



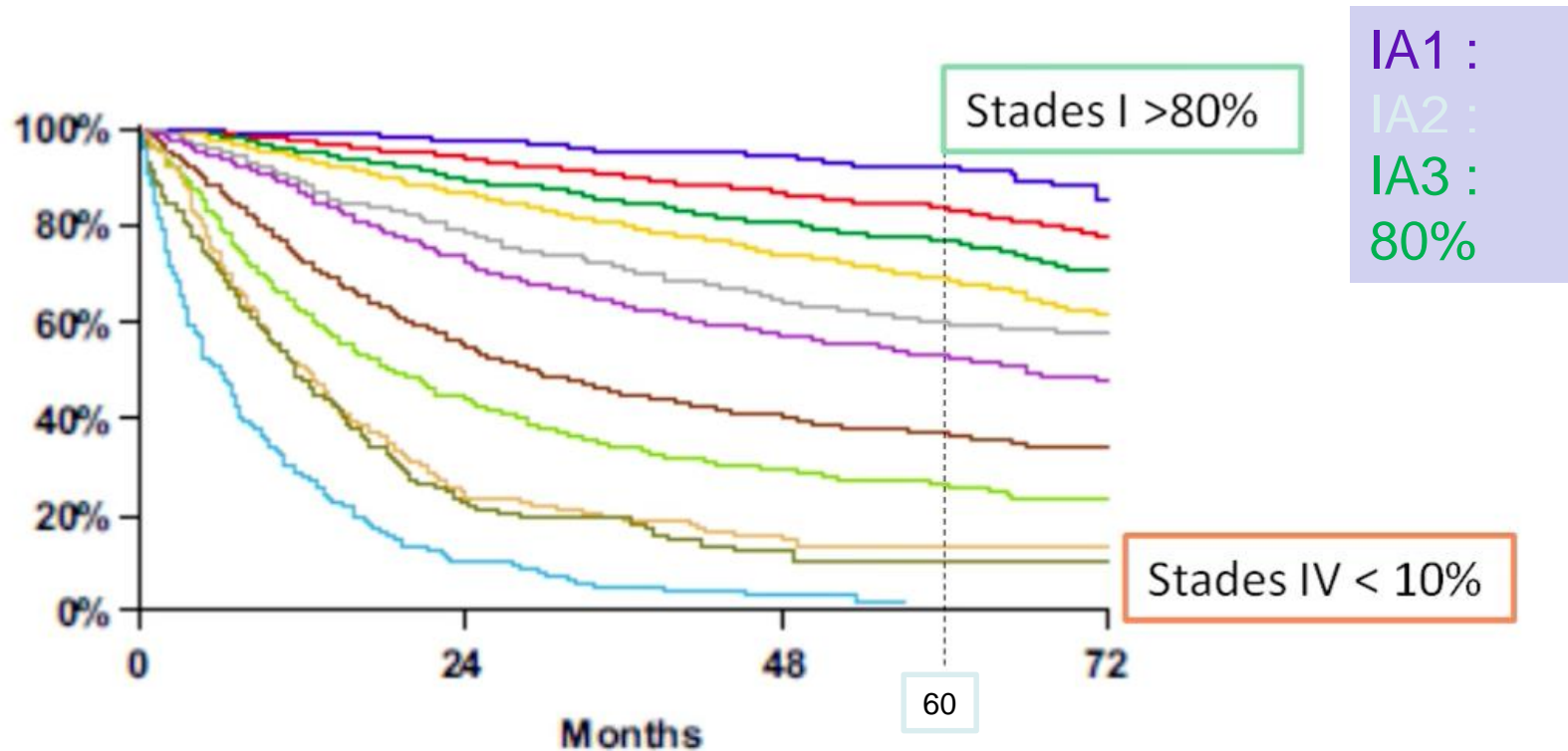
Dissection des étapes de la carcinogenèse bronchique précoce: rôle du microenvironnement

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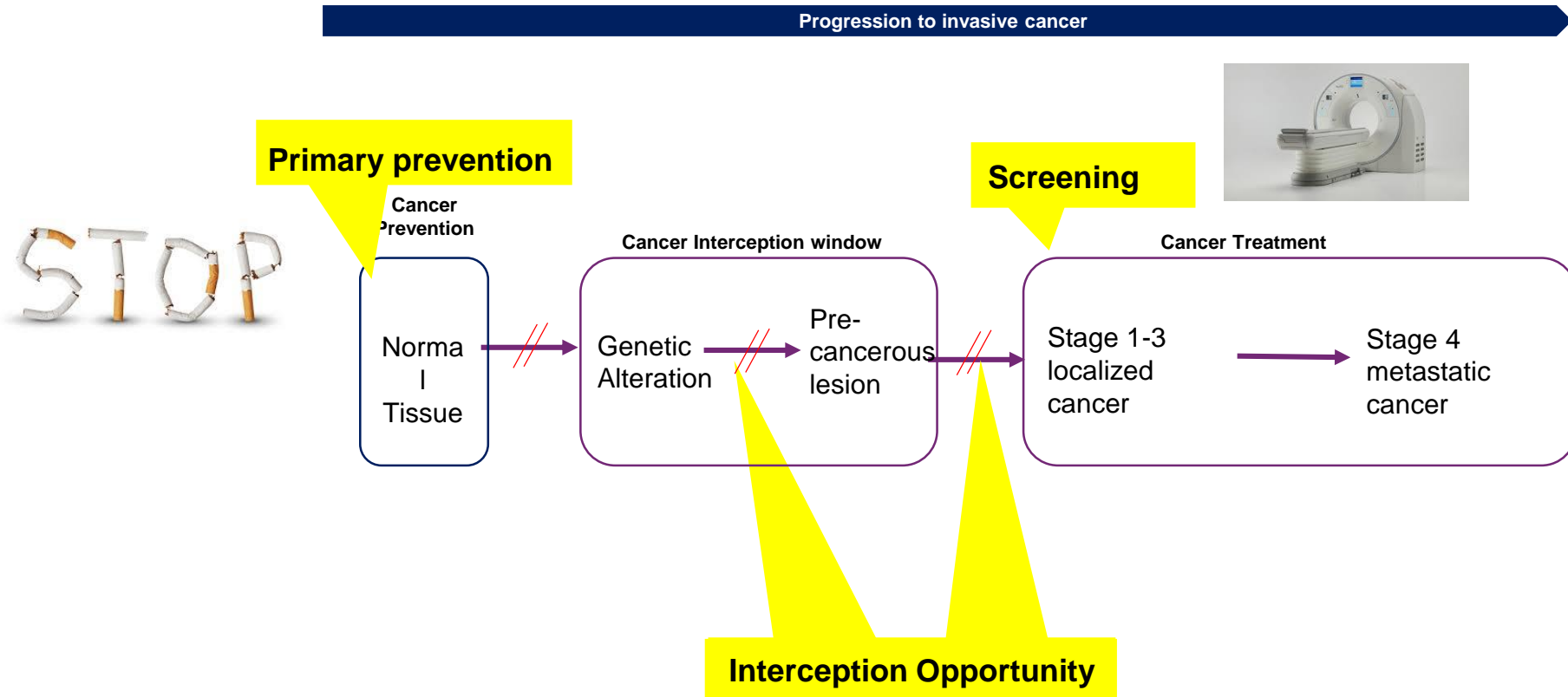
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Agir précocement = meilleure chance de guérison



Goldstraw P et al J, Thorac Oncol 2016; 11 : 39-51

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To Accurately identify patients with pre-malignancies and treat these pre-malignancies before they progress towards carcinogenesis and localization

Main cause of lung cancer: tobacco

Deaths by lung cancer/100
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Current smokers

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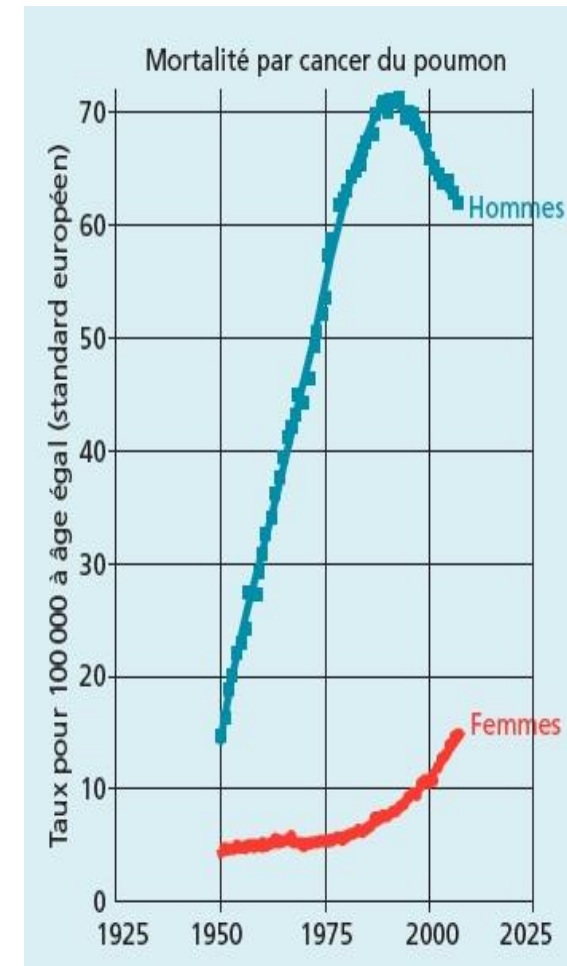
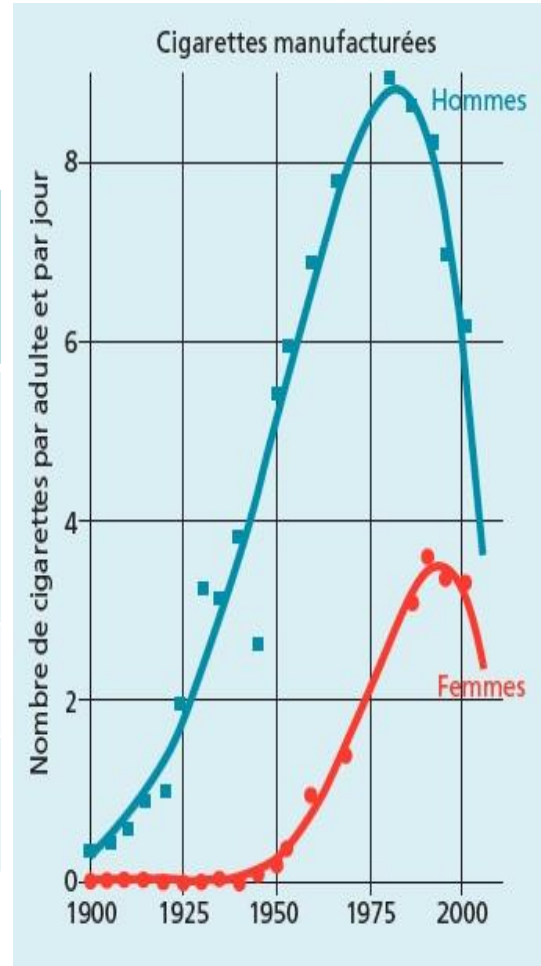
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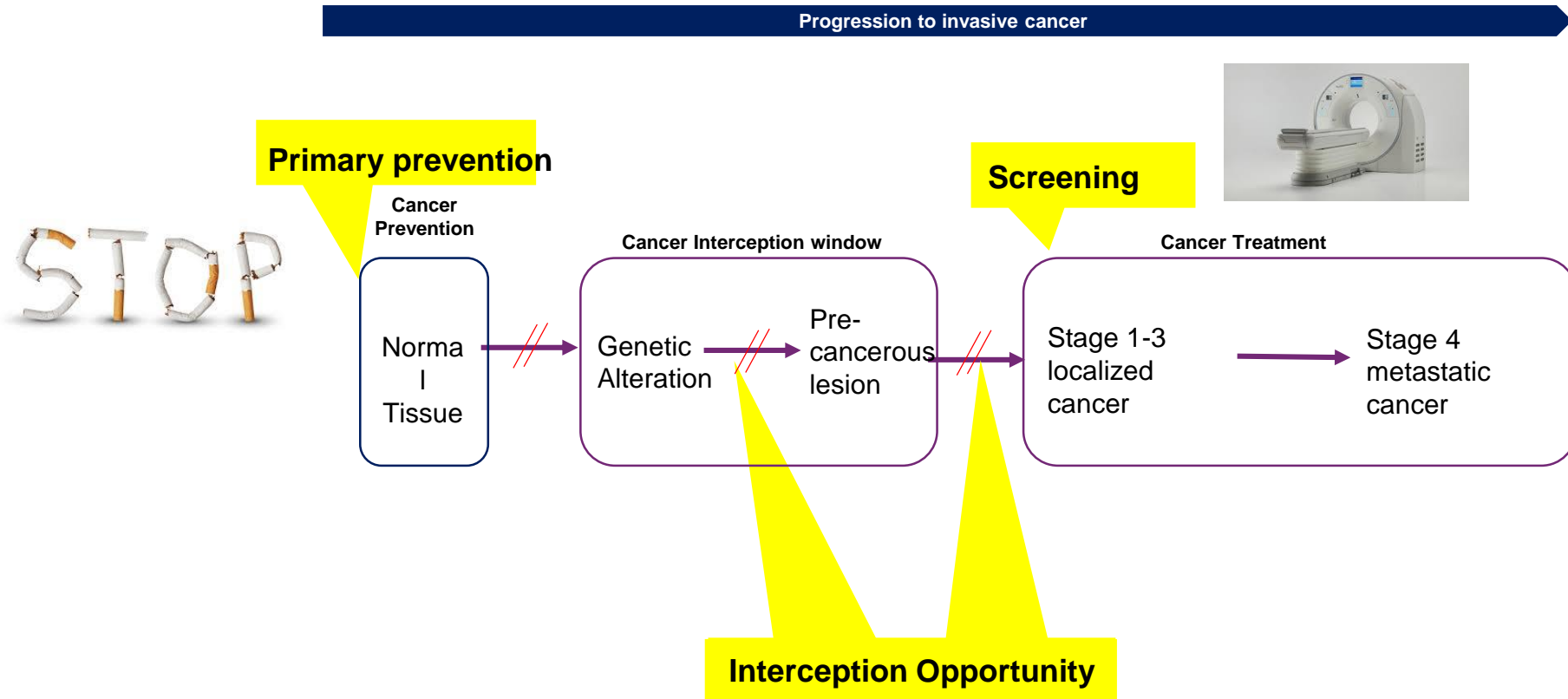
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EDITORIAL



Mortality Reduction with Low-Dose CT Screening for Lung Cancer

Stephen W. Duffy, M.Sc., and John K. Field, Ph.D., F.R.C.Path.

With the NELSON results, the efficacy of low-dose CT screening for lung cancer is confirmed. Our job is no longer to assess whether low-dose CT screening for lung cancer works: it does. Our job is to identify the target population in which it will be acceptable and cost-effective.

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Reduced Lung-Cancer Mortality with Volume CT Screening in a Randomized Trial

H.J. de Koning, C.M. van der Aalst, P.A. de Jong, E.T. Scholten, K. Nackaerts, M.A. Heuvelmans, J.-W.J. Lammers, C. Weenink, U. Yousof-Khan, N. Horeweg, S. van 't Westeinde, M. Prokop, W.P. Mali, F.A.A. Mohamed Hoesein, P.M.A. van Ooijen, J.G.J.V. Aerts, M.A. den Bakker, E. Thunnissen, J. Verschakelen, R. Vliegenthart, J.E. Walter, K. ten Haaf, H.J.M. Groen, and M. Oudkerk

ABSTRACT

BACKGROUND

There are limited data from randomized trials regarding whether volume-based, low-dose computed tomographic (CT) screening can reduce lung-cancer mortality among male former and current smokers.

METHODS

A total of 13,195 men (primary analysis) and 2594 women (subgroup analyses) between the ages of 50 and 74 were randomly assigned to undergo CT screening at T0 (baseline), year 1, year 3, and year 5.5 or no screening. We obtained data on cancer diagnosis and the date and cause of death through linkages with national registries in the Netherlands and Belgium, and a review committee confirmed lung cancer as the cause of death when possible. A minimum follow-up of 10 years until December 31, 2015, was completed for all participants.

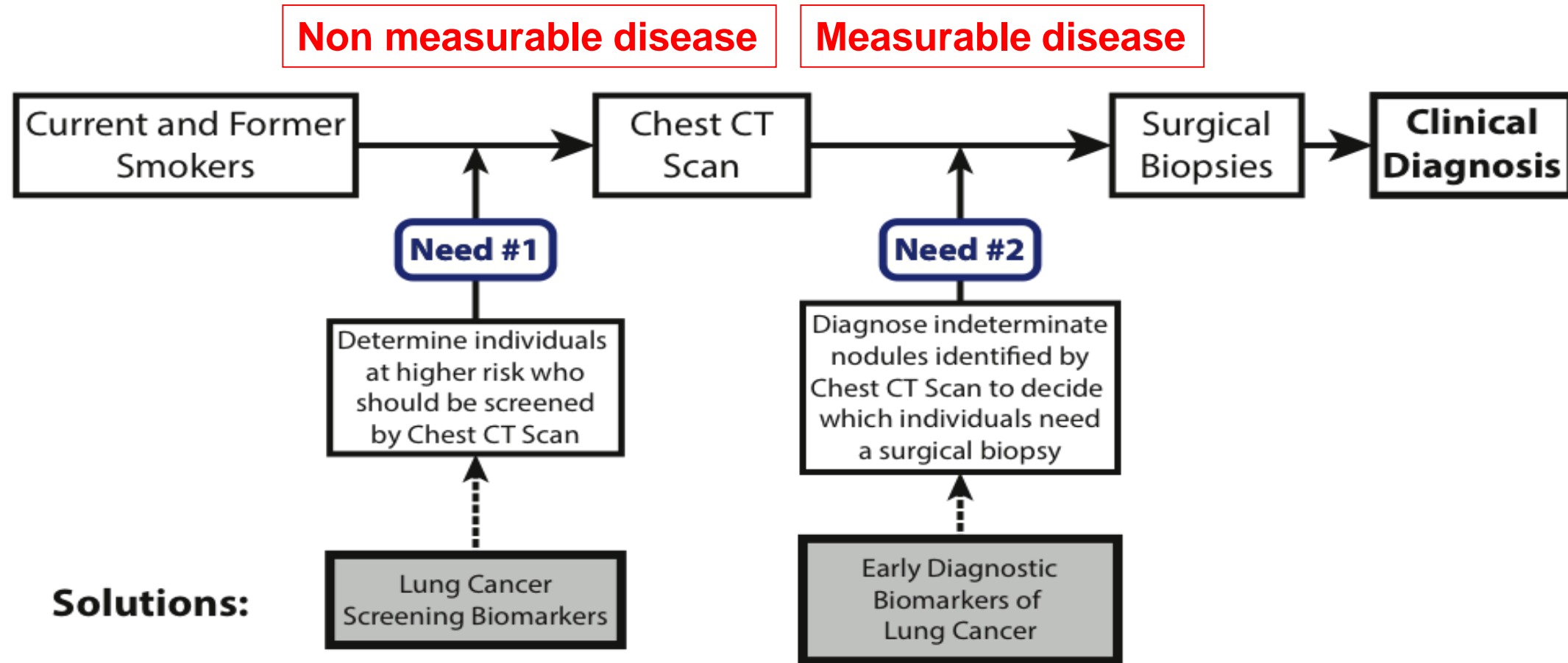
RESULTS

Among men, the average adherence to CT screening was 90.0%. On average, 9.2% of the screened participants underwent at least one additional CT scan (initially indeterminate). The overall referral rate for suspicious nodules was 2.1%. At 10 years of follow-up, the incidence of lung cancer was 5.58 cases per 1000 person-years in the screening group and 4.91 cases per 1000 person-years in the control group; lung-cancer mortality was 2.50 deaths per 1000 person-years and 3.30 deaths per 1000 person-years, respectively. The cumulative rate ratio for death from lung cancer at 10 years was 0.76 (95% confidence interval [CI], 0.61 to 0.94; $P=0.01$) in the screening group as compared with the control group, similar to the values at years 8 and 9. Among women, the rate ratio was 0.67 (95% CI, 0.38 to 1.14) at 10 years of follow-up, with values of 0.41 to 0.52 in years 7 through 9.

