



Leading History Reshaping Future

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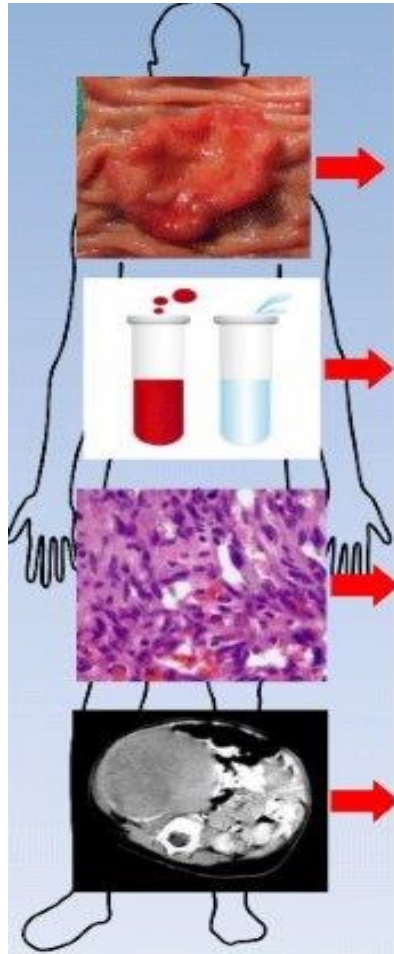
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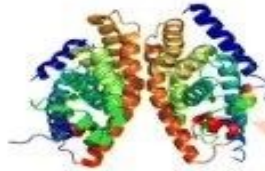
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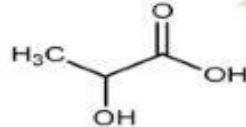
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Transcriptomics



Proteomics



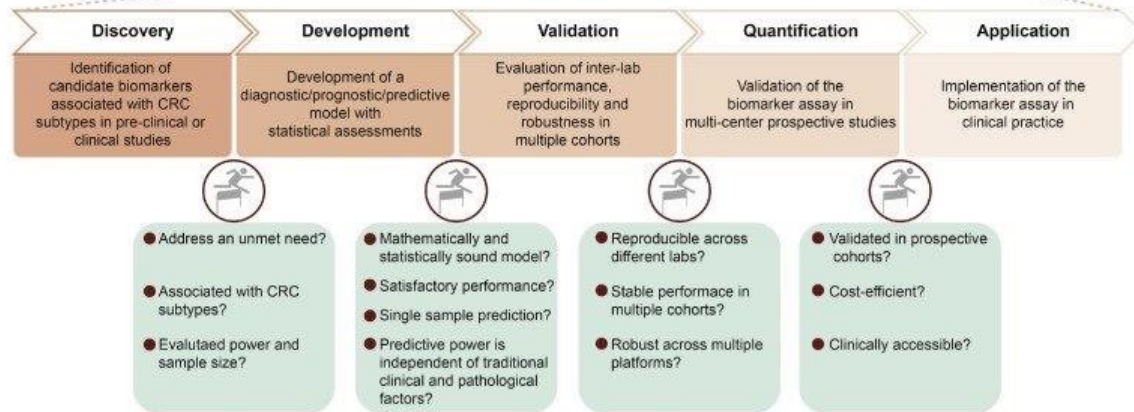
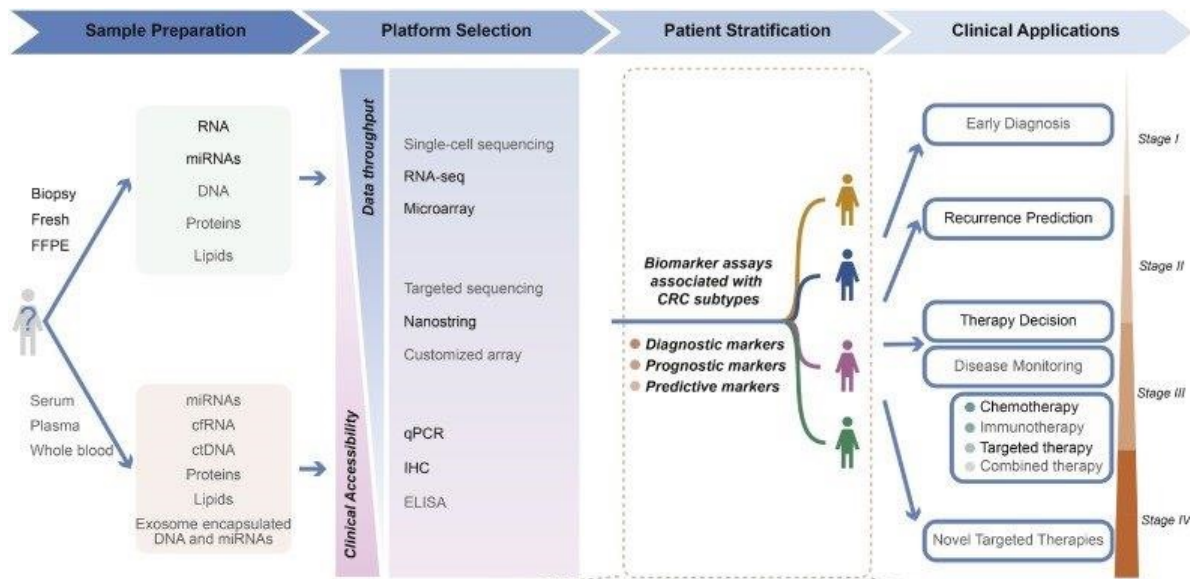
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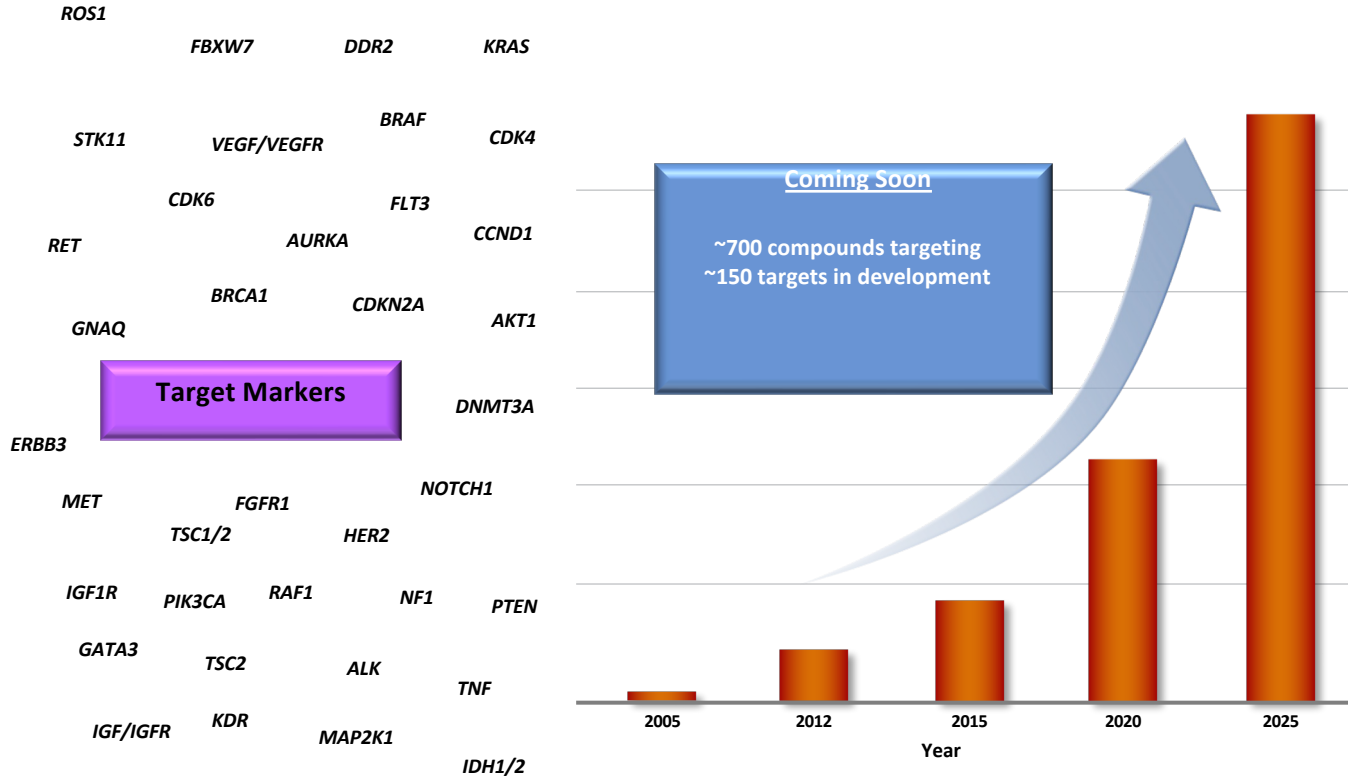
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Prediction
Prevention
Personal treatment

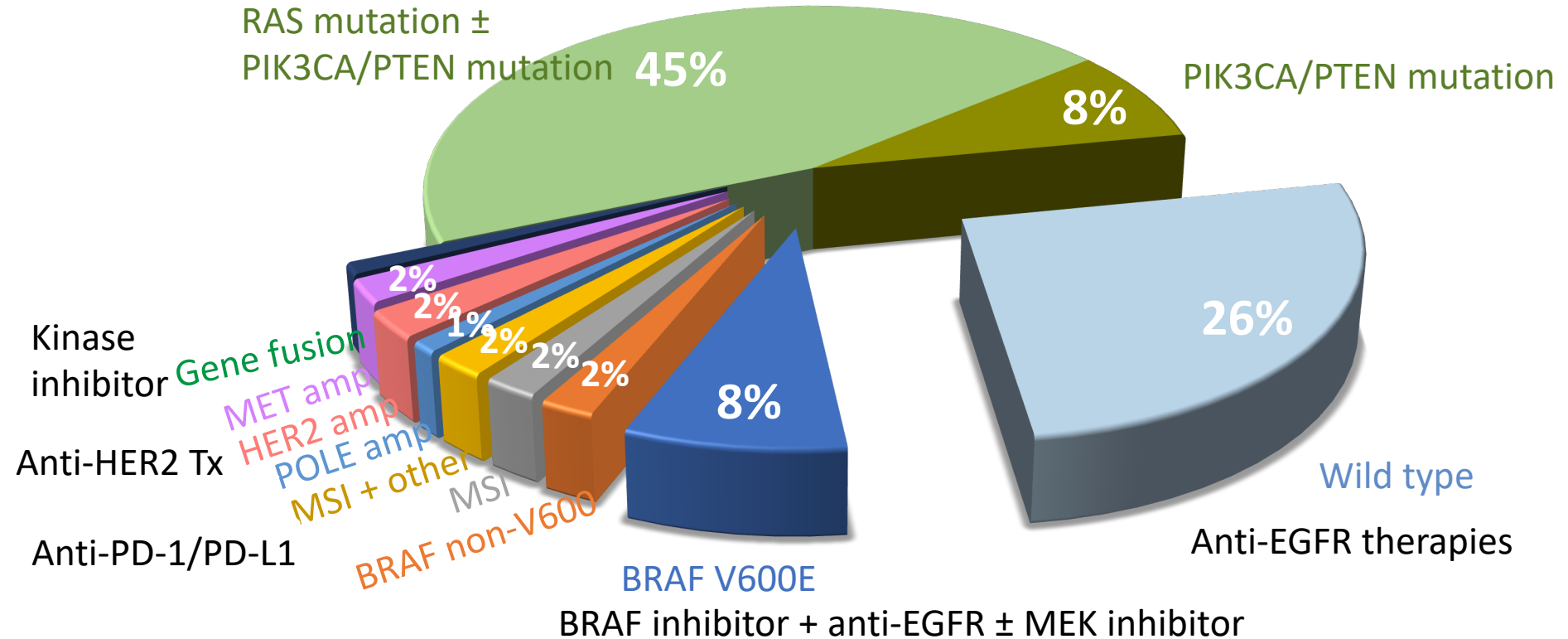
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Prostate Cancer
Ovarian serous cystadenocarcinoma
Pancreatic Cancer
Rectum adenocarcinoma
Lower Grade Glioma
Kidney Cancer
Bone Cancer
Esophageal carcinoma
Colon adenocarcinoma
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Bladder Urothelial Carcinoma
Breast invasive carcinoma
Colorectal Cancer
Kidney renal clear cell carcinoma



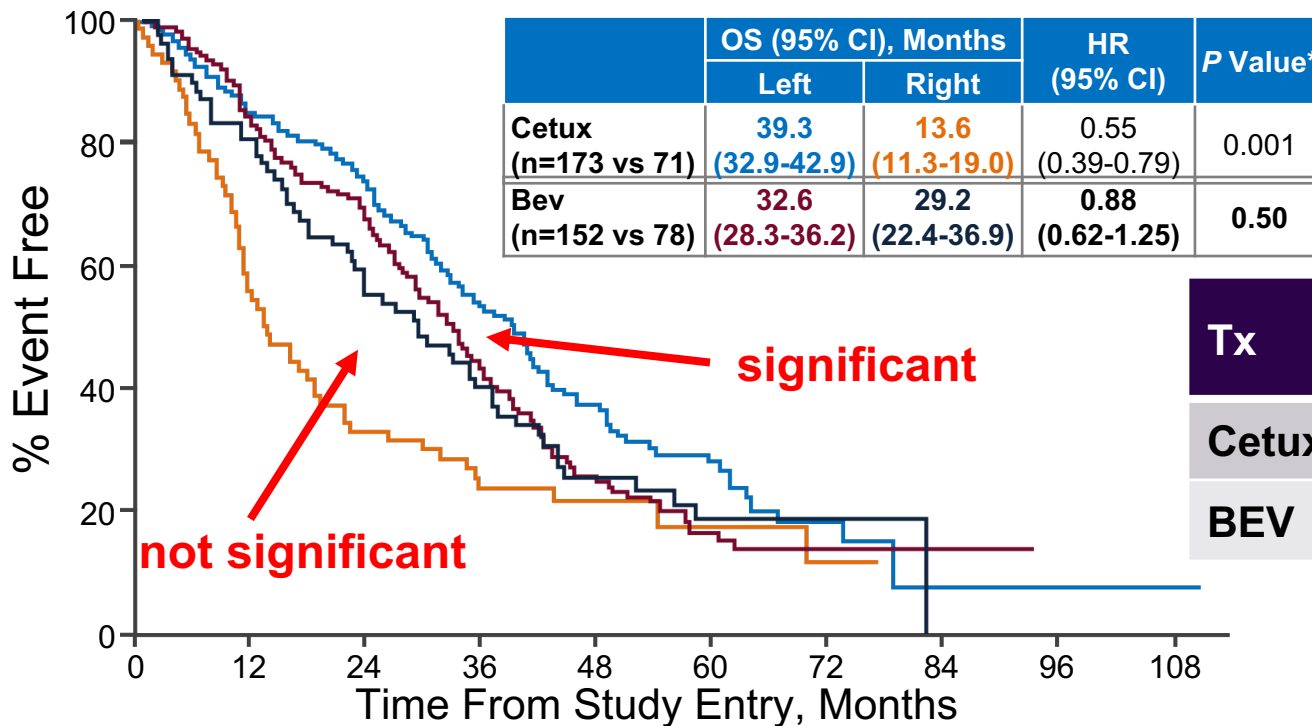
Number of Targeted Therapeutics is Rising Knowing Which Tests to Order is the Challenge



Genomic Markers in CRC



CALGB/SWOG 80405: OS by Tumor Location (*RAS* WT)



Tx	ΔR vs L (mos)
Cetux	25.7
BEV	3.4

*Adjusted for biologic, protocol CT, prior adjuvant therapy, prior RT, age, sex, synchronous disease, in place primary, liver metastases. Lenz et al presented at: ESMO. 2016.

