

# CXCL12 inhibition in MGMT unmethylated glioblastoma – Results of an early proof-of-concept assessment in the multicentric phase I/II GLORIA trial (NCT04121455)

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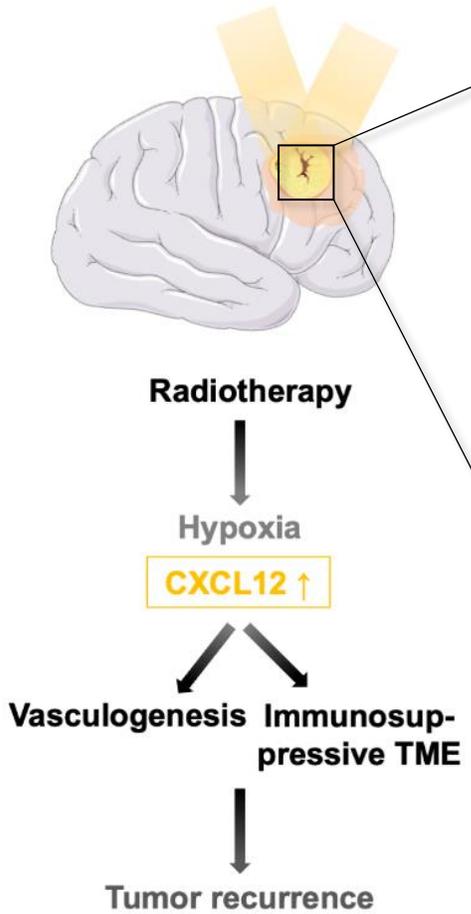
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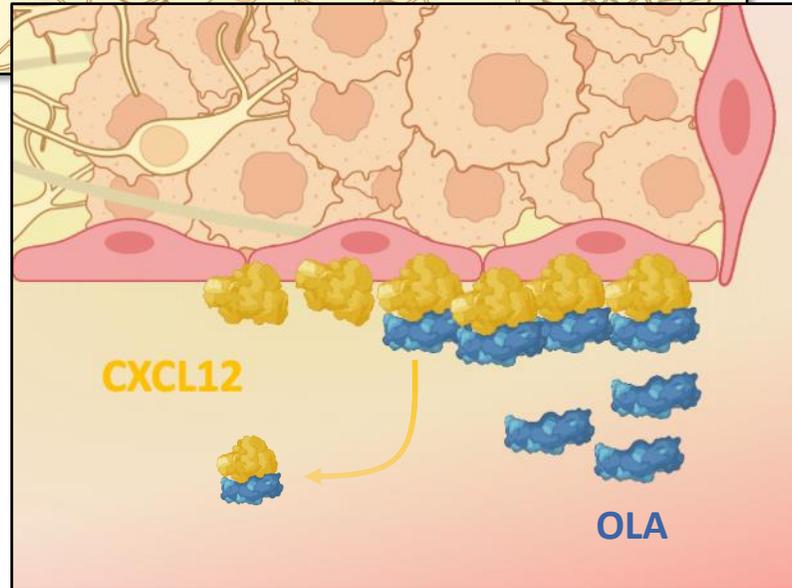
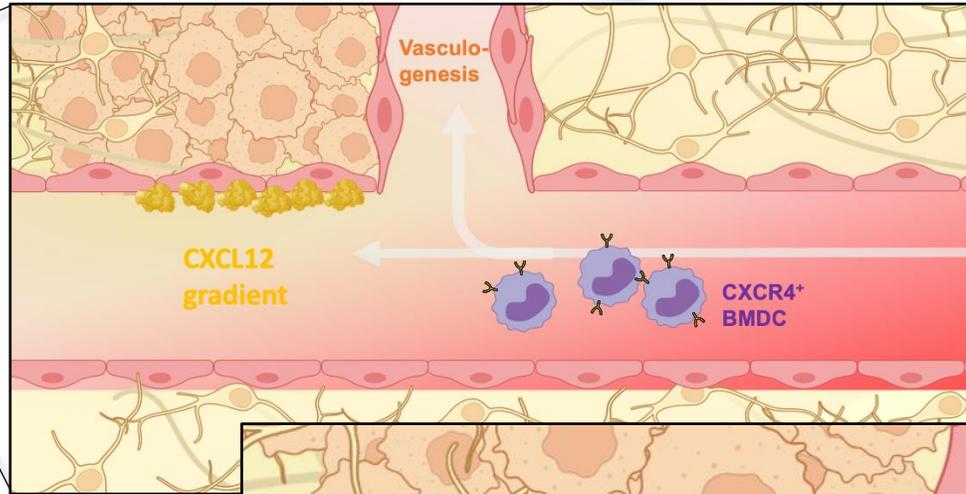
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# Background and rationale



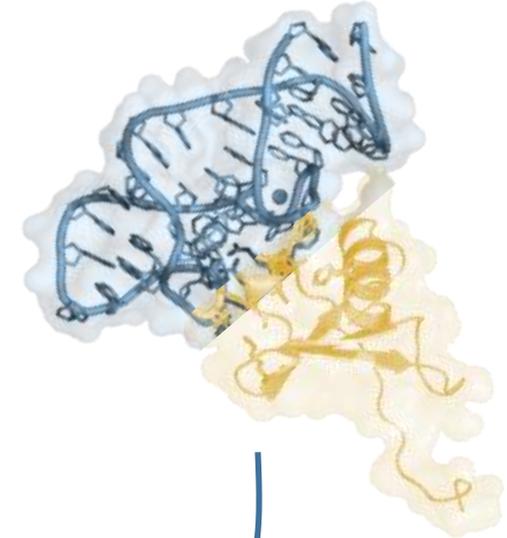
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CXCR4, C-X-C Motif Chemokine Receptor 4 (receptor for CXCL12)  
 BMDC, bone marrow derived cells  
 TME, tumor microenvironment

## Olaptesed pegol (OLA, NOX-A12)

RNA Spiegelmer (L-stereoisomer)



