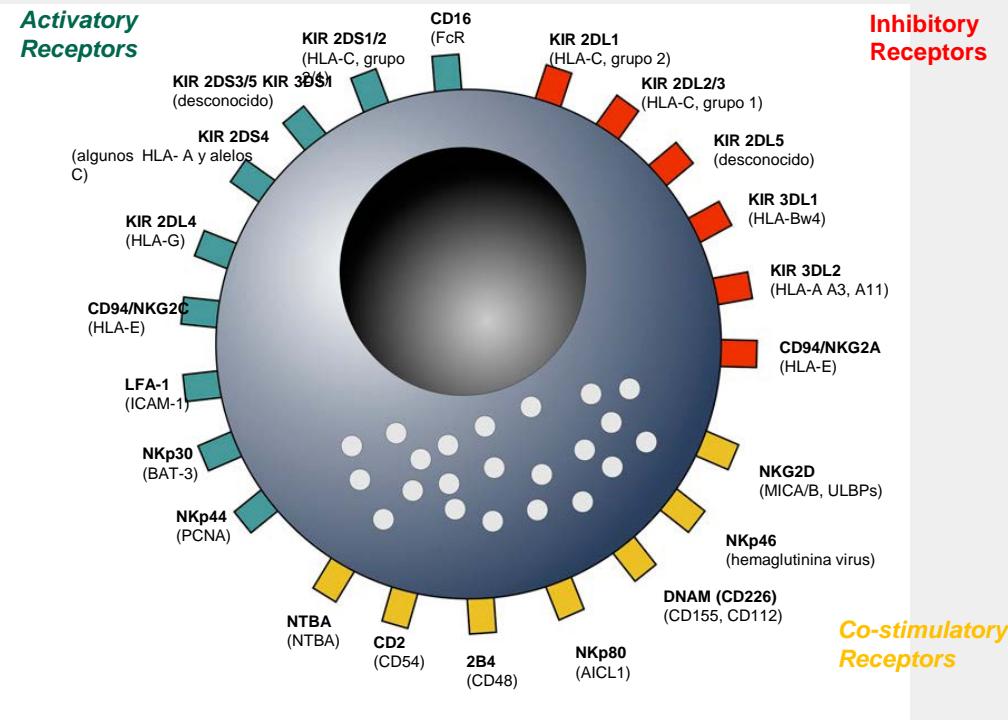
# Natural Killer cells for cancer cell therapy



- ✓ Its activation is regulated by a dynamic equilibrium between the activating and inhibiting receptors and their ligands (HLA class I molecules and others).



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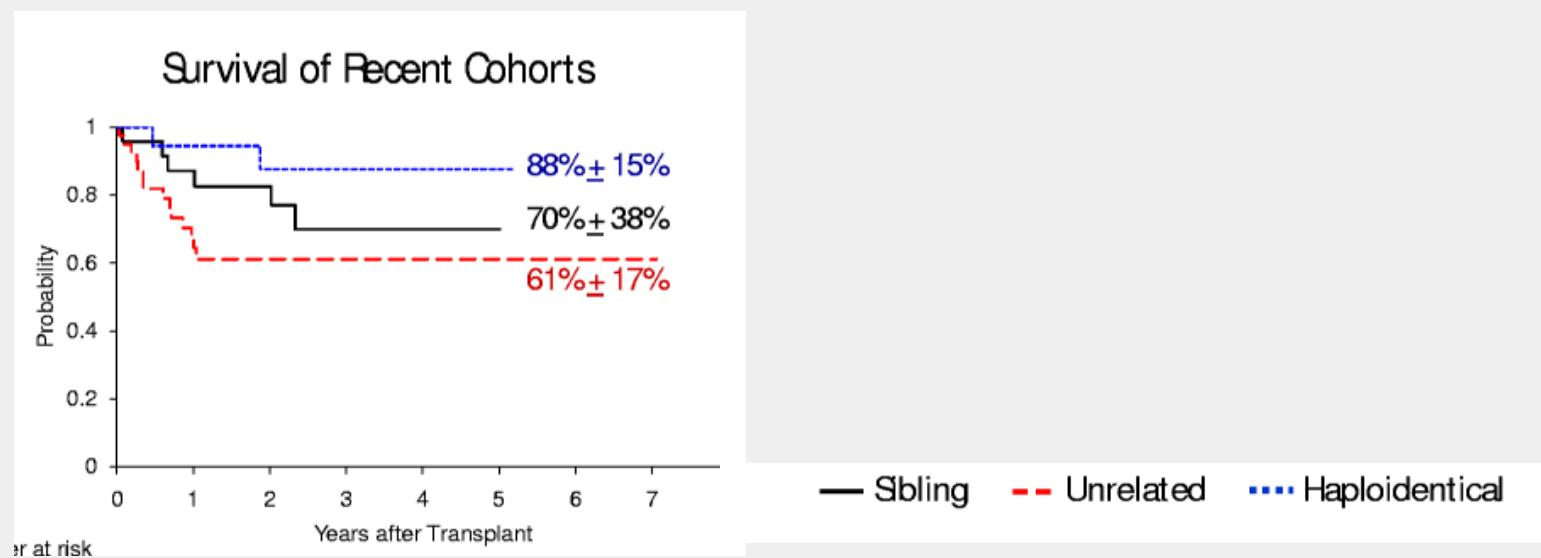
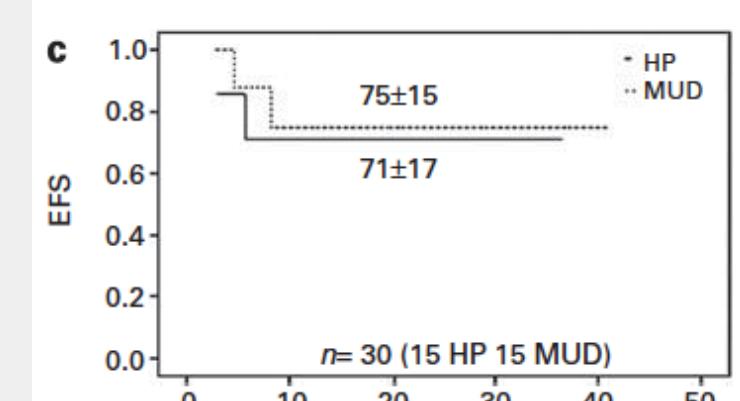


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- ✓ These functions are performed in the context of a learning process ("licensing") regulated mainly by inhibitory KIR receptors and their ligands (HLA class I molecules, in humans).
- ✓ In a basal situation the cells of the different tissues express their own ligands (self), HLA class I, so they are protected.

## Effectiveness of Donor Natural Killer Cell Alloreactivity in Mismatched Hematopoietic Transplants

Loredana Ruggeri,<sup>1</sup> Marusca Capanni,<sup>1</sup> Elena Urbani,<sup>1</sup>  
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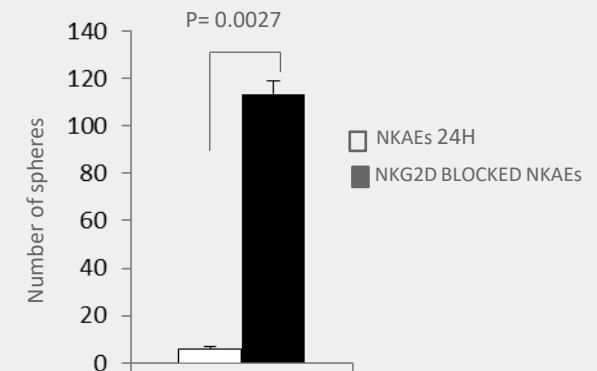
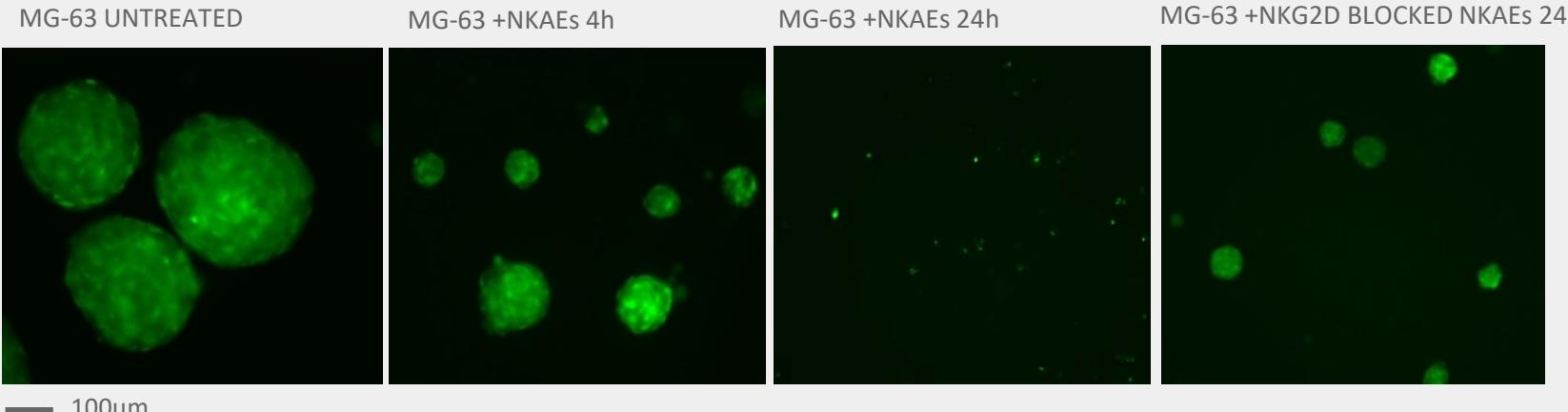
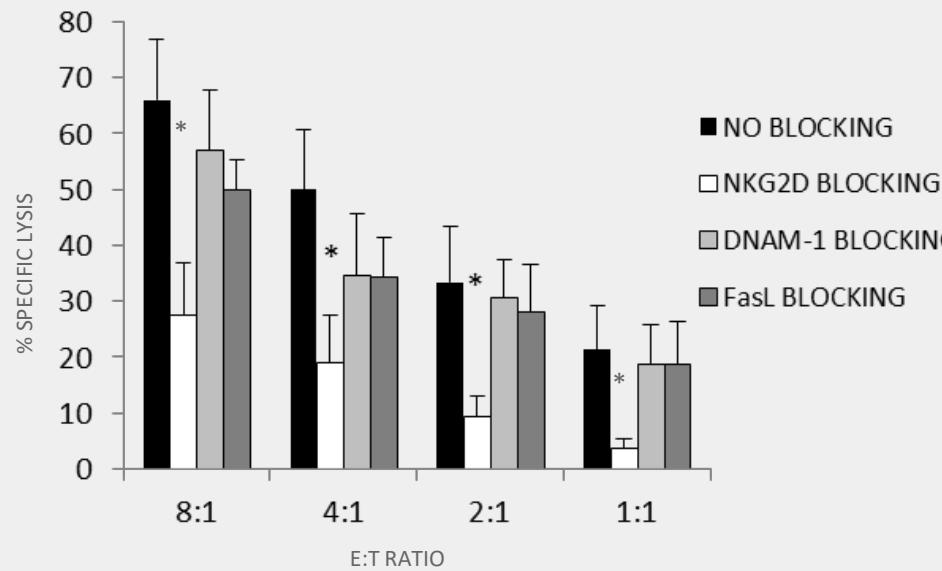
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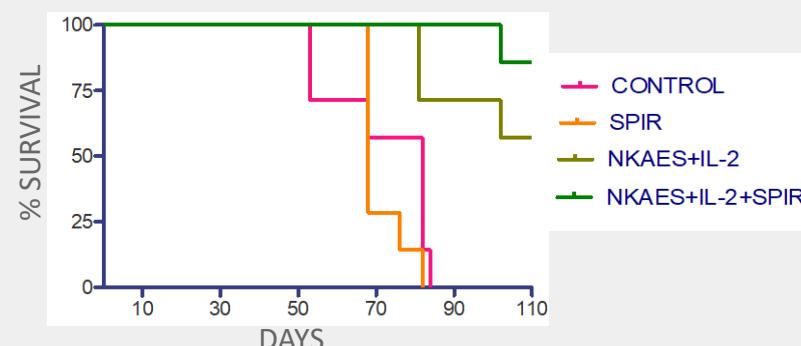
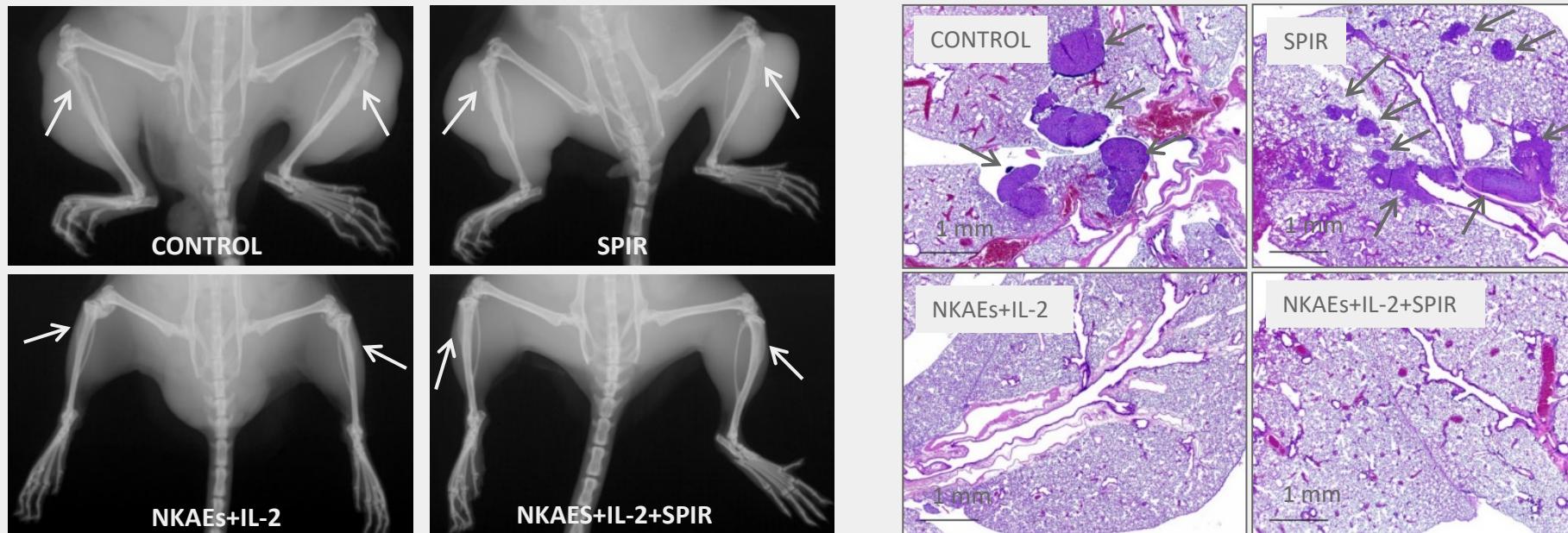
# Natural Killer cells for cancer cell therapy

