

« Women have a passion for  
Mathematics...

...They divide their age in half,  
double the price of their clothes,  
and always add at least five years  
to the age of their best friend »



# Welcome to METRONOMICS 3.0

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« Oral low dose chemotherapy »...

... « Continous Infusion »



# Oral low dose chemotherapy



Pediatr Blood Cancer 2004;42:320–324

## Oral Etoposide for Recurrent/Progressive Sarcomas of Childhood<sup>†</sup>

Rejin Kebudi, MD,\* Ömer Görgün, MD, and Inci Ayan, MD

**L** are uncommon tumors that constitute 1% to 2% of all pediatric brain tumors.<sup>1–27</sup> Because of the location of optic pathway gliomas, cytoreductive surgery is infrequently performed.<sup>19,28</sup> As a result, clinical management consists primarily of radiotherapy or chemotherapy.\* Because the slow growth of these tumors may, in part, reflect the high incidence of low-grade tumor histologic findings, natural history is unpredictable; therefore, treatment is usually post-

mary therapy. Data that have established the efficacy of chemotherapy for the treatment of low-grade gliomas have been limited, although a number of preliminary studies that used a variety of chemotherapeutic agents have suggested high response rates.<sup>2,4,6,8,11,20,26,29–31</sup>

The present study, conducted at the University of California, San Diego, expands on this experience wherein a long-term, oral-dosing schedule of etoposide (VP-16) was utilized in treating 14 children with recurrent chiasmatic-hypo-

response of 8 months. In summary; oral VP-16 is a well tolerated and relatively non-toxic chemotherapy agent with apparent activity in this small cohort of patients with recurrent brainstem gliomas.

### Introduction

Malignant gliomas involving the brainstem account for 10–20% of pediatric and 1–2% of adult brain tumors [1, 2]. These tumors produce disproportionate neurological dysfunction for their size. While these tumors vary from well differentiated

results when the surgeon operates on intraluminal lesions of the brainstem. Radiation therapy for malignant gliomas of the brainstem is of therapeutic value and the most effective treatment [8]. Reported series indicate that 5 year survival 20–30% are to be expected following radiation therapy [8]. Radiation therapy improves survival

21 patients  
50 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/day  
D1-D21 D31-52  
CR=1 +2; PR=4; SD=7+1  
7 months (+2 alive years)

14 patients  
50 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/day  
D1-D21 D36-57  
CR=1; PR=4; SD=3  
8 months

12 patients  
50 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/day  
D1-D21 D36-57  
CR=1; PR=3; SD=2  
8 months

To overcome these problems, a study was designed to test the ability of a therapy to prolong the duration of a remission. A higher proportion of patients would be available early in the course of their illness for such a study. Moreover, the treatment of patients in whom the leukemic process is in remission would permit objective evaluation of pharmacologic and toxic properties of the agent. Finally, a study of remission maintenance uses a continuous variable, namely duration of remission compared to remission induction where a yes or no variable is used, and allows for the quantitative evaluation of an agent. Such a quantitative evaluation could be a basis for ranking of agents in man. This ranking could be of great aid to those concerned with the synthesis of new compounds and the testing of compounds in animal systems.

6-MP was selected as a known active agent to test such an experimental

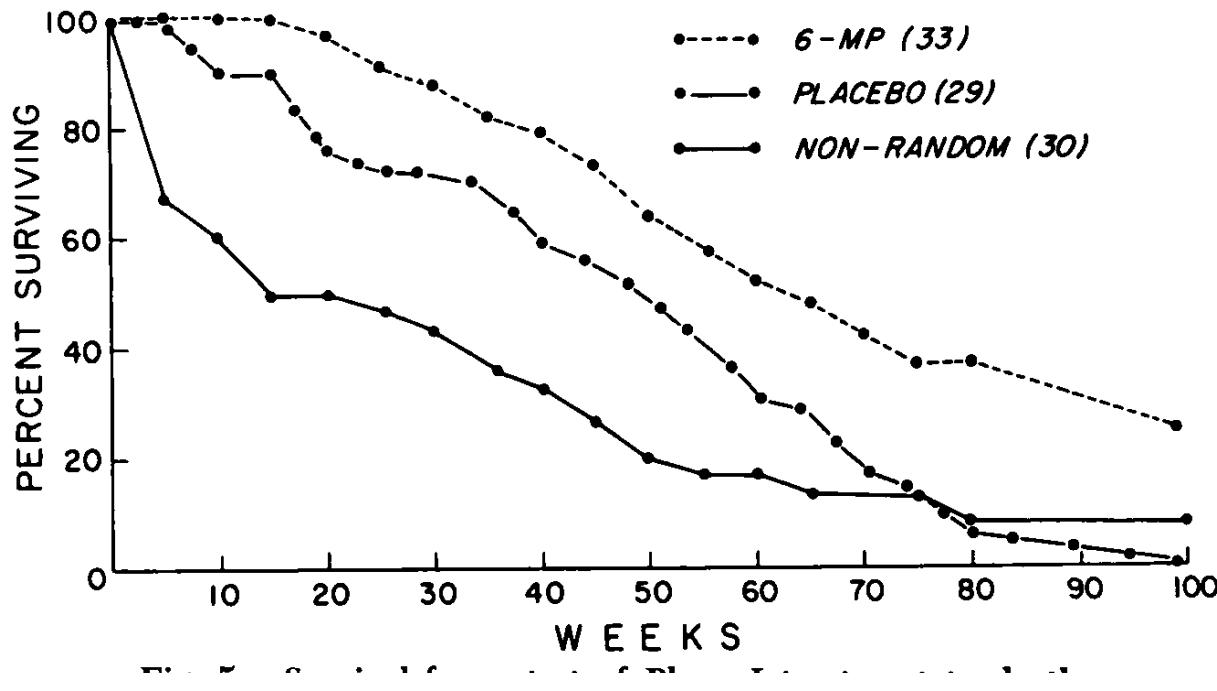
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achieved (A-1)† or for a maximum of 28 days. Patients who improved (from A-3) after 28 days of corticosteroid therapy went course of therapy for remission induction (Phase III, NRS) marrow remission (A-1) before 28 days or marrow remission (A-1) were assigned randomly to 6-MP or placebo (given double-blind) maintenance phase of the study (Phase II). This part of the sequential evaluation so that the study could be stopped as soon as one treatment was superior to the other in the maintenance. Sequential design is explained in the Appendix.

Full dosage of 6-MP (3 mg./Kg./day) was used for maintenance modified dose.\* Placebo was given at the same dose. Maintenance Phase II until bone marrow relapse occurred (A-3). At this time and those patients who had received placebo maintained 6-MP for remission induction and maintenance (Phase III, RS patients)

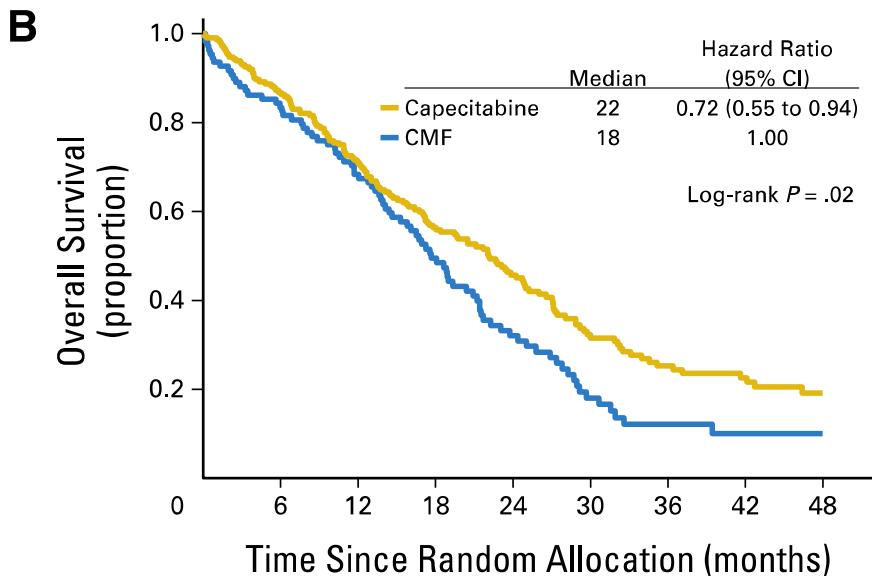
Fig. 4.—Survival from start of Phase II treatment to death.



« Low dose purinethol » is active un first line treatment of children ALL and increases the length of CR

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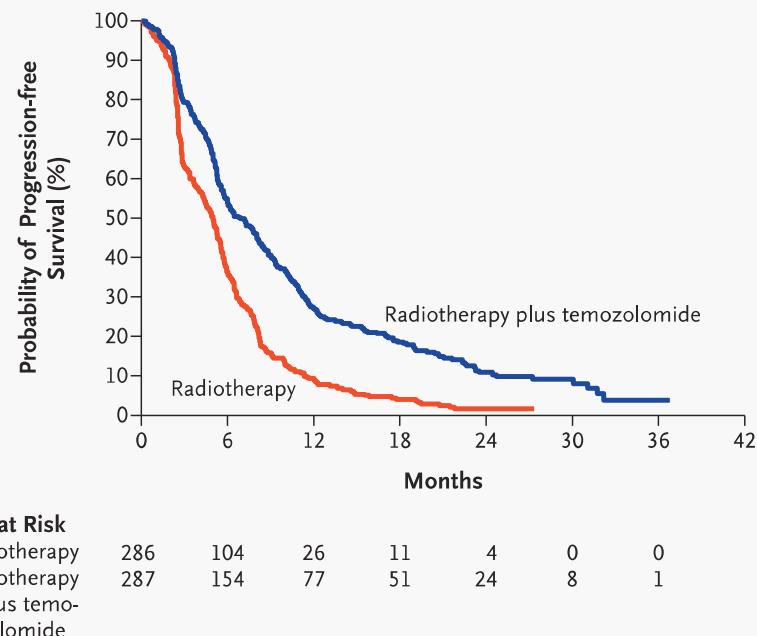
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## ORIGINAL ARTICLE

### Radiotherapy plus Concomitant and Adjuvant Temozolomide for Glioblastoma

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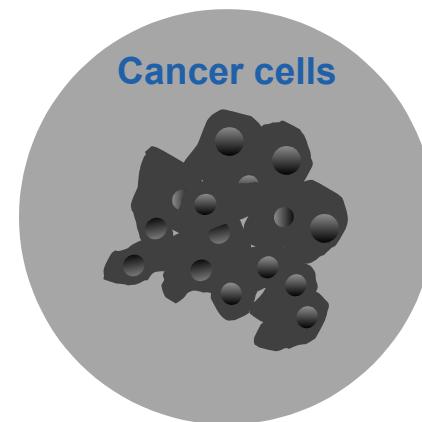
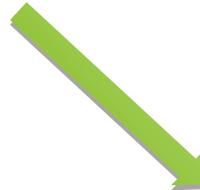
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*Clinical Study*

## Recurrent brainstem gliomas treated with oral VP-16\*

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## Clinical Cancer Research



## Clinical pharmacology of chronic oral etoposide in patients with small cell and non-small cell lung cancer.

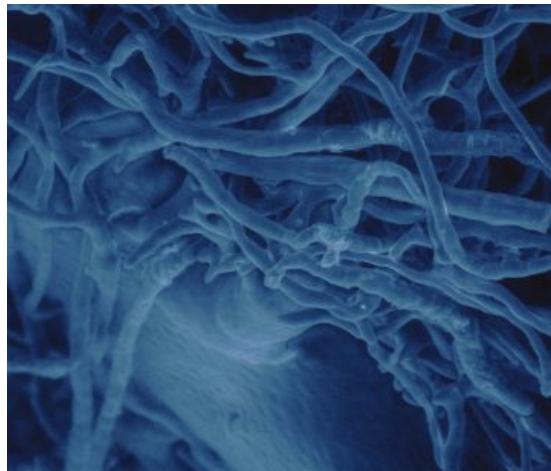
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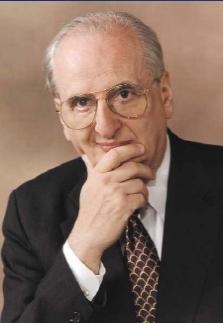
## Metronomic Chemotherapy : an anti-angiogenic chemotherapy



### THE ANTI-ANGIOGENIC BASIS OF METRONOMIC CHEMOTHERAPY

Robert S. Kerbel\* and Barton A. Kamen†

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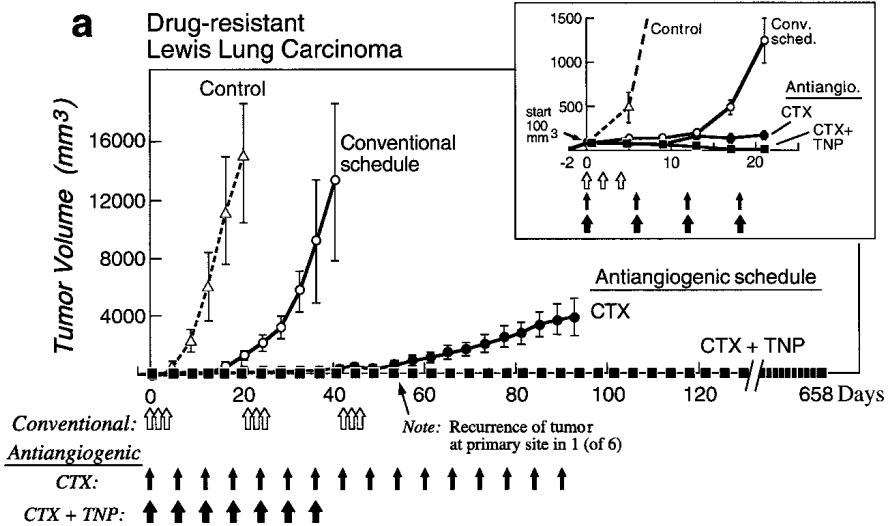
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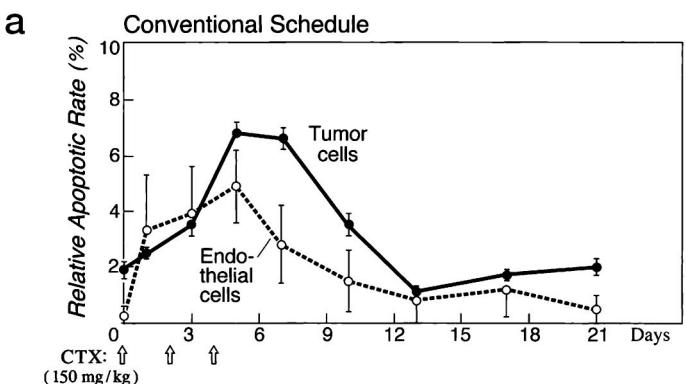
## « Low dose : anti-angiogenic scheduling »

