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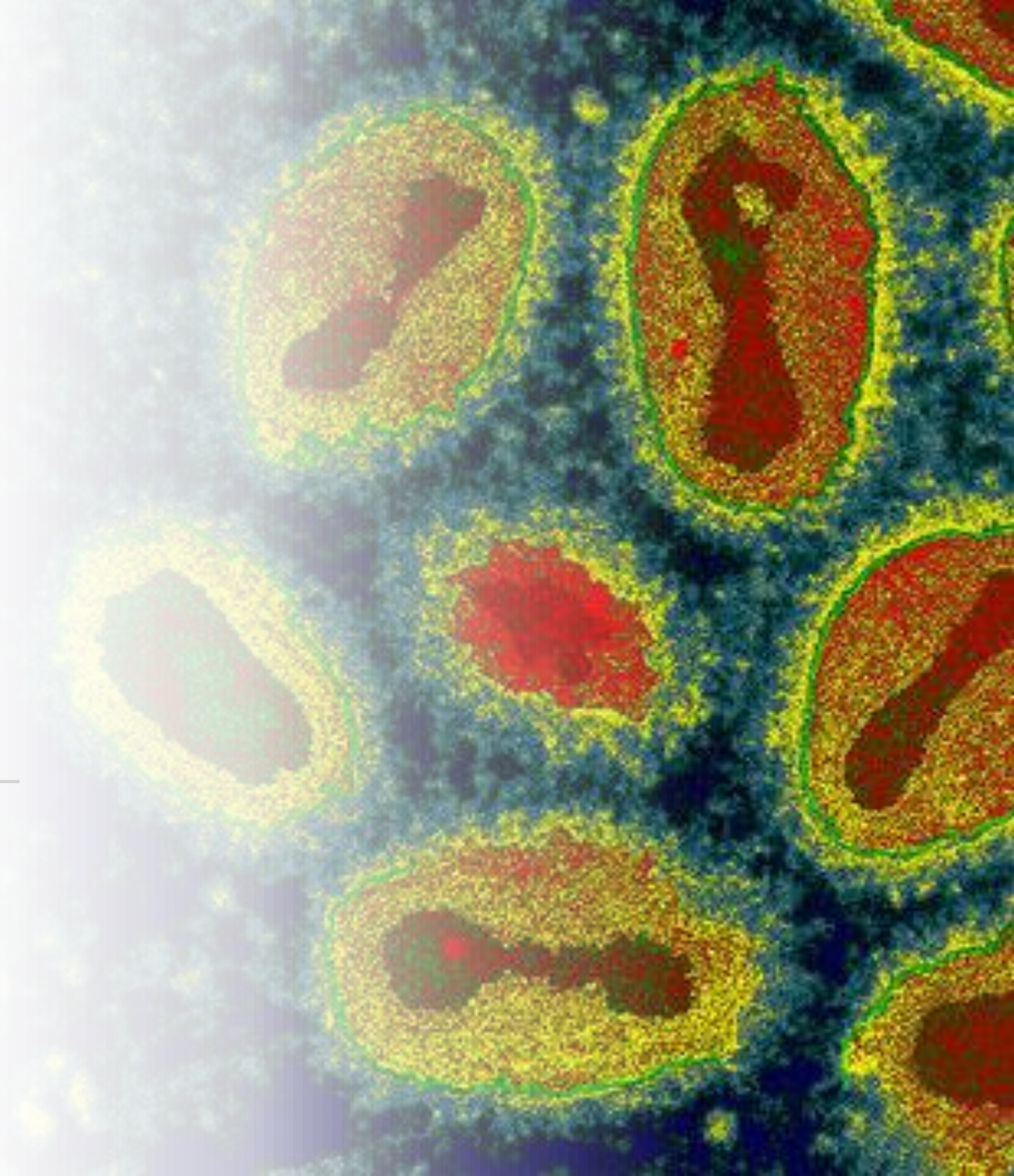
# ONCOLYTIC VIRUS FOR THE TARGETED (IMMUNO)THERAPY OF PANCREATIC CANCER

