

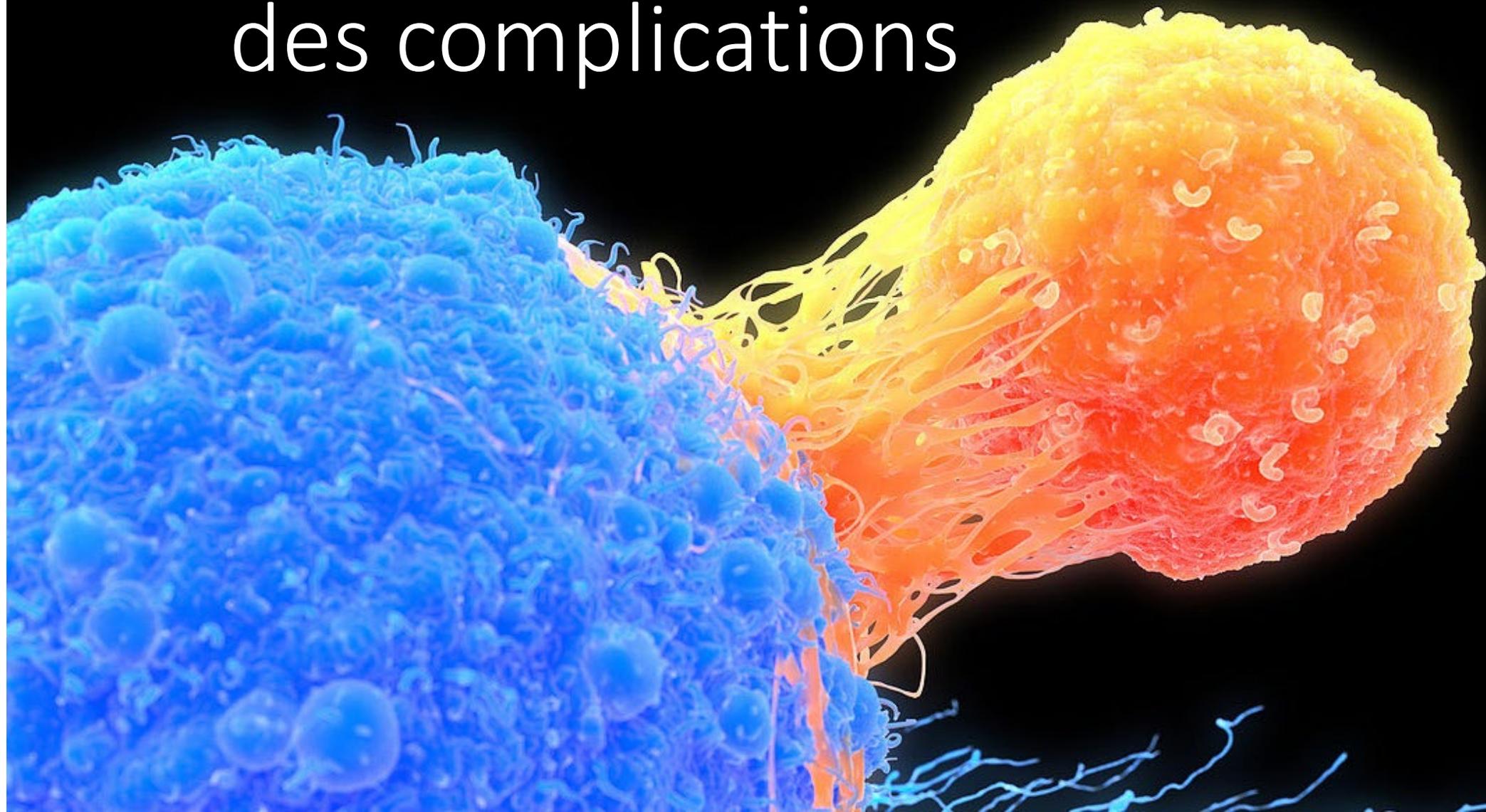
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# CAR-T : Prise en charge des complications

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# 2-(3) grandes complications

- **Cytokine release syndrome (CRS)**

- Fièvre élevée
- Hypotension
- Hypoxie
- Défaillance multiviscérale

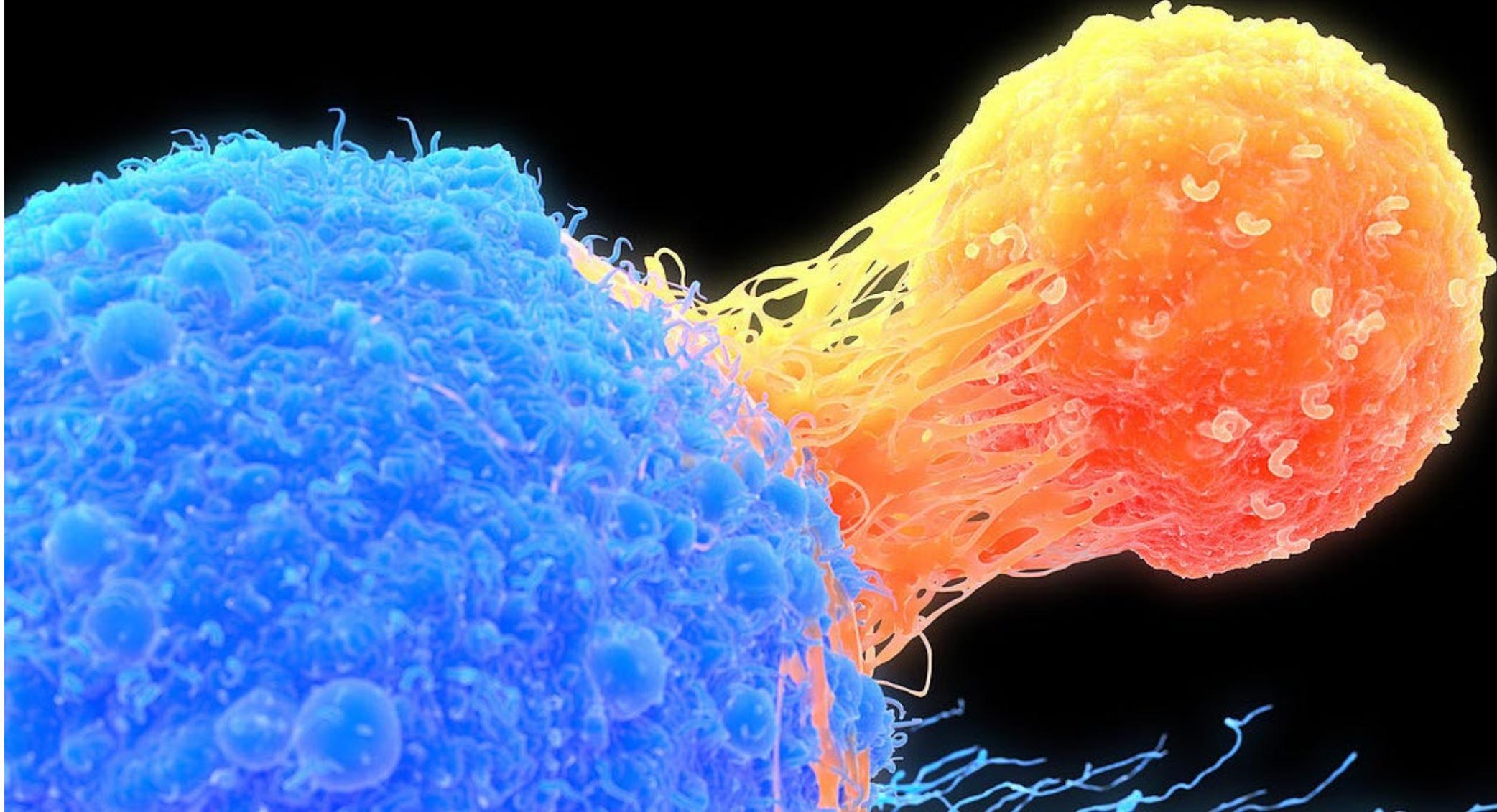
- **Immune Cells Associated Neurologic Syndrome**

- Encéphalopathie toxique
  - Confusion
  - Délirium
  - convulsions
  - Œdème cérébral



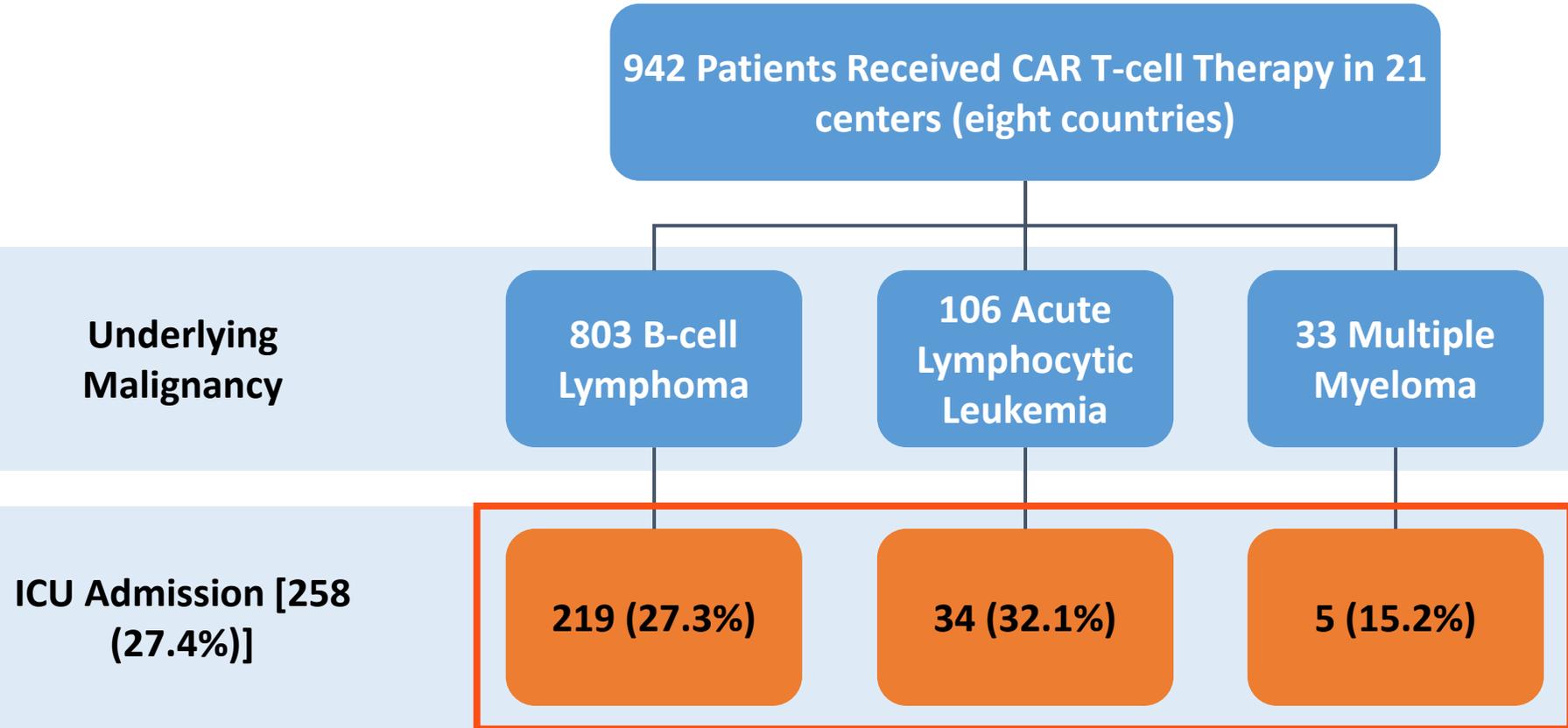
- **HLH/MAS**
  - Hypofibrinogénémie
  - Ferritine
  - Thrombopénie
  - TCA augmenté
  - TP diminué

# Incidence

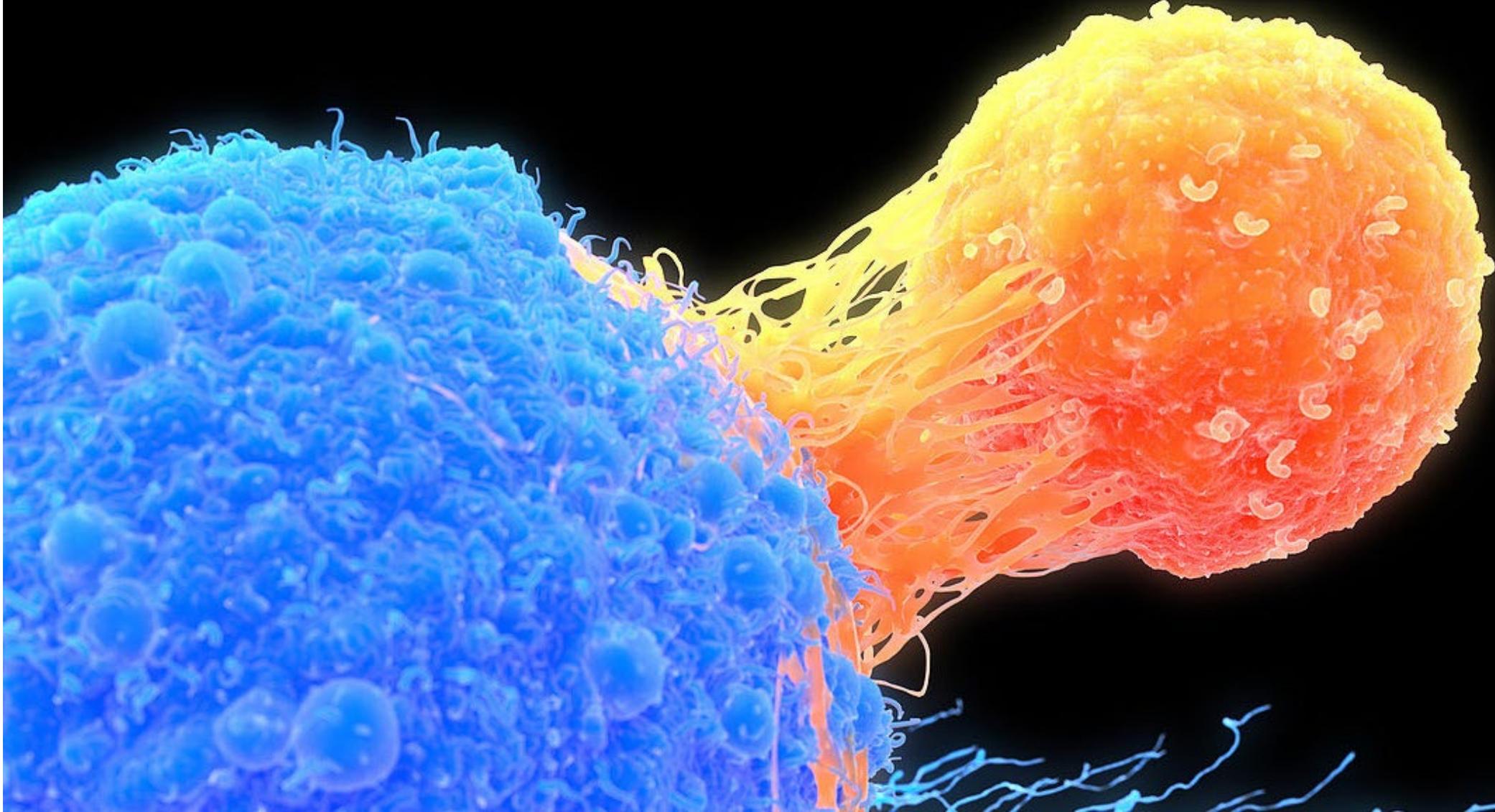


| Target antigen | Disease                                   | CAR   | Clinical trial identifier                        | Sponsor                                 | Number of patients analysed | Median age (years) | Response  | Patients with CRS (%) | Patients with neurotoxicity (%) |
|----------------|---|---|--|---|-----------------------------|--------------------|---|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| CD19           | B-ALL (paediatric) <sup>a</sup>           | Tisagenlecleucel; 4-1BB co-stimulation; CTL019        | NCT02435849 (REFS <sup>53,199</sup> )            | Novartis Pharmaceuticals                | 75                          | 11                 | 6-month relapse-free survival rate of 80%                   | 77                    | 40                              |
| CD19           | Relapsed or refractory DLBCL <sup>a</sup> | Axicabtagene ciloleucel; CD28 co-stimulation; KTE-X19 | NCT02348216 ZUMA-1 (REFS <sup>52,200,201</sup> ) | Kite Pharma (a Gilead Sciences company) | 101                         | 58                 | 83% objective response; 58% complete response               | 93                    | 67                              |
| CD19           | Refractory B cell lymphomas <sup>a</sup>  | Tisagenlecleucel; 4-1BB co-stimulation; CTL019        | NCT02030834 (REFS <sup>202,203</sup> )           | UPenn                                   | 28                          | 58.5               | 64% overall response; 43% complete remission                | 57                    | 39                              |
| CD19           | Mantle cell lymphoma <sup>a</sup>         | Axicabtagene ciloleucel; CD28 co-stimulation; KTE-X19 | NCT02601313 ZUMA-2 (REFS <sup>204,205</sup> )    | Kite Pharma                             | 68                          | 65                 | 93% objective response rate; 67% complete response          | 91                    | 63                              |
| CD19           | B-ALL                                     | CD28 co-stimulation                                   | NCT01044069 (REFS <sup>206,207</sup> )           | MSKCC                                   | 53                          | 44                 | 83% complete remission; median overall survival 12.9 months | 85                    | 44                              |
| CD22           | Relapsed or refractory pre-B-ALL          | 4-1BB co-stimulation                                  | NCT02315612 (REFS <sup>106,208</sup> )           | NCI                                     | 21                          | 19                 | 73% complete remission treated with higher dose             | 76                    | Unreported                      |
| BCMA           | Relapsed or refractory multiple myeloma   | Idecaptagene cicleucel; 4-1BB co-stimulation; bb2121  | NCT02658929 (REFS <sup>137,209</sup> )           | Celgene                                 | 33                          | 60                 | 85% objective response rate; 45% complete response rate     | 76                    | 42                              |
| BCMA           | Multiple myeloma                          | 4-1BB co-stimulation                                  | NCT02546167 (REFS <sup>138,210</sup> )           | UPenn                                   | 25                          | 58                 | 48% overall response rate                                   | 88                    | 32                              |

