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Metastasi ossee e tumori gastrointestinali: Attualità e prospettive

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Metastasi ossee

Terza sede di metastasi dopo polmone e fegato

L' 80% è dovuto a secondarismi da:

- Mammella
- Prostata
- Polmone
- Rene
- Tiroide

Metastasi ossee da tumori GI, davvero un problema?

- Epidemiologia
- Panoramica sulle diverse neoplasie
 - Comportamento clinico
 - Significato prognostico
 - Terapia
 - Implicazioni biologiche
 - Il carcinoma gastrico come modello

Epidemiologia

Neoplasia	Incidenza metastasi ossee	Tipologia delle lesioni	Isolate (1° sede)
Esofago	1%	miste	rare
Pancreas	1%	miste	no
HCC	3-20%	Osteolitiche/ miste	si
Vie biliari	3-5%	miste	si
Colon	5%	osteolitiche	rare
Retto	5-10%	miste	si
Stomaco	1-2% (autopsia 20%)	Osteoblastiche/ miste	si

HCC and bone metastases

Asian patients

- More frequent
- Mixed 90%
- Multiple 70%
- mOS 11 months
- Prognostic factors for S Child/PS
- VEGF mediated
- Moderately aggressive

Western patients

- osteolytic 80%
- Soft tissue expansion
- Hypervascolarized
- Aggressive
- Median survival a few months
- No utility of bone scan

Radiotherapy effective
Good response to bifosfonates (embolization)

PDAC and bone metastases



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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Observational Study

Prognostic value of site-specific metastases in pancreatic adenocarcinoma: A Surveillance Epidemiology and End Results database analysis

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7% incidence

- Associated with squamous subtype (smokers)
- c-myc alteration

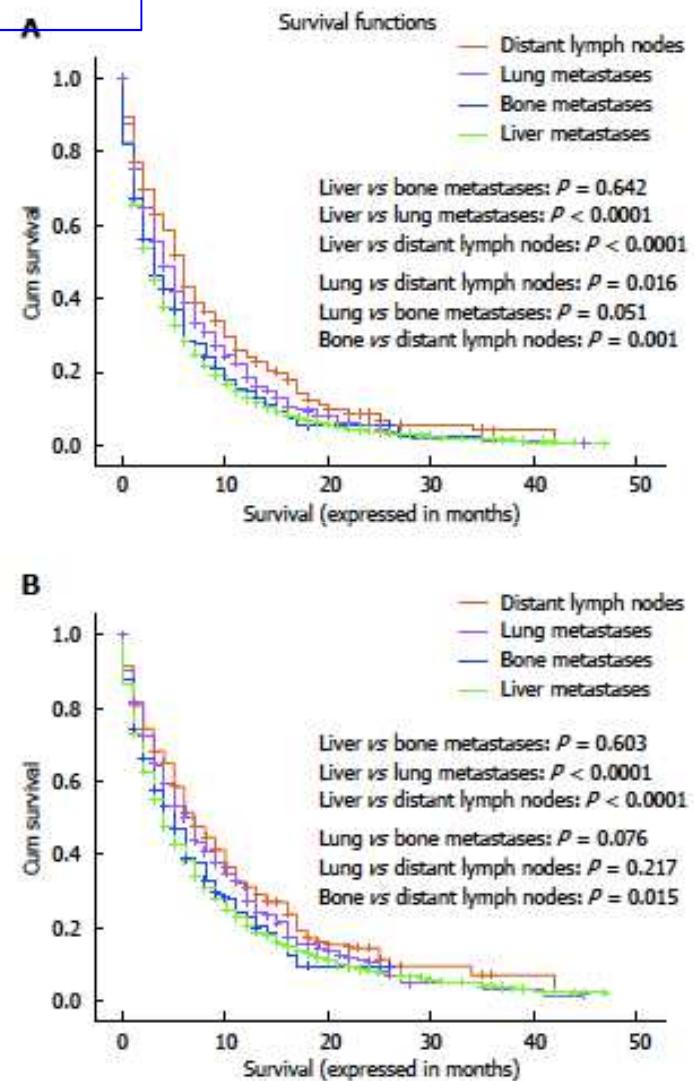
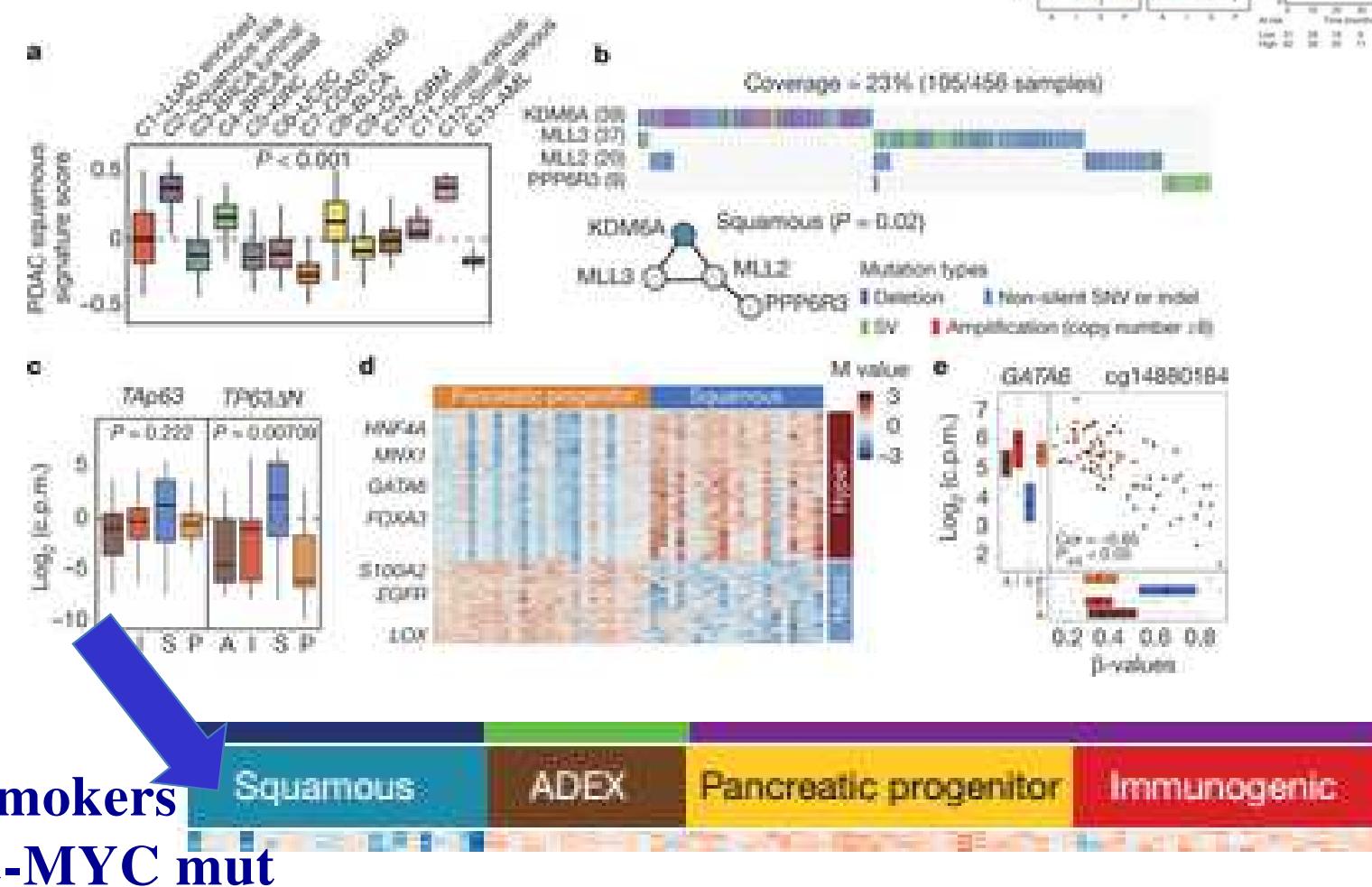