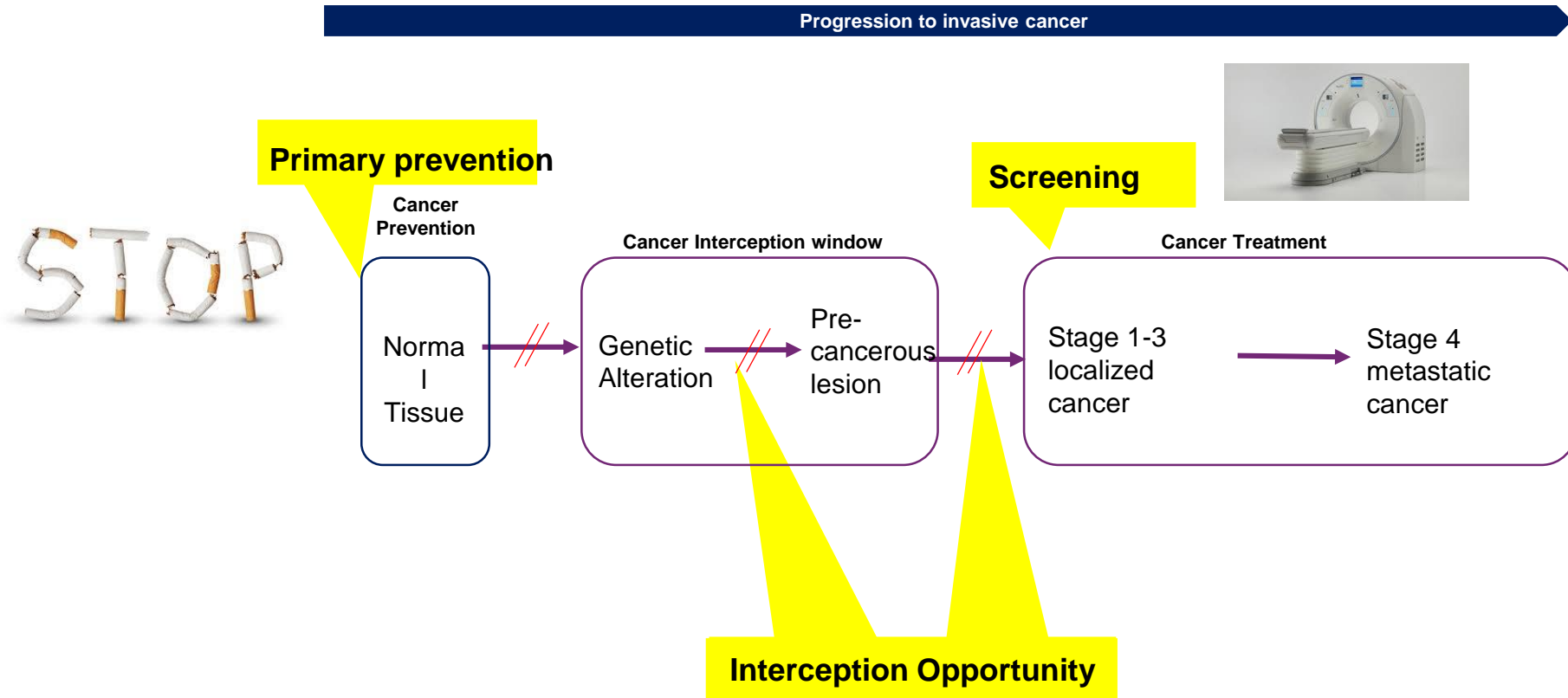
CONCLUSIONS

In this trial involving high-risk persons, lung-cancer mortality was significantly lower among those who underwent volume CT screening than among those who underwent no screening. There were low rates of follow-up procedures for results suggestive of lung cancer. (Funded by the Netherlands Organization of Health Research and Development and others; NELSON Netherlands Trial Register number, NL580.)

Role of biomarkers in lung cancer screening/detection

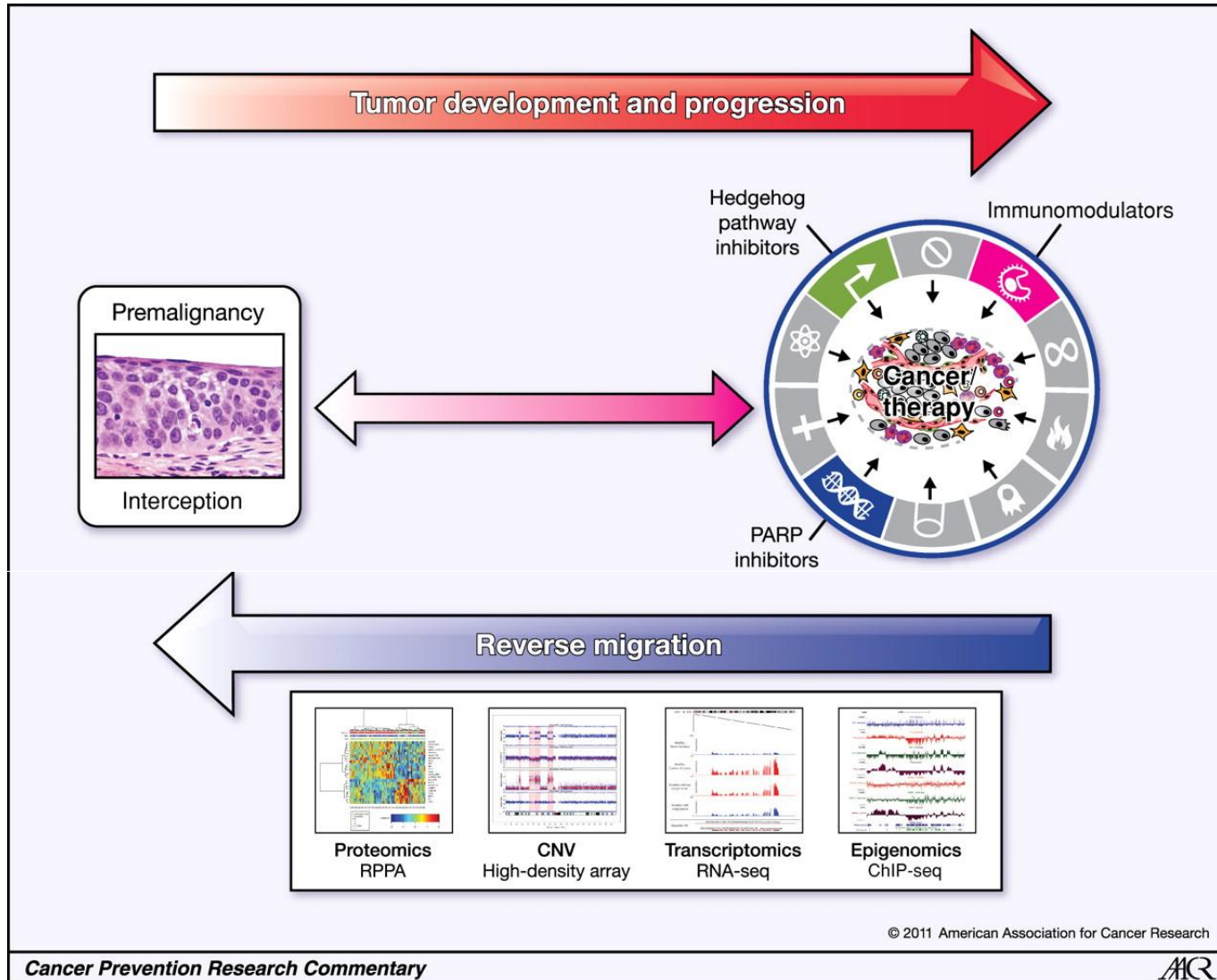


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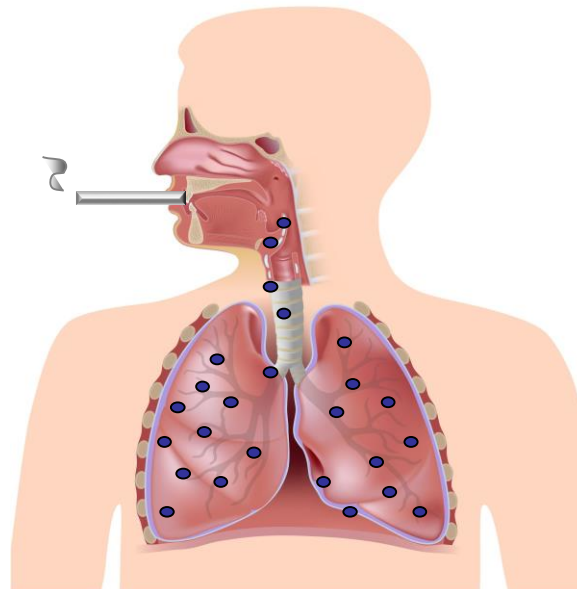
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Cancer Interception Through Reverse Migration



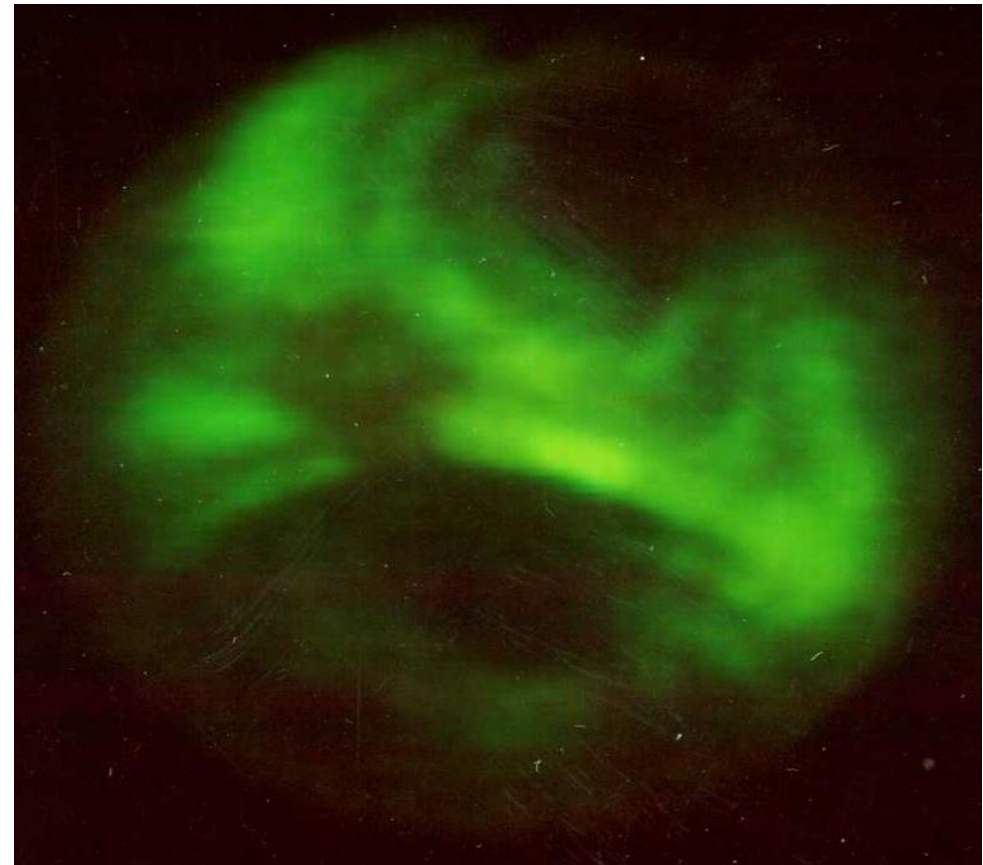
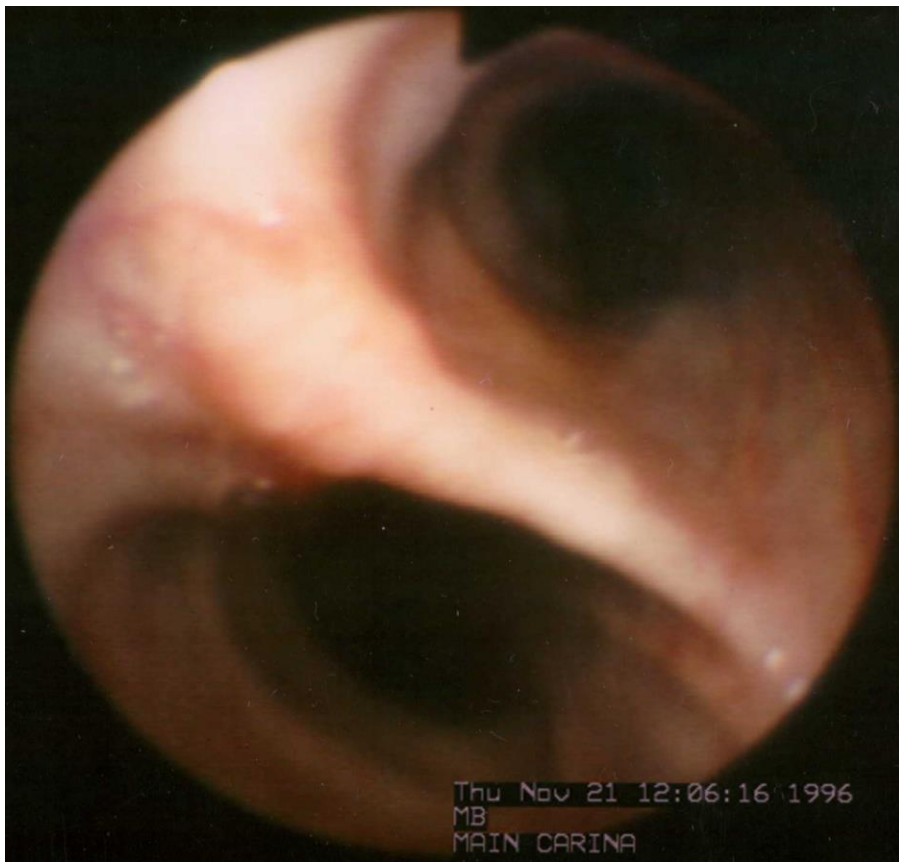
THE AIRWAY EPITHELIAL “FIELD OF INJURY” HYPOTHESIS

- Cigarette smoking causes molecular damages throughout the lungs and respiratory tract
- Epithelial cells reflect the genomic response to smoking and risk for smoking-associated lung disease

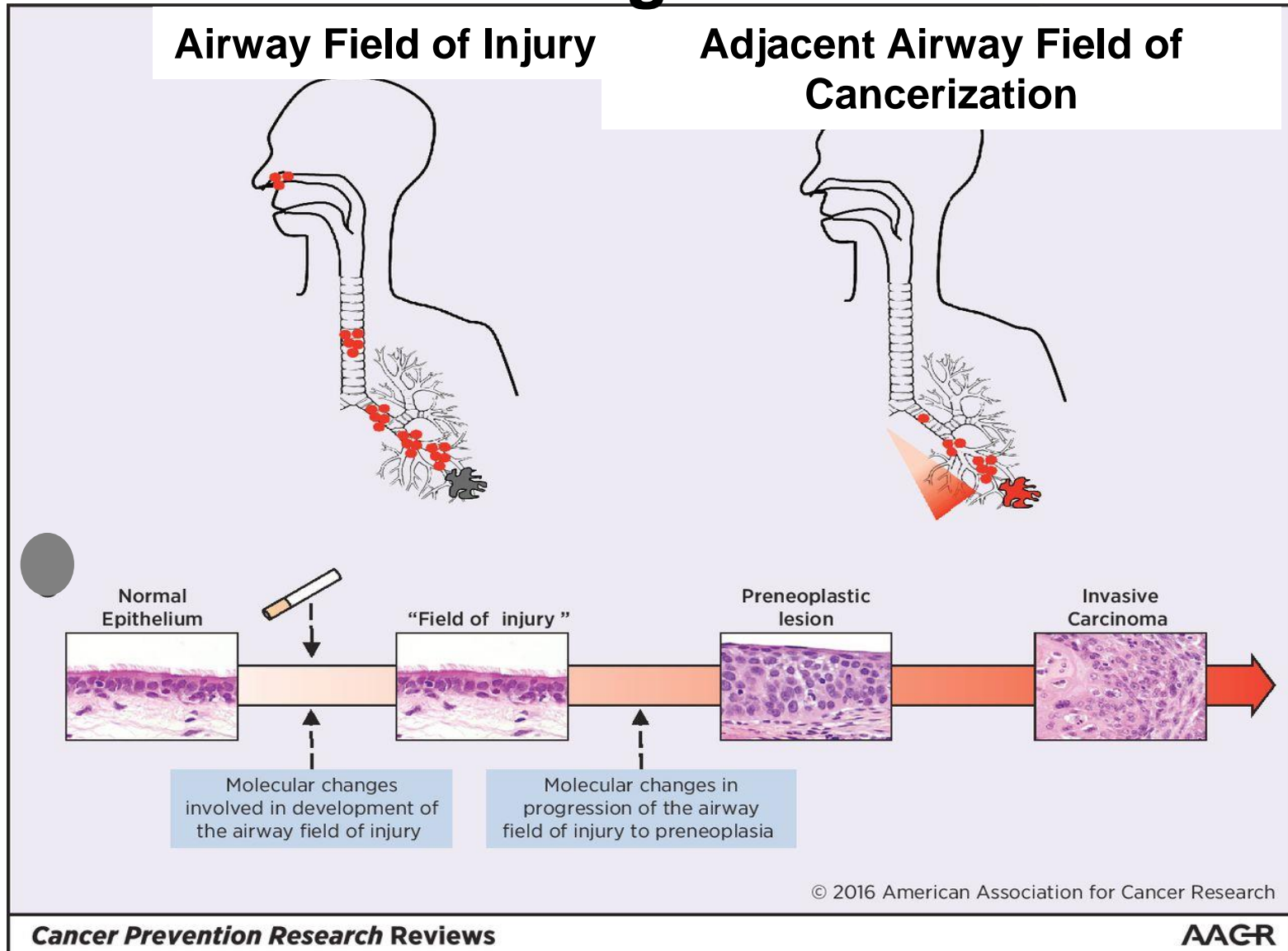


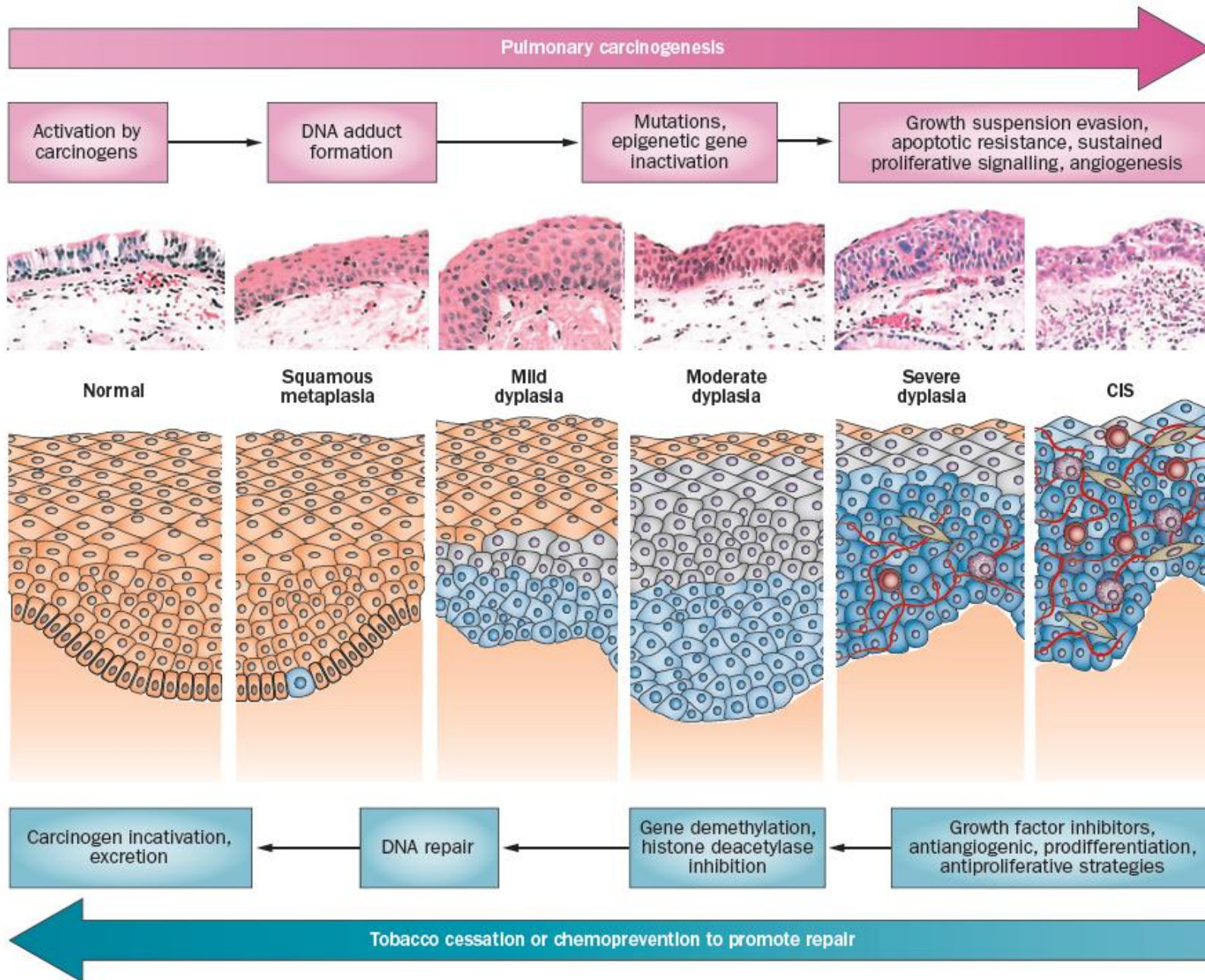
Field cancerisation

- The whole respiratory epithelium is targetted by carcinogens that are in tobacco smoke
- Smokers develop genetic and morphologic abnormalities diffusely in their airways



