



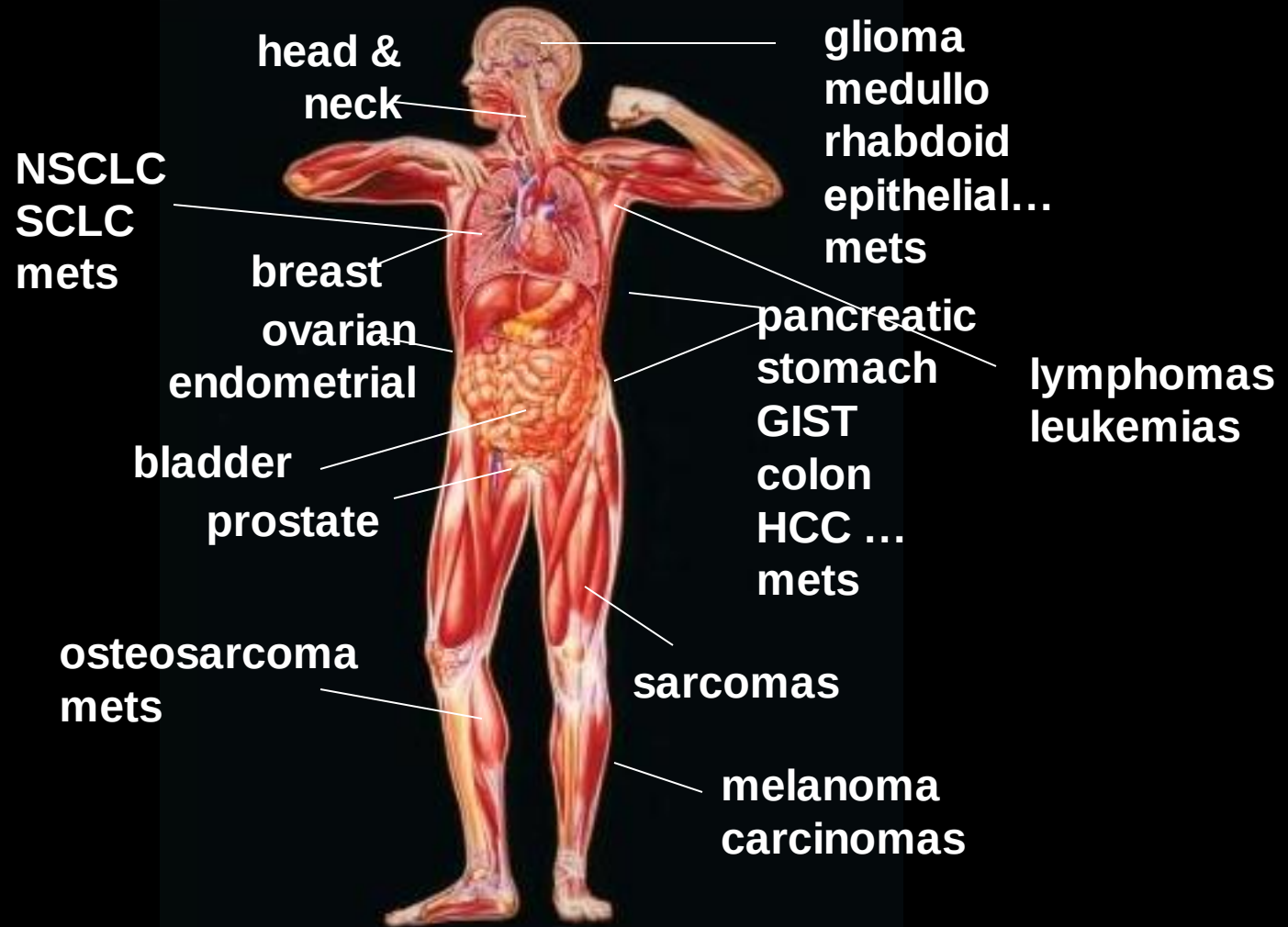
# NCI CENTER FOR ADVANCED PRECLINICAL RESEARCH: A NOVEL PARADIGM IN TRANSLATIONAL SCIENCE AND EARLY STAGE ONCOLOGY DRUG DEVELOPMENT

