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CROSS RESISTANCE OF MELANOMA CELLS TO CHEMOTHERAPY AND TRAIL

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CELL KILLING MECHANISMS USED BY LYMPHOCYTES DEPEND ON INDUCTION OF APOPTOSIS

1. Granzyme – Perforin Mediated Killing

CD8 CTL (CD4 CTL)

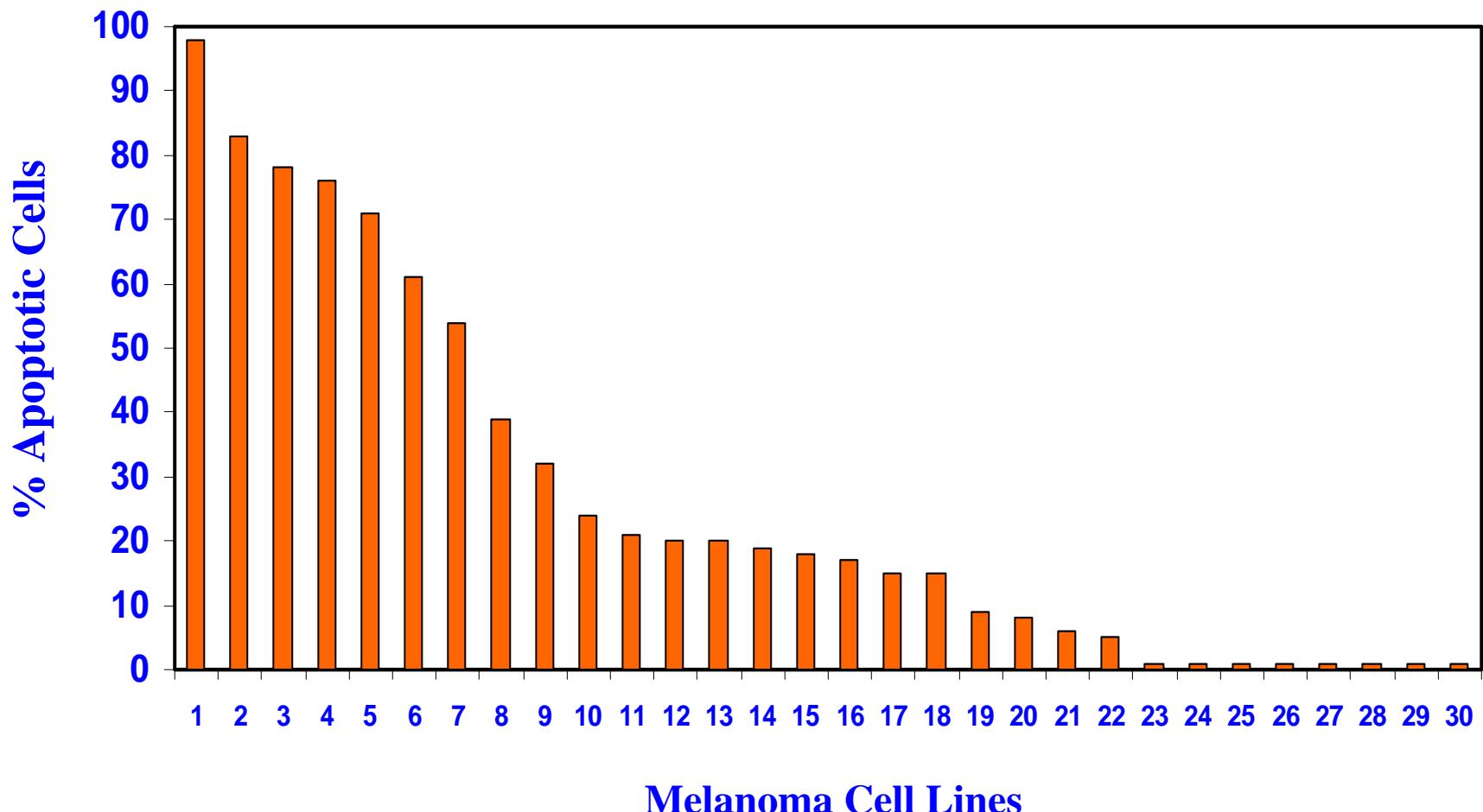
NK Cells and ADCC

2. TRAIL (FasL, TNF- α) Mediated Killing

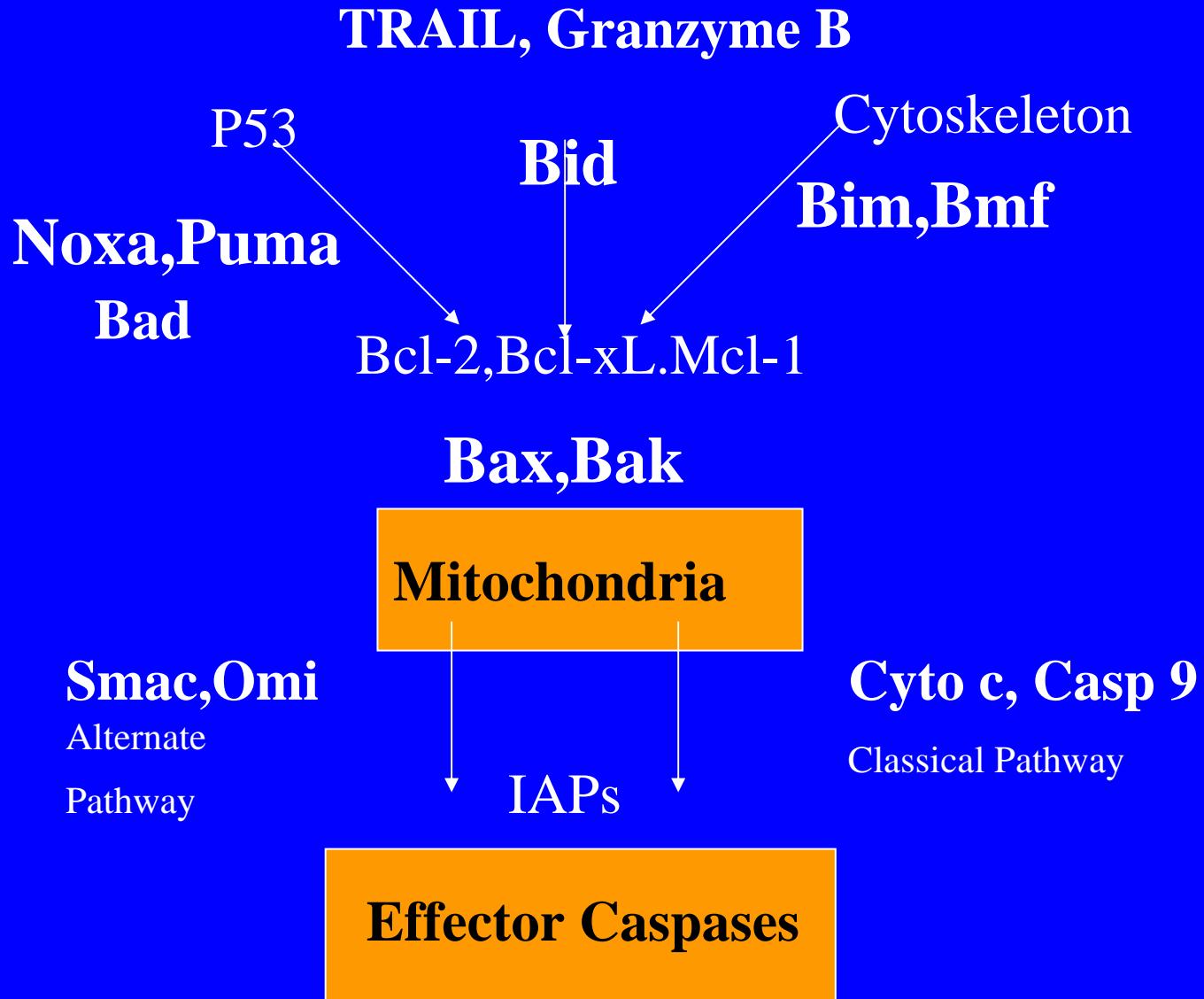
CD4 T Cells

Monocytes, Dendritic Cells

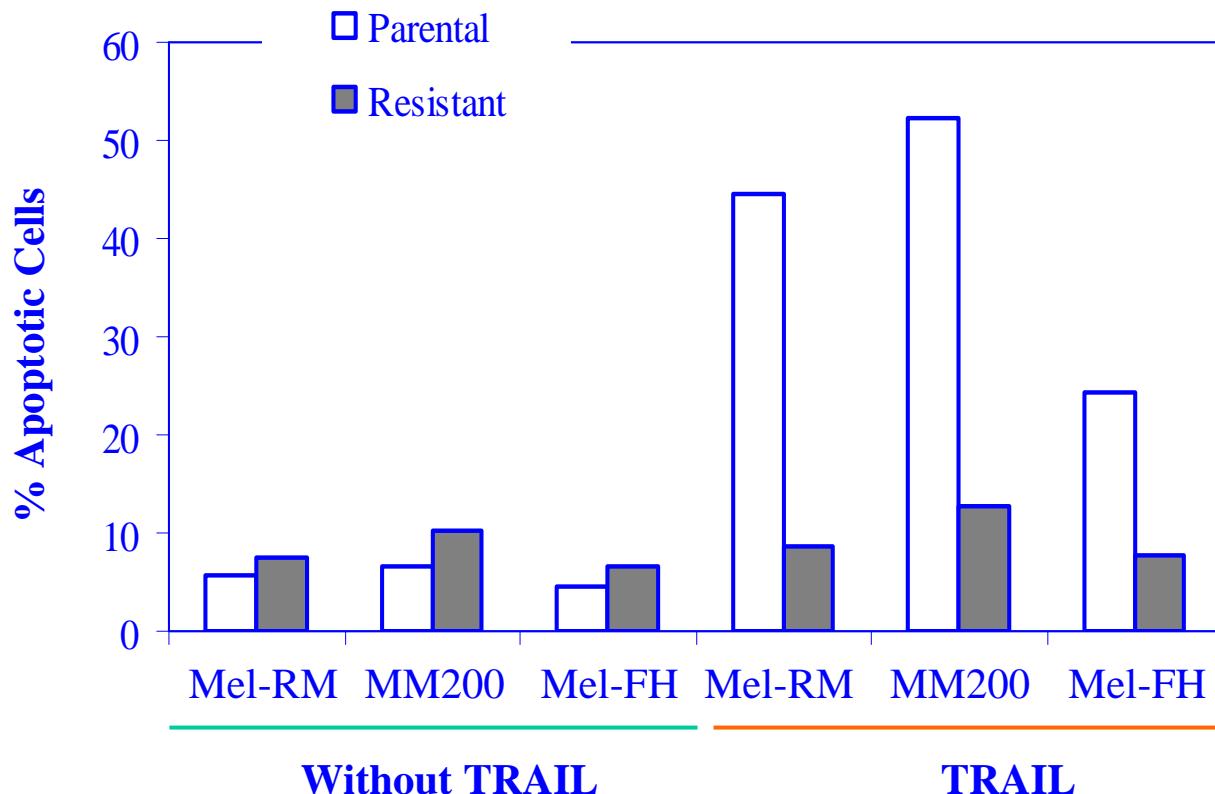
TRAIL Induces Apoptosis in the Majority of Melanoma Cell Lines



