A fluorescence microscopy image of brain tissue. The background is black. There are numerous green fluorescent structures, likely neurons or glial cells, with bright green spots and long, thin processes. Scattered throughout are small, bright red spots, possibly representing specific cell markers or protein expression. The overall pattern is dense and complex.

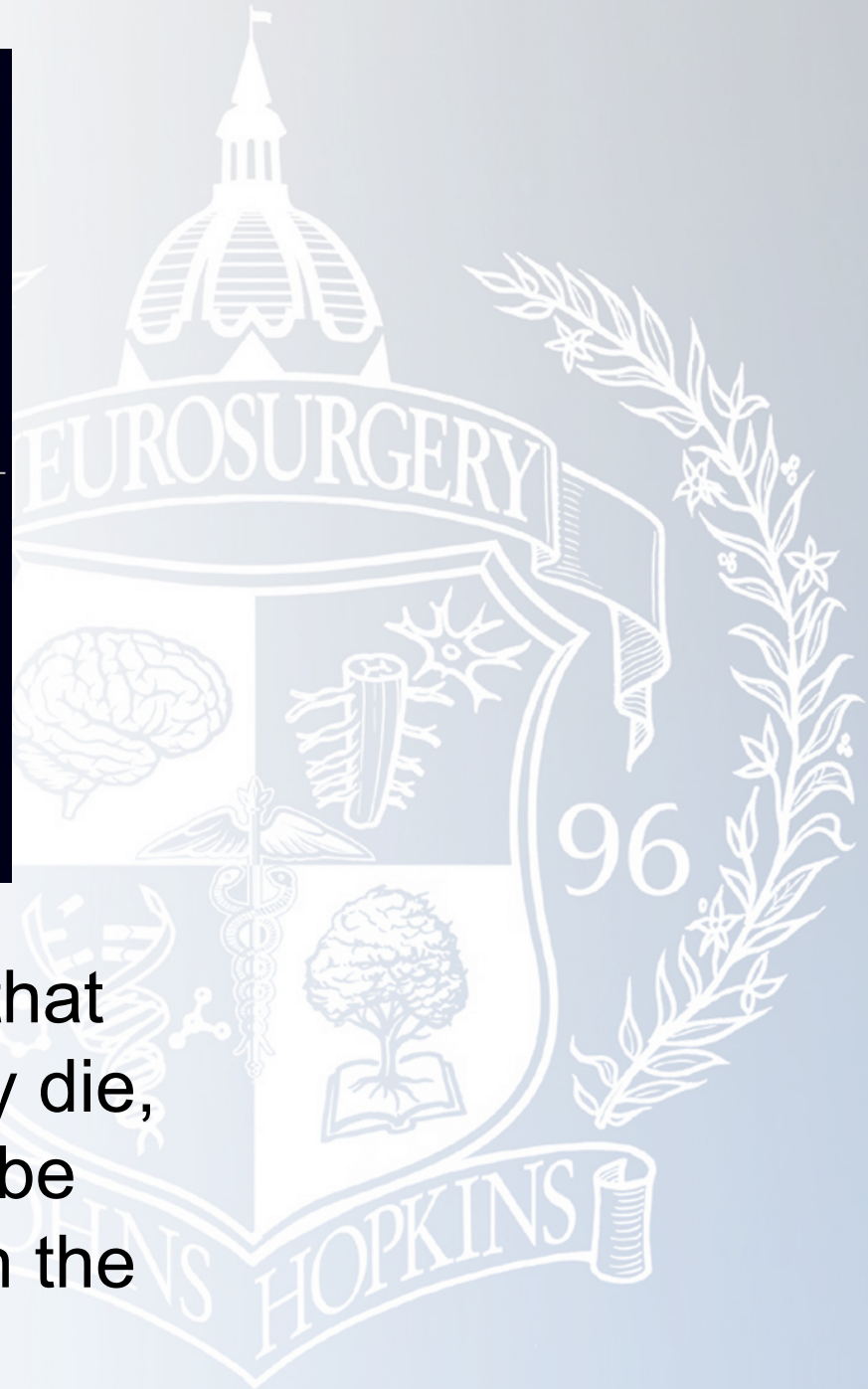
STEM CELLS AND BRAIN TUMORS

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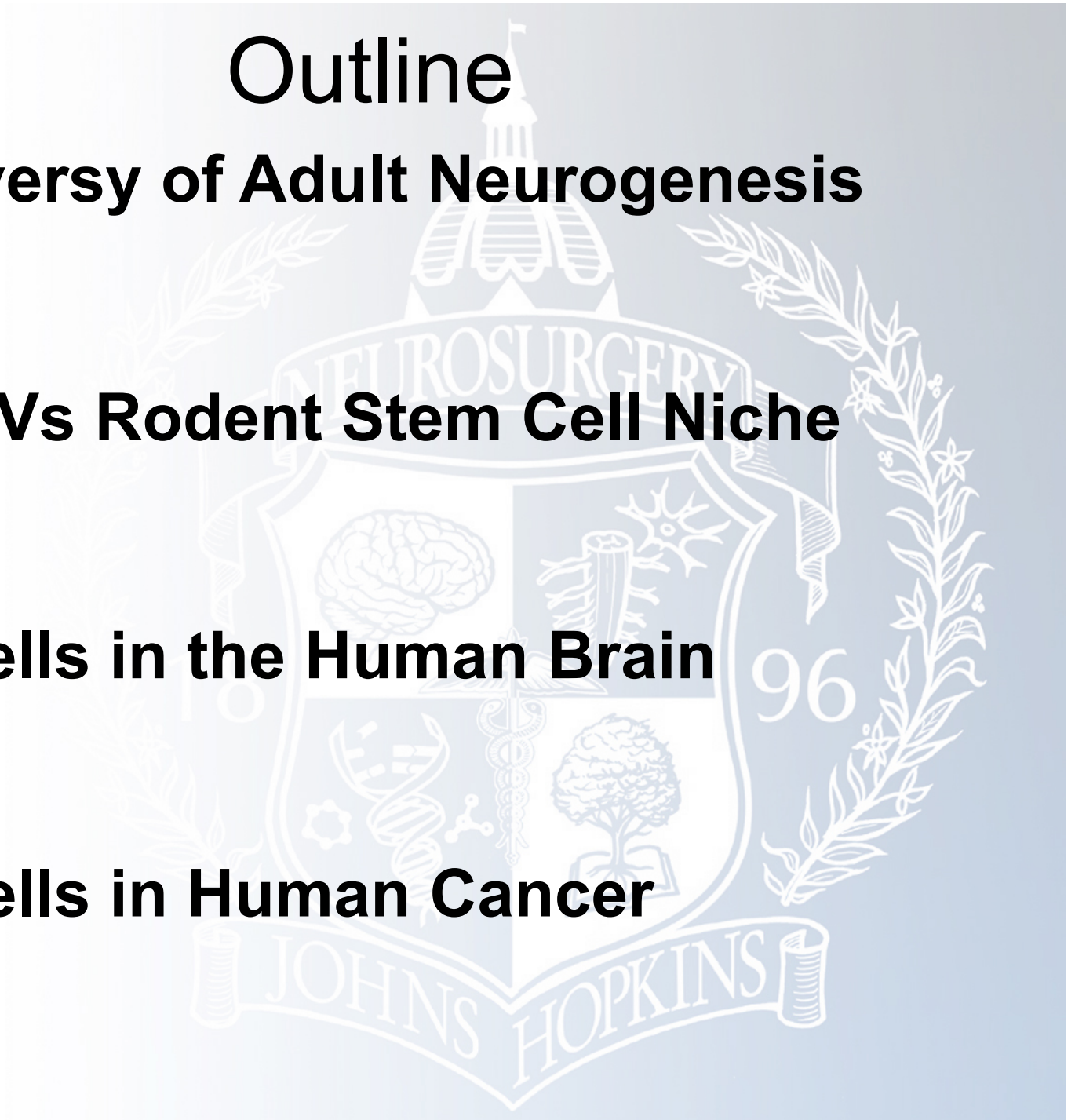


"harsh decree" that
"everything may die,
nothing may be
regenerated" in the
adult CNS



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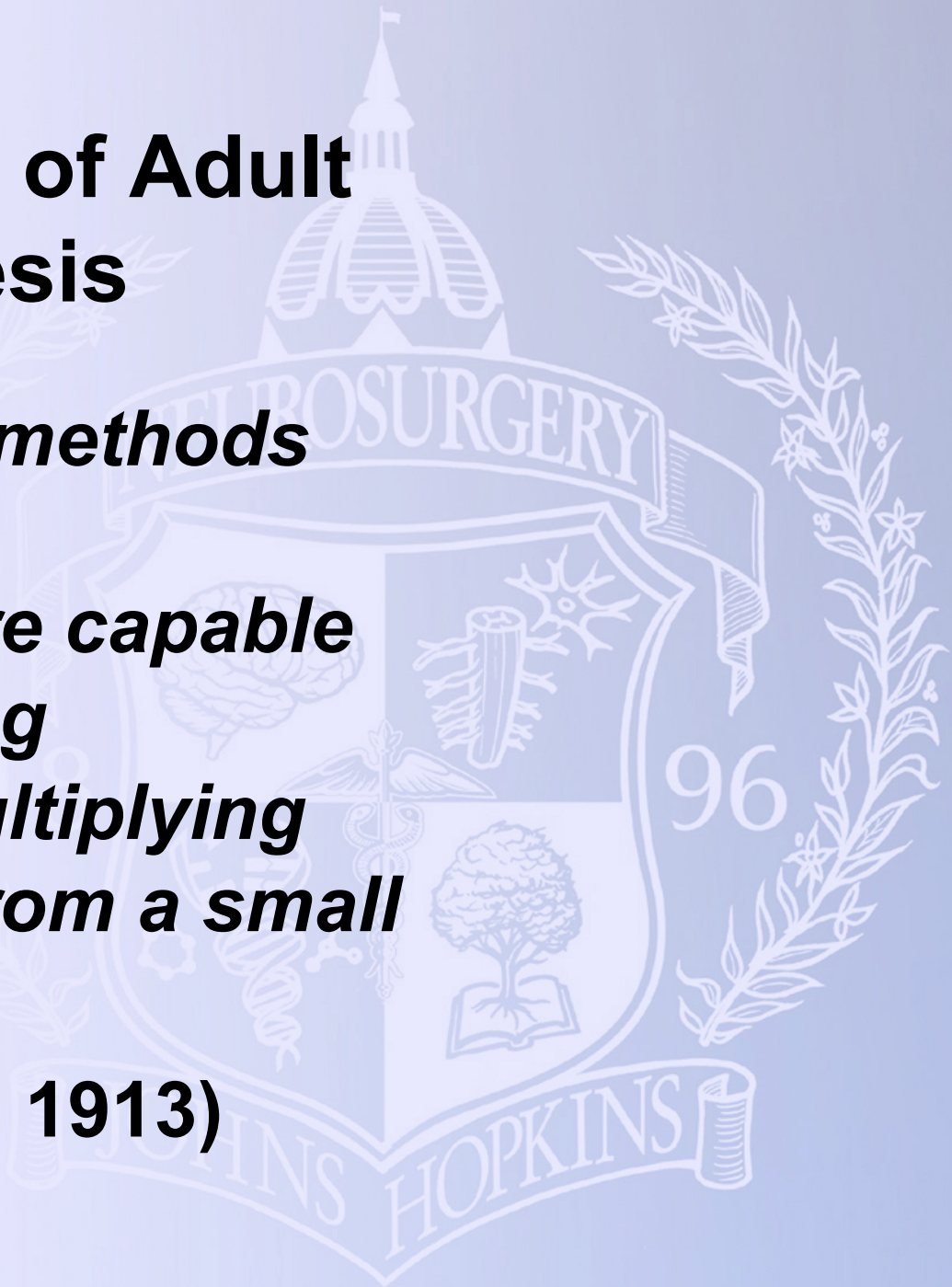


HISTORY

The Controversy of Adult Neurogenesis

“...None of the methods used by these investigators are capable of distinguishing absolutely a multiplying neuroglia cell from a small mitotic neuron”

(Ramon y Cajal, 1913)



HISTORY

The Controversy of Adult Neurogenesis

1962 Joseph Altman: thymidine autoradiographic evidence for new neurons in the adult rat and cat

1977 Michael Kaplan: combined [^3H]-thymidine labeling and electron microscopy to confirm Altman's claims by showing mitotic neuronal precursors lining the lateral ventricles

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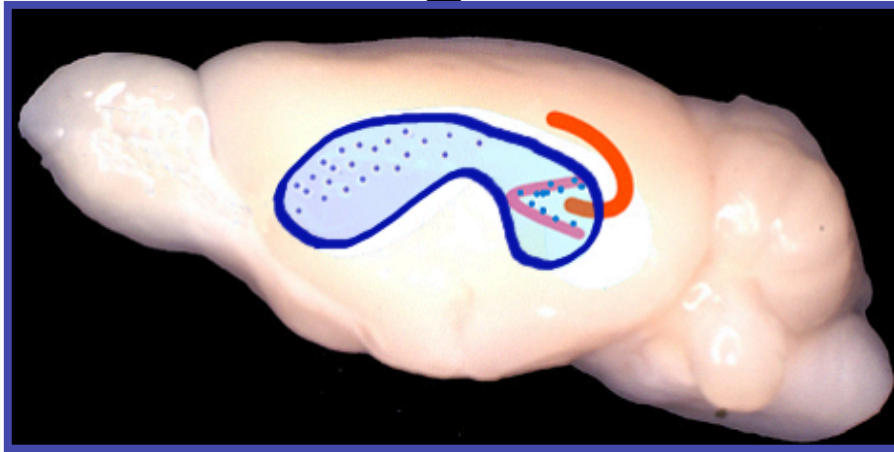
1980s Nottebohm Colleagues :
AVIAN BRAIN

1. production of new cells with thymidine labeling
2. new cells were neurons receiving synapses
3. neurons responded to sound with action potentials.



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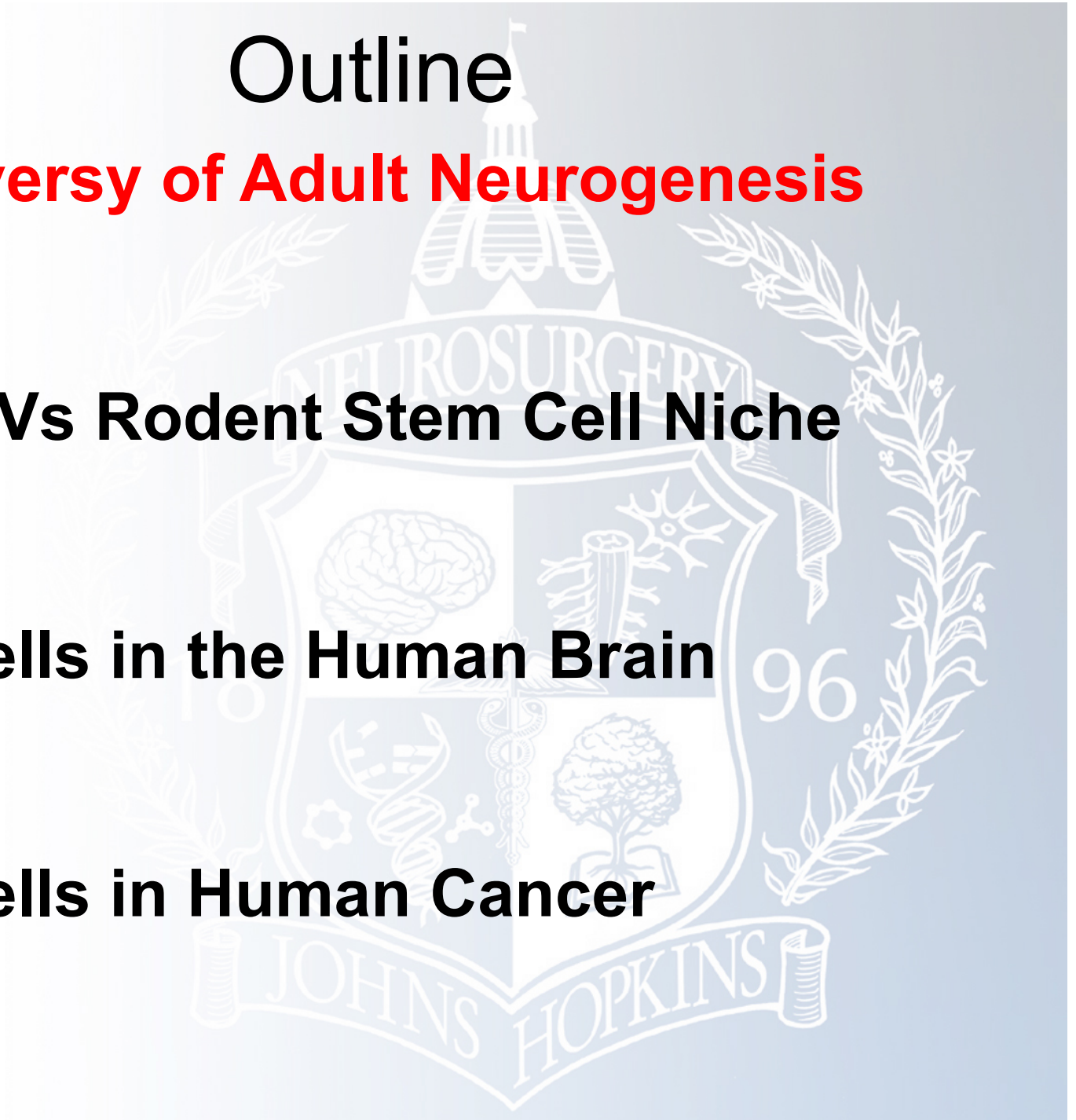


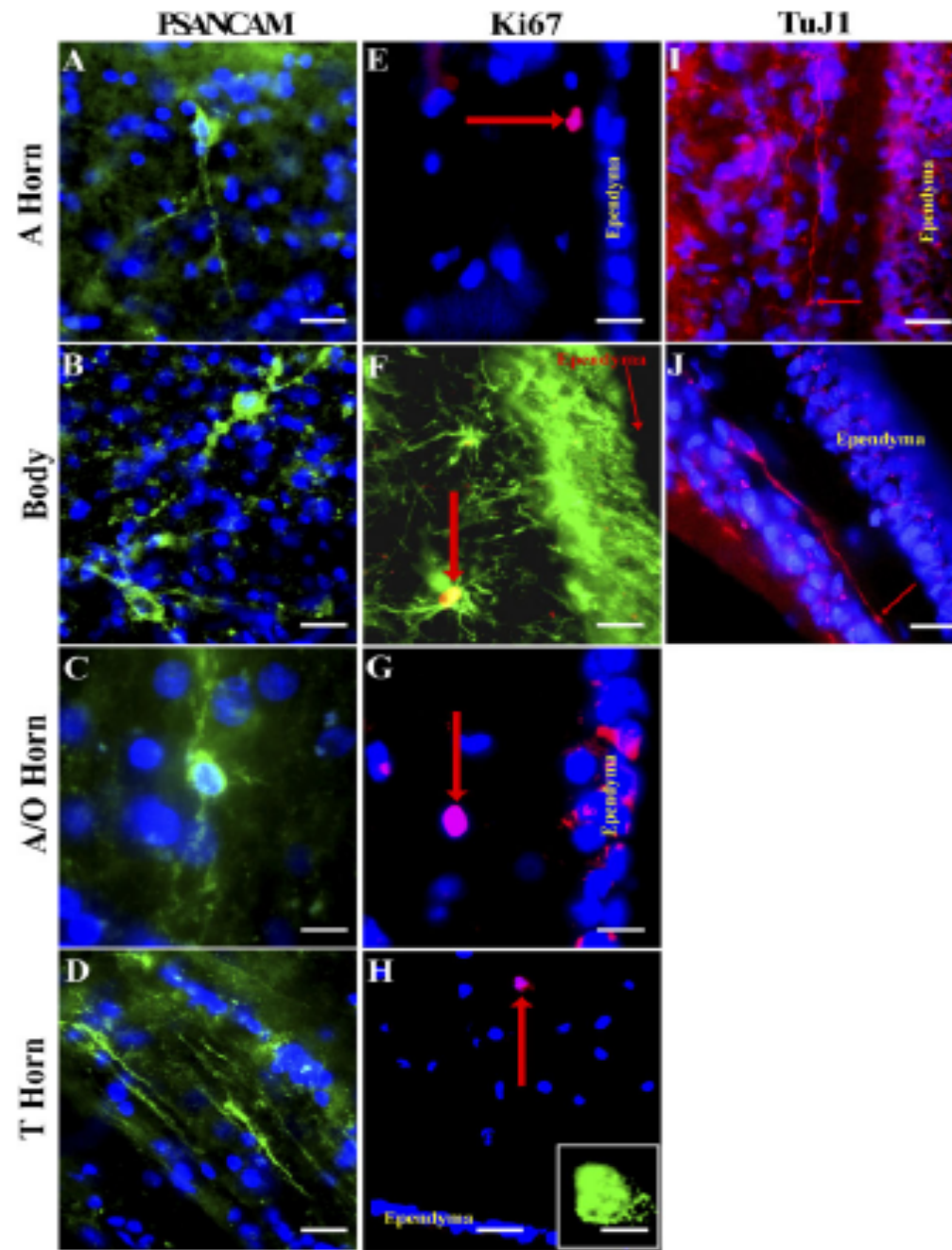
Hippocampal Dentate Gyrus Subventricular Zone (SVZ)

- **1997** Organization and Cytoarchitecture of Rodent SVZ
- **1999** Adult Neural Stem Cells in Rodents are Astrocytes

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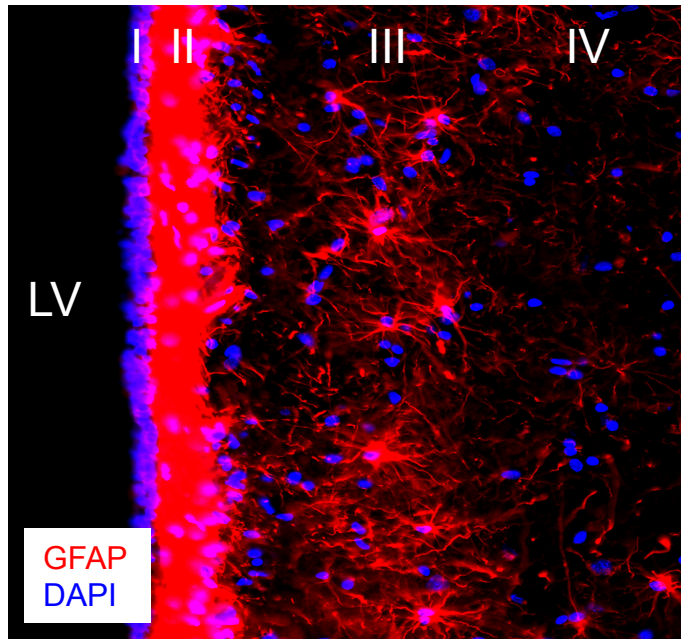
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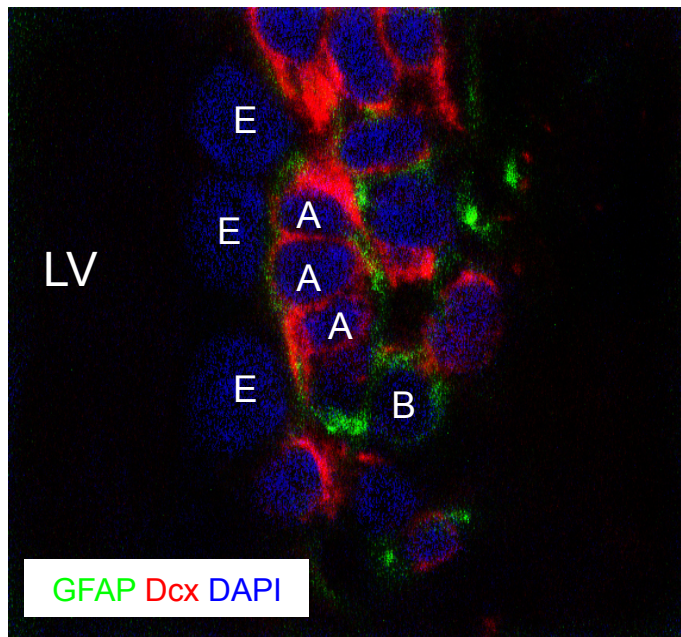


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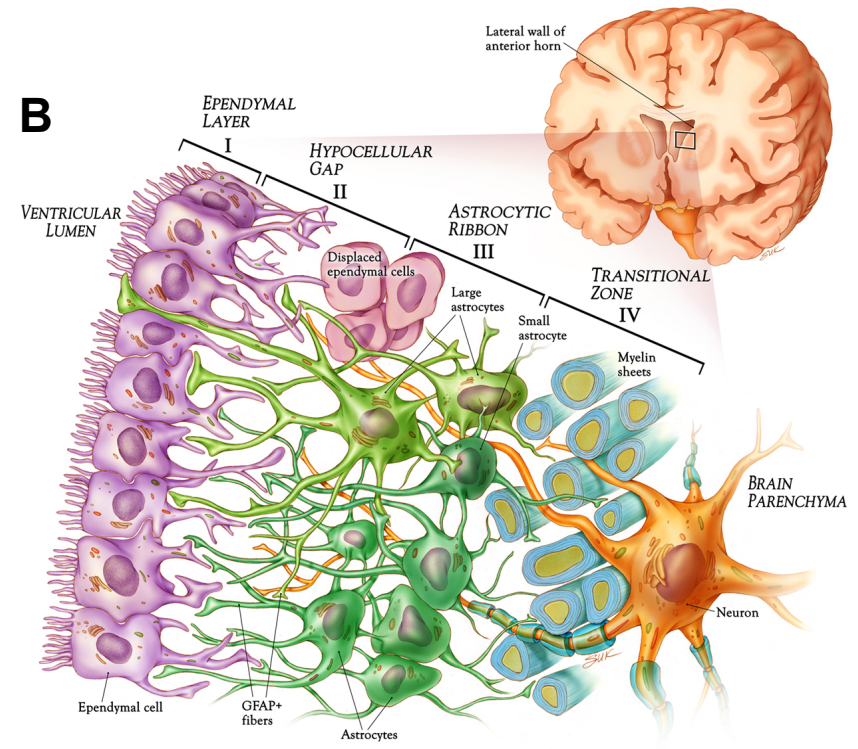
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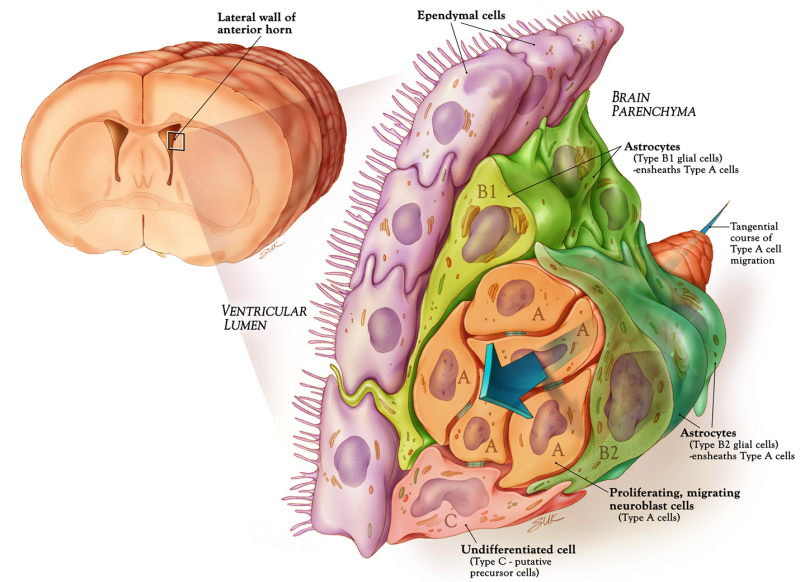
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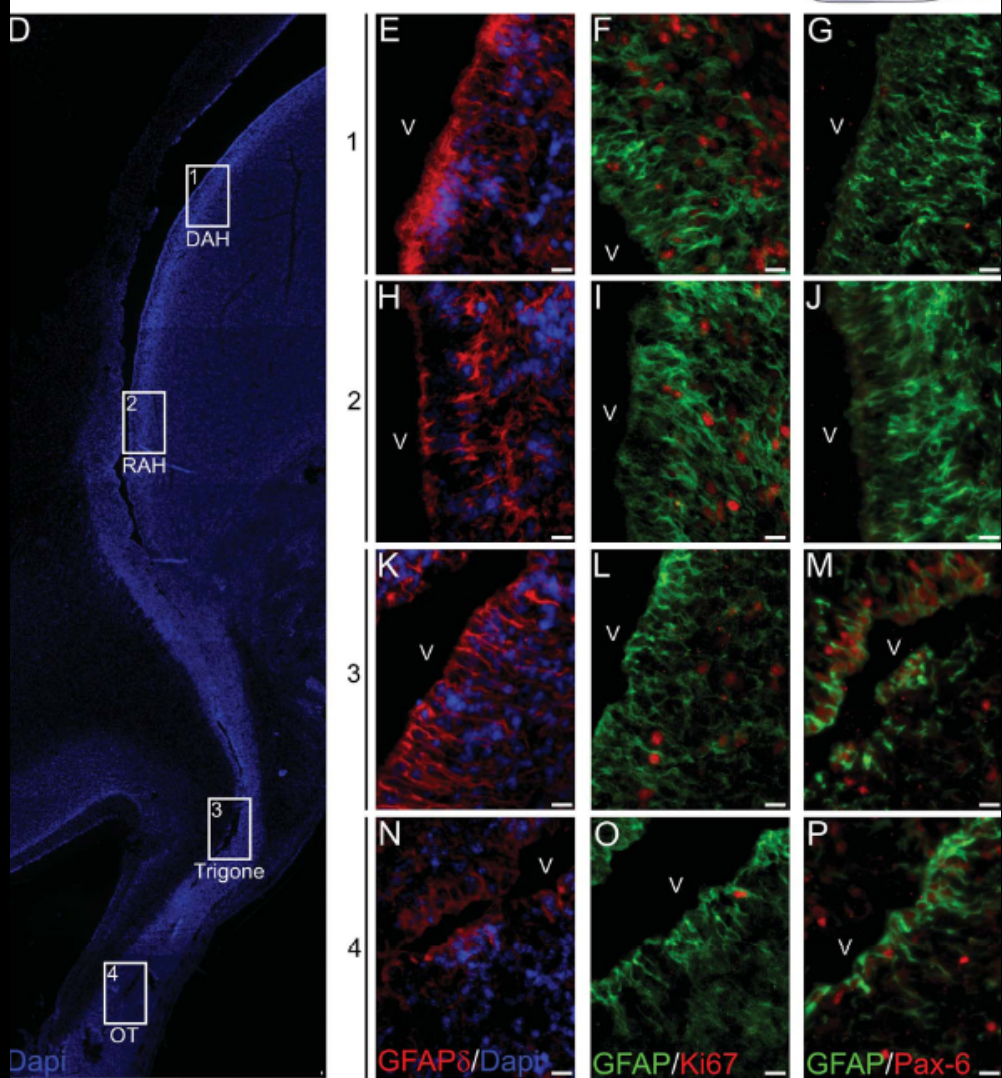
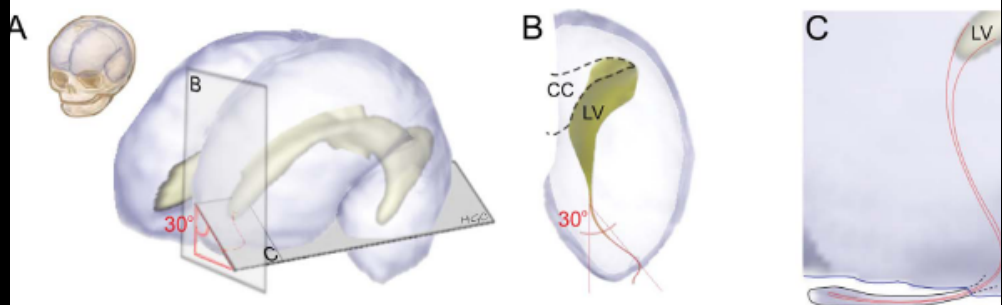


