

# Immunosuppressive Cells in the Tumor Microenvironment

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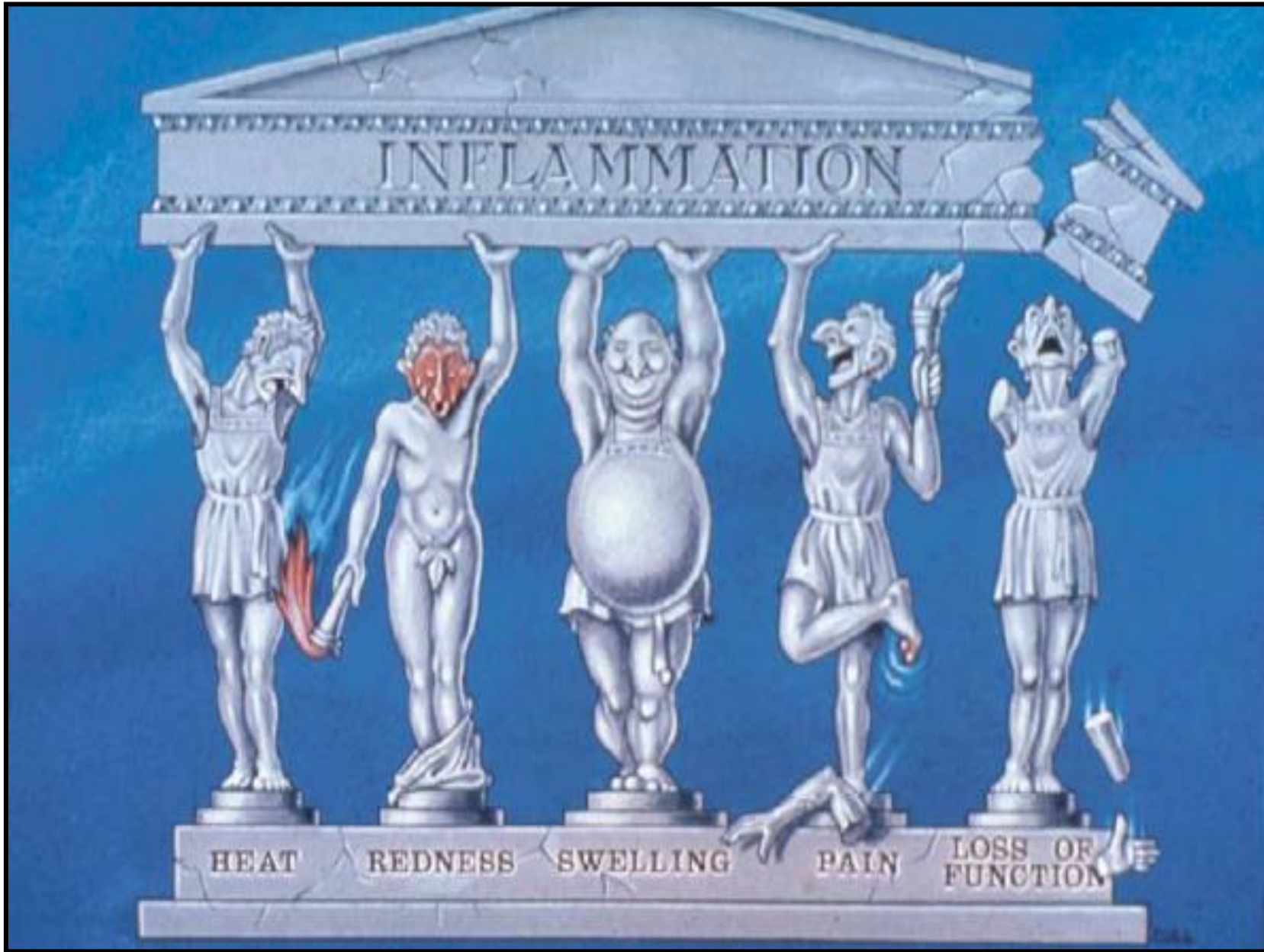
# Spontaneous Regression of Tumors or Immunotherapy?

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Imhotep (2600 BC- Egypt): Recommends "applying a poultice of herbs over the tumor and making an incision in the site"

Stanislaw Tanchou (1844 -Paris): "treat enlarged lymph glands and tumors by creating pustules on the tumor and other parts of the body"

Others in the 19<sup>th</sup> century: "infecting tumors with erysipelas (s. pneumo and staph aureus) , "gangrene" (clostridia) or syphilis to establish pustules on the tumores.



**Aulus Cornelius Celsus – 1 century AD**

# Rudolf Virchow - 1863



The "lymphoreticular infiltrate" reflect the site where cancer lesions appear in the inflammed tissues.

# William Coley MD

(New York)

"Patients with osteosarcomas or breast tumors infected with erysipelas (*Streptococcus pyogenes*) have a longer survival and in some cases have a decrease in tumor size even in distant tumors" - 1893



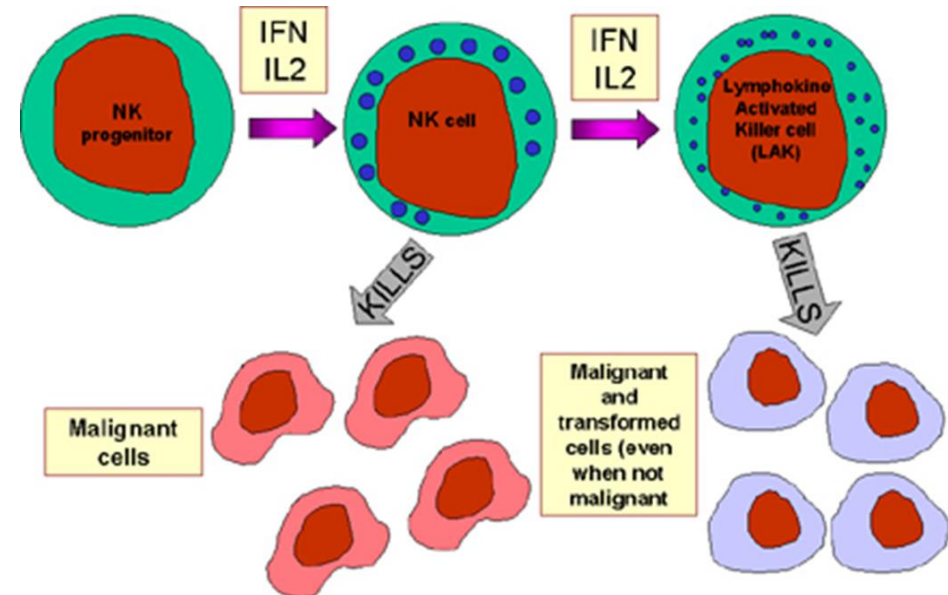
1862 - 1936

Coley Toxins: *Streptococcus pyogenes*, *Serratia marcescens* and *Staphylococcus epidermidis*: 10% responders

Purified Coley Toxins: *Streptococcus pyogenes* (no effect)

# Modern era of Immunotherapy

- 1982 - IL2 gene cloned  
T. Taniguchi
- LAK cells:  
E. Grimm and S. Rosenberg



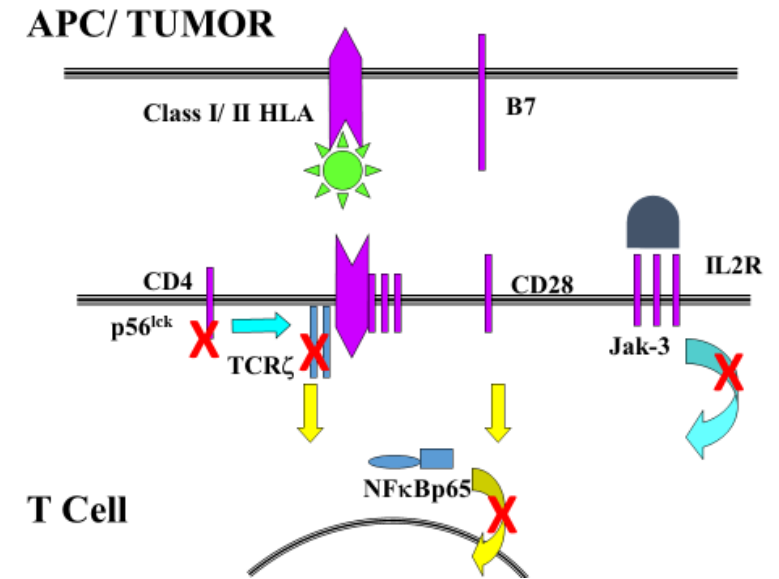
Great in mice but little effect in patients

# Anergy/Tolerance in Cancer

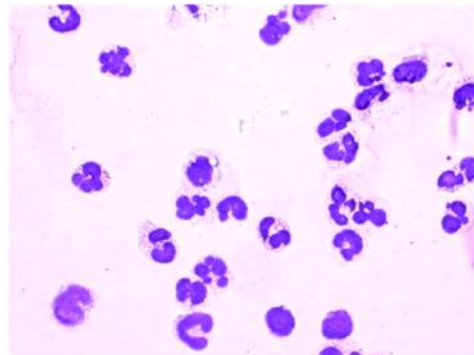
- 1960 - 1970's: Blocking antibodies
- 1980's:
  - Suppressor T cells
  - Absence of tumor associated antigens
  - Loss of MHC class I
  - Changes in the stroma: "tumor ignorance"
  - Production of immunosuppressive cytokines - TGFb
  - Absence of costimulatory molecules - B7 family
- Cheever, Greenberg and Fefer - Low dose cytoxan
- Review J Biol Response Mod. 1984;3(2):113-27.Potential for specific cancer therapy with immune T lymphocytes. M A Cheever, P D Greenberg, A Fefer; PMID: 6233396

