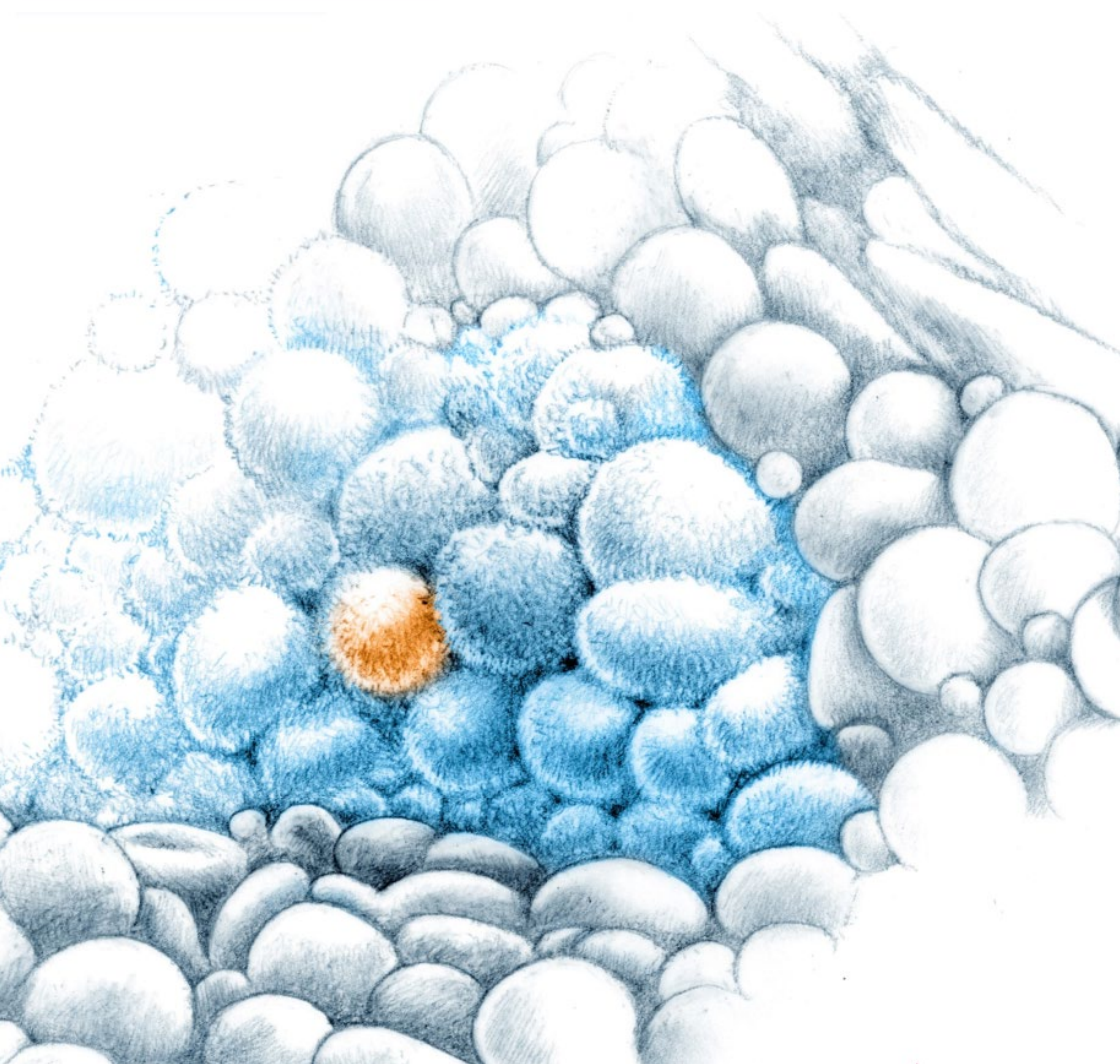




Contribution of tumor organoid models to basic and translational oncology research and applications to predictive medicine

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Organoids

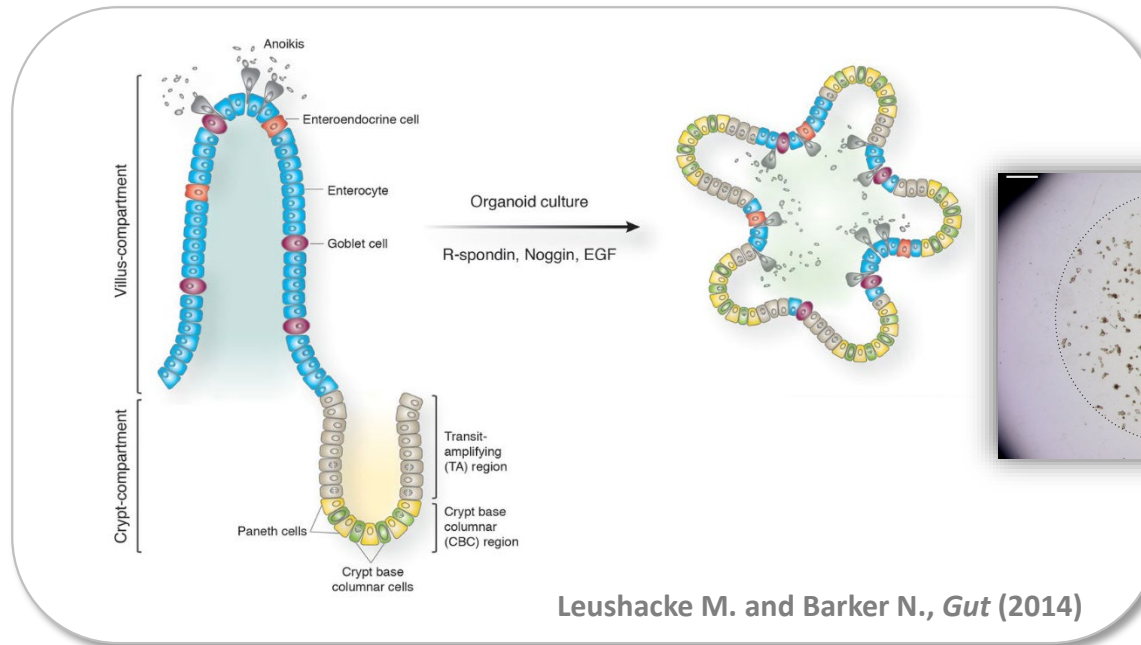
3D multicellular structures

Mimick *in vitro* micro-anatomy of original organ

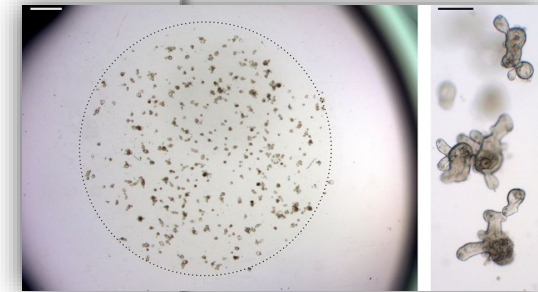
Self-renewal and differentiation capacities of stem cells

- **Self-organization** similar to that of the tissue of origin
- Organ-specific **cell types**
- Physiological **function** that are specific to that organ

Tissue-specific culture methods and media

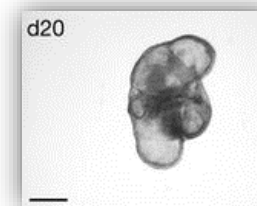


Intestine

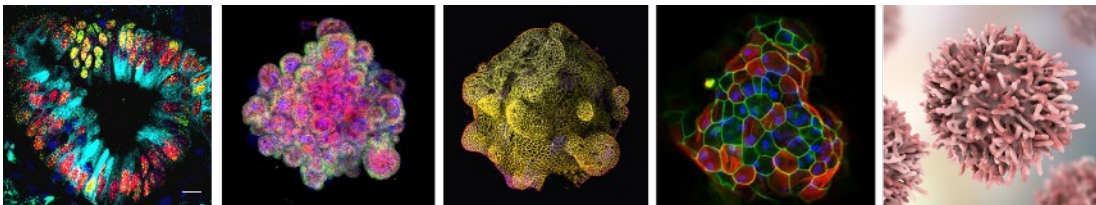
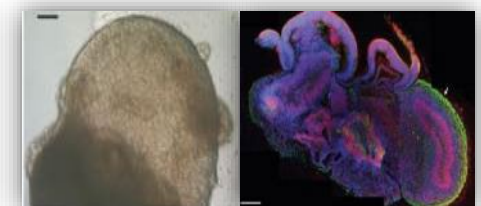


Sachs N. et al.,
Development (2017)

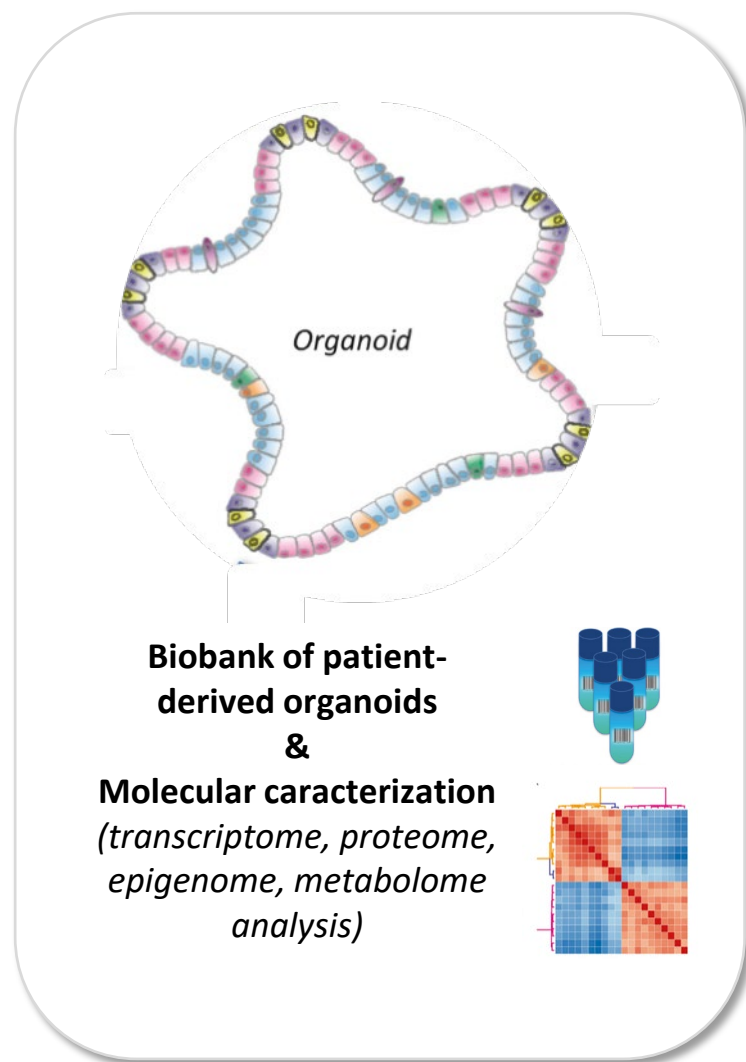
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Brain

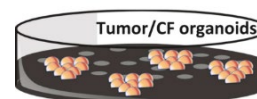


Organoids: potential applications



Dutta D. et al., *Trends Mol Med* (2017)

Disease modeling



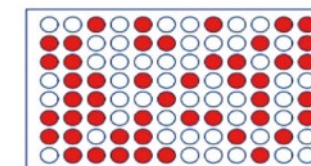
Regenerative
medicine



H. Clevers lab

Drug design

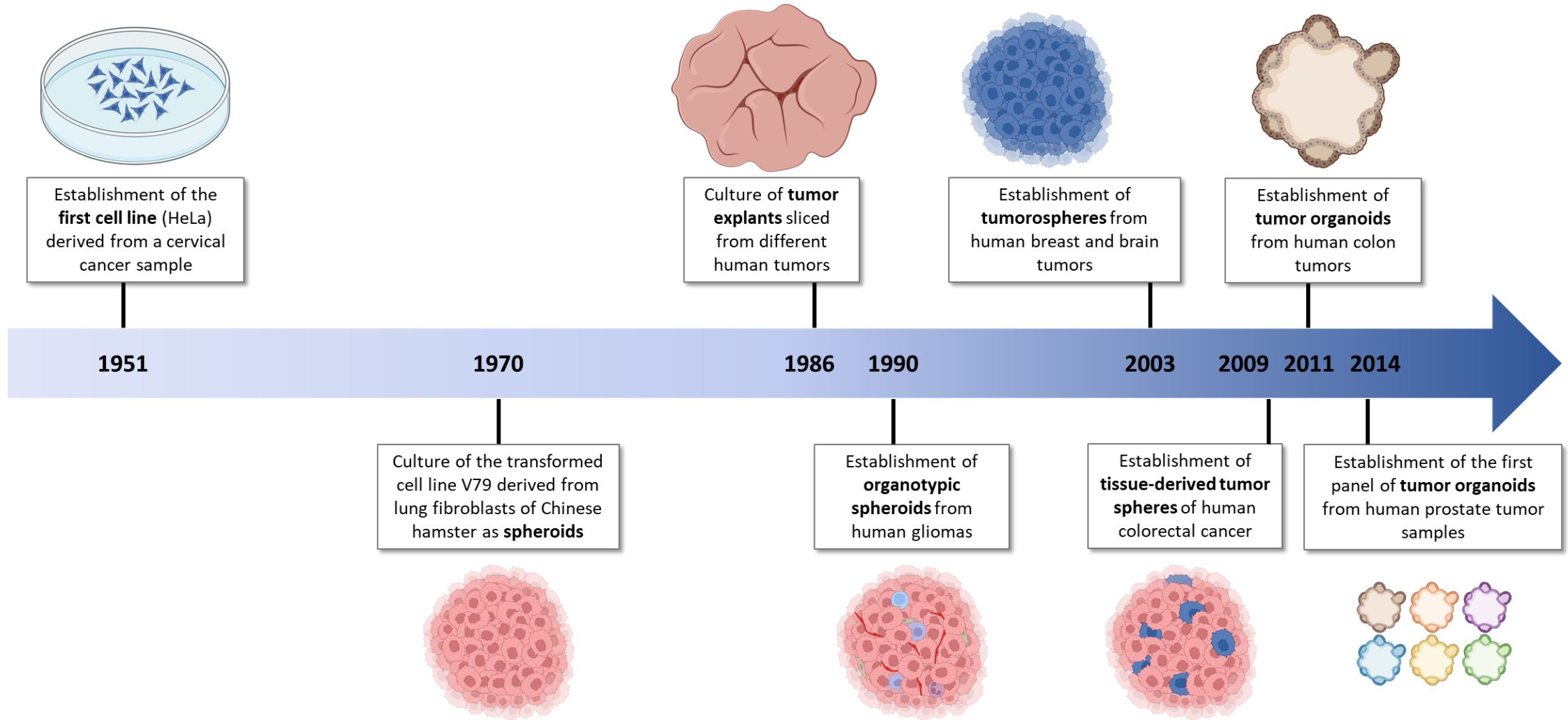
Effectiveness and toxicity
of new potential drug candidates



Drug testing

Personalized
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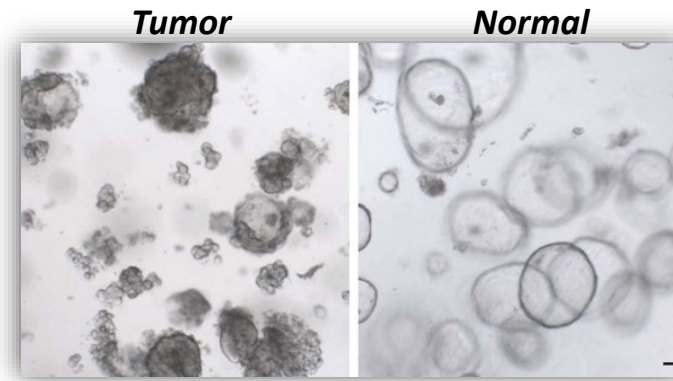
History of tumor cell models



Adapted from Thorel. et al., *Médecine/Sciences* (2022)

Tumor organoids

Gastric organoids



Bartfeld et al., *Gastroenterology* (2015)



*Definition of normal organoids
inapplicable for tumor organoids?*

➤ Tumor organoids (Mark Rubin, Englander Institute for Precision Medicine, New York)

- ❖ Tumor cells derived from tumor specimen / biopsies / cytopunction / malignant effusions of patients
- ❖ Proliferate most of the time as spheres
- ❖ Culture for at least 5 passages
- ❖ Cryopreservation



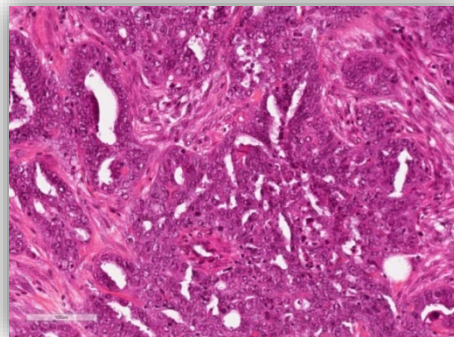
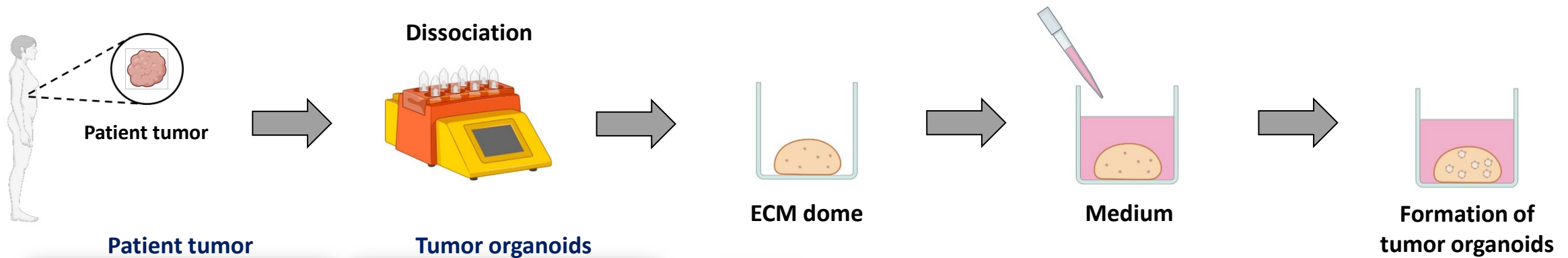
= Tumoroids

