

Investigational Medicinal Products (IMP)

Nucleic Acids, Genes, Cells and Peptides for Immune Gene Therapy of leukaemia, solid tumours and in regenerative medicine



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Licenced GMP facilities for the production of Cell & Gene based Investigational Medicinal Products (IMP) since 2001

- **Cancer Vaccination – gene modified cells**
- **CAR T Cell therapies – autologous**
- **CAR T cell therapies – allogeneic**

- Lysosomal storage disorders
- Metabolic disorders
- Neuromuscular disorders
- Transplant associated virus reactivations

ADCC :
Antibody Dependent Cellular Cytotoxicity

We have manufactured the largest number of viral vectors for clinical trials in Europe

New GMP Facility, enabling parallel production of 2 different vectors, to go into production in Q4 2019.

- Potentially doubling the manufacturing capacity

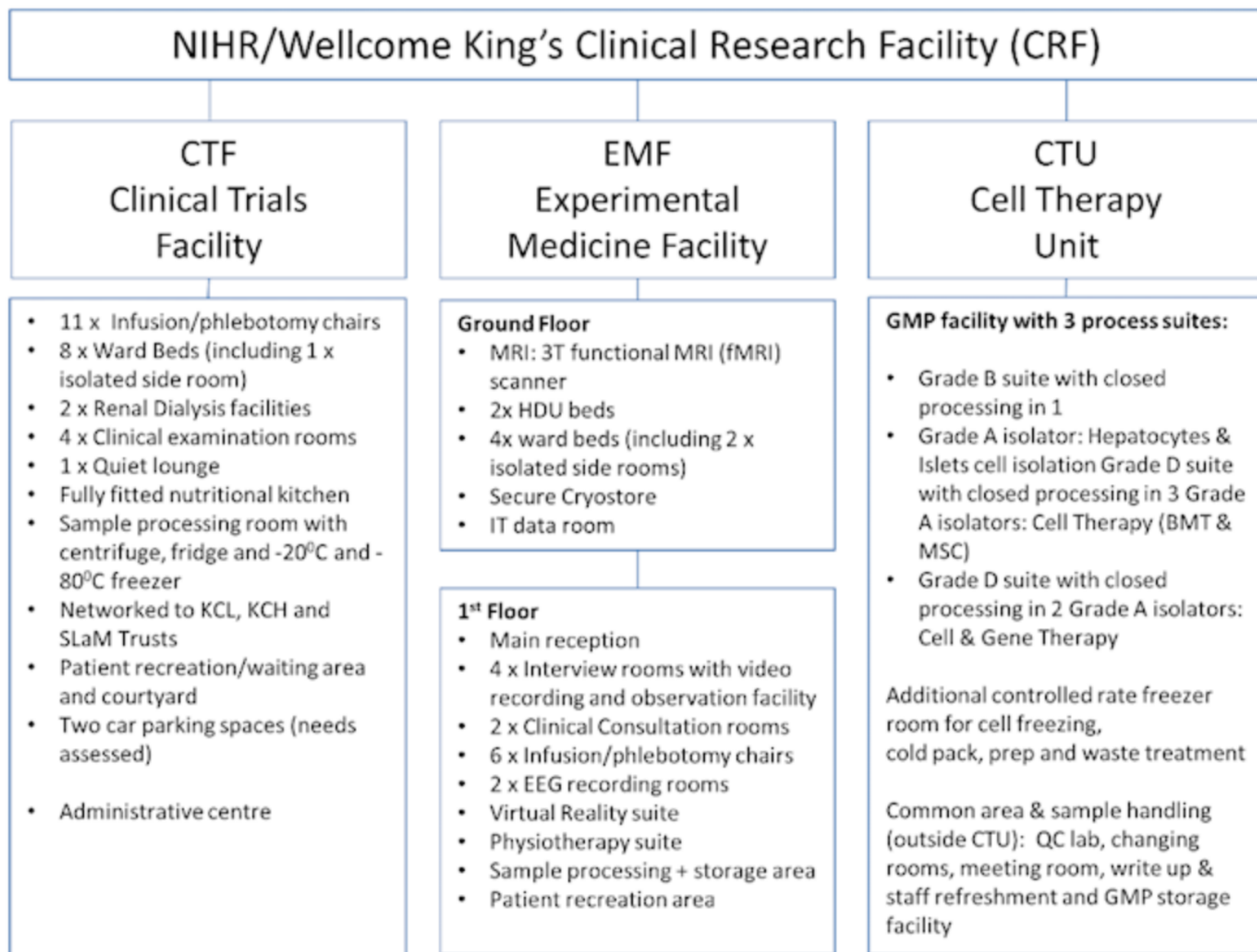
Small-scale manufacturing facility for rapid transition of large numbers of gene therapy products to the clinic

.....plasmids to clinical viral vectors <6 months!

- Peptide library (hTERT) therapeutic vaccine against solid tumours
- BiTE antibody manufacture for Phase-I/II trial in 2020
- Small scale AAV in 2020
- DNA vaccines Brain Tumours: in clinic

- Gene Editing: **Crisper**
- BMSC for MS
- Hepatocyte /Islet Transplant

CRF



King's Advanced Medicine Programme

Investigational Medicinal Products (IMP)



Cell Therapy Unit (CTU)

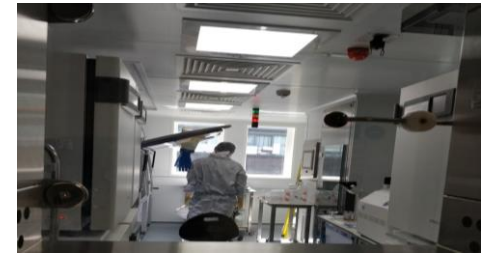
GMP facility with three process suites contains:

- * Grade B suite with closed processing in 1 Grade A isolator: Hepatocytes and Islets cell isolation
- * Grade D suite with closed processing in 3 Grade A isolators: Cell Therapy (BMT & MSC)
- * Grade D suite with closed processing in 2 Grade A isolators: Cell & Gene Therapy



Cell Therapy Suite (CTS) (GMP Production Facility)

- * GMP production facility since 2001
- * Licensed by the Human Tissue Authority (HTA) for the procurement, storage, human use, import and export of cell therapy based products.
- * licensed by the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA)
- * “Specials License” (MS) for the production of cell and gene therapy products for their off-trial clinical use. Both the MS and MA IMP licenses have import and export permits.



5 pillars of cancer treatment

1- Surgery

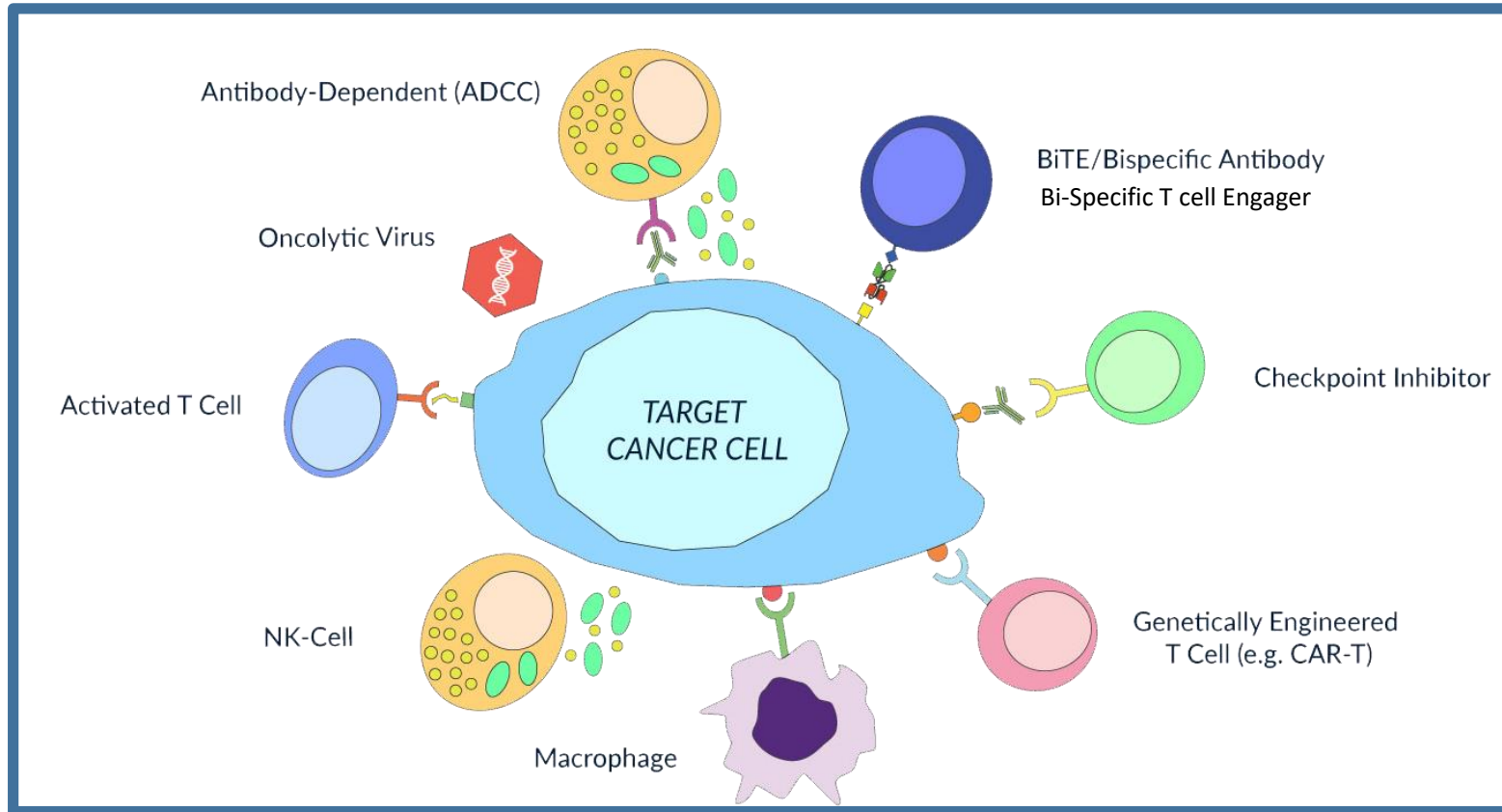
2- Radiotherapy

3- Chemotherapy

4-Targeted therapy

5- Immuno-oncology (IO) looks set to become the fifth pillar of cancer treatment

Immune System and targeting cancer



Chimeric Antigen Receptors (CARs) for Immune Therapy of Cancer

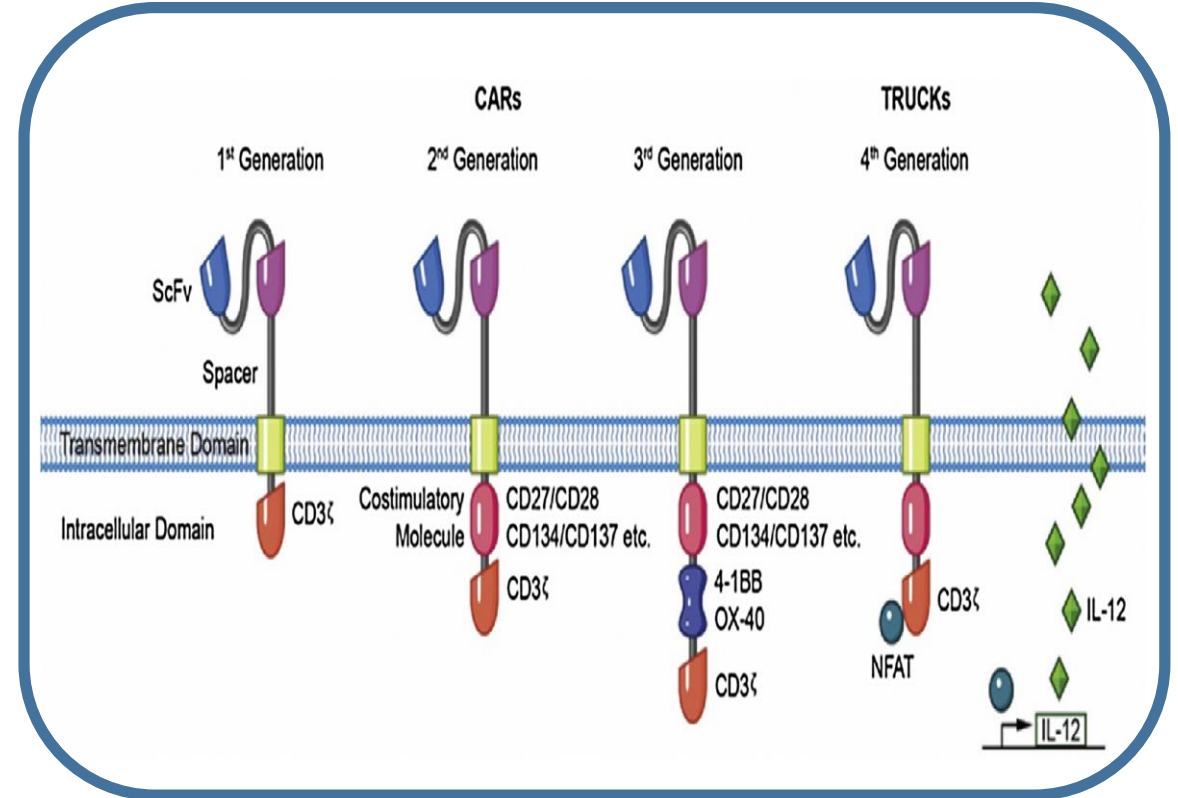
T cell activation requires the stimulation of multiple receptors – *i.e.* multiple keys need to be turned on simultaneously to enable antigen specific toxicity

CARs utilise synthetic receptors that provide several key signalling molecules as a result of encounter with cancer associated antigens

Better CAR T cells against solid tumours need:

- Enhanced trafficking and tumour infiltration
- Enhanced functional efficacy
- Increased resistance to tumour mediated immune suppression

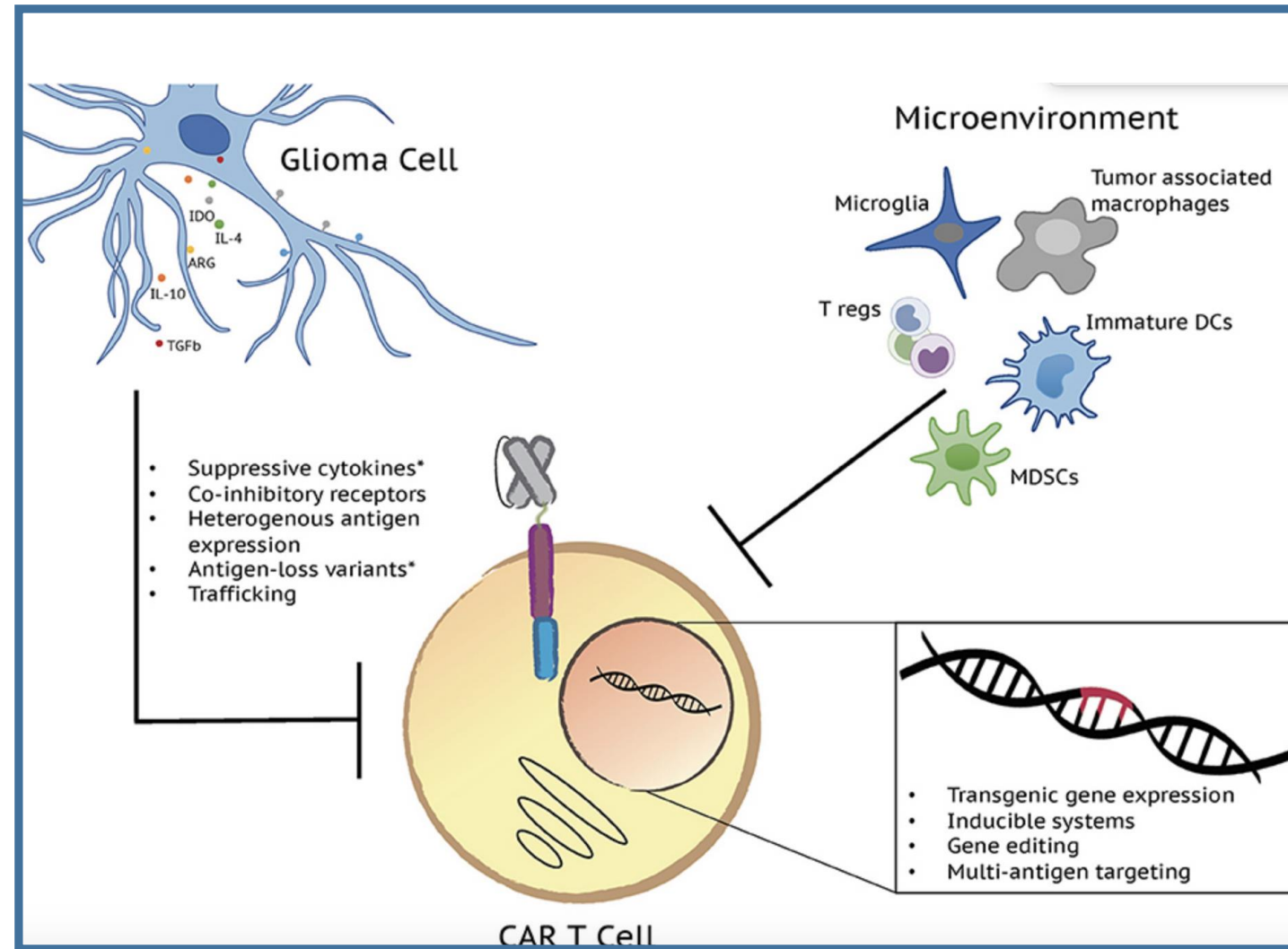
The **fourth generation** of **CAR-T cells** is known as **T-cells** redirected for universal cytokine-mediated killing (TRUCKs)



Aaron J. et al. Chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T cell therapy for malignant cancers :Summary and perspective. J. of Cellular immunotherapy, Volume 2, Issue 2, November 2016, Pages 59-68

Designer T cell lines for optimal safety, efficacy and standardisation of CAR T cell therapies

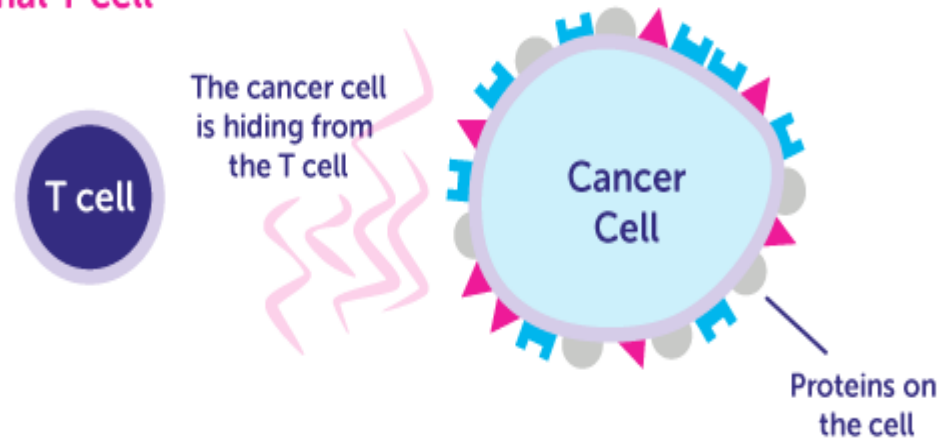
Next Gen



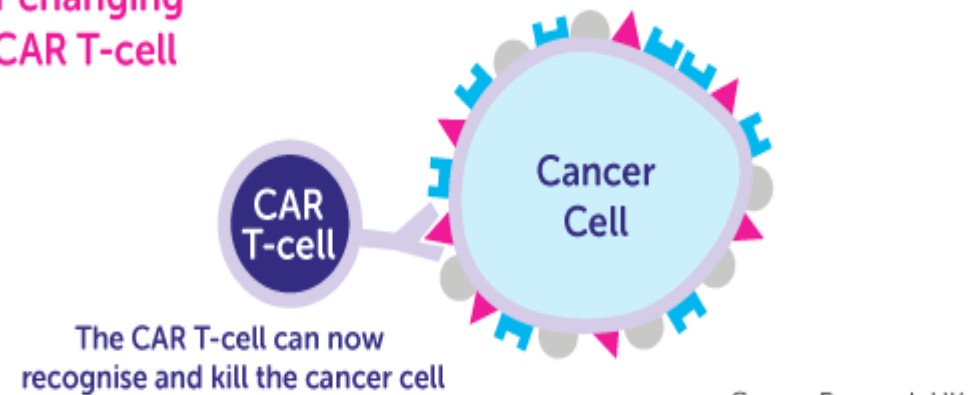
[Christopher T. Petersen](#) and [Giedre Krenciute](#)*

Next Generation CAR T Cells for the Immunotherapy of High-Grade Glioma. Front. Oncol., 26 February 2019

1. Normal T cell



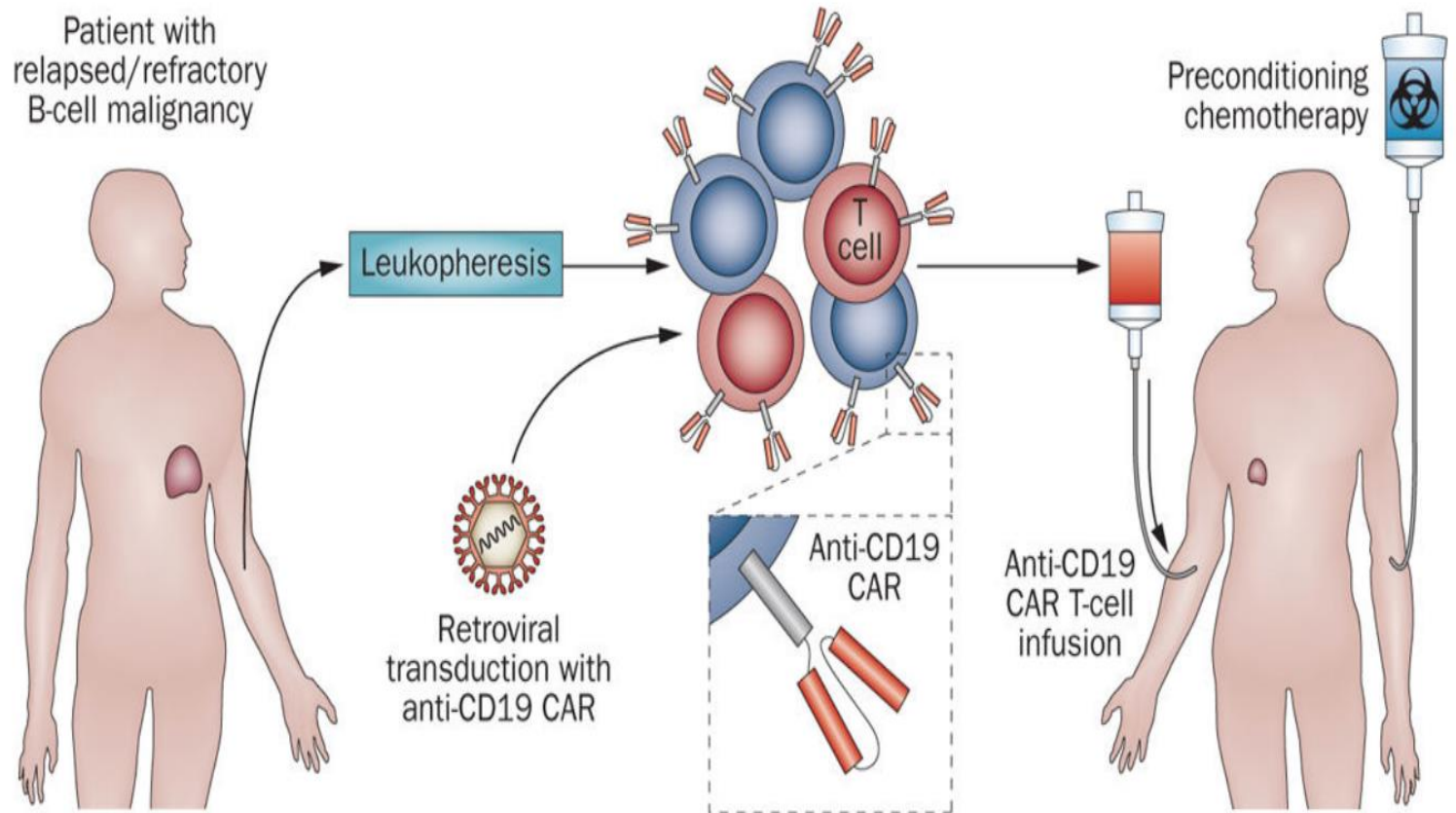
2. After changing into a CAR T-cell



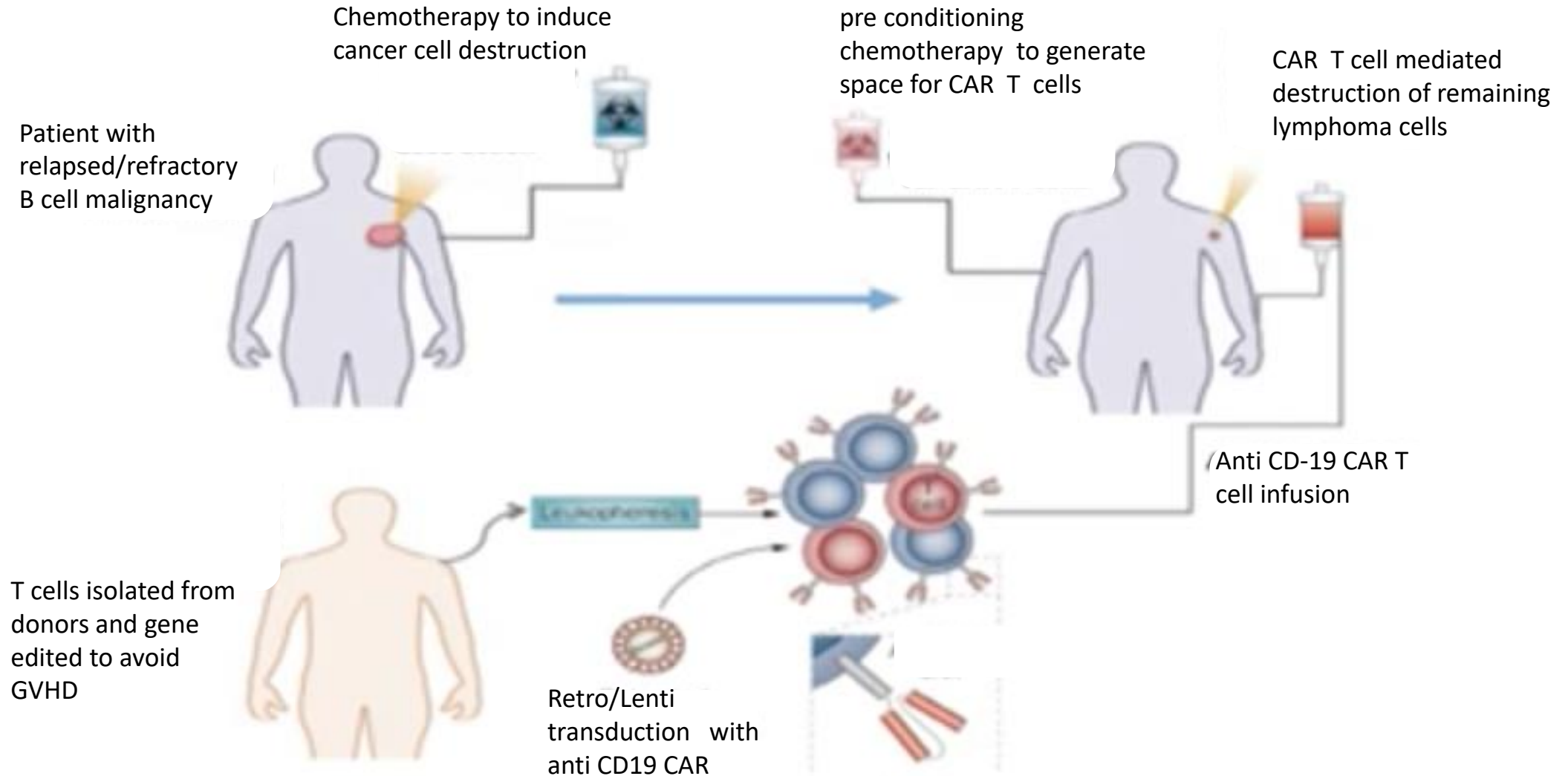
Cancer Research UK

Treatment of patients with B-cell malignancies using autologous anti-CD19 CAR T cells

- Cure Rate: >80%
- Emergence of escape clones
- Serious CRS



Treatment of patients with B-cell malignancies using allogeneic anti-CD19 CAR T cells



Targets of CAR-T Cell Therapy

CAR-T-Cell targets for the treatment of heamatological cancers

Target	CAR structure	Malignancy
BCMA	CD3ζ and 41BB	MM
CD19	CD3ζ and CD28; CD3ζ and 41BB KIR2DS2 and DAP12-	Lymphoma; Leukemia
CD22	CD3ζ and CD28	FL; NHL; DLBCL; ALL
CD20	CD3ζ; CD3ζ and 41BB-	CD20positive malignancies
CD138	CD3ζ and 41BB	MM
CD33	CD3ζ and 41BB	AML
CD123	CD3ζ and CD28	AML
CD19 CD20	CD3ζ and 41BB	Leukemia; Lymphoma
CD19 PSMA	CD3ζ and CD28 PD-1 or CTLA4	Leukemias
FITC-CD19 Ab	CD3ζ and CD28	CD19 positive cancers
Igκ	CD3ζ and CD28	CLL
LeY	CD3ζ and CD28	AML
ROR1	CD3ζ and 41BB	CLL; SLL

CAR-T-Cell targets for the treatment of solid tumours

Target	CAR structure	Malignancy
Biotin	CD3ζ, CD28 and 41BB	EGFRvIII positive cancer
CD171	CD3ζ and 4-1BB; CD3ζ, CD28 and 4-1BB	Neuroblastoma
EGFRvIII	CD3ζ and 41BB CD3ζ and ICOS-	Glioma
FAP	CD3ζ and CD28 KIR2DS2 and DAP12-	Mesothelioma; Lung cancer
FR	CD3ζ and CD27	Ovarian cancer; Breast cancer
Glypican-3	CD3ζ, CD28 and 41BB	Hepatocellular carcinoma
HER2	CD3ζ and CD28	HER2 positive cancer; Sarcoma
HER2 MUC1	CD3ζ and CD28	Breast cancer
HER2 IL13Rα2	CD3ζ and CD28	Glioblastoma
IL13Rα2	CD3ζ; CD3ζ and 41BB CD3ζ and CD28 CD3ζ, CD28 and 41BB CD3ζ, CD28 and OX40-	Glioma
Mesothelin	CD3ζ; CD3ζ and CD28 CD3ζ and 41BB CD3ζ and ICOS KIR2DS2 and DAP12-	Mesothelioma; Pancreatic cancer; Non-small cell lung cancer
Mesothelin CD19	CD3ζand 41BB	Pancreatic cancer
MUC1	CD3ζ and 41BB	MUC1 positive solid tumor

Current UK CAR T-Cell programme (Treatment not trial)

Children and young people : B cell ALL

- Newly diagnosed children or young people up to age of 25 whose leukaemia hasn't gone away with 2 cycles of treatment
- Relapsed following a stem cell or bone marrow transplant
- Their disease has relapsed twice or more
- Remission after first cycle of treatment but relapse after a period of time and resistant to second cycle of chemotherapy
- Relapse once but they can't have a stem cell transplant because either they aren't well enough, or they don't have a donor

- Tisagenlecleucel (Kymriah)
- £282,000 per patient
- 15-30 patients a year.

