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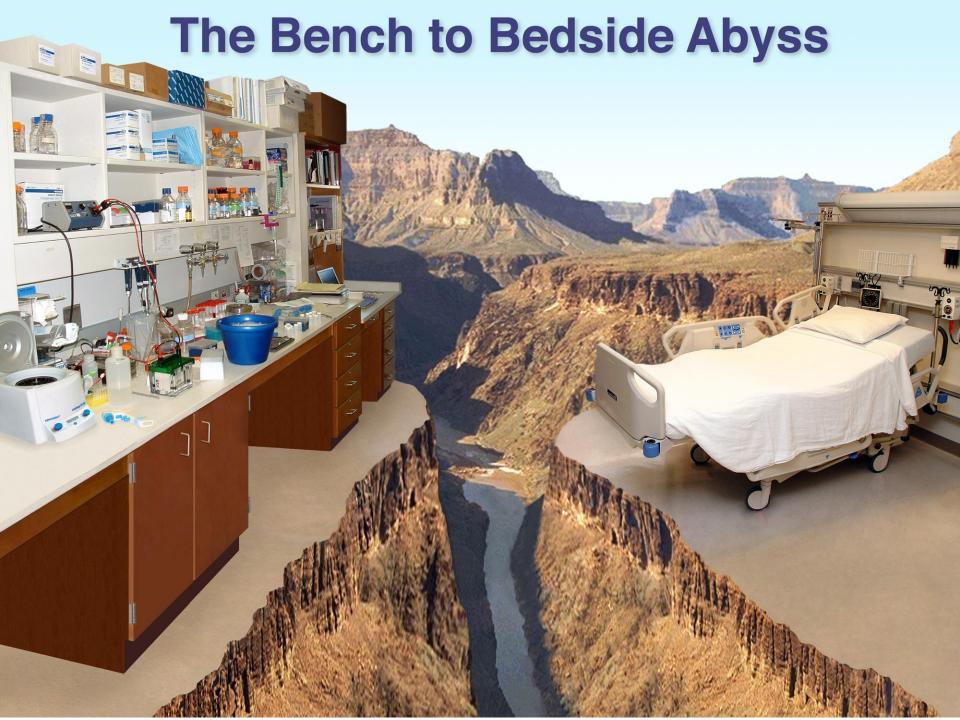
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# New Hope from Innovative Virotherapy & Immunotherapy for Glioblastoma Multiforme (GBM) Case Presentation, Rationale & Future Considerations

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#### GO VIRAL / RAPO YERAPEH BH Ltd. Israel

Go Viral LTD., a subsidiary of Rapo Yerapeh (founded 2016) aims to develop oncolytic immuno-therapy for Glioblastoma Multiforme (GBM) & other malignancies along with theranostic biomarkers for sensitivity and monitoring.

#### **The Unmet Need:**

- ❖ GBM represent 15% of brain tumors
- ❖ Incidence- 3.2 cases per 100,000 population
- Median Survival without Treatment-3 Months
- Median Survival with Treatment-1-2 years
- Etiology-Unknown
- Poor quality of life
- Current Standard of Care: Maximal surgical resection followed by 6 weeks of radiothera-py (dose: 60 Gy), together with concomitant chemotherapy with TMZ (75 mg/m2 daily). Once chemoradiotherapy is complete, a minimum of 6 months of adjuvant treatment with TMZ is started
- ❖ Approximate Costs to Health Care System:
  - ~\$120,000-240,000/y/patient (Raizer 2014)

#### **GO VIRAL's Vision**

- Improving treatment and outcome of GBM patients
- Testing oncolytic immunotherapeutic viruses on GBM cell lines to identify optimal virus for GBM
- Developing Theranostic Biomarkers to predict sensitivity to treatments and to monitor treatments
- Assessing clinical immunotherapy options for GBM



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ONCOLYTIC VIRUSES— GENETICALLY ENGINEERING THE FUTURE OF CANCER THERAPY

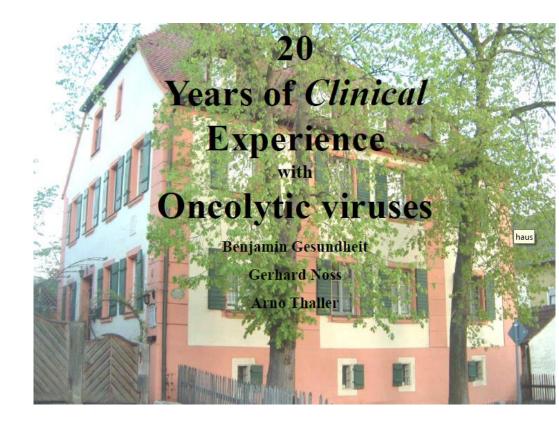
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#### Resistovir™, an Efficient Method for Screening Oncolytic Viruses for Cancer Therapy

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Background and aim: Oncolytic viruses (OVs) have recently been the focus of extensive research aiming to develop their therapeutic potential for many cancer types. However not all OVs are suitable for cancer treatment because many of them have a pathogenic potential for human. In order to identify the most efficient OVs with only little side effects for human we have developed a new method called Resistovir.

Method: Tumor tissues were collected from cancer patients and cultivated in vitro. The established cultures were genetically compared with the original biopsies regarding to their mutagenome and only cultures with a high grade of correlation were accepted for screening of our list of OVs. Numerous OVs were detected to be able to infect and lyse different cancer types. Remarkably, a novel strain of Newcastle disease virus (NDV) was found to be strongly efficient in various human cancer cells. Different researches have shown that NDV has a negligible pathogenic potential for human and is not harmful for non-transformed cells.





Figure 1. The effect of Resistovir™ in primary human ependymoma cells. Primary human ependymoma cells were cultivated in DMEM medium supplemented with 10% fetal calf serum and 0.5% periodlin / Streptomycin miduue, Indicated cells were inoculated with 8 viruses of Resistovir™ at a MOMEM without serum (Fig. 18). Cell survival and cytopathic effects (CPE) were determined 24 hours after inoculation with NDV and Reovirus type 3. As shown in Fig. 14 spendymoma cultures were completely destroyed 24 hours after infection with Reovirus (Fig. 1A). The mock-infected cultures remained viable.

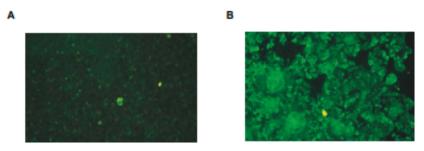


Figure 2. A novel strain of NDV adapted to HeLa cells has been found as a promising candidate for virotherapy of human cancer. HeLa cells were inoculated with NDV at a MOI of 0.025 (Fig. 2A) or MOI of 0.1 (Fig. 2B) for 1 hour. 24 hours after inoculation cells were then washed 3 times with phosphate buffered solution (FBS) and fixed in 70% acetone. Fixed cells were permeablized and analyzed by immunofluorescence assay (IFA) using human sera which contained high - titered antibody against NDV. FITC-conjugated antibutuman-IgG from gout was used as secondary antibody.

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Type of cancer	Some of oncolytic viruses tested in Re										N
	Adeno5	Aujesky	EMCV	Echo7	NDV	Reo1	Reo3	P			
Pancreas					+	+	+		m		
Breast					+	+	+				
Stoma					+		+	W55////			
Kidney					+		+	3/11/2			
Ependym		+			+		+	21111	u <b>ii</b> II		MIN HI
Bladder					+		+		+	+	
Bone		+						+			+
Prostate		+			+		+				+
Colon	+				+		+		+	+	
Head/Neck	+			+	+					+	
Thyreoid gl.					+		+				
Duodenum					+				+		
Mesothel					+		+	+		+	+
Thymus						+	+				
NNR					+	+	+		+	+	
Glia			+	+							

Table 1. Resistovir™ testing in primary cell lines derived from various malignomas. Different primary cancer cells cultivated in appropriate media were inoculated with various oncolytic viruses of Resistovir™ at a MOI of 0.1. Cell survival and cytopathic effects (CPE) were determined at the latest 72 hours after viral infection. (+) indicates cancer cells completely destroyed by oncolytic virus. Adeno5: Human adenovirus type 5; Aujeszky: Aujeszkyrius; EMCV: Encephalomyocarditis virus; Echo7: Echovirus type 7; NDV: Newcastle disease virus; Reo1: Reovirus type 1; Reo3: Reovirus type 3; ParvoH1: Parvovirus H1; SIV: Sindbisvirus; Vaccinia: Vaccinia virus; VSV: Vesicular stomatitis virus; NNR: Cortex of suprarenal gland

Conclusion: Resistovir™ provides an attractive new tool to select the most efficient oncolytic viruses with low side effects for cancer treatment. Especially, our novel strain of NDV could be a promising agent for virotherapy of various tumors.

