

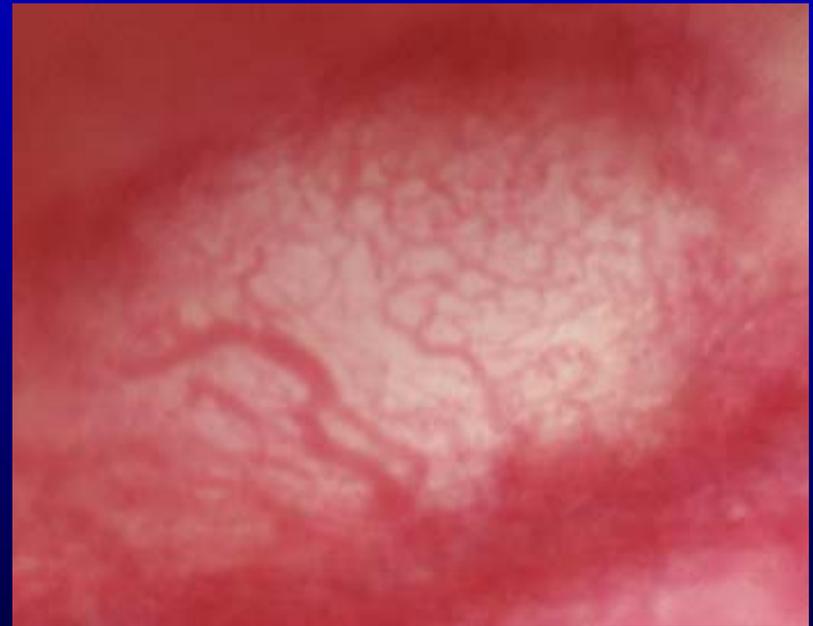


# Microenvironmental influence on angiogenesis and tumor cell survival

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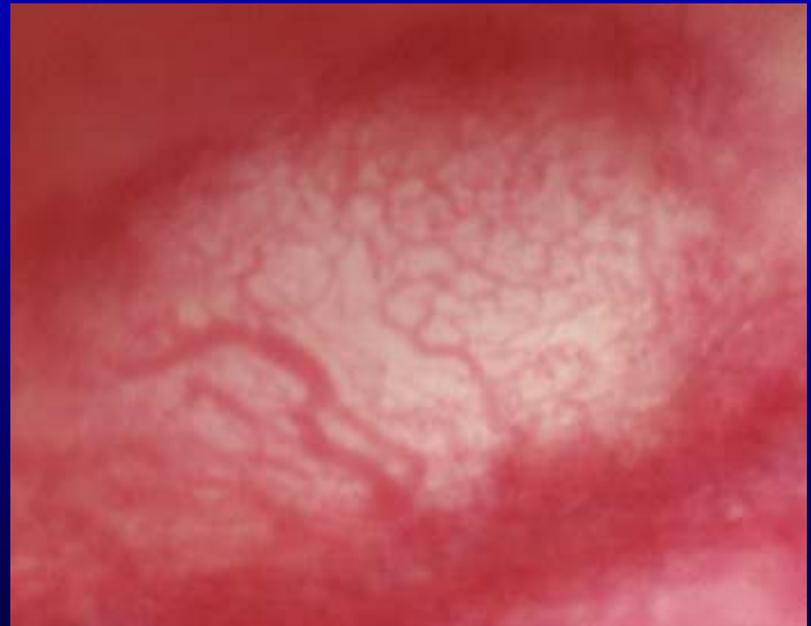
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- Angiogenic Switch
- Tumor-host cell interactions
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  - Macrophage
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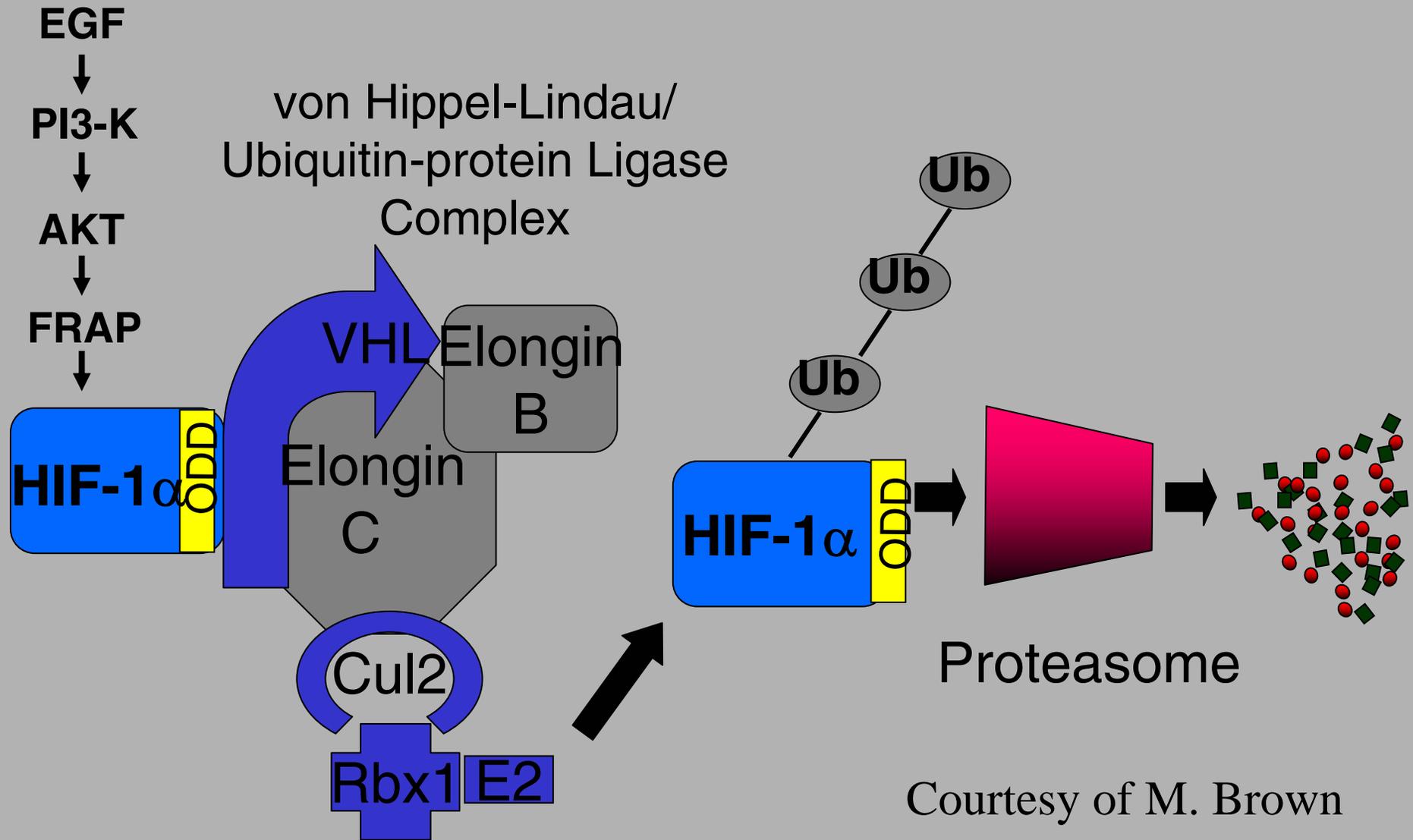
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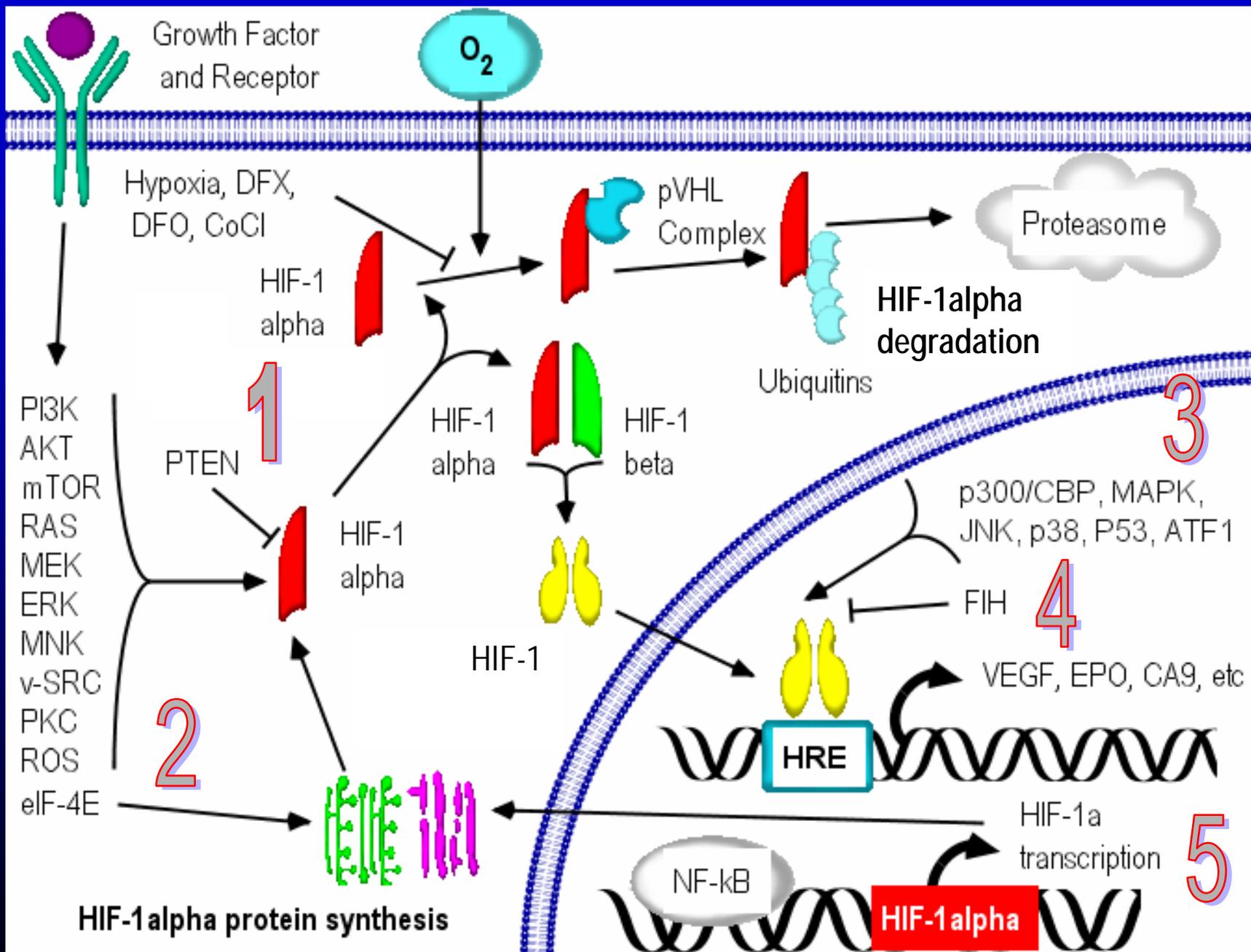


# What causes the angiogenic switch in tumors?

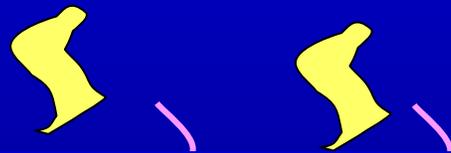
- Hypoxia
- Oncogene mutations or upregulation
  - Ras, myc, epidermal growth factor, Her2 upregulation
    - Kerbel et al., Mol Med 4:286, 1998
- Loss of suppressor gene function
  - PTEN via PI3K
    - Brader and Eccles, Tumori 90:2, 2004
  - P53
    - Bardos and Ashkroft, Bioessays 26:262, 2004

# HIF-1 $\alpha$ Protein Stability is Regulated by O<sub>2</sub> and by VHL Tumor Suppressor





# Key tyrosine kinase receptors involved in angiogenesis regulation



Receptor Dimerization

- Flk/flt
  - Receptor for VEGF
- Tie-2/TEK
  - Receptor for Angiopoietin 1 and 2
- FGFR2
  - Cooperates with VEGFR

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# Functions of VEGF and Tie2 Receptors

- VEGF binding
  - Hyperpermeability
  - Endothelial cell
    - Proliferation, migration, survival
- Ang 1 to Tie2
  - Maintain vessel maturity
- Ang 2 to Tie2
  - Endothelial cell de-differentiation
  - Loss of pericyte, SMC association with vessels
  - Increased receptivity to VEGF

# Ang-1 contributes to vascular maturity

- Pericytes, smooth muscle cells associate with endothelial cell
  - Arrest of endothelial proliferation
  - Endothelial cell survival
  - Vasoreactivity

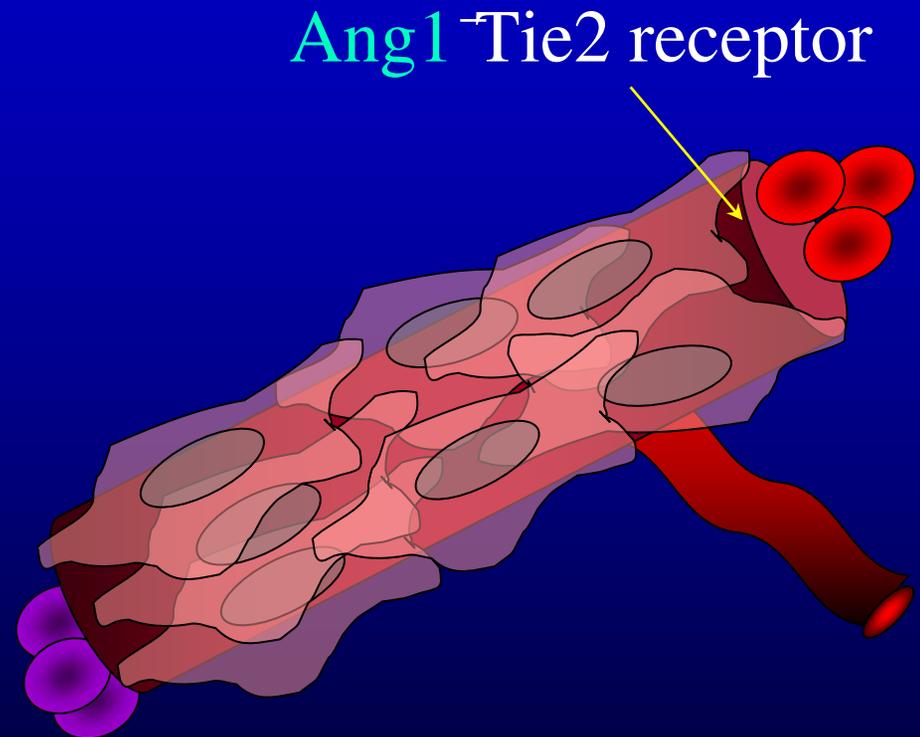
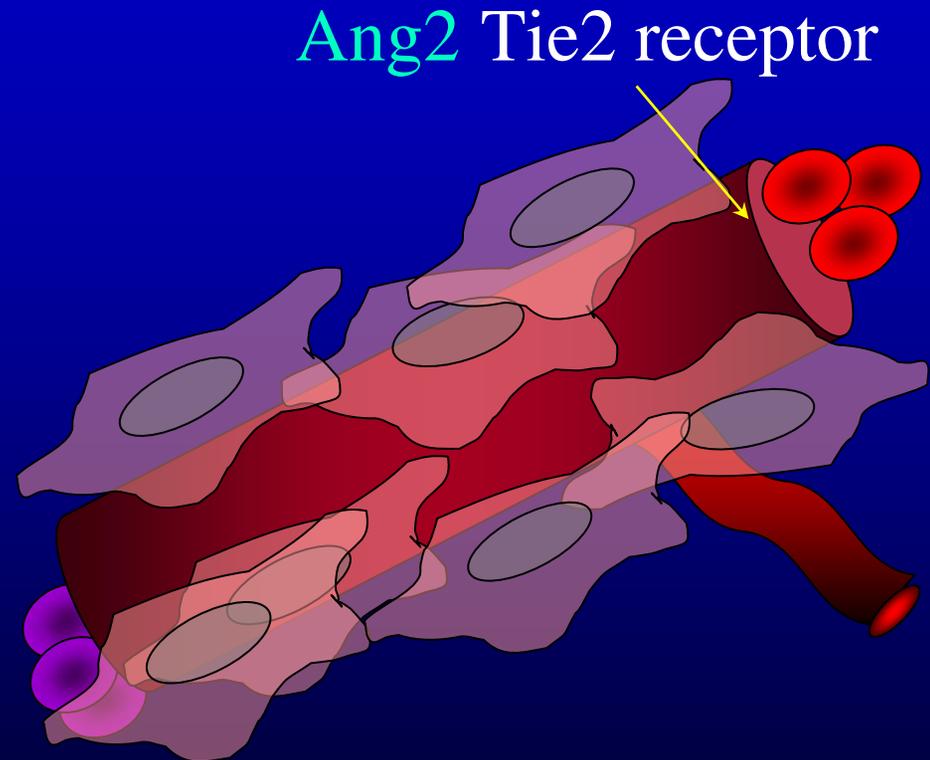


