

# Fc-SILENT ANTI-TIGIT ANTIBODIES POTENTIATE ANTI-TUMOR IMMUNITY WITHOUT DEPLETING REGULATORY T CELLS

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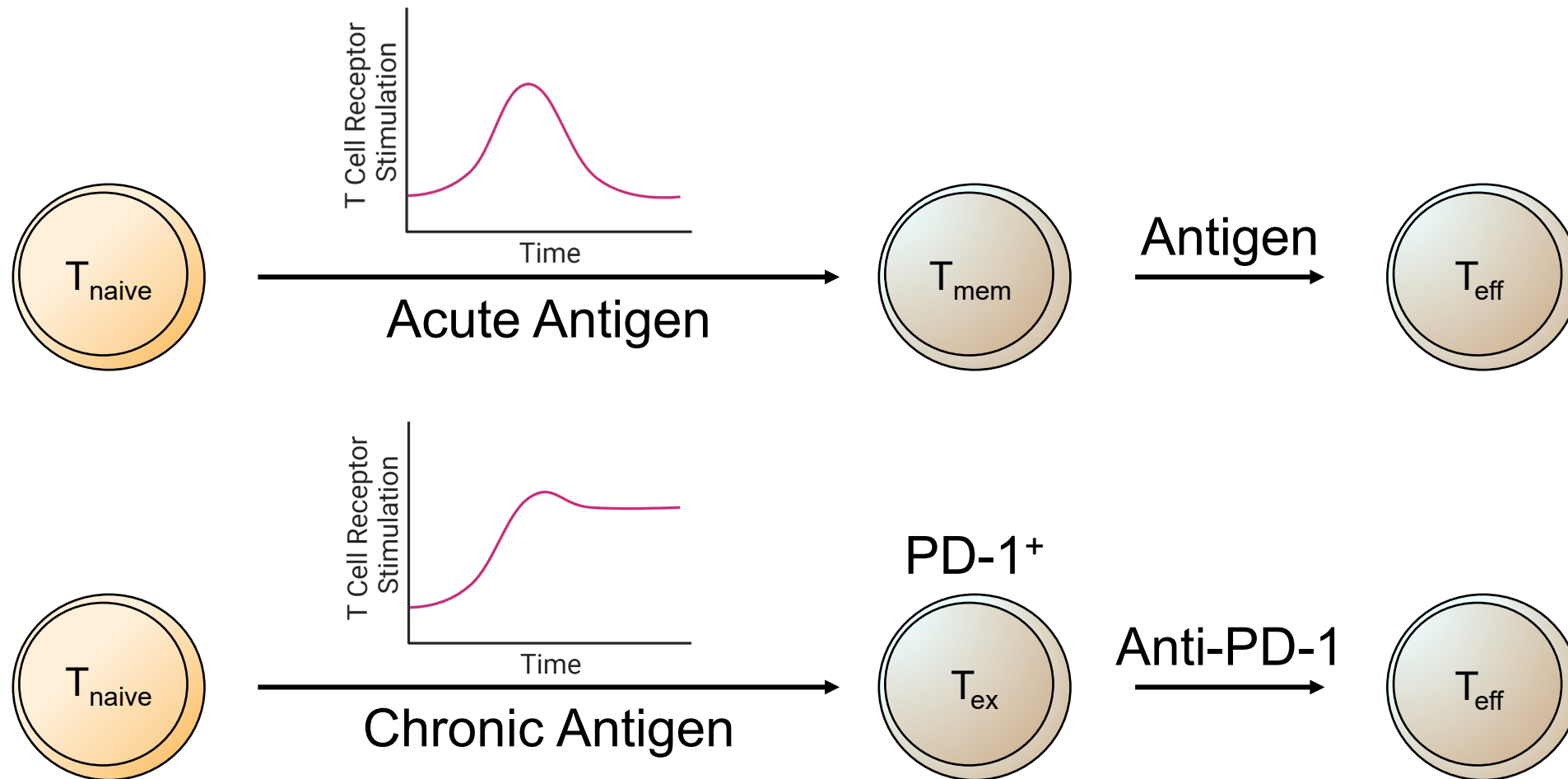
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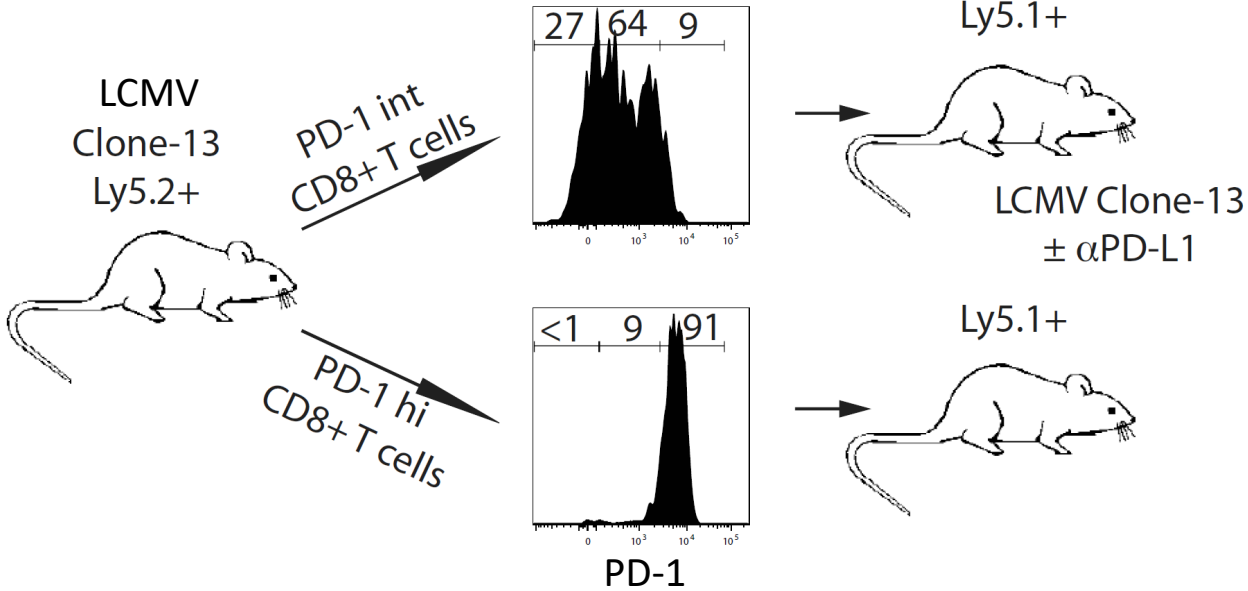
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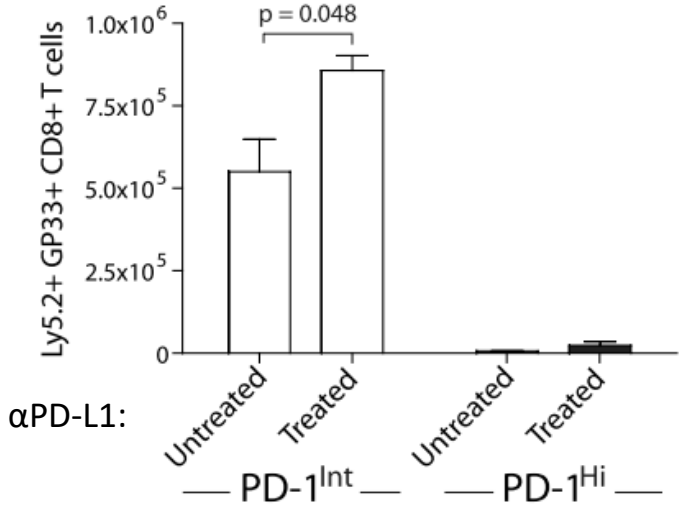
# T Cell Exhaustion is a Distinct Differentiation Pathway in Response to Chronic Antigen Exposure



