

Understanding the Biology of Metastasis Opportunities for New Therapy

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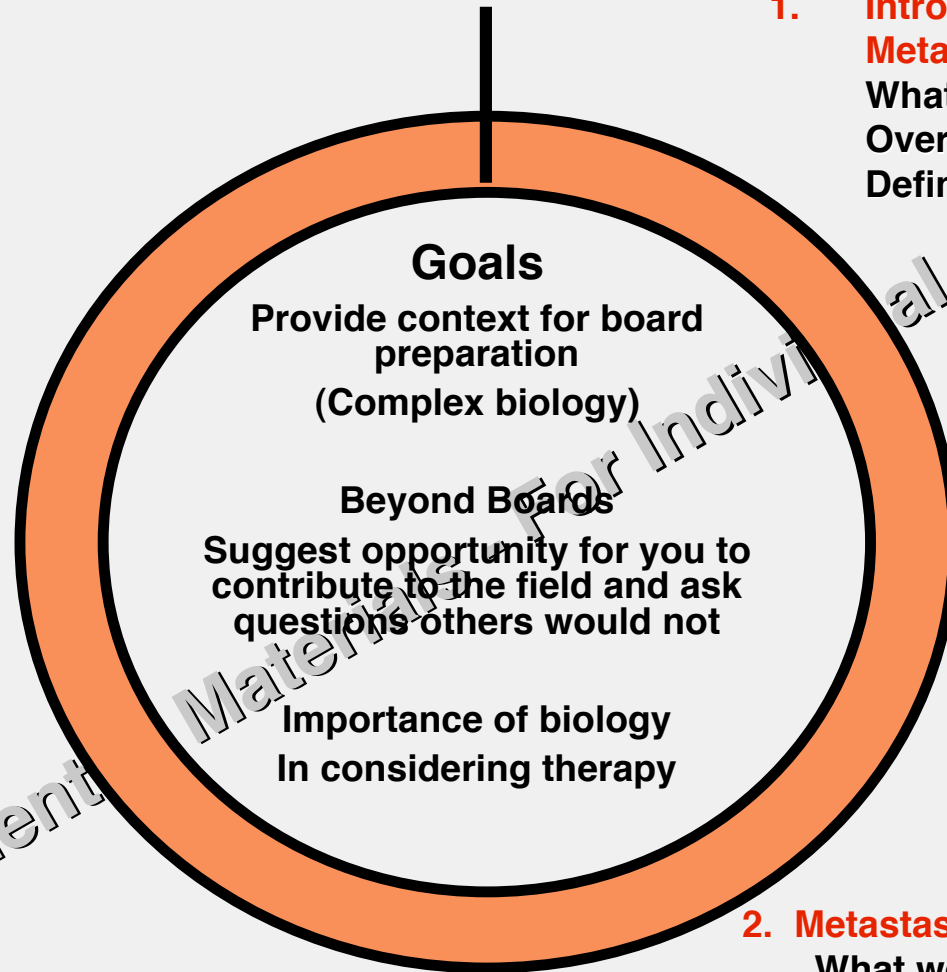
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Overview: Literature review, data, conjecture

- 3. Steps in the Metastatic Cascade**
- Connecting Biology with Therapy
- Ezrin - my favorite protein



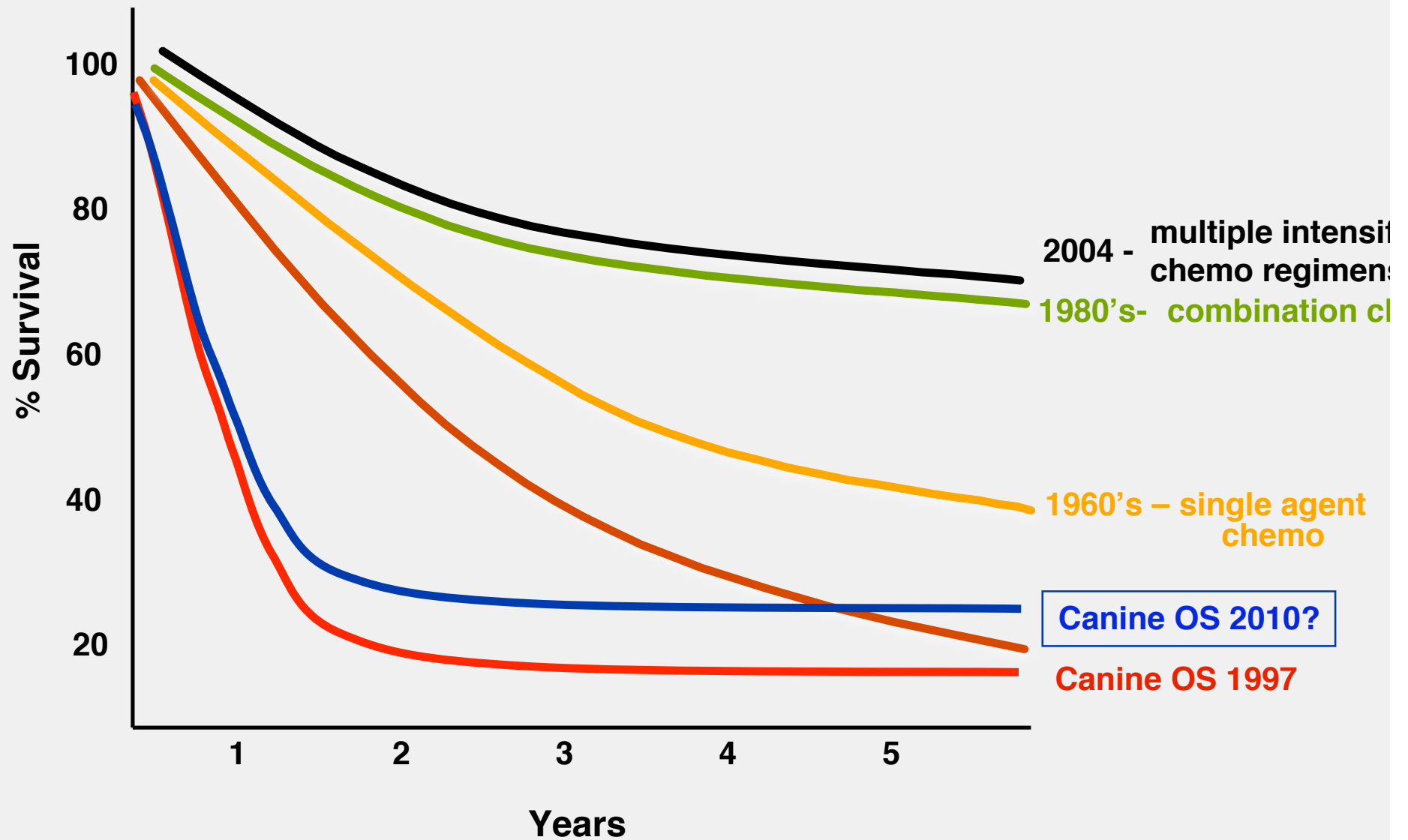
1. Introduction: The Problem of Metastasis

What we think we know and don't know
Overview of the metastatic cascade
Definition of metastasis

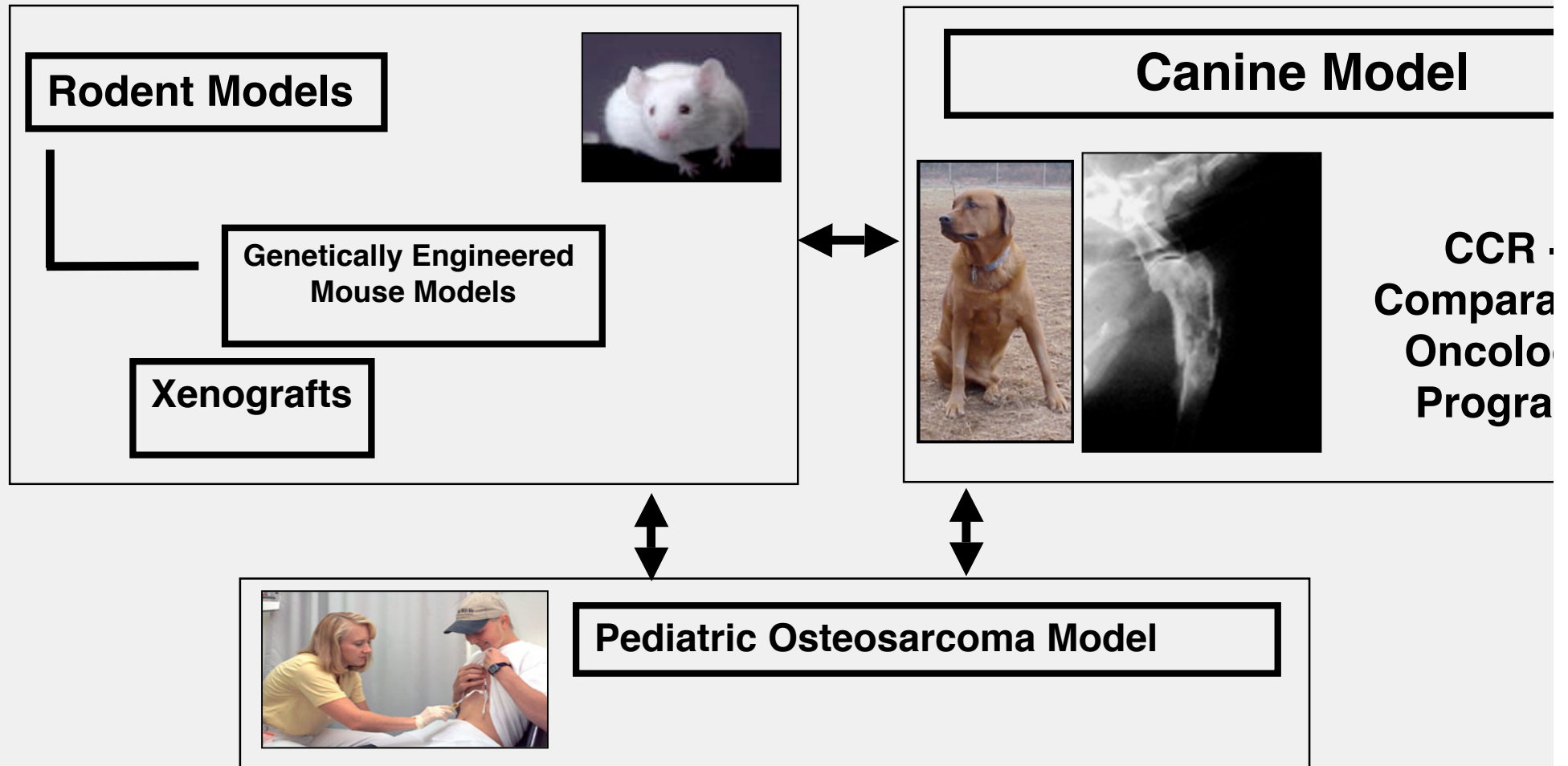
2. Metastasis Concepts and Control

What we don't know and don't know
Emergence of the metastatic phenotype
Inefficiencies in Metastasis
Dormancy of metastasis
Resistance to therapy

SURVIVAL OF PATIENTS WITH LOCALIZED OSTEOSARCOMA

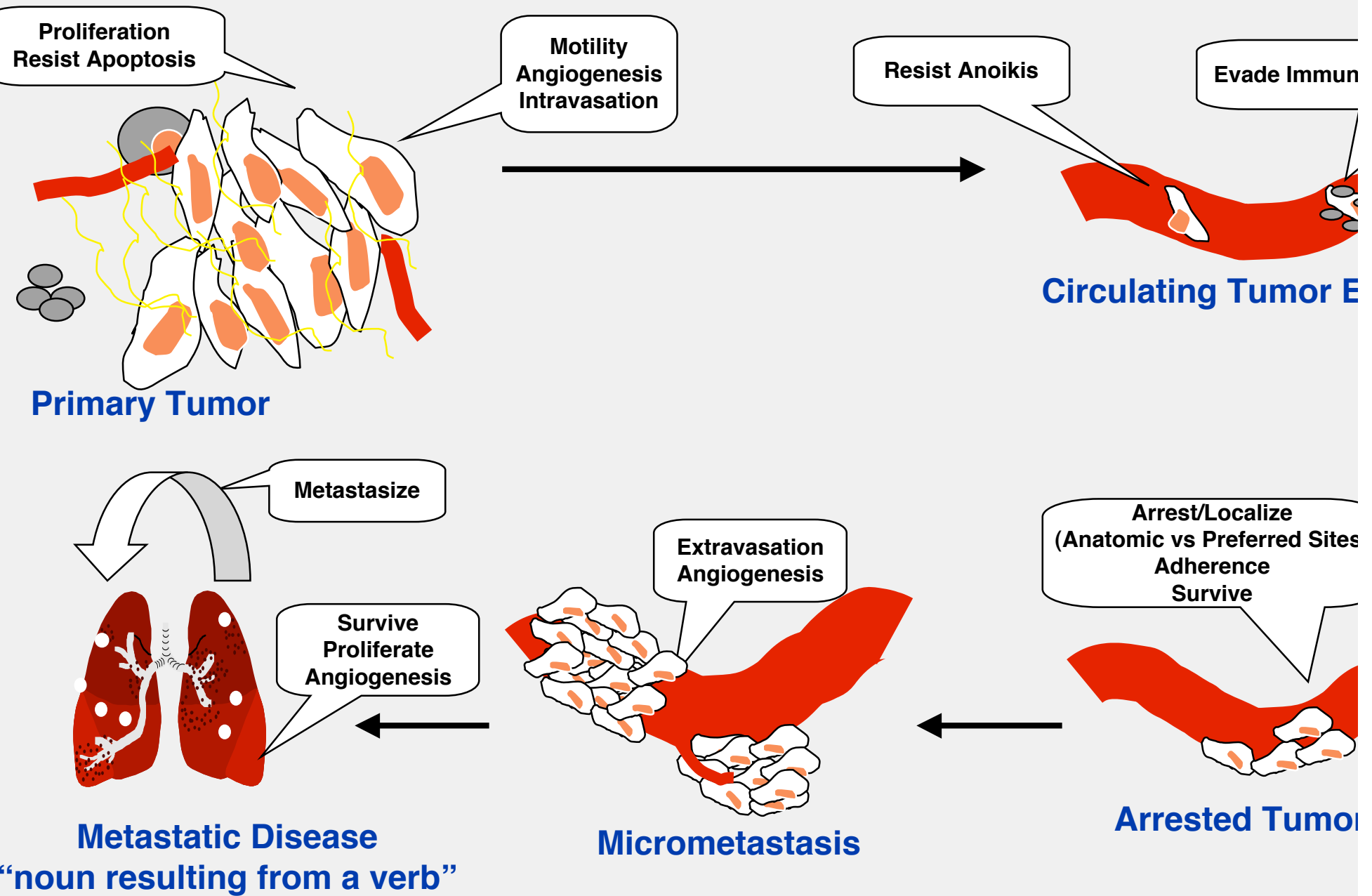


Comparative Approach Towards Improving our Understanding of Osteosarcoma Metastasis



Improved Understanding of Biology and Improved Treatment Outcomes

Metastasis Biology: The Dogma



What makes metastatic cells unique?

Phenotype

Invasion

Intermittent adhesion

Resistance to anoikis

Modulation of 2° site

Proliferation at 2° site

Persistent proliferation at 2° site

Normal cell(s)

Leukocytes, neurons, stem cell

Leukocytes, stem cells

Circulating leukocytes, stem ce

L'cytes, stem cells

Macrophages, stem cells

Stem cells

... all properties must co-exist within the same cell

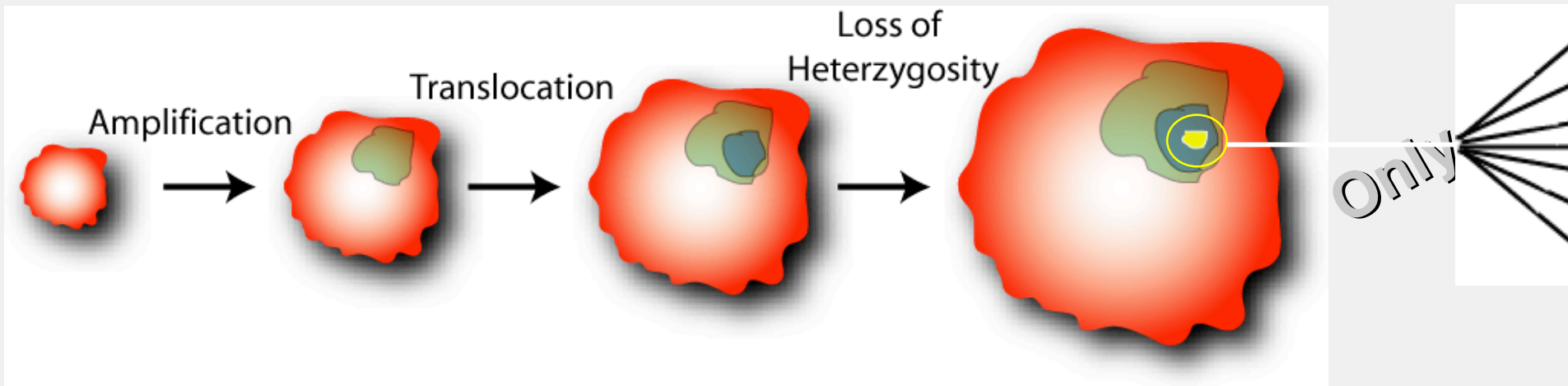
Metastasis (2008)

- Dissemination of neoplastic cells to discontinuous nearby or distant secondary (or higher order) sites where they proliferate to form an extravascular macroscopic mass
 - **Implicit requirement – primary tumor**
 - **Not direct extension of primary tumor**
 - **Not dependent upon route**
 - **Not defined by site of secondary lesion**
 - **Not yet defining macroscopic, but more than single cell**
 - **Extravasation *not* required before proliferation**

When does the Metastatic Phenotype Emerge?

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Metastatic Progression Model



Progression associated with tumor size and time

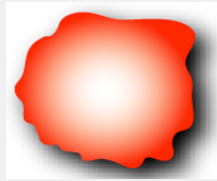
Clinical Significance of Progression Model:

- A minority of cancer cells in a primary tumor are able to metastasize
- Early detection of a primary tumor should be associated with more favorable outcome
- Effective and definitive treatment of early and small tumors will reduce risk of metastatic phenotype acquisition
- Suggests lack of value in primary tumor response predicting response at metastatic sites

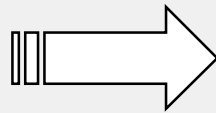
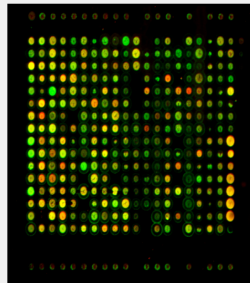
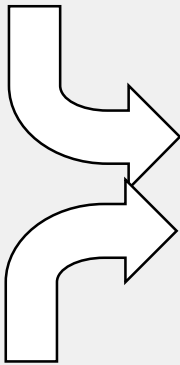
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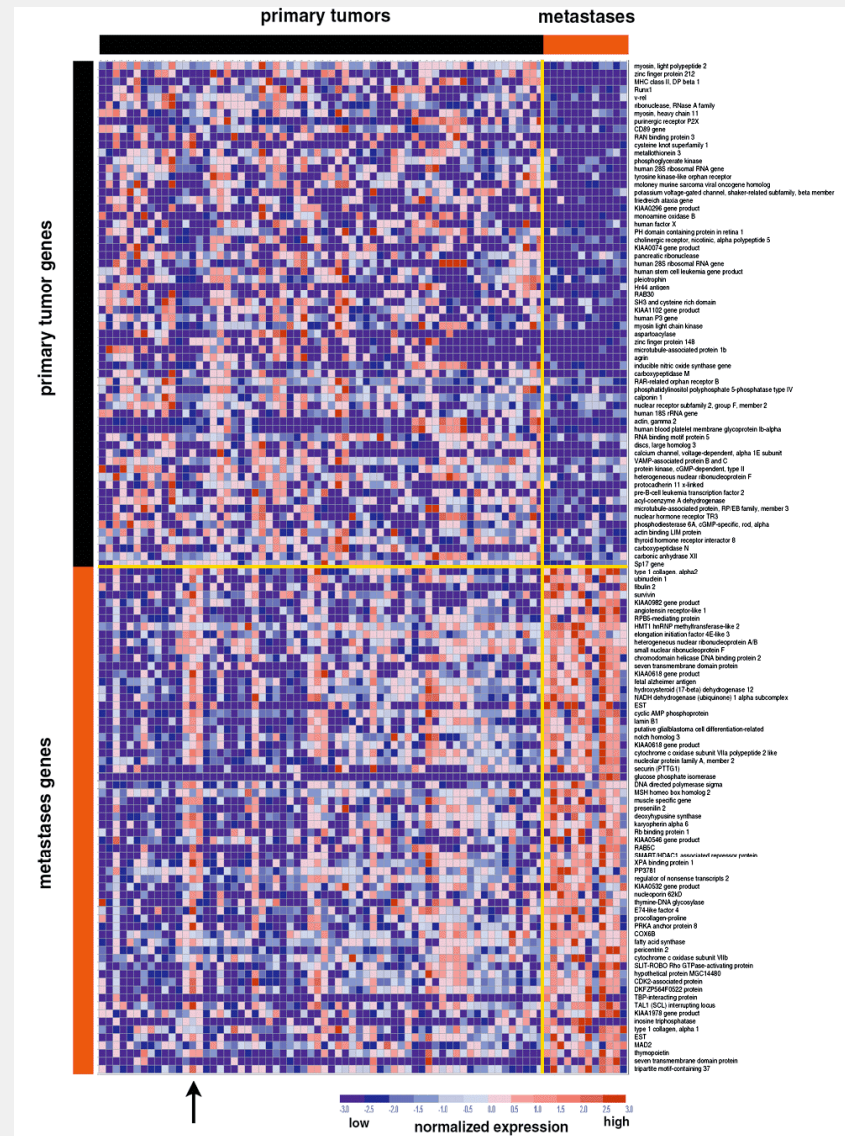
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64 Primary Carcinomas



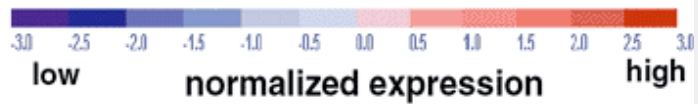
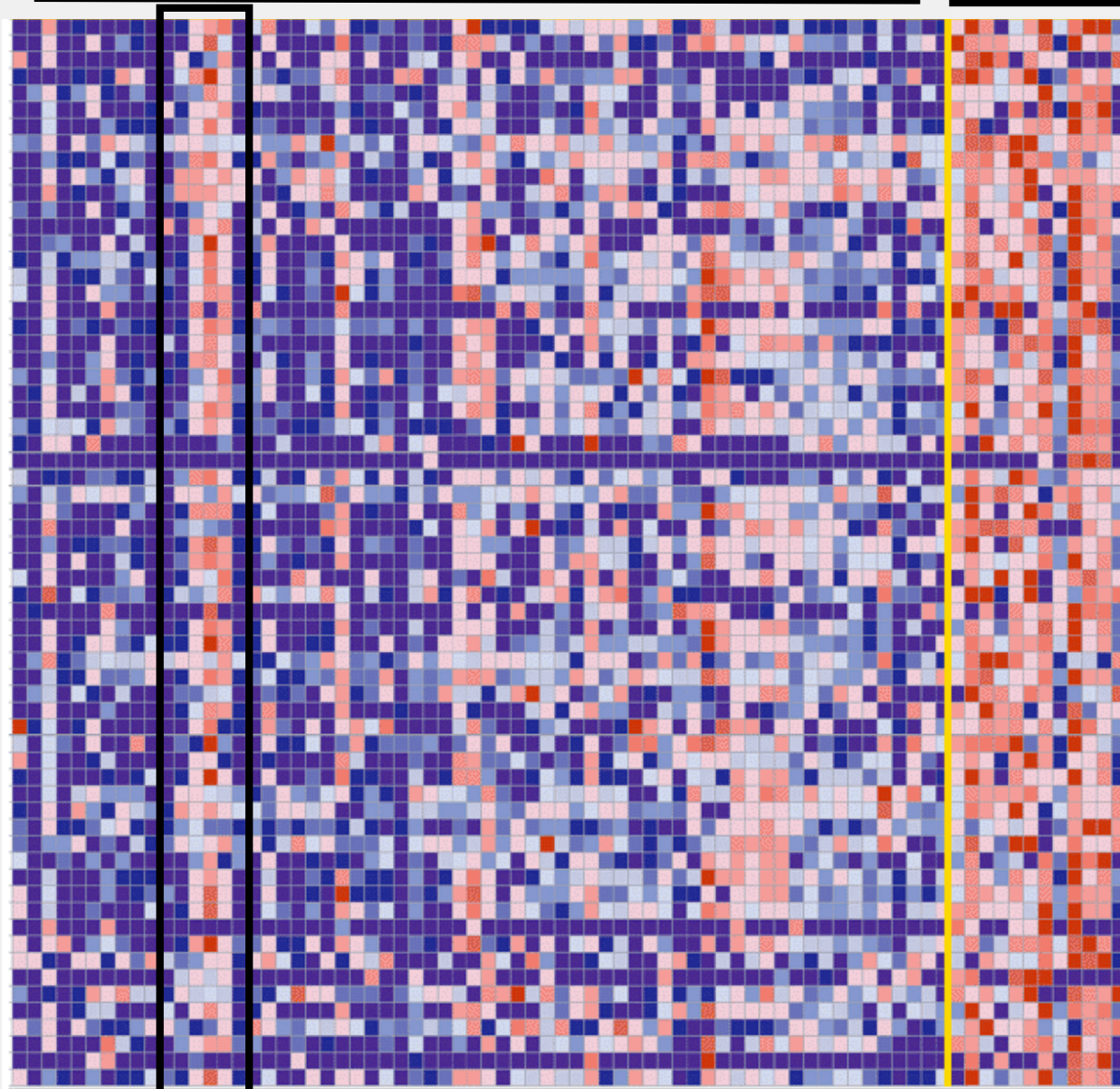
12 Metastatic Carcinomas



Metastasis Associated Genes

Primary Tumors

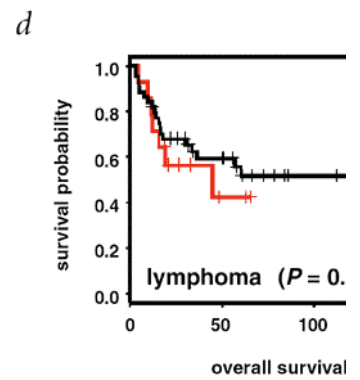
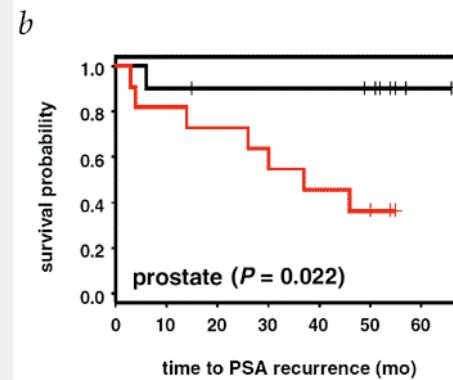
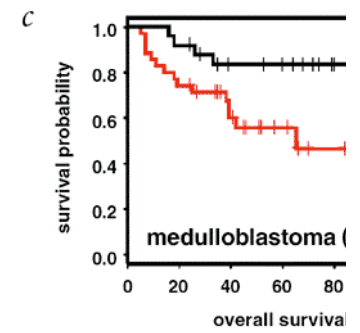
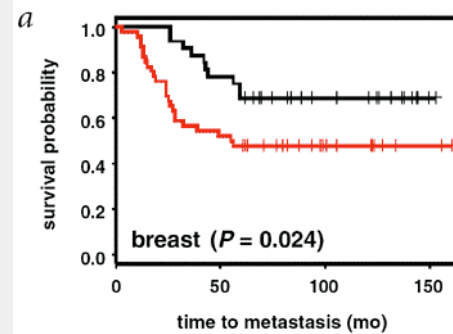
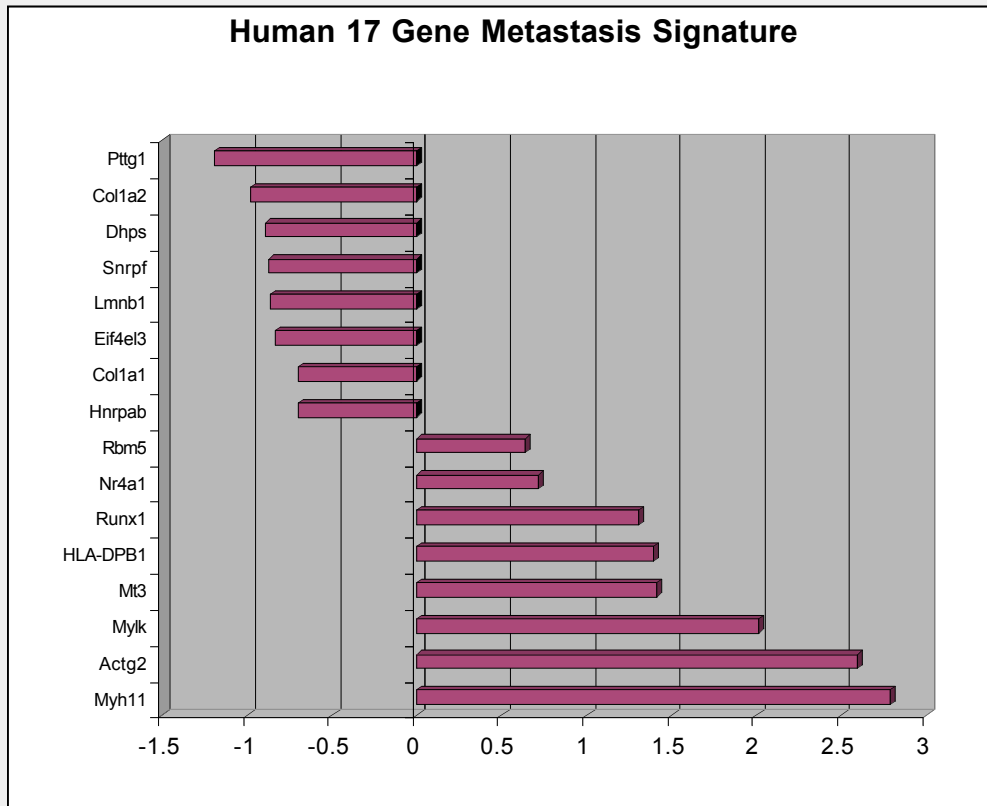
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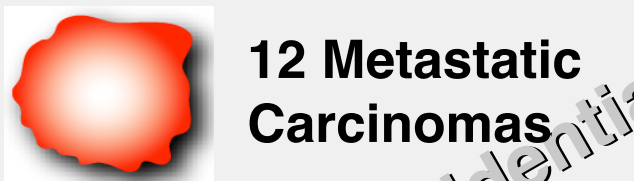
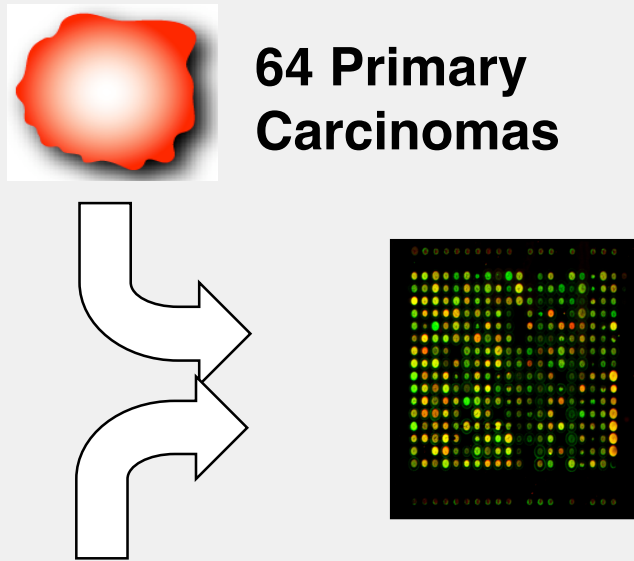
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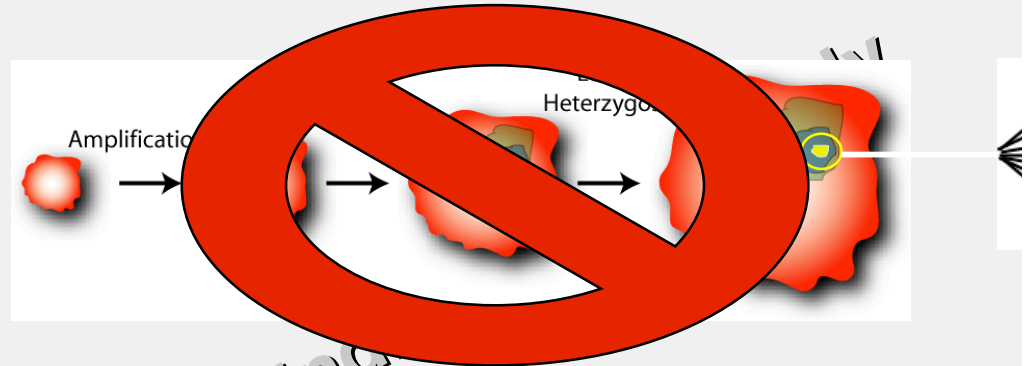


