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## Pharmacogenomics

### Part 2 – PGx of Cancer



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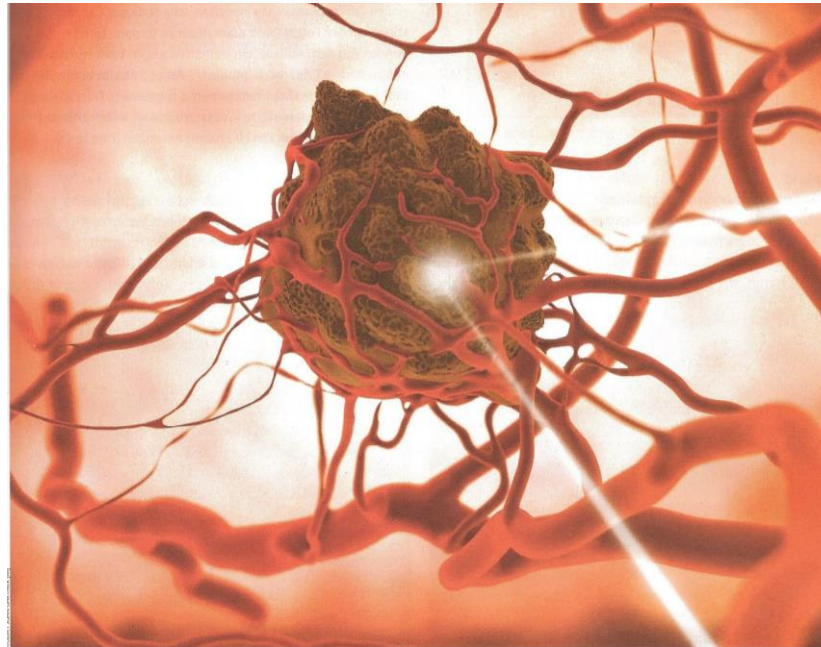


**The term**

**“resistance”**

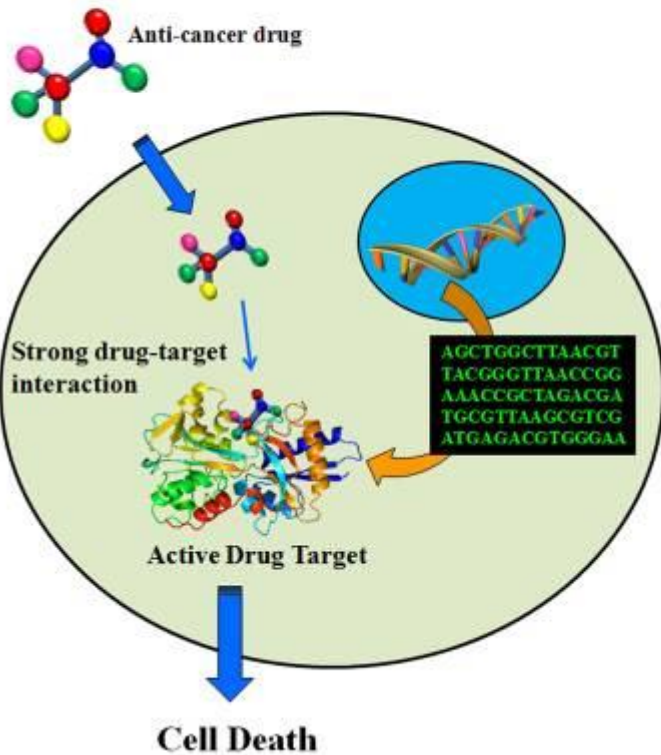
**is often known from the treatment of bacteria**

# What is chemoresistance in cancer?



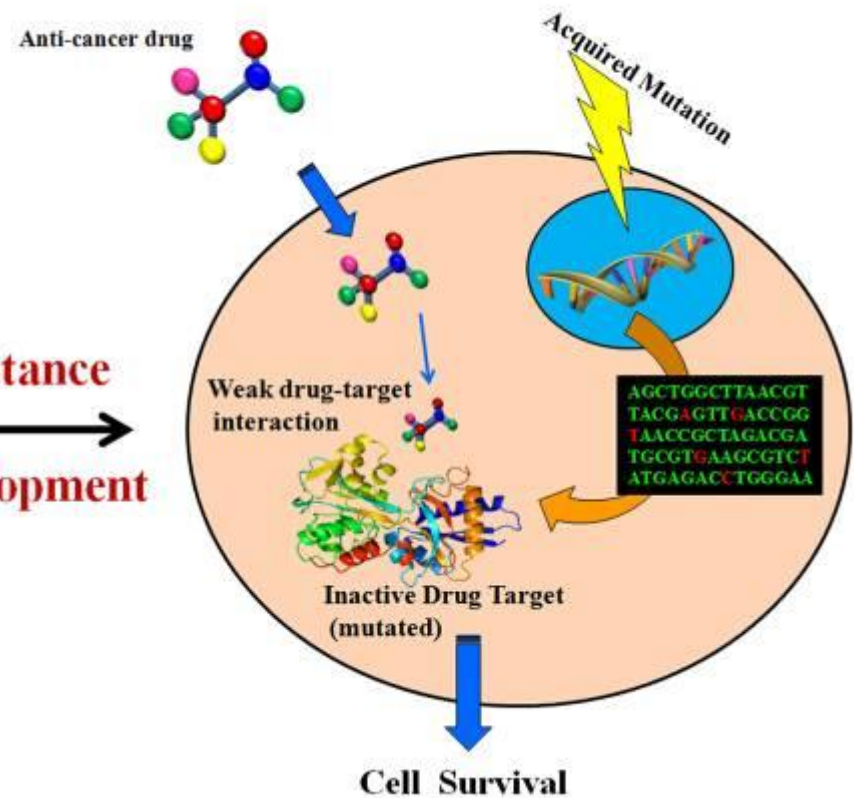
# Causes of chemotherapy resistance in cancer

## Drug Sensitive Cancer Cell



Resistance  
Development

## Drug Resistant Cancer Cell

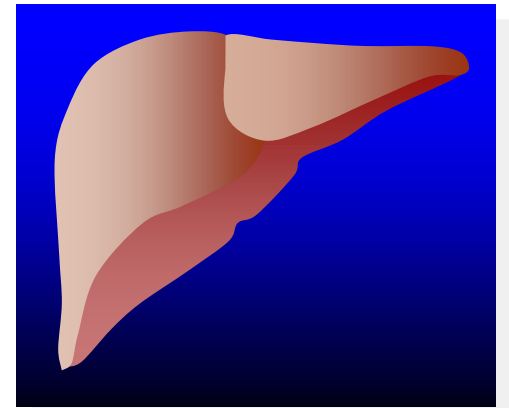
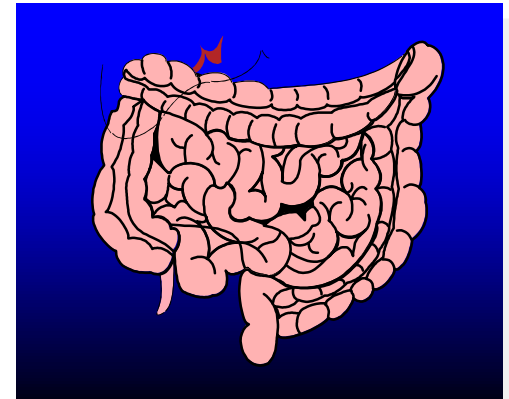
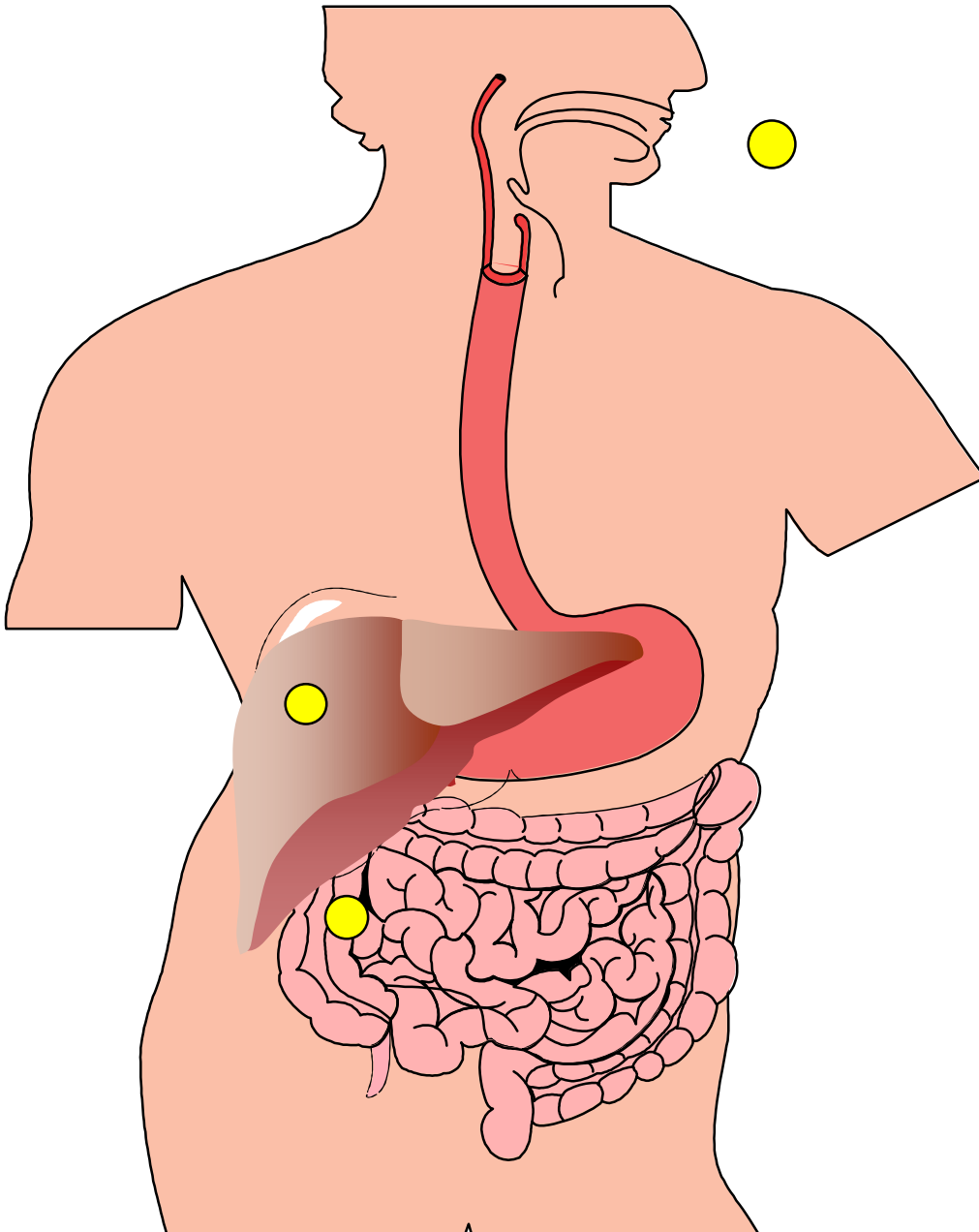


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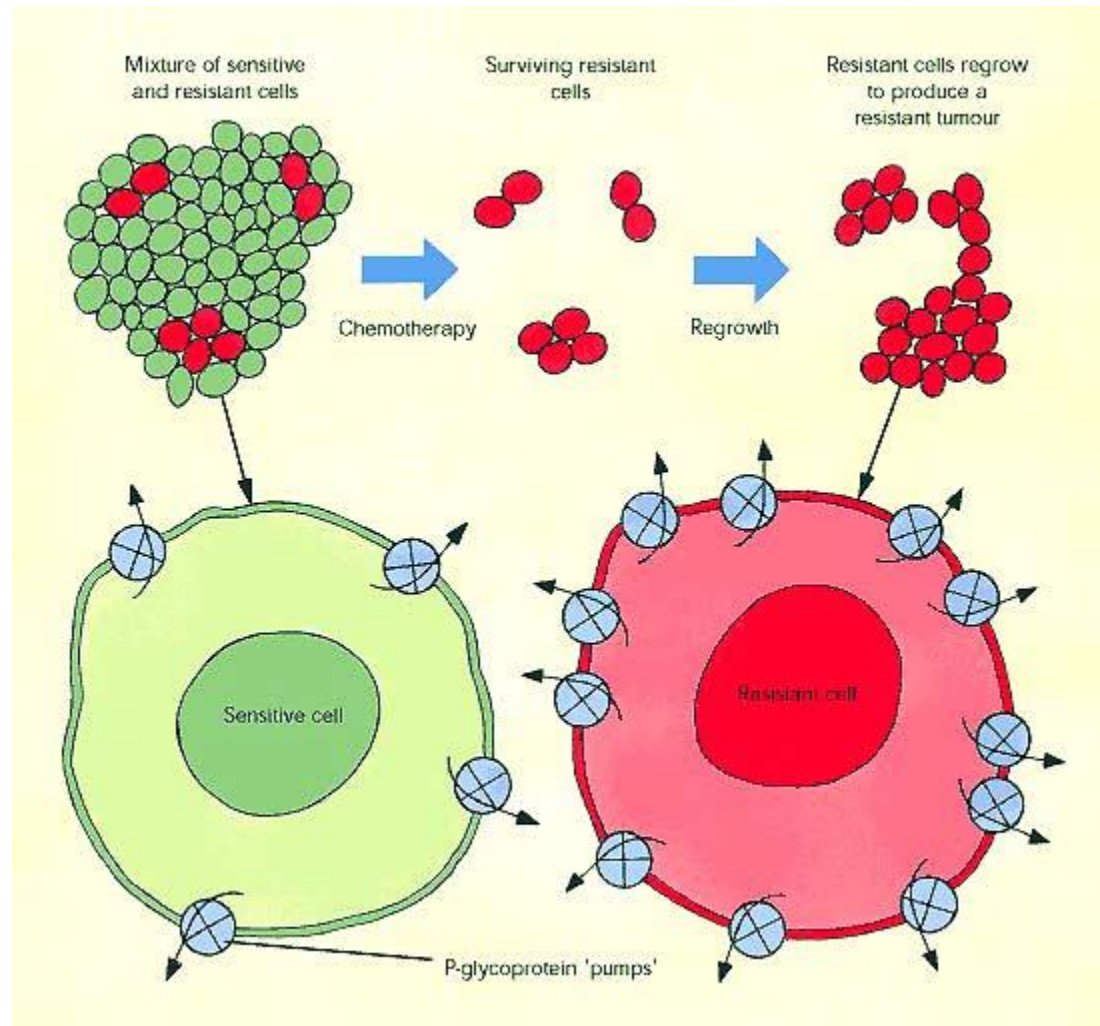
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- Primary resistance: Tumor type is insensitive to anti-tumor agent
- The anti-cancer drug is non-specific (damage of healthy tissue, severe adverse effects)
- Secondary resistance: Tumor cells develop resistance (e.g. new mutation in kinase-pathways, over-expression of efflux-transporters)
- Failure of activation of pro-drugs

