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# CAR-T AND MICROBIOME

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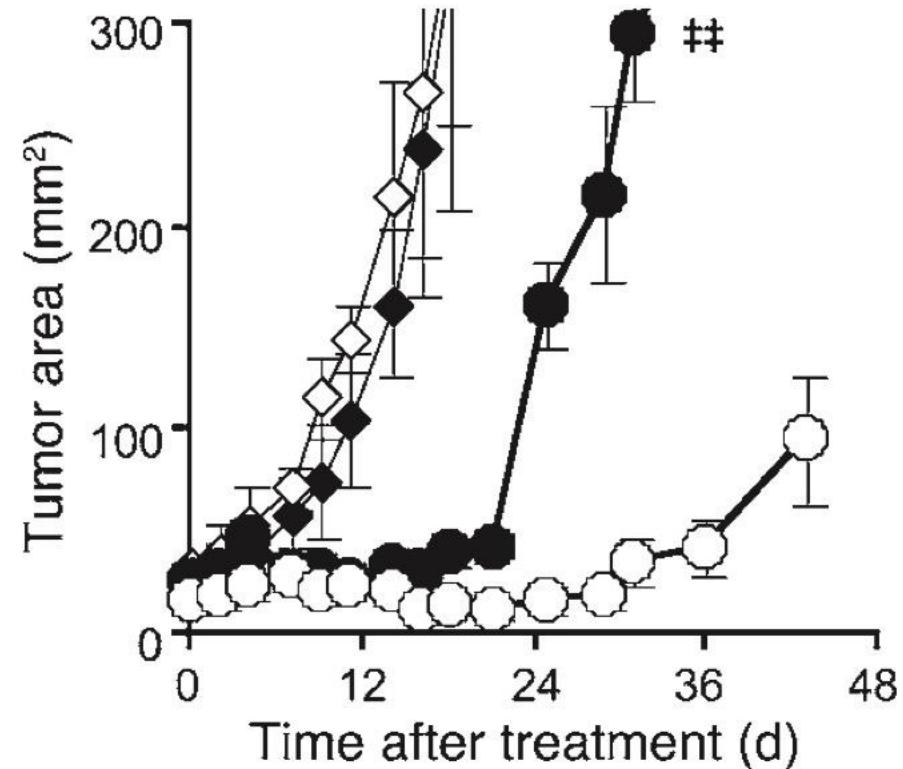


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## The Intestinal Microbiota Modulates the Anticancer Immune Effects of Cyclophosphamide

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# Anticancer immunotherapy by CTLA-4 blockade relies on the gut microbiota

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# Commensal *Bifidobacterium* promotes antitumor immunity and facilitates anti-PD-L1 efficacy

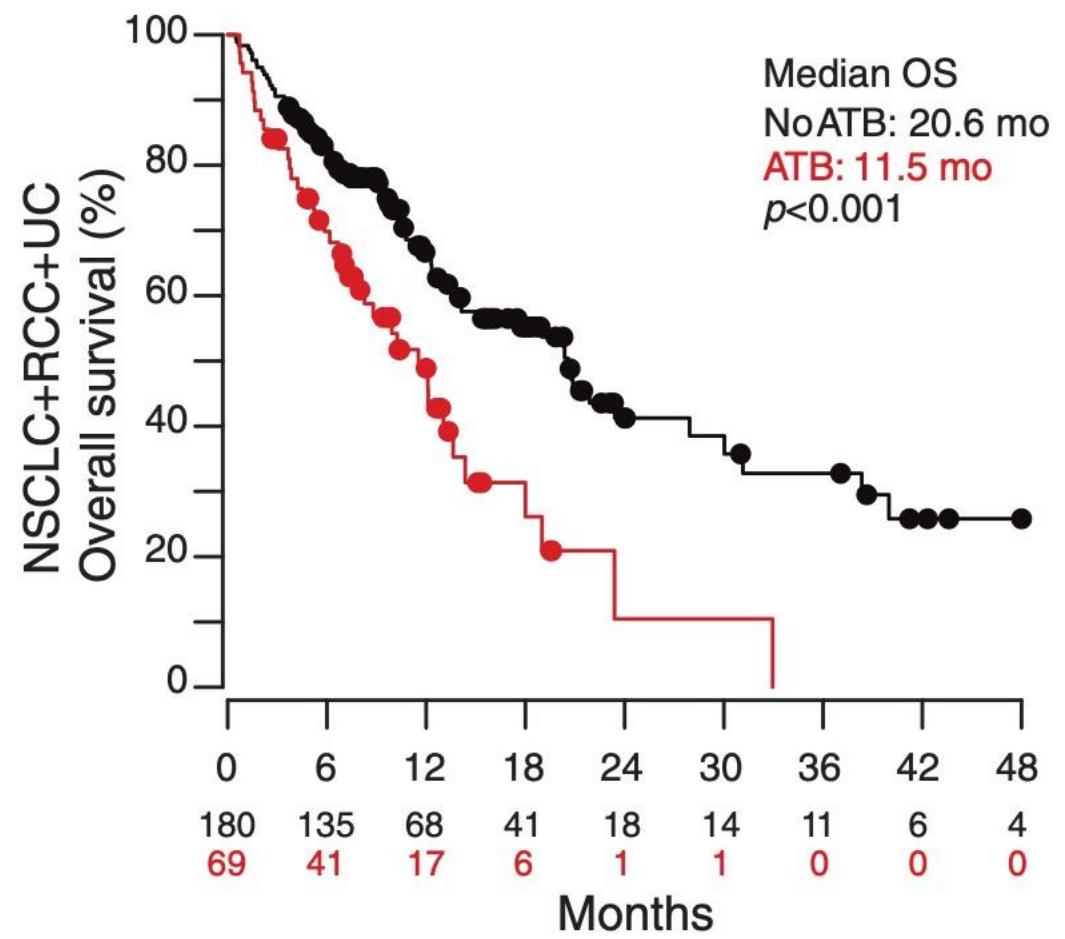
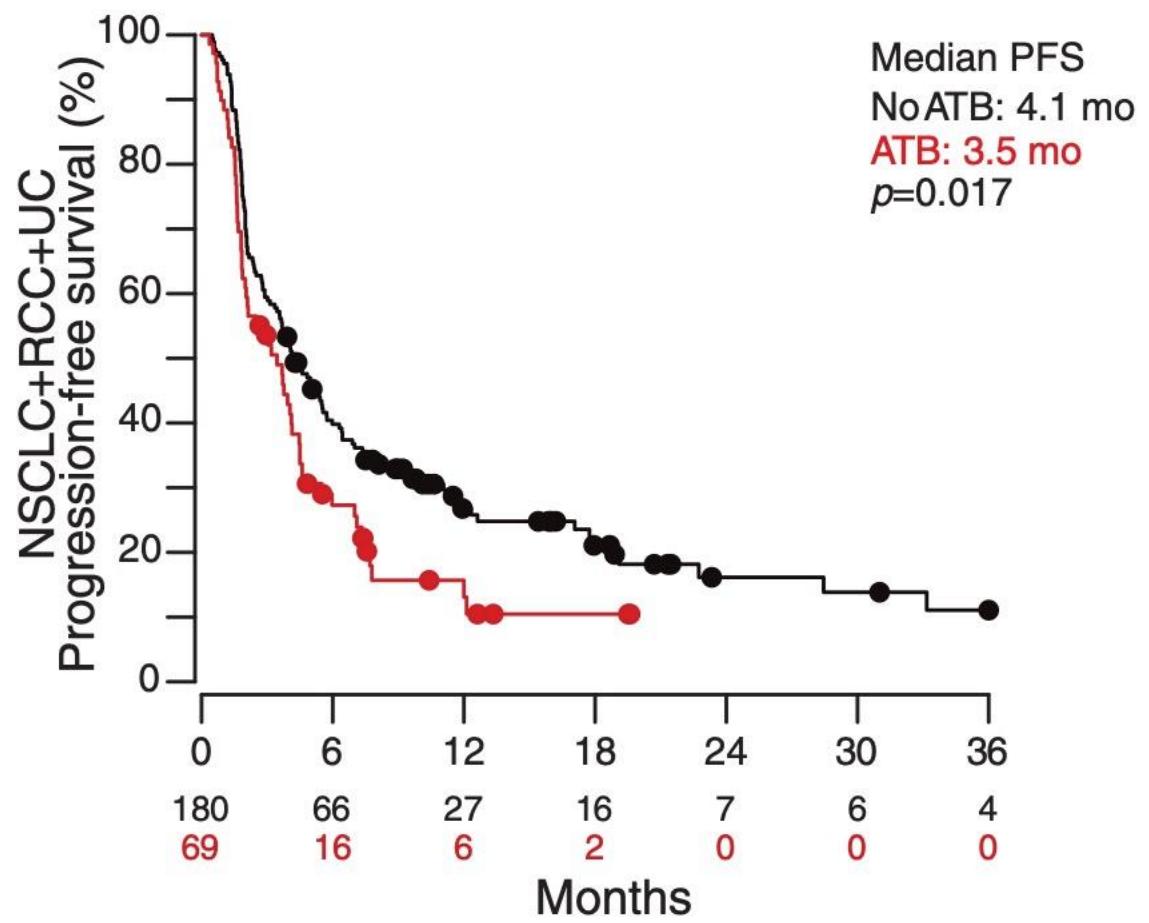
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# 2018 – Microbiome linked to clinical PD1 blockade outcomes

- Gopalakrishnan, et al
- Matson, et al
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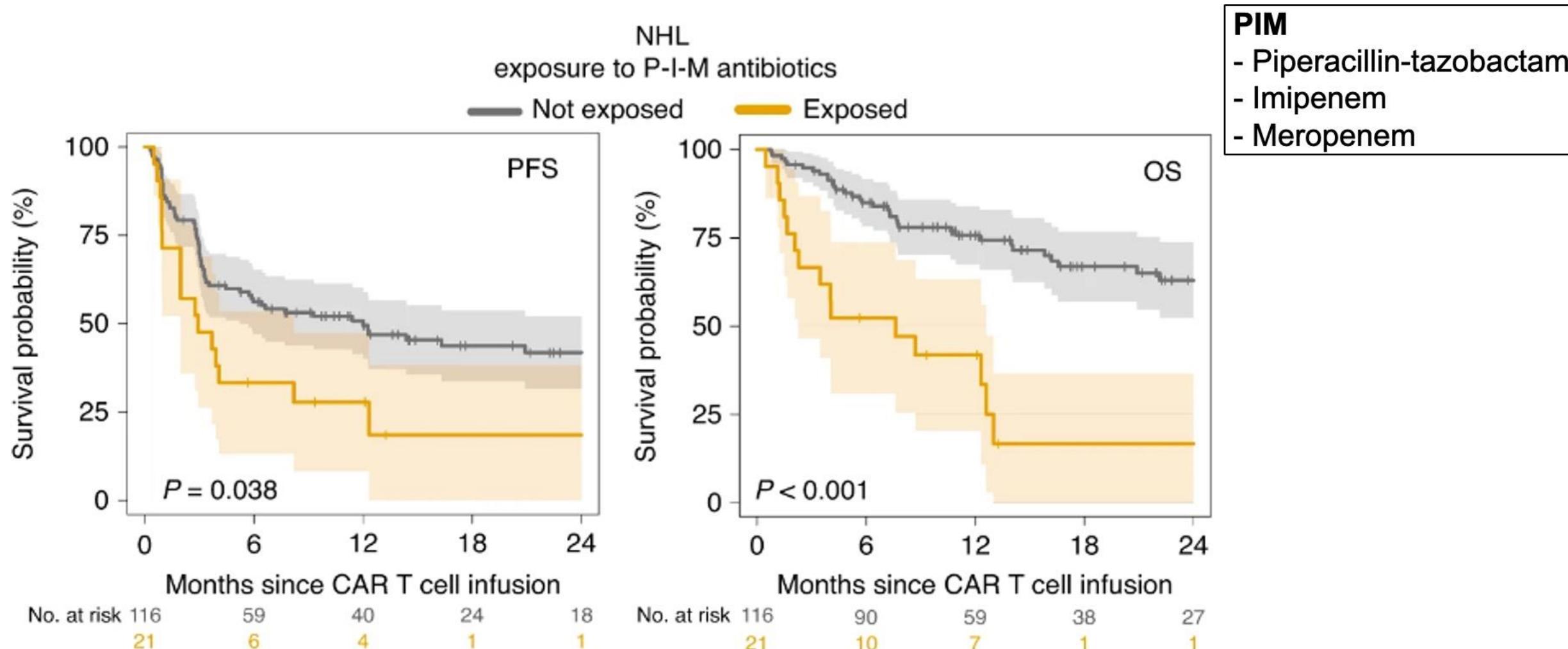




