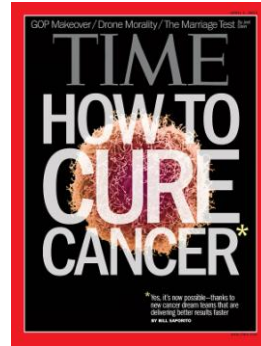


THERANOSTICS IN NUCLEAR MEDICINE

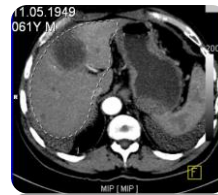
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Fiction or Reality ?



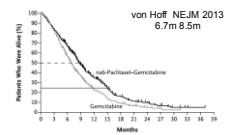
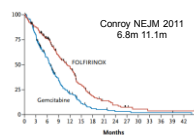
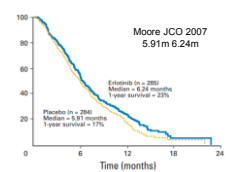
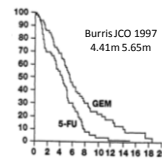
Pancreatic Cancer



And that is reality !

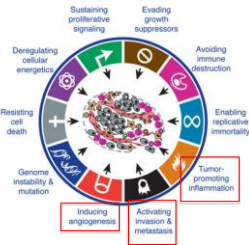


Where do we stand today ?

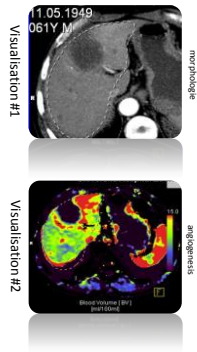


What is the problem ?

Hallmarks of Cancer



Hallmarks of Cancer (adapted), Hanahan et Weinberg, Cell 2011



How can we detect cancer ?

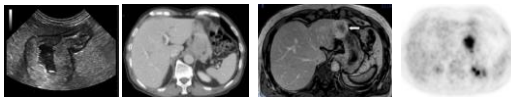
EXTERNAL Source MORPHOLOGY



Internal Source FUNCTION



Tracer what is the difference in tracers



Forme d'imagerie

- Sonographie (US)
- Tomodensitométrie (CT)
- Résonance magnétique (IRM)
- Chimiothérapie
- Scintigraphie
- Positron Emission Tomographie (TEP)

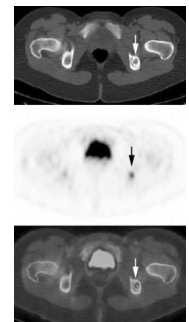
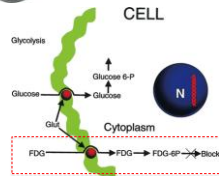
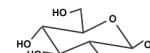
Concentrations du contraste (mol/kg kg)

- 10^{-3}
- 10^{-3}
- 10^{-5}
- 10^{-5}
- 10^{-12} (piko)
- 10^{-12} (piko)

What is the current principle

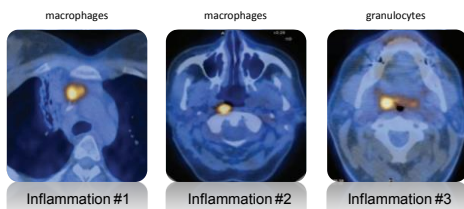


Fluor-18 - Deoxyglucose = FDG
Demi-vie : 110 minutes, injection i.v.



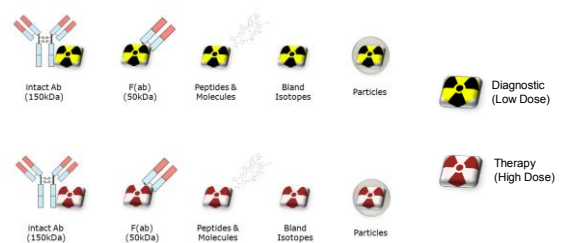
Schaefer et al. Radiology 2004

FDG - PET what is the problem ?

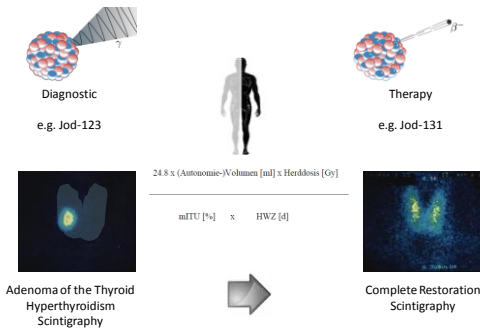


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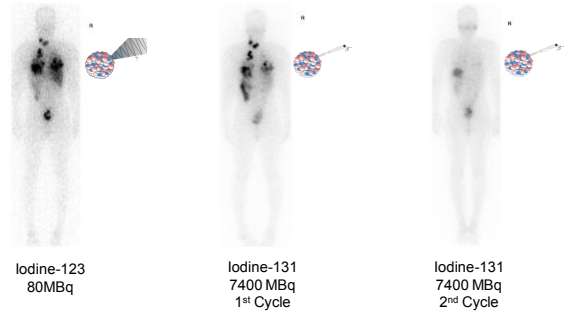
Evolution of Tracers (Evolution of Theranostics)



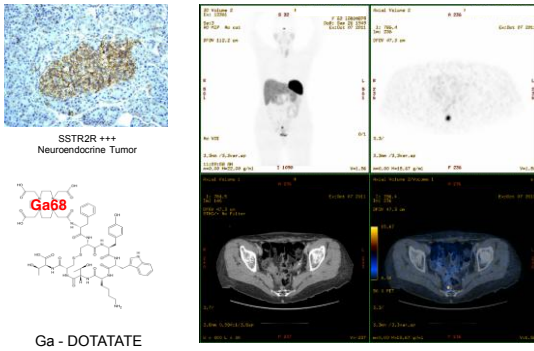
Theragnostics Paradigma



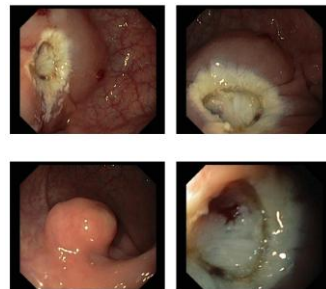
Thyroid Cancer



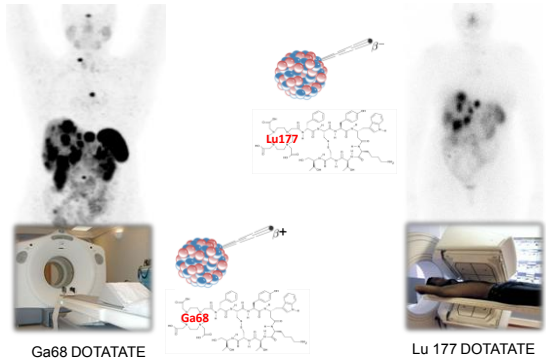
Somatostatin Analogs Neuroendocrine Tumors