Adults : For 2 types

- * Diffuse large B cell lymphoma (DLBCL)
- * Primary mediastinal B cell lymphoma

* It is for those adults whose lymphoma has continued to grow or relapsed following at least 2 treatments.

So this treatment is only suitable for a small number of children and young people, and around 200 adults each year. It is not used as a treatment outside of clinical trials for other types of cancer in children or adults.

- Axicabtagene-ciloleucel (Yescarta)
- £300,000 per patient
- 200 patients a year

centres providing CAR-T for ALL (children and young people up to the age of 25)



1. Great Ormond Street Hospital
2. University College London Hospital
3. **King's College Hospital**
4. University Hospitals Bristol NHS Trust
5. The Christie NHS Foundation Trust
6. Manchester Royal Infirmary
7. Royal Manchester Children's Hospital
8. Queen Elizabeth Hospital (Birmingham)
9. Great Northern Children's Hospital (Newcastle)

centres providing CAR-T for adults with large B-cell lymphoma:

1. University College London Hospital
2. **King's College Hospital**
3. University Hospitals Bristol NHS Trust
4. The Christie NHS Foundation Trust
5. Manchester Royal Infirmary
6. Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham
7. Newcastle Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma >85%

Overall response rate in relapse and refractory NHL

Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia >90%

Overall response rate in relapse and refractory ALL

Multiple Myeloma >80%

Overall response rate in relapse and refractory MM

CAR T-Cell for Hepatocellular Carcinoma (HCC)

CAR GPC3 / XXX

CAR GPC3/XXX
Transduced T Cells

Untransduced T Cells

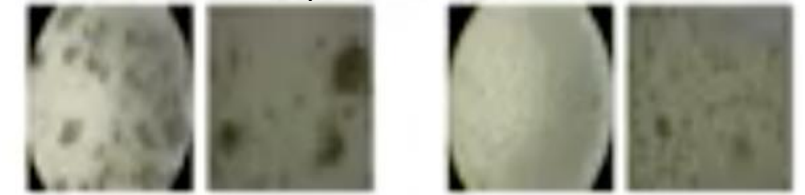
293 GPC3⁻ cells



CAR GPC3/XXX
Transduced T Cells

Untransduced T Cells

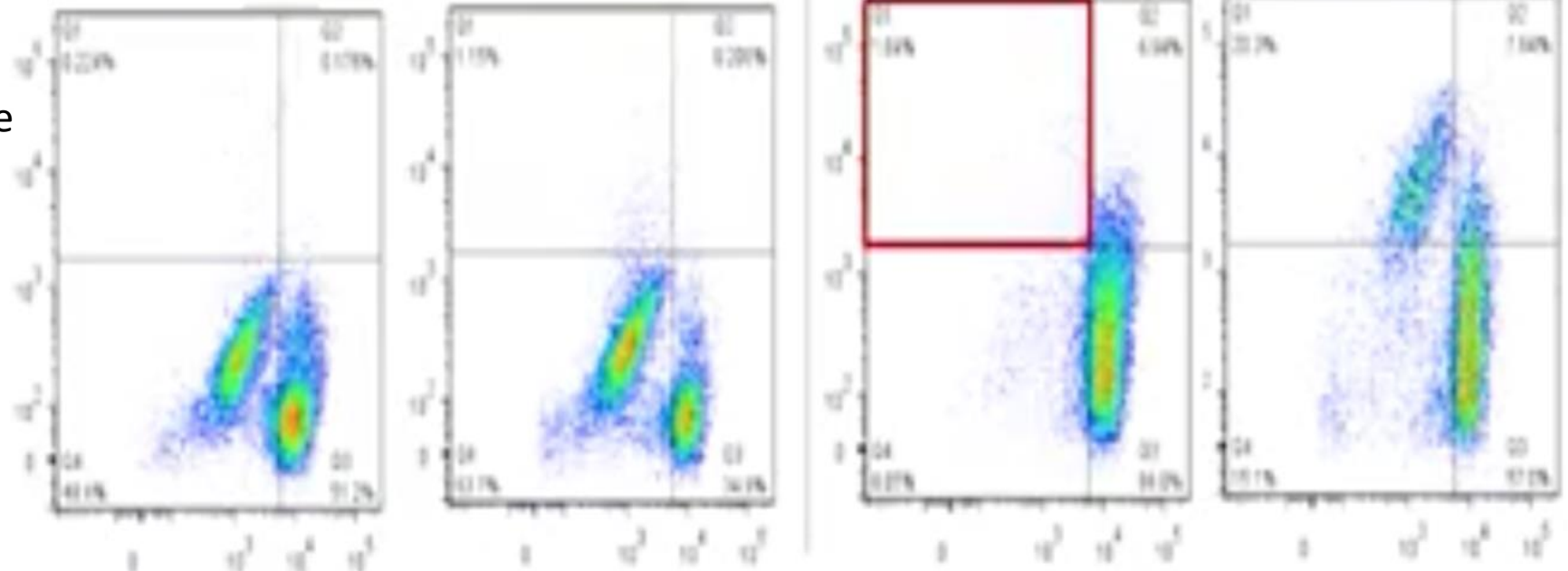
HepG2 GPC3⁺ cells



Viable
cells

GPC3

CD3



Lysis of GPC3 +
cells by CAR
GPC3/XXX

New generation of
Bi-Specific CAR for
HCC

- **Cytokine-Release Syndrome (CRS)**
- **Neurologic Toxicities**
- **B-Cell Aplasia (On Target-Off Tumour)**
- **Tumour Lysis Syndrome (TLS)**
- **Anaphylaxis (Life-threatening Allergic Reaction)**
- **Relapse (poor CAR T cell persistence or emergence of CD19⁻ clones)**

Current work

- **Targets**
- **Cell Type/Resistance**
- **Safety Modifications**

Targets

- Present on Tumour cells not normal cells
- Persistent
- Desired affinity

Resistance

- Ag Escape
- Additional targets(CD19,20,22)
Bi-Specific CAR

Cell Type

- BM stem cell transduction
- Modification of selected subset of T Cells

The CARPALL trial (Next Generation CAR T Cells)

- novel CD19CAR with a new scFv (CAT) lower affinity than FMC63
- Increased proliferation and cytotoxicity in vitro /enhanced proliferative and in vivo antitumor activity
- 12/14 patients with relapsed/refractory paediatric B cell achieved molecular remission.
- Persistence in 11 of 14 patients.
- Low toxicity with no severe CRS.

First

CAR-T-Cell Therapy patient in the World



Layla Richards
GOCH London

- **First person in the world to receive CAR-T-Cell Therapy**
Received UCART19, a universal, donor-derived CAR T-cell.
- **Achieved remission after UCART19 and proceeded to allogeneic hematopoietic stem cell transplant**
- **Use of site directed endonucleases (TALEN) to achieve:**
CD52 deletion hence resistance to Campath-an anti CD 52 MoAb
- **Presence of CD20 target epitope for Rituximab mediated in-vivo depletion of CAR T Cells in case of adverse effects**

First NHS Patient

CAR-T-Cell Therapy



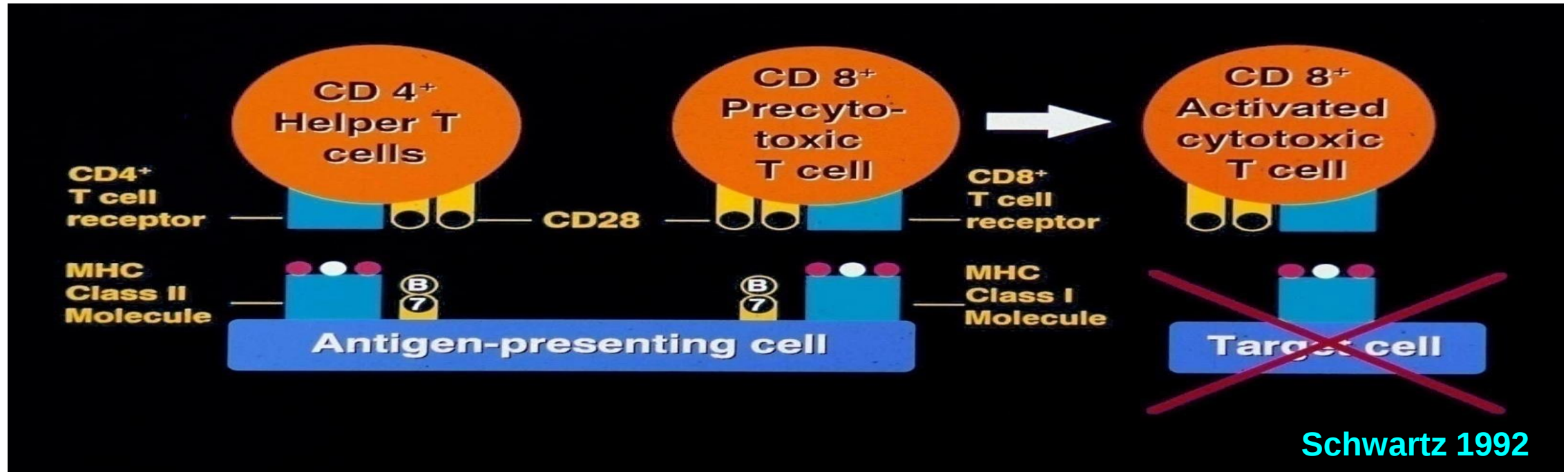
Yuvan Thakkar,
GOSH London

* Kymriah is used

CD80 & cytokine mediated immune gene therapy of AML

- Autologous leukaemia cell vaccines

Professional antigen presenting cells

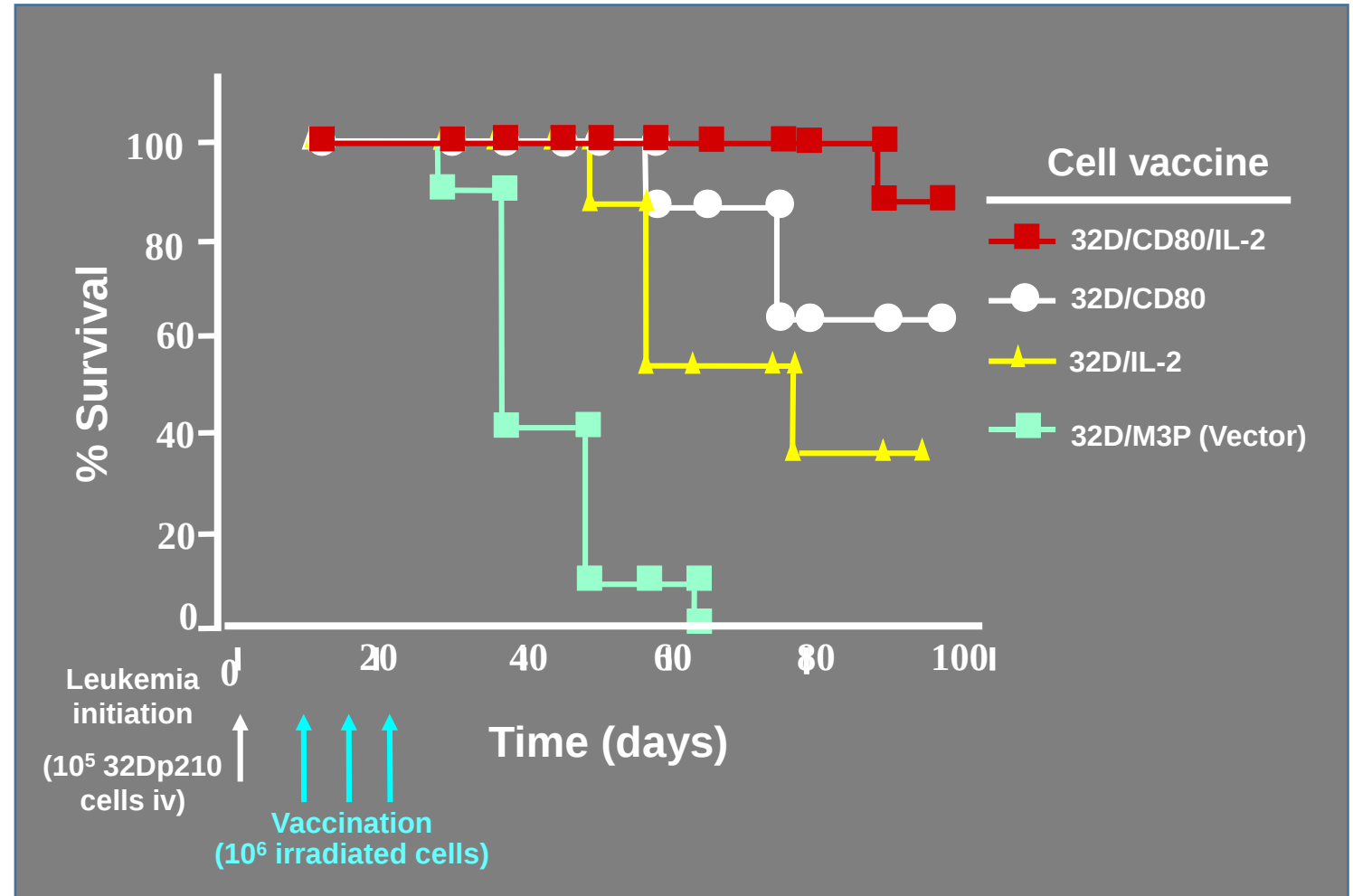


Acute Myeloid Leukaemia (AML)

- AML blasts express both HLA class-I, and class-II
- Express AML associated antigens (WT1, PRAME, GP250, etc)
- Share common lineage with APCs – efficient antigen presentation
- Express many surface markers present on DC, including CD86 (B7.2) – but not CD80 (B7.1) !

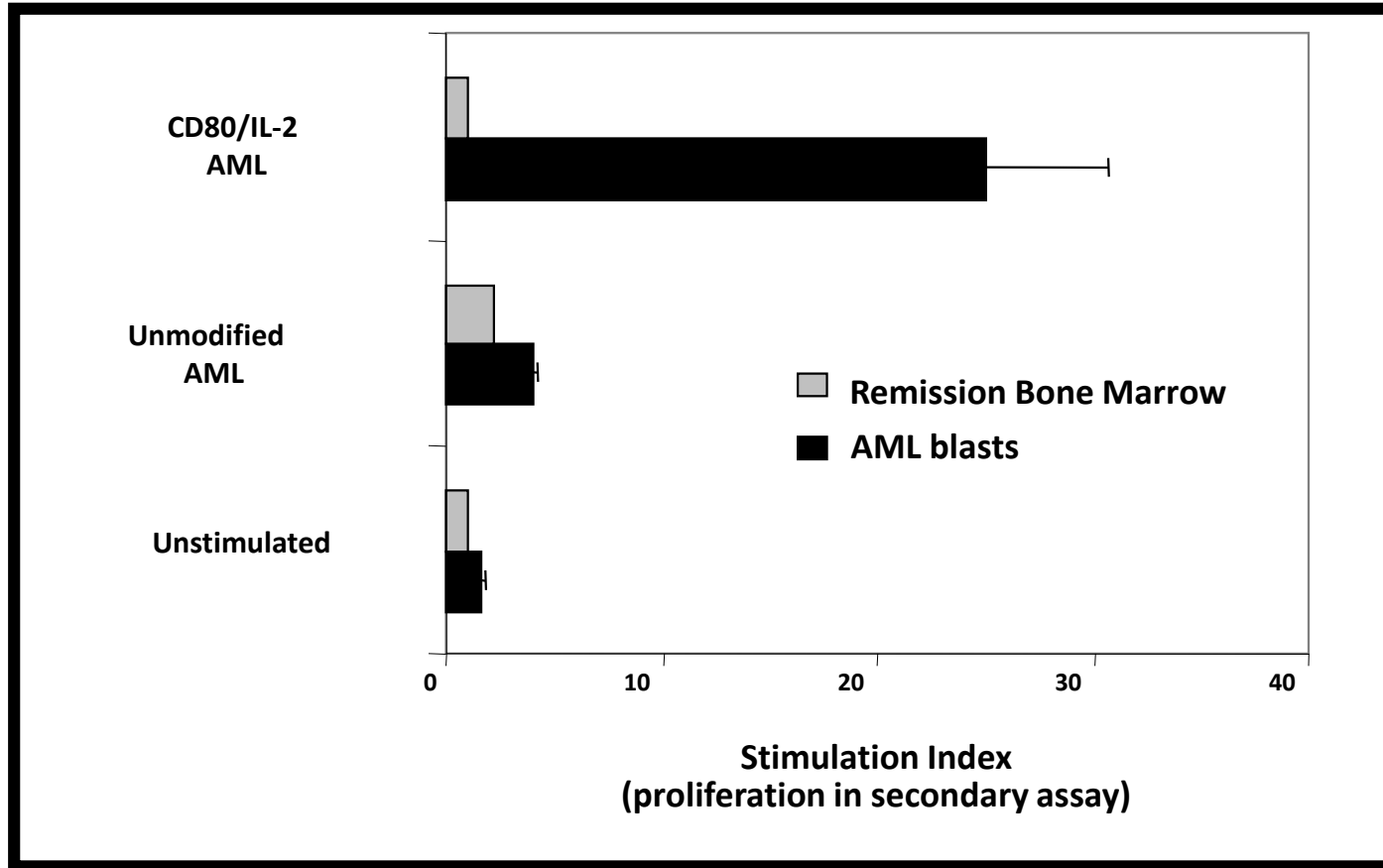
Rejection of established mouse leukaemia, by vaccination with leukemia cells expressing CD80 (B7.1) and IL-2

In mouse leukaemia and solid tumour models, vaccination with tumour cells that are modified to express CD80 (B7.1) and IL-2, induces immune mediated tumour rejection.

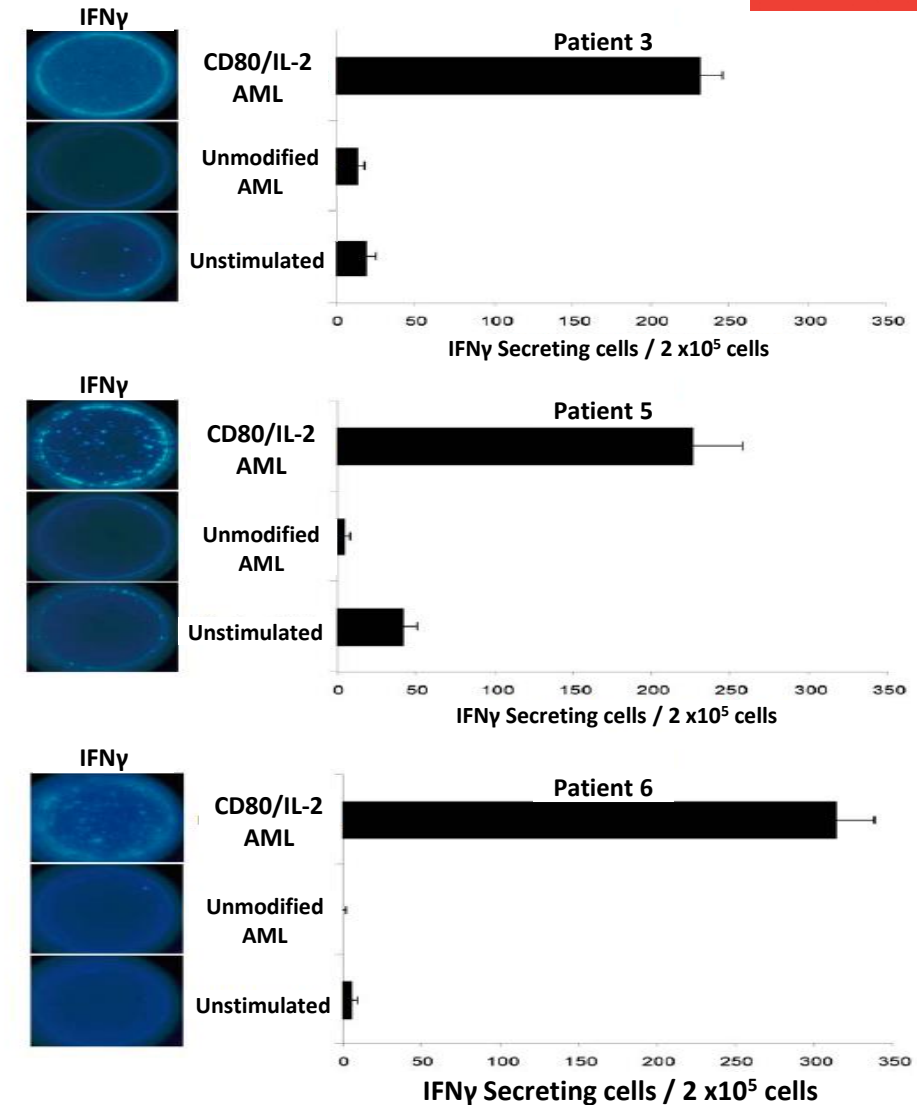


Specificity of the *in vitro* stimulated T cells

- Unmodified secondary targets



Greater specificity of the CD80/IL-2 stimulated T cells against AML blasts, than the remission CD14⁺ normal bone marrow cells



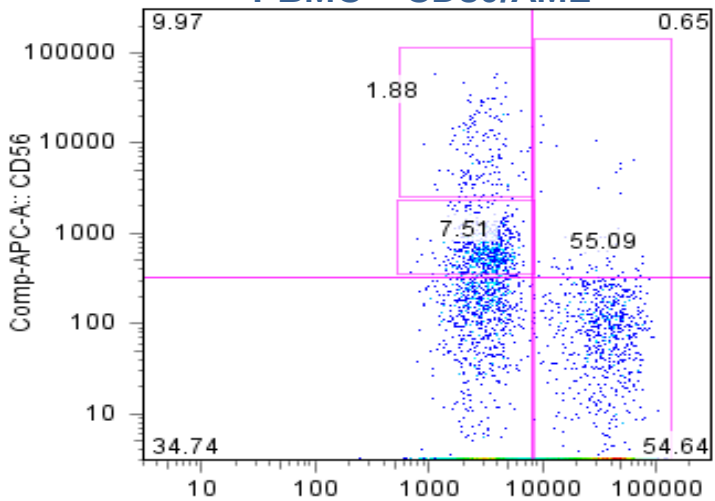
NK cell stimulation by CD80/IL-2 expressing AML cells *in vitro*

