



# **Phase 1 Trial in Pancreatic Adenocarcinoma (TACTOPS)**

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# Pancreatic Cancer Overview

**Pancreatic cancer is the seventh leading cause of global cancer deaths and the third leading cause of cancer death in the U.S.**

## Prevalence

- In 2017, there were an estimated **78,969** people living with pancreatic cancer in the U.S.
- Estimated new cases in 2020: **57,600**
- Estimated deaths in 2020: **47,050**

## Survival Rates

- Local (pancreas): Accounts for **10%** of cases; 5-year survival rate is **37%**
- Regional (lymph nodes): **29%** of cases; 5-year survival rate is **12%**
- Distant (Stage IV or metastatic): More than half of all cases (**53%**) are diagnosed at the distant stage; 5-year survival rate is **3%**
- Overall 5-year survival rate = **10%**

## Combination Treatment

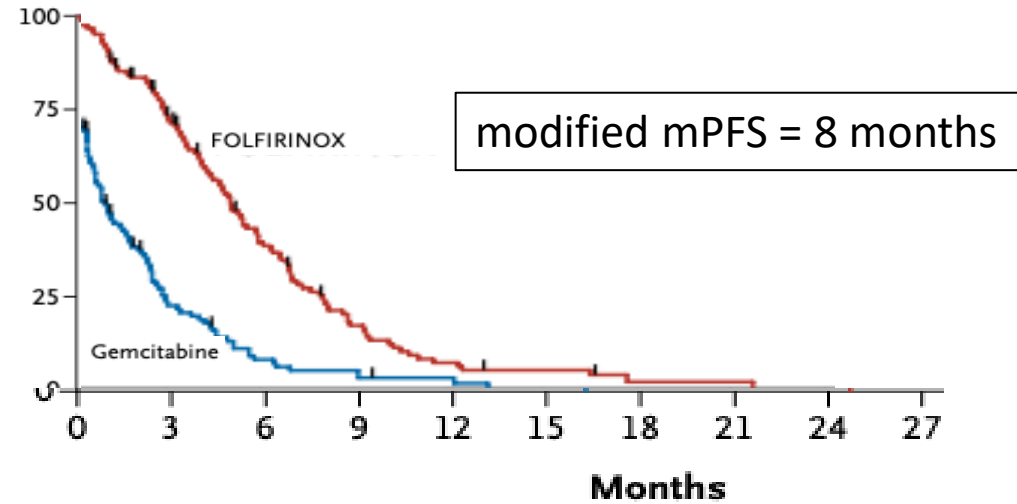
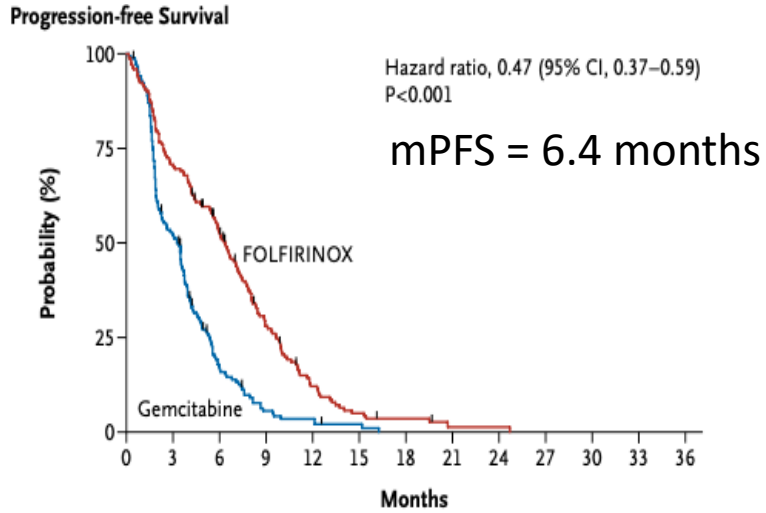
- SOC for front-line unresectable pancreatic cancer: Chemotherapy (FOLFIRINOX or Gemcitabine/nab-paclitaxel)
- Less than **20%** of patients are candidates for surgery (resectable) because cancer has usually spread by the time of diagnosis



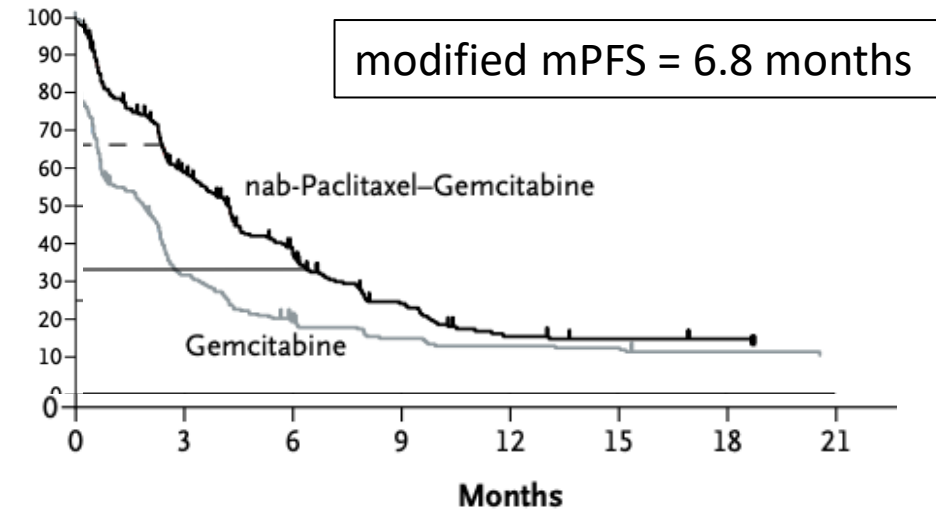
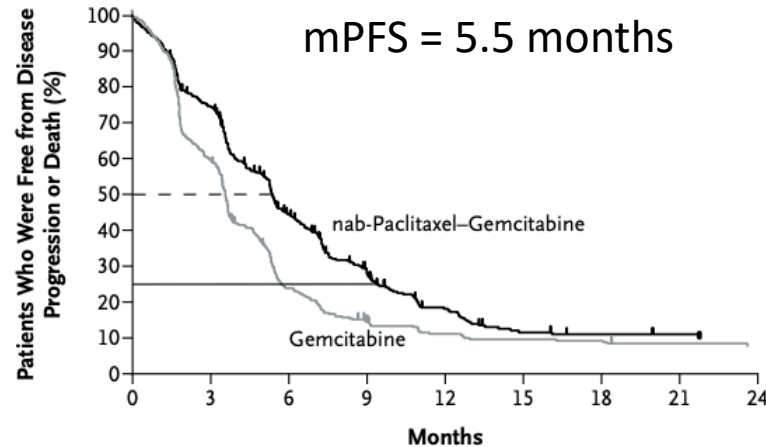
# Expected PFS in Phase 1 Pancreatic Study at Baylor College of Medicine (BCM)

We commissioned an outside statistician to analyze the expected PFS for patients consistent with the eligibility of BCM Ph1 TACTOPS study by removing patients who progressed during the first 3 months of chemotherapy alone

FOLFIRINOX  
(ACCORD study)



Nab-Paclitaxel-Gemcitabine  
(MPACT study)



Expected PFS  
based on Baylor  
Ph1 Eligibility



# MultiTAA-Specific T Cell Therapy in First-Line Setting

**Demonstrates benefit on top of standard-of-care chemotherapy in patients with advanced and metastatic pancreatic cancer**

## ASCO 2020 Presentation

*"A phase I trial targeting advanced or metastatic pancreatic cancer using a combination of standard chemotherapy and adoptively transferred nonengineered, multiantigen specific T cells in the first-line setting (TACTOPS)"*

## Observations

- ✓ MultiTAA-specific T cells was well tolerated when administered to patients with advanced pancreatic cancer, along with SOC chemotherapy
- ✓ In some patients, addition of T cells extended duration of first-line therapy, controlled cancer and induced additional tumor responses
- ✓ Clinical benefit correlated with detection of tumor-reactive T cells in patient peripheral blood
- ✓ T cells exhibited activity against targeted antigens and non-targeted TAAs, indicating induction of antigen/epitope spreading
- ✓ No infusion-related systemic- or neuro-toxicity





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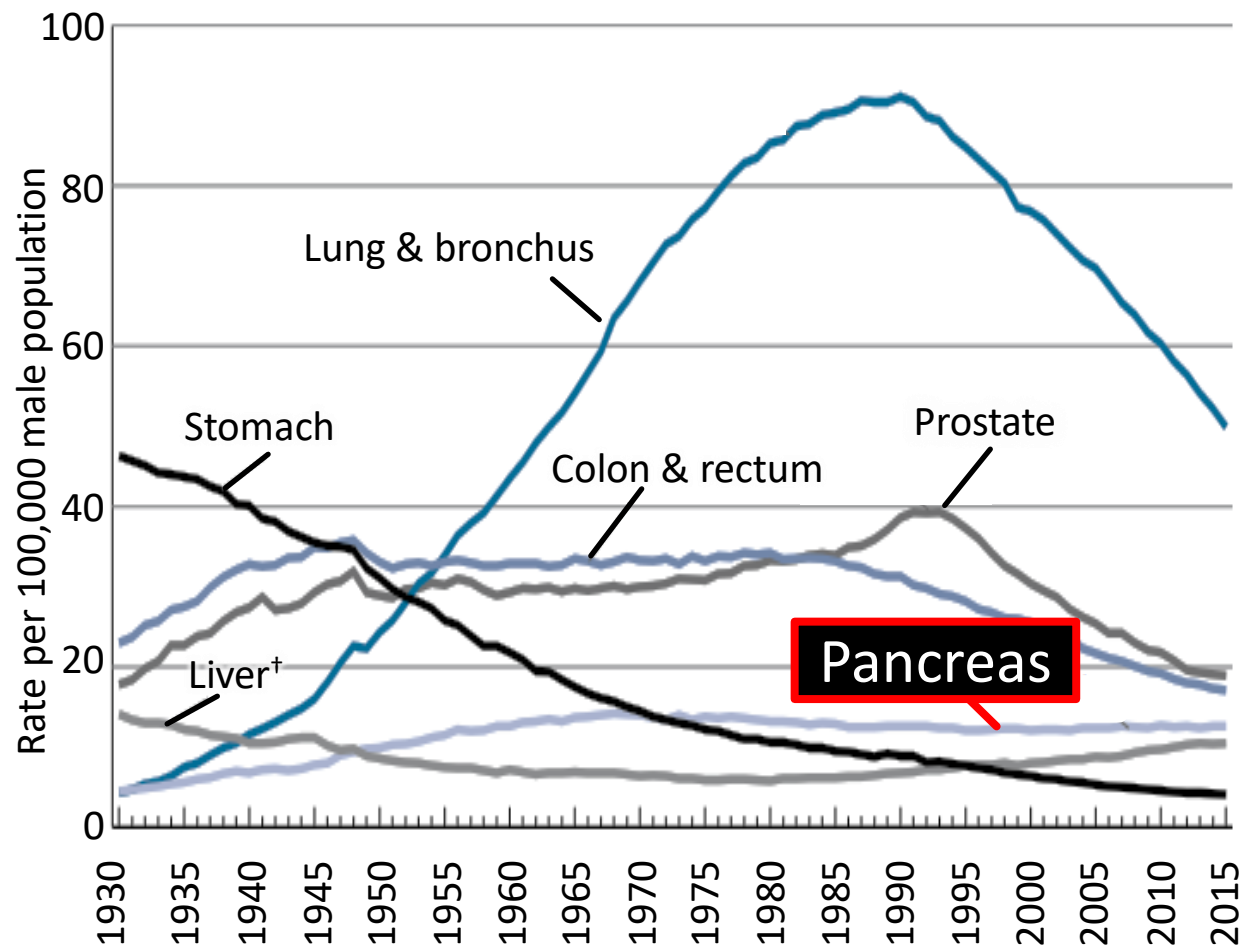
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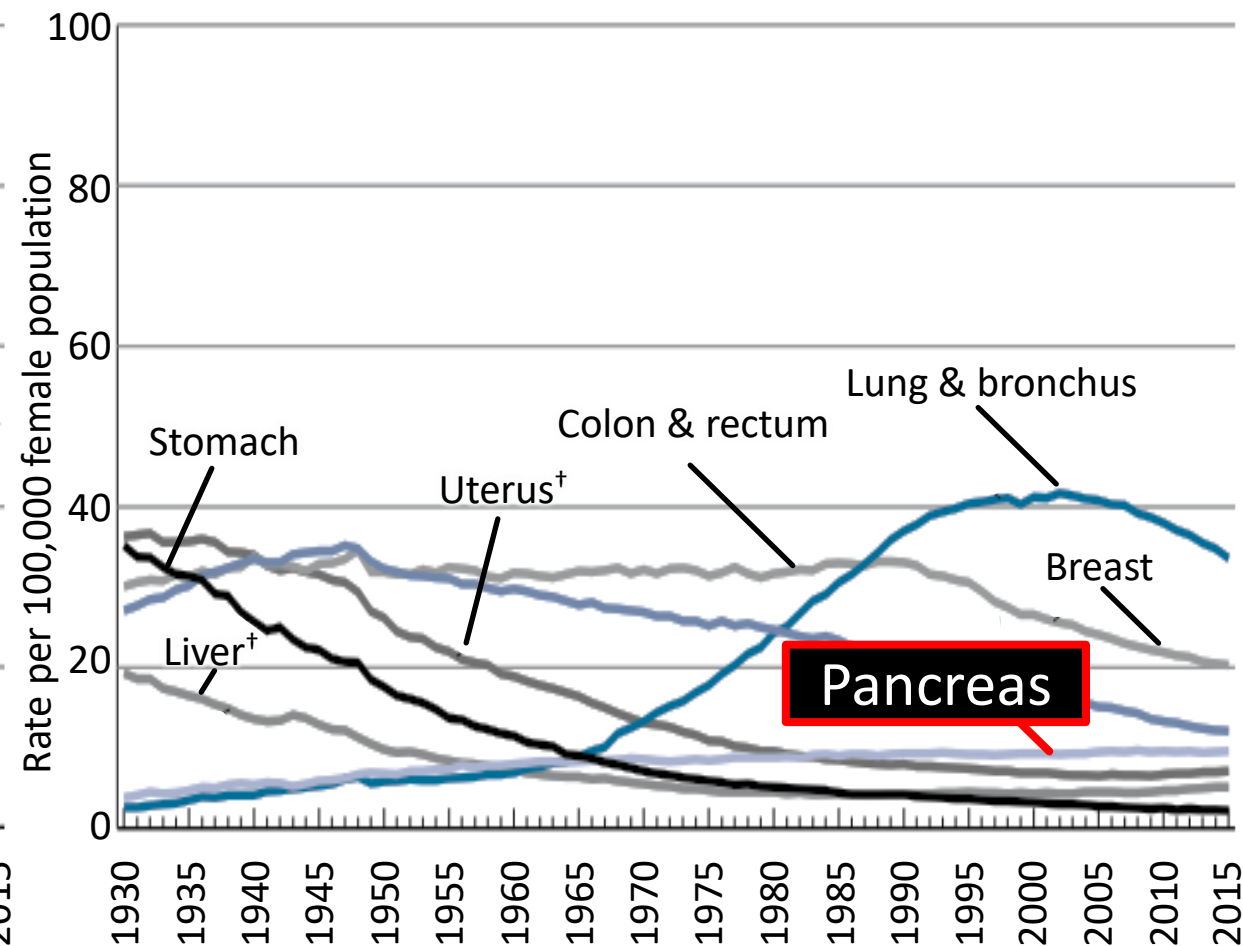
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# Pancreatic Cancer Mortality