Figure 1 Kaplan-Meier curve of: overall survival (A), and pancreatic cancer-specific survival (B) according to the site of single site metastases.

Genomic analyses identify 4 molecular subtypes of pancreatic cancer *Nature* 2016



Natural history of bone metastasis in colorectal cancer: final results of a large Italian bone metastases study

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Table 1. Patients demographics and baseline disease characteristics

Characteristic	Patients (n = 160)	Median age (range)	Median tumor stage ^a	Median number of metastases	Median time from primary cancer diagnosis to diagnosis of bone metastasis (months)	P value
Gender	Male 80; Female 80	51 (30–80)	T1-T4	1 (1–16)	36 (6–144)	
Cancer site	Colon 104; Rectum 56	51 (30–80)	T1-T4	1 (1–16)	36 (6–144)	
Number of metastases	1 (1–16)	51 (30–80)	T1-T4	1 (1–16)	36 (6–144)	
Number of patients with bone metastases	119 (74%)	51 (30–80)	T1-T4	1 (1–16)	36 (6–144)	
Number of patients receiving adjuvant chemotherapy	96 (60%)	51 (30–80)	T1-T4	1 (1–16)	36 (6–144)	
Number of patients receiving ZOL	46 (29%)	51 (30–80)	T1-T4	1 (1–16)	36 (6–144)	
Number of patients receiving zoledronic acid	32 (20%)	51 (30–80)	T1-T4	1 (1–16)	36 (6–144)	
Number of patients receiving both ZOL and zoledronic acid	14 (9%)	51 (30–80)	T1-T4	1 (1–16)	36 (6–144)	
Number of patients receiving bisphosphonate therapy	156 (97%)	51 (30–80)	T1-T4	1 (1–16)	36 (6–144)	
Number of patients receiving ZOL	122 (80%)	51 (30–80)	T1-T4	1 (1–16)	36 (6–144)	
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Table 2. Median time from primary cancer diagnosis to diagnosis of bone metastasis

Variable	Time, months	95% CI	P value
Bone metastasis type	7.00	5.87–8.13	0.008
Osteolytic	21.00	5.90–36.11	
Osteoblastic	21.00	5.90–36.11	
Number of bone metastases	9.00	6.34–11.67	0.004
1	6.00	4.9–7.1	
>1	6.00	4.9–7.1	
SREs	7.00	5.43–8.57	0.88
No	7.00	5.58–8.43	
Yes	7.00	5.58–8.43	
Bisphosphonate treatment	10.00	8.09–11.91	0.161
ZOL	10.00	8.09–11.91	
No ZOL	6.00	4.46–7.54	
Overall	7.00	5.75–8.70	

*Log rank test.

CI, confidence interval; SRE, skeletal-related event; ZOL, zoledronic acid.