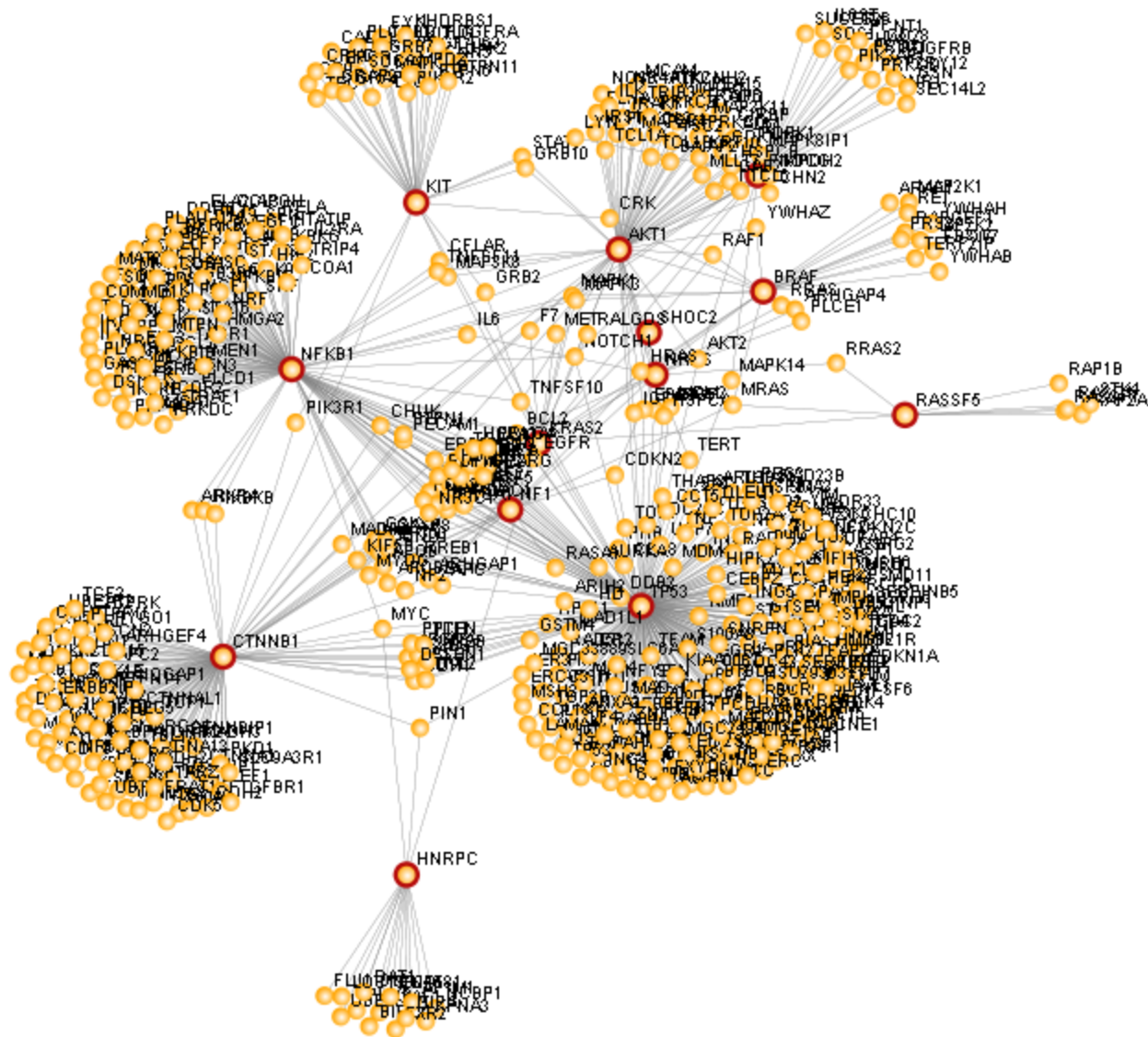


**Towards Predictive *In vivo* Models  
for Informative Preclinical Evaluation**

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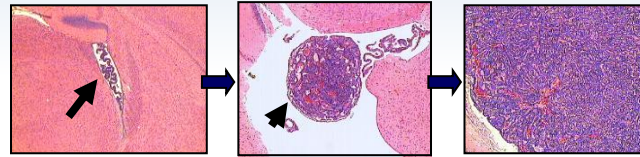
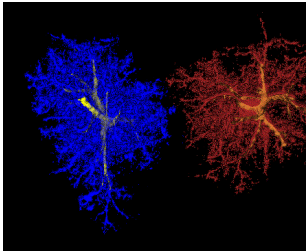
# Over 100 Cell Types Susceptible to Cancer, Each with Multiple Molecular Etiologies





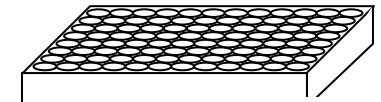
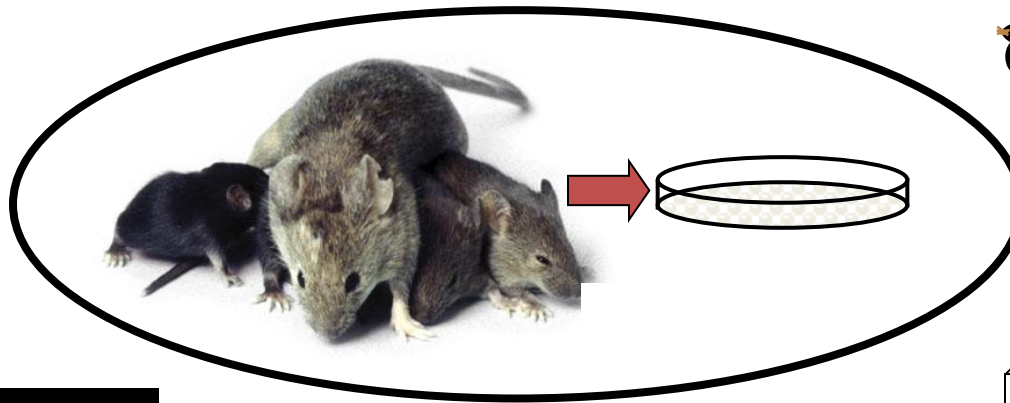
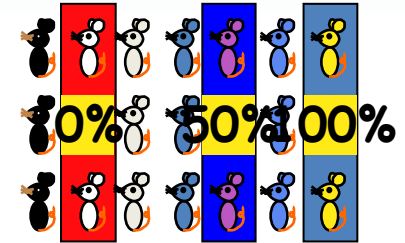
# Disease Models at CCR's Frontiers of Basic and Clinical Discovery

Cell Biology & Imaging



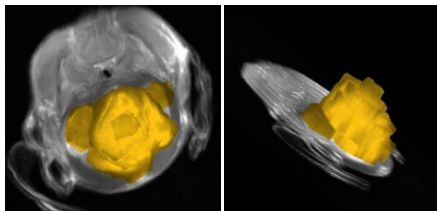
histopathology, physiology

Complex Genetics

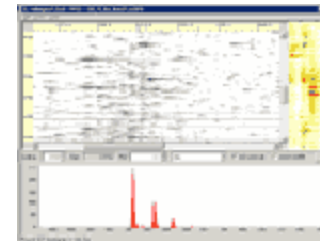
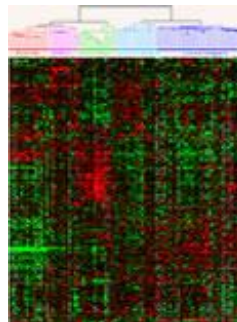


Biochemistry  
Genomics

Genomics, Proteomics



Animal Imaging



# Clinical Research Challenges and Emerging Strategies

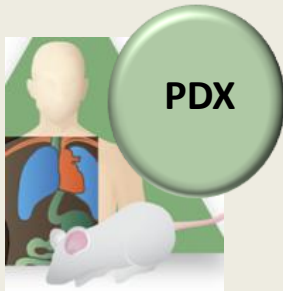


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**PATIENTS** are *THE* target for care

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disease complexity  
access to tissue  
limited experimental variables  
cost  
limited patient resource



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patient-derived tumors  
experimental replicates

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lacks immunobiology  
mouse stroma  
bypasses initiation/progression  
change possible



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initiation to progression  
pathway-specific engineering  
intact immune system  
experimental replicates

