

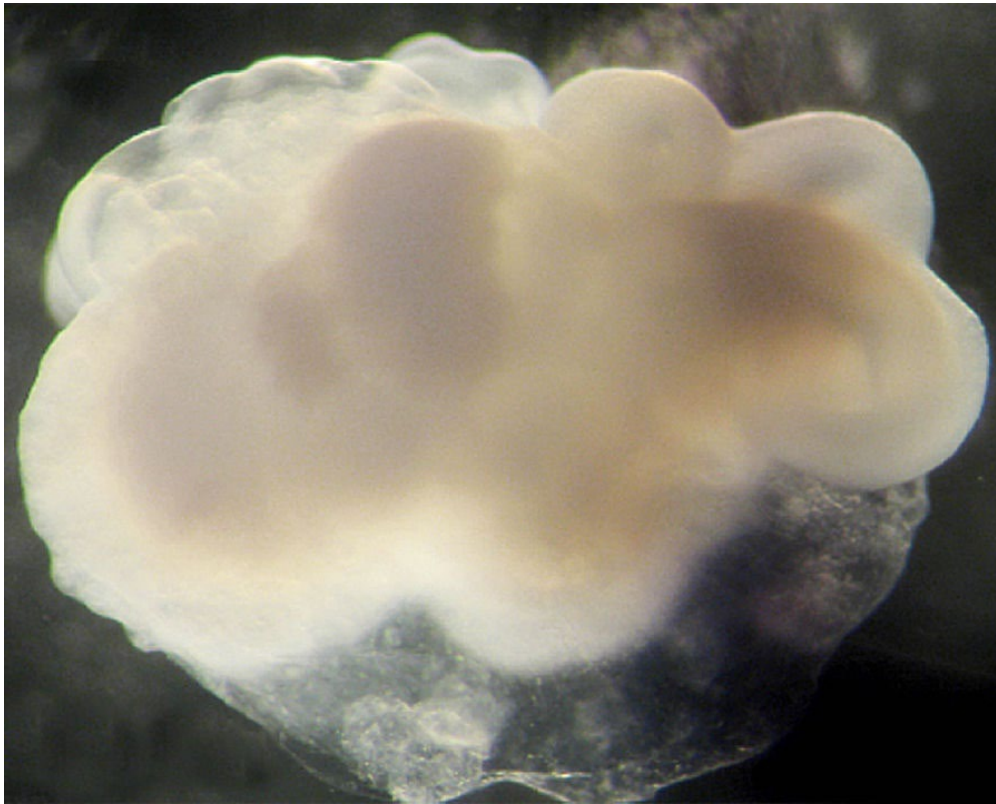
Organoids

A grayscale micrograph showing several organoids of varying sizes and shapes. The organoids are dark, irregularly shaped clusters of cells, some appearing as small, rounded spheres and others as larger, more complex structures. They are surrounded by a lighter, textured background that appears to be a culture medium or substrate. The overall image has a high-contrast, scientific appearance.

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Paris September 2023

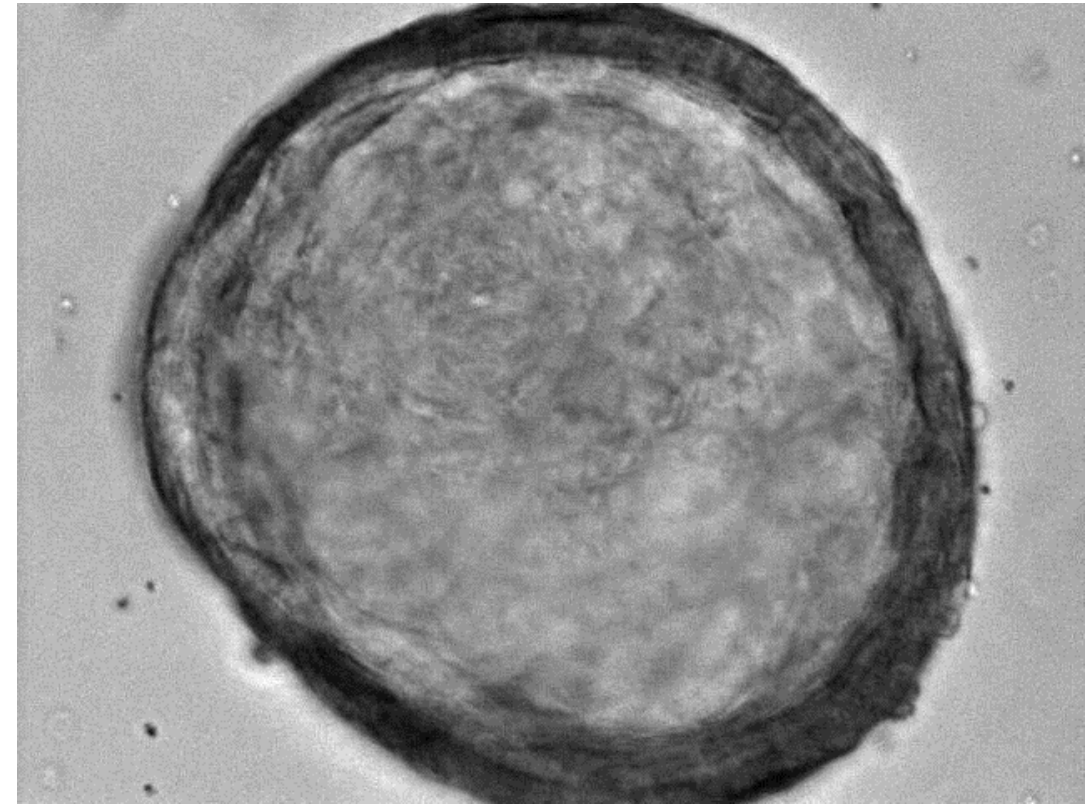
There are two (now three!!) different types of organoids

Embryonic stem cell derived organoids

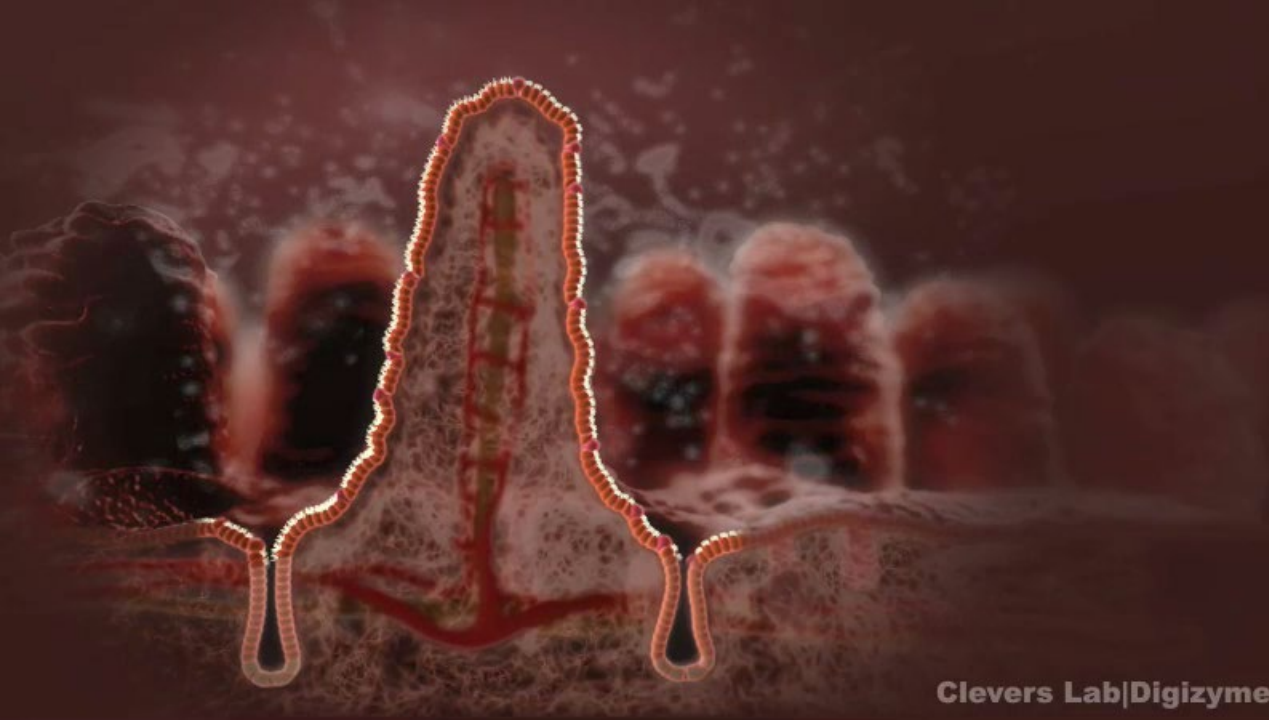


Directed development towards tissue of interest

Somatic stem cell derived organoids

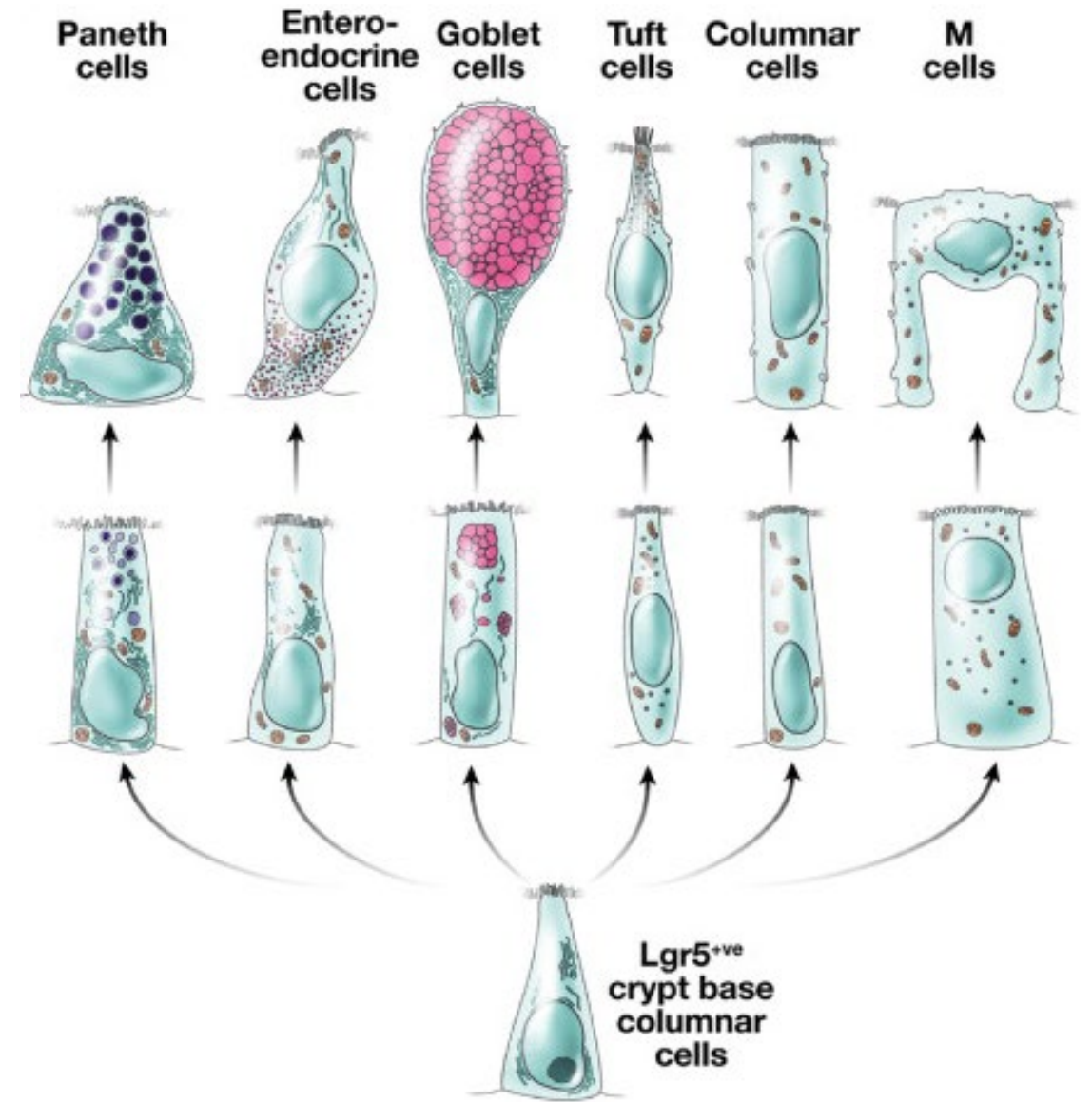


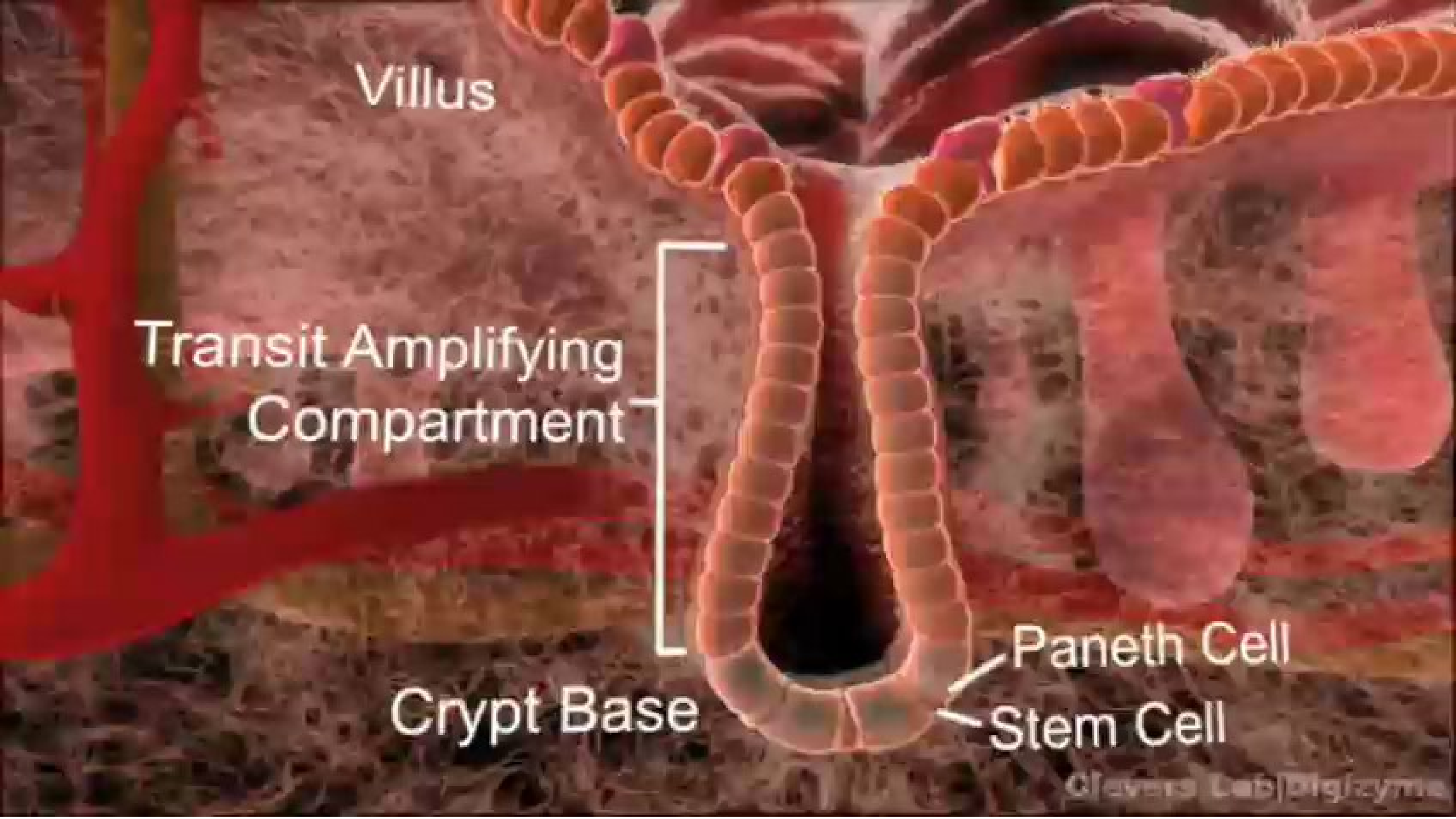
Growth factor cocktails maintain adult stem cell activity



