



**The HUMAN BREAST L#4
and
NEOPLASTIC PROGRESSION**

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WHAT IS NEOPLASTIC PROGRESSION

- **Historical Background:** Empirical evidence has always suggested a neoplastic progression from relatively benign to invasive to metastatic disease.
 1. What initiates neoplasia? **(INITIATION)**
 2. How does it progress? **(PROMOTION)**
 3. How does it spread? **(METASTASIS)**

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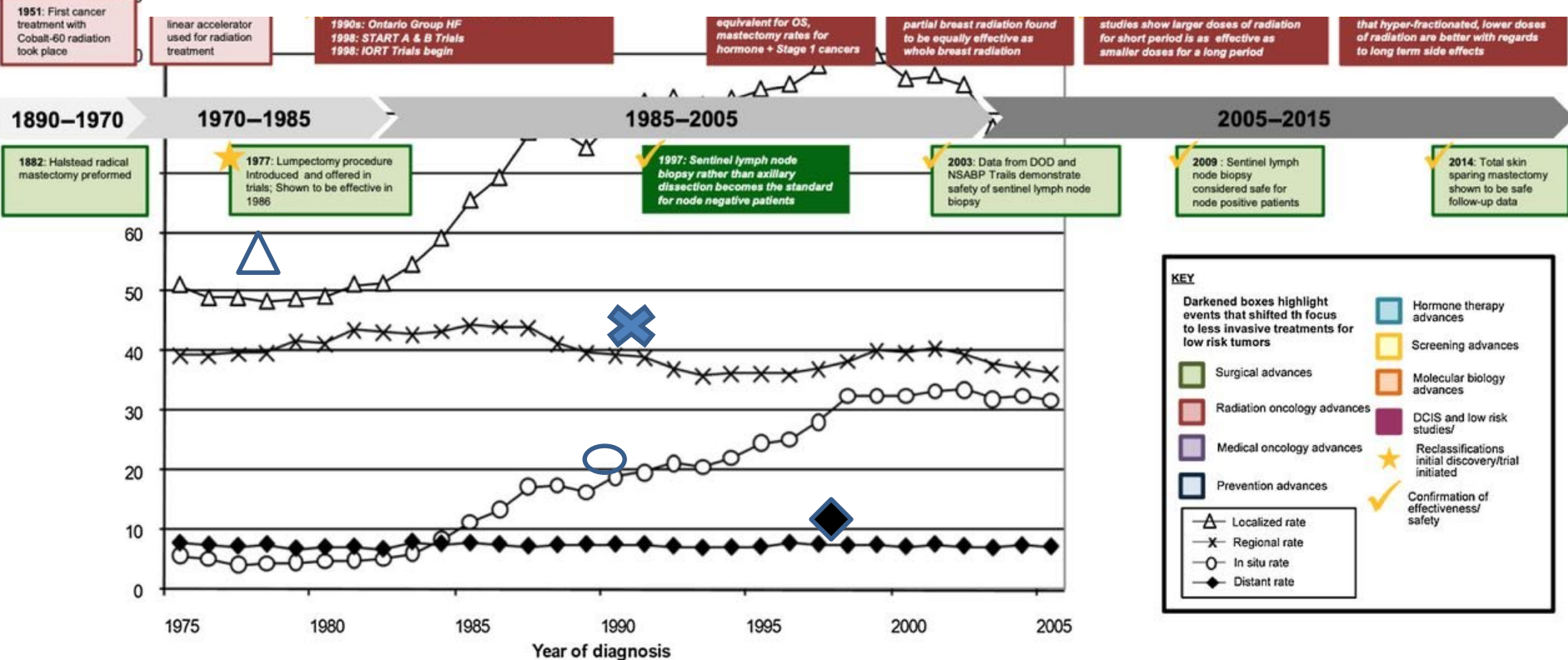
CEBP Focus

The Evolution of Our Understanding of the Biology of Cancer Is the Key to Avoiding Overdiagnosis and Overtreatment

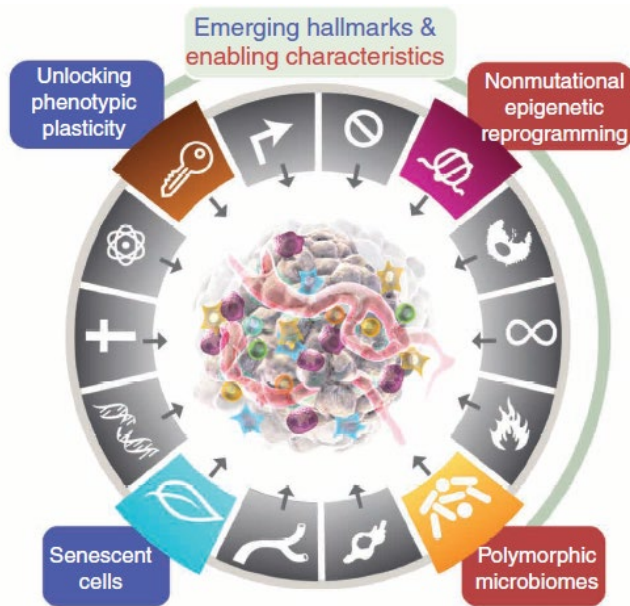
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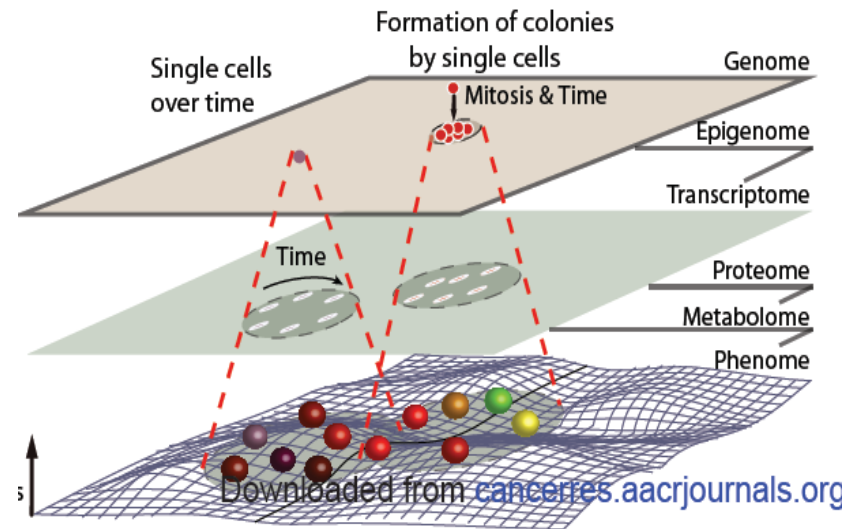
- 1960s: Jensen discovers ER receptors and develops ligand binding assays
- 1978: Bill McGuire identifies the role of ER and PR markers in BC treatment
- 1970s: Doxorubicin & Cyclophosphamide approved in the metastatic and adjuvant settings
- 1977: Swedish trials to investigate screening begin
- 1947: Haagensen declares DCIS is cancer but LCIS is not
- 1951: First cancer treatment with Cobalt-60 radiation took place



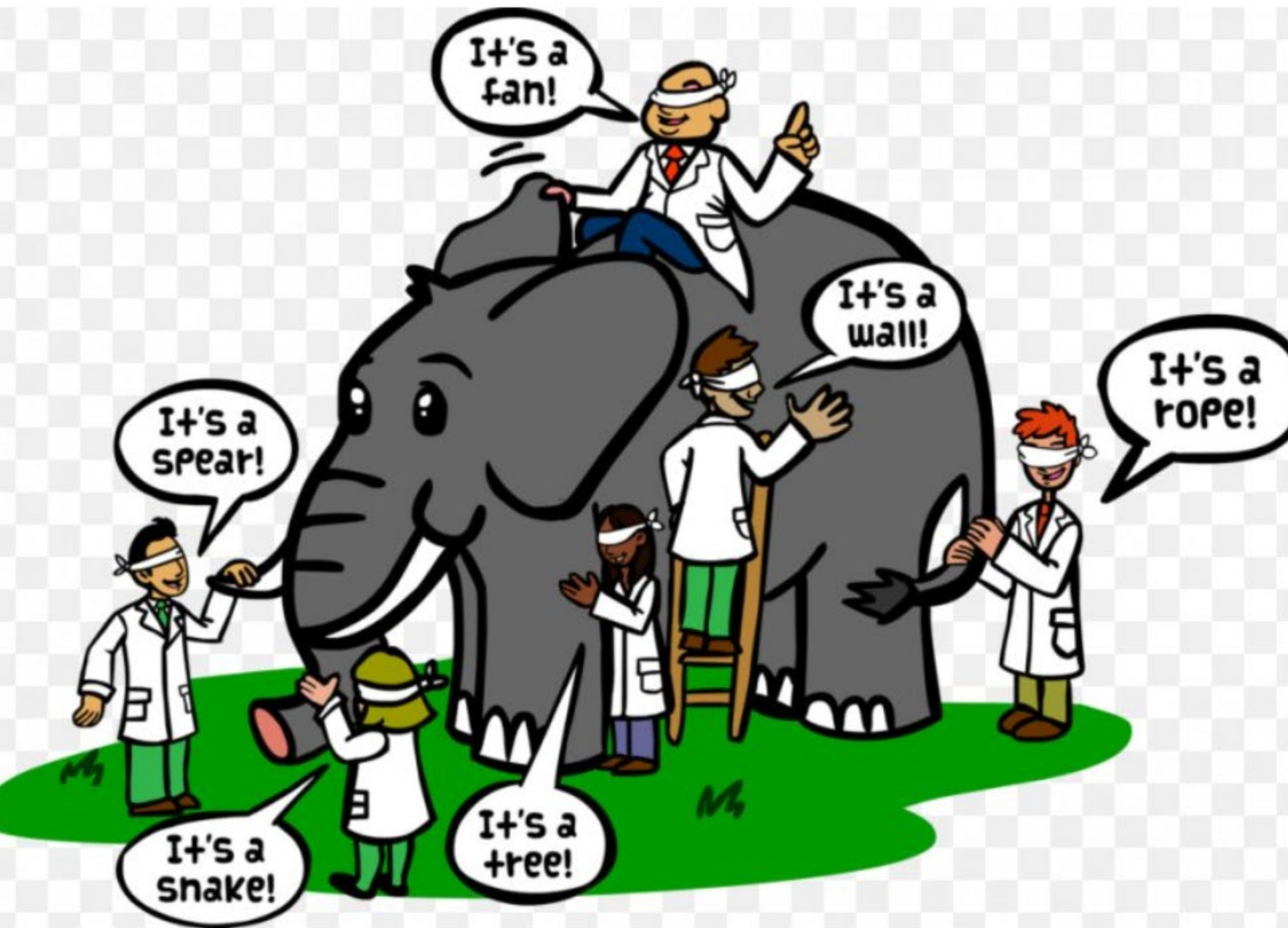
NEOPLASTIC PROGRESSION



Epigenetic Reprogramming



Evolutionary Selection:
eG-P Cone



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Predicting Relapse in Patients With Triple Negative Breast Cancer (TNBC) Using a Deep-Learning Approach

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Tumor-section images of 29 patients in an independent cohort were used to test the predictive power of our algorithm. In the test cohort, 6 (out of 29) patients who belong to the poor outcome group were all correctly identified by our algorithm; for the 23 (out of 29) patients who belong to the good-outcome group, 17 were correctly predicted with some evidence that improvement is possible if other measures, **such as the grade of tumors, are factored in.** Our approach **does not involve arbitrarily defined metrics** and can be applied to other types of cancer in which the **abundance/location of CD8C T lymphocytes/other types of cells is an indicator of prognosis.**

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Sox11 regulates mammary tumour-initiating and metastatic capacity in *Brca1*-deficient mouse mammary tumour cells

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ABSTRACT

Little is known about the role of Sox11 in the regulation of mammary progenitor cells. Sox11 is expressed by mammary bud epithelial cells during embryonic mammary gland development and is not detected in mammary epithelial cells after birth. As Sox11 is an oncofetal gene, we investigated the effects of reducing Sox11 levels in embryonic mammary progenitor cells and found that Sox11 regulates proliferative state, stem cell activity and lineage marker expression

(Zvelebil et al., 2013). We have recently shown that SOX11 confers features of multipotency, impairs differentiation processes and alters tropism of ER– breast cancer cells to metastatic sites (Oliemuller et al., 2020). Although a number of studies have shown that Sox11 is expressed in mammary stem cells during embryonic mouse mammary development, it is not known whether it has any functional role in regulating normal embryonic mammary progenitor cells (Chung et al., 2019; Makarem et al., 2013;



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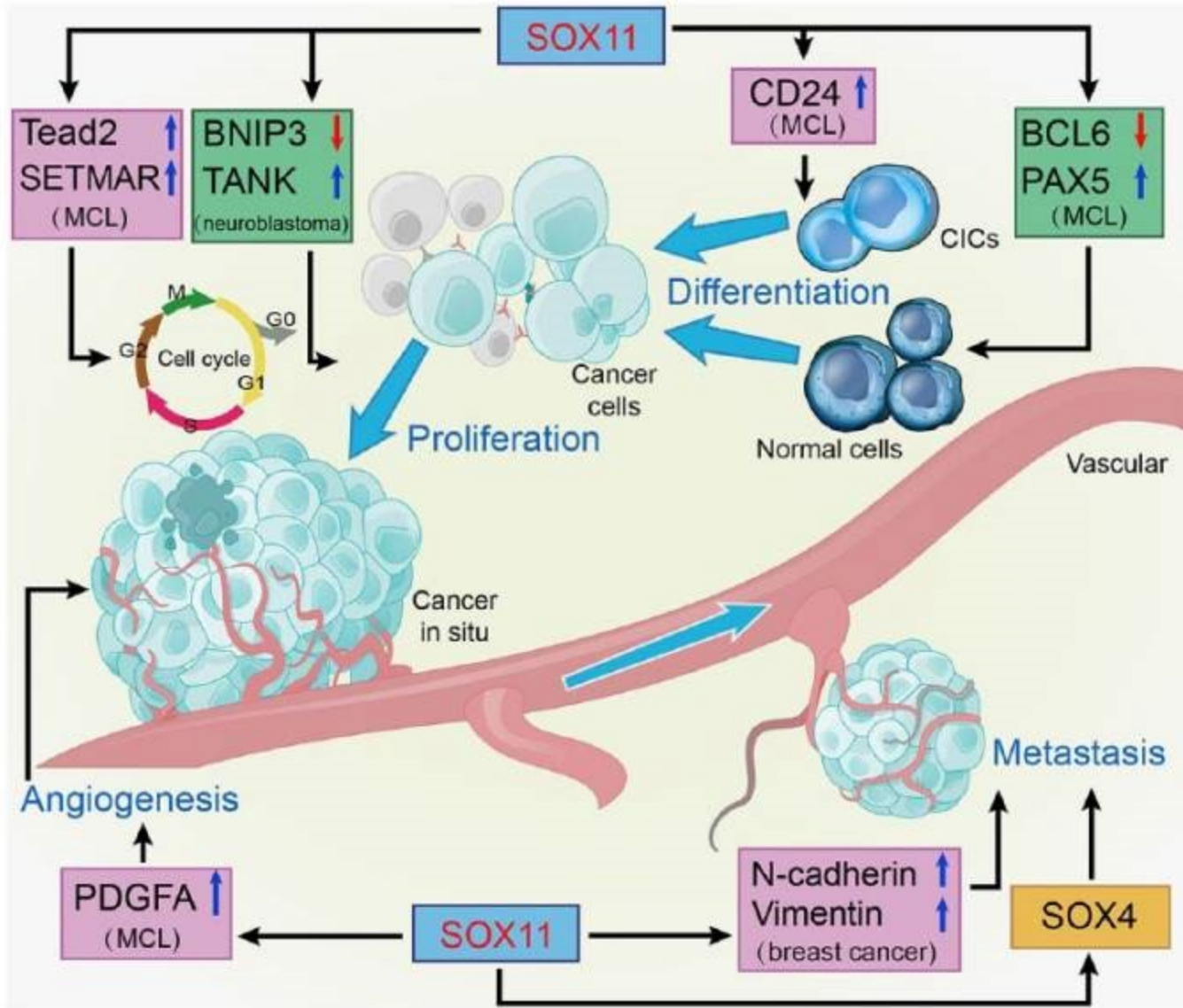
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Review

Regulatory roles for SOX11 in development, stem cells and cancer

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Reactivation of multipotency by oncogenic PIK3CA induces breast tumour heterogeneity

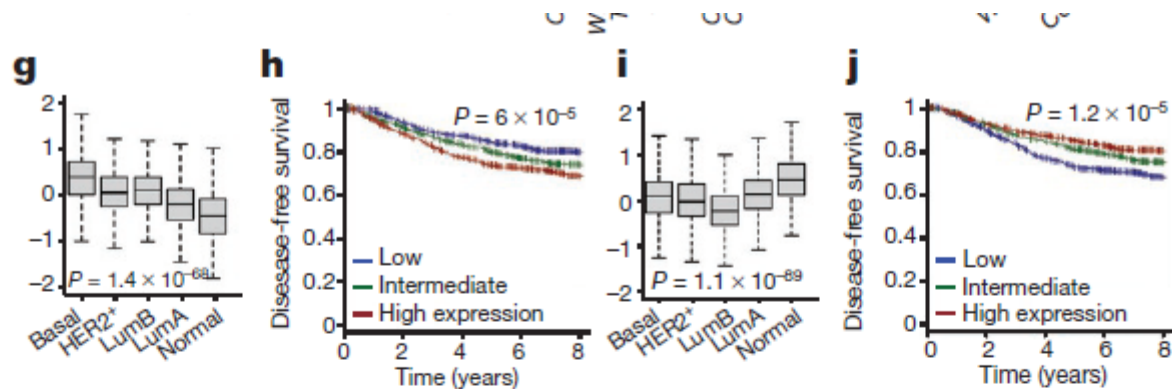
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Breast cancer is the most frequent cancer in women and consists of heterogeneous types of tumours that are classified into different histological and molecular subtypes^{1,2}. *PIK3CA* and *P53* (also known as *TP53*) are the two most frequently mutated genes and are associated with different types of human breast cancers³. The cellular origin and the mechanisms leading to *PIK3CA*-induced tumour heterogeneity remain unknown. Here we used a genetic approach in mice to define the cellular origin of *Pik3ca*-derived tumours and the impact of mutations in this gene on tumour heterogeneity. Surprisingly, oncogenic *Pik3ca*^{H1047R} mutant expression at physiological levels⁴ in basal cells using keratin (K)5-CreER^{T2} mice induced the formation of luminal oestrogen receptor (ER)-positive/progesterone receptor (PR)-positive tumours, while its expression in luminal cells using K8-CreER^{T2} mice gave rise to luminal ER⁺PR⁺ tumours or basal-like ER⁻PR⁻ tumours. Concomitant deletion of *p53* and expression of *Pik3ca*^{H1047R} accelerated tumour development and induced more aggressive mammary tumours. Interestingly, expression of *Pik3ca*^{H1047R} in unipotent basal cells gave rise to luminal-like cells, while its expression in unipotent luminal cells gave rise to basal-like

upon expression of the *Pik3ca*^{H1047R} mutant in the mammary gland is currently unknown.

To determine whether breast tumour heterogeneity is determined by the cancer cell of origin, we developed a genetic strategy allowing the expression of the oncogenic *Pik3ca* mutant at physiological levels using Cre-inducible *Pik3ca*^{H1047R} knock-in mice⁴, specifically in basal cells (BCs) using K5-CreER^{T2} or in luminal cells (LCs) using K8-CreER^{T2} mice¹⁴ and followed their fate and tumorigenic potential over time. Tamoxifen (TAM) was administered at a dose that does not impair long-term mammary gland development and homeostasis, and resulted in the specific labelling of about 20% of BCs (Extended Data Fig. 1) in 4–5-week-old K5-CreER^{T2}/*Pik3ca*^{H1047R} mice (Fig. 1a). While it has been suggested that the mammary gland contains bipotent basal stem cells^{15,16}, our data using K5-CreER^{T2} knock-in or K14-rtTA/TetO-Cre mice, despite the labelling of 20–50% of BCs, showed no contribution of BCs to the luminal lineage (Extended Data Fig. 1). Further lineage-tracing studies that label all BCs or all LCs will be required to determine whether the discrepancy between the different

a**c**K5-CreER^{T2}/YFP**e**



Luminal-to-basal multipotency

Basal-to-luminal multipotency

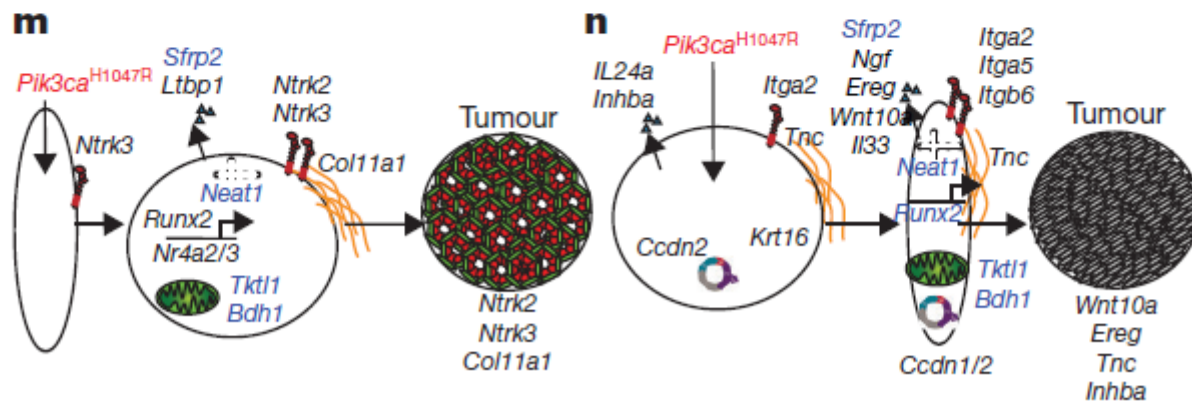
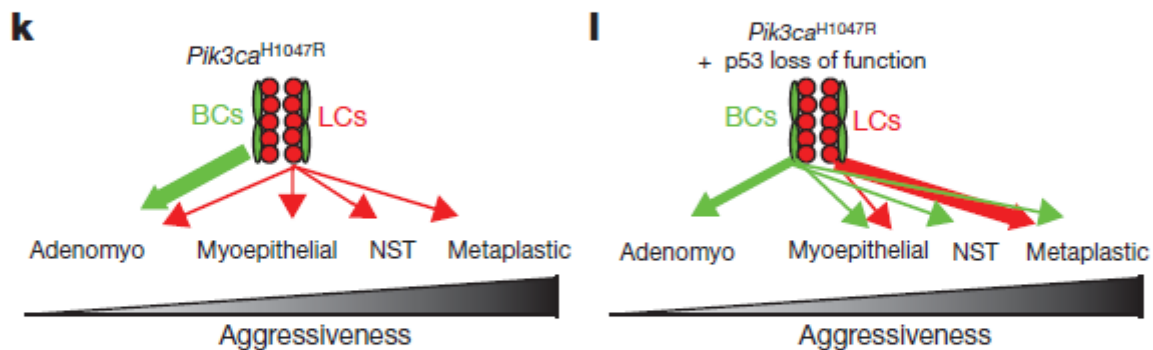




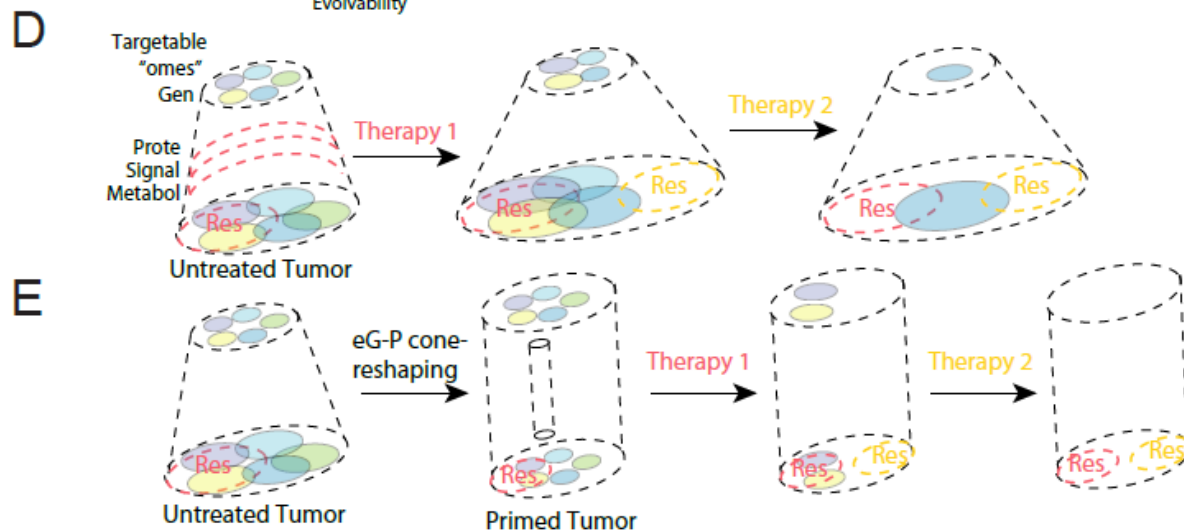
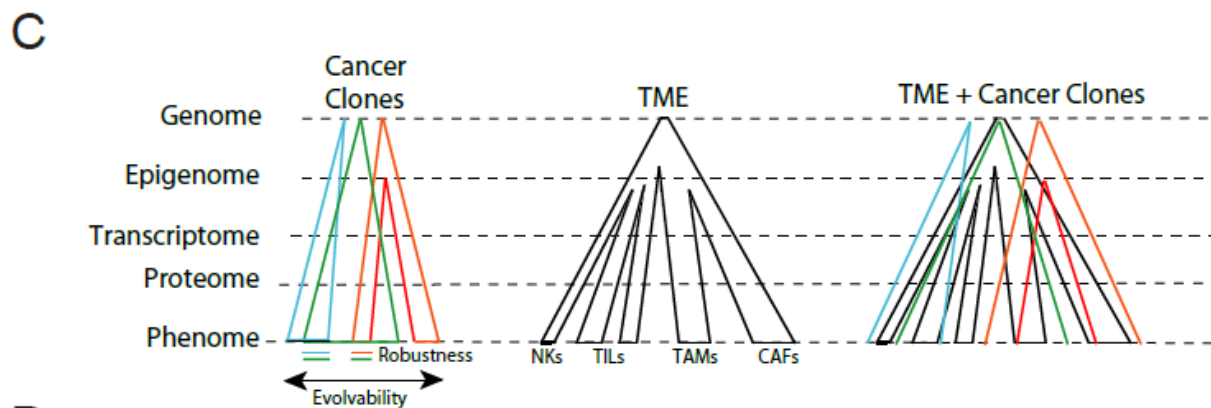
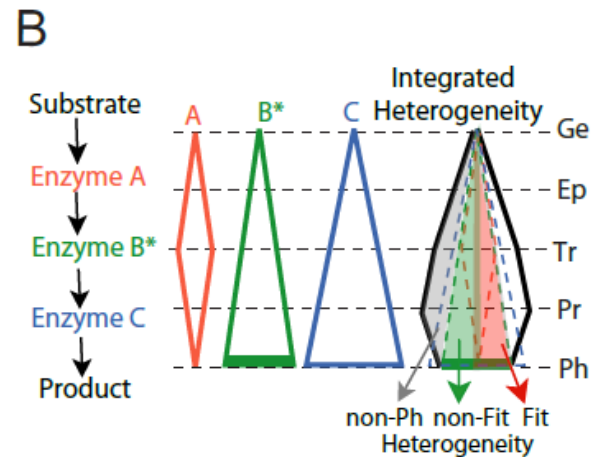
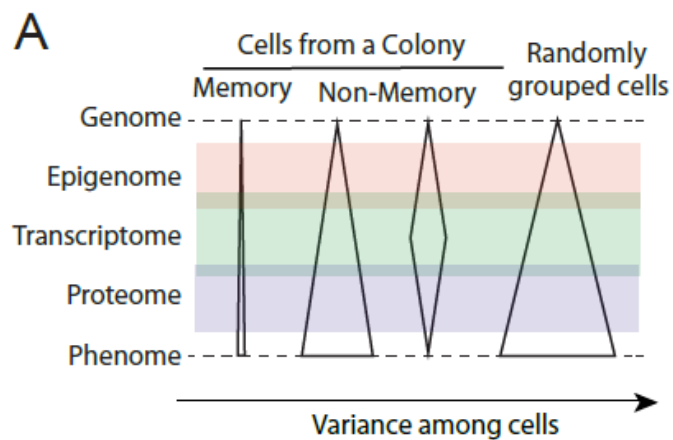
Figure 3. Nonmutational epigenetic reprogramming. Much as during embryogenesis and tissue differentiation and homeostasis, growing evidence makes the case that instrumental gene-regulatory circuits and networks in tumors can be governed by a plethora of corrupted and co-opted mechanisms that are independent from genome instability and gene mutation.

