



Hypoxia normalization in tumors: the role of PTEN in tuning the microenvironment

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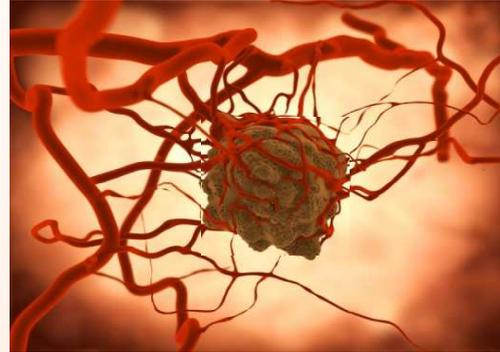
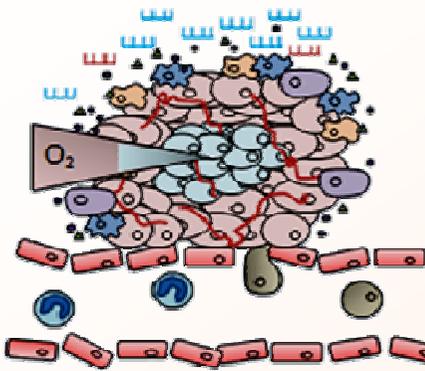
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Gremi



Tumor microenvironment composition is ruled by hypoxia

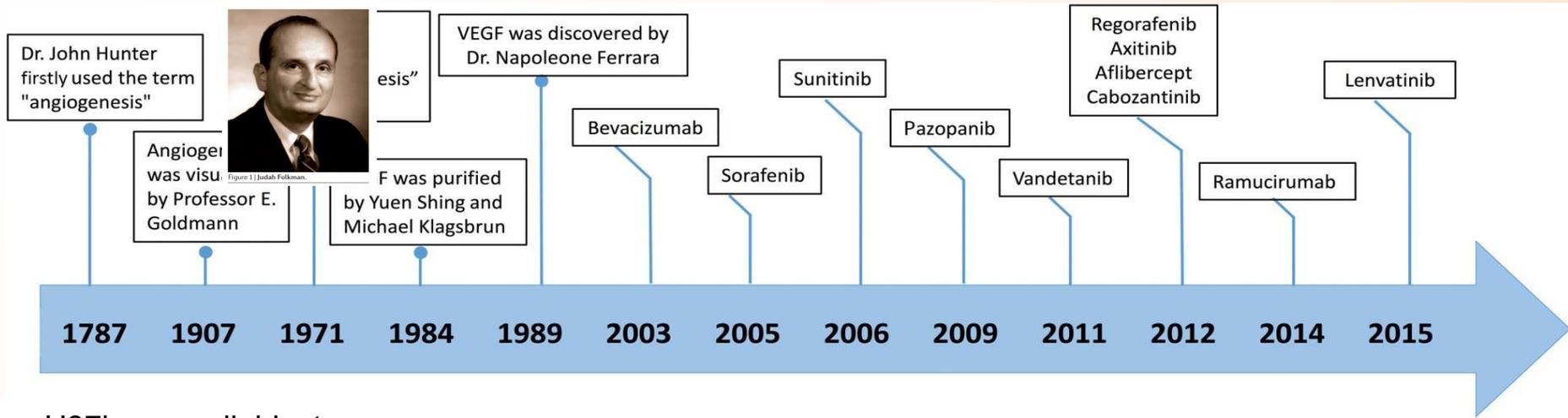


- ❖ The hypoxic stress in tumor: an angiogenesis-dependent disease

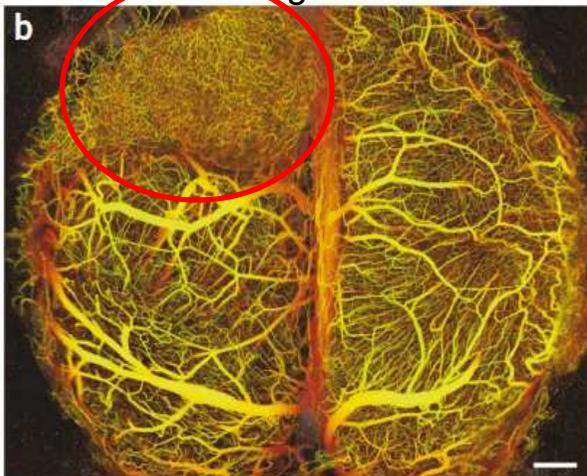
- ❖ The strategies for hypoxia alleviation:
 - ➔ vessel normalization and stabilization through PTEN

- ❖ Clinically related effects on: immunoresistance and perspectives for immunotherapy

Highlights in the development of "angiogenesis" and anti-angiogenesis drugs



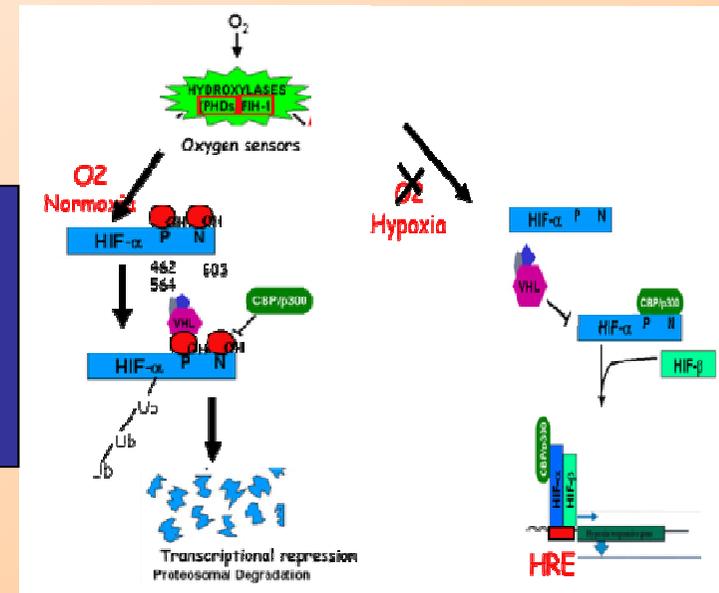
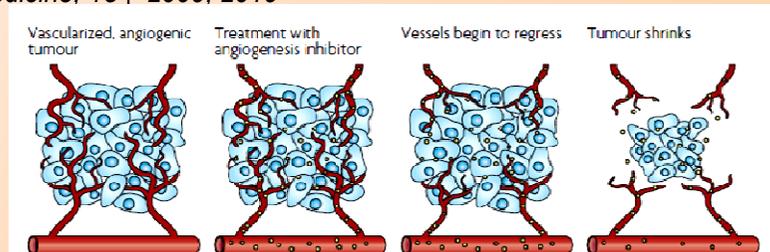
U87 human glioblastoma



- **Angiogenesis, vascular tone and erythropoiesis** (VEGF, VEGF-R, NOS2, Epo, ...)
- **Energy metabolism** (Glut-1, Glut-3, ...)
- **Cellular proliferation and differentiation** (TGF-β, Cyclin G2, p21...)

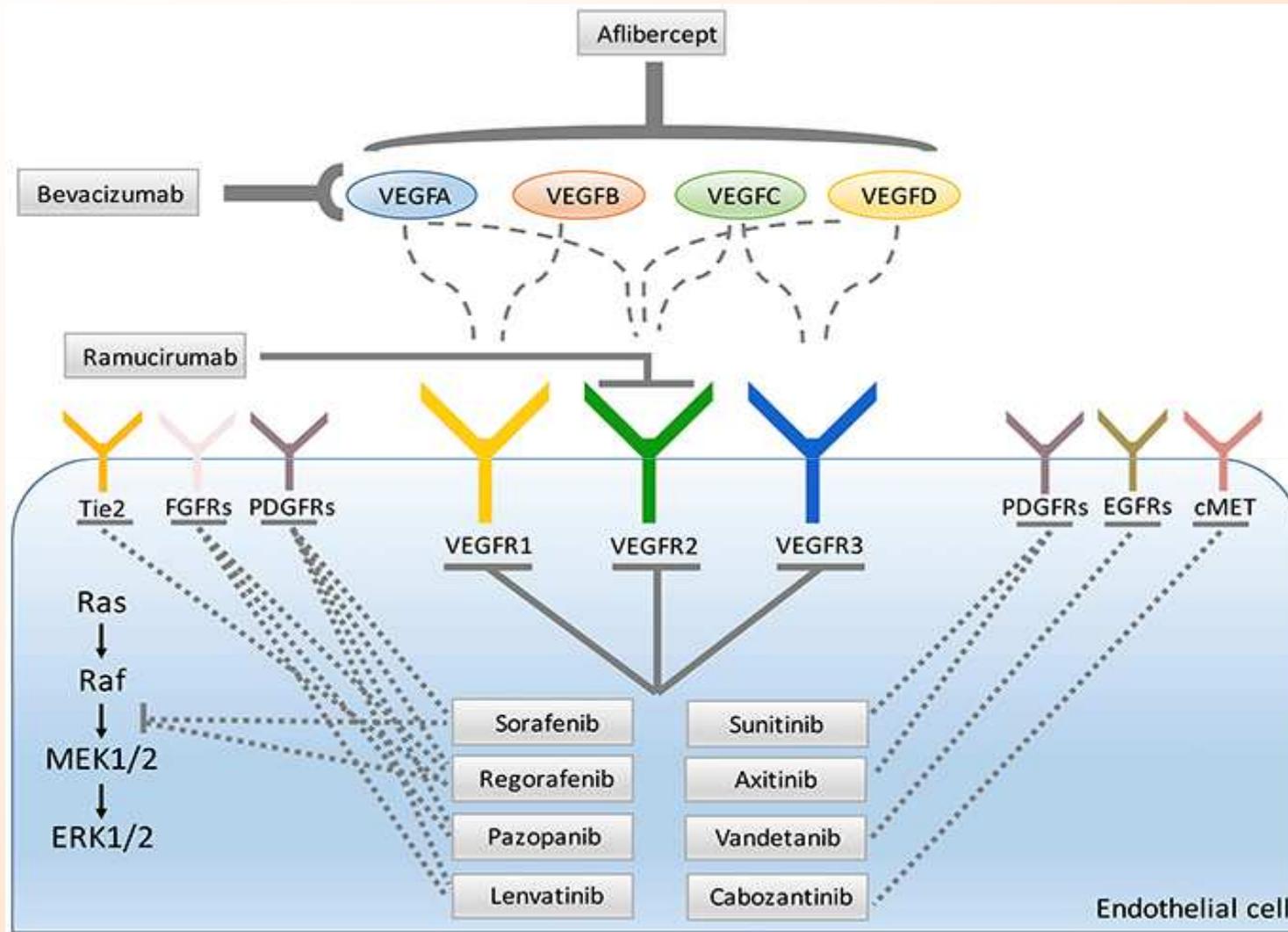
optical frequency domain imaging (OFDI)

Vakoc et al. nature medicine, 15 | 2009, 2019



Results?

Main molecular targets of anti-angiogenic drugs approved for patients treatment.



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Approved VEGF-targeted therapy for oncology.

Drug	Brand name	Mechanism	Indications
Bevacizumab	Avastin (Genentech)	Monoclonal anti-VEGF antibody	CRC; NSCLC; RCC; GBM; epithelial ovarian cancer; fallopian tube cancer; primary peritoneal cancer; cervical cancer
Aflibercept	Zaltrap (Sanofi and Regeneron Pharmaceuticals)	Recombinant fusion VEGF protein	CRC
Ramucirumab	Cyramza (Eli Lilly and Company)	Monoclonal anti-VEGFR2 antibody	CRC ; NSCLC; gastric or gastroesophageal junction adenocarcinoma
Sorafenib	Nexavar (Bayer)	Multi-TKI (VEGFRs, PDGFRs, RAF, KIT, FLT3, RET)	RCC, HCC, thyroid cancer
Sunitinib	Sutent (Pfizer)	Multi-TKI (VEGFRs, PDGFRs, FLT3, CSF1R, RET)	RCC, pancreatic neuroendocrine tumors, gastrointestinal stromal tumors
Regorafenib	Stivarga (Bayer)	Multi-TKI (VEGFRs, PDGFRs, FGFRs, TIE2, KIT, RET, RAF)	GIST, CRC, HCC
Pazopanib	Votrient (GlaxoSmithKline)	Multi-TKI (VEGFRs, PDGFRs, FGFR1, c-Kit)	RCC, soft tissue sarcoma
Axitinib	Inlyta (Pfizer)	Multi-TKI (VEGFRs, PDGFRs, c-Kit)	RCC
Vandetanib	Caprelsa (AstraZeneca)	Multi-TKI (VEGFRs, EGFR, RET)	medullary thyroid cancer
Lenvatinib	Lenvima (Eisai)	Multi-TKI (VEGFRs, FGFRs, PDGFRa , RET, c-Kit)	thyroid cancer, RCC
Cabozantinib	Cometriq (Exelixis)/Cabometyx (Exelixis)	Multi-TKI (VEGFRs, cMet, AXL)	medullary thyroid cancer, RCC

CSFR1, colony stimulating factor 1 receptor; CRC, colorectal cancer; EGFR, epidermal growth factor receptor; FLT3, Fms-like tyrosine kinase 3; GBM, glioblastoma multiforme; GIST, gastrointestinal stromal tumor; HCC, hepatocellular carcinoma; KIT, stem cell factor receptor; MET, hepatocyte growth factor receptor; NSCLC, non-small cell lung cancer; PDGFR, platelet-derived growth factor receptor; RAF, rapidly accelerated fibrosarcoma; RCC, renal cell carcinoma; RET, rearranged during transfection; VEGFR, vascular endothelial growth factor receptor.

Anti-angiogenic therapies currently approved by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for the treatment of malignancies (July 2017).