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# PIM antibiotics exposure pre-CAR-T associates with poor survival outcomes

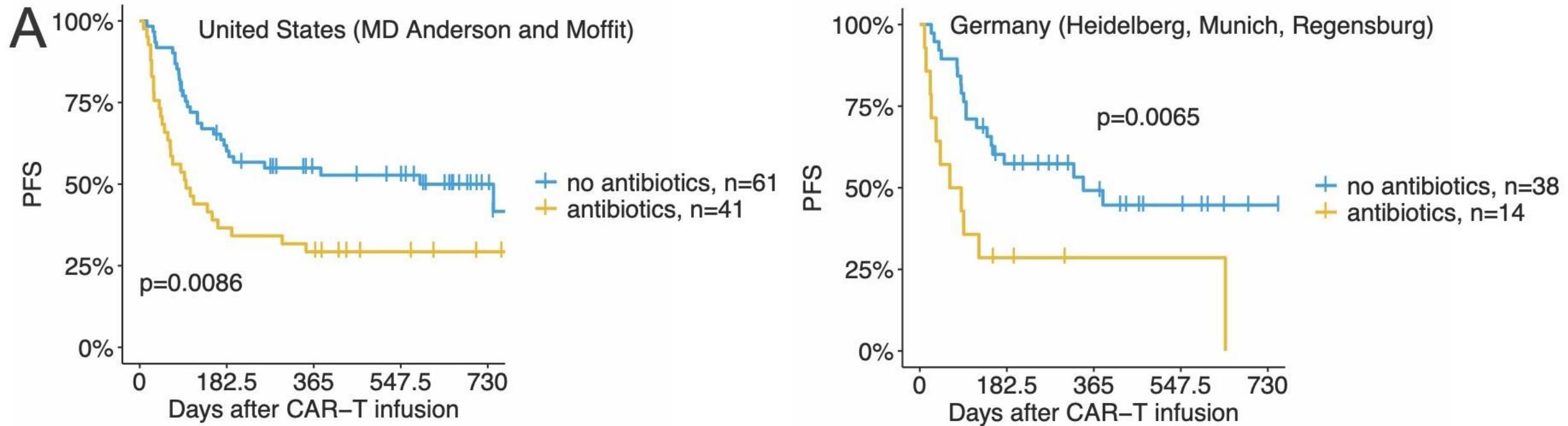
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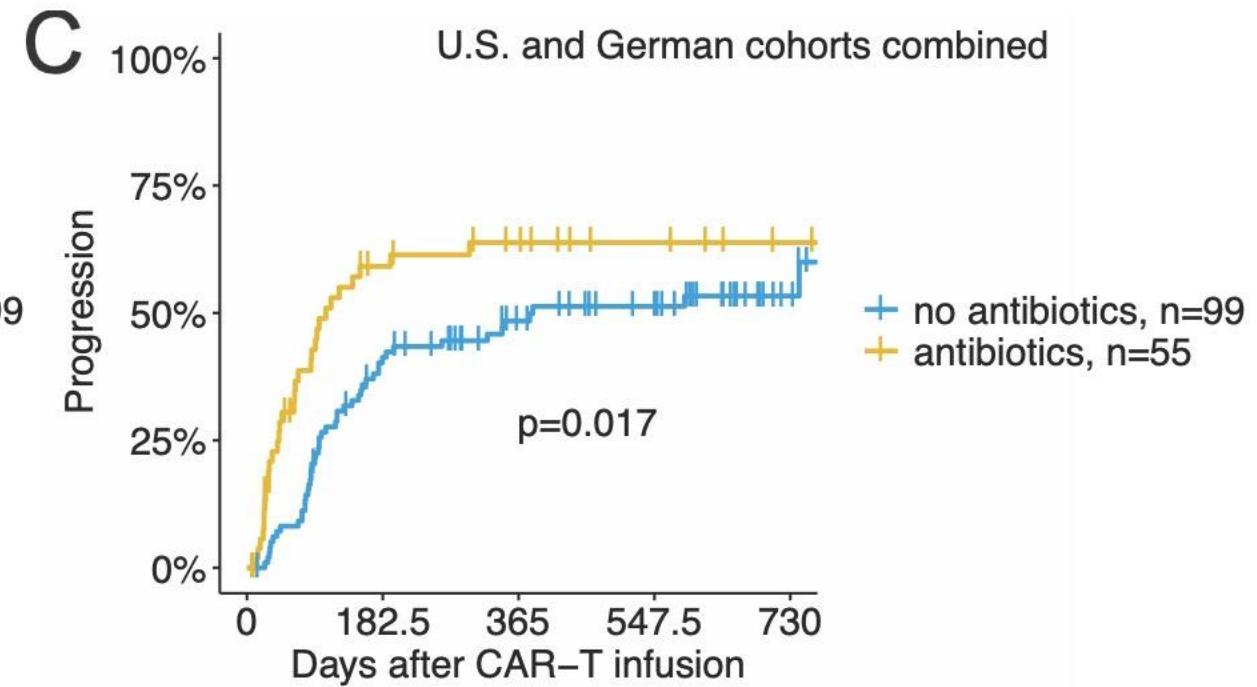
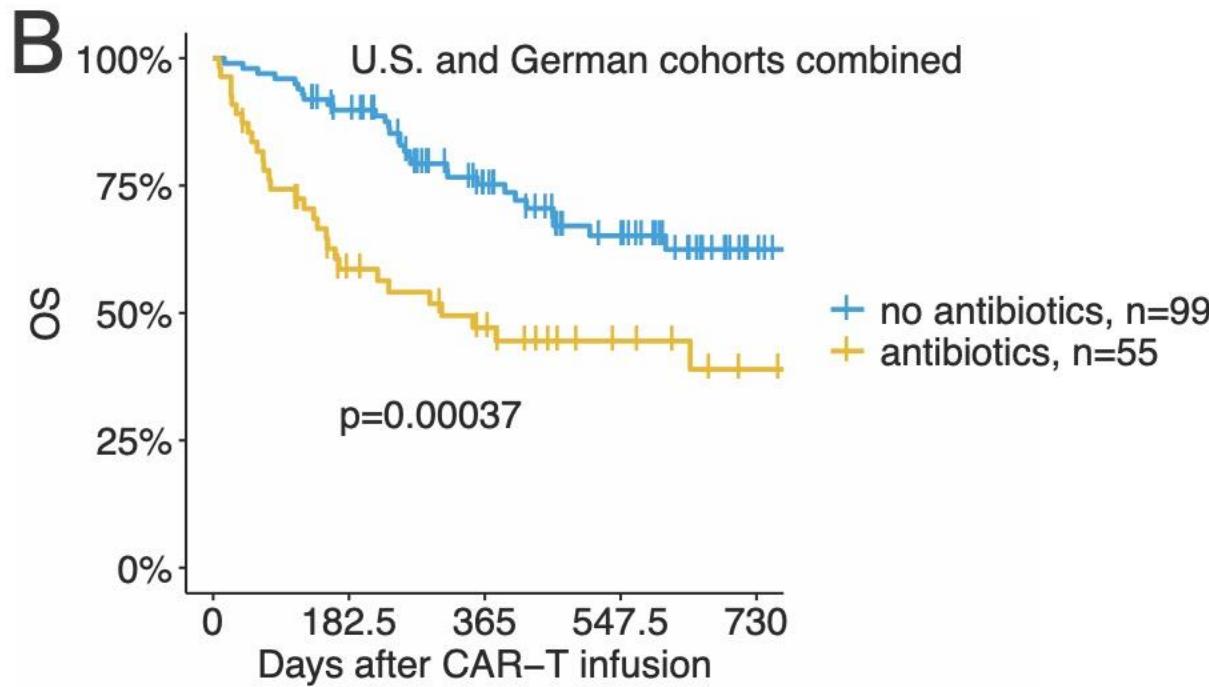
# Retrospective multi-center analysis

- Patients undergoing CD19-targeted CAR-T cell therapy (axicabtagene ciloleucel, n=111, or tisagenlecleucel, n=43)
- Treated as standard-of-care
- Participating centers from the United States (MD Anderson, n=58, Moffitt, n=44) and Germany (Heidelberg, n=18, Munich, n=31, Regensburg, n=3)

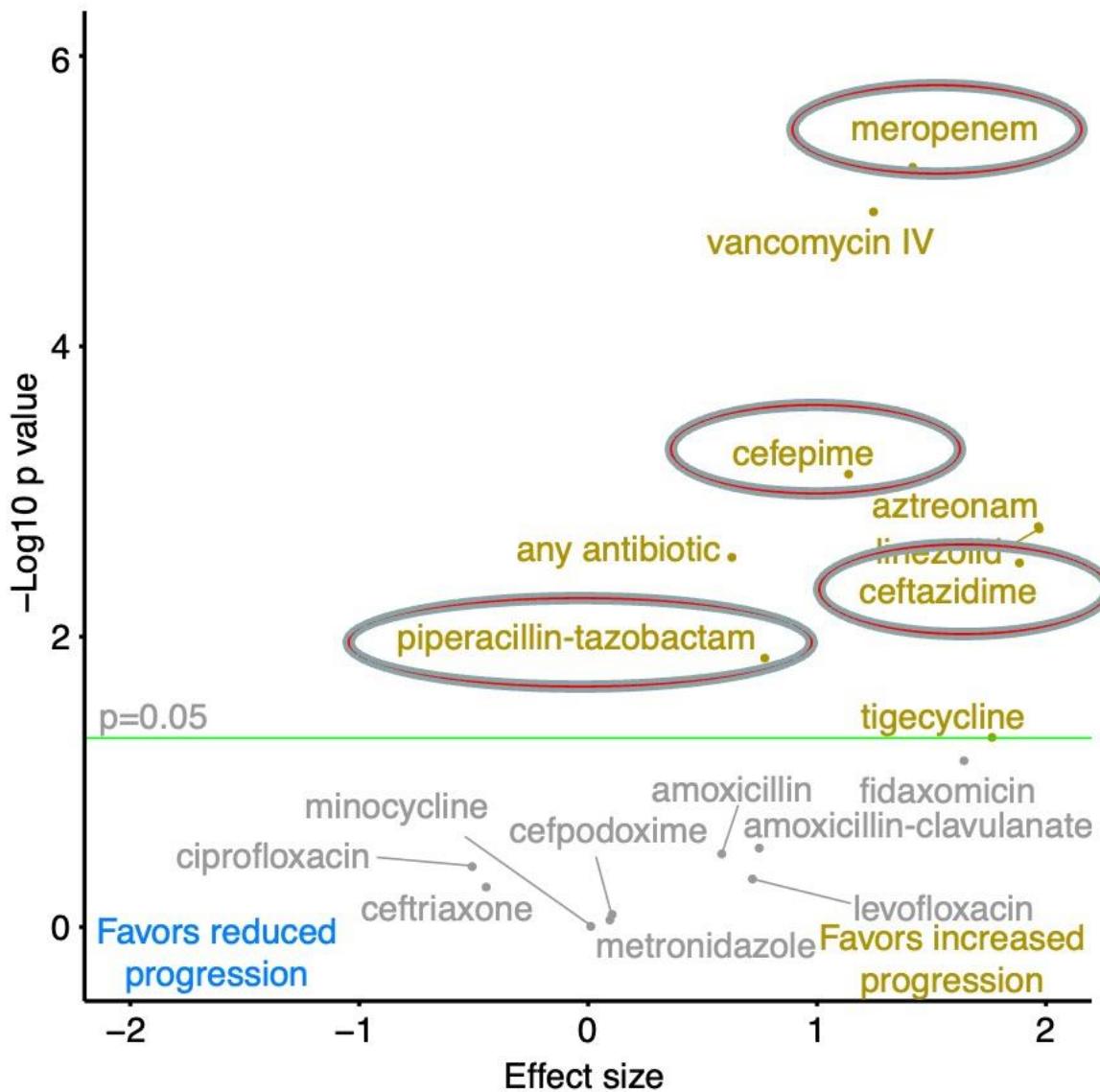
# Effects of antibiotics (given within 3 weeks before CAR-T infusion) on progression-free survival



