



# Molecular tumour response to accelerated ions -and role of cellular modifying factors - swedish research

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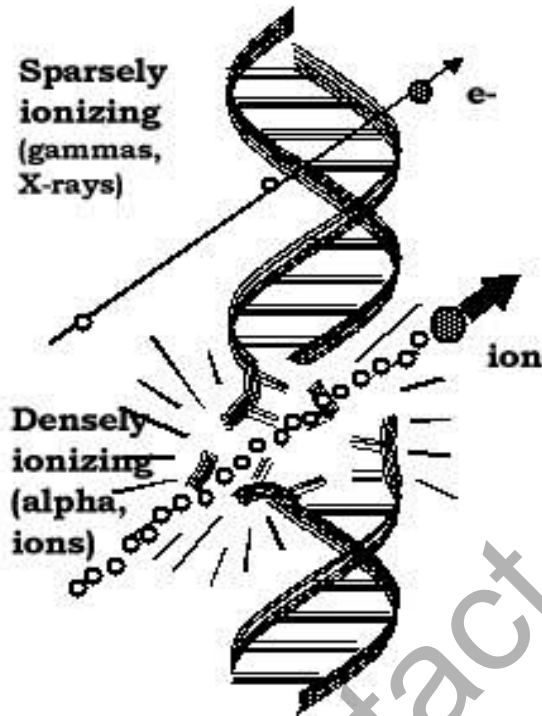
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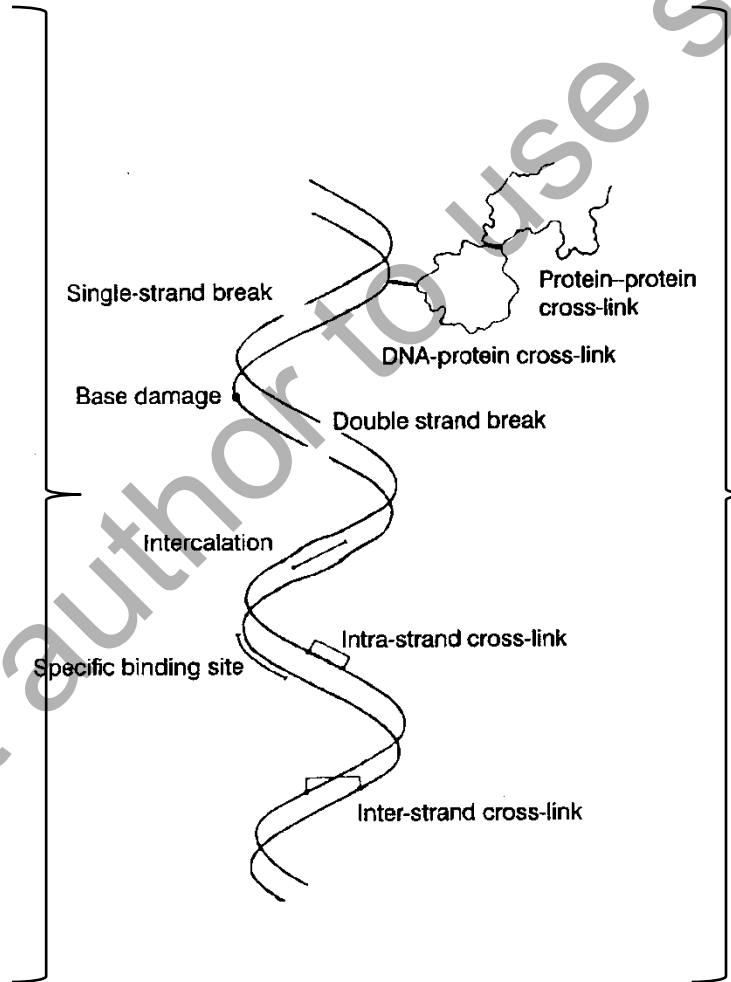
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# Accelerated particles & complex DNA damages - biological consequences ?

Low LET IR

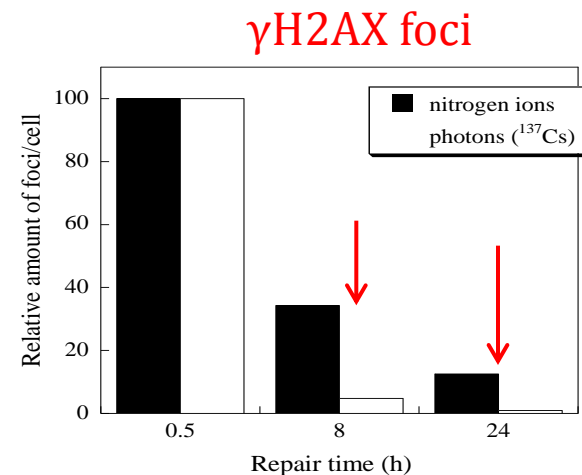
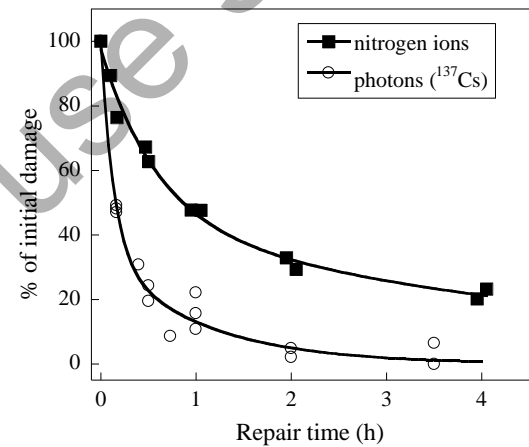
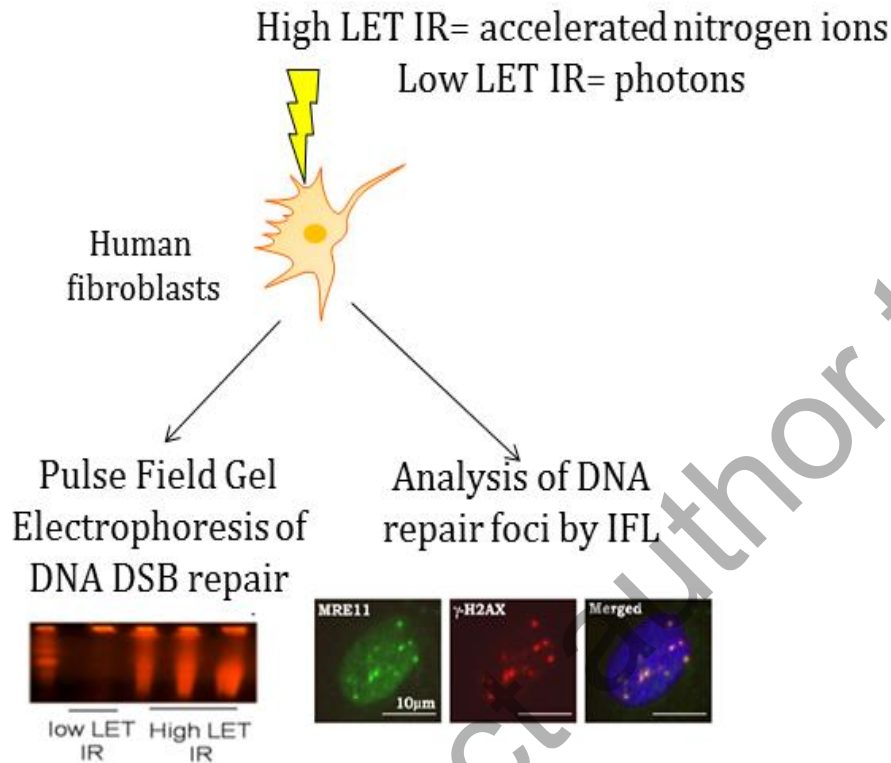


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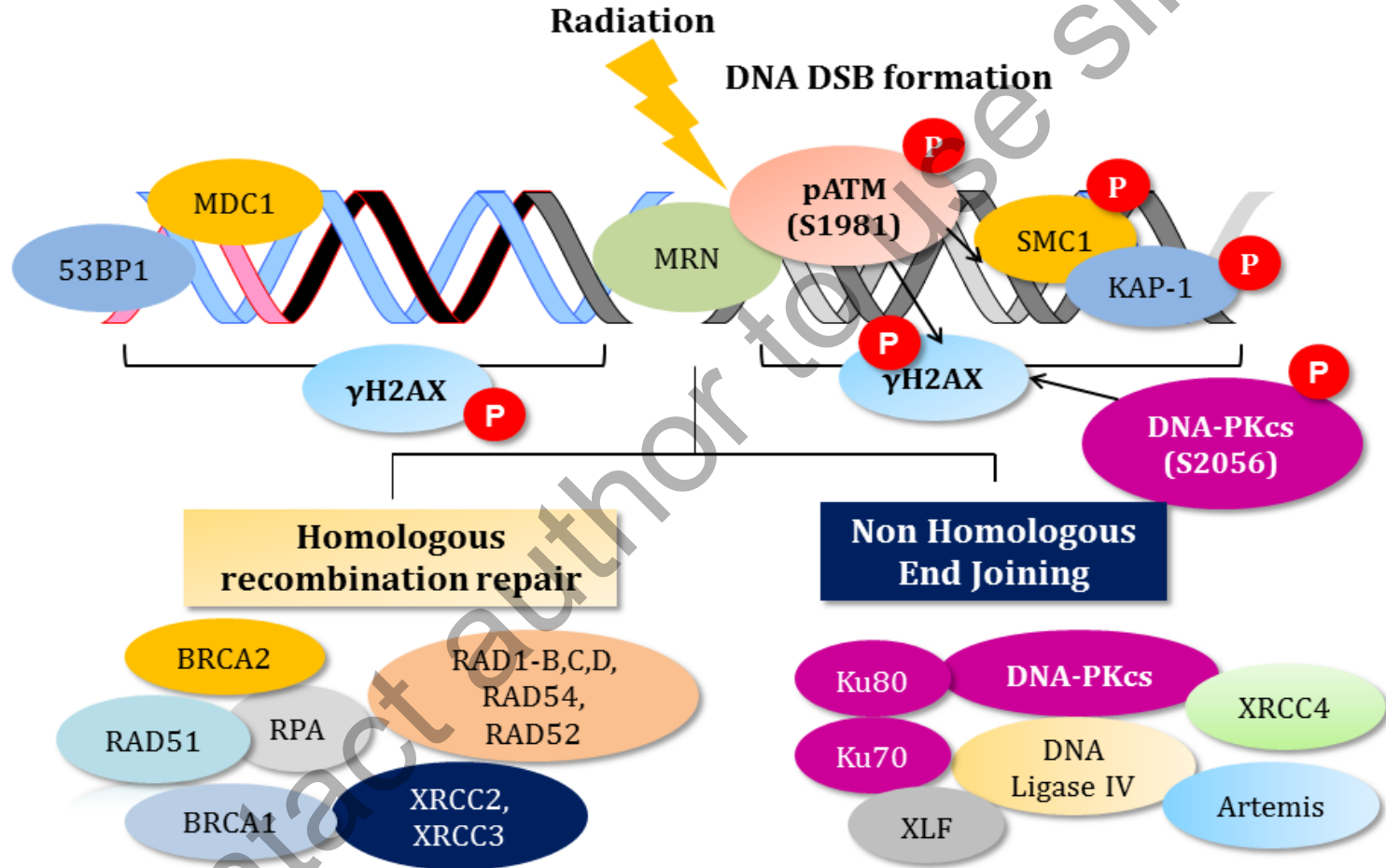
Different signaling cascades