# Drug Transport

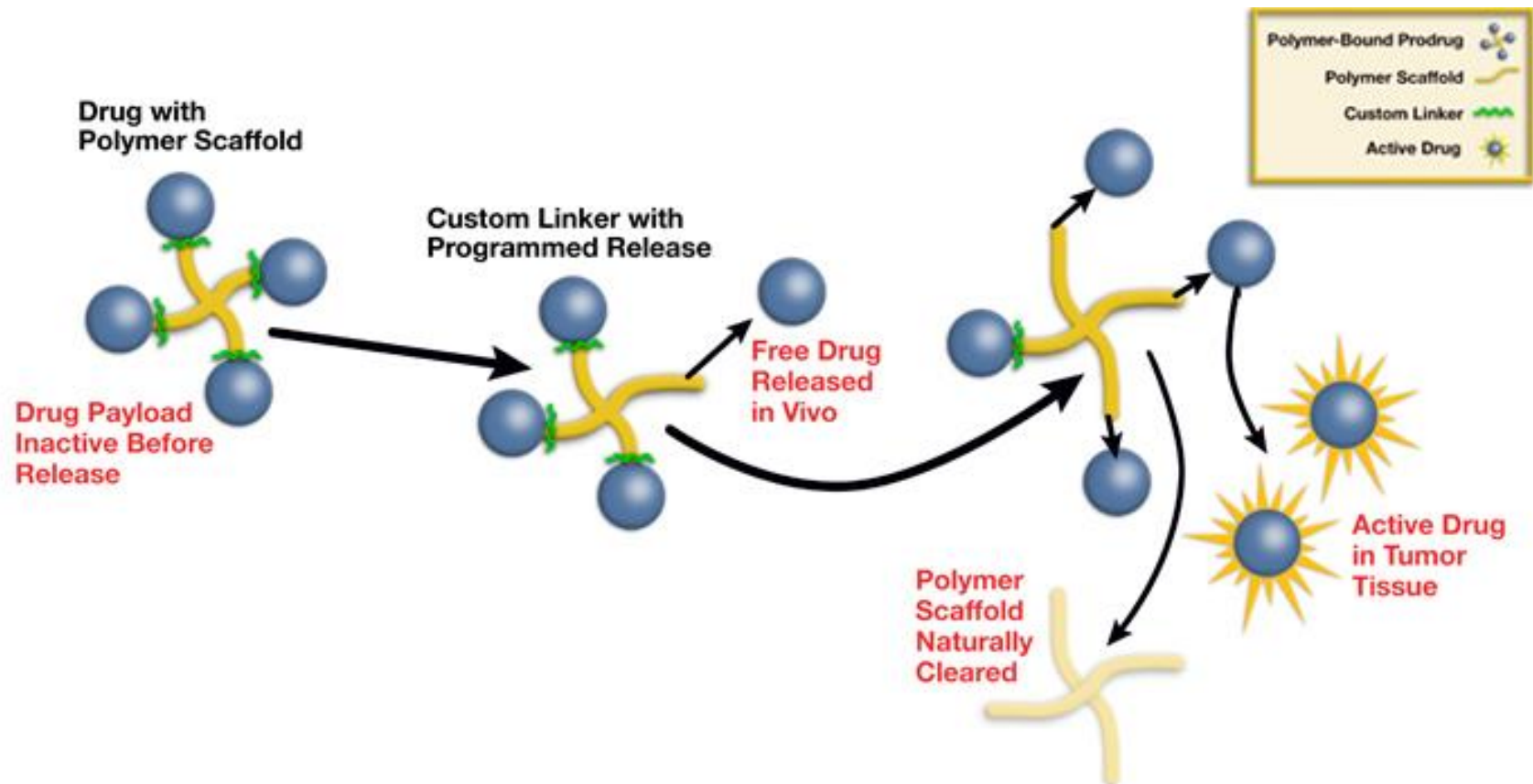


# Tumor cells often overexpress efflux pumps



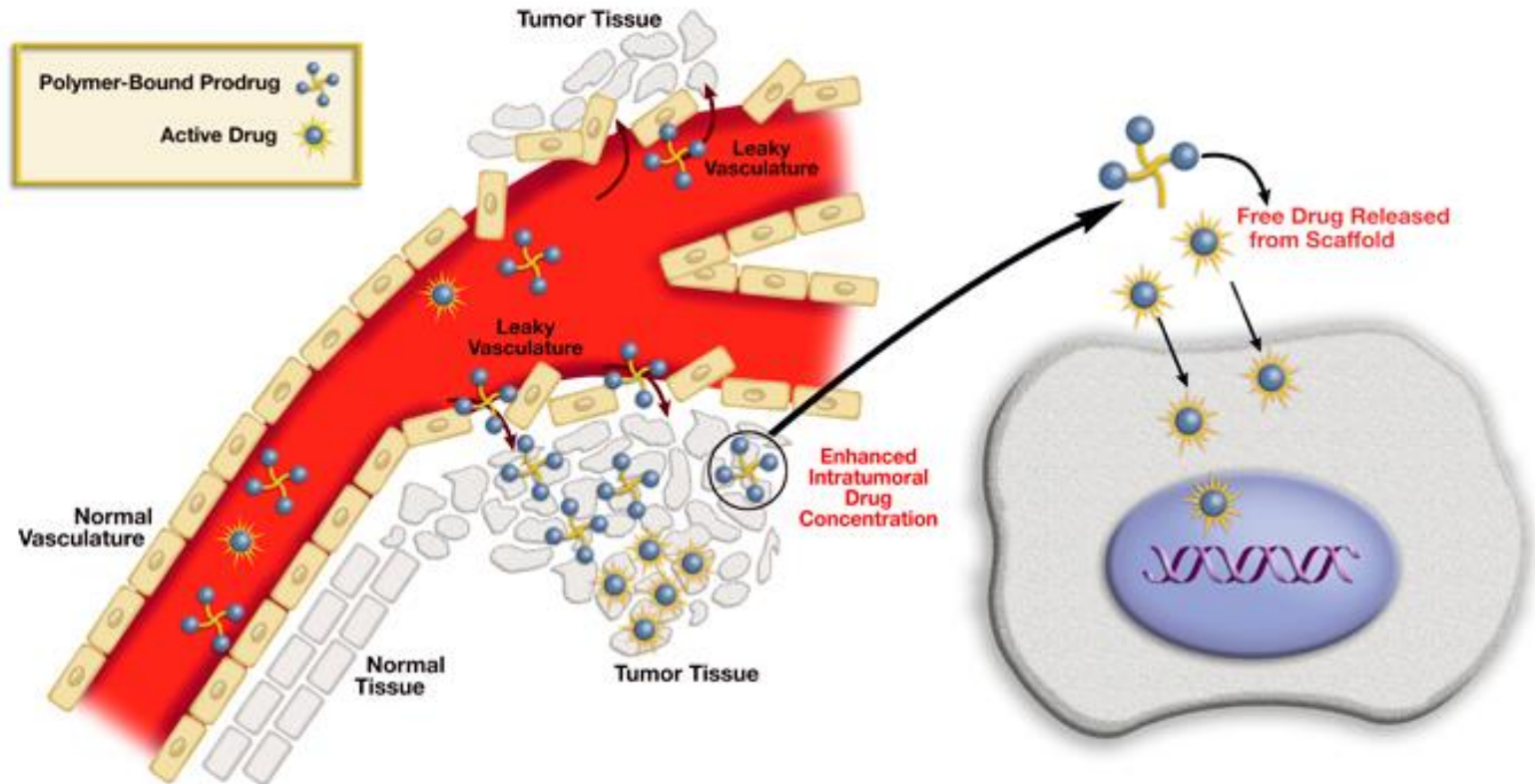


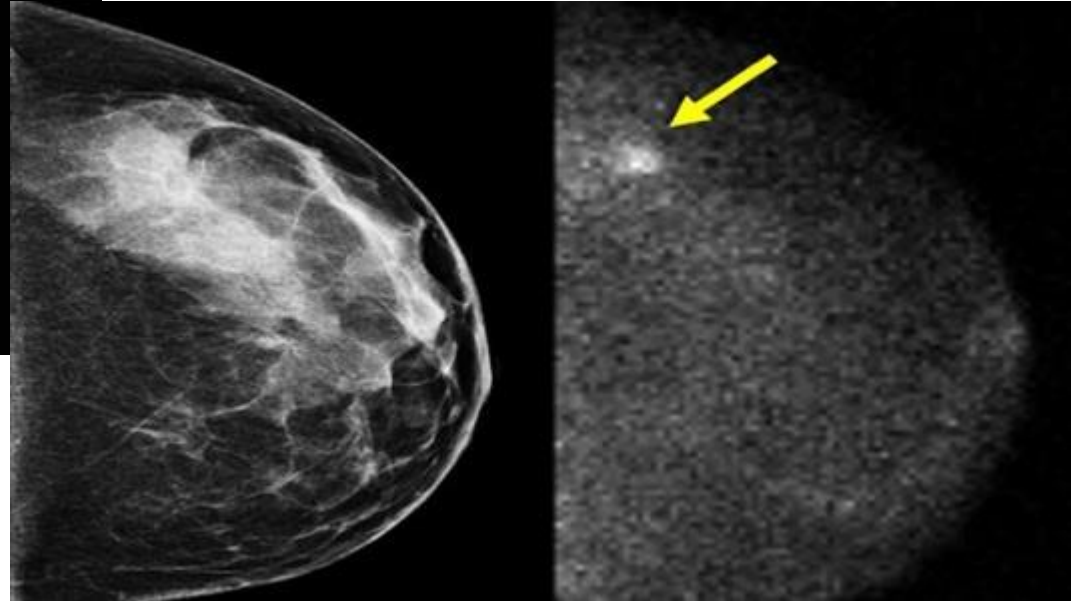
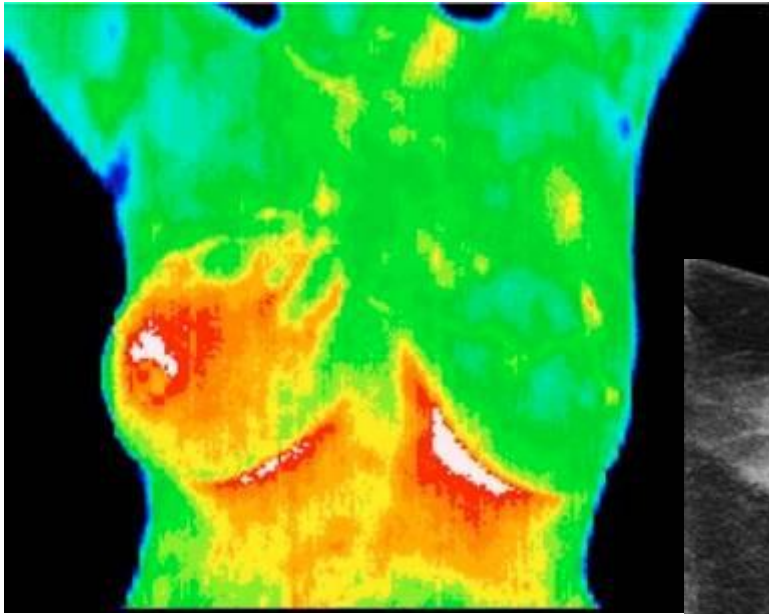
# How to enhance the drug-concentration in tumor cells?





# Accumulation of active drug in tumor tissue





## Breast cancer

- Breast cancer is the most common invasive cancer in women
- Breast cancer comprises 22.9% of invasive cancers in women and 16% of all female cancers

# Chemotherapeutics in breast cancer

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Neoadjuvant chemotherapy (in estrogen/gestagen receptor positive tumors)

Antiestrogens

Tamoxifen

Aromatase inhibitors

Adjuvant chemotherapy (in estrogen/gestagen receptor negative tumors)

Topoisomerase inhibitors

Anthracyclin

Mitotic inhibitors

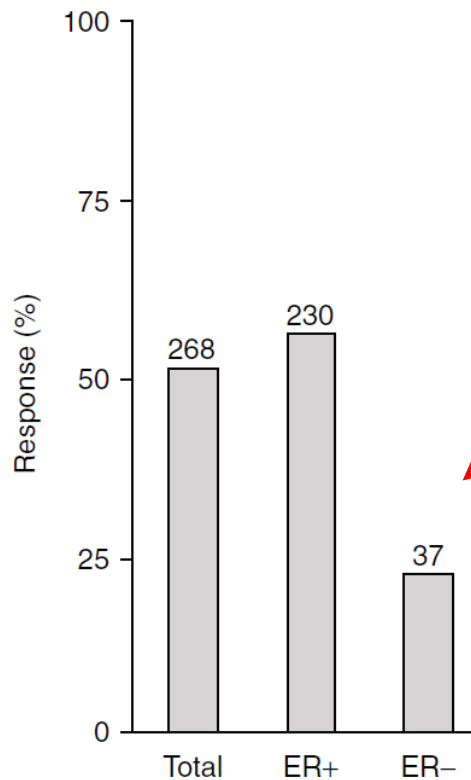
Taxan (Docetaxel, Paclitaxel)