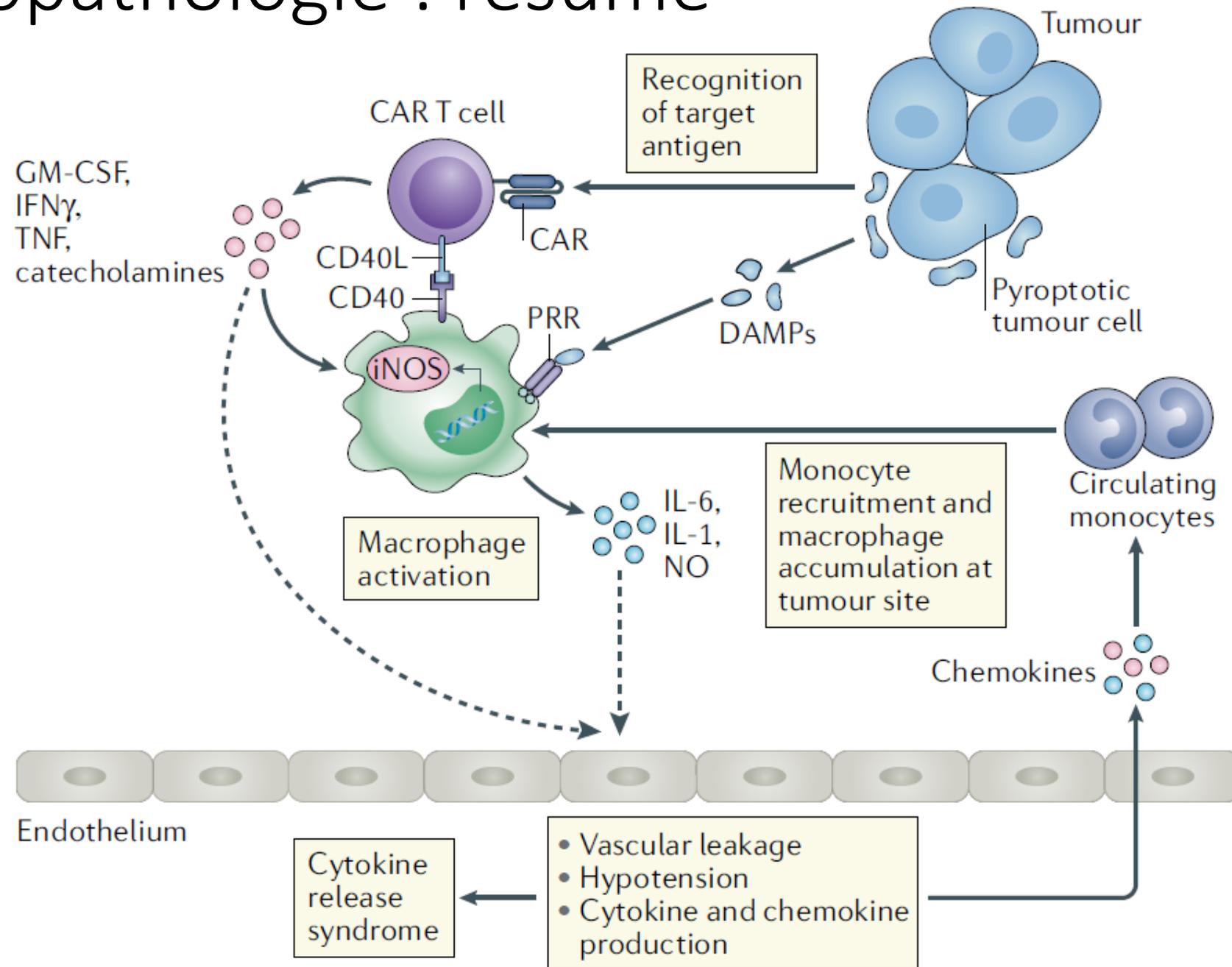
# The CARTTAS Study



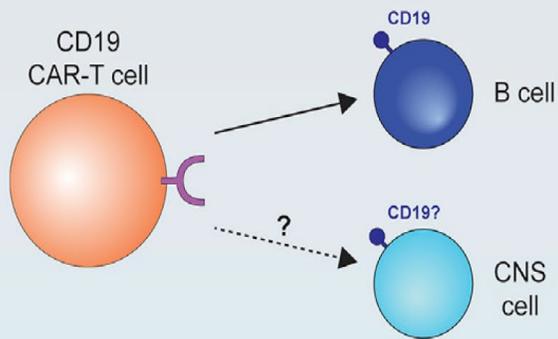
# Physiopathologie



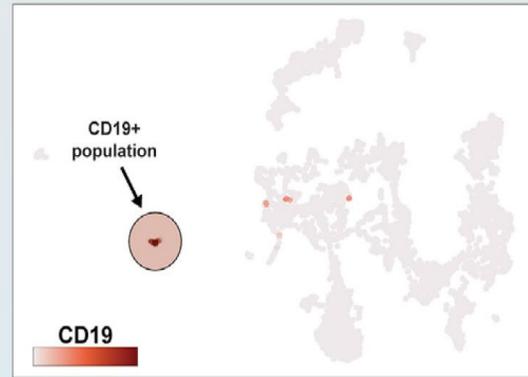
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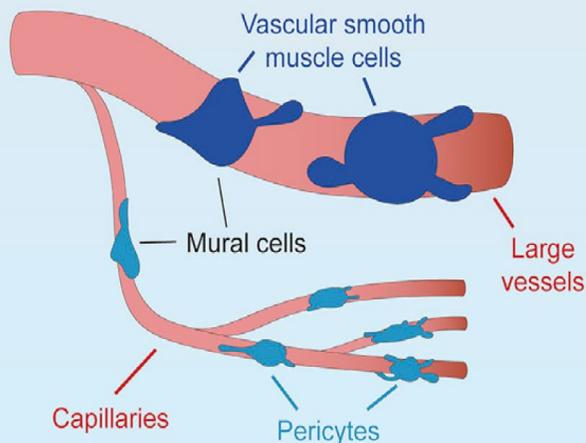
**CD19 CAR-T therapy is associated with neurotoxicity**



**CD19 is expressed by cells in the human brain**

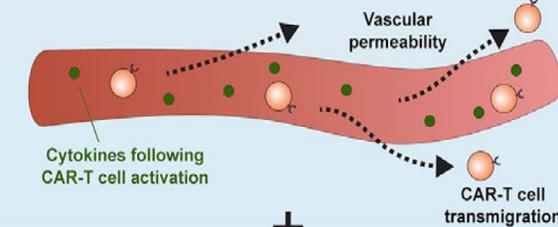


**CD19+ cells are mural cells, which wrap and support the vasculature**

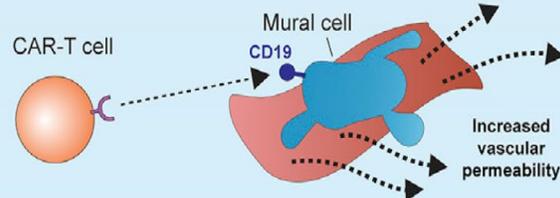


**Potential mechanism:**

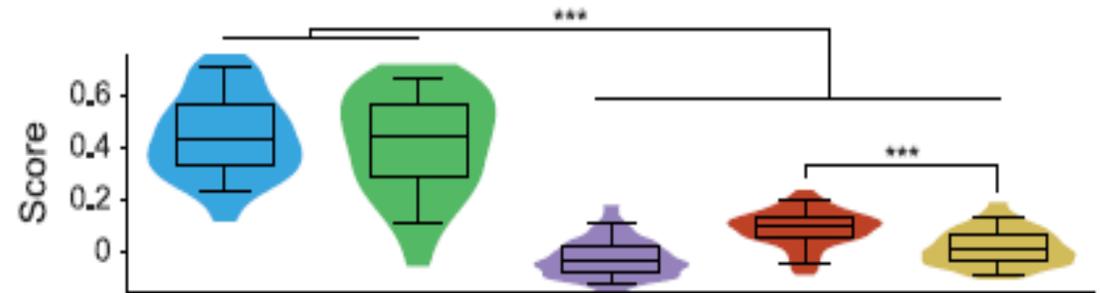
Blood brain barrier leakiness following cytokine release syndrome



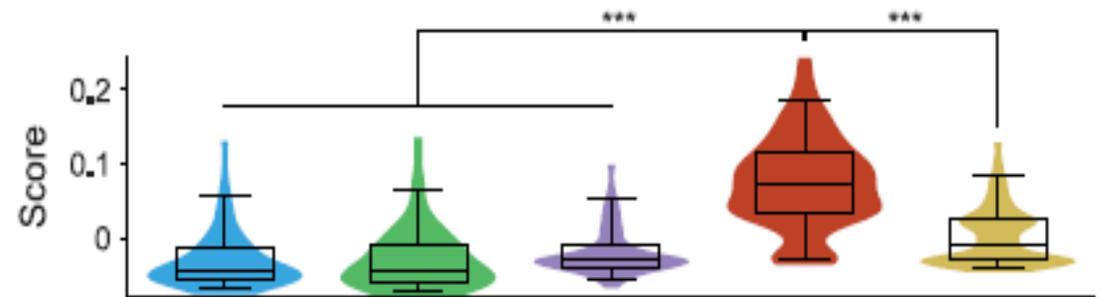
CAR-T cell recognition of CD19+ mural cells causing increased BBB leakiness