Clevers Lab|Digizyme

- Intestinal stem cells are not quiescent
- They are not rare: up to 5% of crypt cells
- They do not divide asymmetrically
- Stem cells create their own niche cells
- The stem cell hierarchy is not uni-directional





Villus

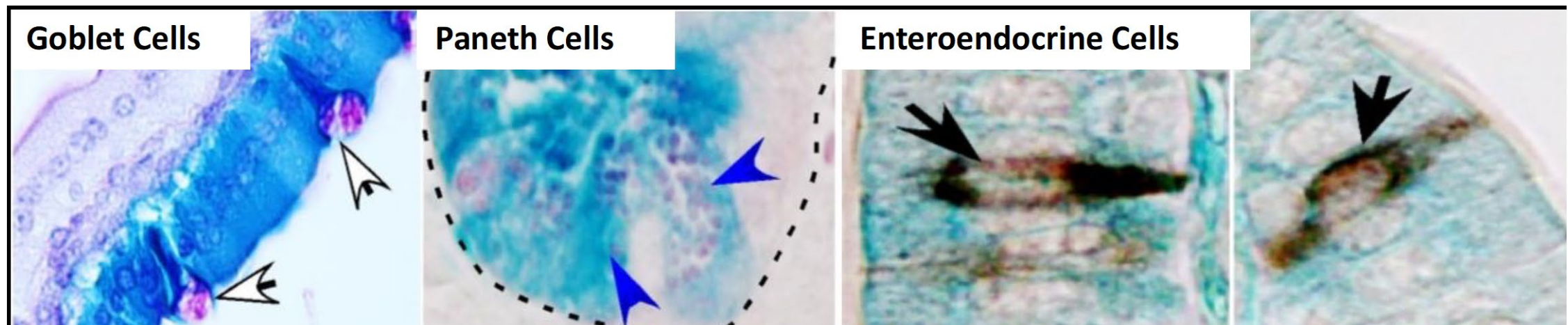
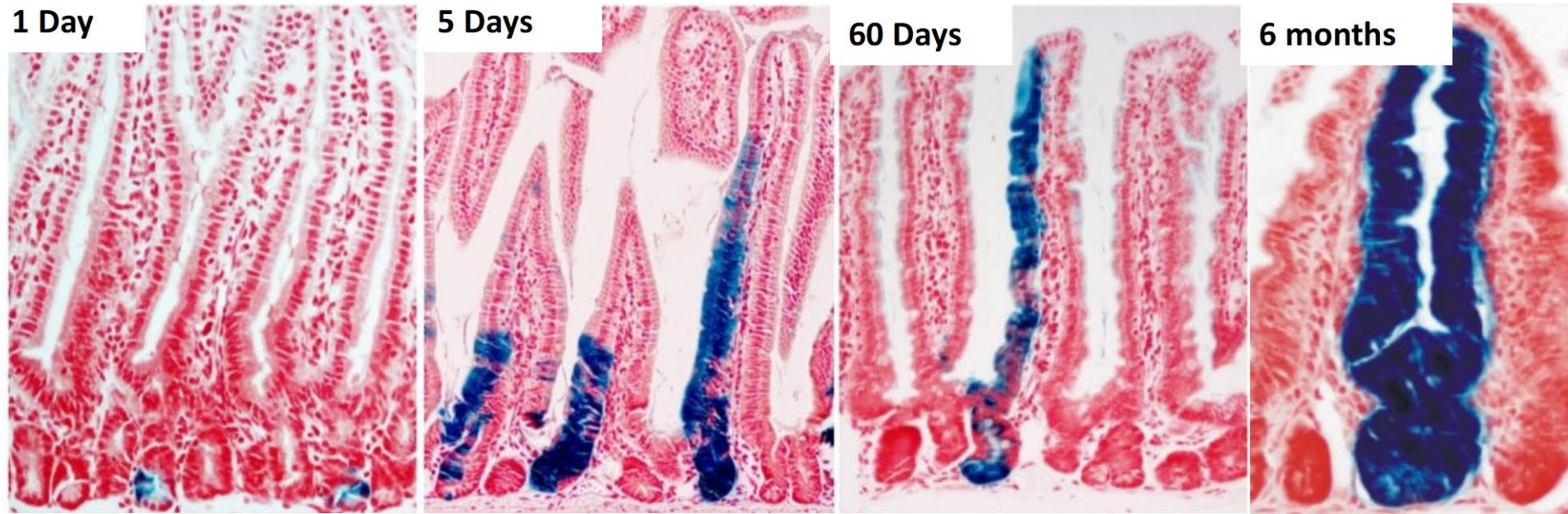
Transit Amplifying
Compartment

Crypt Base

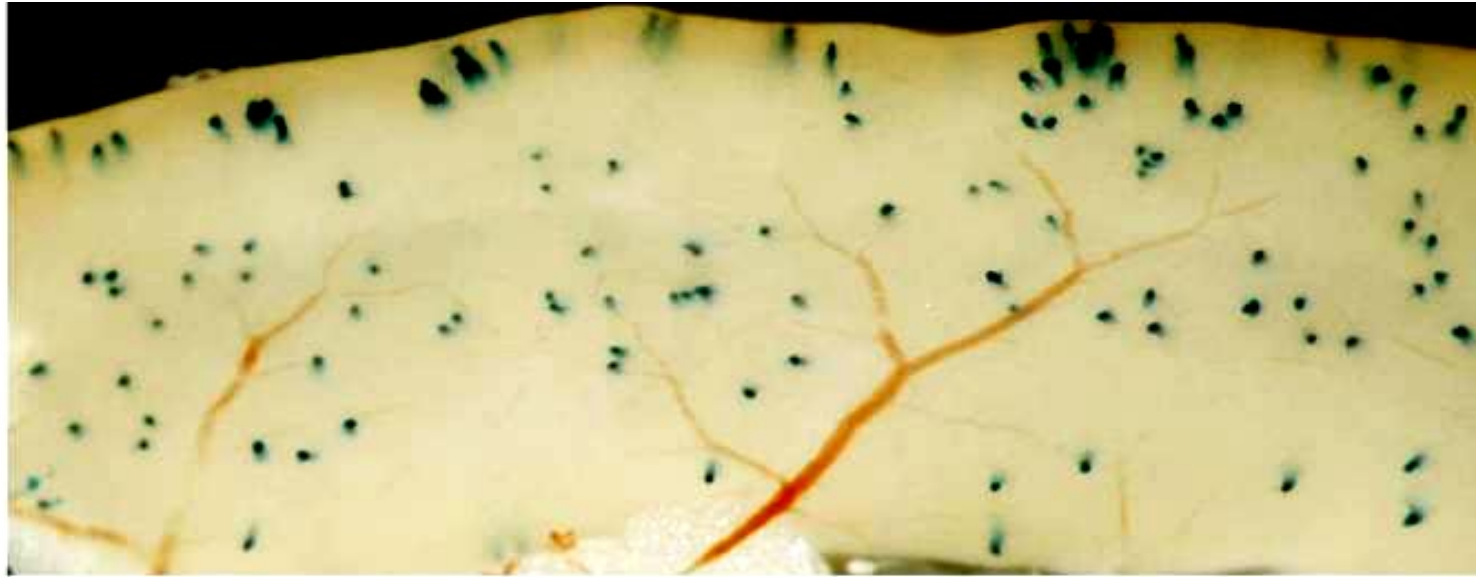
Paneth Cell

Stem Cell

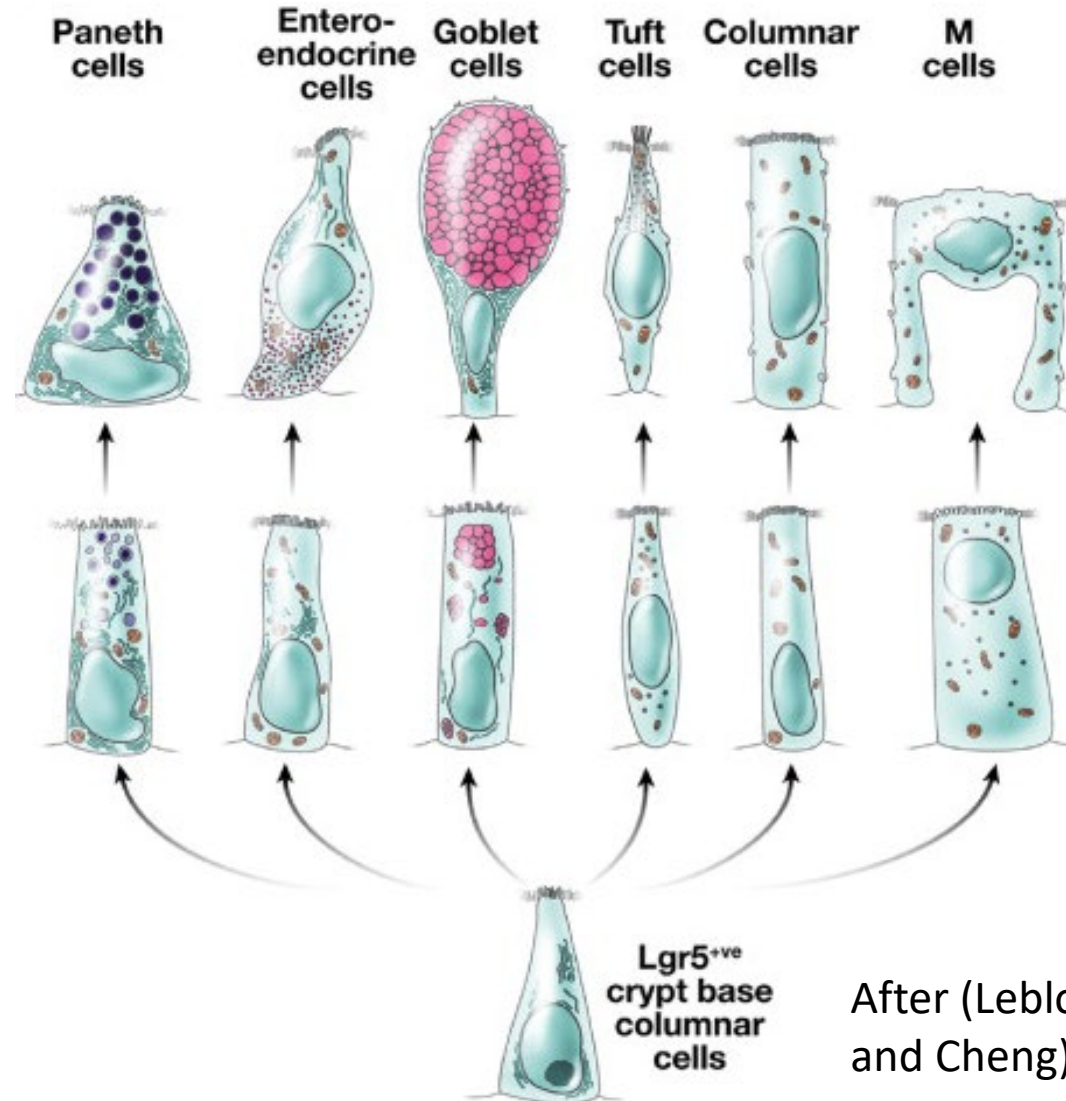
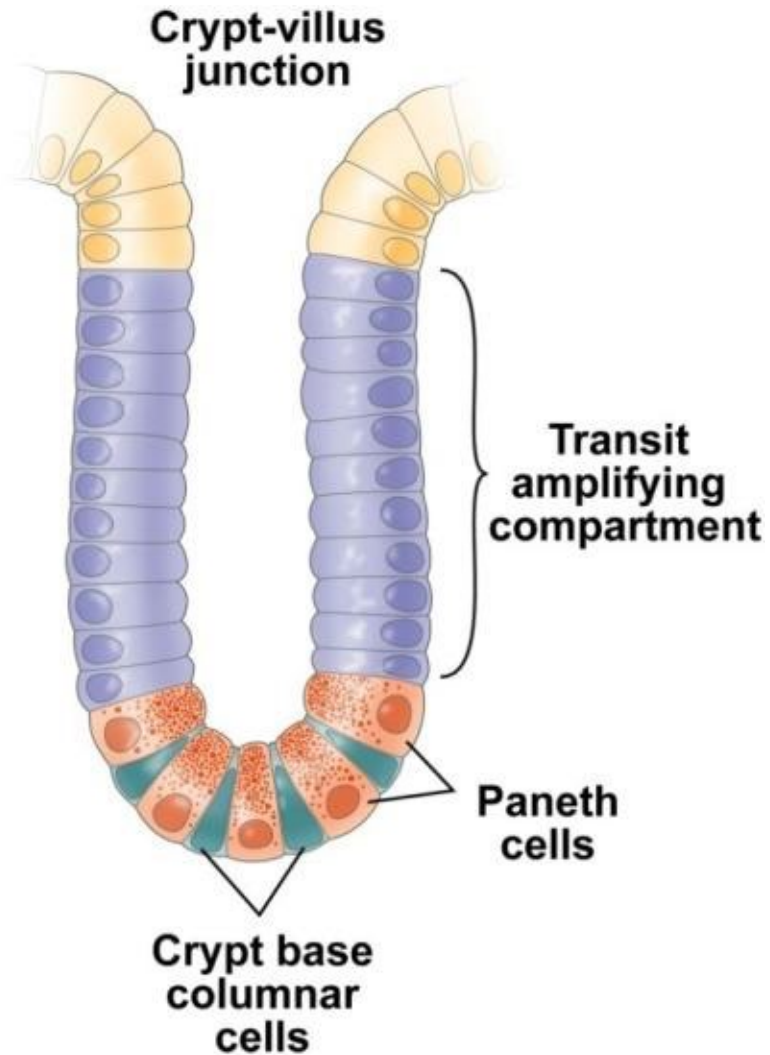
Lgr5 Cells are the Multipotent Stem Cells of the Small Intestine



20 months later..