Overview of the tumor organoid panels

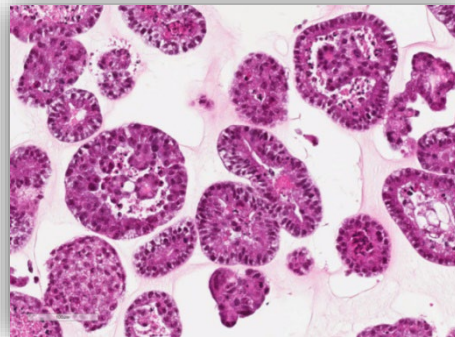
System	Cancer type	Success rate	References
Digestive	Pancreatic cancer	62% (52/83)	Drihuis E. et al., <i>PNAS</i> 2019
		75% (103/138)	Tiriach H. et al., <i>Cancer Discov</i> 2018
		85% (17/20)	Huang L. et al., <i>Nat Med</i> 2015
			Boj SF. et al., <i>Cell</i> 2015
	Colorectal cancer	100%	Fujii M. et al., <i>Cell Stem Cell</i> 2016
		~ 90% (22/27)	van de Wetering M. et al., <i>Cell</i> 2015
	Hepatocellular carcinoma	26% (10/38)	Nuciforo S. et al., <i>Cell Rep</i> 2018
		100%	Broutier L. et al., <i>Nat Med</i> 2017
	Gastric carcinoma	50%	Yan HHN. et al., <i>Cell Stem Cell</i> 2018
71% (10/14)		Gao M. et al., <i>Ann Surg Oncol</i> 2018	
Metastatic gastrointestinal carcinoma	70% (> 100)	Vlachogiannis G. et al., <i>Science</i> 2018	
	76% (13/17)	Buzzelli JN. et al., <i>Stem Cell Res</i> 2018	
	Esophageal carcinoma	31% (10/32)	Li X. et al., <i>Nat Comm</i> 2018
	Appendiceal carcinoma	75% (9/12)	Votanopoulos KI. et al., <i>Ann Surg Oncol</i> 2019
Respiratory	Lung carcinoma	88% (14/16)	Sachs N. et al., <i>Embo j</i> 2019
	Non-small cell lung cancer (Primary & Metastatic)	71.43% (10/14)	Li YF. et al., <i>Neoplasma</i> 2020
		100% (3/3)	Zhang Z. et al., <i>Plos One</i> 2018
	Mesothelioma	28% (5/18)	Sachs N. et al., <i>Embo j</i> 2019
		100% (2/2)	Mazzocchi AR. et al., <i>Sci Rep</i> 2018
Urinary	Prostate cancer (Primary & Metastatic)	16% (4/25)	Puca L. et al., <i>Cell</i> 2018
		18% (6/32)	Gao D. et al., <i>Cell</i> 2014
	Bladder carcinoma	70% (12/17)	Lee SH. et al., <i>Cell</i> 2018
	Renal cell carcinoma	74% (25/35)	Bolck HA. et al., <i>Eur Urol Focus</i> 2021
Reproductive	Breast carcinoma	~ 80% (> 155)	Sachs N. et al., <i>Cell</i> 2018
	Endometrial carcinoma	100% (15/15)	Turco MY. et al., <i>Nat Cell Bio</i> 2017
	Ovarian cancer	65% (n = 32)	Kopper O. et al., <i>Nat Med</i> 2019
Nervous	Glioblastoma	91.4% (total)	Jacob F. et al., <i>Cell</i> 2020
		66.7% (IDH1 mutant)	
		75% (recurrent)	

Adapted from Foo MA. et al., *Biomarker Res* (2022)

Protocol for derivation of tumor organoids



Patient tumor



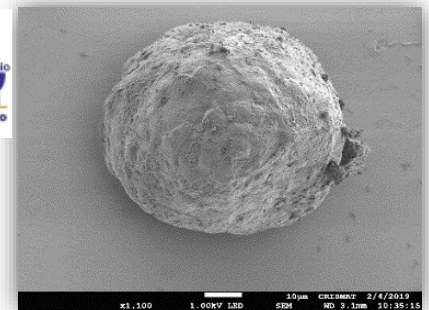
Tumor organoids

Collaboration Pathology service
(Comprehensive Cancer Centre F. Baclesse)

Tumor organoid medium

- ❖ R-spondin et Wnt3a
- ❖ Inhibitors (ROCK, p38, TGF- β pathway)
- ❖ Noggin
- ❖ Antioxydants
- ❖ Growth factors (EGF, FGF-2...)

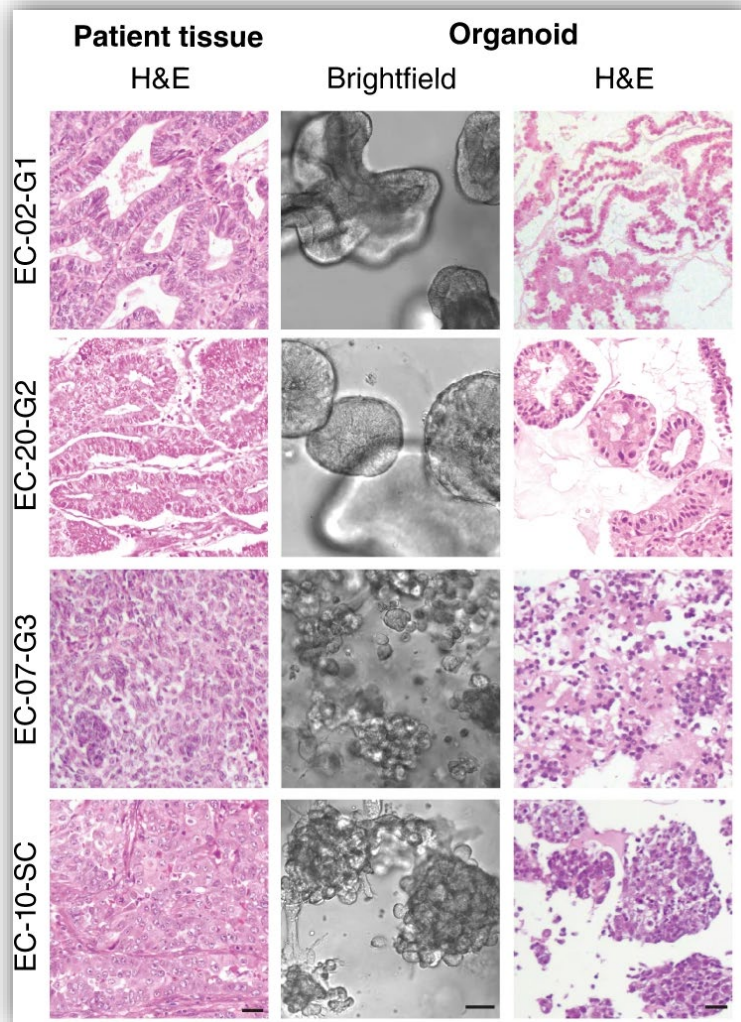
+ inhibitors / growth factors specific of the tumor type



Tumor organoids vs tumors of origin

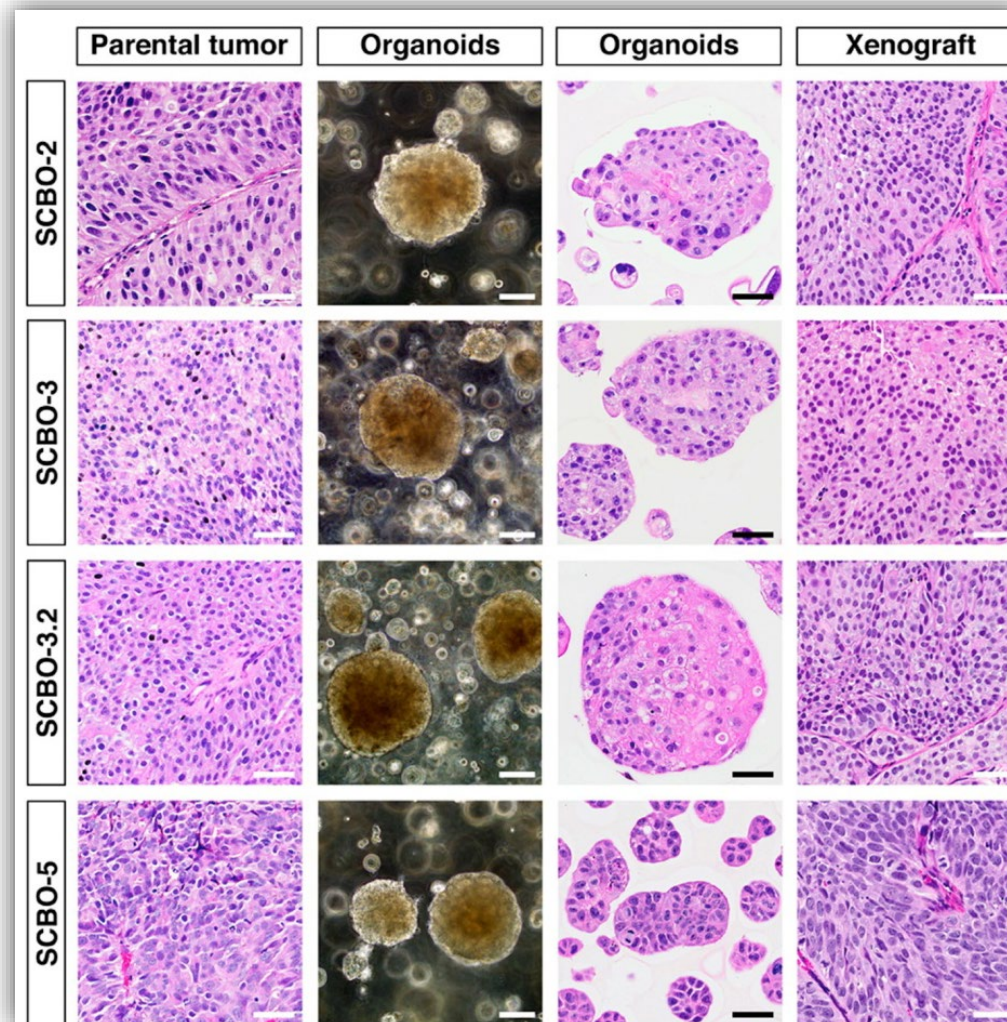
Histology

Endometrial cancer organoids



Berg, HF. et al., *Comm Med* (2021)

Bladder cancer organoids

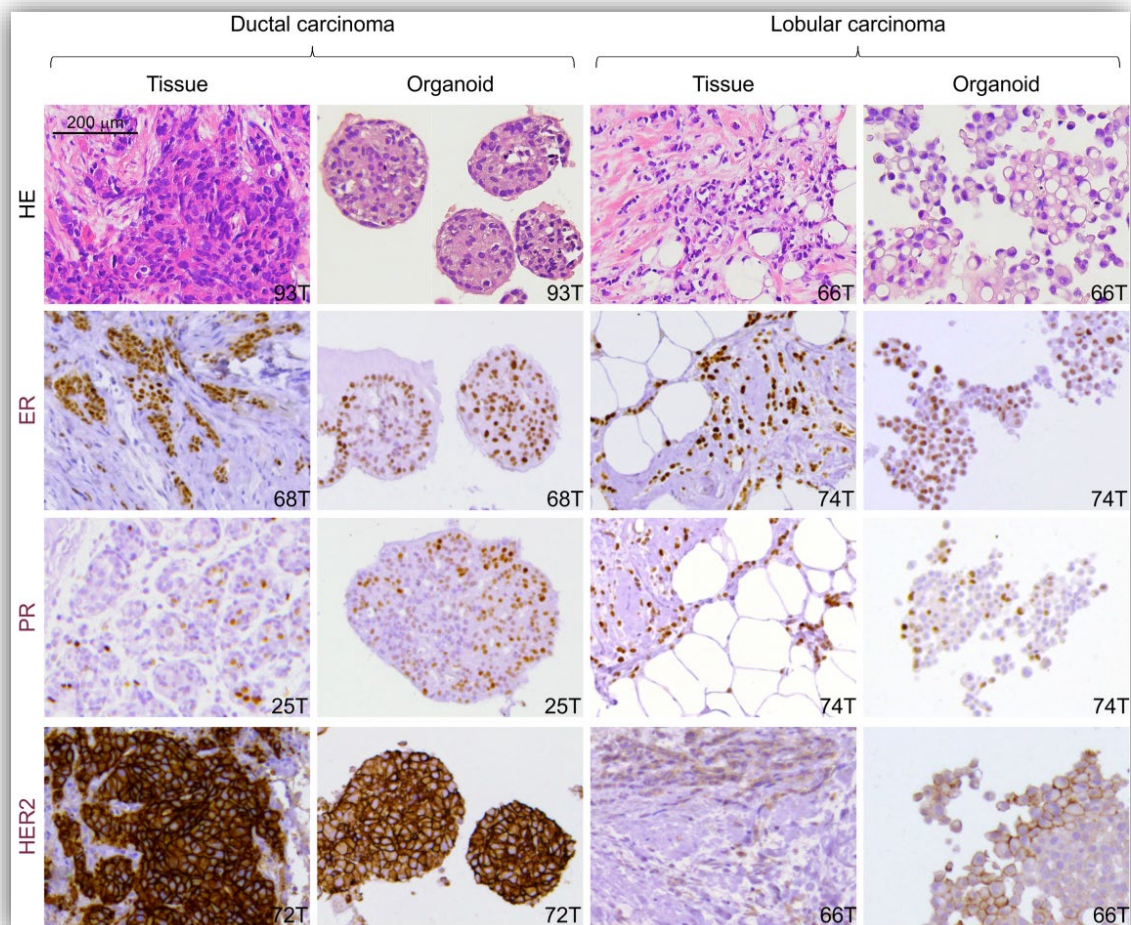


Lee, SH. et al., *Cell* (2018)

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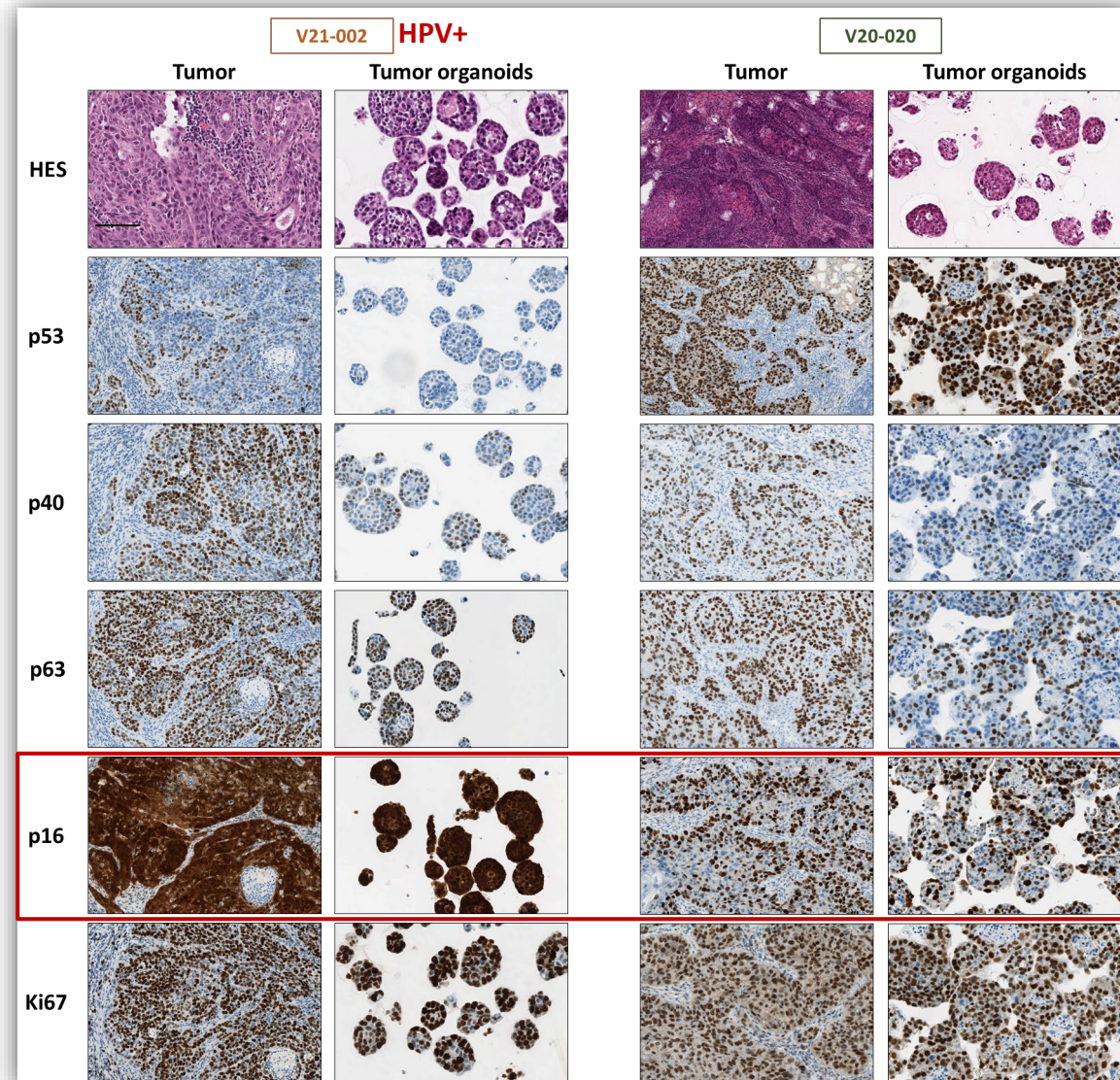
➤ Tumor markers

Breast cancer organoids



Sachs N. et al., *Cell* (2018)

Head and neck cancer organoids

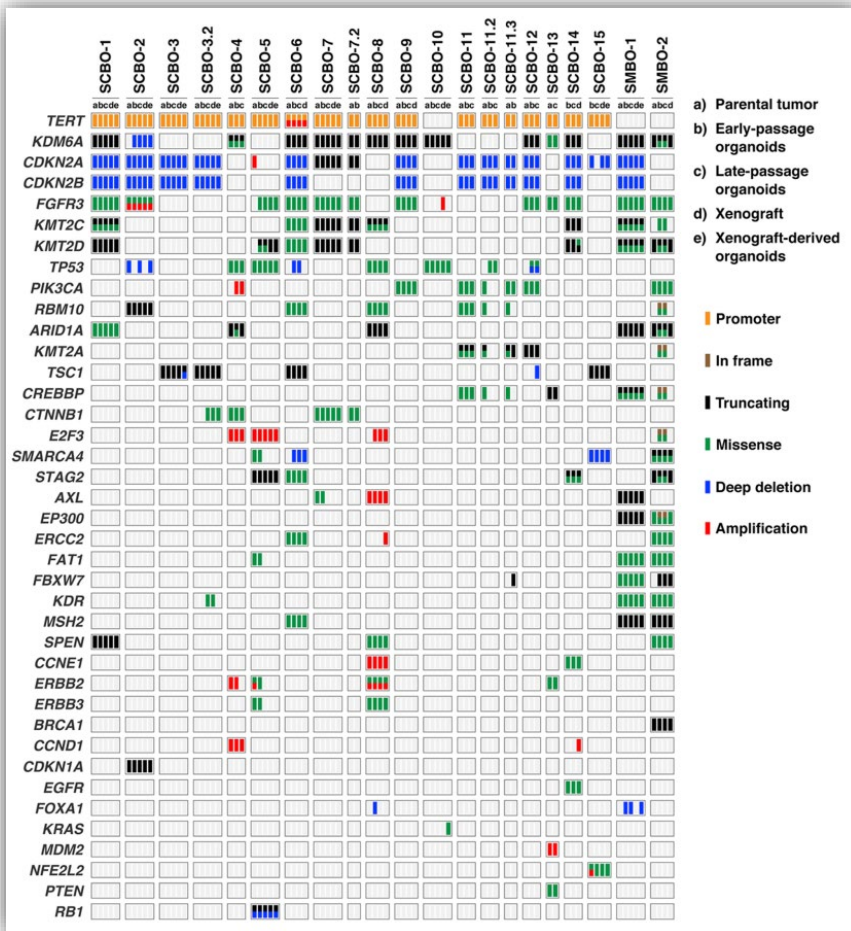


Perréard M. et al., *in preparation*

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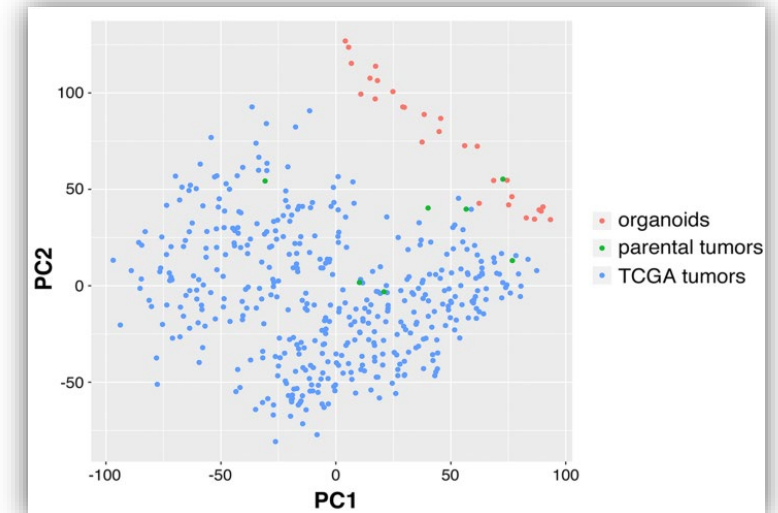
➤ Molecular characterization