HER2 inhibitor

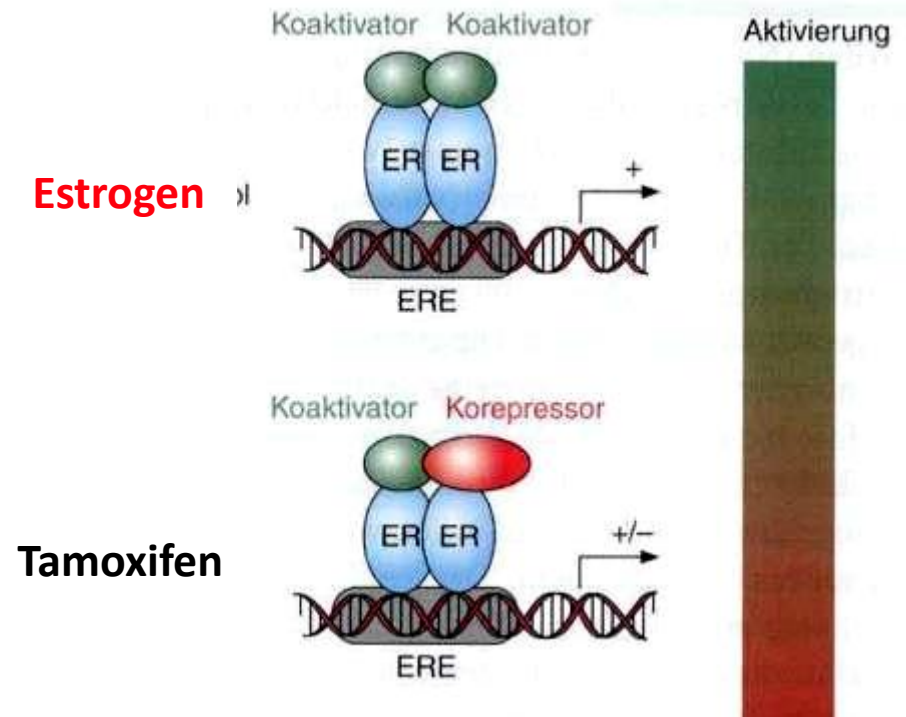
Trastuzumab

# Tamoxifen inhibits the estrogen receptor

## Therapy response to tamoxifen



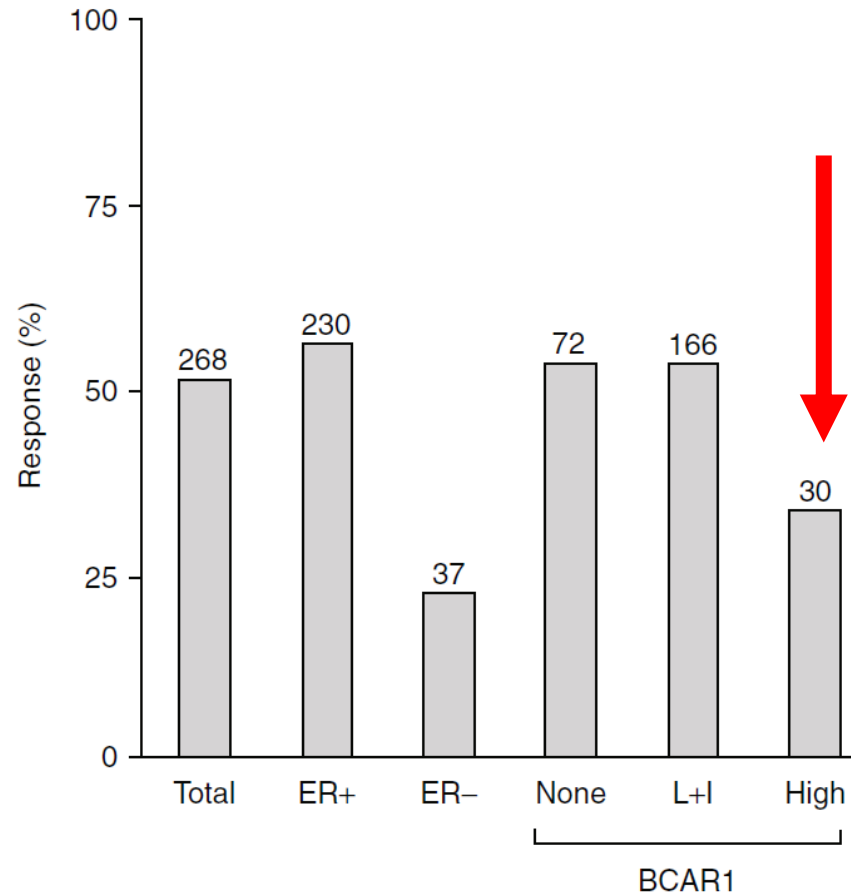
## Activation / Tumor cell progression



## Partly inhibition / Tumor cell suppression

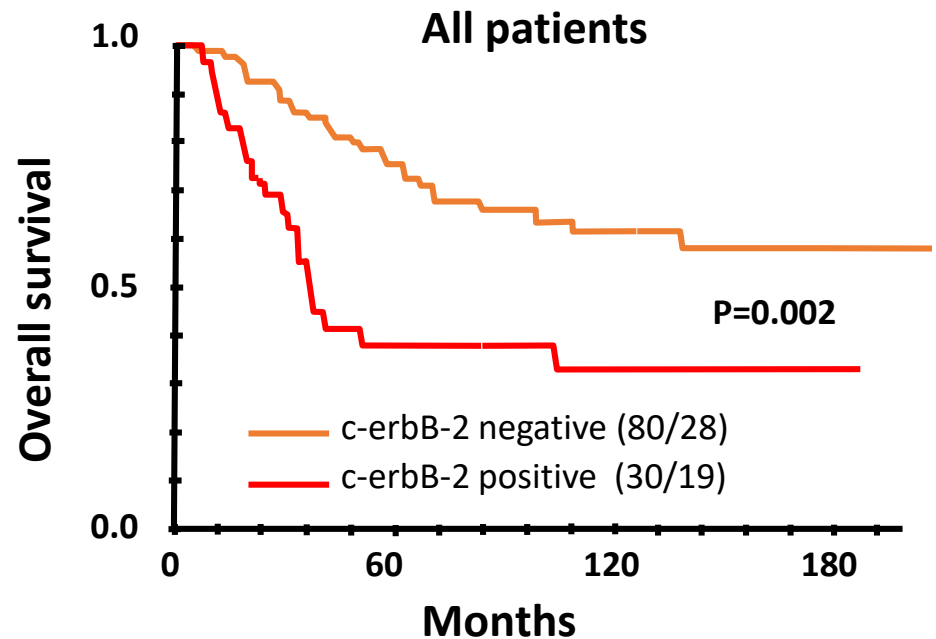
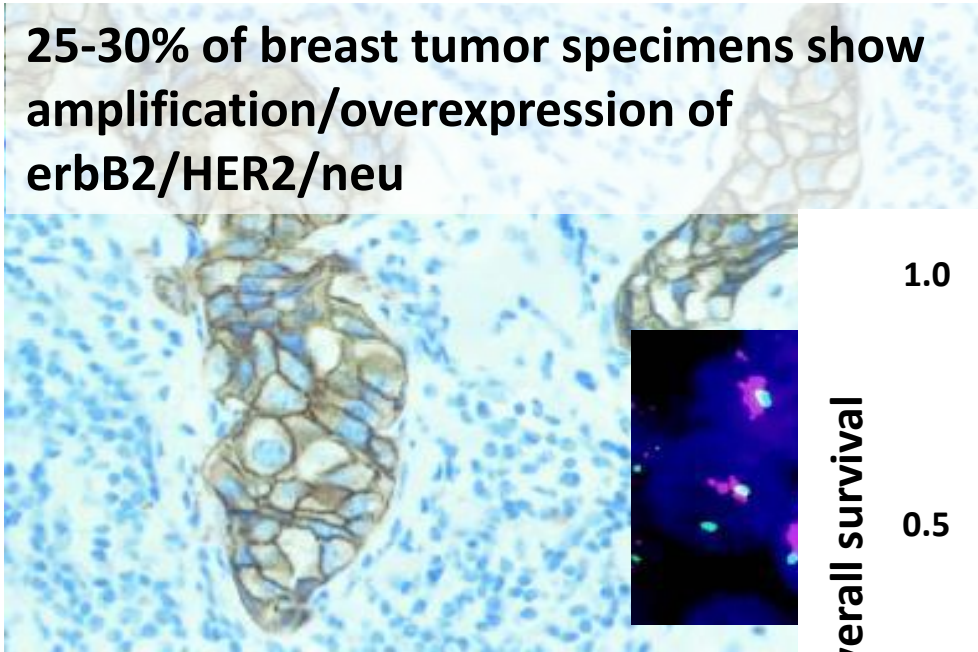
# Tamoxifen effects a diminished by BCAR (breast cancer antiestrogen receptor) gene over-expression

## Therapy response to tamoxifen



# HER2 overexpression diminishes tamoxifen response

25-30% of breast tumor specimens show amplification/overexpression of erbB2/HER2/neu



*Agrup et al. Breast Cancer Res Treat 2000*

**erbB1**  
**HER1/EGFR**

**erbB2**  
**HER2/neu**

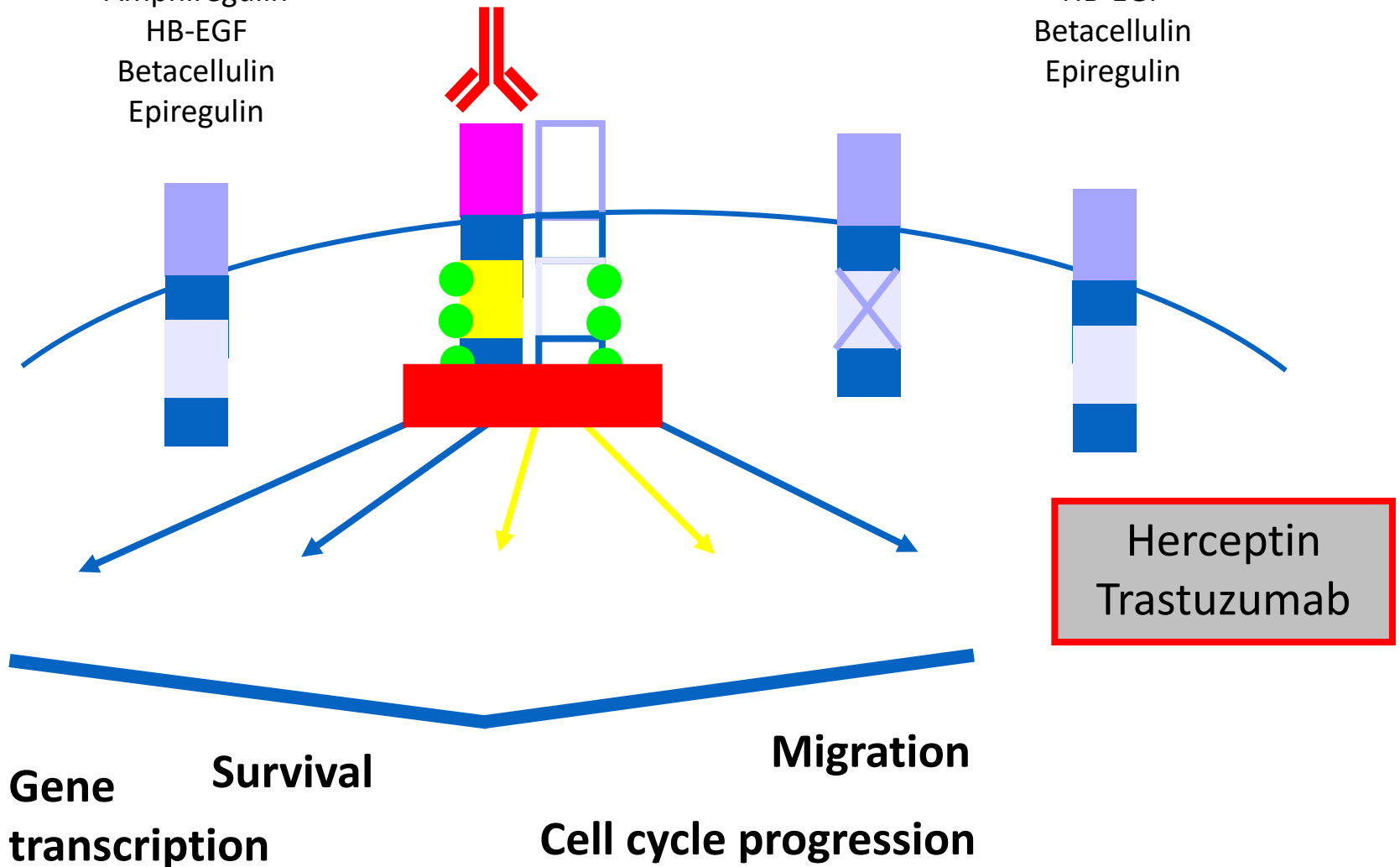
**erbB3**  
**HER3**

**erbB4**  
**HER4**

EGF  
TGF- $\alpha$   
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Betacellulin  
Epiregulin