Trends in Age-adjusted Cancer Death Rates, **Males**, US, 1930-2015



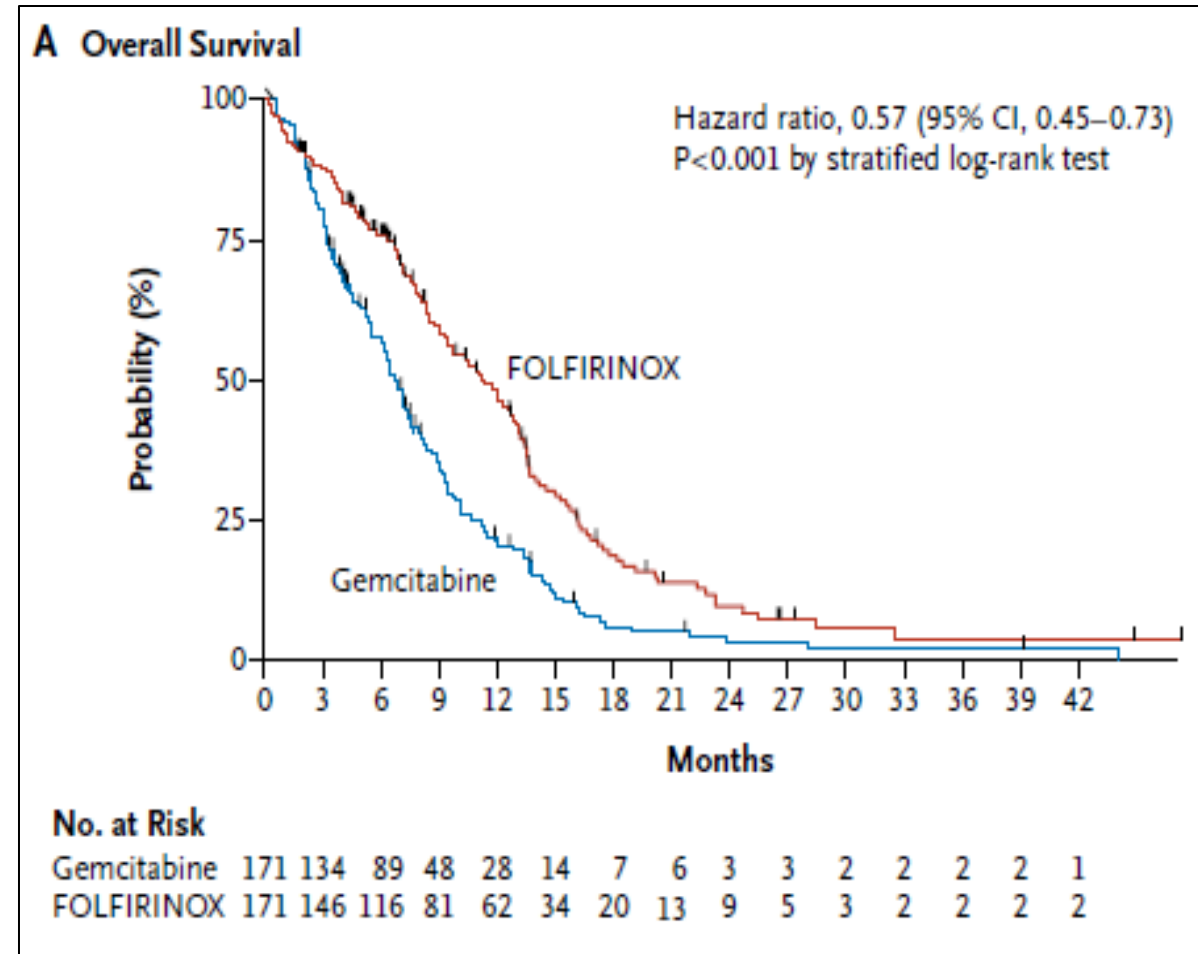
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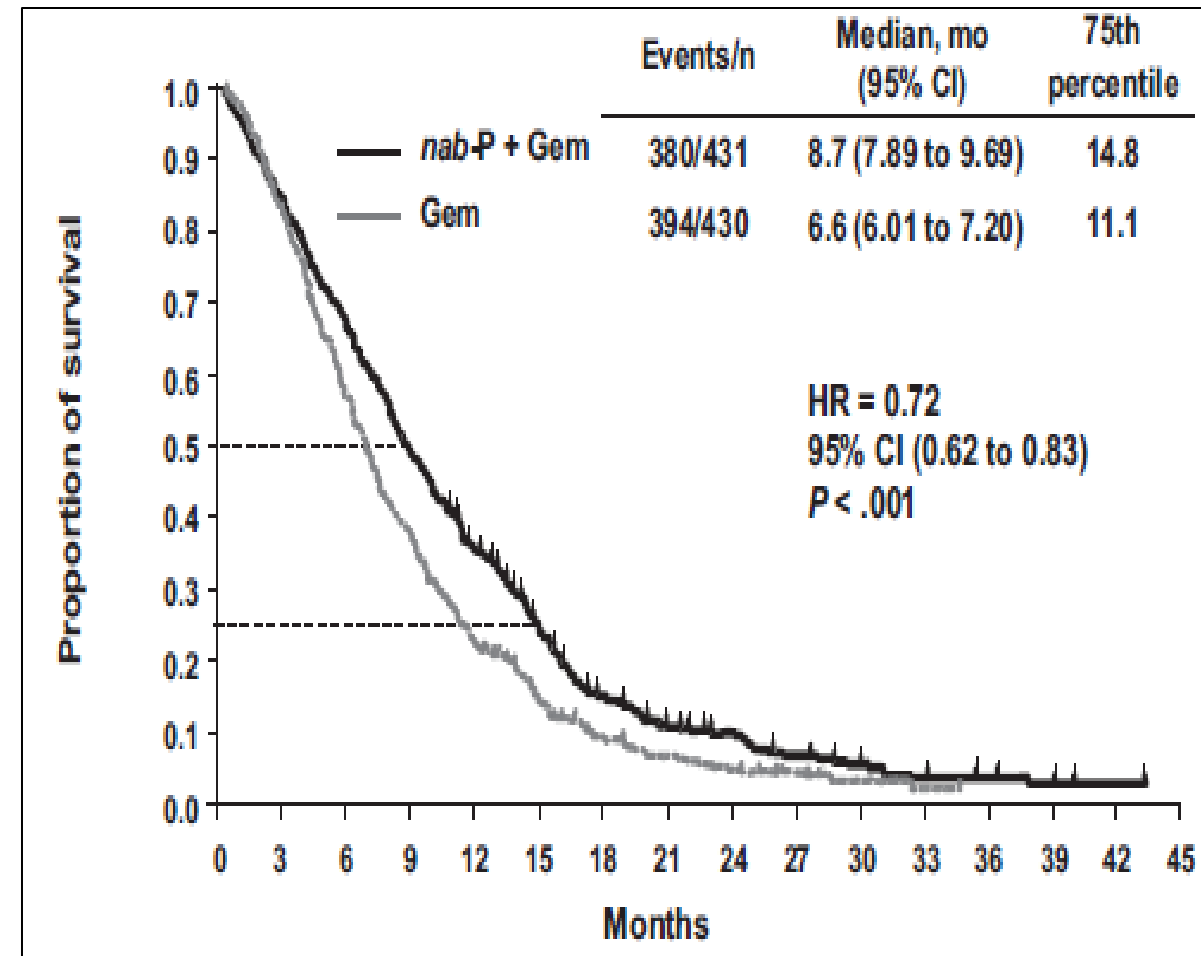
# ACCORD-11:FOLFIRINOX

- First line option for metastatic disease
- Toxic
  - Not all patients can tolerate
  - Cannot continue indefinitely
- mOS 11.1 months
- mPFS 6.4 months



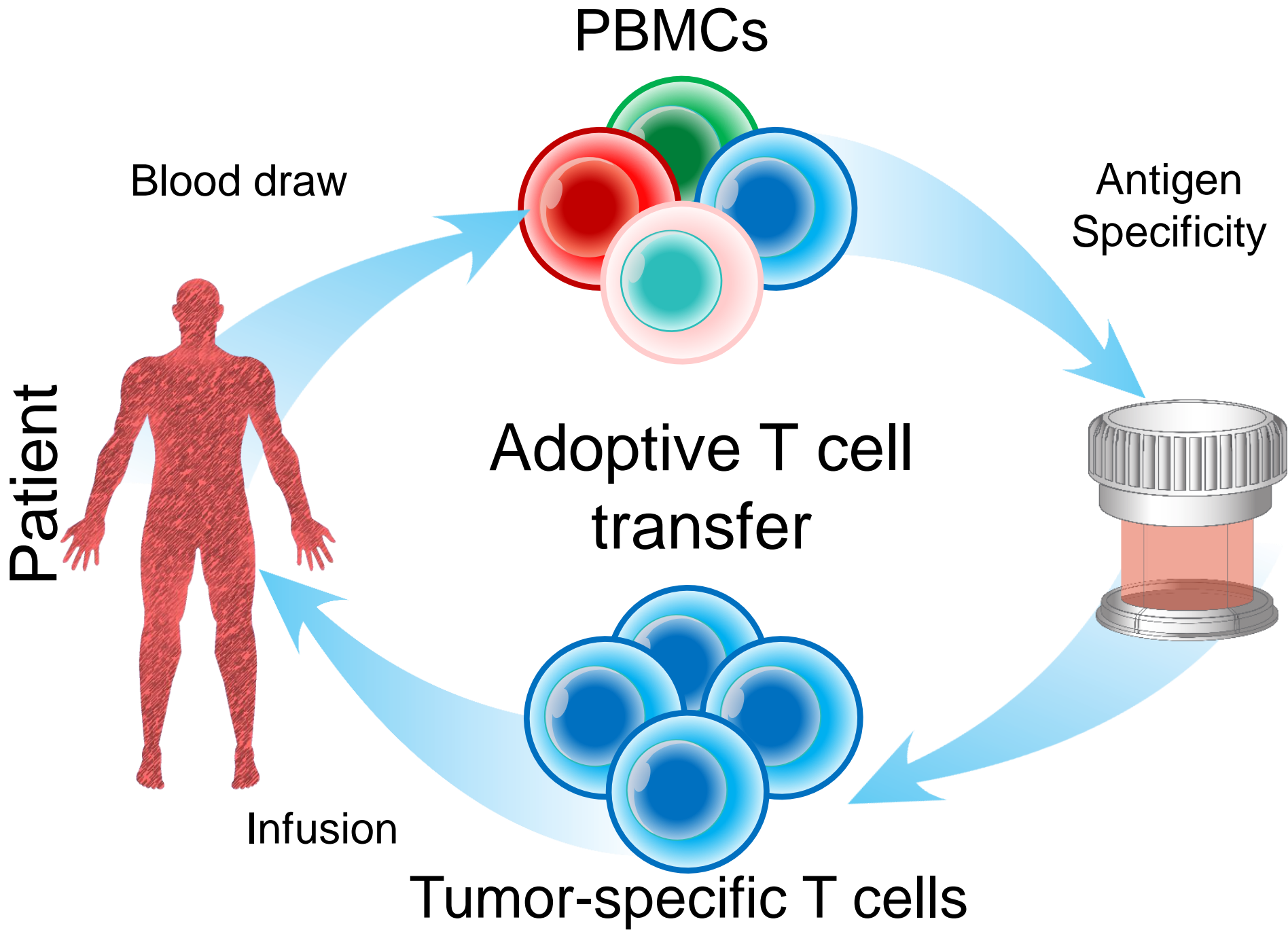
# MPACT:gemcitabine/nabpaclitaxel

- First line option for metastatic disease
- Thought of as less toxic
- mOS 8.5 months
- mPFS 5.5 months