Novel Approaches (Leading)

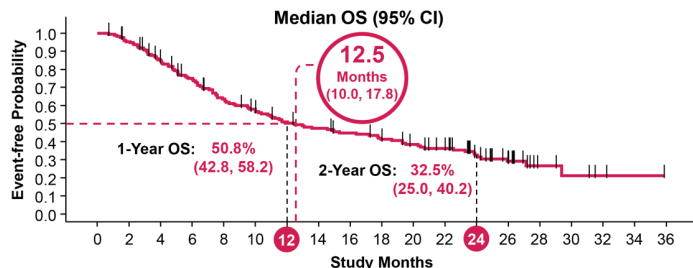
- 1. RAS/RAF (G12C, G12D, G12V)**
- 2. Pan Inhibitor**
- 3. Metabolic Targets**
- 4. Novel Immune therapies for MSS CRC**

Codebreak

- Sotorasib, a selective KRAS^{G12C} inhibitor, is approved in Europe, the US, and other countries for patients with previously treated *KRAS* p.G12C-mutated NSCLC¹⁻⁴
- In Phase 1/2 of the CodeBreak 100 study,^{5,6} sotorasib monotherapy demonstrated:

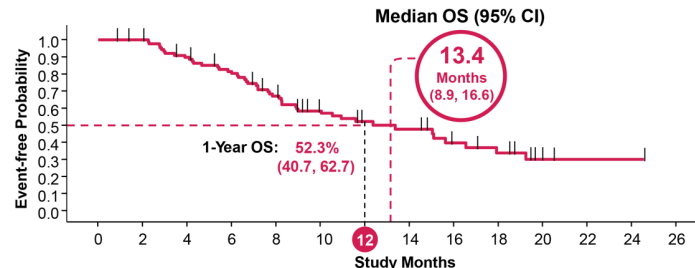
NSCLC

- **ORR: 41%**
- Median PFS: 6.3 months
- DCR: 84%



CRC

- **ORR: 12%**
- Median PFS: 4.2 months
- DCR: 82%

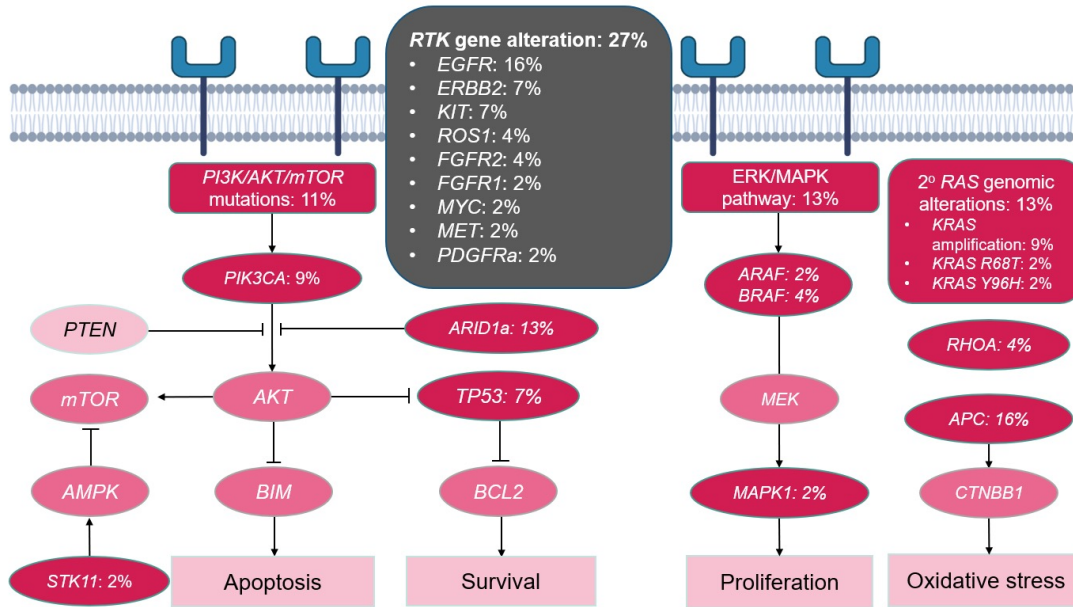


We describe putative mechanisms of acquired resistance to sotorasib in patients with CRC from the CodeBreak 100 study

1. Canon J, et al. *Nature*. 2019;575:217–23; 2. Lumakras (sotorasib). Prescribing Information. Thousand Oaks, CA, Amgen Inc., 2021; 3. Lumykras (sotorasib). Summary of Product Characteristics, Cambridge, UK, Amgen Ltd, 2021; 4. Lumykras (sotorasib). European Medicines Agency, Amsterdam, Netherlands, Amgen Inc., 2021; 5. ClinicalTrials.gov. NCT03600883. Accessed 8 June 2022; 6. Dy GK, et al. Oral Presentation at AACR Annual Meeting 2022; April 8–13, New Orleans, LA. Abstract CT008. CI, confidence interval; CRC, colorectal cancer; DCR, disease control rate; NSCLC, non-small cell lung cancer; ORR, objective response rate; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival.



Putative Acquired Resistance Mechanisms After Sotorasib^a



OncKB¹

- 16/100 alterations were potentially targetable^b
- Higher incidence of secondary RAS variants in CRC versus NSCLC

RTK gene alterations were the most prevalent acquired genomic alteration in patients with CRC (12/45; 27%)

1. Chakravarty D, et al. *JCO Precis Oncol*. 2017, doi:10.1200/PO.17.00011.

^aMutation rate presented based on 45 evaluable patients with CRC; ^bActionability levels defined in full at <https://www.oncokb.org/levels>. Actionable variants: Level 1: BRCA1 E352* (n = 1), BRCA2 S196R (n = 1), CDK12 G909* (n = 1), PIK3CA E542K (n = 2). Level 2: PIK3CA R38C (n = 1). Level 4: ARID1A Q1402* (n = 1), ARID1A R1721* (n = 1), ARID1A single nucleotide variant (n = 1), CDKN2A truncating mutation (n = 1), EGFR copy number variant (n = 6); *Termination or stop codon.

CRC, colorectal cancer; NSCLC, non-small cell lung cancer.



CRC patients with G12C with multiple acquired mechanisms of resistance

Awad et al NEJM 2021

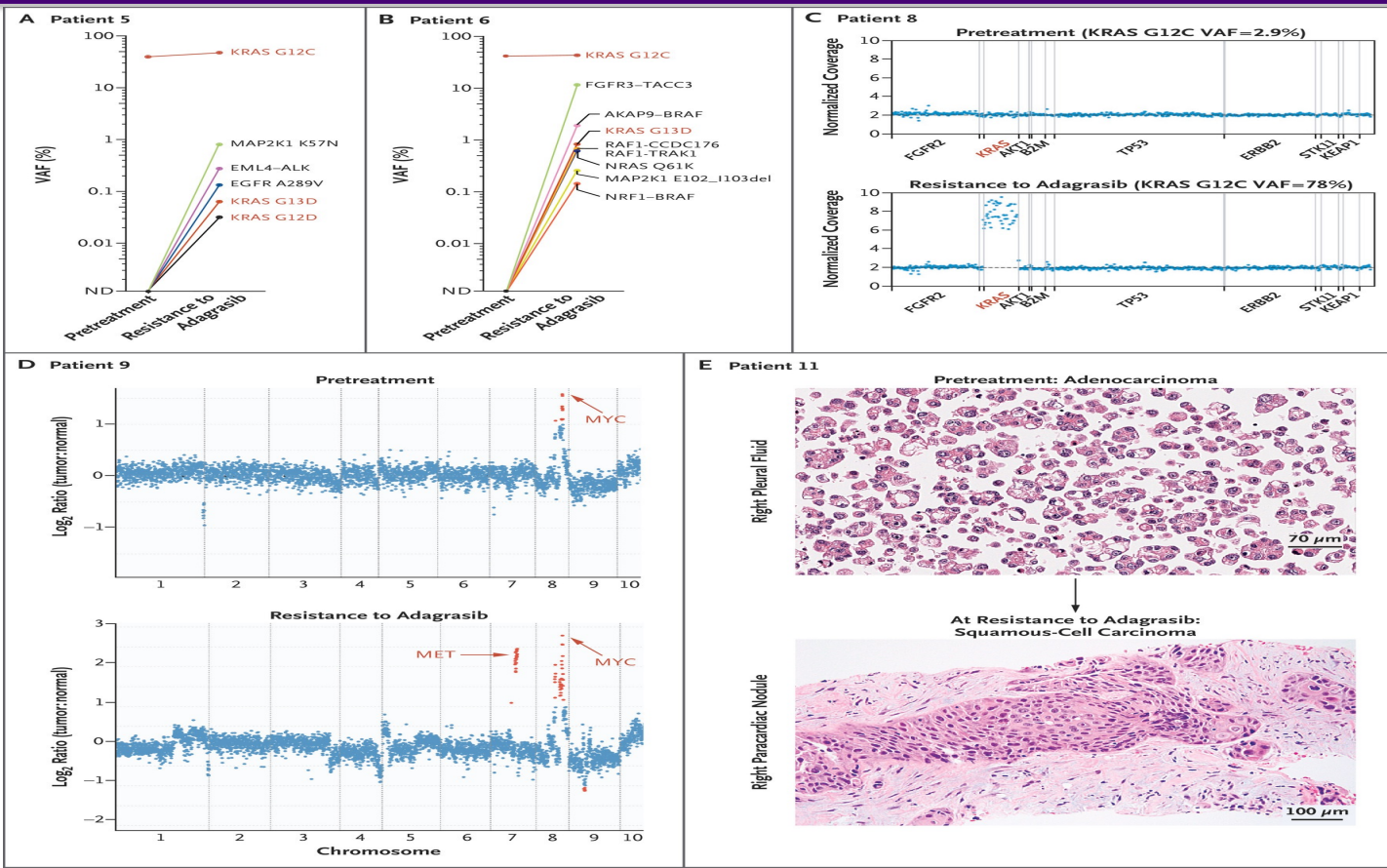


TABLE. Clinical Development of KRAS Mutant–Specific Inhibitors

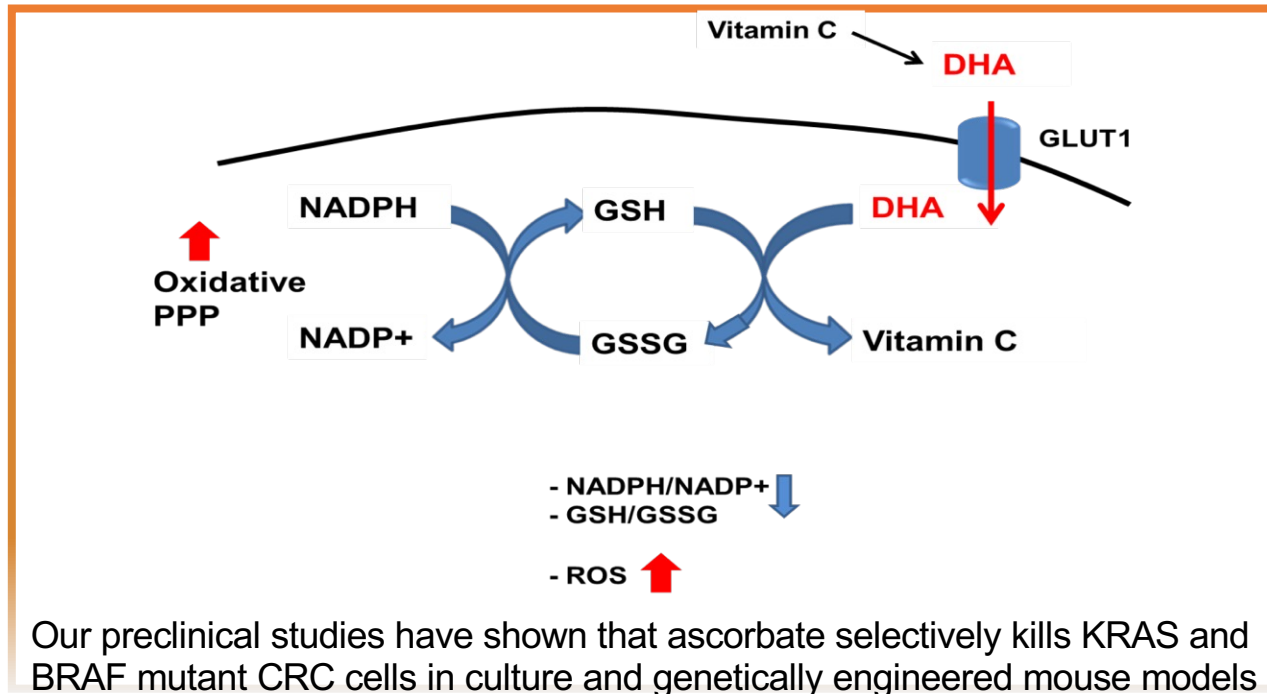
Drug (sponsor/collaborator)	Description	Phase Clinical trial name/ Clinicaltrials.gov identifier
KRAS G12C inhibitors		
Sotorasib (AMG 510) (Amgen)	Vs docetaxel in previously treated locally advanced and unresectable or metastatic <i>KRAS</i> G12C–mutant NSCLC	Phase 3 CodeBreak 200/ NCT04303780
	In <i>KRAS</i> G12C–mutant advanced nonsquamous NSCLC	Phase 2 Lung-MAP cohort/NCT04625647*
	+/- a PD-1/PD-L1 inhibitor in <i>KRAS</i> G12C–mutant advanced solid tumors	Phase 1/2 CodeBreak 100/NCT03600883
	+/- various different drugs in <i>KRAS</i> G12C–mutant advanced solid tumors	Phase 1 CodeBreak 101/NCT04185883
Adagrasib (MRTX849) (Mirati Therapeutics, Inc)	+ pembrolizumab in <i>KRAS</i> G12C–mutant advanced NSCLC	Phase 2 KRYSTAL-7/NCT04613596
	+/- cetuximab, afatinib, or pembrolizumab in <i>KRAS</i> G12C–mutant advanced solid tumors	Phase 1/2 KRYSTAL-1/NCT03785249
	+ TNO155 (SHP2 inhibitor) in <i>KRAS</i> G12C–mutant advanced solid tumors	Phase 1/2 KRYSTAL-2/NCT04330664
GDC-6036 (Genentech, Inc)	+/- atezolizumab, cetuximab, bevacizumab, or erlotinib in <i>KRAS</i> G12C–mutant advanced or metastatic solid tumors	Phase 1 GO42144/NCT04449874
Exosomes engineered to deliver siRNA targeting KRAS G12D		
iExosomes (The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center)	In <i>KRAS</i> G12D–mutant metastatic pancreatic cancer	Phase 1 2018-0126/NCT03608631*
mRNA vaccine targeting KRAS G12C, G12D, G12V, and G13D		
mRNA-5671 (Moderna Therapeutics/Merck)	+/- pembrolizumab in <i>KRAS</i> G12C–, G12D–, G12V–, or G13D–mutant advanced/metastatic NSCLC, CRC, or pancreatic adenocarcinoma with specific HLA subtypes	Phase 1 V941-001/NCT03948763
T cells transduced with KRAS G12V–specific TCRs		
KRAS TILs (Changhai Hospital/Providence Cancer Center, Earle A. Chiles Research Institute)	In <i>KRAS</i> G12V–mutant advanced pancreatic cancer with a specific HLA subtype	Phase 1/2 ChanghaiH-PP06/NCT04146298