Data suggests that metastasis phenotype is identifiable in the primary tumor

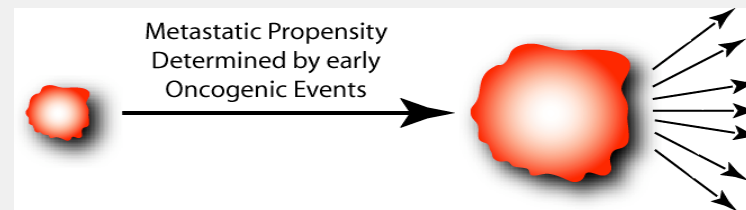
Alternate Model of Metastatic Progression



Progression Model

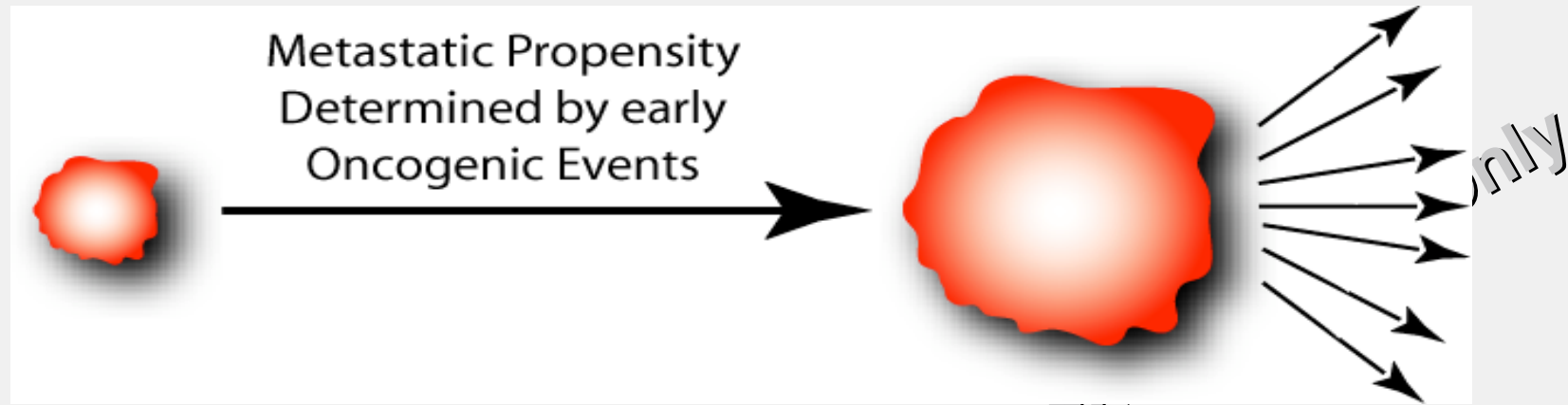


Early Oncogenic Combination Model



Features of metastatic cancers are present in the majority of cells in the primary tumor

Early Oncogenic Combination Model



Metastatic phenotype NOT strongly associated with tumor size/time

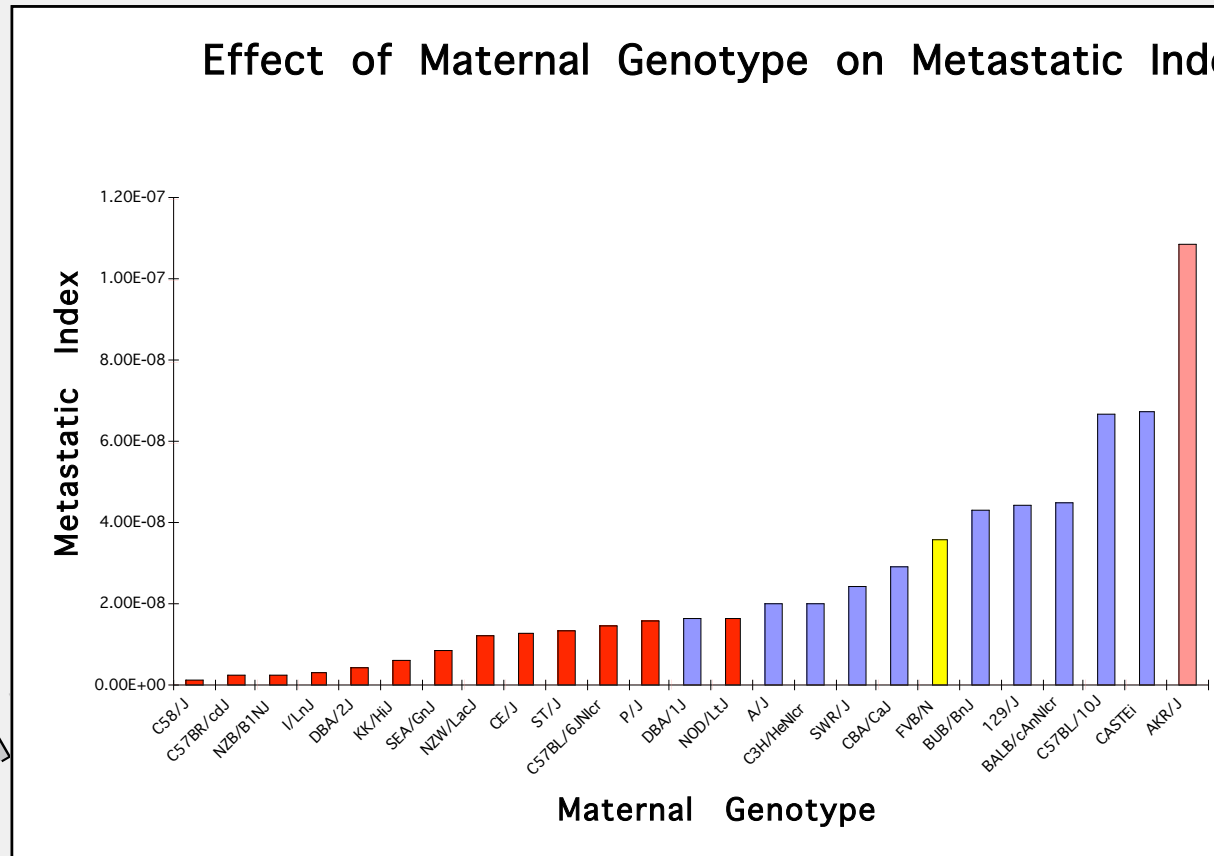
Clinical Significance of Progression Model:

- Metastatic behavior is defined by initial oncogenic events
- Explains cancers of multiple primary sites (hemangiosarcoma)
- Explains metastasis with unknown primary tumor
- Suggests that for some cancers effective and definitive treatment of early and small tumors **NOT** reduce risk of metastatic phenotype acquisition
- Supports the use of neoadjuvant therapy to guide adjuvant therapy

The host genetic background is a major determinant of metastatic outcome

Experiment in transgenic mice driven by the same initiating oncogenic event.

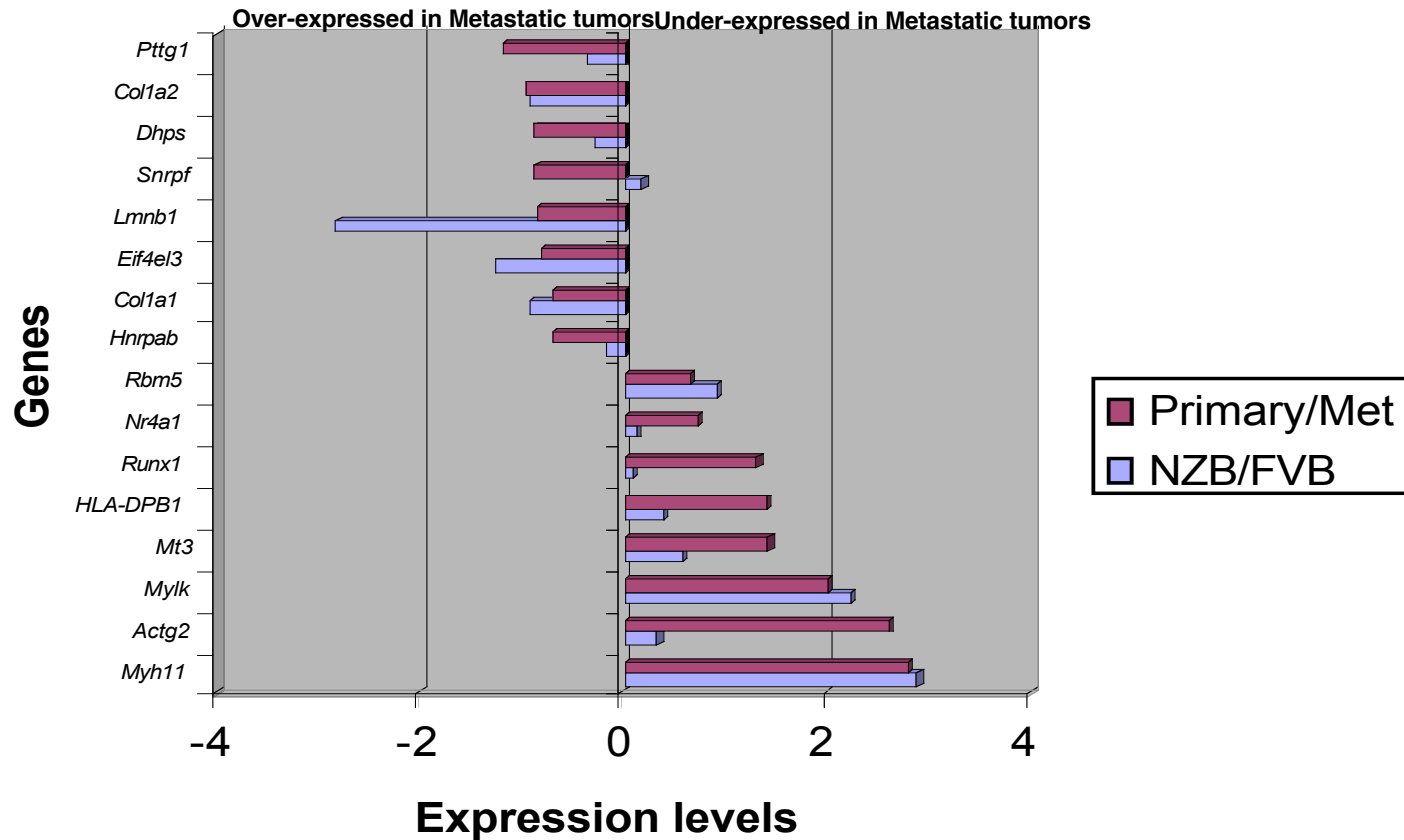
Examined if differences in genetic background would influence metastatic behavior.



Data suggests that genetic background is a major determinant of metastatic propensity

Genetic background is a major determinant of metastatic outcome

Comparison of Mouse and Human Metastasis Signature Gene Expression



Genes that predict metastatic phenotype found in the primary tumor, are frequently host related genes

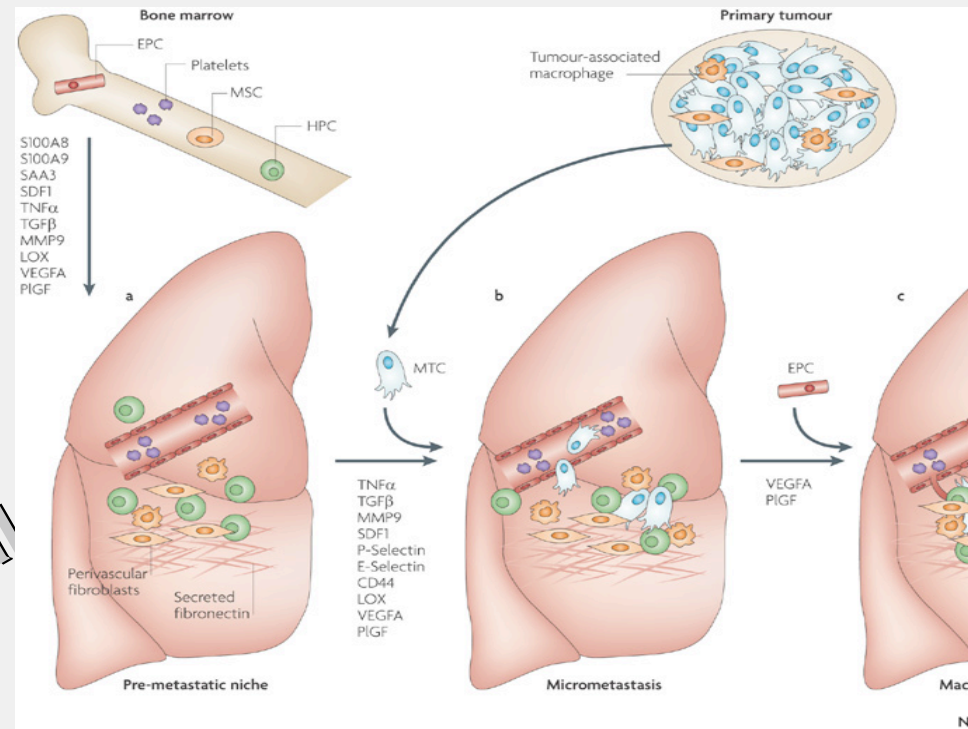
Individuals (breeds) may have unique metastatic behavior that is independent of primary tumor biology. A genetic predisposition for "pro-metastatic" syndrome



The premetastatic niche

The primary tumor creates a microenvironment conducive to metastatic progression.

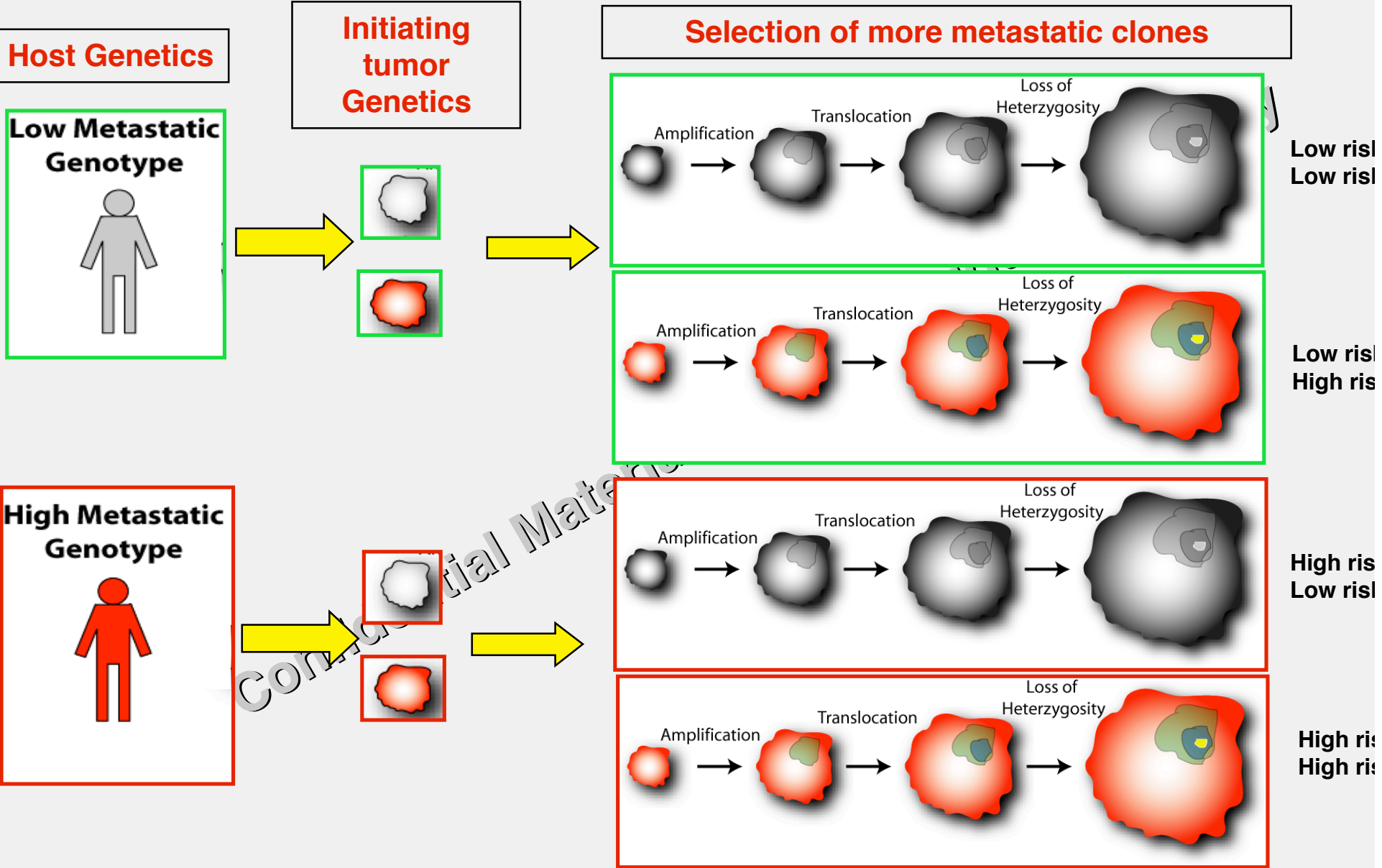
Bone marrow derived cells arrive at distant metastatic sites in advance of the metastatic cells themselves.



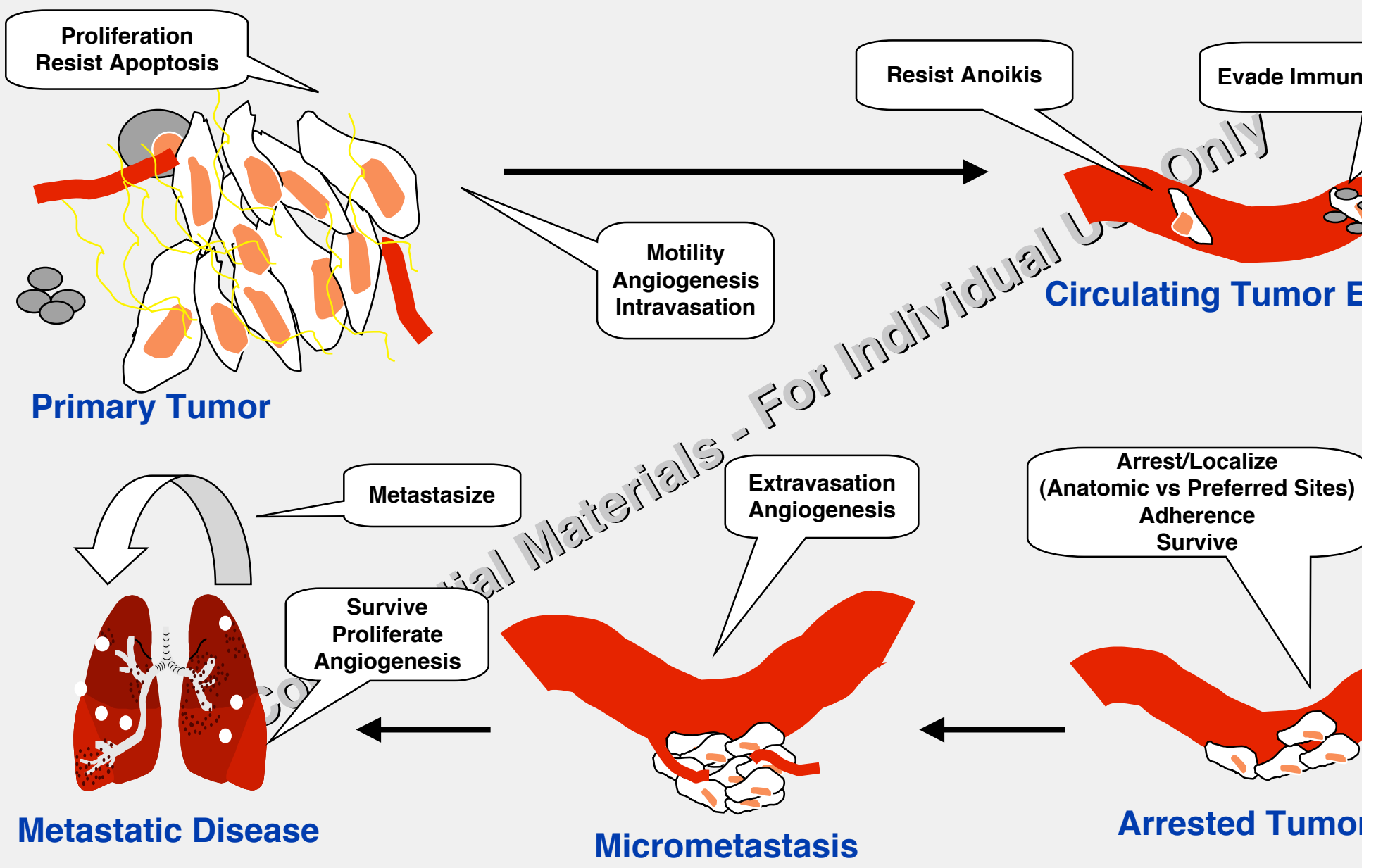
Cells of the premetastatic niche may be treatment targets

Bone marrow derived cells: VEGF-R; TSP-I responsive

Comprehensive Model of Metastatic Progression



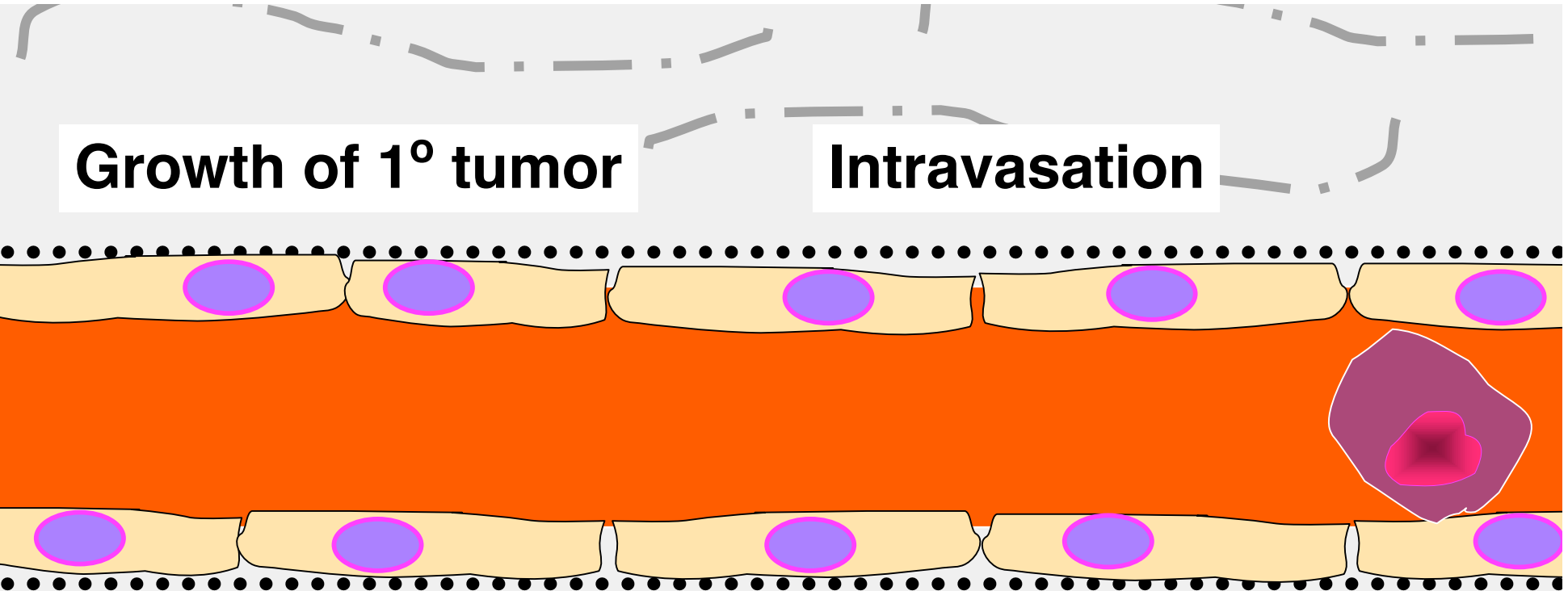
Metastasis Biology: an inefficient but deadly process



Hematogenous Metastasis

Growth of 1° tumor

Intravasation



Entry to circulation is not a high hurdle for metastatic

1 - 4 x 10⁶ cells/day/gm tumor

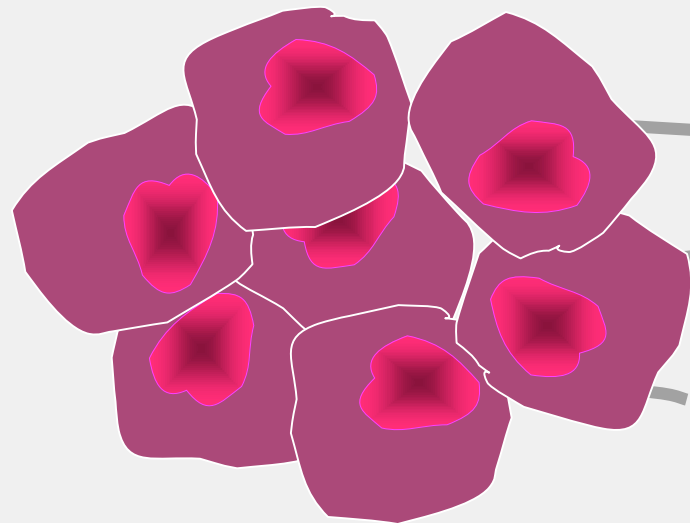
Butler & Gullino (1975) *Cancer Res*

Porto-venous shunt studies

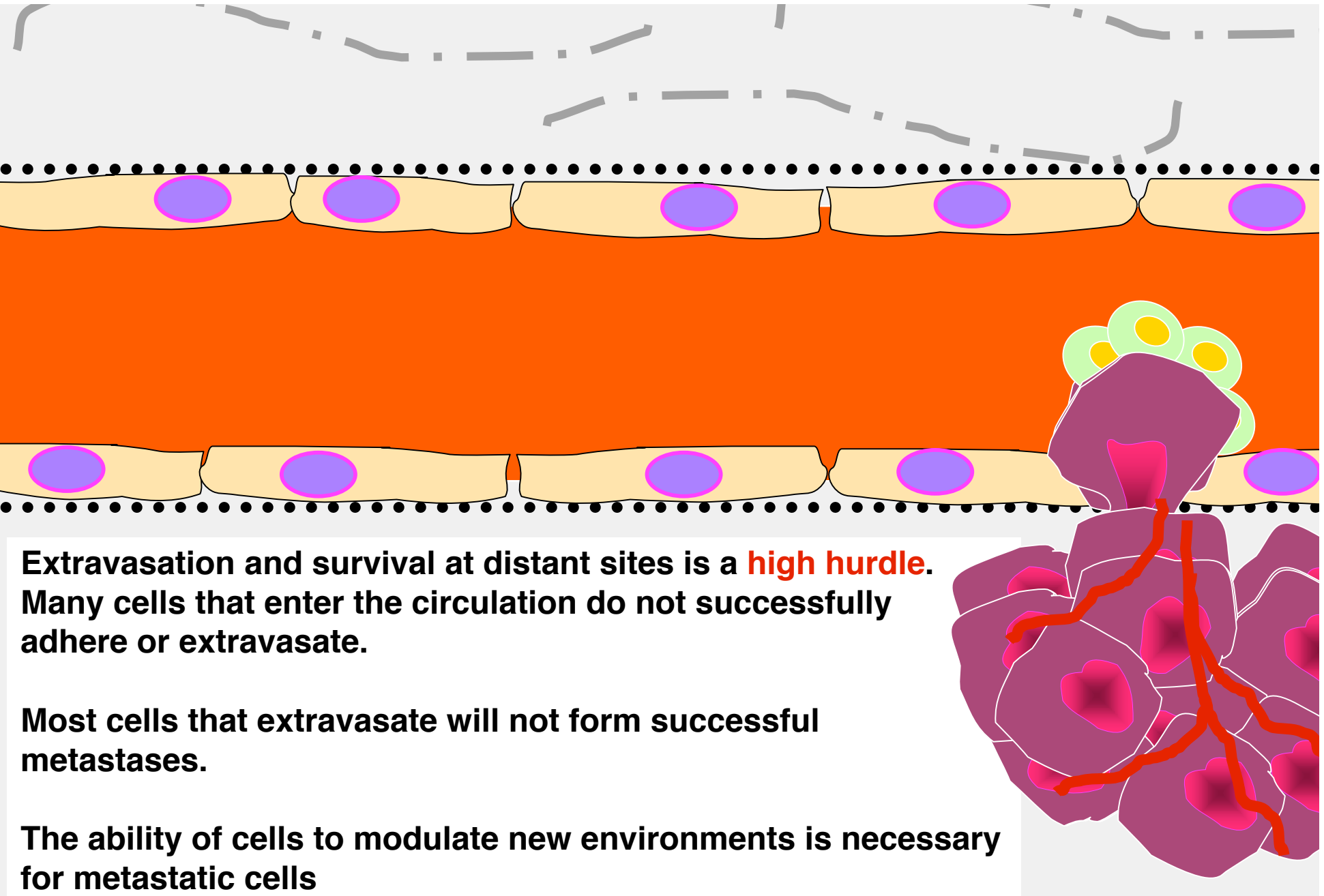
Predictive value of circulating tumor cells

<0.01% of circulating cells successfully metastasize

Fidler (1973) *Nature*



Hematogenous Metastasis



Extravasation and survival at distant sites is a **high hurdle**. Many cells that enter the circulation do not successfully adhere or extravasate.

Most cells that extravasate will not form successful metastases.