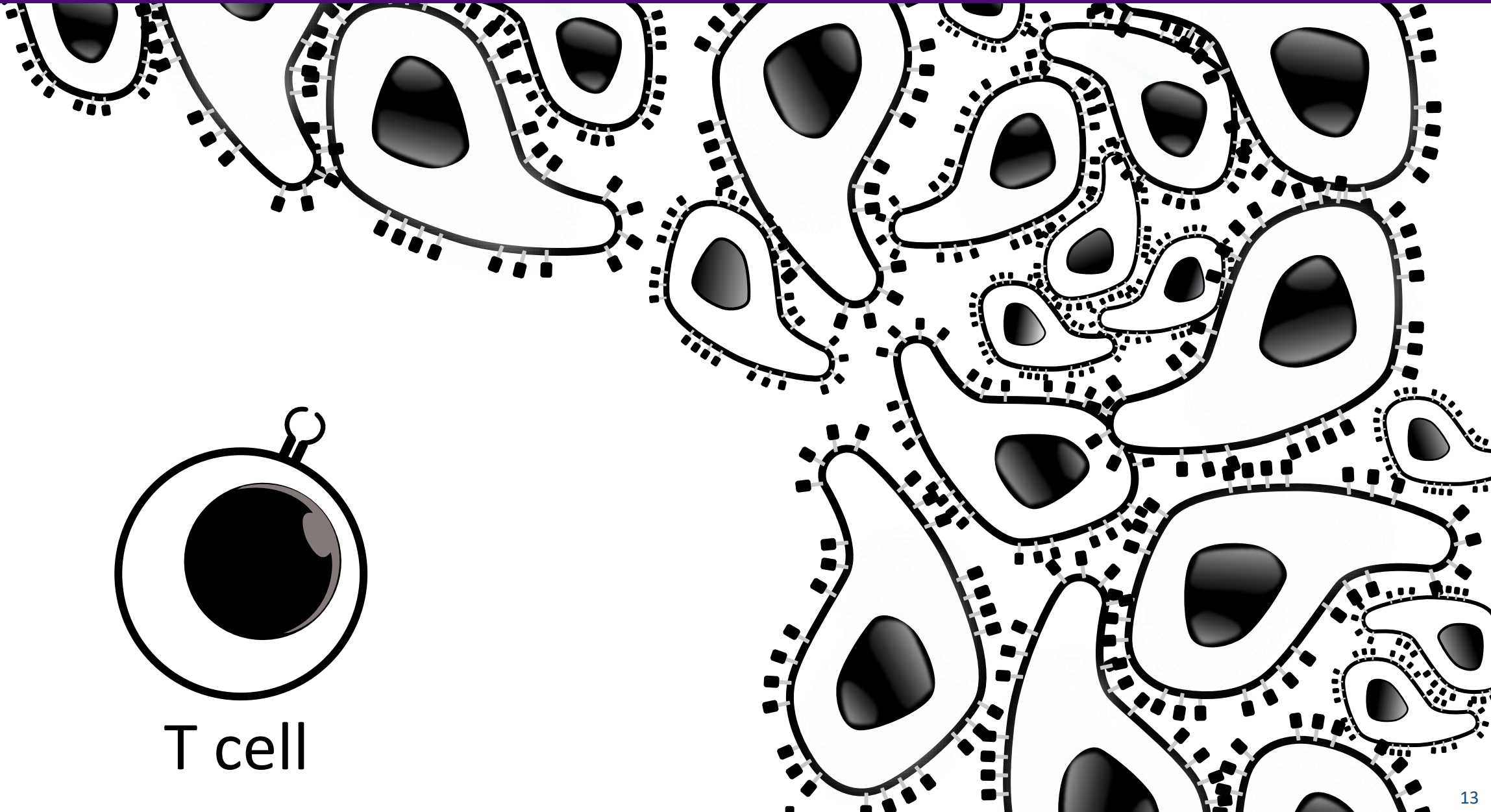


# Pancreatic Cancer: Treatment

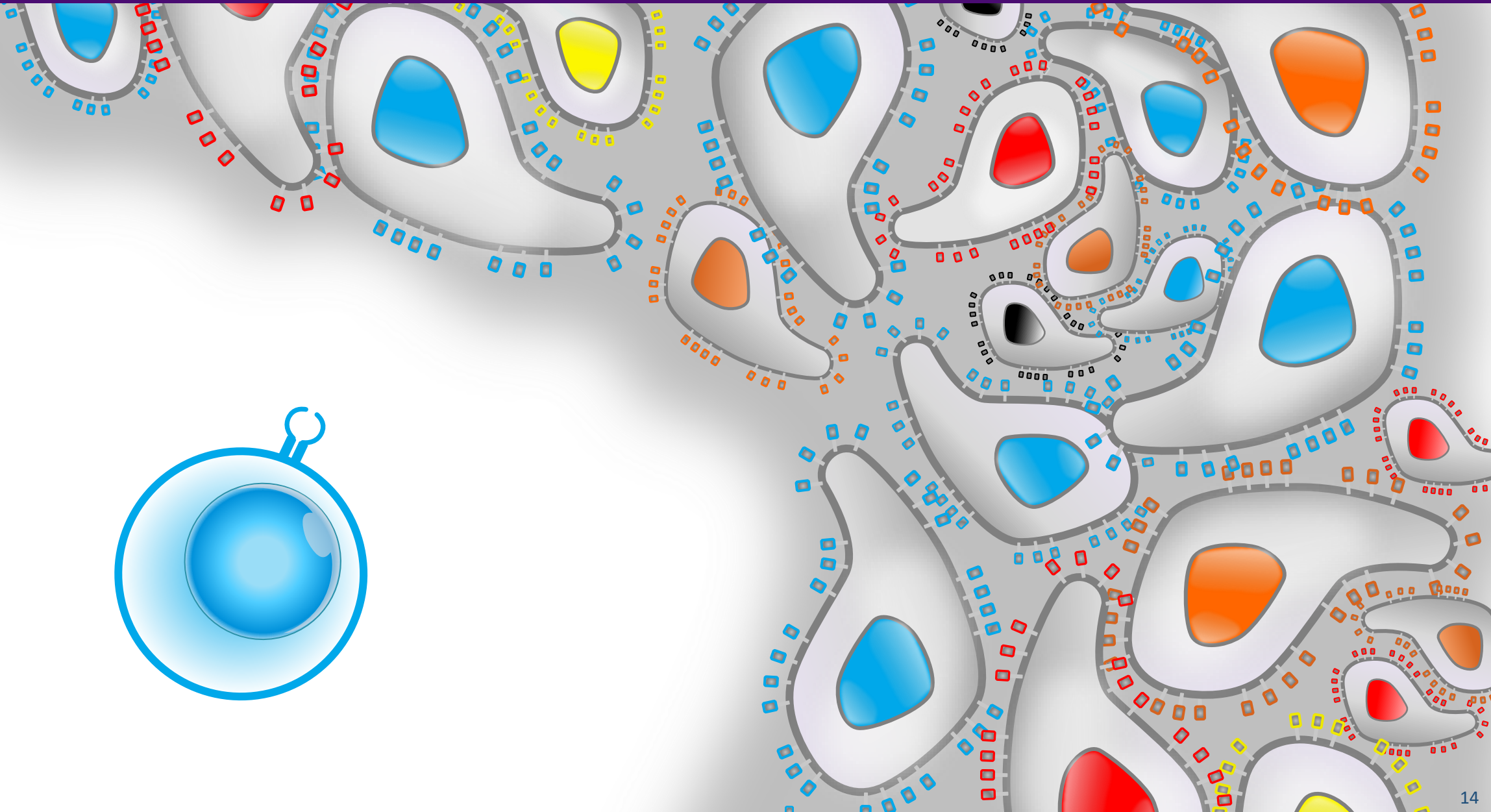
- Combination chemotherapy (FFX or G/A)
  - Non-chemotherapy options very limited
- Side effects
  - Cumulative: fatigue, neuropathy, cytopenias
  - Repetitive: nausea, vomiting, diarrhea
  - Distressing: alopecia, cold-hypersensitivity
- T cell therapy options attractive for exploration



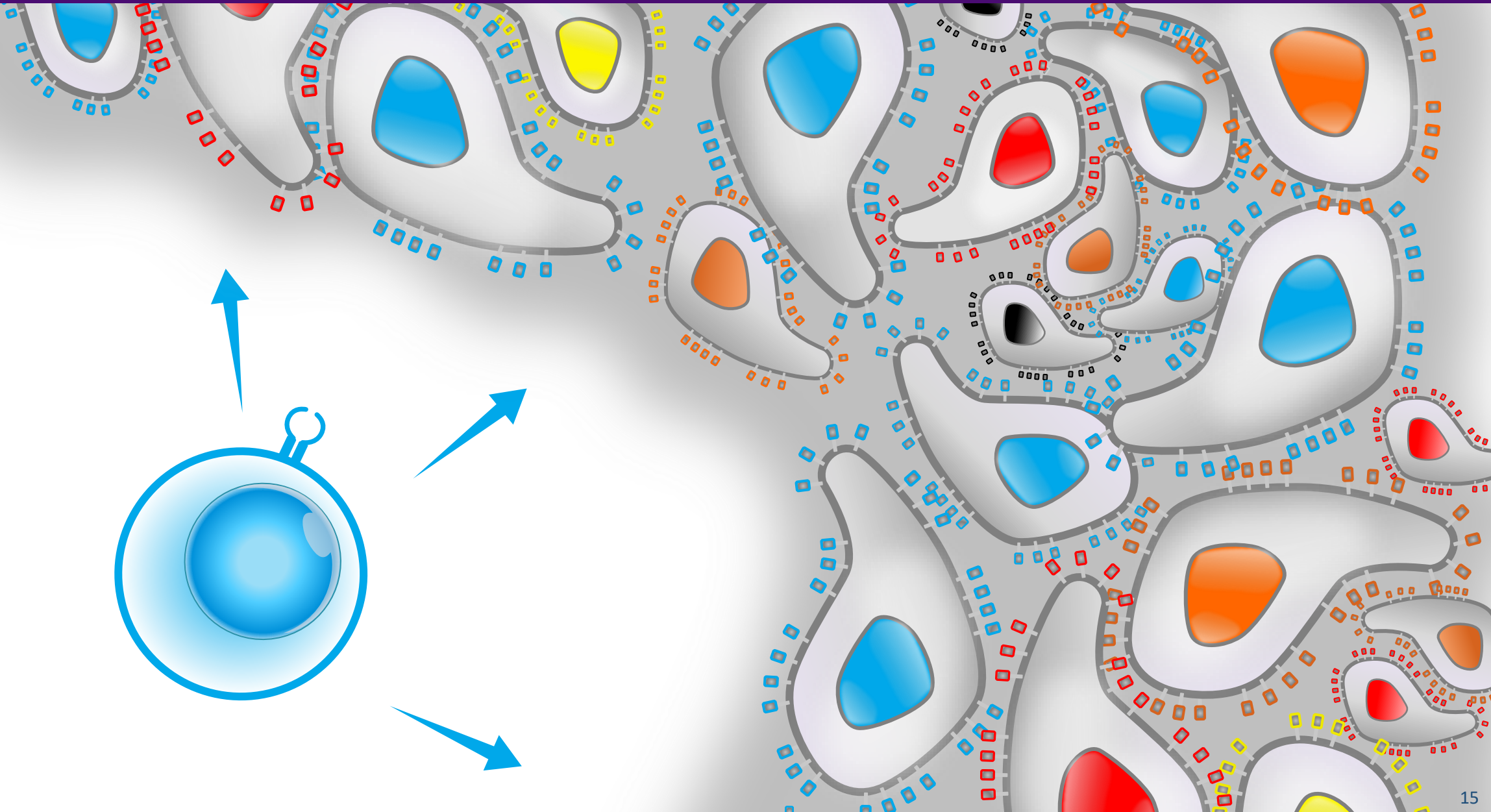
# T cell therapy for pancreatic cancer



# Challenge: Tumor heterogeneity



# Immune Escape



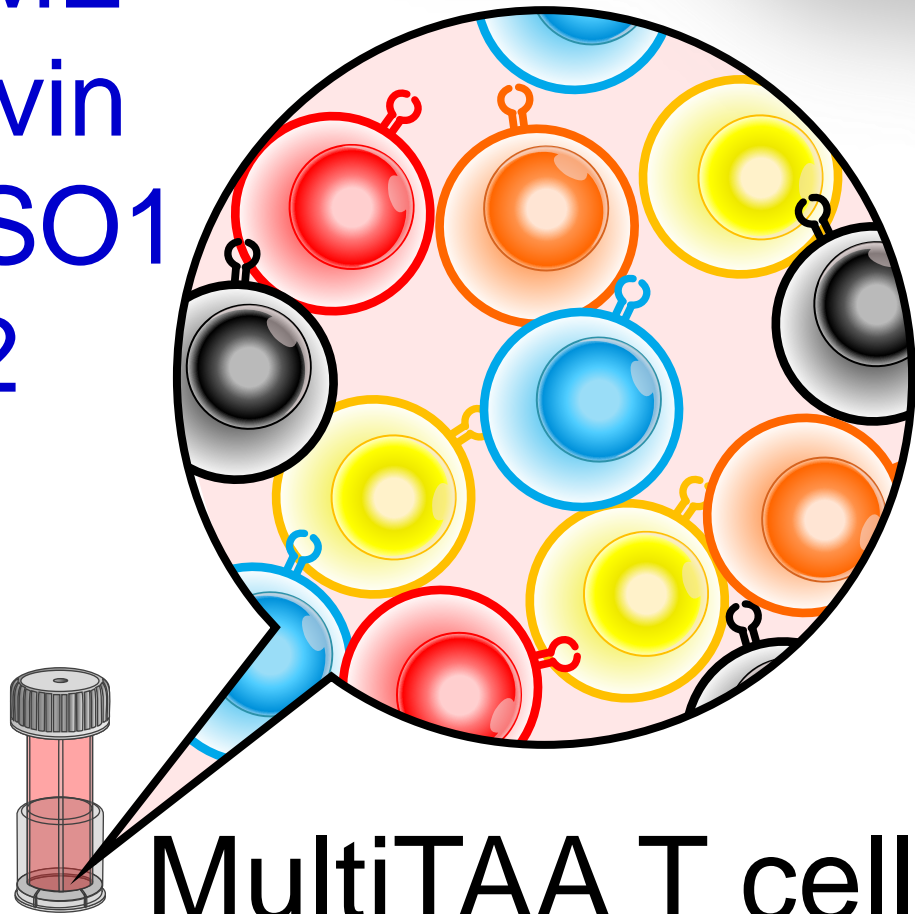
# Our approach

- Simultaneously target multiple TAAs
- Target multiple epitopes (CD4 and CD8) within each antigen
- T cells with native T cell receptor specificity (non-engineered)