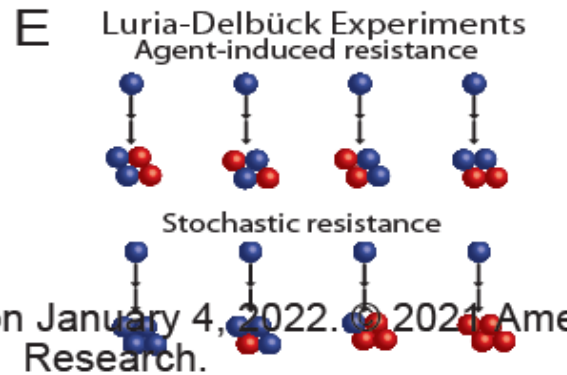
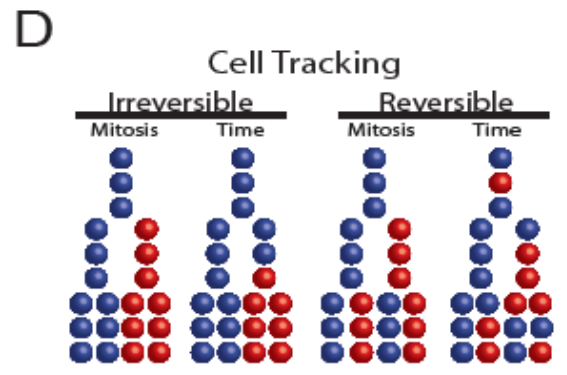
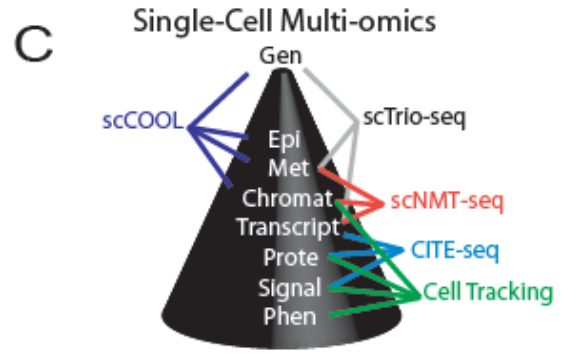
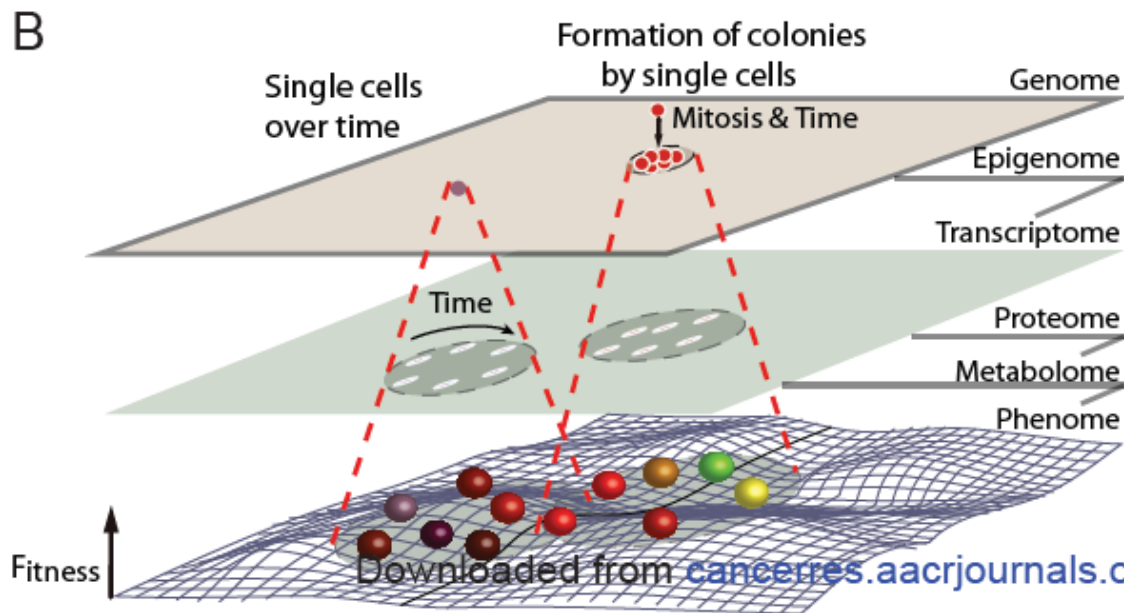
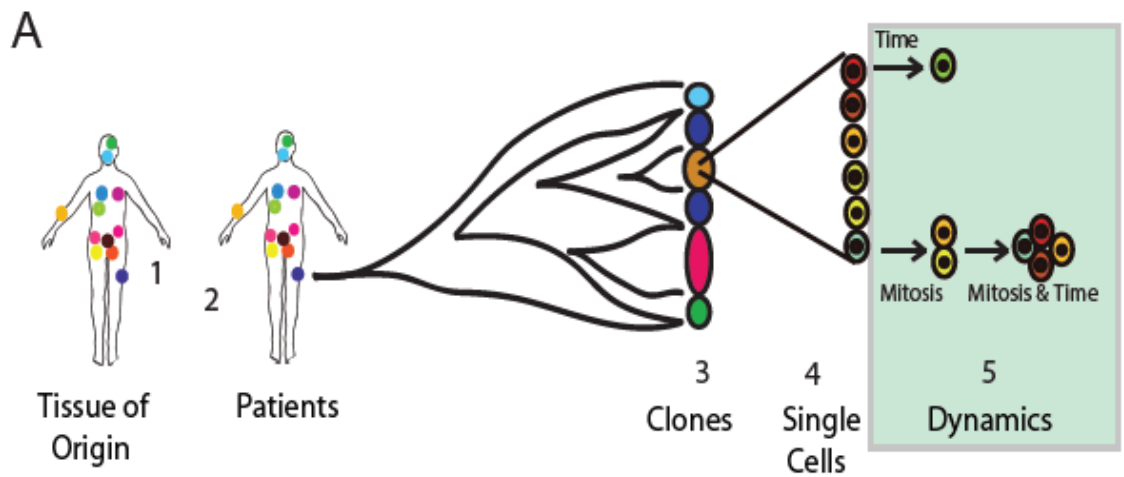
The Origins of Phenotypic Heterogeneity in Cancer

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Abstract

Heterogeneity is a pervasive feature of cancer, and understanding the sources and regulatory mechanisms underlying heterogeneity could provide key insights to help improve the diagnosis and treatment of cancer. In this review, we discuss the origin of heterogeneity in the phenotype of individual cancer cells. Genotype-phenotype (G-P) maps are widely used in evolutionary biology to represent the complex interactions of genes and the environment that lead to phenotypes that impact fitness. Here, we present the rationale of an extended G-P (eG-P) map with a cone structure in cancer. The eG-P cone is formed by cells that are similar at the genome layer but gradually increase variability in the epigenome, transcriptome, proteome, metabolome and signalome layers to produce large variability at the phenome layer. Experimental evidence from single-cell -omics analyses supporting the cancer eG-P cone concept is presented, and the impact of epimutations and the interaction of cancer and tumor microenvironmental eG-P cones are integrated with the current understanding of cancer biology. The eG-P cone concept





ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Unravelling triple-negative breast cancer molecular heterogeneity using an integrative multiomic analysis

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Background: Recent efforts of genome-wide gene expression profiling analyses have improved our understanding of the biological complexity and diversity of triple-negative breast cancers (TNBCs) reporting, at least six different molecular subtypes of TNBC namely Basal-like 1 (BL1), basal-like 2 (BL2), immunomodulatory (IM), mesenchymal (M), mesenchymal stem-like (MSL) and Luminal androgen receptor (LAR). However, little is known regarding the potential driving molecular events within each subtype

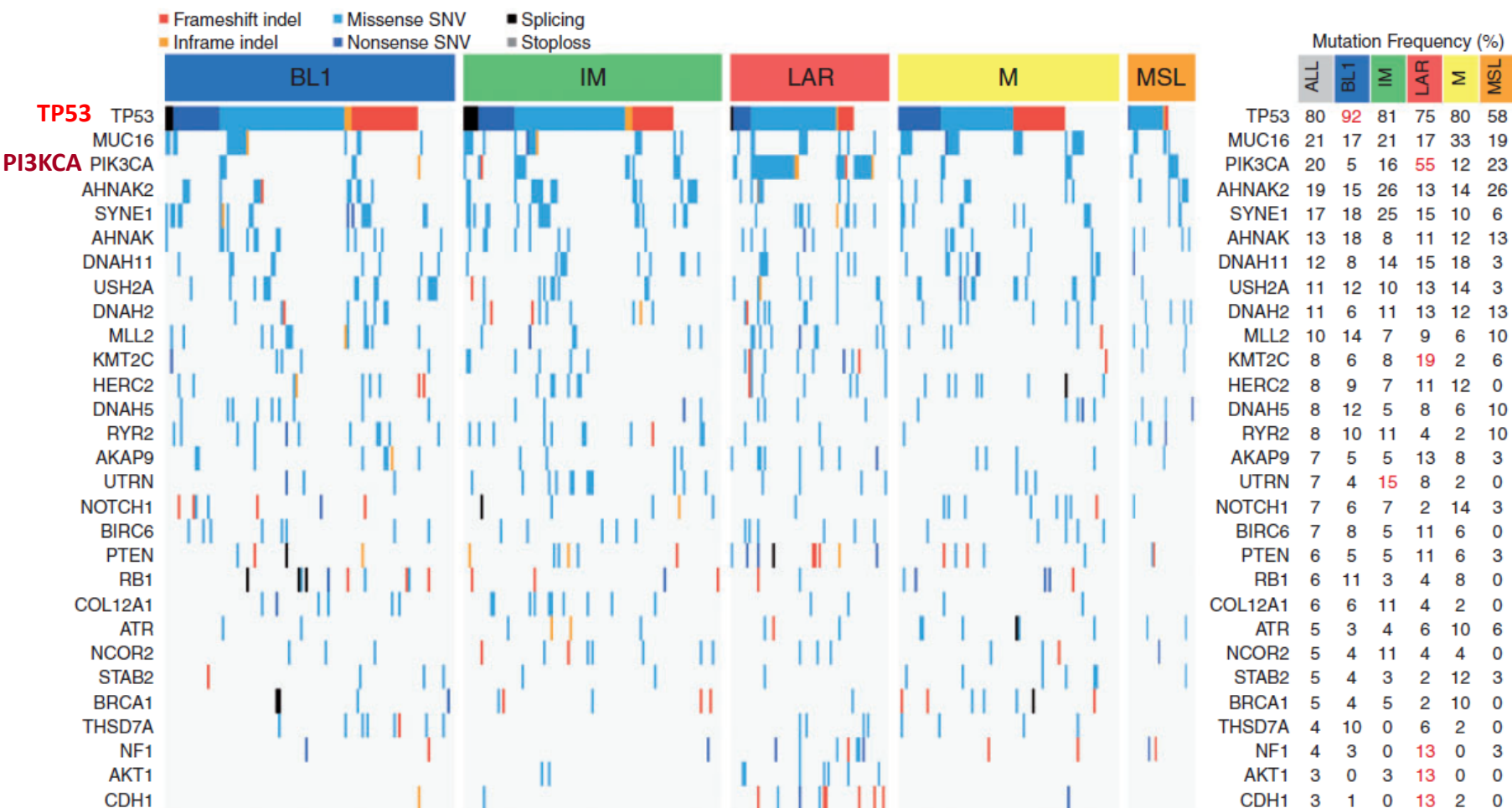


Figure 1. Mutational landscape of TNBC molecular subtypes. Frequencies of mutations across each TNBC molecular subtype according to the different types of mutations. Only genes mutated at a frequency >10% in at least one subtype are displayed. Significant differences (FDR < 0.05) are shown in red (right panel).

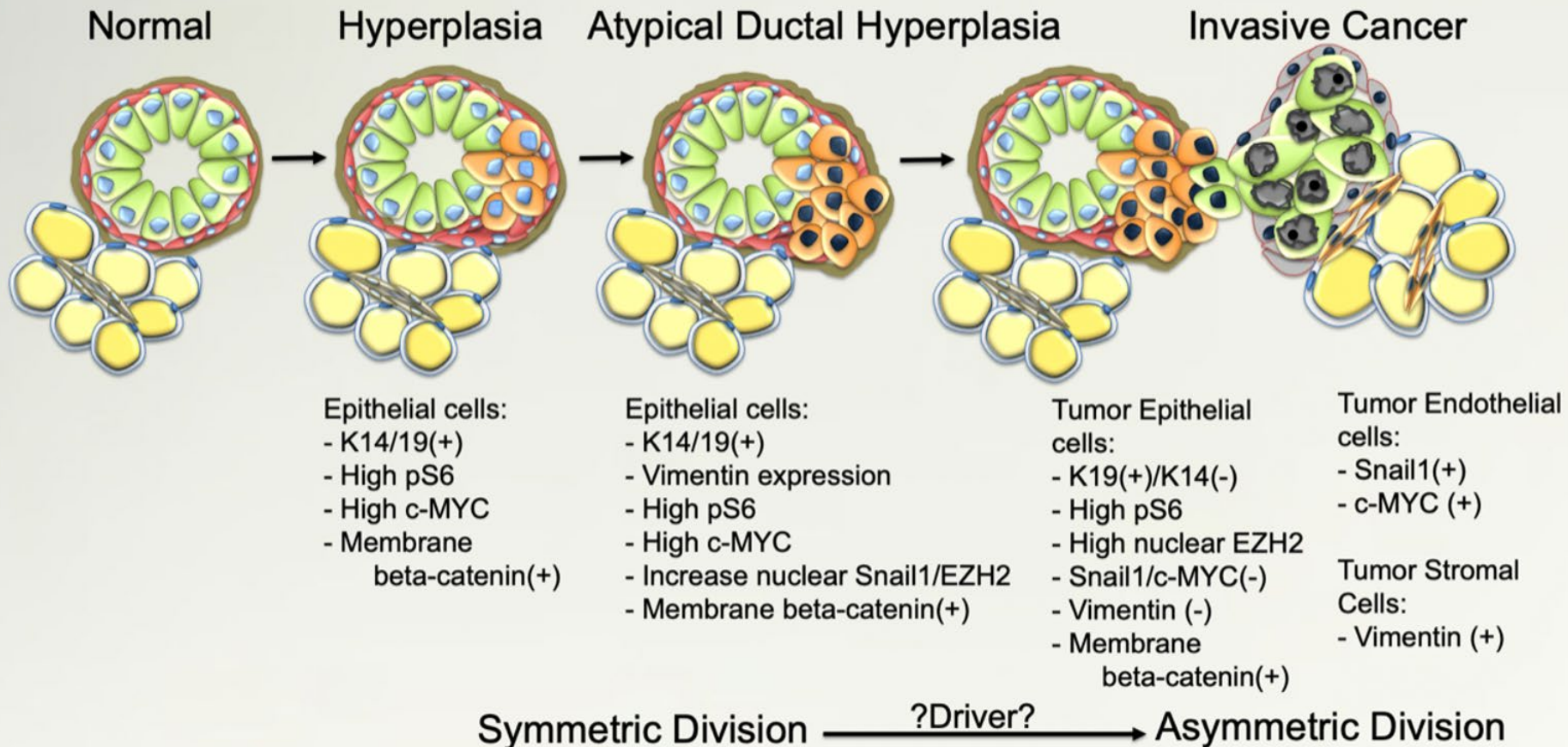
TNBC namely Basal-like 1 (**BL1**), basal-like 2 (**BL2**), immunomodulatory (**IM**), mesenchymal (**M**), mesenchymal stem-like (**MSL**) and luminal androgen receptor (**LAR**)

Systems Approach for Early Detection of Aggressive Breast Cancer Biology: A working model

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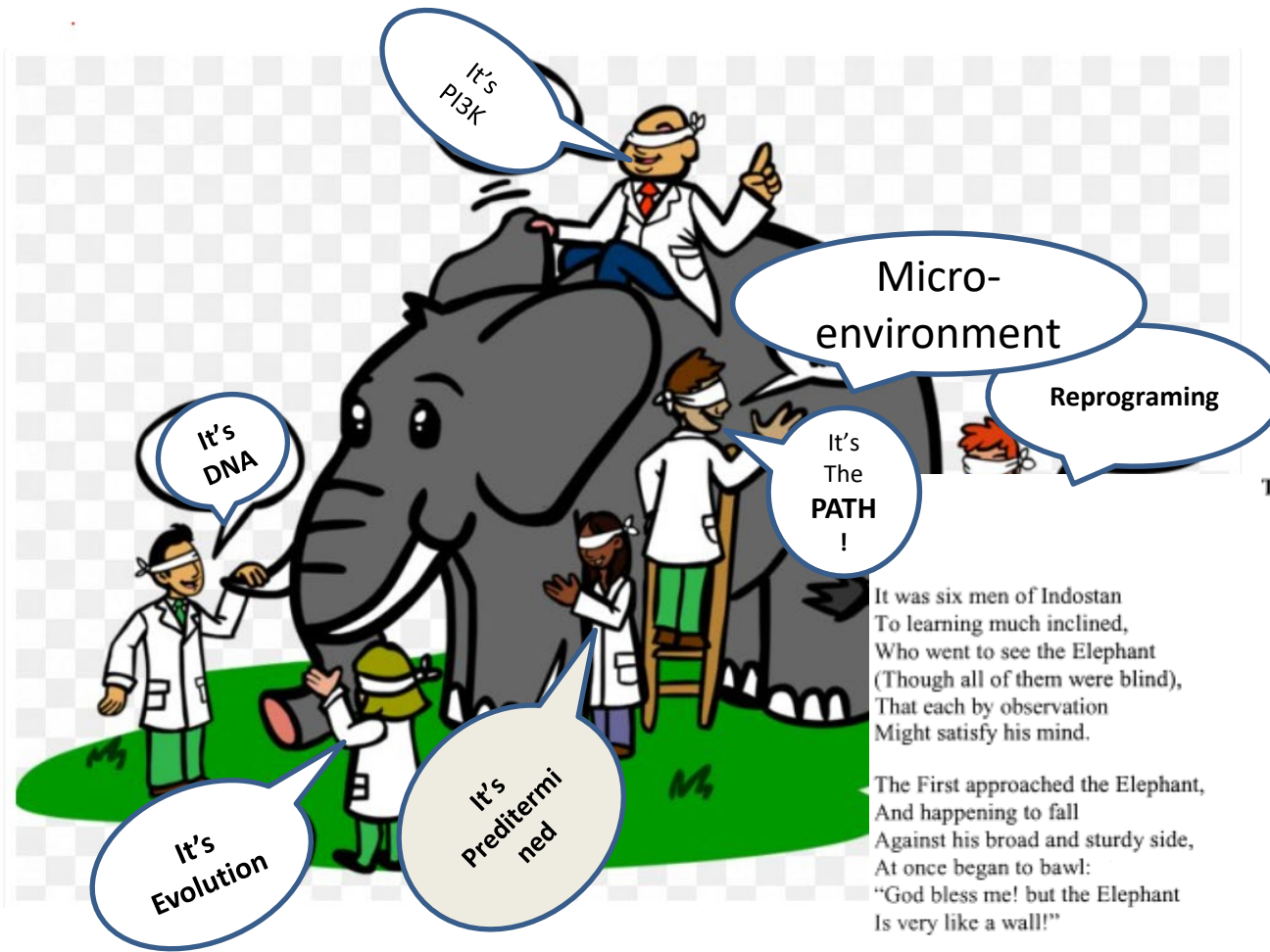
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A. Proposed Progression Model



Candidate Hypotheses

- **Epigenetic Reprogramming**
- **Evolutionary Adaptation (Predeterminism)**



The Blind Men and the Elephant
John Godfrey Saxe
(1816-1887)

It was six men of Indostan
 To learning much inclined,
 Who went to see the Elephant
 (Though all of them were blind),
 That each by observation
 Might satisfy his mind.

The First approached the Elephant,
 And happening to fall
 Against his broad and sturdy side,
 At once began to bawl:
 "God bless me! but the Elephant
 Is very like a wall!"

The Second, feeling of the tusk,
 Cried, "Ho! what have we here
 So very round and smooth and sharp?
 To me 'tis mighty clear
 This wonder of an Elephant
 Is very like a spear!"

The Third approached the animal,
 And happening to take
 The squirming trunk within his hands,
 Thus boldly up and spake:
 "I see," quoth he, "the Elephant
 Is very like a snake!"

The Fourth reached out an eager hand,
 And felt about the knee.
 "What most this wondrous beast is like
 Is mighty plain," quoth he;
 "'Tis clear enough the Elephant
 Is very like a tree!"

The Fifth, who chanced to touch the ear,
 Said: "E'en the blindest man
 Can tell what this resembles most;
 Deny the fact who can
 This marvel of an Elephant
 Is very like a fan!"

The Sixth no sooner had begun
 About the beast to grope,
 Than, seizing on the swinging tail
 That fell within his scope,
 "I see," quoth he, "the Elephant
 Is very like a rope!"

And so these men of Indostan
 Disputed loud and long,
 Each in his own opinion
 Exceeding stiff and strong,
 Though each was partly in the right,
 And all were in the wrong!

Our Clinical History: The limits of inferential Logic

WORD "PRECANCER": FIRST USED AND DESCRIBED IN 1913

(Reprint from the MEDICAL RECORD.)

PRECANCEROUS DISEASES AND PRECANCEROUS LESIONS, ESPECIALLY IN
THE BREAST*

By J. EWING, M.D.,

NEW YORK.

WHENCE and how does cancer develop? The two queries cover the subjects of the formal and the causal genesis of the disease. The formal genesis of cancer is a morphological study which traces the fully developed tumor to the cells of origin. The causal genesis is a physiological subject and deals with the factors which bring about the tissue changes observed.

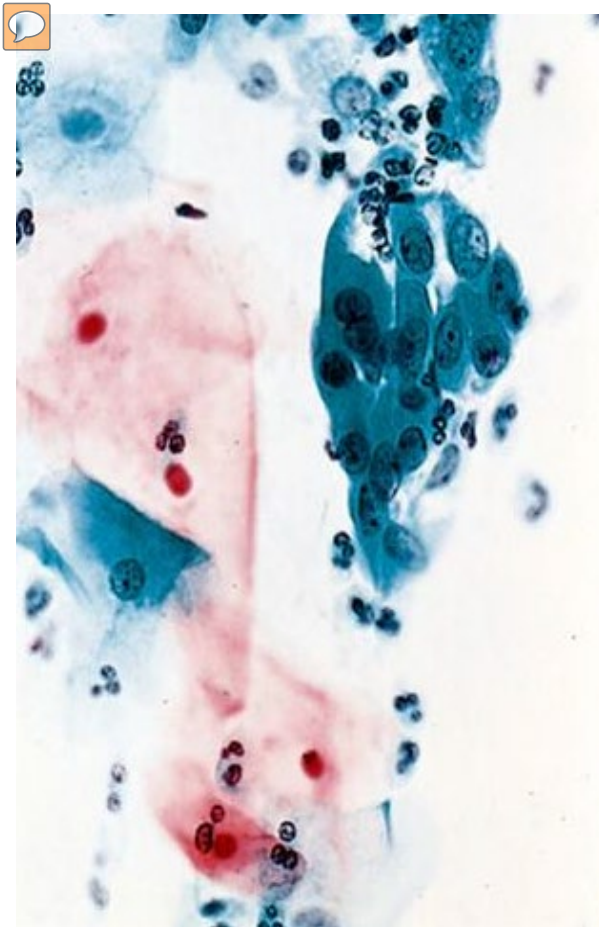
Until the sources and developmental stages of cancer are rather fully traced the study of causal genesis must proceed under difficulties. Hence for many years minute attention has been given to the very earliest stages of carcinoma and no diagnosis of tumors can be regarded as satisfactory unless the exact cells of origin can be stated.

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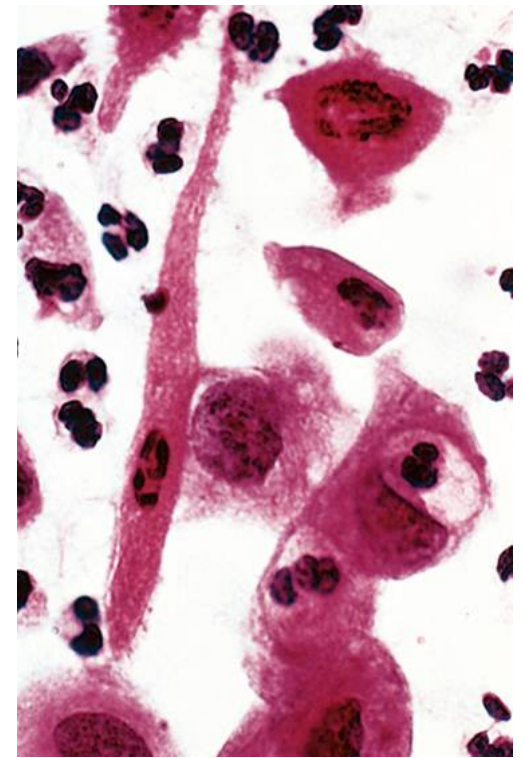
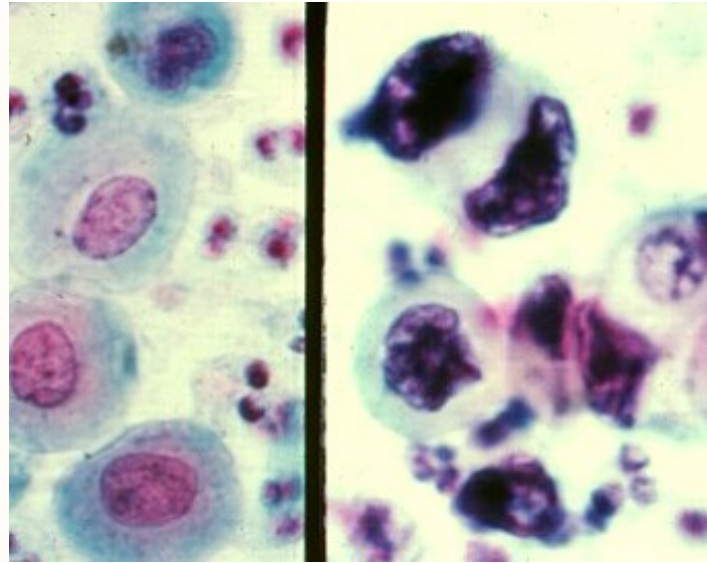
*Read at a meeting of the Practitioners' Society, October 9, 1914.