## NKAE cells target OS TICs using NKG2D-NKG2DL interactions



# Natural Killer cells for cancer cell therapy

*In vivo, NKAЕ cells reduce tumor burden, avoid metastases and prolong survival*



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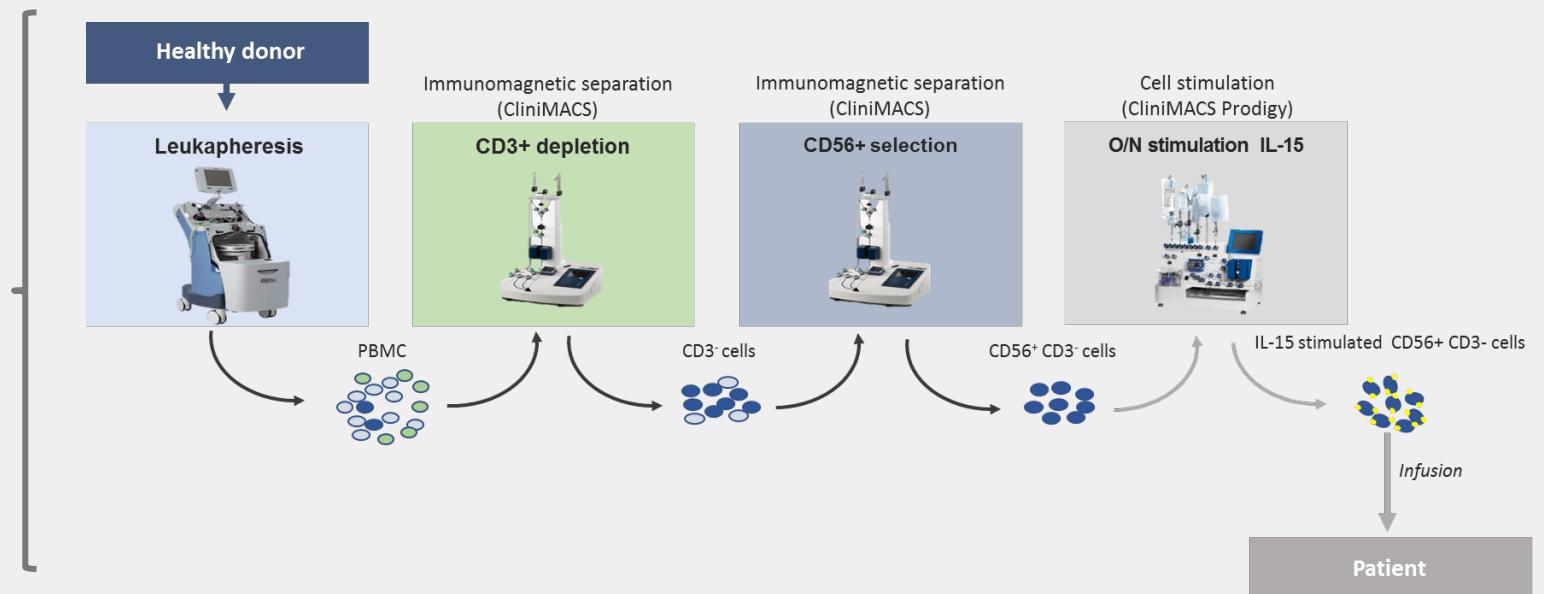
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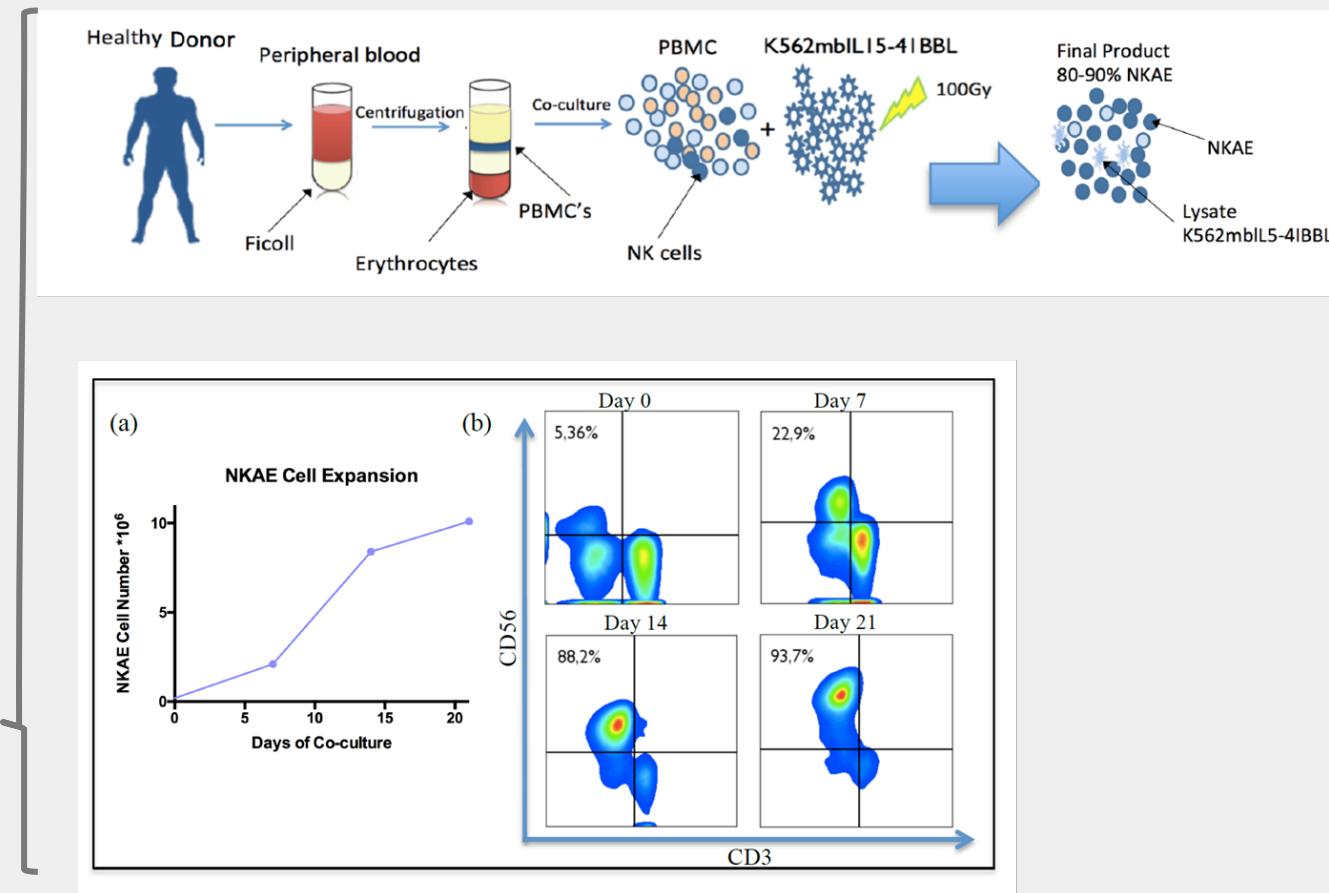


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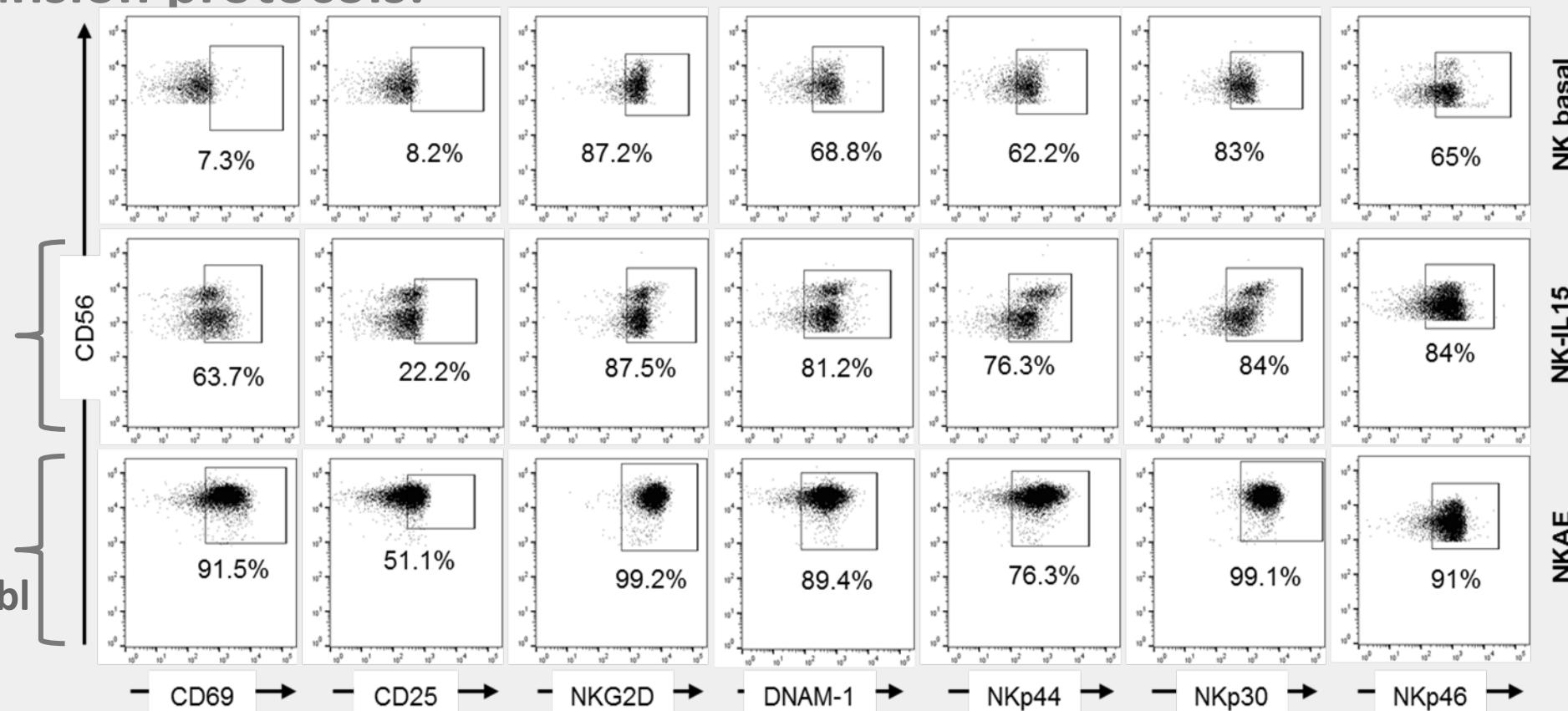
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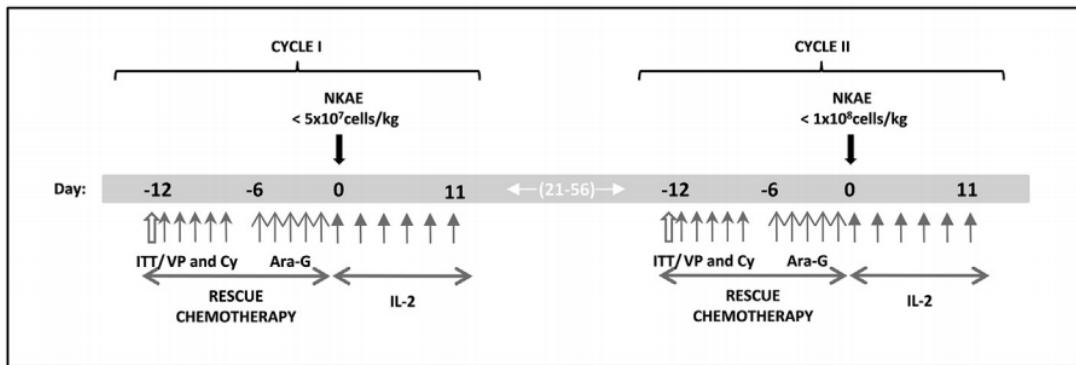
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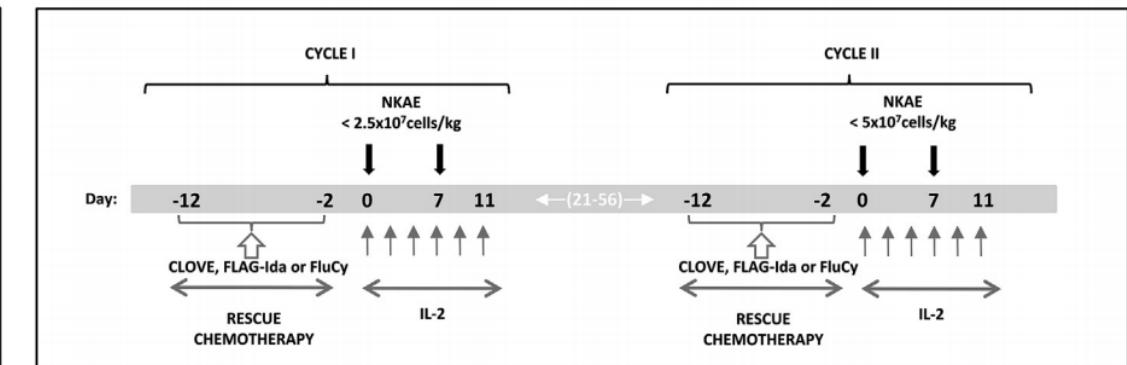
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## ❖ HNJ-NKAES-2012



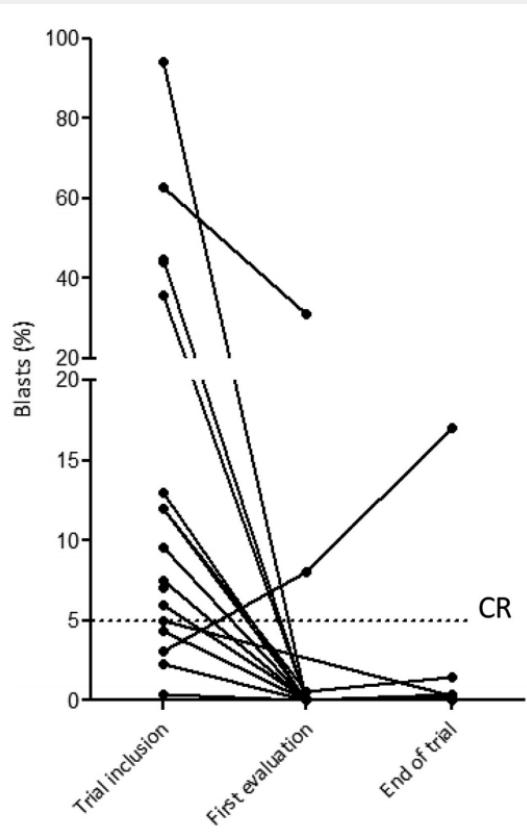
## ❖ LYDIA



- In both cases, two cycles of rescue chemotherapy followed by NKAE and IL-2 infusions were administered

Vela M, et al. Cancer Lett. 2018. Haploididential IL-15/41BBL activated and expanded natural killer cell infusion therapy after salvage chemotherapy in children with relapsed and refractory leukemia.