THE AIRWAY EPITHELIAL “FIELD OF INJURY” : Premalignant Airway Fields and Molecular Pathogenesis





Hypothesis

- Characterization of the evolution of molecular abnormalities in lung carcinogenesis would allow:
 - **Better understanding of the mechanisms of the genesis and development of squamous cell carcinoma**
 - **Identification of new biomarkers for the early detection of lung cancer**
 - **Targets for chemoprevention**

Molecular Changes Reported for Lung Squamous Carcinogenesis

Normal	Hyperplasia	Metaplasia	Mild dysplasia	Moderate dysplasia	Severe dysplasia	In situ carcin	SCC
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Molecular Changes Previously Reported for Lung Squamous Carcinogenesis

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The role of NPM, p14arf and MDM2 in precursors of bronchial squamous cell carcinoma

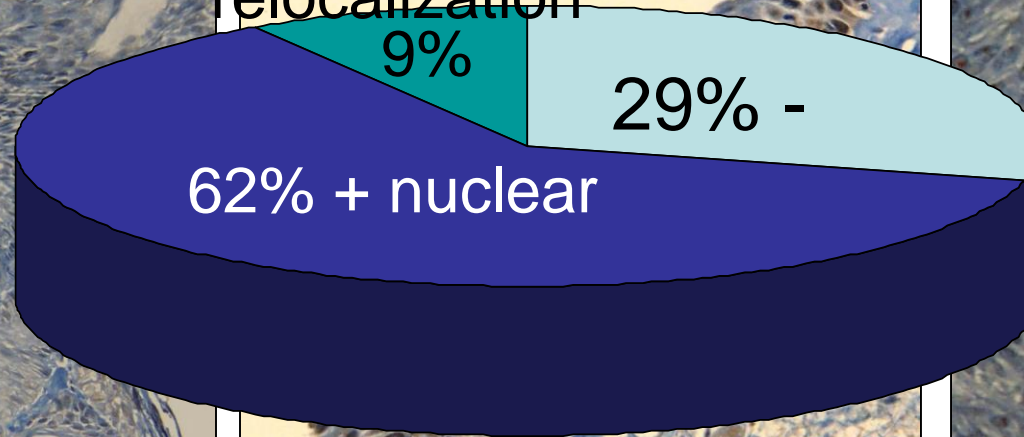
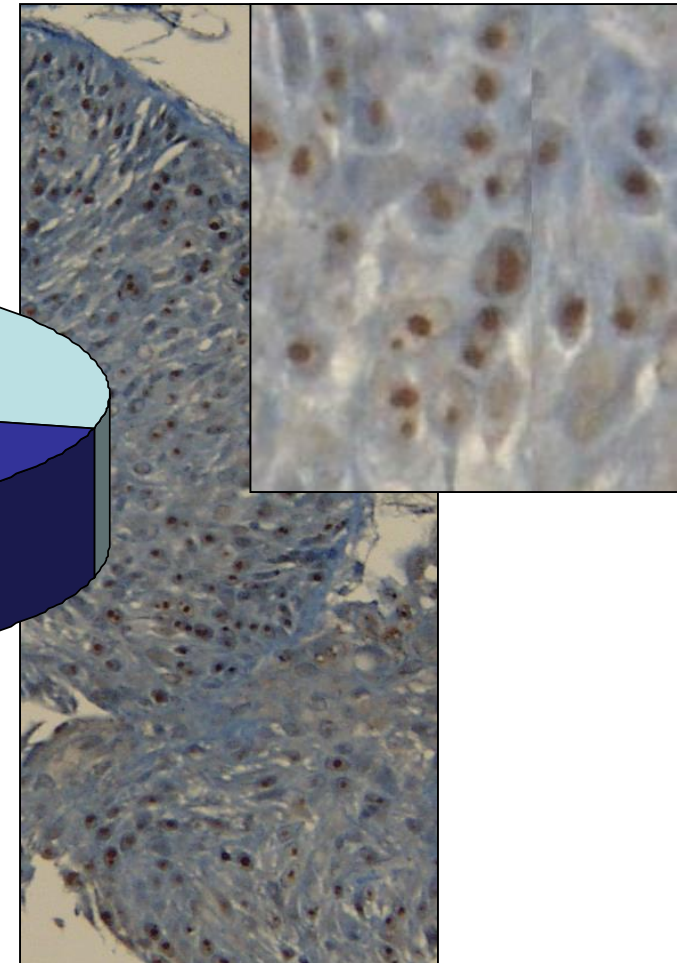
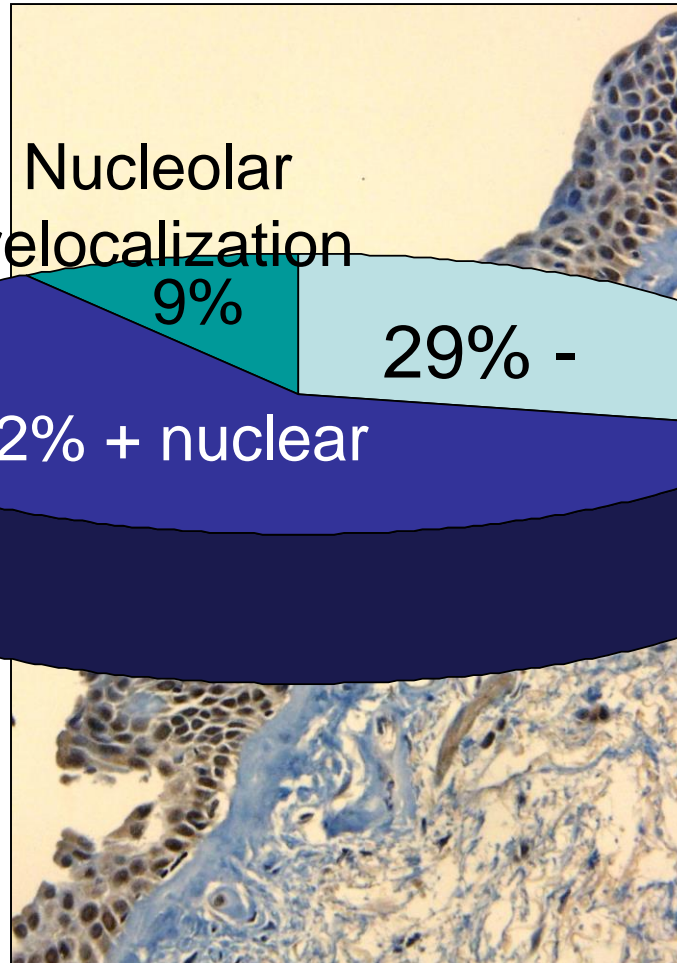
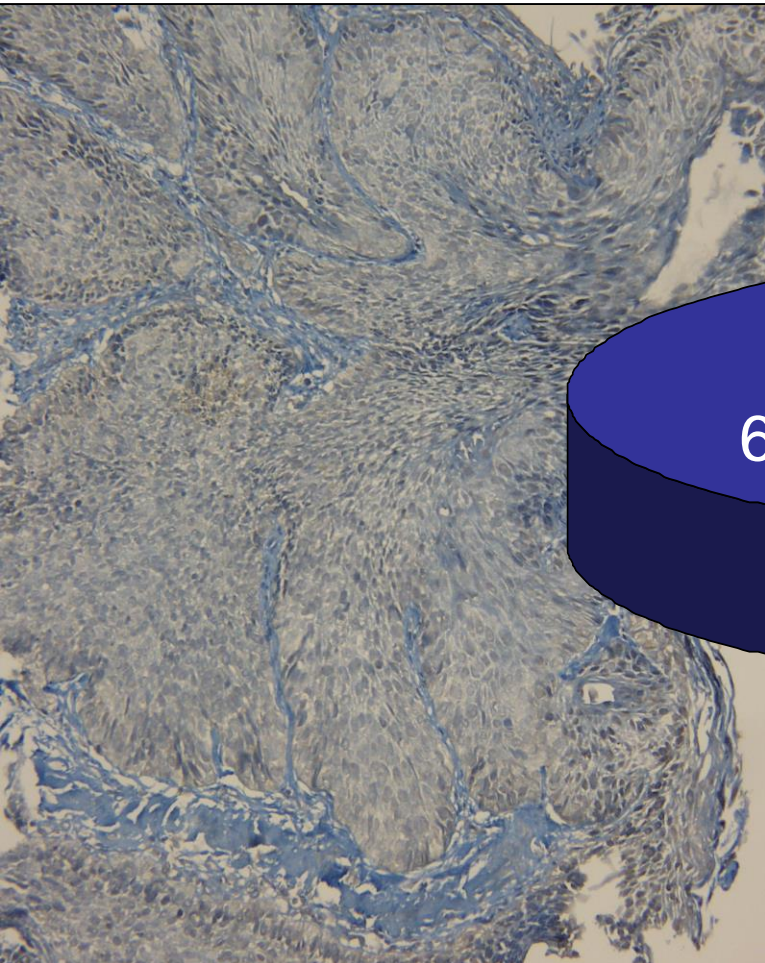
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p14^{ARF} : 144 biopsies

Negative

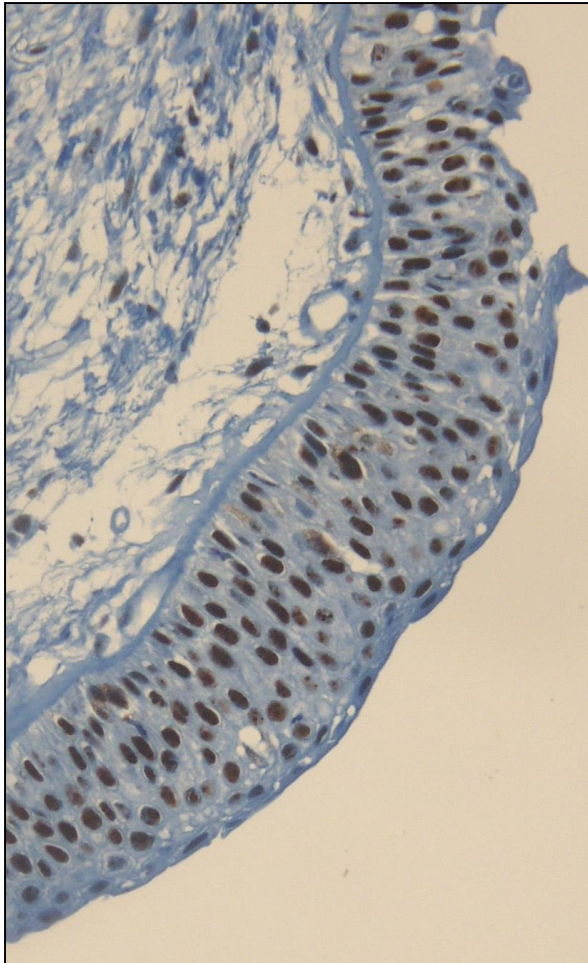
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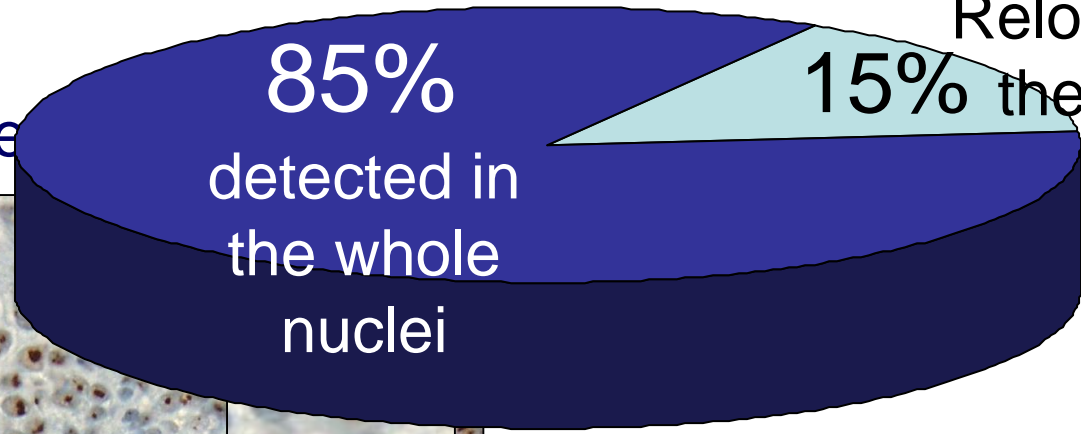
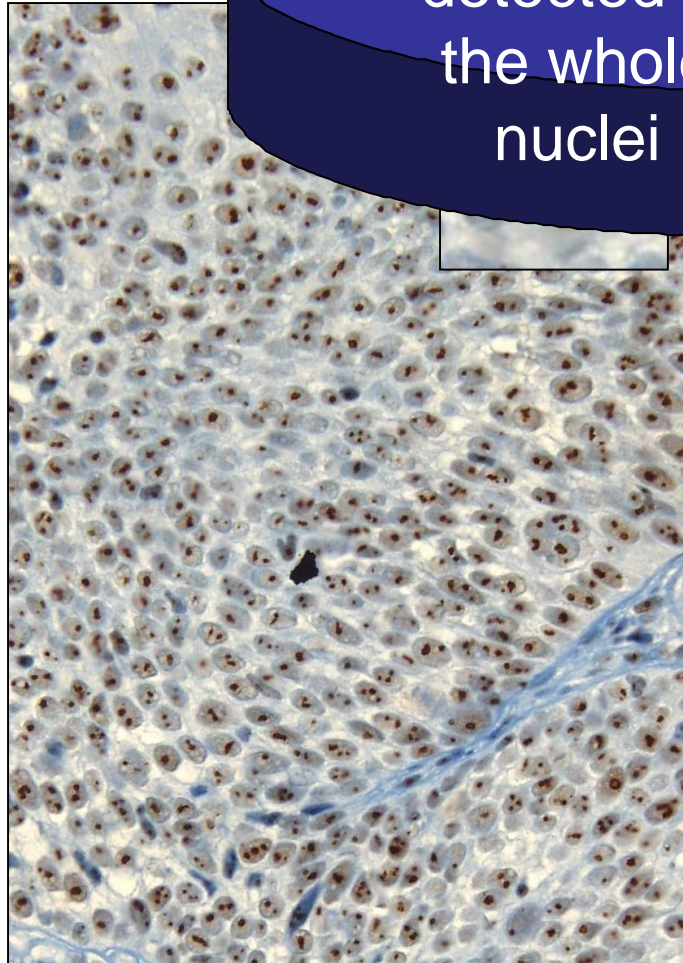


NPM: 123 biopsies

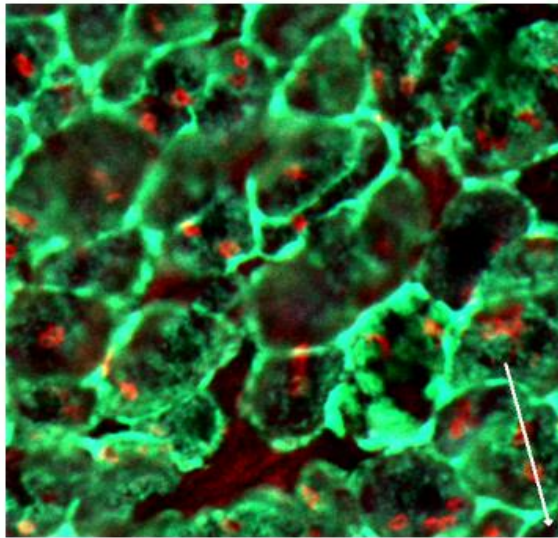
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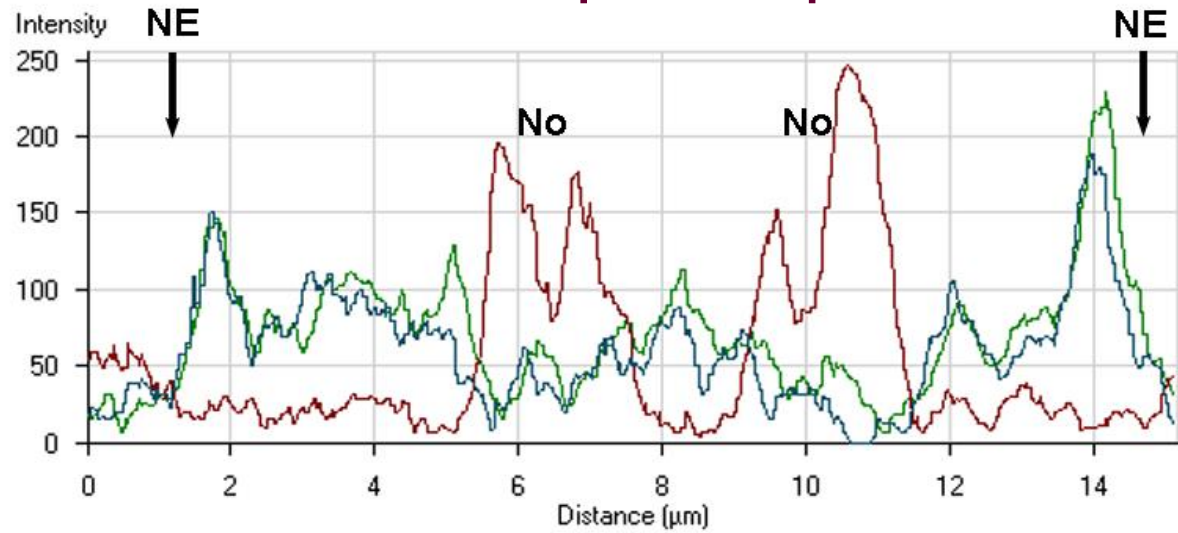
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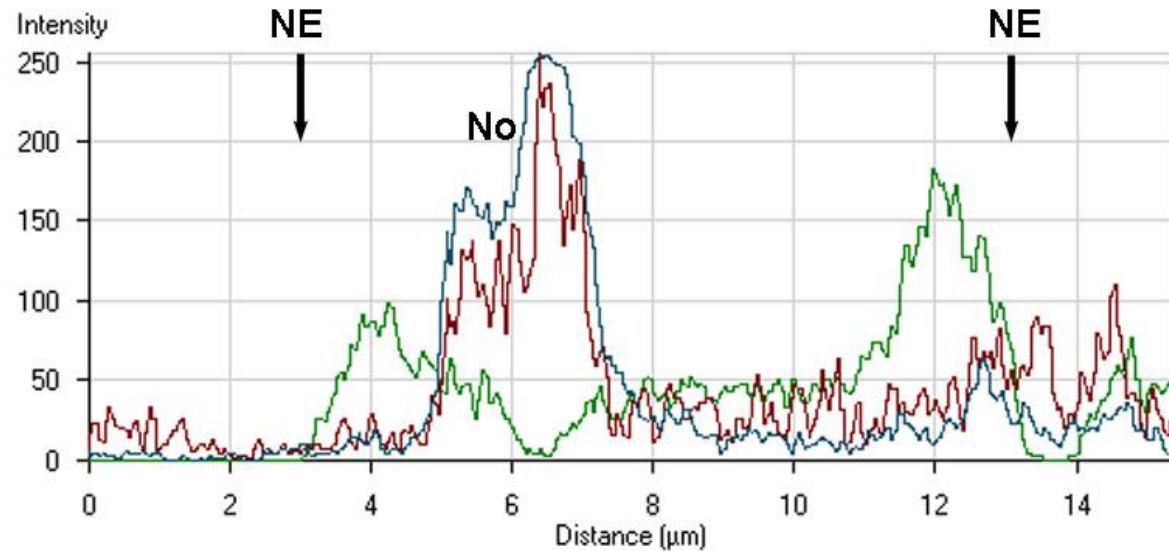
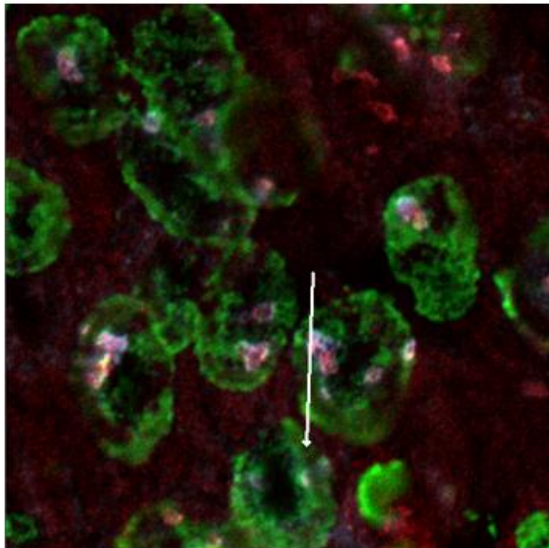
MDM2, p53 et p14^{arf}