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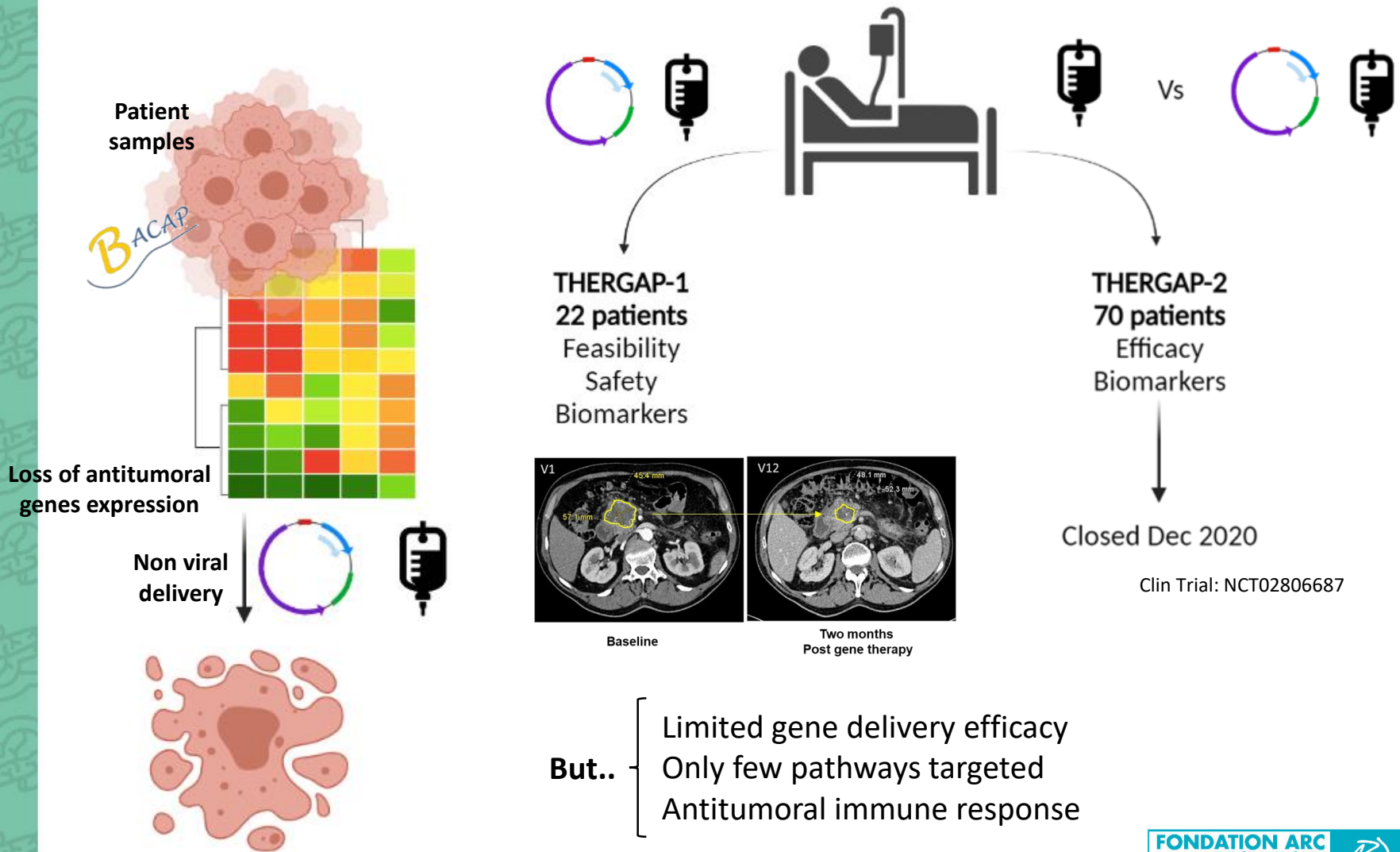
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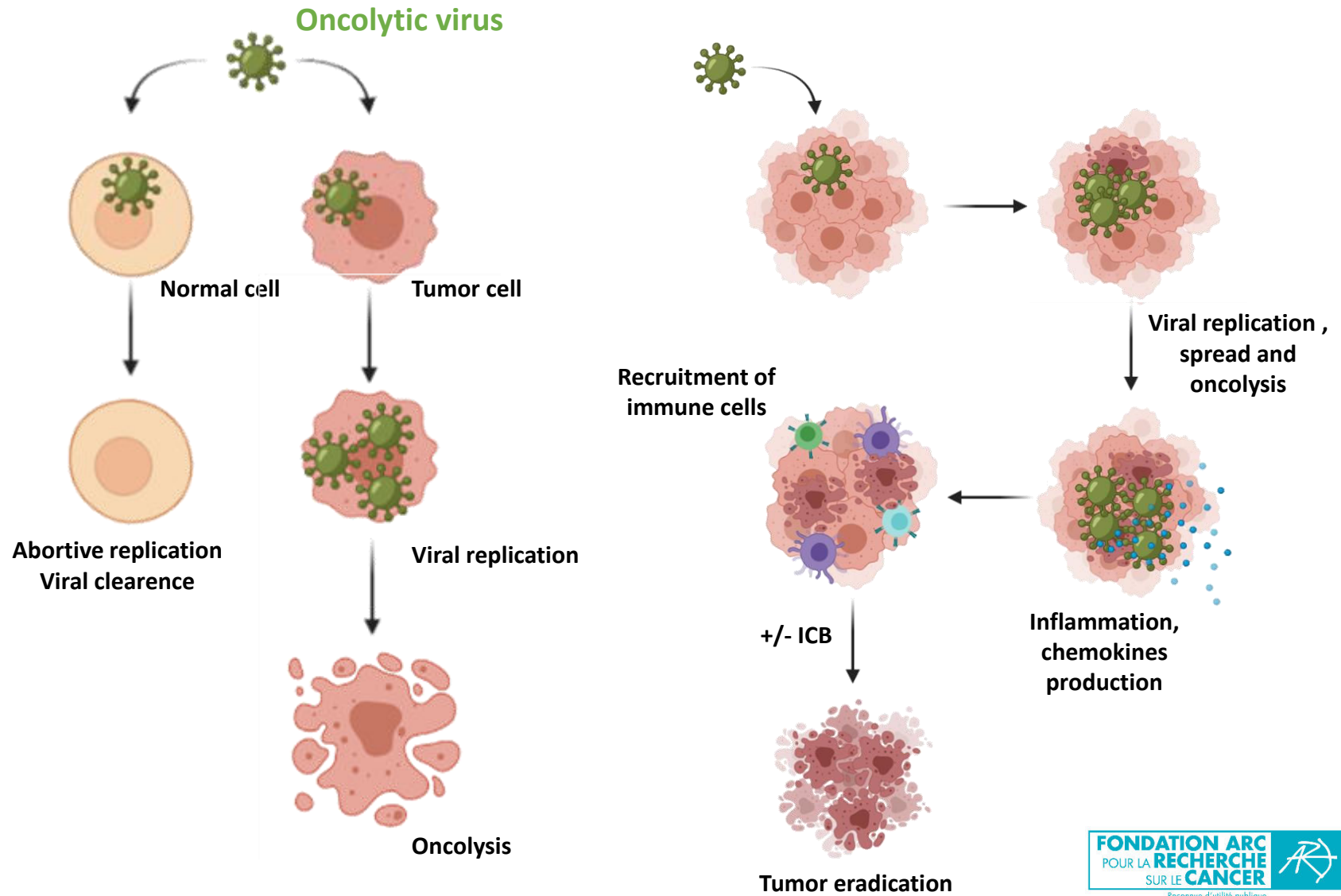


# GENE THERAPY FOR PDAC

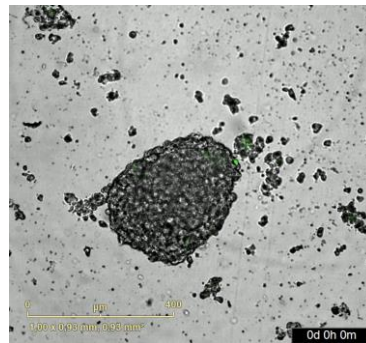
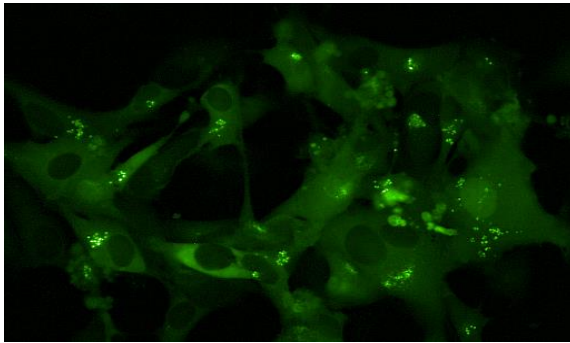


PNAS 1996, 2001, Hum Gene Ther 2006, Mol Ther 2007, 2015, 2019, Int J Mol Sci. 2017, BMC cancer 2018, Nat Rev Gastroenterol Hepatol. 2020

# ONCOLYTIC VIRUS: MODE OF ACTION



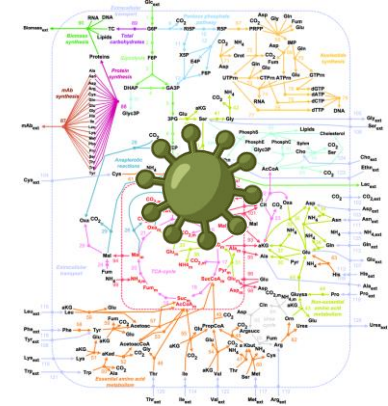
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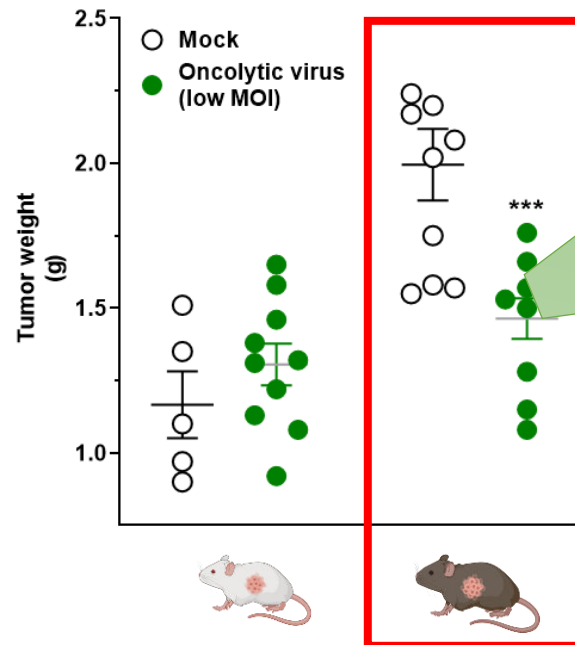
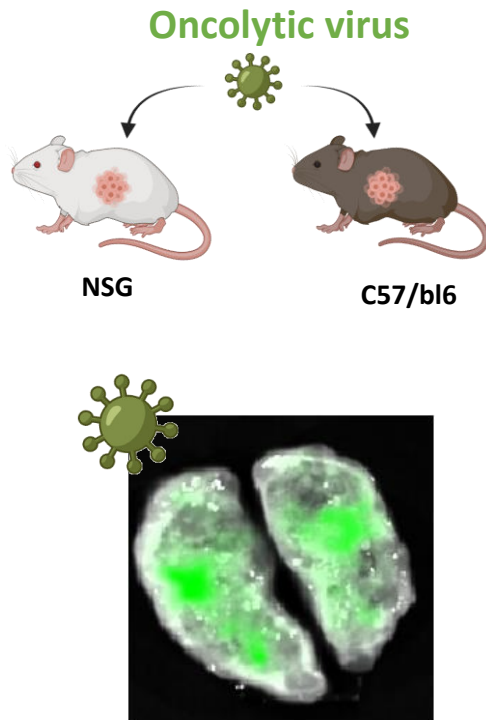
PDAC primary cells **Oncolytic virus**

