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**Osteosarcoma:  
Current Perspectives  
and  
Future Developments**

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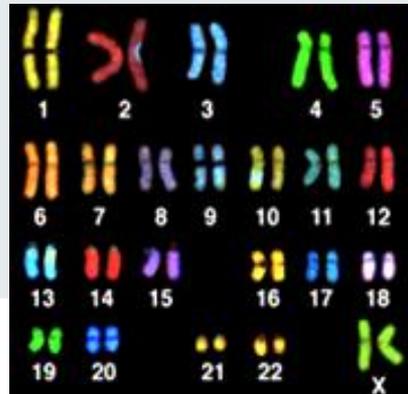


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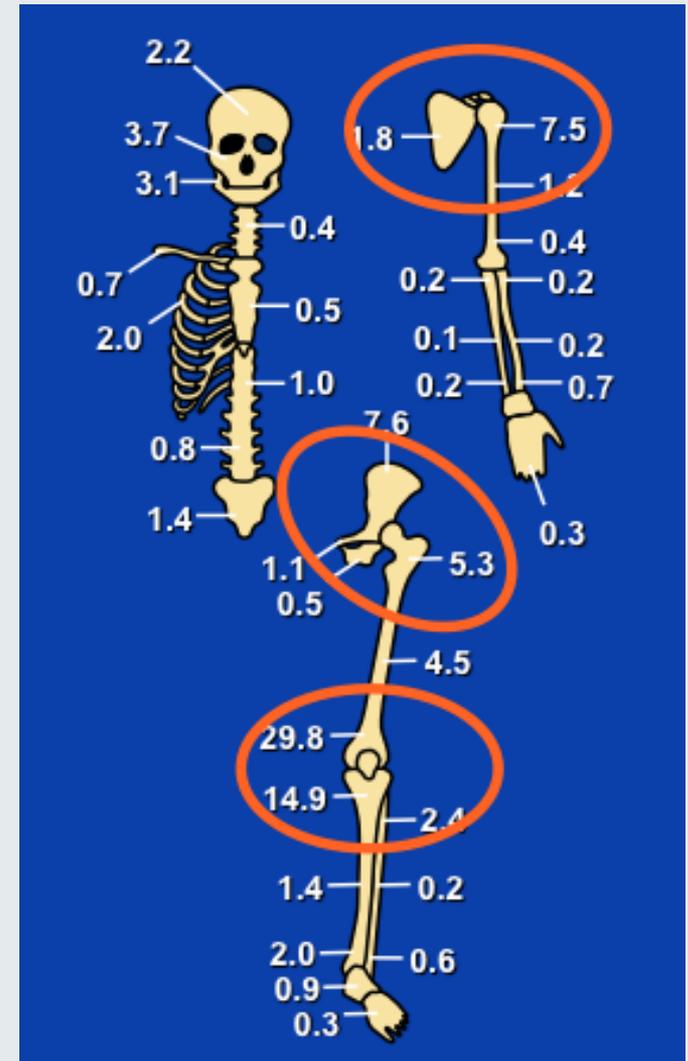
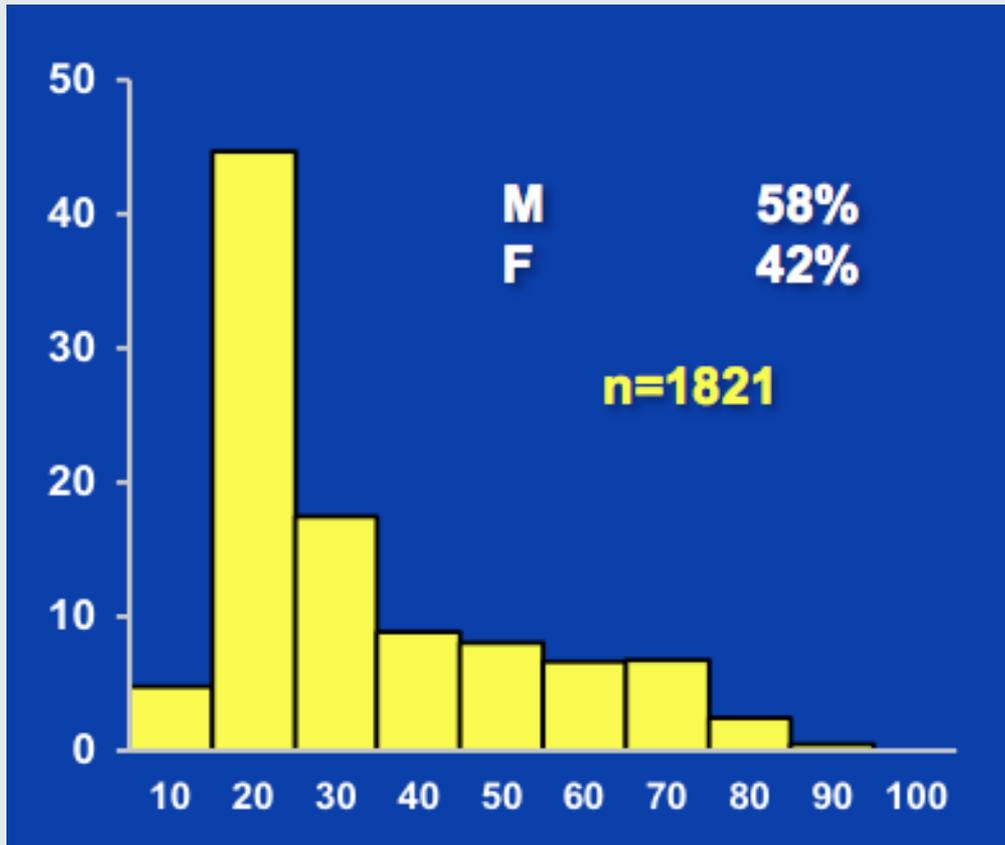
## Definition :

- malignant spindle cells
- osteoid production

- most common 1° bone cancer
- - 2-3 / year per 1 M
- ~12 histologic subtypes



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## Backbone of Therapy



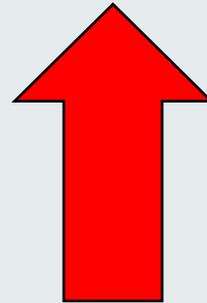
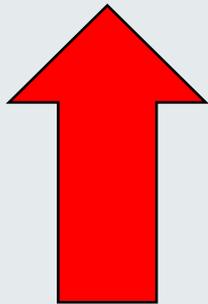
SURGERY



CHEMOTHERAPY

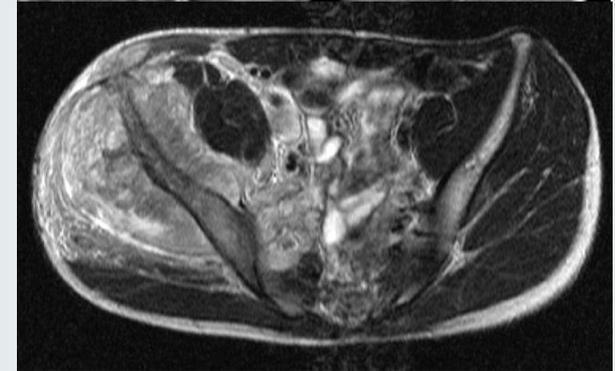
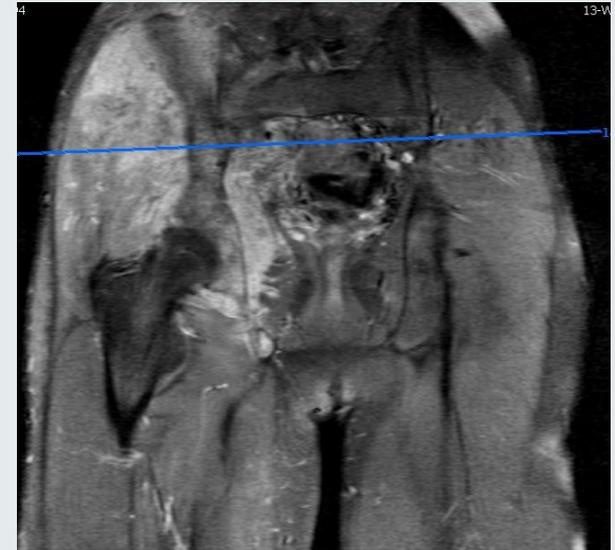


RADIATION THERAPY



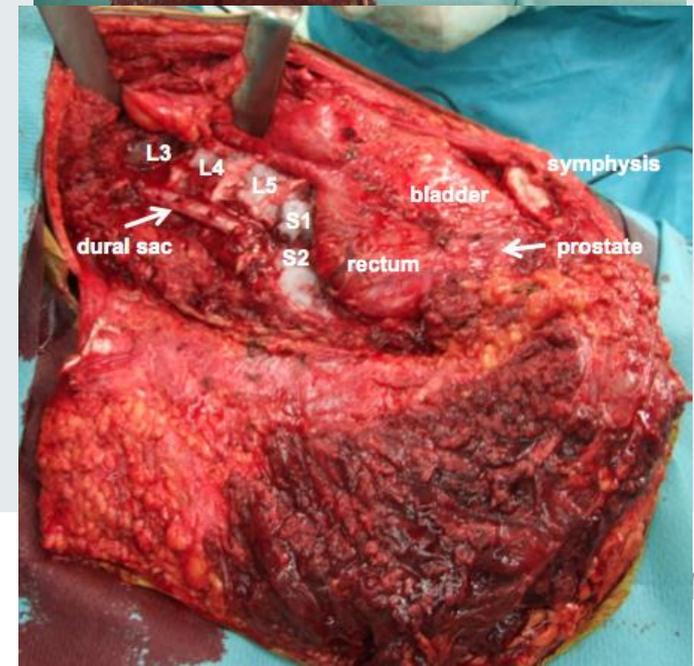
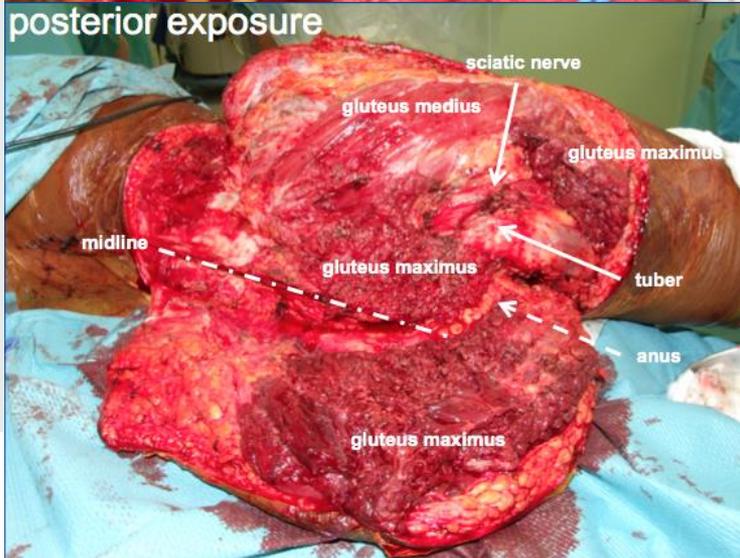
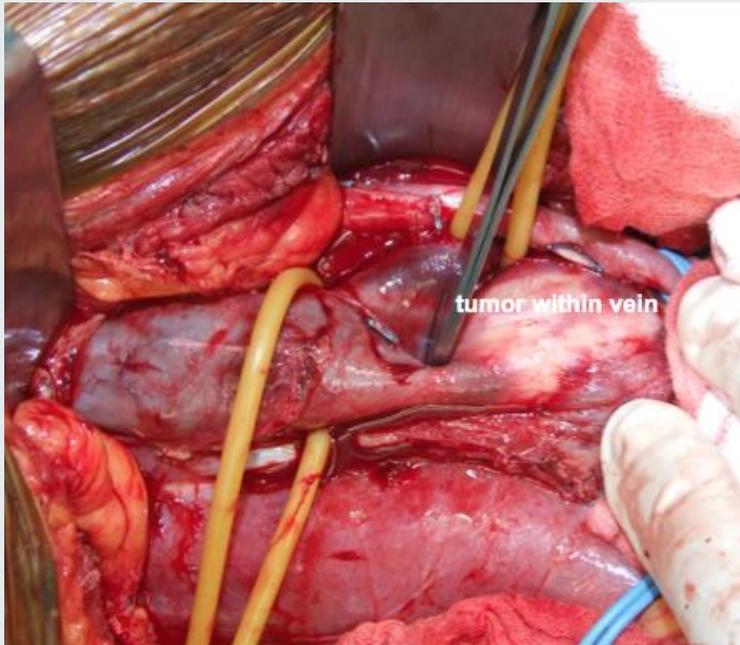
# CASE PRESENTATION

16 year old young man



→ (neo-)adjuvant chemotherapy & surgery

# CASE PRESENTATION



# CASE PRESENTATION



**Patient dies of  
metastasis  
3 years post surgery**



# EURAMOS-1

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## EURAMOS-1, an international randomised study for osteosarcoma: results from pre-randomisation treatment†

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Biopsy-proven diagnosis of resectable osteosarcoma

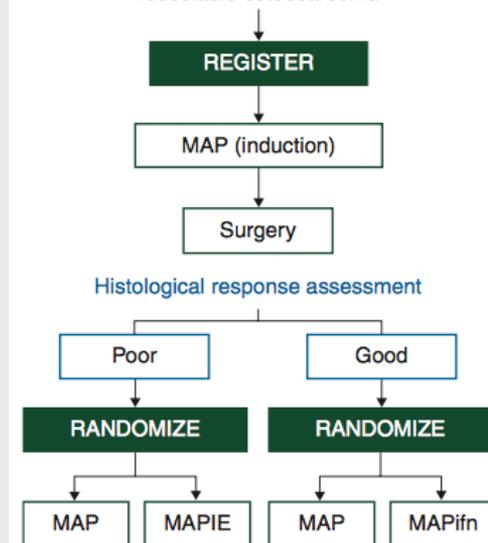
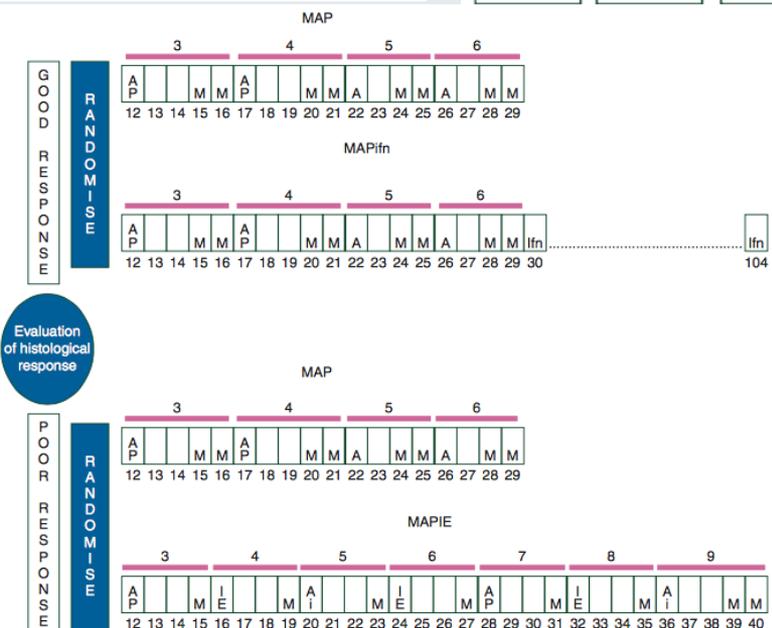
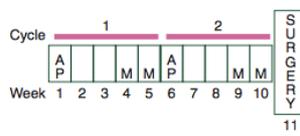


Table 2. Pathology at diagnostic biopsy and surgery

	Diagnostic biopsy		Resected specimen	
	N	%	N	%
Data available				
Yes	2209	98	2012	89
No	51	2	248	11
Type of pathologist				
Reference	2160	98	1951	97
Local only	49	2	61	3
Histology				
Conventional	2033	92	1832	93
Telangiectatic	96	4	90	5
Small cell	14	1	7	0
High-grade surface	29	1	28	1
Secondary	0	0	0	0
Unclassified osteosarcoma	2	0	1	0
Ineligible	31	1	15	1
Not assessable	0	0	2	0
Info missing from the form	4	n/a	37	n/a
Excision of tumour				
Marginal	n/a	n/a	264	13
Wide	n/a	n/a	1474	74
Radical	n/a	n/a	222	11
Intra-lesional	n/a	n/a	26	1
Not known	n/a	n/a	19	1
Info missing from the form	n/a	n/a	7	n/a
Histological response				
Good (<10% viable tumour)	n/a	n/a	979	50
Poor (≥10% viable tumour)	n/a	n/a	996	50
Info missing from the form	n/a	n/a	37	n/a
Total	2209	100	2012	100

A – Doxorubicin 75 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/course  
P – Cisplatin 120 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/course  
M – Methotrexate 12 g/m<sup>2</sup>/course  
E – Etoposide 500 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/course  
I – Ifosfamide 14 g/m<sup>2</sup>/course  
i – Ifosfamide 9 g/m<sup>2</sup>/course  
Ifn – Interferon-α 0.5–1.0 µg/kg weekly



# EURAMOS-1

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ORIGINAL REPORT



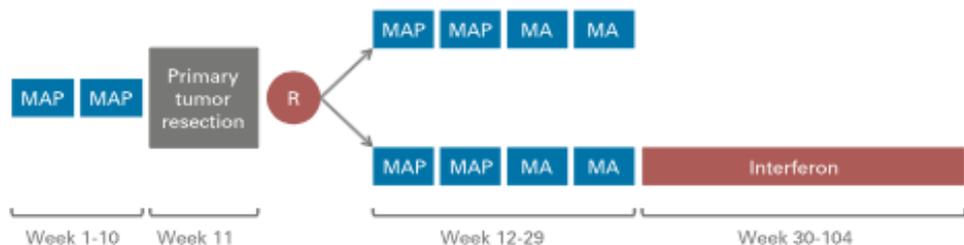
## Methotrexate, Doxorubicin, and Cisplatin (MAP) Plus Maintenance Pegylated Interferon Alfa-2b Versus MAP Alone in Patients With Resectable High-Grade Osteosarcoma and Good Histologic Response to Preoperative MAP: First Results of the EURAMOS-1 Good Response Randomized Controlled Trial

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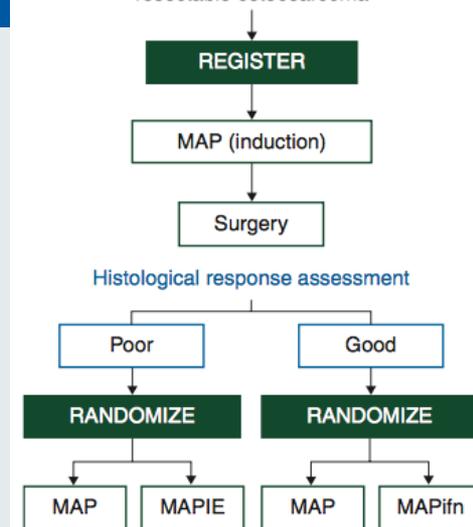
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### ABSTRACT

#### Purpose

EURAMOS-1, an international randomized controlled trial, investigated maintenance therapy with pegylated interferon alfa-2b (IFN- $\alpha$ -2b) in patients whose osteosarcoma showed good histologic response (good response) to induction chemotherapy.

#### Patients and Methods

At diagnosis, patients age  $\leq 40$  years with resectable high-grade osteosarcoma were registered. Eligibility after surgery for good response random assignment included  $\geq 2$  cycles of preoperative MAP (methotrexate, doxorubicin, and cisplatin), macroscopically complete surgery of primary tumor,  $< 10\%$  viable tumor, and no disease progression. These patients were randomly assigned to four additional cycles MAP with or without IFN- $\alpha$ -2b (0.5 to 1.0  $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$  per week subcutaneously, after chemotherapy until 2 years postregistration). Outcome measures were event-free survival (EFS; primary) and overall survival and toxicity (secondary).

#### Results

Good response was reported in 1,041 of 2,260 registered patients; 716 consented to random assignment (MAP,  $n = 359$ ; MAP plus IFN- $\alpha$ -2b,  $n = 357$ ), with baseline characteristics balanced by arm. A total of 271 of 357 started IFN- $\alpha$ -2b; 105 stopped early, and 38 continued to receive treatment at data freeze. Refusal and toxicity were the main reasons for never starting IFN- $\alpha$ -2b and for stopping prematurely, respectively. Median IFN- $\alpha$ -2b duration, if started, was 67 weeks. A total of 133 of 268 patients who started IFN- $\alpha$ -2b and provided toxicity information reported grade  $\geq 3$  toxicity during IFN- $\alpha$ -2b treatment. With median follow-up of 44 months, 3-year EFS for all 716 randomly assigned patients was 76% (95% CI, 72% to 79%); 174 EFS events were reported (MAP,  $n = 93$ ; MAP plus IFN- $\alpha$ -2b,  $n = 81$ ). Hazard ratio was 0.83 (95% CI, 0.61 to 1.12;  $P = .214$ ) from an adjusted Cox model.