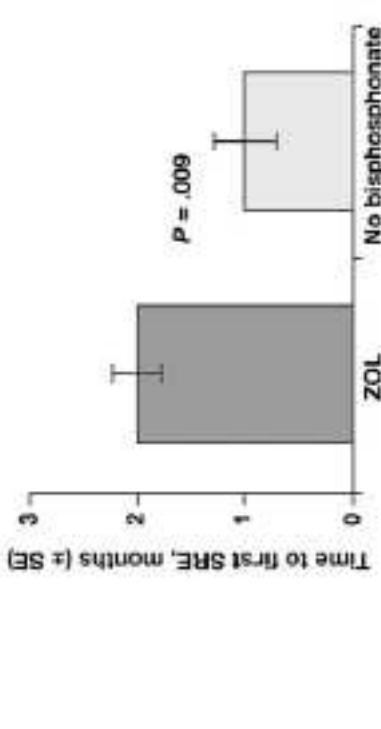


Figure 2. Comparison of time to first SRE in colorectal cancer patients receiving zoledronic acid (n = 126) and those who did not receive zoledronic acid (n = 31, P = 0.009). SE, standard error; SRE, skeletal-related event; ZOL, zoledronic acid.

Table 3. Median survival after bone metastasis diagnosis

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The median overall survival after diagnosis of bone metastasis was 20.0 months (95% CI 15.25–27.70 months), i.e. 16 months. In univariate analysis (Table 3), osteoblastic lesions ($P = 0.008$) or the presence of only one bone lesion ($P = 0.004$) correlated with longer median survival compared with osteolytic lesions ($P = 0.008$). Neither the number of bone metastases nor the use of zoledronic acid ($P = 0.161$) significantly correlated with survival after diagnosis of bone metastasis.

Of the 264 patients with confirmed bone metastases, 107 did not have data on bisphosphonate use. These patients were excluded, and a subgroup analysis was carried out on the patients with well-documented bisphosphonate treatment history. In this subset, 126 patients had received zoledronic acid (4 mg every 4 weeks i.v. infusion, with dose adjustment based on creatinine clearance) and 31 patients had not received i.v. bisphosphonate.

Baseline demographic and disease characteristics were generally similar between patients receiving zoledronic acid and those not receiving zoledronic acid (Table 3). Patients who received zoledronic acid had a significantly longer time to first SRE than patients who did not receive zoledronic acid (20

Streuli were known to receive bisphosphonate therapy. *Includes patients who had bone metastases at more than one site. Percentage are based on total number of metastases (one or more) of patients.

Metastasi ossee e carcinoma del colon-retto: prognosi

Attenzione
PS importante!!

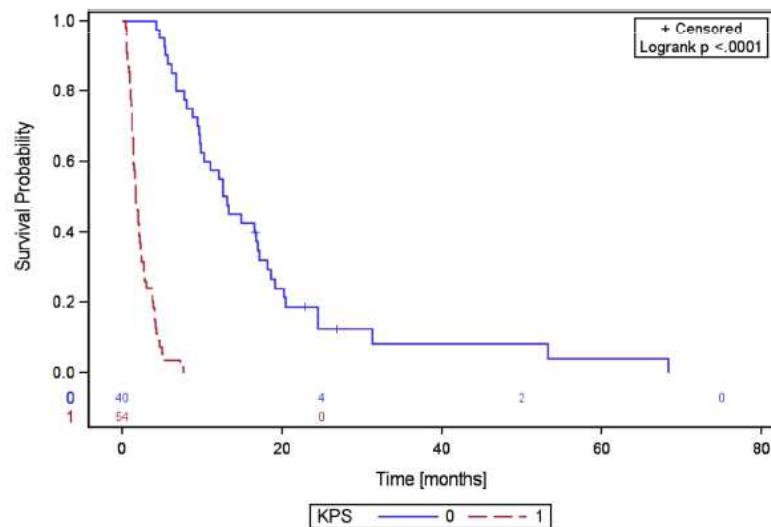


Fig. 2 Bone survival depending on the Karnofsky performance score (KPS)

Carcinoma del colon-retto e metastasi epatiche

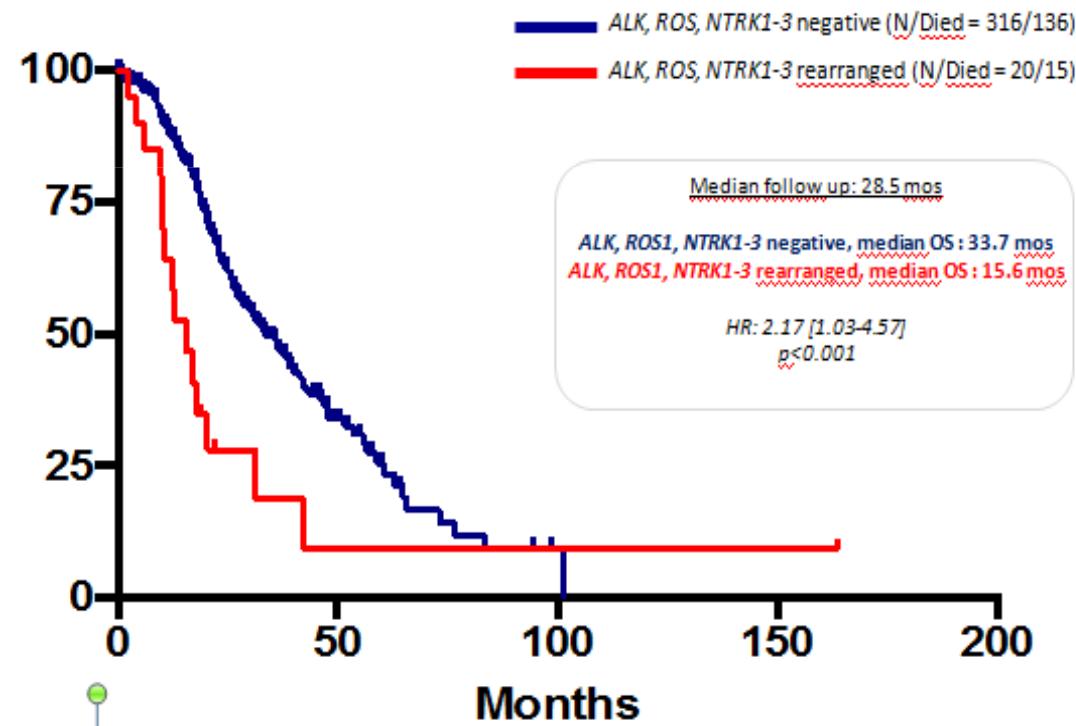
- Fattori prognostici per sviluppo di meta ossee: metastasi polmonari e neoplasie rettali.
- Seguire il paziente con ca del retto e i pazienti operati per lesioni polmonari
- Sono più spesso eventi tardivi e cattiva prognosi (osteolitiche) (mOS 7 mesi, D. Santini)
- Zoledronato efficace nel ritardare SRE ma impatto anche su sopravvivenza
- No mutazione specifica ma attenzione a ALK