CRC, colorectal cancer; HLA, human leukocyte antigen; NSCLC, non–small cell lung cancer siRNA, small interfering RNA; TCR, T-cell receptor; TIL, tumor-infiltrating lymphocyte.

*Trial is not yet recruiting participants.

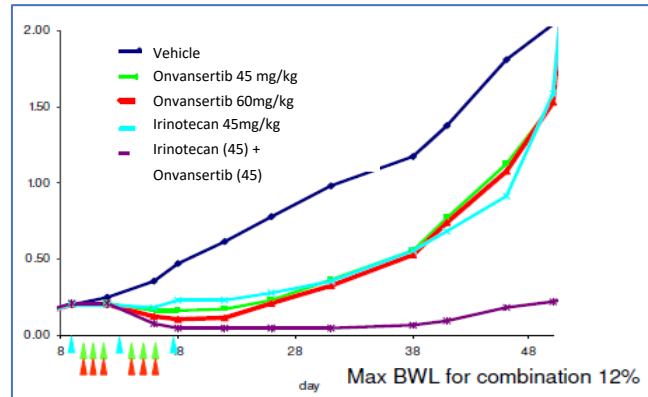
KRAS or BRAF mutant CRC cells rewire glucose metabolism by upregulating GLUT1 expression

We developed a strategy for targeting KRAS or BRAF-mutant cancers by exploiting the selective high expression of GLUT1 and the high levels of reactive oxygen species (ROS) produced in these cells with vitamin C

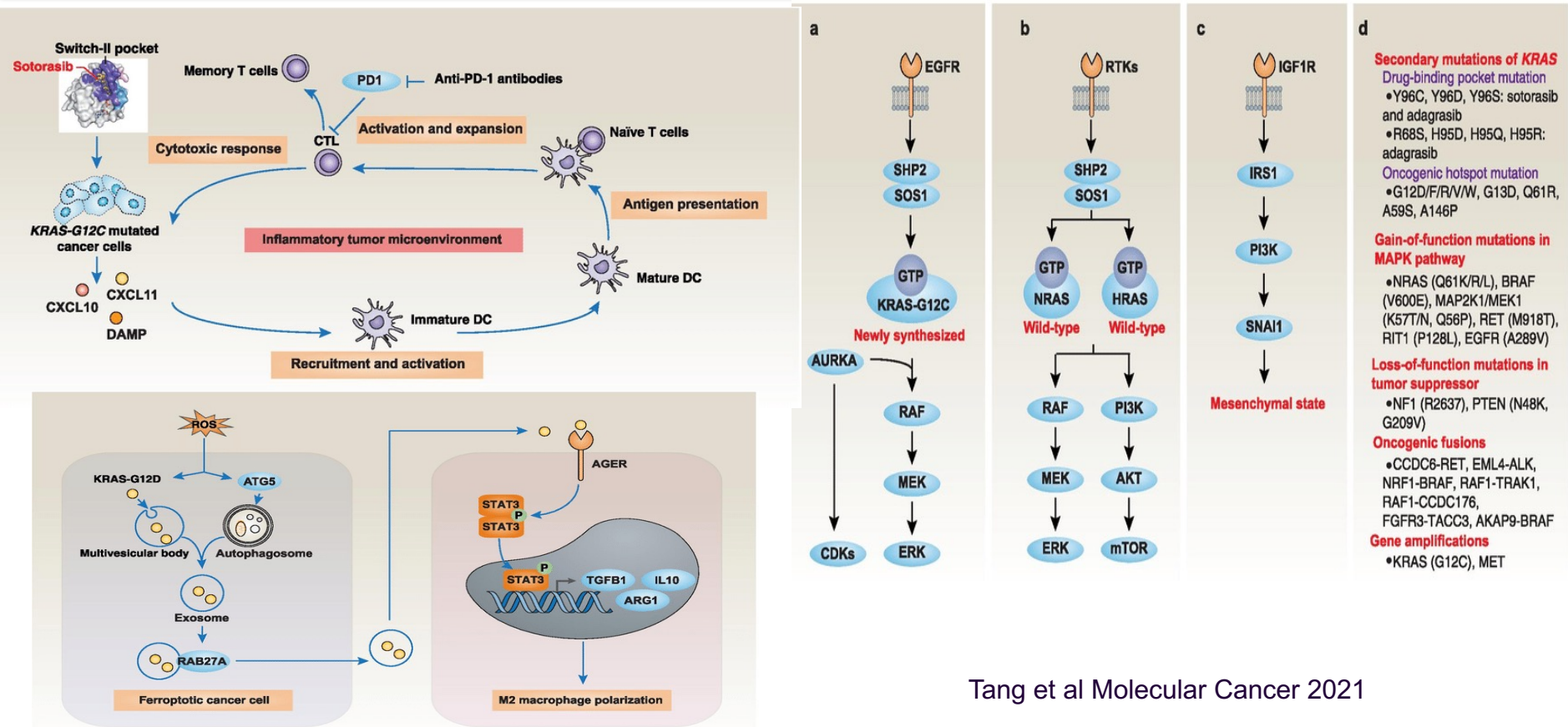


PCM-075 in Combination with Anticancer Agents in CRC

- In the HCT116 cell line, PCM-075 was found to be synergistic in vitro with different class of drugs including:
 - the chemotherapeutic agent cisplatin
 - the active metabolite of the topoisomerase inhibitor irinotecan (SN-38)
 - the microtubule inhibitor paclitaxel
- In the HT29 xenograft model, PCM-075 was found to be:
 - **Synergistic** with the topoisomerase inhibitor irinotecan
 - **Additive** with the chemotherapeutic agent fluorouracil (5FU) or the angiogenesis inhibitor bevacizumab

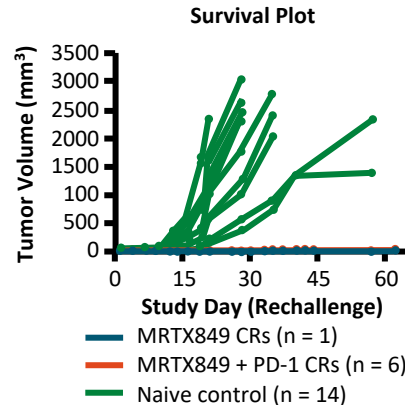
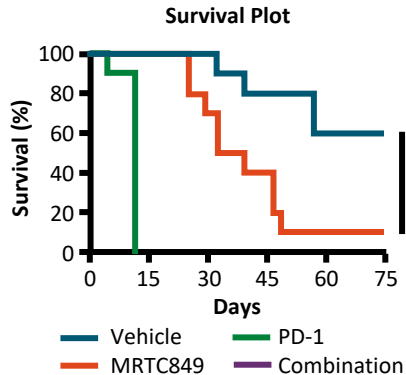
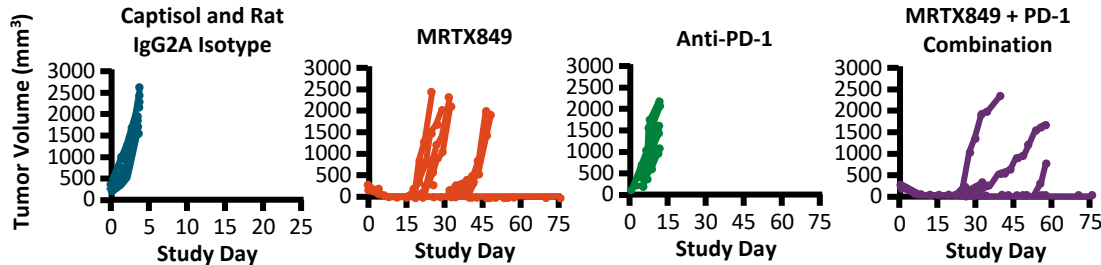


Kras mutations are immunosuppressive through AGER inducing STAT3, TGF β , IL10 and ARG1 leading to Polarization of M2 Makrophages



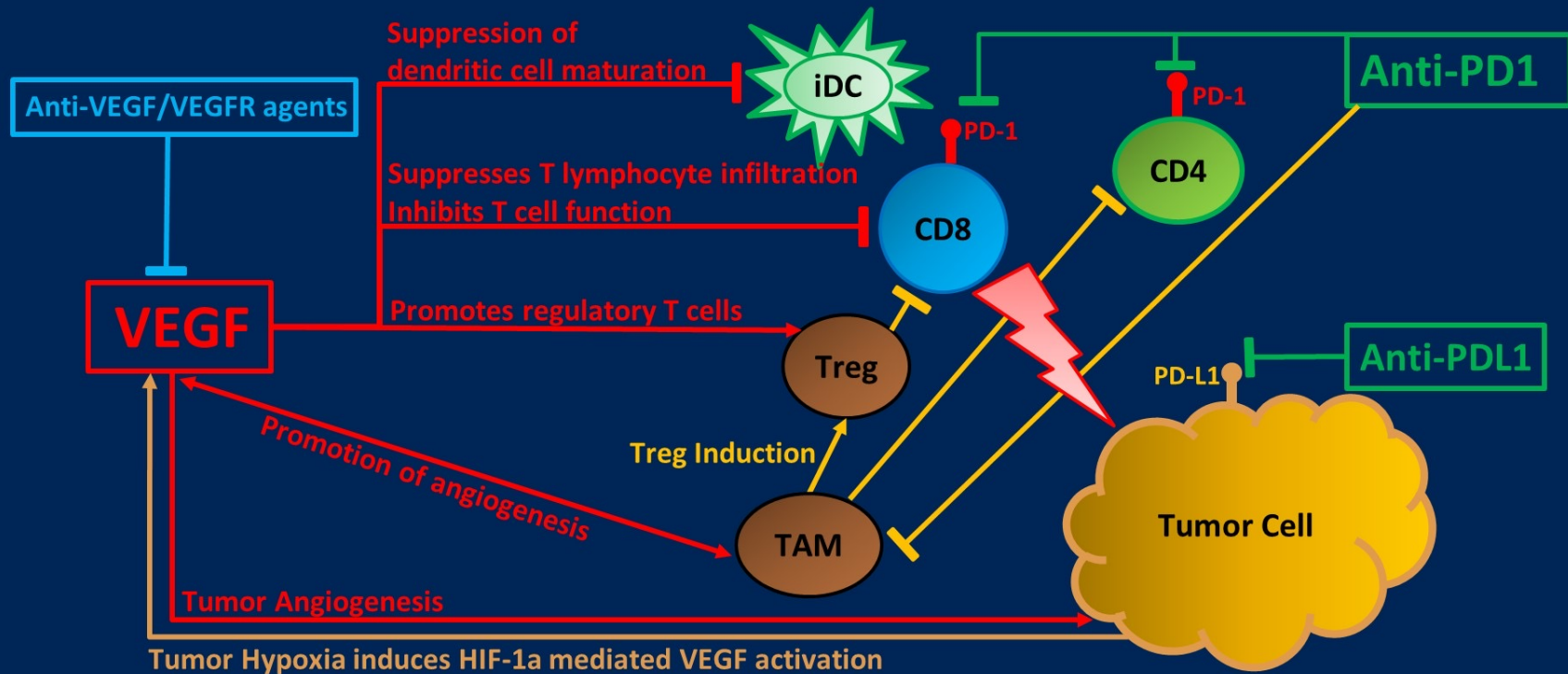
KRAS^{G12C} Inhibition Enhances Immune Responses: MRTX849 and Anti-PD-1 in Syngeneic Mouse Model

Durable CRs Observed



- MRTX849 plus anti-PD-1 leads to:
 - Decrease in M2-polarized macrophages, and M- and G-MDSCs
 - Increased immune promoting, macrophages, dendritic cells, CD4 and NK T-cells in CT26 KRAS^{G12C} tumors
 - Durable CRs, and a survival advantage relative to either single agent therapy observed in the majority of mice
 - Antitumor adaptive immune response, observed failure of implantation when rechallenged with CT26 KRAS^{G12C} cells compared with naive mice

Rationale for Anti-VEGF + ICI



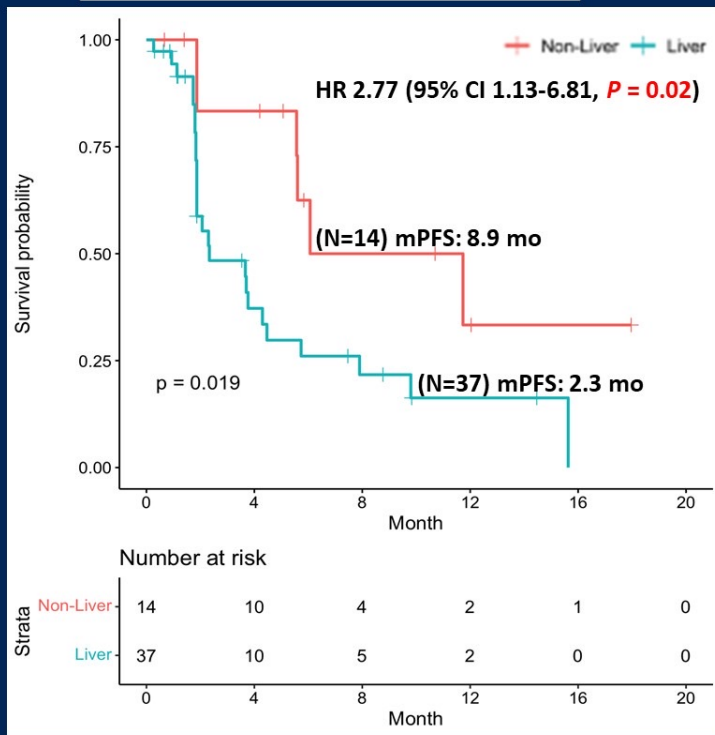
Abbreviations: iDC, immature dendritic cell; HIF-1a, hypoxia inducible factor-1a; TAM, tumor-associated macrophages; Treg, T-regulatory cell; VEGF, vascular endothelial growth factor.