CD56

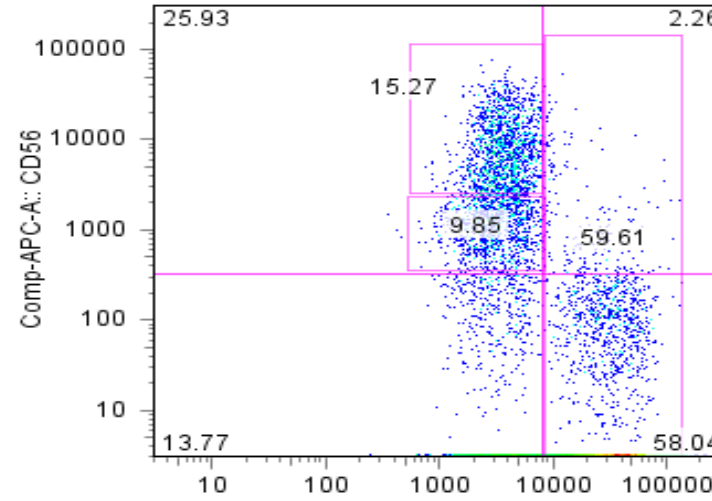
Comp-APC-A: CD56

CD3

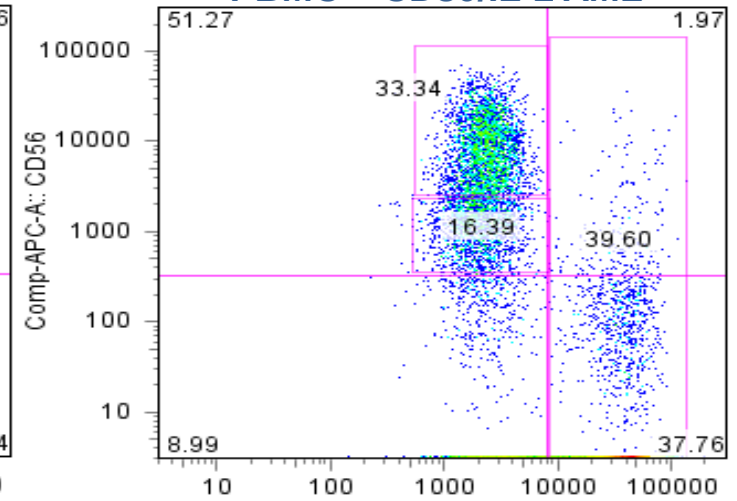
PBMC + CD80/AML



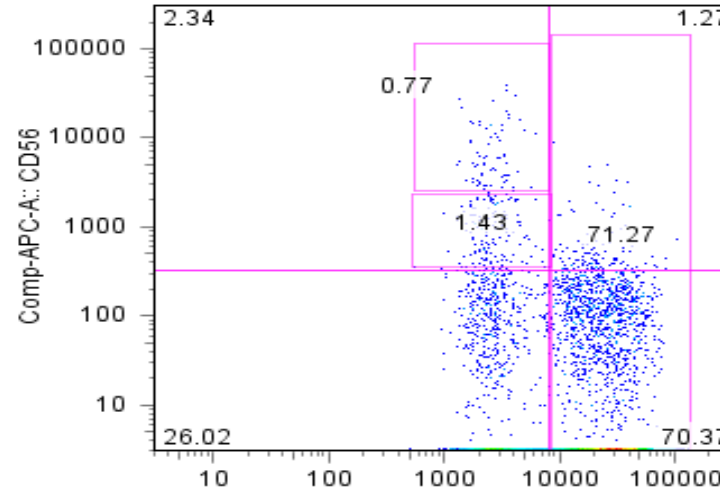
PBMC + IL-2/AML



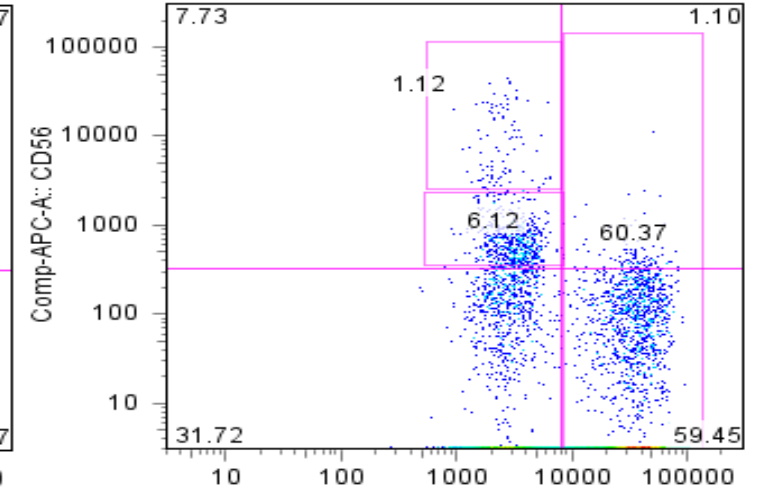
PBMC + CD80/IL-2 AML



PBMC



PBMC + AML

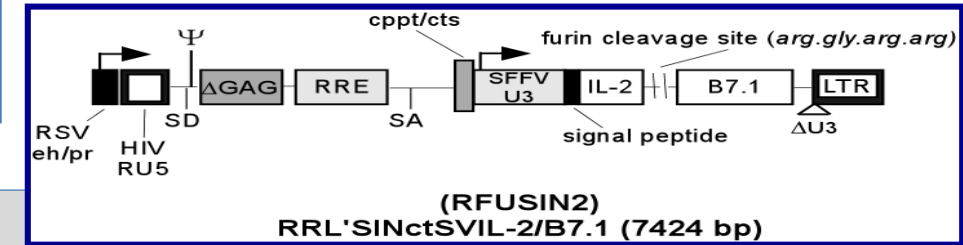


Phase-I Clinical trial

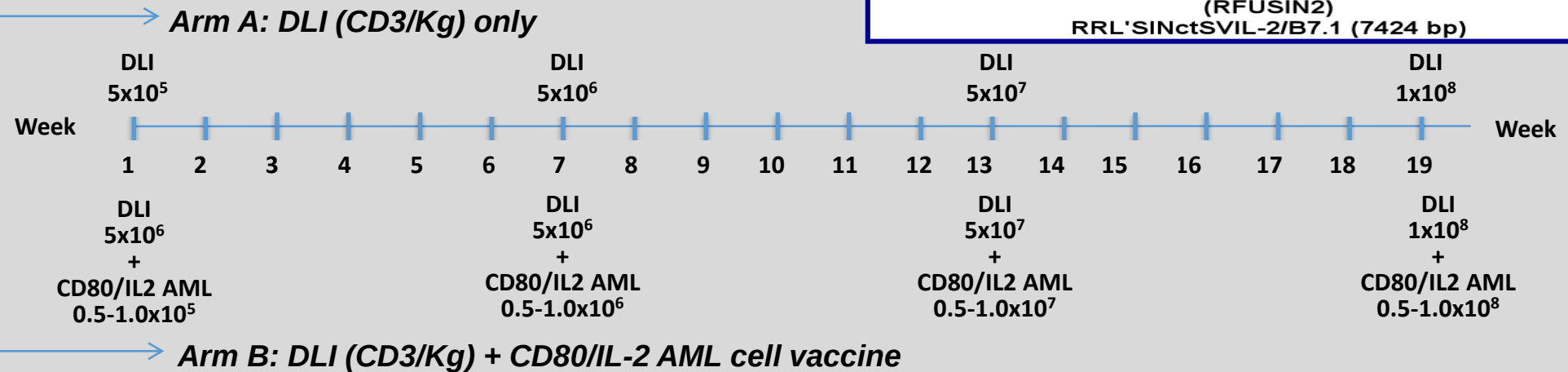
Relapsed AML following allogeneic HSCT

Pre-study entry conditions:

- Relapsed AML/MDS
- Post-allogeneic HSCT
- >50% donor CD3 chimerism at relapse
- <5% BM blast following cytoreductive chemotherapy



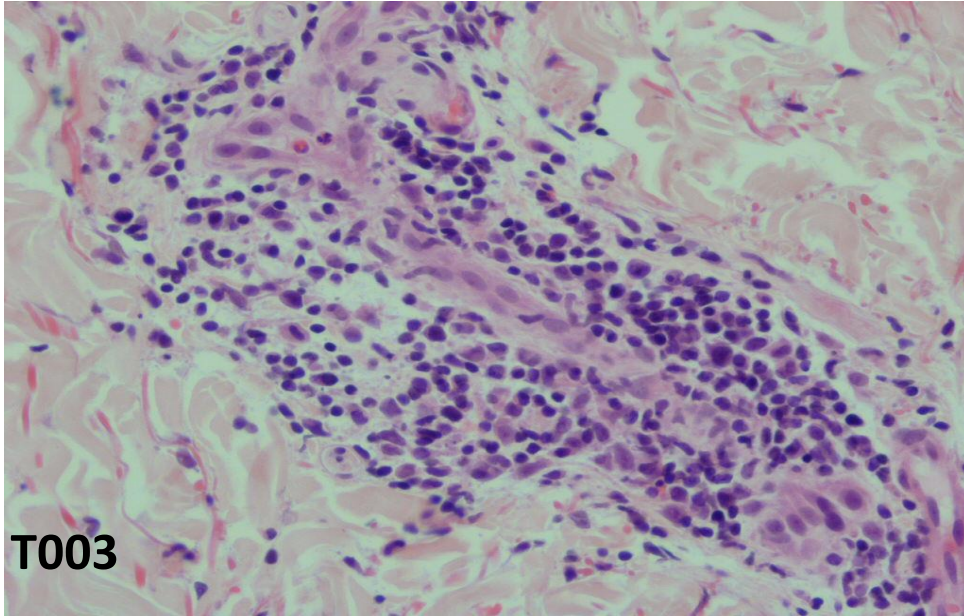
Study Entry



Vaccination: relapsed AML (post-HSCT), after the re-induction of remission

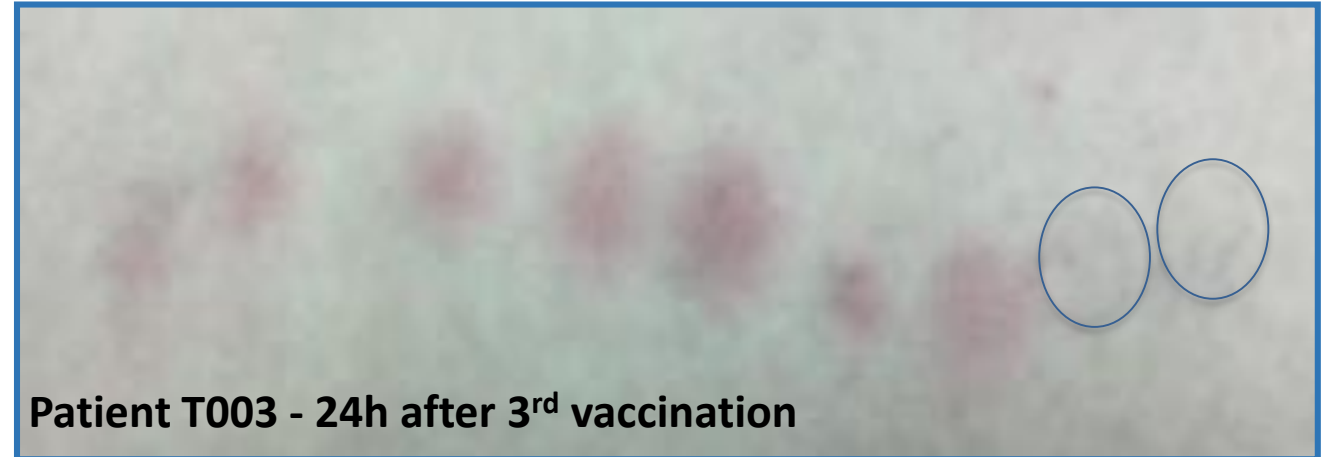
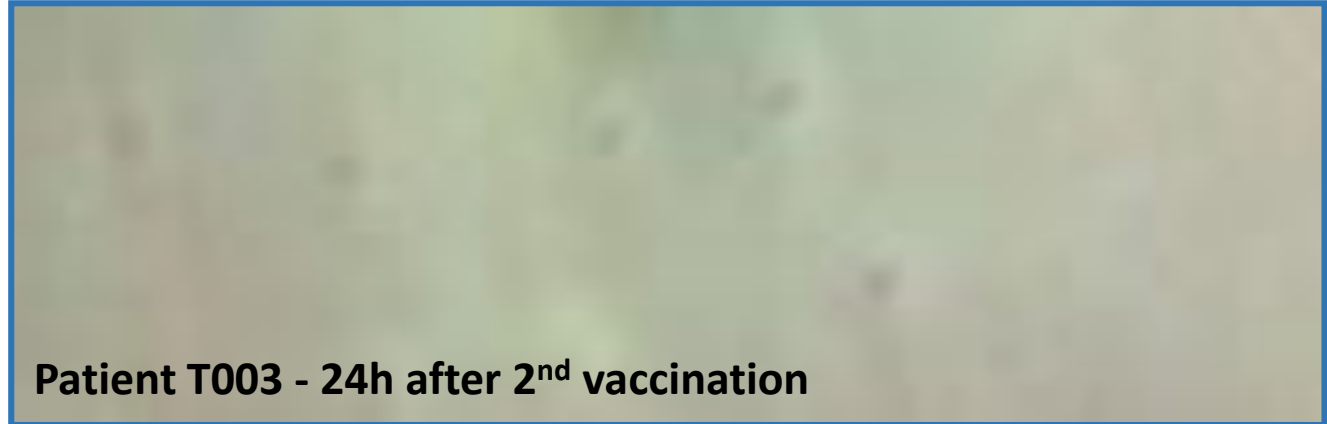
– therapeutic prophylaxis for the induction of deeper, longer lasting, remission

Delayed Type Hypersensitivity (DTH) following DLI + CD80/IL-2 AML cell vaccination



Skin biopsy 76h post 3rd injection

**In complete cytogenetic and
molecular CR since June 2011**

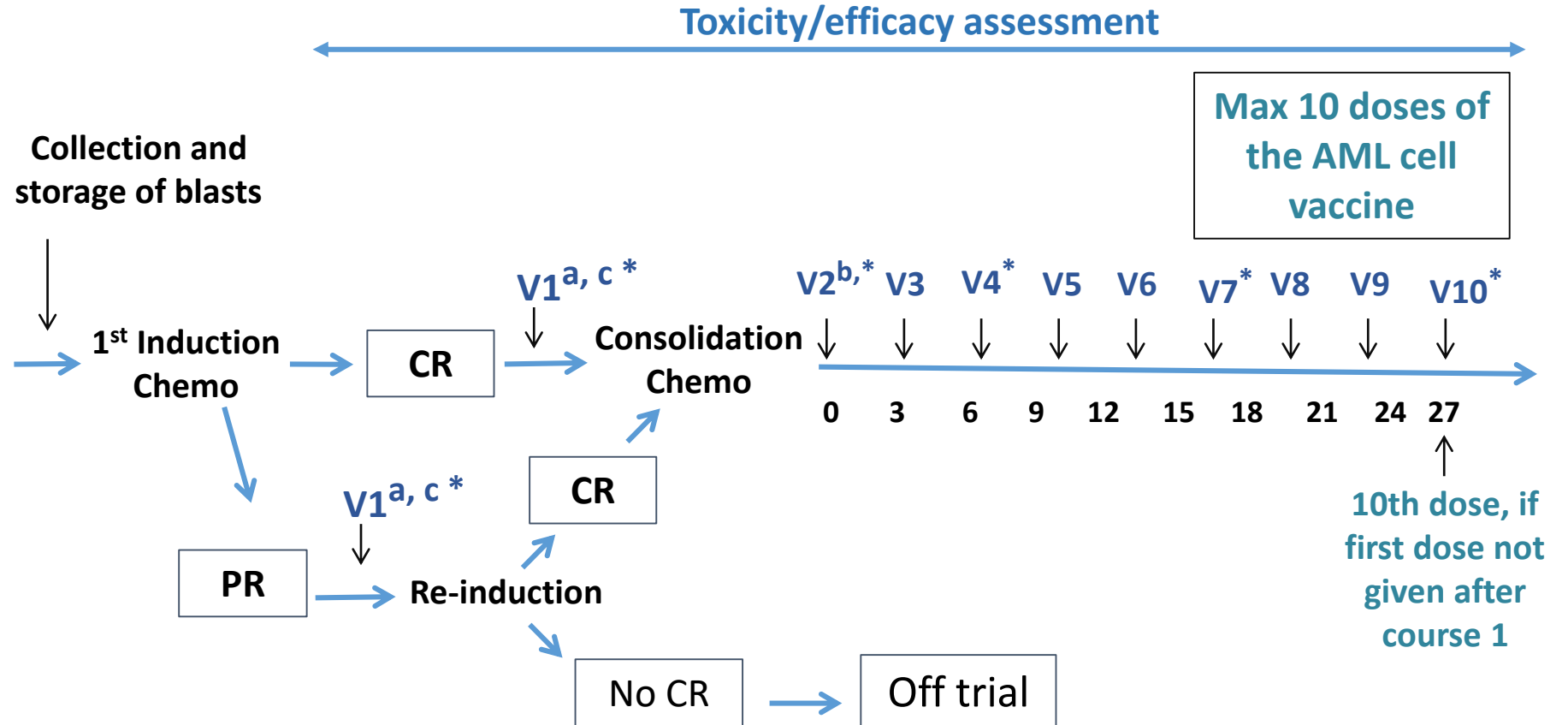


- 7 Patients enrolled to date:
- Confirmed feasibility
 - No acute toxicities / adverse events
 - Safety/efficacy studies completely satisfactory

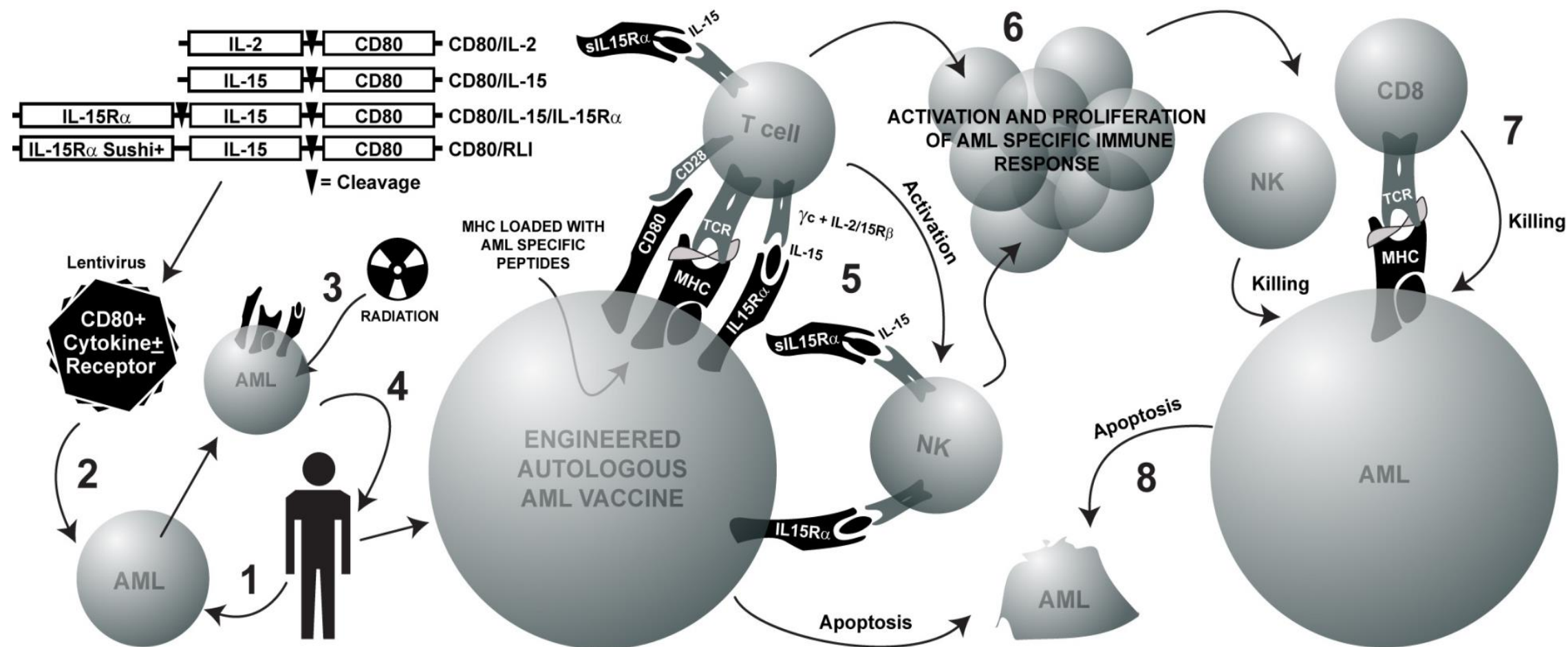
Phase-I Trial of Autologous AML Cell Vaccine, Following Standard Induction Chemotherapy

Target Population:

High risk AML
patients unable to
receive allogeneic
stem cell
transplantation



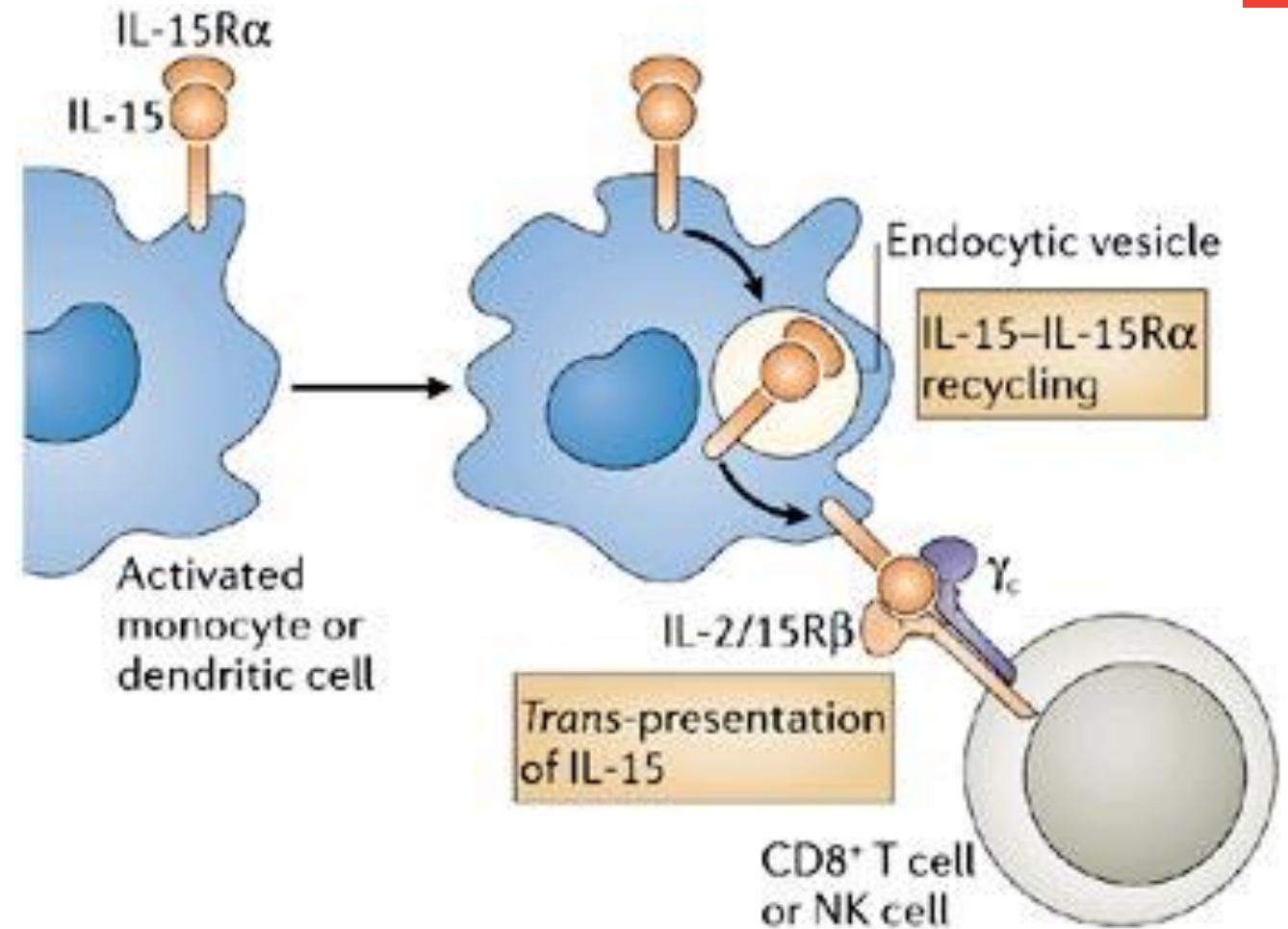
Pre-clinical studies with genetically engineered autologous AML vaccines



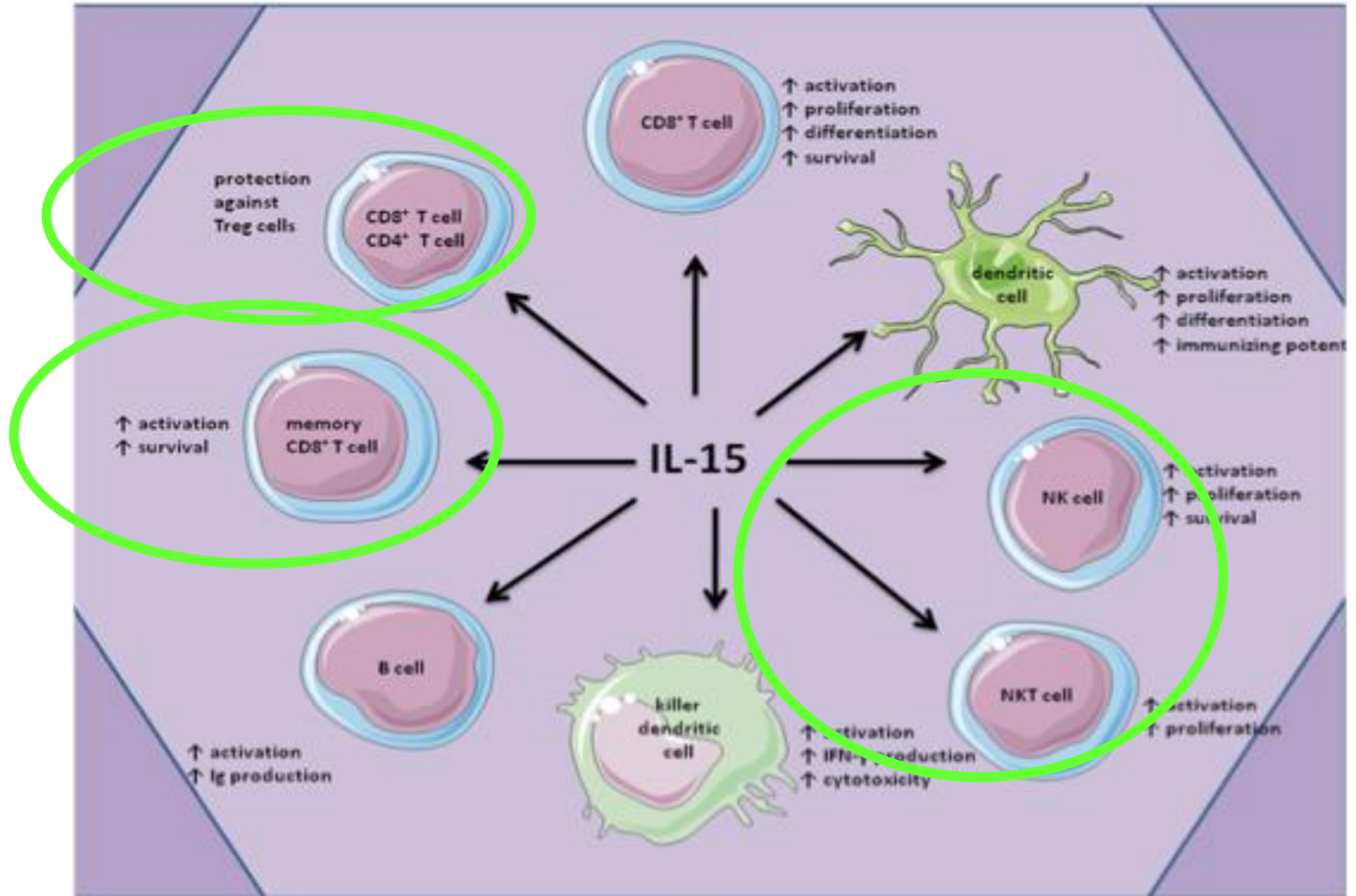
Trans-presentation of IL-15 by IL-15R α

Higher and longer lasting efficacy

Co-expression of IL-15 and IL-15Ra markedly increases IL-15 stability and secretion.