# Effects of antibiotics on overall survival and progression incidence



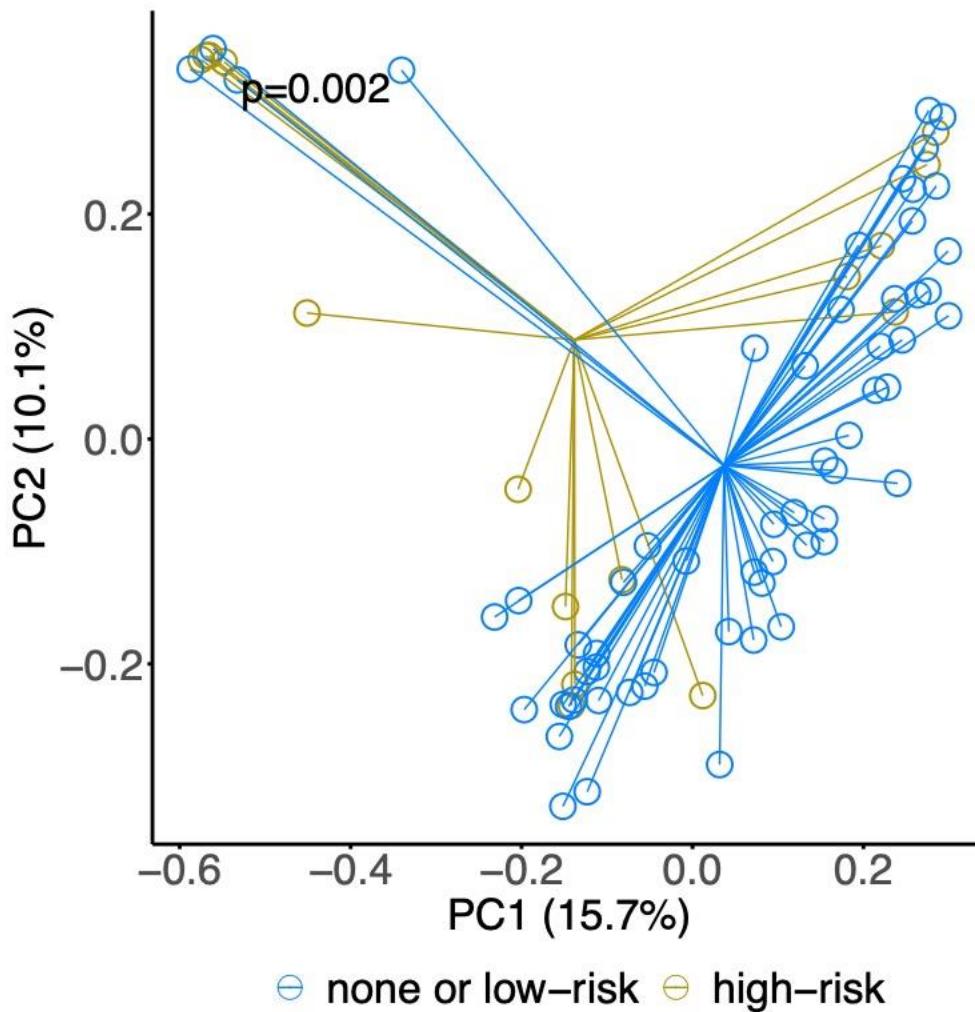
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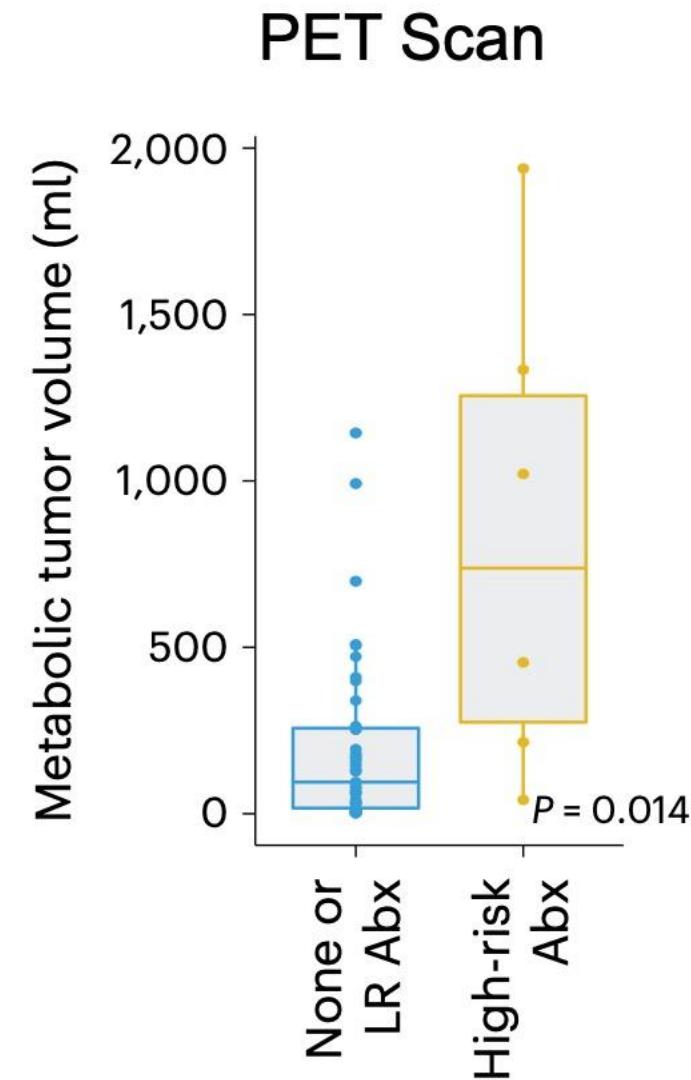
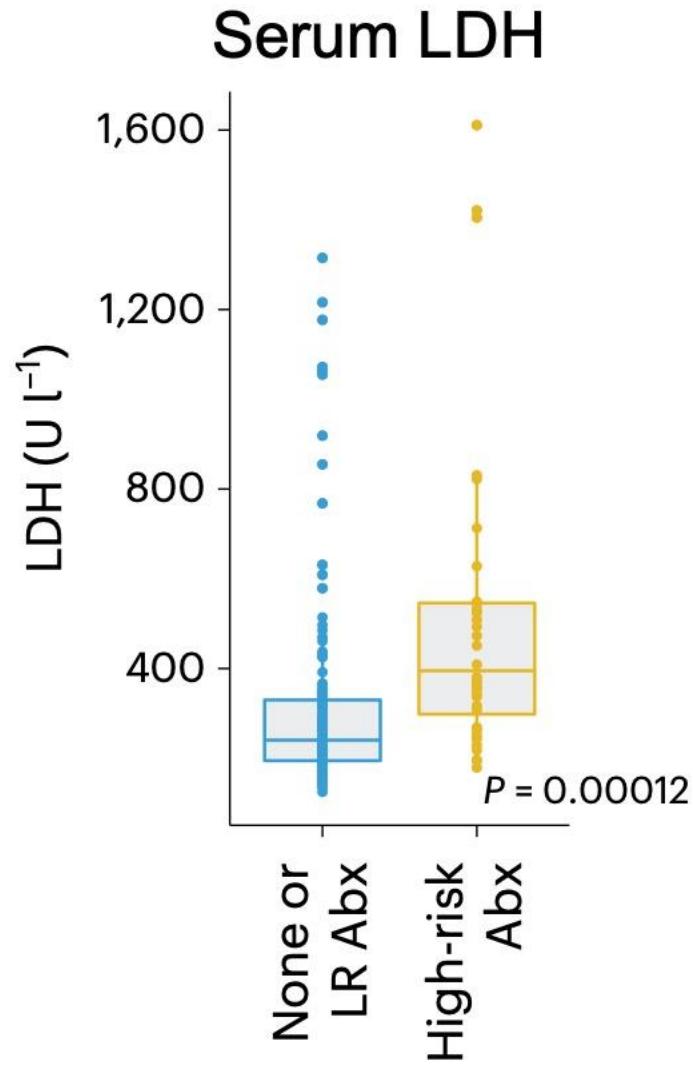
"high-risk antibiotics" –  
anti-pseudomonal beta lactams:  

