

# *Creating a Multiplex Immunotherapeutic Virus*



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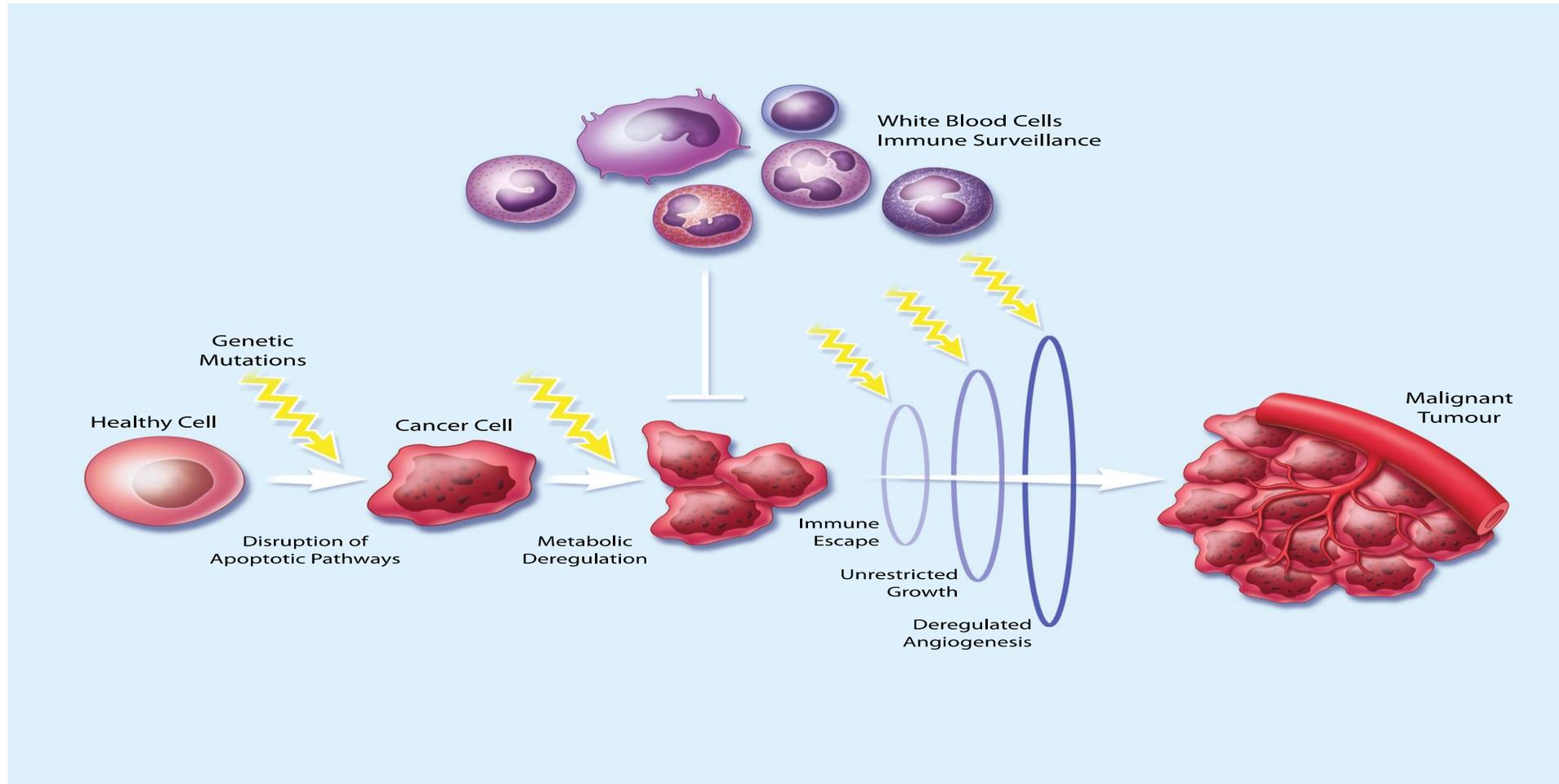
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- Understanding virus -host cell interactions provides therapeutic opportunities – Oncolytic Virus Paradigm
- Multiplex Virus Therapeutic as a Strategy to Overcome Tumour Heterogeneity
- Virally Programed Exosomes
- Virally Encoded T cell Engagers
- Virally Encoded Self Amplifying RNA Molecules

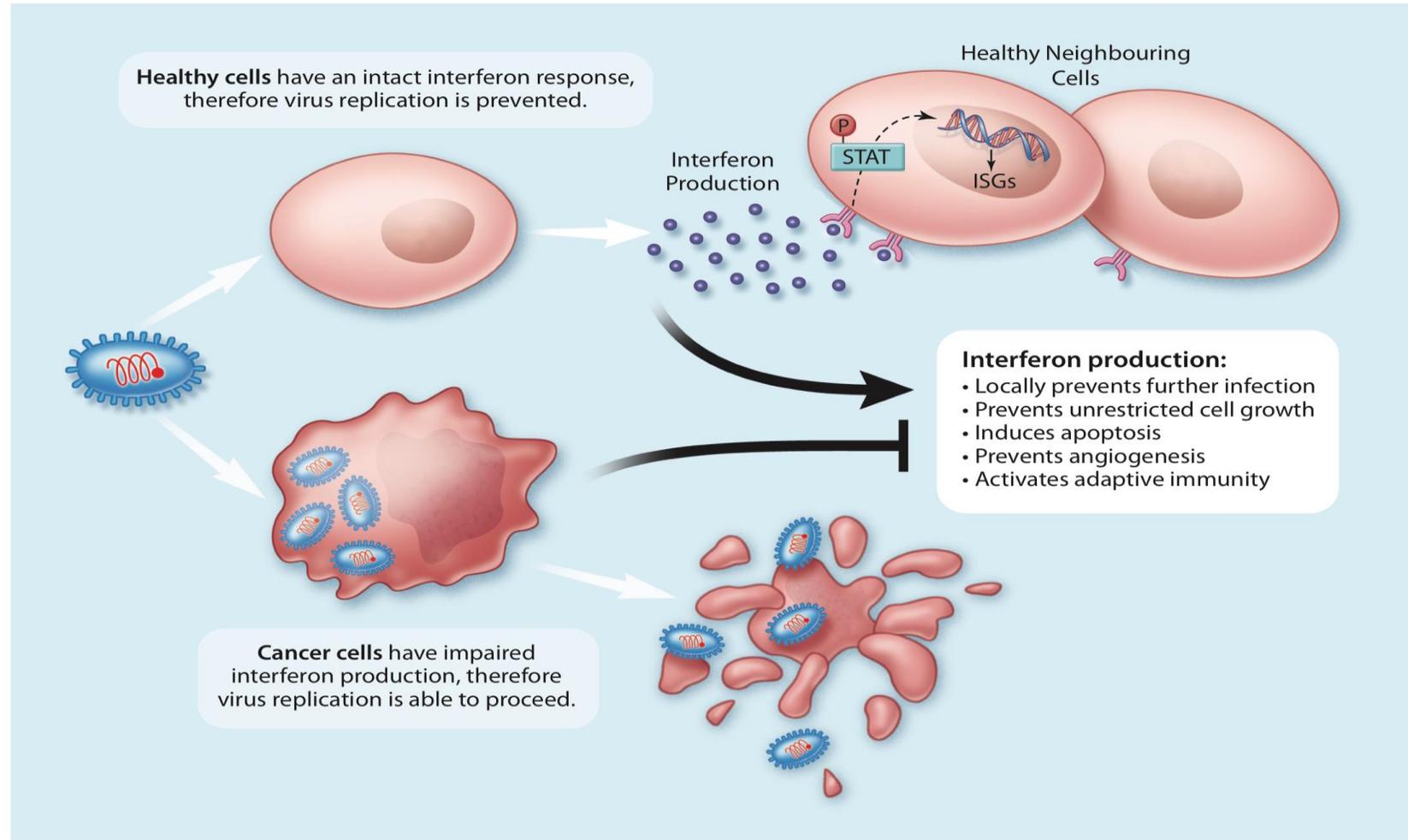
# TUMOUR EVOLUTION



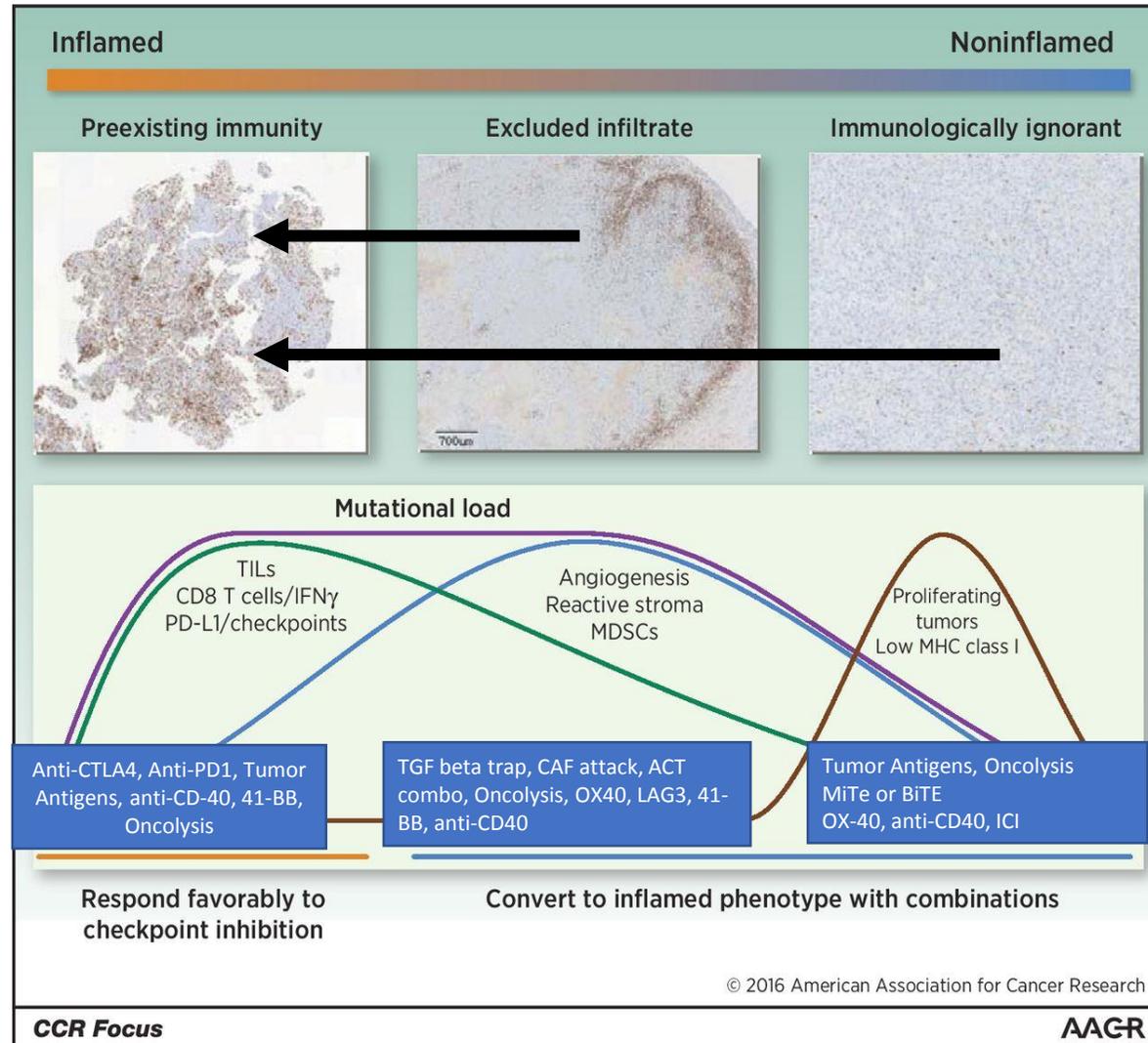
***The Same Biological Processes that Control Cell Growth,  
Death and Metabolism also Control the Ability of Individual  
Cells to Fight Virus Infections!***

