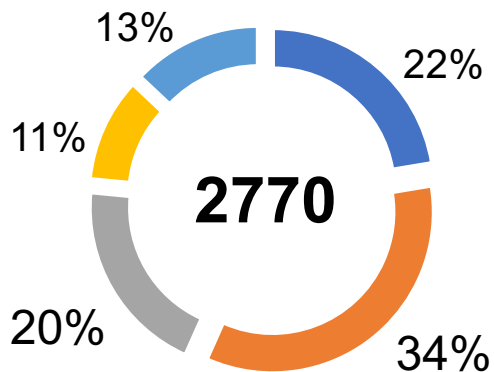


# Cell and Gene Therapies in «Pills»

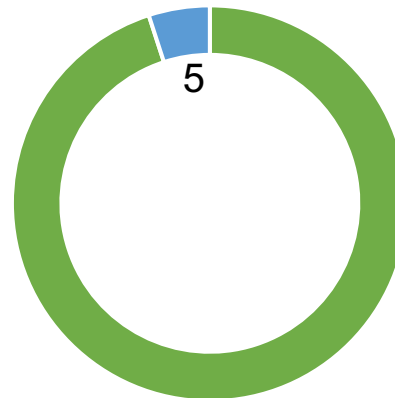
Type of Cell and Gene Therapies



- Autologous
- Allogeneic
- Gene Therapy

- Autologous GM
- Allogeneic GM

Development Phase (%)



- Early Development
- From Phase III and Pre-registration

## Oncology:



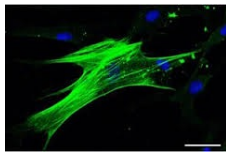
> 60% of ongoing trials

30 trials on non-small cell lung cancer

# Treating Mesothelioma By Cell and Gene Therapies

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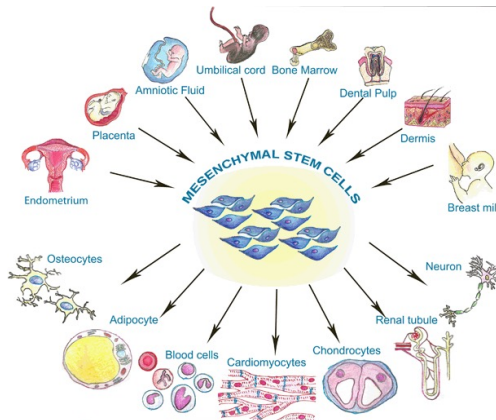
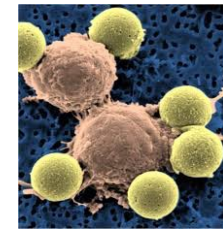
## Mesenchymal Stromal/Stem Cells (MSC)



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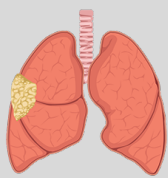


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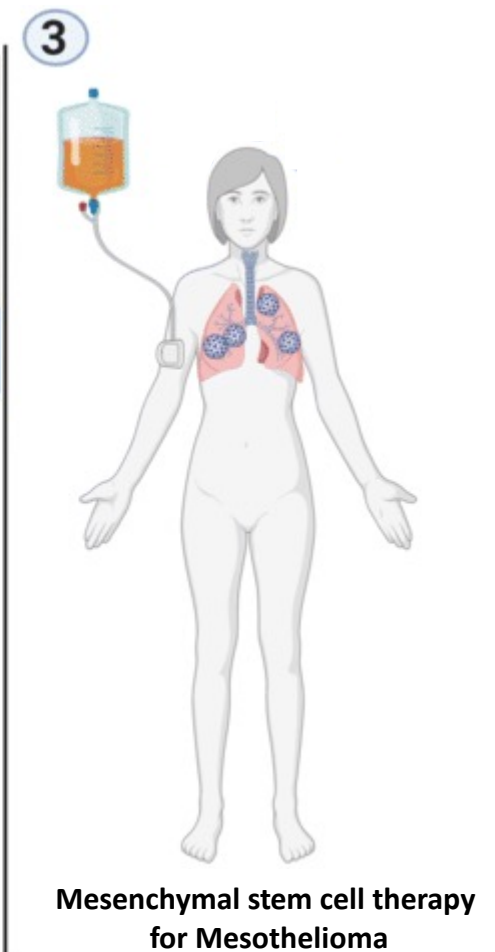
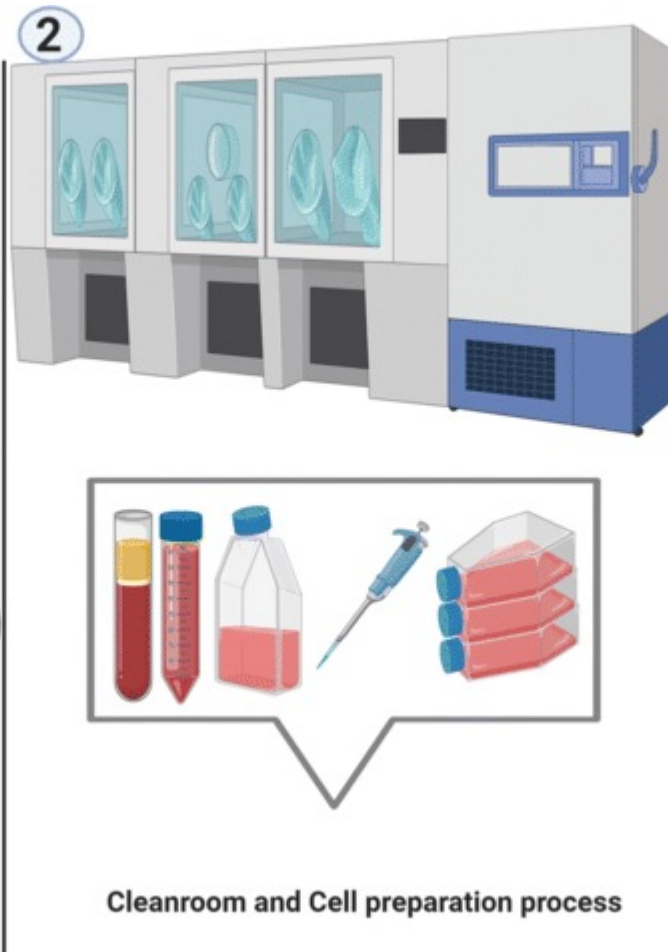
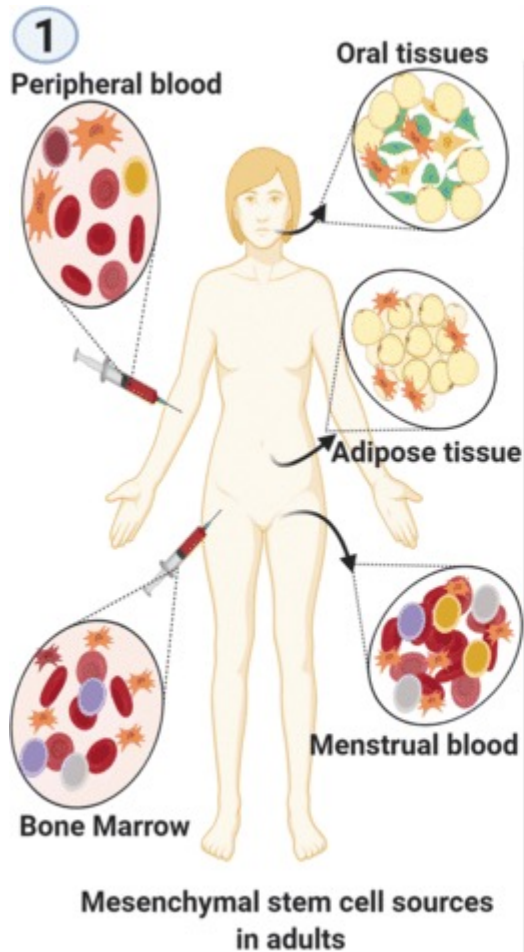
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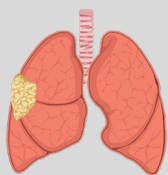