**CD19 Gene Score**

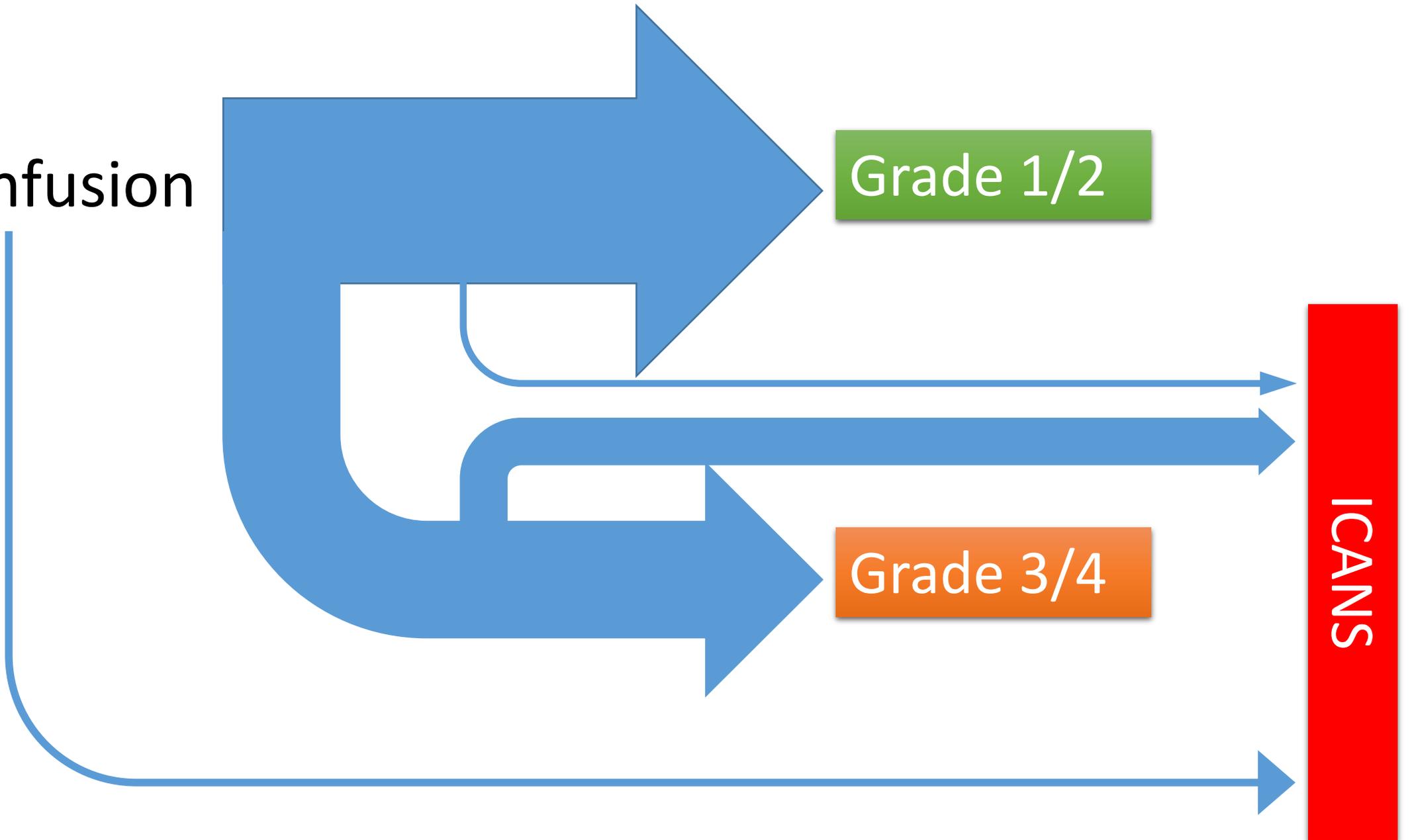


**CD22 Gene Score**



Pericytes Endothelial Cells Other Brain B Cells (PBMC) Other PBMC

CAR-T infusion

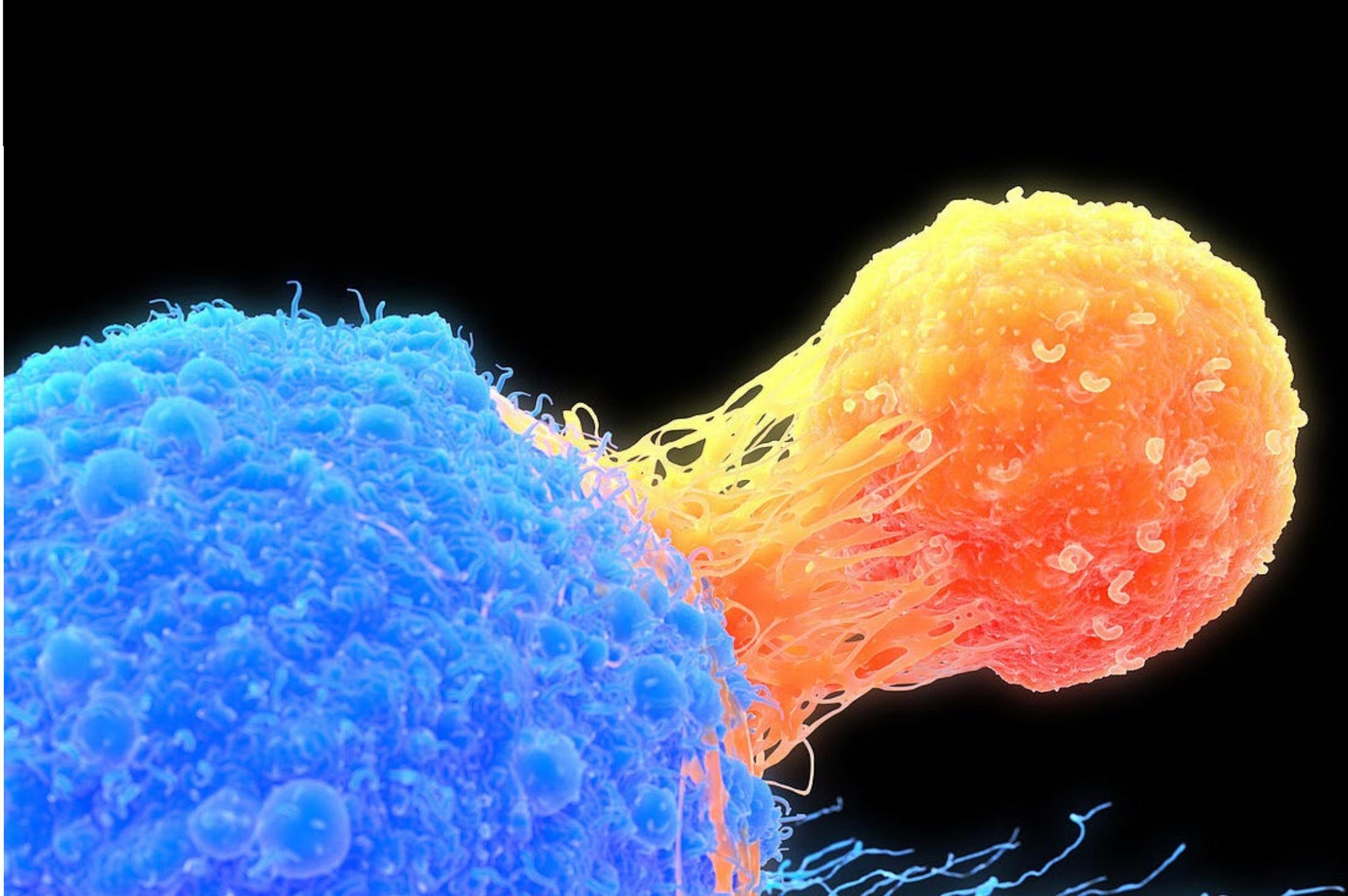


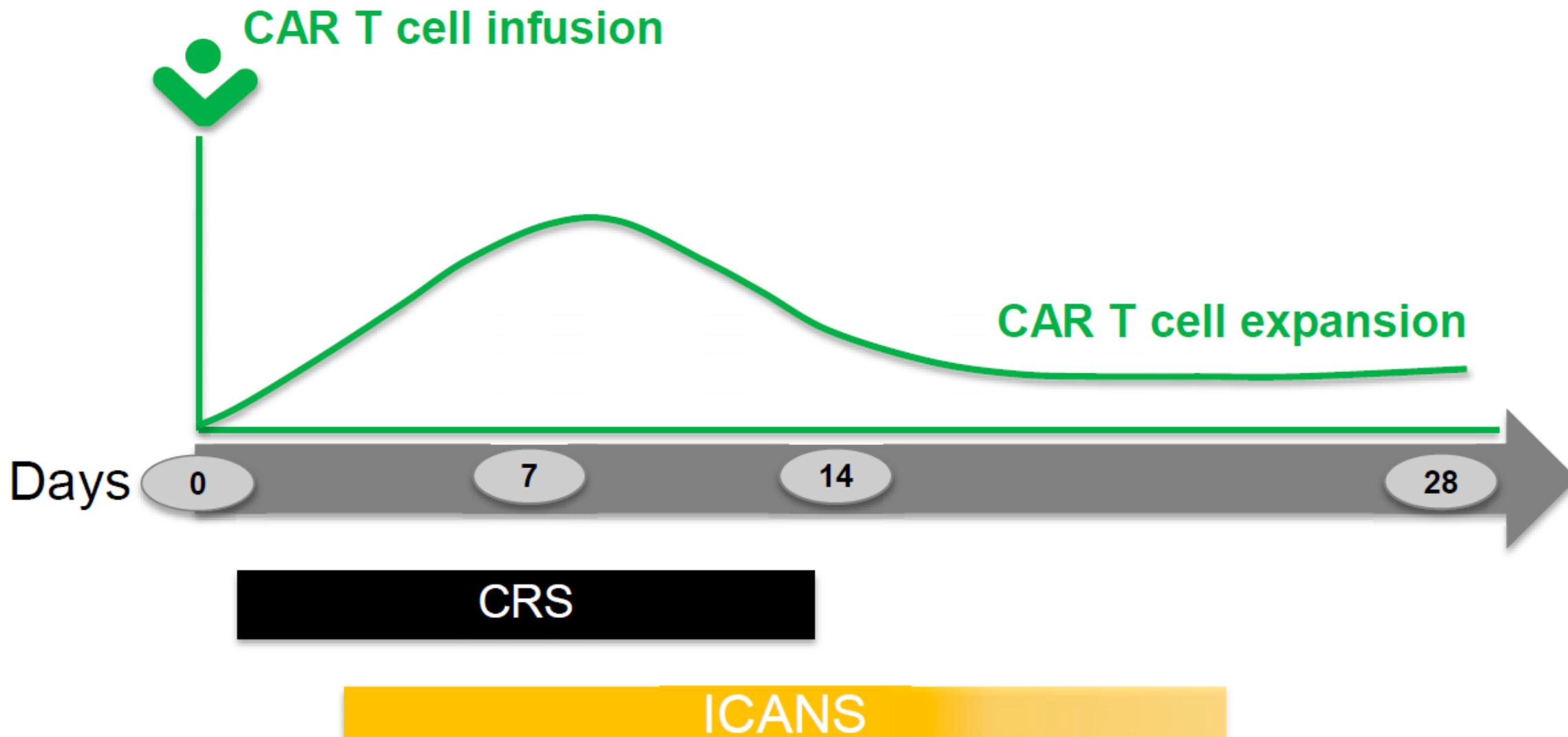
Grade 1/2

Grade 3/4

ICANS

CRS

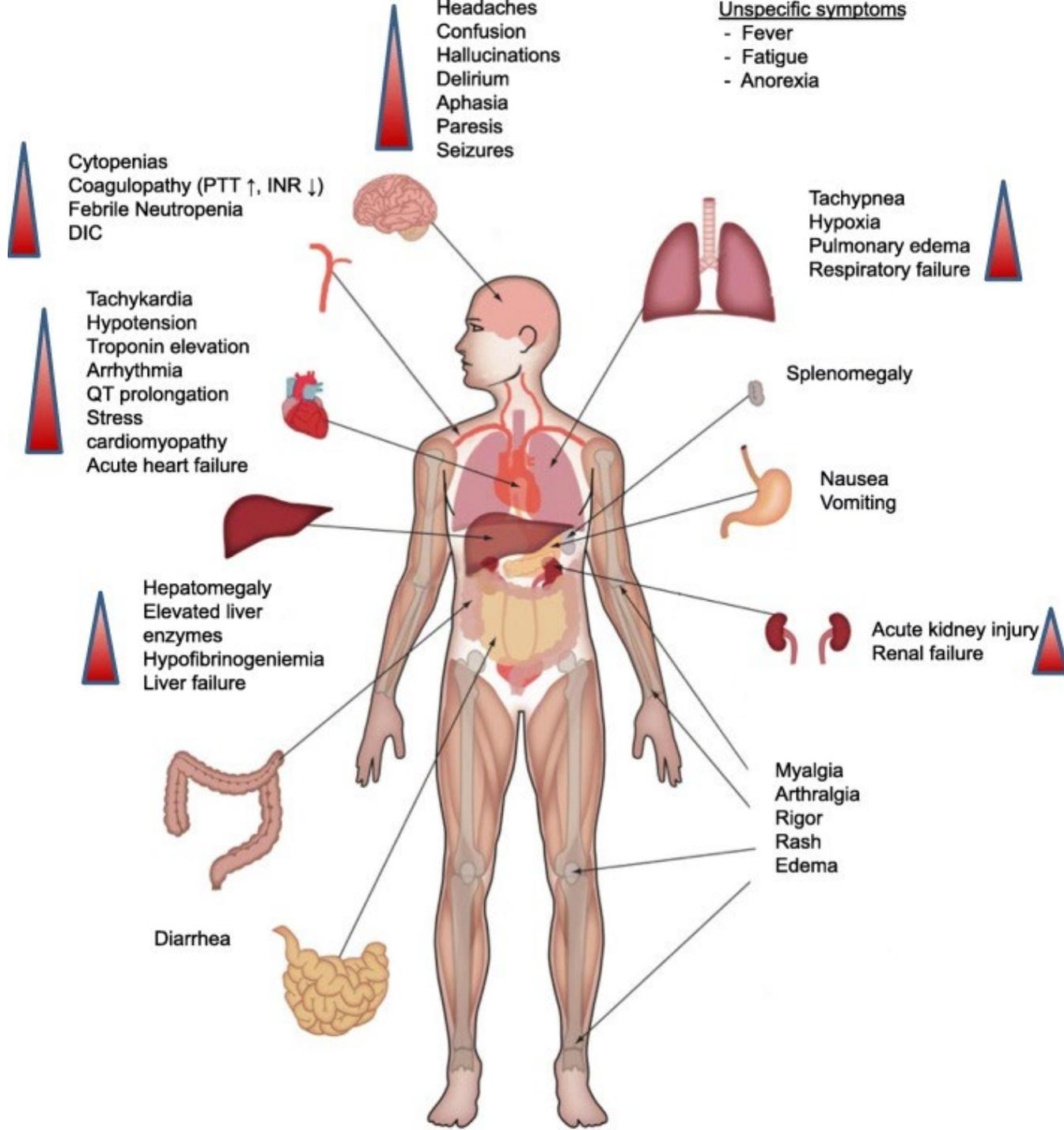




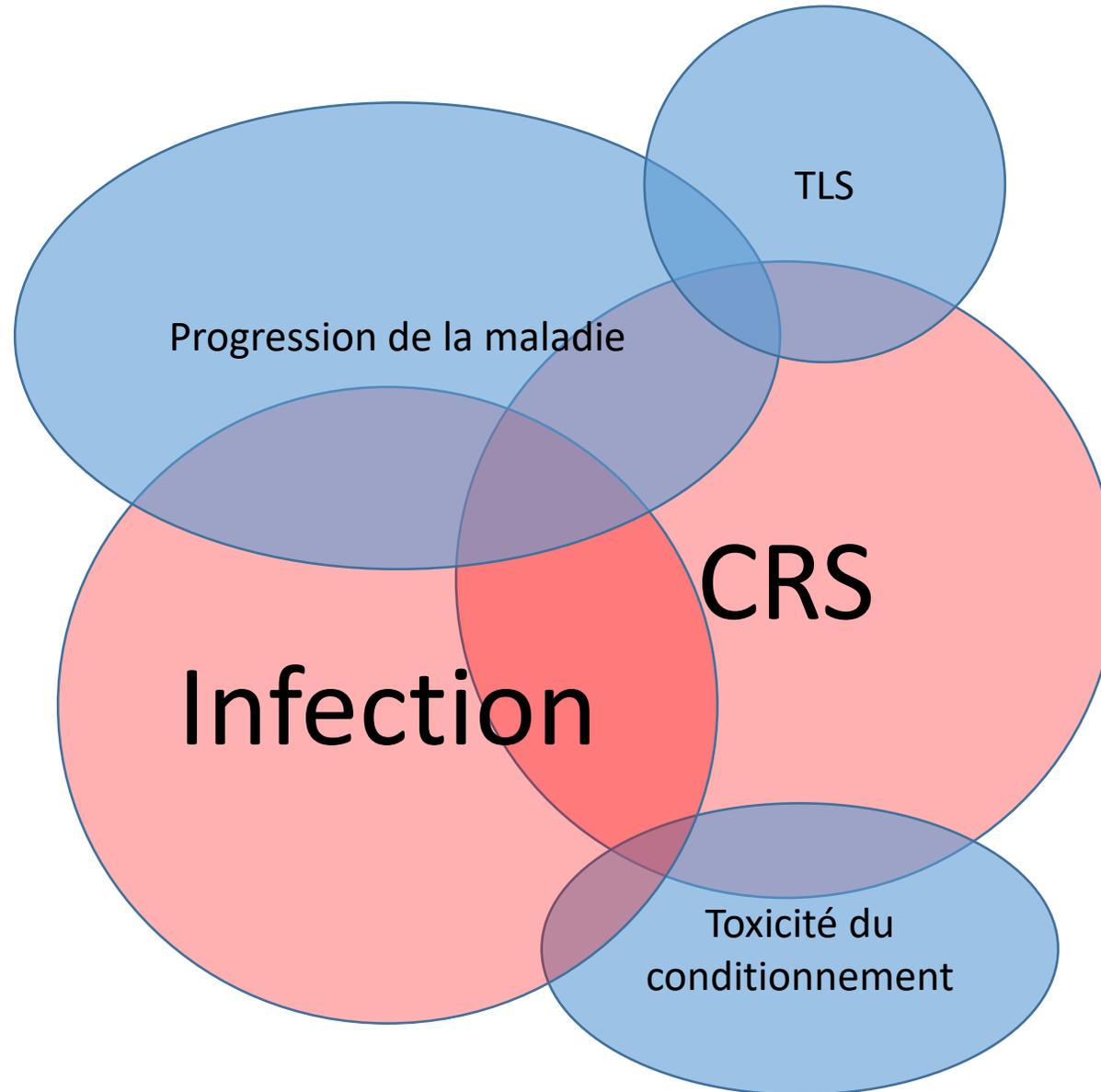
# Diagnostic clinique : CRS

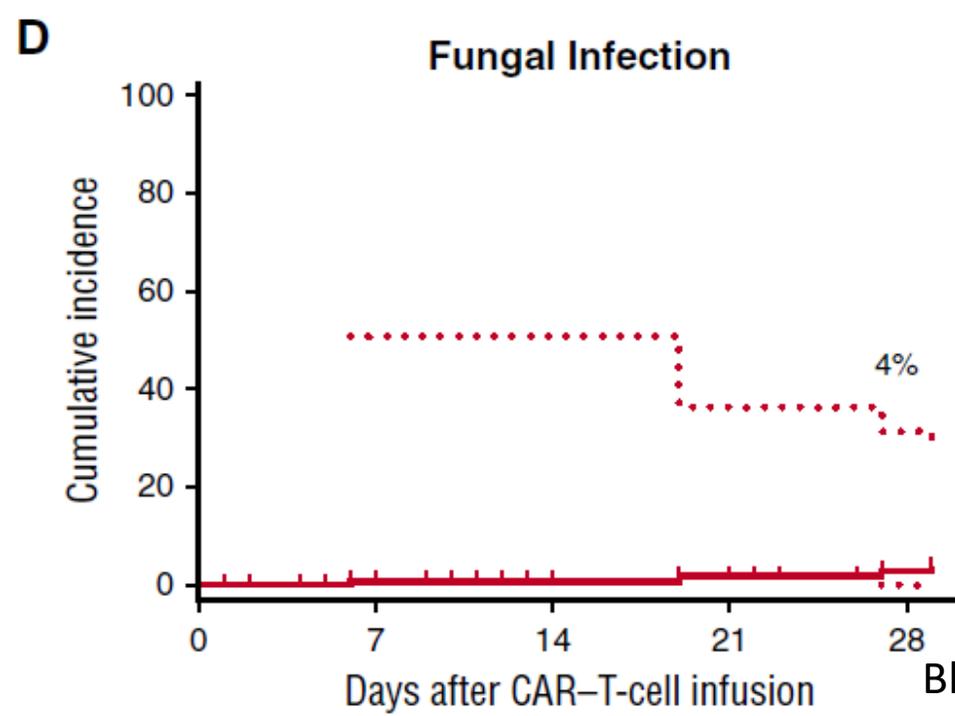
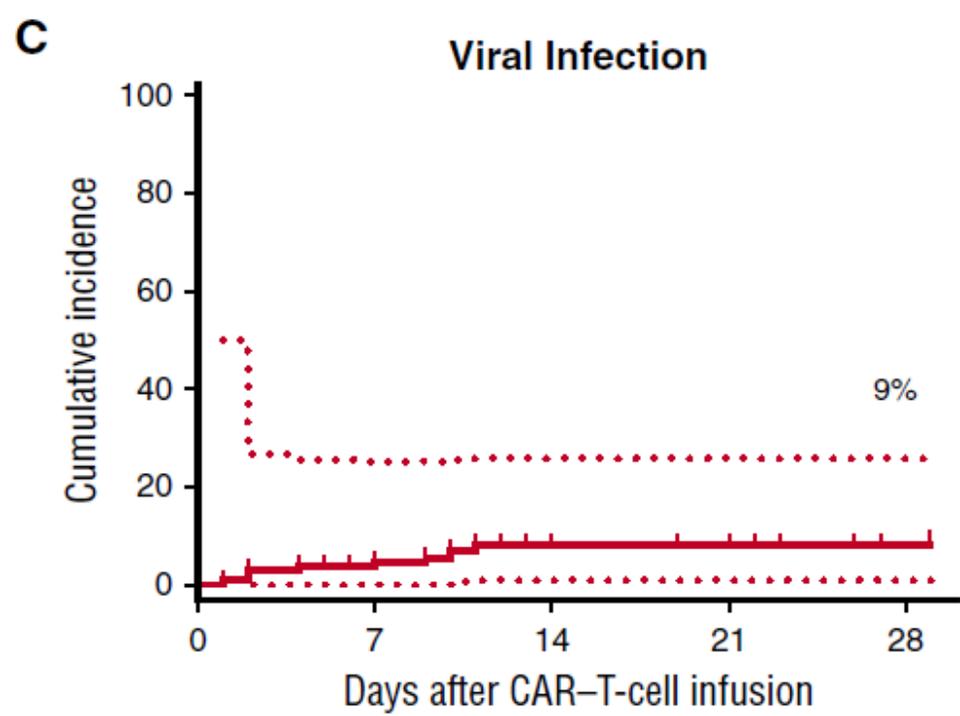
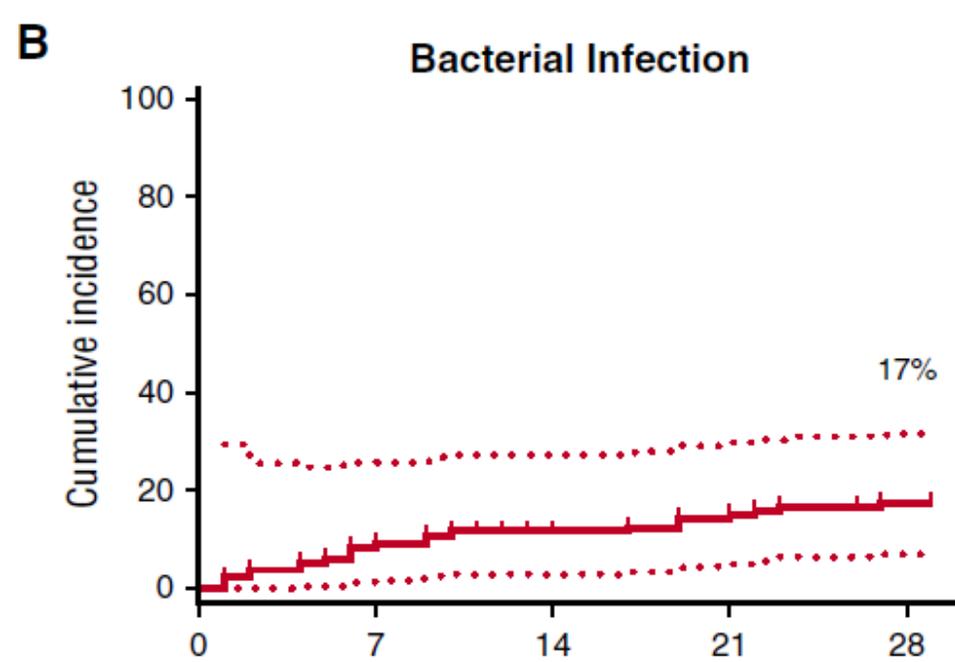
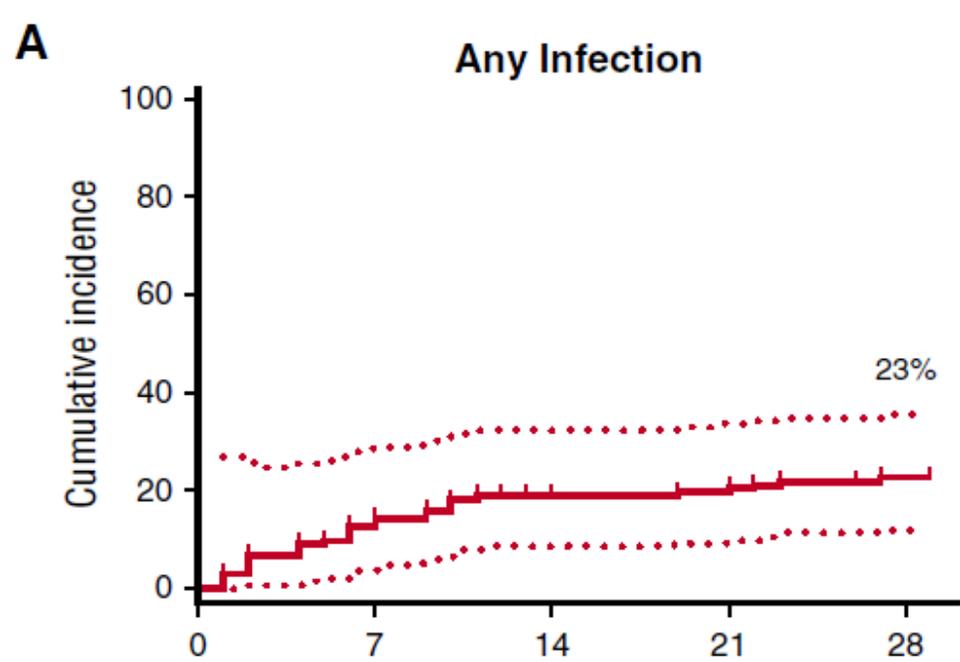
- SIRS = systemic inflammatory response syndrome
- N'étant pas d'origine infectieuse
- Associant des signes généraux
  - **Fièvre > 38,5**, malaise, maux de tête, myalgies, nausées, asthénie
- Une hypotension plus ou moins marquée
- Une atteinte respiratoire plus ou moins marquée
- Possiblement des défaillances d'organes

**GRAVITE**



# Diagnostic différentiel du CRS

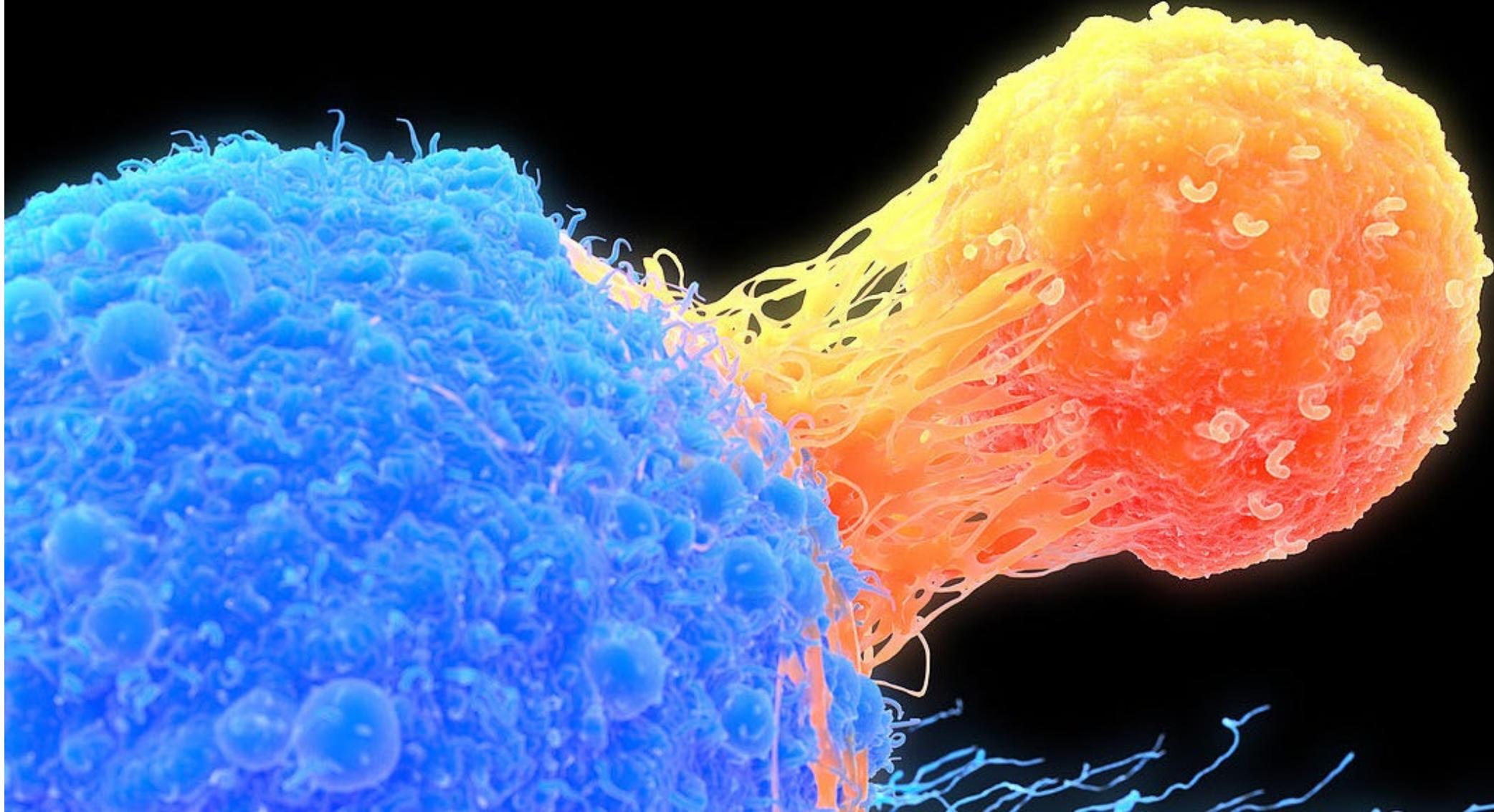


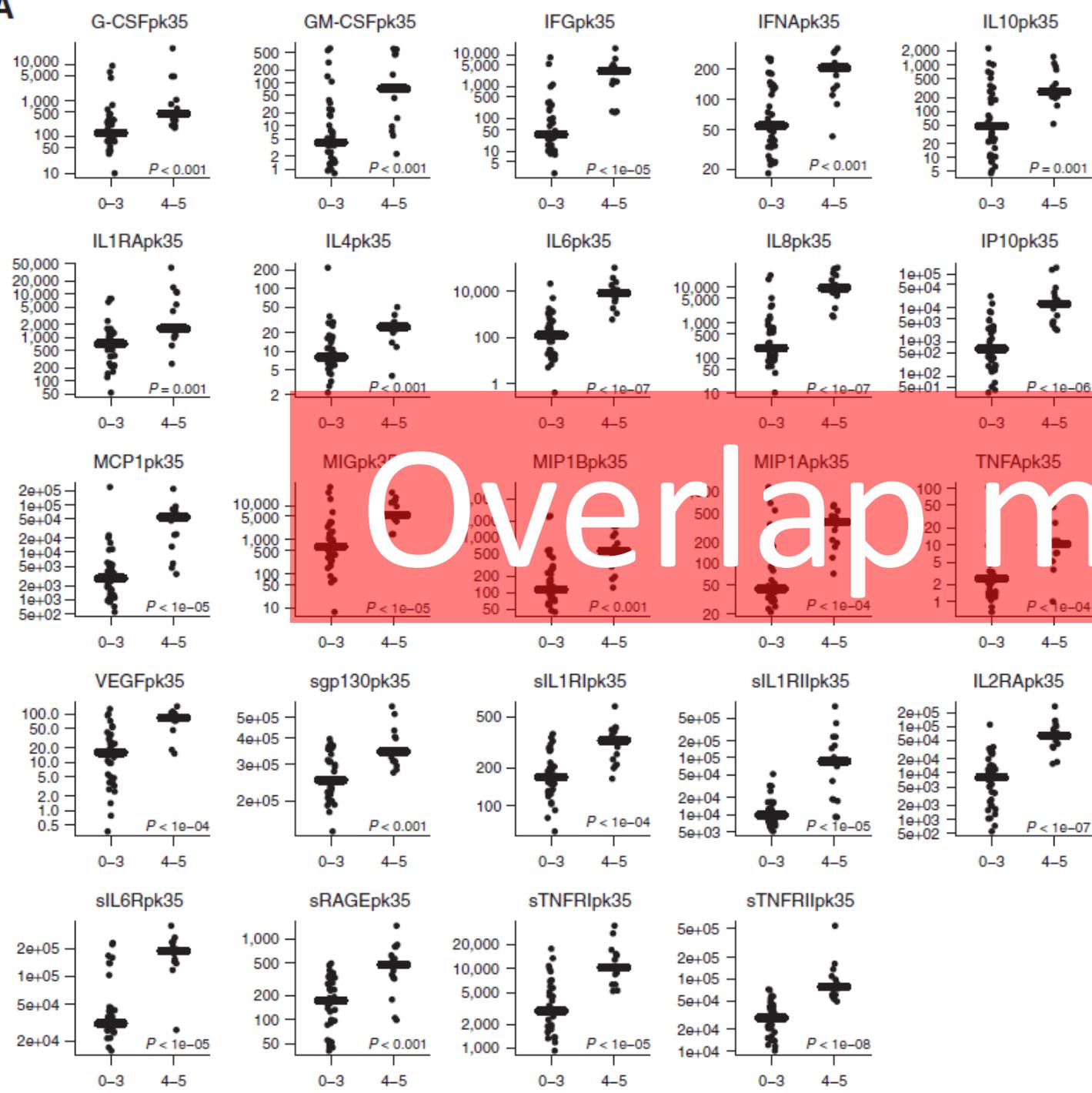


| CRS Parameter | Grade 1                               | Grade 2  | Grade 3  | Grade 4  |
|---------------|---------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Fever*        | Temperature $\geq 38^{\circ}\text{C}$ | Temperature $\geq 38^{\circ}\text{C}$                    | Temperature $\geq 38^{\circ}\text{C}$  | Temperature $\geq 38^{\circ}\text{C}$  |
|               |                                       |  | With   |  |
| Hypotension   | None                                  | Not requiring vasopressors                               | Requiring a vasopressor with or without vasopressin  | Requiring multiple vasopressors (excluding vasopressin)                              |
|               |                                       |  | And/or <sup>†</sup>  |  |
| Hypoxia       | None                                  | Requiring low-flow nasal cannula <sup>†</sup> or blow-by | Requiring high-flow nasal cannula <sup>†</sup> , facemask, nonrebreather mask, or Venturi mask | Requiring positive pressure (eg, CPAP, BiPAP, intubation and mechanical ventilation) |