***Viruses Can be Engineered to Exploit Tumour Specific  
Defects in Anti-Virus Defense Mechanisms***

# The Oncolytic Virus Paradigm



# Tumor Heterogeneity Thwarts Monotherapeutic Strategies



# *Combination Therapy Will be Required to have Broadly Active Immunotherapeutics*

## **Challenges:**

- (1) Systemic Combinations will/may have Compounded Toxicities
- (2) Costs of Novel IO Combinations may not fit in our Health Care Systems

**Our Solution** - Create a Single Virus Therapeutic that Can Deliver Multiple Therapeutic Payloads



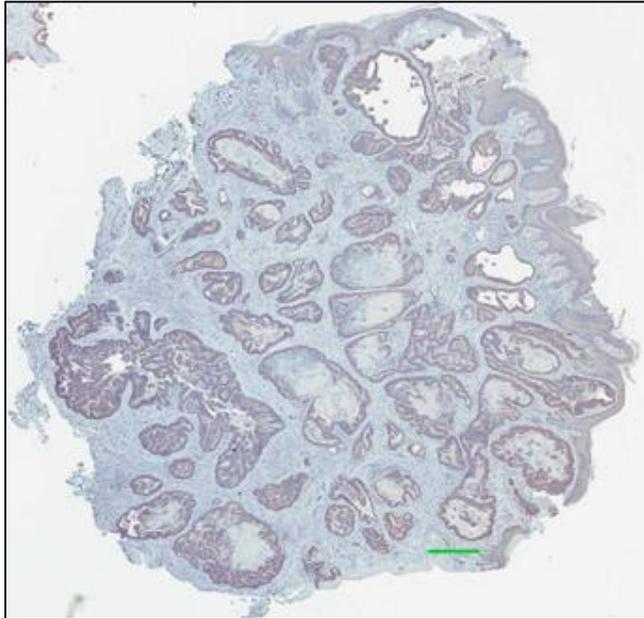
An Immunotherapeutic  
Battleship

## ***Characteristics of a Multiplex Virally Based Immunotherapeutic***

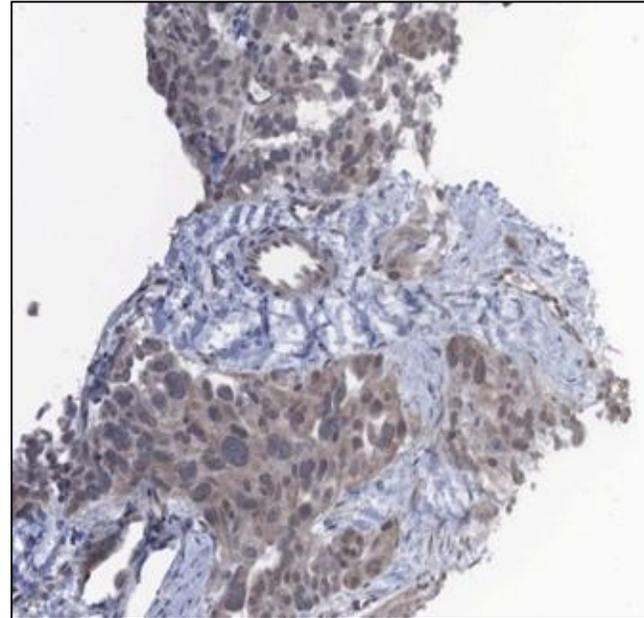
- Ideally, can be Delivered Systemically
- Highly Selective Replication only in Malignant Tissues
- Good Replication and Spread Within and Between Tumours
- Has Ample Coding Capacity for Therapeutic Transgenes