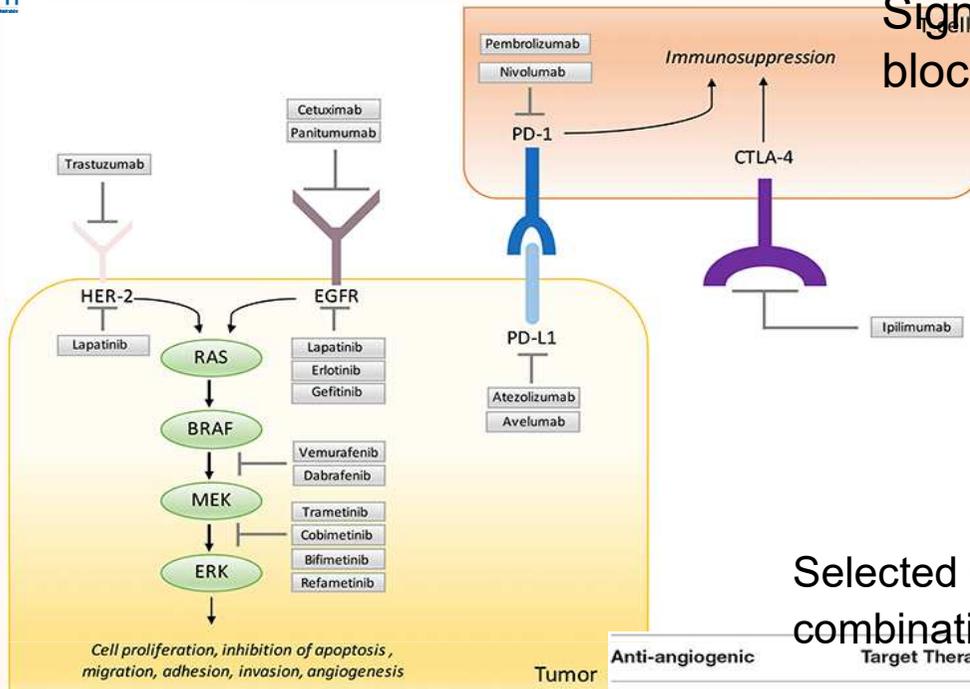
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Signaling molecules and immune checkpoint blocked by targeted therapy.



Selected Clinical Trials of VEGF-targeted therapy in combination with oncogene-targeted therapy.

Anti-angiogenic	Target Therapy	Phase	Indications	ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier
Bevacizumab	Trastuzumab	2	Stage IV metastatic breast cancer	NCT00428922
Bevacizumab	Trastuzumab	3	Metastatic HER2+ breast cancer	NCT00391092
Bevacizumab	Trastuzumab	2	Breast cancer	NCT01321775
Bevacizumab	Trastuzumab	2	Metastatic HER2+ breast cancer	NCT00364611
Bevacizumab	Trastuzumab	2	Metastatic HER2+ breast cancer	NCT00670982
Bevacizumab	Trastuzumab	2	Metastatic HER2+ breast cancer	NCT00392392
Bevacizumab	Trastuzumab	2	Metastatic breast cancer	NCT00405938
Sorafenib	Trametinib	1	HCC	NCT02292173
Sorafenib	Refametininb	2	HCC	NCT01204177
Sorafenib	Refametininb	2	HCC RAS-mutated	NCT01915602
Regorafenib	Refametininb	1	Neoplasm	NCT02168777
Bevacizumab	Erlotinib	3	CRC	NCT00265824
Bevacizumab	Erlotinib	2	NSCLC EGFR-mutated	NCT01562028
Bevacizumab	Erlotinib	2	NSCLC EGFR-mutated	NCT01532089
Regorafenib	Cetuximab	1	Advanced cancers	NCT02095054
Sorafenib	Cetuximab	2	Squamos cell carcinoma of the Head and Neck	NCT00815295
Sorafenib	Cetuximab	2	CRC	NCT00326495
Bevacizumab	Trastuzumab	3	HER2-positive breast cancer	NCT00625898
Pazopanib	Lapatinib	2	HER2-positive breast cancer	NCT00558103.

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Anti-angiogenic	Immunotherapy	Phase	Indications	ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier
Bevacizumab	Ipilimumab	2	Melanoma	NCT01950390
Bevacizumab	Ipilimumab	1	Melanoma	NCT00790010
Bevacizumab	Atezolizumab	2	CRC	NCT02982694
Bevacizumab	Atezolizumab	2	Melanoma brain metastases	NCT03175432
Bevacizumab	Atezolizumab	2	RCC	NCT02724878
Bevacizumab	Atezolizumab	3	RCC	NCT02420821
Bevacizumab	Nivolumab	2	Ovarian, Fallopian Tube Or Peritoneal Cancer	NCT02873962
Bevacizumab	Nivolumab	3	Glioblastoma	NCT02017717
Bevacizumab	Nivolumab	1	NSCLC	NCT01454102
Bevacizumab	Nivolumab	1	RCC	NCT02210117
Bevacizumab	Pembrolizumab	2	RCC	NCT02348008
Bevacizumab	Pembrolizumab	1/2	NSCLC	NCT02039674
Bevacizumab	Pembrolizumab	2	Glioblastoma	NCT02337491
Bevacizumab	Pembrolizumab	2	Melanoma/NSCLC brain metastases	NCT02681549
Aflibercept	Pembrolizumab	1	Solid tumors	NCT02298959
Sunitinib	Nivolumab	1	RCC	NCT01472081
Axitinib	Pembrolizumab	3	RCC	NCT02853331
Axitinib	Avelumab	3	RCC	NCT02684006
Cabozantinib	Nivolumab	3	RCC	NCT03141177

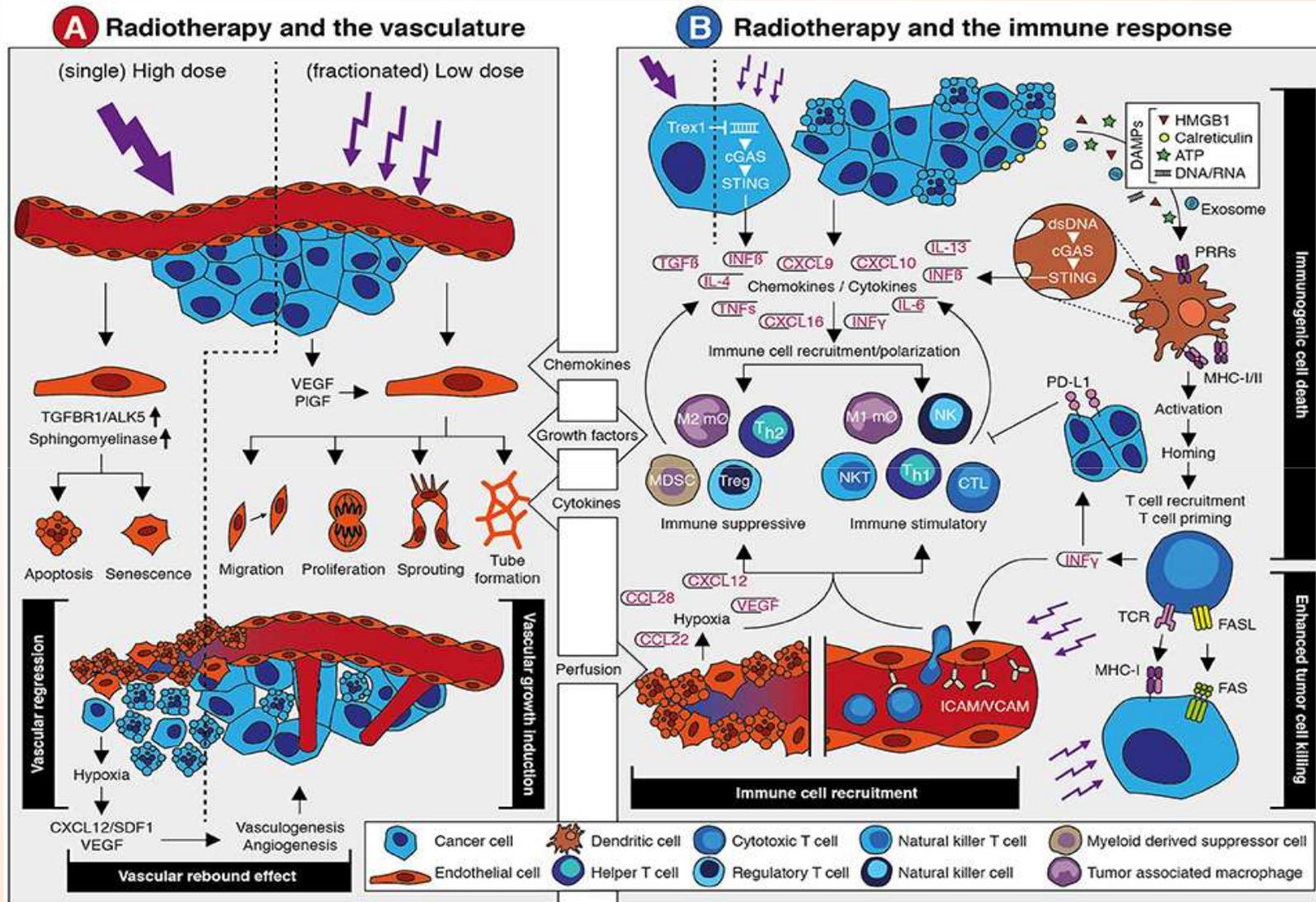
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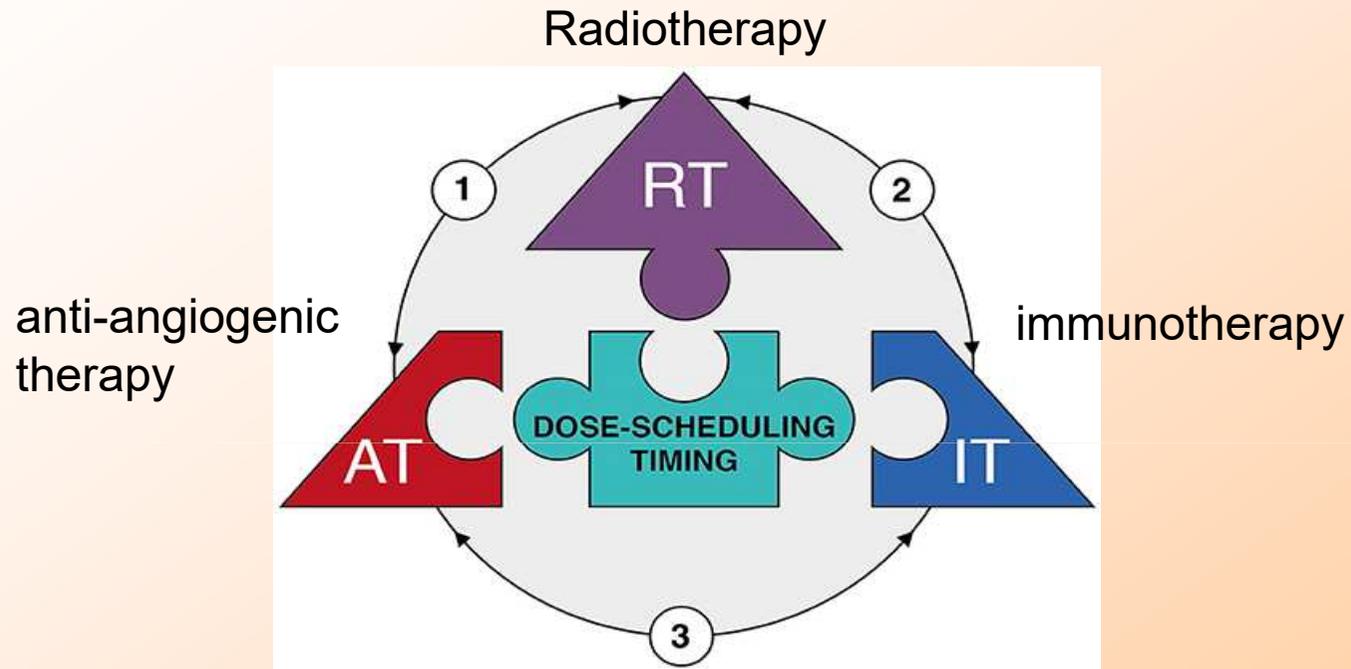
Therapeutic triad to reach adjuvant effect for radiotherapy and immunotherapy