# Not All Exhausted T Cells Are Created Equal

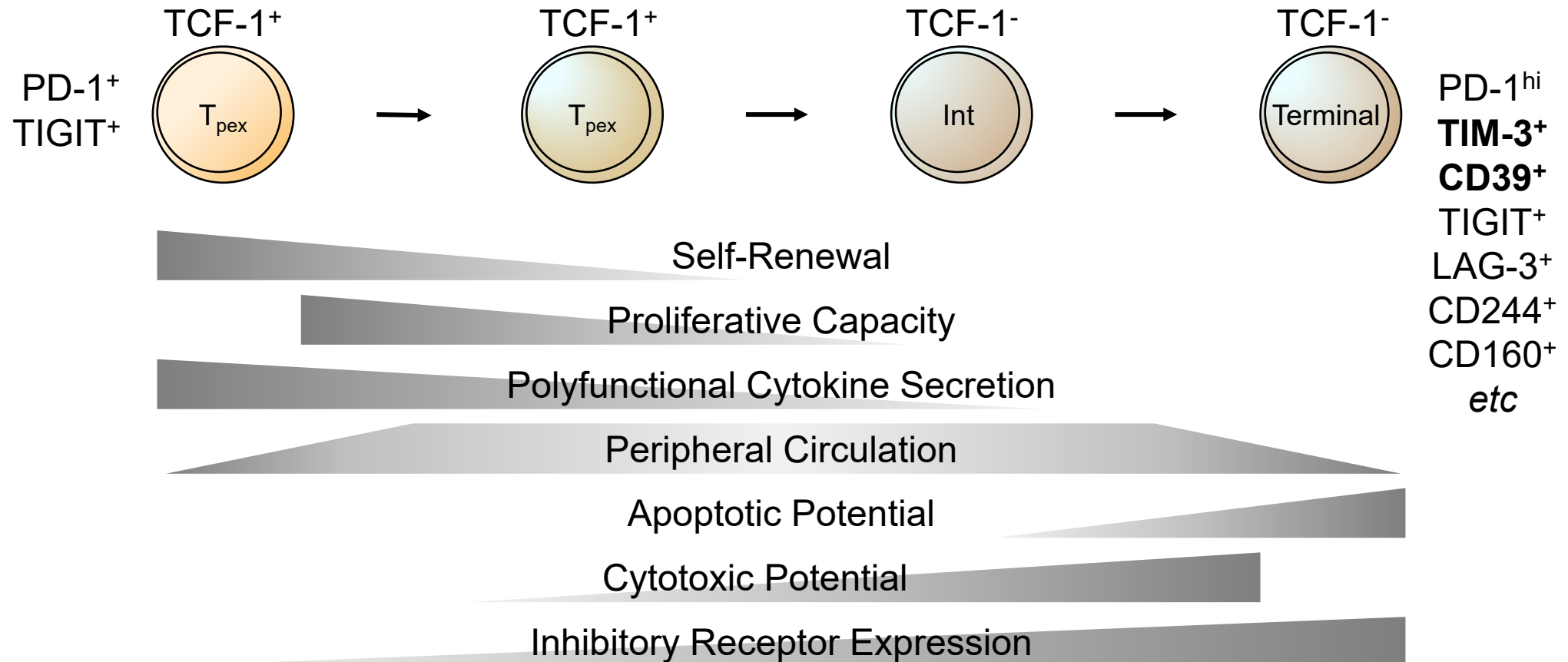


## CD8+ T cells

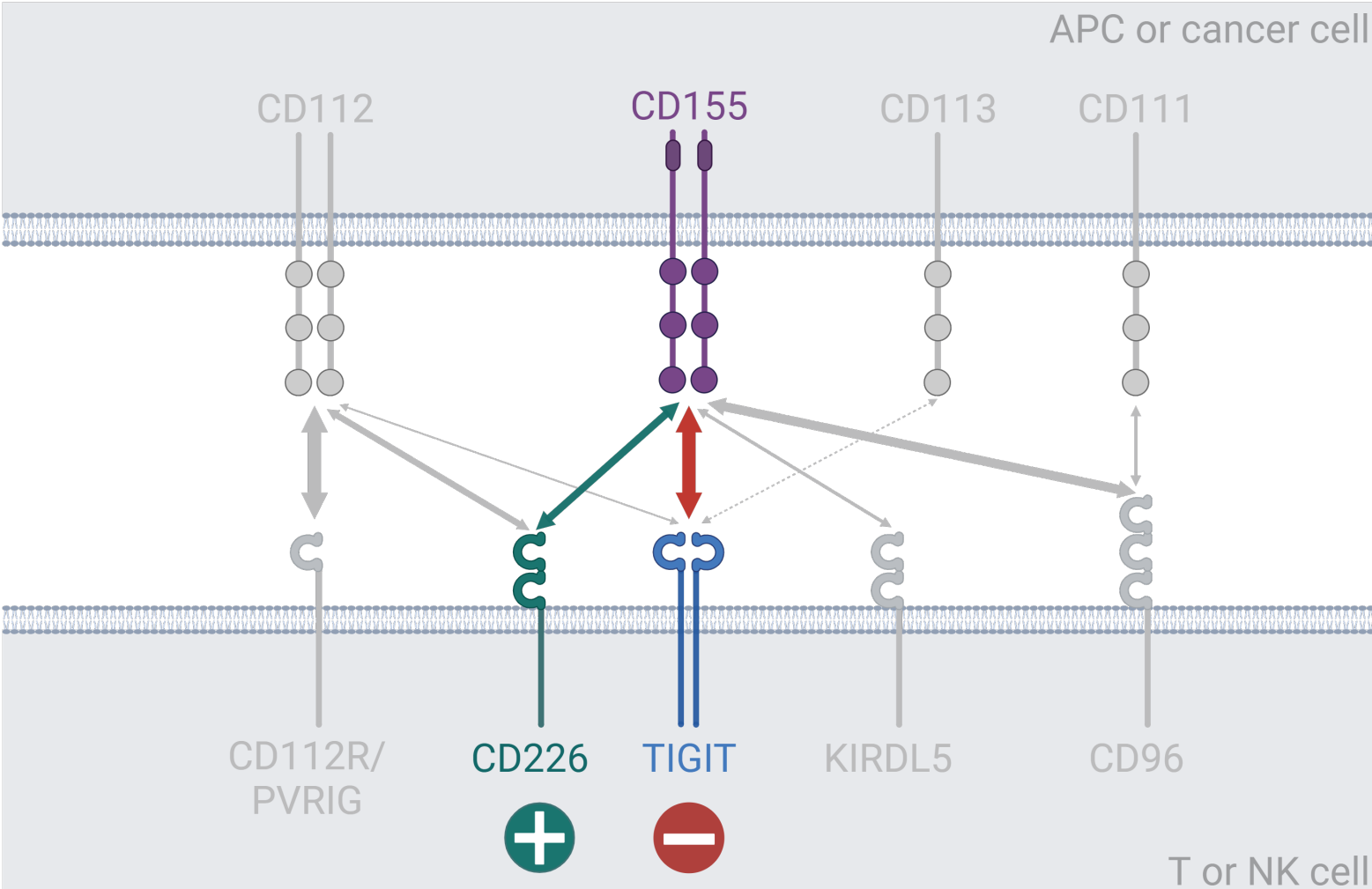


# Pre-exhausted T Cells ( $T_{pex}$ ) are Targets for Anti-PDx

## Exhausted T cell Differentiation is a Continuum of Functional States



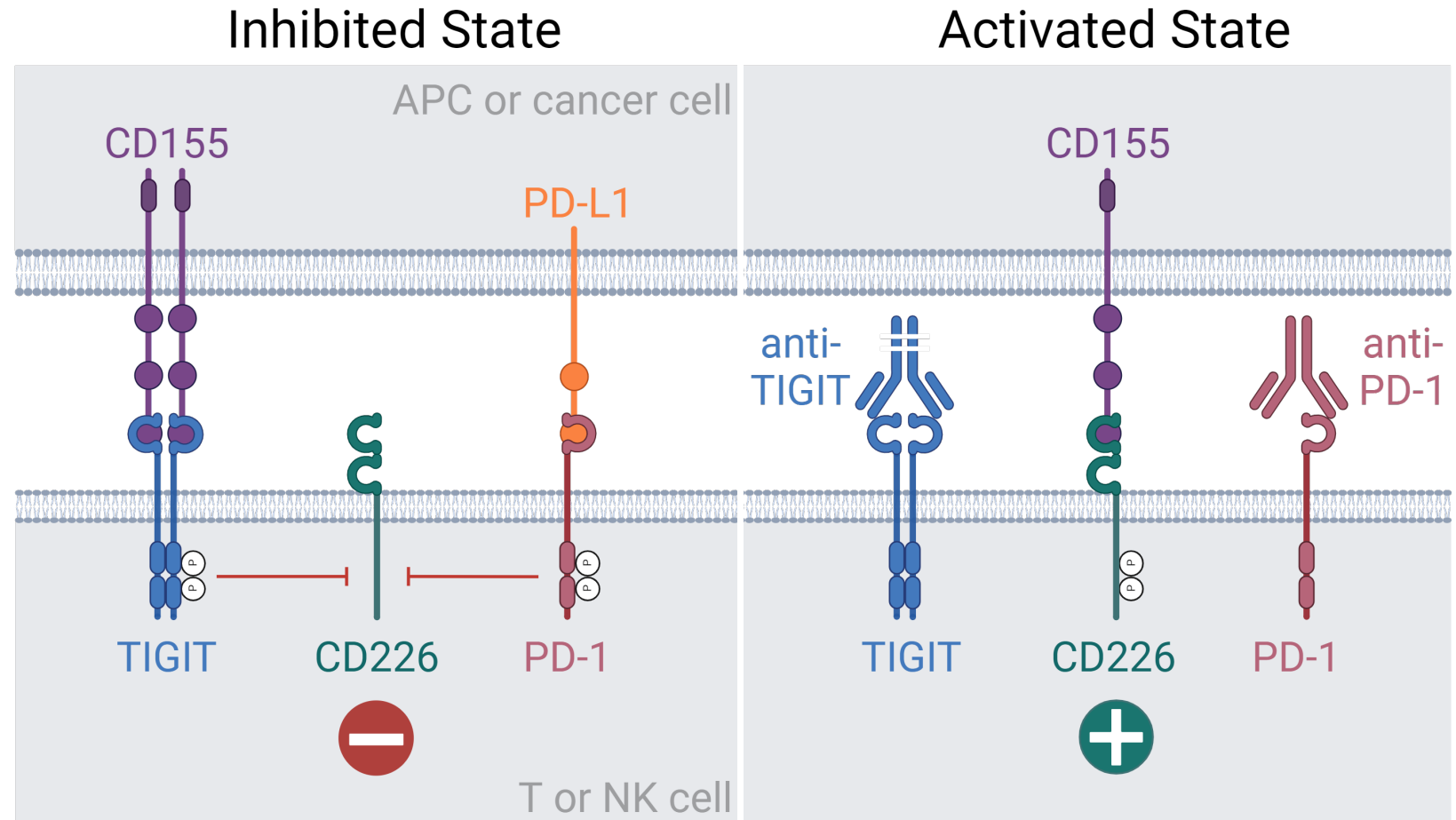
# Receptors and Ligands in the TIGIT Pathway Participate in Complex Molecular Cross-talk



