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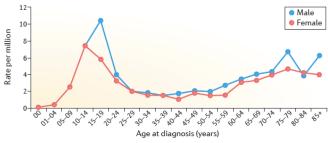
Focus of the Integrated Solid Tumor Biology Section

Functional characterization of high risk pediatric solid tumors to reveal the mechanisms by which tumor cells modulate the function and composition of their local tissue microenvironments to evade antitumor immune responses and promote disease progression



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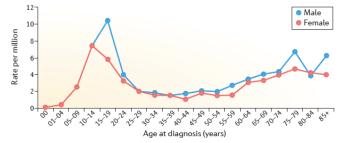
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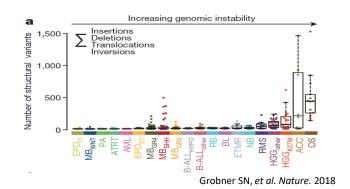
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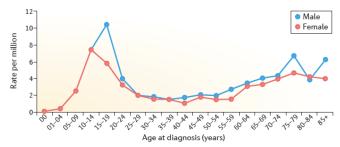
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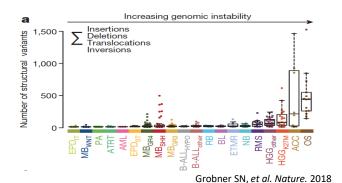
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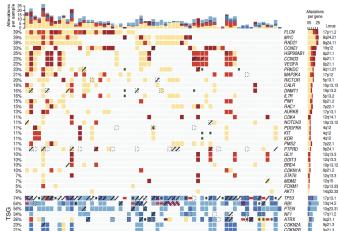


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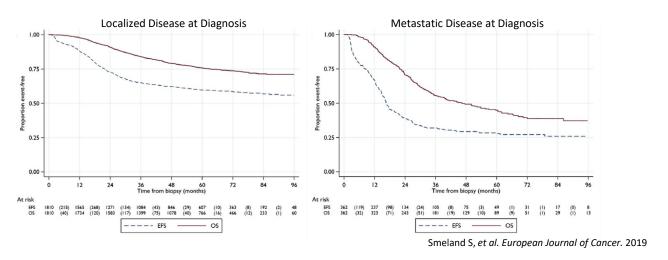




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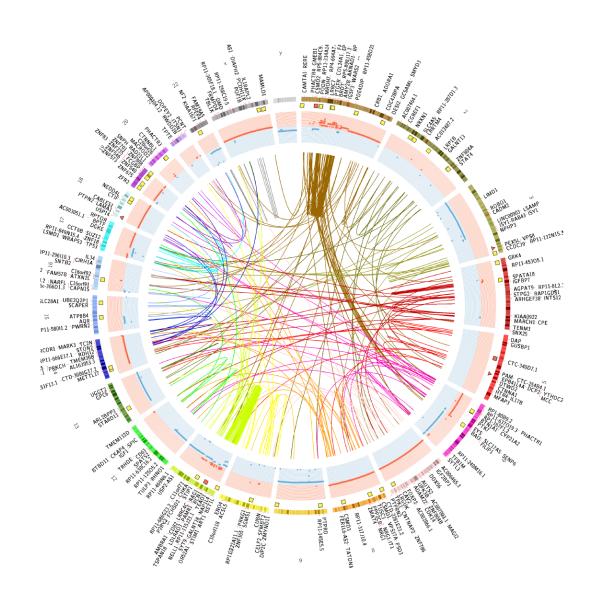
The clinical dilemma in metastatic osteosarcoma

- Survival rates have not significantly improved in over 30 years
- Patients with metastatic disease demonstrate inferior outcome