- Carbapenems
- Cefepime or ceftazidime
- Piperacillin-tazobactam

# Effects of high-risk antibiotics on fecal microbiome composition

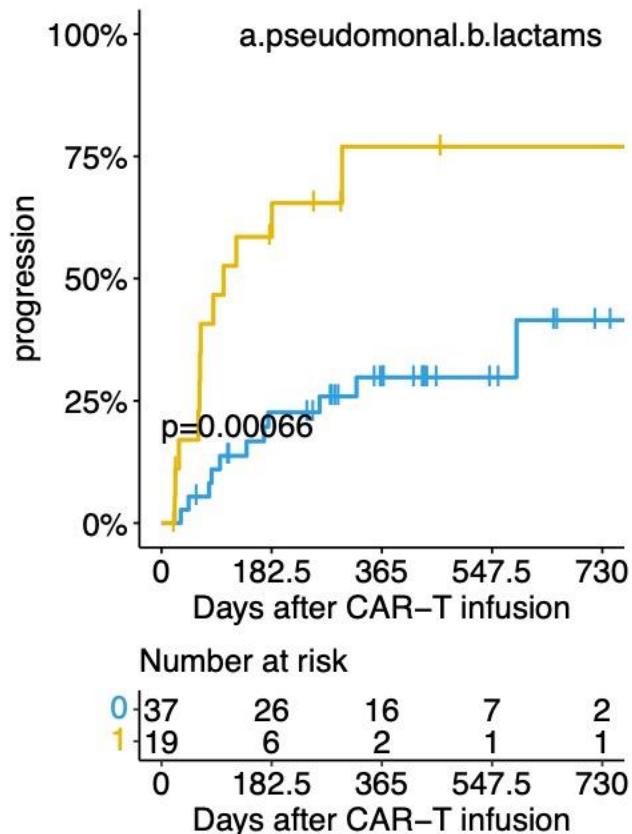


# Microbiome skepticism – previous antibiotic use linked to higher disease burden

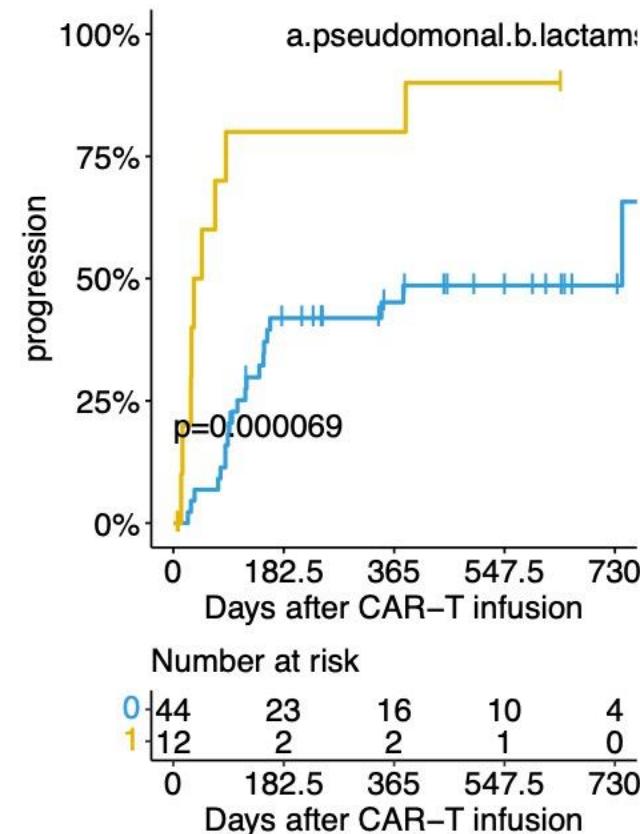


# We see an association of antibiotics with disease progression across LDH levels

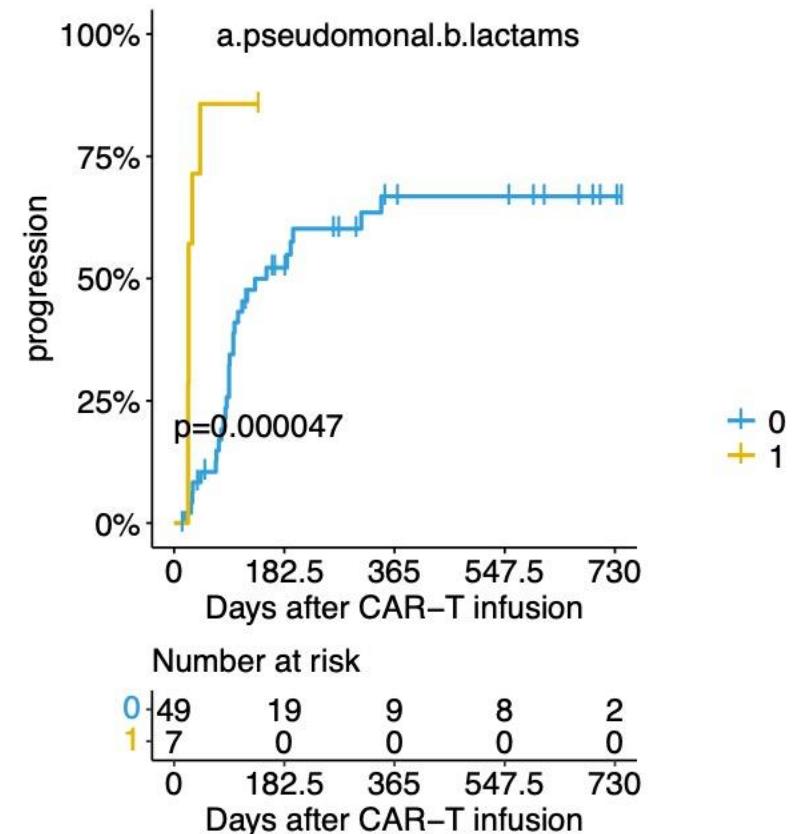
## Low LDH tertile



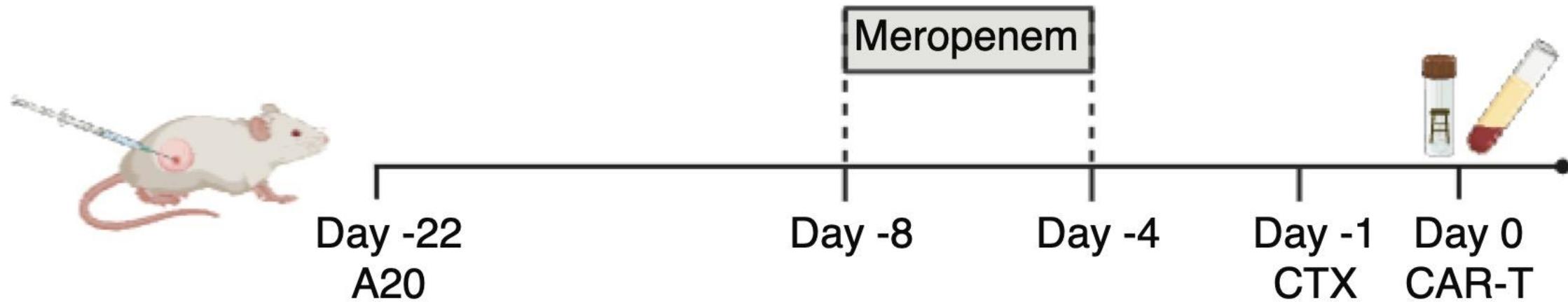
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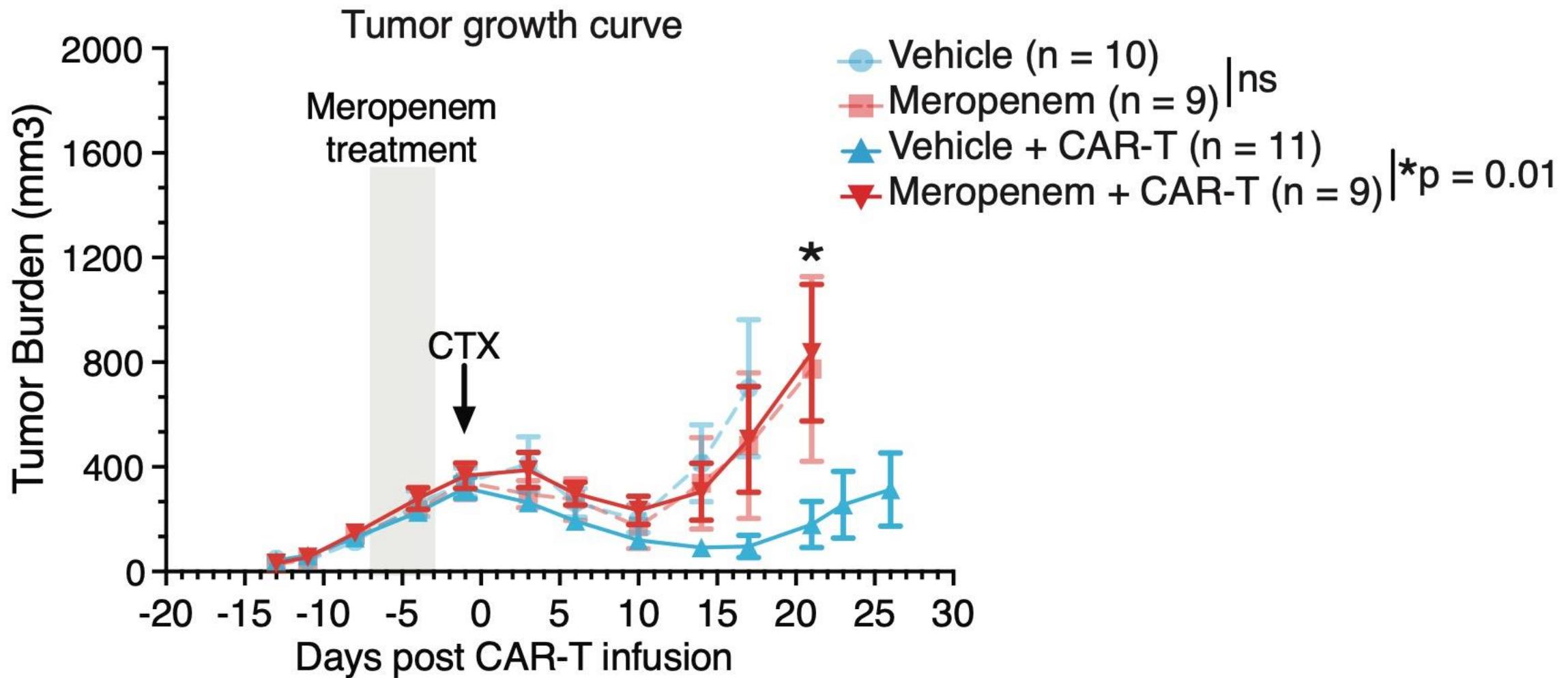