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### Innovative Approaches for GBM Oncolytic Viruses, Immunotherapy & Dendritic Cells



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**Consensus Report of our International Study Group** 







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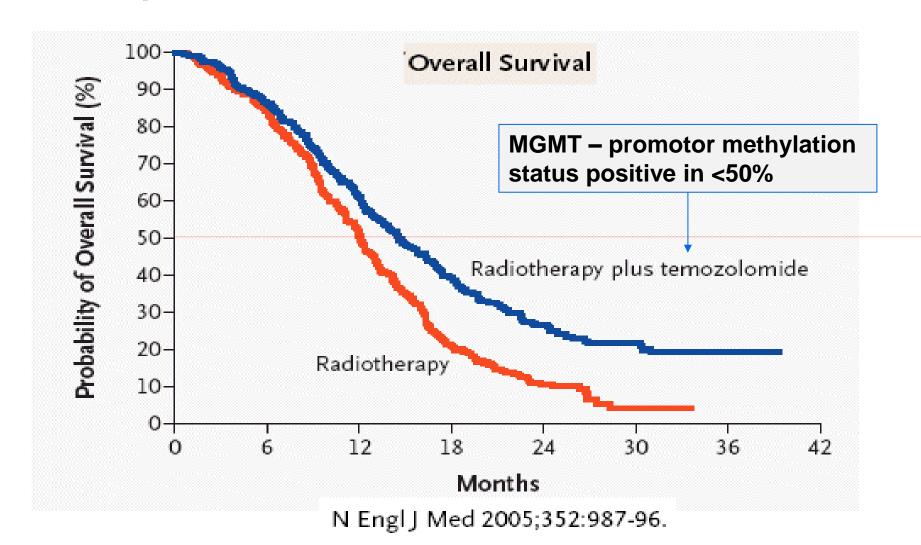


#### PRESENTATION OUTLINE

- GBM classical treatment and outcome →
   new strategies: immune & oncolytic virotherapies
- 2. Oncolytic Viruses (OV)
- 3. Dendritic Cells (DC)
- 4. Checkpoint Inhibitor (CPI)
- 5. Case Reports: GBM treated with OV/DC
- 6. Summary & Future Directions
- 7. Individueller Heilversuch (German Law)

#### 1. GBM: Classical Treatment & Survival

Radiotherapy plus Concomitant and Adjuvant Temozolomide for Glioblastoma



## 3. Clinical Concepts: Chemotherapy & Oncolytic viruses





"His genius was essentially practical, and his military concepts evolved from the close study of earlier commanders... He made the fullest use of the ideas of his predecessors and breathed life into them."

(Chandler - "Dictionary of the Napoleonic wars" p 18)

#### "Classical" Cancer Treatments

- Surgery
- Cyto-toxic =Chemotherapy
- Radiotherapy

- √ "Efficient"
- √ Fast
- > Aggressive
- Toxic/Dose limiting
- > Tolerance
- > Immunosuppressive
- Morbidity/Mortality
- > Refractory: MRD











#### "Biological" Cancer Treatments

- Immunology
- Anti-body
- Virotherapy
- Hyperthermy
- etc.

- ✓ Tolerance: Slow, long term
- ✓ Immune modulating
- Good for MRD
- "No" fast Effect







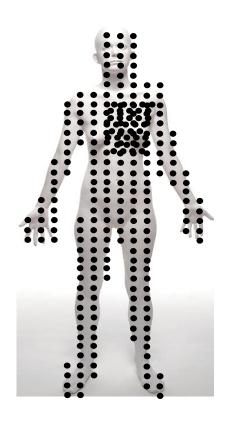
#### Immunotherapy for Cancer



(I) 47y F Melanomaof foot, no metastasis⇒wide surgicalResection



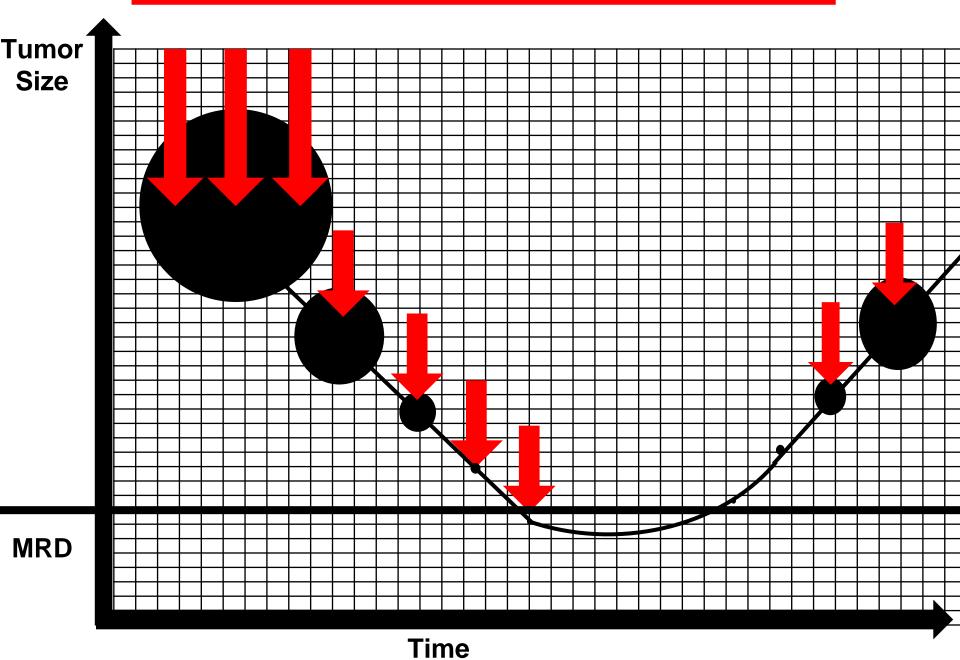
(II) 3y later: adeno-ca of breast => surgical resection and radiation to breast and axillary IN



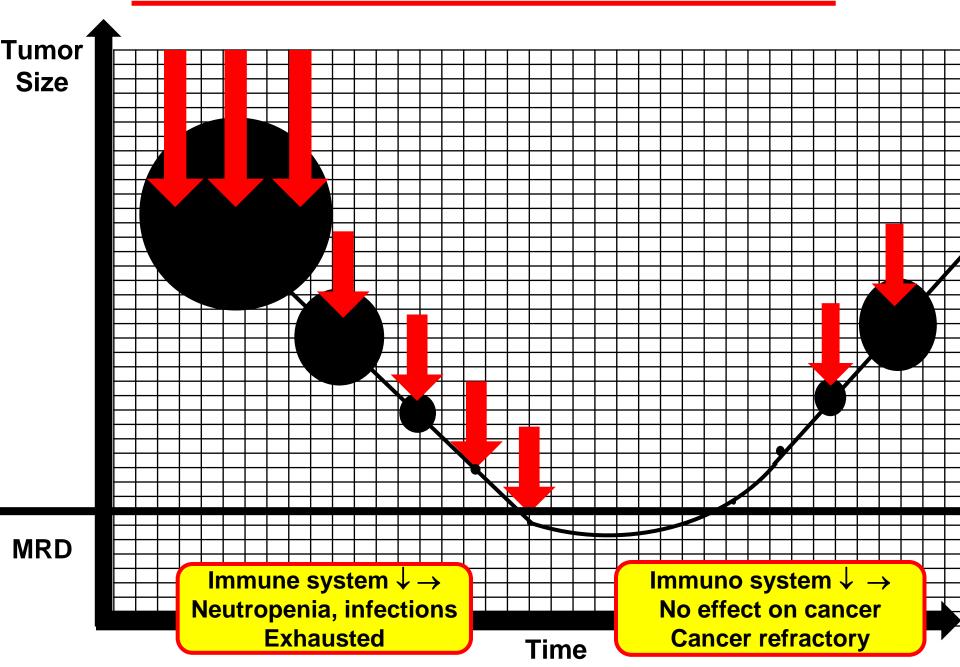
(III) 1 mo later: Multiplesc melanoma nodules inirradiated field=> Visceral spread=> fatal disease

**Woodruff MF** .Immunological Aspects of Cancer. Lancet 1964;2:265-270

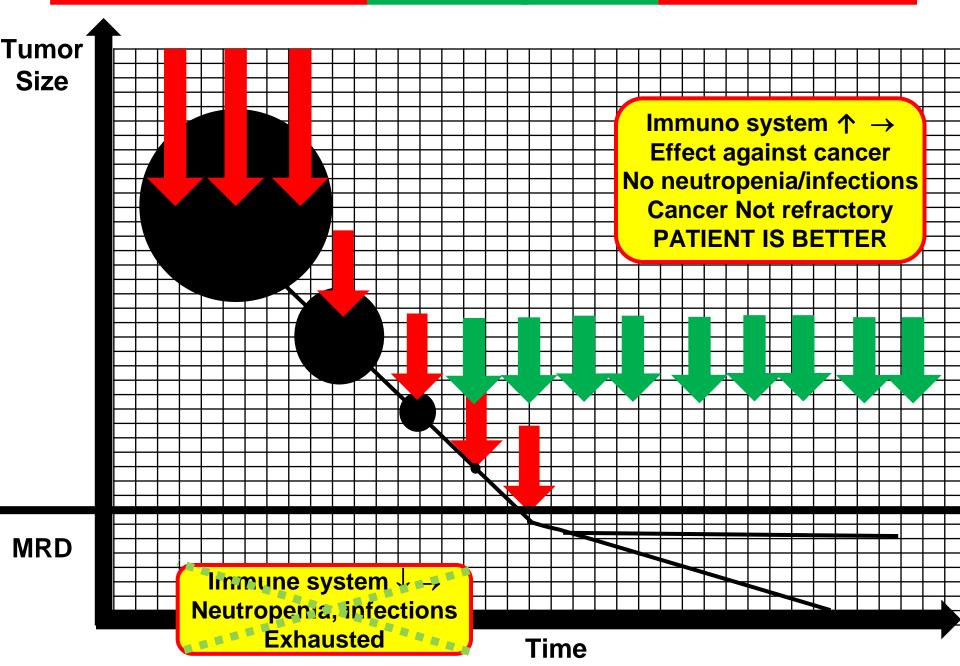
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#### "Classical" & "Biological" Treatments