Combining Radiotherapy With Anti-angiogenic Therapy and Immunotherapy

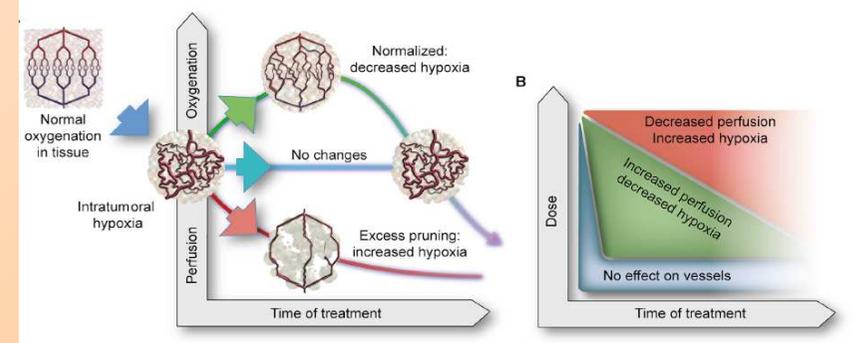
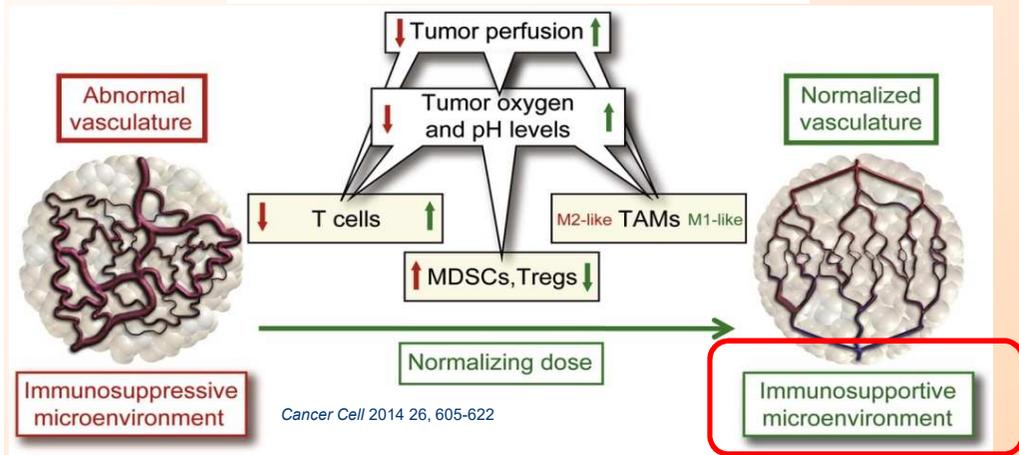
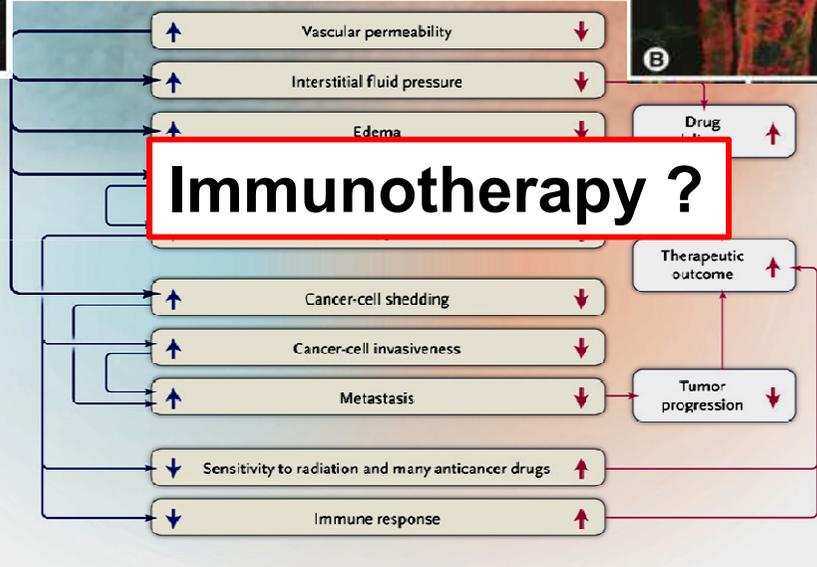
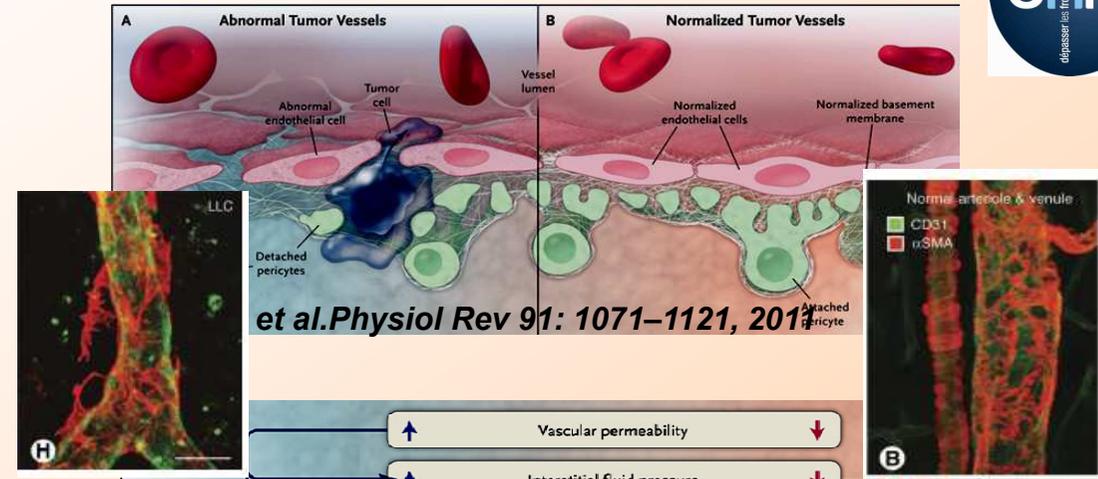
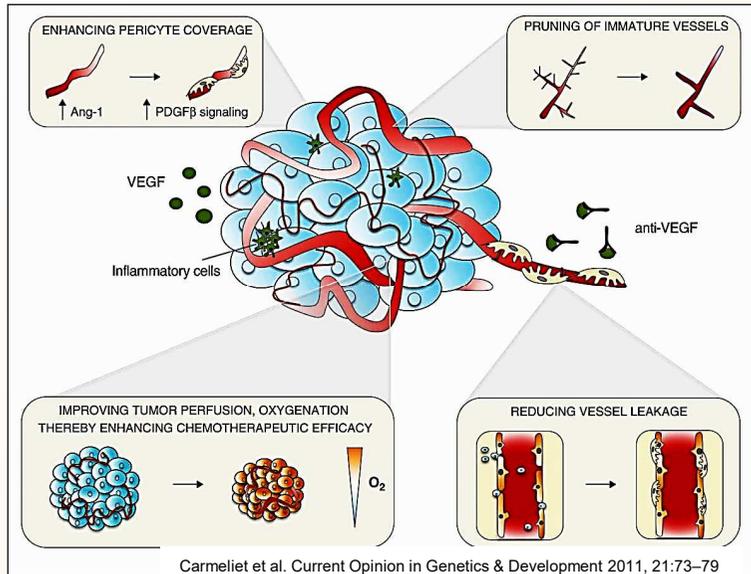
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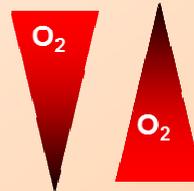
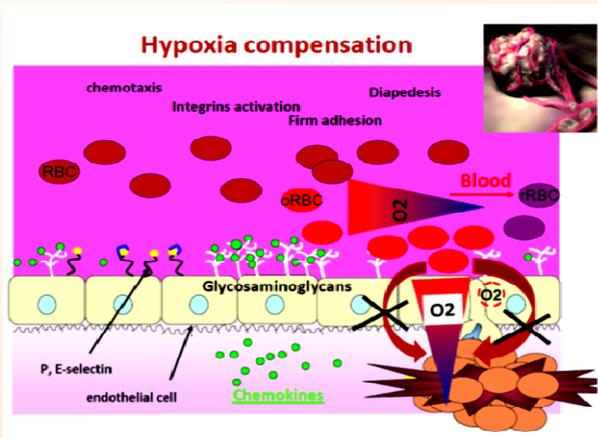
Cancer Science
Review Article
Persistent vascular normalization as an alternative goal of anti-angiogenic cancer therapy
Yasufumi Sato*

Angiogenesis normalization by hypoxia compensation

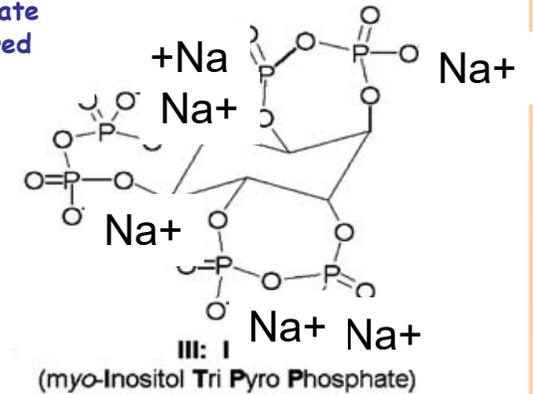
How does repair of the endothelial damage change tumor microenvironment ?

✓ Strategy directed to hemoglobin properties

Hemoglobin carries oxygen



Cyclic pyrophosphate
able to be delivered
into RBCs

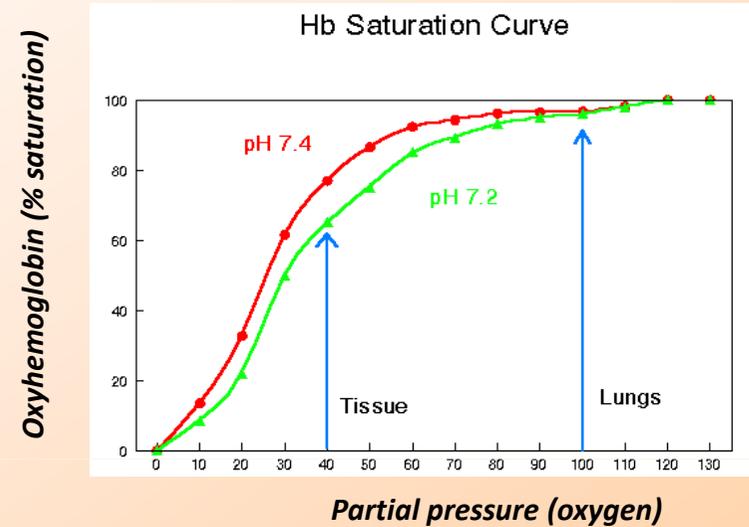


Can ITPP increase oxygen delivery ?

Hemoglobin carries oxygen

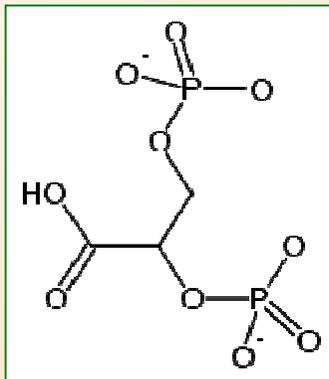


Oxygen delivery can be increased if oxygen affinity for hemoglobin is decreased

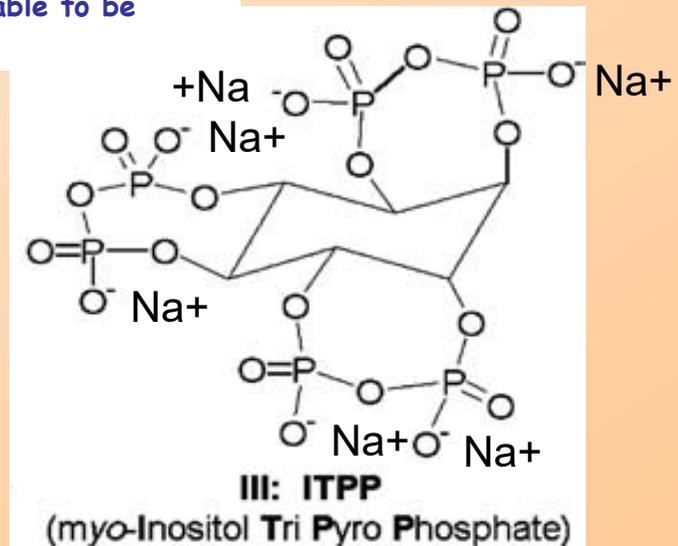


Decrease oxygen affinity for hemoglobin:

- pH decrease
- 2,3-diphosphoglycerate (DPG)

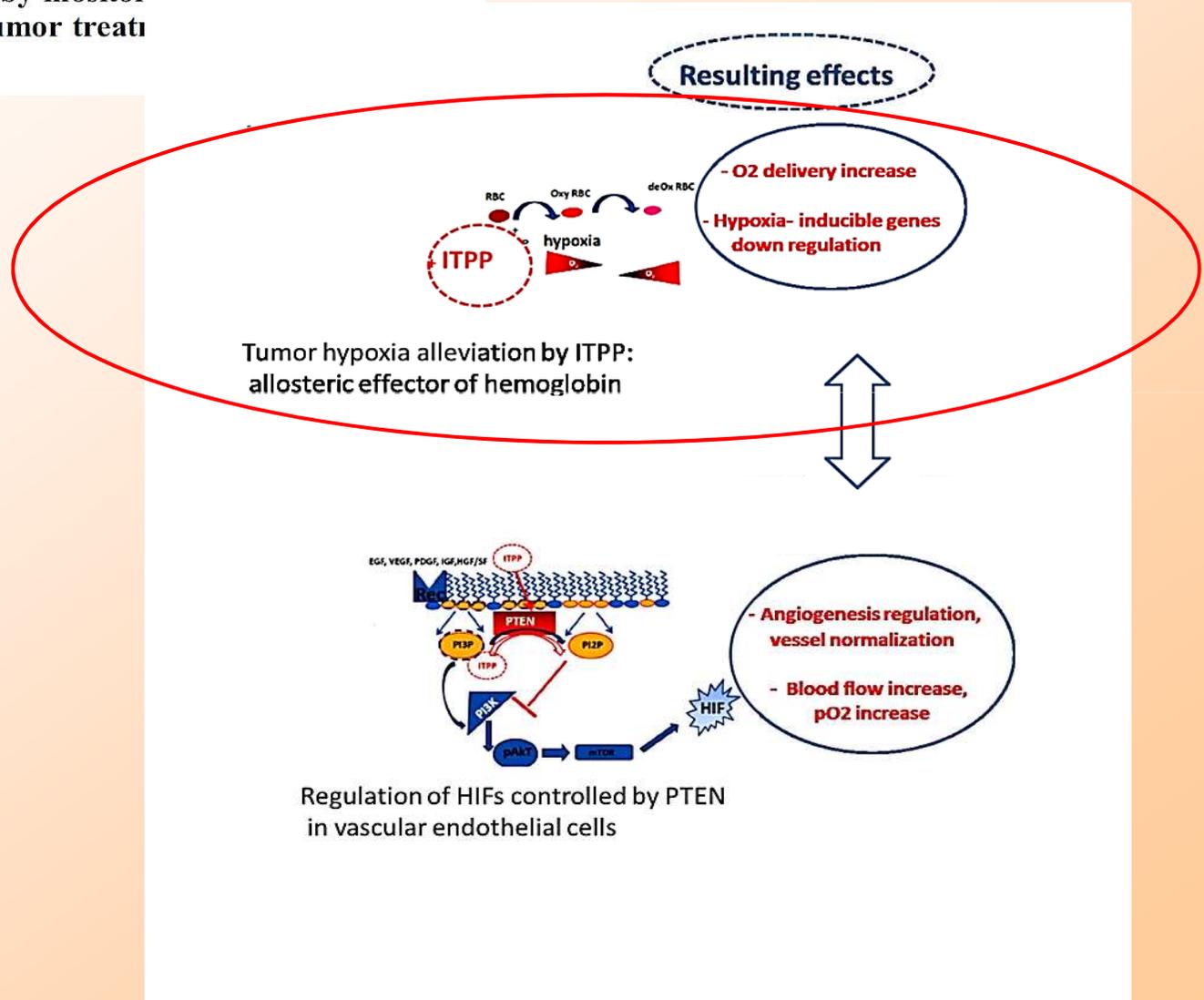


Cyclic pyrophosphate able to be delivered into RBCs



Stable tumor vessel normalization with pO₂ increase and endothelial PTEN activation by inositol trispyrophosphate brings novel tumor treat

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myo-Inositol Trispyrophosphate (ITPP): A novel allosteric effector of hemoglobin with high permeation selectivity across the red blood cell plasma membrane:

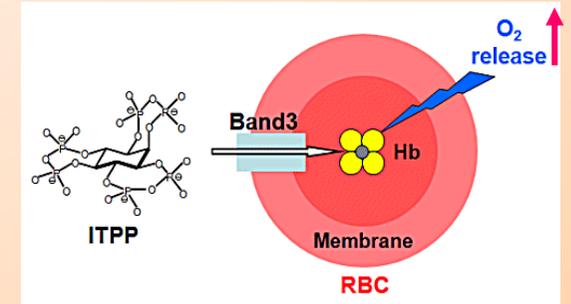
ITPP uptake is mediated by Band 3 protein