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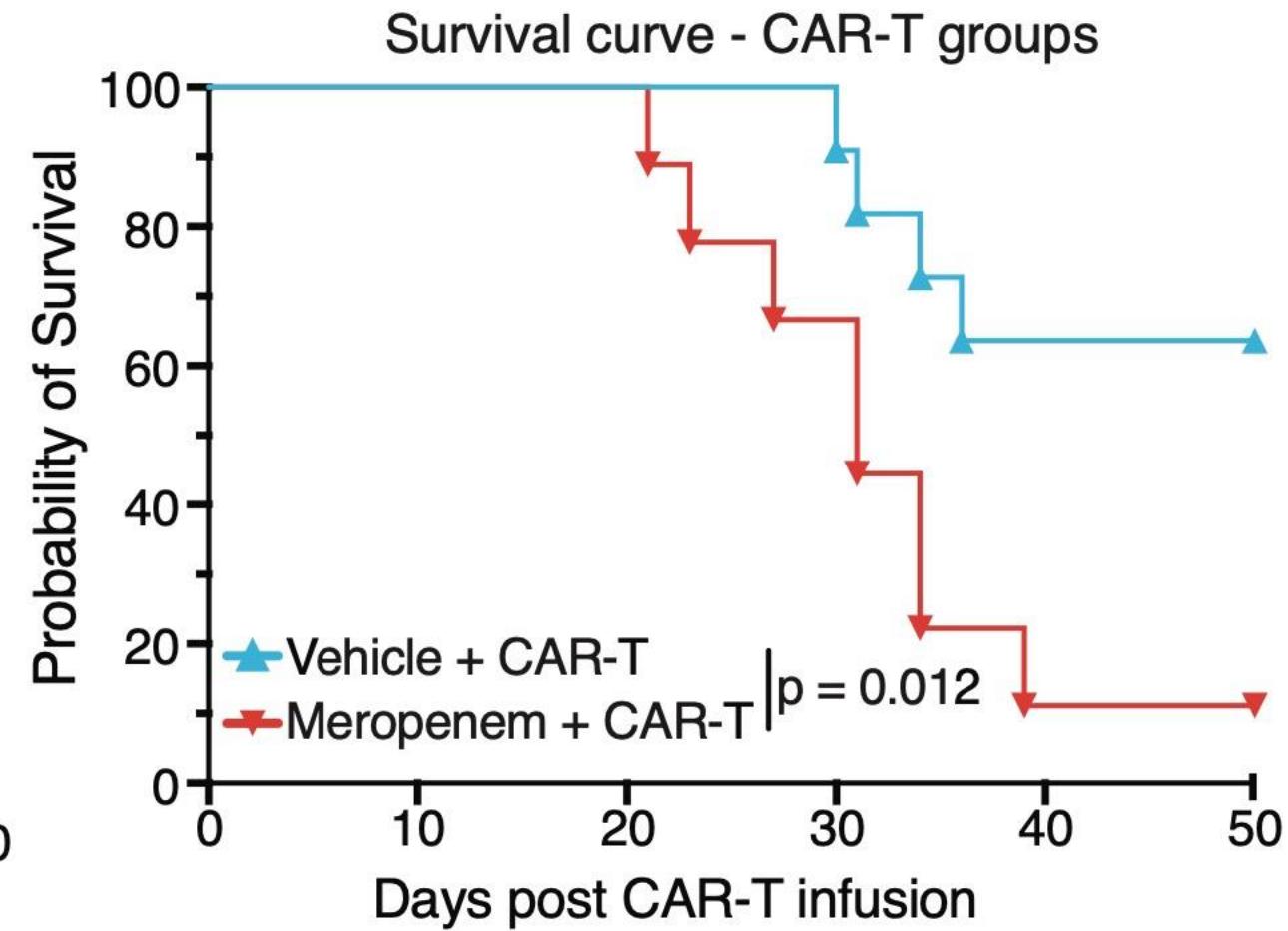
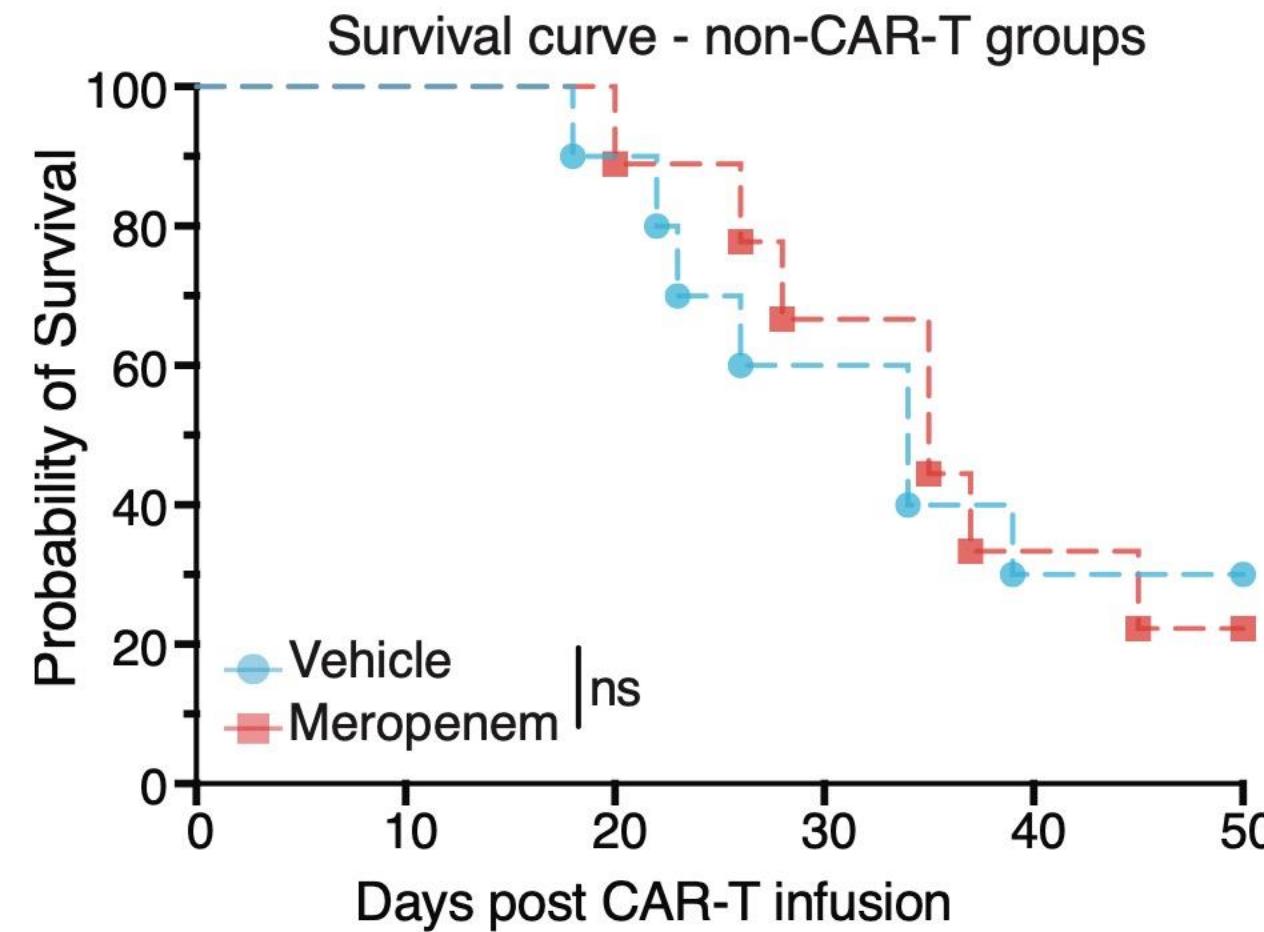
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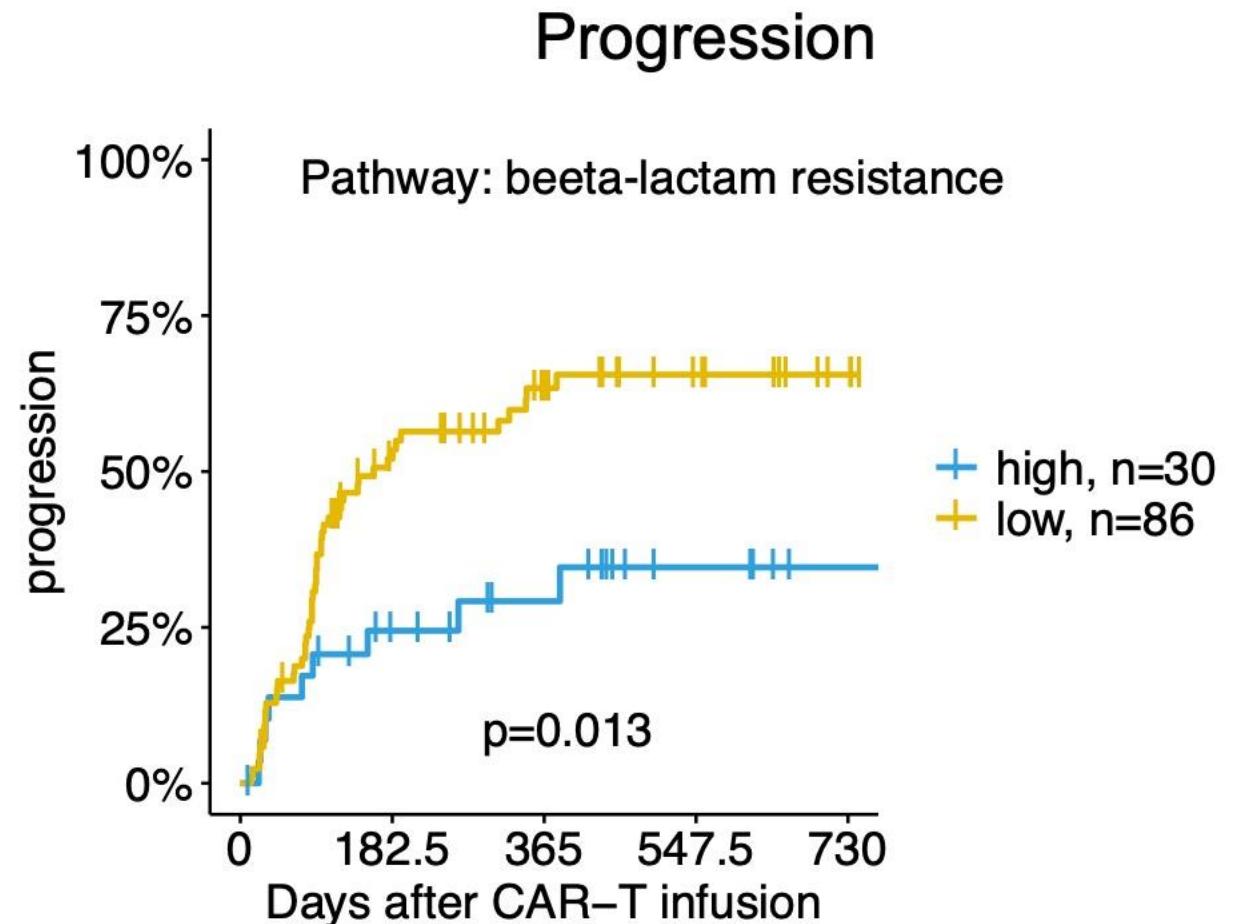
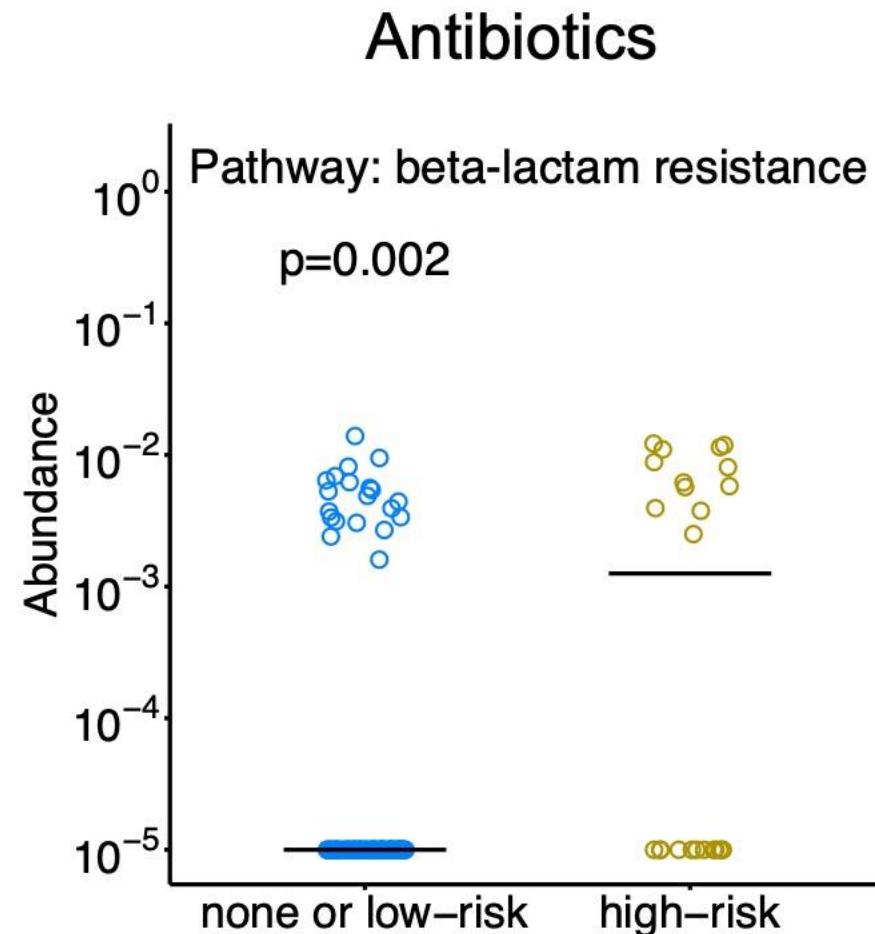
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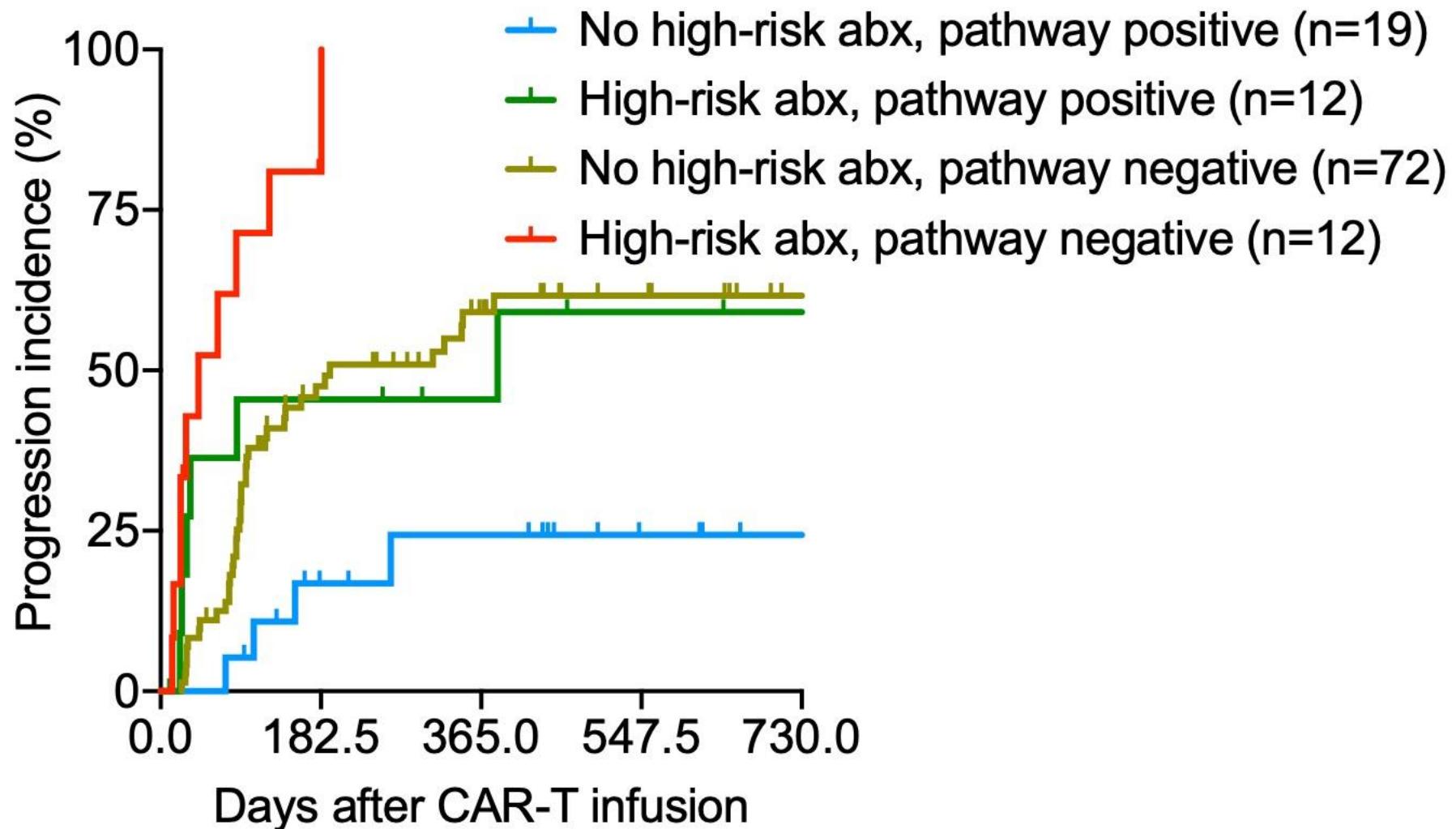
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Some taxa known to possess this pathway include ? : [Enterococcus faecium](#)