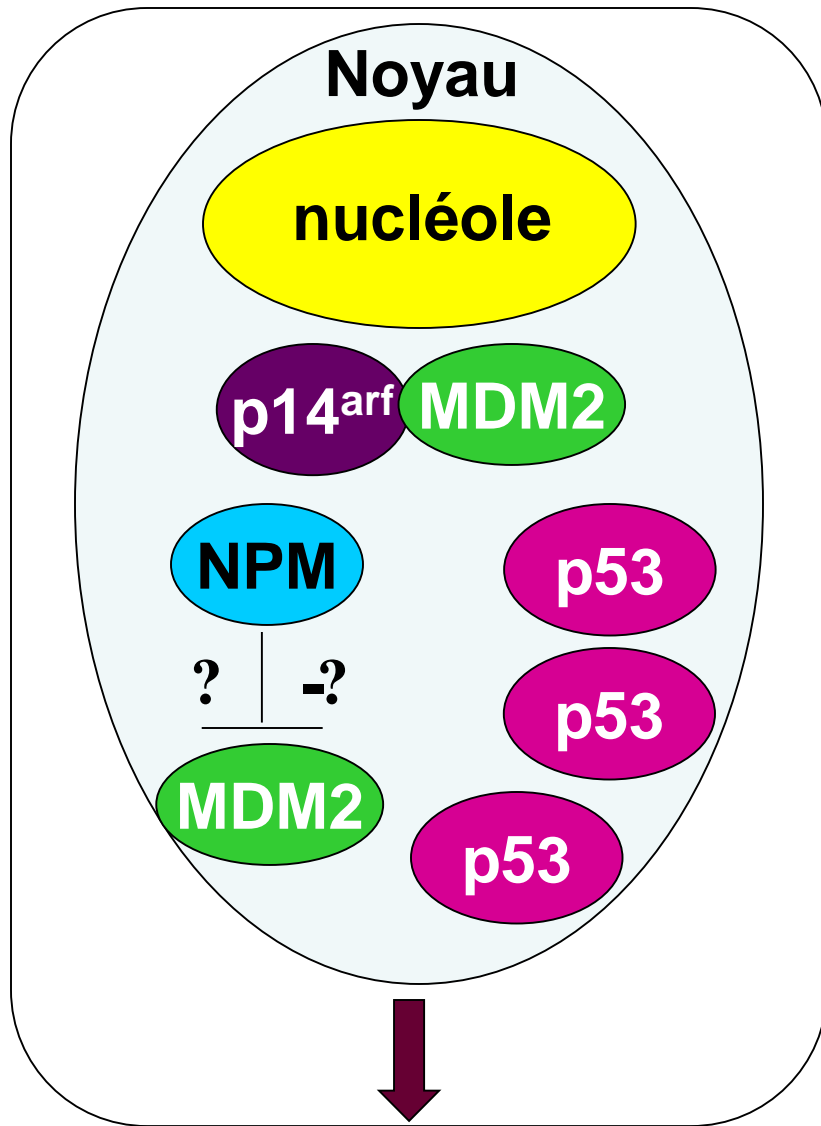


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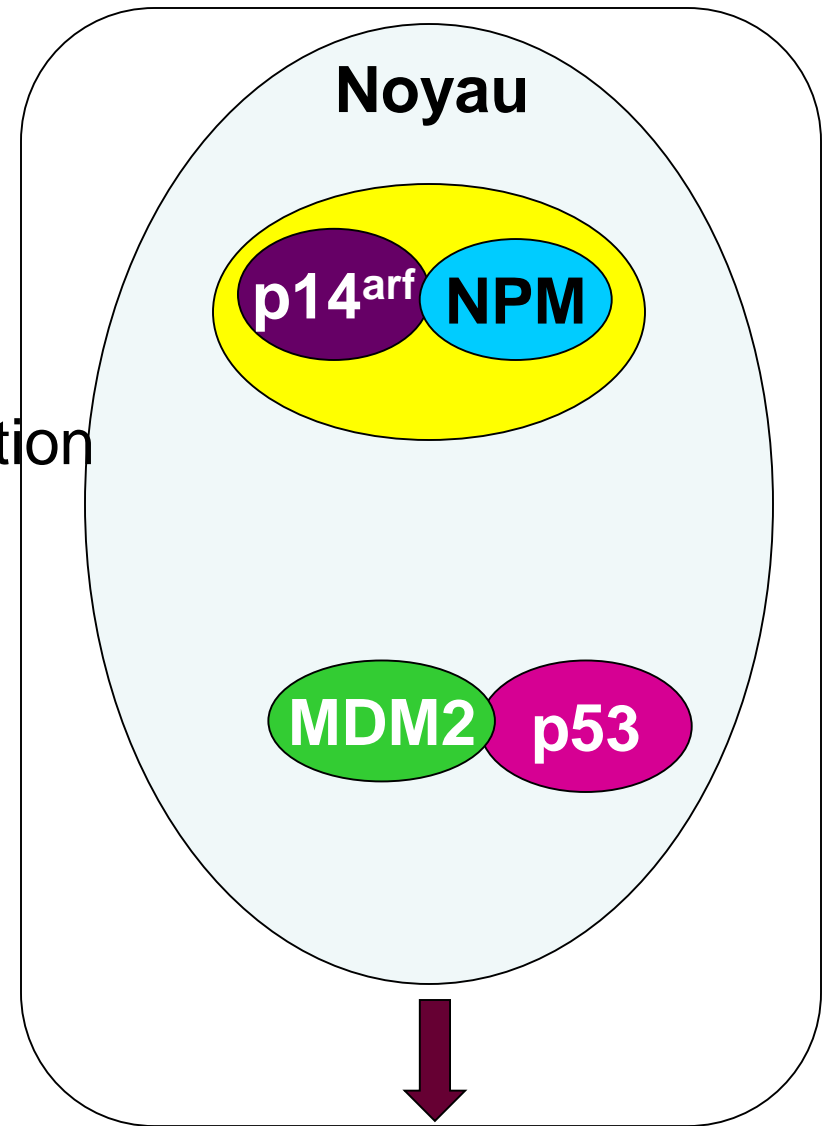
NPM, p14^{arf} et MDM2





**Arrêt du cycle cellulaire
et apoptose**

Cancérisation



**Prolifération
cellulaire**

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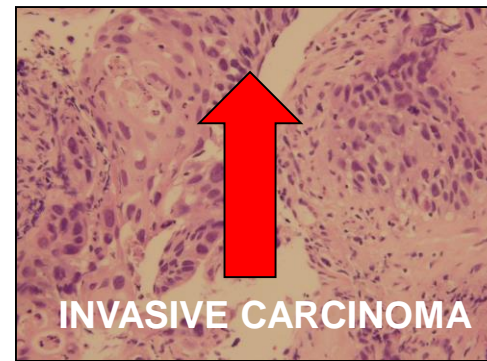
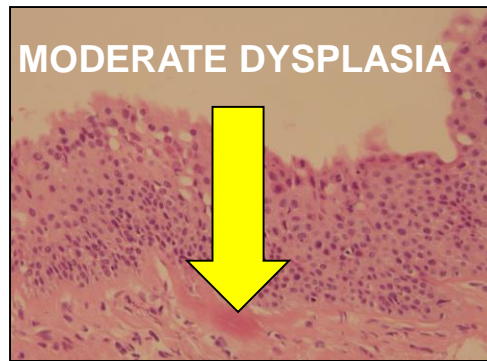
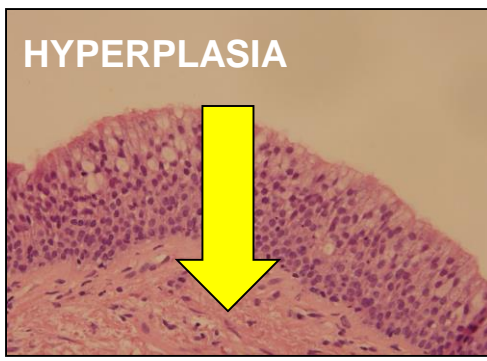
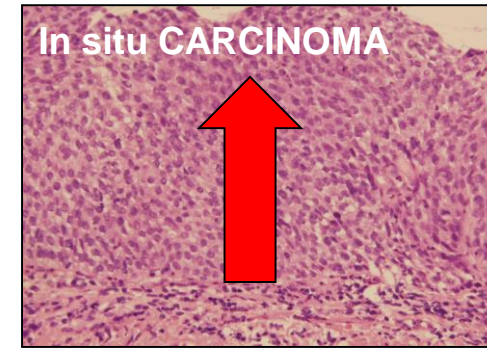
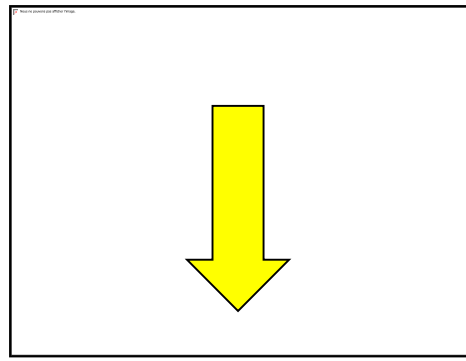
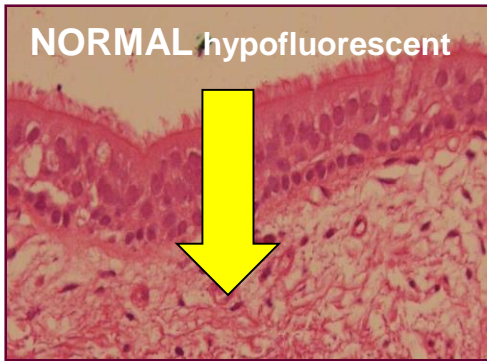
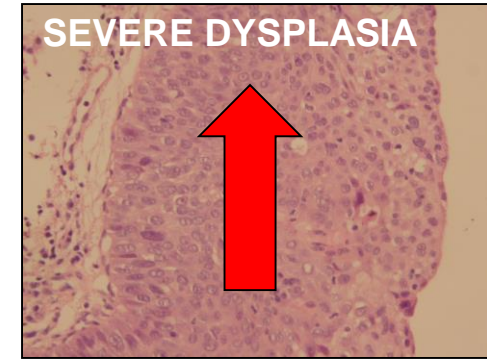
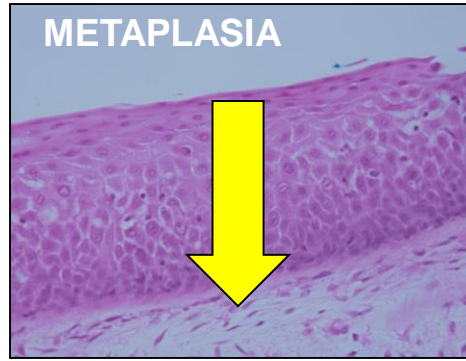
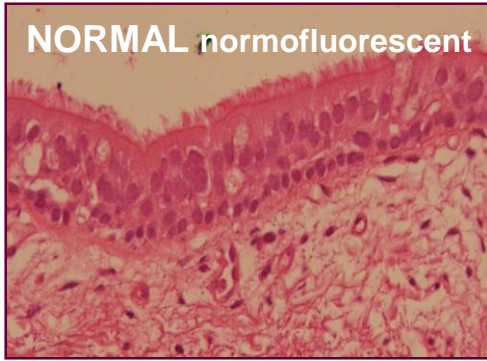
Evolution of microRNA expression during human bronchial squamous carcinogenesis

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Group A

Group B

Group C



GROUP C1

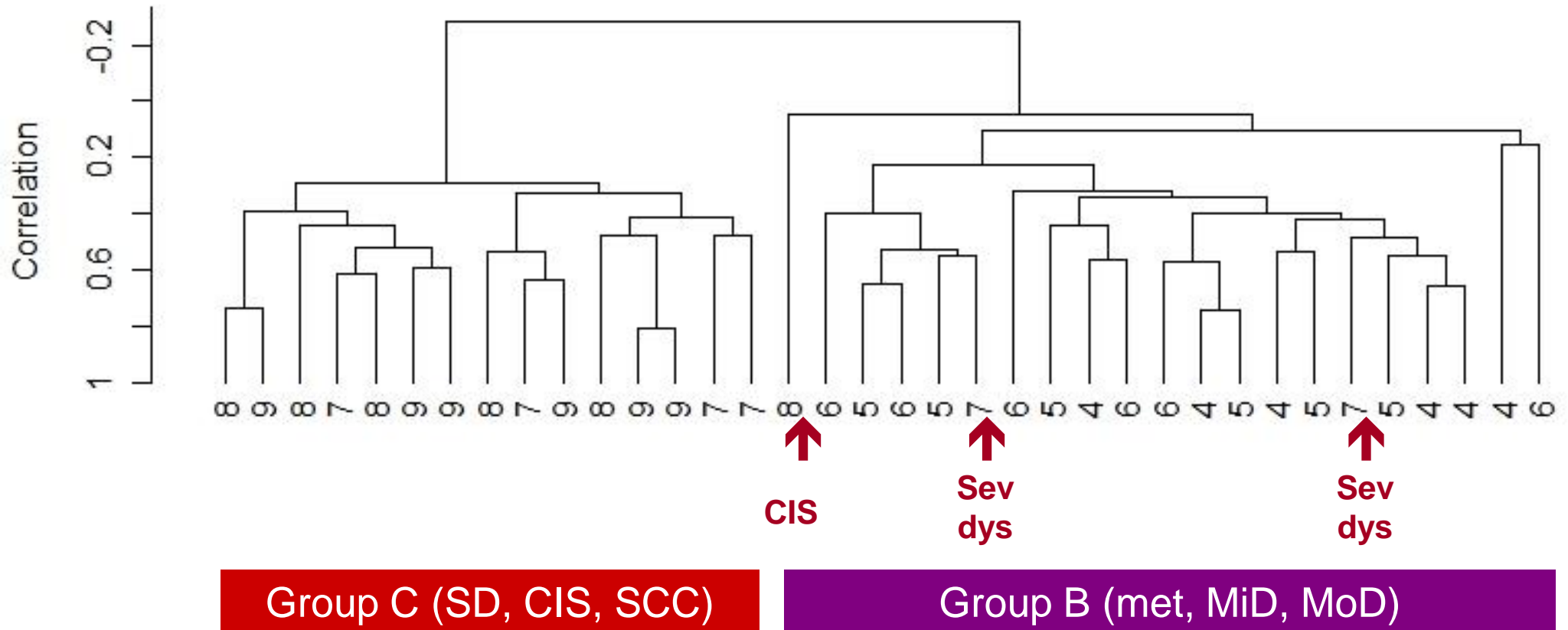
GROUP C2

Quels miARNs?

- Des miARNs décrits dans l'embryogenèse pulmonaire et qui évoluent de manière inverse dans la carcinogenèse
 - = perte de la différenciation cellulaire épithéliale bronchique normale pour l'acquisition d'une autre différenciation, métaplasique, pluristratifiée et malpighienne
 - miR-34c, miR-15a: ↓
 - miR-99a, miR-142-3p, miR-142-5p, miR-214, miR 301 : ↓ puis ↑

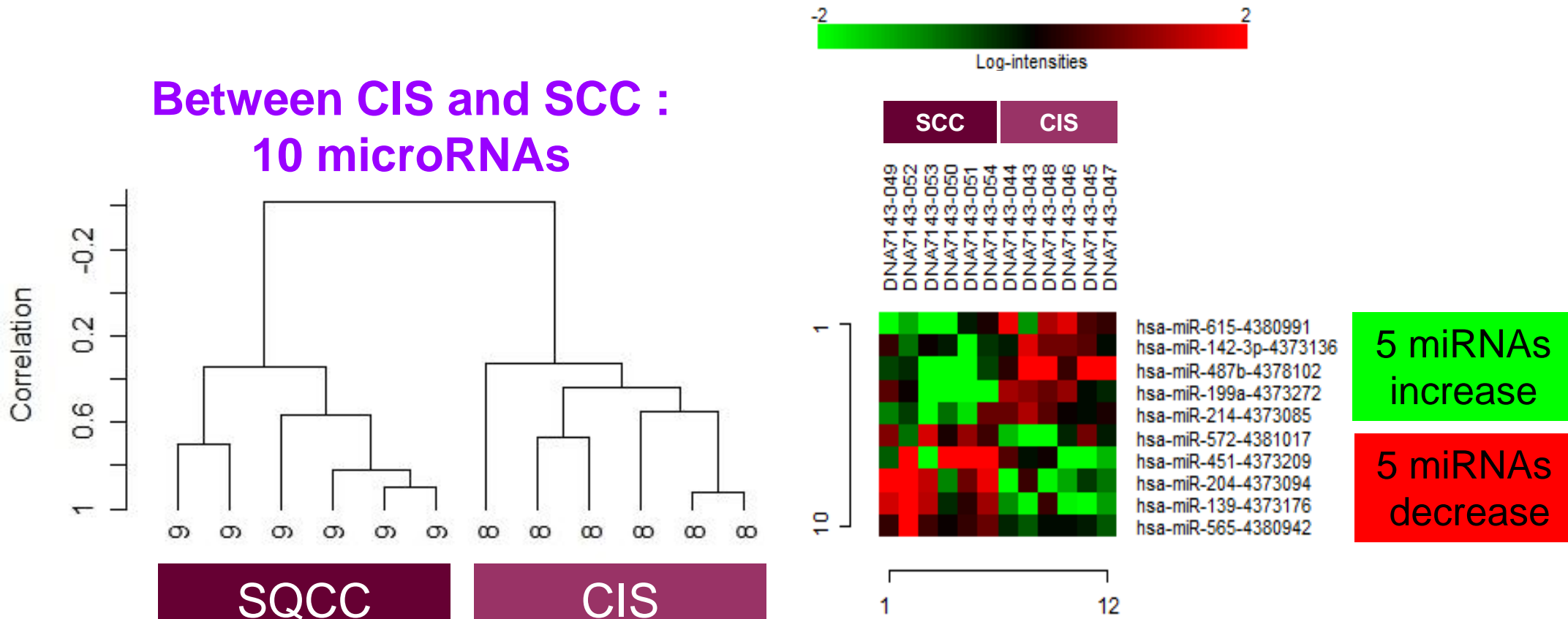
Discriminating potential of miRNAs expression profiles