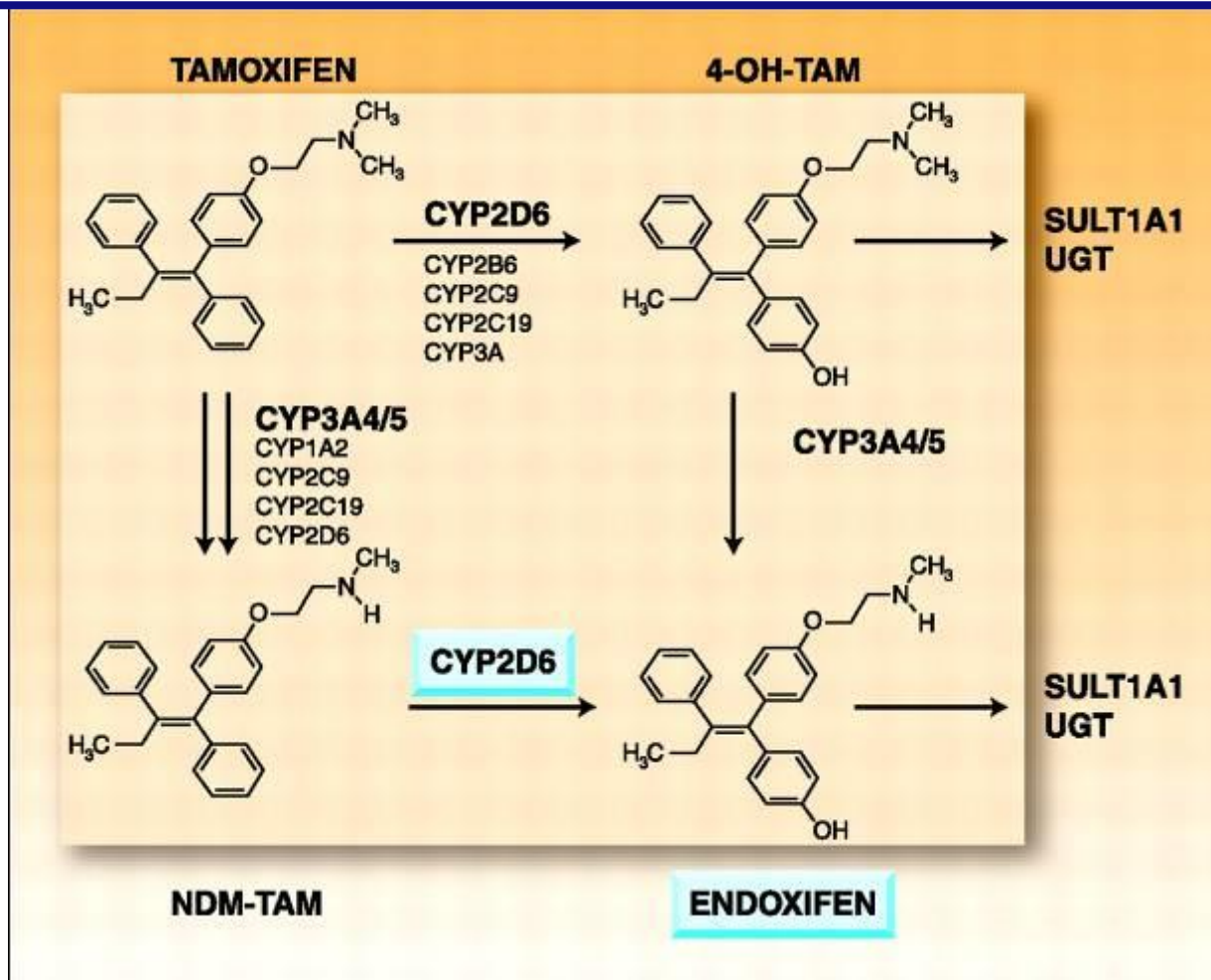
Neuregulin-1  
Neuregulin-2

Neuregulin-3  
Neuregulin-4  
HB-EGF  
Betacellulin  
Epiregulin

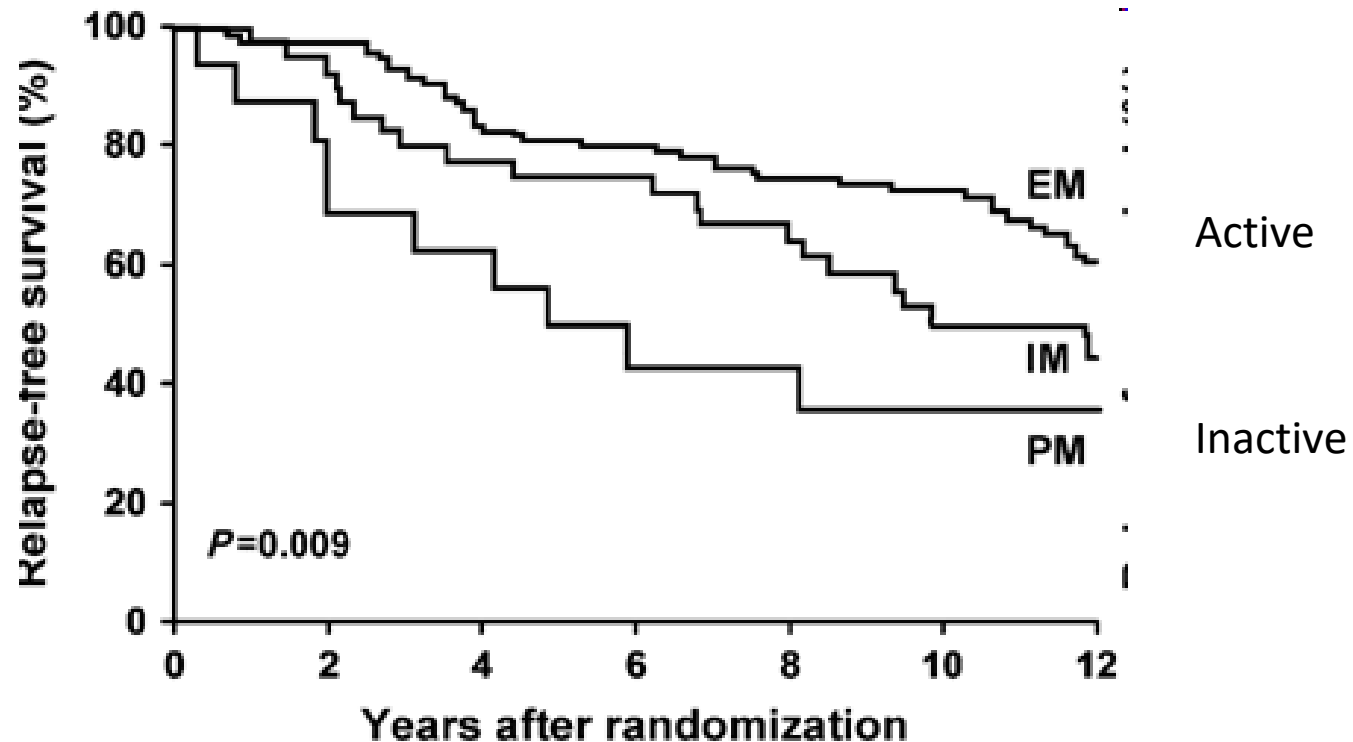




# Metabolic activation of tamoxifen

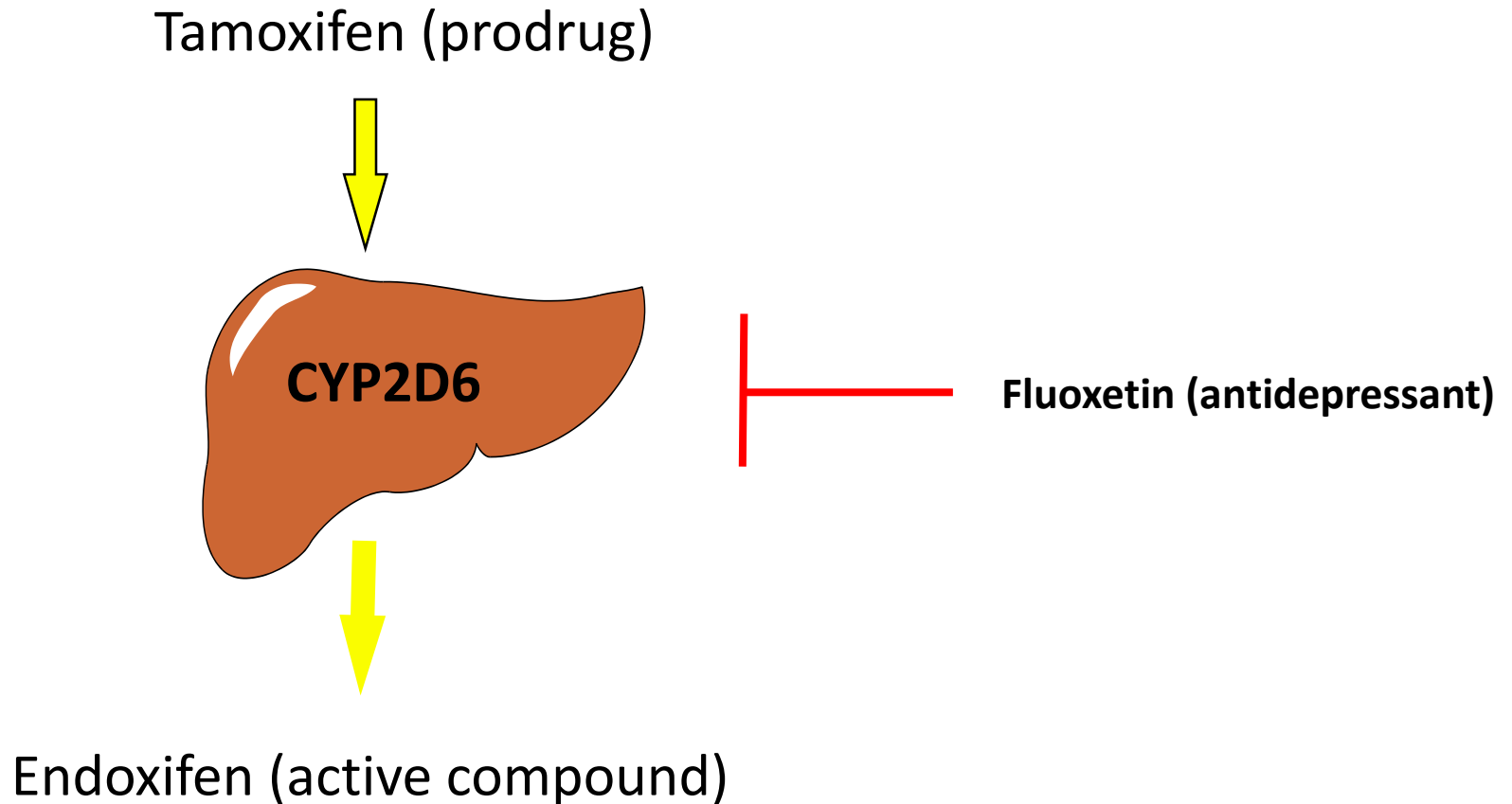


# Impact of *CYP2D6* on clinical outcome of tamoxifen treatment in breast cancer



Kaplan–Meier estimates of RFS based on metabolizer status (extensive, intermediate, or poor).

# Antidepressants can compromise the response to tamoxifen



# Impact of polymorphic drug-metabolizing enzymes in cancer treatment

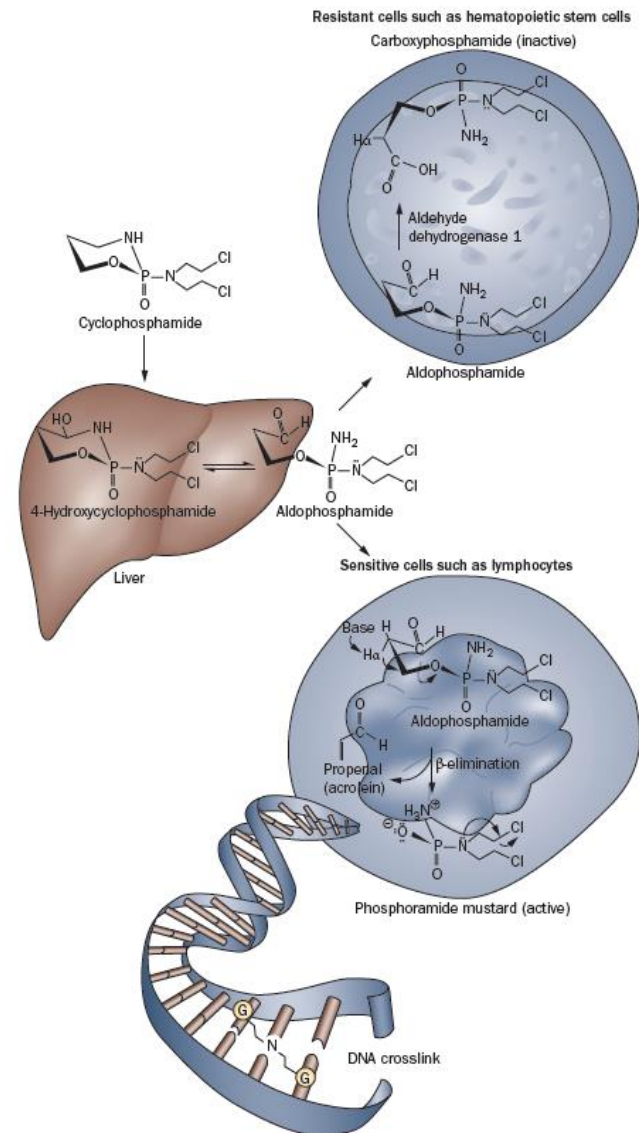
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Enzyme	Drug	Poor metabolizers	Relevance
CYP2D6	Tamoxifen	7-10%	high
<b>CYP2C19</b>	<b>Cyclophosphamide</b>	<b>3-5%</b>	
DPD	5-Fluorouracil	<1%	
TPMT	Azathioprine, 6-MP	0.6%	
UGT1A1	Irinotecan	10-15%	

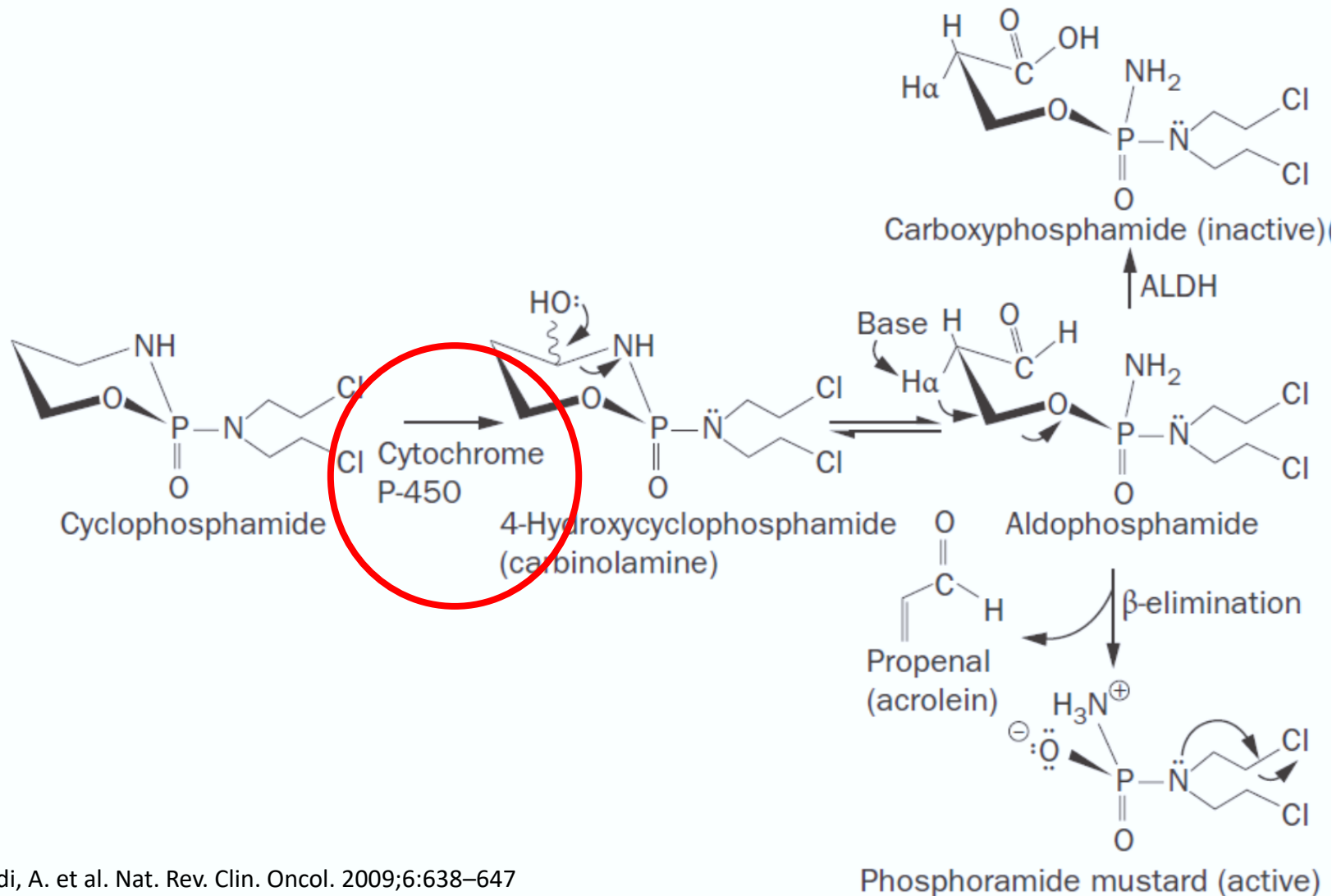
# Cyclophosphamide

Cytotoxic agent

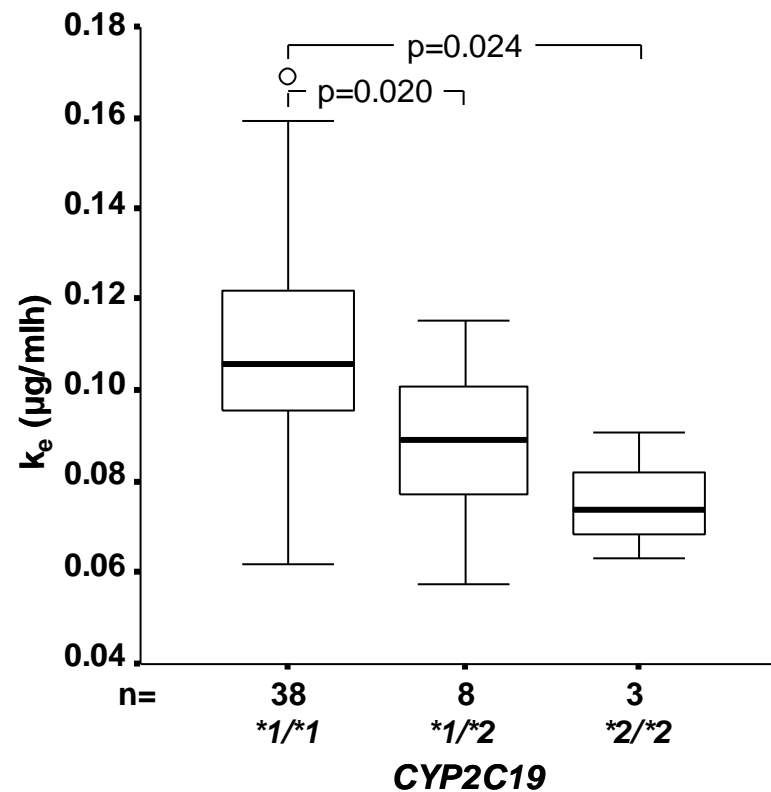
The activated compound reacts with DNA and forms „adducts“



