

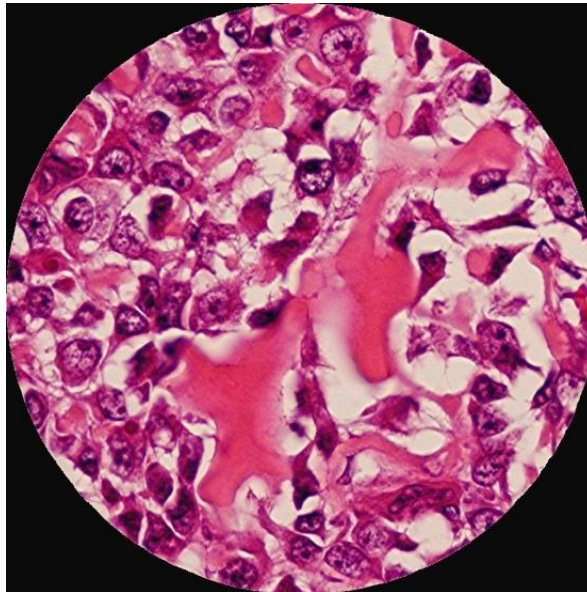
**pH live imaging:
uno strumento utile per studiare
e sviluppare nuove terapie per
l'osteosarcoma**

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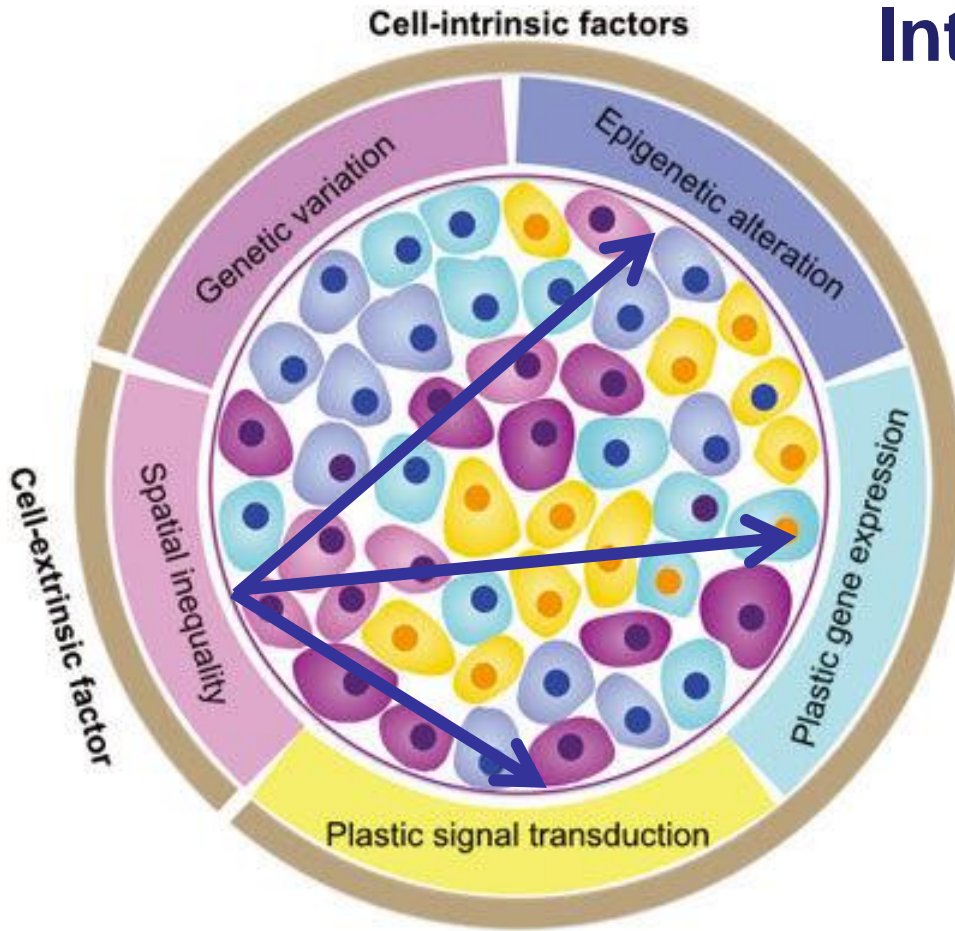
Osteosarcoma

- Rare
- Mesodermal origin (\neq carcinoma)
- Etiology largely unknown: no prevention
- Late diagnosis
- Metastases: very frequent (lung)
- Frequent in children and adolescents



Other than inter-tumor heterogeneity there is:

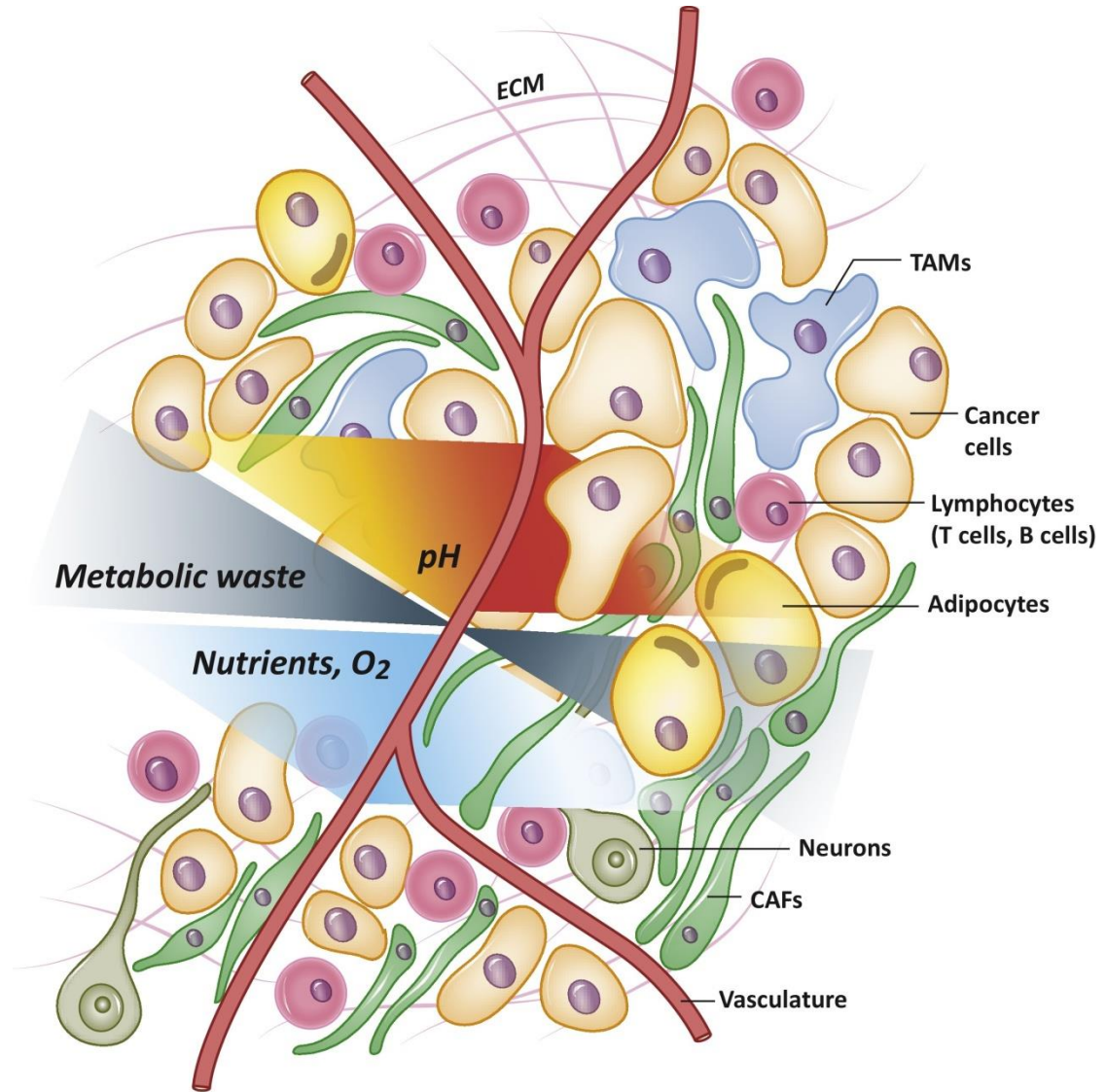
Intra-tumor heterogeneity



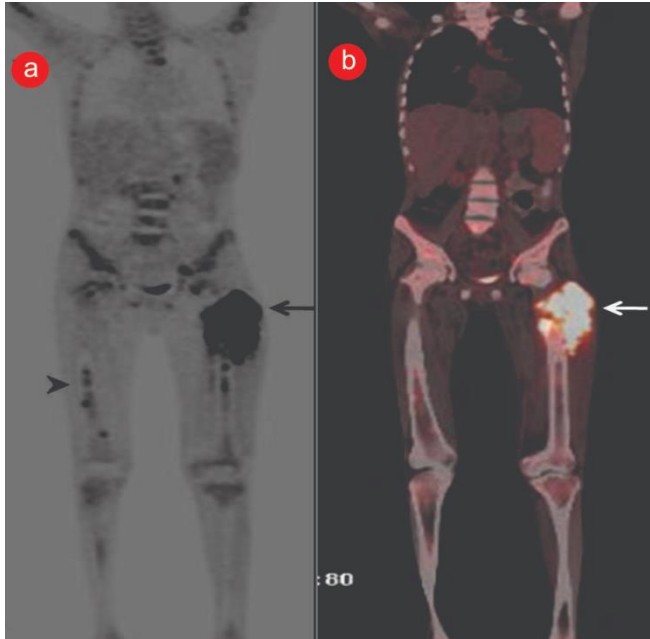
“Understanding the specific driving forces behind different subtypes of intra-tumor heterogeneity will facilitate a better understanding of the nature of cancer, and will provide insight into the development of more effective cancer therapies”