#### Conclusion

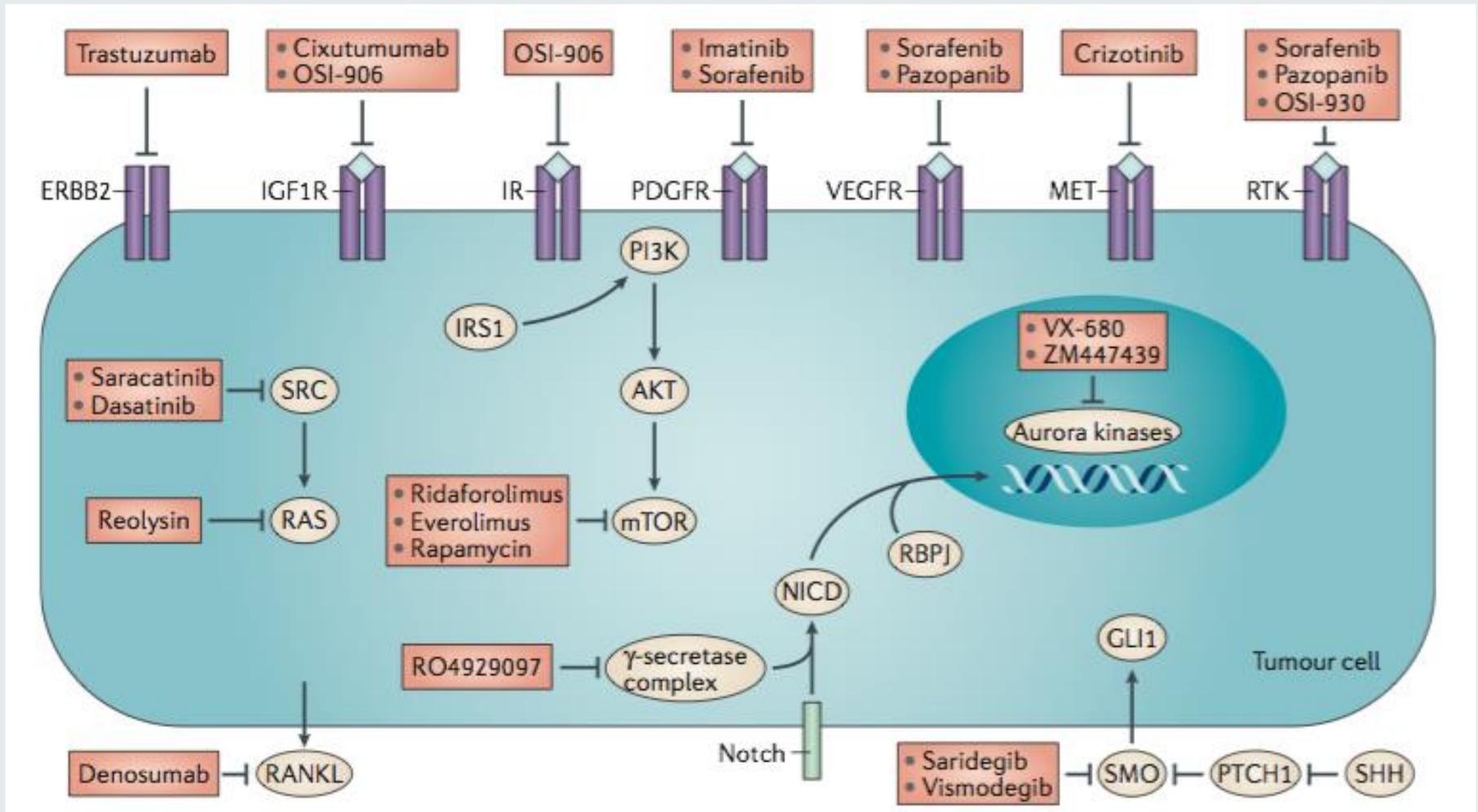
At the preplanned analysis time, MAP plus IFN- $\alpha$ -2b was not statistically different from MAP alone. A considerable proportion of patients never started IFN- $\alpha$ -2b or stopped prematurely. Long-term follow-up for events and survival continues.

# WHAT ELSE IS GOING ON ?

## **Advances in osteosarcoma therapy**

The number of clinical trials testing substances or treatment methods against OS has increased over the last two decades [20<sup>\*</sup>]. At present, there are 70 active clinical trials listed that include osteosarcoma patients, of which 21 trials are specifically aimed at targeting OS (see Supplementary Tables 1 and 2). The largest and most important ongoing OS trial is the EURAMOS-1 (EUROpean and AMERICAN Osteosarcoma Studies, ClinicalTrials.gov identifier NCT00134030) trial, an inter-continental collaboration of 17 countries which started in 2005, with 2260

# WHAT IS BEING TARGETED ?



Mansara M et al Nature Rev Cancer 14:722-35, 2014

# Prof. S.Bielack on TARGETED THERAPY

## Personal Communication

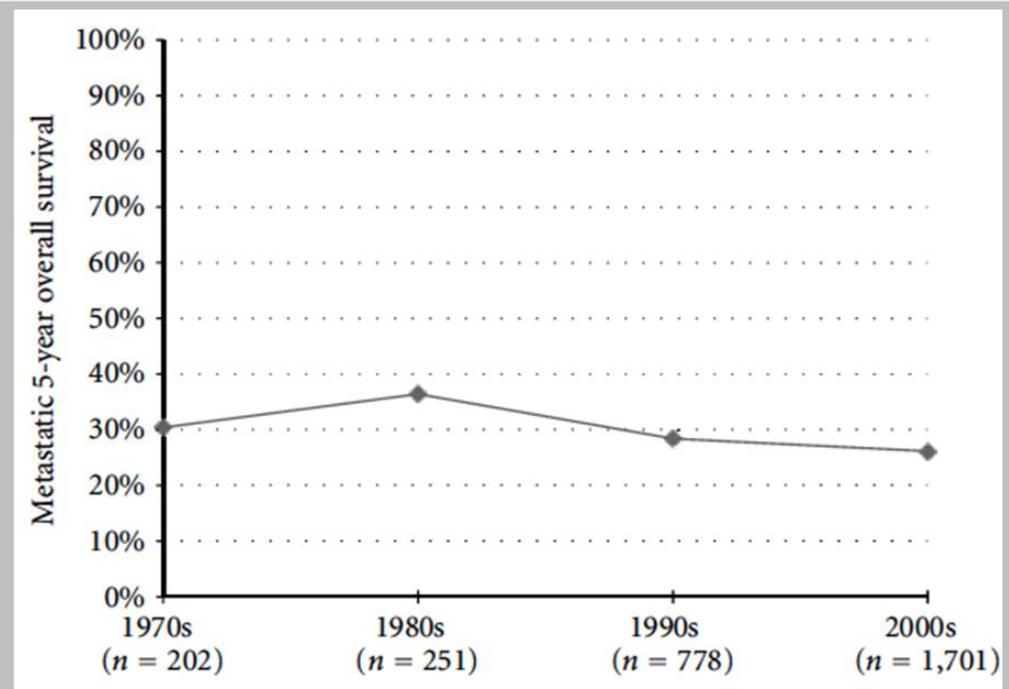
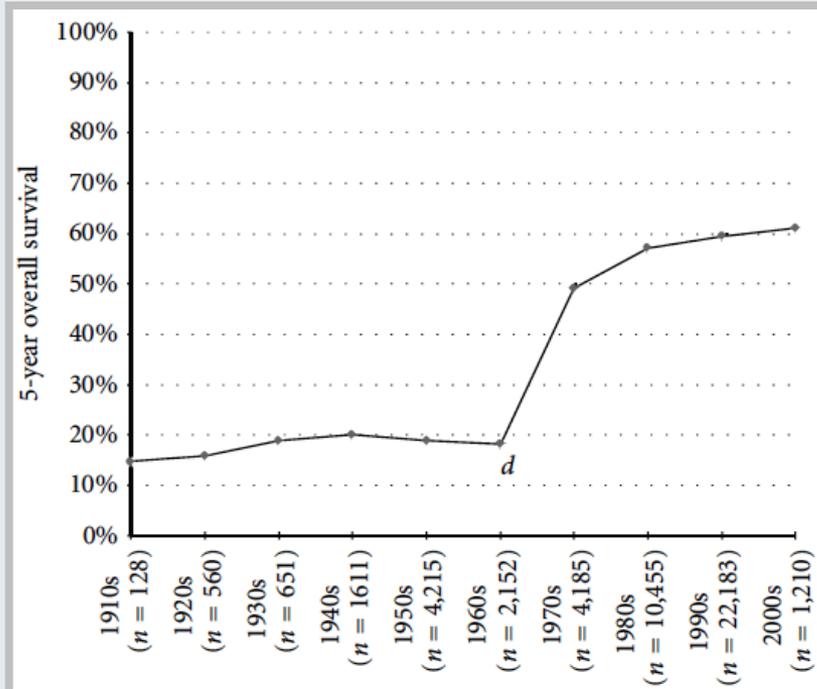
EMSOS Meeting, Athens, May 2015



- we don't know what to target next !
- there is no further study planned

**the era of targeted therapy for OS is over !**

# OSTEOSARCOMA SURVIVAL



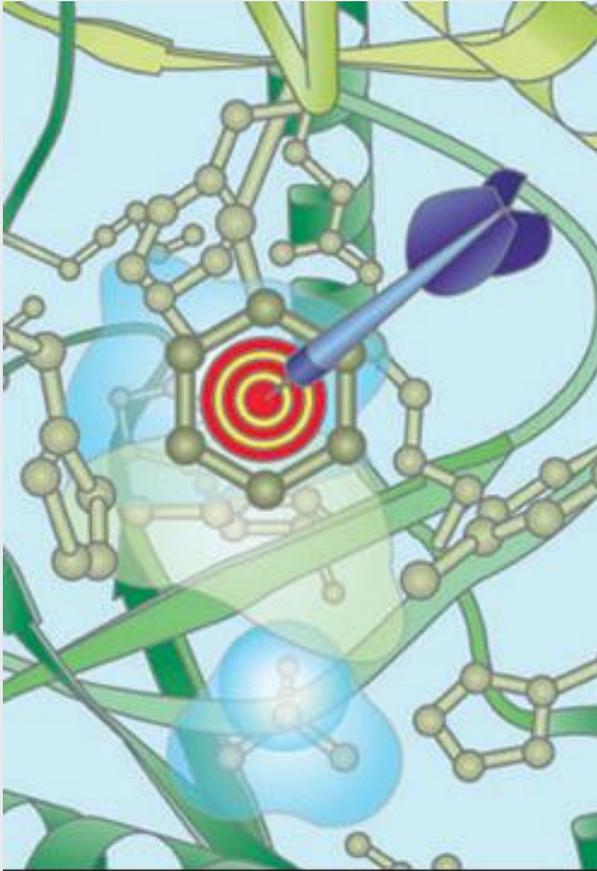
**5yr overall survival**

**Metastasis**

**plateau, unchanged for years !**

Allison D et al Sarcoma 2012, 2012, 704872

# TARGETED THERAPY- BIOMARKER



**WHY DID IT FAIL ?**

# REASONS: HETEROGENEITY

## Osteosarcoma Types

### Central

- High-grade
  - Conventional
  - Telangiectatic
  - Small cell
  - Epithelioid
  - Osteoblastoma-like
  - Chondroblastoma-like
  - Fibrohistiocytic
  - Giant cell-rich

### Low-grade

- Low-grade central
  - Fibrous dysplasia-like
  - Desmoplastic fibroma-like

### Surface

- Low-grade
  - Parosteal
- Intermediate-grade
  - Periosteal
- High-grade
  - Dedifferentiated parosteal
  - High-grade surface

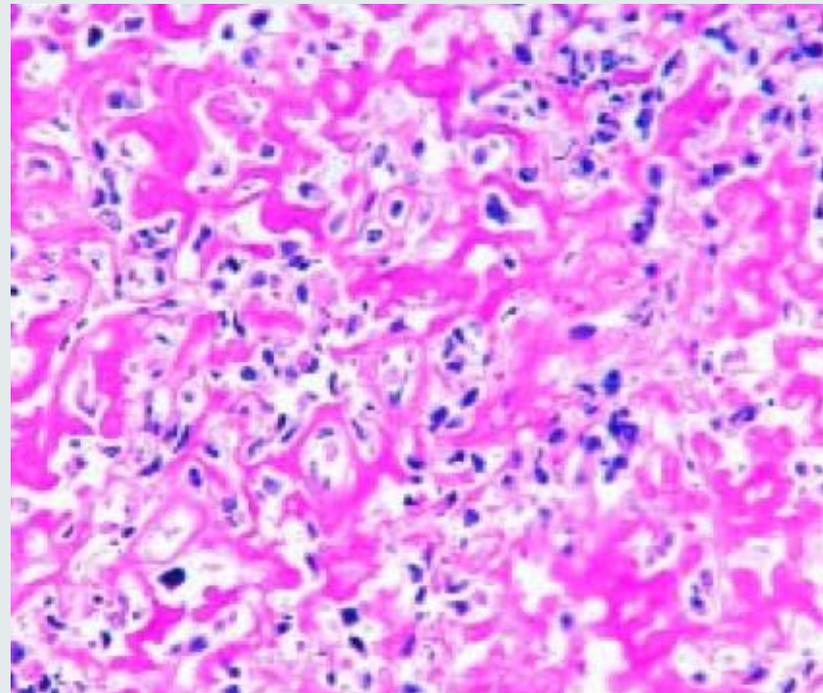
### Intracortical

### Gnathic

### Extraskeletal

- High-grade
- Low-grade

**anatomically & histologically**



**different subtypes of OS !**

# REASONS: DEMOGRAPHICS

## Data Quality & Rarity of Disease

### RARE DISEASES: MORE COMMON THAN YOU THINK?

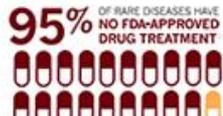
Rare diseases are defined as those affecting a small percentage of a population – fewer than 200,000 in the U.S. and fewer than 1 in 2,000 in Europe

≈ **7,000**  
DISEASES ARE  
CLASSIFIED  
AS RARE

CHILDREN  
ACCOUNT FOR  
**50%**  
OF RARE DISEASE PATIENTS



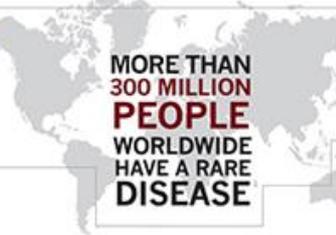
**95%** OF RARE DISEASES HAVE  
NO FDA-APPROVED  
DRUG TREATMENT



MORE THAN  
**80%**  
OF RARE DISEASES  
ARE CAUSED BY  
FAULTY GENES



MORE THAN  
**300 MILLION**  
PEOPLE  
WORLDWIDE  
HAVE A RARE  
DISEASE



**12** NOVARTIS-CREATED  
TREATMENTS FOR  
RARE DISEASES  
ARE ON THE MARKET

SCIENTISTS AT THE NOVARTIS INSTITUTES FOR  
BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH ARE WORKING ON  
TREATMENTS FOR MORE THAN  
**40 RARE DISEASES**



February 28 is World Rare Disease Day

Source: [www.raredisease.org](http://www.raredisease.org) 2018

NOVARTIS



→ biggest obstacles for progress !

# REASONS: HETEROGENEITY

## Genome-wide analyses on high-grade osteosarcoma: Making sense of a genomically most unstable tumor

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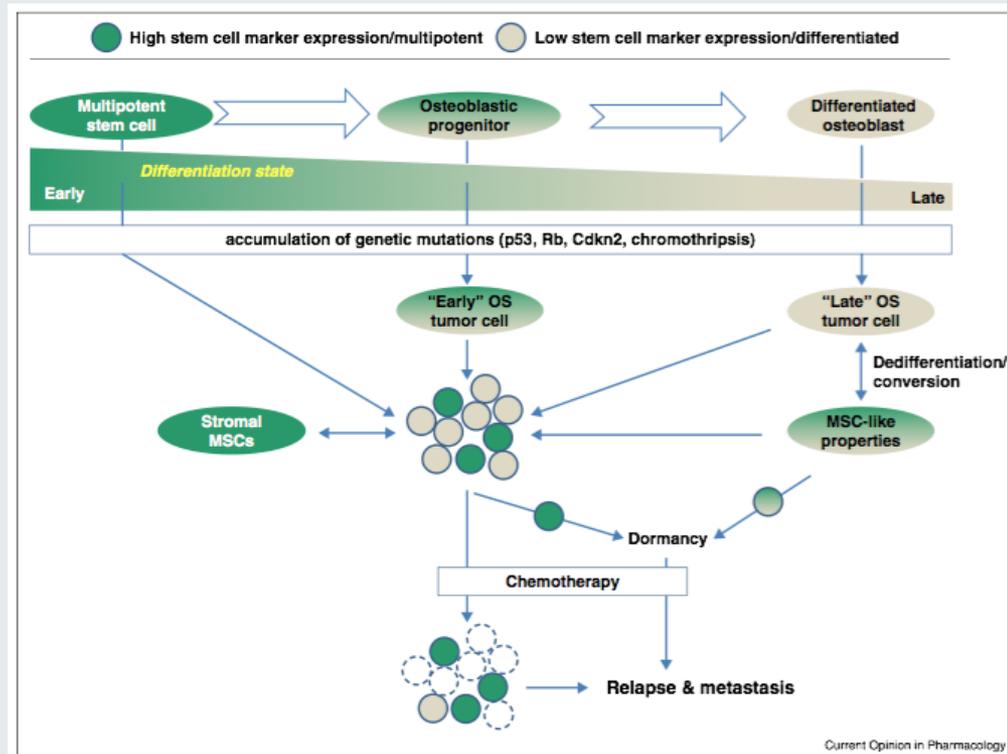
High-grade osteosarcoma is an extremely genomically unstable tumor. This, together with other challenges, such as the heterogeneity within and between tumor samples, and the rarity of the disease, renders it difficult to study this tumor on a genome-wide level. Now that most laboratories change from genome-wide microarray experiments to Next-Generation Sequencing it is important to discuss the lessons we have learned from microarray studies. In this review, we discuss the challenges of high-grade osteosarcoma data analysis. We give an overview of microarray studies that have been conducted so far on both osteosarcoma tissue samples and cell lines. We discuss recent findings from integration of different data types, which is particularly relevant in a tumor with such a complex genomic profile. Finally, we elaborate on the translation of results obtained with bioinformatics into functional studies, which has led to valuable findings, especially when keeping in mind that no new therapies with a significant impact on survival have been developed in the past decades.

Analysis	Data type	Study	Osteosarcoma samples	Comparison	Pathway/genes		
Single-way	mRNA	Kuijjer <i>et al.</i> <sup>28</sup>	76 B, 13 X, 18 C	Histological subtypes	NFkB in fibroblastic, chondroid-matrix associated genes in chondroblastic osteosarcoma. Primary tumor expression signatures are preserved in model systems		
		Buddingh <i>et al.</i> <sup>31</sup>	53 B	Metastasis-free survival (MFS)	Macrophage-associated genes correlate with better MFS		
		Su <i>et al.</i> <sup>32</sup>	3 C, 5 X	Capacity to metastasize	IGFBP5 downregulation correlates with metastasis		
		Namias <i>et al.</i> <sup>34</sup>	12 B/T, 11 M	Tumor sample type	Immunological processes and chemokine pattern upregulated in metastases		
		Cleton-Jansen <i>et al.</i> <sup>23</sup> Kuijjer <i>et al.</i> <sup>28</sup>	25 B 69 B	Response to chemotherapy	No significant differential expression		
		Cleton-Jansen <i>et al.</i> <sup>23</sup>	25 B	Control samples (osteoblastoma, MSC, osteoblast)	Cell-cycle regulation, DNA replication pathways		
CN	CN	Sadikovic <i>et al.</i> <sup>43</sup>	6 B	Control sample (osteoblast)	DNA replication network		
		Kuijjer <i>et al.</i> <sup>44</sup>	84 B	Control samples (MSC, osteoblast)	Apoptosis, signal transduction		
		Kansara <i>et al.</i> <sup>45</sup>	5 C	Treatment with demethylating agent	WIFI methylation and downregulation		
		Jones <i>et al.</i> <sup>46</sup>	18 B	Control samples (normal bone)	miR-16 Downregulation, miR-27a association with metastasis		
		Kresse <i>et al.</i> <sup>29</sup>	9 T/M and their derived xenografts	Tumor sample type	Xenografts are representative for primary tumors although some additional aberrations are observed		
		Squire <i>et al.</i> <sup>51</sup> Man <i>et al.</i> <sup>52</sup> Atiye <i>et al.</i> <sup>53</sup> Yang <i>et al.</i> <sup>54</sup> Kresse <i>et al.</i> <sup>55</sup> Kuijjer <i>et al.</i> <sup>54</sup> Lockwood <i>et al.</i> <sup>56</sup> Yen <i>et al.</i> <sup>57</sup> Smida <i>et al.</i> <sup>59</sup> Pasic <i>et al.</i> <sup>60</sup>	9 B 48 B/T/M 22 C/TS/R 20 B 36 TS/M/X, 20 C 32 B 22 TS 42 TS/R/M/C 45 B 27 B	Control samples	Overall high level of aneuploidy, which seems non-random. Regions described by three or more studies are gains on 1p, 6p, 8q, 12q and 17p and losses on 2q, 3q, 6q, 10, 13q and 17p		
		Kuijjer <i>et al.</i> <sup>44</sup> Smida <i>et al.</i> <sup>59</sup>	32 B 45 B	Metastasis/event-free survival	Genomic alterations are prognostic predictors		
		Yen <i>et al.</i> <sup>57</sup>	23 TS, 14 R/M	Tumor sample type	Identified deletions/amplifications which differ between TS and R/M		
		Kresse <i>et al.</i> <sup>55</sup> Yen <i>et al.</i> <sup>57</sup> Pasic <i>et al.</i> <sup>60</sup>	36 TS/M/X, 20 C 42 TS/R/M/C 27 B	Control samples	Frequent deletion of LSAMP		
		Yang <i>et al.</i> <sup>54</sup>	20 B	Control samples	Enrichment of VEGF pathway		
		Integrative	CN, mRNA	Kuijjer <i>et al.</i> <sup>44</sup>	29 B	Control samples (MSC, osteoblast)	Set of 31 candidate drivers enriched in genes with a role in genomic instability
				Lockwood <i>et al.</i> <sup>56</sup>	22 TS, 8 X	Control samples (normal tissues)	Amplification and overexpression of cyclin E3
miRNA, mRNA	miRNA, mRNA	Jones <i>et al.</i> <sup>46</sup>	14 B	Control samples (normal bone)	Transcriptional regulation, cell-cycle control and cancer signalling		
		Namias <i>et al.</i> <sup>47</sup>	19 C	Control samples (normal bone)	Pairs of miRNAs with 26 mRNAs		

aberrant karyotypes / chromotripsis !