IL-15 has important advantages as an immunostimulatory cytokine

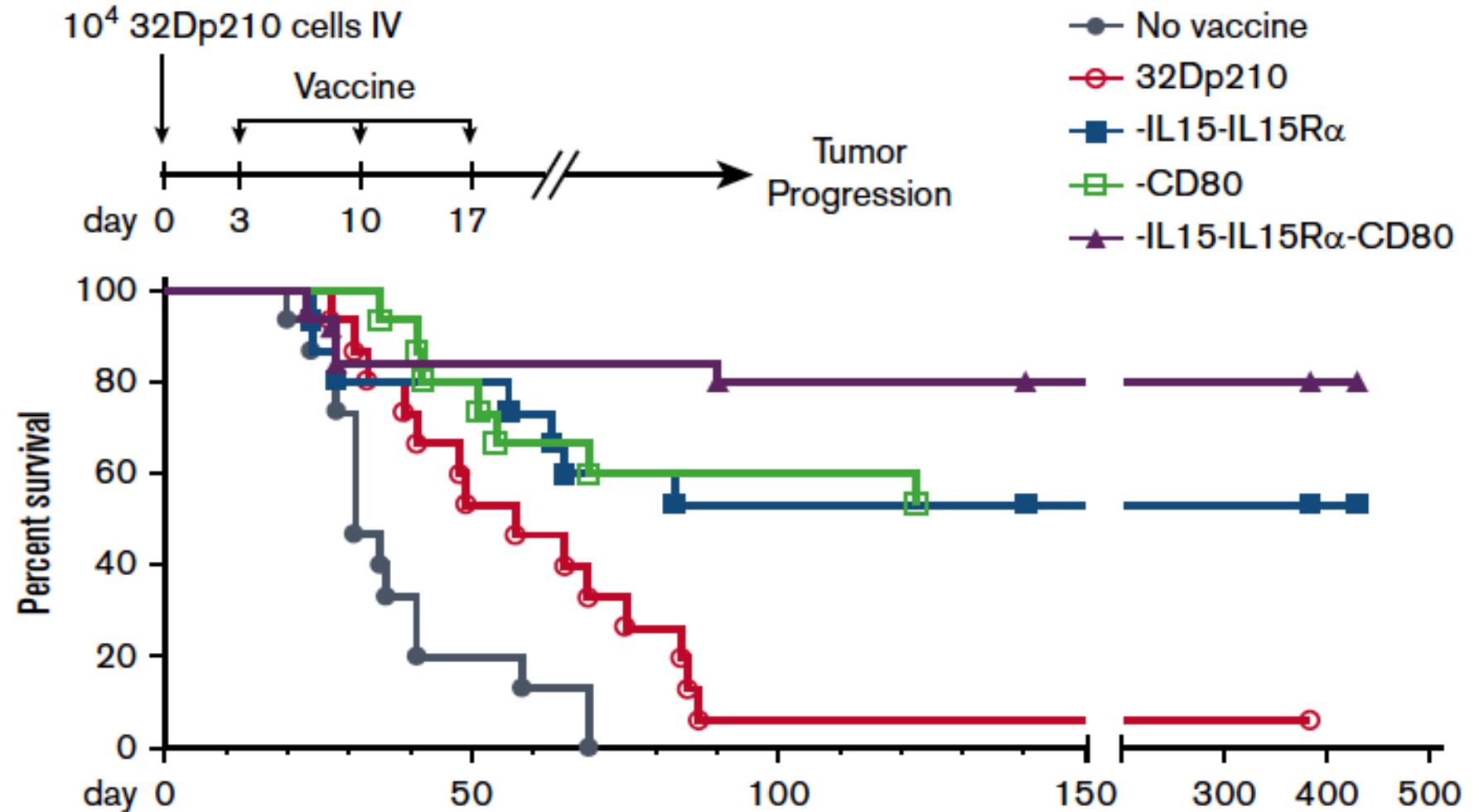


IL-15 vs IL-2

- In contrast to the effects of IL-2, IL-15 reverses CD8+ T-cell unresponsiveness to tumour-associated antigens, renders T effector cells resistant to suppressive regulatory T cells (Treg's),
- Participates in antiapoptotic signalling to effector T
- IL-15 stimulates more effective induction of antigen-specific cytotoxic lymphocytes
- More durable immunity through actions on memory T cells
- Important roles in natural killer (NK) and NK T-cell activation, proliferation, and survival.
- Less toxicity than IL-2 infusion, however it does cause neutropenia, fever, and other side effects.
- Finally, local expression of membrane-bound and secreted heterodimeric IL-15/IL-15Ra together with costimulation by CD80 may mimic the interactions of professional antigen-presenting cells with lymphocytes, required for triggering effective cell-mediated immune responses.

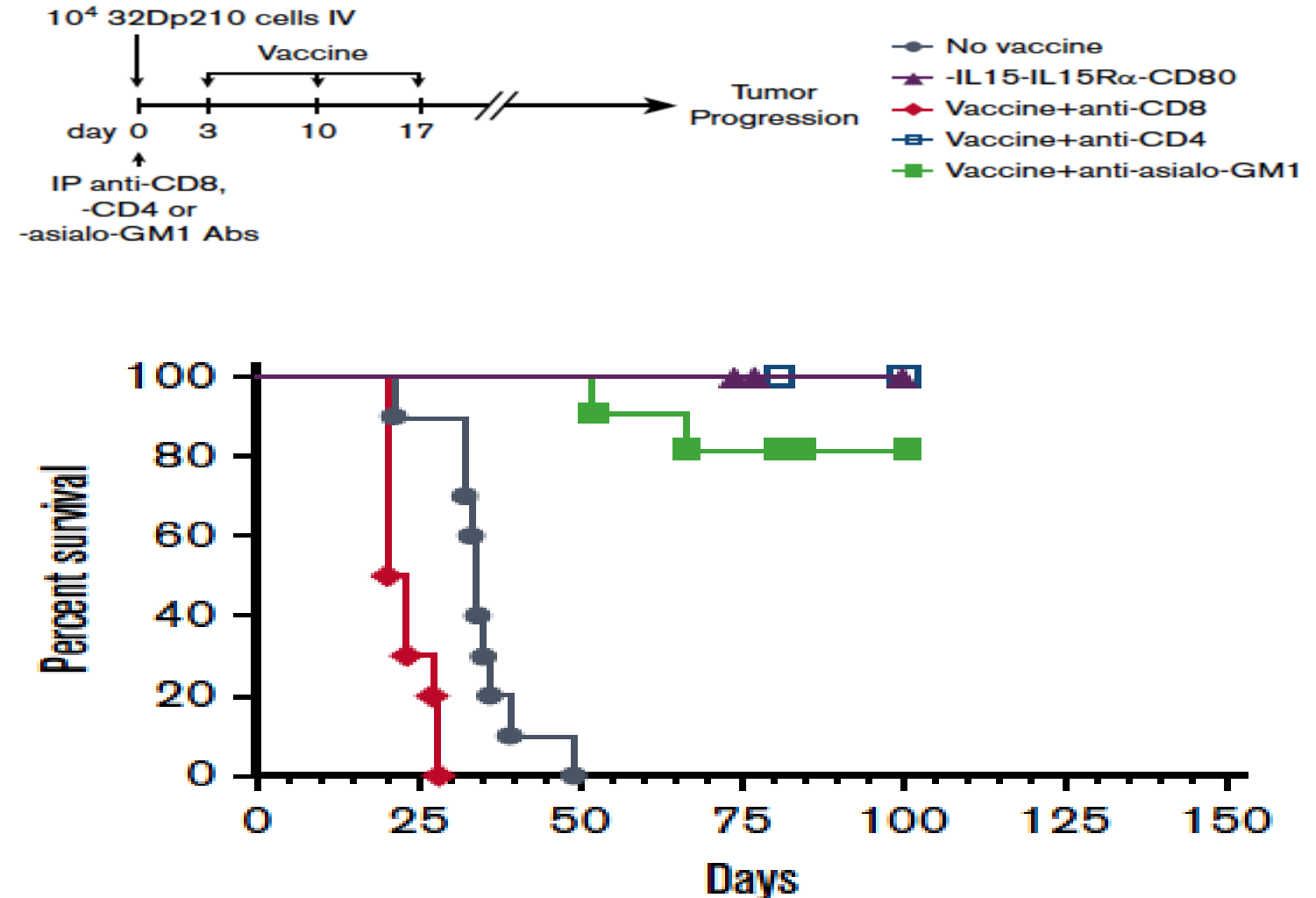
Vaccination with syngeneic cells expressing CD80/IL15/IL15R α

Efficient rejection of previously established AML by vaccination with syngeneic cells expressing CD80/IL15/IL15R α



TriLeukeVax AML cell vaccine efficacy requires the activation of CD8 T cells

In vivo antibody mediated depletion of CD8 T cells, but not CD4 or NK cells, abrogates the protection offered by TriLeukeVax



- (1) They can be reliably collected, cryopreserved, and engineered**
- (2) They can overcome tumour- related immunosuppression**
- (2) They can Stimulate leukaemia-specific cytolytic immune responses when administered either after remission/consolidation chemotherapy or in immunosuppressed patients early after hematopoietic stem cell transplantation.**

The potent immune-stimulatory combination of heterodimeric IL-15/IL-15Ra and CD80 expression in autologous leukaemia cells provides a promising and universally applicable approach to generation of personalized leukaemia vaccine therapy that could improve progression-free survival.

Vaccination induced prevention of tumour recurrence

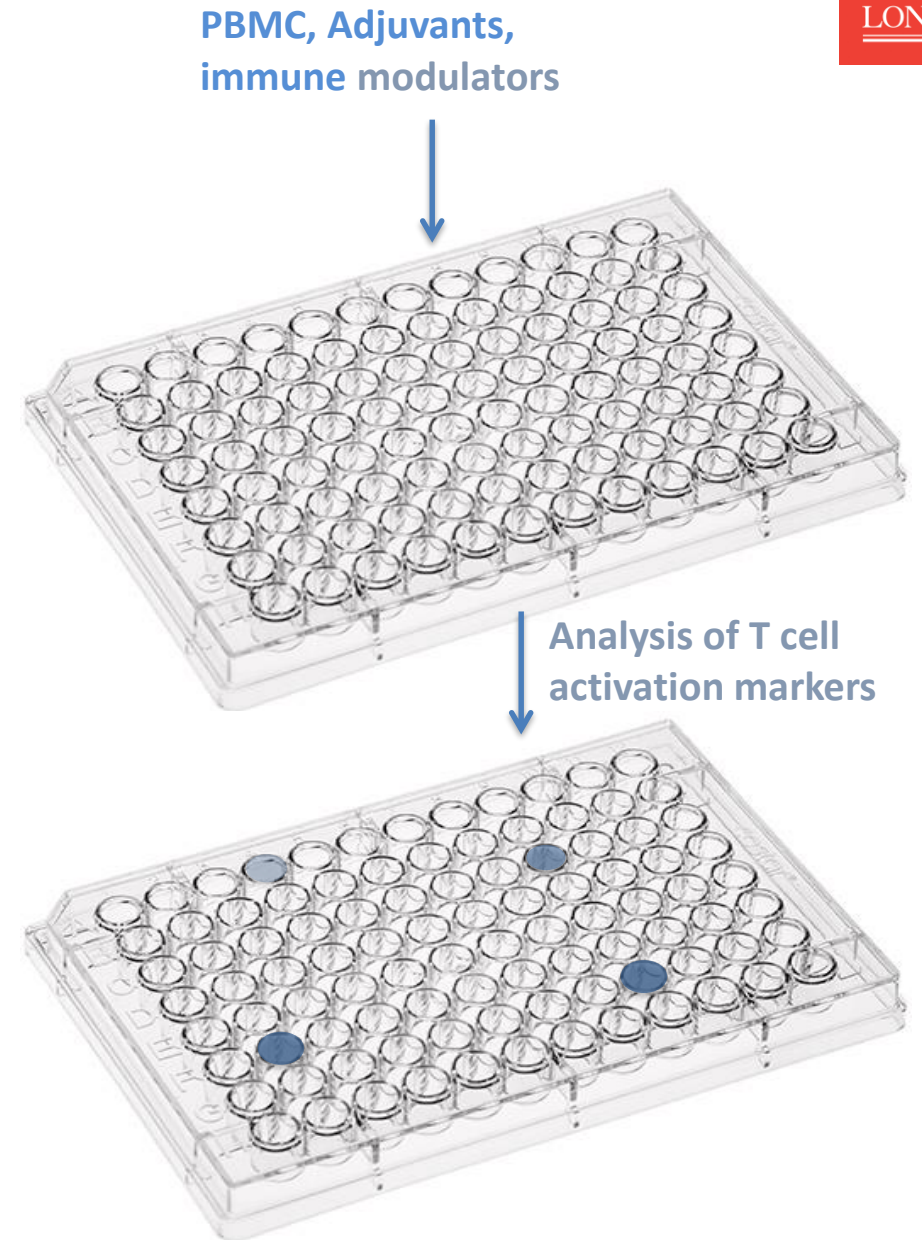
- by induction of antigen-specific cellular immunity

**CASAC: Combined Adjuvants for Synergistic
Activation of Cellular immunity**

In vitro identification of combination of adjuvants / immune modulators synergistic activation cellular immunity

In vivo validation of combination of adjuvants able to induce antigen specific cytolytic activity

Identification of factors that individually or in combination stimulate appropriate T cell function (e.g. IFN γ , perforin, etc., expression and or target cell lysis)

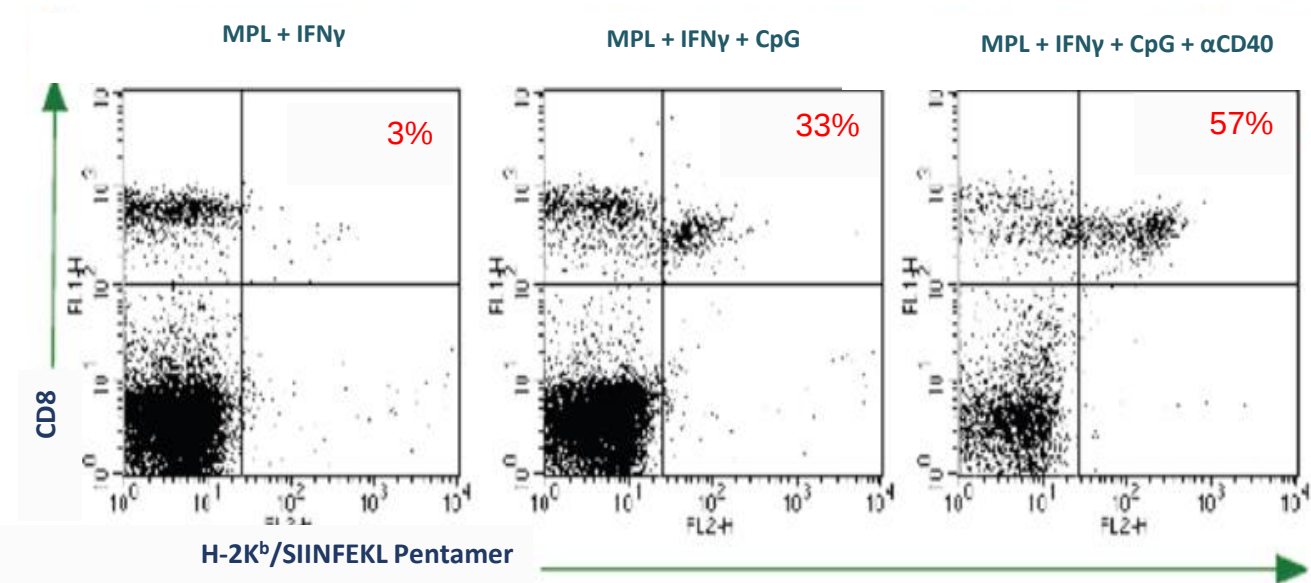
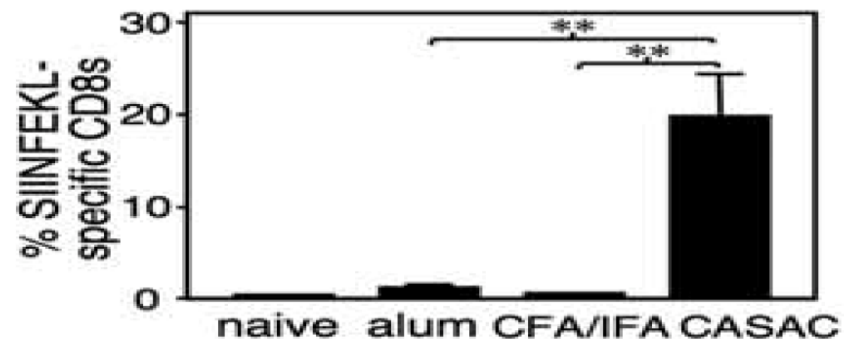


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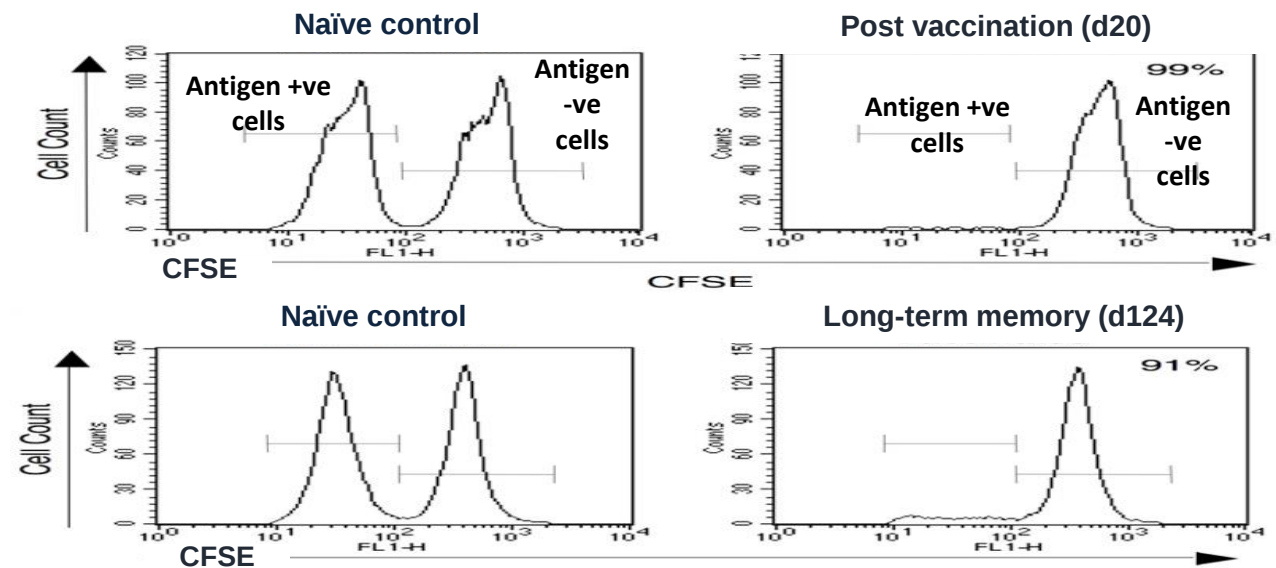
Combined Adjuvants for Synergistic Activation of Cellular immunity

Extensive clonal expansion of CD8+ T cells with complementary TLR agonists + IFN γ + α -CD40

- Synergy between Myd88 and TRIF stimulation
- Long-term memory & *in vivo* Cytolytic activity



In vivo CTL activity (lysis of antigen +ve cells)



New phase-I hTERT vaccination study (started December 2015)

A first step in the clinical application of therapeutic CASAC cancer vaccines

Synthetic hTERT peptide library:

- Multiple class-I epitopes (covers > 95% population)
- Multiple promiscuous class-II epitopes
- TLR7 Agonist (Imiquimod)
- Montanide (emulsion)
- Plus metronomic low dose cyclophosphamide – in order to reduce the number of regulatory T cells

Principal Investigators:

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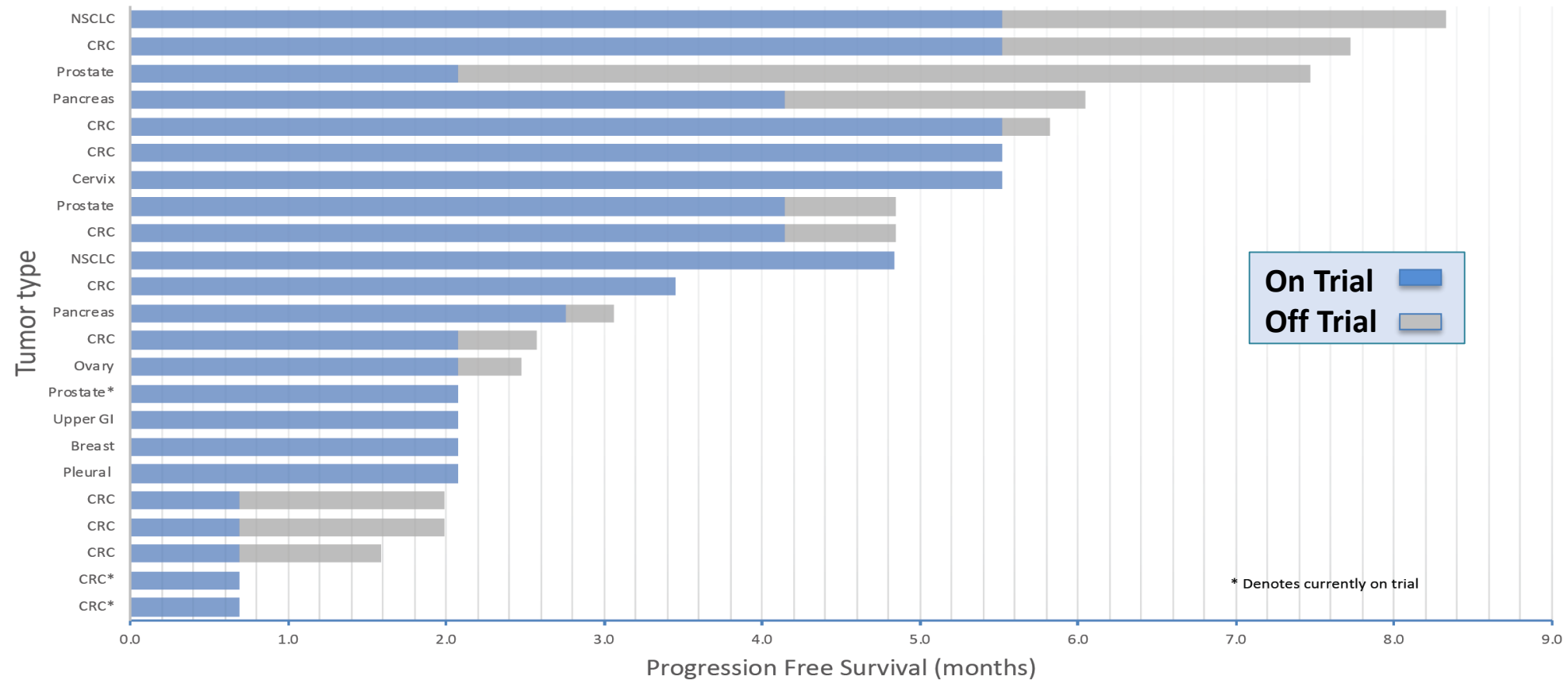
James Spicer



Candles

A Phase-I clinical trial in 30 Patients with
therapy resistant, progressive, metastatic disease

Progression free survival in VAPER Phase-I patients (interim data)



To date: 25 Patients with therapy resistant, progressive, metastatic disease:

- Disease stasis (Progression Free Survival for greater than 5 months in 8 patients (~ 30%), 5 with > 6 months pfs

Regeneration link with Cancer

***Small RNAs (miRNA)
as***

Markers and Therapeutic tools in Cancer

Regeneration is a developmental process that involves growth, morphogenesis and differentiation

Types of Regeneration

1) Physiological Regeneration

Replacement of R.B.C's

Replacement of Epidermal Cells of the Skin

2) Autotomy

Crabs break off their leg on approaching of the enemy

Holothurians throw off their internal viscera

Starfish breaks off an arm

3) Repair

***Regeneration**

Regeneration of limbs in salamanders

Regeneration of lost tail in lizard cells

*** Reconstitution**

Healing of wound

Replacement of damaged cells

“A processes that allows an organism to regain the function of an organ or structure damaged by injury or disease”

BUT....

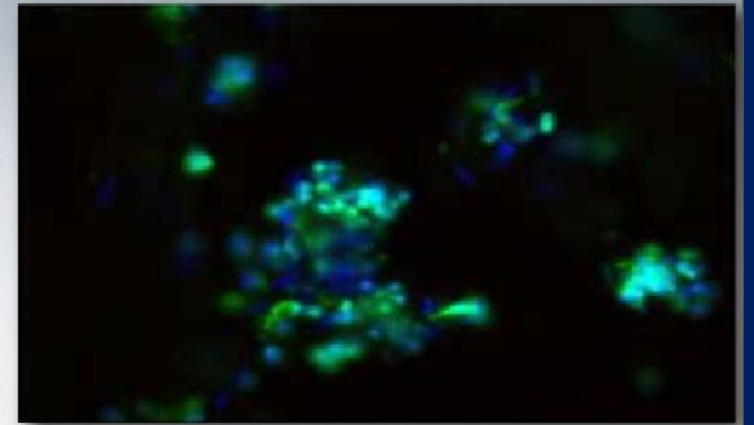
Regeneration



Repair



Reconstitution



REGENERATIVE CAPACITY AND EVOLUTION

Hydra



1/1000 of body regenerate the whole

Spong



The entire body can be reconstructed from isolated body cells

Planarians



Small fragments of the body can give rise to a whole animal.

Drosophila



Can regenerate limbs

Axolotl



Zebrafish



Rodent



Primate



Mammals: Regeneration is restricted to tissues only.
The liver has the maximum capacity of regeneration.

Fishes: Lamprey can regenerate its lost tail. Some fishes have the ability to regenerate parts of its fins.

Amphibians: salamanders, newts and their axolotl larvae. They can regenerate limbs, tail, external gills, jaws, parts of eye like lens and retina. Tail and limb regeneration is found in the larval stages of frogs and toads.

Reptiles: Lizards exhibit autotomy

REGENERATIVE CAPACITY AND EVOLUTION

Hydra



Planarians



Drosophila



Axolotl



Zebrafish



Rodent



Primate



regenerative potential

REGENERATIVE CAPACITY AND EVOLUTION

Hydra



Planarians



Drosophila



Axolotl



Zebrafish



Rodent



Primate



longevity

regenerative potential

REGENERATIVE CAPACITY AND EVOLUTION

Hydra



Planarians



Drosophila



Axolotl



Zebrafish



Rodent



Primate



longevity

regenerative potential

cancer risk

Hepatocyte-specific deletion of hepatocyte nuclear factor-4 α in adult mice results in increased hepatocyte proliferation

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Lack of p21 expression links cell cycle control and appendage regeneration in mice

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c-Jun/AP-1 controls liver regeneration by repressing p53/p21 and p38 MAPK activity

Ewa Stepniak, Romeo Ricci, Robert Eferl, et al.