Mutations (bladder cancer)



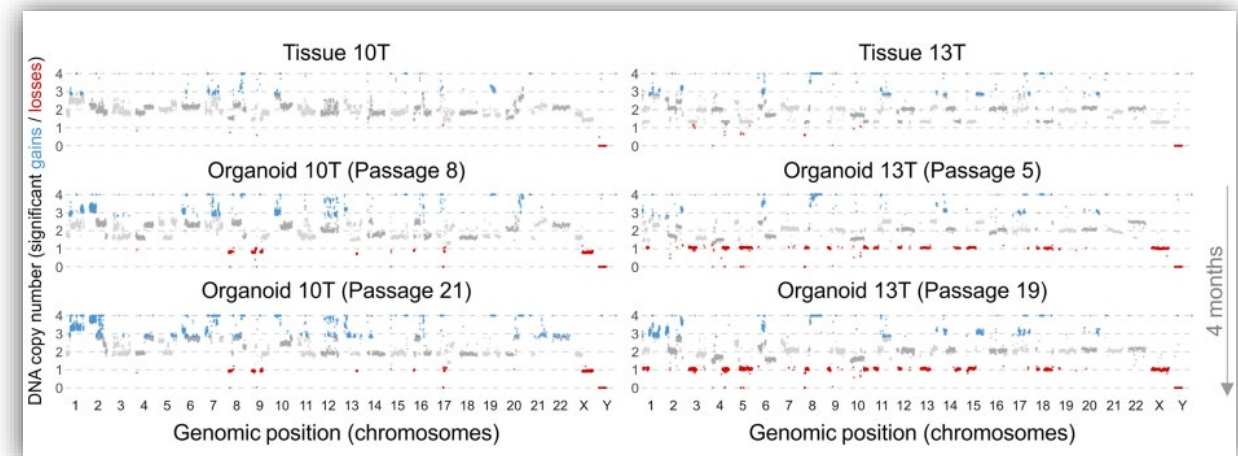
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Transcriptomic analysis (bladder cancer)



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Copy number variations (breast cancer)

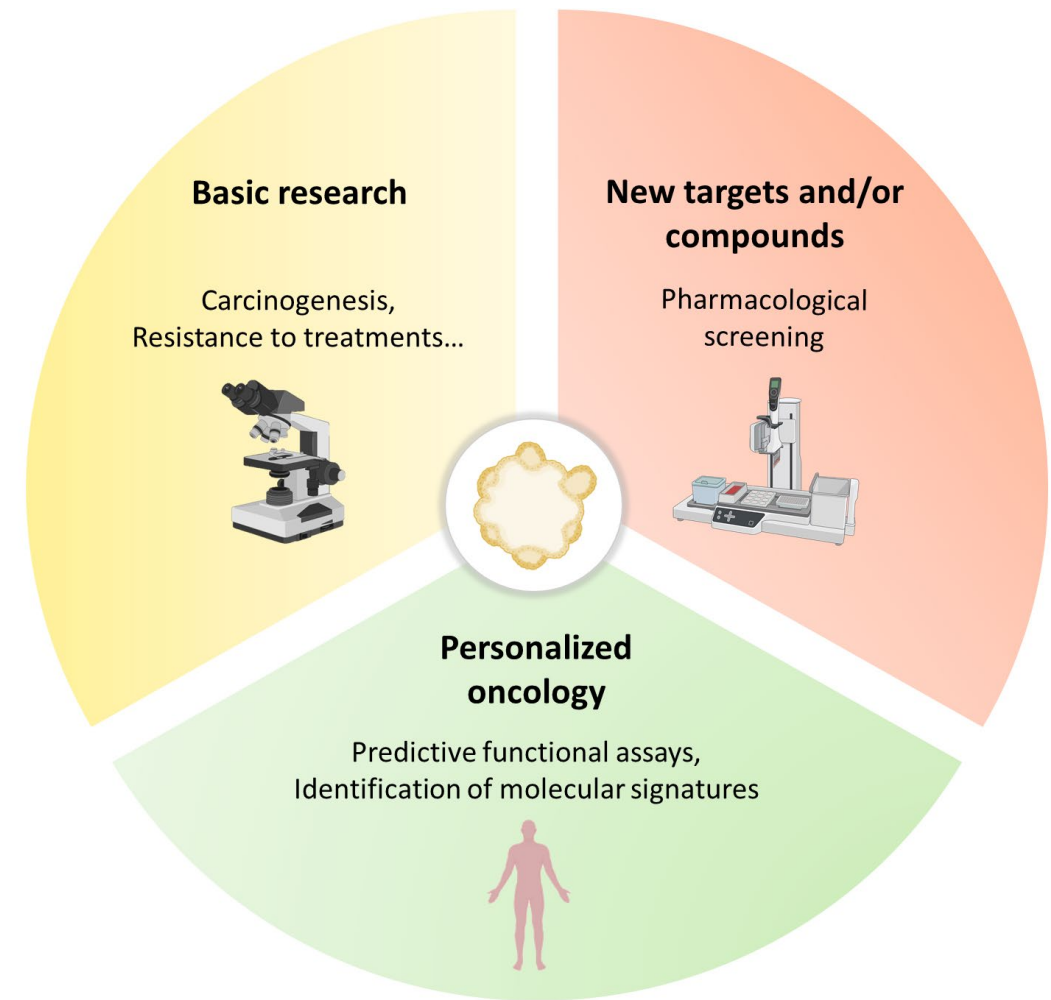


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Key applications of tumor organoids

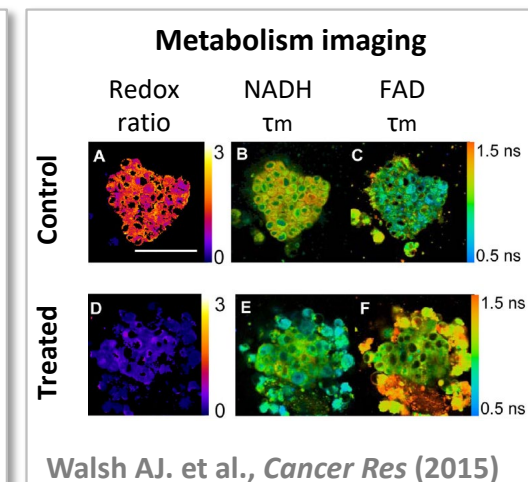
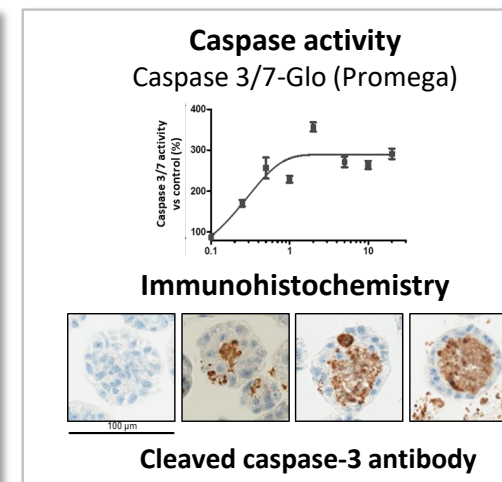
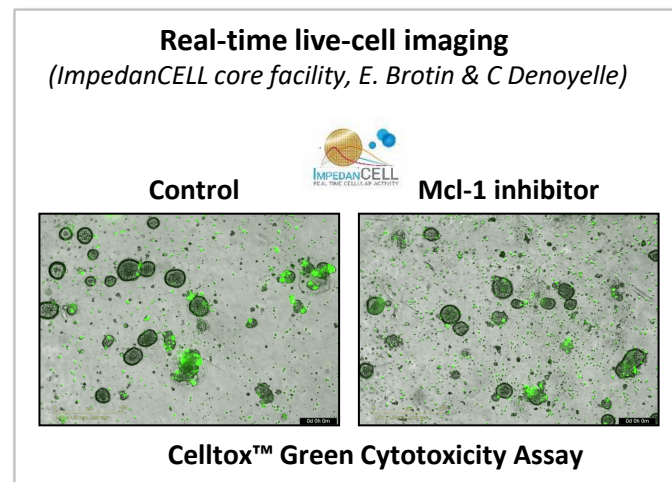
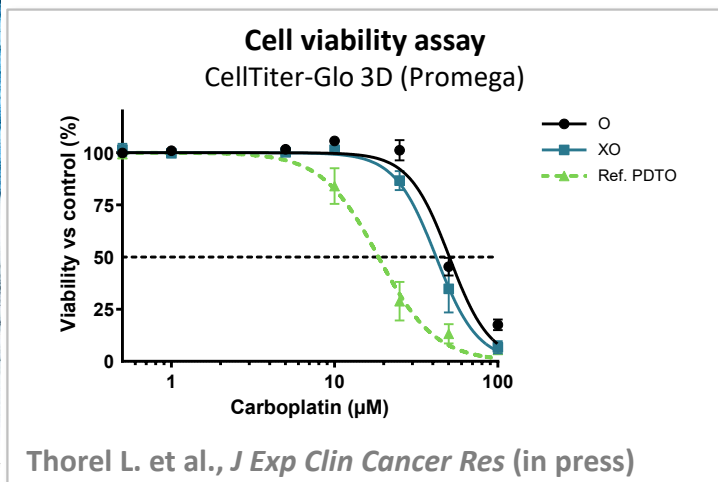
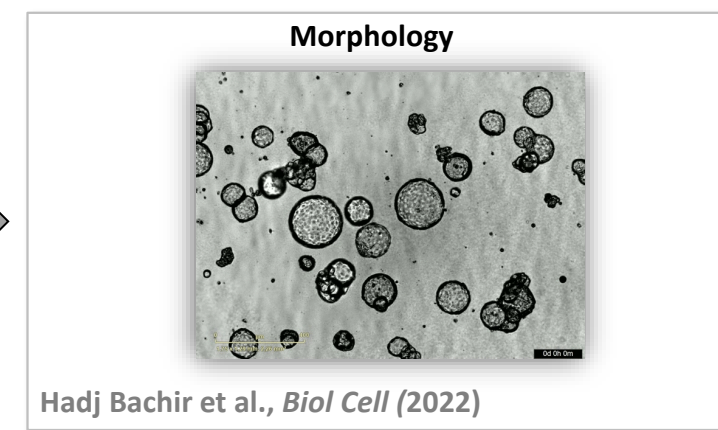
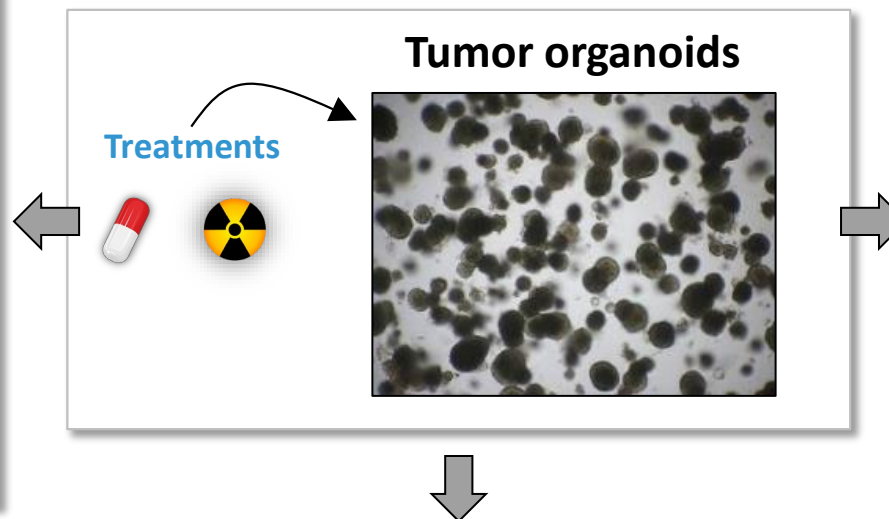
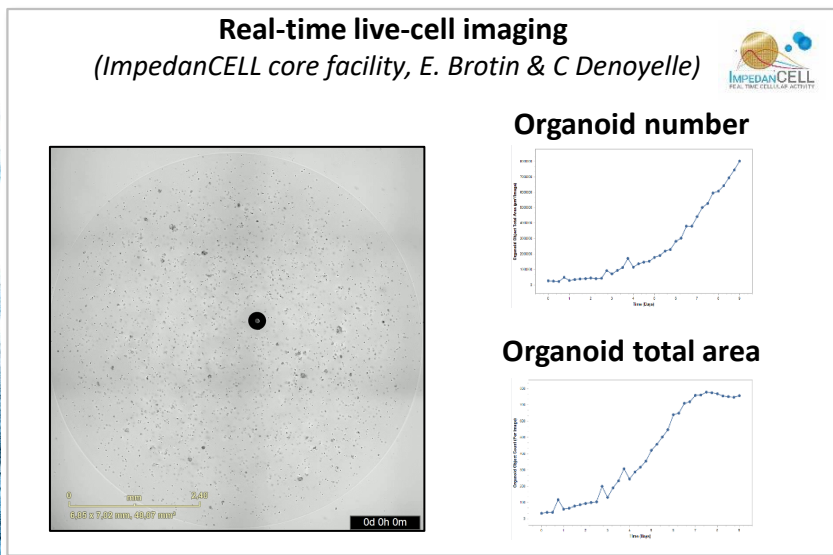
- ❑ Basic research
- ❑ Development of new therapeutic strategies (need for a panel of tumor organoids)
- ❑ Pharmacological screening (need for high-throughput approaches)
- ❑ Identification of predictive molecular signatures (molecular characterization required)
- ❑ Predictive functional assays in clinical management:

Precision oncology



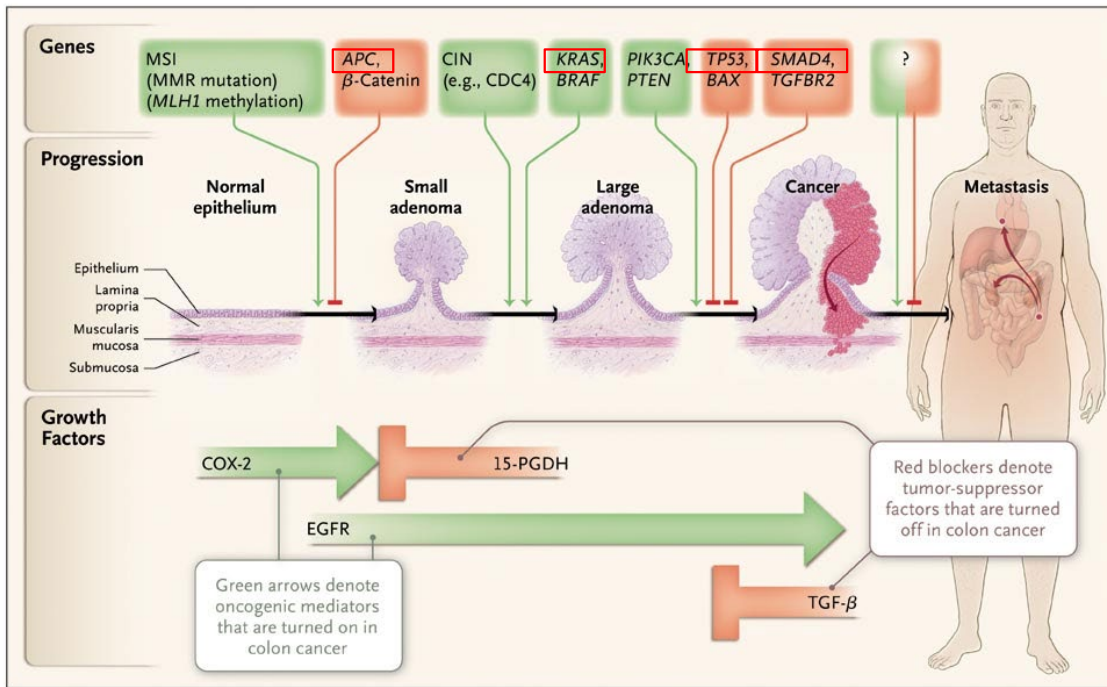
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Tumor organoids: evaluation of response to treatments



Basic research: tumorigenesis

Adenoma-carcinoma sequence in colorectal cancer



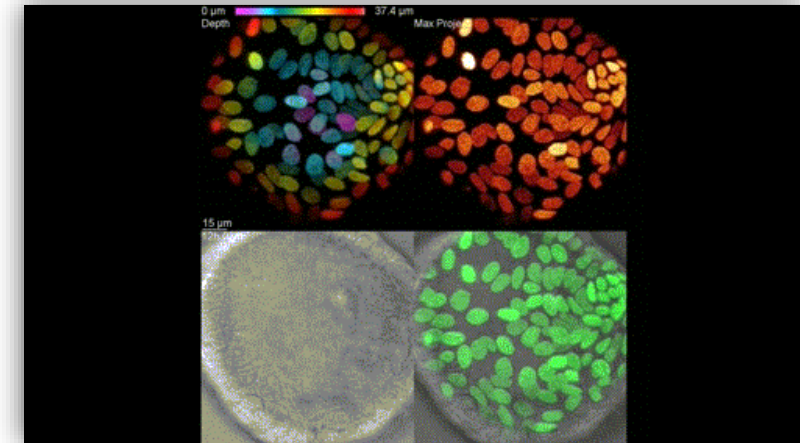
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Introduction of **sequential cancer mutations** in normal human intestinal organoids using **CRISPR/Cas9** technology

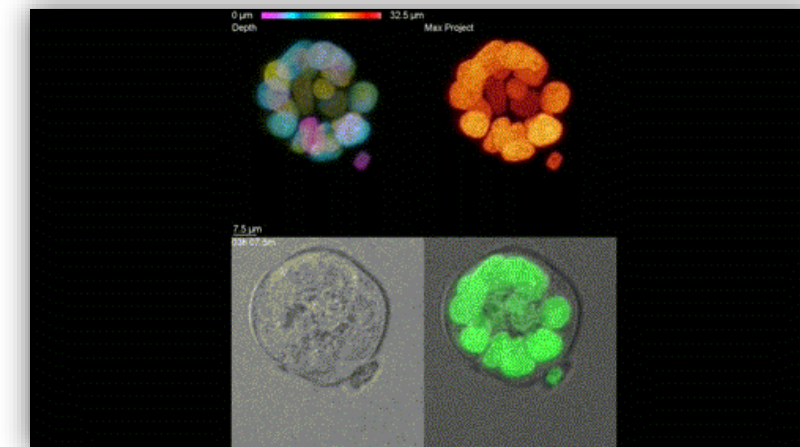
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Evaluation of **chromosomal instability (CIN)** in the different mutant organoids