# REASONS - CELL OF ORIGIN

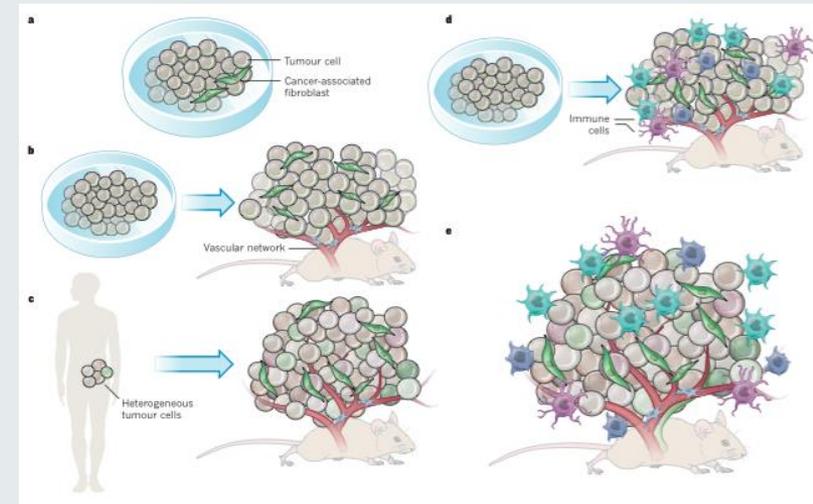
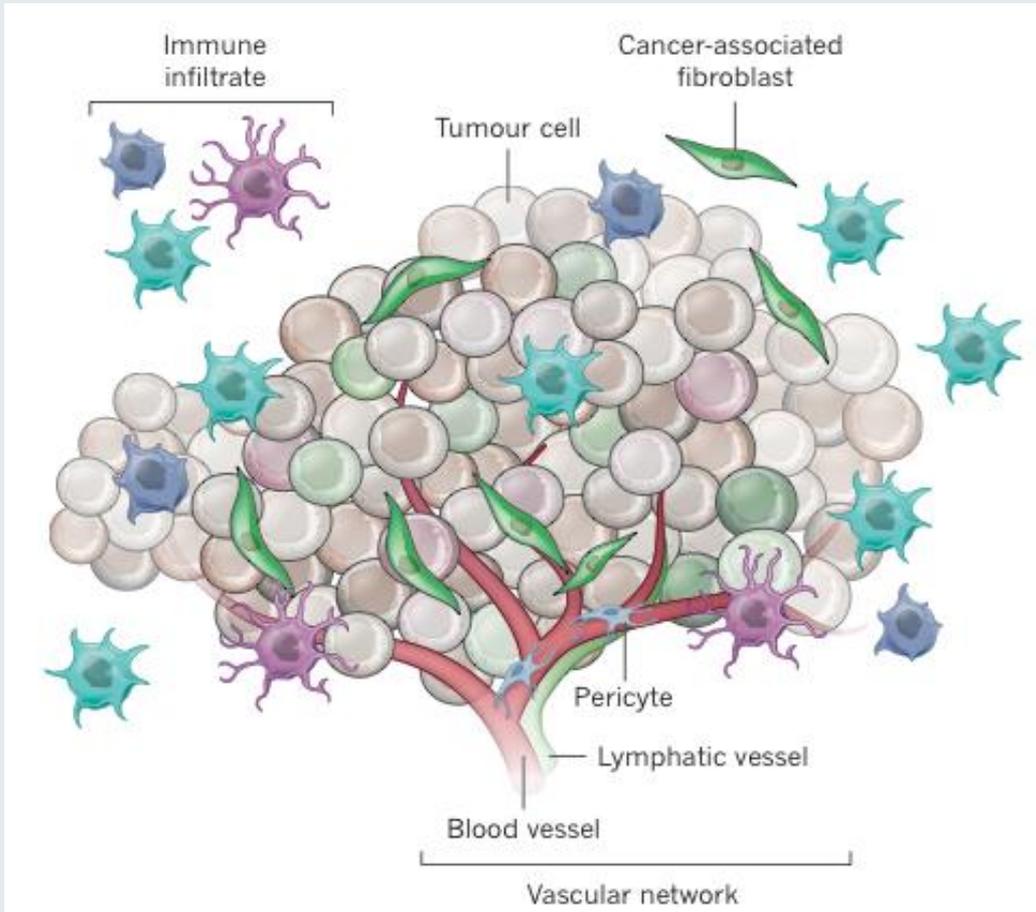
what is the cell of origin ?



If it was possible to target cell of origin, then we could improve OS survival !

Botter S et al Cur Opin Pharmacol 16:15-23, 2014

# REASONS: MICROENVIRONMENT



**Challenge of  
modelling microenvironment**

**tumor environment / vascular network / host's  
immune system!**

# REASONS: MODEL SYSTEMS in vitro & in-vivo models

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

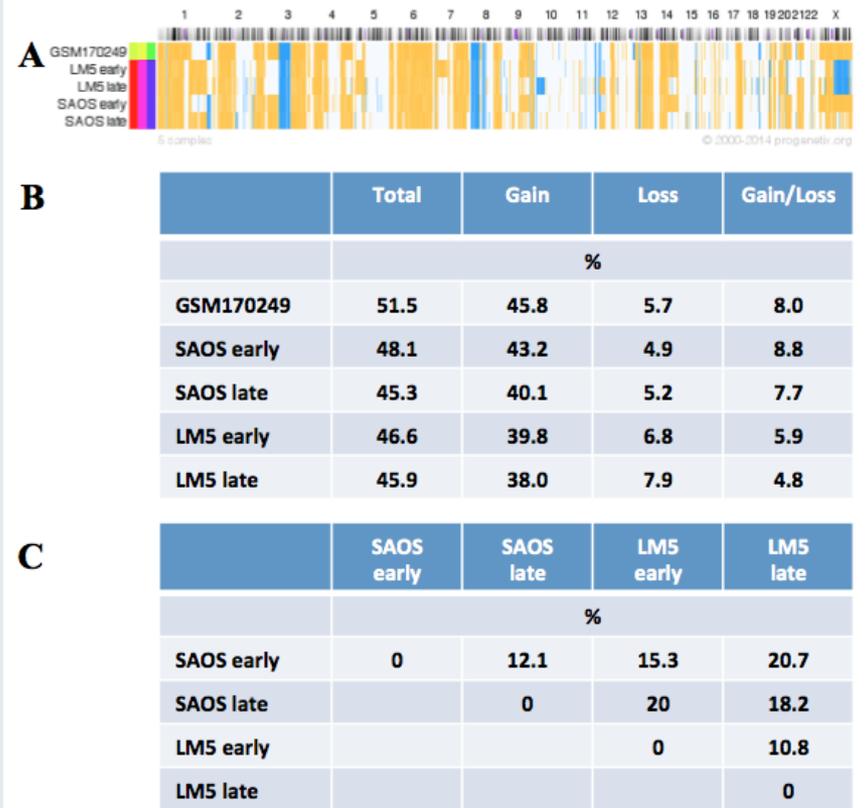
## Genomic Instability of Osteosarcoma Cell Lines in Culture: Impact on the Prediction of Metastasis Relevant Genes

Roman Muff<sup>1</sup>, Prisni Rath<sup>2</sup>, Ram Mohan Ram Kumar<sup>1</sup>, Knut Husmann<sup>1</sup>, Walter Born<sup>1</sup>, Michael Baudis<sup>2</sup>, Bruno Fuchs<sup>1\*</sup>

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### Conclusions

Considerable instability during culture in terms of gene expression and chromosomal aberrations was observed in osteosarcoma cell lines. The use of cells from different passages and a search for genes consistently regulated in early and late passages allows the analysis of metastasis-relevant genes despite the observed instability in gene expression in osteosarcoma cell lines during culture.



→ cell lines are unstable !

Muff R et al. PlosOne DOI:10.1371; 2015

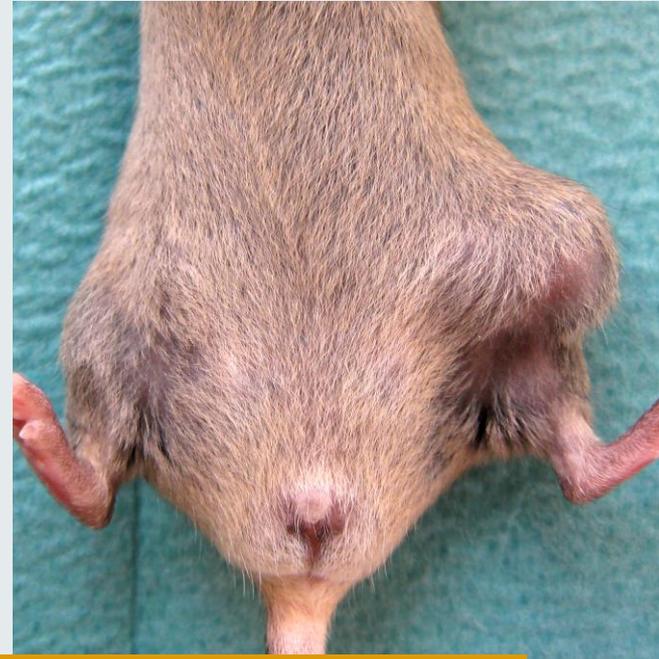
# REASONS: MODEL SYSTEMS

## in vitro & in-vivo models

sc injection



it injection



same cells, injection at different locations  
→ different metastatic pattern!

→ imperfect in-vivo model systems !

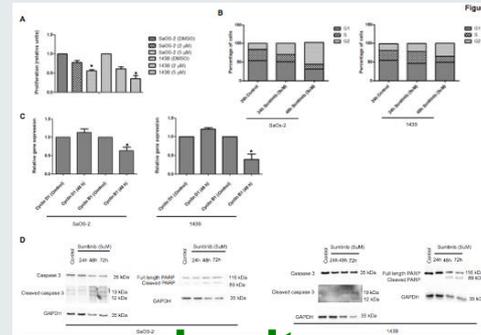
# REASONS: APPROACH ?

## Mono- / Combination Therapy

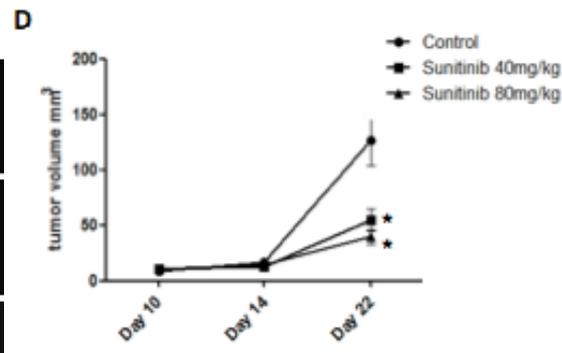
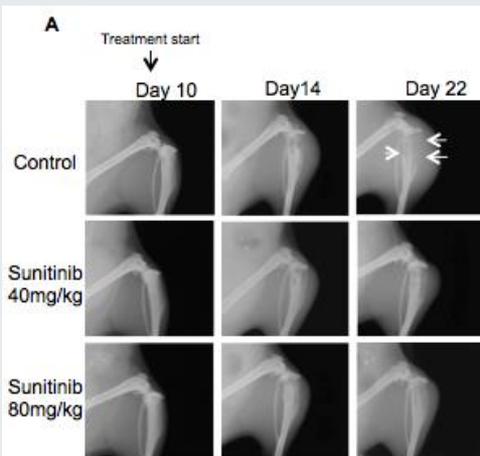
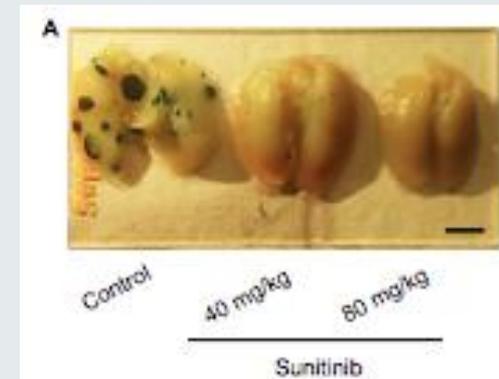
Sunitinib malate (SU-11248) reduces tumour burden and lung metastasis in an intratibial human xenograft osteosarcoma mouse model

Ram Mohan Ram Kumar<sup>a\*</sup>, Matthias J.E. Arlt<sup>a</sup>, Bernhard Robl<sup>a</sup>, Aleksandar Kuzmanov<sup>a</sup>, Walter Born<sup>a</sup>, Bruno Fuchs<sup>a</sup>

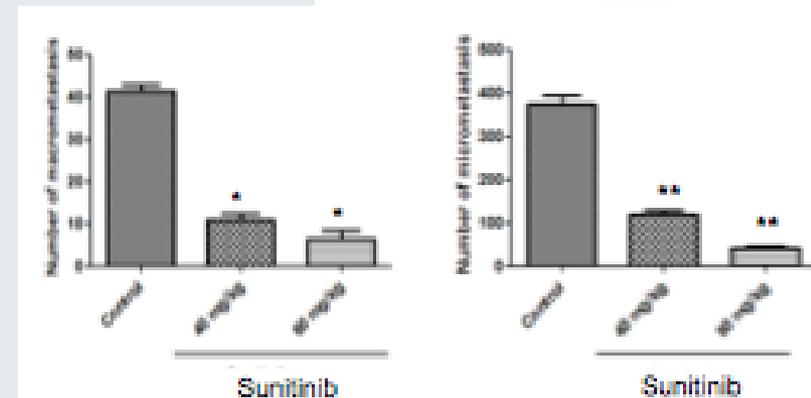
<sup>a</sup>Laboratory for Orthopaedic Research, Department of Orthopaedics, Balgrist University Hospital, University of Zurich, Zurich, Switzerland



in vitro



1° Tumor



metastatic burden

Mohan R et al. Am J Cancer Res in publication

# WHAT IS BEING TARGETED ?

## Translational biology of osteosarcoma

*Maya Kansara<sup>1,2</sup>, Michele W. Teng<sup>3,4</sup>, Mark J. Smyth<sup>3,4</sup> and David M. Thomas<sup>1,2,5</sup>*

Abstract | For the past 30 years, improvements in the survival of patients with osteosarcoma have been mostly incremental. Despite evidence of genomic instability and a high frequency of chromothripsis and kataegis, osteosarcomas carry few recurrent targetable mutations, and trials of targeted agents have been generally disappointing. Bone has a highly specialized immune environment and many immune signalling pathways are important in bone homeostasis. The success of the innate immune stimulant mifamurtide in the adjuvant treatment of non-metastatic osteosarcoma suggests that newer immune-based treatments, such as immune checkpoint inhibitors, may substantially improve disease outcome.

→ **personalized medicine !**

Mansara M et al Nature Rev Cancer 14:722-35, 2014

# LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

LETTER

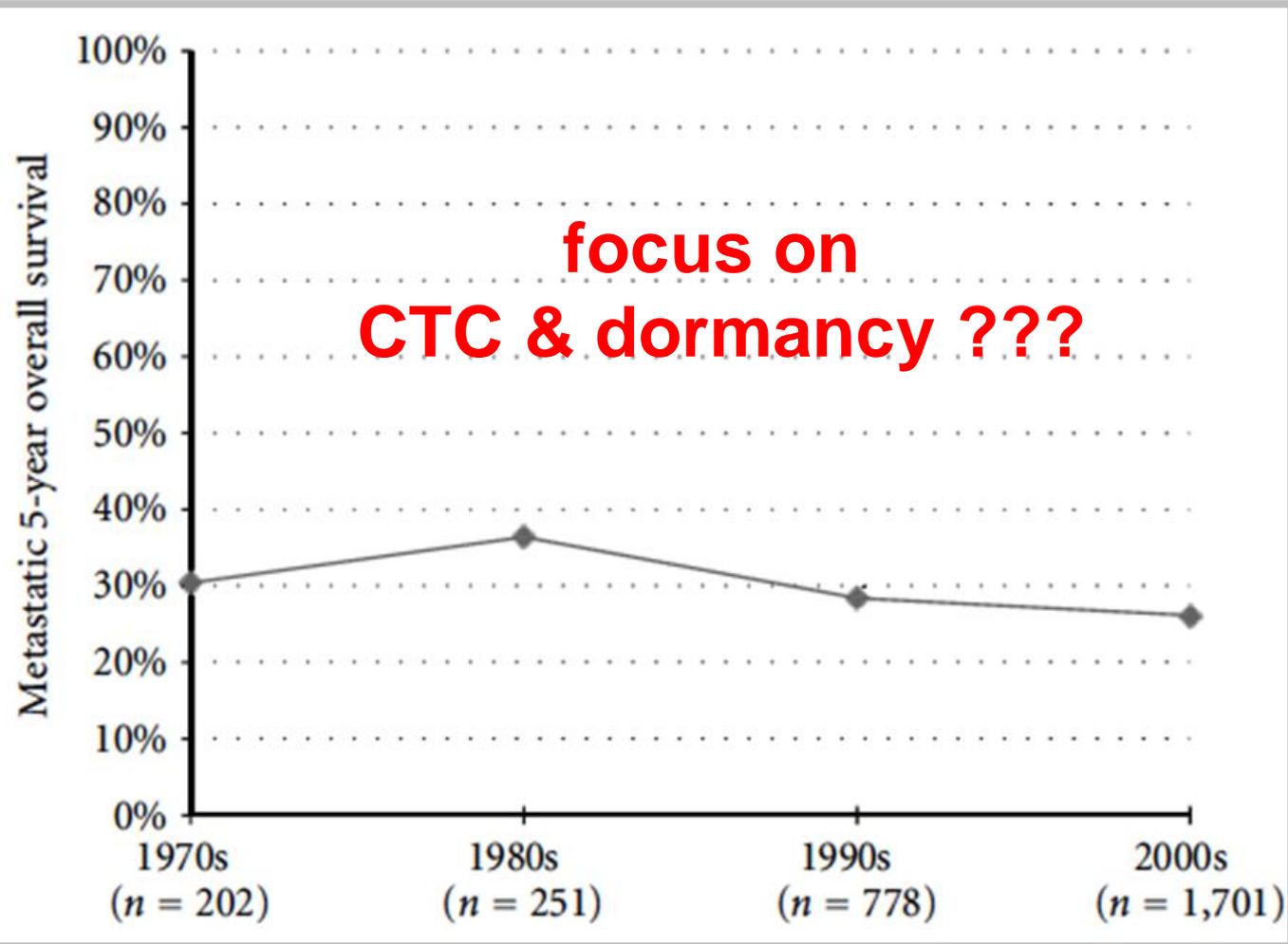
## The evolution of cancer

Gunes Gundem<sup>1</sup>, Peter Van I...  
Daniel S. Brewer<sup>4,5</sup>, Heini M...  
Sarah O'Meara<sup>1</sup>, Kevin J. Da...  
Zsafia Kote-Jarai<sup>10</sup>, Douglas...  
Rosalind A. Eeles<sup>10,14</sup>§, Tapic...