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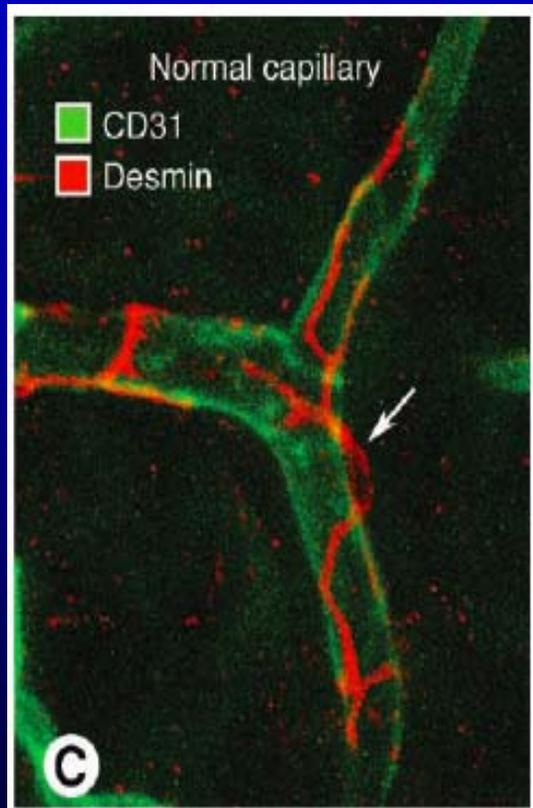
# Ang 2 contributing to vessel immaturity

- Pericytes, smooth muscle cells disassociate with endothelial cell
  - Facilitates reactivity to VEGF
  - Increases permeability
  - Loss of vasoreactivity



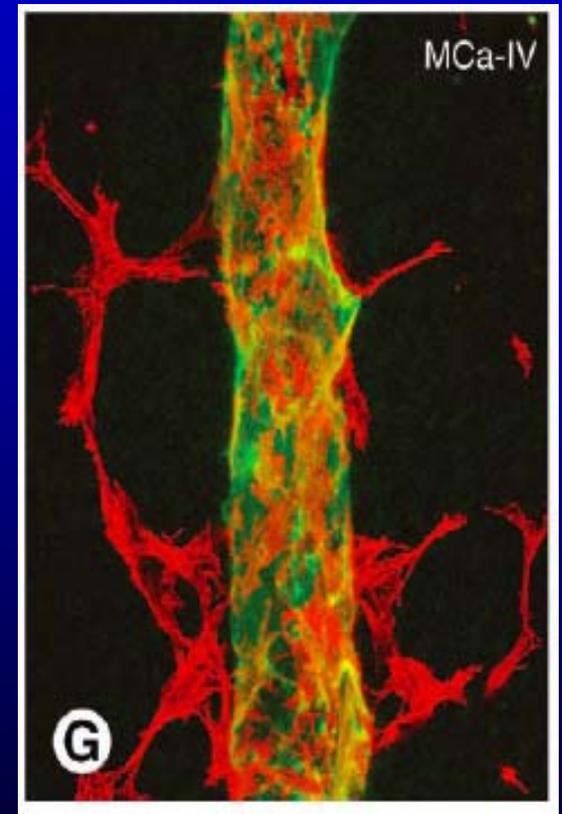
VEGF now becomes survival factor

# Pericyte Structure: Normal vs. Tumor Microvessels



Ang 1(+)

Ang / Tie2



Ang 2(+)

# VEGF vs. Tie 2 signaling for vessel growth / maturation

Oxygenation

Flow

Conditions

Normoxia

Normal

Angiogenic Factors

VEGF (-)

Ang 2 (-) Ang 1 (+)

Receptors

VEGFR (-)

Tie2(+)

Outcome

No Vessel Growth



# VEGF vs. Tie 2 signaling for vessel growth / maturation

Oxygenation

Flow

Conditions

Hypoxia

Low flow

Angiogenic  
Factors

VEGF (+)

Ang 2 (++) Ang 1 (+)

Receptors

VEGFR (+)

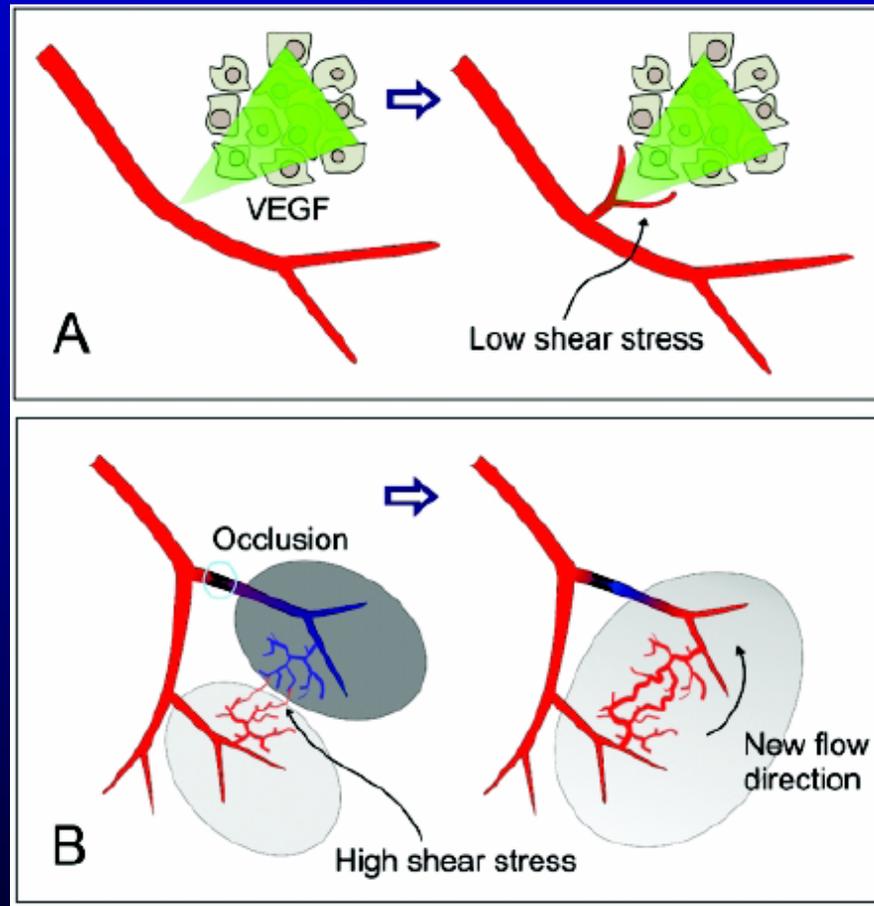
Tie2(+)\*

Outcome

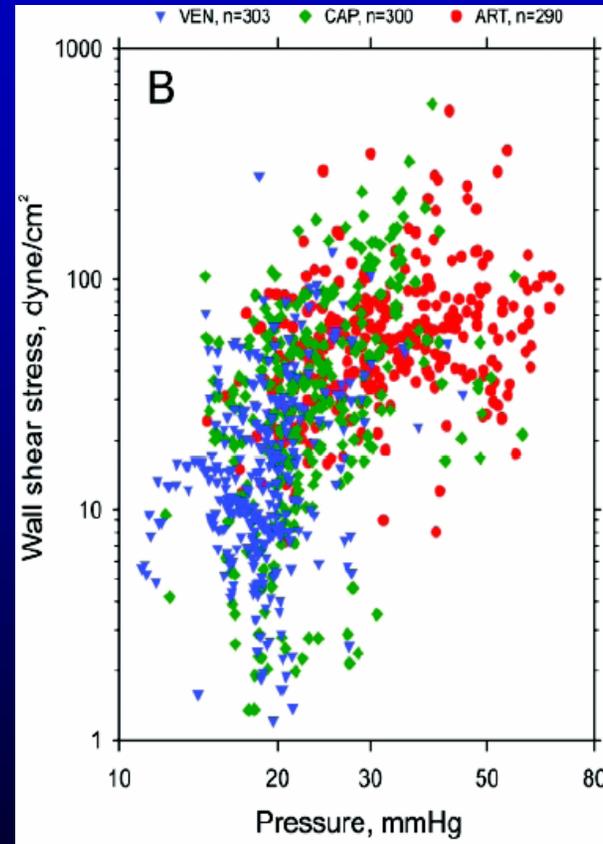
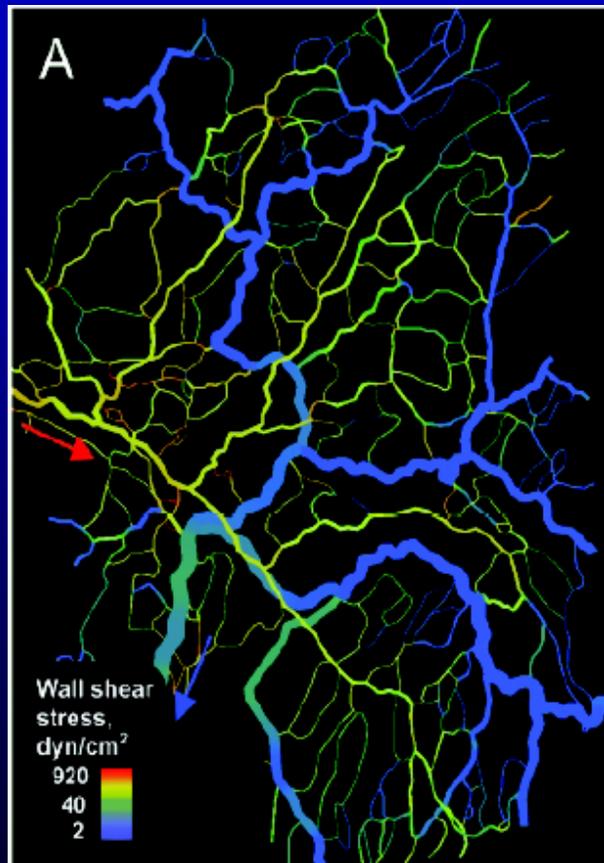
Angiogenesis



# Vascular adaptation in response to changes in shear stresses

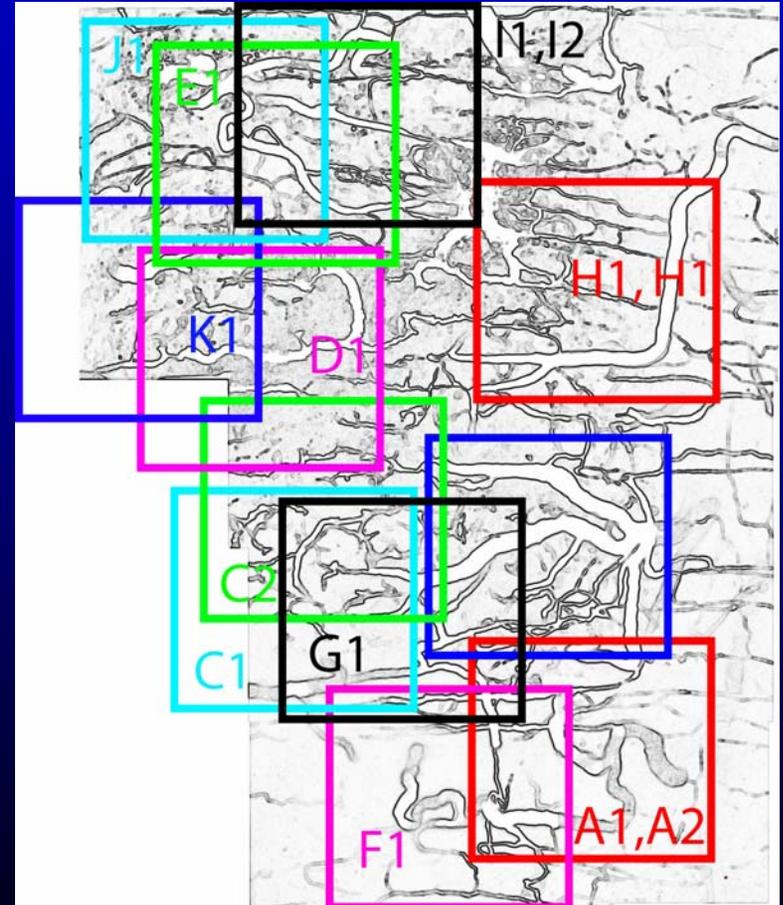
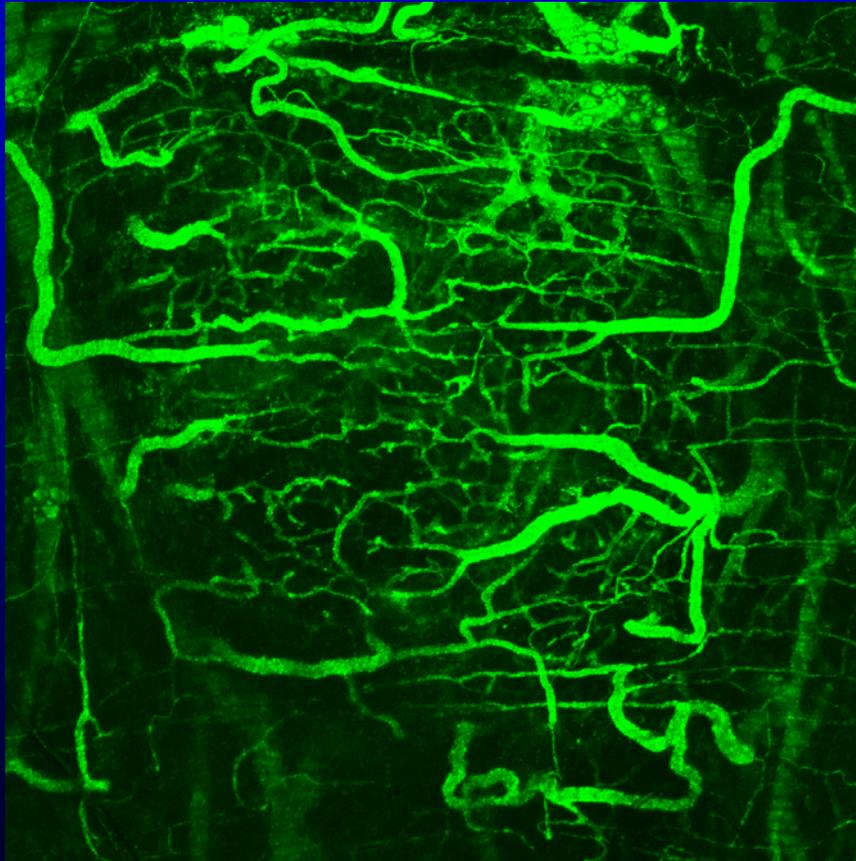