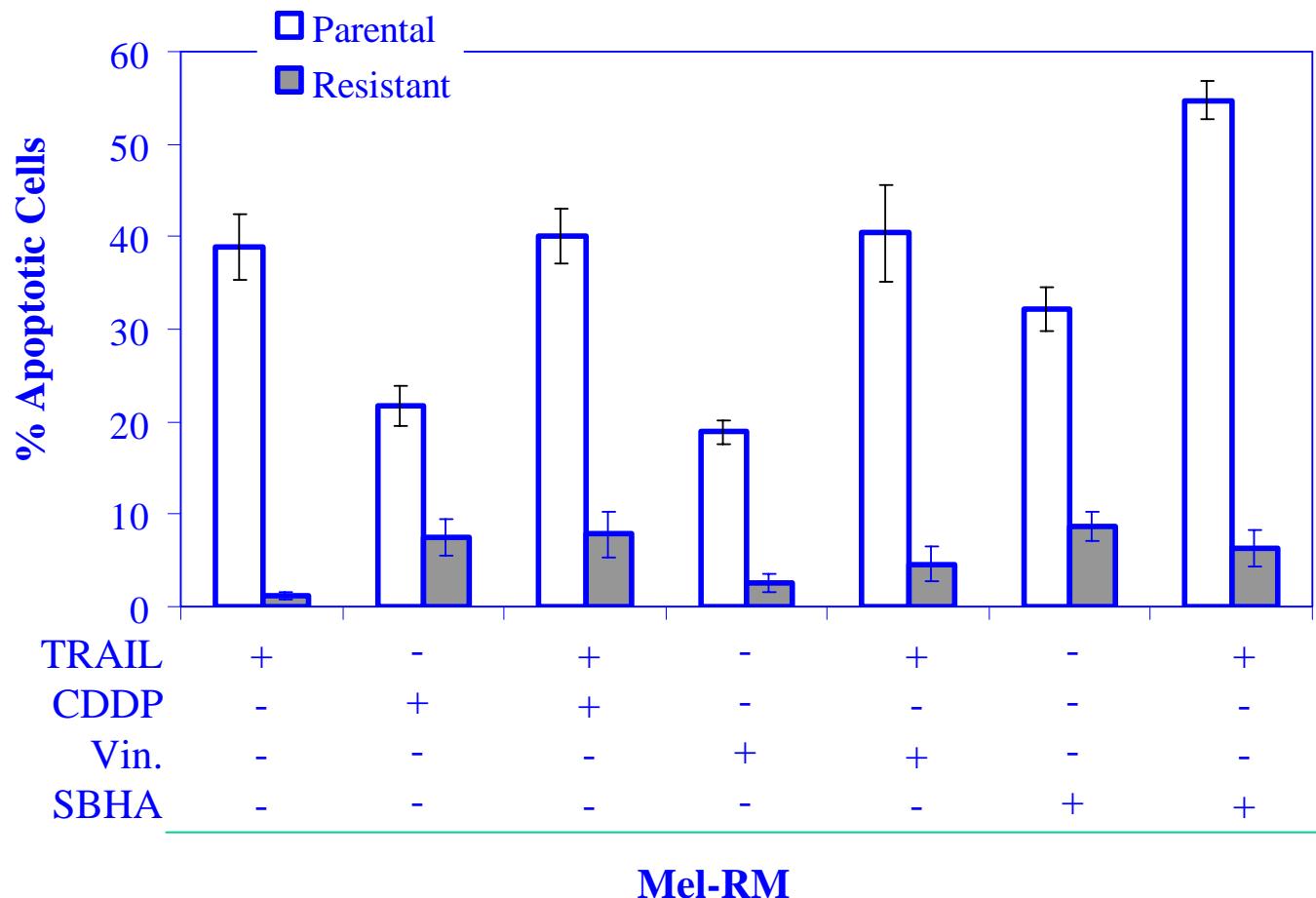
NEW CONCEPTS IN APOPTOSIS



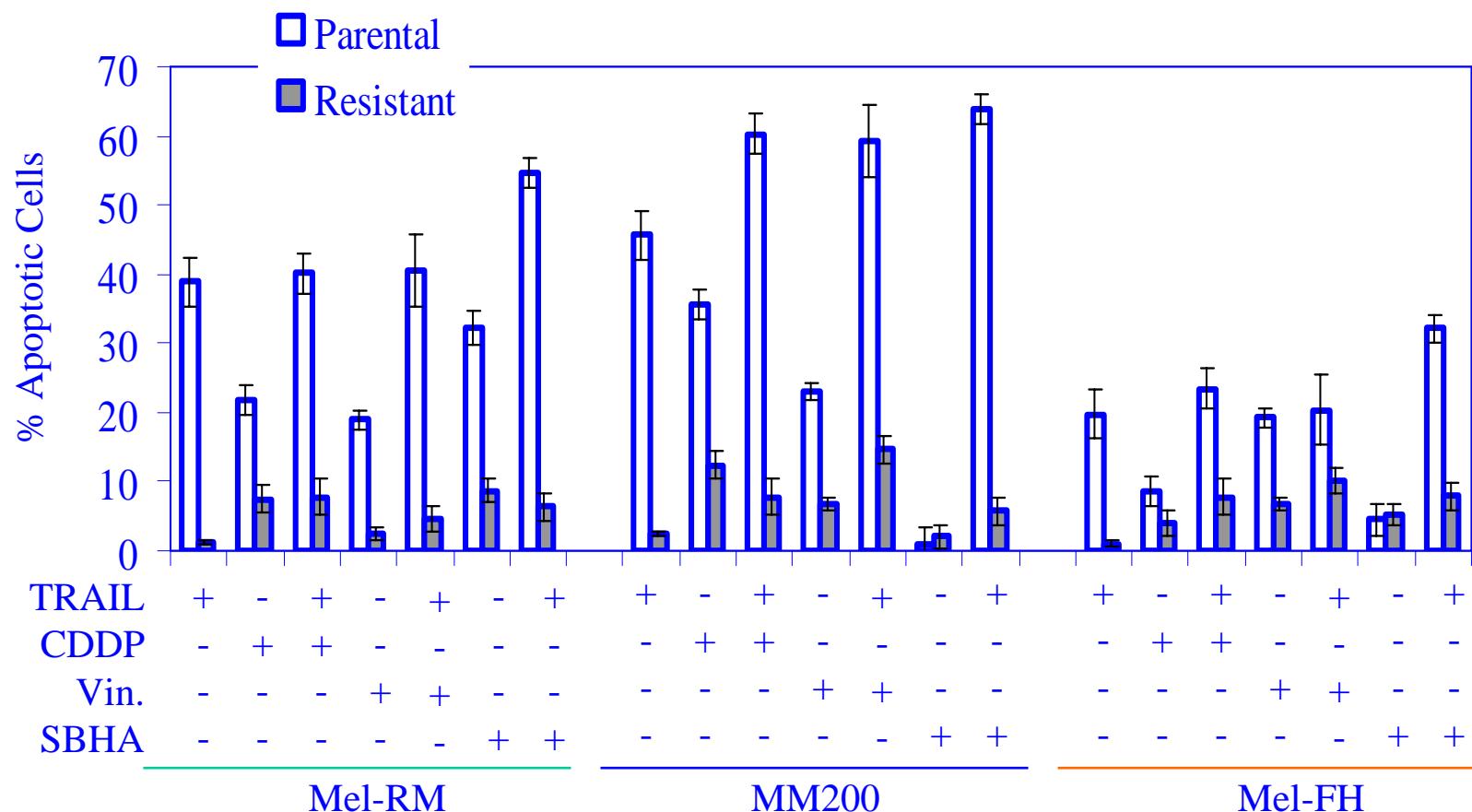
Prolonged exposure of melanoma cells to TRAIL results in TRAIL-resistant sub-lines



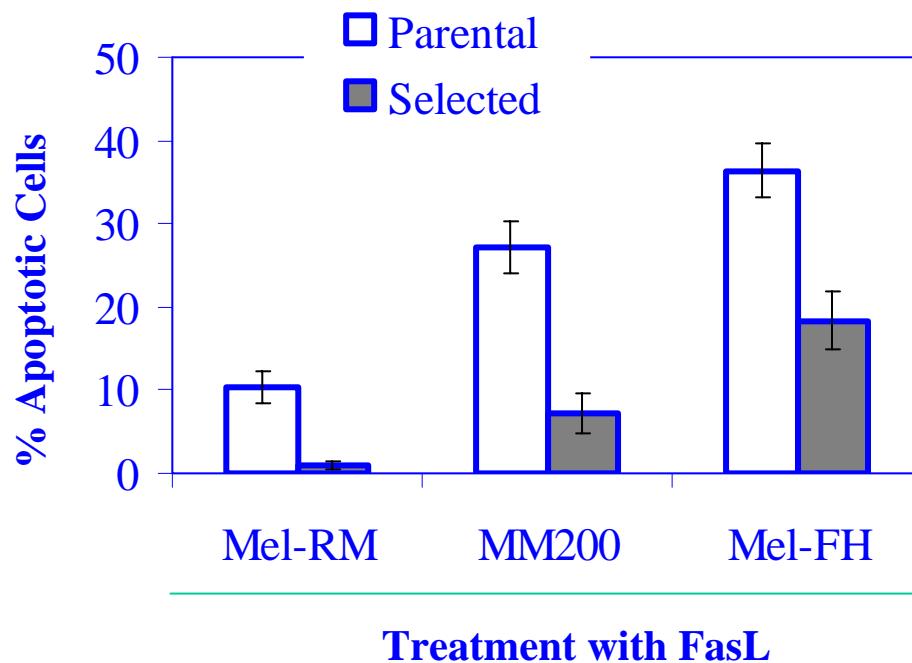
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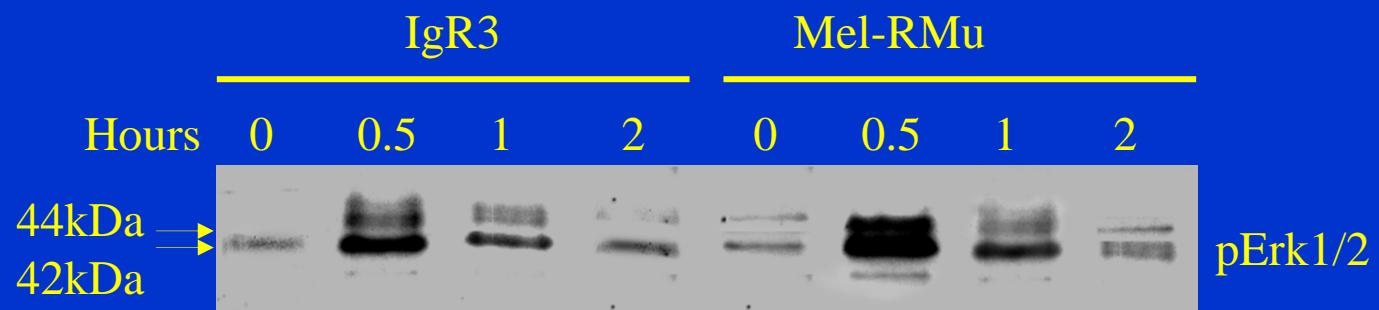
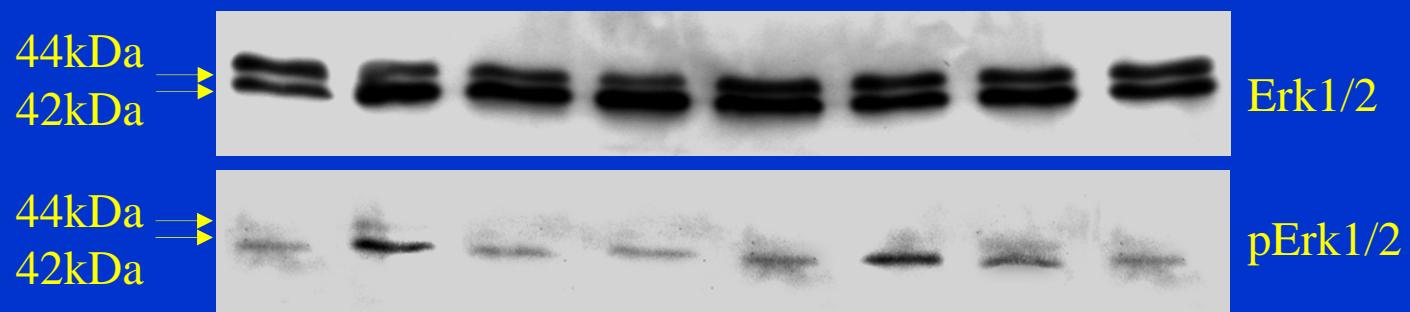