## Metastatic subclones

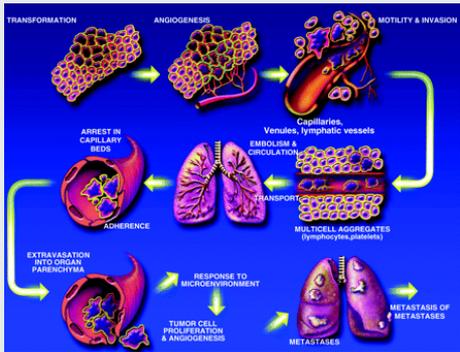
- a.
- b.
- c.

c.) poly-clonal seeding (same sets of subclones seed multiple sites)



# LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

## CTC & Dormancy



Nature Reviews Cancer  
(15):239-247, 2015

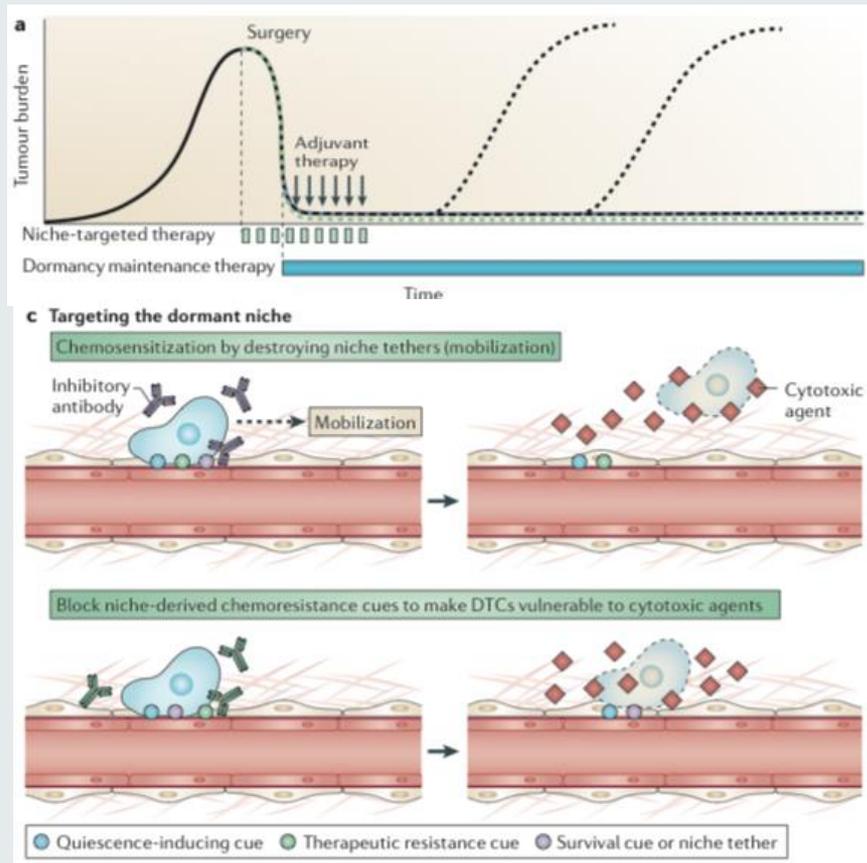
## PERSPECTIVES

OPINION

### Metastasis prevention by targeting the dormant niche

Cyrus M. Ghajar

Abstract | Despite considerable advancements that shattered previously held dogmas about the metastatic cascade, the evolution of therapies to treat metastatic disease has not kept up. In this Opinion article, I argue that, rather than waiting for metastases to emerge before initiating treatment, it would be more effective to target metastatic seeds before they sprout. Specifically, I advocate



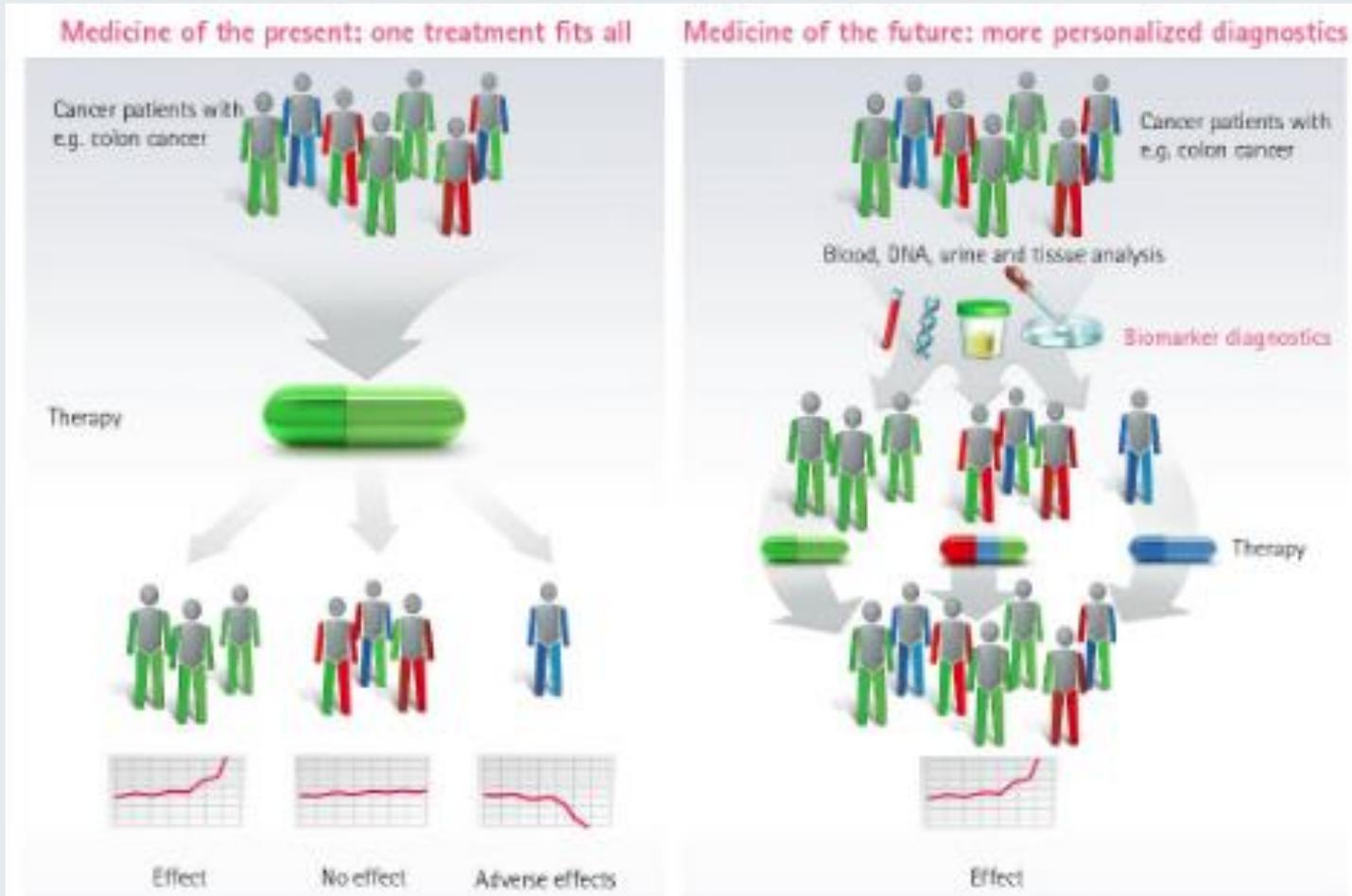
1° TU cells



disseminated tumor

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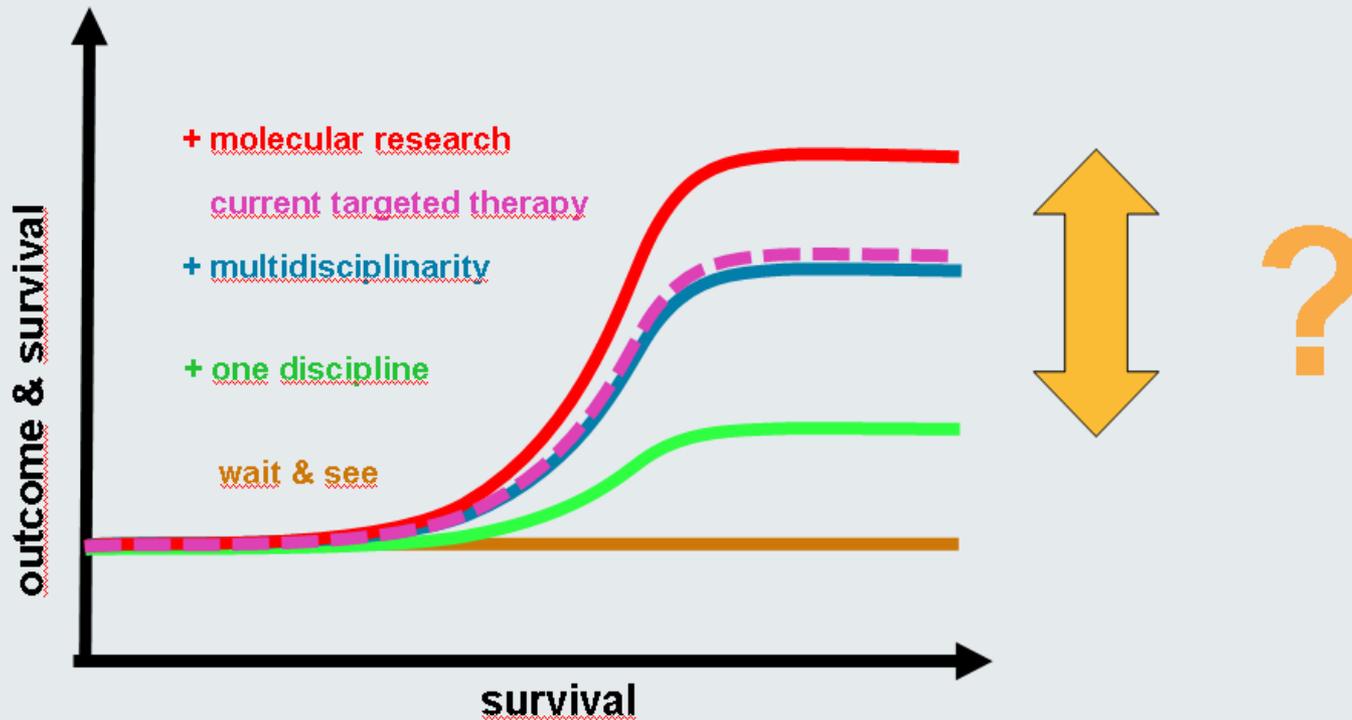
## Tailored Treatments



→ it's getting more intense !

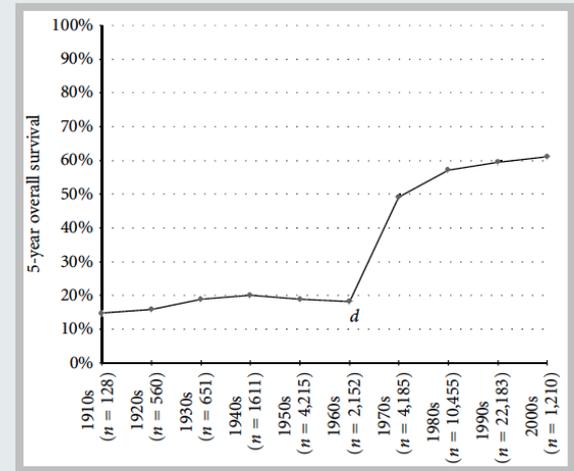
# PERSONALIZED MEDICINE

what do we want ?



→ how do we invest ?

# QUEST FOR PERSONALIZED MEDICINE



**diagnostic markers**

**improved imaging**

**individualized therapy**

**→ prognosis ↑**

# QUESTS FOR PERSONALIZED MEDICINE

## 3 Major Areas

**Cooperation  
Clinical Data**

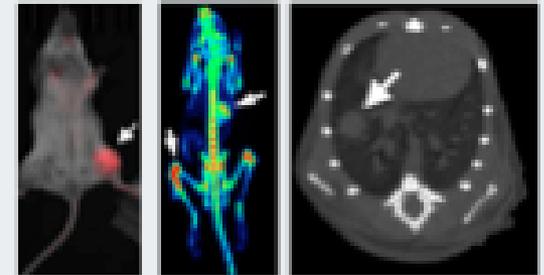
Local, national and  
international level

**Patient material  
based research**

- Patient tissue xenograft (PDX) models
- Drug testing

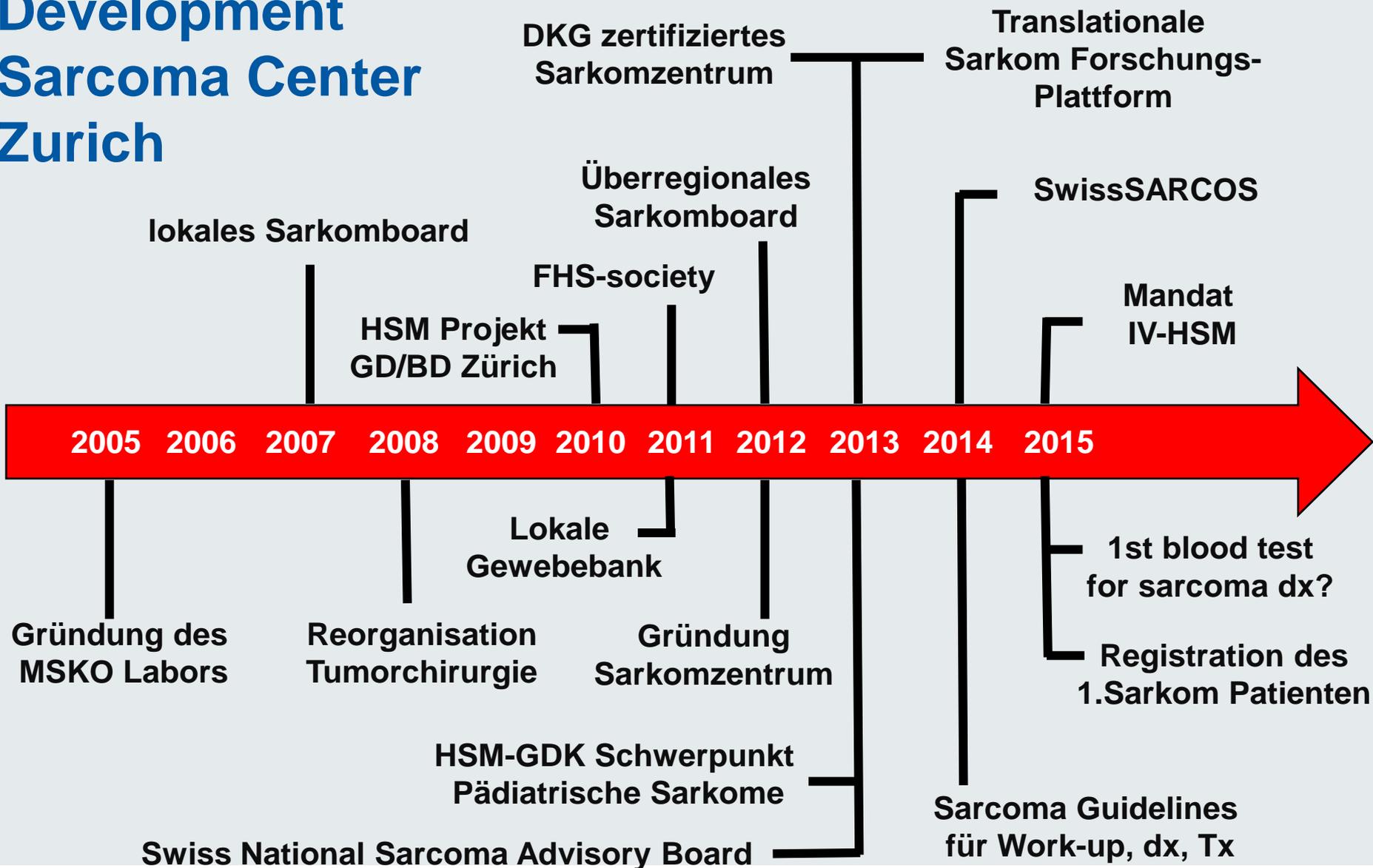
**therapy/diagnostics  
Imaging/monitoring**

Quantitative treatment  
monitoring  
(experimental, clinical)



**Overall goal: Improve sarcoma patient survival through  
development of novel, patient-tailored therapies**

# Development Sarcoma Center Zurich



# Swiss National Sarcoma Advisory Board

**A. Definition of Advisory Board / Sarcoma Boards / Sarcoma Centers**

**B. Guidelines**

**C. cohort study**

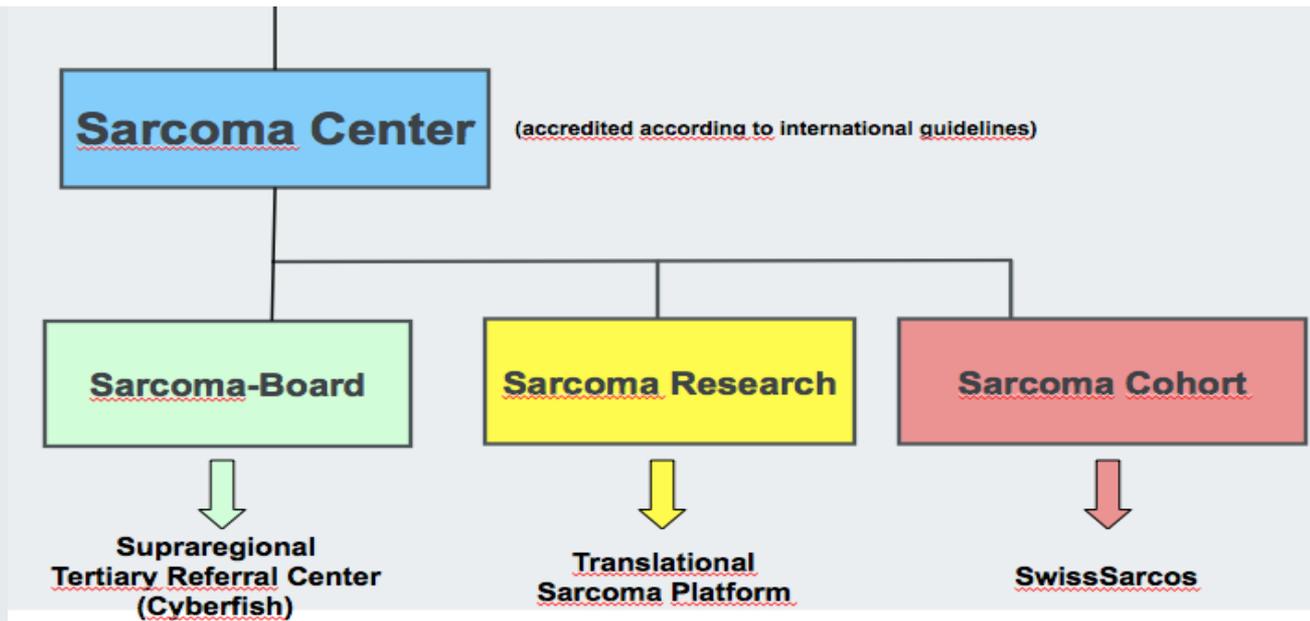
**SWISS**SARCOS

**D. research – tissue collection**

**[www.sarcoma.ch](http://www.sarcoma.ch)**

# SNSAB

## Swiss National Sarcoma Advisory Board



# SNSAB GUIDELINES

in Anlehnung an ESMO, NCCN, etc

1. Minimal Work-up requirements
2. Therapy
3. Surgery (extremity/retroperitoneal)
4. Follow-up
5. Rad-Onc
6. ILP

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## Minimal Work up Requirements

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Minimal Work up Requirements

Surgery Extremity

Surgery Retroperitoneal

Therapy

Whoops

Follow up

Isolated Limb Perfusion (ILP)

The minimal work-up requirements determine how a patient with a lump should be Assessed in order to establish the diagnosis of sarcoma most straightforwardly. It aims at reducing the number of unplanned sarcoma surgeries (the so called whoops).

The Board at its meeting on March 27, 2014, inaugurated the following Guidelines:

 [Minimal Workup Requirements \(238,3 KB\)](#)



# POTENTIAL OF CLINICAL DATA

Sarkomzentrum  
ZÜRICH

PRAXIS

Originalartikel Praxis 2015; 104 (13): 1–8 1

Sarkomzentrum Zürich, Universitätsklinik Balgrist, Zürich

Sandro Hodel, Franziska Seeli, Bruno Fuchs

## Demografische Analyse von Patienten mit Osteosarkom, Chondrosarkom, und Ewing's Sarkom vom Sarkomzentrum UZH in Zürich

Demographic Analysis of Patients with Osteosarcoma, Chondrosarcoma, Ewing's Sarcoma from one Sarcoma Center in Switzerland

### Zusammenfassung

Eine retrospektive Analyse zur Diagnostik und zum Gesamtüberleben für das Osteosarkom, das Chondrosarkom und das Ewing's Sarkom wurde für das Sarkomzentrum UZH an der Univer-

### Einleitung

Die drei häufigsten primären Knochentumoren sind das Osteosarkom, das Ewing's Sarkom und das Chondrosarkom. Trotz ihrer geringen Inzidenz haben sie einen grossen sozioökono-

internationalen Vergleich ziehen zu können.