Open questions :

- a. Cellular determinants
- b. Mode of action



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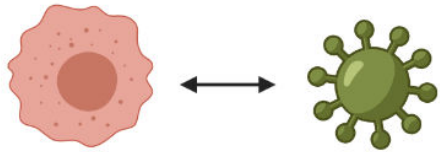


Open questions:

- Immune cells involved
- ICB combos

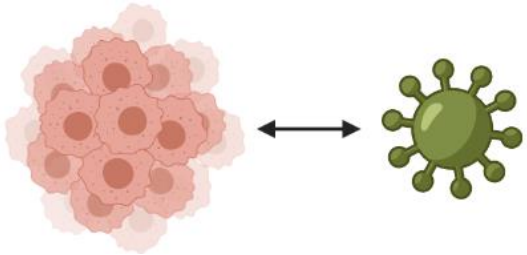
# CURRENT AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS

## PDAC cell and oncolytic virus crosstalk



- a. Oncolytic signature for patients' stratification
- b. Increase permissiveness, expose novel vulnerabilities
- c. With AI support, define best therapeutic scenario

## PDAC tumors and oncolytic virus crosstalk



- a. TME repolarization characterization
- b. Extra gene delivery (ICB, TME disrupting agents...)
- c. Metastasis targeting

# THERAPEUTIC INNOVATION IN PANCREATIC CANCER “IMPACT”

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# PANCREATIC CANCER INTRINSIC PI3KA ACTIVITY ACCELERATES METASTASIS AND REWIRES MACROPHAGE COMPONENT

Thibault B., Ramos-Delgado F., Pons-Tostivint E., et al

EMBO Mol Med, Volume: 13, Issue: 7, First published: 25 May 2021, DOI: (10.15252/emmm.202013502)



# QUESTIONS ASKED

- **Oncogenic drivers of metastatic dissemination**
- **Importance of tumour-intrinsic oncogenic signals to shape a tumour-promoting microenvironment**

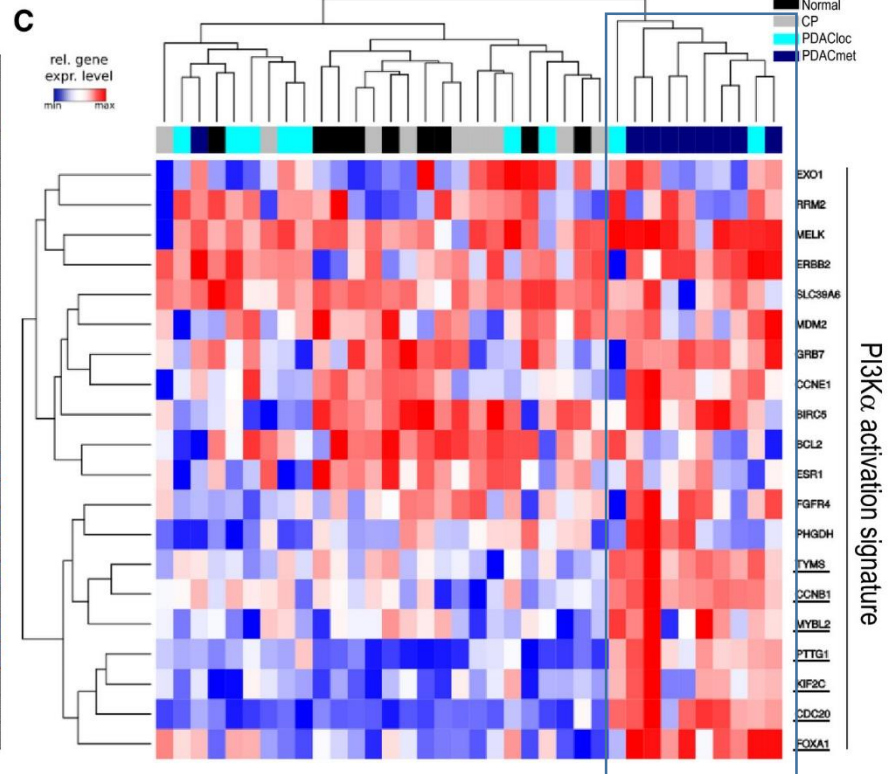
# PI3K $\alpha$ activation gene signature is increased in metastatic pancreatic cancer patients

**A** Hallmarks

Pathways	Corr p value PDACmet vs normal	Corr p value PDACloc vs normal	Corr p value CP vs normal	Corr p value PDACmet vs PDACloc
Complement	0.0002	0.0000	0.0066	0.2773
Apical junction	0.0016	0.0000	0.0000	0.1524
Coagulation	0.0020	0.0000	0.0000	0.1487
Glycolysis	0.0021	0.0403	0.0482	0.8633
IL-2 STAT5 signaling	0.0022	0.0001	0.0014	0.0524
Reactive oxygen species pathway	0.0038	0.0075	0.0087	0.9235
Interferon alpha response	0.0042	0.0002	0.0008	0.3250
Heme metabolism	0.0043	0.0002	0.0006	0.1213
Interferon gamma response	0.0046	0.0001	0.0034	0.1668
IL-6 JAK STAT3 signaling	0.0049	0.0010	0.0230	0.1679
<b>PI3K Akt mTOR Signaling</b>	0.0077	0.0032	0.5960	0.3675
Hedgehog signaling	0.0081	0.9943	0.0002	0.0657
Early estrogen response	0.0098	0.0003	0.0000	0.0355
Myogenesis	0.0103	0.1399	0.0031	0.0048
TNF $\alpha$ signaling via NFKB	0.0121	0.0003	0.0038	0.0167
Inflammatory response	0.0155	0.0140	0.0082	0.0568
Oxidative phosphorylation	0.0205	0.0002	0.0002	0.0234
Mitotic spindle	0.0218	0.0030	0.0061	0.6924
Epithelial mesenchymal transition	0.0219	0.0000	0.0004	0.0031
Xenobiotic metabolism	0.0226	0.0829	0.2647	0.0163
Allograft rejection	0.0230	0.0335	0.0141	0.7627
Wnt beta catenin signaling	0.0301	0.0000	0.0157	0.3125
UV response up	0.0445	0.6722	0.0604	0.1190

**B** PI3K-related Reactome

Pathways	Corr p value PDACmet vs PDACloc
<b>PI3K Akt activation</b>	0.0603
<b>PI3K Akt signaling in cancer</b>	0.0741
<b>PI3K cascade FGFR2</b>	0.0162