# Myeloid-Derived Suppressor Cells (MDSC) in Tumors

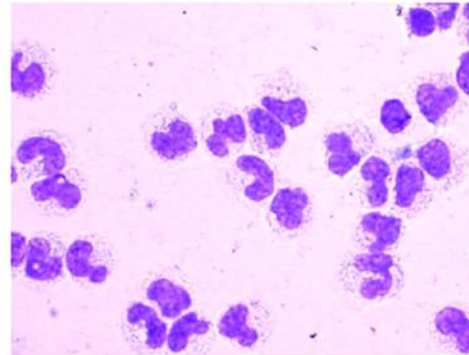
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- **V Bronte** 1, P Serafini, E Apolloni, P Zanovello. Tumor-induced immune dysfunctions caused by myeloid suppressor cells. PMID: 11759067 DOI: 10.1097/00002371-200111000-00001
- **PC. Rodriguez**, .....AC. Ochoa. Arginase I Production in the Tumor Microenvironment by Mature Myeloid Cells Inhibits T-Cell Receptor Expression and Antigen-Specific T-Cell Responses DOI: 10.1158/0008-5472.CAN-04-0465 Published August 2004
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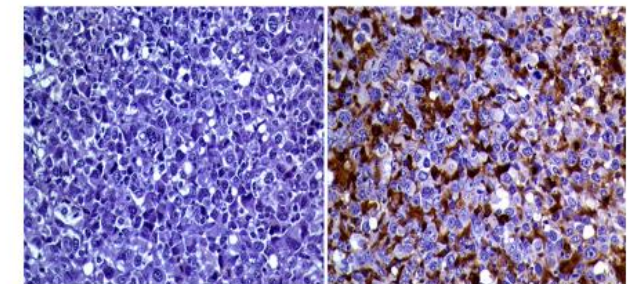
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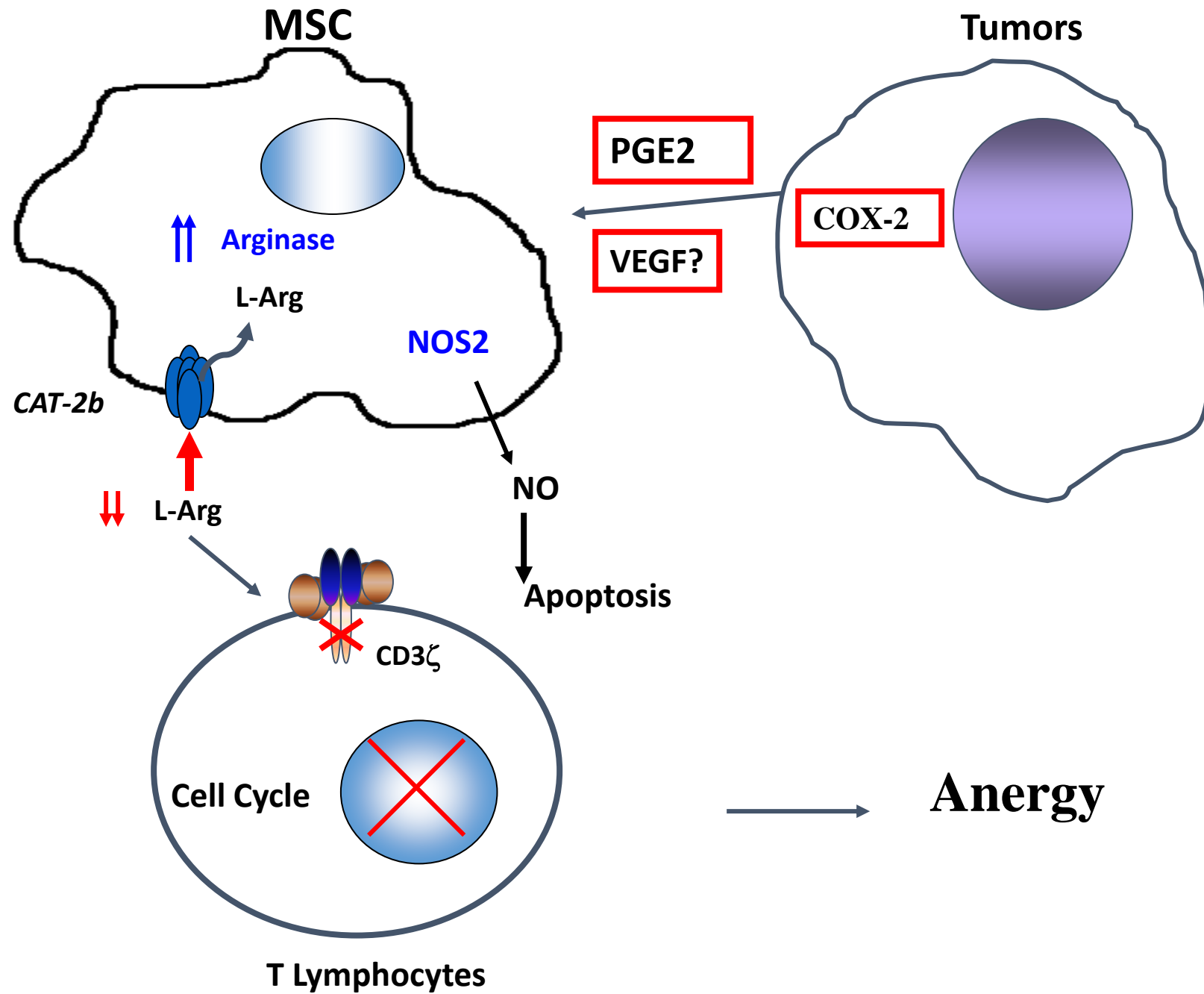
Arginase I Expression in 3LL Tumor

Isotype

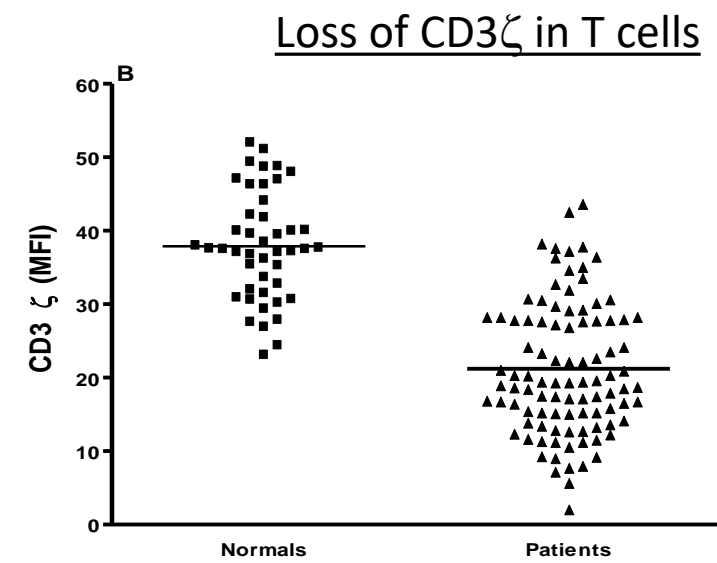
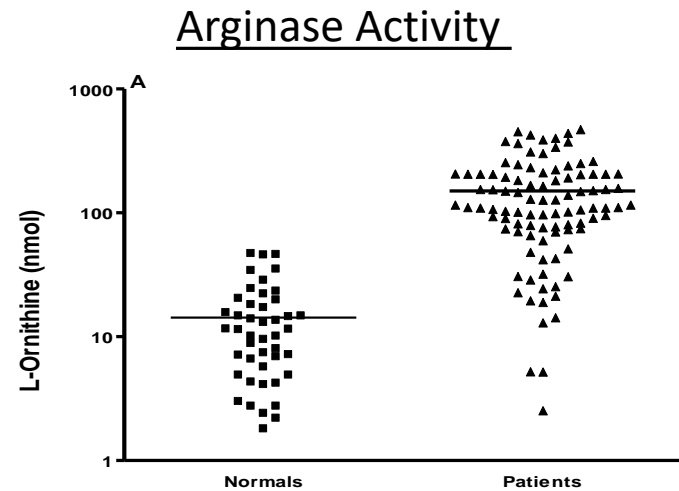
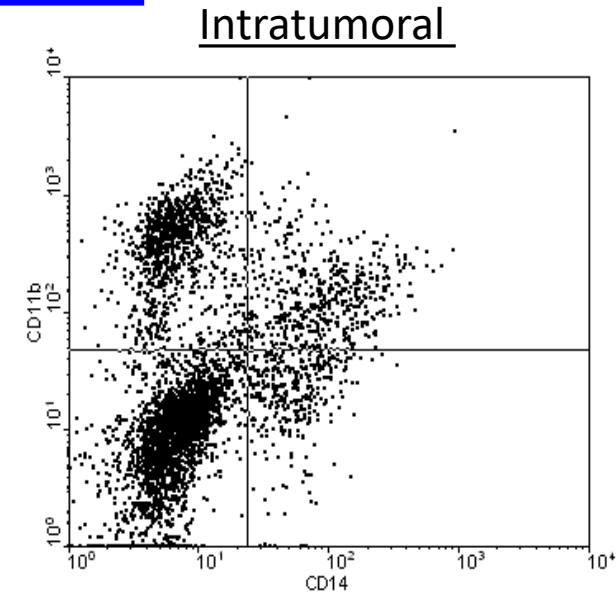
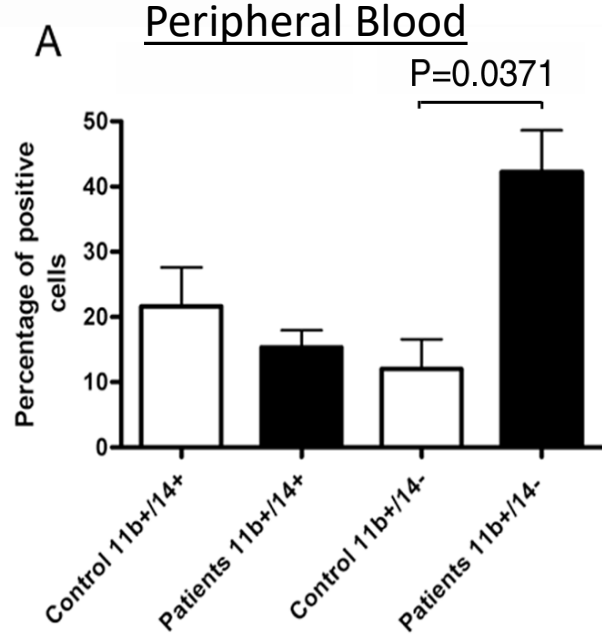
Arginase I