Genes Dev. 2006 20: 2306-2314

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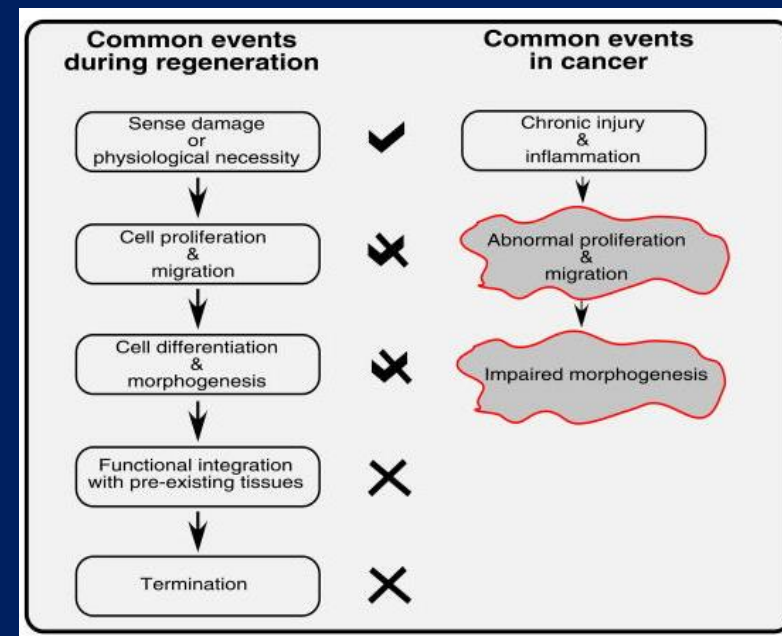
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Tob1 is a constitutively expressed repressor of liver regeneration

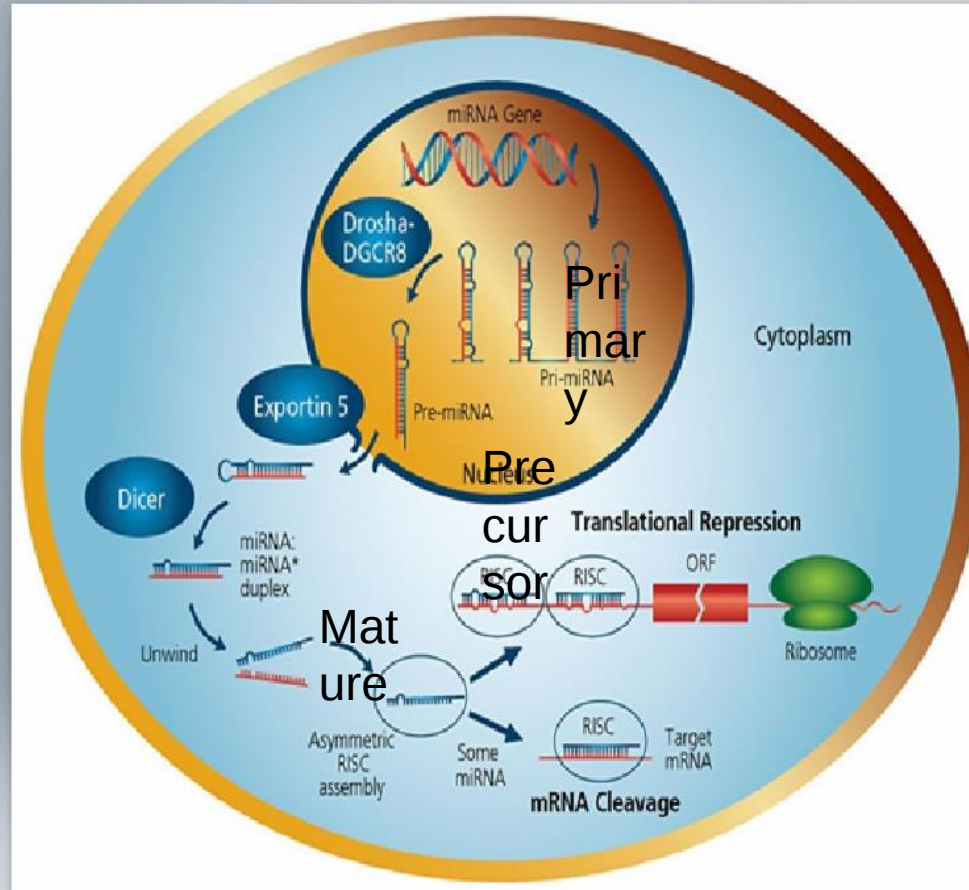
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Regenerative events and their corollaries in cancer. Importantly, the process of regeneration can be repeated without causing malignant transformation, while in cancer the regenerative process is incomplete such that chronic injury and inflammation leads to continuous proliferation. This suggests that characterizing signals at later stages of regeneration (especially those involved in termination) may help identify candidates able to stop abnormal proliferative responses to chronic injury.

Regeneration: Regulated cell proliferation
Cancer: Dysregulated cell proliferation

MIRNA



Functions:

Regulate development

Protect against viruses

Maintain genome stability

Epigenetic global regulation

Tools:

- * Specific gene suppression
- Gene Therapy

LNAs : Locked Nucleic Acids

AMOs: anti-miRNA oligos

Antagomirs: (chemical stability)

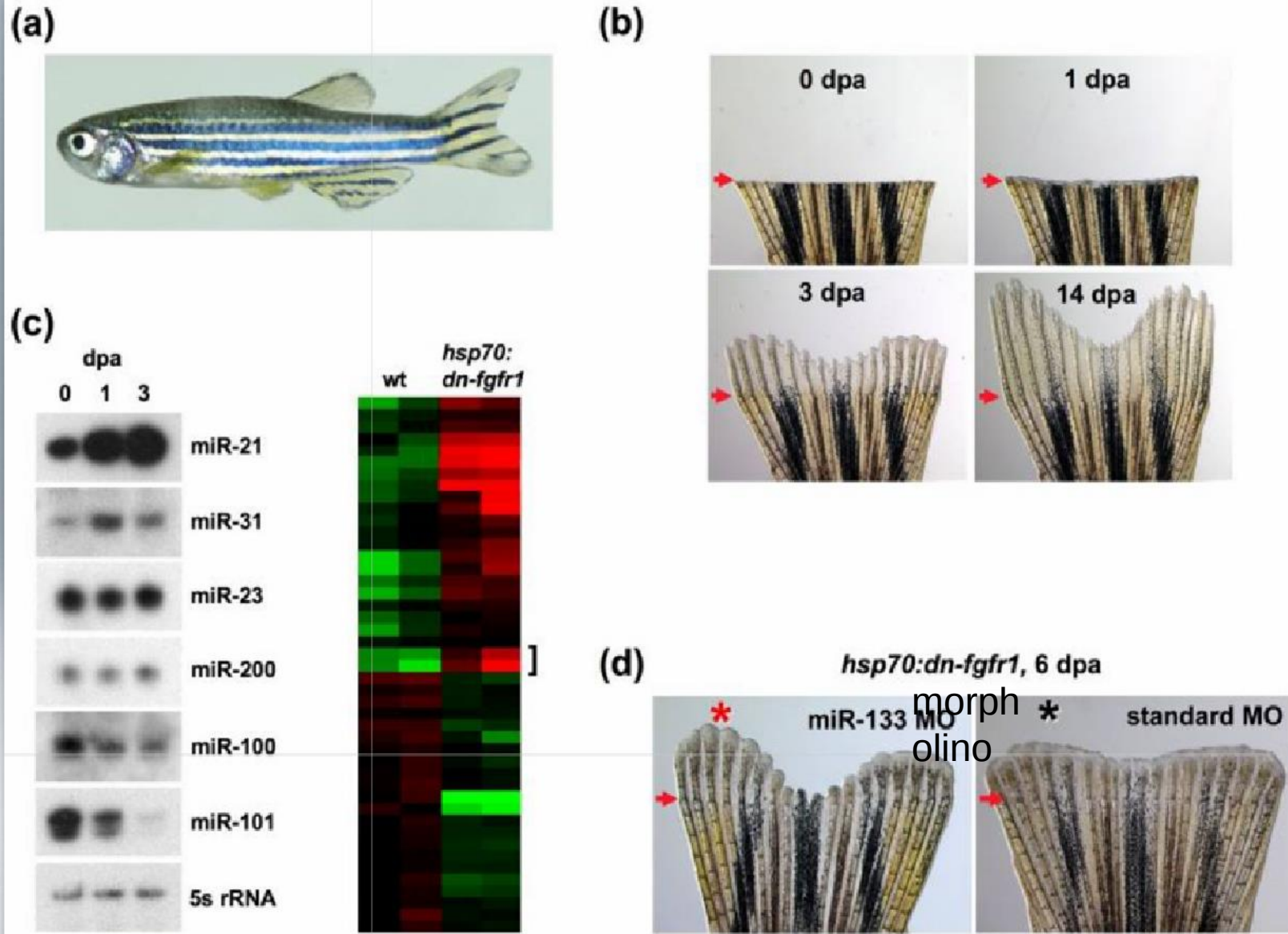
miRNA replacement therapy

Enoxacin: small molecule drug, miRNA sponge

miRNAs are processed sequentially from primary miRNA (pri-miRNA) precursor transcripts, and regulate gene expression at the post-transcriptional level.

miRNA = rapid large-scale specific gene regulation

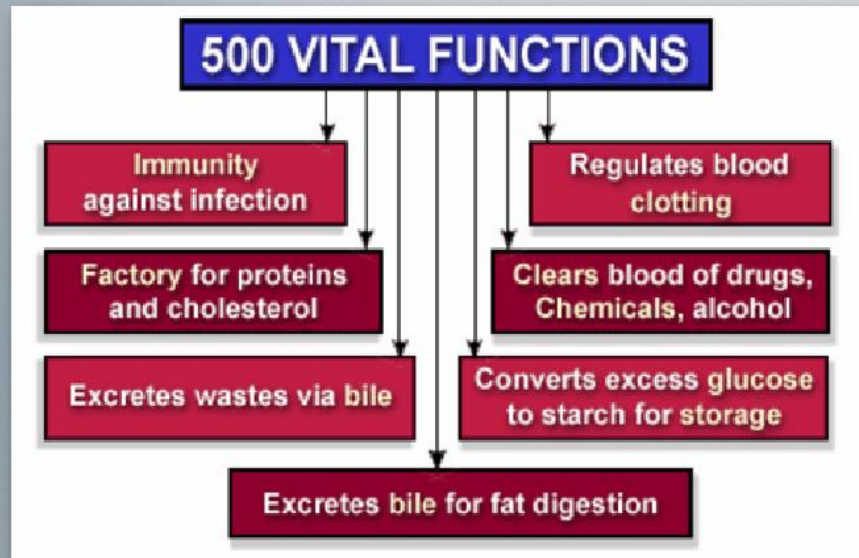
MIRNA AND REGENERATION



WHY THE LIVER?



HIGHER VERTEBRATE LIVER REGENERATION



Maintain vital functions in life

Recover function after major insults

Surgery/Transplantation/Cell Rx

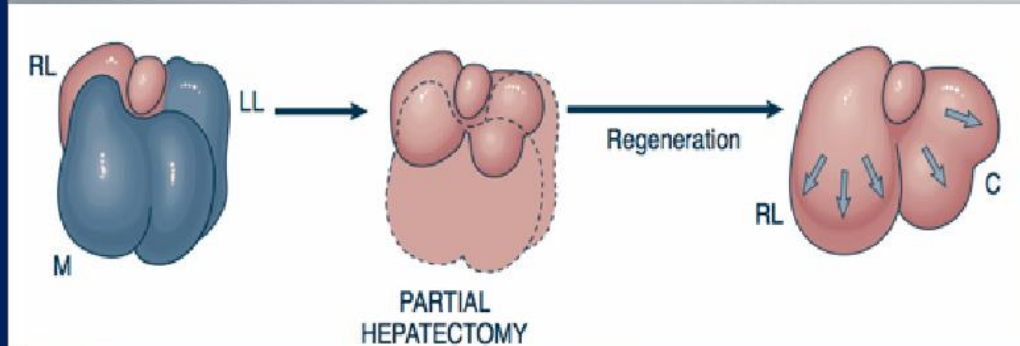
'Silent damage'

Chronic diseases/Cirrhosis

Cancer risk

HIGHER VERTEBRATE LIVER REGENERATION

Rodent partial-hepatectomy model



Human liver regeneration



'Quick'

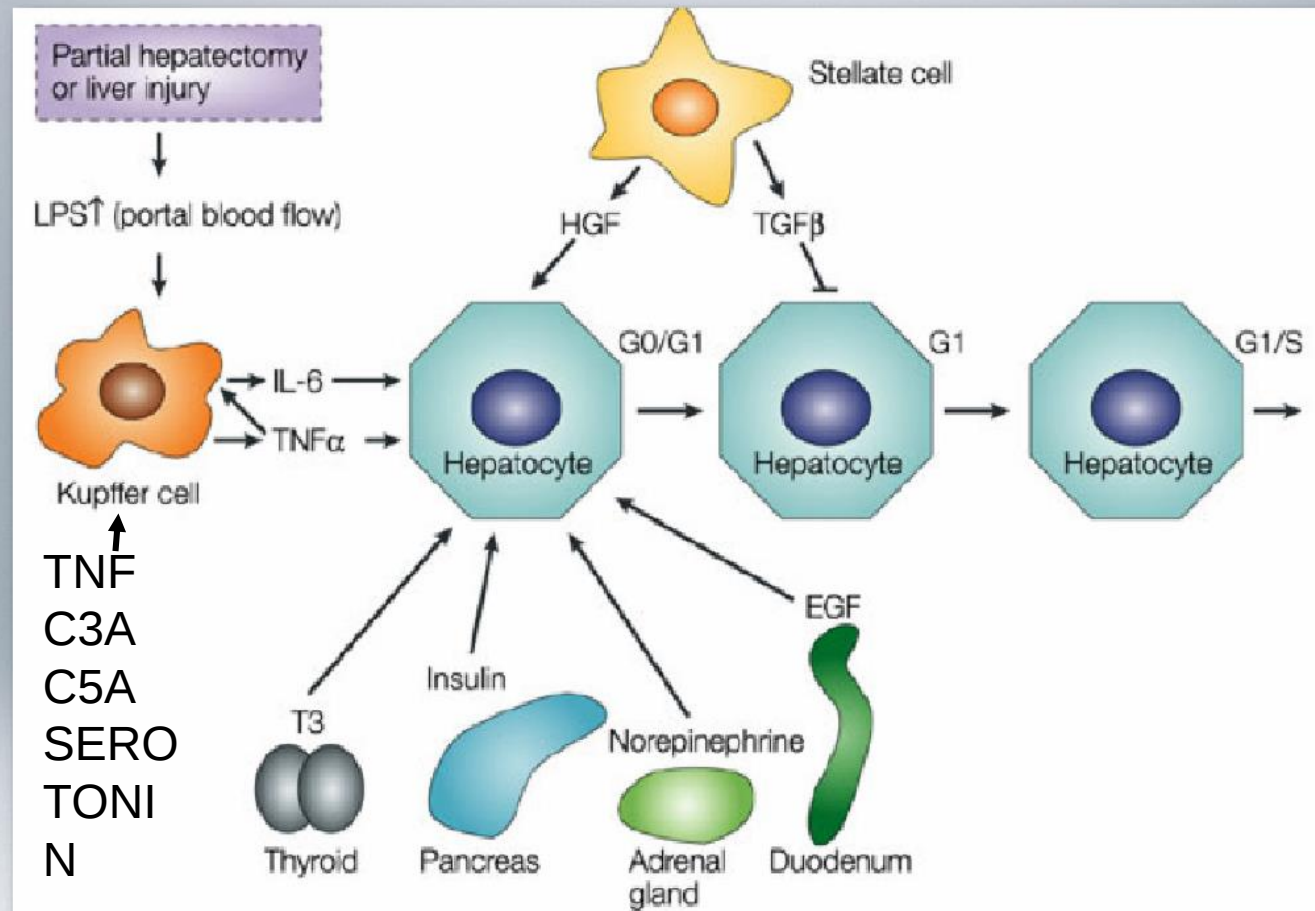
'Clean/surgical'

'mouse/rat not man'

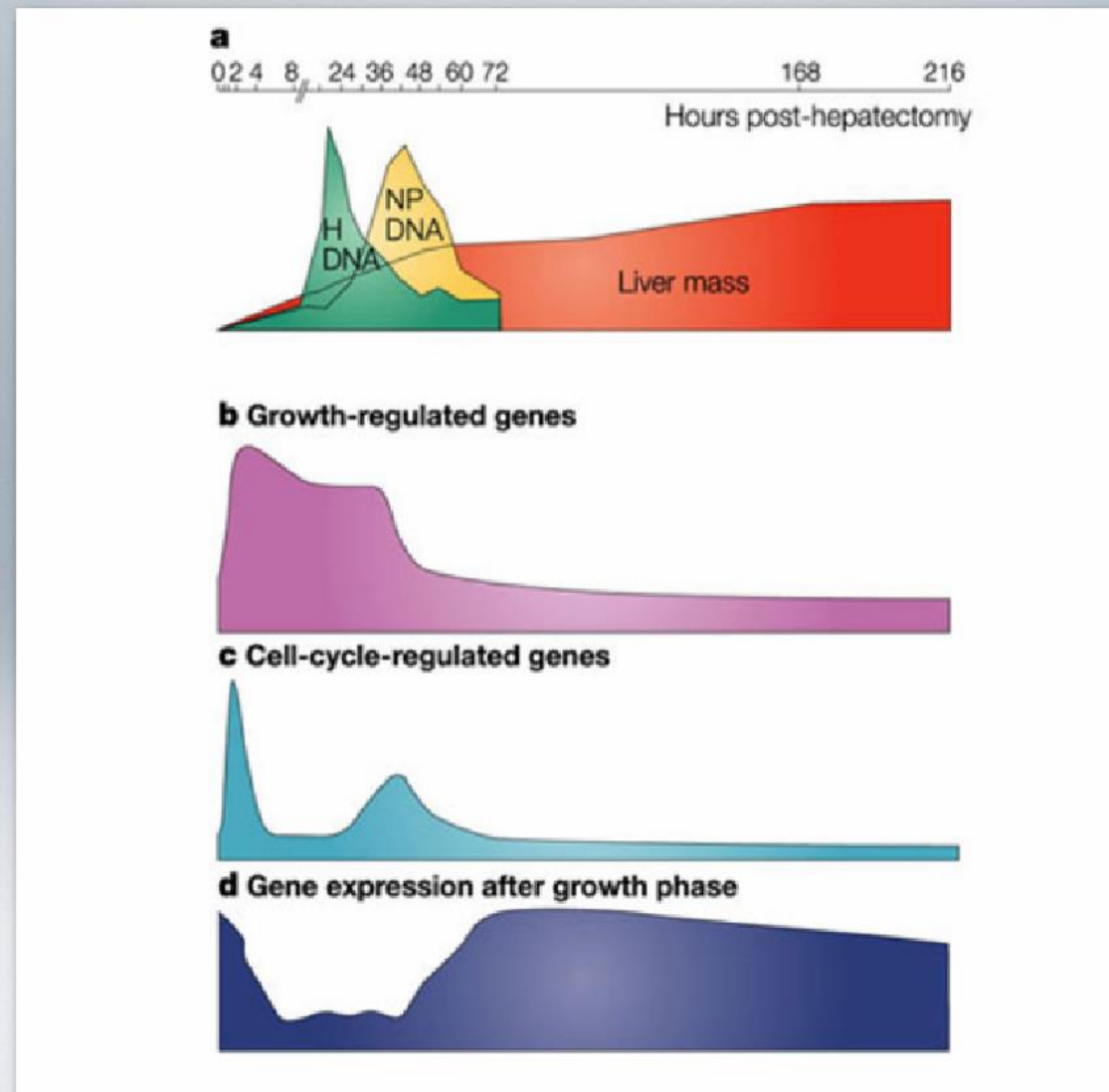
'Inbred'

No disease

REGENERATION: PARTIAL HEPATECTOMY



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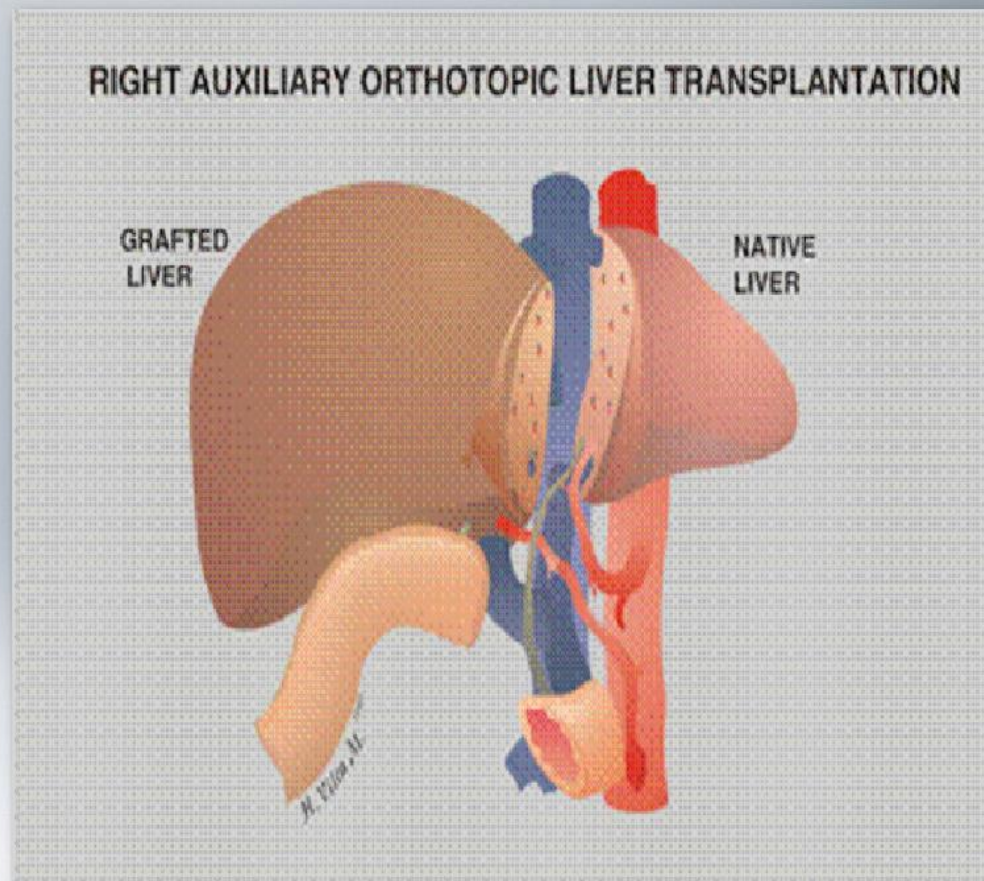
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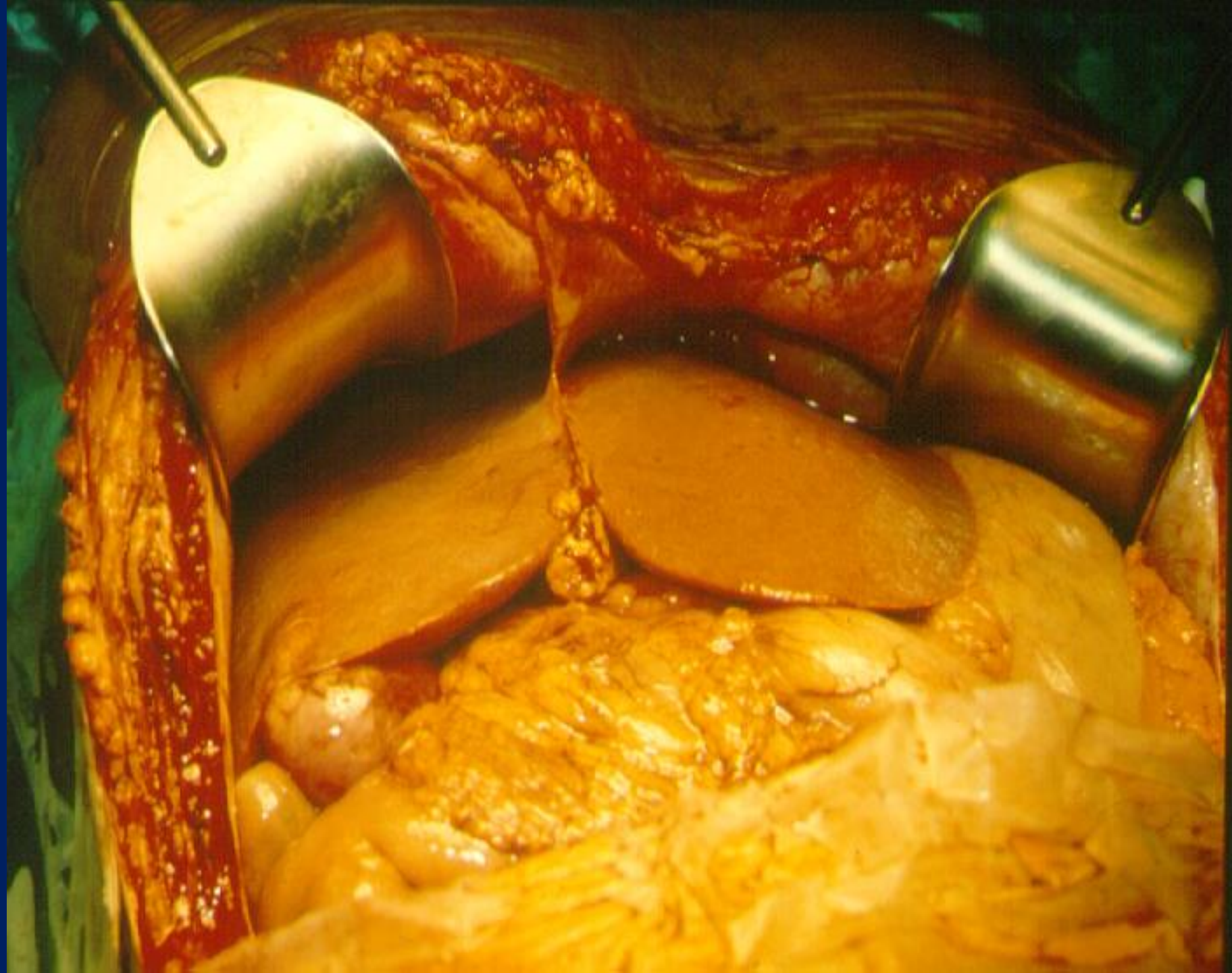
Acute liver failure

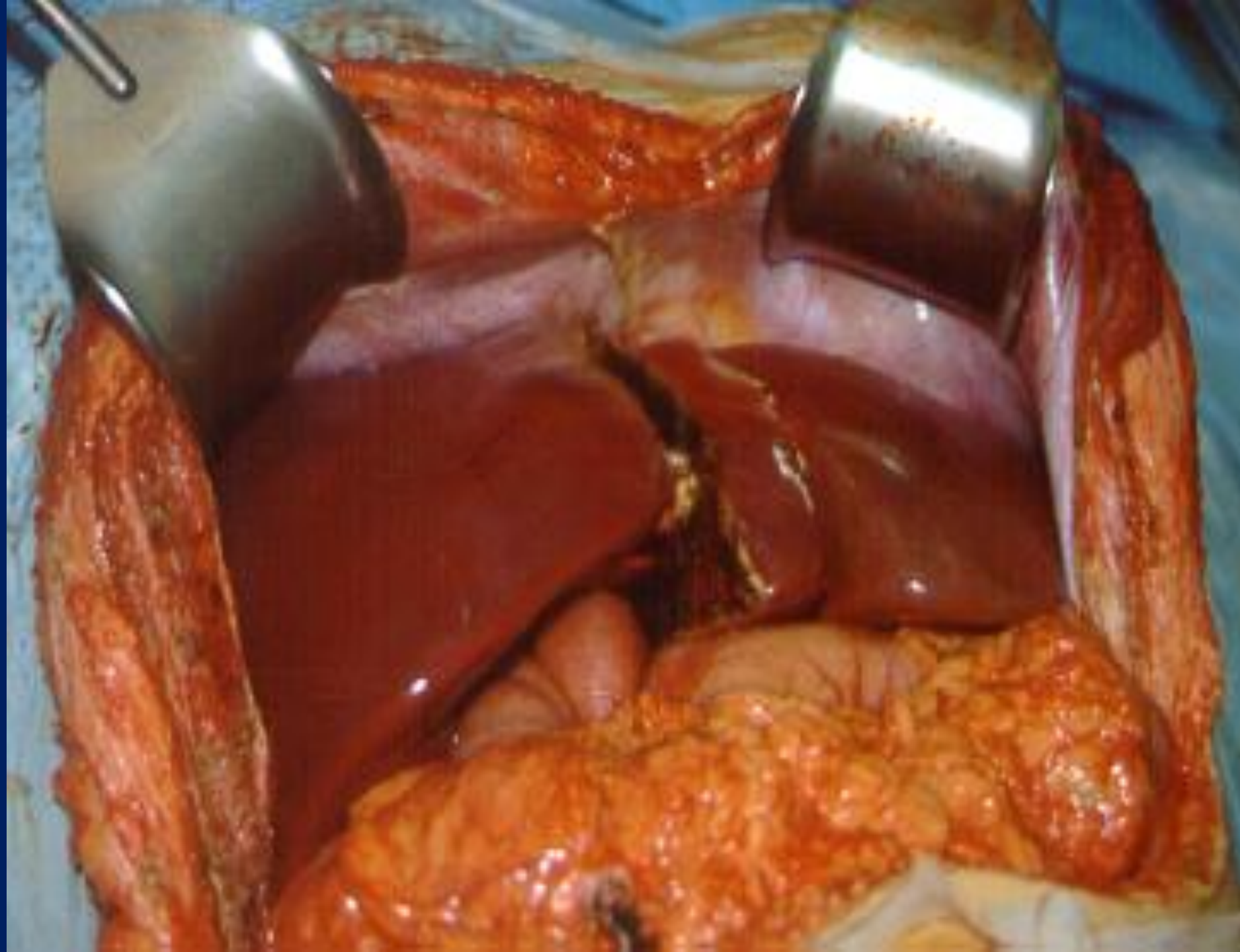
Strict selection criteria

Conventional IS

> 60% weaned off IS







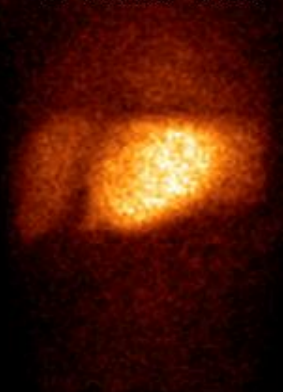


NATIVE:AUX
RATIO

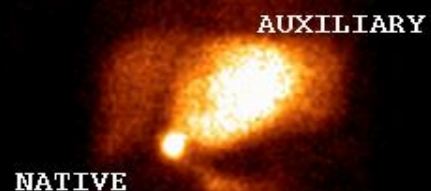
(10 days)

15 : 85

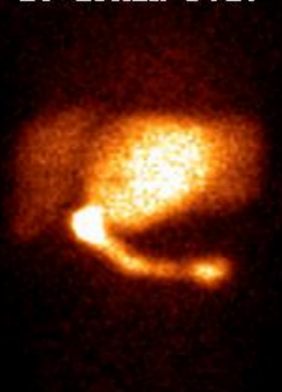
0-5MINS P.I.