Spatial inequality

- ECM composition
- Metabolic waste
- O₂ tension
- **pH**
- Proximity with mesenchymal stromal cells (MSC, CAF), neurons, immune cells (lymphocytes, TAM M1/M2)



pH intra-tumor heterogeneity



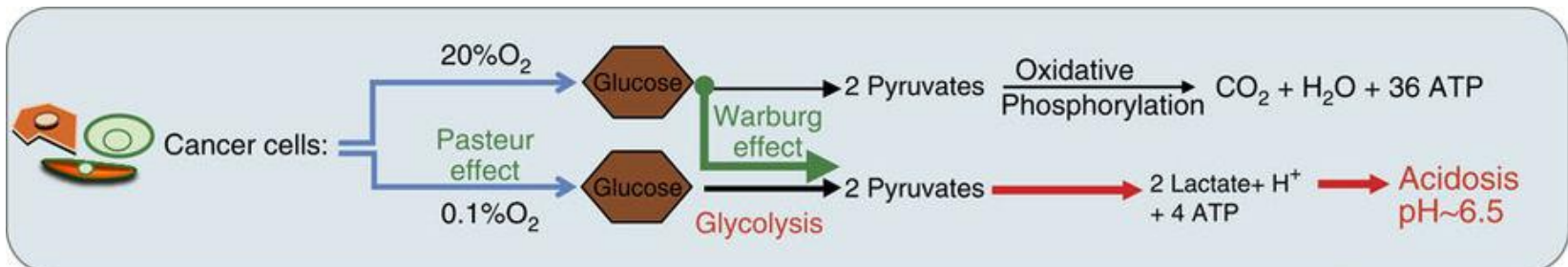
FDG-PET: glucose uptake

Mouse fibrosarcoma = pH 6.71

J Magn Reson Imaging (2002) 16:430-50

Human sarcomas = pH 6.78

Sarcoma (2012)