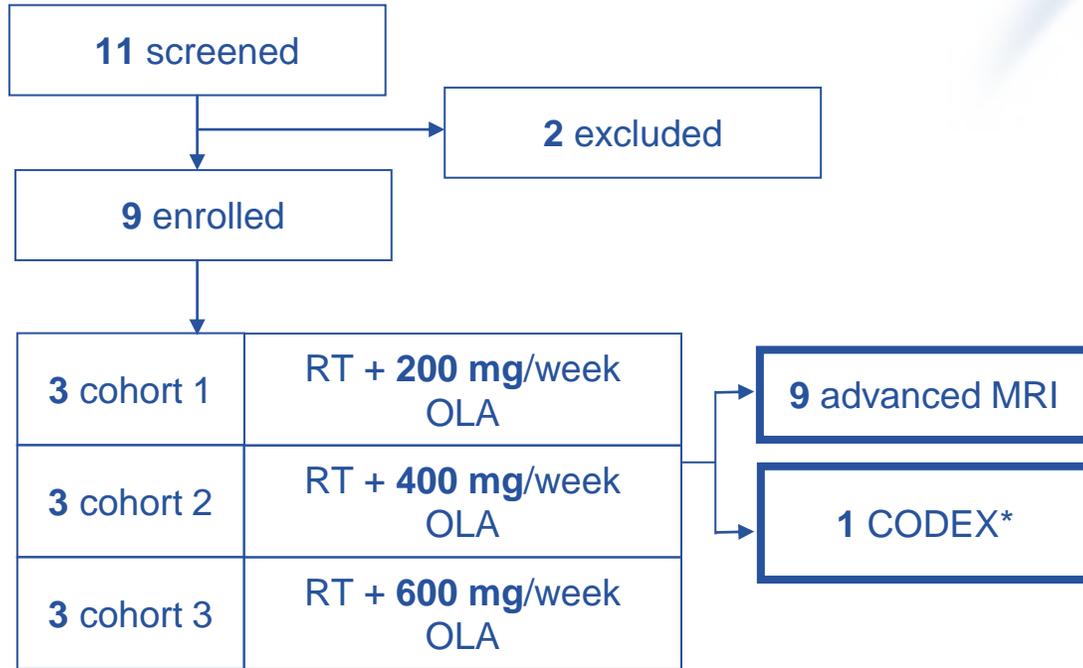
**binds & neutralizes**  
**CXCL12**



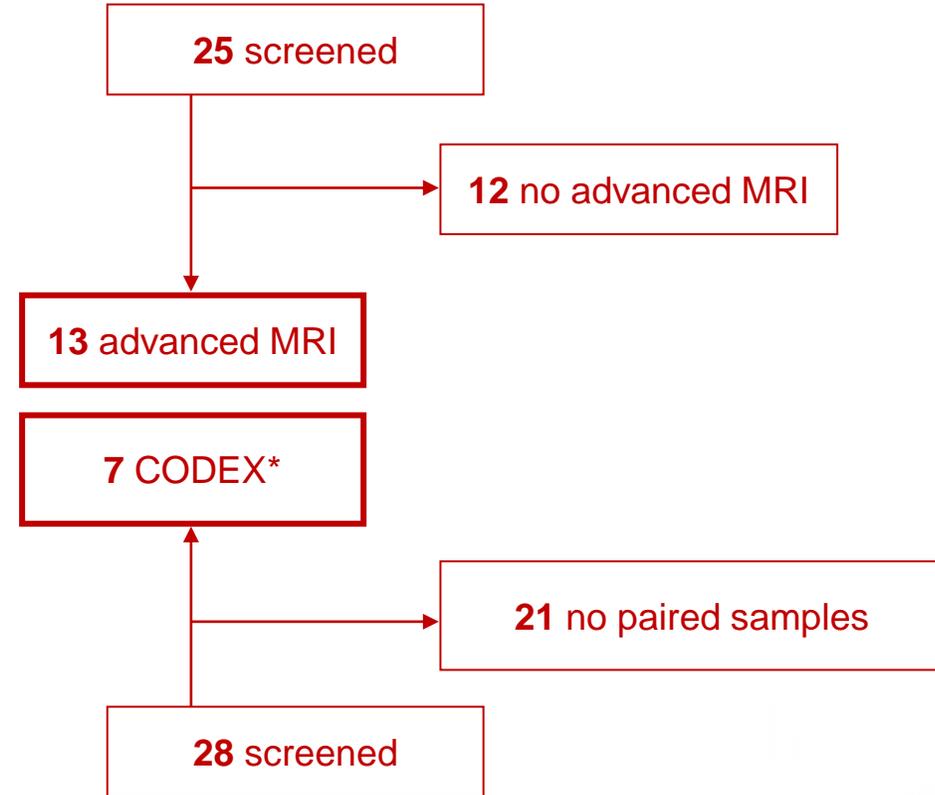
# CONSORT of GLORIA and controls



## GLORIA



## Matched Imaging Control Cohort\*\*



## CODEX Control Cohort

\* Only performed for paired samples from 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> surgery.

\*\* Matched per MGMT promoter methylation status and extent of resection. Patients in the control cohort needed to have at least 3 consecutive scans.

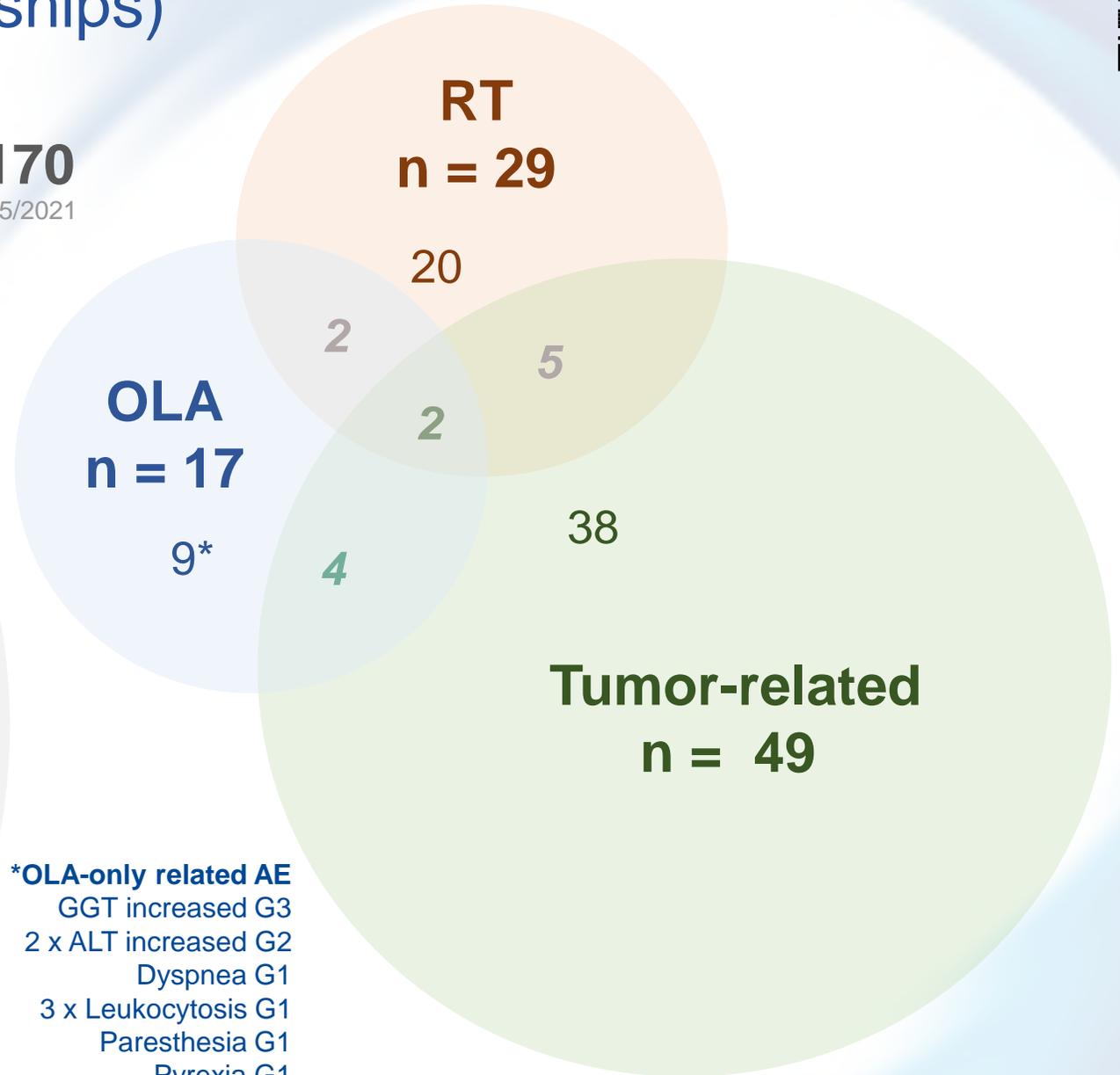
# Primary EP: Safety (AE relationships)