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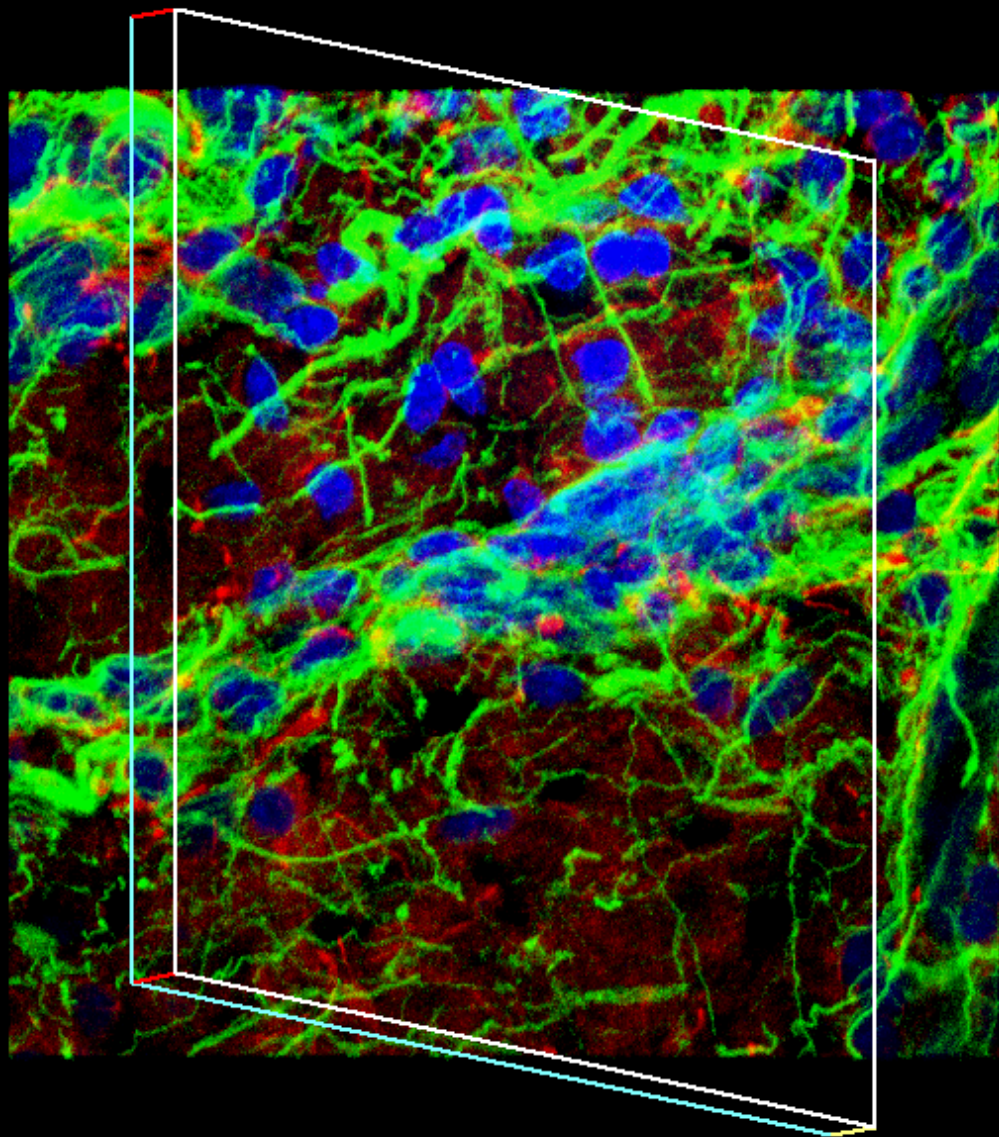


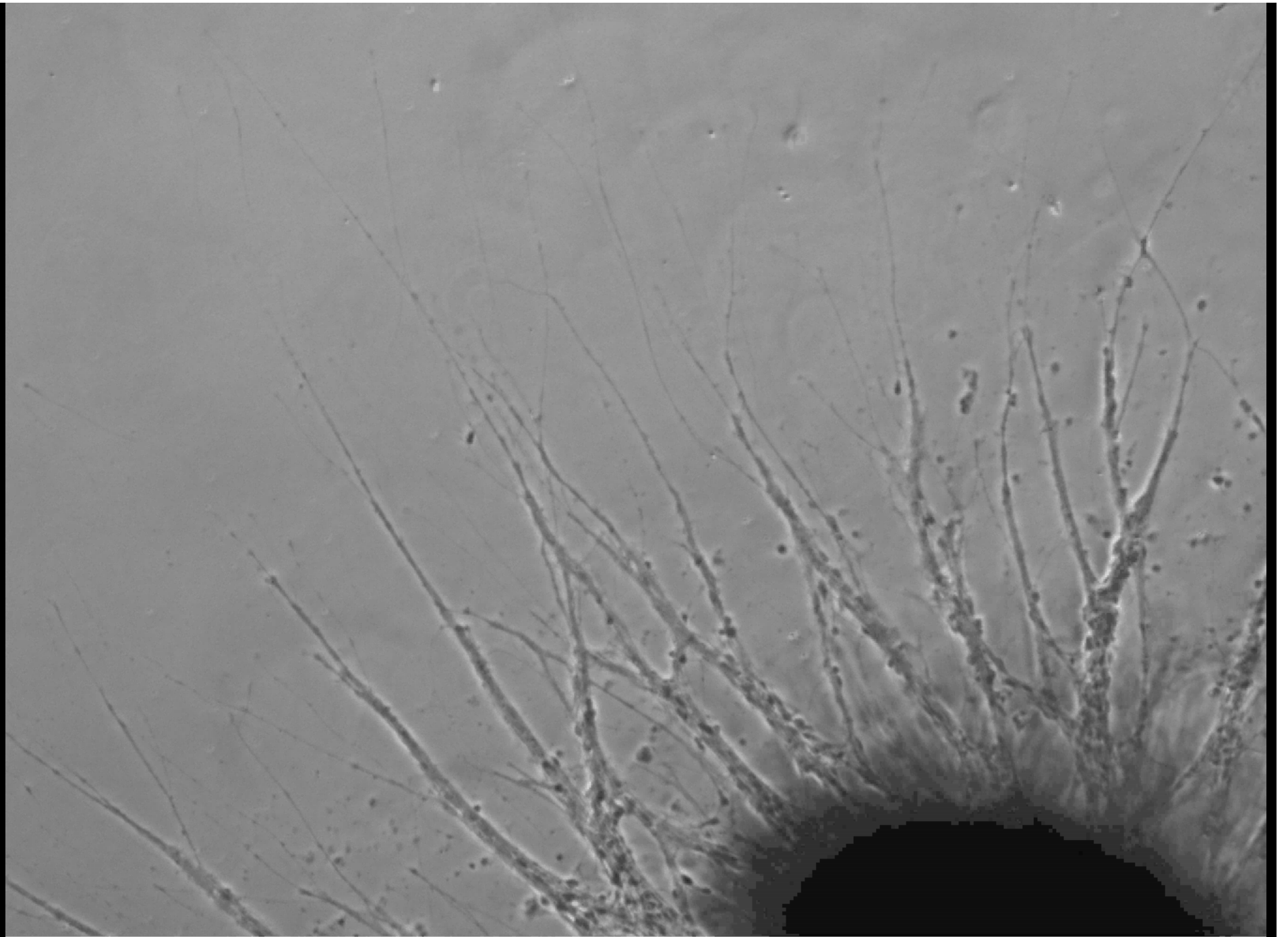
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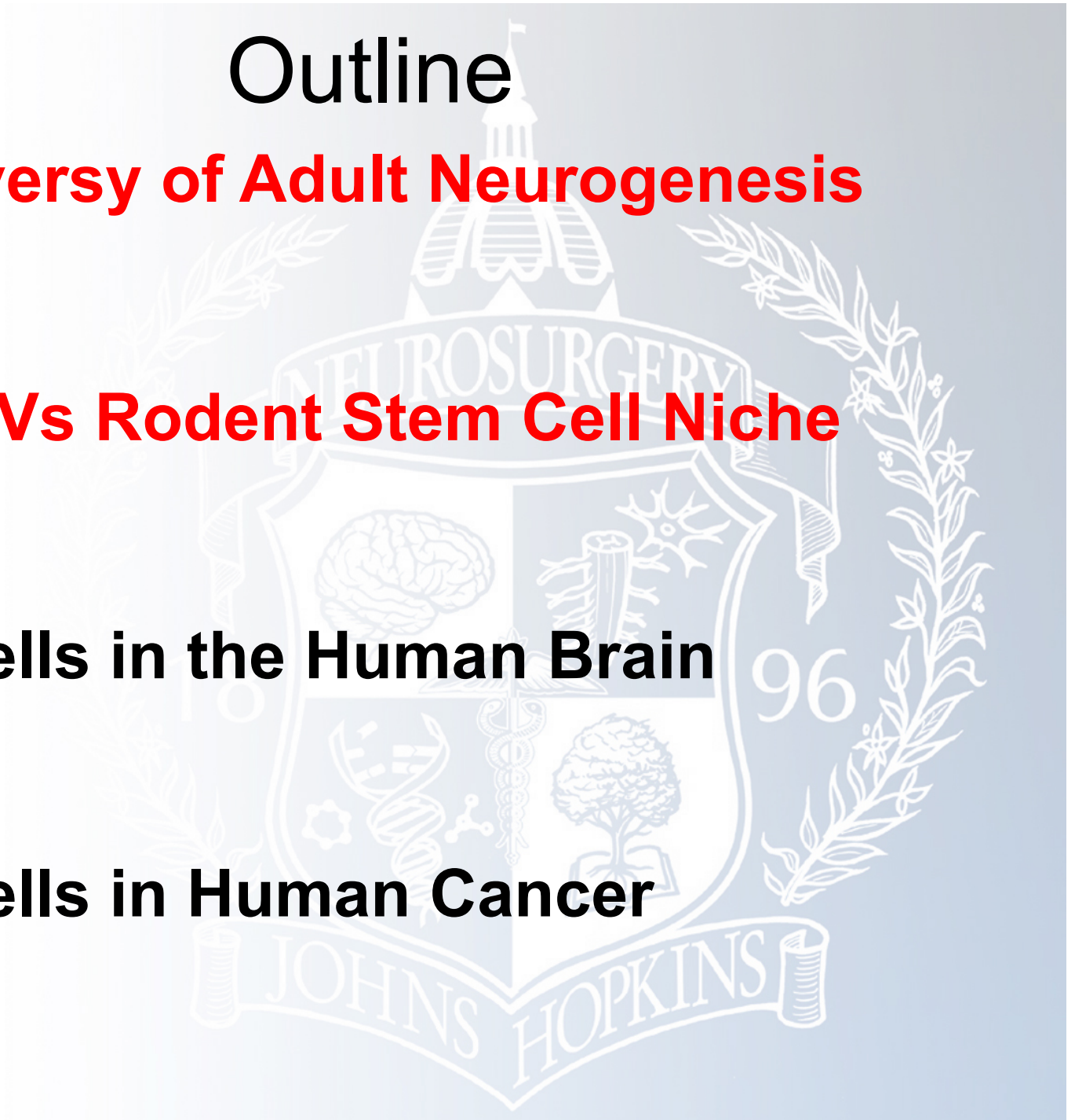
Guerrero-Cazares et al 2011





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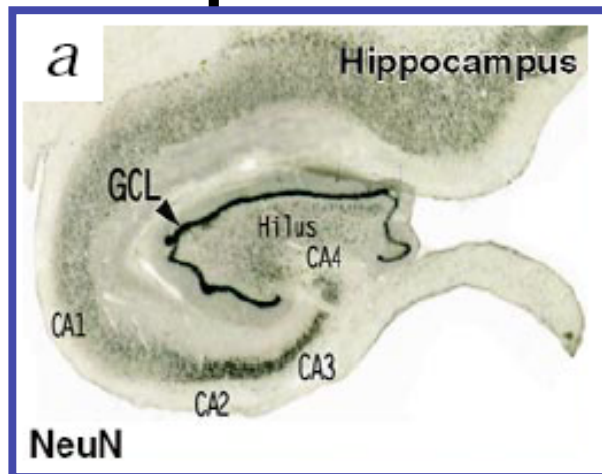


Adult Human Neural Stem Cells?

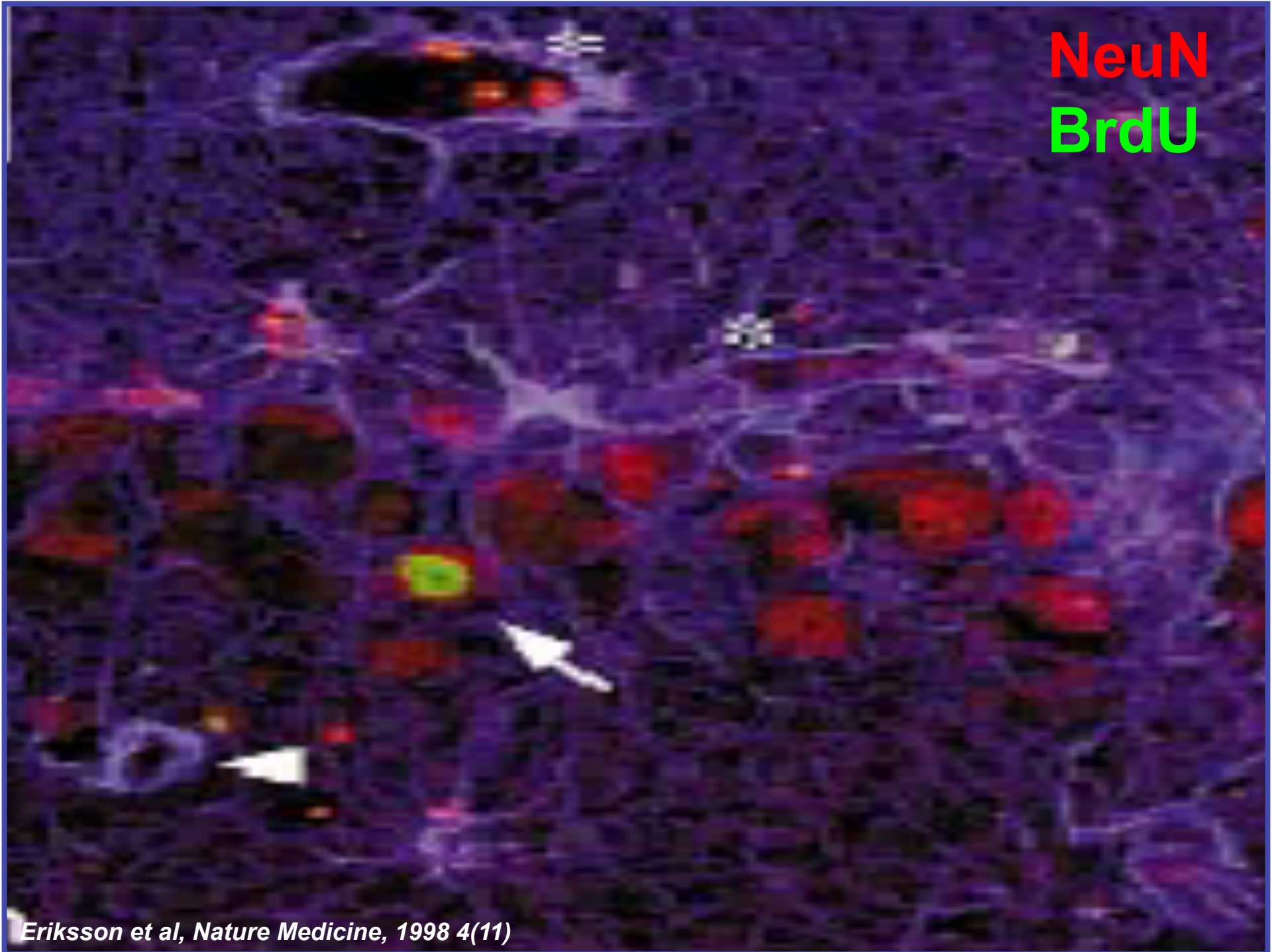
1994 Goldman et al: adult human neurogenesis from temporal horn SVZ *in vitro*

(Kirschenbaum et al. 1994, Cereb Cortex)

1998 Gage et al: *in vivo* neurogenesis in adult human hippocampus



NeuN
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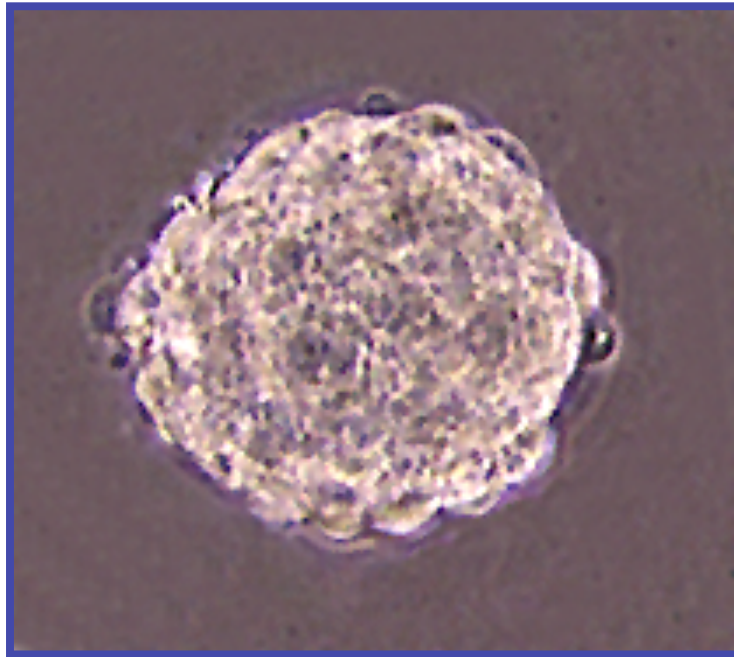


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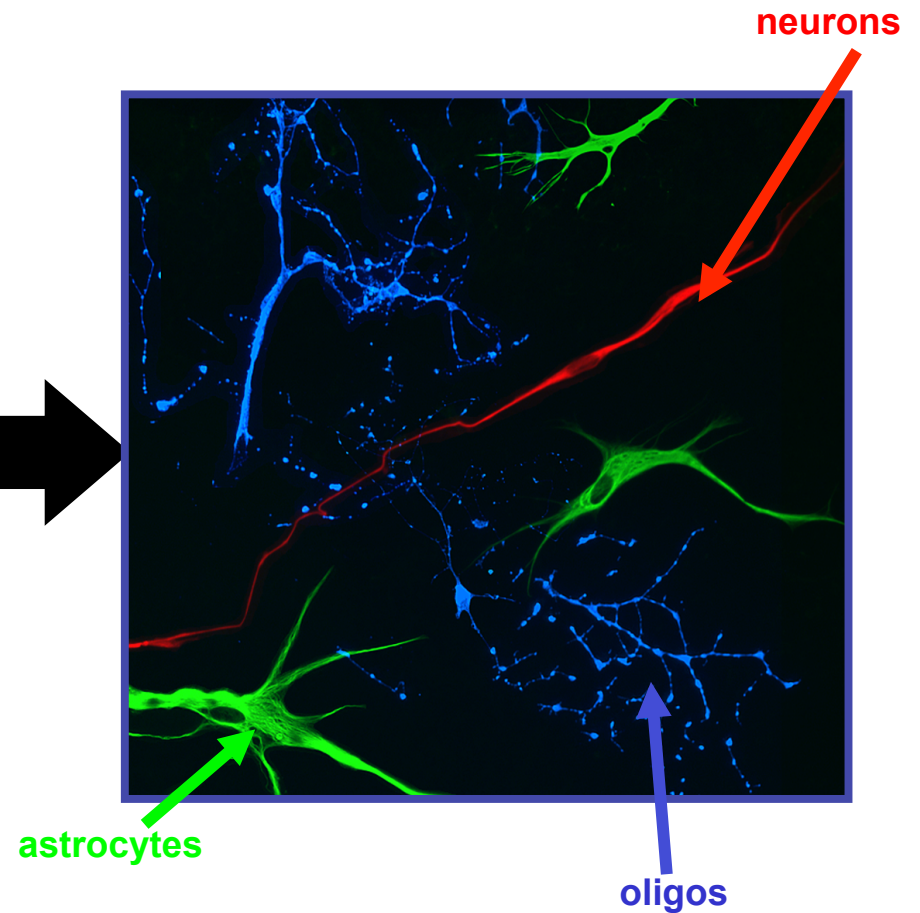
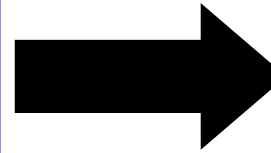
The Adult Human SVZ Contains Neural Stem Cells

- **SVZ Specimens:** 62.57 ± 7.46 neurospheres / well
- **Purified SVZ Astrocytes:** 109.29 ± 8.67 neurospheres / well
- **Cortex & Striatum:** no neurospheres

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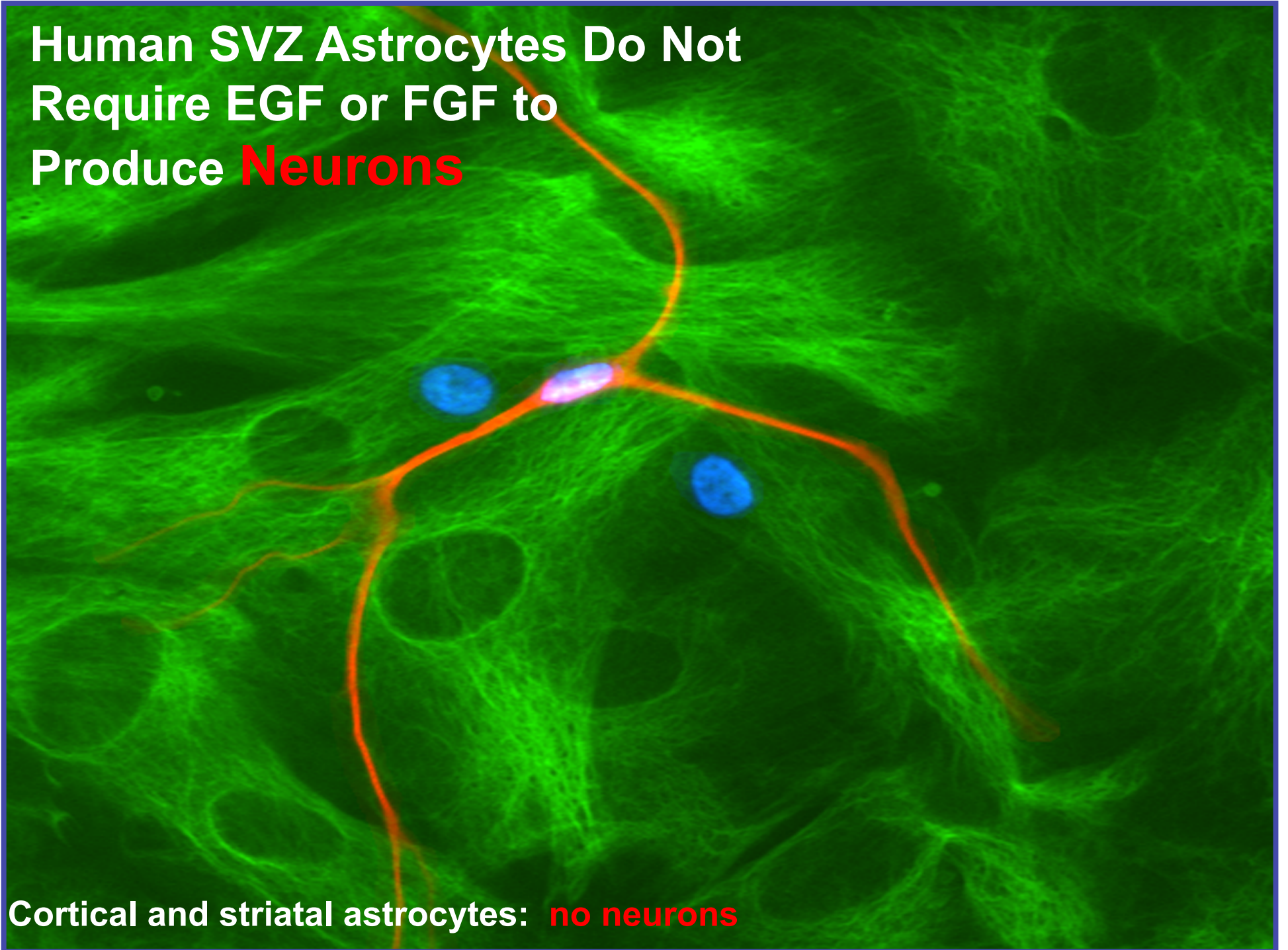


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Human SVZ Astrocytes Do Not
Require EGF or FGF to
Produce **Neurons**

Cortical and striatal astrocytes: **no neurons**



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The Assisi earthquake

Aftershocks were
fluid driven

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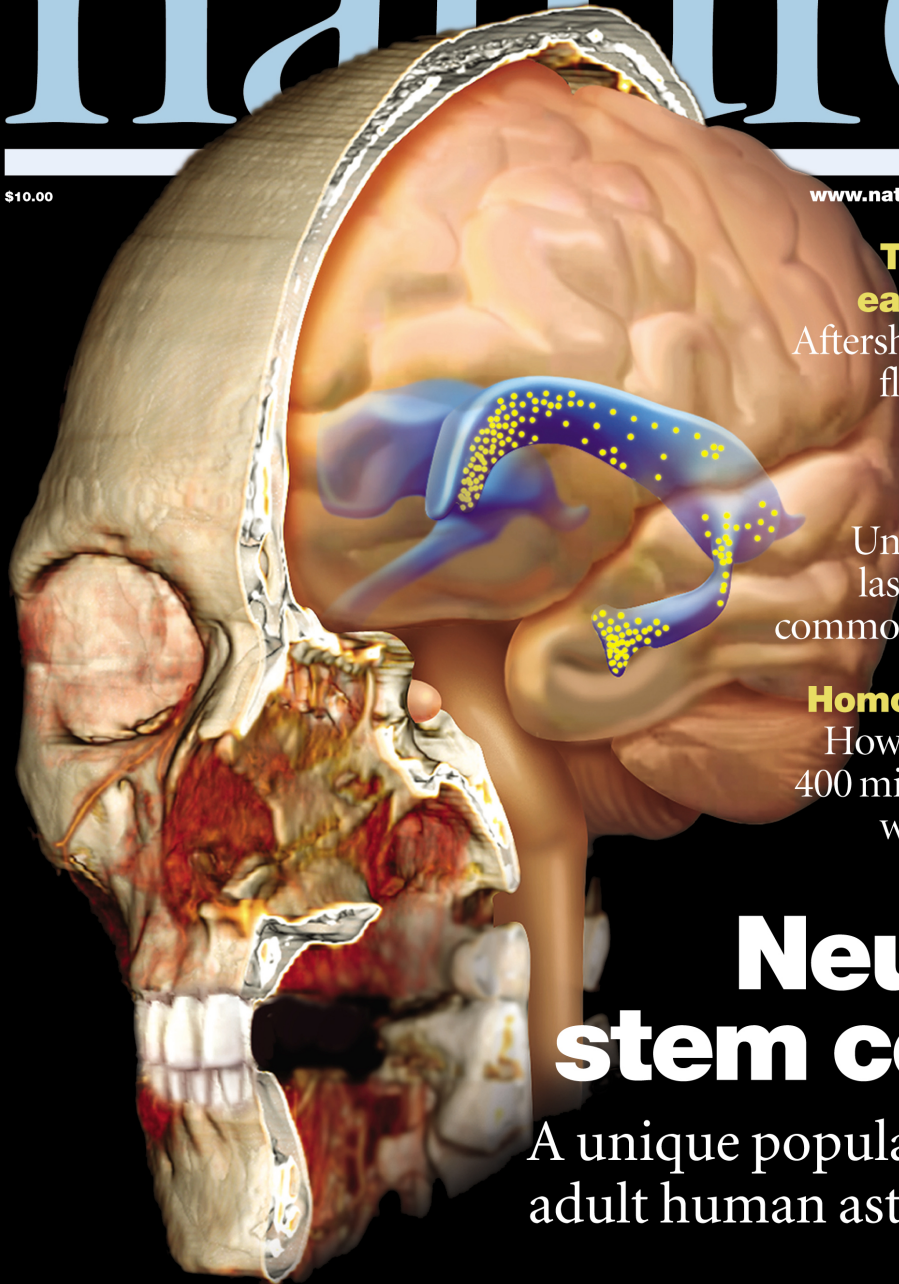
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Homokaryosis

How to survive
400 million years
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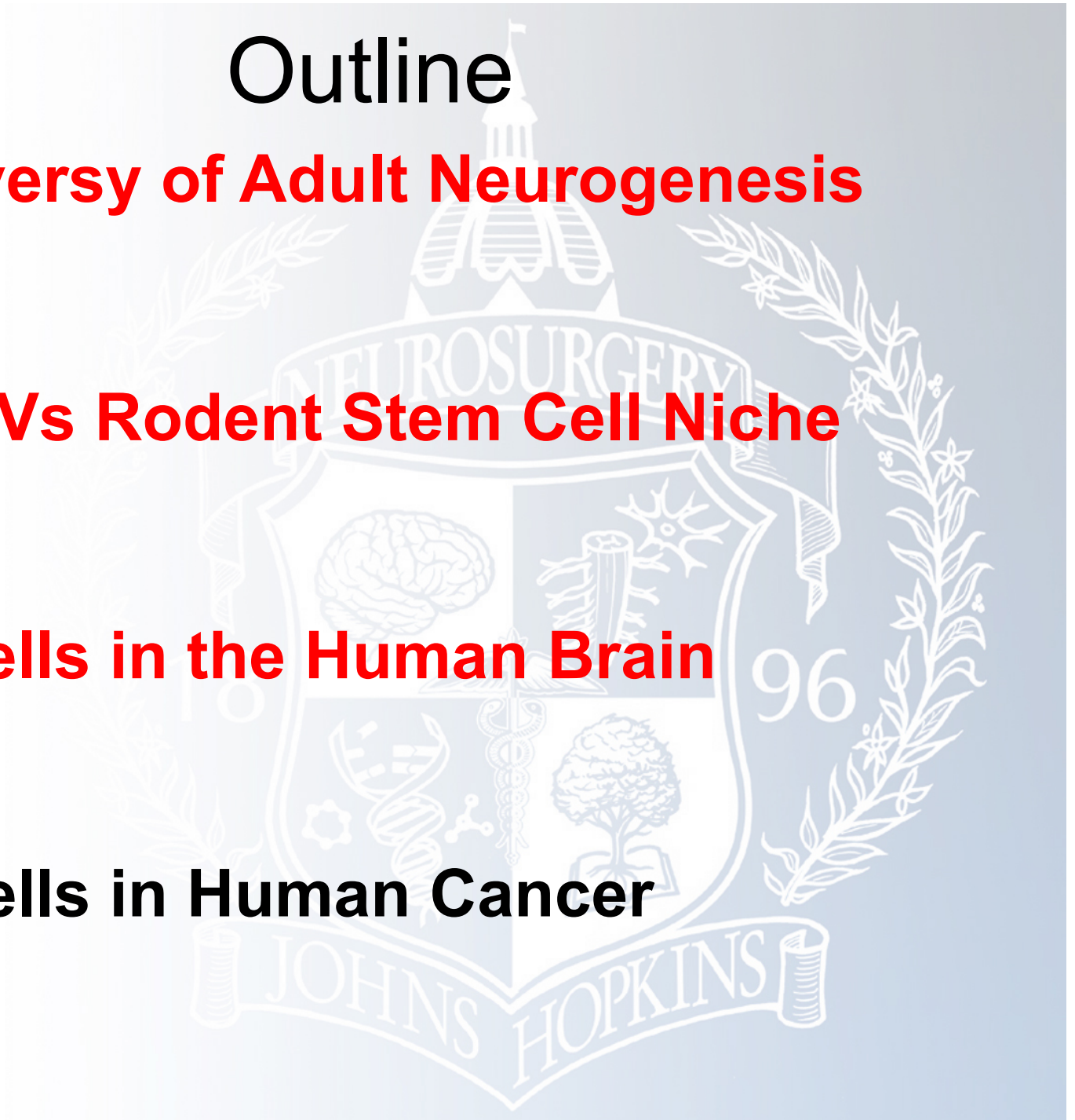
Neural stem cells