## ASTCT CRS Consensus Grading

# Biologie





Overlap majeur

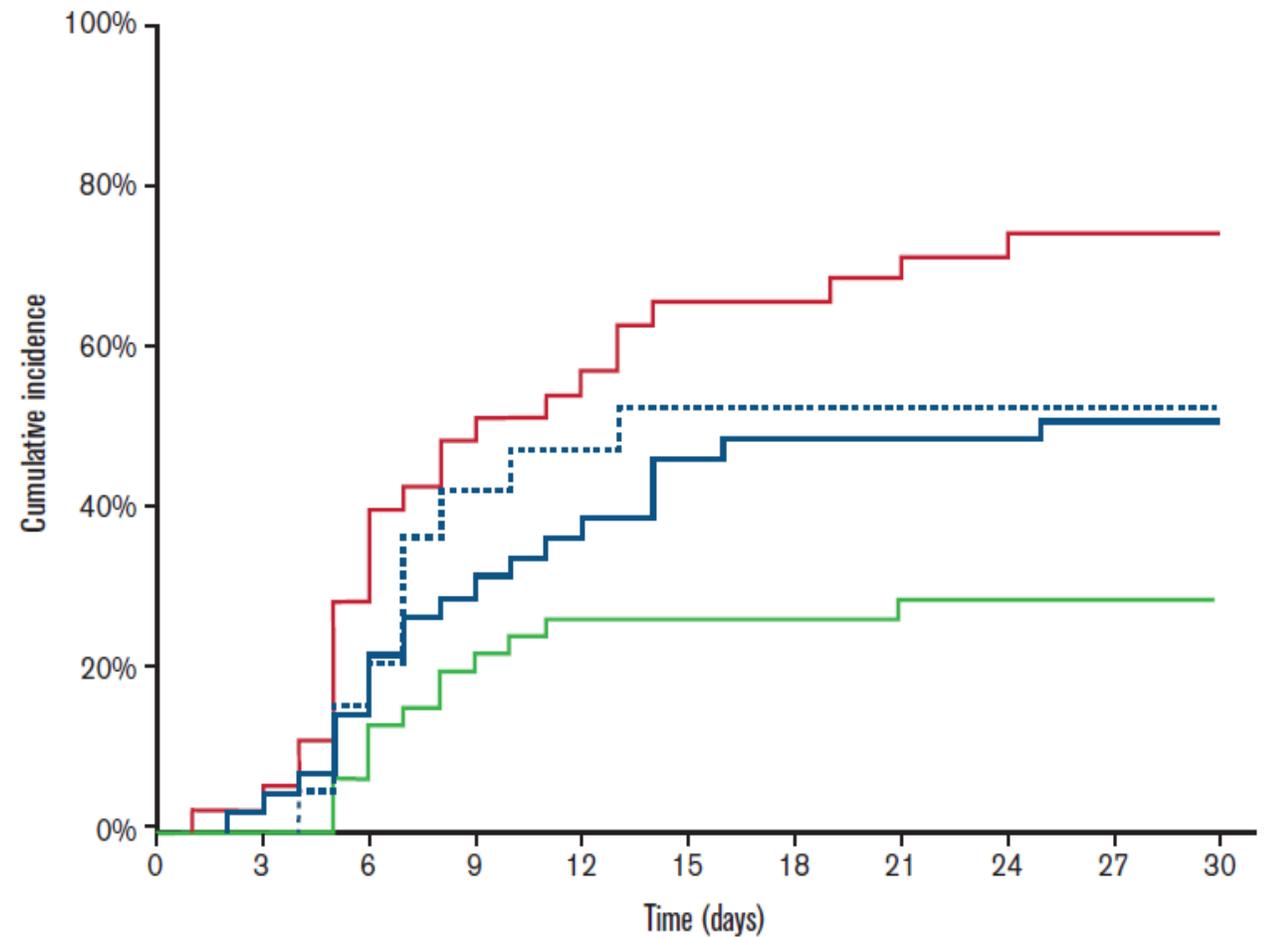
Valeur maximale sur M1

$$\text{EASIX} = \frac{\text{LDH [UI/L]} \times \text{creatinine [mg/dL]}}{\text{Plaquettes [10}^9 \text{ cells/L]}}$$

Ferritine

CRP

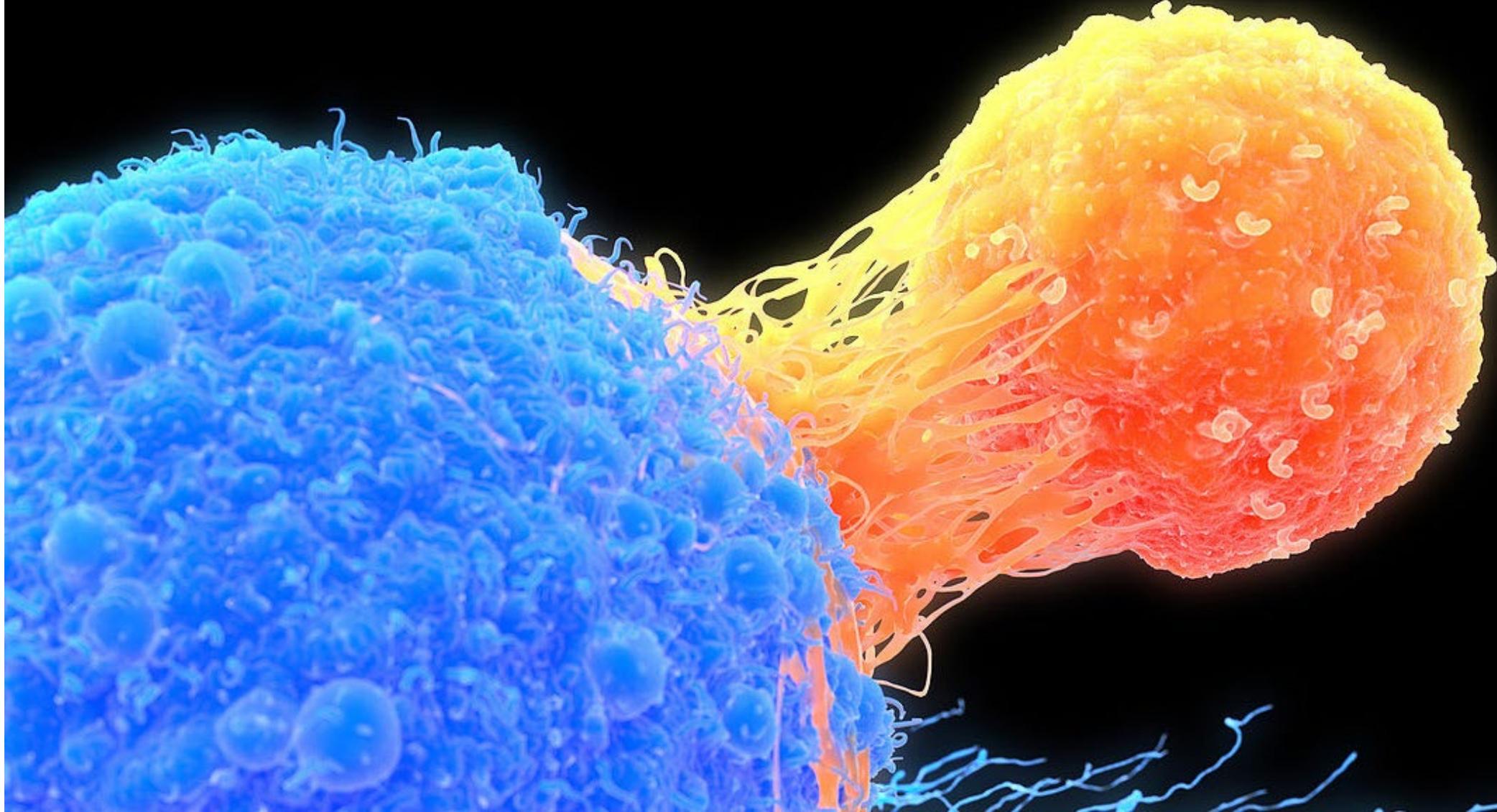
$$\text{m-EASIX} = \frac{\text{LDH [UI/L]} \times \text{CRP [mg/dL]}}{\text{Plaquettes [10}^9 \text{ cells/L]}}$$



Risk strata

- High risk: high (>1583 ng/mL) ferritin; HR=3.6, p<0.001
- Intermediate risk 1: low ferritin, high (>2.1) EASIX; HR=2.0, p=0.04
- ⋯ Intermediate risk 2: low ferritin, low EASIX, and high (>21) CRP; HR=2.2, p=0.06
- Low risk: low ferritin, low EASIX, and low CRP; reference

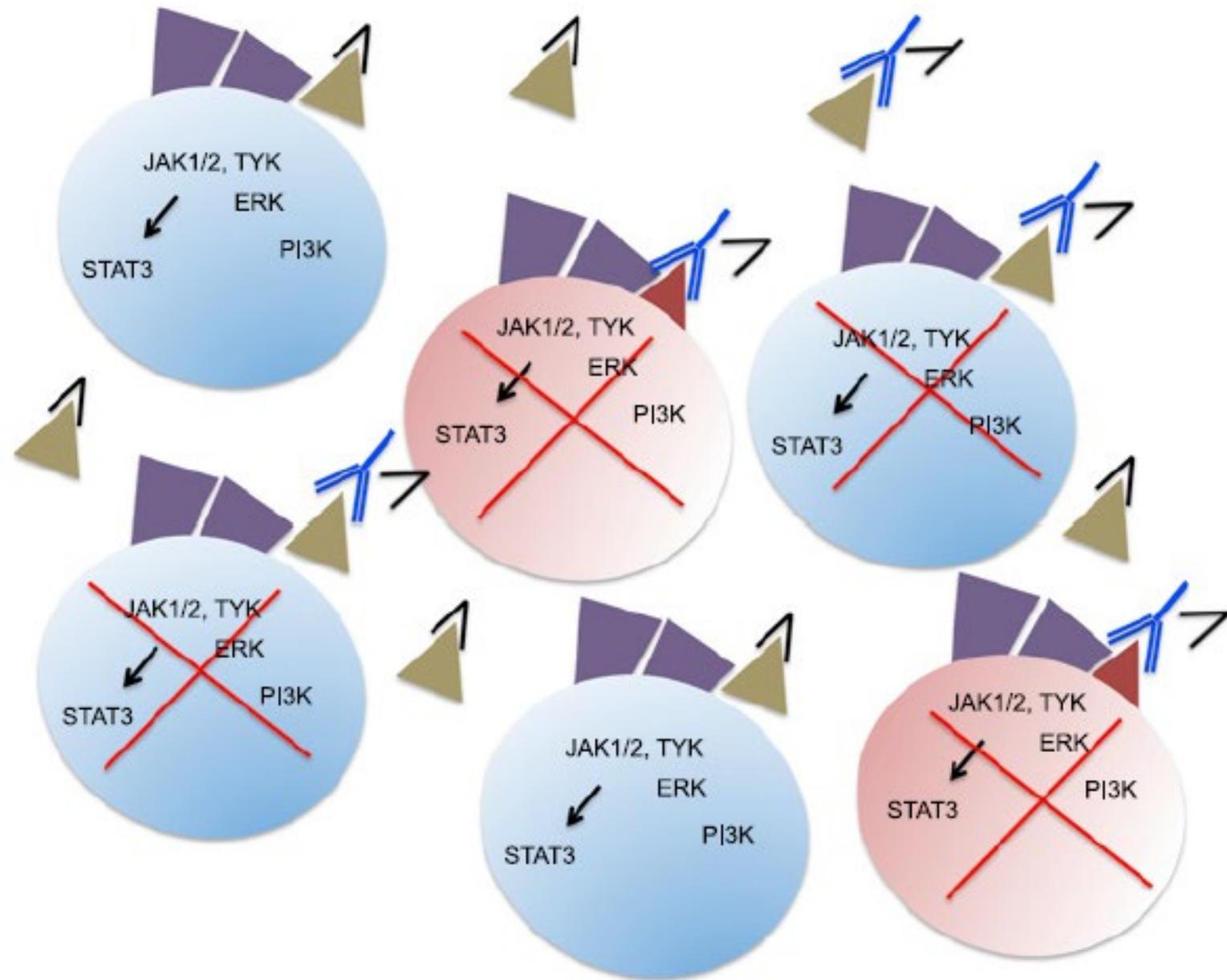
# Traitement



# Principe de la réanimation : prophylaxie infectieuse

- Prophylaxie virale → Valaciclovir
- Prophylaxie fongique ? → TMP-SMX (oui), Fluconazole, Posaconazole ?
- Pas de prophylaxie bactérienne, mais traitement préemptif par BL large spectre couvrant les BGN-NF (pip-taz, Cefepime) précoce
- CRS = Choc septique sans germe (retrouvé)

# Tocilizumab

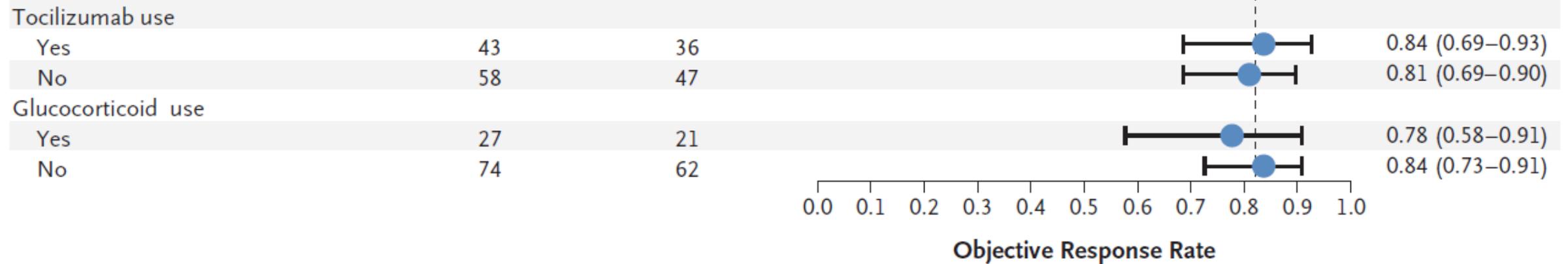


# Corticoïdes

Plutôt à partir du grade 3, dès grade 2 si facteurs de risques associés → de plus en plus précoce

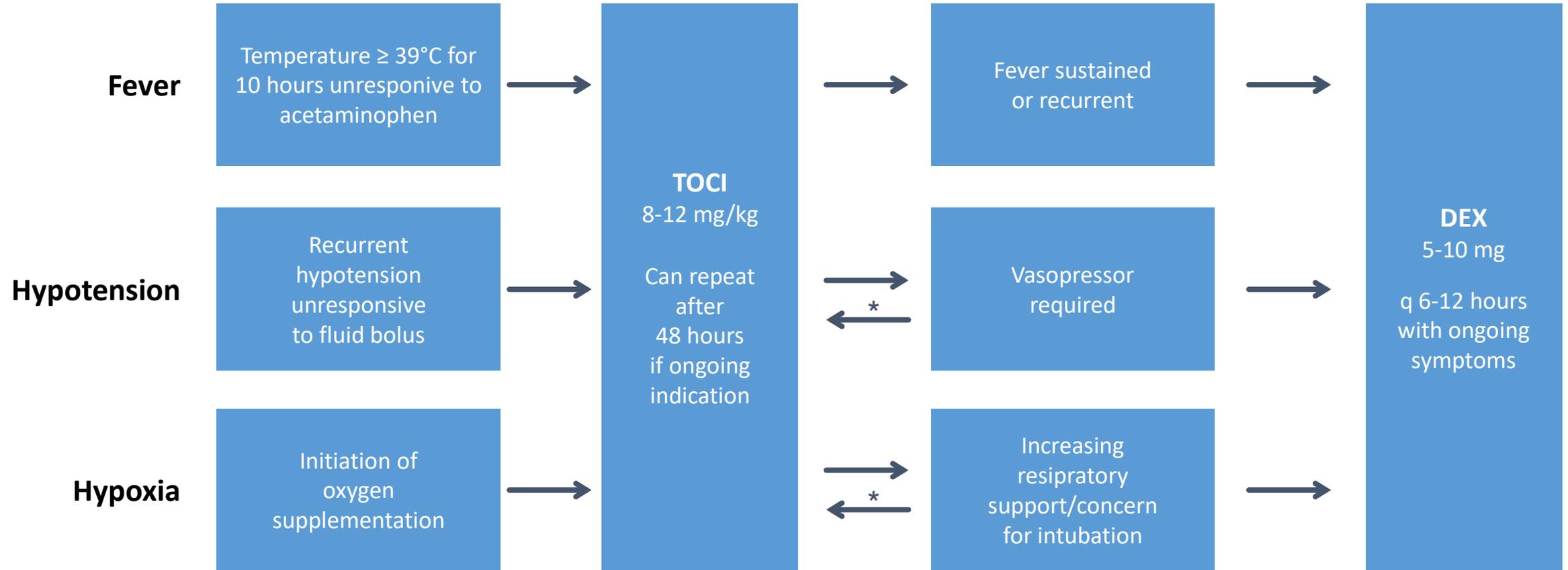
La dexaméthasone est à prioriser surtout pour la neurotox, car sa diffusion cérébrale est supérieure

Br J Haematol. 2005 Jun;129(6):734-45.



