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Selenium, in brief

- ✓ an essential trace element
RDI: 30 – 70 µg
- ✓ an „anti-oxidant“ ★
- ✓ cancer therapeutic potential?



Selene,
the goddess of the moon

| Selenoprotein | Chromosomal location (number of exons) | Sec location in protein (length of protein) | Selenoprotein structure |
|---------------|--|---|-------------------------|
| 15kDa | 1p22.3 (5) | 93 (162) | |
| DII | 1p32.3 (4) | 126 (249) | |
| DI2 | 14q31.1 (2) | 133 (265) | |
| DI3 | 14q32 | 144 (278) | |
| GPx1 | 3p21.31 (2) | 47 (201) | |
| GPx2 | 14q23.3 (2) | 40 (190) | |
| GPx3 | 5q33.1 (5) | 73 (226) | |
| GPx4 | 19p13.3 (7) | 73 (197) | |
| GPx6 | 6p22.1 (5) | 73 (221) | |
| H | 11q12.1 (4) | 44 (122) | |
| I | 2p23.3 (10) | 387 (397) | |
| K | 3p21.31 (5) | 92 (94) | |
| M | 22q12.2 (5) | 48 (145) | |
| N | 1p36.11 (12) | 428 (556) | |
| O | 22q13.33 (9) | 667 (669) | |
| P | 5p12 (4) | 59, 300, 318, 330, 345, 352, 367, 369, 376, 378 (381) | |
| R | 16p13.3 (4) | 95 (116) | |
| S | 15q26.3 (6) | 188 (189) | |
| SPS2 | - | 60 (448) | |
| T | 3q24 (6) | 36 (182) | |
| TR1 | 12q23.3 (15) | 498 (499) | |
| TR2 | 3q21.2 (16) | 655 (656) | |
| TR3 | 22q11.21 (18) | 522 (523) | |
| V | 19q13.13 (6) | 273 (346) | |
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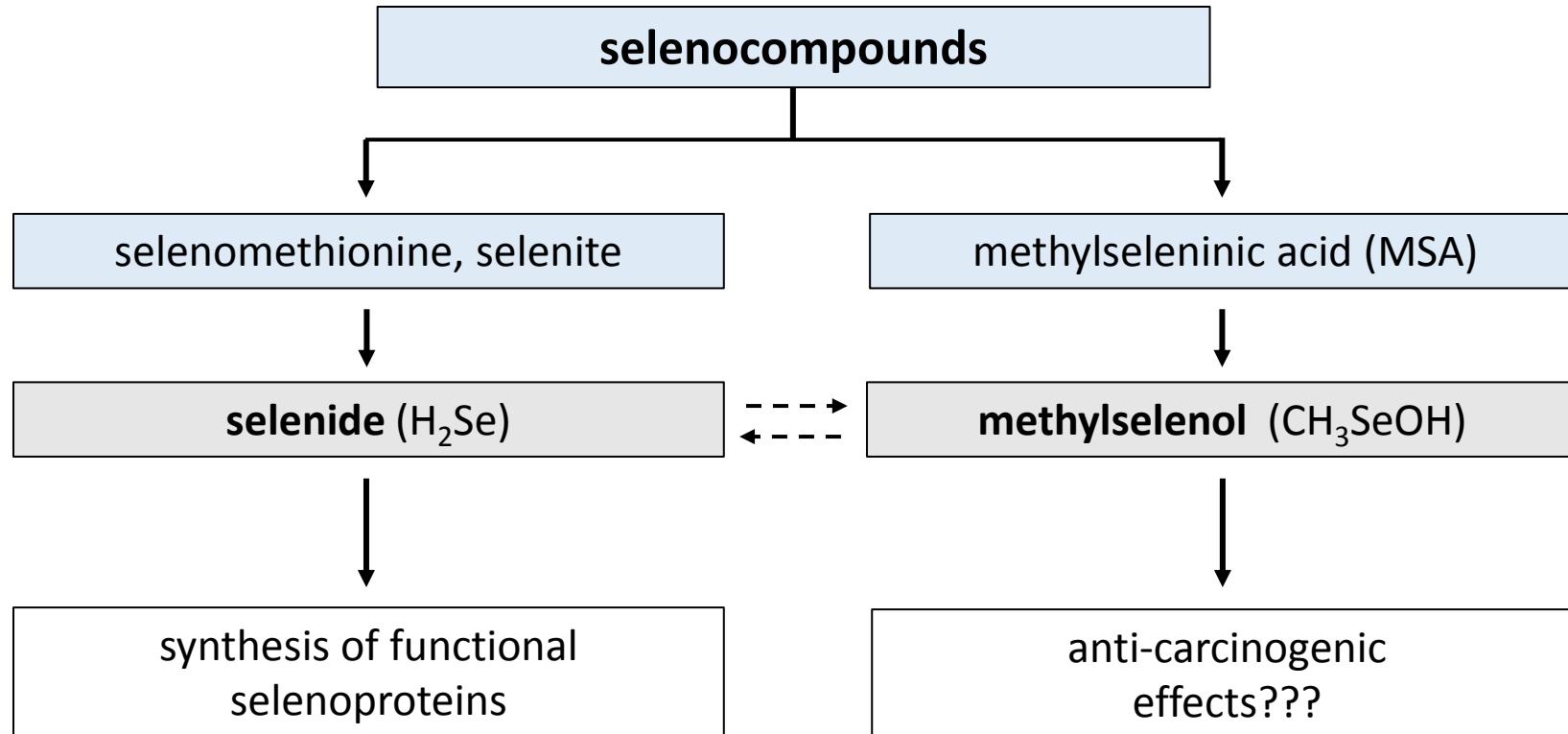
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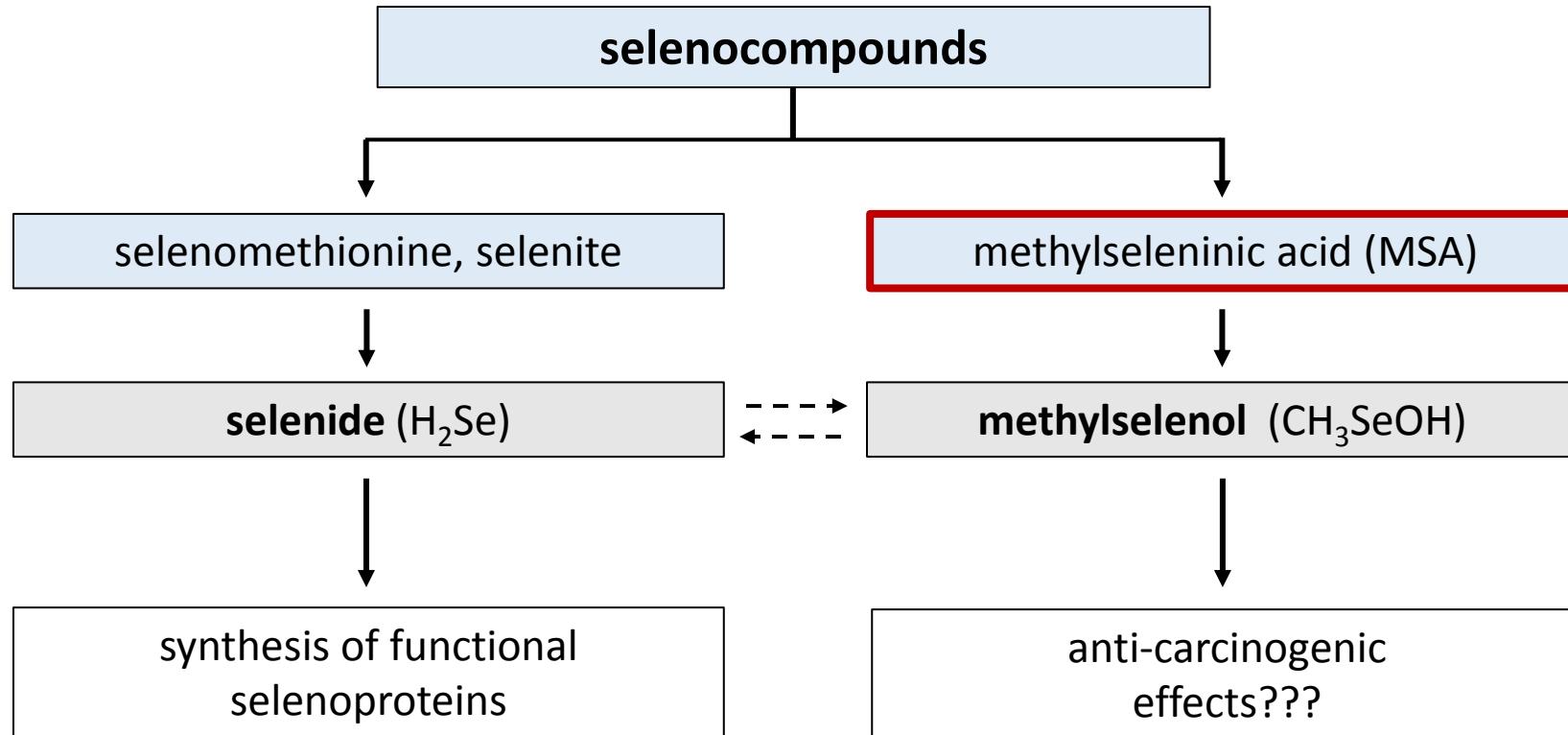