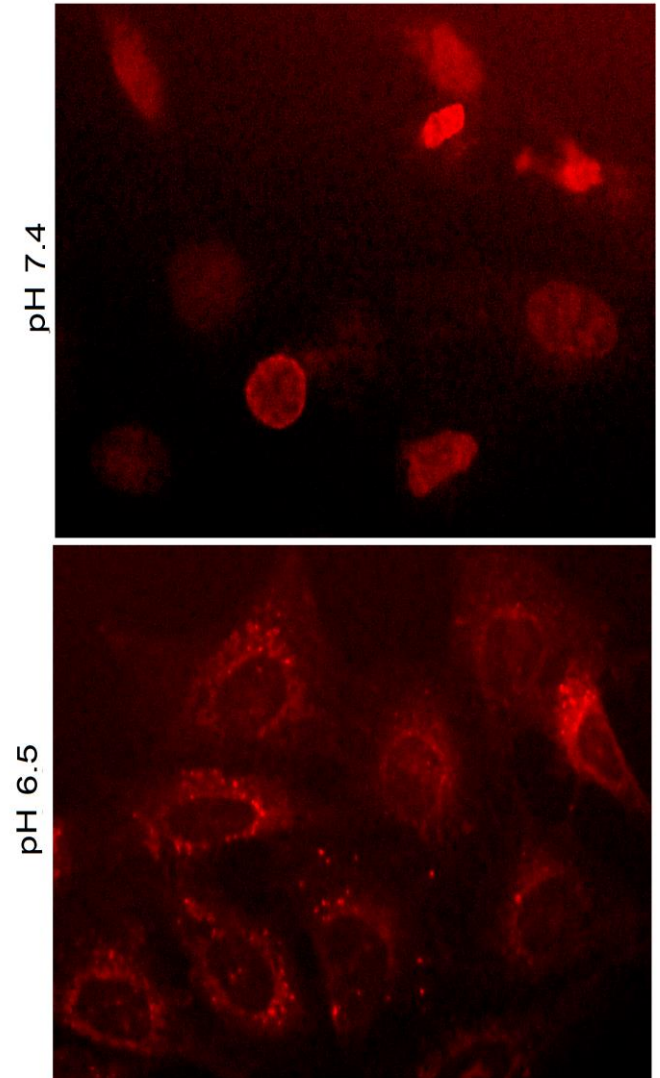


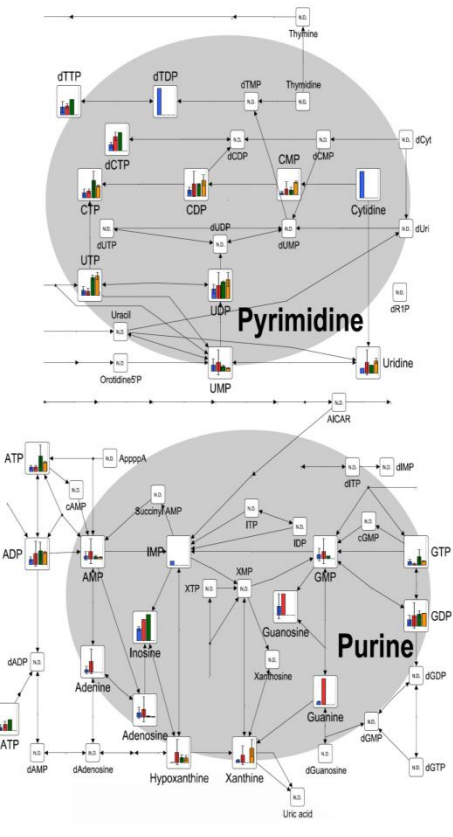
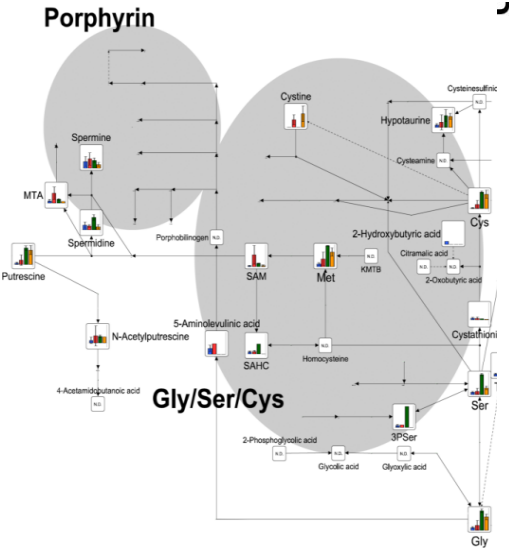
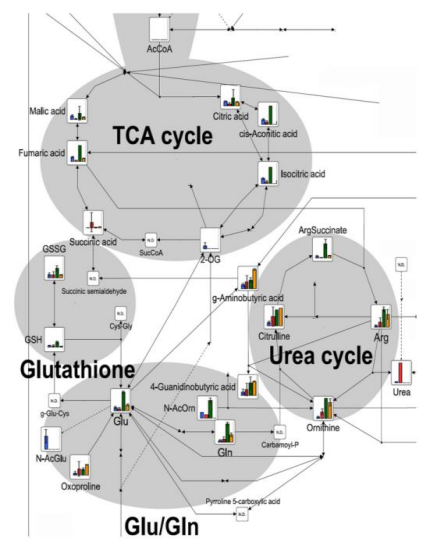
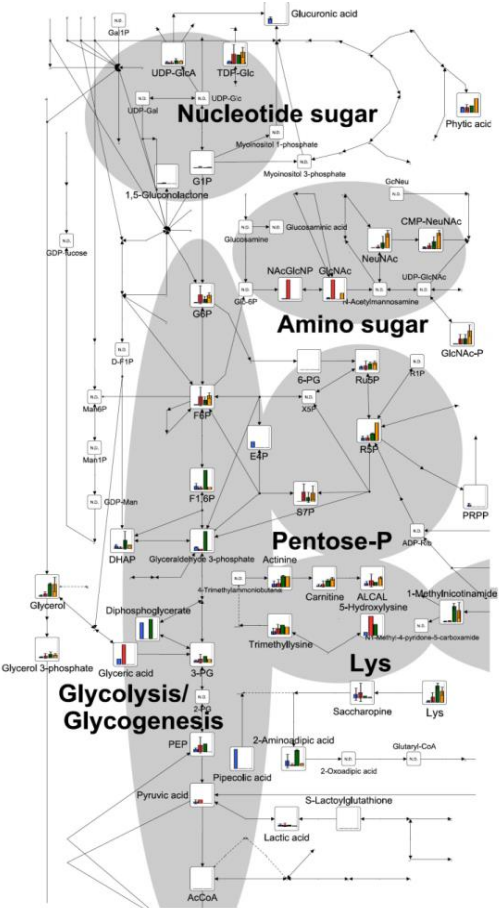
pH intra-tumor heterogeneity

Altered pH gradient at the plasma membrane of osteosarcoma cells is a key mechanism of drug resistance.

Avnet et al. Oncotarget. 2016 Sep 27;7:63408-63423.

DXR uptake at different pH

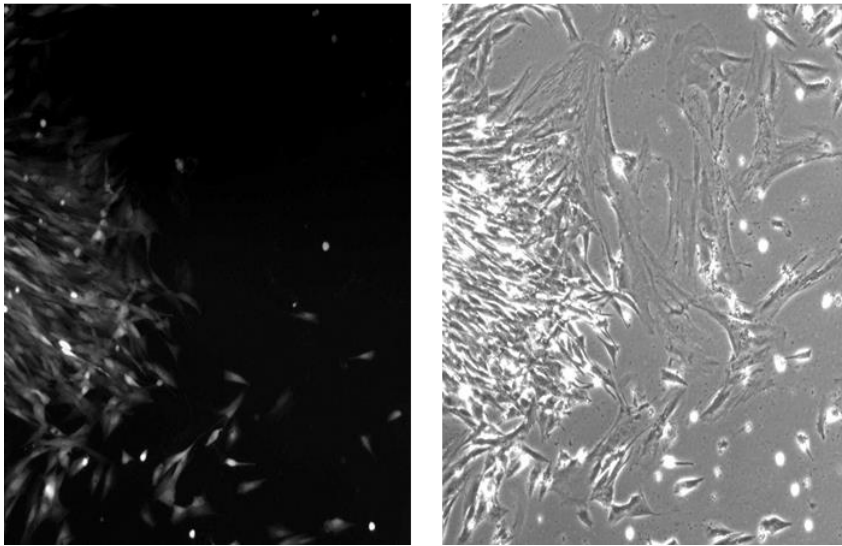
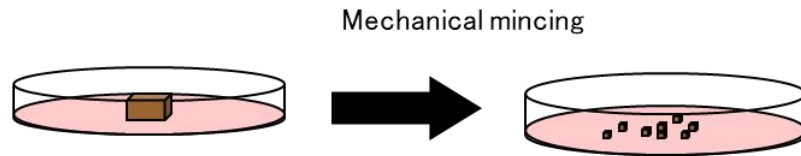