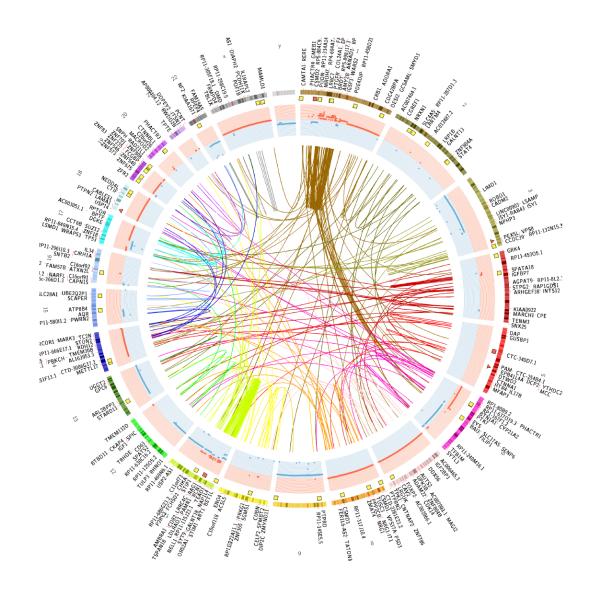


 Immune checkpoint blockade does not provide therapeutic benefit to patients diagnosed with OS

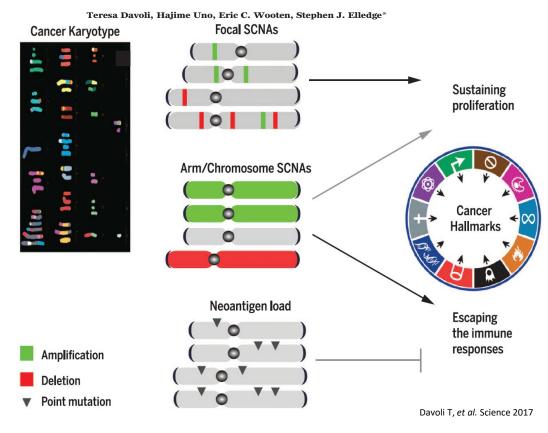
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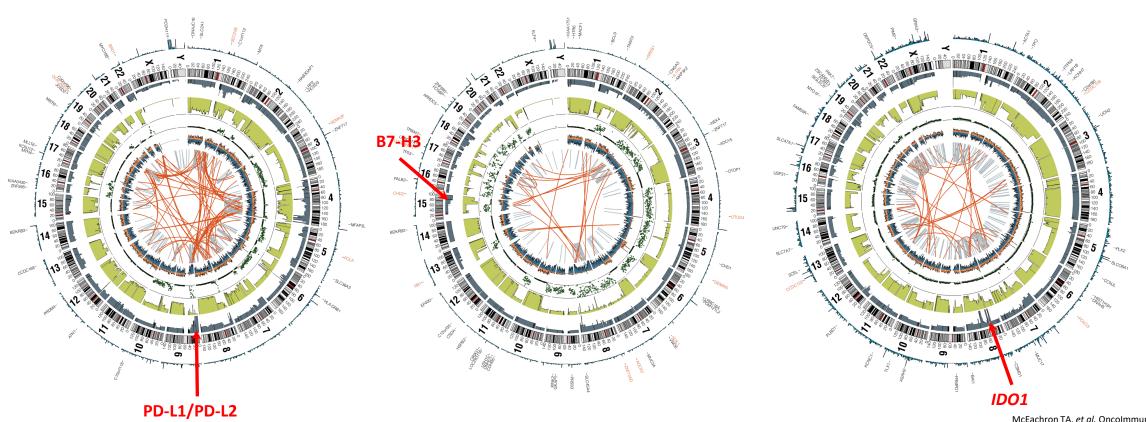
Tumor aneuploidy correlates with markers of immune evasion and with reduced response to immunotherapy