TRAIL-resistant melanoma cells are cross-resistant to FasL-induced apoptosis



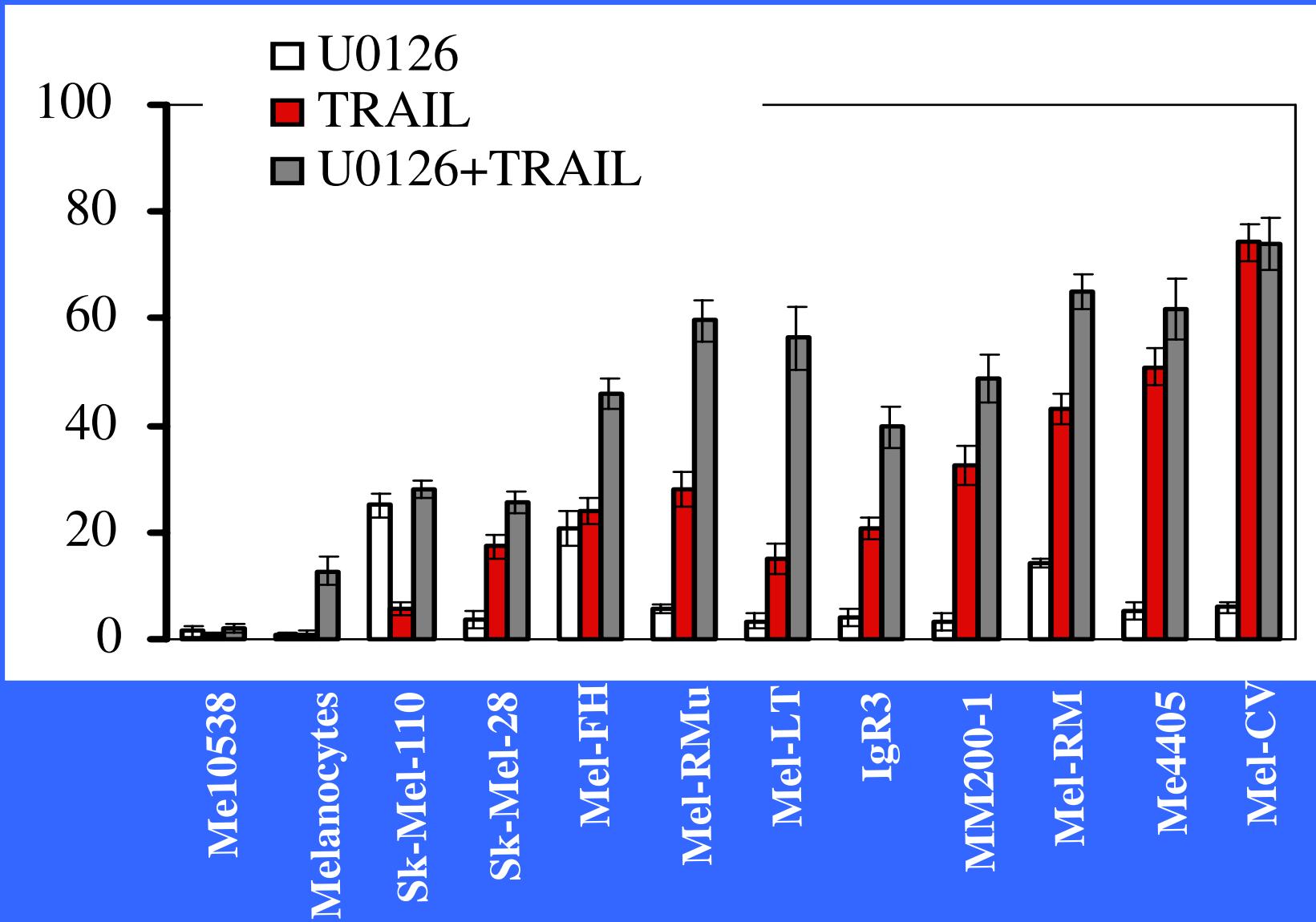
AT LEAST THREE SIGNAL
PATHWAYS INDUCE
RESISTANCE TO TRAIL
INDUCED APOPTOSIS

TRAIL Induces Rapid Erk1/2 Activation in Melanoma cells



U0126 Sensitises Melanoma to TRAIL-Induced Apoptosis

% Apoptosis



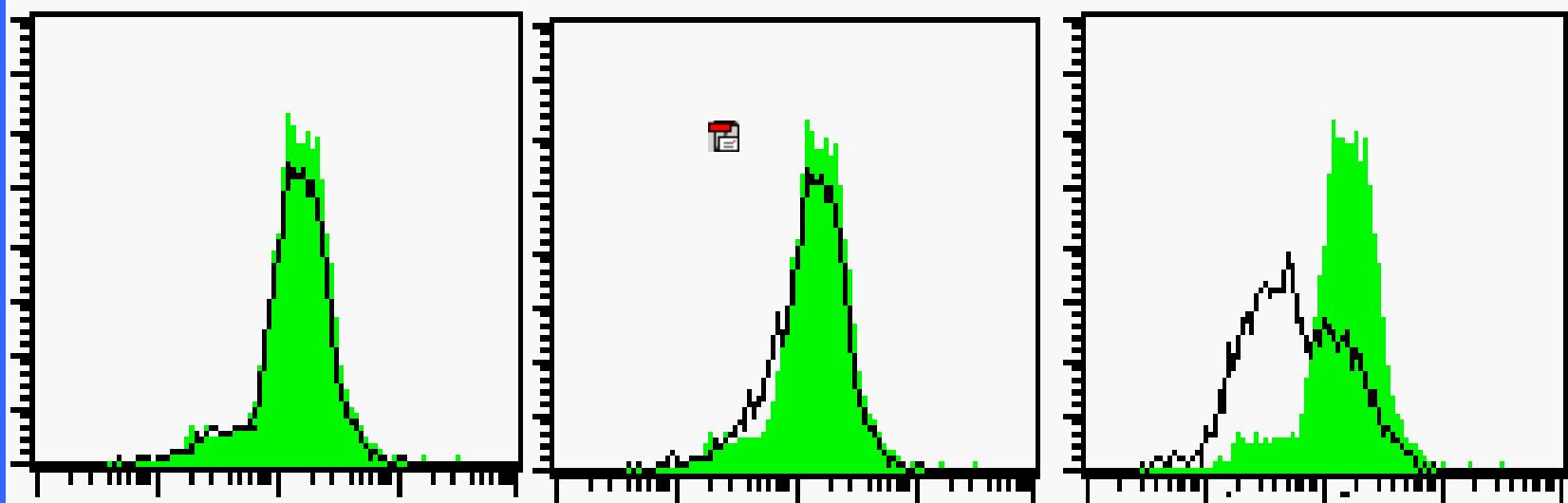
TRAIL Induces a Marked Increase in Reduction of the Mitochondrial Membrane Potential in the Presence of U0126