A unique population of
adult human astrocytes



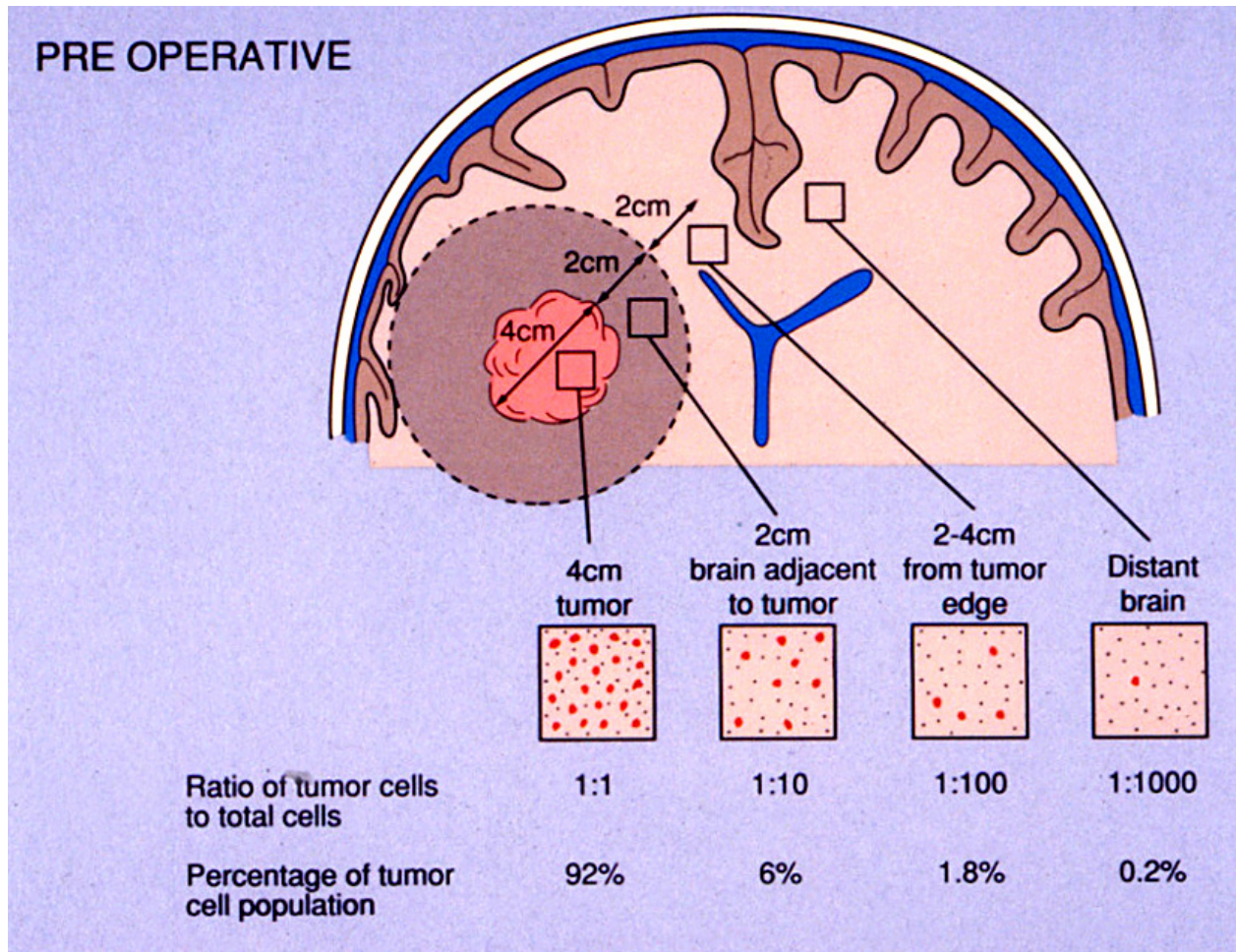
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Intraaxial tumors:

- LGG: JPA, Astrocytoma, oligodendroglioma
- HGG: Grade III Astrocytoma, Anaplastic Oligodendroglioma, GBM



At diagnosis $10^8 - 10^{10}$ cells

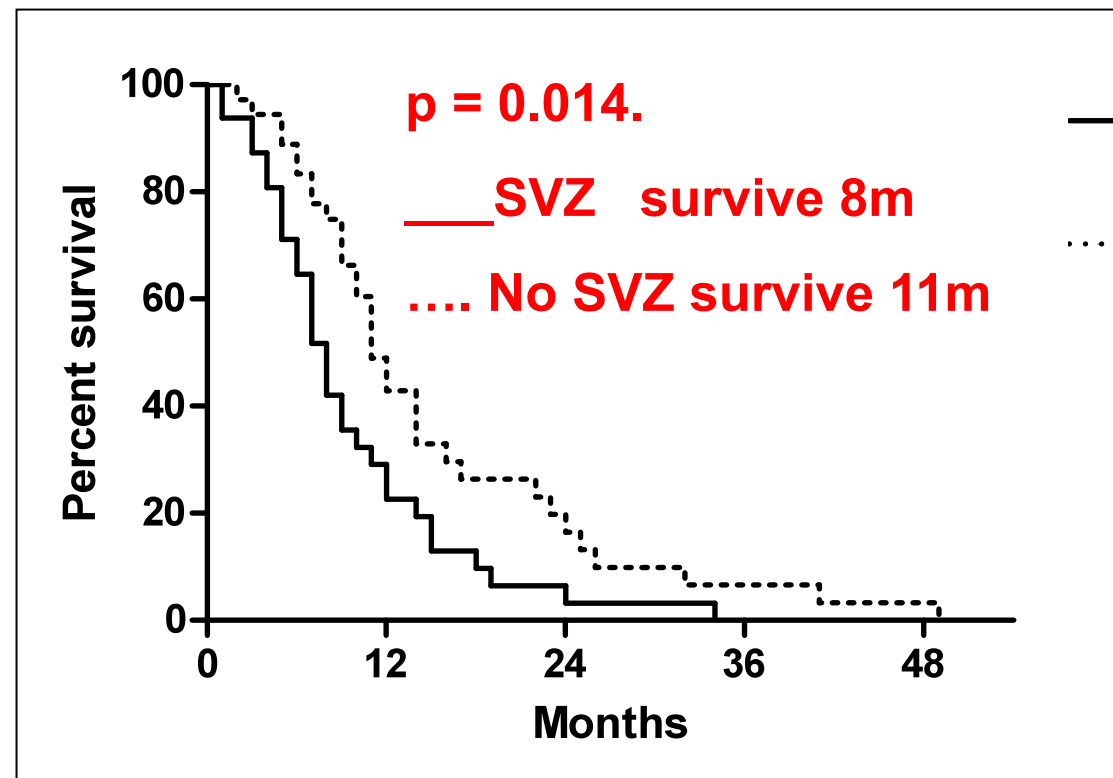
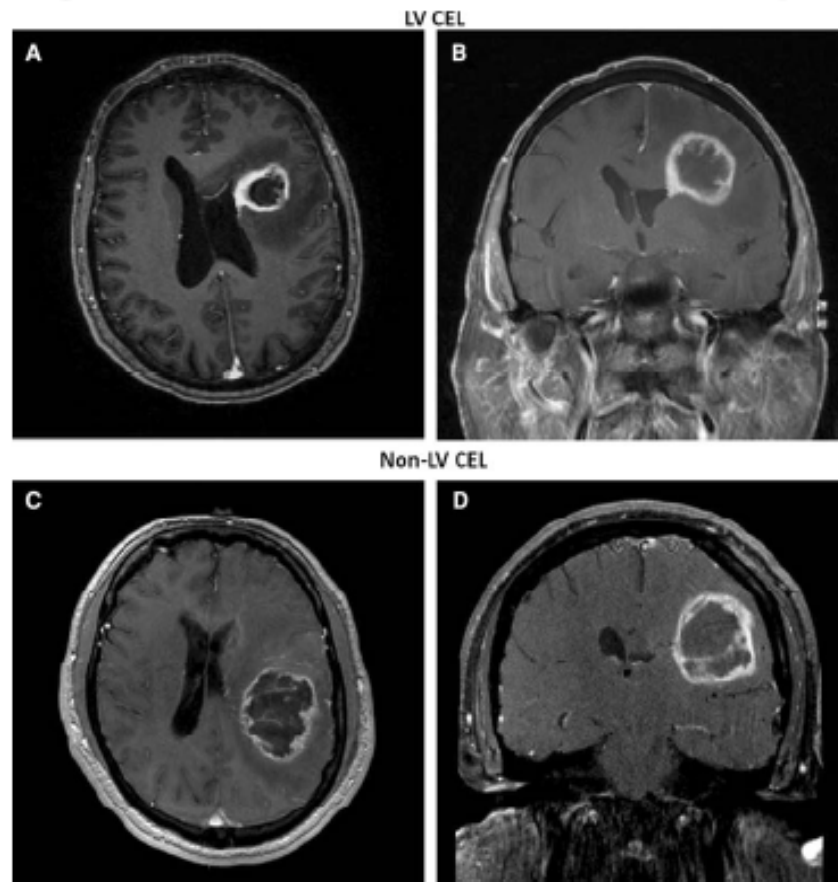
Malignant Glioma Epidemiology

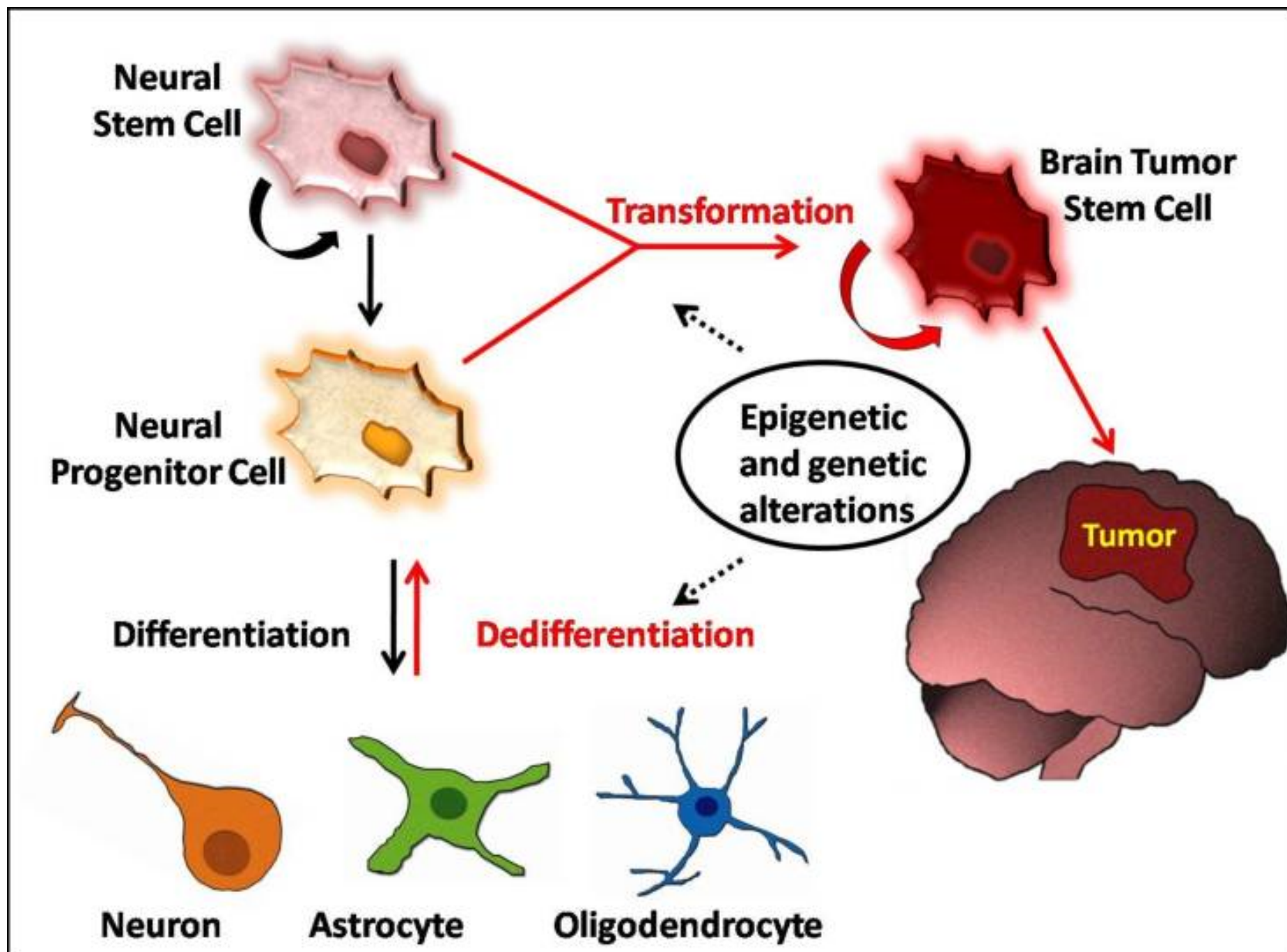
- Approximately 20,500 people in the US are diagnosed with cancer of the brain and nervous system annually
 - About 12,740 patients die annually as a result of these malignant tumors

CLINICAL-PATIENT STUDIES

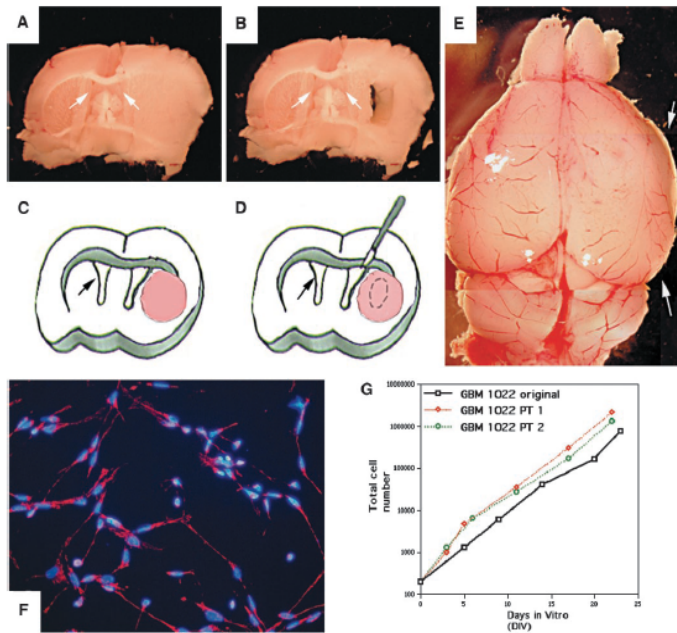
Relationship of glioblastoma multiforme to the lateral ventricles predicts survival following tumor resection

Kaisorn L. Chaichana · Matthew J. McGirt · James Frazier · Frank Attenello ·
Hugo Guerrero-Cazares · Alfredo Quinones-Hinojosa





Brain Tumor Stem Cells



Galli et al.

Cancer Res, 2004

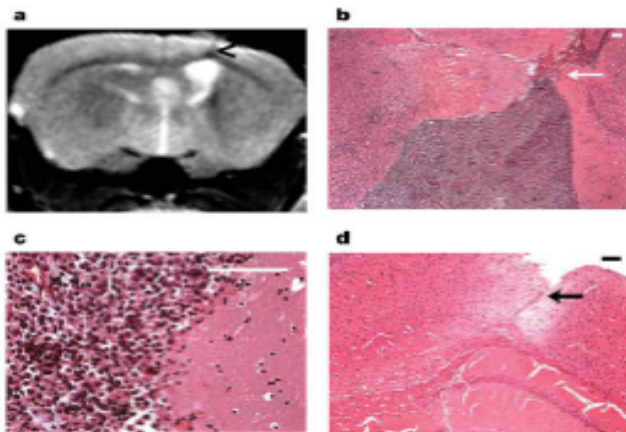
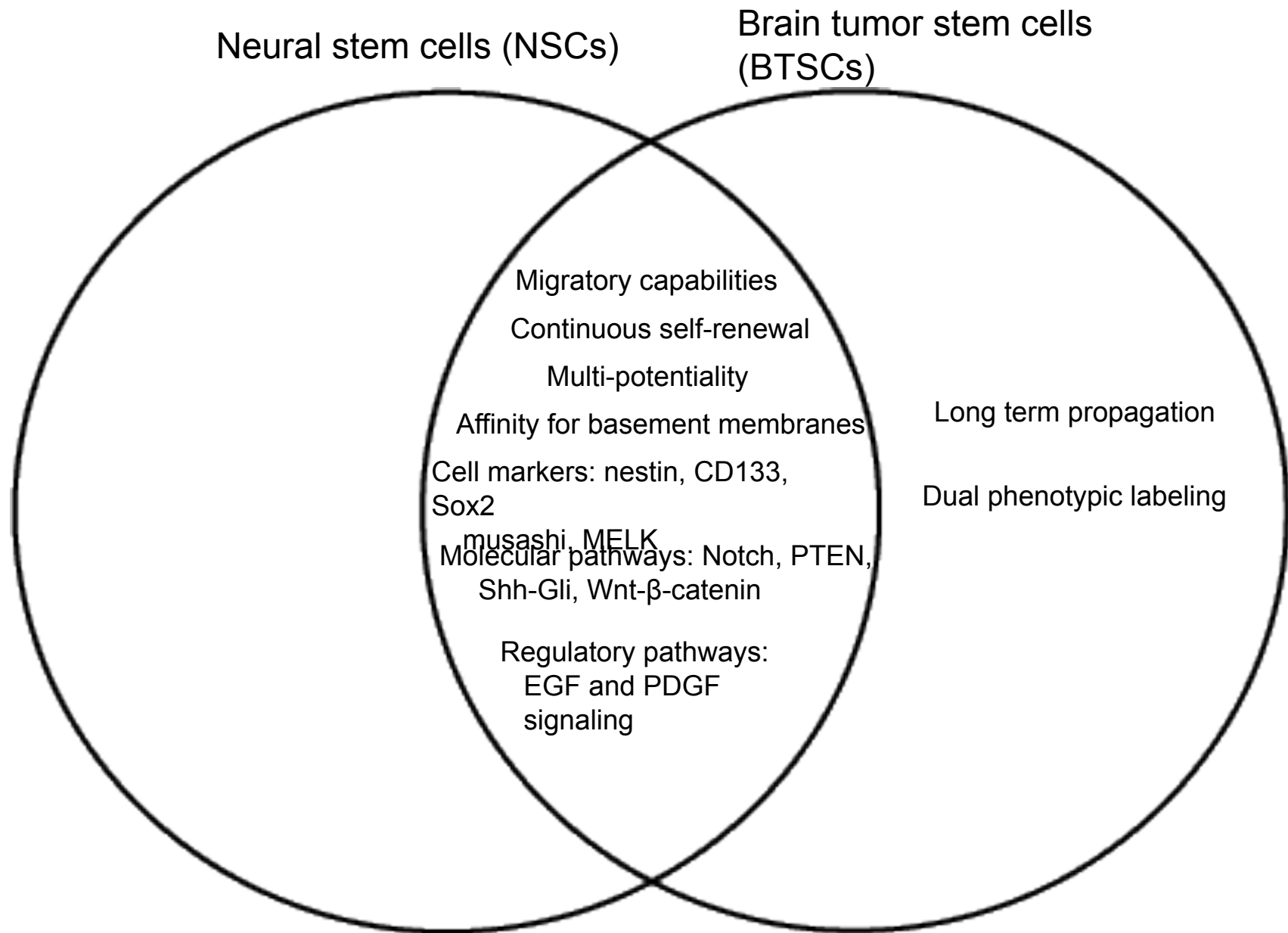


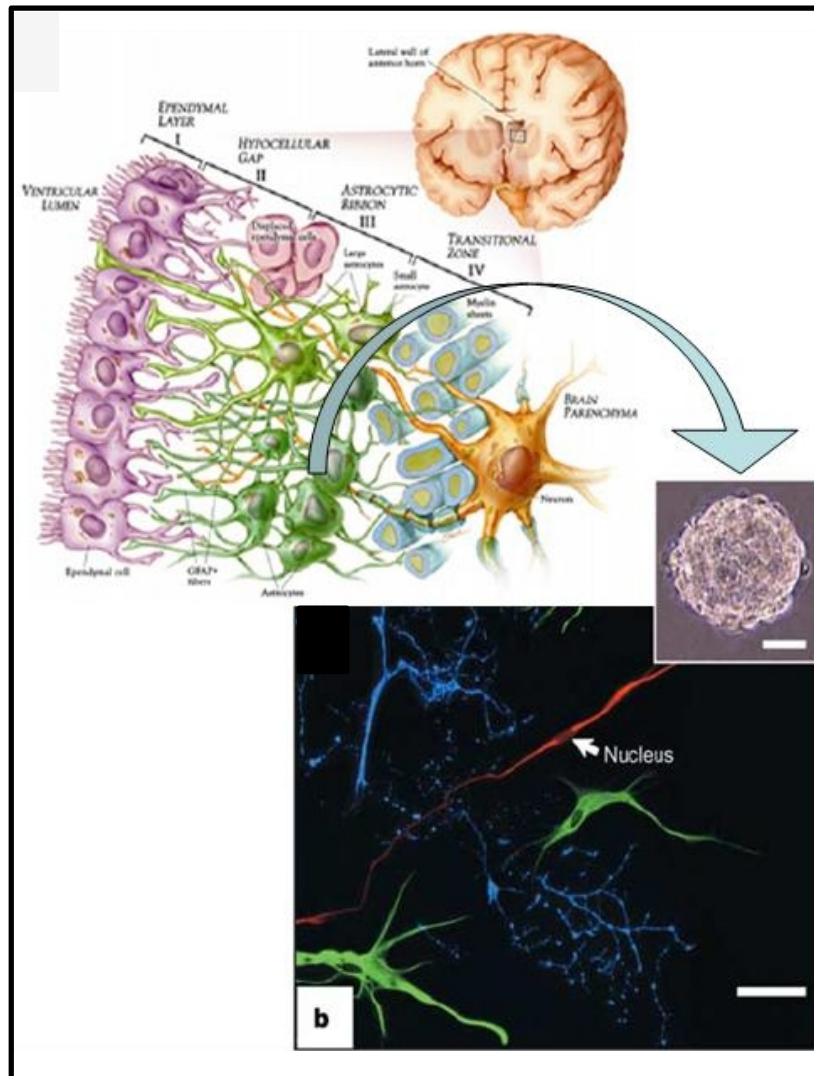
Figure 1 CD133⁺ tumour cells initiate tumours upon intracranial transplantation into the adult NOD-SCID mouse forebrain. a, Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scan of a mouse injected with 1,000 CD133⁺ medulloblastoma cells shows an enhancing mass under the injection tract (arrowheads) 14 weeks post-injection. b, c, Low (b) and high (c) magnification histological sections of the xenograft show a highly cellular mass below the injection site (white arrow in b). d, Histological section of mouse brain injected with CD133⁻ medulloblastoma cells shows the injection tract (black arrow), but no tumour formation. Scale bar on all panels represents 100 microns.

Singh et al.

Nature, 2004

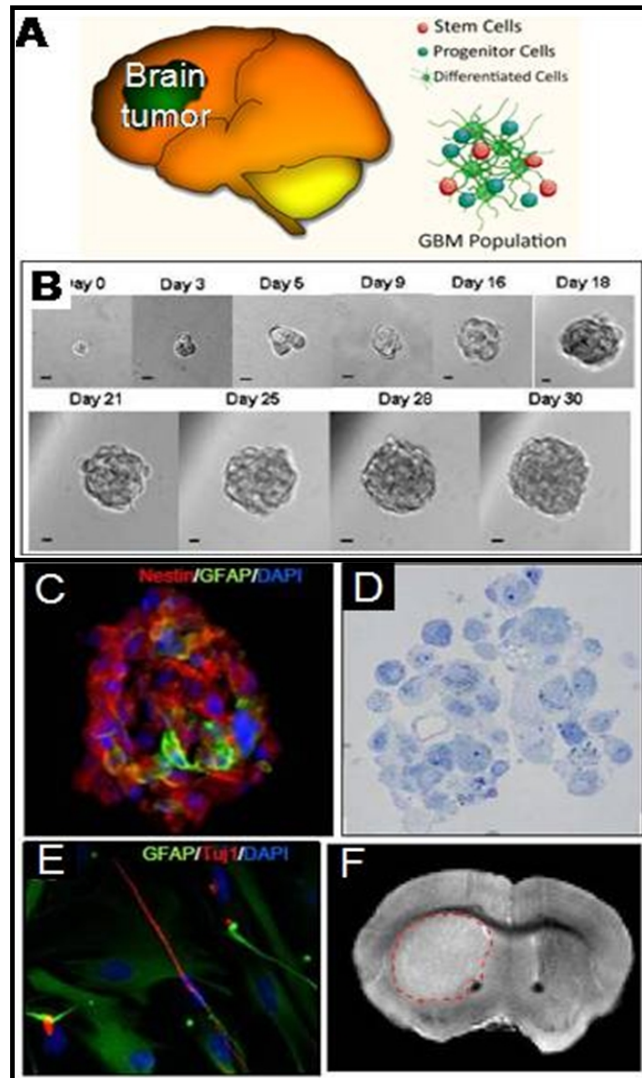


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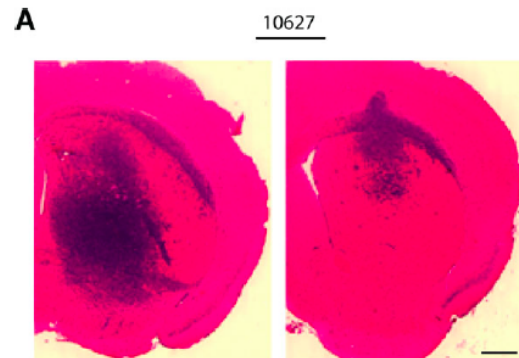
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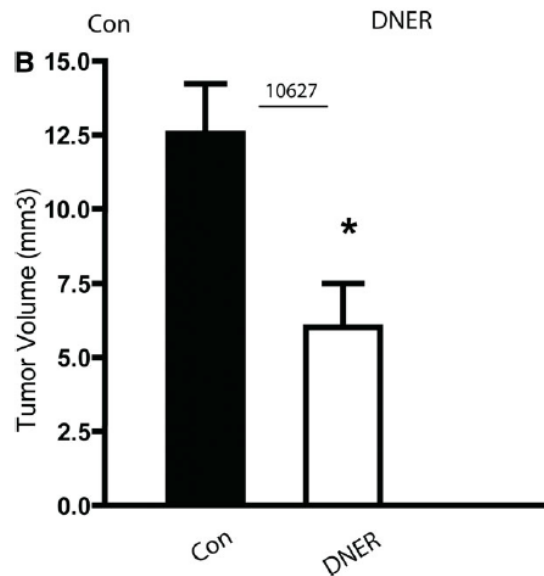
***DNER*, an Epigenetically Modulated Gene, Regulates Glioblastoma-Derived Neurosphere Cell Differentiation and Tumor Propagation**

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DNER, Delta/Notch-like epidermal growth factor-related receptor

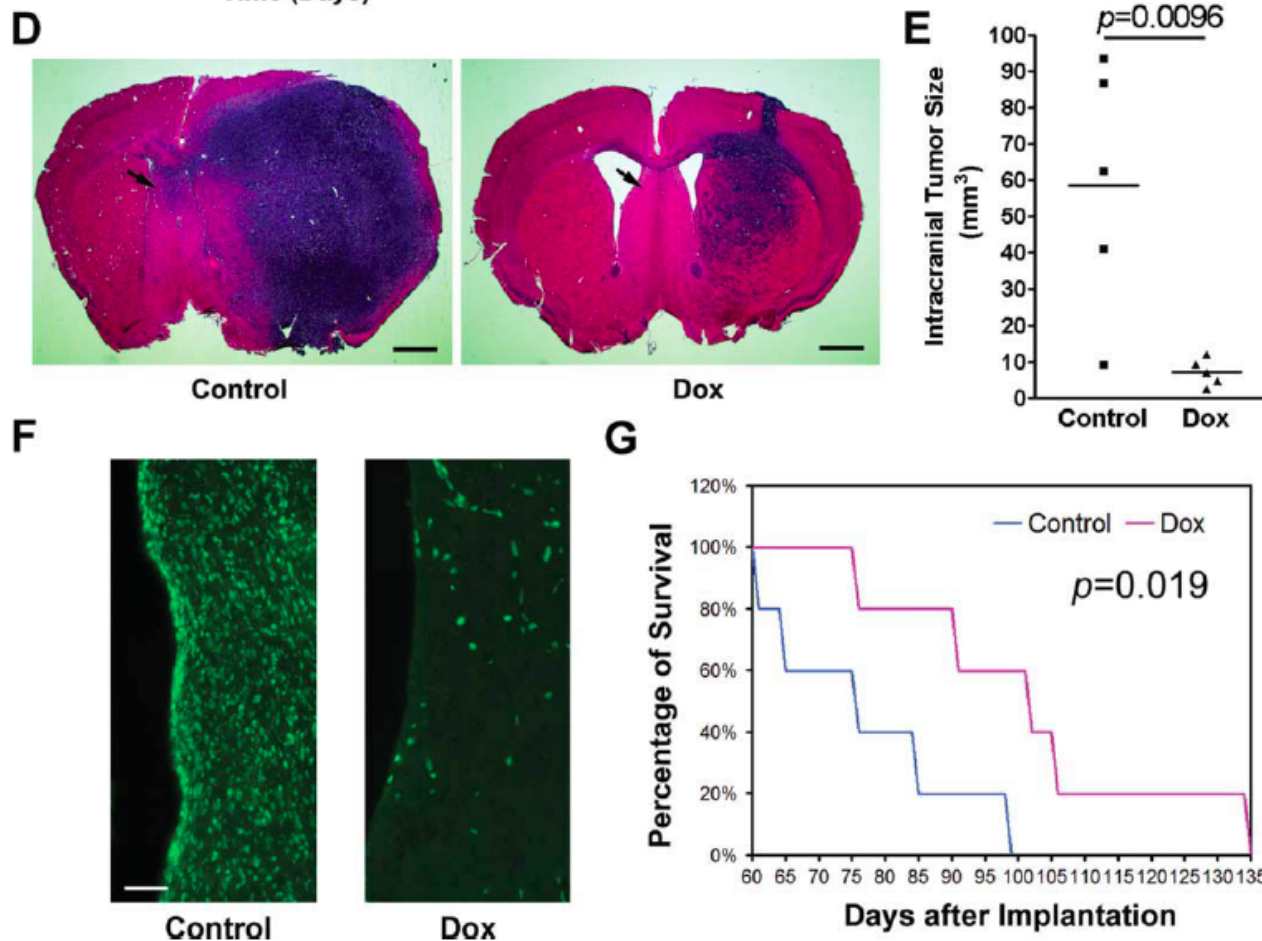
derived from GBM neurospheres.