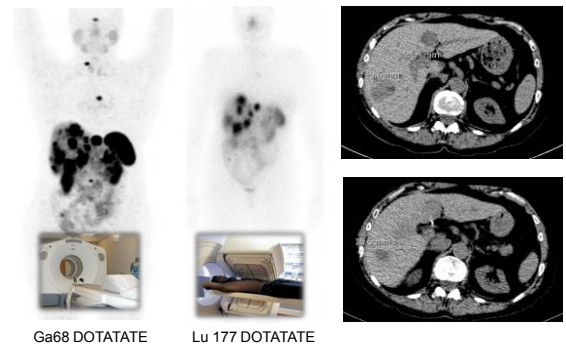
Colonoscopie



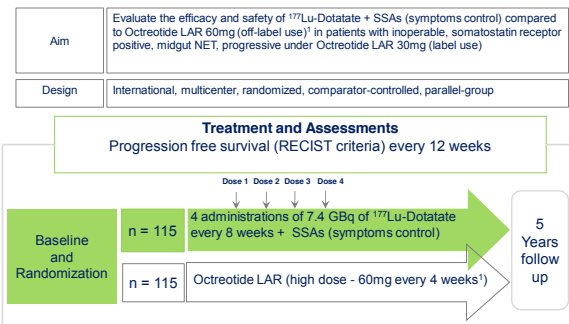
Ga68/Lu177 DOTATATE



Ga68/Lu177 DOTATATE Patient Example



Lu177 - DOTATATE



Netter – 1 Trial Lutetium – 177 DOTATATE

N = 229 (ITT)
Number of events: 90

- ¹⁷⁷Lu-Dotatate: 23
- Oct 60 mg LAR: 67

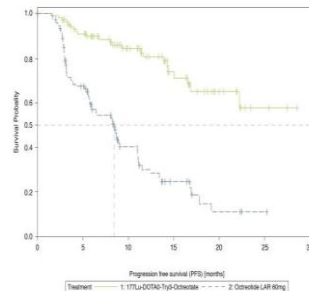
Hazard ratio: 0.21
[0.129 – 0.338] p < 0.0001

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79% reduction in the risk of disease progression/death

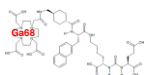
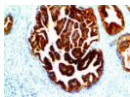
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Estimated Median PFS in the Lu-DOTATATE arm = 40 month

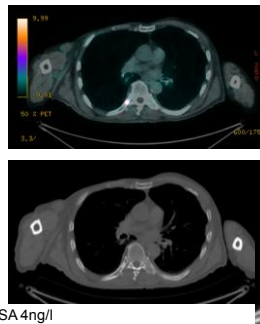


All progressions centrally confirmed and independently reviewed for eligibility (SAP)