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## ➤ Bone marrow response to treatment.

Percentage of blasts of each patient at trial inclusion, after first treatment cycle and at the end of the study are indicated.

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NCT01944982

NCT02074657

	H NJ-NKAEs (EudraCT: 2012-005146-38)	LANK-2/LYDIA (EudraCT: 2012-000054-63)	Total
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Characteristic

7

13

20

Response (%)

Cytological remission

3 (42)

4 (30)

7 (35)

MRD negative

2 (28)

5 (38)

7 (35)

Progression

1(16)

1 (16)

2 (10)

Died because toxicity

1(16)

3 (23)

4 (20)

Get a HSCT (%)

3 (42)

7 (53)

10 (50)

Status

Alive without disease

1 (14)

5 (38)

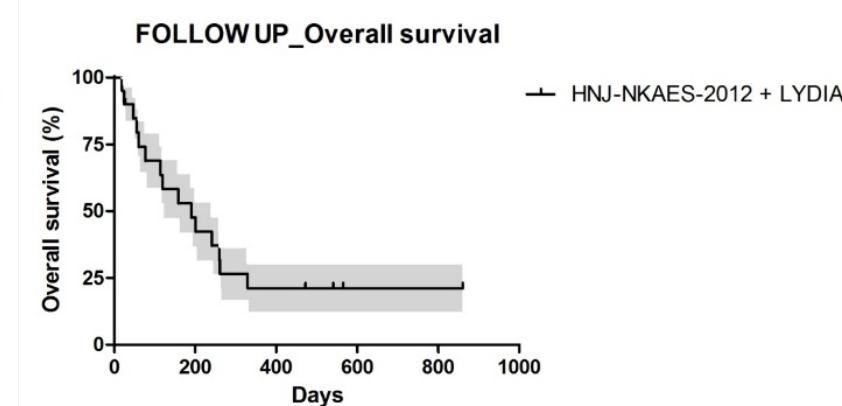
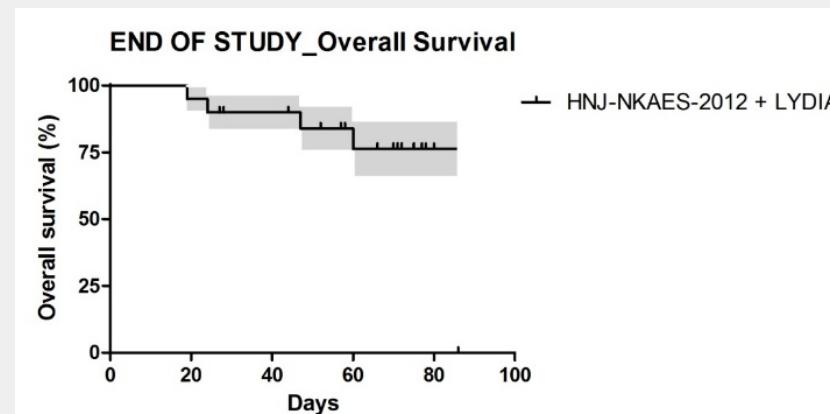
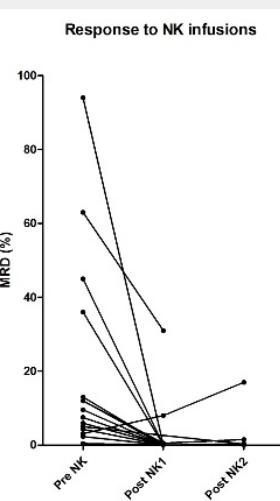
6 (30)

Follow-up (days)

150 (27-230)

177 (19-350)

164 (19-350)



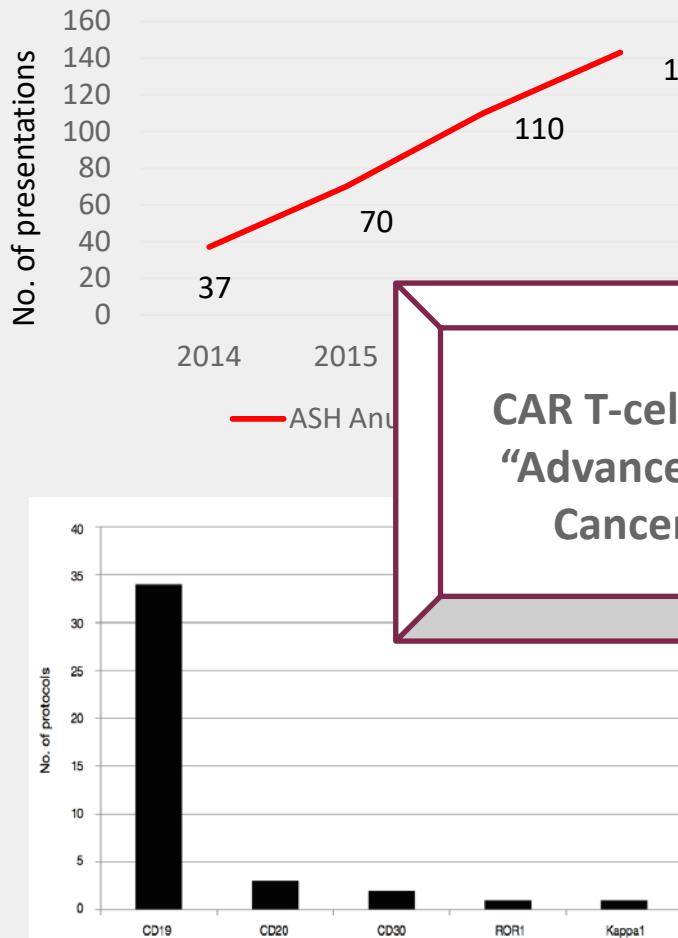
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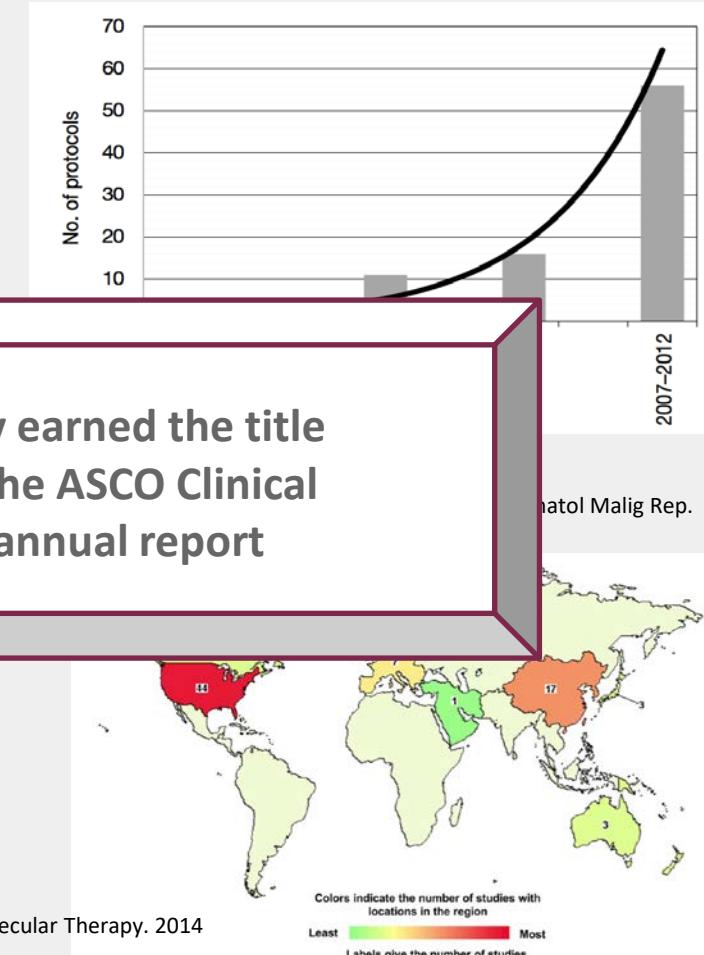
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## CARs: State of the science



**CAR T-cell immunotherapy earned the title  
“Advance of the Year” in the ASCO Clinical  
Cancer Advances 2018 annual report**

Corrigan-Curay J., et al. Molecular Therapy. 2014



# First two CAR-T cell medicines recommended for approval in EU



**axicabtagene ciloleucel**  
 YESCARTA™

Kite Pharma, Inc.  
Site: FXX



Cell Order: 1234567



LOT: 123456789-01

Mfg Address Street, City, State Postal Code  
(XXX) XXX-XXXX

Pending Pr

AS-00730



Novartis LAL <25 y: 475,000 \$ / patient  
response ) 408 m€

Soon in April that LAL in Adults and later  
NHL

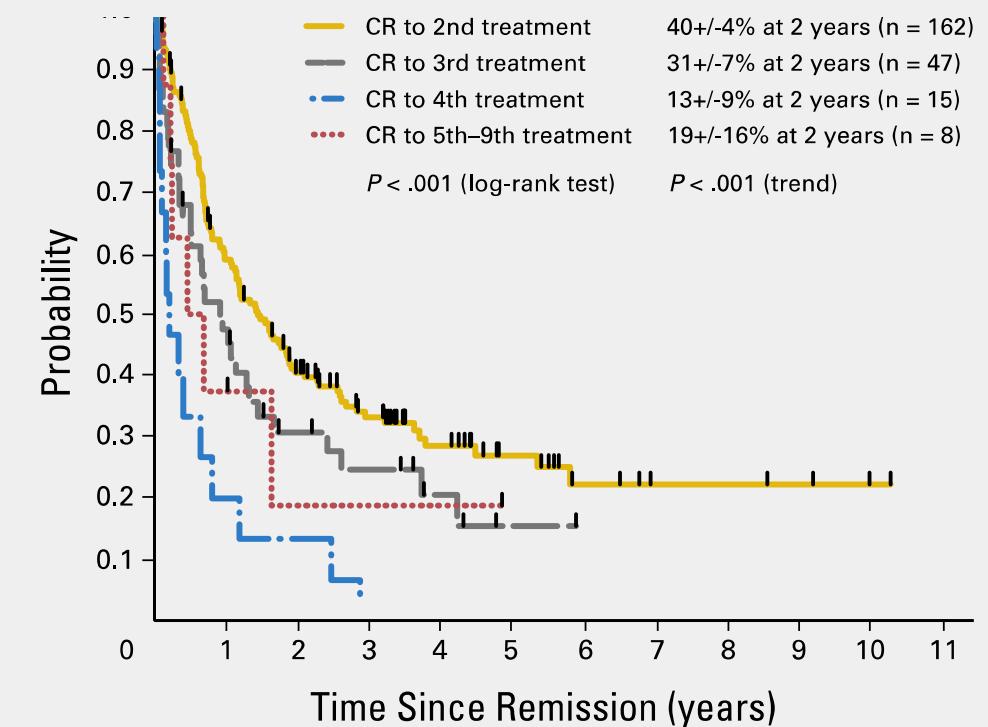
NICE = £282,000 per patient (Sep 5, 2018)  
317 m€



Kite NHL DLBCL: 373,000 \$ / patient

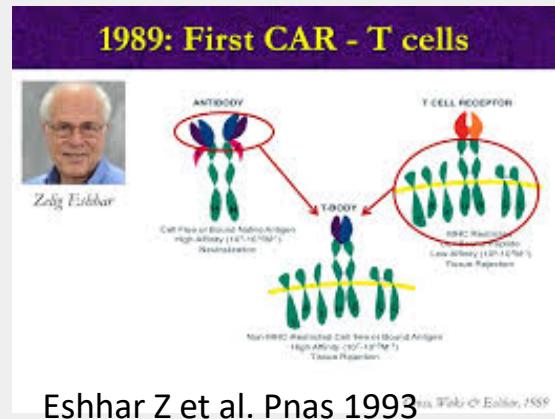
# Childhood leukemia

- By contrast with the steadily improved outcome of patients with newly diagnosed ALL, little progress has been made in the treatment of relapsed ALL
- r/r ALL: clofarabine+cy+etoposide. Toxic-related mortality 24%