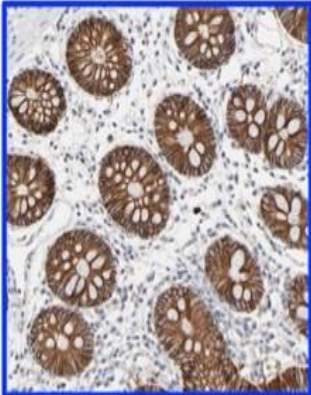

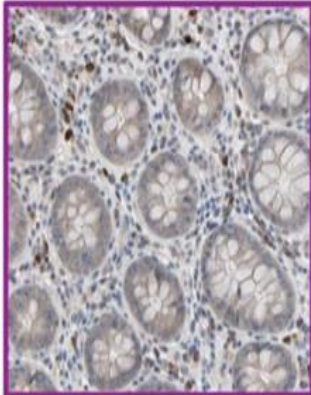
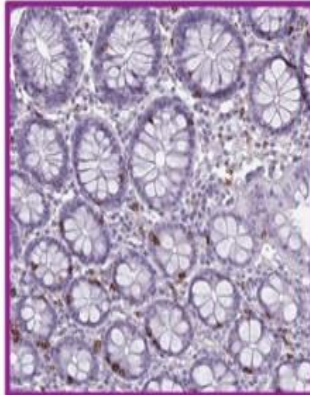
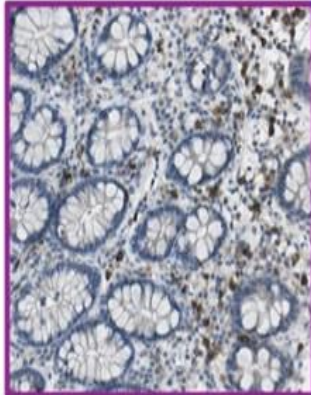
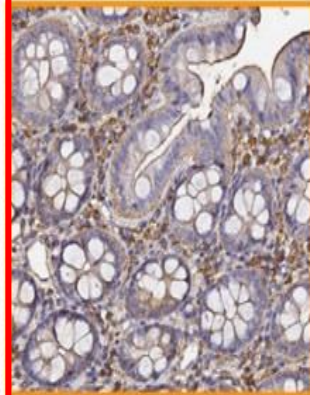
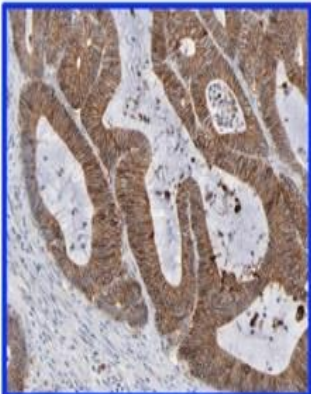
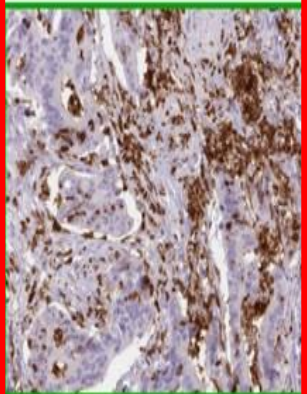
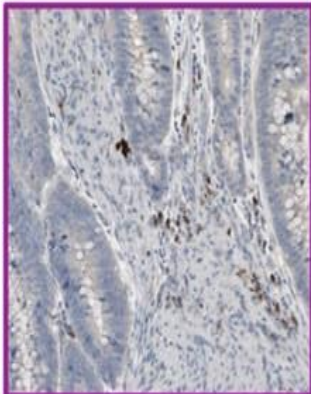
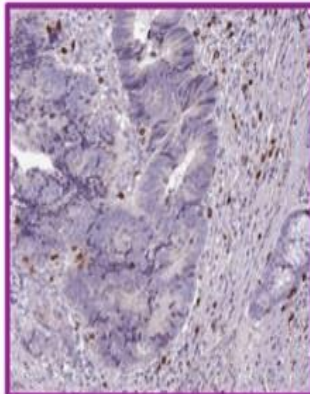
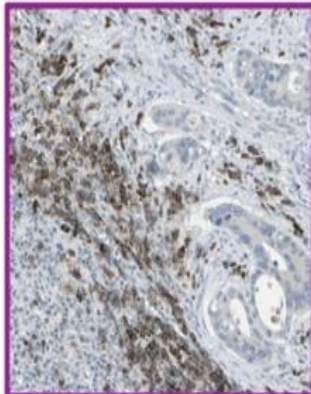
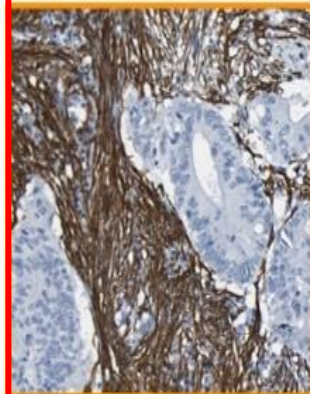


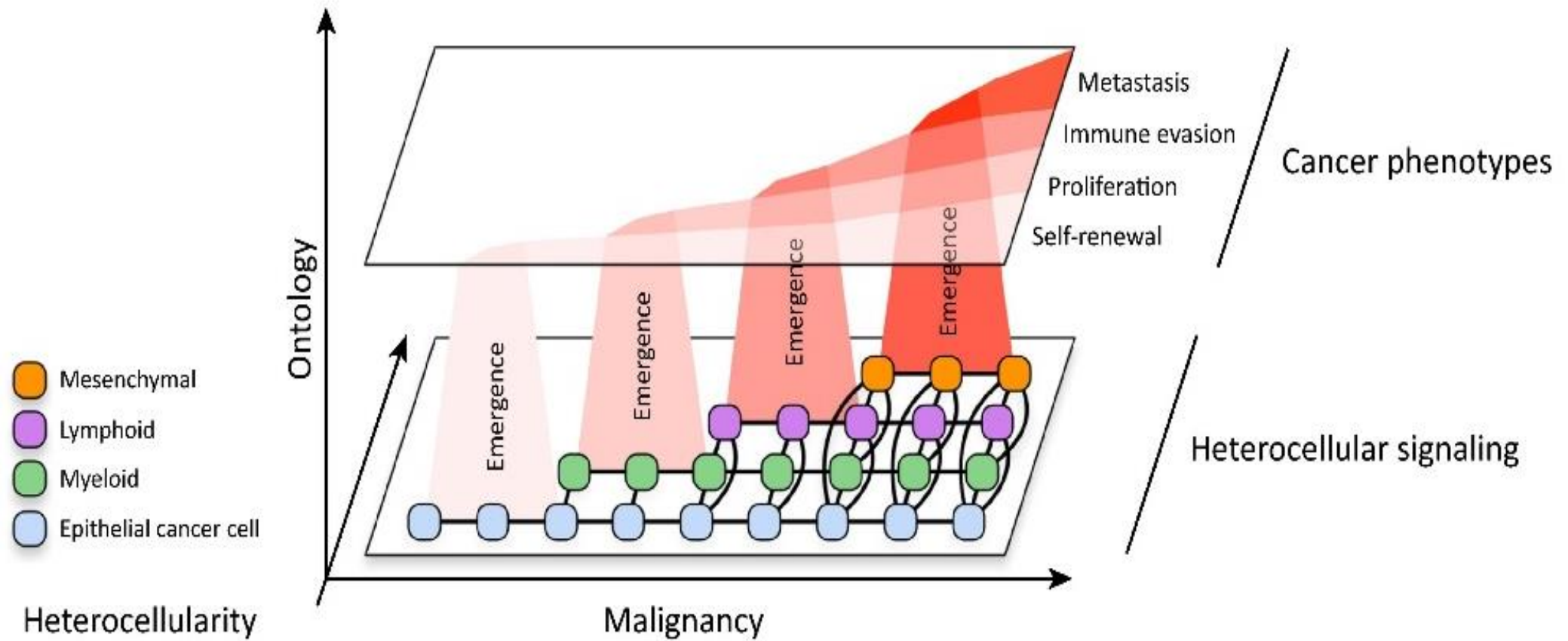


# MDSC in Renal Cell Carcinoma



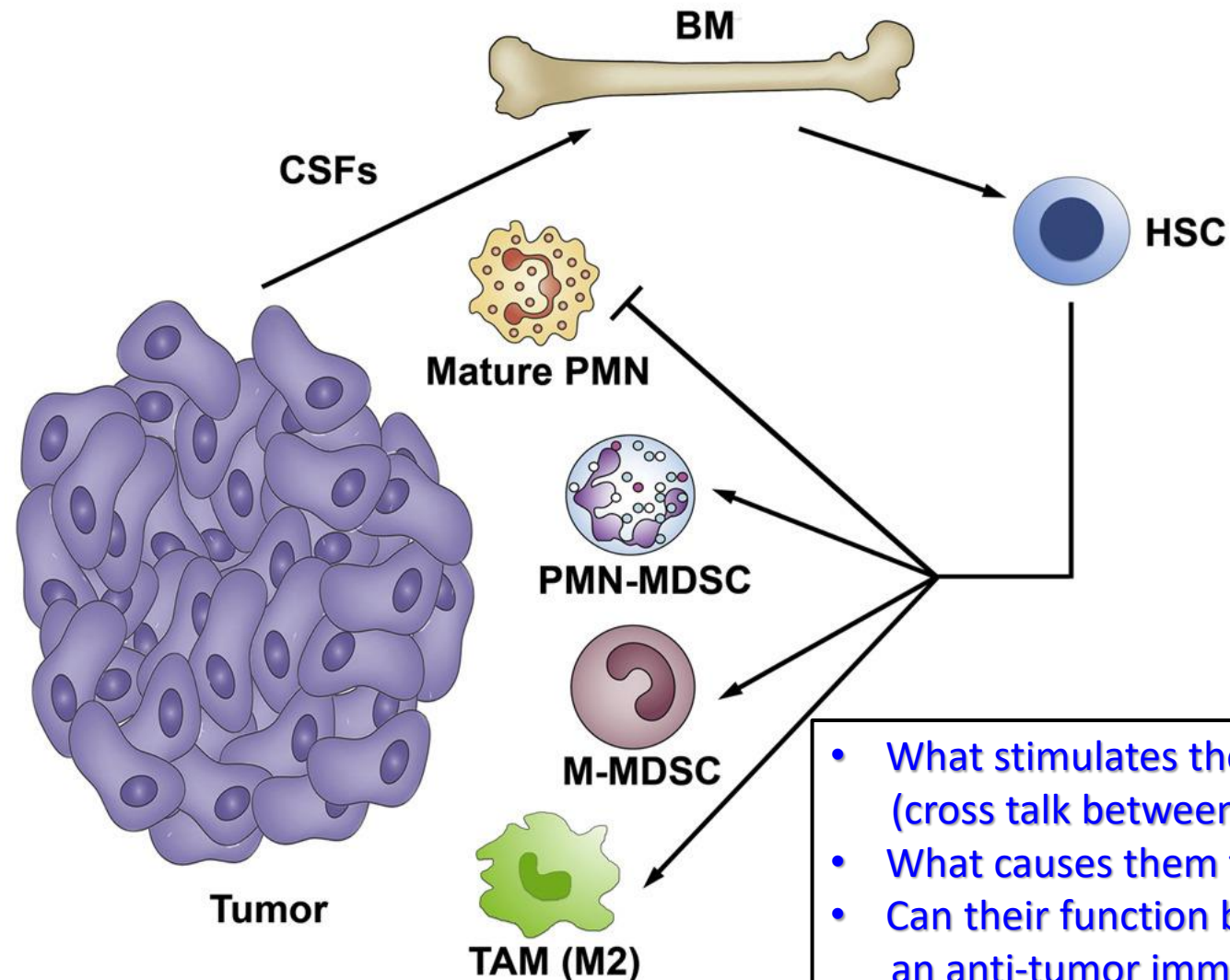
# HETEROCELULAR IMMUNE INFILTRATION OF COLORECTAL CANCER

	Epithelial	Myeloid	Lymphoid			Mesenchymal
	Enterocyte (EpCAM)	Macrophage (CD11b)	T helper (CD4)	T cytotoxic (CD8)	B cell (CD19)	Fibroblast ( $\alpha$ SMA)
Healthy colon						
Colorectal cancer						