CANCER STEM CELLS

Krüppel-Like Family of Transcription Factor 9, a Differentiation-Associated Transcription Factor, Suppresses Notch1 Signaling and Inhibits Glioblastoma-Initiating Stem Cells

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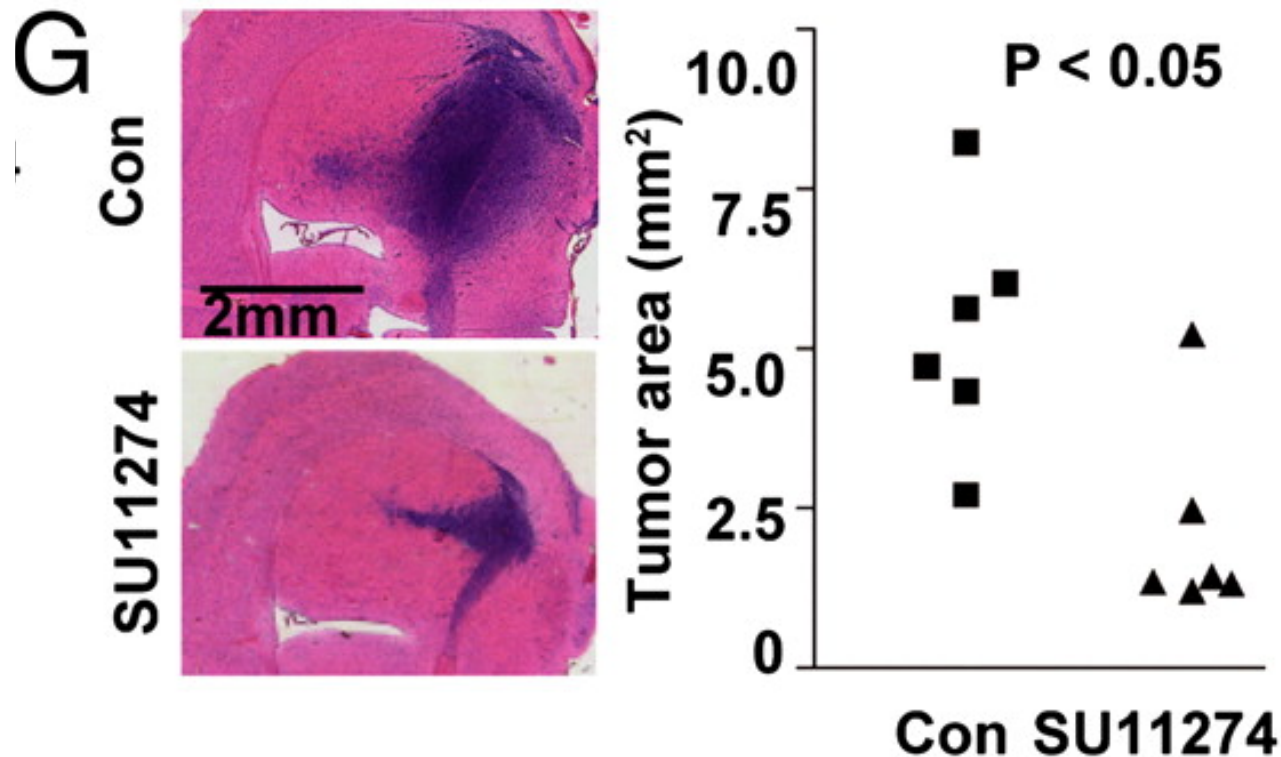


c-Met signaling induces a reprogramming network and supports the glioblastoma stem-like phenotype

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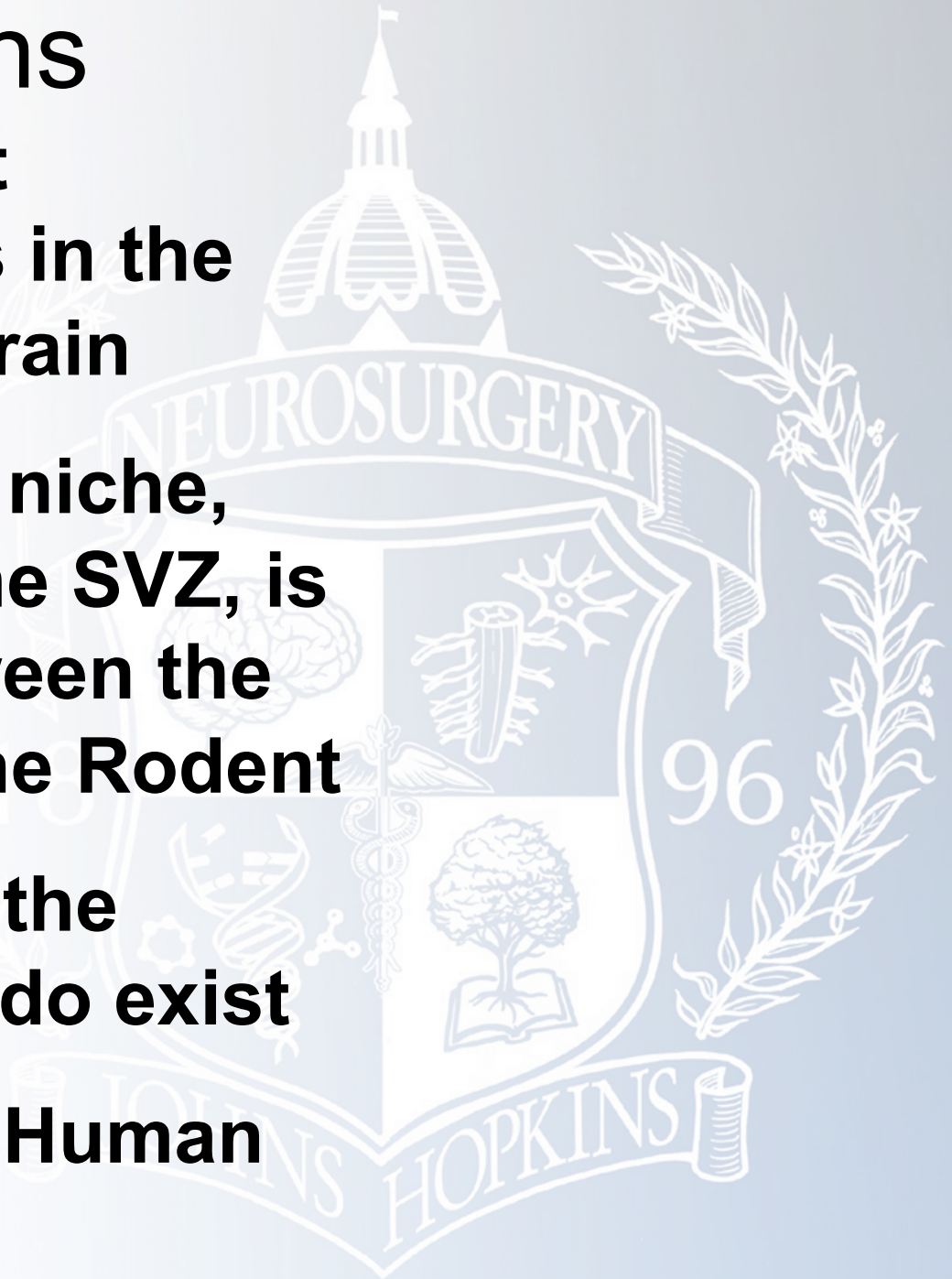
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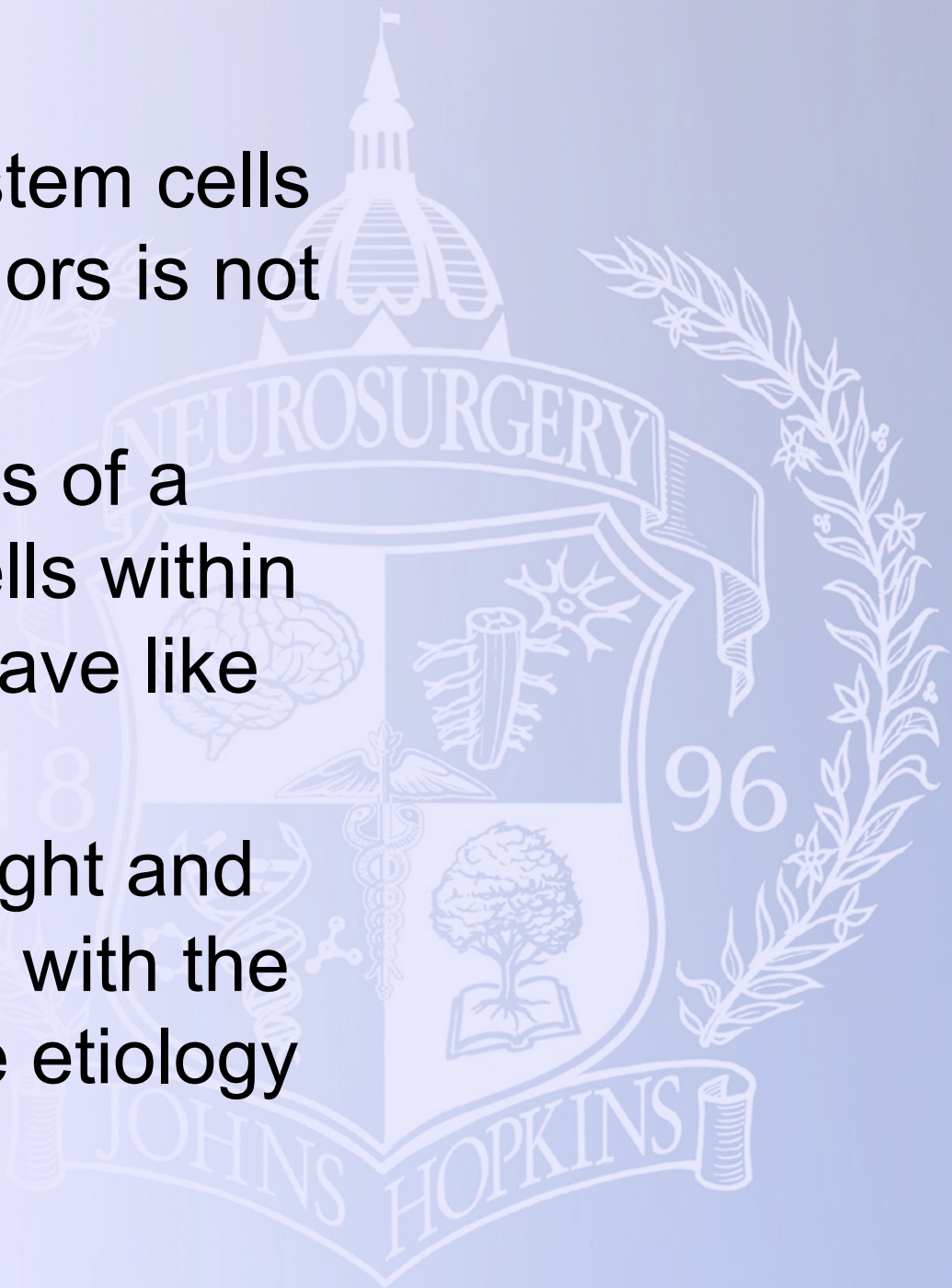


Conclusions

- **There is Adult Neurogenesis in the mammalian brain**
- **The stem cell niche, specifically the SVZ, is different between the Human and the Rodent**
- **Stem Cells in the Human Brain do exist**
- **Stem Cells in Human Cancer**



- Whether neural stem cells give rise to tumors is not known
- What is known is of a population of cells within tumors that behave like stem cells
- The future is bright and we will continue with the quest to find the etiology of brain tumors



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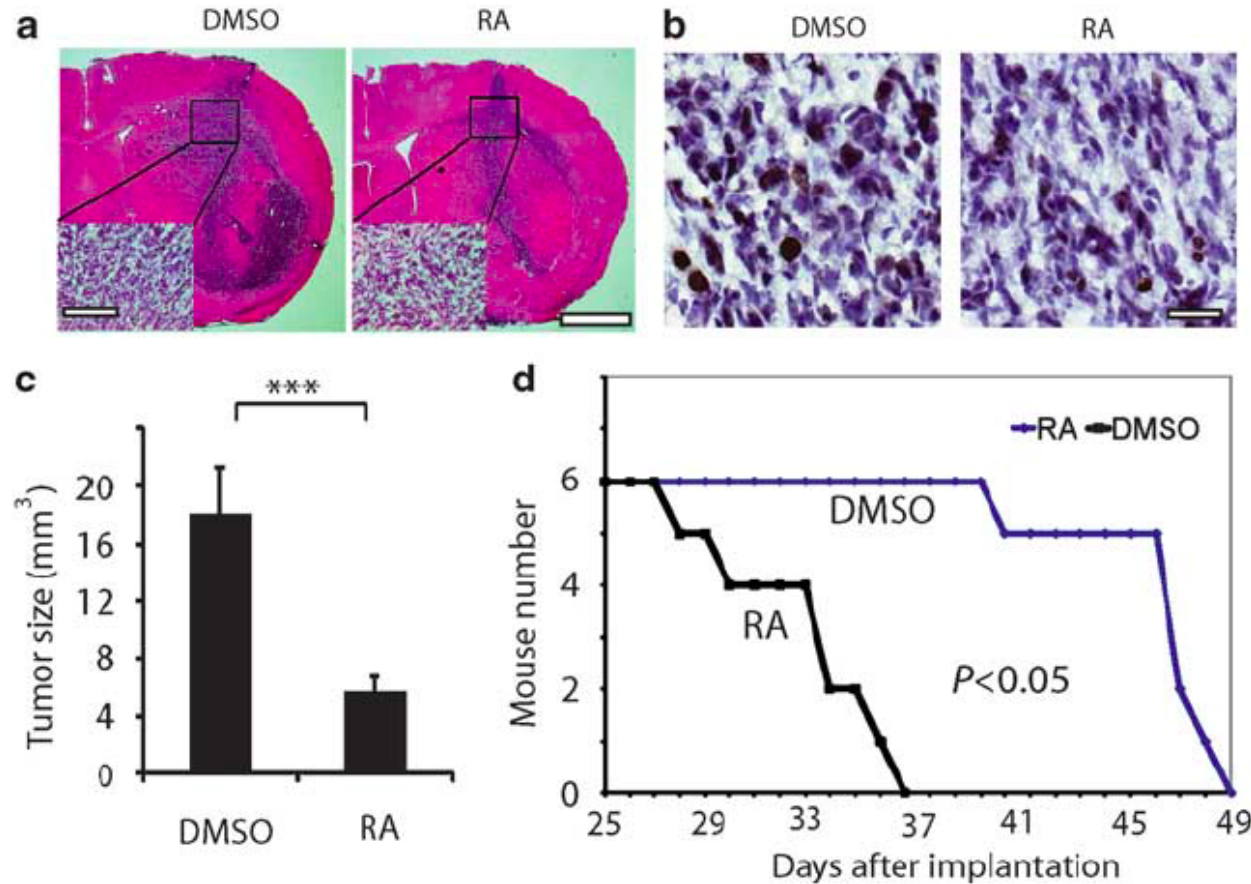


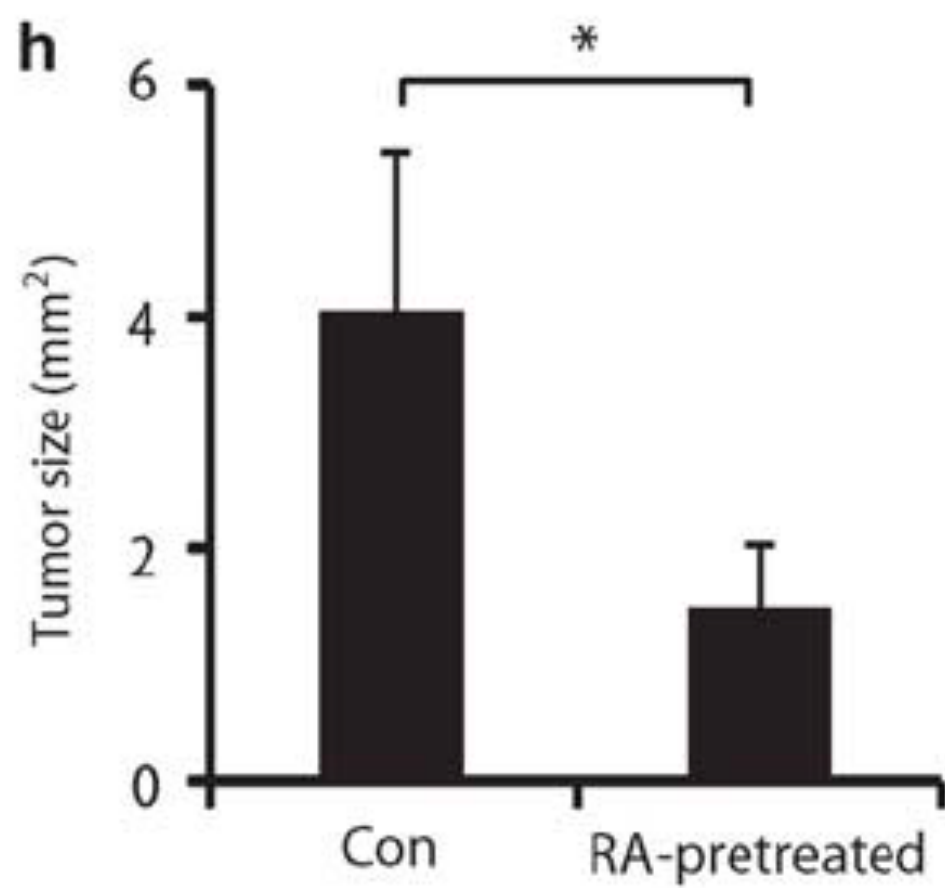
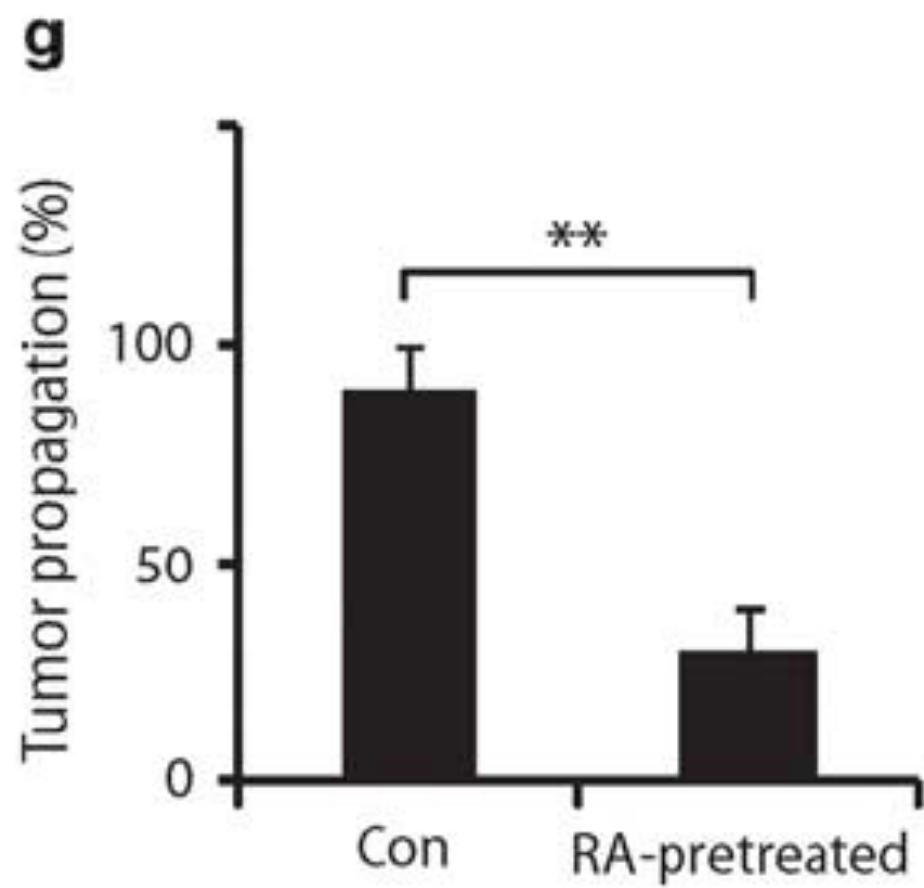


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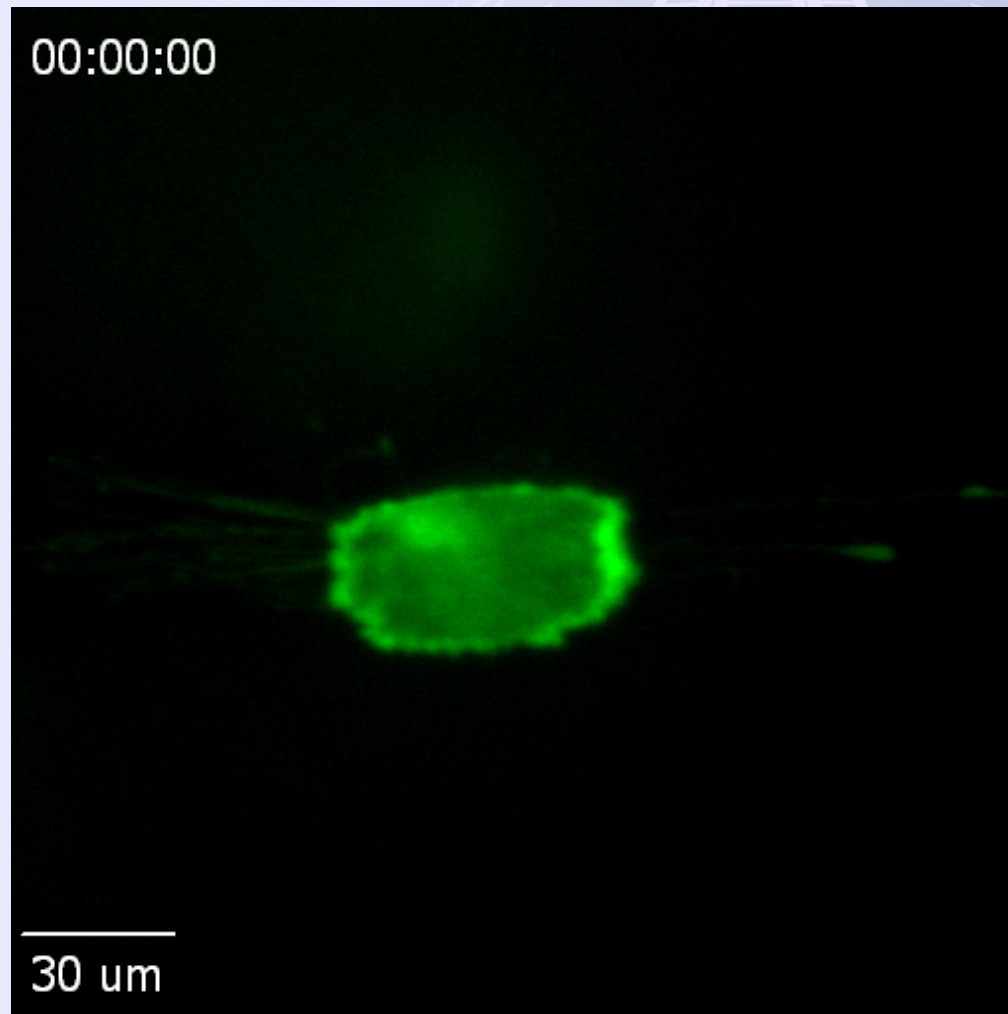
Regulation of glioblastoma stem cells by retinoic acid: role for Notch pathway inhibition

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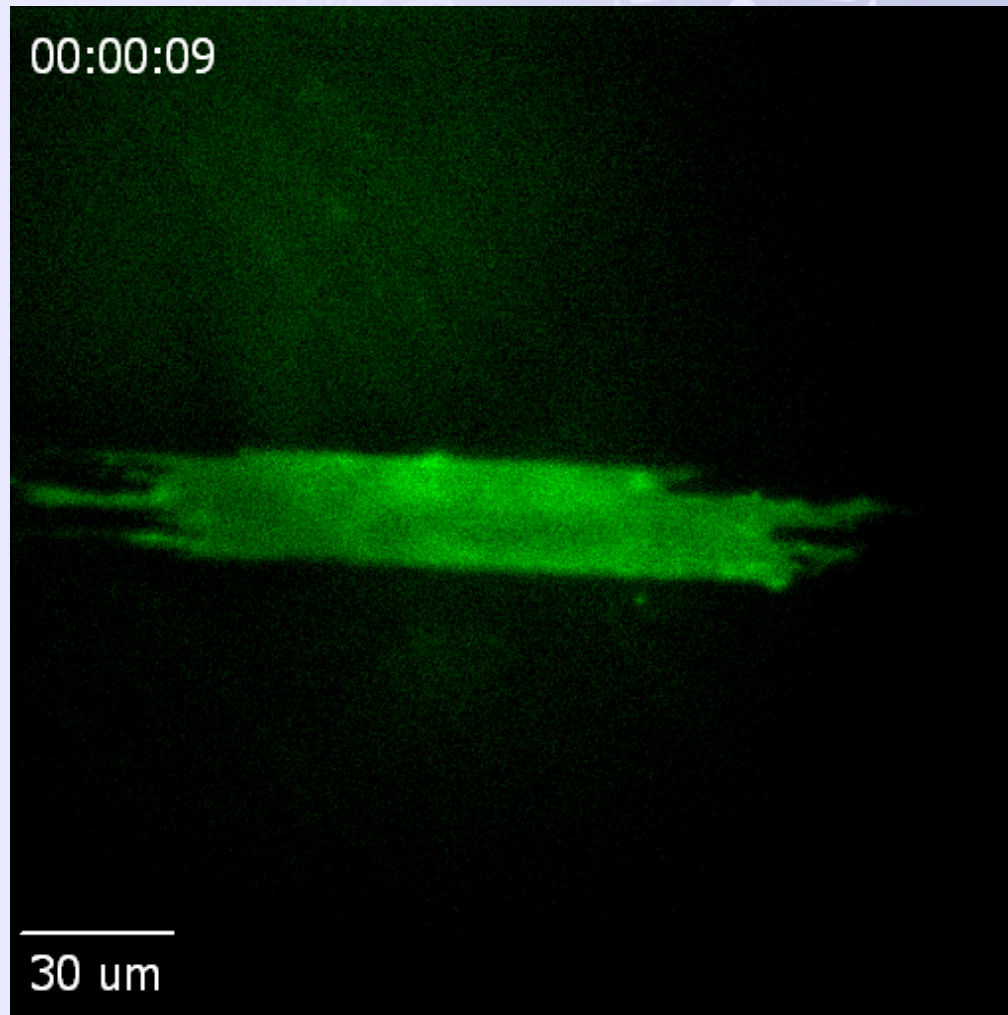




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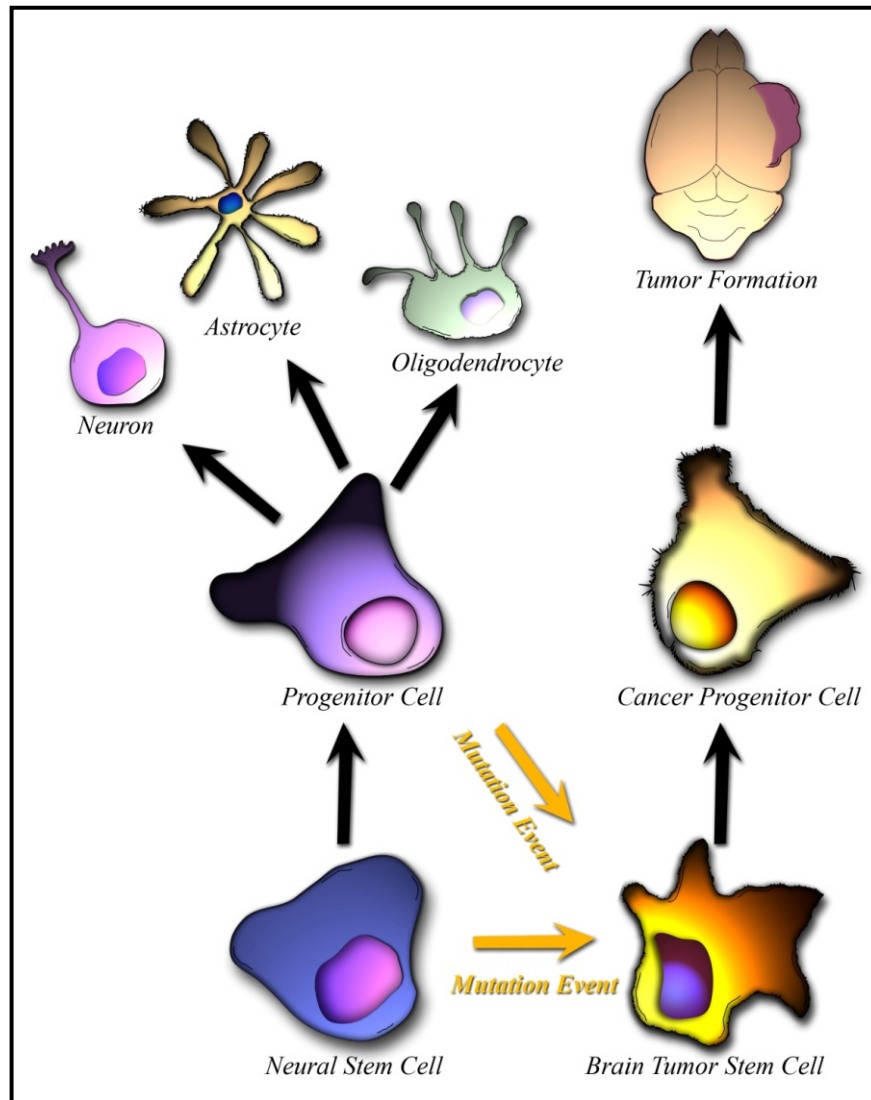
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Malignant Gliomas Arise From Brain Tumor Stem Cells

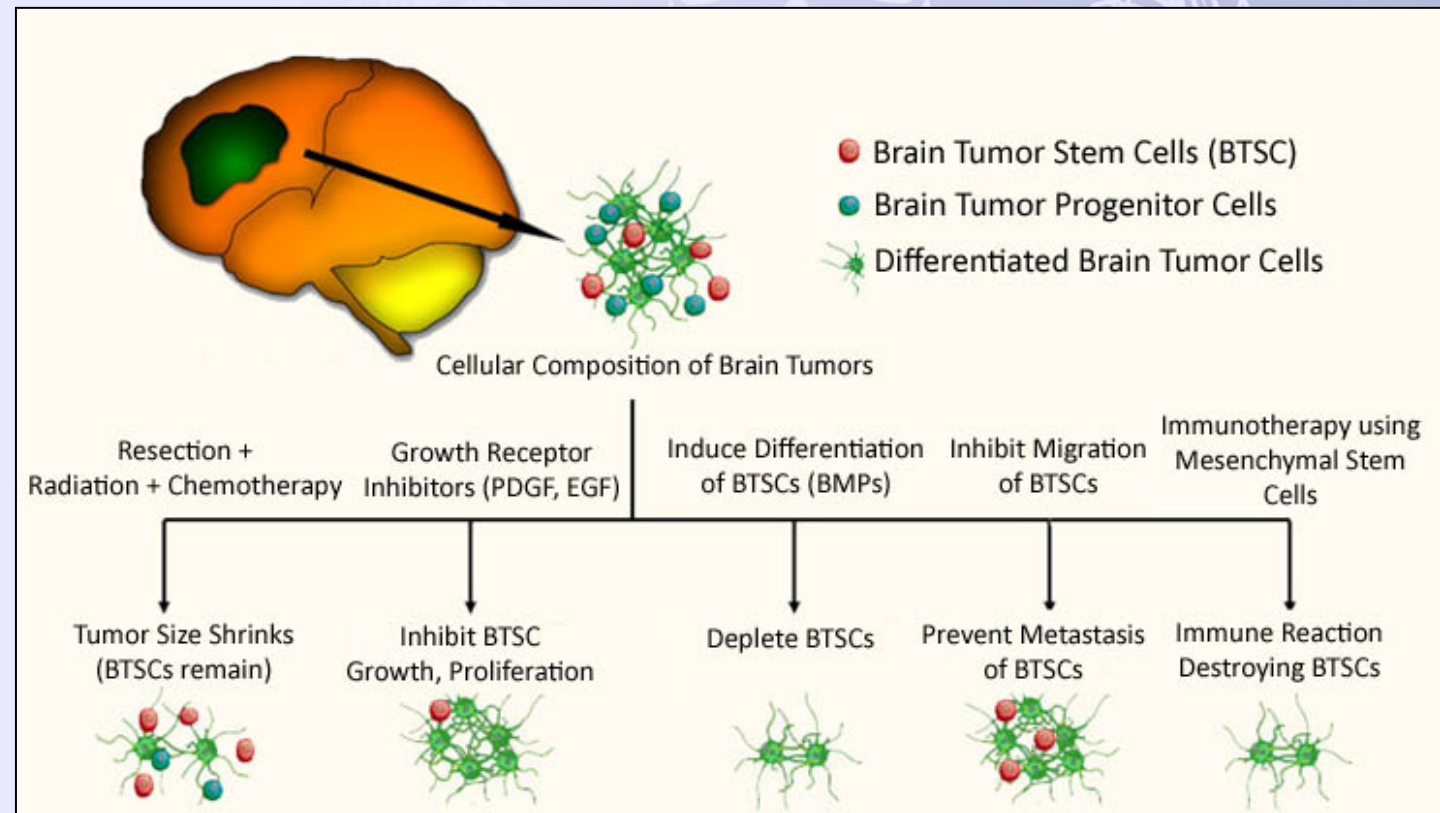
- Share characteristics with normal Neural Stem Cells (NSCs):
 - Self-renewal
 - Proliferation
 - Differentiation
- Brain Tumor Stem Cells (BTSCs):
 - Initiate tumor formation, maintain tumor growth
 - Migrate long distances in brain parenchyma resulting in local tumor recurrence
 - Are highly radio/chemoresistant

Malignant Gliomas Arise From Brain Tumor Stem Cells



Current Therapies Fail To Destroy Brain Tumor Stem Cells

- Current therapies for brain tumors fail to target BTSC population
- Progression and local recurrence of tumor due to presence of BTSC
- Novel therapies which specifically target BTSCs will have best chance at preventing tumor recurrence