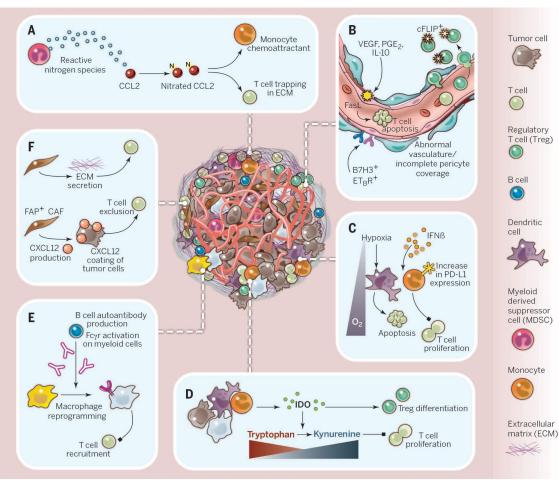
Copy number gains of immune checkpoints in OS



Copy Number Gain Determined by SNP6.0 Array Copy Number Gain Determined by WGS

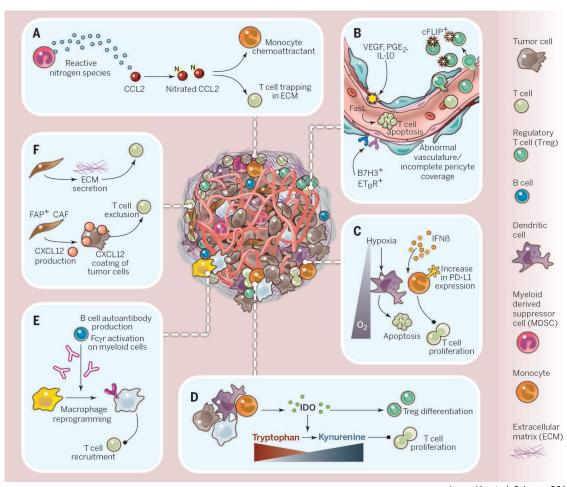


Complexity of the tumor microenvironment



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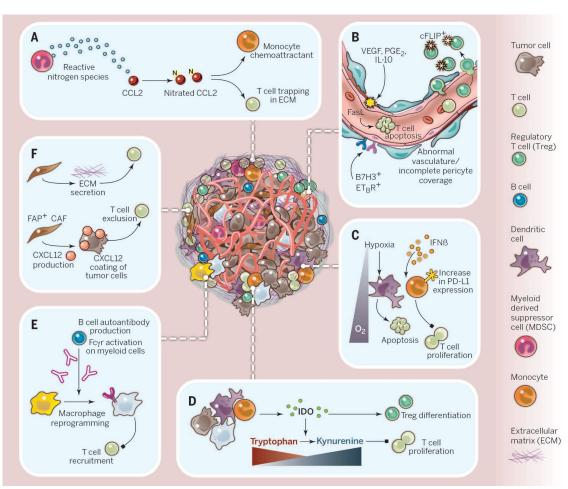
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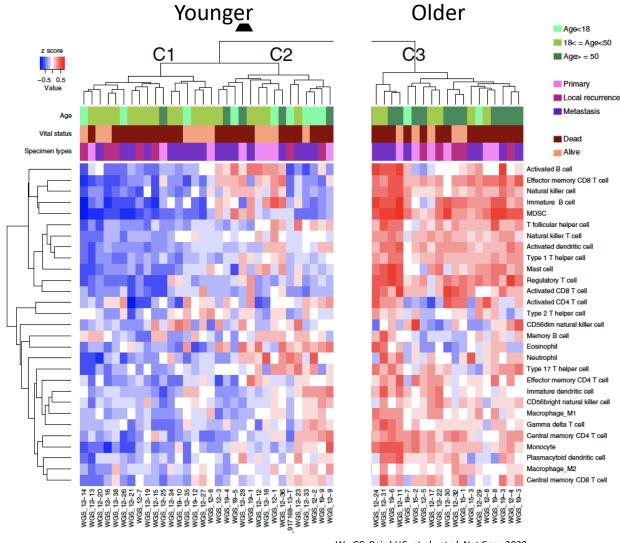