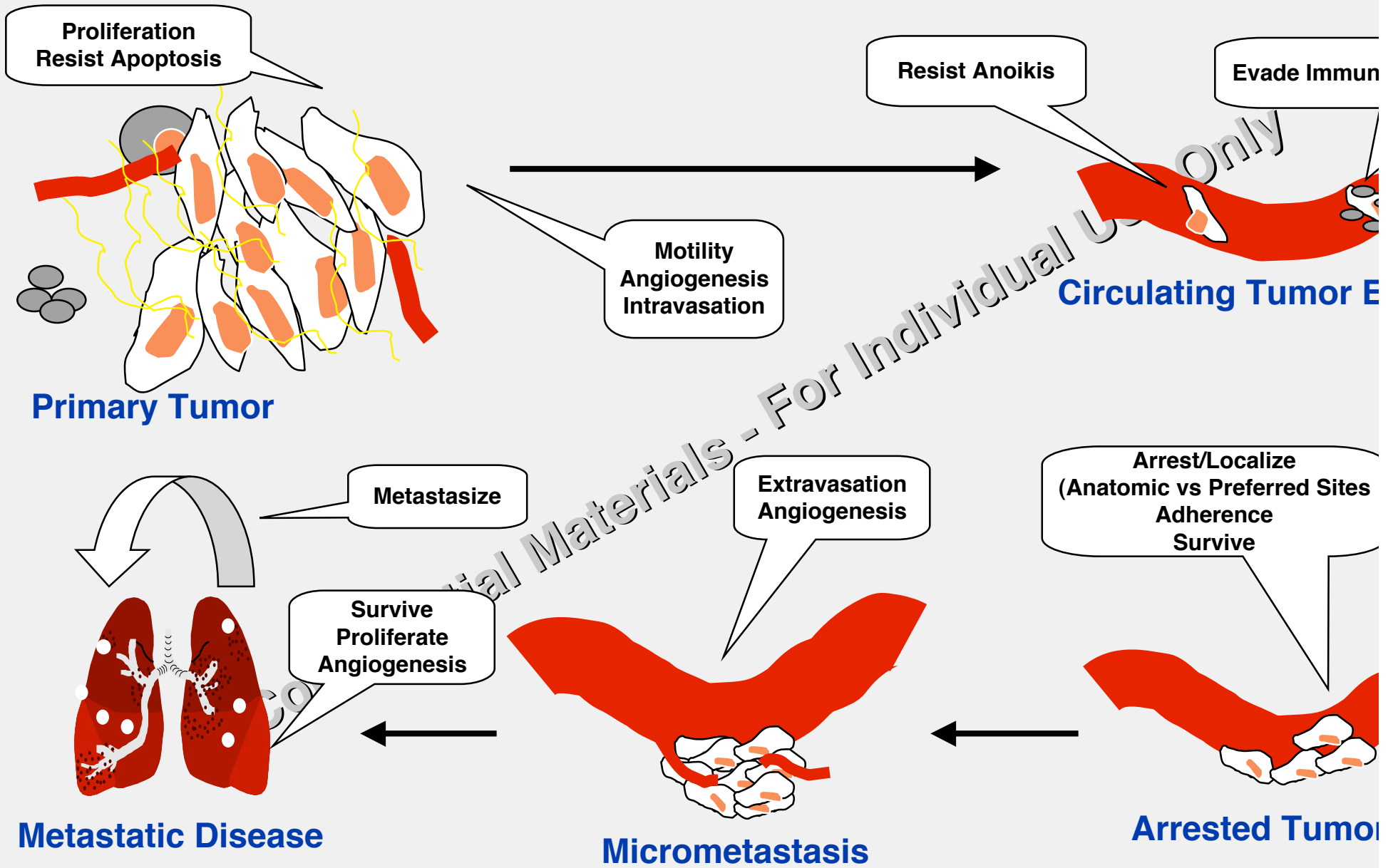
The ability of cells to modulate new environments is necessary for metastatic cells

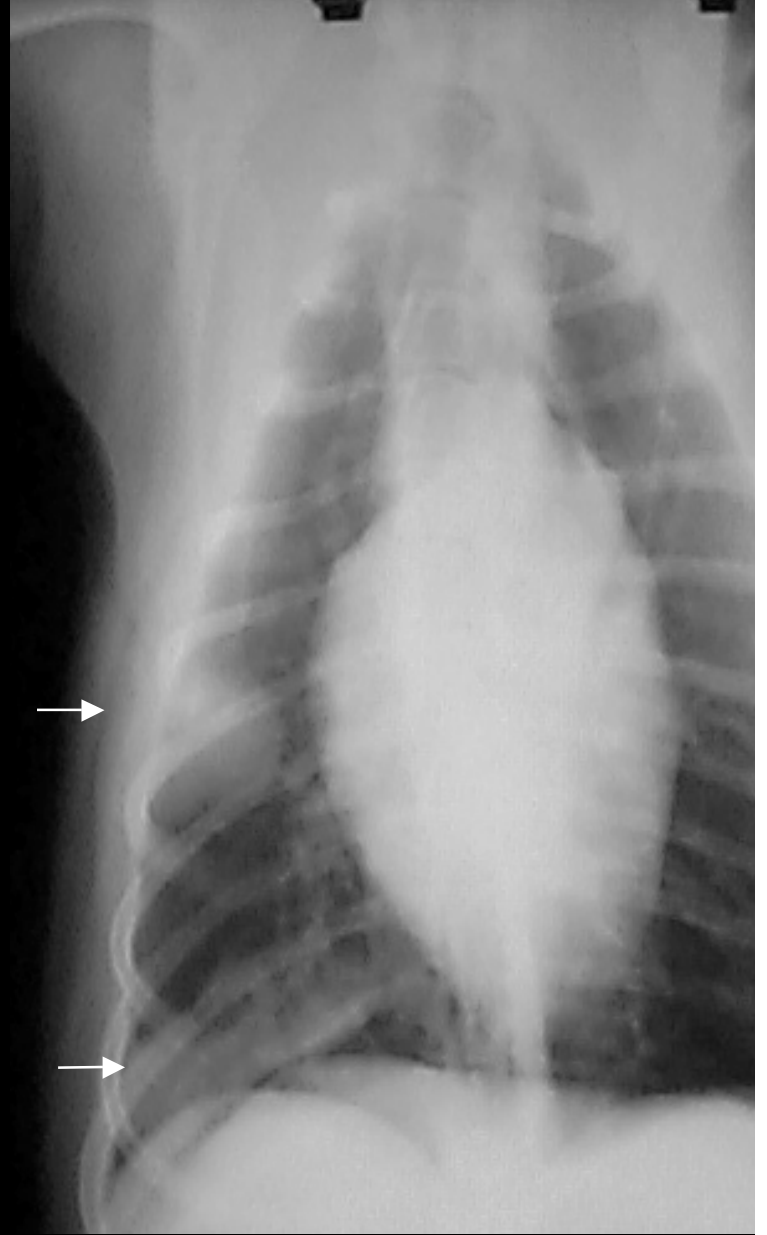
Metastasis Biology: Letting inefficiency work in your favor

Metastatic Process	Efficiency	Best target for treatment
Intravasation	Inefficient	Possible
Survival in circulation	Efficient	Not Likely?
Arrest at distant site	Efficient	Not Likely?
Survival at distant site	Inefficient	Yes
Initiation of growth	Inefficient	Yes
Persistence of Growth	Inefficient	Yes

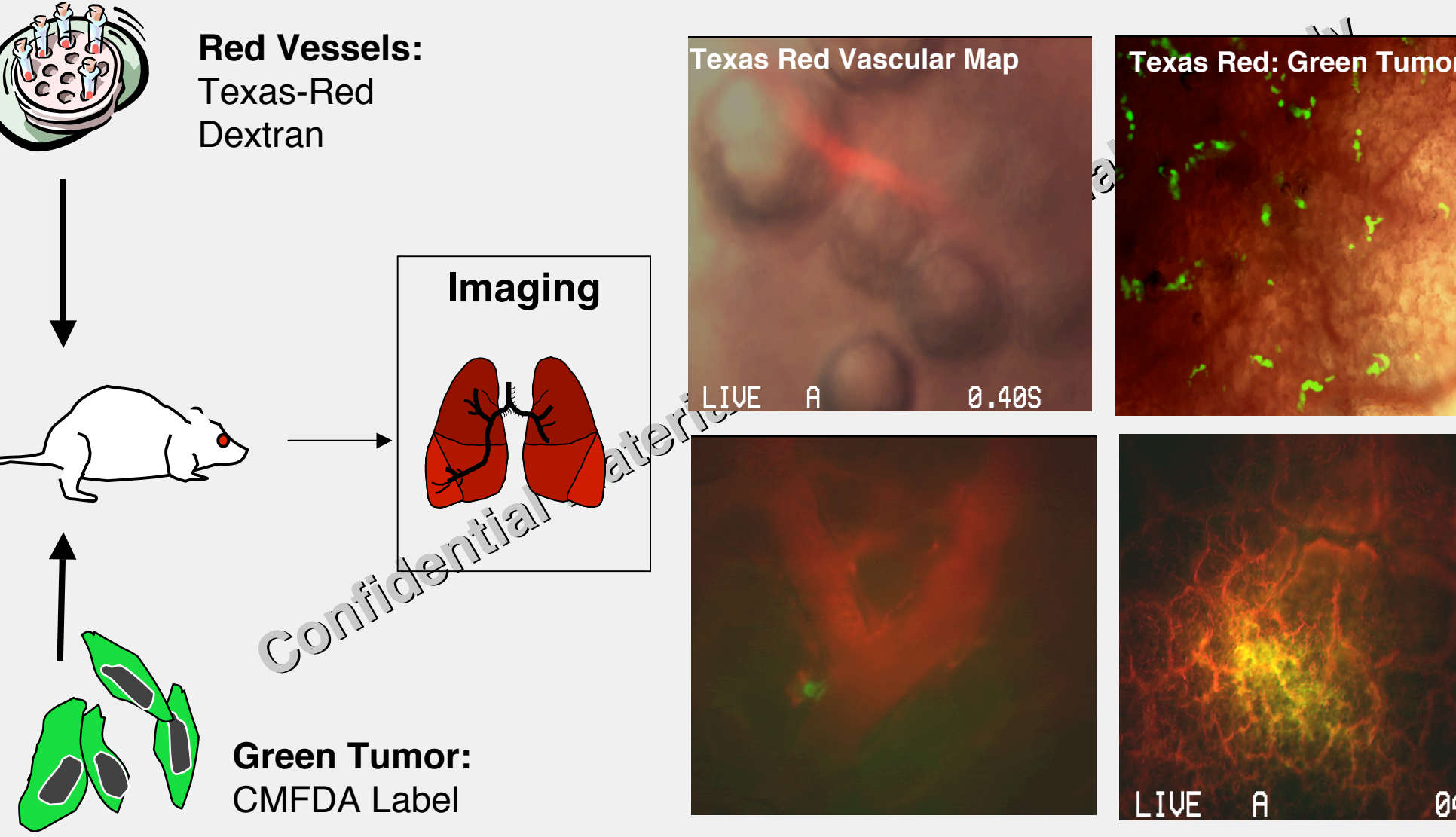
From: Chambers et al Breast Cancer Res 200

Metastasis Biology: **Metastatic Dormancy**

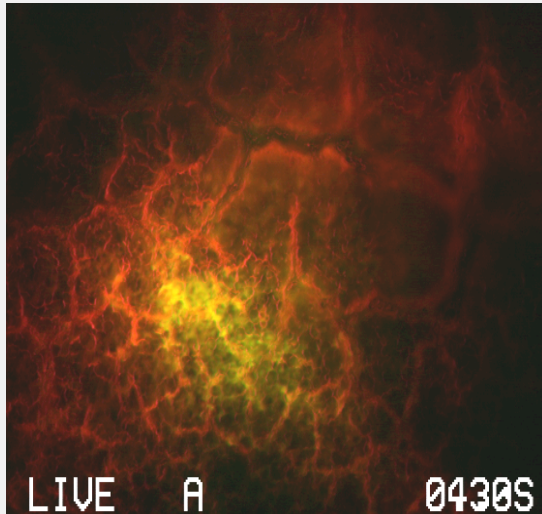




Investigations into Dormant Cells?

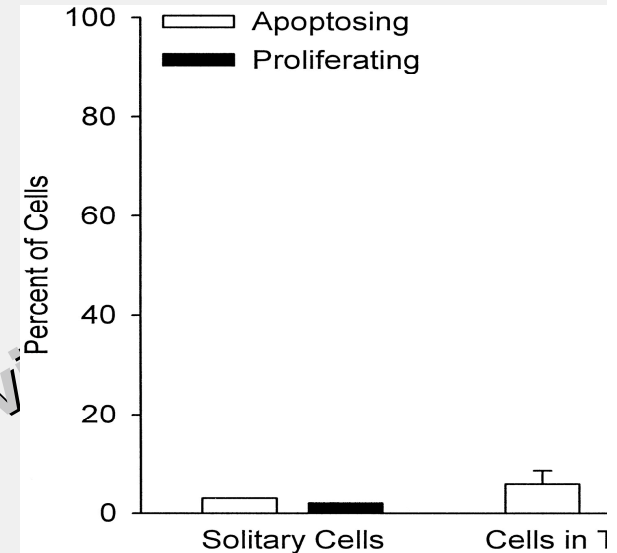


What are dormant cells?

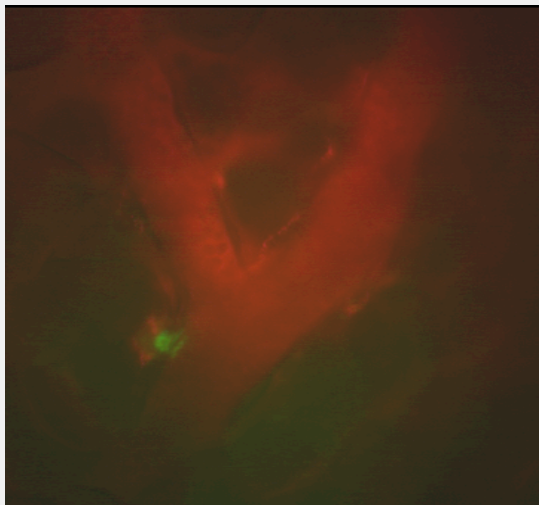


Micrometastases - Balanced division and apoptosis

- Pre or post angiogenic
- May be micrometastases
- Potentially affected by cytotoxic therapy
- Potentially affected by antiangiogenic therapy



Luzzi et al, *Am J Pathology* 1988, 153: 8



Quiescent dormant Cells - No division or apoptosis

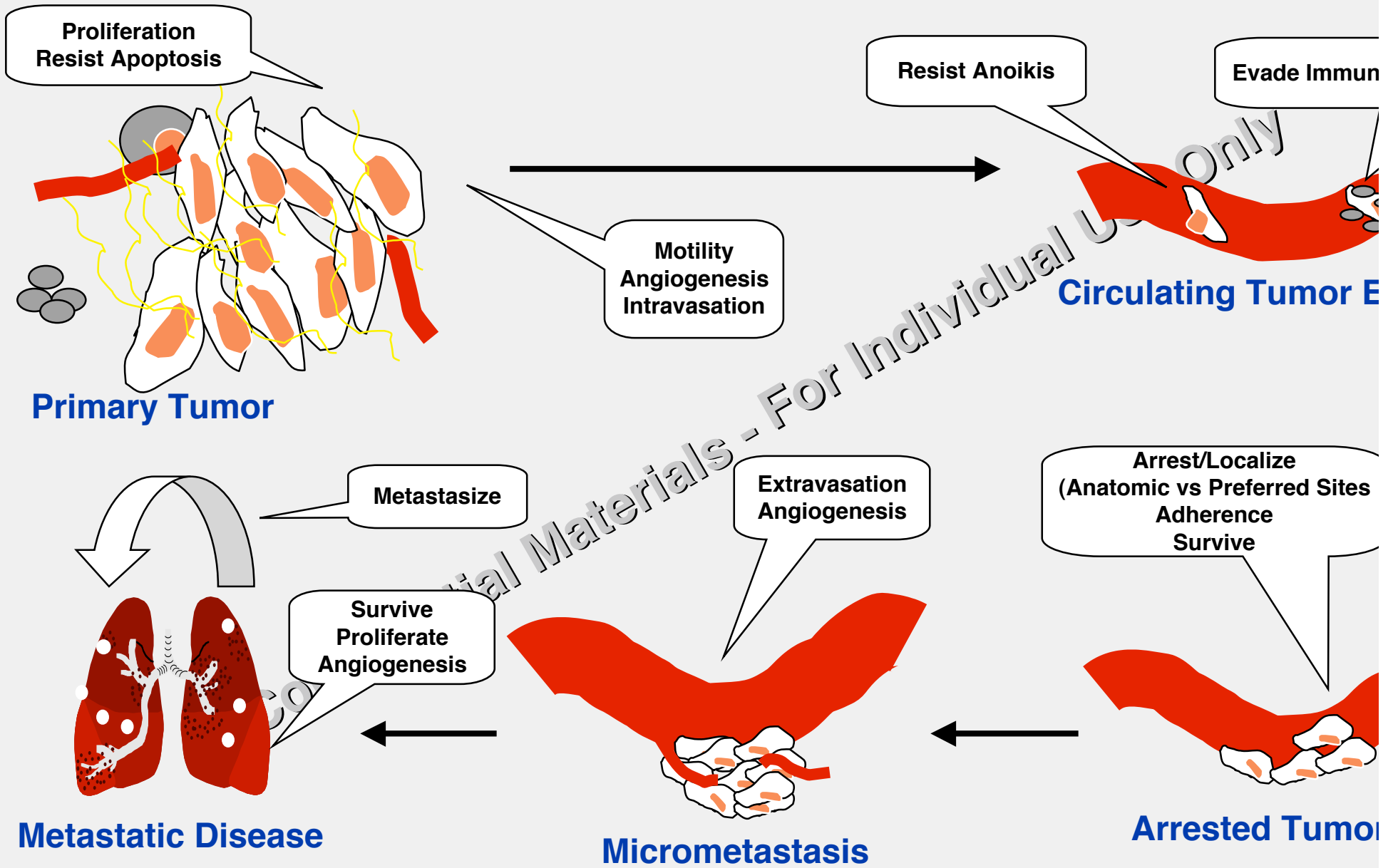
- Pre angiogenic
- NOT micrometastases
- NOT affected by cytotoxic therapy
- NOT affected by antiangiogenic therapy
- **Require novel therapies**

Khanna et al, *Nature Med* 2004

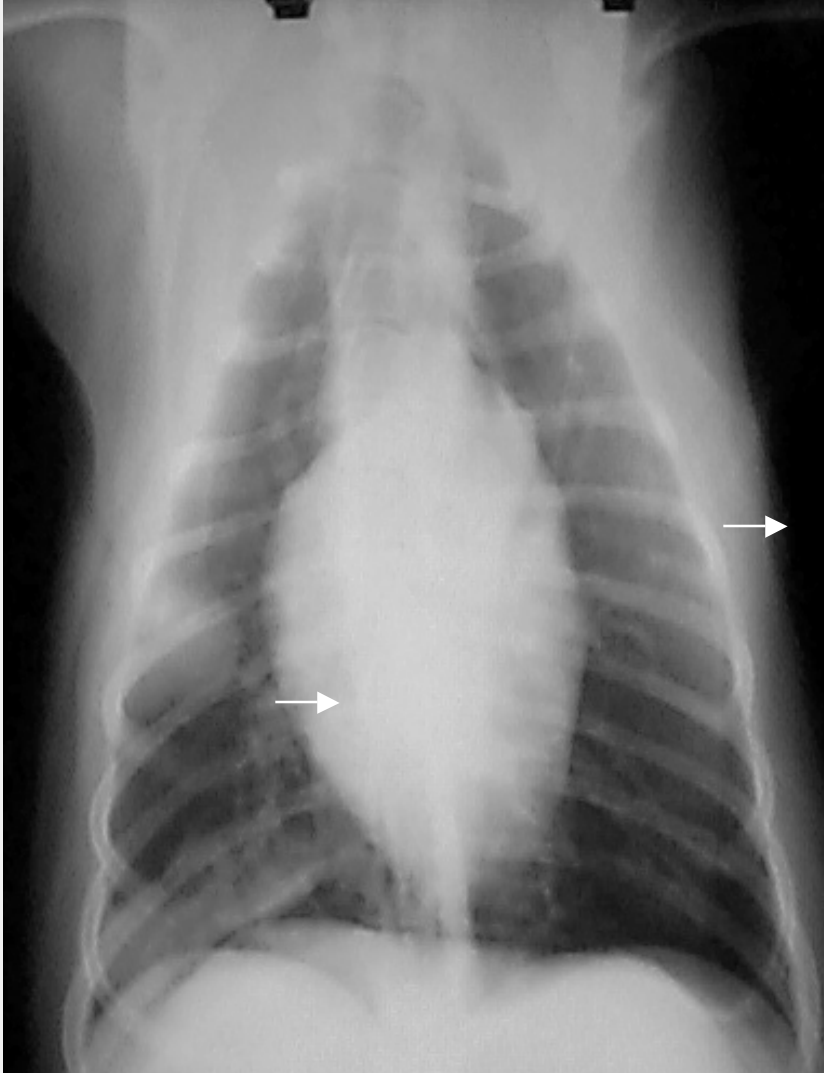
Dormancy in Osteosarcoma

- **Primary tumor control alone - 4 months**
- **Primary tumor control + Chemotherapy - 9-16 months**
 - Supports presence of chemotherapy **sensitive** microscopic cells
 - Likely post-angiogenic
 - Likely in balanced proliferation:apoptosis or favoring proliferation
 - **Suggested terminology = Micrometastases**
- **Primary Tumor control + chemotherapy (Late recurrence)**
 - Late plateau in survival curve - Less than 20% are cured
 - Supports presence of chemotherapy **RESISTANT** microscopic cells
 - Pre-angiogenic
 - No division or apoptosis
 - **Suggested Terminology = Dormant metastatic cells**

Metastasis Biology: Chemoresistance of established metastases



Chemoresistance of Gross Pulmonary Metastases

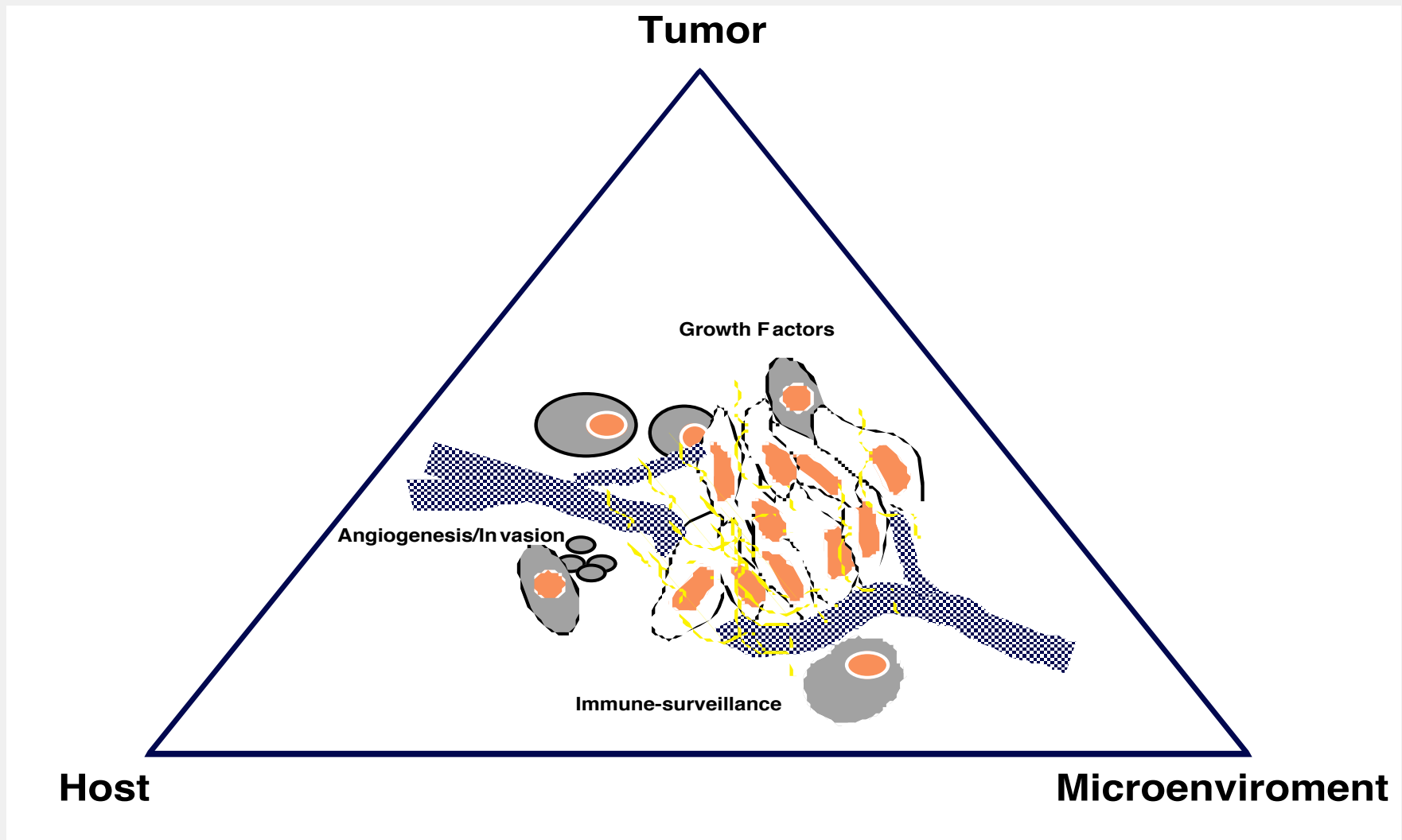


Osteosarcoma Pulmonary Metastases Study of 42 dogs

- Single agent chemotherapy**
- one objective response**
- response duration of 21 days**

→
**-anecdotal experience suggest better
outcomes with multiagent therapy**

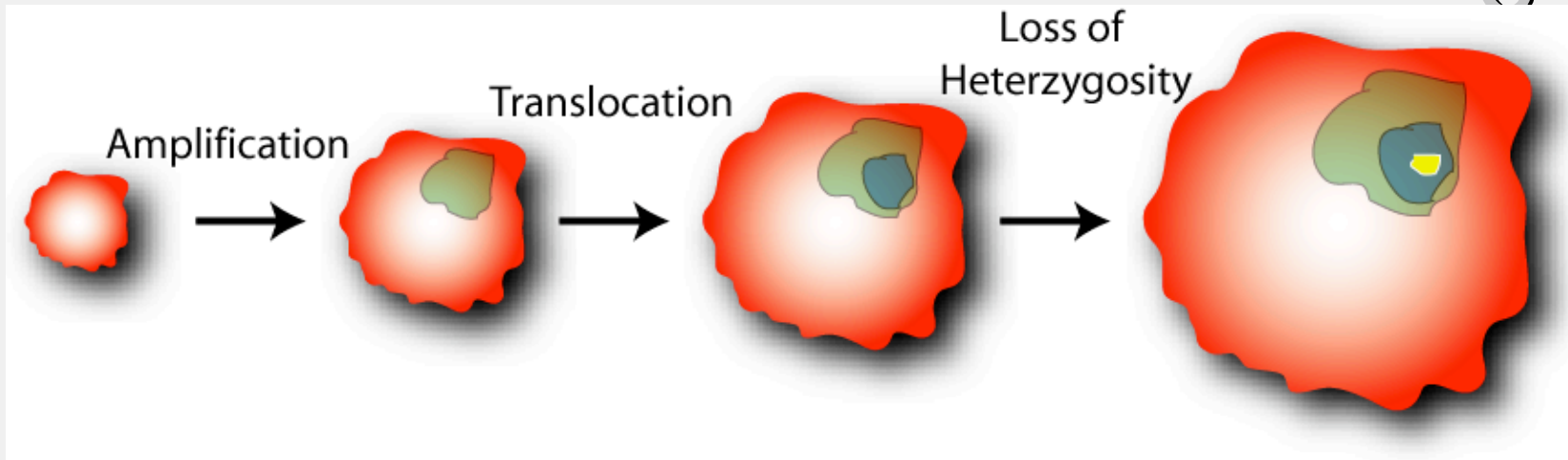
Host - Tumor - Microenvironment Define Metastasis Biology



- tumor growth and metastasis are influenced by **host, microenvironment and tumor determinants.**

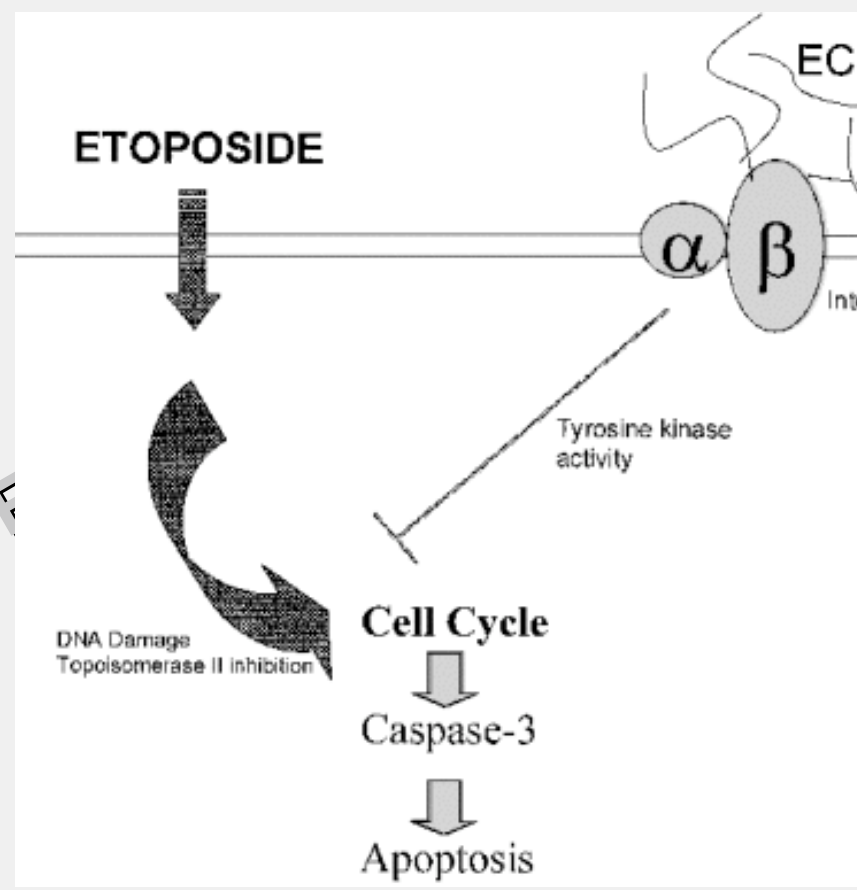
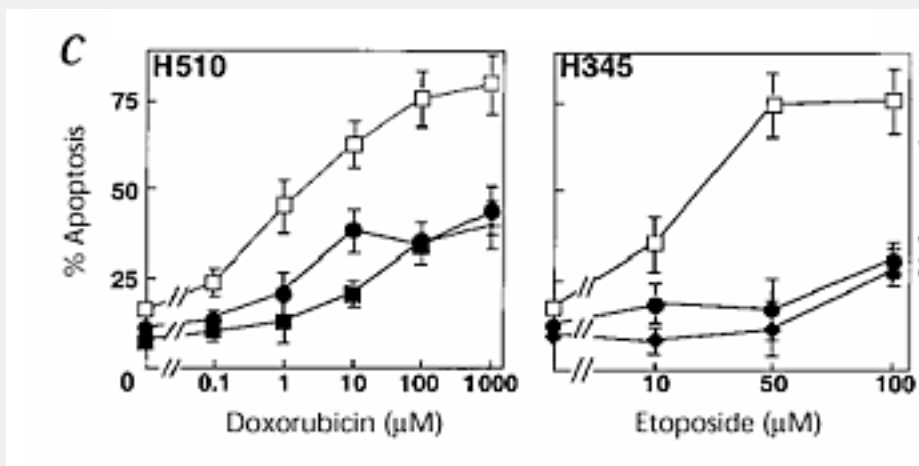
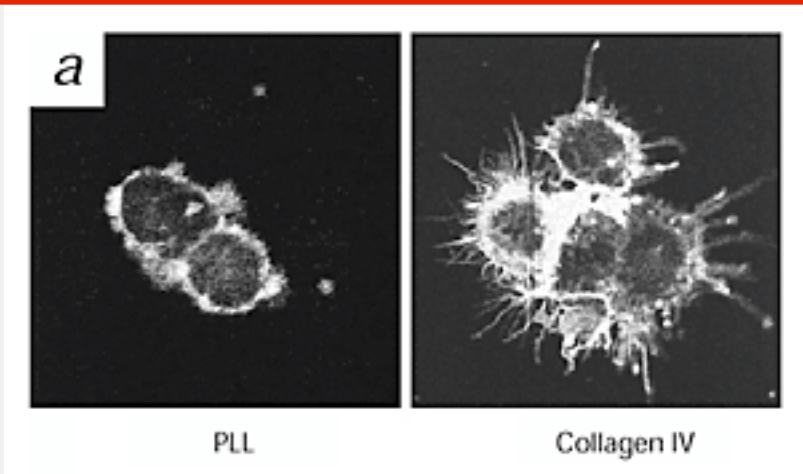
Why are Gross Metastases Resistant?

Metastatic Clones are the decathaletes...therefore they are expected to be more resistant than the primary tumor



Why then is adjuvant therapy for micrometastatic disease active;
Whereas gross metastases is not as active?