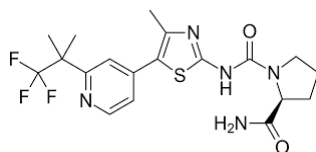


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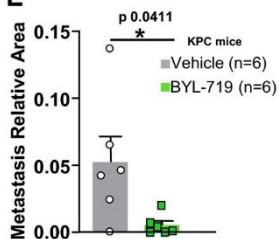
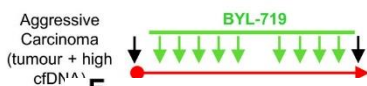
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Genetic

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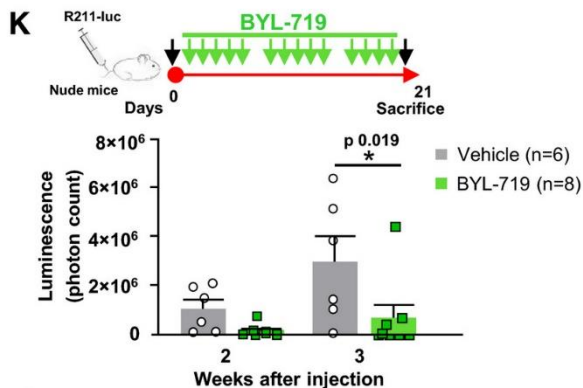


**A** *in situ* KPC model

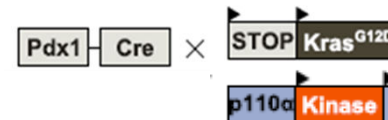


In situ KPC Mice

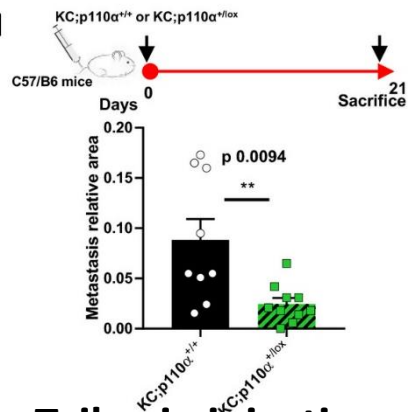
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Tail vein injection



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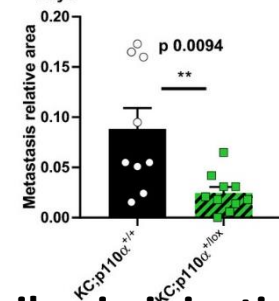
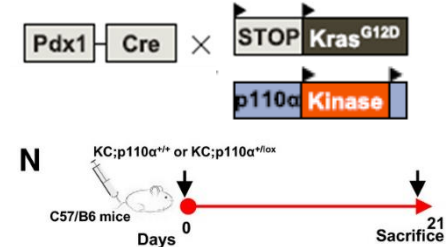
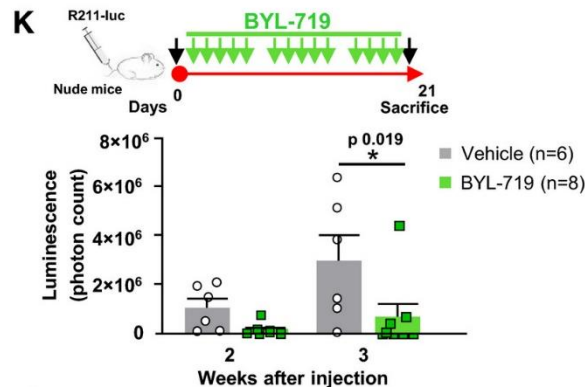
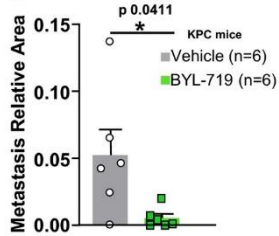
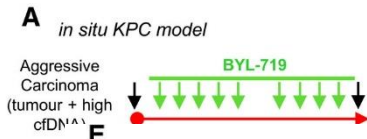
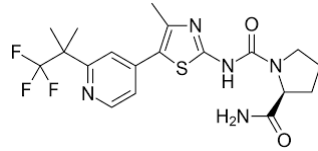
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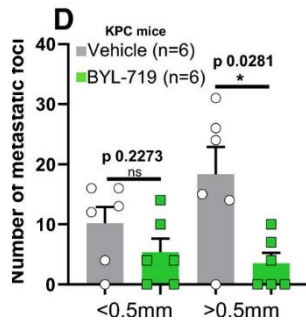
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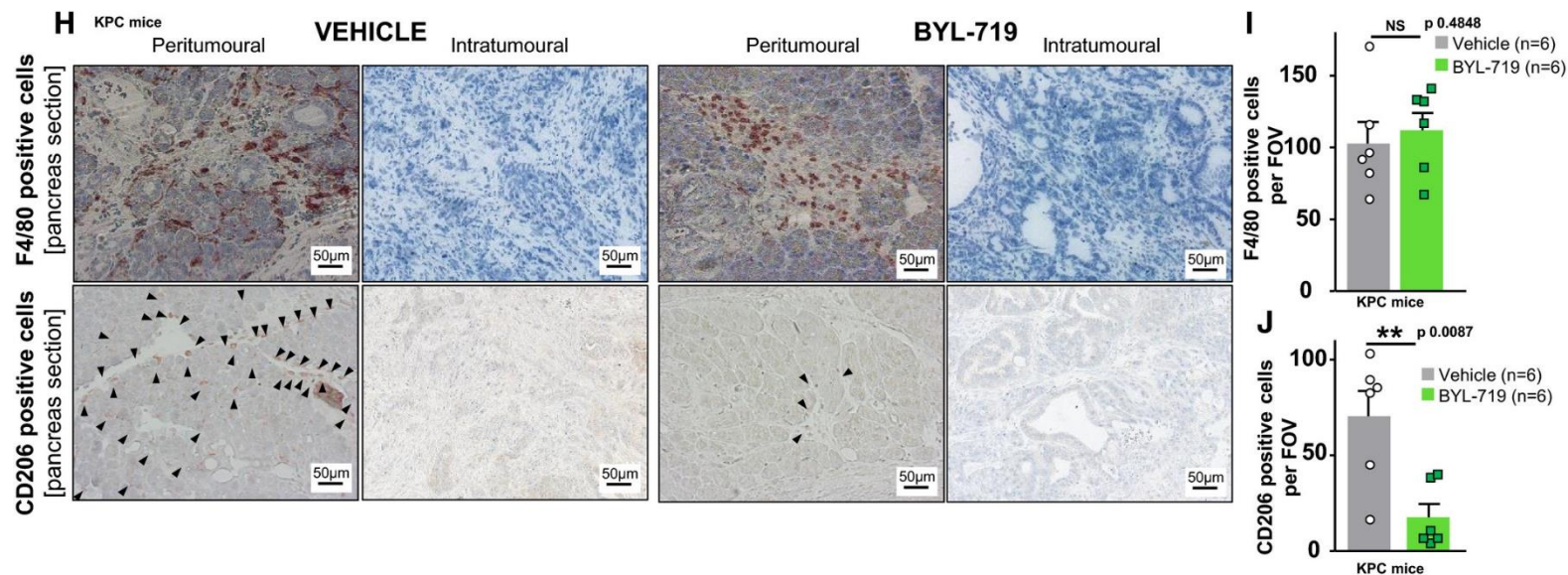