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Normal Human Cervical
Cells



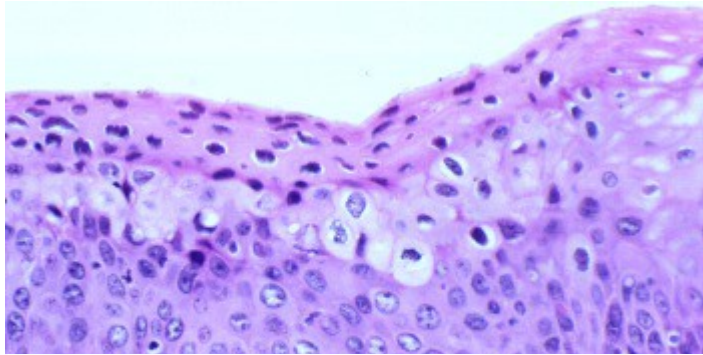
Malignant Human Cervical
Cells



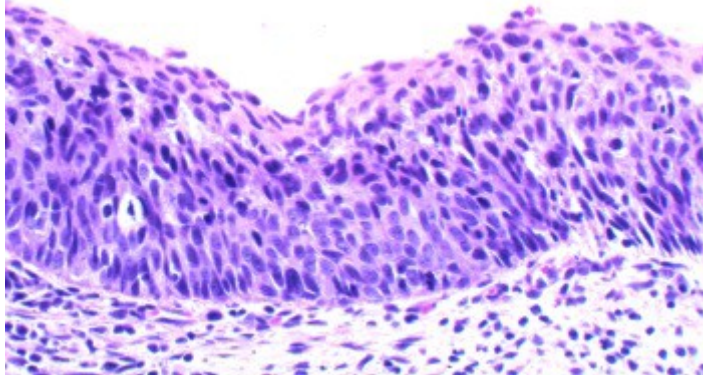
73%
REDUCTION

Papanicolaou, G. New Cancer Diagnosis. Proceedings
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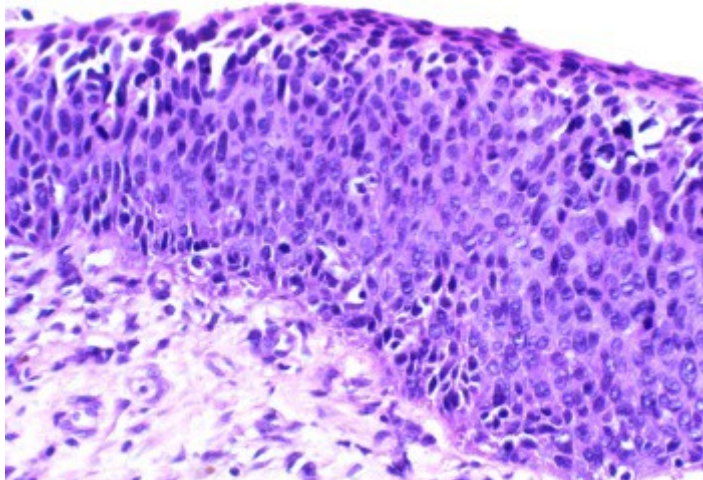
Cervical Precancer Progression



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CIN I



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CIN II



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CIN III



George Papanicolaou

CANCER (Invasion)

G.N. Papnicolaou, H.F. Traut

The diagnostic value of vaginal smears in carcinoma of the uterus

Am. J. Obstet. Gynecol., 42 (1941), pp. 193-224



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American Cancer Society Guidelines for the Early Detection of Cancer

Screening tests are used to find cancer *before* a person has any symptoms. Here are the American Cancer Society's recommendations to help guide you when you talk to your doctor about screening for certain cancers.

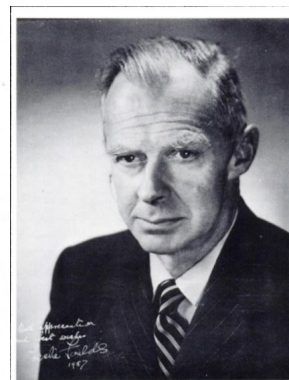
Health care facilities are providing cancer screening during the COVID-19 pandemic with many safety precautions in place. The American Cancer Society [Get Screened](#) campaign encourages people to start or restart their recommended cancer screenings. Regular screenings can help find and treat pre-cancers and cancers early, before they have a chance to spread. Visit [Get Screened](#) to learn about screening tests and what you can do

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Leslie Foulds
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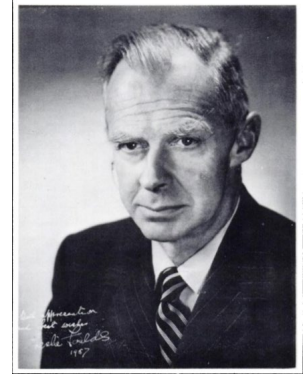
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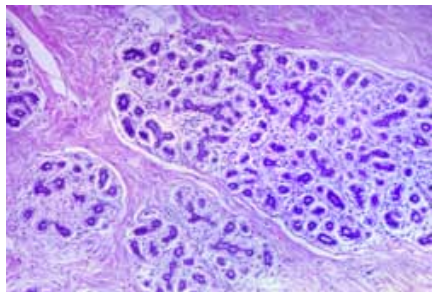
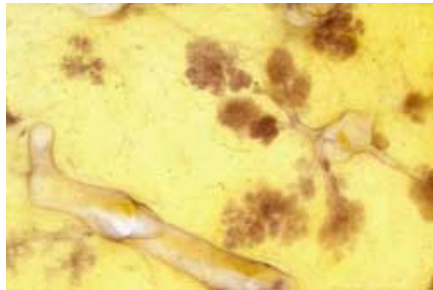
L.L. Foulds' Six Principals: **PROGRESSION** 1954



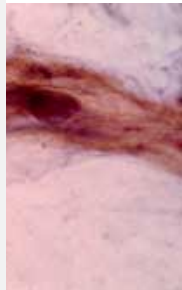
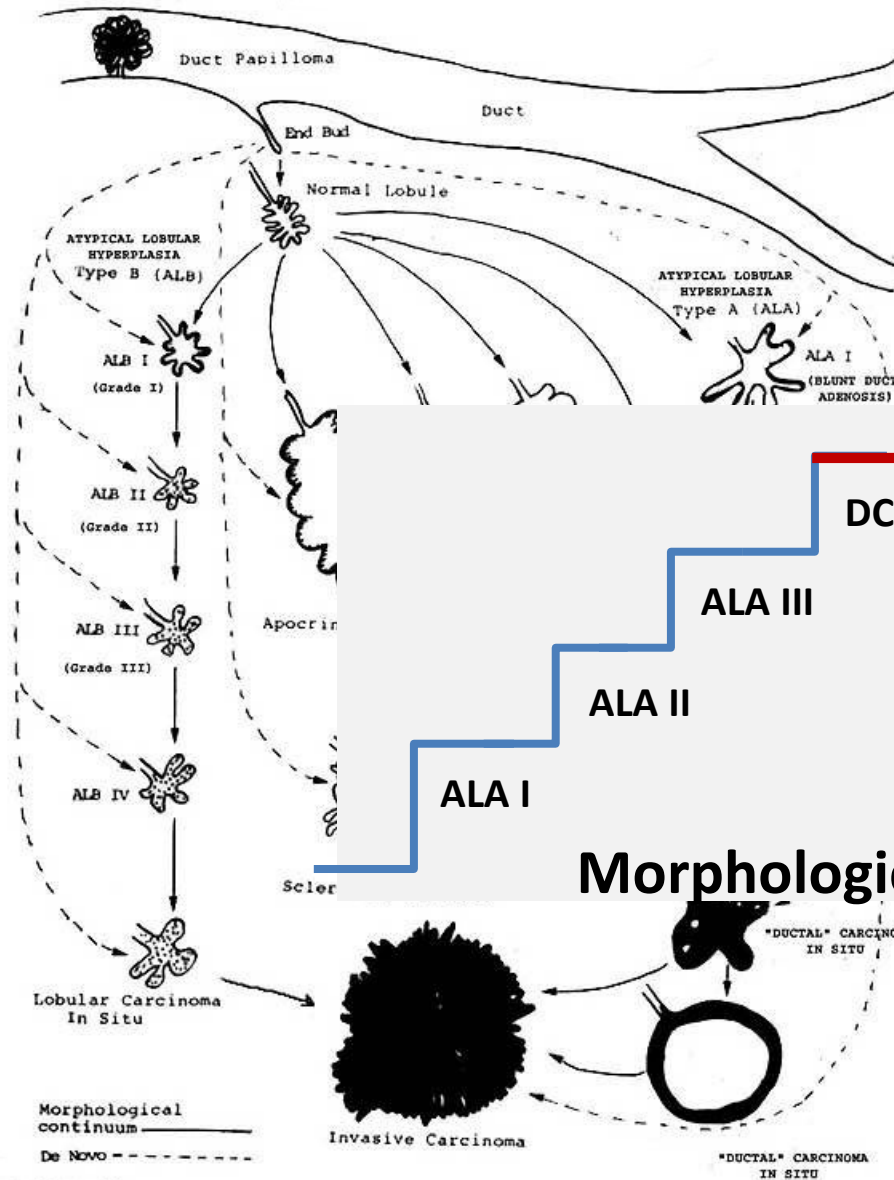
Leslie Foulds
1902-1974

1. Independent Progression of tumors
2. Independent Progression of characters
3. Progression is Independent of growth
4. Progression is *continuous* or *discontinuous* by gradual change or by steps.
5. Progression flows one of alternate paths of development
 - a) Different paths leading to different end-points
 - b) Different paths leading to similar end –points
6. Progression does not always reach an end-point within the life-span of the host

PROGRESSION OF THE NORMAL TDLU TO CARCINOMA AS DEPICTED IN 1973



NORMAL TDLU



DCIS

Wellings, S.R and Jensen, H. M. On the Origin and Progression of Ductal Carcinoma in the Human Breast. JNCI, 1973, Vol 50, pp 1111 -1118.

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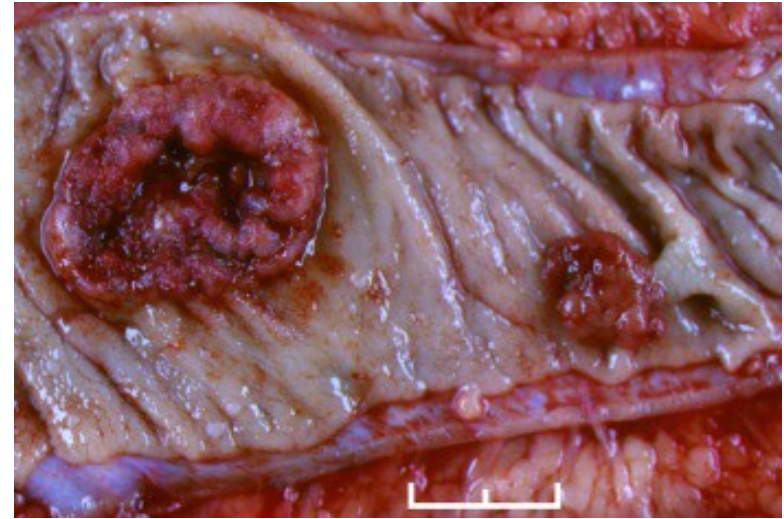
Stepwise Molecular Progression:

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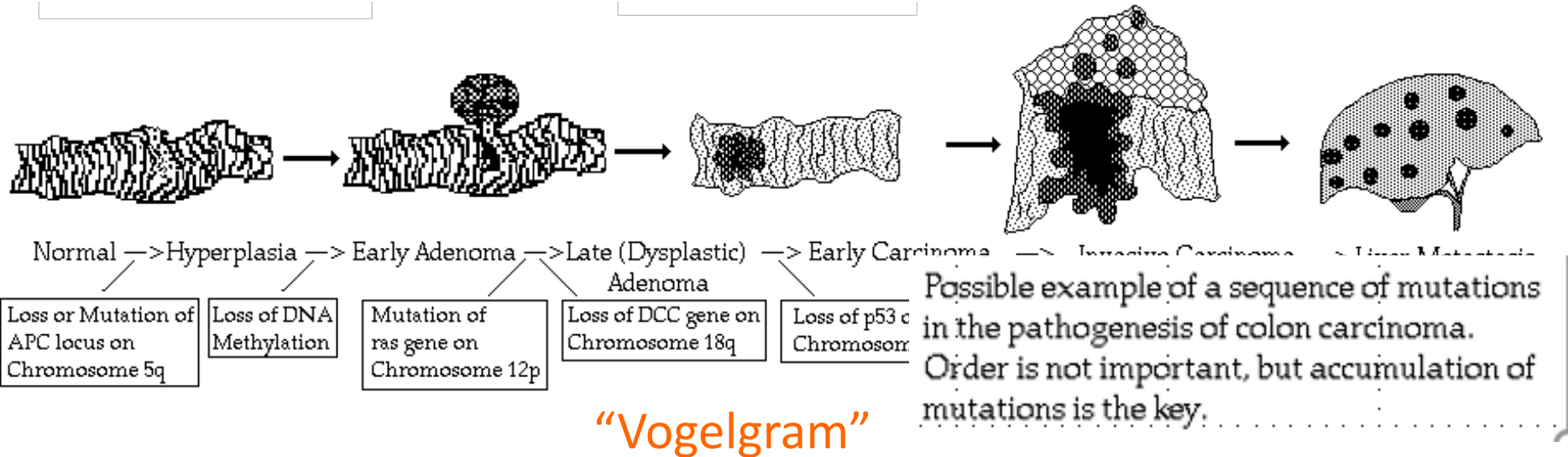
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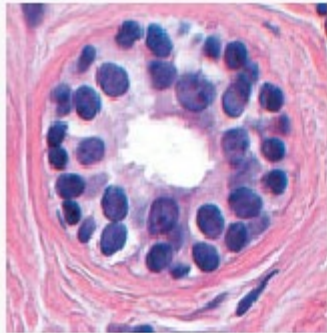
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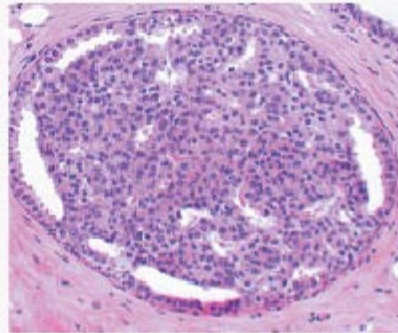


- “Multi-hit” hypothesis

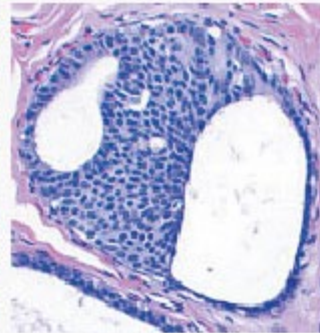




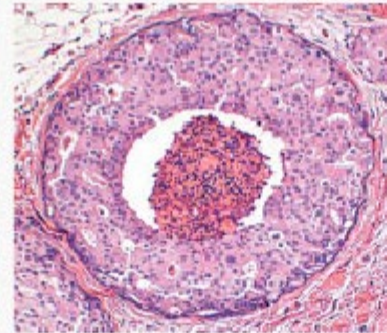
Normal
Ductal Lumen



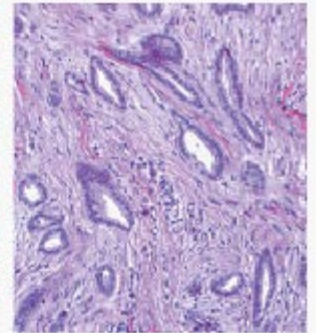
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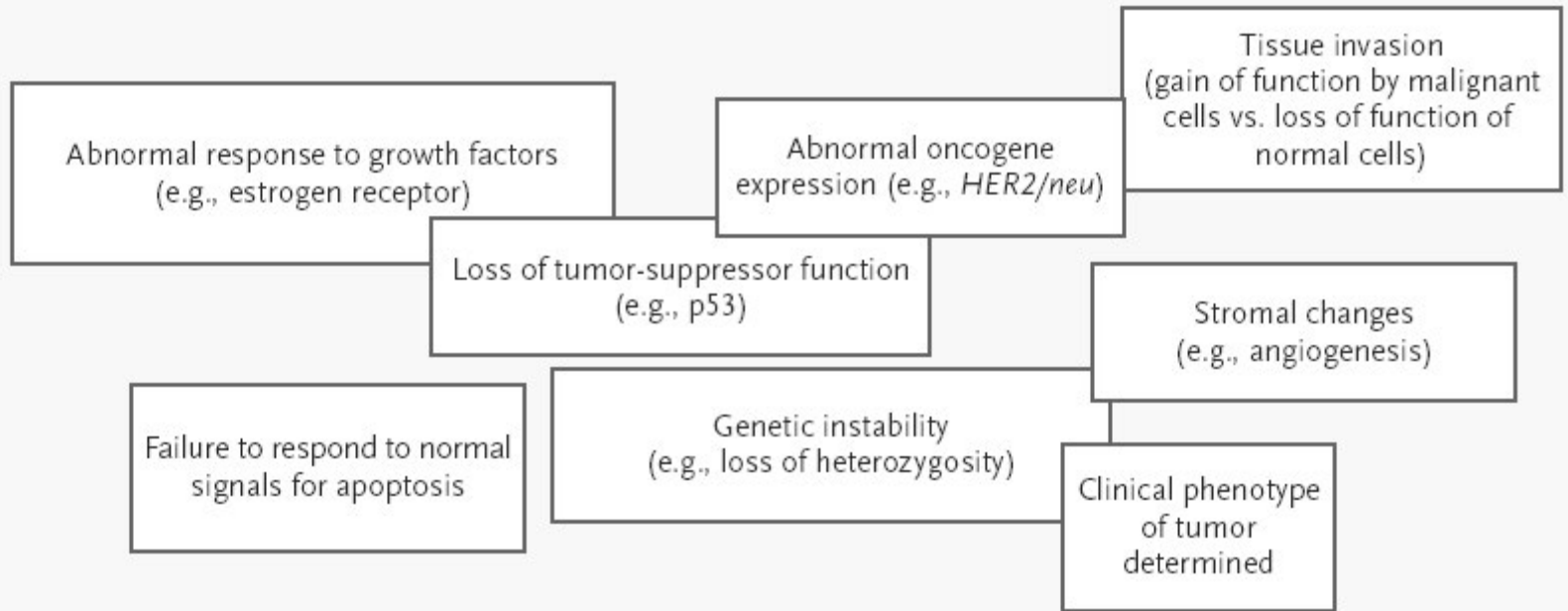
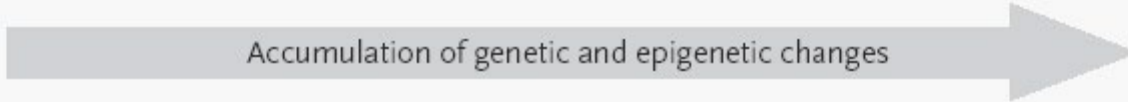
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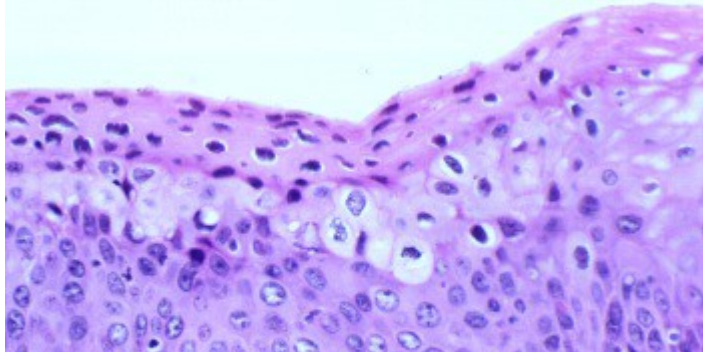
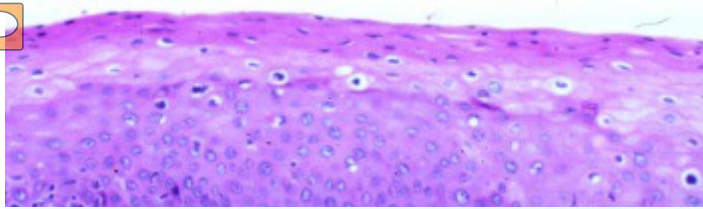
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**Early Detection Based on Cellular Phenotype
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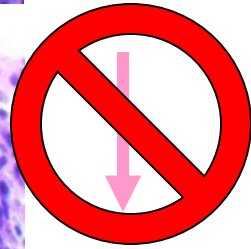
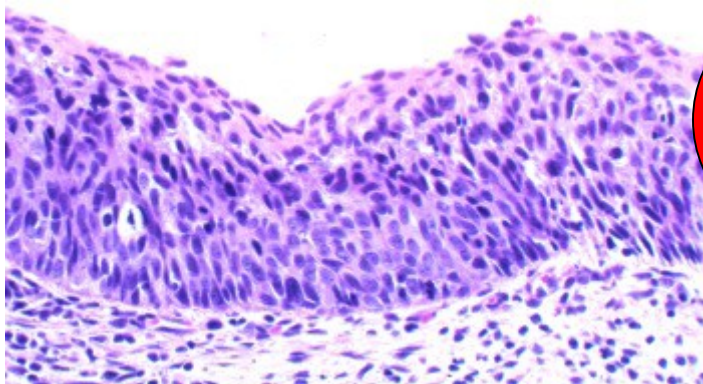
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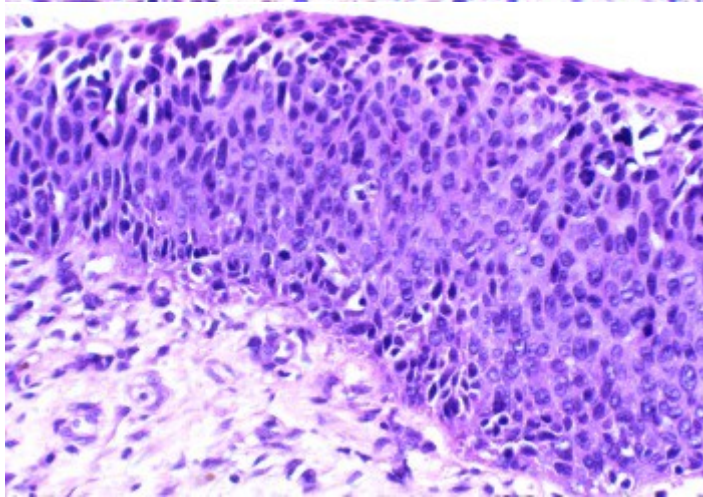
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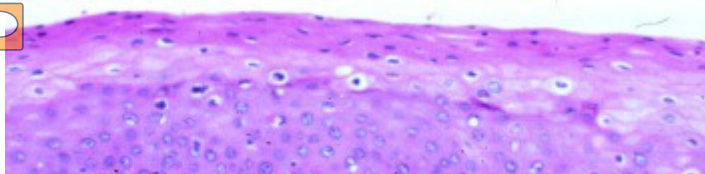
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CANCER (Invasion)



Cervical Precancer

The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 2008

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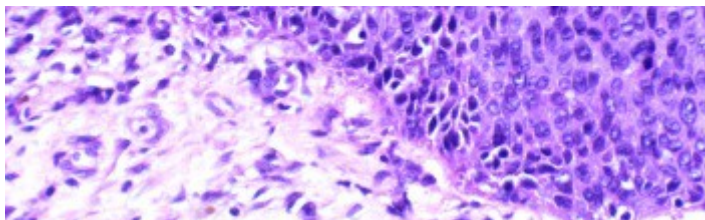
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The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 2008

Born: 11 March 1936, Gelsenkirchen, Germany

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Prize motivation: "for his discovery of human papilloma viruses causing cervical cancer."

Prize share: 1/2



CIN III



CANCER (Invasion) Papanicolaou 1929

BIOLOGICAL PREDETE

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THE THEORY OF BIOLOGIC PREDETERMINISM: ITS QUESTIONABLE USEFULNESS AND VALIDITY AS A MEDICAL TOOL

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THE PHRASE "biologic predeterminism" has been recurring in the medical literature and at medical meetings with increasing frequency. Ian MacDonald first employed the phrase some years ago as "a synoptic expression for a biologic balance between host and neoplasm", established before the neoplastic process becomes clinically detectable.¹⁻³ Evidence provided in this publication "supported an obvious corollary: the outcome of

The term "biologic predeterminism" would appear to be an unfortunate one because its influence is not susceptible to measurement; it connotes an almost fatalistic approach and does not appear to have any value in furthering the interests of the patient with carcinoma of the stomach. It does convey a sense of frustration, hopelessness and mysticism, and unless clarified to the point of lucidity and usefulness should be dropped.

The concept that a longer history means a more favourable prognosis in a specific cancerous lesion appears to be a very confusing, though partially true, statement of fact. It is not at all illogical to believe that patients in whom carcinoma of the stomach is diagnosed, and who have a long history, may survive longer. What appears to be illogical is the implied assumption that it is therefore not harmful, and even beneficial, to delay operation. Such an assumption can be tragically harmful if, for instance, it should be finally demonstrated that the Alice-in-Wonderland concept of *The Later The Earlier* may have a very simple explanation,

belief that, should this concept become widely known and accepted, the already deeply rooted pessimism prevalent among general practitioners regarding the value of the surgical approach in cancer of the stomach will be reinforced. This is hardly desirable.

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Three Models for Progression of Heterogeneous Breast Tumors

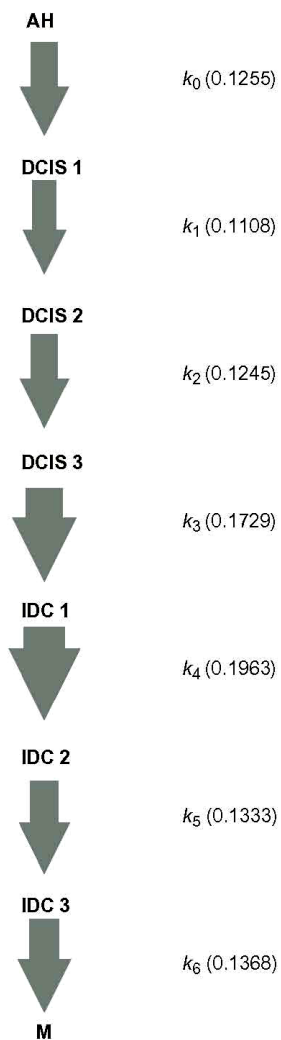


Fig. 1. Linear pathway. The rate constants shown are the average of the best fit to the Van Nuys and Holland observations, normalized to one. The thickness of each arrow is proportional to the rate constant. Atypical hyperplasia (AH), ductal carcinoma in situ (DCIS), invasive ductal carcinoma (IDC), and metastasis (M). Grades of DCIS and IDC are indicated by 1, 2, and 3.