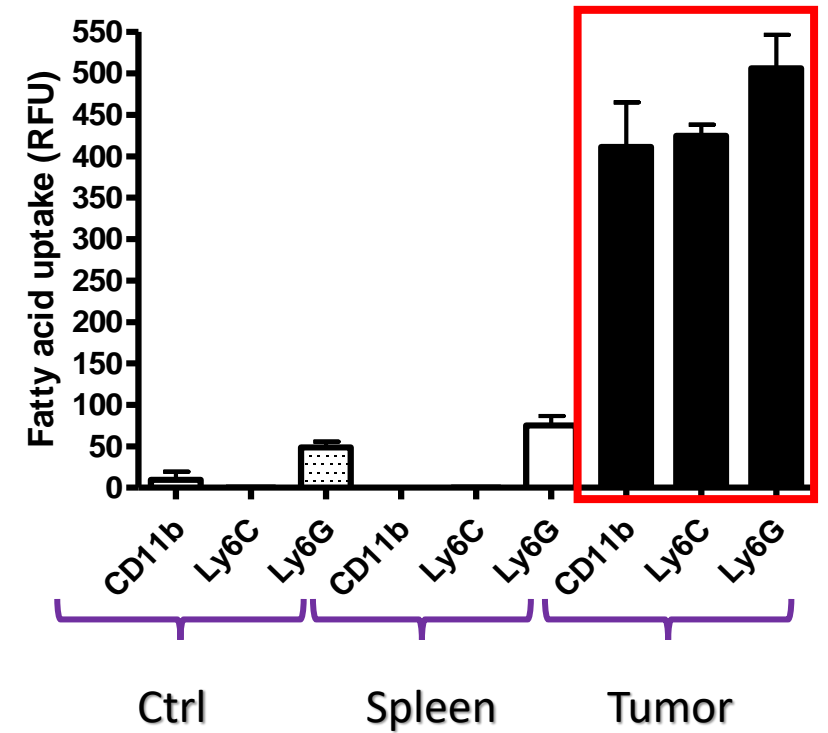
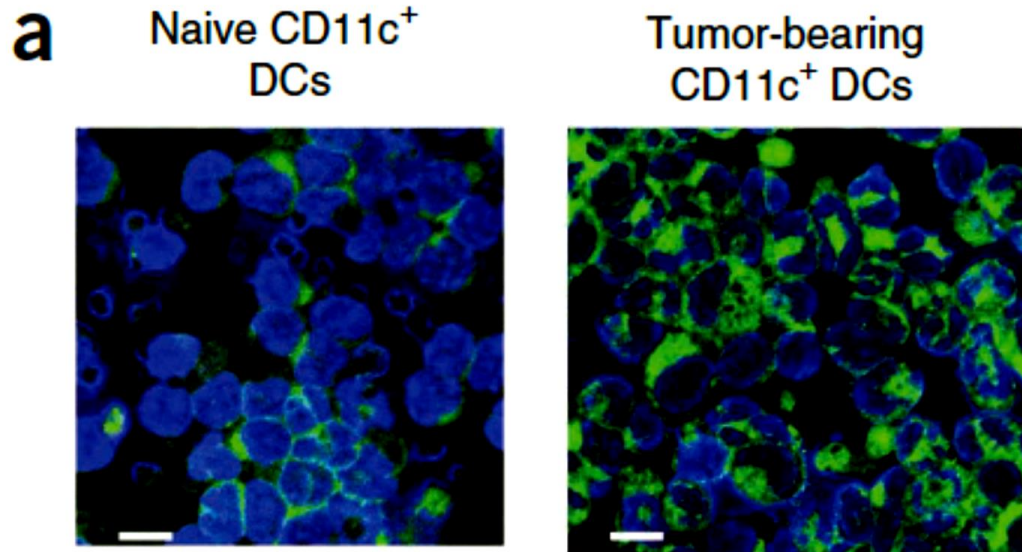
Trends in Cancer

# Myeloid- derived Suppressor Cells - (MDSC)

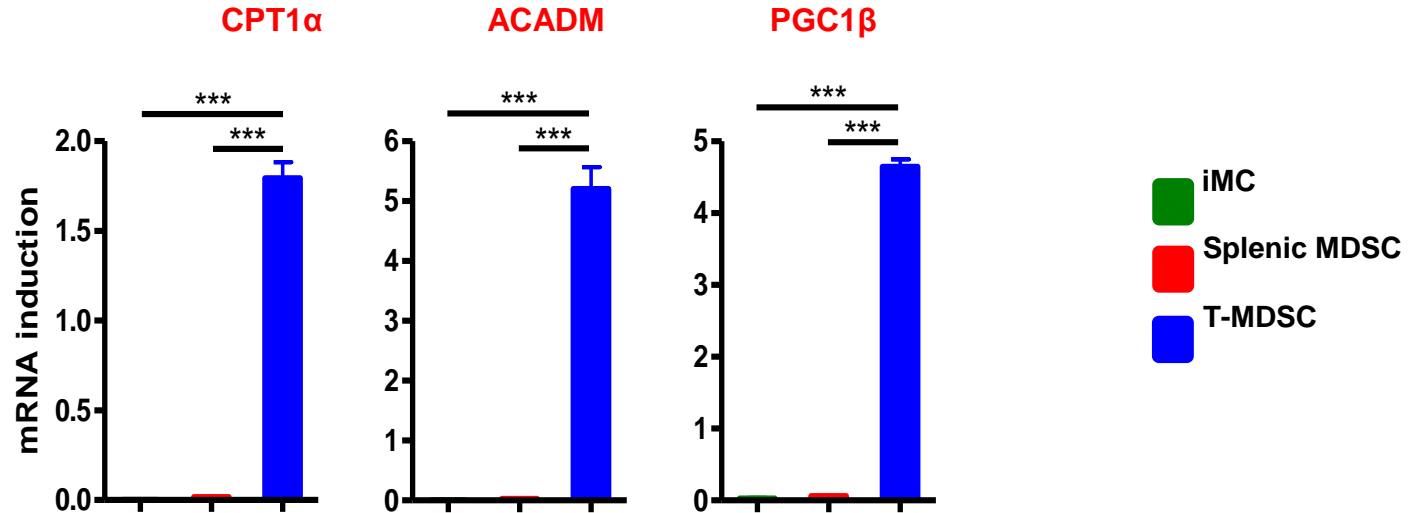


- What stimulates the production of MDSC (cross talk between tumor cells – MDSC)
- What causes them to be immunosuppressive
- Can their function be reversed to increase an anti-tumor immune response.

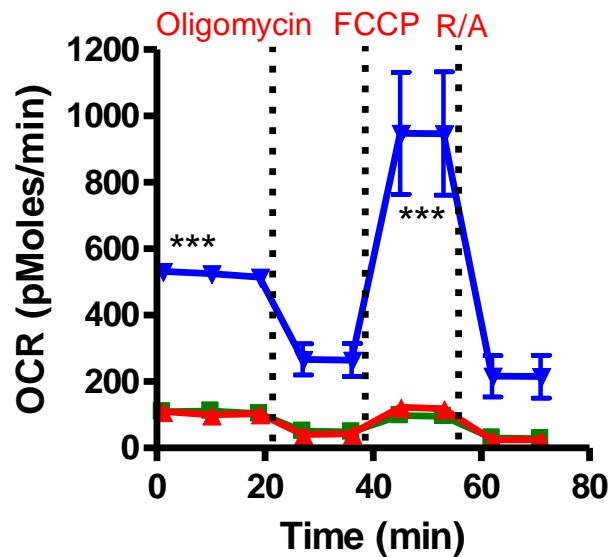
# MDSC Have Increased Lipid Uptake



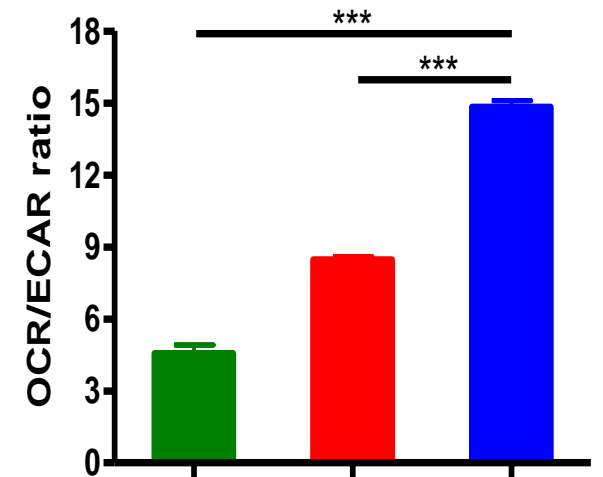
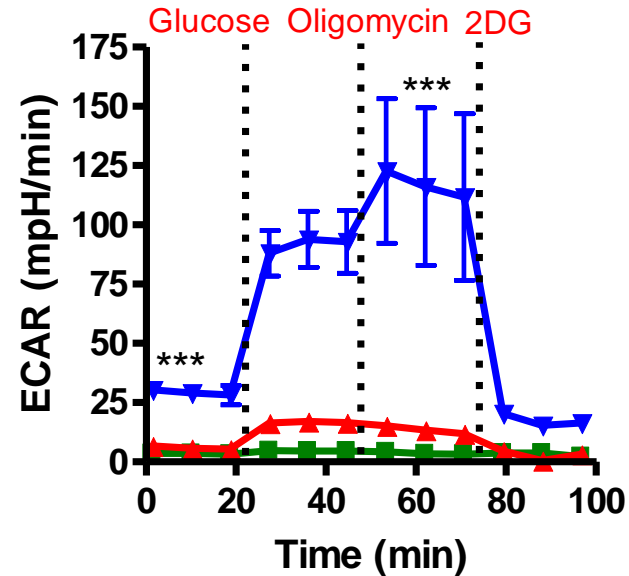
# MDSC Have Increased Fatty Acid Oxidation (FAO)