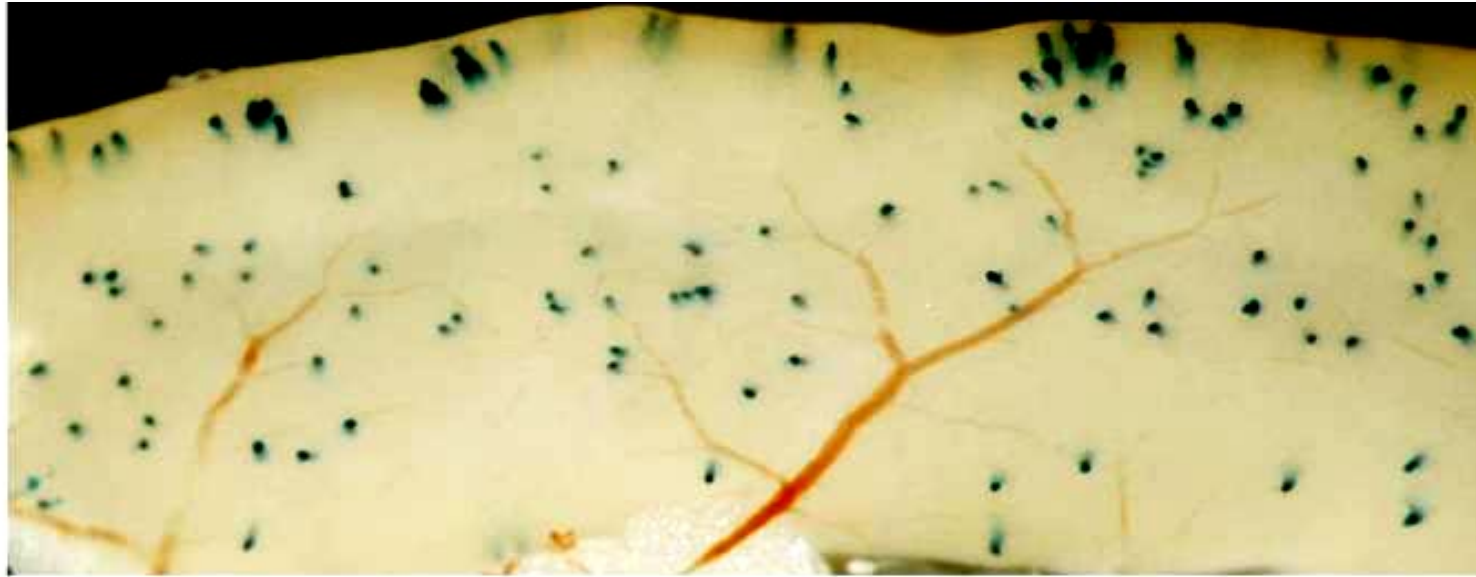


Crypt Base Columnar cells are Intestinal Stem Cells

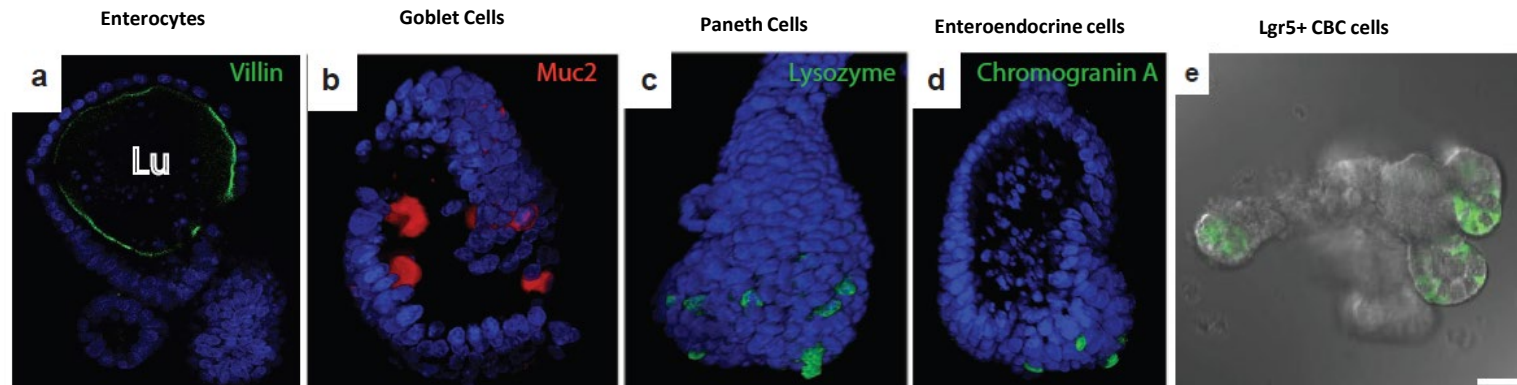
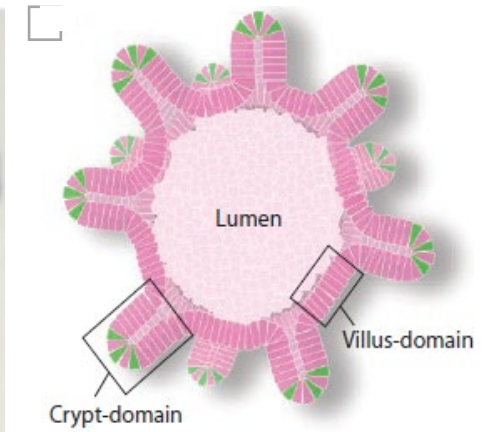
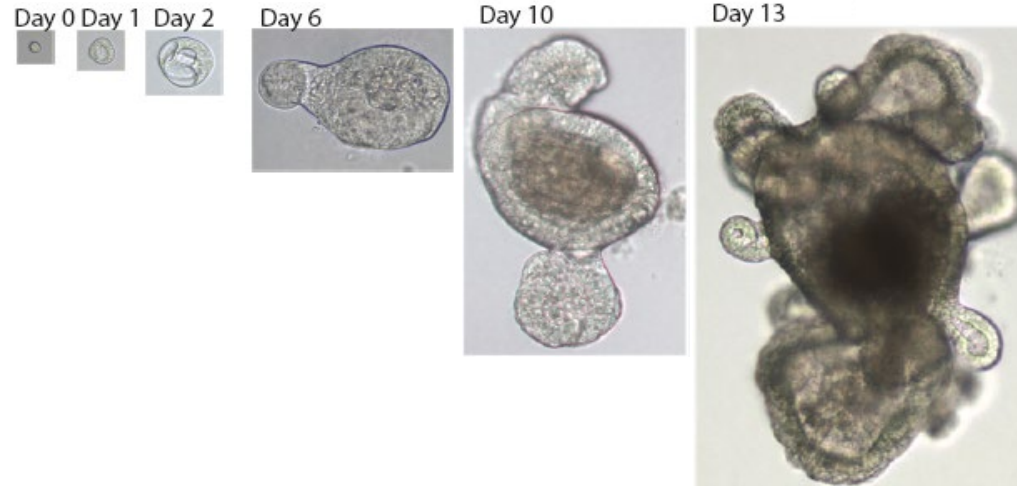
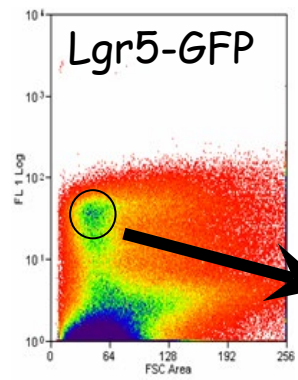


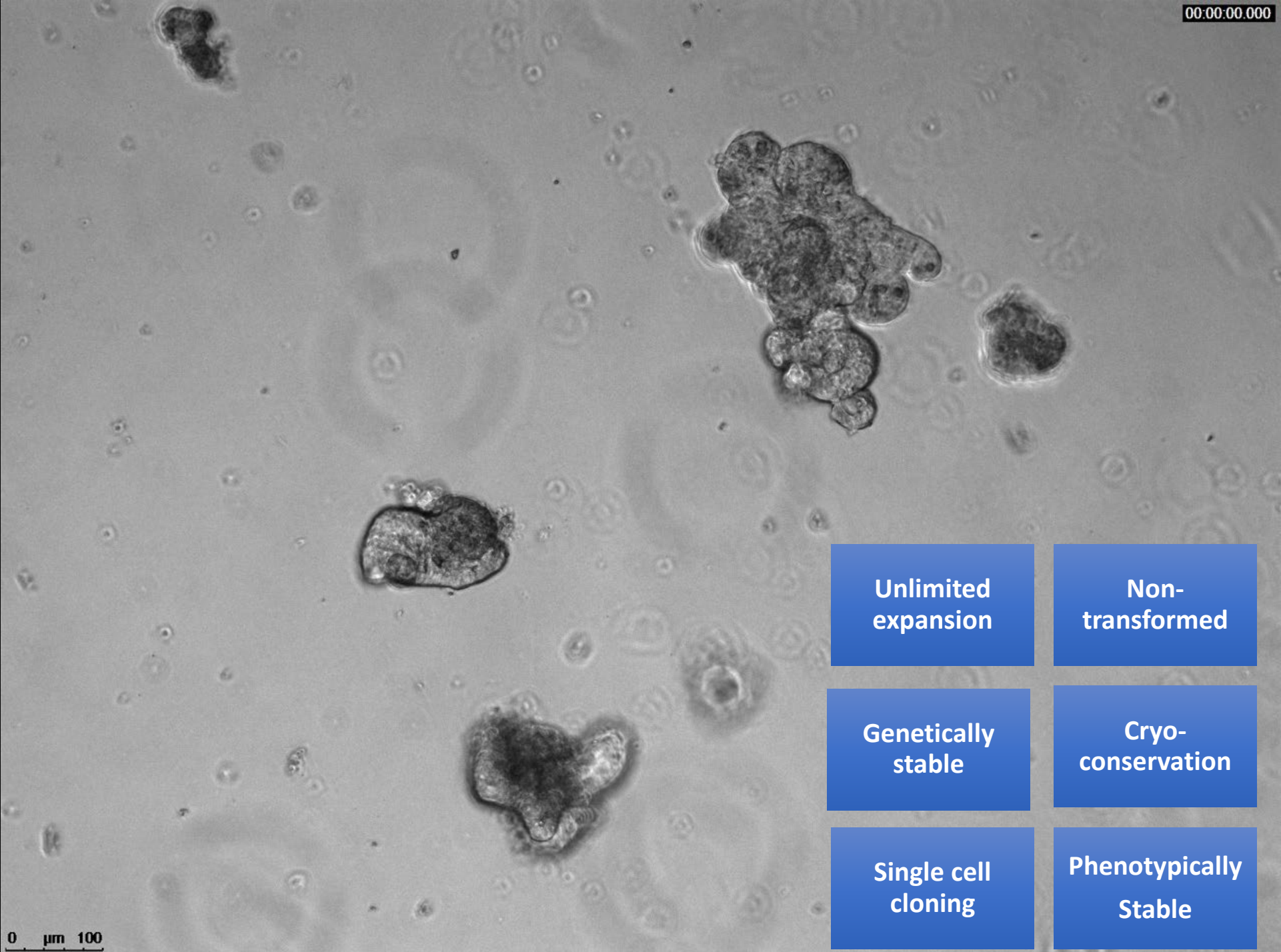
After (Leblond, Bjerknes and Cheng)

20 months later..