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metastasis

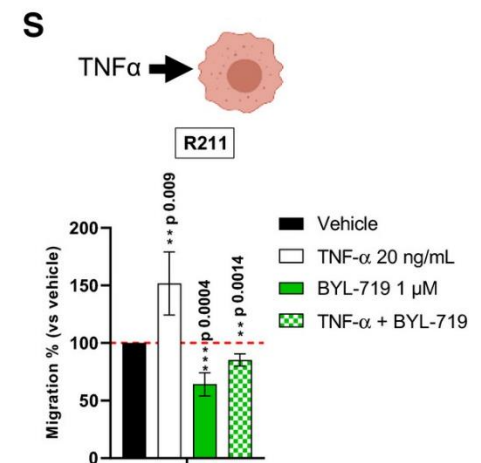
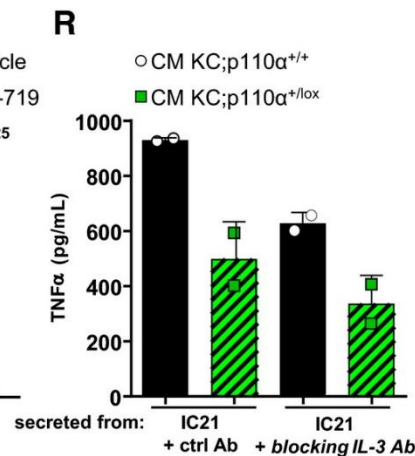
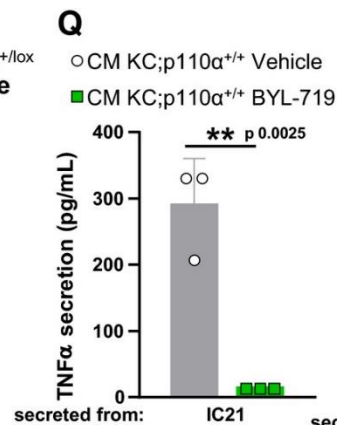
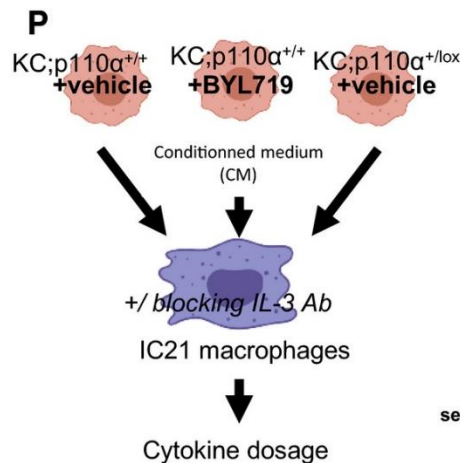
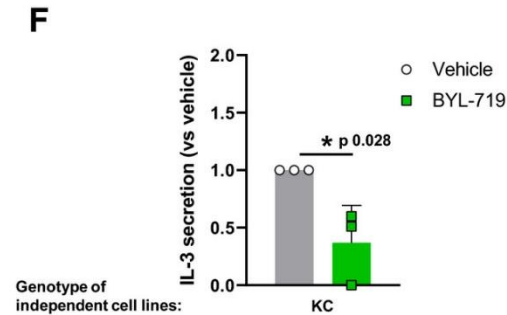
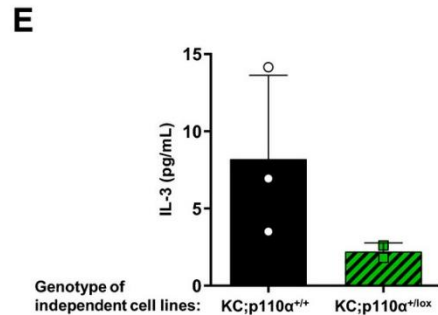
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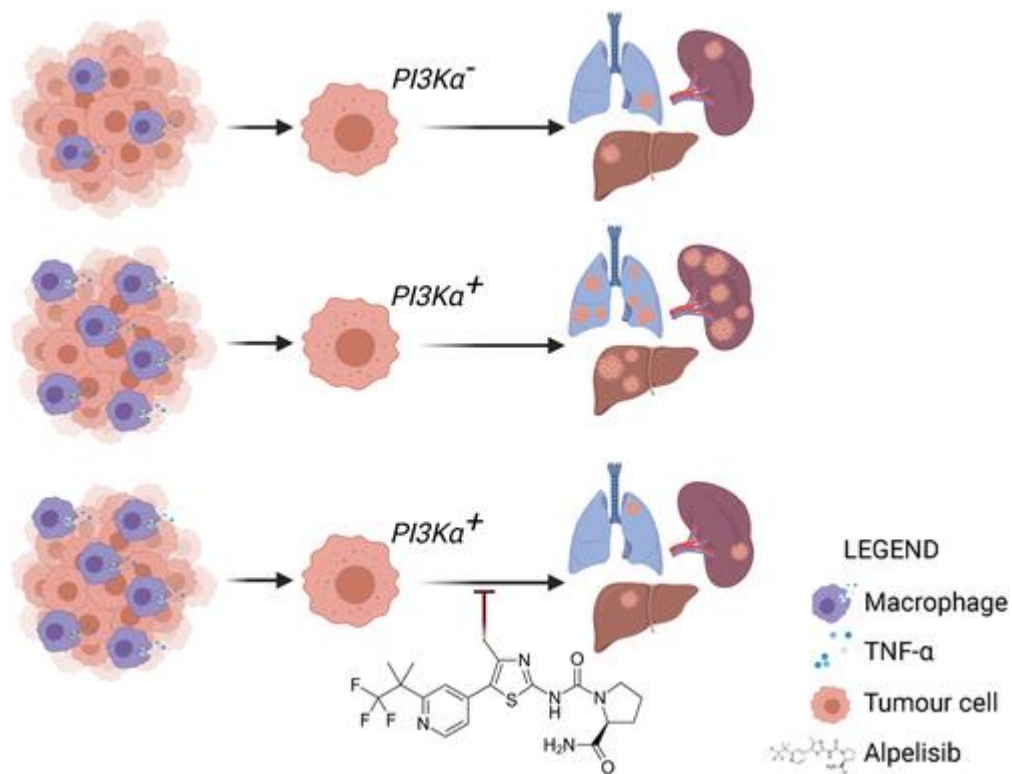
# Pharmacological PI3K $\alpha$ inhibition prevents the acquisition of tumour-associated inflammatory (CD206+) macrophages

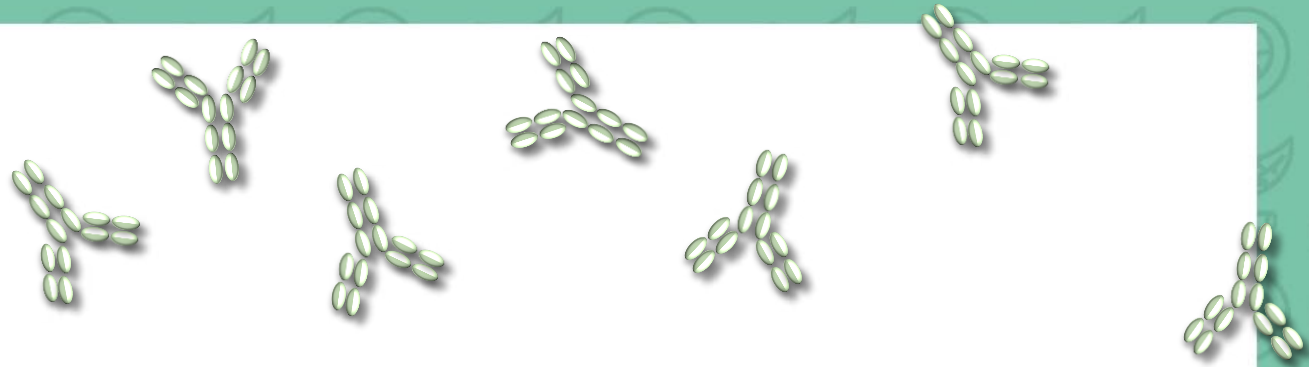
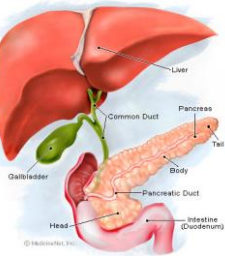