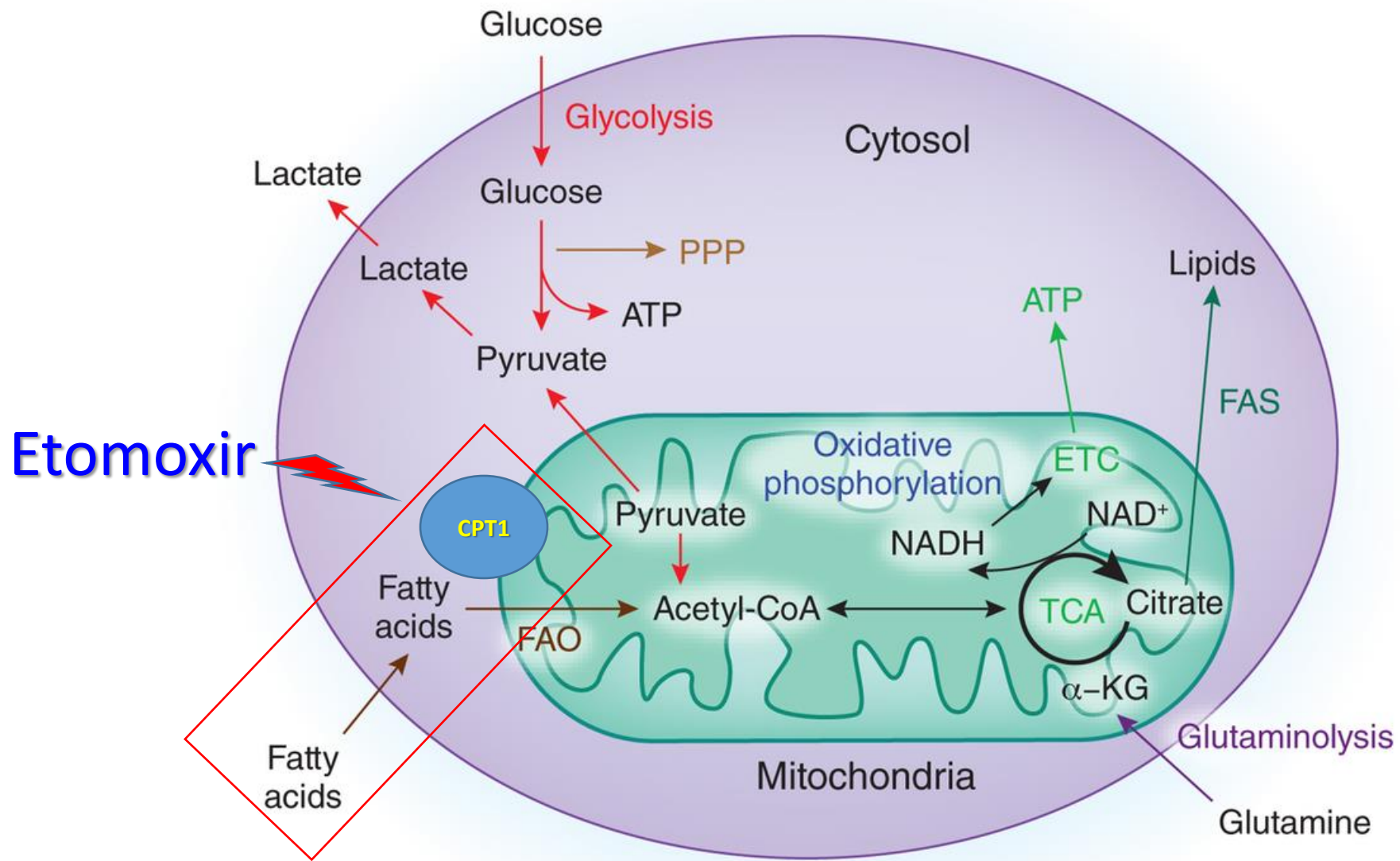


## Mitochondrial stress test



## Glycolytic stress test

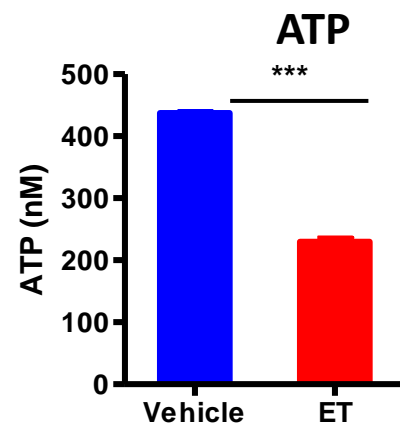
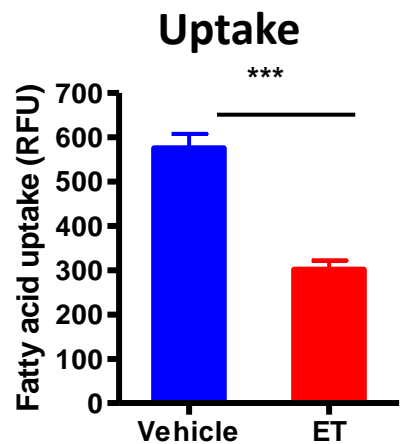
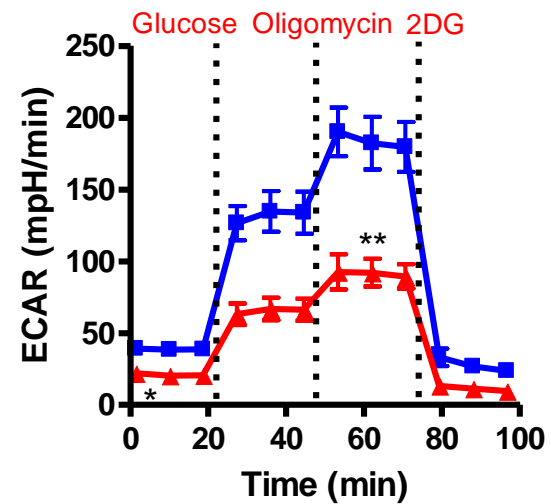
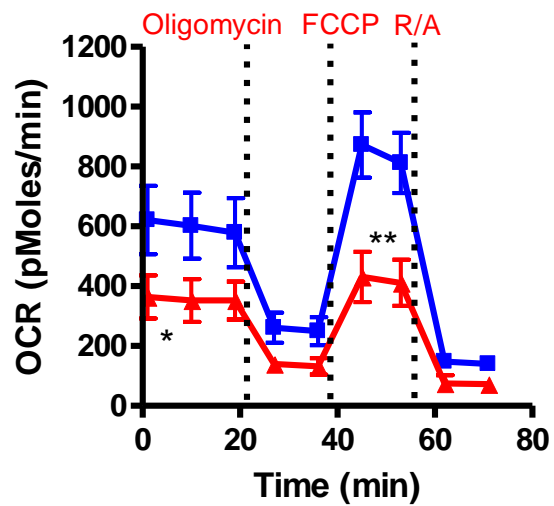
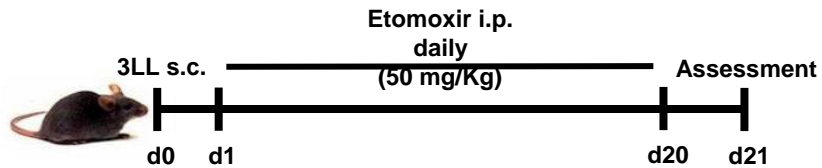