In-Vitro Intestinal Organoids Resemble *In-Vivo* Crypt-Villus Units





Unlimited
expansion

Non-
transformed

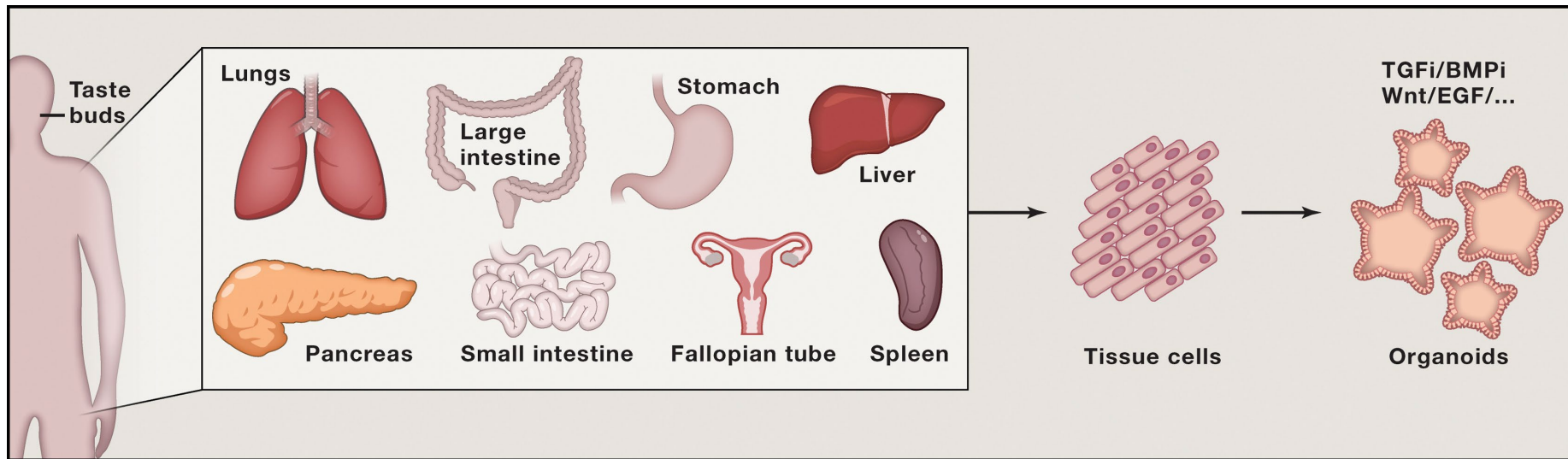
Genetically
stable

Cryo-
conservation

Single cell
cloning

Phenotypically
Stable

Organoids from adult stem cells



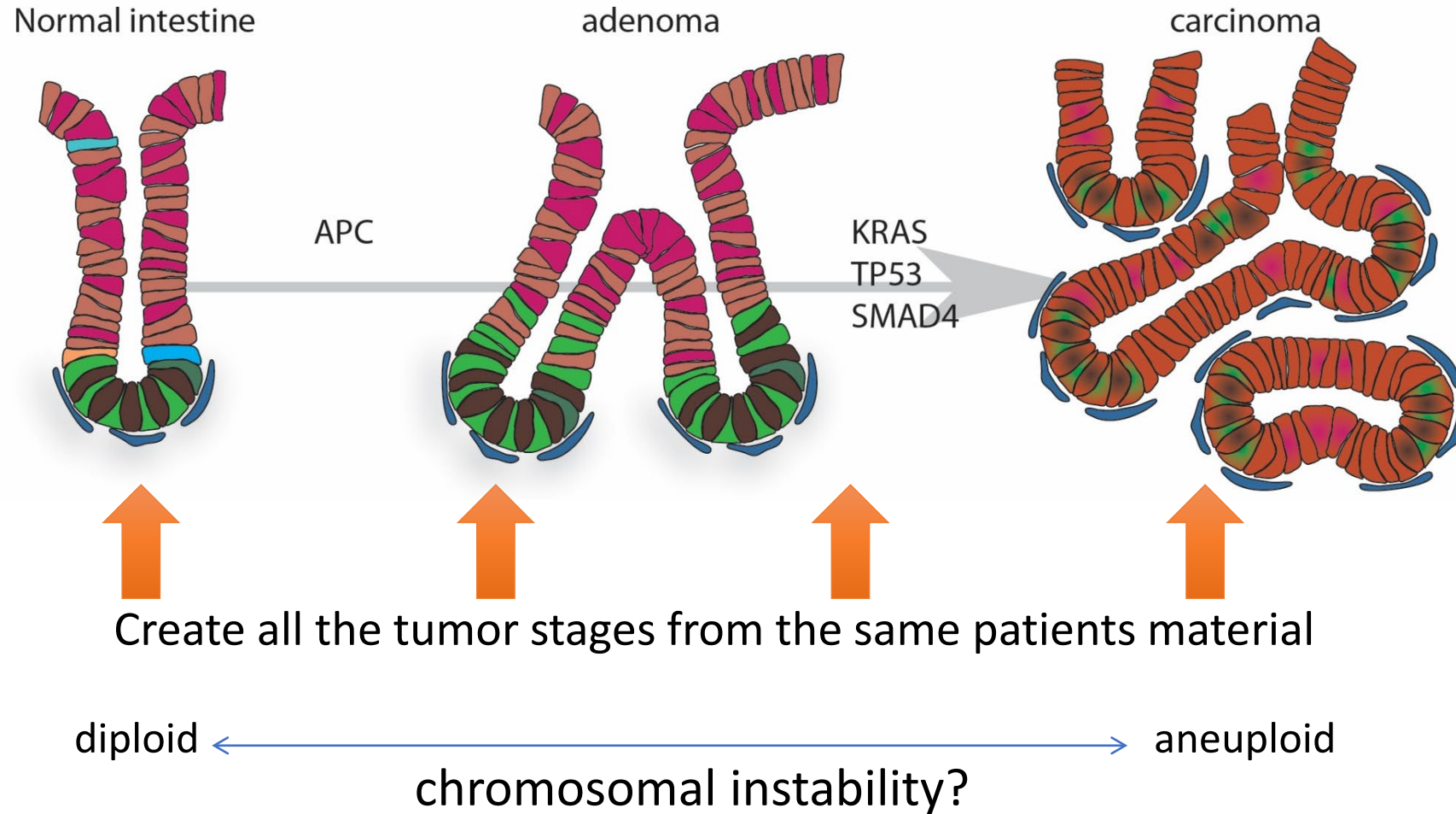
Day 13



Can we use organoid technology for disease modeling?
(colon) cancer

Mutating human gut stem cells

(part I)

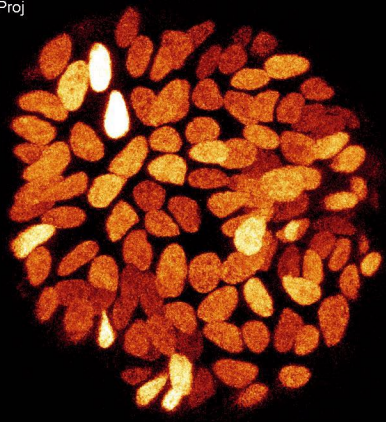


Wild-type

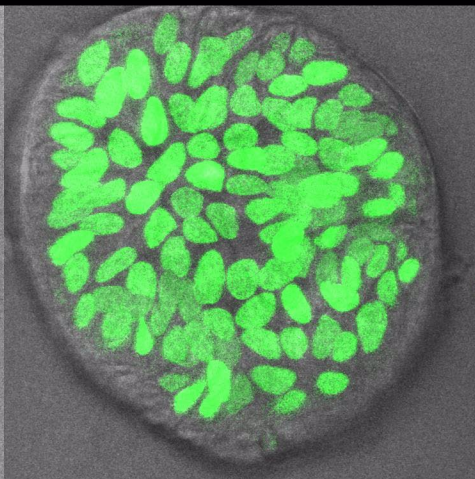
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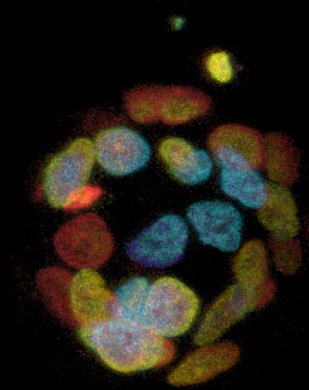


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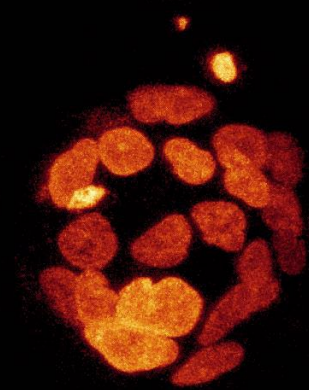


Quadruple

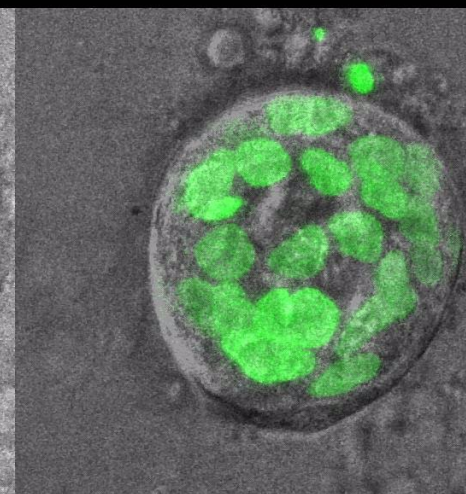
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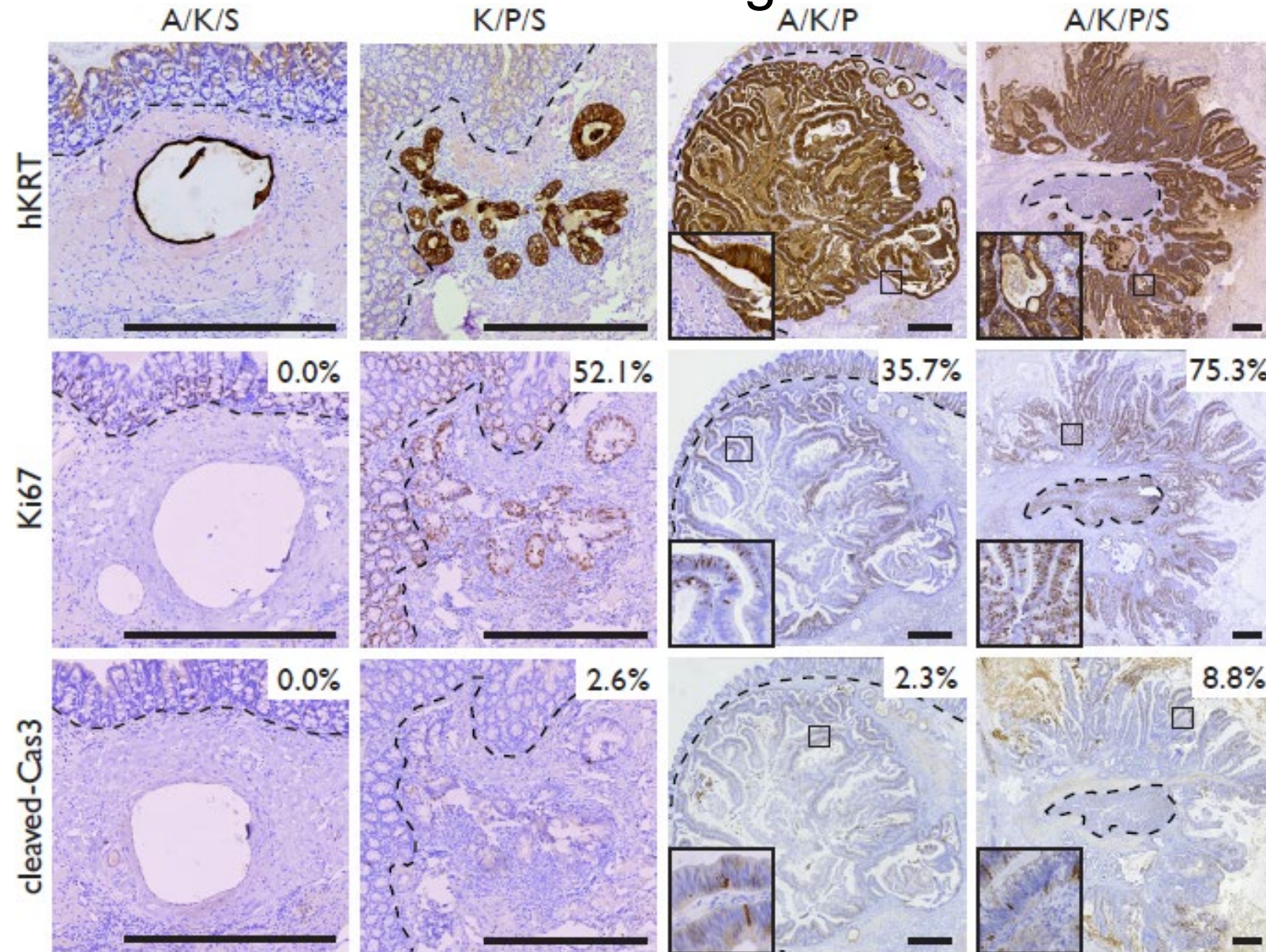
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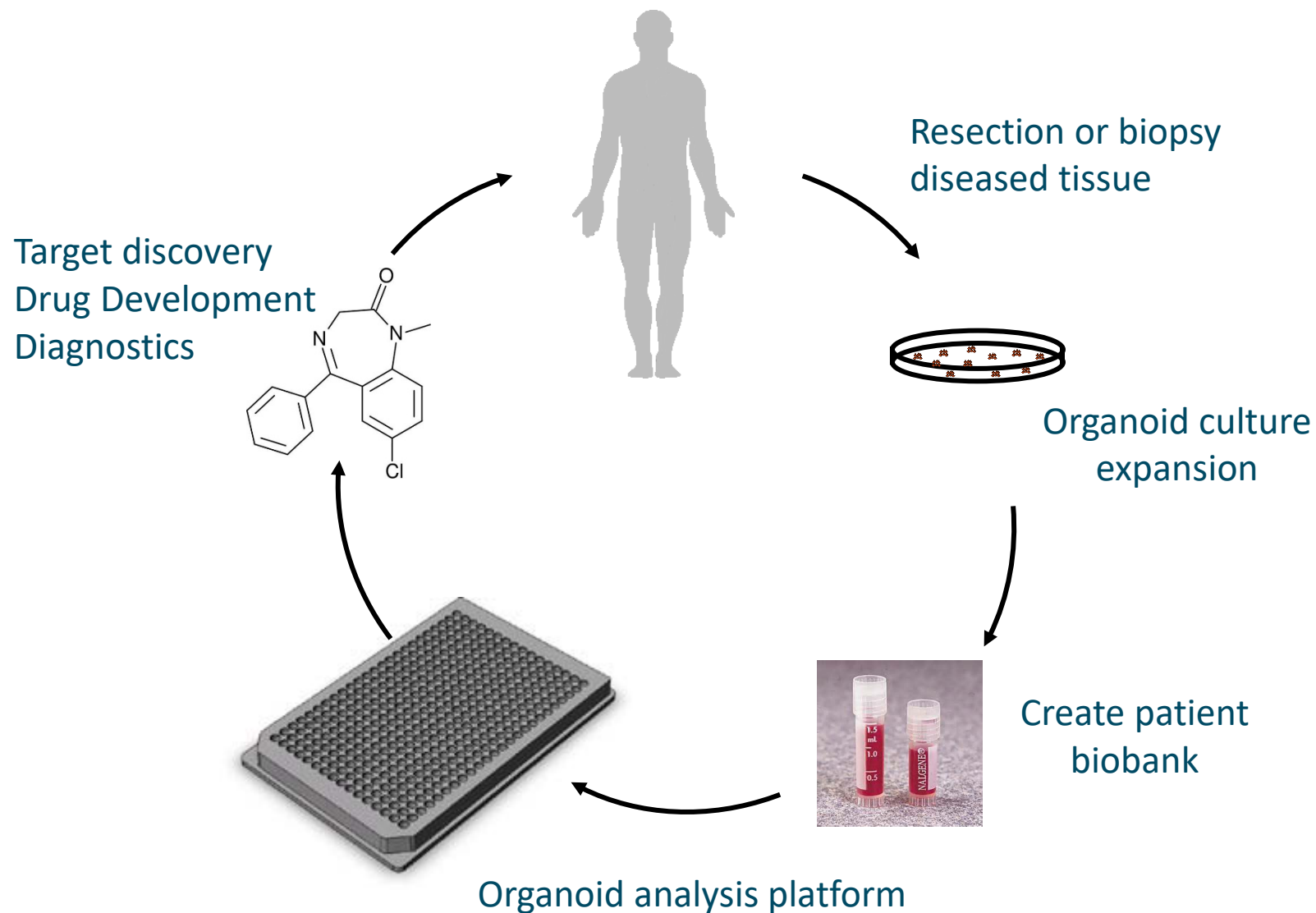