# MultiTAA T cell therapy for PDAC

MAGEA4  
PRAME  
Survivin  
NYESO1  
SSX2



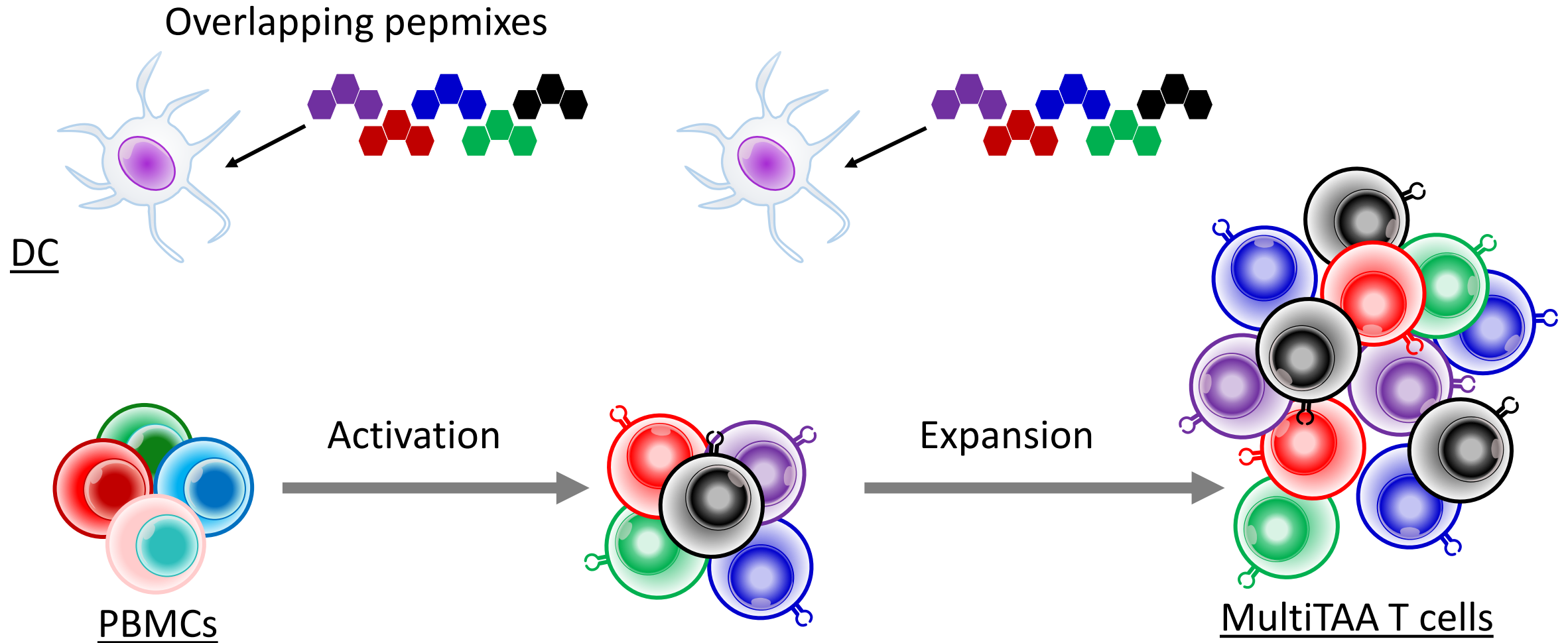
MultiTAA T cells

# TAA Expression in PDAC

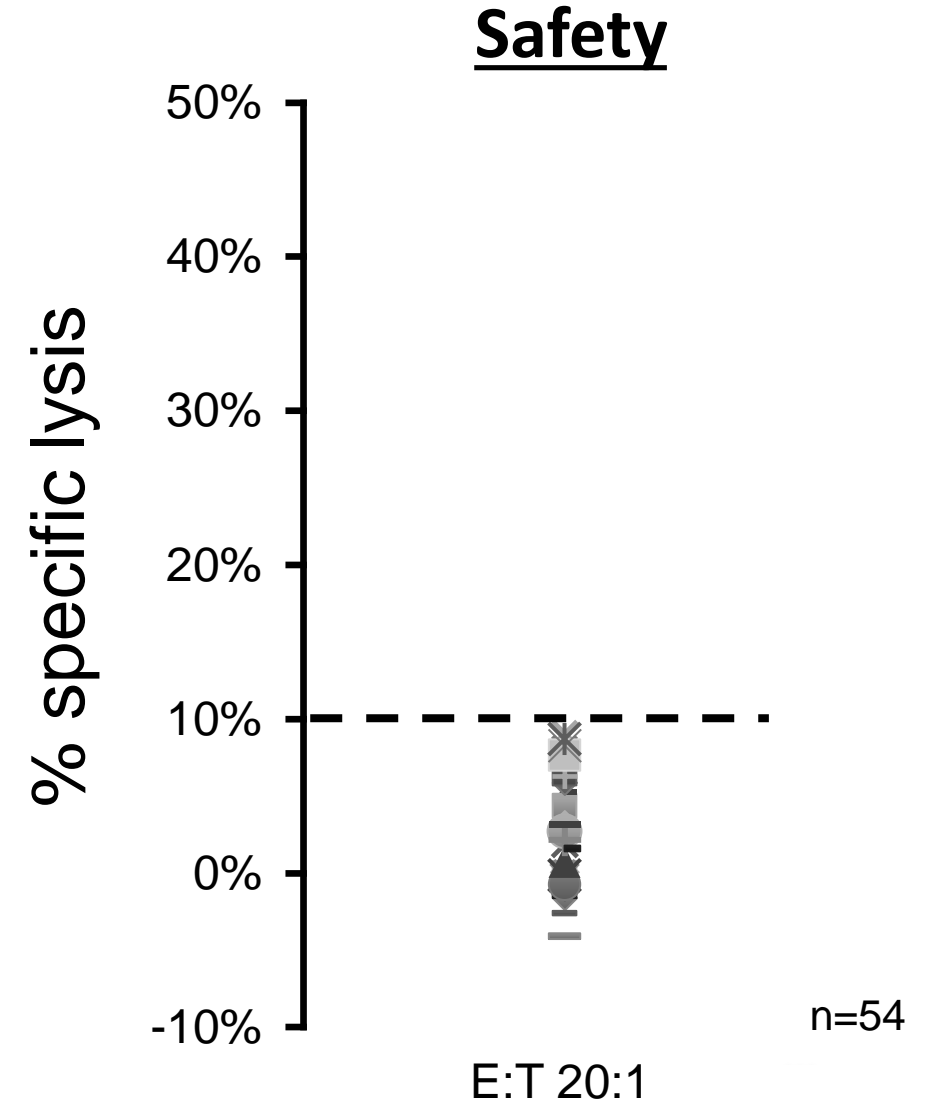
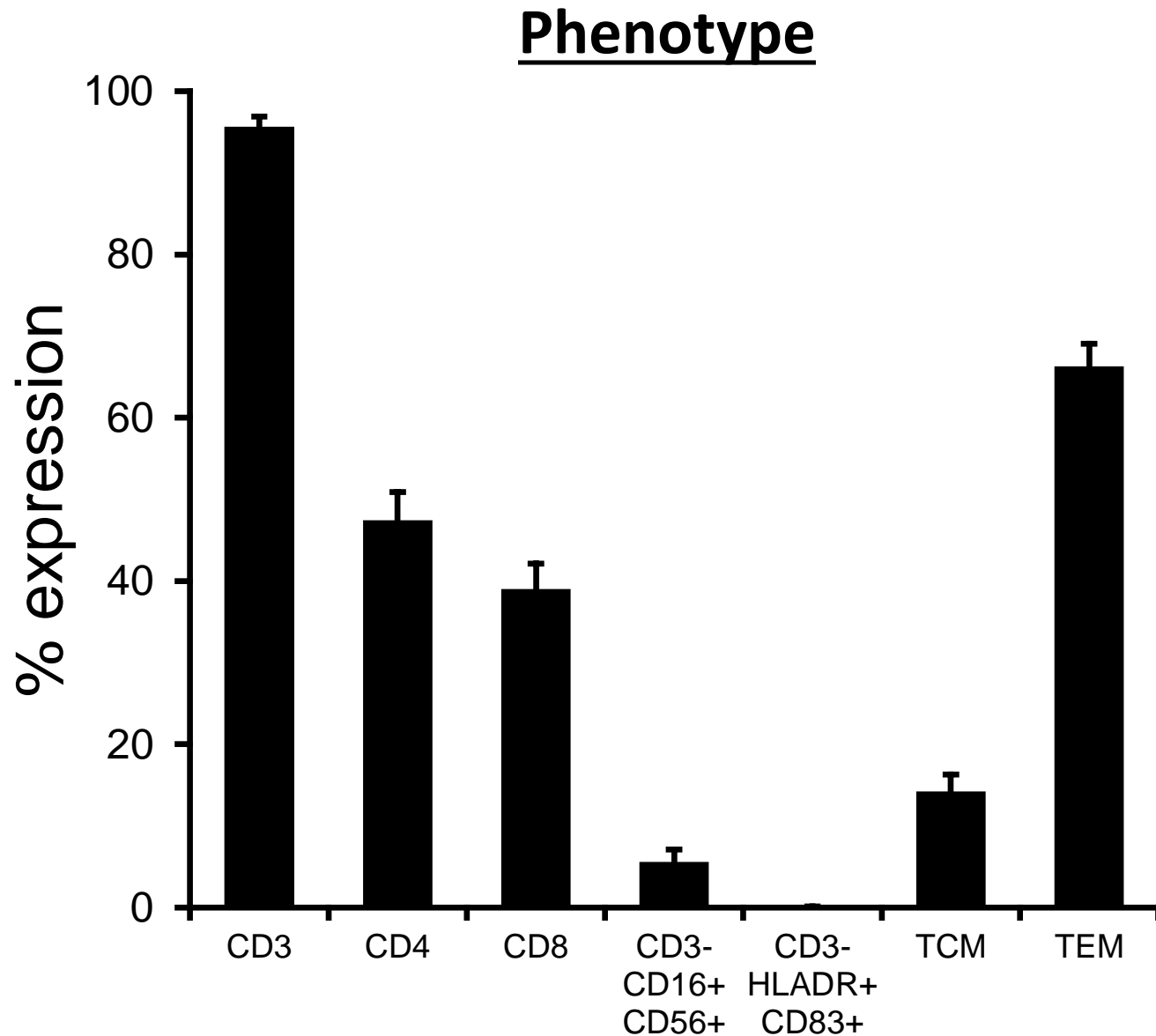
TAA	Expression in PDAC
Survivin	>75% <sup>1-2</sup>
SSX family	3-30% <sup>3-5</sup>
MAGE-A family	20-86% <sup>3, 5-8</sup>
PRAME	>30% <sup>9</sup>
NY-ESO-1	2-10% <sup>3,5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Koido et al, *Clin Dev Immunol.* 2011, <sup>2</sup> Dodson et al, *Immunotherapy* 2011, <sup>3</sup> Kubuschok et al, *Int. J. Cancer* 2004, <sup>4</sup> Abate-Daga et al, *PLoS One.* 2014, <sup>5</sup> Schmitz-Winnenthal et al, *Cancer Letters* 2007, <sup>6</sup> Kim et al, *Int. J. Cancer* 2006, <sup>7</sup> Cogdill et al, *Surgery.* 2012, <sup>8</sup> Hansel et al, *Int J Gastrointest Cancer.* 2003, <sup>9</sup> The Human Protein Atlas, [www.proteinatlas.org](http://www.proteinatlas.org)

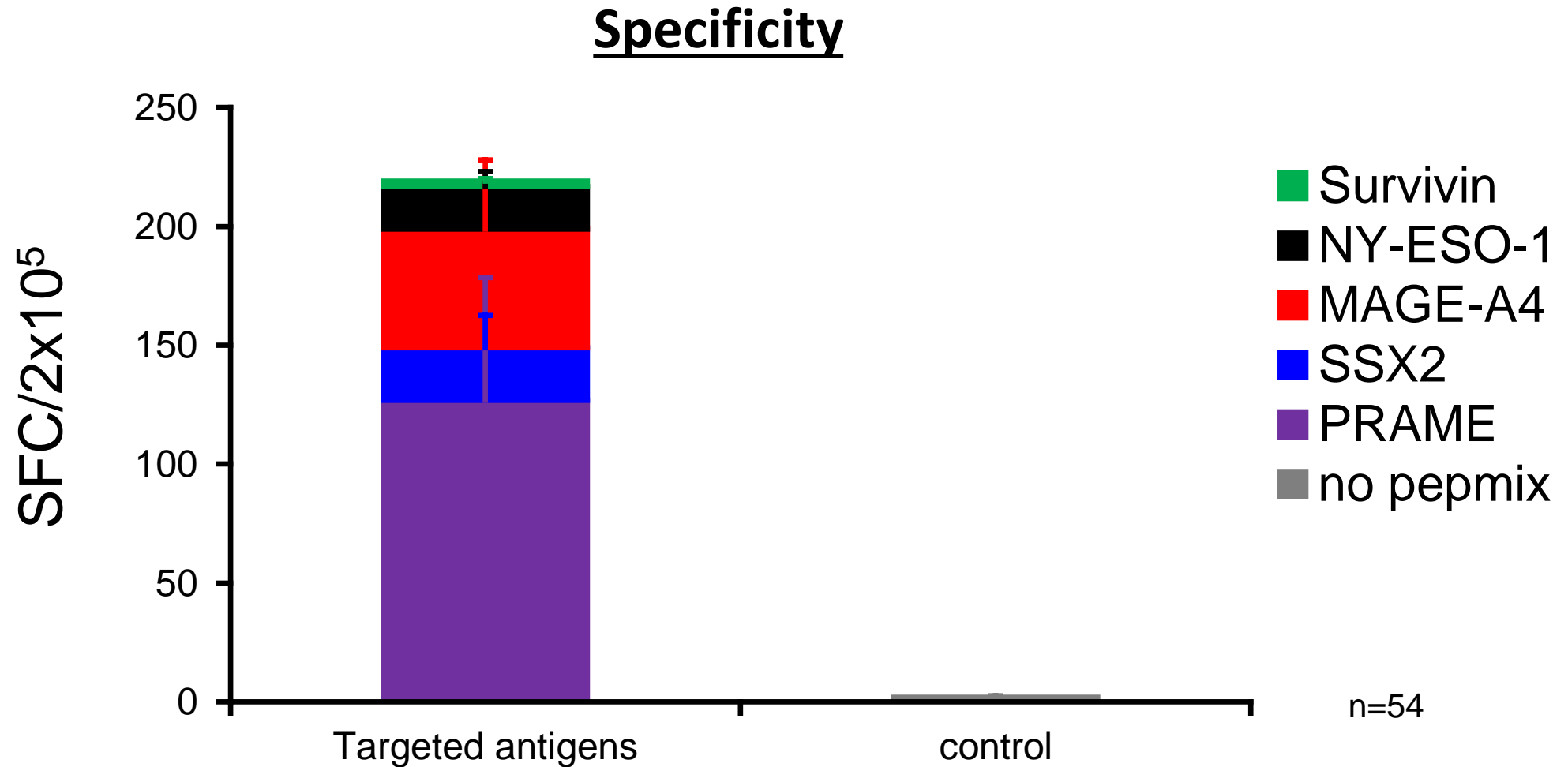
# MultiTAA-T Cell Generation



# Profile of MultiTAA-T cells



# MultiTAA T cell specificity



# Clinical Trial: TACTOPS

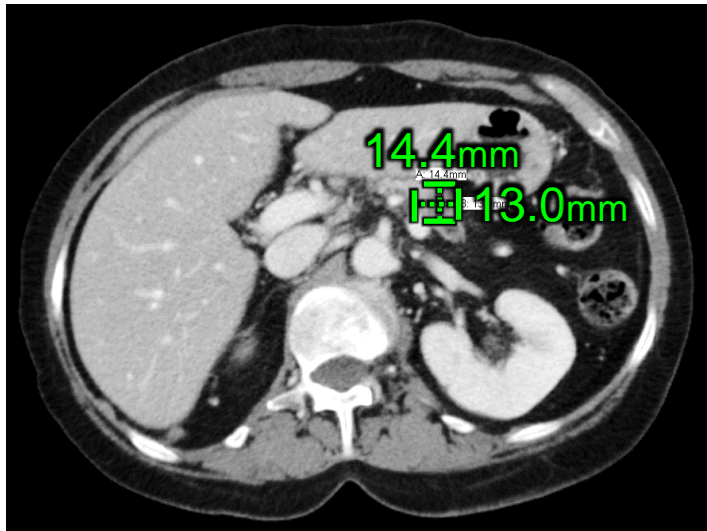
- 6 Infusions, fixed cell dose ( $1 \times 10^7 / \text{m}^2$ ) - no lymphodepletion
- Receive 3 months chemotherapy
  - Procurement performed and T cells generated
- If cancer controlled after 3 months, start receiving monthly T cell infusions along with ongoing chemotherapy