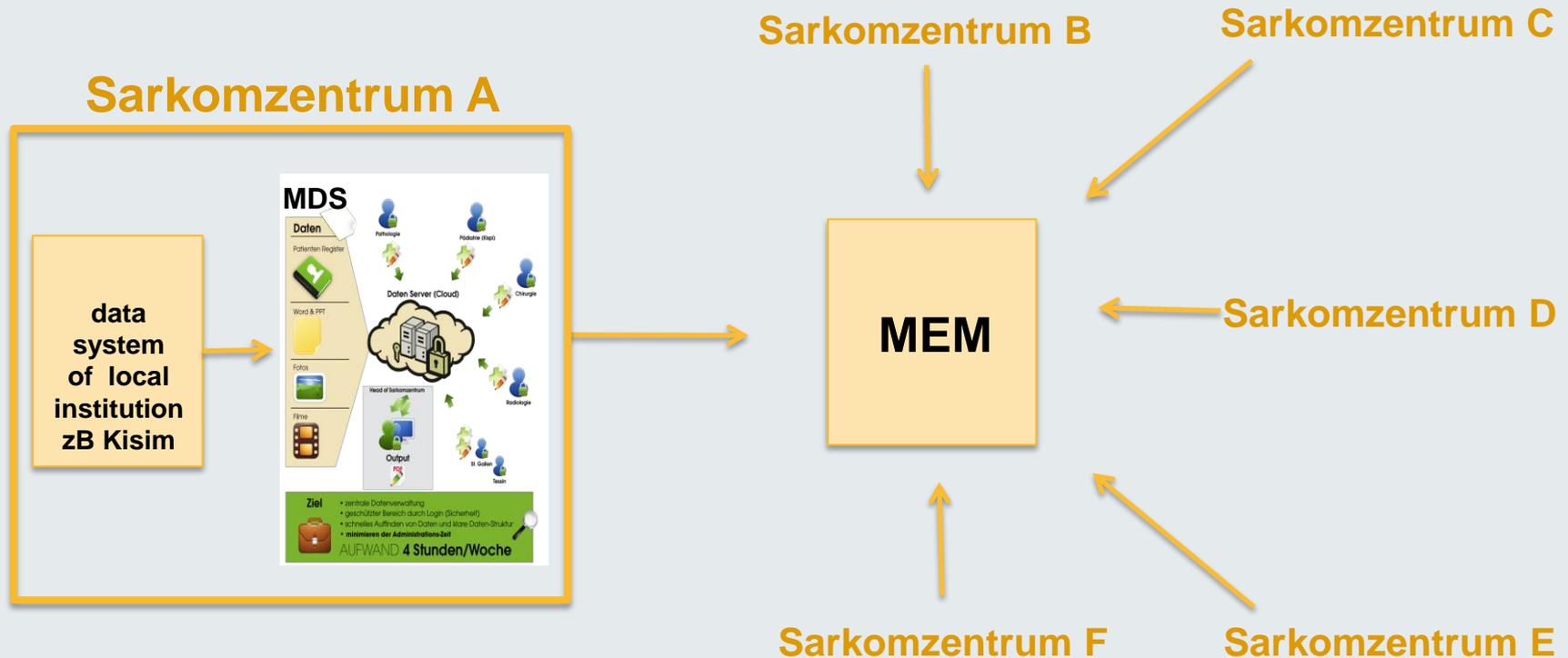
### Material und Methoden

Alle Fälle primärer Knochen- und Weichteiltumoren, wurden vom Sar-

> 200 patients from one single center

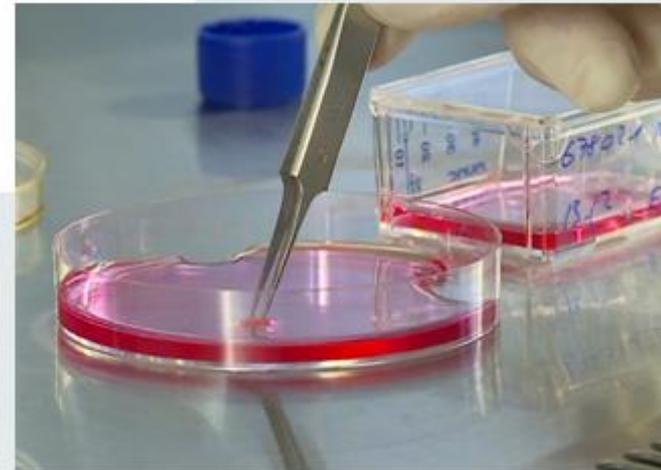
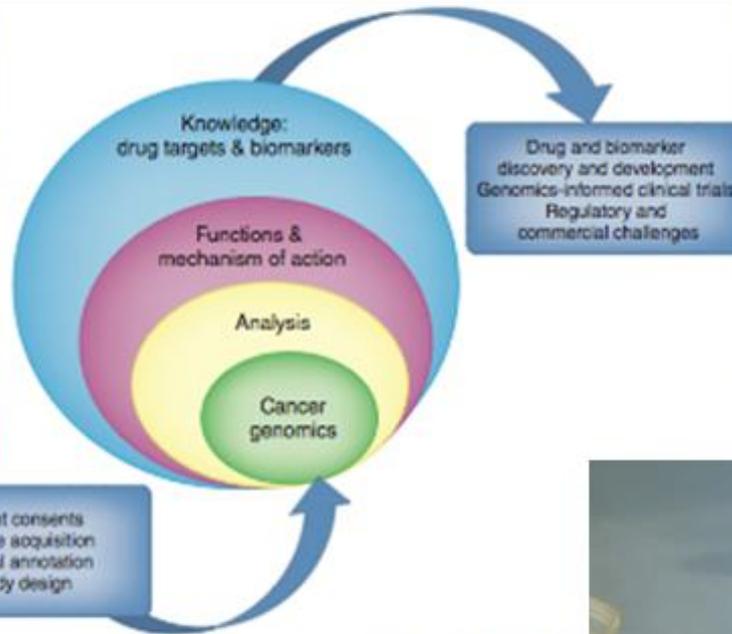
# COHORT STUDY SWISS SARCOS

## Data Management



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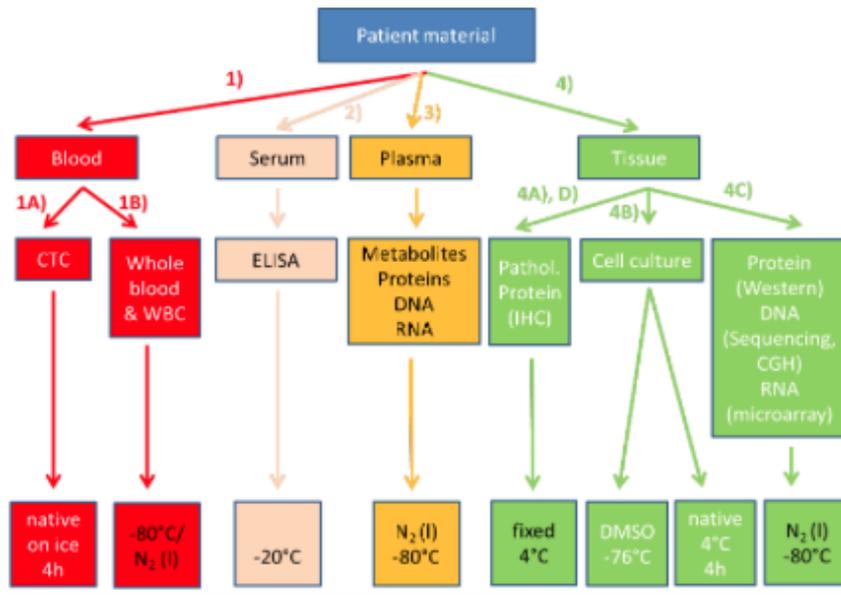
# TISSUE COLLECTION



# TISSUE COLLECTION

## Working Group

### What to collect



### Open questions

Priority for tissue (4A, B, C, D)?

1B) not performed yet (to be discussed)

4D) not performed yet (to be discussed)

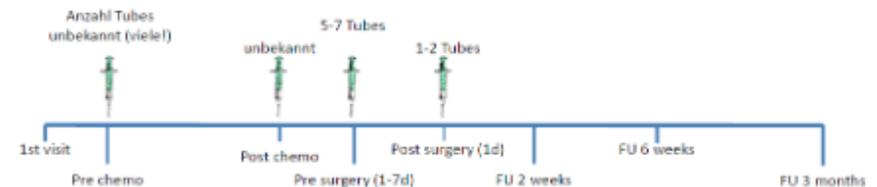
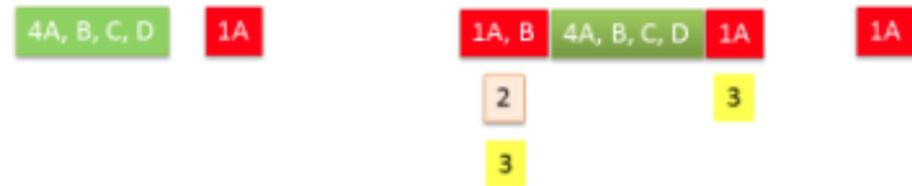
Decentralized storage, centralized registration in satabase?

Centralized database read only?

Who updates registration?

Who decides which samples can be used for studies?

Anonymization (no PID)?



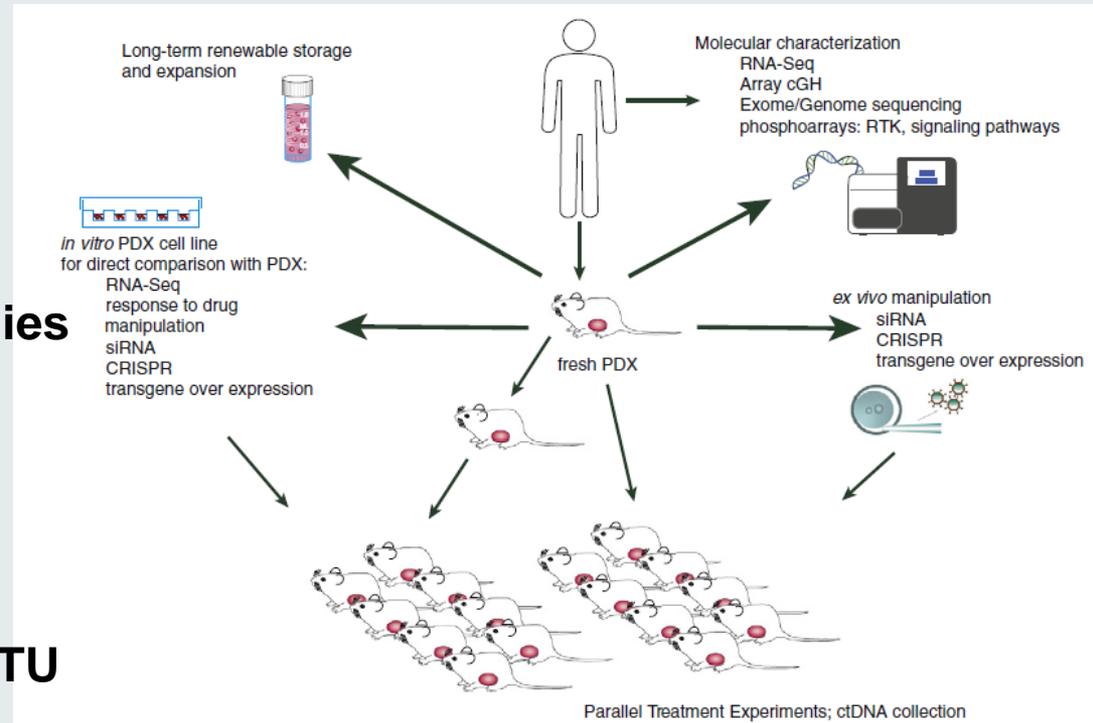
= medically indicated blood collection

# IN VITRO & IN VIVO MODELLING

## Advantages of:

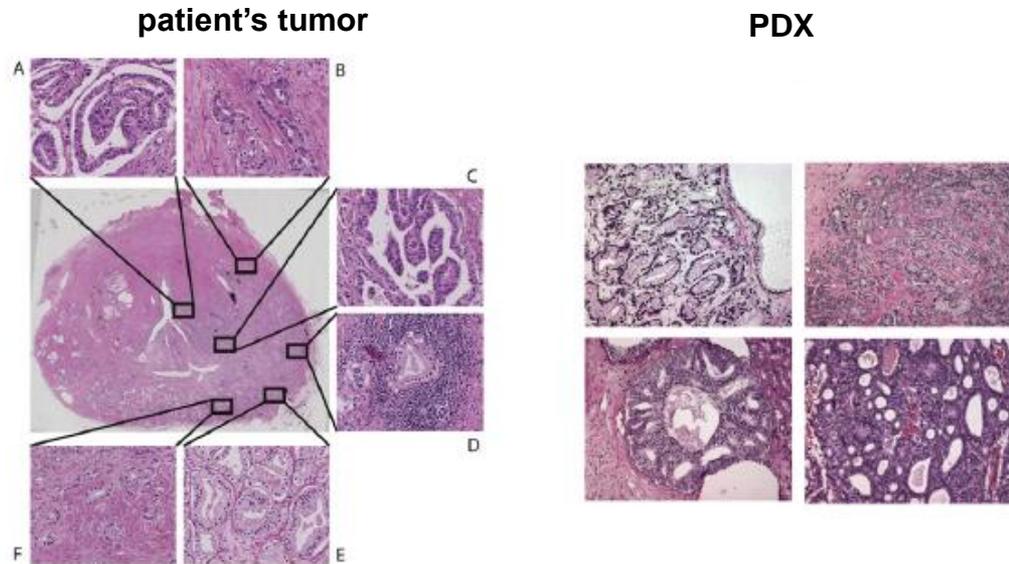
- established cell lines:
  - ease of propagation
  - mechanistic/functional studies
- 1° tumor cells

biological relevance ↑  
mimicks closely patient's TU



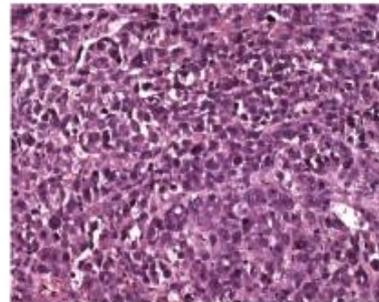
# IN VITRO & IN VIVO MODELLING

heterogenous



homogenous

cell line xenograft



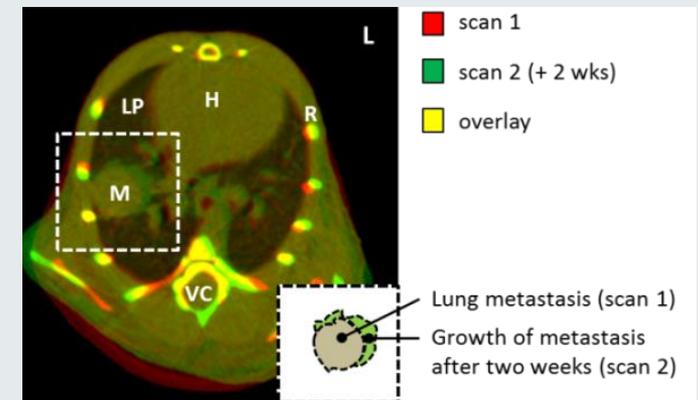
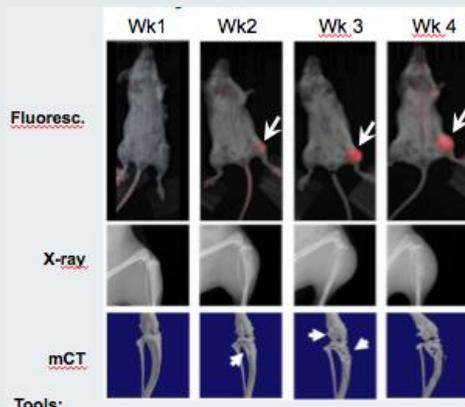
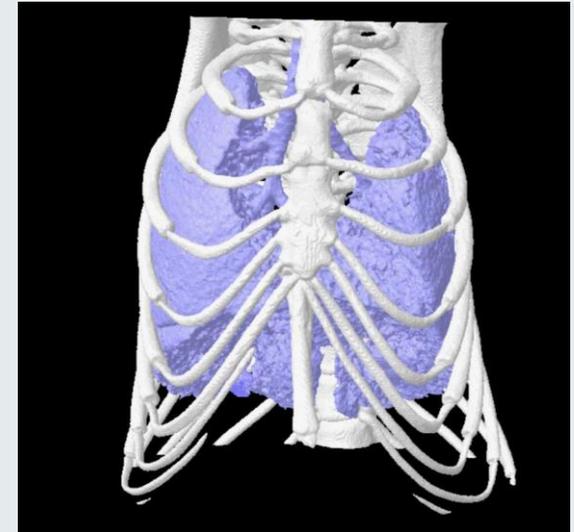
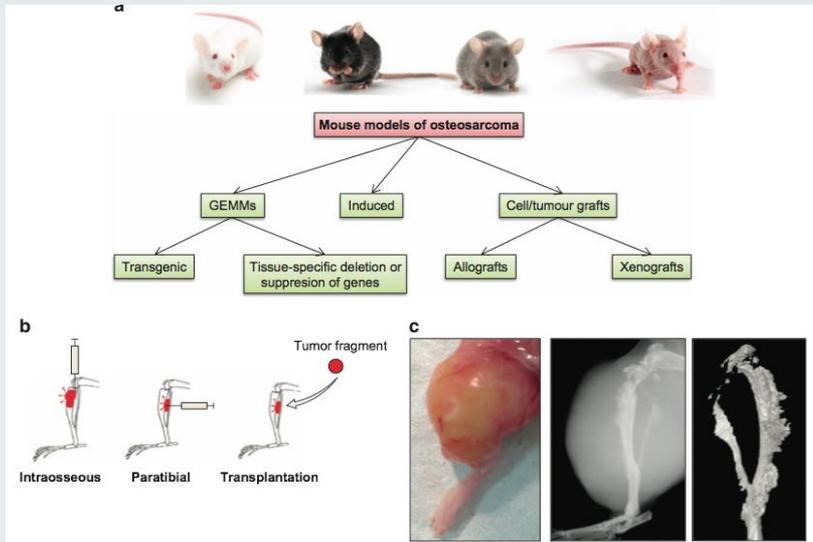
cell line in vitro



Choi et al *Advanced Drug Del Reviews* 79-80:222-37, 2014

# MOUSE MODELLING OF OS

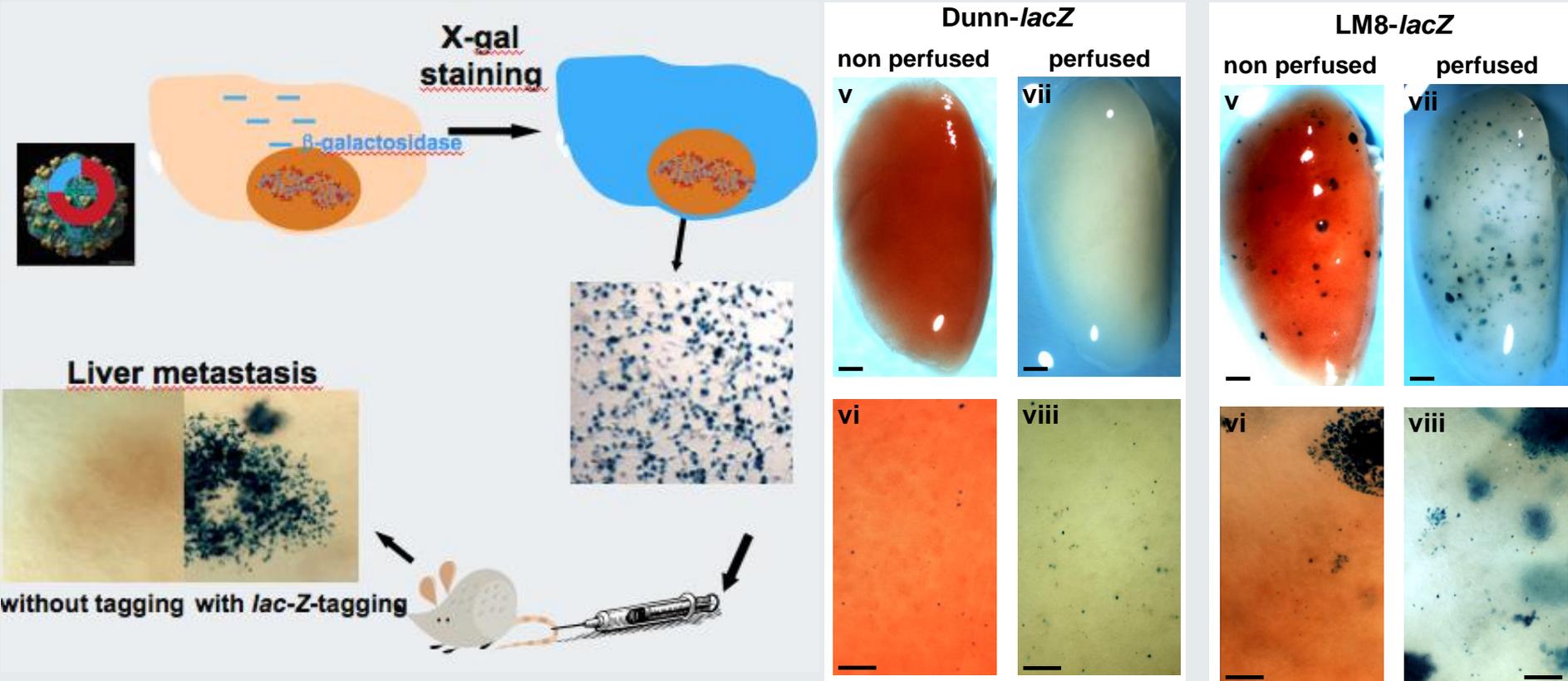
## Orthotopic Sarcoma Mouse Models



Botter S et al, in „Bone Cancer“;2:349-63, 2015 (2<sup>nd</sup> edition)