- activity in S&R cell lines
- Cyclophosphamide, 5FU, purinethol

- Good tolerance

- Lung cancer
- Breast cancer
- Leukemias

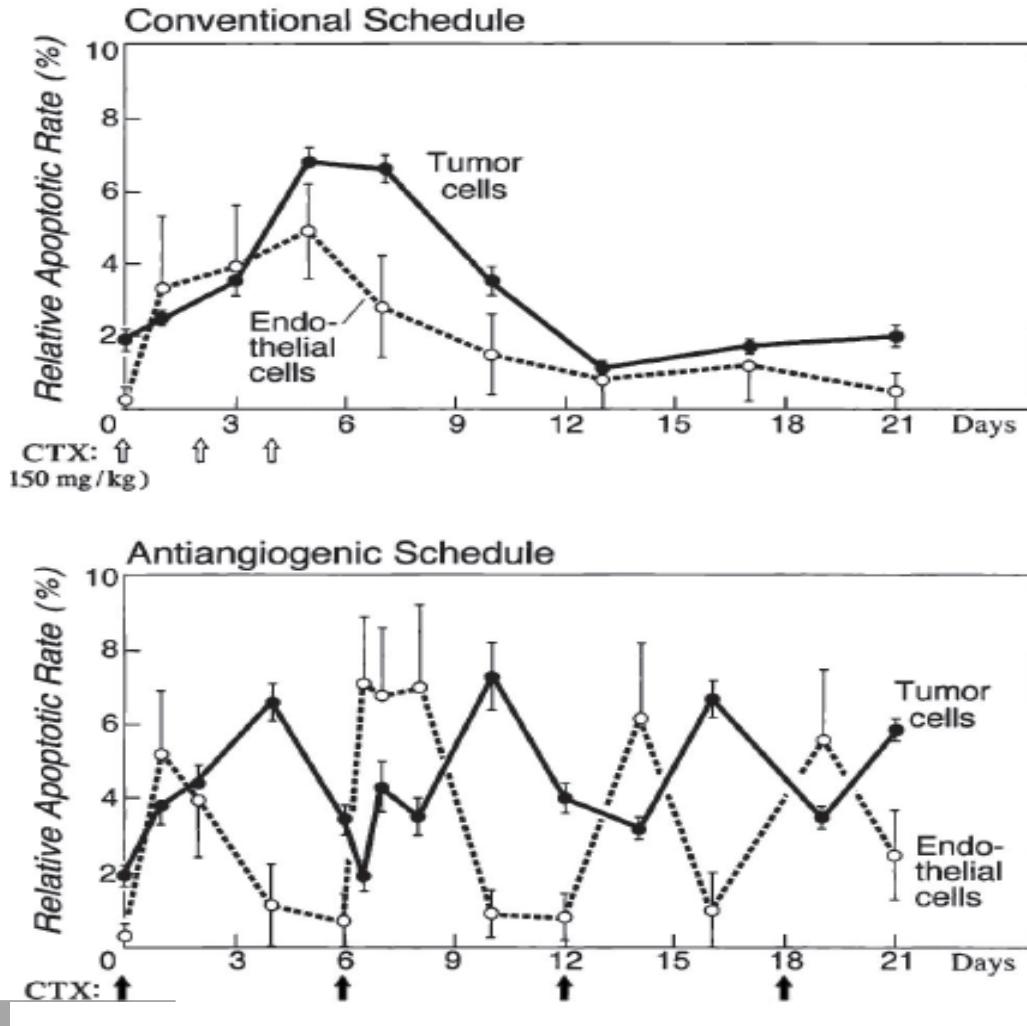
--- Target the endothelium AND NOT CANCER CELLS



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- **Metronomic Chemotherapy**

- Frequent administration & low dose chemotherapy without long breaks (Kerb *Nat Rev Cancer* 2004 )



- « Less is more, regularly »
- Overcomes resistance, CHANGES THE TARGET !!!



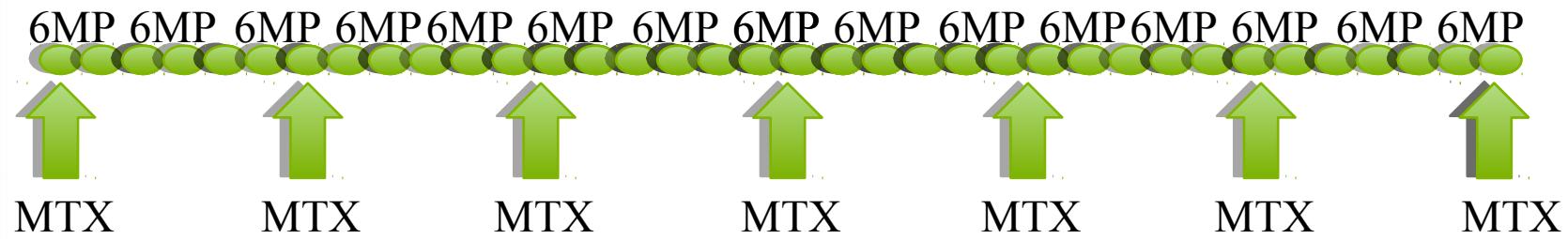
- The minimum biologically effective dose of a chemotherapeutic agent, which, when given at a continuous dosing regimen with no prolonged drug-free breaks leads to anti-tumor activity.”

(Klement & Kamen JPHO 2011)



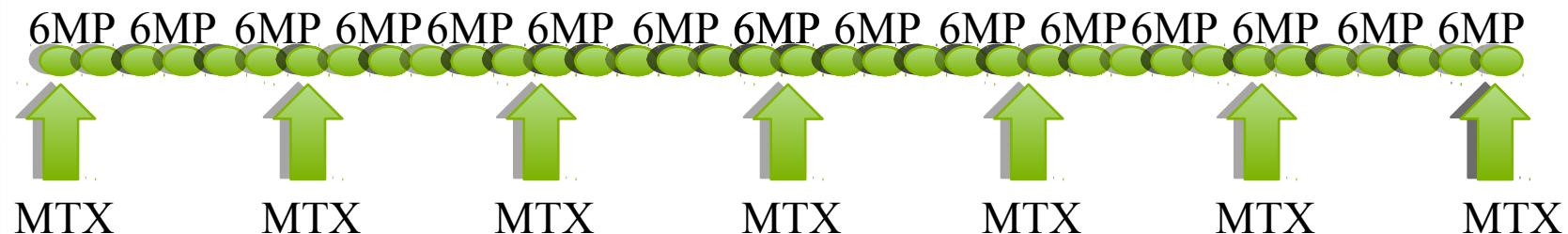
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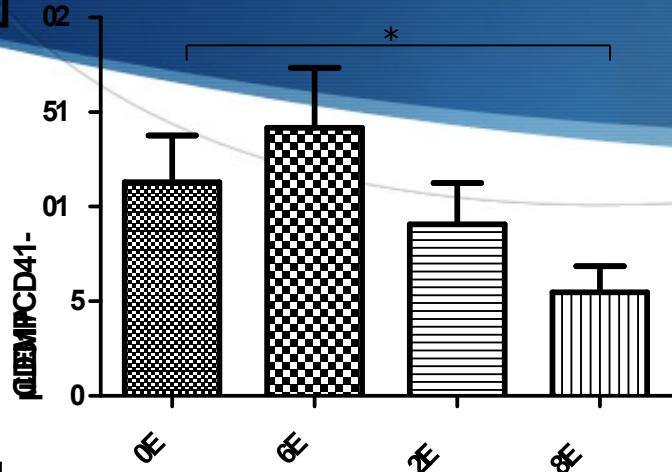
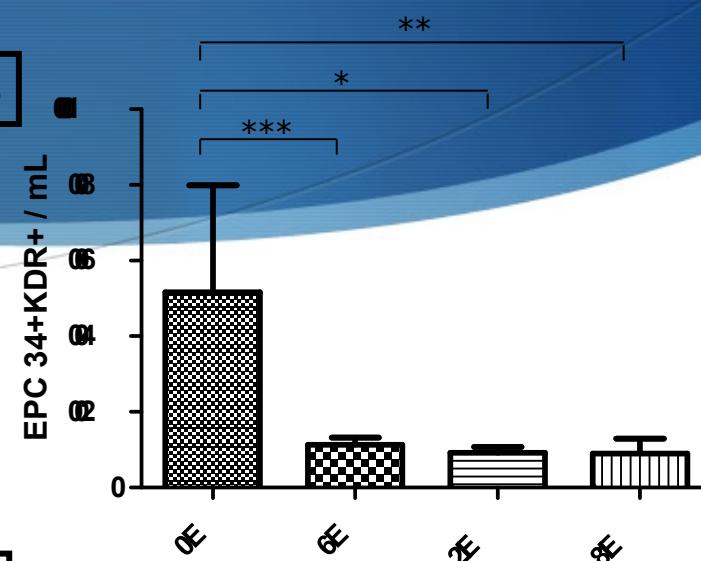
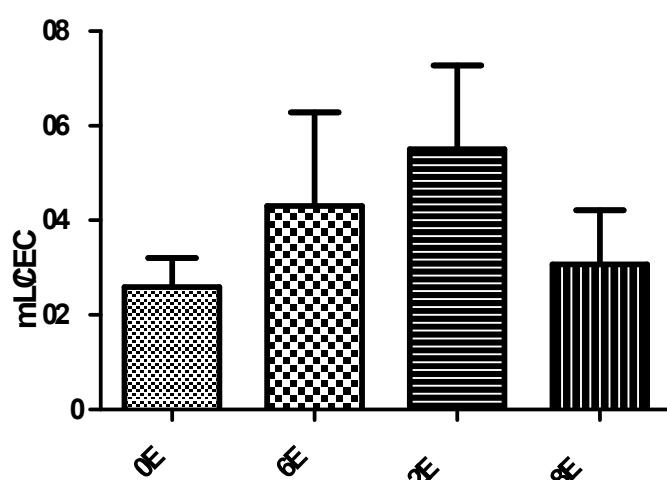
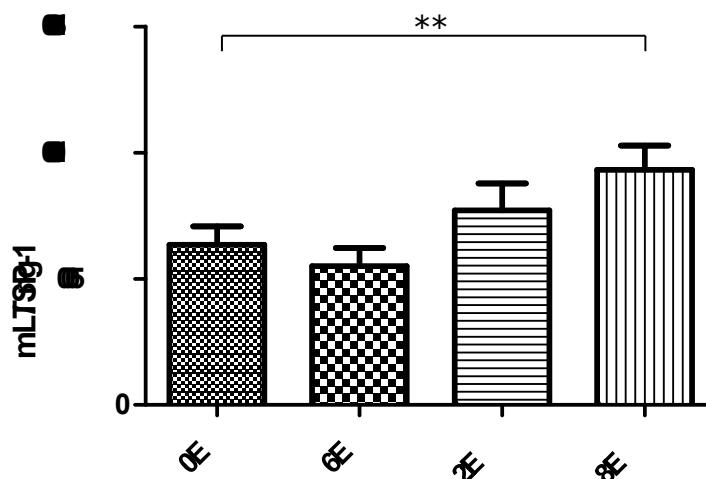


# Maintenance for ALL ????

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# Metronomic Chemotherapy ????

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## Maintenance

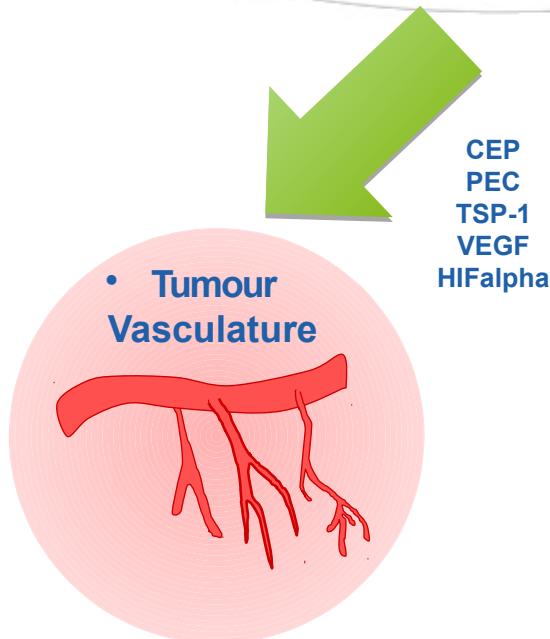
- puts the endothelium to rest:
- decreases its activation and mobilization of EPC
- associated with an increase in TSP-1

# Palliative Chemotherapy ????



# Metronomic Chemotherapy ????

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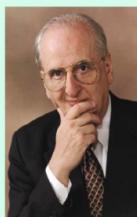
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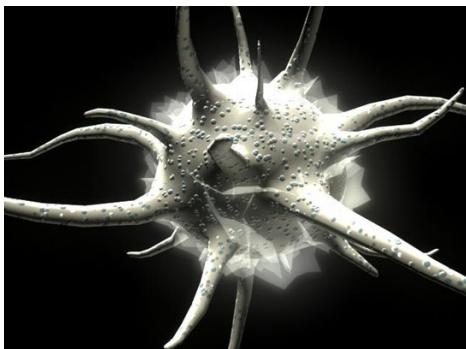


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## The Multi-target nature of Metronomic Chemotherapy



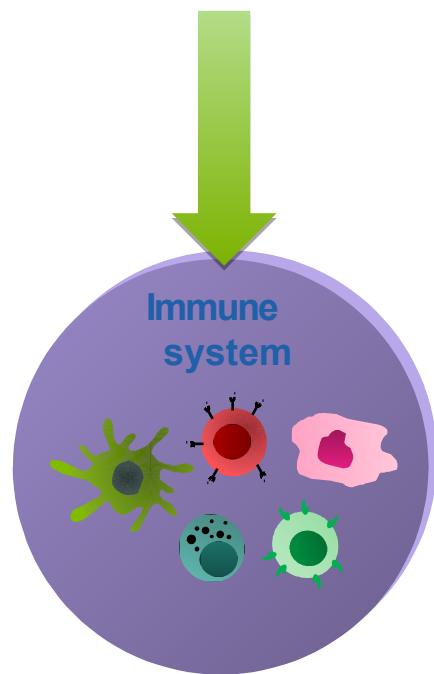
### Metronomic chemotherapy: new rationale for new directions