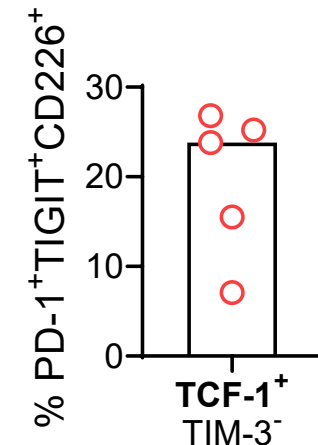
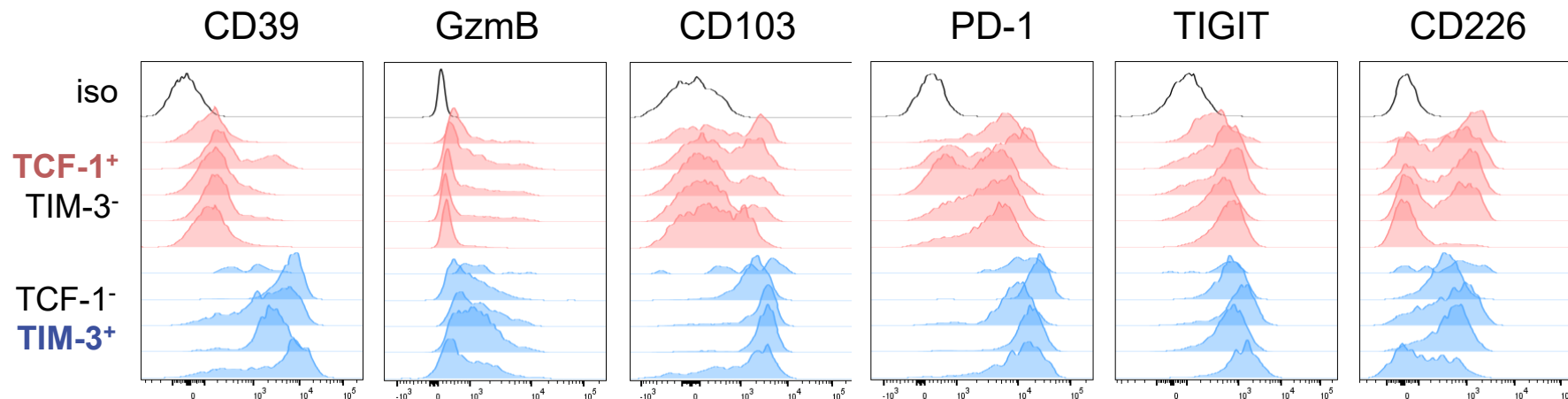
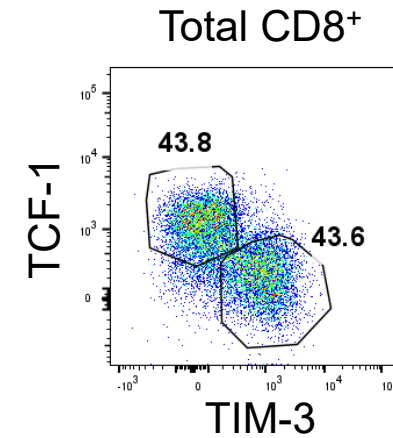
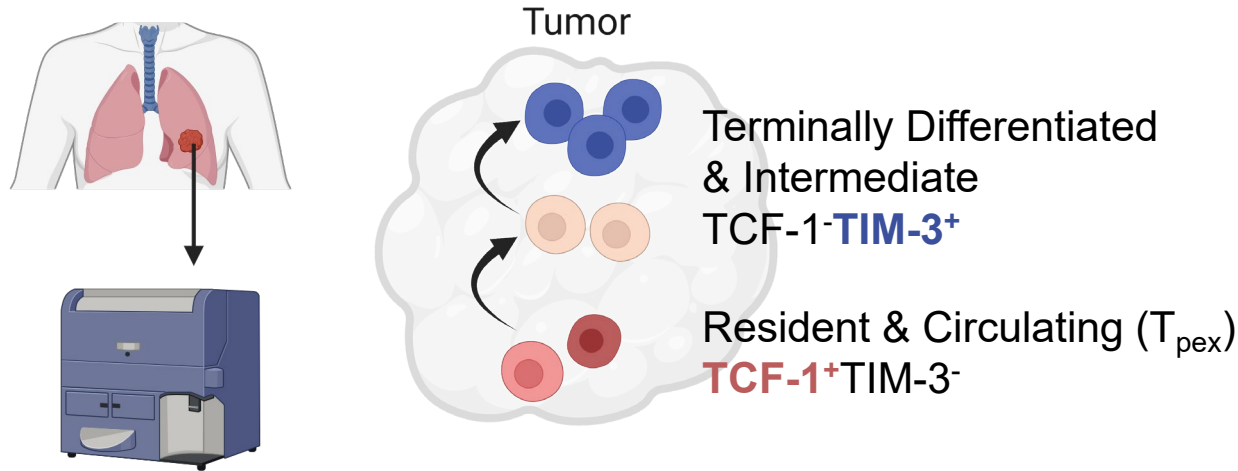
# Simultaneously Blocking TIGIT↔CD155 & PD-1↔PD-L1 Interactions Promotes Effector Cell Activation

- TIGIT and PD-1 play distinct, yet complementary roles in suppressing anti-tumor responses

Do T<sub>pex</sub> subsets in the NSCLC tumor microenvironment co-express TIGIT, PD-1, and CD226?

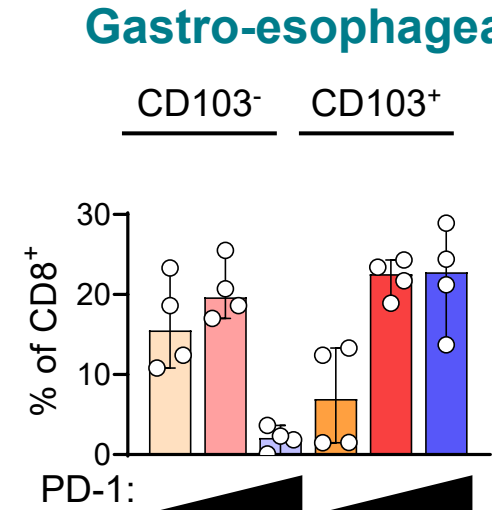
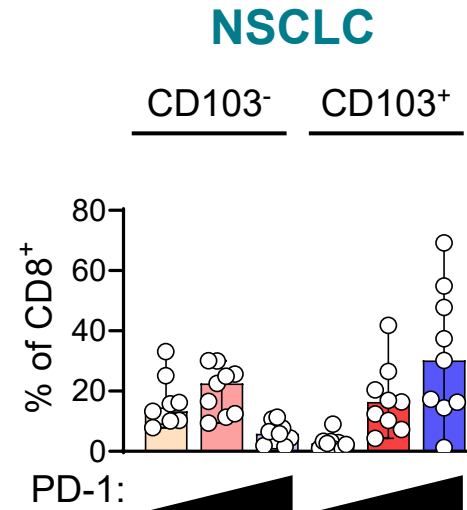
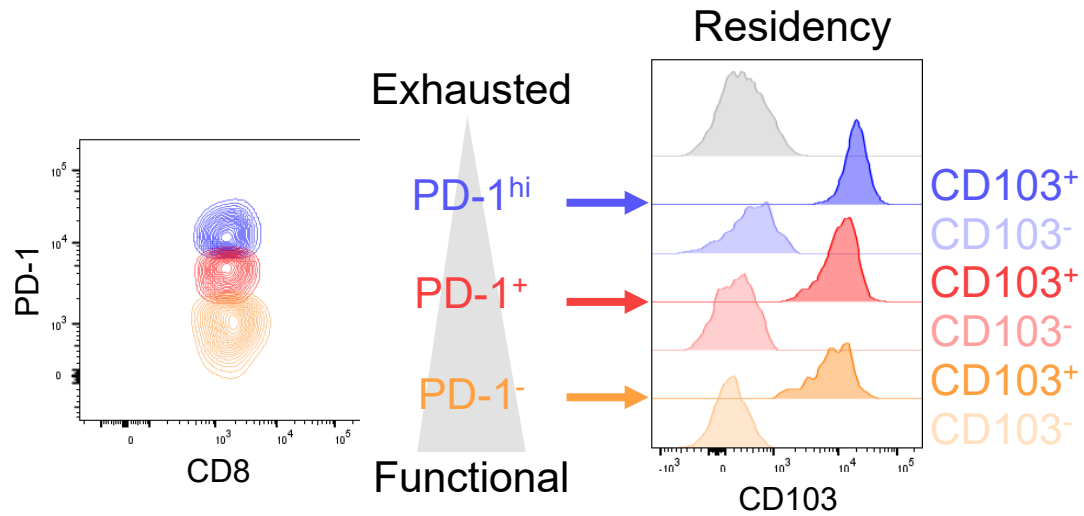


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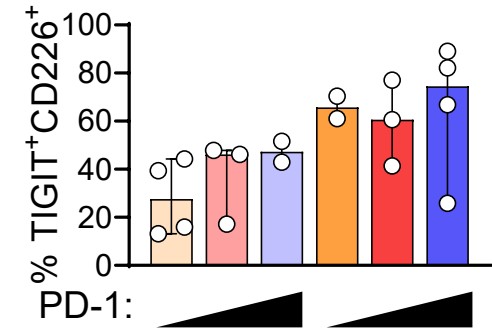
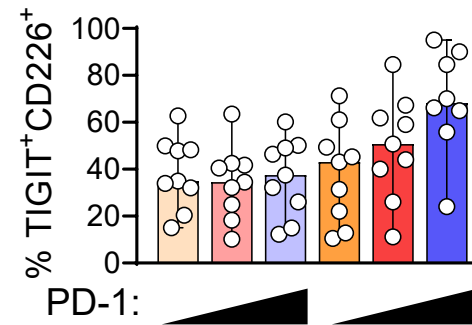




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**Does TIGIT blockade enhance activation of T<sub>pex</sub> and tumor control in the context of anti-PD-1?**



# Identification of an Ideal Experimental Model to Evaluate Anti-PD-1 Combination Partners

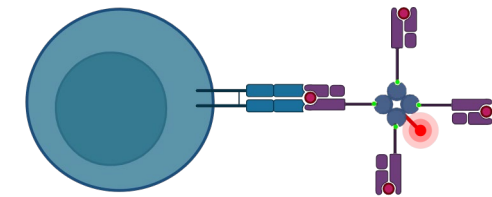
- **The MC38 colon carcinoma model is T-cell infiltrated and anti-PD-1 responsive**