Colorectal Liver Metastases- Mechanisms of Immune Resistance??

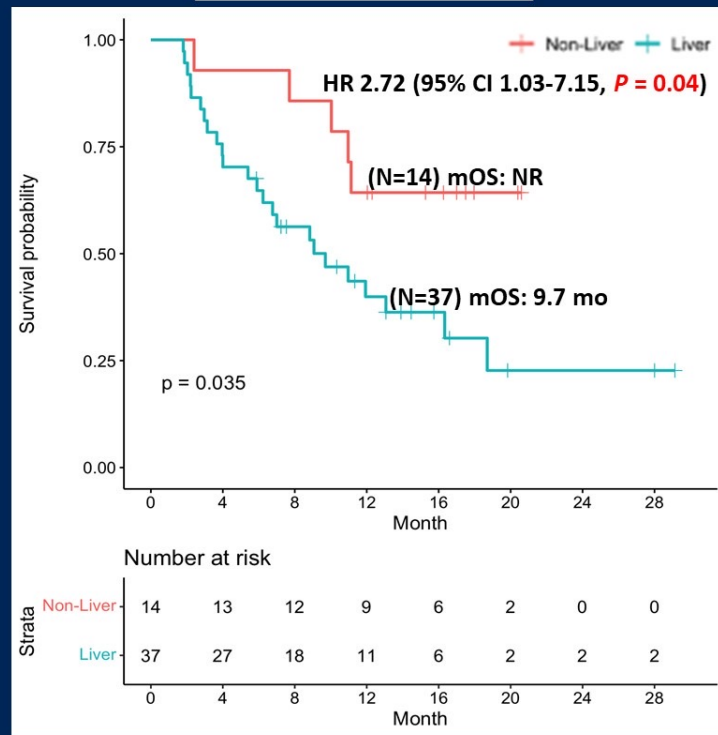
- Liver microenvironment is immunosuppressive which need to be elucidated.
- Liver metastases may induce a systemic immunosuppressive effect, thereby inhibiting antitumor immunity- ie. lower CD8+ T-cell infiltration¹.
- Liver metastasis attracts immunosuppressive macrophages that induce apoptosis of tumor antigen–specific T cells within the liver².
- Liver metastasis and accumulation of Tregs³.

PFS and OS by Presence and Lack of Liver Metastases in MSS MCRC

Progression Free Survival



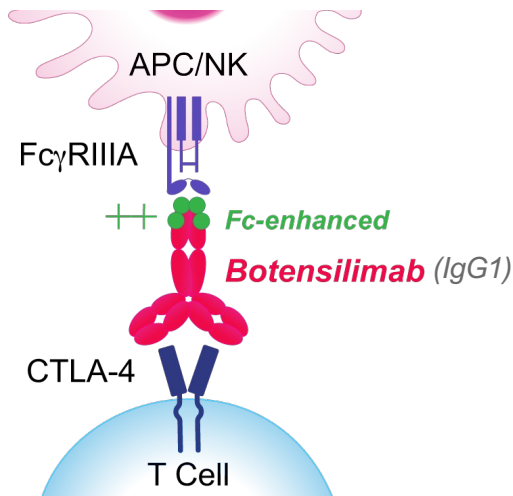
Overall Survival



Novel Immunotherapy Agents

botensilimab

Fc-enhanced CTLA-4 Inhibitor

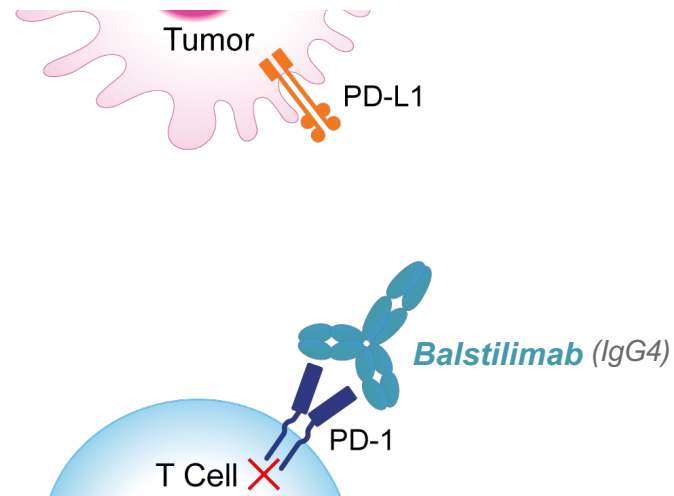


Active in cold and IO refractory tumors:¹

- ↑ T cell priming, expansion, memory
- ↑ Treg depletion
- ↓ Complement mediated toxicity⁴

balstilimab

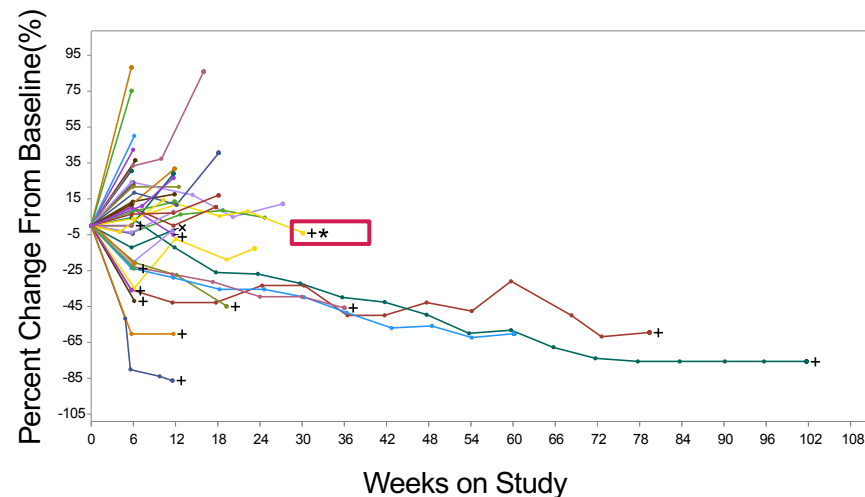
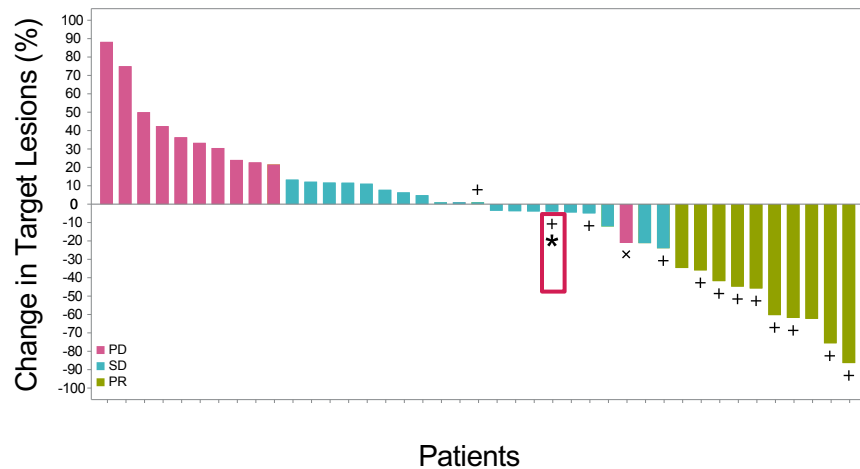
PD-1 Inhibitor



Safety and efficacy analogous to approved anti-PD-1 mAbs^{2,3}

- >650 patients treated
- **X ongoing trials / X completed**^{refs-clinical trials.gov}

Durable Objective Responses (N=41)



- 8/10 objective responses ongoing
- DOR range: 0.0+ to 17.0+ months
- Median follow-up: 5.8 months (range, 1.6-24.4)

ORR 24%

DCR 73%

*Ongoing PR/SD. *Complete metabolic response by PET. *Progression of non-target lesions.



Safety

TRAEs in $\geq 10\%$ of Patients (N=41)

TRAE, n (%)	Any Grade	Grade 1-2	Grade 3
Any	31 (76)	21 (51)	10 (24)
GASTROINTESTINAL			
Diarrhea/colitis	16 (39)	12 (29)	4 (10)
Nausea	7 (17)	7 (17)	0
Vomiting	4 (10)	4 (10)	0
SKIN			
Pruritus	4 (10)	4 (10)	0
Rash	4 (10)	4 (10)	0
INVESTIGATIONS			
Alanine aminotransferase increased	5 (12)	5 (12)	0
Aspartate aminotransferase increased	4 (10)	3 (7)	1 (2)
MUSCULOSKELETAL			
Arthralgia	5 (12)	4 (10)	1 (2)
Myalgia	5 (12)	5 (12)	0
GENERAL			
Fatigue	9 (22)	8 (20)	1 (2)
Chills	7 (17)	7 (17)	0
Pyrexia	6 (15)	5 (12)	1 (2)
METABOLISM			
Decreased appetite	9 (22)	9 (22)	0

No grade 4 or 5 TRAEs

No hypophysitis

Discontinuation due to a TRAE:

- 10% Bot only
- 10% Bot and Bal

irAEs (investigator-assessed):

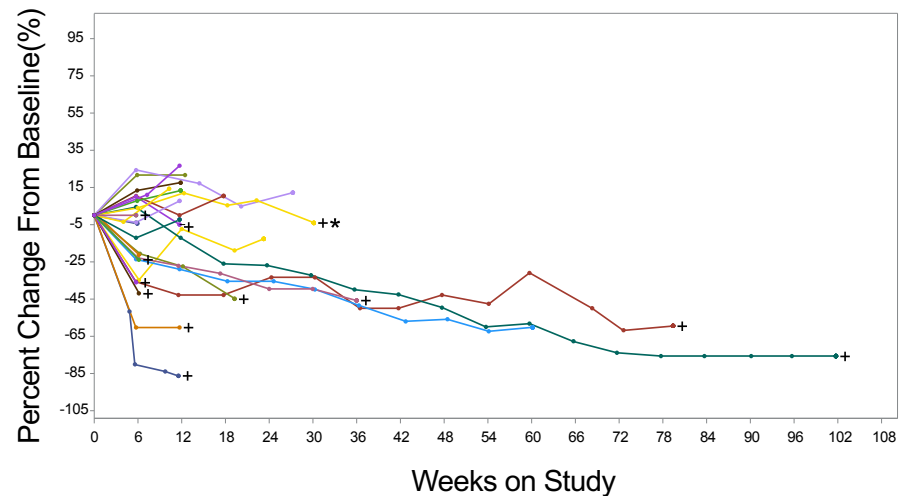
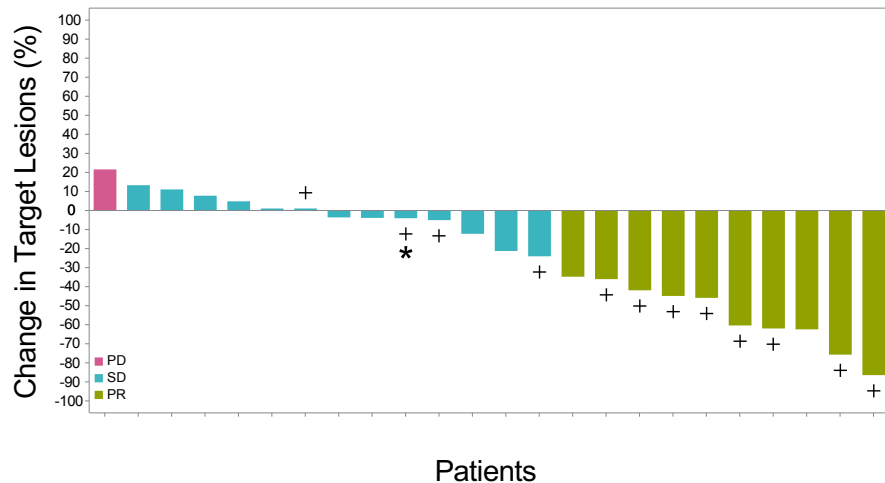
- 46% any grade
- 17% grade 3

Median duration of treatment:

- 2.8 months (95% CI, 1.2-22.8)



No Active Liver Metastases (n=24)



Definition of no active liver metastases:

- no history of liver metastases OR
- resected or ablated without recurrence

ORR 42%

DCR 96%

*Ongoing PR/SD. *Complete metabolic response by PET.