Metabolic adaptation to acidosis is coupled to epigenetic stability in osteosarcoma cells.

Chano et al. Am J Cancer Res. 2016 Mar 15;6:859-75

intra-tumor heterogeneity: acidosis-inflammation-MSC



Mesenchymal stroma

Role of mesenchymal stem cells in osteosarcoma and **metabolic reprogramming** of tumor cells.

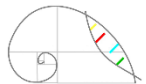
Bonuccelli G, et al. Oncotarget. 2014;5:7575-88.

Blocking Tumor-Educated MSC **Paracrine Activity** Halts Osteosarcoma Progression.

Baglio SR, et al. Clin Cancer Res. 2017;23:3721-3733.

Tumor-Activated Mesenchymal Stromal Cells Promote Osteosarcoma Stemness and Migratory Potential **via IL-6 Secretion**.

Cortini M, et PLoS One. 2016;11:e0166500.



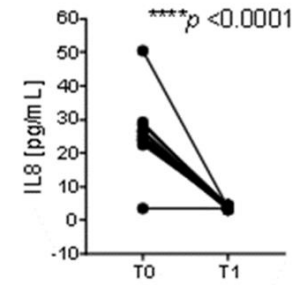
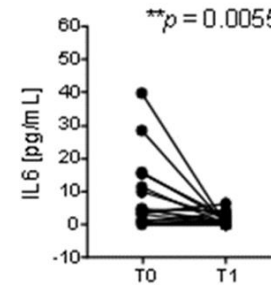
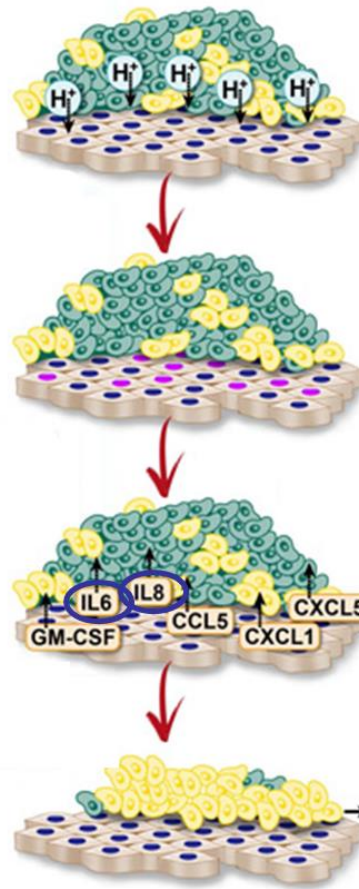
Acidosis as a proinflammatory stimulus via MSC