(Duarte CD et al, Chembiochem. 2010)

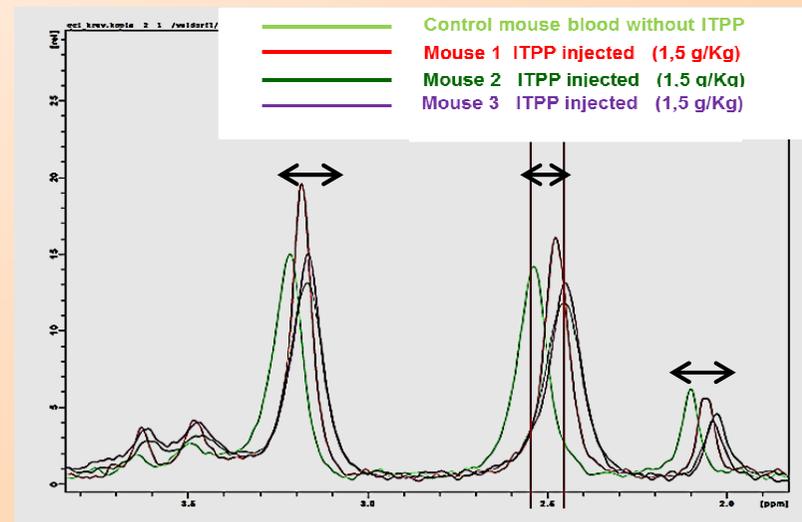
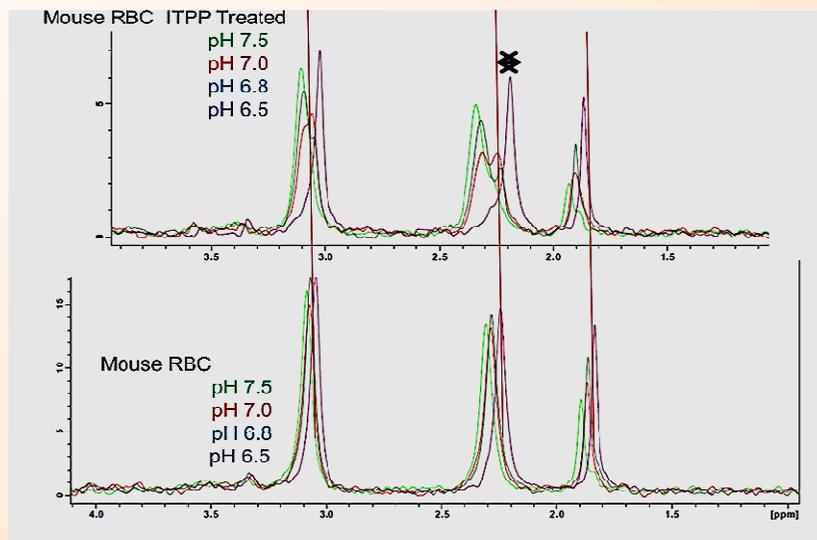
Band 3: anion exchanger (AE1) mediates oxygen-regulated metabolic transitions in RBC

Elevates glycolytic fluxes in deoxygenated erythrocytes by displacing the glycolytic enzymes from their inhibitory site on Band 3
(Lewis et al, PNAS 2009)

Lowers the pH in RBC ?

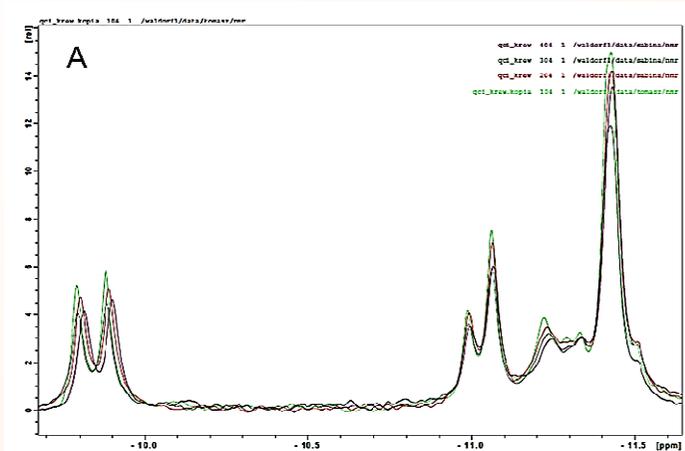


31P NMR analysis 2,3 DPG region chemical shifts acidification

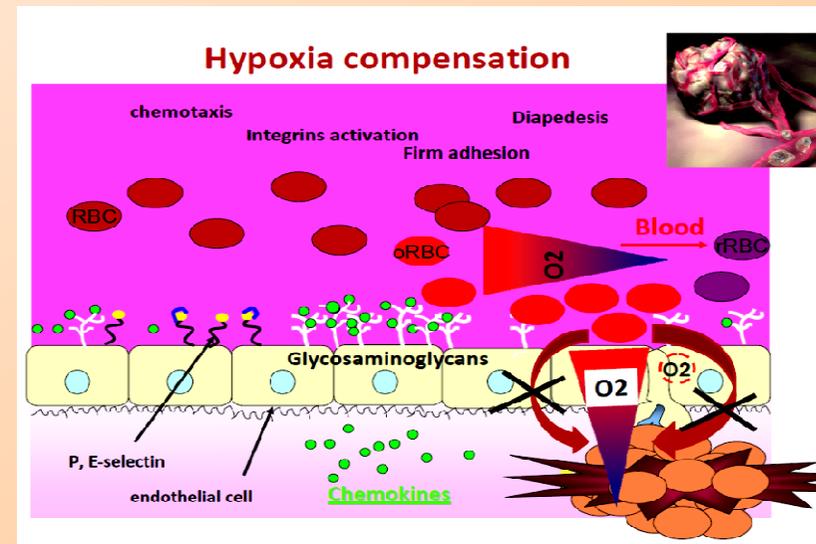
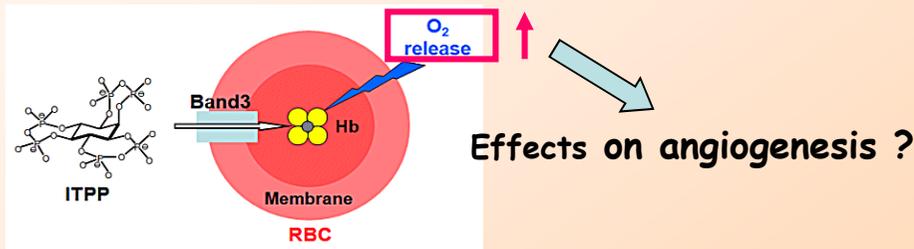
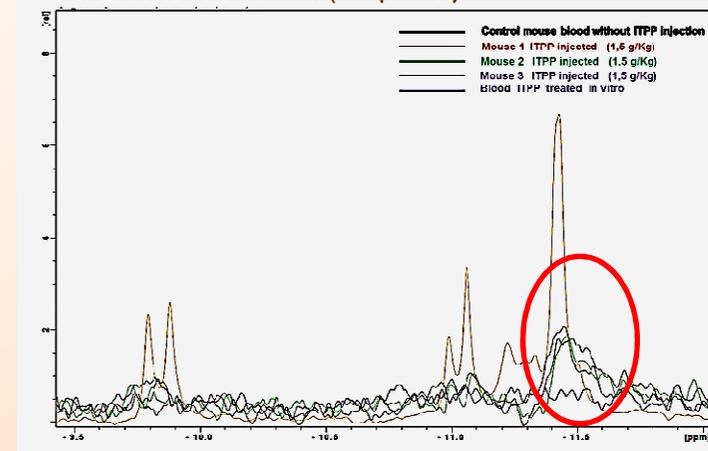


NMR ITPP detection in vivo

Analysis in the ITPP region of resonance (-9 to -16ppm)
 Analysis of mouse blood (104 to 404) pH from 7.5 to 6.5: ITPP added *in vitro* 30mg/mL of blood:



Analysis in the ITPP region of resonance (-9 to -16ppm)
 Analysis of mouse blood of mice treated by ITPP in vivo 1,5 G/Kg
 ITPP-treated blood in vitro (sample 104)



New strategies for imaging angiogenesis structure and functions

Evolution of angiogenesis: an important target for novel anticancer therapeutics..... new challenges for *in vivo imaging*

Optical methods : bioluminescence , fluorescence

Whole animal imaging : functions MRI, MRA, DCEMRI, BOLD MRI

Multi modal imaging

In clinical practice:

- angiogenesis imaging in diagnosis, staging and response monitoring
- assessment of angiogenic process /structural / functional and molecular levels, before, during and after antiangiogenic therapy.

Photoacoustic Oxygen Saturation

Tumor oxygen saturation and hemoglobin concentration can be quantified. Overall, the tumor has very high oxygen saturation. ROIs were drawn for the whole tumor (green) and for a more hypoxic center region (blue).

Blood Oxygen Level Dependent BOLD MRI assessment

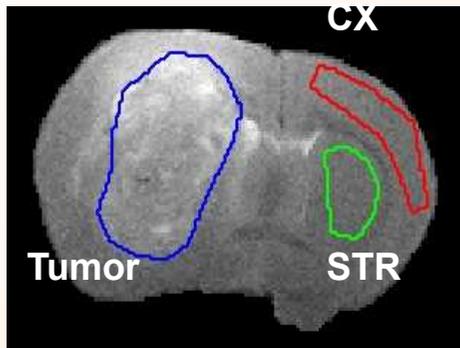
Tumor Model and Treatment: Tumor F98-Fischer Rat

Treatment start: T0, 23 days after tumor inoculation: D23

MRI parameters:

On 3 Regions of Interest (ROI): Cortex (CX), Striatum (STR) and Tumor

- anatomy with T_2W map
- apparent diffusion constant (ADC) ~ oedema, necrosis
- cerebral blood volume (CBV)
- cerebral blood flow (CBF)
- integrity of the vascular wall ("permeability"): area under curve after Gd-DOTA injection ($AUC_{Gd-DOTA}$)
- tissue oxygen saturation (SO_2) ~ hypoxia
- cerebral metabolic rate of oxygen ($CMRO_2$) ~ oxygen consumption

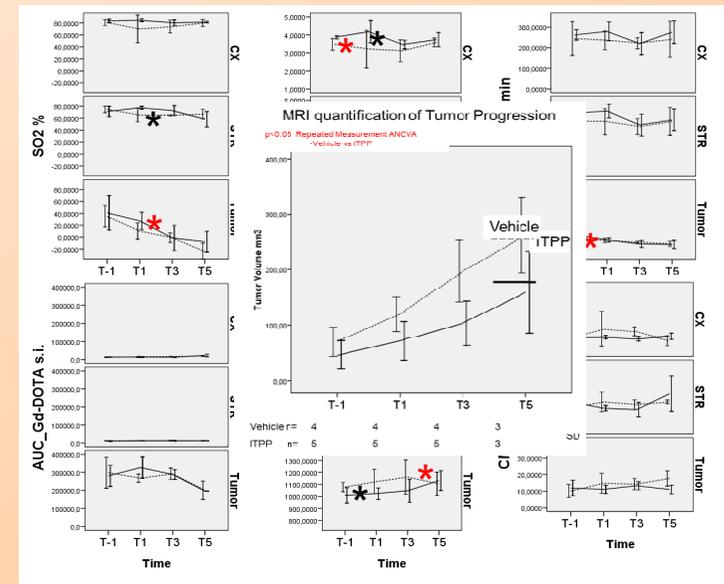


MRI follow-up:

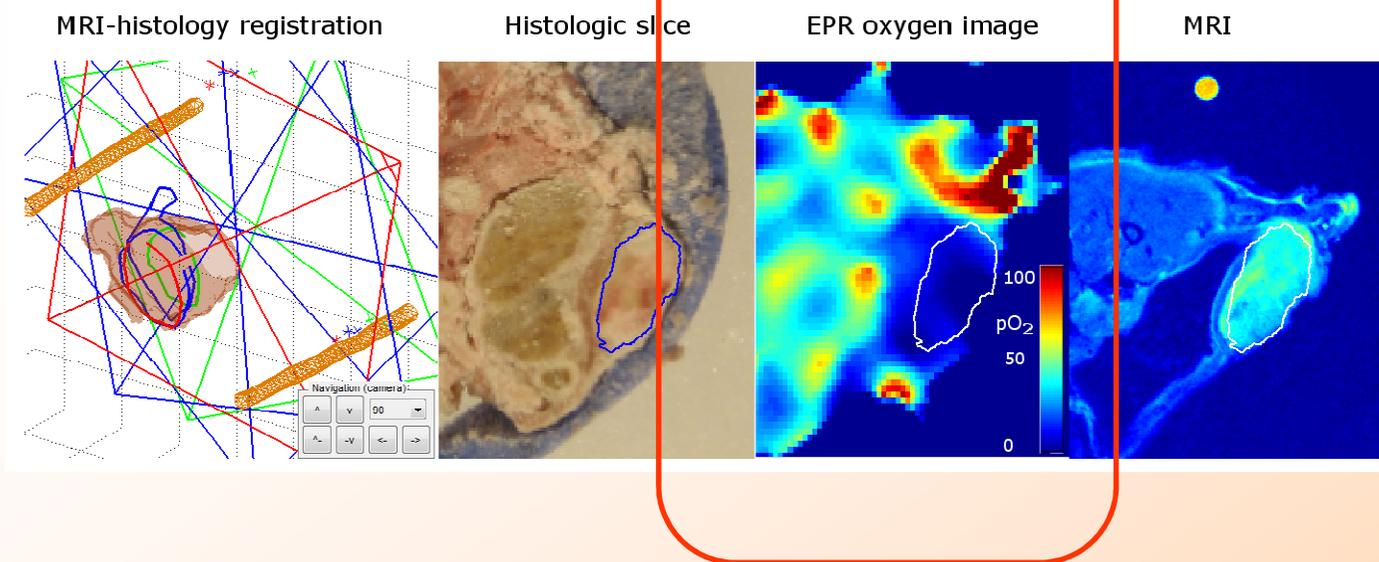
D22T-1, D24T1, D26T3, D28T5

Value intervals for each MRI map

ADC	0/5000 $\mu m^2/sec$
CBV	0/20 %
CBF	0/400 mL/100g/min
SO2	-150/100 %
$AUC_{Gd-DOTA}$	0/1 250 000 s.i.
CMRO2	0/100 mL/100g/min
R2prim	0/30 sec^{-1}