# Clinical Trial: TACTOPS

- Primary endpoints – safety, feasibility
- Exploratory – efficacy
  
- 13 patients infused
  - Sufficient cells generated for all 6 infusions for 12 patients
  - 2 doses generated for the remaining patient

# Radiographic CR : pt#7

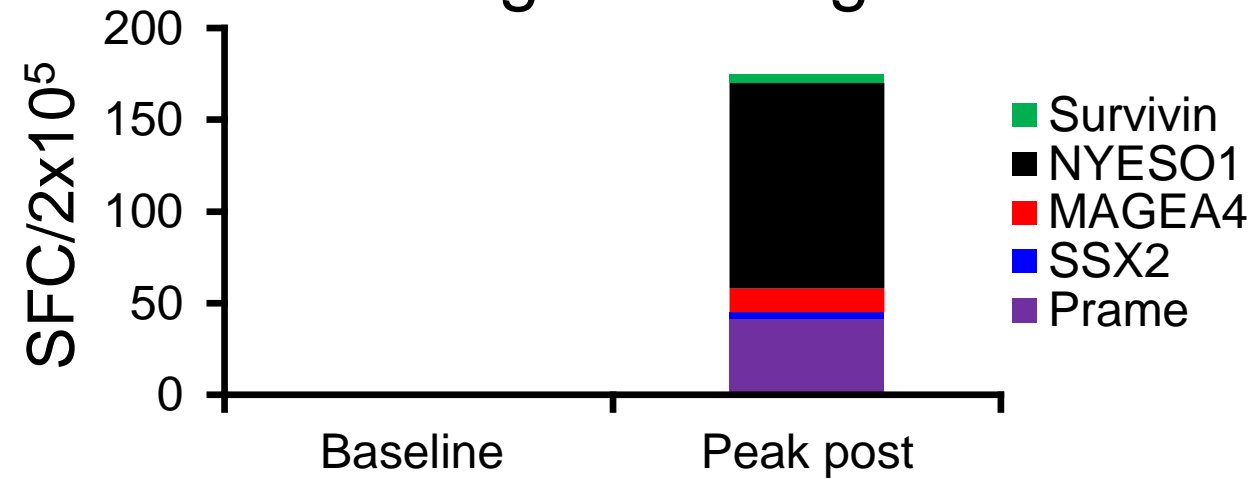
Prior to multiTAA T cells



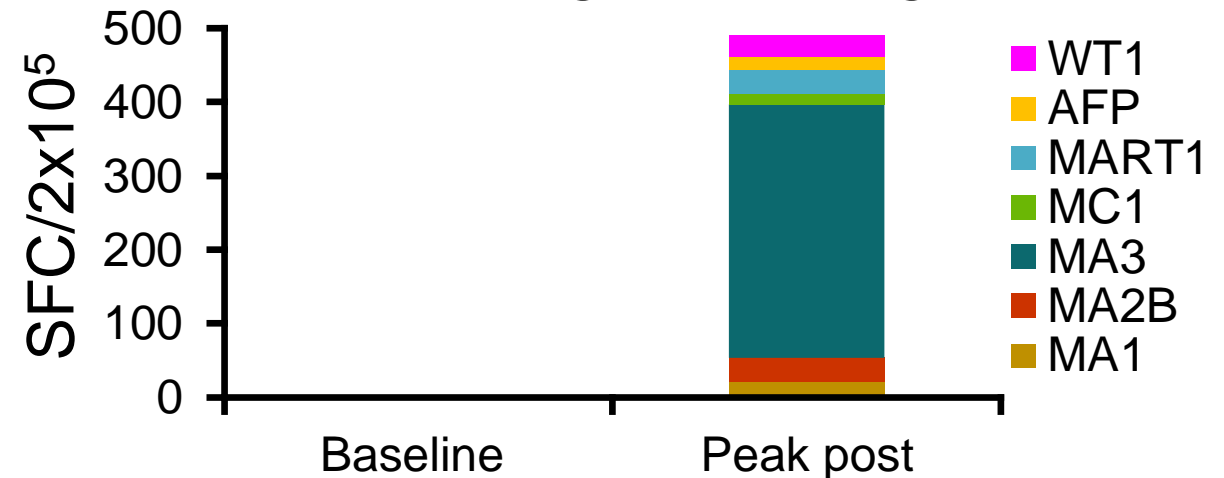
6 months post multiTAA T cells



## Targeted antigens



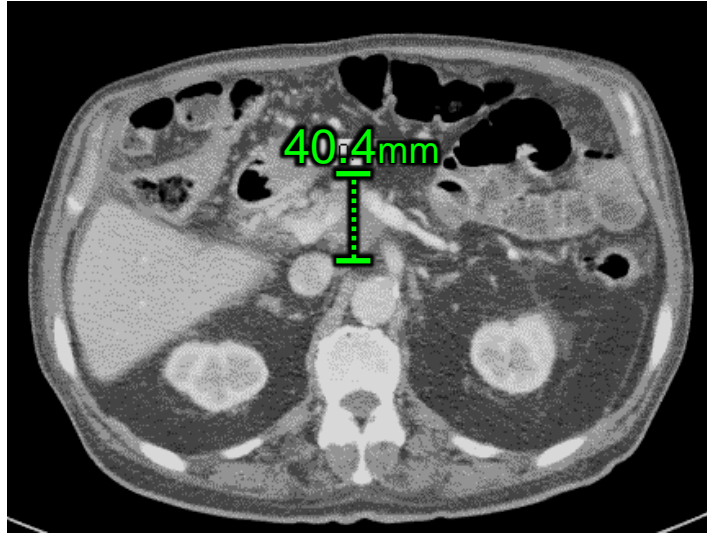
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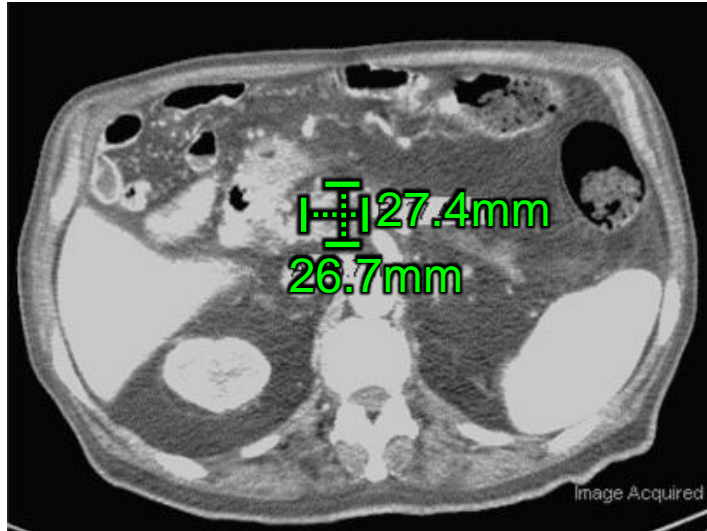


# Clinical response : pt#1

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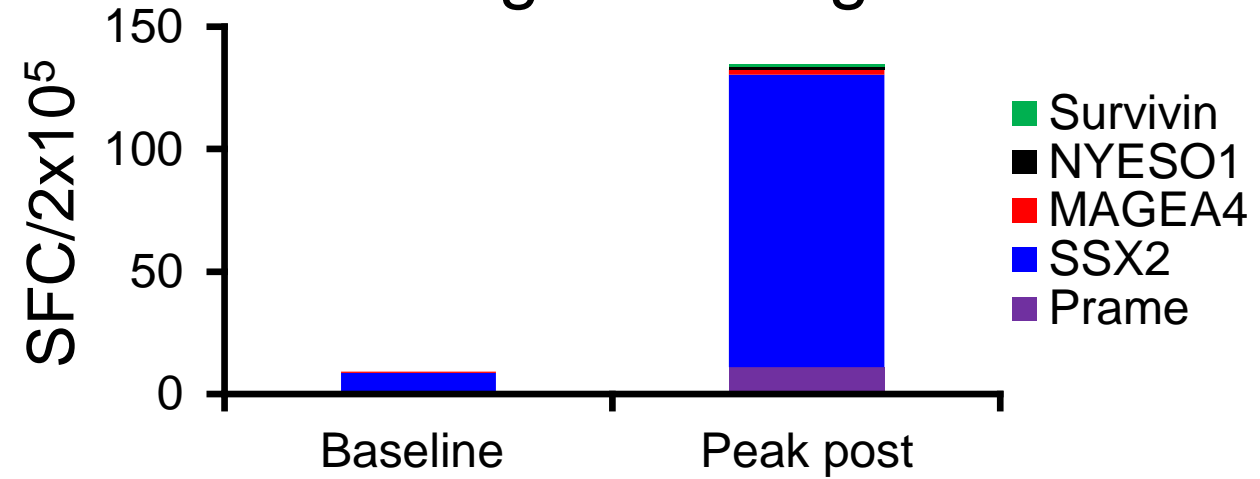