# Variation in shear stress in mesenteric vascular network



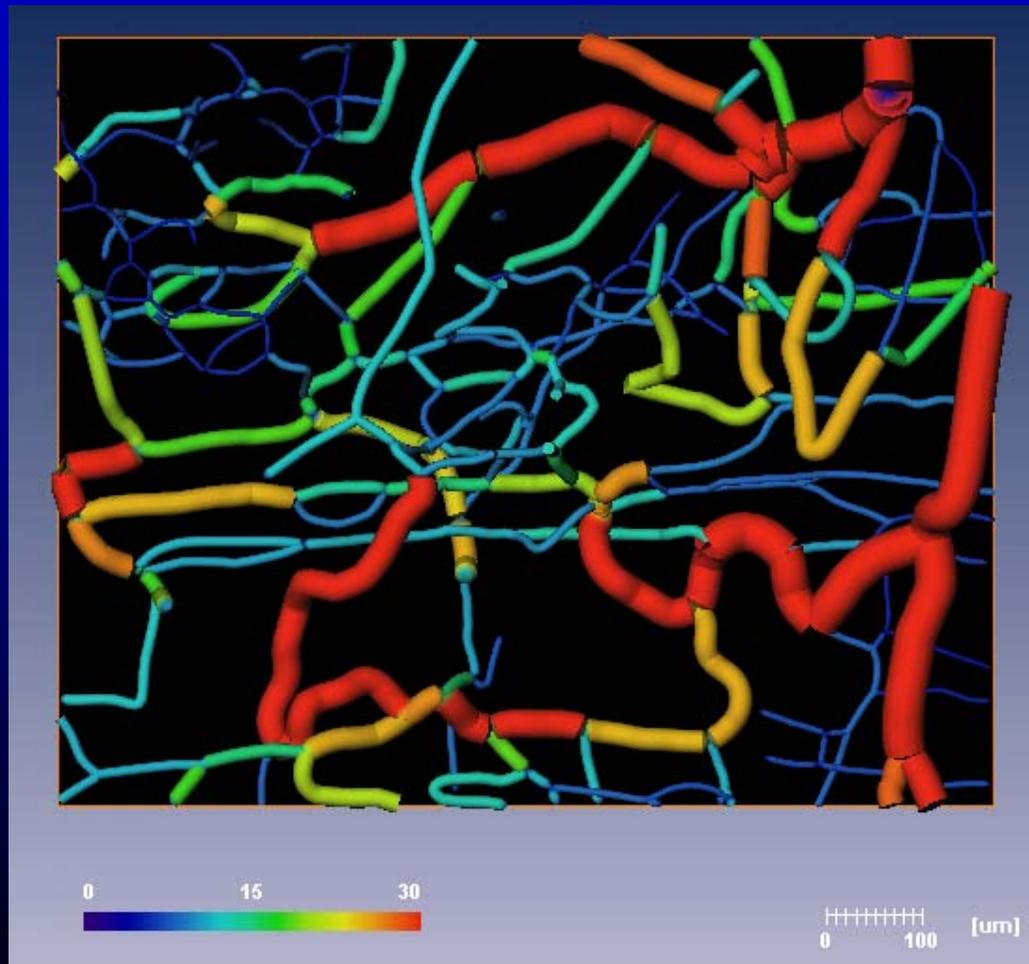
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# Studying vascular adaptation in tumor microvasculature



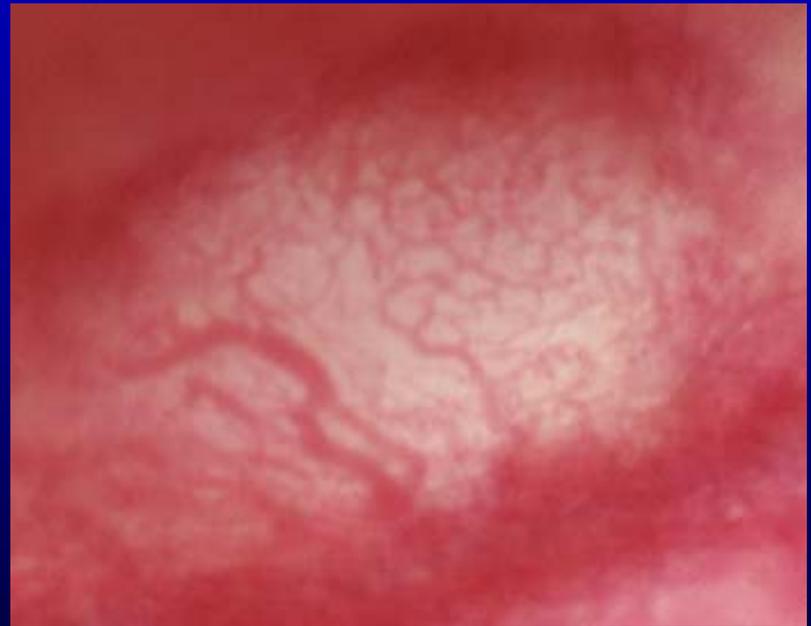
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# Segmented model for vascular adaptation simulations

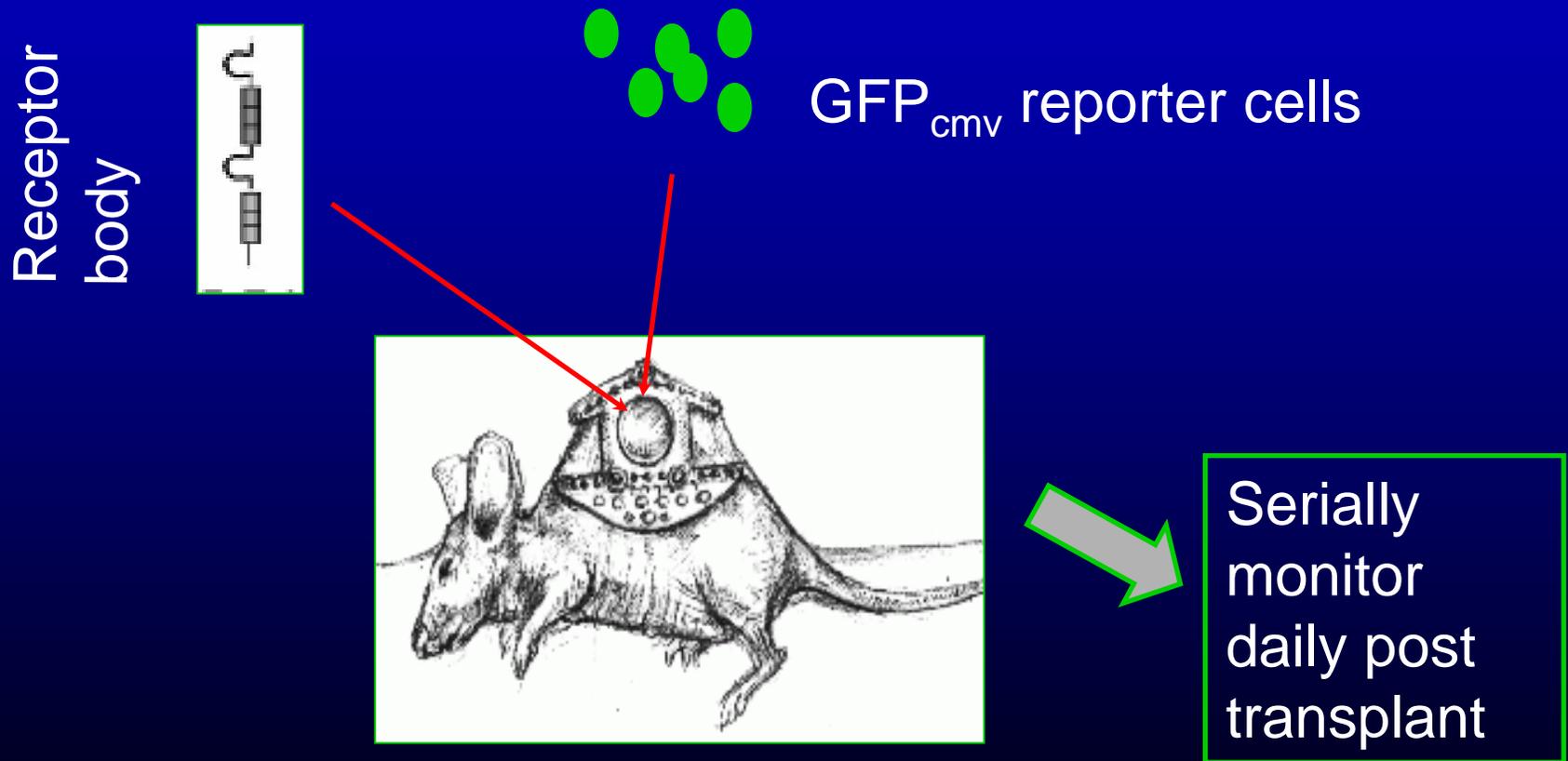


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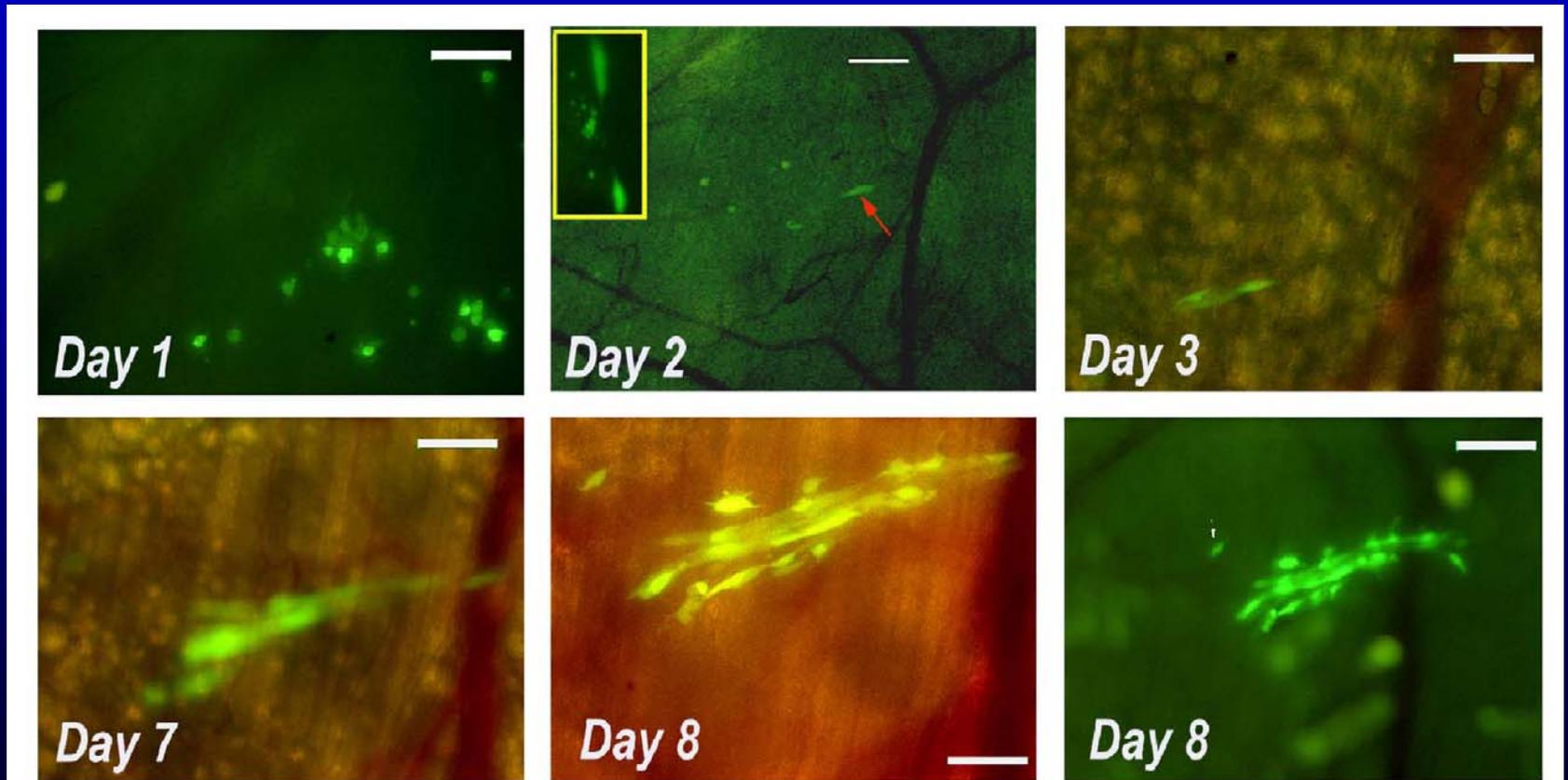
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# Truncated receptor proteins added to window tissue at time of surgery and tumor cell transplant