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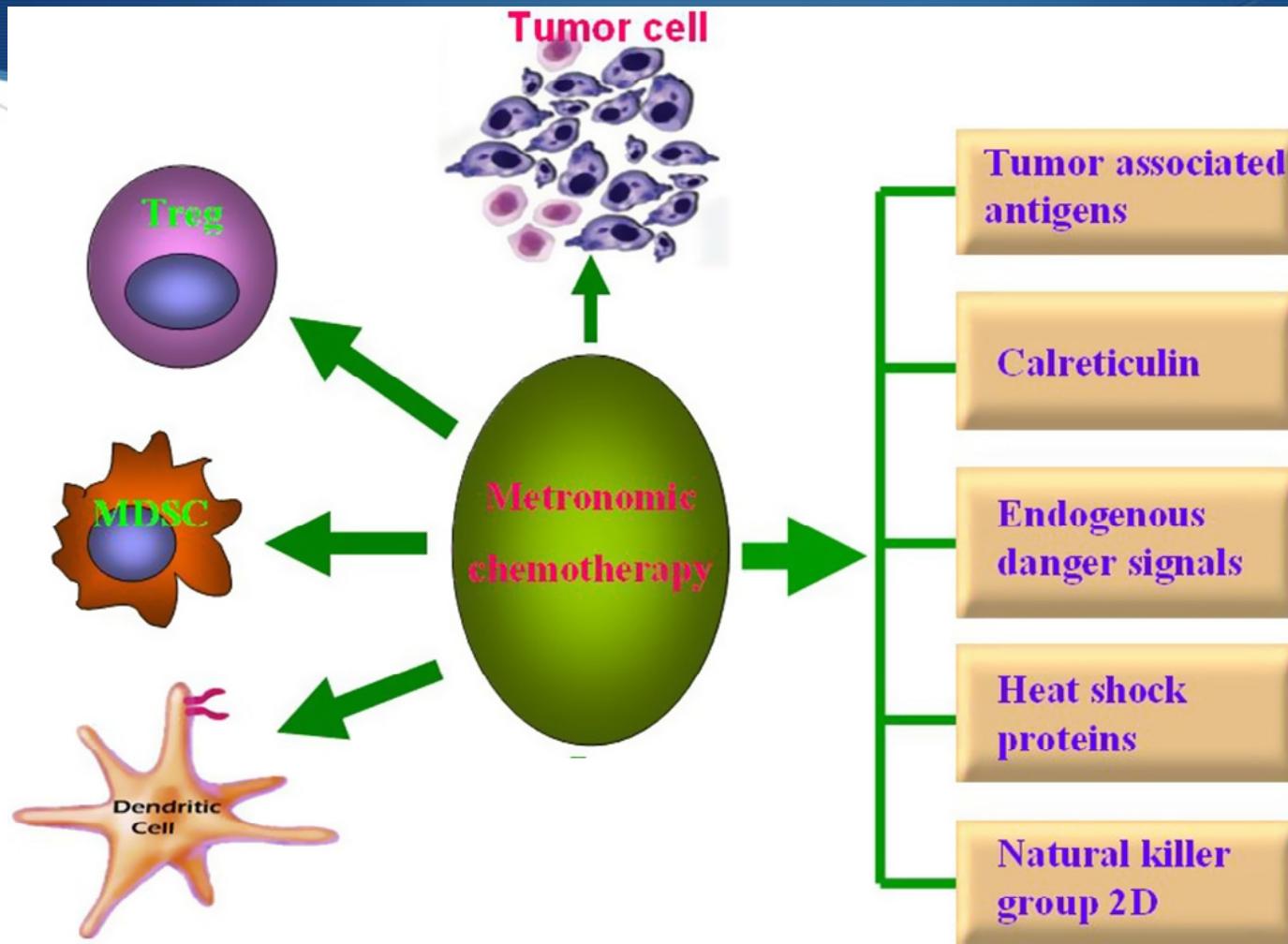
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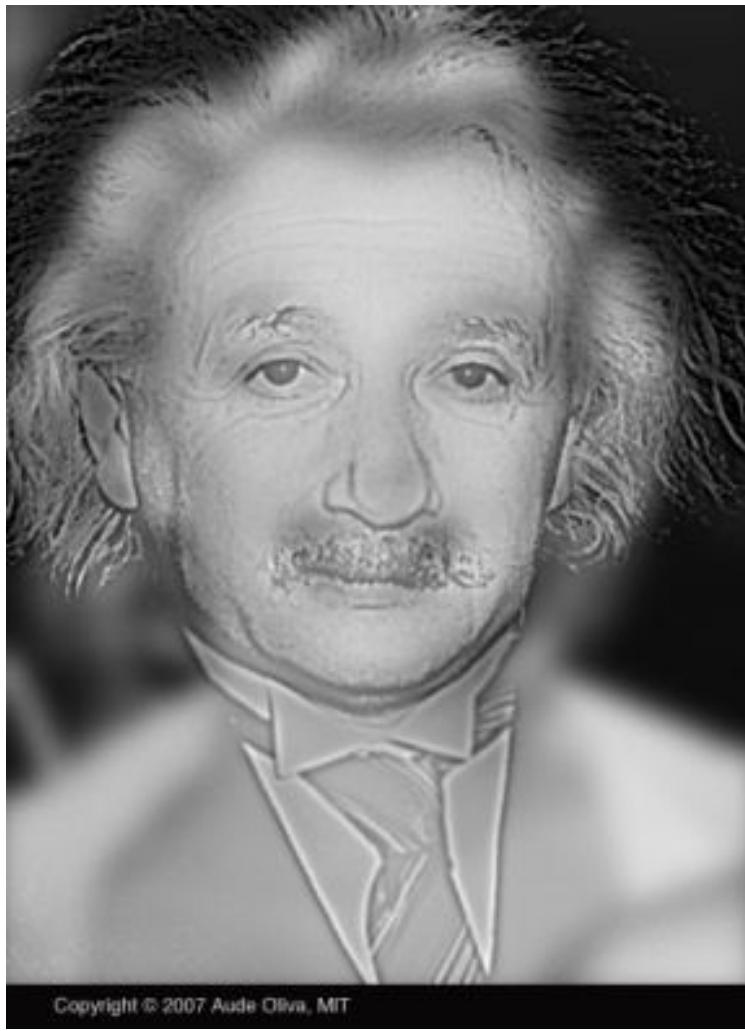
**Metronomic  
& Immunity**



## **MC tilts the immune system from immuno-suppression to immuno-stimulation.**

- 1) Induces immunogenic cell death
- 2) Increases immunogenicity of cancer cells
- 3) Increases Ag presentation via Dendritic cells activation
- 3) Induces Treg Depletion
- 4) Modulates myeloidderived suppressor cells (MDSC)
- 5) Increases the cytotoxic activity of T cells

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# Metronomic temozolamide (cyclophosphamide)



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Metronomic Treg Depletor ????  
Antiangiogenic treatment ????



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(Metronomic low) dose vinblastine

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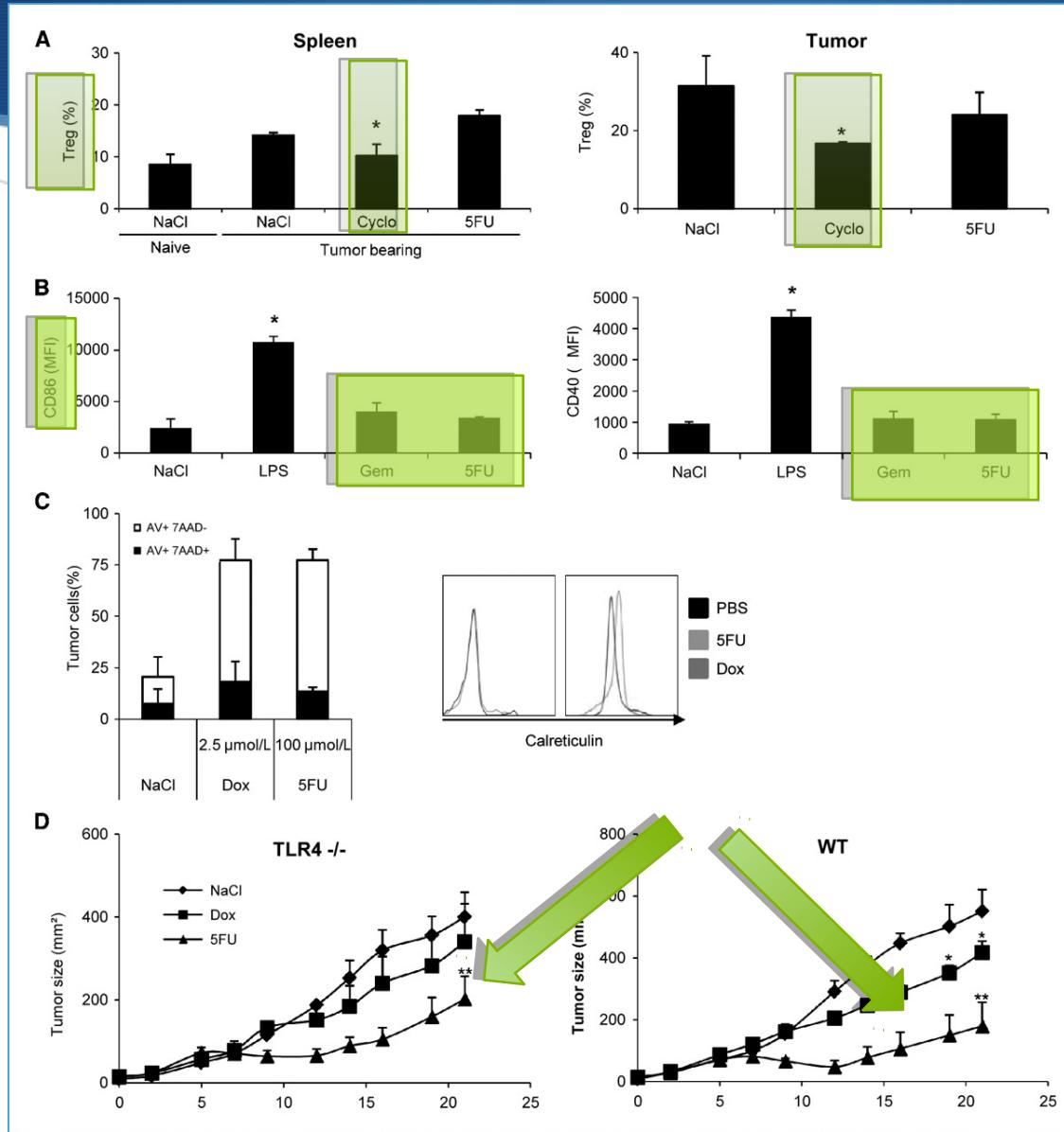


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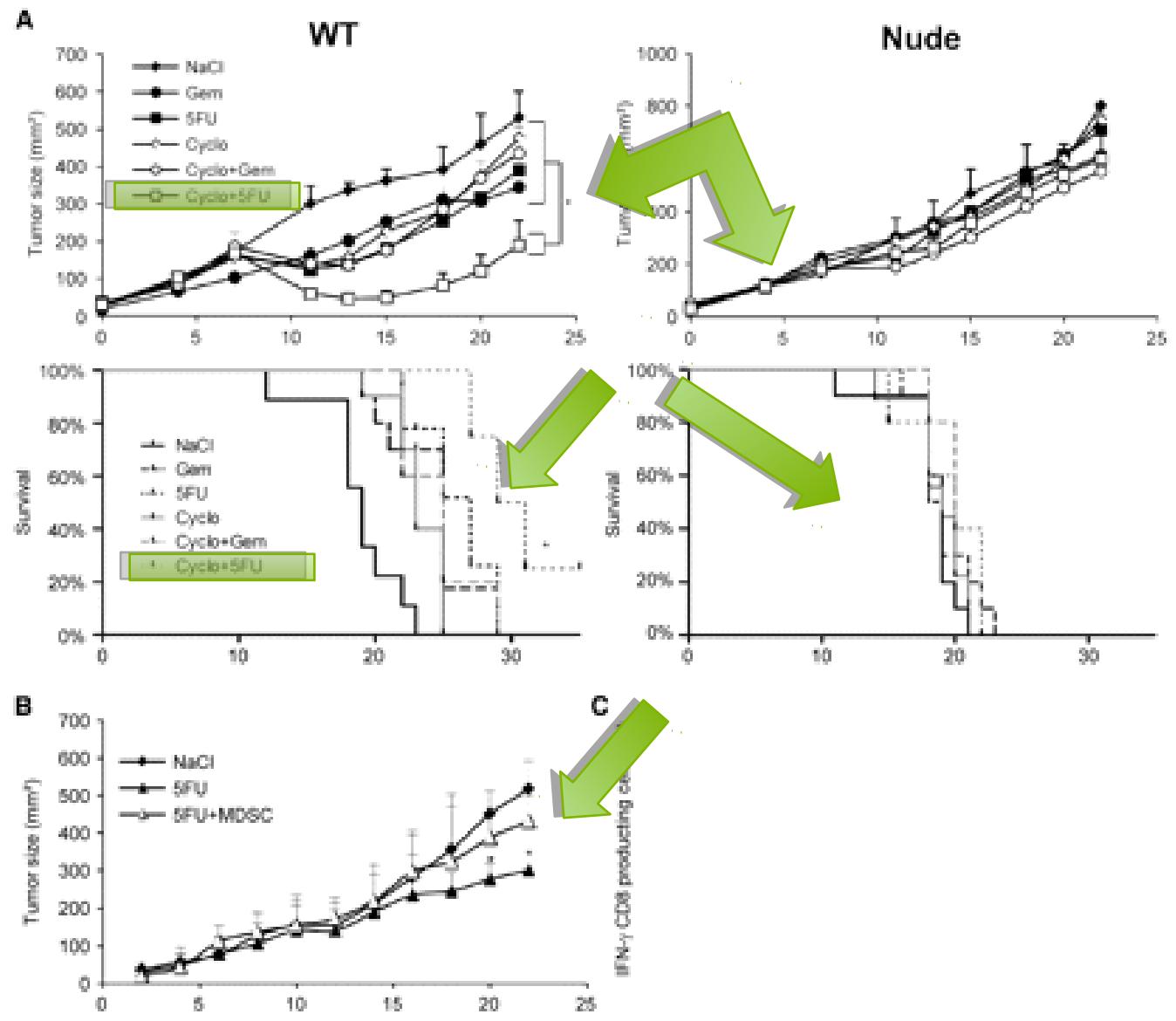