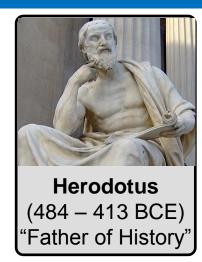


#### 2. Oncolytic Viruses: History

- 1950's-1960's: Beginning of the deliberate use of natural oncolytic viruses to treat cancer (Polio, Adenoviruses, Cocksackie, others)
- Early challenges: Some level of response, only certain types of cancers, side effects...
- Oncolytic viral therapy for cancer is mostly interrupted for many years

#### Why? What Changed?

- Development of genetic engineering of viruses (patents!)
  Enables changing natural viruses to specifically target cancer cells and limit adverse effects
- 2015: FDA approves first virus for treatment of cancer Talimogene laherparepvec (T-VEC) for Melanoma



#### 2. Oncolytic Viruses: History

#### Oncolytic Immunotherapy: Conceptual Evolution, Current Strategies, and Future Perspectives

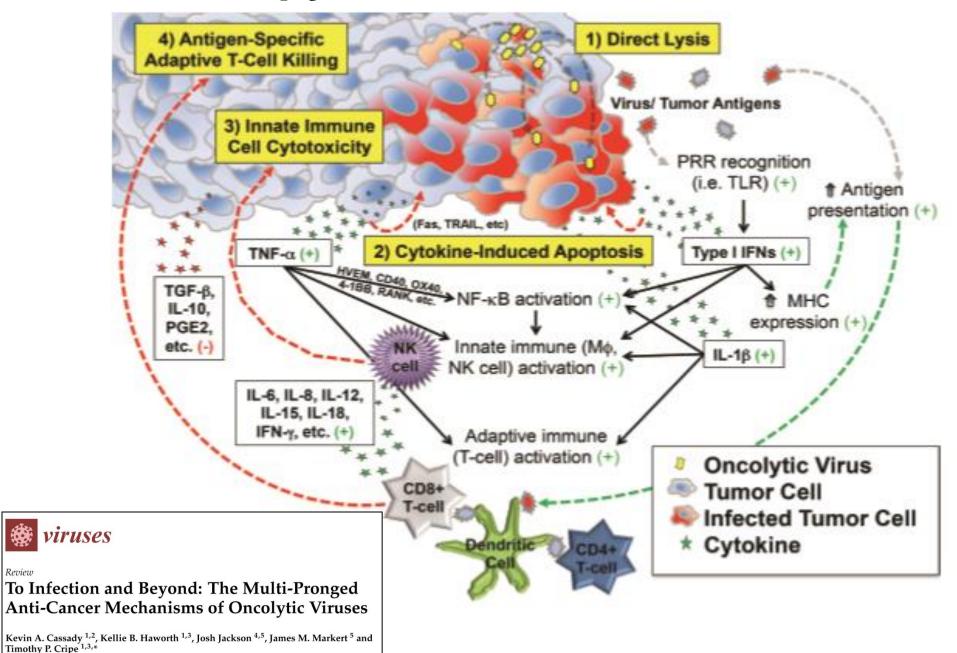


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- 1) "Direct infection and oncolysis of cancer cells and endothelial cells in the tumor microenvironment (TME)"
- 2) "Indirect effects of necrosis/apoptosis of uninfected cancer cells and associated endothelial cells in the tumor-associated vasculature leading to reduced angiogenesis"
- 3) "Antitumor (and antiviral) immunity is elicited/expanded by the OV as a consequence of improved antigen cross-priming and recruitment of immune cells into the TME."

#### 2. Virotherapy - Mechanisms of Action



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Laure Aurelian	Abstract: Oncolytic viruses (OVs) comprise an emerging cancer therapeutic modality whose
Department of Pharmacology, University of Maryland School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD, USA	activity involves both direct tumor cell lysis and the induction of immunogenic cell death (ICD). Cellular proteins released from the OV-lysed tumor cells, known as damage-associated molecular patterns and tumor-associated antienes, services dendrities (Class and licit) stantives.

**Table I** Mechanisms of OV-induced cell death and immunogenicity

Type of cell death	Immunogenicity
Necrosis	Releases DAMPs and TAAs; induces ICD
Apoptosis	Generally nonimmunogenic
Pyroptosis	Caspase-I-dependent cytokine release;
	induces ICD
Autophagic cell death	Releases DAMPs; immunogenic

**Notes:** OVs induce multiple tumor cell death pathways, most of which are also immunogenic. DAMPs and TAAs released from OV-infected cells induce immunogenic cell death.

**Abbreviations:** DAMP, damage-associated molecular pattern; ICD, immunogenic cell death; o, oncolytic; OV, oncolytic virus; TAA, tumor-associated antigen.

#### 3. Dendritic Cells (DCs)

#### IDENTIFICATION OF A NOVEL CELL TYPE IN PERIPHERAL LYMPHOID ORGANS OF MICE

I. Morphology, Quantitation, Tissue Distribution\*

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(Received for publication 19 January 1973)



Ralph M Steinman (1943-2011) Nobel Prize 2011

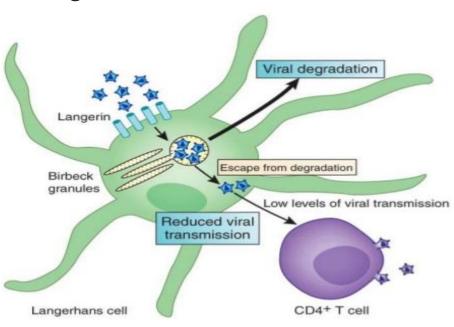


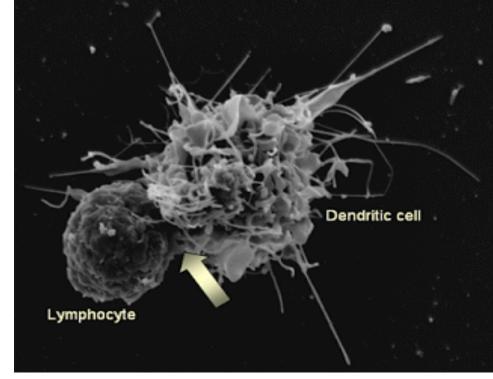
#### **Dendritic Cells (DCs)**

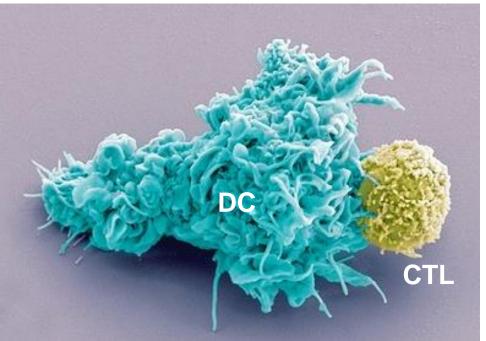
- APC = Antigen Presenting Cells: process antigen material and present it on the cell surface to T cells = stimulation of T cell response; act as messengers between innate and adaptive immune system.