5-10MIN P.I.

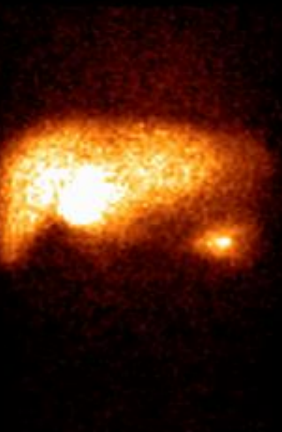
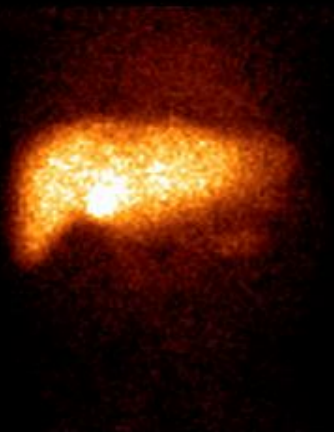
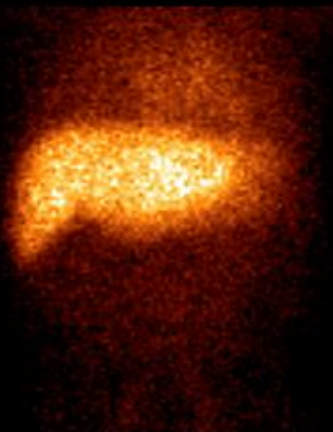


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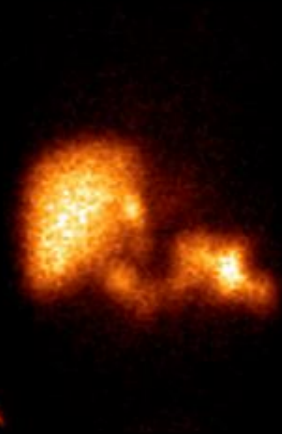
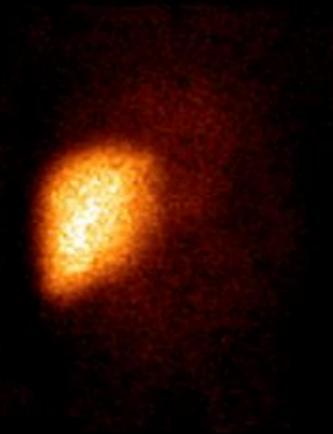
(7 months)

44 : 56

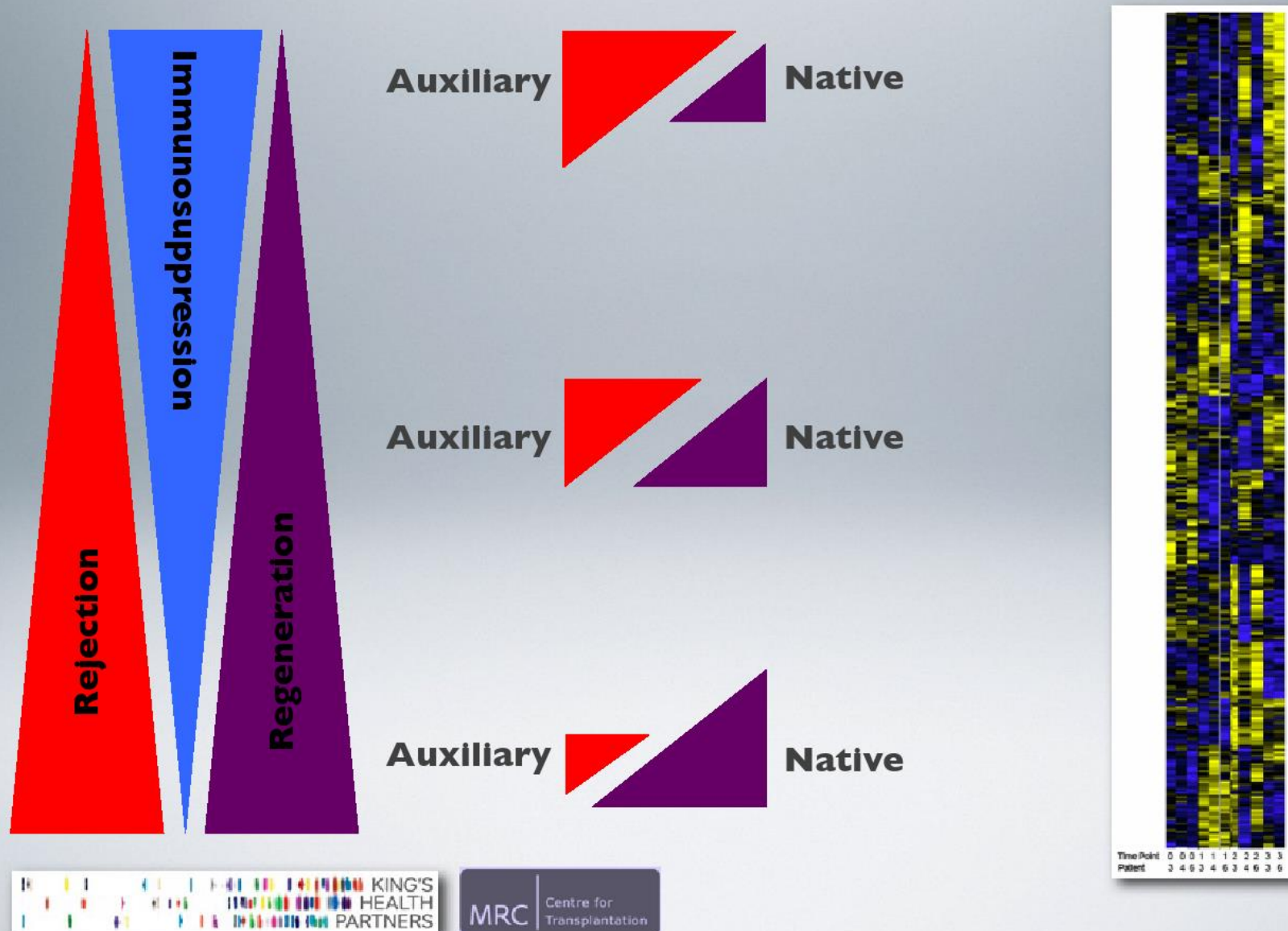


(11.5 months)

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AUXILIARY LIVER TRANSPLANTATION: SIMULTANEOUS CHARACTERISATION OF LIVER REGENERATION AND REJECTION



AUXILIARY LIVER TRANSPLANTATION FOR ACUTE LIVER FAILURE

Choice of recipient

Satisfy current transplant criteria

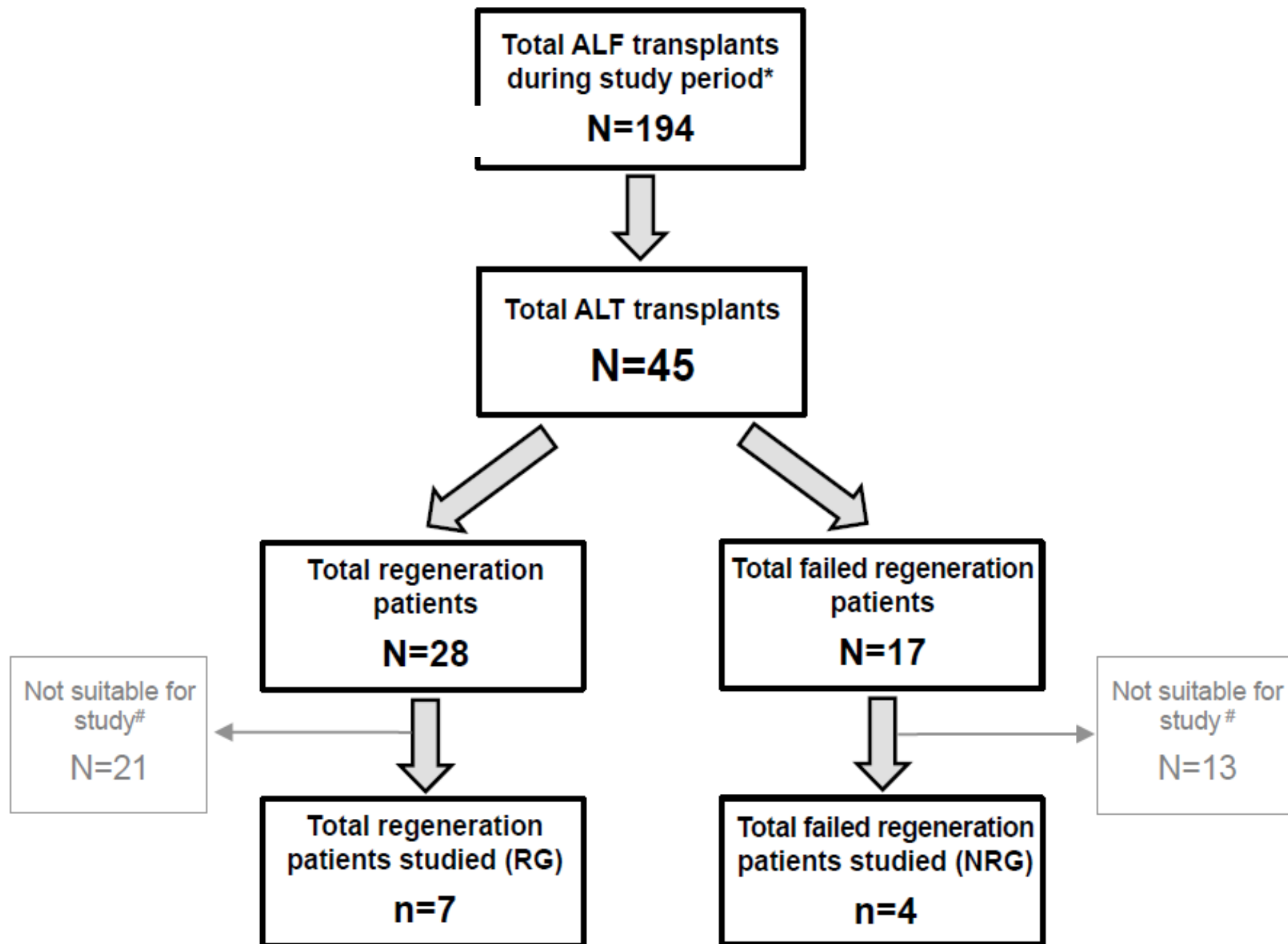
Age less than 40 years

Potential for regeneration – age, aetiology, fibrosis

Aetiology of liver failure – toxic liver syndrome

Clinical status – cardiovascular and neurological

Quality of donor liver



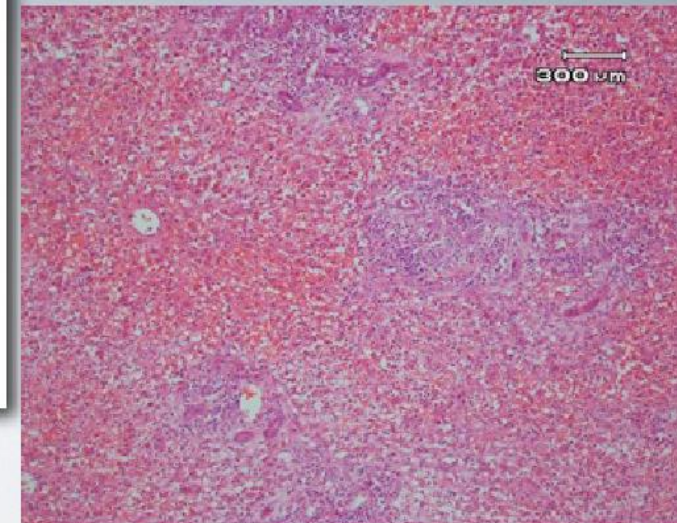
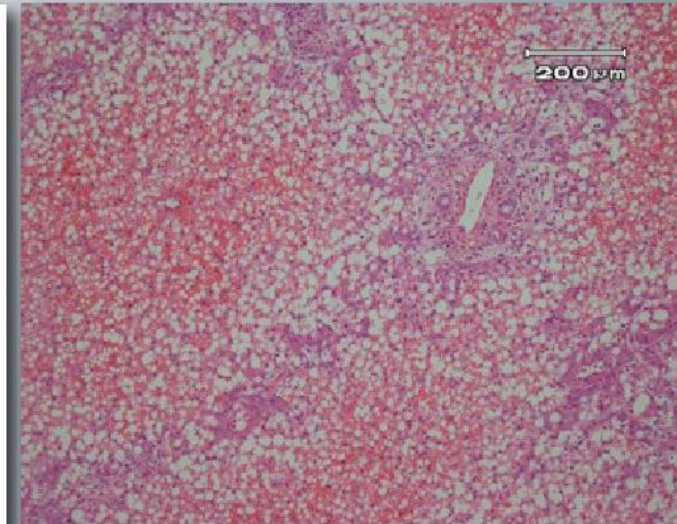
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Regenerator patients R1-7

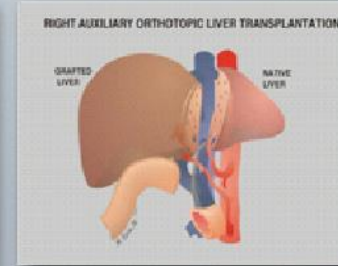
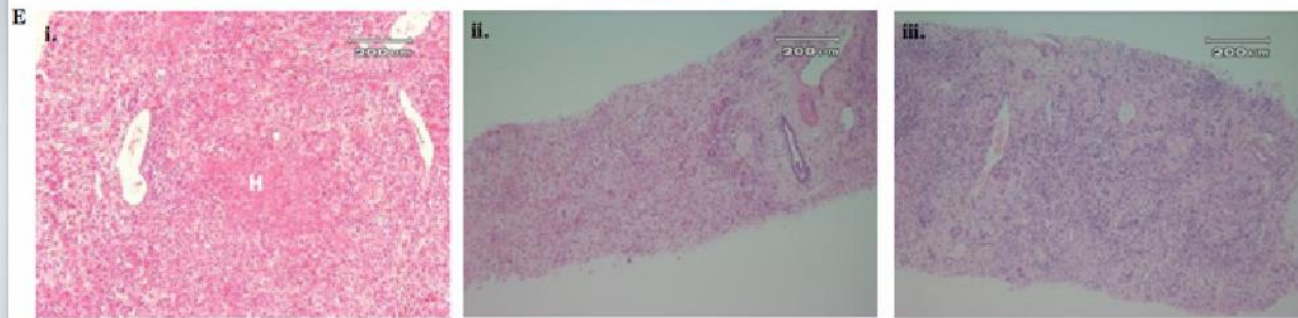
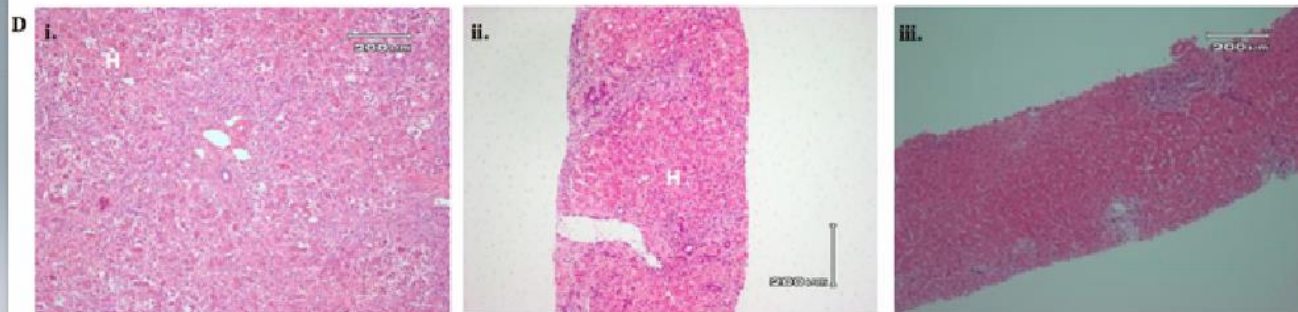
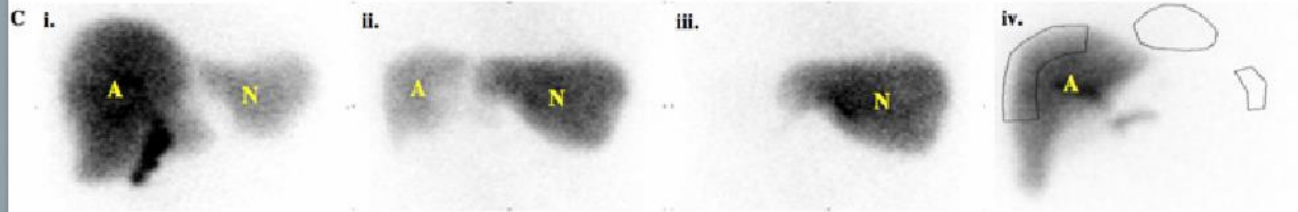
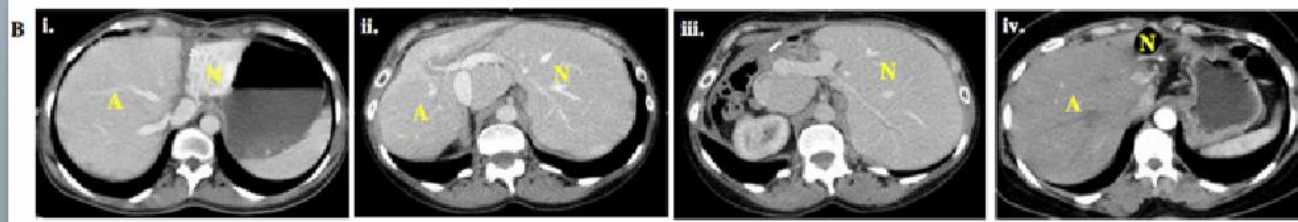
	Sex	Age	Indication	I/S	Withdrawal date	Rejection (graft)?	Regen.?
R1	M	17	Drug induced	FK/MMF	Weaning	Y-Day 8	Y
R2	F	4	Mushroom poison	FK	After 8 years	Y-Day 21	Y
R3	F	15	POD	FK	After 6 months	Y-Day 246	Y
R4	F	32	POD	FK	After 9 months	Y-Day 146	Y
R5	M	14	Seronegative	Cya	After 21 months	Y-Day 0	Y
R6	M	2.3	Seronegative	Cya/MMF	After 13 months	Y-Day 7	Y
R7	M	8	Seronegative /aplastic anaemia	FK/Cya	After 17 months	Y-Day 105	Y

Non-Regenerator patients NR1-4

	Sex	Age	Indication	I/S	Withdrawal date	Rejection (graft)?	Regen.?
NR1	M	32	Seronegative	Cya/FK	N/A	?	N
NR2	F	17	Drug induced	FK/MMF/ Basiliximab	N/A	?	N*
NR3	F	29	Drug induced (anti- TB)	FK	N/A	?	N
NR4	M	12	Seronegative	FK	N/A	?	N

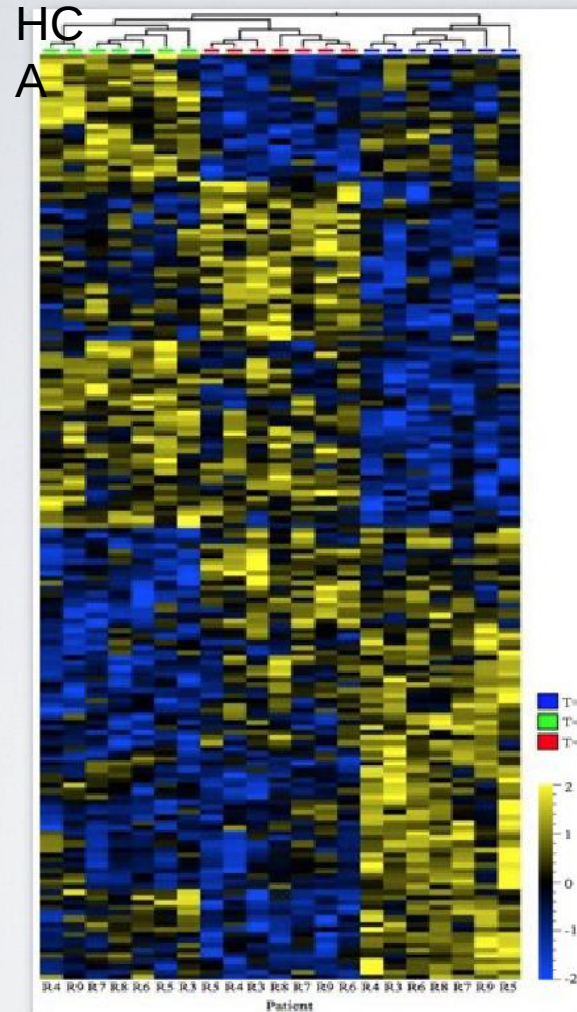
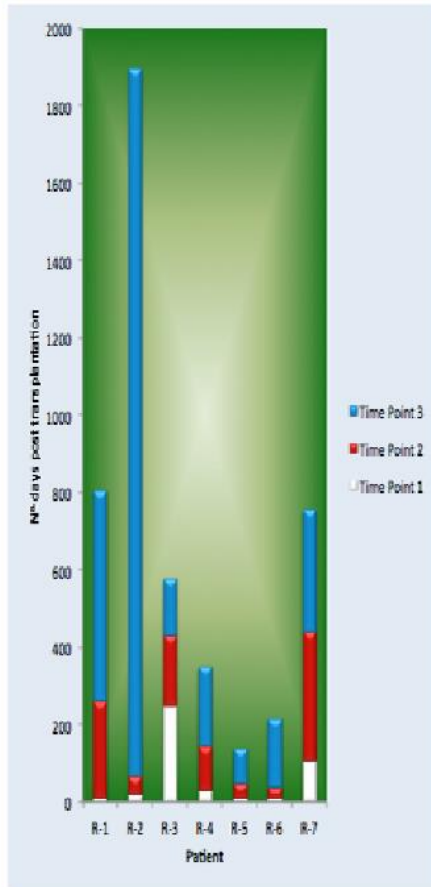


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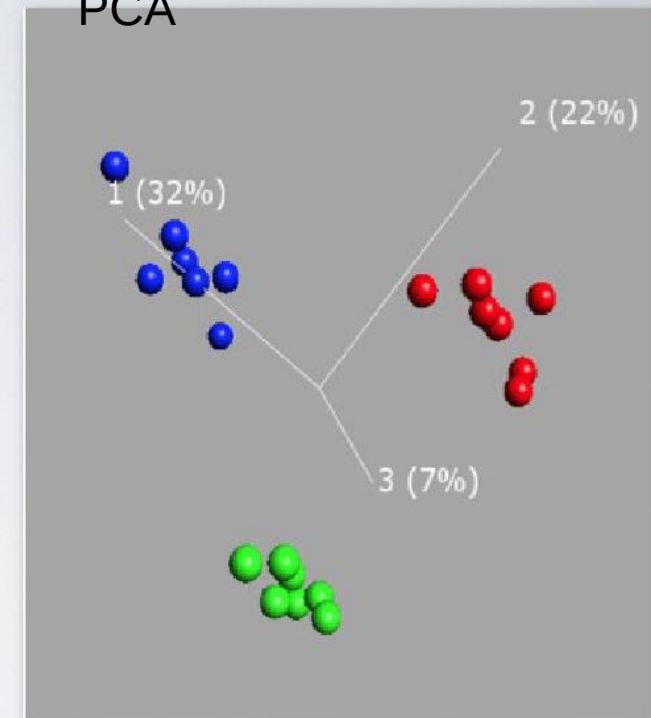


AUXILIARY TRANSPLANT NATIVE LIVER 'REGENERATORS' T0, T1 AND T2

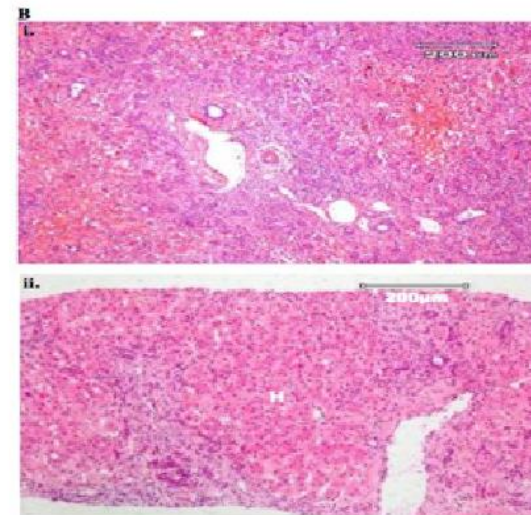
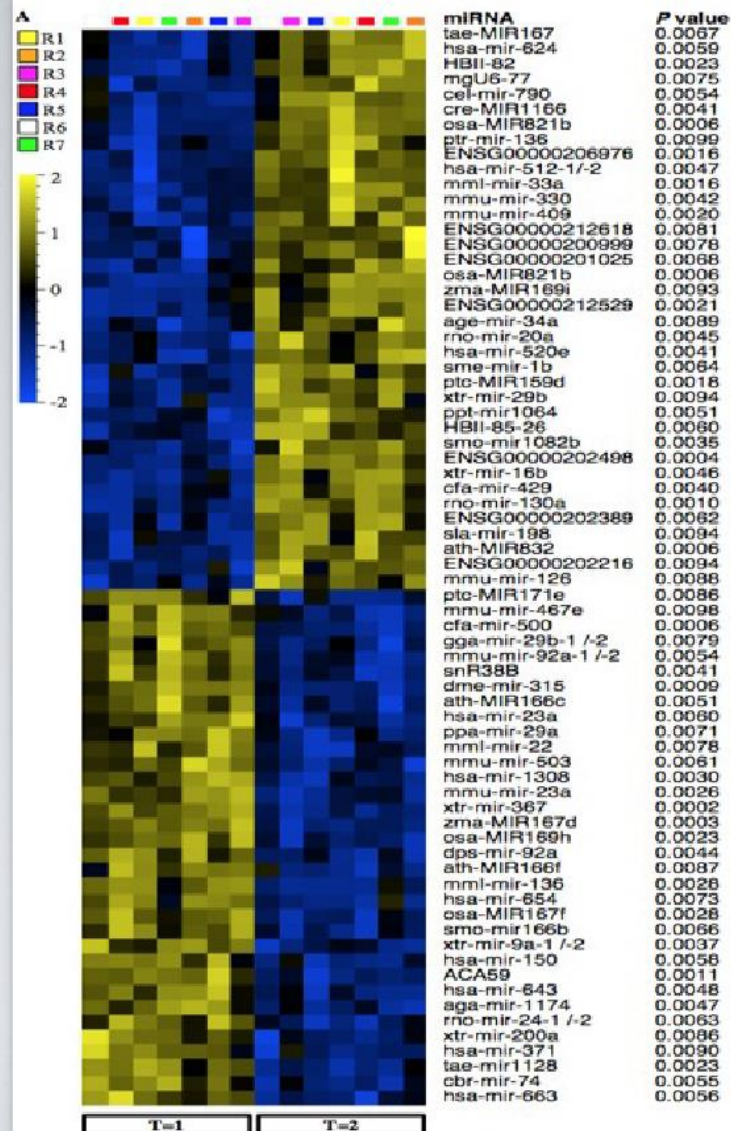
Regeneration patients



PCA



AUXILIARY TRANSPLANT NATIVE LIVER 'REGENERATORS' T0 VS T1



C, i.