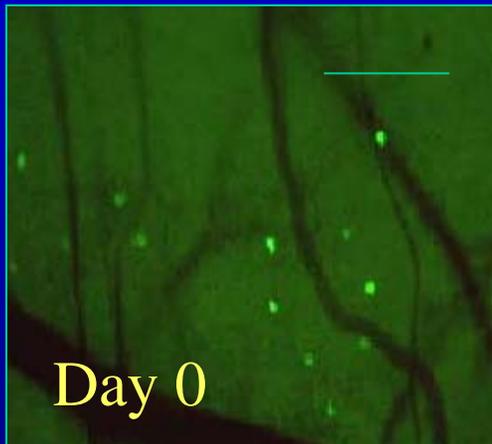


# Chemotactic behavior of 4T1 tumor cells toward host vessels



CY Li et al, JNCI, 2000

# Pre-angiogenic tumor and vessel behavior



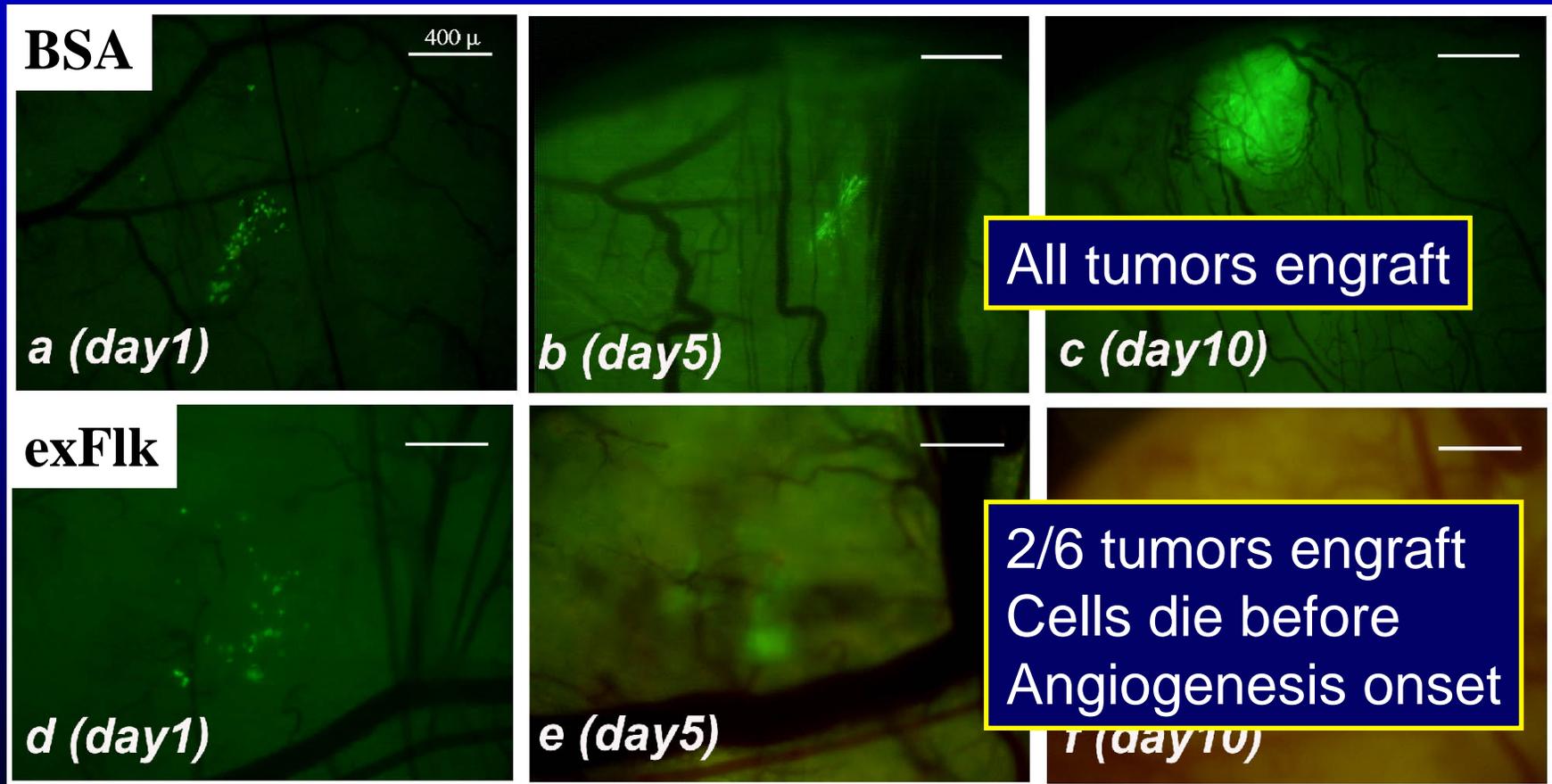
Proliferation / Chemotaxis



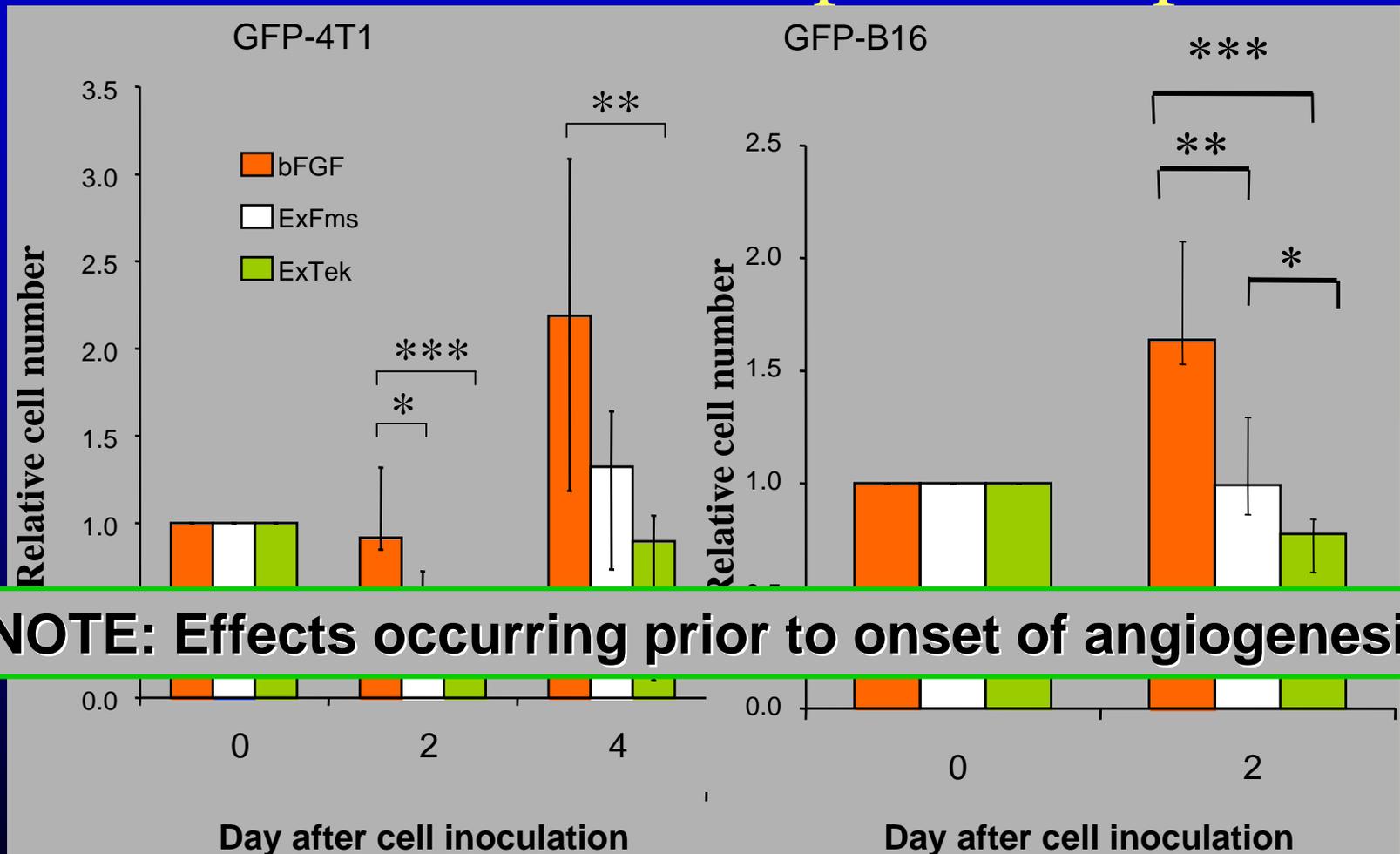
Angiogenesis

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# exFlk (VEGF blockade) inhibits proliferation/migration toward host vasculature

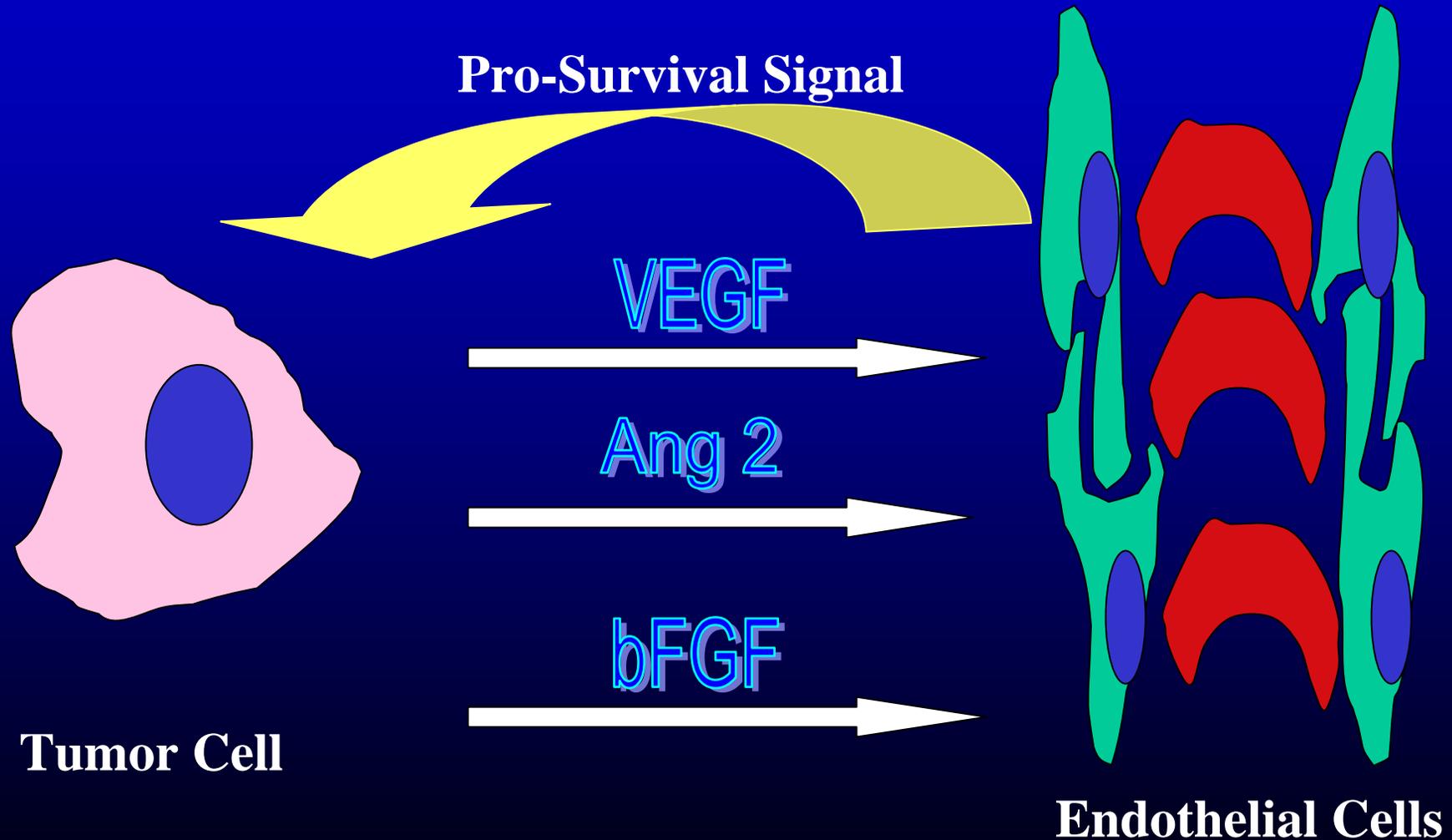


# Effects of Tie2 blockade vs bFGF on tumor cell survival post transplant



**NOTE: Effects occurring prior to onset of angiogenesis**

# Working model for paracrine survival signaling



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Oxygenation

Flow

Conditions

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Angiogenic  
Factors

VEGF (+)

Ang 2 (++) Ang 1 (+)

Receptors

VEGFR (+)

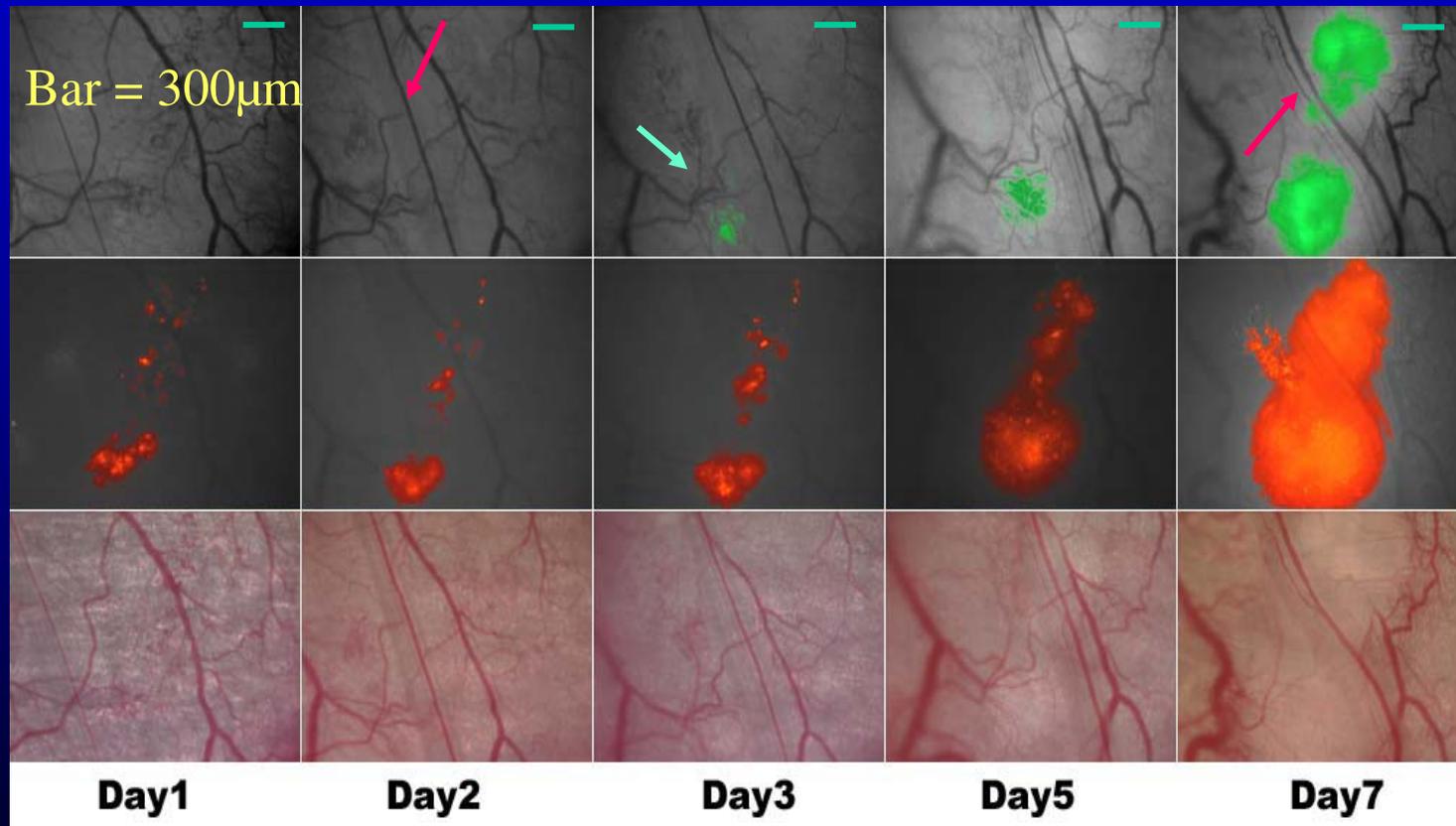
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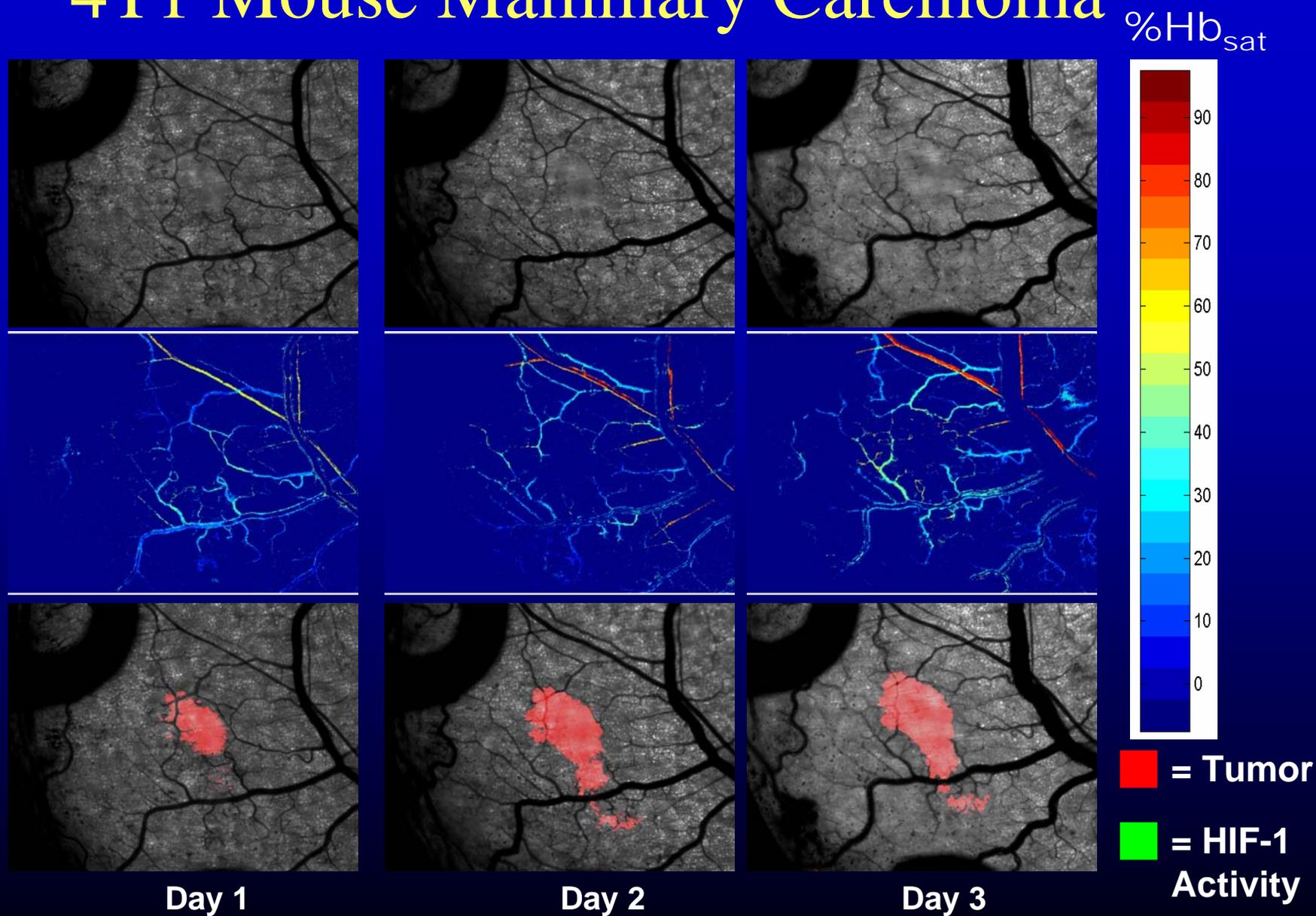
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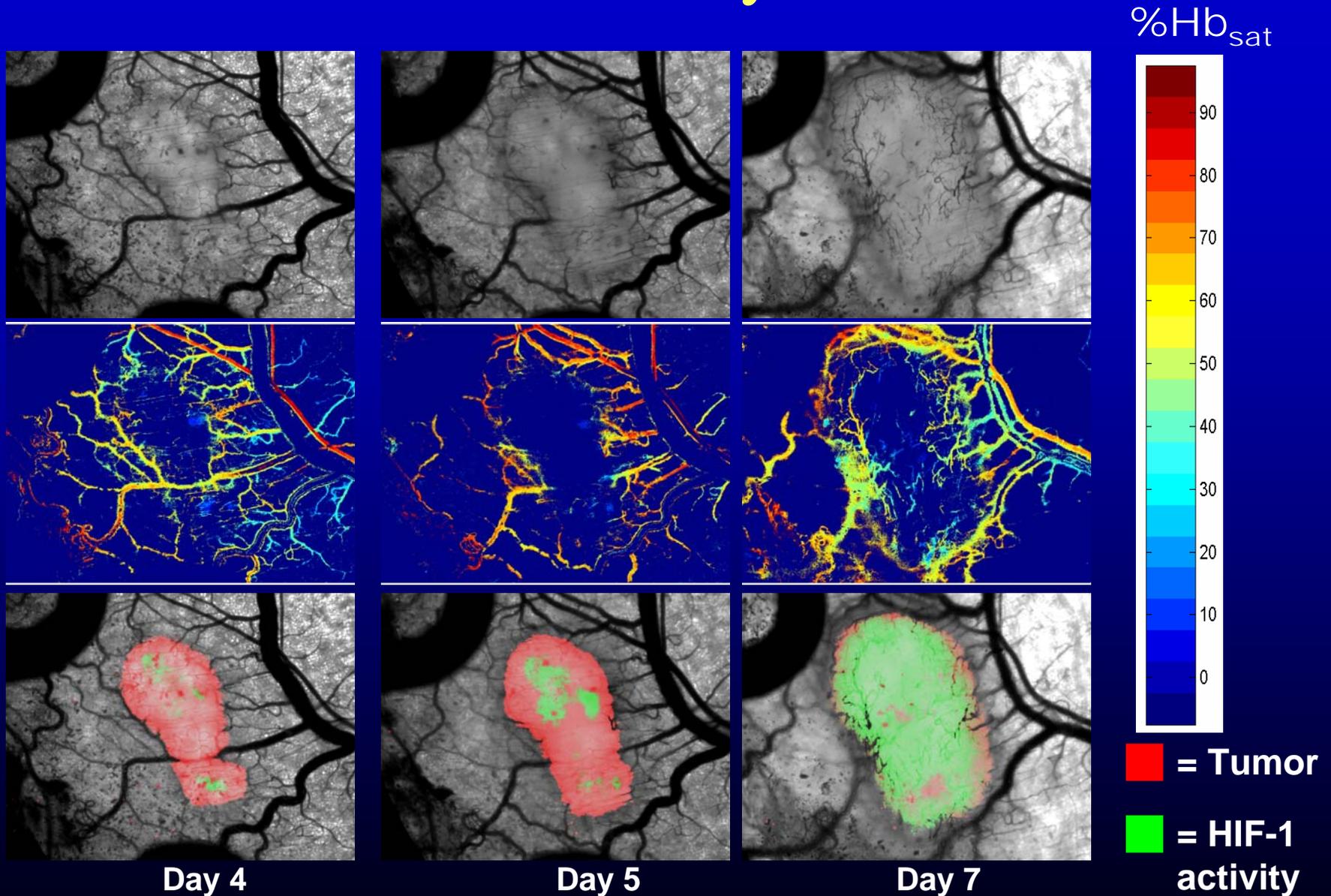
# At what point during tumor growth does hypoxia influence angiogenesis?