Linear Model

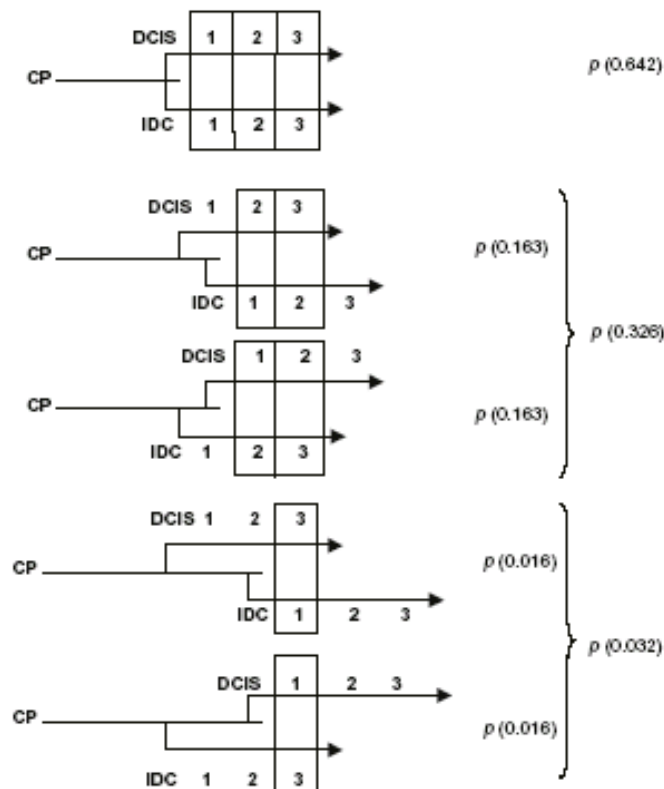


Fig. 4. Parallel pathway. DCIS and IDC diverge from a common progenitor (CP) and progress at about the same rate through grades 1, 2, and 3. Divergence may occur at the same time or at different times in different groups of patients. The proportion (p) of patients in each group is indicated. Grades that co-occur are shown above and below each other in the same box. This pathway is best at simulating the clinically observed co-occurrence frequencies.

Parallel Model

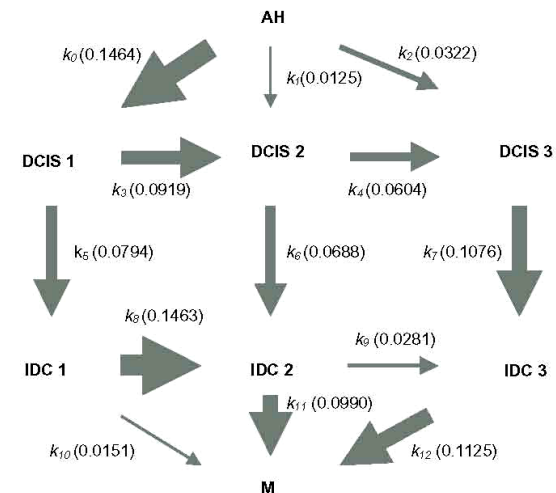
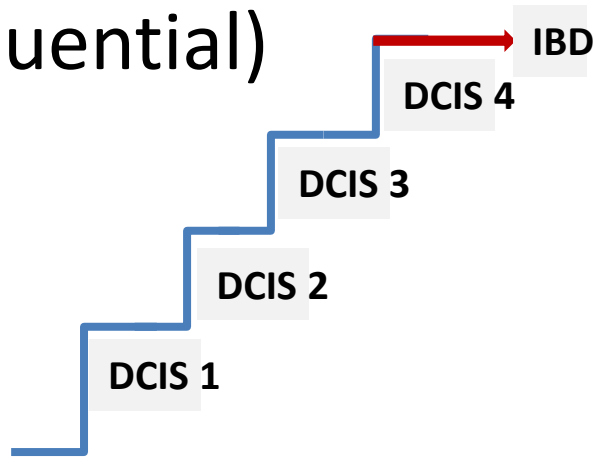


Fig. 3. Branched pathway. The rate constants shown are the average of the best fit to the Van Nuys and Holland observations, normalized to one. The thickness of each arrow is proportional to the rate constant. Atypical hyperplasia (AH), ductal carcinoma in situ (DCIS), invasive ductal carcinoma (IDC), and metastasis (M). Grades of DCIS and IDC are indicated by 1, 2, and 3.

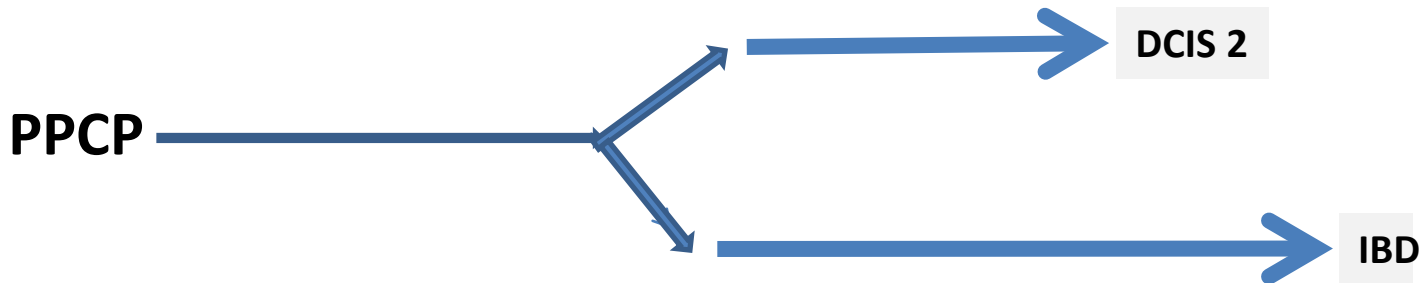
Branched Model

TWO MODELS

1. MULTISTEP LINEAR PROGRESSION (Sequential)



2. PRE-PROGRAMMED CANCER PROGENITOR



VIEWPOINT

Overdiagnosis and Overtreatment in Cancer An Opportunity for Improvement

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Over the past 30 years, awareness and screening have led to an emphasis on early diagnosis of cancer. Although the goals of these efforts were to reduce the rate of late-stage disease and decrease cancer mortality, secular trends and clinical trials suggest that these goals have not been met; national data demonstrate significant increases in early-stage disease, without a proportional decline in later-stage disease. What has emerged has been an appreciation of the complexity of the pathologic condition called cancer. The word “cancer” often invokes the specter of an inexorably lethal process; however, cancers are heterogeneous and can follow multiple paths, not all of which progress to metastases and death, and include indolent disease that causes no harm during the patient’s lifetime. Better biology alone can explain better outcomes. Although this complexity complicates the goal of early diagnosis, its recognition provides an opportunity to adapt cancer screening with a focus on identifying and treating those conditions most likely associated with morbidity and mortality.

Changes in cancer incidence and mortality¹ reveal 3 patterns that emerged after inception of screening (Table). Screening for breast cancer and prostate cancer appears to detect more cancers that are potentially clinically insignificant.⁴ Lung cancer may follow this pattern if high-risk screening is adopted.⁵ Barrett esophagus and ductal carcinoma of the breast are examples for which the detection and removal of lesions considered precancerous have not led to lower incidence of invasive cancer. In contrast, colon and cervical cancer are ex-

erally leads to overtreatment. This Viewpoint summarizes the recommendations from a working group formed to develop a strategy to improve the current approach to cancer screening and prevention.

Periodic screening programs have the potential to identify a reservoir of indolent tumors.⁴ However, cancer is still perceived as a diagnosis with lethal consequences if left untreated.

An ideal screening intervention focuses on detection of disease that will ultimately cause harm, that is more likely to be cured if detected early, and for which curative treatments are more effective in early-stage disease. Going forward, the ability to design better screening programs will depend on the ability to better characterize the biology of the disease detected and to use disease dynamics (behavior over time) and molecular diagnostics that determine whether cancer will be aggressive or indolent to avoid overtreatment. Understanding the biology of individual cancers is necessary to optimize early detection programs and tailor treatments accordingly. The following recommendations were made to the National Cancer Institute for consideration and dissemination.

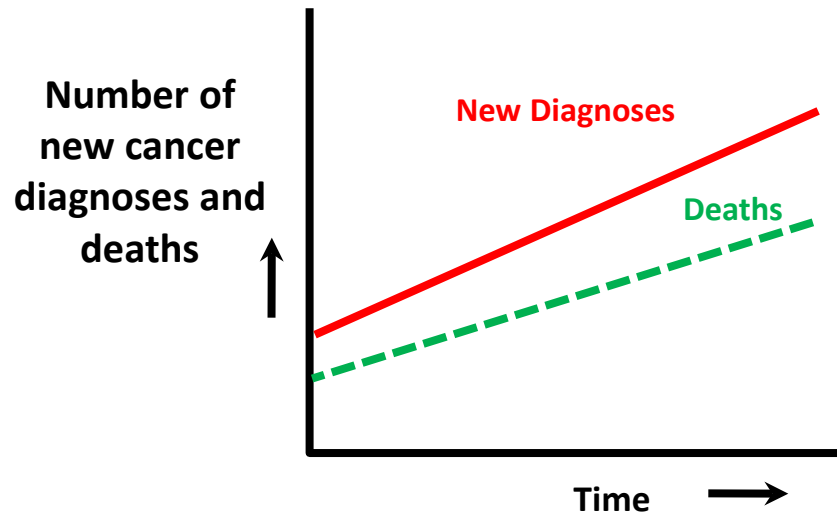
Physicians, patients, and the general public must recognize that overdiagnosis is common and occurs more frequently with cancer screening. Overdiagnosis, or identification of indolent cancer, is common in breast, lung, prostate, and thyroid cancer. Whenever screening is used, the fraction of tumors in this category increases. By acknowledging this consequence of screening, ap-



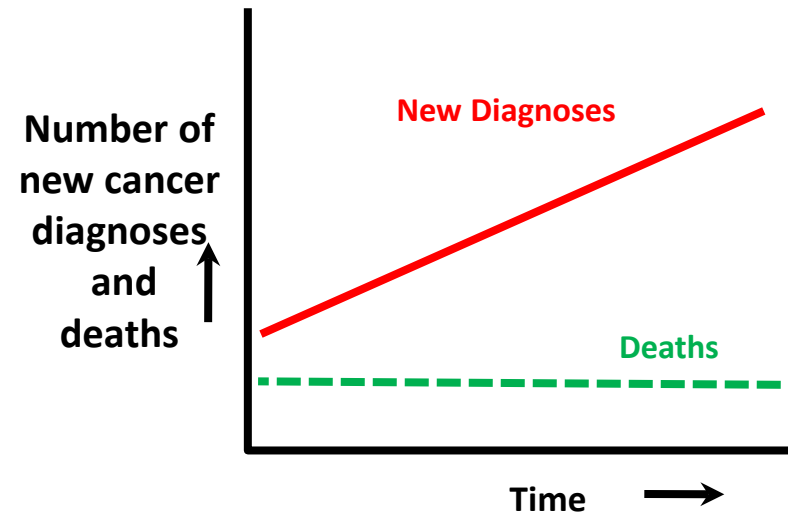
OVERDIAGNOSIS

DEFINITION: A SETTING IN WHICH DIAGNOSES INCREASE (OFTEN MARKEDLY) IN A POPULATION THAT HAS A STABLE OR DECLINING RATE OF DEATH FROM THAT DISEASE.

Patterns of Rapid Increase in Cancer Incidence: True Increase vs. Overdiagnosis



Suggests a true increase in the amount of cancer

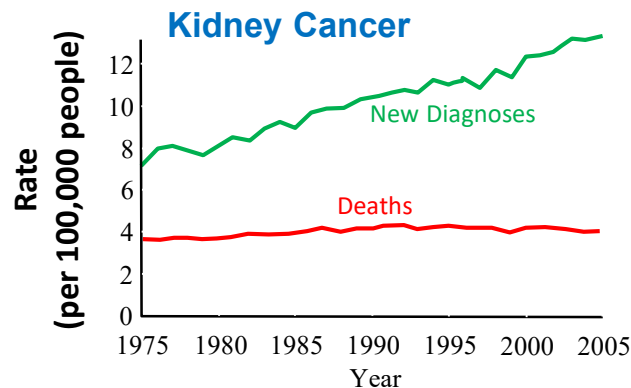
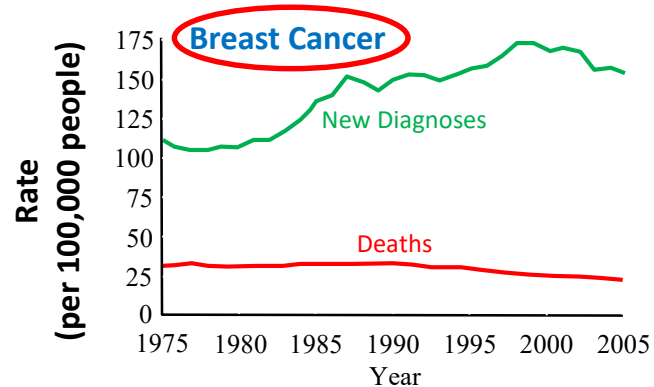
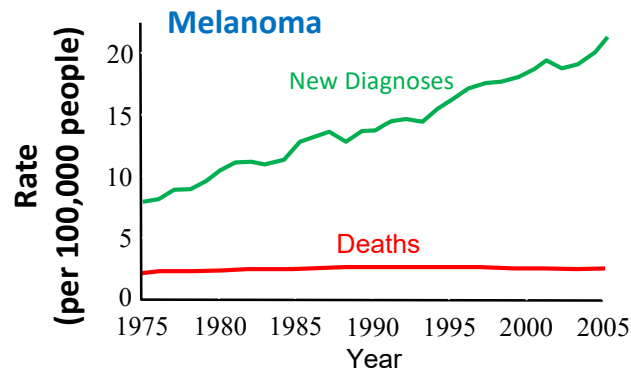
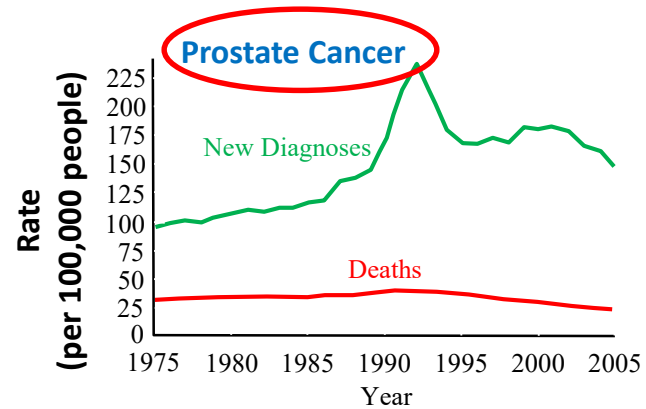
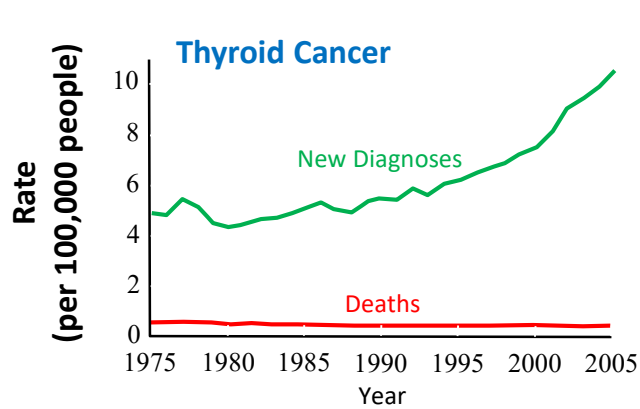


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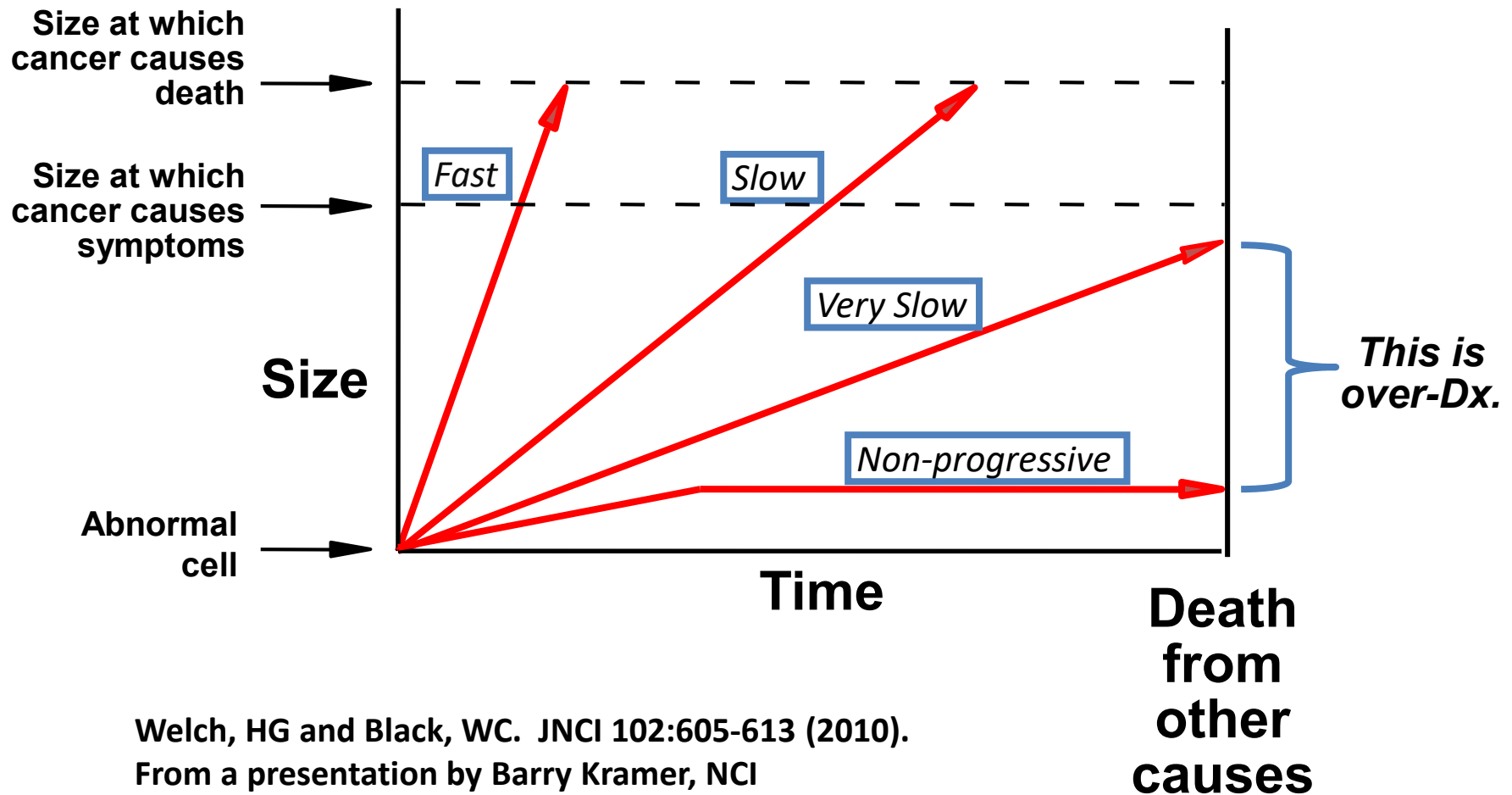
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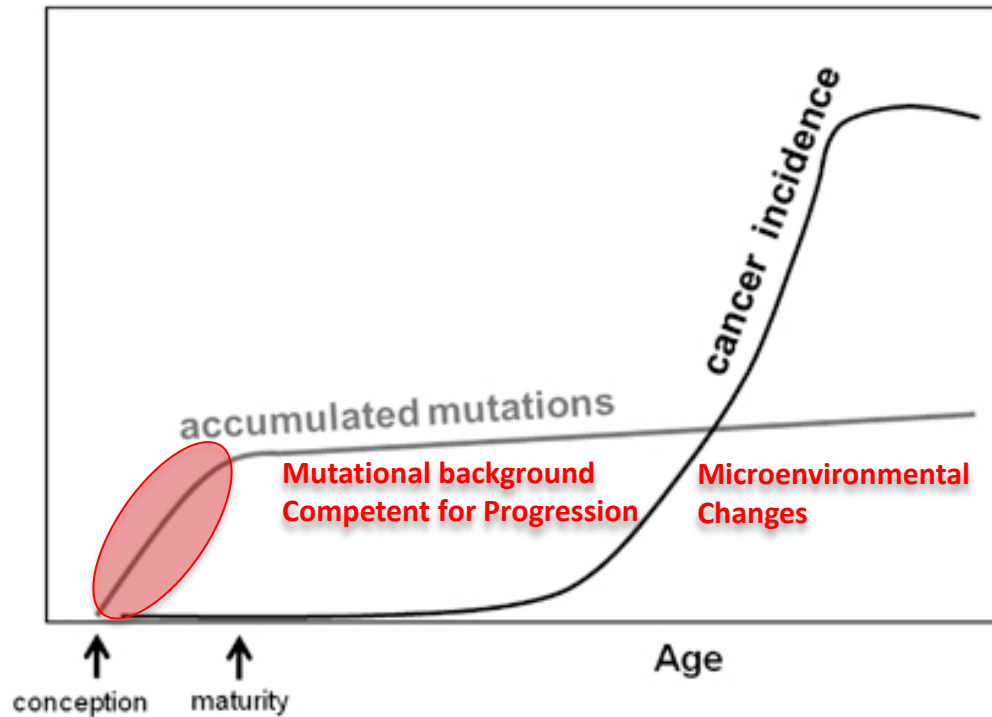
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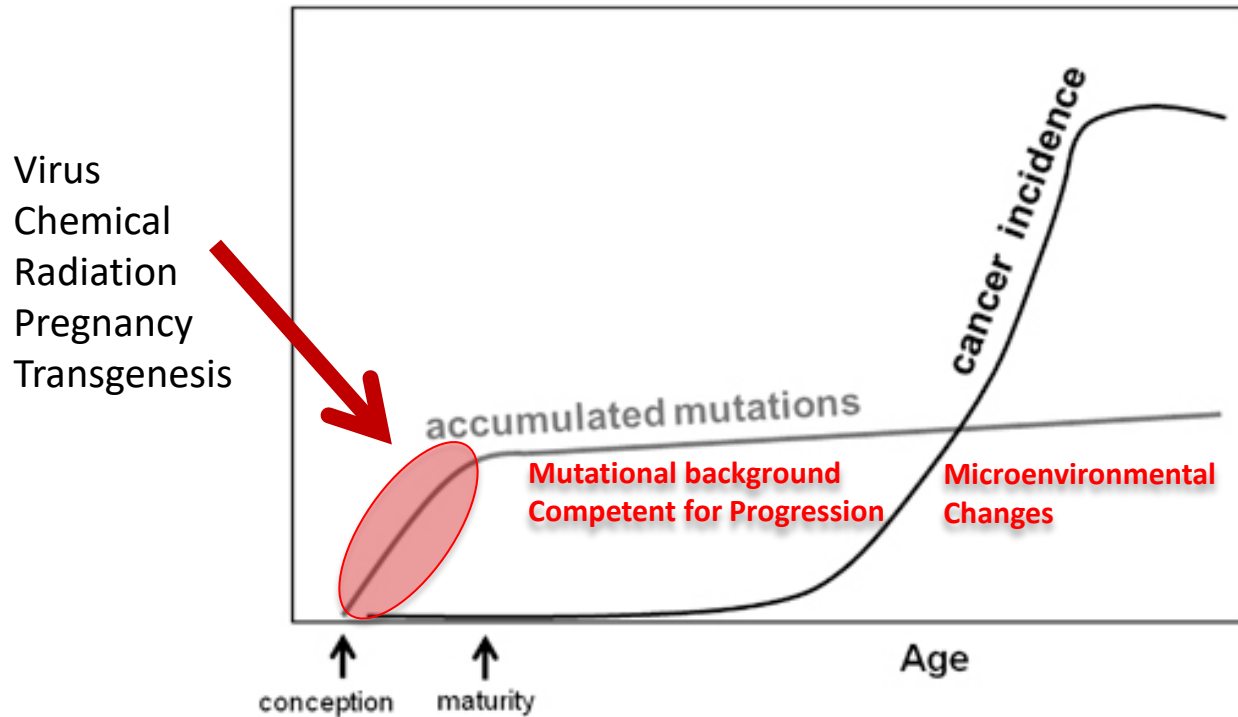
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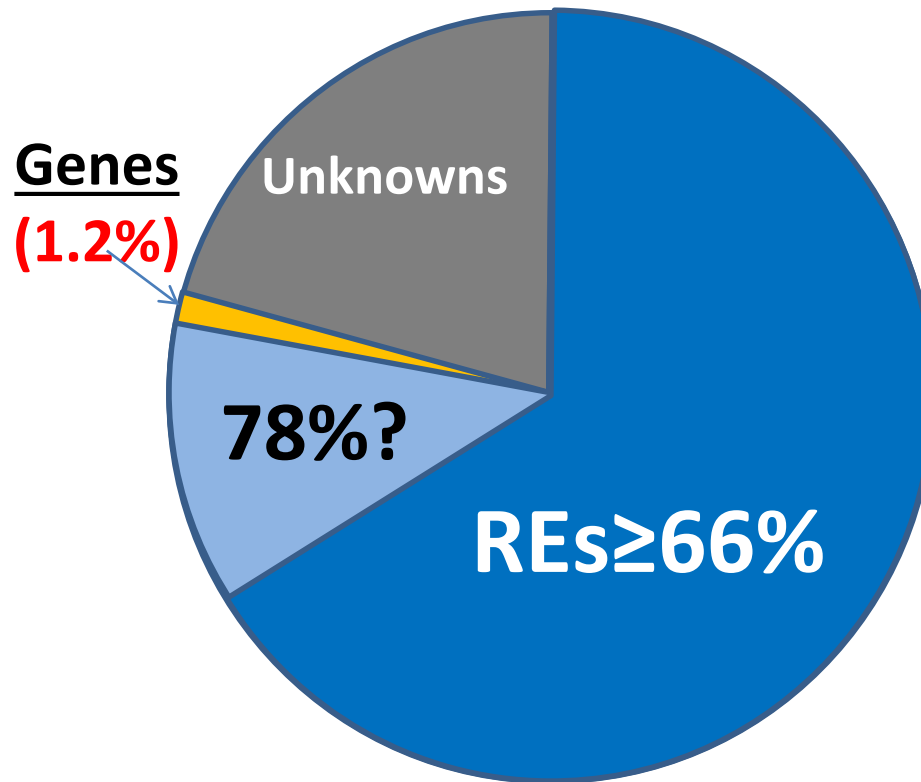
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Genes vs. Non-gene elements The New Frontier



The Human Genome Information System

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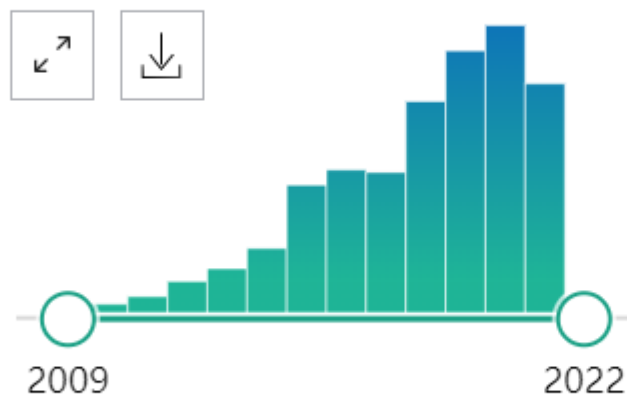
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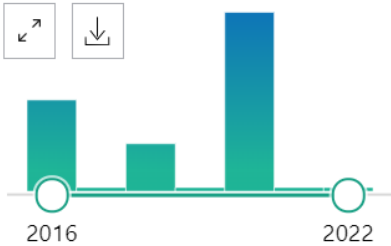