Prostate Cancer Gallium 68 PSMA

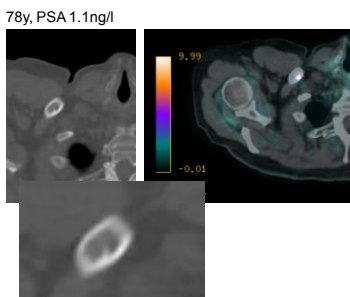


Gallium 68 PSMA-11 @ CHUV – Patient 1



70y, PSA 4ng/l

Gallium 68 PSMA-11 @ CHUV – Patient 2

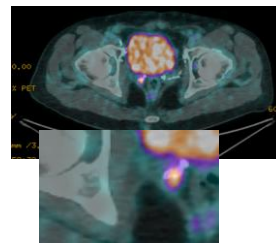


78y, PSA 1.1ng/l

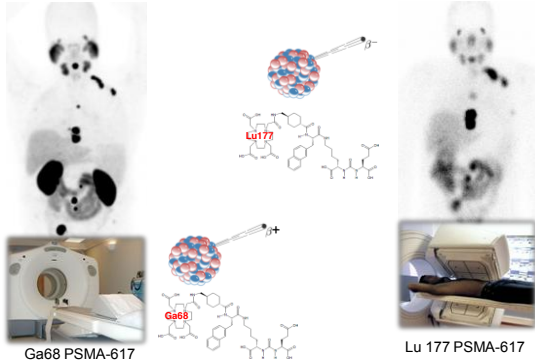
Gallium 68 PSMA-11 @ CHUV – Patient 3



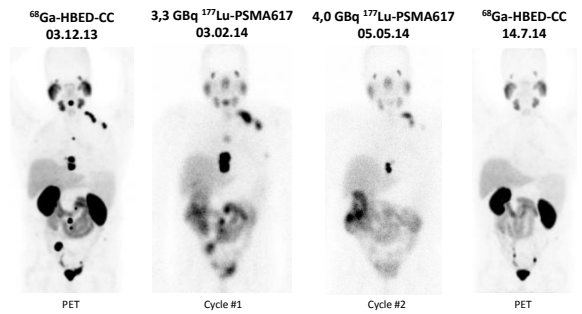
64y, PSA 0.8ng/l



Ga68 / Lu177 PSMA - 617



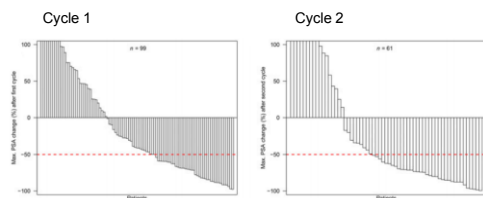
Ga68 / Lu177 PSMA - 617



Haberkm Personal Communication 2014

Lutetium - 177 PSMA - 617

German Multicenter Trial



Rhabar et al. JNM 2017

Lu177 PSMA

Efficacy Meta - Analysis

	PSA fall >50%	CT (RECIST)	PSMA PET (EORTC)	Symptomatic response	Biochemical/radiological PFS	Overall Survival
Zechmann 2014 et al. ³⁹	61%	-	-	23% CR, 61% PR	Median BPFS 126 days (62-149) ³	-
Ahmadzadehfar 2015 et al. ²⁵	50%	-	-	-	-	-
Ahmadzadehfar 2016 et al. ¹	42%	PR 40%, SD 55%, PD 5%	PR 80%, SD 0%, PD 20%	-	-	-
Kratzchwil 2016 et al. ²⁷	43%-72% ¹	-	-	-	-	-
Baum 2016 et al. ³	PD 27%	PR 20%, SD 52%, PD 11%	PR 56%, SD 8%, PD 36%	33% PR	Median radiological PFS 13.7 months	Median not reached
Rahbar 2016 et al. ²⁹	31%	-	-	-	-	-
Rahbar 2016 et al. ⁸	PD 23%, PD 20%	-	-	-	-	29.4 vs. 19.7 weeks
Heck 2016 et al. ⁶	33%	PR 11%, SD 56%, PD 32%	"integrated" CR 5%, SD 63%, PD 32%	14% CR, 42% PR	Median PFS 175 days (95% CI 35-315)	-
Yadav 2016 et al. ⁴²	Mean Pre-and post 275/141 PD 20%	-	CR 33%, PR 50%, SD 17% (n = 6)	Analgesic score 2.5 reduced to 1.8	Median PFS 12 months	Median OS 15 months

Lu177 PSMA

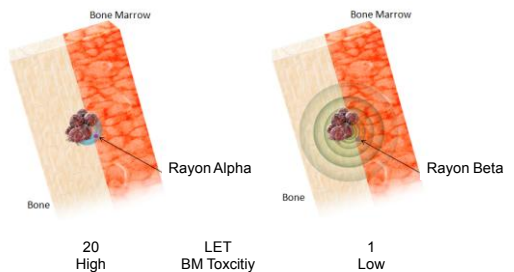
Toxicity Meta - Analysis

	Haematological toxicity (G2-3)			Non-haematological toxicity	
	Hb	WCC	Platelets	Salivary	Other
Zechmann 2014 et al. ³⁹	Below 'normal range' 75%	15%	10%	25%	Hypothyroidism 1/28, mucositis 1/28
Ahmadzadehfar 2015 et al. ²⁹	10%	10%	10%	20%	Fatigue 20%, nausea 20%
Ahmadzadehfar 2016 et al. ²	25%	12%	0%	9%	Nausea 12%, fatigue 13-17%, hypoguesia 4%
Kratzchwil 2016 et al. ²⁷	10%	7%	7%	7%	Fatigue G1, nausea G1
Baum 2016 et al. ³	5% NS changes ¹	9% NS changes ¹	0%	4%	-
Rahbar 2016 et al. ⁸	15% NS changes	5.4%	3% NS changes	9%	Nausea G1 1.4%
Rahbar 2016 et al. ²⁹	9-20% ²	0-11% ²	0%	15%	Nausea 14%, nil with routine antiemetic use
Heck 2016 et al. ⁶	32% (G1-2)	Neutropenia 5%	25% (G1-2)	37%	Fatigue 25%, Anorexia 25%
Yadav 2016 et al. ⁴²	6.5%	3%	0%	Nil reported	-

Fatigue and dry mouth appear most commonly. Haematological problems occur and can be significant in the group of men with borderline marrow function due to extensive bone metastases.

Dose Escalation

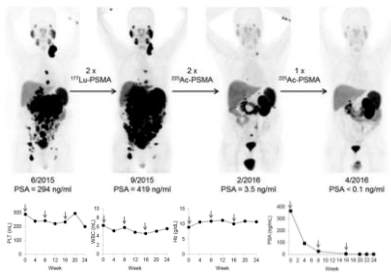
Alpha versus Beta Radiation



Ratfke et al. JNM 2017

Lu177 PSMA

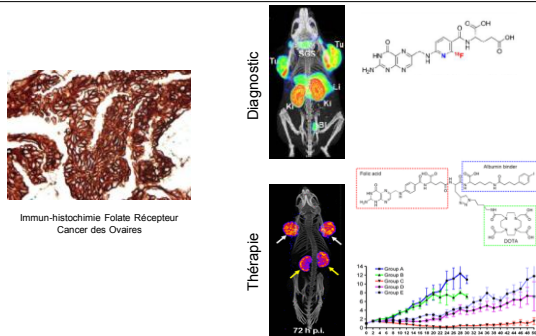
Actinium – 225 PSMA - 617



Kratzchwil et al. JNM 2016

Ovarian Cancer

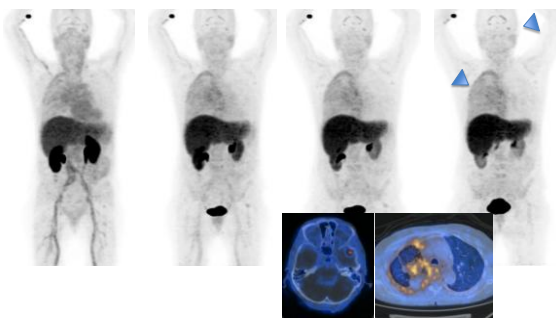
18F Aza Folate



Bischoff T et al. Radiopharmaceutical and Preclinical Evaluation of 18F-Aza-177Lu-Folate: A Novel PET Radiotracer for Folate Receptor Targeting. *Biological Chem.* 2013
 Müller C et al. 2,2-DOTA Conjugate with an Albumin-Binding Entity Enables the First Folate Targeted 177Lu-Radiolabelled Tumor Therapy in Mice. *J Nucl Med.* 2013 54(11):1241-1245