# Accelerated particles induces complex less repairable DNA damages

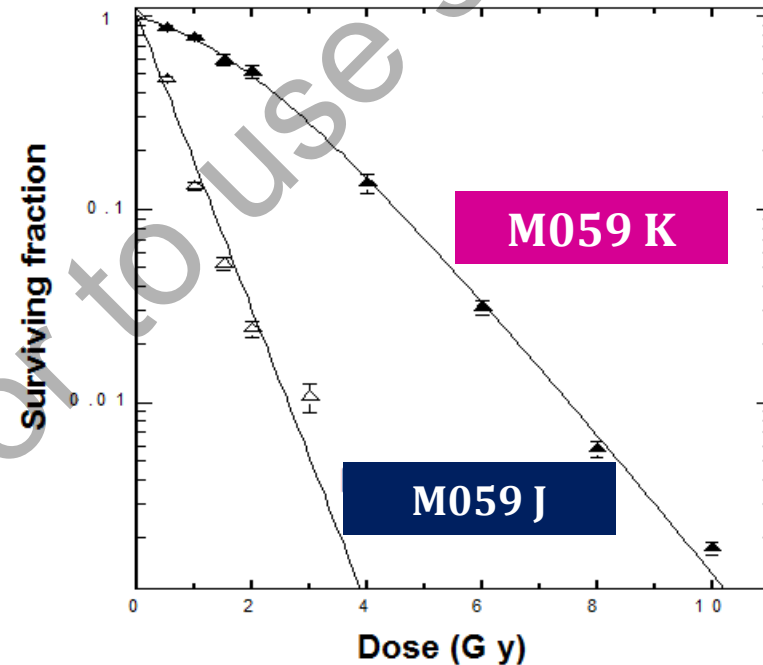
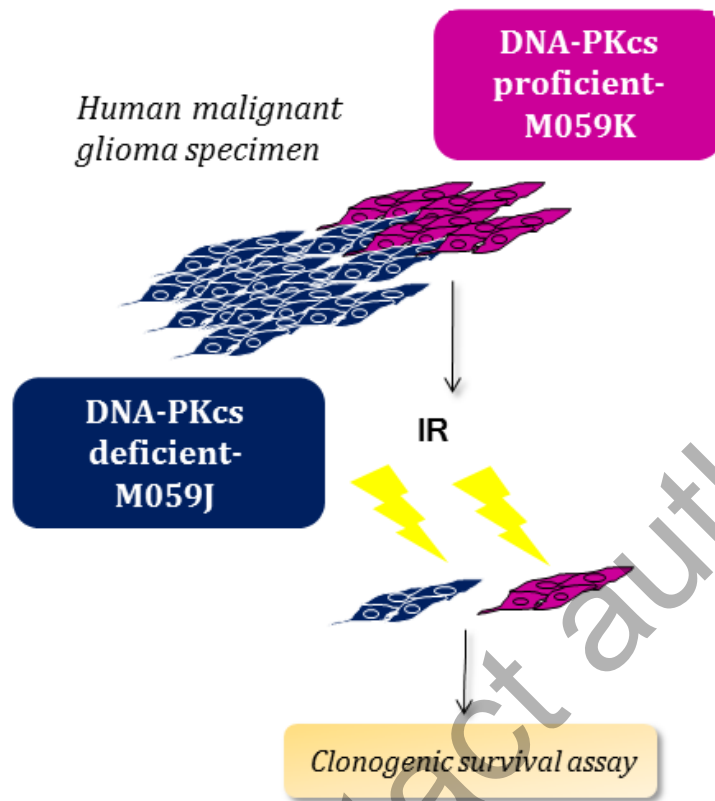


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# Cellular DNA damage response & repair pathways

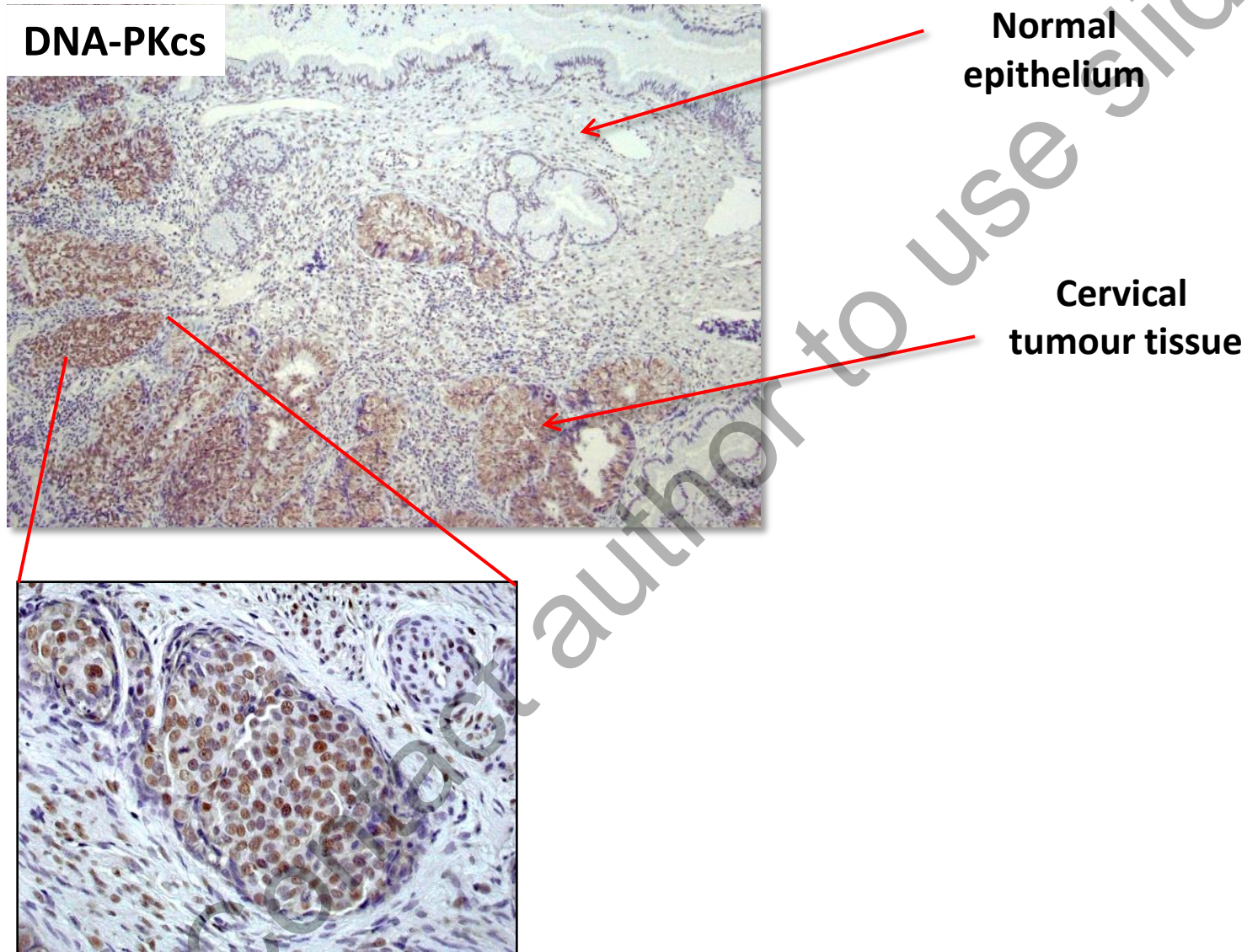


# A role of DNA-PKcs in low LET IR response

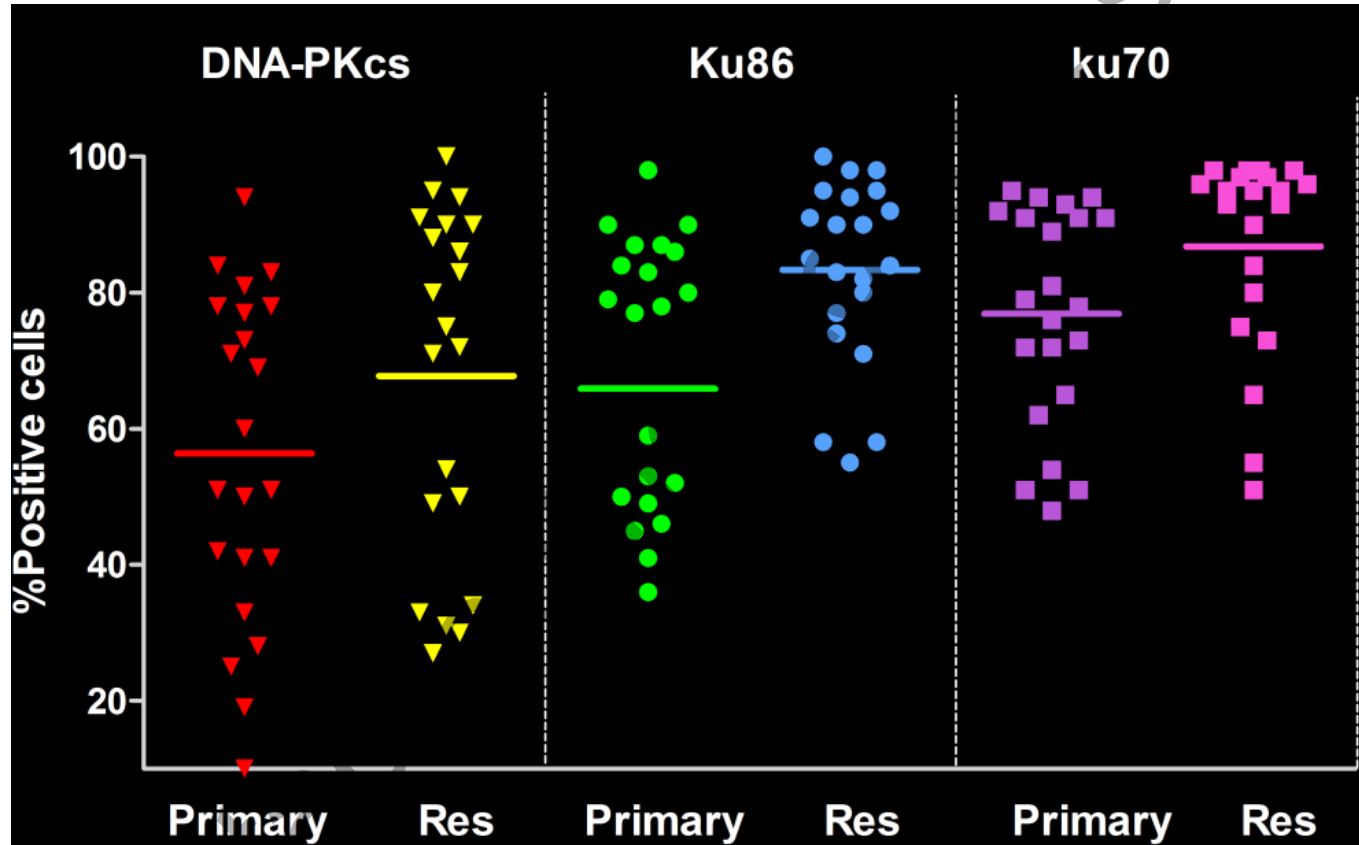


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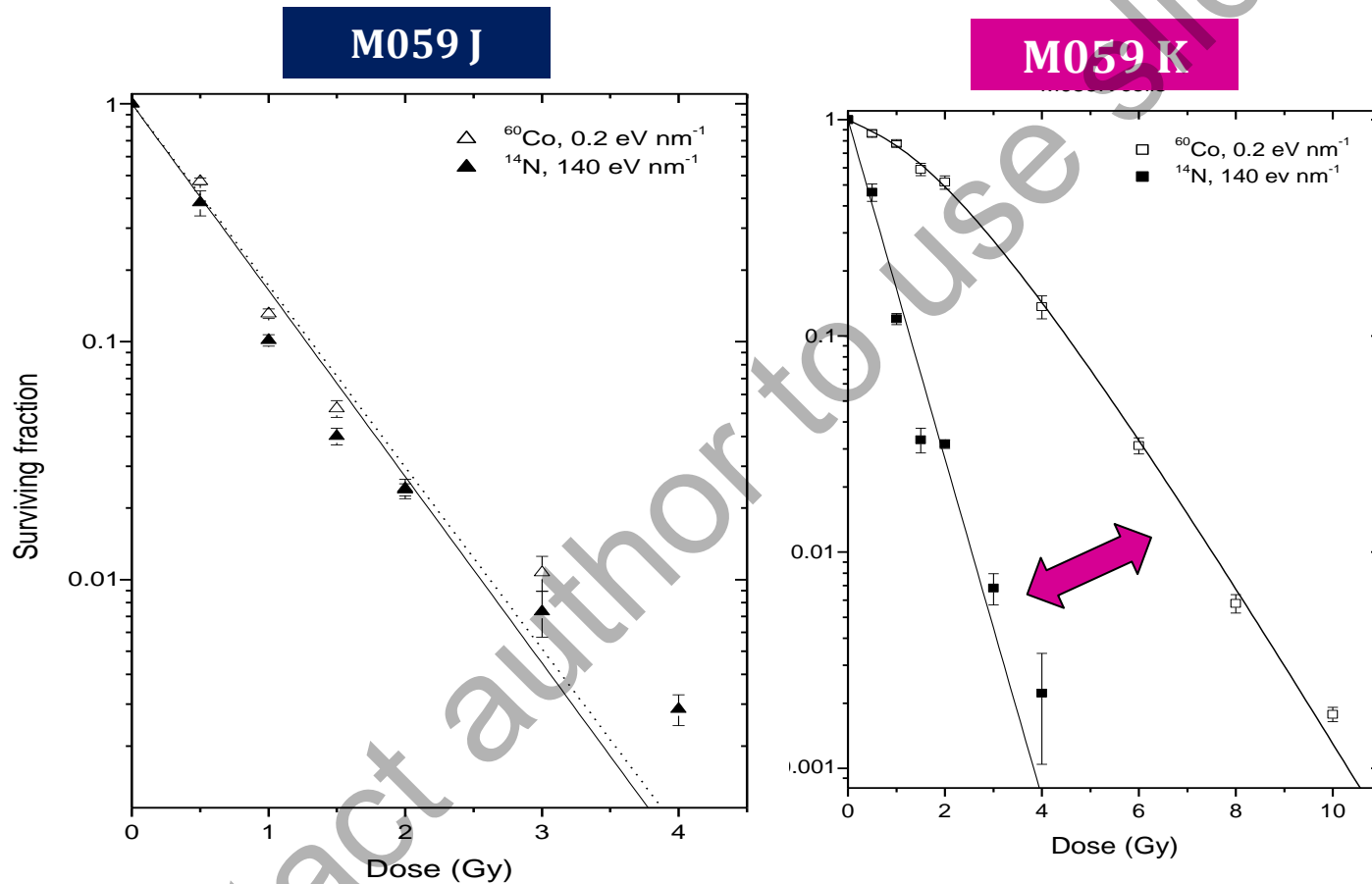