Wild-type organoids

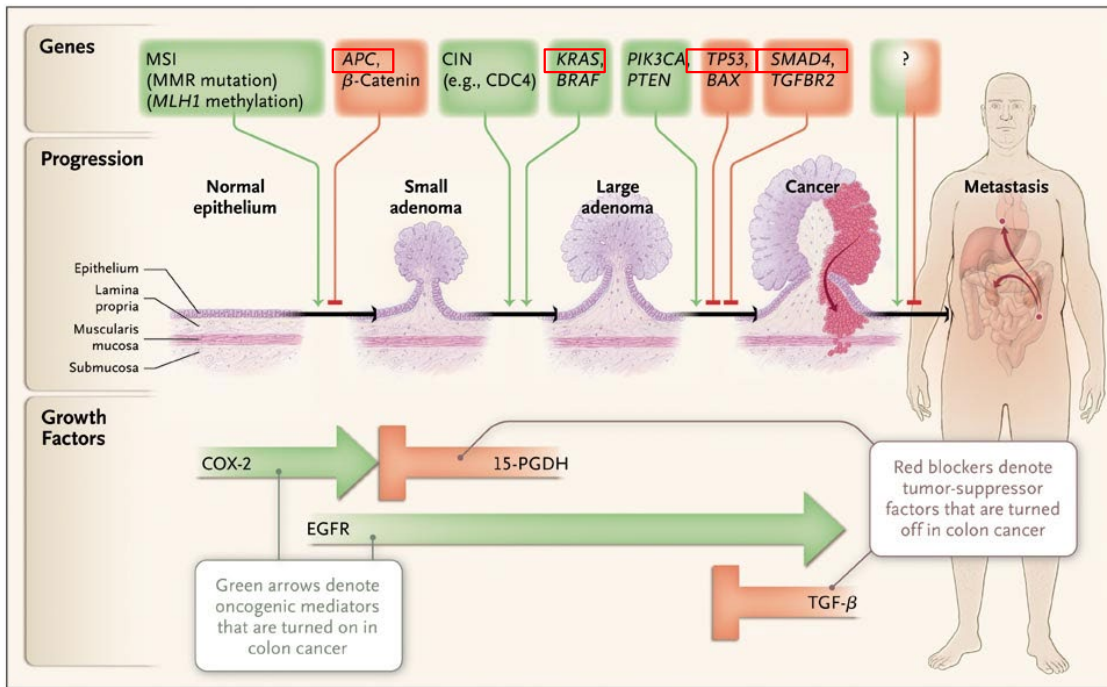


APC^{KO}/P53^{KO} organoids



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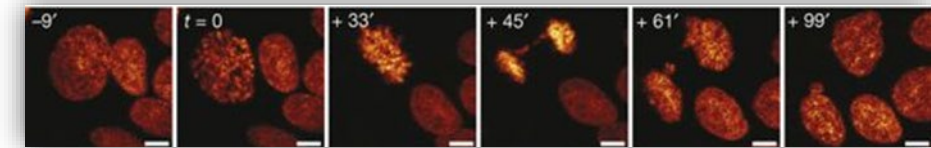
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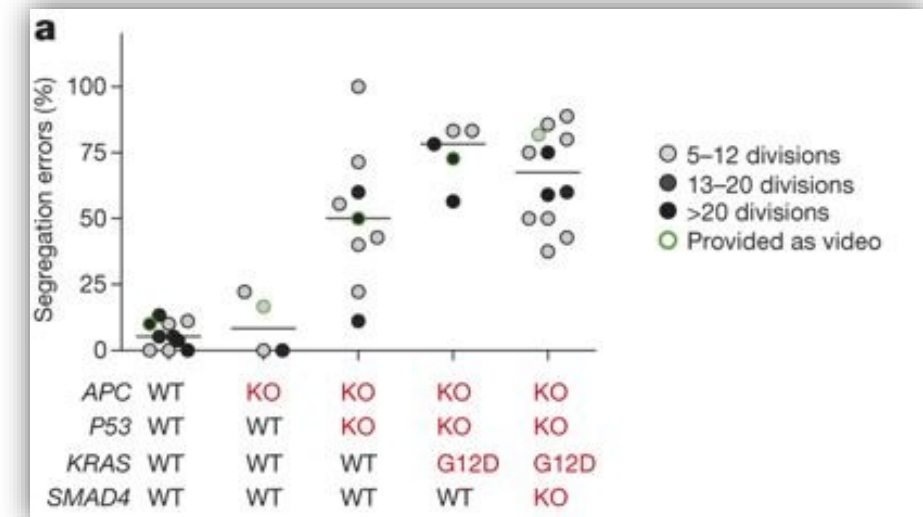
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Example of mitotic error



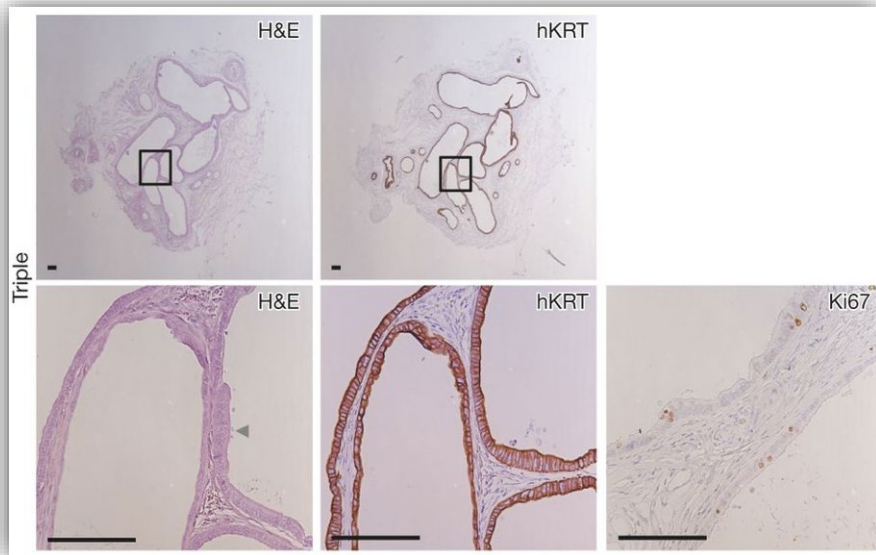
➡ Anaphase bridge



Loss of APC and p53 sufficient to induce CIN

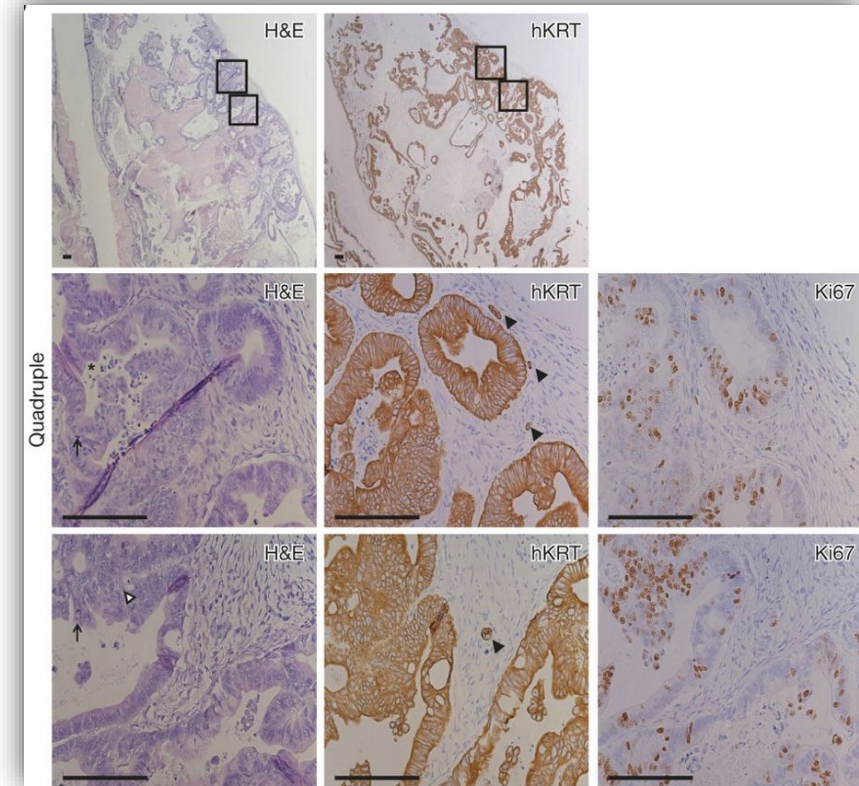
Basic research: tumorigenesis

Evaluation of tumorigenicity of triple-mutants organoids $KRAS^{G12D}/APC^{KO}/P53^{KO}$



- 3/12 tumors
- Low proliferation rate
- Adenoma-like

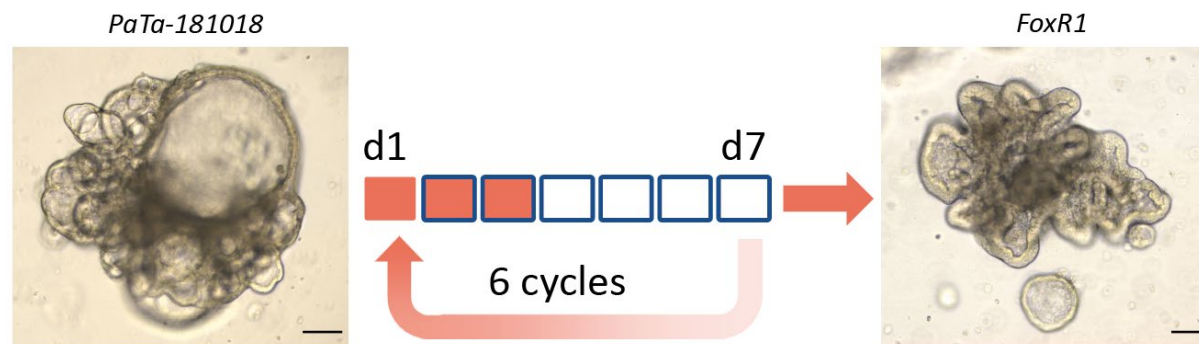
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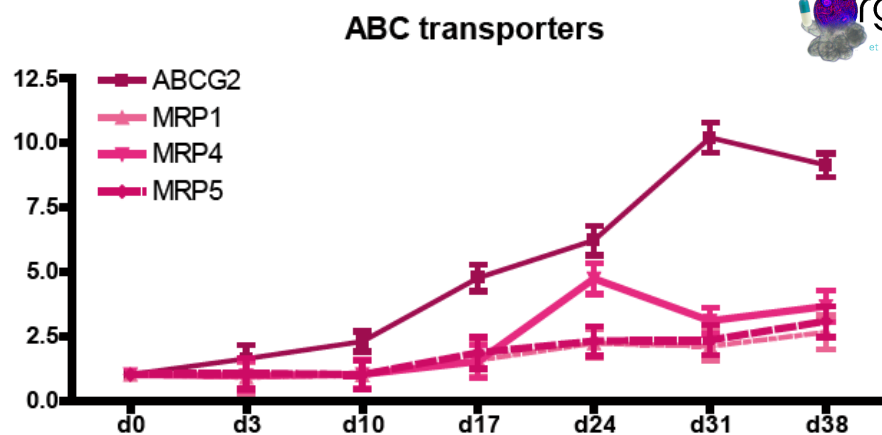
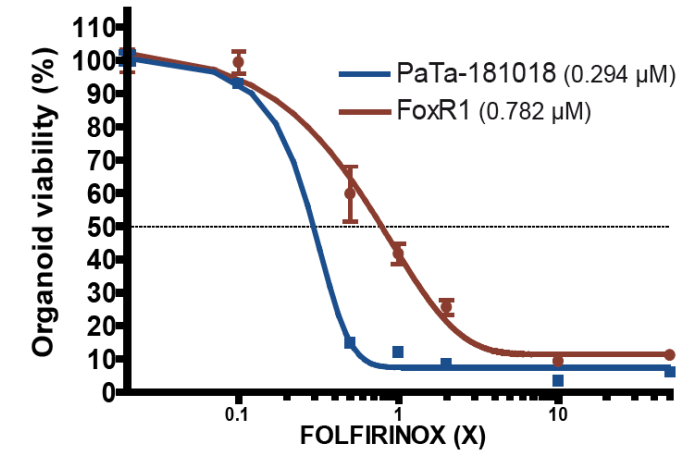
- 13/16 tumors
- High proliferation rate
- Invasive carcinoma-like

Basic research: chemoresistance

A new model of **acquired chemoresistance** to FOLFIRINOX in pancreatic cancer organoids



Hadj Bachir et al., *Biol Cell* (2022)



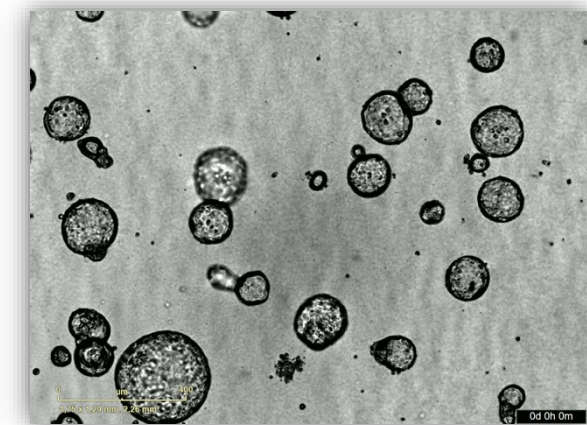
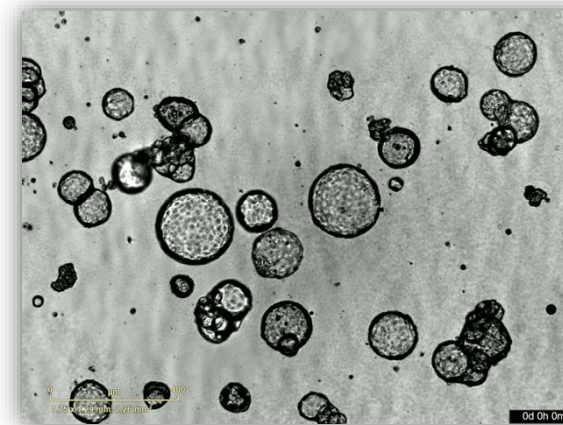
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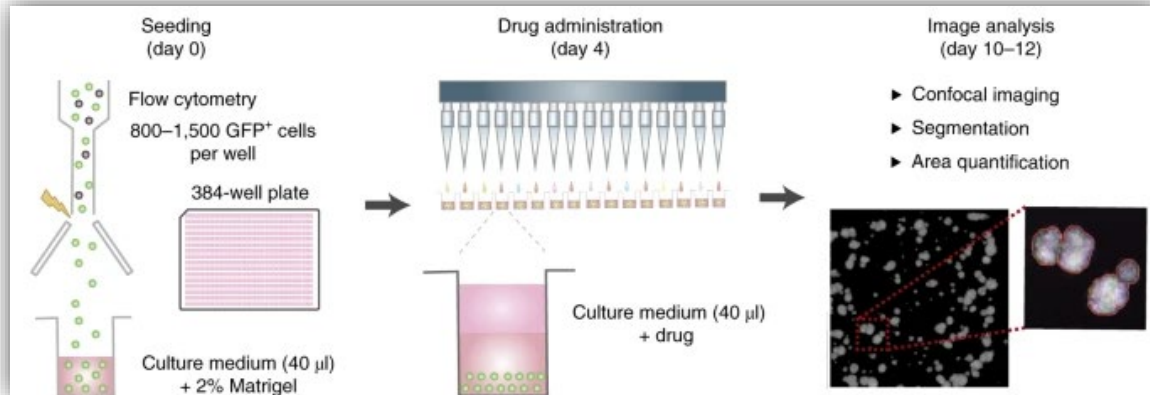
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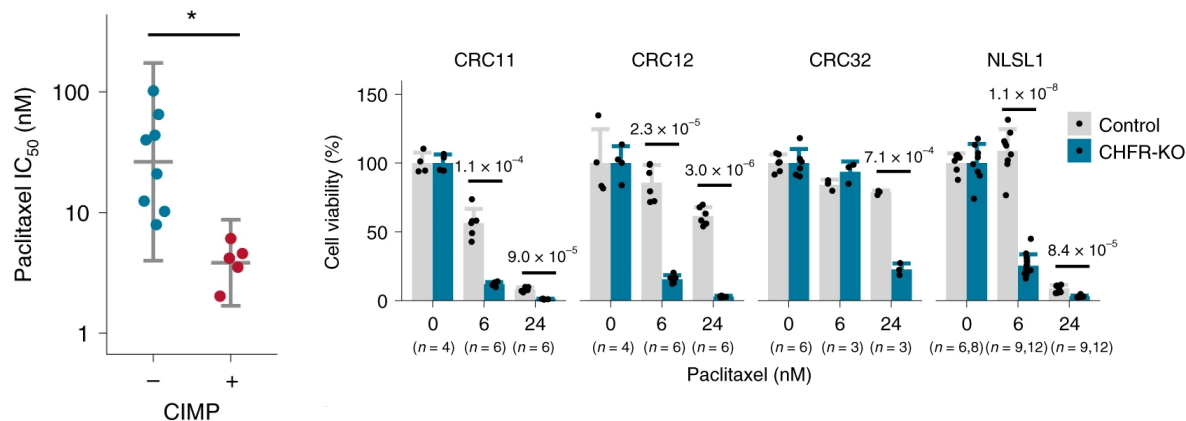
➤ Identification of **ABCG2** as biomarker of acquired chemoresistance

Pharmacologic screening

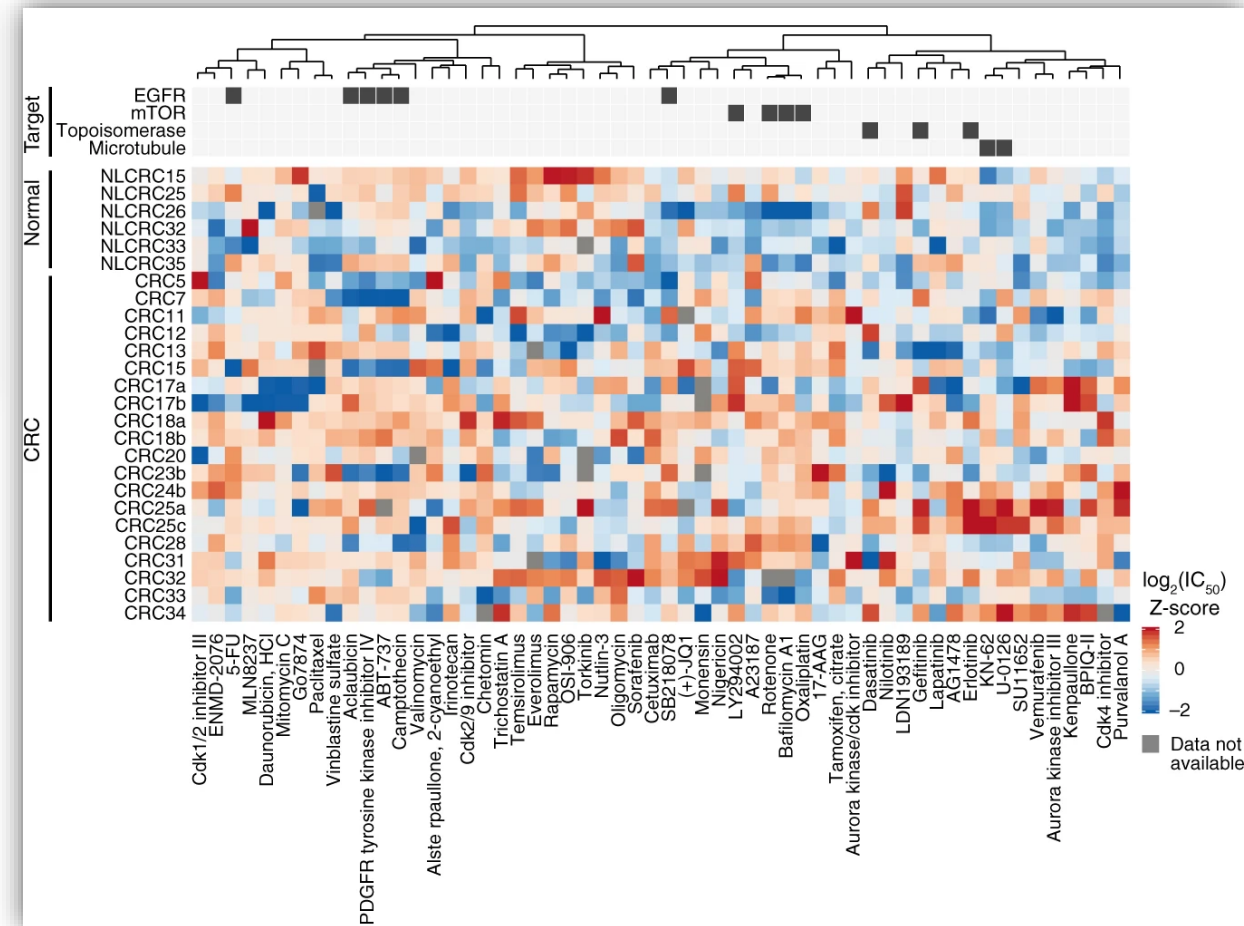
Screening of **56 compounds** in 20 colorectal cancer organoid lines and 6 normal colonic lines