18F Aza Folate

Phase 1, Patient #1



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18F Aza Folate

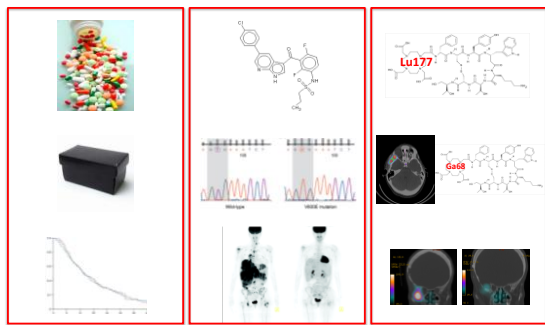
Dosimétrie, Patient #1

Target organ	Alpha	Beta	Photon	Total	SDE Cont.	ED Cont.
Adrenals	0.00E+00	3.96E-03	1.74E-02	2.14E-02	0.00E+00	1.07E-04
Brain	0.00E+00	7.21E-04	2.92E-03	3.64E-03	0.00E+00	1.82E-05
Breasts	0.00E+00	2.57E-03	6.03E-03	8.19E-03	1.38E-03	4.40E-04
Gallbladder wall	0.00E+00	5.63E-03	2.44E-02	3.01E-02	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
LILT wall	0.00E+00	3.43E-03	1.23E-02	1.76E-02	0.00E+00	2.11E-03
Small Intestine	0.00E+00	1.56E-02	1.39E-02	2.95E-02	0.00E+00	1.48E-04
Stomach wall	0.00E+00	1.55E-02	1.43E-02	3.17E-02	1.90E-03	3.81E-03
ULI wall	0.00E+00	4.90E-03	1.52E-02	2.01E-02	0.00E+00	1.01E-04
Heart wall	0.00E+00	3.73E-02	1.36E-02	1.84E-02	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Kidneys	0.00E+00	2.28E-02	1.90E-02	4.19E-02	2.51E-03	2.09E-04
Liver	0.00E+00	6.26E-02	4.39E-02	1.06E-01	6.29E-03	5.33E-03
Lungs	0.00E+00	1.28E-02	1.76E-02	2.94E-02	3.05E-03	3.05E-03
Muscle	0.00E+00	3.71E-03	8.43E-03	1.21E-02	0.00E+00	6.07E-05
Ovaries	0.00E+00	2.57E-03	1.29E-02	1.54E-02	3.86E-03	3.09E-03
Pancreas	0.00E+00	5.65E-03	1.82E-02	2.38E-02	1.46E-04	1.39E-04
Red marrow	0.00E+00	4.48E-03	9.52E-03	1.40E-02	1.68E-03	1.68E-03
Osteogenic cells	0.00E+00	8.84E-03	8.97E-03	1.78E-02	5.16E-04	1.72E-04
Skin	0.00E+00	2.37E-03	5.02E-03	7.39E-03	0.00E+00	7.59E-05
Spleen	0.00E+00	1.88E-02	1.84E-02	3.72E-02	2.05E-04	1.72E-04
Thymus	0.00E+00	2.37E-03	8.47E-03	1.10E-02	0.00E+00	5.52E-05
Thyroid	0.00E+00	7.75E-03	6.43E-03	1.42E-02	4.25E-04	7.09E-04
Urinary bladder wall	0.00E+00	6.36E-02	3.77E-02	1.01E-01	6.08E-03	5.07E-03
Uterus	0.00E+00	2.57E-03	1.30E-02	1.76E-02	0.00E+00	8.78E-05
Total Body	0.00E+00	5.95E-03	9.30E-03	1.52E-02	2.98E-02	2.66E-02

Internal Dosimetry can predict all tissue doses (Efficacy and Toxicity)

Schaefer et al.

Theragnostic Evolution



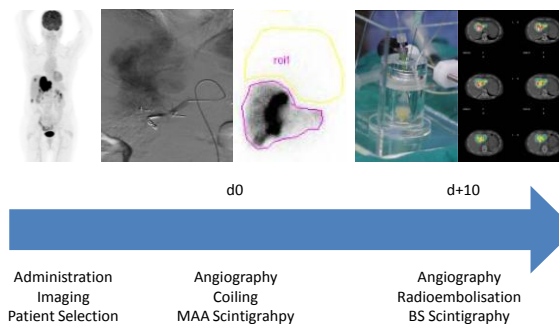
Outcome based on Statistics

Outcome based on cellular mutation to predict response

Outcome and toxicity based on dosimetric calculation

Radioembolisation (SIRT)

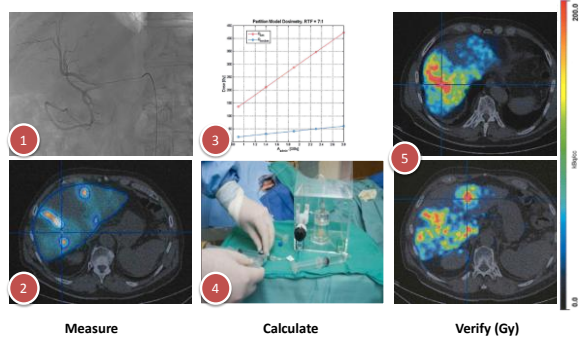
a theranostic procedure



Administration
Imaging
Patient Selection

Angiography
Coiling
MAA Scintigraphy

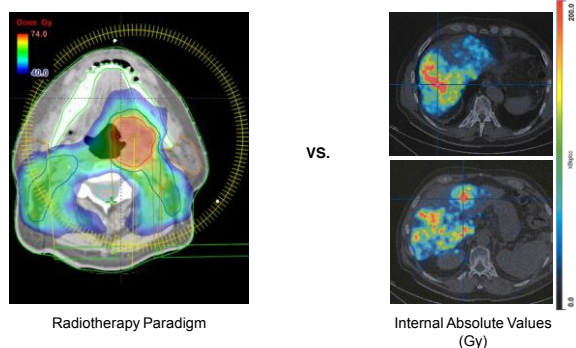
Angiography
Radioembolisation
BS Scintigraphy



Measure

Calculate

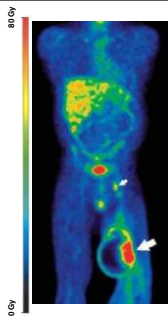
Verify (Gy)



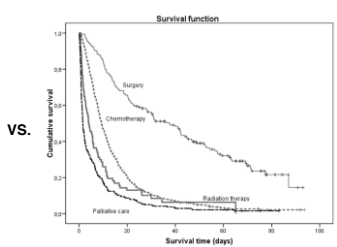
Radiotherapy Paradigm

Internal Absolute Values (Gy)

VS.



Predictive Dosimetry

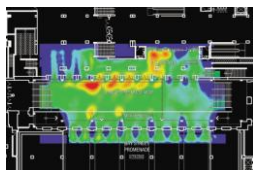


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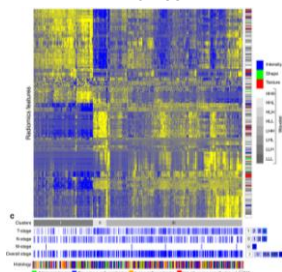
« retrospective » survival analysis

Better Image Analysis and New Tracers

Images Are More than Pictures, They Are Data



RADIOMICS



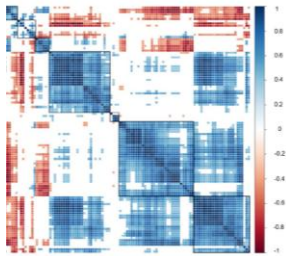
- GENOMICS**
characterization and quantification of genes, which direct the production of proteins with the assistance of enzymes and messenger molecules
- TRANSCRIPTOMICS**
expression level of mRNAs, reflects the genes that are being actively expressed at any given time
- PROTEOMICS**
the large-scale study of proteins the entire set of proteins, produced or modified by an organism or system
- METABOLOMICS**
study of chemical processes involving metabolites.