Extracellular acidification by tumor cells

NF- κ B activation by short-term acidosis in the reactive mesenchymal stroma

Secretion of paracrine factors from the reactive mesenchymal stroma

Tumor stemness, migration, and invasion induced by reactive mesenchymal stroma

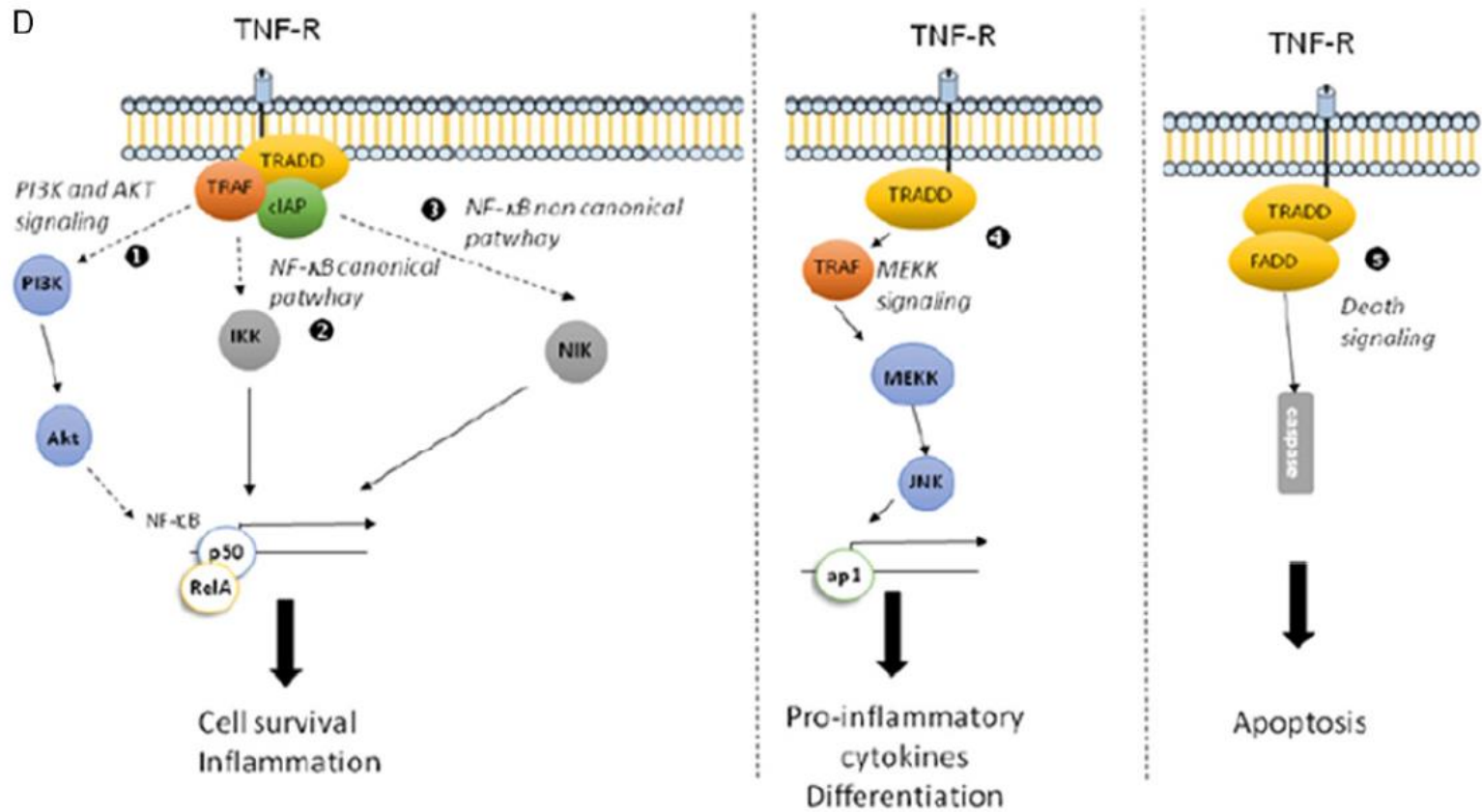


Inflammatory cytokines in the serum of human patients before and after the chemotherapy and surgery

OS tumor cells CSC MSC NF- κ B activated MSC

Cancer-associated mesenchymal stroma fosters the stemness of osteosarcoma cells in response to intratumoral acidosis **via NF- κ B activation**.

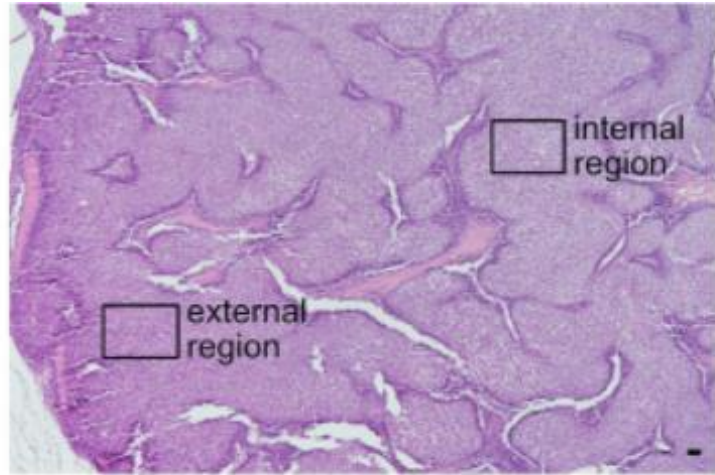
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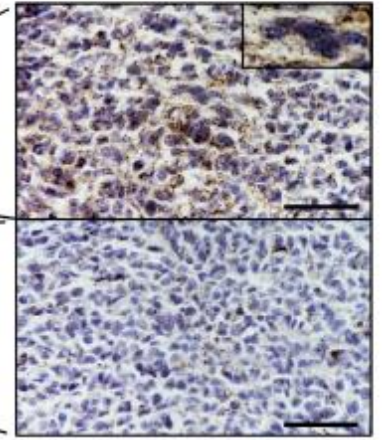
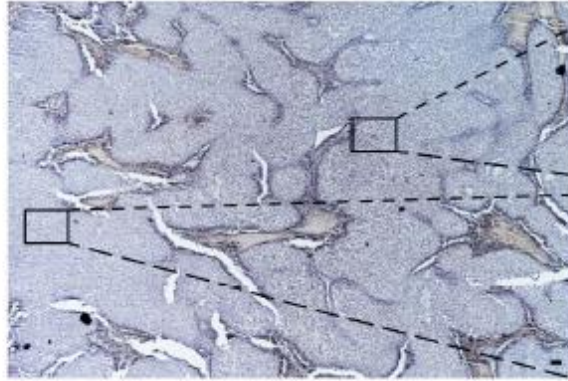
Original Article
Acid microenvironment promotes cell survival of human bone sarcoma through the activation of cIAP proteins and NF-κB pathway