Toshimitsu K. et al., *Nat Chem Biol* (2022)

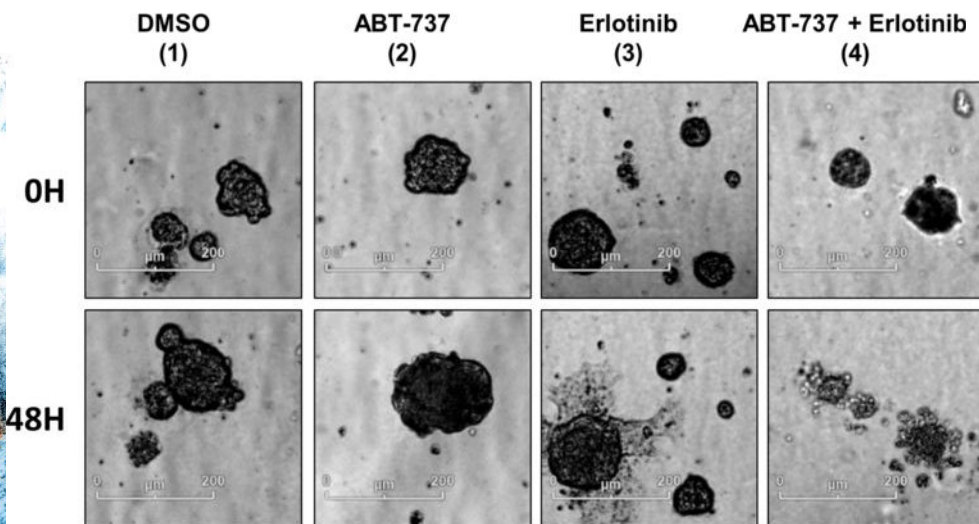


- Paclitaxel effective against **CIMP+** tumor organoids
- Identification of **CHFR** as determinant of paclitaxel sensitivity

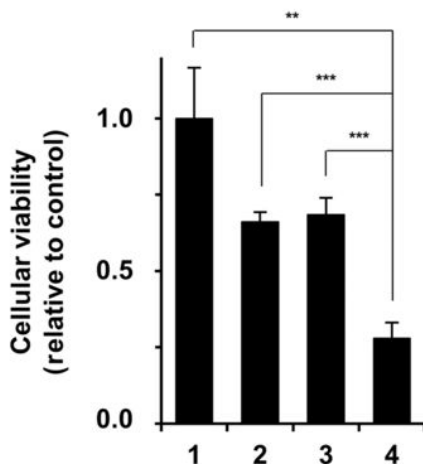
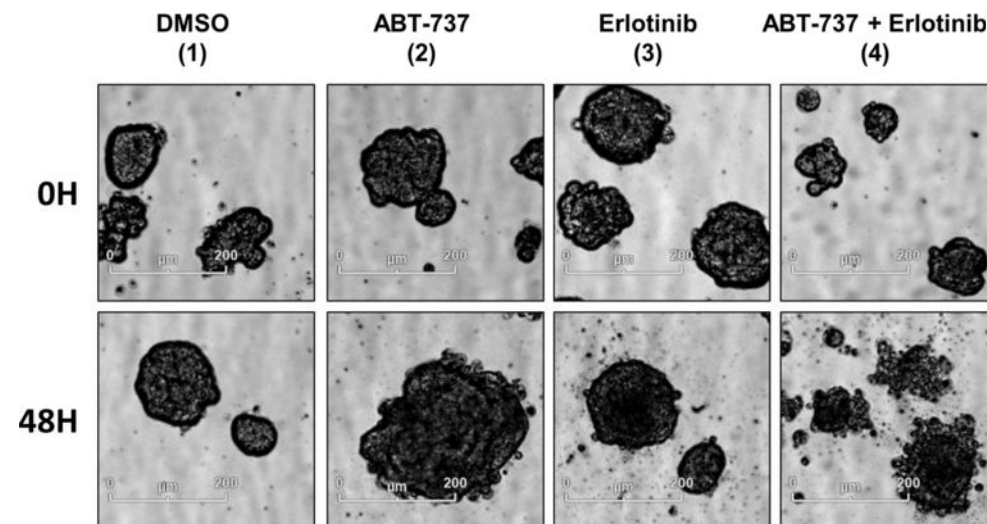


Validation of new therapeutic strategies

Identification of a « killer » miRNA targeting **EGFR** and **Bcl-x_L** in ovarian cancer cell lines

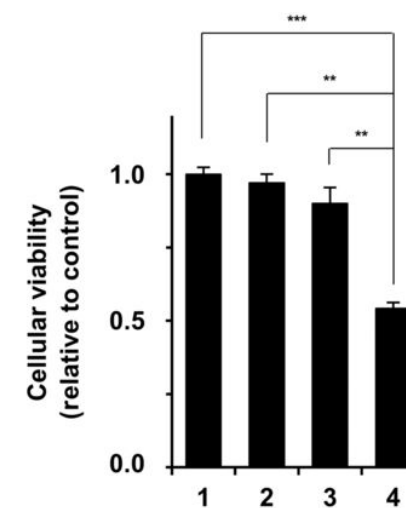


Anticipe



ABT-737 : inhibitor of Bcl-x_L
Erlotinib : inhibitor of EGFR

Validation of the association of EGFR and Bcl-x_L
inhibitors in ovarian cancer organoids

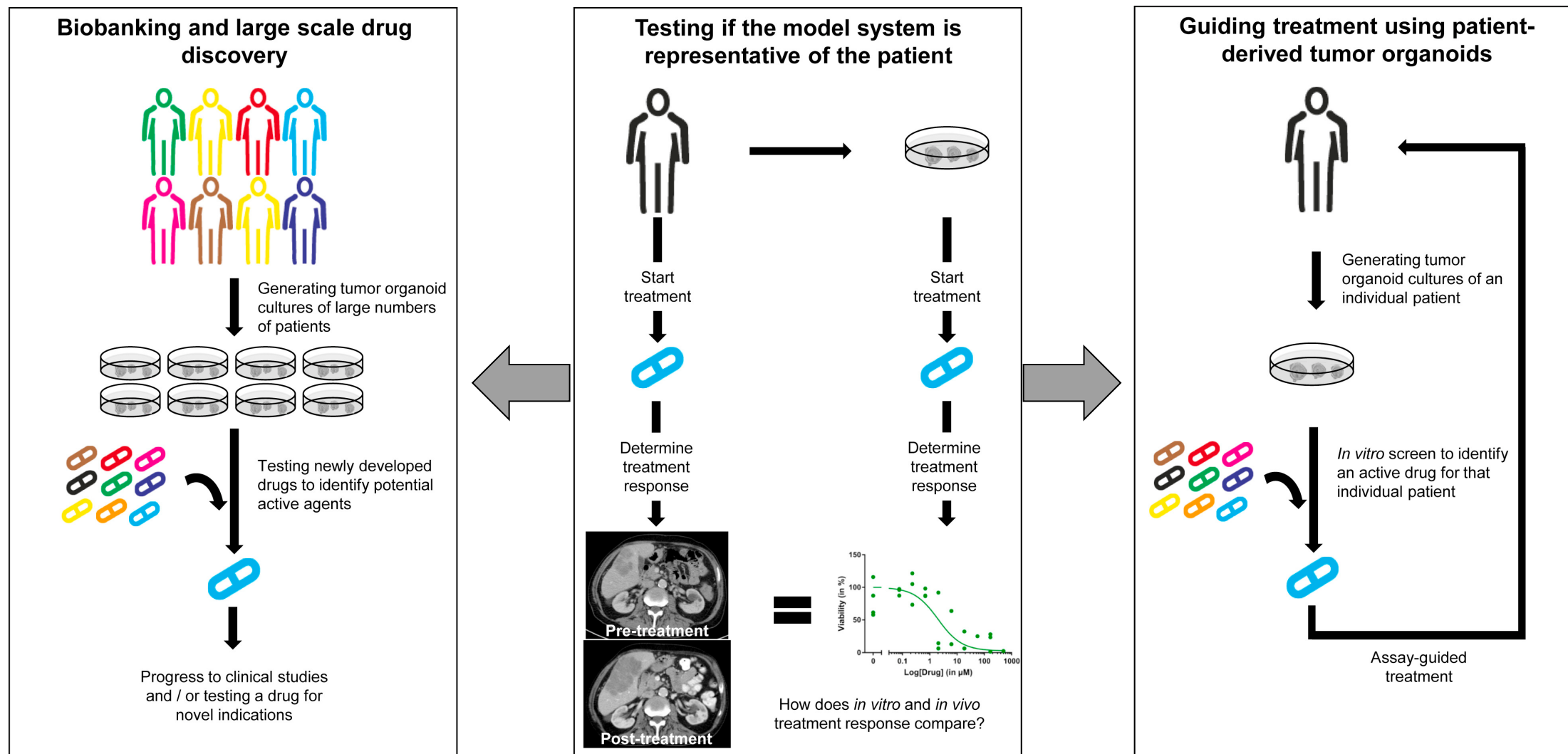


Advantages and limits of tumor organoids



- ✓ Close to the tumor of origin
- ✓ Small tumor sample suitable for establishment
- ✓ Normal counterpart
- ✓ High success rate for most of the tumor types
- ✓ Short delay of establishment
- ✓ Genetic engineering and cryopreservation
- ✓ High-throughput screening
- ✗ Absence of microenvironment
- ✗ Expensive
- ✗ Diversity of culture conditions among tumor types and laboratories
- ✗ Potential contamination by normal cells (lung, prostate...)
- ✗ Selection of cell subpopulations over passages
- ✗ Maintenance in culture can be complicated
- ✗ Use of matrigel

Tumor organoids and precision oncology



Adapted from Weeber F. et al., *Cell Chem Biol* (2017)

Tumor organoids: a tool for predicting response to treatments?

Cancer type	Study	Establishing efficiency	Treatment	Sample size	Correlation
Breast cancer (primary)	Sachs et al., 2018	~80%	tamoxifen	2	yes
Colorectal cancer (metastasis)	Ooft et al., 2019	~63%	irinotecan	10	yes ^b
			FOLFIRI	12	yes ^c
			FOLFOX	10	no
	Ooft et al., 2021	~57% ^a	vistusertib, capivasertib	6	no
Colorectal peritoneal (metastasis)	Narasimhan et al., 2020	~68% ^a	FOLFOX	9	no
Esophageal adenocarcinoma	Li et al., 2018	~31%	5-FU, epirubicin and cisplatin	5	(yes)
Gastrointestinal (metastasis)	Vlachogiannis et al., 2018	~70%	paclitaxel ^e	3	yes
			TAS-102 ^f	4	yes
			5-FU and cisplatin ^g	2	yes
			cetuximab ^h	4	yes
Gastric cancer	Yan et al., 2018	>50%	cisplatin and 5-FU	2	(yes)
			epirubicin, oxaliplatin, and 5-FU	2	one out of two correlated
Glioblastoma	Jacob et al., 2020	~90% ^a	radiation and temozolomide	5 ^k	
Mesothelioma	Mazzocchi et al., 2018		cisplatin and pemetrexed	2	yes
Neuroendocrine prostate CRPC-NE (metastatic)	Puca et al., 2018	~16%	alisertib	2	yes

Cancer type	Study	Establishing efficiency	Treatment	Sample size	Correlation
Ovarian	Kopper et al., 2019	~65%	platinum/taxane	1	yes
	de Witte et al., 2020	i,a	carboplatin and paclitaxel	5	yes ^j
Pancreatic cancer	Phan et al., 2019		carboplatin	2	(yes)
	Tiriach et al., 2018	~75%	5-FU, gemcitabine, nab-paclitaxel, SN-38, or oxaliplatin	9	mostly yes five sensitive out of six longer PFS; two insensitive out of three rapid progressions; one inconsistent; one intermediate
Rectal cancer	Driehuis et al., 2019	~62%	gemcitabine	4	yes
	Ganesh et al., 2019	~77%	5-FU or FOLFOX	7	yes
	Yao et al., 2020	~85%	5-FU	80	mostly yes five exceptions to sensitive and 15 exceptions to insensitive
			irinotecan	66	mostly yes seven exceptions to sensitive; seven exceptions to insensitive

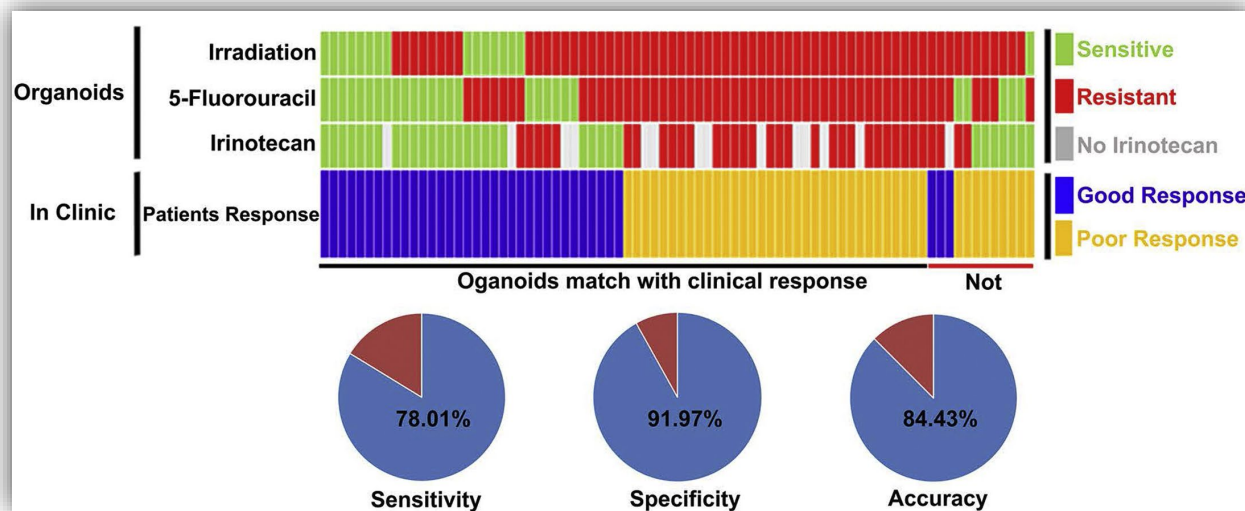
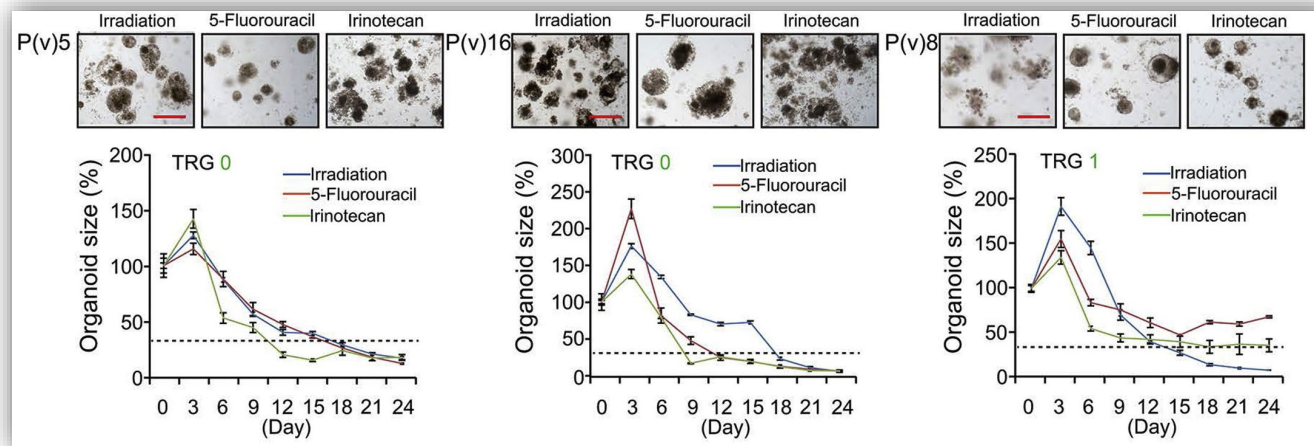
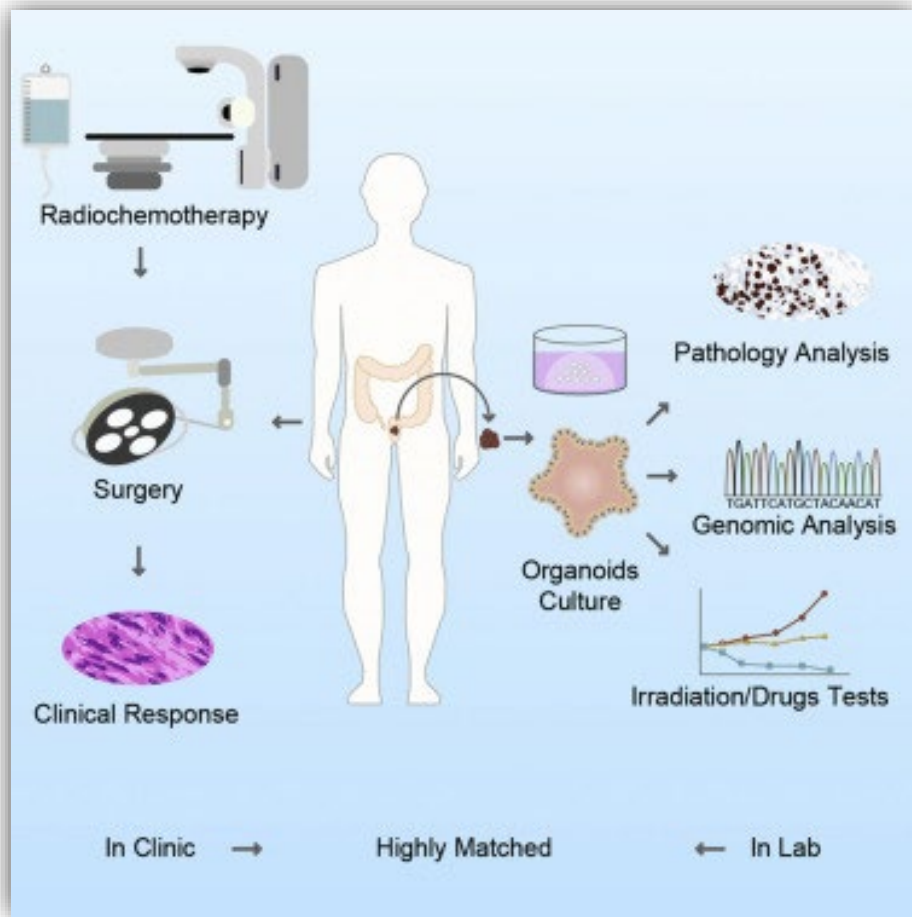
❖ Encouraging correlation between *in vitro* and clinical treatment