..MICS (engl. Neologism) : study of large, comprehensive biological data sets

Aerts et al. Nature Comm. 2014

Radiomics

how can it be used

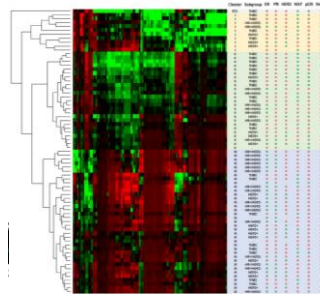


Correlation Matrix : correlation analysis between features to remove strongly related factors

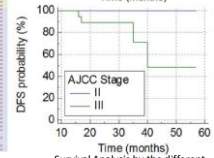
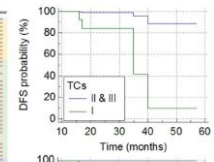
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Radiomics

How can it be used



Hierarchical clustering; Patient grouping with similar radiomic features



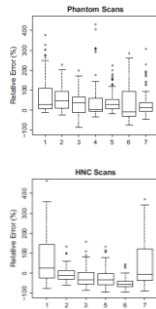
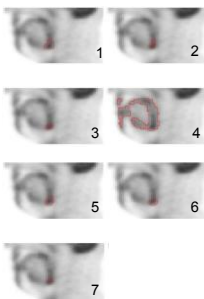
Survival Analysis by the different groups

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Translation to PET

Problem of Segmentation

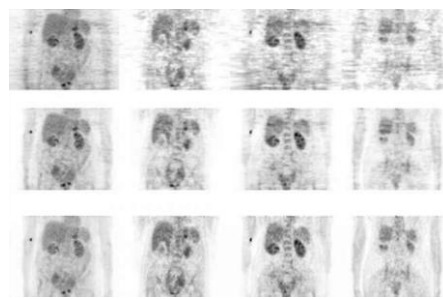
Approach	Segmentation approach/software
1	In-house developed software based on an active contour segmentation approach
2	In-house developed software utilizing a graph-based optimization approach ⁽¹⁾
3	Commercial software package Mirada Medical RTx
4	Combination of commercial software packages VCAR and PMOD
5	Commercial software package MIM
6	Commercial software package PMOD
7	In-house developed software based on 3D level-set segmentation approach



Beichel, Gilles et al. Med Phys 2017

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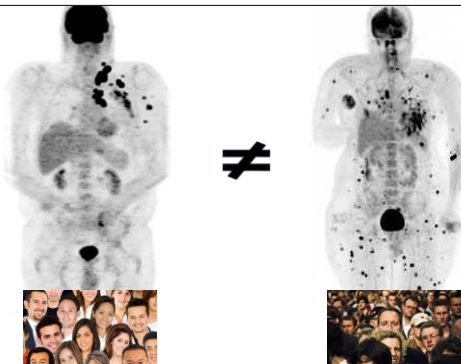
Problem of Reconstruction



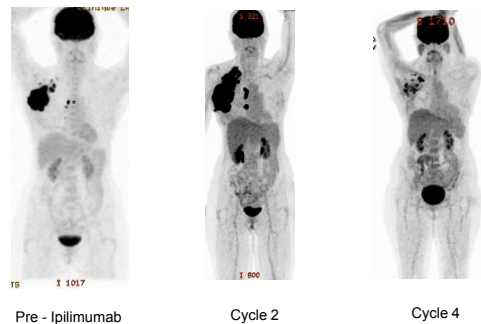
PET has many sources of « errors » : reconstruction, scanning time, machine, biologics, etc.

How can we use Radiomics in PET

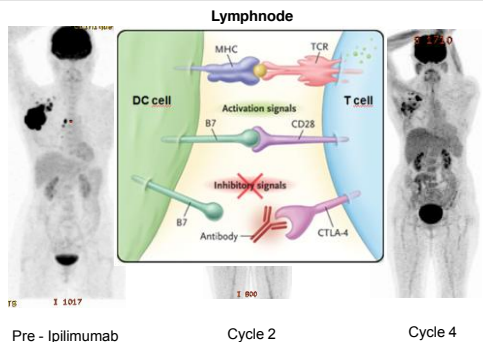
power of PET lies in the system approach



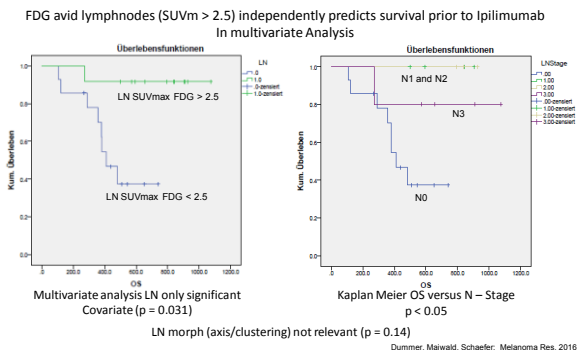
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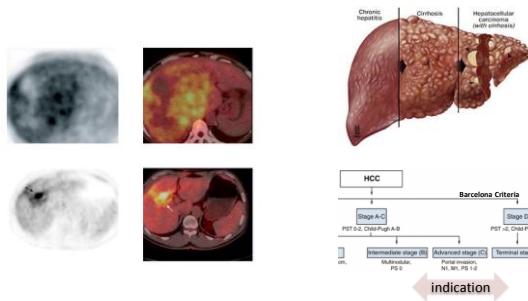
How can we use Radiomics in PET



What is the Power of PET ?
PET pre Ipilimumab (SUVmax > 2.5)