**All: n=170**

cut-off date: 10/15/2021

**No relation**  
**n = 75**



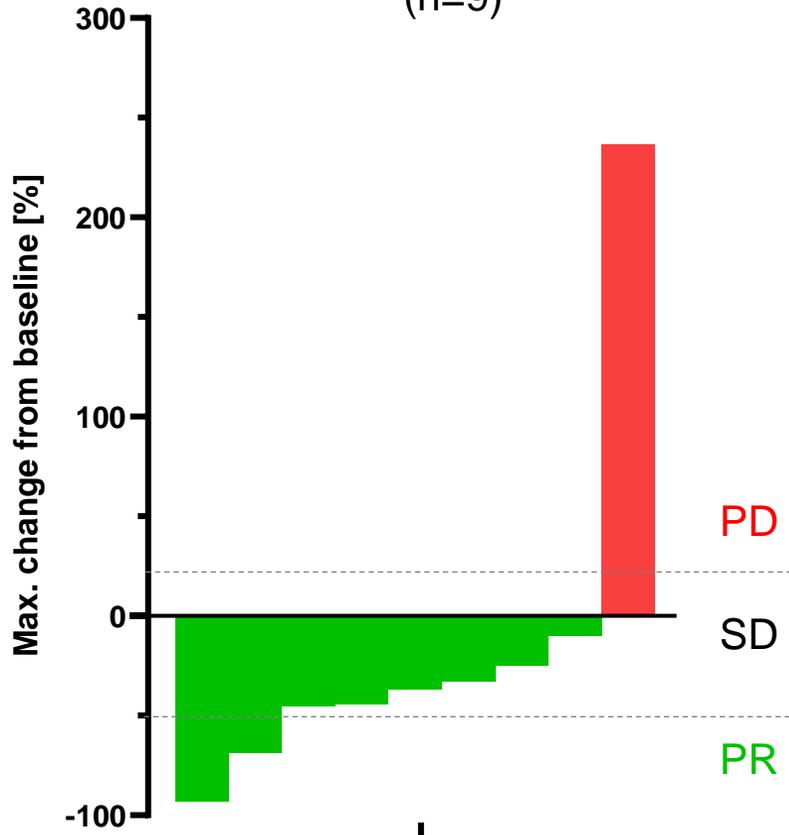
**\*OLA-only related AE**

- GGT increased G3
- 2 x ALT increased G2
- Dyspnea G1
- 3 x Leukocytosis G1
- Paresthesia G1
- Pyrexia G1

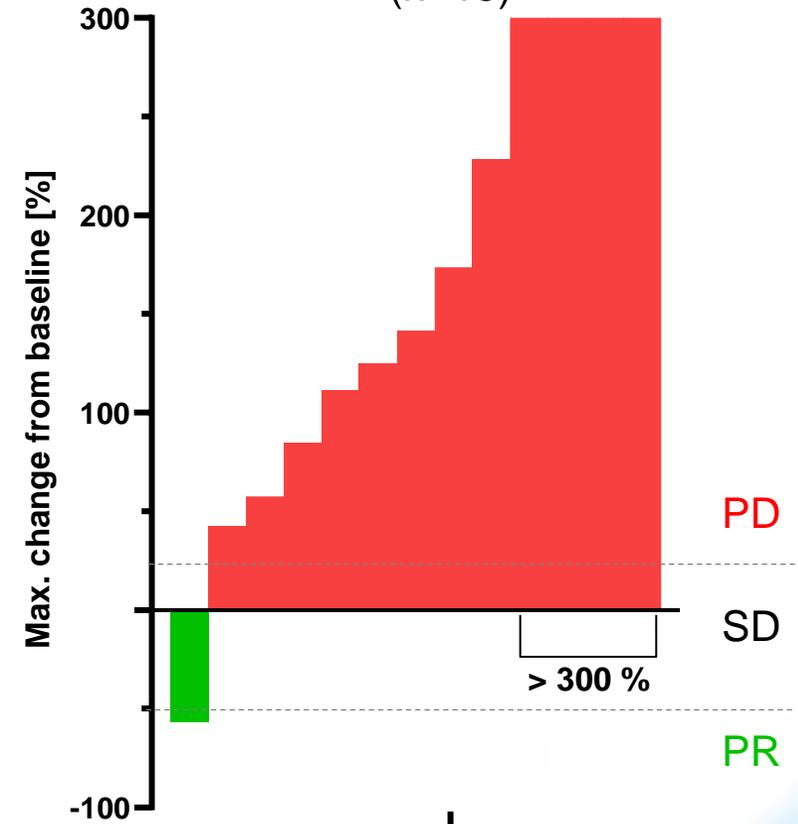
# Best response under OLA (volume of T1 enhancing lesions)