# CAR-T cells : “from the T-cell body approach to first class FDA approval”

## The T-body approach



GD2-CAR  
2001

HER2-CAR  
1994

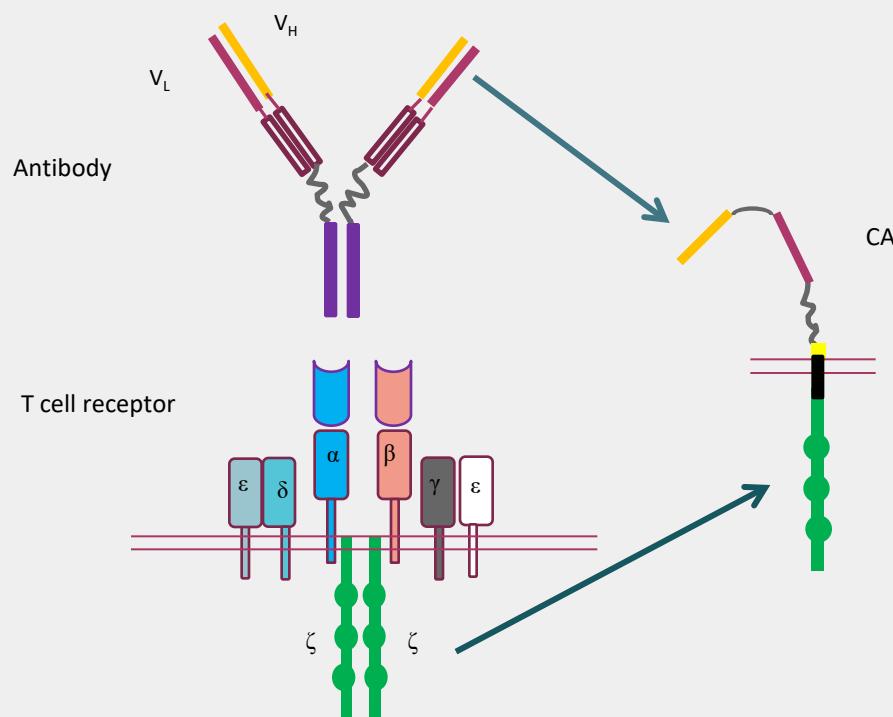
T-Body  
1993



## STRUCTURE AND FUNCTION

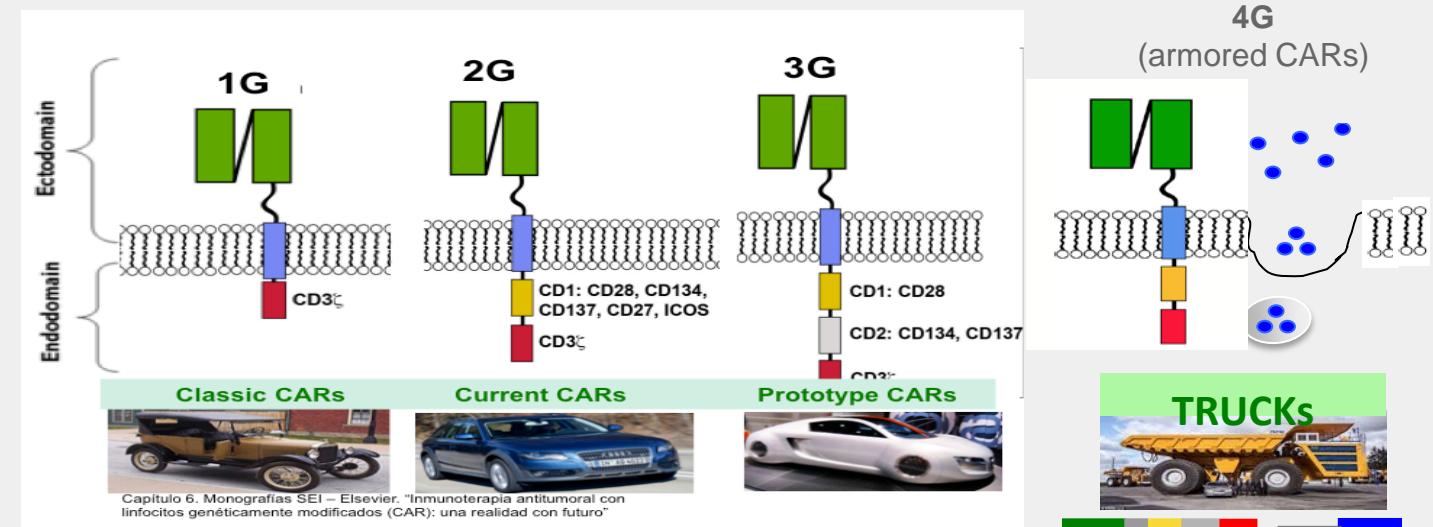
- Engineered receptor → redirect immune cells

**Phusion protein:** Recognition Domain + Cytotoxic domain (CD3 $\zeta$ ) [+ costimulation (CD28/4-1BB)]



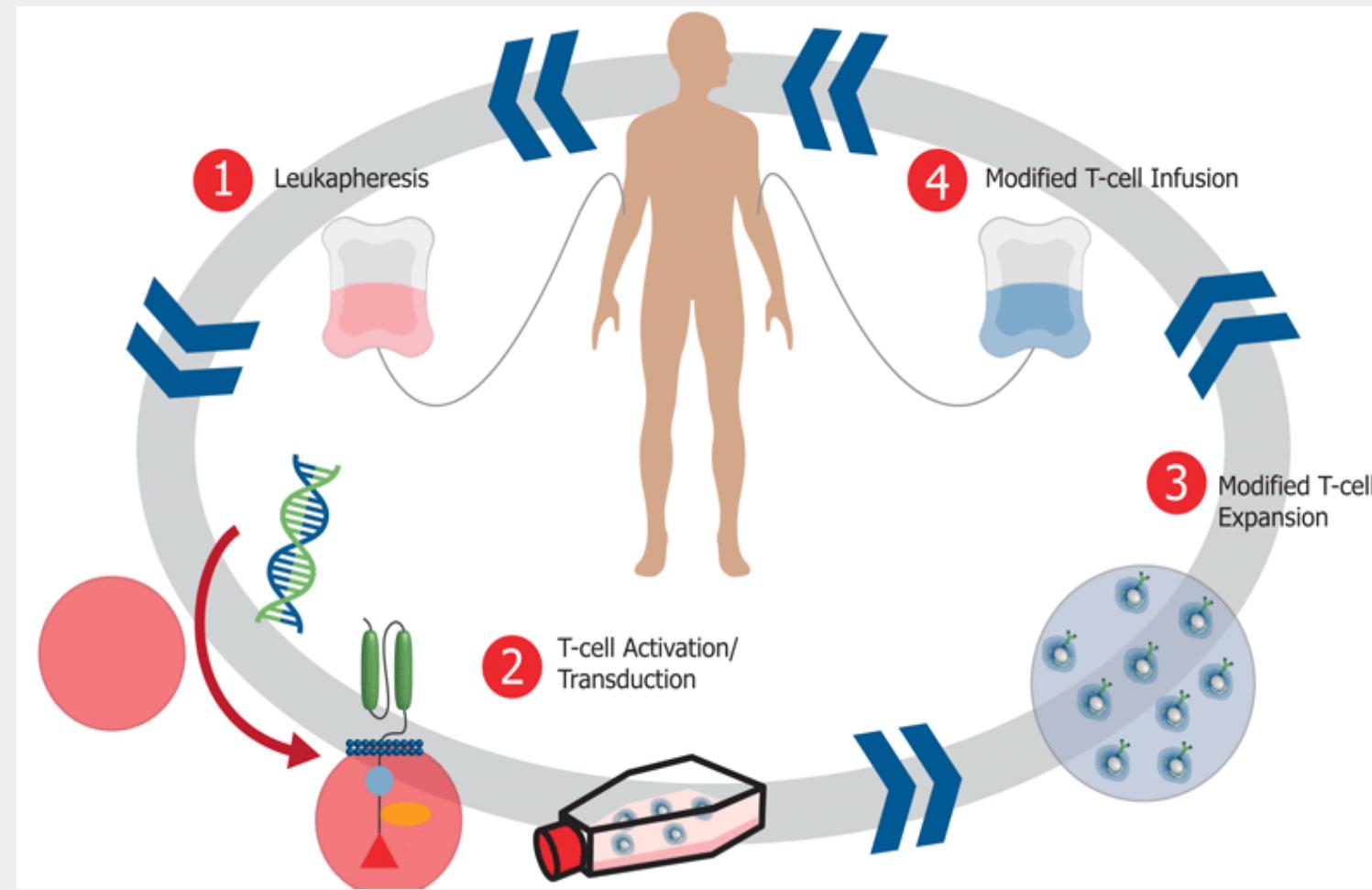
Adapted from:

B. Savoldo, G. Dotti / Immunology Letters 155 (2013) 40–42



T cells Redirected for  
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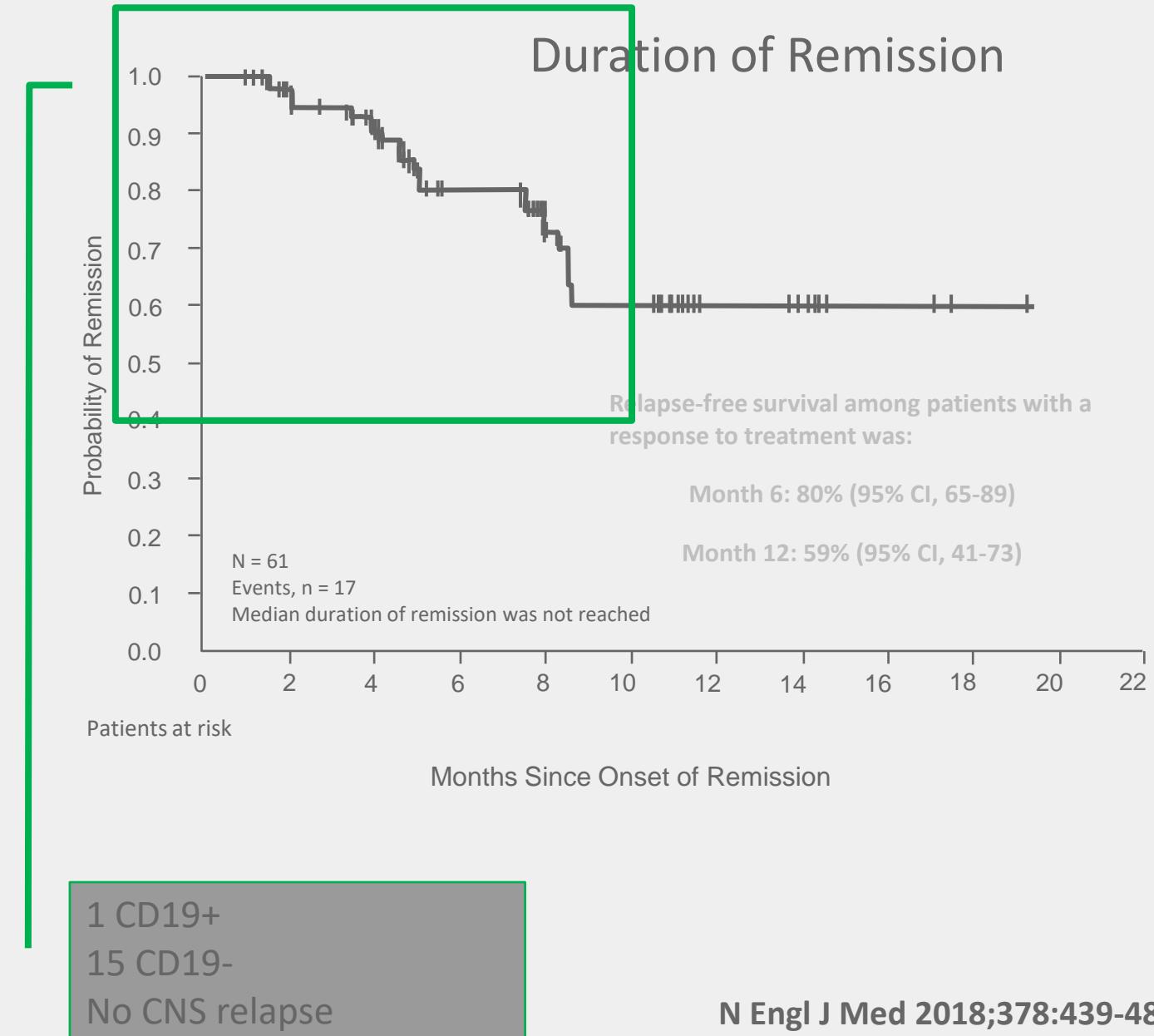
## CAR-T cell therapy



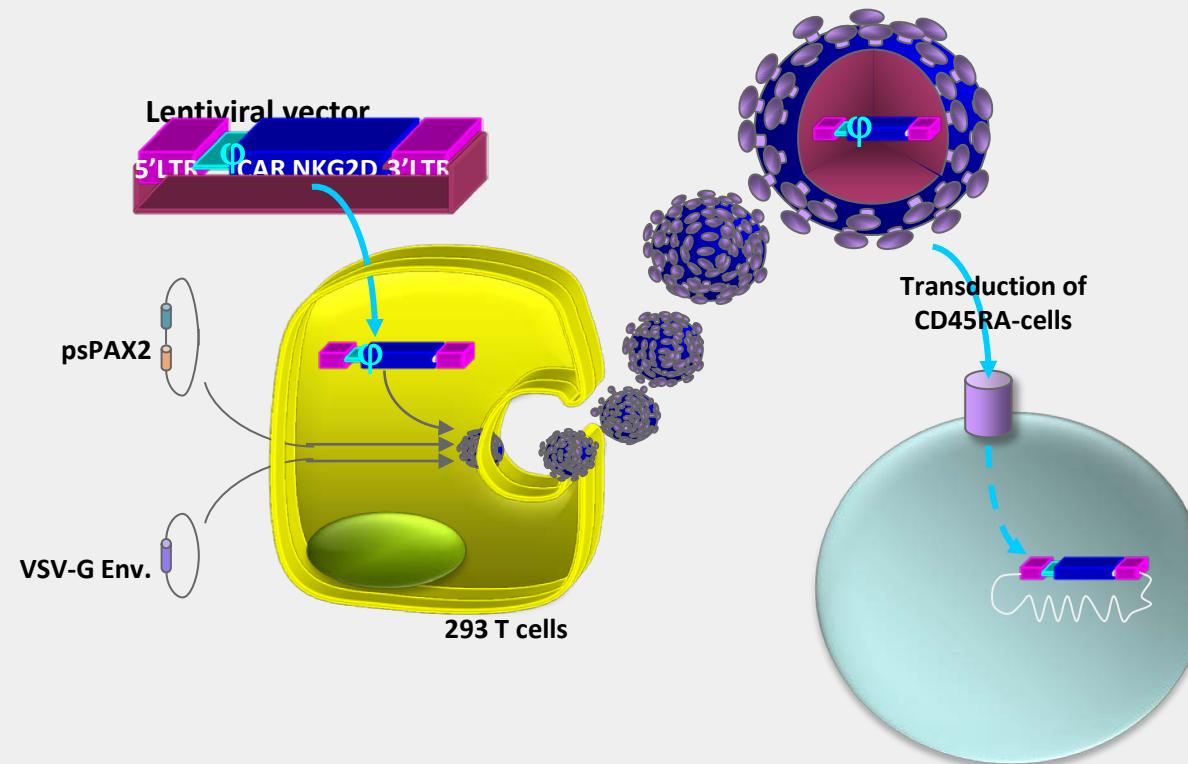
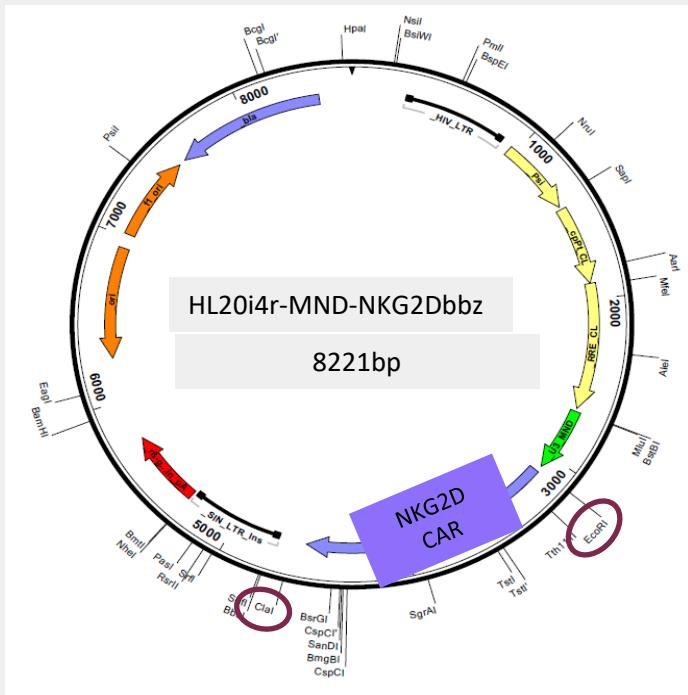
## CART19 Efficacy