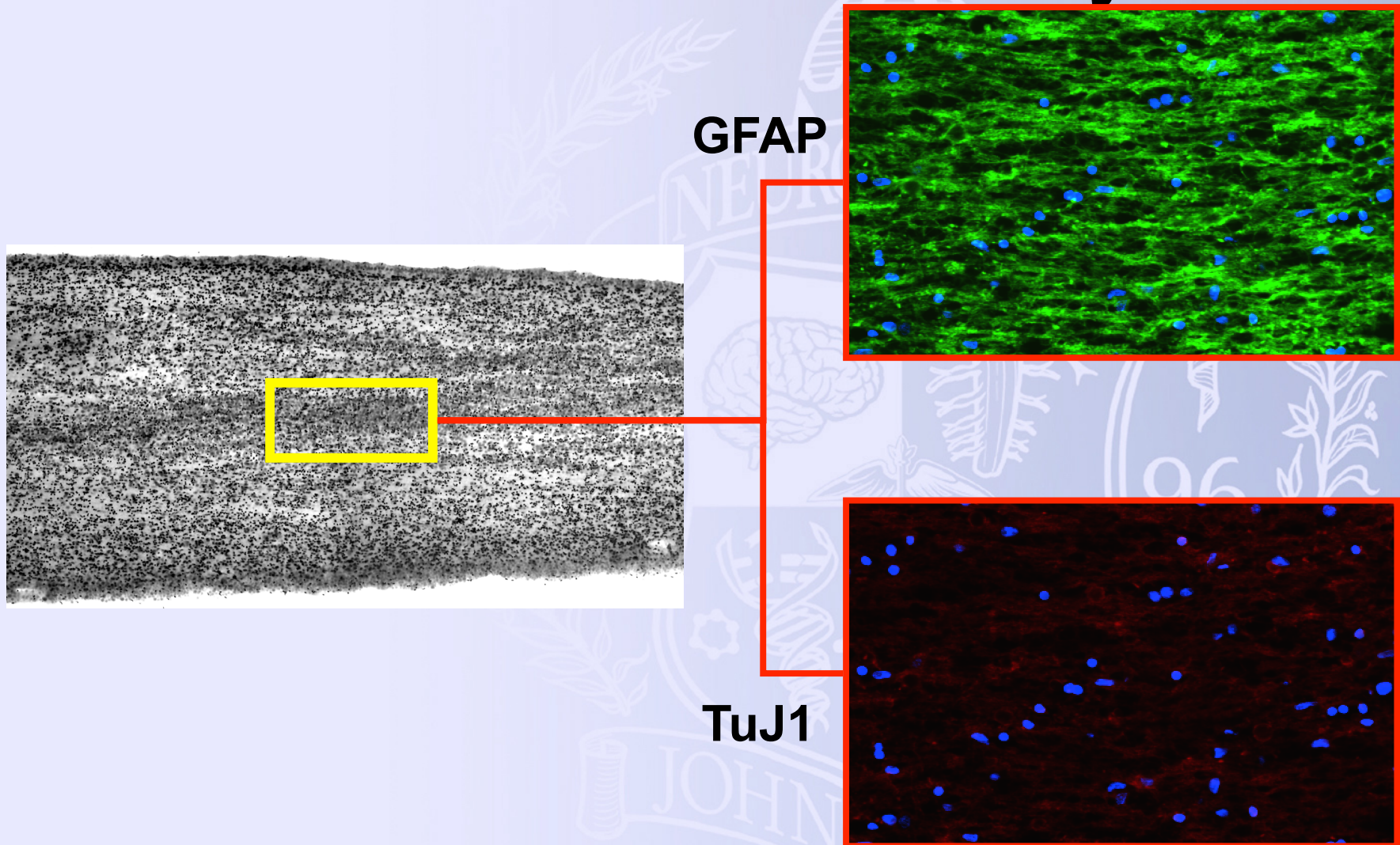


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Progenitor Migration in the Human Brain?: The Human Olfactory Tract



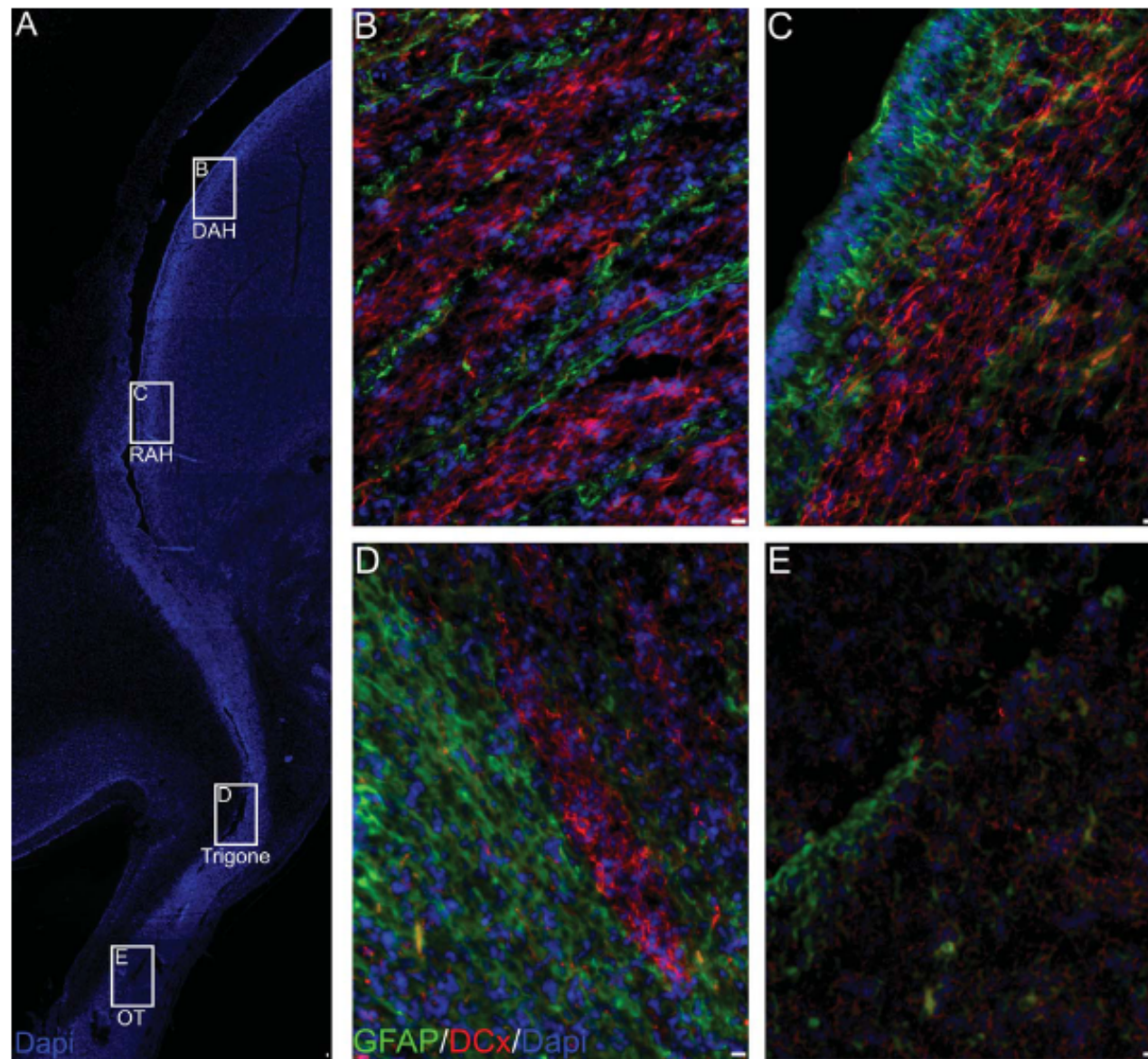
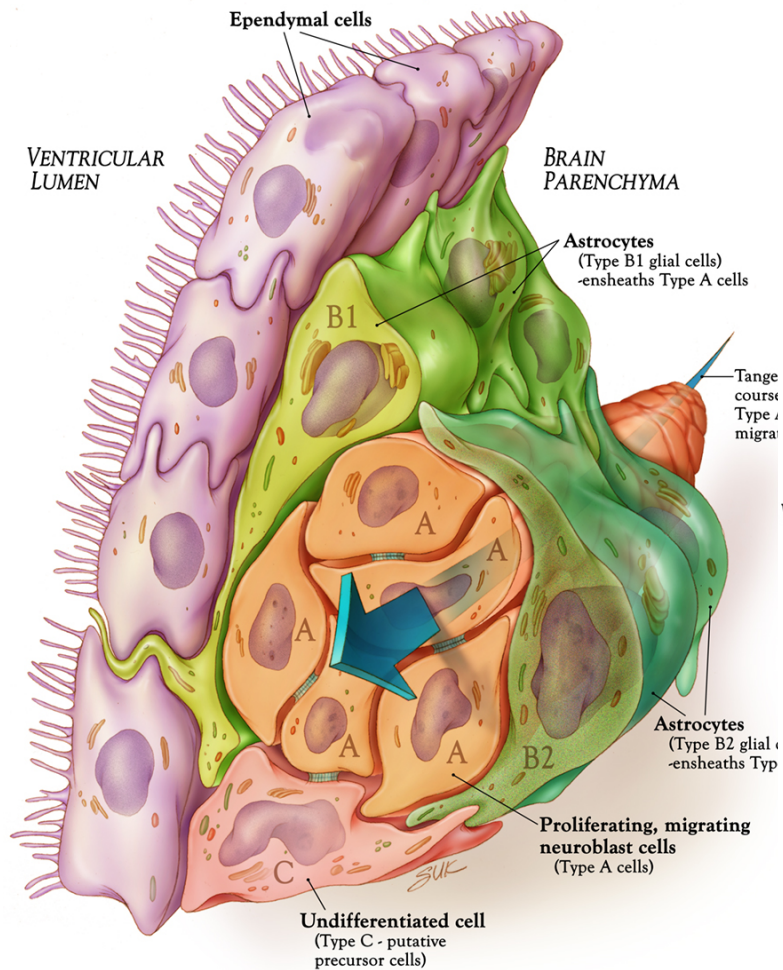


Figure 5. Doublecortin (DCx)-positive structures in the anterior SVZ. **A:** Reconstruction of the entire connection between the anterior horn and the olfactory tract. DCx+ cells were found at every region with different organization. At the DAH (**B**), RAH (**C**), and olfactory trigone (**D**) DCx+ cells were found aligned to GFAP-positive cells. At the OT, no GFAP+ cells were observed in alignment with the less abundant DCx+ cells. Scale bars = 10 μm.

Rodent Brain SVZ

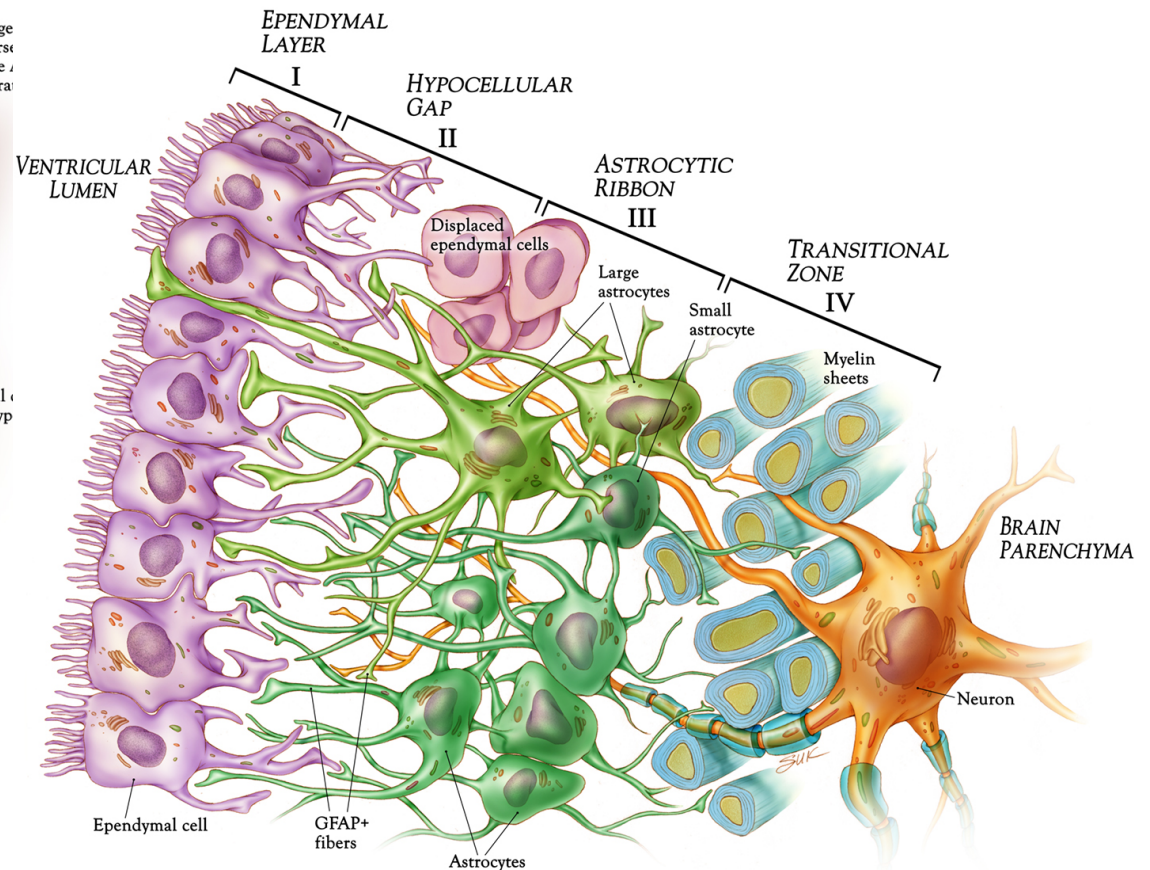


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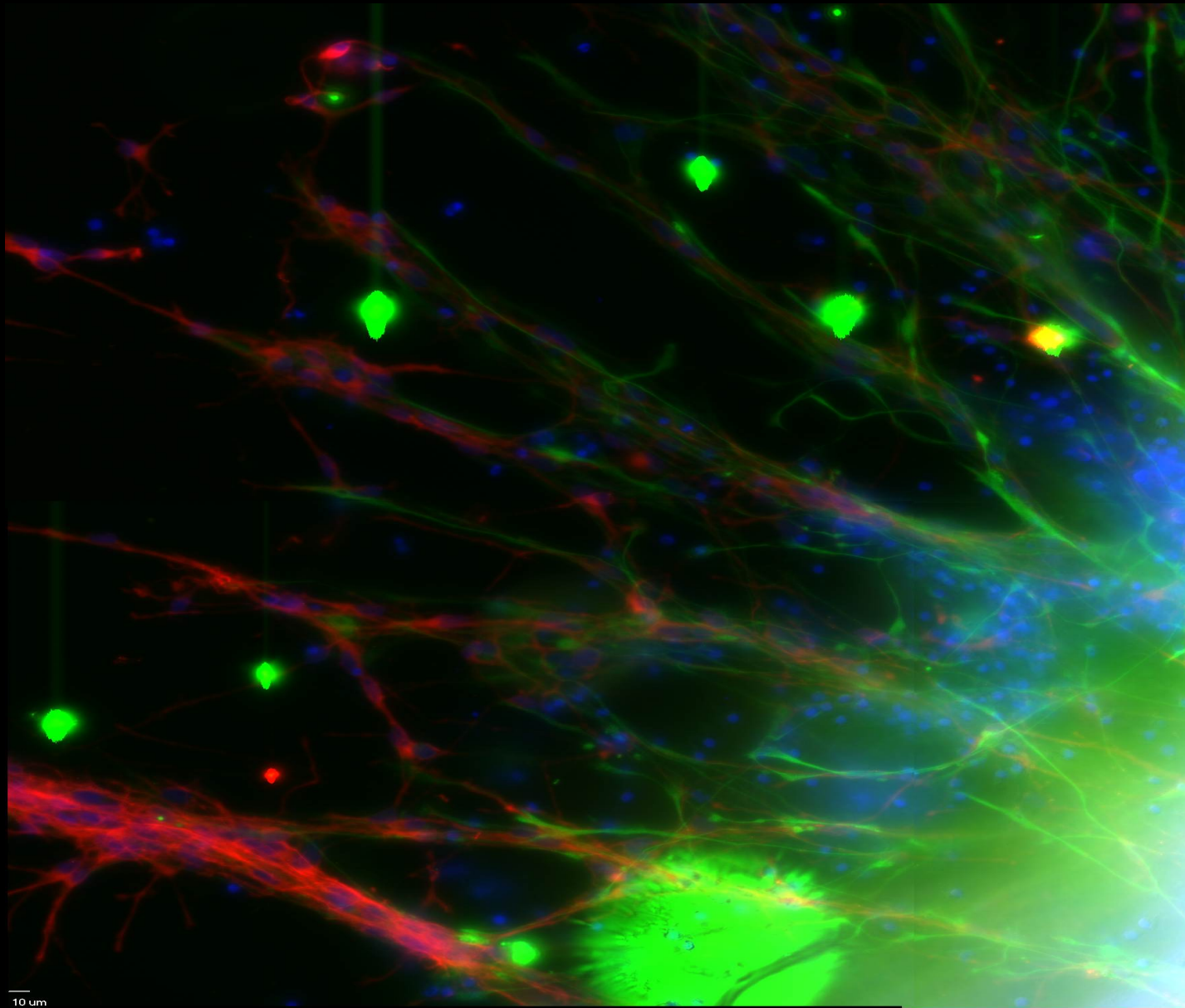
Cell-based Therapy for Malignant Gliomas



Sources of Neural Stem Cells for treatment

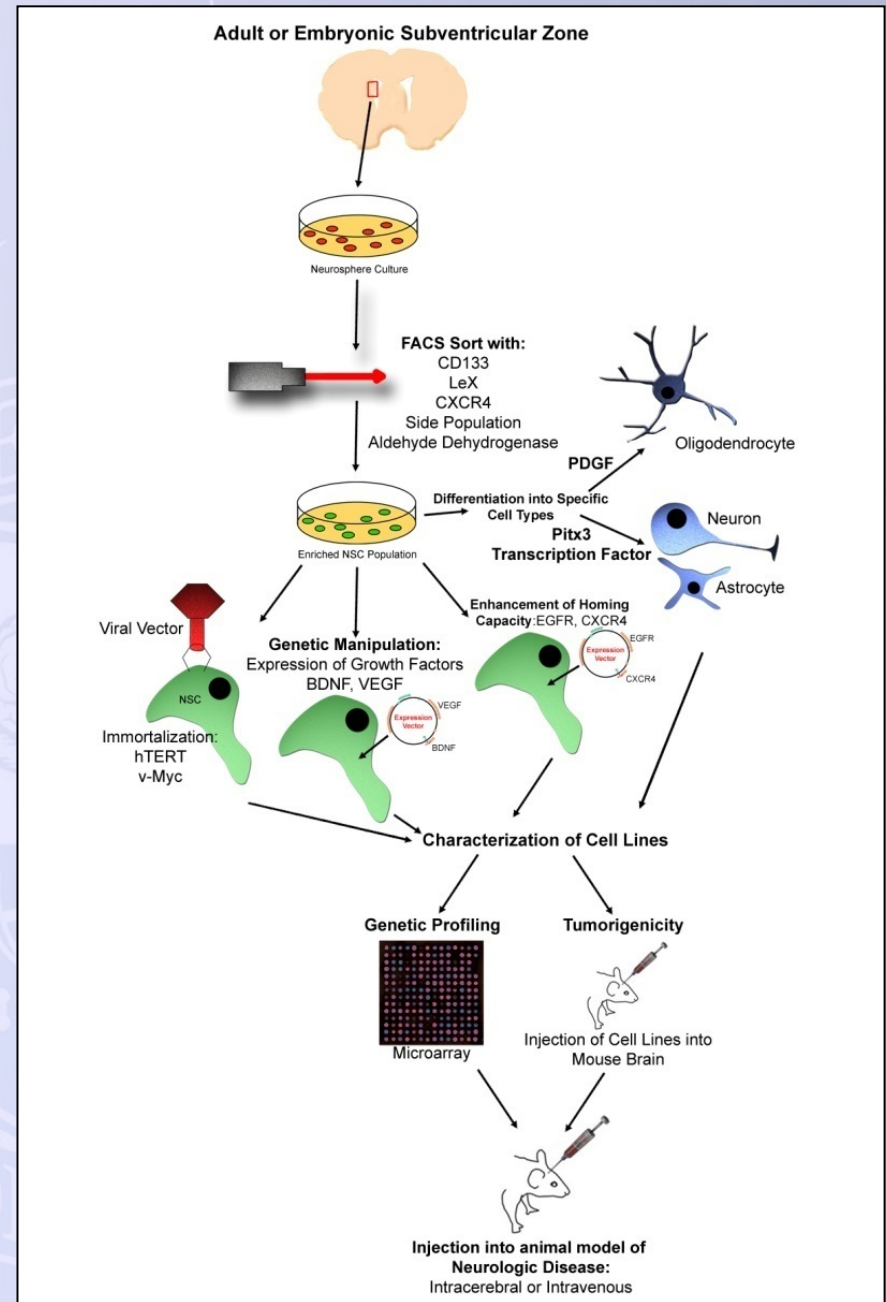
- Adult CNS
- Embryonic CNS
- Induced Pluripotent Stem Cells
 - Transduction of “stem cell factors”:
 - » Sox2, Musashi-1, OCT4, Nanog
 - » Hair follicles

Ex Vivo Human Migration



Modification of NSCs for CNS disease treatment

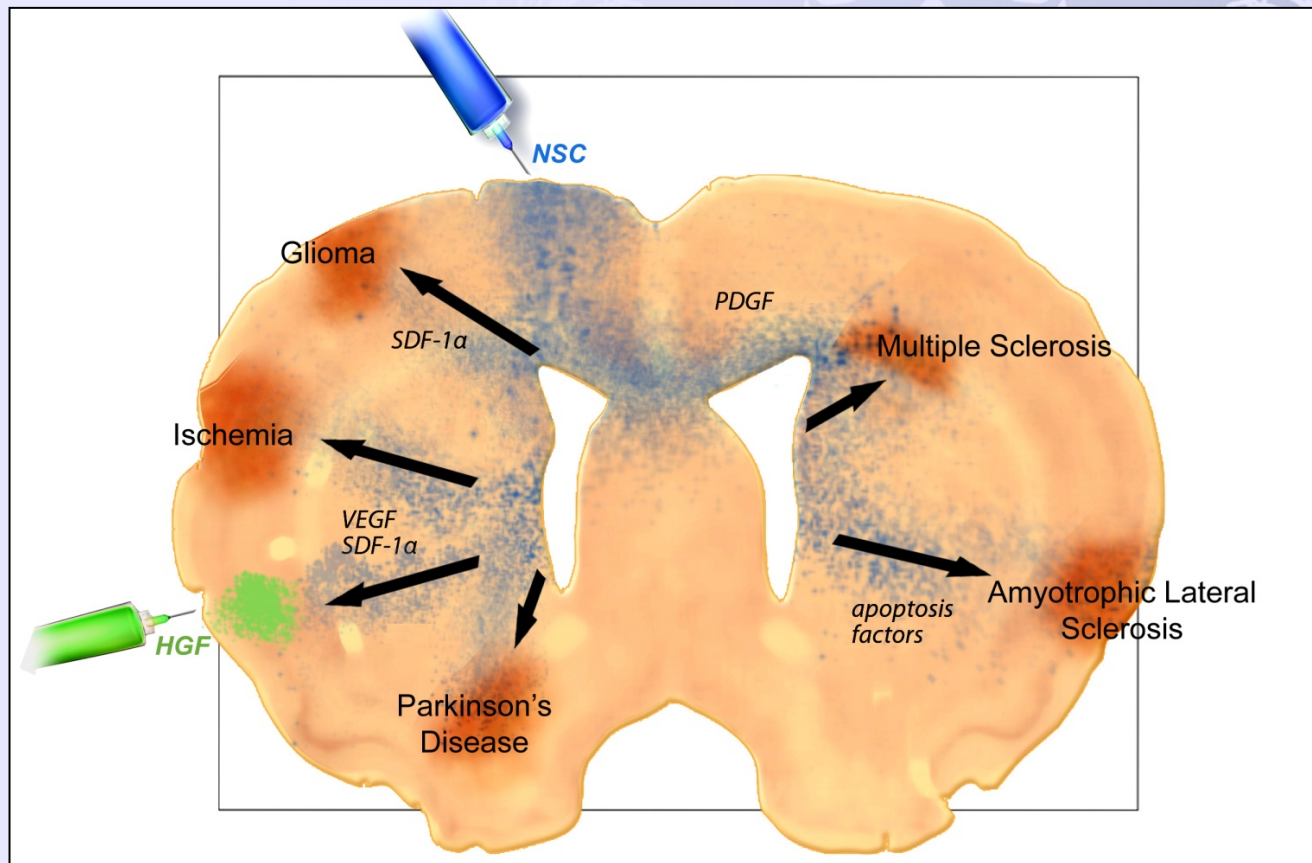
- Culture
 - Identification and sorting
 - Genetic modifications
 - Characterization
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- Trials in animal models (preclinical)



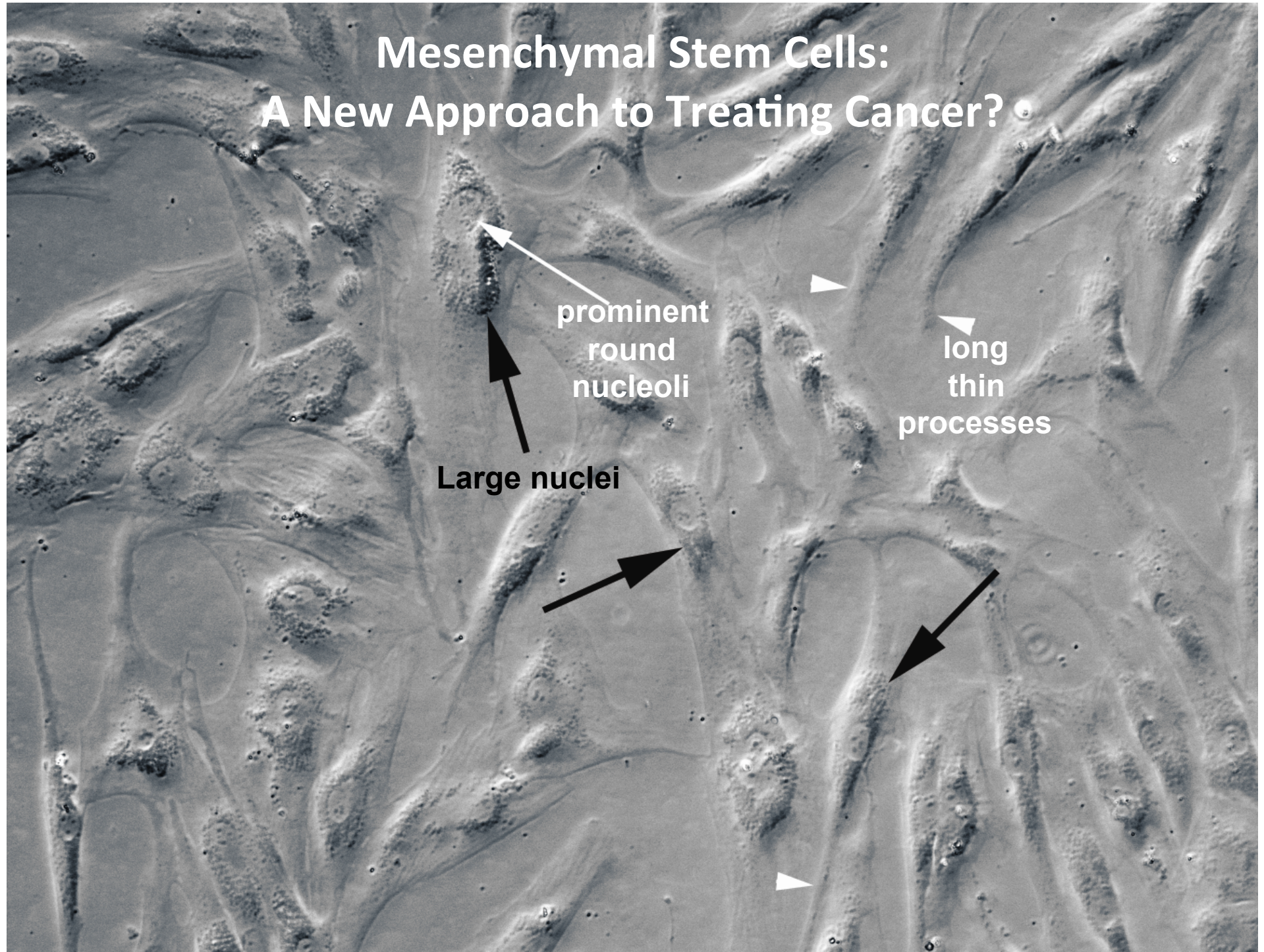
Neural Stem Cells for Regenerative Therapy

- Endogenous or exogenous NSCs
- Migration can be directed with humoral factors:
 - Hepatocyte growth factor
 - Vascular endothelial growth factor
 - Stromal derived growth factor
- Tropism to:
 - Multiple Sclerosis lesions
 - Ischemic stroke
 - Glioma – NSCs share this characteristic with Mesenchymal Stem Cells

NSCs for the treatment of CNS diseases

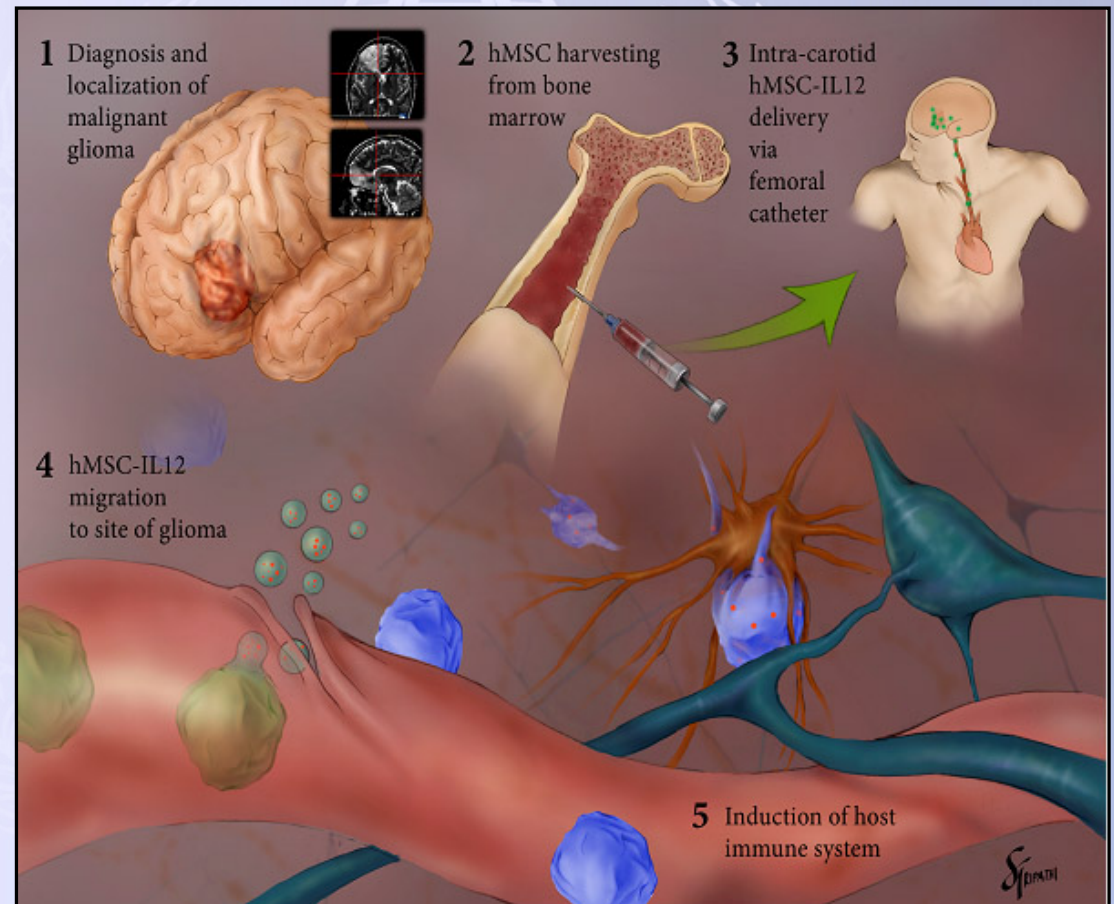


Mesenchymal Stem Cells: A New Approach to Treating Cancer?