N Engl J Med 2017;377:2531-44

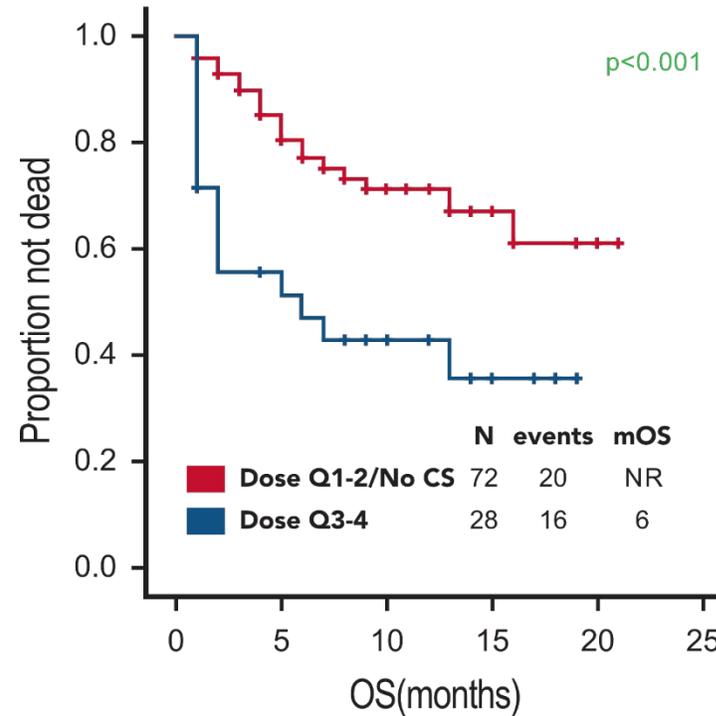
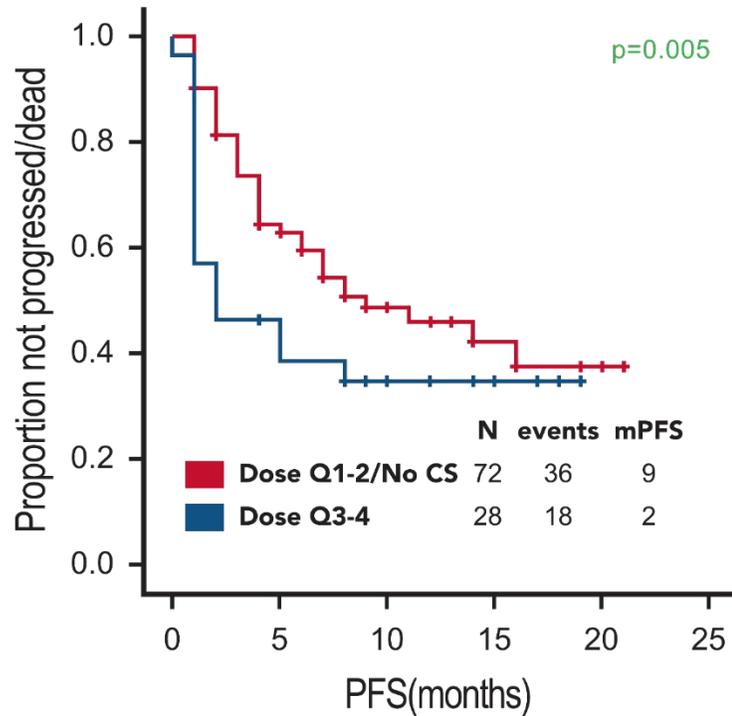
# Timing thérapeutique



# Prognostic Impact of Dose, Duration and Timing of Corticosteroid Therapy in Patients with Large B-cell Lymphoma Treated with Standard of Care Axicabtagene Ciloleucel (Axi-cel)

Paoto Strati, Fateeha Furquan, Jason Westin, Luis E Fayad, Sairah Ahmed, Hun J Lee, Swaminathan P Iyer, Ranjit Nair, Loretta J Nastoupil, Simrit Parmar, Maria A Rodriguez, Felipe Samaniego, Raphael E Steiner, Michael Wang, Chelsea C Pinnix, Christopher R Flowers, Sandra B Horowitz, Catherine M Claussen, Haleigh Mistry, Sattva S Neelapu

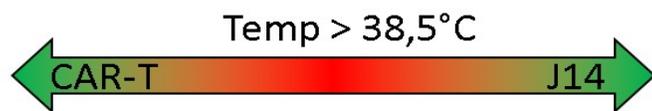
Department of Lymphoma and Myetoma, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX.



## Conclusions

- Early and higher cumulative dose of corticosteroids was associated with early progression and death in patients with LBCL treated with axi-cel.
- The association between high cumulative dose of corticosteroids and survival was confirmed also in patients with high tumor burden (elevated LDH)
- Patients who received corticosteroids had a higher CAR T-cell expansion
- Additional evaluation is needed to determine whether corticosteroids affect CAR T-cell function and impact durability of responses

# Reconnaître le CRS / ICANS



Hypotension, détresse respiratoire, insuffisance rénale

## Mesures générales:

Eliminer un sepsis (cf. infra)  
Débuter une antibiothérapie  
Discuter antifongiques  
Bilan biologique

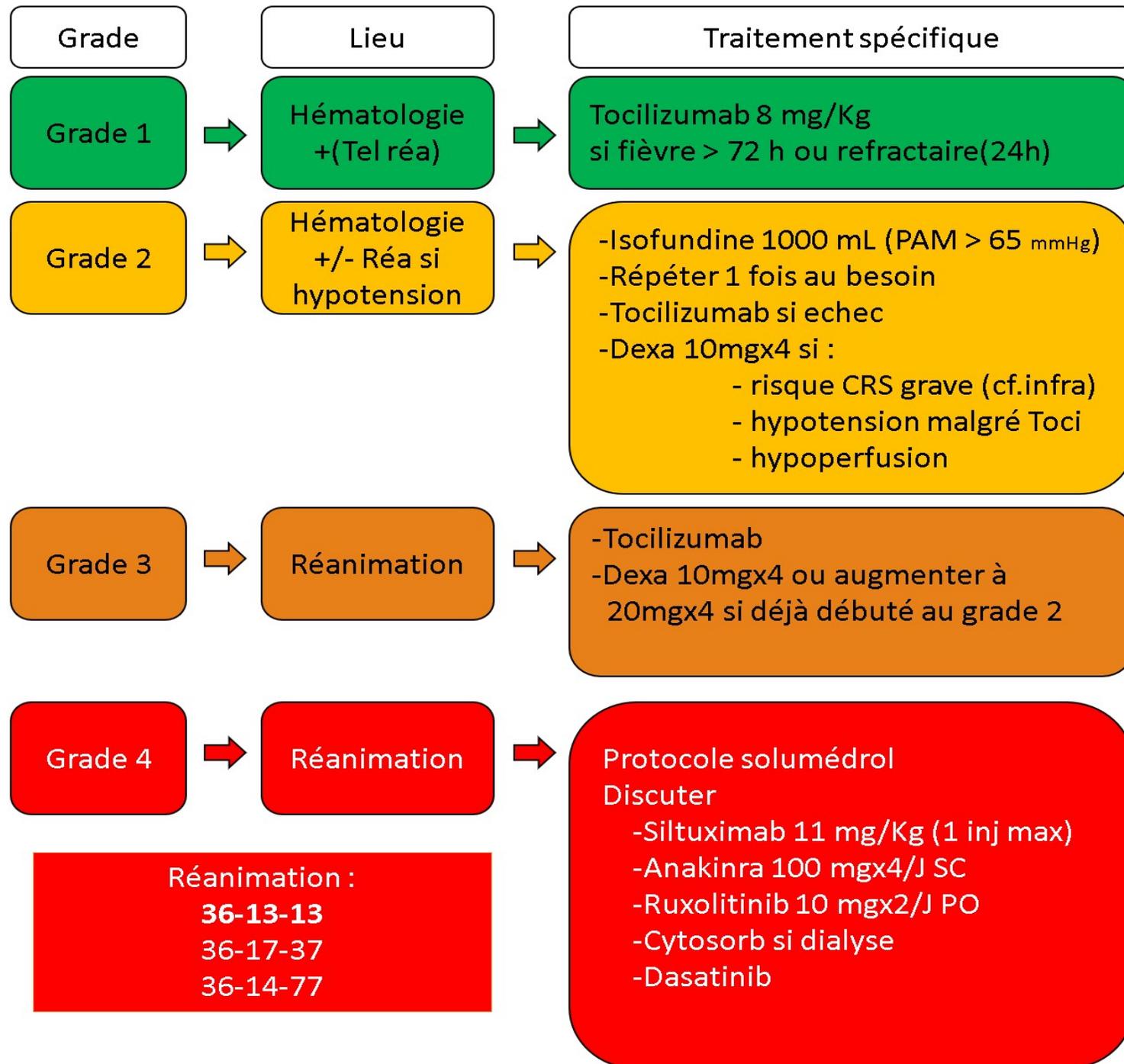
## Signes de bas débit:

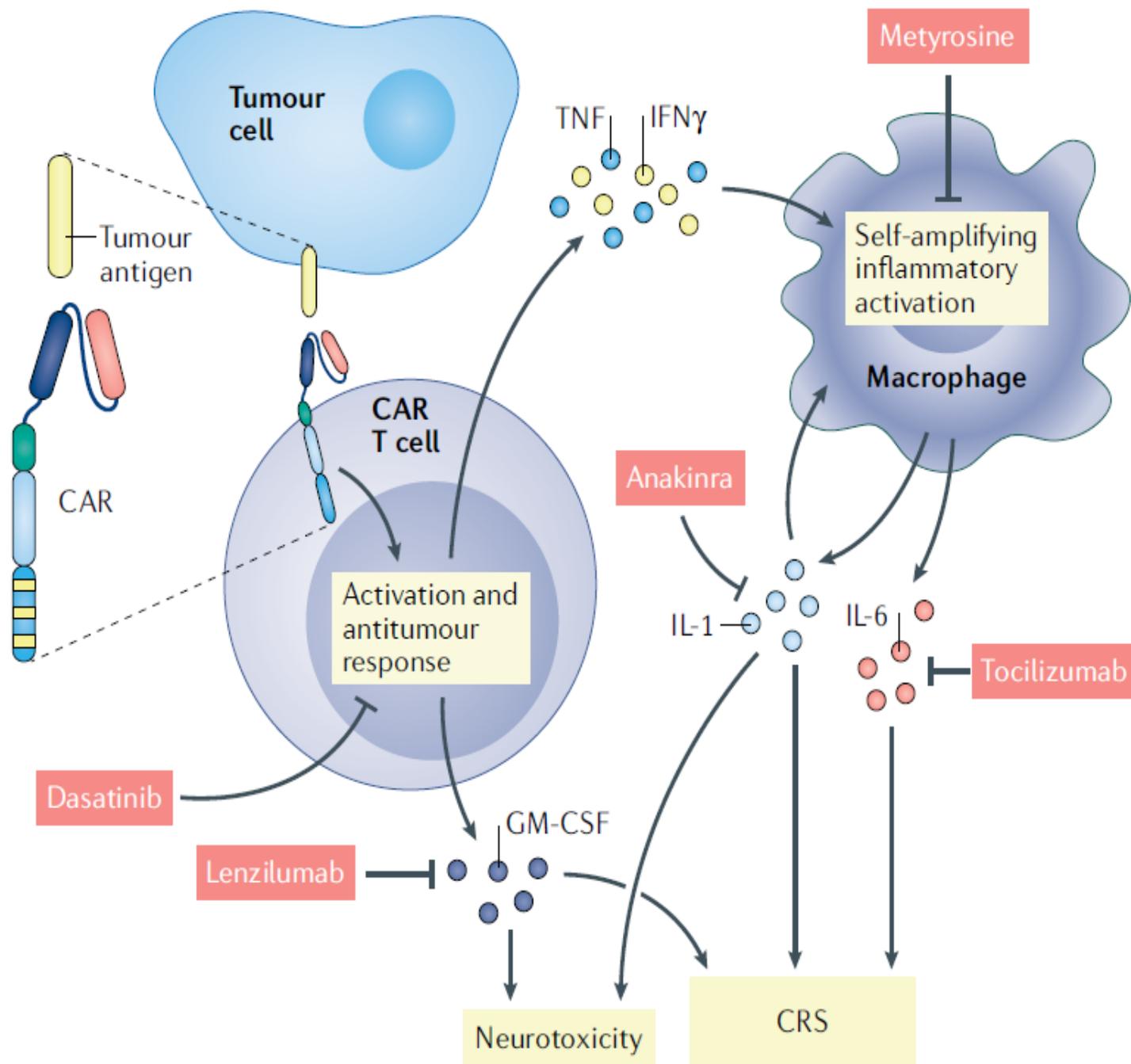
Oligurie (<0,5 ml/Kg/h)  
Lactacidémie > 4 mM ou hausse malgré remplissage

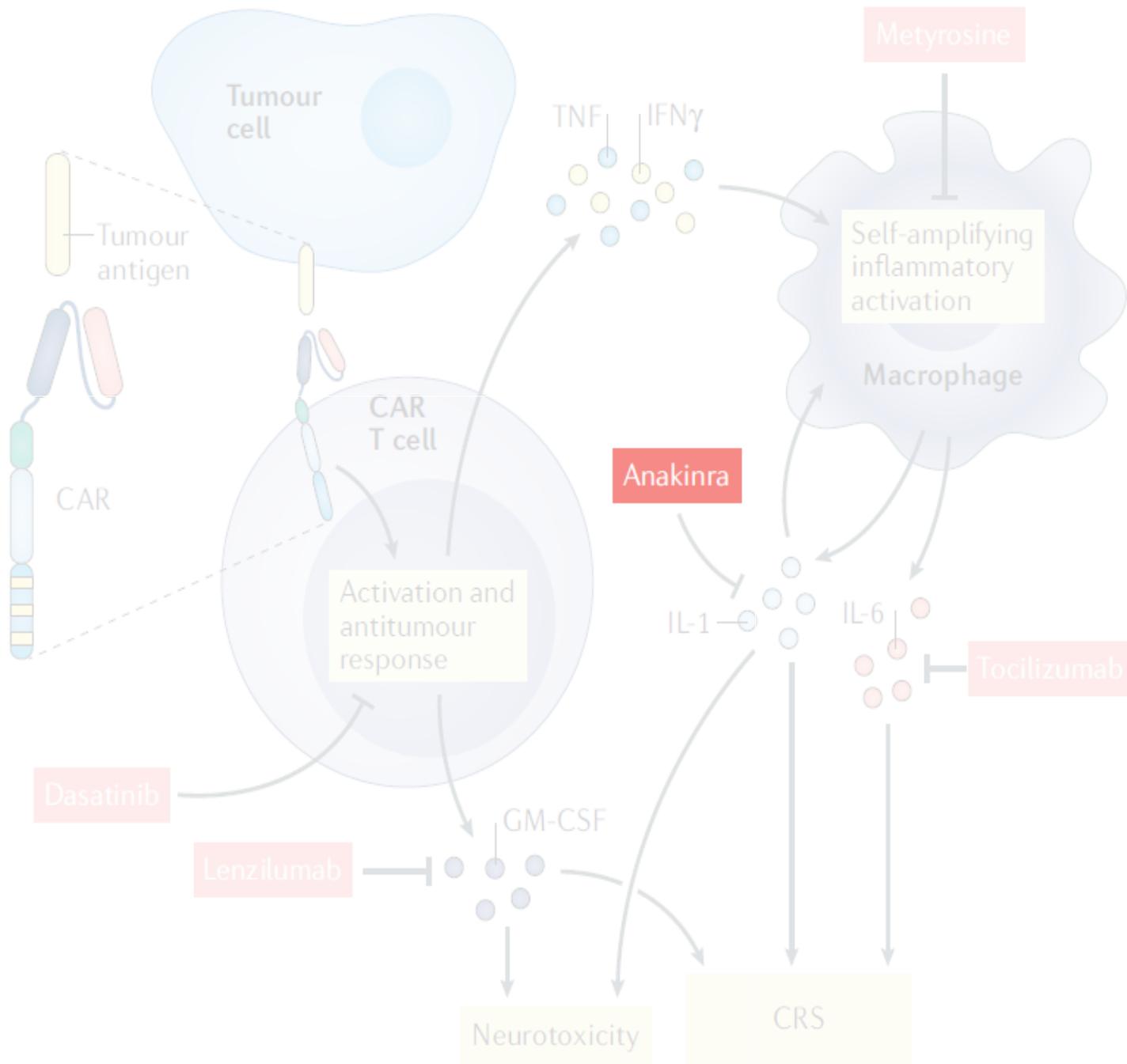
## Risque de CRS grave

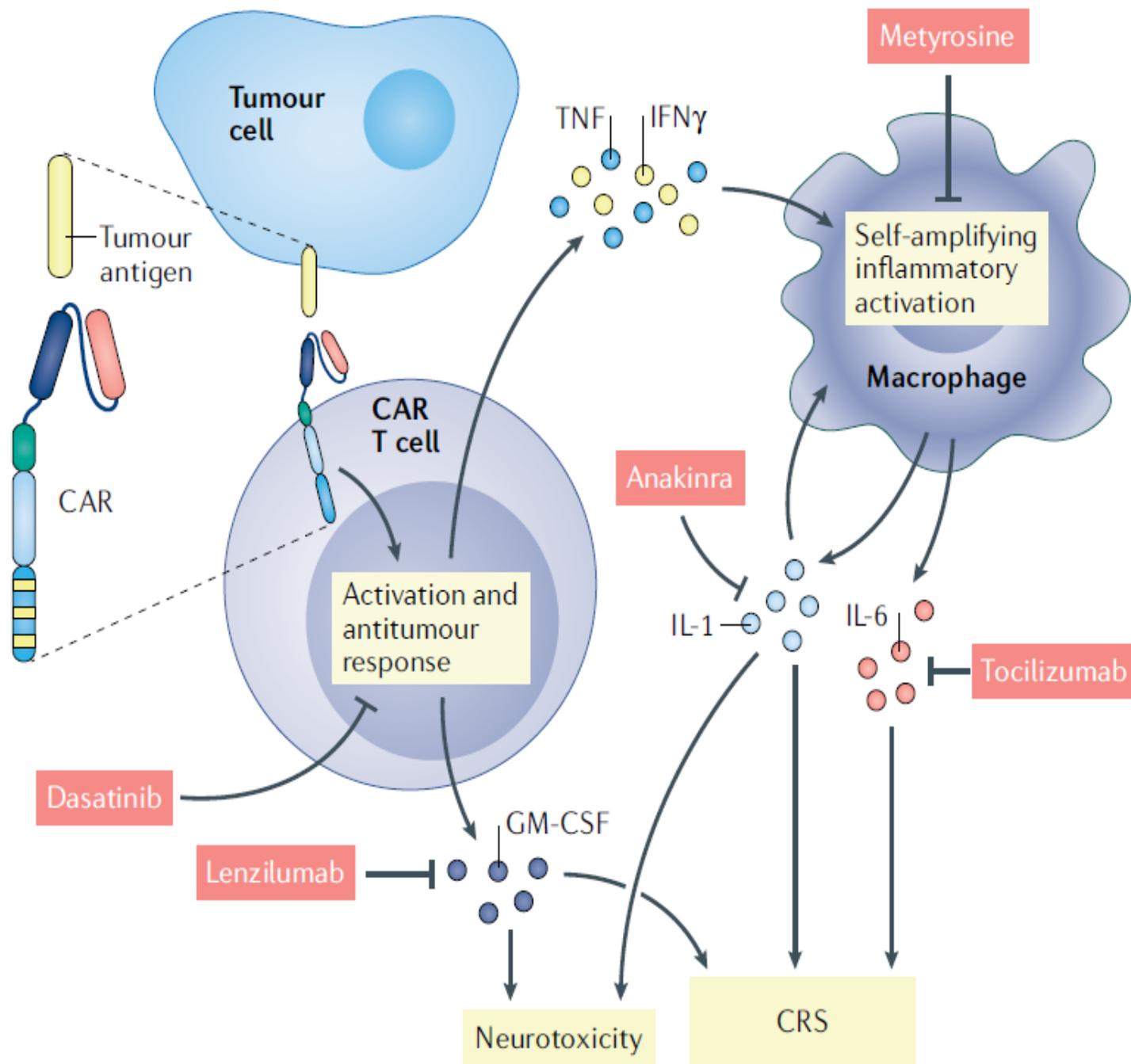
Masse tumorale élevée  
CRS avant J3  
comorbidités