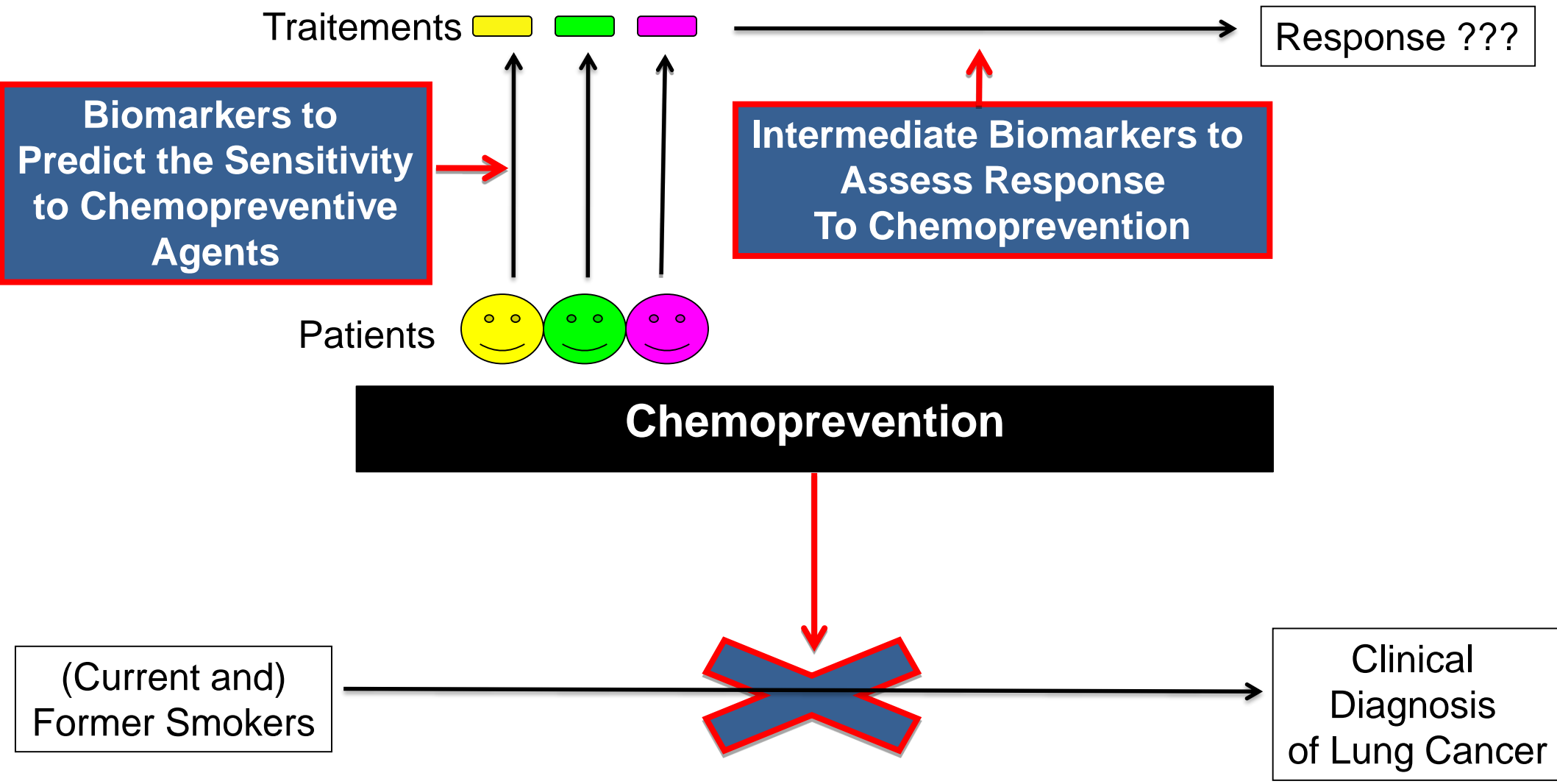
Between groups B and C: 30 miRNAs



Discriminating potential of microRNAs expression profiles

Between CIS and SCC :
10 microRNAs





No phase III trial testing chemopreventive agents for lung cancer has shown benefit

Table 1 Phase III chemoprevention trials			
Intervention	Chemoprevention setting	<i>n</i>	Results
Aspirin	Primary	5,139 22,071 39,876	Negative ³⁹ Negative ³⁷ Negative ³⁸
Beta carotene	Primary	29,133 22,071	Harmful (RR= 1.18) ⁴² Negative ¹⁵
Beta carotene and retinol	Primary	18,314	Harmful (RR= 1.28) ¹²²
Multivitamins and minerals	Primary	29,584	Negative ⁴³
Vitamin E	Primary	29,133	Negative ⁴²
Retinyl palmitate	Tertiary	2,592	Negative ⁴⁰
13- <i>cis</i> -retinoic acid	Tertiary	1,166	Negative ⁴¹
N-acetyl cysteine	Tertiary	2,592	Negative ⁴⁰
Selenium	Tertiary	1,772	Negative ⁴⁴

Abbreviation: RR, relative risk. Robert Keith and York Miller, Nat Rev, 2013



No agent is recommended for chemoprevention of lung cancer

Cancer Prevention Research



Oral Iloprost Improves Endobronchial Dysplasia in Former Smokers

Robert L. Keith, Patrick J. Blatchford, John Kittelson, et al.

Cancer Prev Res 2011;4:793-802. Published online June 1, 2011.

The University of Colorado in Collaboration with other Lung SPORE investigators developed a Phase II, placebo-controlled multicenter chemoprevention trial comparing the prostacyclin analog, Iloprost, to placebo. This trial is the first to meet a primary endpoint of improvement in endobronchial histology.

Iloprost Chemoprevention Trial: Results

Table 2: Treatment effect on bronchial histology

	Iloprost			Placebo			Treatment Effect ¹		
	Baseline	6-month	Change	Baseline	6-month	Change	Difference	(95% CI)	P-Value
All Completers									
Average	2.64	2.41	-0.23	2.56	2.54	-0.02	-0.15	(-0.39, 0.09)	0.21
Worst	4.25	3.85	-0.40	3.91	4.14	0.23	-0.43	(-0.84, -0.03)	0.038
Dysplasia Index	35.0	27.3	-7.70	34.2	33.3	-0.92	-5.97	(-13.3, 1.33)	0.11
Response Proportion ²	24/60 (0.40)			13/65 (0.20)			0.20	(0.04, 0.36)	0.014
Former Smokers									
Average	2.12	1.73	-0.39	2.07	2.11	0.04	-0.41	(-0.71, -0.11)	0.010
Worst	3.59	2.83	-0.76	3.11	3.68	0.57	-1.10	(-1.76, -0.45)	0.002
Dysplasia Index	20.8	10.9	-9.91	22.9	24.6	1.70	-12.4	(-21.0, -3.92)	0.006
Response Proportion ²	14/29 (0.48)			4/28 (0.14)			0.34	(0.10, 0.58)	0.006
Current Smokers									
Average	3.13	3.05	-0.07	2.93	2.87	-0.06	0.06	(-0.30, 0.42)	0.74
Worst	4.87	4.81	-0.06	4.51	4.49	-0.03	0.12	(-0.36, 0.60)	0.62
Dysplasia Index	48.2	42.6	-5.64	42.8	39.9	-2.90	-0.33	(-11.7, 11.0)	0.96
Response Proportion ²	10/31 (0.32)			9/37 (0.24)			0.08	(-0.13, 0.29)	0.47

•Response defined as ≥ 1 point reduction in maximum histology (similar magnitude of change as seen comparing current to former smokers)

Population

- In the 152 patients randomized in the Iloprost trial, paired and same site baseline and FU biopsies were available **in 125 patients**:
 - 29/31 current/former smokers in the Iloprost arm
 - 28/37 current/former smokers in the placebo arm
- We planned to analyze **500 biopsies**: **4 biopsies from each** of the 125 patients:
 - **2 biopsies at baseline** (worst and best diagnosis)
 - **2 biopsies at FU at the same site** after six months

MicroRNAs selection

- MicroRNA to be tested have been **selected from the list of 69 miRNAs identified** in bronchial human biopsies as being differentially expressed during lung squamous carcinogenesis (Mascaux et al, Eur Respir J 2009; 33: 352–359)
- **14 microRNAs were selected based on their expression change in high-grade lesions and/or in inflammation**

Changes of miRNA expression in FU samples compared to baseline samples

miRNA	Significant changes in miRNA expression in FU versus baseline samples (t test)						
	All	Any smokers status		Current smokers		Former smokers	
		Iloprost	Placebo	Iloprost	Placebo	Iloprost	Placebo
miR-34-c	No change						
miR-9	Down P<0.0001 FDR	Down P=0.0007 FDR	Down P=0.001 FDR	Down P=0.0022 FDR	Down P=0.047	Down (P=0.0868)	Down P=0.0071 FDR

miR-9 was significantly down-regulated in FU biopsies as compared with baseline biopsies, but was not correlated with histology changes.

Correlation between miRNA expression changes and histological changes at FU

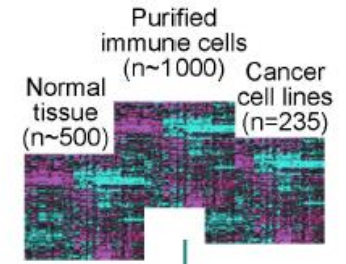
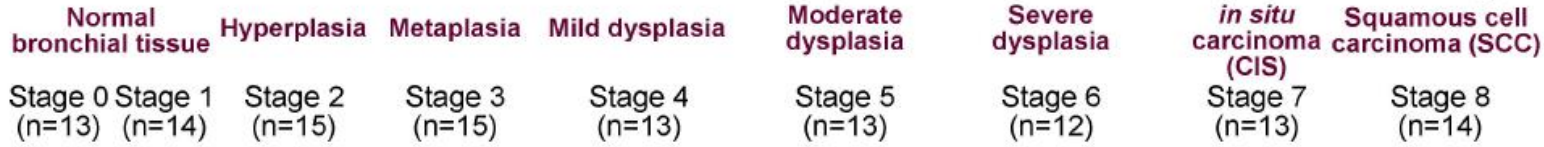
miRNA	Baseline samples	Paired samples: FU expression compared to baseline				
	Correlation between miRNA expression and histology grade (low to high)	Correlation between miRNA expression changes and histology change (up-grading) at FU compared to baseline				
		All	Current smokers		Former smokers	
			Iloprost	Placebo	Iloprost	Placebo
miR-34-c	Down R=0.36 P<0.0001, FDR	Down R=0.23 P=0.0003, FDR	Down R=0.26 P=0.041	Down R=0.23 P=0.0466	Down R=0.24 (P=0.0666)	Down R=0.14 NS
miR-9	No Change					

miR-34c is significantly down-regulated in samples at FU that are up-graded and inversely

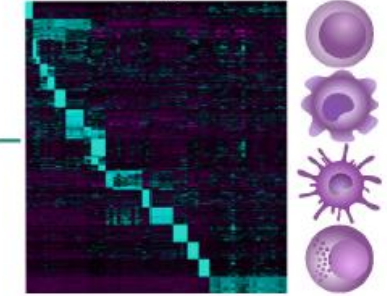
Immune evasion before tumour invasion in early lung squamous carcinogenesis

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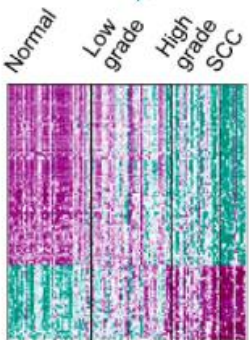
Squamous lung carcinogenesis



Immune signatures



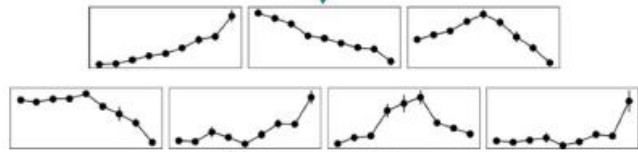
Genes linked to progression
 $gene_i = \beta * Stage + Z_{patient} * u + \epsilon$



Fresh human bronchial biopsies (n=122)

Gene expression profile

Weighted correlation network analysis

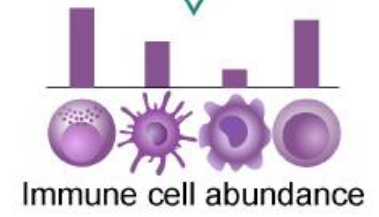


Temporal order of cancer hallmarks

Cancer hallmarks mSigDB

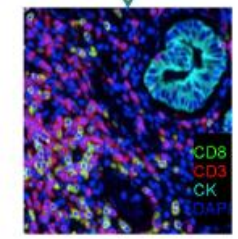
Enrichment Analysis

Immune cell deconvolution from gene expression

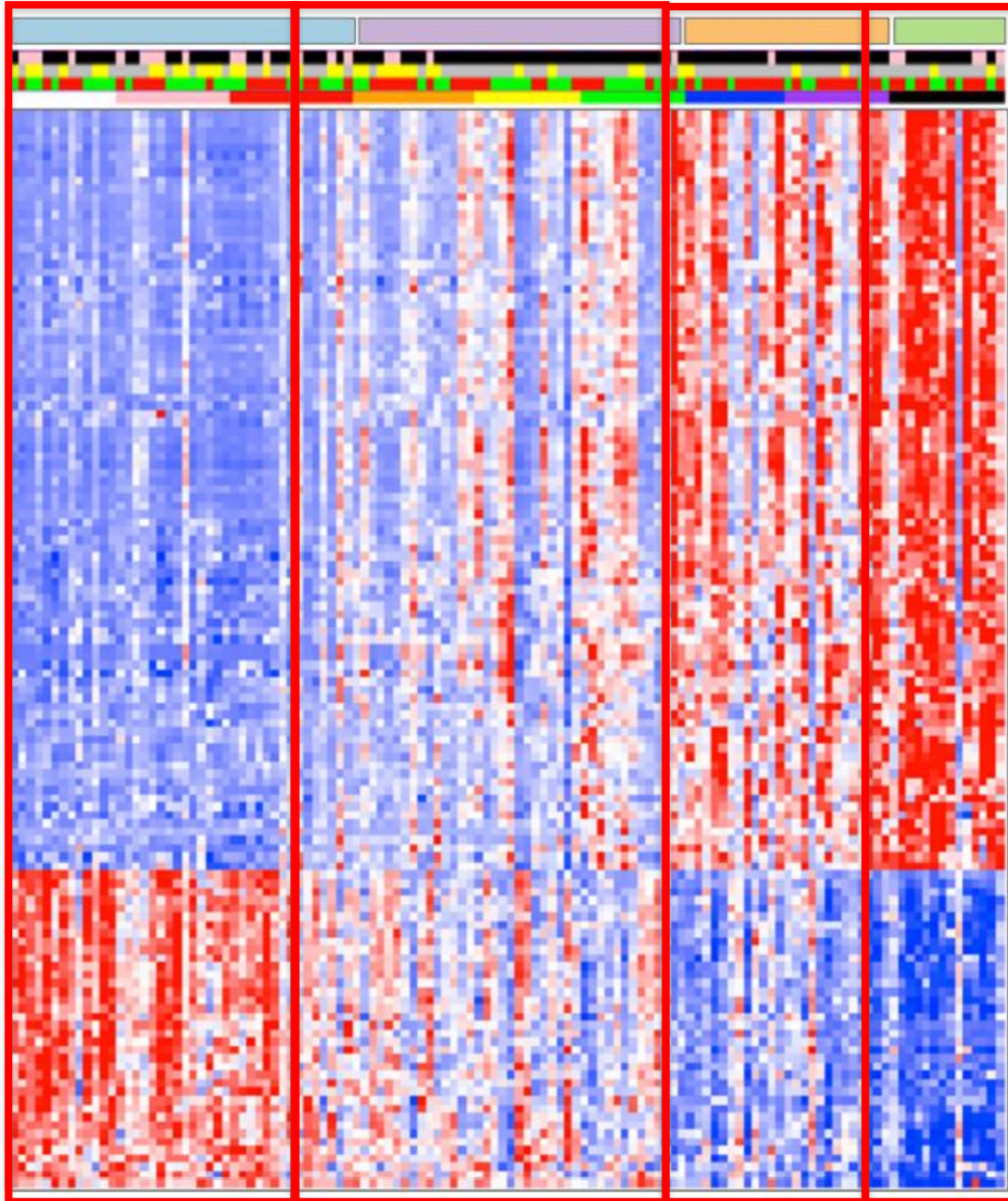


Evolving immune response in lung carcinogenesis

FFPE tumor blocks (n = 110)
 Multispectral immune characterization



Developmental stage
 ○ normal ○ low grade ○ high grade ○ SCC

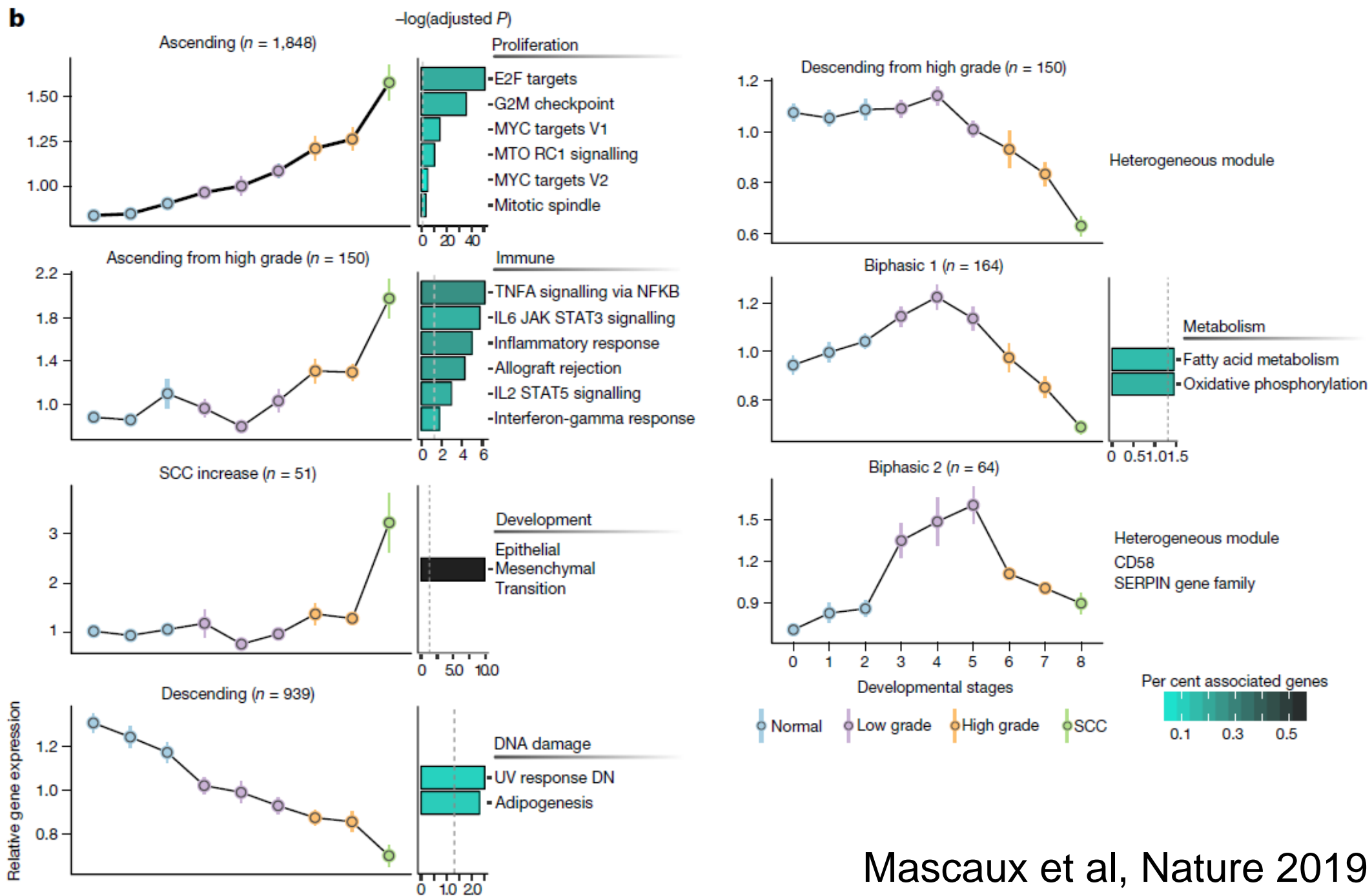


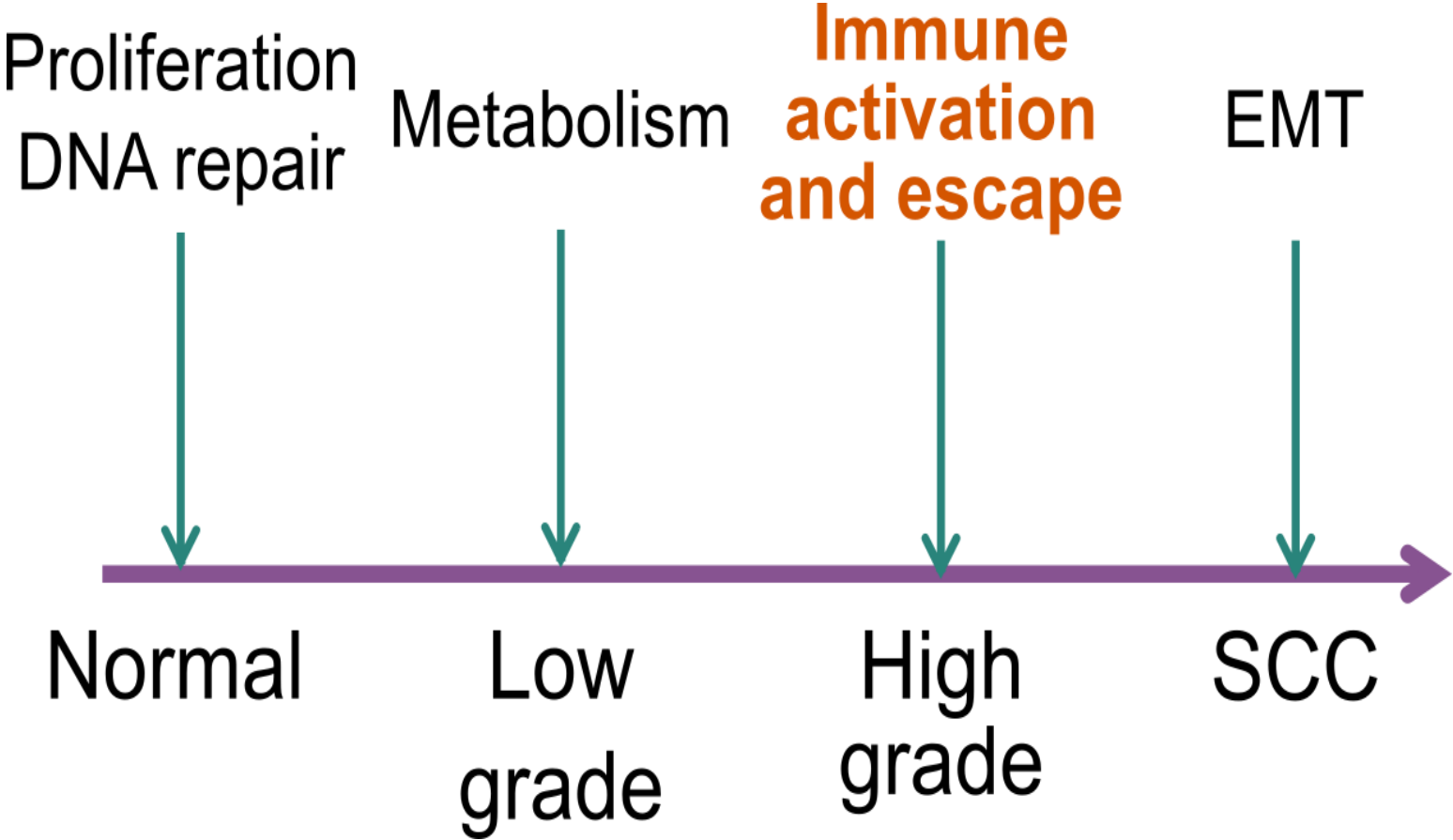
Cancer history
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 ■ Yes