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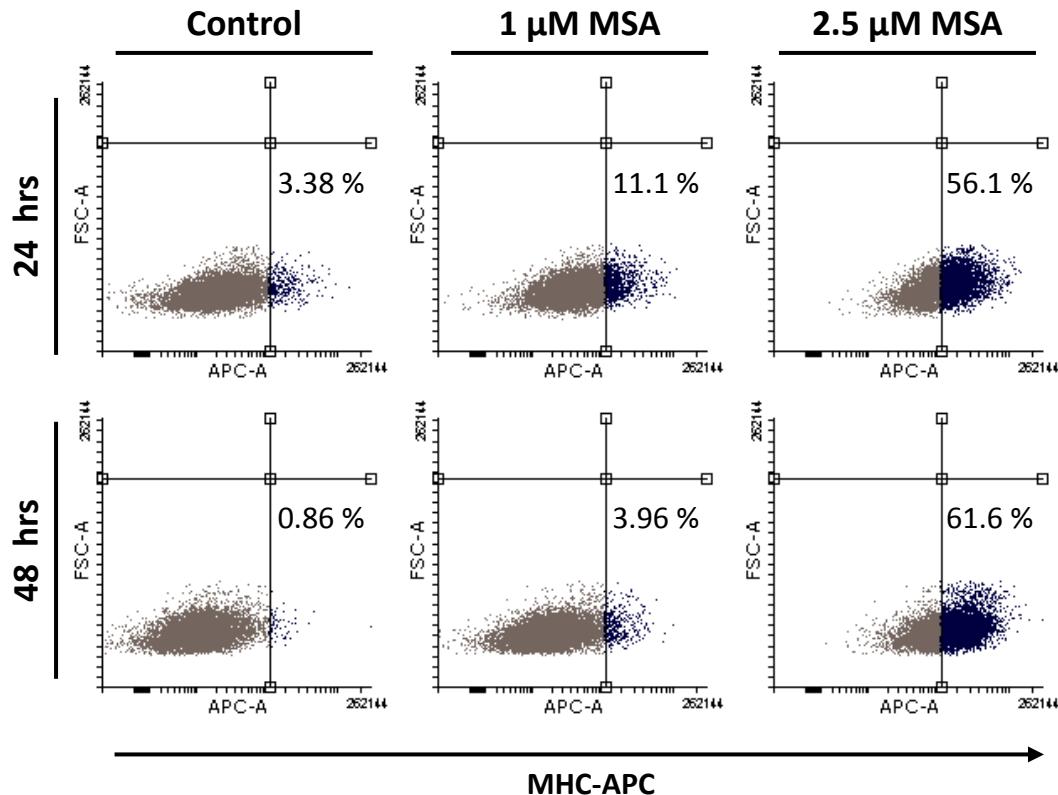
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Flow cytometry analysis of B16F10 cells exposed to MSA



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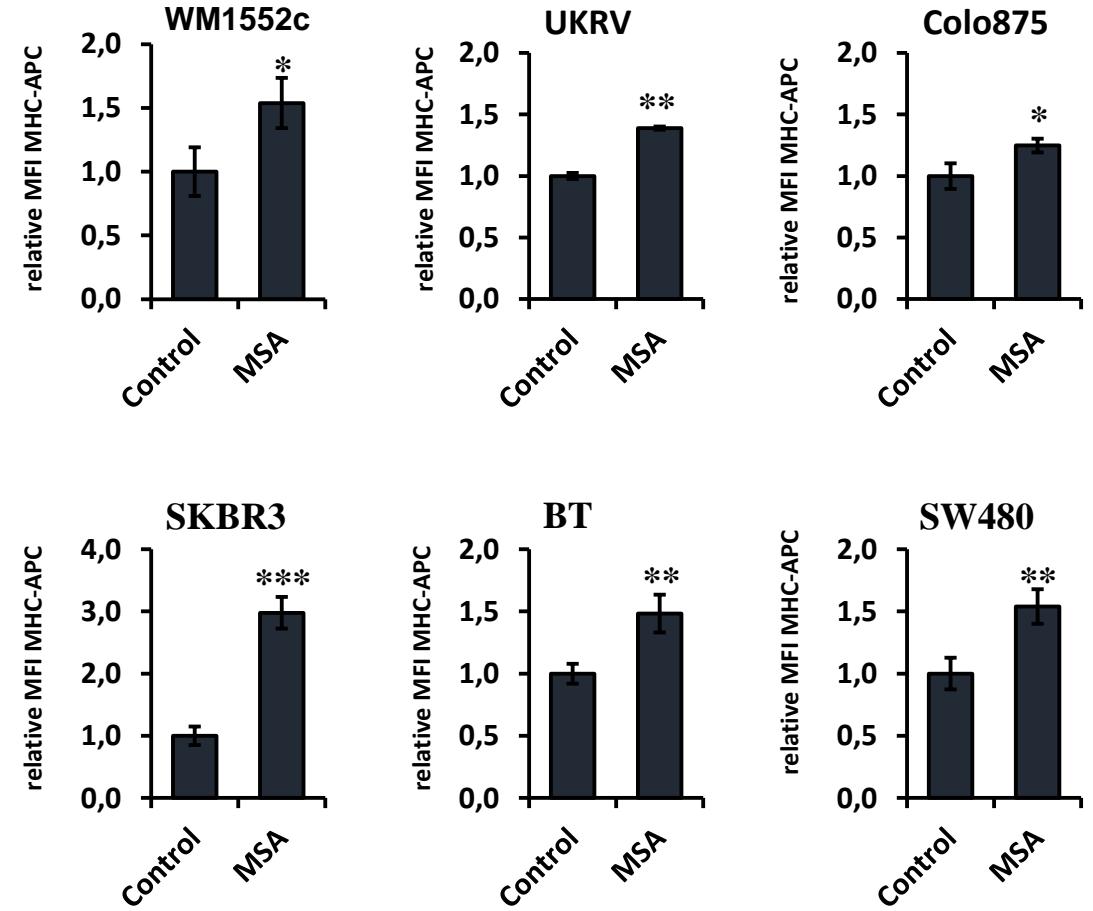
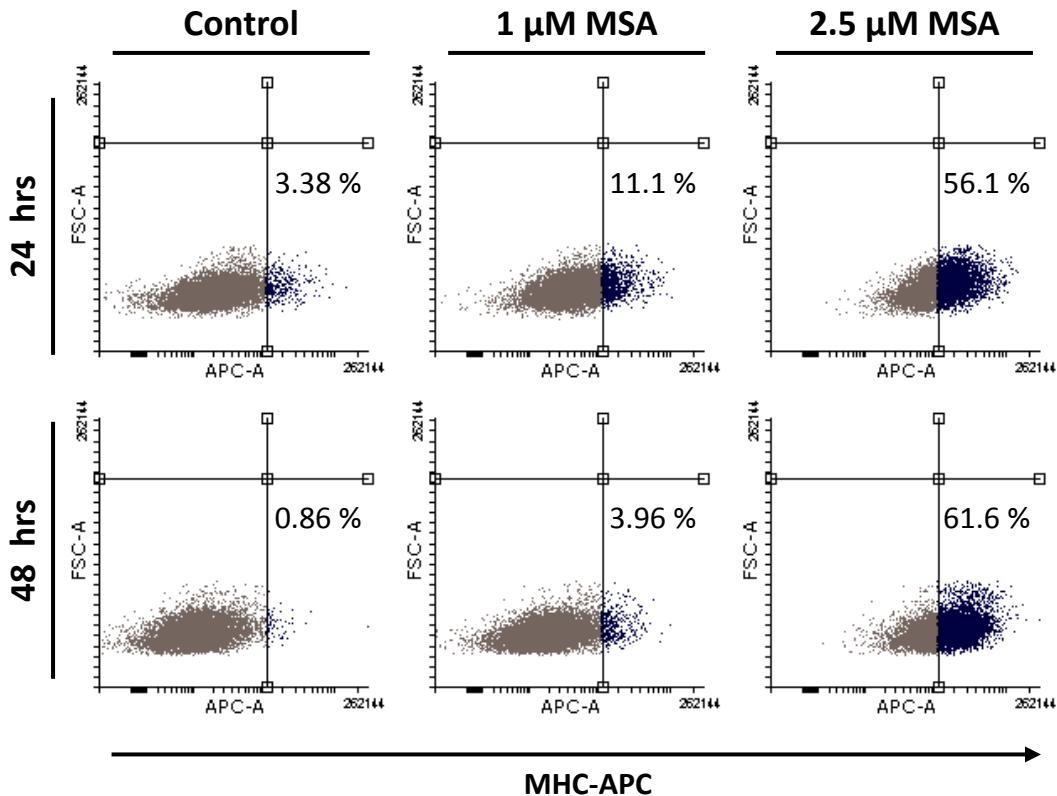
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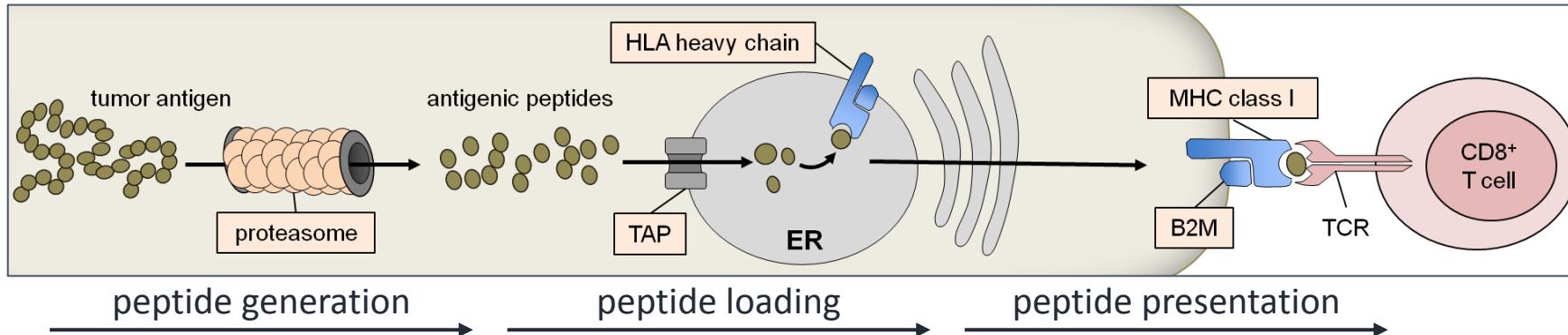
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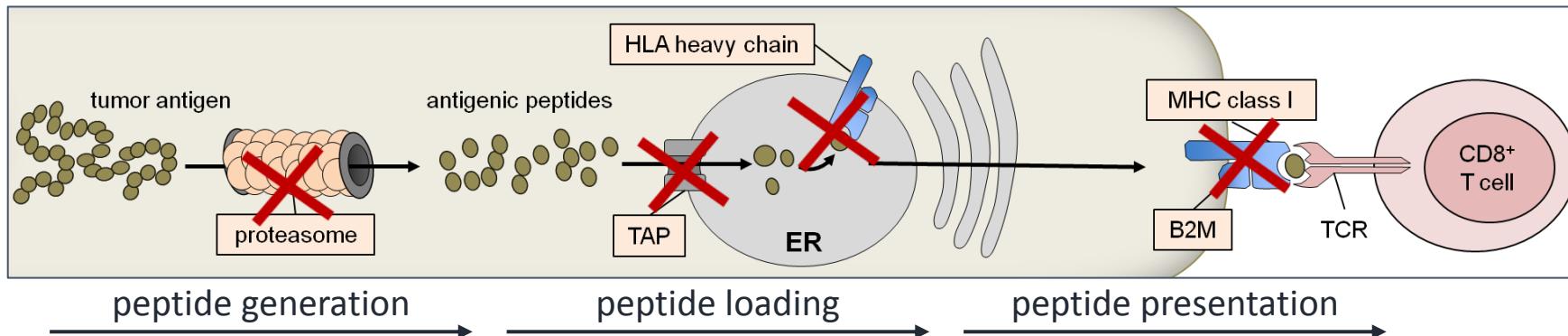
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Abnormalities of APM components and MHC class I surface antigens are often associated with an immune escape of tumor cells