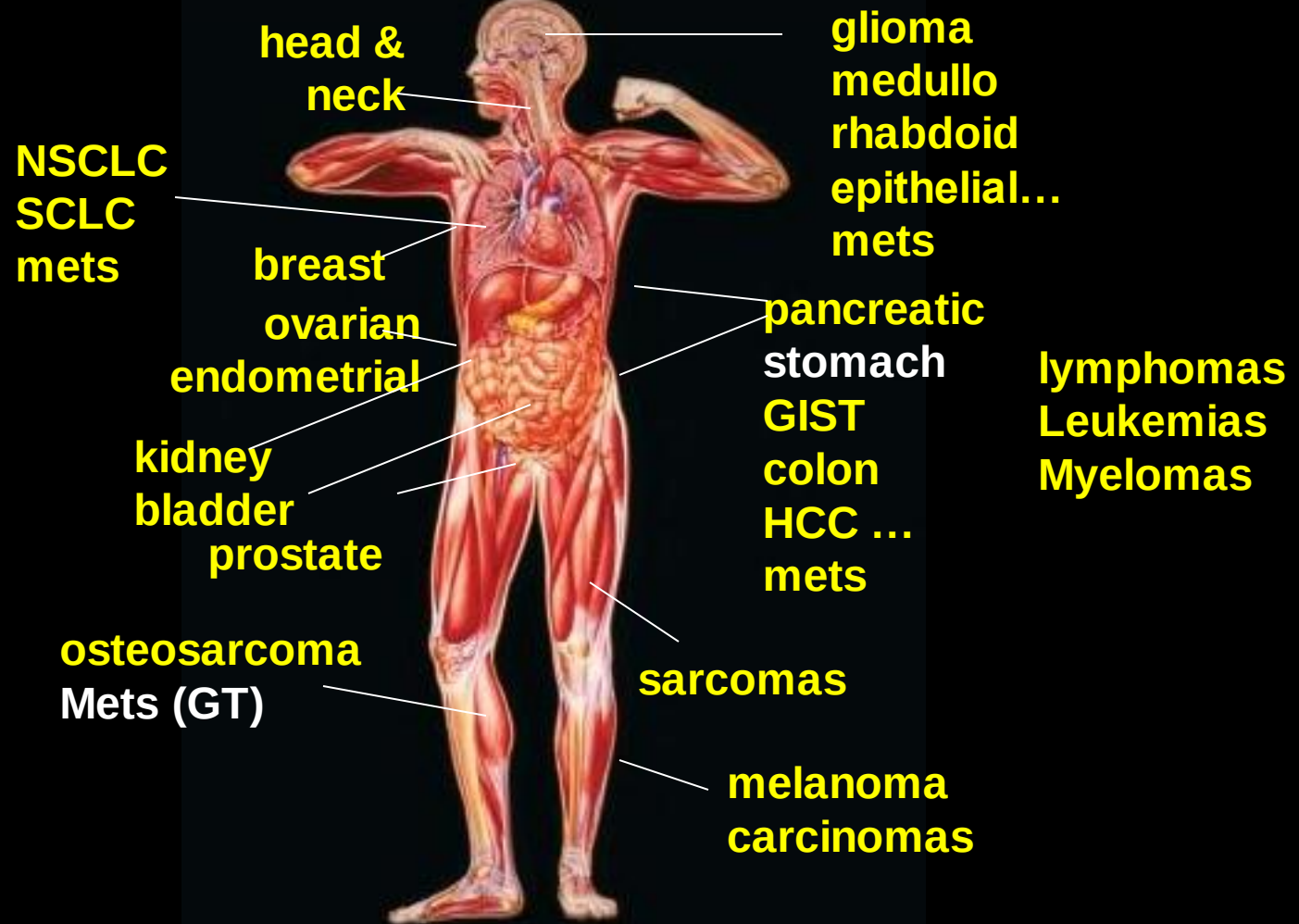
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not human  
complex experimental systems  
biology often not relevant to disease

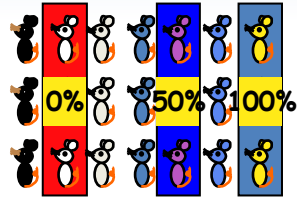


# Multiple GEM Modeled on Human Cancer

## Genetics/Biology



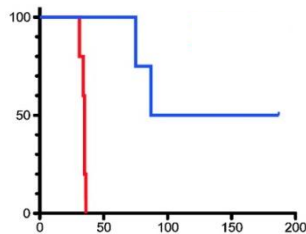
# Challenges to the Use of GEM Models for Therapeutic Evaluation



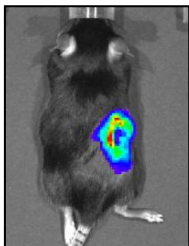
Ability to produce large synchronized cohorts



Technical expertise for tumor induction



Timing until tumor onset and penetrance



Ability to monitor tumor growth

## CAPR's Purpose

Develop strategies for predictive preclinical research in *genetically and biologically engineered murine cancer models* AND to facilitate routine application in clinical research for *optimal* outcomes in cancer patient management.

- Novel hybrid culture: integrated research rigor and project/goal management
- Business development (SAIC-Frederick)
- Internal staff of 22 (drawn from public and private sectors) in concert with NCI/NIH/SAIC service/research facilities



# CAPR's Operational Structure

## NCI-CAPR

**Research and Development**

**Preclinical Evaluation**

**Technology and Optimization**

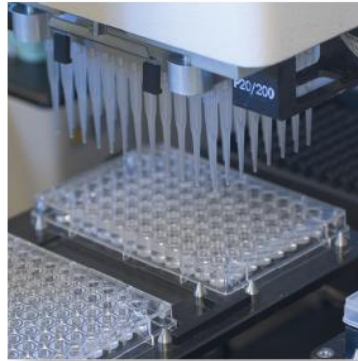
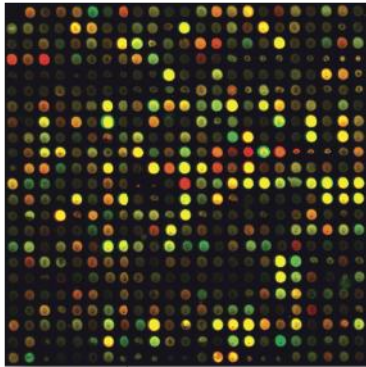
**BioBank: archived tissues, blocks, slides, fluids, nucleic acids  
animal, molecular and histo-path resources**

- Derivation, modification & validation of more predictive GEMMs
- Biomarkers/molecular signatures of tumorigenesis
- Breeding strategies for scale-up of mouse cohorts
- Efficacy studies on drug candidates
- Develop molecular and *in-vivo* imaging endpoints
- Biodistribution (PK/PD)
- Biomarkers/molecular signatures of treatment response
- New methodologies for expanding and scaling up preclinical study design
- ES and iPSC technologies for non-germline cohorts and preservation
- Optimization/retooling of GEMs

# SAIC-Frederick Core Services

Laboratory of Molecular Technology  
**Genotyping**

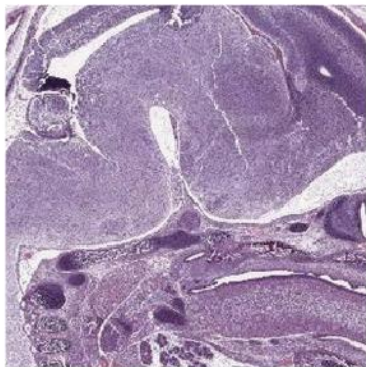
Laboratory of Molecular Technology  
**Microarray Analysis**



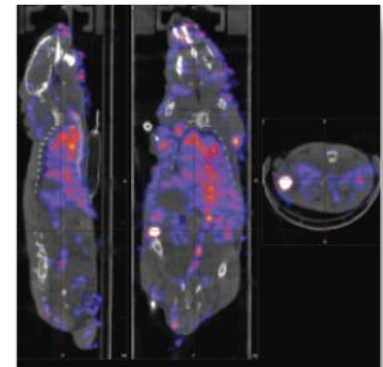
Laboratory Animal Sciences Program  
**Animal Resources**



Laboratory Animal Sciences Program  
**Pathology/Histotechnology**

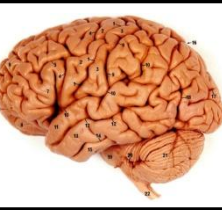
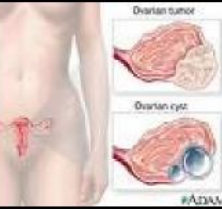


Laboratory Animal Sciences Program  
**Small Animal Imaging**

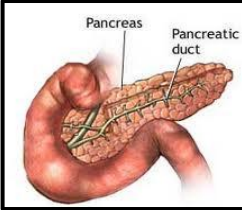
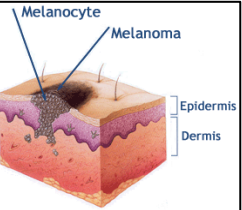