# *Vaccinia Virus – A Systemically Delivered Oncolytic Virus*

Colon Cancer

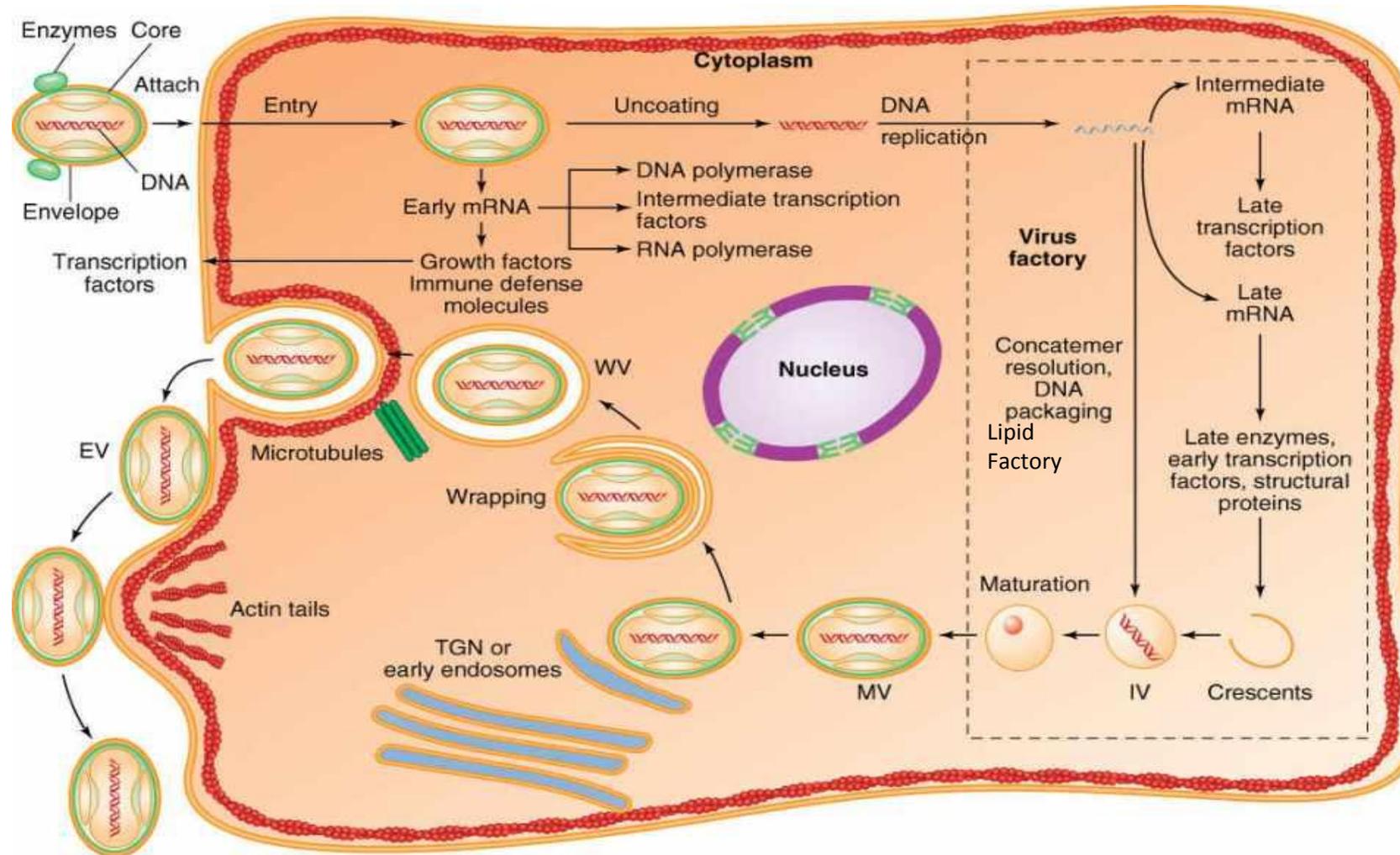


Ovarian Cancer

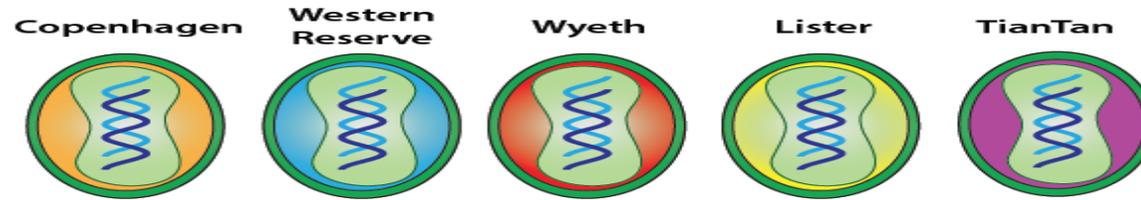


Breitbach et al Nature 2010

# Vaccinia Virus Lifecycle

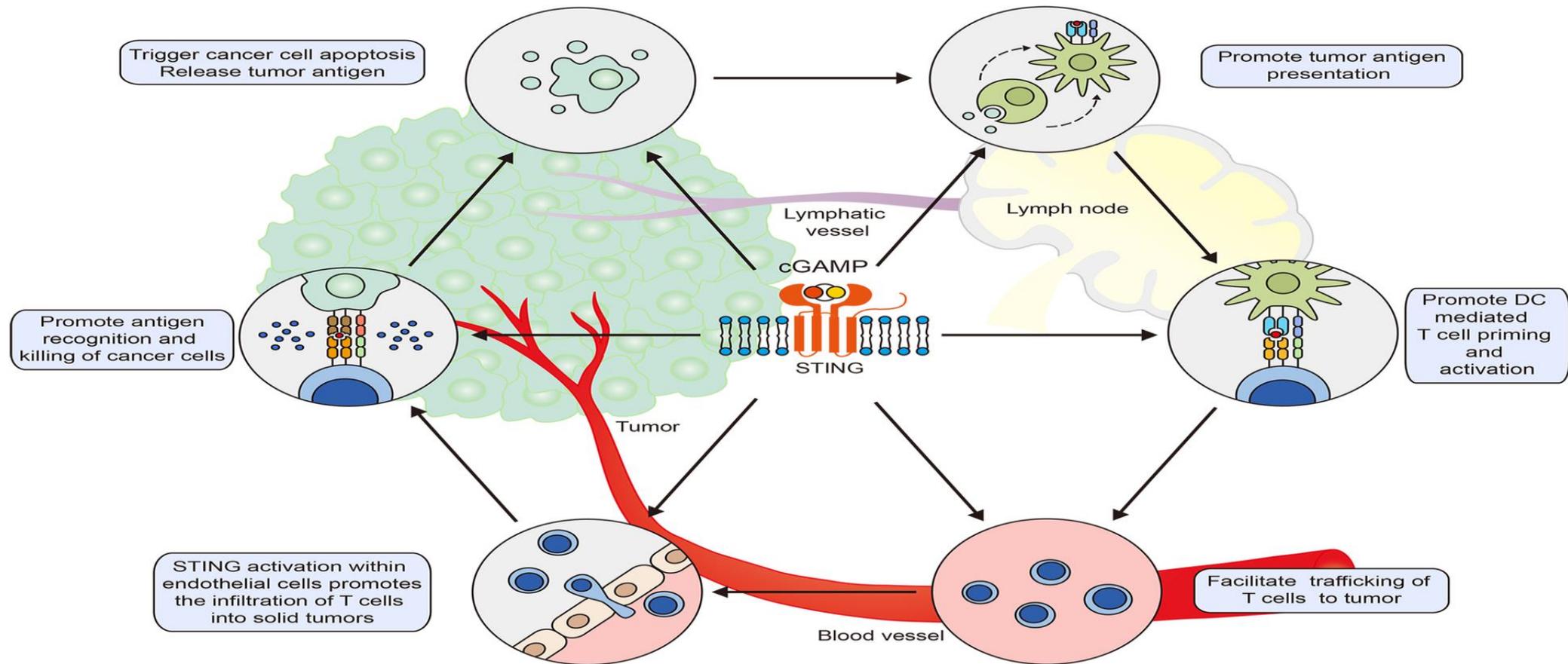


# *Bio-Selecting an Optimal Vaccinia Strain*

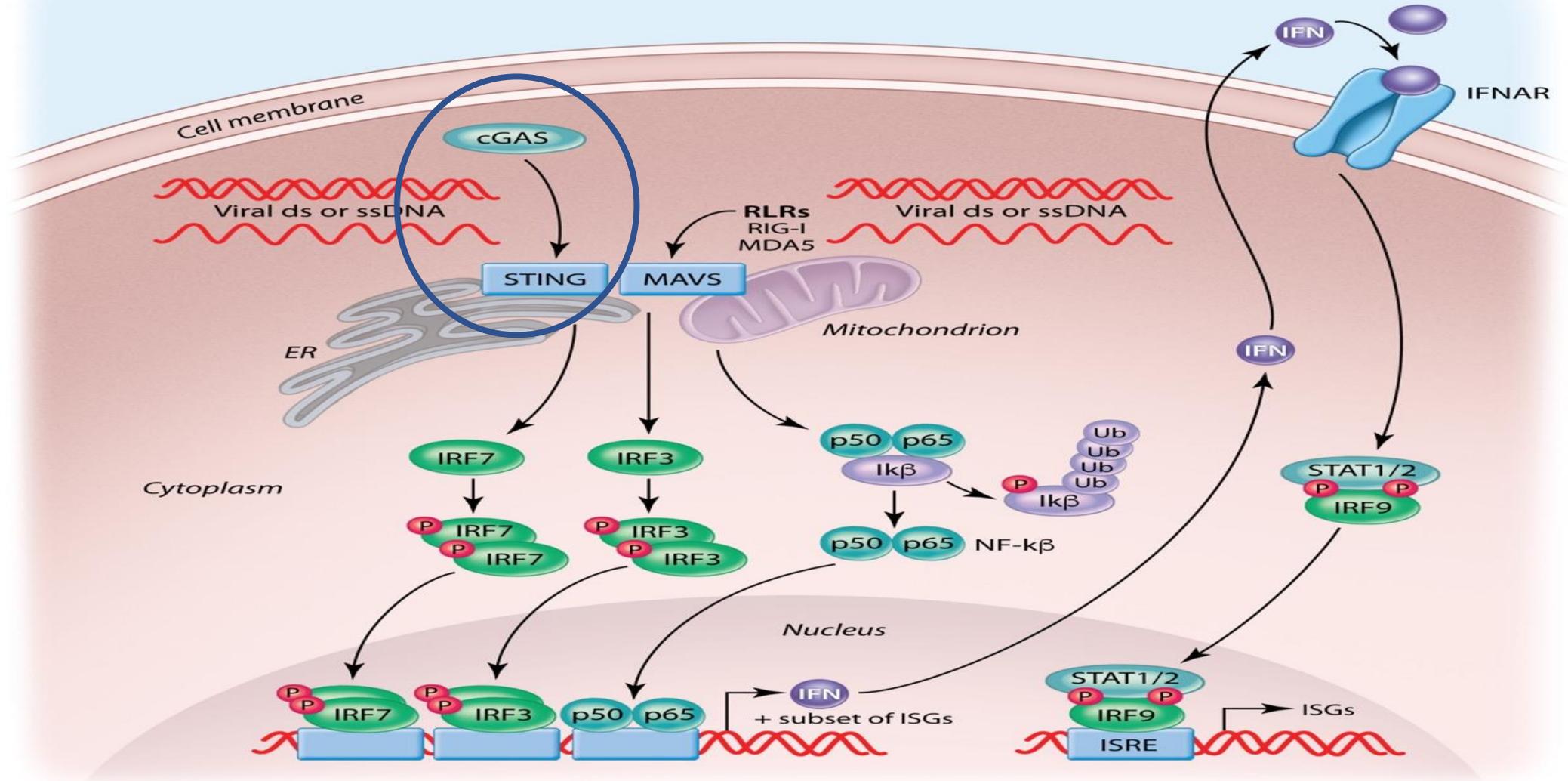


# *Enhancing “Tumour Selective” Oncolysis*

# ***STING: a master regulator in the cancer immunity cycle***



# ***STING Pathway Senses Virus Infection and Activates Anti-viral Responses***



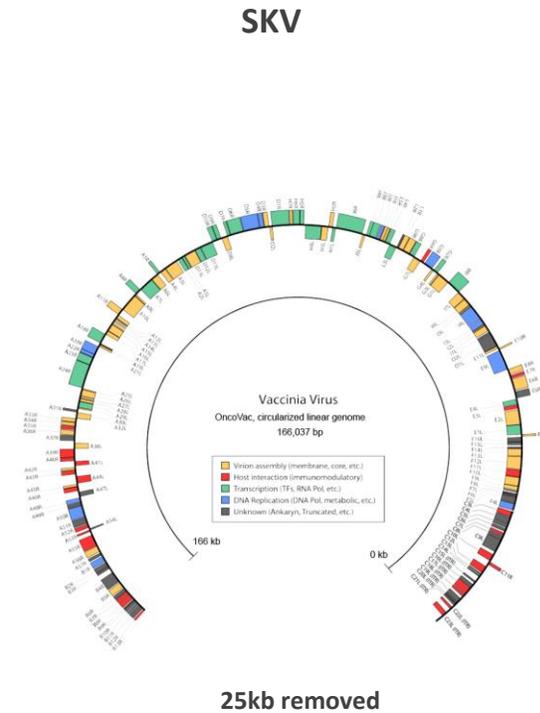
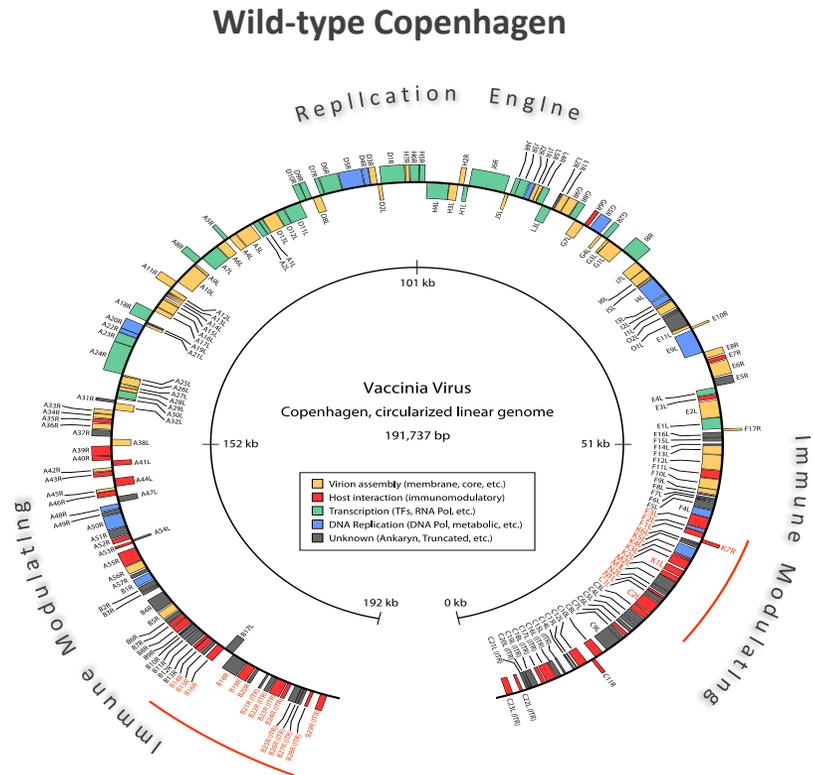
## **Suppression of STING Signaling through Epigenetic Silencing and Missense Mutation Impedes DNA-Damage Mediated Cytokine Production**