2 months post multiTAA T cells

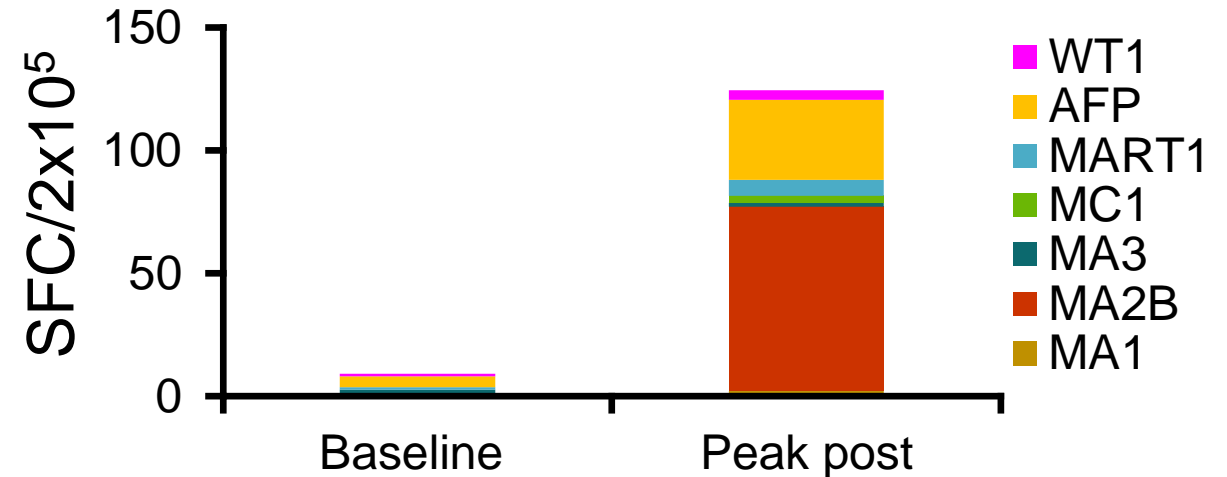


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## Targeted antigens



## Non-targeted antigens

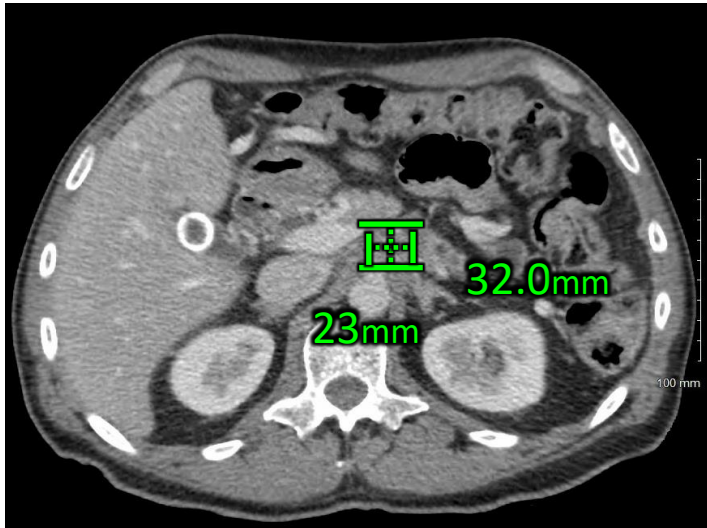


# Clinical response : pt#3

Prior to multiTAA T cells

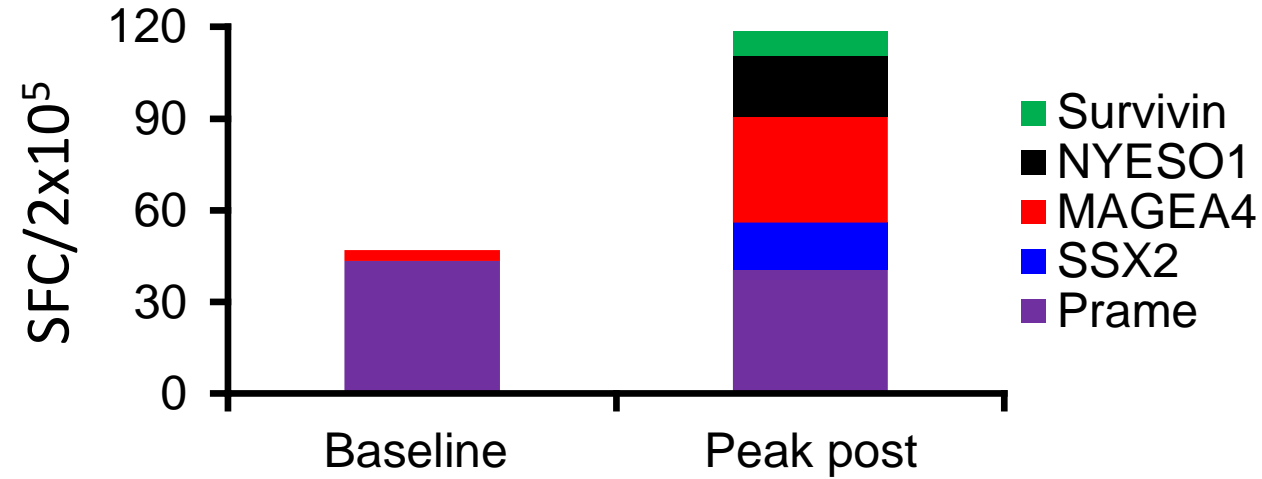


6 months post multiTAA T cells

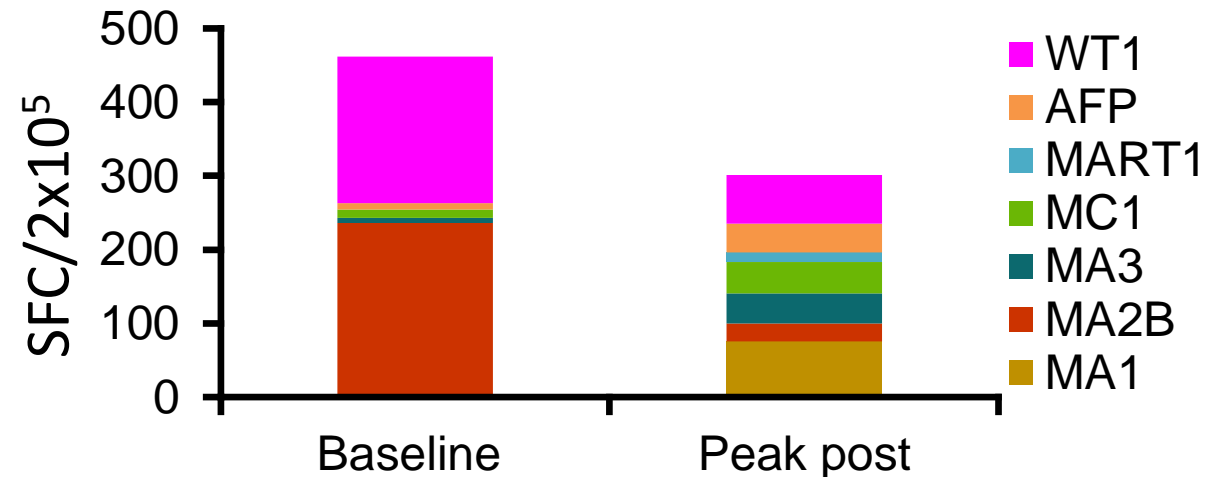


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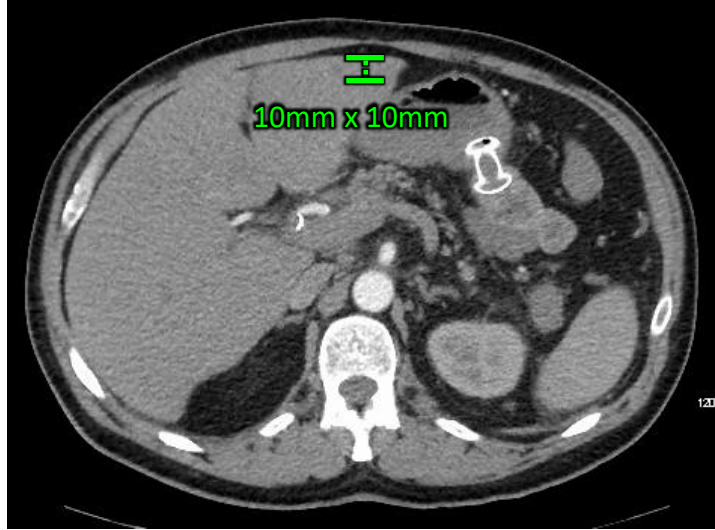