# Macrophage TNF $\alpha$ secretion is promoted by PI3K $\alpha$ activity-induced IL-3 in tumour cells.



# IN SUMMARY





# ANTIBODY THERAPY IN PANCREATIC CANCER: HUGE EFFORTS , MUCH DISAPPOINTMENT AND FUTURE CHALLENGE

*Christel Larbouret*

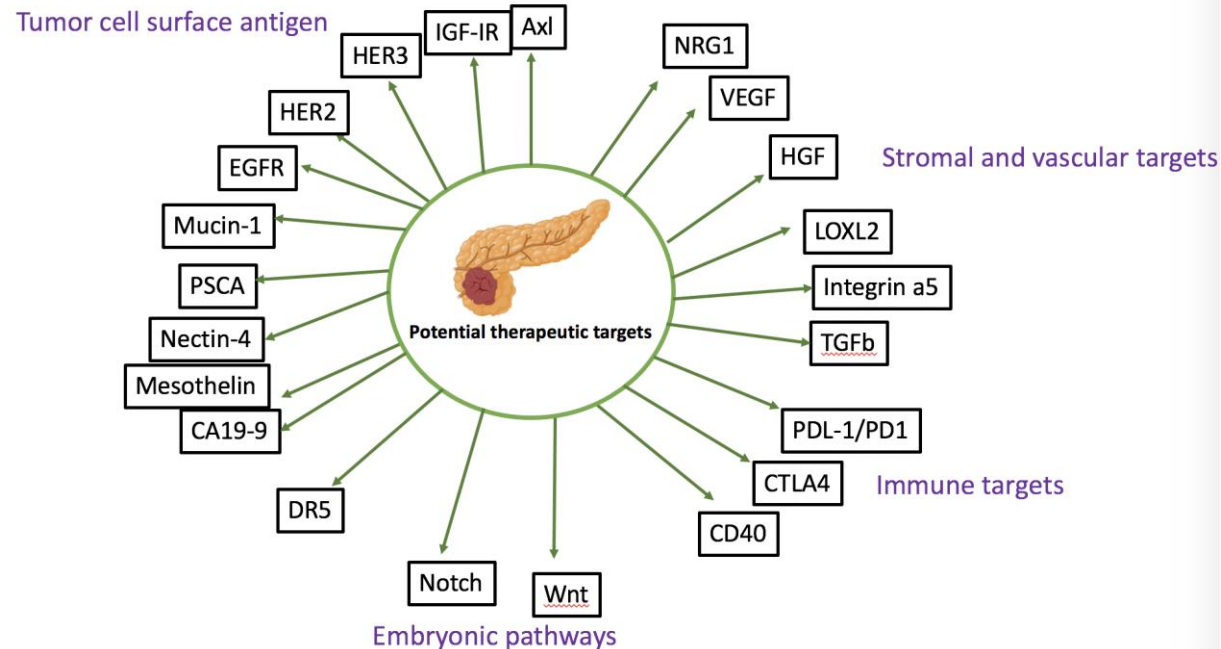
Institut de Recherche en Cancérologie  
“Drug resistance and new cancer treatment”



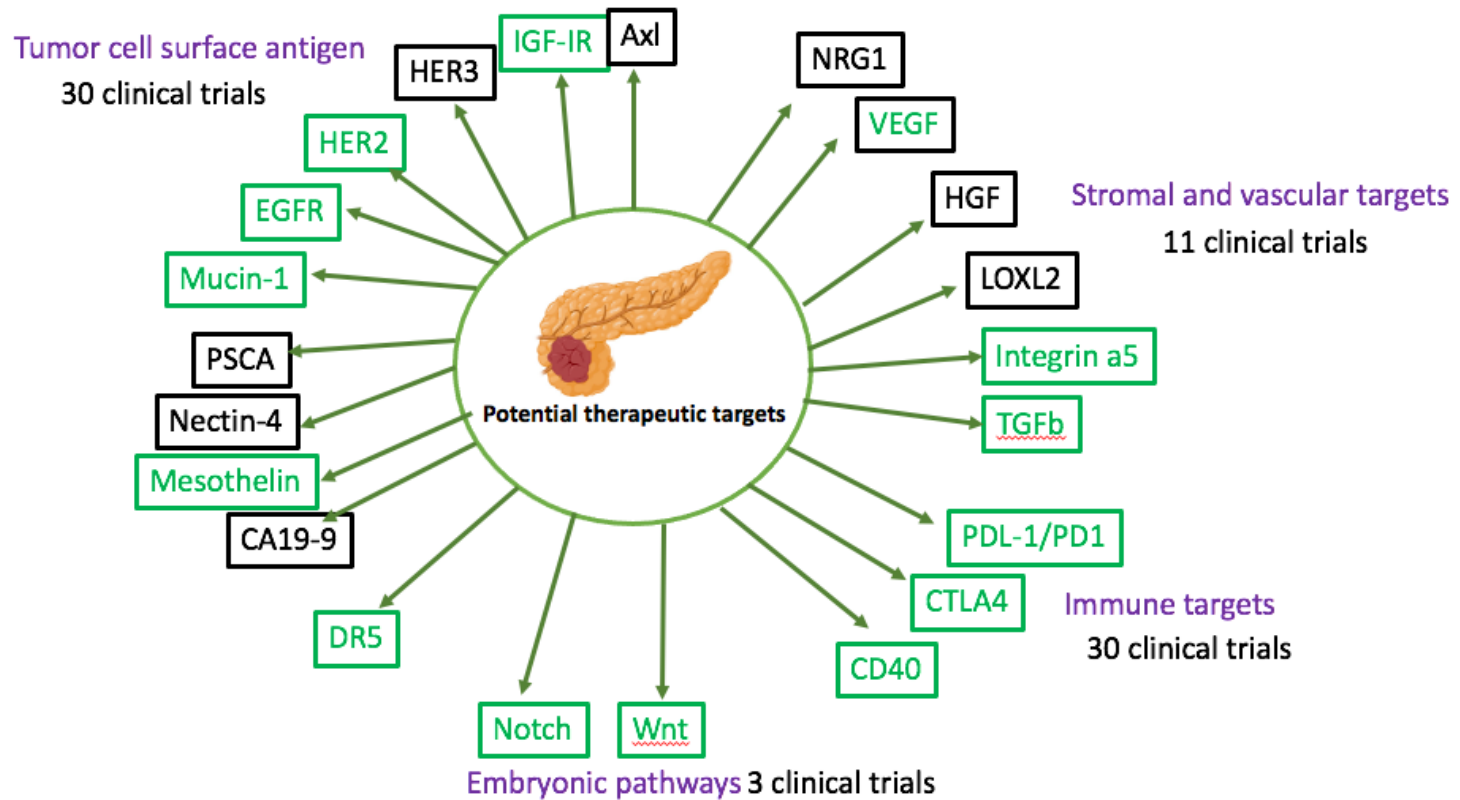
## Robust target selection

- Well understood role in tumor biology (initiation and progression of PC)
- Near exclusive expression in the tumor vs normal tissues
- Avoid secretion into circulation