# CAPR Mouse Cancer Model Portfolio

## Models in Preclinical Evaluation

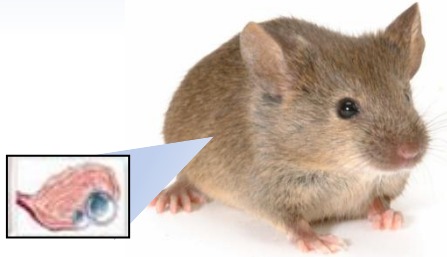
| Model Type                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Genetic Events<br>Induction Mode                                                                                                                                      |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|  <p><b>Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Lung Adernocarcinoma</li> <li>➤ Squamous Cell Carcinoma</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ EGFR-L858R</li> <li>➤ EGFR-L858R/T790M</li> <li>➤ Lkb1/Kras</li> <li>➤ Doxycycline</li> <li>➤ Adeno-Cre/Lenti-Cre</li> </ul> |
|  <p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Anaplastic Astrocytoma III</li> <li>➤ Glioblastoma</li> </ul> </p>                                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ pRb/Kras/PTEN</li> <li>➤ Tamoxifen/Adeno-Cre</li> <li>➤ Orthotopic</li> </ul>                                                |
|  <p><b>Serous Ovarian Carcinoma</b></p>                                                                                                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ pRb/p53/Brca1/Brca2</li> <li>➤ Tamoxifen/Adeno-Cre</li> <li>➤ Orthotopic</li> </ul>                                          |

## Models in Characterization

| Model Type                                                                                                                  | Genetic Events<br>Induction Mode                                                                      |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|  <p><b>Prostate Carcinoma</b></p>         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ pRb/PTEN</li> <li>➤ Tamoxifen</li> </ul>                     |
|  <p><b>Small Cell Lung Cancer</b></p>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ pRb/p53</li> <li>➤ Lenti-Cre</li> </ul>                      |
|  <p><b>Pancreatic Adenocarcinoma</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ p53/Kras</li> <li>➤ Spontaneous <i>de novo</i></li> </ul>    |
|  <p><b>Melanoma</b></p>                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ BRAF-V600E</li> <li>➤ HGF/SF</li> <li>➤ Tamoxifen</li> </ul> |

# **EXAMPLE 1: DEVELOPMENT OF SEROUS EPITHELIUM OVARIAN CANCER MODEL**

# Generation of Mouse Models for Serous Epithelial Ovarian Cancer (SEOC)



## **Inducible events:**

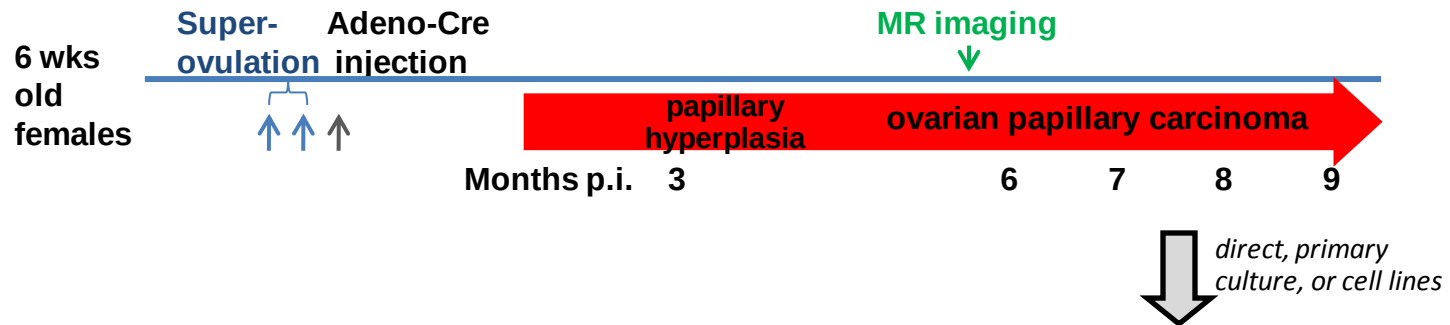
Rb<sub>f</sub> inactivation (via K18-lsl-T121\* BAC Tg)

P53 mutation/loss (via p53 mutation or conditional null)

Brca1 or Brca2 loss (via Brca1/Brca2 conditional null)

*\*dominant negative inactivates pRb, p107, p130, thus removing redundancy*

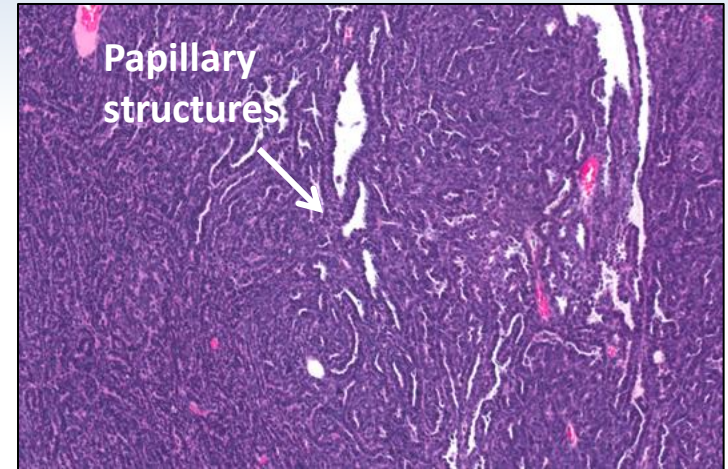
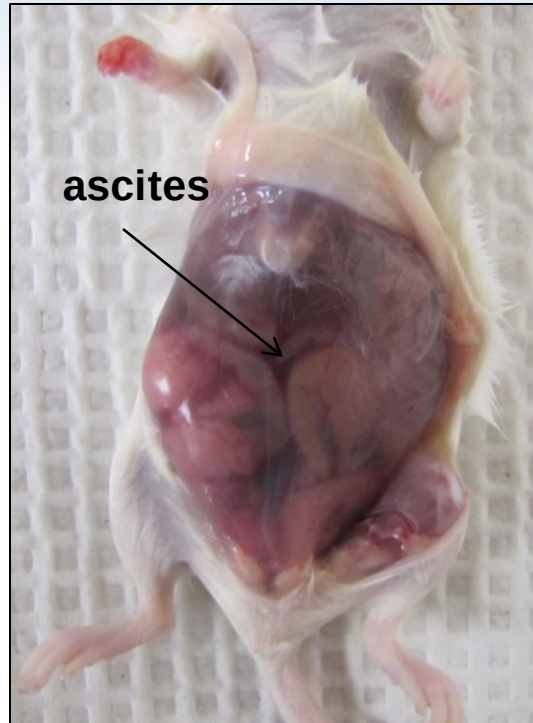
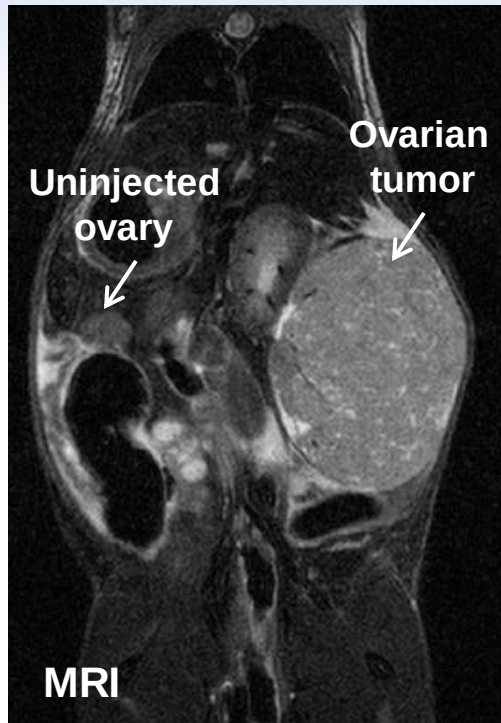
**De novo model:** Intra-bursal injection of adeno-Cre