# Use of engineered MSC to target solid malignancies



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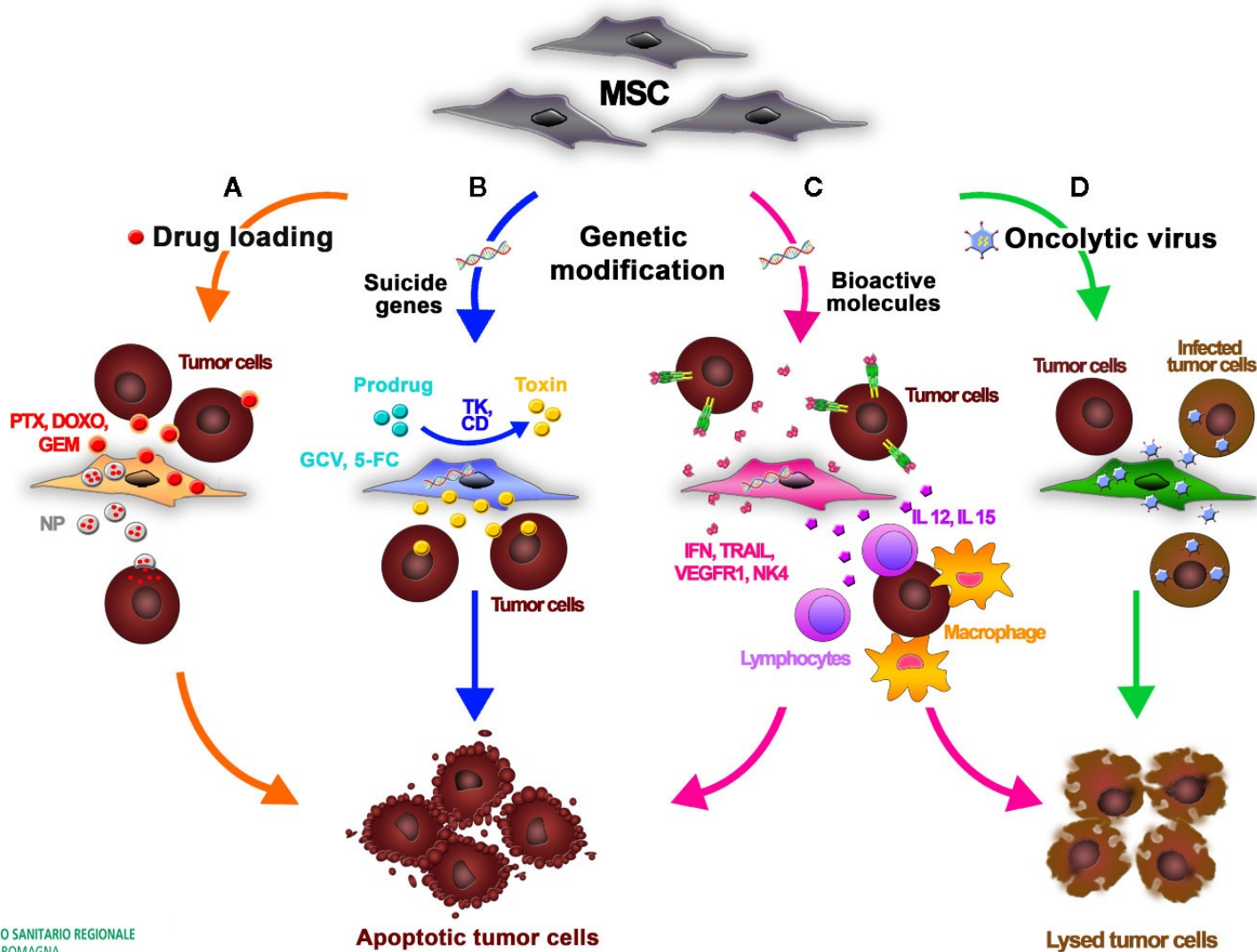