Targets of antibodies that have undergone **pre-clinical evaluation** in pancreatic cancer

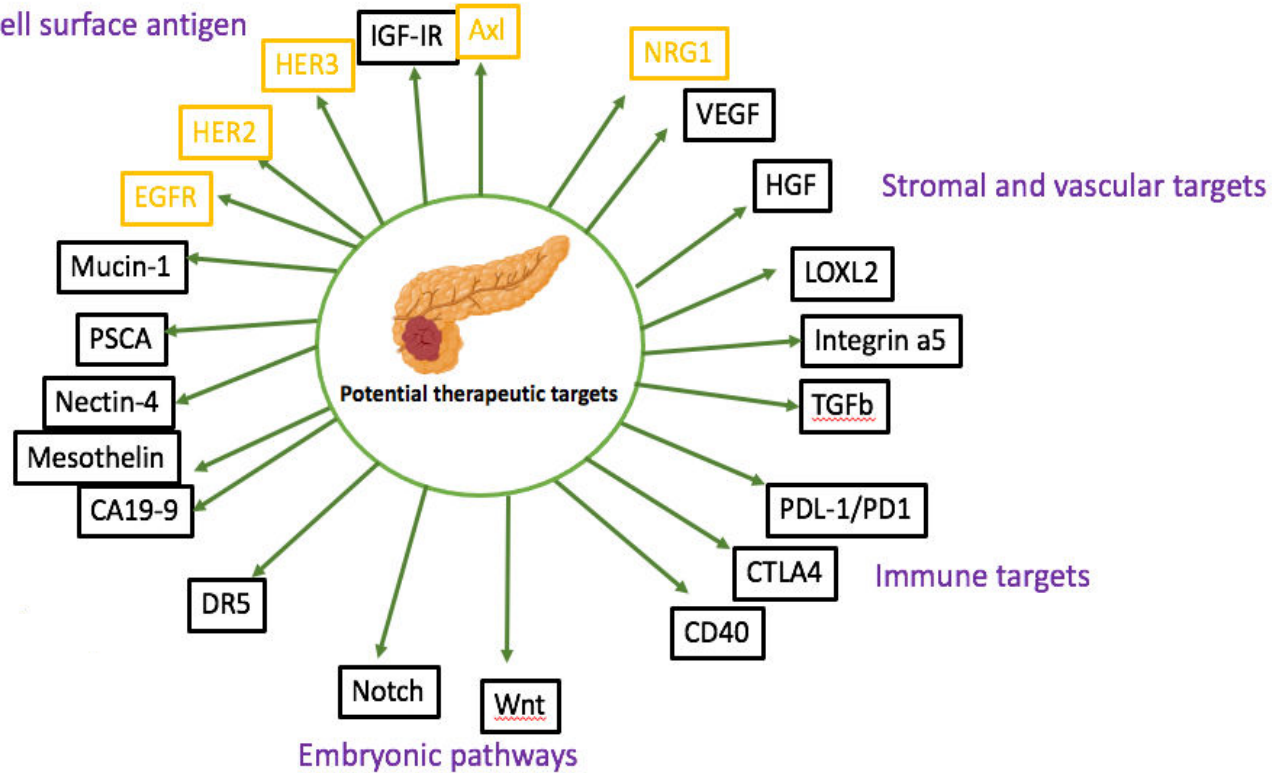


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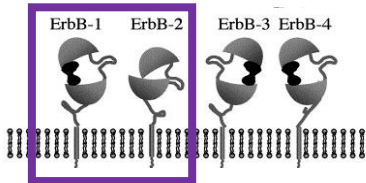
In the lab ...

Tumor cell surface antigen



Implicated in metastasis and resistance to therapies (chemo or targeted)

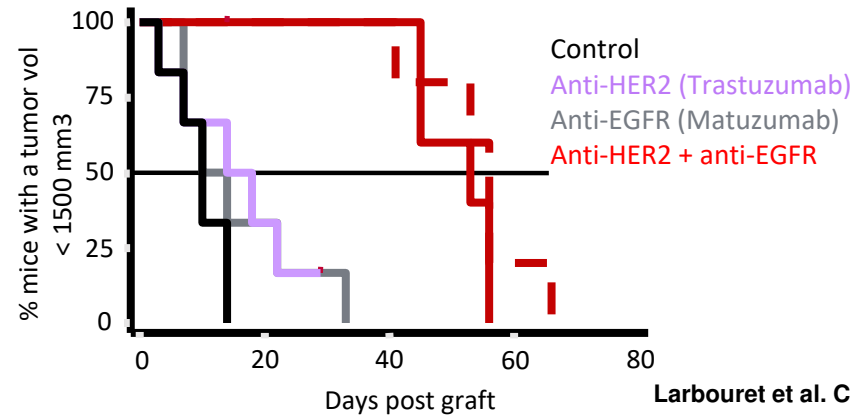
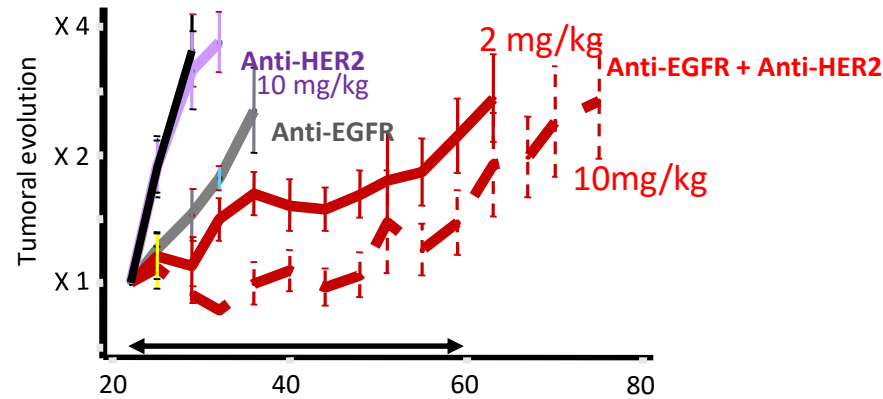
Antibody combination (simultaneous targeting of signaling pathways- heterodimers ) – inhibition of escape response



Coll. Merck/Roche

## Anti-EGFR + anti-HER2 antibody combination

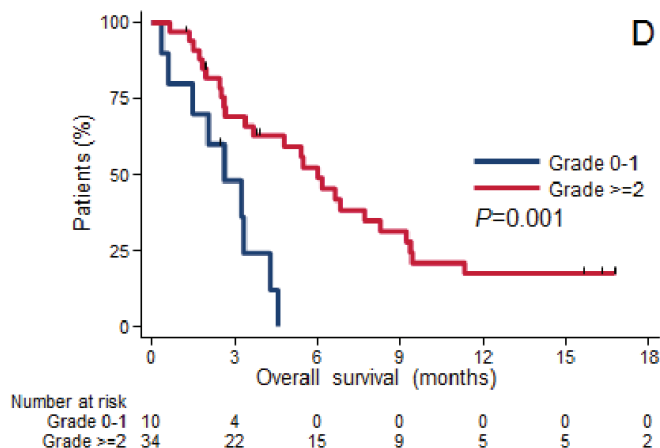
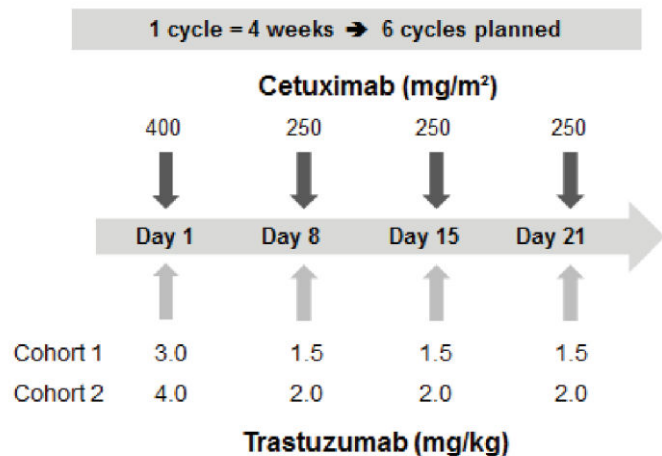
Pancreatic tumor xenograft (K-ras M)