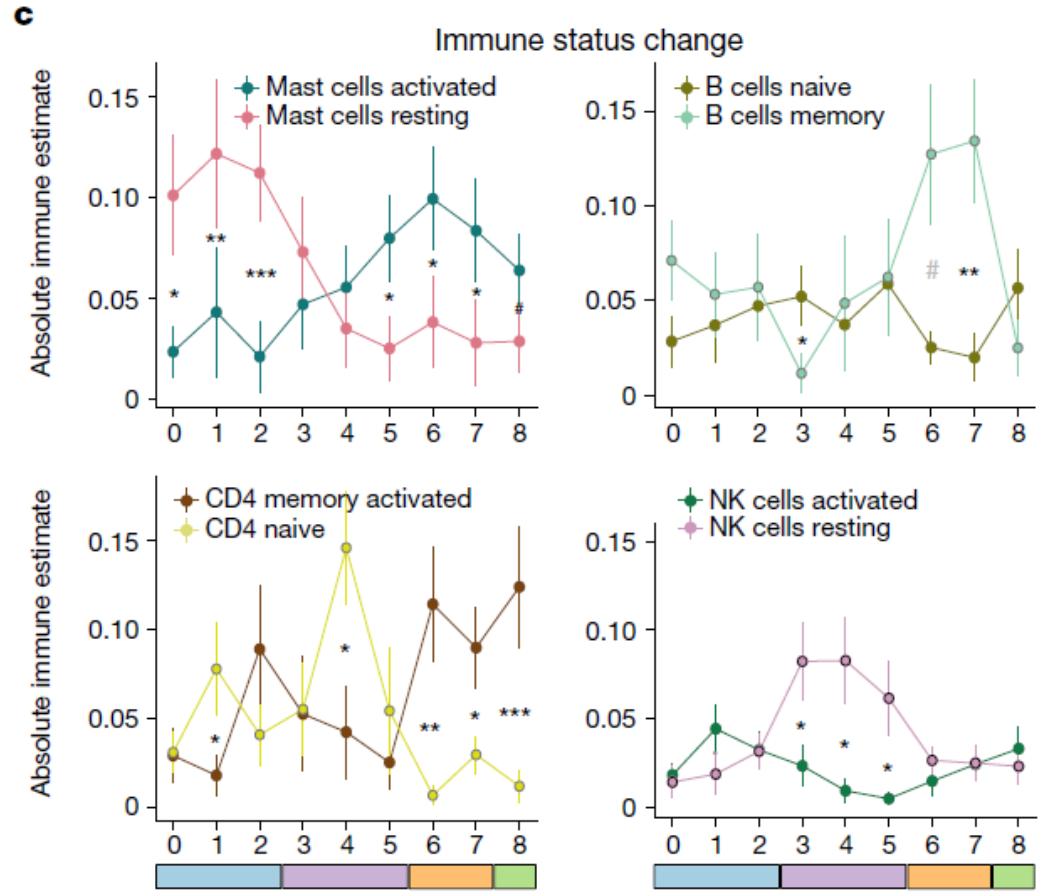
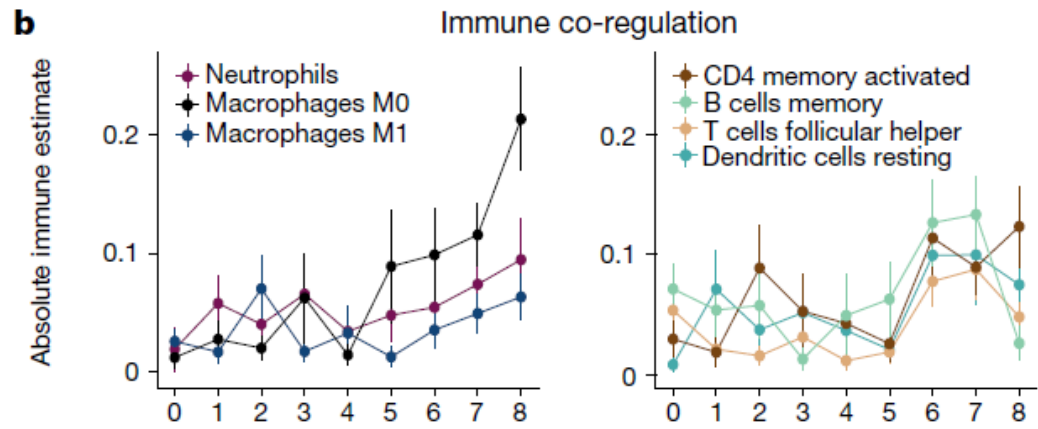
Smoking history
 ■ Current
 ■ Former

Gender
 ■ Male
 ■ Female

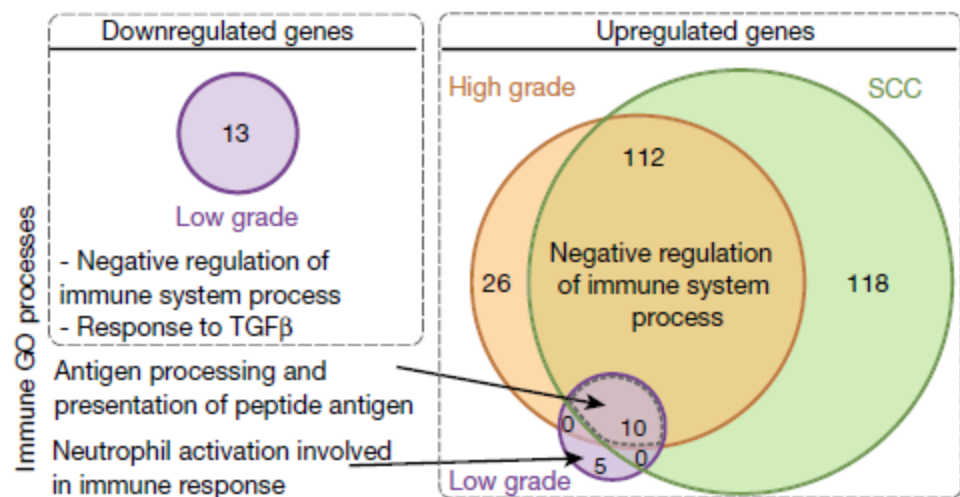
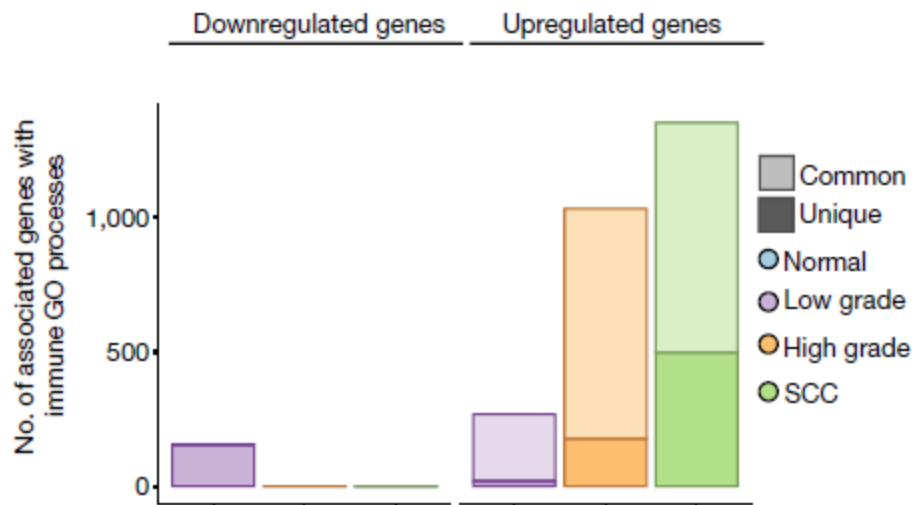
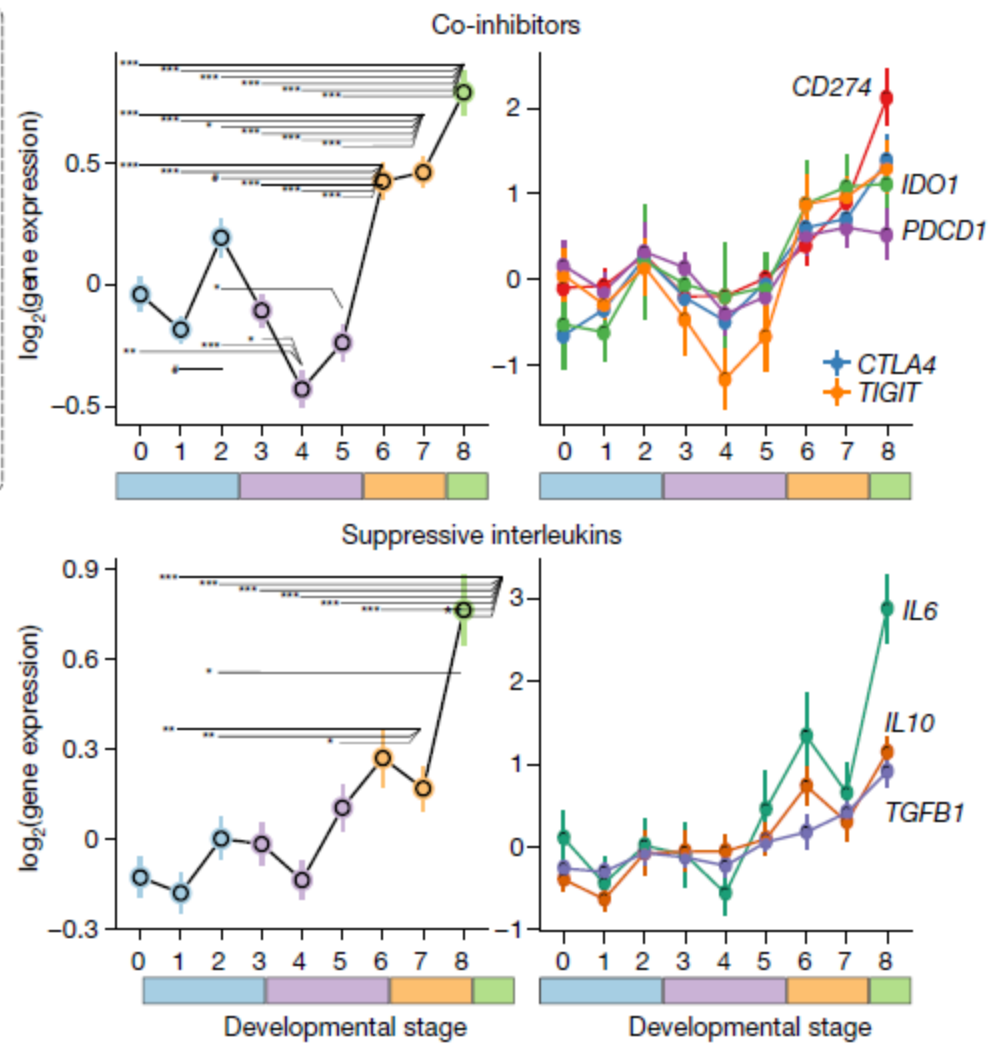
Developmental stage
 □ 0
 □ 1
 □ 2
 □ 3
 □ 4
 □ 5
 □ 6
 □ 7
 □ 8

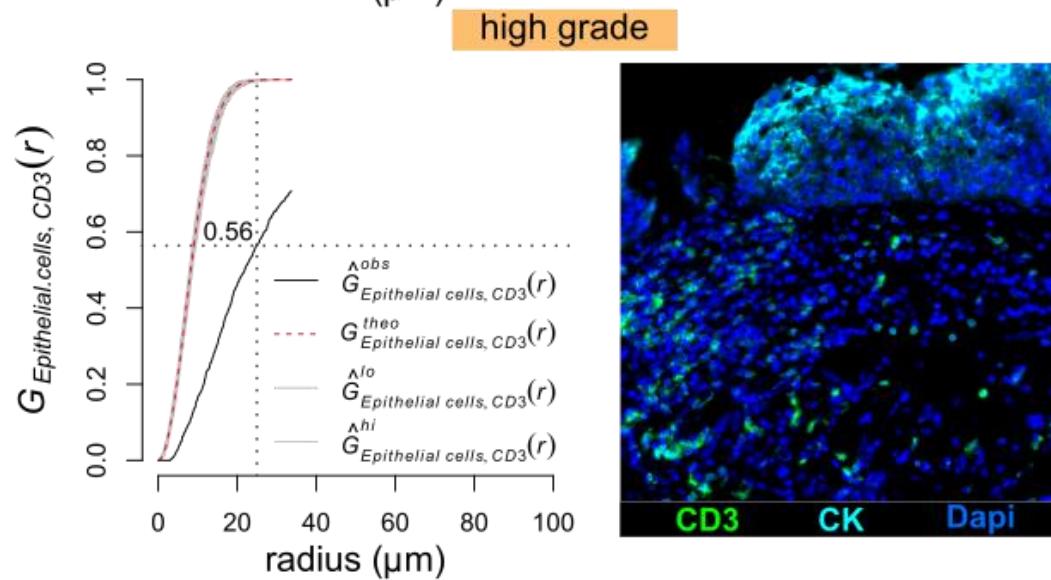
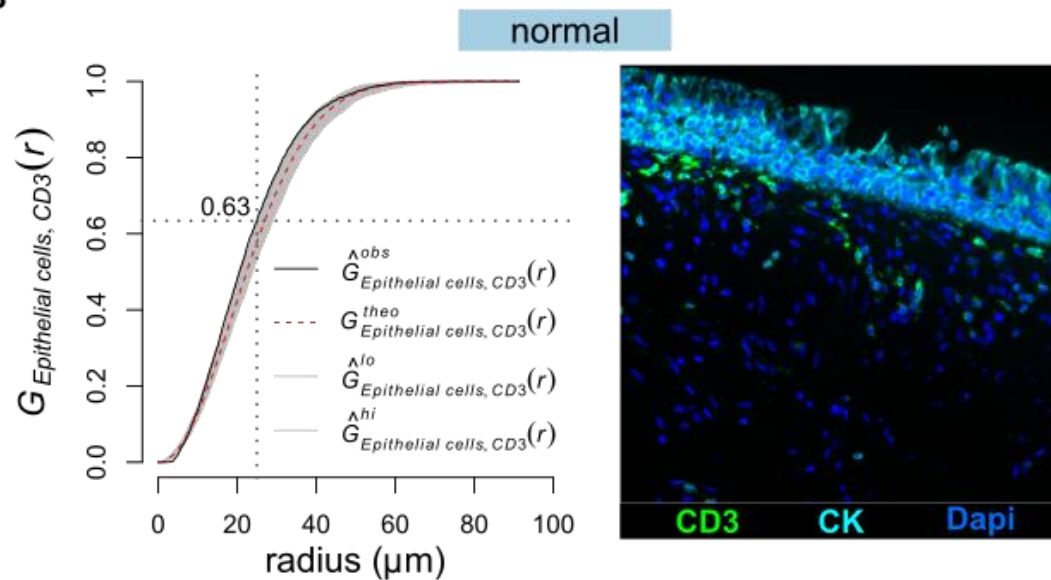
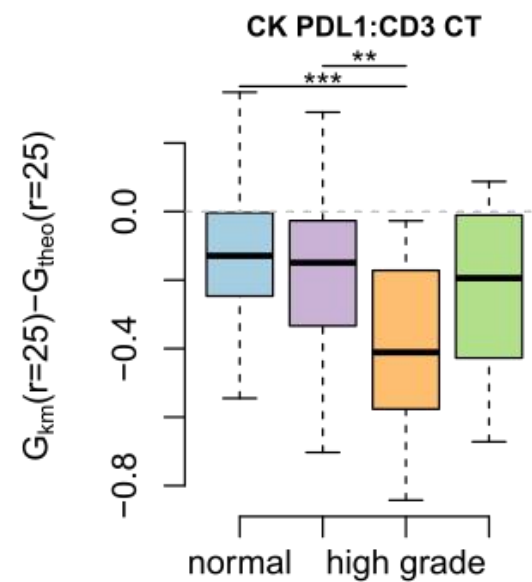
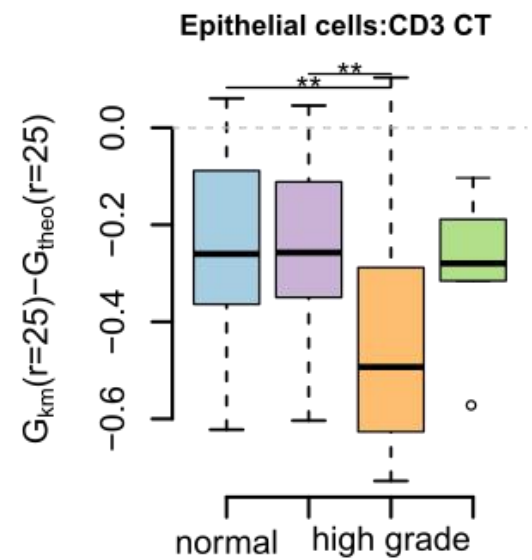