Mesenchymal Stem Cells As Delivery Vehicles for Glioma Therapy

- MSCs have natural affinity to migrate towards gliomas, BTSCs
- Bone Marrow Derived MSCs have been shown to be used as delivery vehicles for various anti-tumoral agents (i.e. HSV-Thymidine kinase, IL-2, IL-18, IL-23, TRAIL)
- Several Difficulties of Bone Marrow-MSC which their limit clinical use:
 1. Invasive Surgery
 2. Short Life Span ex vivo
 3. Small Extraction Yield
- Adipose tissue represent a new source of Mesenchymal Stem Cells ideal for large scale clinical use:
 1. Safely accessible, small incision
 2. 100% harvest efficiency
 3. Long lifespan



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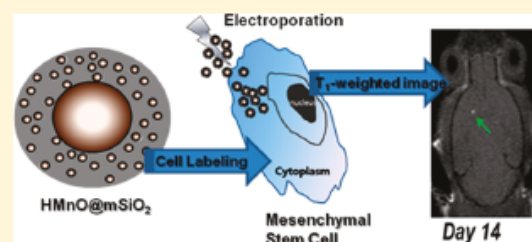
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Supporting Information

ABSTRACT: Mesoporous silica-coated hollow manganese oxide coated (HMnO@mSiO₂) nanoparticles were developed as a novel T_1 magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) contrast agent. We hypothesized that the mesoporous structure of the nanoparticle shell enables optimal access of water molecules to the magnetic core, and consequently, an effective longitudinal (R_1) relaxation enhancement of water protons, which value was measured to be 0.99 (mM⁻¹s⁻¹) at 11.7 T. Adipose-derived mesenchymal stem cells (MSCs) were efficiently labeled using electroporation, with much shorter T_1 values as compared to direct incubation without electroporation, which was also evidenced by signal enhancement on T_1 -weighted MR images in vitro. Intracranial grafting of HMnO@mSiO₂-labeled MSCs enabled serial MR monitoring of cell transplants over 14 days. These novel nanoparticles may extend the arsenal of currently available nanoparticle MR contrast agents by providing positive contrast on T_1 -weighted images at high magnetic field strengths.



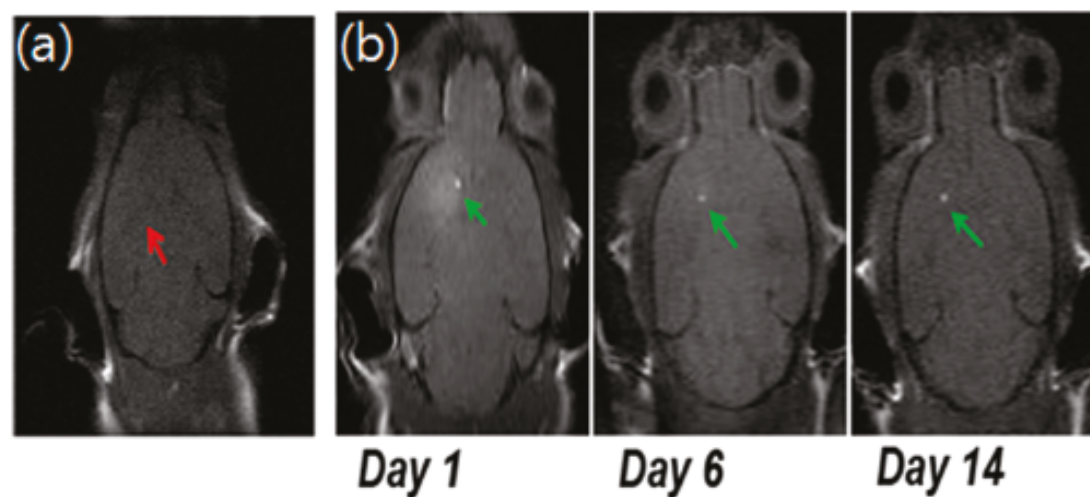
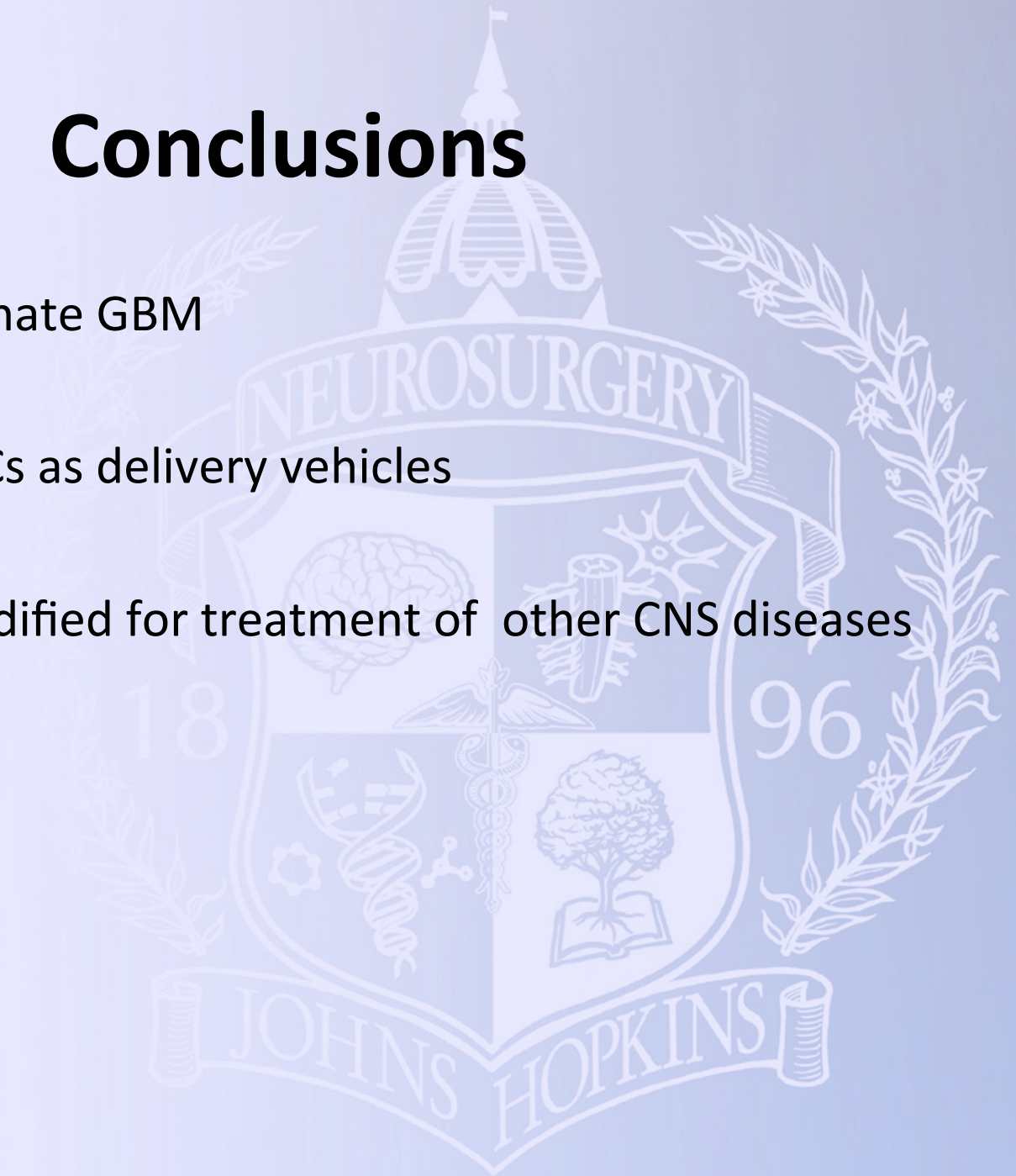


Figure 4. In vivo MRI of transplanted MSCs. (a) No hyperintense signal (red arrow) was detected in mouse transplanted with unlabeled MSCs. (b) Hyperintense signals (green arrows) were detected in mouse transplanted with $\text{HMnO}@m\text{SiO}_2$ -labeled MSCs and were still visible 14 days after injection.

Conclusions

- BTSCs may originate GBM
- NSCs and A-MSCs as delivery vehicles
- NSCs can be modified for treatment of other CNS diseases



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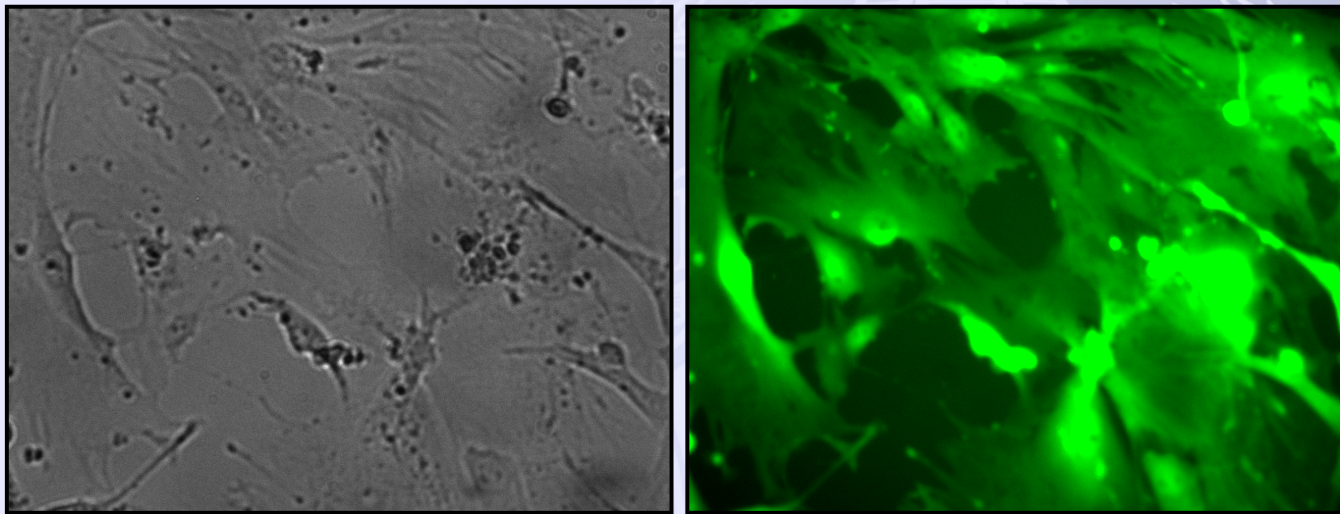
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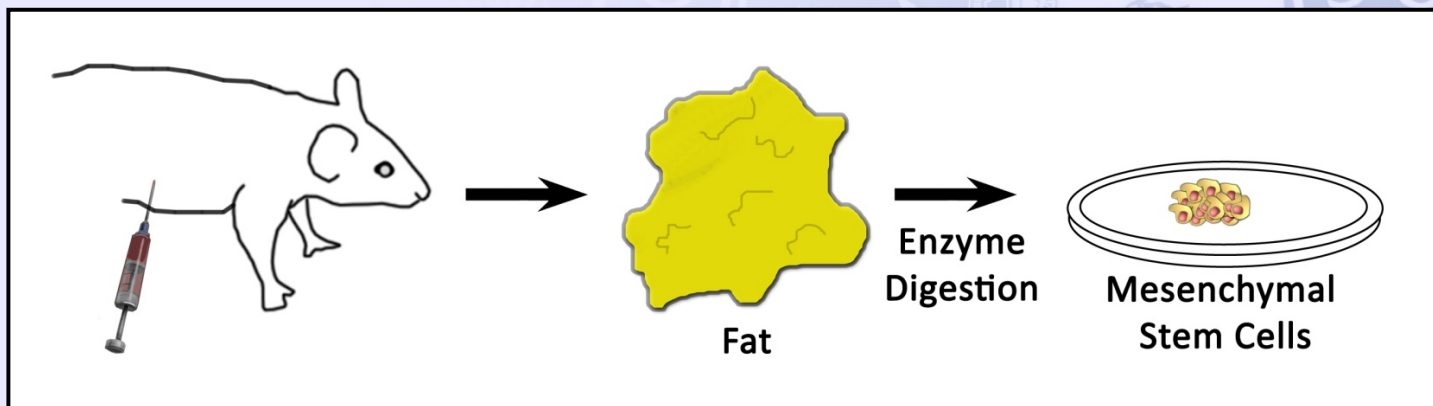
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Adipose Derived Mesenchymal Stem Cells harvested from Rosa26-eGFP-DTA mice express GFP



(Left) BF view of AMSCs harvested from fat of Rosa26-eGFP-DTA mice with (right) identical view of cells under fluorescence.



Fat was extracted from transgenic animals which constitutively express GFP in all cells

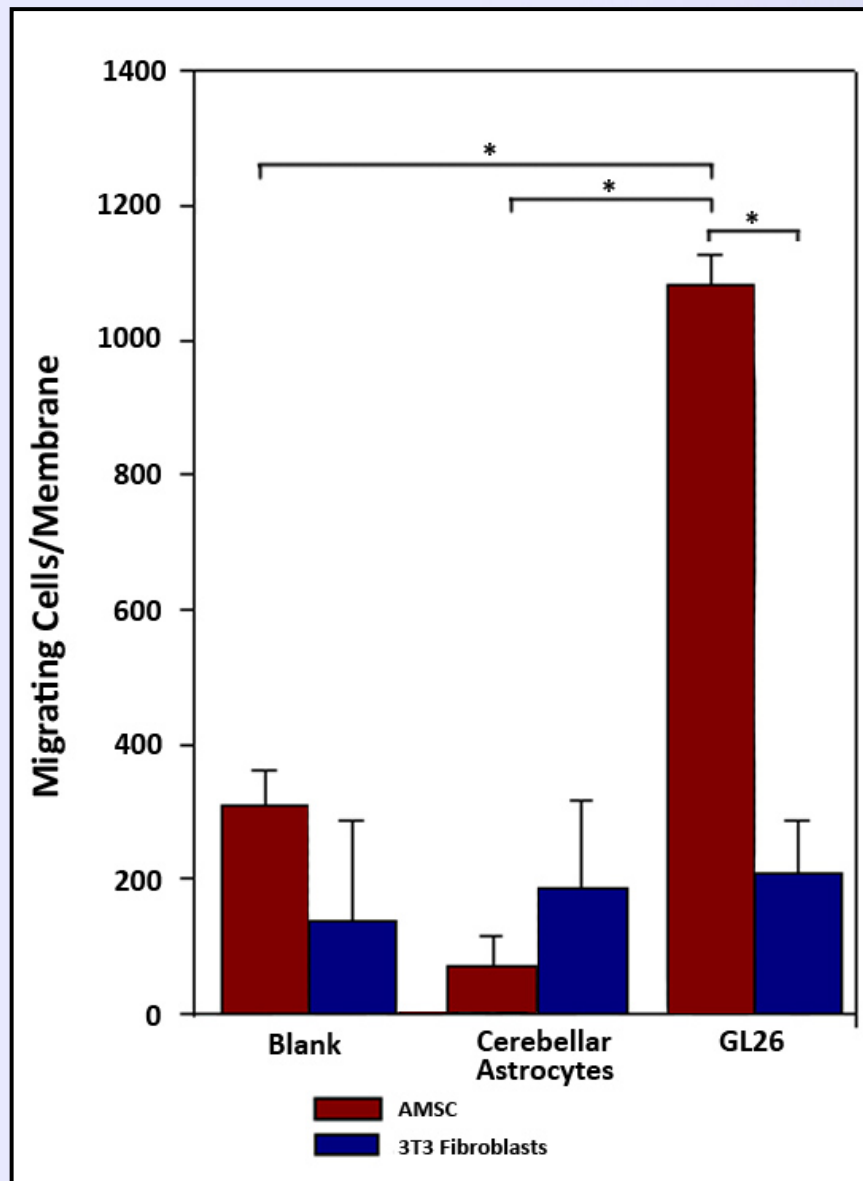
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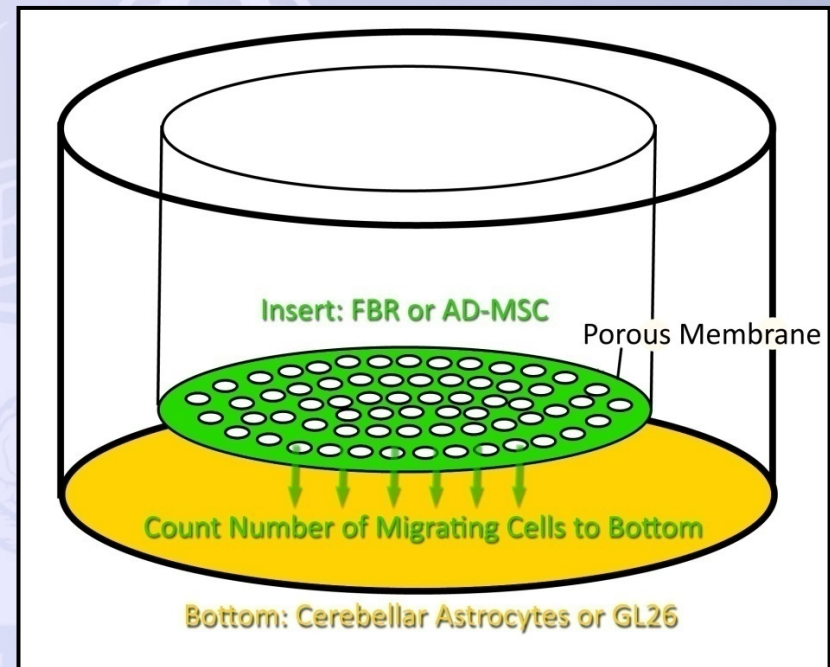
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AMSCs display selective tropism for GL26 glioma *in vitro*



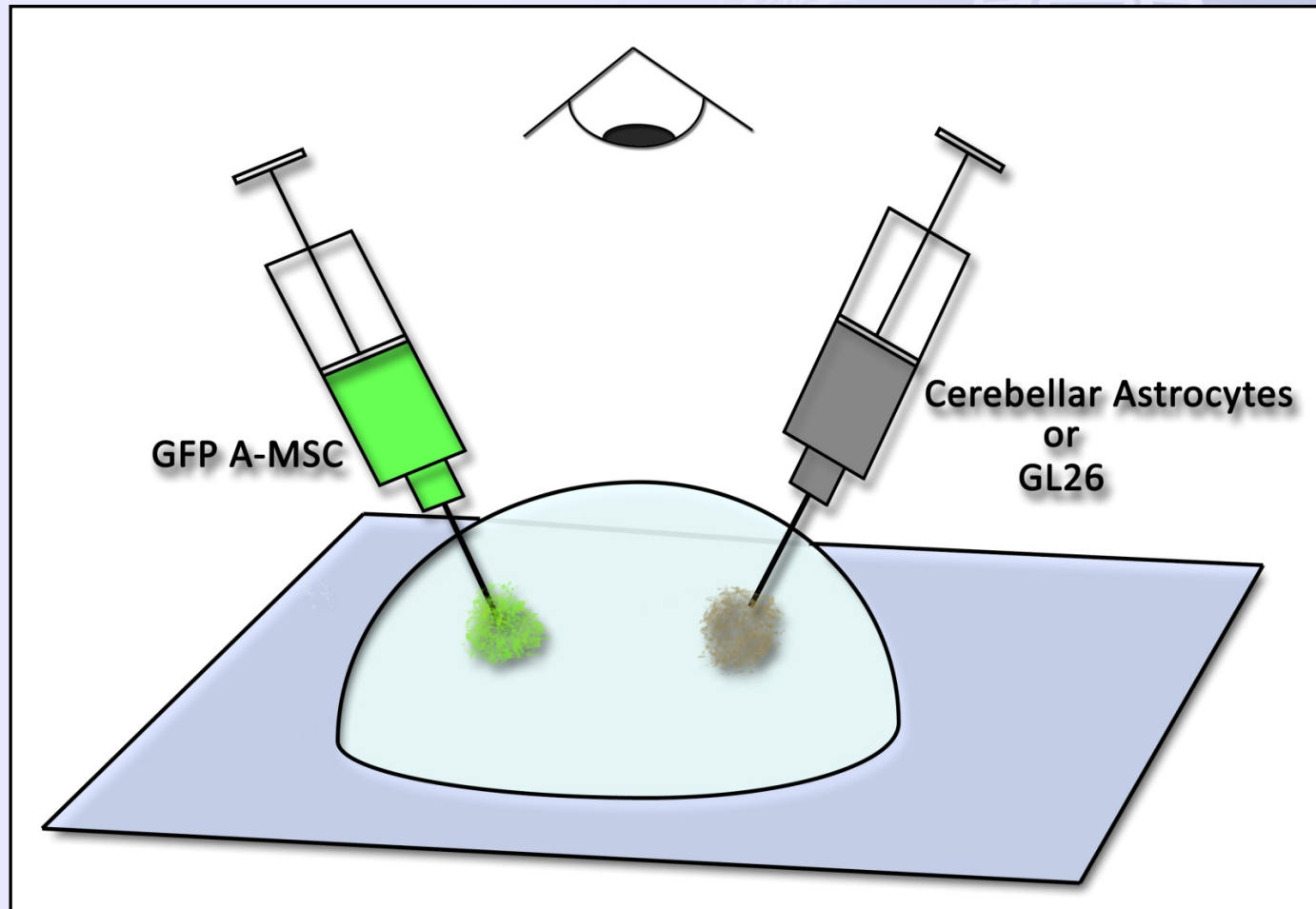
Boyden Chamber Assay



AMSCs or A-MSCs were plated in insert and allowed to migrate towards either blank media, Cerebellar Astrocytes, or GL26 for 48hrs

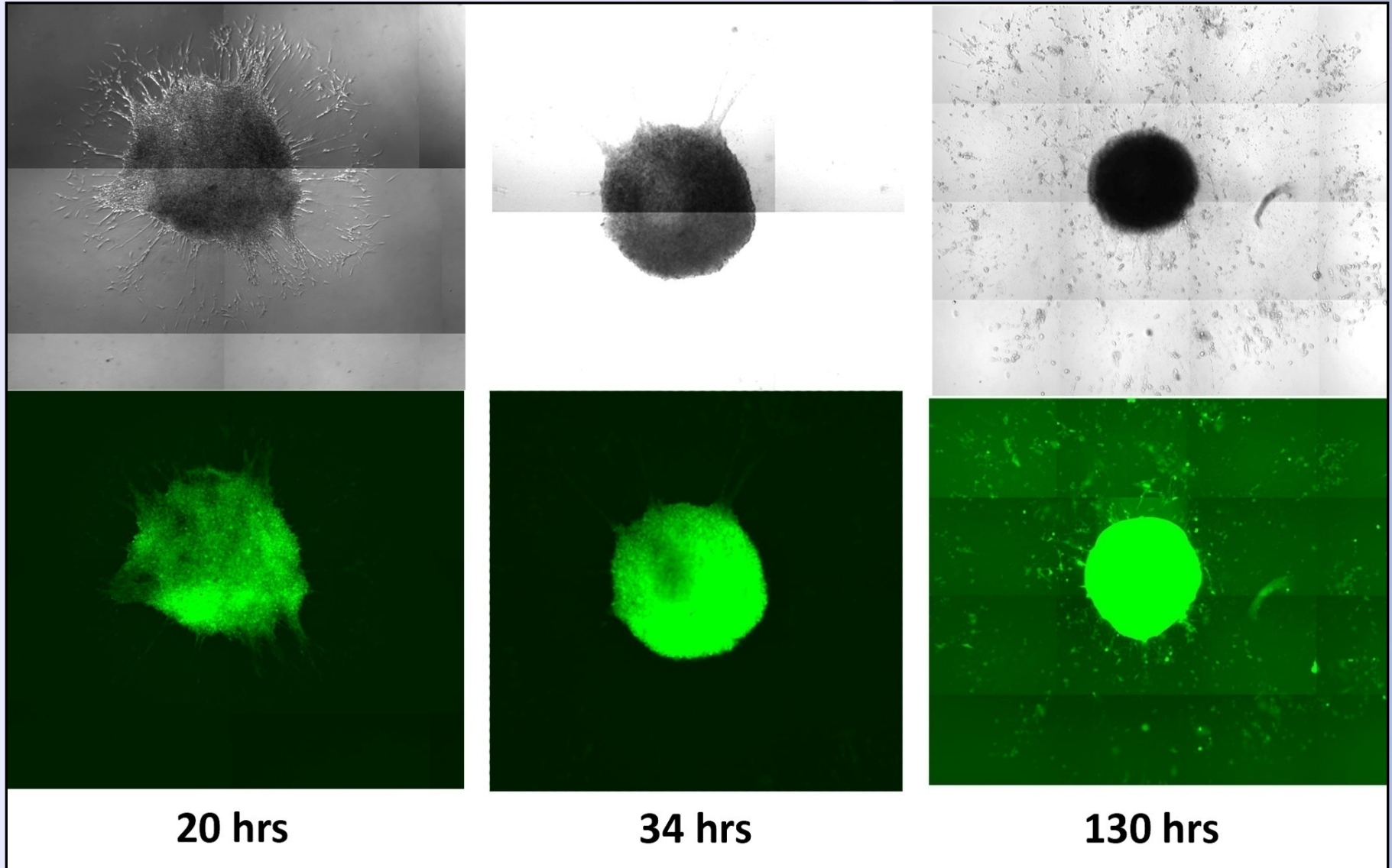
Compared to Fibroblasts, A-MSCs preferentially migrate towards GL26 tumor cells as opposed to blank media or Cerebellar Astrocyte control. *p-value <0.001

Matrigel Assay



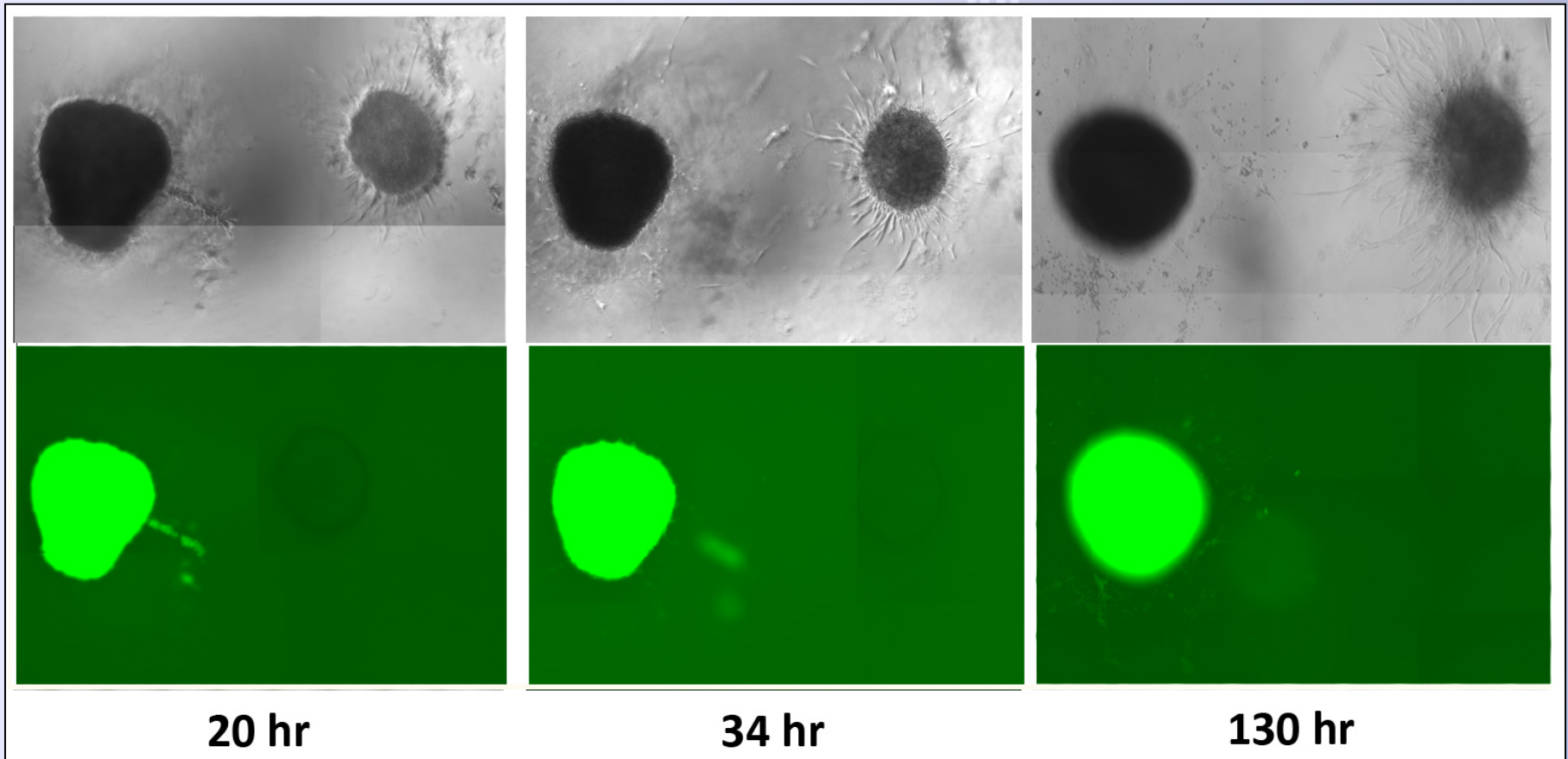
- Proteinaceous Material
- Mimics Extracellular Environment
- Allows one to observe the migration of cells overtime

AMSCs selectively accumulate at sites of malignant cells



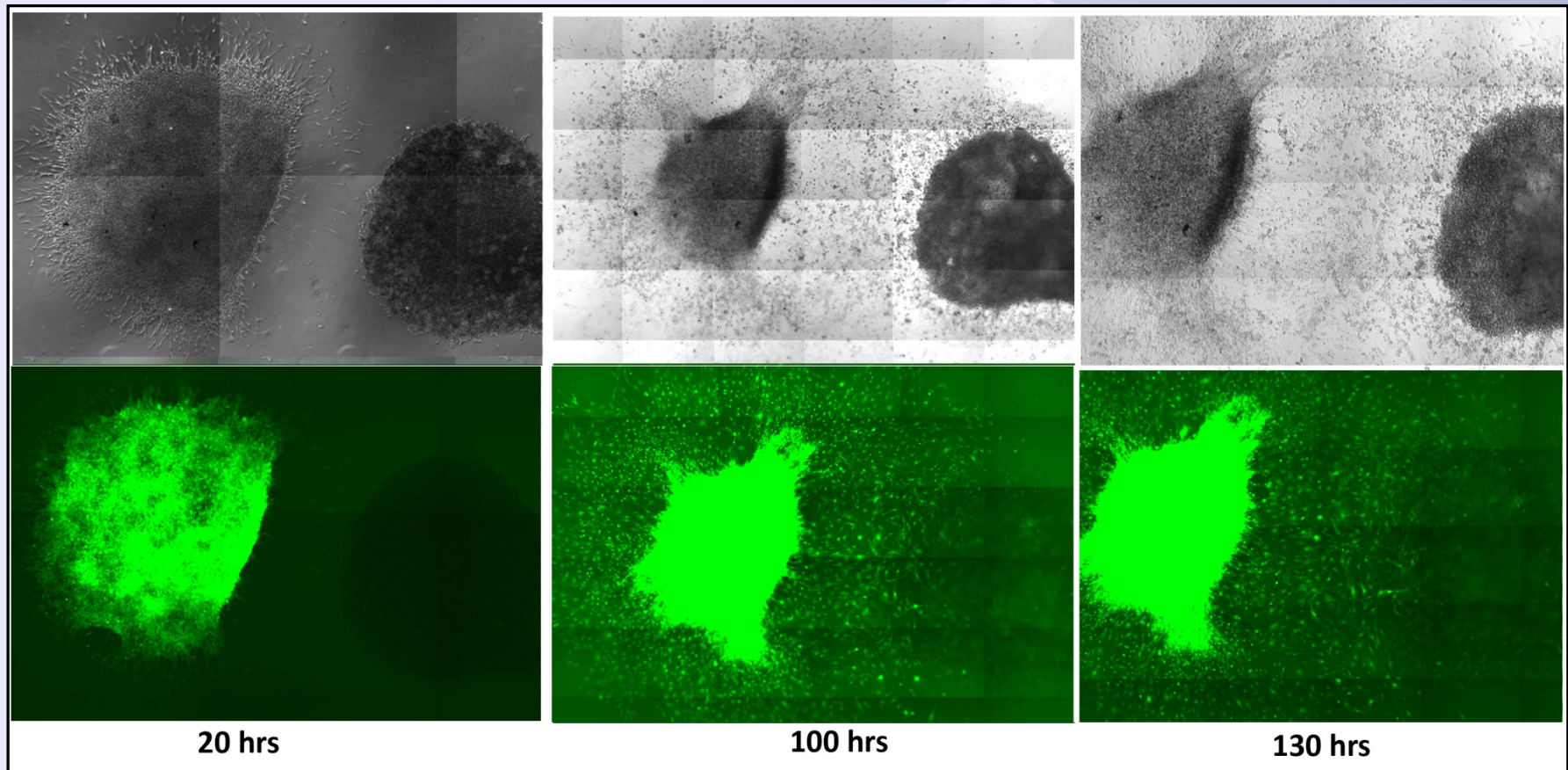
A-MSCs were injected in matrigel and followed for 7d. A-MSCs migrate centrifugally from the spot in which they were placed.