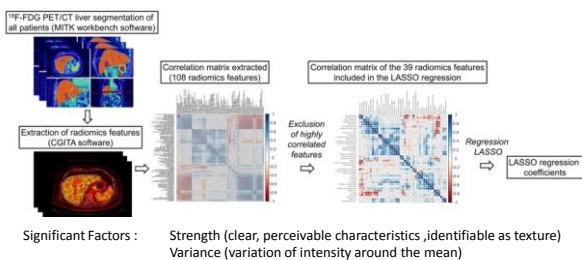


FDG - PET as System Approach
FDG - PET pre SIRT : A whole Liver Radiomics



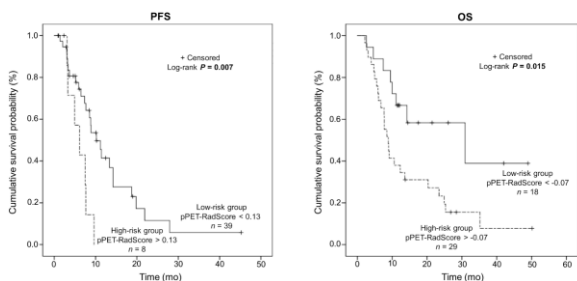
We have to make use of the SYSTEM MEDICINE power of PET

Liver System Approach
the use of FDG in a whole liver approach



Significant Factors : Strength (clear, perceivable characteristics , identifiable as texture)
Variance (variation of intensity around the mean)

Translation to PET
Signature of Survival : A whole Liver Radiomics (Univariate)



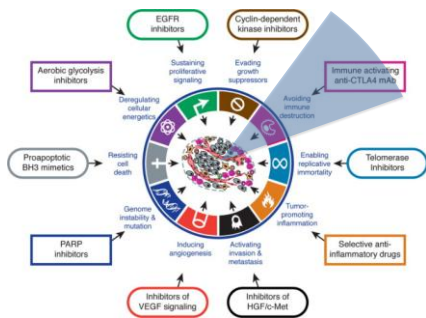
Blanc - Durand P, van der Gucht A, Denys, Schaefer, Oncotarget 2018

Translation to PET
Signature of Survival : A whole Liver Radiomics (multivariate)

Characteristics	PFS			OS		
	HR (95% CI)	P		HR (95% CI)	P	
PFS pPET-RadScore	30.3 (2.89-317)	0.004		OS pPET-RadScore	15.4 (2.97-79.7)	0.001
BCLC staging system				BCLC staging system		
Stages A vs. B	0.62 (0.08-4.96)	0.66		Stages A vs. B	1.26 (0.29-5.58)	0.76
Stages A vs. C	0.56 (0.25-1.27)	0.16		Stages A vs. C	0.65 (0.30-1.38)	0.26
Serum AFP level	0.77 (0.53-1.12)	0.17		Serum AFP level	0.75 (0.45-1.24)	0.26
Stratified for BCLC staging system						
PFS pPET-RadScore	35.5 (3.04-414)	0.004		OS pPET-RadScore	21.9 (3.6-133)	0.001
Serum AFP level	0.79 (0.55-1.14)	0.21		Serum AFP level	0.75 (0.45-1.26)	0.28

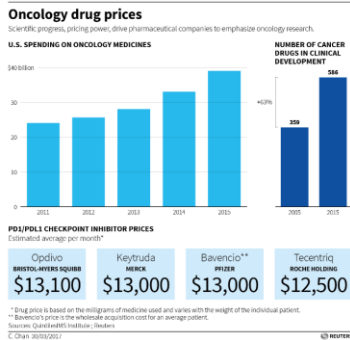
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New Tracers
 Modern Oncology : With Targeted Oncology Treatment
 Specific Tracers get more important !

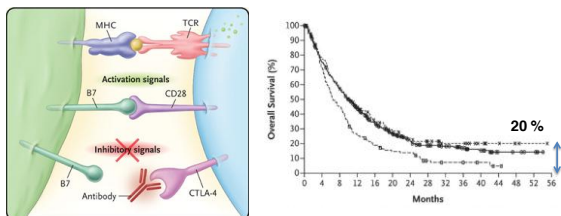


Hallmarks of Cancer (adapted), Hanahan et Weinberg, Cell 2011

Why is this playing a role ?
 In modern Oncology

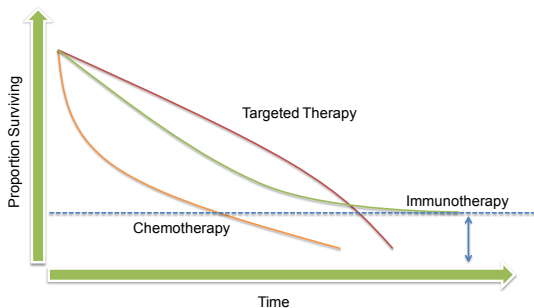


Example
 Ipilimumab - Melanoma

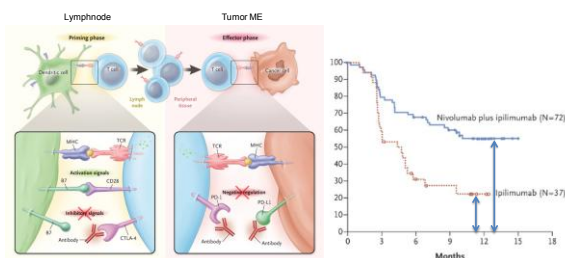


Antibody anti - CTLA4 : Prolongation of OS in Melanoma Patients in 2nd line after Chemotherapy. 1Million Euro Question : Who are the 20 %

The Immunotherapy Paradigm



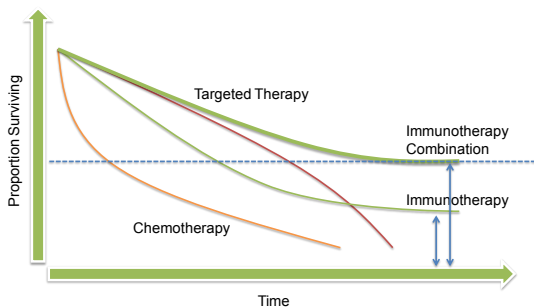
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 smart combinations



Combination of anti PD1 and antiCTLA4 block

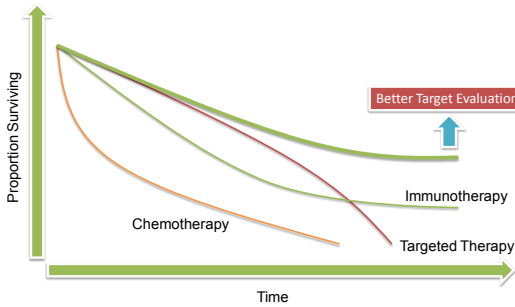
Postow et al., NEJM 2015

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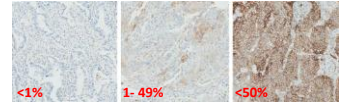
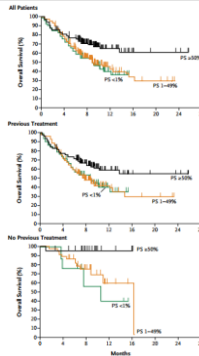
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The Role of Target Evaluation