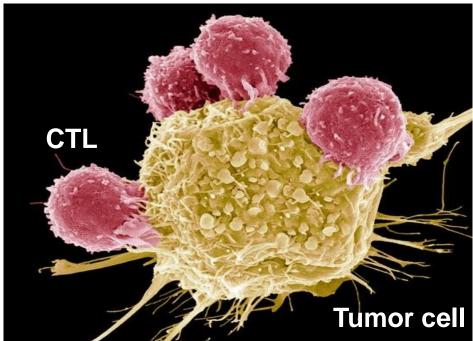
  DC are present in tissues exposed to the external environment: skin (=Langerhans cells), nose, lungs, stomach, intestine.
- Once activated, they migrate to the LN where they interact with T cells and B cells.
- Immature DC = "veiled" cells
- Expression of CD1a, CD1b, CD23, CD36, CD207 (Langerin)

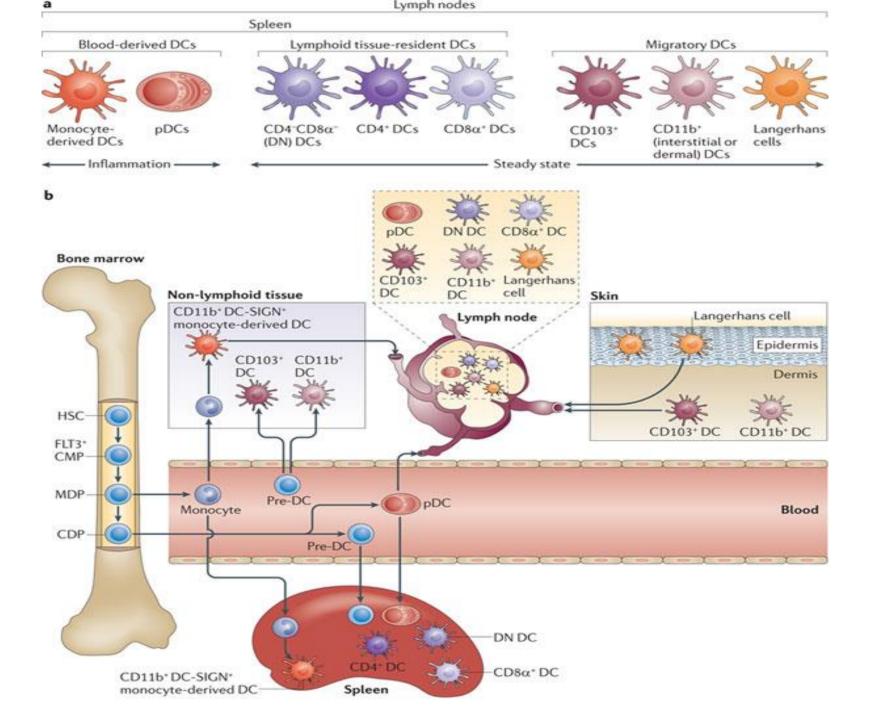
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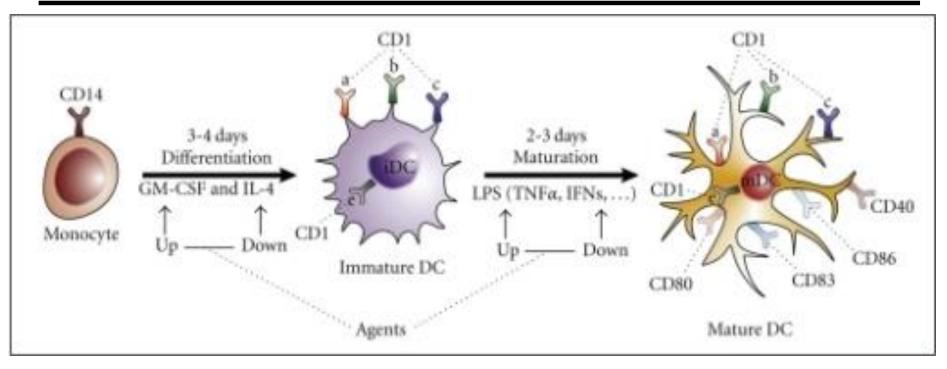








#### 3.1-Dendritic Cell Maturation and Activation



Immature Dendritic Cells

Mechanisms of Antigen Capture

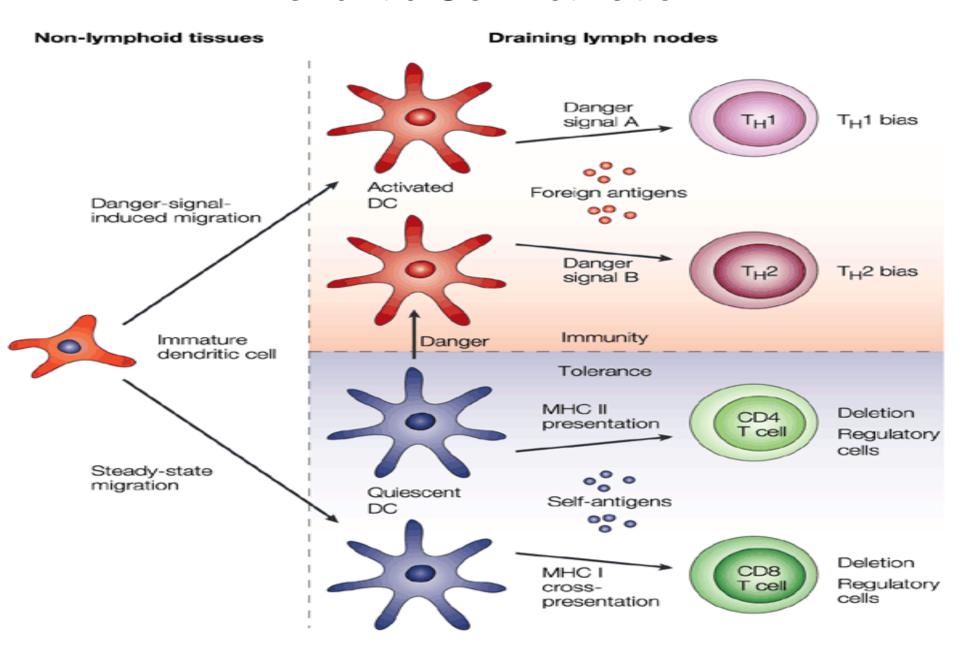
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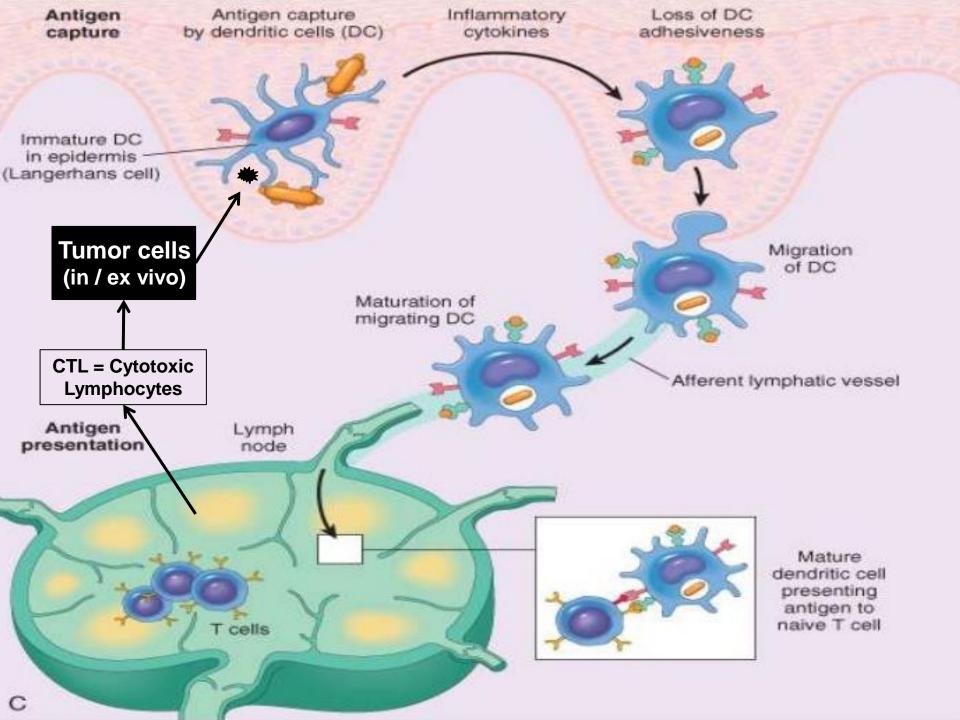
2-micropinocytosis

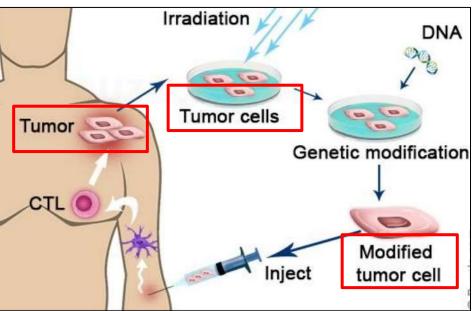
3-receptor mediated endocytosis (via C-type lectin receptors or Fc receptors)

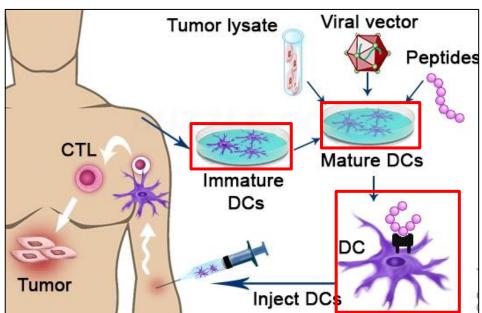
4-low levels of class I and II MHC molecules, as well as co-stimulatory molecules such as CD80 and CD86