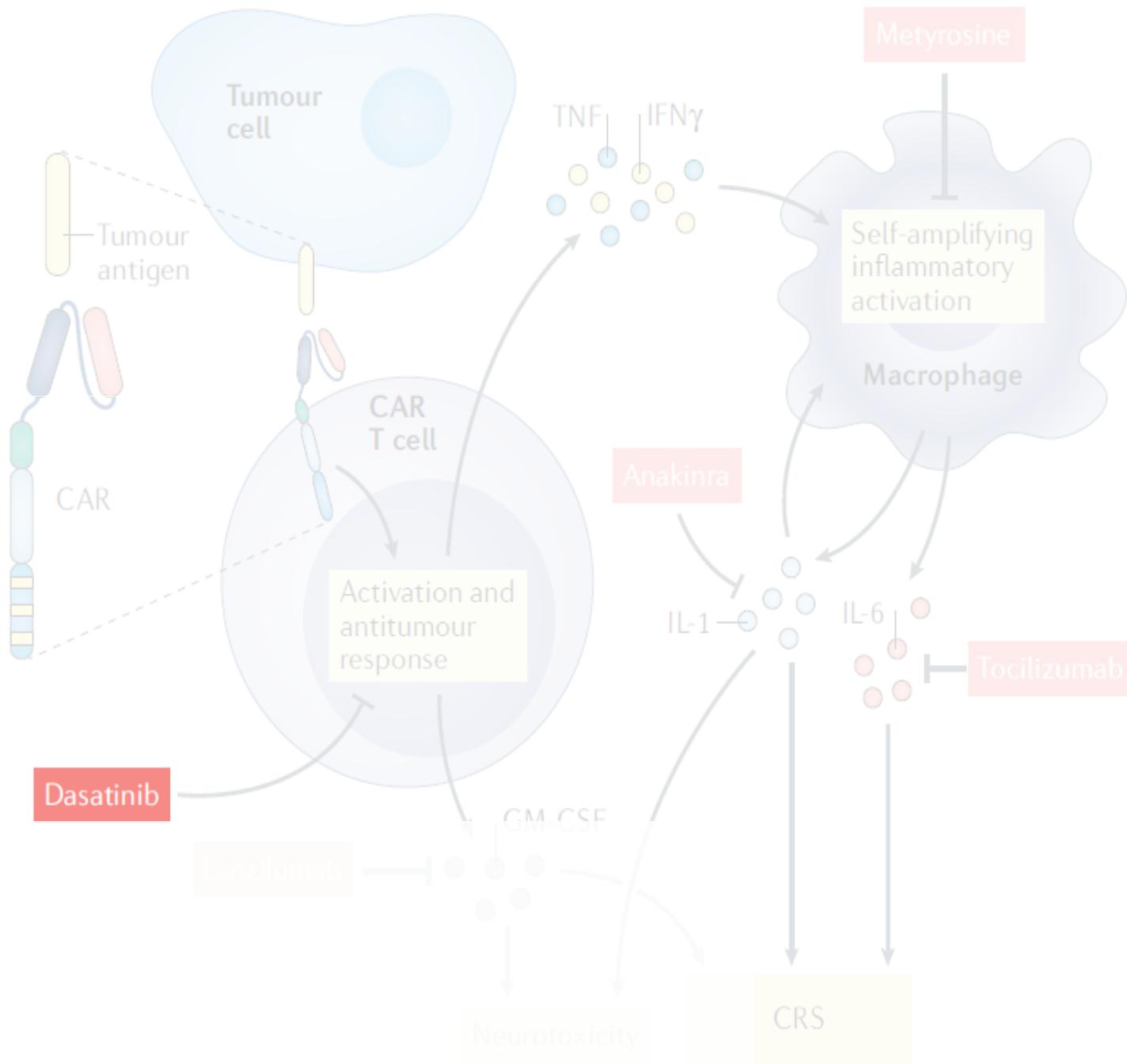
Prévenir la réa dès le grade 1 (même si le patient reste en hématologie)

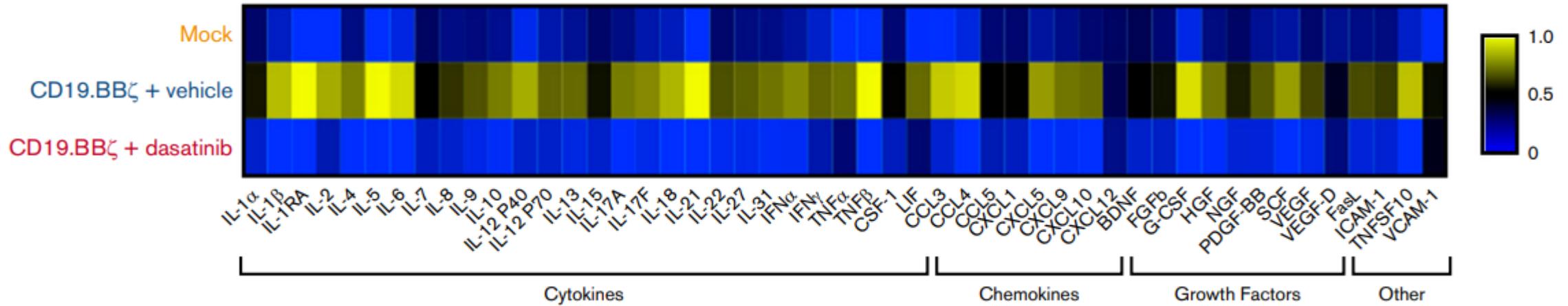
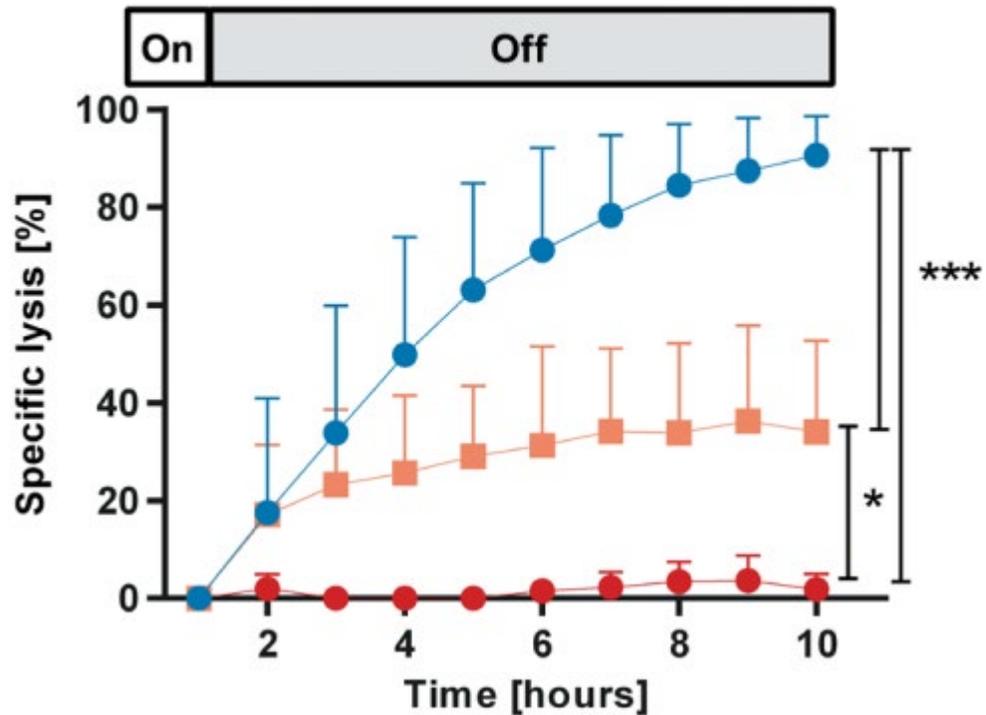


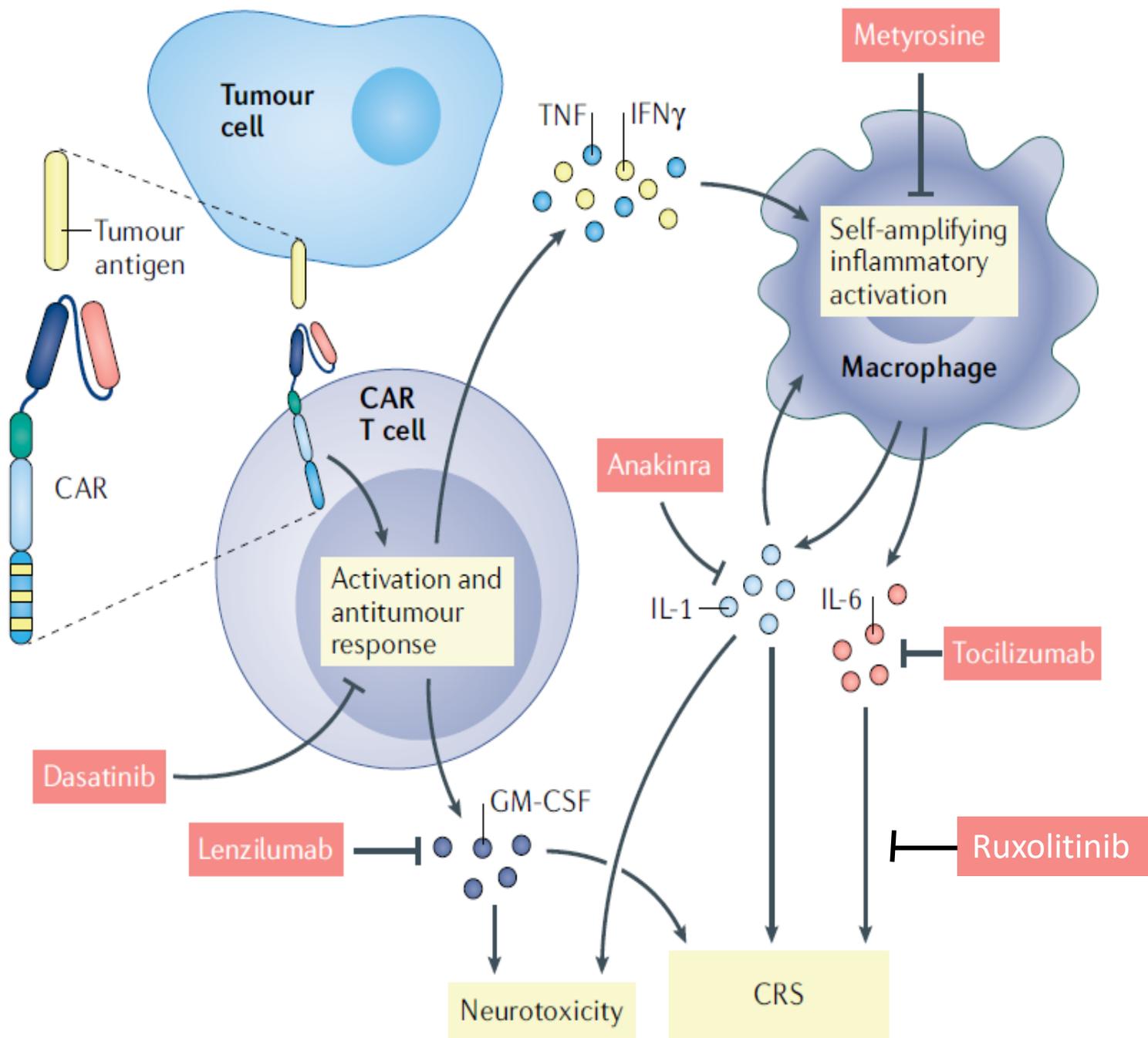


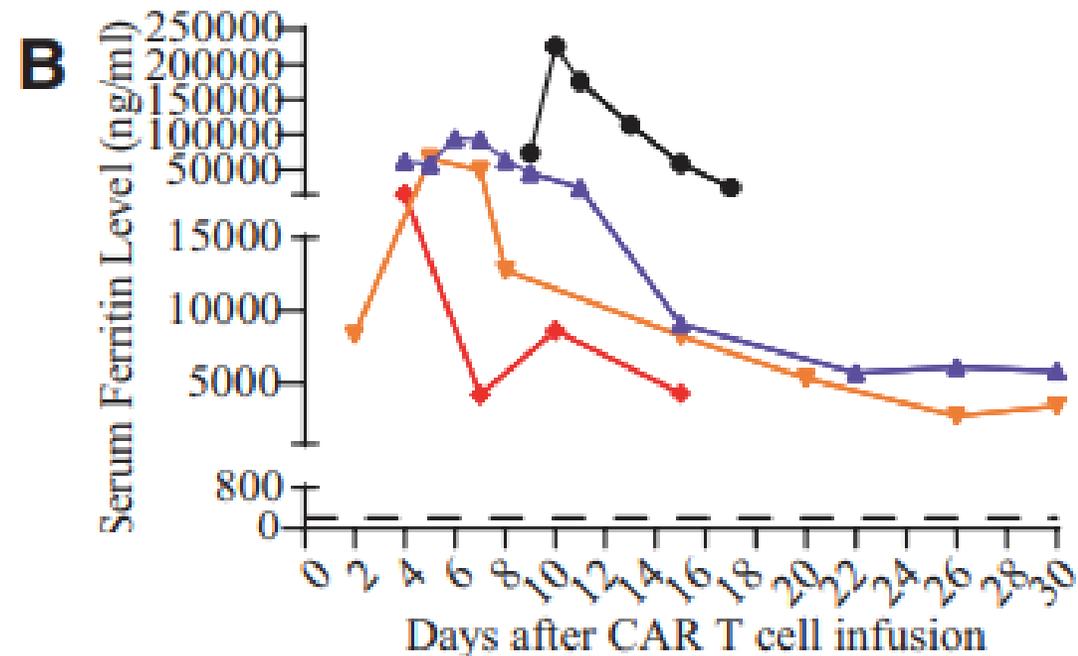
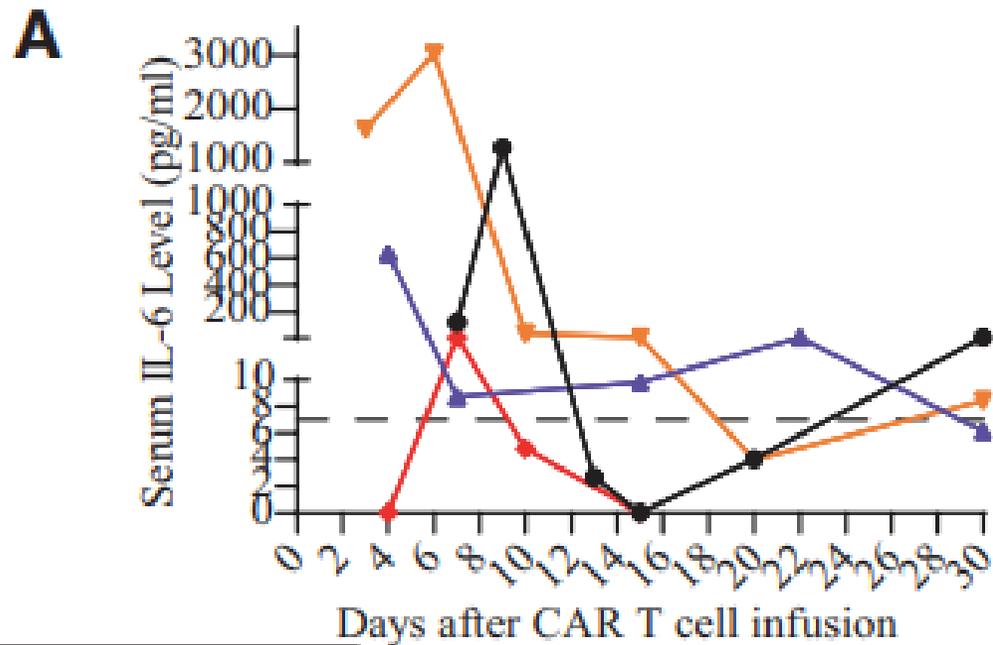