**Hiroyasu Konno<sup>1</sup>, Shota Yamauchi<sup>1</sup>, Anders Berglund<sup>2</sup>, Ryan M. Putney<sup>2</sup>, James J. Mulé<sup>3,4</sup>, and Glen N. Barber<sup>1,\*</sup>. *Oncogene*. 2018 April ; 37(15): 2037–2051.**

80% of Human Tumour Samples Have Silenced or Mutated Sting Pathways

A STING Activating Virus Will be Rapidly Detected and Eliminated from Normal Tissues but Remain Stealth in Tumour Cells

# SKV – A Novel Oncolytic Vaccinia Virus Platform

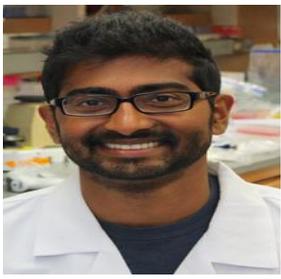


*Integration of Biological Data Led to the Development of SKV*

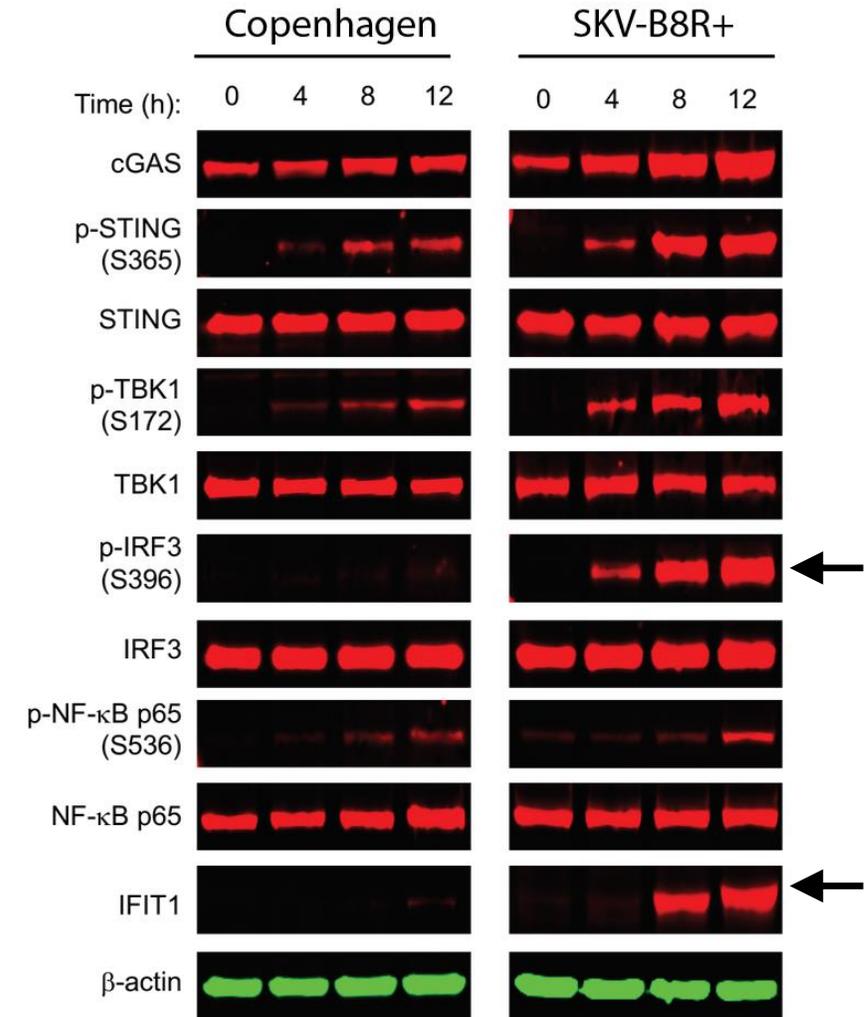
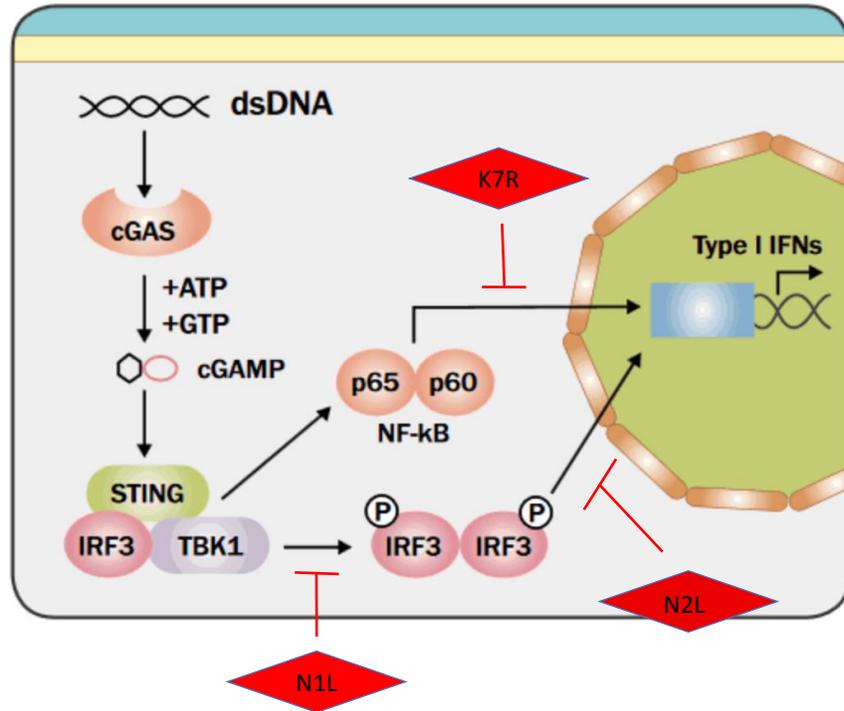


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# SKV Activates the cGAS-STING Pathway

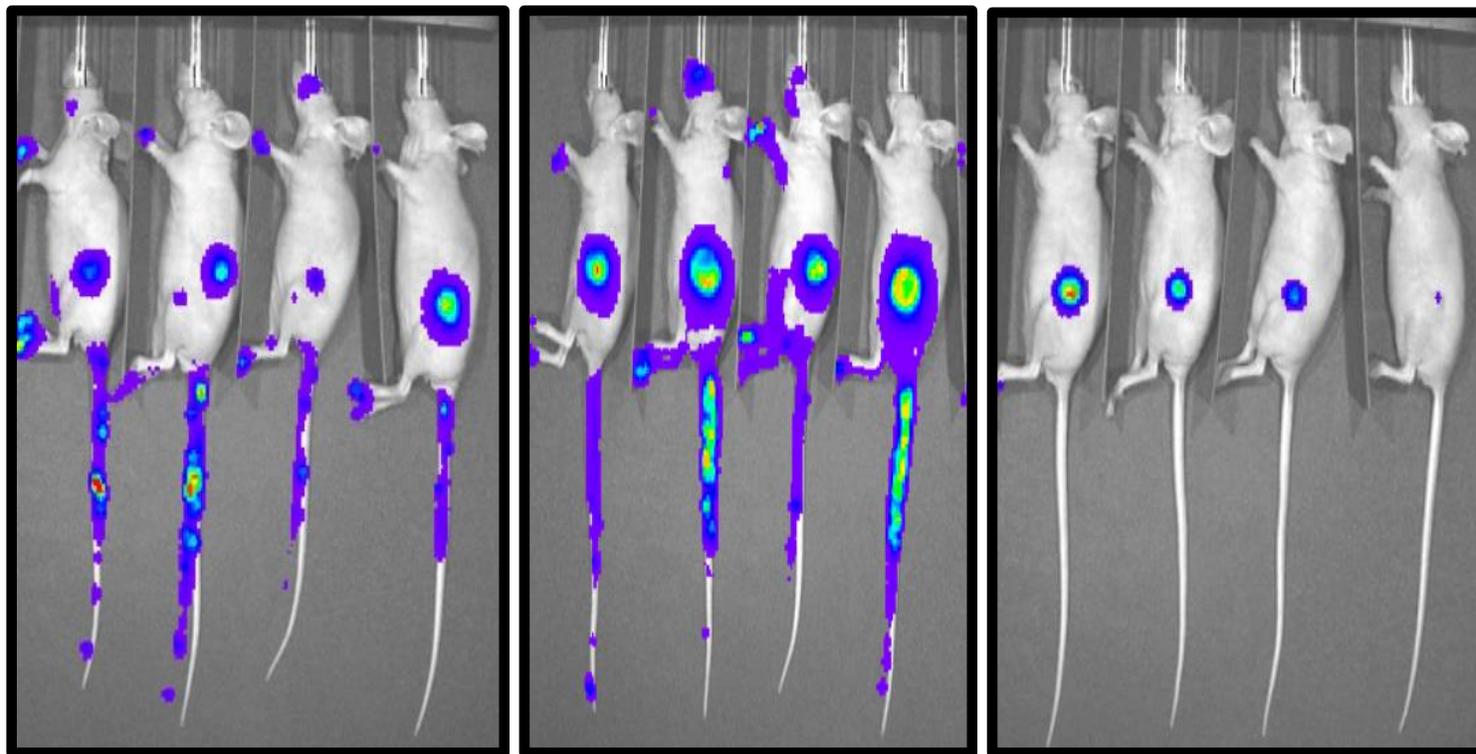


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## *SKV – Highly Selective for Cancer Cells*