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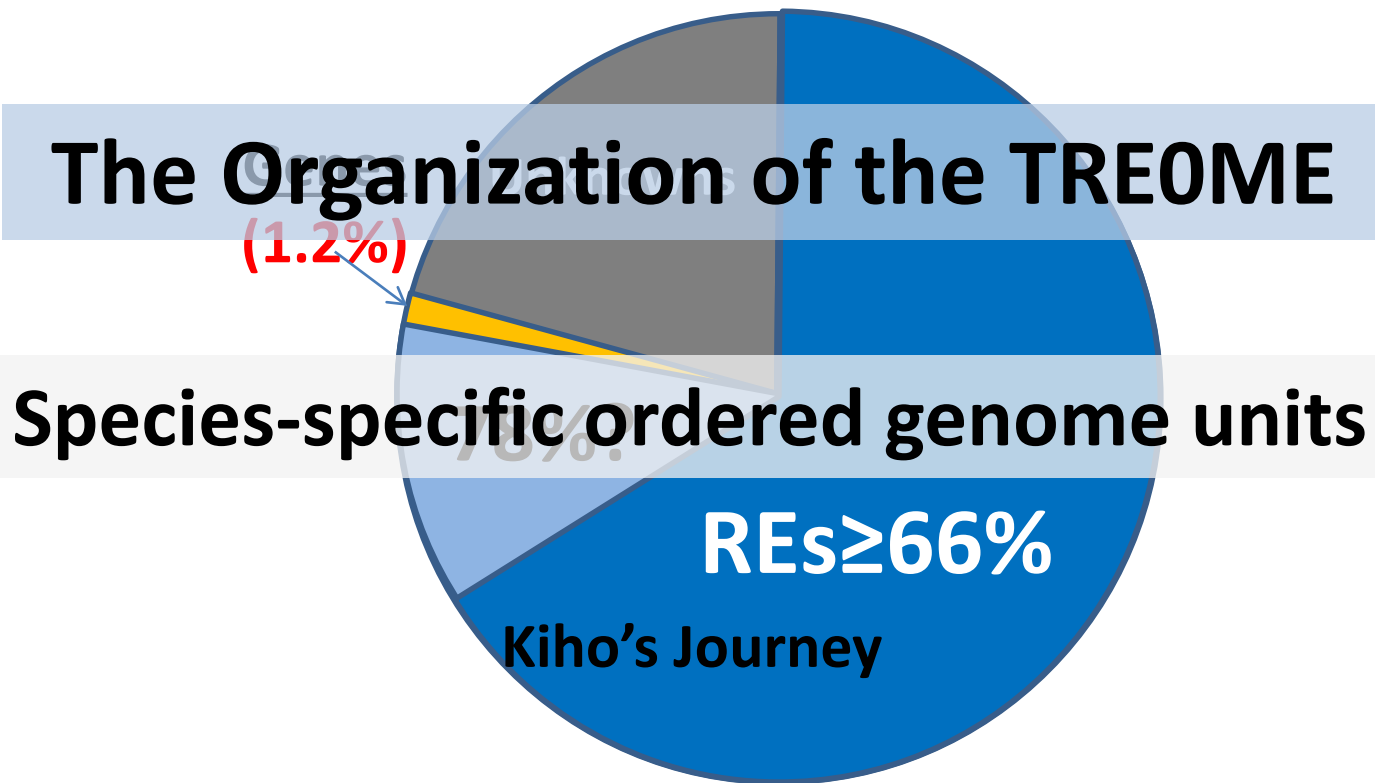
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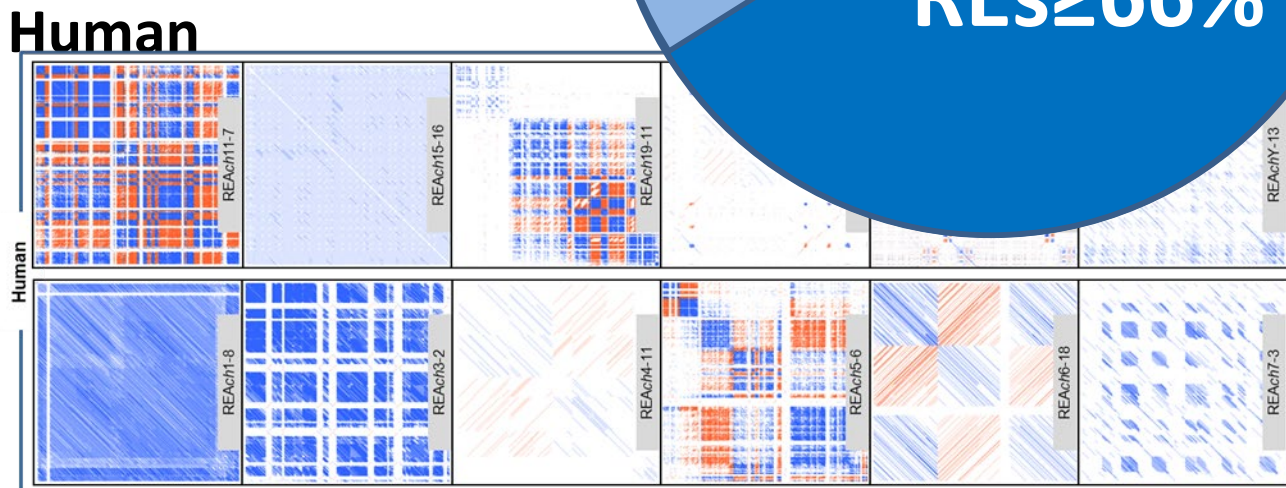
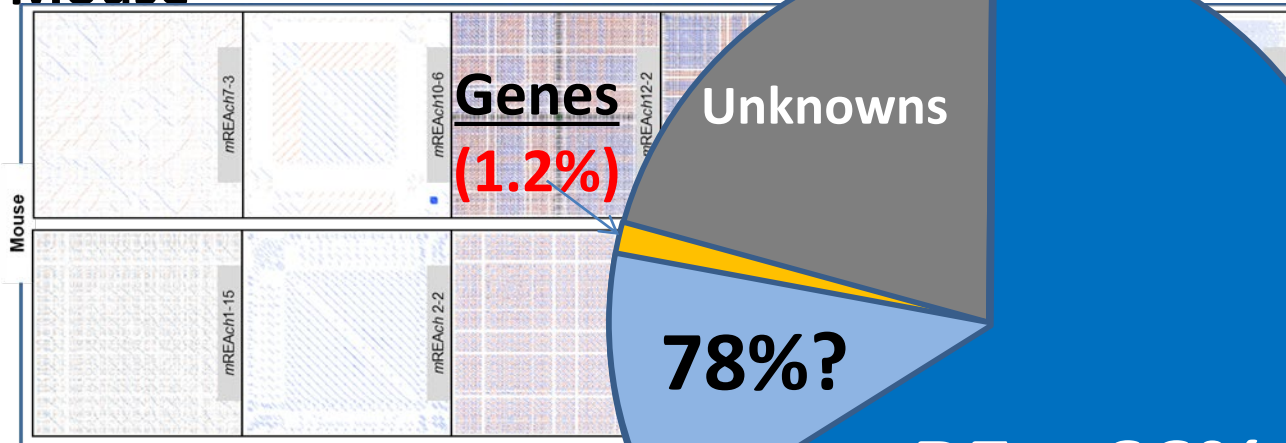


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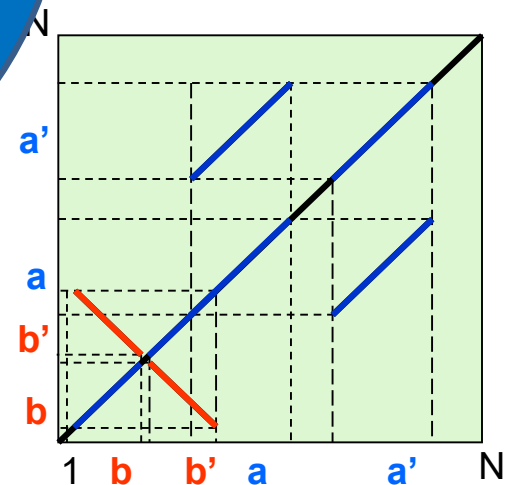
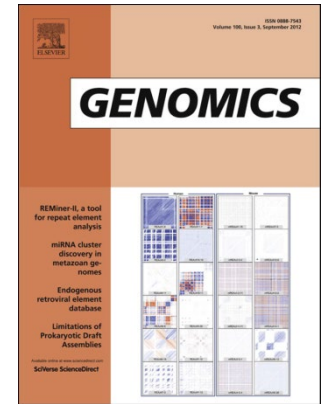


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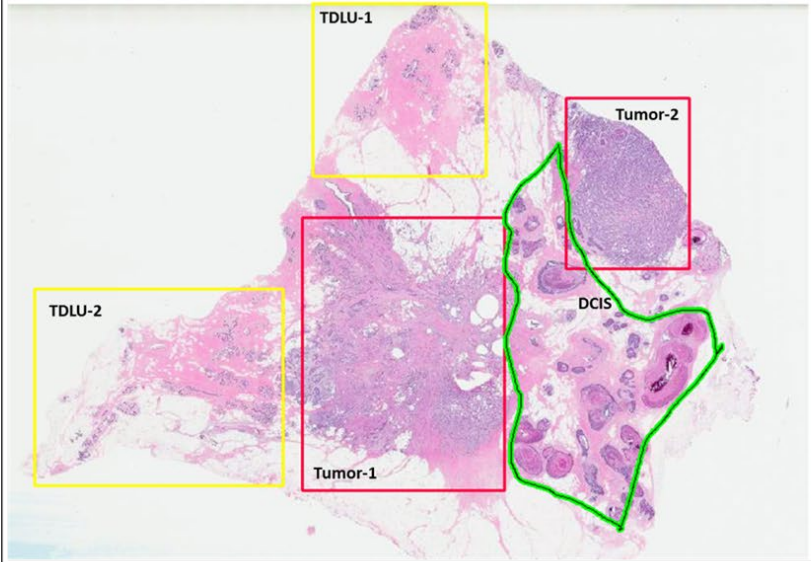
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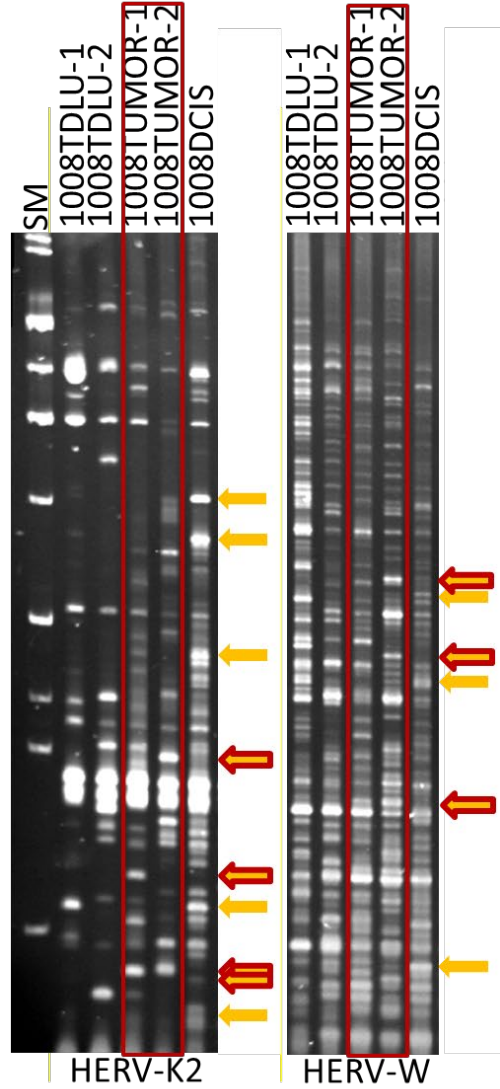
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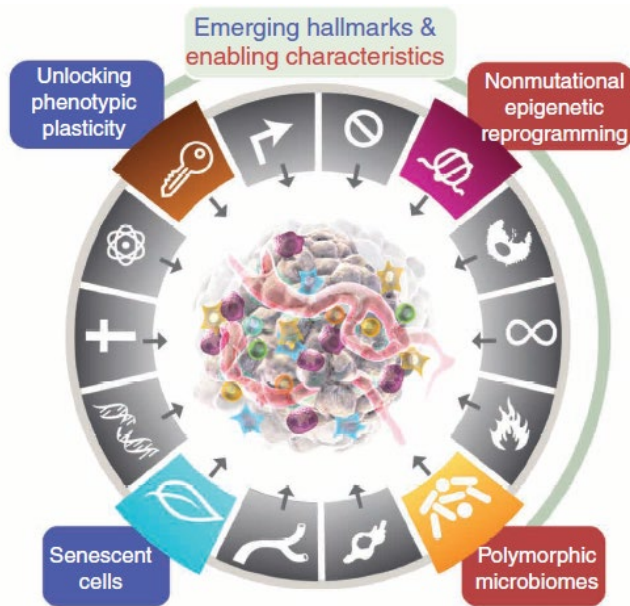
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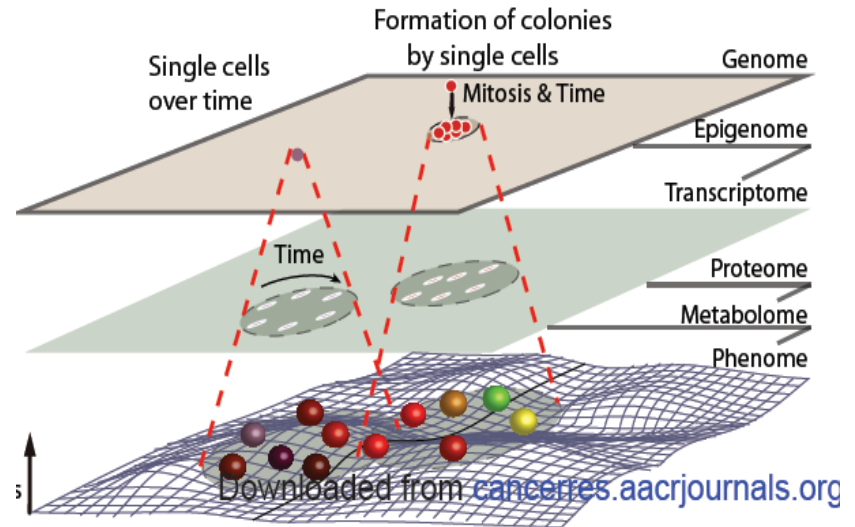
HERV (human endogenous retrovirus); TDLU (terminal ductal lobular unit)



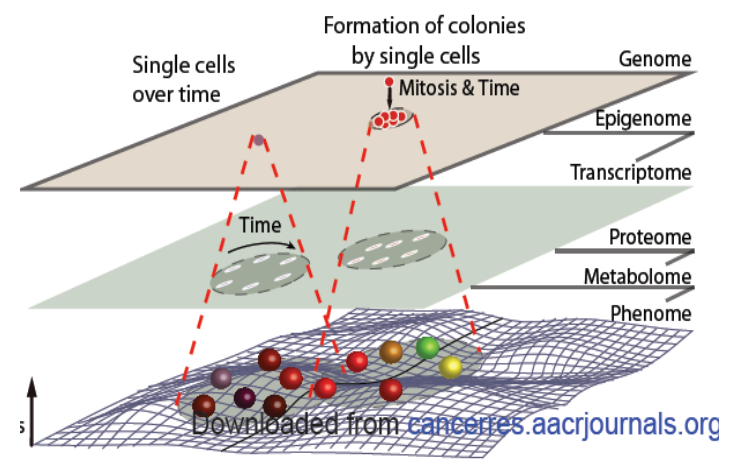
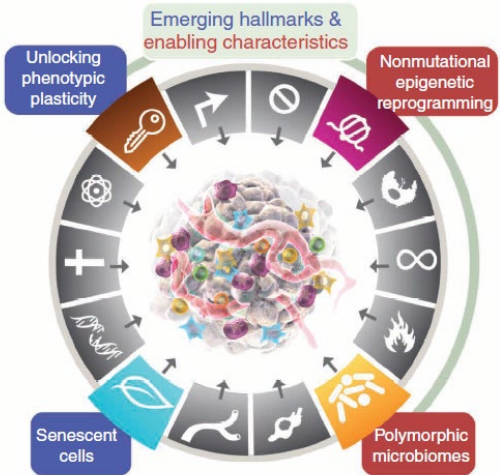
NEOPLASTIC PROGRESSION



Epigenetic Reprogramming



Evolutionary Selection:
eG-P Cone



THE END

Thank You



THE GENOMIC ERA



THE ELEGANT SIR GEM

Progression Agenda

- Invasion
- Metaplasia
- Clonal expansion
- Genetic Background
- Microenvironment
 - Inflammation
 - Immune responses
 - Landing platforms
 - Microbiome



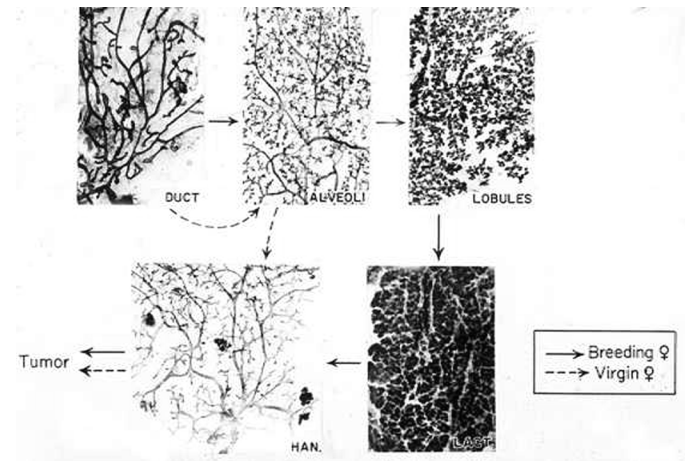
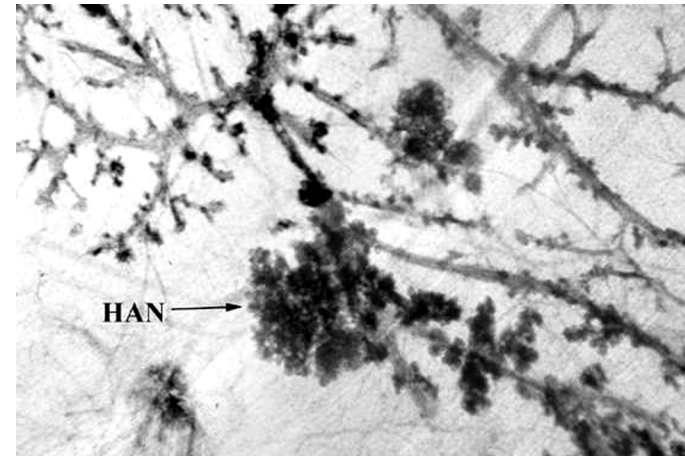
Models of Neoplastic Progression

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 - Experimental: tissue culture and xenografts.
- **Mouse:** observation, demographics, genetic engineering, and statistical analysis of homogeneous populations.
 - Experimental: Test by transplantation into syngeneic host and orthotopic sites. (***Test-by-transplantation***).

The Biology of Preneoplasia



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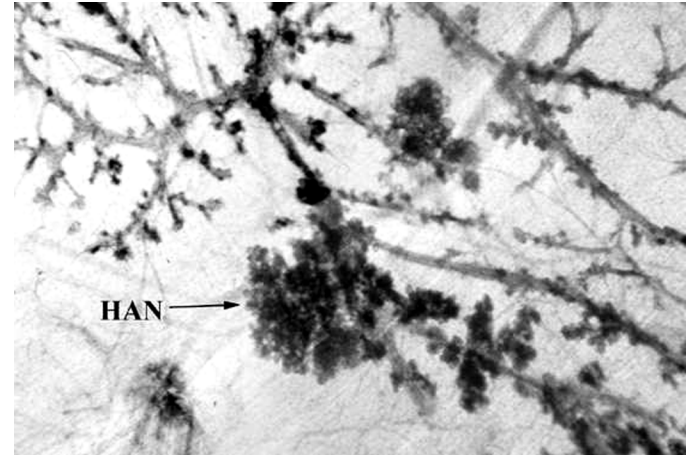


Two Step Transformation:
Nodulogenesis Tumorigenesis
Normal \longrightarrow HAN \longrightarrow Tumor
(Described in 1958)

Studying the Biology of Preneoplasia



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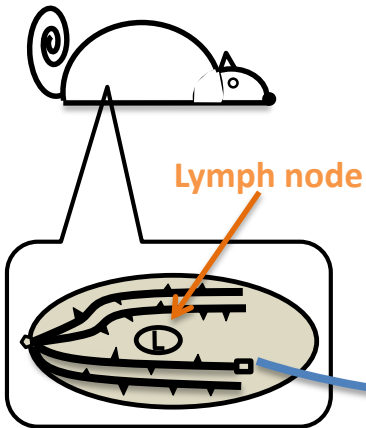


1. Identification
2. Isolation
3. Transplantation
4. Observation
5. Repetition



Serial Transplantation Demonstrates MIN Cell Immortality:

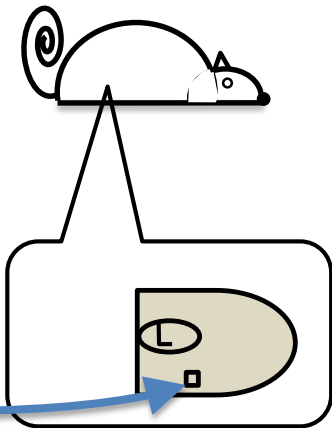
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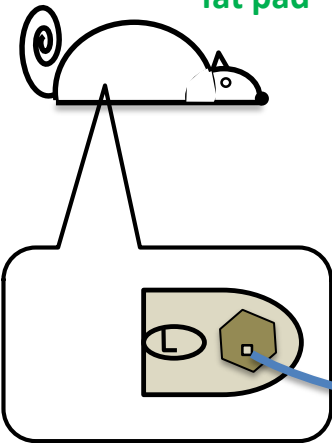
Identify, dissect, and transplant a single MIN lesion

3-week old FVB female



Gland-cleared fat pad

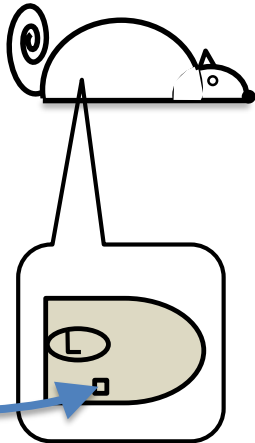
MIN lesion continues to fill the fat pad



Fat pad with MIN lesion

Maintained by serial transplantation (MINO line)

3-week old FVB female

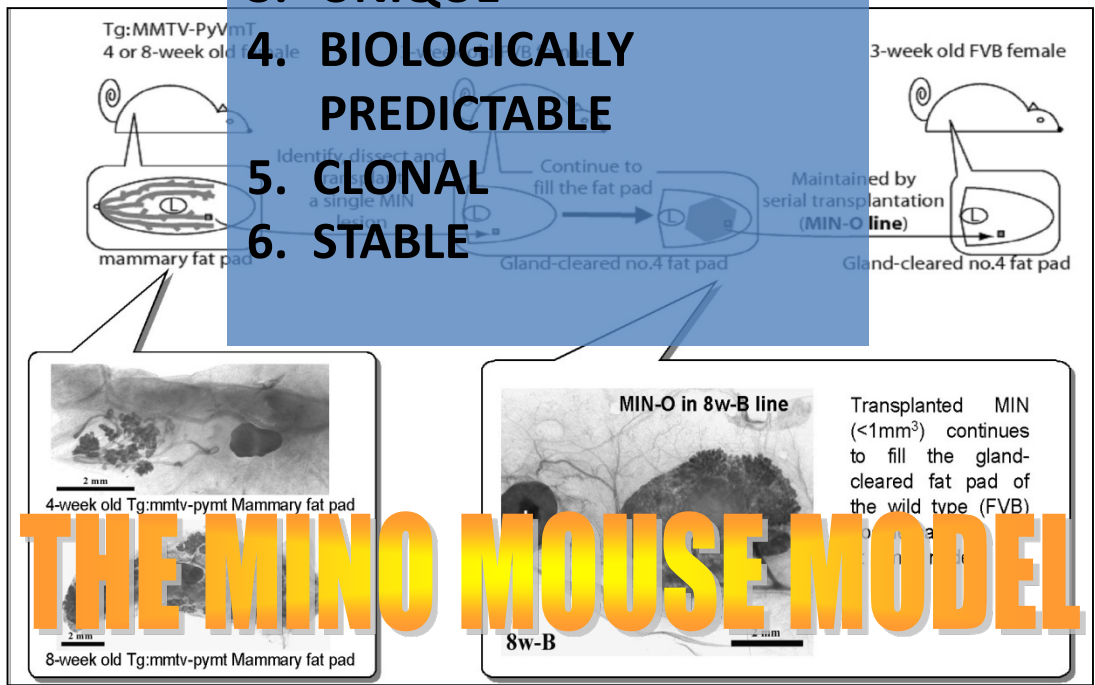
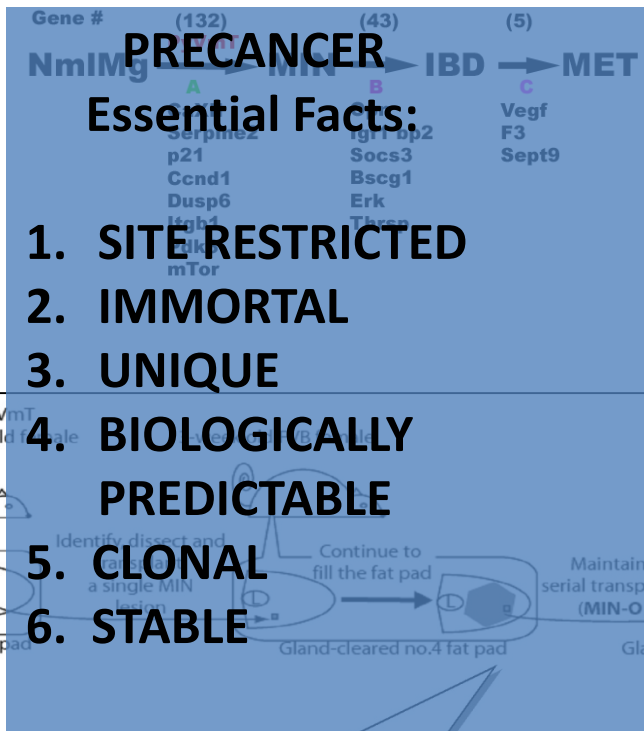


Gland-cleared fat pad

Serial Transplantation Confirms Progression of Precancer to Cancer

Tissue	Subcutaneous	Cleared Fat Pad	Serially Transplantable?
Normal	No growth	Normal Mammary Structures	5-6X
Hyperplastic	No growth	Non-invasive hyperplastic outgrowth	Indefinitely
Hyperplastic/ Premalignant (MIN)	No growth	Non-invasive hyperplastic outgrowth/ Tumors develop within	Indefinitely
Malignant	Growth (Tumor)	Tumor	Indefinitely