❖ Most of sample sizes of studies **too small**

Vivanga V. and Voest E., *Cancer Cell* (2021)

Response of patients vs response of tumor organoids

- Correlation between the response of **tumor organoids from rectal cancer to 5-FU, irinotecan, radiotherapy** and response of the patients

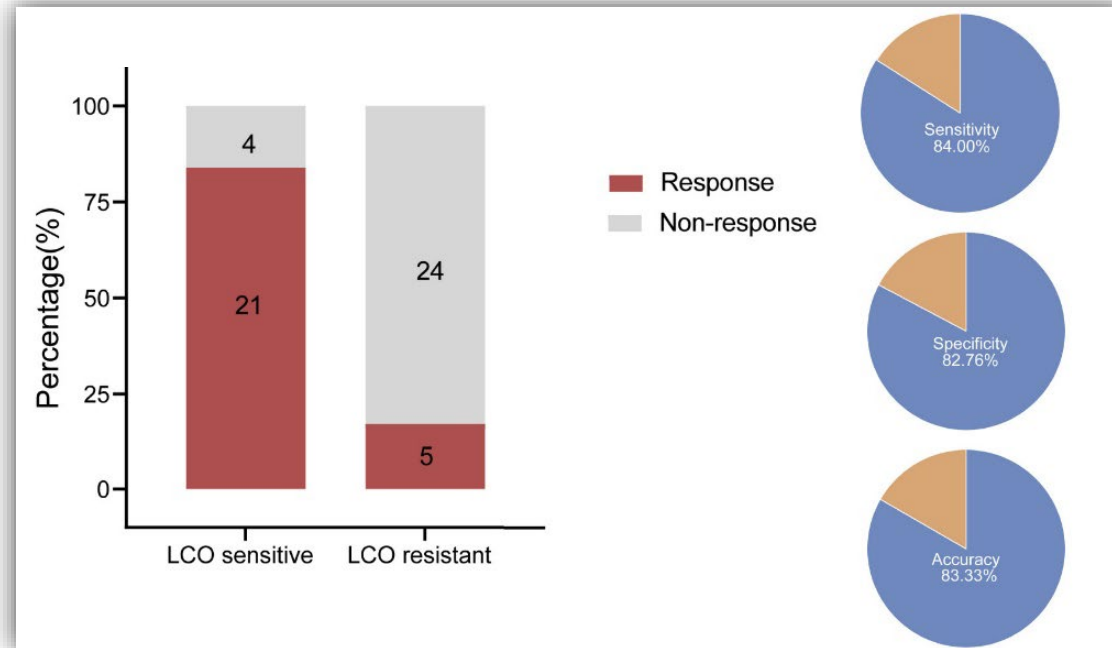
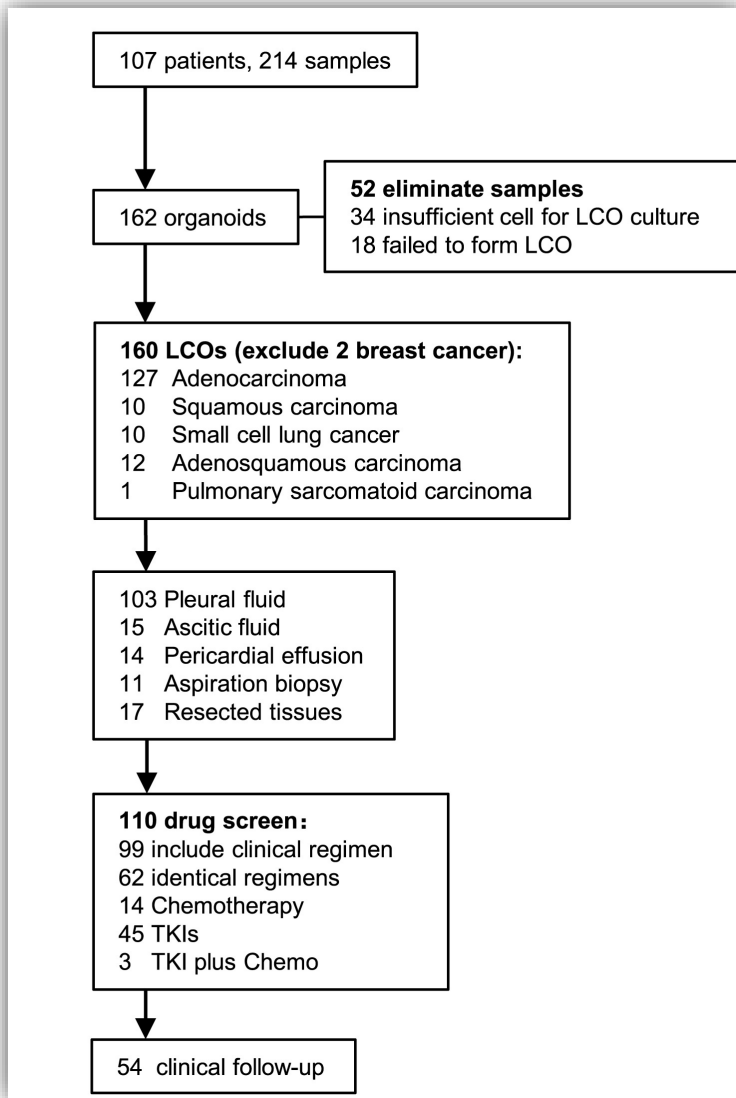


Yao Y. et al., *Cell Stem Cell* (2020)

Response of patients vs response of tumor organoids

Response of lung cancer organoids *versus* clinical response

- Success rate of establishment: 75%
- Targeted therapies (ALK and EGFR inhibitors, etc..)
- Chemotherapies (paclitaxel, cisplatin, etoposide, etc..)

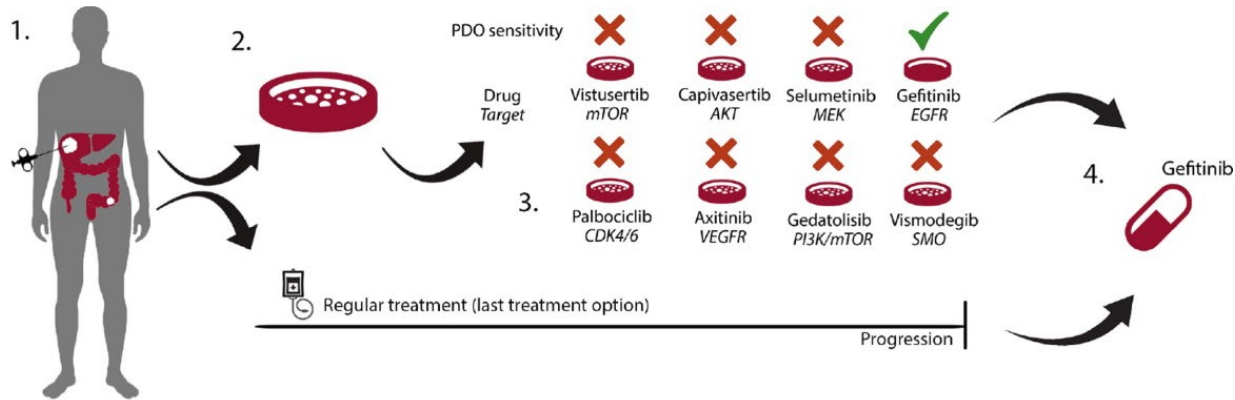


- Prediction accuracy: 83%

Wang HM. et al., *Cell Rep Med* (2023)

Tumor organoids: a tool for guiding treatment decision-making?

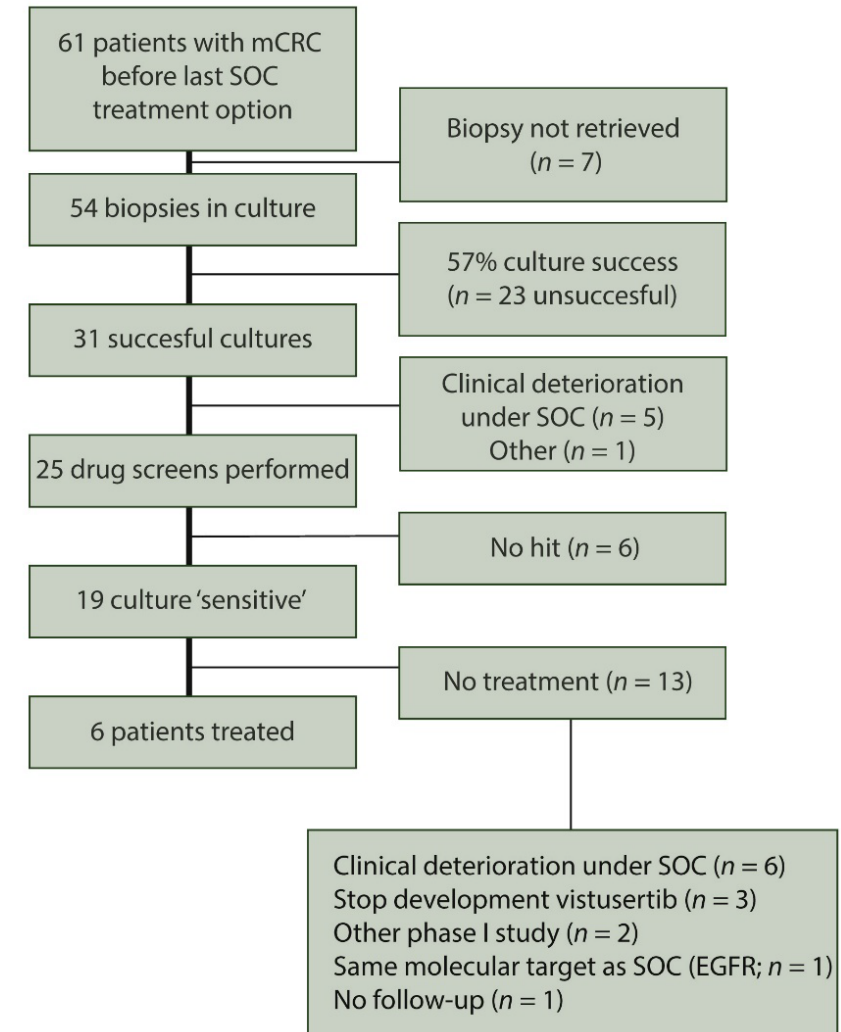
Prospective clinical trial: use of tumor organoids to guide treatment decision-making



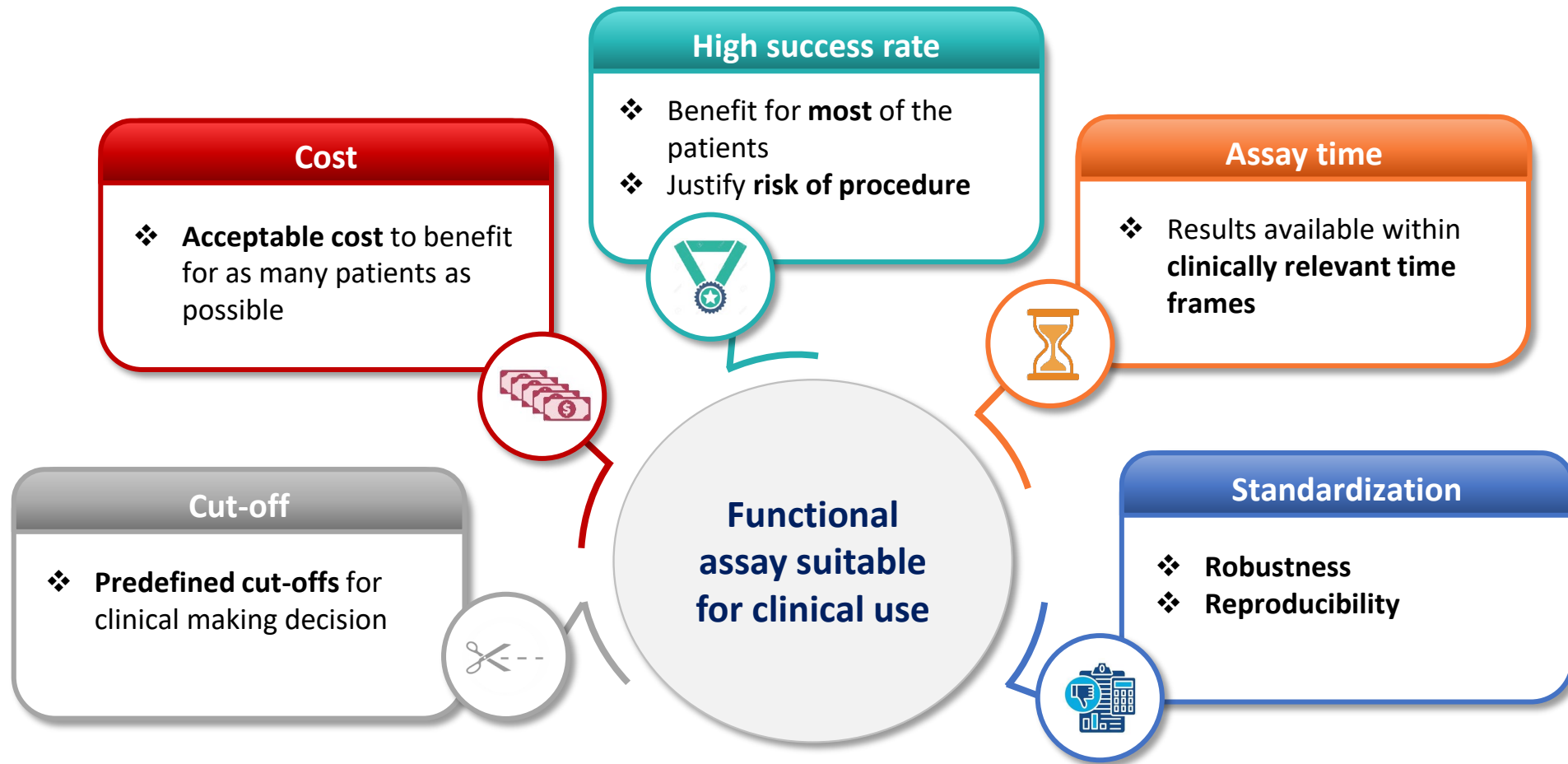
Metastatic colorectal cancer
8 targeted therapies

- Only 6 patients (on 61 enrolled) treated based on the response of tumor organoids
- No clinical response

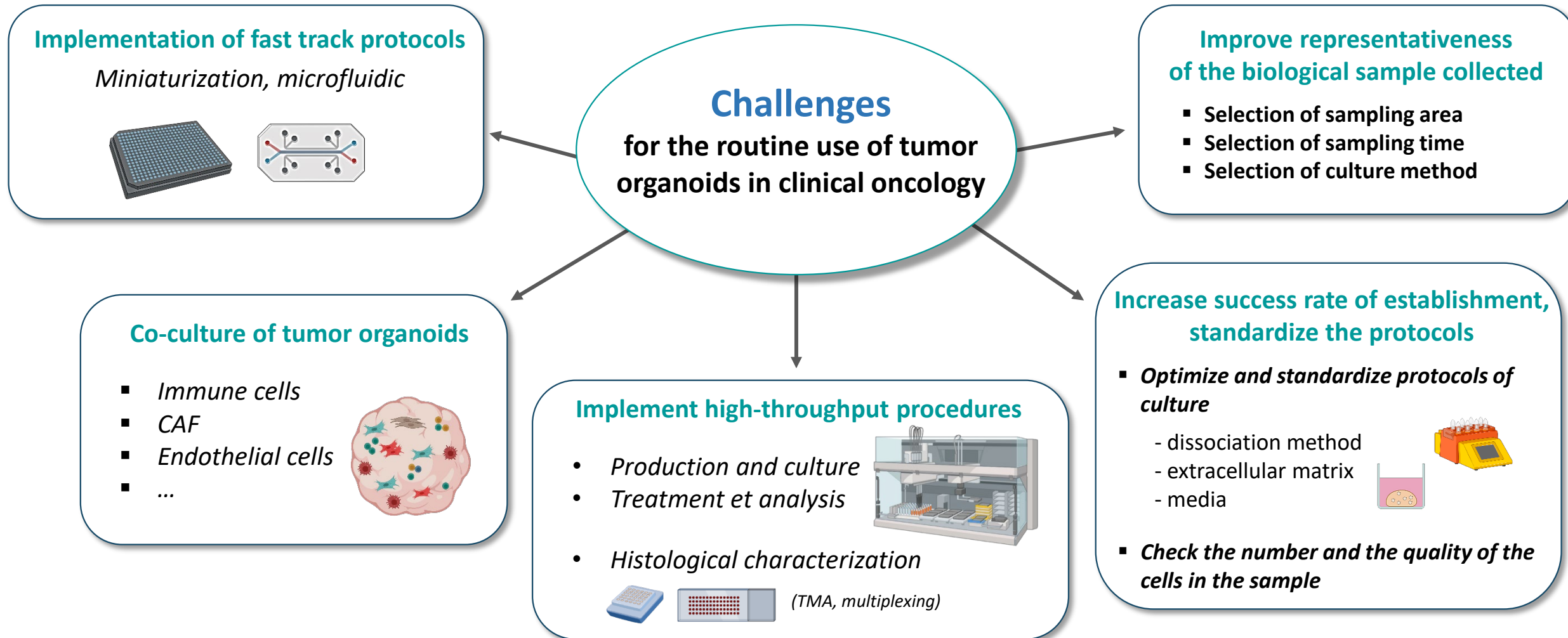
Ooft F. et al., *ESMO Open* (2021)