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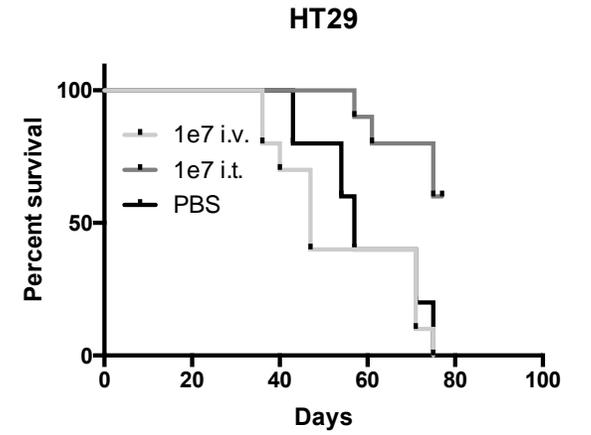
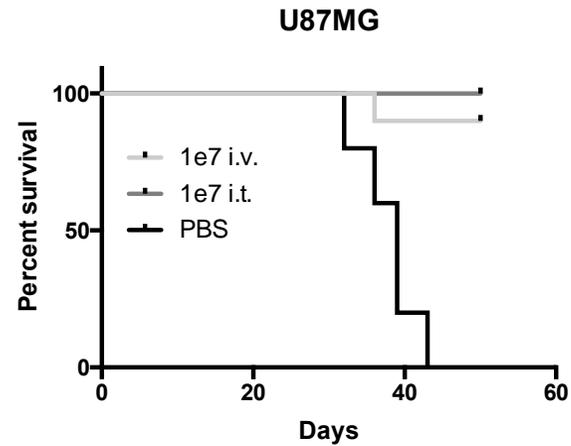
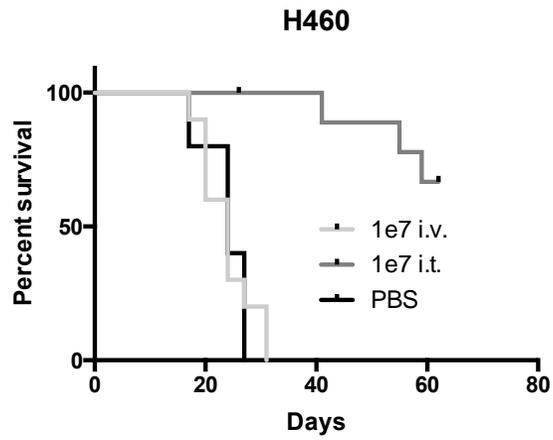
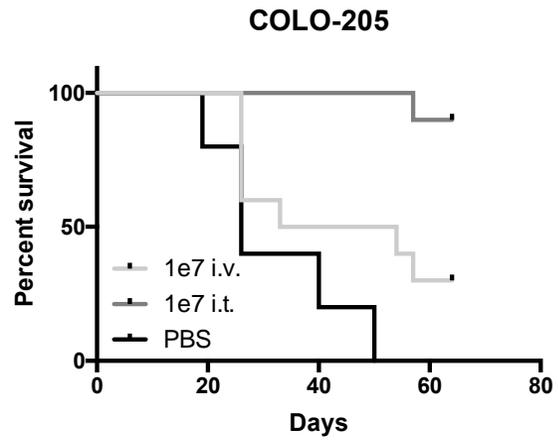
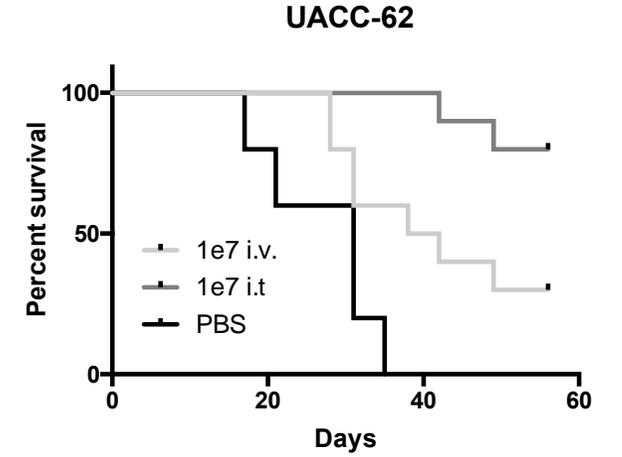
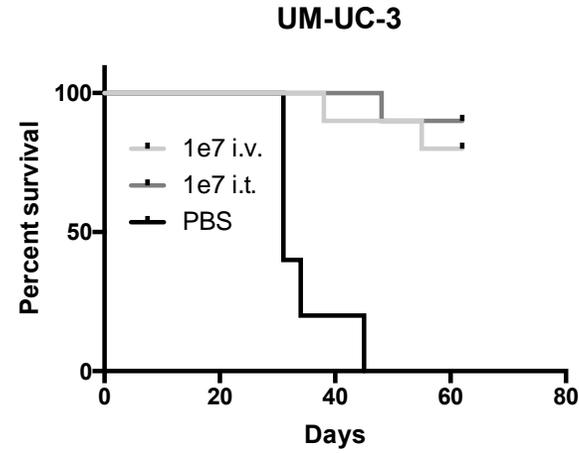
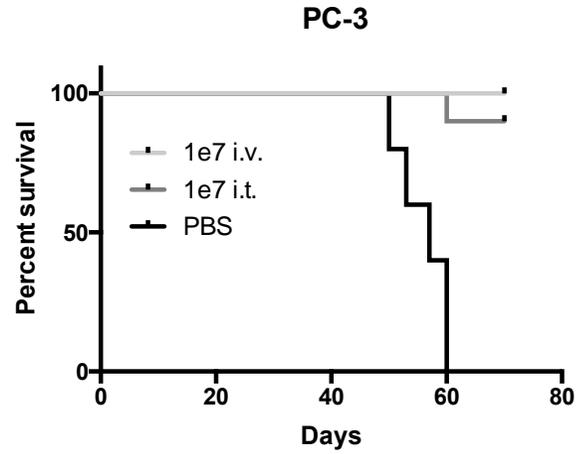
Copenhagen TK-

SKV



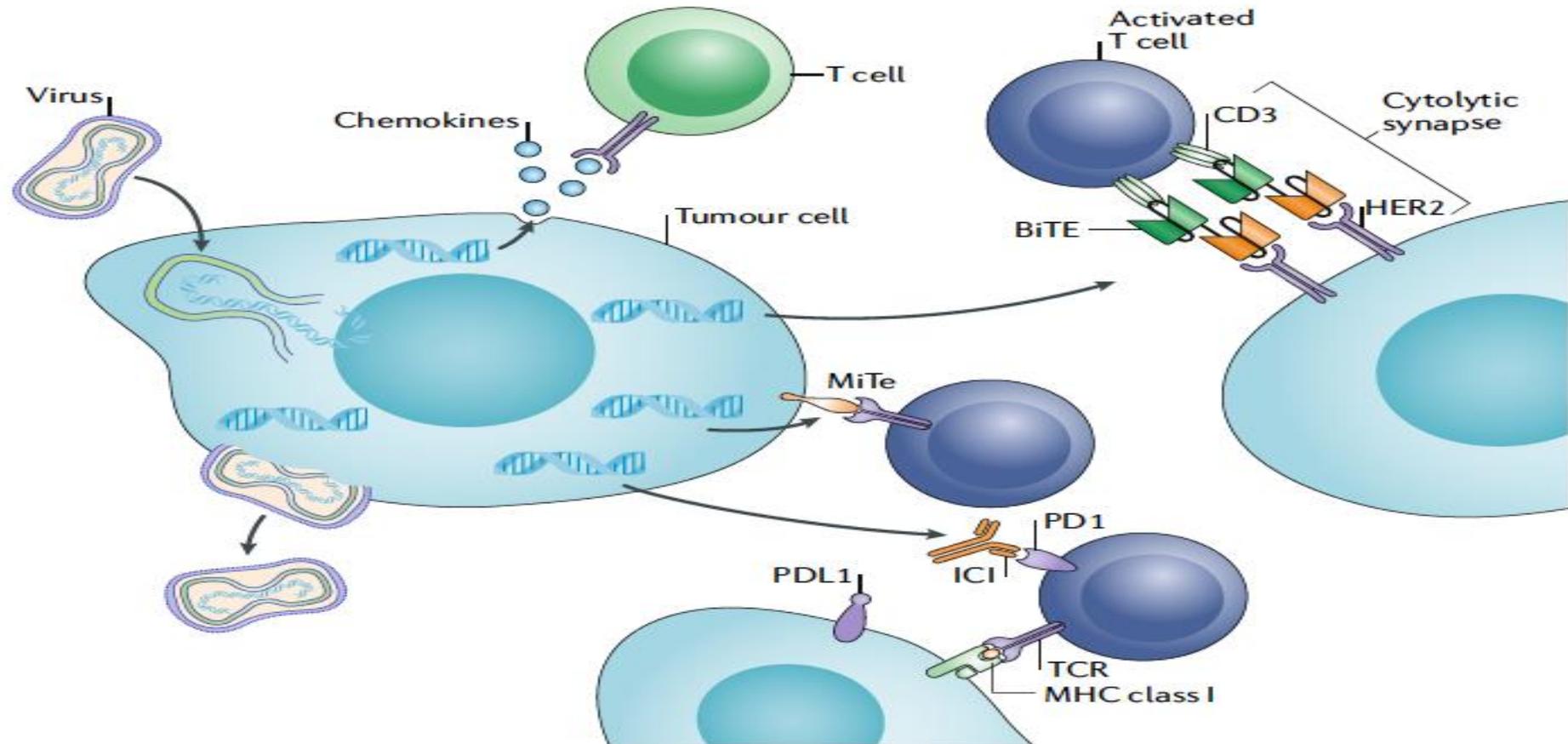
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# SKV is Active in a Spectrum of Human Tumours