Characteristics of ALK/ROS/NTRK rearranged mCRC

Female
Elderly

Right colon
Nodal mets

RAS&BRAF wt
MSI-high



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Natural History of Malignant Bone Disease in Gastric Cancer: Final Results of a Multicenter Bone Metastasis Survey

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Table 7. Patients survival parameters according bone metastasis onset.

PATIENTS SURVIVAL PARAMETERS	TIME, MO	95% CI
ALL PATIENTS		
OVERALL SURVIVAL	14	12.035–15.975
SURVIVAL AFTER BONE METASTASIS DIAGNOSIS	6	5.068–6.932
TIME TO SRE AFTER BONE METASTASIS DIAGNOSIS	2	1.536–2.464
SURVIVAL AFTER SRE	3	2.049–3.951
TIME TO BONE METASTASIS	8	6.125–9.875
BONE METASTASIS SYNCHRONOUS		
SURVIVAL AFTER BONE METASTASIS DIAGNOSIS	5	3.461–6.539
TIME TO SRE AFTER BONE METASTASIS DIAGNOSIS	1	0.530–1.470
SURVIVAL AFTER SRE	4	3.156–4.844
BONE METASTASIS METACHRONOUS		
SURVIVAL AFTER BONE METASTASIS DIAGNOSIS	5	3.830–6.170
TIME TO SRE AFTER BONE METASTASIS DIAGNOSIS	2	1.333–2.667
SURVIVAL AFTER SRE	3	2.074–3.000
ONLY BONE METASTASIS		
SURVIVAL AFTER BONE METASTASIS DIAGNOSIS	5	1.679–8.321
TIME TO SRE AFTER BONE METASTASIS DIAGNOSIS	1	0.000–2.283
SURVIVAL AFTER SRE	3	1.829–4.171

ALL SRE
49
% 30
representative
of all SREs

19/31
% 61
representative
of all SREs

10/31
% 32
representative
of all SREs

4/31
% 13
representative
of all SREs

Figure 1. Percentage of skeletal-related events (SREs) occurring in patients with bone metastases from gastric cancer.
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BASELINE CHARACTERISTICS	FREQUENCY	PERCENTAGE (%)
BONE LESION TYPE		
OSTEOLYTIC	105/202	52.0
OSTEOLYTIC	46/202	22.8
MIXED	51/202	25.2
BONE METASTASIS NUMBER		
1	65/207	31.4
>1	142/207	68.6
BONE METASTASIS SPINE		
YES	42/207	20.3
NO	165/207	79.7
BONE METASTASIS LONG BONES		
YES	109/207	52.7
NO	98/207	47.3
BONE METASTASIS HIP		
YES	79/207	38.3
NO	127/207	61.7
ZOLEDRONIC ACID TREATMENT		
NO	105/186	56.5
YES	81/186	43.5
SRE TYPE (ALL) ^a		
PATHOLOGICAL FRACTURE	19/85	22.4
HYPERCALCEMIA	4/85	4.7
SPINAL CORD COMPRESSION	9/85	10.6
SURGERY TO BONE	13/85	15.3
RADIATION TO BONE	40/85	47.1

^aIncluded first, second and third SRE, skeletal-related event.

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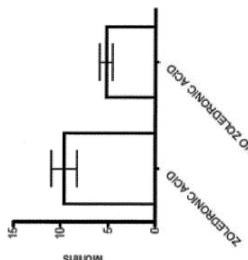
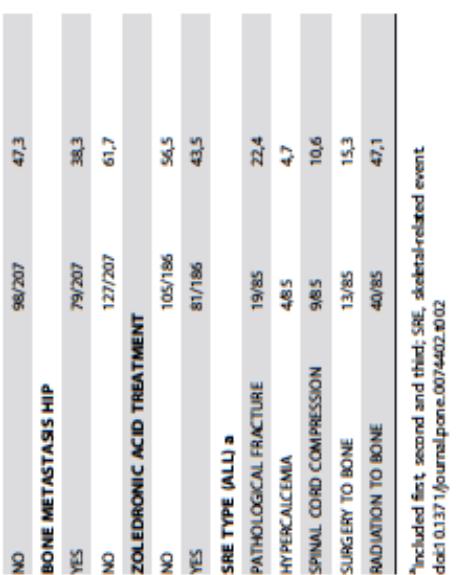