# MOUSE MODELLING OF OS

## LacZ tagging of individual cells



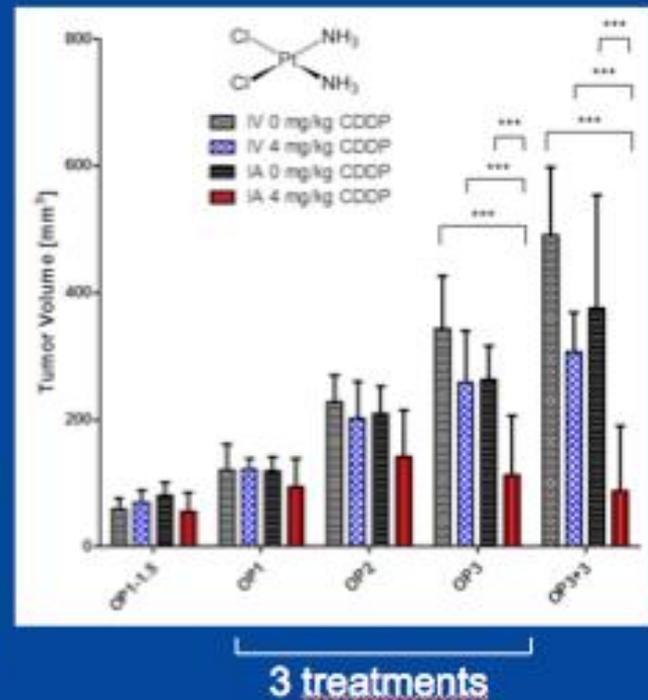
Arlt M et al. J Orthop Res 29:938-46, 2011

# MOUSE MODELLING OF OS

## *Intraarterial Drug Administration*

Cisplatin: systemic vs. local infusion

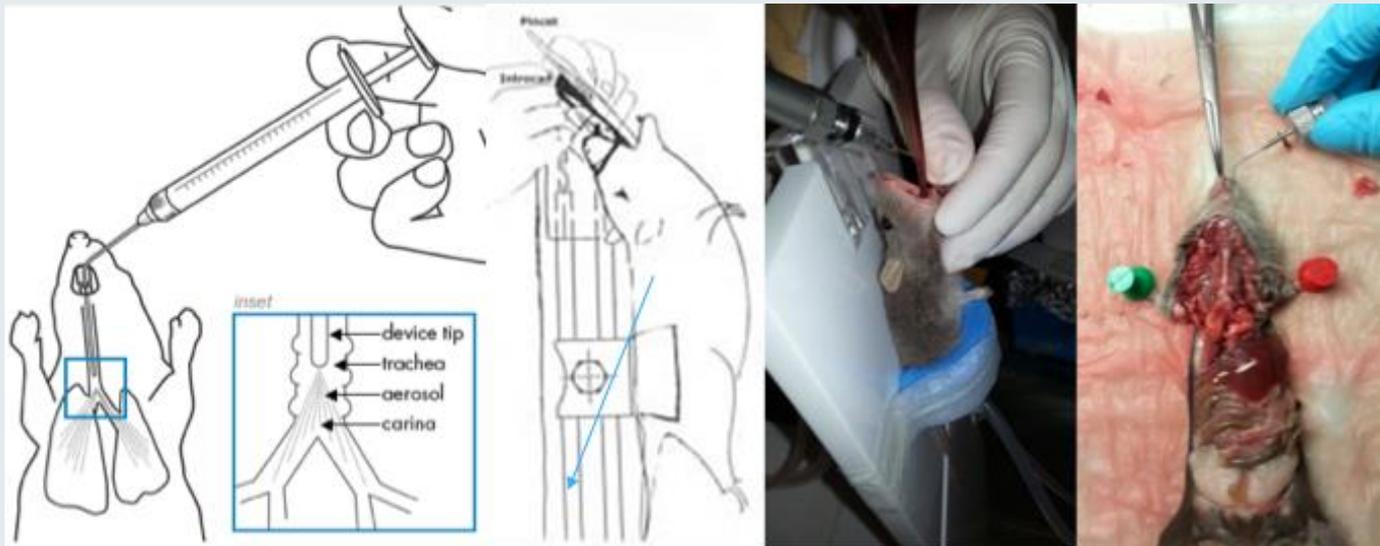
Infusion platform for other drug classes



Robl B et al. In preparation

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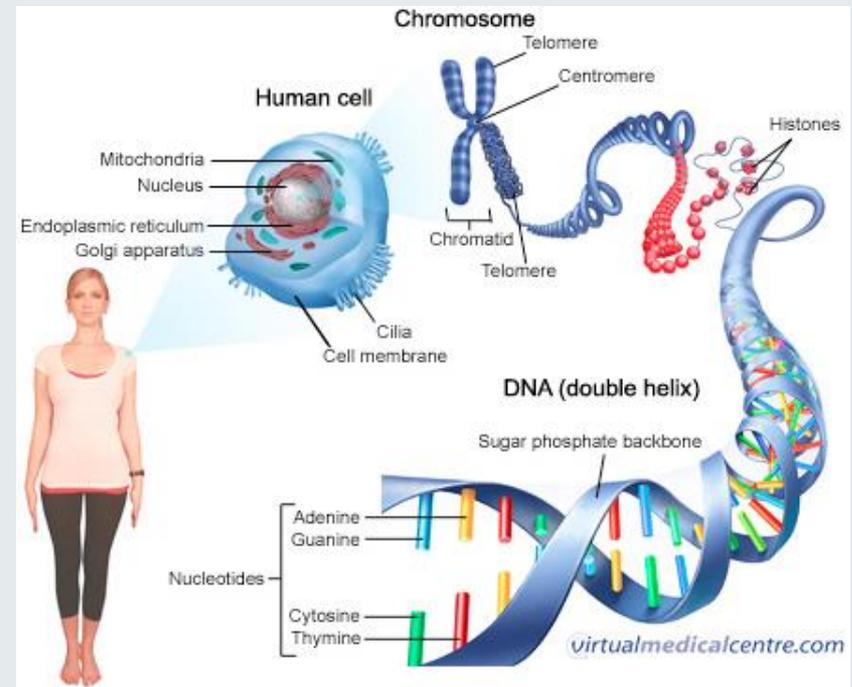
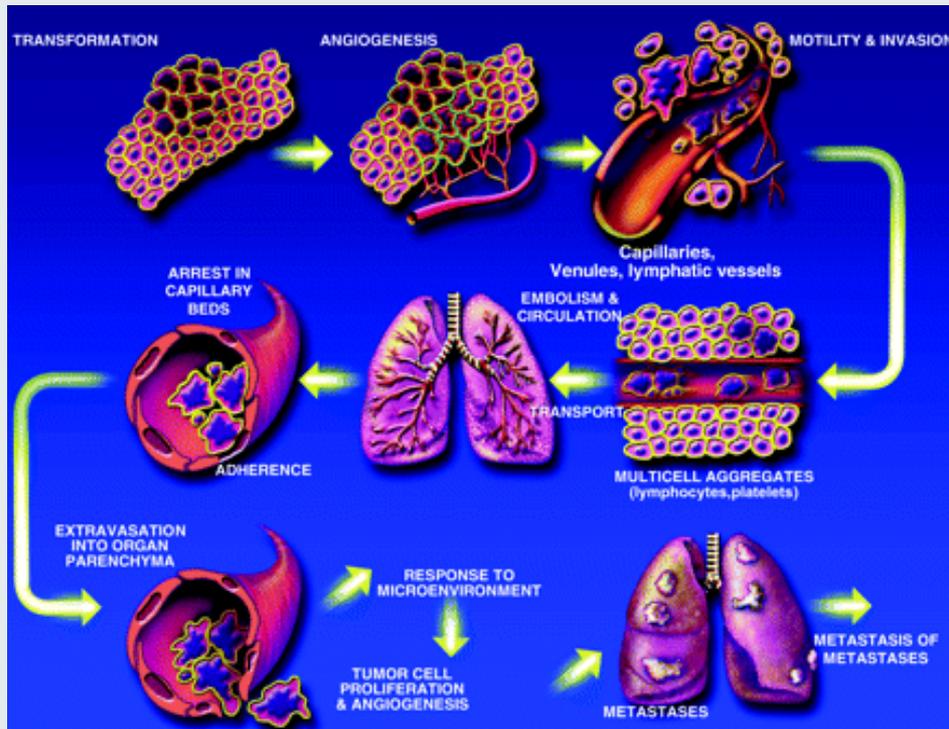
## *Intratracheal Drug Administration*



Neklyodova O et al. In preparation

# PERSONALIZED MEDICINE

## Where do we focus on ?



→ several areas of interest !

# PERSONALIZED MEDICINE

## 1. Patient Stratification

### Classification of Bone and Soft Tissue Sarcomas WHO 2013

#### ADIPOCYTIC TUMORS

*benign*

2.1.1. lipoma (angio-/spindle-/myo-/chondroid/lipoblastoma)

2.1.2. hibernoma

*intermediate (locally aggressive)*

2.2.1. atypic lipomatous tumor

2.2.2 well differentiated liposarcoma (retroperitoneal)

*malignant*

2.4.1. dedifferentiated liposarcoma

2.4.2. myxoid liposarcoma (incl round cell)

2.4.3. pleomorphic liposarcoma

2.4.4. liposarcoma not otherwise specified

Table 2  
Prognosis depending on LPS subtype

Subtype	Recurrence, %	Metastasis, %	OS, %	DSS, %	Prognosis Factors
WDLPS	13-46 (extremity) 91 (retroperitoneal)	Very low	76-93	86	Location; margin
DDLPS	18-57	13-47	54-64	66-89	Location; mitotic count
MLPS/RCLPS	7-28	10-58	40-75	69-100	Age; RC-component
PLPS	16-45	32-44	0-63	50	Mostly none

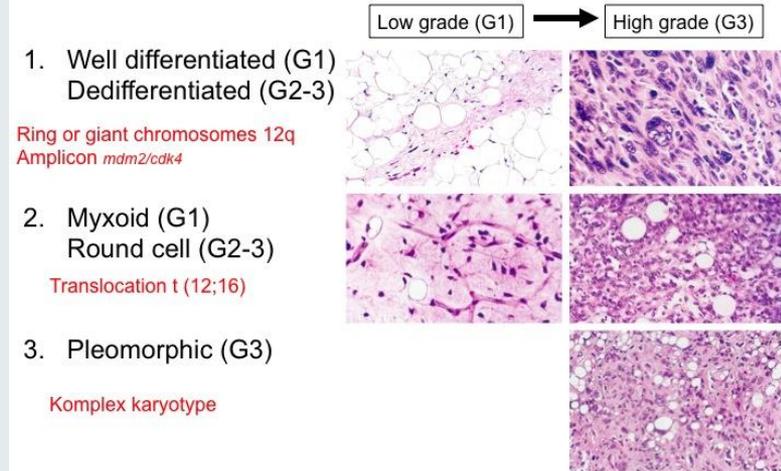


Table 1  
Overview of LPS subtypes

Subtype	Pathology	Molecular Characteristics/ "Actionable" Targets	MRI/CT Appearance
ALT/WDLPS	Low grade, positive IHC for MDM2, CDK4, p16	MDM2 and CDK4 amplifications	Large encapsulated lipomatous mass (high signal intensity both in T1-weighted and T2-weighted MRI) with thick internal septations;
DDLPS	High grade, positive IHC for MDM2, CDK4, p16	MDM2 and CDK4 amplifications	Signal loss on fat-saturated T1-weighted images, and focal nodules (>1 cm is suggestive of aDDLPS)
MLPS and RCLPS	Low grade (percentage of round cells important for grading)	<i>FUS-CHOP</i> fusion gene, PI3K mutations (~20%)	Pathognomically low signal intensity in T1-weighted and marked signal intensity in T2-weighted MRI
PLPS	High grade, pleomorphic, cellular sarcoma	Complex structural rearrangements	Nonspecific soft tissue mass, often including areas of necrosis and hemorrhage

miRNAs as discriminators in liposarcoma

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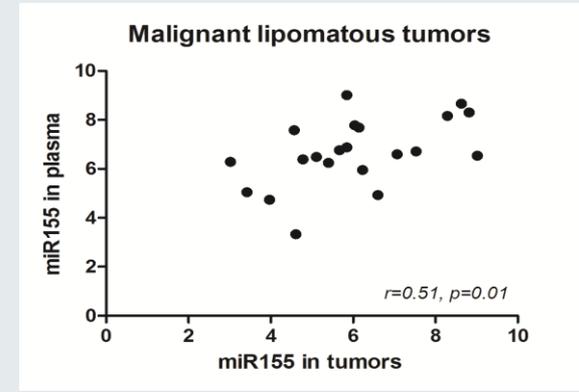
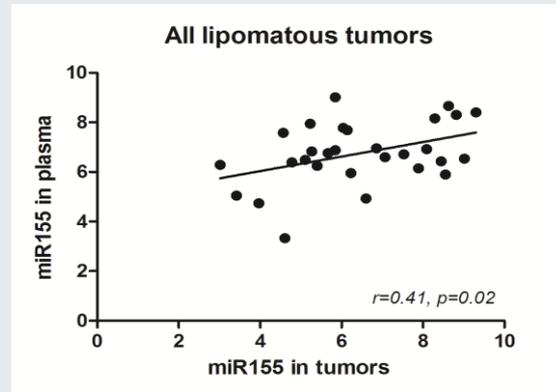
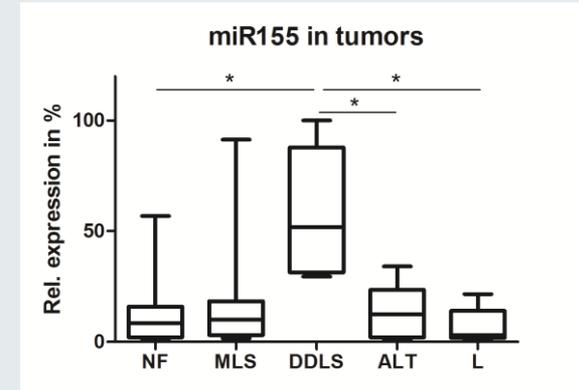
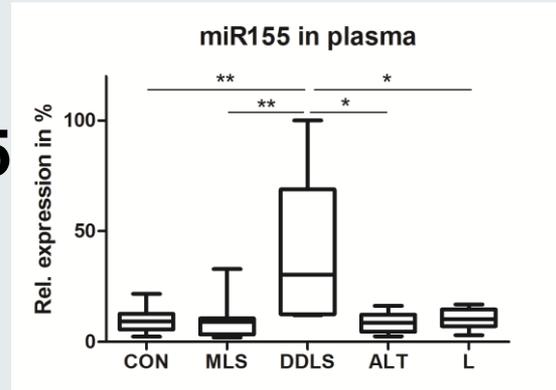
PID	Sex	Age at Dx	Diagnosis	Grade I II III	Location	Total Dosage, Gy	Date of surgery	TU volume in cc	Balgrist Resection (R0=1, R1=2, R2=3)	last FU	state of disease	Death	local Recurrence	Metastasis	Meta. Loc.	Mutation	Round Cells (Y/N)	MDM2
746461	m	42	PMLS	3	Lower Extremity	50	26.08.2014	1368	1	28.12.2014	NED	n	n	n			n	n
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723755	m	67	DDL5	2	Lower Extremity	50	28.05.2013	1472	1	27.08.2014	NED	n	n	n		x	n	y
6806																		
6696																		
7512																		
6627																		
<b>36 patients in total; MLS: 13; L: 10; ALT: 7; DDL5: 5; PML: 1</b>																		
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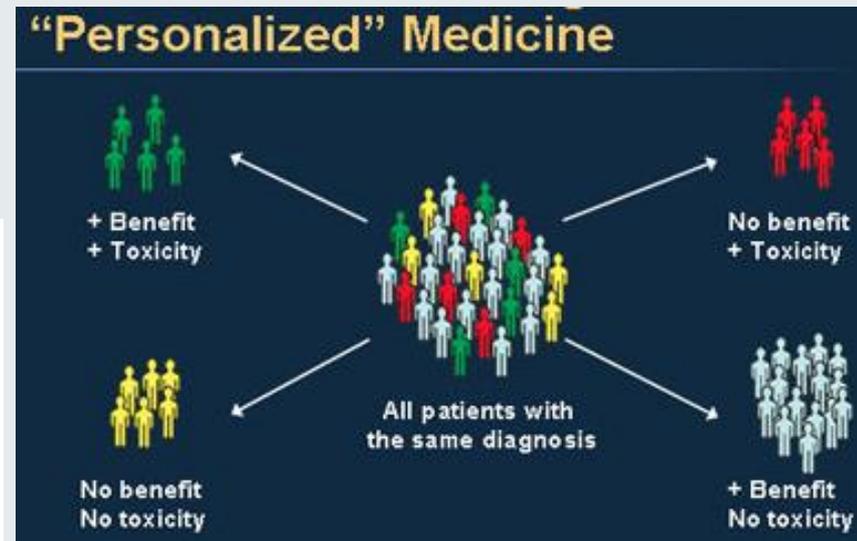
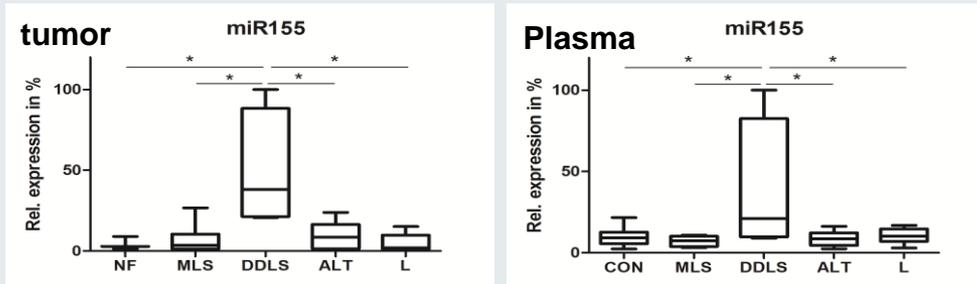
**correlation of miR155 expression in plasma & tumor samples**



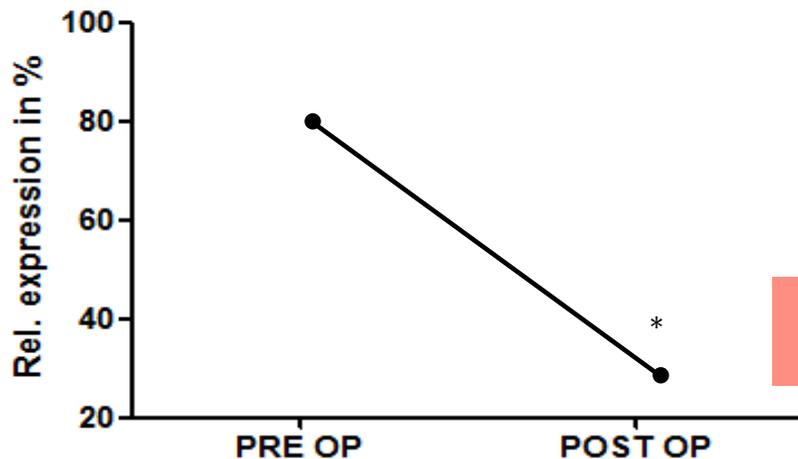
**miRNAs as discriminators in liposarcoma**

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## 1. Patient Stratification



mirR155 in dedifferentiated liposarcoma



**↓ levels 24h post surgery !**

**miRNAs as discriminators in liposarcoma**

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## 2. in-vitro 3D & in-vivo modelling



### An *in vitro* osteosarcoma 3D microtissue model for drug development

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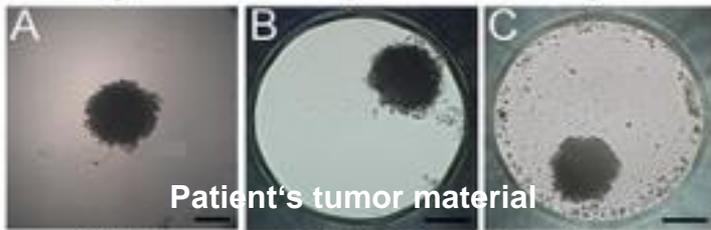
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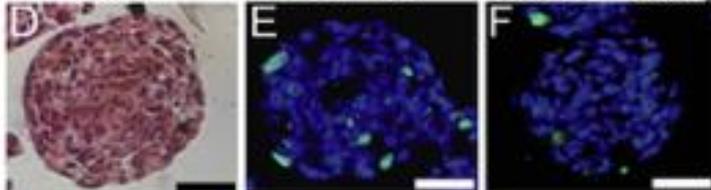
Journal of Biotechnology 189 (2014) 129–135