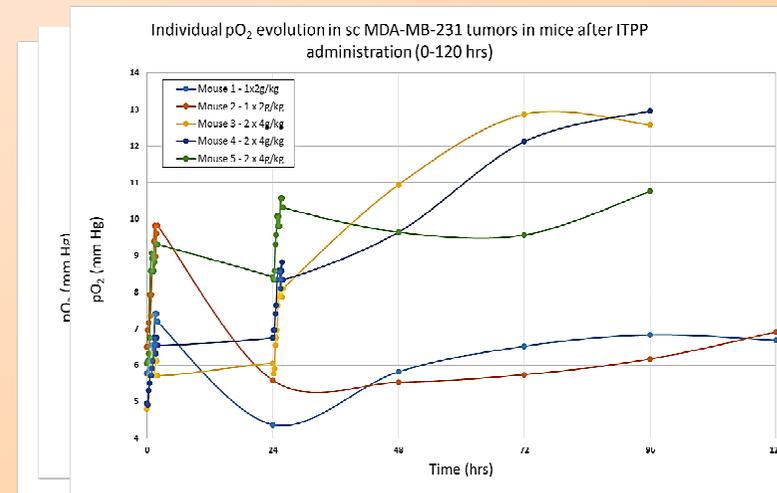


* $p < 0.05$ ANOVA,
 Vehicle vs ITPP
 * $p < 0.1$ ANOVA,
 Vehicle vs ITPP



Real PO₂ value
Non invasive
Trityl iv perfusion

Model	Baseline value	During carbogen breathing	Improvement (%)
9L-Glioma	8.8 ± 1.1	16.6 ± 1.9	89%
Rhabdomyosarcomas	5.3 ± 0.7	8.7 ± 0.6	64%
SiHa - squamous cell carcinoma (cervix)	4.9 ± 1.1	16.0 ± 2.3	227%
MDA-MB-231 Adenocarcinoma (mammary)	3.8 ± 2.0	9.9 ± 0.9	161%
NT2 - Mouse mammary tumor	4.8 ± 3.0	7.9 ± 0.8	65%
FSall - mouse fibrosarcoma	5.3 ± 0.3	8.0 ± 0.3	51%



**Stabilization of the elevated pO₂ corresponds to stable vessel normalization:
effects on tumor evolution**

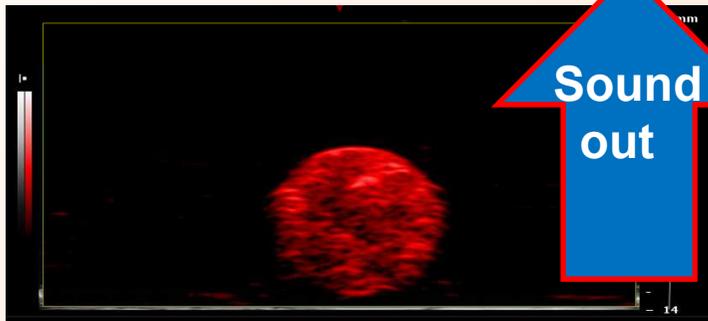
The Photoacoustic Effect

Visual Sonics

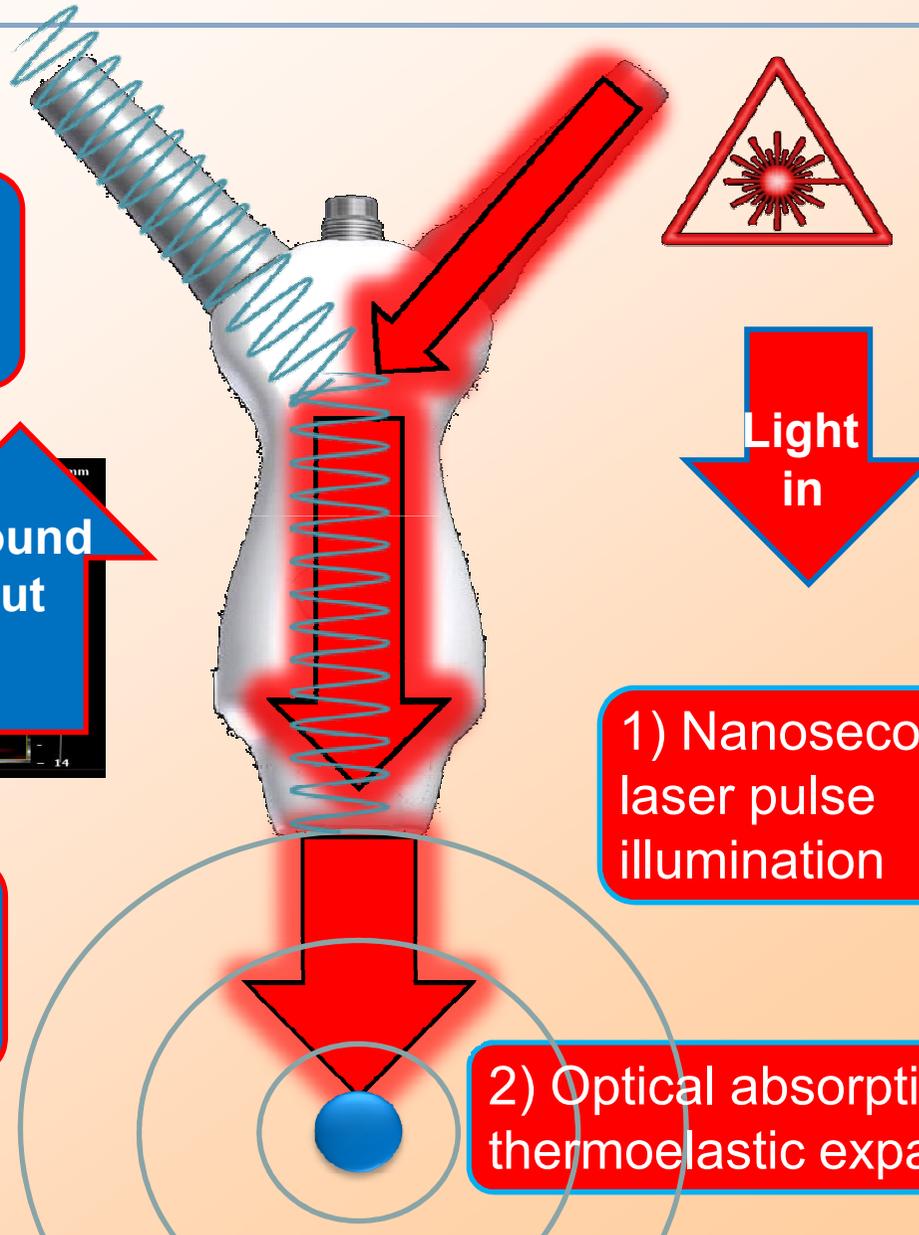
Ultrasound

Optical

4) Detection of ultrasound and creation of image



3) Emitted pressure (sound) wave

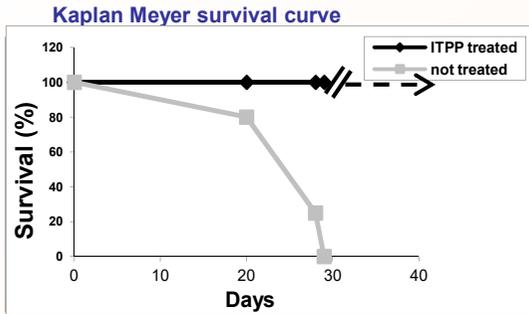


1) Nanosecond laser pulse illumination

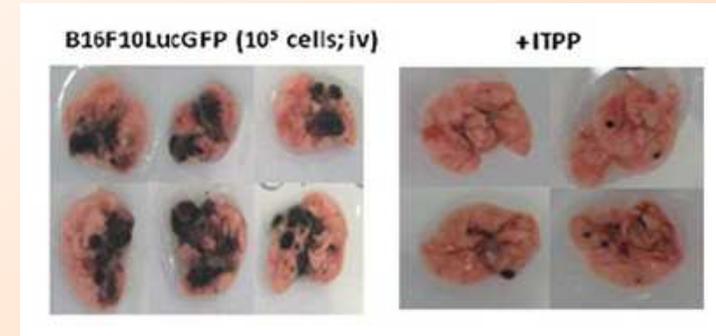
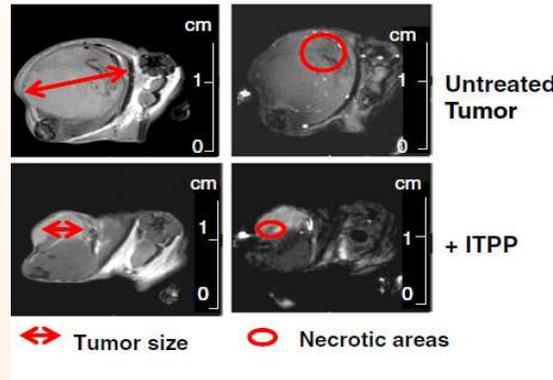
2) Optical absorption, heating and thermoelastic expansion



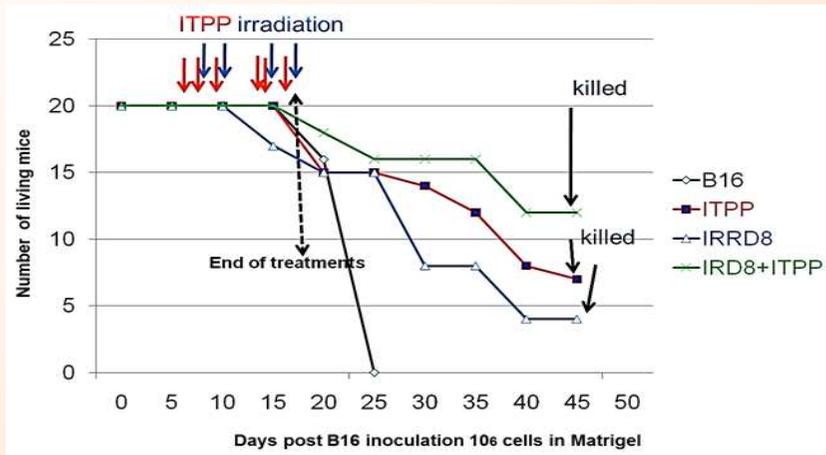
Hypoxia compensation affects tumor cell resistance



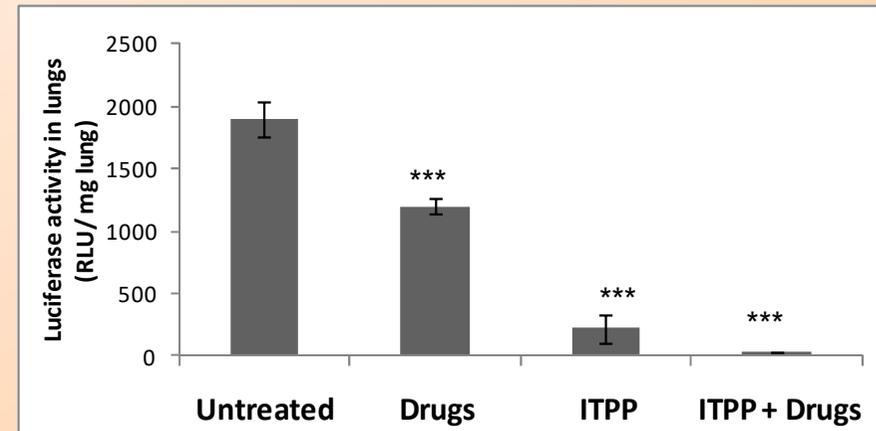
D0: B16 Luc cells injection
 D 7,8 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29: ITPP injection



Irradiation



Synergy on Drug effect

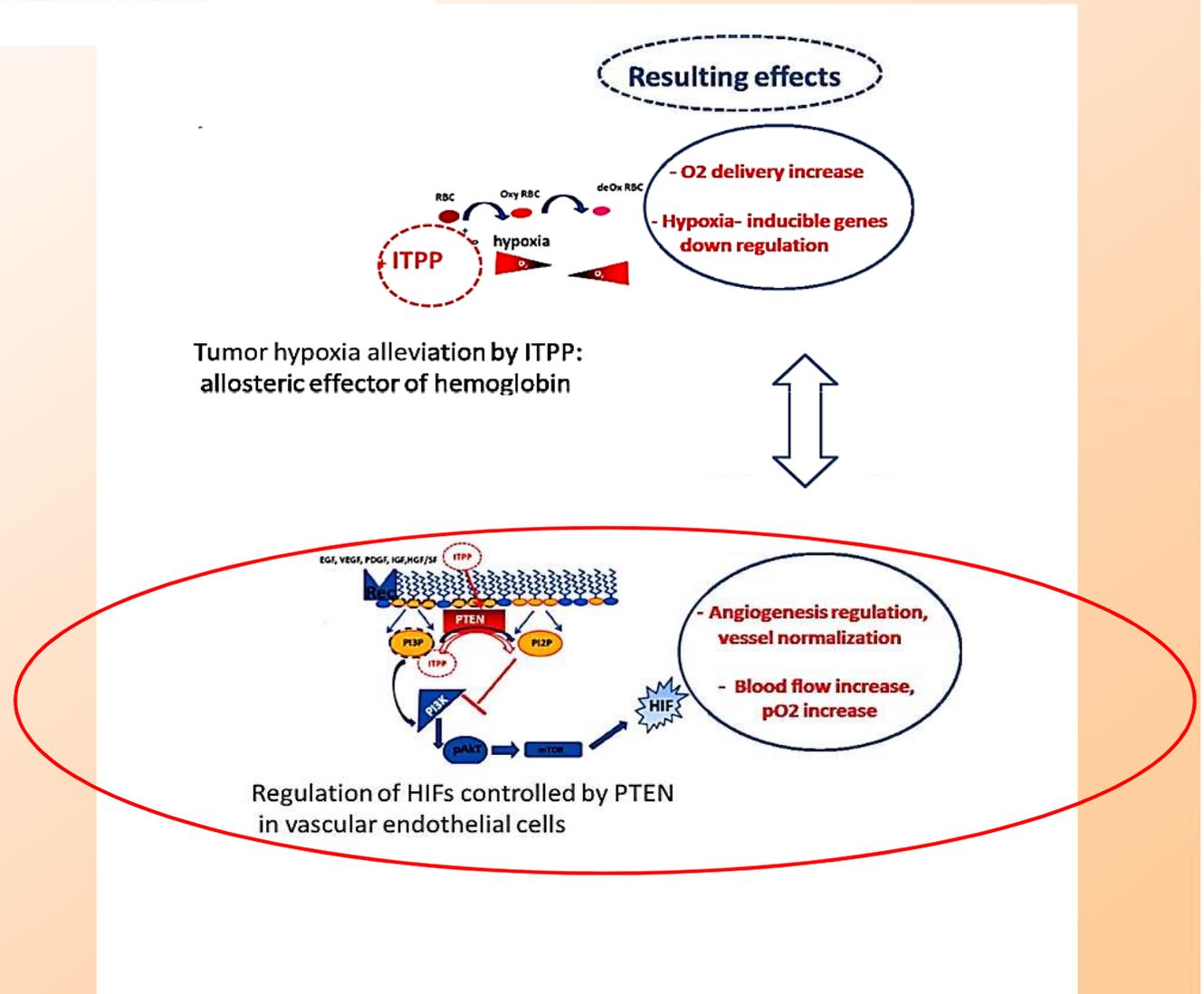


Molecular mechanism:

- 1) pO₂ increase
 - 2) endothelial PTEN activation
- stable vessel normalization

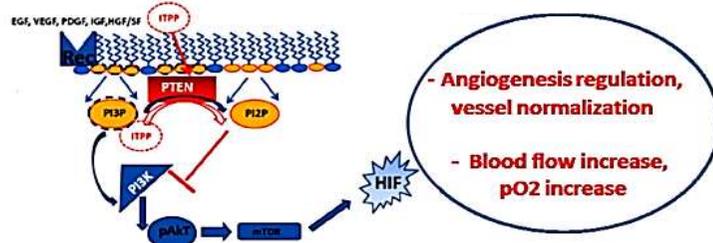
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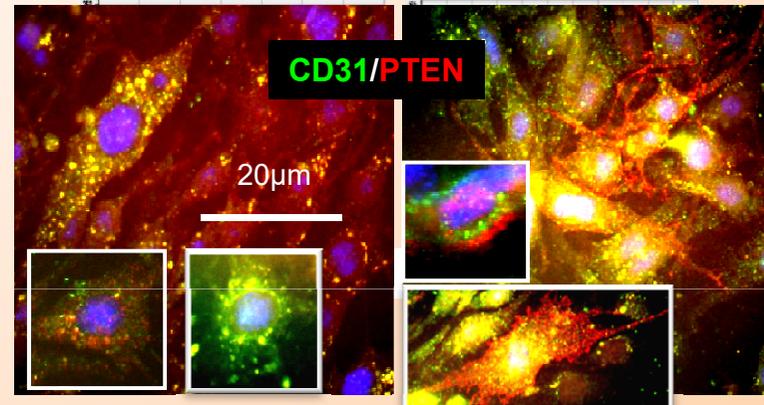
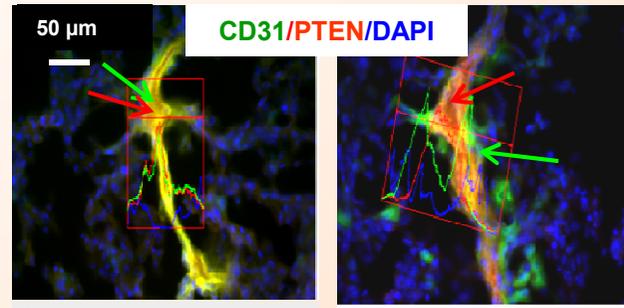


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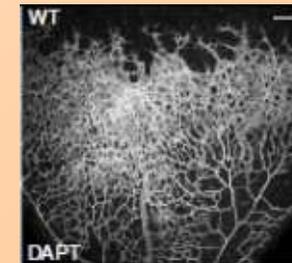
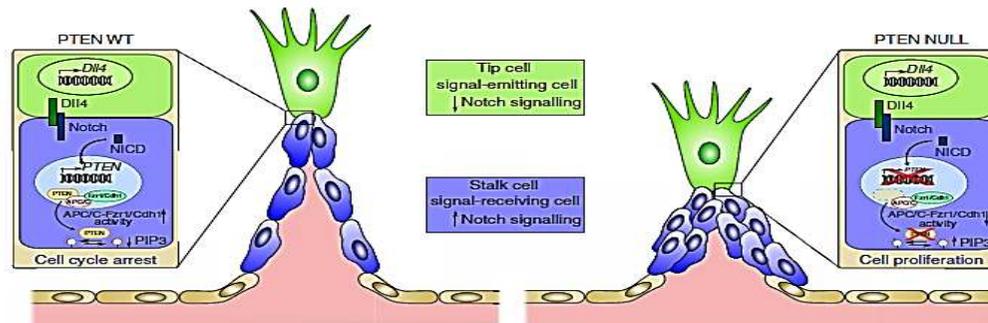
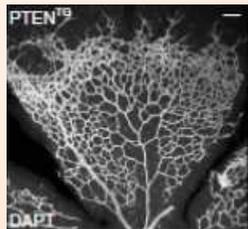


Regulation of HIFs controlled by PTEN in vascular endothelial cells



Is ITPP a ligand for PTEN ?

Effect on angiogenesis in hypoxia: Notch4/PTEN mediating stalk cell arrest



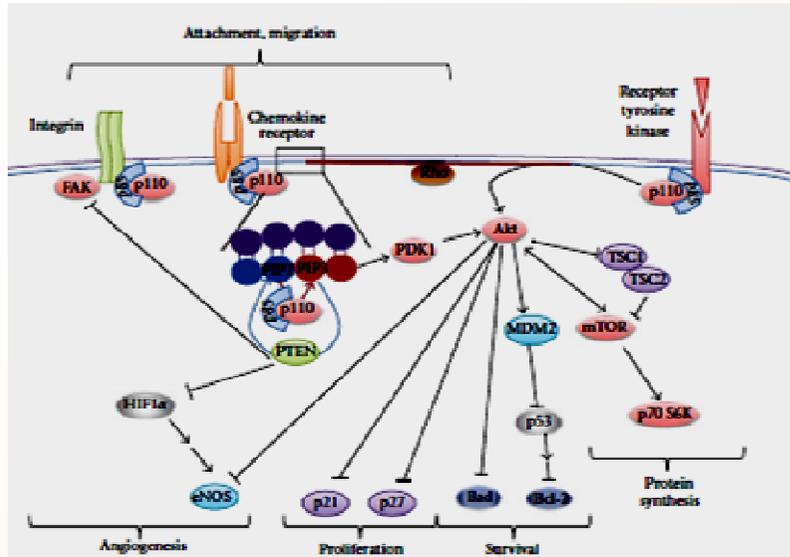


FIGURE 2: The PI3 kinase pathway and PTEN.

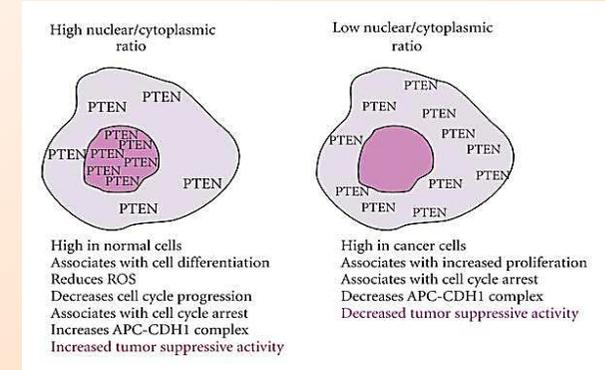
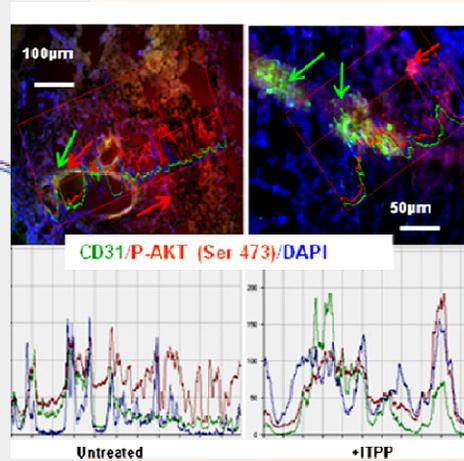
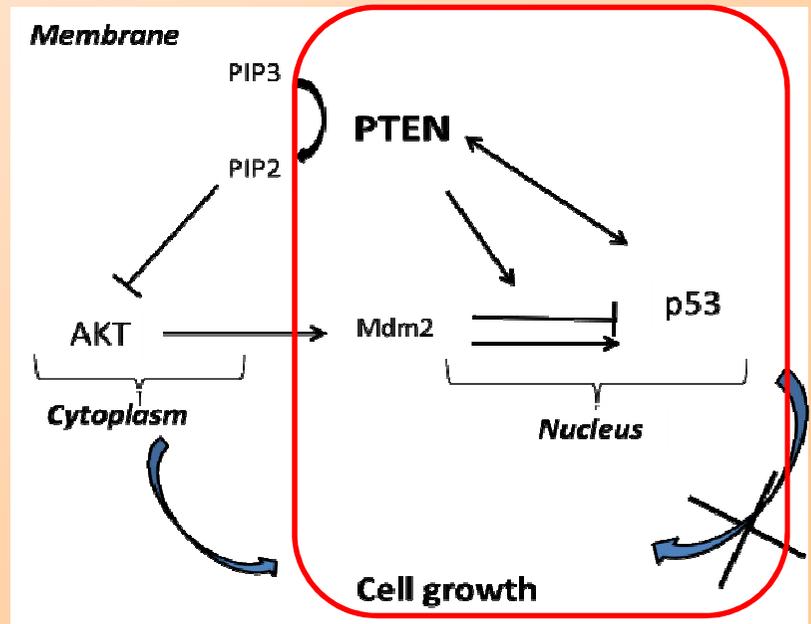


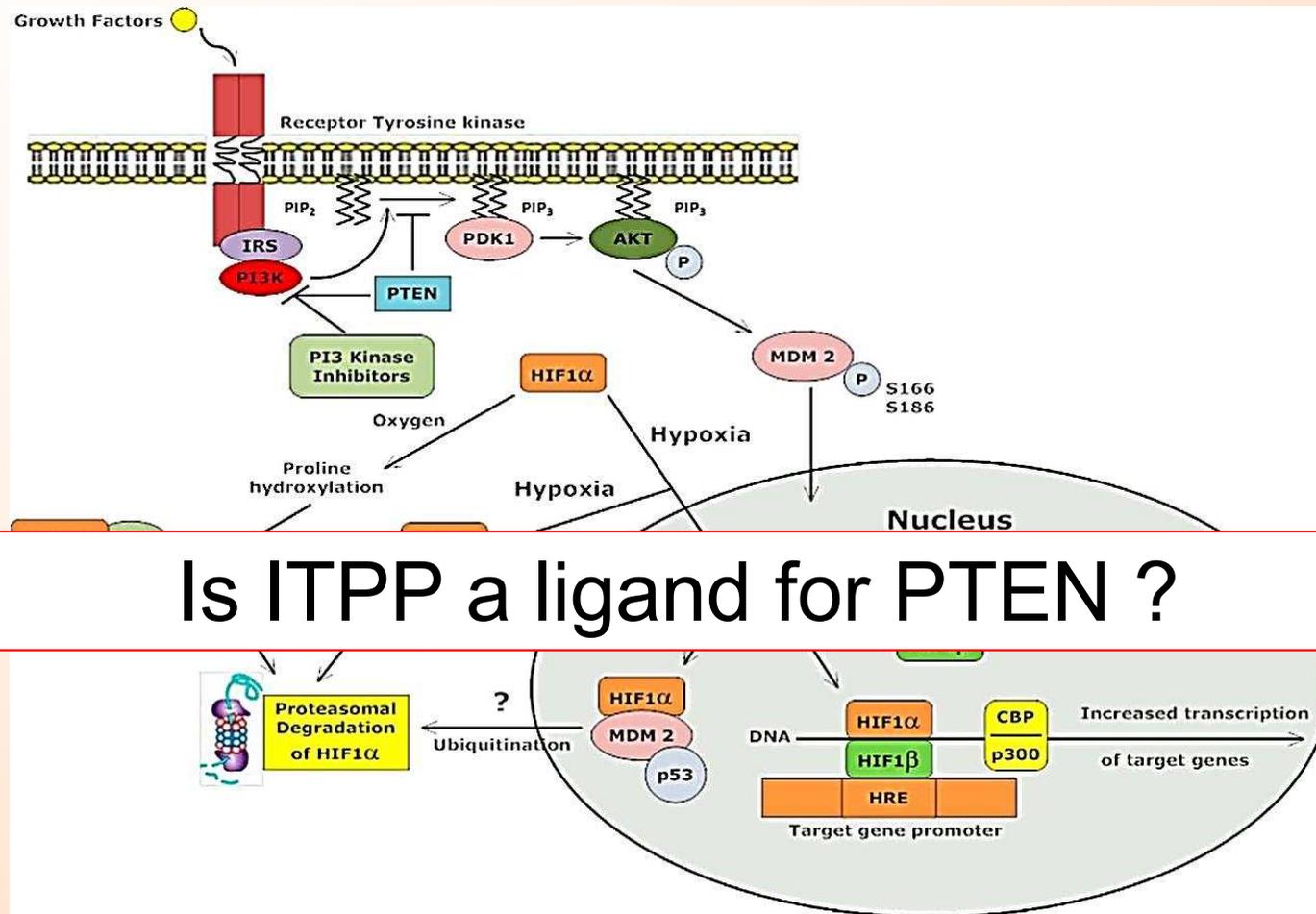
TABLE 2: Clinical trials having shown an impact of the PTEN status on the response to cancer treatment.