## V<sub>T1</sub> GLORIA Independent Central Review (n=9)



## V<sub>T1</sub> Matched Imaging Control Cohort (n=13)



p=0.0026

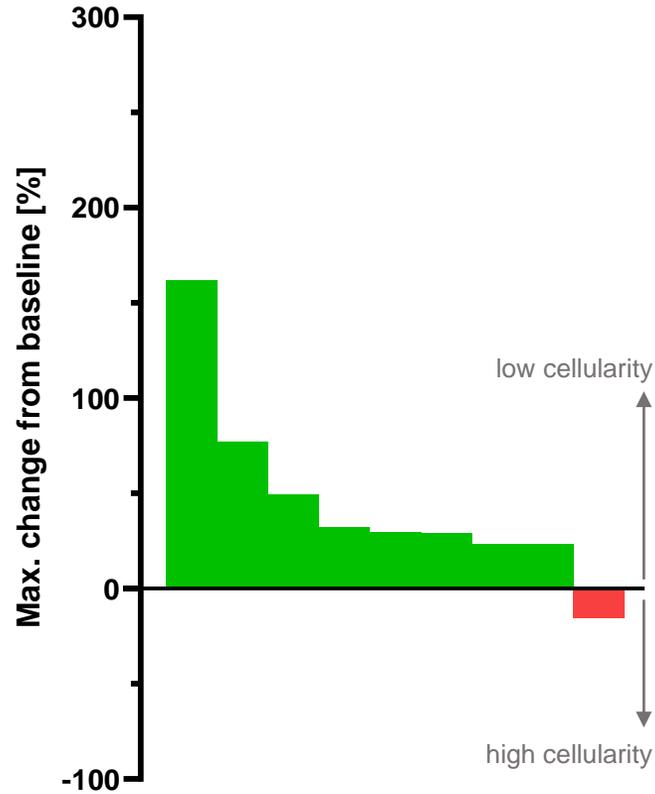
Non-parametric Mann Whitney U test

# Best response in cellularity and tumor perfusion under OLA



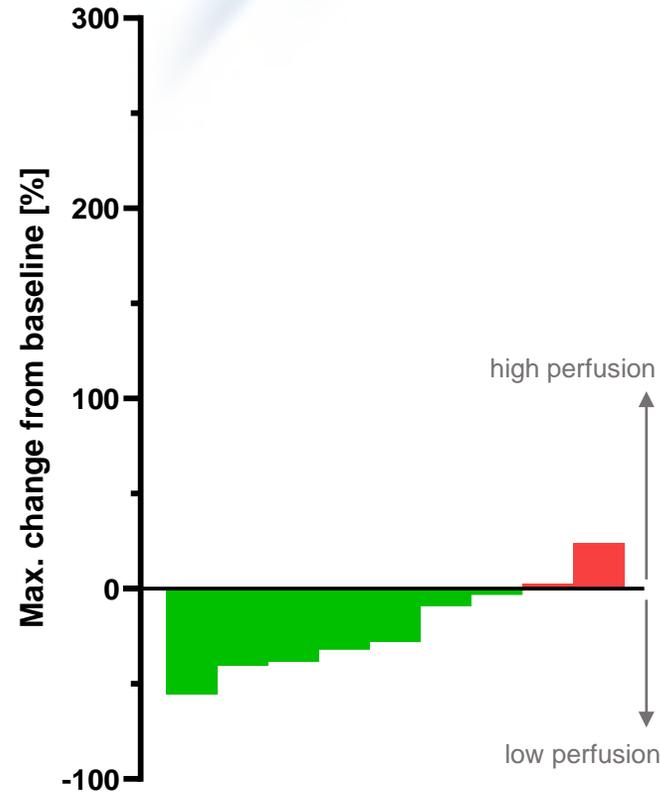
## ADC mean

(Independent Central Review, n=9)



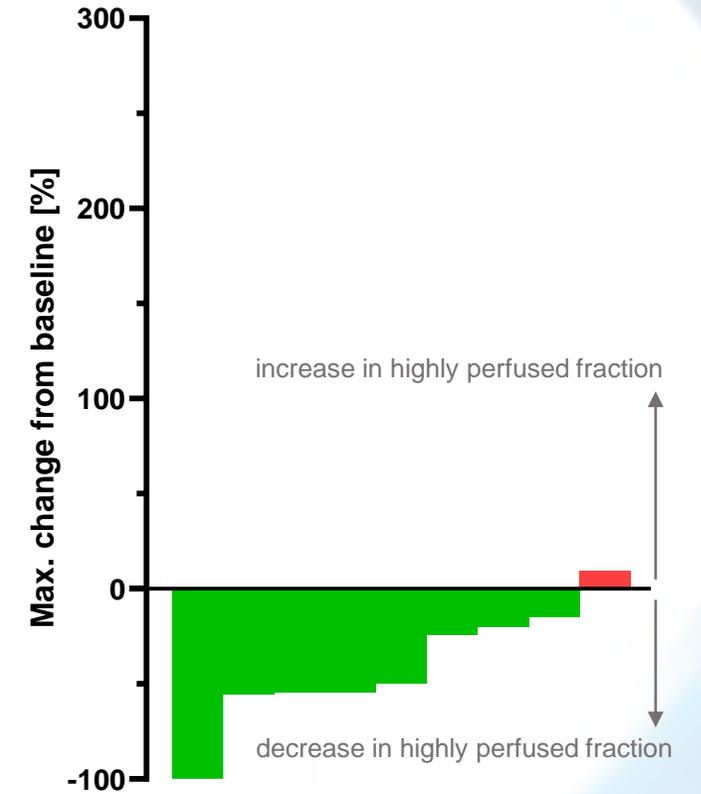
## rCBV mean

(Independent Central Review, n=9)



## FTB<sup>high</sup>

(Independent Central Review, n=9)