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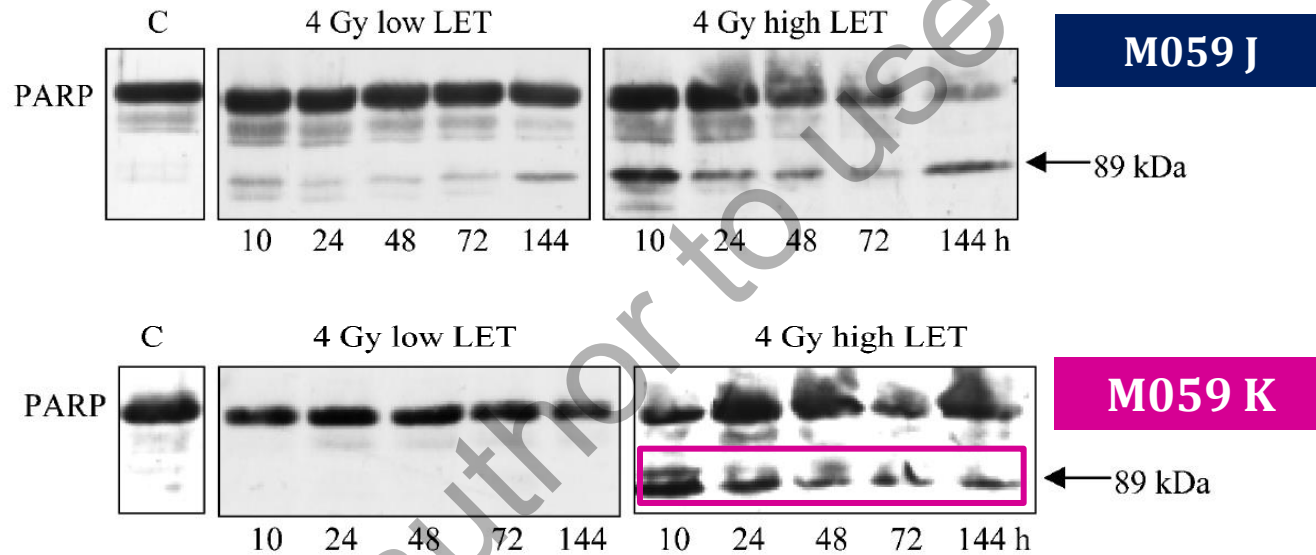
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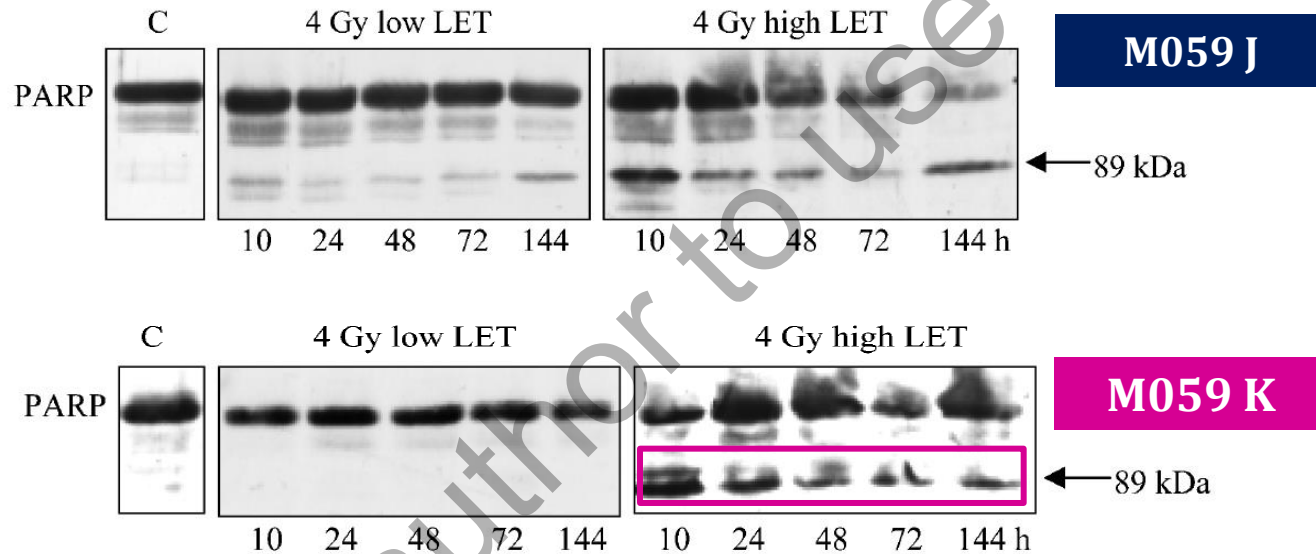


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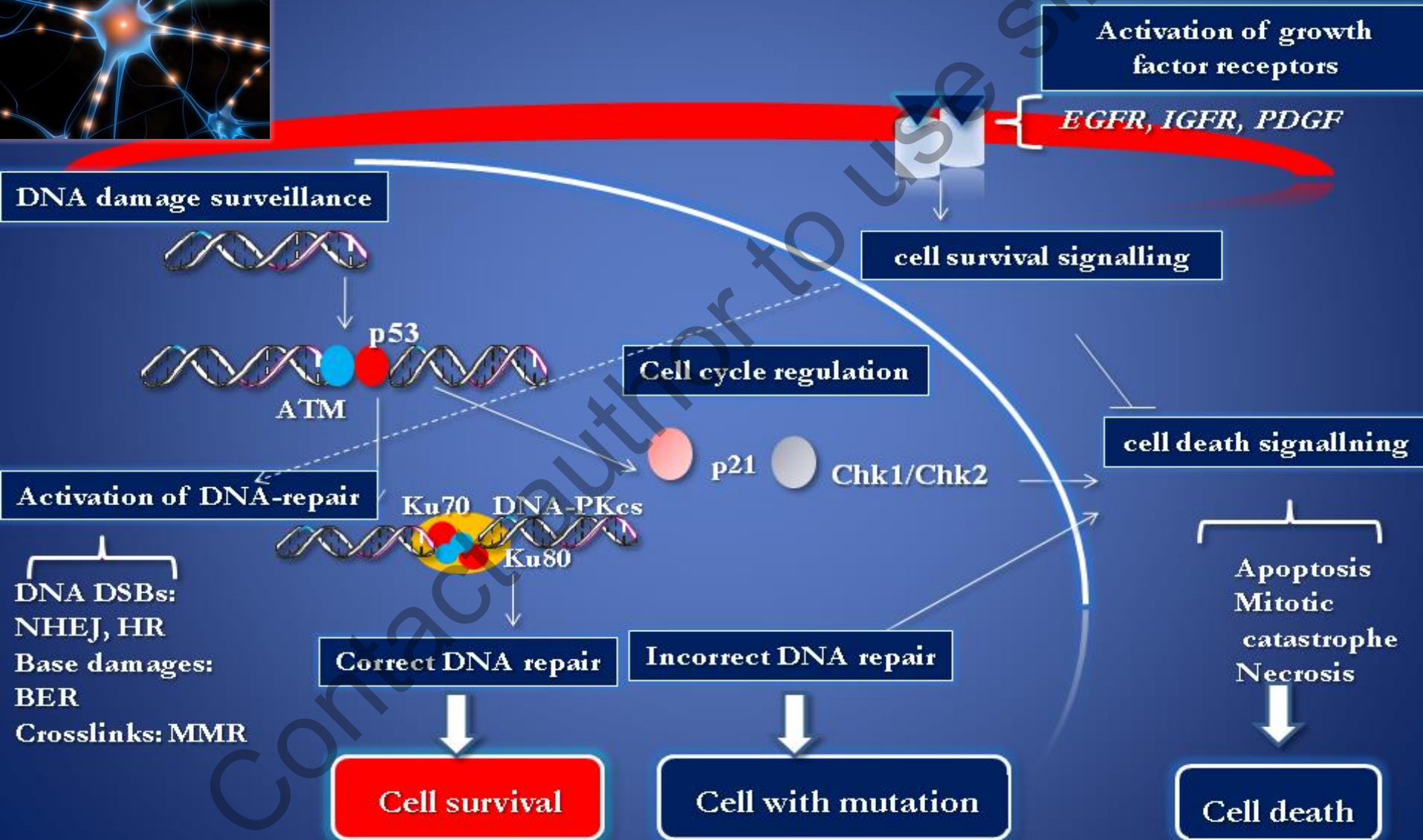
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- High LET IR can circumvent functional DNA-PKcs, ATM or p53 to trigger cell death.

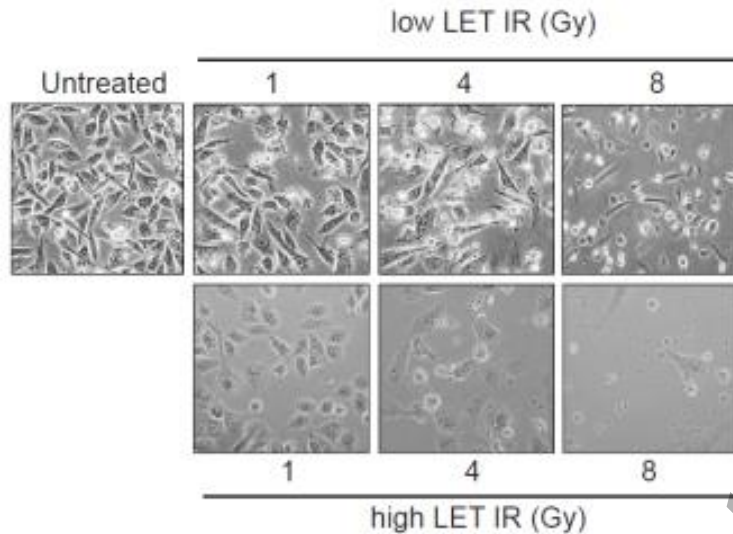
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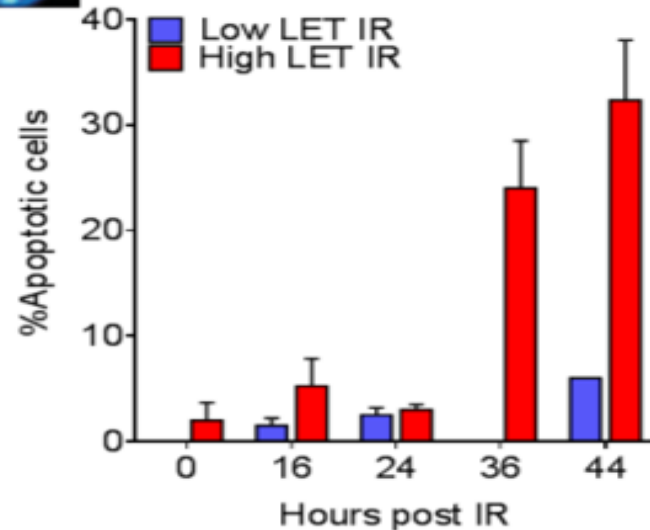
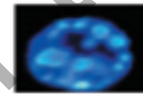