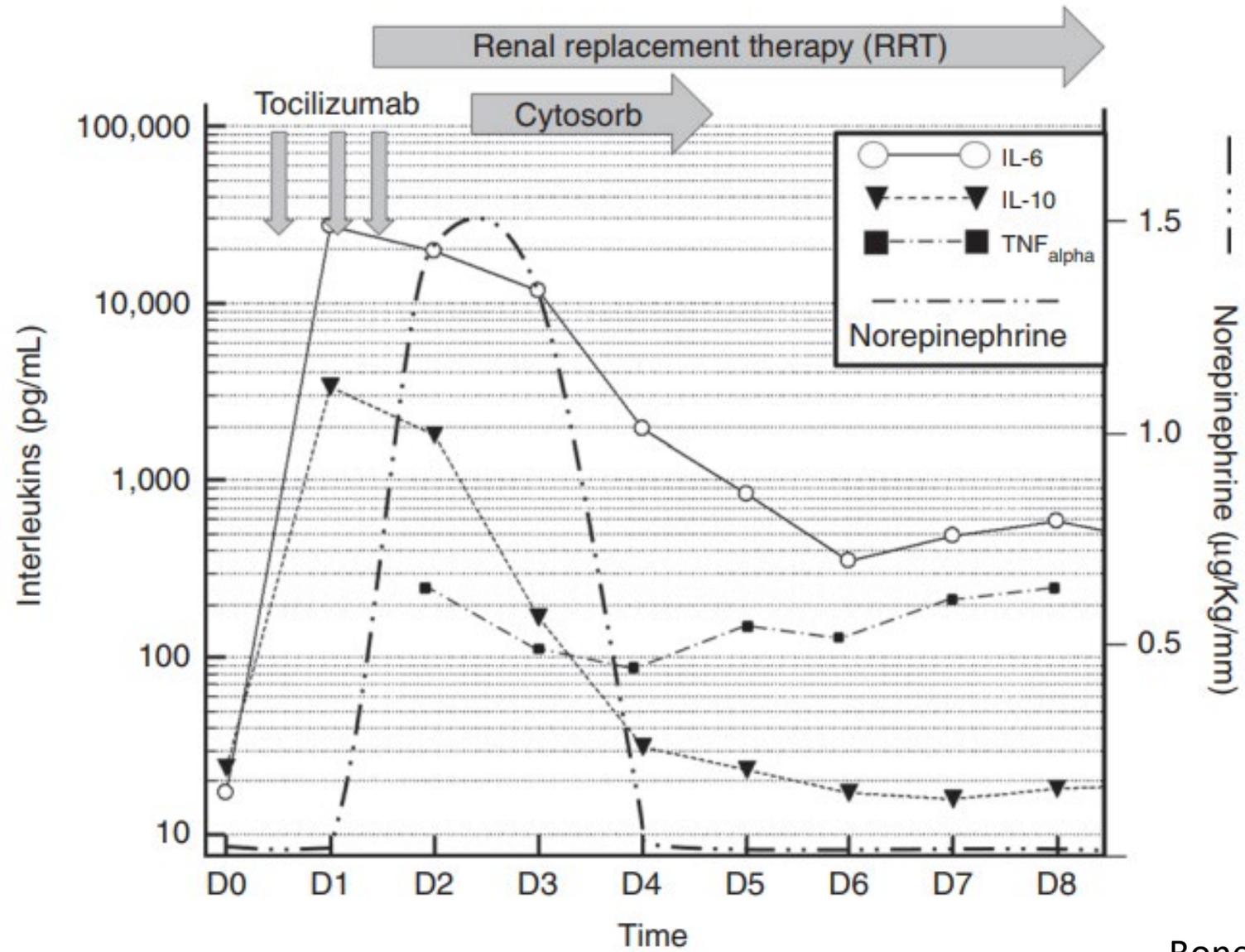


**G****A** ● Untreated ● Dasa ■ Dasa + 1 hour

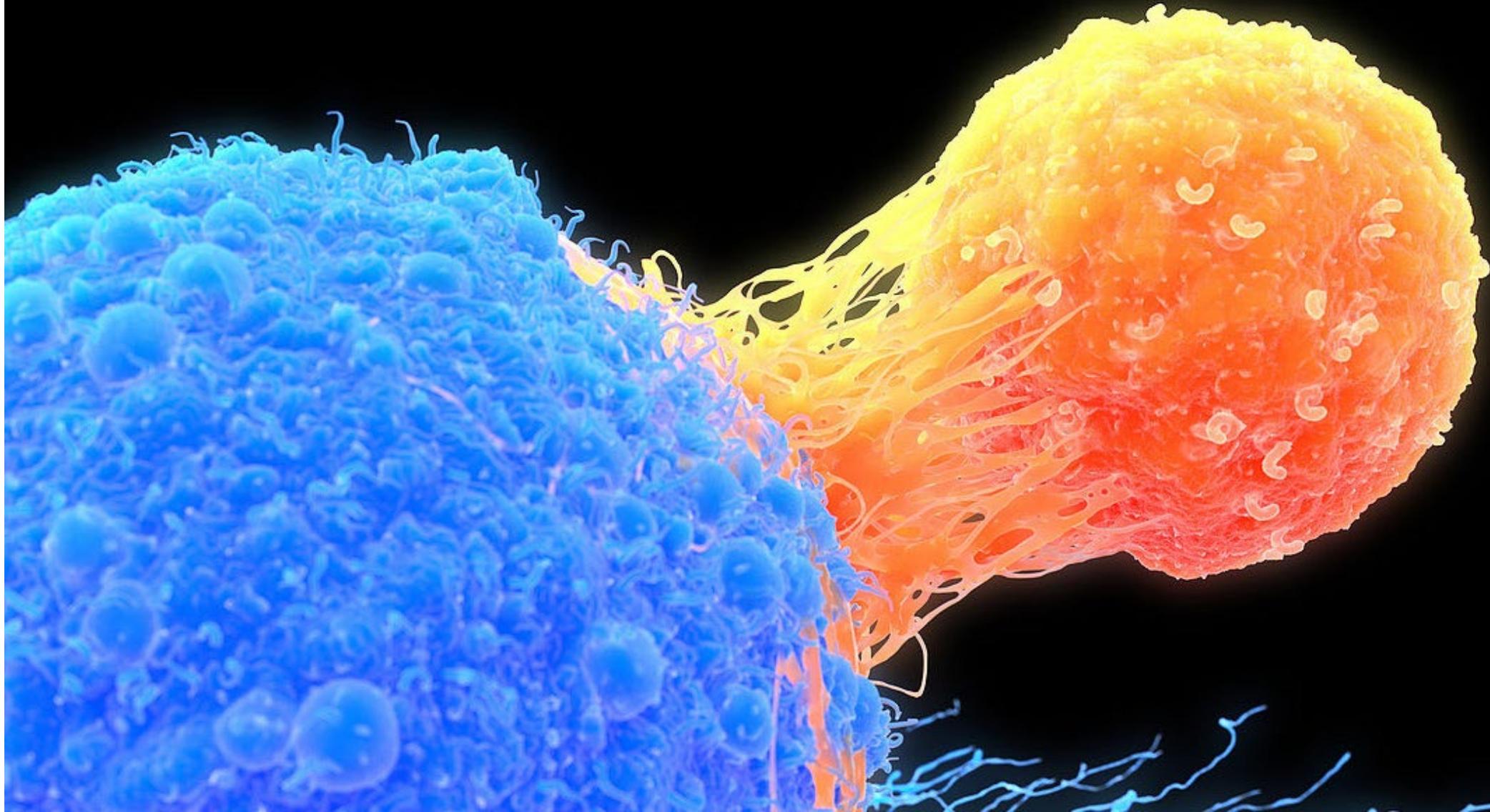




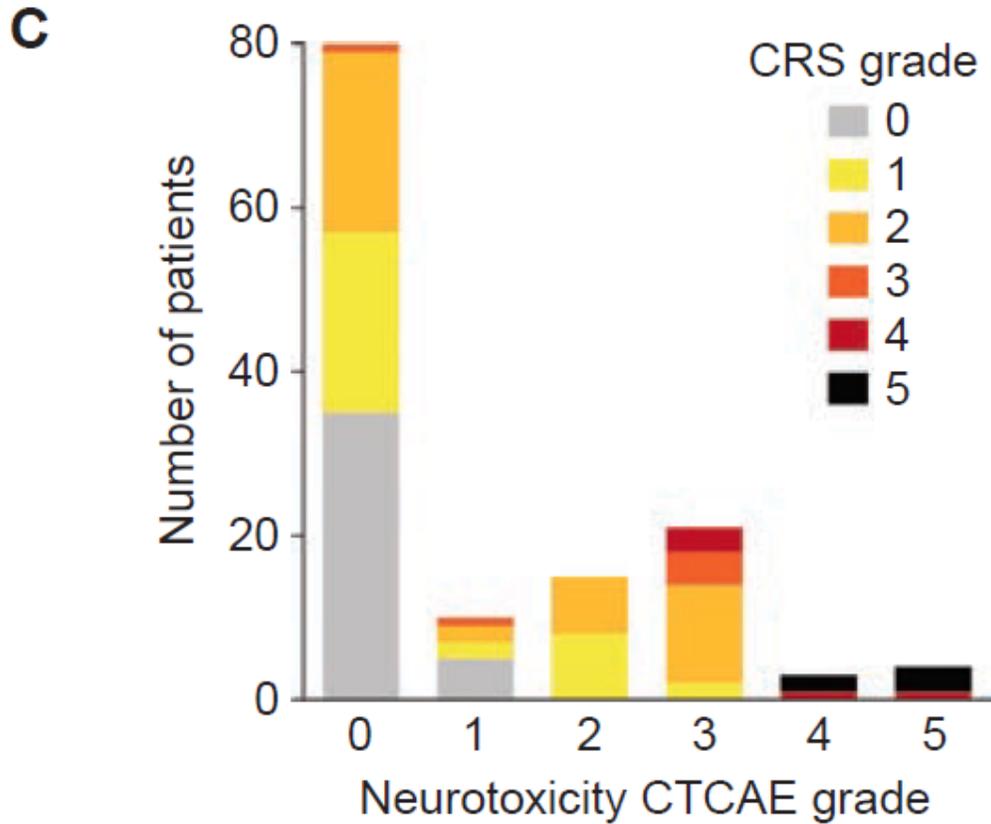
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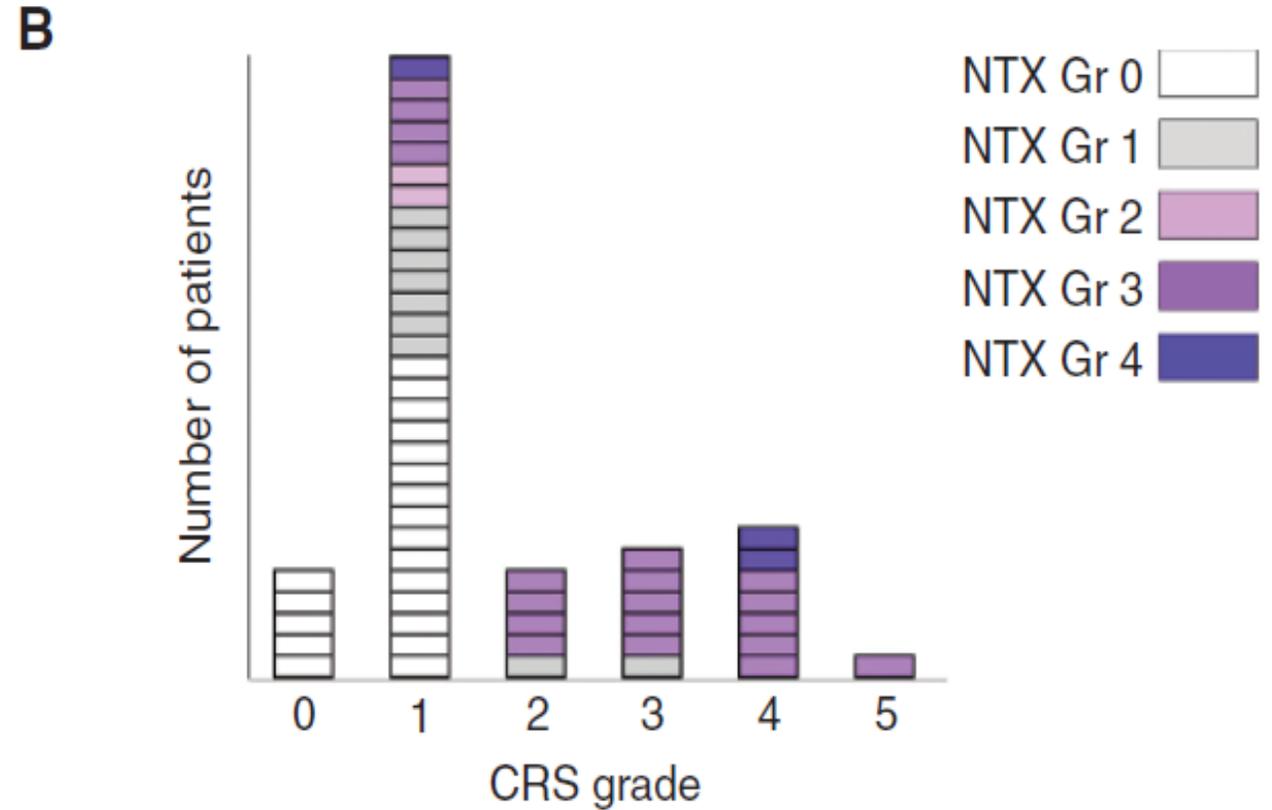
# ICANS



# Neurotoxicité : ICANS



4-1BB- $\zeta$



CD28- $\zeta$

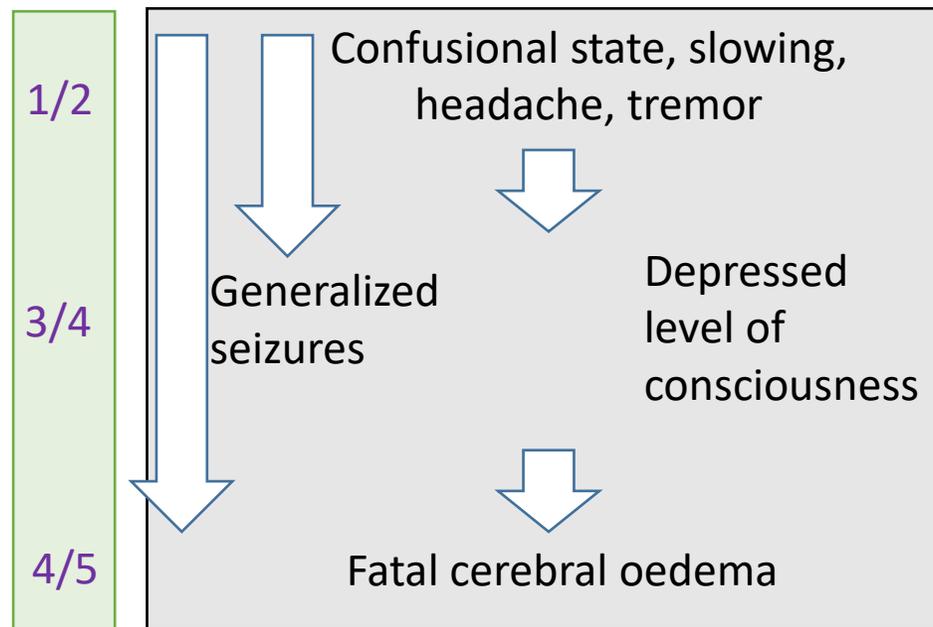
# Neurotoxicité

- 71 % Confusion
- 49 % somnolence coma
- 34 % aphasie
- 20 % agraphie
- 13 % tremblements
- 13 % epilepsie
- 10 % céphalées
- 6 % déficit focal
- 5 % dyscalculie

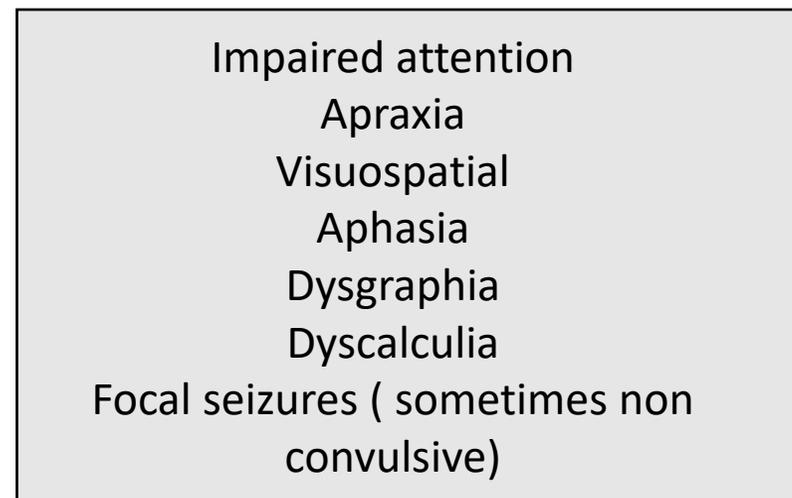


ICANS  
GRADE

DIFFUSE LESIONS



FOCAL LESIONS



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17/10 matin

Je m'appelle Rodolphe

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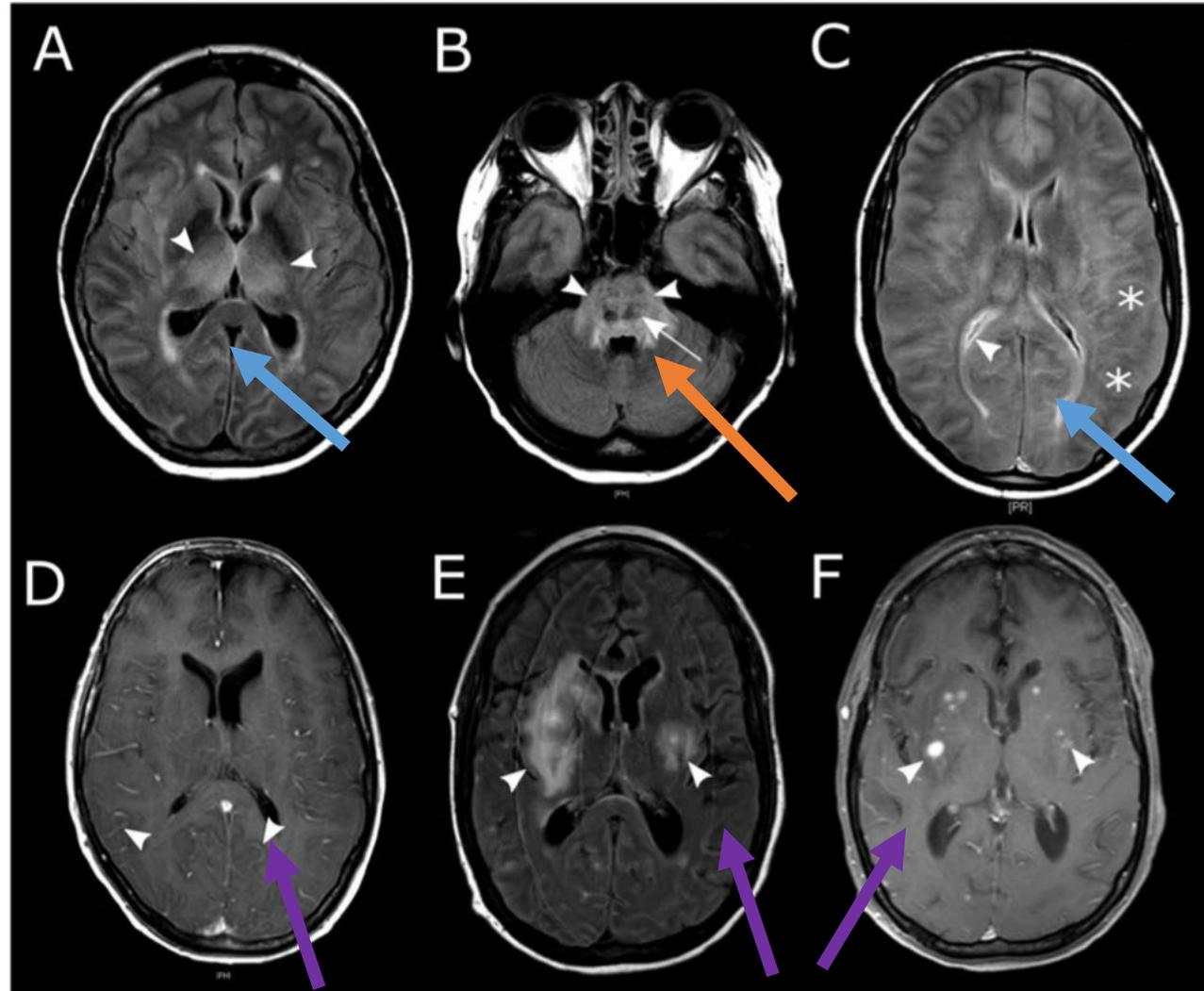
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# MRI is neither Sensitive nor Specific

Cortical oedema



Metabolic pattern

!! Normal in 60-80% of ICANS!!



rule out alternative diagnosis

Contrast enhancement

# Protocole ICANS 2019 – Lyon SUD

## Grade 1:

- Seizure prophylaxis with levetiracetam (750\*2)
- Neurologic examination with MOCA scale
- EEG monitoring/48-72H
- Imaging of brain +/- CSF
- Consider anti-IL-6 therapy if there is concurrent CRS

## Grade 2:

- Same as grade 1 +
- Start dexamethasone 10mg 2 to 4 times daily
- Start anti-IL-6 therapy if CRS
- Seizure prophylaxis with levetiracetam
- EEG monitoring (1/24-48h)
- Admission to ICU if CRS >1

## Grade 3:

- Admission to ICU
- Consider increasing dexamethasone 10 to 20 mg every 6 hours, up to methylprednisolone 100 mg/day
- BDZ for short term seizures control if needed
- Traitements de sauvetage \* ?

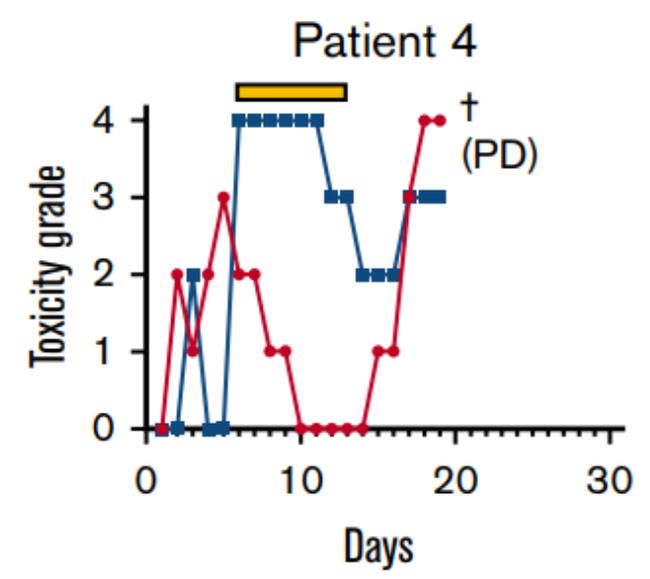
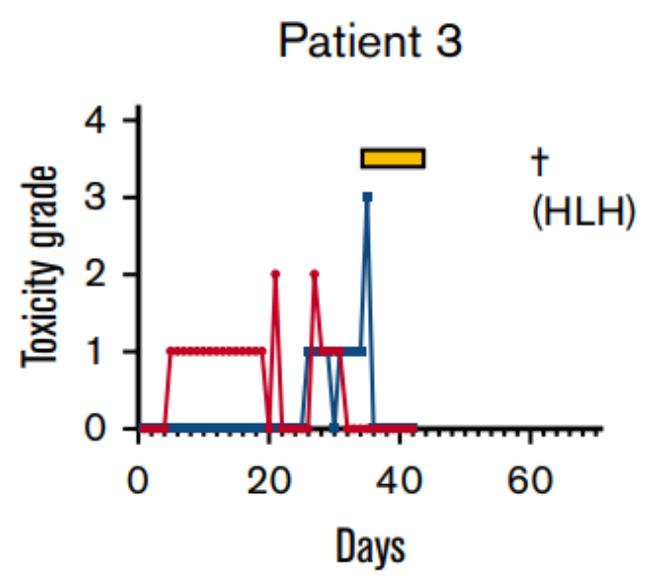
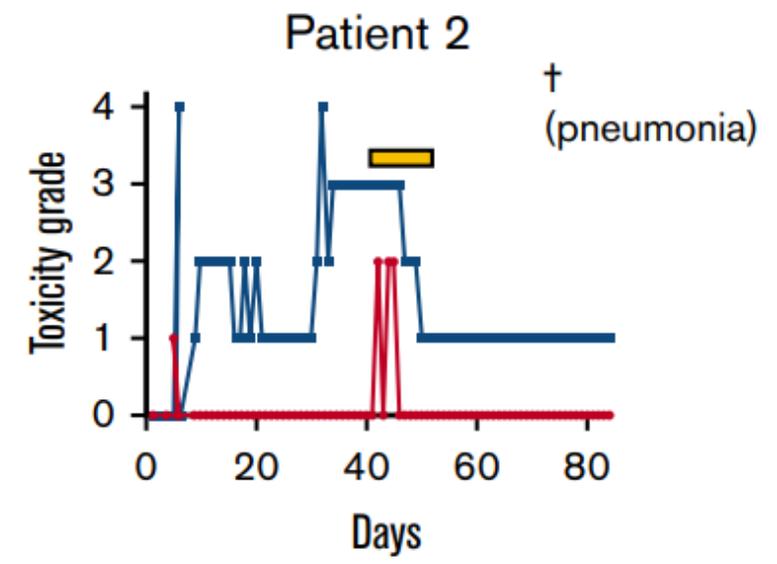
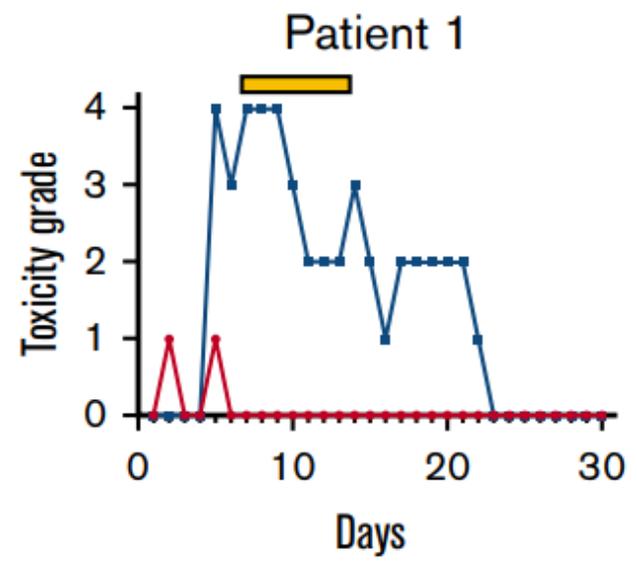
## Grade 4:

- Same as in grade 3 with HD methylprednisolone
- Management of cerebral edema if needed, up to craniectomy based on local consensus
- Traitements de sauvetage\* ?