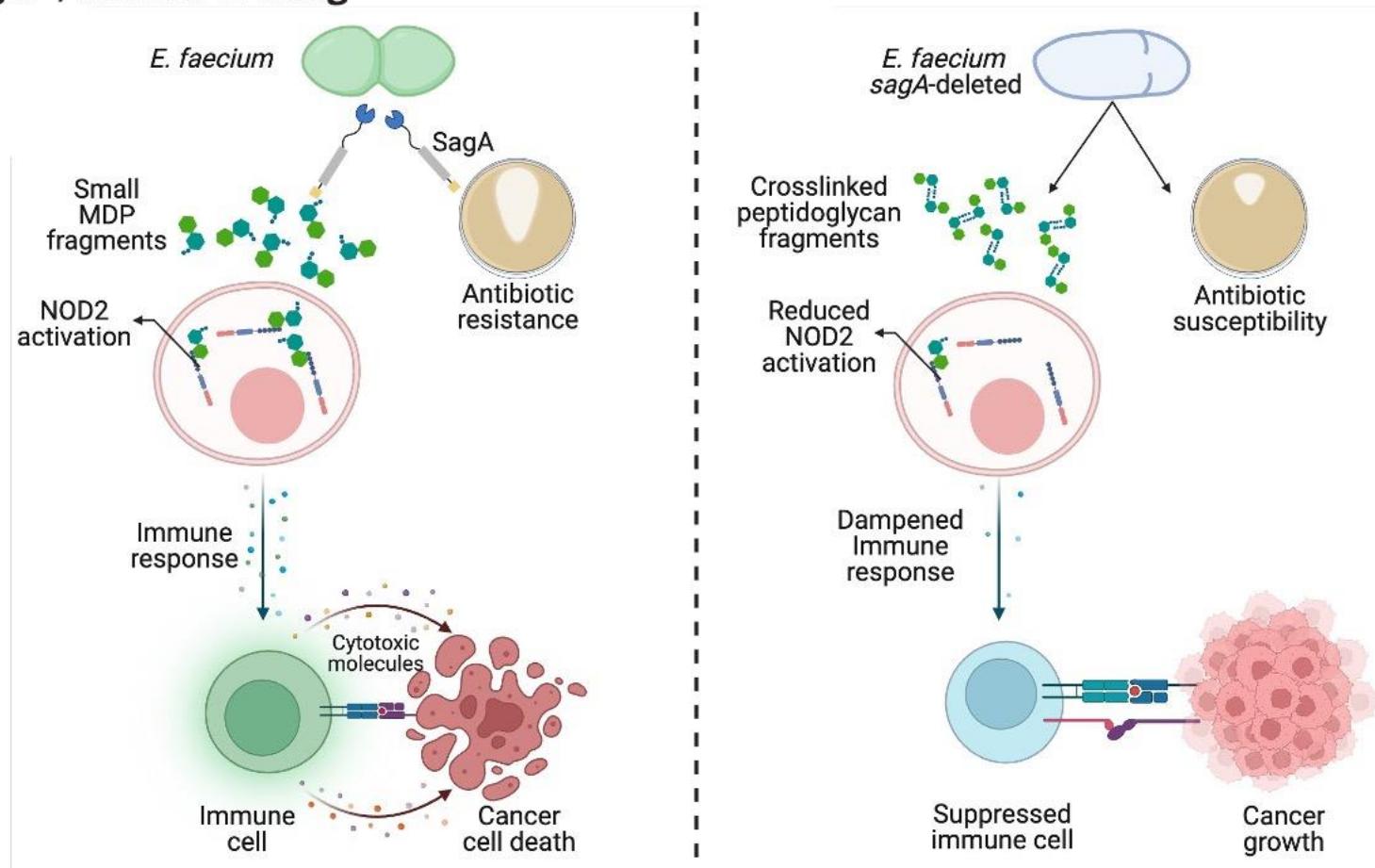
Expected Taxonomic Range: [Actinobacteria <actinobacteria>](#), [Firmicutes](#)