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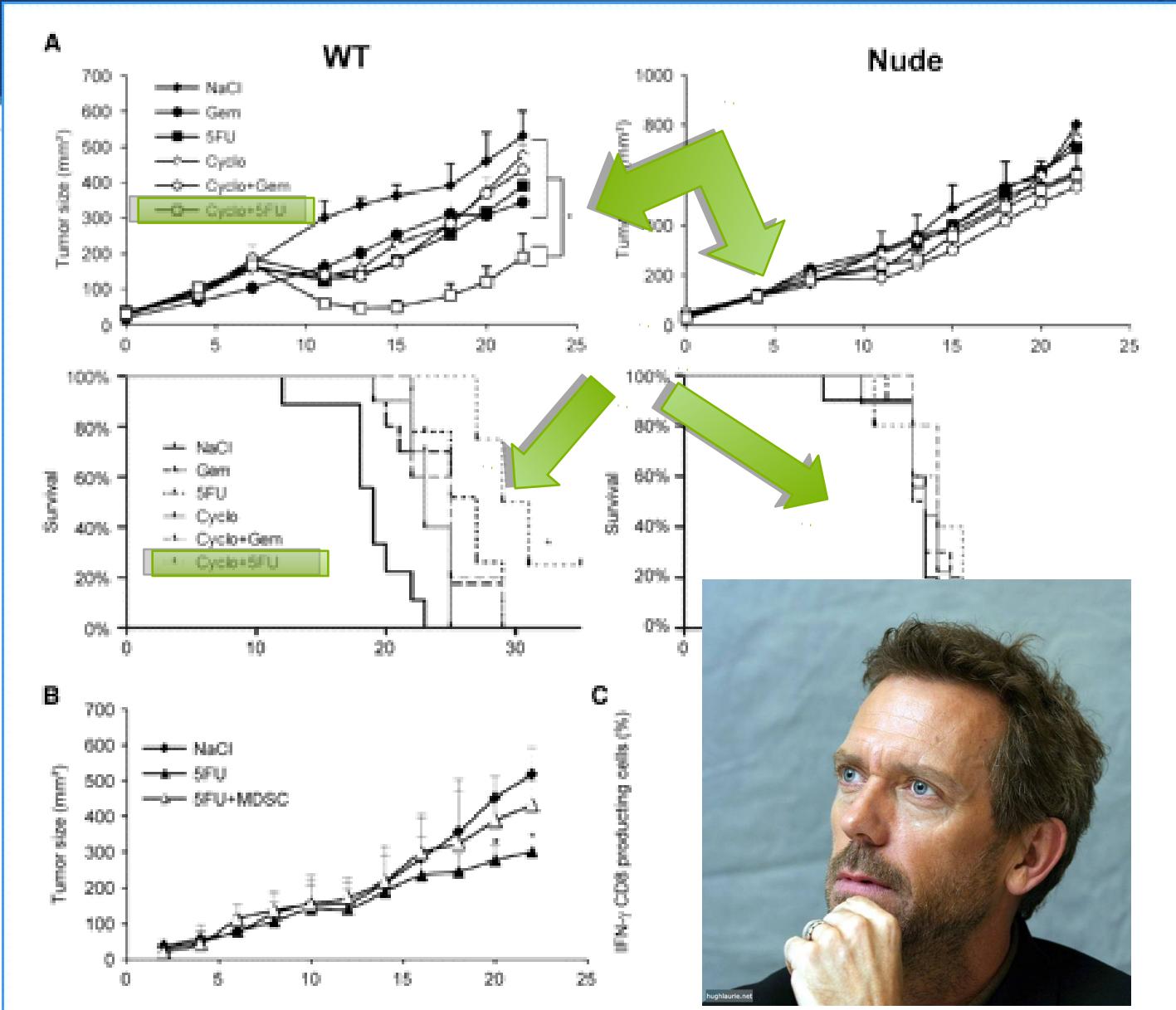
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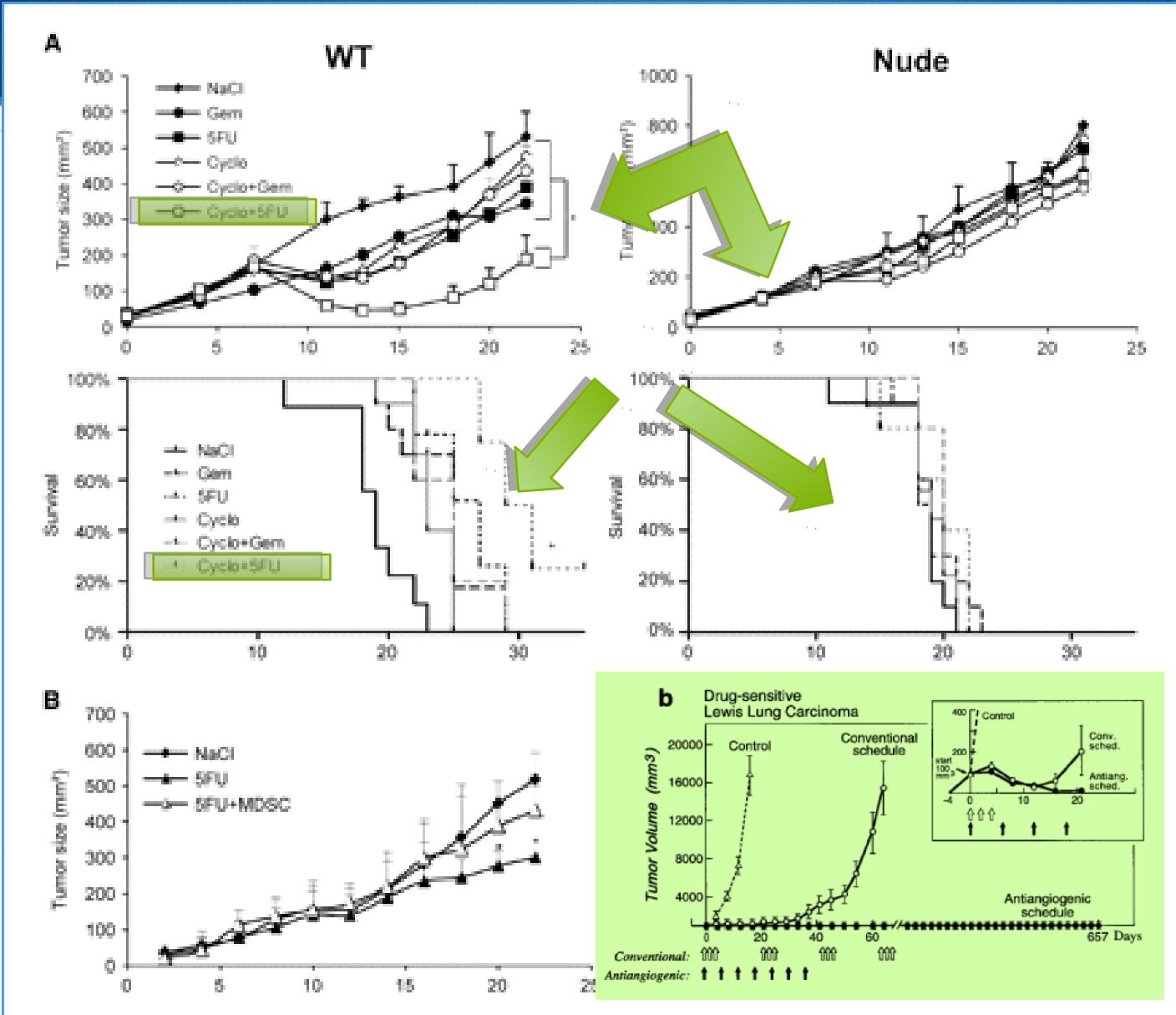
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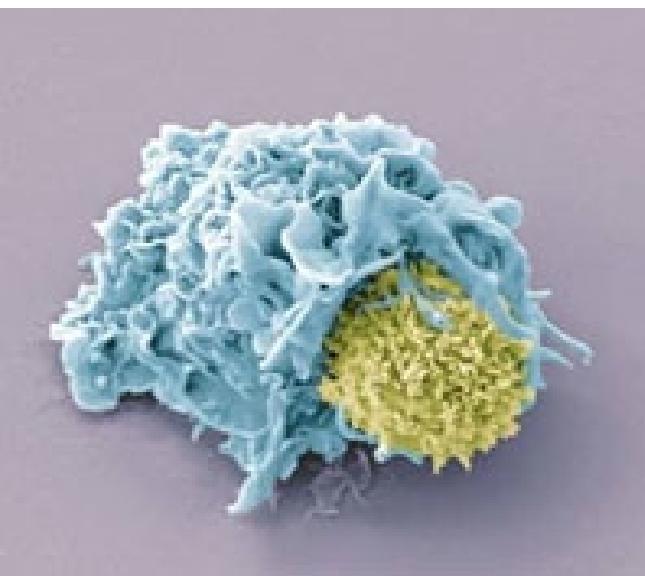
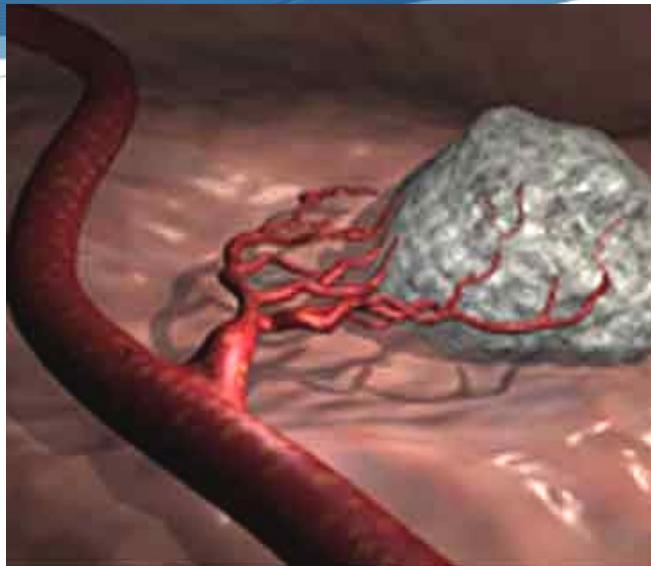
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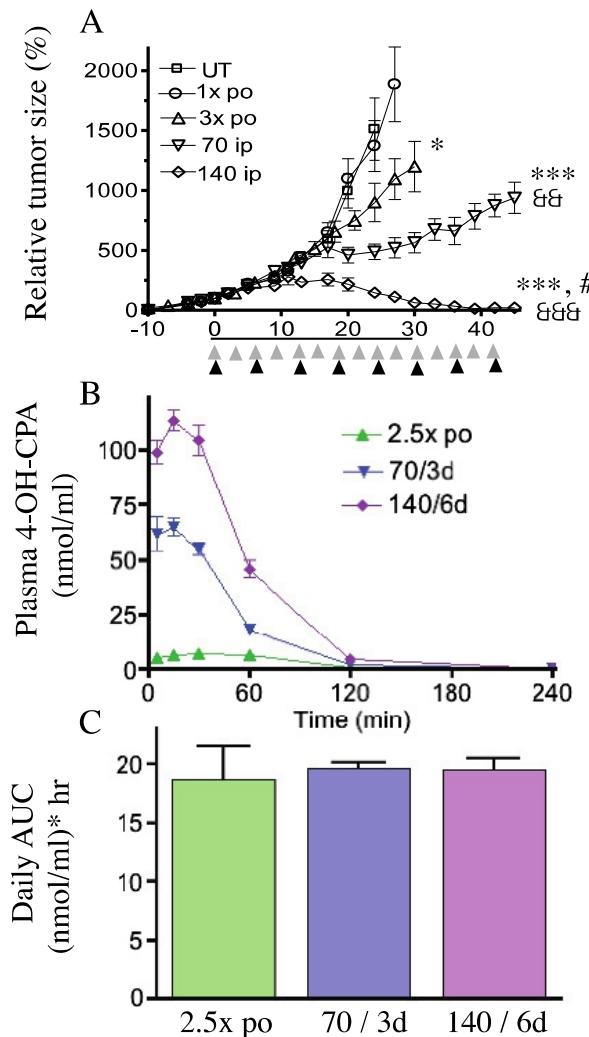
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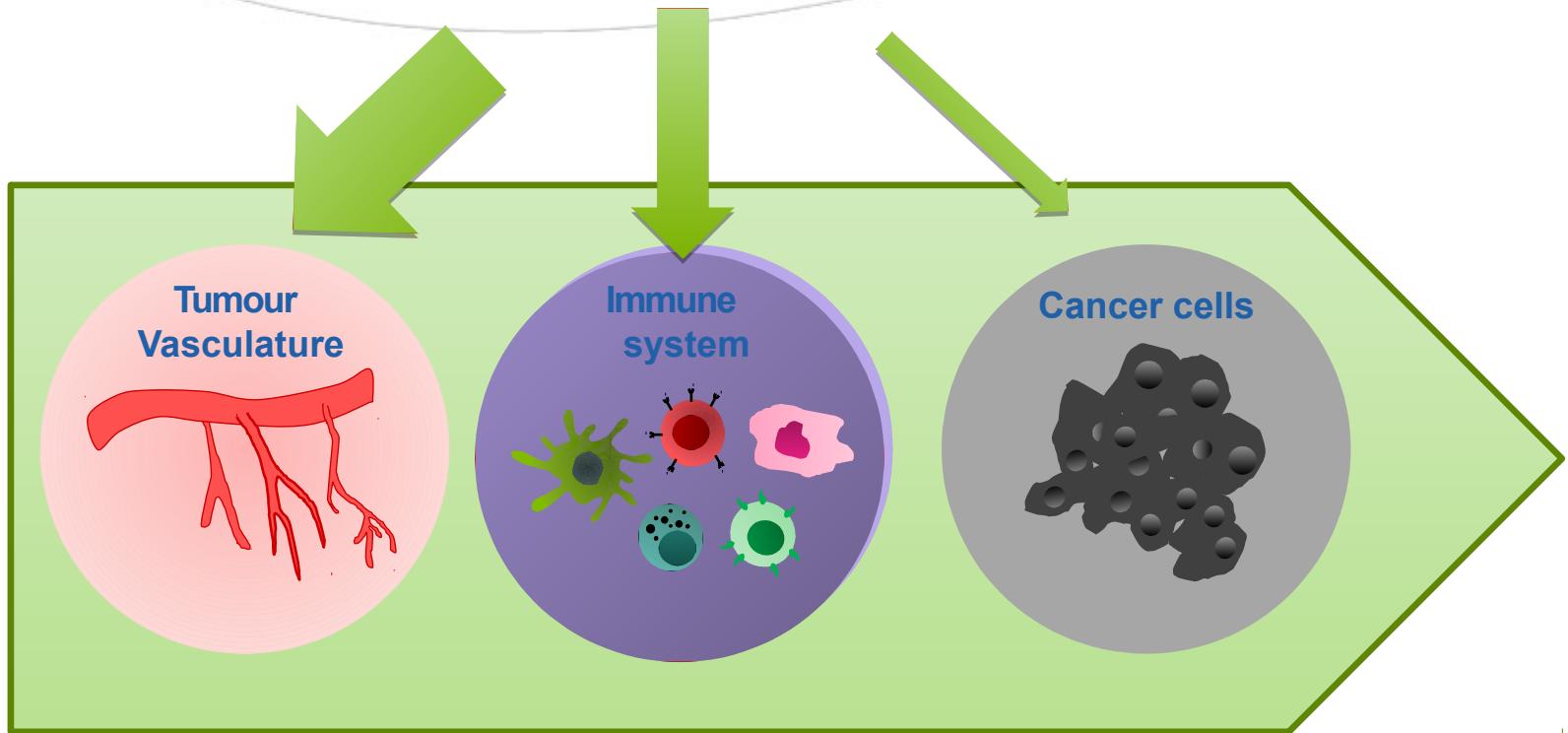
# Intermittent Metronomic Drug Schedule Is Essential for Activating Antitumor Innate Immunity and Tumor Xenograft Regression<sup>1,2</sup>