# 4T1 Mouse Mammary Carcinoma

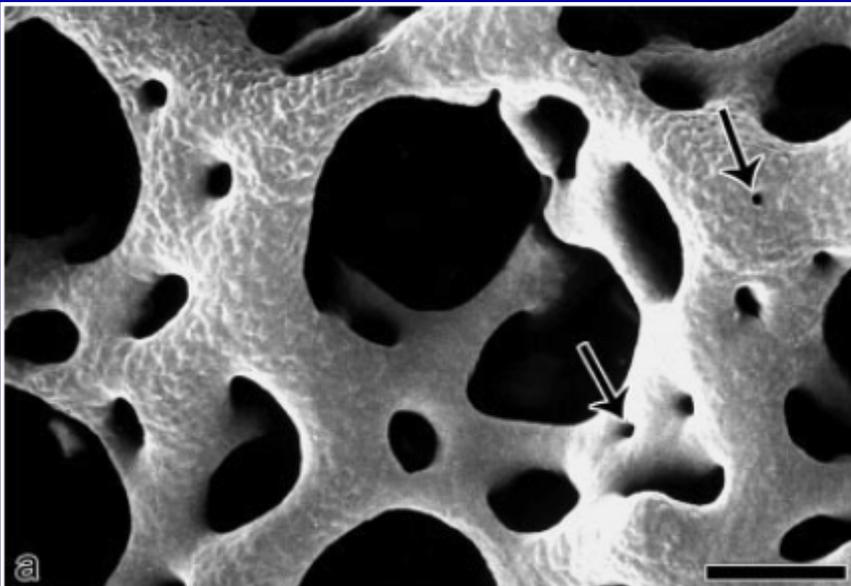


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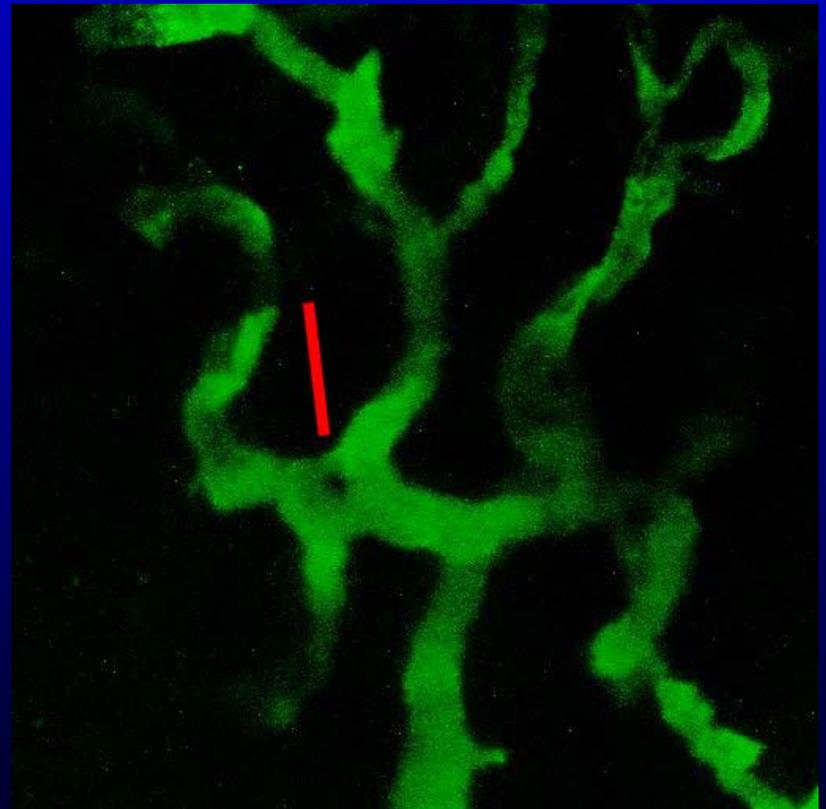
# Intussusceptive angiogenesis examples

Observation in CAM



Burri et al, Dev Dyn, 2004

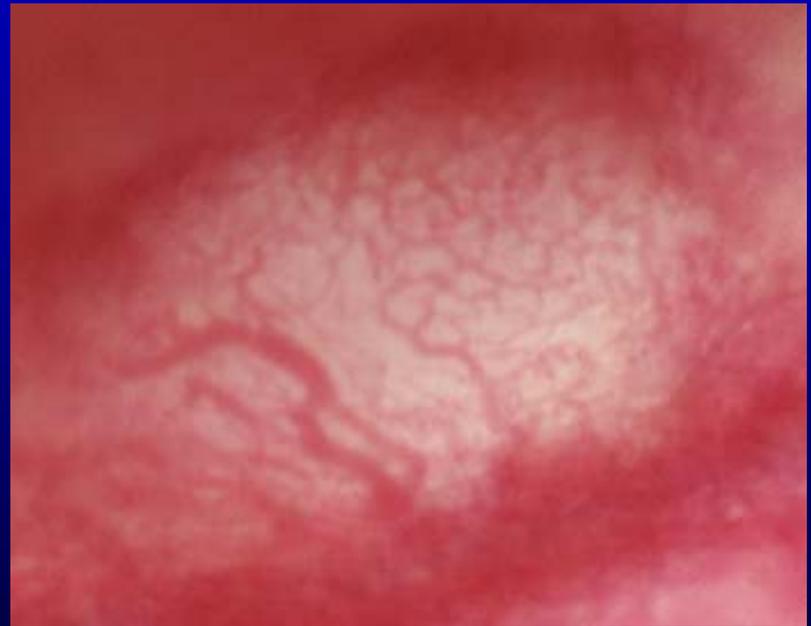
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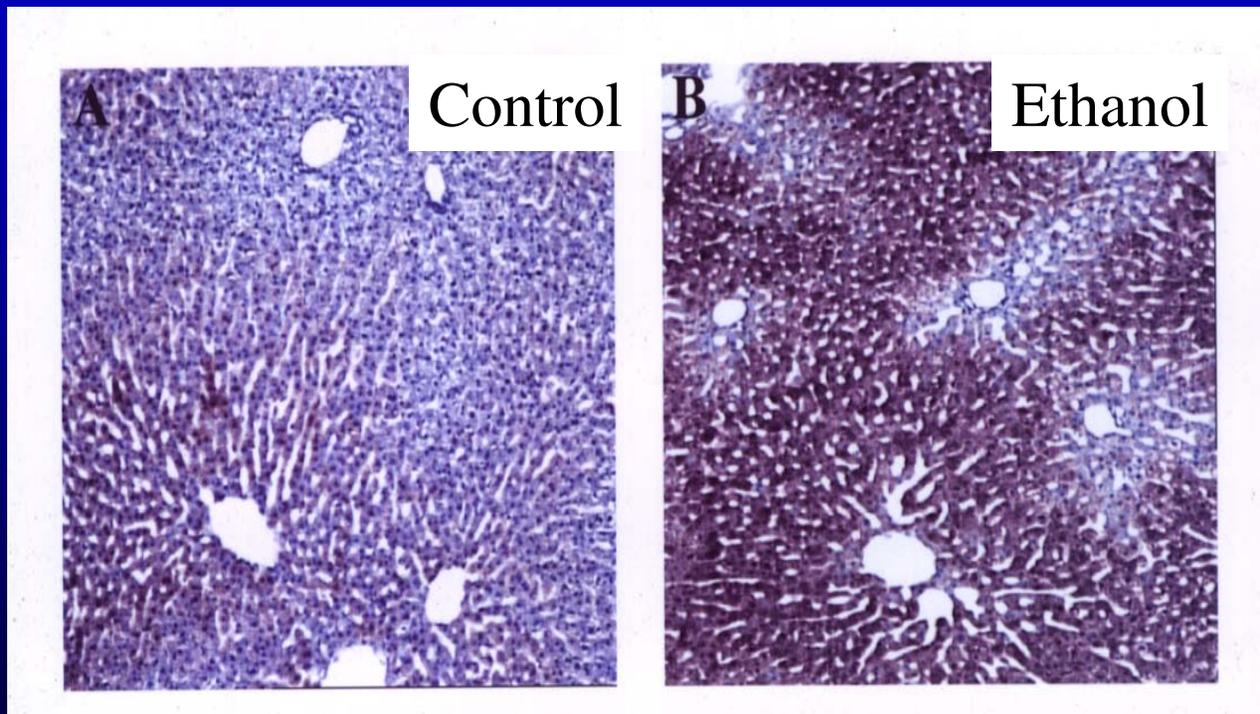
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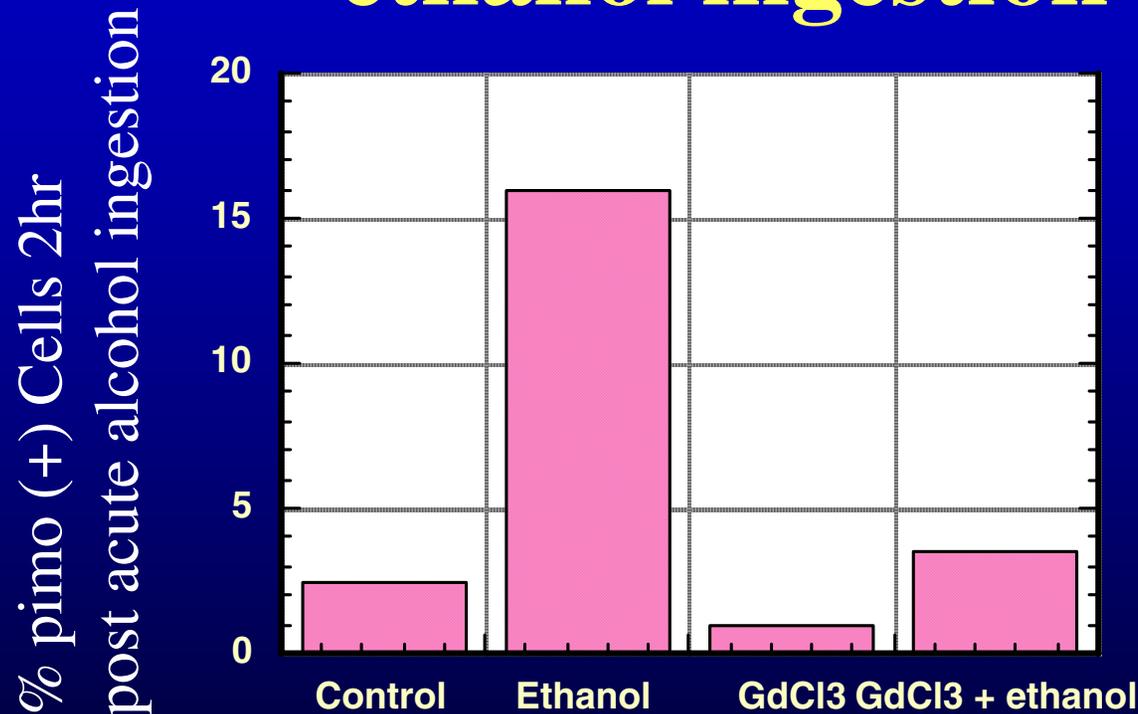


# Liver hypoxia caused by acute alcohol (2 h post ethanol administration)



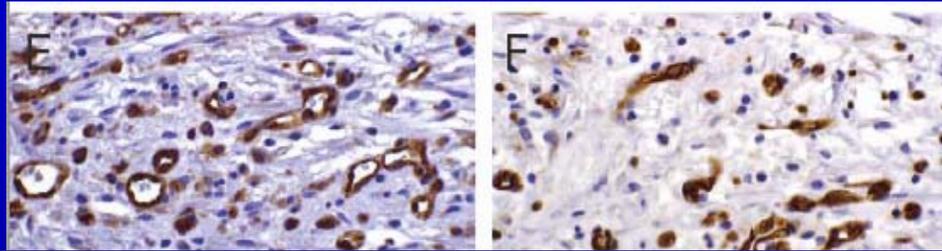
*Arteel et al., Am.J.Physiol.* 271, G494-G500,  
1996

# Blockade of Kupffer cell activation reduces hepatic hypoxia post ethanol ingestion

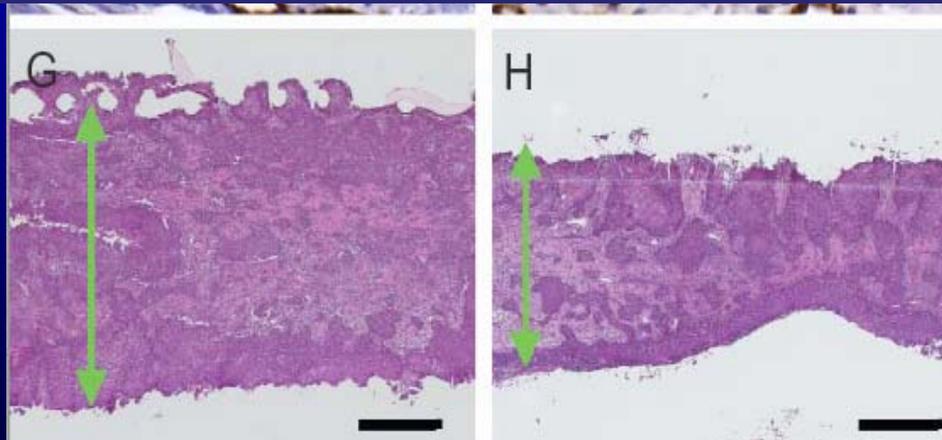


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# Dietary glycine reduces angiogenesis and tumor growth - fibrin gel chamber