Relative Cell Number

U0126

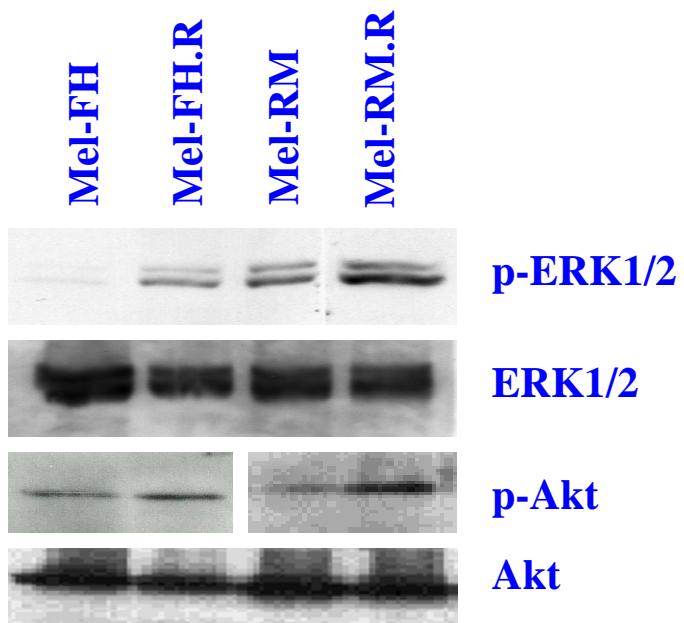
TRAIL

U016 +TRAIL

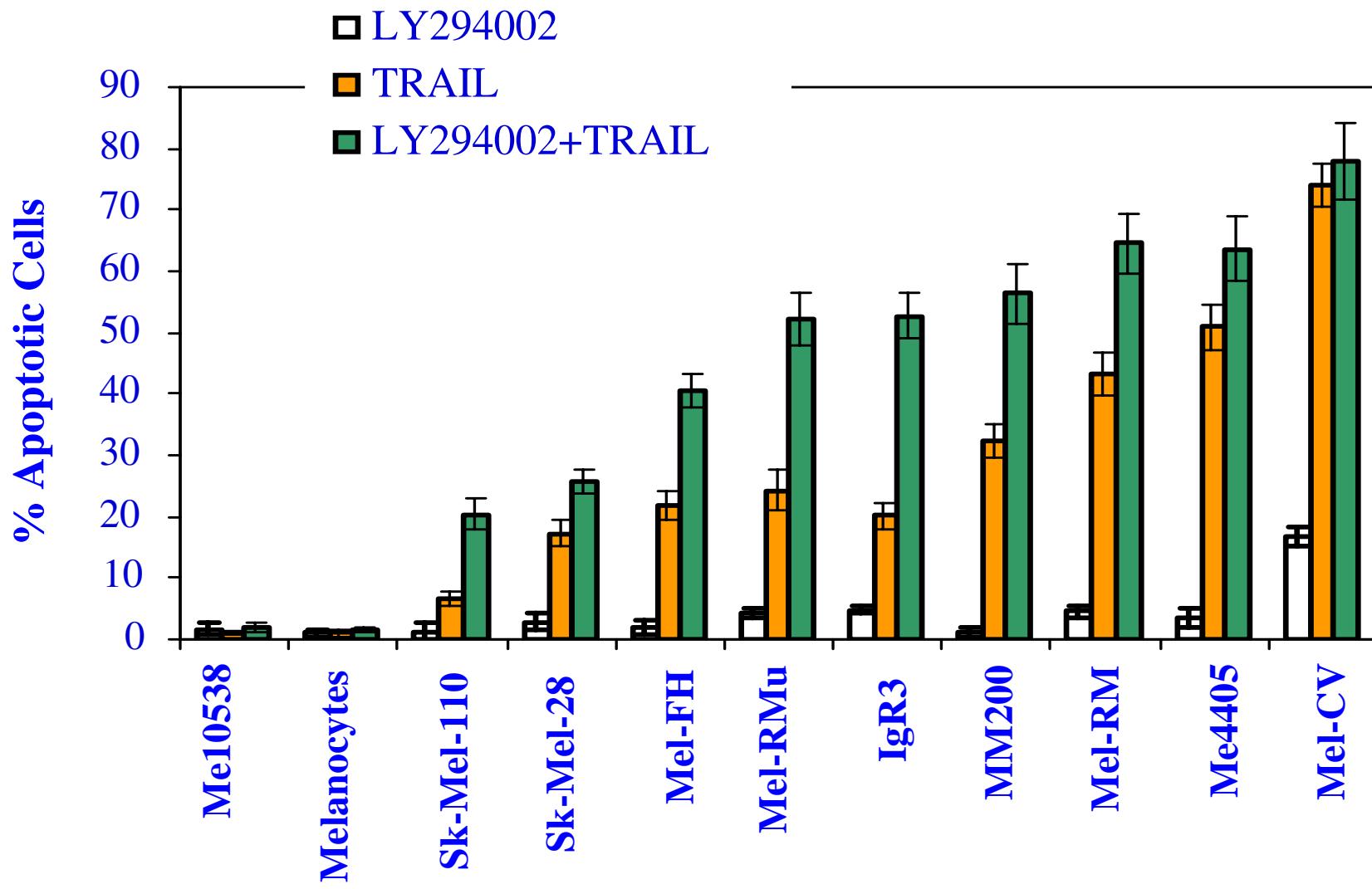


Fluorescent Intensity

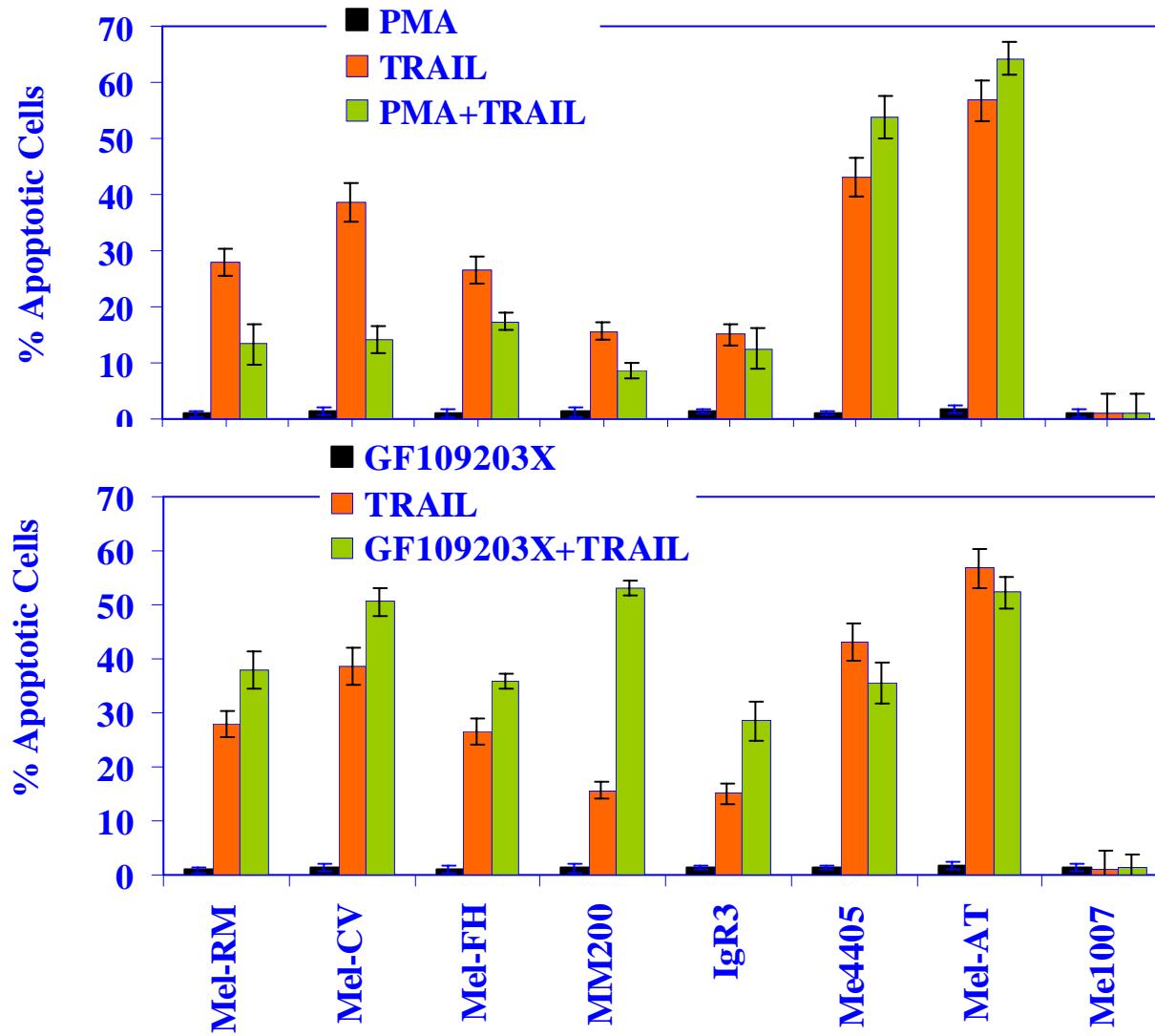
Increased Activation of ERK1/2 and Akt in TRAIL-Selected Resistant Cells



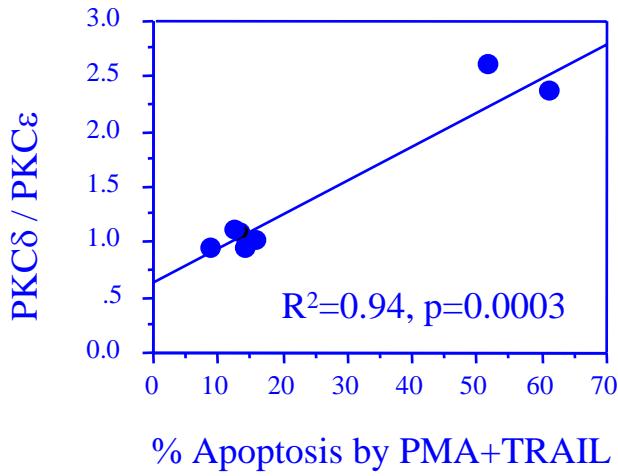
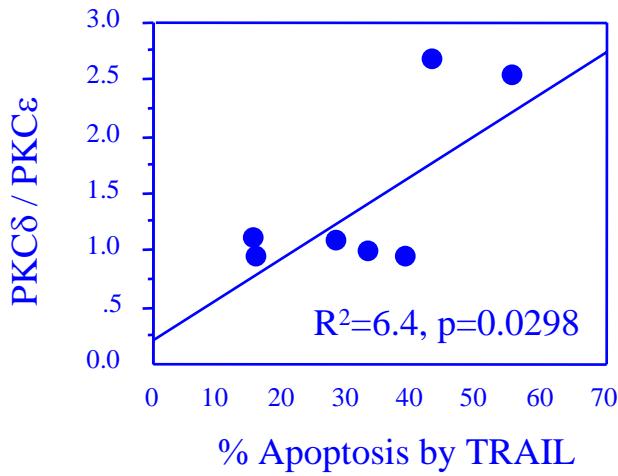
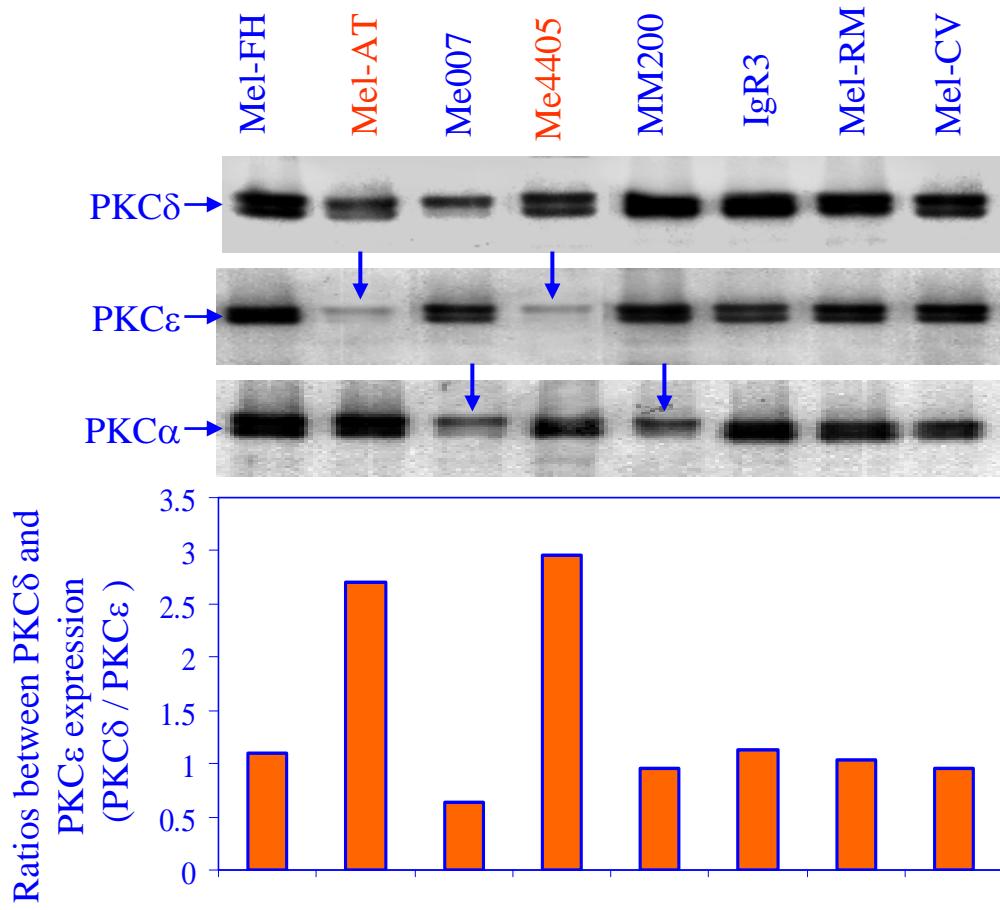
Inhibition of Akt signaling by the PI3-K inhibitor sensitizes melanoma to TRAIL-induced apoptosis