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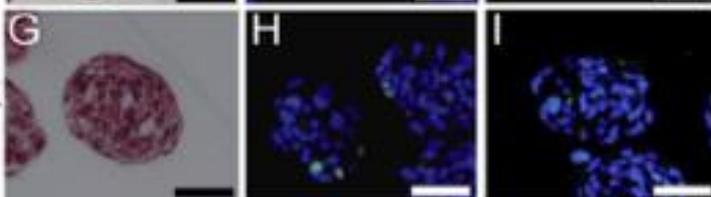


H/E                      Ki-67                      TUNEL-Assay

day 4



day 12

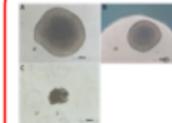


### Standard treatment



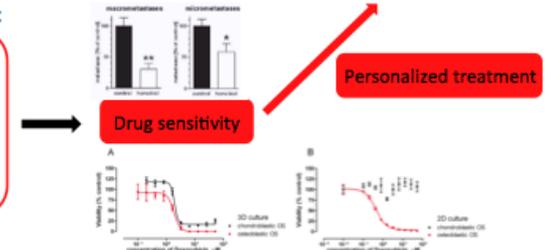
### Future improved treatment

- 3D microtissues from biopsy

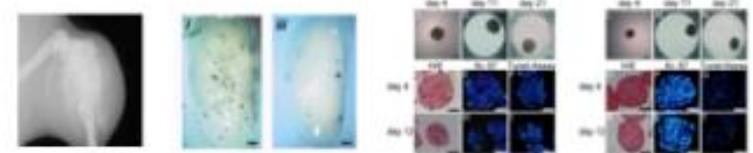
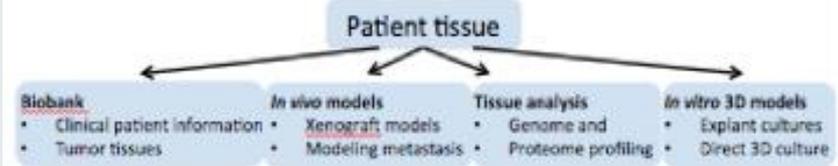


Reliable 3D cell culture platform

- 2D and *in vivo* data
- Gene expression data



### Paving the way to personalized medicine



### Personalized patient treatment

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- Clinical OS research *in vitro* and *in vivo* OS models
- Biobank

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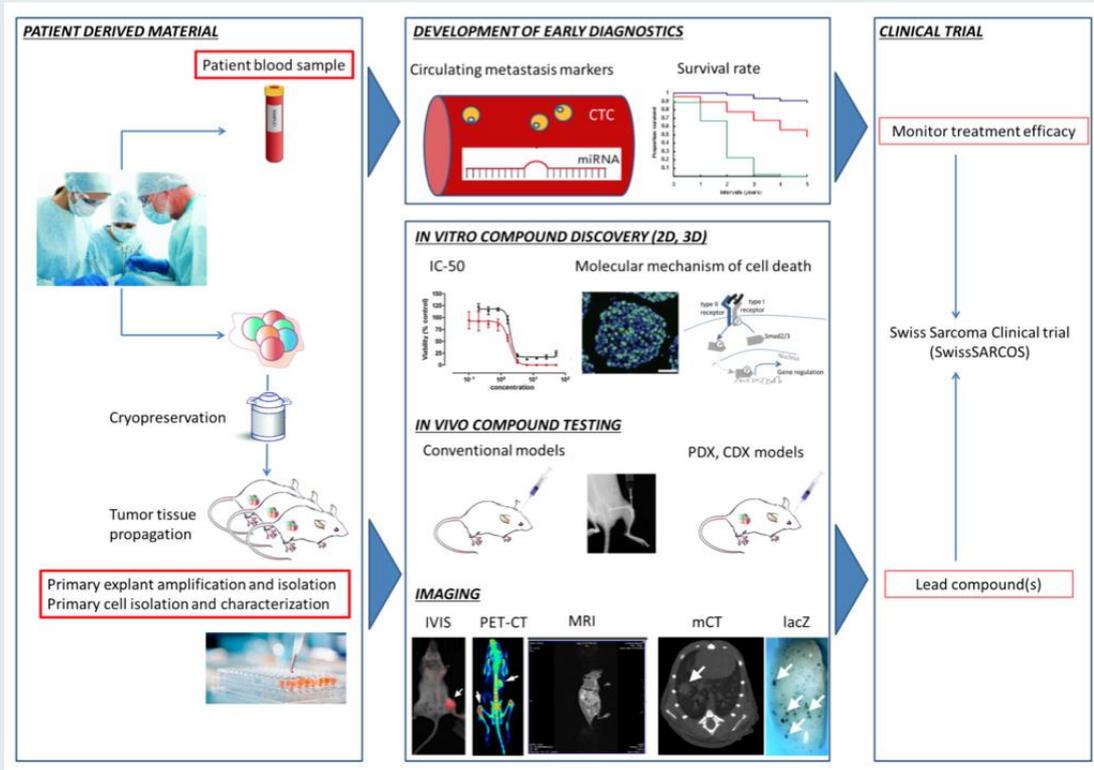
- Microtissue experts
- Provider of different microtissues
- Consulting

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- 3D cell culture experts
- Applied OS research
- OS microtissue model development

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## 2. in-vitro 3D & in-vivo modelling



NFP - application 2017 – 2020:

**3D-Tissue Models –  
new perspectives for medicine**

**→ personalized therapy in the future !**

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## 3. Dormancy

### Research Article

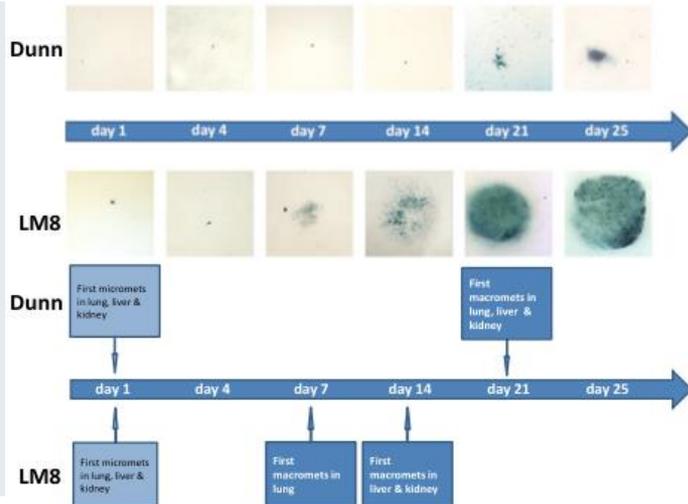
## Reduced Latency in the Metastatic Niche Contributes to the More Aggressive Phenotype of LM8 Compared to Dunn Osteosarcoma Cells

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Roman Muff, Walter Born, and Bruno Fuchs

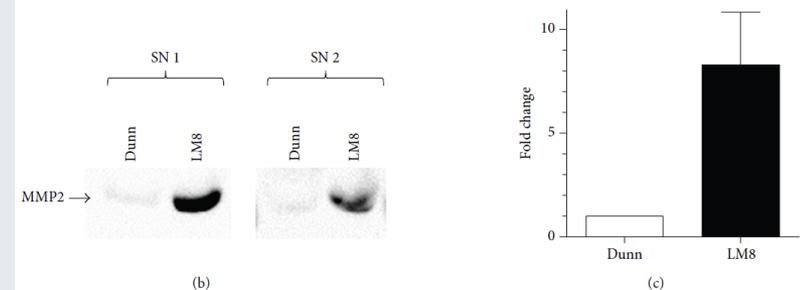
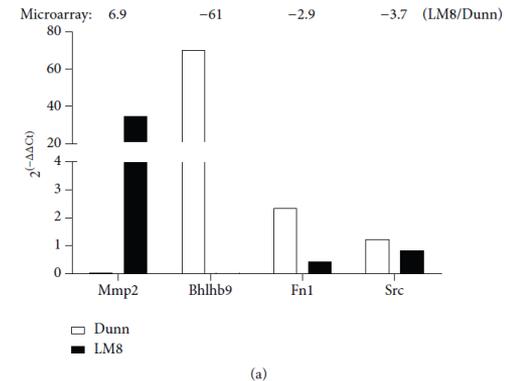
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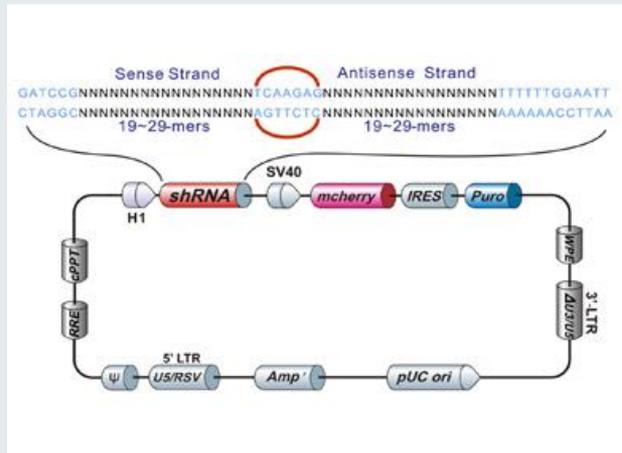
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<b>Genes down-regulated in LM8</b>						
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fn1	-2.95	5.69E-08	0.9001	0.4485	0.9257	0.9272
Tcfb2	-2.43	6.09E-06	-2.38	4.93E-05	-4.07	8.84E-03
Src	-2.36	2.24E-06	-2.70	0.0001217	0.8423	0.759
Tpm1	-2.28	2.53E-07	-2.23	5.30E-05	0.6487	0.358625
Tgfb1	-2.15	5.06E-06	1.15083	0.2542225	0.773225	3.76E-01
<b>Genes up-regulated in LM8</b>						
Ctgf	2.72	2.18E-04	0.5983	0.0307	0.8579	0.858



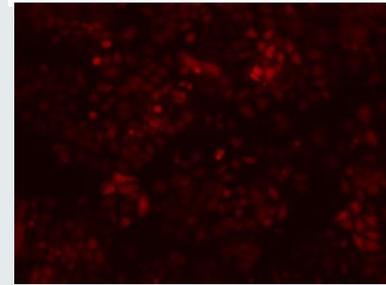
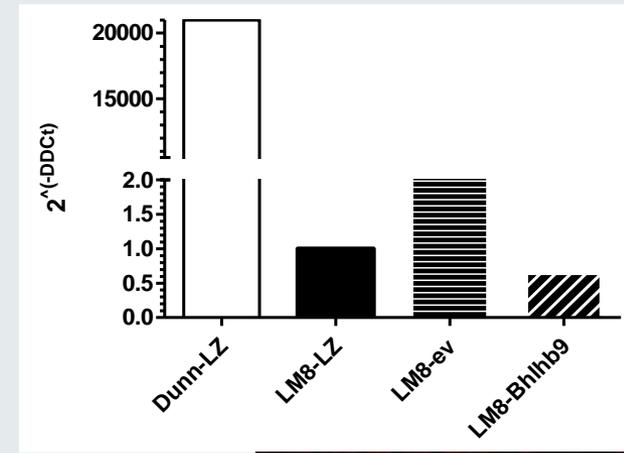
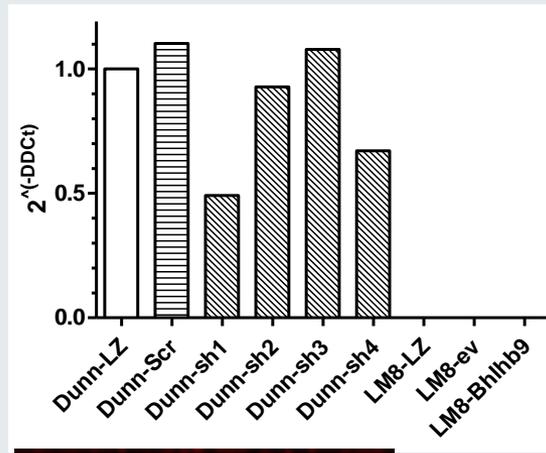
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## 3. Dormancy

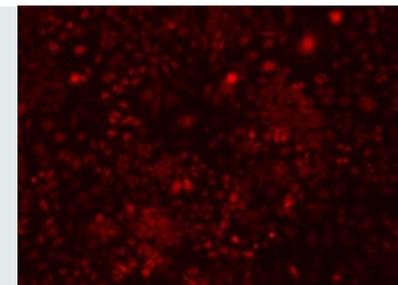
Lenti Vector for MSH043018-1-LVRH1MP



Bhlhb9 overexpression & knockdown



mCherry  
Co-expression



→ *in vivo* experiments underway !

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## 4. Circulating Tumor Cells

### Rationale

- Metastatic disease: predictor of patient survival
- Early diagnostics guide therapeutic decision making

### Markers of metastases in blood circulation

- Circulating (metastatic) tumor cells; CTCs
- Circulating tumor-derived molecules: miRNA, proteins, DNA

### Detection tools for CTCs:

- Metastatic epithelial cancers →  $\geq 5$  CTCs/7.5 ml  
Cell surface marker-dependent detection  
e.g. Bidard et al., Lancet Oncol. 15(4): 406 (2014)
- Metastatic mesenchymal sarcomas →  
No cell surface markers



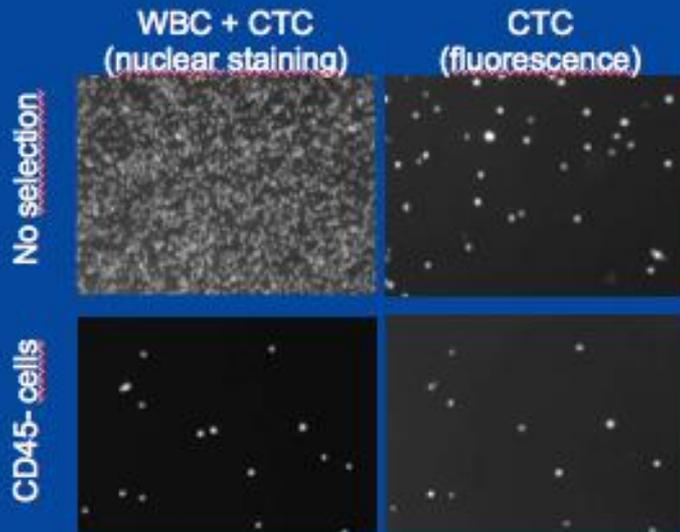
How to detect a few CTCs between millions of white blood cells ?

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## 4. Circulating Tumor Cells

COMBINE BOTH APPROACHES

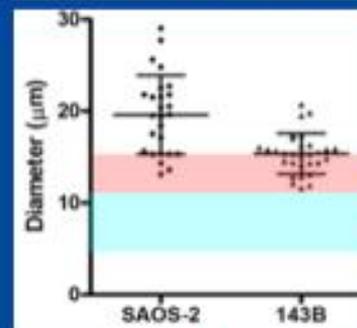
CD45-based removal of white blood cells



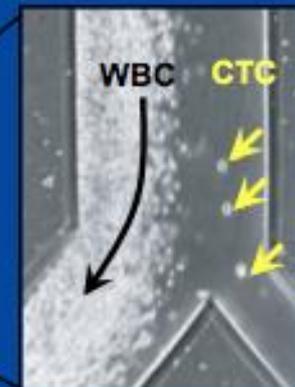
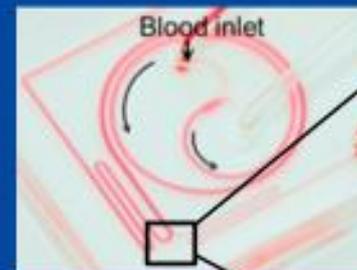
Recovery efficiency = 70-100%

Patient blood CTCs: Nuc.St., CD45-

Microfluidics-based size discrimination



Granulocytes  
(neutrophils)  
Agranulocytes  
(lymphocytes)

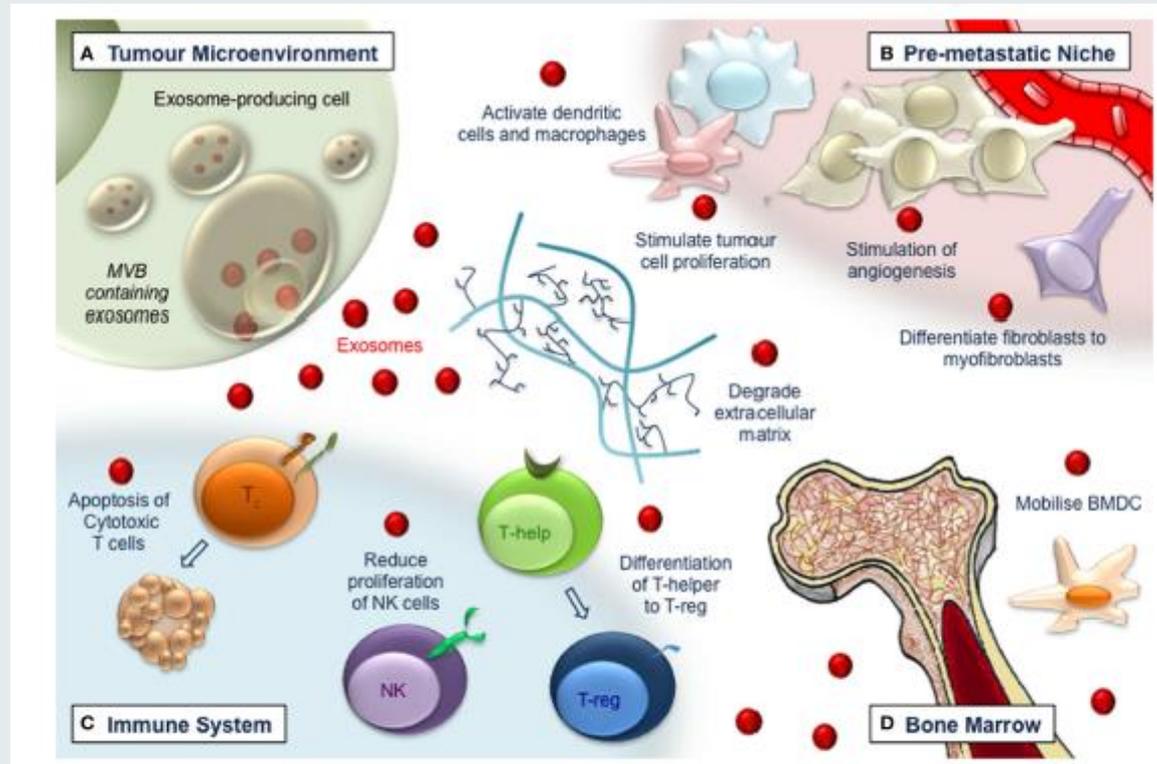


Hou et al., *Sci. Rep.* 3:1259 (2012)

→ we have blood available from 400 patients !

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## 5. Exosomes (Tumor Derived Microvesicles)



- Exosomes are small membrane extracellular vesicles (30-100nm) that mediate local and systemic cell communication through the transfer of mRNA, microRNAs and proteins.
- Exosomal mRNA and miRNA differ from the donor cell!