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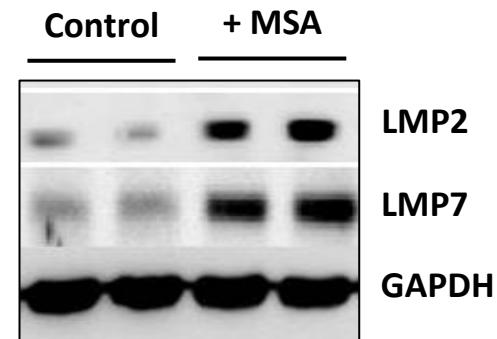
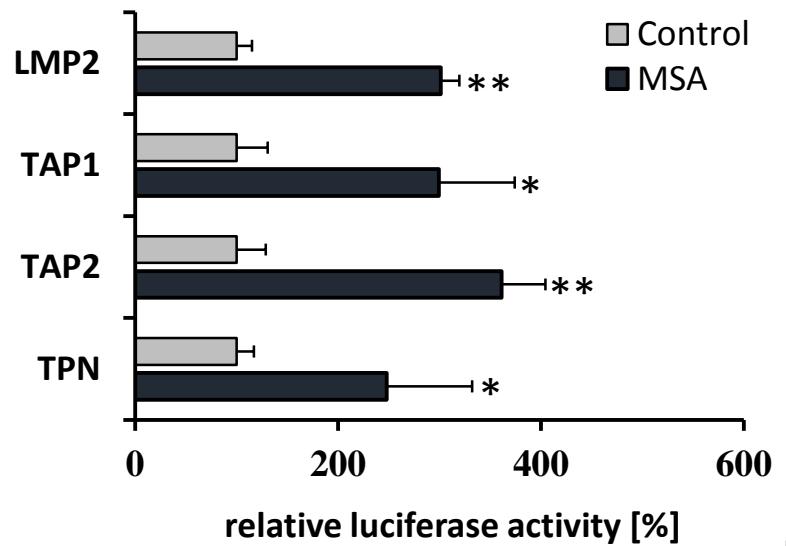
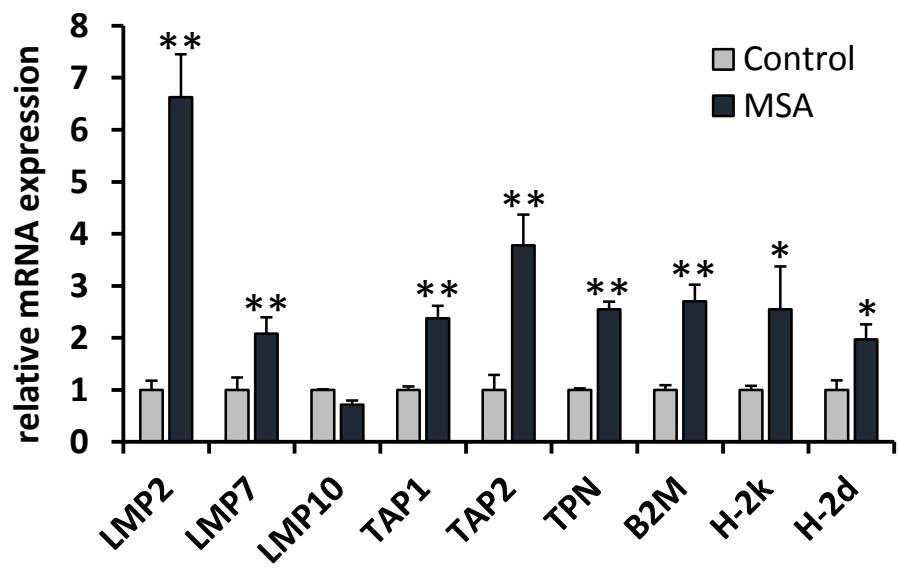
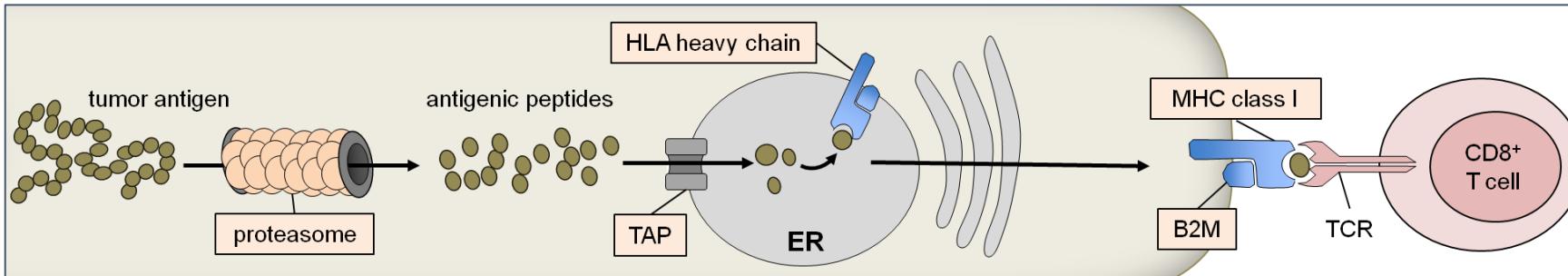
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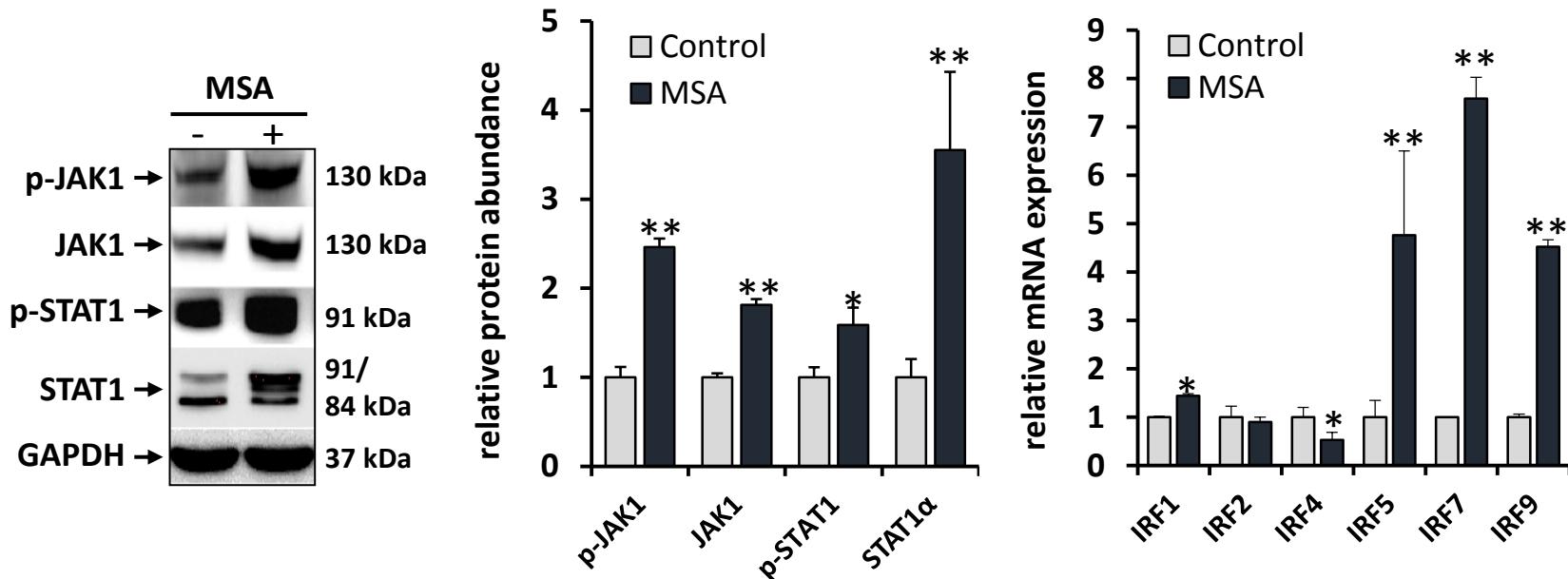
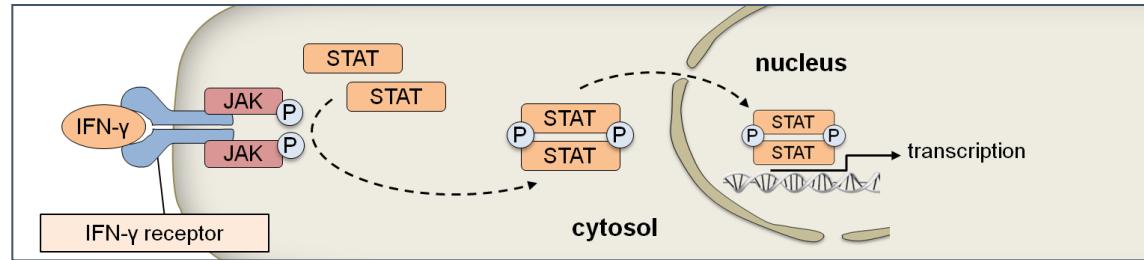
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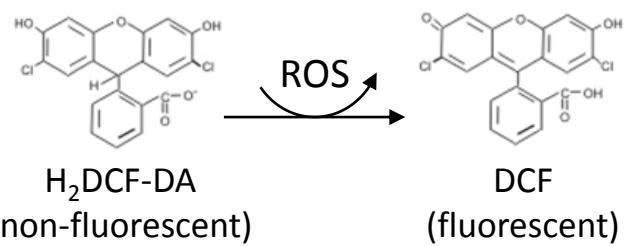
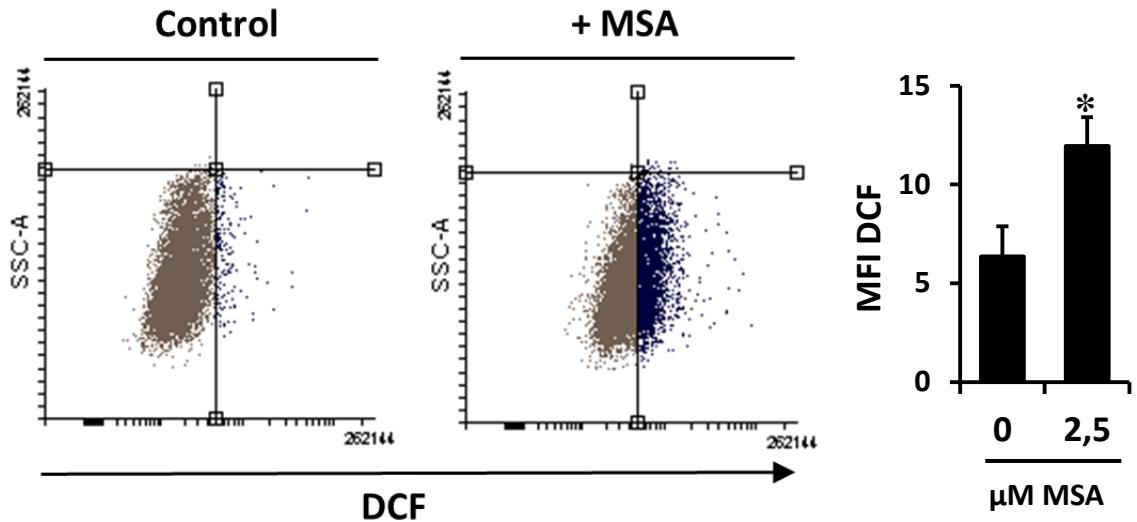
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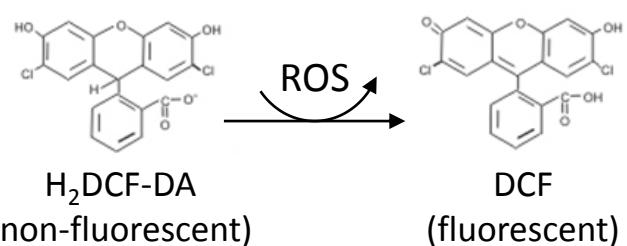
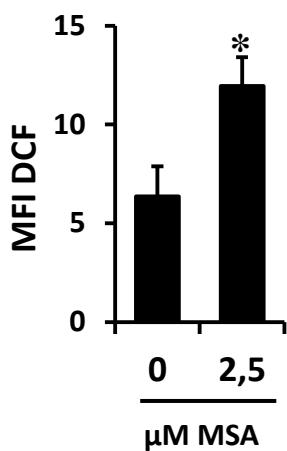
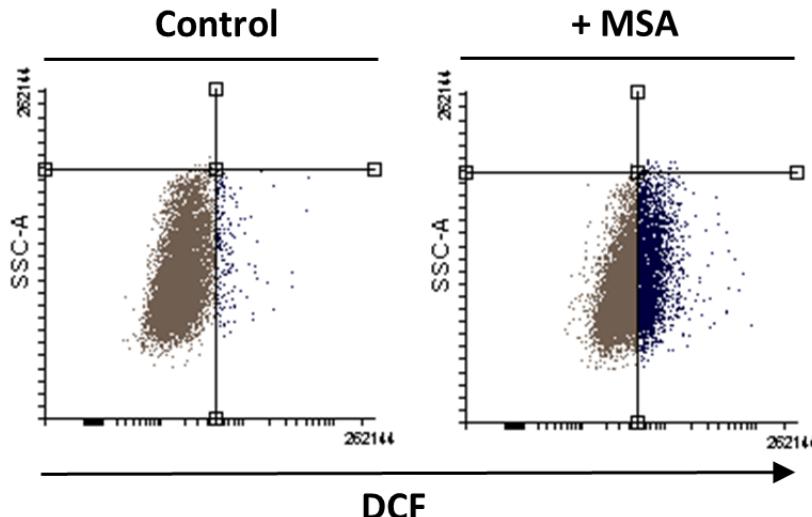
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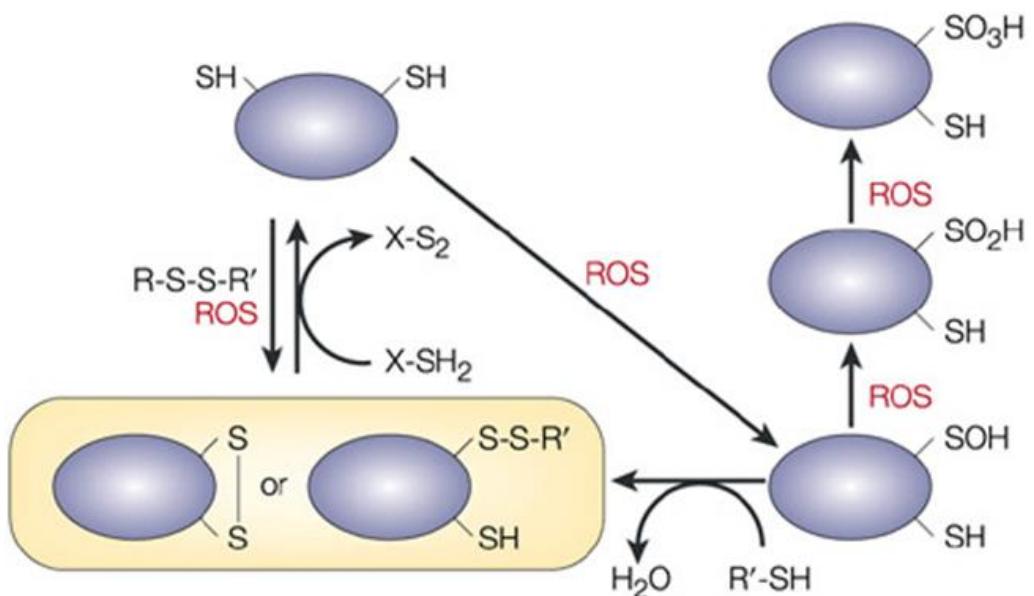