Invasive outgrowth of A/K/P and A/K/P/S organoids



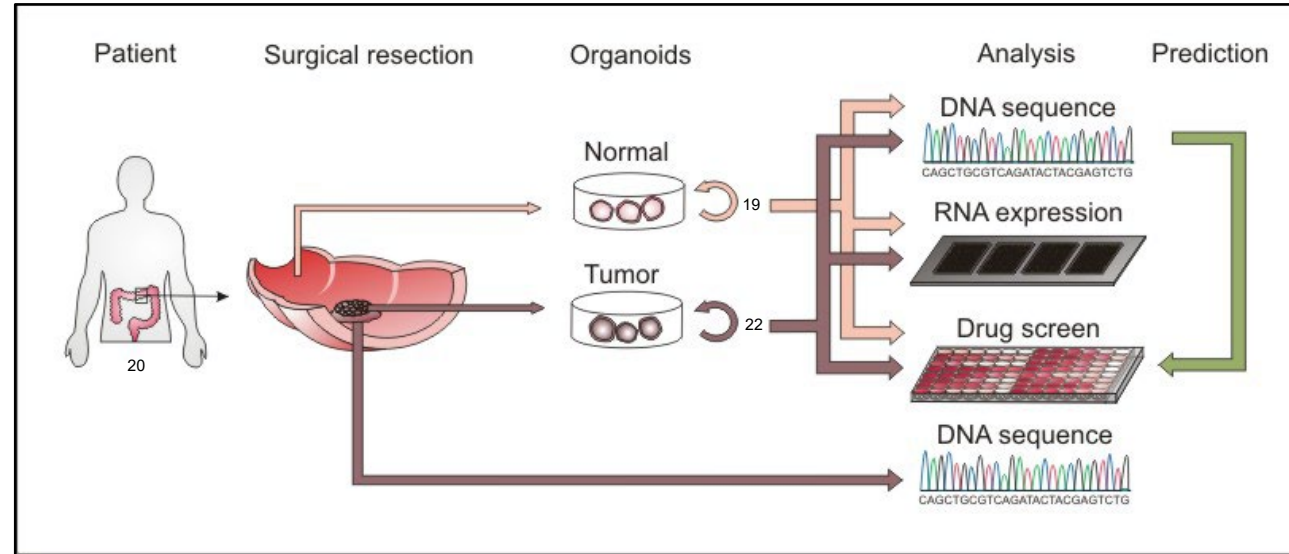
'A Living cancer biobank'

Colon -, breast -, ovarian - and pancreas-cancer

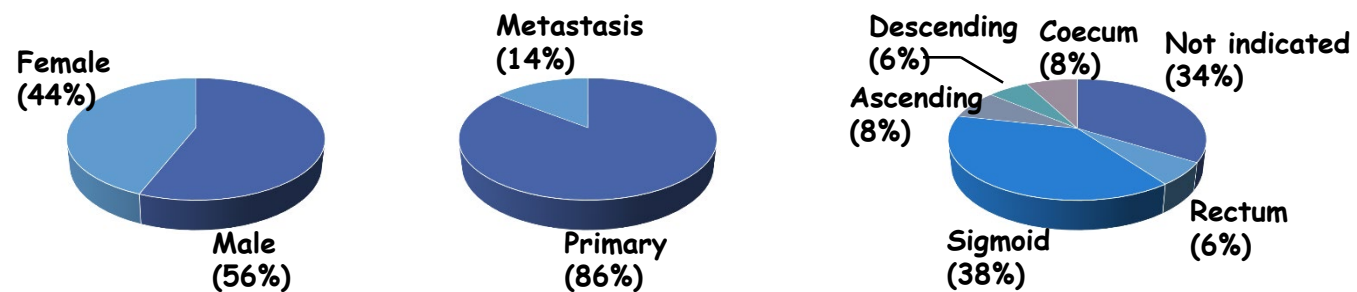


A living biobank

Stand up to cancer dreamteam with Matthew Meyerson & Mike Stratton

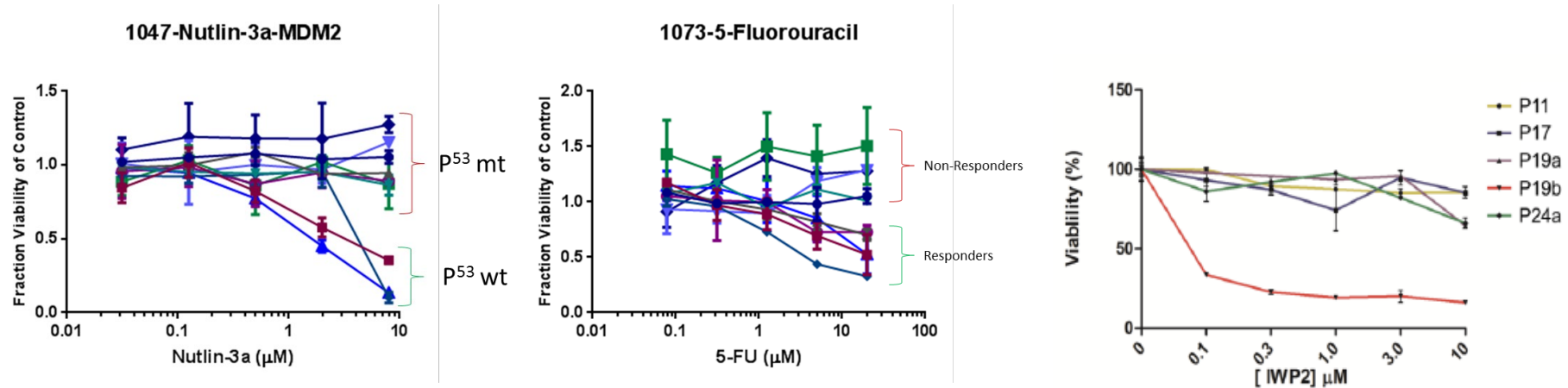


- Over 200 CRC organoid cultures (**90% efficiency**)



Cancer Organoids predict disease response (?)

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Anne McLaren-Douglas
Mathew Garnett
Ultan McDermott
Sanger Institute, Hinxton, UK

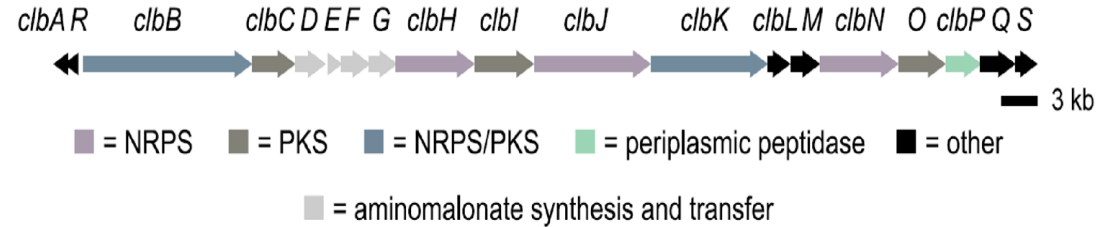


- Vlachogiannis et al Patient-derived organoids model treatment response of metastatic gastrointestinal cancers. **Science** 2018
- Ooft et al Patient-derived organoids can predict response to chemotherapy in metastatic colorectal cancer patients. **Science translational Medicine** 2019
- Ganesh et al A rectal cancer organoid platform to study individual responses to chemoradiation. **Nature Medicine** 2019
- Tiriác et al Organoid Profiling Identifies Common Responders to Chemotherapy in Pancreatic Cancer. **Cancer discovery** 2019
- Yao et al. Patient-derived organoids predict chemoradiation responses of locally advanced rectal cancer. **Cell Stem Cell** 2019
- Ooft et al. Prospective experimental treatment of colorectal cancer patients based on organoid drug responses. **ESMOO** 2021

The *pks* pathogenicity island in E.coli



Ruben van Boxtel



Cayetano
Pleguezuelos-
Manzano

-The presence of *pks*⁺ E.coli is associated with polyps, cancer and inflammation of the colon. Carried by 10-30% of diseases individuals



Jens
Puschhof

-Culturing *pks*⁺ E.coli on cell lines induces DNA damage: genotoxicity.

-*pks*⁺ E.coli is a popular probiotic, also prescribed by gastroenterologists

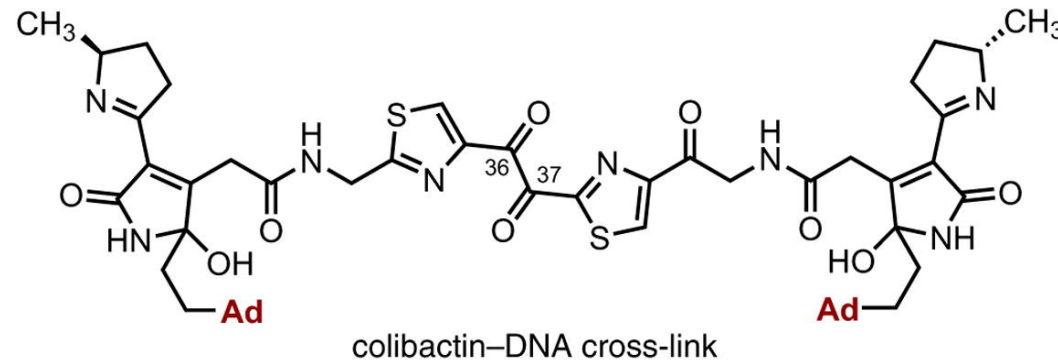


Axel Rosendahl
Huber

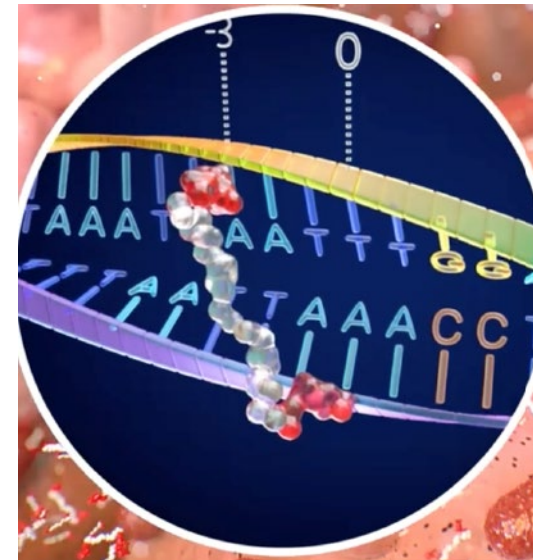
Is *pks* E. coli a carcinogenic component of the human colon microbiome?

Genotoxic *pks+* *E. coli* produce colibactin

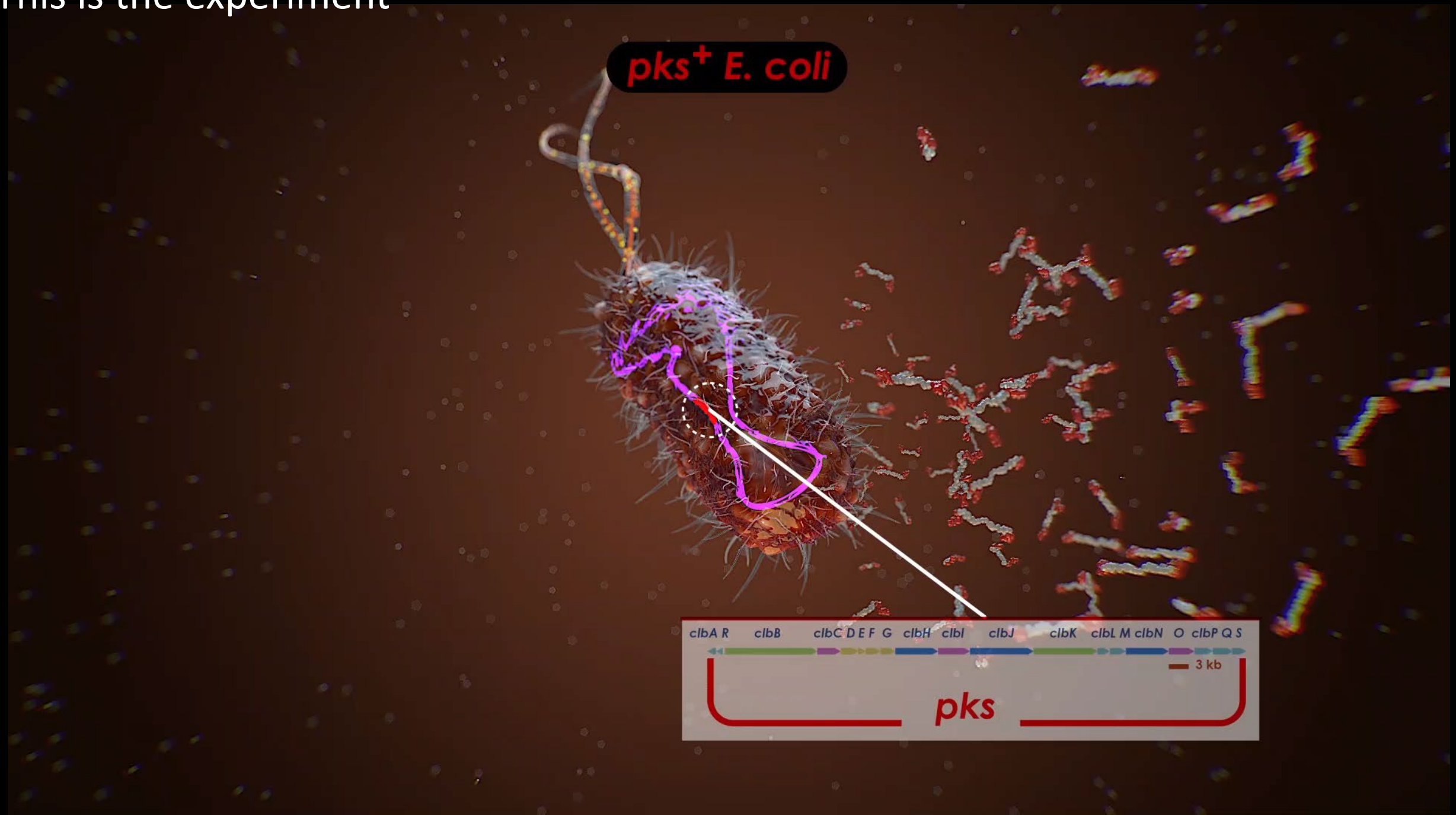
Polyketide synthase (*pks*) operon → production of **colibactin**