- Modeling “hot” tumors



- **Tools exist to monitor endogenous MC38-specific CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells responses**

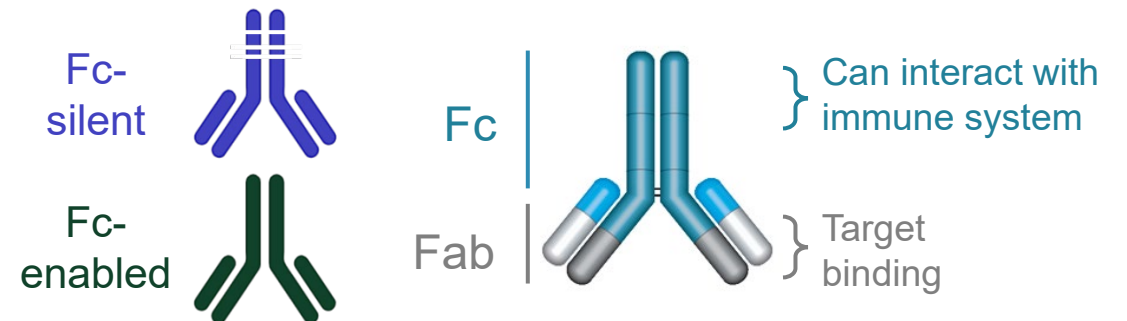
- p15E MHC class I tetramers



- **Critical design feature of anti-TIGIT antibodies: Fc-domain selection**

- Engaging Fcγ receptors can trigger

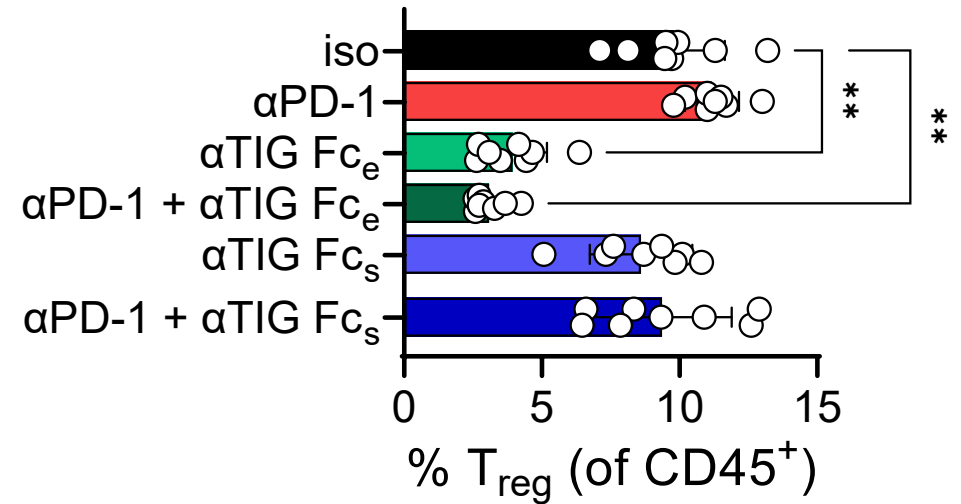
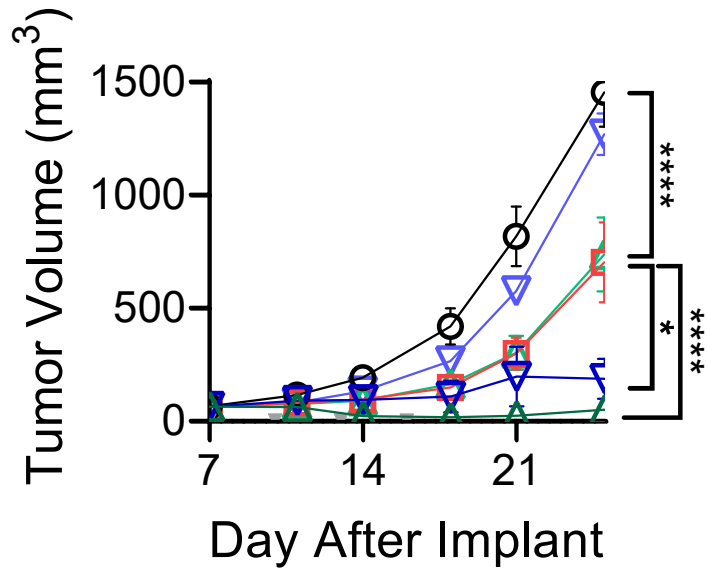
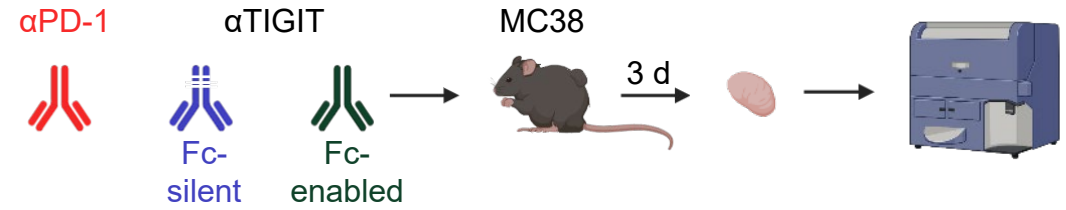
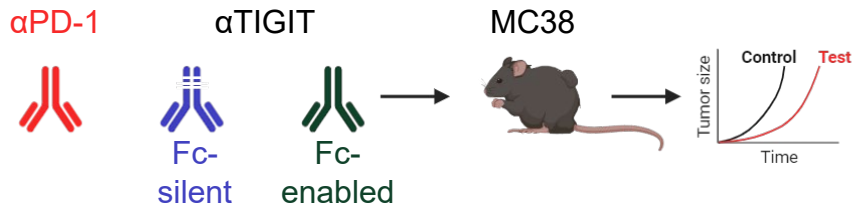
- T<sub>reg</sub> depletion by ADCC<sup>1</sup>
- Non-specific myeloid cell activation<sup>2</sup>
- Potential for immune synapse enhancement<sup>3</sup>



<sup>1</sup>Preillon *et al* (2021) Mol Cancer Ther; Chen *et al* (2022) Front Immunol;

<sup>2</sup>Han *et al* (2020) Front Immunol; <sup>3</sup>Waight *et al* (2018) Cancer Cell

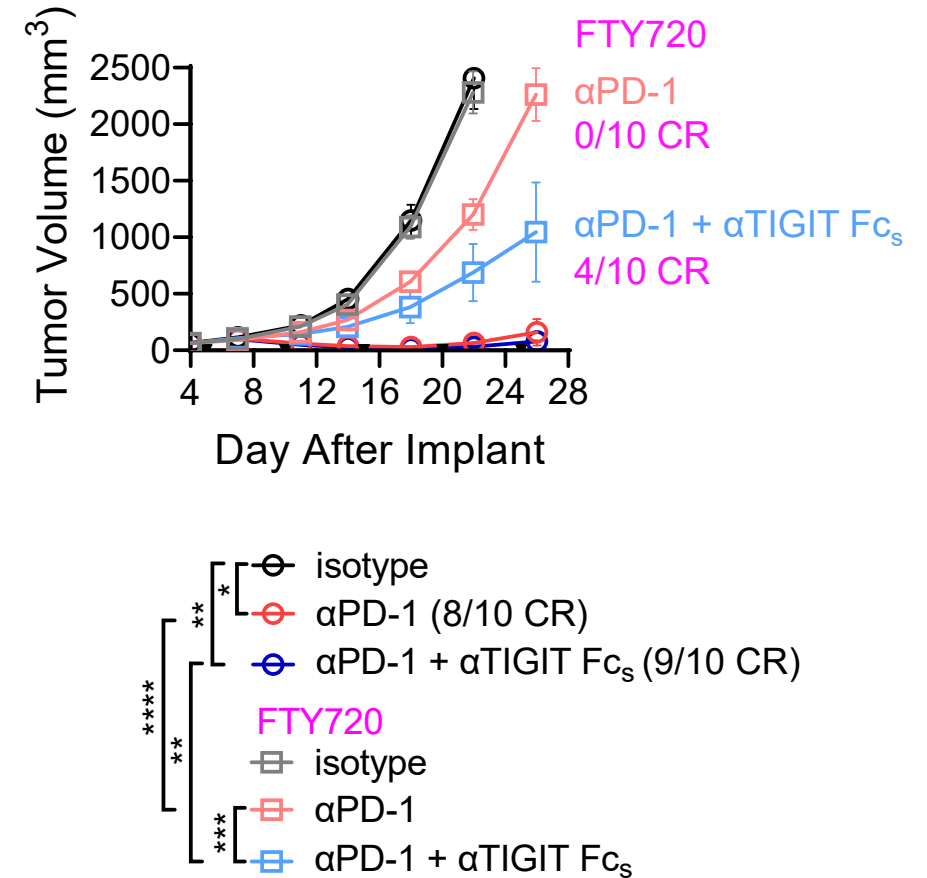
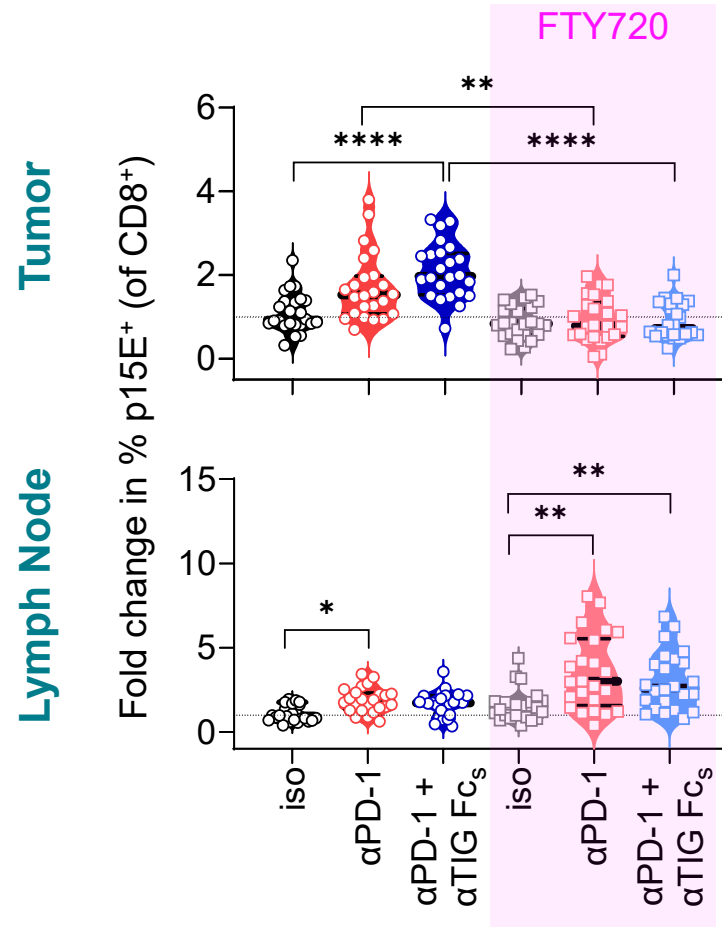
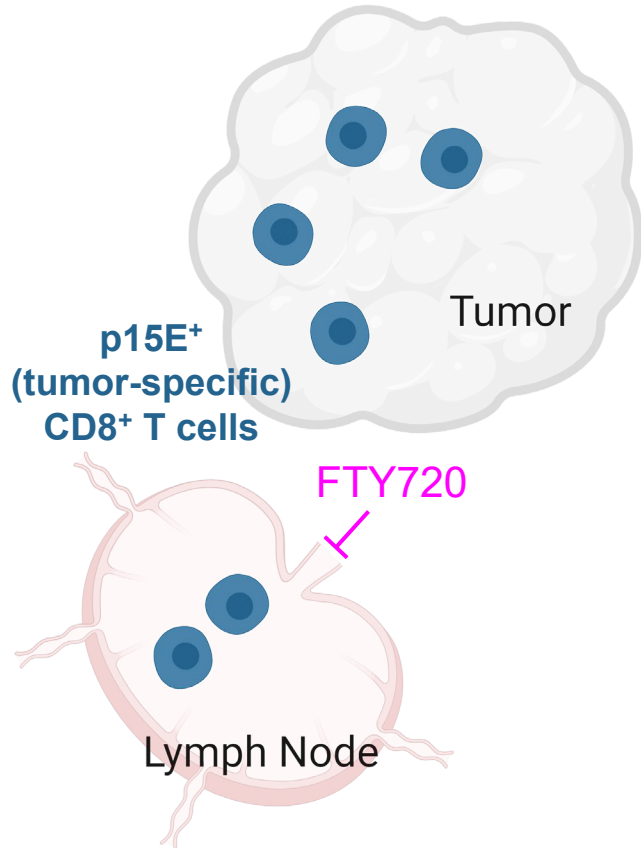
# Fc-silent Anti-TIGIT Promotes Anti-tumor Immunity Without Regulatory T Cell ( $T_{reg}$ ) Depletion