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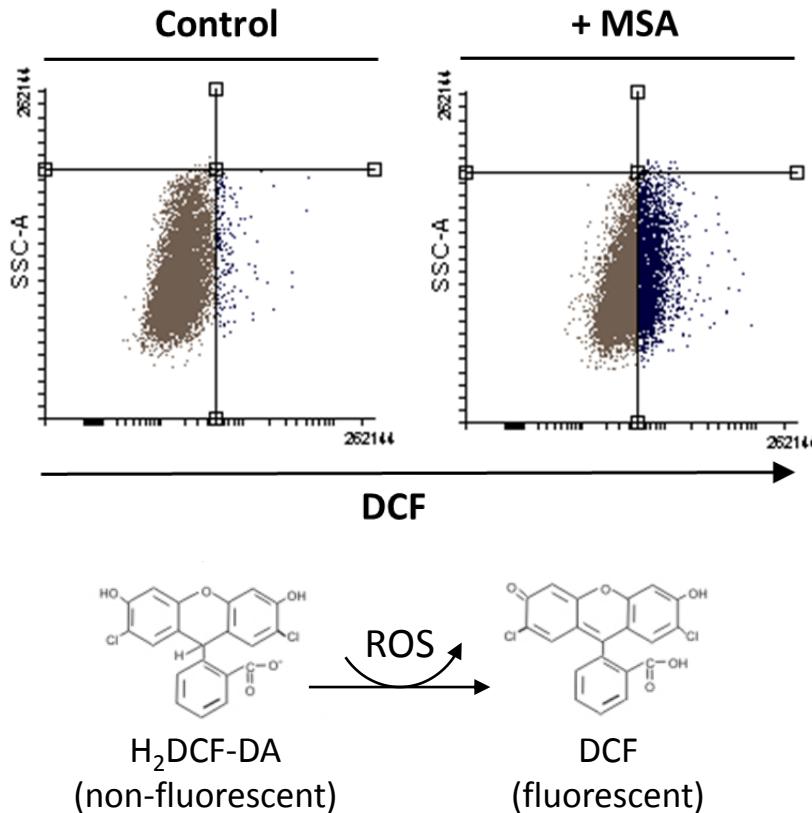
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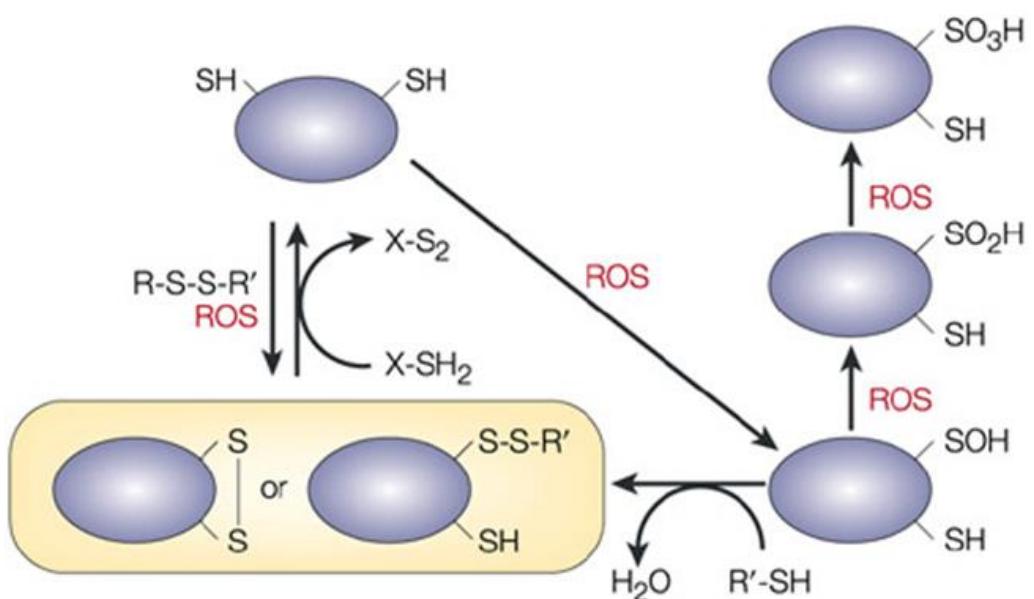
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→ Are redox switches involved in the MSA mediated upregulation of MHC class I?????



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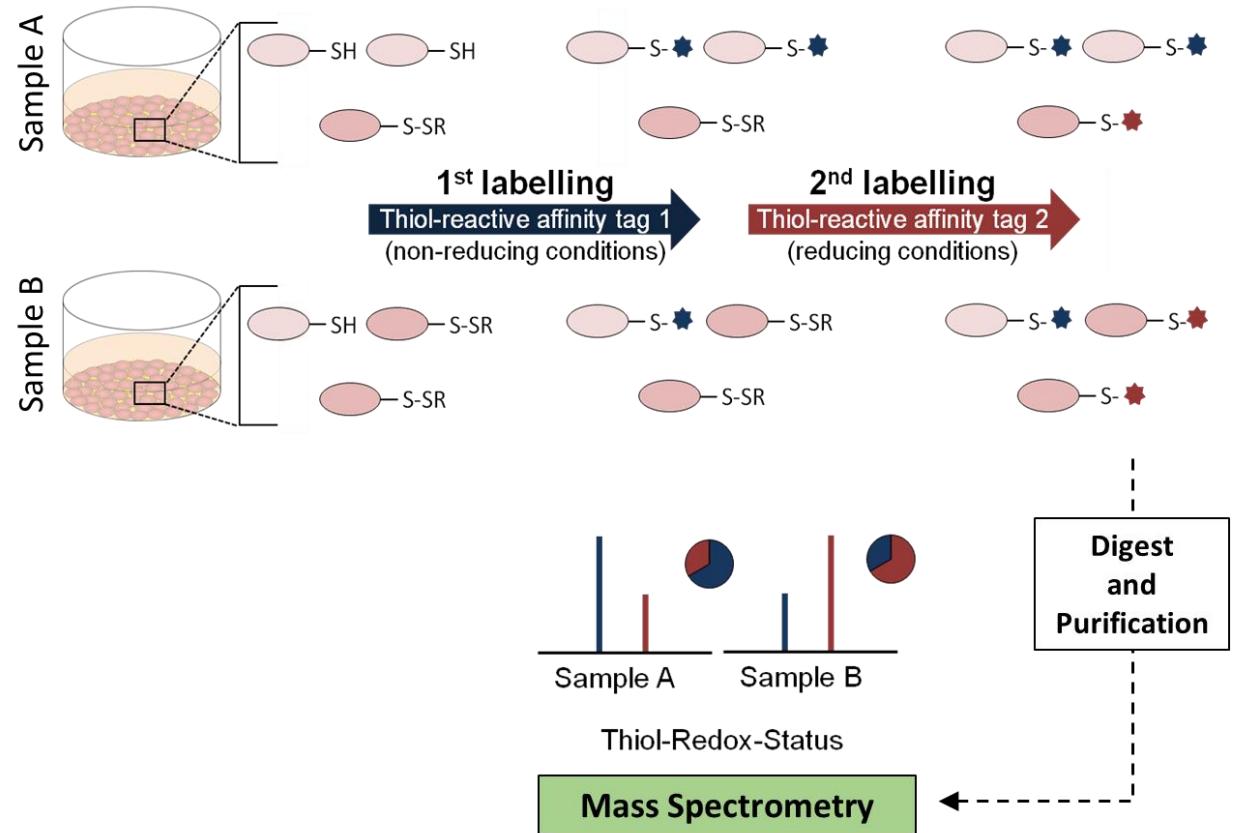
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The iodoTMT technology

- ✓ Identification of redox-modified proteins
- ✓ Identification of redox-modified cysteine residues
- ✓ Multiplex analysis



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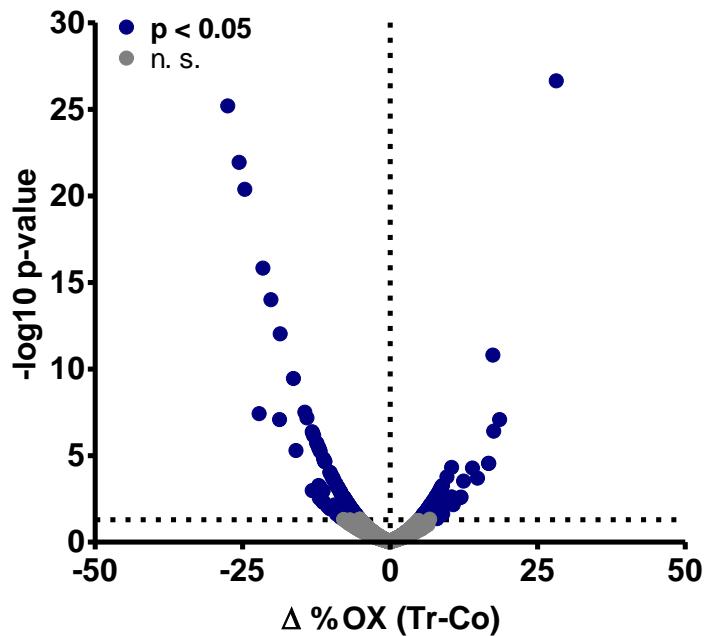