Figure 2. Comparison of time to first SRE in patients receiving zoledronic acid before SRE (n = 31) and those who did not receive zoledronic acid (n = 85, p = 0.0005). Data are presented as mean ± SEM. Statistical significance was determined by Mann-Whitney test.
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^aCL, confidence interval; SRE, skeletal-related event.
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Metastatic spread in patients with gastric cancer

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Table 2: Multivariable logistic regression model for ORs of specific metastases in gastric cancer patients with a single metastasis ($N = 1,945$)

Patient characteristic	Any metastasis			Thyroid			Peritoneum			Liver			Other Gastro-intestinal			Bone			Other			
	OR	95% CI	%	OR	95% CI	%	OR	95% CI	%	OR	95% CI	%	OR	95% CI	%	OR	95% CI	%	OR	95% CI	%	
All			5%			25%			44%			5%			7%			10%			10%	
Sex:																						
Men	1		5%	1		26%	1		48%	1		4%	1		8%	1		8%	1		8%	1
Women	1.0	0.9	11	0.6	0.4	34%	1.1	1.0	1.4	0.7	0.6	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.9	0.7	0.5	1.0	1.3	1.3	2.4	
Age at diagnosis																						
<60	1		3%	1		37%	1		29%	1		6%	1		12%	1		14%	1		14%	1
60-69	0.9	0.8	11	5%	1.7	0.9	3.4	0.9	0.7	1.1	40%	1.3	1.0	1.6	5%	0.8	0.5	1.5	8%	0.6	0.4	0.9
70-79	0.7	0.6	0.9	4%	1.4	0.7	2.7	0.5	0.4	0.7	48%	1.4	1.1	1.7	0%	0.8	0.5	1.4	5%	0.4	0.2	0.5
>79	0.4	0.3	0.5	6%	1.1	0.6	2.3	0.3	0.2	0.4	55%	1.0	0.8	1.2	5%	0.5	0.2	0.8	4%	0.3	0.1	0.4
Anatomical site																						
Colon	1		7%	1		18%	1		51%	1		3%	1		8%	1		11%	1		11%	1
Fundic Corpus	0.9	0.8	11	3%	0.4	0.2	0.7	0.3	0.5	1.7	1.3	2.2	46%	0.9	0.7	1.1	4%	1.1	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.9
Antrum/Pylorus	0.9	0.8	11	4%	0.5	0.3	0.9	0.9	0.5	1.8	1.3	2.3	40%	0.7	0.6	0.9	1.7	0.9	0.5	0.3	0.8	
Duodenum	1.2	1.0	1.4	4%	0.7	0.4	1.1	0.1	0.5	2.0	1.6	2.7	38%	0.9	0.7	1.1	3.3	0%	0.6	1.5	1.2%	1.1
Histology																						
Adenocarcinoma	1		5%	1		26%	1		48%	1		5%	1		6%	1		9%	1		9%	1
Squamous	1.2	1.0	1.4	2%	0.4	0.2	1.1	0.6	0.4	2.5	2.0	3.1	11%	0.3	0.2	0.4	1.4	0.8	1.3	1.3	0.9	
Melanosis	0.7	0.5	1.0	2%	0.3	0.0	2.3	0.8	0.5	1.5	45%	0.7	0.4	1.1	18%	2.7	1.2	5.8	0%	1.1	9%	0.3
Survival	1.2	1.0	1.4	2%	0.4	0.2	1.1	0.6	0.4	2.5	2.0	3.1	11%	0.3	0.2	0.4	1.4	0.8	1.3	1.3	0.9	
Metastasis																						
1																						
2																						
3																						
4																						

Table 4: Location of second metastasis in gastric cancer patients with one or multiple metastases (two or more)

Site of metastasis	Total number			Number of patients with one or multiple metastases			Number of patients with two or more metastases			Number of patients with three or more metastases			Number of patients with four or more metastases			Number of patients with five or more metastases			Number of patients with six or more metastases		
	1	2	3	4+	1	2	3	4+	1	2	3	4+	1	2	3	4+	1	2	3	4+	
Long	440	89	191	111	40	80	103	9	165	575	575	10%	165	575	575	10%	165	575	575	10%	
Placenta/Mil	161	9	50	52	9	30	27	1	25	100%	100%	32%	25	38%	38%	100%	32	100%	100%	100%	
Liver	1416	570	203	104	51	30	27	1	100%	100%	100%	100%	78	15%	15%	100%	78	100%	100%	100%	
Other GI	279	102	112	50	15	63	58	2	23%	30%	30%	30%	116	100%	100%	100%	116	100%	100%	100%	
Nervous system	98	37	32	15	14	62	58	1	100%	100%	100%	100%	68	100%	100%	100%	68	100%	100%	100%	
Bone	350	136	169	64	41	67	67	1	100%	100%	100%	100%	116	20%	20%	100%	116	100%	100%	100%	
Ovary	82	20	29	18	15	70	70	1	100%	100%	100%	100%	59	12%	12%	100%	59	100%	100%	100%	
Other	445	134	163	93	55	70	70	1	100%	100%	100%	100%	265	31%	31%	100%	265	100%	100%	100%	
NONCARCINOID																					
Long	168	35	85	46	22	81%	81%	1	100%	81%	100%	100%	81%	65%	65%	100%	65%	100%	100%	100%	
Placenta/Mil	55	5	17	19	14	91%	91%	1	100%	91%	100%	100%	91%	56%	56%	100%	56%	100%	100%	100%	
Peritoneum	168	90	42	55	11	46%	46%	1	100%	46%	100%	100%	46%	14%	14%	100%	14%	100%	100%	100%	
Liver	481	253	151	56	21	47%	47%	2	100%	47%	100%	100%	47%	3%	3%	100%	3%	100%	100%	100%	
Other GI	59	17	25	11	6	71%	71%	1	100%	71%	100%	100%	71%	26%	26%	100%	26%	100%	100%	100%	
Nervous system	54	19	21	6	8	63%	63%	1	100%	63%	100%	100%	63%	35%	35%	100%	35%	100%	100%	100%	
Bone	123	40	42	25	16	67%	67%	2	100%	67%	100%	100%	67%	38%	38%	100%	38%	100%	100%	100%	
Ovary	4	1	0	3	0	75%	75%	0	100%	50%	100%	100%	50%	25%	25%	100%	25%	100%	100%	100%	
Other	125	34	39	30	22	75%	75%	6	100%	45%	75%	75%	45%	16%	16%	100%	16%	100%	100%	100%	