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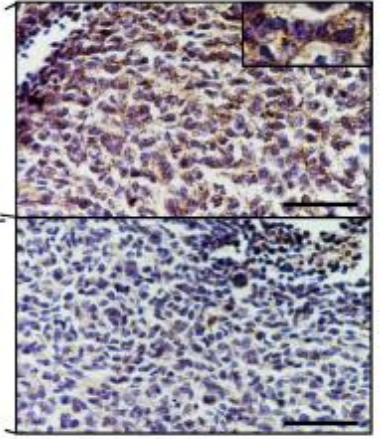
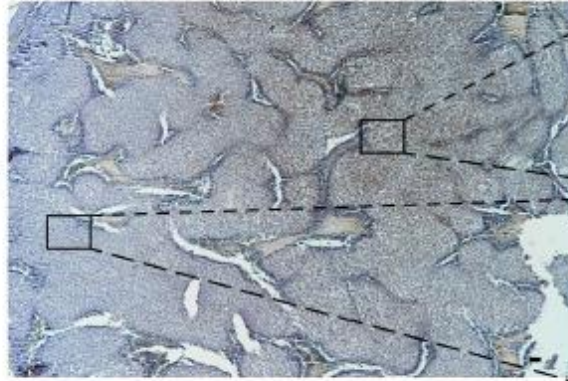


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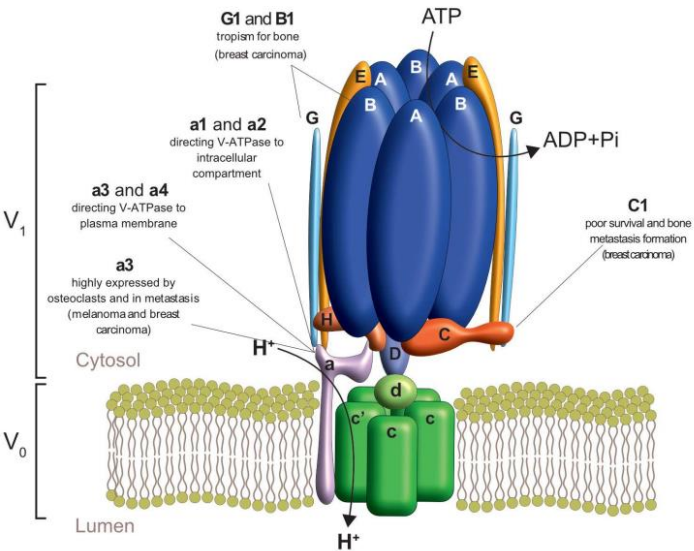
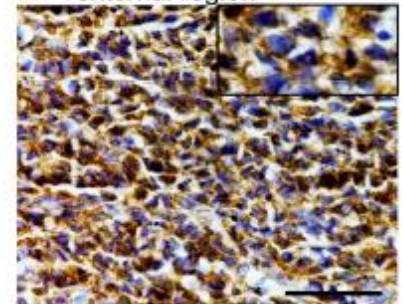
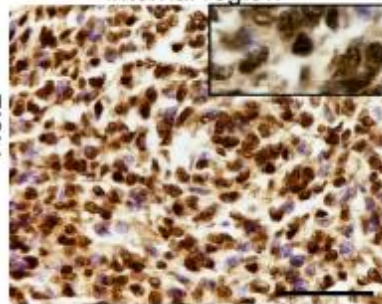
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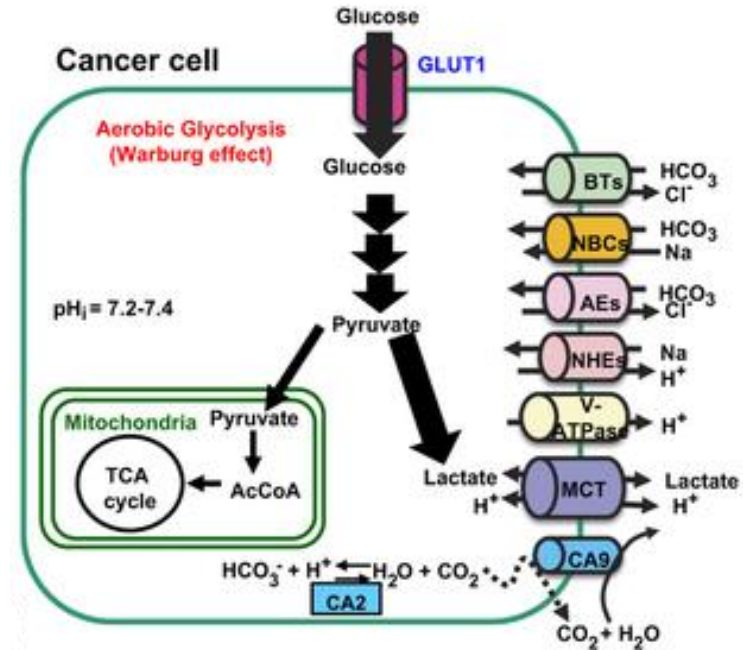
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Proton pumps/ion transporters or high proton concentrations: therapeutic targets

V-ATPase as an effective therapeutic target for sarcomas
(Perut et al. *Exp Cell Res.* 2014 Jan 1;320(1):21-32.)