# Bioactivation and metabolism of cyclophosphamide



# Cyclophosphamide elimination in NHL-patients, excluding high-dose therapy (< 1000 mg/ m<sup>2</sup>).





## Association of total leukocyte count at 10th post chemotherapy day to DME genotypes

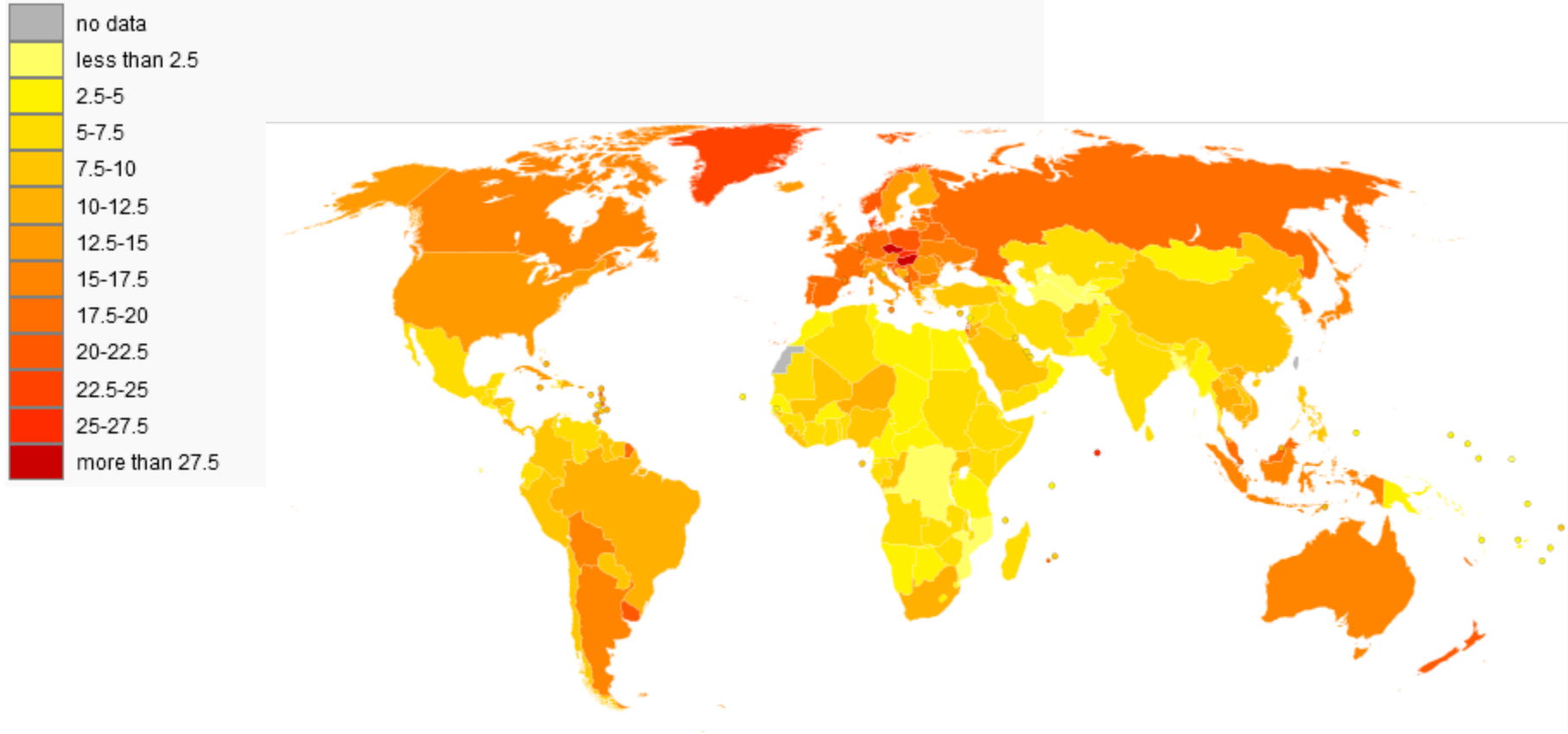
Gene	Genotype	Number (%)		<i>p</i> <sup>a</sup>
		≤2,500 mm <sup>-3</sup>	>2,500 mm <sup>-3</sup>	
<i>CYP2B6</i>	*1/*1	19 (73.1)	30 (83.3)	0.33
	*1/variant variant/variant	7 (26.9)	6 (16.7)	
<i>CYP2C9</i>	*1/*1	20 (71.4)	25 (64.1)	0.53
	*1/*2, *1/*3, **2/*3, *3/*3	8 (28.6)	14 (35.9)	
<i>CYP2C19</i>	*1/*1	13 (46.4)	26 (66.7)	0.10
	*1/*2 + *2/*2	15 (53.6)	13 (33.3)	
<i>CYP3A5</i>	*1/*1 + *1/*3	14 (50)	14 (38.9)	0.37
	*3/*3	14 (50)	23 (61.1)	
<i>ALDH3A1</i>	*1/*1	3 (10.7)	7 (17.9)	0.42
	*1/*2 + *2/*2	25 (89.3)	32 (82.1)	
	*1/*1 + *1/*2	15 (53.6)	25 (64.1)	0.39
	*2/*2	13 (46.4)	14 (35.9)	
<i>GSTA1</i> -69/-52	*A/*A	17 (60.7)	10 (25.6)	0.004
	*A/*B + *B/*B	11 (39.3)	29 (74.4)	



## Colorectal cancer

- Second most common cause of cancer in women
- third most common in men

English: Age-standardised death rates from Colon and rectum cancers by country (per 100,000 inhabitants).



## Colorectal cancer

Globally incidences vary 10-fold with highest rates in the Australia, New Zealand, Europe and the US and lowest rates in Africa and South-Central Asia.

# A colorectal cancer classification system that associates cellular phenotype and responses to therapy

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# Chemotherapeutics in colorectal cancer

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Thymidilate synthase inhibitor

5-Fluorouracil / Capecinabine

**Topoisomerase inhibitor**

**Irinotecan / SN-38**

DNA crosslinks

Oxaliplatine

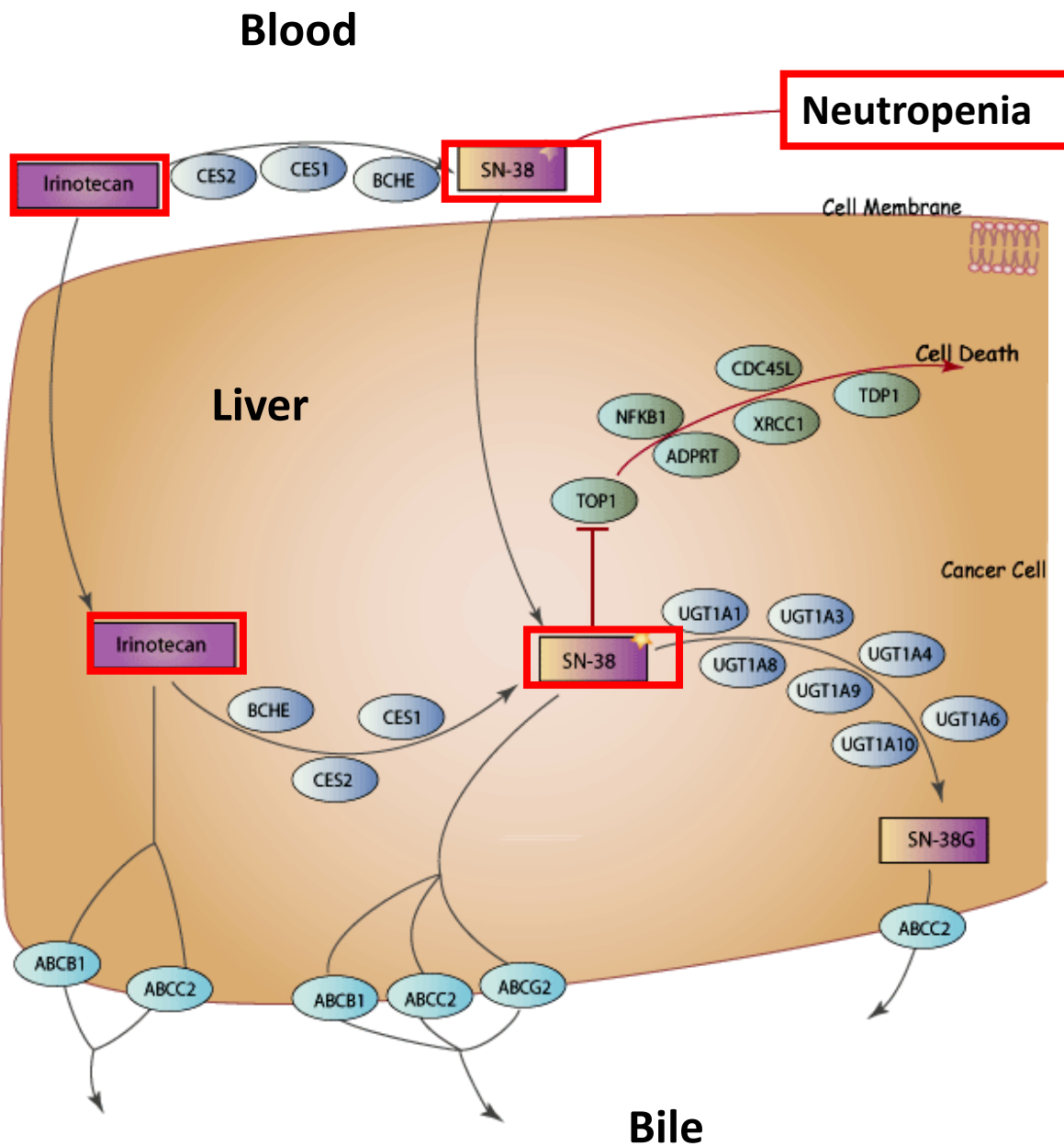
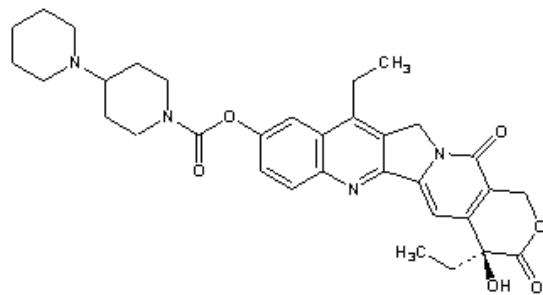
VEGF inhibitor

Bevacizumab

EGFR inhibitors

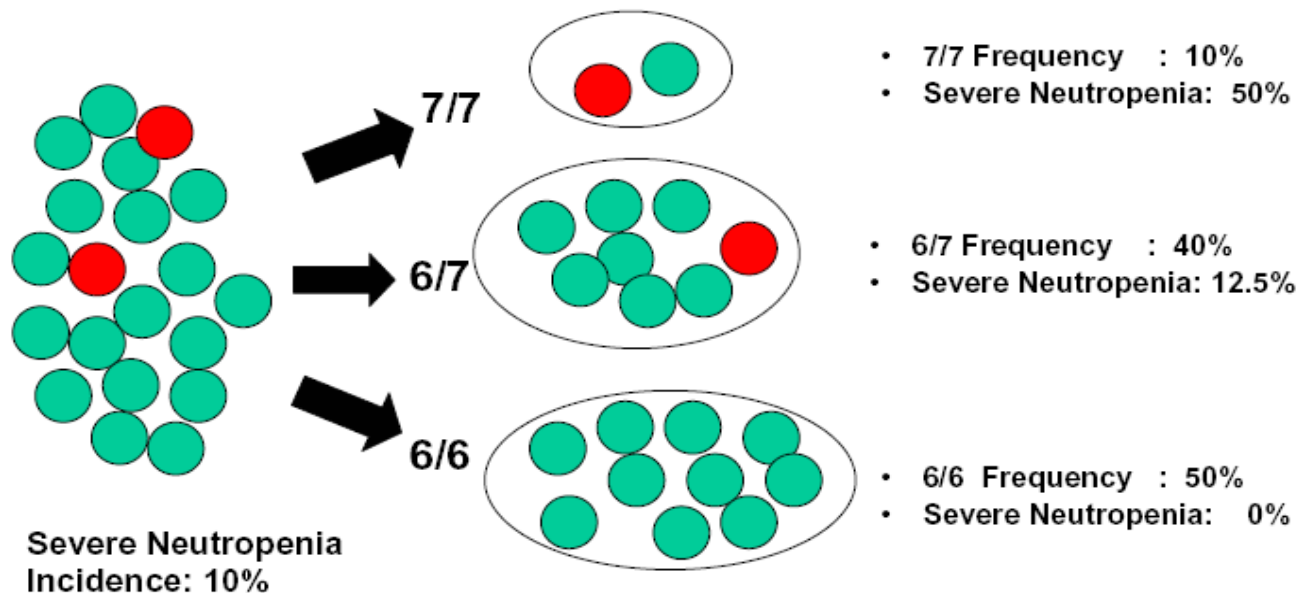
Cetuximab, gefitinib

# Irinotecan pathway



# Frequency of neutropenia dependent on UGT1A1 genotype

Innocenti (2004) study population (N=66),  
Campto single agent (350mg/m<sup>2</sup>)





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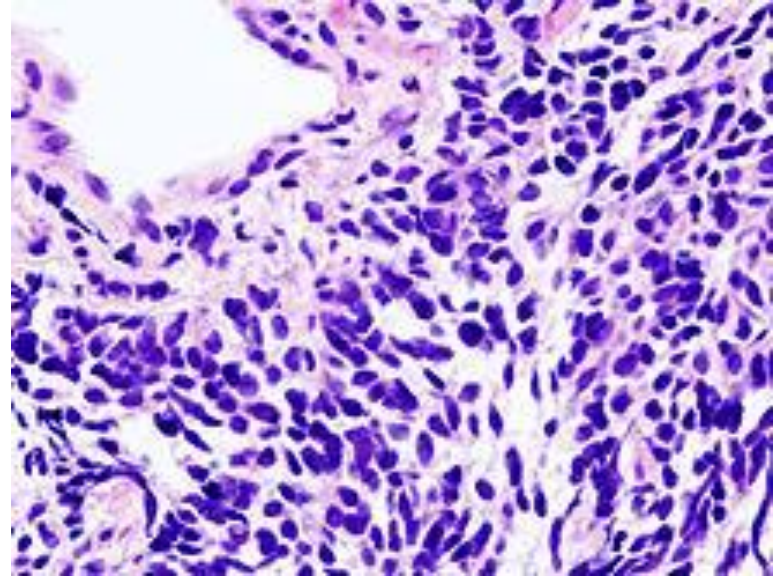
Anthracyclin

Mitotic inhibitors

Taxan (Docetaxel, Paclitaxel)

HER2 inhibitor

Trastuzumab



## Lung cancer

- Worldwide, lung cancer is the most common cancer among men in terms of both incidence and mortality
- Third highest incidence of cancer in women

# Impact of pharmacogenetics to the treatment of lung cancer



More than 90% of non-small cell lung carcinoma patients do not profit from the tyrosine-kinase inhibitor gefitinib, an EGF1-receptor antagonist.