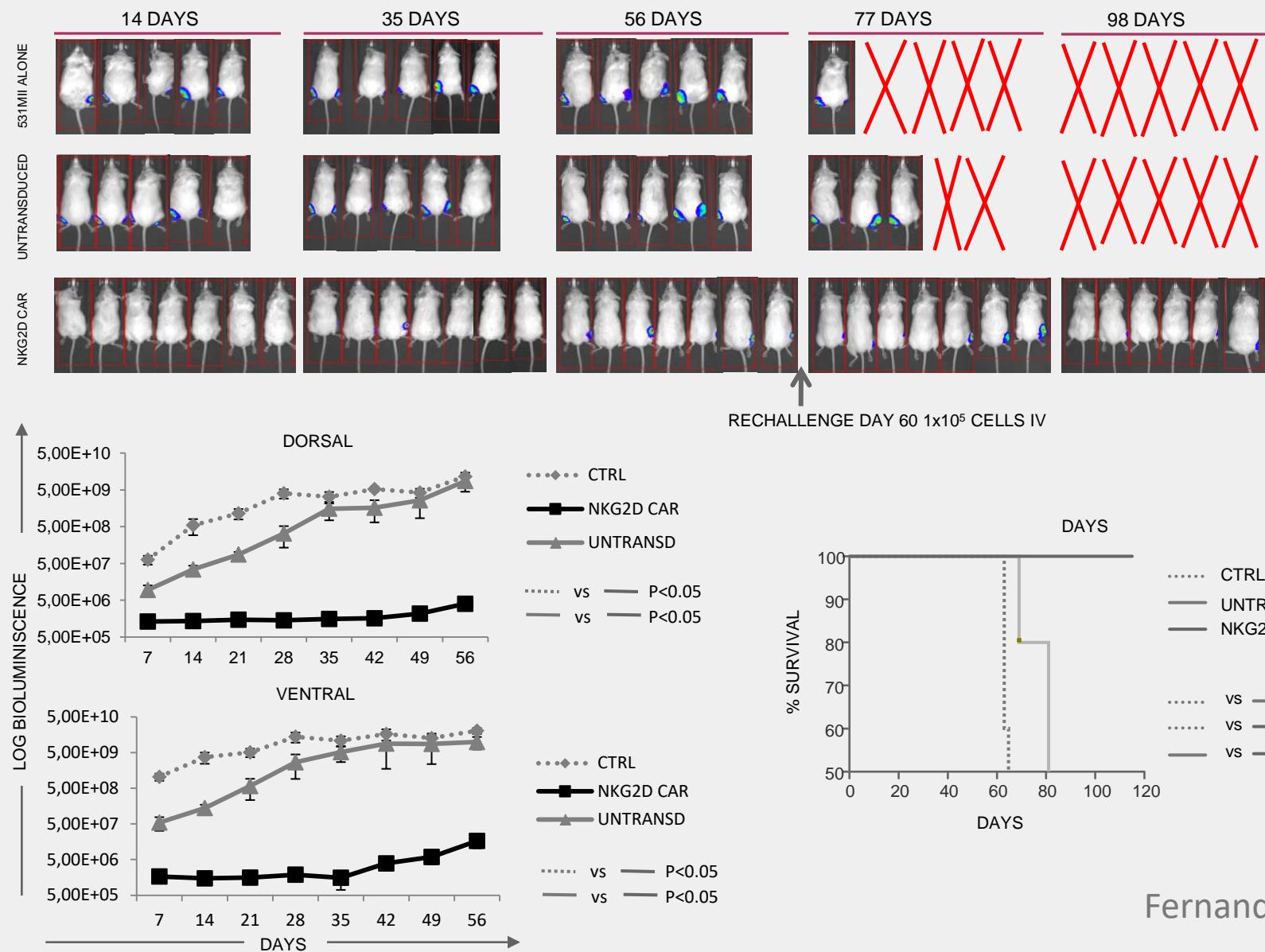
75 patients who received a tisagenlecleucel infusion and had at least 3 months of follow-up:

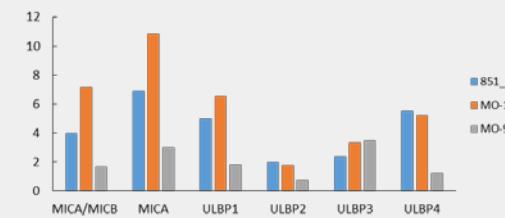
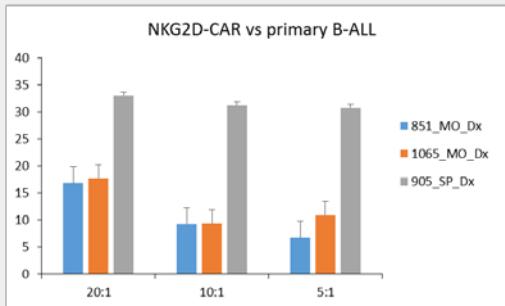
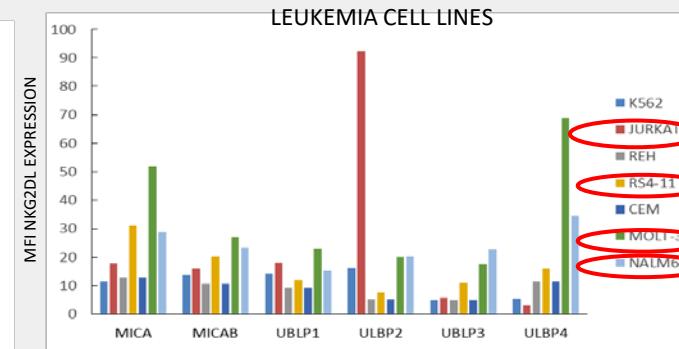
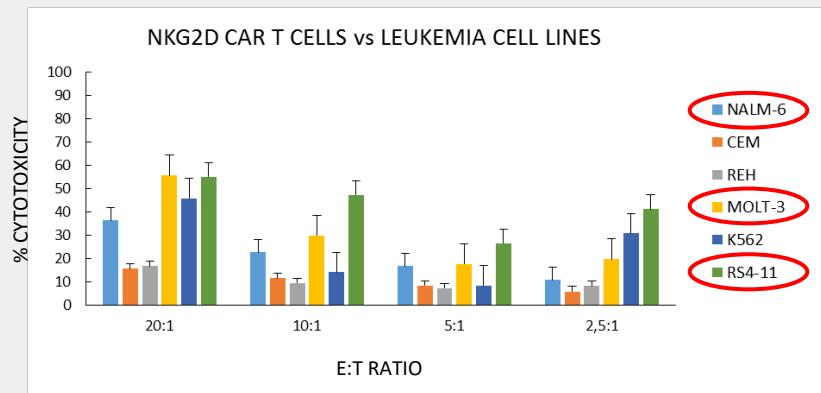
- Overall remission rate was 81% (95% CI, 71 to 89)
  - 45 patients (60%) had complete remission
  - 16 (21%) had complete remission with incomplete hematologic recovery.
  - All of them were negative for minimal residual disease



## The T-NK approach

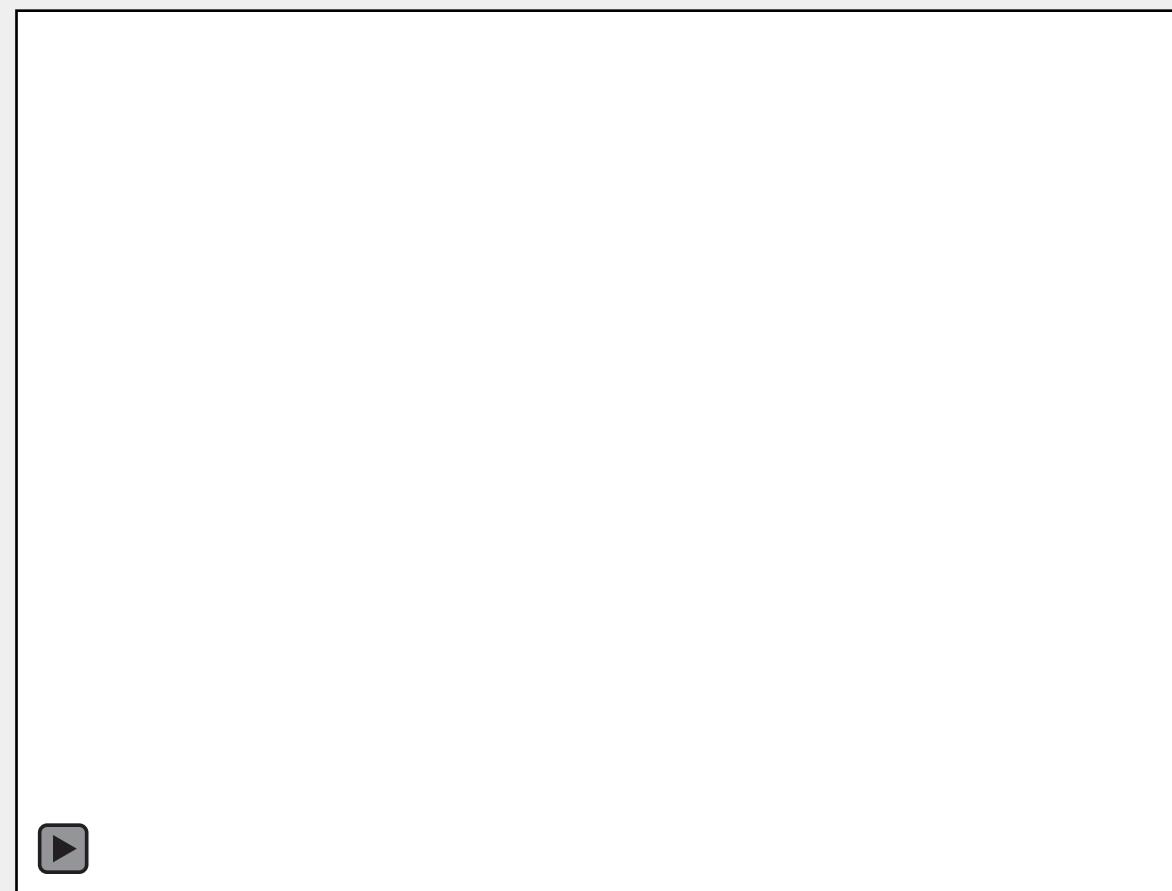
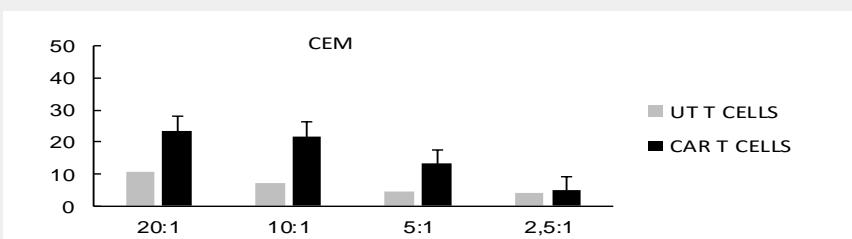
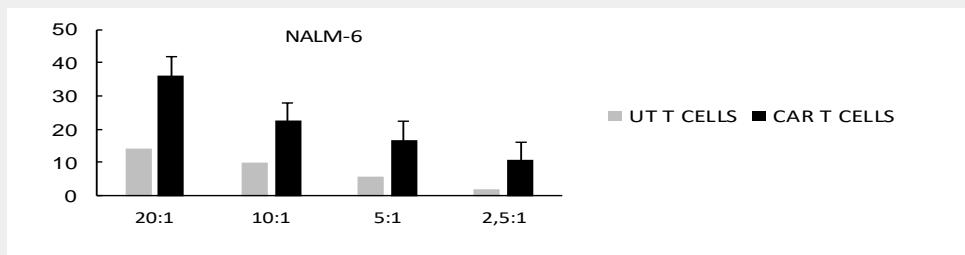
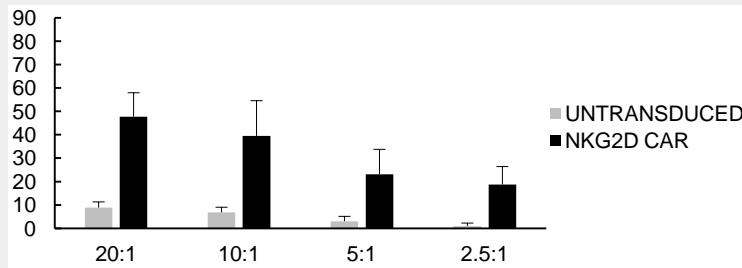