Xue et al., Science 2019

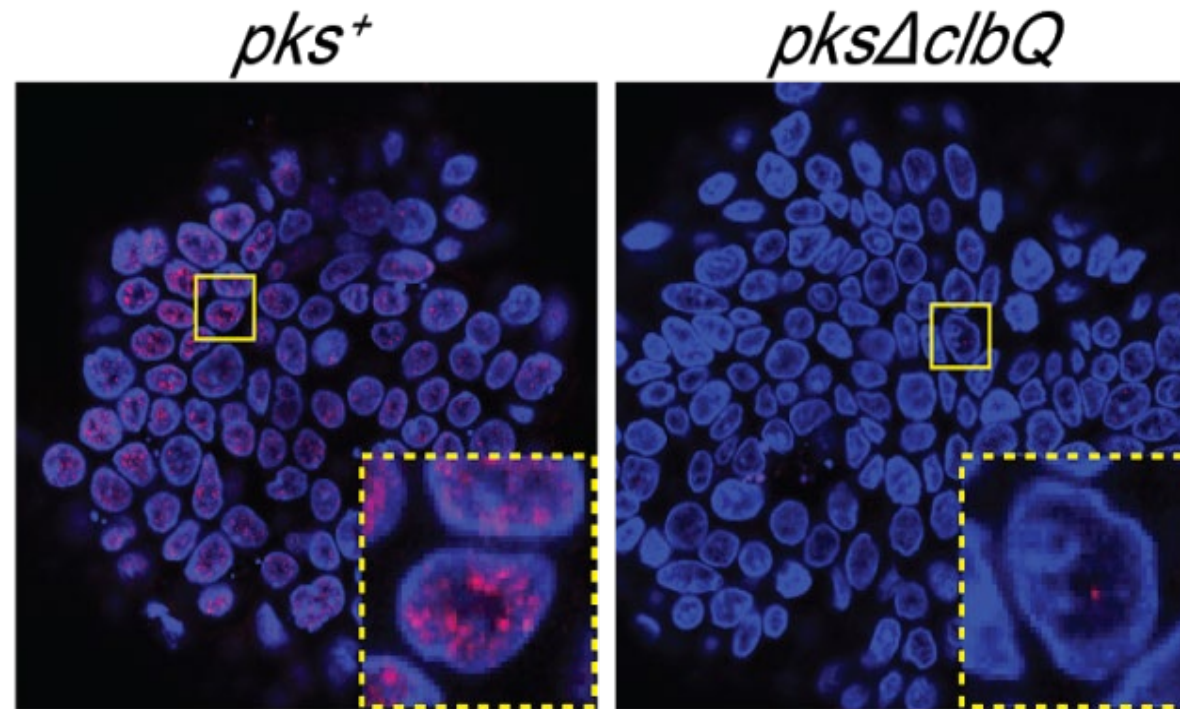
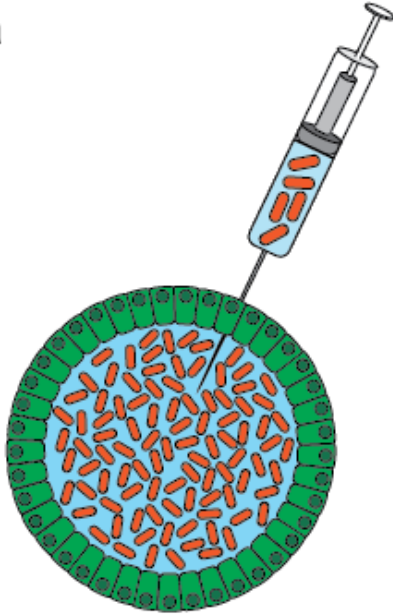


This is the experiment



First control: *pks*⁺ *E. coli* induces DNA damage in healthy human intestinal organoids in our hands

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γ H2AX foci in red

Chronic exposure of organoids to *pks* E.coli



***pks*⁺ E. coli**



***pks*Δ*clbQ* E. coli**

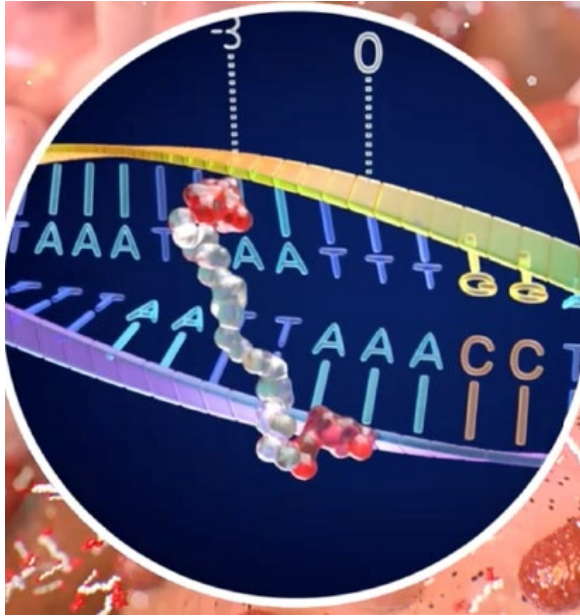
Expansion of individual exposed cells
followed by sequencing to detect induced mutations



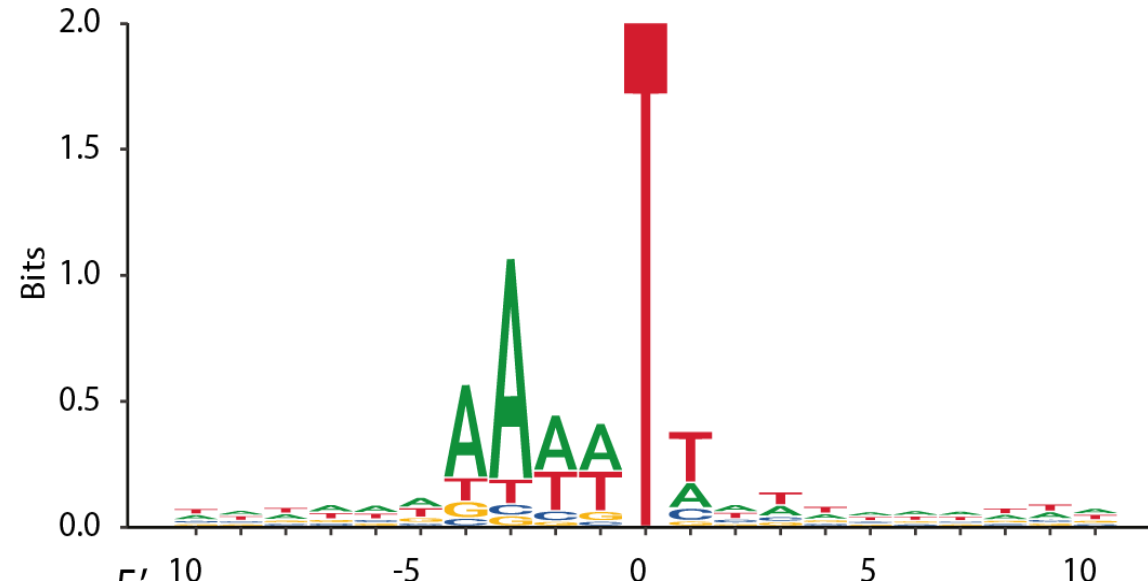
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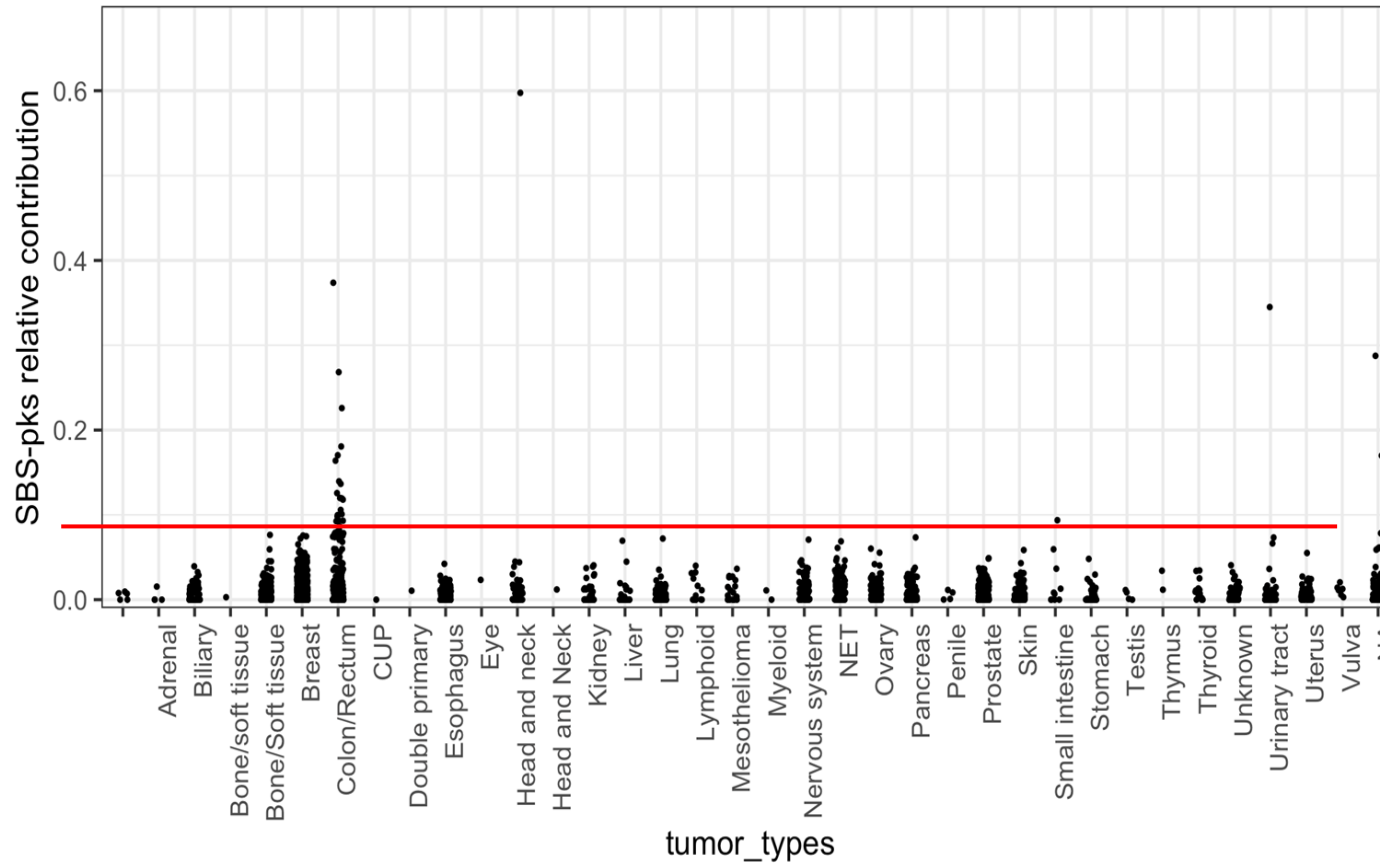
pks*Δ*clbQ* *E. coli



Extended *pks*⁺ *E.coli* mutational signature



Pks signature specifically occurs in a subset of colorectal cancer metastases

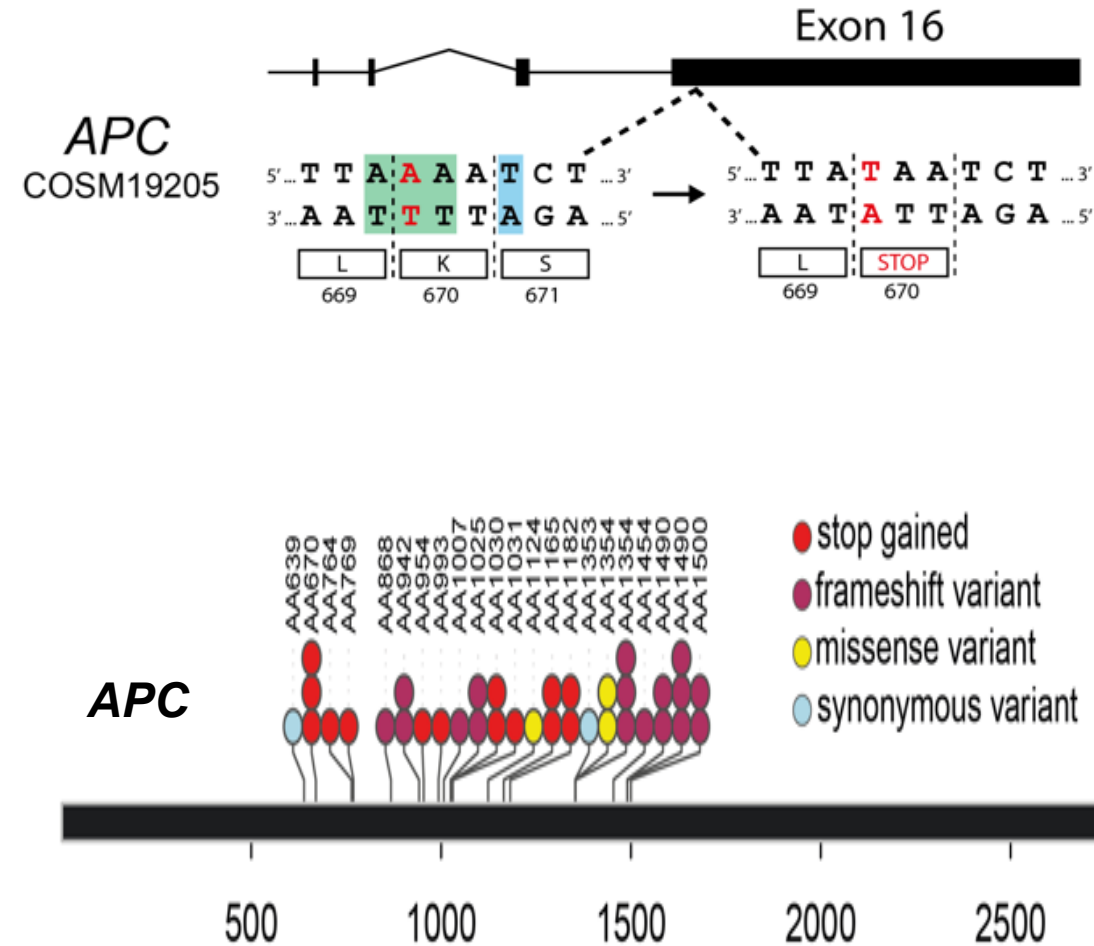


3,668 metastasis WGS
(diverse primary origins,
496 CRC)



2,208 primary CRC WGS

SBS-*pks* and ID-*pks* mutational signatures can create CRC driver mutations



Thus,

- *pks*⁺ *E. coli* induces **SBS-*pks*** and **ID-*pks*** mutational signatures in human healthy intestinal organoids.
- These are enriched in subsets of **CRC cases** from two independent cohorts.
- Implications for the **early detection** and **prevention** in individuals at CRC risk.