Network	P value	Z	G
miR-503, miR-23a, miR-150, miR-663, miR-654	4.95e-19	75	75

ii.

miRNA	Target gene
↓miR-503	↑ Cyclin D1● / Cyclin E2● / Cyclin F● / C Wee1● / CDC25A● / CHK1● / CDKN1B●
↓miR-23a	↑ TNFα● / c-Myc●
↓miR-150	↑ TNFα● / Survivin● / FoxP1● / c-Myb●
↓miR-663	↑ TGF-β1● / JunB● / JunD● / AP-1●

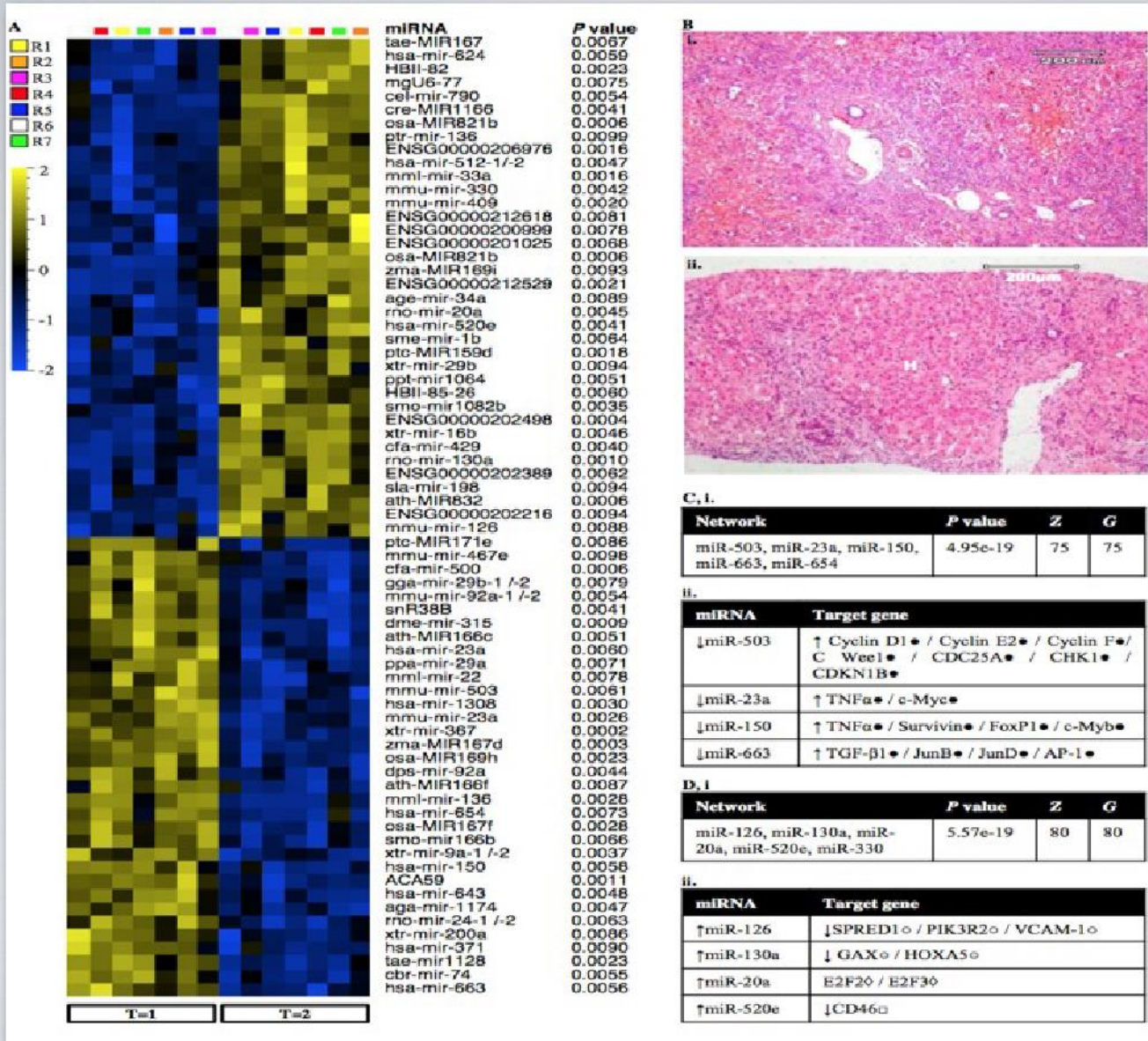
D, i.

Network	P value	Z	G
miR-126, miR-130a, miR-20a, miR-520e, miR-330	5.57e-19	80	80

ii.

miRNA	Target gene
↑miR-126	↓ SPRED1○ / PIK3R2○ / VCAM-1○
↑miR-130a	↓ GAX○ / HOXA5○
↑miR-20a	E2F2○ / E2F3○
↑miR-520e	↓CD46○

AUXILIARY TRANSPLANT NATIVE LIVER 'REGENERATORS' T0 VS T1



pathways activated by coordinated downregulation of these miRNA include those known to be critical for the early phase of liver regeneration by promoting hepatocyte proliferation.

Cell cycle

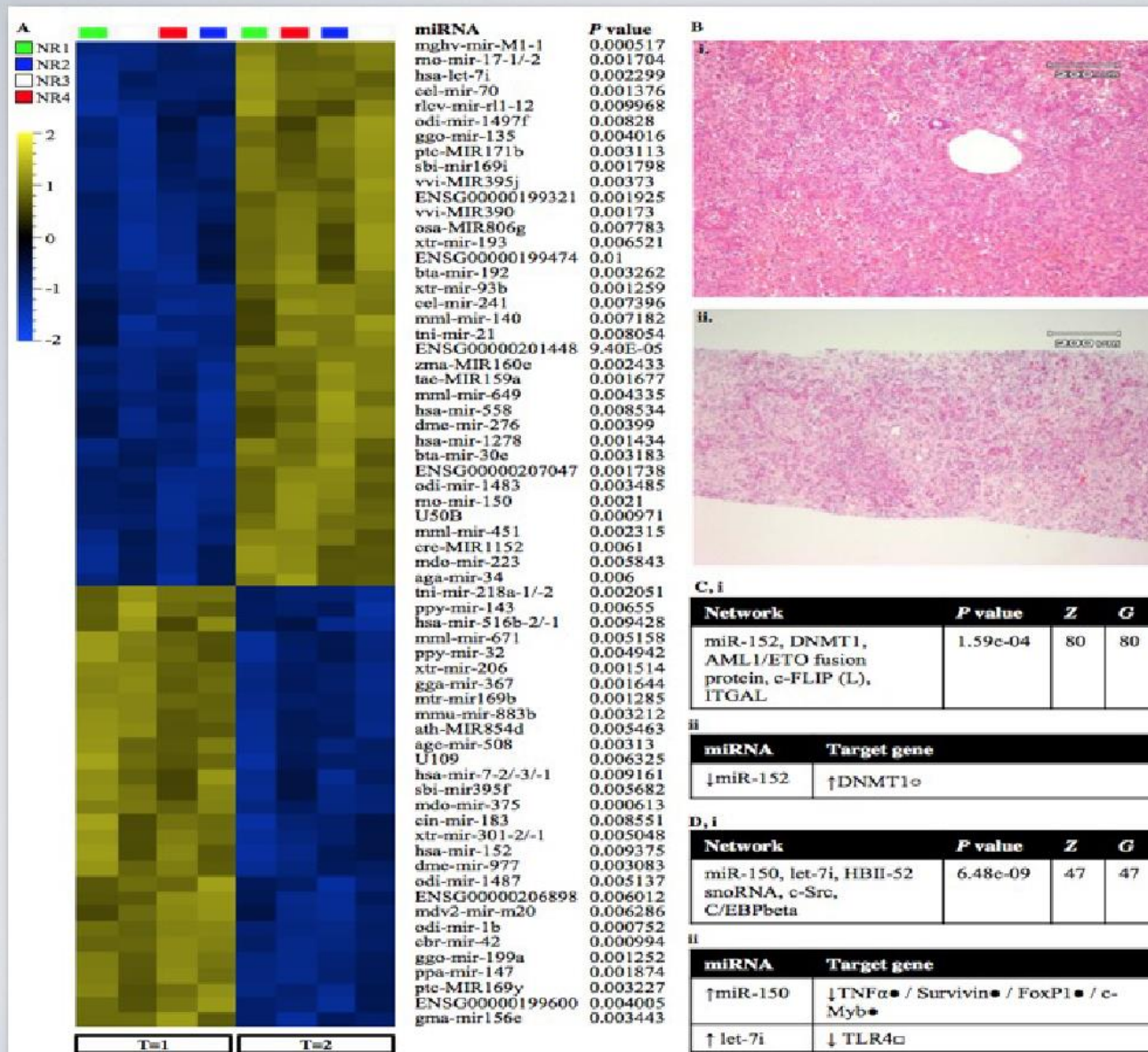
Inflammation

Anti-apoptotic

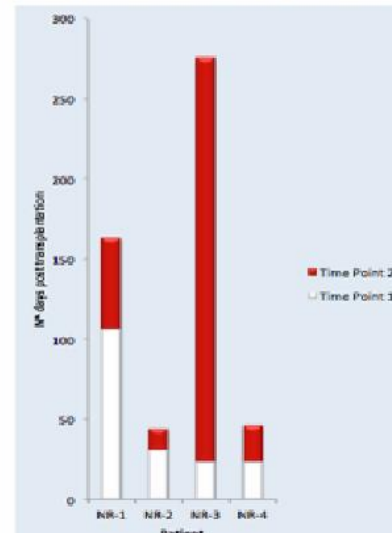
Angiogenesis

Innate immunity

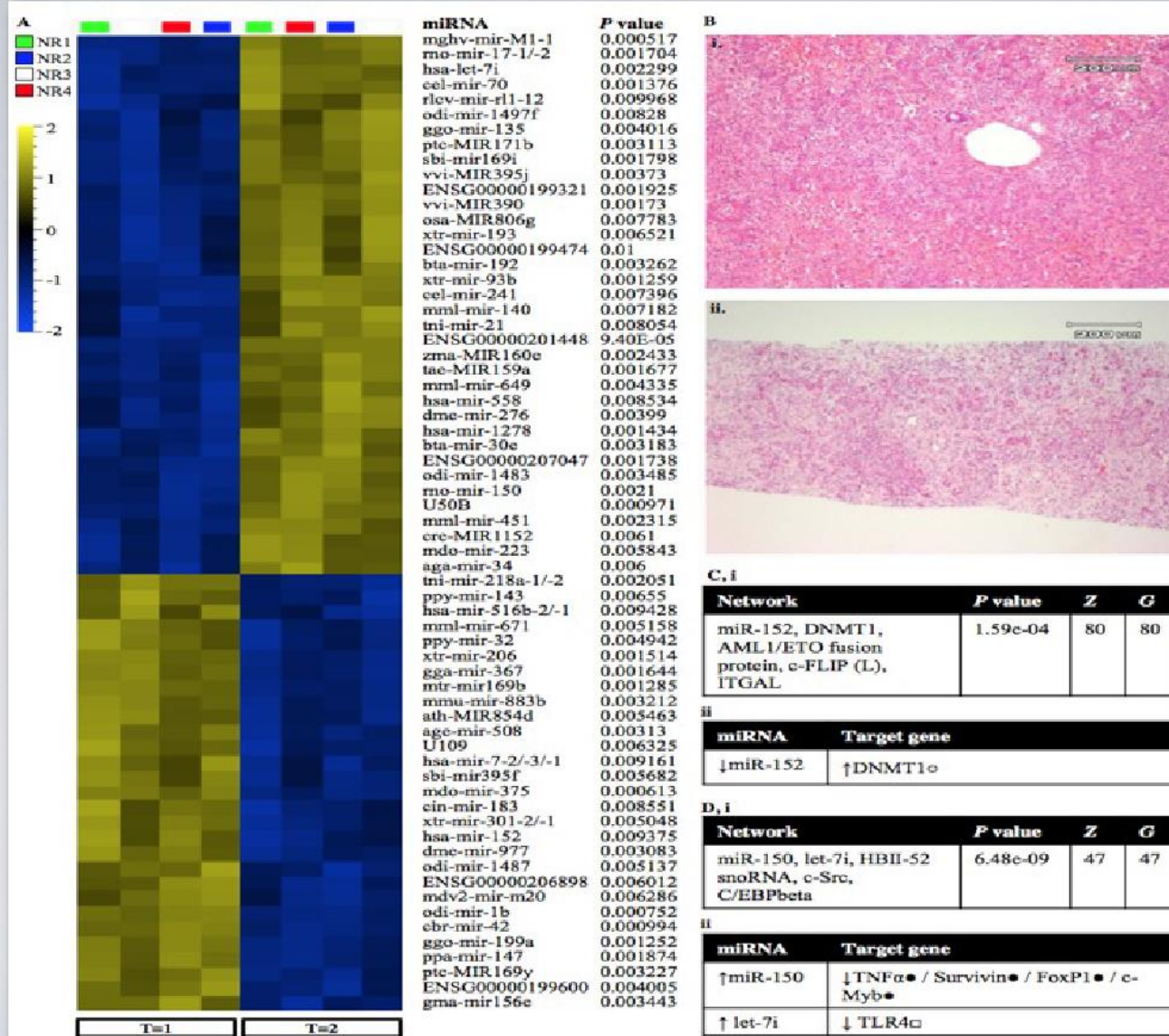
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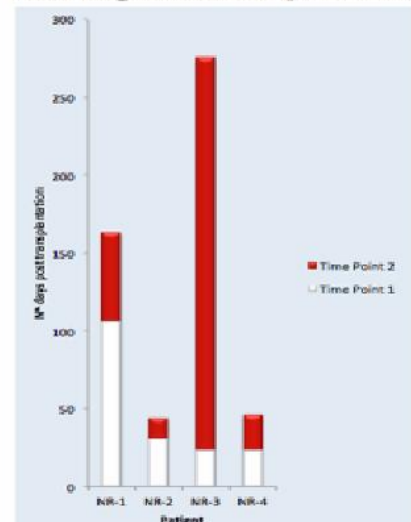
Non-regeneration patients



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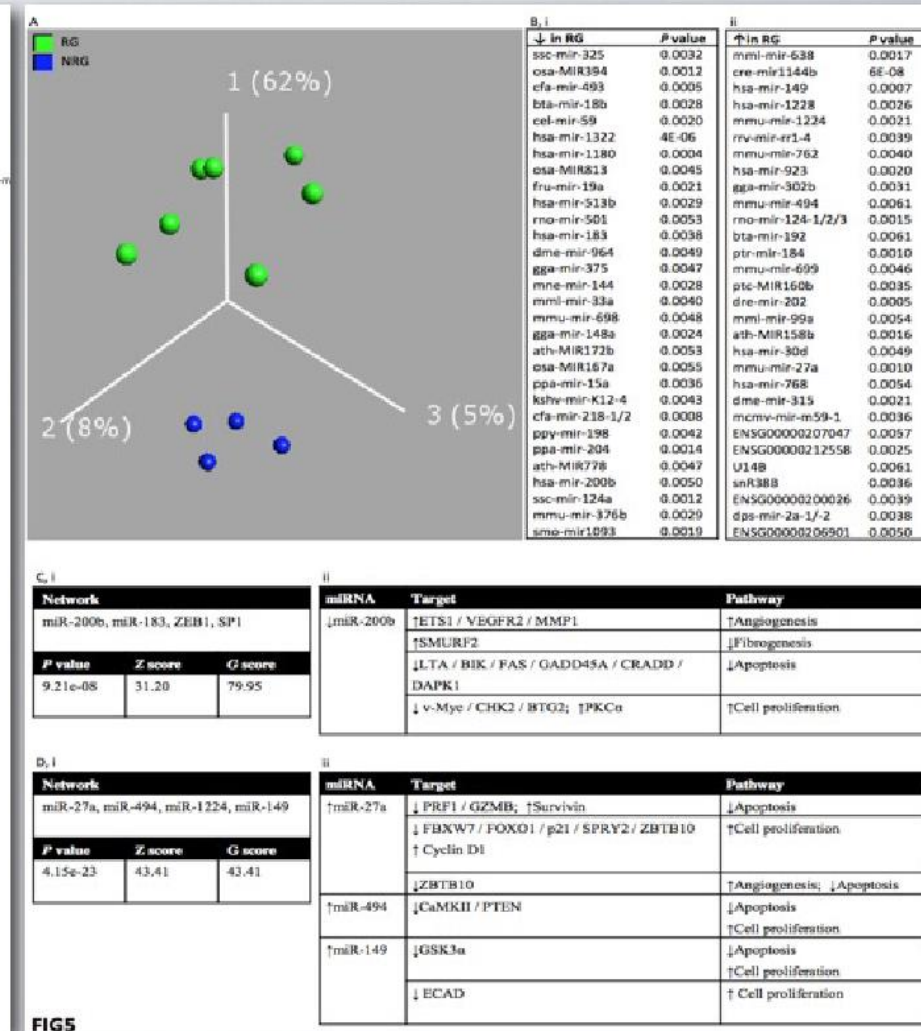
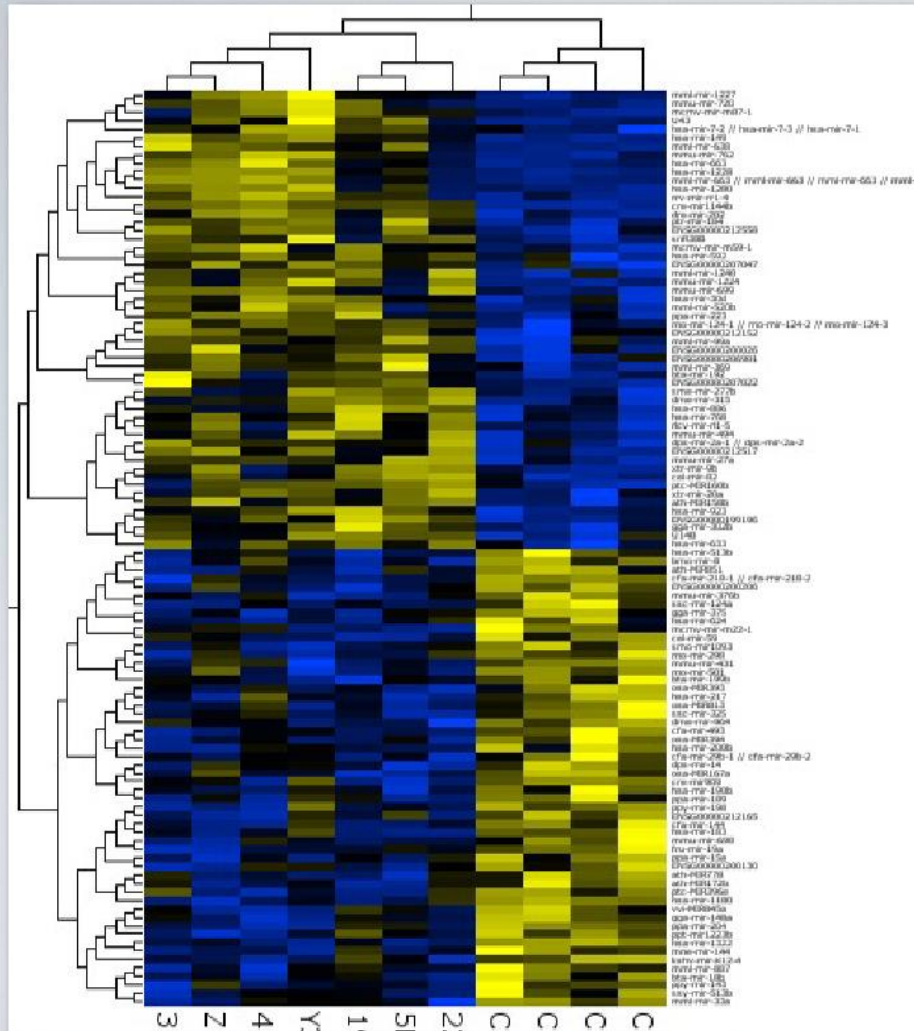
Non-regeneration patients



Global DNA methylation

**Cell cycle inhibition
Reduced Inflammation
Pro-apoptotic**

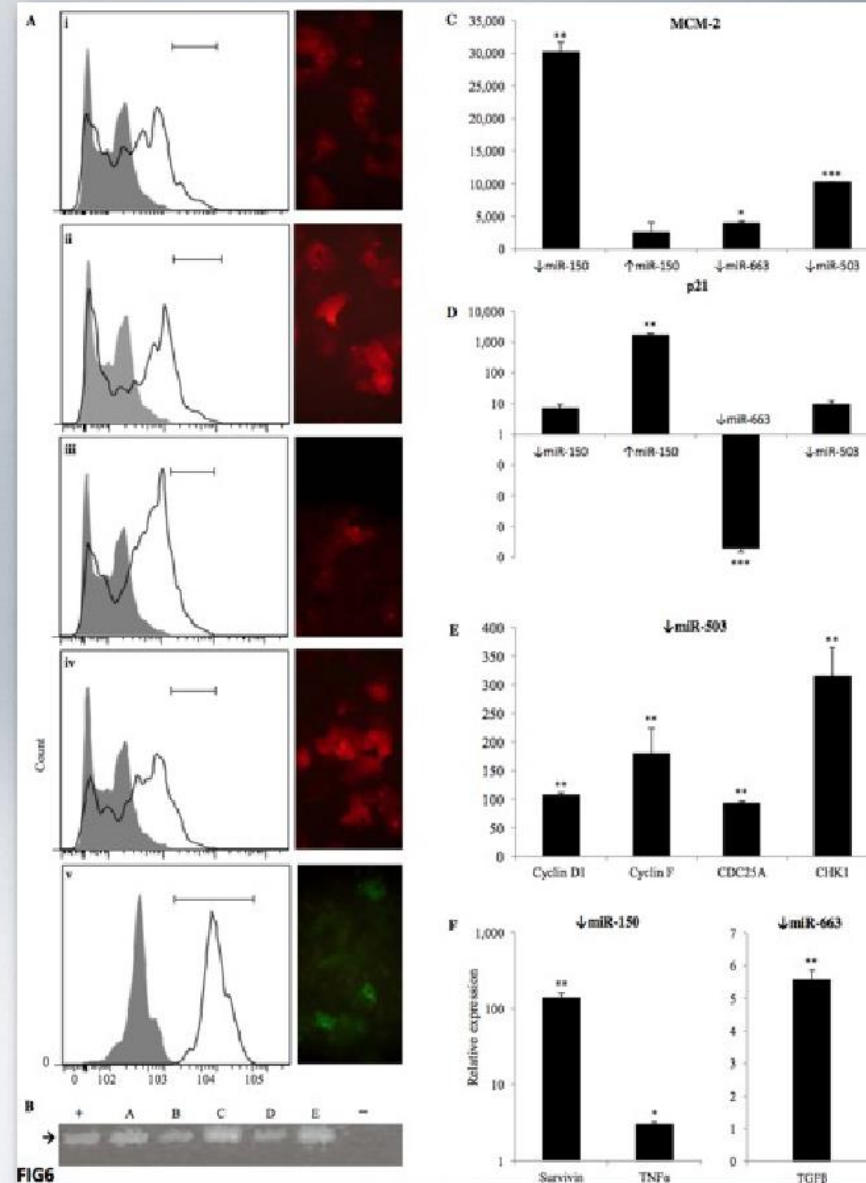
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The distinct miRNA expression patterns between the RG and NRG at the time of ALT indicate that regeneration had already commenced at T1 in the RG.

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- **Lentiviral transduction**
- **Primary hepatocytes**

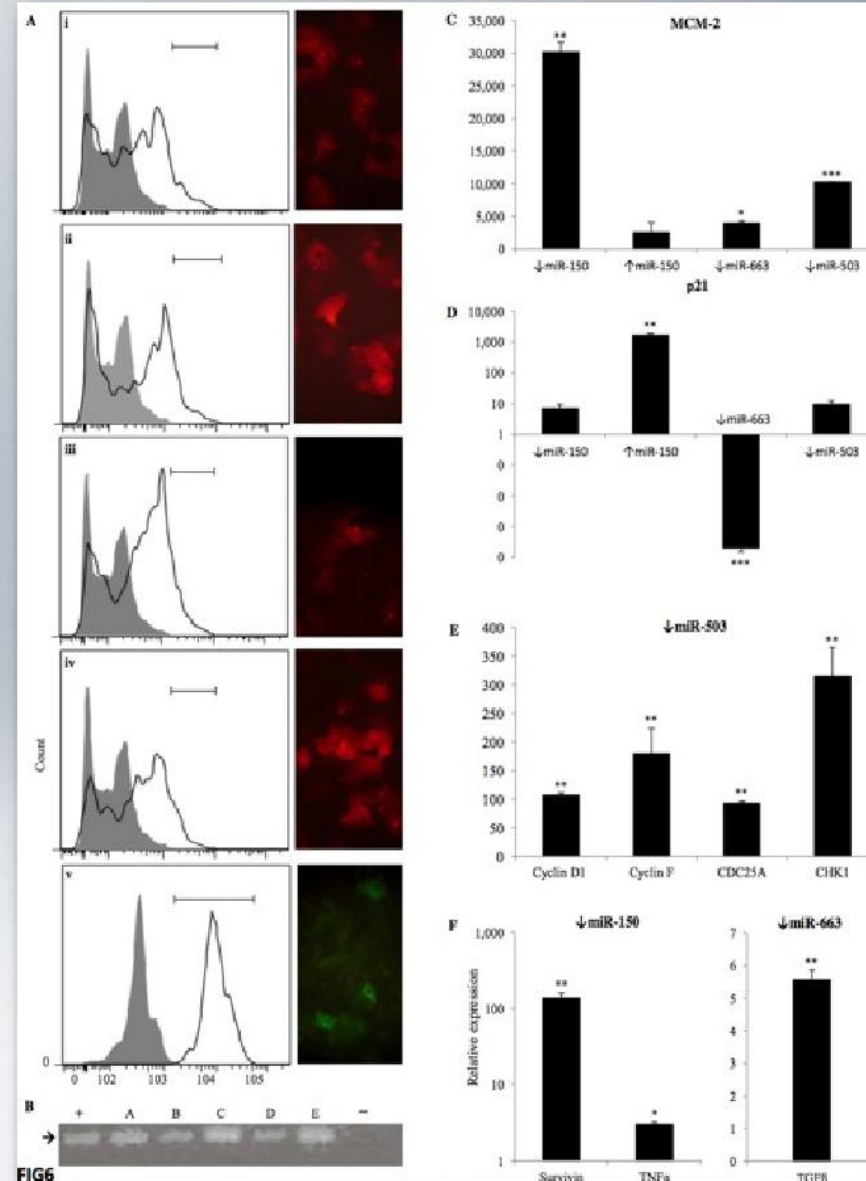


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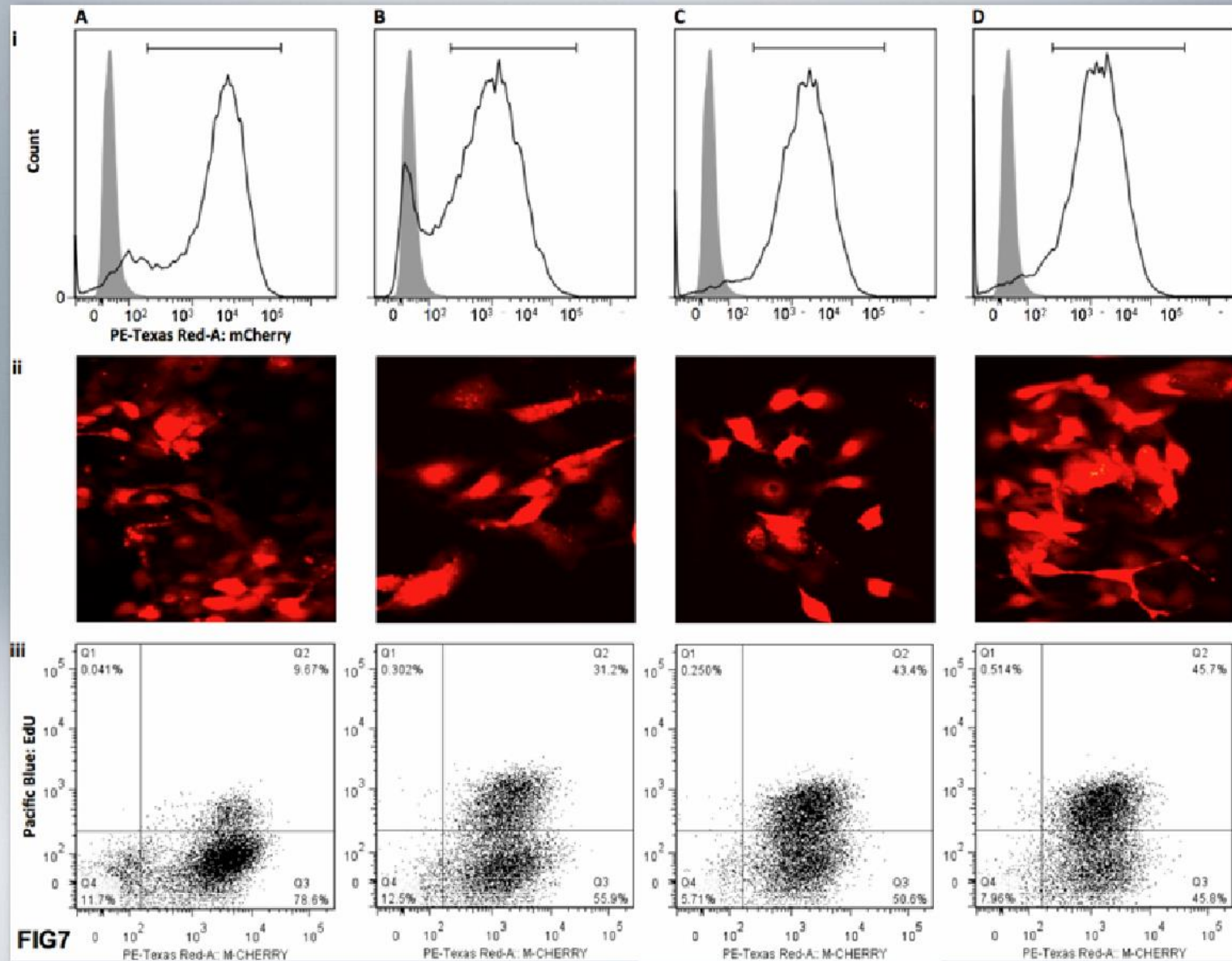
- Cell cycle competent
- Upregulation of known target genes
- Cell cycle genes associated with regeneration

MCM2:

minichromosomes



IN VITRO MANIPULATION 2





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Some liver transplants 'avoidable'

By James Gallagher
Health and science reporter, BBC News

Some patients with severely damaged livers may not need a transplant as their own organ is actually regrowing, say doctors at a hospital in London.