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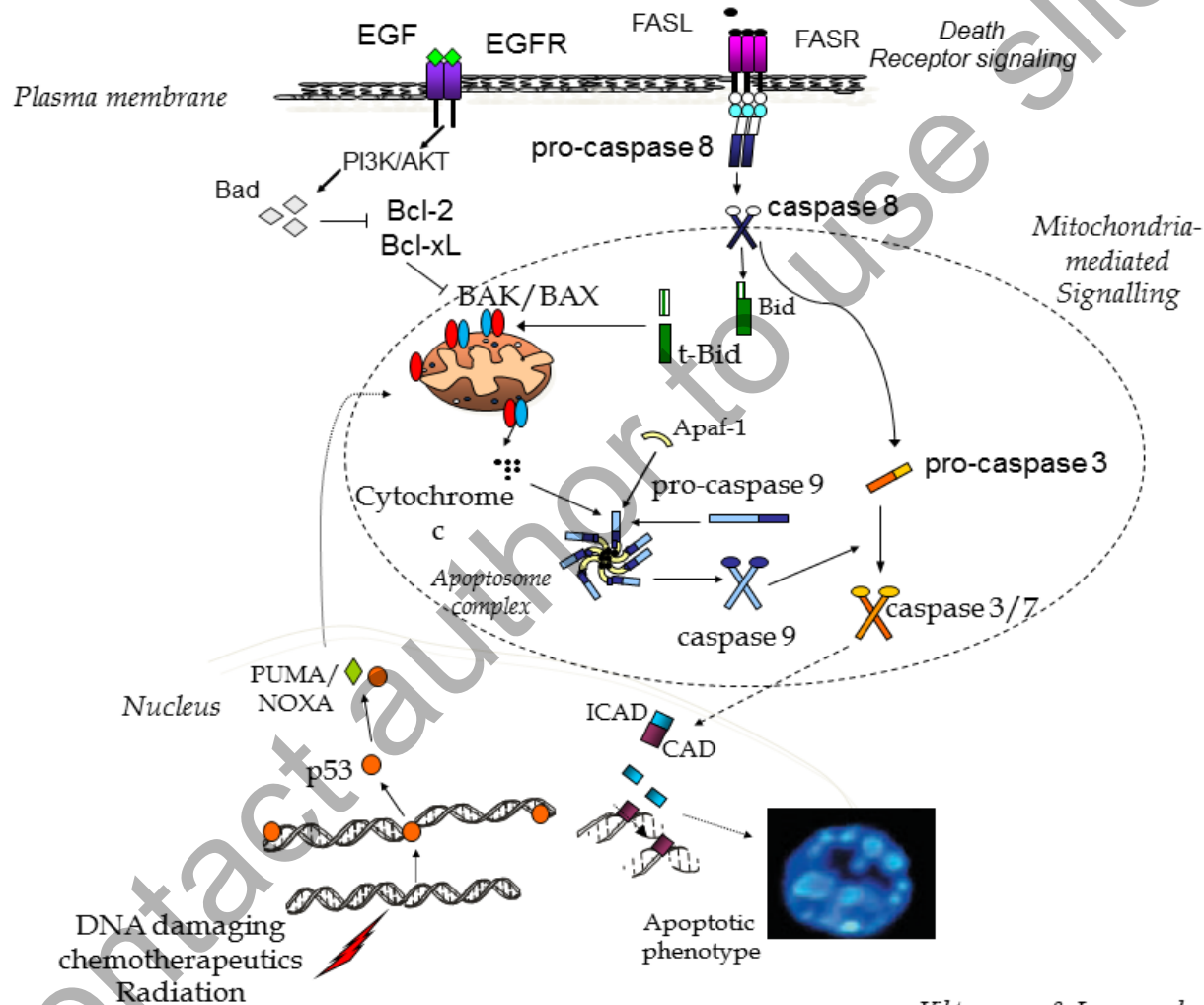
Non small cell lung cancer cells



What are the apoptotic signaling events triggered after high but not low LET IR ?

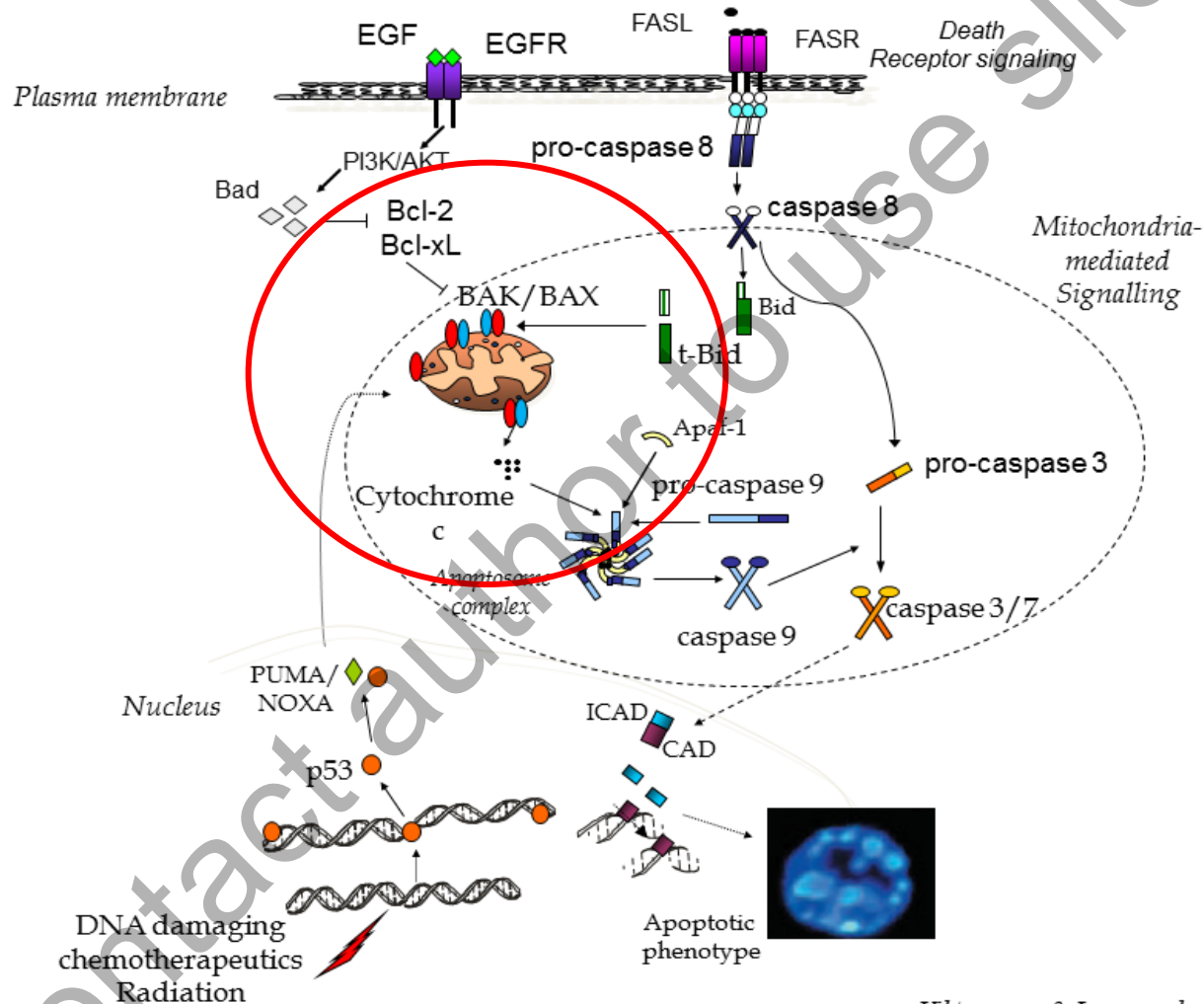


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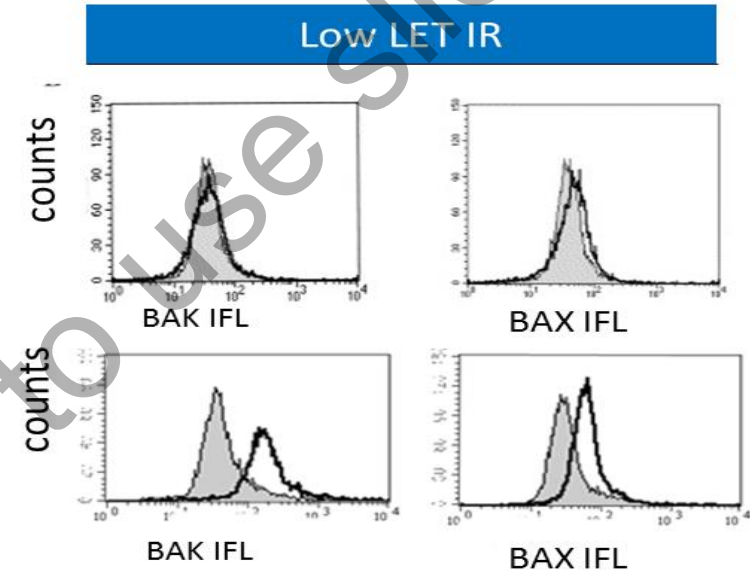
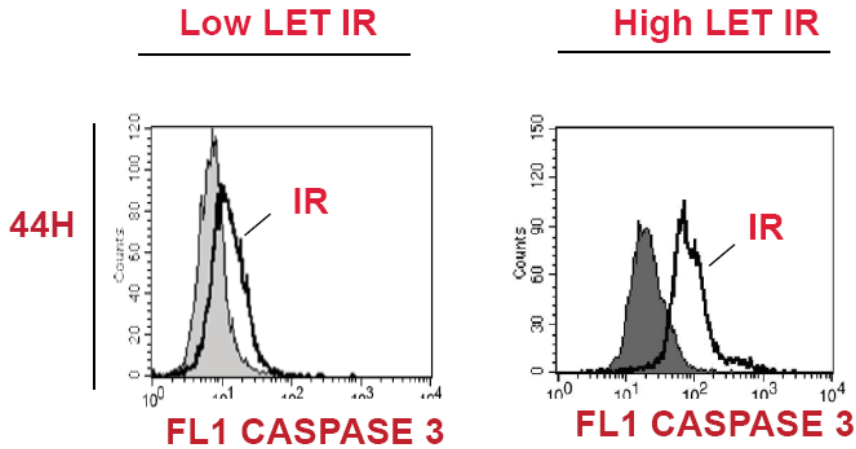
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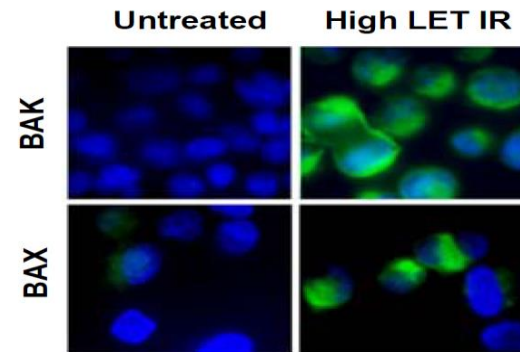


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# High LET IR activates mitochondria-mediated signalling



**High LET IR**



# Proteomic-based characterization of high LET IR response in tumor cells

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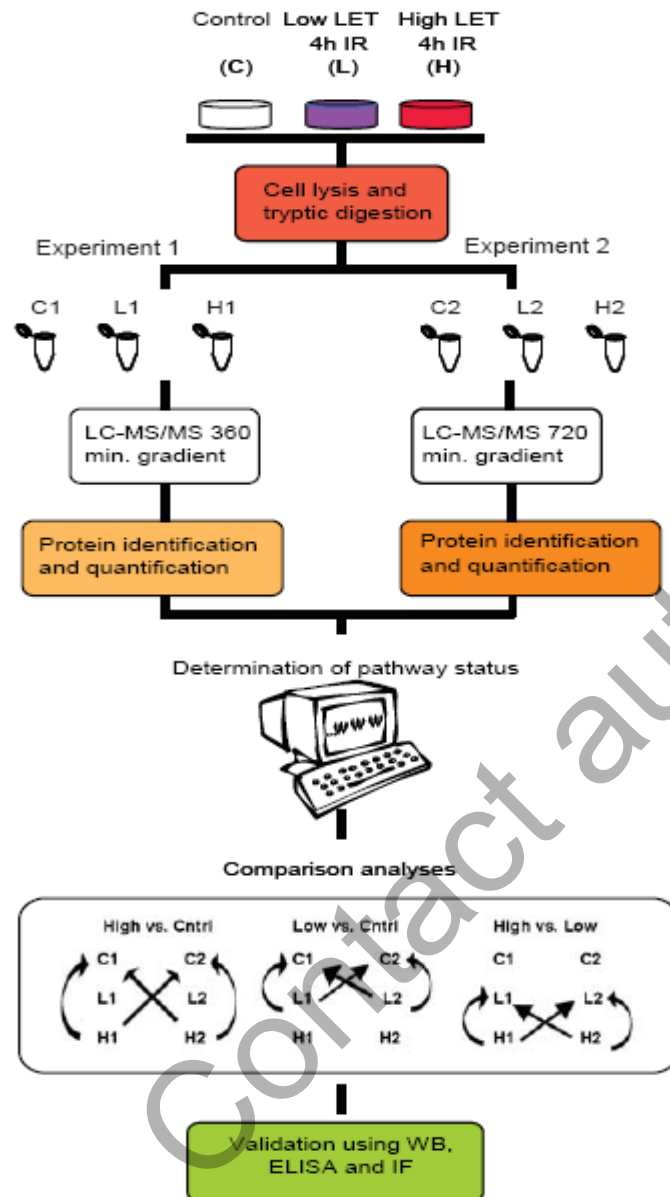
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### **Proteomics and pathway analysis identifies JNK-signaling as critical for High-LET radiation-induced apoptosis in non-small lung cancer cells**