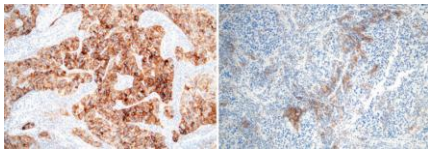


Immune Checkpoint Therapy (Pembrolizumab) is highly active in patients with NSCLC

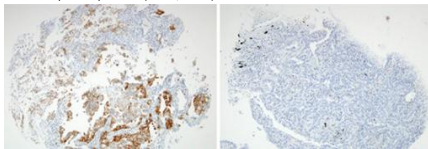
KEYNOTE – 001, Garon et al. NEJM 2015

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Heterogeneity in Expression Levels



PD – L1 Expression patient #1 (Core 1, Core 2)

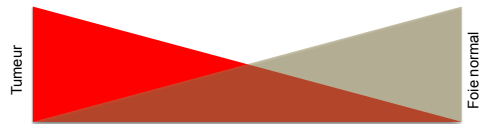
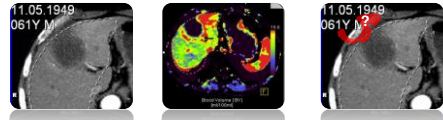


PD – L1 Expression patient #2 (Core 1, Core 2)

David Casadevall et al, Clin Lung Cancer 2017

Target Evaluation

What is the Target ?

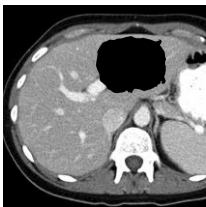


Target Evaluation

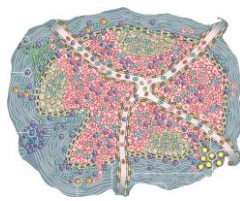
Fundamental Problem of Imaging



What is Cancer and Where is it ?



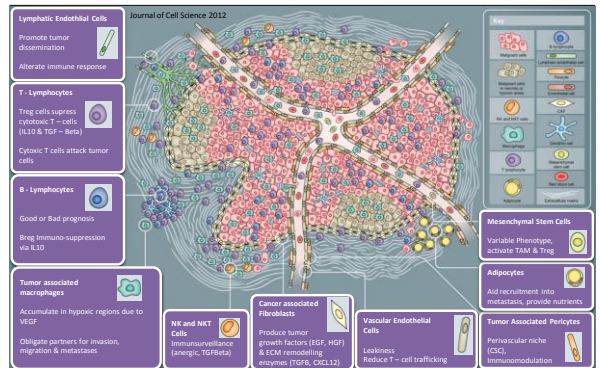
This how we understand Cancer



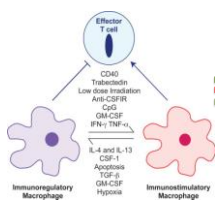
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Better Target Identification & Modulation

Immunsuppressive Tumor Microenvironment

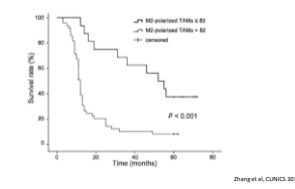


Tumor Microenvironment Macrophages (M1pol vs M2pol)



Factor	p-value	HR	95% CI
Gender	0.303	0.574	0.200-1.649
Age	0.393	1.317	0.700-2.480
Differentiation	0.670	1.175	0.558-2.476
Lymph node metastasis	0.011*	2.778	1.260-6.123
p-TNM staging	0.039*	3.021	1.955-4.649
TAM count	0.015*	3.602	1.279-10.142
M1-polarized TAMs count	0.860	0.881	0.214-3.628
M2-polarized TAMs count	0.031*	4.380	1.146-15.984
Intratumoral LMVD	0.327	1.189	0.841-1.679
Peritumoral LMVD	0.038*	1.073	1.004-1.147

*Statistically significant. Advanced NSCLC Data



Zheng et al. CLINICAL 2011

Tumor associated macrophages
Accumulate in hypoxic regions due to VEGF
Oligate partners for invasion, migration & metastasis

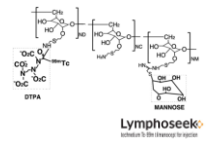
PREDICTION OF SITE SPECIFIC REPOSE IN MELANOMA PATIENTS PRIOR TO CHECKPOINT INHIBITOR TREATMENT

Tumor associated macrophages (TAM) in the tumor microenvironment play an essential role in cancer progression

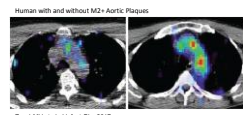
During melanoma progression the anti-tumoral M1 polarized phenotype shifts towards the immune-suppressive M2 phenotype
CD206 in macrophages renders them to produce IL10 and TGFb identifying this TAM population as anti-inflammatory subtype

Tc99m - Tilmanscept is a FDA/EMA approved drug (Lymphoseek™) for lymphode scintigraphy/SPECT and targets CD206 with nanomolar affinities

Due to its high specificity even smallest targets as atherosclerotic plaques in mice and humans can be visualized



Lymphoseek™
Mannose's 5th linkage for cancer



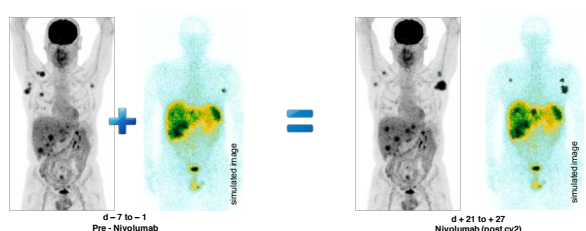
Zarriv M et al. J Inher Dis 2017

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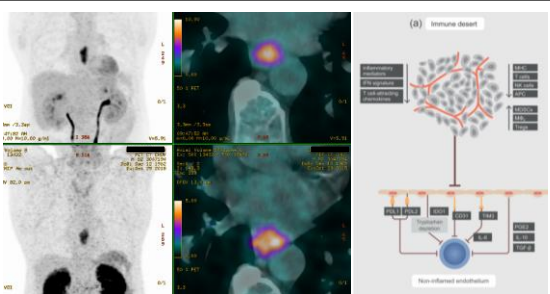
Quantitative SPECT