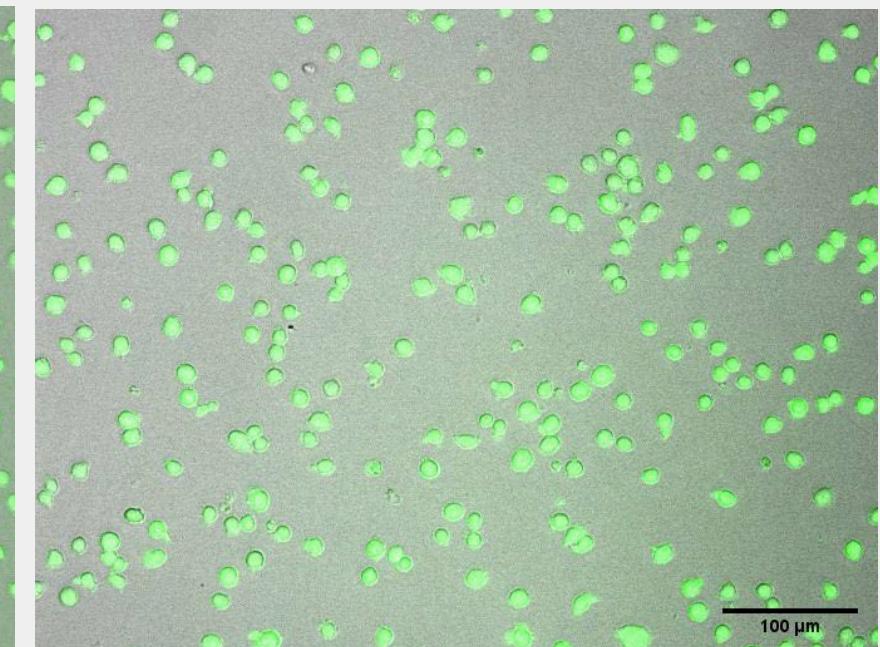
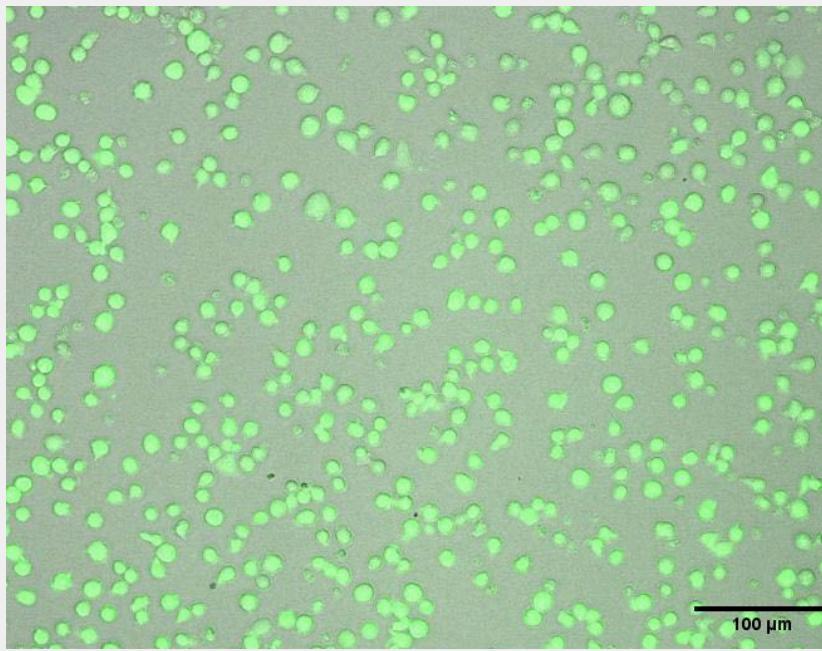
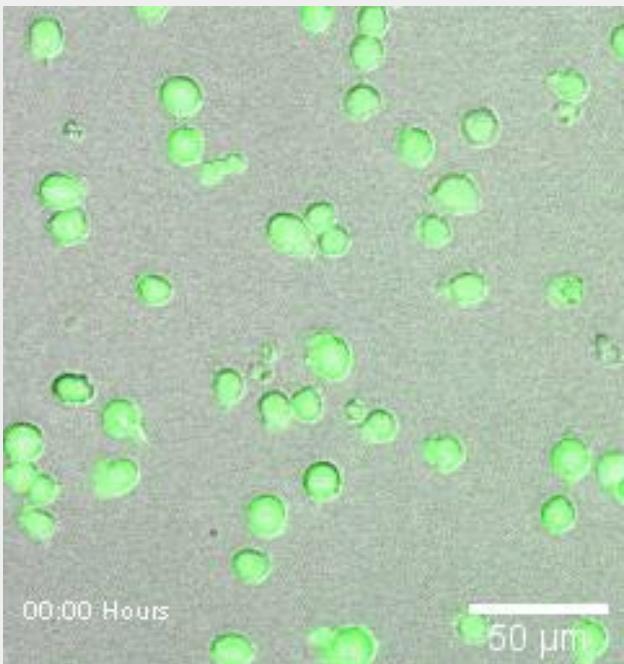




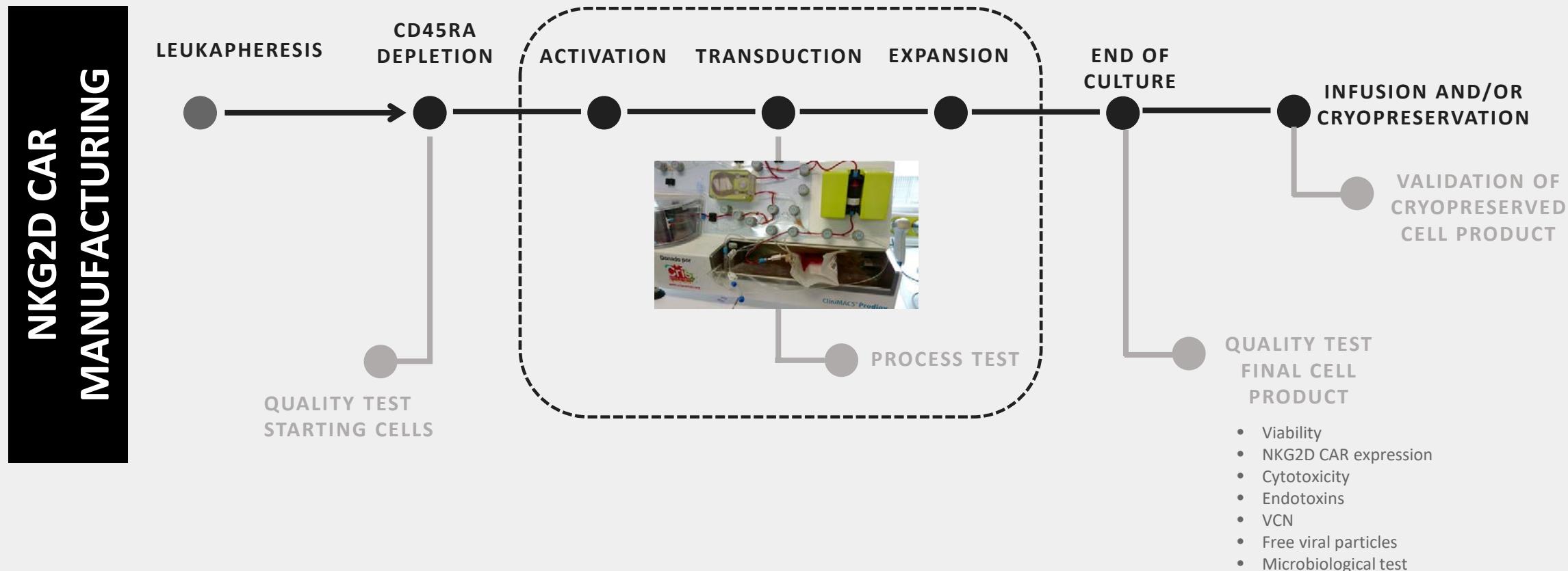
**MOLT-3: T-ALL**  
**RS 4-11: ALL t(4;11).**  
**NALM-6: LYMPHOMA**  
**K562: CML**

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# Clinical grade automated production of NKG2D-CAR T cells



# Characteristics of manufactured NKG2D-CAR T cells

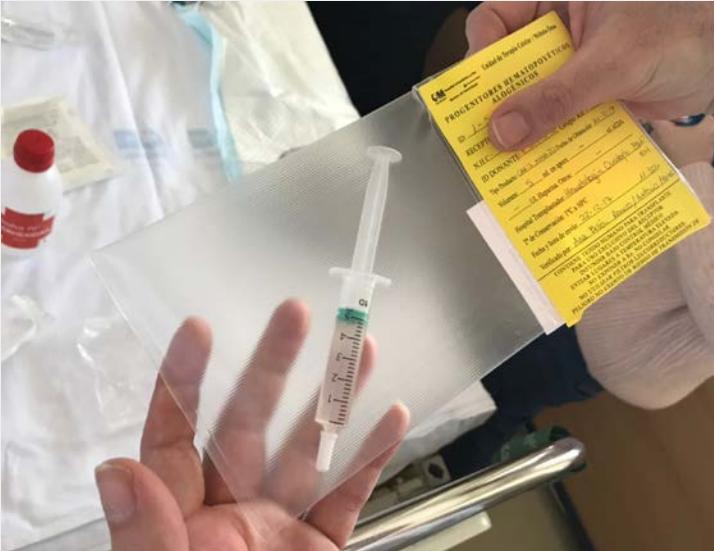
Test	Specification	1-565-2	1-518-3	1-595
Number of cells (x10 <sup>6</sup> )	N/A	2740	2140	1350
Cell viability	≥60%	65%	81.4%	82%
NKG2D expression	≥50%	55%	87.4%	91%
Potency	vs. Jurkat: ≥20% vs. 531MII: ≥20%	vs. Jurkat: 100% vs. 531MII: 20%	vs. Jurkat: 80% vs. 531MII: 42%	vs. Jurkat: N/A vs. 531MII: N/A
Mycoplasma/Sterility	Negative	Negative	Negative	Negative
Endotoxins	< 0.25 EU/ml	0.019 EU/ml	0.0035 EU/ml	0.01 EU/ml
Genome integrated copy/cell	≤ 5 copies/cell	3.62	12.32	2.43
Oncogenic gene expression (myc, tert)	No overexpression	No overexpression	No overexpression	Myc overexpression
Genetic stability	Normal CGH	Normal CGH	Normal CGH	Normal CGH

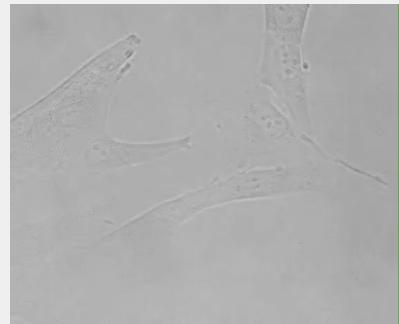


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**Experimentación preclínica**  
Actividad anti tumoral de los linfocitos T de memoria CAR-NKG2D



Comunidad científica

**Publicaciones**

Fernández et al. Clin. Cancer Res. 2017 (D1)

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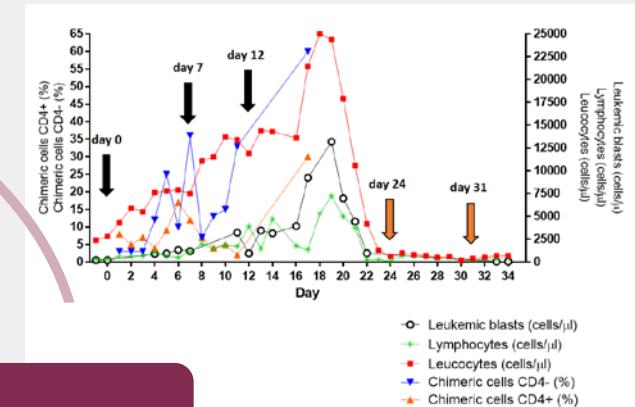
Leucemia refractaria tratamientos convencionales



Ud. Calidad Terapias avanzadas  
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**Agencias reguladoras**

IMPD, Guía de producción



Familias

**Donantes sanos**  
Selección donante óptimo



**1. Antecedentes de la inmunoterapia**

**2. Inmunoterapia con células NK**

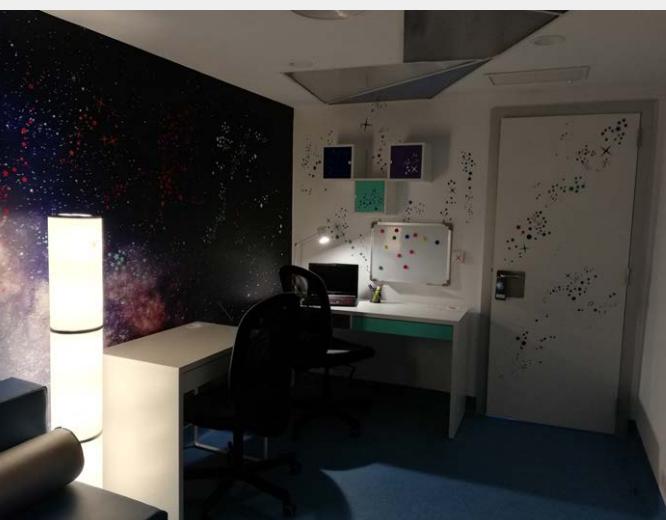
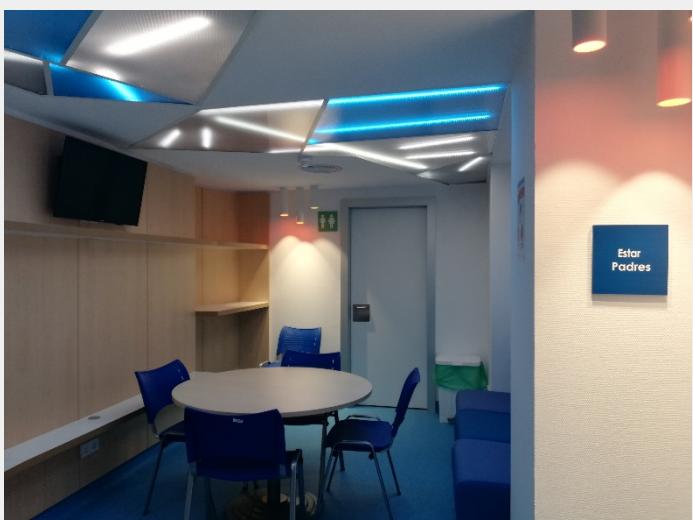
**3. Inmunoterapia con células CAR-T**

**4. Transformación de nuestro hospital**



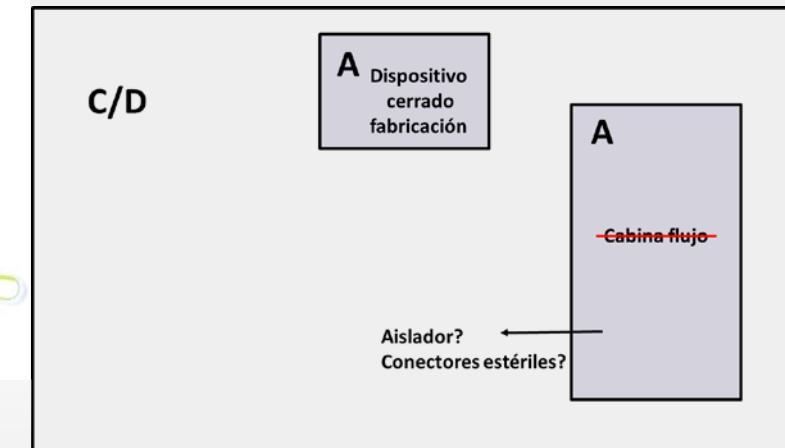
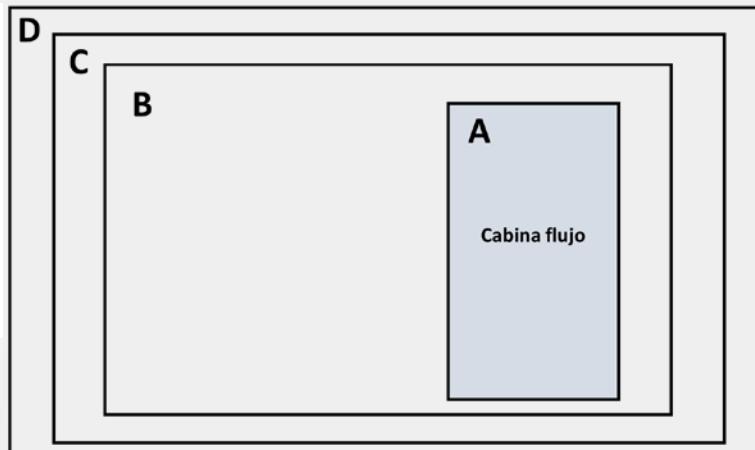
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## Cualificación

- Si la fabricación de CART cells fuese “manual” toda la manipulación se realizaría en grado A con un entorno B y las subsiguientes zonas de salida en gradiente descendente de clasificación (mayor complejidad a nivel de infraestructura, personal, etc).
- Para la fabricación de células CART en dispositivos cerrados éstos deben situarse en un entorno grado C o D. Las manipulaciones del producto o reactivos que van a ir en contacto con el mismo deben hacerse en grado A.