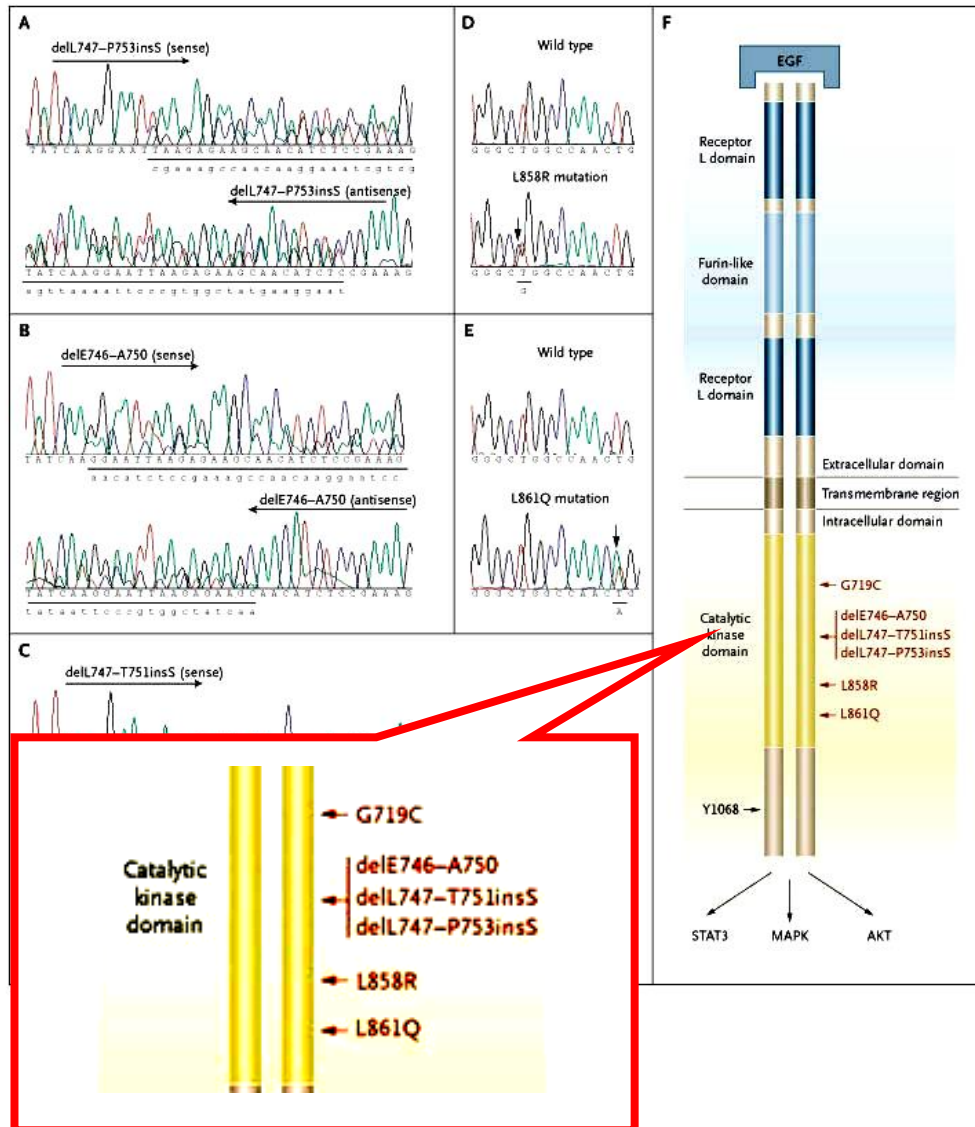
10% demonstrate a rapid, sometimes drastic clinical improvement



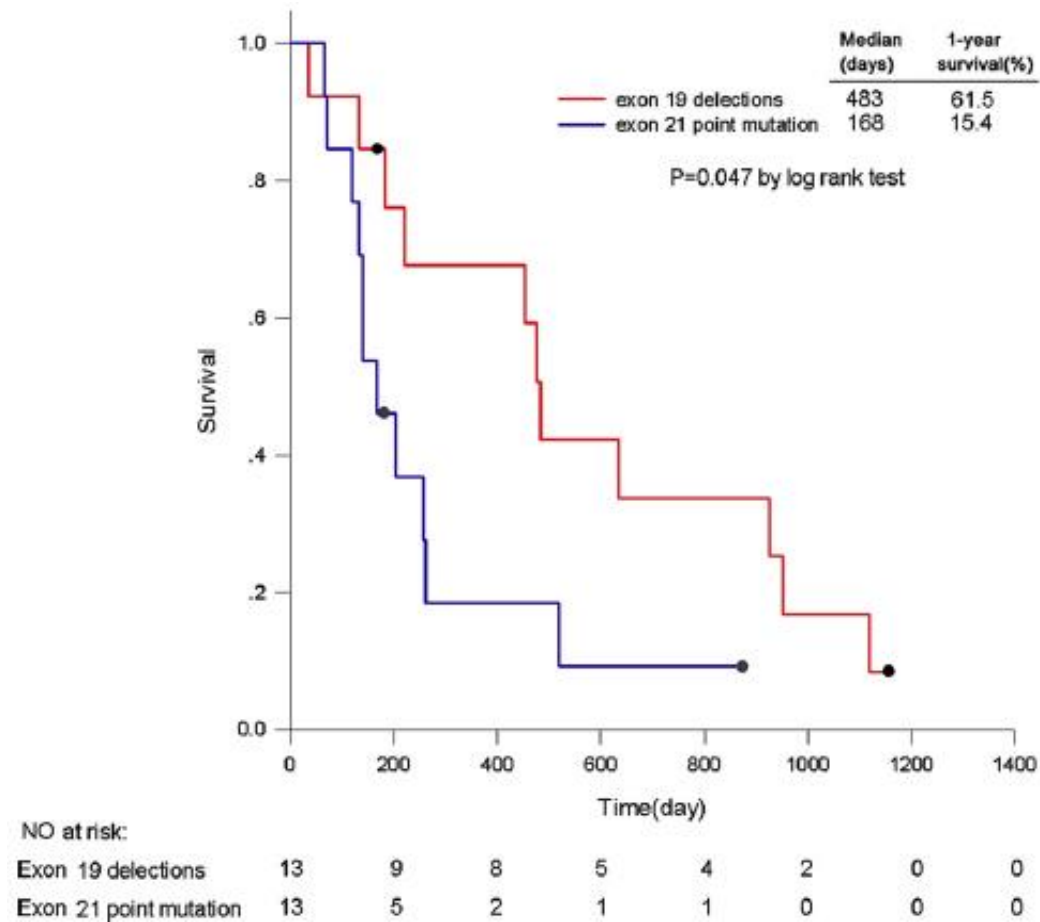
# Mutations of the EGFR gene in gefitinib-responsive tumors

8 out of 9 gefitinib-sensitive patients had EGF-receptor gene mutations.

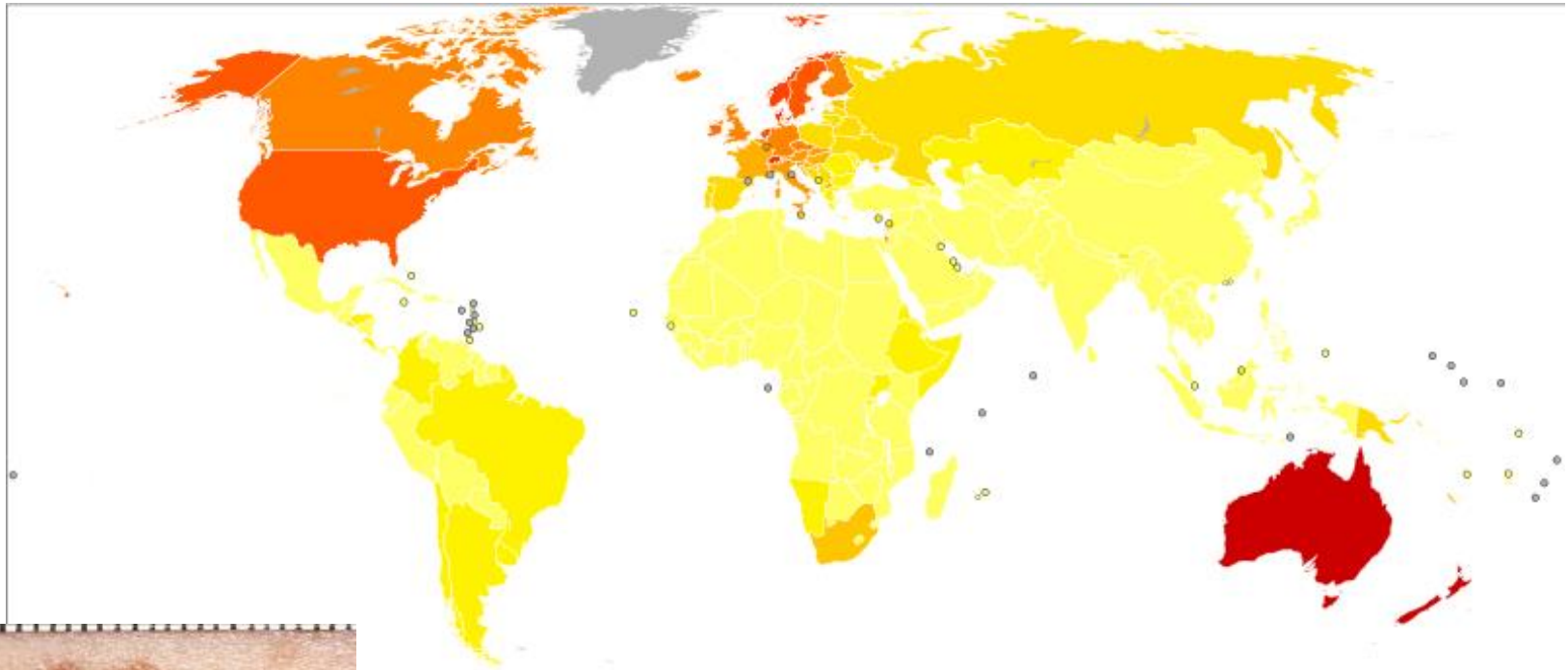
None of refractory patients had any mutations