\* Ce traitement n'a pas l'AMM dans cette indication

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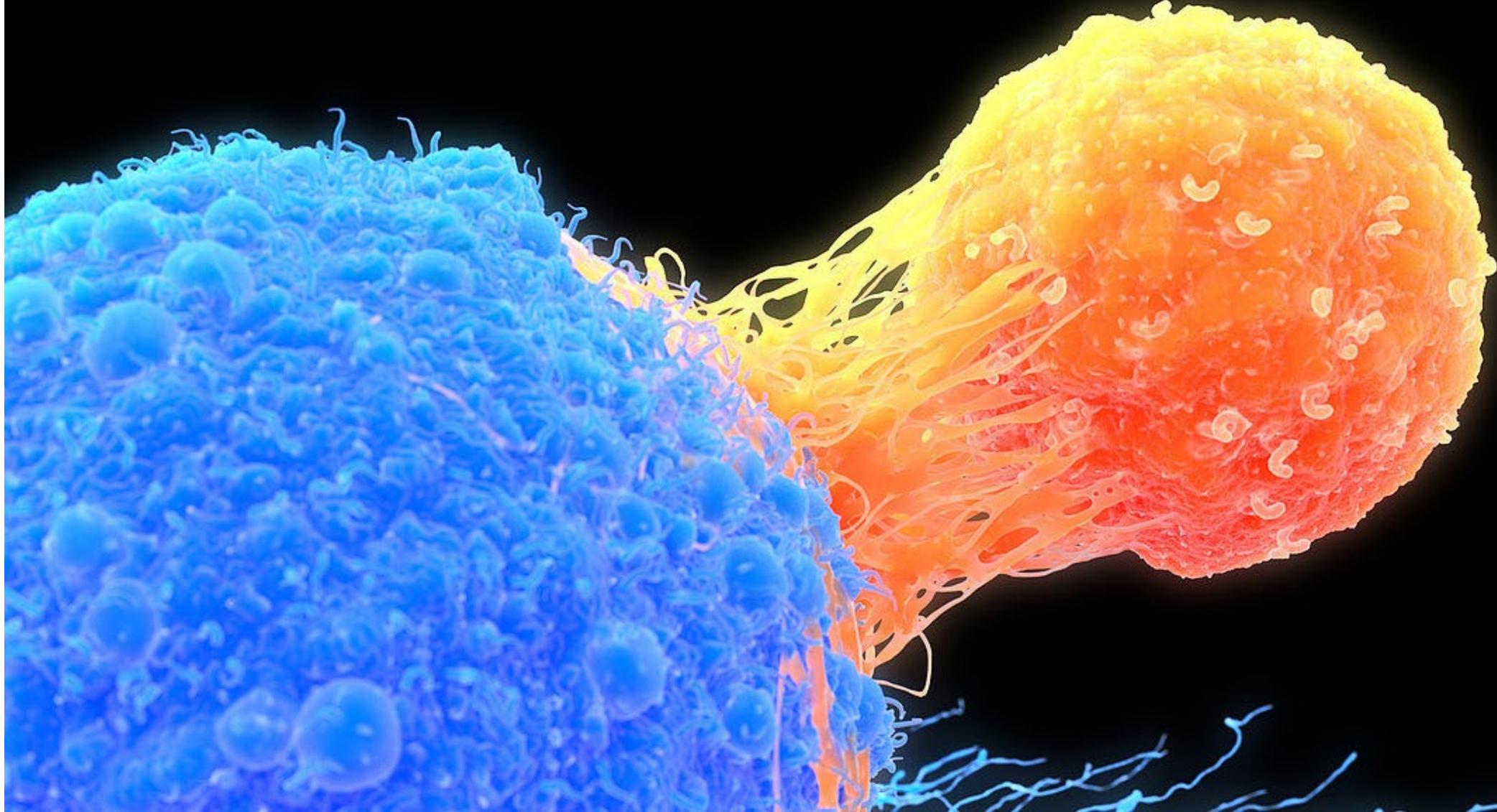
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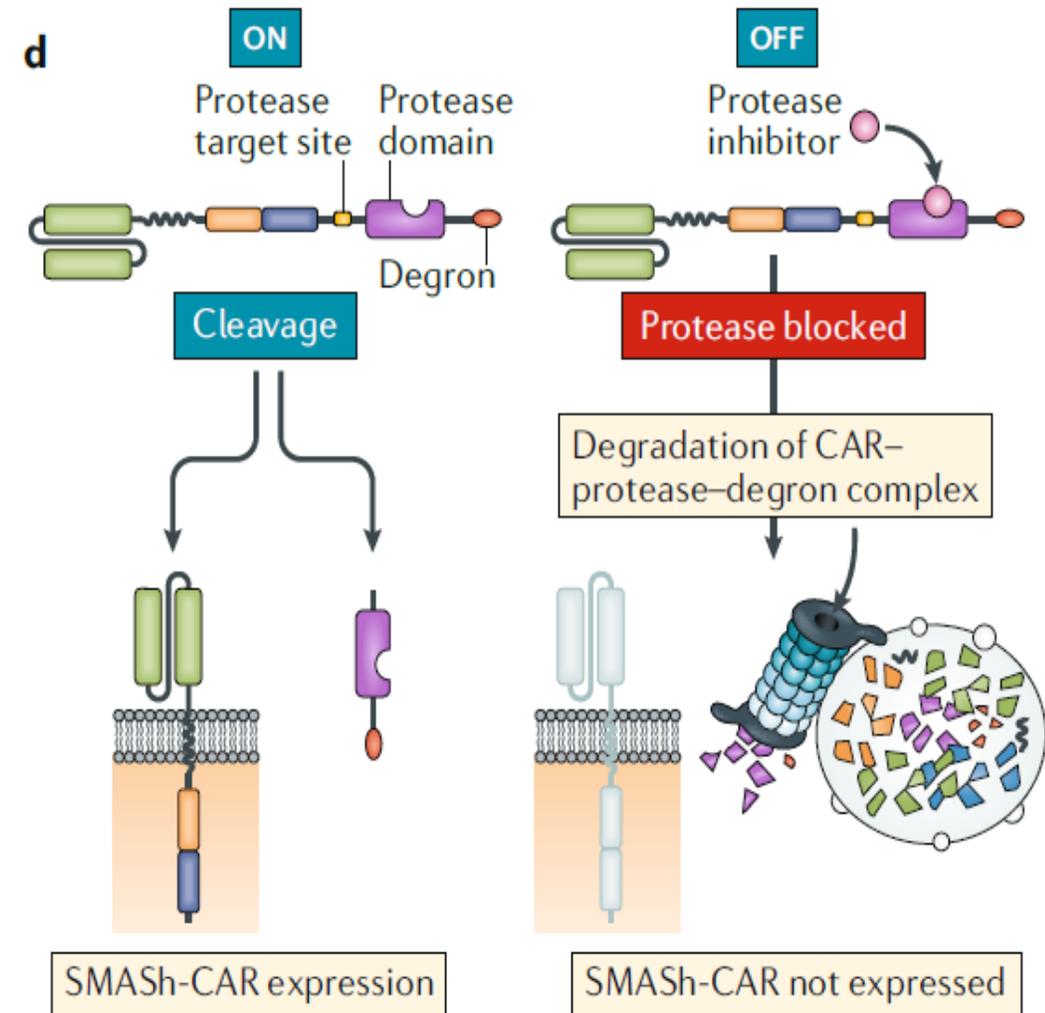
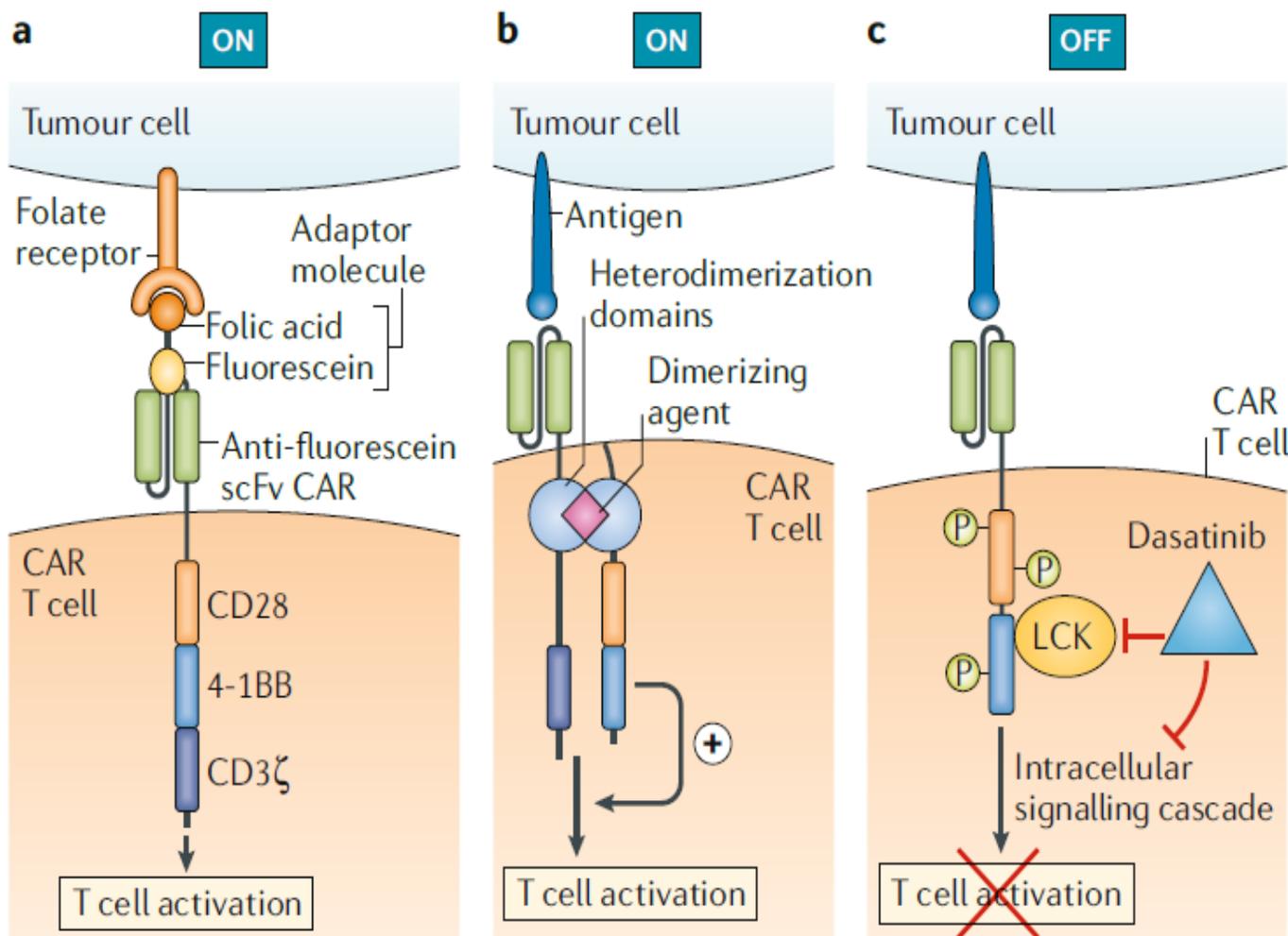
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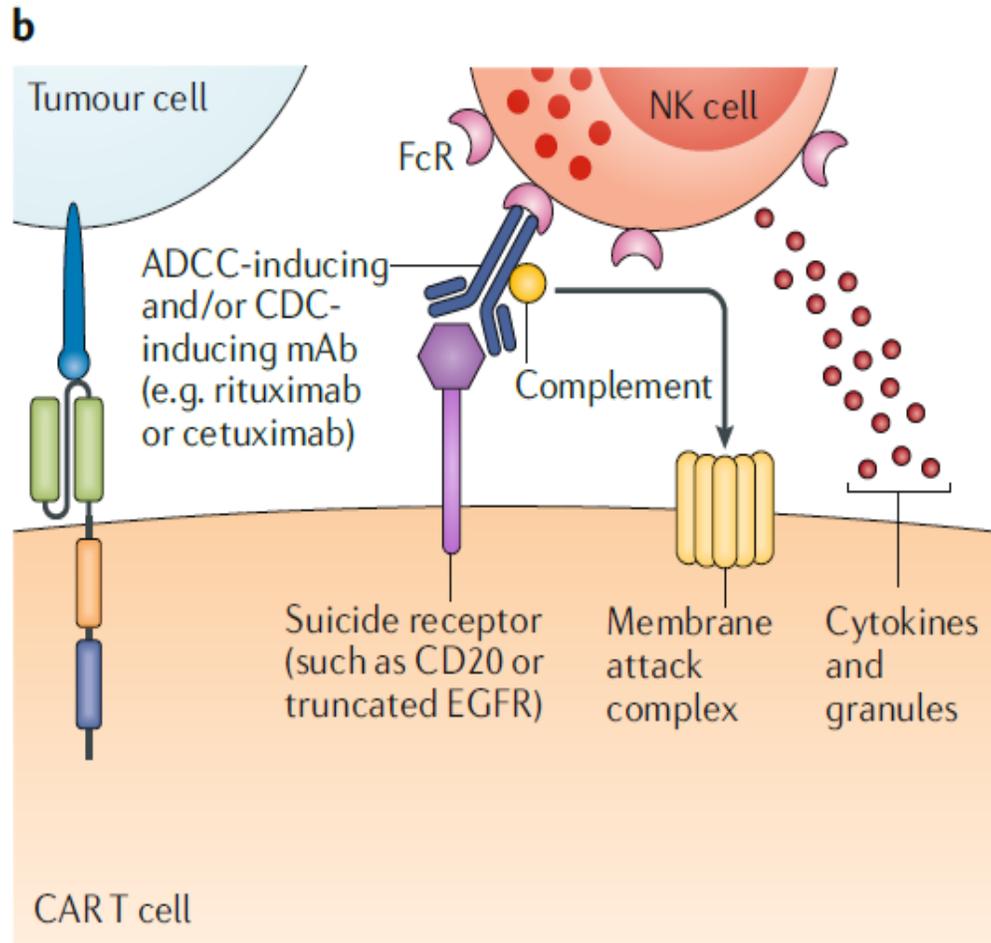
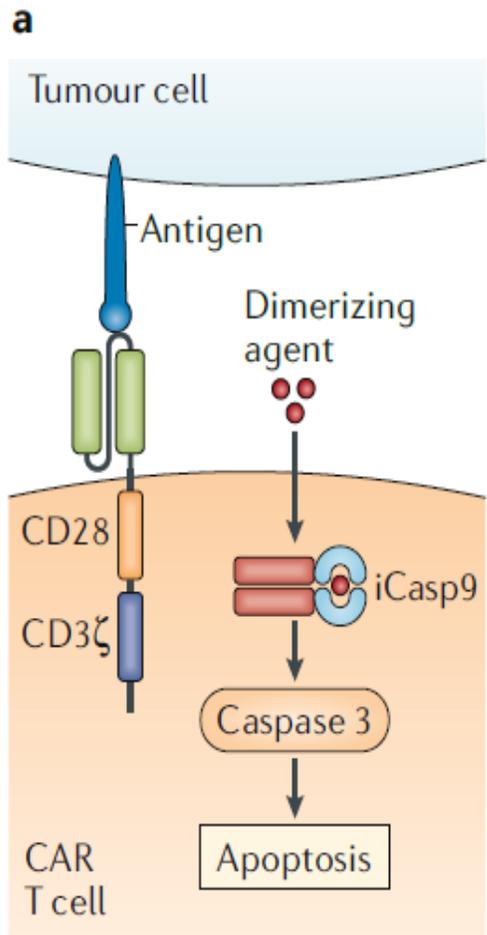


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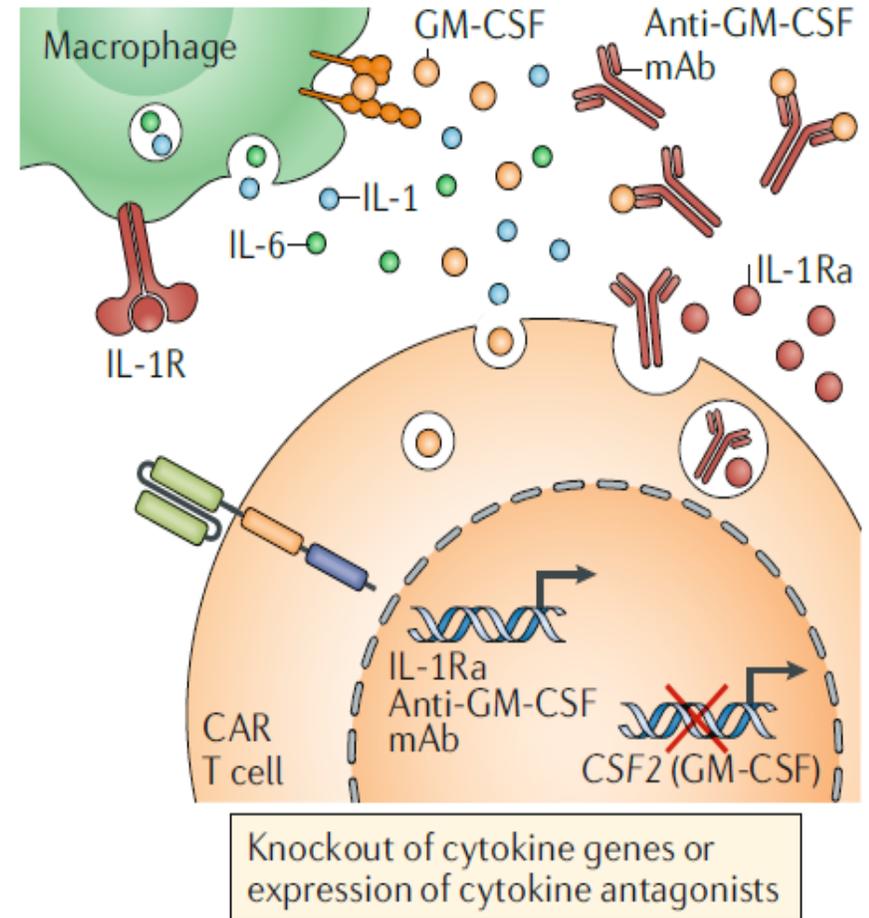


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## B Suicide gene systems



## C Direct antagonism of systemic cytokines



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