PKC Activation Differentially Regulates Sensitivity of Melanoma to TRAIL-Induced Apoptosis

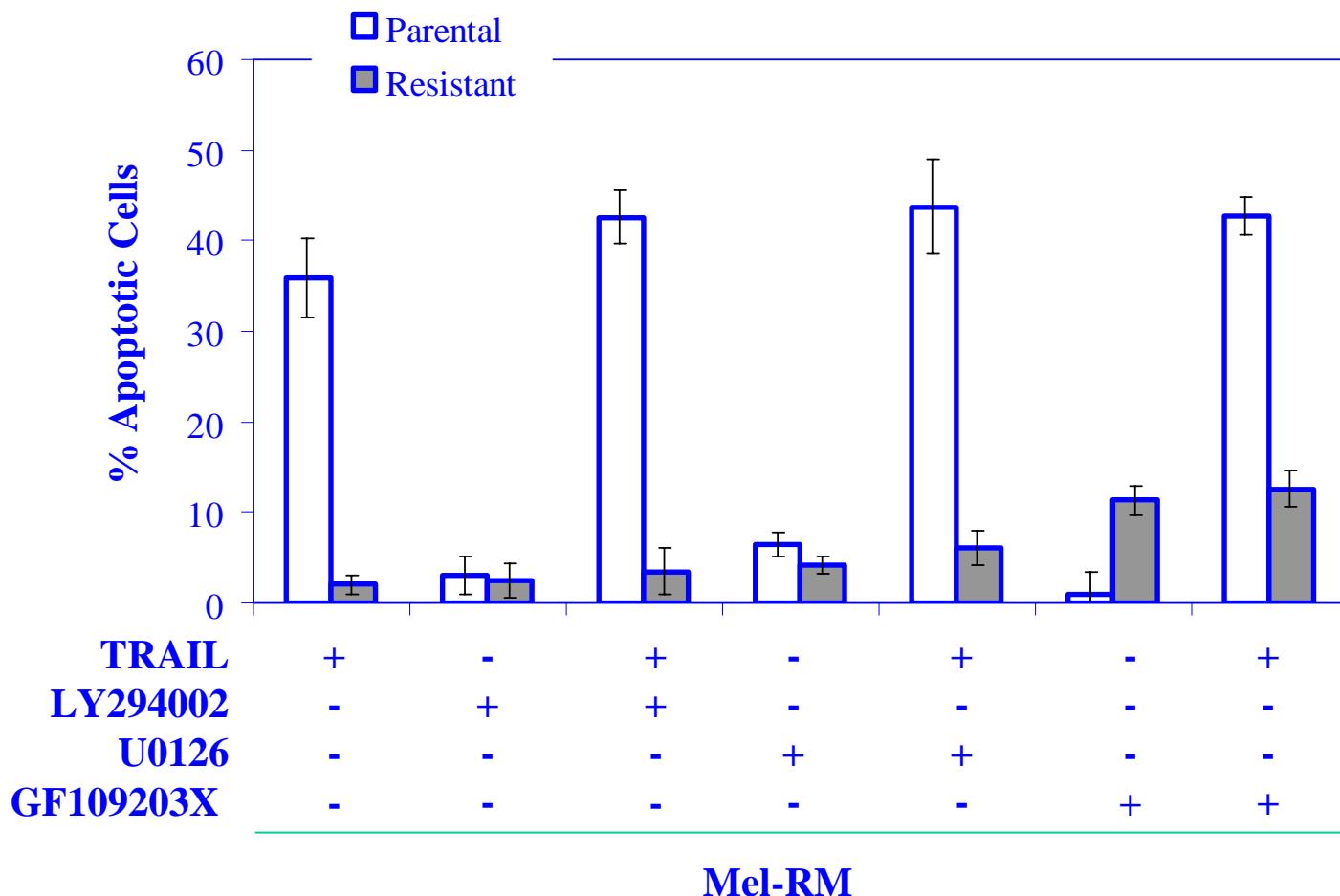


Sensitization of Melanoma Cells to TRAIL by PMA Is Associated with Deficient PKC ϵ Expression

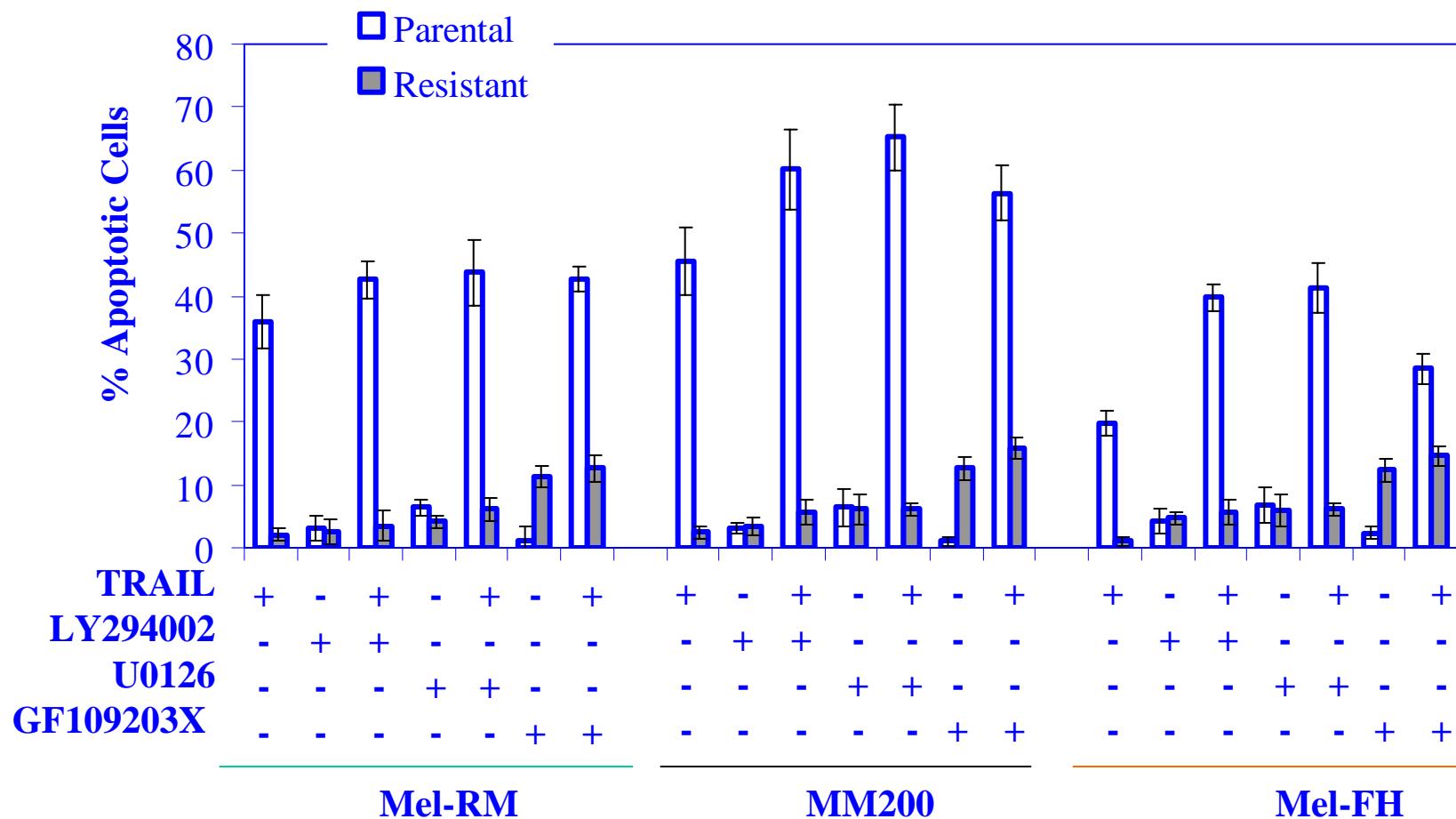


ARE THESE PATHWAYS
INVOLVED IN CROSS
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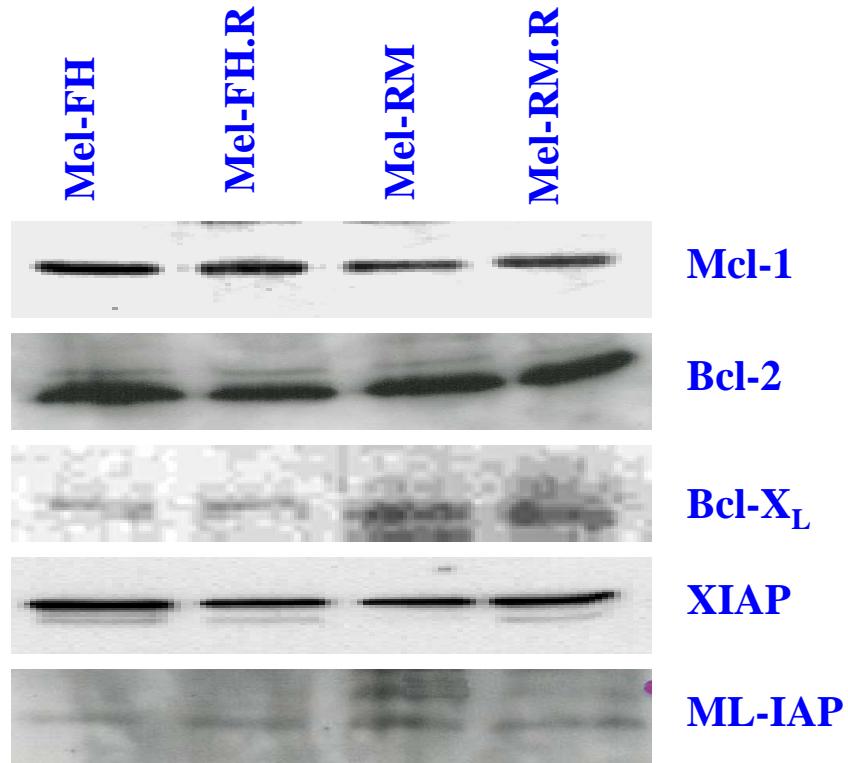
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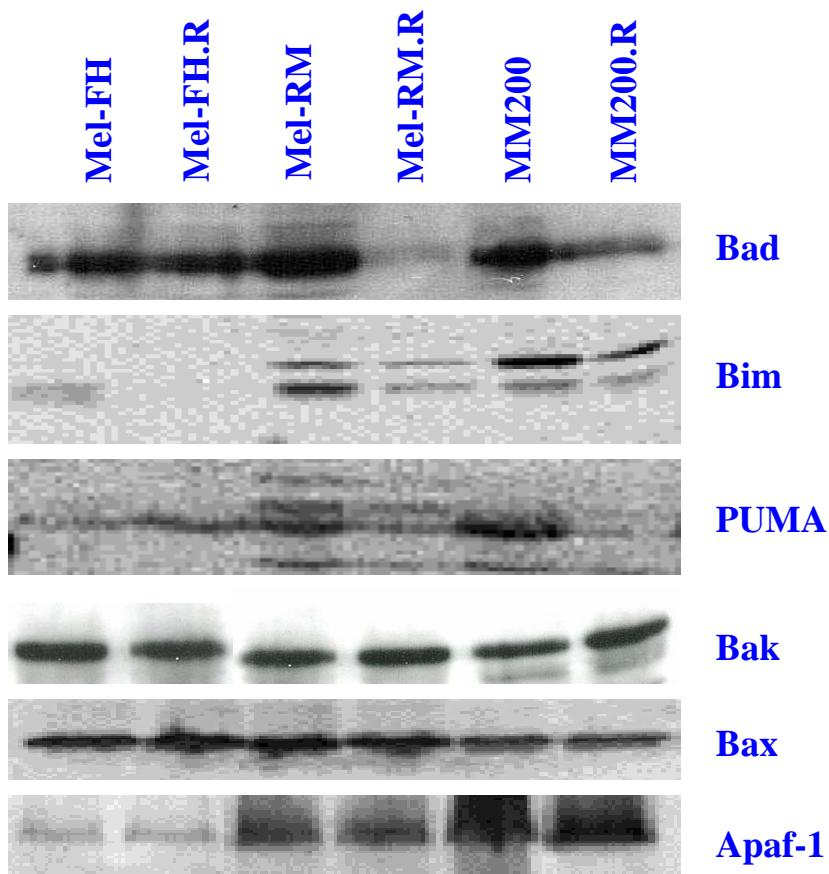
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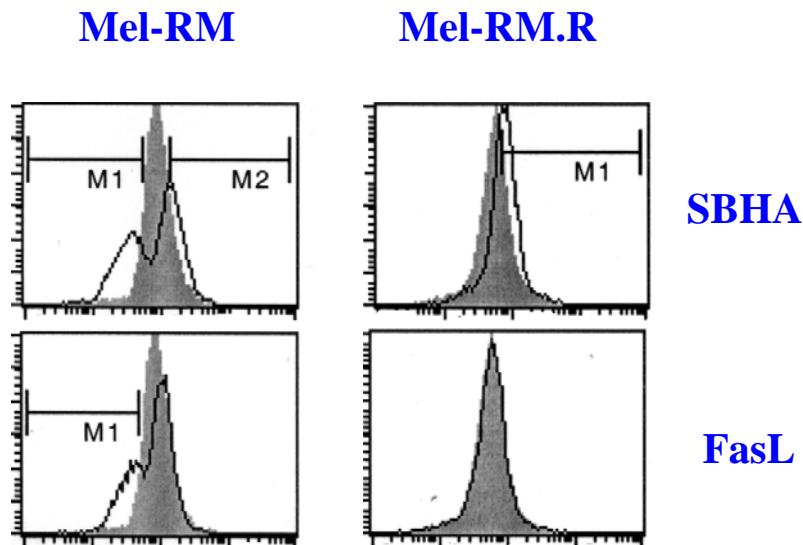
The expression levels of major anti-apoptotic Bcl-2 and IAP family members remain unaltered in TRAIL-resistant melanoma cells