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| Detoxification of reactive oxygen species | 5 | 3,50E-04 |
| trans-Golgi network vesicle budding | 5 | 6,87E-03 |
| Golgi associated vesicle biogenesis | 4 | 1,56E-02 |
| Selenocompound metabolism | 3 | 1,73E-02 |
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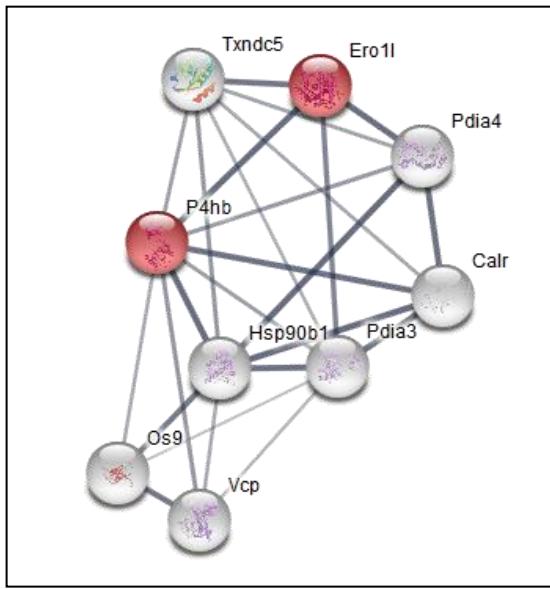
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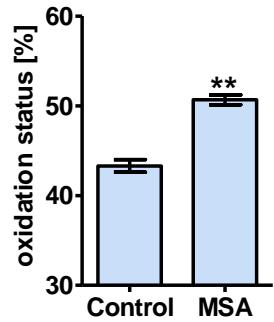
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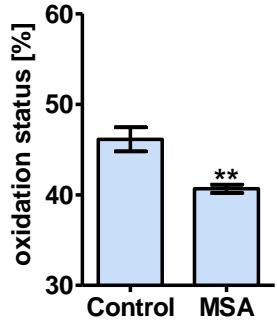
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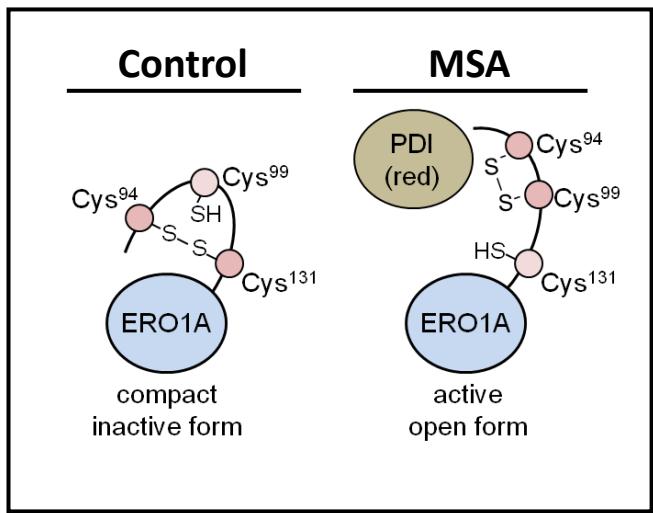
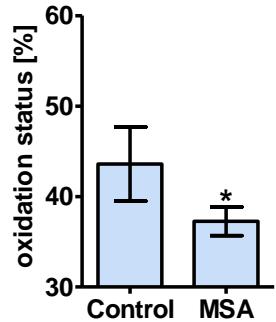