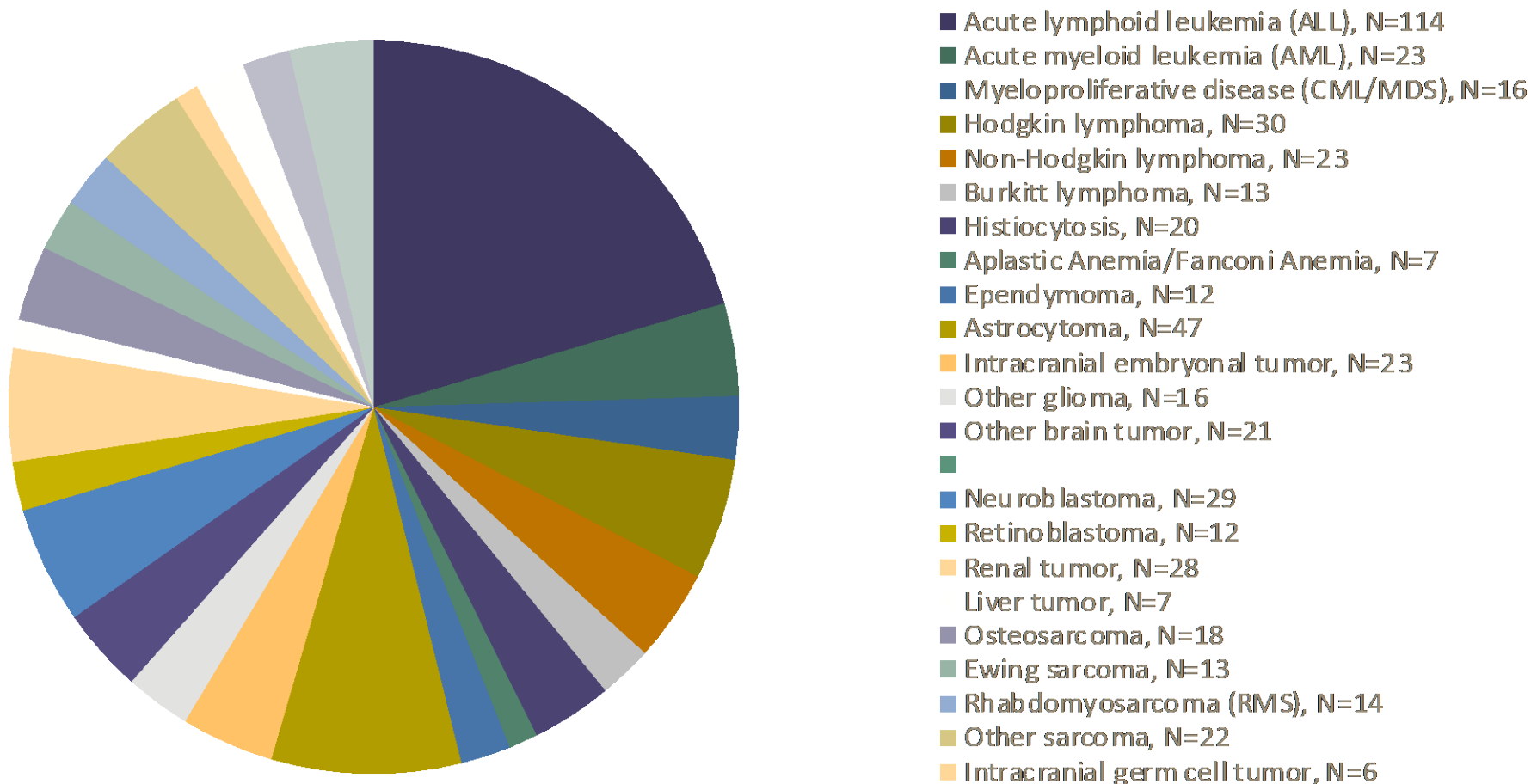


Can we make pediatric cancer organoids?

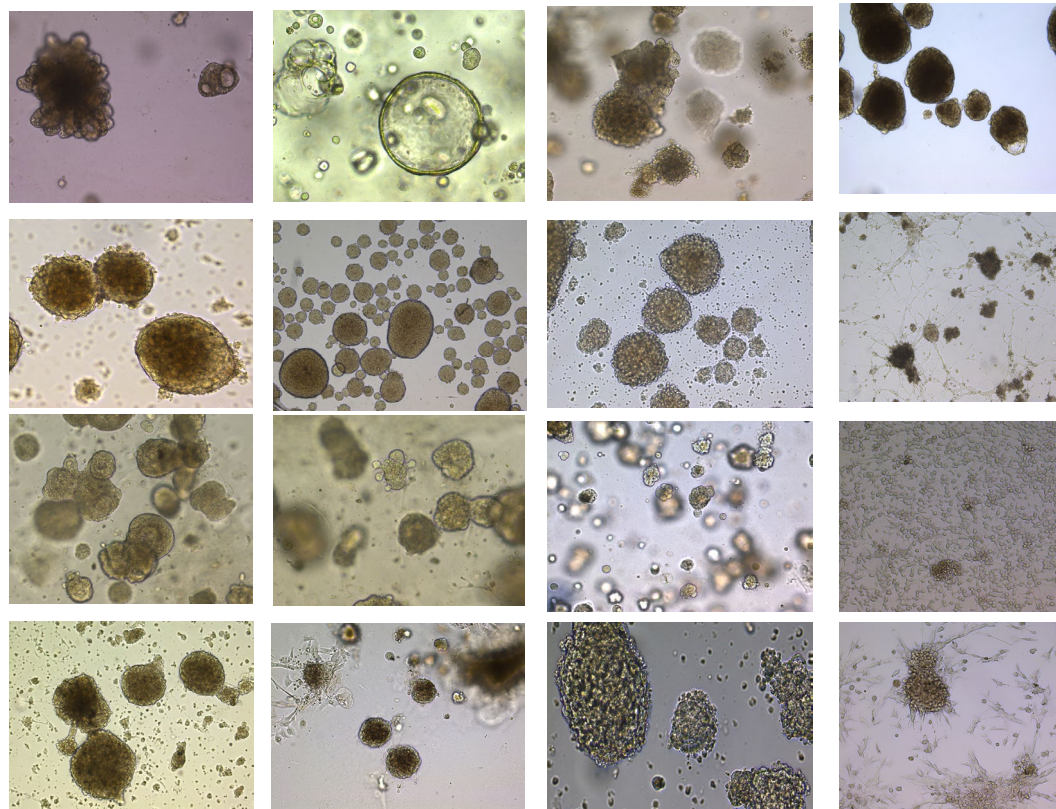
Many different cancer entities



princess MÁXIMA
center for pediatric oncology



Cancer organoids are unique... as are patients



Liver:	10 patients	Hepatoblastoma, Hepatocellular Carcinoma, Cholangiocarcinoma.
Brain:	200 patients	DIPG, Ependymoma (9/10), Craniopharyngioma (6/10), Choroid plexus papilloma, ETMR, Pineoblastoma, ATRT
Other solid tumors:	200 patients	Wilms tumor, renal cell carcinoma, malignant rhabdoid tumor, rhabdomyosarcoma, synovial sarcoma, SCOHHT

Clevers and Drost groups

A living organoid biobank for (rare) pediatric cancers

Embedded in the Maxima Biobank

- Logistics: Fully characterised organoid models for a defined set of pediatric tumors
- Legal: Interaction with academia AND pharma should be possible
- Ethics: in collaboration with parents, patients and dept. of Ethics of Biomedical Innovations

Snake venom gland organoids

- 5.4 million people worldwide are bitten by snakes each year
- 1.8 to 2.7 million cases of envenomings.
- Around 80,000 to 140,000 people die yearly
- Around three times as many amputations and other permanent disabilities are caused by snakebites annually.



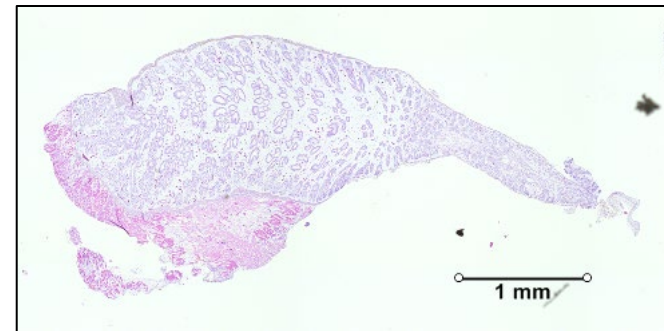
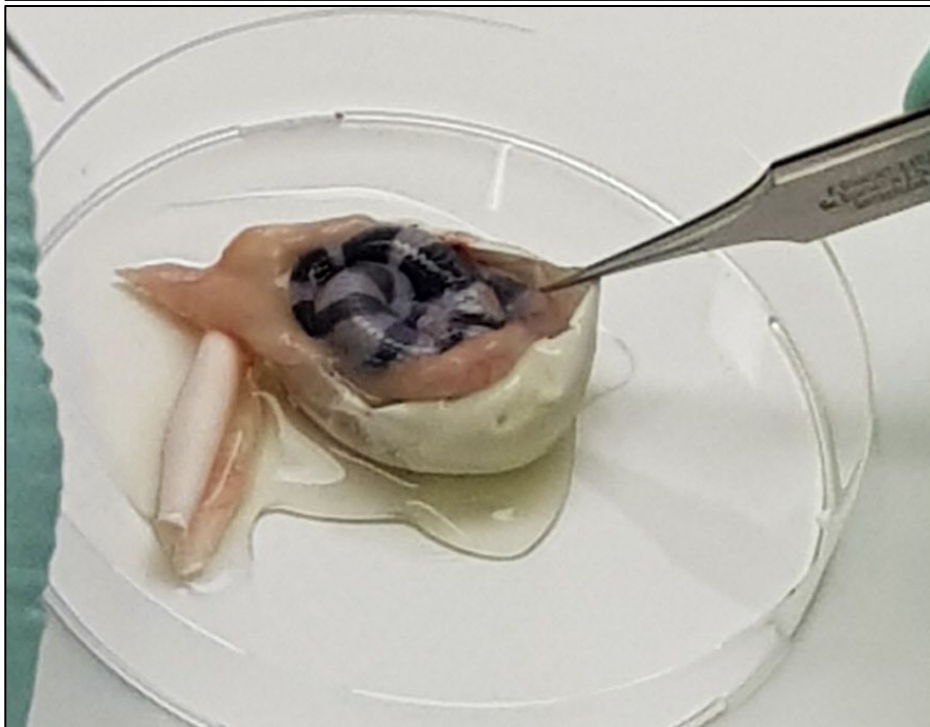
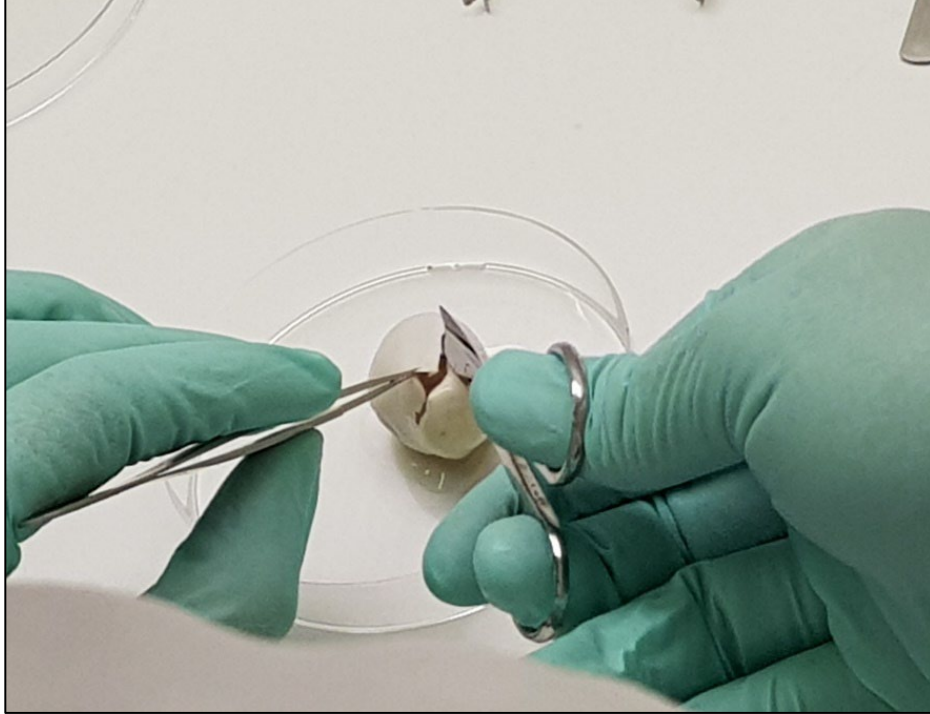
Aspidelaps lubricus (Cape coral snake)