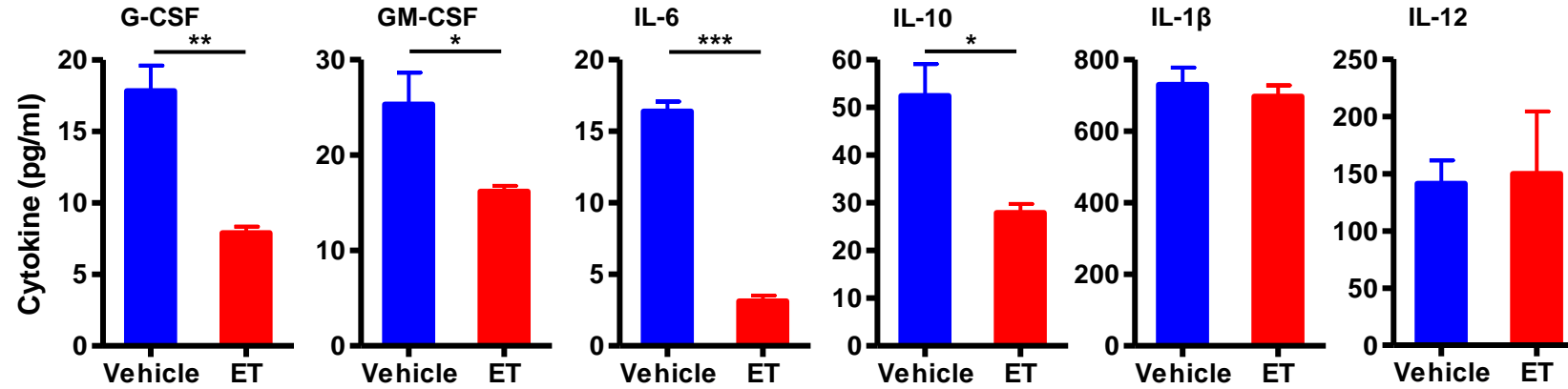
**Etomoxir**

**MDSC**

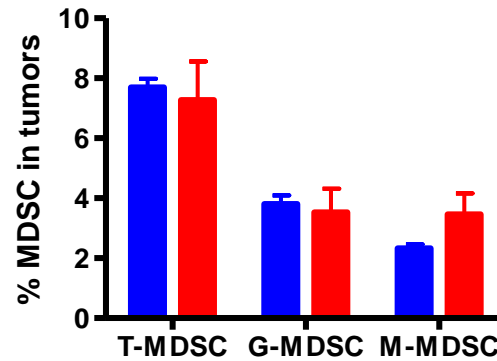




# Inhibition of Fatty Acid Oxidation in vivo on MDSC

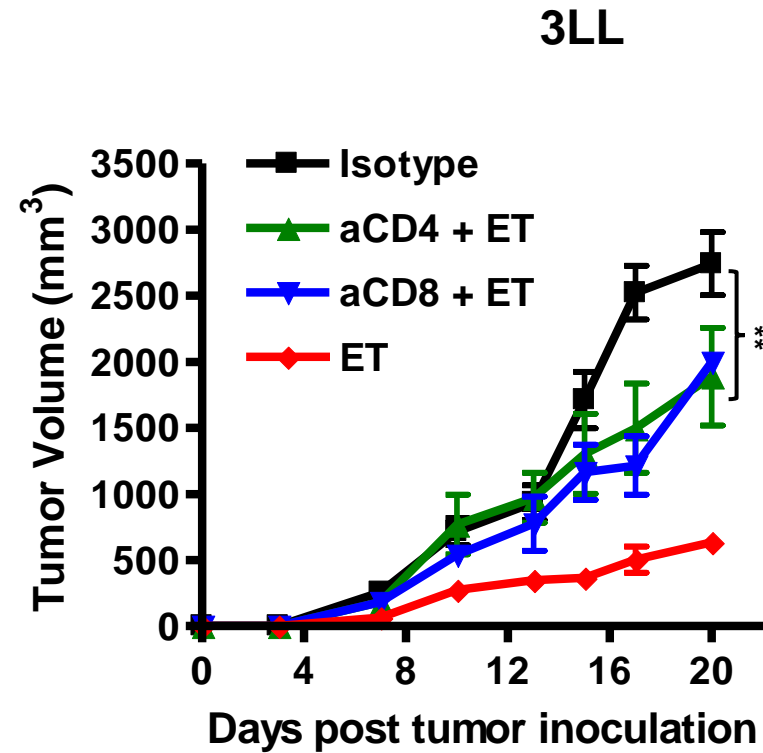
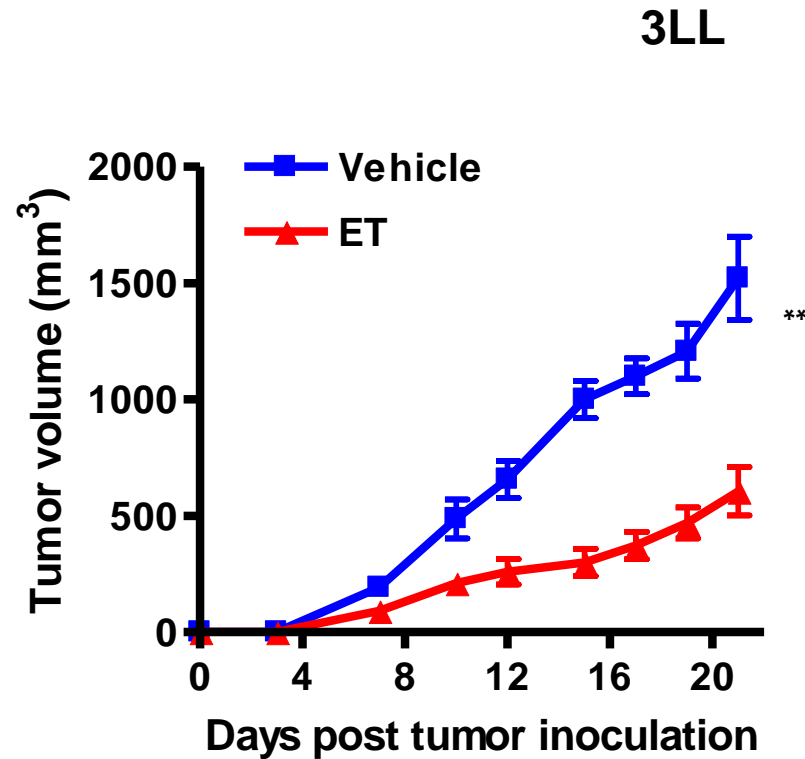


## Infiltration



ET = Etomoxir 50mg/kg

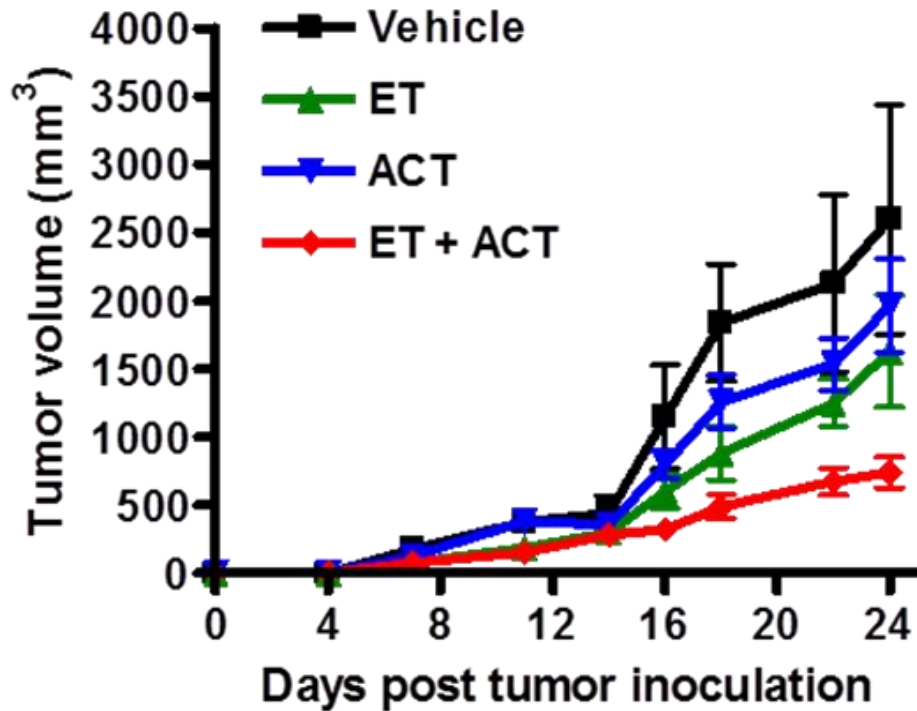
# Anti-tumor Effect of Cpt1 Inhibition



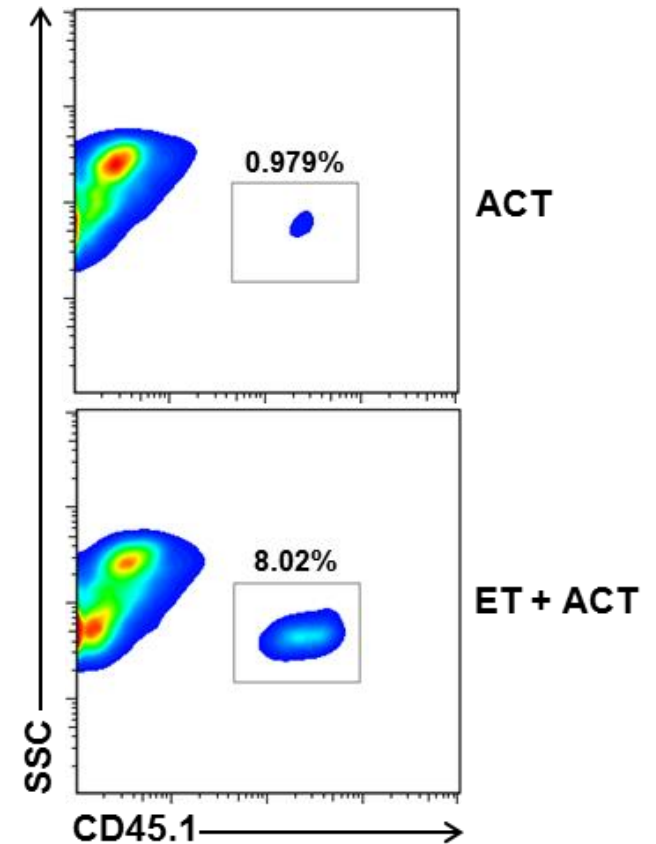
3LL – Lewis Lung Carcinoma  
ET: etomoxir 20mg/kg i.p.