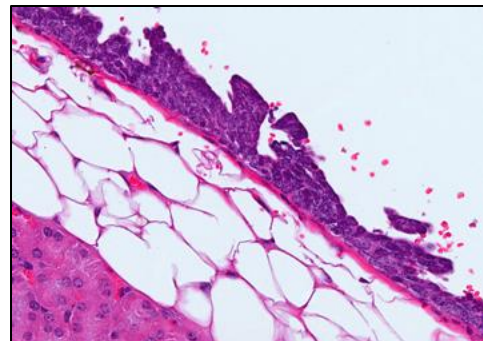
**Transplantation models:** Generation of preclinical models via s.c./i.p. and intra-bursa injection of murine carcinoma cells



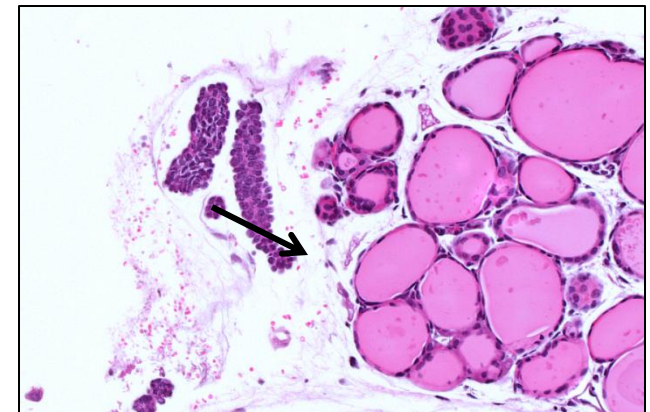
# *De novo* Mouse Model of Serous Epithelial Ovarian Cancer (SEOC)



Ovarian serous carcinoma with papillary structure



Peritoneal carcinomatosis: carcinoma on surface of renal capsule.



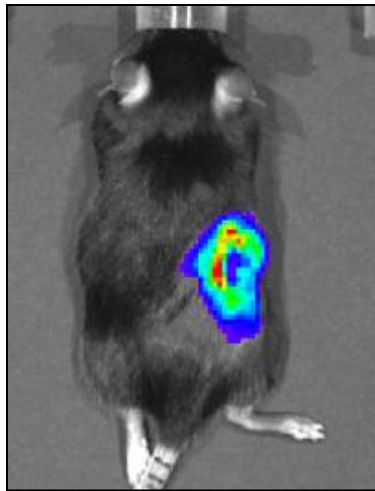
Mediastinal metastasis next to the thyroid gland



# Orthotopic ovarian mouse models

| Genotype                                                                      | Tumor Histology | # of primary tumor cell cultures | # of ascites cell cultures |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Brca1 <sup>fl/fl</sup> , K18-T121 <sup>tg</sup> , p53 <sup>fl/fl</sup>        | SEOC            | 5                                | 1                          |
| Brca1 <sup>fl/fl</sup> , K18-T121 <sup>tg</sup> , p53 <sup>LSL R172H/fl</sup> | SEOC            | 2                                | 1                          |
| Brca2 <sup>fl/fl</sup> , K18-T121 <sup>tg</sup> , p53 <sup>LSL R172H/fl</sup> | SEOC            | 1                                | 1                          |

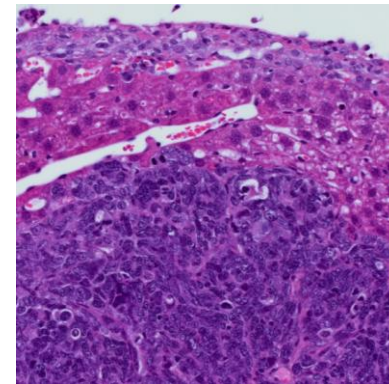
Intra-bursa injection  
of ovarian tumor cells



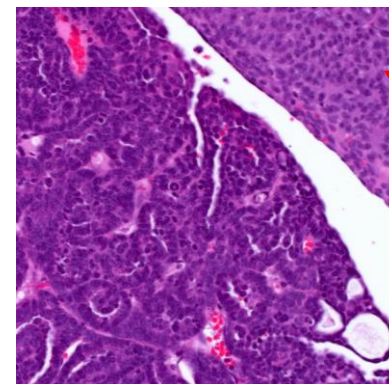
Ascites



Orthotopic  
carcinoma



Liver  
Metastasis



Recipient  
Ovary

**EXAMPLE 2: REPRESENTATIVE  
TREATMENT SYSTEMS EVALUATION IN  
RESISTANT EGFR-T790M-L858R-  
DRIVEN NSCLC**

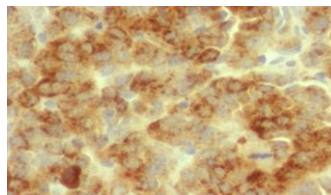
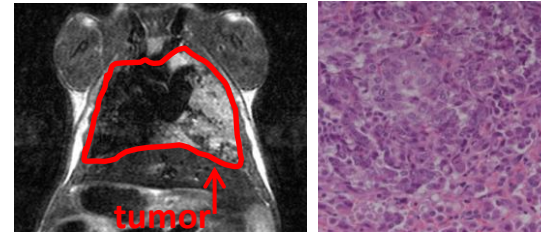
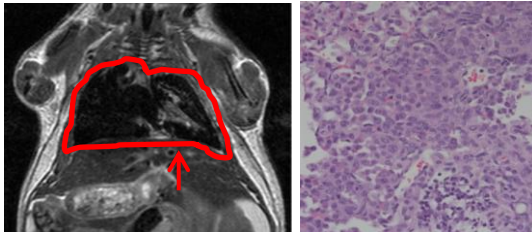
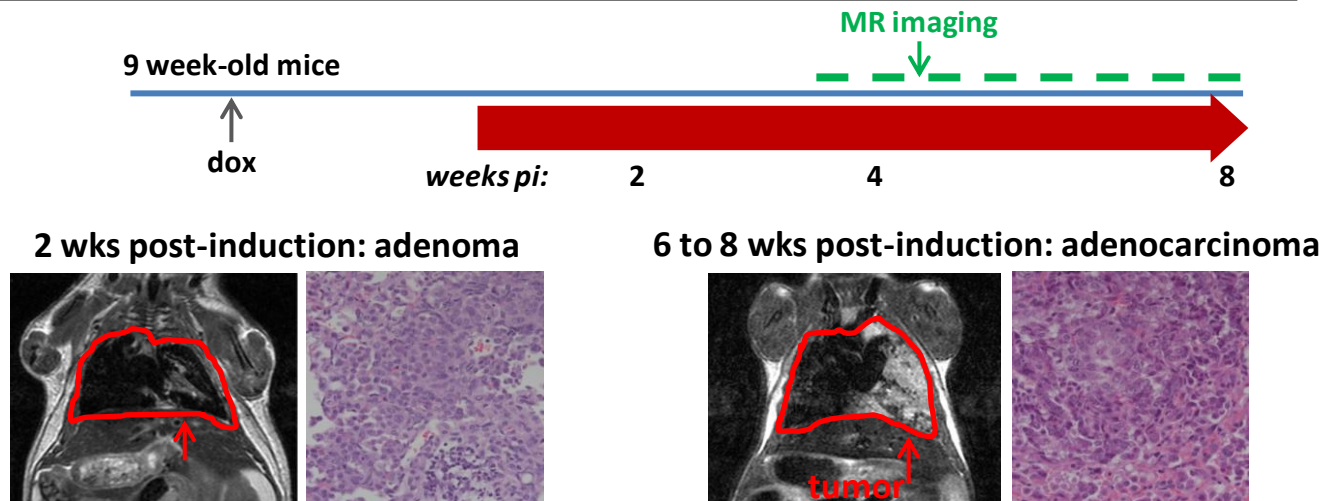
# Erlotinib-Resistant huEGFR T790M-L858R Driven NSCLC