Type of cancer	Metastatic form	Treatments
Colorectal	×	Cetuximab, panitumab Cetuximab (+irinotecan)
Breast	×	Trastuzumab, lapatinib Trastuzumab Endocrine therapy
Glioblastoma		Gefitinib, erlotinib Erlotinib + temozolomid
Gastric	×	Streptozotocin, doxorubicin, 5-fluorouracil, etoposide/cisplatinum Streptozotocin, doxorubicin
Lung	×	Gefitinib, erlotinib Gefitinib, erlotinib
Pancreas		Gemcitabine
Esophageal		5-fluoropyrimidine, taxane, platinum, PI3K pathway inhibitor

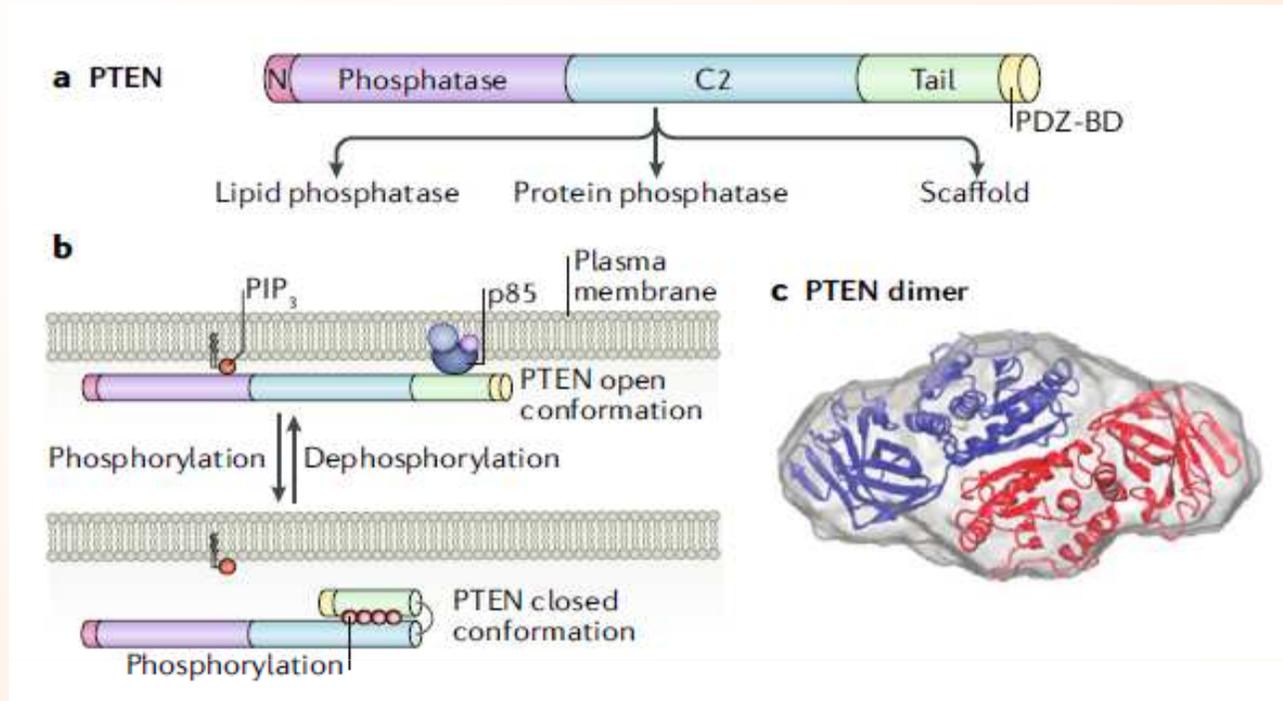


Important to stabilize PTEN activation

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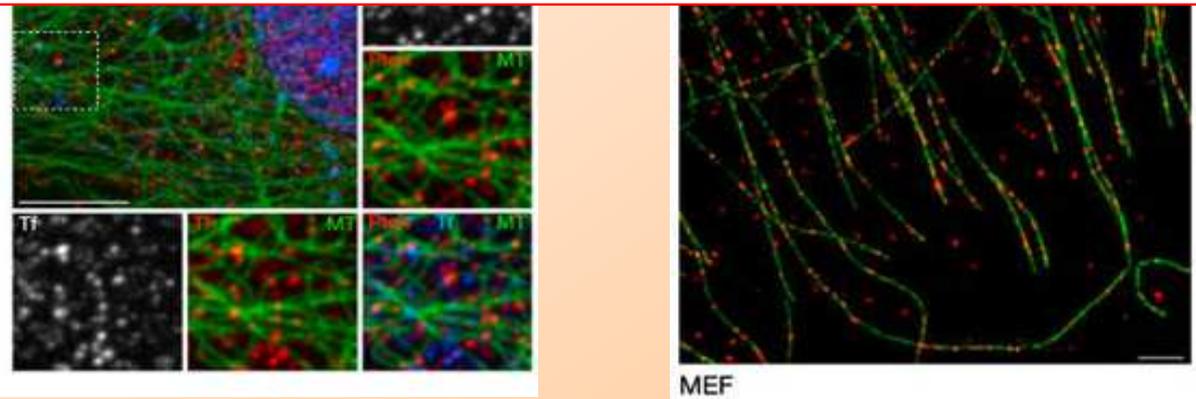


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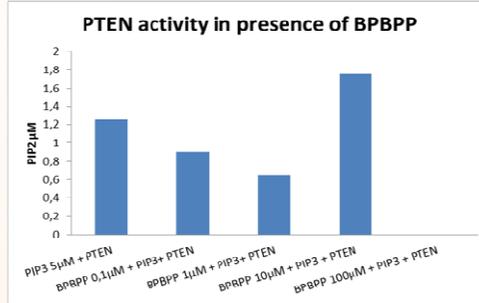
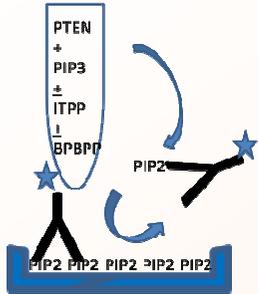
MEF confocal Pten MT super-resolution

Is ITPP a ligand for PTEN ?



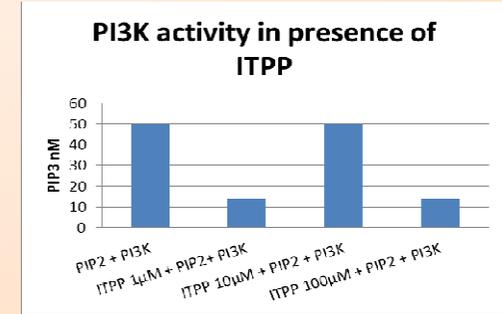
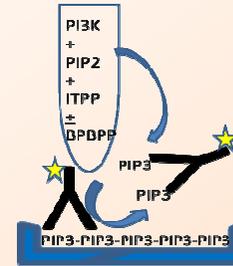
Activity is measured as the inhibitory effect of antibody binding to PIP2

Experiment settings for PTEN phosphatase activity



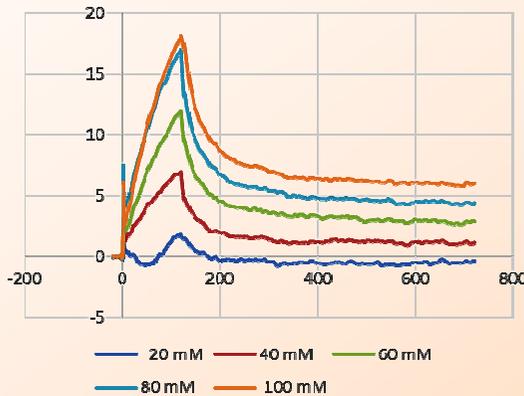
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Experiment settings for PI3K activity

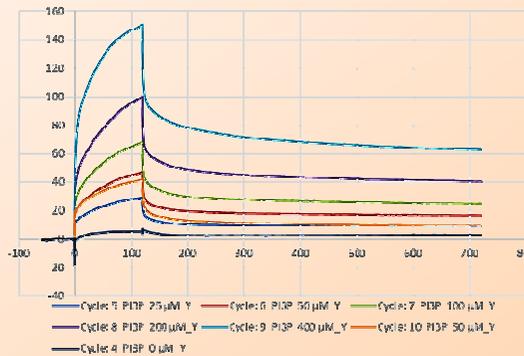


Surface plasmon resonance analysis of ITPP/PTEN kinetics

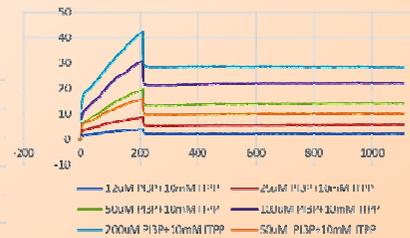
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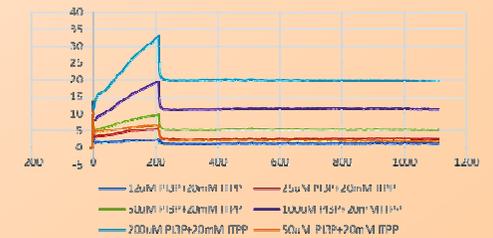
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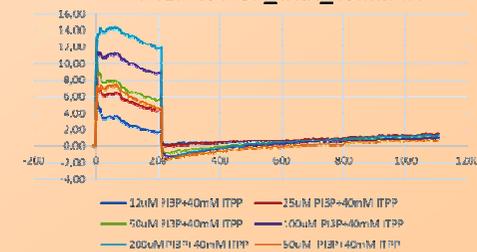
PTEN vs PI3P_with_10mM ITPP



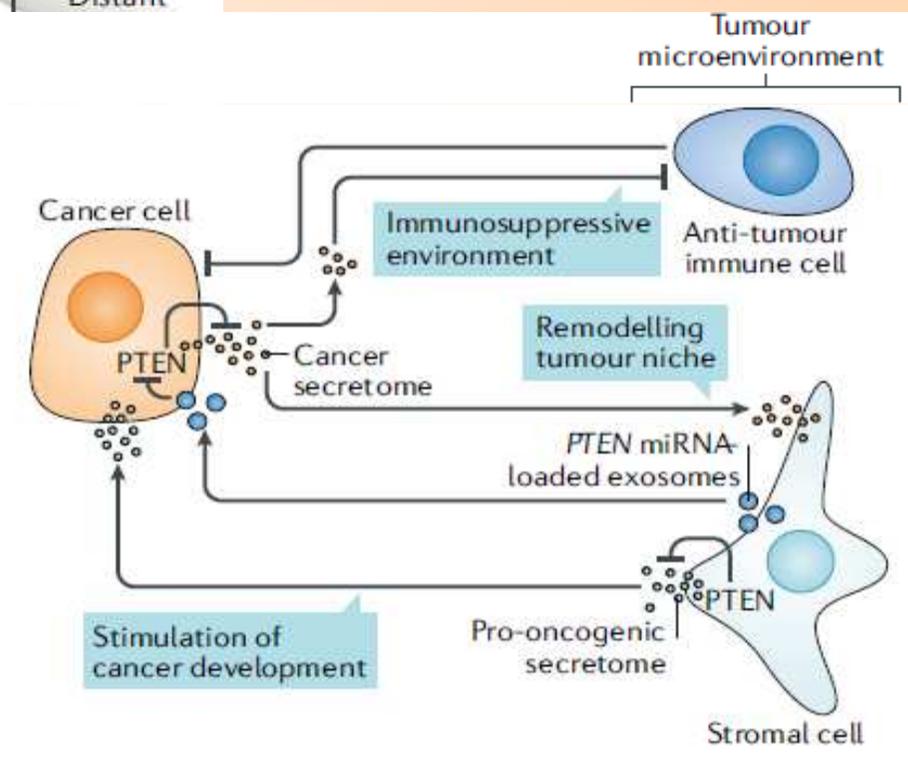
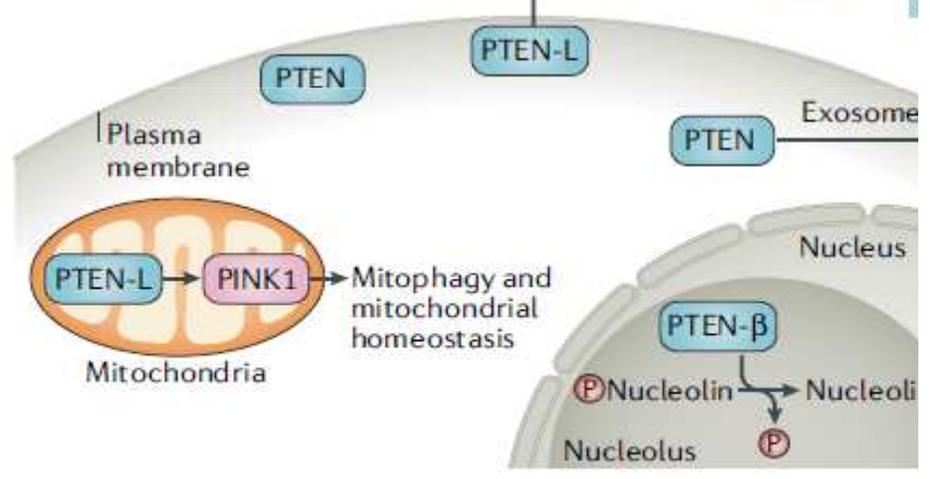
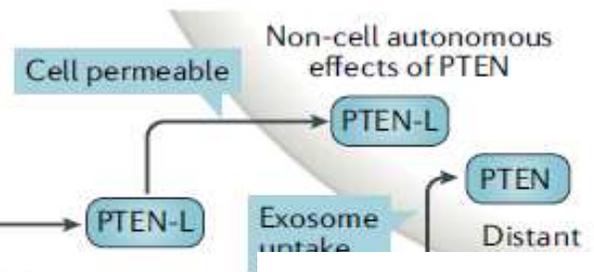
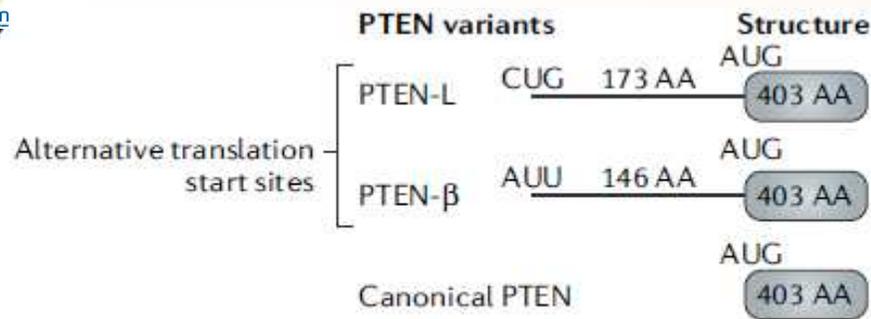
PTEN vs PI3P_with_20mM ITPP