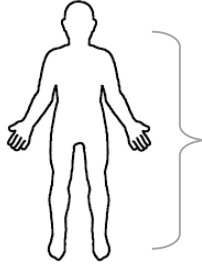
Novel Approaches (Future)

**Do we need Liquid Biopsies
to Predict Metastatic
Disease**

Minimal Residual Disease: The Clinical Problem (Metastatic?)

Stage III CRC:

All patients get adjuvant chemo
>50% cured by surgery alone



Curative
Intent
Surgery

Stage II CRC:

SOC is NO adjuvant chemo
10-15% of patients recur

Negative



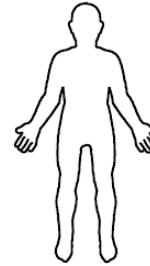
Positive



Minimal Residual
Disease

Cured

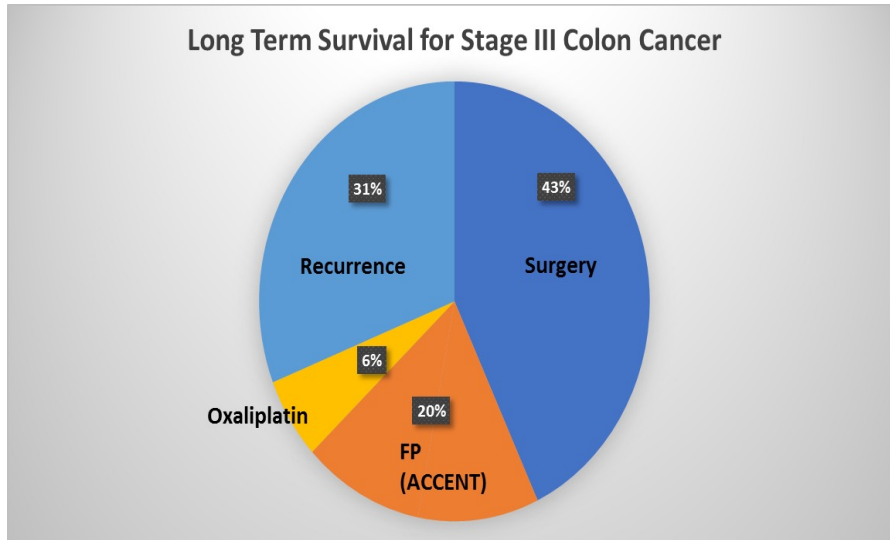
Not
Cured



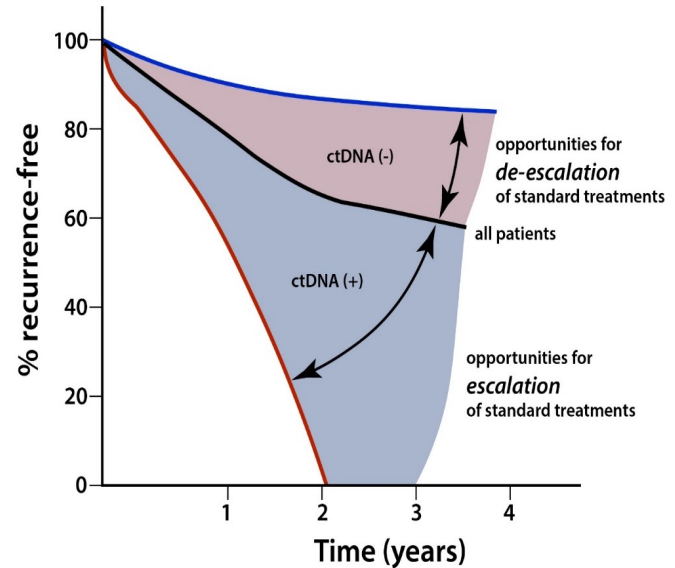
We have no
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who is cured
and who will
recur

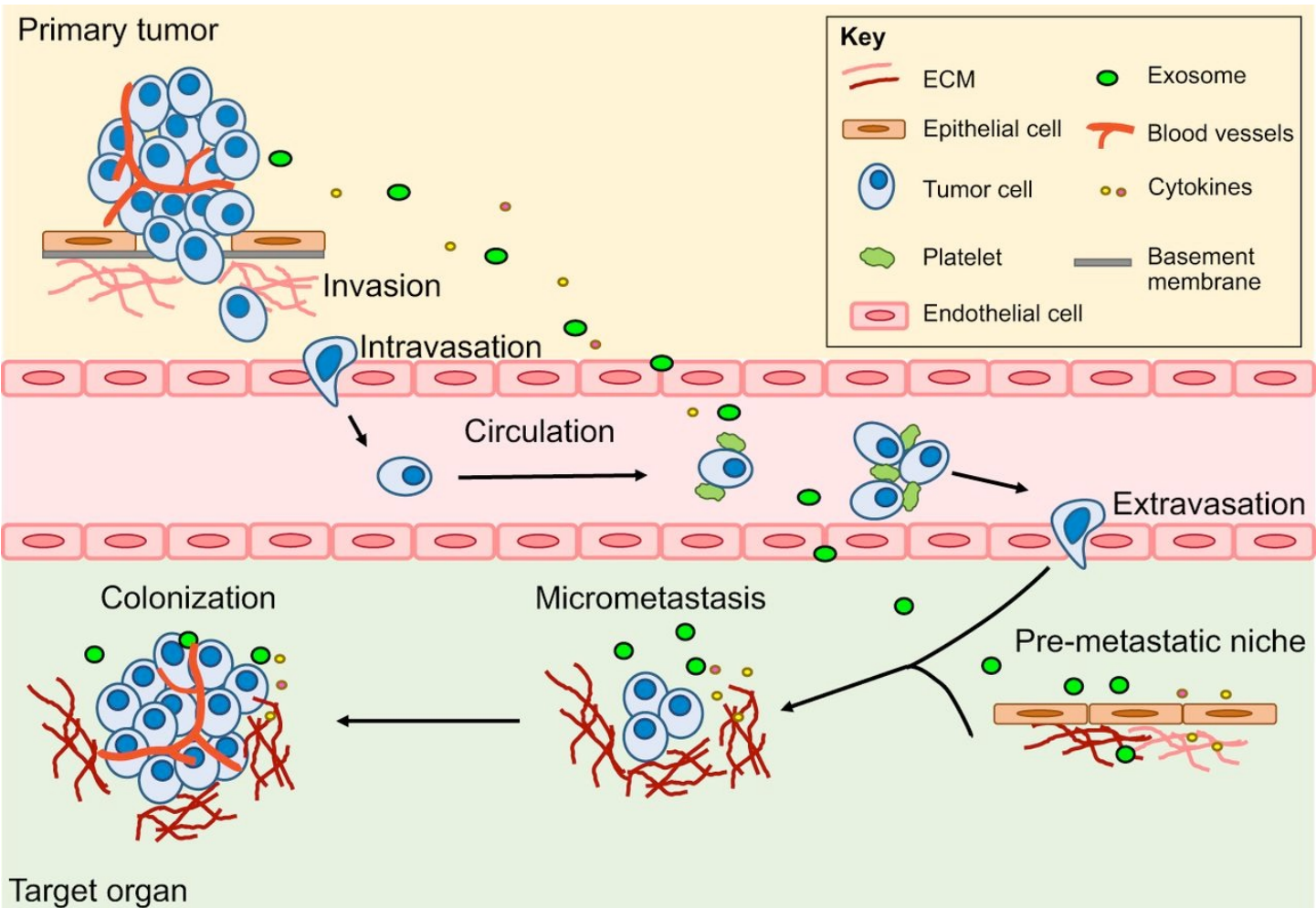
Adjuvant Therapy in Stage III CC : Room for Improvement

CURRENT (TNM):

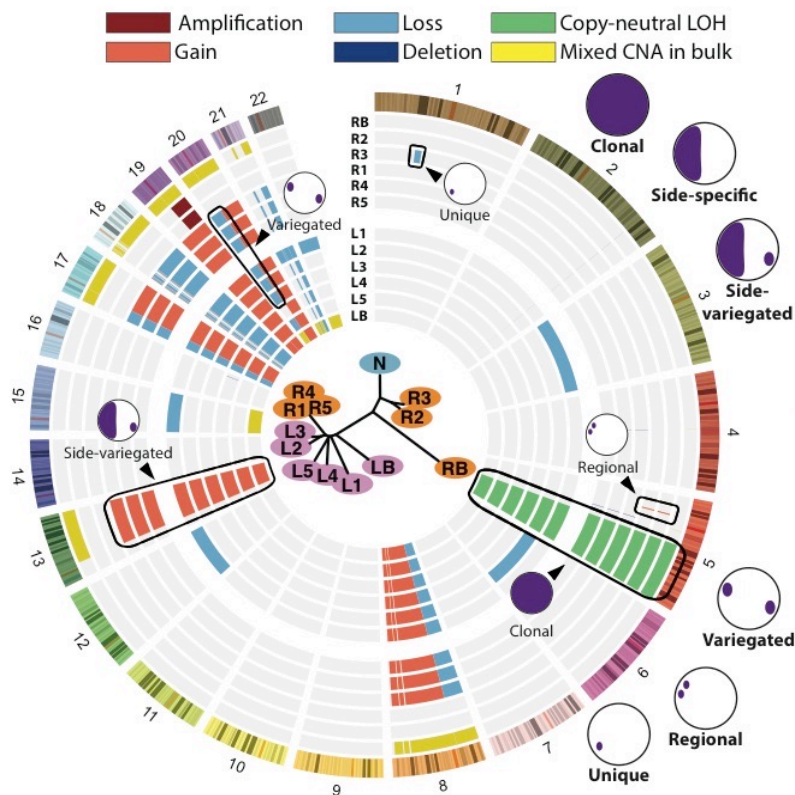


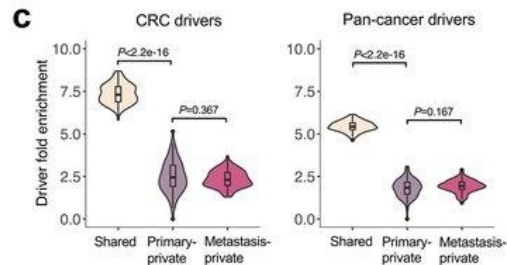
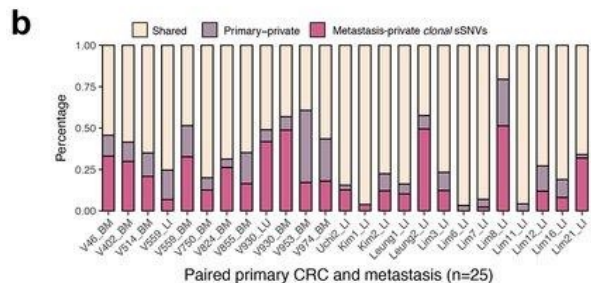
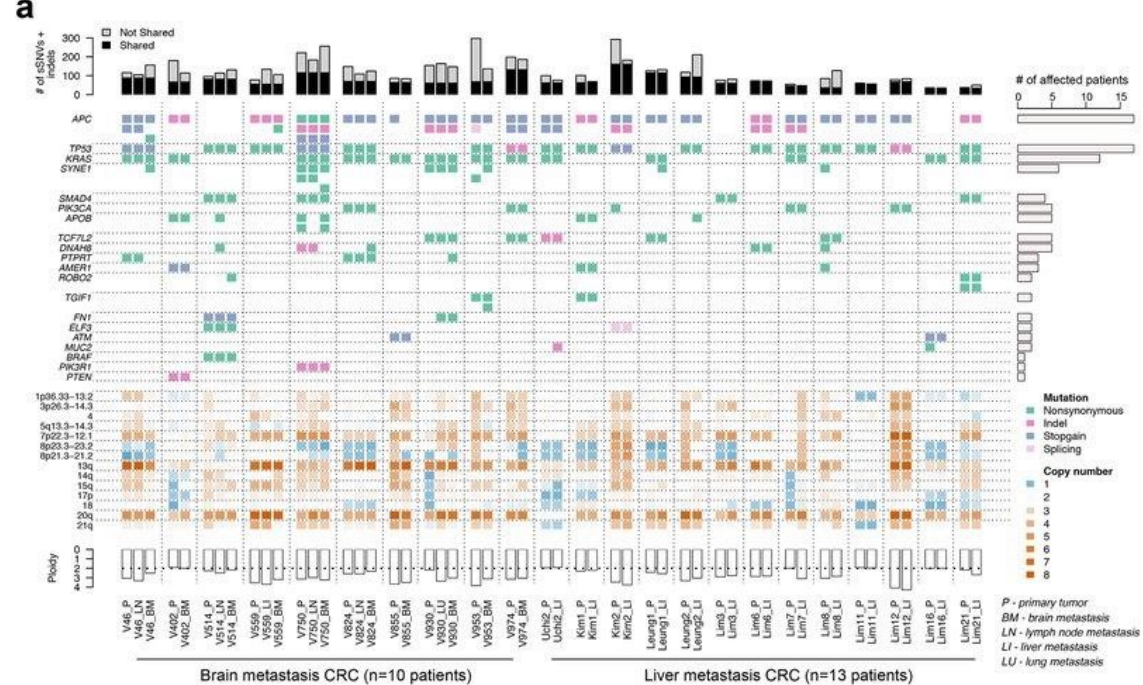
FUTURE (ctDNA):