AMSCs selectively accumulate at sites of malignant cells



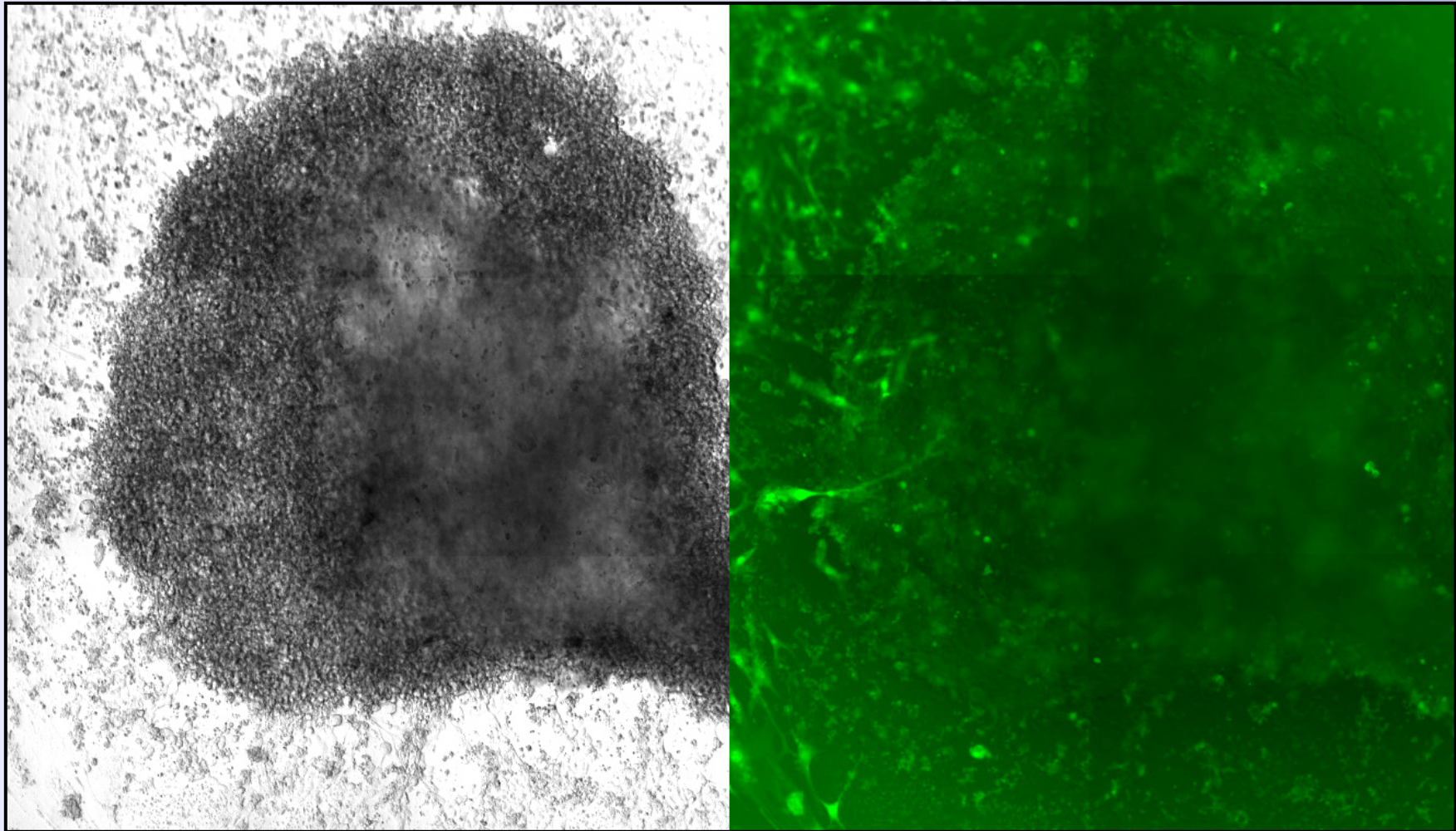
When placed in matrigel with Cerebellar Astrocytes (*unlabeled, right*), A-MSCs (*GFP Labeled, left*) do not exhibit extensive migration towards normal brain cells.

AMSCs selectively accumulate at sites of malignant cells



When placed with GL26 Murine Glioma (*unlabeled, right*), A-MSCs (*GFP labeled, left*) migrate in large numbers towards tumor cells and accumulate at tumor

AMSCs selectively accumulate at sites of malignant cells



Closer view of GL26 in previous image shows GFP labeled A-MSCs infiltrating GL26 spot in matrigel

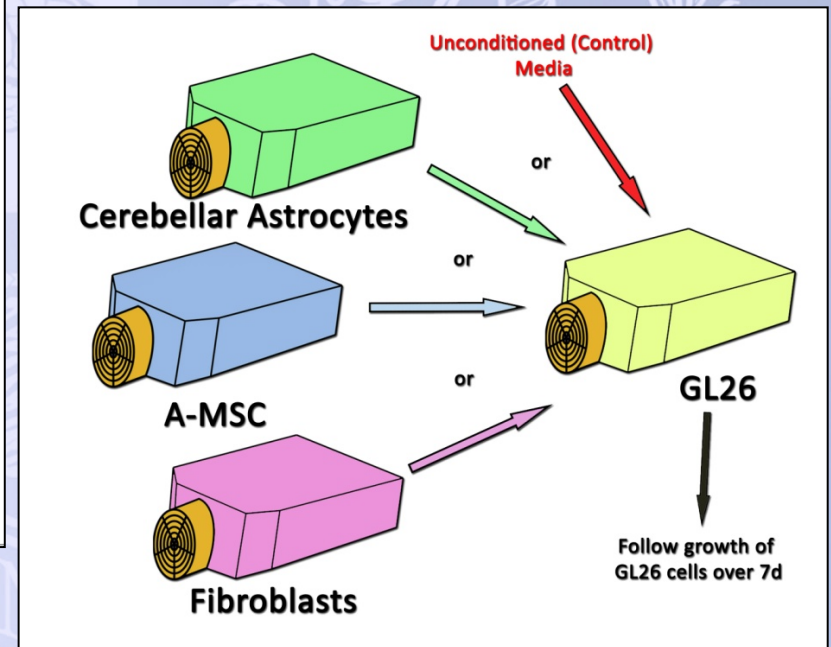
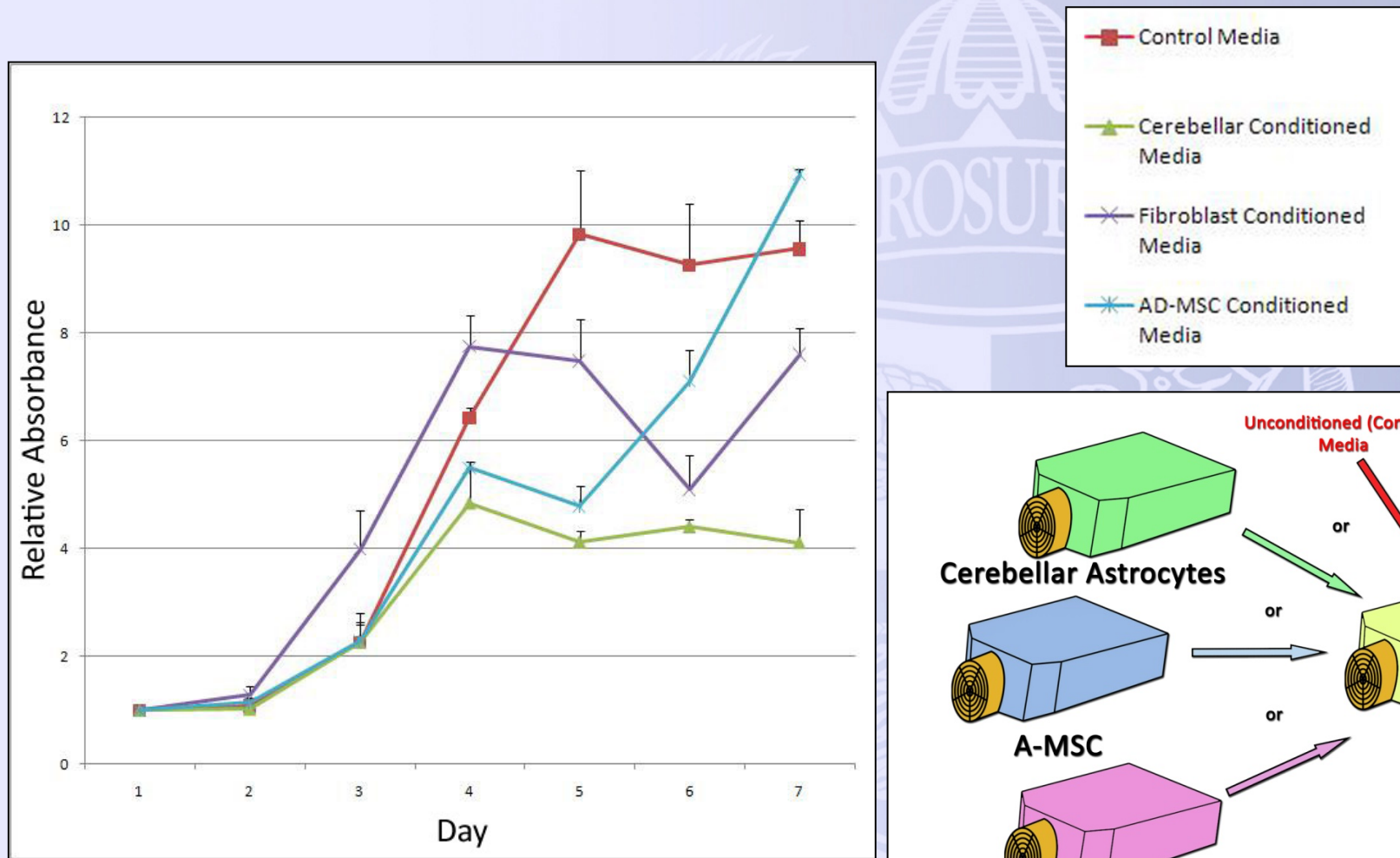
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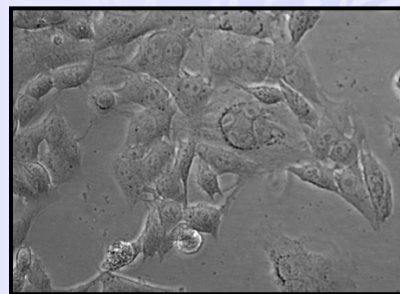
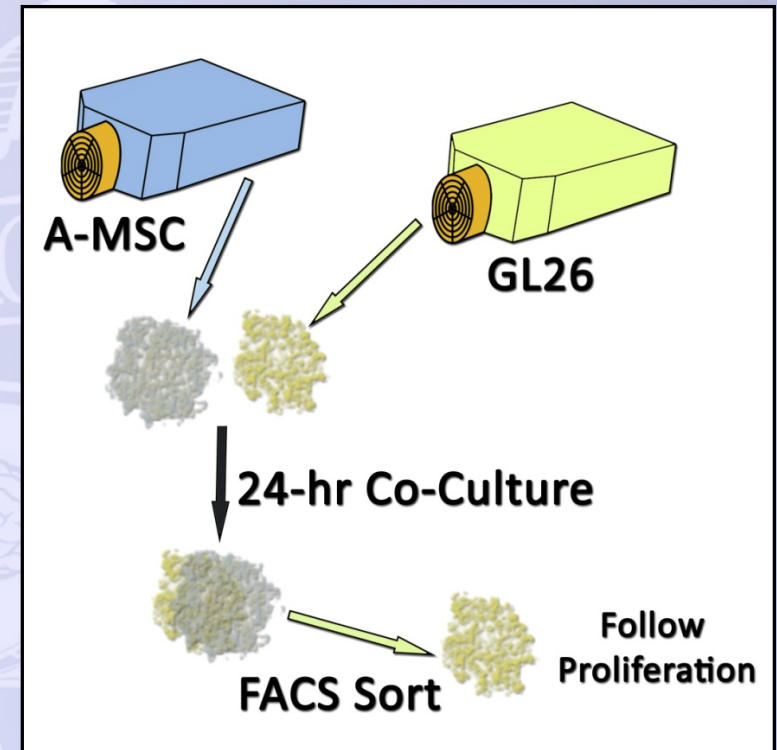
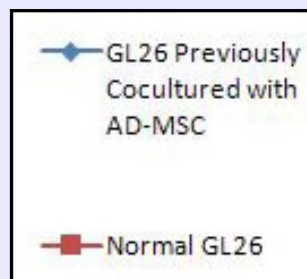
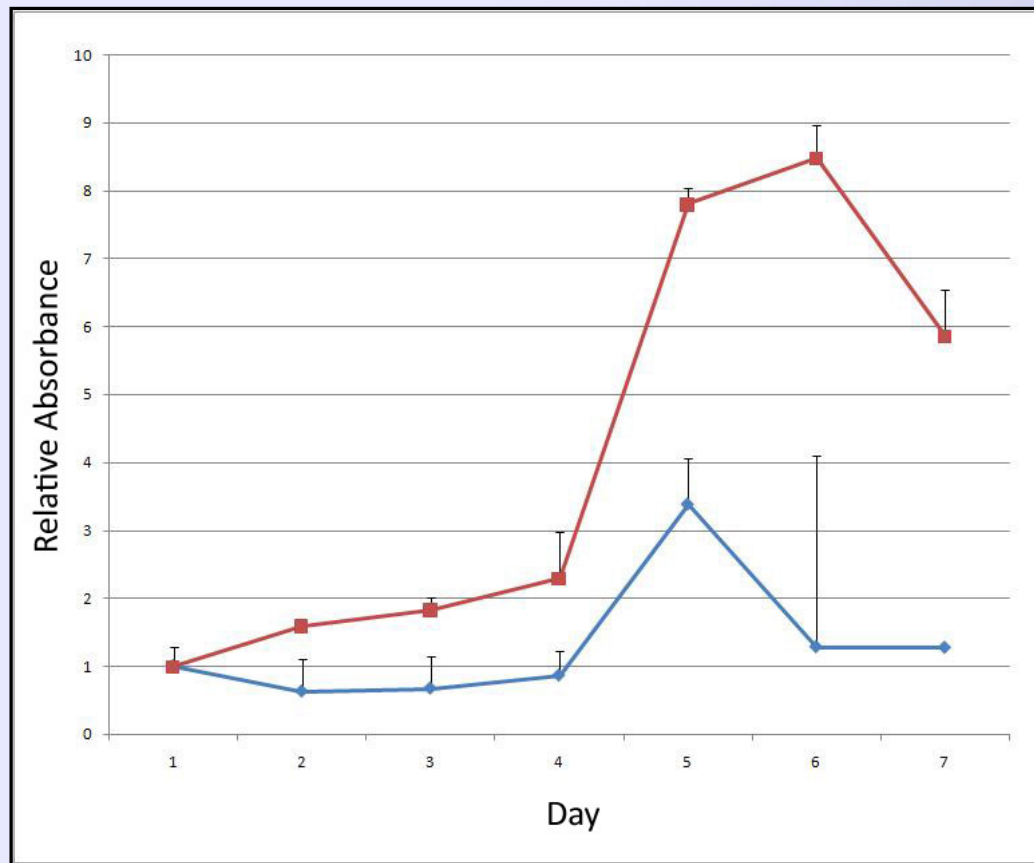
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Effect of Conditioned Media on the Growth of GL26

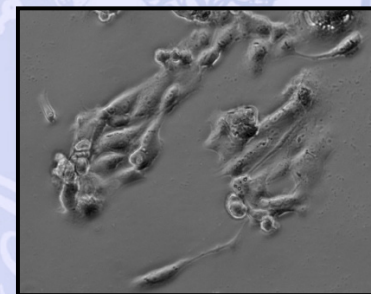


GL26 cells were exposed to conditioned media from A-MSCs for 7days did not exhibit enhanced proliferation rate.

Effect of Direct Cell Contact of A-MSC on Growth of GL26



Normal GL26



GL26 Previously Co-Cultured with A-MSC

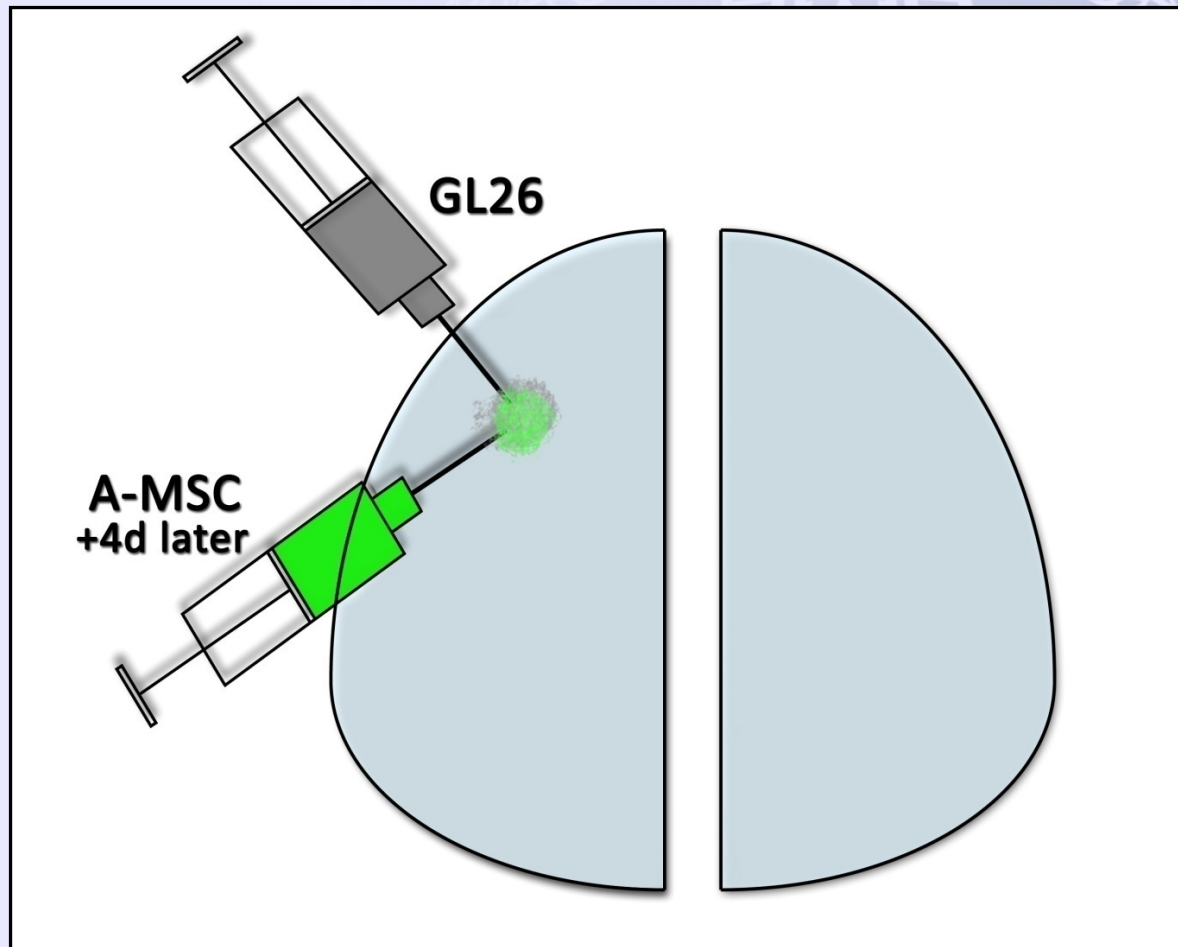
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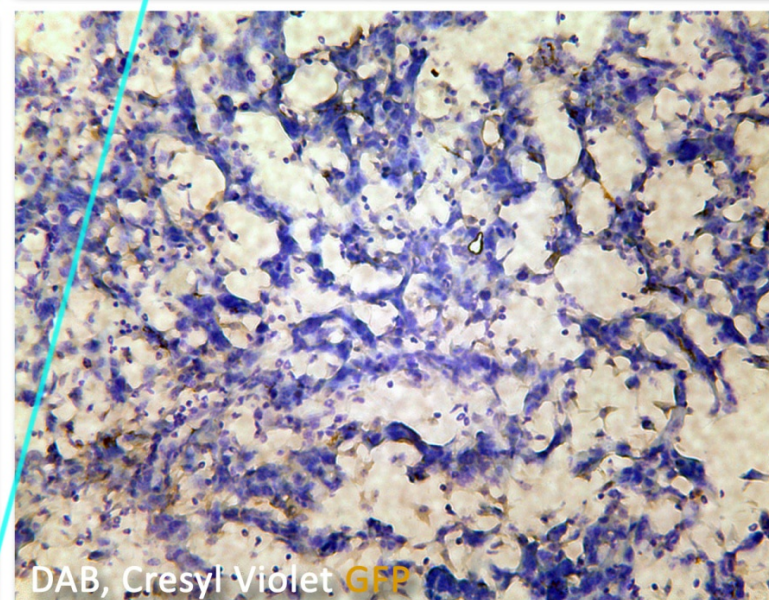
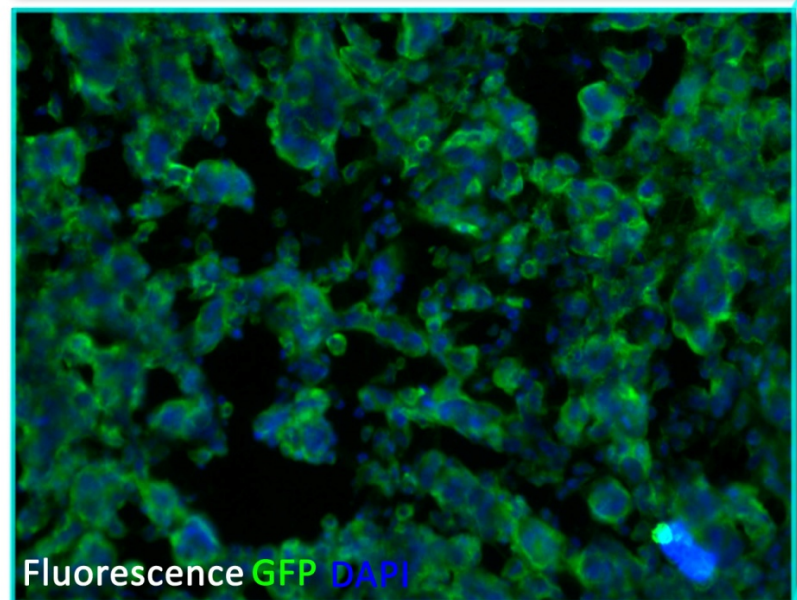
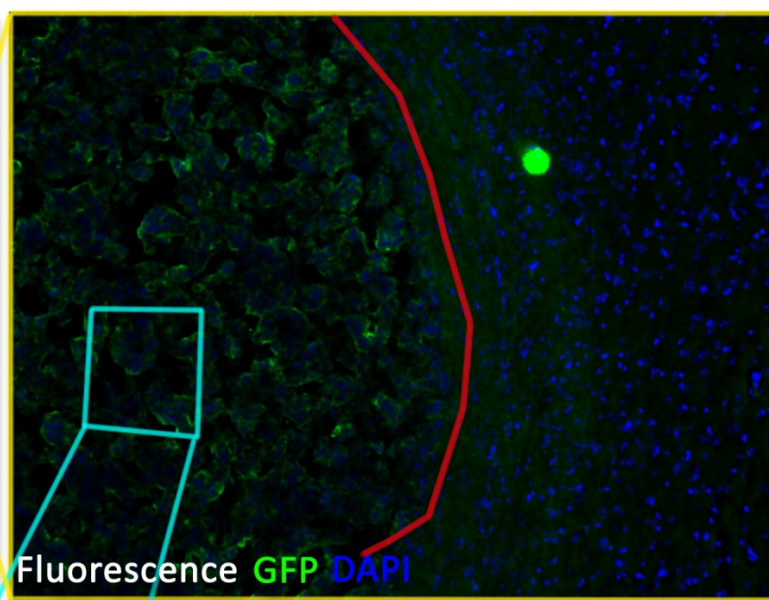
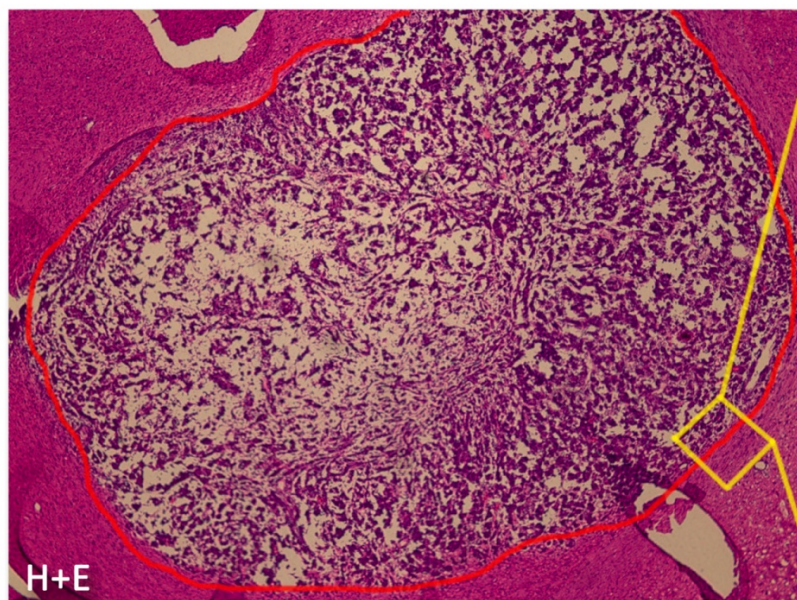
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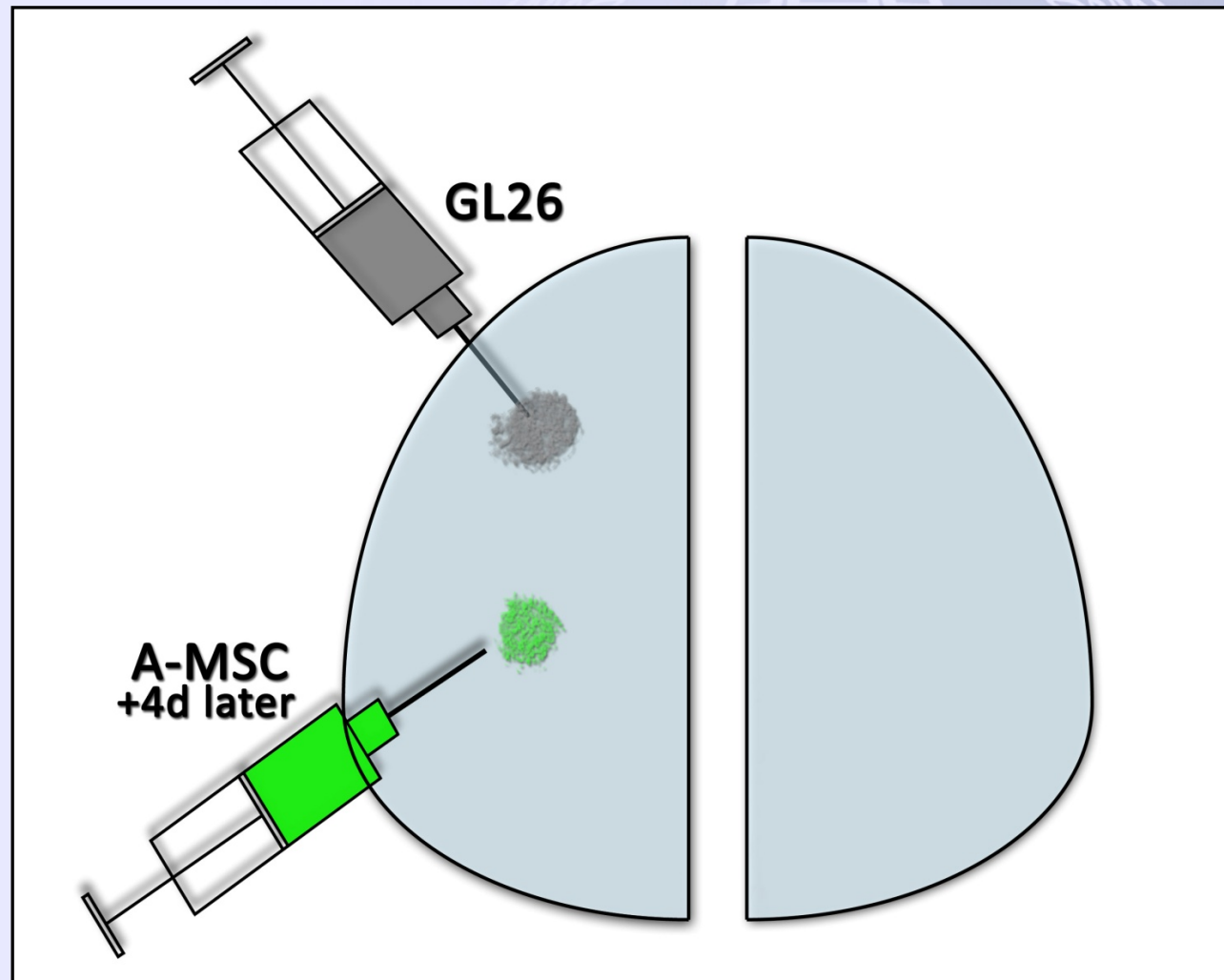
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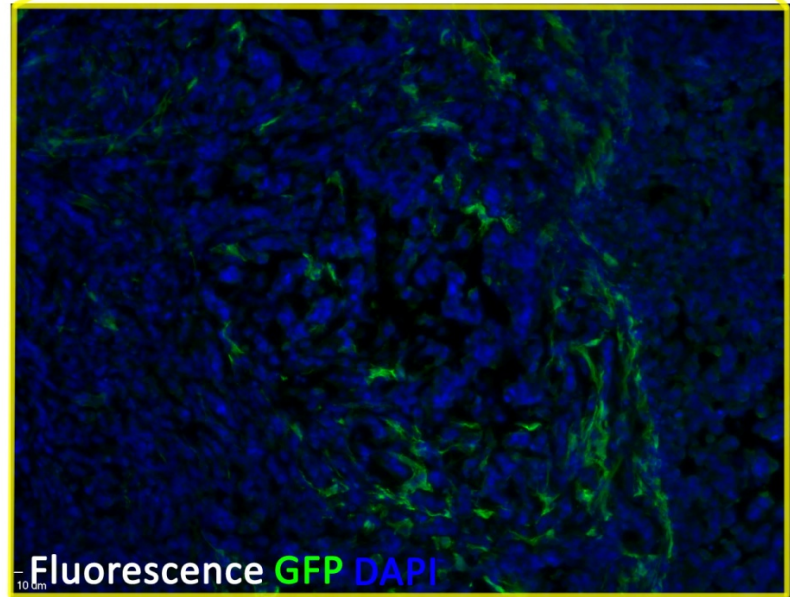
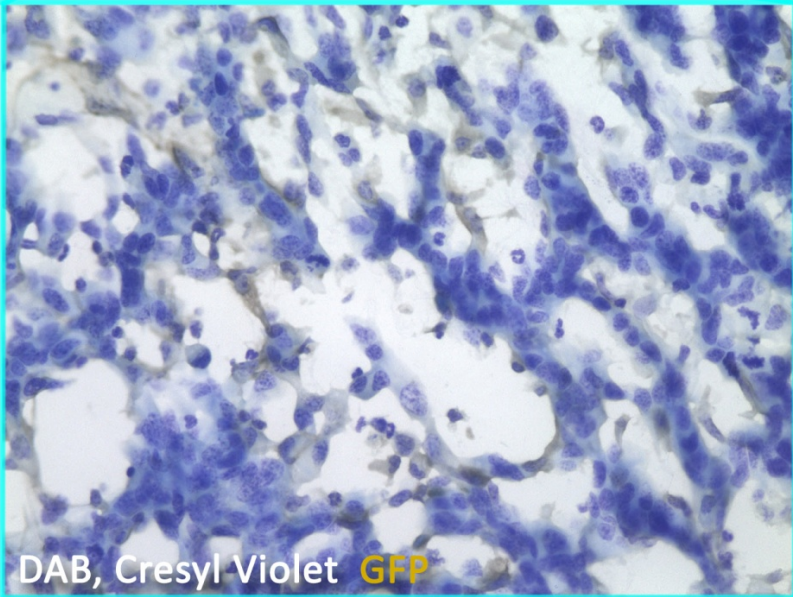
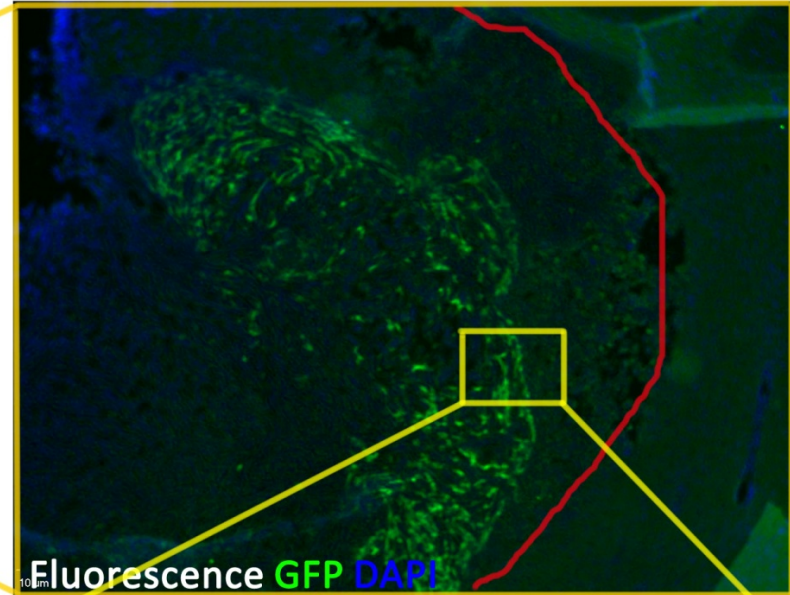
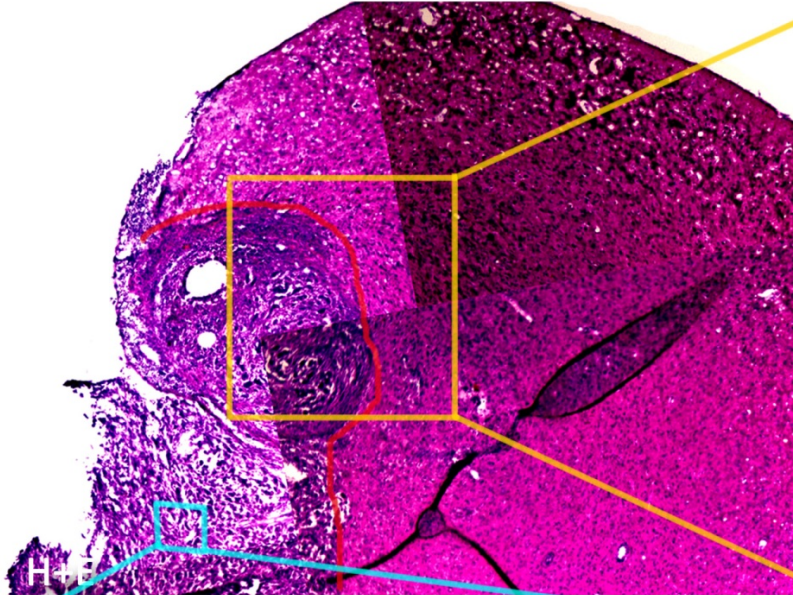
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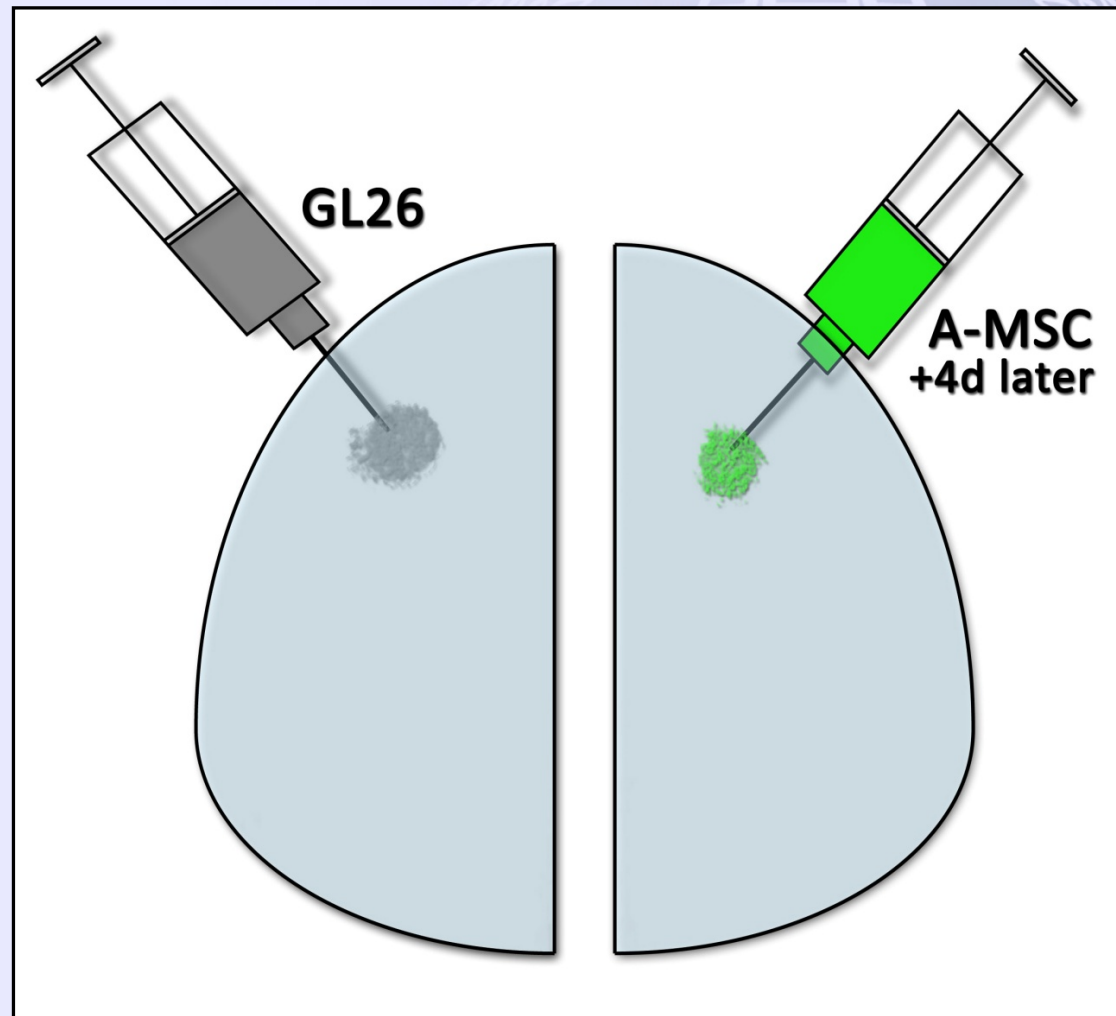