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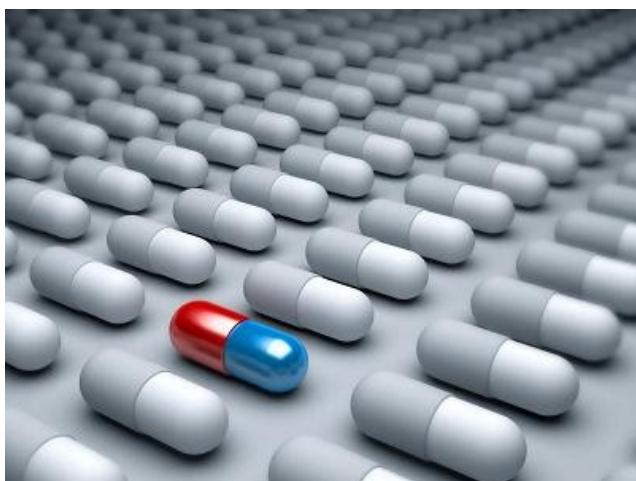
# Metronomic Chemotherapy 2.0





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## Metronomics: towards personalized medicine?

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# METRONOMICS 3.0



## New mechanisms of actions

### Combination with modern therapies

- drug repositioning
- target therapies
- immunotherapies

### Computational metronomics

### Metronomics for low incomes countries



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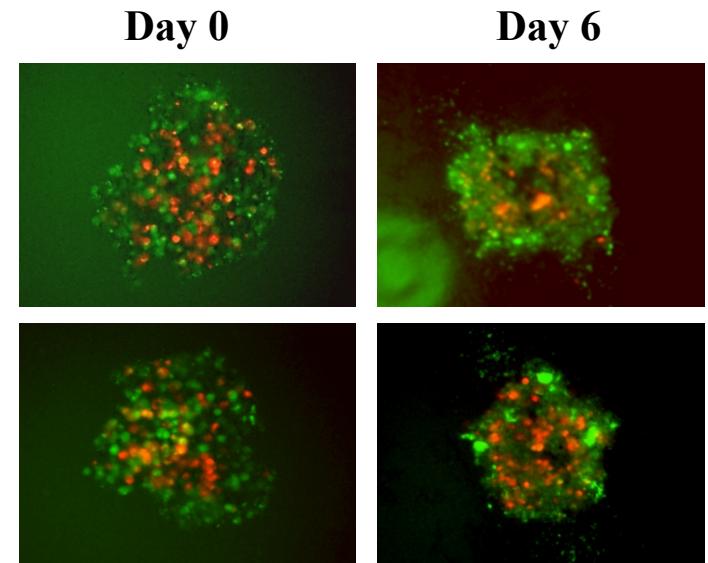


## New mechanisms of actions

- Action on clonal heterogeneity  
maintain biodiversity & avoid R-clone proliferation
- 2D & 3D model of heterogeneous lung cancer

Communication : Cecile Carrère  
Optimal treatment for an heterogeneous in vitro tumor composed of resistant and sensitive cells.

- Anti-metastatic effect





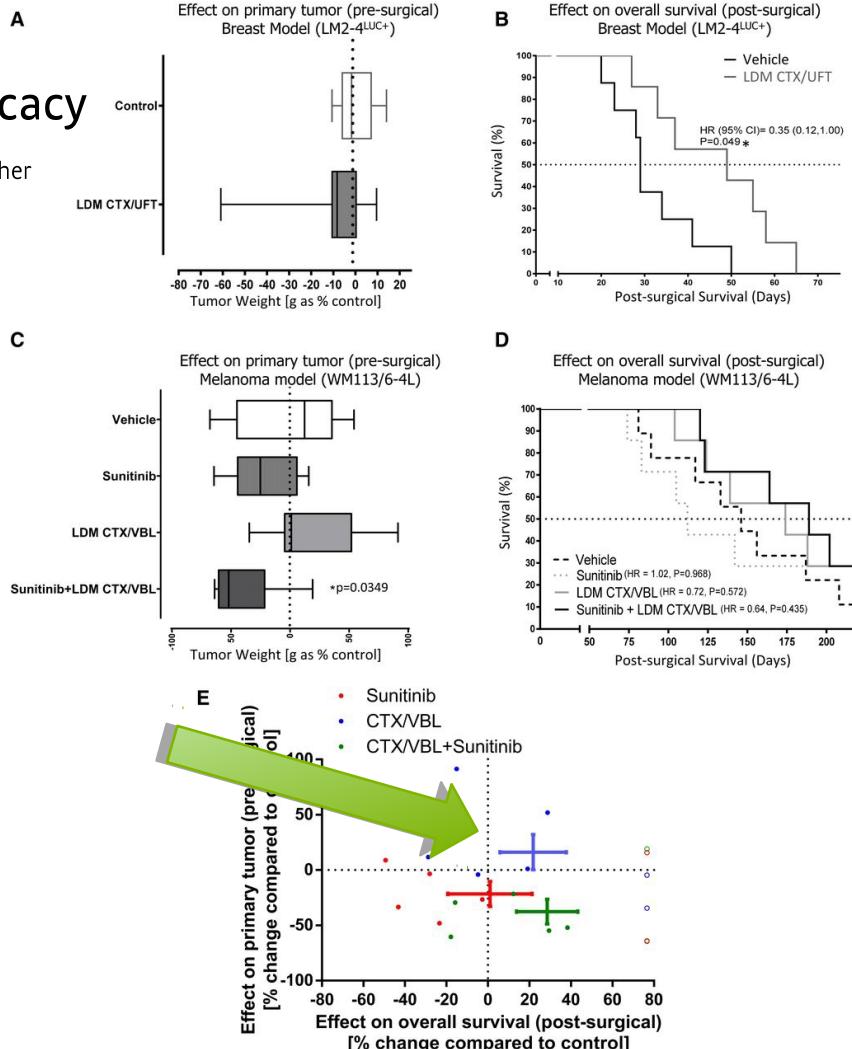
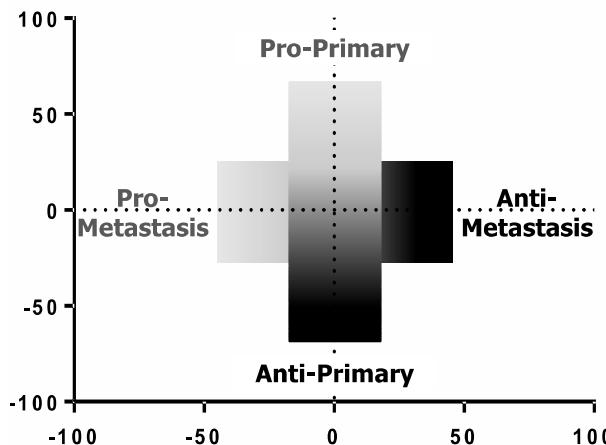
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## Neoadjuvant antiangiogenic therapy reveals contrasts in primary and metastatic tumor efficacy

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Table 3 | Metronomic chemotherapy and immunotherapy studies in adults

Patient population/ disease	Type of study	n	Treatment regimen	CBR	PR	Best response
NSCLC <sup>a</sup>	OP	71	viroOncolytic virus + cyclophosphamide	76%CR: 20%PR:	1/17PR:	
NSCLC <sup>a</sup>	OP	8	viroOncolytic virus	20%CR:		AN
		12	viroOncolytic cyclophosphamide MC	60%CR:		AN
		7	viroOncolytic cyclophosphamide MTD	55%CR:		AN
		7	viroOncolytic virus + MTD cyclophosphamide MC	70%CR:		AN
Advanced ovarian cancer	OP	6	viro + bevacizumab cyclophosphamide	CBR: 66%	2/6PR:	
Unresectable prostate cancer	Randomized trial	180	metronomic chemotherapy Standard metronomic chemotherapy Standard viro + autologous dendritic cell vaccine + tumour antigen	y y+ + GSC +	AN AN	AN AN
Metastatic melanoma	OP II	82	vaccine DC + + cyclophosphamide + IL-2	50%CR: 16/28SD:		
Metastatic breast cancer	OP	12	viro + cyclophosphamide + methotrexate	62%CR: 2/21-CR: 3/21PR:		
Metastatic renal cell cancer	OP II	54	viro + IL-2 + IFN +	76%CR: 4/45-CR: 12/45PR:		

\*Autologous pulsed dendritic cell vaccination and adoptive transfer of primed ex vivo co-stimulated T cells. †1E10 is idiotype. Abbreviations: CB, clinical benefit; CR, complete response; DC, dendritic cell; GSC, granulocyte-colony-stimulating factor; IFN, interferon; IL, interleukin; MC, metronomic chemotherapy; MTD, maximum tolerated dose; NA, not available; PD, progressive disease; PR, partial response; R, response rate; SD, stable disease.



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MC :

- decreases “Treg”
- decreases immunosuppressive cytokines (TGF- $\beta$ , IL-10 and IL-2)
- triggers T cell and INF- $\gamma$  producing NK cell effector functions
- induces maturation of dendritic cells

MC : synergy anti- PD1 antibody in a pre-clinical model

Well tolerated broad spectrum activity combination (immunity, angiogenesis, ect...)

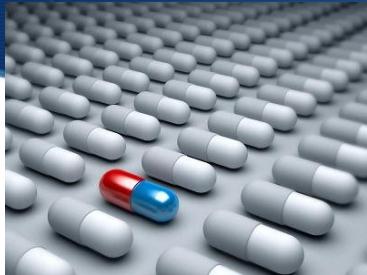
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Anti-PD-1 synergizes with cyclophosphamide to induce potent anti-tumor vaccine effects through novel mechanisms

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Eur. J. Immunol. 2011. 41: 2977-2986

Monitoring of tumor  
growth and survival  
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## Combination with modern therapies

- drug repositioning
  
- target therapies
  - intrinsic activity
  - well tolerated
  - potential synergies
  - limits monoclonal R emergence
  
- immunotherapies

## **Propranolol for Severe Hemangiomas of Infancy**

**The NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL of MEDICINE**

**June 2008, 358 (24): 2649-51**

Christine Léauté-Labrèze, M.D.

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# **Could $\beta$ -blockers be used in cancer treatment ?**

## **→HYPOTHESIS**

$\beta$ -blockers may be able to increase the efficacy of chemotherapy through direct effects on cancer cells or *via* anti-angiogenic mechanisms

**Oncotarget, Nov 2010, 1 (7): 628-68**

**Beta-Blocker Drug Therapy Reduces Secondary Cancer Formation in Breast Cancer and Improves Cancer Specific Survival**

**Desmond G. Powe<sup>1</sup>, Melanie J. Voss<sup>2</sup>, Kurt S. Zänker<sup>2</sup>, Hany O. Habashy<sup>3</sup>, Andrew R. Green<sup>3</sup>, Ian O. Ellis<sup>3</sup> & Frank Entschladen<sup>2</sup>**

**J Clin Oncol, July 2011, 29 (19): 2635-62**

**Beta Blockers and Breast Cancer Mortality: A Population-Based Study**

*Thomas I. Barron, Roisin M. Connolly, Linda Sharp, Kathleen Bennett, and Kala Visvanathan*