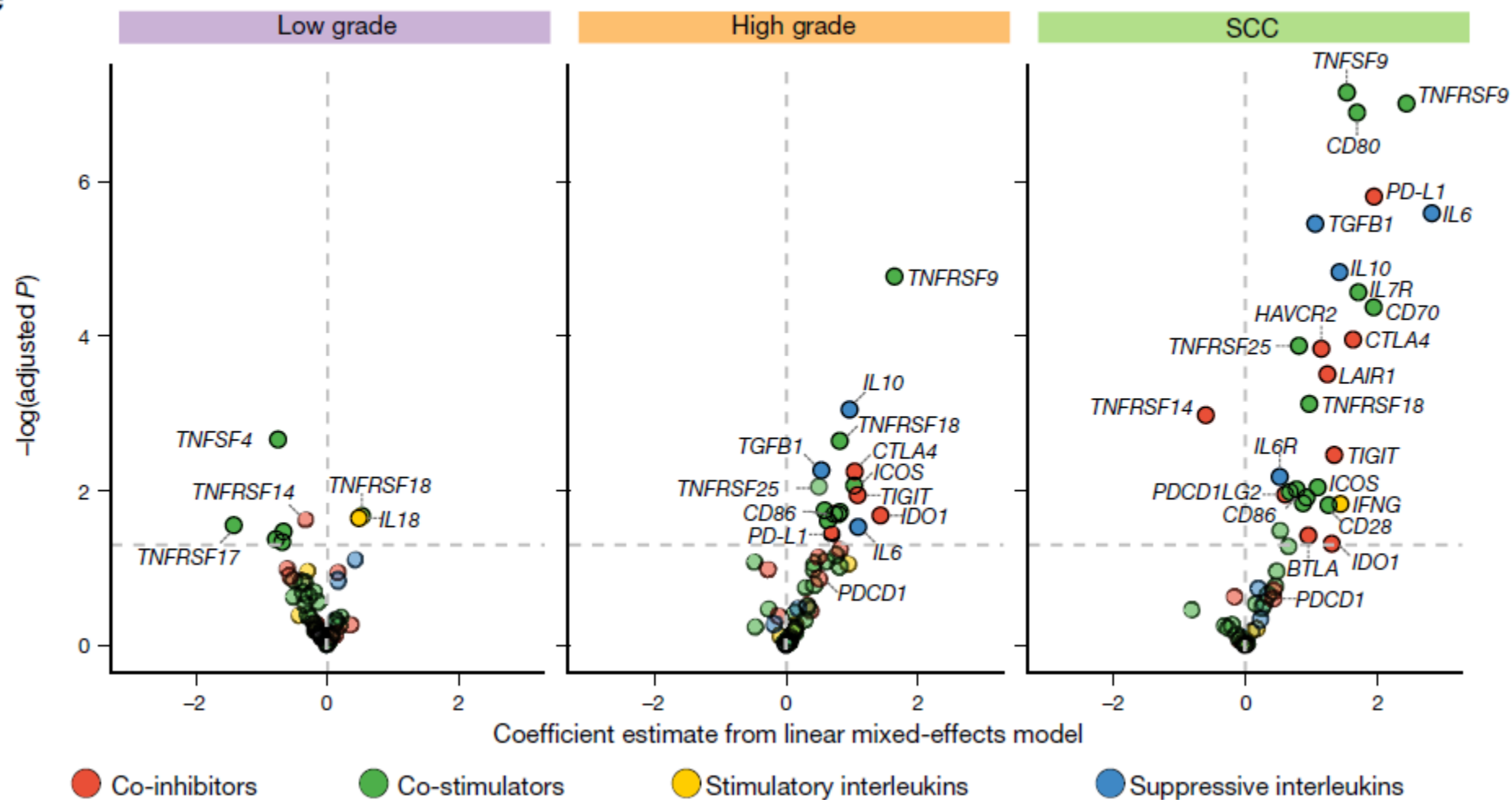


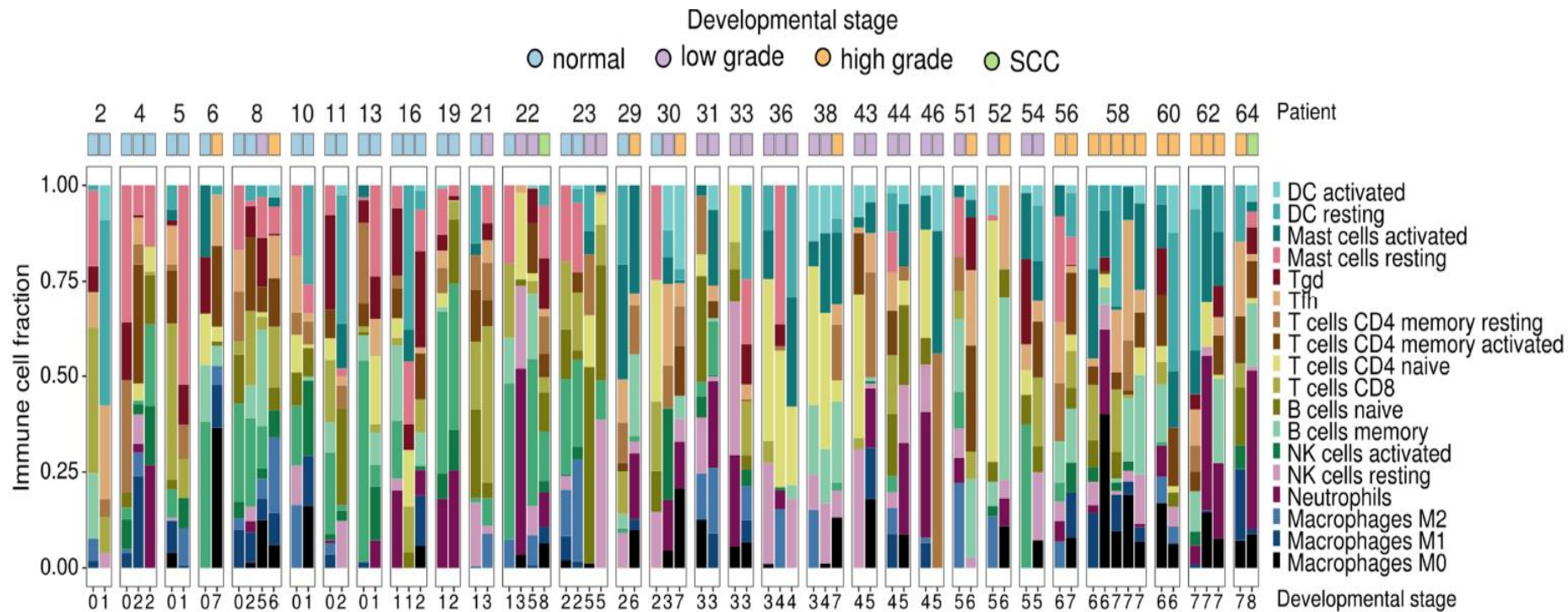
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 Developmental stage

a**b**

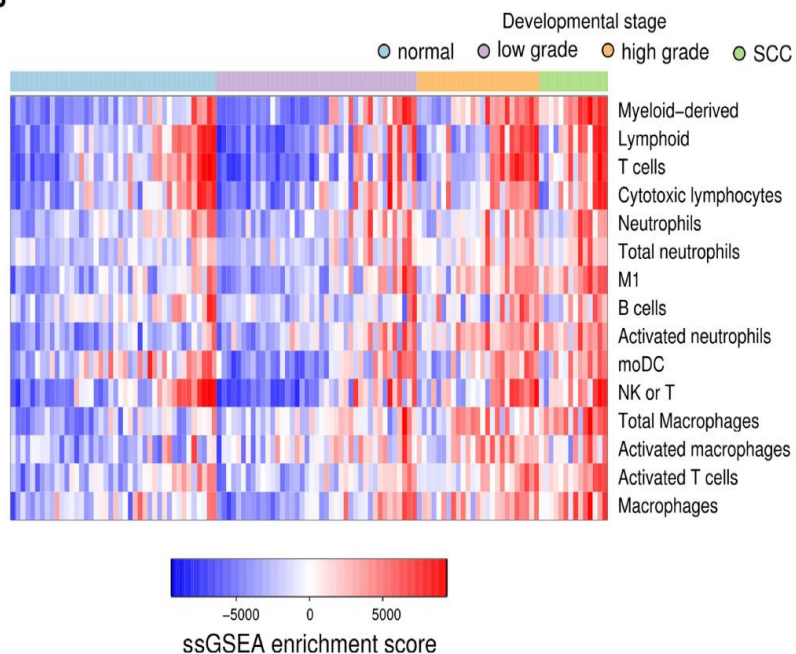
B**C**

c

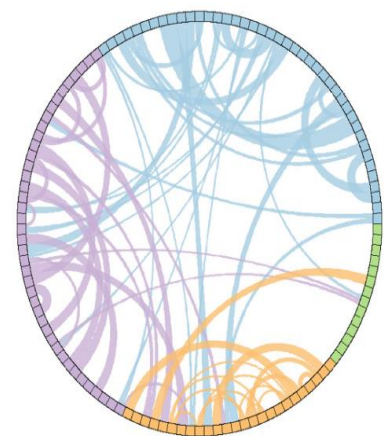




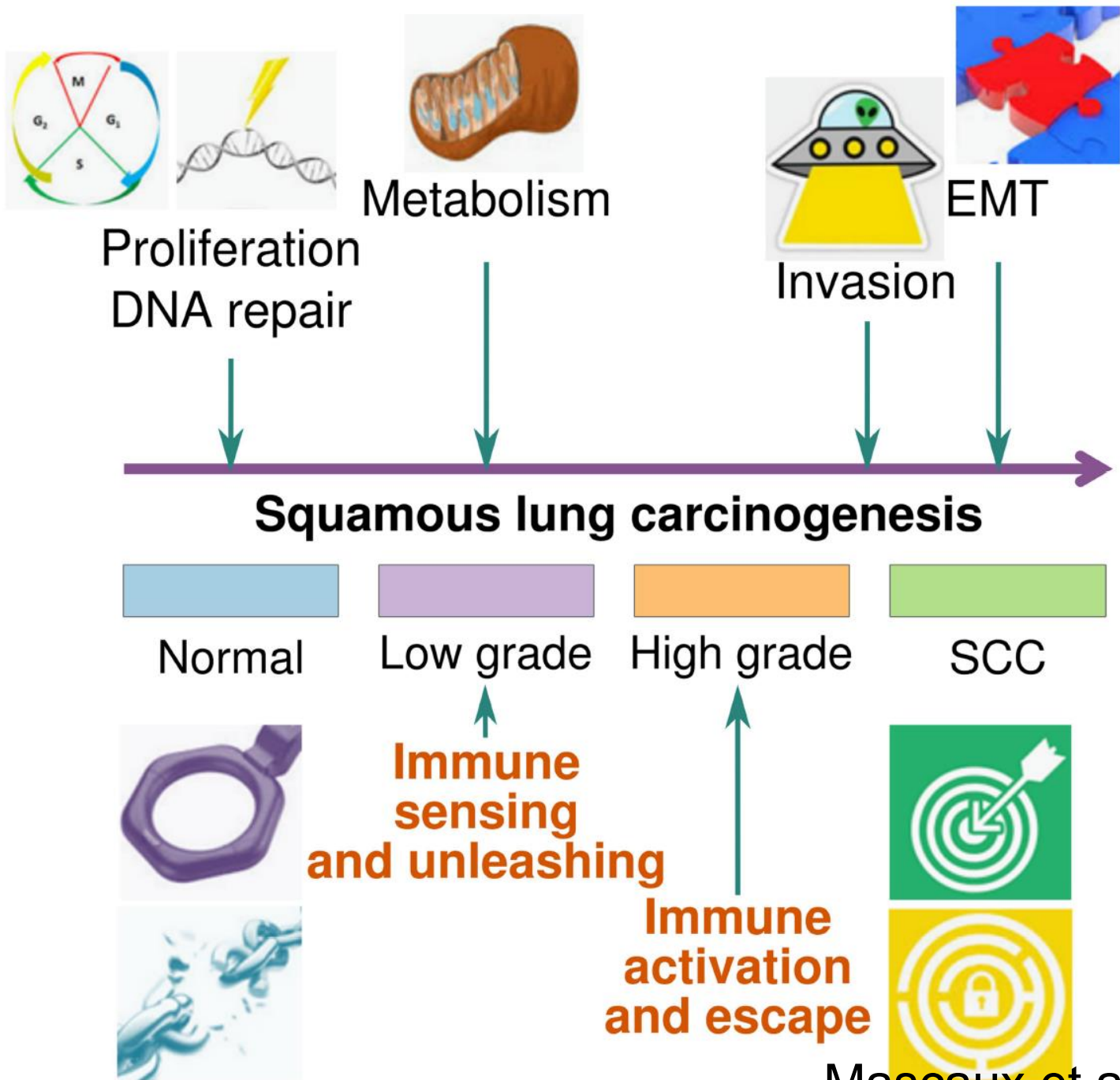
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C



Sample order from (B)