Chemoresistance of Gross Metastases

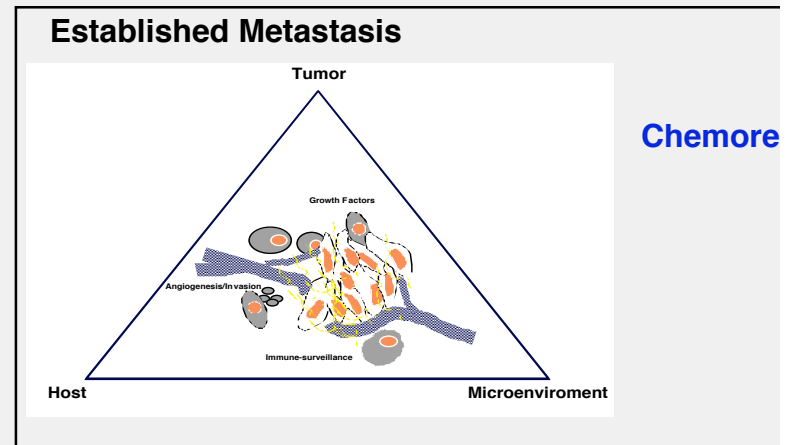
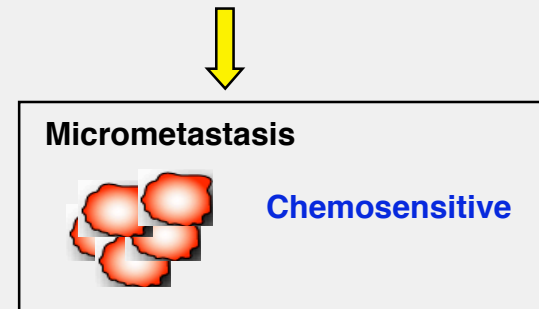
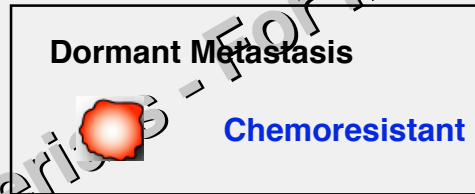
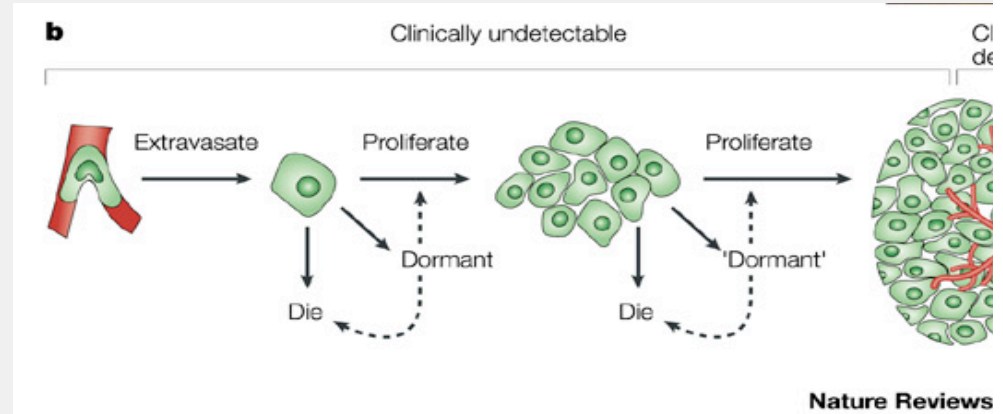
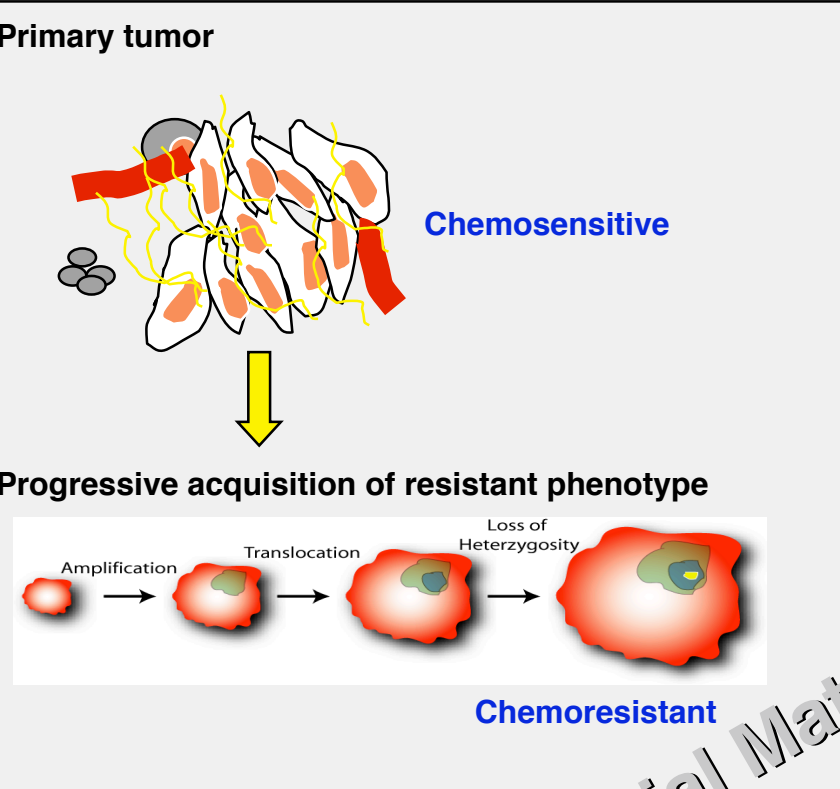


Sethi et al, Nat Med. 1999 Jun;5(6):662-8.

Rintoul et al, Clin Sci. 2002 Apr;102(4):417-2

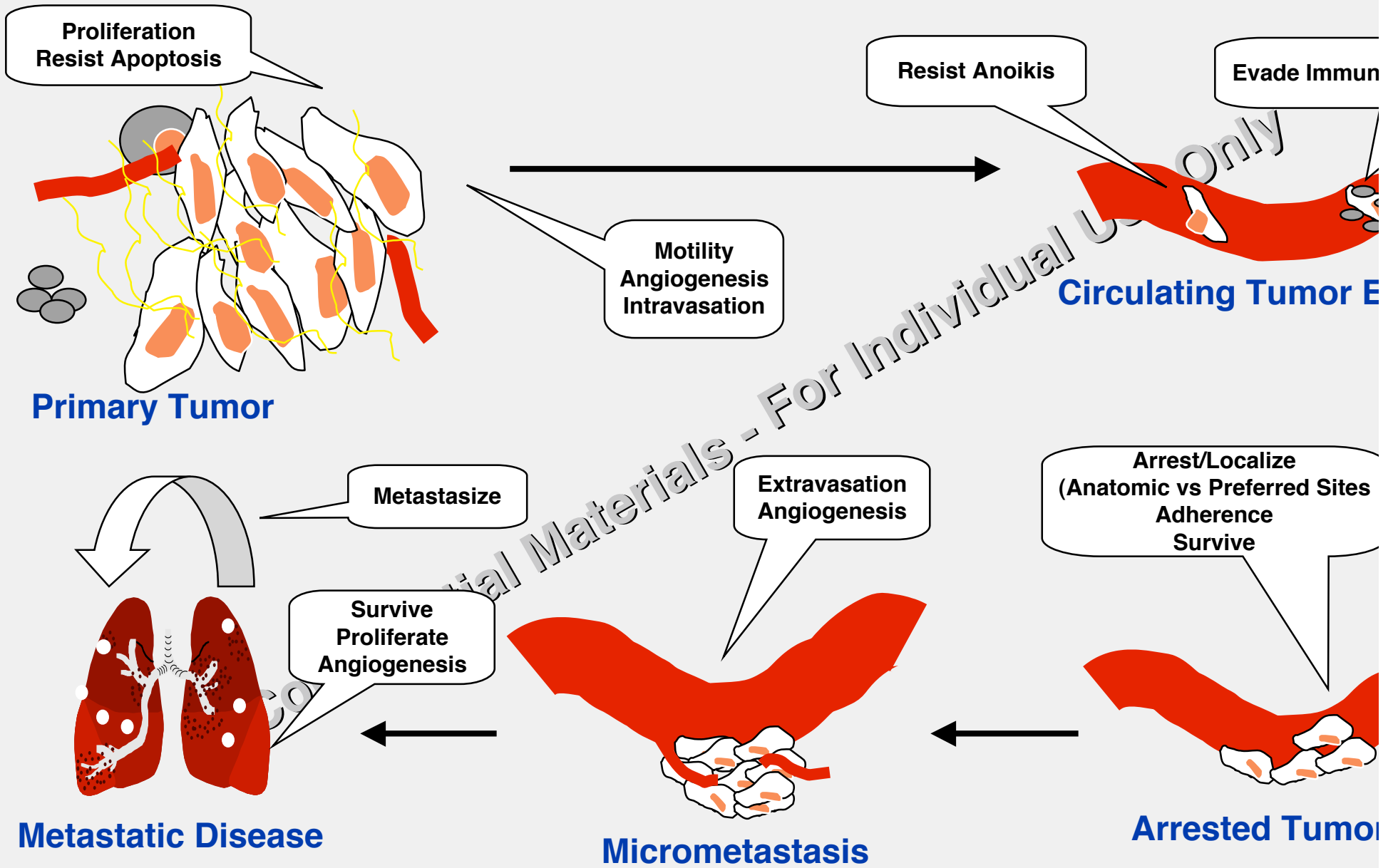
Tumor-microenvironment interactions provide a basis to understand the resistance of metastasis to conventional therapy.

Temporal Chemoresistance of Metastases...

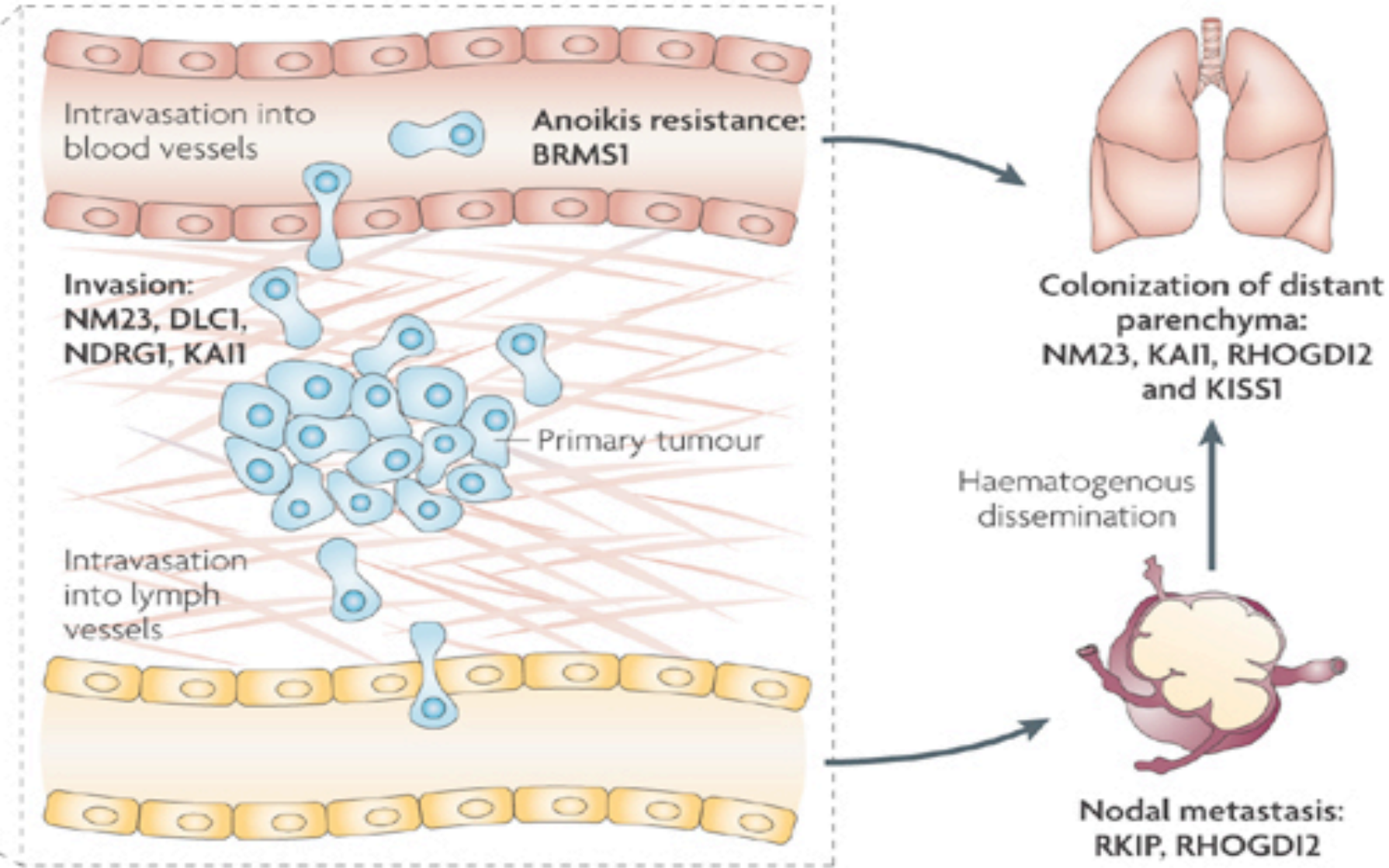


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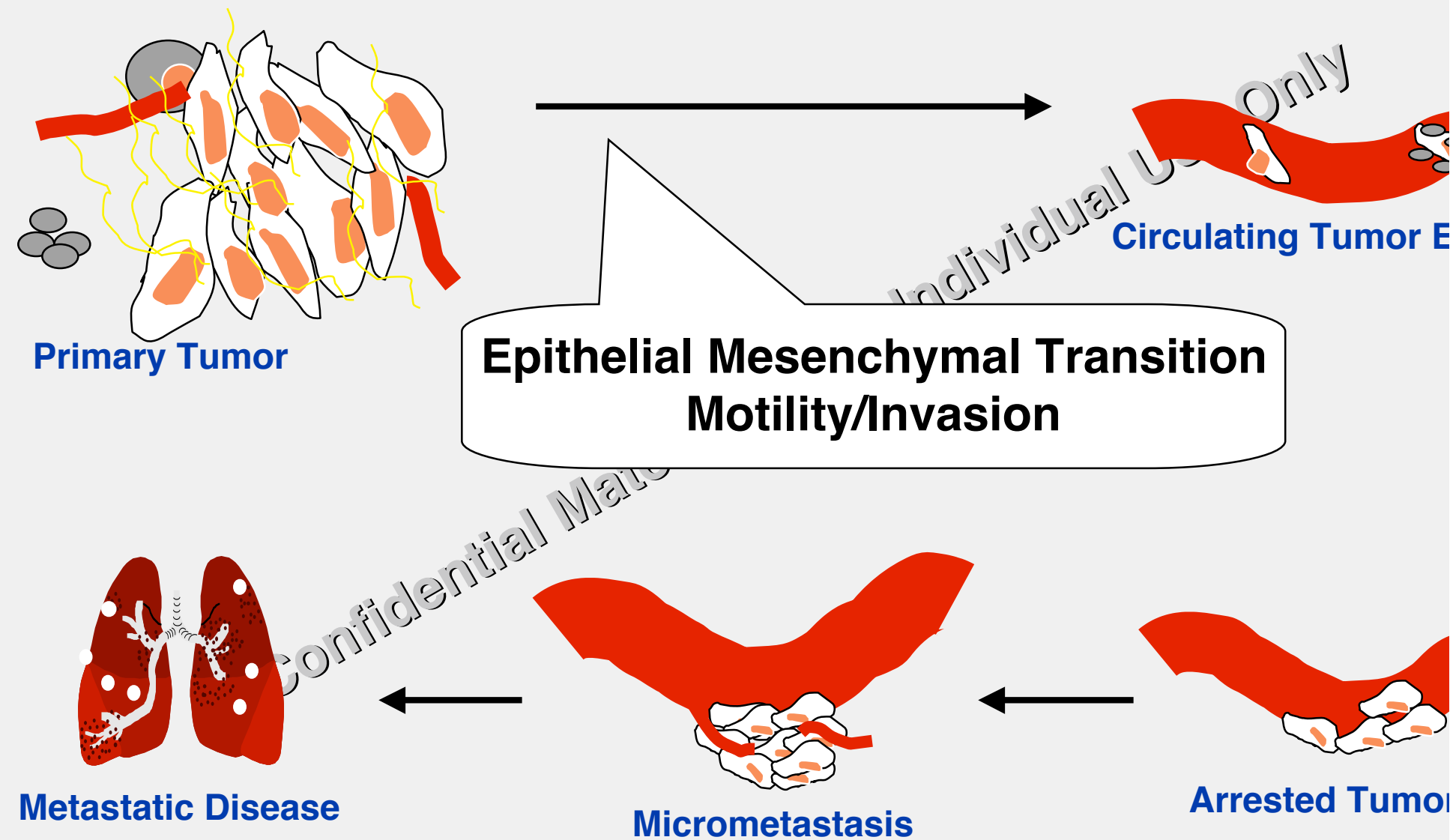
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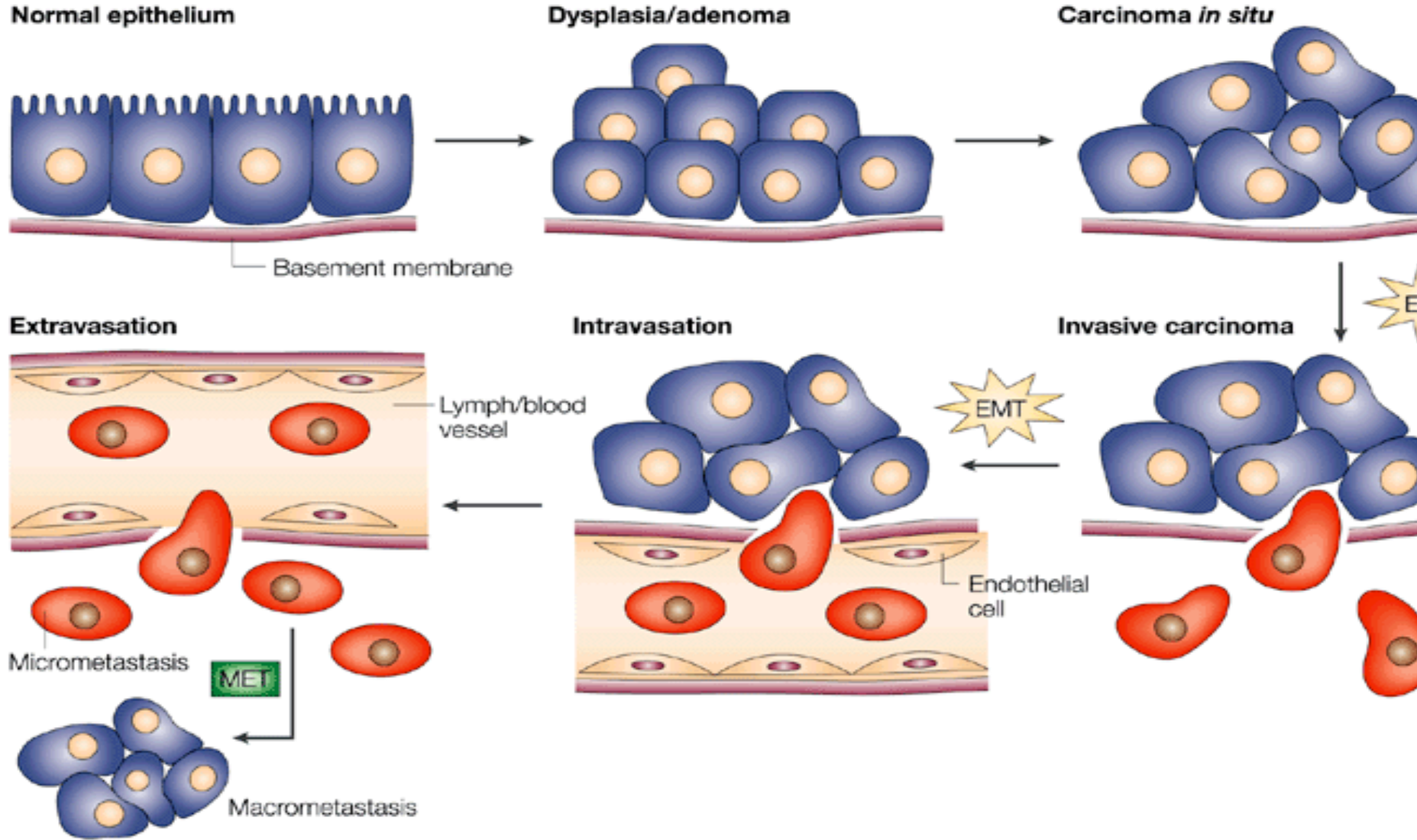
Metastasis Suppressors



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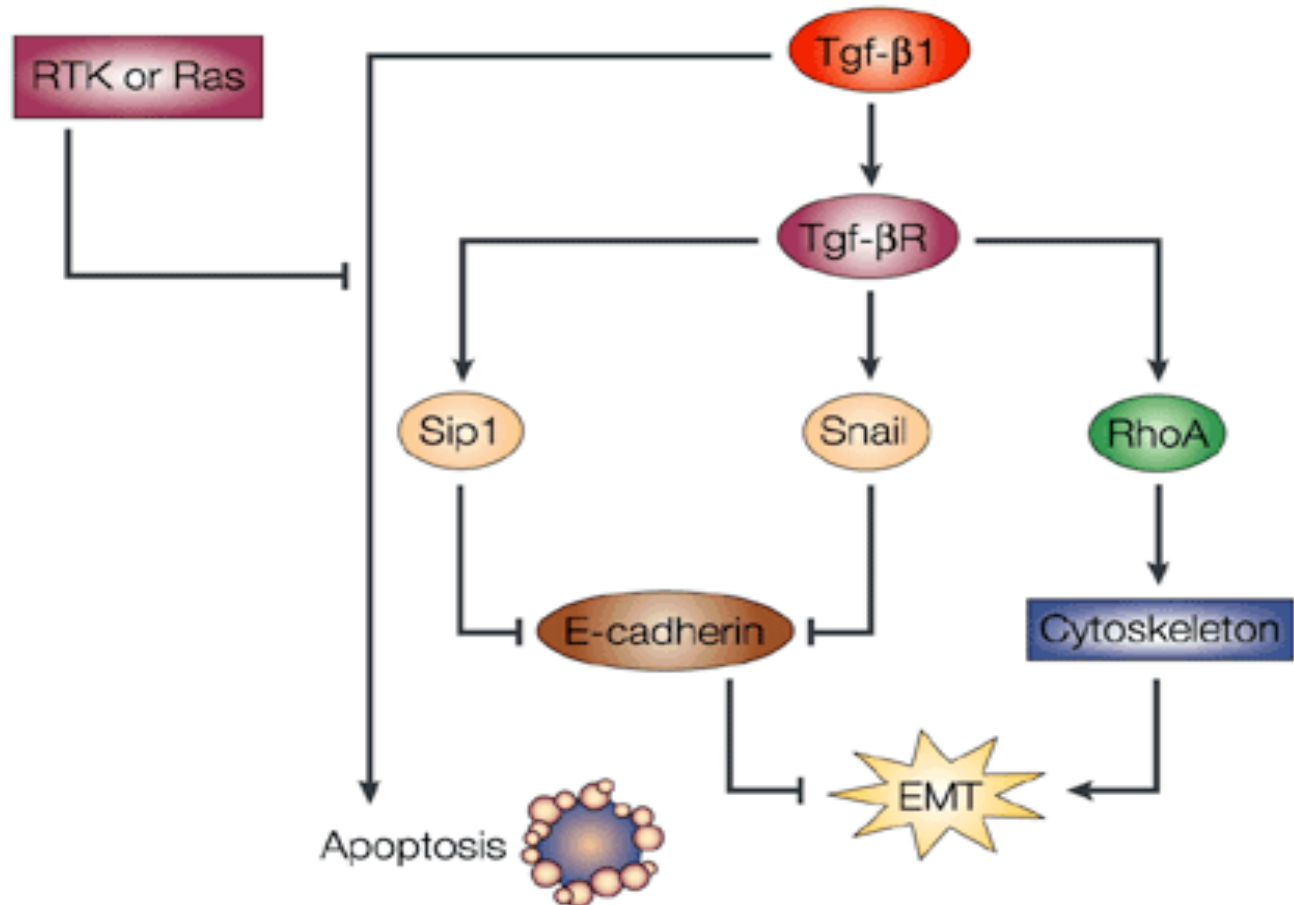


Epithelial to Mesenchymal and then Mesenchymal to Epithelial Transitions



Regulation of EMT involves loss of cell-cell interaction and cytoskeleton mobilization

a Carcinoma lines



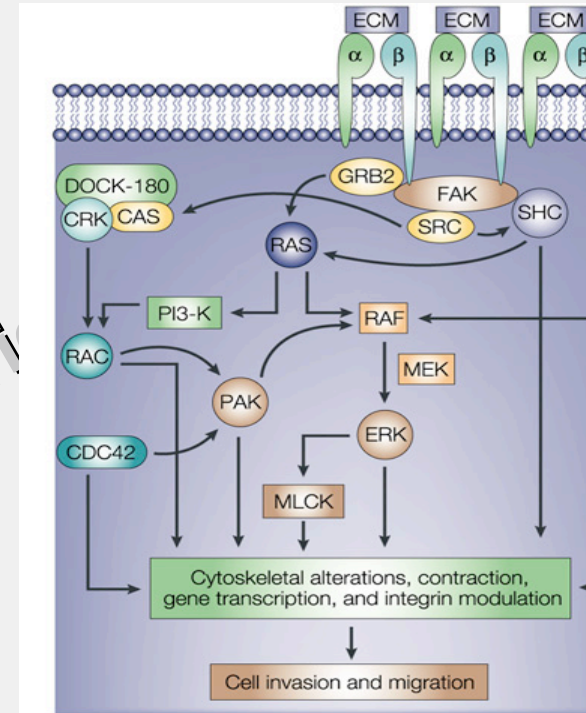
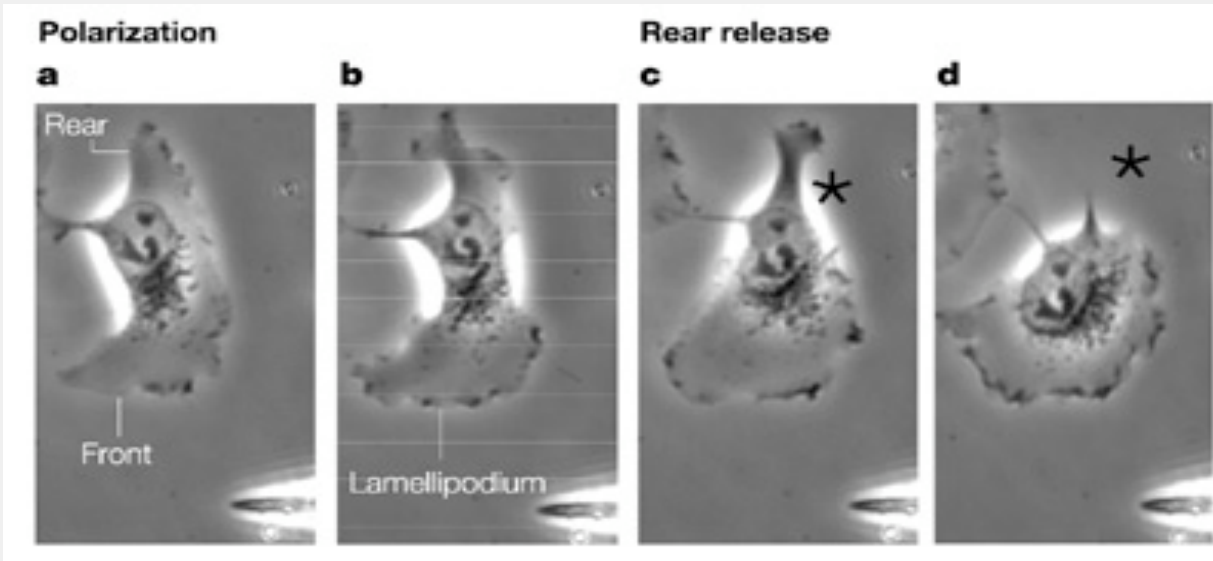
Step 1:
Signal activation

Step 2:
Disruption of cell-cell
contacts

Step 3:
Cytoskeleton mobilization

Step 4:
Re-establish cell contact

The invasive and motile phenotype



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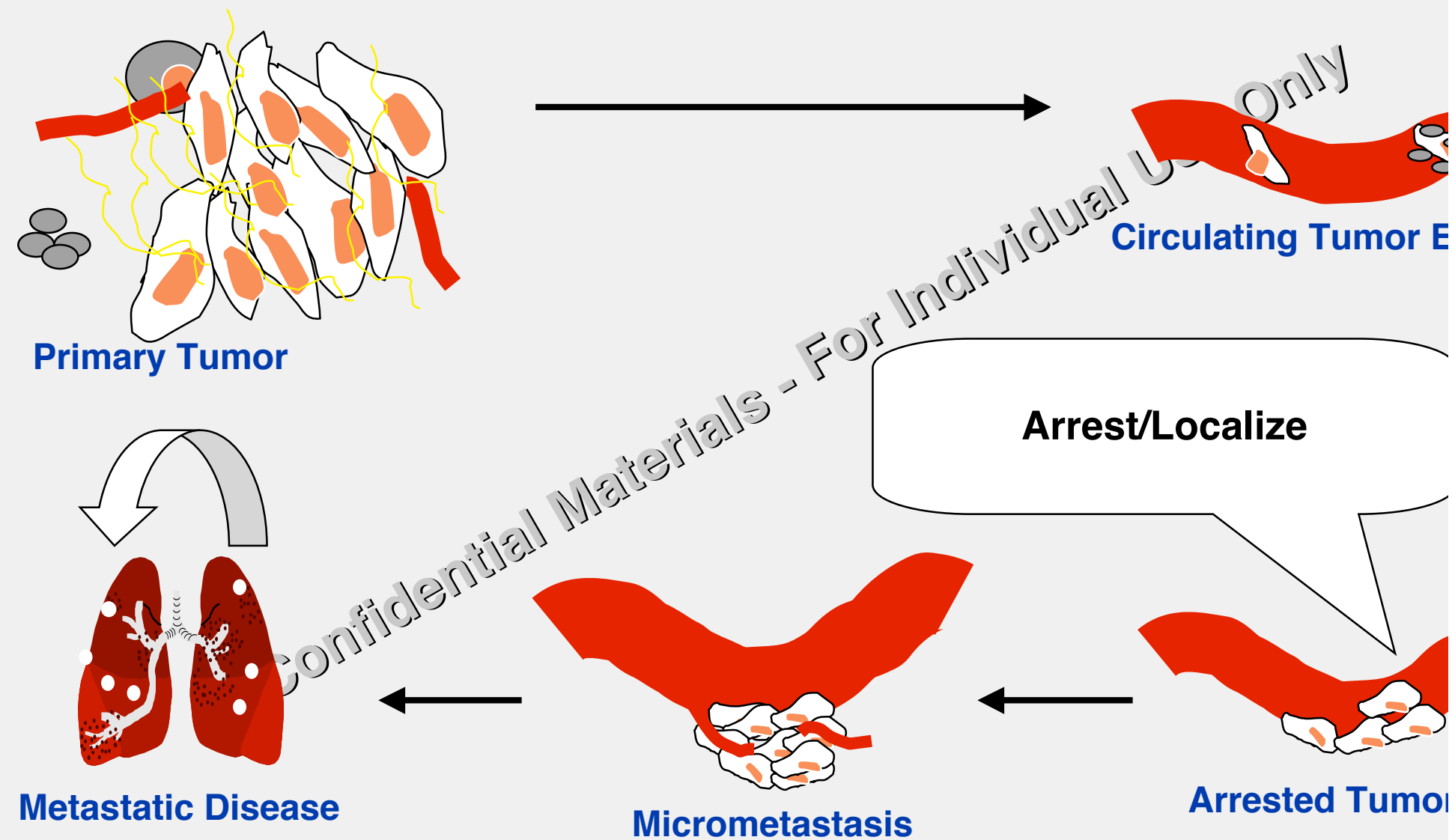
Signalling pathways linked to motile and invasive phenotype:

- Integrins
- RAS/RAC
- PI3 Kinase
- MEK

Effectors of motile and invasive phenotype:

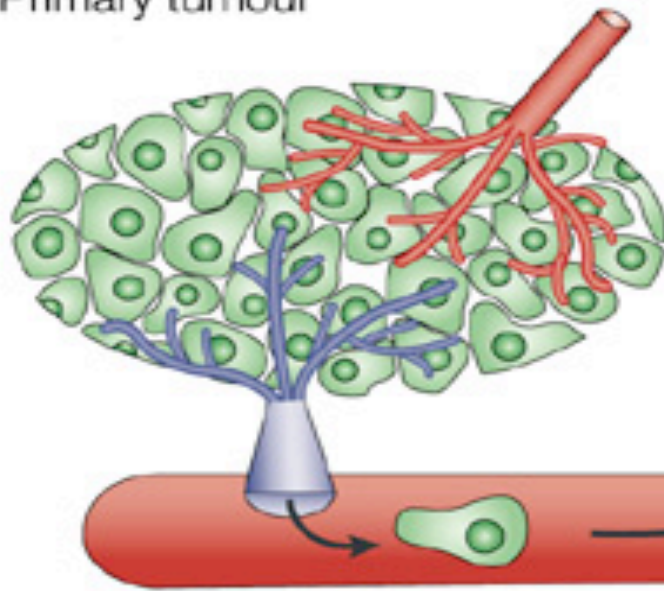
- Focal adhesion kinase
- Ezrin
- Paxillin
- MLCK
- Matrix metalloproteins

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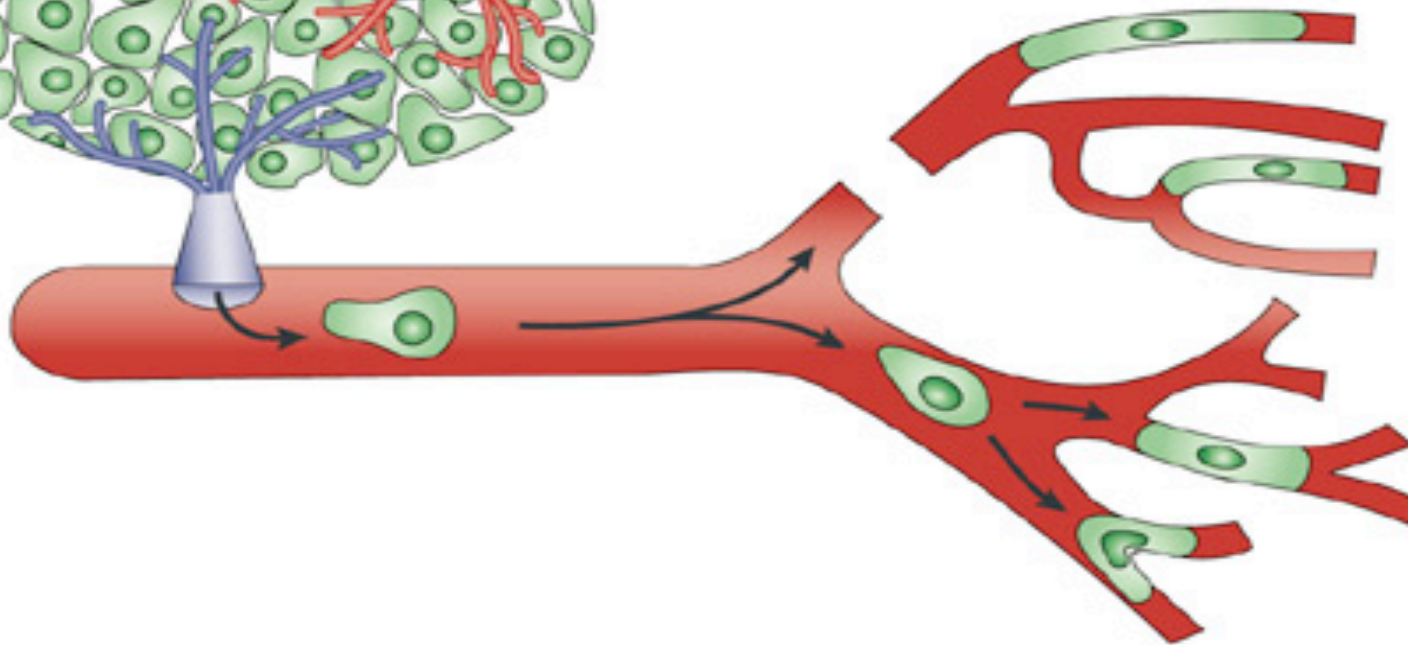


Arrest at secondary sites results from vascular trapping

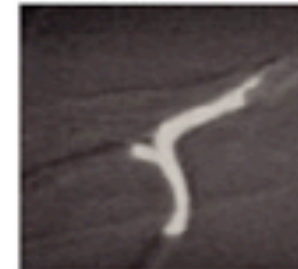
a Primary tumour



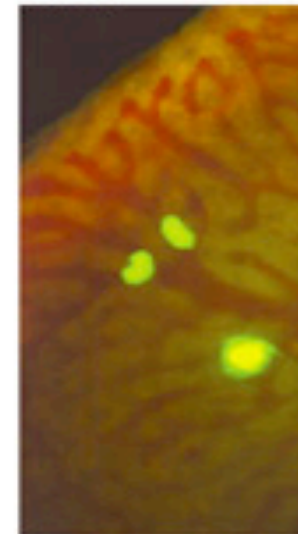
Cancer-cell arrest in secondary sites



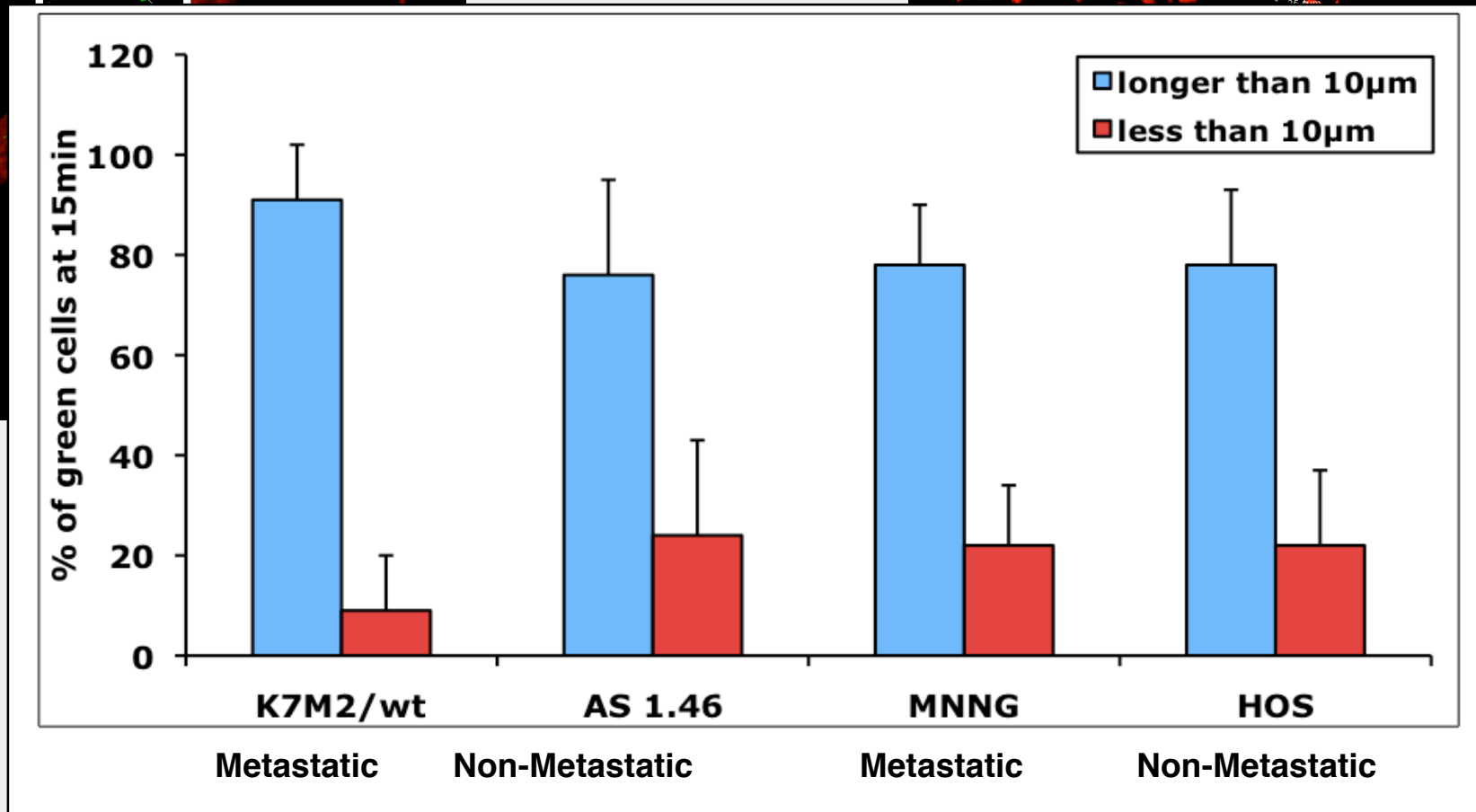
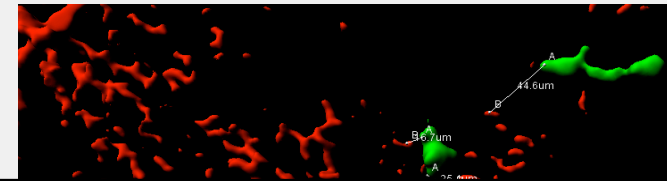
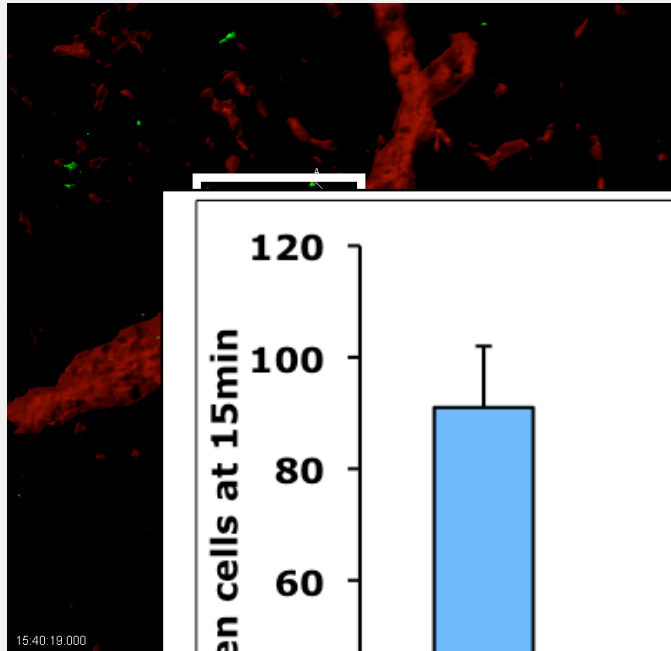
Muscle



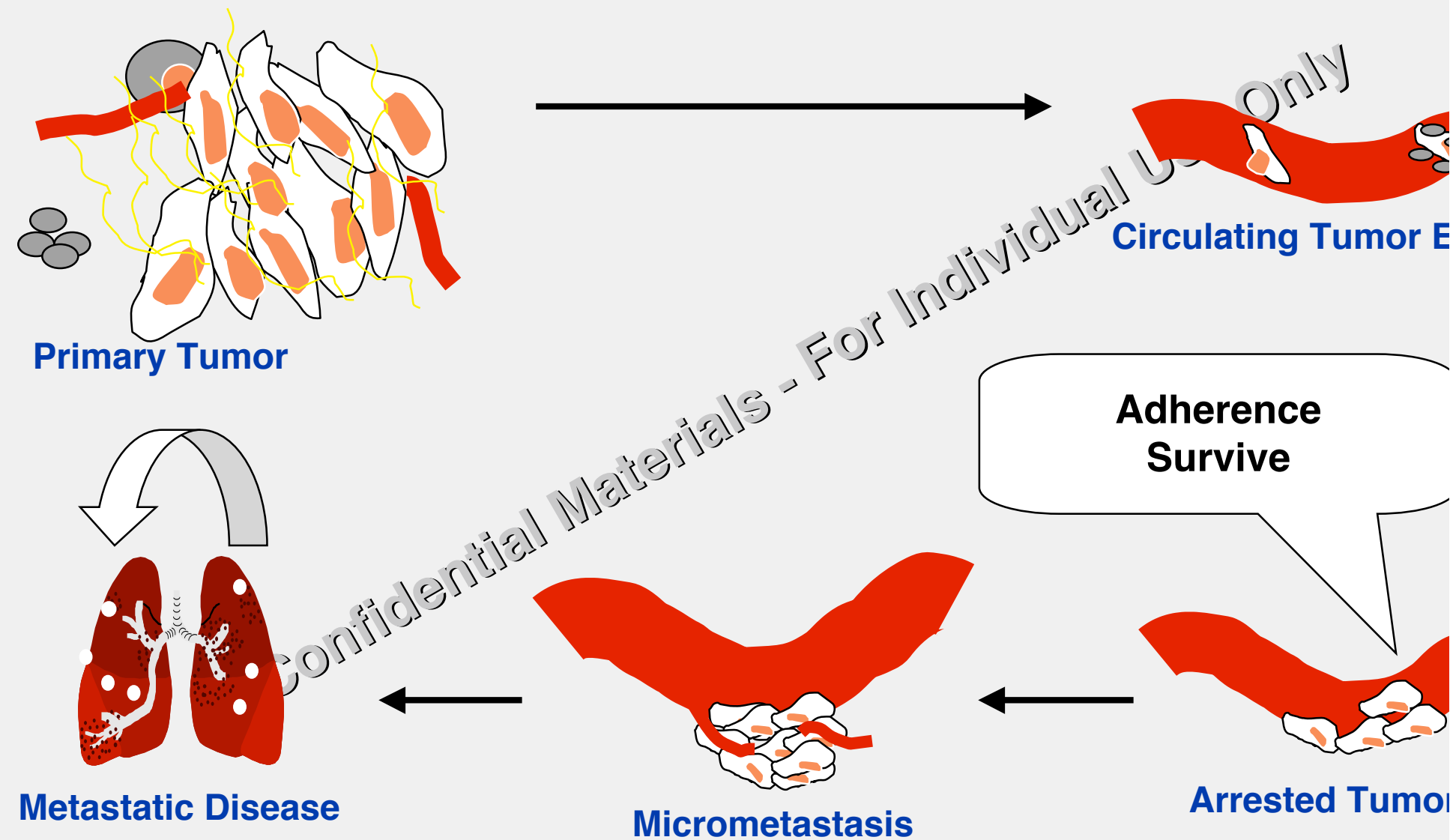
Liver



Rapid transendothelial migration occurs early in both metastatic and non-metastatic cells



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Paget's seed and soil

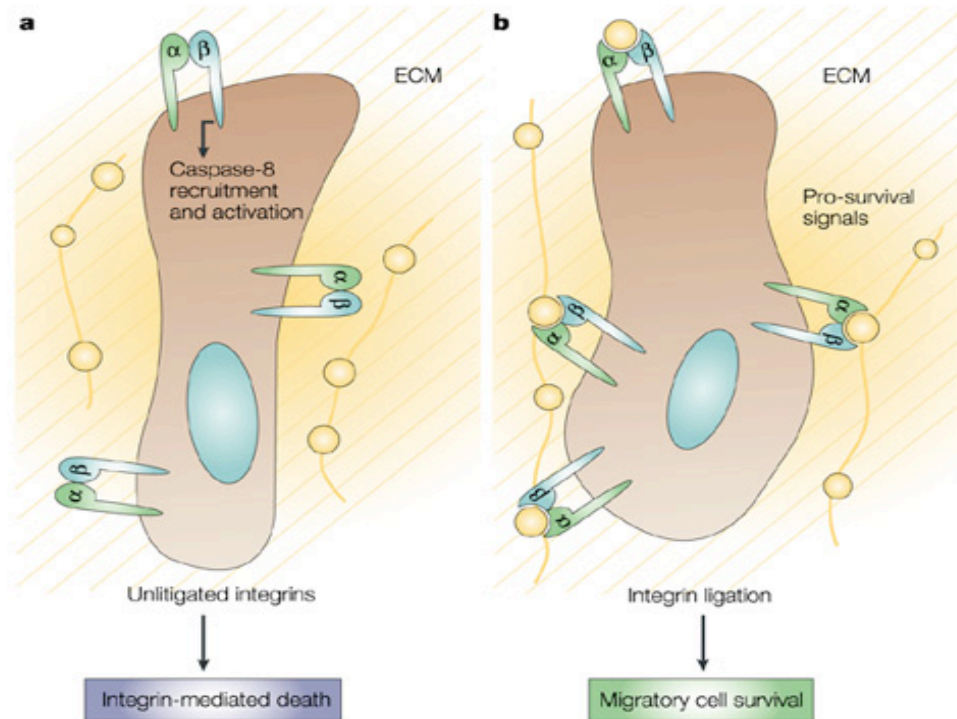
**A model for describing organ specific
metastasis**

**Hypothesis for determinants of
metastatic success**

A mechanism to explain the seed and soil hypothesis

Non permissive soil

Permissive soil



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Non Permissive Soil

- Each integrin heterodimer binds distinct sets of extracellular matrix (ECM) molecules, and ECM composition is tissue-type specific.
- Integrin binding to extracellular ligands prevents apoptosis.

- Neoplastic cells must overcome ability of the extracellular matrix to induce 'integrin-mediated death'.

Permissive Soil

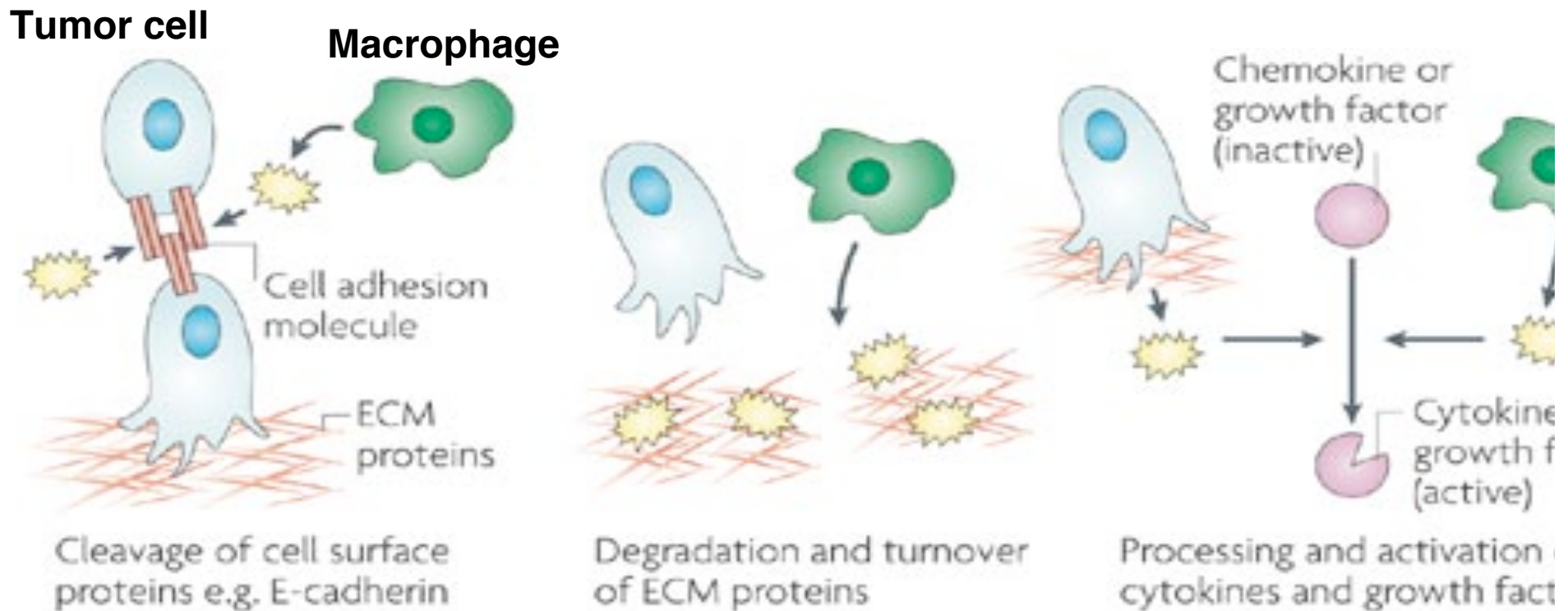
- If the ECM contains the appropriate ligands, the integrin is properly ligated, thereby inducing pro-survival signals.

ECM composition governs cell survival as a function of the integrins that are expressed on the surface of a cell that is occupying new territory.

The role of the macrophage in metastasis progression

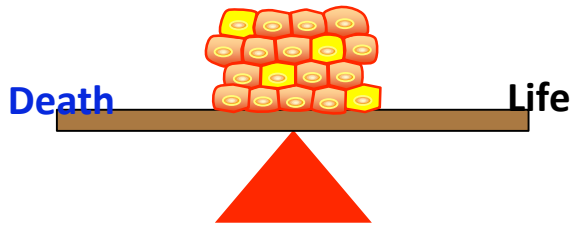
Macrophage Phenotypes:
GM-CSF: immunomodulatory
CSF-1 (IL-10): cancer promoting

Use Only

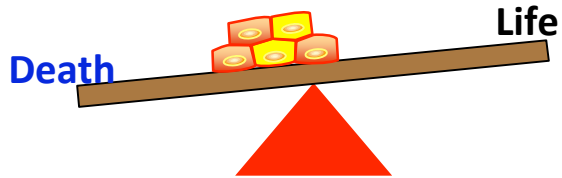


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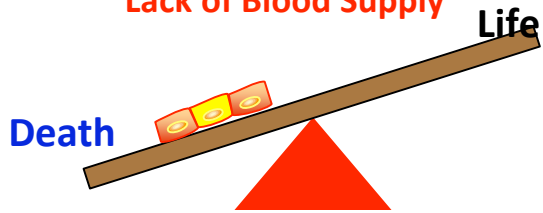
Nutrition, Reactive Species, Inflammation



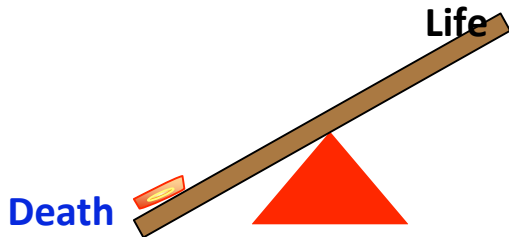
Anoikis, Immune Cells, Circulatory Turbulence



Foreign Microenvironment, Lack of Blood Supply

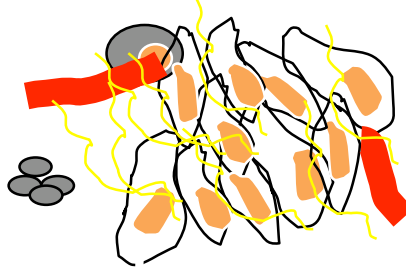


Hypoxia, pH stress, Apoptosis

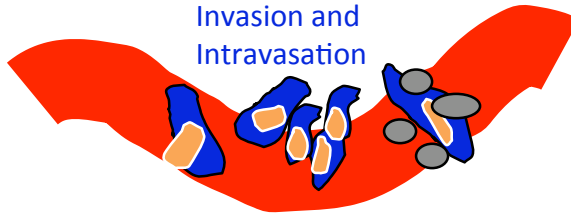


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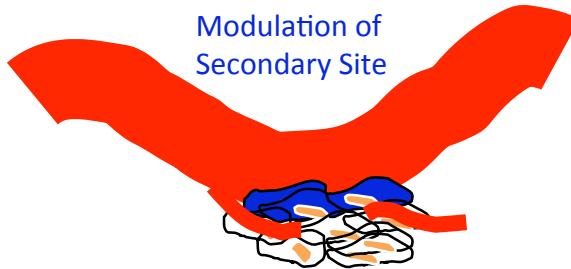
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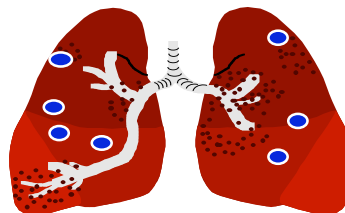
Invasion and Intravasation



Modulation of Secondary Site

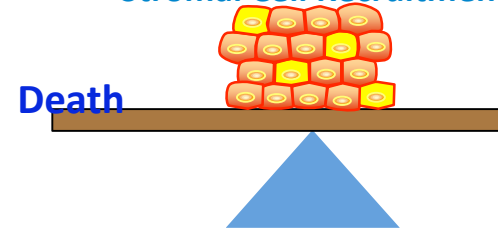


Metastatic Disease

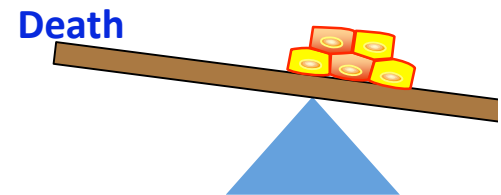


Coping Mechanism

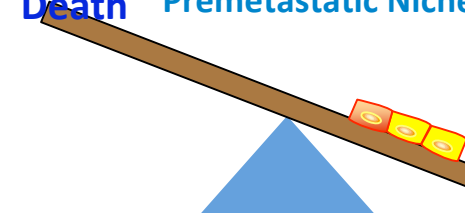
Angiogenesis, GF Production, Stromal Cell Recruitment



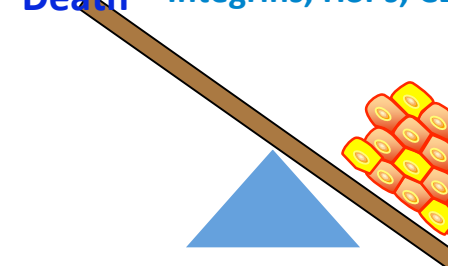
MMPs, Immune Suppression



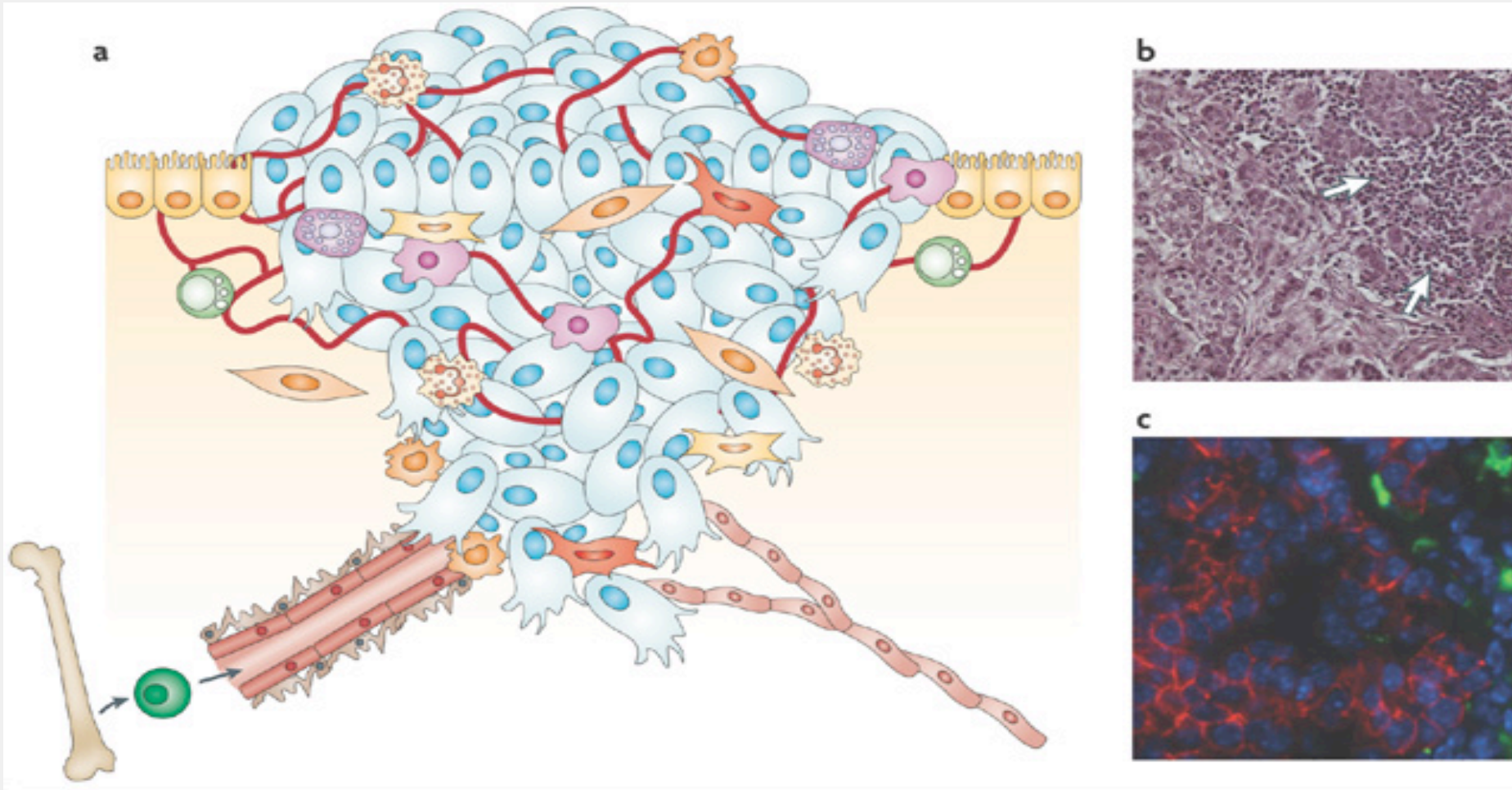
Chemokines, Angiogenesis, Premetastatic Niche



Signaling Networks Activation, Integrins, HSPs, Cytokines



Tumor - microenvironment interaction defines metastatic phenotype



Targeting metastatic stress

- **Coordinate efficient generation of new proteins (and other biomolecules).**
 - Enabled translation initiation
 - Protect valuable proteins (HSP)
 - Example Ezrin - mTOR
 - Therapeutic opportunity - Rapamycin
- **Coordinate efficient disposal of proteins (and other biomolecules).**
 - Active proteosomal and degradation paths
 - Manage stress of chronic “unfolded protein response” (UPR)
 - Therapeutic opportunity - Proteasome inhibitors
- **Efficiently manage energy use and maintain cellular energy**
 - Example glucose and lipid homeostasis
 - Therapeutic opportunity - Metformin
- **Actively engage the microenvironment**
 - Example Endothelin axis in osteosarcoma
 - Therapeutic opportunity - Endothelin inhibitors

Metastasis Biology: The Dogma that is in dispute

Metastatic Process	Efficiency	Best target for treatment
Intravasation	Inefficient	Possible
Survival in circulation	Efficient	Not Likely?
Arrest at distant site	Efficient	Not Likely?
Survival at distant site	Inefficient	Yes
Initiation of growth	Inefficient	Yes
Persistence of Growth	Inefficient	Yes

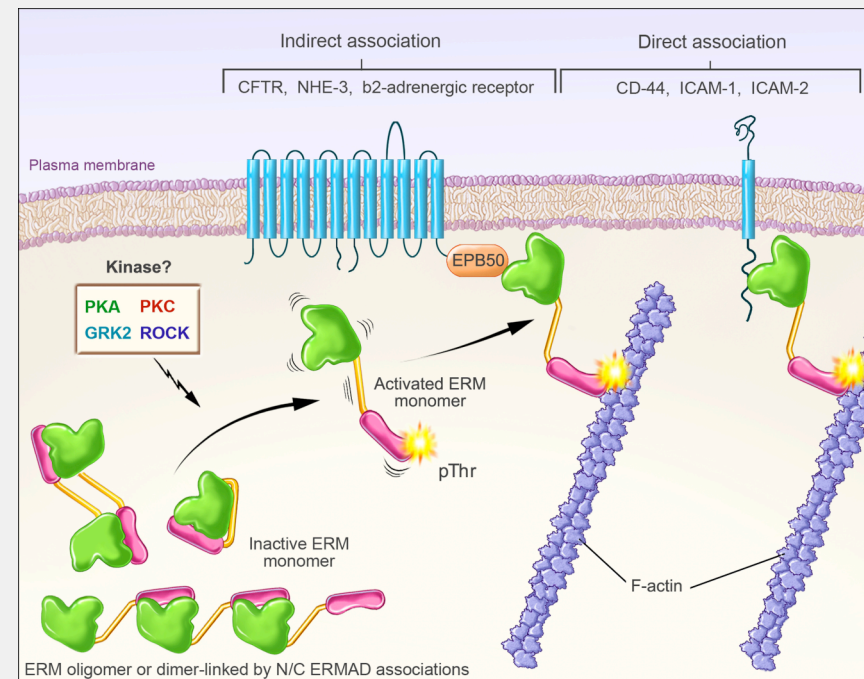
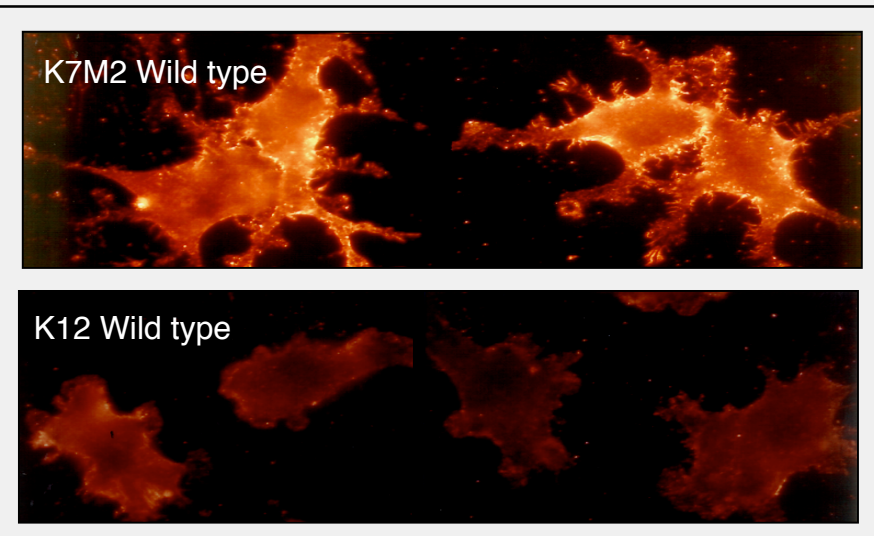
From: Chambers et al Breast Cancer Res 200