#### **Dendritic Cell Activation**



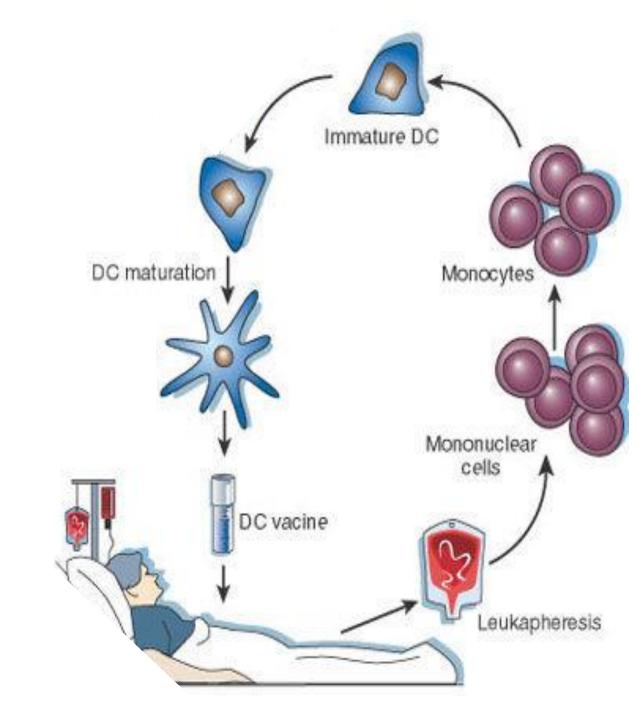


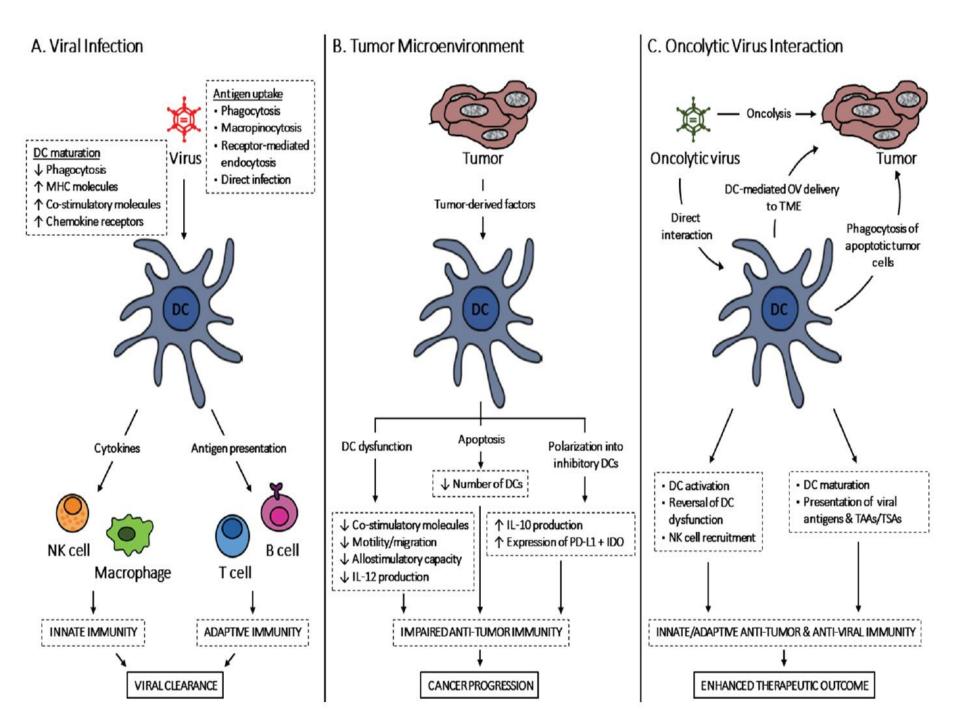




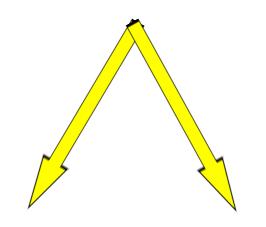


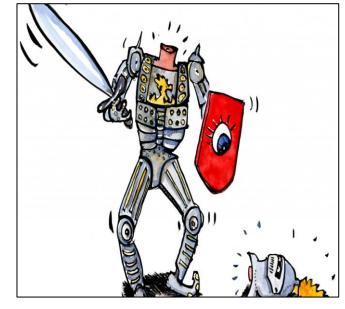






#### DC = Double Edged Sword?





#### **Anti-Cancer**

Activated DCs in

Anti-tumor immunity

**Pro-Cancer** 

Tumor microenvironment



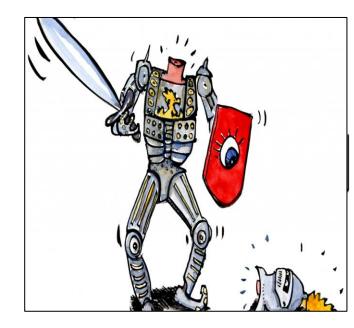
Impairment of DC functions

Via activation of innate immune cells and tumor-specific lymphocytes that target cancer cells

Tumor-associated DCs fail to initiate tumor-specific immunity, and indirectly support tumor progression

#### 4. Dendritic Cells (DC) - Rationale





Review

## Dendritic Cells in Oncolytic Virus-Based Anti-Cancer Therapy

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#### **Conclusions**

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## Immunotherapy with Dendritic Cells and Newcastle Disease Virus in Glioblastoma Multiforme

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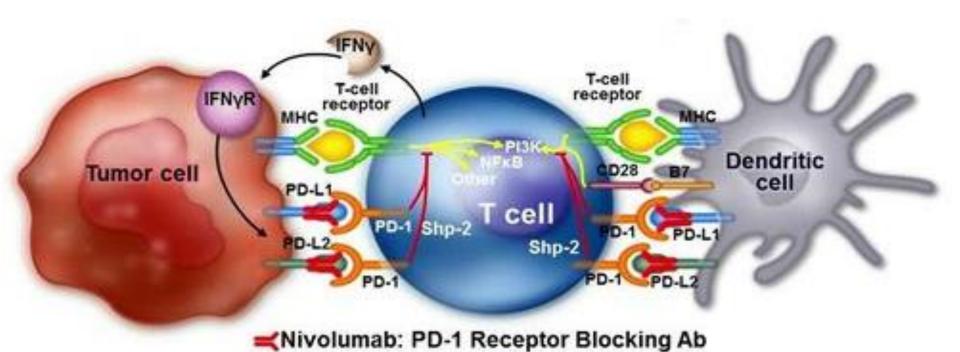
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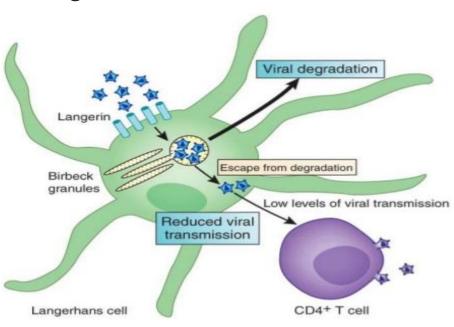
#### 4. CheckPoint Inhibitor (CPI)

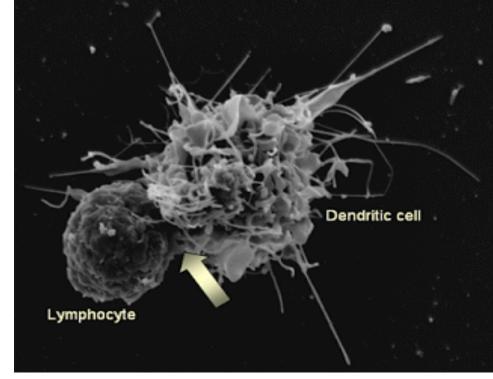
#### **Nivolumab Mechanism of Action**

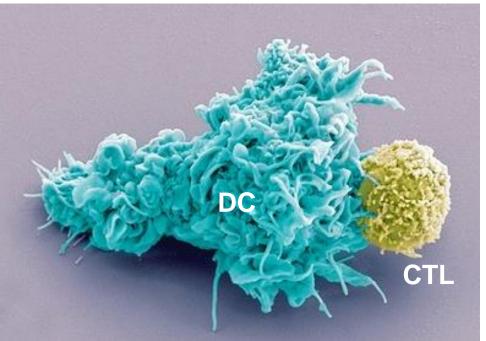
- PD-1 expression on tumor-infiltrating lymphocytes is associated with decreased cytokine production and effector function<sup>11</sup>
- Nivolumab binds PD-1 receptors on T cells and disrupts negative signaling triggered by PD-L1/PD-L2 to restore T-cell antitumor function<sup>12–14</sup>

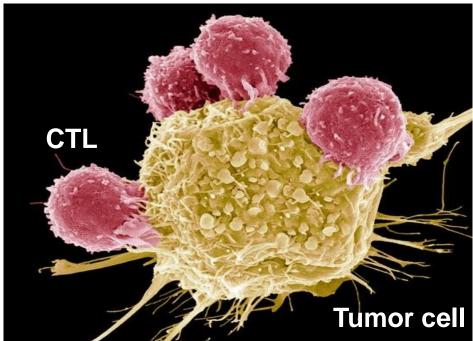


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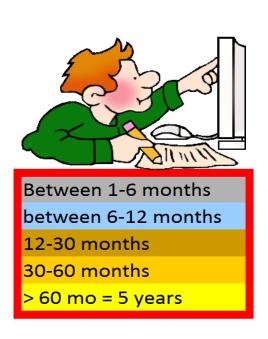