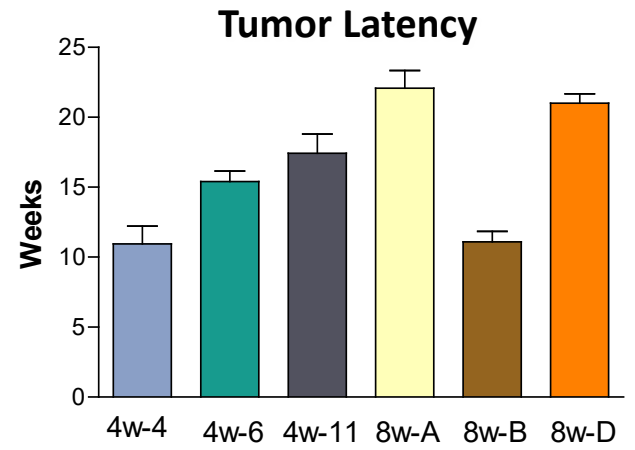
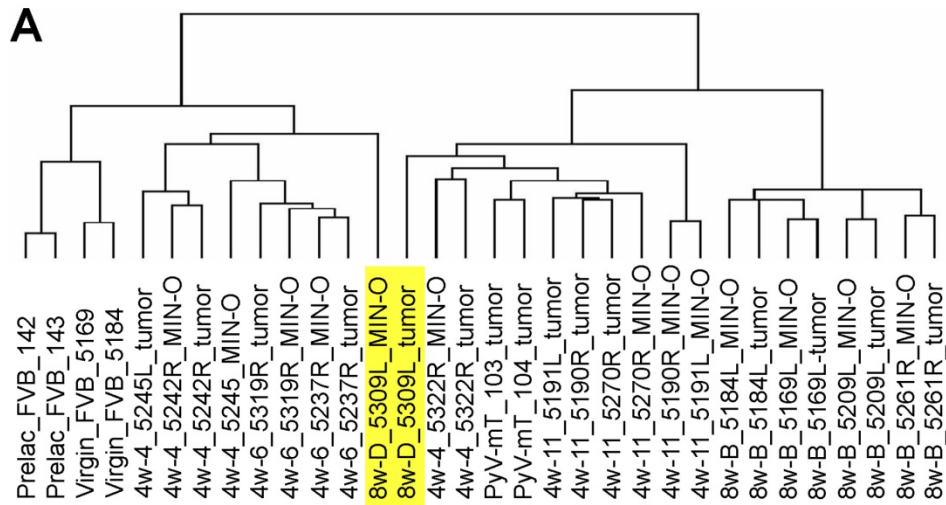
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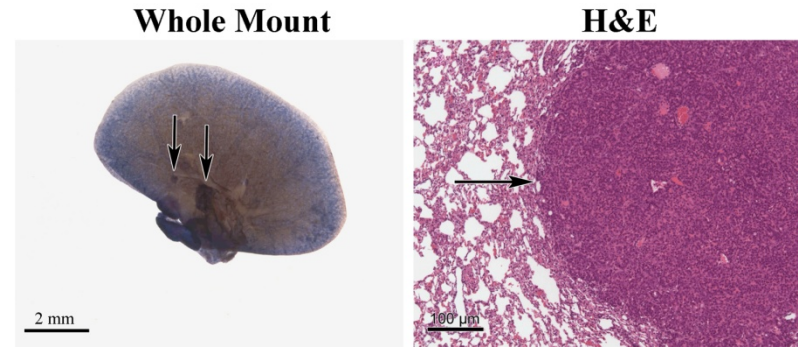
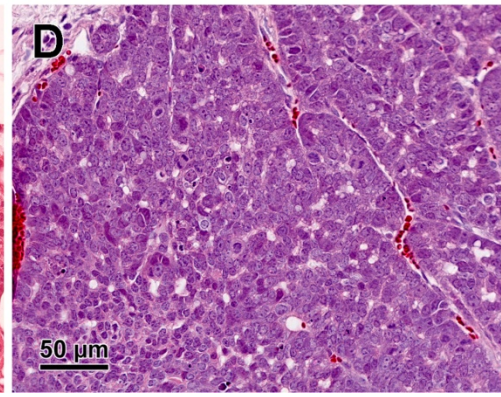
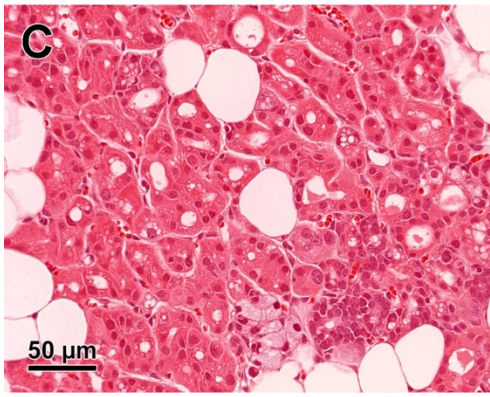
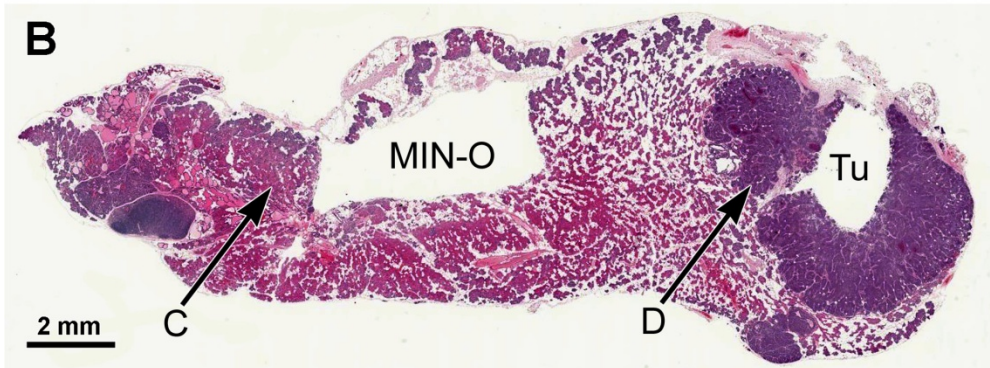
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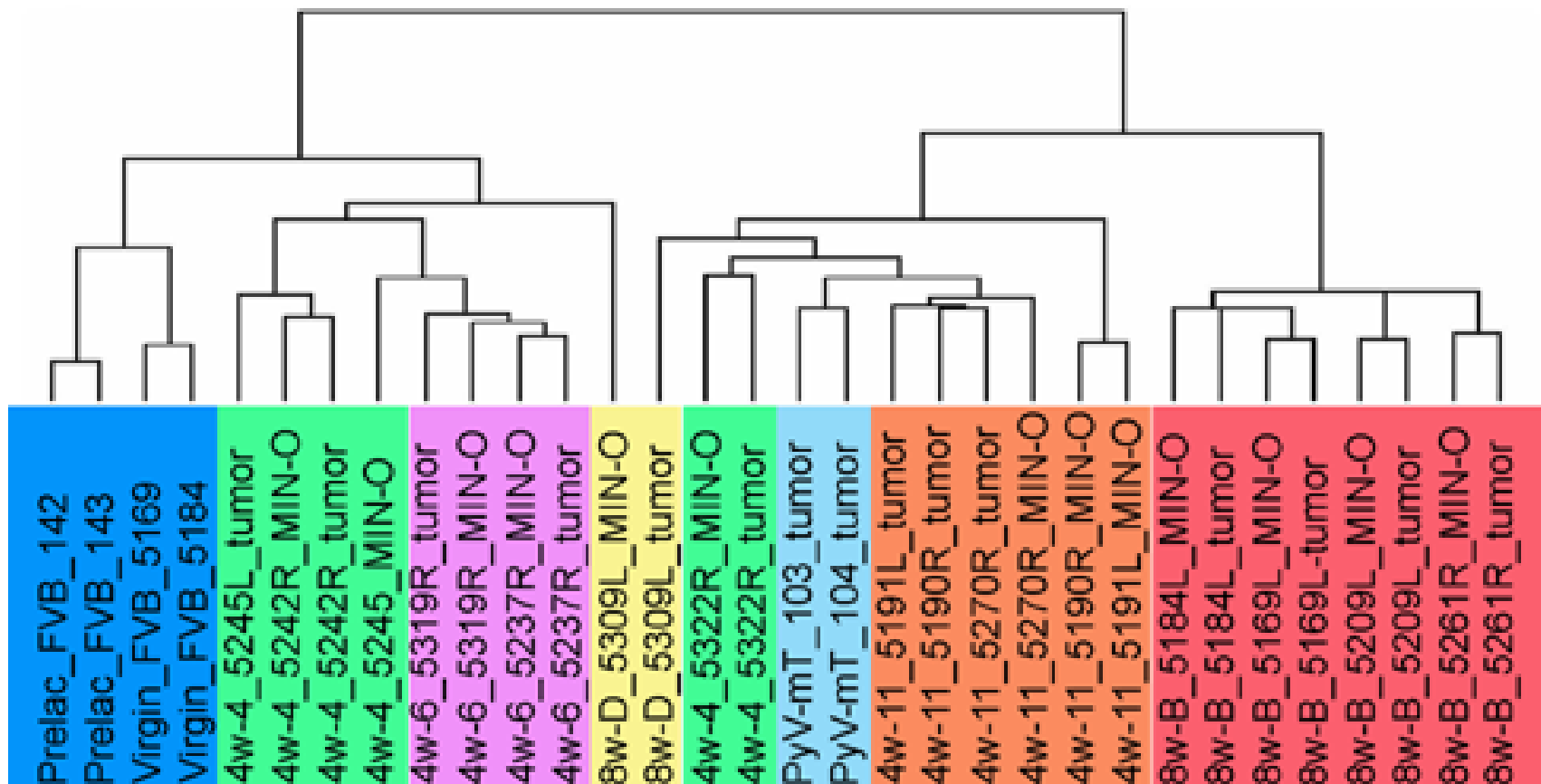


Hierarchical clustering of expression and latency suggests the MINOs encode the outcome.



Metastases in lungs of mice with tumors from MINO lines 8w-A, 8w-D, 8w-11

Expression Profile Cluster Analysis: *Order in Heterogeneity*



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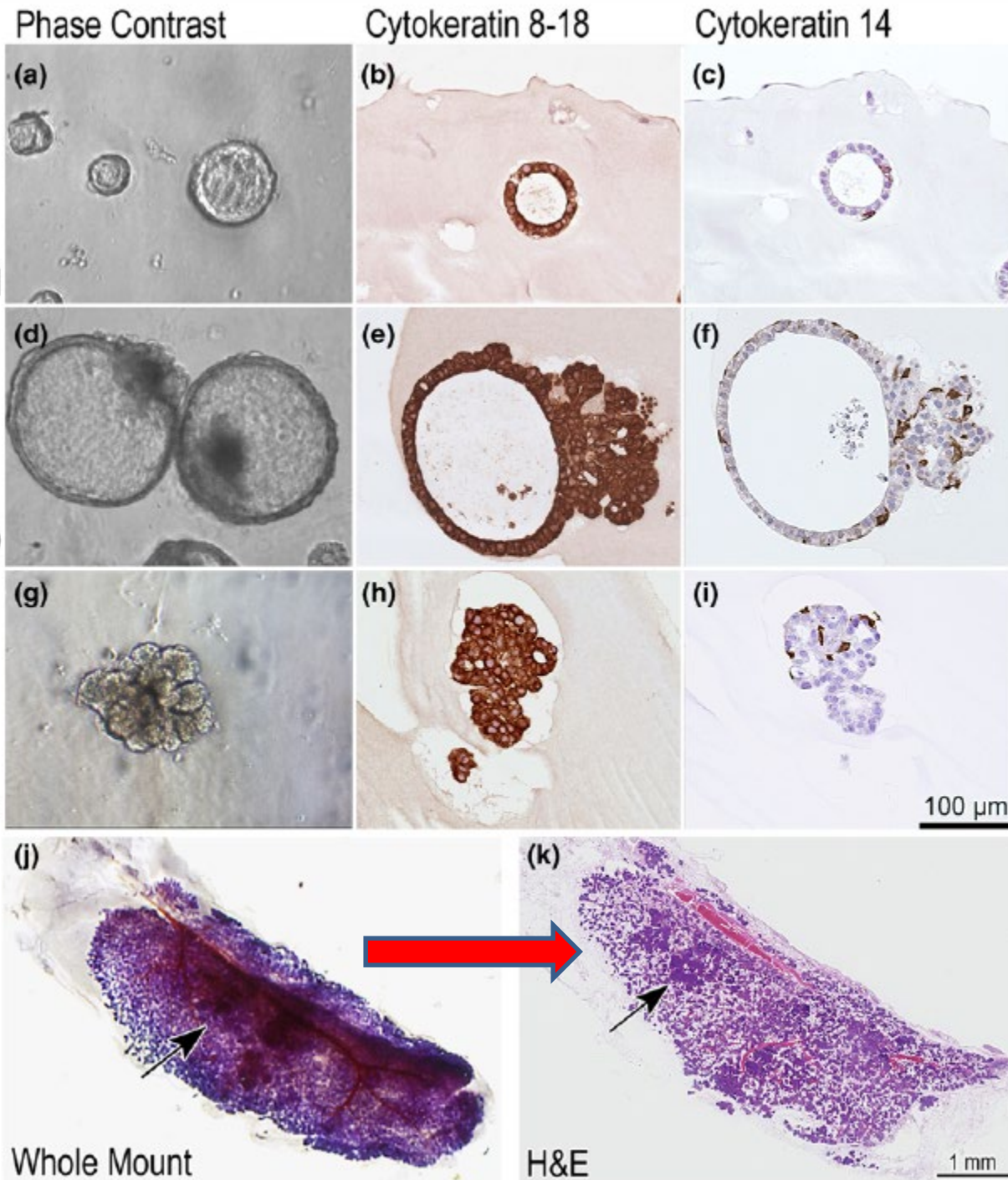
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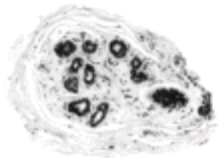
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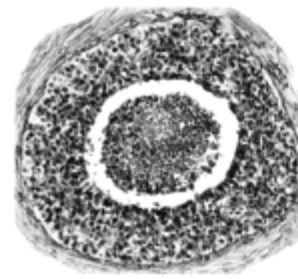
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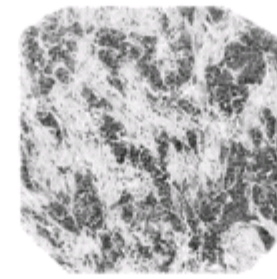
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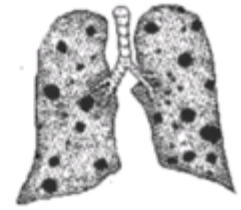
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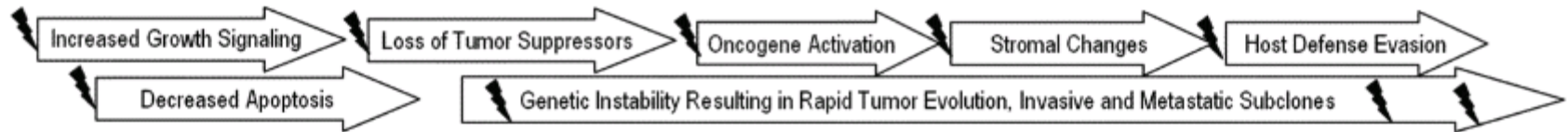
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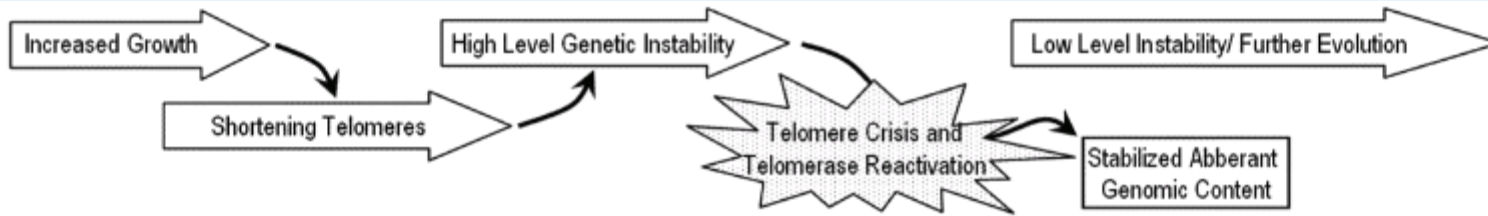
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Metastasis



A. Step-wise Sequential Acquisition Model



B. Telomere "Crisis" Model



C. Imprinted Stem Cell Model



Progression Agenda

- Invasion
- Metaplasia
- Clonal expansion
- Genetic Background
- Microenvironment
 - Inflammation
 - Immune responses
 - Landing platforms
 - Microbiome

THE GENOMIC ERA

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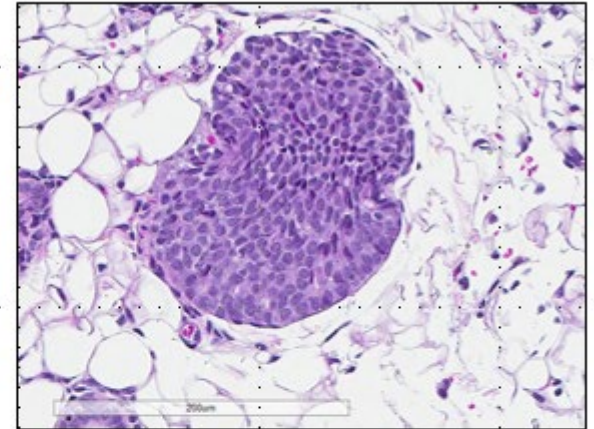
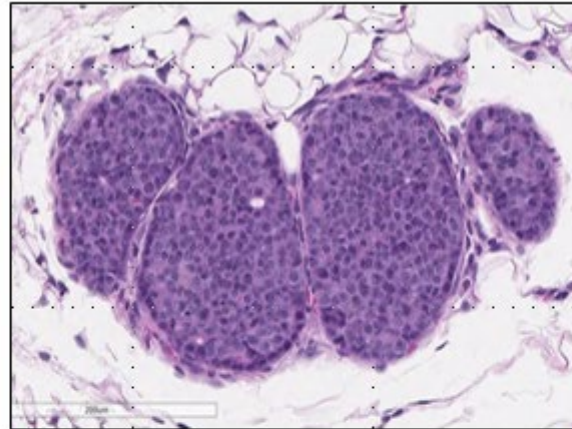
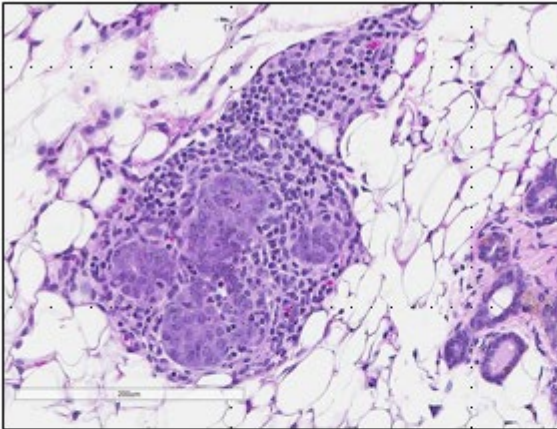


Models of Neoplastic Progression

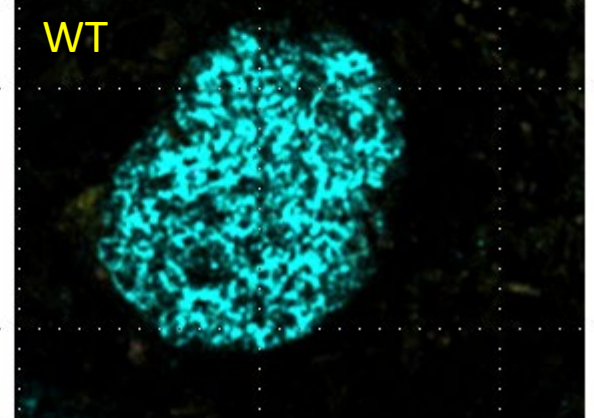
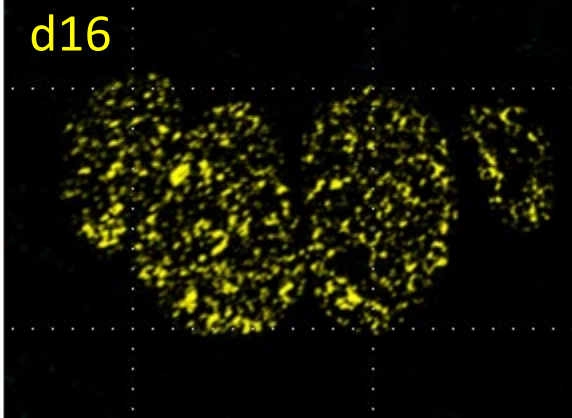
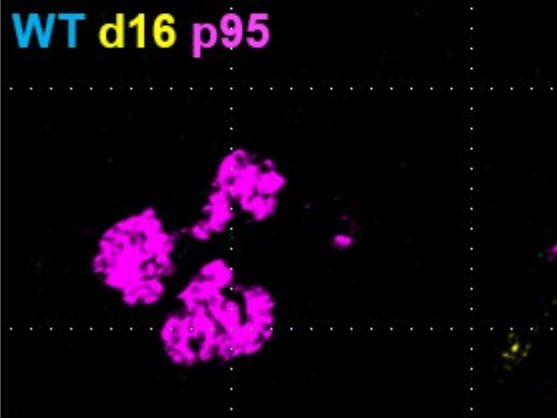
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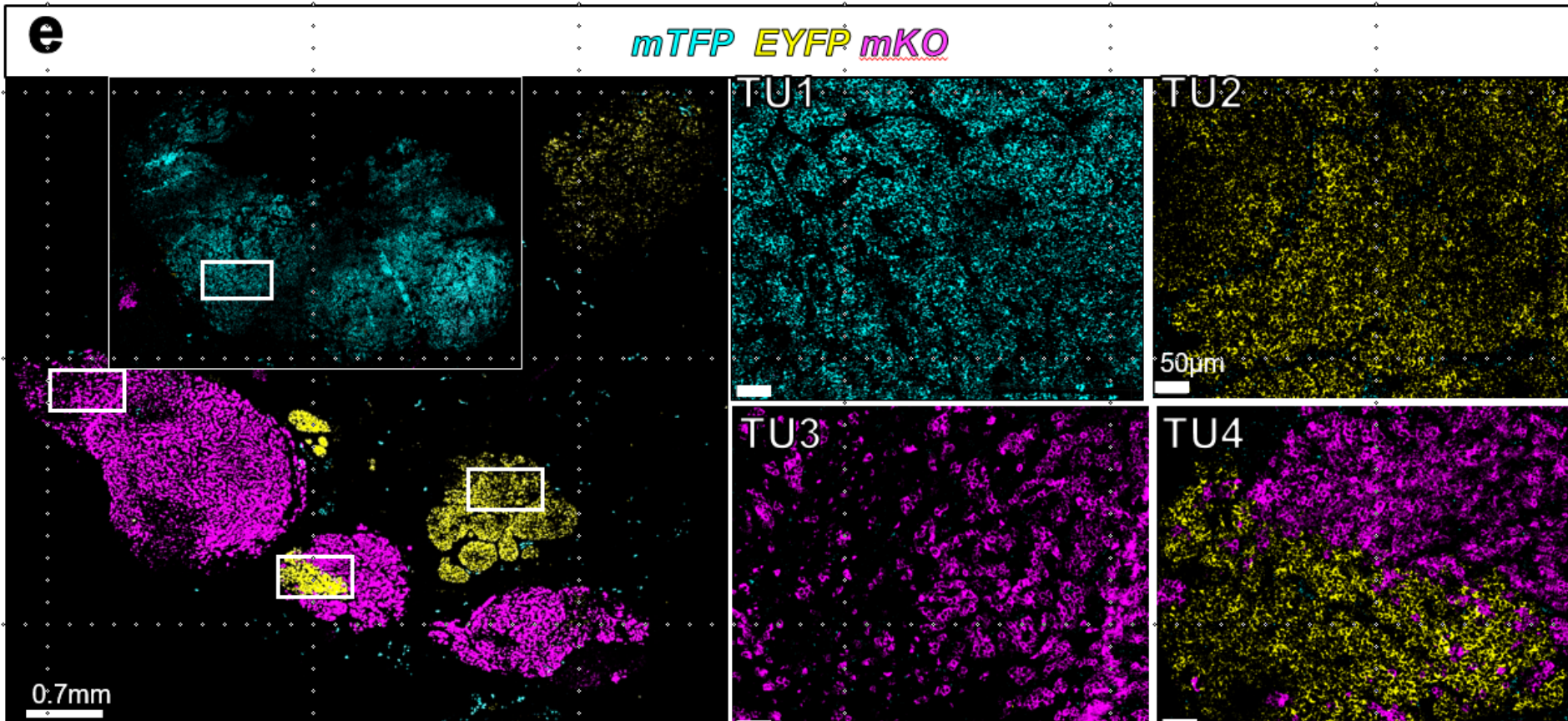
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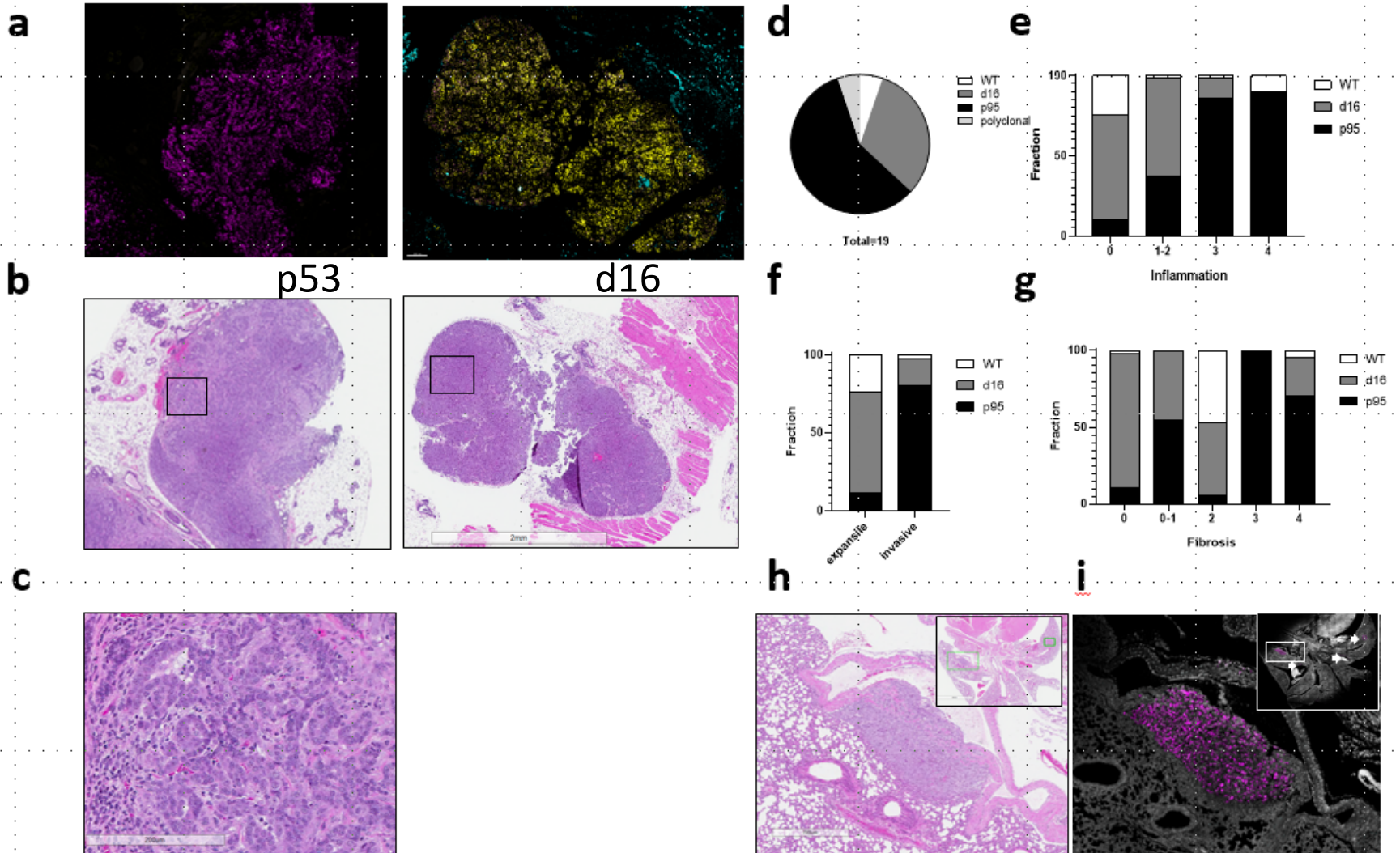
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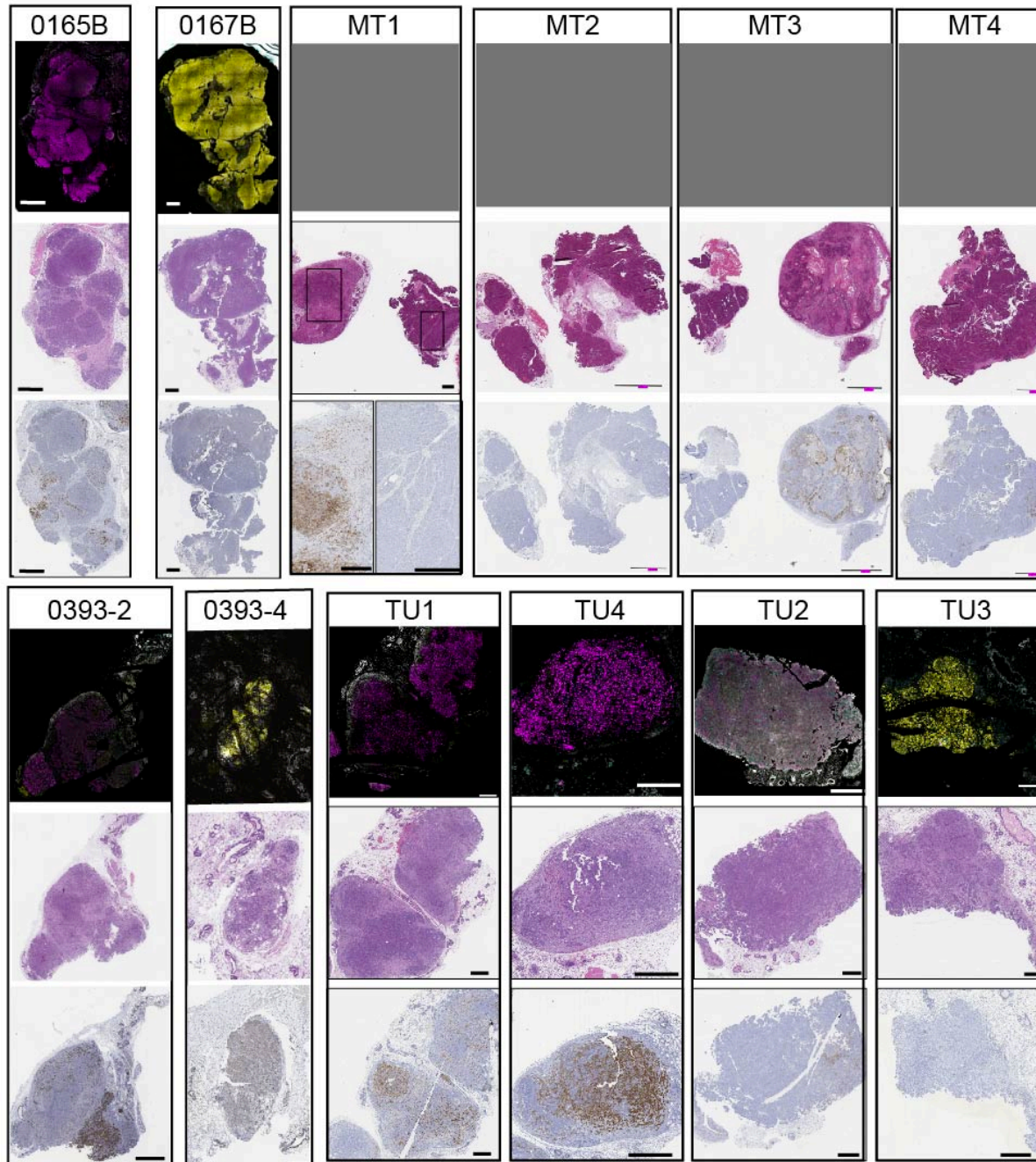