Ezrin Is Associated With the Metastatic Phenotype in a Murine Osteosarcoma Model

Khanna et al Clin and Exp Metas



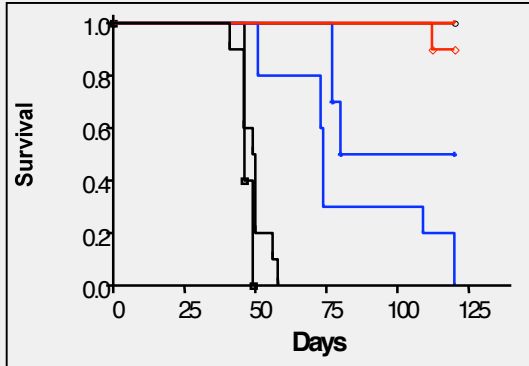
EZRIN (Vil2)



Khanna et al Cancer Research, 2002

Ezrin Is Consistently Associated With Metastatic Progression in Osteosarcoma - Across Sp

Rodent Models



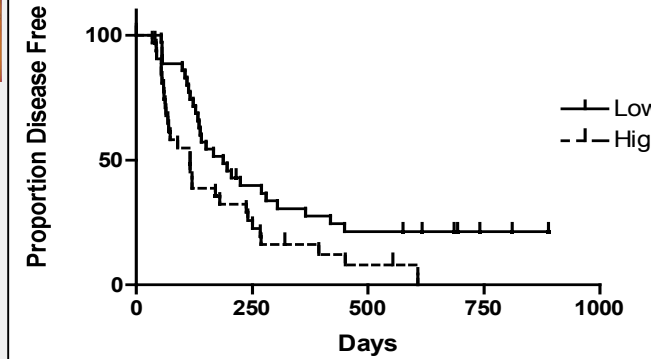
Low Ezrin

Intermed Ezrin

High Ezrin



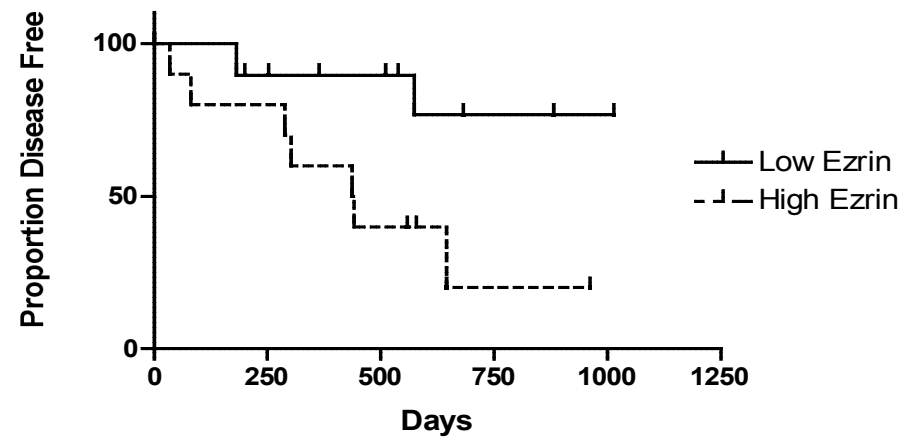
Canine Model



— Low
- - High



Pediatric Osteosarcoma Patients



— Low Ezrin
- - High Ezrin

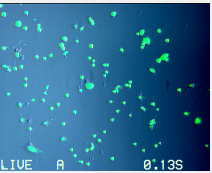
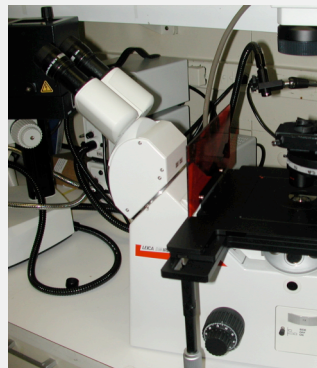
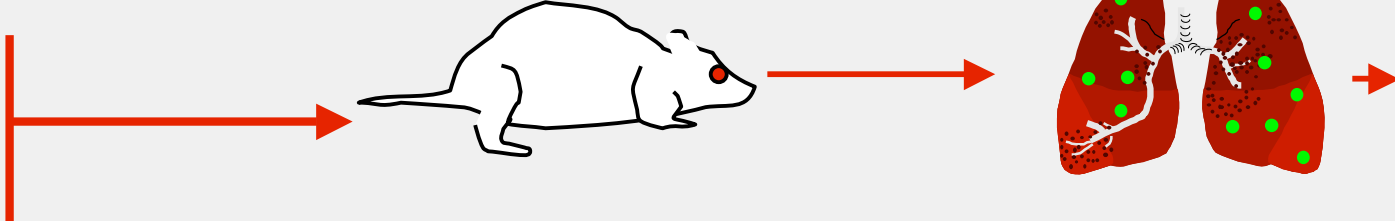
Ezrin and Cancer/Metastasis

- **Osteosarcoma (Nature Medicine, 2004a)**
 - Necessary for metastasis in murine and **canine** osteosarcoma models
 - Associated with early metastatic failure in children
- **Rhabdomyosarcoma (Nature Medicine, 2004b)**
 - Necessary and sufficient for metastasis
- **Ewings sarcoma (Clin Exp Metastasis, 2006)**
 - Contributes to xenograft primary tumor growth and metastasis
- **Other cancers (Clin Exp Metastasis, 2007)**
 - Expressed in most human cancers
 - Aberrant expression in mesenchymal versus epithelial cancers
- **Literature**
 - *Expression associated with disease free interval in melanoma, soft tissue sarcoma and breast cancer*
 - *Advanced histological grade cancers of the endometrial, prostate, and brain*
 - *Protective role of Ezrin in cancers of the ovary and gastric mucosa*

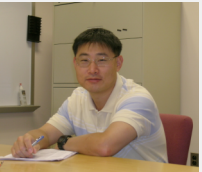
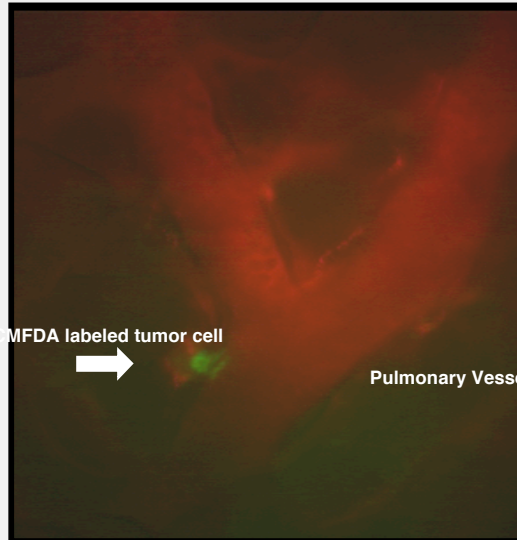
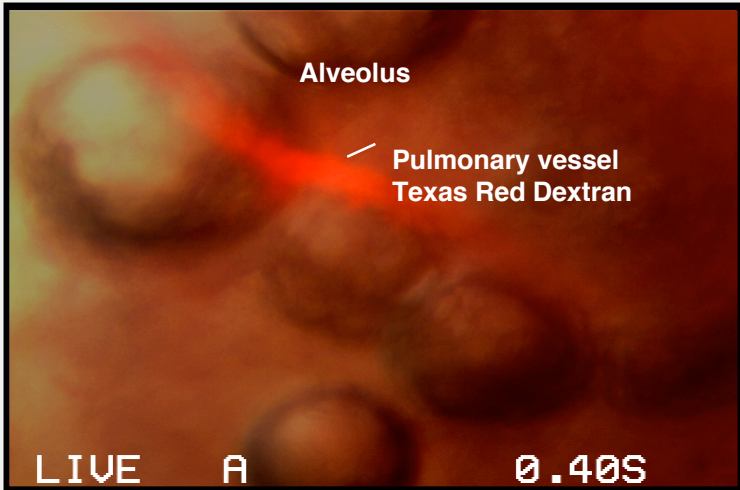
Illuminating the **Black-Box** of the Metastatic Cascade: Single metastatic cell Imaging



Texas-red Dextran
70000 MW, 10mg/ml
(.2 mls)

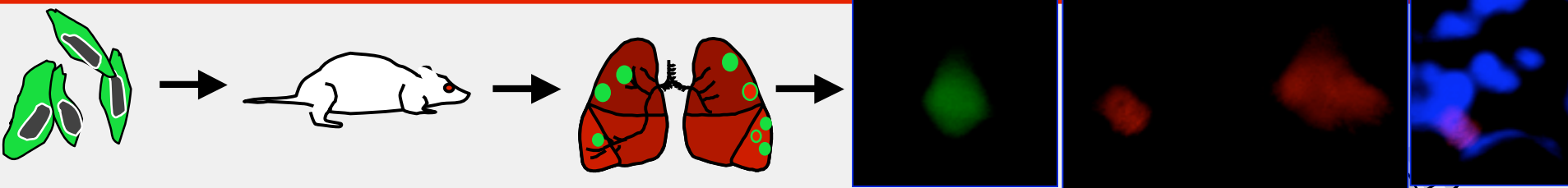


K7M2 OSA cells grown and labeled in-vitro (CMFDA cell tracker label)

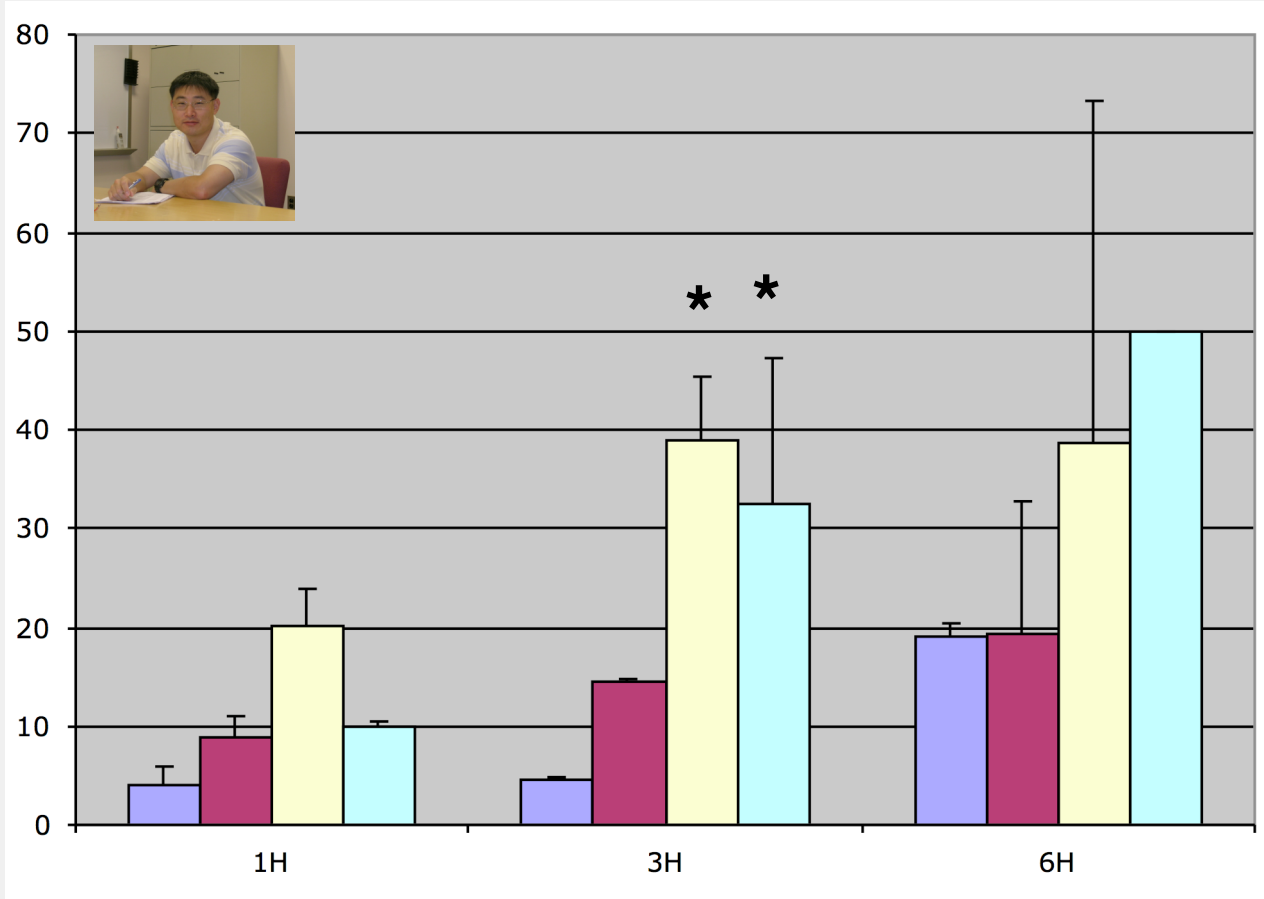


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Ezrin Protects Cell from Apoptotic Death Early After Arrival in the Lung



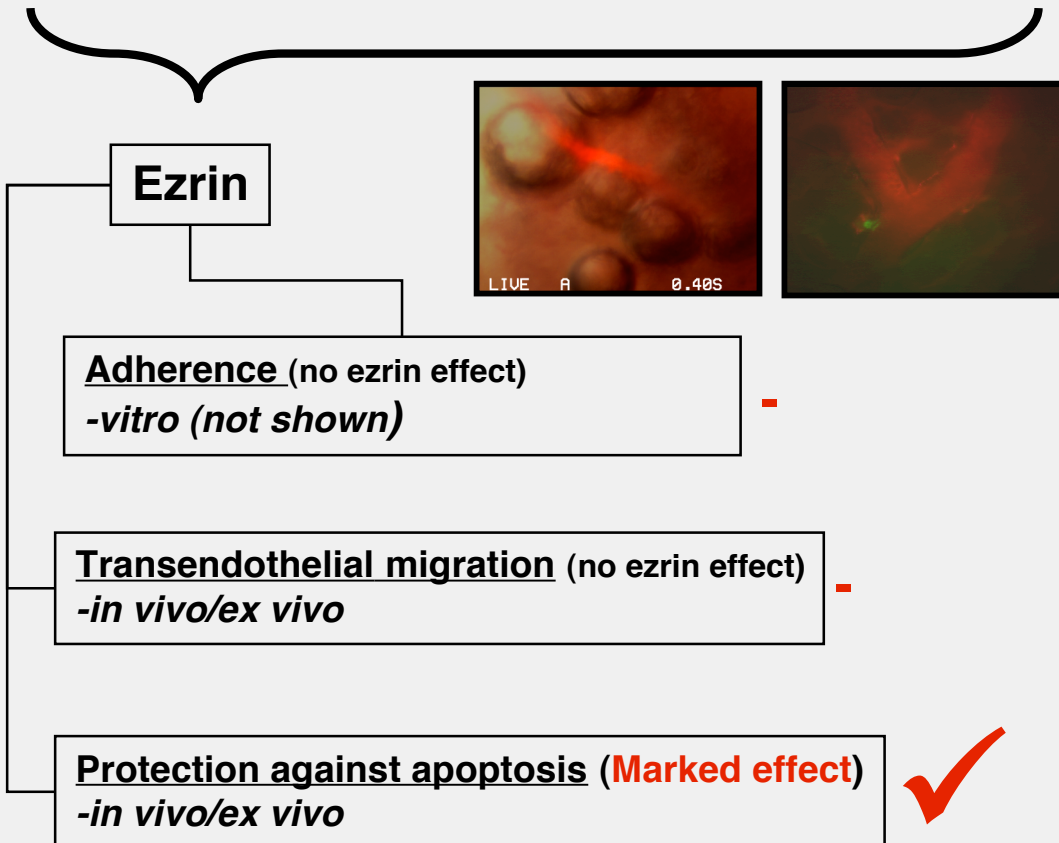
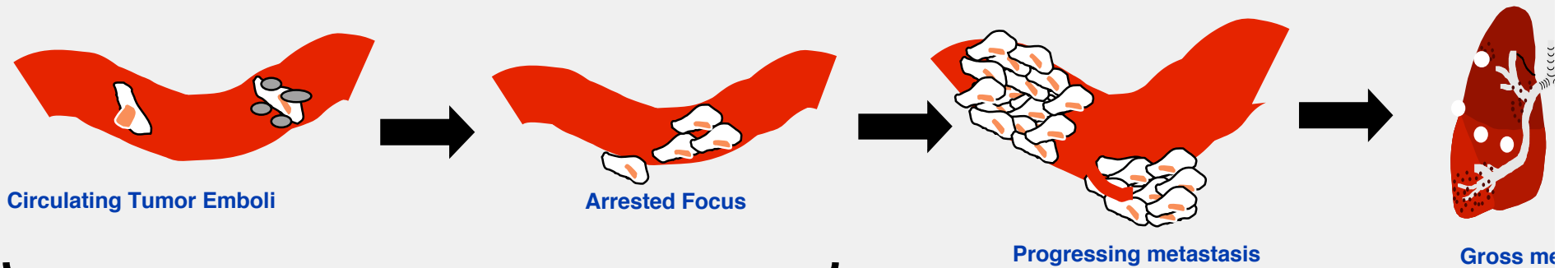
Double positive events:
CMFDA - Tumor cell
TUNEL - Apoptotic cell



- K7M2 - High Ezrin WT
- K7M2 Neo - High Ezrin
- K7M2 1.46AS - Low Ezrin
- K7M2 1.52AS - Low Ezrin

TUNEL positive/total tumor cell
 * p<0.001, Fischer's exact test

Hypothesis: Ezrin Contributes to Early Metastatic Survival



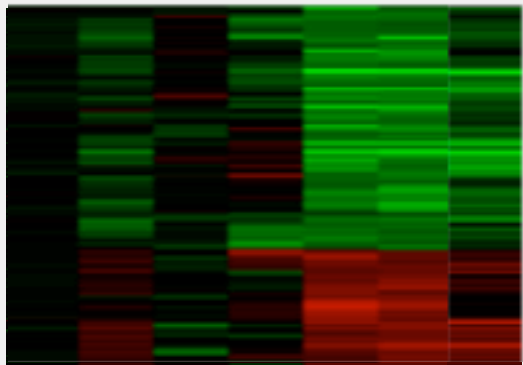
• Ezrin provides cancer cells with ability to endure the stress of metastasis.

Question: How Does Ezrin Contribute to Metastatic Phenotype?

Approach: Define the ezrin transcriptome.

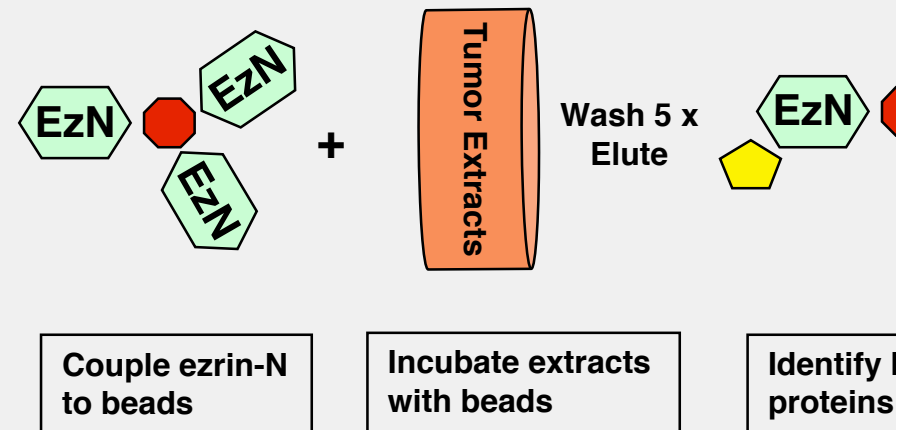
cDNA microarray subtraction of high and low isogenic osteosarcoma clones

High Ezrin Low Ezrin



Approach: Define ezrin protein binding partners (interactome).

Affinity chromatography proteomic assessment of ezrin binding proteins



EASE (Expression Analysis Systemic Explorer) ontological analysis of ezrin transcriptional phenotype

- Translation
- Translation initiation

Functions of 11 of 77 ezrin binding proteins linked to translation and translation initiation

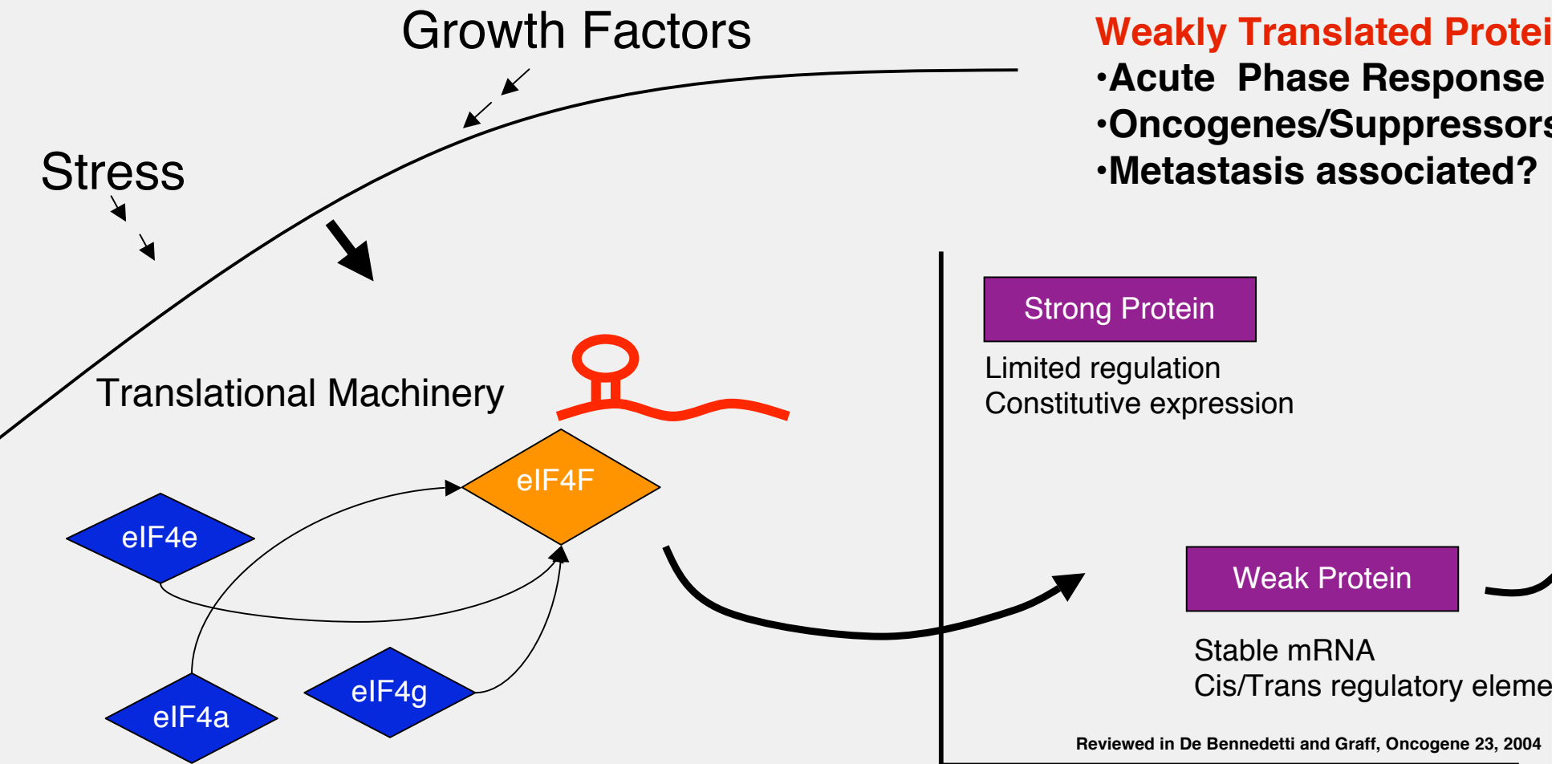


Hypothesis: Ezrin contributes to metastasis through modulation of translation and translation initiation.



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Hierarchy of Weakly and Strongly Translated Proteins



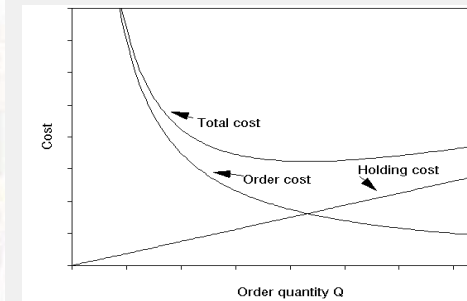
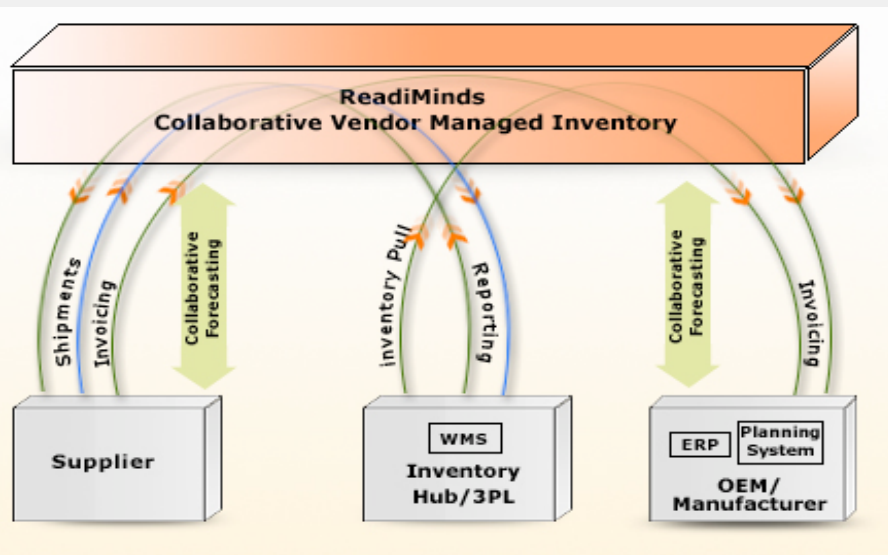
Hypothesis: Efficient translation (initiation) may be a critical determinant of the early metastatic phenotype.

Extension: Efficient translation (initiation) may be a defining feature of the metastatic phenotype?

Enabled Translation in Metastasis: Just In Time (JIT) Inventory in Business

An inventory strategy implemented to improve the **return on investment** of a **business** by reducing in-process **inventory** and its associated costs.