Quality criteria for the development of functional assays



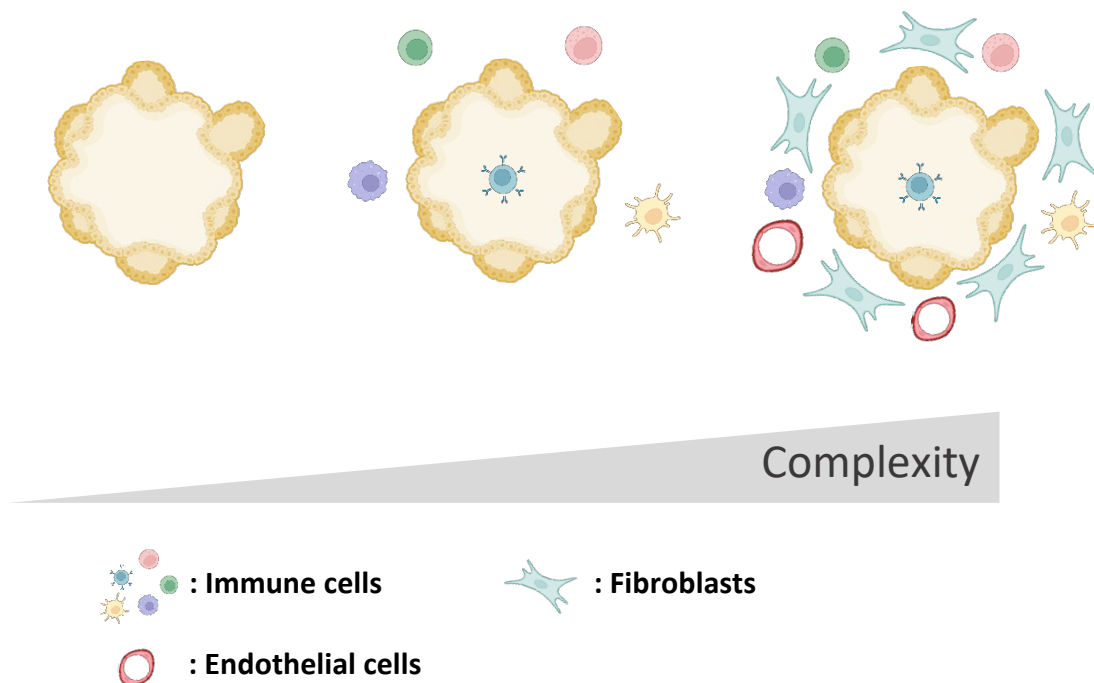
Challenges associated with clinical implementation



Adapted from Perréard M. et al., *Médecine/Sciences* (2022)

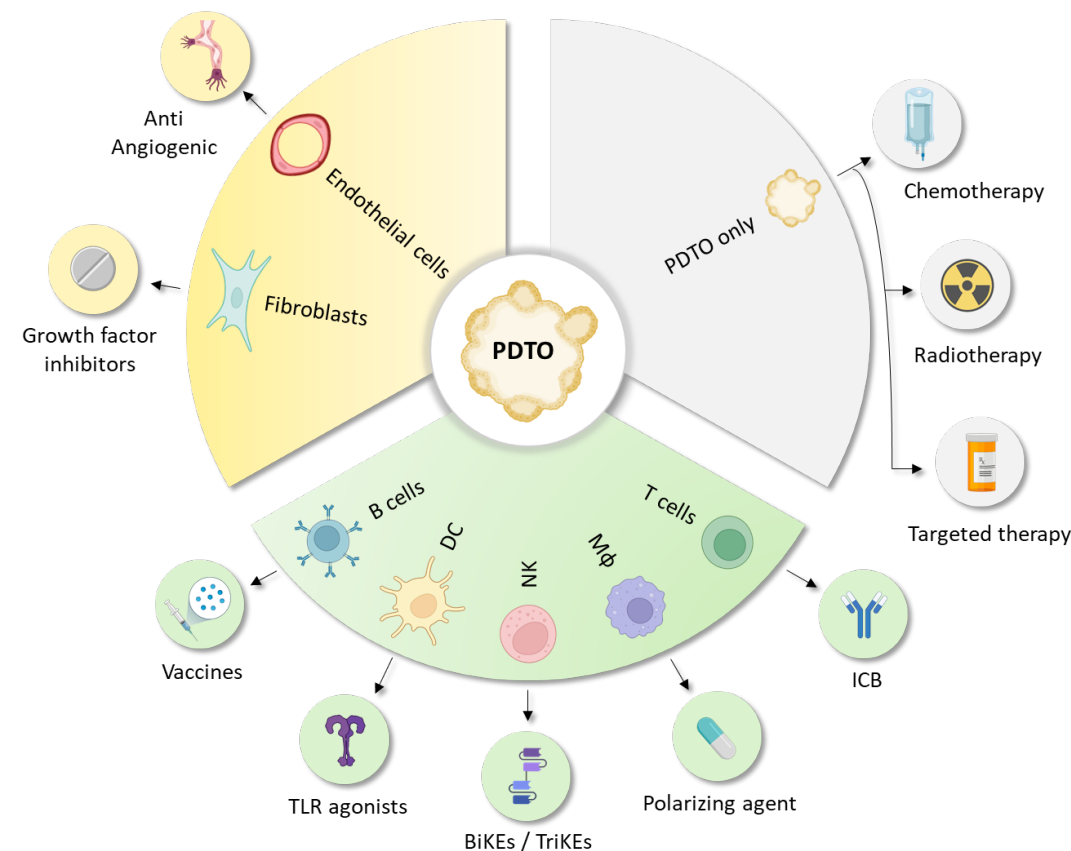
Modeling tumor microenvironment using tumor organoids

What?



Tumor organoids co-cultured with stromal cells

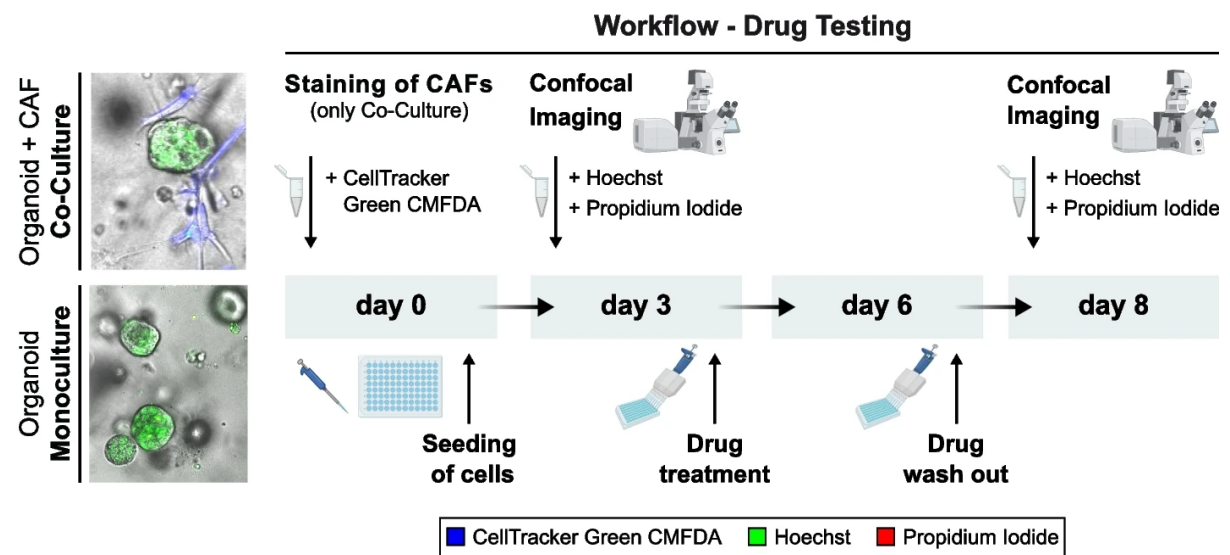
Why?



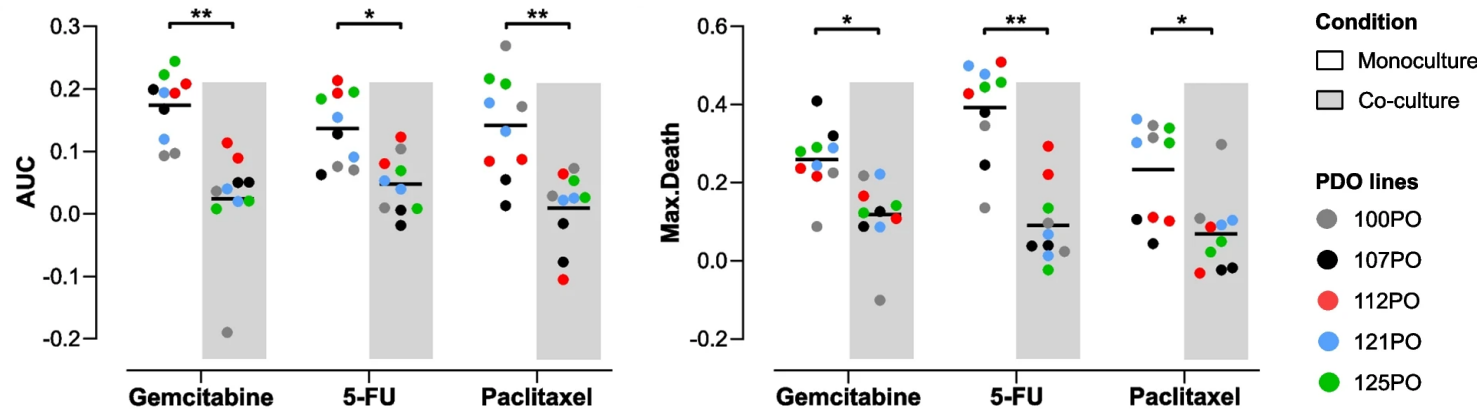
1. Broaden spectrum of treatments
2. Improve relevance of the model

Florent R. et al., (in preparation)

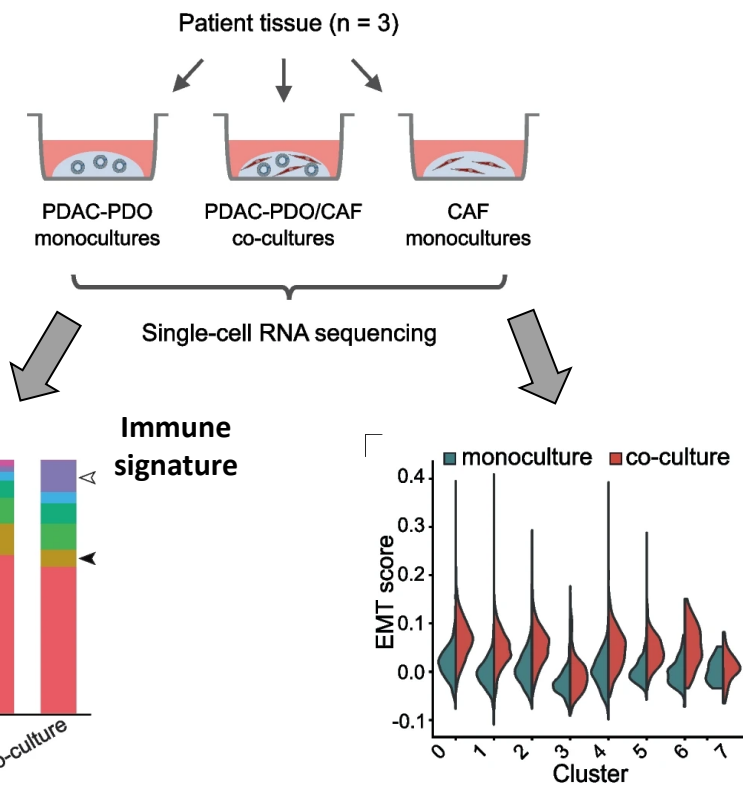
Co-culture of pancreatic cancer organoids with fibroblasts



Evaluation of cell death

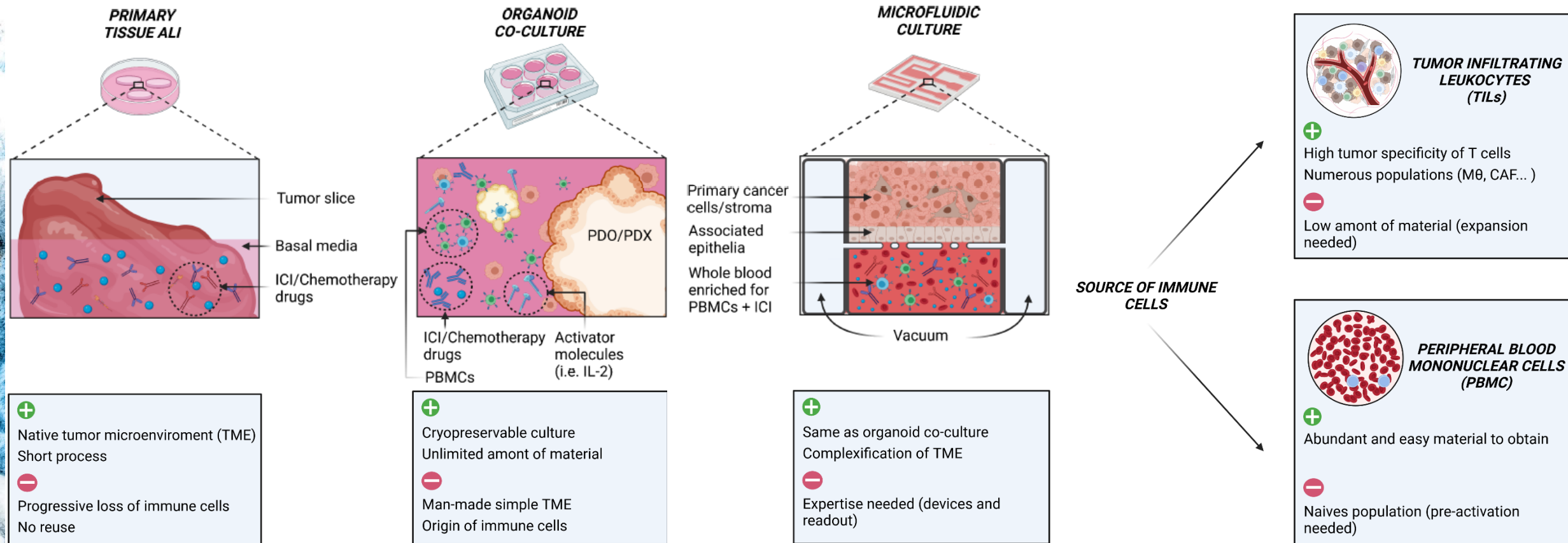


Shuth S. et al., *J Exp Clin Cancer Res* (2022)



- ✓ Increase of **resistance to treatments** in presence of CAFs
- ✓ Upregulation of **inflammatory** and **EMT** pathways

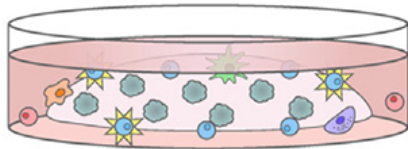
Culture systems modeling the tumor immune microenvironment



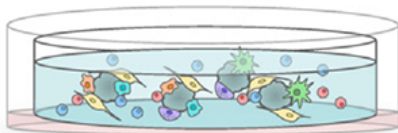
Adapted from Mackenzie NJ. et al., *Clinical & Translational Immunology* (2022)

Co-culture for personalized cancer immunotherapy

Tumor organoid culture with immune cells

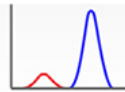


Reconstituted TME organoid culture



Native TME organoid culture

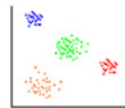
Tumor/immune cell characterization



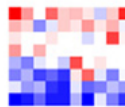
Flow cytometry



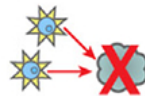
Histological analysis
(i.e., immunofluorescence staining)



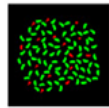
Single cell analysis
(i.e., RNA-seq)



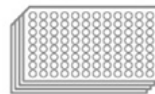
Cytokine profiling



T cell cytotoxicity



Live/dead imaging



Immunotherapy drug screens
(i.e., small molecules and immune checkpoint inhibitors)

Therapeutic applications

**Assessment of ICB response
determination of combination therapy**
(e.g., Immunotherapy agents: anti-PD-1, CTLA-4, LAG-3, TIM-3, etc., chemotherapy drugs and targeted therapy drugs)

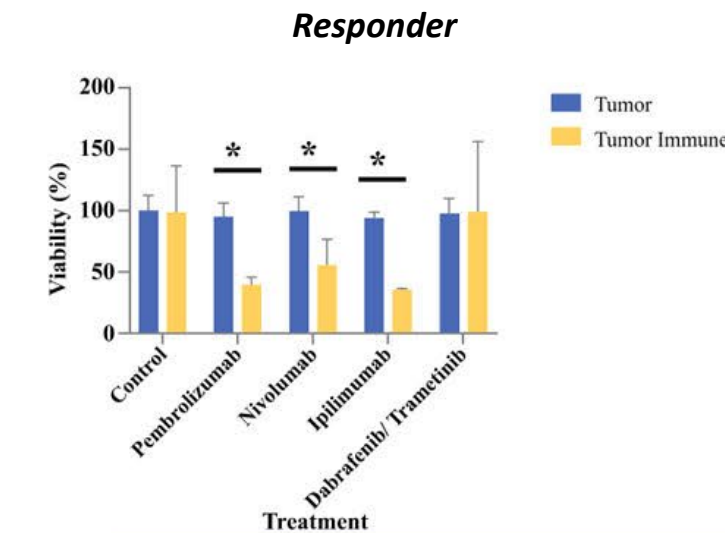
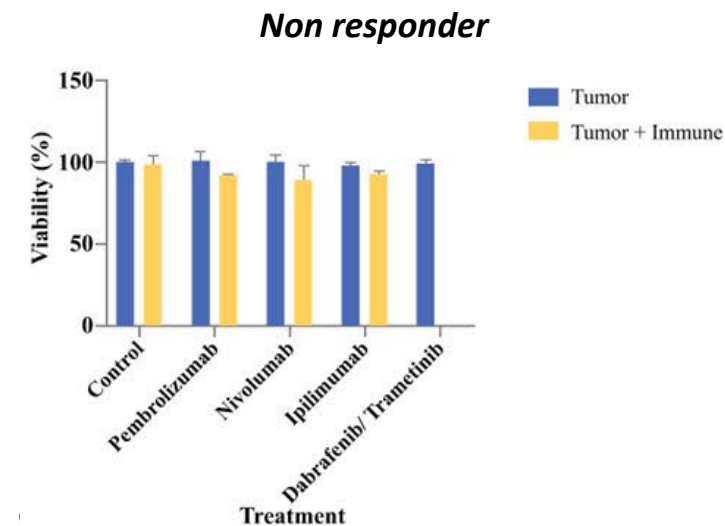
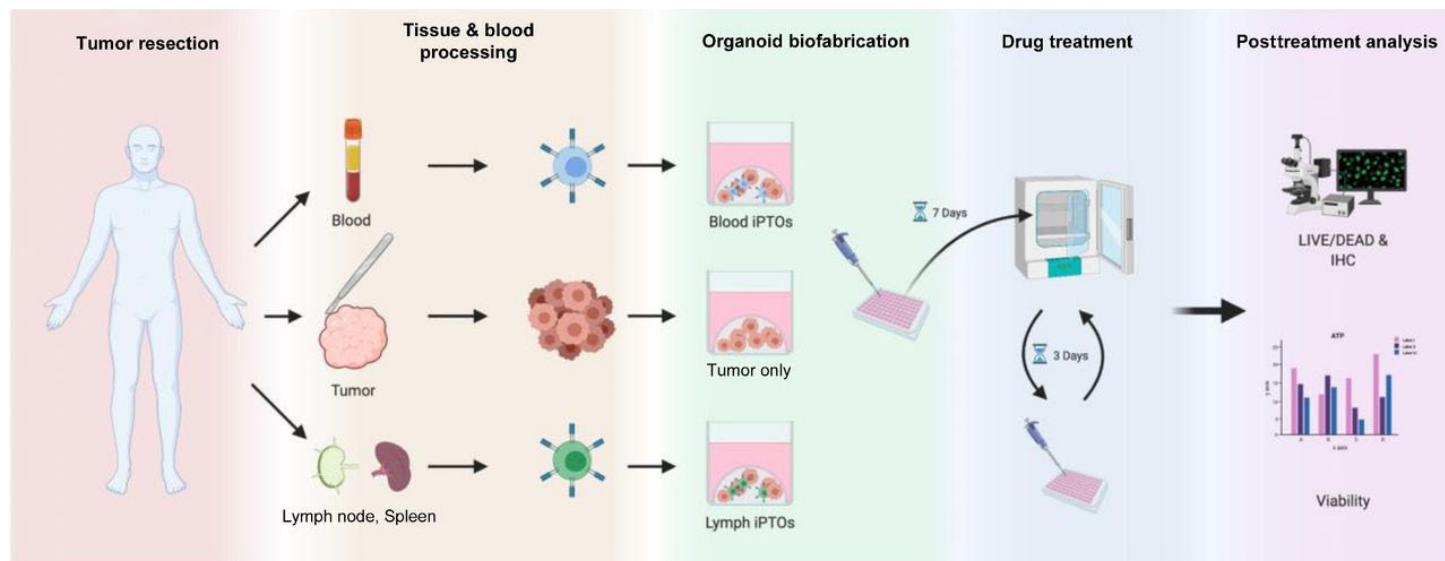
**Generation of tumor-reactive T cells
for adoptive cell therapy**
(e.g., TILs, CAR-T, CAR-NK cells)