## Inmunoterapia



**Reconocimiento Ag tumoral**  
Ag específicos de tumor o asociados a tumor



**Múltiples posibilidades**  
Múltiples dianas  
Múltiples células



**Consideraciones**  
Carga tumoral  
Microbiota (virus)  
Tumor dinámico en el tiempo



**Buscar biomarcadores de respuesta**  
Muchas dianas pero desconocemos respuesta de los pacientes

## Equipo multidisciplinar



XII CONFERENCIA ANUAL  
DE LAS PLATAFORMAS TECNOLÓGICAS  
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## Creación del grupo de Investigación Clínica Traslacional en Cáncer Infantil, Trasplante Hematopoyético y Terapia Celular

Departamento de Inmunidad Innata, Instituto de Investigación del Hospital Universitario La Paz (IdiPAZ)

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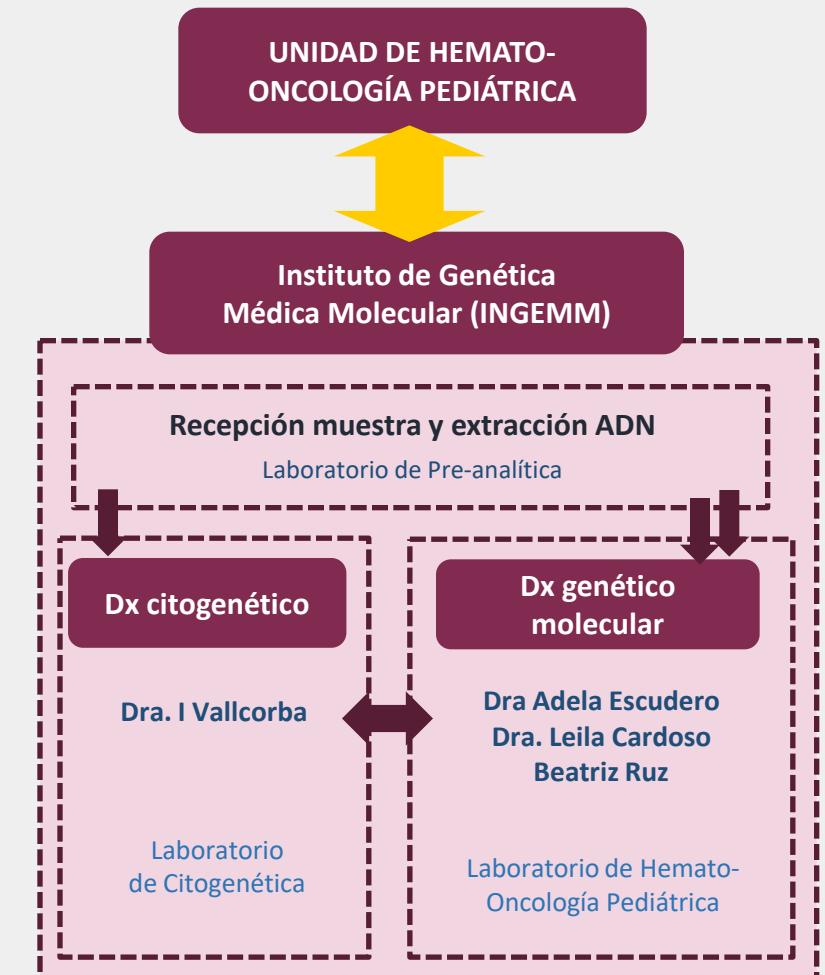
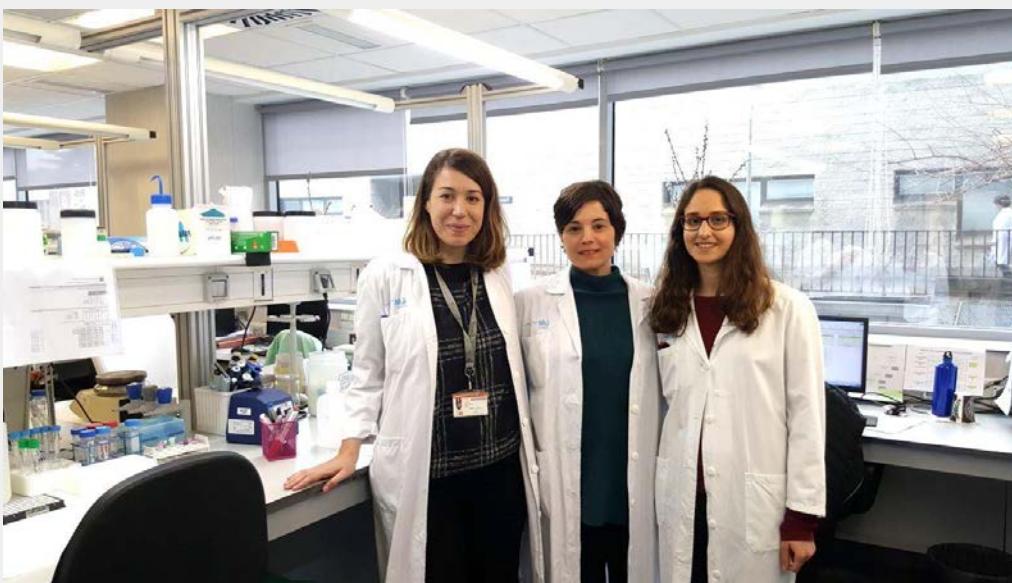


## Creación del laboratorio de Hemato-Oncología pediátrica molecular

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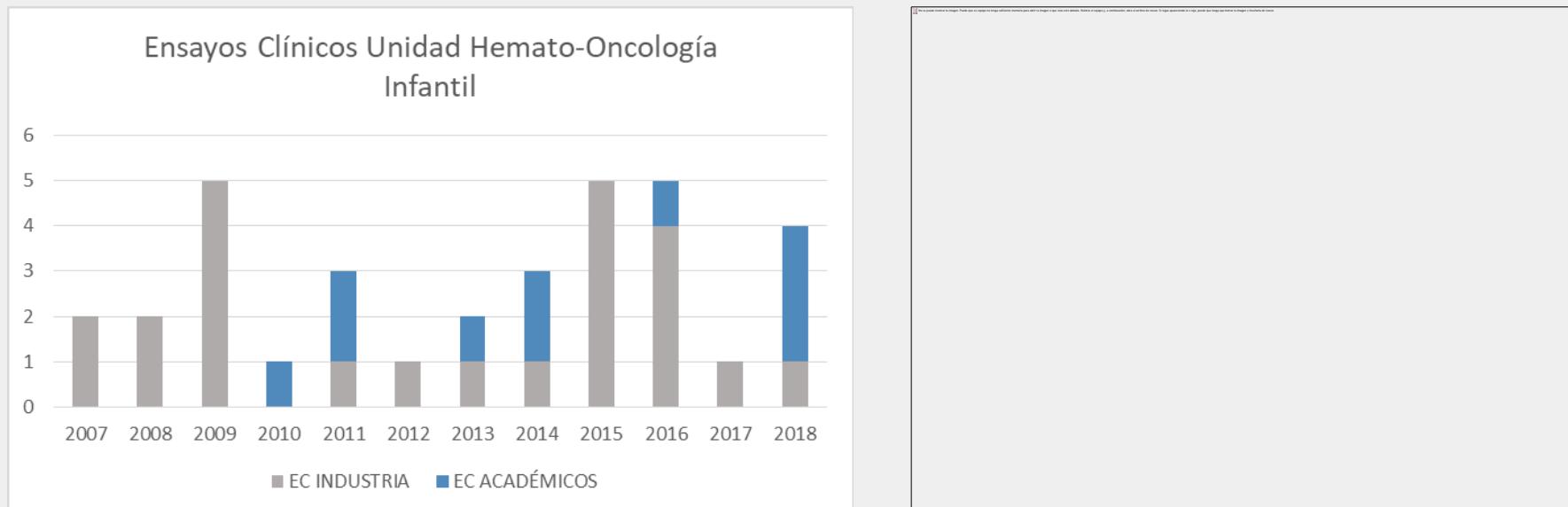
## Creación de Unidad de Ensayos Clínicos en Oncohematología Infantil-UCICEC:

- 37 Ensayos Clínicos en total desde el año 2007 (industria y académicos)
- 15 Ensayos clínicos desde el 2015 en 10 de los cuales el investigador principal es el candidato (industria y académicos)

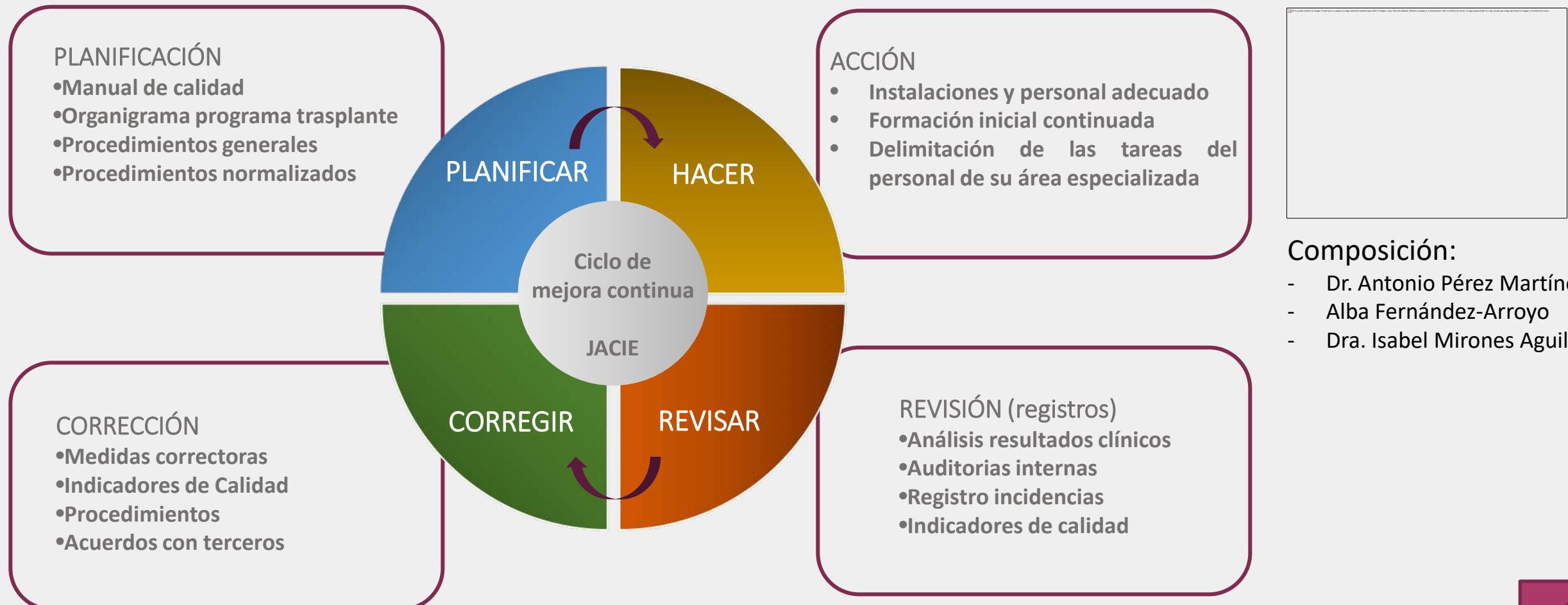
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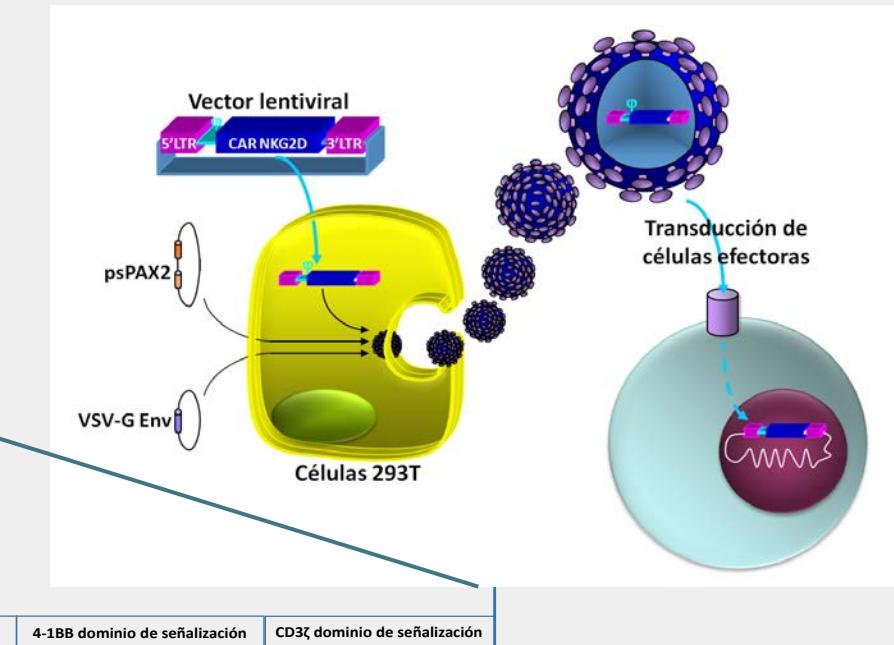
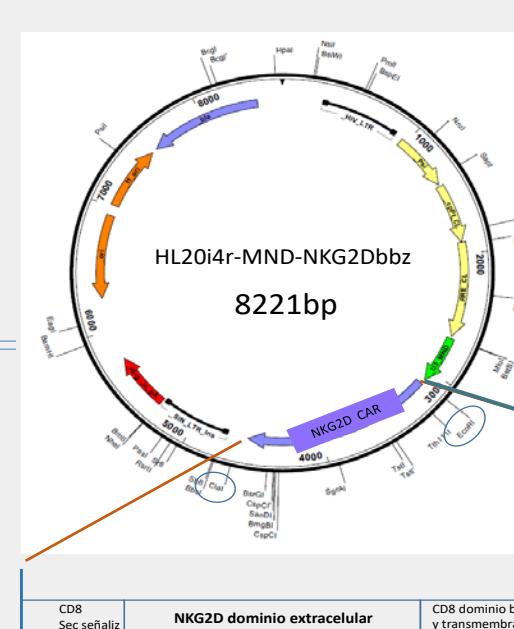
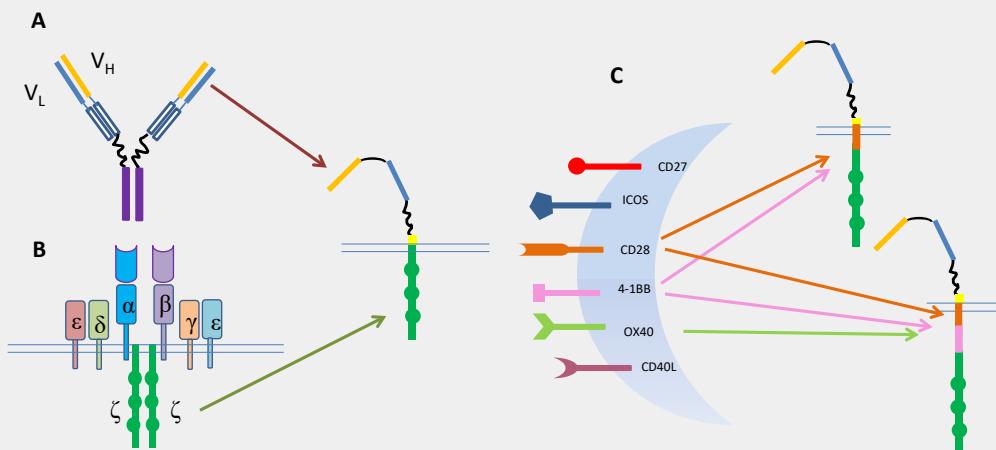