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Tumor Microenvironment Activated Immunosuppressive Endothelium : Angiogenesis



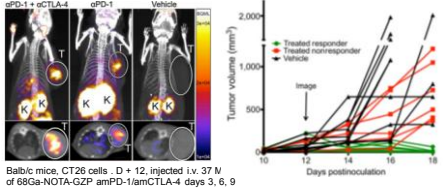
Immune desert also driven by altered tumor neoangiogenesis

Vascular Endothelial Cells
Leukines
Racosa T - cell trafficking

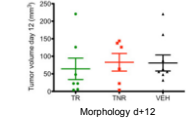
Companion Diagnostics

Ga68 anti - Granzyme B PET
(visualizing t cell exhaustion grant under evaluation)

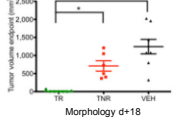
T - Lymphocytes
Treg cells suppress cytotoxic T-cells (IL10 & TGF - beta2)
Cytotoxic T cells attack tumor cells



Balb/c mice, CT26 cells. D + 12, injected i.v. 37 MBq of 68Ga-NOTA-GZP-antiPD-1/amCTLA-4 days 3, 6, 9



Morphology d+12

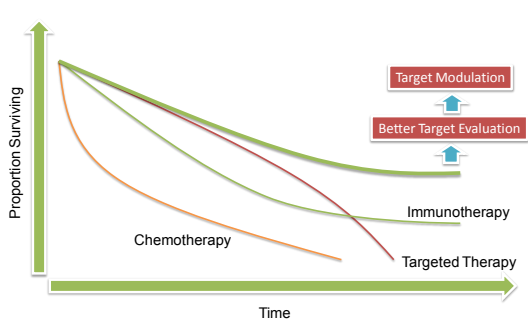


Morphology d+18

Mansour U et al. Canc Res 2017

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Systemic Modulation



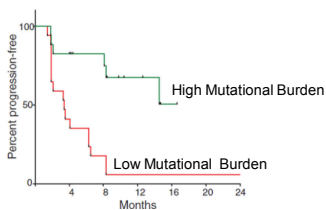
Target Modulation

Induction of Mutations



Nucleus

Direct and Indirect DNA Damage

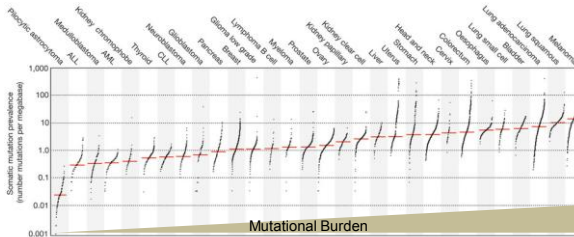


Survie globale au traitement PD - 1 dans le CPNPC selon la charge mutationnelle

Rivzi et al. Science 2015

Synergistic Radiotherapy

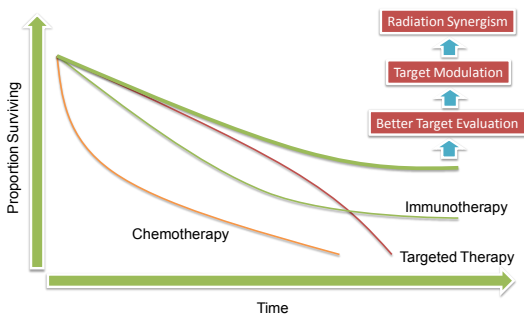
mutational status and Immunotherapy



Alexandrov et al., Nature 2014

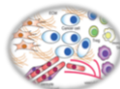
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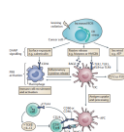
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Local Synergism in the Microenvironment



Microenvironment

Changes in Immune Homeostasis



MHC – I, and Fas/CD95, NKG2D Upregulation

recognition and killing of irradiated tumor cells through T cells and NK cells

Van den Broek et al. Clin Cancer Res. 2013

CXCL16 release

Enhance T-cell their recruitment to the tumor site

Darmaria et al. J Immunol. 2008

IFN-γ production

creating a microenvironment beneficial for T-cell infiltration

Lord et al. J Immunol. 2008

Reprogramming immune suppressive TME cells

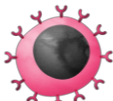
Transforming M2like phenotype in M1 proinflammatory phenotype (2Gy)

Klug et al. Cell 2013

Synergizes with Immunotreatment

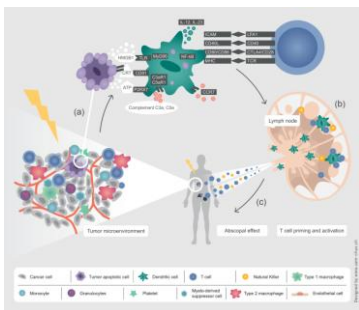
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Distant Synergism



Distant Effects

Changes Systemic Immune Status



Herrera & Coukos, CA Oncology 2017

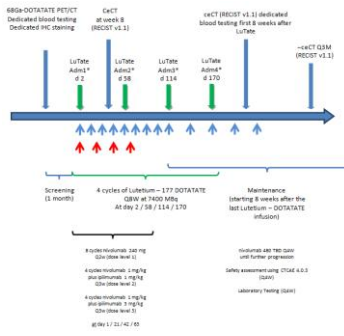
The LuMed Trial

Phase I Trial Ipi/Nivo + Lutetium DOTATATE

Radiation Synergism

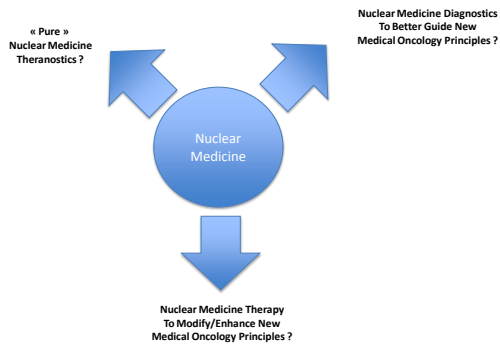
Target Modification

Target Identification



Schaefer, Peters, Prior and Coukos, Funded by BMS and Tripple AAA

Theranostics : What is it about (In my humble opinion)



The Promise of Modern Oncology