Percentages indicate how many of all patients with site-specific metastases have multiple metastases to other sites.

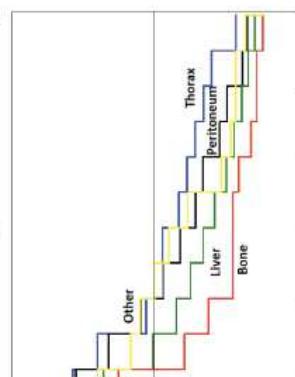


Figure 2: Survival curves in metastatic gastric cancer. In panel (A) comparison by T stage. In panel (B) comparison by site of metastasis.

In panel (C) comparison by N stage.

Survival [in months]

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Gastric cancer and bone metastases

The majority of bone metasese are asymptomatic

Sites: Spine; pelvis

Methacronous met median time to met 16 months

Bone metastases prognostic factors for survival: 8.7 vs 4 months

Better survival for patients with bone only vs bone + other sites

PS prognostic factor for survival

Cardia > incidence; PD >

Synchronous vs metachronous prognosis

S-1 or irinotecan better?

	Bone metastasis		
	synchro-nous (n = 126)	meta-chronous (n = 77)	total (n = 203)
Median age (range), years	52 (24–83)	51 (28–71)	51 (24–83)
Sex			
Male	71 (56)	46 (60)	117 (57)
Female	55 (44)	31 (40)	86 (43)
Performance status			
0–2	99 (79)	67 (87)	166 (82)
3–4	27 (21)	10 (13)	37 (18)
Histology			
WD-MD	25 (20)	13 (17)	38 (20)
PD-SRC	91 (72)	56 (73)	147 (72)
Unknown	10 (8)	8 (10)	16 (8)
Gross type			
EGC	9 (8)	3 (4)	12 (6)
Type 1	3 (2)	0	3 (2)
Type 2	13 (10)	10 (13)	23 (11)
Type 3	63 (50)	40 (51)	103 (51)
Type 4	19 (15)	19 (25)	38 (19)
Unclassified	19 (15)	5 (7)	24 (11)
Location			
Upper 1/3	1 (1)	1 (1)	2 (1)
Middle 1/3	41 (33)	37 (49)	78 (38)
Lower 1/3	31 (25)	24 (31)	55 (28)
Diffuse	39 (31)	8 (10)	47 (23)
Unknown	14 (10)	7 (9)	21 (10)
Operation			
Yes	8 (6)	69 (90)	77 (38)
No	118 (94)	8 (10)	126 (62)
Aim of surgery			
Curative	0	59 (77)	59 (29)
Palliative	6 (5)	6 (8)	12 (6)
Bypass	2 (2)	4 (5)	6 (3)

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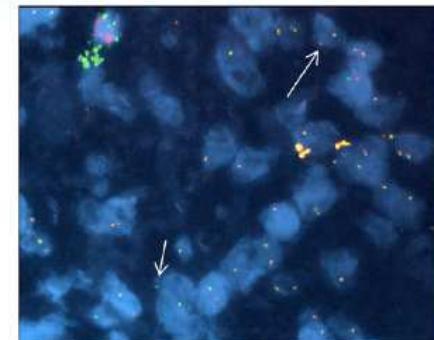
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Tipico dello stomaco distale
Istotipo mucinoso
Rare nella giunzione EG

3-5% incidenza

Identification of ROS1 Rearrangement in Gastric Adenocarcinoma

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4% incidenza

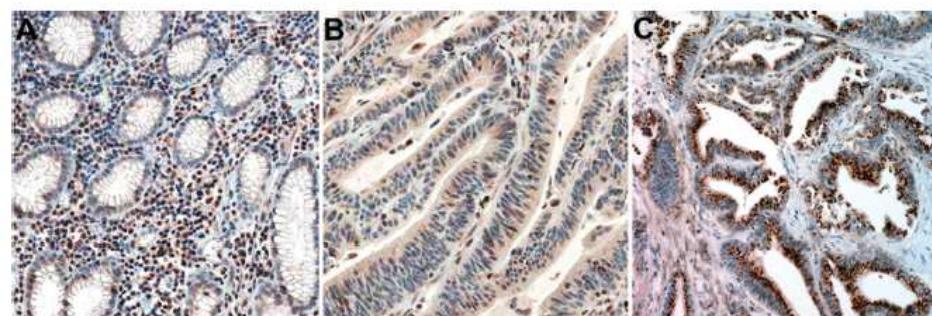


Figure 1. Representative staining patterns of c-ros oncogene 1, receptor tyrosine kinase (*ROS1*) are observed in (A) non-neoplastic gastric mucosa and in gastric carcinoma that was (B) negative and (C) positive for *ROS1*. Note the perinuclear, dot-like, cytoplasmic staining in C.