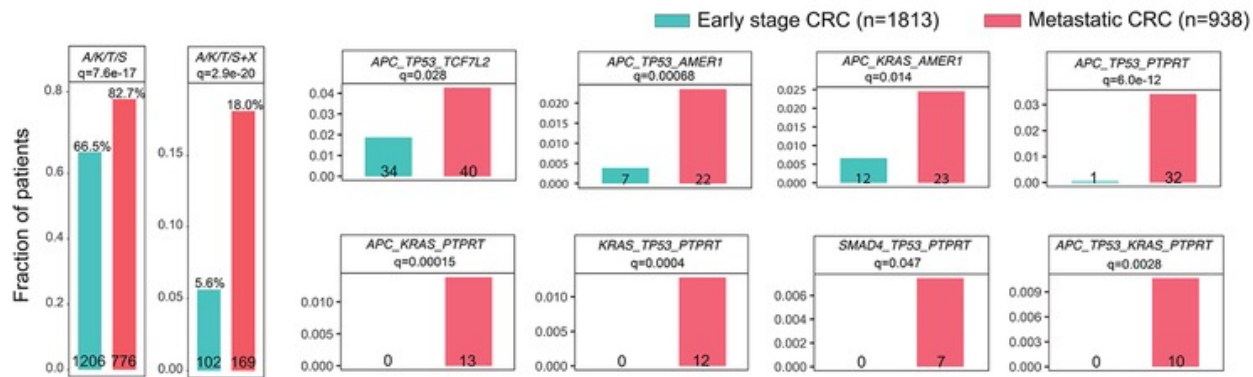
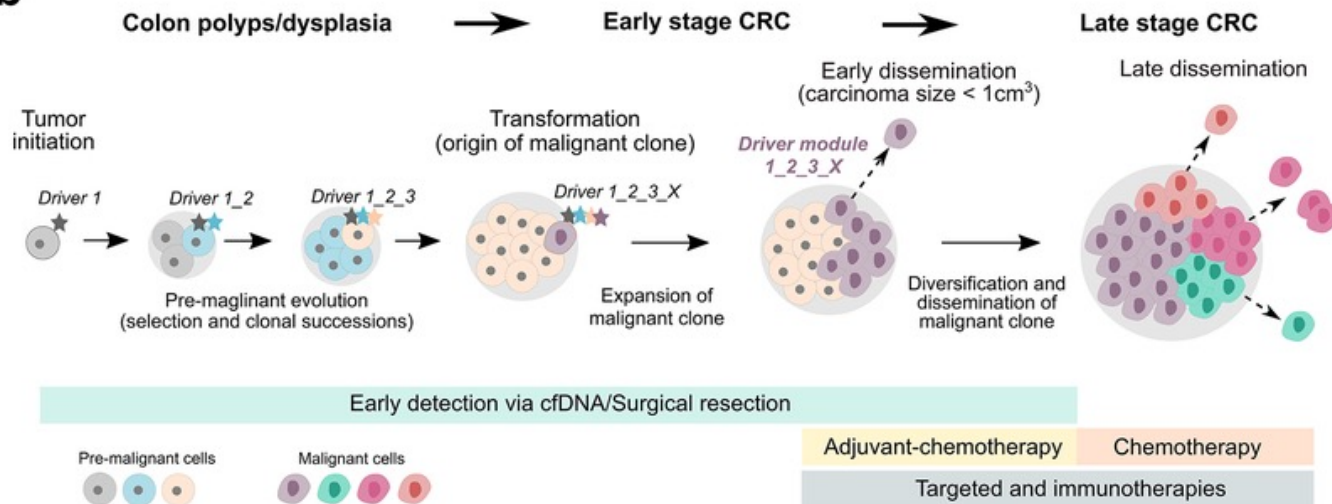




Intra-tumor copy number heterogeneity in CRC at the single gland level

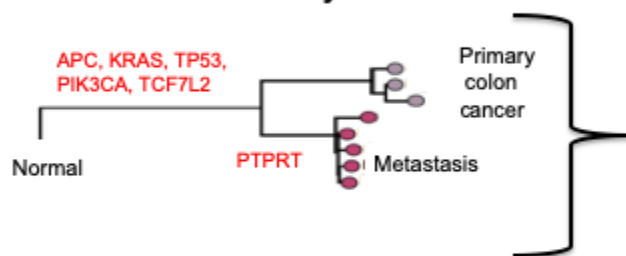




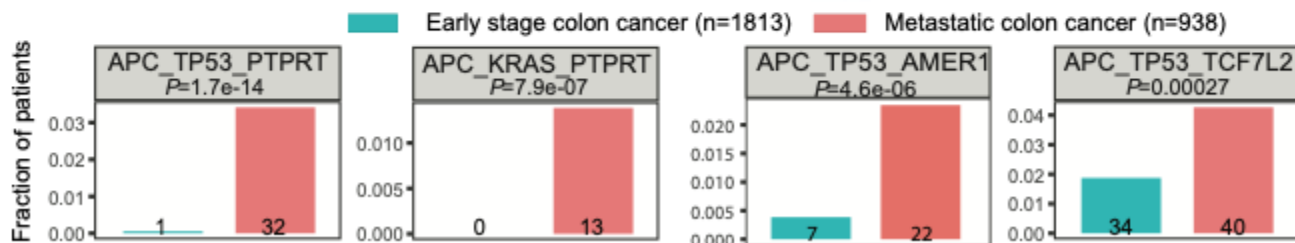
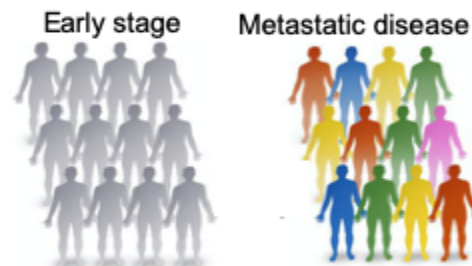
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Validation of metastasis driver modules

Metastasis associated early driver modules



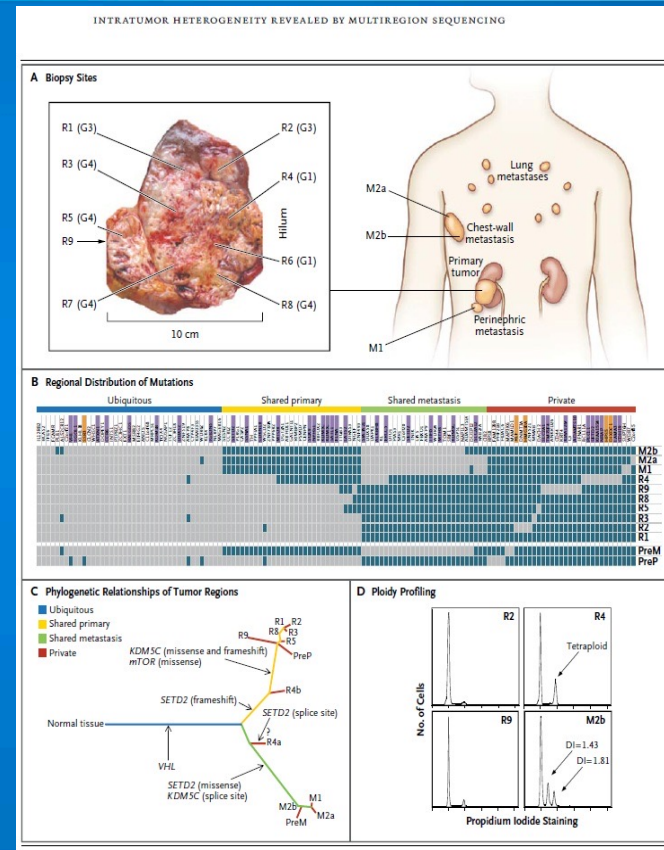
Clinically annotated CRCs with targeted sequencing (n=2751)

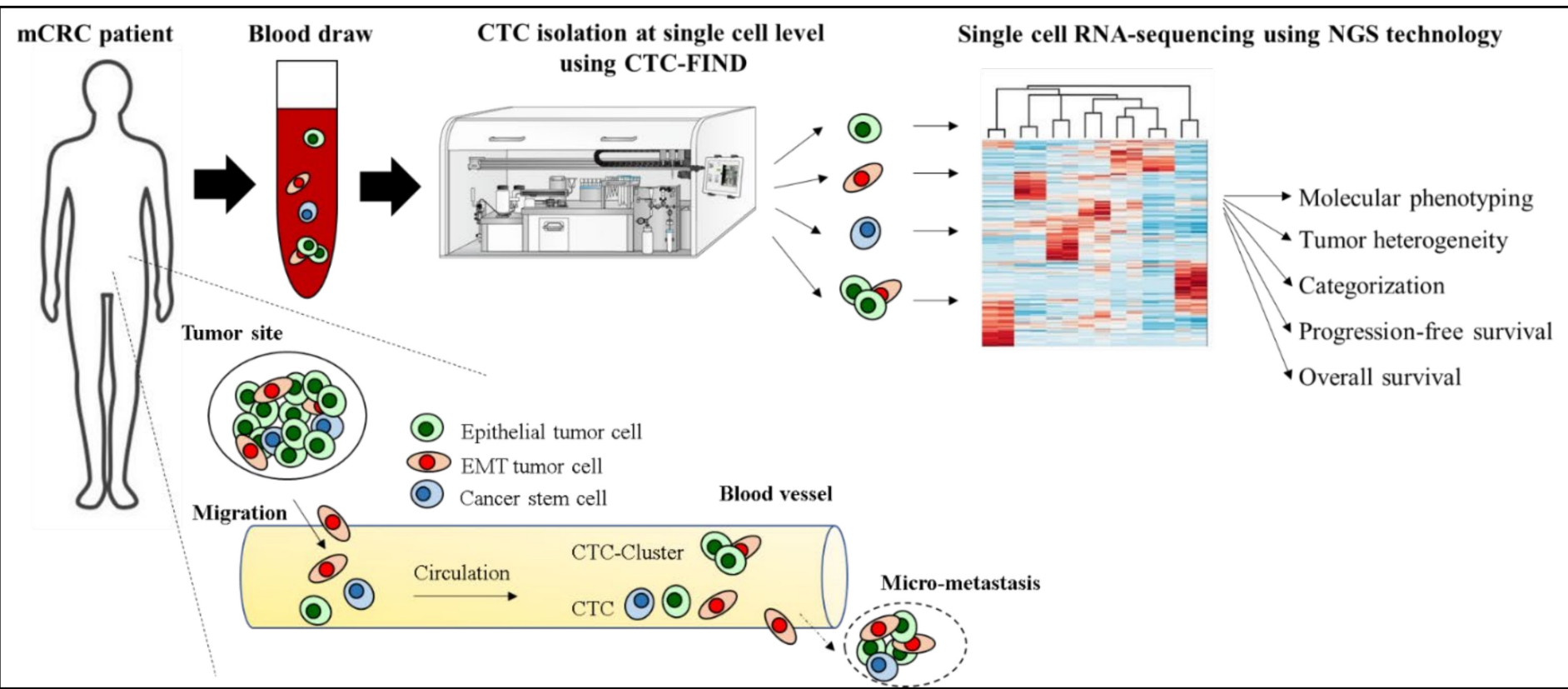


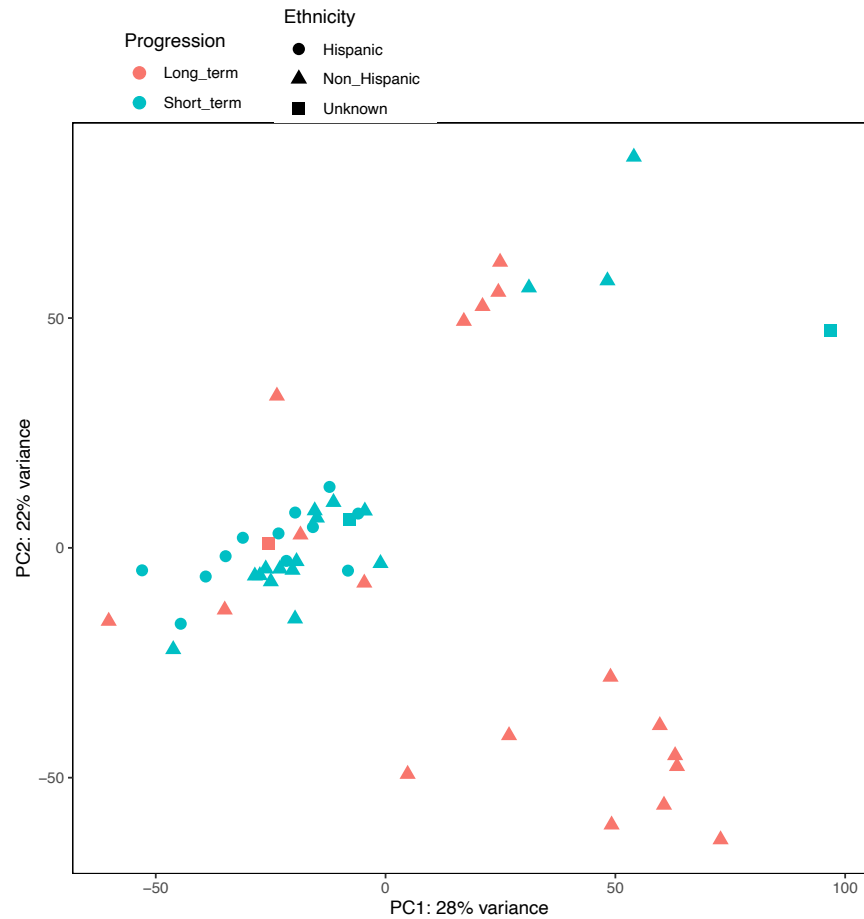
Hu...Curtis *Nature Genetics* 2019

Heterogeneity also exists within individual tumors

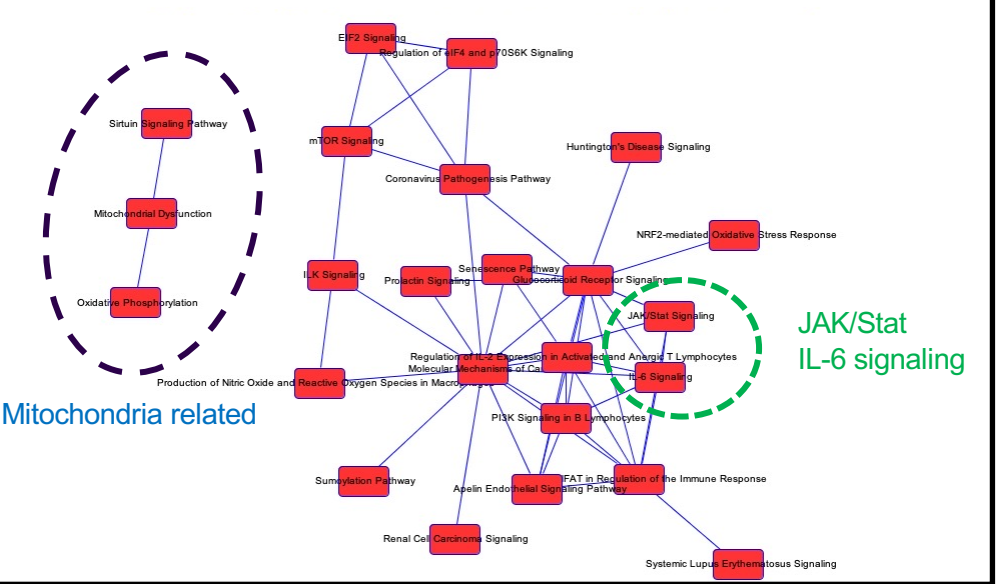
- Ding et al., Nature 2010
- Mutations present in 5–90% of sequencing reads from one tumor
- Navin et al., Nature 2011
- Independent subclones coexisting in a single anatomic site in breast
- Gerlinger et al., NEJM 2012
- Two-thirds of mutations in single biopsies were not uniformly detectable throughout all sampled regions
- Both sensitive and resistant RNA expression patterns