# NSCLC progression and gefitinib response



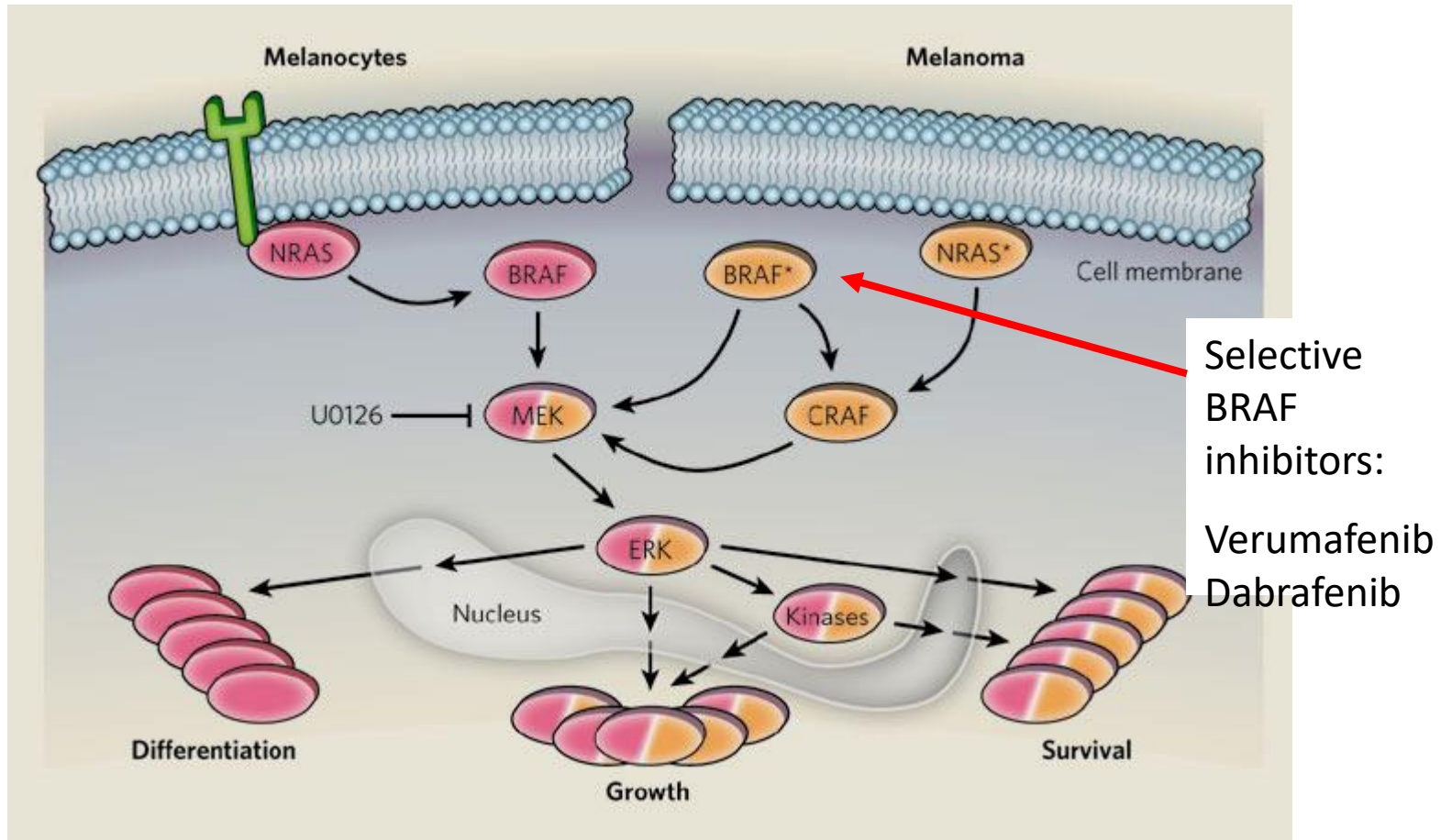
# Malignant melanoma



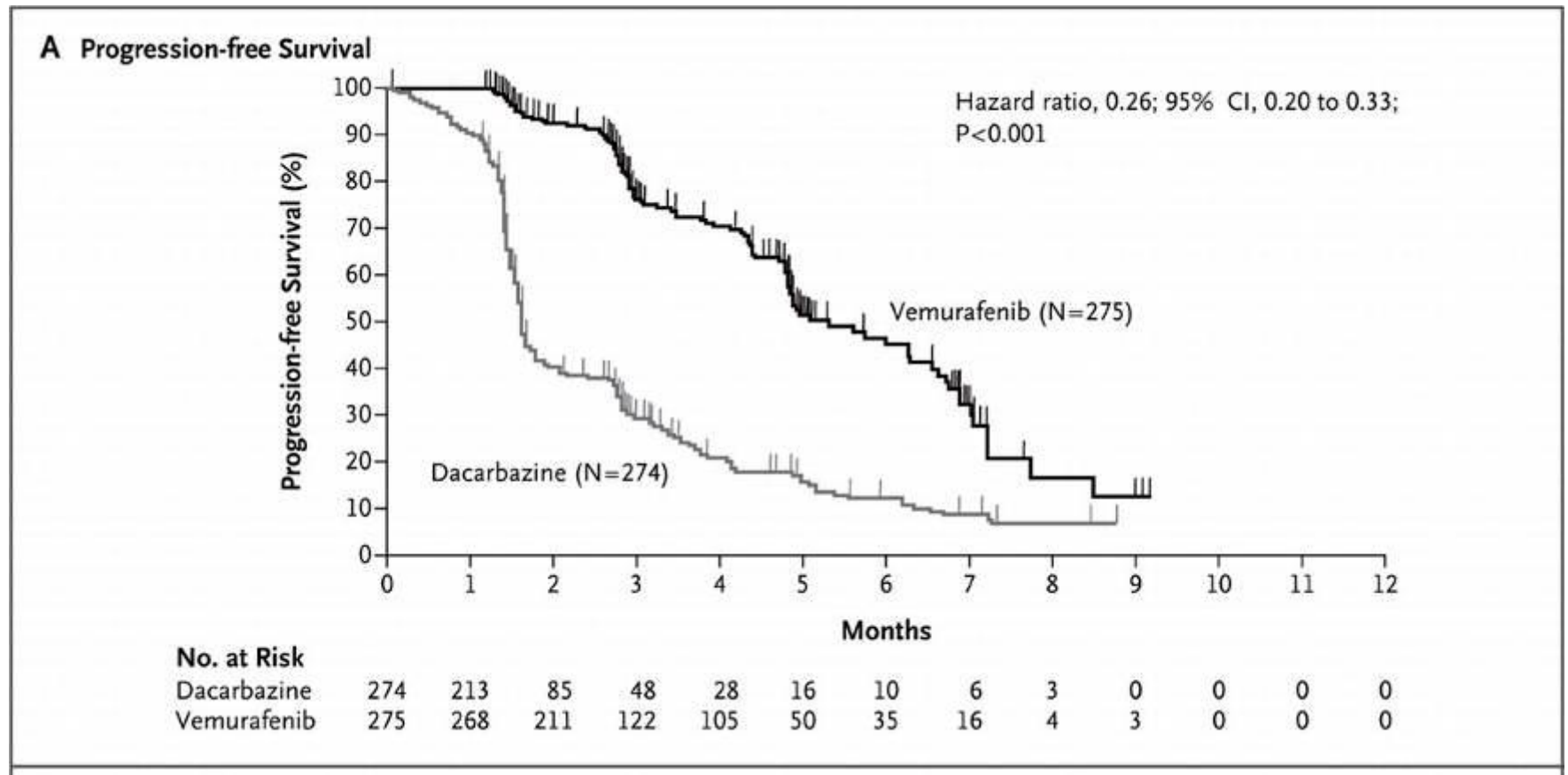
Globally, in 2012, melanoma occurred in 232,000 people and resulted in 55,000 deaths. [Australia](#) and New Zealand have the highest rates of melanoma in the world.



# The BRAF-mediated pathway in health and cancer

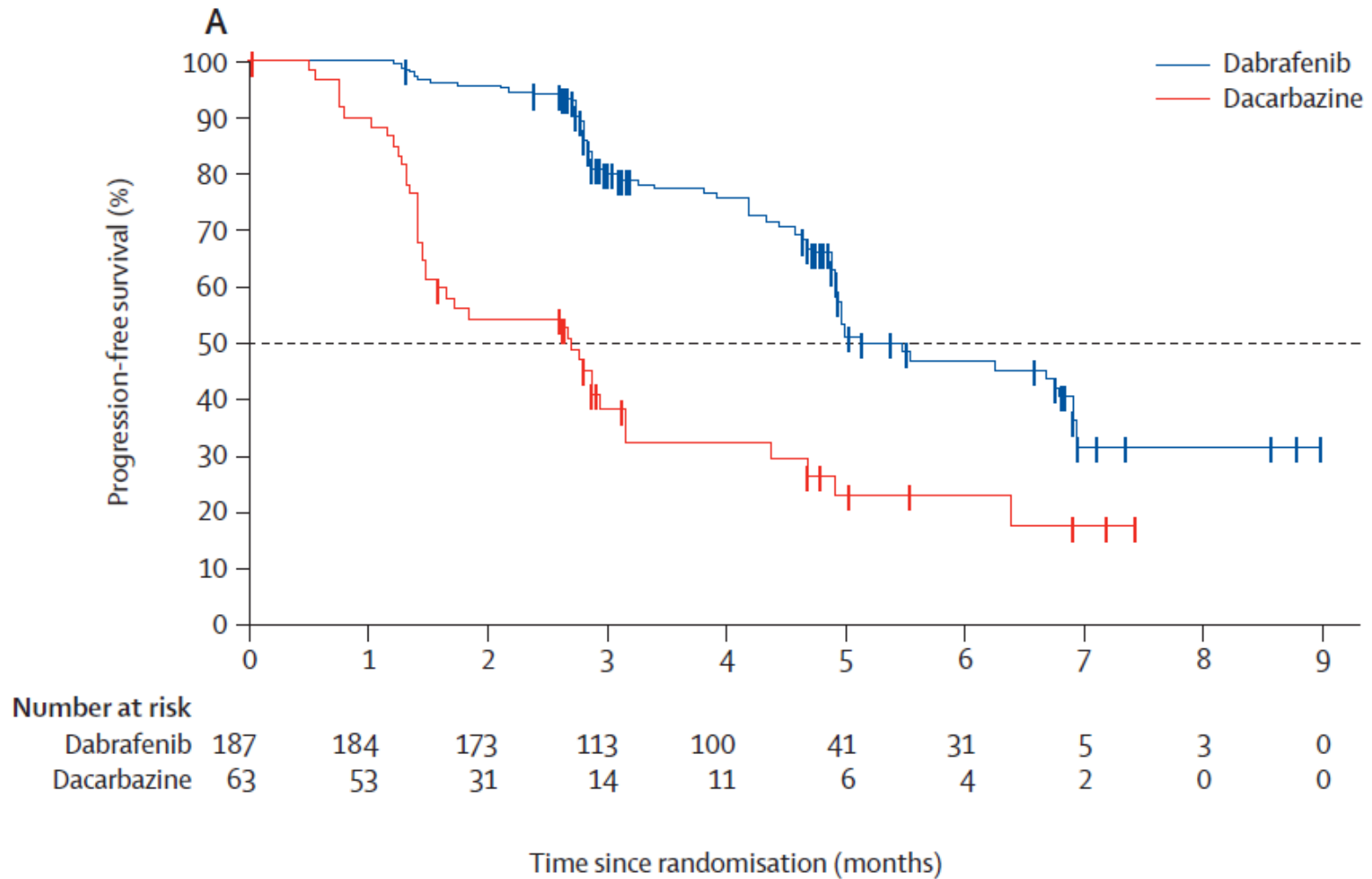


# Verumafenib in BRAF-mutated malignant melanoma: Progression-free survival compared to dacarbazine treatment

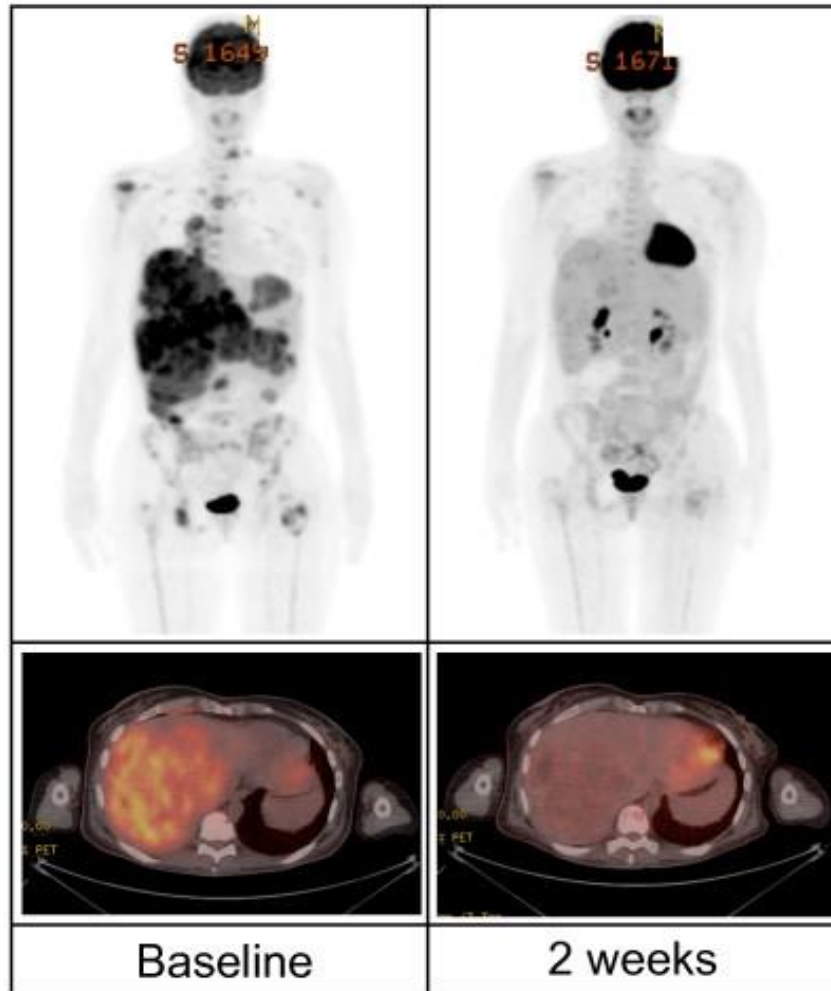




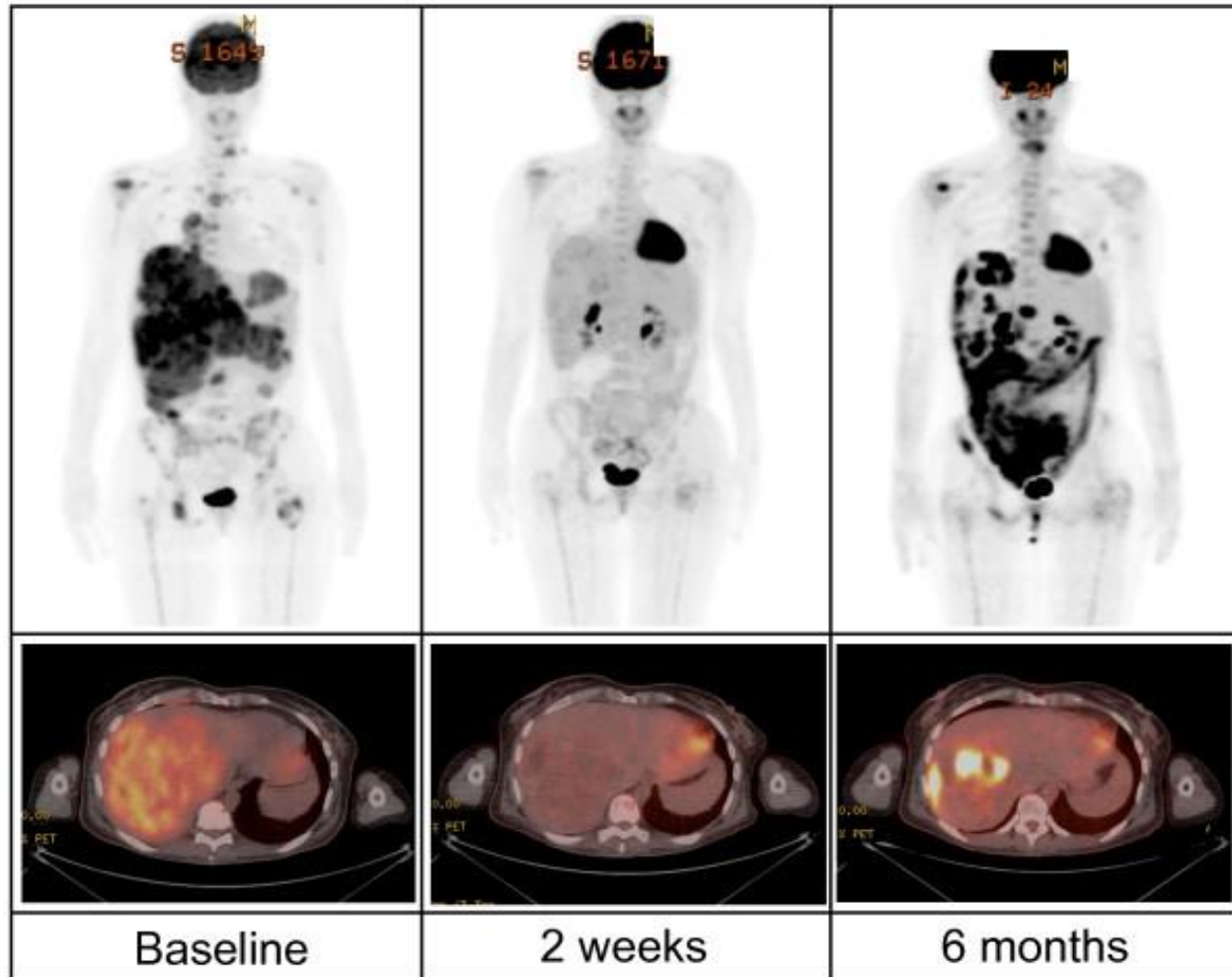
# Dabrafenib in BRAF-mutated malignant melanoma: Progression-free survival compared to dacarbazine treatment