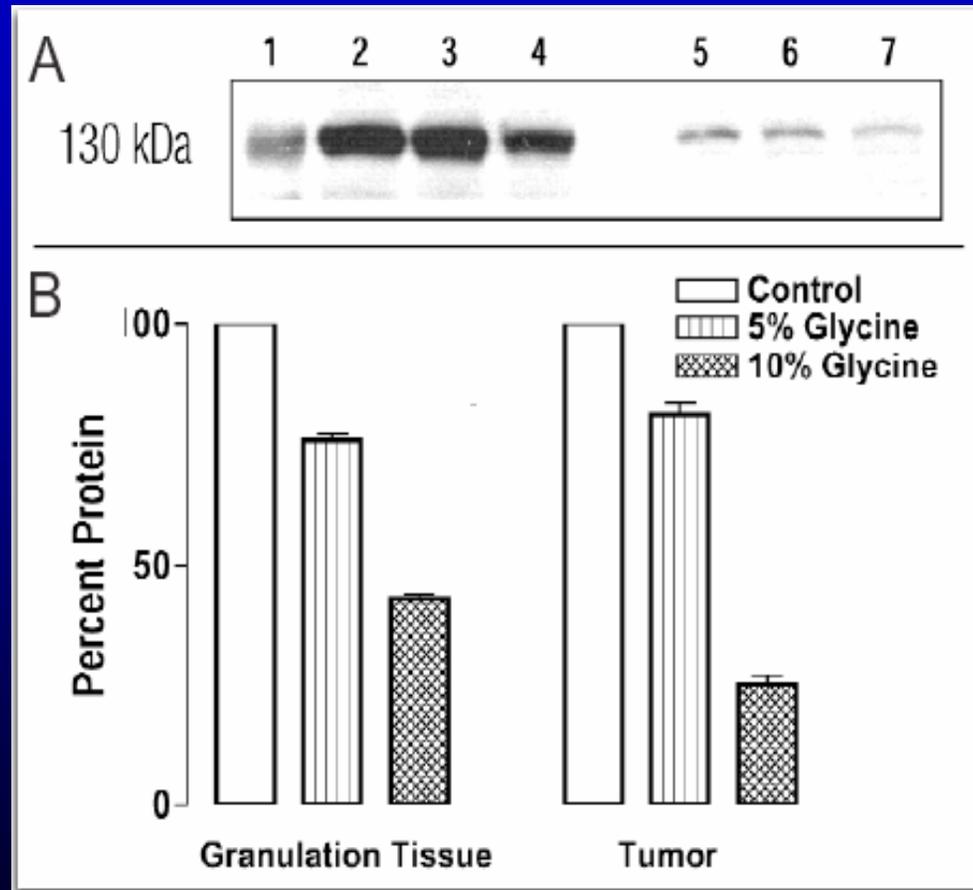
**Glycine blocks Chloride channels in macrophages; prevents macrophage activation**



Control

10% Glycine in diet

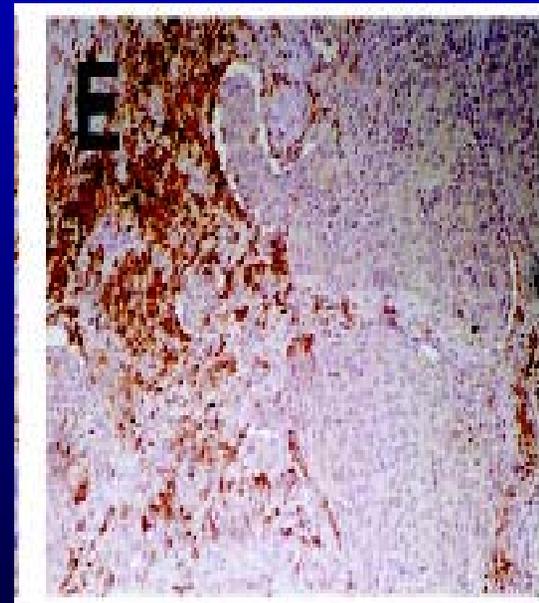
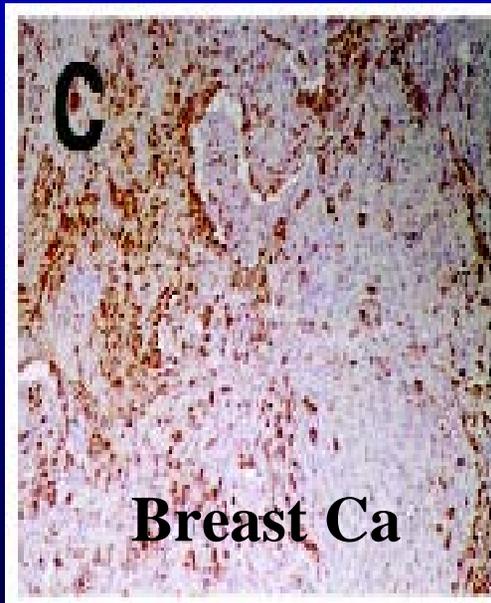
# 10% dietary glycine reduces tissue iNOS levels



# Hif-2a and macrophages colocalize in human breast cancer

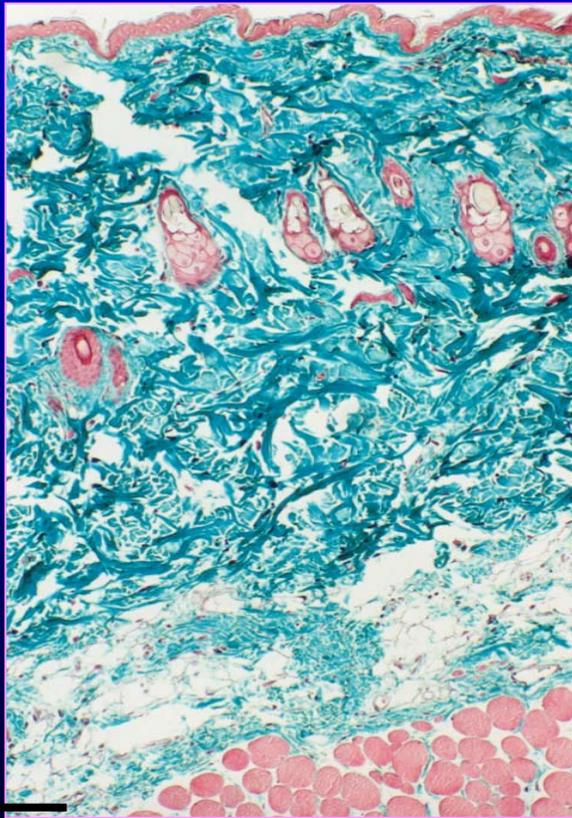
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HIF-2 $\alpha$



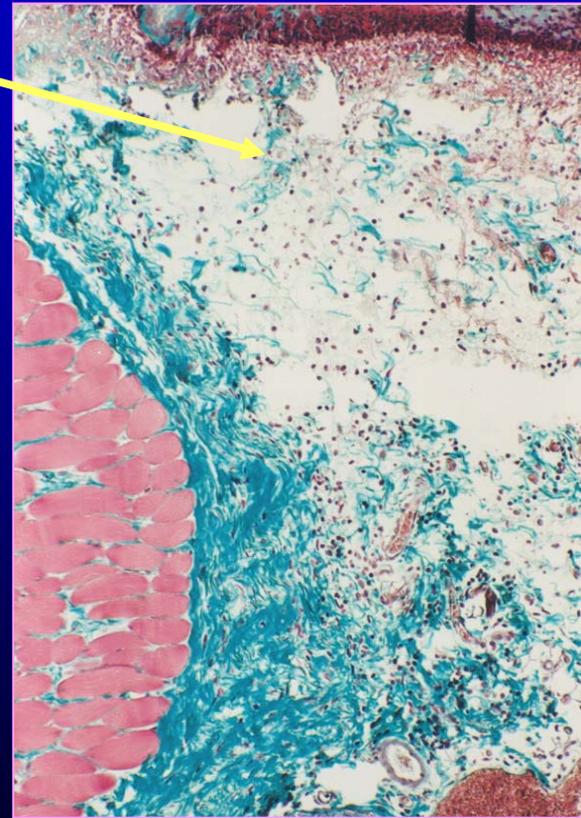
# Histology of Wound Healing Reaction

Normal Rat Skin (25X)



Prov. Fibrin Matrix

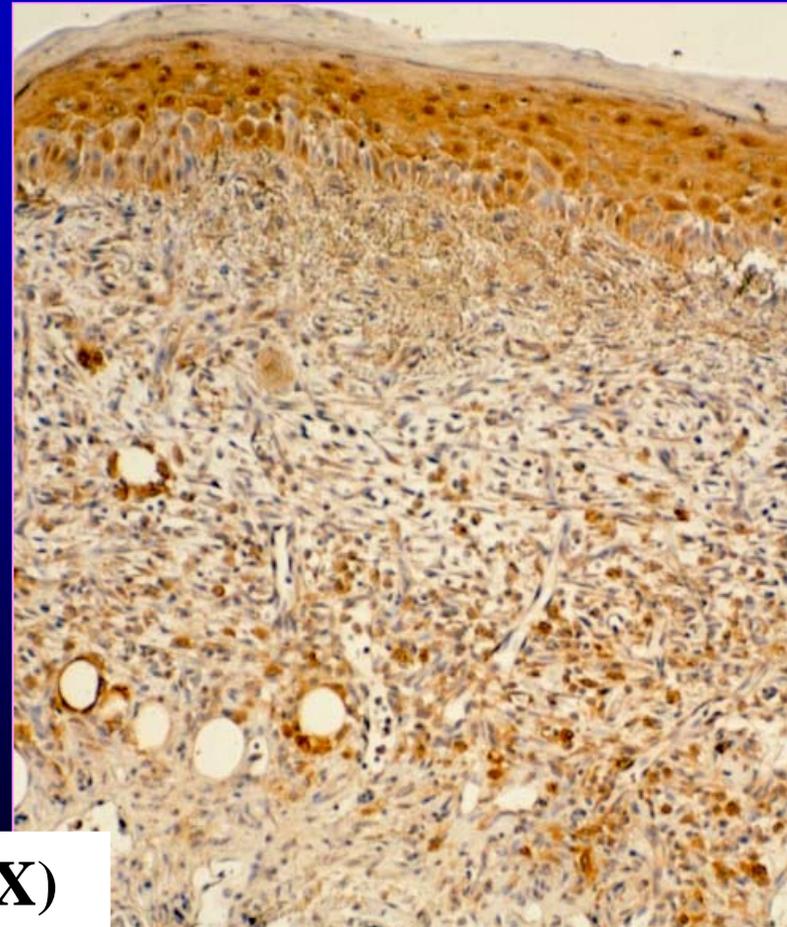
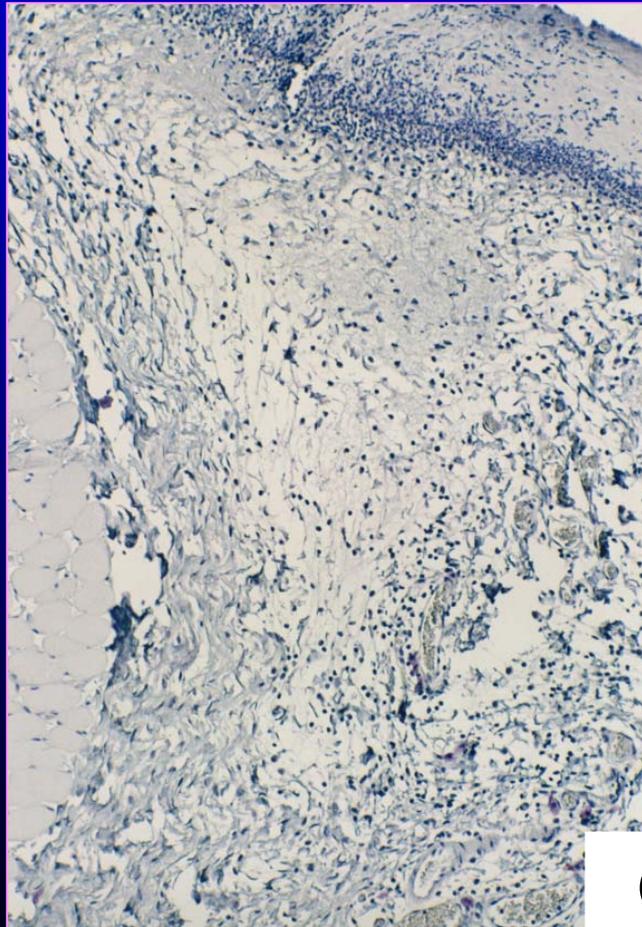
Day 1 (25X)



# Hypoxia in Provisional Fibrin Matrix on day 1 (-) vs. at day 4 (++++)

Day 1

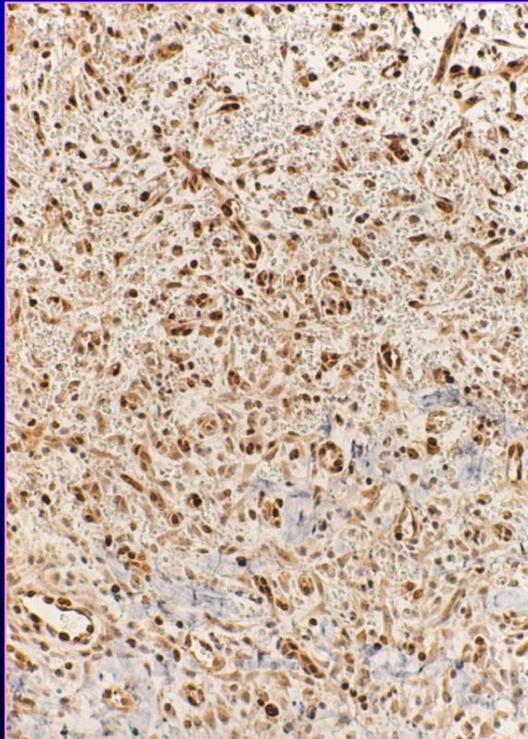
Day 4



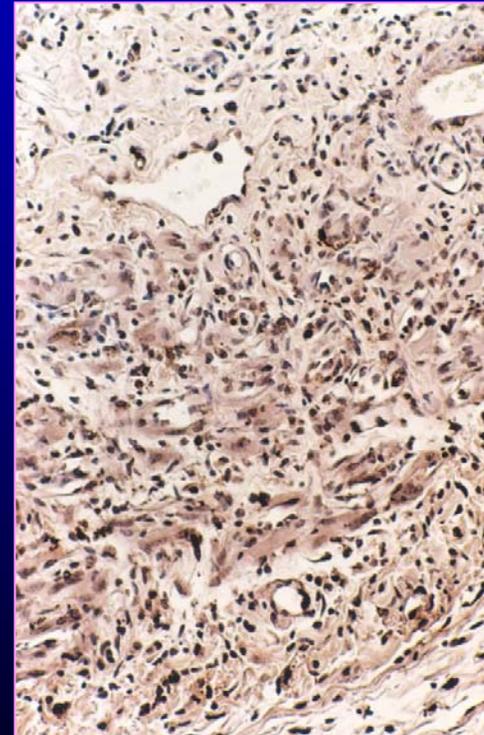
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# Proliferation and Apoptosis are Maximum at Day 4