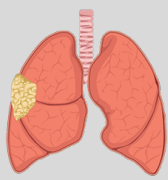
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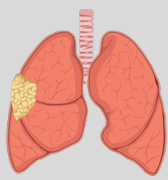


# MSC-based in vivo pre-clinical studies for MPM



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| AUTHOR AND JOURNAL          | TUMOR CELLS LINE                           | MSC DOSE AND DELIVERY                                    | ADMINISTRATION NUMBER  | RESULTS   |
|-----------------------------|--|--|--|---|
| Sage E. et al. (S.M. Janes) | MSTO intra pleural (80.000)                | MSC sTRAIL<br>1.000.000<br>iv. And intra plural          | 5 (day 5; 9; 12;15;18)                                       | No effect i.p.<br>administration<br>Tumor reduction<br>(BLI) i.v.                               |
| Lathorp M.J                 | HEMSO intra<br>peritoneally<br>(1.000.000) | MSC-mbTRAIL<br>300.000 via intra<br>peritoneum           | Twice a week for 3 weeks<br>starting from day 21             | Slight reduction<br>of tumore<br>volume<br><br>Reduction of<br>sistemic<br>inflammation         |
| Cocce et al.                | MSTO s.c.<br>(1.000.000)                   | AD-MSC<br>5.000.000<br>s.c. close to tumor<br>(MATRIGEL) | 4 (day 0, 7,14,21 starting<br>fromm 100 mm3 tumor<br>volume) | Control of tumor<br>growth<br>comparable to<br>Nab-PTX,<br>reduction of<br>tumor cell<br>number |