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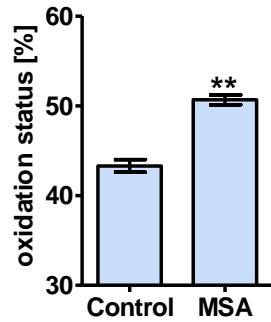
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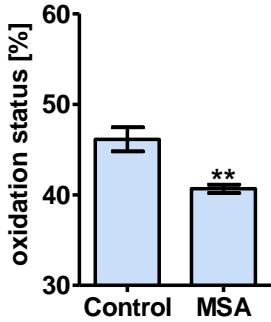
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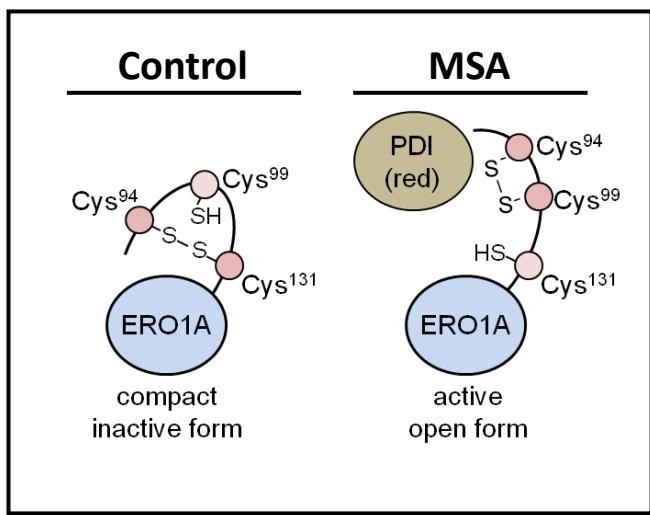
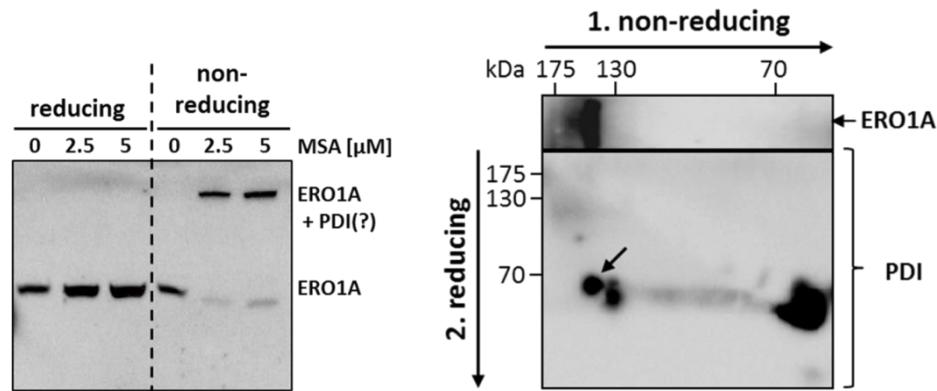
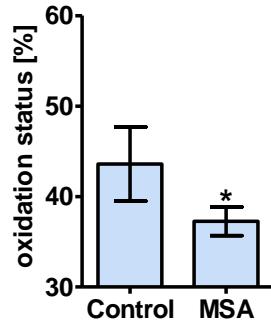
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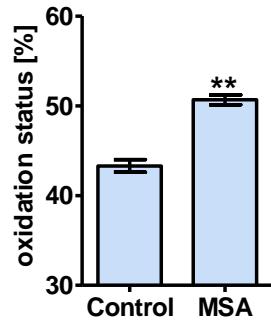
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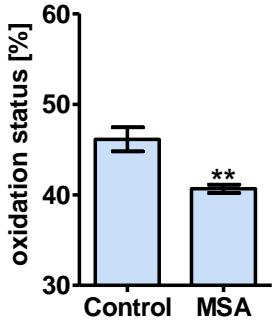
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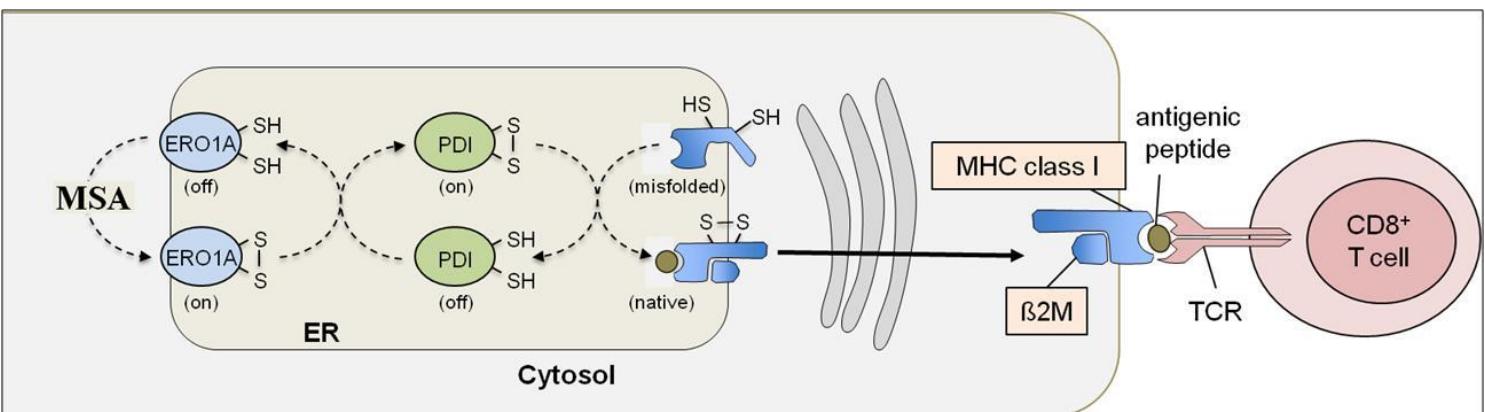
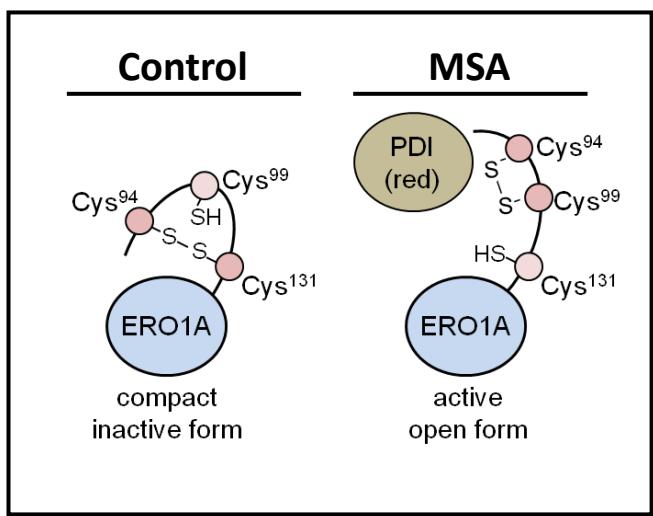
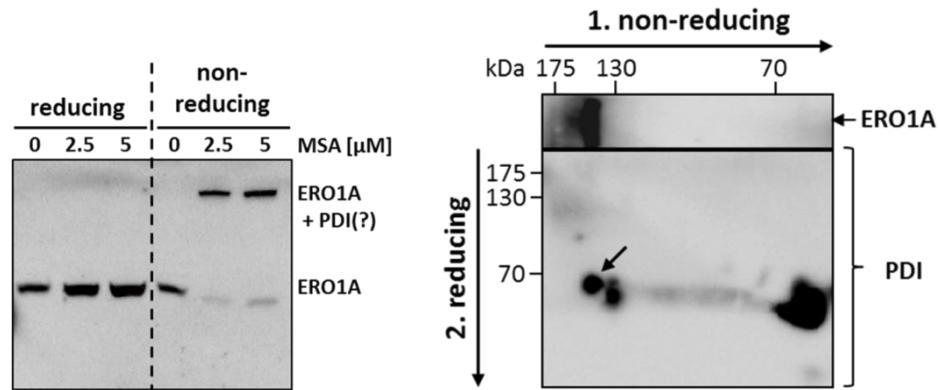