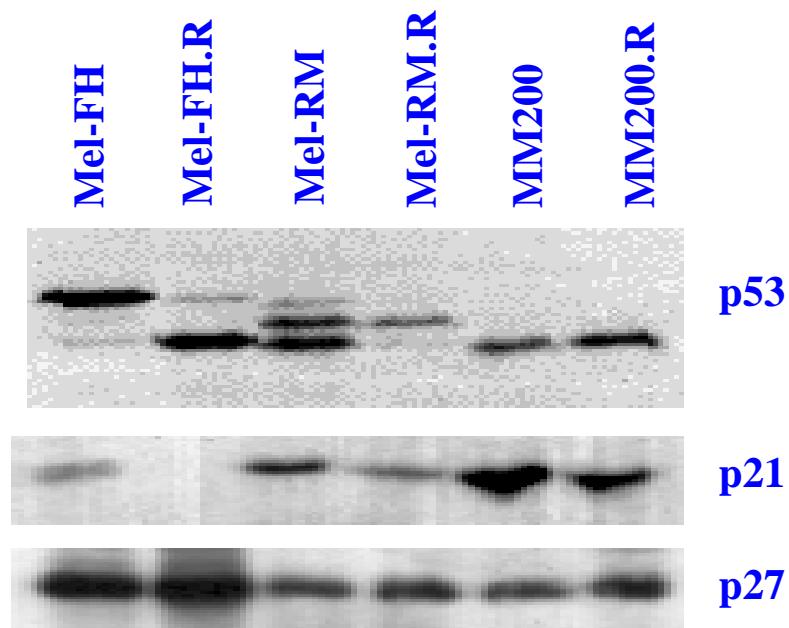
Alterations in the expression levels of proapoptotic Bcl-2 family members in TRAIL-resistant melanoma cell lines



Apoptotic signaling induced by FasL and SBHA
was inhibited upstream of mitochondria in
TRAIL-resistant melanoma cells



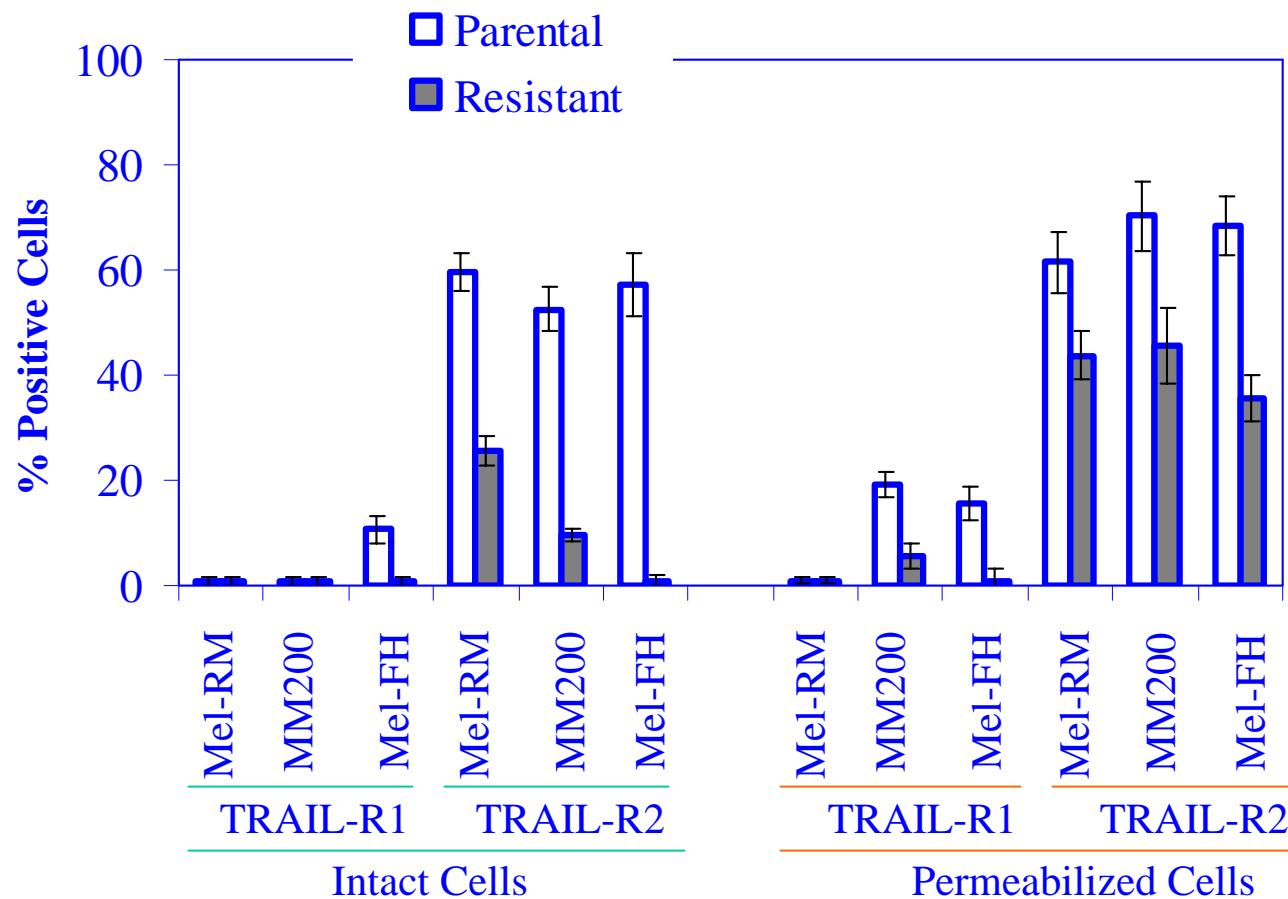
Decreased expression of p53 and p21, but not p27 in TRAIL-resistant cells



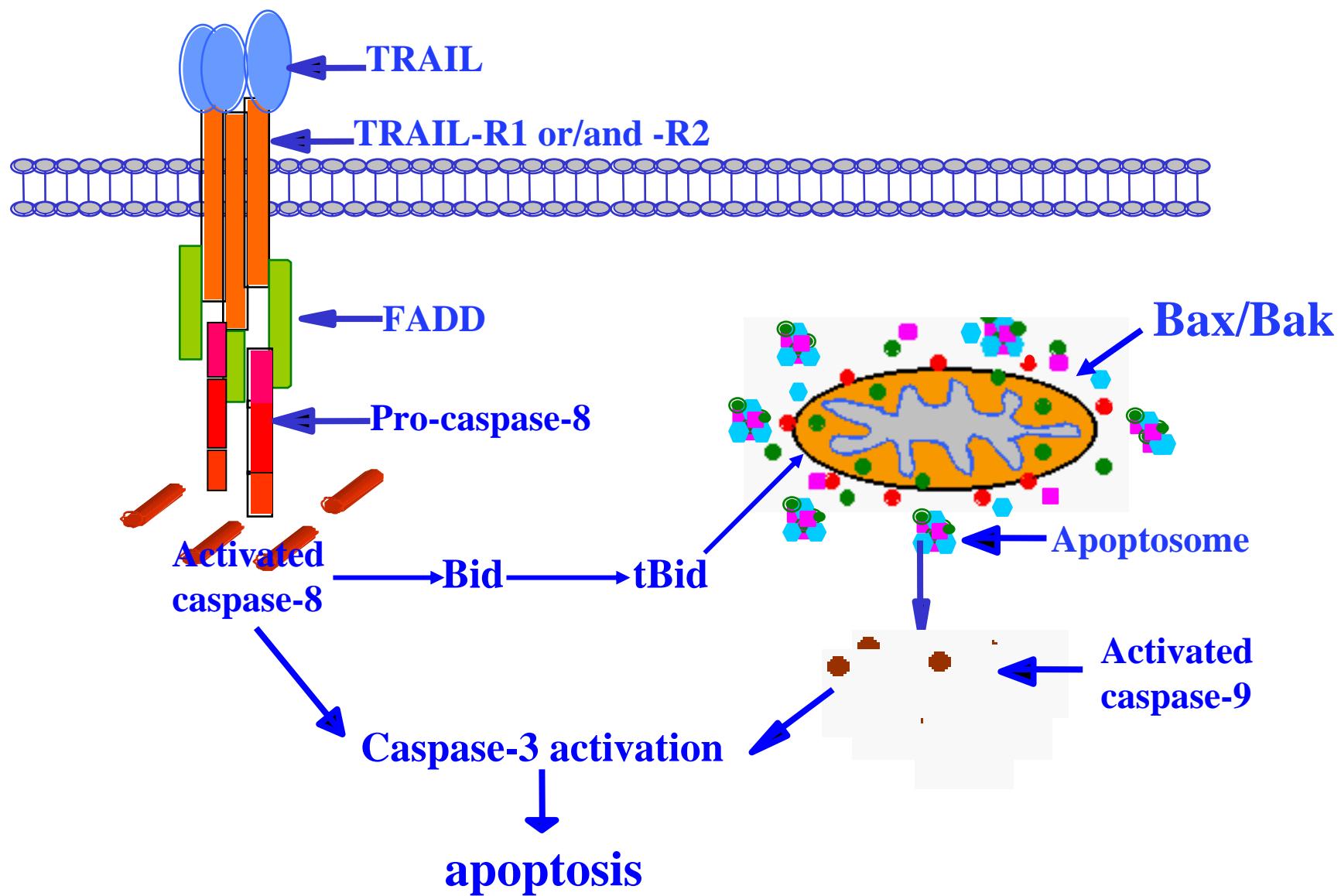
SUMMARY

- Vincristine,Cisplatin,SBHA show cross resistance with TRAIL
- Inhibition appears to be upstream of Mitochondria
- Activation of ERK and Akt pathways do not seem to be involved
- Selection of P53 variants possibly involved