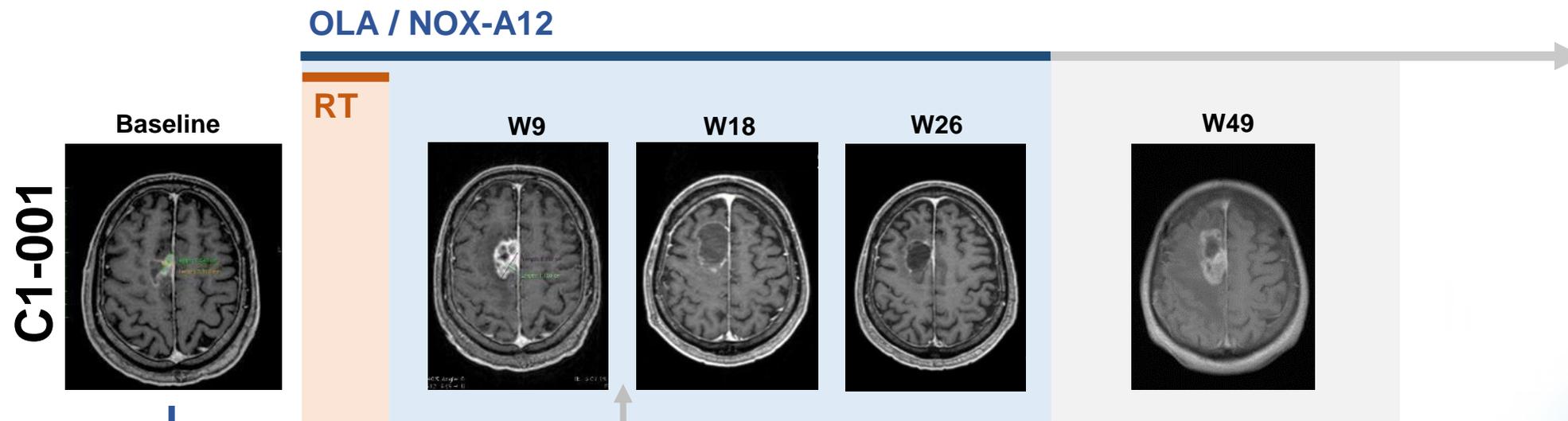
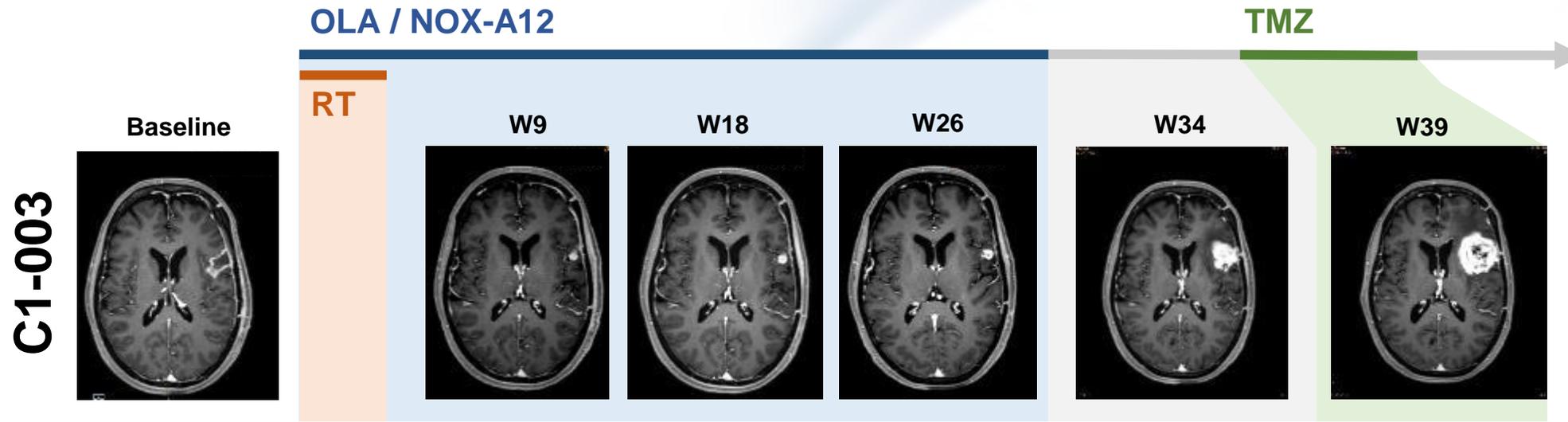


ADC, apparent diffusion coefficient (derived parameter from DWI sequences)

rCBV, standardized relative cerebral blood volume (derived parameter from DSC sequences)

FTB<sup>high</sup>, fractional tumor burden with rCBV > 1.75

# Exemplary response to RT/OLA



re-surgery for suspected PD  
path report: Ki67<5%

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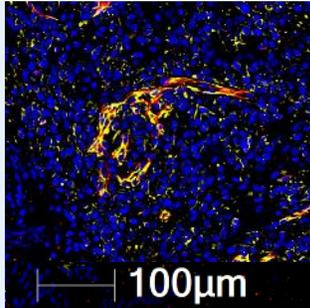
**CODEX**

# CODEX: RT/OLA reduces CXCL12 levels in the tumor endothelium

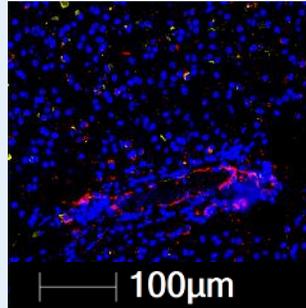


**GLORIA**  
C1-001

Baseline

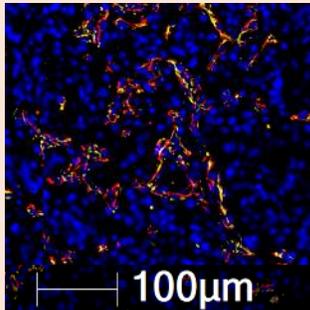


Post RT / under OLA

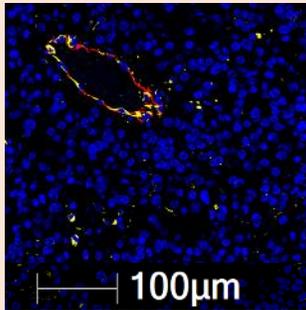


DAPI  
CD31  
CXCL12

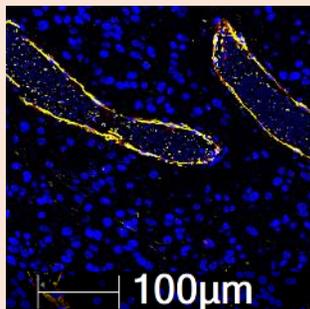
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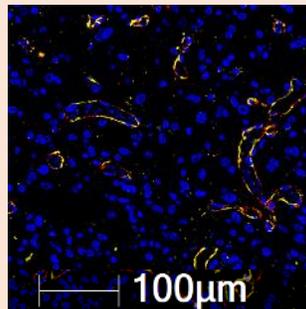
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Baseline