Synonyms: penicillin resistance;  $\beta$ -lactam resistance

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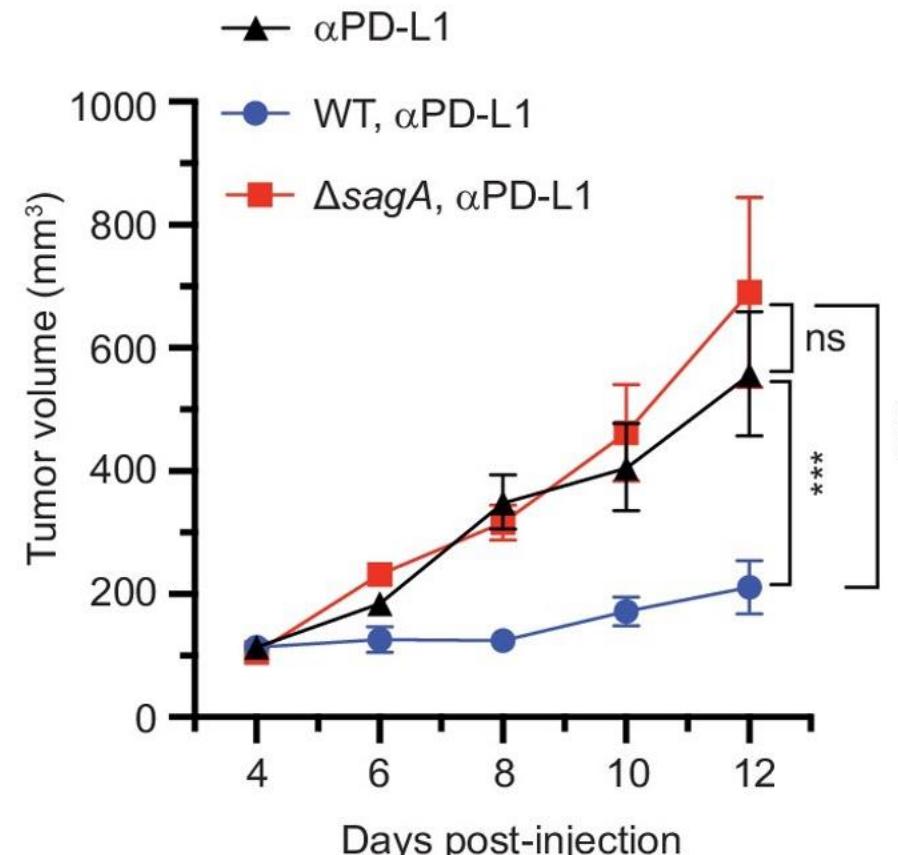
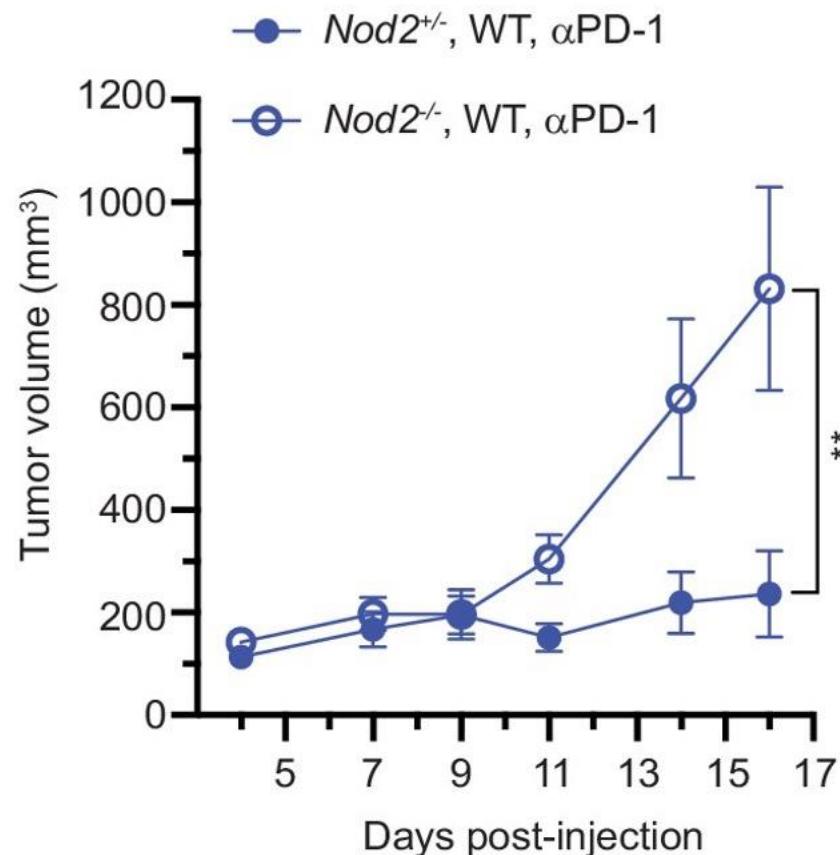
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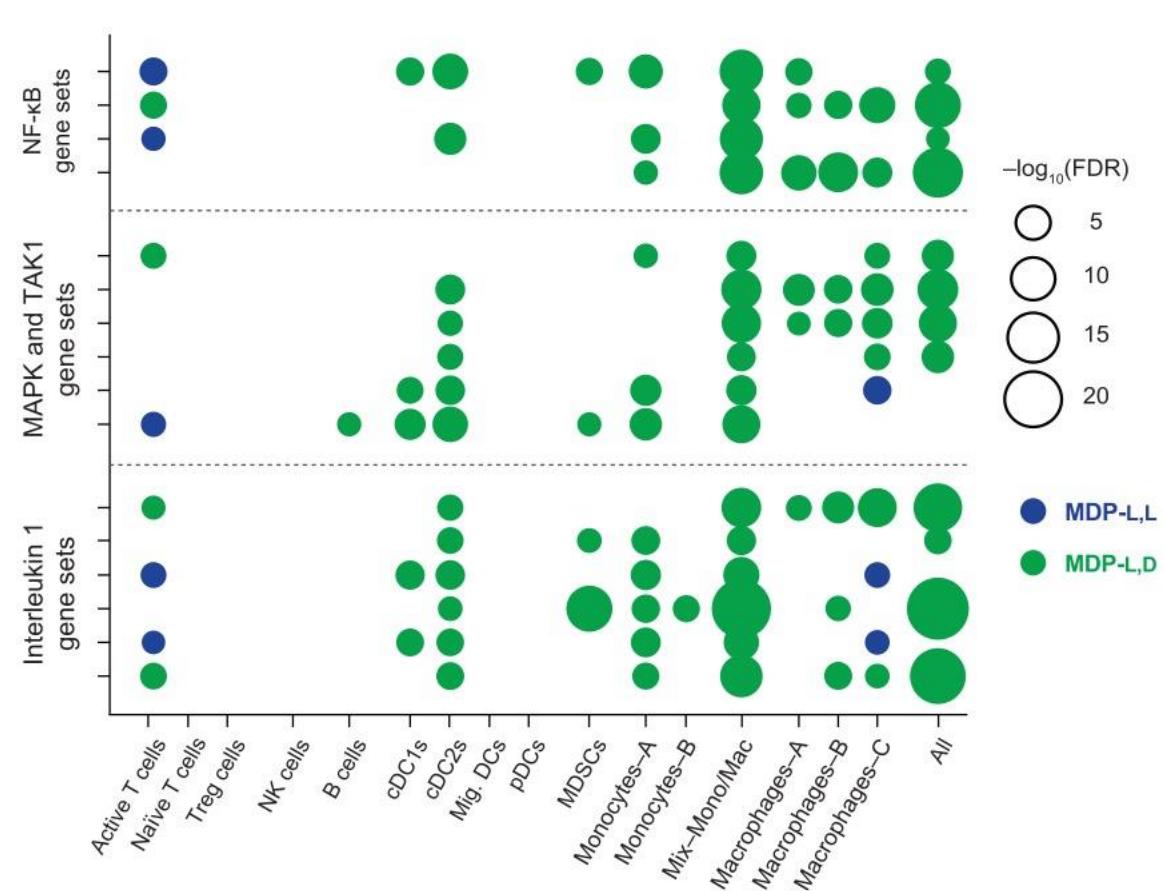
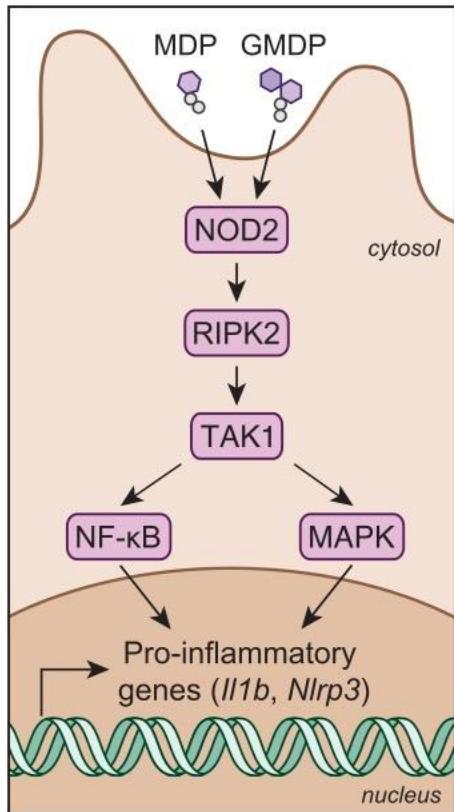
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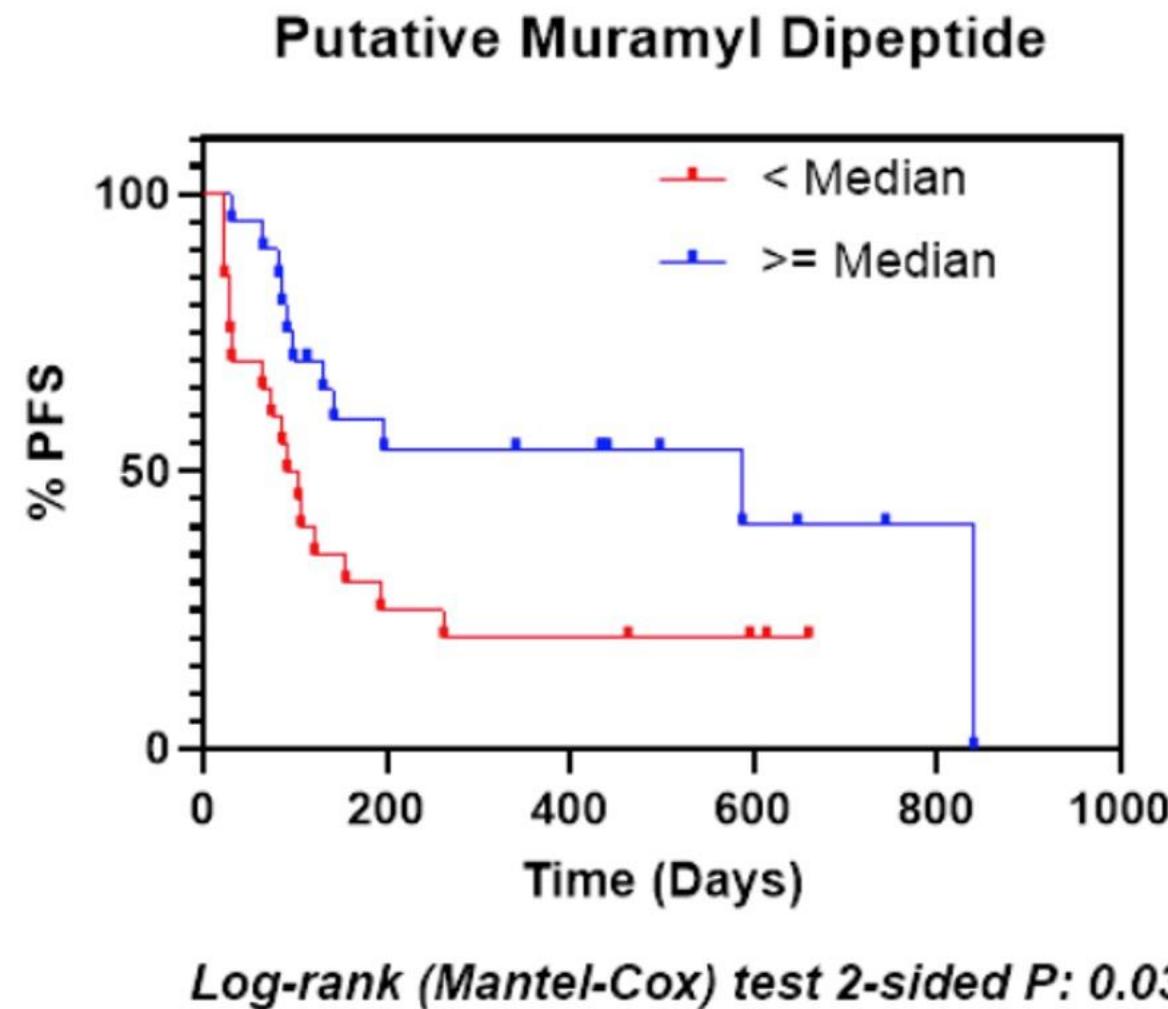
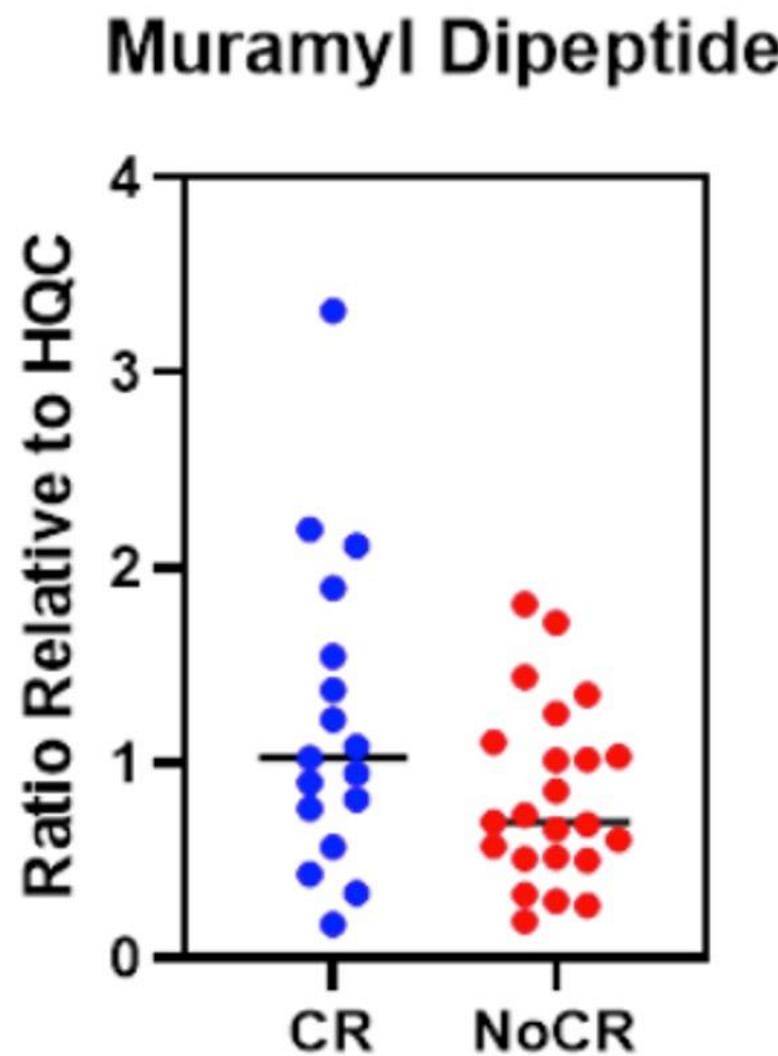
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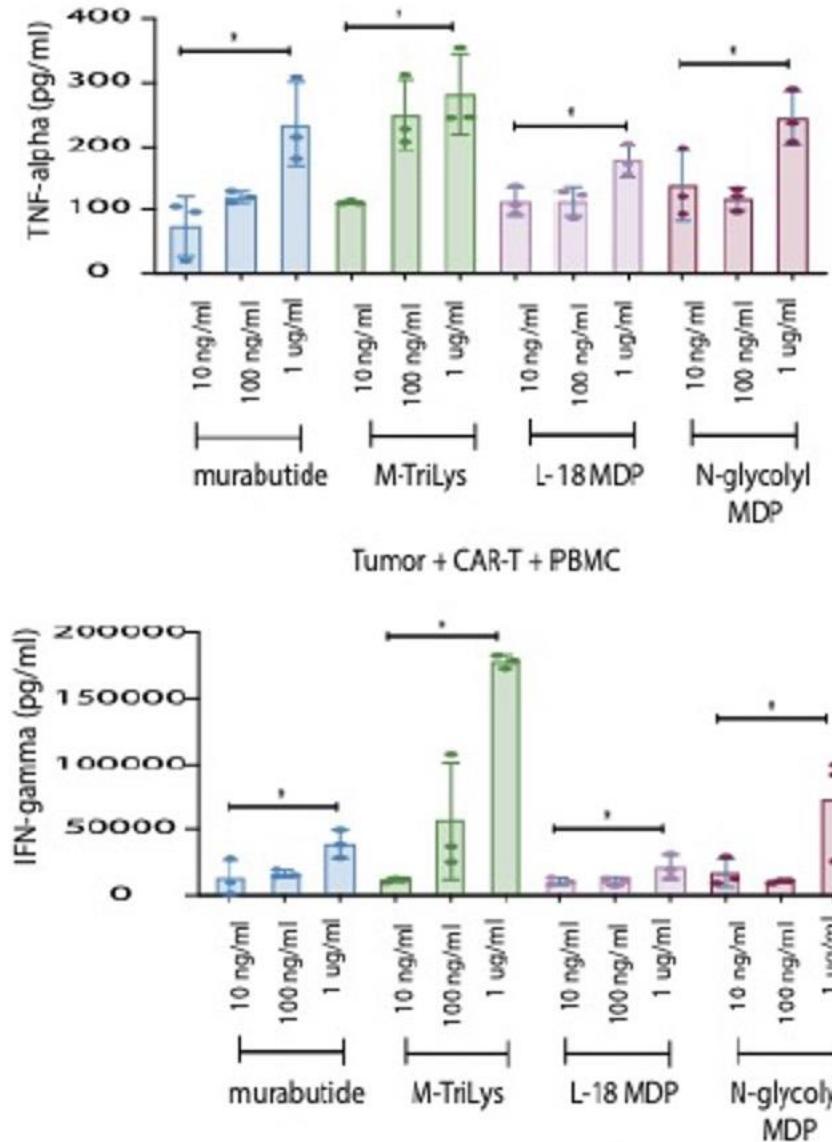
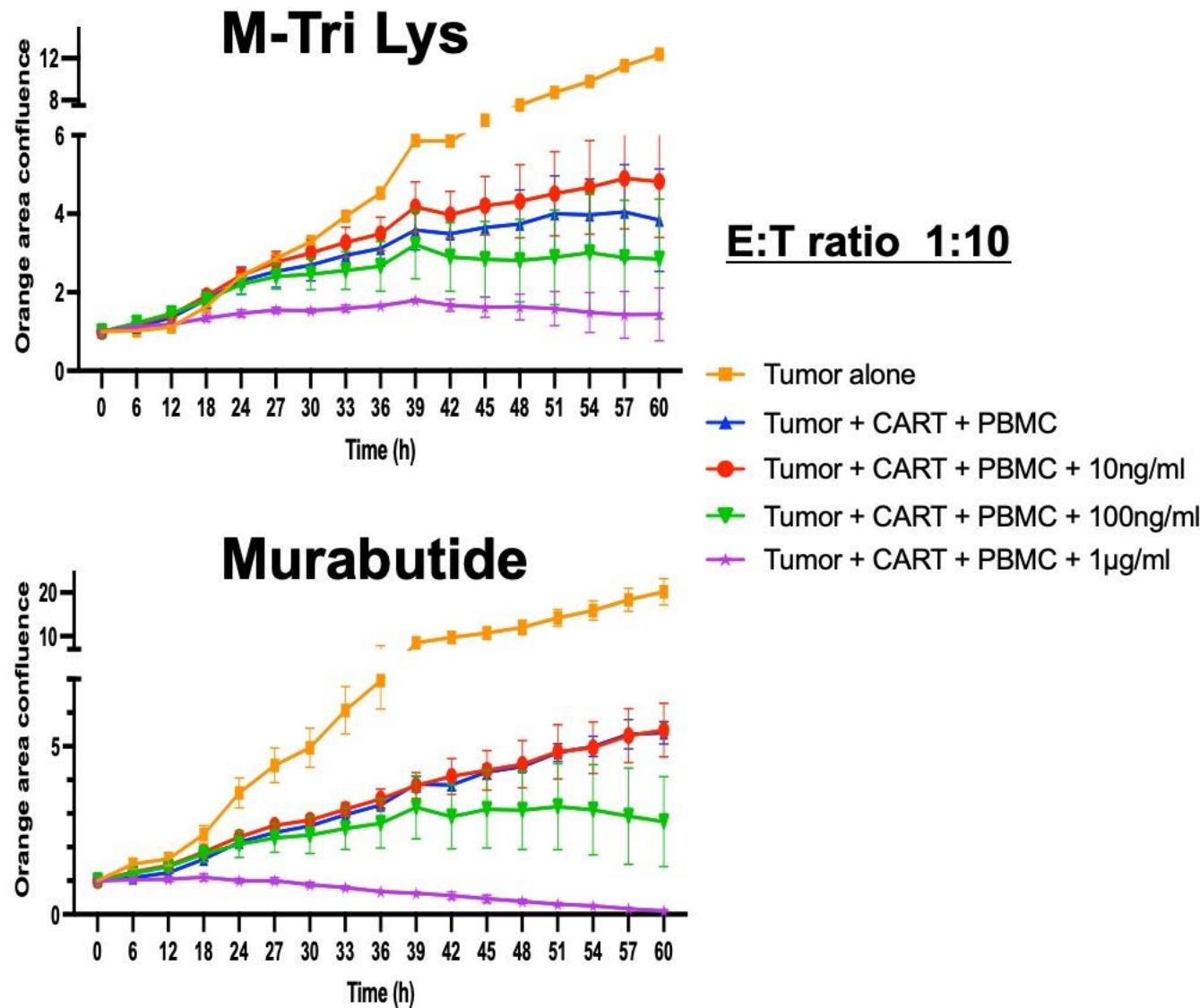