They made the discovery by looking at a rare group of patients given a transplant while their own damaged liver is left in the body.

Sometimes the original liver recovers.

A study, in the [American Journal of Transplantation](#), suggests doctors can predict



The team have received funding to look for those chemical differences in the blood of patients.

microRNA regulating regenerative capacity alter tumour aggression and can enforce tumour growth arrest in vivo

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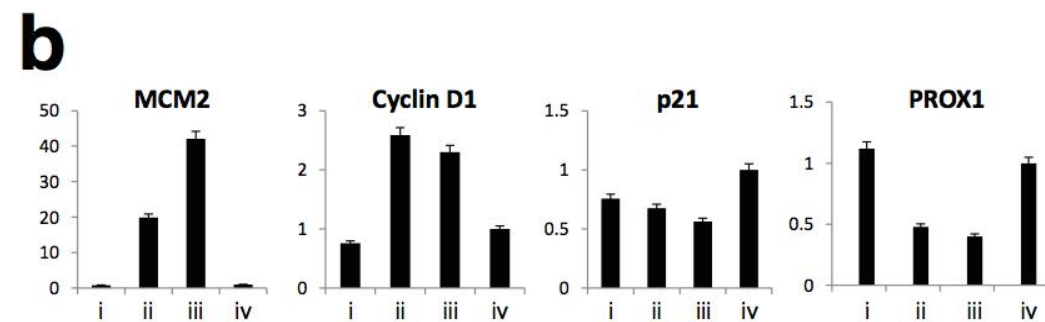
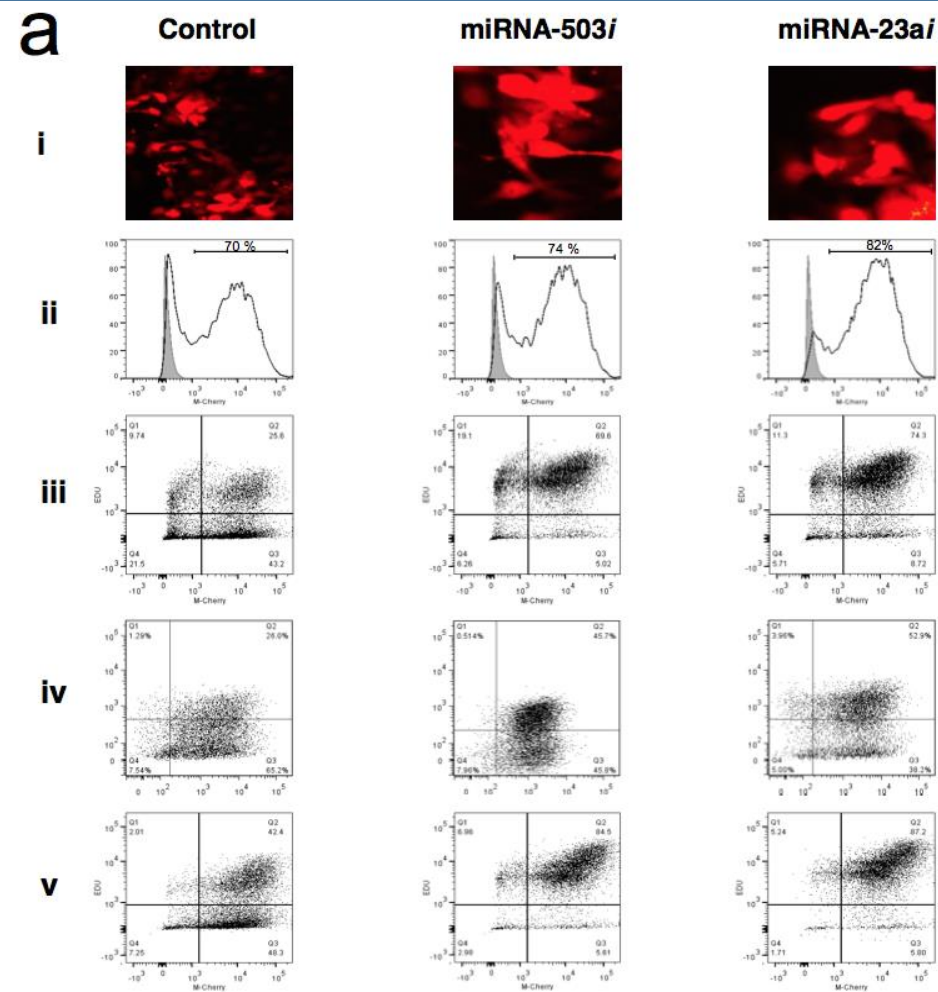
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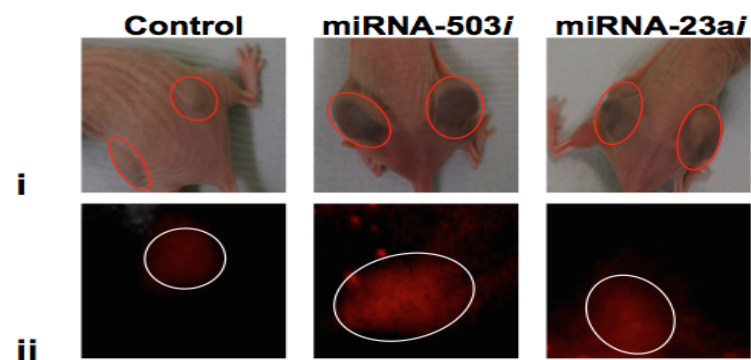
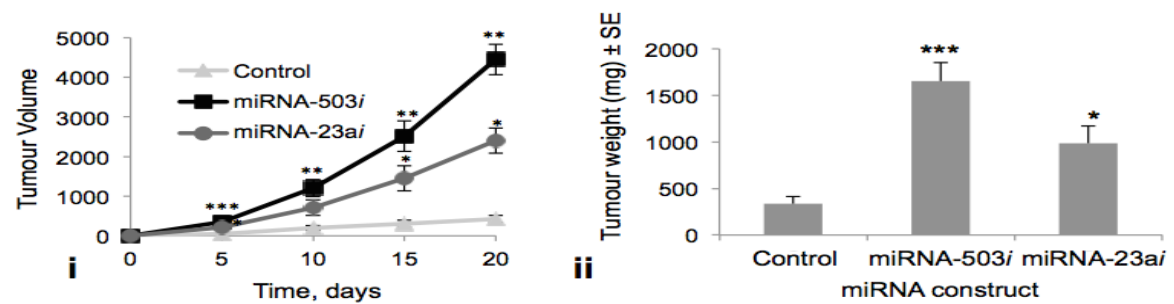
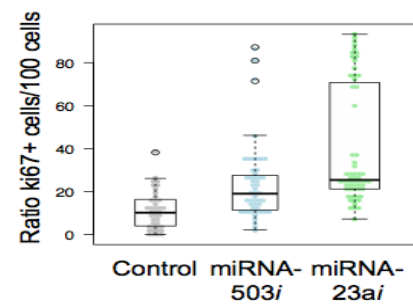
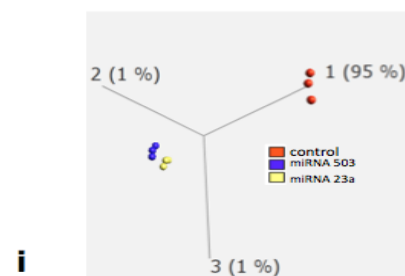
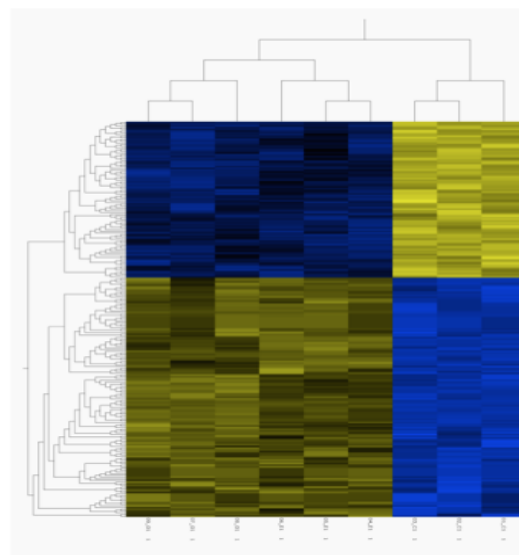
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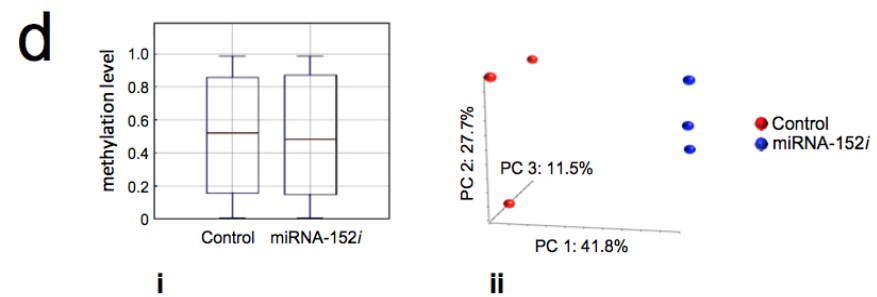
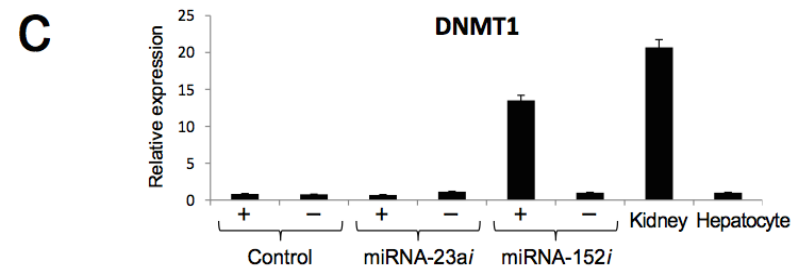
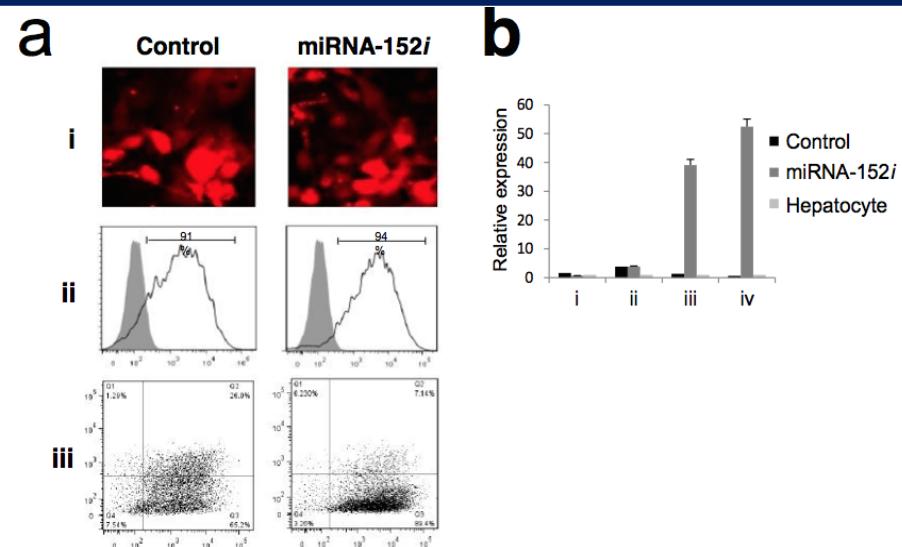
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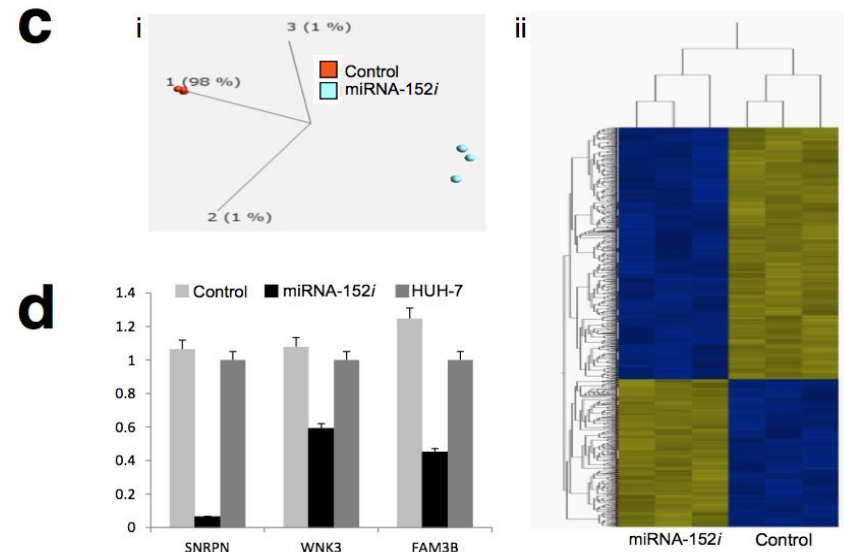
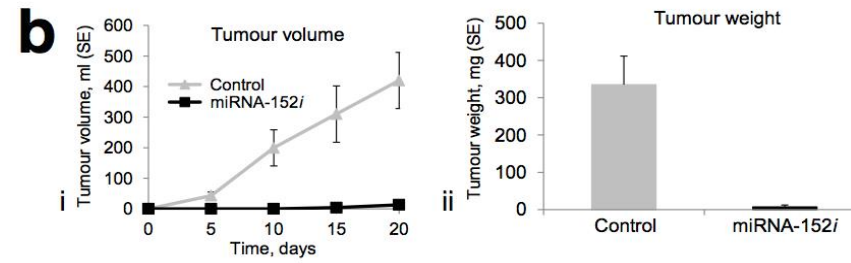
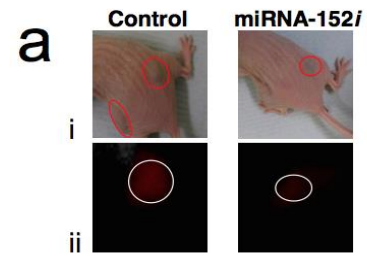
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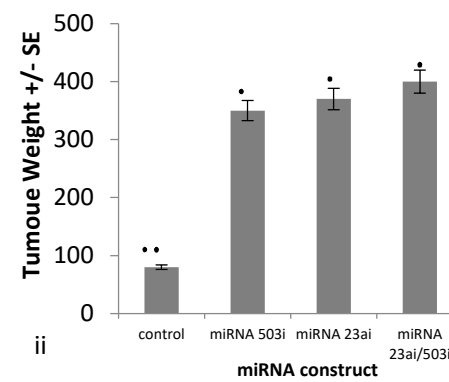
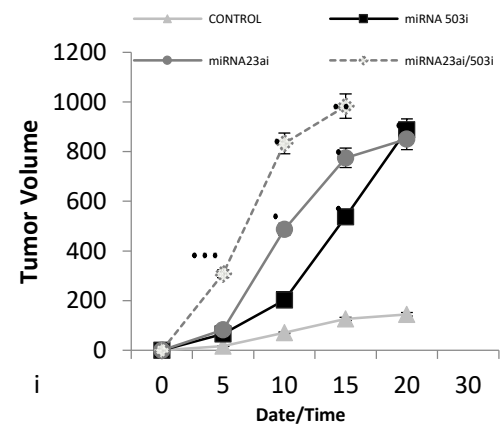
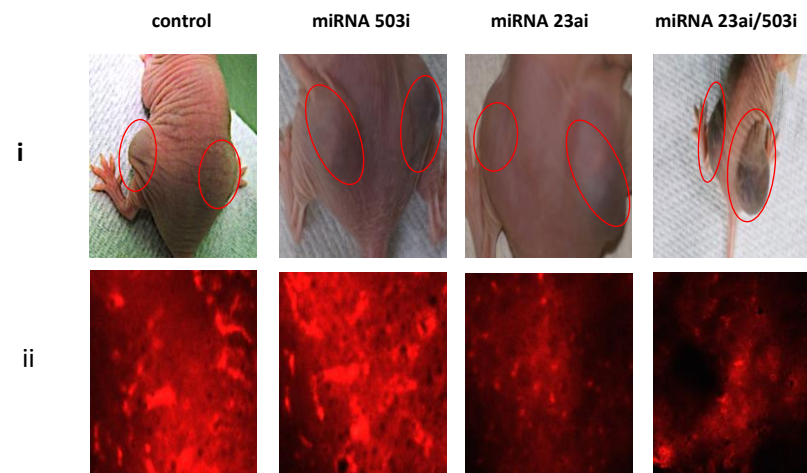
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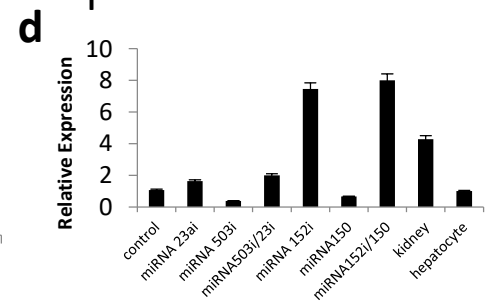
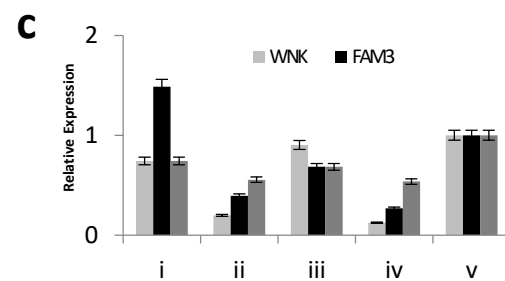
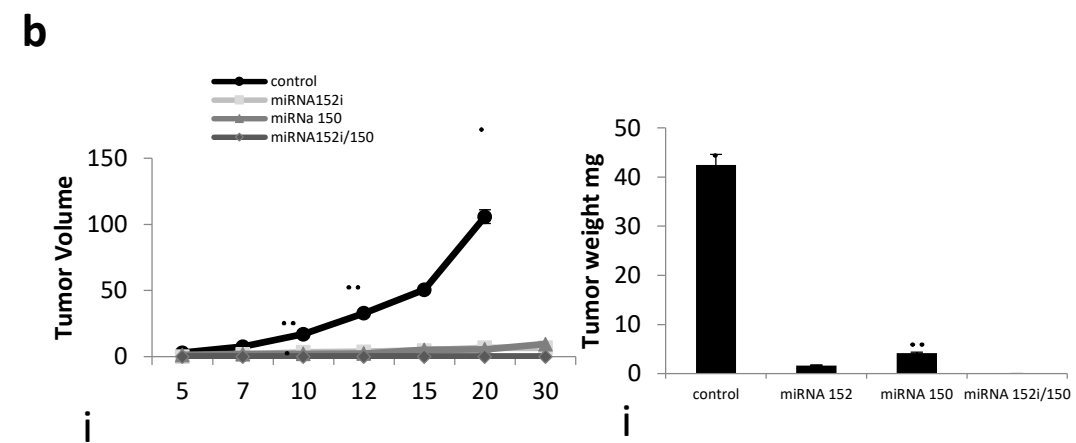


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EDU uptake in HepG2 Transfected cells

C	G	E	G+E	H	B	H+B
15.3%	17.3%	20.8%	48.1%	13.4%	27.6%	10.6%

EDU uptake in Min6 Transfected cells

C	G	E	G+E	H	B	H+B
11.2%	12.2%	17.2%	53%	10.4%	16.2%	7.7%

EDU uptake in HUH7 Transfected cells

C	G	E	G+E	H	B	H+B
58.2%	74.8%	73.3%	78.7%	0%	3.5%	0%

C: Scrambled

G: miRNA 23a inhibitor

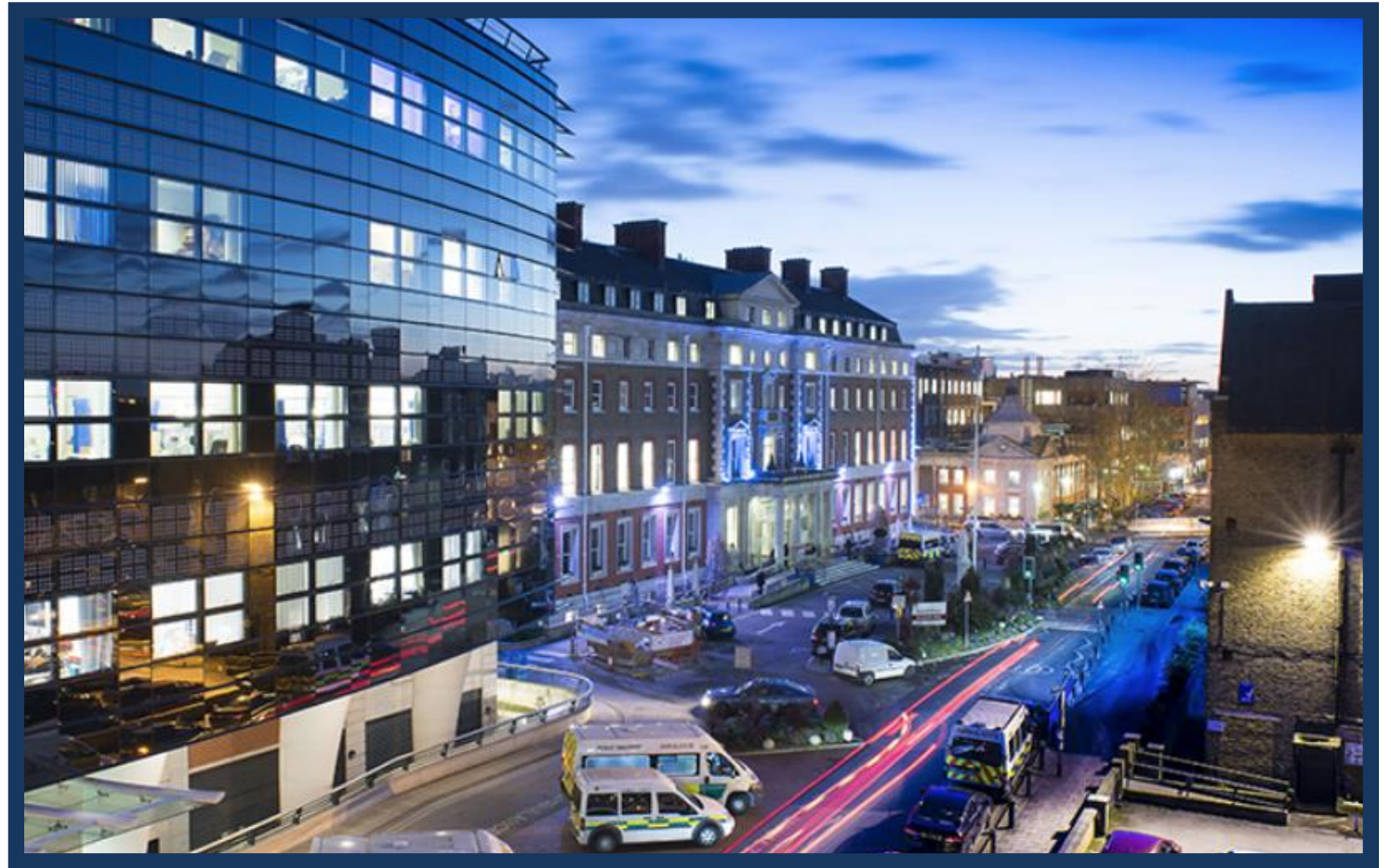
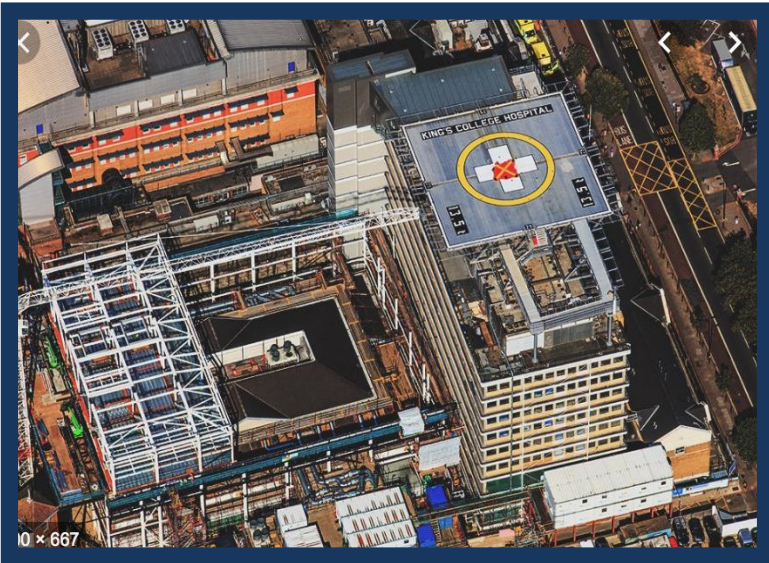
E: miRNA 503 inhibitor

H: miRNA 152 inhibitor

B: miRNA 150 expression clone

Our results indicate that regulation of regeneration and tumour aggressiveness are concordant and suggest a **potential novel treatment strategy for human cancers based on regulatory inhibitors of regeneration.**

Permission to start clinical trial for Cocktail miRNA treatment of HCC and other solid tumours



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