**Biomarker identification to predict
patient response**

**Exploration of potential targets to
enhance immune therapy**

Yuki K. et al., *Trends Immunol* (2020)

Response to immunotherapy: tumor organoids *versus* patients



Patient	Immune component Node/blood	Response to CPIs		Response to D/T		BRAF	Clinical info
		Organoid	Tumor	Organoid	Tumor		
4017010-1	Node	No	No	Yes	Yes	Wild	MEK mutation
4017010-2	Blood	No	No	No	No	Wild	Recurrence on Trametinib
4017011	Node	No	NT	No	NT	—	Denied Treatment
4017025-1	Node	No	No	No	NT	V600E	Local recurrence on nivo
4017025-2	Blood	No	No	No	NT	V600E	Resected local recurrence No new lesions on nivo
4017026	Node	No	No	No	NT	Wild	Resected tumor progressed on pembro. Stable stage IV disease 10 months later on pembro
4017029	Node	—	—	—	—	—	Cauterized specimen. No available organoids.
4017032	Node	Yes	No	No	NT	V600K	Local recurrence at 2.5 months while on nivo. No further distant disease
4017033	Node	Yes	Unknown	NA	NT	—	NED post resection
4017035	Blood	No	No	No	NT	Wild	Resected tumor progressed on pembro. Stable stage IV disease 5 months later on pembro

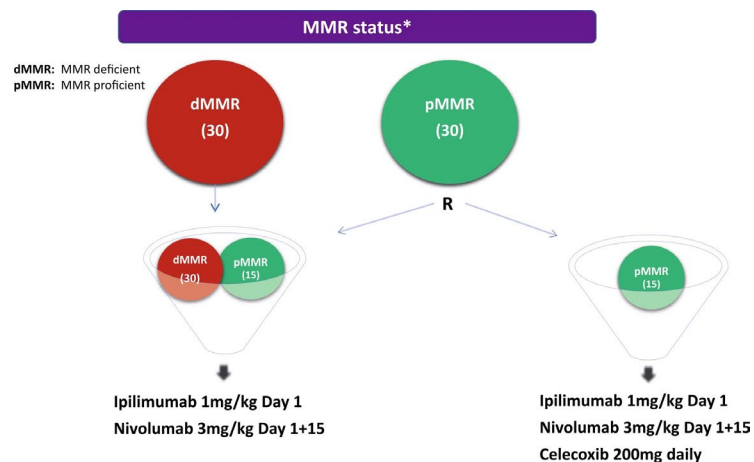
85% (6/7)

Forsythe SD. et al., *Clin Cancer Res* (2021)

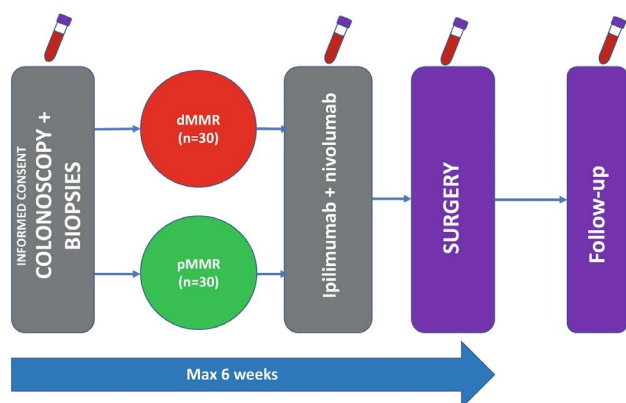
Votanopoulos KI. et al., *Ann Surg Oncol* (2020)

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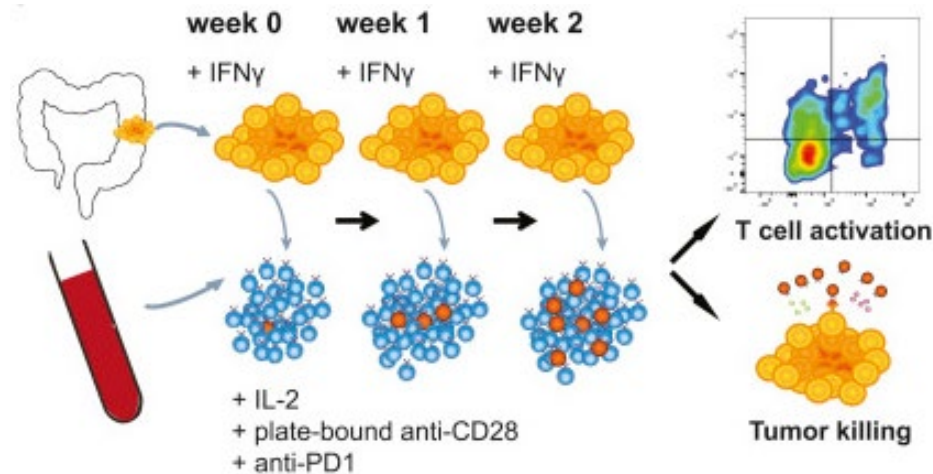
Neoadjuvant immunotherapy in MMR-proficient and MMR-deficient early-stage colon cancers



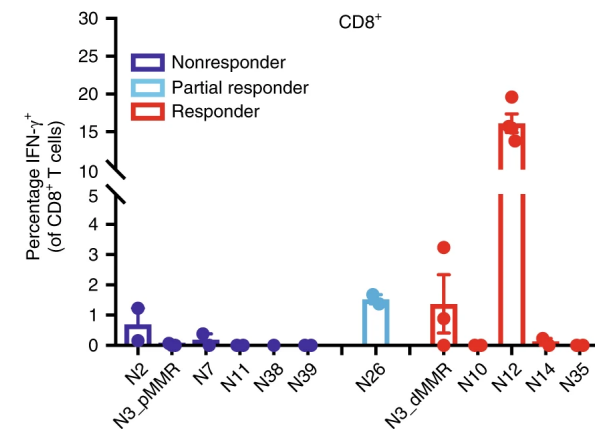
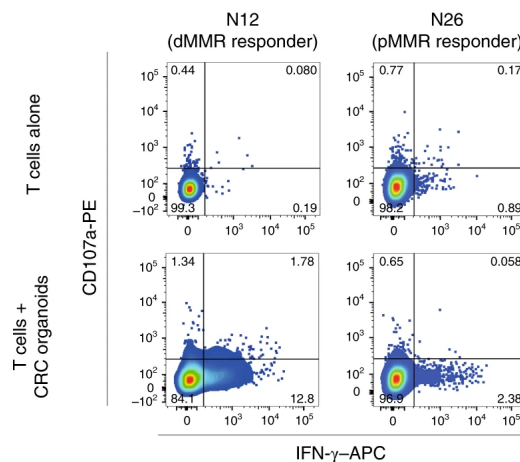
*MMR protein staining for MLH1, PMS2, MSH2, MSH6



Chalabi M. et al., *Nature Med* (2020)



Dijkstra KK. et al., *Cell* (2018)



- Reactivity in 3/6 responders
- No reactivity in non-responders



la Rochambelle

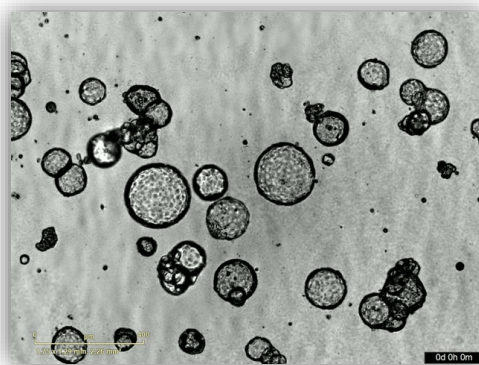


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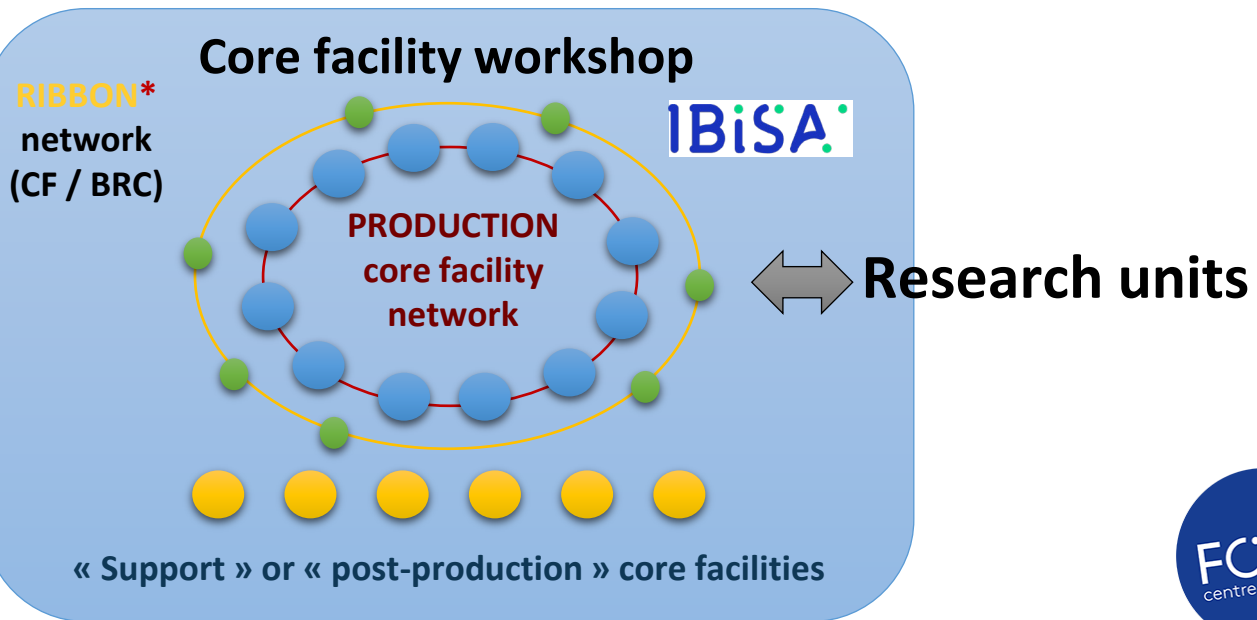


Research workshop

Valorization workshop

Training workshop

Ethic workshop



RIBBON :

National network of productions core facilities and organoid biobanks

Aim (2024)



Network of Core Facilities

Associated with certified Biological
Resource Center

Common web portal :

Catalogs of available organoid models and
presentation of how to access them

Call for projects

« Collective initiative and
And sharing network »

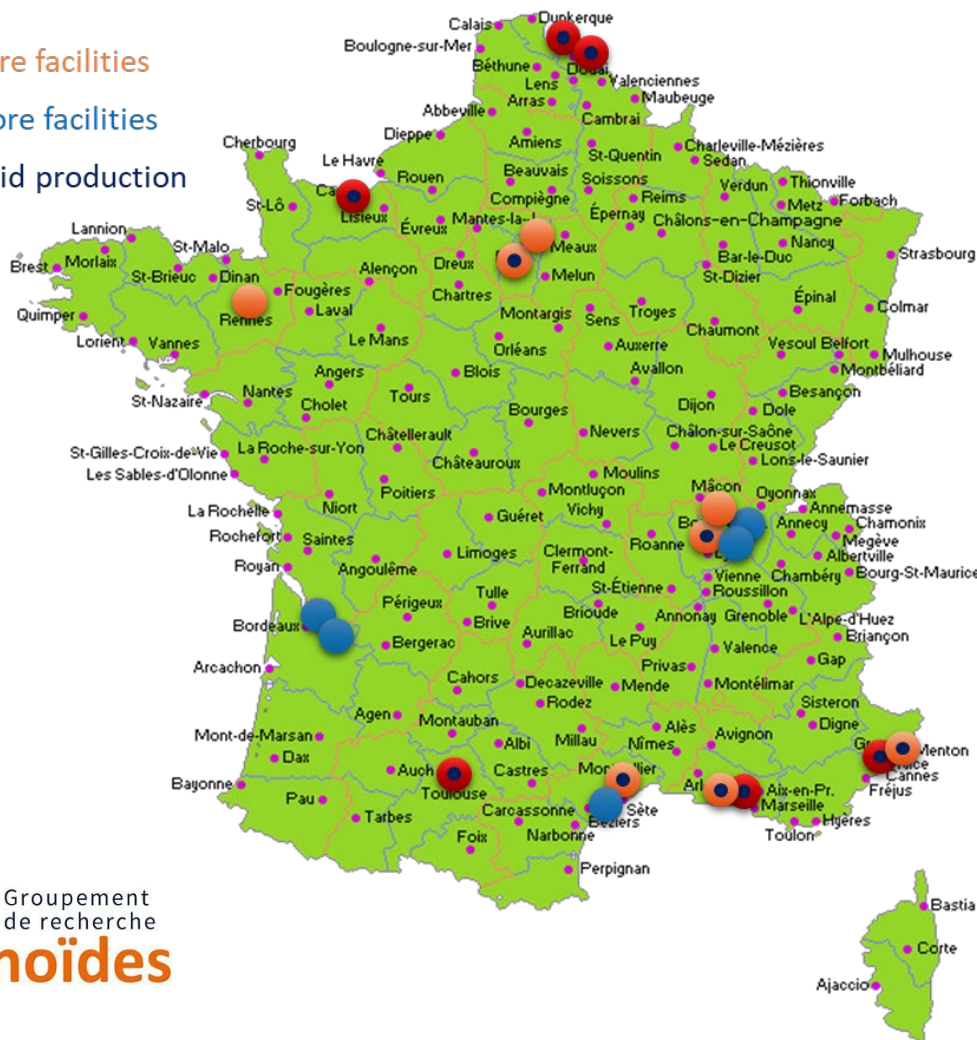
Organoid core facilities in France

● IBiSA-certified production core facilities

● Production core facilities

● « Support » core facilities

● Tumor organoid production core facilities



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Organoïdes

IBiSA Infrastructures en Biologie Santé et Agronomie

6 IBiSA-certified production core facilities

- Caen / OrgaPred (Laurent Poulain, L-B Weiswald)
- Lille / OrgaRES (Audrey Vincent)
- Marseille / 3D-Hub-O (Géraldine Guasch)
- Nice / 3D-Hub-S (Cédric Gaggioli)
- Toulouse / POT (Nathalie Vergnolles, David Sagnat)
- Lille / ORGANOMICS (Isabelle Fournier, Marie Duhamel)

7 other production core facilities

- Rennes / Numecan (Bruno Clément)
- Montpellier / POM (Albano Meli, John DeVos)
- Lyon / SBRI (Bertrand Pain, Colette Dehay)
- Lyon / 3D-Onco (Véronique Maguer-Satta)
- Nice-Marseille / PETRA (Aurélien Tchoghandjian)
- Paris / IP-PTBM (Samy Gobaa)
- Paris / IGR (Fanny Jaulin, Karelia Lipson)

5 « support » core facilities (encapsulation, bioprinting...)

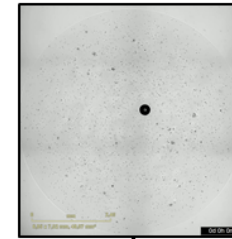
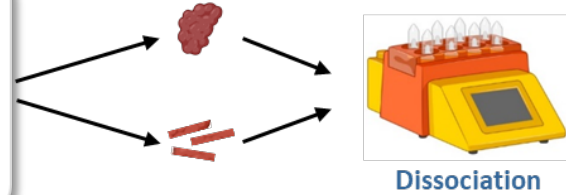
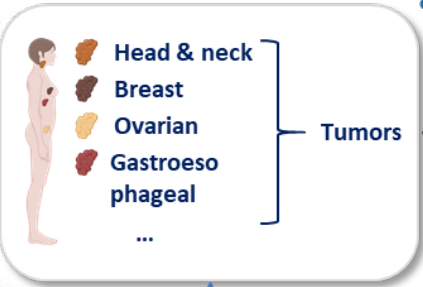
- Bordeaux / VoxCell (Laetitia Andrique)
- Bordeaux / ART-BioPrint (Hugo de Oliveira)
- Montpellier / CARTIGEN (Emeline Groult / Matthieu Simon)
- Lyon / 3D Fab
- Lyon / C3D

Objectives of ORGAPRED core facility

Setting up of clinical studies *
and biological collections

Production of tumor organoids *

Biobanking *



Available models:

- 25 ovarian cancers
- 15 breast cancers
- 15 head & neck cancers
- 3 gastroesophageal cancers



Education and training *
Advice and support *

IBiSA • Infrastructures
en Biologie
Santé et
Agriculture

Research teams

Partner
hospitals

Research
teams
&
Industries

ChemBioFrance
de petites molécules pour comprendre et soigner le vivant

Histological and molecular
characterization

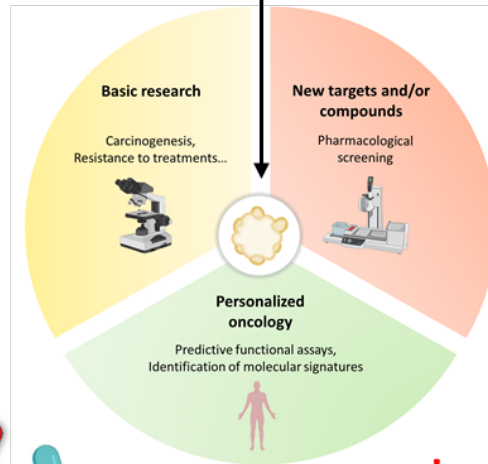
PLATON
ONCOLOGY
SERVICES UNIT

IHC, STR,
NGS ADN & ARNs, CGH array...
*Collaborations with
other facilities*

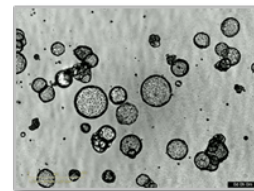
Molecular signature,
Companion diagnostic test

Predictive aspects:
Precision oncology

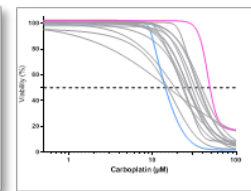
* **Proposed services**



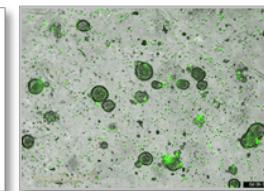
Functional assays *



Morphology
(IncuCyte S3)



Viability
(CellTiterGlo-3D)



Cell death
(CellTox Green)

CLASSIFICATION OF PDTO (sensitive, resistant, intermediate)

Conditions of access to organoid core facilities

Tumor organoid culture:

EXPENSIVE

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Collaboration

- Academic partners
- Potential contribution of users to experiments
- Common grant funding application
- IP sharing (eventually)

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Service provision

- Private/academic partners
- No contribution to experiments
- No IP sharing



Get in touch with the core facility!!