Non-targeted antigens



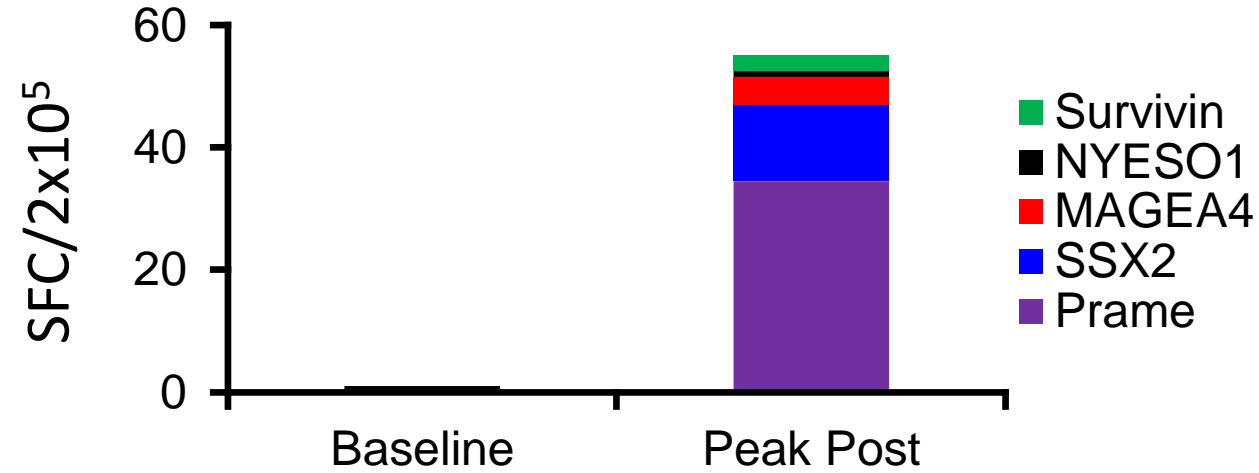
# Clinical response : pt#12

Prior to multiTAA T cells

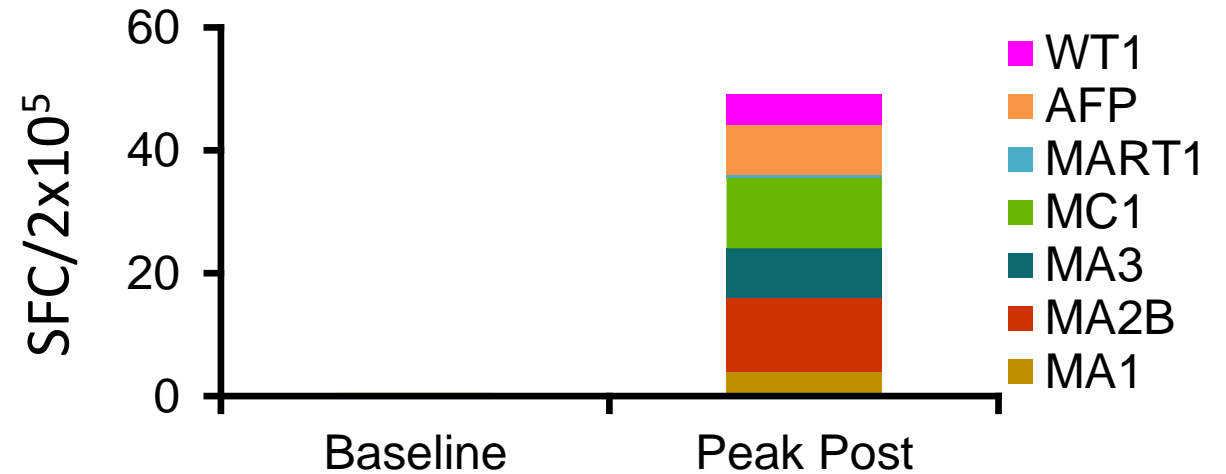


6 months post multiTAA T cells

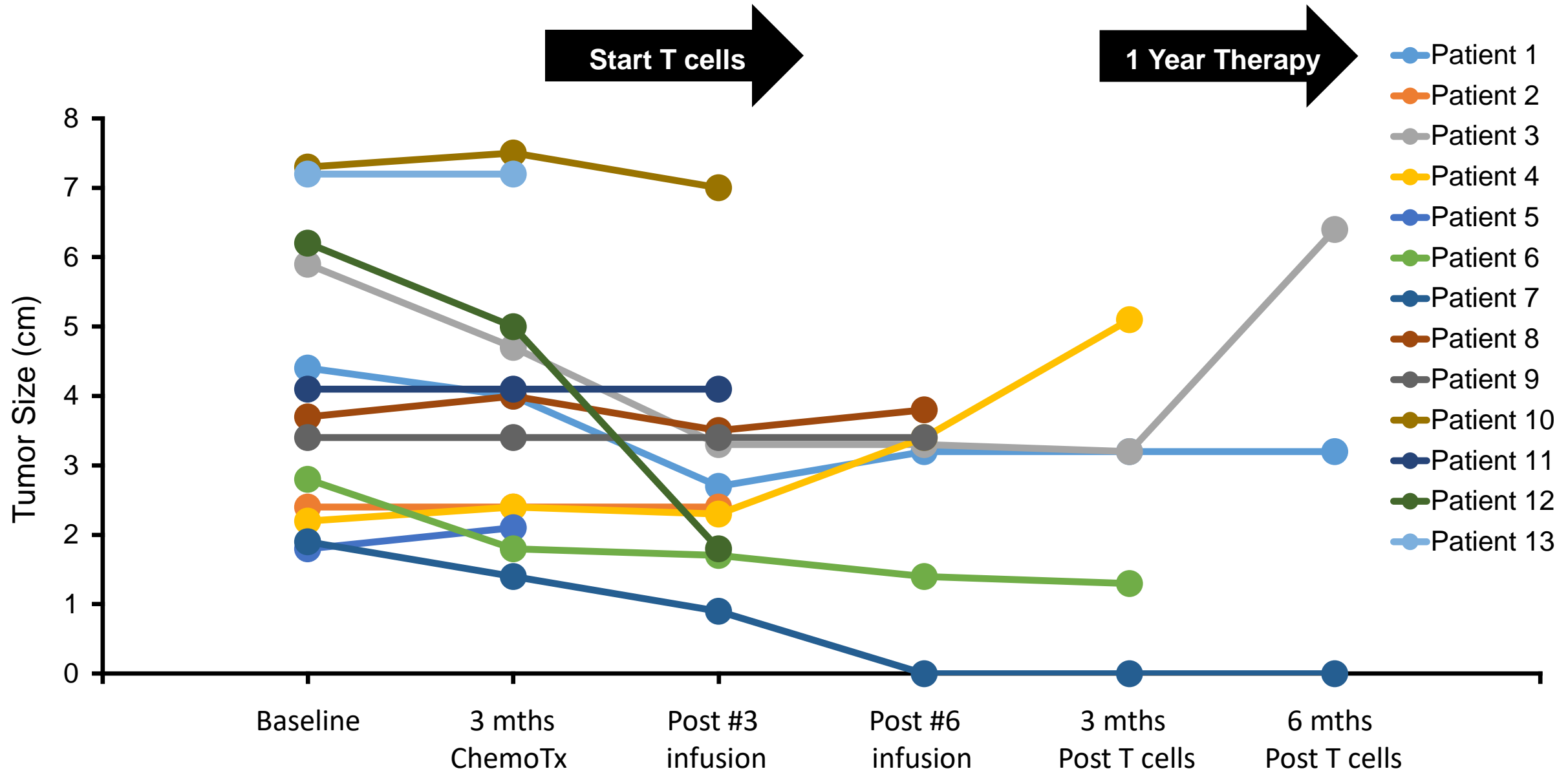
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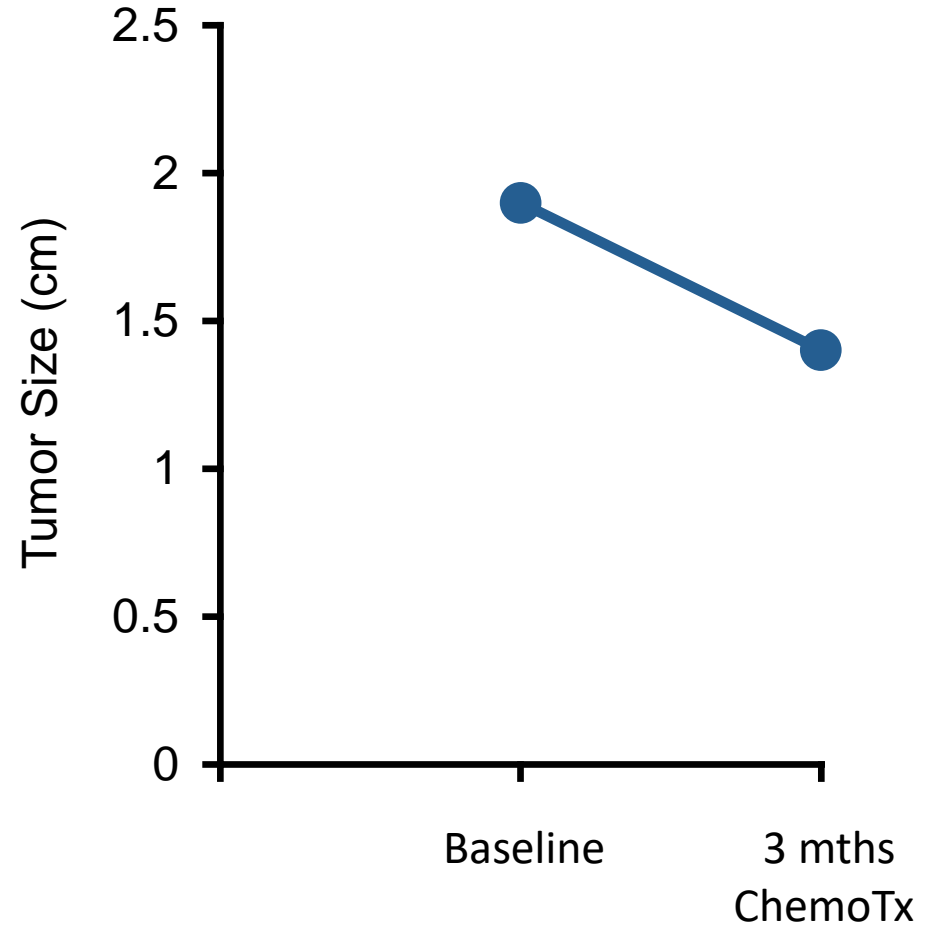
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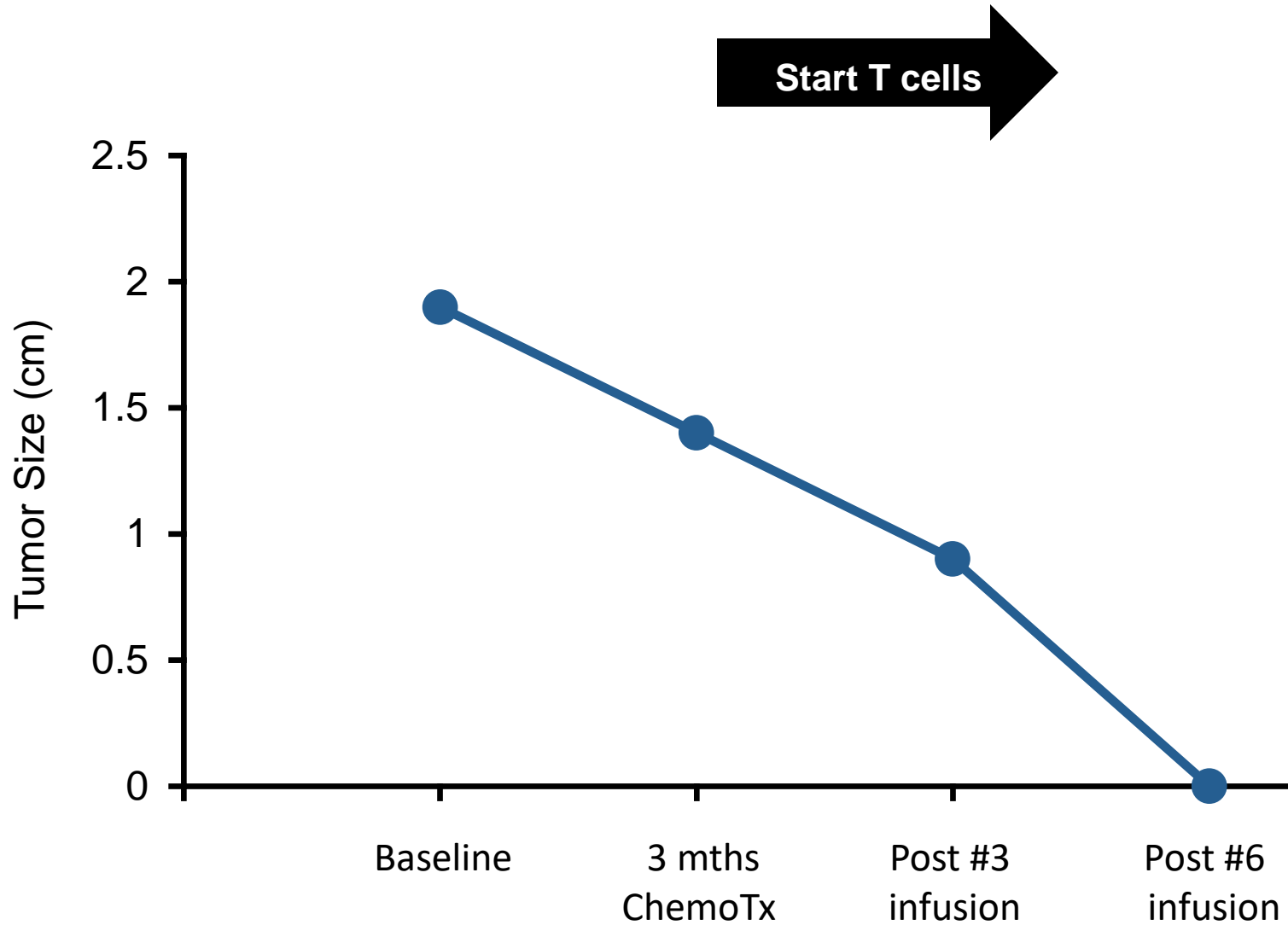
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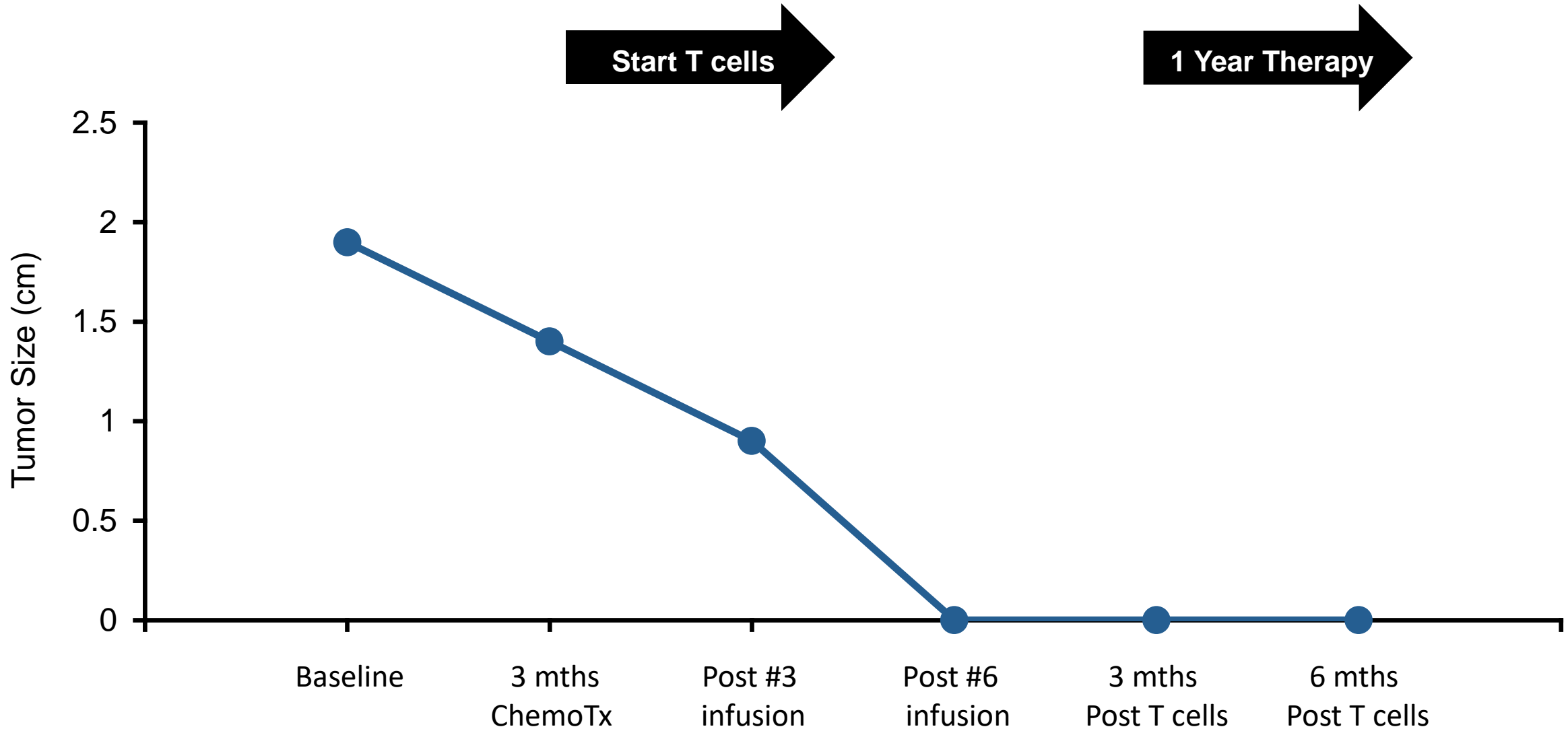
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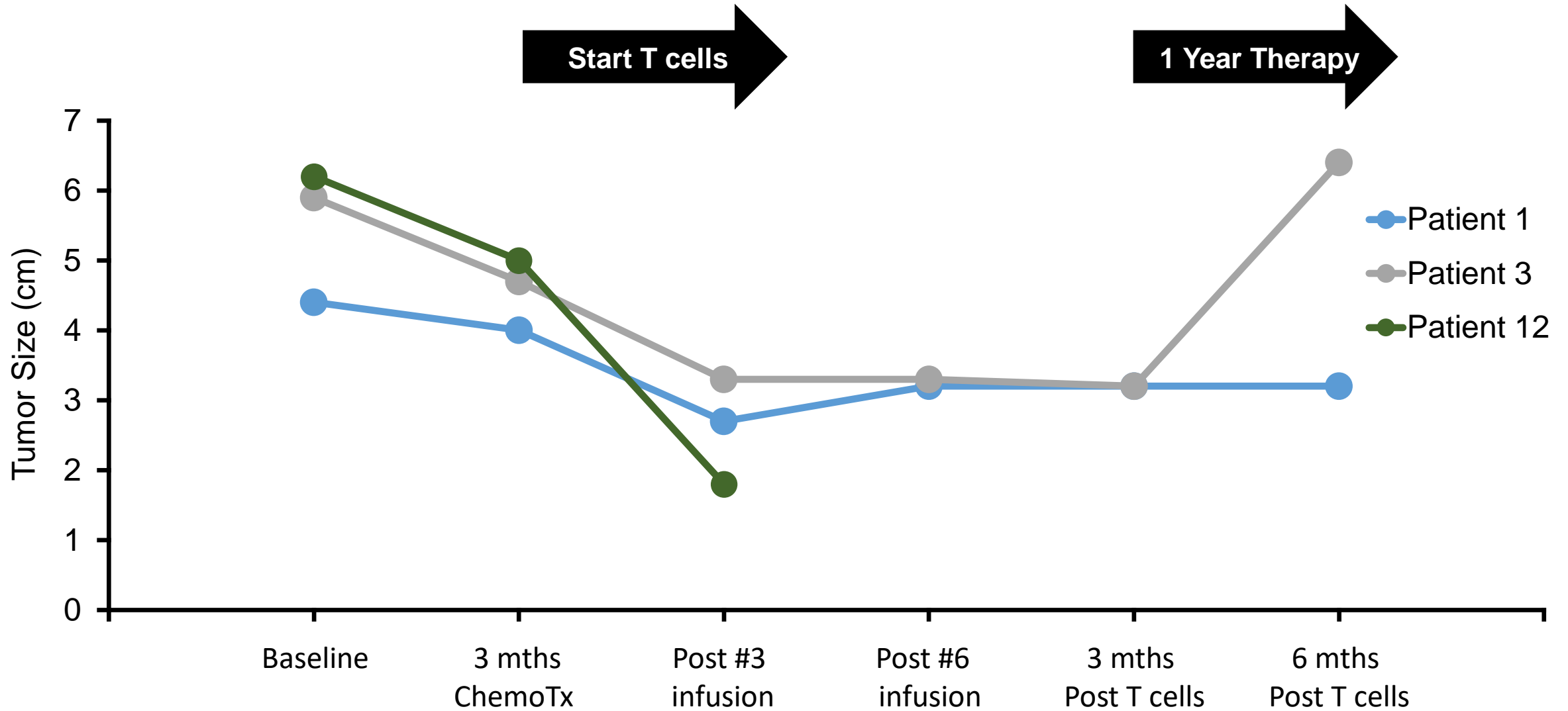
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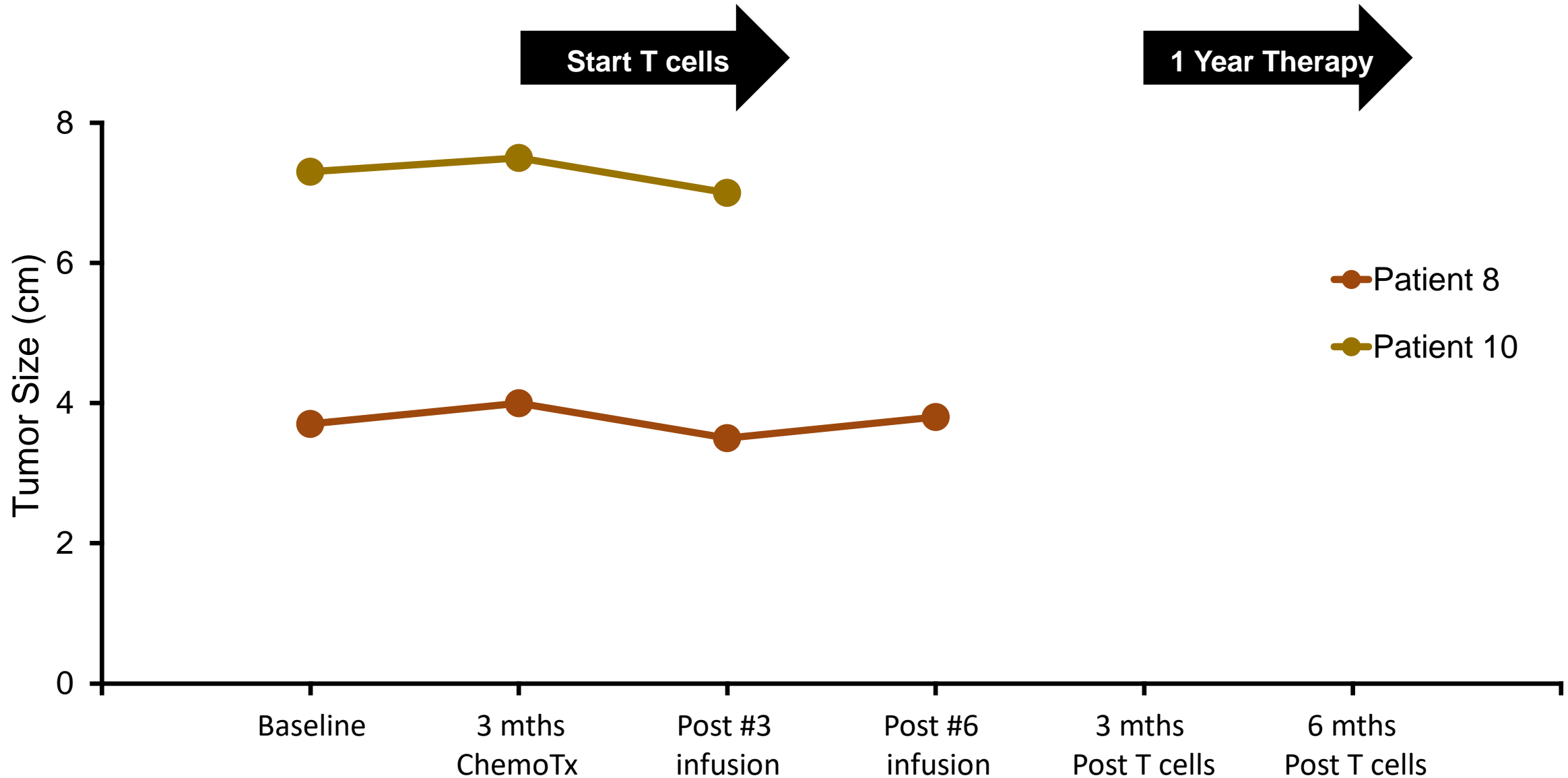