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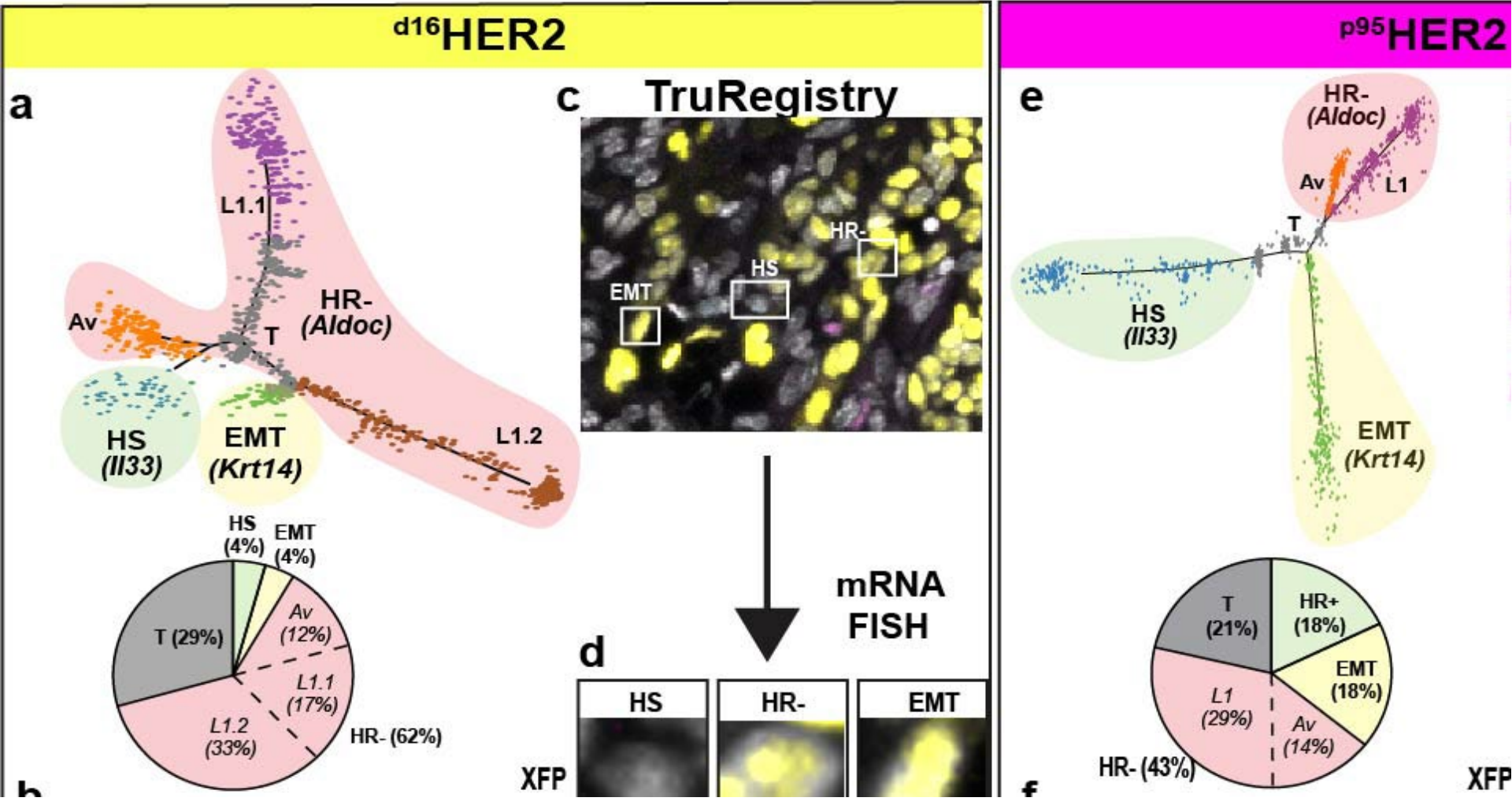
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Extended Data 4. MaXFISH coregistry of sequenced tumors. A portion of tumors used for scRNAseq were MaXFISH coregistered (top) with H&E (middle) and IHC for K1414 (bottom) sequential sections. All scale bars are 100 μm.

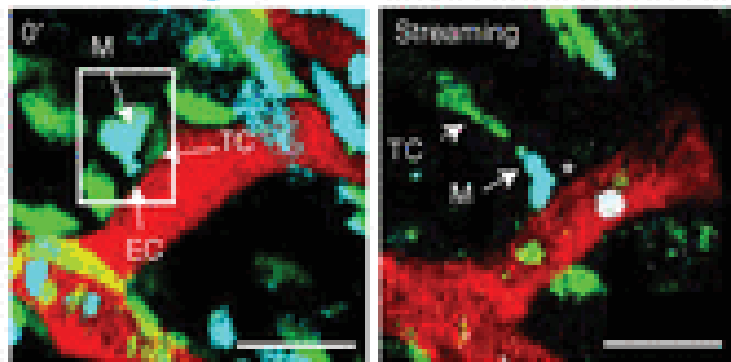
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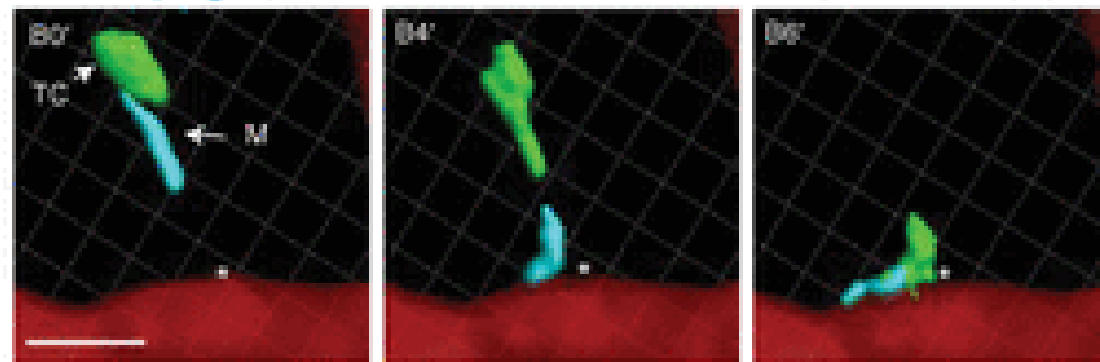
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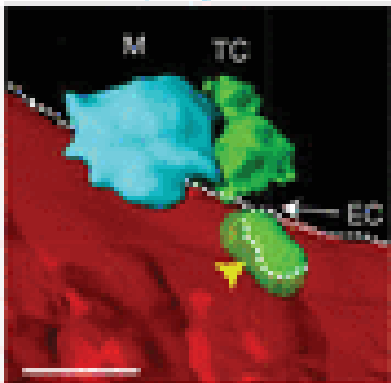
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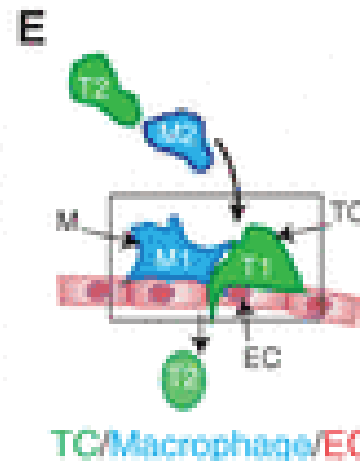
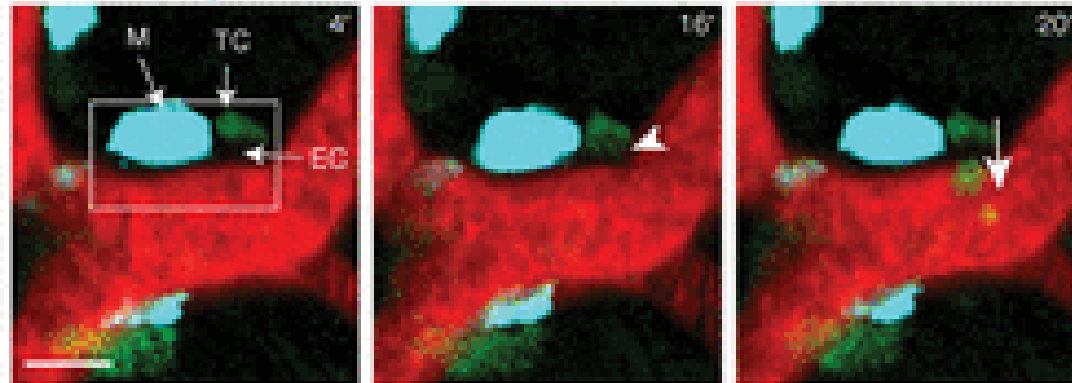
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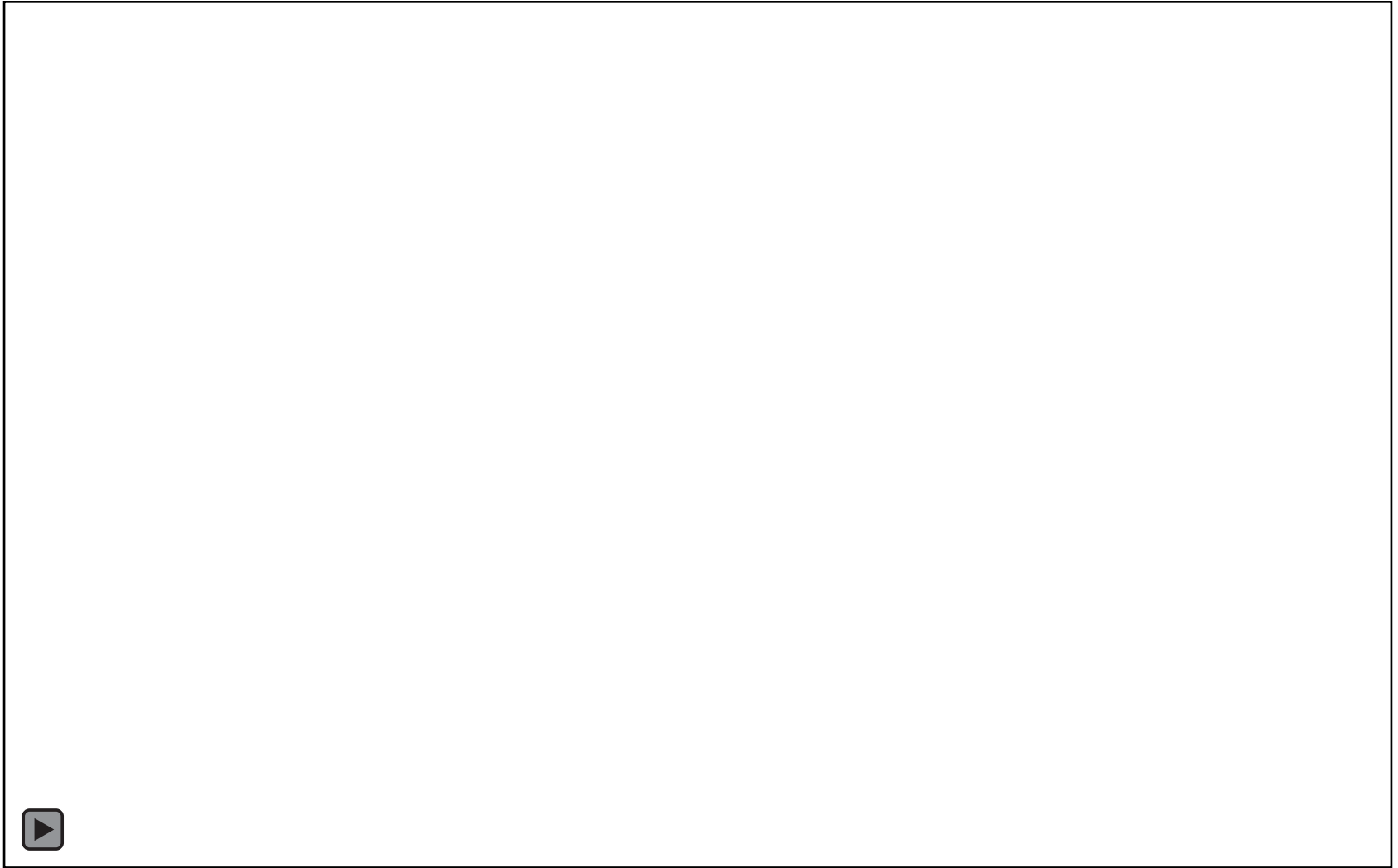
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Three dimensionally reconstructing HER2+ cancer progression- 16 weeks old with HER2+ MIN



Magenta= p95 Her2 nuclei Green=KRT 14 cytoplasm

Neoplastic “Progression”



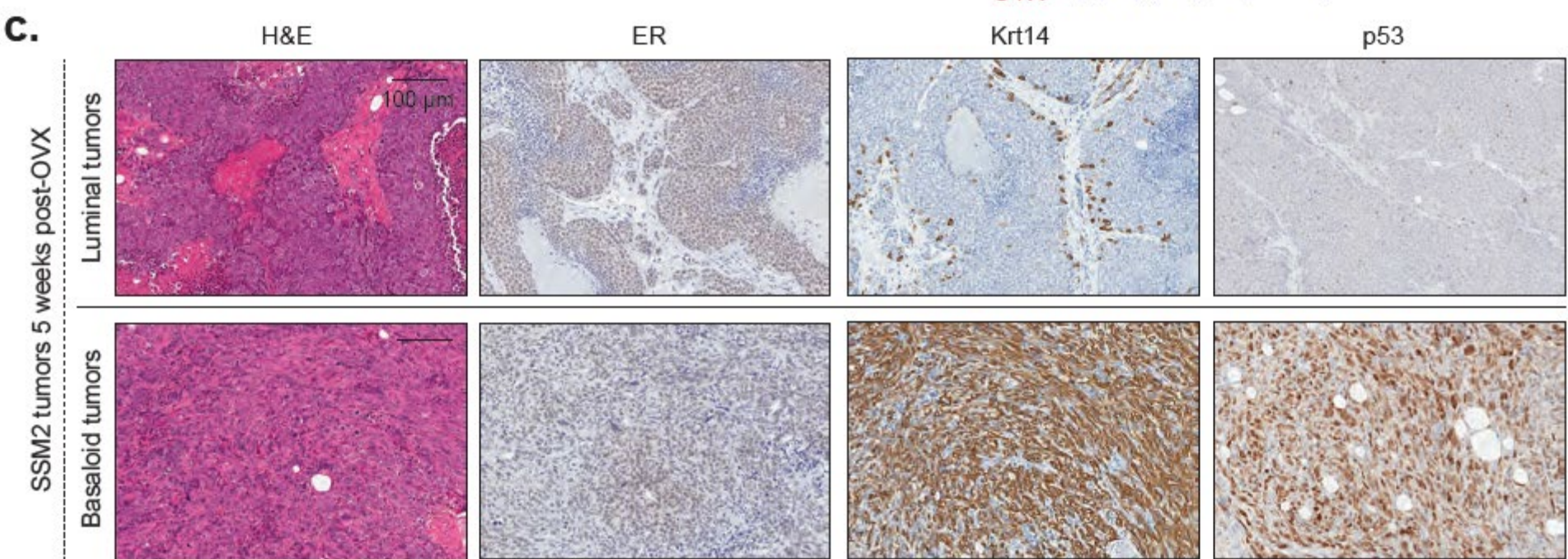
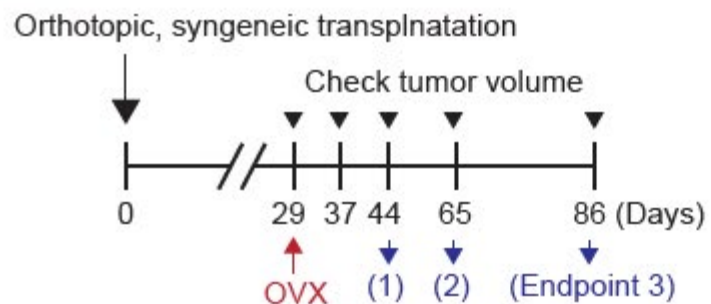
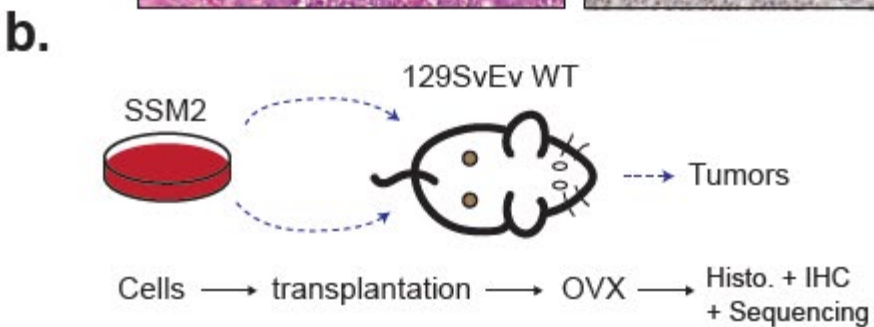
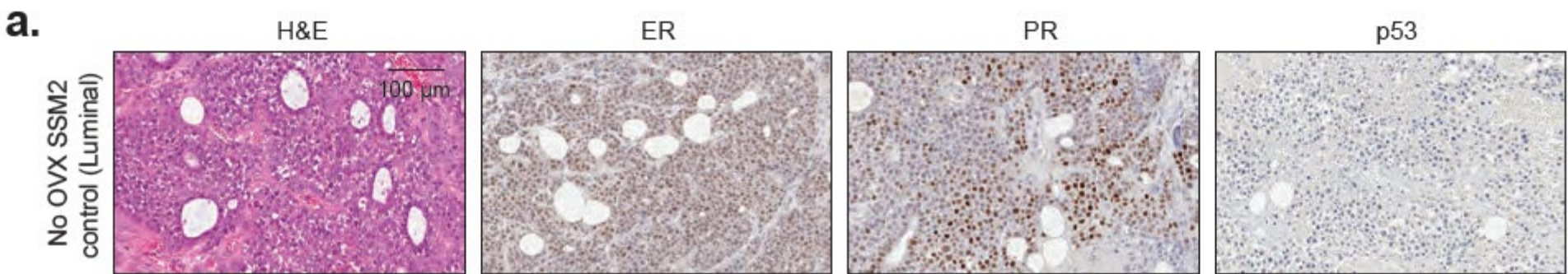
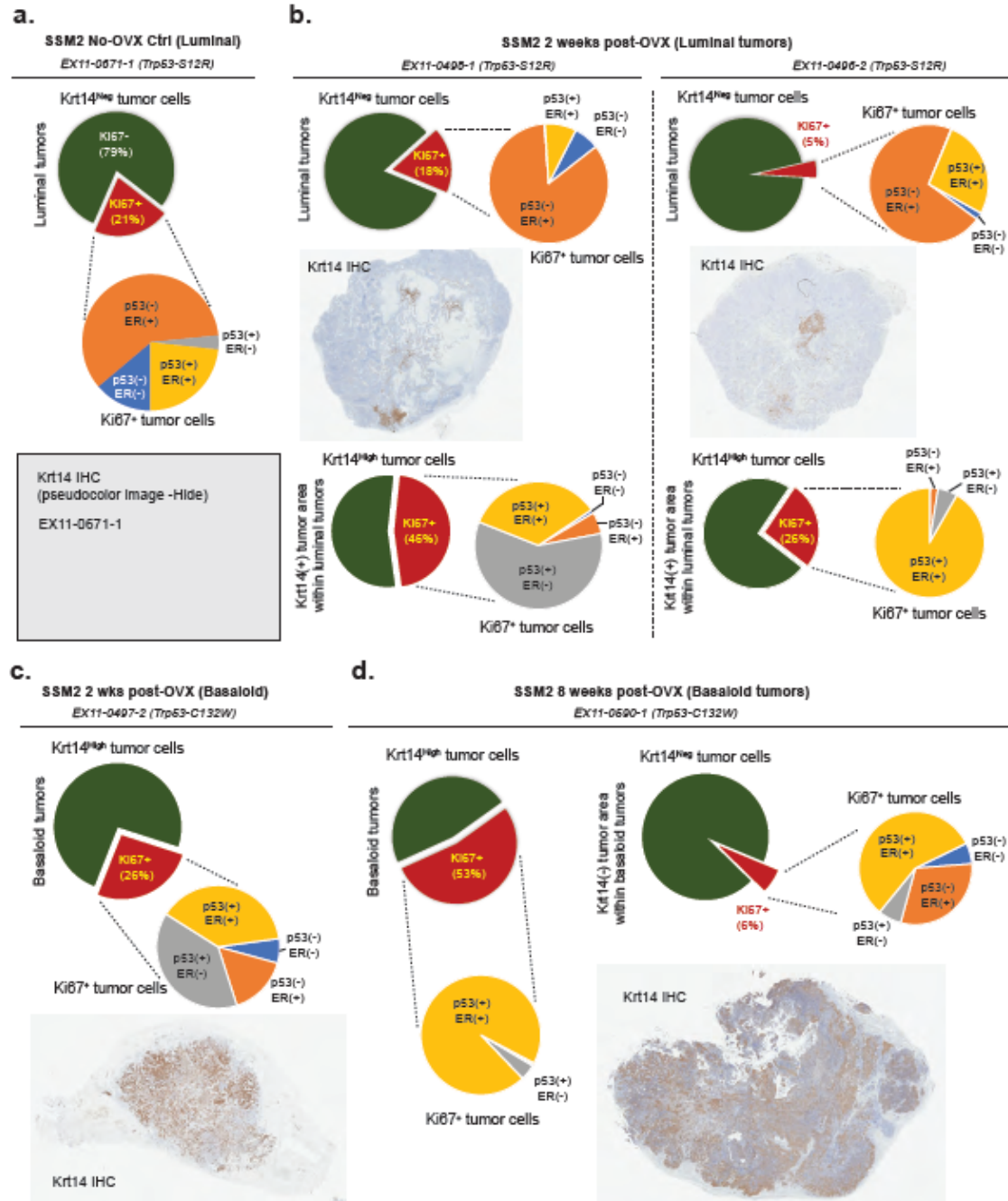


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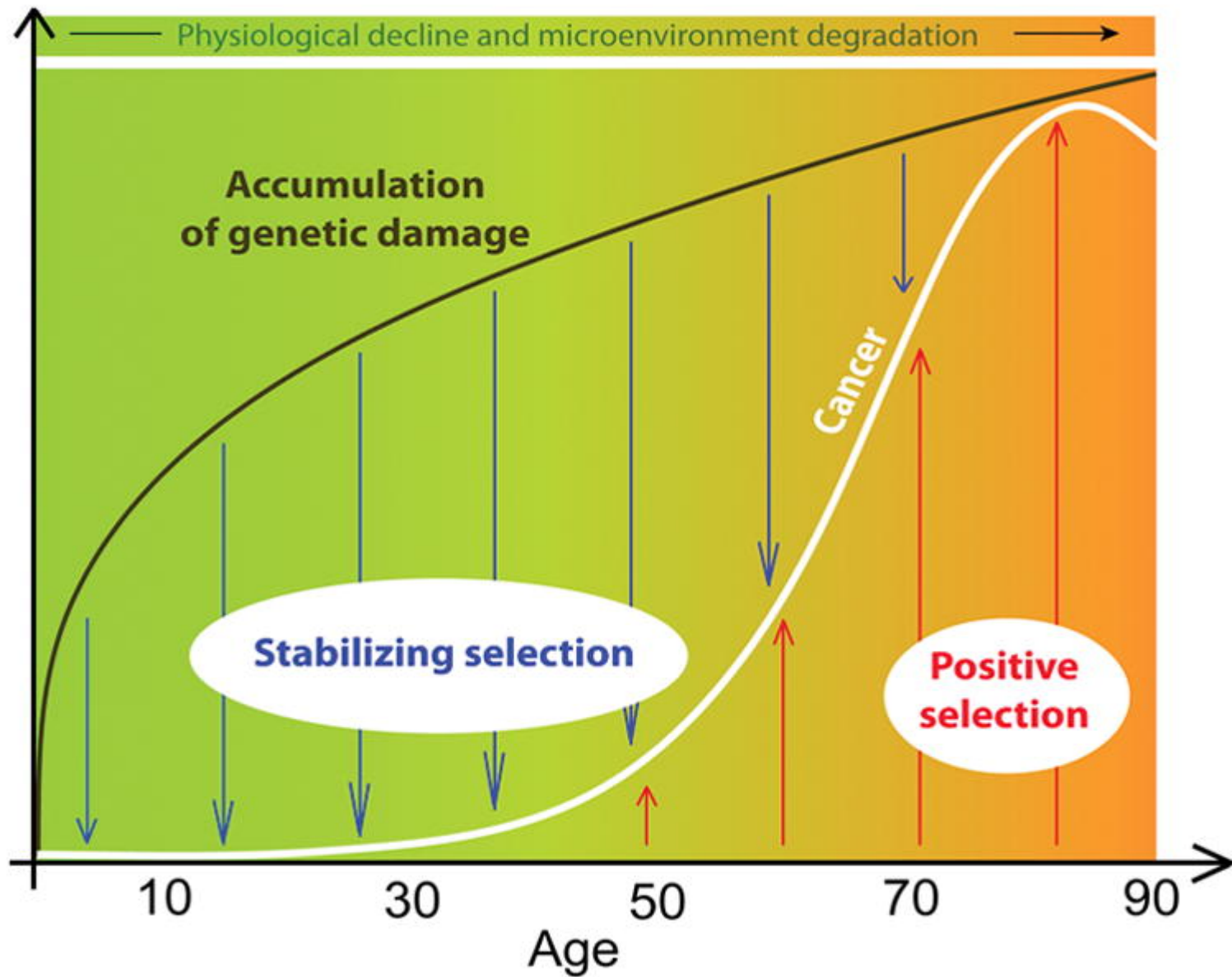


Supplementary Table 1. Summary of *Trp53* mutations in STAT1-null primary and transplanted tumors, and transplanted SSM2^{UCD} tumors before and after ovariectomy.