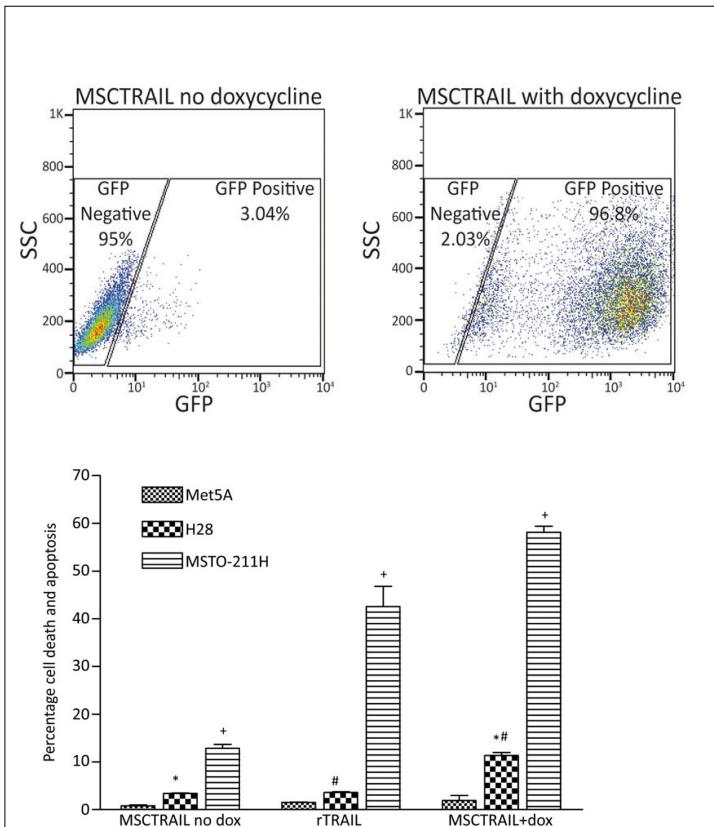


# Systemic but not topical TRAIL-expressing MSC reduce tumor growth in malignant mesothelioma



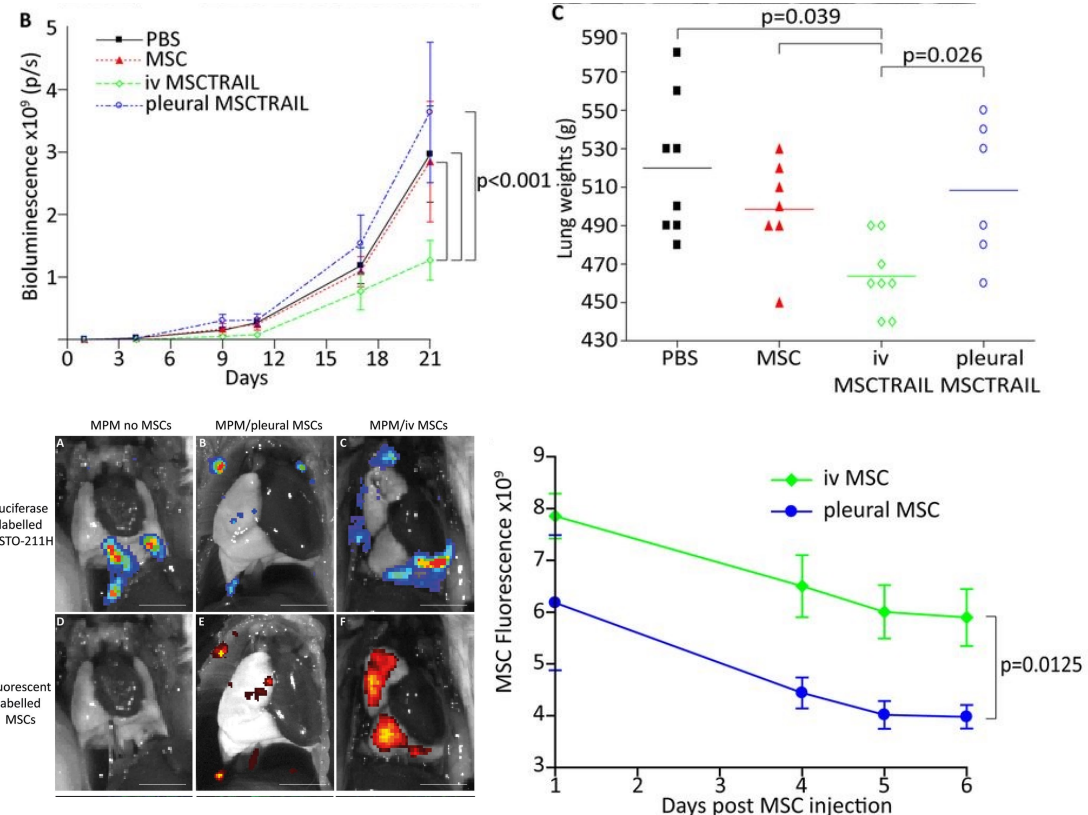
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## In vitro data

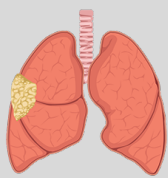


MSC transduction with TRAIL-IRES-eGFP under the control of a tetracycline-dependent. Human MPM exhibit variable in vitro sensitivity to rTRAIL and MSCTRAIL.

## In vivo data



MSC-TRAIL reduce the growth of MPM when delivered i.v. Human MSCs home to MPM when delivered both i.p. and i.v. but i.v.-delivered MSCs incorporate into tumors in greater numbers than intrapleural- delivered MSCs.