# Enhanced Responses





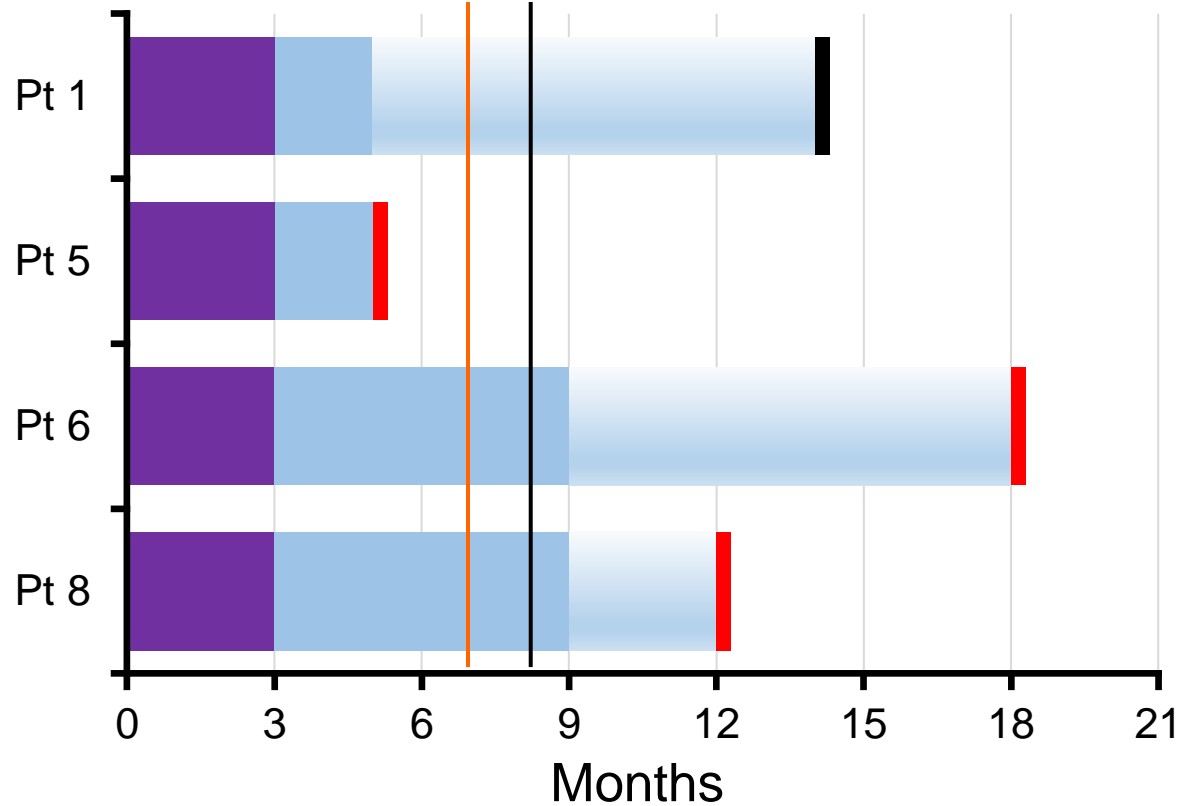
# Arresting Progression



# MultiTAA T cells + Chemo Summary

## gemcitabine + nabpaclitaxel

Modified mPFS Historical mOS



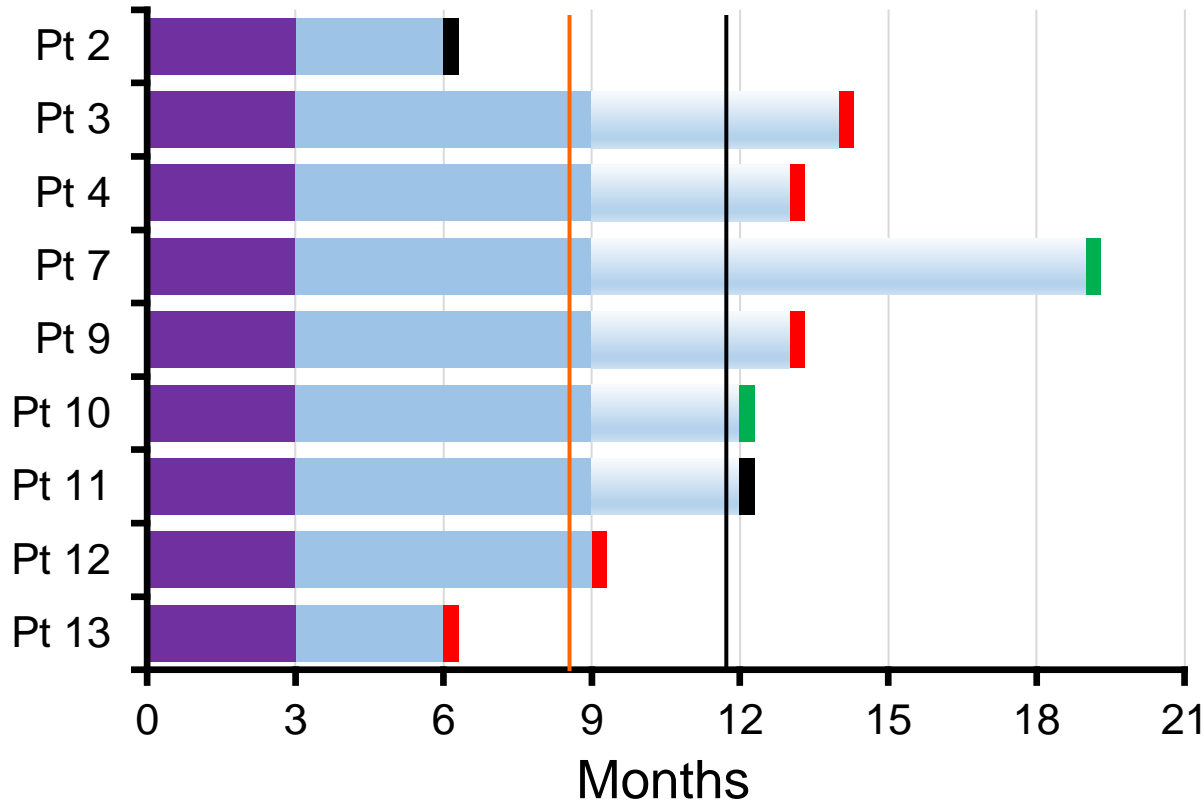
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 ■ Progressed

Patient	Best RECIST response on T cell therapy
1	Partial Response
5	Progressive Disease
6	Stable Disease
8	Stable Disease

# MultiTAA T cells + Chemo Summary

## FOLFIRINOX

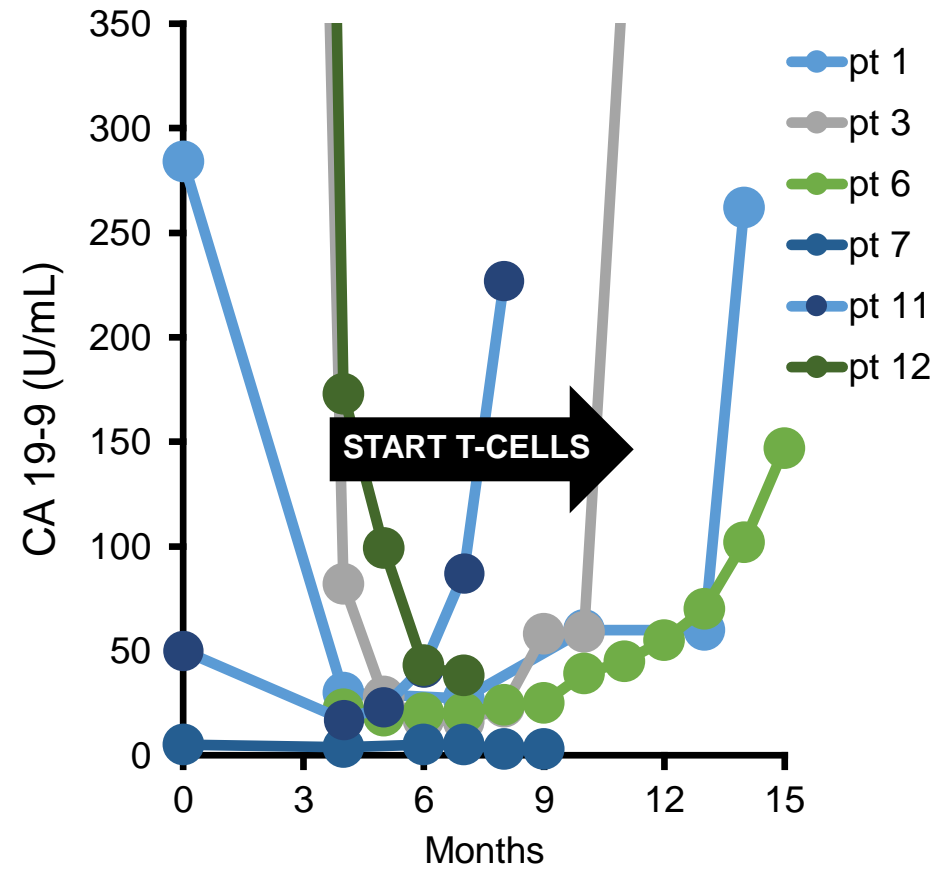
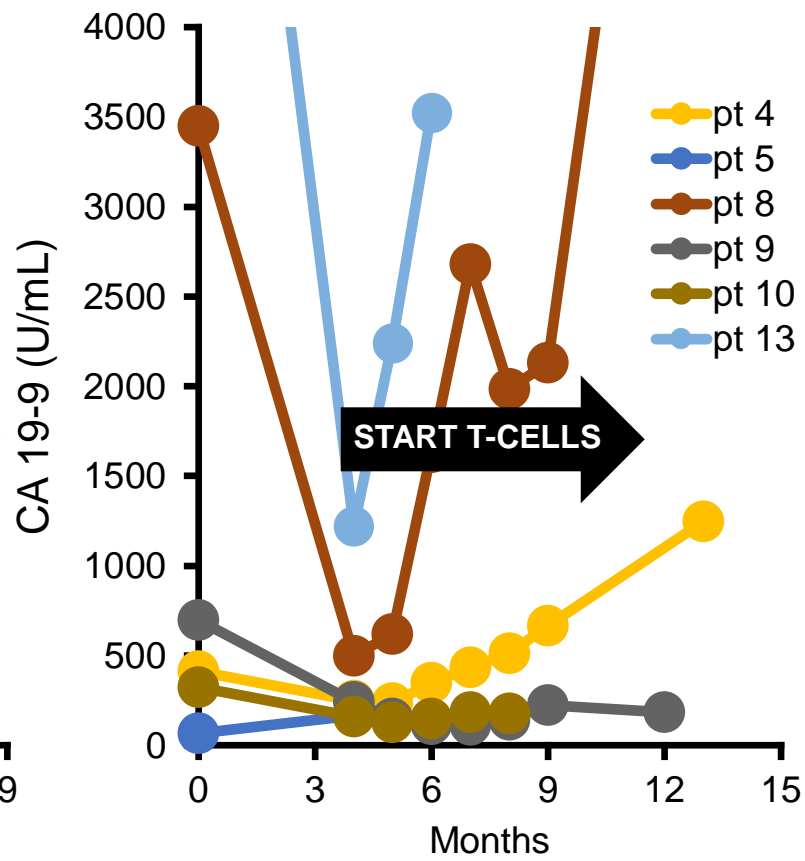
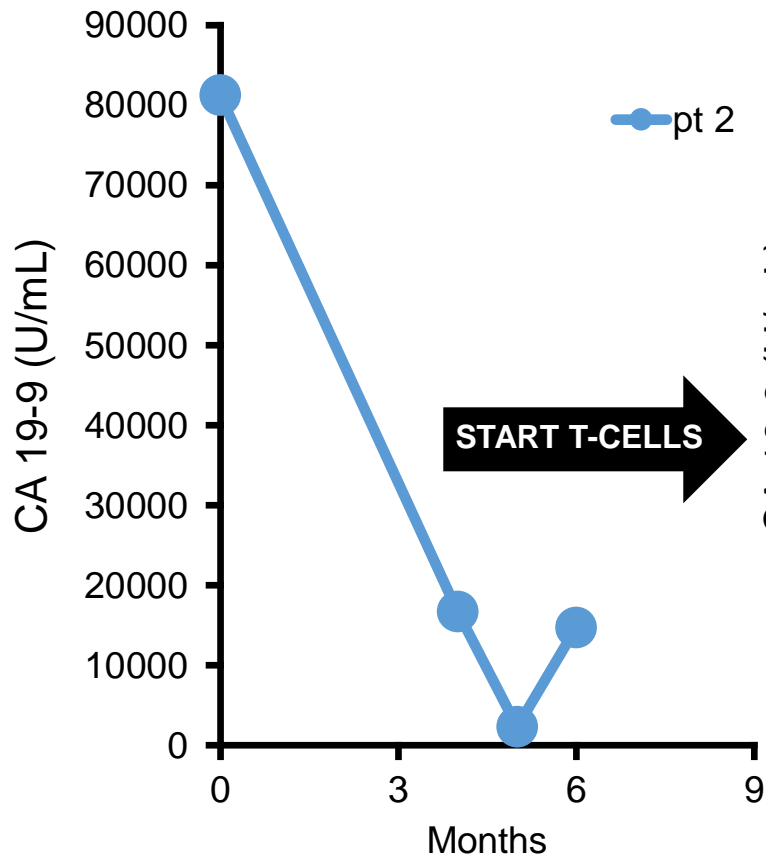
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Patient	Best RECIST response on T cell therapy
2	Mixed response
3	Partial Response
4	Stable Disease
7	Radiographic Complete Response
9	Stable Disease
10	Stable Disease
11	Stable Disease
12	Partial Response
13	Progressive Disease

# CA 19-9 trends



# Treatment Summary

- No additional side effect when adding t-cell therapy
- Durable cancer control with 9/13 patients exceeding historical control of overall survival
- Measurable tumor responses in 4 patients

# Conclusions

- Feasible to manufacture multiTAA T cells
- Well tolerated
- Encouraging cancer treatment results
- In vivo expansion of tumor-specific T cells observed
- Antigen spreading

# Future

- Encouraging effects seen with chemotherapy
- Explore first line therapy in advanced cancer with earlier t-cell initiation
- Refine which antigens to target

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