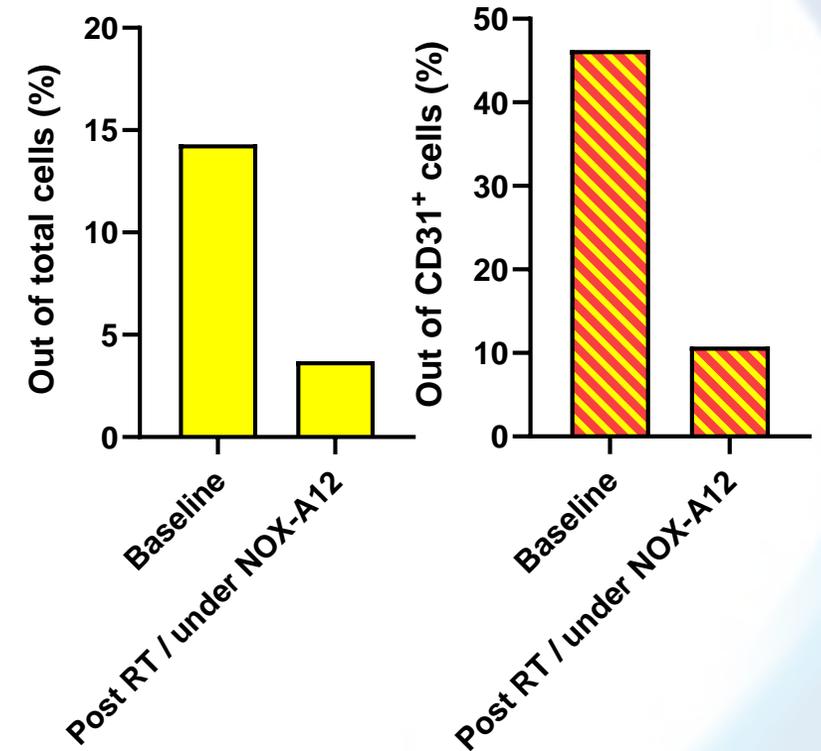


Post RT/TMZ/NIVO



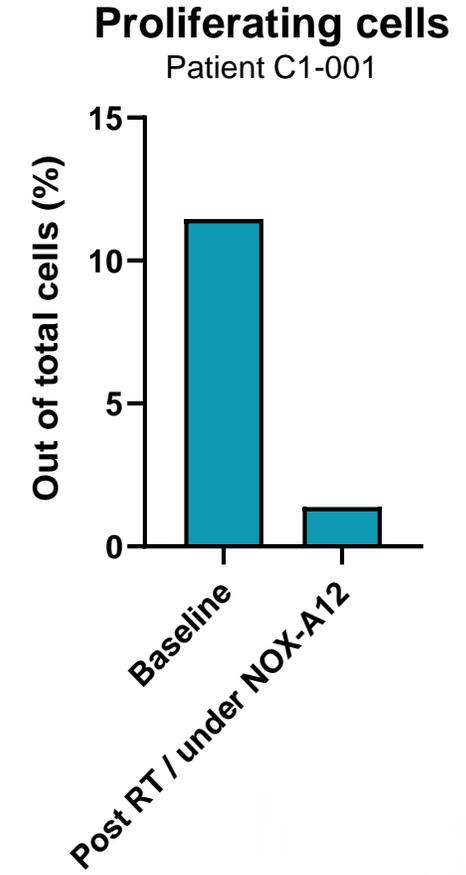
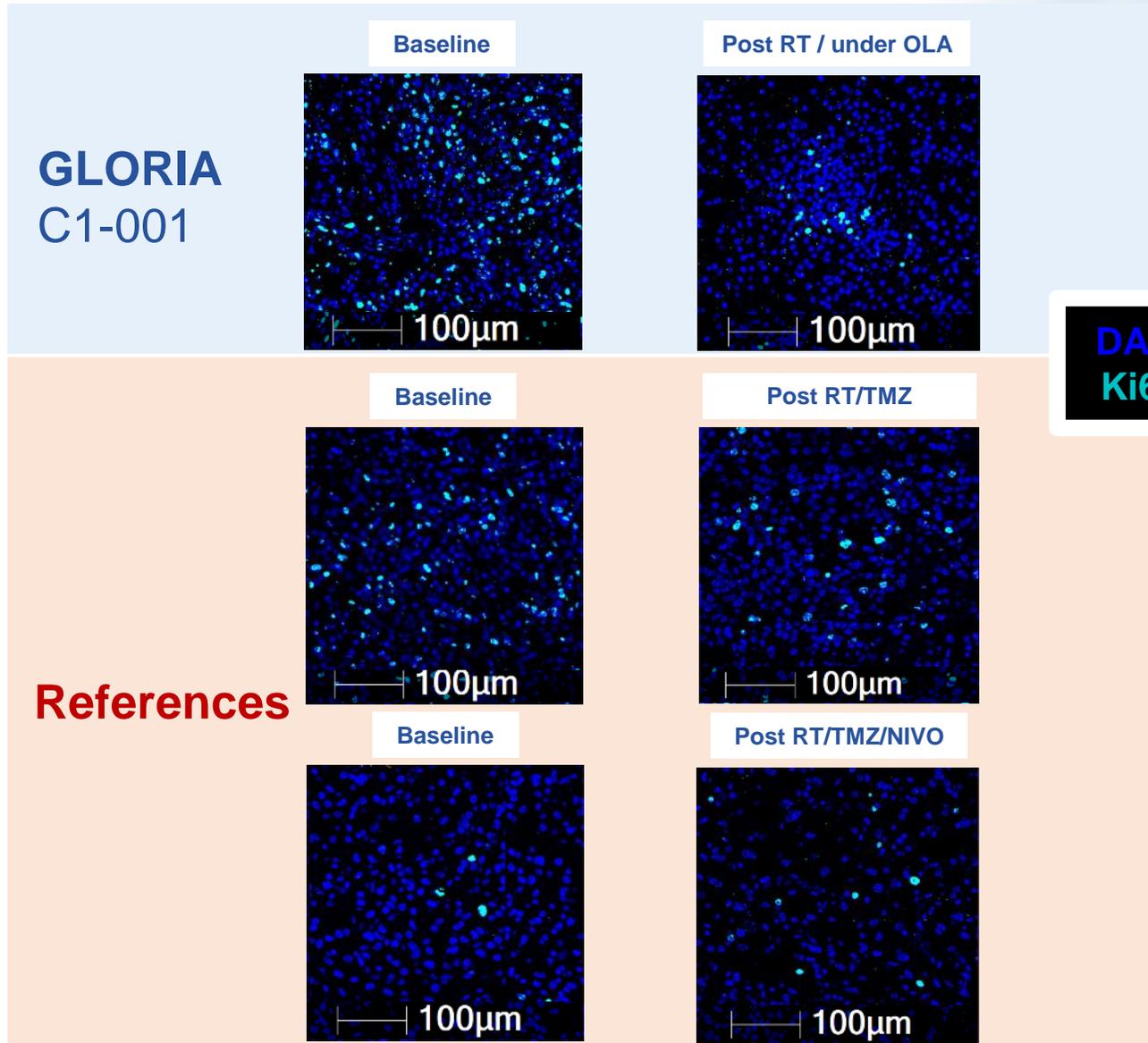
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**CXCL12+ cells**  
Patient C1-001