### 5. Case Reports: GBM treated with OV/DC (OV – DC)

OV only
Case #1
Case #2

OV & DC & CPI
Case #3

Case #2 Case #4







Archimedes von Syrakus

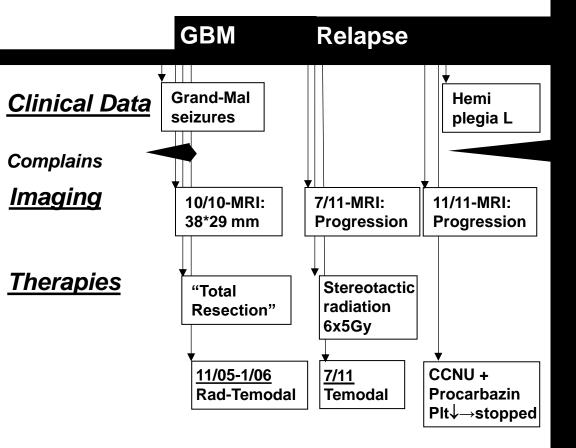
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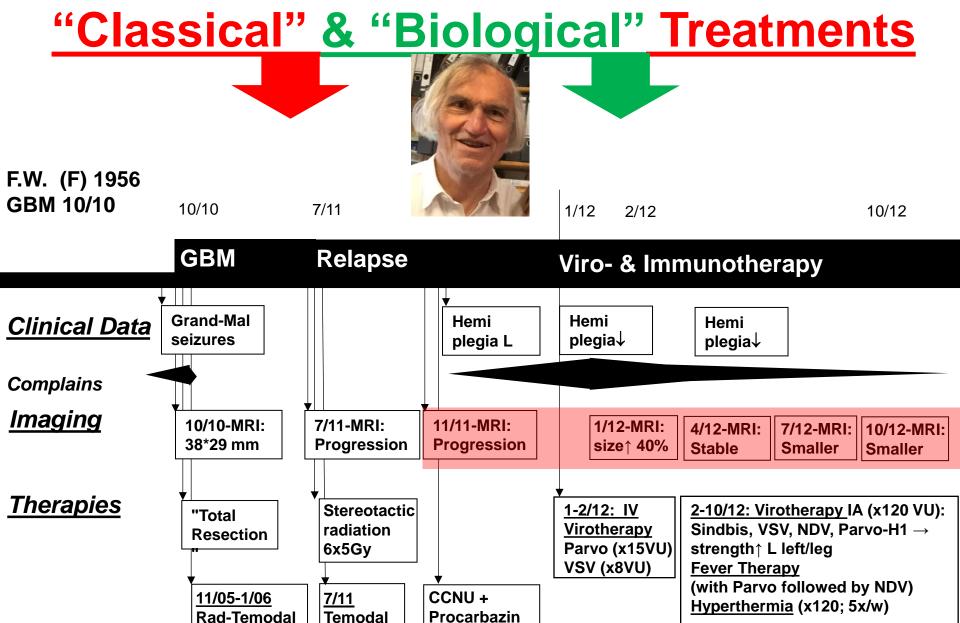
#### **Treatments**

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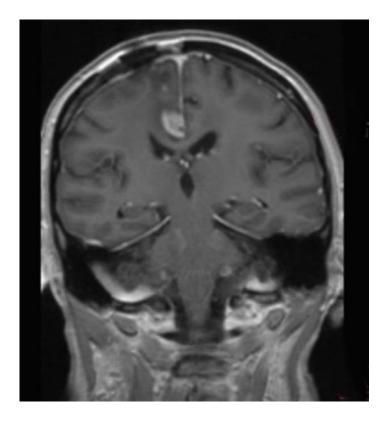
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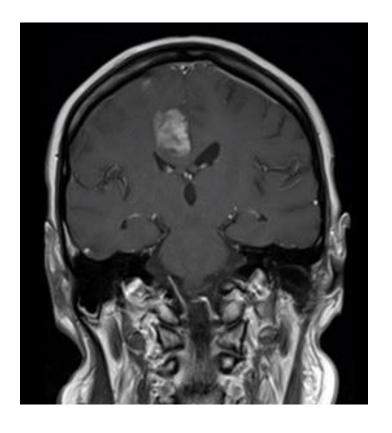
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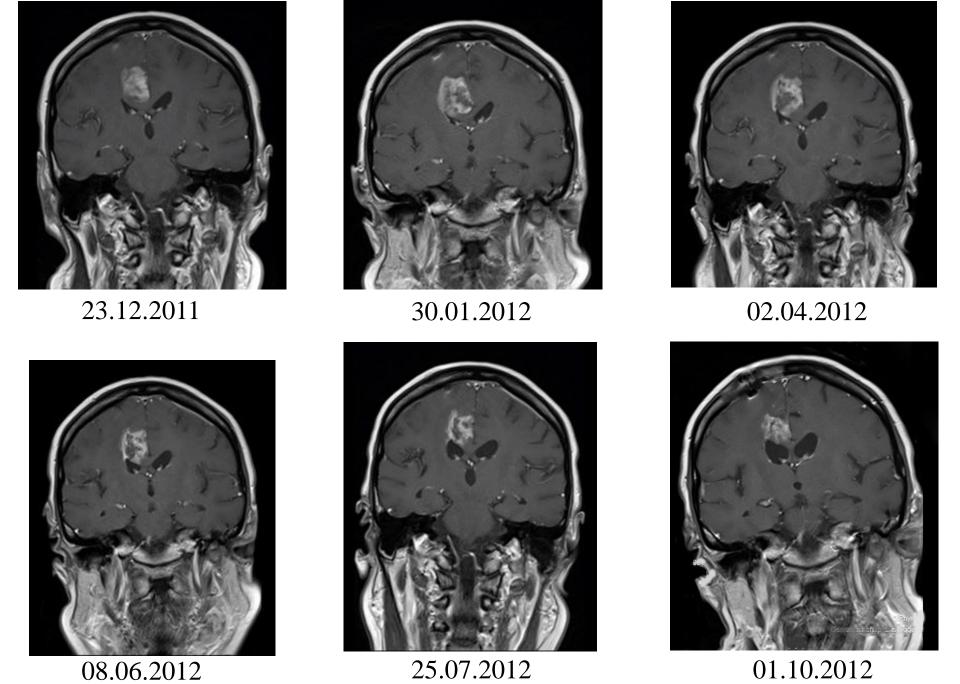
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#### Größenzunahme des Rezidivs trotz Operation, Radio-Chemotherapie mit Temozolomid, Cilengitide, stereotaktischer Bestrahlung und Dosis-intensivierter Chemotherapie mit Temozolomid