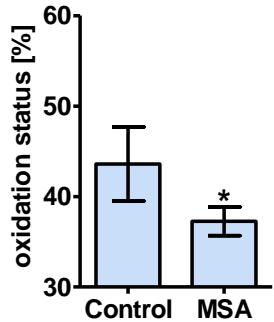
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Methylseleninic acid (MSA)

- modulation of the MHC class I surface expression in tumor cells by
 - ✓ enhanced expression of IFN- γ signaling components
 - ✓ an upregulation of APM components
 - ✓ modulation the activity status of proteins involved in oxidative folding of MHC class I molecules
- Manipulation of the cellular redox status with redox active selenocompounds might reverse the tumor immune escape
- Adding of redox active selenocompounds might enhance the efficacy of immunotherapies

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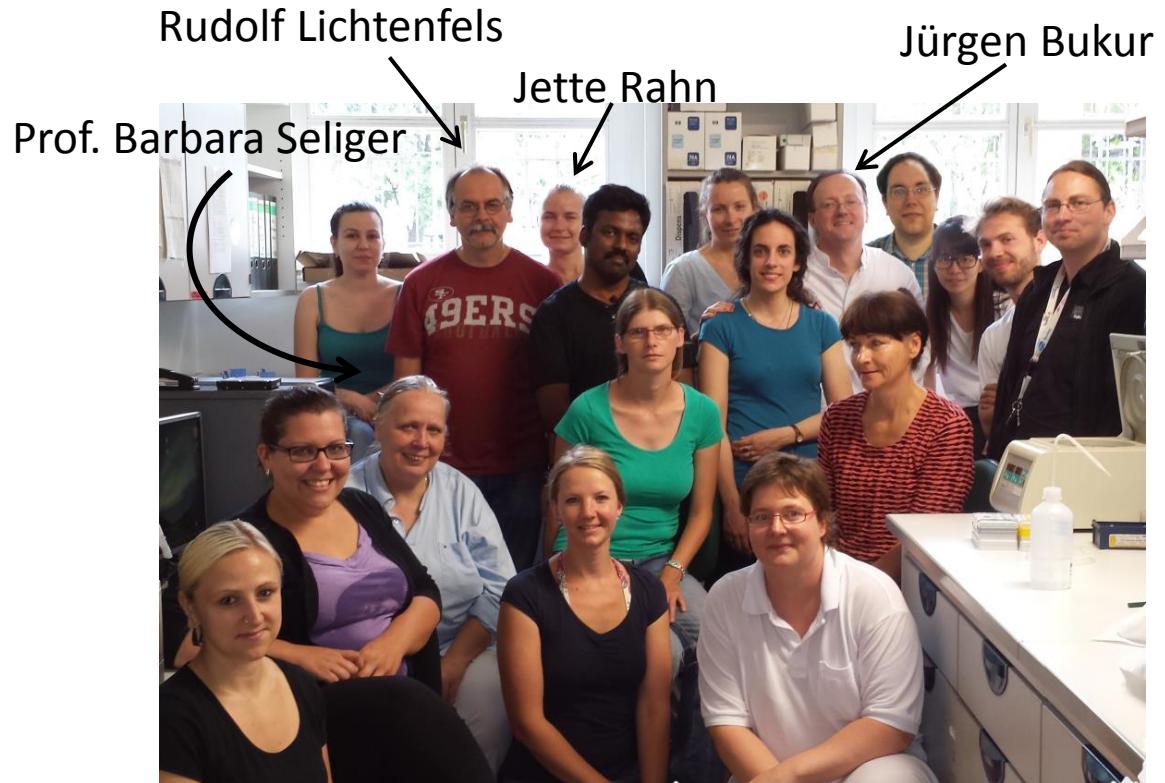
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