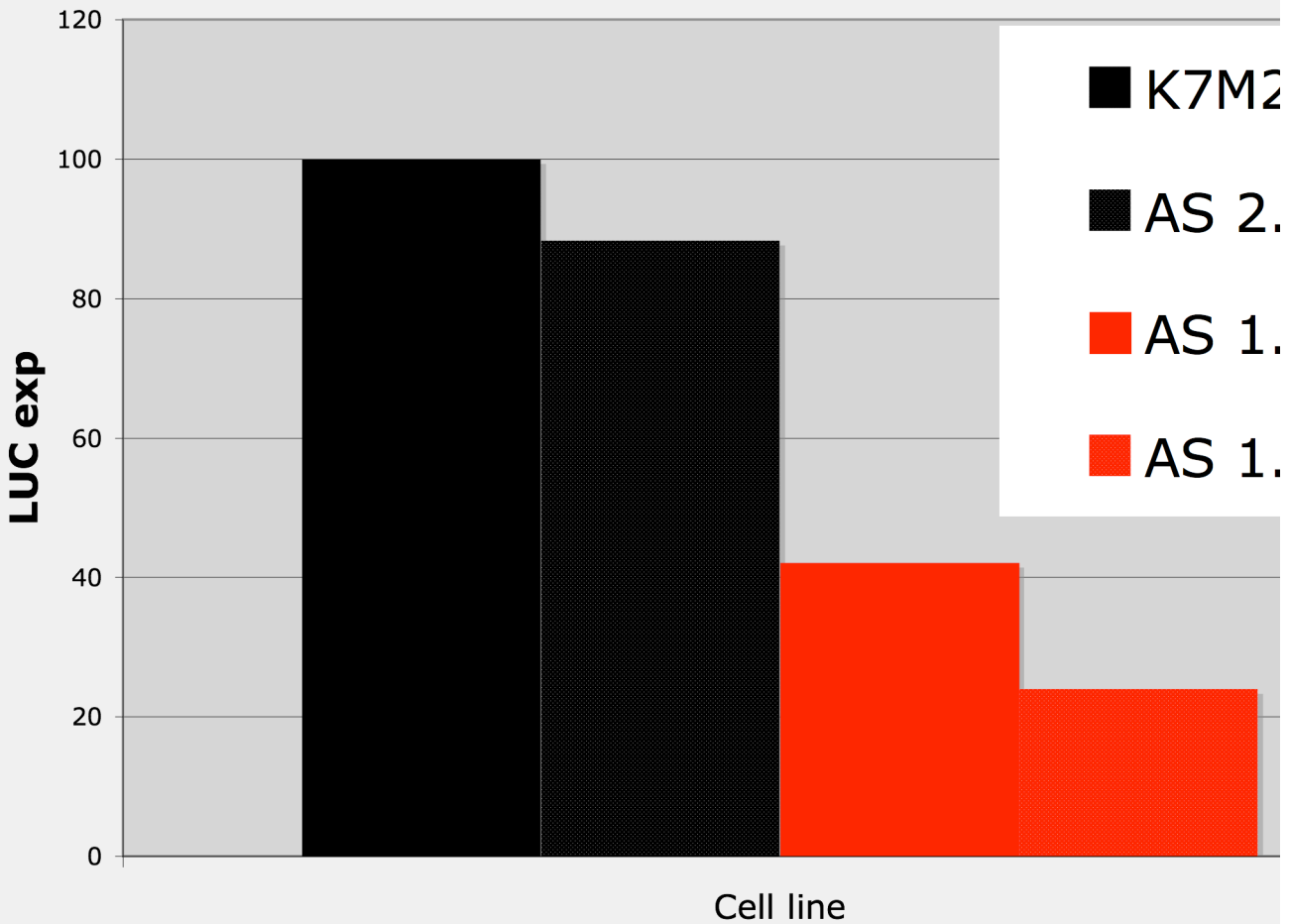
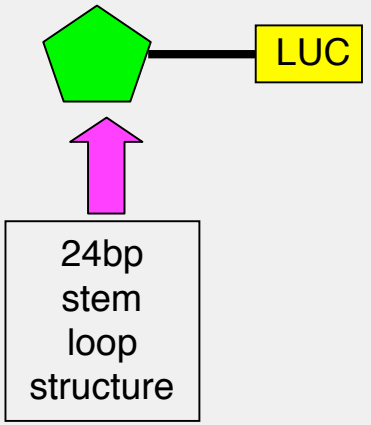
Developed by Taiichi Ohno's: derived from his observances of an American supermarket of the 1950s



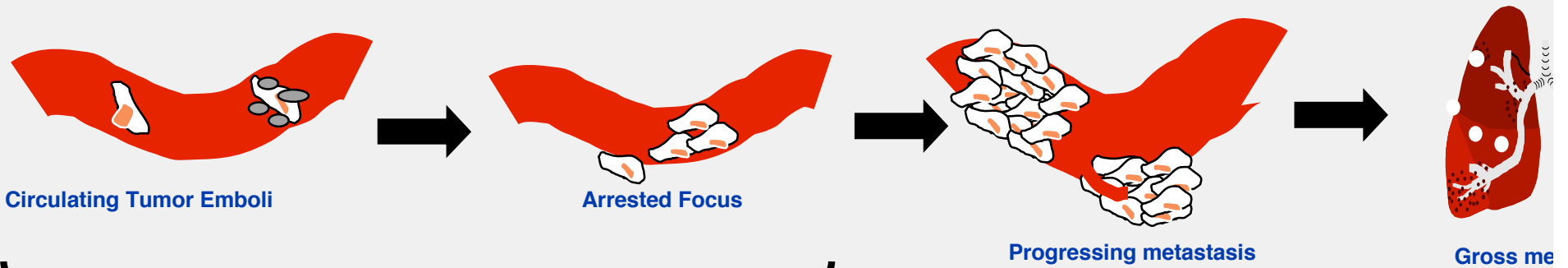
Ezrin Suppression Reduces the Expression of a Comp 5'UTR Protein in K7M2 Osteosarcoma Cells

SL-LUC Expression 24 hours

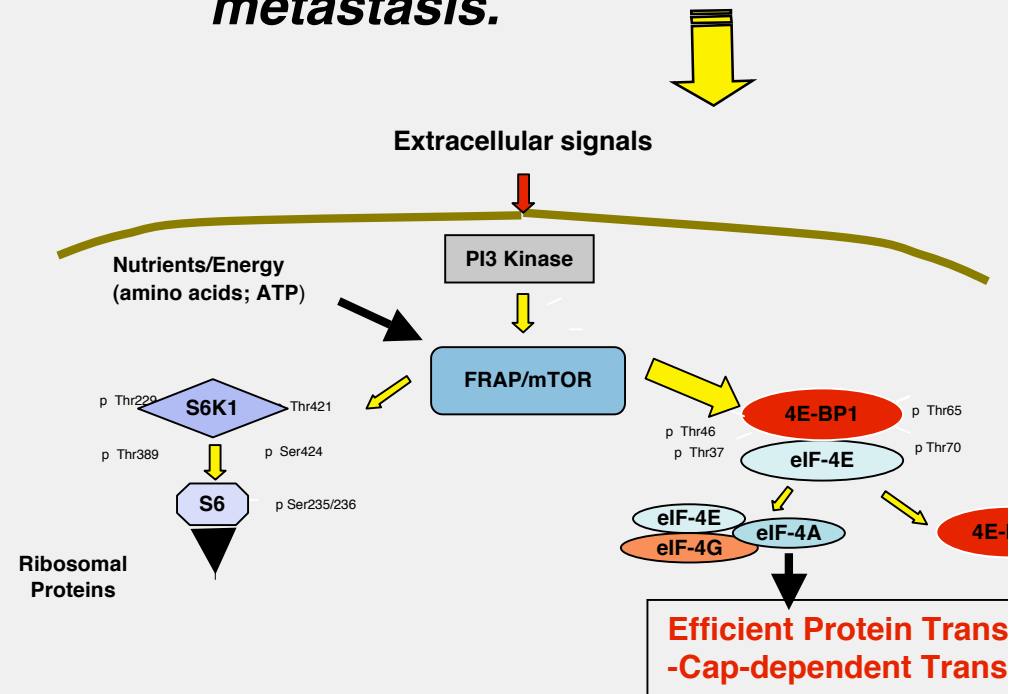
pcDNA-SL-LUC
DG=-44.8
kcal/mol



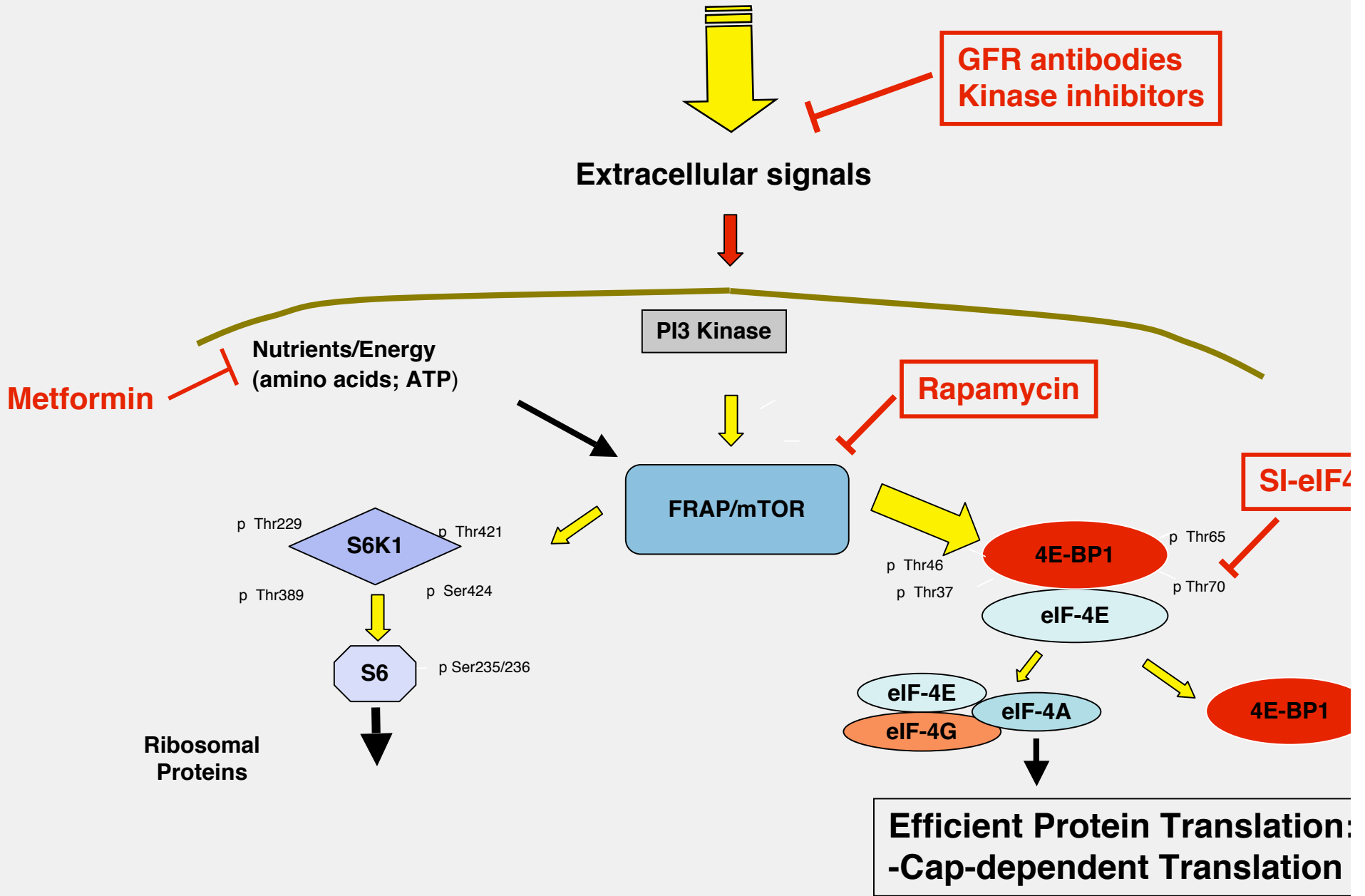
Understanding the role of Ezrin in Cancer Metastasis through a Comparative Approach



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Targeting Translation and Energy Use in Metastases

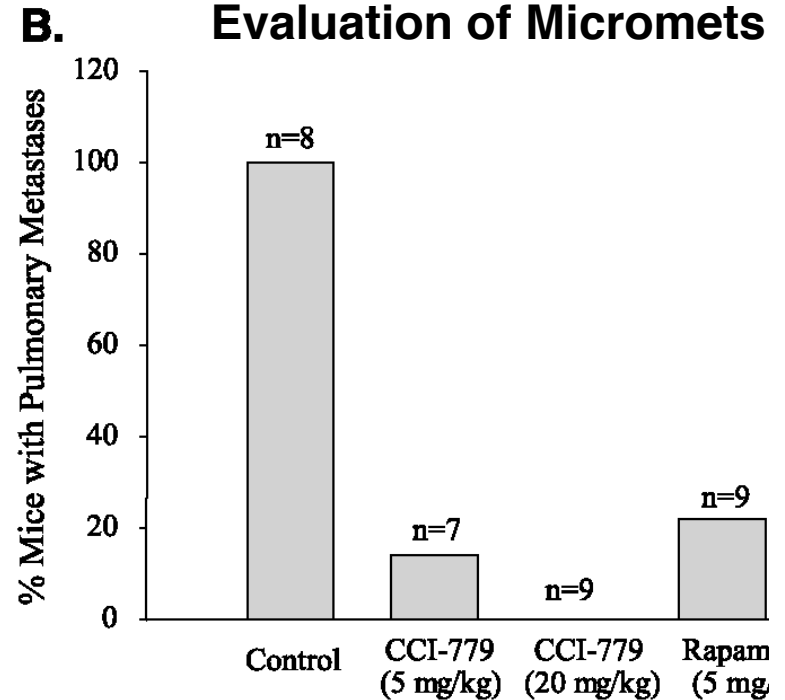
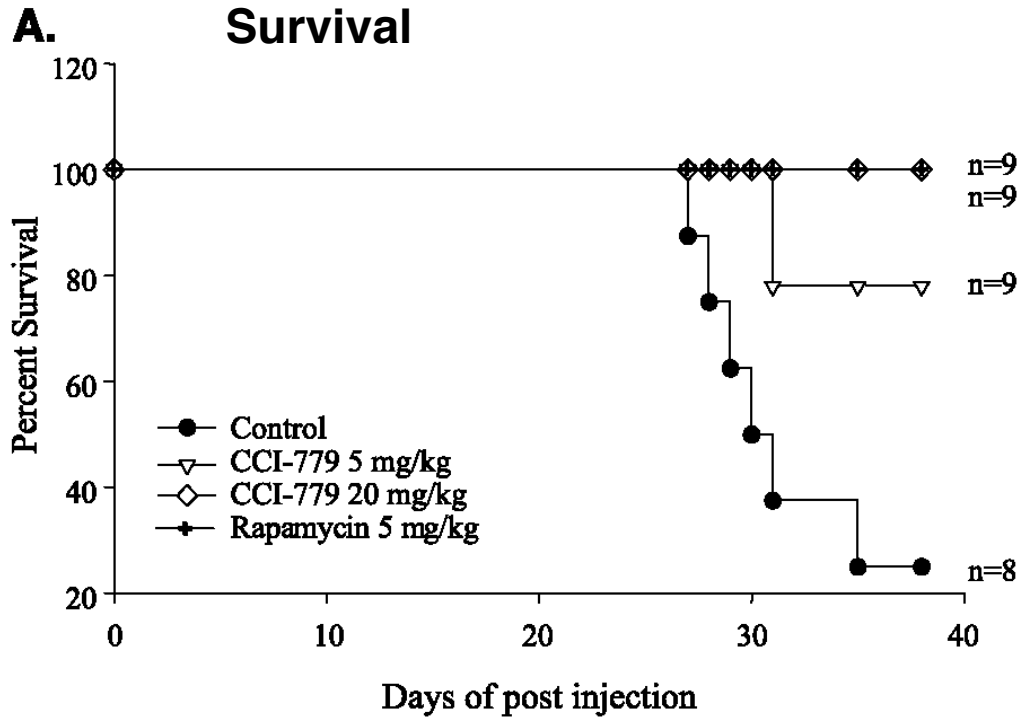


mTOR Inhibition Results in Suppression of Metastases

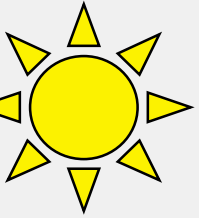


Murine Osteosarcoma Model

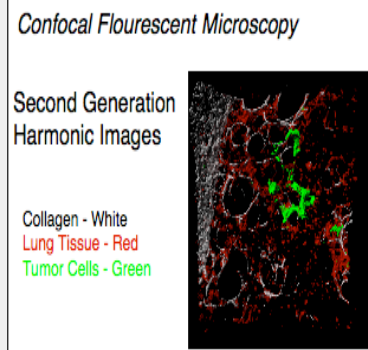
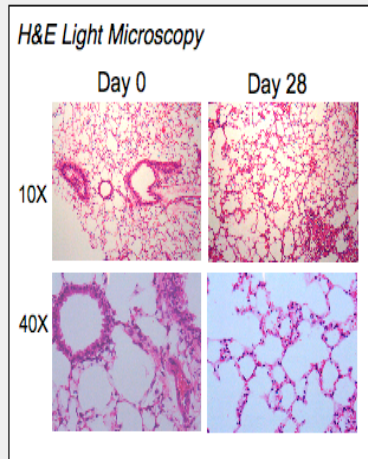
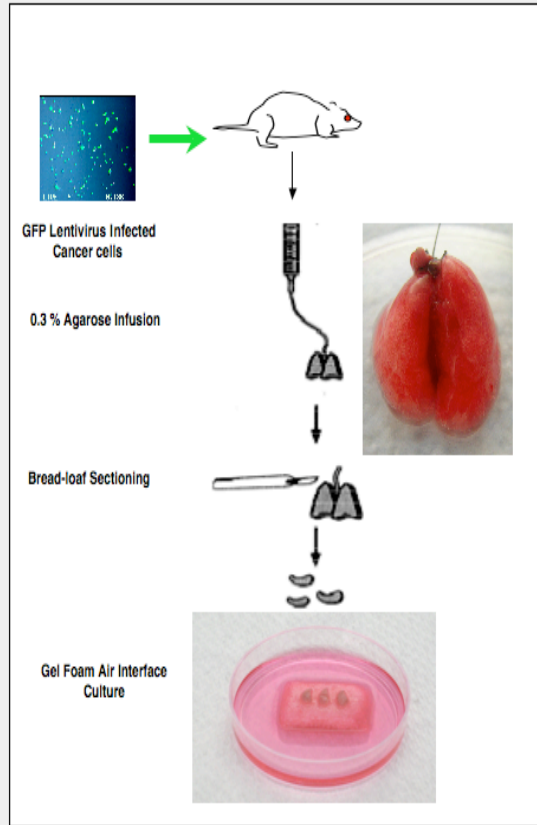
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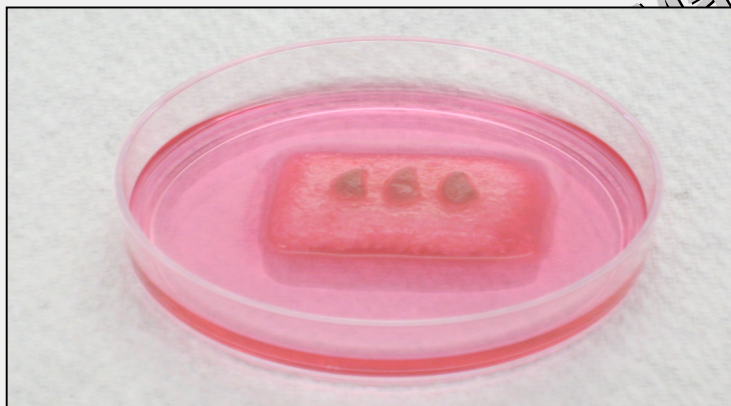
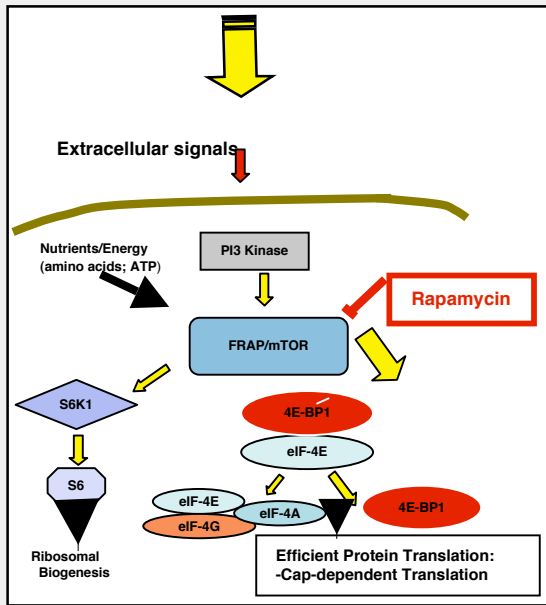
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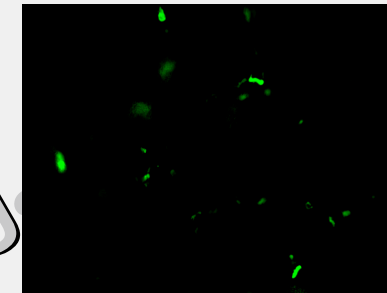
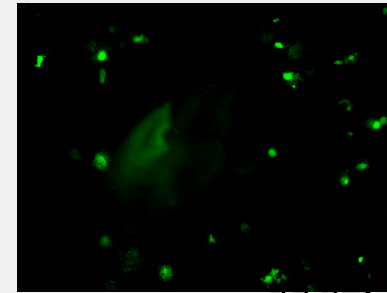
Rapamycin is Active Against the Metastatic Phenotype of Cancer



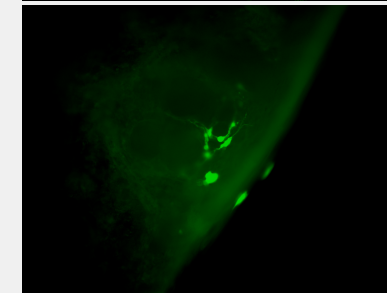
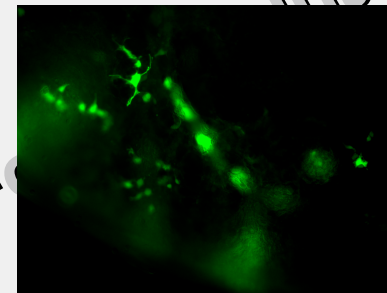
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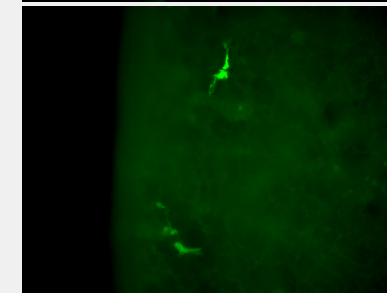
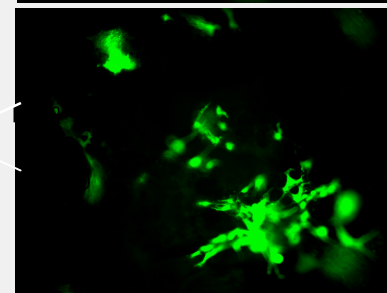
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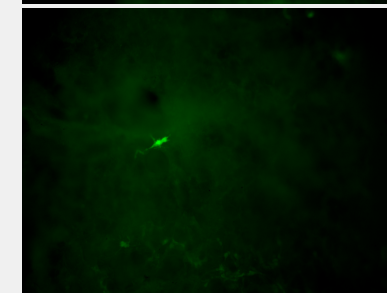
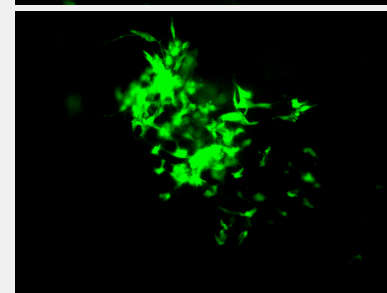
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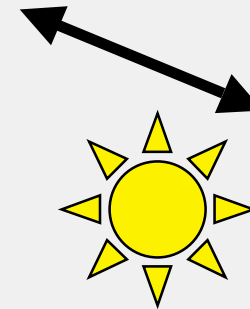
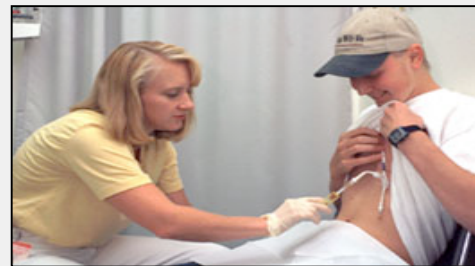
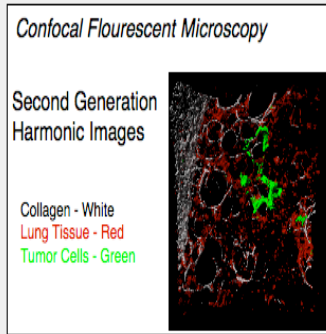
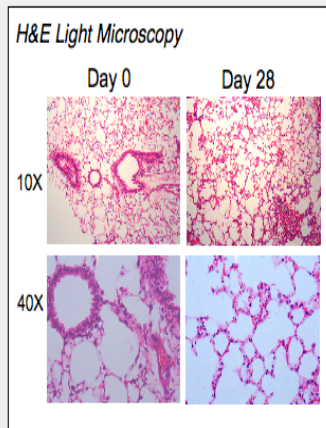
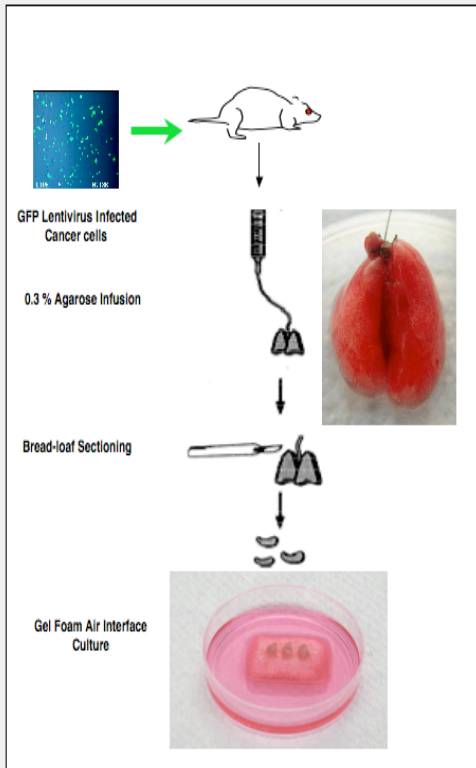
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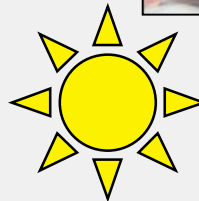
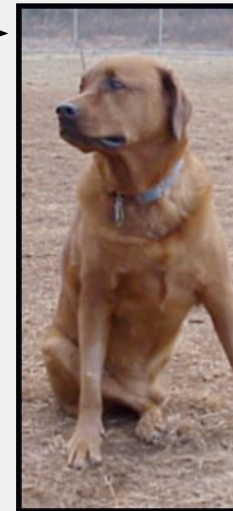
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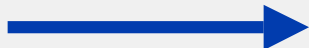


Innovative Trial Designs

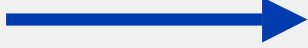
Rapalogs: Integrated Comparative Approach



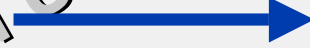
**Non-Human Primate
Beagle Dog**



**Early Phase Human
Clinical Trials**



**Phase II Human
Clinical Trials**



**Phase II
Clinical Trials**

New Cancer



**Tumor-Bearing
Dog Studies**

- Regimen/Schedule**
- Biomarkers**
- Responding histologies**
- Combination therapies**
- Adjuvant therapy**

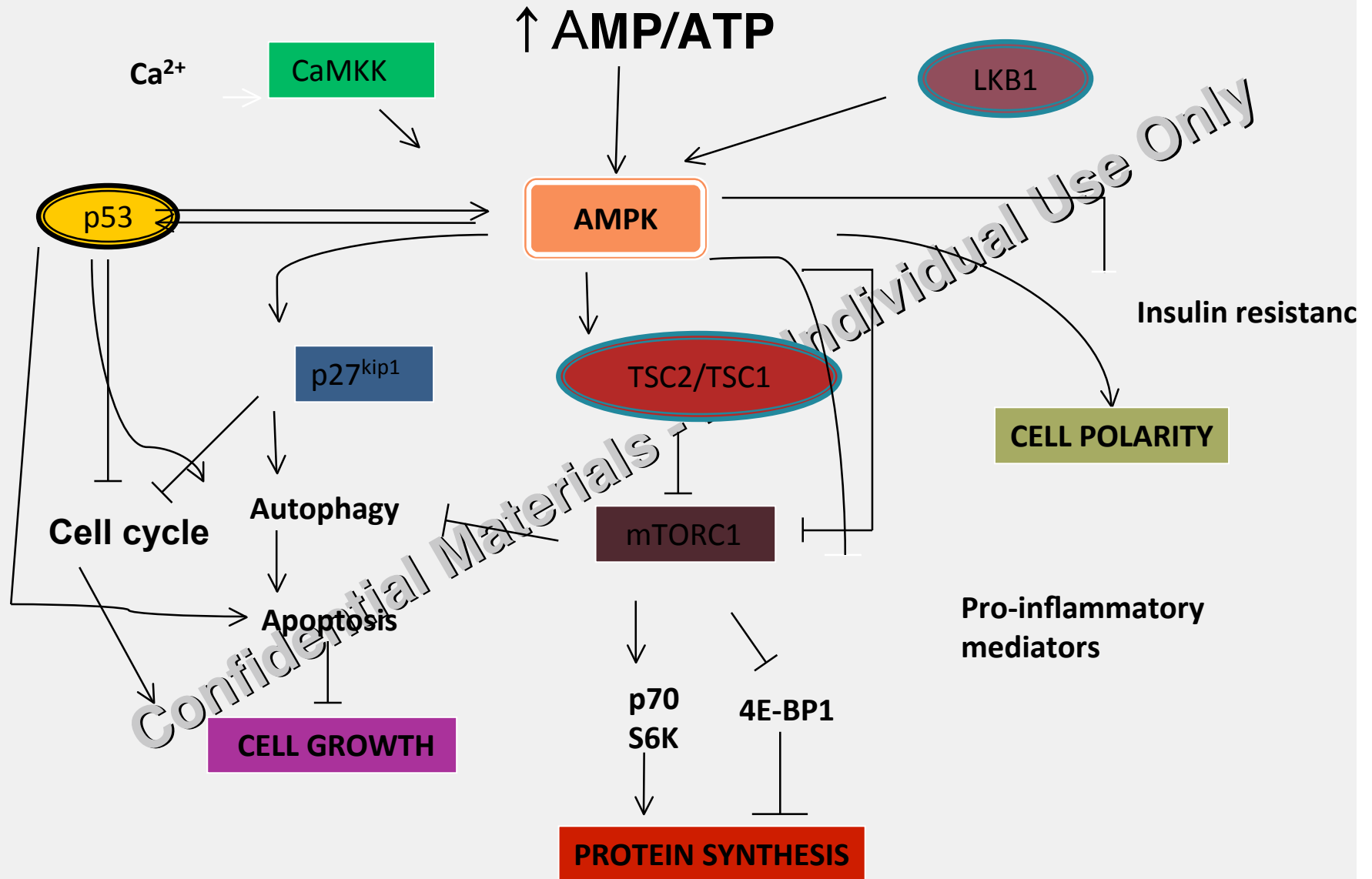
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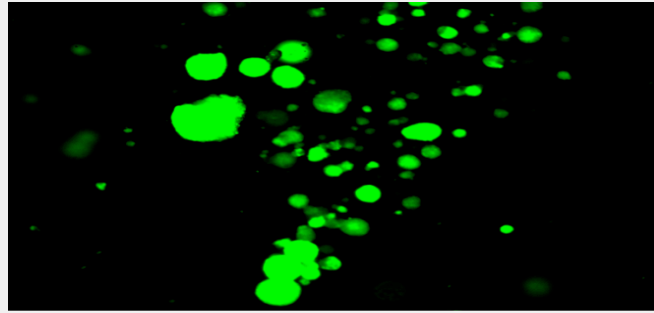


**Small Animal
Preclinical**

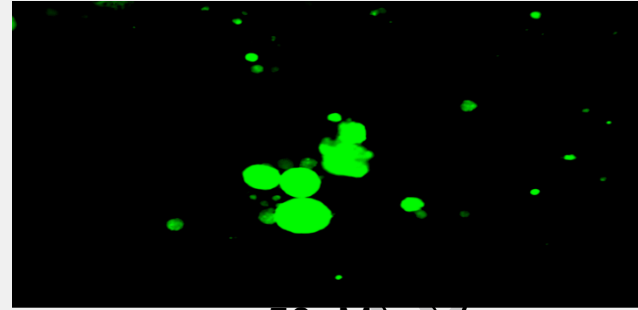
Regulation of Cellular Energy - Warburg Revisited



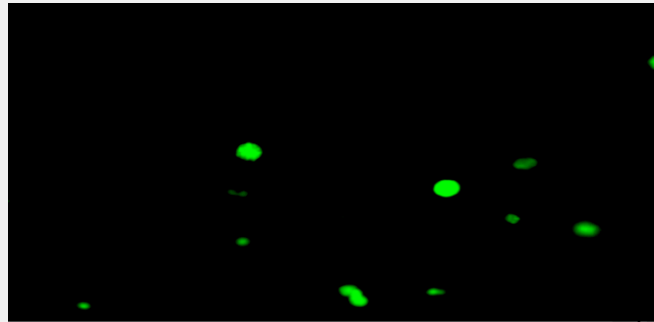
Metformin inhibits osteosarcoma colony formation in vitro