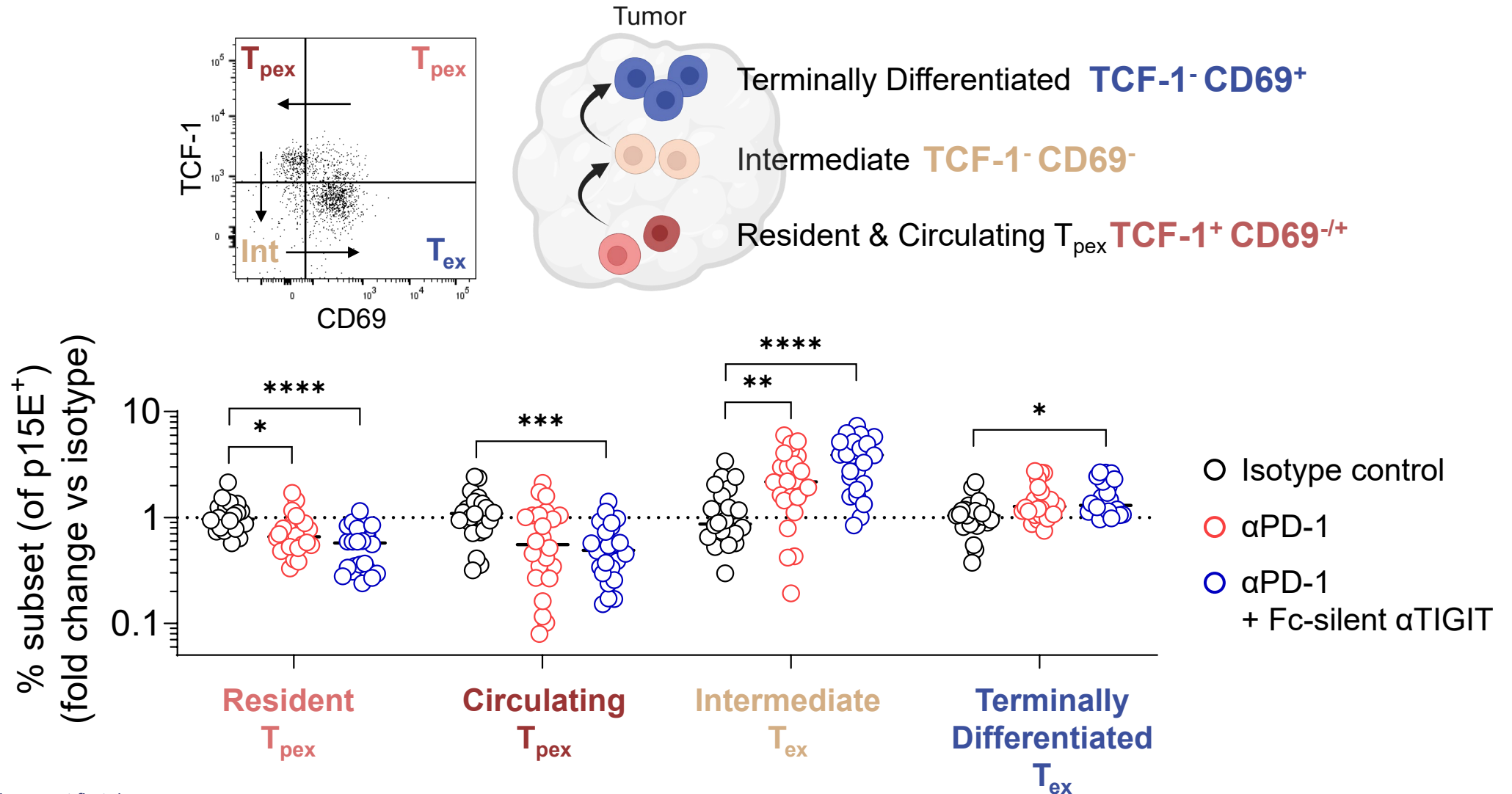
- isotype
  - αPD-1
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  - ▽ αPD-1 + αTIGIT Fc<sub>e</sub>
  - △ αTIGIT Fc<sub>s</sub>
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- Fc<sub>e</sub> = Fc-enabled  
Fc<sub>s</sub> = Fc-silent

**How does Fc-silent anti-TIGIT promote anti-tumor immunity?**

# Fc-silent Anti-TIGIT Potentiates Expansion of Tumor-specific CD8<sup>+</sup> T Cells and Tumor Control



# Fc-silent Anti-TIGIT Potentiates Pre-exhausted Tumor-specific T-cell Activation and Differentiation



# Summary of Human TIL Phenotyping and Mouse Model Investigations

- Subsets of exhausted T cells from NSCLC and gastroesophageal cancer patients co-express PD-1, TIGIT, and CD226
- Fc-silent and Fc-enabled anti-TIGIT both enhance anti-tumor efficacy of anti-PD-1, but by differential mechanisms
  - Fc-enabled anti-TIGIT depletes tumor  $T_{reg}$ , leading to exaggerated efficacy in the MC38 model
- Anti-PD-1 in combination with Fc-silent anti-TIGIT enhances tumor-specific T cell responses and efficacy

**How do human TIGIT-specific Fc-silent and Fc-enabled anti-TIGIT antibodies compare *in vitro* and in patients?**

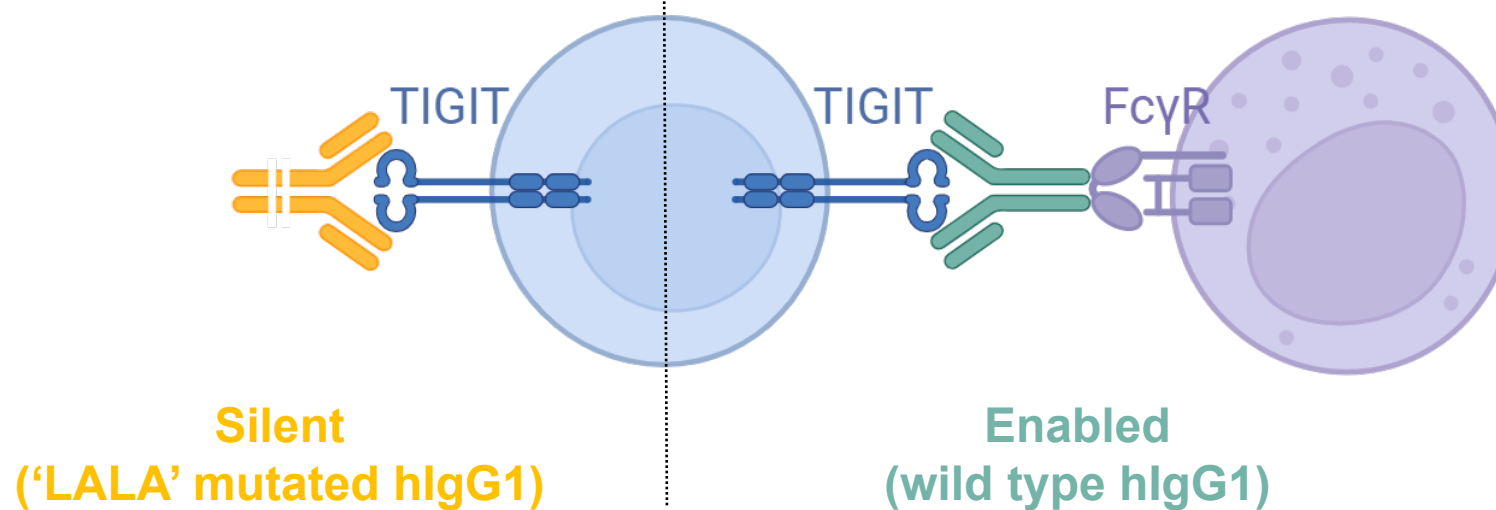
# AB154 (Domvanalimab) and AB308 are Potent Anti-TIGIT Antibodies