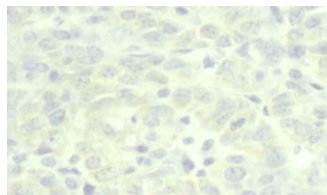
## **Inducible event:**

\*EGFR T790M-L858R  
via *TgCCSP-rtTA* and Tet-op (EGFR TL)

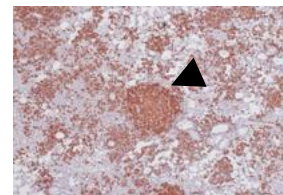
De novo model: induction by dox feed



**SPC**



**C10**

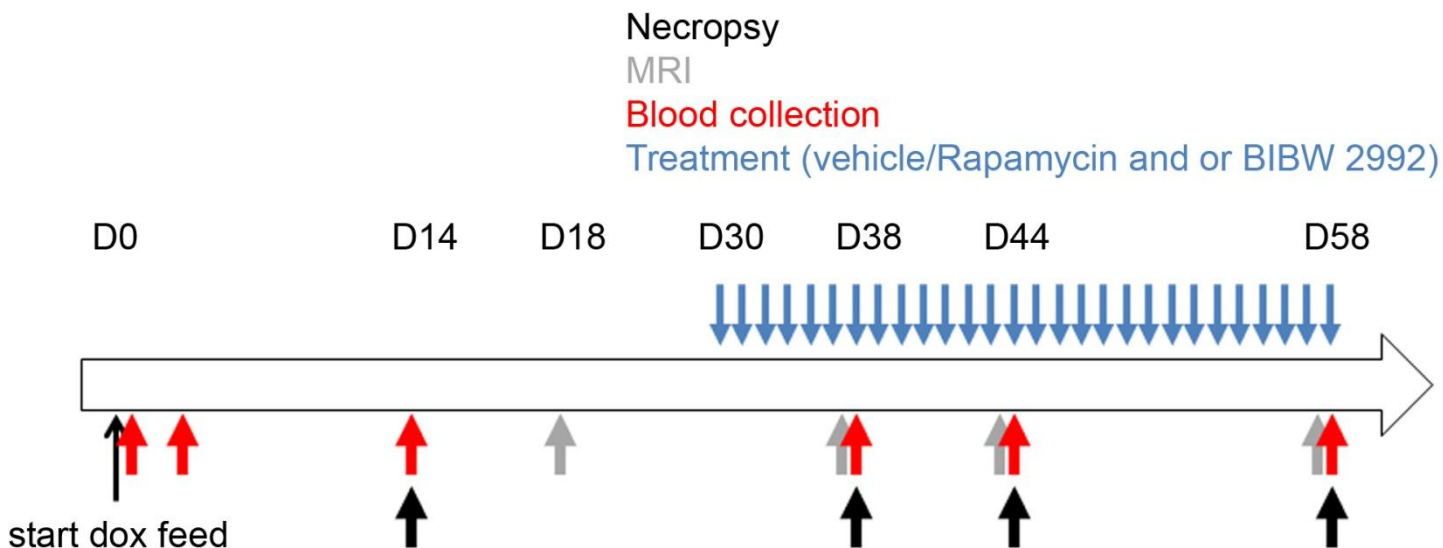


**EGFR**

\*Collaborator: Kwok-Kin Wong, DFCI

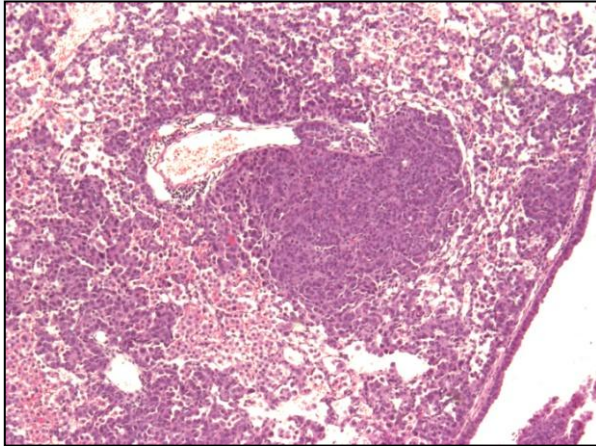
# Drug Treatment and Response: Scale-Up and Systems Biology Analysis

- Systems biology study on drug combination expected to be effective
- Treatment for 1 week, 2 weeks or 4 weeks/concurrent blood and tissue biomarker study
- Rapamycin is an mTOR inhibitor and BIBW 2992 (Afatinib) is an irreversible inhibitor of EGFR and HER2 tyrosine kinases