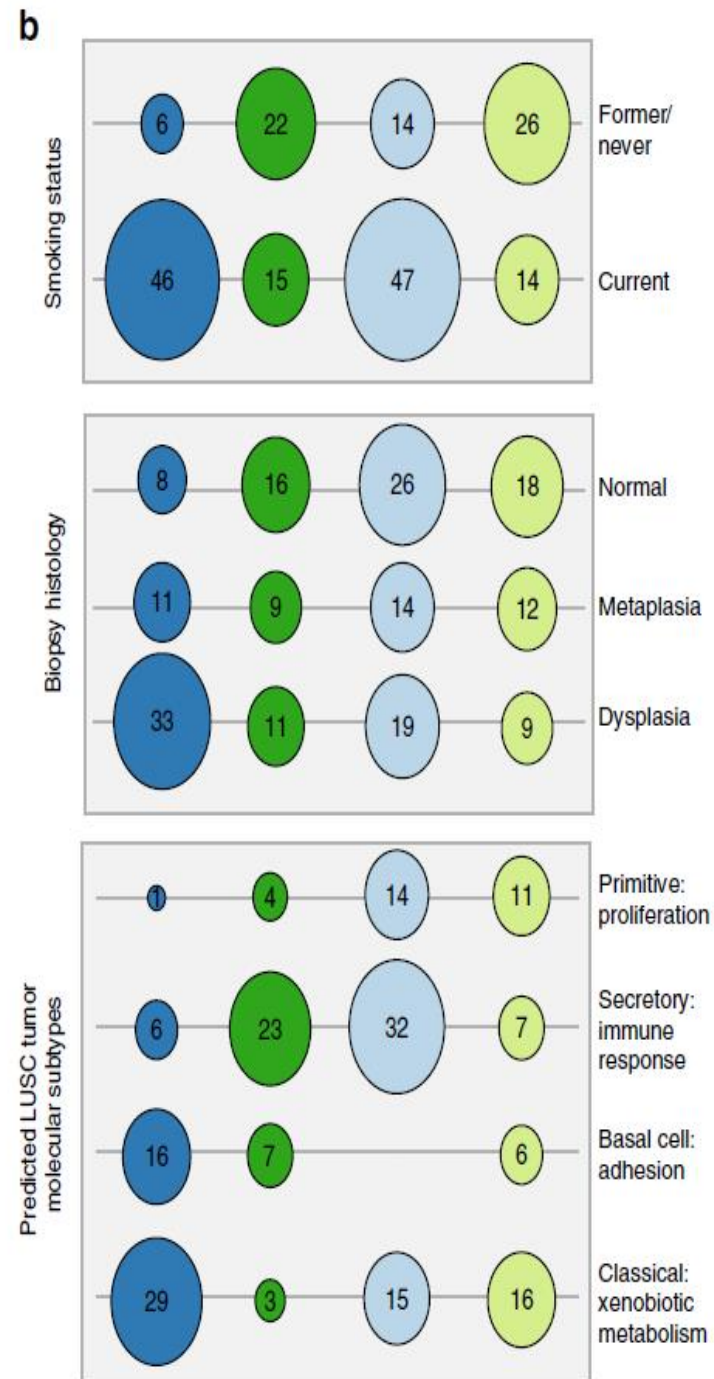
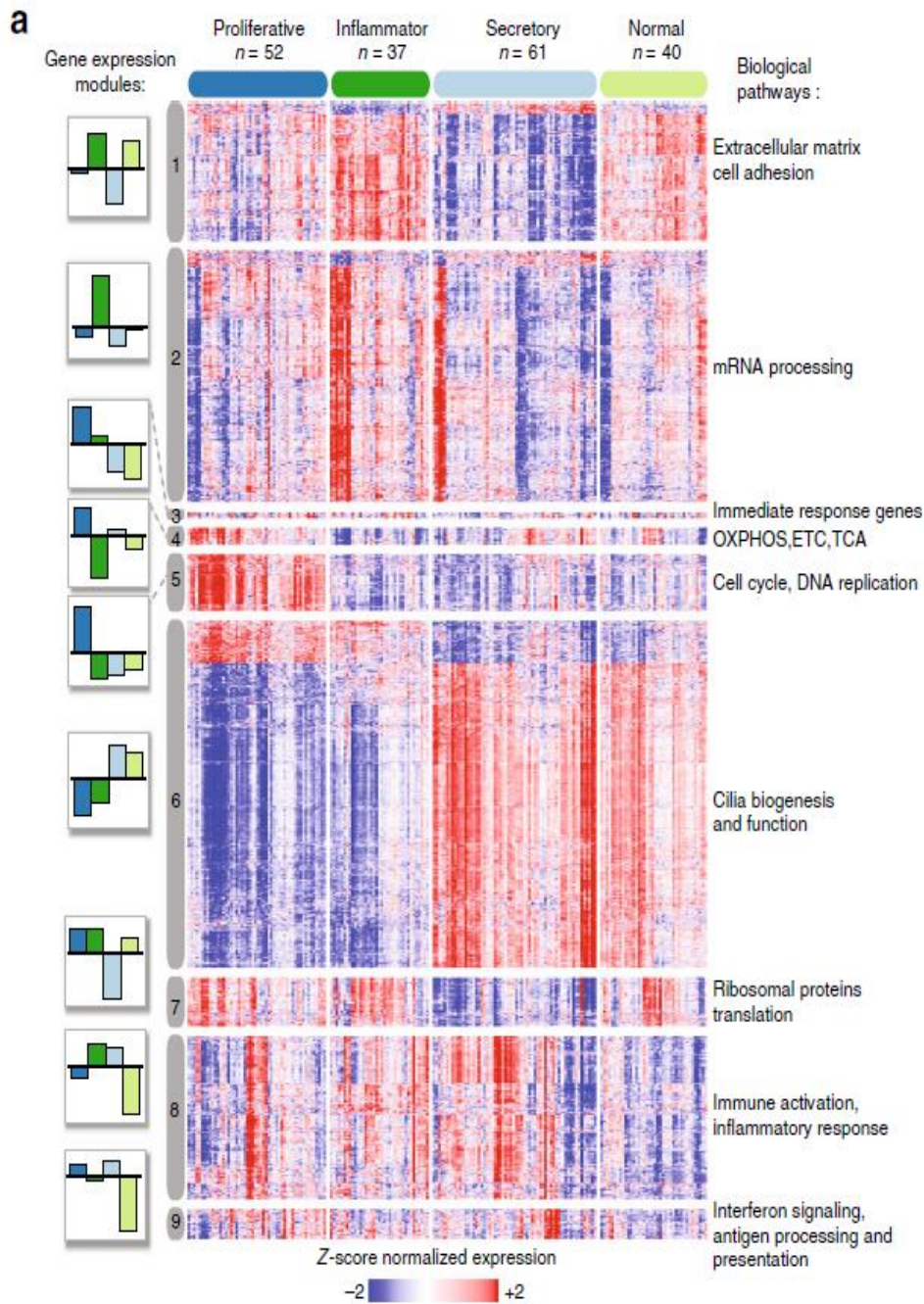
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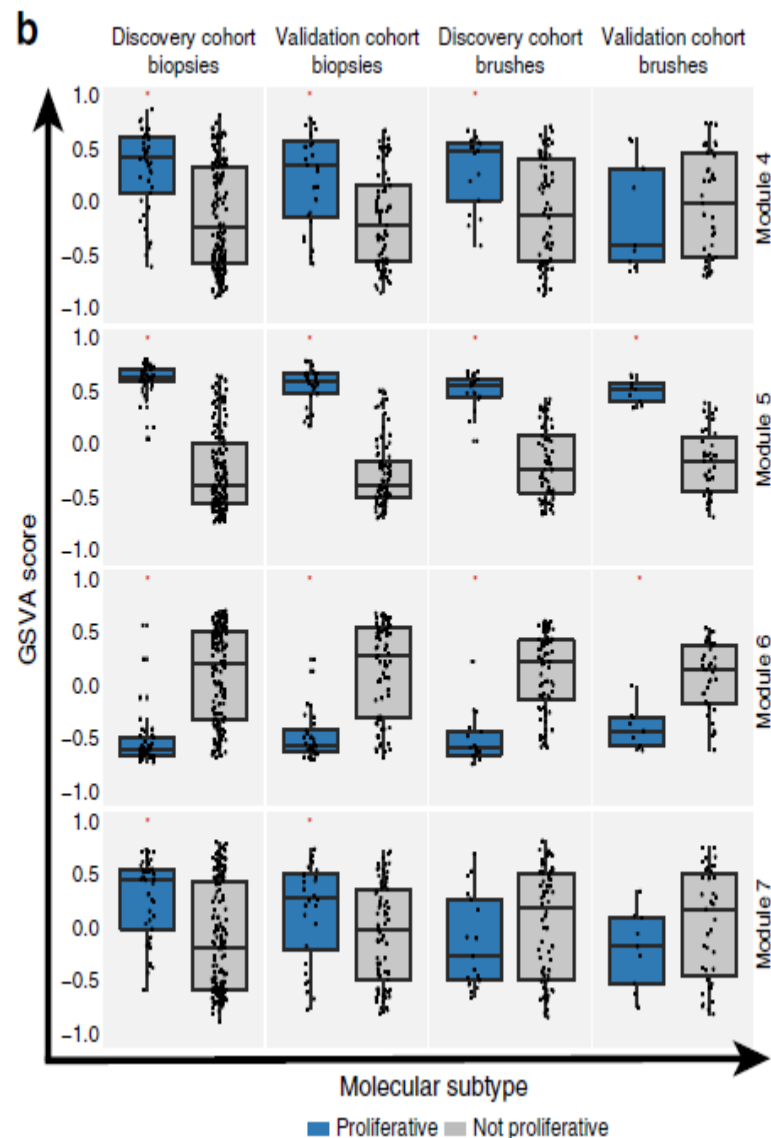
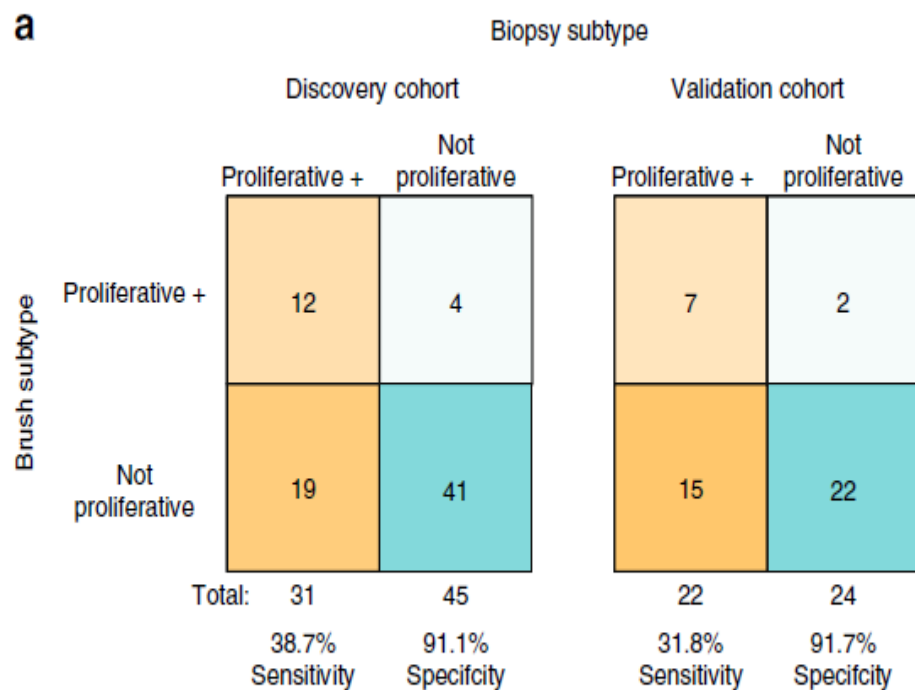
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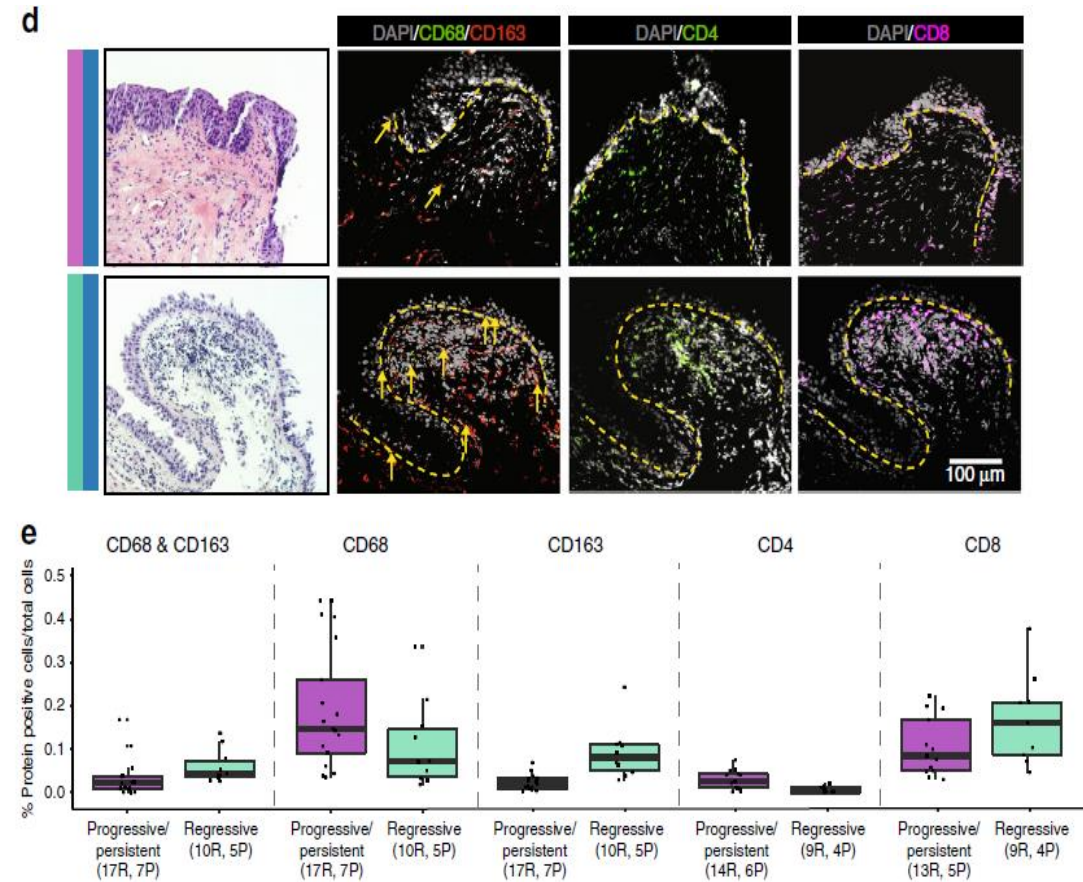
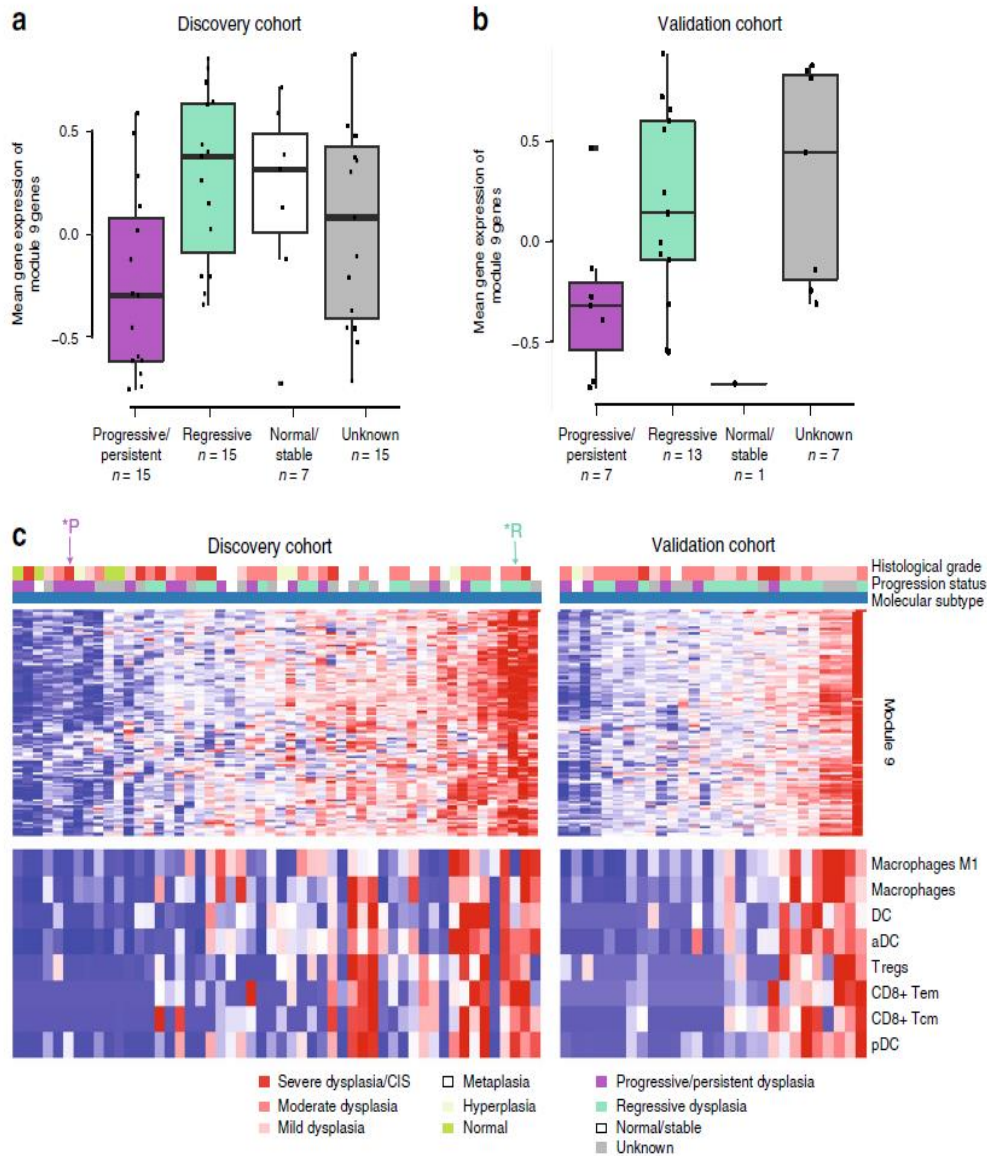
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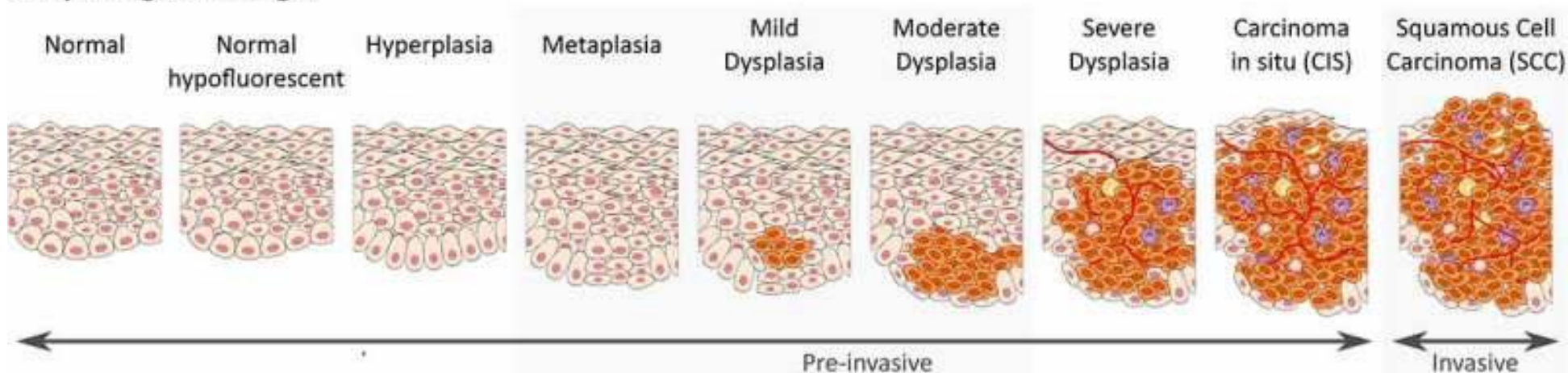
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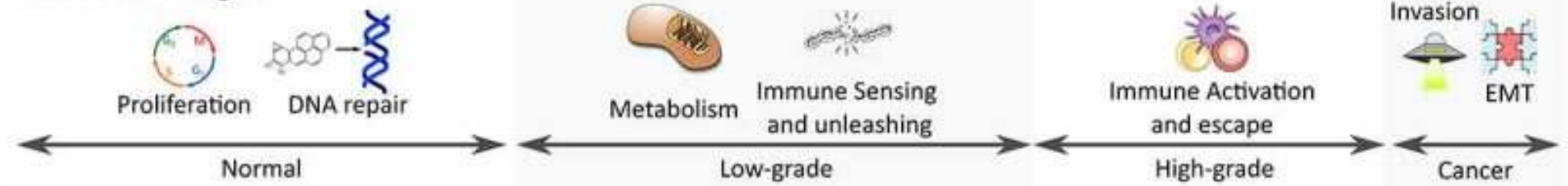
Immune alteration associated with lesion outcome in the proliferative subtype



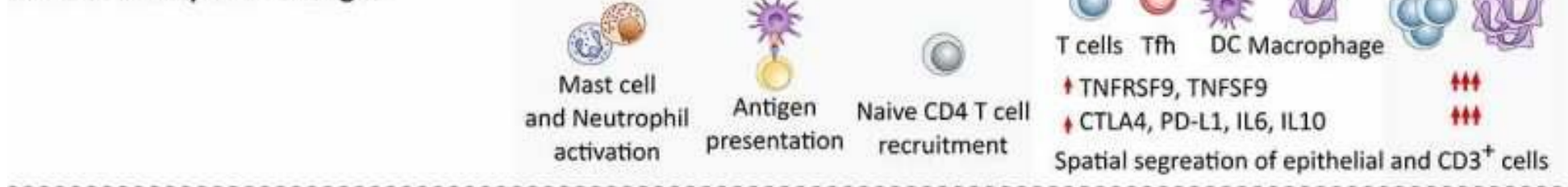
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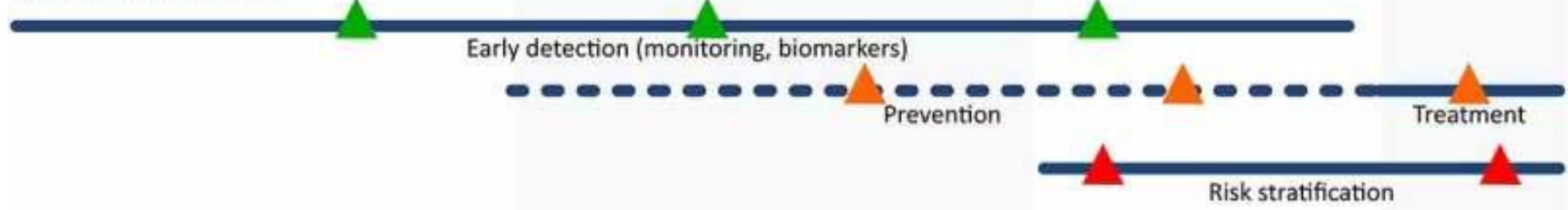
Molecular Changes



Cellular and Spatial Changes



Clinical Management

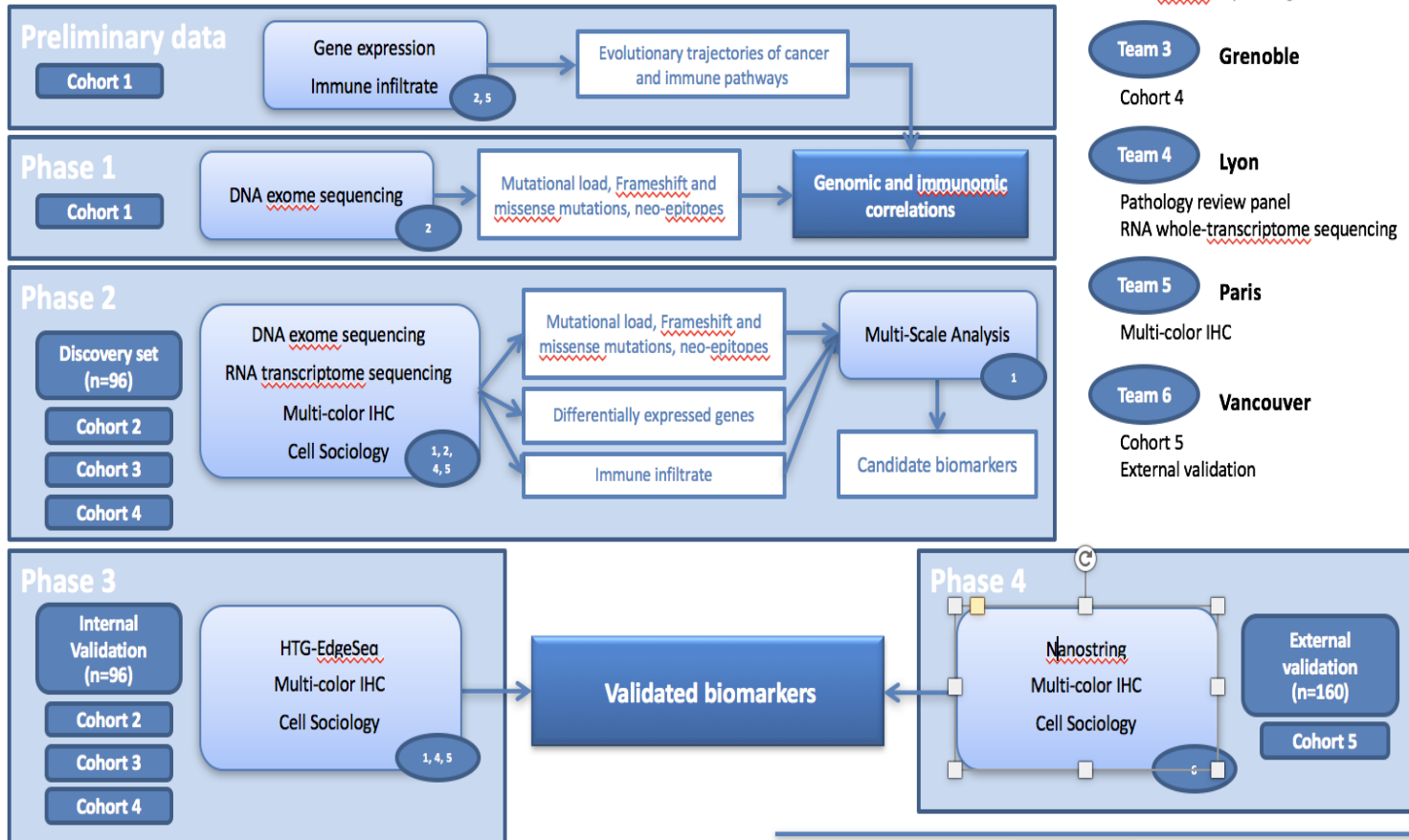


PIGAPREB

Predictive value of Immune and Genomic Alterations for progression of PREneoplastic Bronchial Lesions

- Cohort 1** 122 Frozen samples, all grades.
 - Cohort 2** >2000 FFPE samples, low-grade. Follow-up 56 months.
 - Cohort 3** 109 FFPE samples, CIS. Follow-up 55 months.
 - Cohort 4** 174 FFPE samples, all grades. Patients with concomitant invasive cancer.
 - Cohort 5** >3000 FFPE samples, all grades. Follow-up > 5 years. For external validation only.
- Group A:** no cancer at the time of biopsy, no cancer during follow-up
Group B: no cancer at the time of biopsy, invasive lung cancer during follow-up
Group C: concomittant cancer

Study design



Lung preneoplasia consortium

- Team 1 Rouen**
Study coordination
Cohorts 2 and 3
Cell sociology
Bioinformatics
- Team 2 Strasbourg**
Cohort 1
DNA exome sequencing
- Team 3 Grenoble**
Cohort 4
- Team 4 Lyon**
Pathology review panel
RNA whole-transcriptome sequencing
- Team 5 Paris**
Multi-color IHC
- Team 6 Vancouver**
Cohort 5
External validation

Legend Team Technique Interim result Final result

Conclusions

- Au plus tôt l'on agit sur le cancer, meilleures sont les chances de guérir
- Les lésions prénéoplasiques sont: des étapes intermédiaires entre le tissu normal et le cancer et sont associées avec des anomalies histologiques
- La prédiction de la progression des lésions prénéoplasiques est possible
- L'interception du cancer en prévenant sa progression serait déterminante pour réduire la mortalité par cancer
- Des données récentes indiquent un rôle essentiel pour le microenvironnement immunitaire à ces stades les plus précoces de la carcinogénèse
- Ces données suggèrent un rôle pour l'immunothérapie dans la chimioprévention et l'interception du cancer