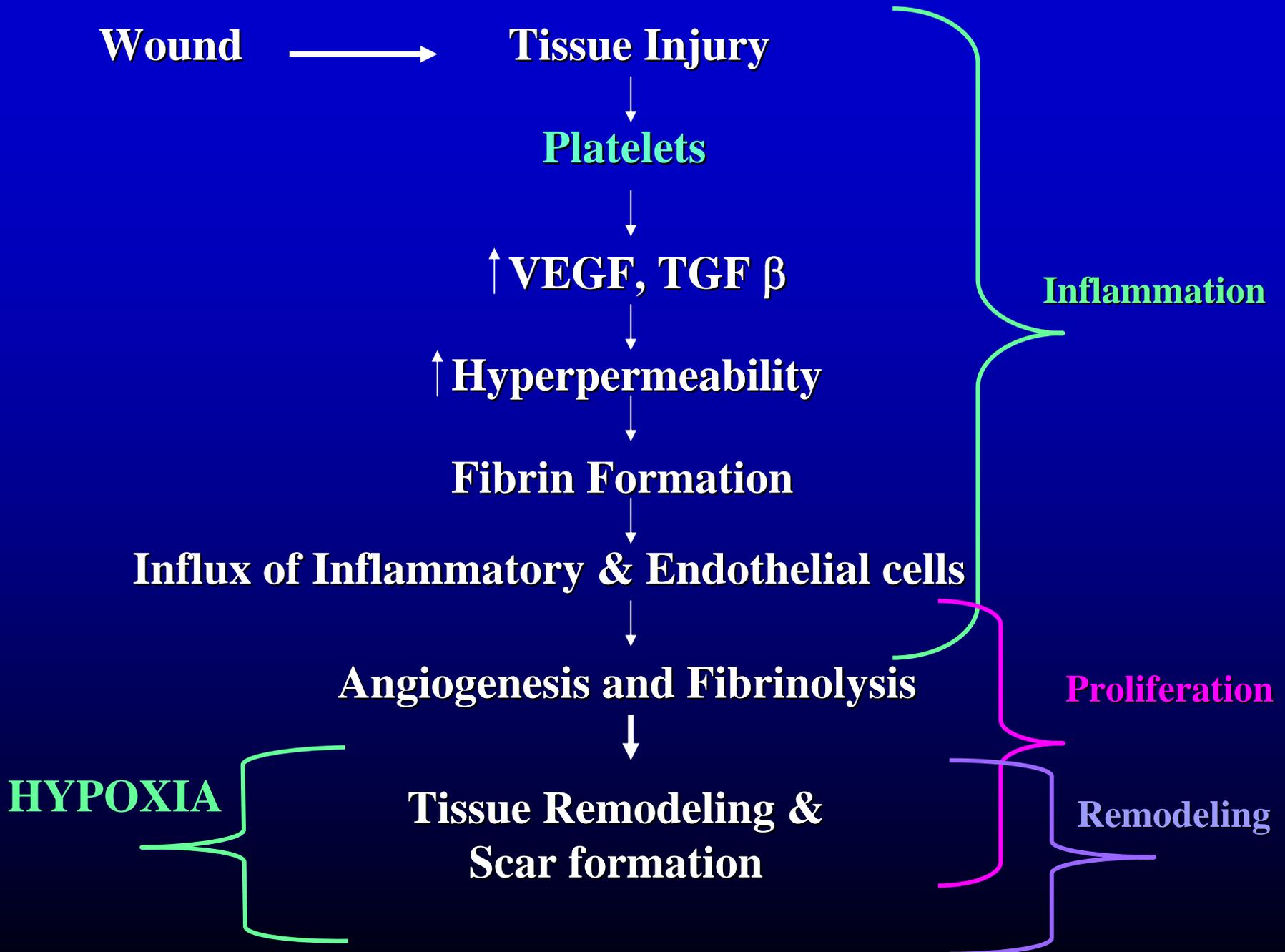
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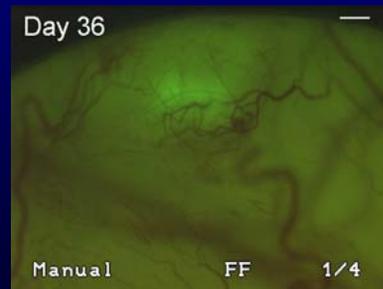
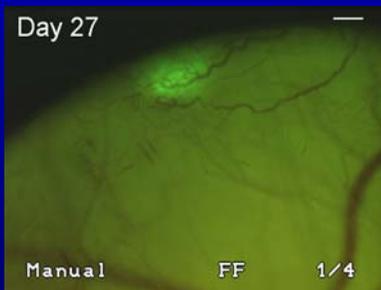
**TUNEL**



Hypoxic Induction of P53 / Apoptosis?



# Examples of vascular remodeling and regression or collapse



**HCT 116  
Colon  
Carcinoma  
Xenograft**

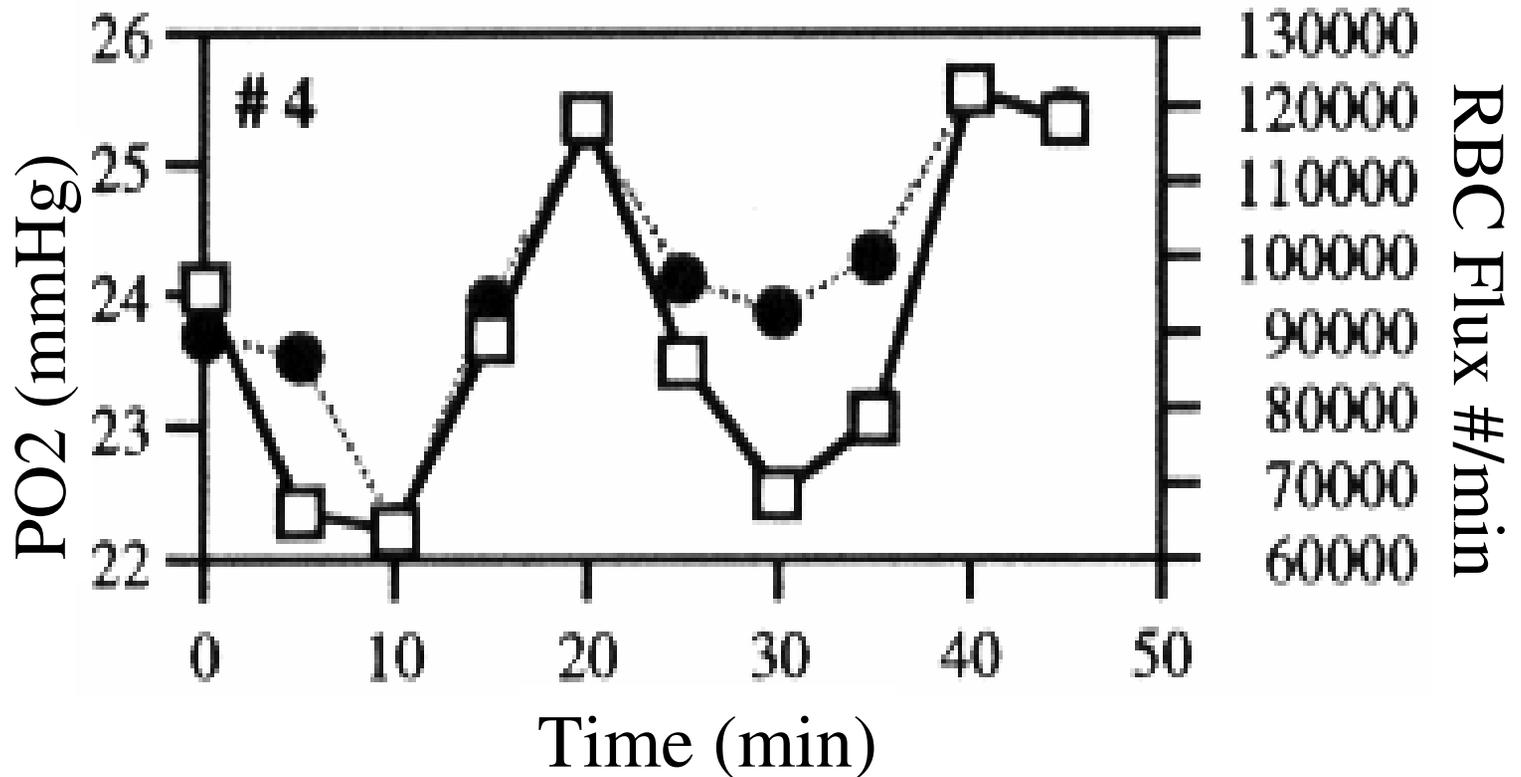
**Bar: 200  $\mu$ m**

**Dewhirst et al, Sem in Hematol Oncol, in press, 2004**

# Demonstration of Static Flow

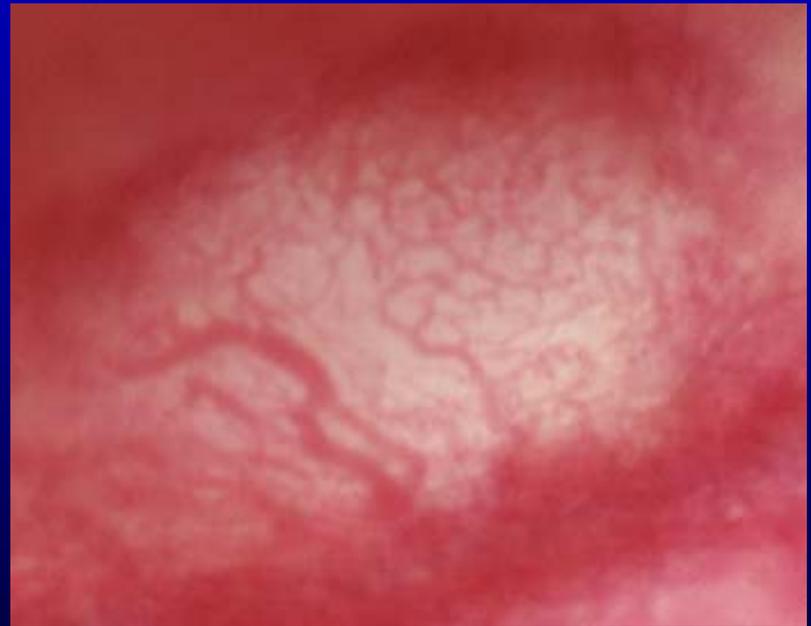
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# Red cell flux relates to perivascular pO<sub>2</sub>



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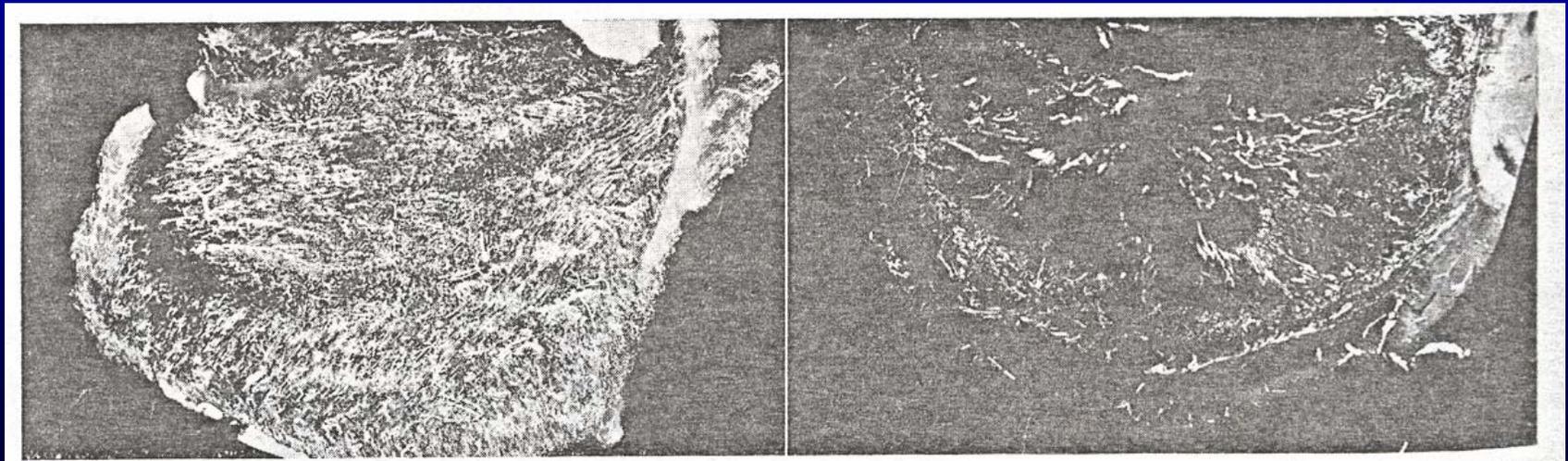


# Supervascularized state of irradiated tumors

- First described by Rubin and Casarett, Clin Radiol, 17:346-355, 1966
- Qualitative assessment - done using microangiography

Irradiated

Sham Irradiated



5Gy x 3, daily Fx, Walker carcinosarcoma

# **Paradoxical HIF-1 Signaling During Tumor Reoxygenation: The Role of Free Radicals and Stress Granules**

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Ben Moeller

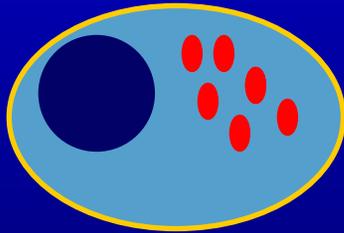
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# Two HIF-1 - mechanisms protect against endothelial death post RT