## Domvanalimab (dom)

## AB308

Blocking

Blocking & Effector Function



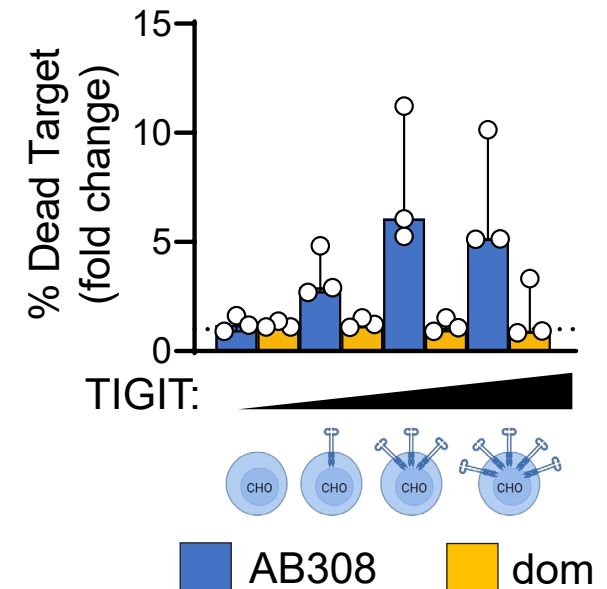
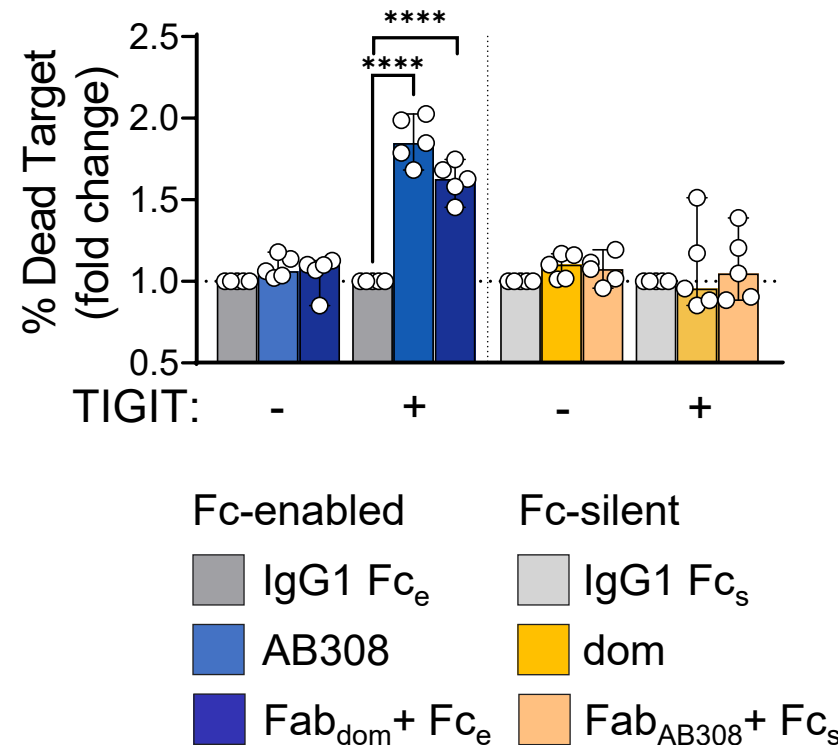
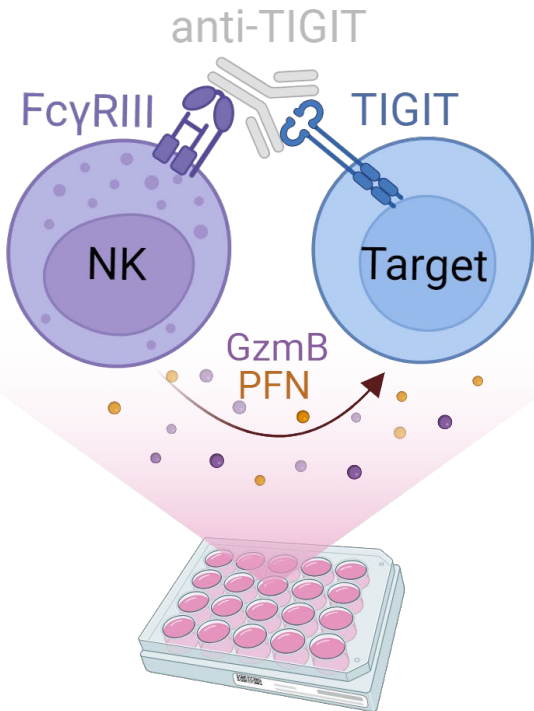
Binding EC <sub>50</sub>	0.42 nM	0.36 nM
Blocking IC <sub>50</sub>	0.69 nM	0.68 nM

# In Contrast to Fc-enabled Anti-TIGIT, Dom Does Not Promote ADCC Against TIGIT Expressing Cell Lines

## Target: CHO ± TIGIT

## Killing is Fc Dependent

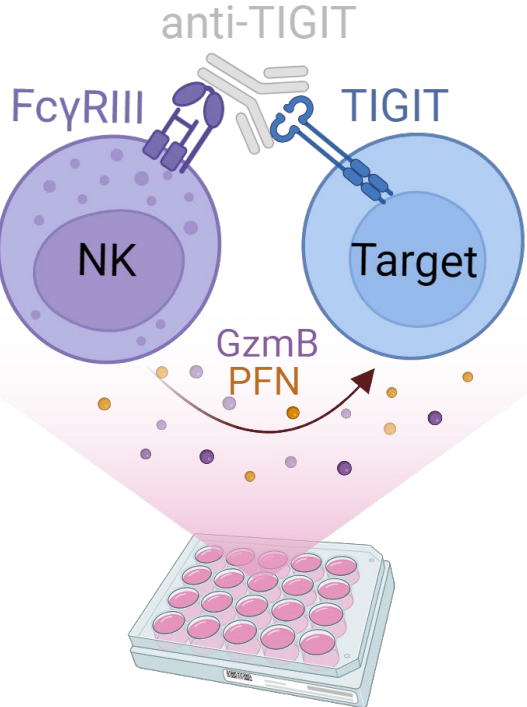
## Killing Correlates with TIGIT Expression