**Beta-Blocker Use Is Associated With Improved Relapse-Free Survival in Patients With Triple-Negative Breast Cancer**

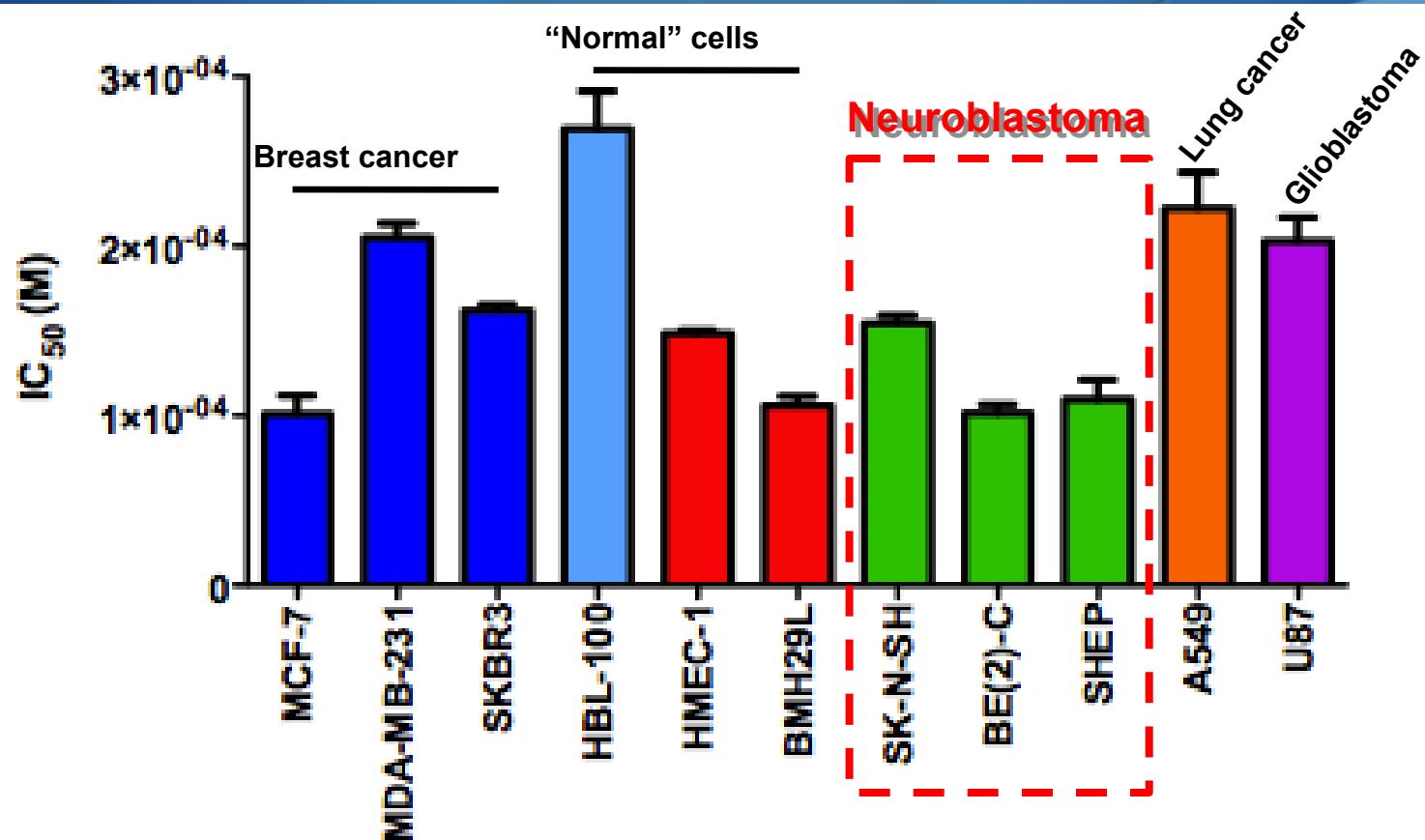
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**Expanding Our Therapeutic Options: Beta Blockers for Breast Cancer?**

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# Anti-proliferative properties of propranolol



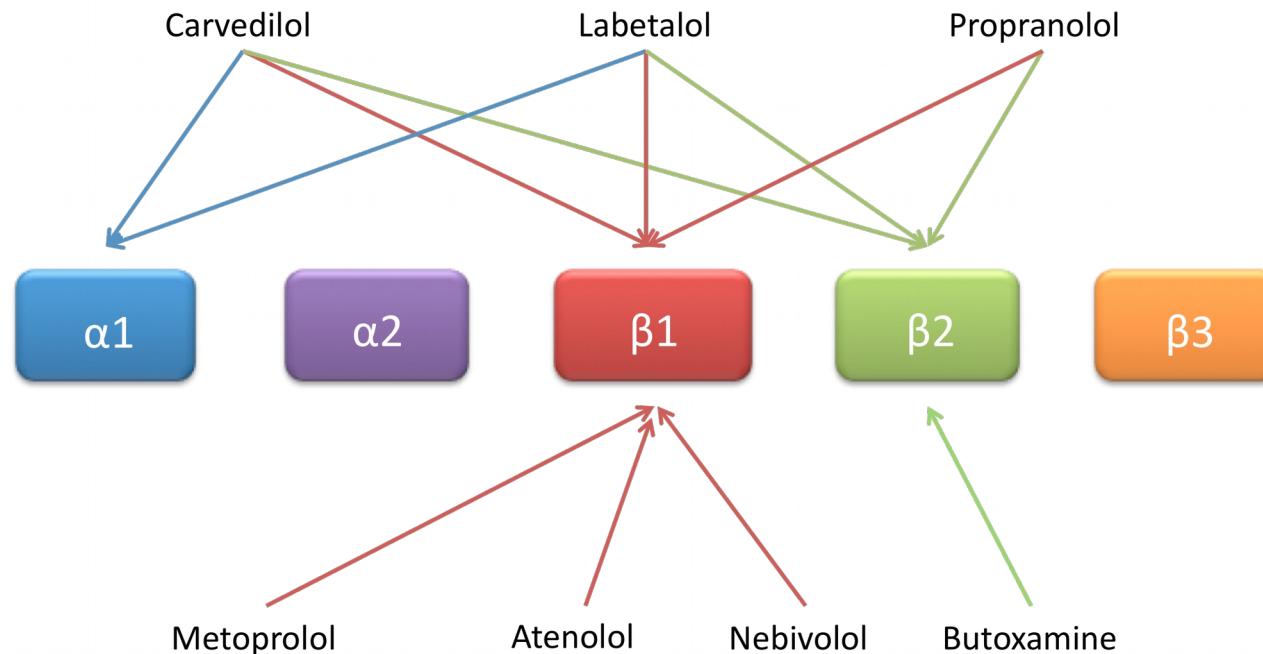
Growth inhibition assay, 72h drug incubation

# STUDY DESIGN

7  $\beta$ -blockers with different selectivity for the  $\beta$ -adrenergic receptors

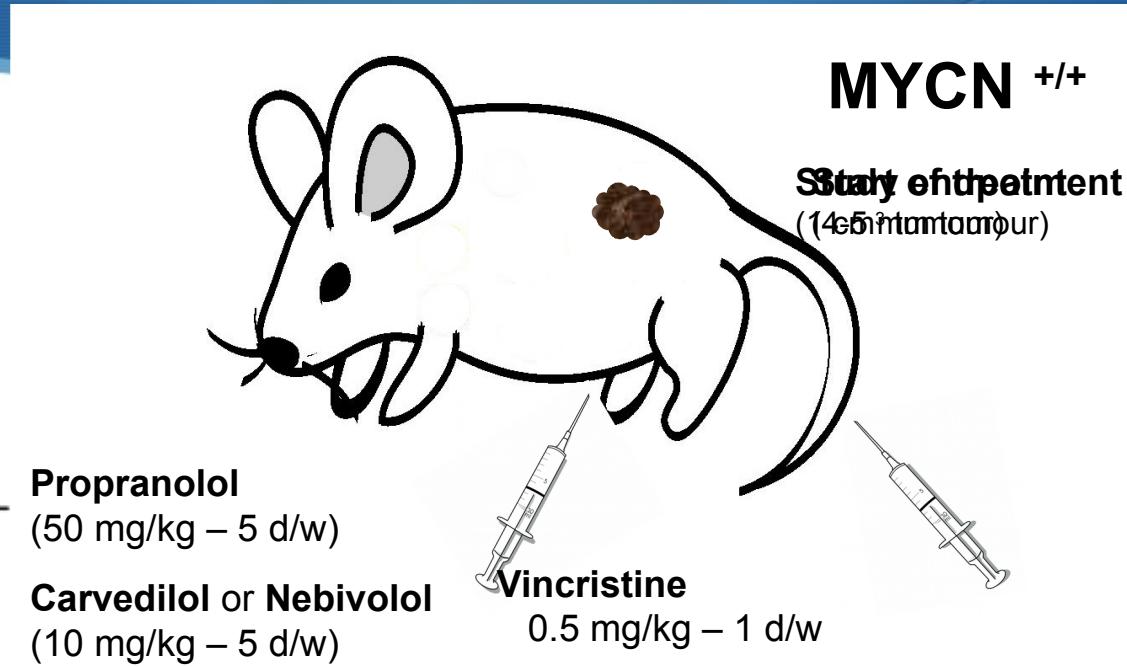
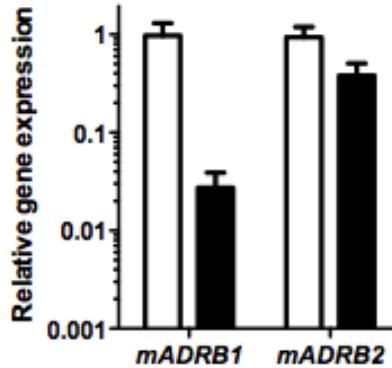
Anti-proliferative & anti-angiogenic properties

Combination with 7 chemotherapy agents *in vitro*



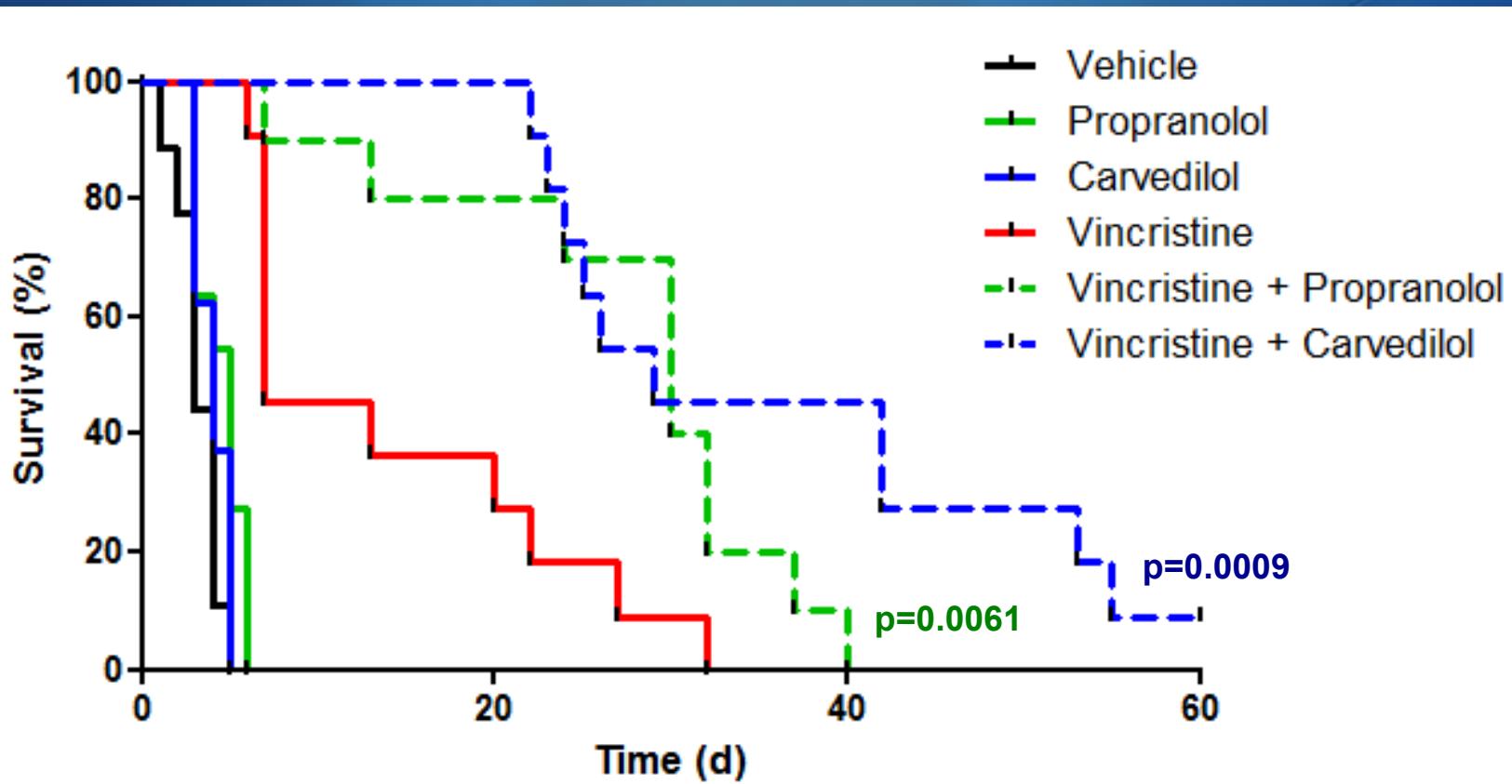
# *In vivo* drug combination studies

## TH-MYCN model of neuroblastoma



# *In vivo* drug combination studies

## TH-MYCN model of neuroblastoma



$\beta$ -blockers in combination with vincristine prolong median survival in TH-MYCN mice

# Neuroblastoma study

# BJC

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Keywords: neuroblastoma;  $\beta$ -blockers; chemotherapy; angiogenesis; vincristine; mitochondria

## **$\beta$ -blockers increase response to chemotherapy via direct antitumour and anti-angiogenic mechanisms in neuroblastoma**

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## **Anti-tumor activity of the beta-adrenergic receptor antagonist propranolol in neuroblastoma**

Jennifer K Wolter<sup>1,2</sup>, Nikolaus E Wolter<sup>3</sup>, Alvaro Blanch<sup>2</sup>, Teresa Partridge<sup>2</sup>, Lynn Cheng<sup>2</sup>, Daniel A. Morgenstern<sup>1,2</sup>, Monika Podkowa<sup>2</sup>, David R. Kaplan<sup>2,4</sup>, Meredith S. Irwin<sup>1,2</sup>

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## **Antiangiogenic effect of propranolol on the growth of the neuroblastoma xenografts in nude mice☆**

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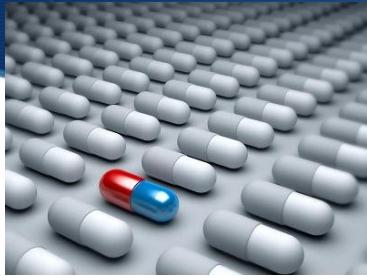
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Table 2 | Metronomic chemotherapy vs targeted therapies in adults

Patient population/ disease	Stage	Type of study	n	Treatment regimen	ORR	Best response
Non-relapsed	I	Open	II	34	53%RR; +	5/43PR;
Gastric cancer	I	Open	II	32	52%RR; + etoposide	12/23SD;
Advanced carcinomatous	IV	Open	II	01	0%RR; +	9/9PD;
Recurrent resistant ovarian	II	Randomized	66	63%RR; +	7/66-CR; 21/66PR;	
Ovarian cancer	II	Open	88	49%RR; +	3/37-CR; 12/37PR;	
Breast metastatic	III	Open	I	32	25%RR; +	2/20PR;
Metastatic HER2 breast	IV	Open	II	42	83%RR; +	1/24-CR; 14/24PR;
Breast metastatic	IV	Open	II	31	54%RR; +	1/13PR;
Advanced colorectal	IV	Open	I	53	20%RR; +	7/35SD;
Advanced	IV	Open	II	54	87%RR; +	31/45PR;
Refractory/ relapsing	IV	Randomized	18m	66%RR; +	20/58PR; 73%SD;	
Advanced hepatocellular carcinoma	IV	Open	II	35	57%RR; +	4/53PR;
Any solid tumour	IV	Open	I	53	40%RR; +	7/35PR;
Advanced neuroendocrine	IV	Study Pilot	51	80%RR; +	1/15-CR; 8/15PR;	
Gynaecological	IV	Study PK	12	NP; +	AN	AN

Abbreviations: ORR, overall response rate; CR, complete response; PR, partial response; RR, response rate; SD, stable disease; NSCLC, non-small-cell lung cancer; PD, progressive disease; AN, not available; NP, not published.