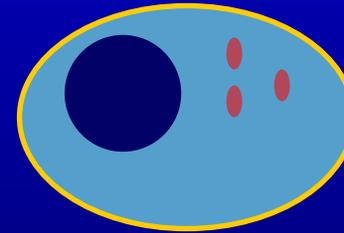
Hypoxic tumor cell



RT

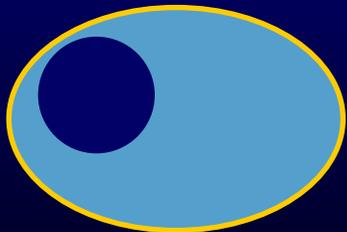


Reoxygenation

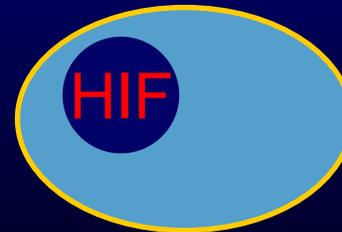


Stress Granules  
Protect HIF-1 transcripts

Stress Granules Depolymerize  
Releasing HIF-1 regulated mRNAs

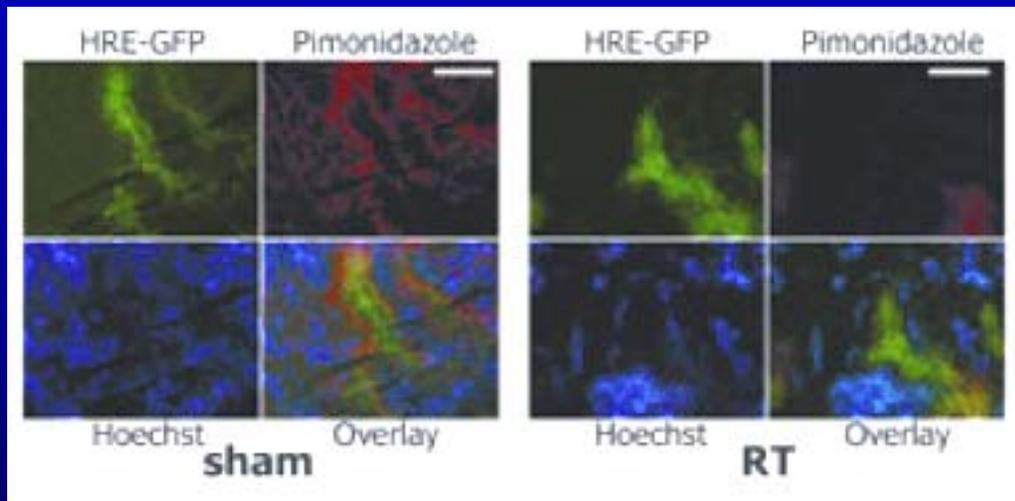


ROS



HIF-1 $\alpha$   
Stabilized  
Enters nucleus

# Overlap between Hypoxia Marker & HRE-GFP pre/48hr post RT



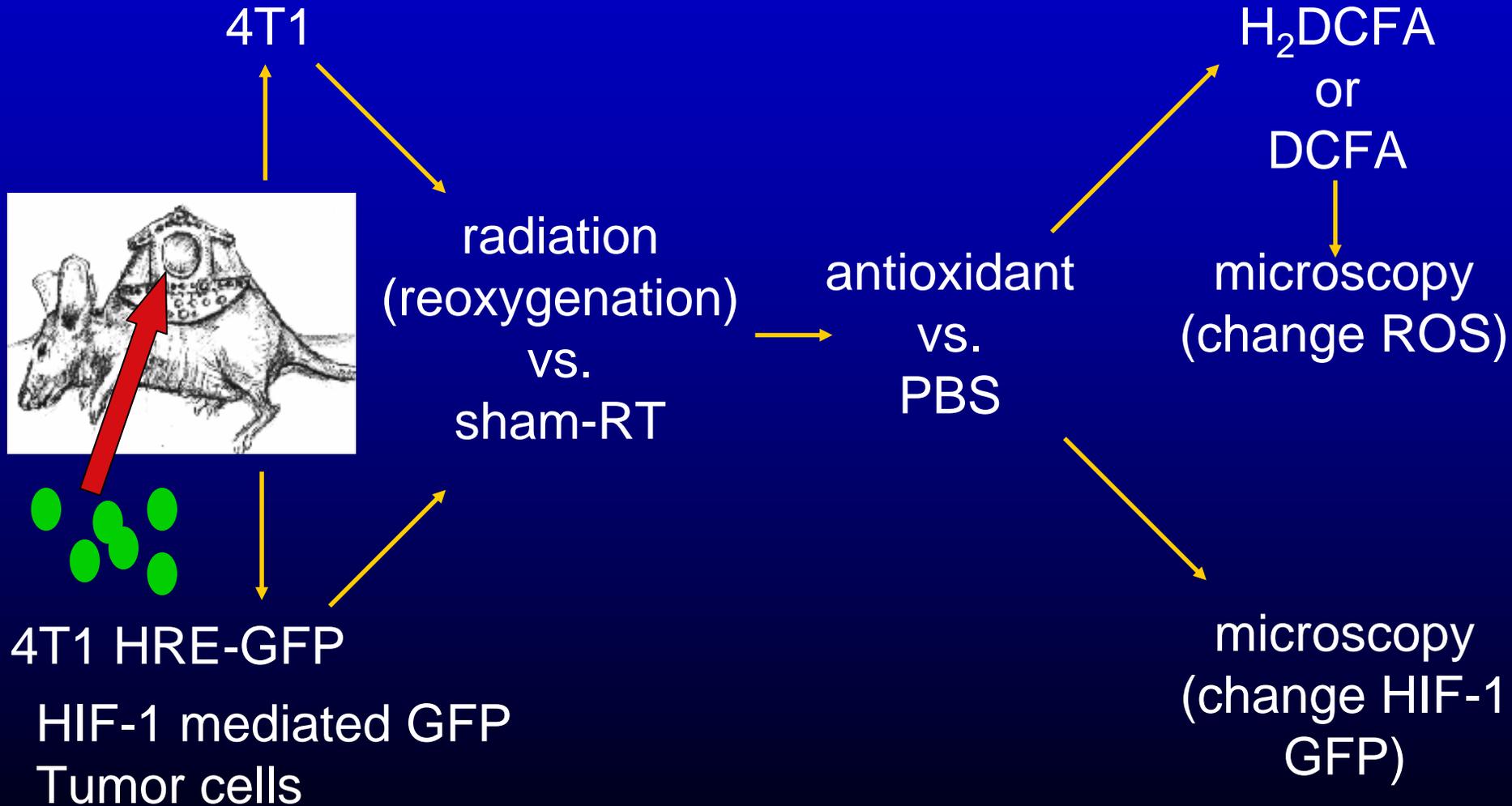
Sham = 92% overlap  
HRE-GFP with Pimo

Irradiated = 18%  
Overlap

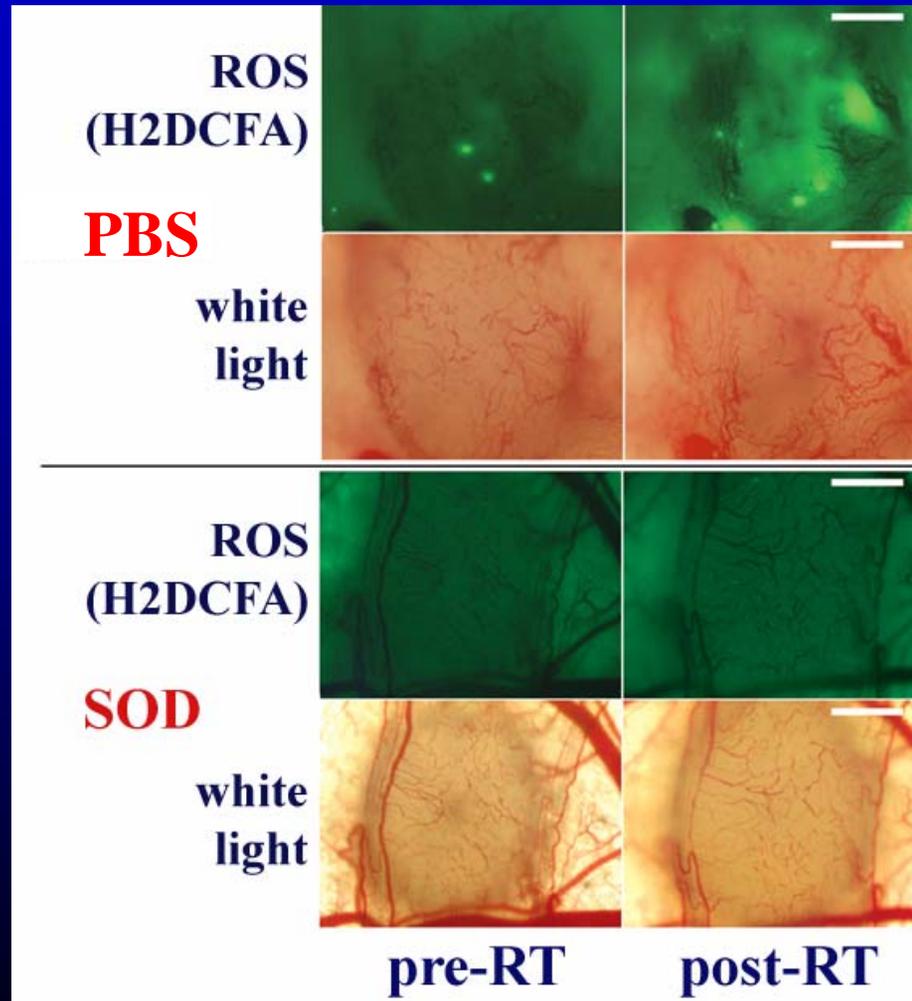
**Red** = Pimonidazole - hypoxia marker drug  
**Blue** = Hoechst - perfusion marker  
**Green** = HRE-GFP reporter gene

HRE-GFP expressed in  
Aerobic cells post RT

# Methods to test whether RT induces reoxygenation → free radicals → HIF-1



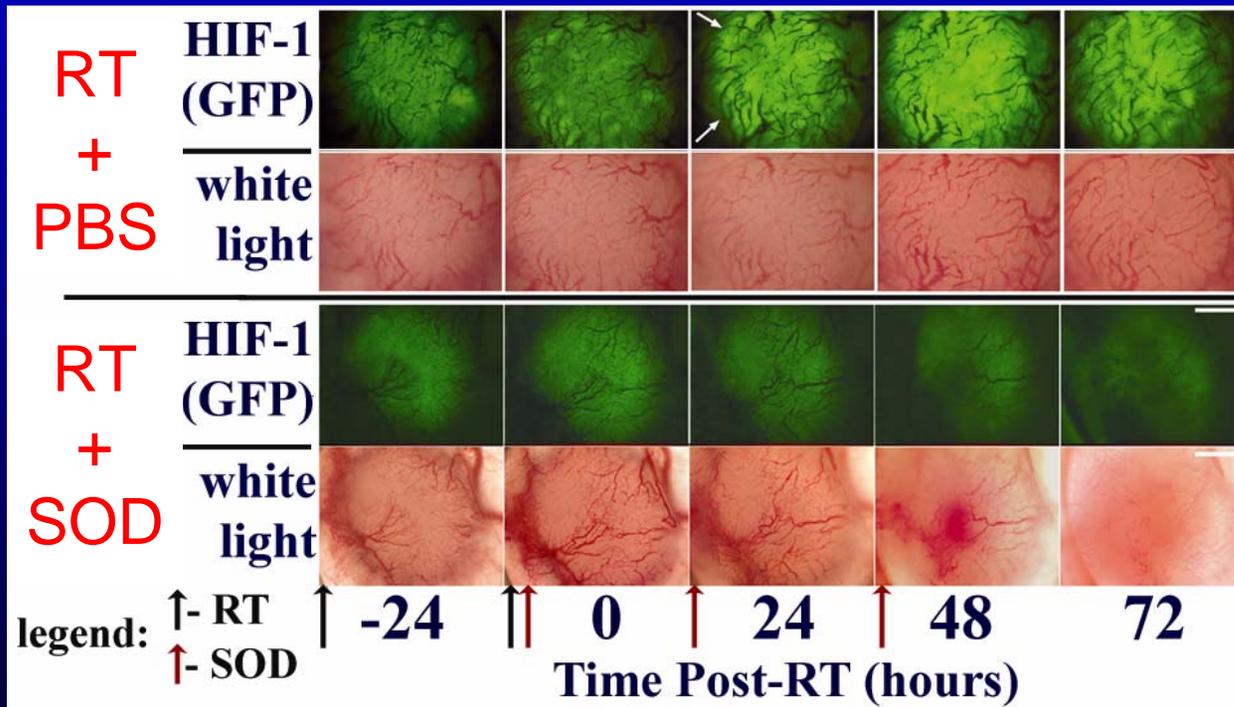
# Reoxygenation post RT increases free radicals



2 x 5Gy  
24hr after 2nd  
RT dose

bar = 300 $\mu$ m

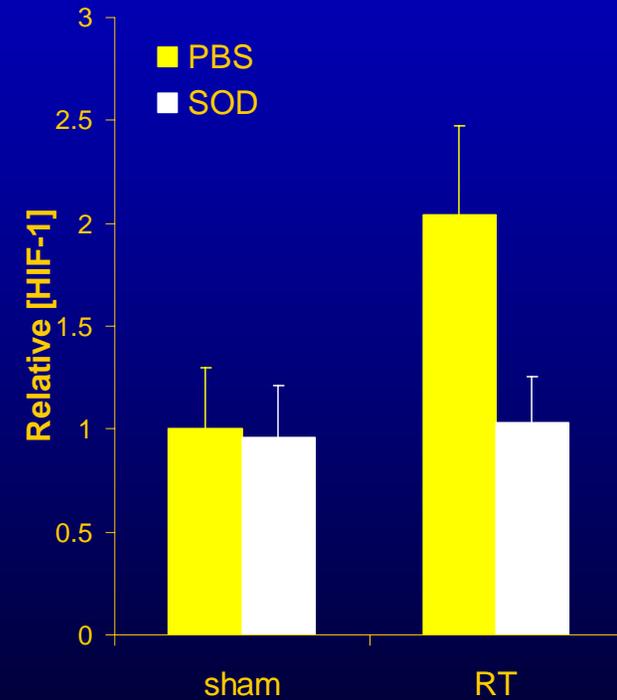
# Free radicals post RT increase HIF-1 $\alpha$ levels



bar = 300 $\mu$ m

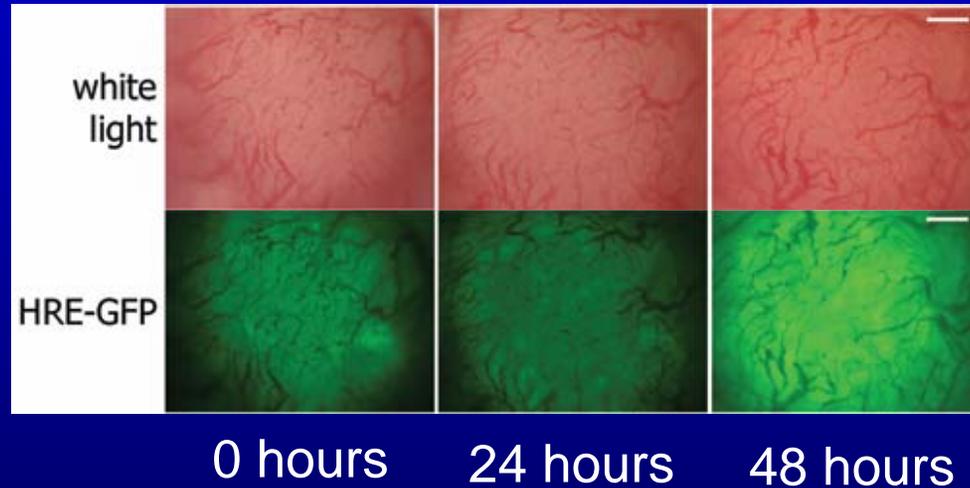
RT = 5Gy x 2

## HIF-1 ELISA

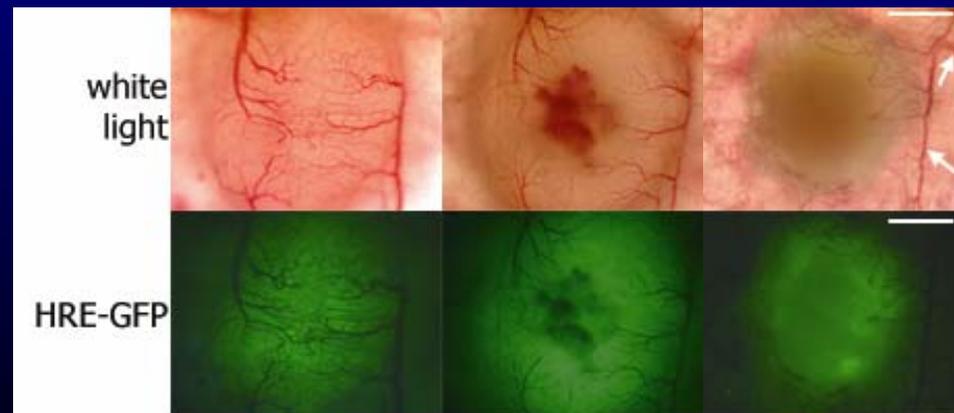


# Significance of Reoxygenation-Mediated HIF-1 Activation

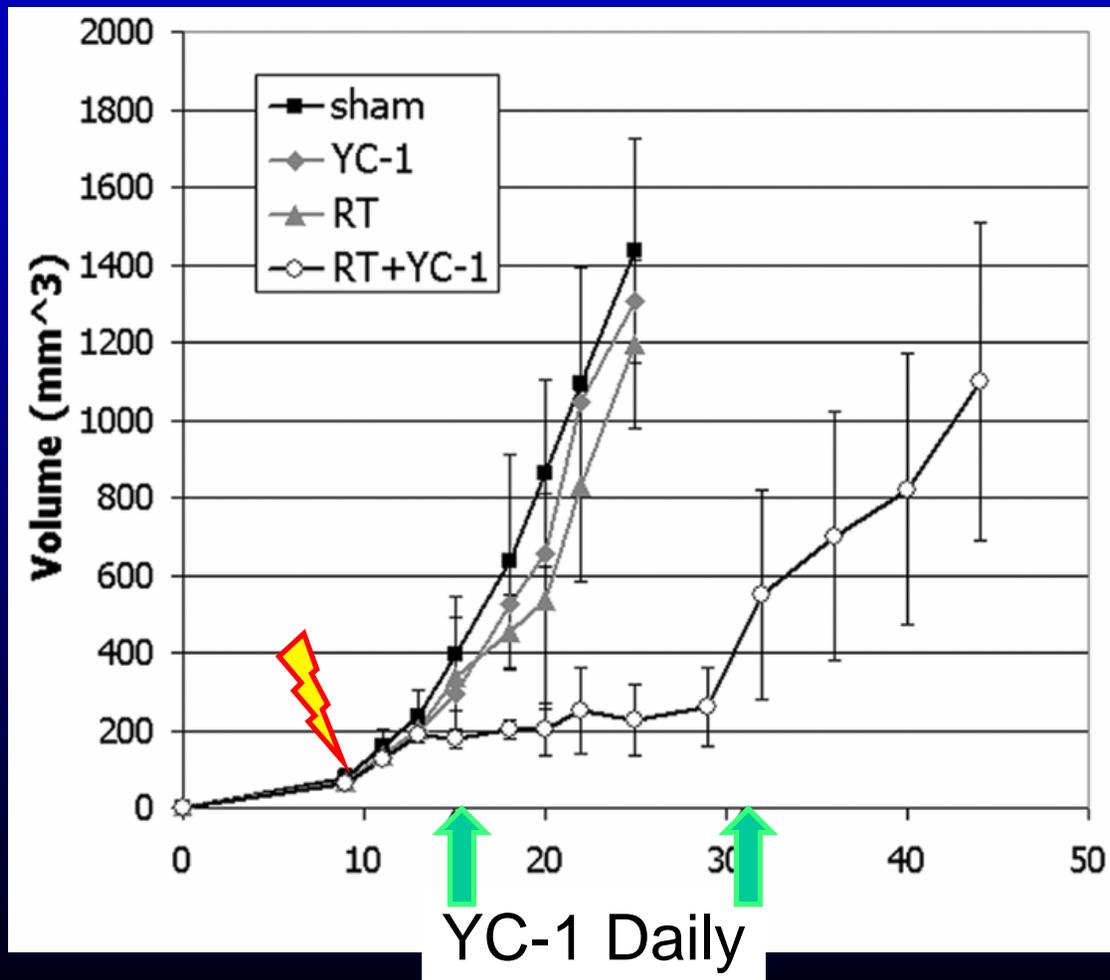
RT  
(reoxygenation)



RT  
+  
YC-1  
(HIF-1 inhibitor)



# HIF-1 Activation blockade increases RT response



4T1  
10 Gy x 1

YC-1  
5mg/kg

# Tying the pieces together

Promote tumor cell survival, angiogenesis and growth

Pro-angiogenic Signaling via HIF-1 (tumor / host cells)

Treatment

Hypoxia

Vascular Remodeling

Stress Granule  
ROS

Reoxygenation

Cell Killing

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