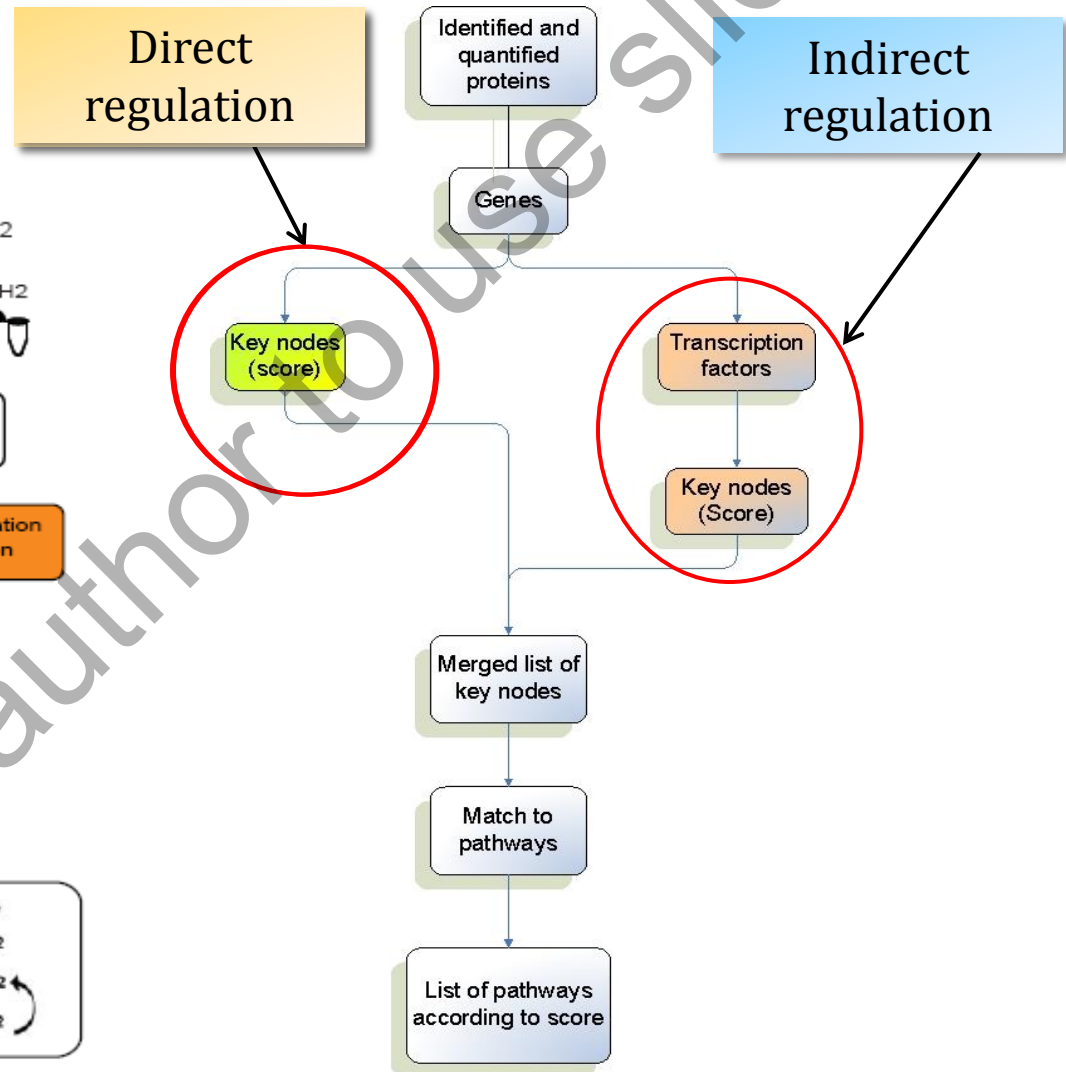
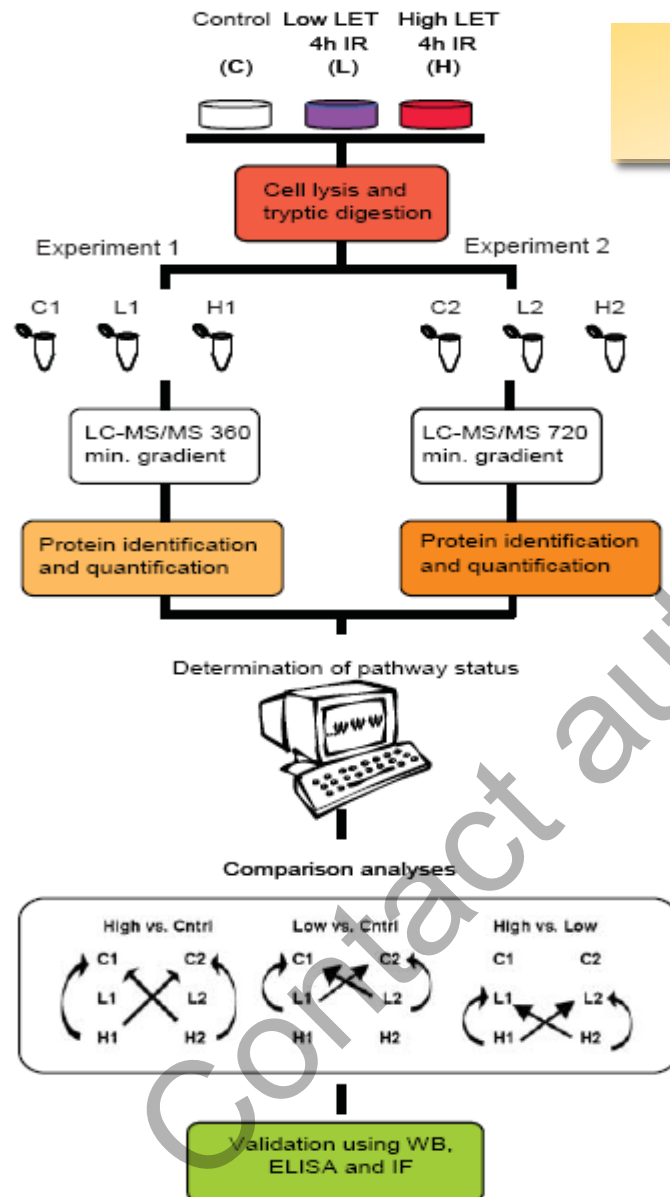
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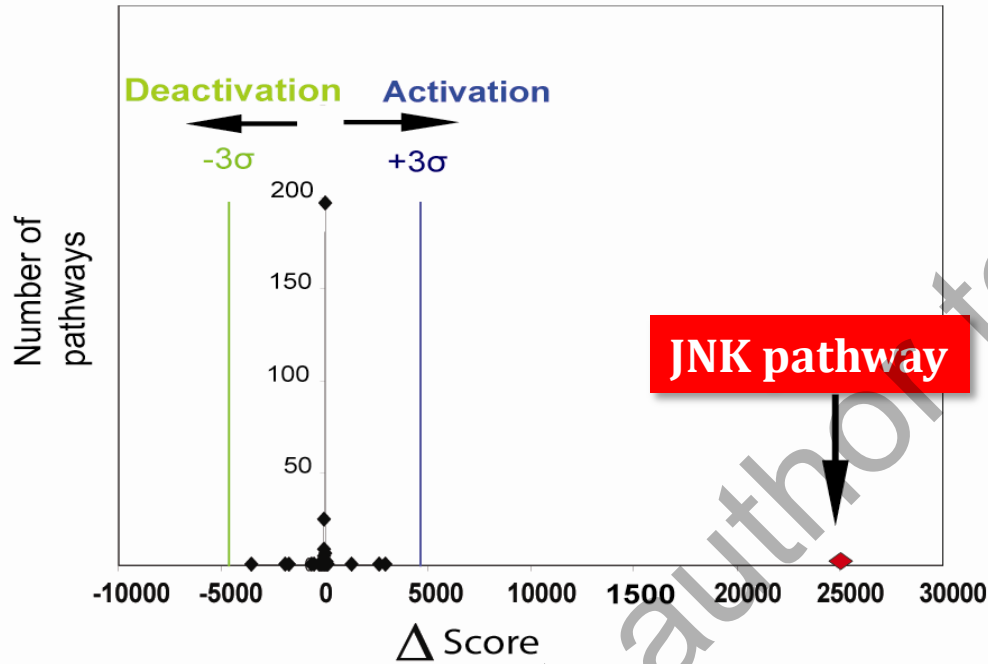
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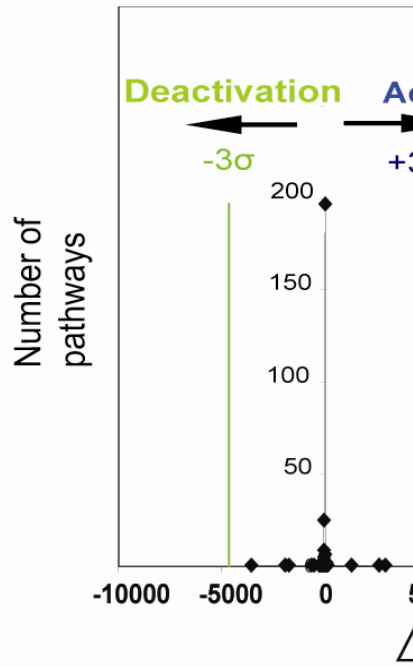


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Activated pathways	$\Delta S$	Deactivated Pathways	$\Delta S$
JNK	24897	P38 MAPK	-3561
Fas	2929	RANKL	-1897
EGFR	2625	Epo	-1713
JNK/MKK4	1302	PRL	-633
IL-8	175	BMP2 to p38 MAPK alpha	-519
Neurotensin	151	TAK1 to ATF2	-287
Caspase network	127	EGF-PAK1	-185
LAT to PKC beta	86	Apo2L	-159
		RANK to MITF	-130

# Selection of JNK and p38 MAPK pathways for validation

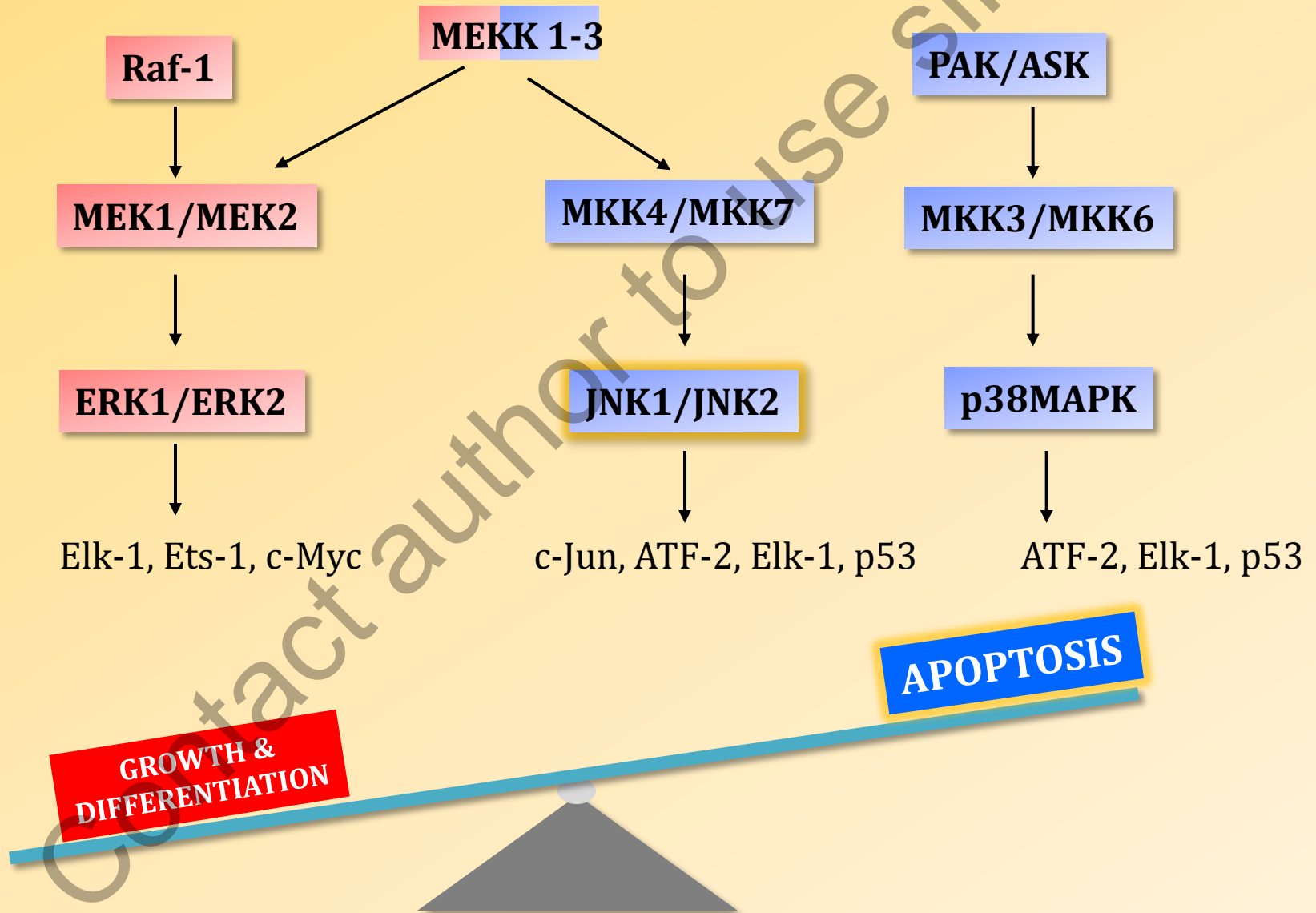
*In silico* studies suggested the **JNK-pathway** as **activated** and the **p38-pathway** as **deactivated** in response to high LET IR in NSCLC cells