Carbonic anhydrase IX inhibition is an effective strategy for osteosarcoma treatment.
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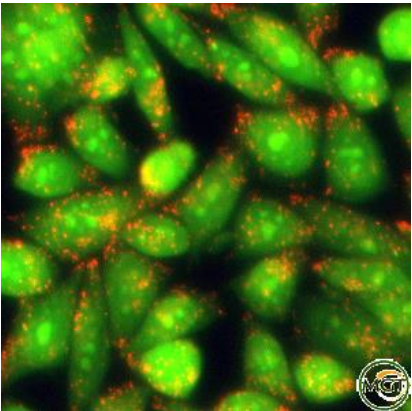
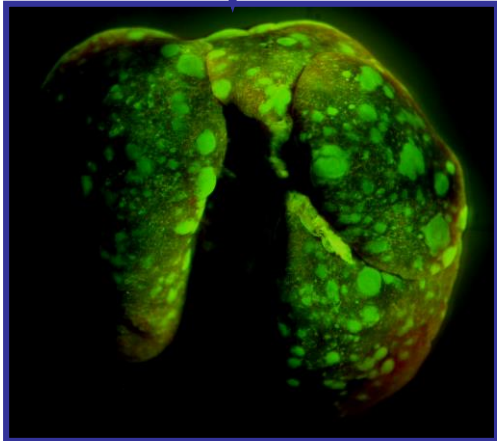
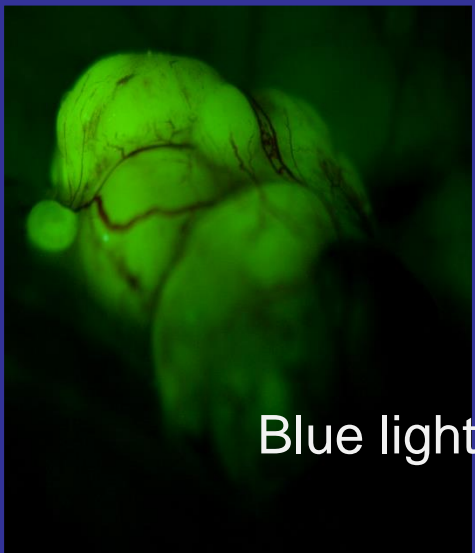
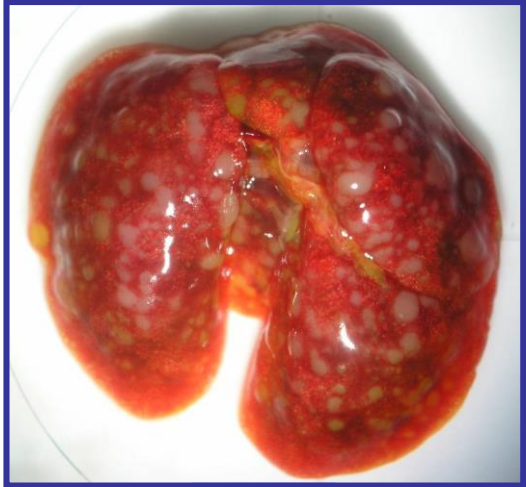
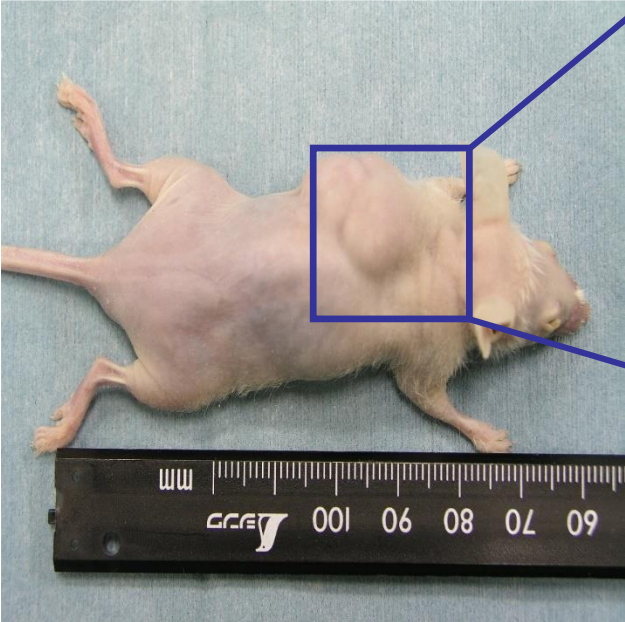
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Imaging tumor acidosis: a survey of the available techniques for mapping in vivo tumor pH.

Anemone A¹, Consolino L¹, Arena F^{2,3}, Capozza M³, Longo DL^{4,5}.

CONCLUSION



Intratumor acidosis fosters
tumor evolution and is a
key challenge in
osteosarcoma treatment
and imaging