TRAIL death receptor expression is down-regulated in TRAIL-resistant cells



The “Classical” Extrinsic Signaling Pathway Suggested for TRAIL-Induced Apoptosis

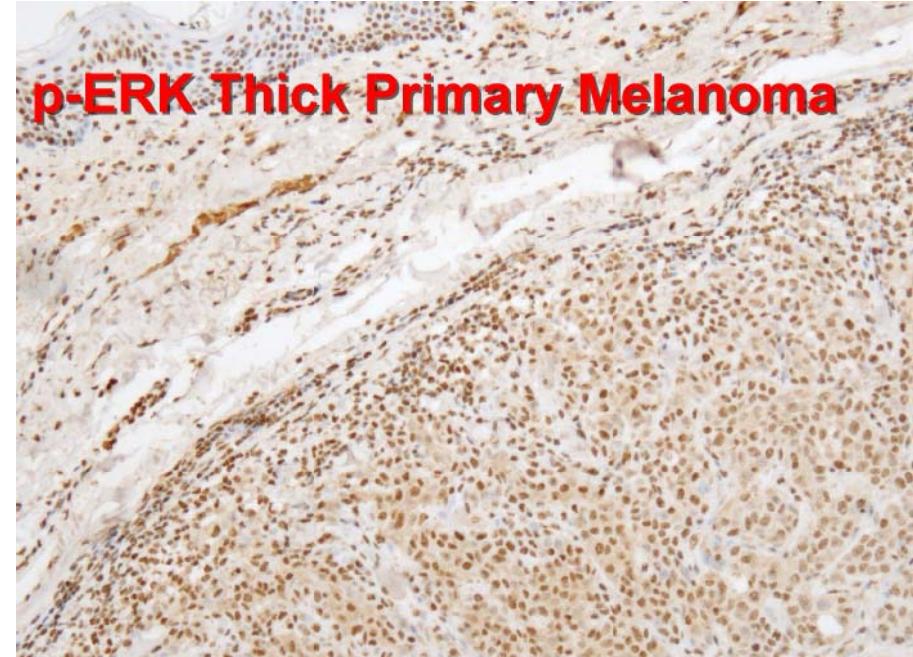




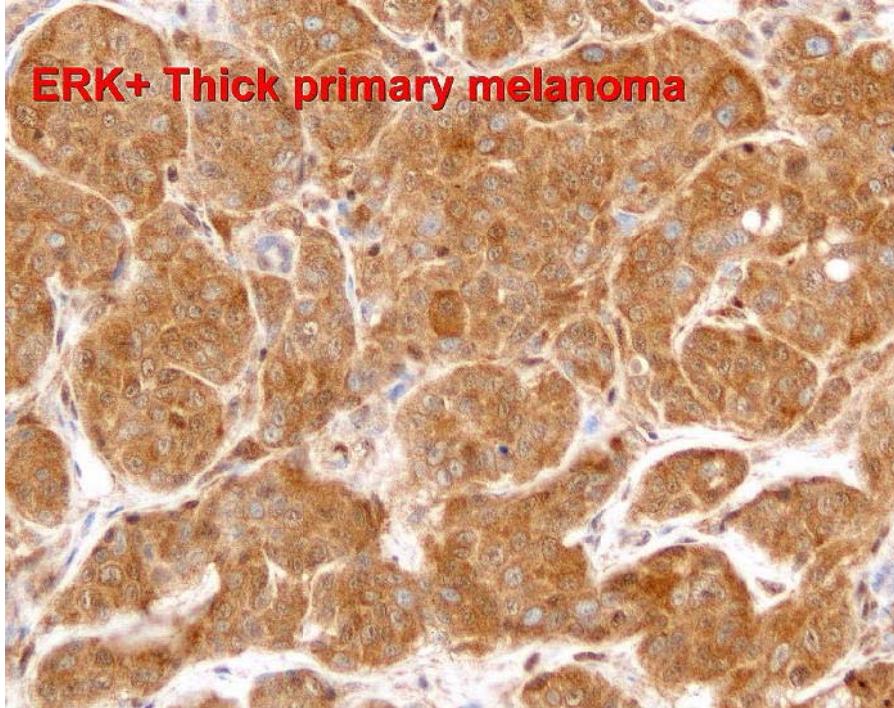
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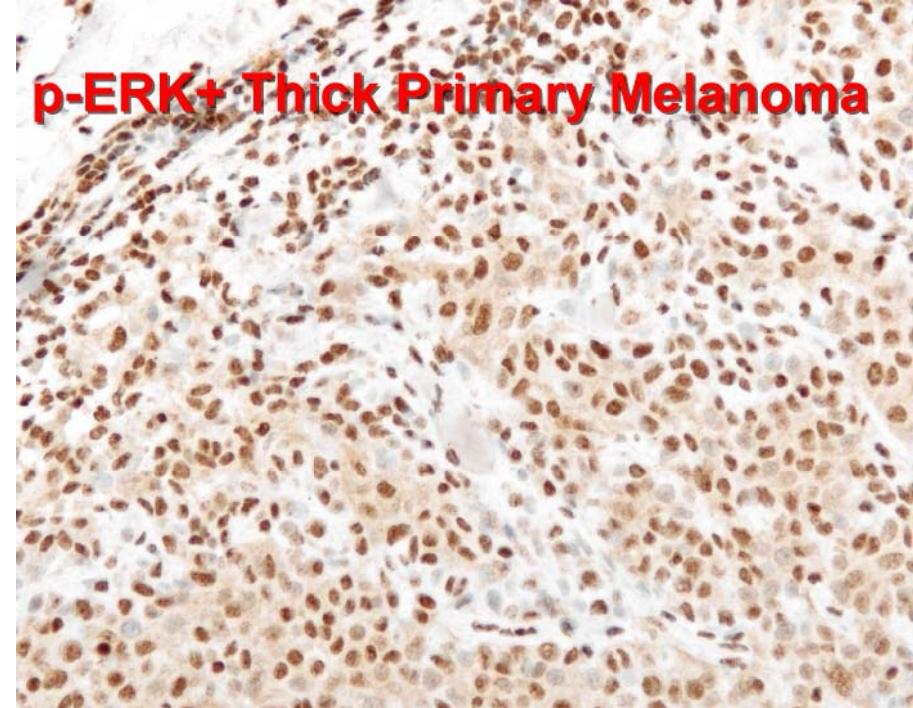
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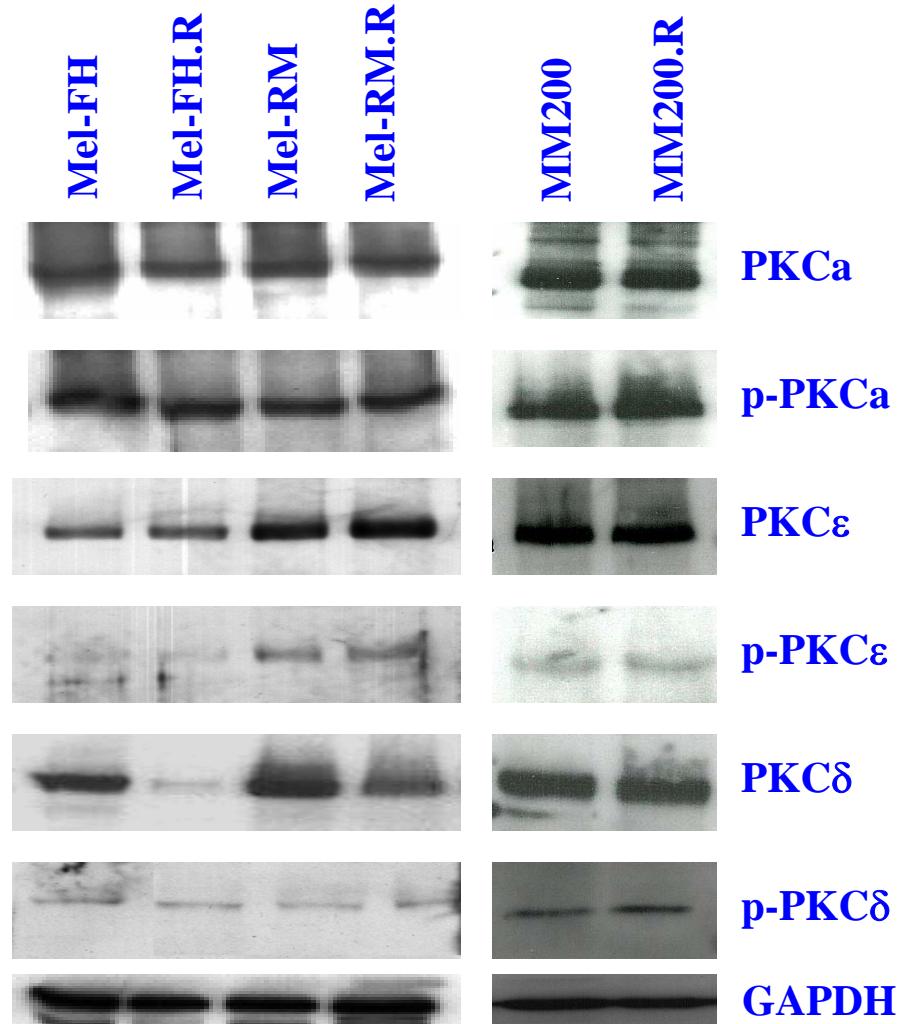
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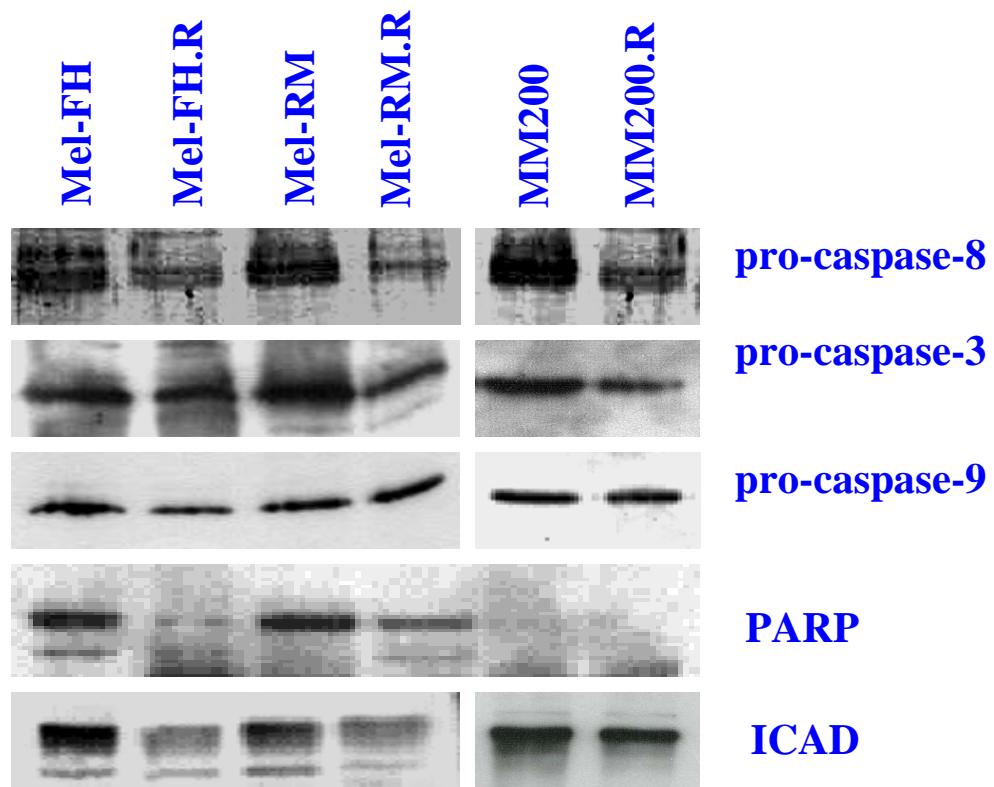
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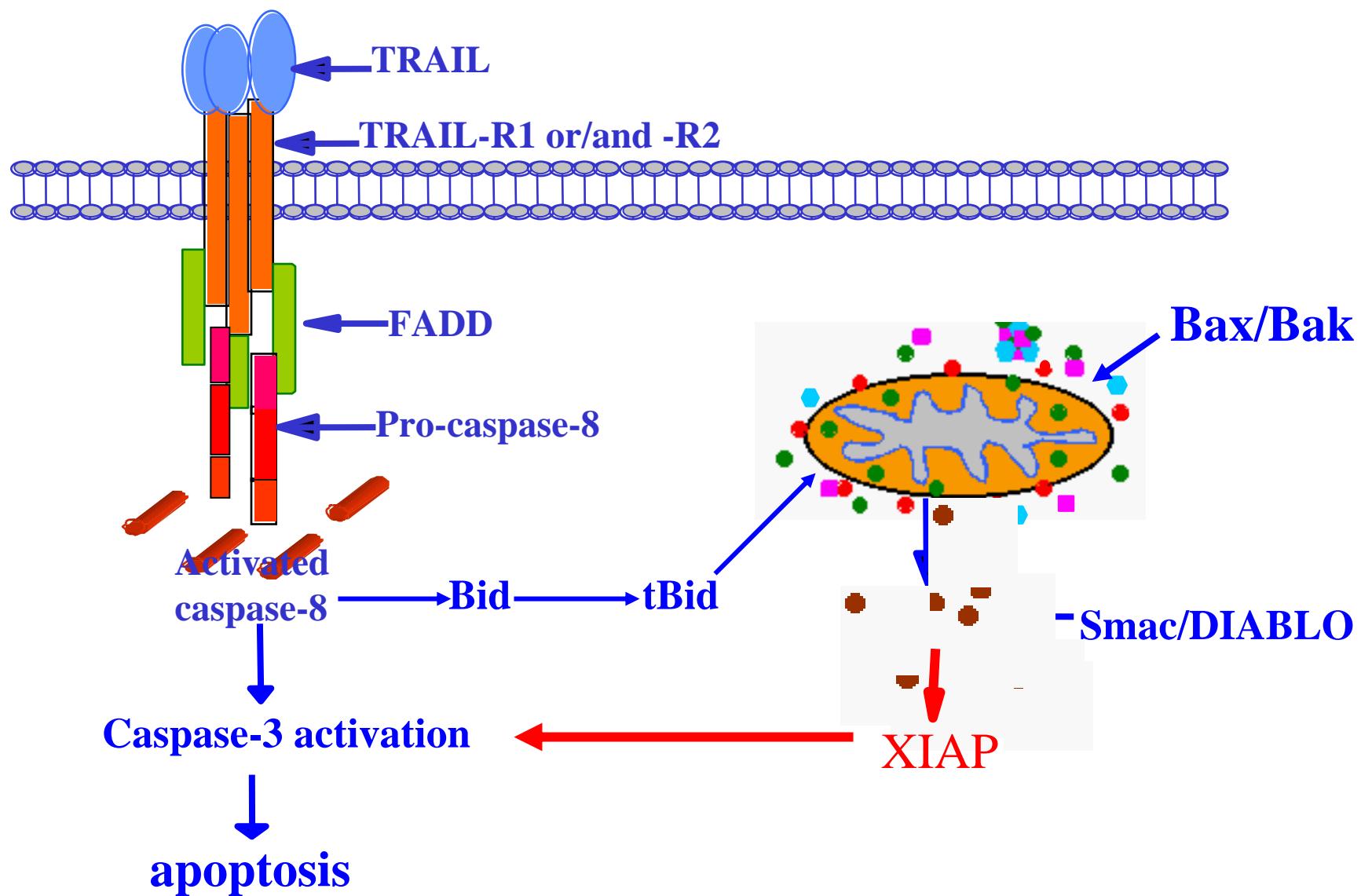
Decreased expression of PKC δ in TRAIL-resistant cells