**Defective JNK activation in response to low LET IR in NSCLC cells**  
(Viktorsson et al Exp Cell Res.2003)

**p38 activates IGF-1R in response to low-LET IR in NSCLC cells**  
(Cosaceanu et al , Oncogene. 2007)

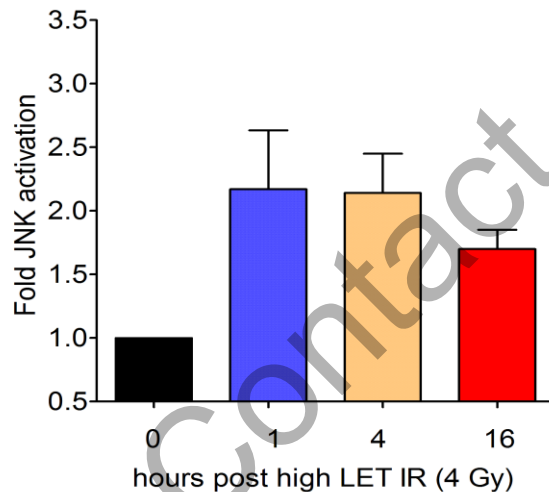
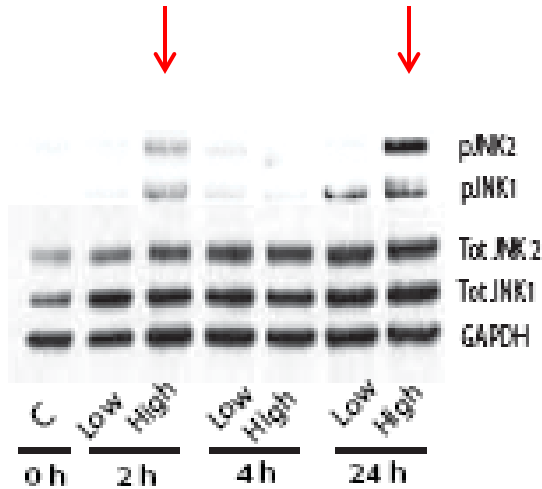
JNK & p38 MAPK

# MAPK signalling cascades – regulators of proliferation & cell death



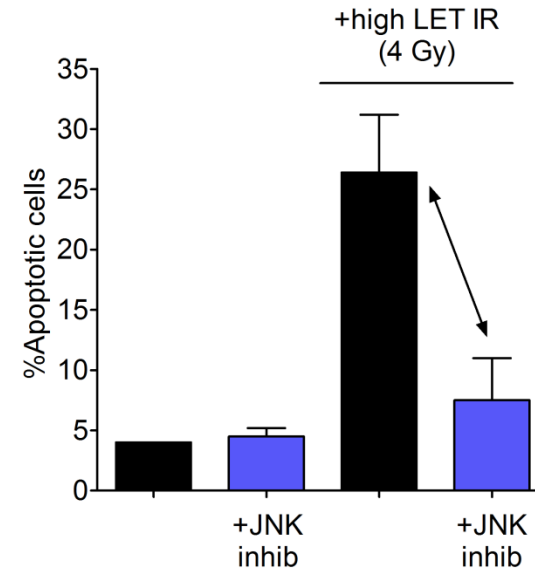
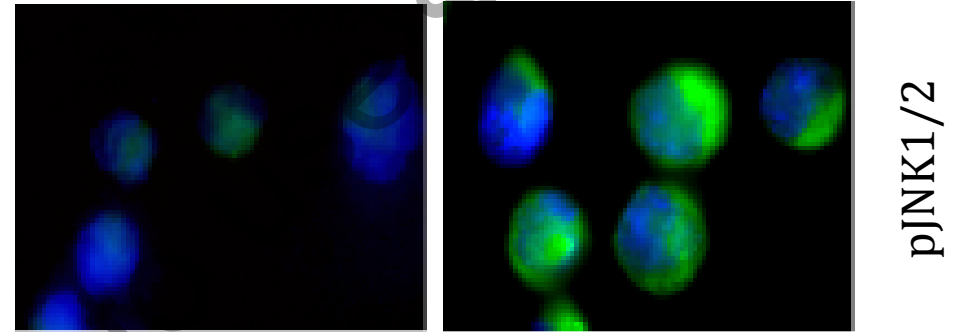
# High LET but not low LET IR causes sustained JNK activation Which controls high LET-induced apoptosis

Non small cell lung cancer cells



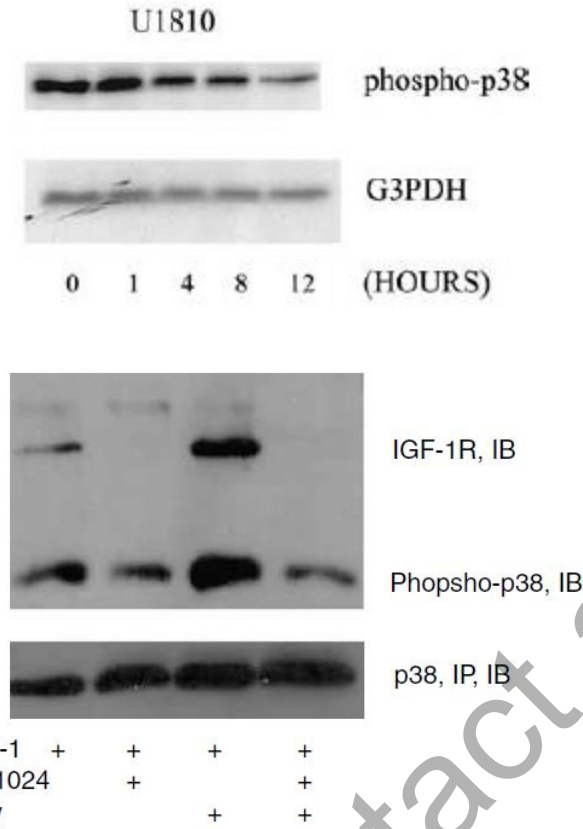
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high LET IR, 4 Gy, 16h