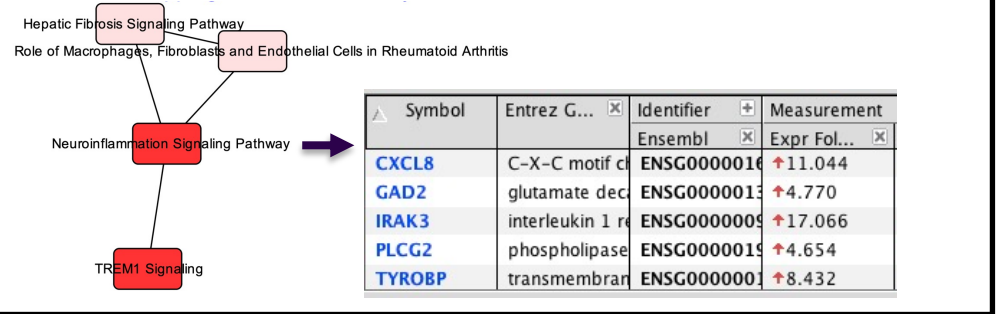


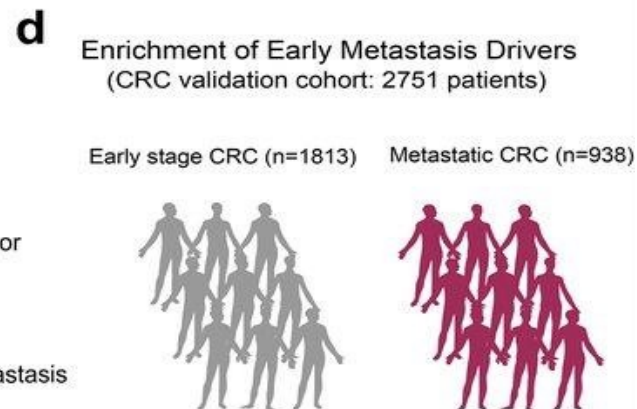
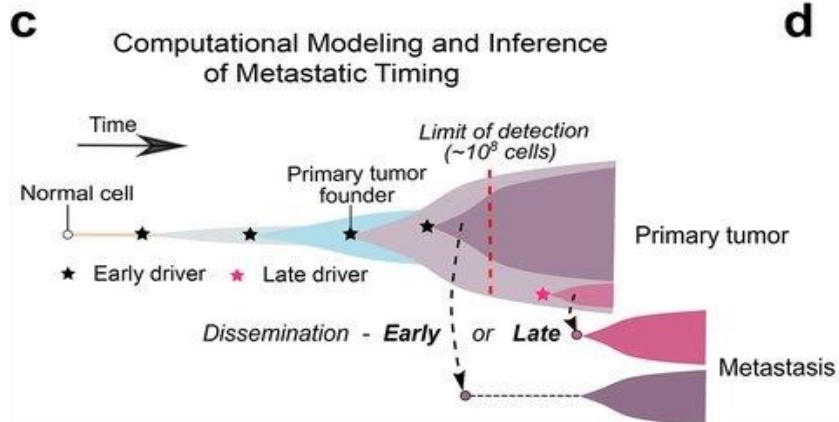
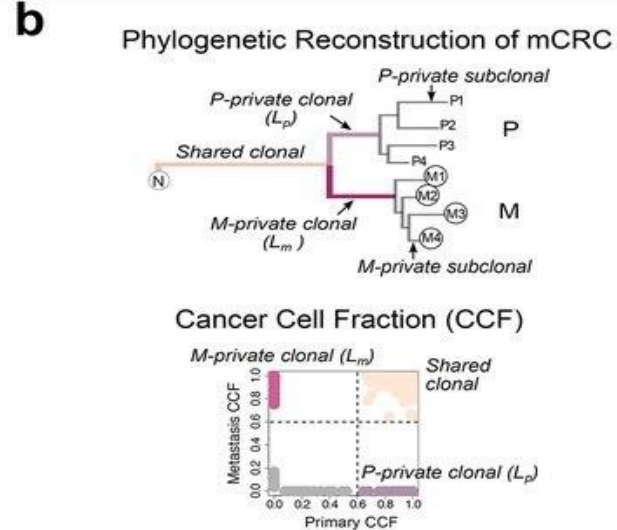
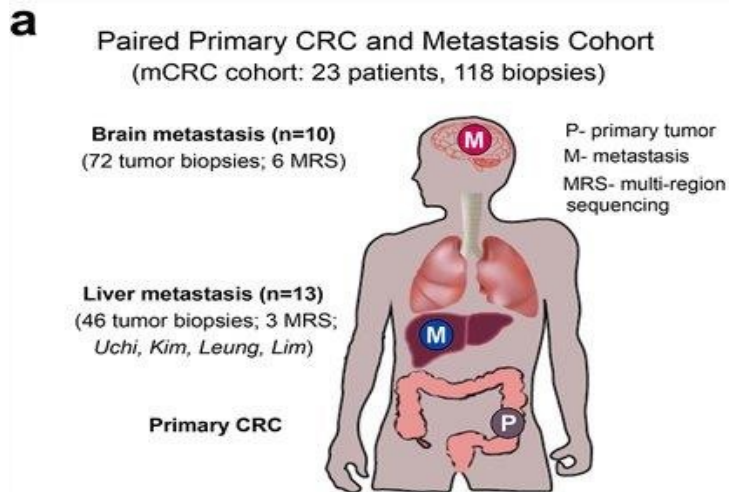


Top 40 enriched pathway network upregulated in short term vs. long term



Top enriched pathway network upregulated in Hispanic vs. non-hispanic





What is Unique about CRC and what we can learn from it

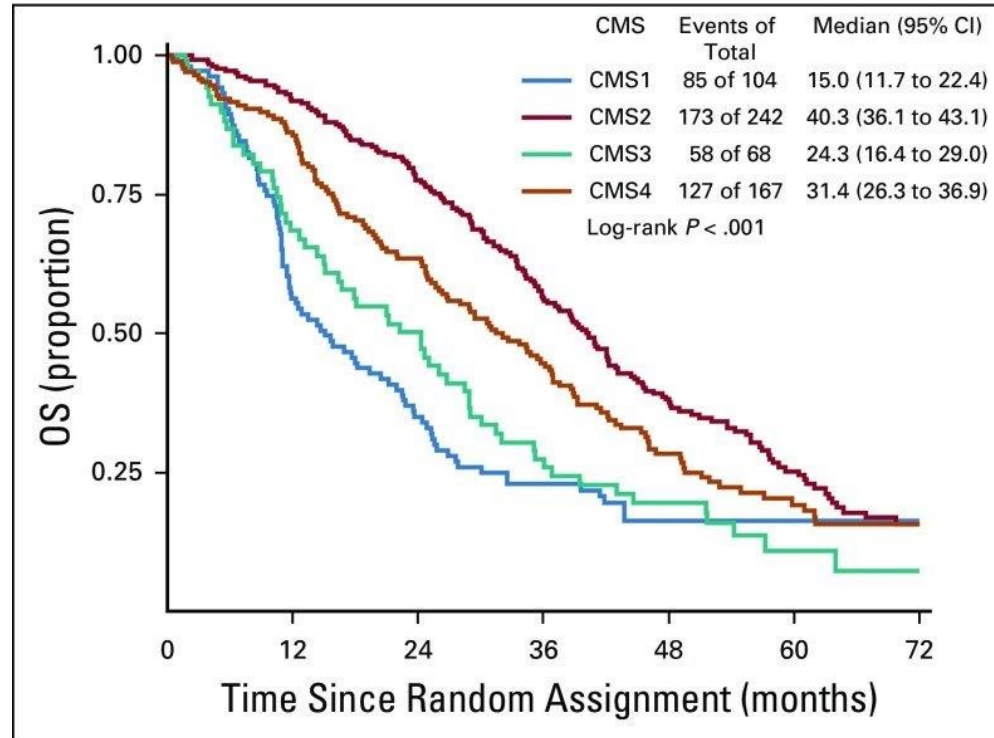
1. CMS

2. Tumor Heterogeneity

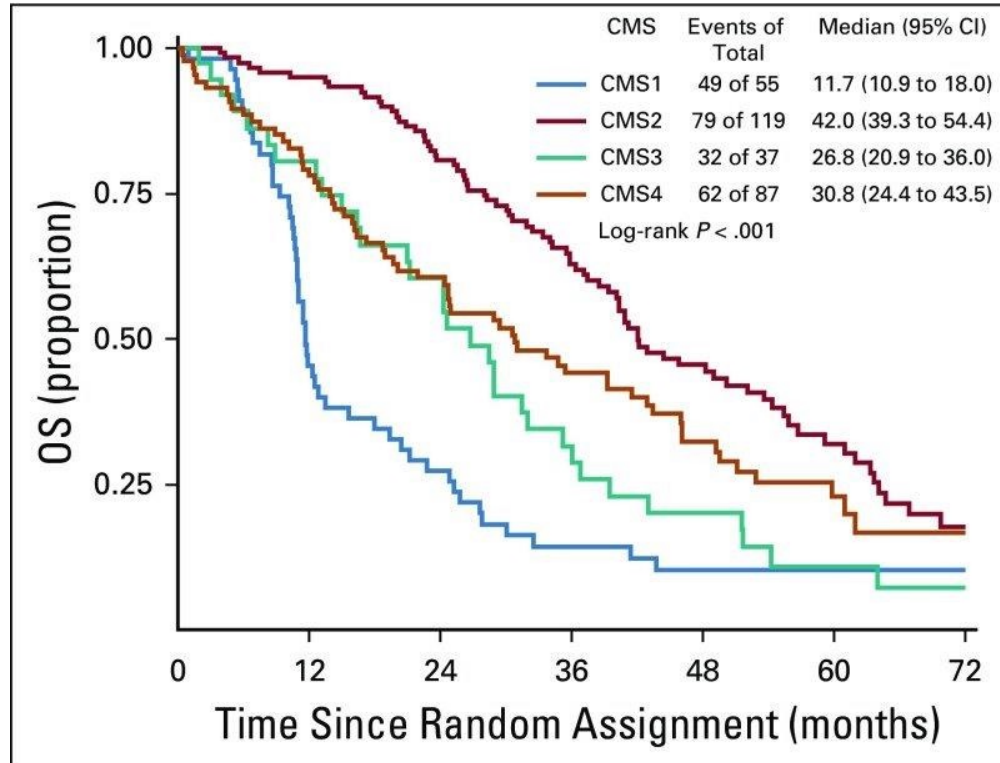
3. Single Cell Classification

4. NGS/RNA seq/New Targets

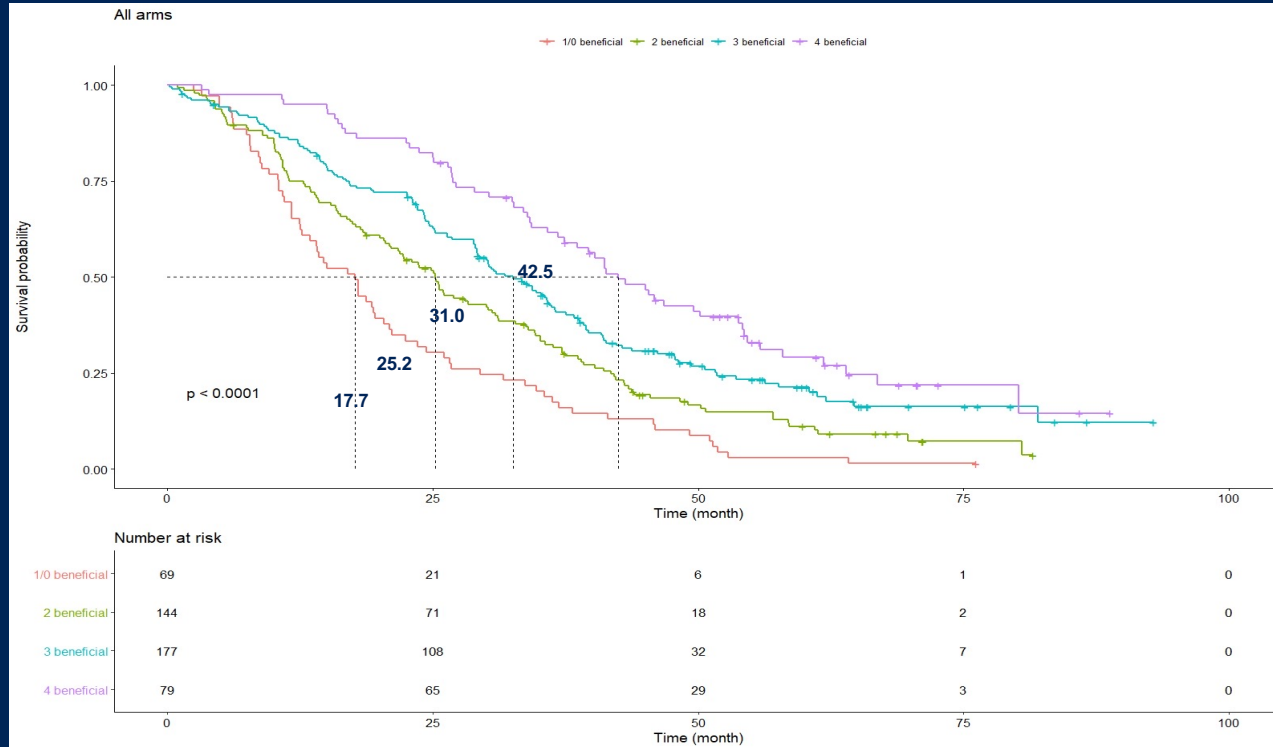
OS for all patients in SWOG/Alliance 80405