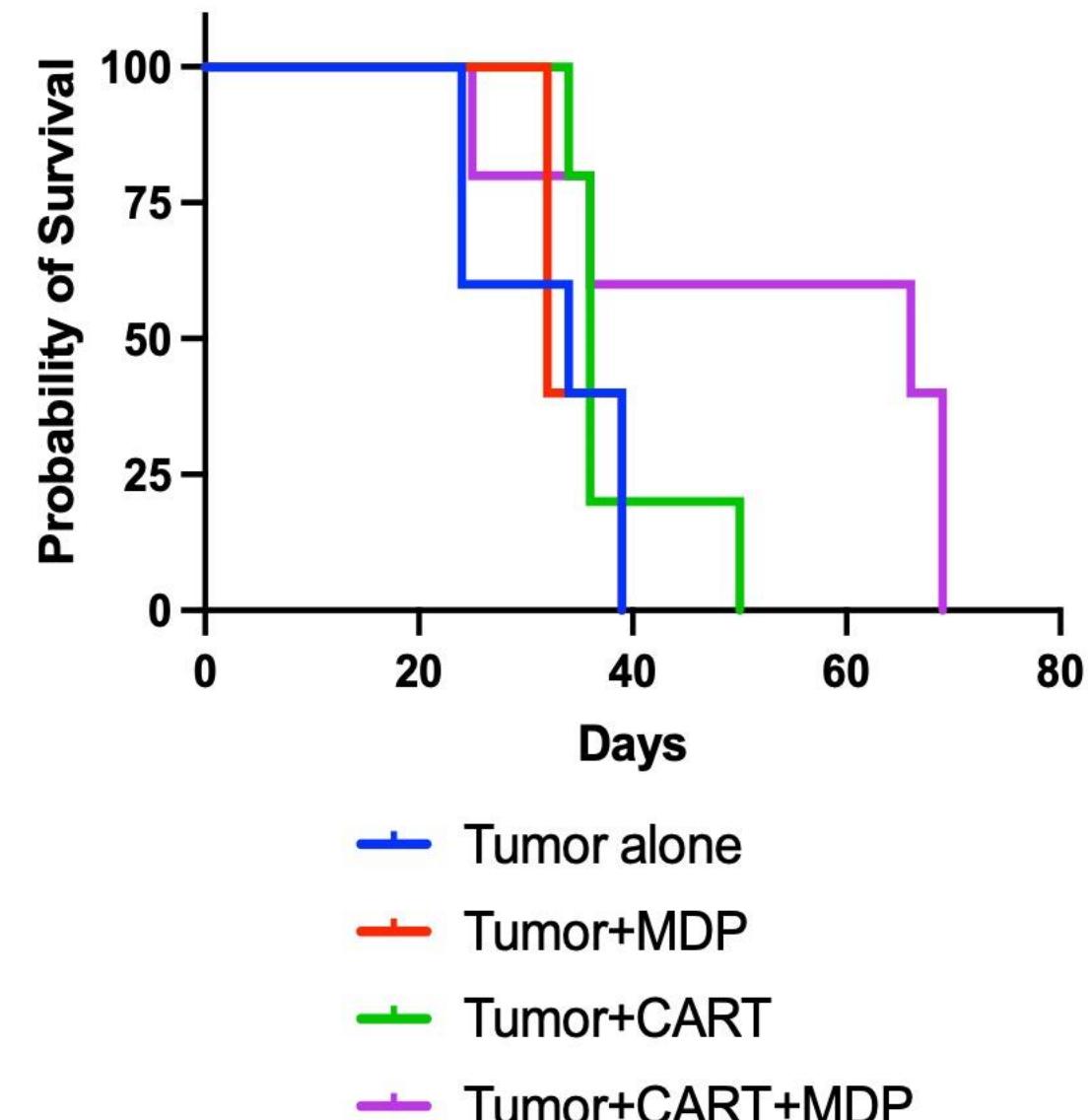
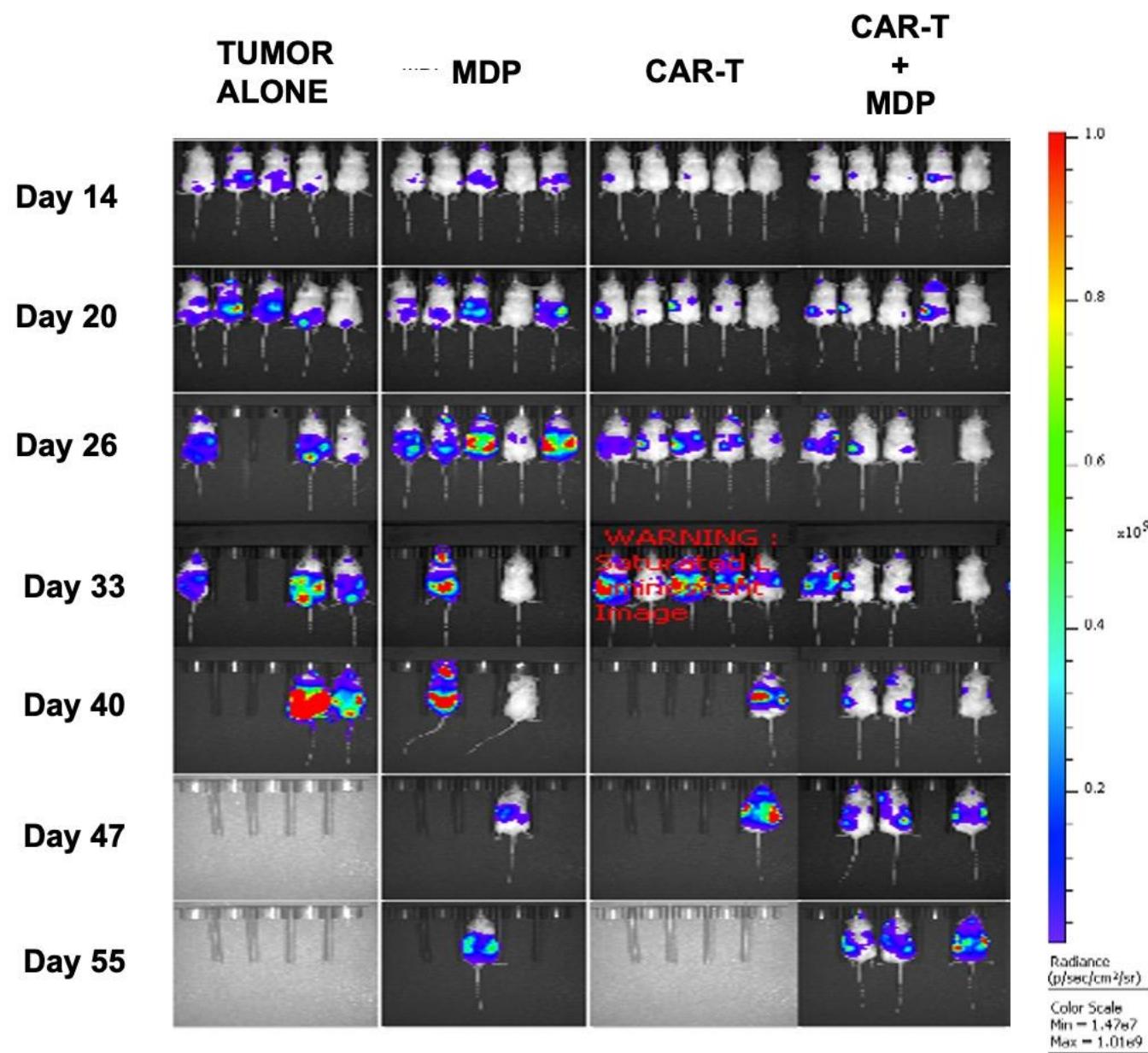
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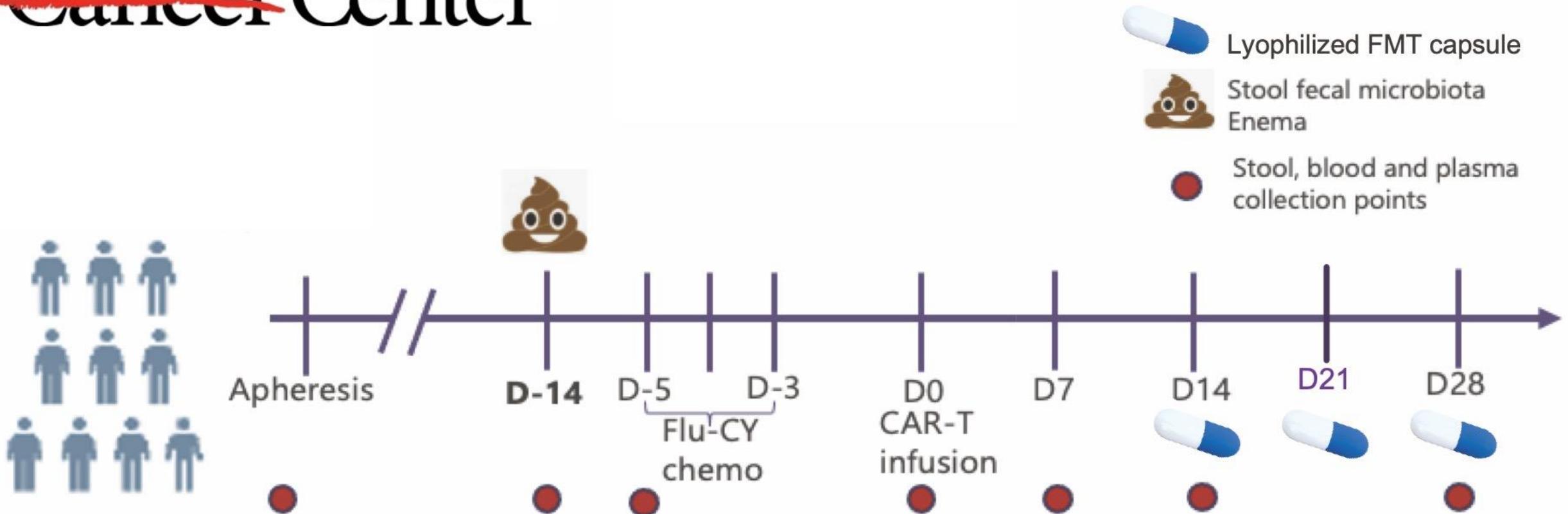




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