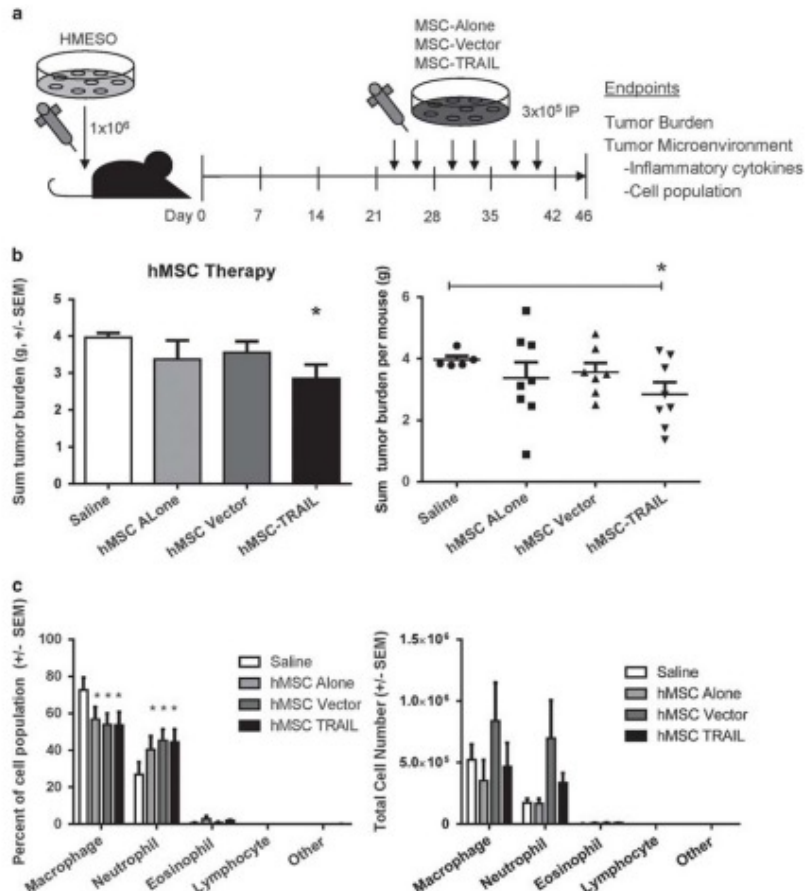


# Antitumor effects of TRAIL-expressing MSC in a mouse xenograft model of human mesothelioma

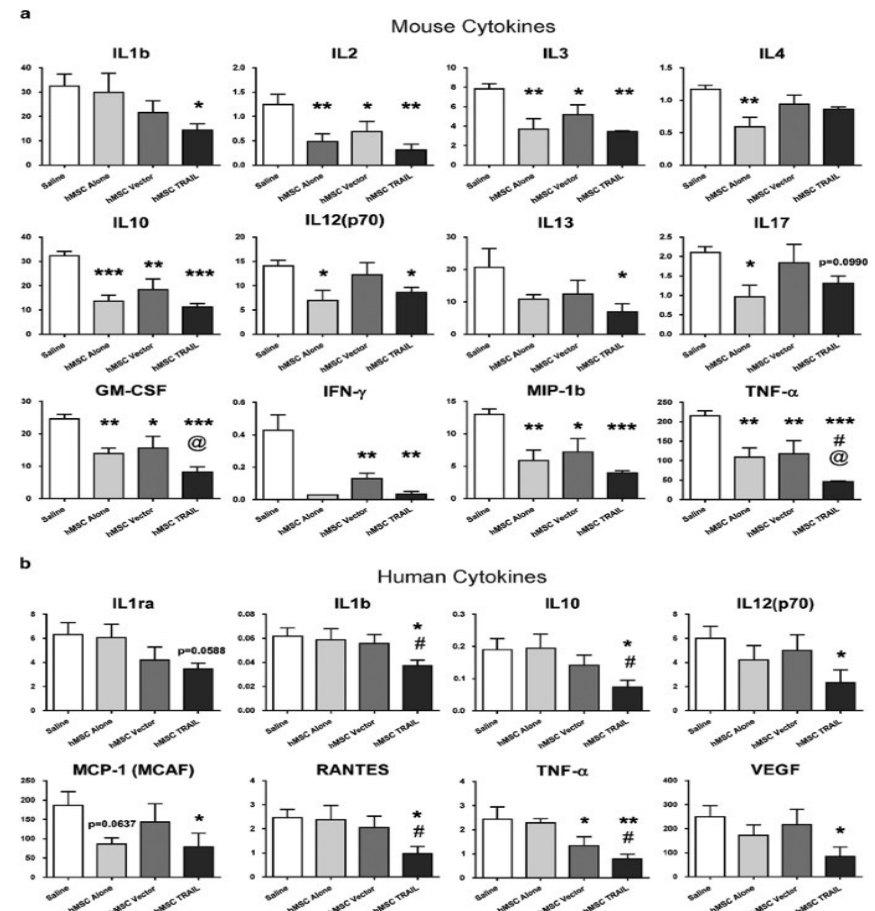


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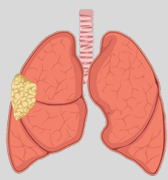
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TRAIL-expressing hMSCs inhibit tumor growth when administered intraperitoneally to mature tumors. hMSC administration significantly increased the percentage of neutrophils within the PLF cell population.



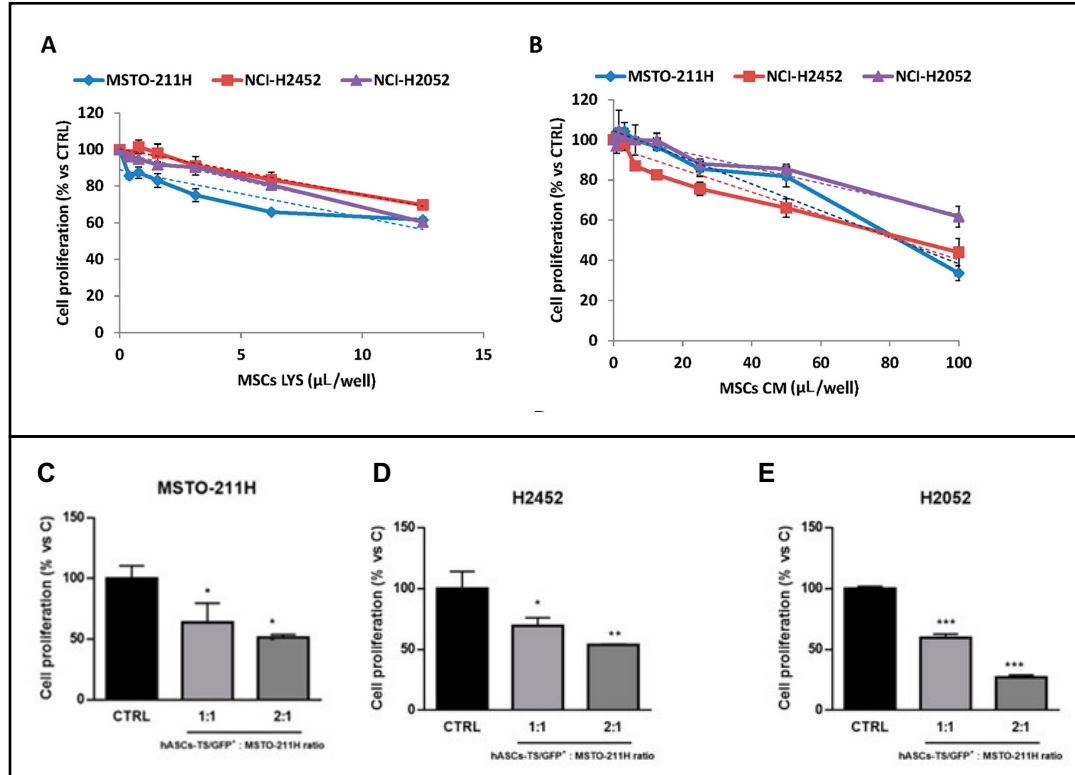
hMSC administration further significantly decreased the levels of multiple PLF cytokines and chemokines (both mouse and human) in this model significantly reducing the inflammatory tumor environment in vivo.