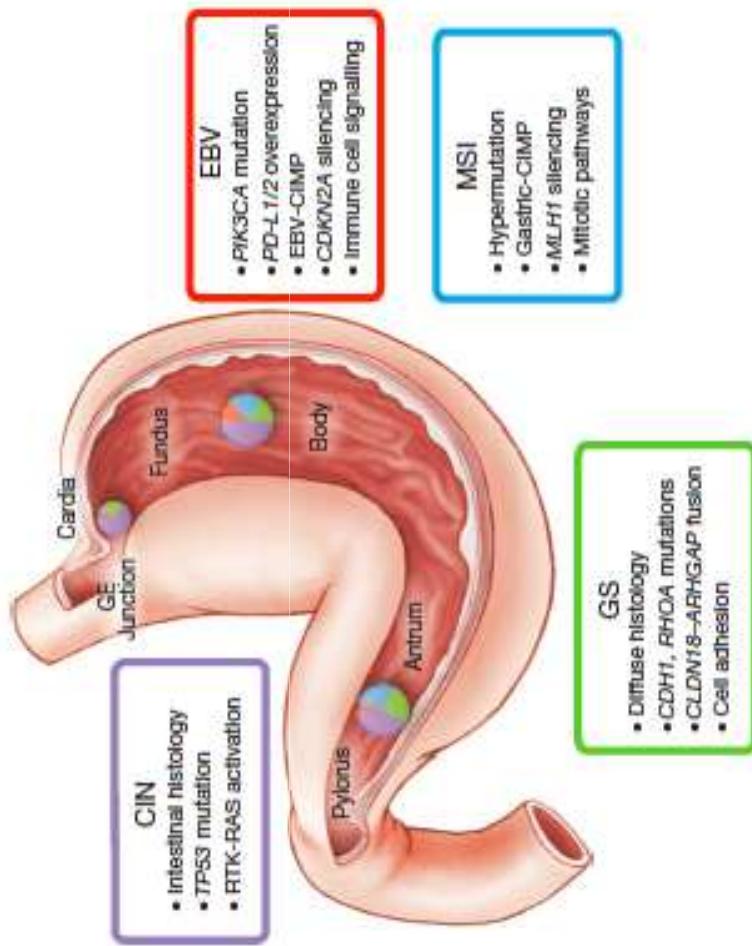
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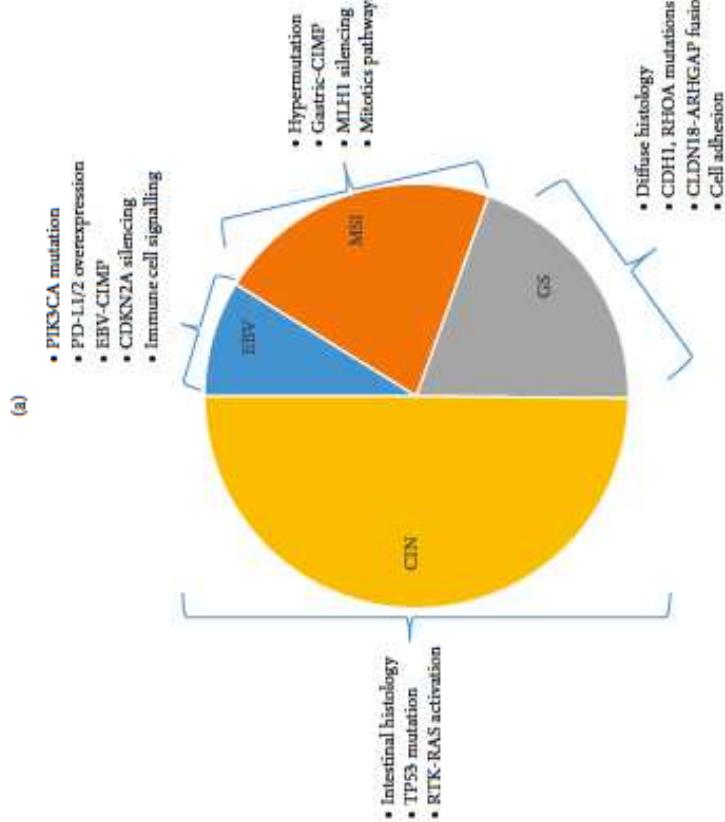
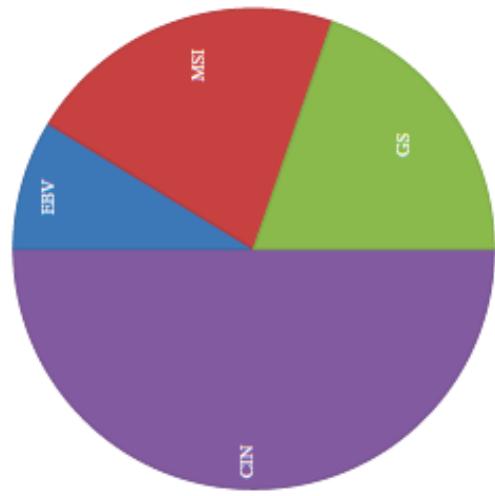
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Comprehensive molecular characterization of gastric adenocarcinoma

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**Bone Marrow and NOT Bone Metastases is What 21st Century Diagnostic Imaging Must
Focus upon when Looking for Skeletal Metastases**

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noma) and described in detail in a succeeding editorial [6]. In short, the main message is that skeletal metastasis occurs by seeding in the red bone marrow of circulating tumor cells, retrograde venous flow or direct extension, and that proliferating cancer cells at some unknown time point give rise to reactive bone formation, which is what can be detected by the four modalities compared in the Löfgren study. Opposite to FDG-PET imaging, all four modalities bear only indirect evidence of metastatic dis-

Metastasi ossee e midollari: l'esempio del carcinoma gastrico

- Attenzione è diversa la situazione fra metastasi ossee e coinvolgimento midollare.
- Coinvolgimento midollare può rispondere bene e avere una buona prognosi.