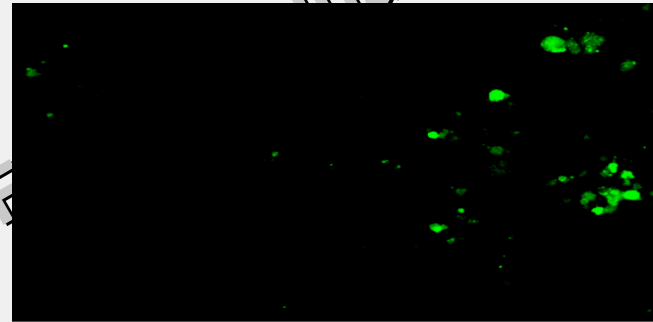
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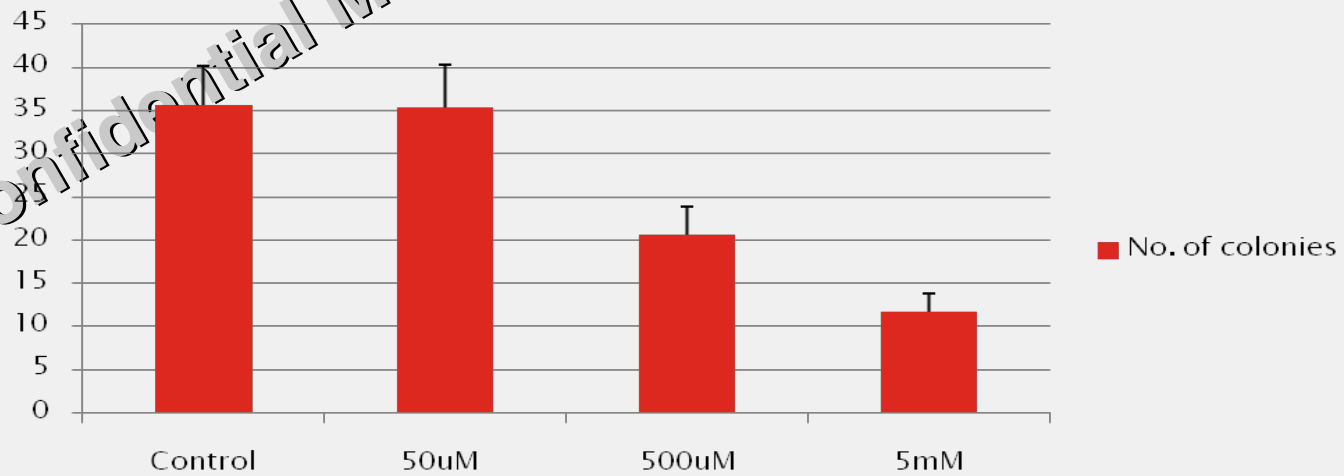
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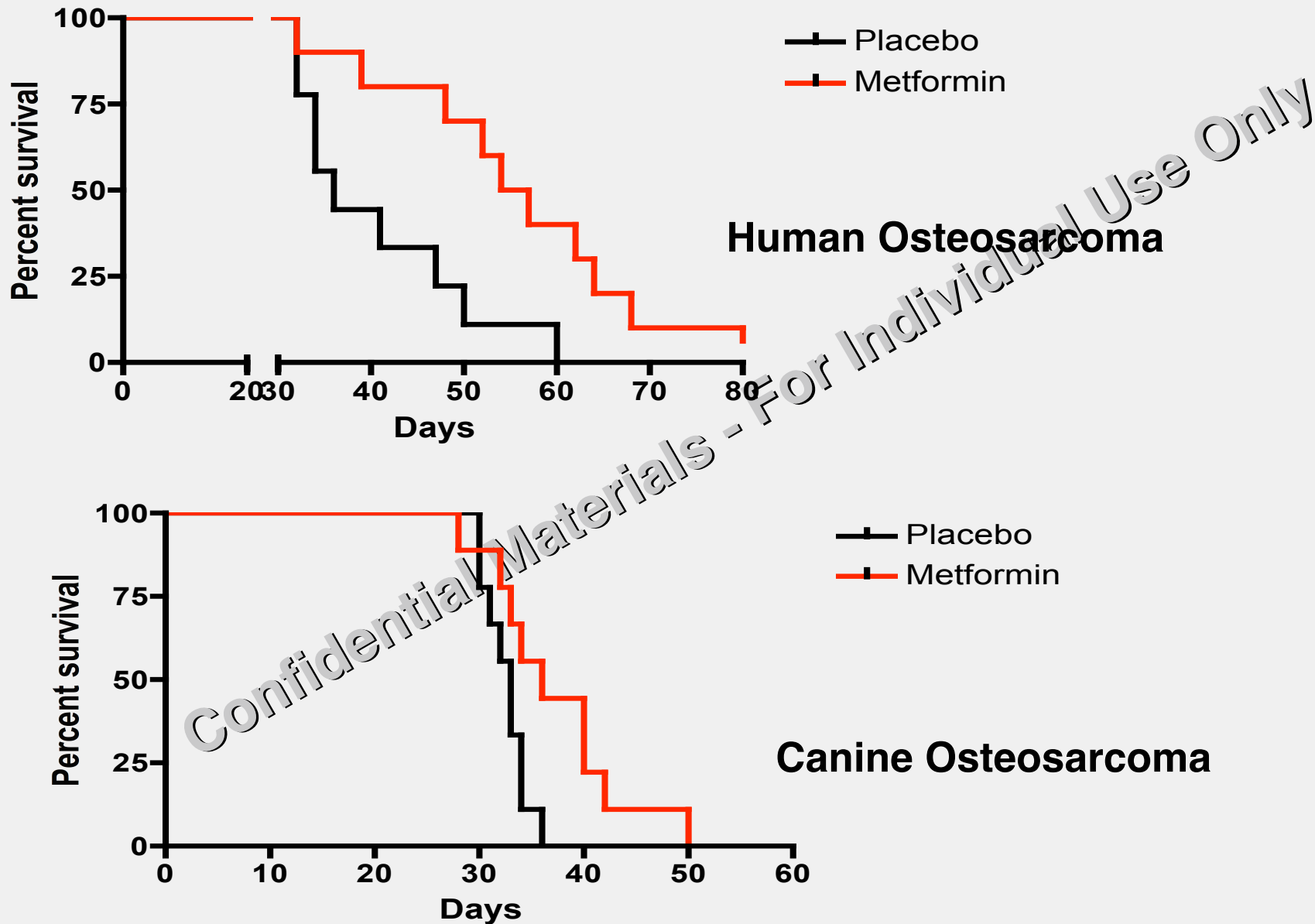
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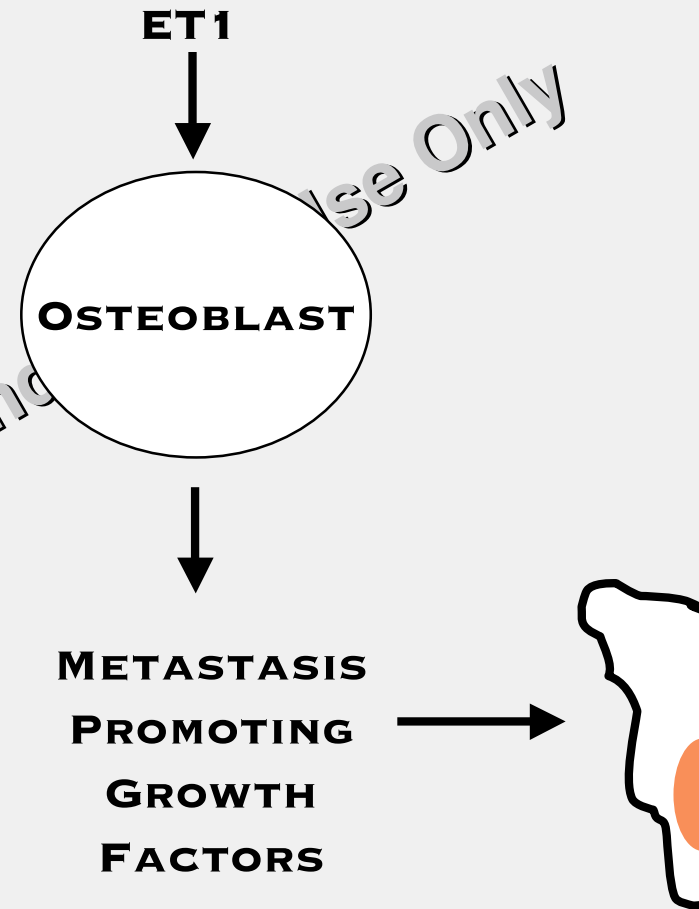


Metformin inhibits metastatic progression of osteosarcoma

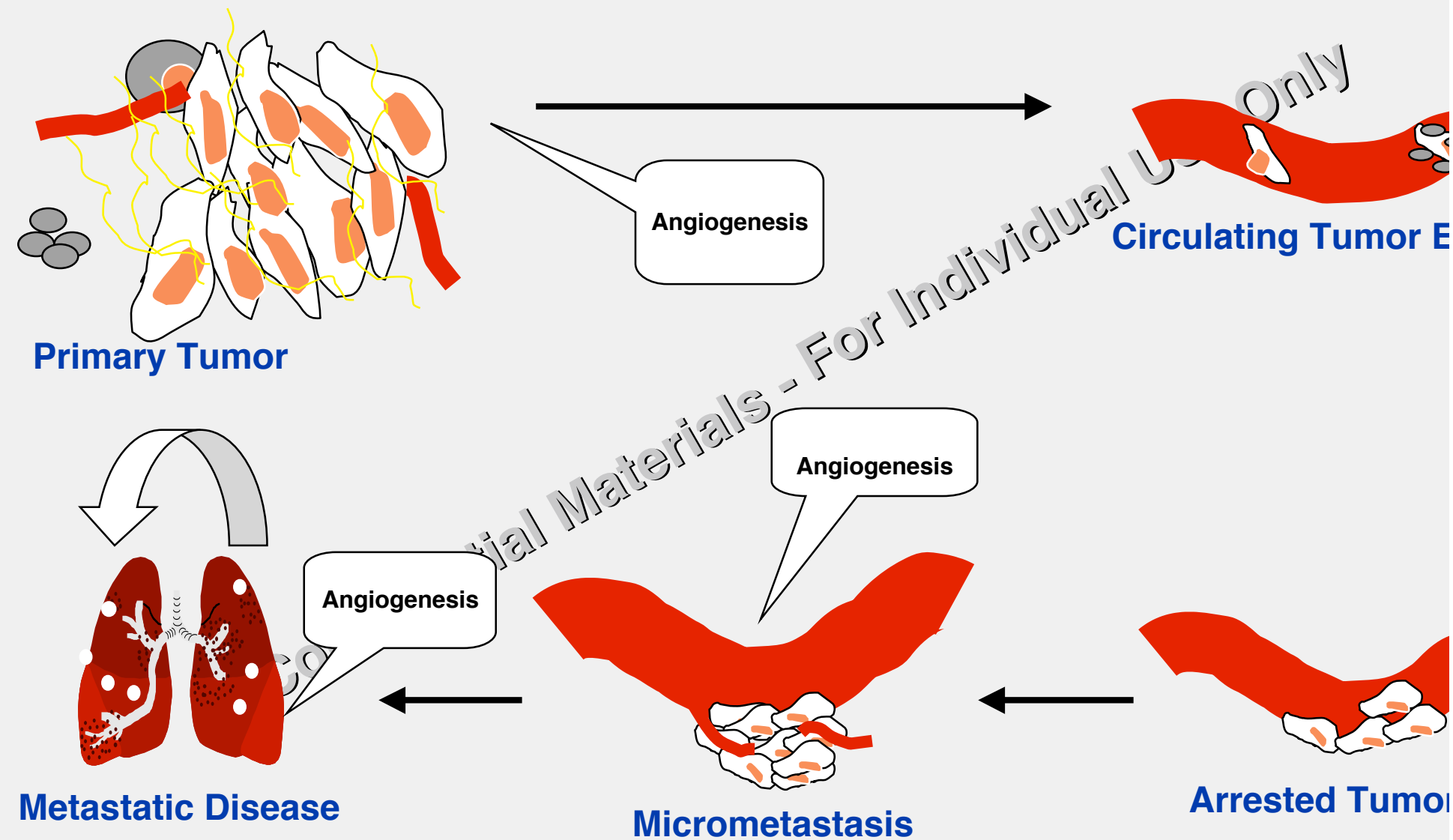


Targeting host-tumor interactions?

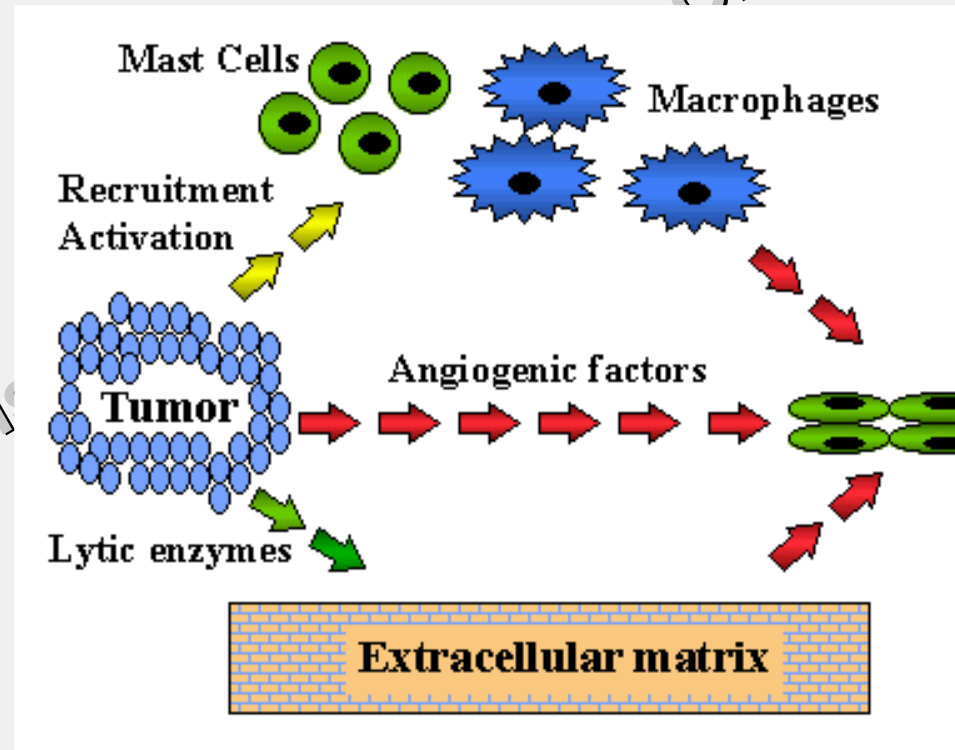
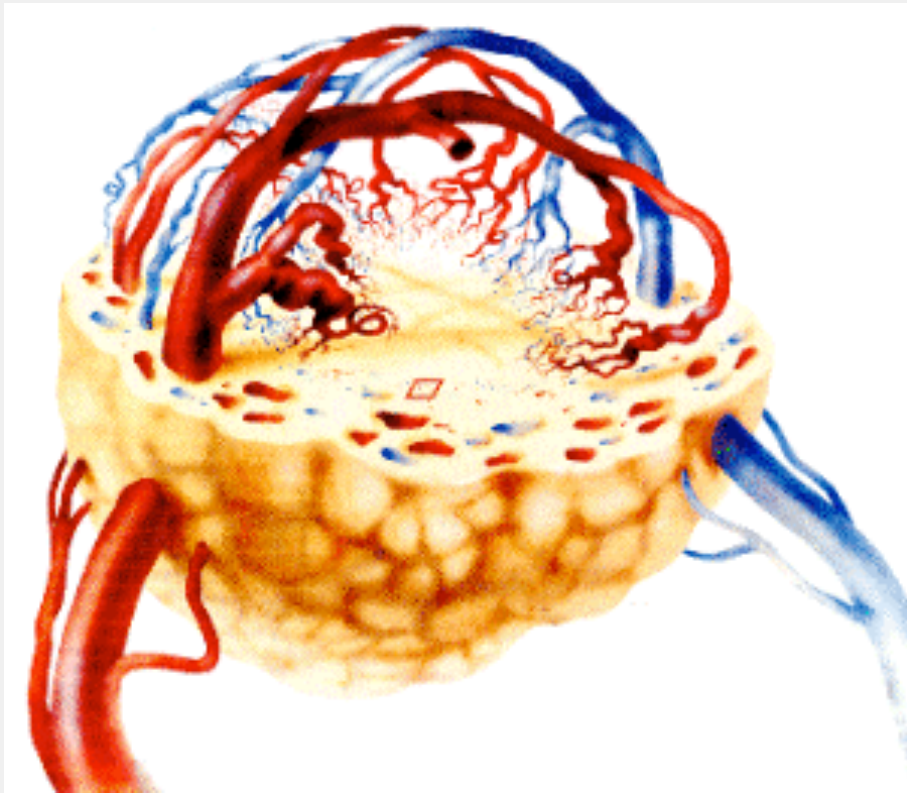
- **Endothelin axis** consists of a family of ligands (ET-1, ET-2, and ET-3) and receptors (ET-A and ET-B)
- Activation of ET-A by the circulating ligand, ET-1, results in osteoblast activation and the resultant production of bone derived growth factors



Metastasis Biology: Metastasis associated genes and pathways



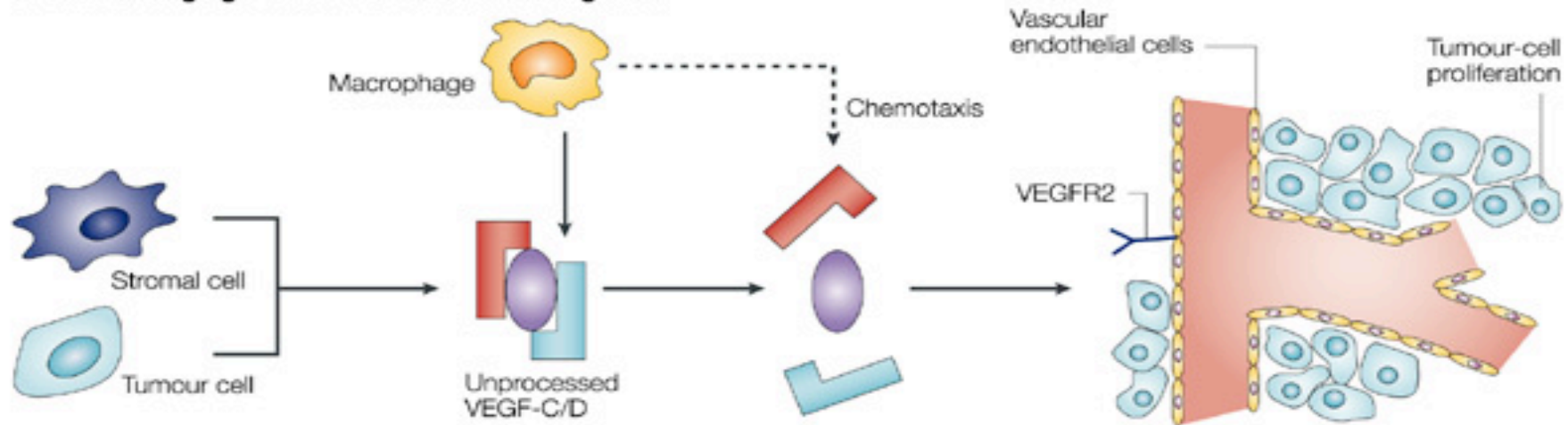
Angiogenesis



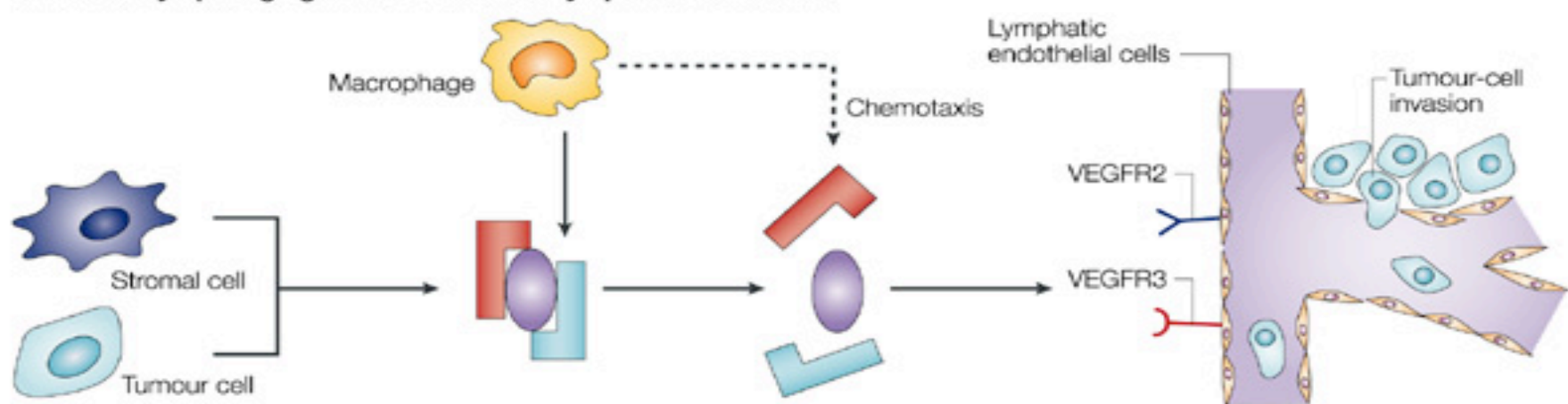
ANGIOGENESIS: DEFINING FEATURE OF MALIGNANT CELL

Angiogenesis and lymphangiogenesis

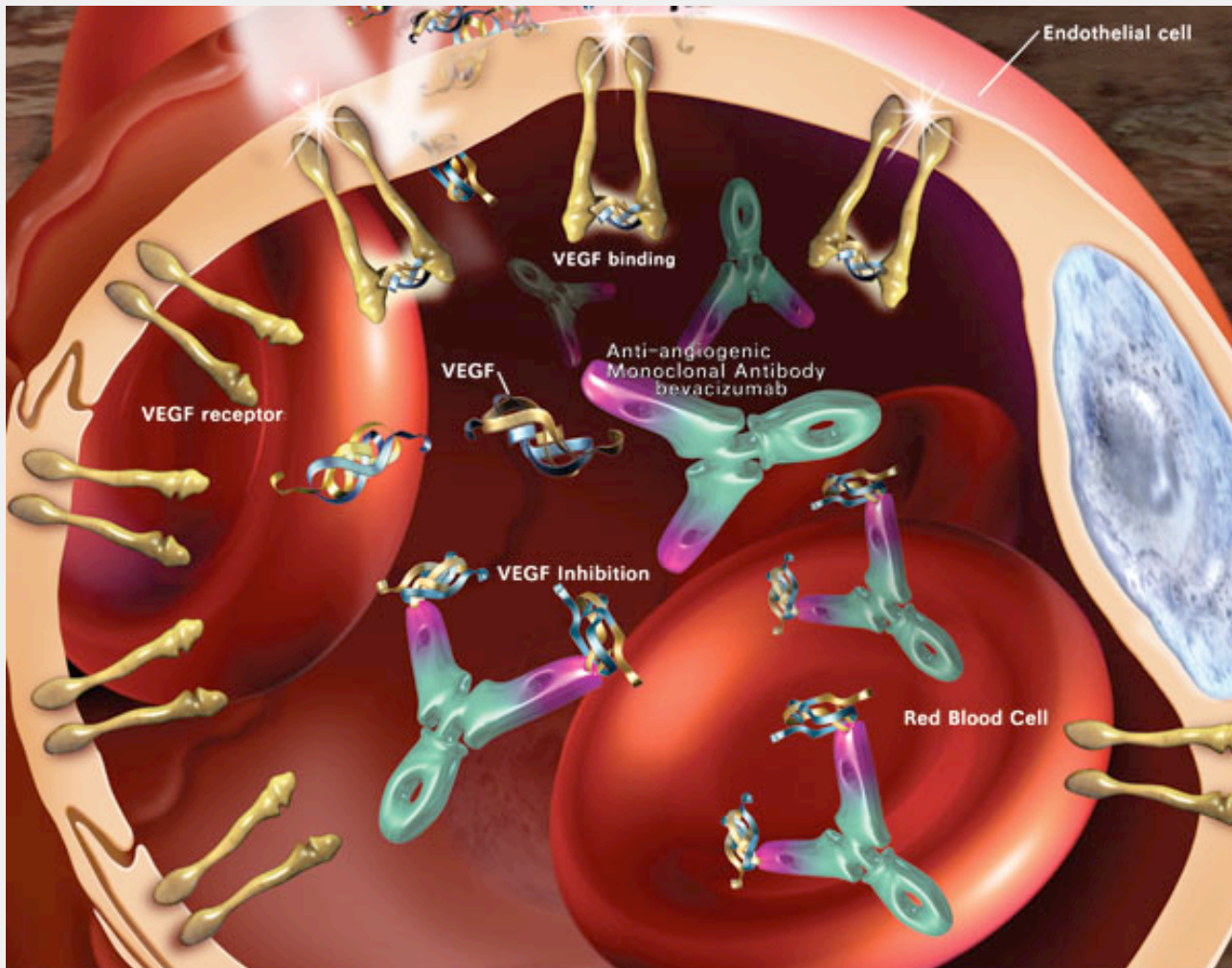
a Tumour angiogenesis – increased tumour growth



b Tumour lymphangiogenesis – increased lymphatic metastasis



Angiogenesis Inhibitors



Targets:

- Endothelial growth factors and receptors
- Antibodies
- Small molecules

- Natural inhibitors of angiogenesis

- Host tumor interaction

The Angiogenic Switch

Inhibitors resist tumor

Inducers support tumor

<i>K5</i>	<i>Endo- statin</i>
<i>Angio- statin</i>	<i>TSP</i>

ABT-526

<i>PDGF IL-8 TNF</i>	<i>HGF</i>
<i>VEGF</i>	<i>bFGF</i>

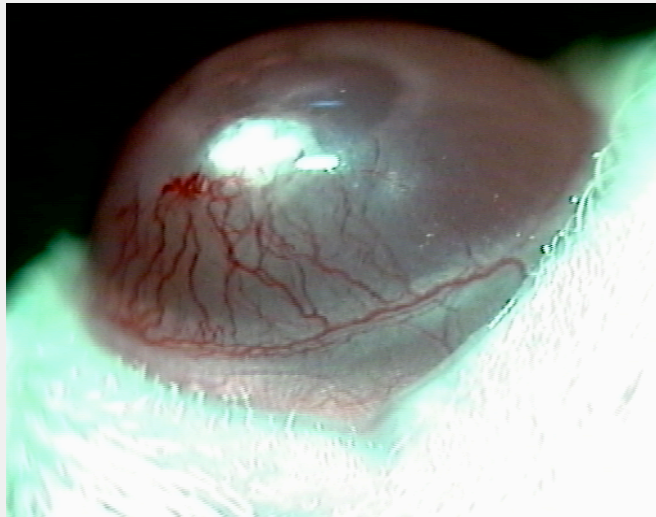
EC-stasis

EC-activated

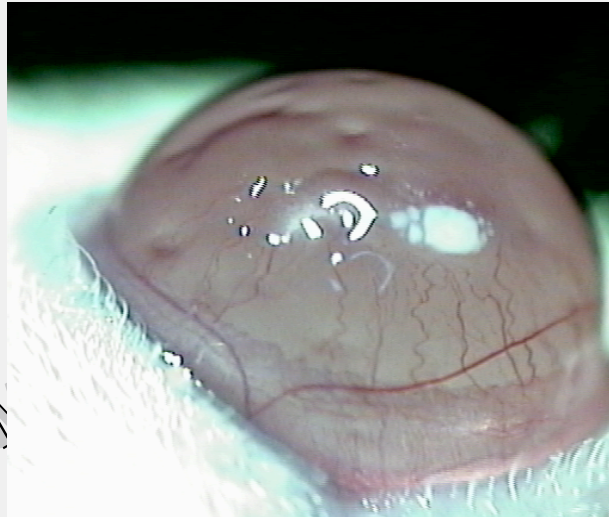
***Tumor Not
Detectable***

TSP-I Inhibits Mouse Corneal Neovascularization

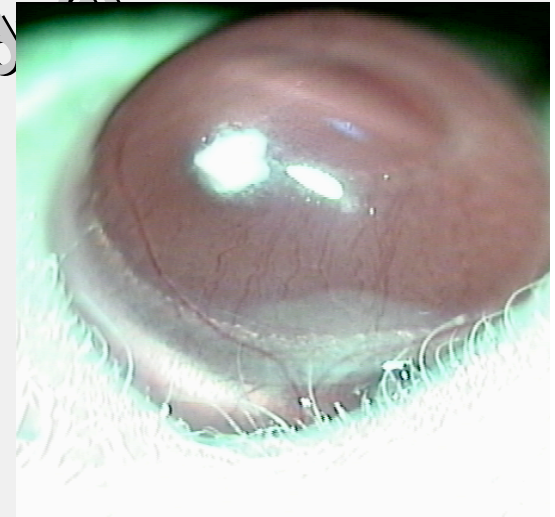
Vehicle



TSP-I 1 mg/kg/day



TSP-I 10 mg/kg/day



(b-FGF micropellet)

Thrombospondin-I Peptides in pet dogs with measurable malignant cancers

Design: Open label single agent

Eligibility: Histologically confirmed
Measurable
No concurrent cancer therapy
Washout of 21 days

Endpoints: Toxicity
Pharmacokinetics (limited)
Tumor Response
Significant disease stabilization
Objective response

Results

◆ Accrual:

197 Cases

145 on therapy for 30 days (evaluable)

◆ Well tolerated

◆ No arthritis

◆ No keratitis

◆ No delays in wound healing

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Thrombospondin-I Peptides in pet dogs with measurable malignant cancers

Results

- ◆ Stable disease seen in 18/145 evaluable cases = 13%
- ◆ Objective responses “measurable lesions”: 17/145 evaluable cases = 12%
 - ◆ Head and Neck Carcinoma
 - ◆ Mammary Carcinoma
 - ◆ NH lymphoma
 - ◆ cutaneous lymphoma
 - ◆ Sarcoma
 - ◆ Hemangiosarcoma
 - ◆ Soft tissue Sarcoma
 - ◆ Synovial Sarcoma

TSP-I-p: Maxillary squamous cell carcinoma (T3N0M0): Agent TSP-I



B. Objective response - Lingual/Atrial hemangiosarcoma



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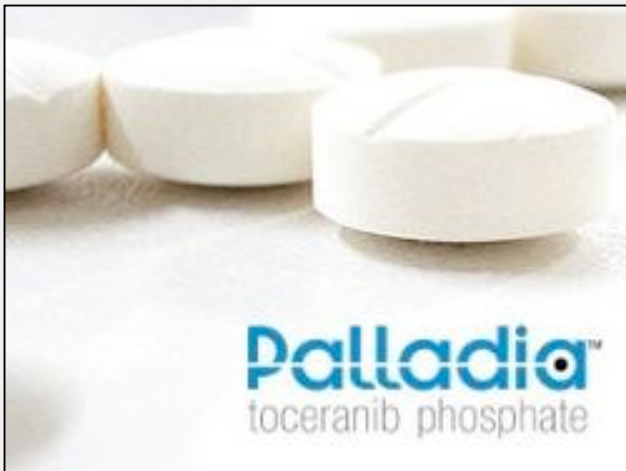
Targeted Therapies with Potential Activity in Metastases



- Kinase spectrum: c-KIT, FAK, PDGFR

Beyond mast cells:

- FAK inhibition may be valuable in metastases
- PDGFR inhibition targets angiogenesis and tumor microenvironment



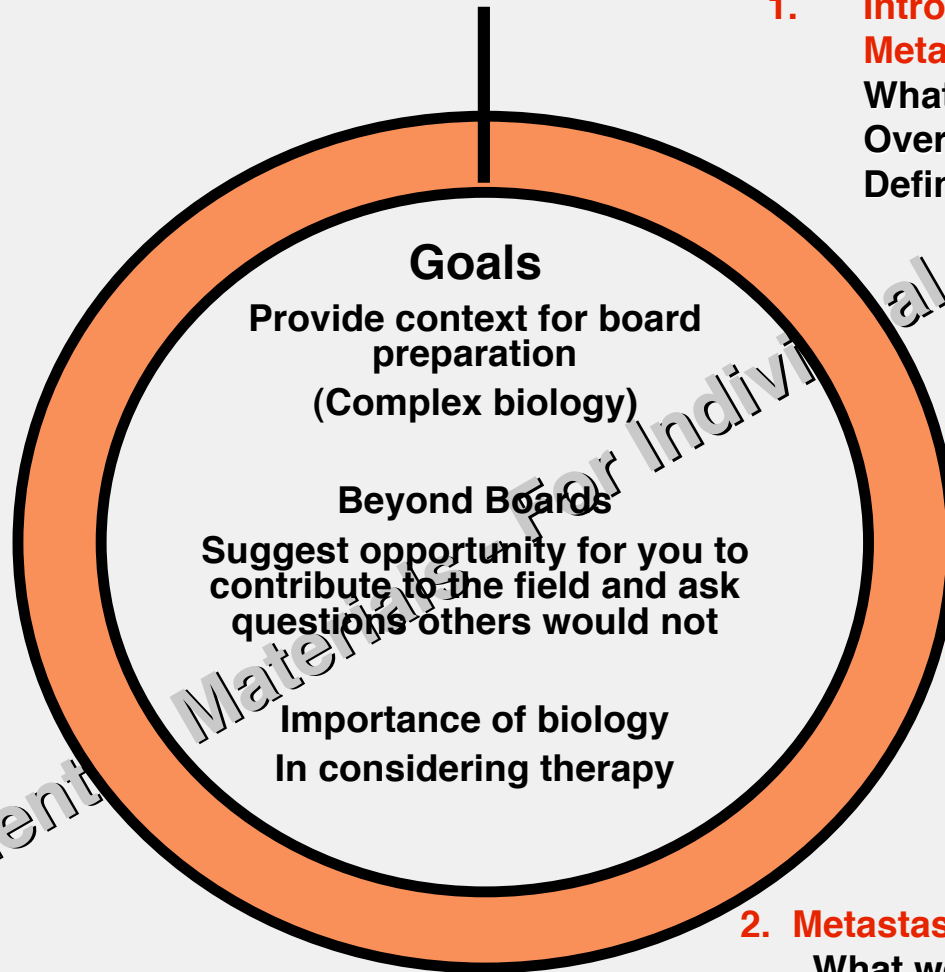
- Kinase spectrum: c-KIT, VEGFR, PDGFR, FGFR

Beyond mast cells:

- VEGFR inhibition linked to classical angiogenesis
- VEGFR inhibition may target premetastatic niche
- PDGFR inhibition may target angiogenesis and tumor microenvironment
- FGFR inhibition likely of value in selected cancers with mutations in receptor

Overview

- 3. Steps in the Metastatic Cascade**
- Connecting Biology with Therapy
- Ezrin - my favorite protein



- 1. Introduction: The Problem of Metastasis**
What we think we know and don't know
Overview of the metastatic cascade
Definition of metastasis

- 2. Metastasis Concepts and Control**
What we don't know and don't know how to control
Emergence of the metastatic phenotype
Inefficiencies in Metastasis
Dormancy of metastasis
Resistance to therapy

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