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## 5. Exosomes (Tumor Derived Microvesicles)

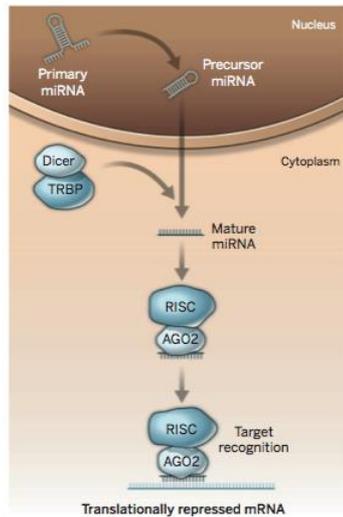
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### Malicious exosomes

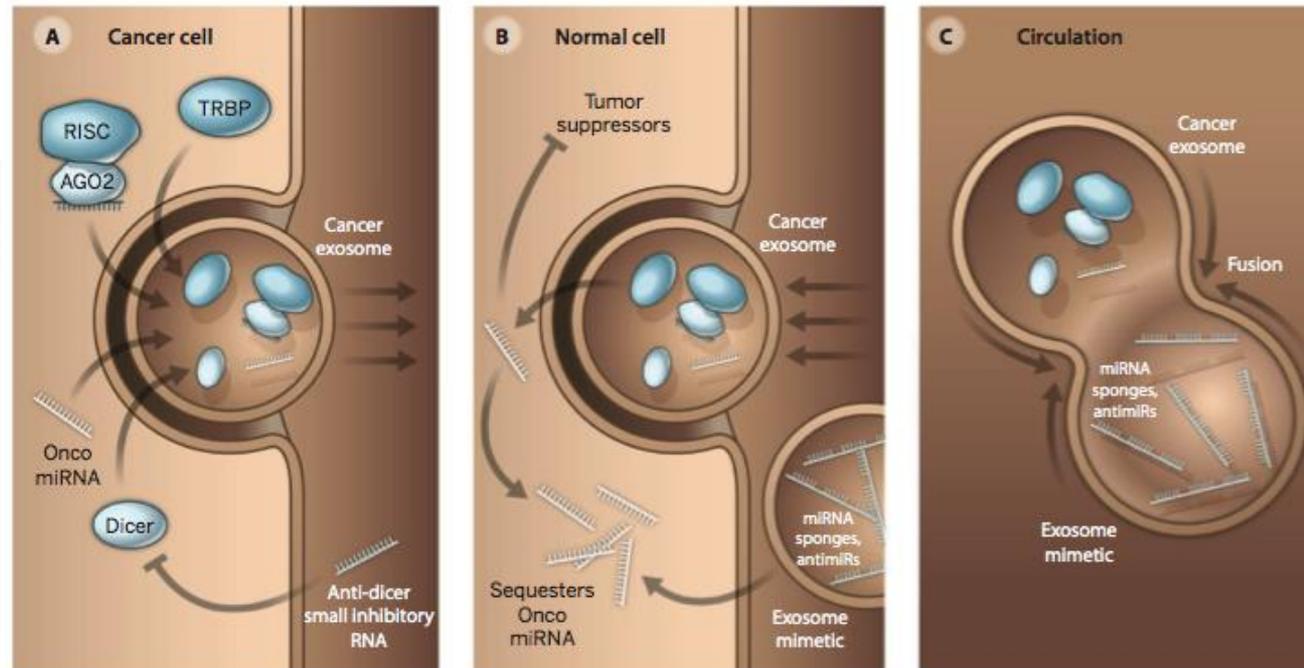
Nanovesicles derived from cells of cancer patients carry microRNAs that initiate tumor growth in normal cells

By Eleni Anastasiadou and Frank J. Slack

Nanovesicles known as exosomes are secreted from a variety of cell types and circulate in biological fluids such as urine and plasma. These exosomes "hijack" membrane components and cytoplasmic contents of these cells and play an important role in intercellular communication, often inducing physiological changes in recipient cells by transferring bioactive lipids, nucleic acids, and proteins (1). These tiny vesicles also have been implicated in a number of human diseases, including cancer, and are becoming an appreciated fundamental aspect of tumor progression and metastasis (2). Recently, Melo *et al.* (3) showed that exosomes from breast cancer cells transfer microRNAs (miRNAs) to normal cells and stimulate them to become cancerous. This potentially expands the mechanisms by which cancer spreads and may provide opportunities to develop exosome-based diagnostics and therapies.



**MIRNA biogenesis.** MIRNAs combine with AGO2 and other proteins in an RNA-induced silencing complex (RISC) to repress the translation of target mRNAs.



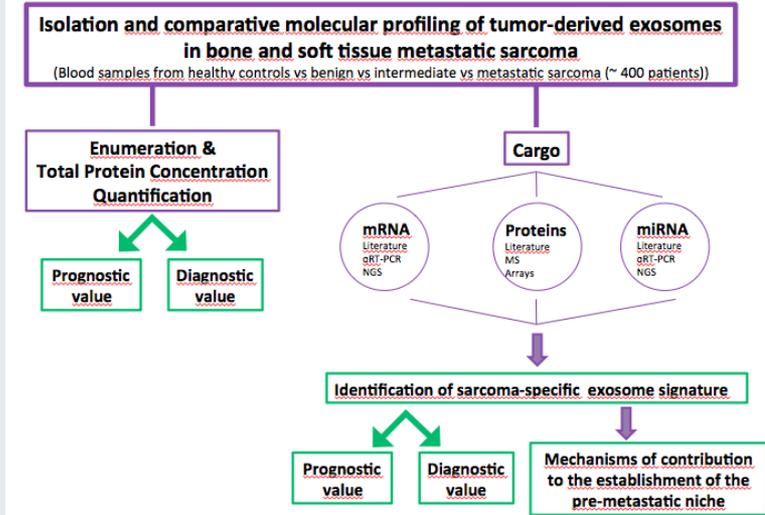
**Targeting cancer exosomes.** Three possible therapeutic scenarios are shown for targeting tumor-derived exosomes within a cancer cell (A), in a normal recipient cell (B), or in the circulation (C).

→ Functional Relevance and Potential Use as Diagnostic and Prognostic Factors in Metastatic Sarcoma

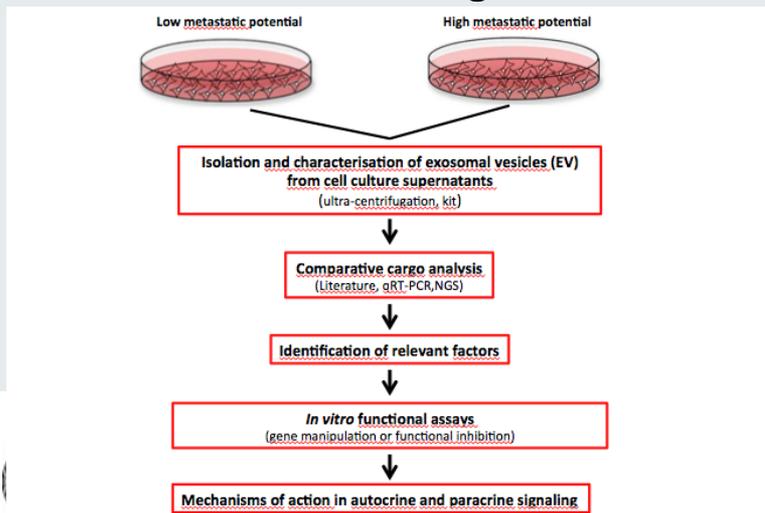
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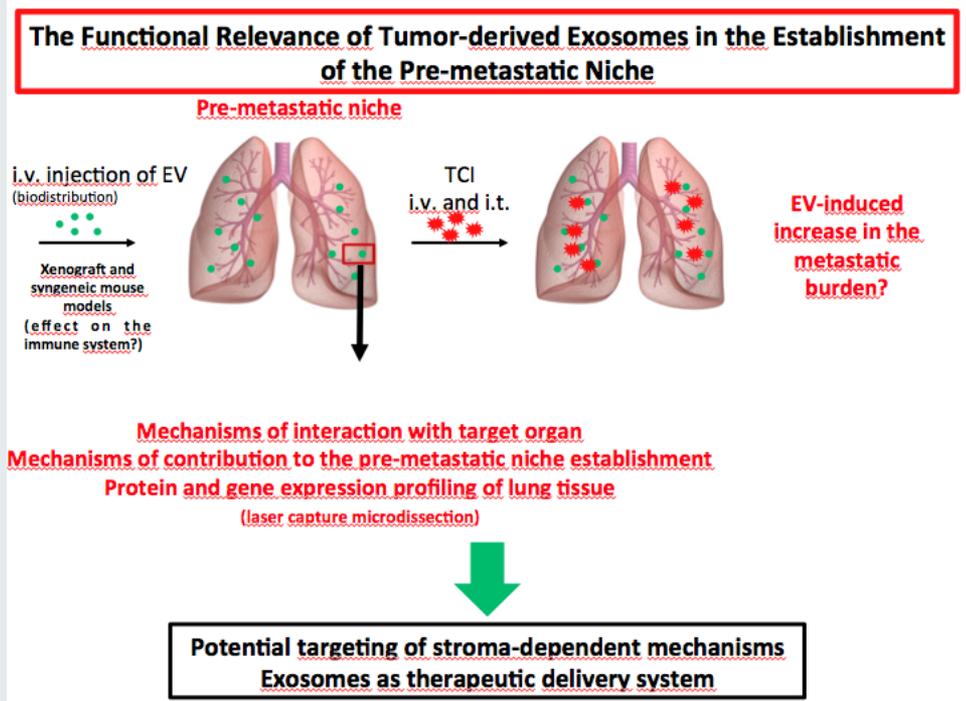
### Patients' tumor material



### In vitro modelling

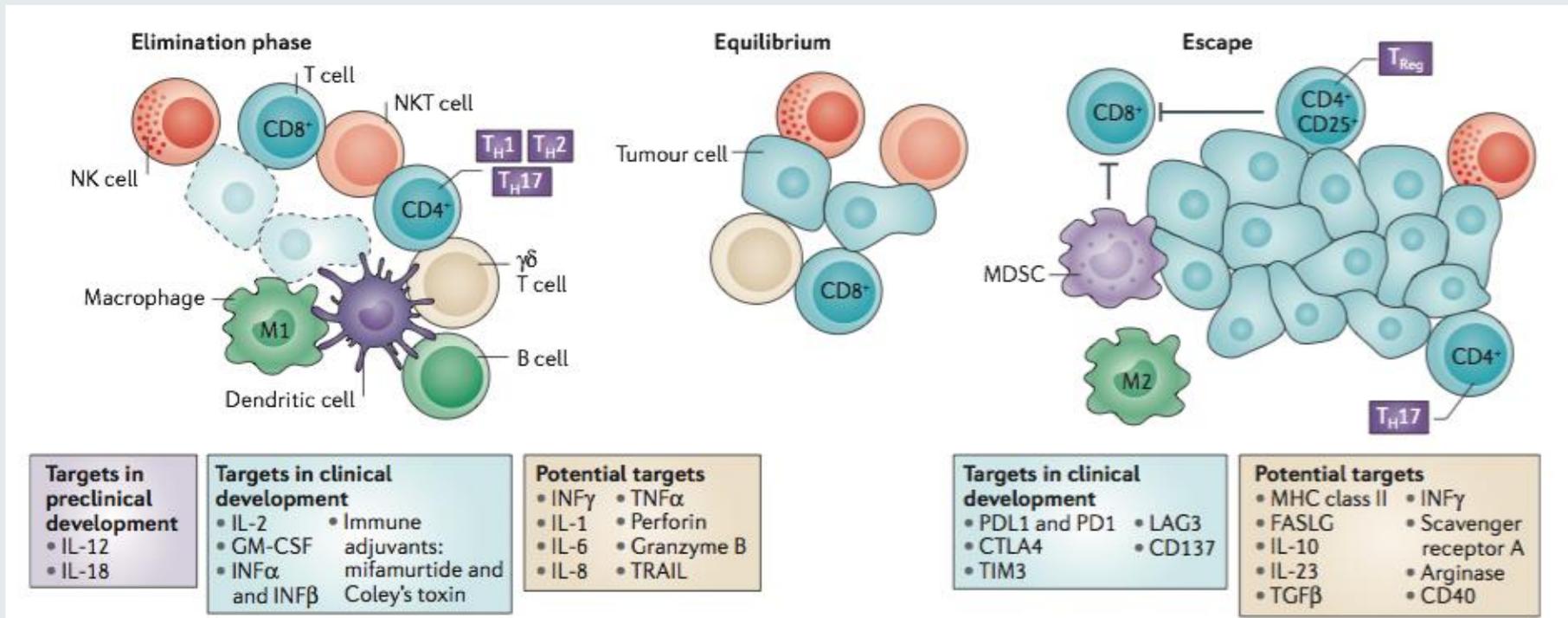


### In vivo modelling



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## 6. Targeting Immunomodulators



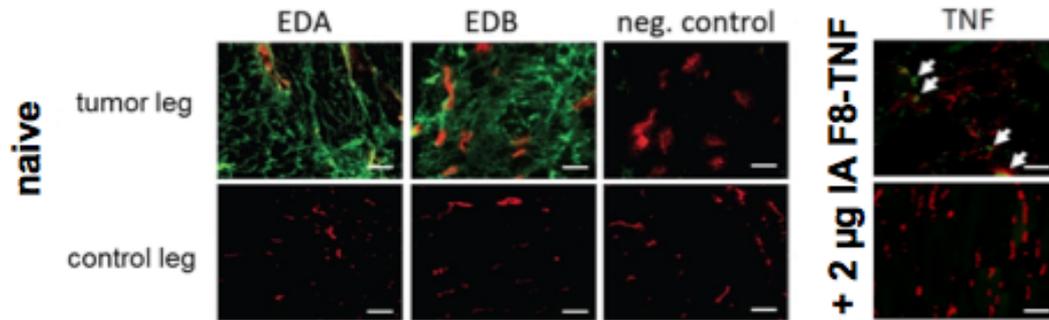
→ Immune checkpoint inhibitors may improve survival

Kansara M et al Nature Rev Cancer 14:722-35, 2014

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## 6. Targeting Immunomodulators

Targets: EDA, EDB



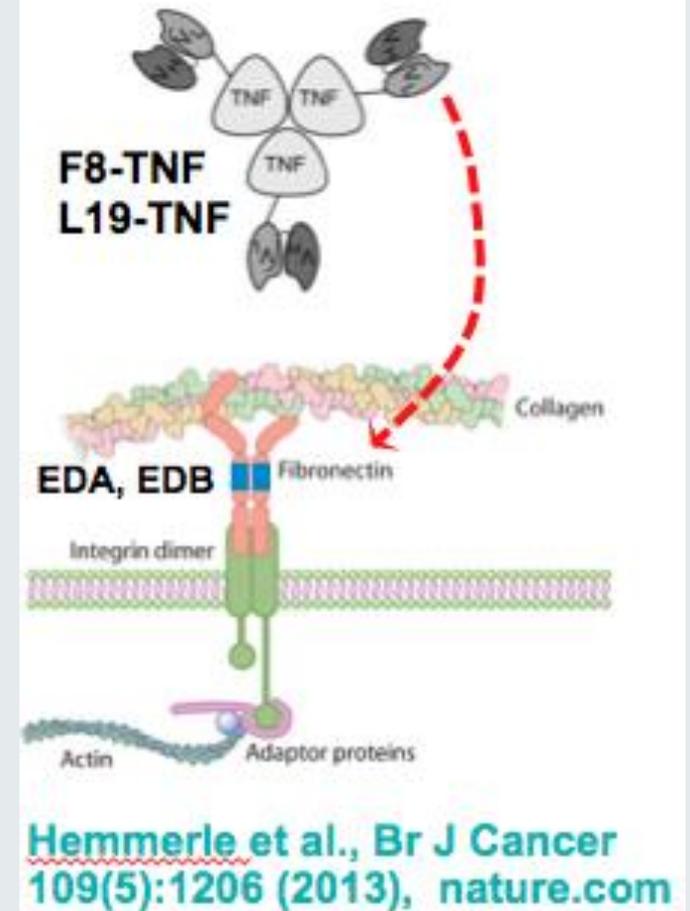
“Immunocytokines“

Pasche & Neri, Drug Discov Today 17(11-12):583 (2012)

- F8-TNF, L19-TNF
- Selective accumulation in sarcoma tumors
- Immunological response
- Combination with doxorubicin: cure

Preclinical testing in OS mouse model

- Single treatment, combination with cisplatin
- IL-2/CTLA4, IL-4, IL-6, IL-13, IL-10, IL-12

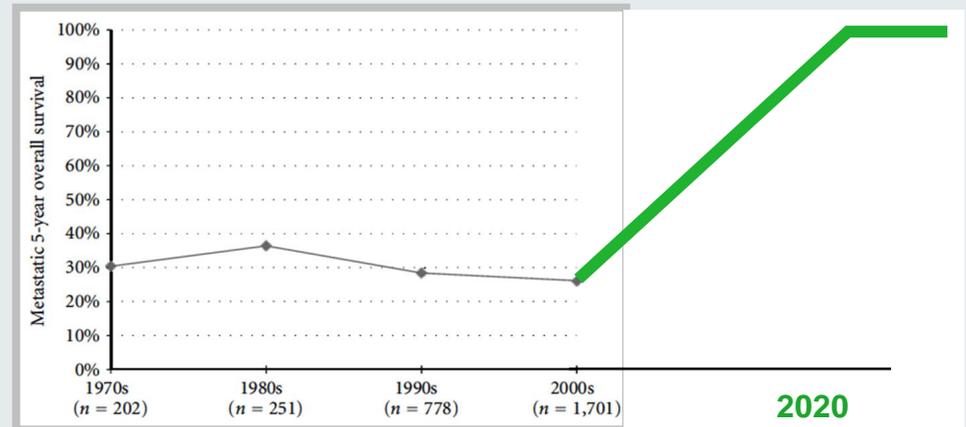
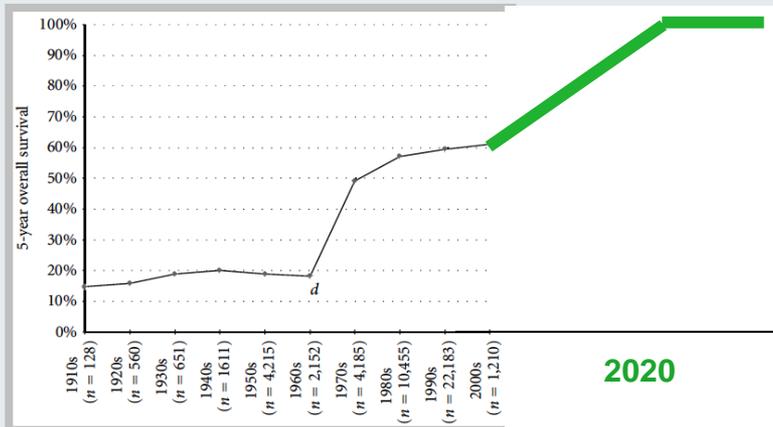


## AB – mediated Drug Delivery

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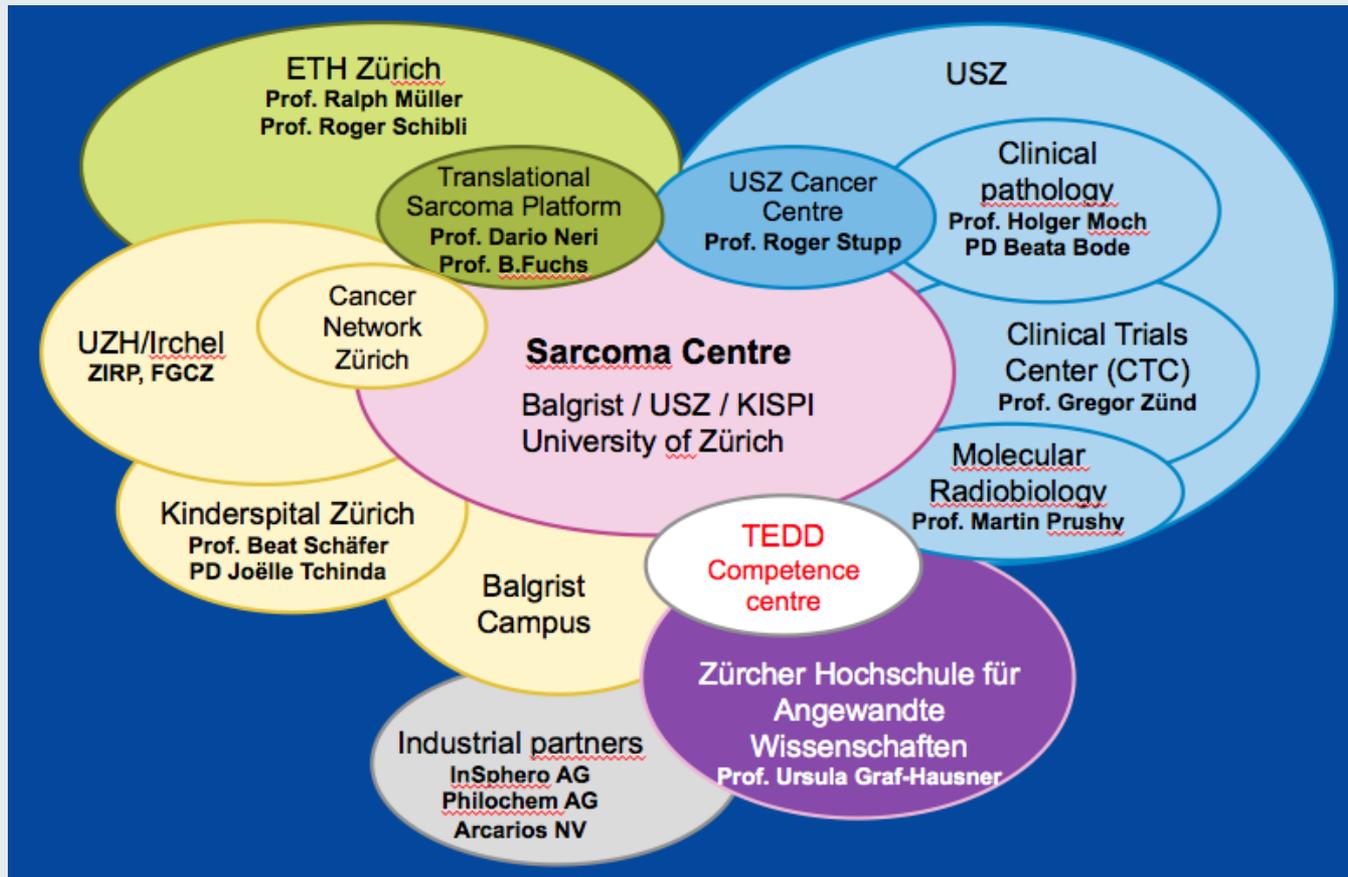


- strong clinical data set (SwissSARCOS)
- good sarcoma tissue bank (SwissSARCTissues)
- strong Translational Sarcoma Research Platform



→ **real basis to**  **survival in the future !**

# THE TRANSLATIONAL SARCOMA RESEARCH PLATFORM



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