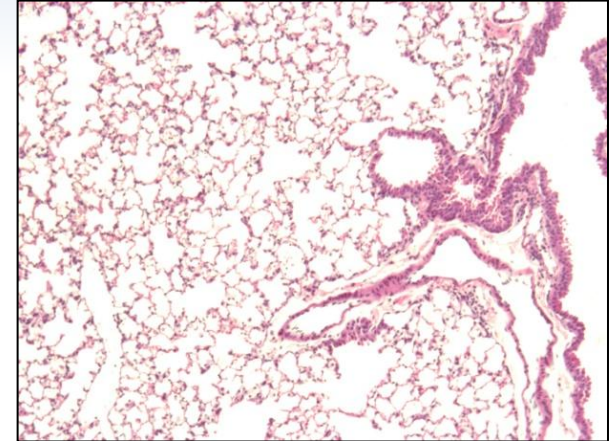




# MRI and Pathology Confirm Drug Treatment Response

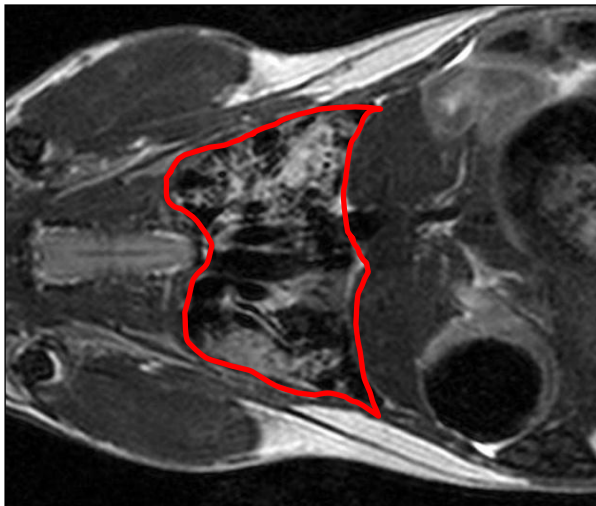


**Post-treatment  
histology: minimal  
to no remaining  
lesions**

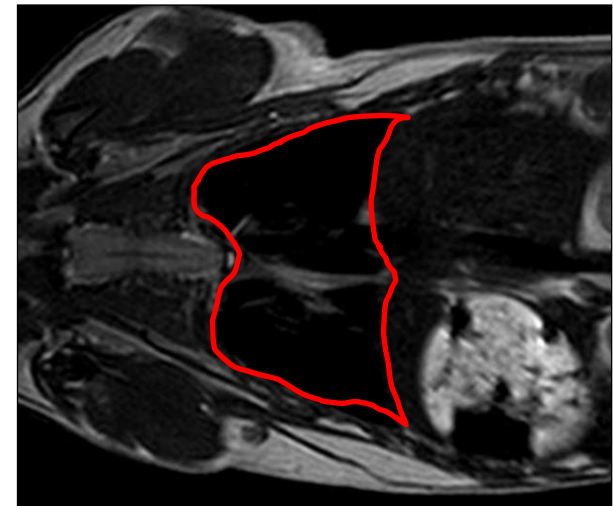


**BIBW2992+Rapamycin  
(4 weeks treatment)**

**Pre-treatment**



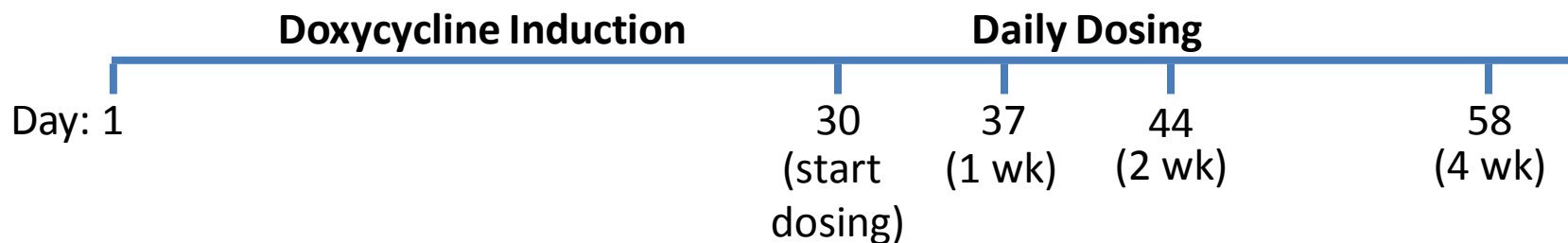
**MRI scans:  
Regression of  
diffuse masses**



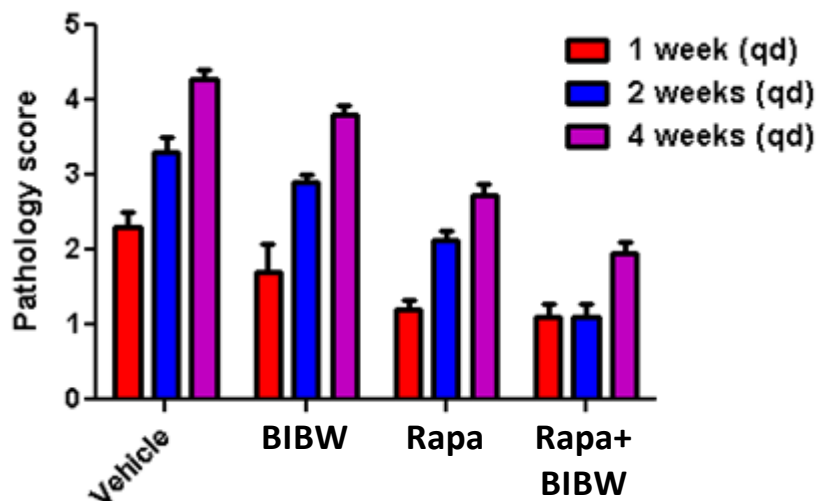
*\*Top panels are different mice; bottom: the same mouse imaged before and after treatment*



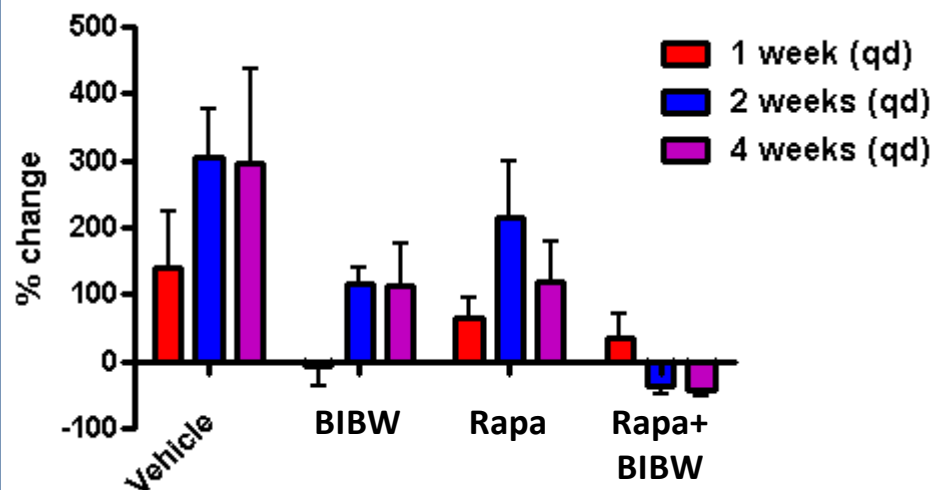
# Temporal Assessment: Changes in Response Degree with Time