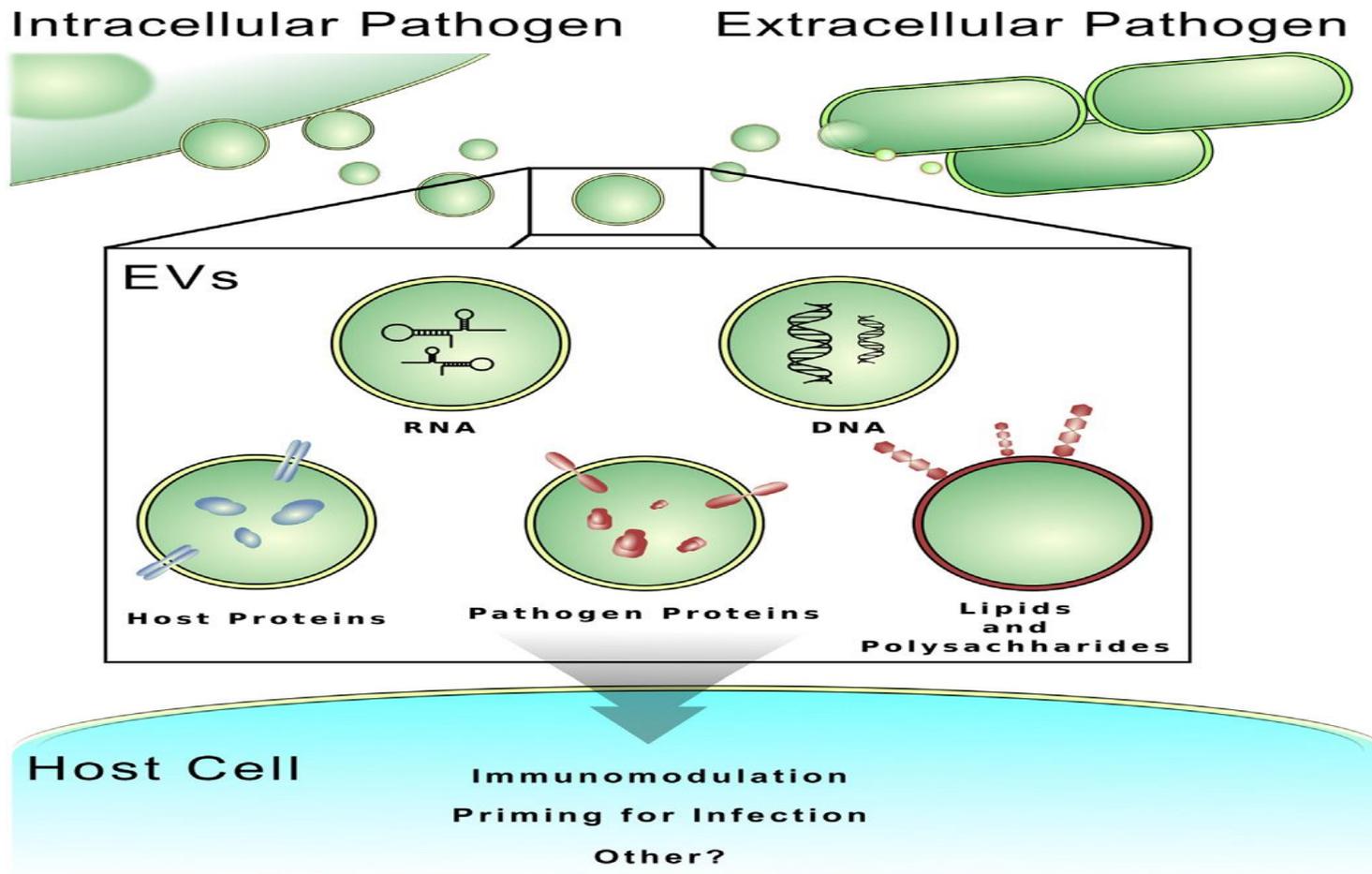


# Attacking Cancers with a Multiplex Virus Based Immunotherapeutic

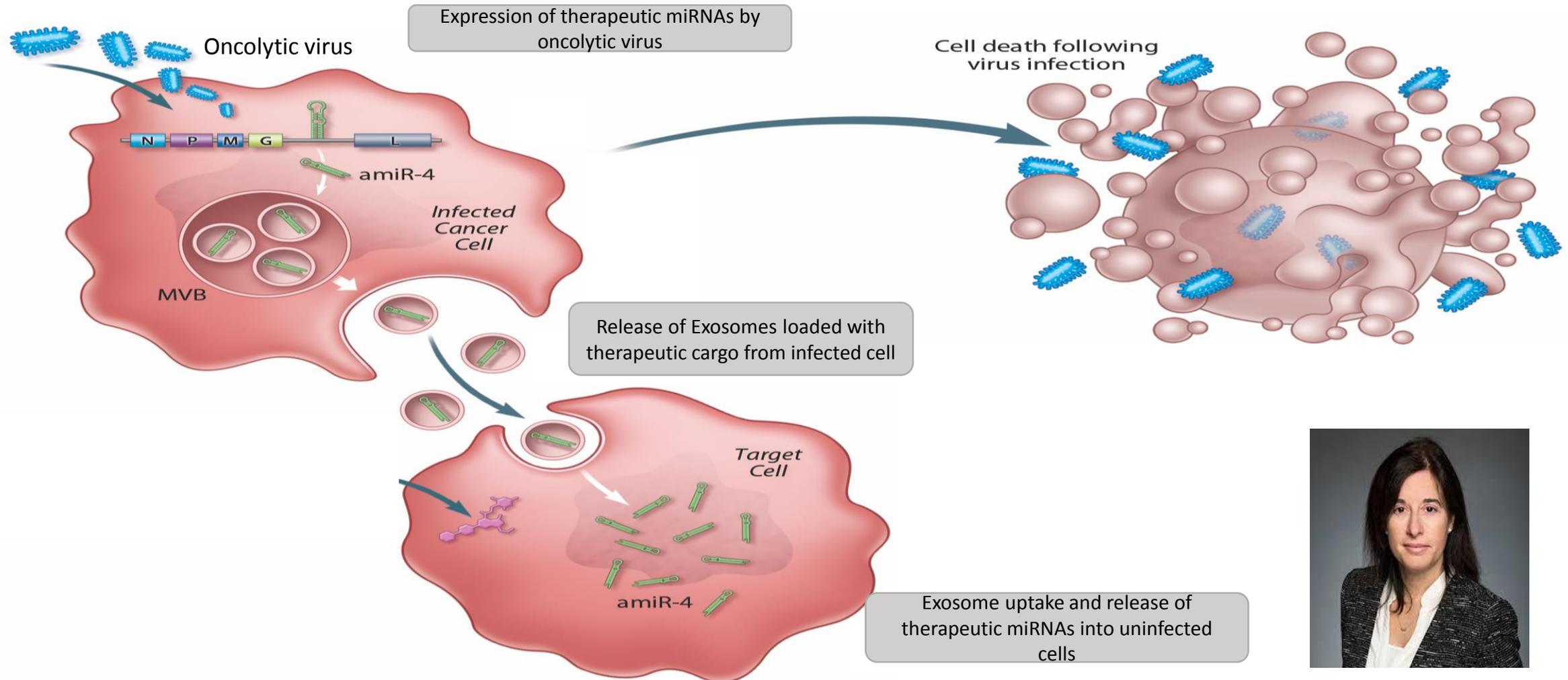
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# *Exosomal Transport of MicroRNAs*



# Strategies for Reprogramming the Tumour Microenvironment with Virally Expressed microRNAs

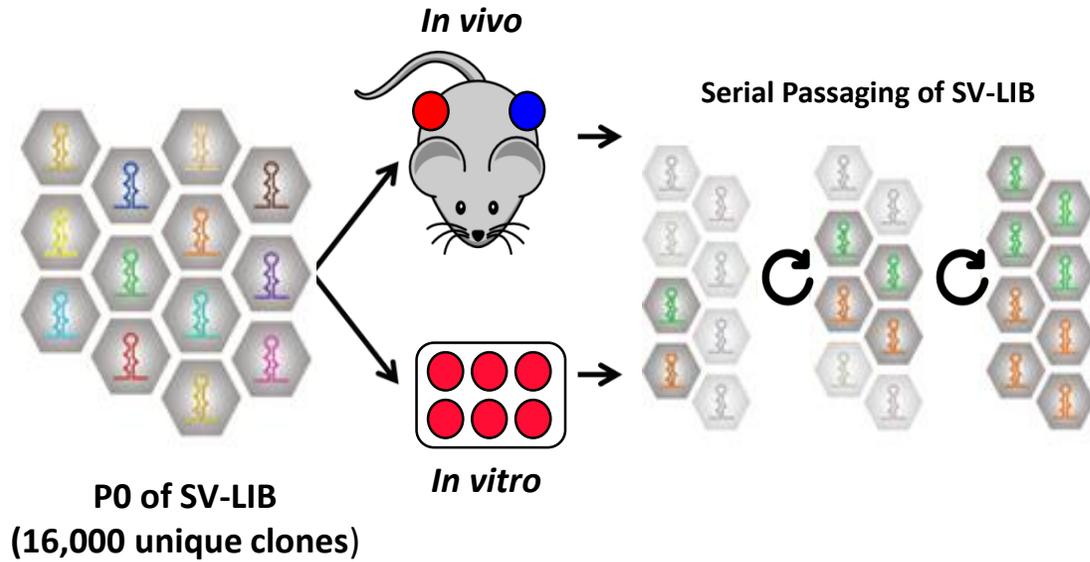


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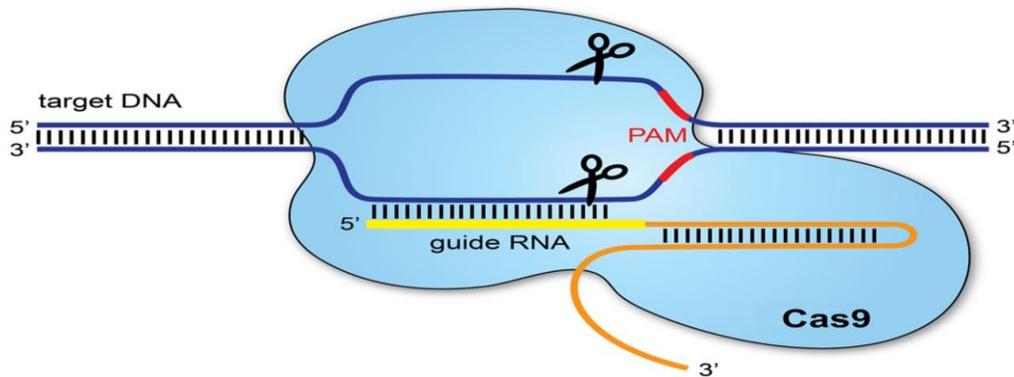
# Genetic Strategies to Enhance OV Replication