Age<18</p> 18< = Age<50 z score C₂ Age> = 50 -0.5 0.5 Primary Local recurrence Metastasis Age Dead Specimen types Alive Activated B cell Effector memory CD8 T cell Natural killer cell Immature B cell MDSC T follicular helper cell Natural killer T cell Activated dendritic cell Type 1 T helper cell Mast cell Regulatory T cell Activated CD8 T cell Activated CD4 T cell Type 2 T helper cell CD56dim natural killer cell Memory B cell Eosinophil Neutrophil Type 17 T helper cell Effector memory CD4 T cell Immature dendritic cell CD56bright natural killer cell Macrophage_M1 Gamma delta T cell Central memory CD4 T cell Monocyte Plasmacytoid dendritic cell Macrophage_M2 Central memory CD8 T cell

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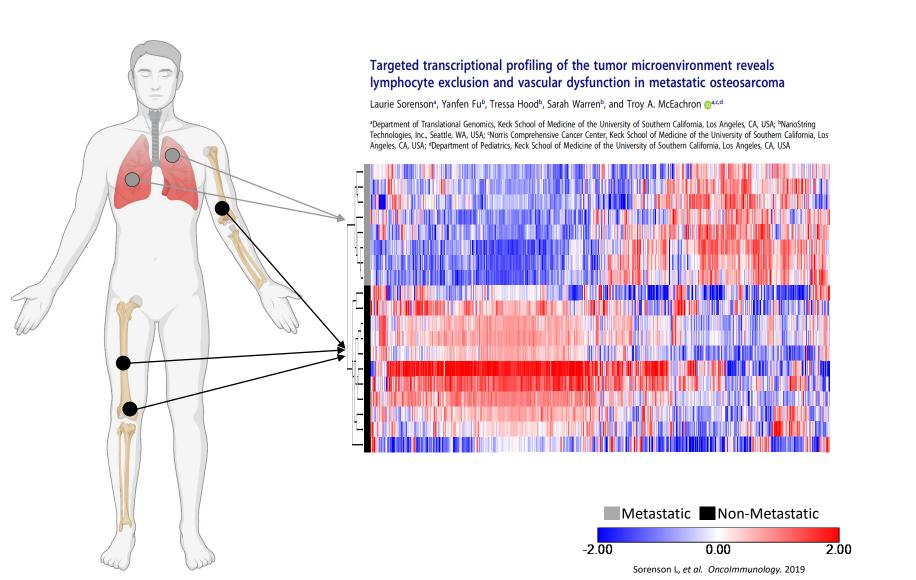