# Cpt1 Inhibition plus Antigen Specific ACT\*

## OVA-3LL



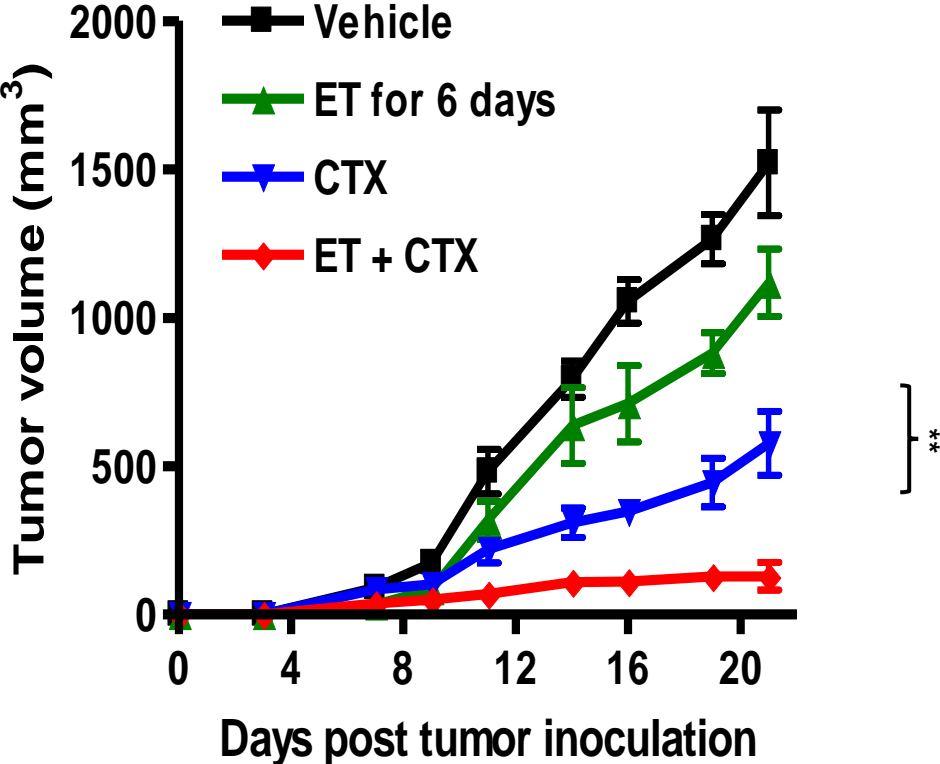
## Infiltrating OT-1 T Cells



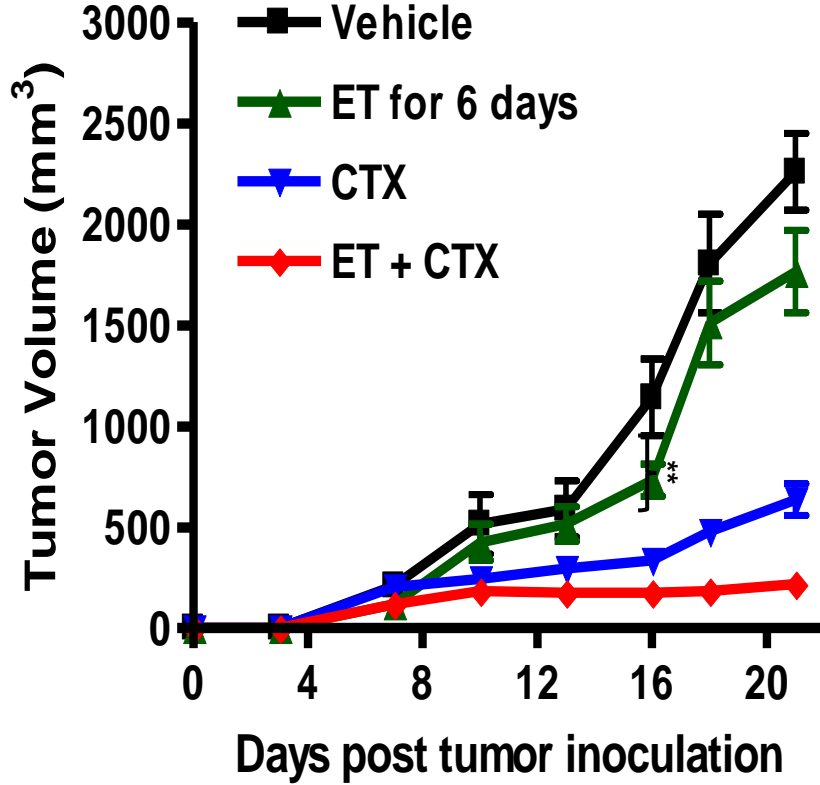
\*OT-1 – CD8T cells

# Combined Effect of Cpt1 inhibition plus Chemotherapy

3LL- Lewis Lung Carcinoma

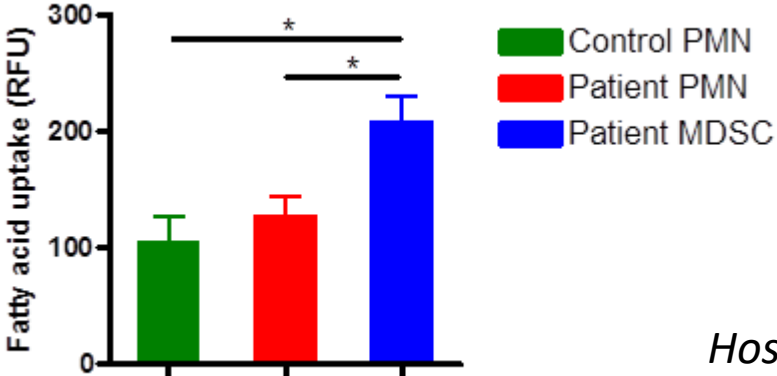
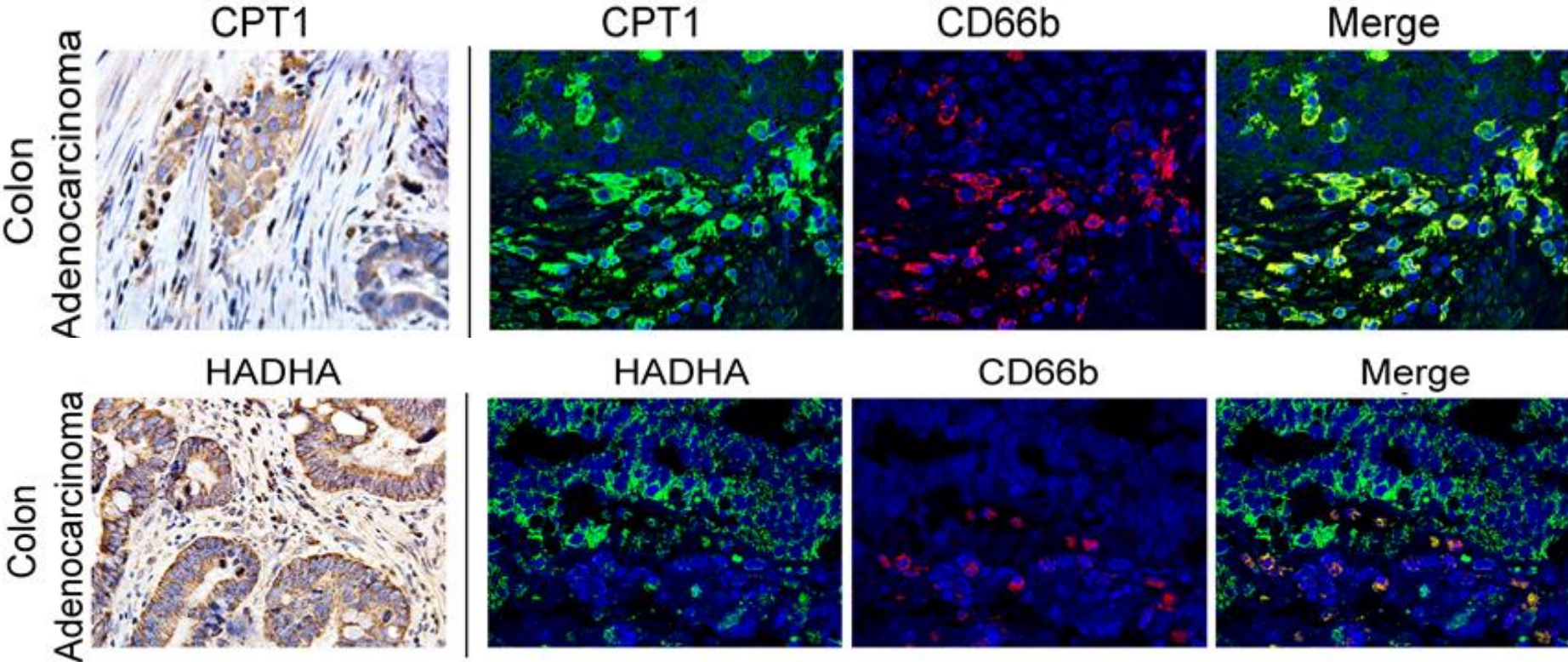


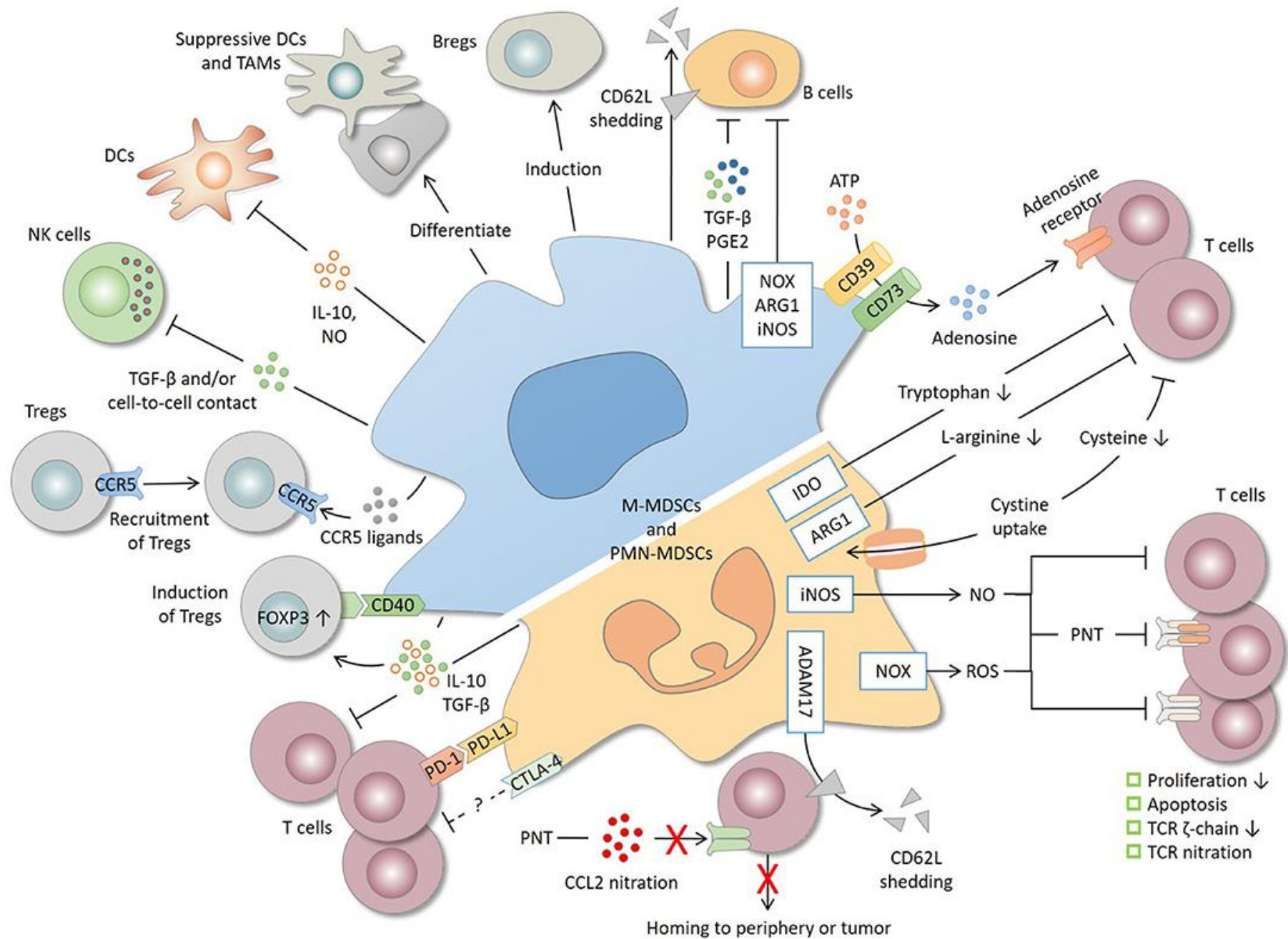
MCA-38 – colorectal cancer



*ET - 5 days*  
*Cyclophosphamide – 100mg/kg x 1*

# FAO Enzyme Expression in Human MDSC





# Hallmarks of Cancer

*Cell 144, 2011 - D. Hanahan and R. Weinberg*

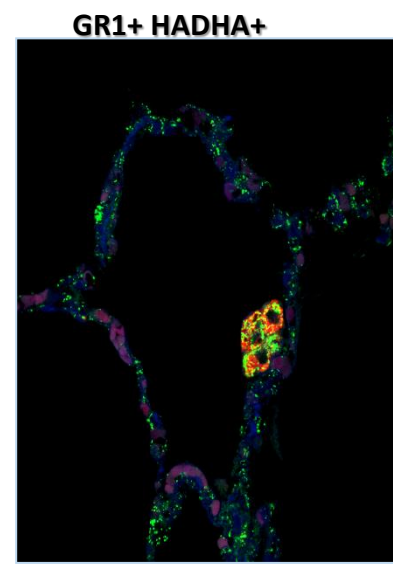
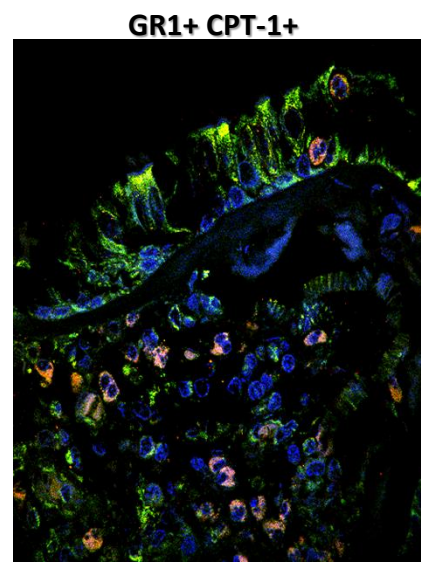
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- Sustaining proliferation
- Evading growth suppressors
- Resisting cell death
- Enabling replicative immortality
- Inducing angiogenesis
- Activating invasion/metastasis
- Evading immune destruction
- Reprogramming energy metabolism