PTEN vs PI3P_with_40mM ITPP

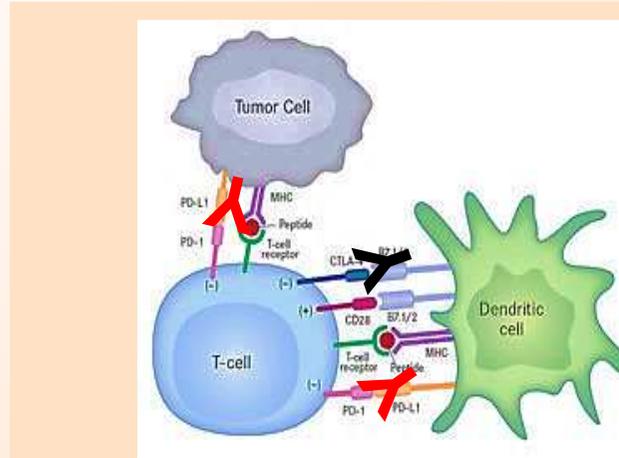


ITPP is a ligand for PTEN, allosteric phosphatase activator /inhibitor for PI3K



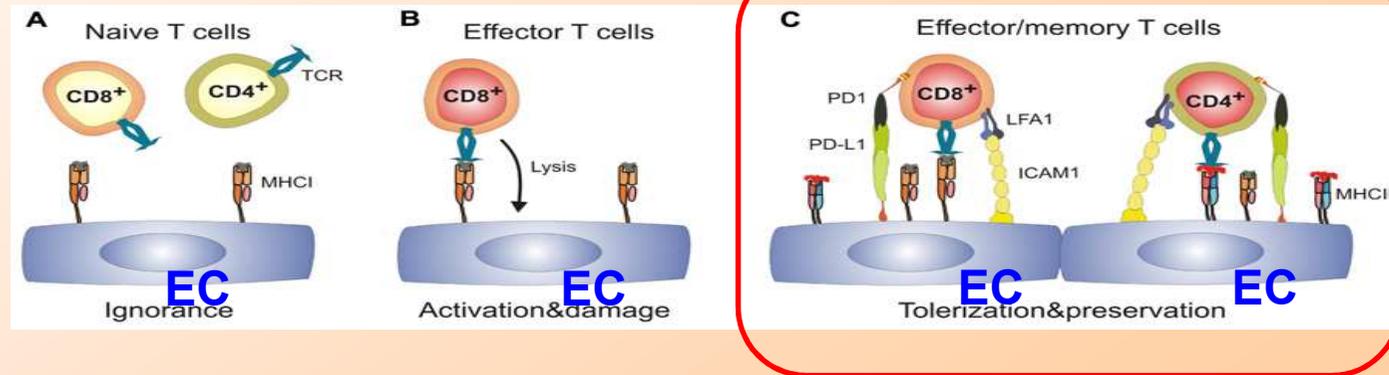
Hypoxia compensation and immune response

Endothelial cells induce tolerance via PD-L1/2 (Tewalt et al. Blood 2012) in **HYPOXIA**
 PD1 Ligands expression is controlled by PTEN



Anti PD1, anti PD-L1/L2

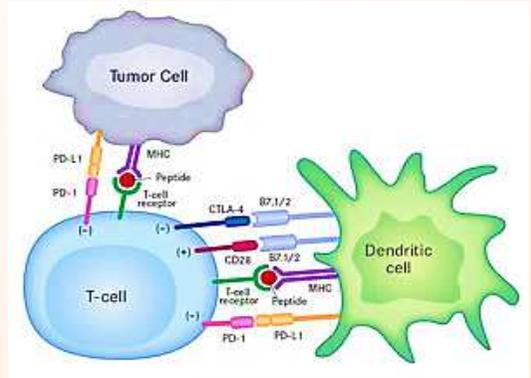
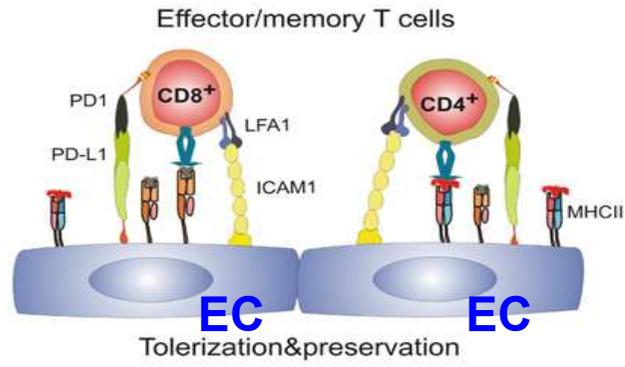
Anti CTLA4



PD1/PDL1/2 is hypoxia mediated

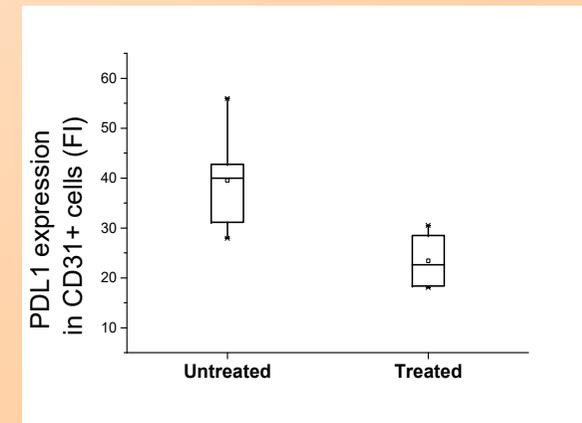
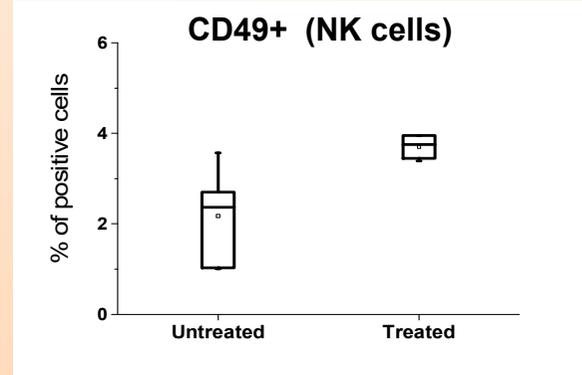
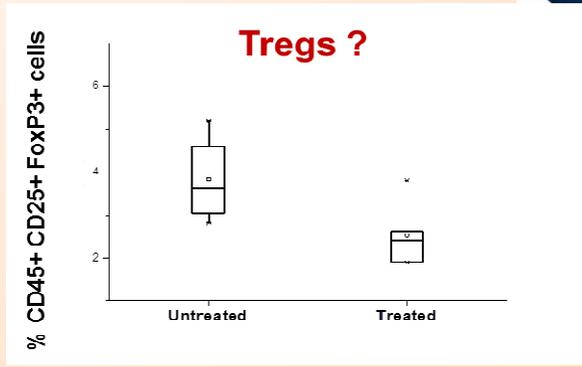
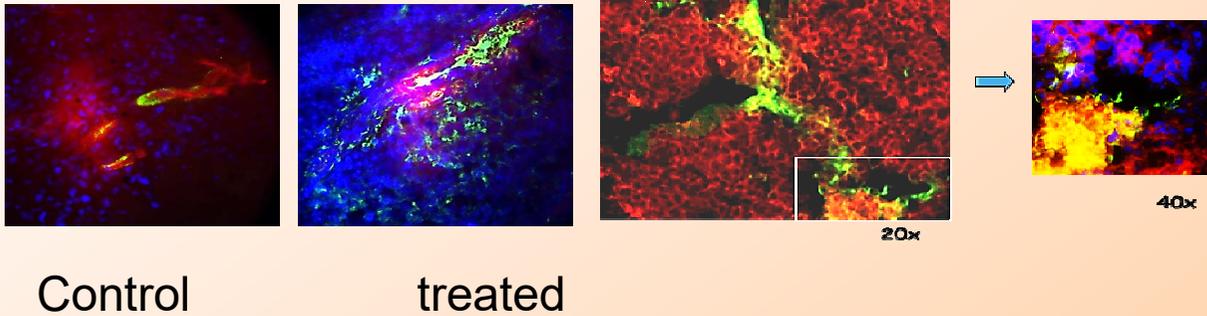
PD-L1 is a novel direct target of HIF-1a, and its blockade under hypoxia enhanced MDSC-mediated T cell activation Noman et al. JEM 2014

O₂ increase: in ECs PTEN is activated and express less PD1 Ligands



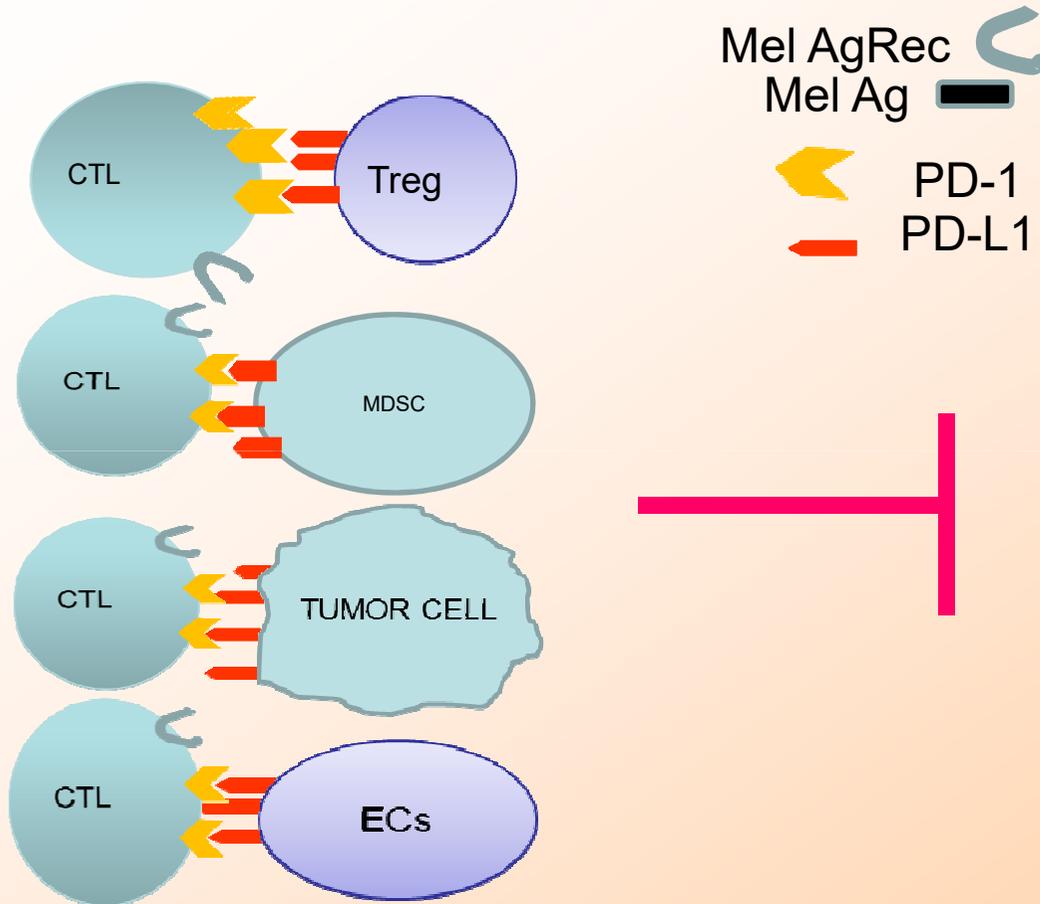
Endothelial cells induce tolerance via PD-L1/2 in HYPOXIA

NKs in tumors B16F10



O₂ increased ECs express less PD1 Ligands

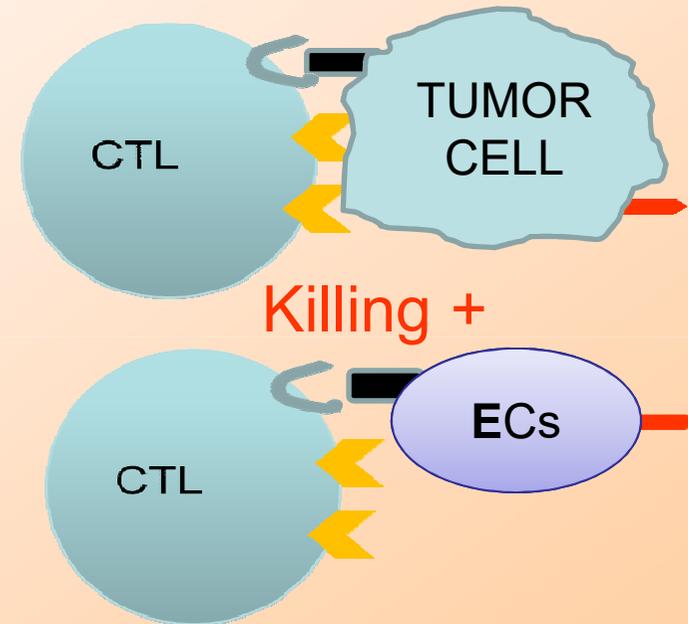
Hypoxia destroys the CTL-specific killing



Hypoxia induced PD-L1/2 expression
Increases suppression by Tumor cells, Tregs, MDSC and ECs

Treatment by :

hypoxia compensation



Killing +

Killing restoration of tumor cells
Tumor endothelial cells
PD-L1 expression is modulated
in Ecs and tumor cells as melanoma

Other immune checkpoints ?

Opportunities for pharmacological PTEN reactivation after partial or complete loss of *PTEN* expression

Applicable tumour type	Therapeutic intervention
Tumours with complete loss of <i>PTEN</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Administer PTEN-Long protein• Administer PTEN nanoparticles
Tumours with monoallelic <i>PTEN</i> deletion or intact <i>PTEN</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increase PTEN dimerization• Use drugs to increase the activity of PTEN transactivators• Inhibit <i>PTEN</i>-targeting microRNA• Derepress epigenetic silencing or histone deacetylation• Target E3 ligase to stabilize PTEN protein
Tumours with monoallelic <i>PTEN</i> mutation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Administer PTEN-Long protein• Administer PTEN nanoparticles• Block the dimerization between mutant and wild-type PTEN• Edit the <i>PTEN</i> gene to correct mutations or engineer into enhanced <i>PTEN</i> variants

Conclusion

The angiogenesis normalization-induced activation of endothelial PTEN opens the perspective of compensating the tumor suppressor default in tumors

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