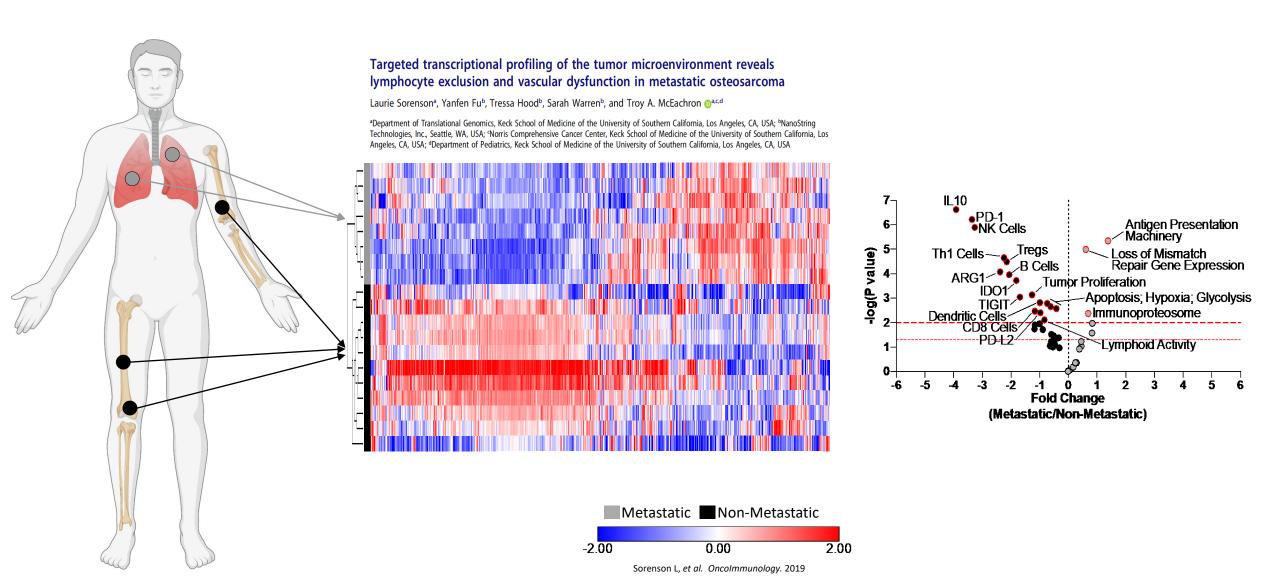
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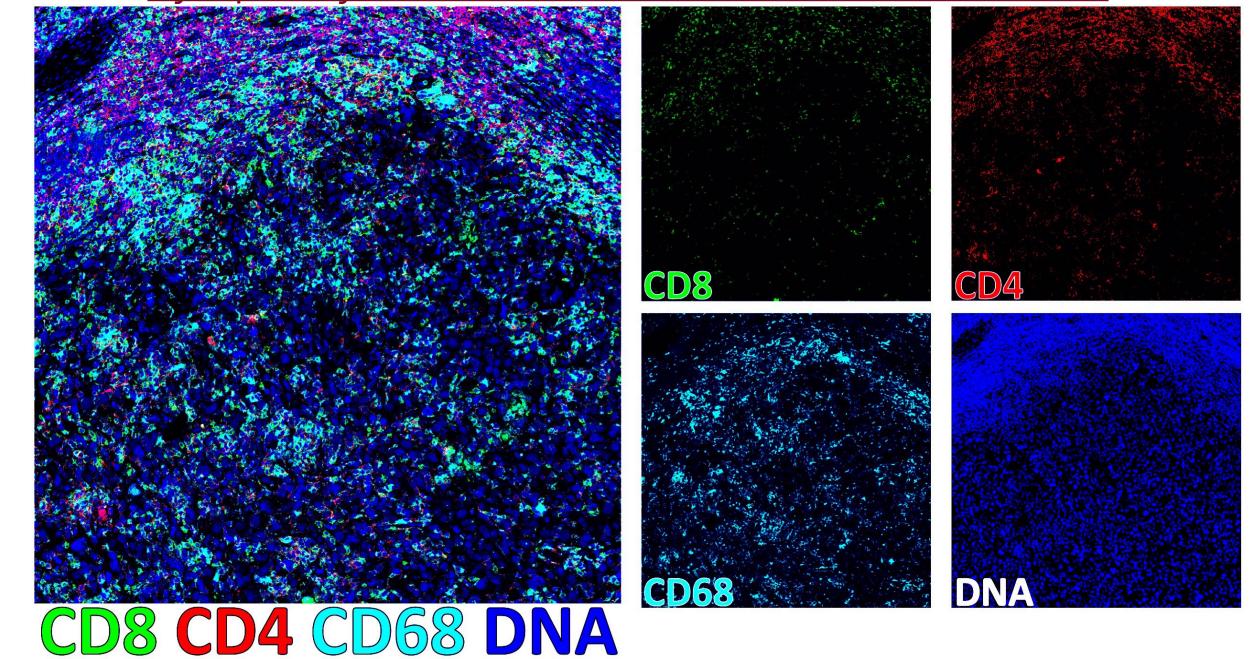
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Lymphocyte exclusion in metastatic OS lesions



Spatial profiling of metastatic osteosarcoma specimens to reveal regional microenvironmental programs that promote lymphocyte exclusion