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12-0420-1	Stat1 ^{KO} primary tumor (Low-p53 tumor)	No SNVs found	N/A	N/A	No SNVs found	N/A
14-0340-2 14-0341-2 14-0342-2	Primary low-p53 OVX transplantations	.	.	.	No SNVs found	N/A
12-0416-5	Stat1 ^{KO} primary tumor (High-p53 tumor)	<i>Trp53-P187R</i> <i>Trp53-H190P</i> <i>Trp53-A273G</i>	6/11 6/11 8/11	0.02 0.00 0.01	<i>Trp53-P187R</i>	6/11
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11-0495-1 11-0497-1	2-weeks post-OVX (Luminal SSM2)	<i>Trp53-S12R</i>	2/11	0.07	<i>Trp53-S12R</i>	2/11
11-0498-1 11-0496-2		.	.	.	<i>Trp53-S12R</i>	2/11
11-0530-1 11-0529-1		5-weeks post-OVX (Luminal SSM2)	<i>Trp53-S12R</i>	2/11	0.07	<i>Trp53-S12R</i>
11-0497-2	2-weeks post-OVX (Basaloid SSM2)	<i>Trp53-C132W</i>	5/11	0.00	<i>Trp53-C132W</i>	5/11
11-0495-2		.	.	.	<i>Trp53-C132W</i>	5/11
11-0530-2 11-0529-2	5-weeks post-OVX (Basaloid SSM2)	<i>Trp53-C132W</i>	5/11	0.00	<i>Trp53-C132W</i>	5/11
11-0590-1	8-weeks post-OVX (Basaloid SSM2)	.	.	.	<i>Trp53-C132W</i>	5/11

[#]SIFT score: > 0.05, tolerated; 0.00-0.02 (< 0.05), deleterious

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[James DeGregori¹](#)

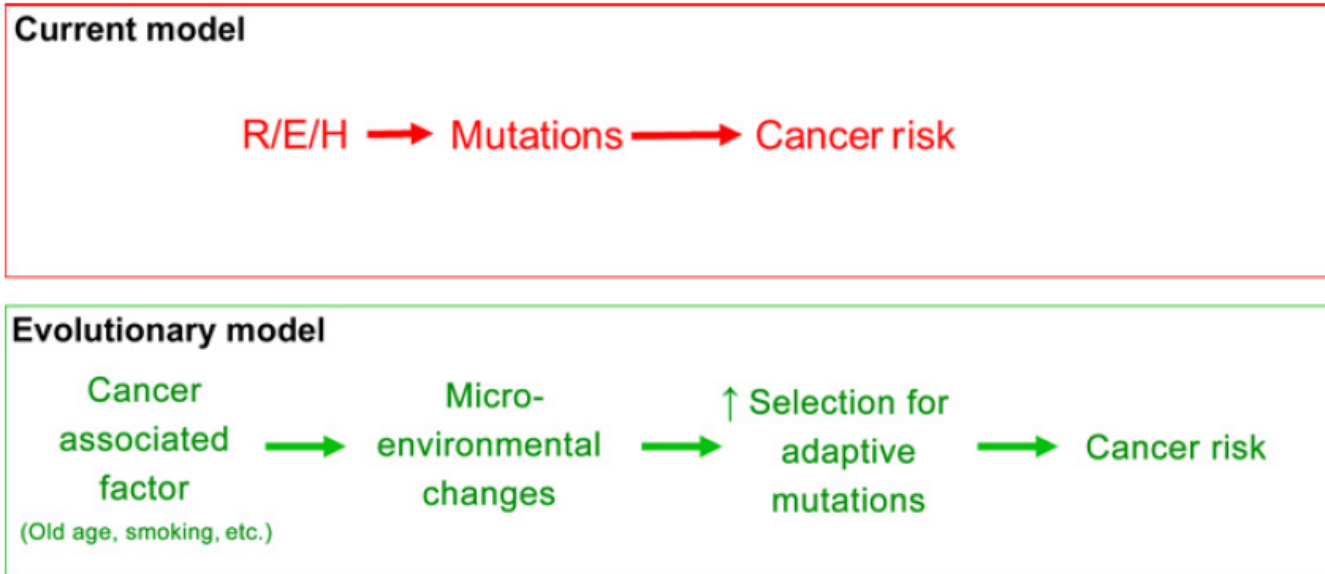
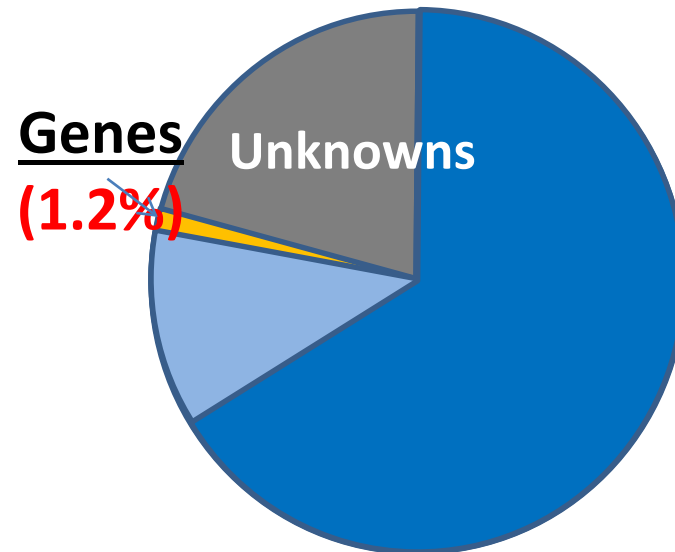


Figure 1. Models connecting cancer to its causative contexts. Top, according to the current paradigm that forms the foundation for the Tomasetti and colleagues model, the primary role of R, E, and H in determining cancer risk is through increasing mutational burden in tissue stem cells. Bottom, an alternative model posits that the major impact for contexts like old age and environmental exposures on cancer risk is through alterations in tissue microenvironments that promote selection for adaptive mutations that contribute to cancer development. Adaptive mutations could emanate from R, E, and/or H, and increases in mutational burden from R, E, and/or H should increase cancer risk. However, the impact of cancer-associated factors on selection will have a much greater deterministic role.

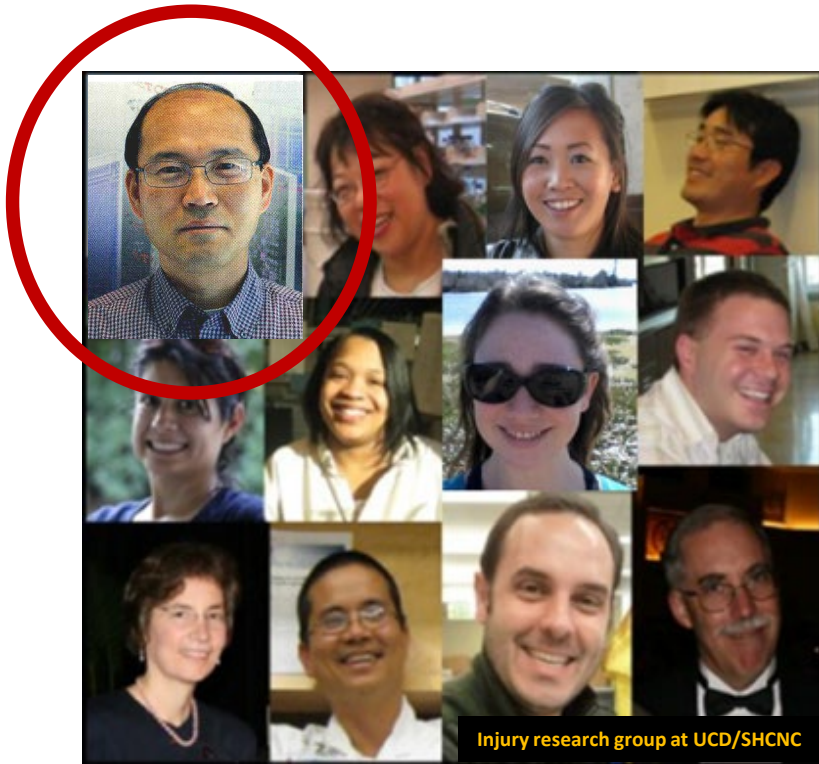


Genes, Genomes and Phenotypes



Gene sequences of humans and mice

→ Reported to be ~80% homologous



VS



Kiho's Journey

~80% similarity in phenotype?

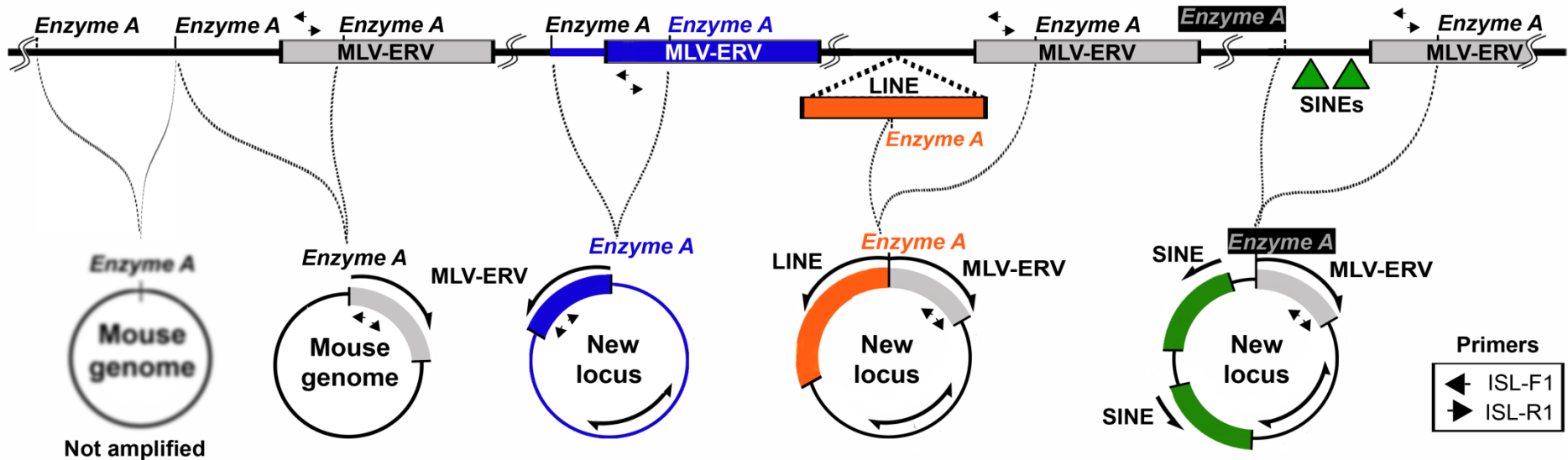


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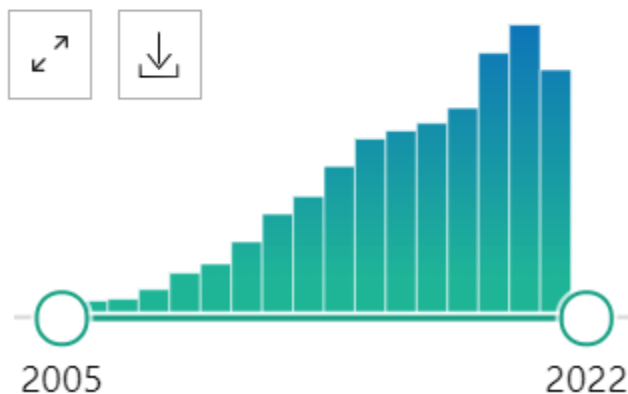
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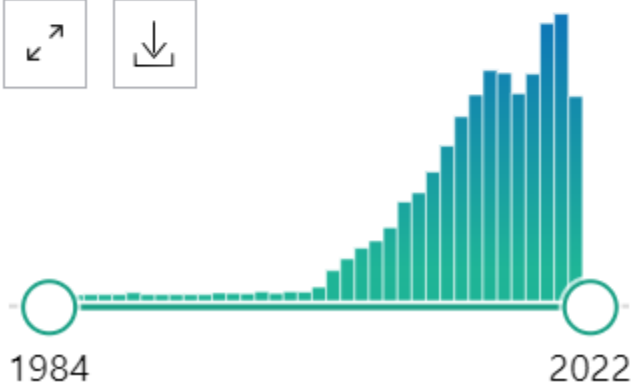
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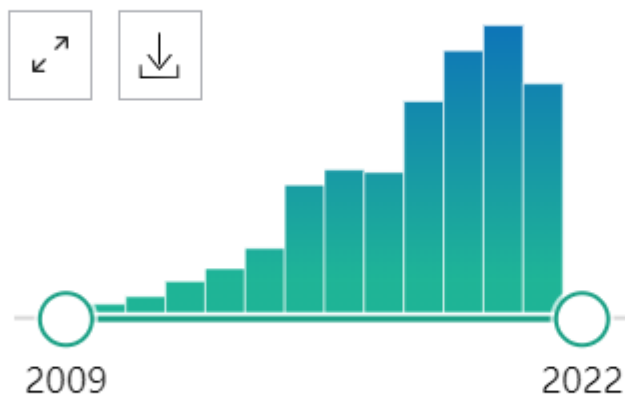
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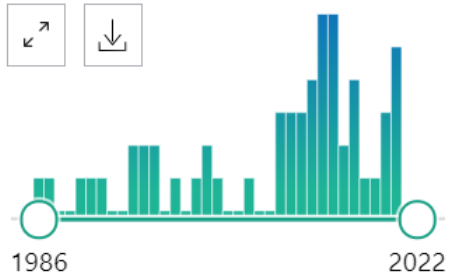
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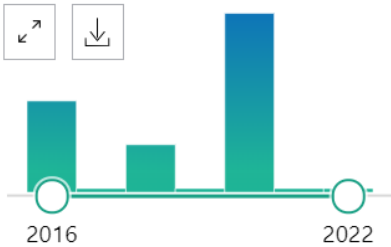
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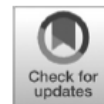
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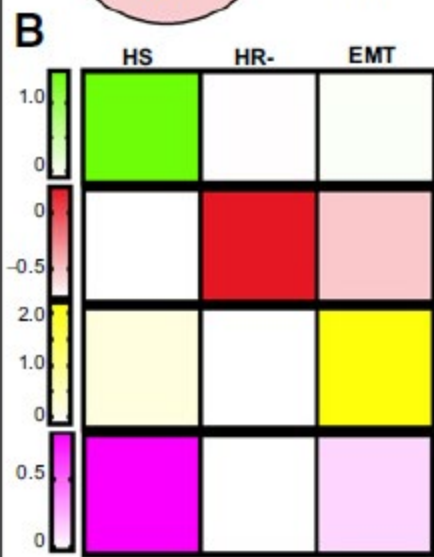
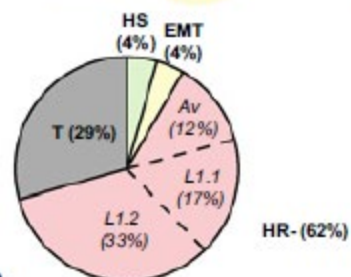
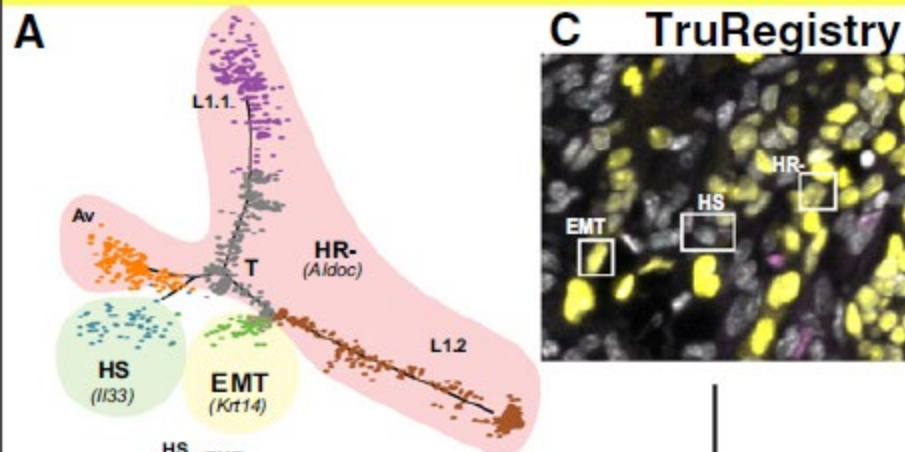
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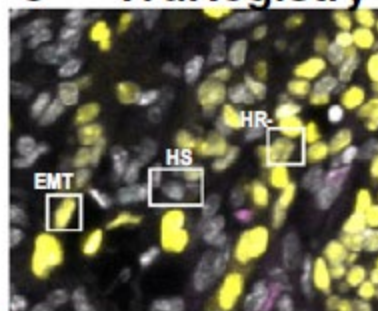
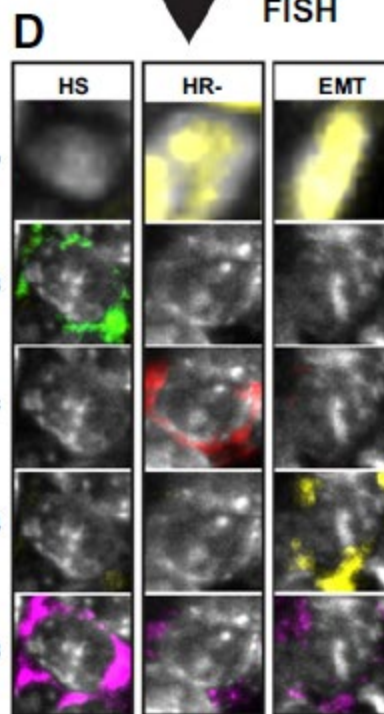


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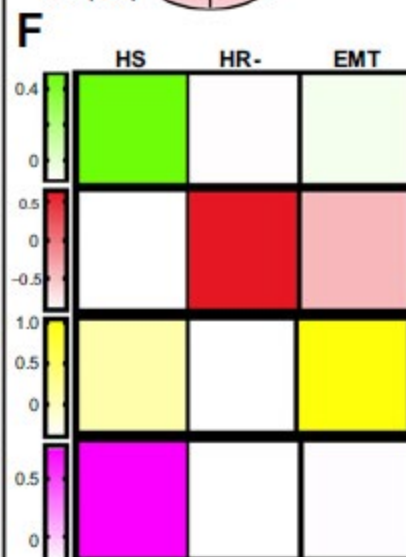
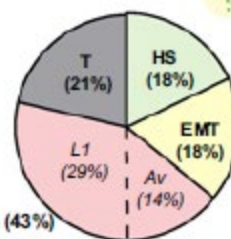
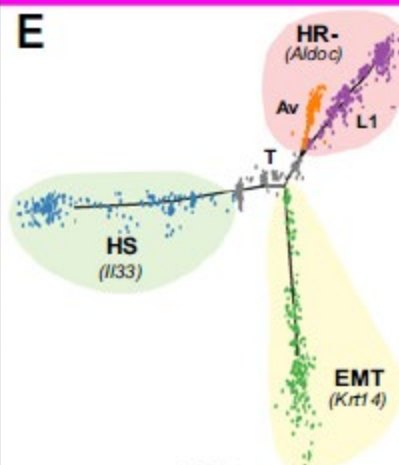
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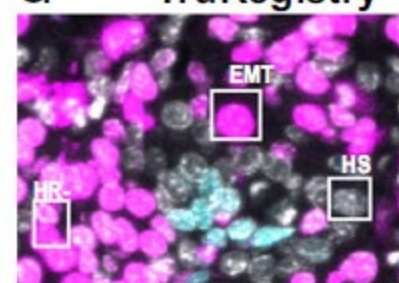
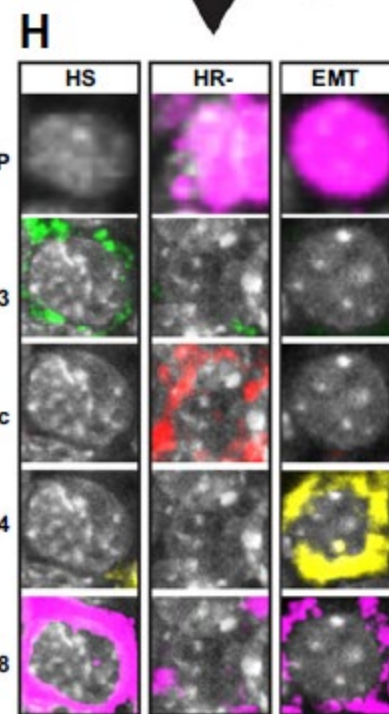
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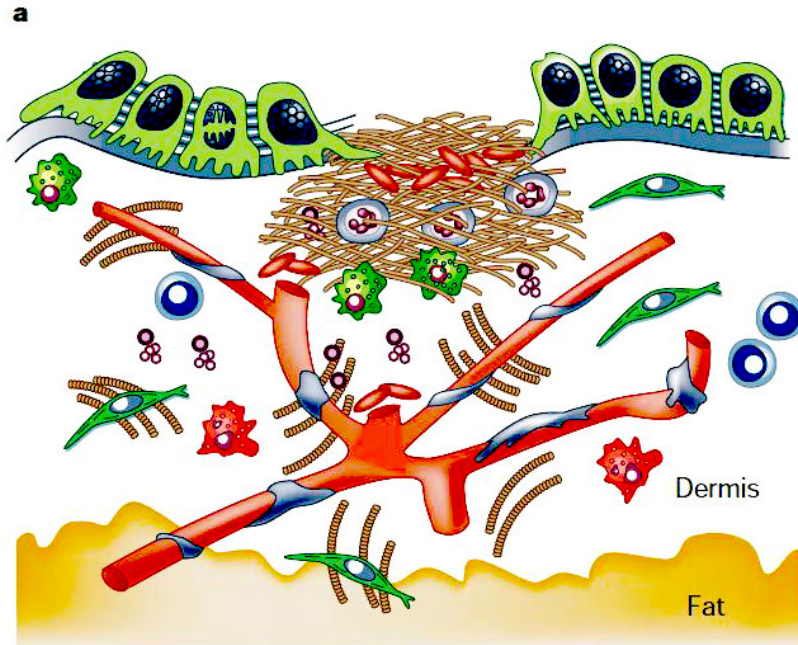


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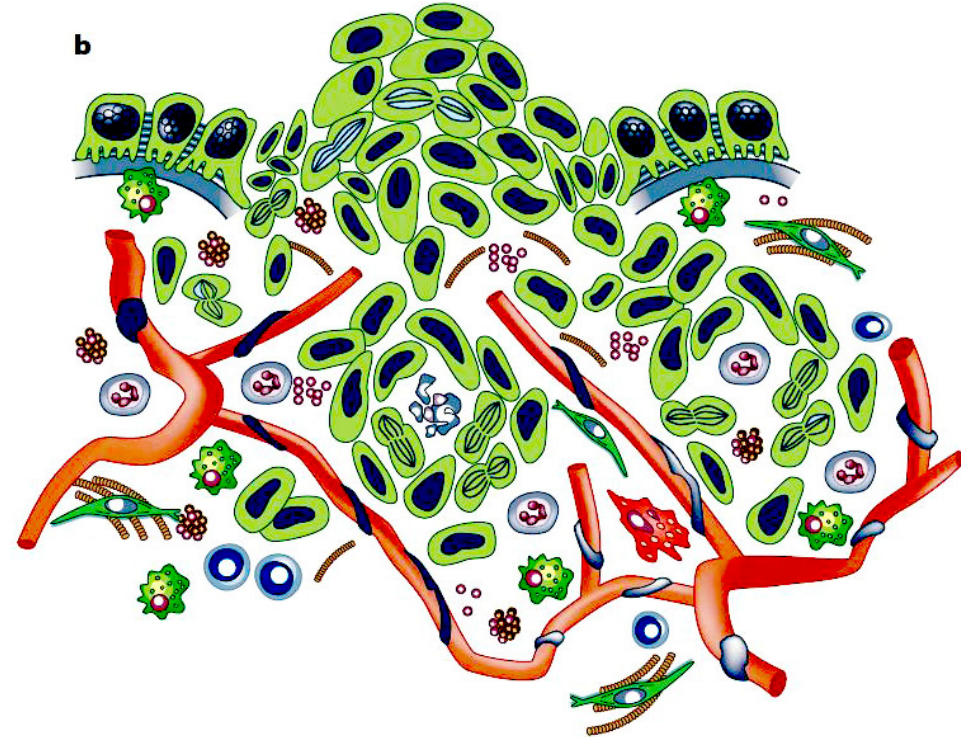
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- **Invasive vs expansile growth**
- **Non invasive metastasis (tumor emboli)**
- **Metastasis**











Similarities Between Wound Healing and Tumor Growth

Wound Healing



Tumor Growth



- | | | | | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
|  | Epithelial cell and basement membrane |  | Endothelial cells and capillary support cells (pericytes, smooth muscle cells) |  | Platelets and fibrin clot |
|  | Neutrophils |  | Mast cells/eosinophils/basophils |  | Cytokines/chemokines |
|  | Lymphocytes |  | Fibroblasts and fibrillar collagens |  | Malignant epithelial cells |
|  | Macrophage/monocyte | | | | |

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