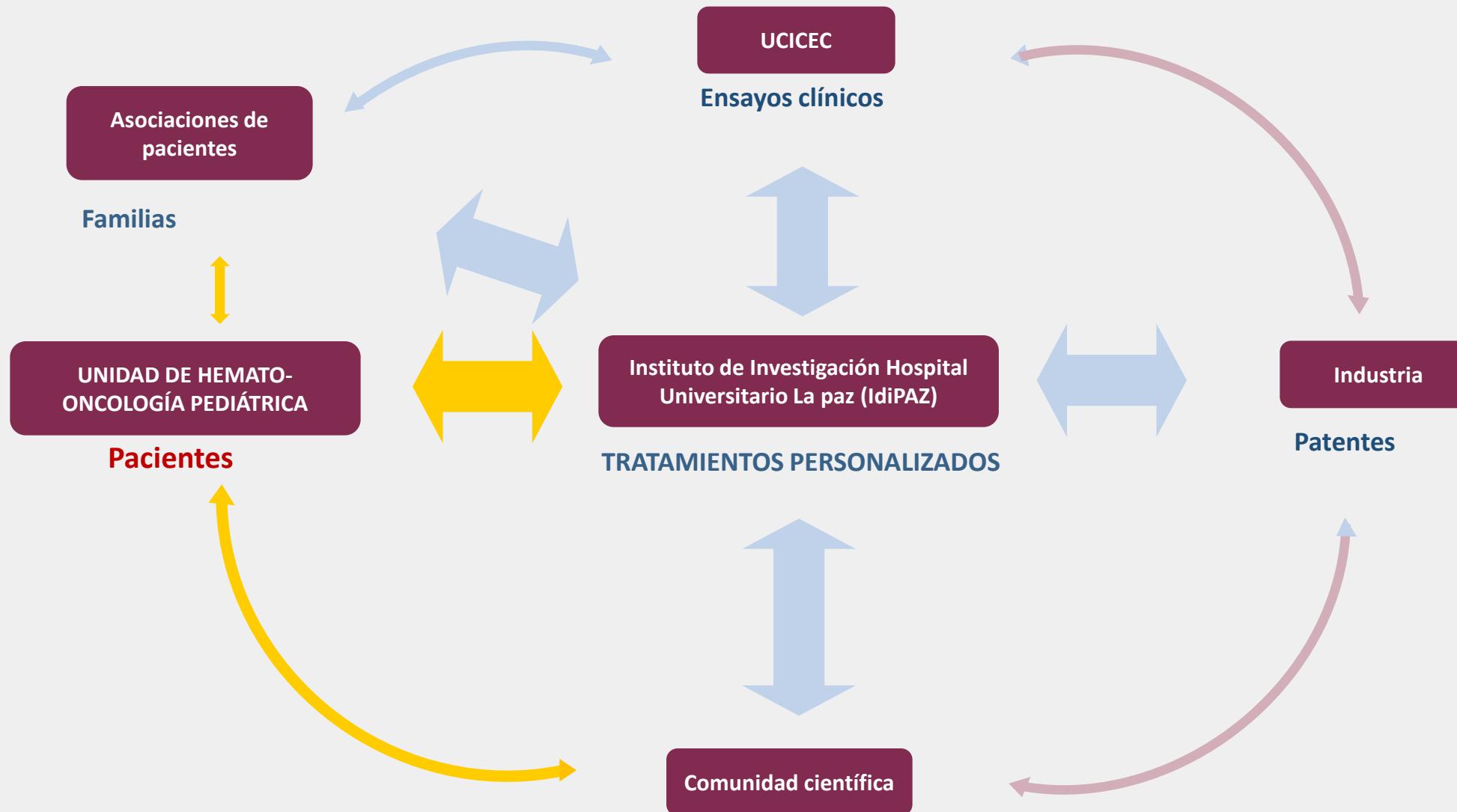
## Acreditación JACIE (calidad) en el área clínica del Trasplante de Progenitores Hematopoyéticos

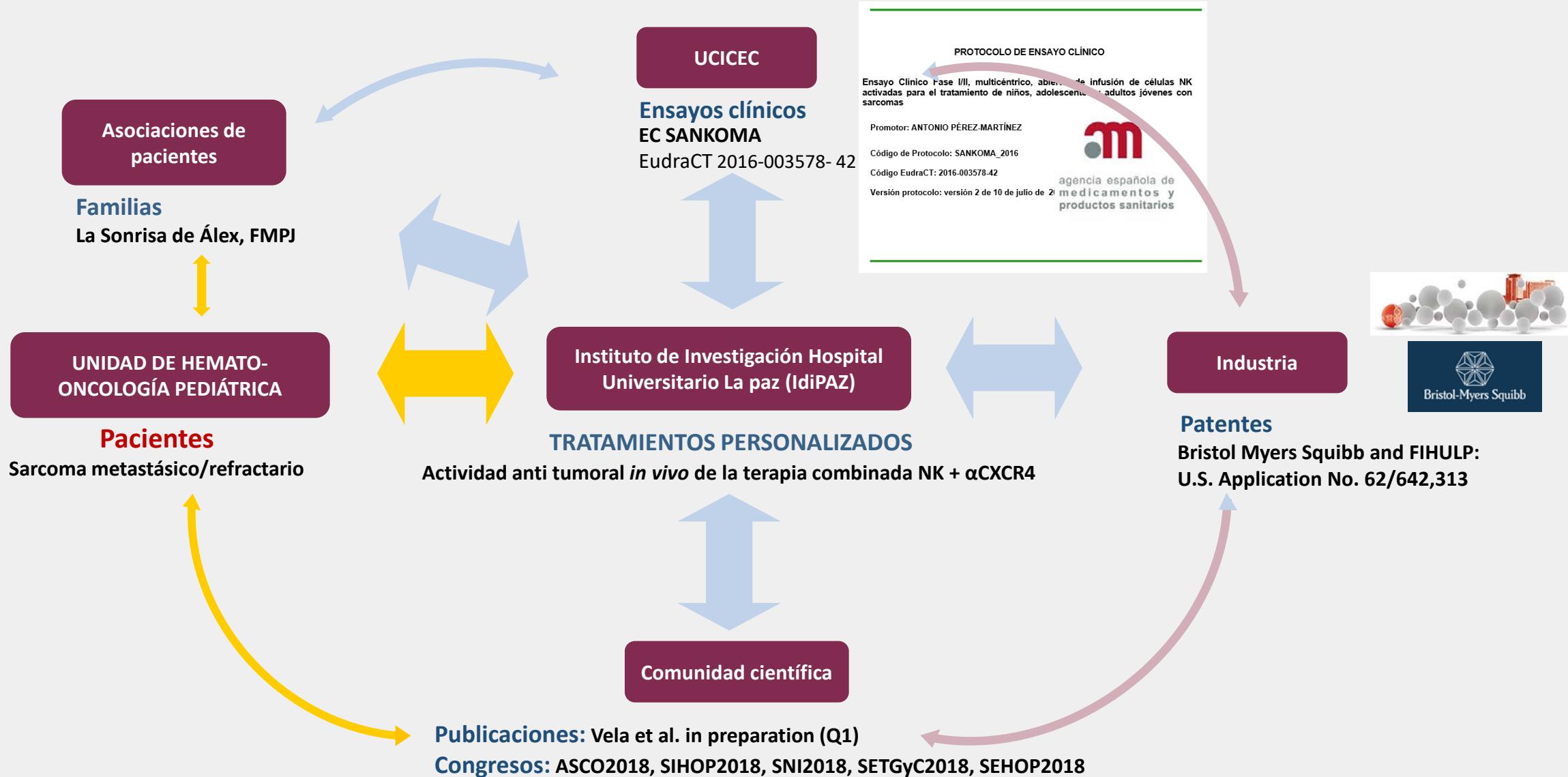


## Desarrollo de tratamientos:

- **Oncología (osteosarcoma): Terapia celular con linfocitos T de memoria transducidos con CAR-NKG2D**
  - Oncología (rhabdomiosarcoma): Terapia combinada células NK y anticuerpos terapéuticos ( $\alpha$ CXCR4)
  - Terapia celular para la optimización del trasplante de órgano sólido (trasplante intestinal y renal)
  - Optimización de los métodos de producción celular en condiciones GMP para el TPH y terapia celular







Trial name	Title	Code	EudraCT	NCT
<b>HNJ-NK-2009</b>	TRASPLANTE DE PROGENITORES HEMATOPOYÉTICOS E INFUSIÓN DE CÉLULAS NK IL-15 EN TUMORES SÓLIDOS PEDIÁTRICOS REFRACTARIOS	HNJ-NK-01/2009	2009-010186-23	NCT01337544
<b>HNJ-NKAES-2012</b>	INFUSIÓN DE <u>CÉLULAS NATURAL KILLER</u> EN COMBINACIÓN CON QUIMIOTERAPIA EN PACIENTES PEDIÁTRICOS CON <u>LEUCEMIA/LINFOMA T REFRACTARIA</u>	HJN-NKAES-2012	2012-000054-63	NCT01944982
<b>LYDIA</b>	LANK-2: INMUNOTERAPIA CON <u>CÉLULAS NATURAL KILLER</u> ACTIVADAS Y EXPANDIDAS JUNTO CON QUIMIOTERAPIA DE RESCATE EN NIÑOS, ADOLESCENTES Y ADULTOS JÓVENES CON <u>LEUCEMIA AGUDA EN RECAIDA O REFRACTARIEDAD</u>	LANK-2	2012-005146-38	NCT02074657
<b>LYDIA II</b>	FASE II: INFUSIÓN DE CÉLULAS NATURAL KILLER COMO TRATAMIENTO DE CONSOLIDACION EN NIÑOS Y ADOLESCENTES CON LEUCEMIA MIELOBLÁSTICA AGUDA	NKCell_LMA_2015	2015-001901-1	NCT02763475
<b>SANKOMA</b>	ENSAYO CLÍNICO FASE I/II, MULTICÉNTRICO, ABIERTO, DE INFUSIÓN DE CÉLULAS NATURAL KILLER ACTIVADAS PARA EL TRATAMIENTO DE NIÑOS, ADOLESCENTES Y ADULTOS JÓVENES CON SARCOMAS	SANKOMA_2016	2016-003578-42	No disponible
<b>GABY</b>	<u>RECEPTOR ANTIGÉNICO QUIMÉRICO NKG2D</u> PARA EL TRATAMIENTO DE PACIENTES PEDIÁTRICOS <u>CON LEUCEMIA AGUDA Y LEUCEMIA MIELOMONOCÍTICA JUVENIL</u> : VALIDACIÓN A ESCALA CLÍNICA Y PRIMER ESTUDIO DE SEGURIDAD EN PACIENTES	No disponible	No disponible	No disponible
<b>PHINK</b>	INFUSIÓN DE CÉLULAS NATURAL KILLER ALOREACTIVAS O ESTIMULADAS TRAS TRASPLANTE HAPLOIDÉNTICO DE PROGENITORES HEMATOPOYÉTICOS EN PACIENTES PEDIÁTRICOS CON NEOPLASIAS HEMATOLOGICAS	No disponible	No disponible	No disponible



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