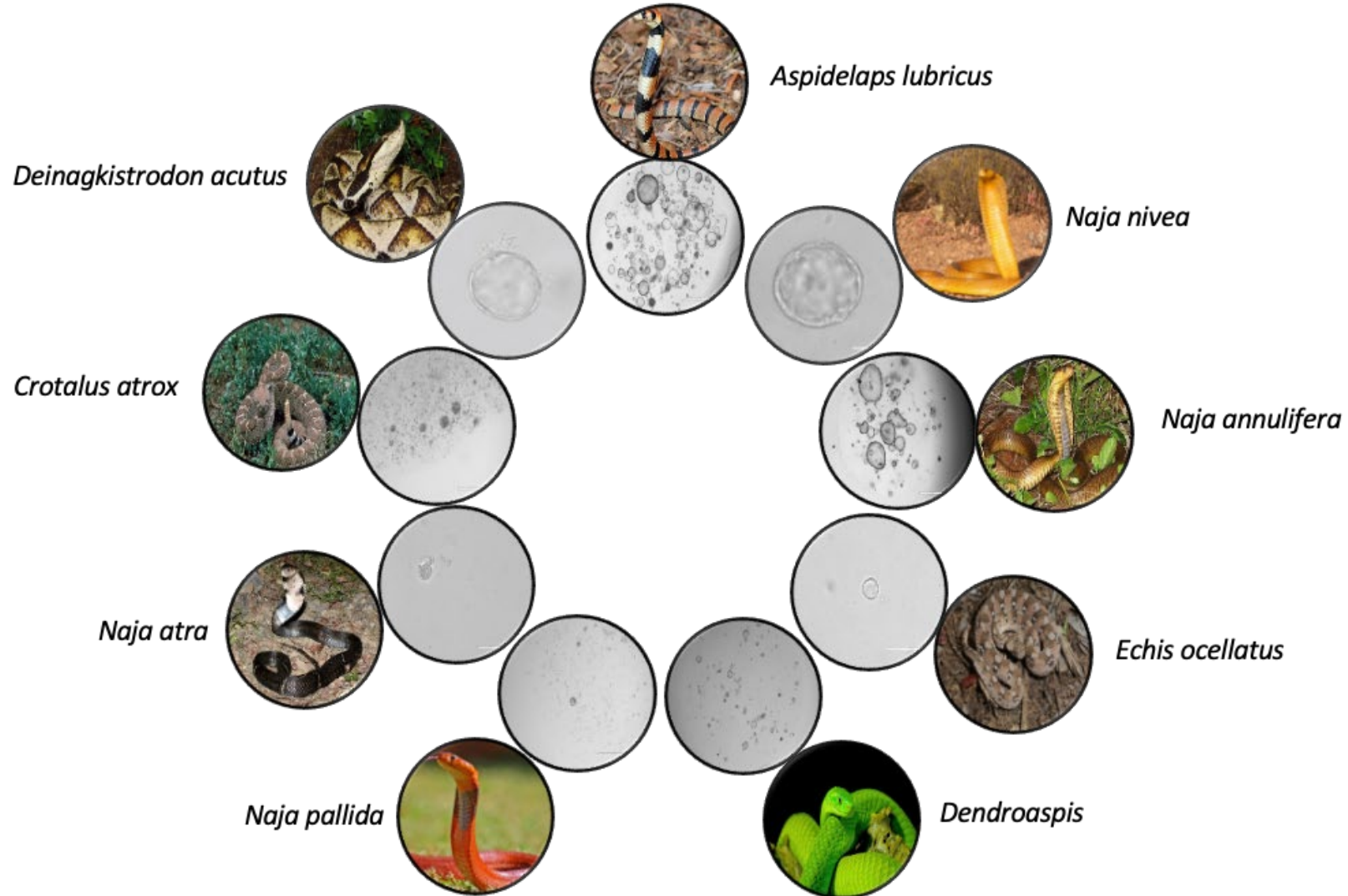
Yorick Post, Jens Puschof, Joep Beumer

With Harald Kerkkamp (Michael Richardson Lab - Leiden University)

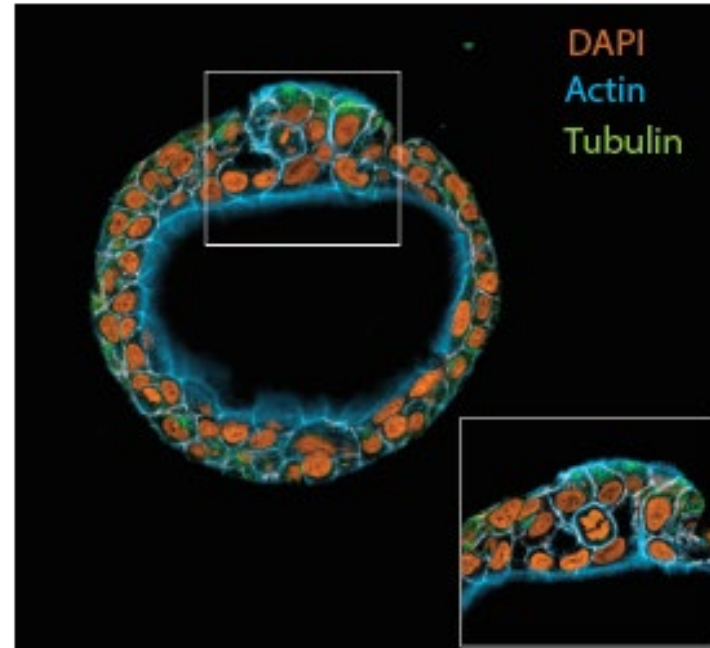
Obtaining venom gland tissue for organoid culture



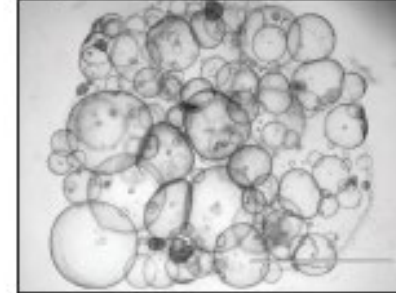
Works for many snake species



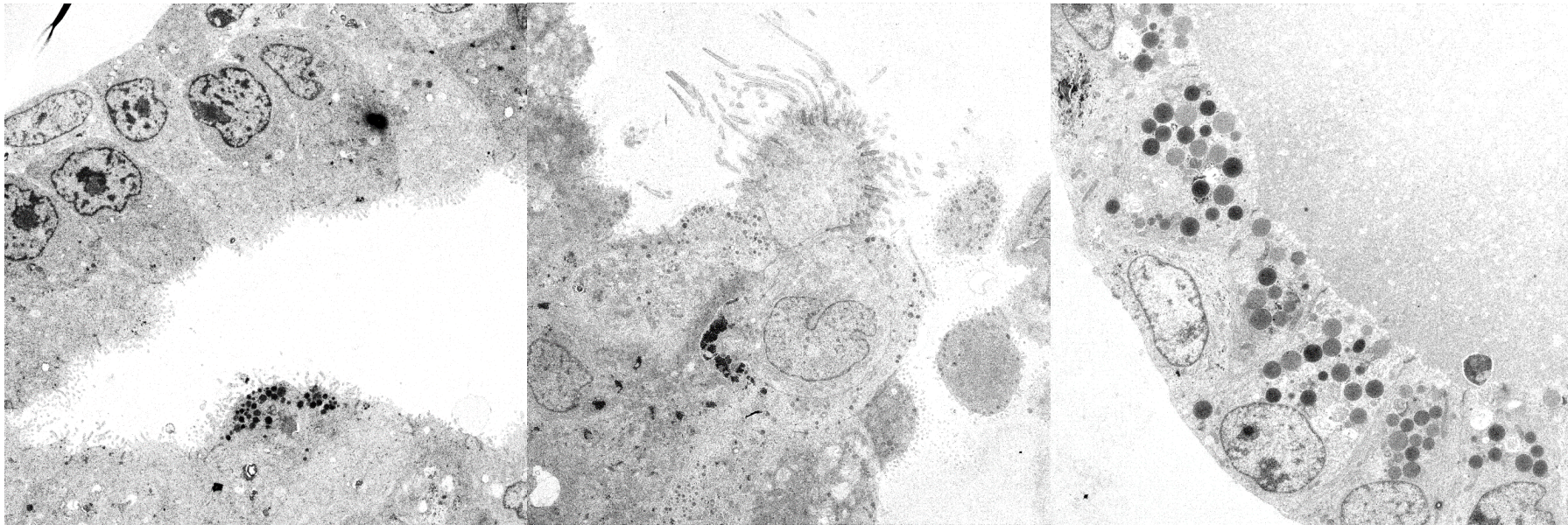
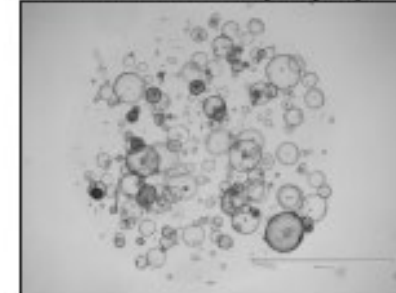
Aspidelaps venom gland organoids



Expansion



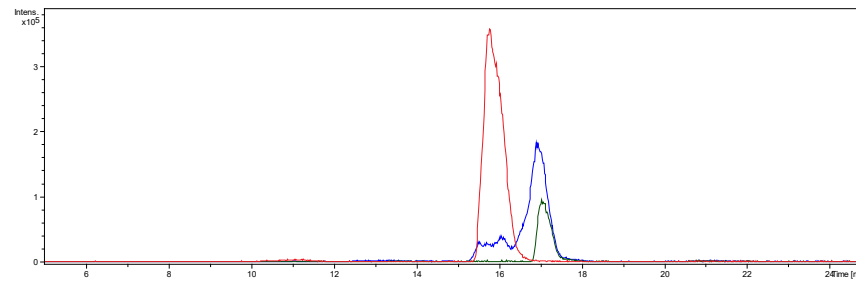
Differentiation (day 7)



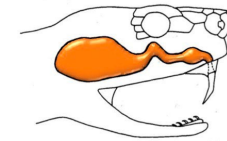
Do venom gland organoids secrete toxins?

LC-MS on culture supernatant

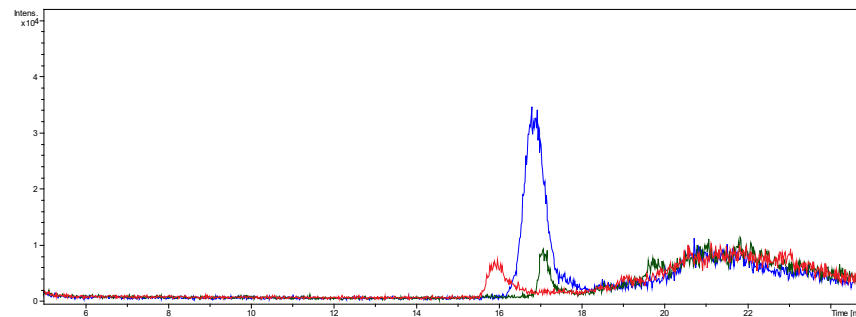
Venom control



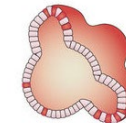
1036.1628 ⁶⁺ : 6206.9120 Da
1129.5090 ⁷⁺ : 7895.4441 Da
1054.7481 ⁷⁺ : 7371.1703 Da



Protein from organoids

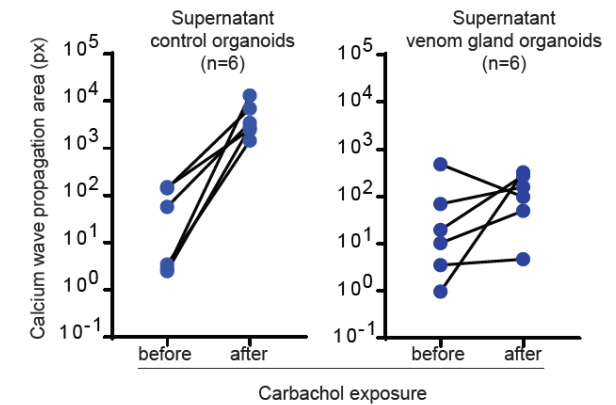
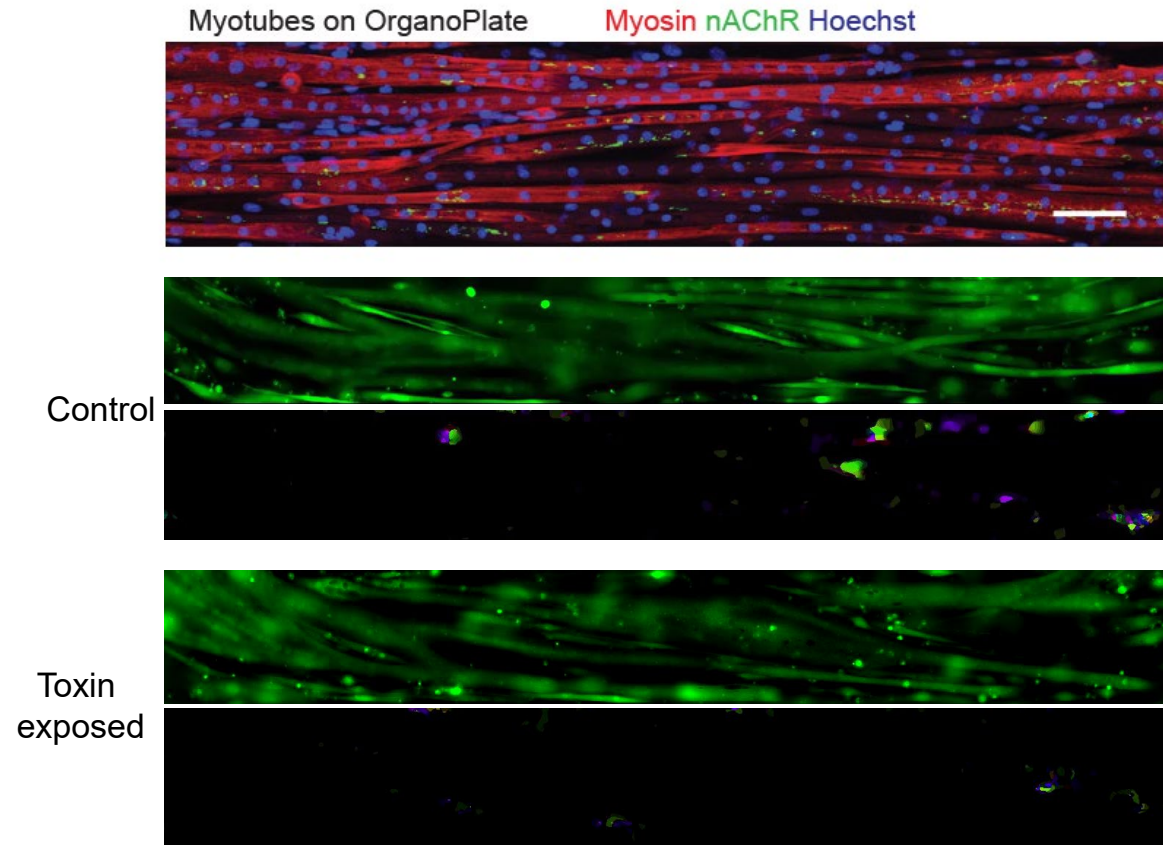


1036.1642 ⁶⁺ : 6206.9246 Da
1129.6490 ⁷⁺ : 7894.4635 Da
1054.7523 ⁷⁺ : 7371.1981 Da



With Jeroen Kool (VU)

Organoid venom blocks calcium wave propagation in muscle cells



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