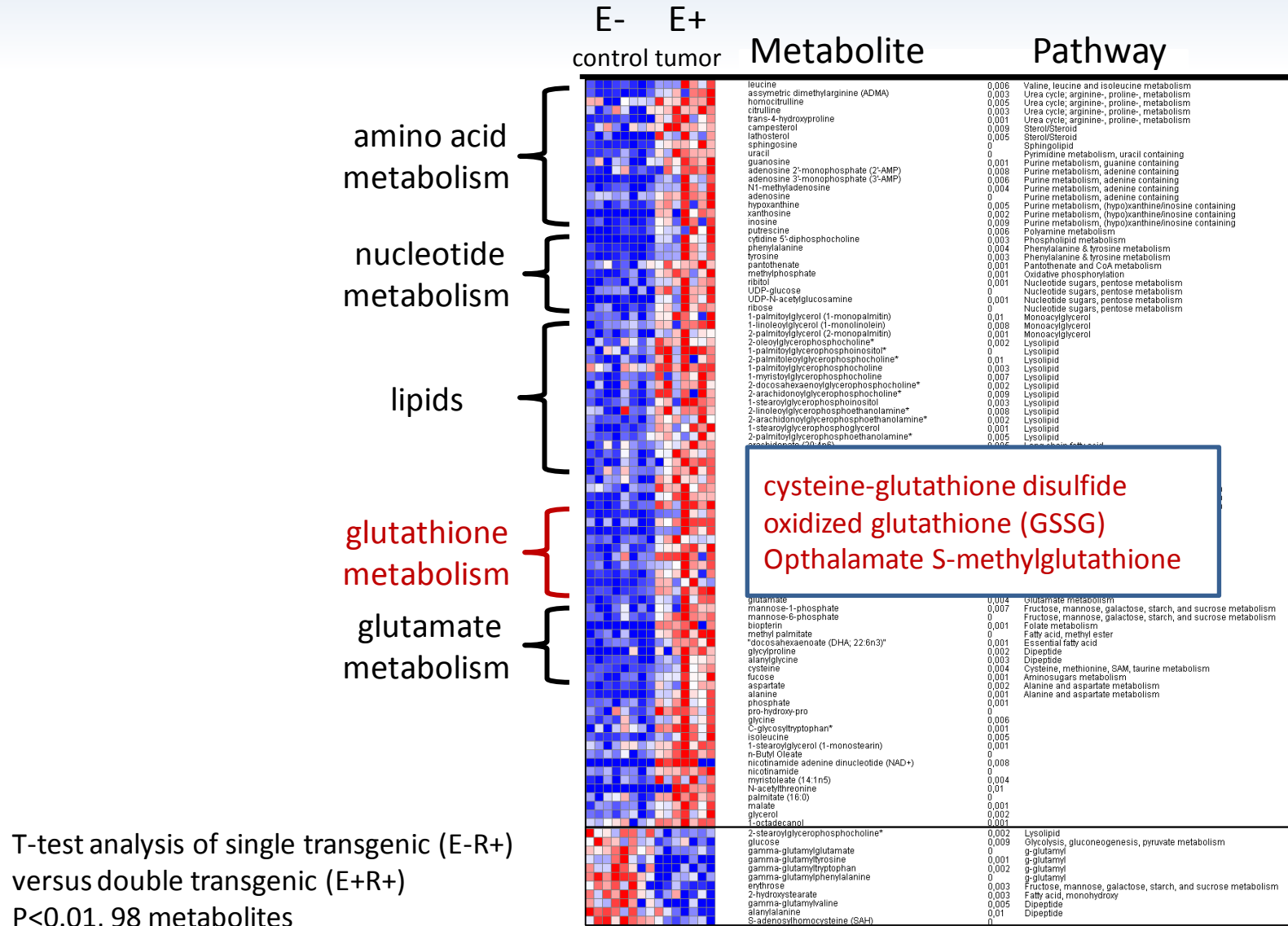
## Histological Disease Severity



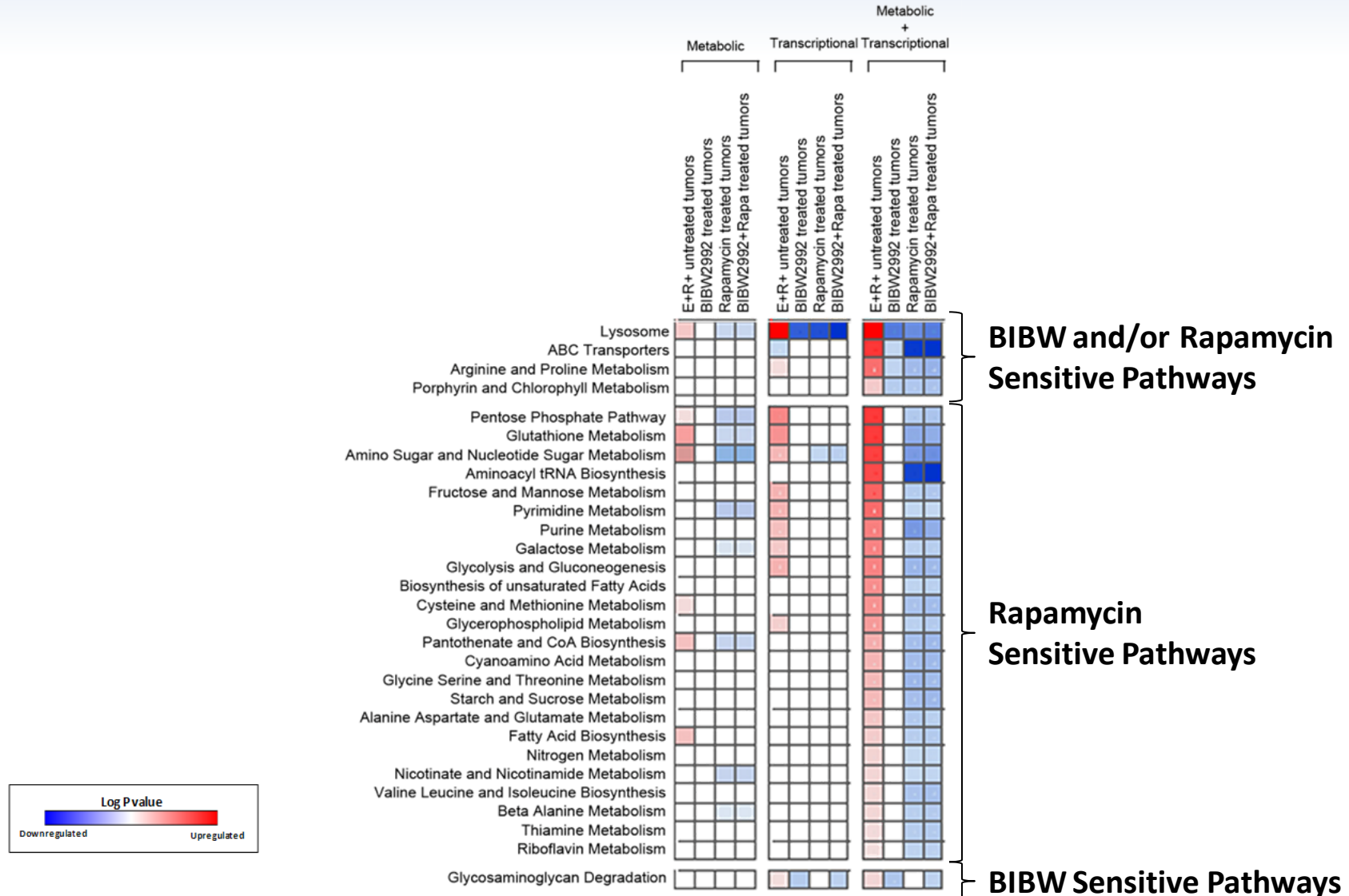
## % Change in Tumor Volume (MRI)



# Metabolomic Results Reveal Set of Pathways Up in Tumor-Bearing vs. Tumor-Free Mice



# Enrichment Analysis of Metabolomic and Transcriptomic Signatures in KEGG Pathways





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