OS for patients treated with Cetuximab

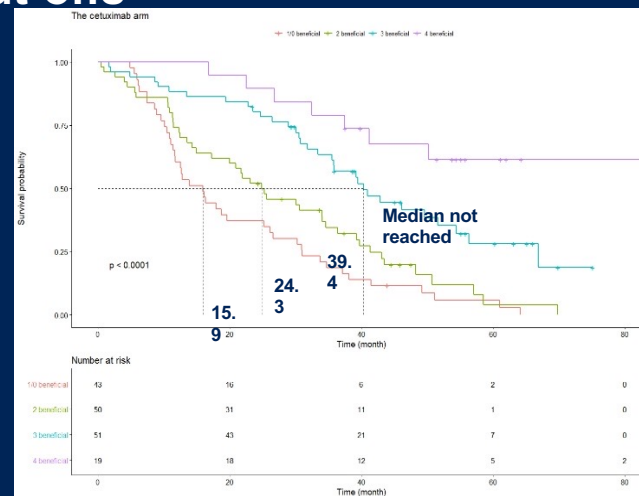
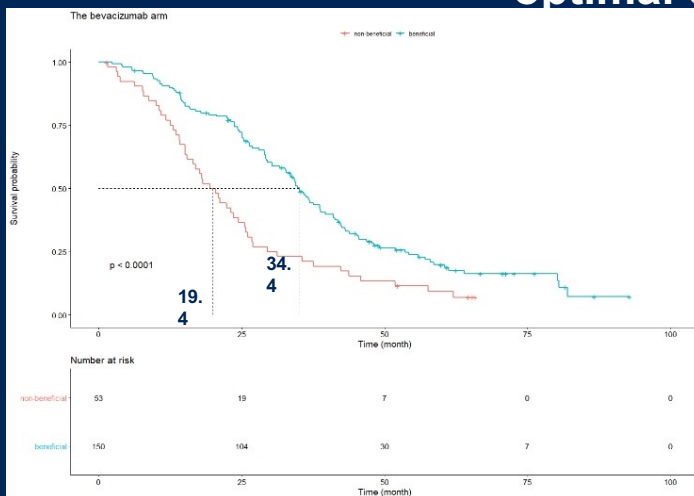


In the three arms, combined effect of M2 macrophage, TGF- β , plasma cell, and memory activated CD4+ T cell signatures on OS, using optimal cut-offs



Effect of M2 macrophage, TGF- β , plasma cell, and memory activated CD4+ T cell signatures on OS for **Cet (right)** and of M2 macrophages for **Bev (left)**, using optimal cut-offs

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Conclusions

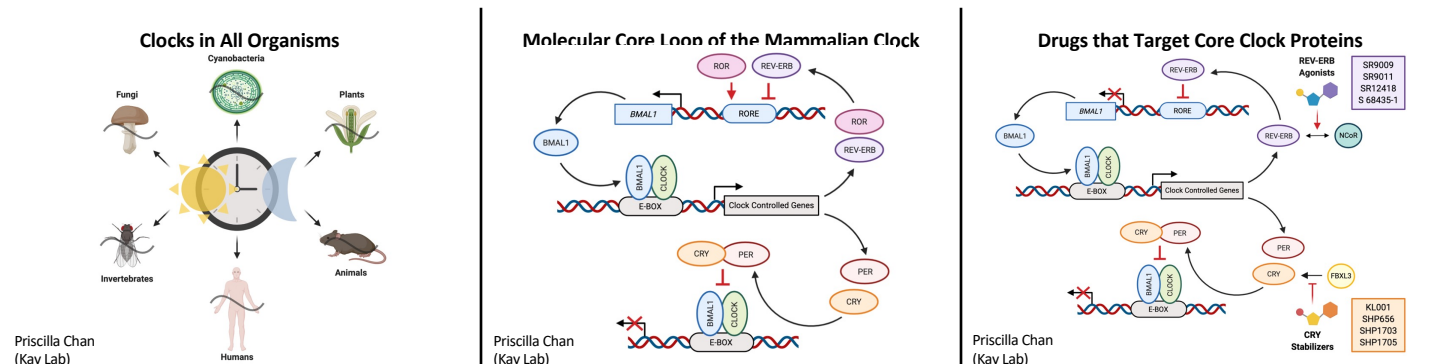
- Immune signatures affect prognosis and response to standard-of-care targeted therapy
- These results provide new markers for treatment selection and for the development of novel active combinations including immune checkpoint inhibitors

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Novel Approaches

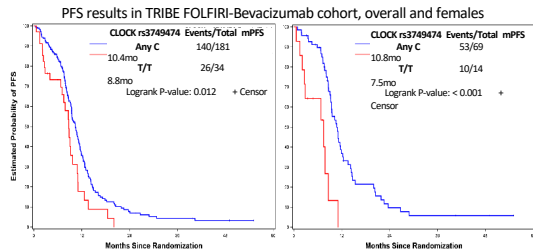
1. Novel Targets

REV-ERB agonists as a novel therapeutic approach to colorectal cancer



mCRC Clinical Trials GWAS

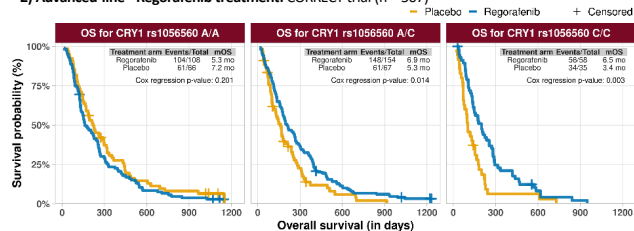
1) First-line - Bevacizumab-based treatment: TRIBE + FIRE-3 trials (n tot = 451)



SNPs*	Progression-free Survival		
	P-value for FE	Q Statistics	P-value for Q
CLOCK rs3749474	0.005 (0.055)	7.276	0.064
BMAL1 rs2279287	0.025 (0.095)	3.312	0.346
RORA rs7164773	0.009 (0.070)	2.552	0.466
HTIM rs774034	0.014 (0.079)	0.152	0.985
HTIM rs4630333	0.004 (0.055)	1.426	0.699

Meta-analysis results across TRIBE and FIRE-3 treatment cohorts.
 FE indicates fixed effects model based on inverse-variance-weighted effect size. Adjusted P-values after FDR (false discovery rate) are shown in parentheses (significant < 0.1)

2) Advanced-line - Regorafenib treatment: CORRECT trial (n = 507)



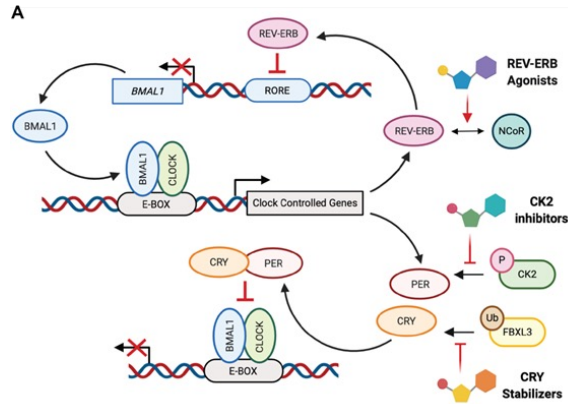
PFS results Rego vs placebo for CRY1 rs1056560

Genotype Subset	n	HR (95%-CI)	P-value
A/A	174	0.71 (0.52-0.97)	0.031
A/C	221	0.49 (0.36-0.66)	<0.001
C/C	93	0.38 (0.24-0.61)	<0.001

*HR estimates for PFS from unadjusted models using the Cox-proportional hazard-model

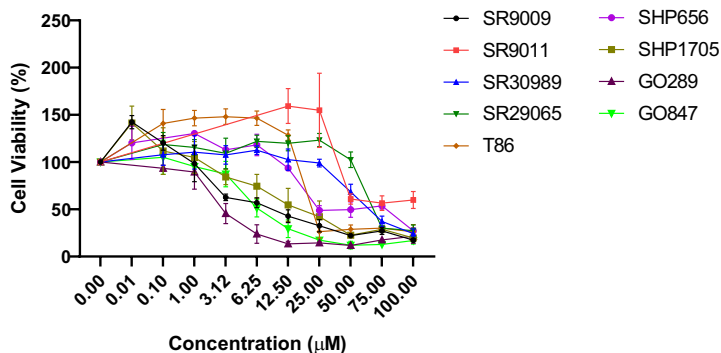
Battaglin et al. ASCO 2018 (Lenz Lab)
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Drugging the Circadian Clock

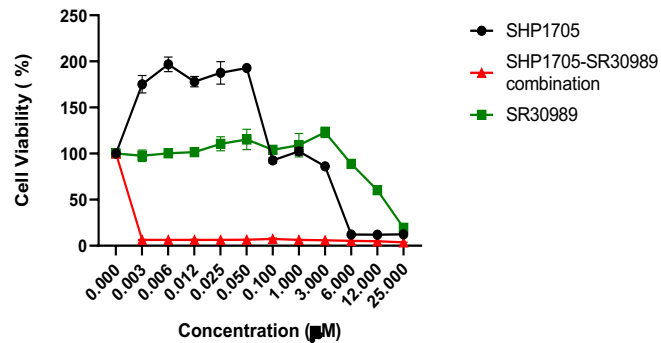
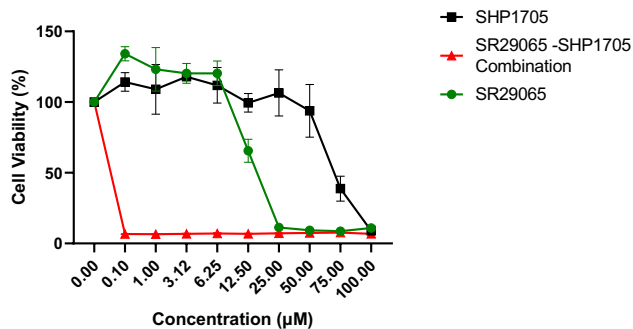


Compound	Expected Target	Mode of Action	Source	References
SR9009	REV-ERB α (also targets REV-ERB β)	Agonist	Thomas Burris (purchased from Sigma-Aldrich)	Solt et al., 2012
SR9011	REV-ERB α (also targets REV-ERB β)	Agonist	Thomas Burris (purchased from Sigma-Aldrich)	Solt et al., 2012
SR12418	REV-ERB α/β	Agonist	Laura Solt & Ted Kamenecka	Amir et al., 2018
S 68435-1	REV-ERB α	Agonist	Xavier Barril (provided by Laura Solt & Ted Kamenecka)	Westermaier et al., 2017
SR29065	REV-ERB α	Agonist	Laura Solt & Ted Kamenecka	-
SR30989	REV-ERB α	Agonist	Laura Solt & Ted Kamenecka	-
T86	REV-ERB α	Agonist	Laura Solt & Ted Kamenecka	-
KL001	CRY1/2	Stabilizer	Tsuyoshi Hirota & Steve Kay (purchased from Sigma-Aldrich)	Hirota et al., 2012
SHP656	CRY1/2	Stabilizer	Synchronicity	Dong et al., 2019
SHP1703	CRY1/2	Stabilizer	Synchronicity	-
SHP1705	CRY1/2	Stabilizer	Synchronicity	-
GO289	CK2	Inhibitor	Tsuyoshi Hirota	Oshima et al., 2019
GO847	CK2	Inhibitor	Tsuyoshi Hirota	-
CX-4945 (Siltitasertib)	CK2	Inhibitor	David M. Ryckman	Pierre et al., 2011

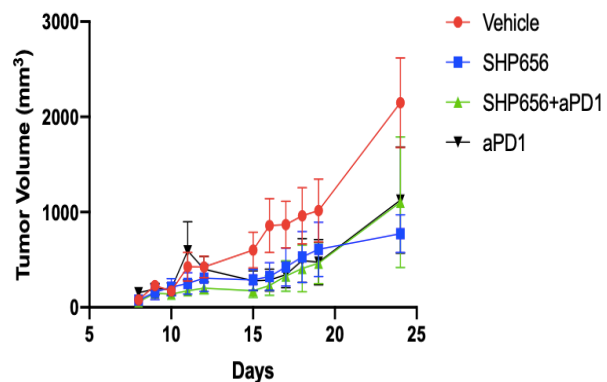
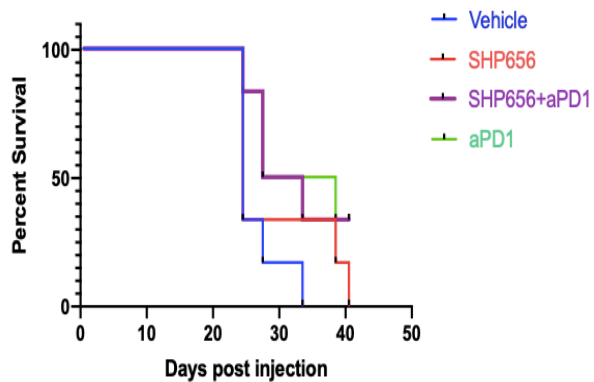
Discovery phase using 2D system (representative data shown for HCT 116 (MSI, KRAS mutant, BRAF wildtype cell line)



Compounds	EC ₅₀
SR9009	3.241
T86	14.44
SHP656	15.61
SHP1705	8.889
GO289	2.539
GO847	5.792



Anti-PD1 Treatment and/or Pharmacological Targeting of the Clock Prolongs Survival and slows tumor growth in an MSI high MC38 syngeneic mouse model (Proof of Principle)



In responders, treatment with SHP or SHP+aPD1, seems to be more effective in tumor growth suppression as compared to aPD1 alone

Our Goal: Right Treatment Right Time

- Genetic Testing of Tumor at time of diagnosis and if possible again at time of growth
NGS/transcriptome
- Germline Testing of patients if evidence of Predisposition
- Active Monitoring with Liquid Biopsies
- Accelerating Access to Clinical Trials
- Identification of drugable Novel Targets
- Multi Omics Approach in the future (AI)

Conclusions

1. Detecting circulating tumor DNA technologies have been a tremendous progress to detect MRD and risk for recurrence. Need to increase sensitivity as about 50% of recurrences are detected with LB
2. Single cell technologies and understanding Tumor heterogeneity using AI are critical to potential predict presence of metastatic disease
3. Characterization of the TME will be the next frontier in Cancer Research to find novel therapies to prevent and treat colorectal cancer.





Immanuel Kant (Photo from a steel engraving)



The one who knows more, may decide better