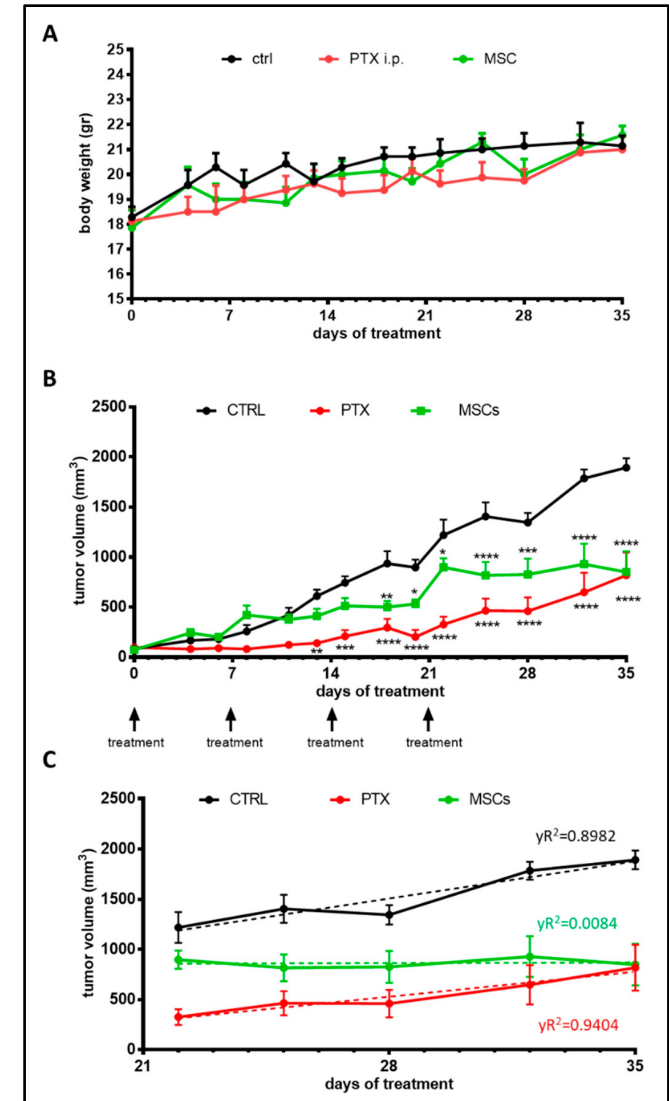
# Inhibition of Human Malignant Pleural Mesothelioma Growth by MSC



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MSCs lysate and secretome inhibited MPM cell proliferation in vitro. Specific co-culture experiments showed that the proliferation of MPM cells was significantly impaired by the interaction with hASCs cells. The efficacy of MSC was confirmed in vivo by a significant inhibition of tumor growth, similar to that produced by systemic administration of paclitaxel. No tumor progression was observed after the last MSC treatment, while tumors started to grow again after stopping chemotherapeutic treatment.

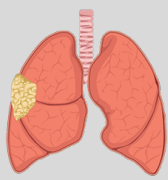




# MSC Towards Clinics







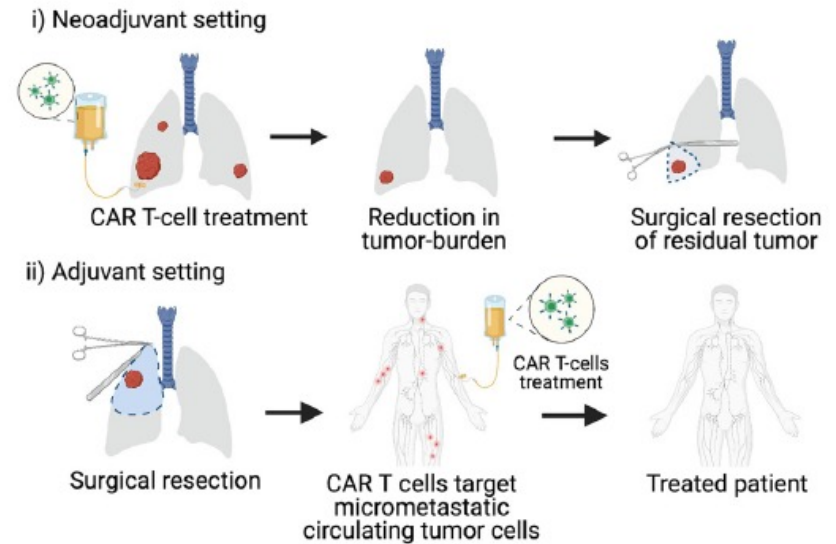
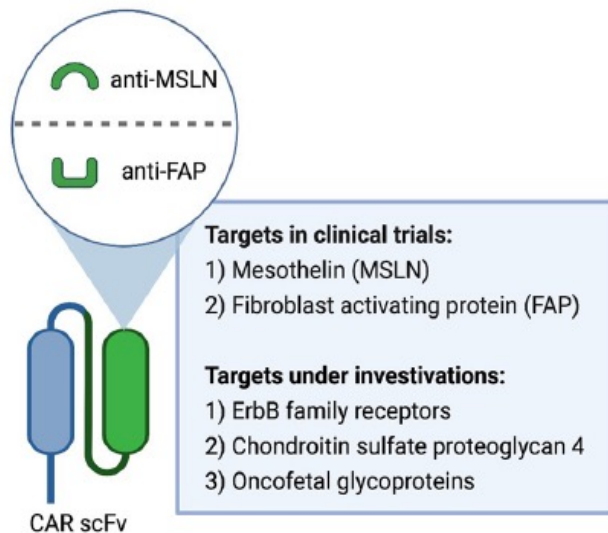
# CAR T Cell Therapy against MPM



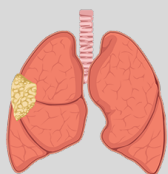
## Antigen Targets in MPM

**Mesothelin** (MSLN) is an ideal cell-surface antigen to target. It is involved in tumor invasion and is expressed in 85% to 90% of MPM compared with lower levels in mesothelia.

**FAP** is expressed in the tumor stroma of multiple epithelial tumors, including all histologic subtypes of mesothelioma, with limited expression in normal adult tissue.