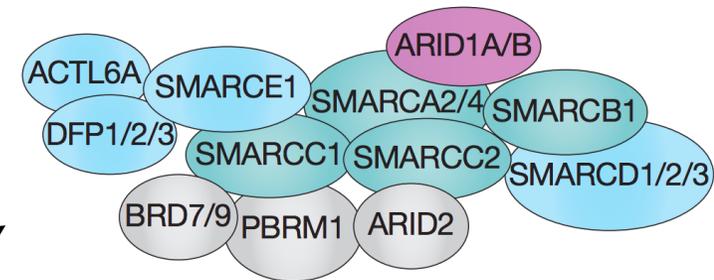
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CRISPR-Cas 9 Screen of Virus Resistant Tumour Cells



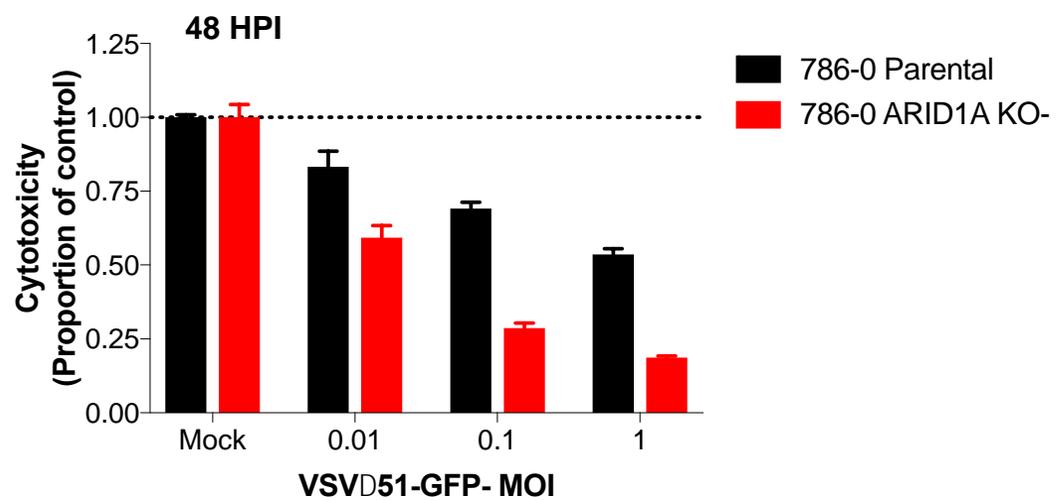
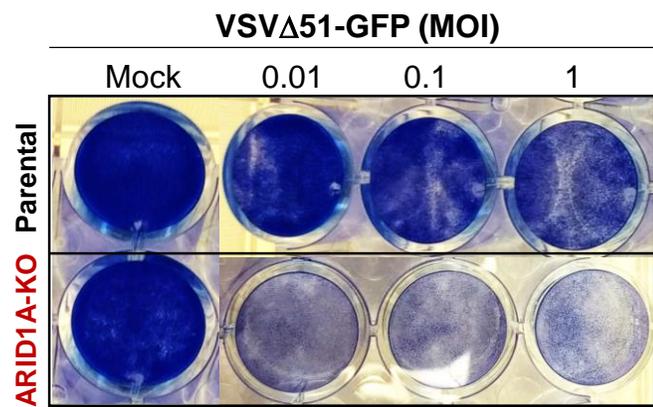
SWI/SNF Chromatin Re-modelling complex



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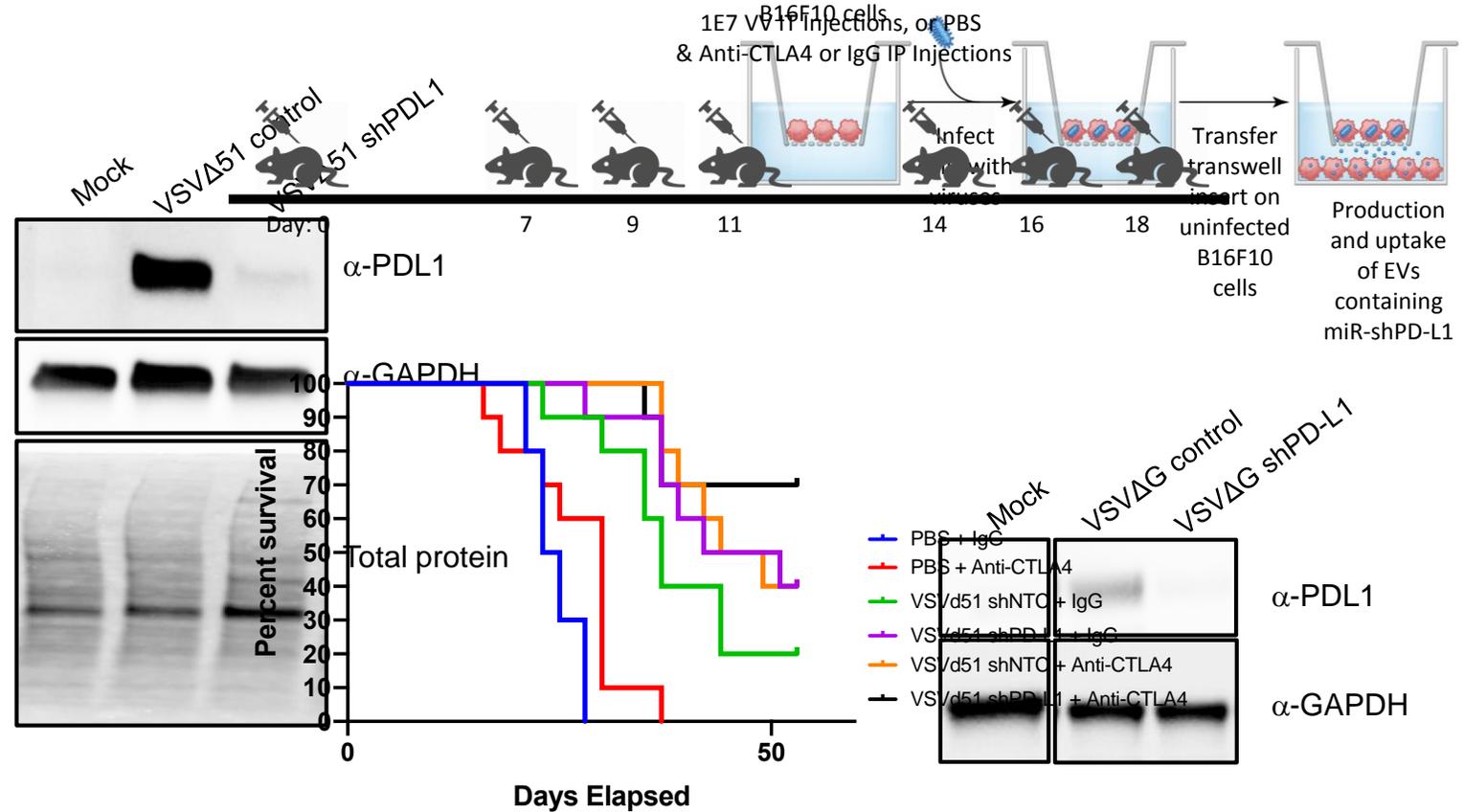
***Can we Develop a Strategy to Spread amiRNAs from  
Infected to Un-infected Cells***

# Virally Programmed Exosomes to Modify the Tumour Microenvironment



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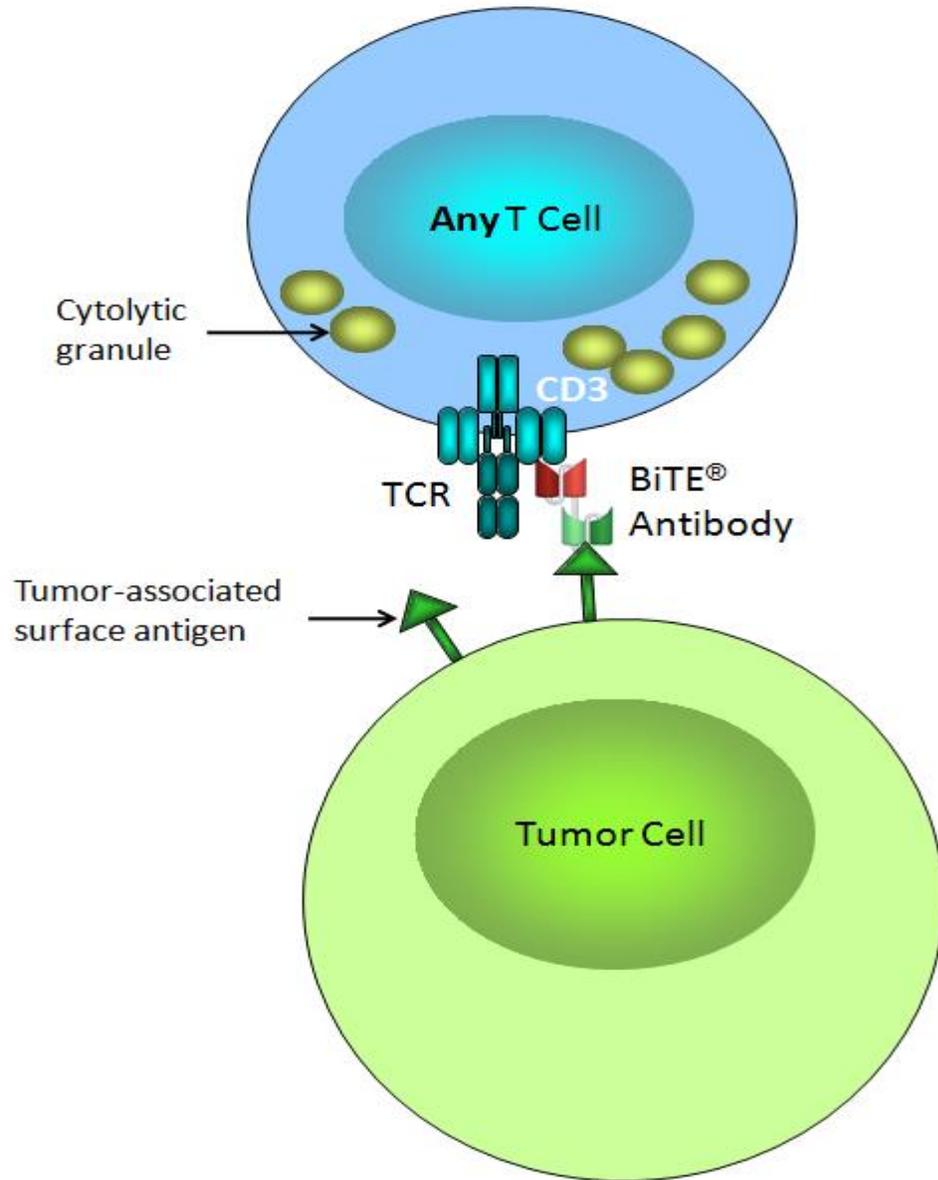