Images show areas of pathologist-confirmed tumor tissue

# CODEX: RT/OLA reduces tumor cell proliferation



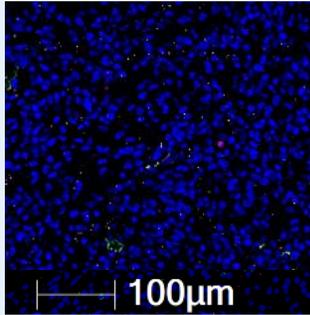
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# CODEX: Cytotoxic T cell infiltration and activation

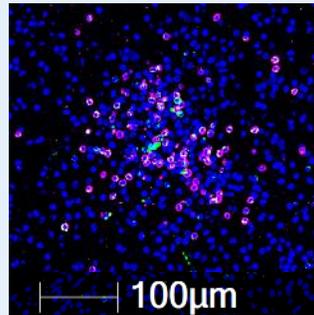


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C1-001

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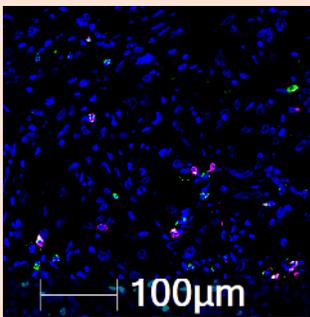


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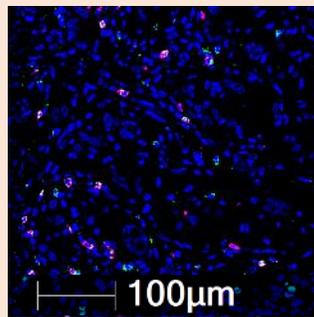


DAPI  
CD8  
GNZB

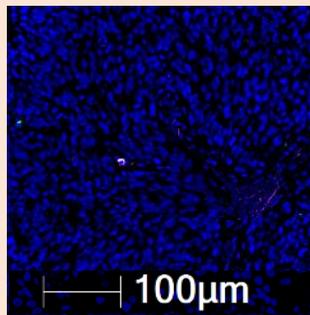
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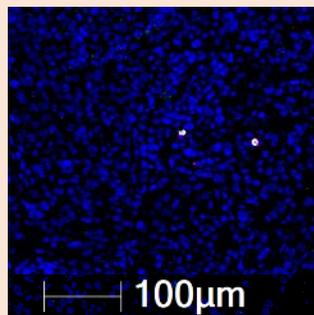
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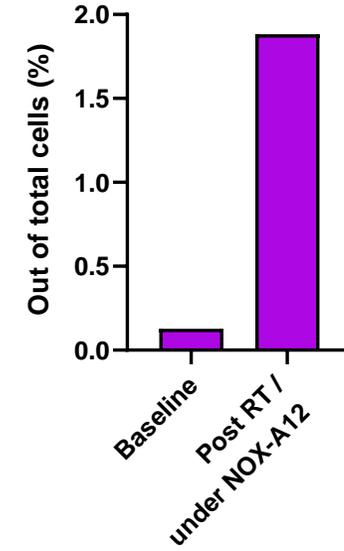


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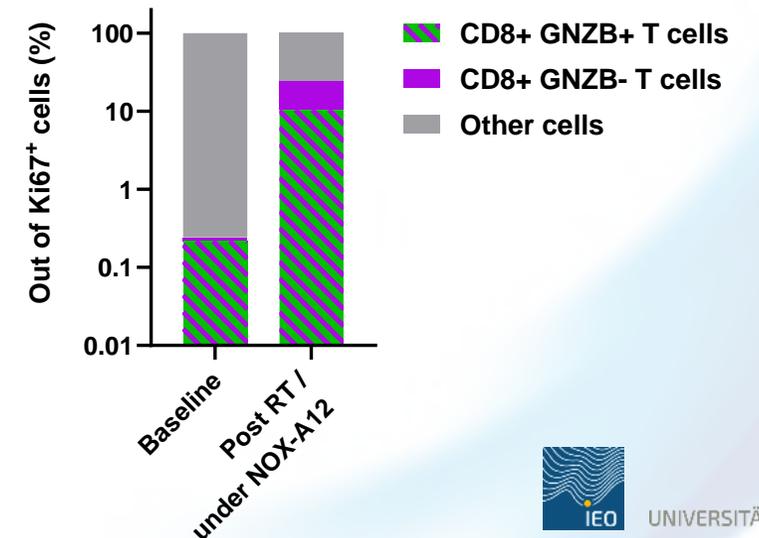
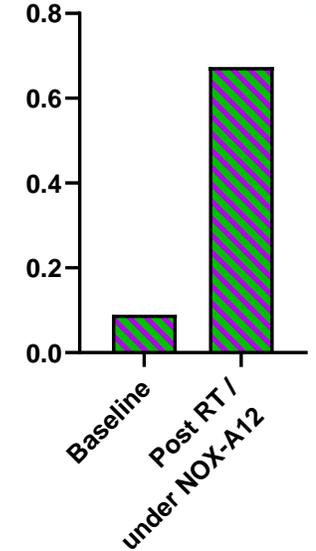