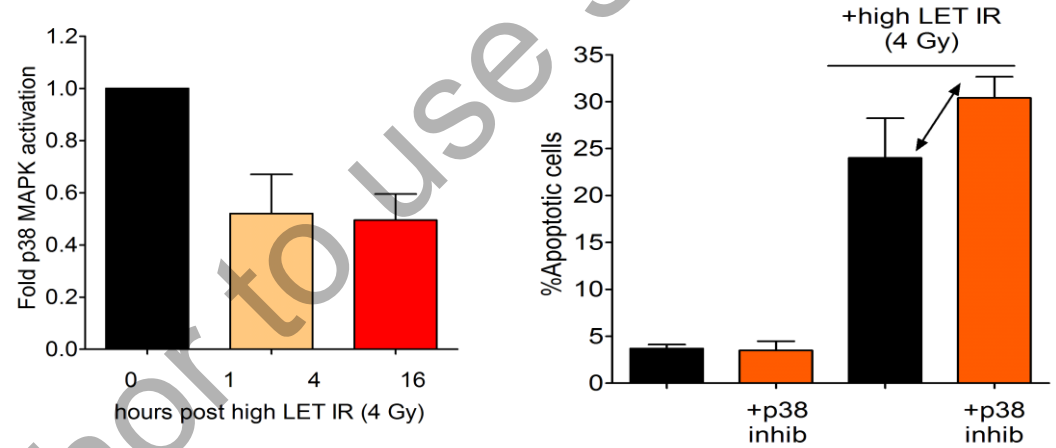


# High LET but not low LET IR impairs a p38MAPK-IGF-1R survival signaling loop

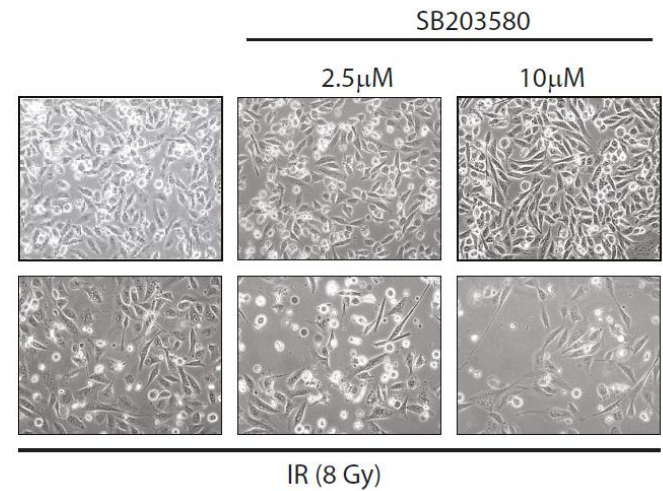
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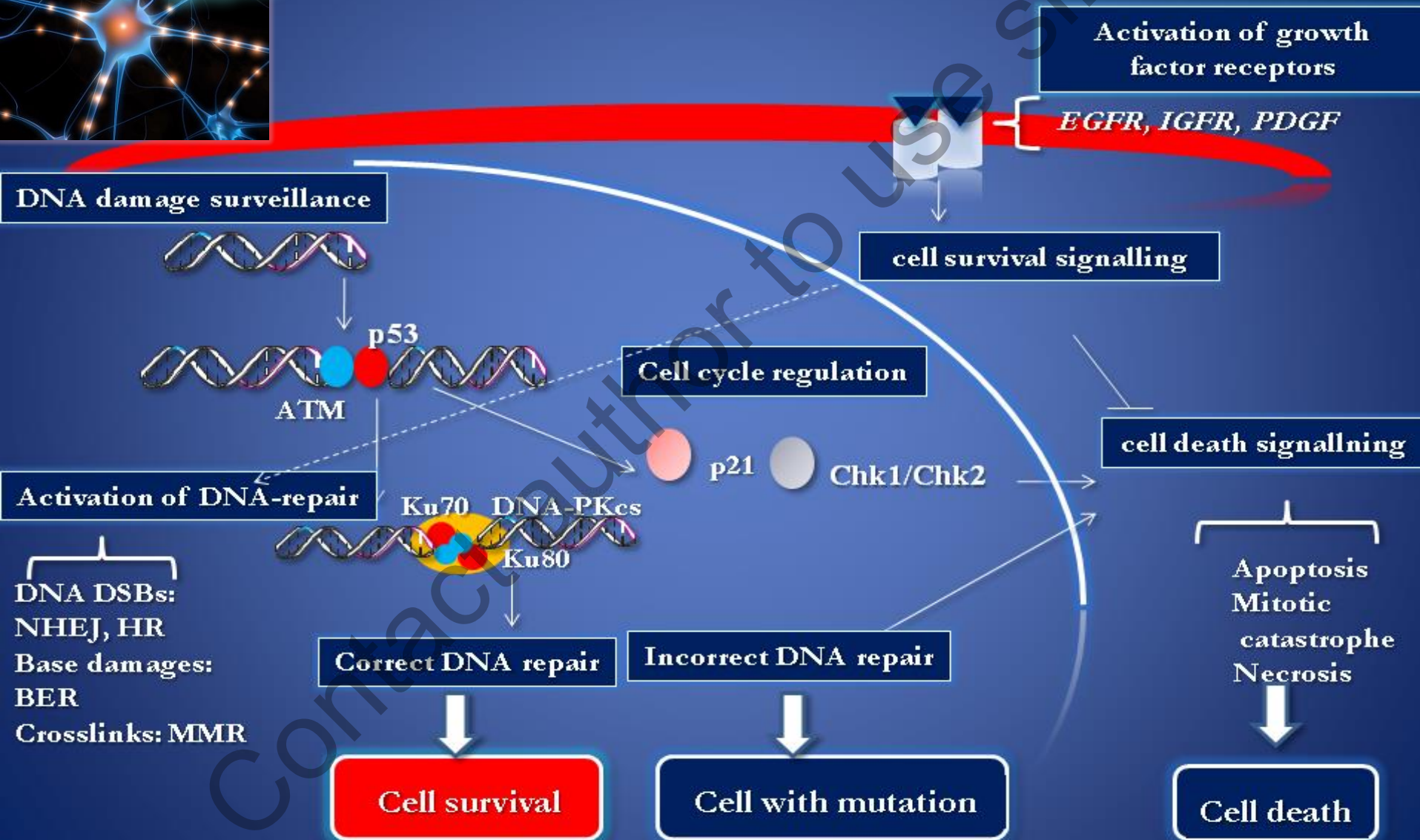
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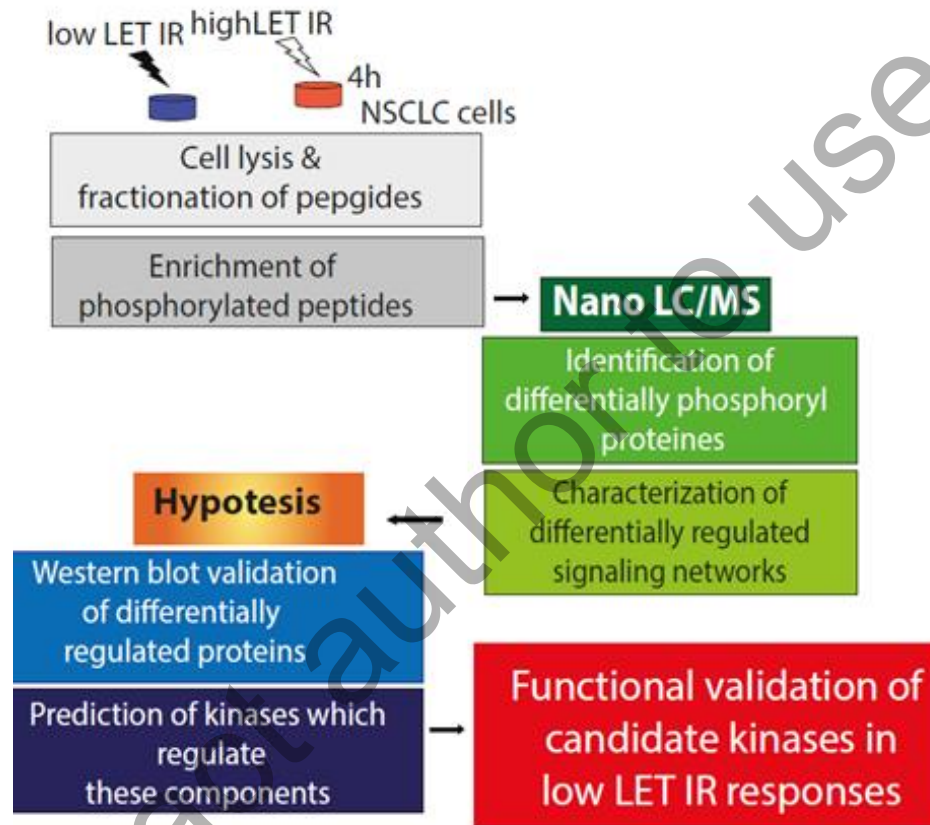
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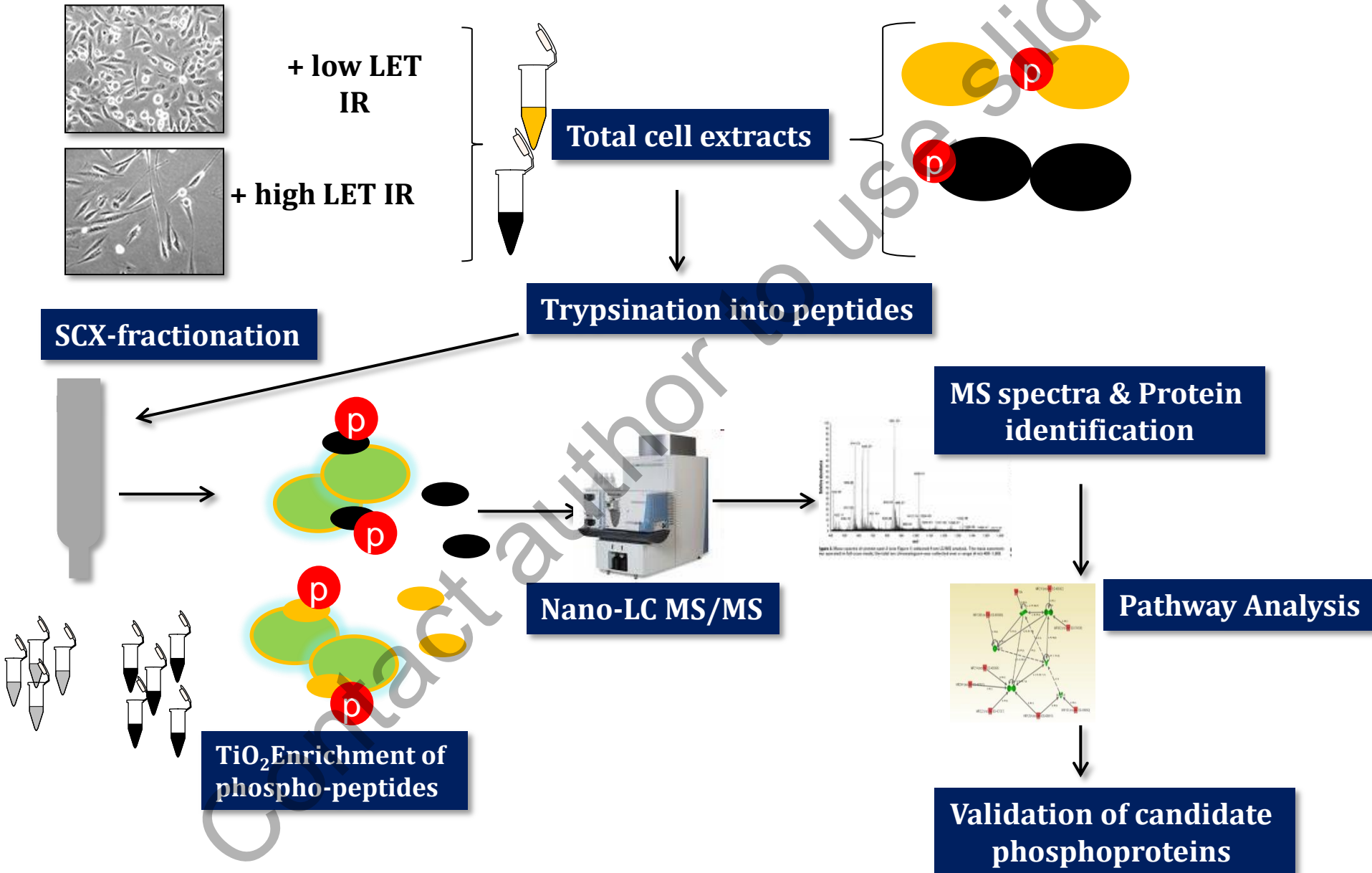


# Can we by phosphoproteomic analysis identify signaling events of importance for cell death effects after high LET radiation ?



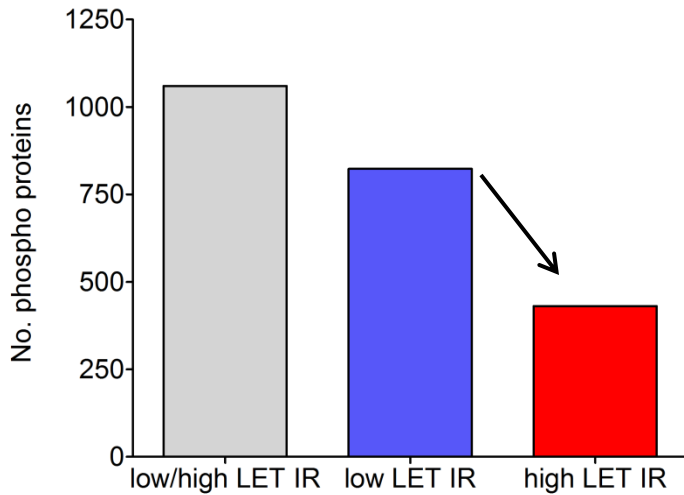
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# Phosphoproteomic profiling method



# Decreased number of phosphoproteins identified in response to high LET IR- impaired growth factor signaling ?

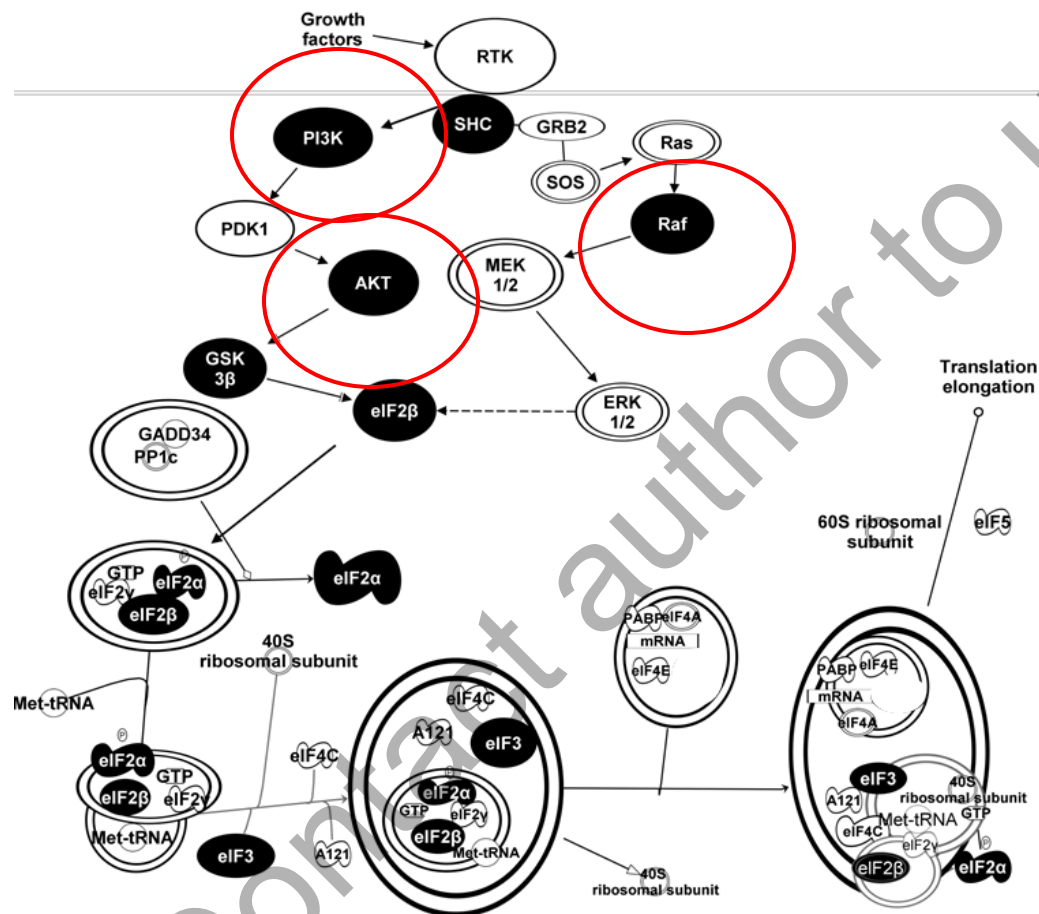
## Inhibition of signal transduction In response to high LET IR