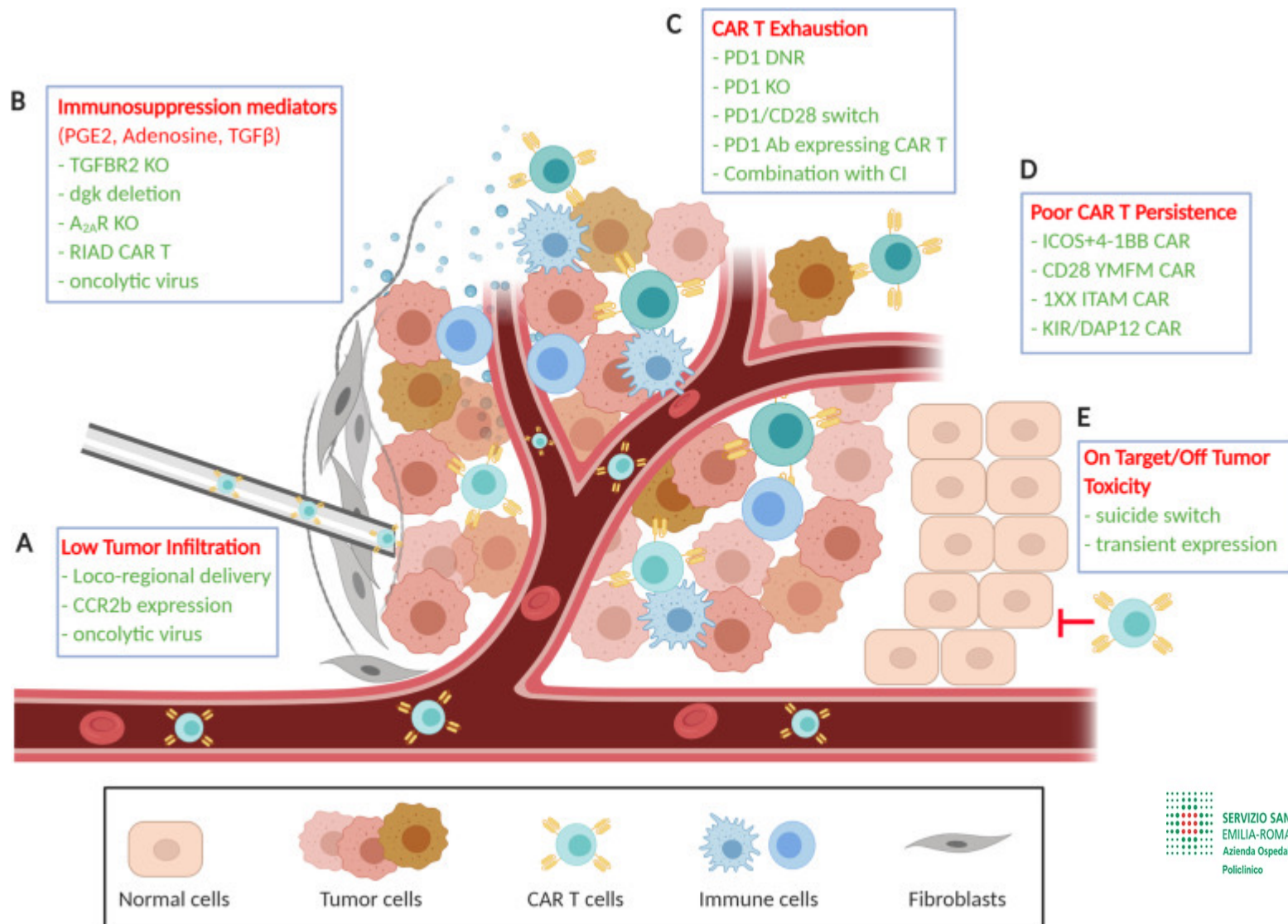
## Surgery and CAR T treatment



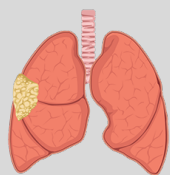
# CAR T Cell Activity in MPM: Strategies to Overcome the Barriers



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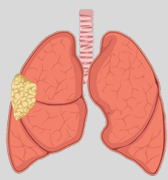