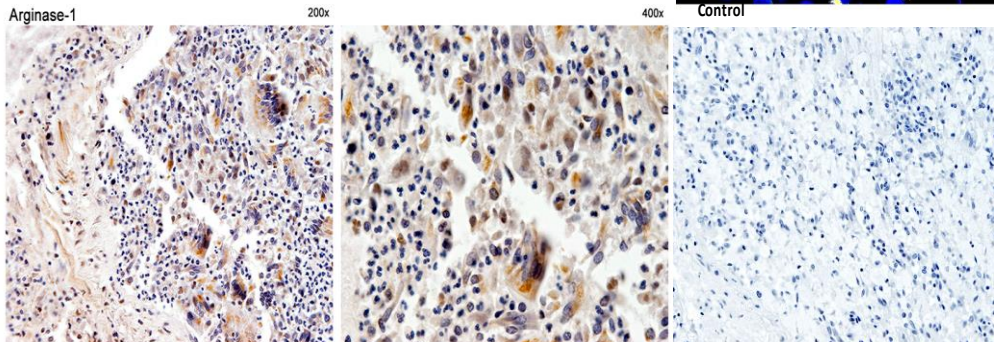
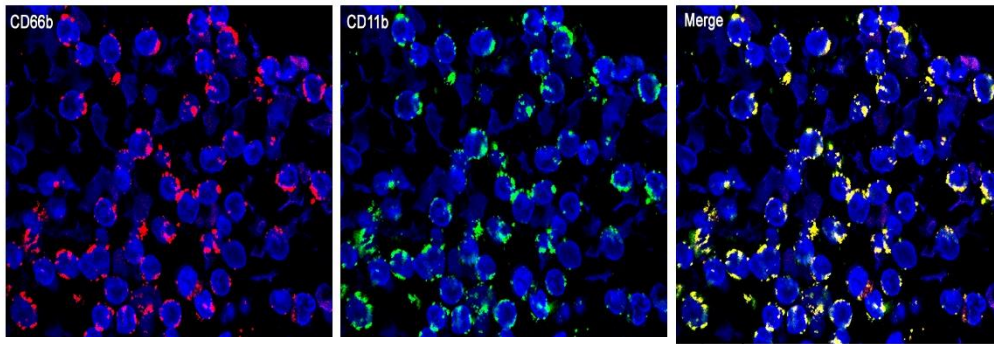
# MDSC in Other Diseases

## Asthma



**Fueling the mechanisms of asthma: Increased fatty acid oxidation in inflammatory immune cells may represent a novel therapeutic target.** A. A. Al-Khami M. M. D. Sanchez-Pino, P. C. Rodriguez, A. C. Ochoa 29 April 2017 <https://doi.org/10.1111/cea.12947>

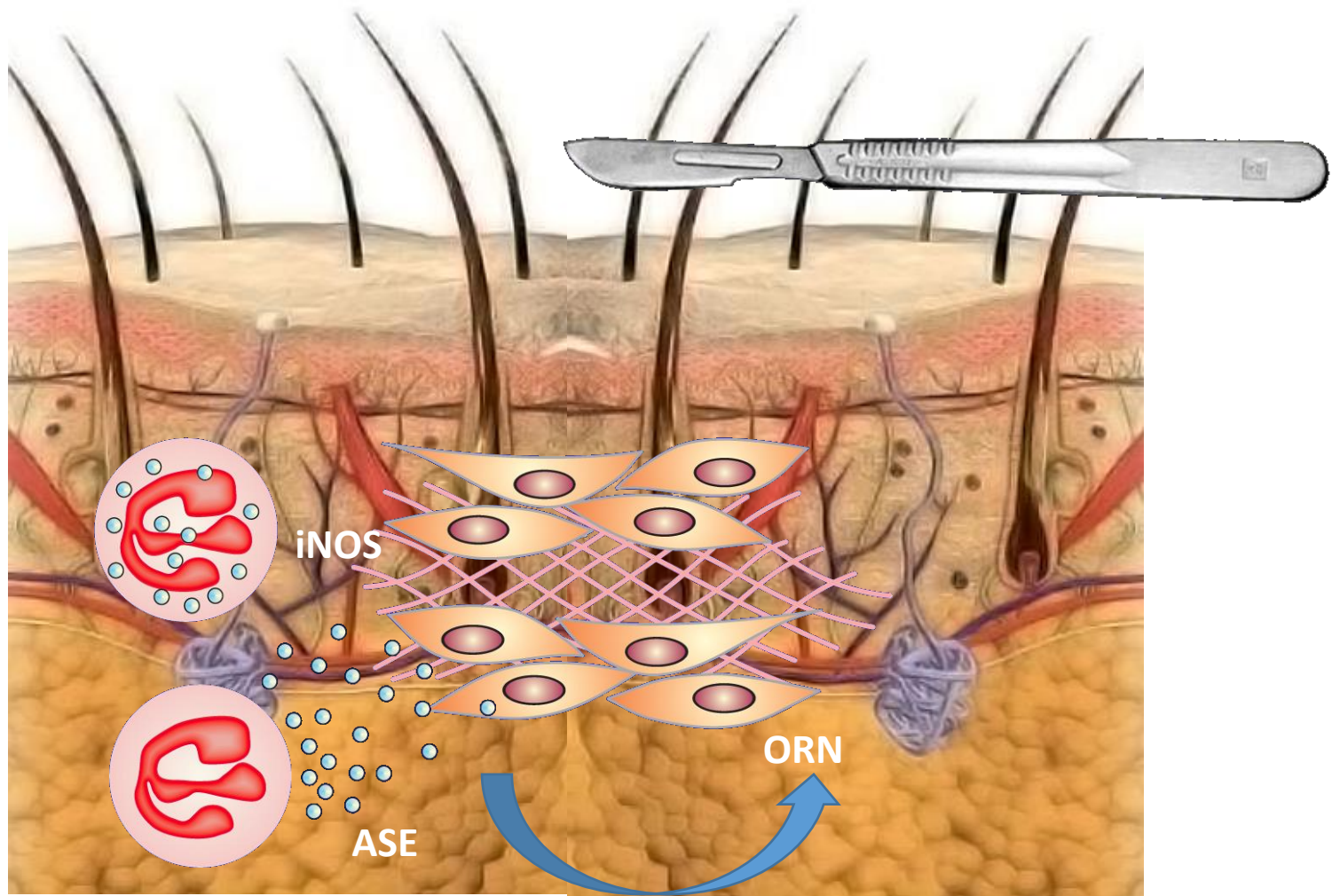
## COVID-19



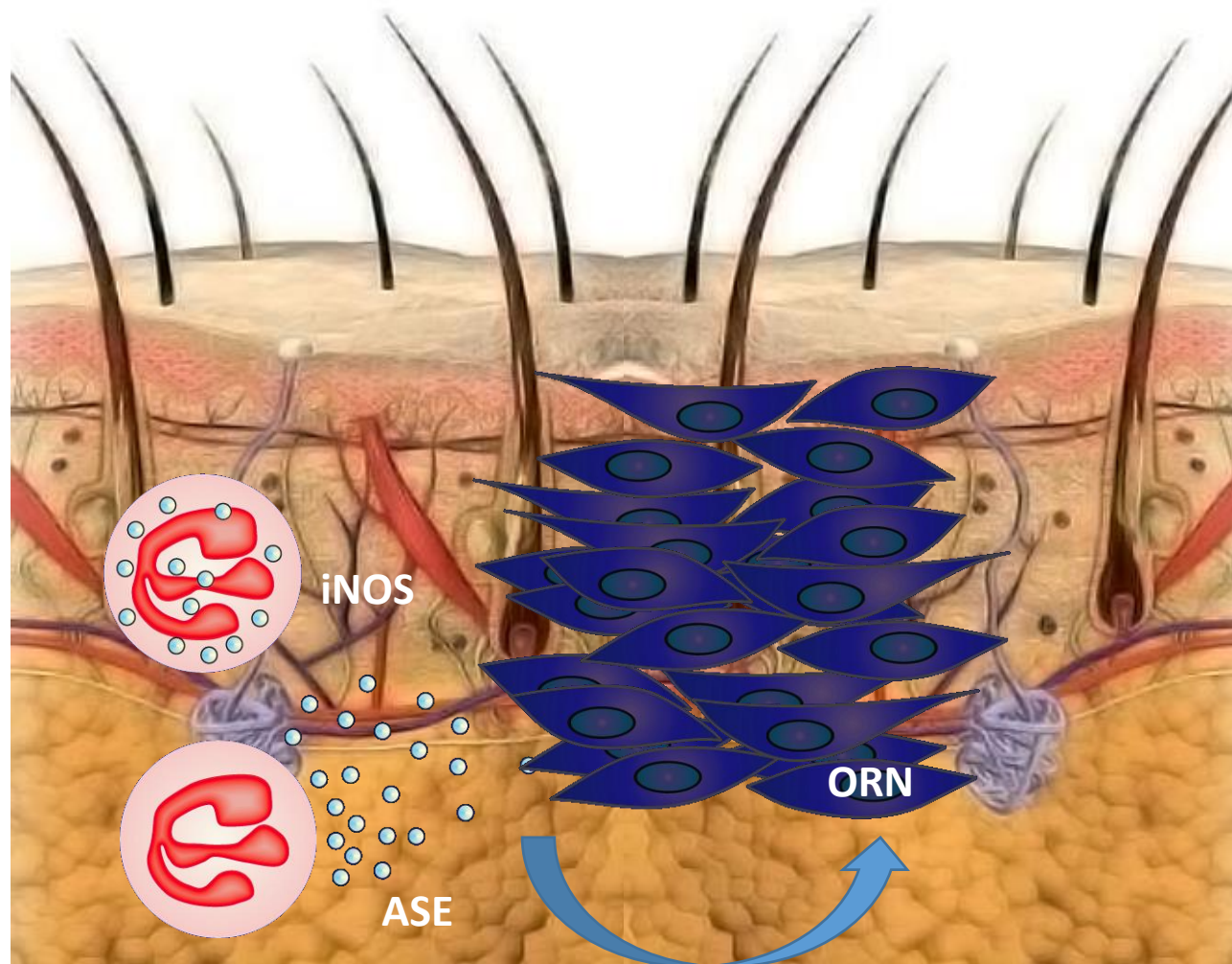
**Others:**  
Trauma  
Tuberculosis  
Leprosy  
Autoimmunity

**Severe COVID-19 Is Characterized by an Impaired Type I Interferon Response and Elevated Levels of Arginase Producing Granulocytic Myeloid Derived Suppressor Cells.** Matthew J Dean.... Augusto C Ochoa PMID: 34341659 PMCID: PMC8324422 DOI: 10.3389/fimmu.2021.695972

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*“Cancer, the wound that never heals” Harold F. Dvorak*



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# Questions

## Welcome Trust Project

- What is the type of myeloid infiltration during early and late stages of breast cancer in general or TNBC in particular?
- Is myeloid infiltration different in women from different racial backgrounds, different between obese and non-obese or in women with metabolic syndrome (T2D)?
- What molecular signals trigger the infiltration by myeloid cells and what makes them shift to becoming MDSC? How early in carcinogenesis do MDSC appear in the tumor?
- Does the presence of MDSC negatively impact the response to treatment?
- Can we increase the efficacy of immune prevention or immunotherapy in breast cancer?