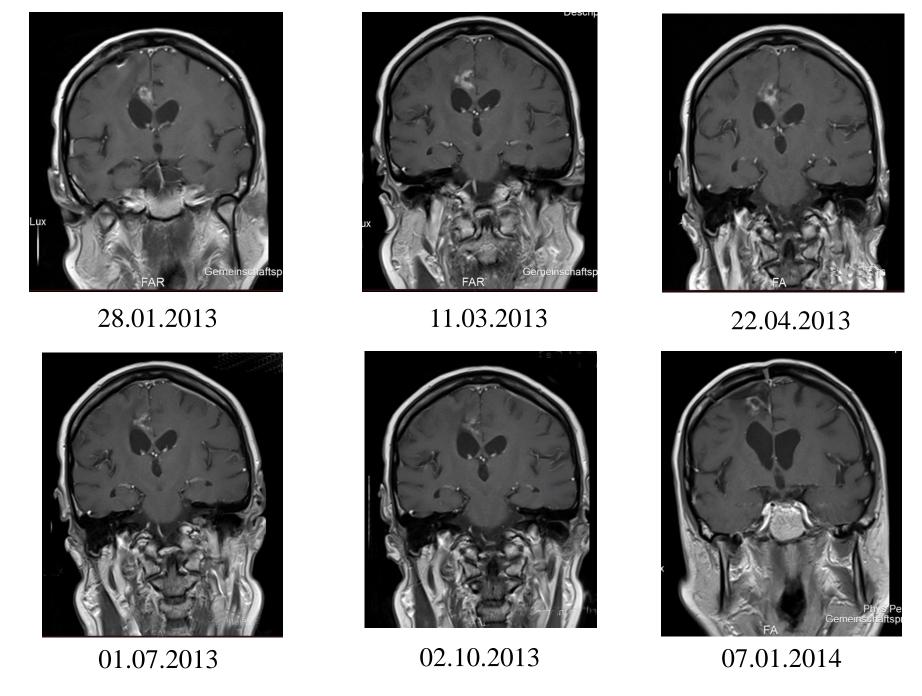


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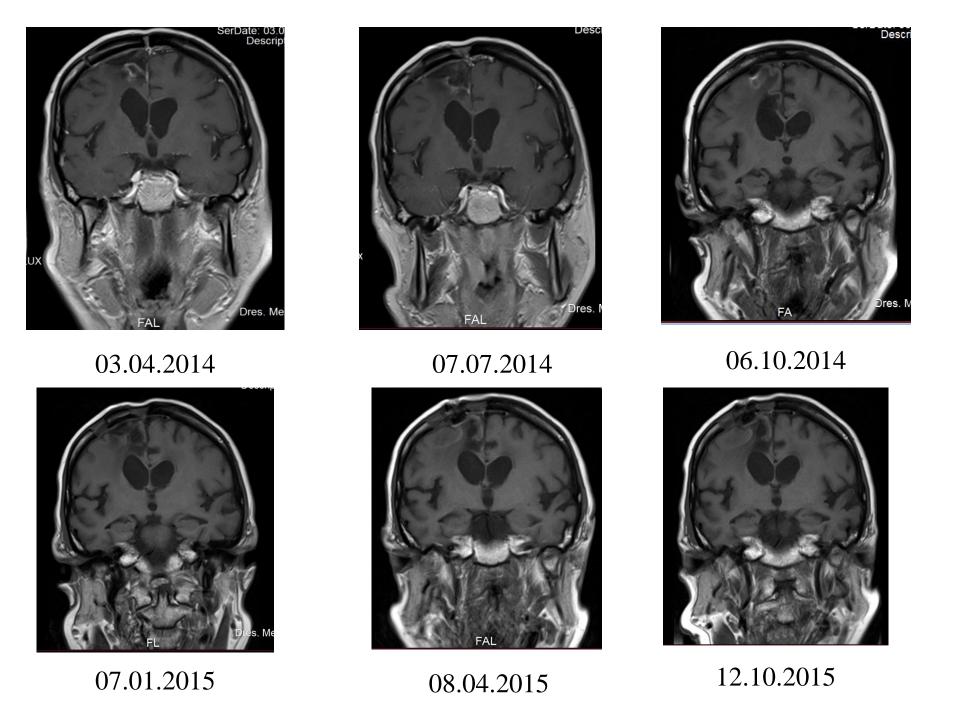
Verdoppelung des Tumorvolumens in 5 Wochen!



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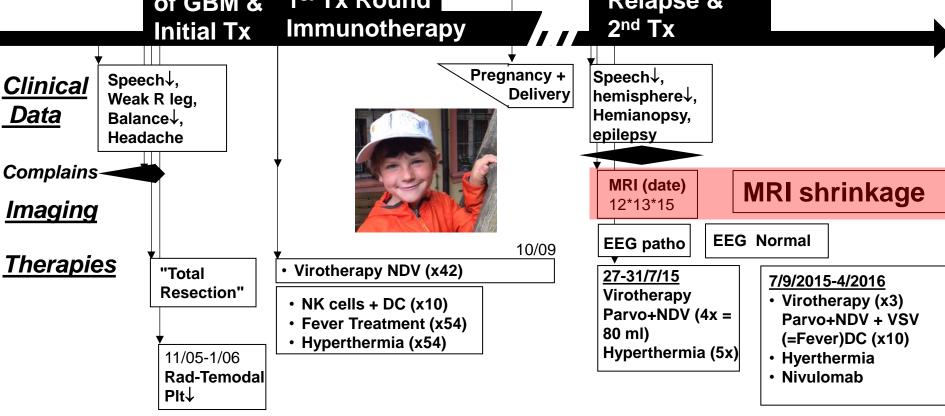


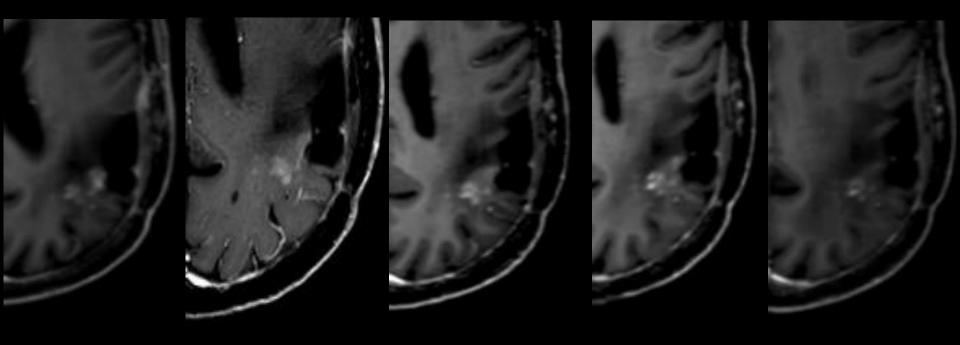
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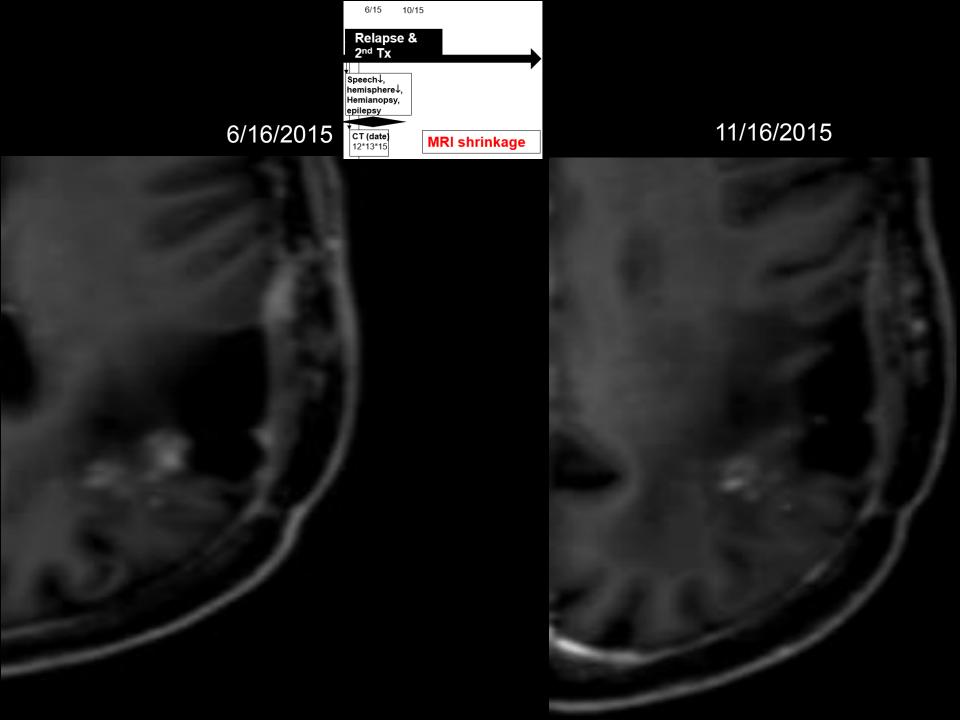


#### "Classical" & "Biological" Treatments **G.P.** (**F**) **GBM** 6/05 10/05 3/06 5/08 7/09 10/09 6/15 10/15 Diagnosis 1<sup>st</sup> Tx Round of GBM & Relapse & 2<sup>nd</sup> Tx **Immunotherapy Initial Tx** Pregnancy + Speech√, Speech√, **Delivery** hemisphere↓, Weak R leg, Hemianopsy, Balance↓. epilepsy Headache