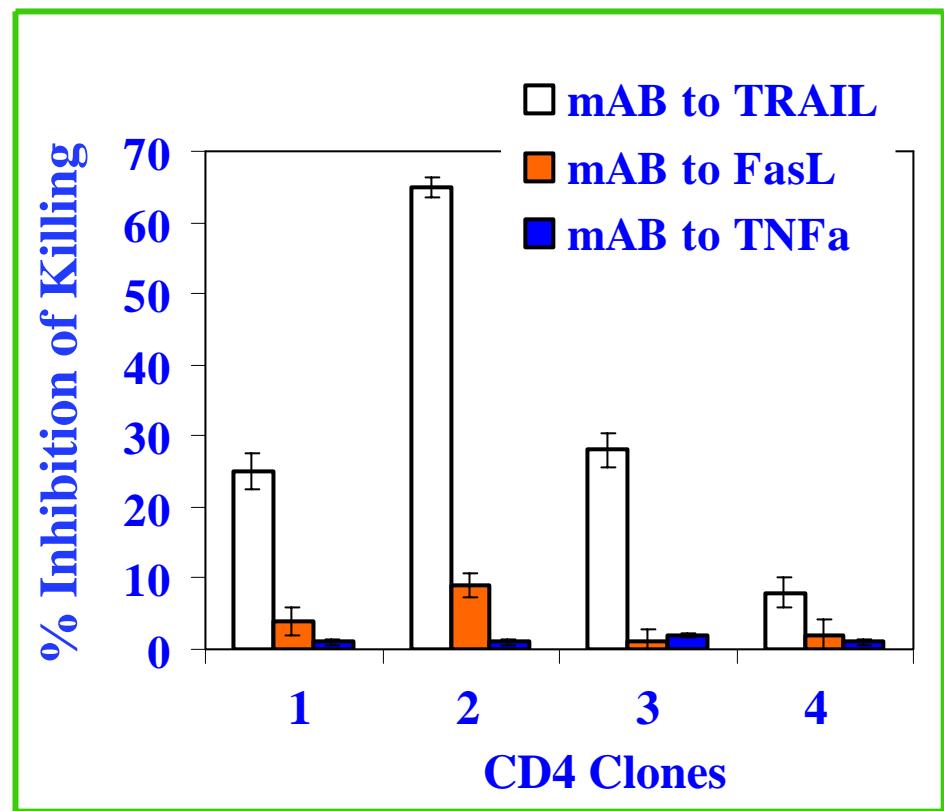
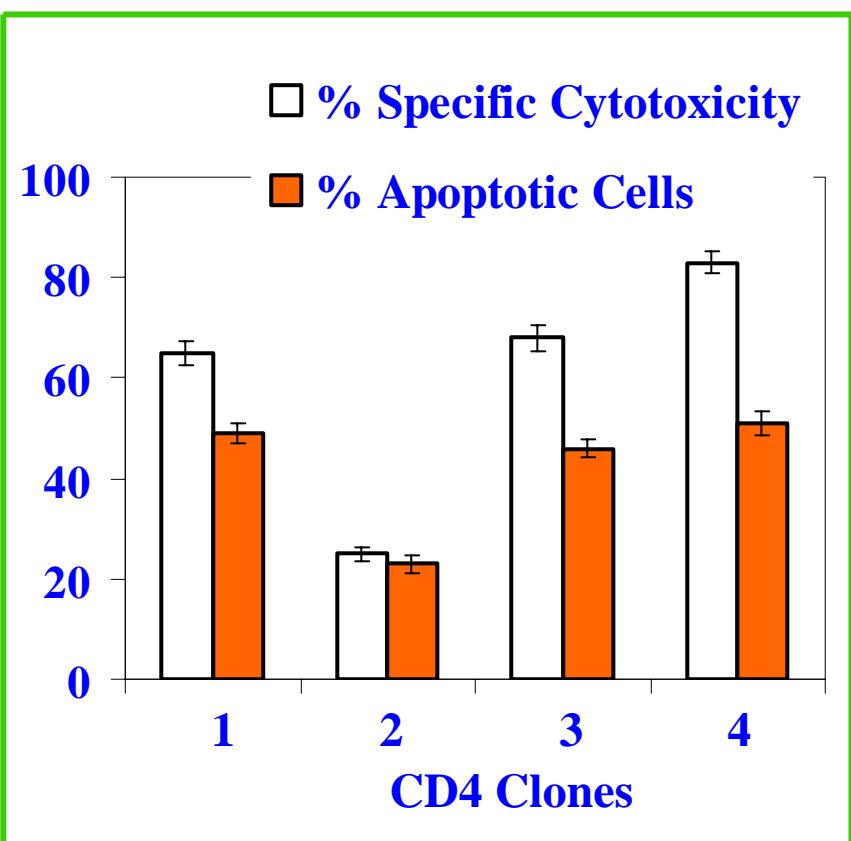
Decreased expression of ICAD and PARP in TRAIL-resistant cells



The Alternative Intracellular Apoptotic Pathway Used by TRAIL in Melanoma Cells



TRAIL Is Involved in Killing of Melanoma Cells by CD4 T Cells



Effects of PKC on TRAIL-Induced Caspase-3 Activation, Cleavage of Its Substrates, and Release of Smac from Mitochondria