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**CD8+**  
Patient C1-001

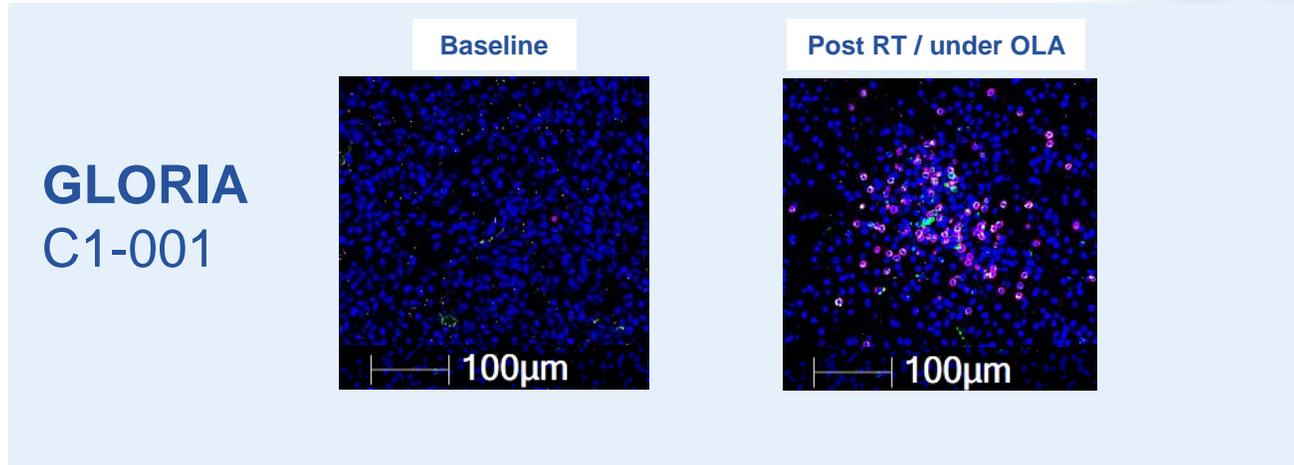


**GNZB+ CD8+**  
Patient C1-001

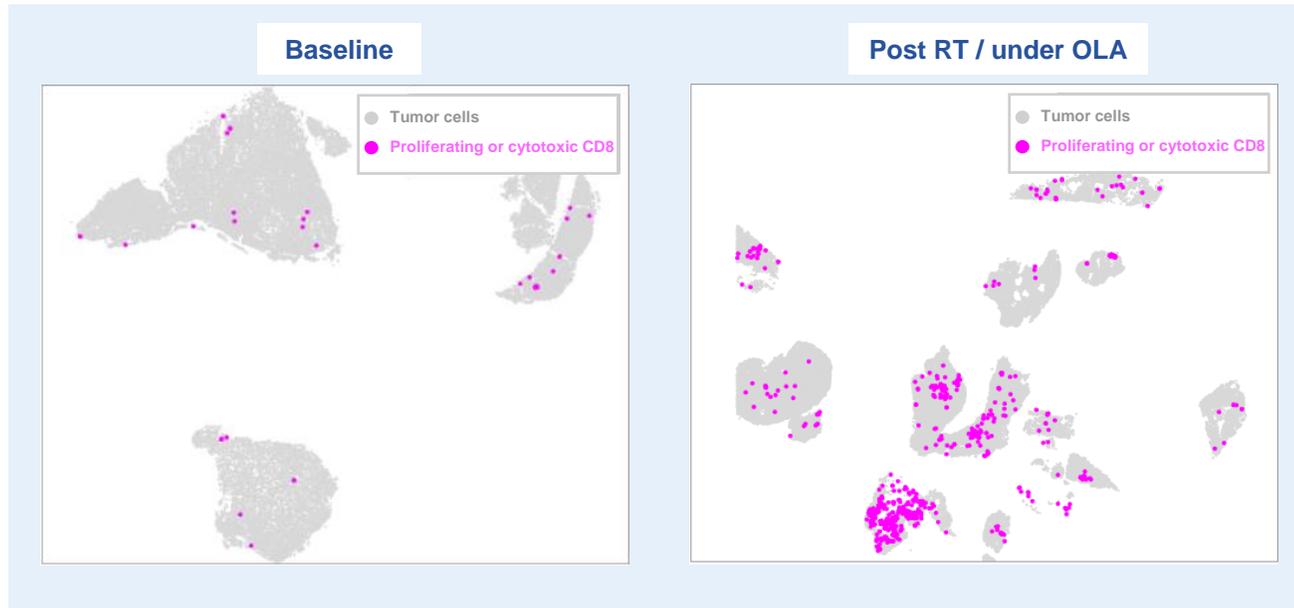


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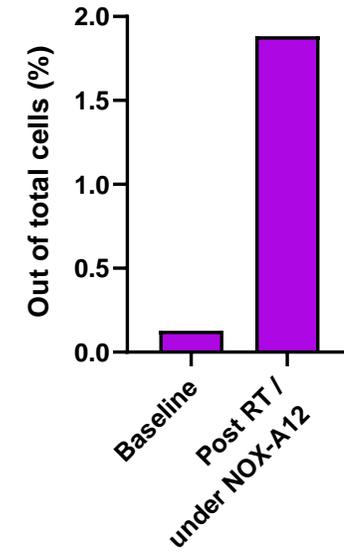


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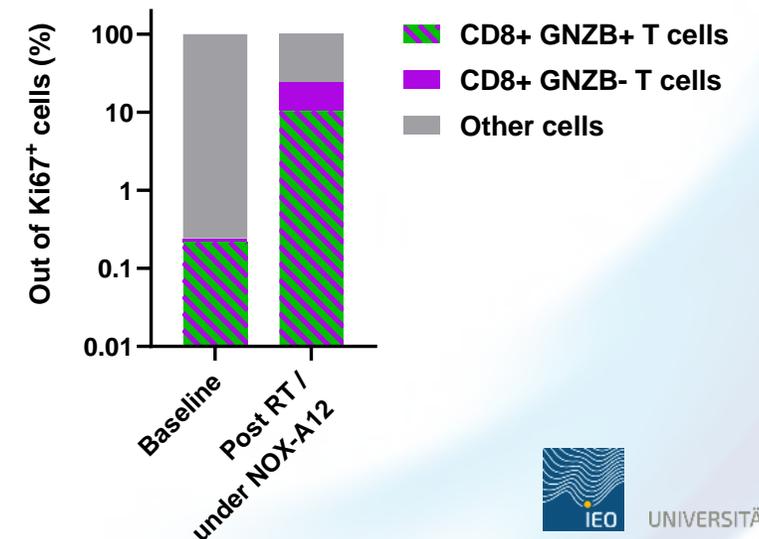
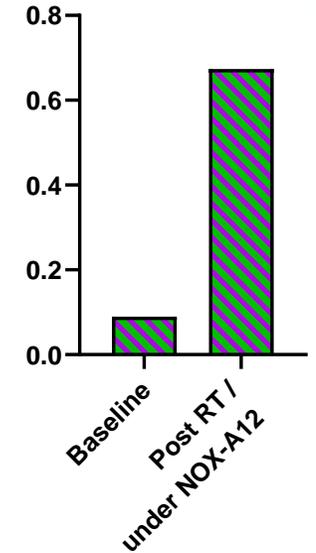


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**CD8+**  
Patient C1-001



**GNZB+ CD8+**  
Patient C1-001



# Conclusions – GLORIA Study



- **Combined RT + OLA (NOX-A12) treatment is feasible and safe**
- **Initial promising efficacy signals**
  - 8 out of 9 patients showed a response as per volume of T1-contrast (2 x PR)
  - reduced cellularity in 8 out of 9 patients
  - reduced perfusion 7 out of 9 patients
- **Tissue analysis (re-surgery under OLA) confirms mode(s) of action:**
  - CD31/CXCL12 co-localization is abrogated
  - Strong reduction in tumor cell proliferation
  - CD8+ T cell count increases by 15-fold
  - *De-novo* clusters of proliferating and cytotoxic CD8+ T cells
- **Follow-up ongoing, expansion cohorts planned**

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