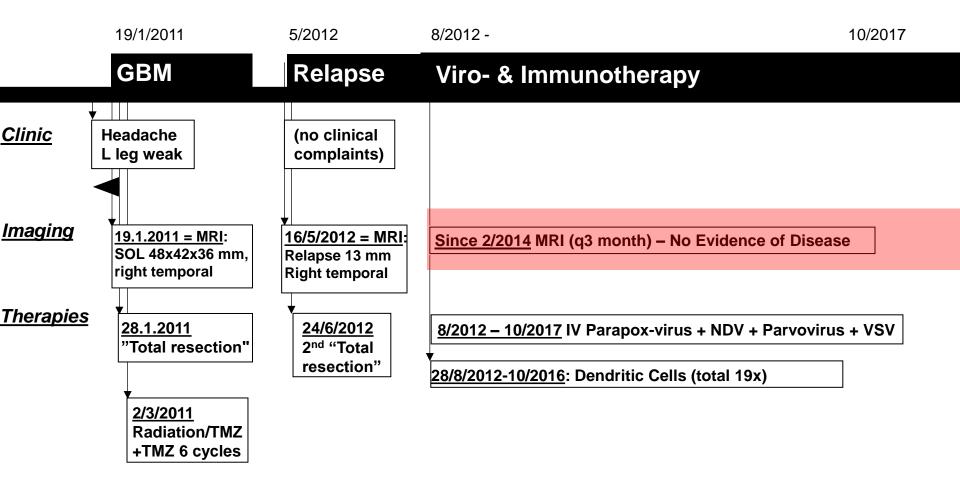






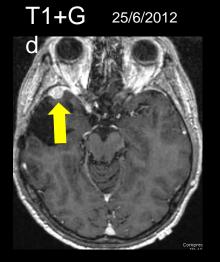


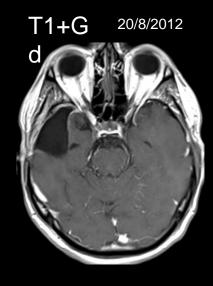
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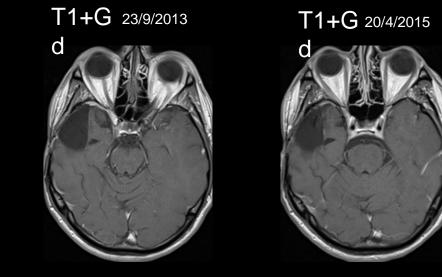
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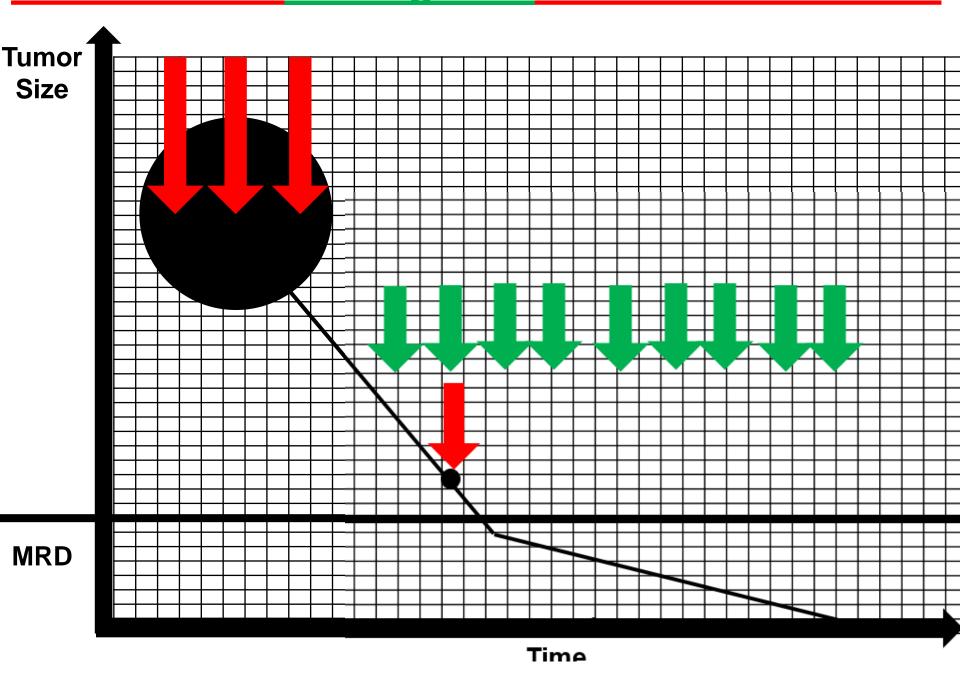








#### "Classical" & "Biological" Treatments for GBM

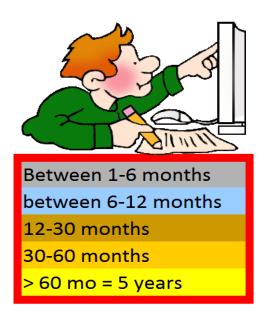


## 6. Summary & Future Directions

OV only OV & DC & CPI
Case #1 Case #3
Case #2 Case #4

**DC only**Colleagues
Literature



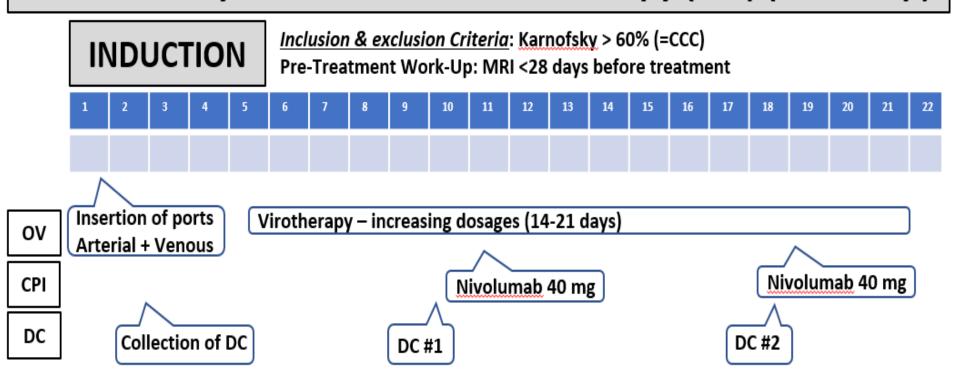








#### GBM - Oncolytic Viruses & Immunotherapy (VIP) (Roadmap)



**LABORATORY** 

**MAINTENANCE (- HOW LONG?)** 

# 6. Summary & Future Directions

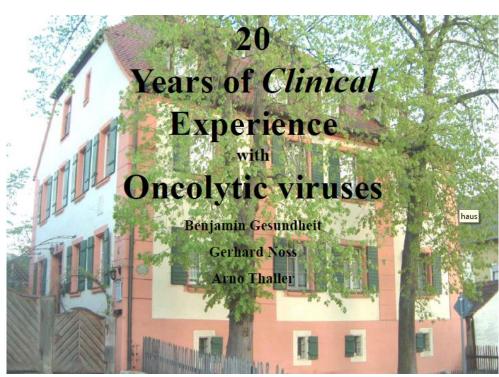
- GBM is treatable & "curable"
- Early Treatment for GBM, clinical studies
- After classical GBM treatment (Sx, Rx, Temodal) => asap Viro- & Immunotherapy & CPI
- Genetic Engineering for better Viruses?
- Genetic classifications of GBM for treatments?
- Immune monitoring before, during and after Tx
- Virus specificity for various tumors "Virogram", combination of multiple viruses (S + R)
- $\red{ } \text{``Individueller Heilversuch"} \to \text{Clinical Studies}$



#### Clinical Experience Dr Arno Thaller

- ✓ Breast Cancer
- ✓ Ovary Cancer
- ✓ Colon Cancer
- ✓ Pancreas Cancer
- ✓ Melanoma
- ✓ Prostate Cancer
- ✓ Lung Cancers
- ✓ Tongue Cancer
- ✓ Osteosarcoma
- ✓ Rhabdomyosarcoma





# New Hope from Innovative Virotherapy & Immunotherapy for GBM & Other Tumors



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#### New Hope from Innovative Virotherapy and Immunotherapy for Glioblastoma

- A number of patients diagnosed with GBM were treated as a pilot group with either OV alone, DC alone, or with combination therapy of both OV and DC
- In each case their survival far exceeded the Kaplan-Meir estimator and there was a significant improvement in their clinical symptoms or their radiological evaluation
- No significant side effects from the therapy were observed
- While there are limitations of these pilot patients, the promising clinical outcome suggests that further investigations in a more controlled and well-designed clinical trials are warranted

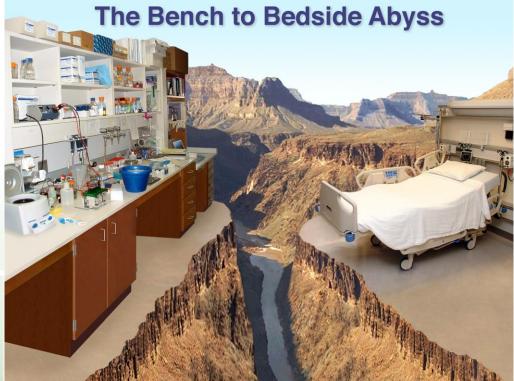


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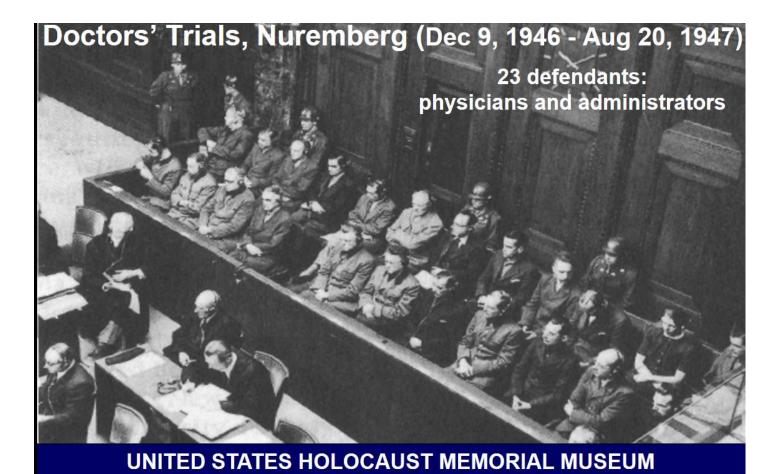




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**Personal Accounts** 

# Resilience: Message From a "Mengele Twin" Survivor

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