VSVΔ51-shPDL1 downregulates PD-L1 levels in B16-F10 cells (MOI 0.1, 18 hpi)

EVs-derived from B16-F10 VSVΔG-shPDL1 infected cells downregulate PD-L1 levels in uninfected cells



# Encoding T Cell Engagers in SKV



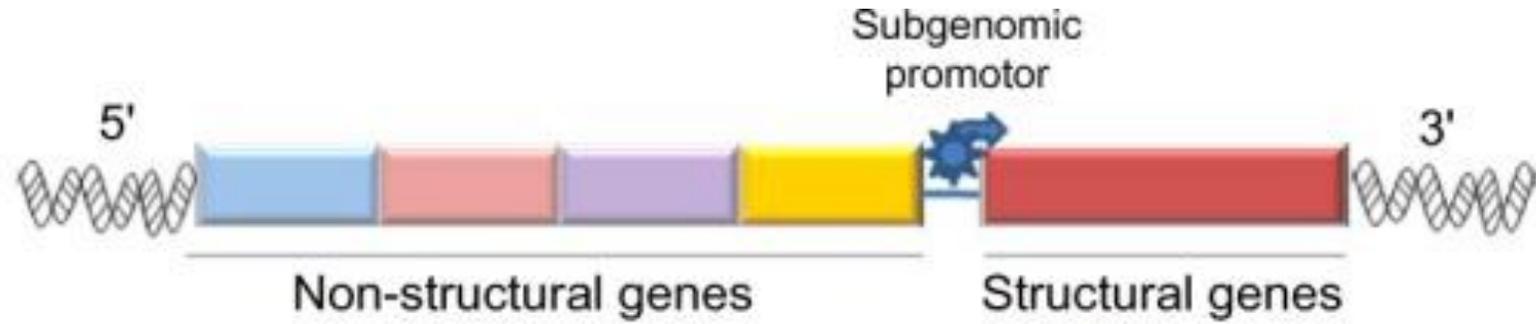
# ***SKV – A Therapeutic Aircraft Carrier?***



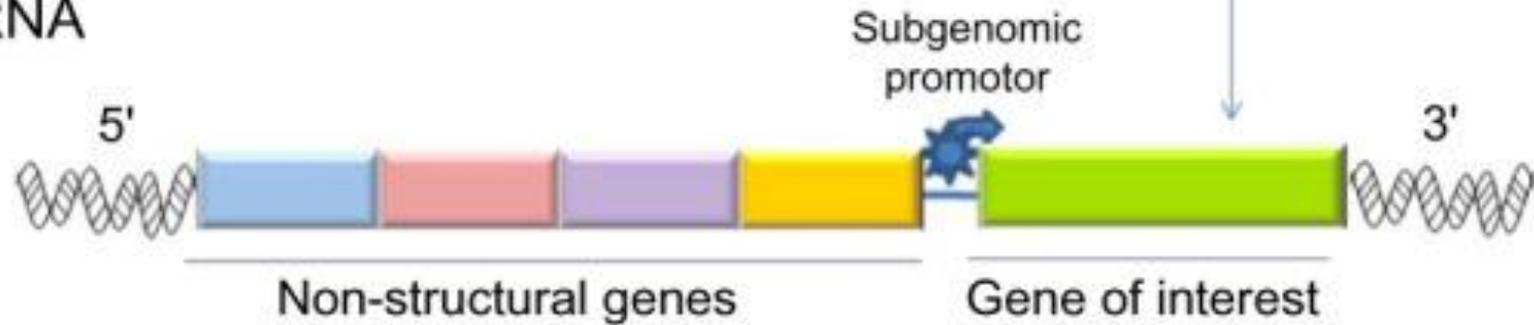
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# Self Amplifying RNA Vectors

Alphavirus



Self-amplifying RNA

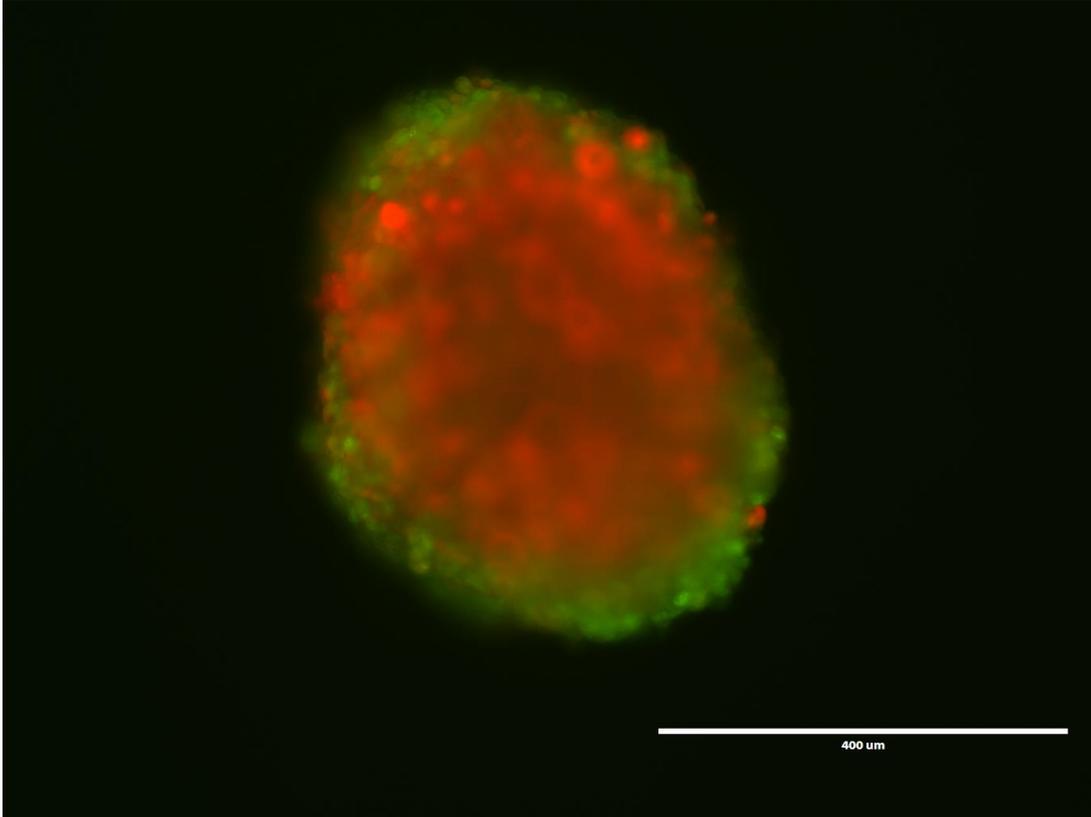
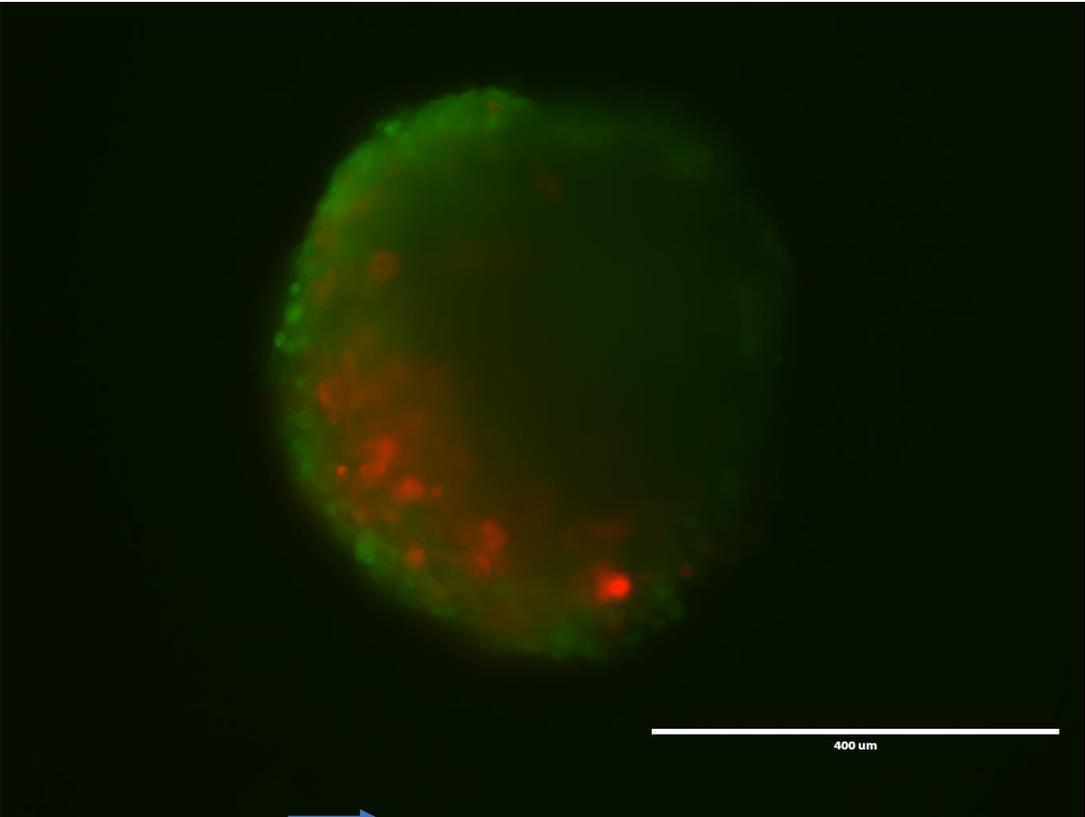




# SKV – Disseminating saRNA within the Tumour Microenvironment



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SKV – Green  
saRNA - Red



Time



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