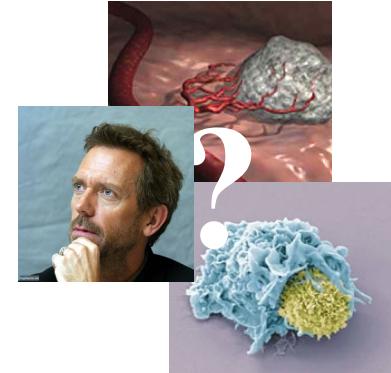


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## Computational metronomics

- use of modelisation to optimize
  - Dose & Schedule
  - Sequence of treatments
  - Biological effect



Urzula Ledzewicz  
Modelling and Optimization  
Of Metronomic chemotherapy : More  
questions than answers

Aurelie Lombard: Revisiting  
metronomics: model-driven gemcitabine  
in mice with resistant neuroblastoma.



# Computational Metronomic



$$\dot{y}_1 = -k_a y_1 + u(t)$$

$$\dot{y}_2 = -k_e y_2 + \frac{k_a}{V} y_1$$

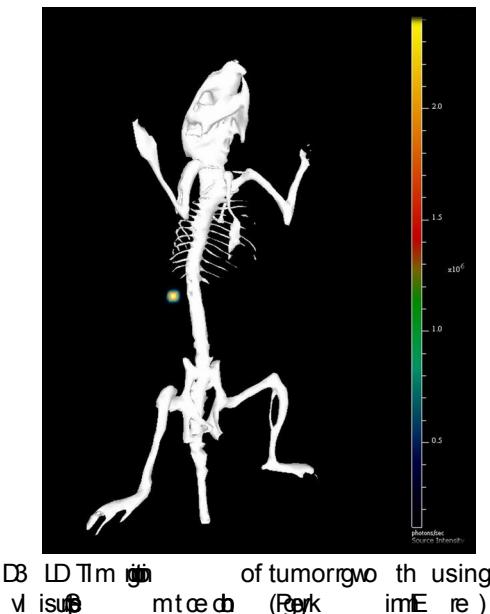
$$\dot{y}_3 = -a_1 \exp(-b_1 y_3) y_3 + (y_2 - c_1) H(y_2 - c_1)$$

$$\dot{y}_4 = -a_2 \exp(-b_2 y_4) y_4 + (y_2 - c_2) H(y_2 - c_2)$$

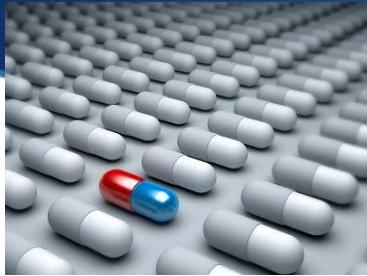
$$\dot{y}_5 = \lambda y_6 \log\left(\frac{K}{y_5}\right) y_5 - N_1 y_5$$

$$\dot{y}_6 = R - (R + N_2) y_6$$

$$\dot{y}_7 = (y_2 - c_1) H(y_2 - c_1)$$



- $y_1, y_2$ : 抑制癌细胞增殖的药物浓度，随时间变化。
- $y_3, y_4$ : 表示肿瘤生长速率，随药物浓度和肿瘤大小变化。
- $y_5$ : 表示肿瘤大小。
- $y_6$ : 表示药物浓度，随治疗时间变化。治疗效果评价指标：当药物浓度大于等于 1 时，治疗有效；否则无效。
- $y_7$ : 表示药物浓度是否超过最大耐受浓度，即  $y_2 > c_1$ 。

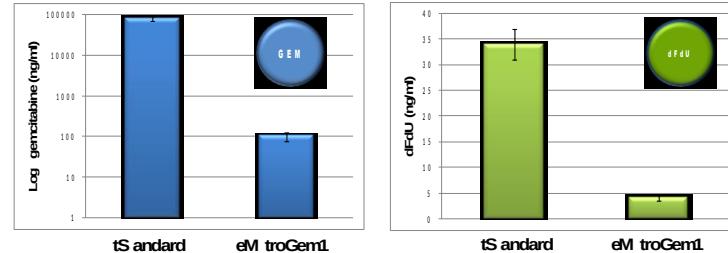


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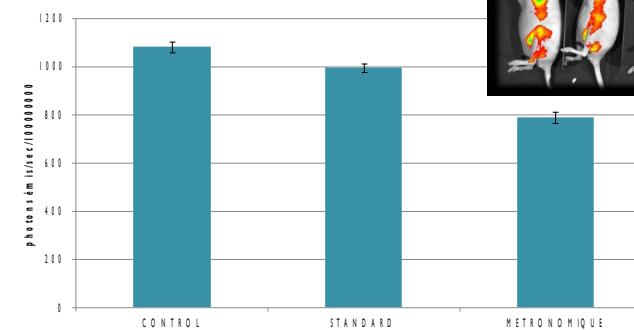
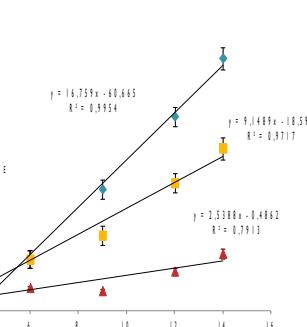
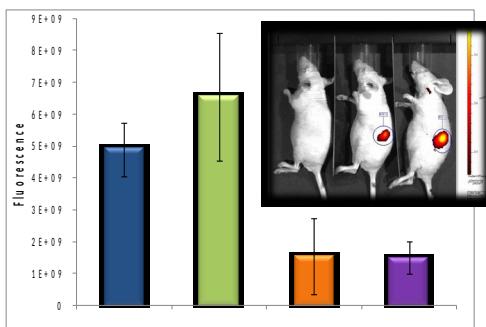
100 mg/kg QW - 4 weeks  
0.5 and 1 mg/kg/d - 4 weeks

## Gemcitabine Drug Monitoring

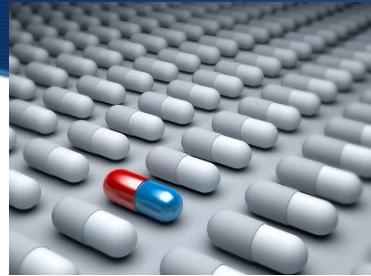


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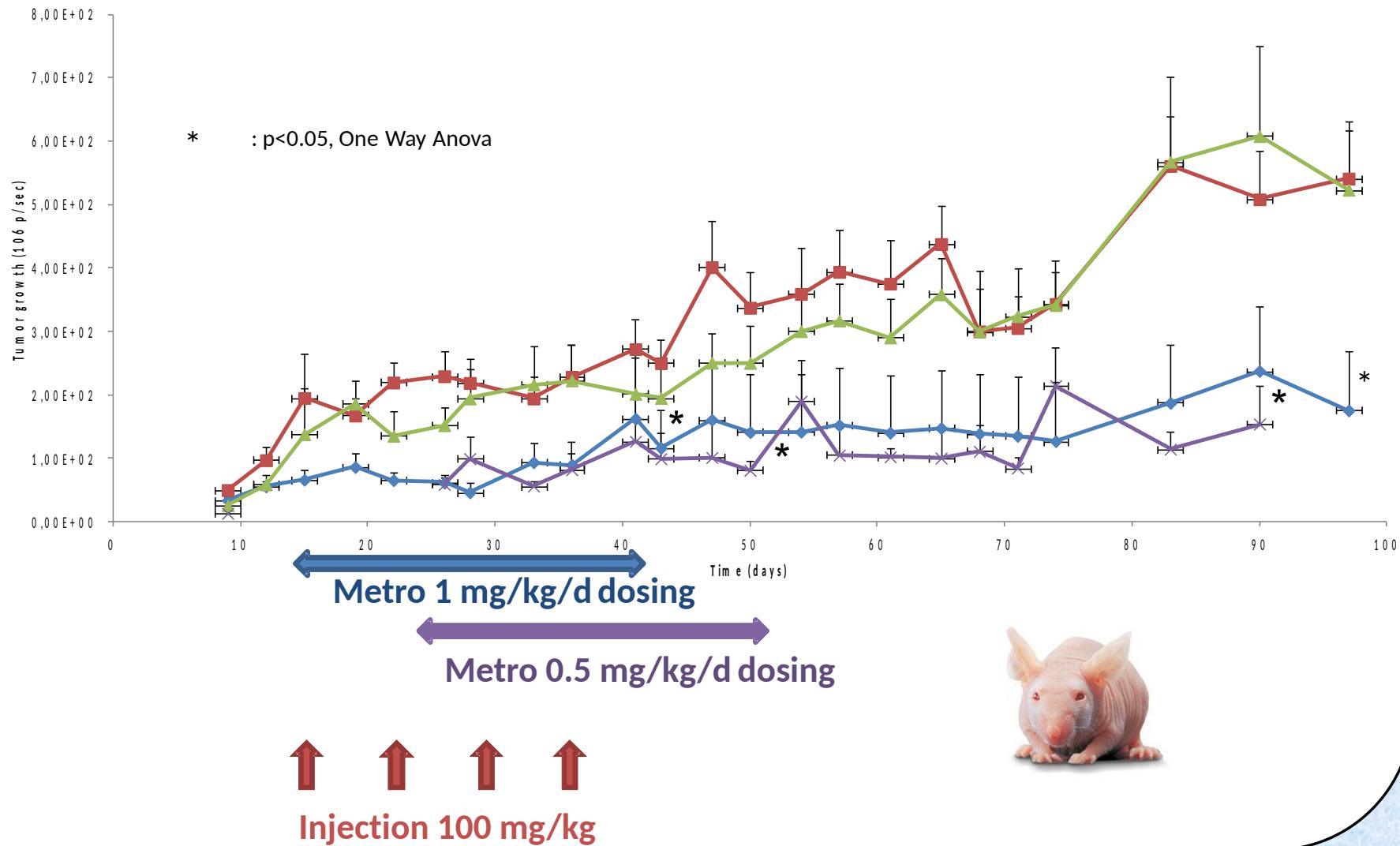
## Vascular Density & Blood Flow



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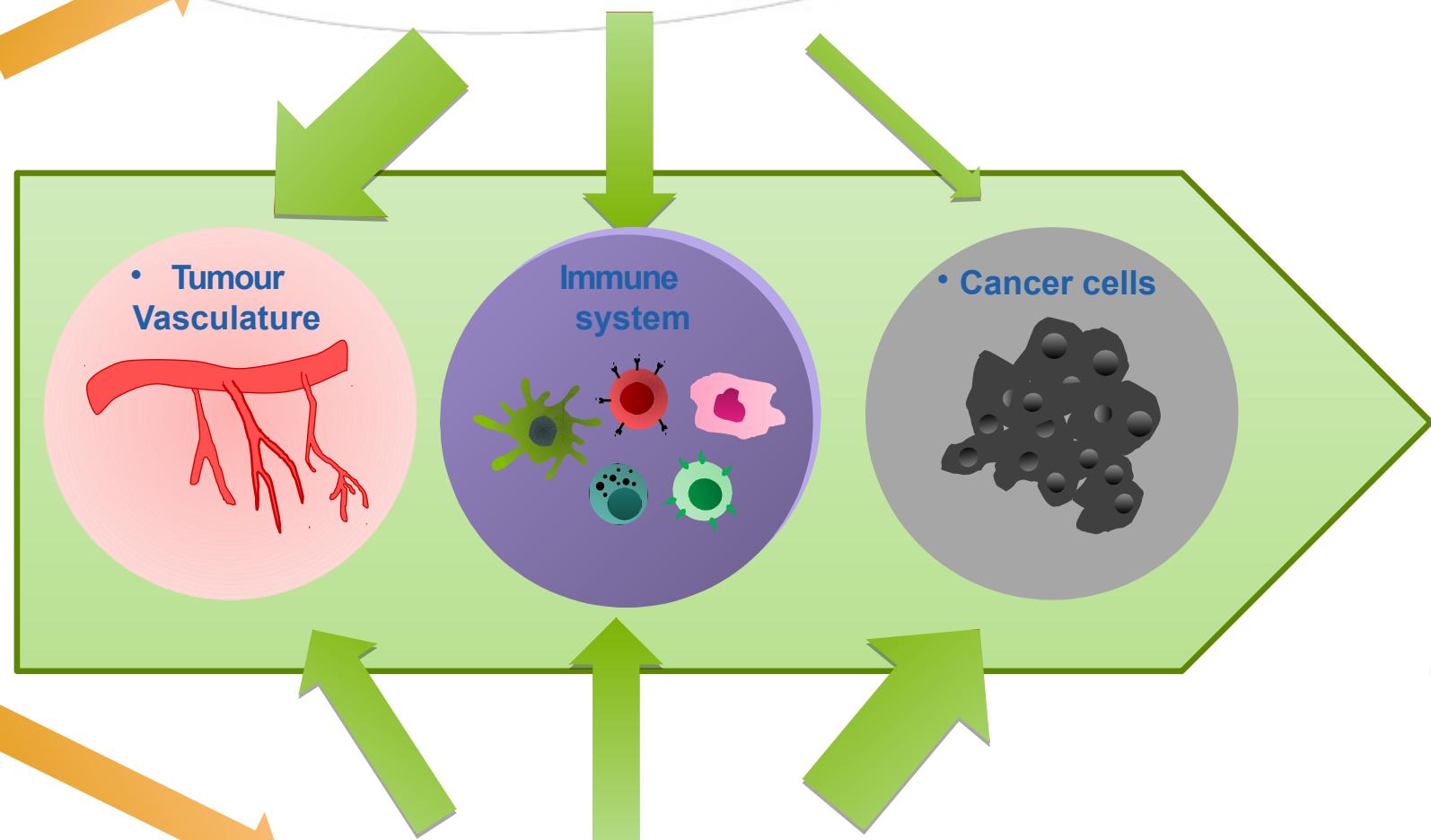