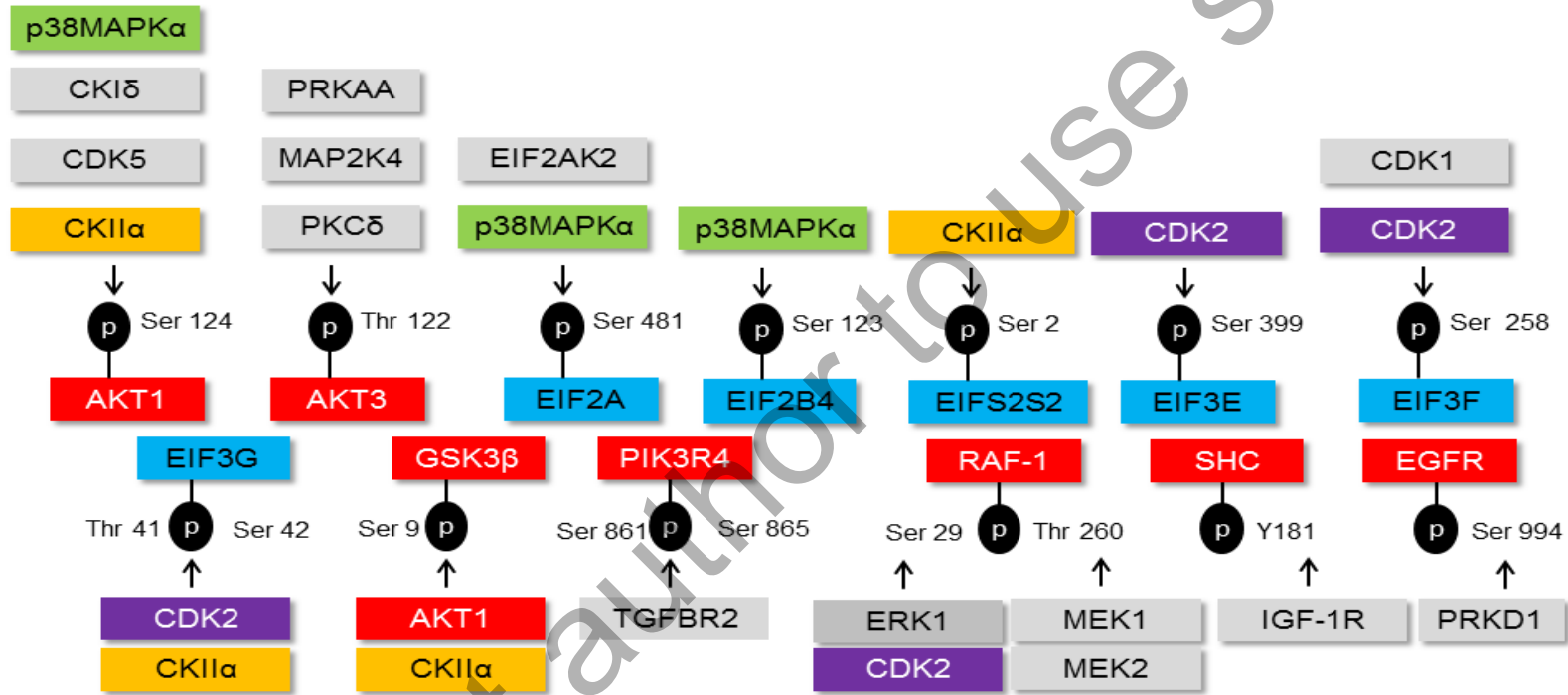
What pathways are differentially regulated ?

# PI3K/Akt/GSK3B signaling is inactivated by high LET IR-blockade of protein translation

*Black marked does not show phosphorylation after high LET IR in NSCLC cells*



# p38MAPK, CKII, AKT1 & CDK2 –signaling pathways of importance for cell death trigger in response to radiation in NSCLC cells ? inhibition av celldöd vid låg LET IR ?



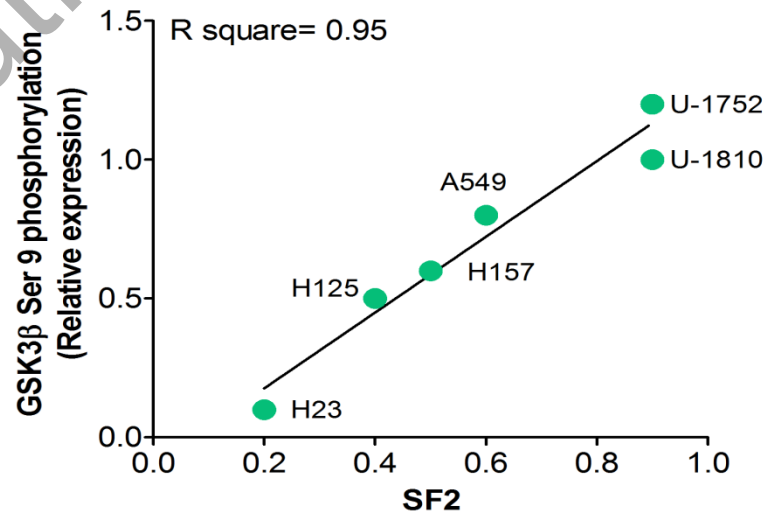
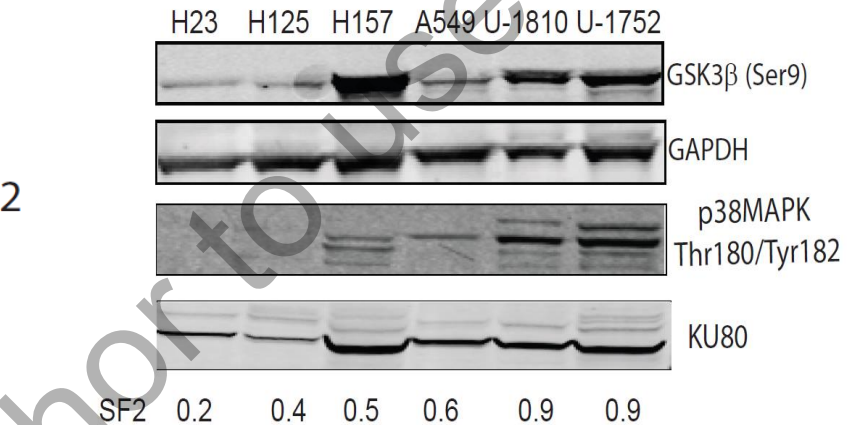
GSK3β & p38MAPK →

**Biologic validation in low LET IR response**

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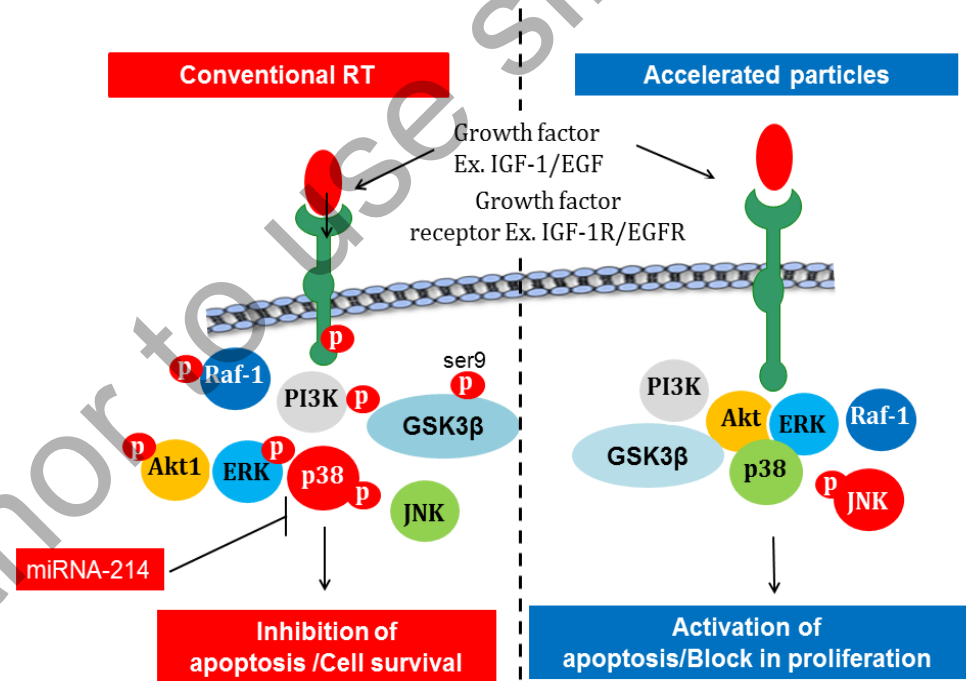
# GSK3 $\beta$ & p38MAPK drives low LET IR resistens & are inactivated by high LET IR

Low LET IR resistant cells have higher GSK3B & p38 activity



# Summary of pathways of importance for low and high LET IR response in tumor cells

- High LET IR but not low LET IR causes more **complex DNA-breaks** and induces **apoptosis** in NSCLC cells indicating different signalling pathways.
- Total and phosphoproteomic analyses revealed signaling differences in response to low and high LET IR
  - **JNK**- a pro-death pathway
  - **p38MAPK/GSK3B**- survival pathways.



To whom should we apply high LET IR- Biomarkers to enable patient selection required ?



**Conventional RT  
(photons/protons)+/  
targeted agents**

**Accelerated  
particles (ions)**

Areas

Tasks

**Radiation physics**

**Grid-based micro beams & Tumor  
treating fields - action  
mechanism/modelling**

**Systems biology-based  
analysis of different  
radiation qualities**

**Proteomic, genomic & radio physical  
characterization of RT signaling in  
tumors**

**Analysis of tumor stroma  
factors in RT response**

**Proximity extension or  
ligation assay (PEA/PLA)**

**Genomic & proteomic profiling  
of tumor microenvironment in  
context of RT**

**Analysis of tumor immune  
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**Mass Cytometry  
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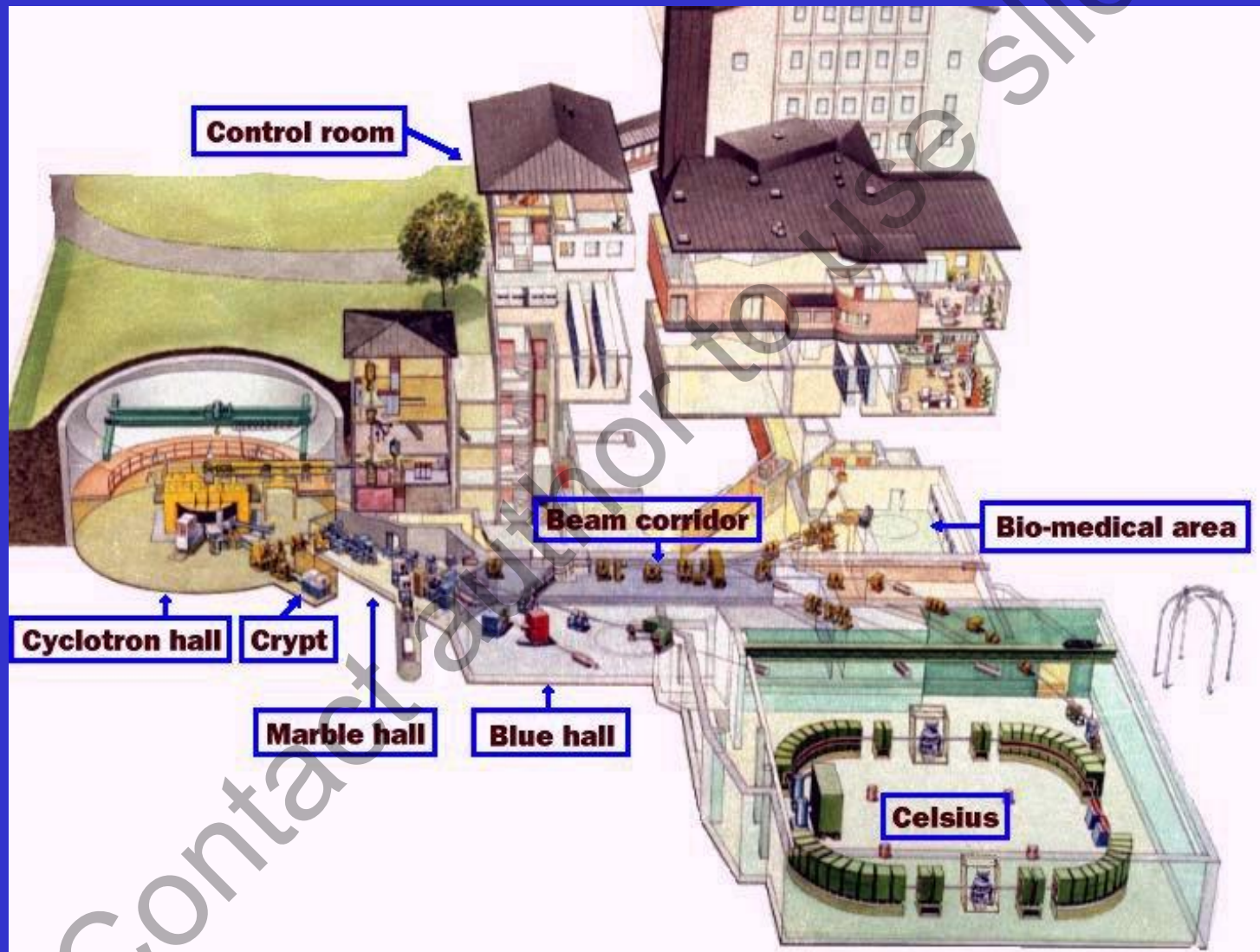
**Tumor- & immune cell profiling of LC  
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Characterization of RT-induced  
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Profiling of immunosuppressive  
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