# Typical response for patients on BRAF inhibitor verumafenib



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# Companion diagnostics in oncology

## (Examples)

Drug	Target	Indication	Prerequisite
Trastuzumab	HER2/neu	Breast cancer	HER2/neu(+), mut. KRAS(-)
Cetuximab	EGFR	Colon cancer,	EGFR(+), mut. KRAS(-)
Panitumumab	EGFR	Colon cancer	EGFR(+), mut. KRAS(-)
Erlotinib	EGFR	Lung cancer (NSCLC)	mut. EGFR(+)
Gefitinib	EGFR	Lung cancer (NSCLC)	mut. EGFR(+), T790M(-)
Vemurafenib	BRAF	Malignant melanoma	mut. BRAF(+)
Dabrafenib	BRAF	Malignant melanoma	mut. BRAF(+)
Imatinib	BCR/ABL	CML	Ph(+), BCR/ABL(+), T315I(-)

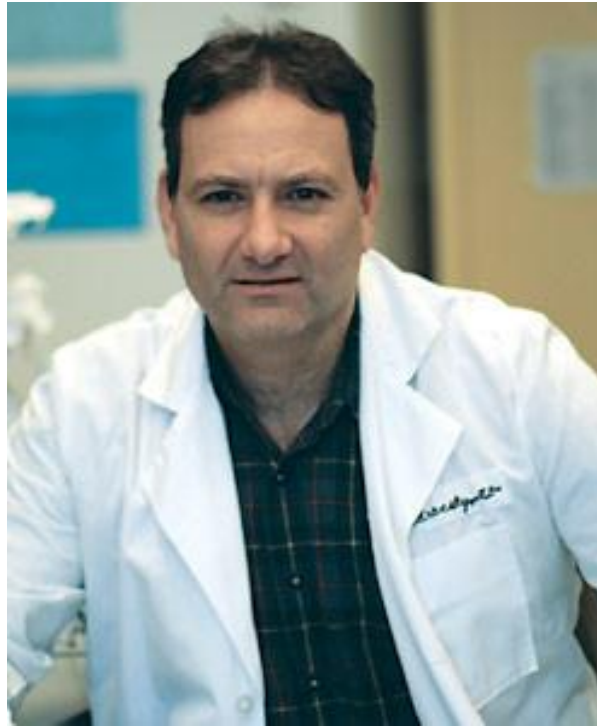
# Personalized Medicine

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“The application of **genomic** and **molecular data** to better target the delivery of health care, facilitate the discovery and clinical testing of new products, and help determine a person's predisposition to a particular disease or condition.”

*Personalized Med.* 6(5) 479-480 (2009).

# Novel approaches



David Sidransky

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**Molecular  
Cancer  
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*Spotlight on Clinical Response*

## **A Pilot Clinical Study of Treatment Guided by Personalized Tumorgrafts in Patients with Advanced Cancer**

Manuel Hidalgo<sup>1,4,5,6</sup>, Elizabeth Bruckheimer<sup>3</sup>, N.V. Rajeshkumar<sup>1</sup>, Ignacio Garrido-Laguna<sup>1</sup>, Elizabeth De Oliveira<sup>1</sup>, Belen Rubio-Viqueira<sup>4,5</sup>, Steven Strawn<sup>3</sup>, Michael J. Wick<sup>7</sup>, James Martell<sup>3</sup>, and David Sidransky<sup>1,2</sup>

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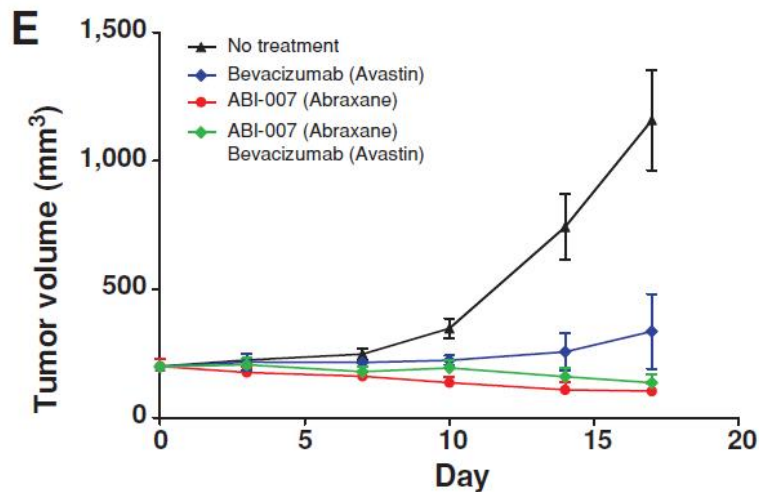
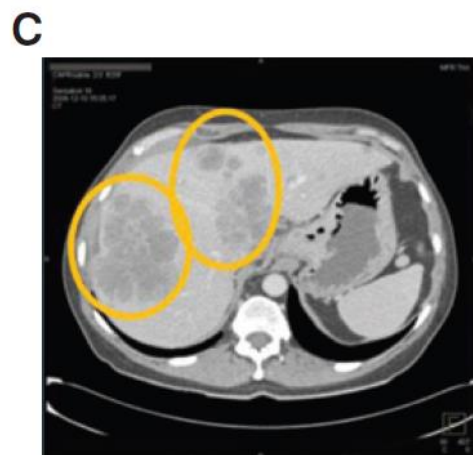
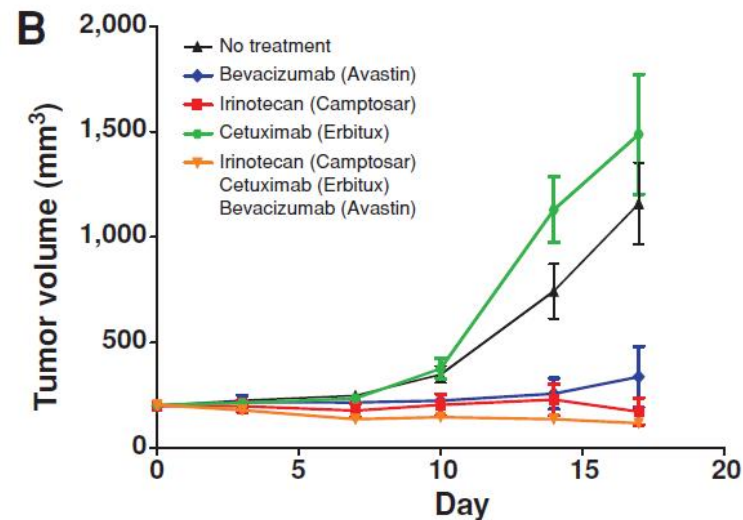
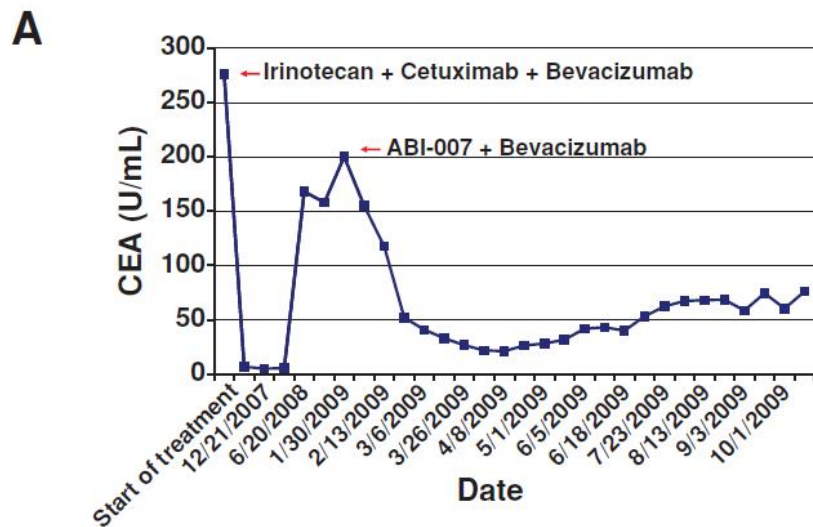
The lab mouse is being remodeled to better mimic how humans respond to disease

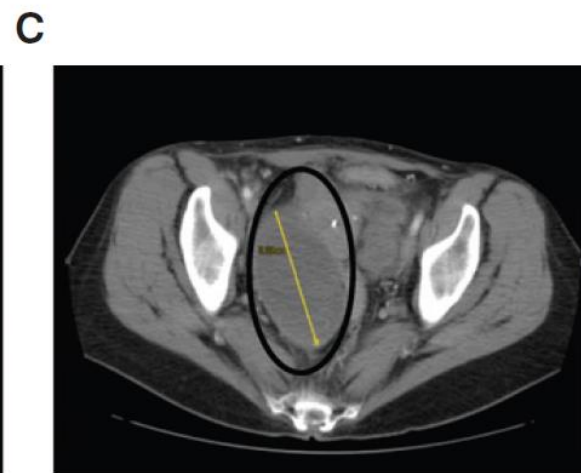
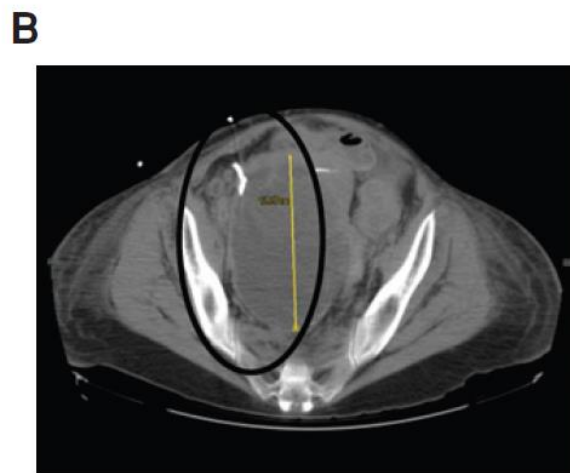
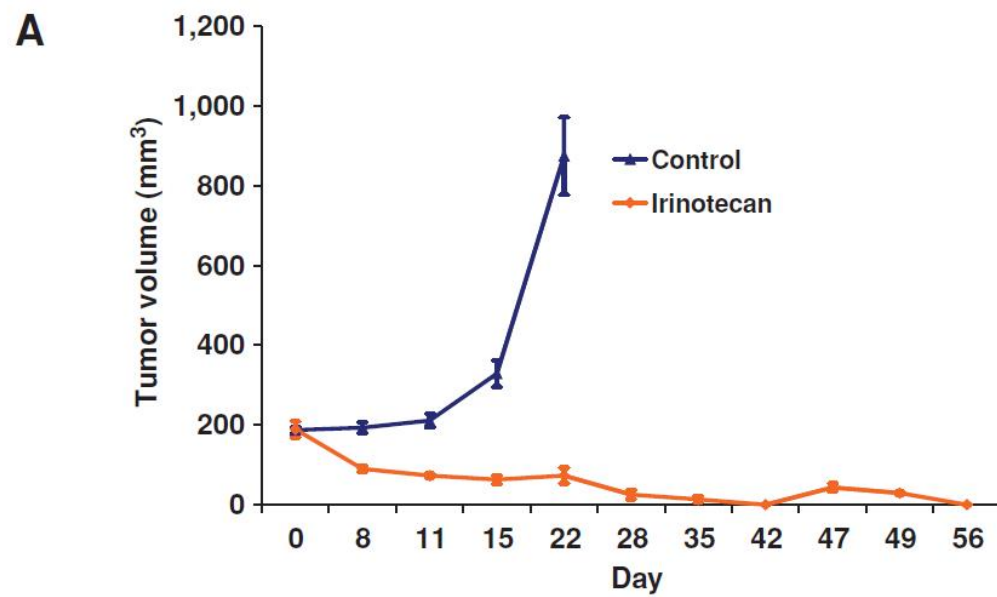
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A humanized mouse implanted with a human tumor is one of the many being used to help doctors identify the best treatments for a patient's cancer.

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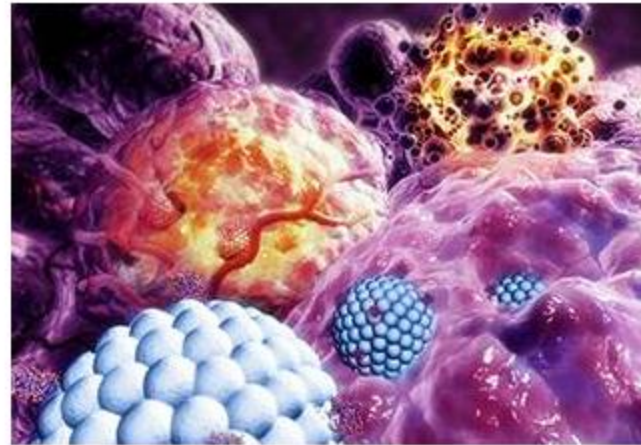
James Netterwald, PhD

August 20, 2013

# Nanotechnology: The Evolution of Cancer Drug Delivery

Nanotechnology is the use of nanosized particles for medical applications that originated in the 1960s with the discovery of liposomes—lipids that self-assemble into nanoparticulate spheres when exposed to water.<sup>1</sup>

These spheres can encapsulate small molecule pharmaceuticals, including the chemotherapeutic agents doxorubicin (Doxil®) and paclitaxel (Abraxane®), which have been formulated into several marketed liposome-based nanopharmaceuticals. The technology is constantly evolving, with other nanopharmaceuticals in development; two drug candidates are also in the pipeline.



Nanoparticles (blue) destroying tumor (purple), causing their destruction (orange) / Science Source

# Overcoming chemoresistance in cancer

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- Overcoming resistance by targeted delivery
- Inhibition of efflux pumps
- Combination of targeted drugs
- Consideration of individual profile
- Ex-vivo testing in xenografts

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