# CAR T Cell Therapy Clinical Trials for MPM



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|------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|----------|--|--|
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| NCT02159716,<br>PhI    | Mesothelin     | Lentiviral transduced, mouse scFv | IV       | w and w/o cyclophosphamide pretreatment                      | University of Pennsylvania               |
| NCT03054298,<br>PhI    | Mesothelin     | Lentiviral transduced, human scFv | IV/IPL   |  | University of Pennsylvania               |
| NCT02414269,<br>PhI/II | Mesothelin     | iCasp9M28z                        | IPL      | w and w/o cyclophosphamide preconditioning, w and w/o pembro | Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center   |
| NCT04577326,<br>PhI    | Mesothelin     | M28z-1XXPD1DNR                    | IPL      | Cyclophosphamide   | Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center   |
| NCT01583686,<br>PhI/II | Mesothelin     | Anti mesothelin CAR               | IV       | Fludarabine, cyclophosphamide, aldesleukin                   | National Cancer Institute                |
| NCT03608618,<br>PhI    | Mesothelin     | mRNA transduced PBMC              | IP       | Cyclophosphamide   | MaxCyte                                  |
| NCT03907852,<br>PhI/II | Mesothelin     | TRuC                              | IV       | w and w/o cyclophosphamide preconditioning, w and w/o pembro | TCR2 Therapeutics                        |
| NCT04489862,<br>PhI    | Mesothelin     | Anti-PD-1 nanobodies              | IV       | Cyclophosphamide   | Wuhan Union Hospital                     |
| NCT03615313,<br>PhI/II | Mesothelin     | Anti-PD-1 antibody                | IV       | Fludarabine, cyclophosphamide                                | Shanghai Cell Therapy Research Institute |
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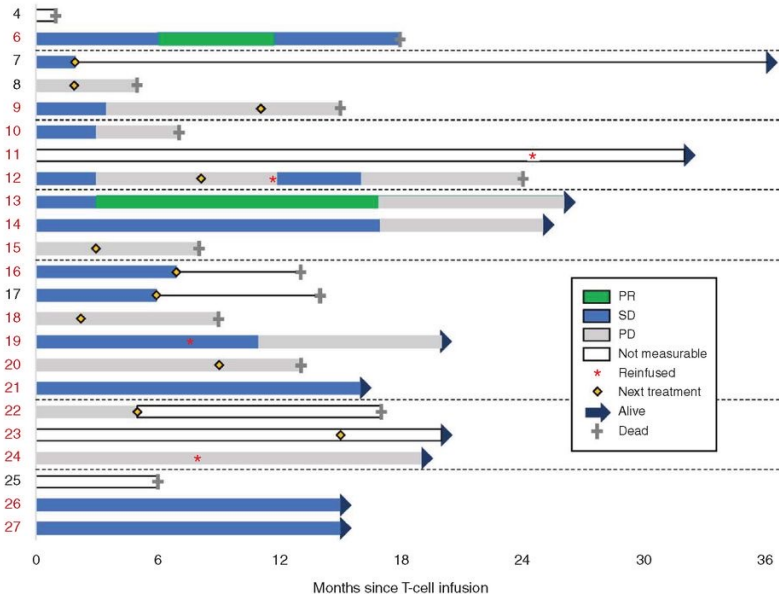
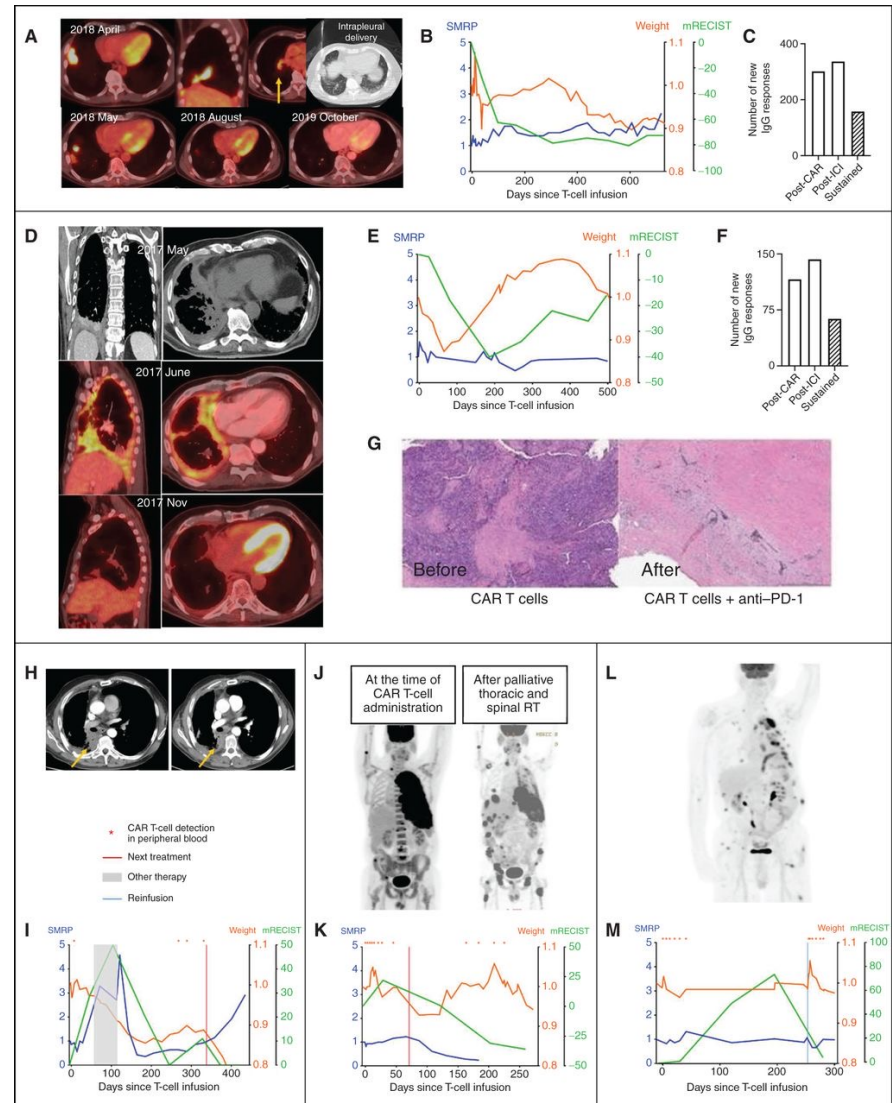


# A Phase I Trial: Mesothelin CAR T with Pembrolizumab



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- **MSLN-targeted CAR T cells** followed by the administration of **pembrolizumab** were associated with unusual survival outcomes, reaching a median **OS of 23.9 months** in 18 pretreated patients with MPM.
- The **intrapleural** administration of CAR T cells was feasible and reached **long-lasting systemic circulation**. In 39% of patients, CAR T cells were detected in peripheral blood for more than 100 days.
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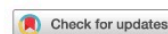
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