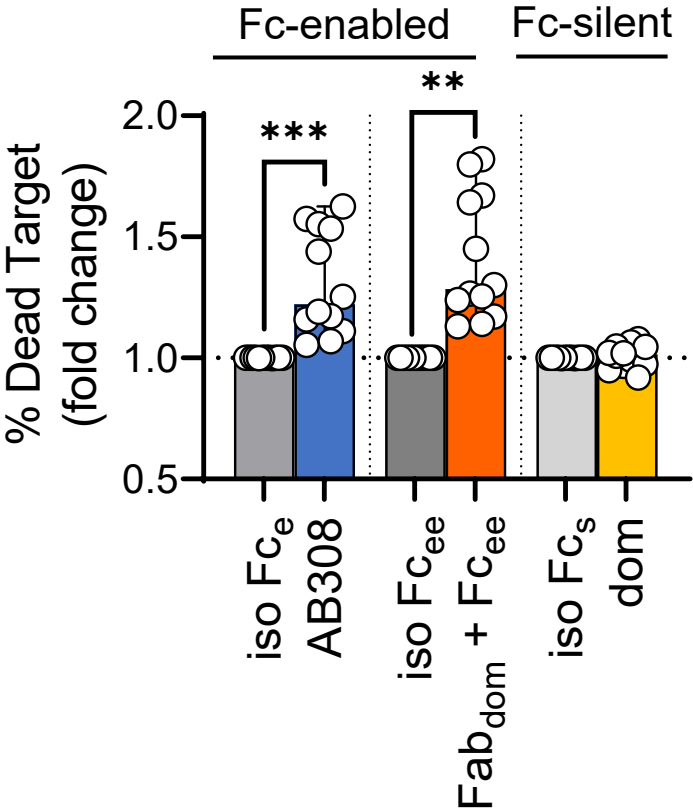


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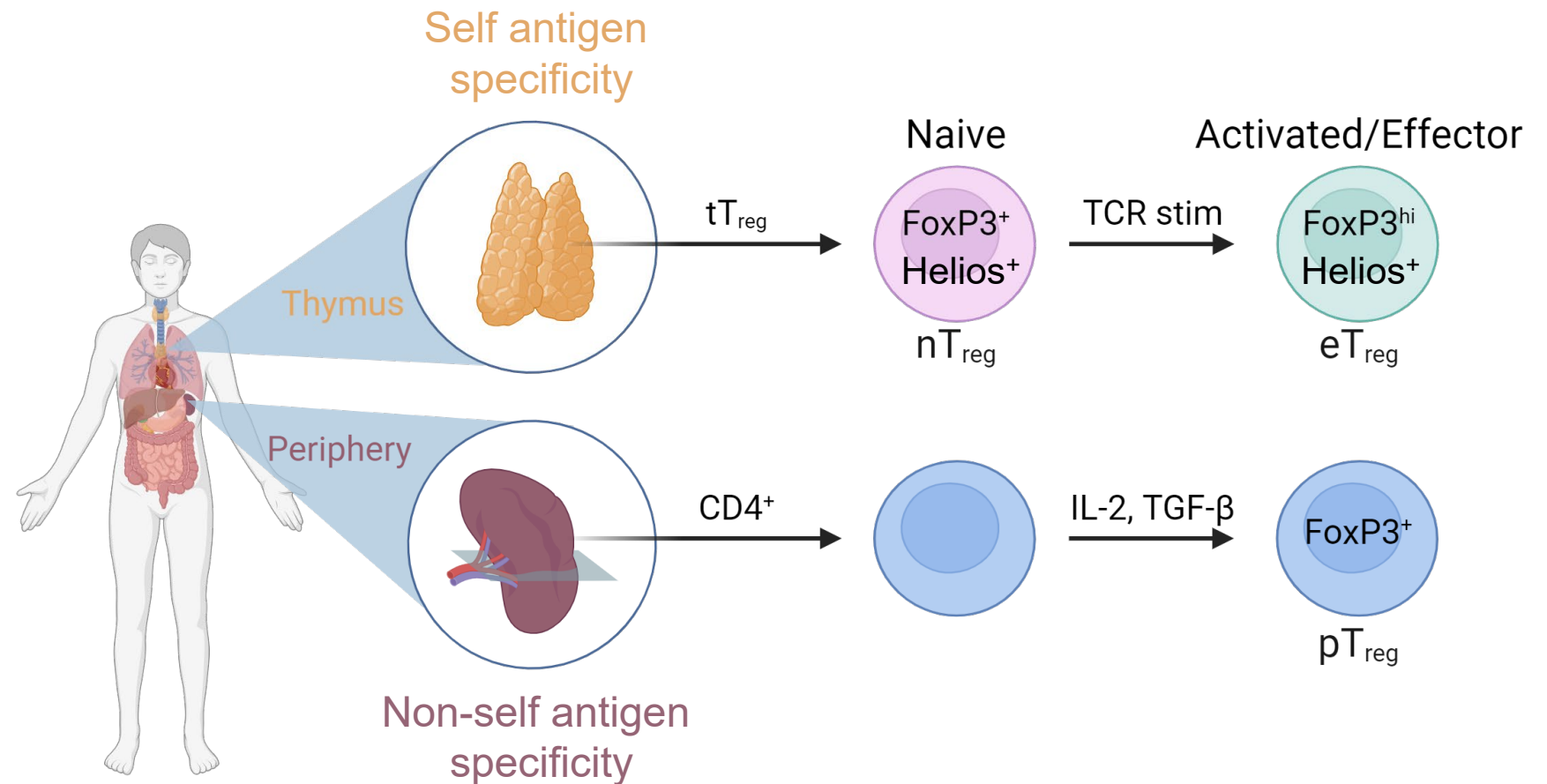
Target: T<sub>reg</sub>



Are different subsets of T<sub>reg</sub> targeting similarly by anti-TIGIT-mediated ADCC?

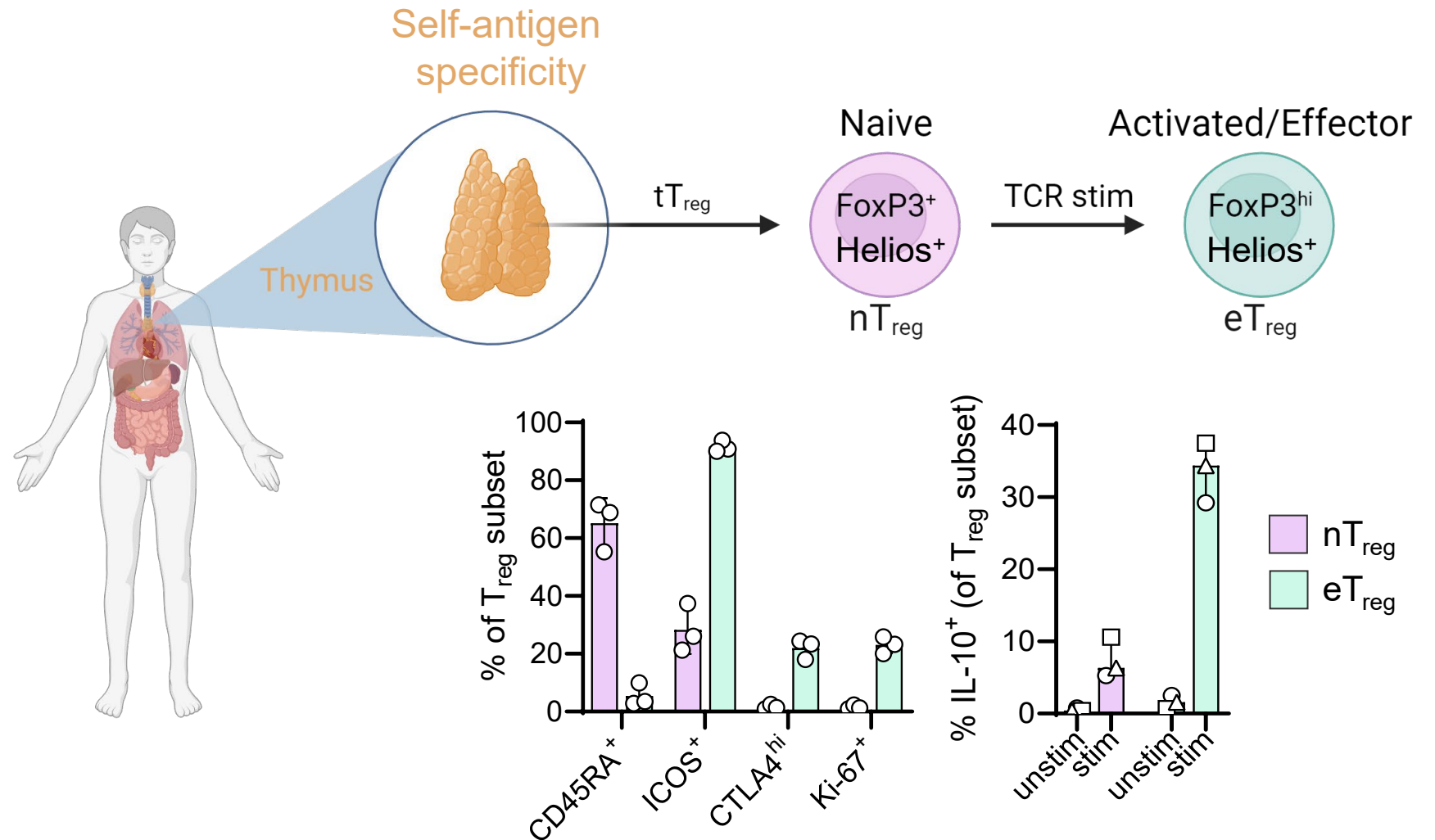
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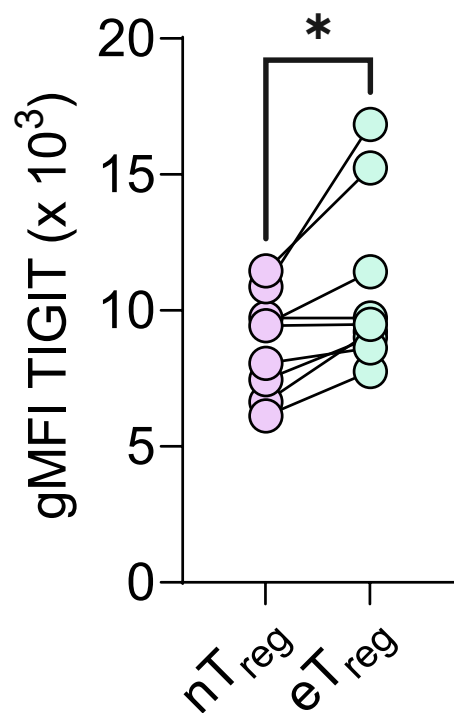
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- eT<sub>reg</sub> are more suppressive, more proliferative, and express higher levels of activation and inhibitory receptors