# Computational Metronomic



# Metronomic Chemotherapy

Metronomics



Drug Repositioning



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- **LOW COST, ORAL, NON TOXIC,**
- **CLINICAL ACTIVITY**
- **MULTITARGET**
  - Angiogenesis
  - Immune system
  - Stroma
  - Cancer cells & stems cells
- **COMBINATION (sequential / associated)**
  - drug repositioning
  - Chemotherapy
  - Immunotherapy +++
  - Target therapy
- **COMPUTATIONAL METRONOMIC**  
**PK, biomarkers, molecular biology**



Orion 4 1/2 years old boy

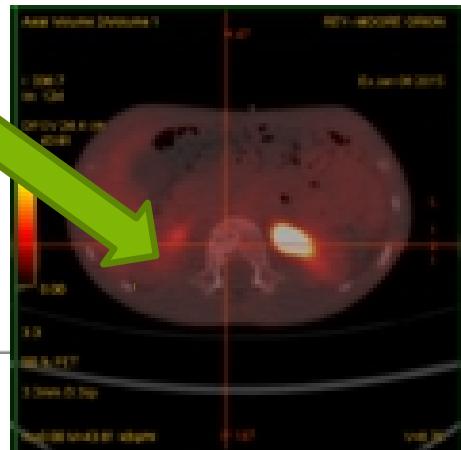
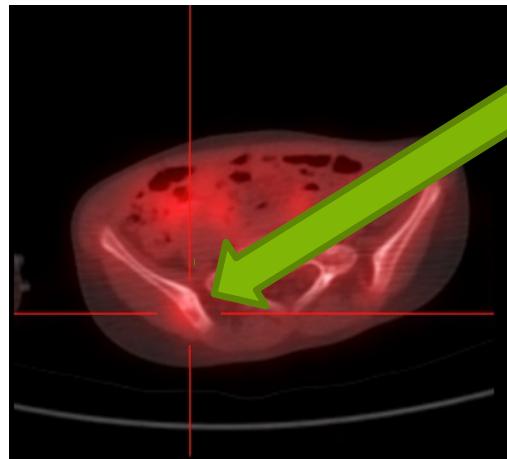
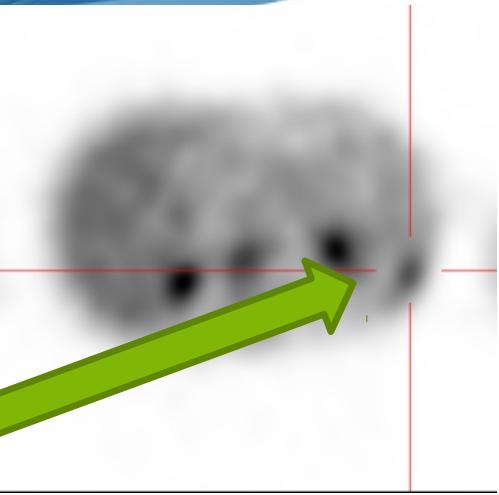
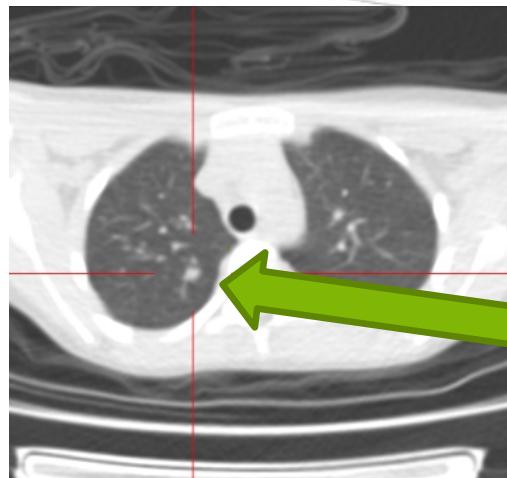
Retroparotid mass + lymph nodes

**Myoepithelial carcinoma**

- Ifosphamide-vcr-actD- doxo x 2: SD
- Gemcitabine-docetaxel x2: SD
- 5FU-cisplatinum x2: SD
- Surgery
- Radiotherapy

--> CR

One year later...

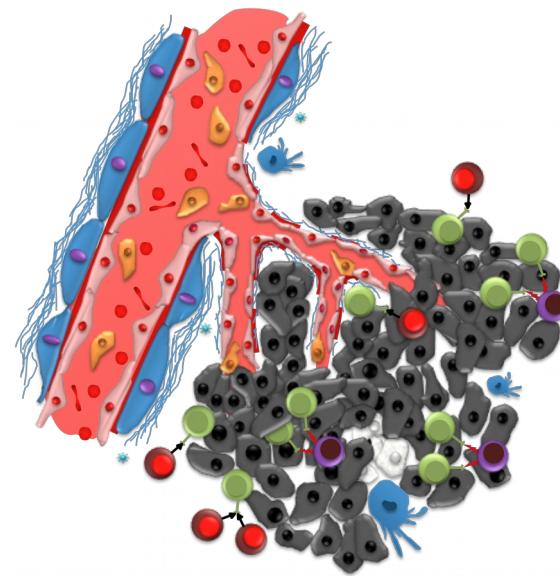


# METRO-SFCE01

1. Metronomic regimen for children with refractory disease
2. Multi-drug
3. Low toxicities  
(no temo- no eto )
4. Mainly Oral
5. Pro-immune and antiangiogenic

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Activate Dendritic cells

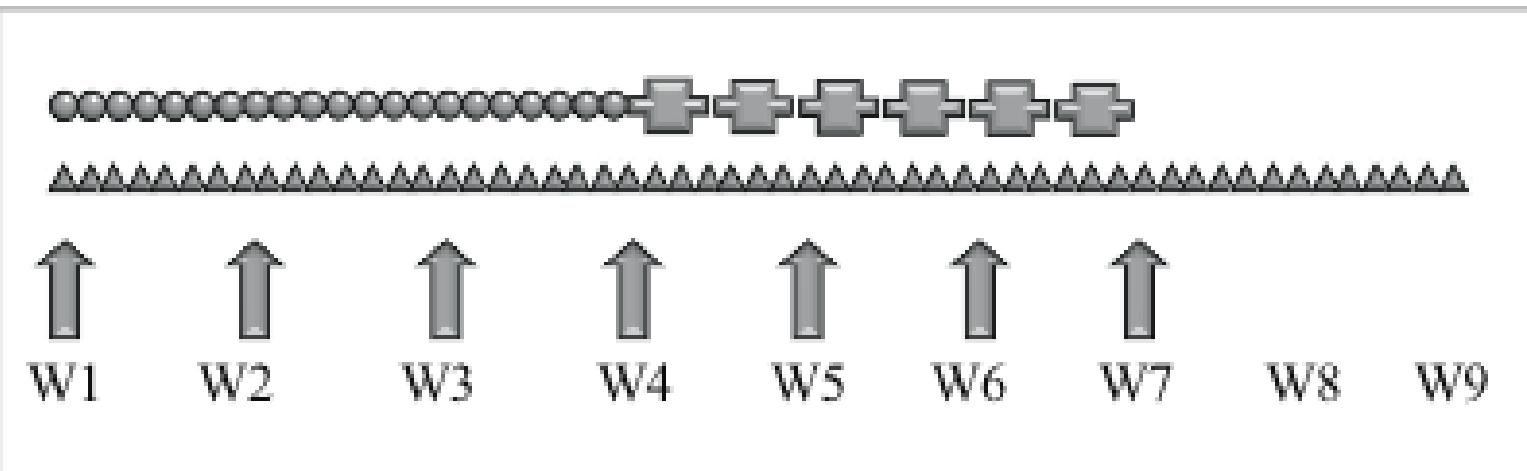


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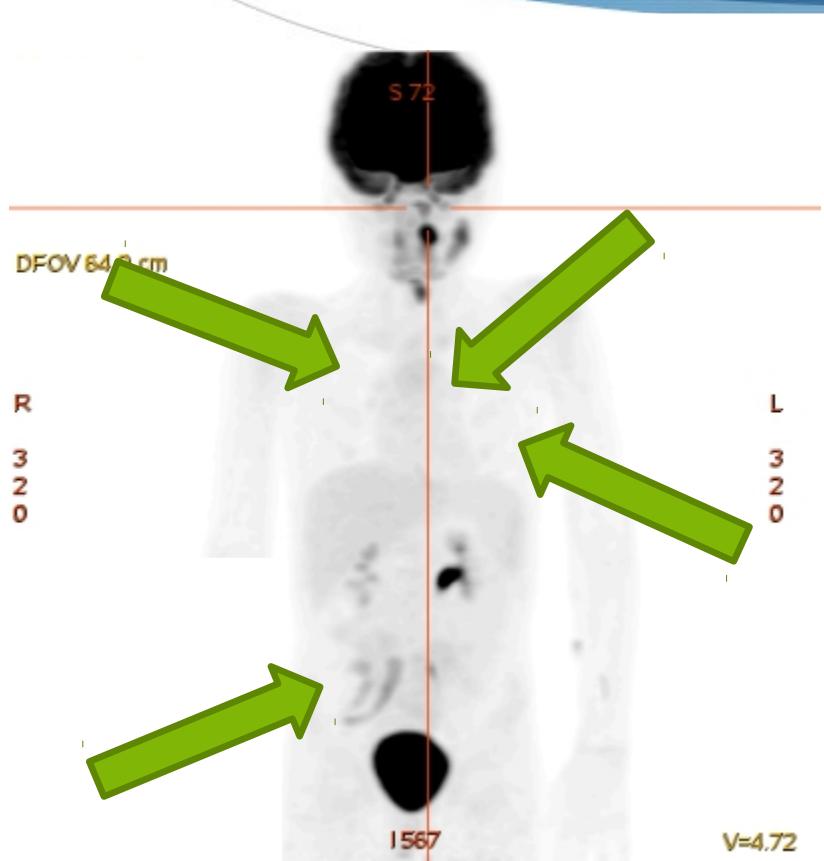
# Pilot study of a pediatric metronomic 4-drug regimen

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- Cyclophosphamide 30 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/day PO for 3 weeks
- ▲ Celecoxib 100-200-400 mg/b2/day PO for 8 weeks (<20 kg BW, 20-50 kg, > 50 kg, respectively)
- ✚ Methotrexate 10mg/m<sup>2</sup> 2X/week PO for 3 weeks
- ↑ Vinblastine 3 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/week IV 7 weeks



CR : 3 months of treatment

SD : 6 months of on going treatment





Have the courage to follow  
your heart and intuition.  
They somehow already know  
what you truly want to become

**Steve Jobs**  
1955 - 2011



# CHILDHOOD CANCER

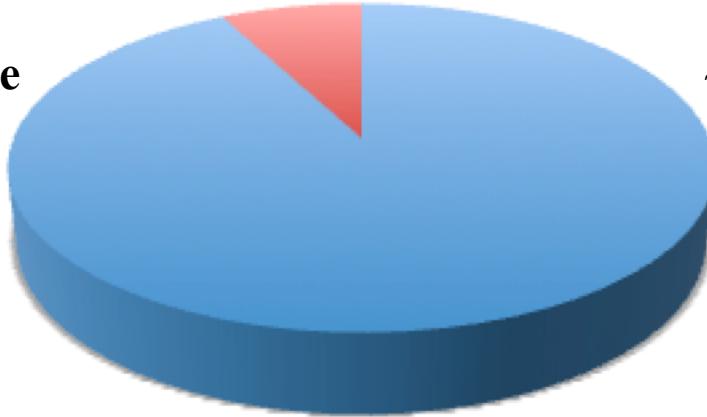
Each year ~250,000 children are affected  
by cancer worldwide

~ 50,000 in high-income  
countries

>75% survival  
rate

~ 200,000 in low- & middle-  
income countries

<25% survival  
rate



## Advantages of Metronomics in LMICs

- Off-patent drugs = low cost
- Oral formulations = no hospitalization required
- Low toxicity = less H<sup>I</sup>R infections

Cheap, non-toxic and easy to administer



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## Has the time come for metronomics in low-income and middle-income countries?

Nicolas André, Shripad Banavali, Yuliya Snihur, Eddy Pasquier

	Patient population	Metronomic protocol	Response (%)	Other outcomes (median)	Clinical benefit
<b>Paediatric studies</b>					
Banavali et al (2002) <sup>47</sup>	Residual or recurrent Ewing's sarcoma or rhabdomyosarcoma (n=7)	Oral tamoxifen once daily, oral etoposide once daily for 3 weeks, and cyclophosphamide once daily for 3 weeks	CR 28.5%, PR 42.8%, SD 28.5%	EFS 5 months, OS 14 months	..
Banavali et al (2004) <sup>48</sup>	Children and young adults with acute myeloid leukaemia (n=26)	Oral prednisolone for 21 days, oral etoposide for 21 days, and oral tioguanine for 21 days	RR 89%, CR 62%, PR 27%	OS 13 months (range 3–30)	..
Banavali et al (2005) <sup>49</sup>	Children and young adults with acute promyelocytic leukaemia (n=23)	Oral prednisolone for 21 days, oral etoposide for 21 days, and oral tioguanine for 21 days with all-trans retinoic acid	CR 91.3%,	Two induction deaths, OS 84% at 2 years	..
Fousseyni et al (2011) <sup>50</sup>	Refractory or relapsing solid tumours (n=12)	Oral cyclophosphamide once daily for 3 weeks alternating with oral methotrexate twice a week for 3 weeks and intravenous vincristine once a week every 8 weeks	RR 0%	..	Mean 58% at 20 weeks
Banavali et al (2011) <sup>51</sup>	Maintenance after standard acute therapy in children with acute myeloid leukaemia (n=87)	Oral etoposide once daily for 3 weeks and oral tioguanine for 21 days	Relapse rate decreased to 23.7%	EFS 67% and OS 64% at 28 months	..



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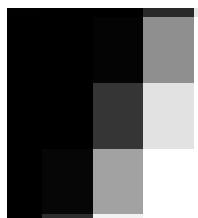
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