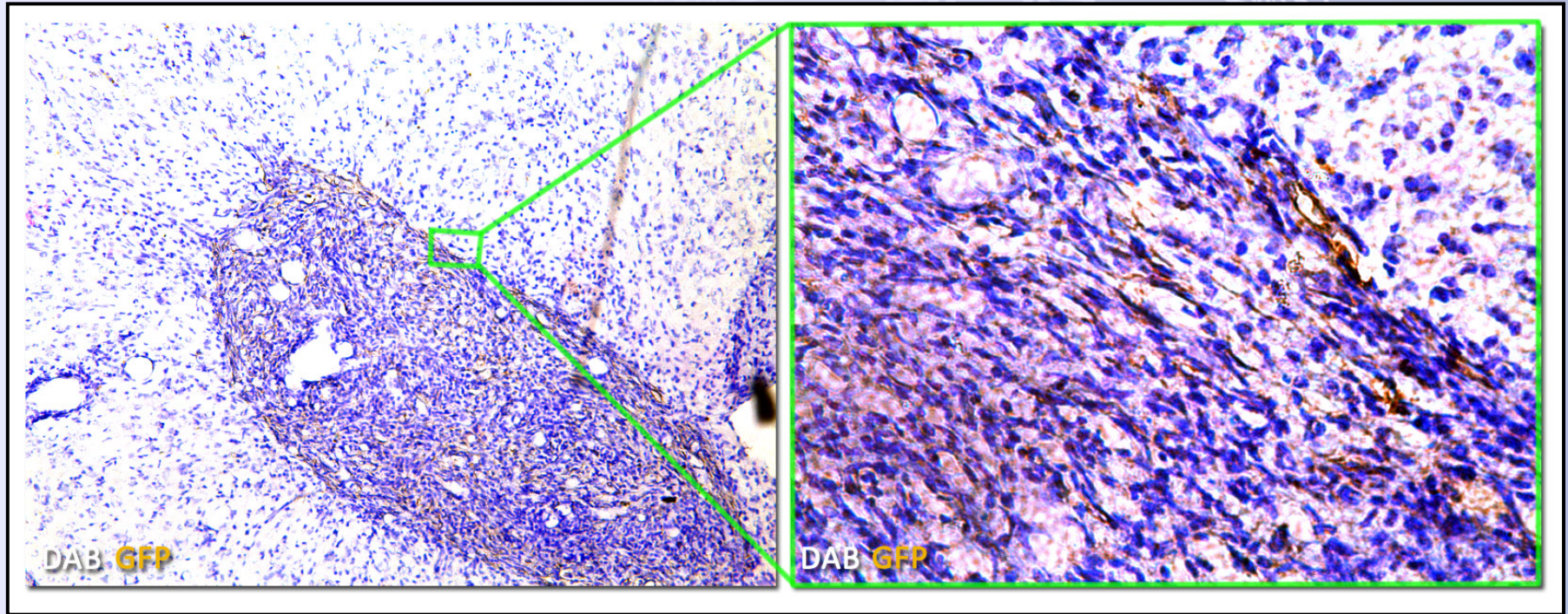
Ipsilateral Injection of AMSCs





Contralateral Injection of AMSCs





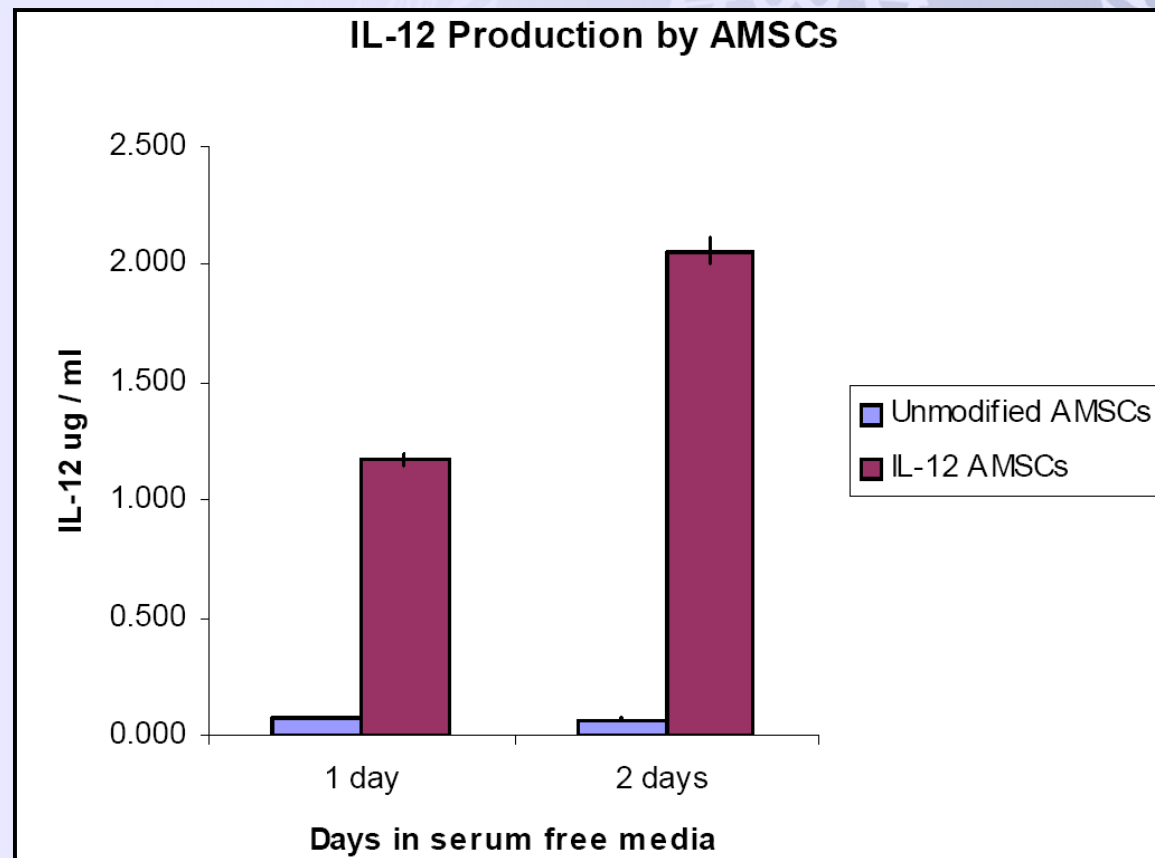
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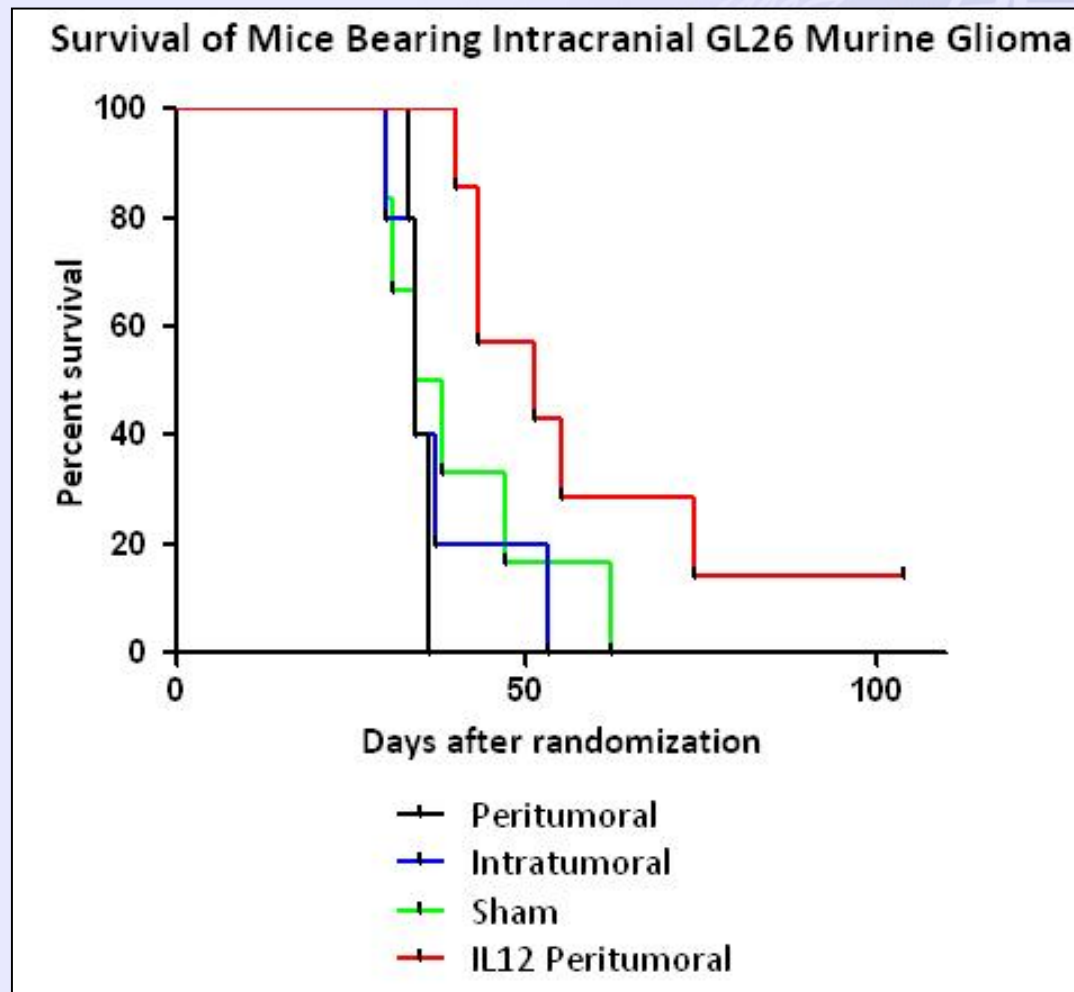
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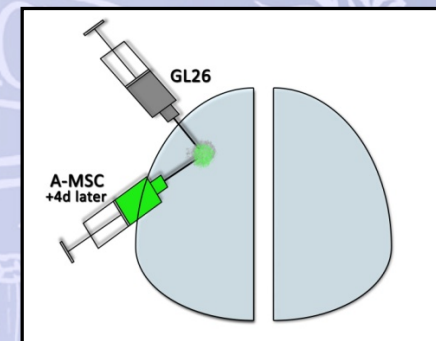
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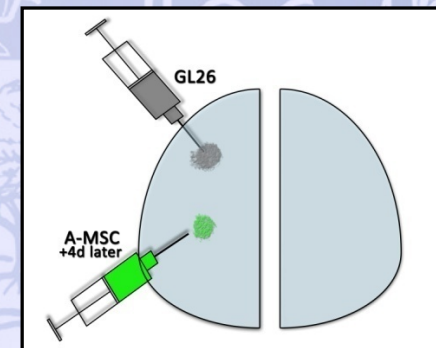
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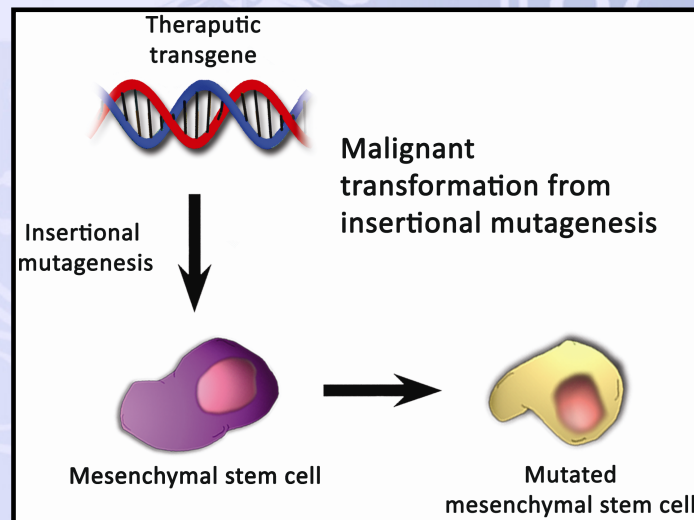
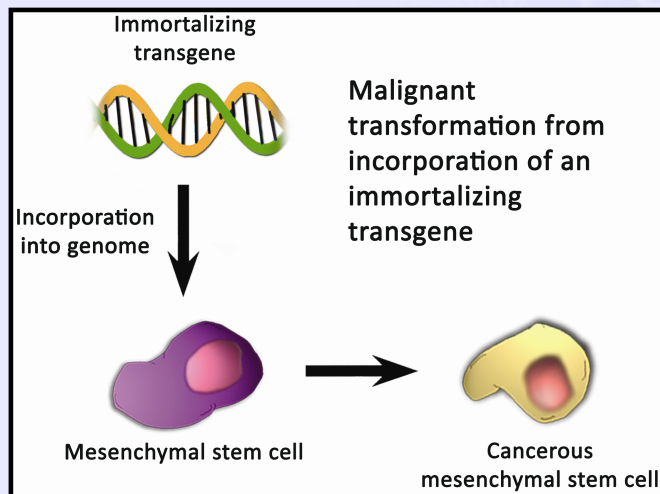
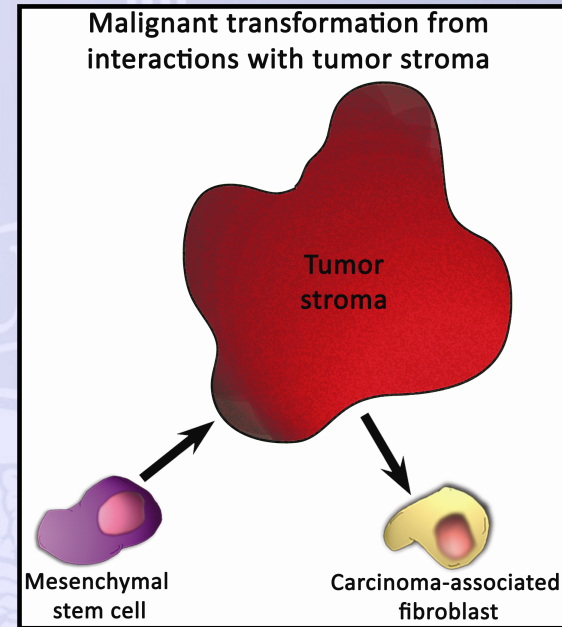
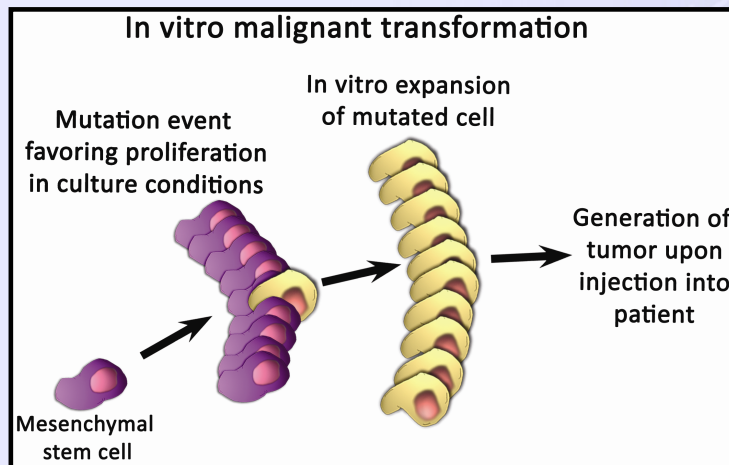


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Conclusions

1. A-MSCs can be easily collected from fat tissue
2. A-MSCs migrate in large quantities to gliomas *in vitro* and *in vivo*
3. A-MSCs do not enhance the growth of gliomas *in vitro* or decrease survivability of mice *in vivo*
4. When genetically modified to produce a therapeutic agent (i.e. IL-12), A-MSCs confer a survival advantage to mice bearing intracranial gliomas

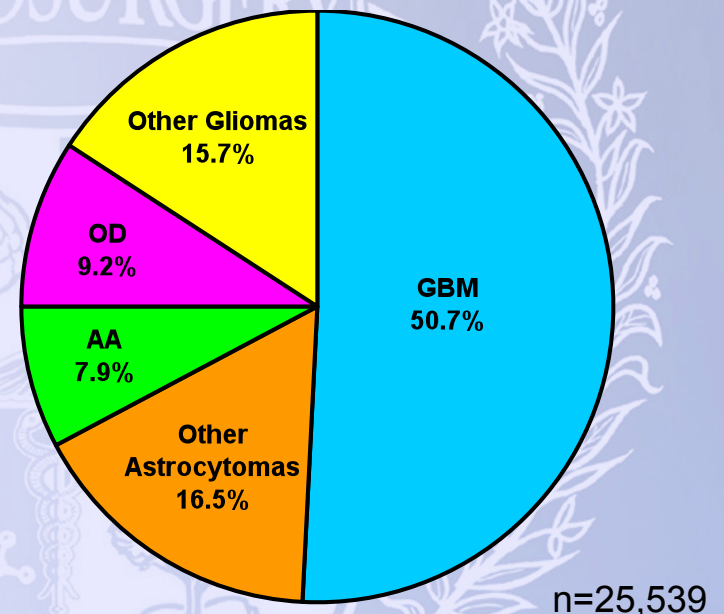
Future Directions: Are MSCs dangerous?



Malignant Glioma Epidemiology

- Approximately 20,500 people in the US are diagnosed with cancer of the brain and nervous system annually
 - About 12,740 patients die annually as a result of these malignant tumors
- Approximately 7.4 cases of primary malignant tumors of the CNS are diagnosed per 100,000 people per year

Distribution of Primary Brain and CNS Gliomas*



*Adapted from CBTRUS. Statistical Report. 2005.
OD, oligodendroglioma; AA, anaplastic astrocytoma.

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Human SVZ Astrocytes Do Not Require EGF or FGF

Astrocytes isolated from SVZ, cortex, and striatum

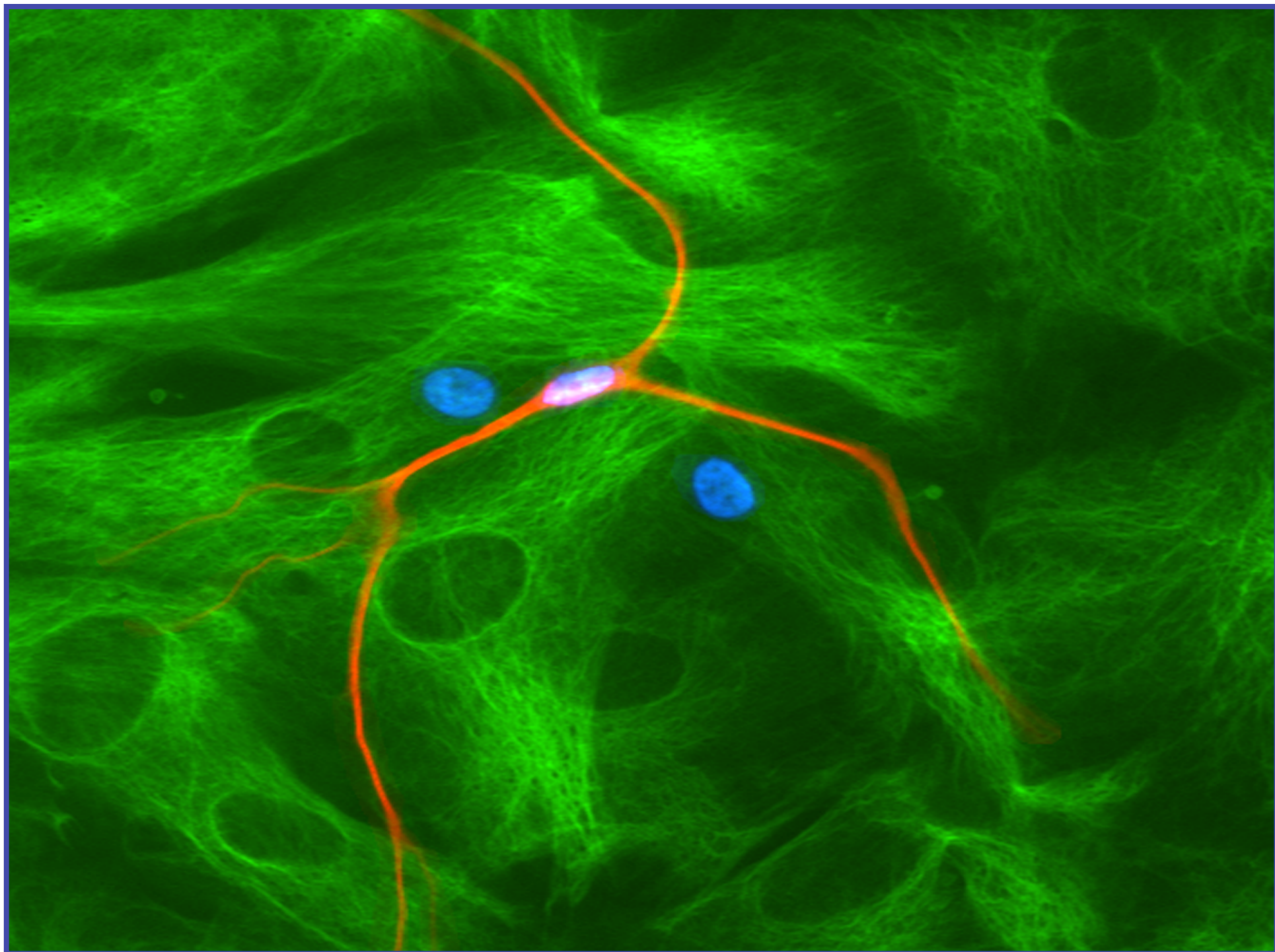


Astrocytes clonally cultured
on a cortical astrocyte
Monolayer (no EGF/FGF)



✓ **5 of 64 SVZ astrocyte colonies
contained new neurons**

X **Cortical and striatal astrocytes: no neurons**

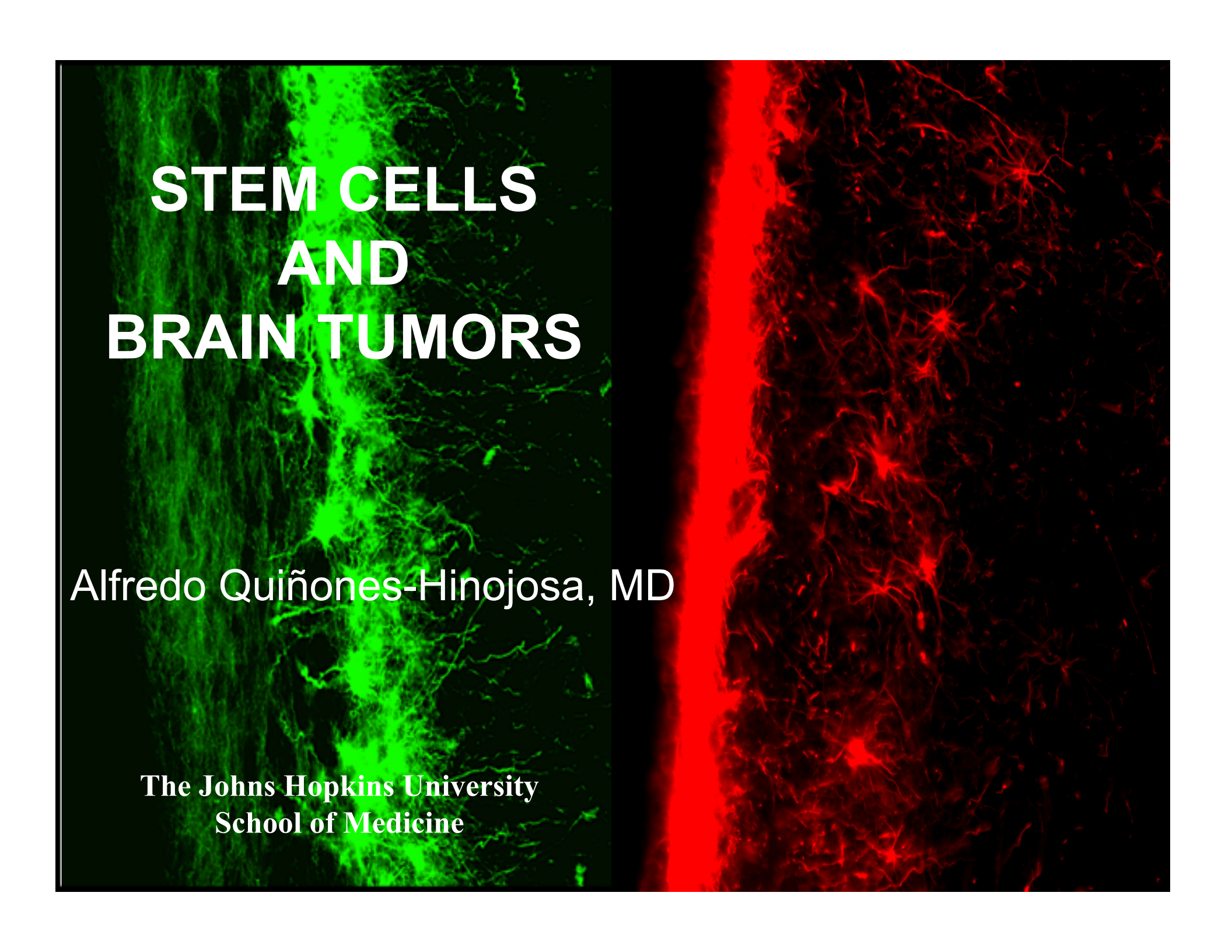


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