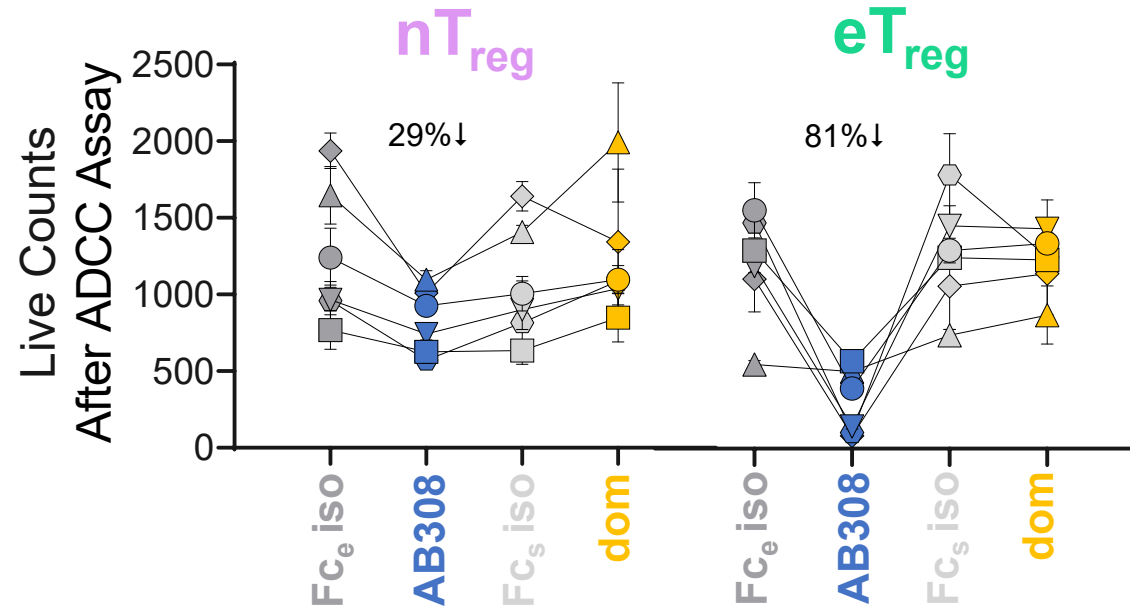
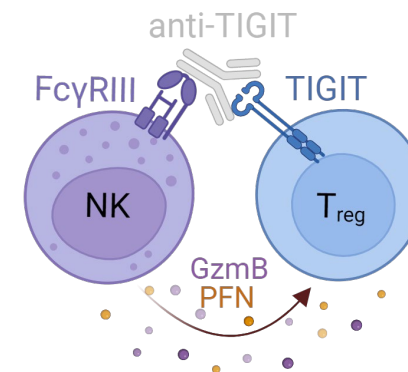
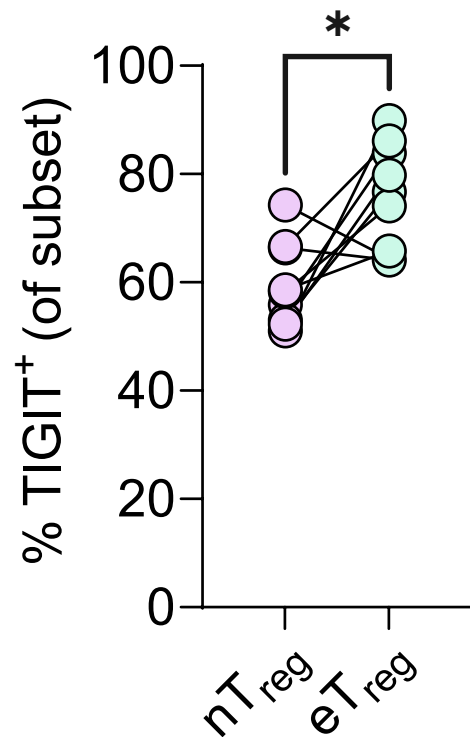
# eT<sub>reg</sub> Have Higher Levels of TIGIT and are Preferentially Targeted by NK Cell-mediated ADCC

## TIGIT Expression

### Per Cell

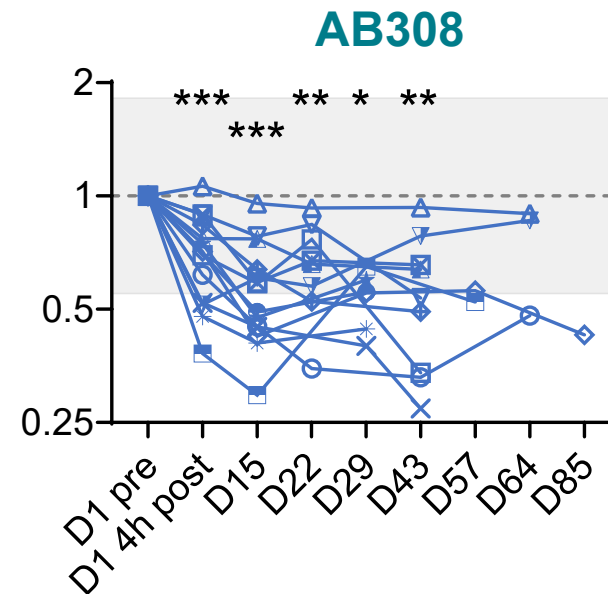
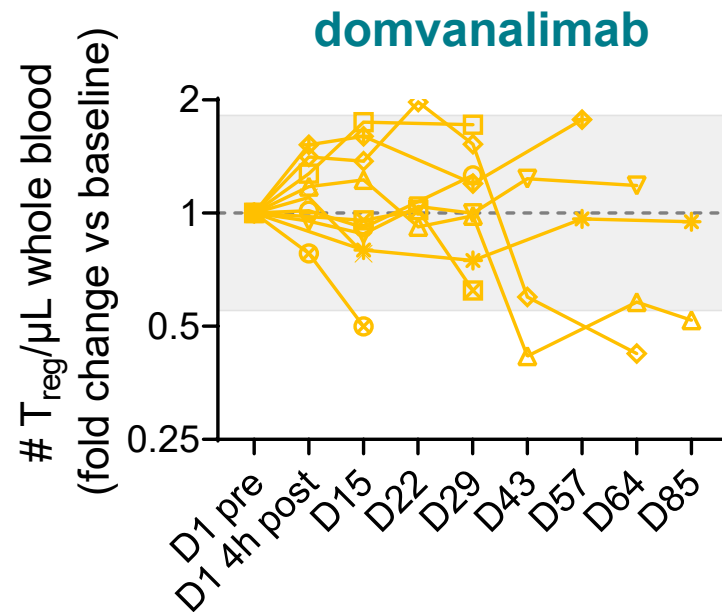
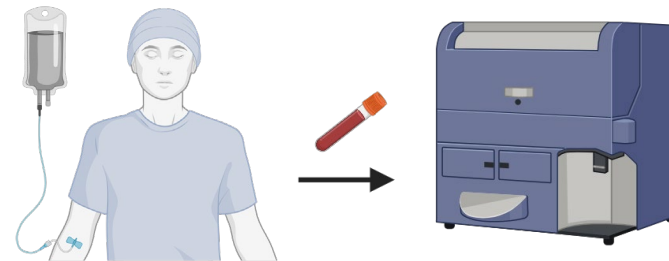


### Population



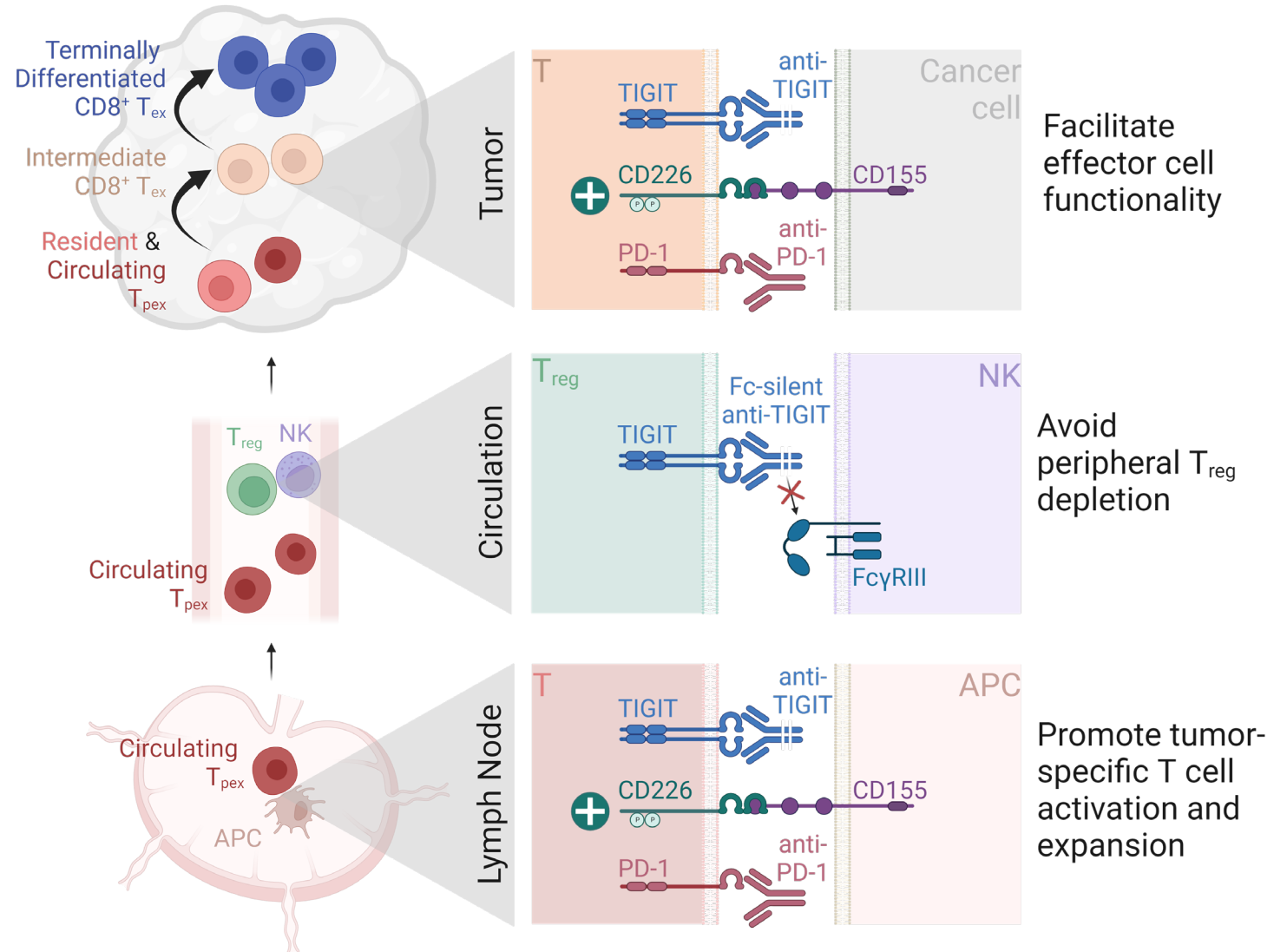
# In Contrast to AB308, Dom Does Not Deplete Peripheral $T_{reg}$ in Phase 1 Patients with Advanced Solid Cancer

**dom:** NCT03628677, n = 10  
**AB308:** NCT04772989, n = 14



# Fc-silent Anti-TIGIT Potentiates Anti-tumor Immunity While Avoiding Depletion of Peripheral T<sub>reg</sub>

- **TIGIT blockade potentiates activation, differentiation, and effector function of tumor-specific CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells**
- **Silencing the Fc domain of anti-TIGIT prevents depletion of peripheral T<sub>reg</sub>, potentially critical for an optimal safety-efficacy profile**



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