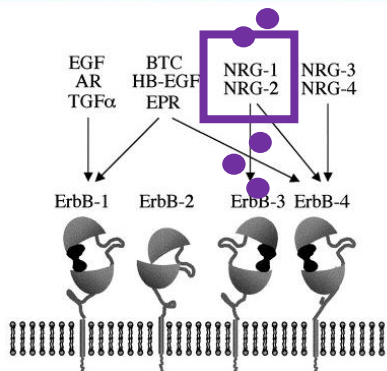
Labouret et al. Clin Cancer Res 2007 13:3356-3362  
 Labouret et al. Annals Oncol 2010 21:98-103

➔ Effect independly of Kras and in first and second line of treatment  
 Pan-HER in GR PDx pancreatic models (Rabia E, Mabs 2021)

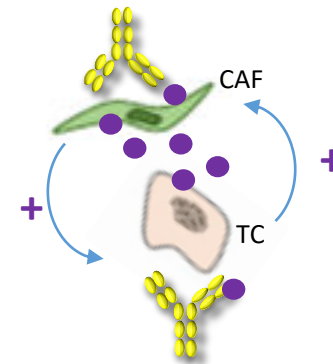
## THERAPY: Phase I/II clinical trial (NCT00923299)



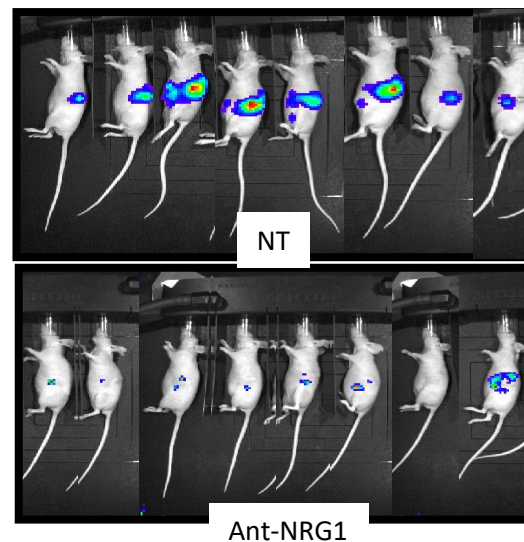
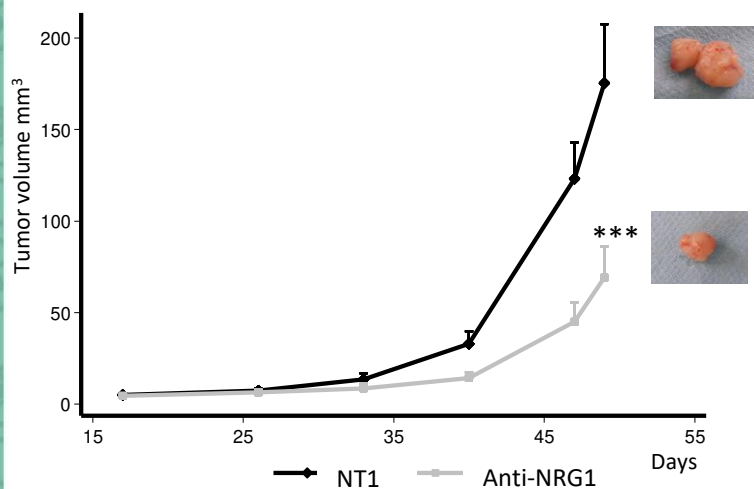
- 33 patients evaluable for efficacy: **27% of stabilization**
- Correlation between the **OS and the cutaneous toxicity**
- **Doses of cetuximab and trastuzumab**
- Second or more lines of treatment
- No biomarker



## Targeting the NRG1/HER3 pathway in tumor cells and CAF With an anti-neuregulin 1 antibody

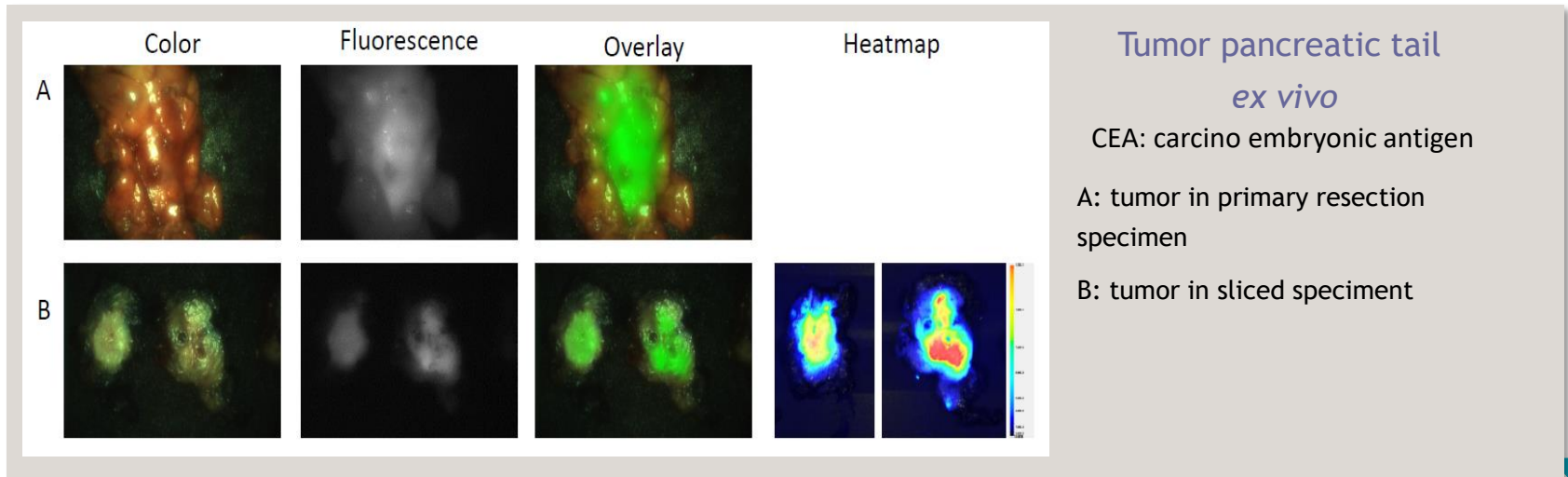


Orthotopic Pancreatic tumor xenograft (mix CAF/TC)



## Challenge and future perspectives with antibody therapeutics in PC

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- Effective dose and injection sequence of each antibodies need to be optimized
- Improved Ab efficacy: antibody drug conjugated (Bourillon L, Int journal of Cancer 2019)
- Simultaneous targeting of signaling pathways, tumor stroma and immune check point inhibitors (Labex Mabimprove- PhD)