Presence of bone marrow micro-metastases in stage I-III colon cancer patients is associated with worse disease-free and overall survival

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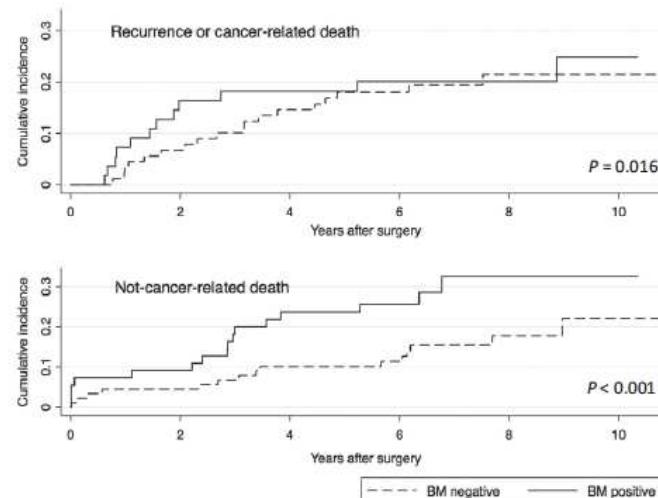


Figure 2. Cumulative incidence of recurrence or cancer-related death (top) and not-cancer related death for the covariates bone marrow negative and positive.

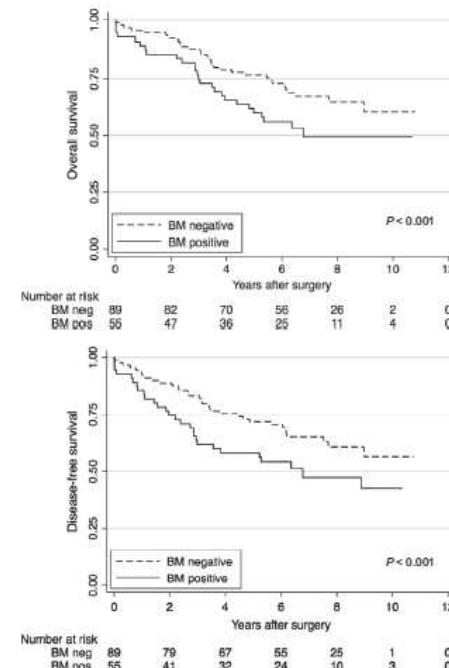


Figure 3. Kaplan-Meier survival curves for overall survival and disease-free survival for the covariates bone marrow (BM) negative and positive.

12-15% incidence

Rectal cancer 16% vs 30% pre vs no prechemoradiotherapy

Clinical study of disseminated tumor cells in bone marrow of patients with gastric cancer.

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BACKGROUND/AIMS: Tumor micrometastasis usually occurs at early stage. Therefore, we aimed to investigate the morphology of disseminated tumor cells (DTCs) and its clinical significance in bone marrow (BM) of patients with gastric cancer.

METHODOLOGY: Forty patients with gastric cancer were enrolled and mononuclear cells were separated from BMs. After labeled by MACS microbeads conjugated with human epithelial antigen (HEA) antibodies, tumor cells were viably enriched twice by MS+/RS+ positive separation column. Parts of the cells from the patients were stained with CK-FITC, DAPI and EB. Then, morphology of the stained tumor cells was observed under fluorescence microscope.

RESULTS: Six hundred and eighty eight CK positive cells in 18 cases (45%) were detected, including 384 (55.8%) medium-sized cells, 102 (14.8%) large-sized cells, 46(6.7%) stem-cell-like cells, 8 (1.2%) M-phase cells, 84 (12.2%) nuclear debris and 64 (9.3%) non-nuclear debris. The number of tumor cells in BM was significantly correlated with TNM stage ($p=0.038$), but not with gender, age, histological differentiation and lymph node metastasis.

CONCLUSIONS: The DTCs in BM of patients with gastric cancer show various morphological characteristics. The existence of these tumor cells suggests a poor prognosis.

Invasione midollare e metastasi ossee

- Perché i tumori GI hanno una bassa incidenza di metastasi ossee ma una alta incidenza di invasione midollare?
 - Occasionale crocevia di passaggio?
 - Qualche significato biologico nascosto?
- Caratteristiche delle cellule tumorali o degli esosomi?
- L'esempio del carcinoma gastrico

The bone metastasis: the marrow invasion as the first step

- Pre-metastatic niche formation
- Chemotactic attraction of malignant cells
- Homing of malignant cells to **bone marrow**
- Acquisition of an osteomimetic cell phenotype

After a latency period (months to years) malignant cells can proliferate into tumors that alter bone remodeling processes by inducing activation of osteoblasts and osteoclasts function.

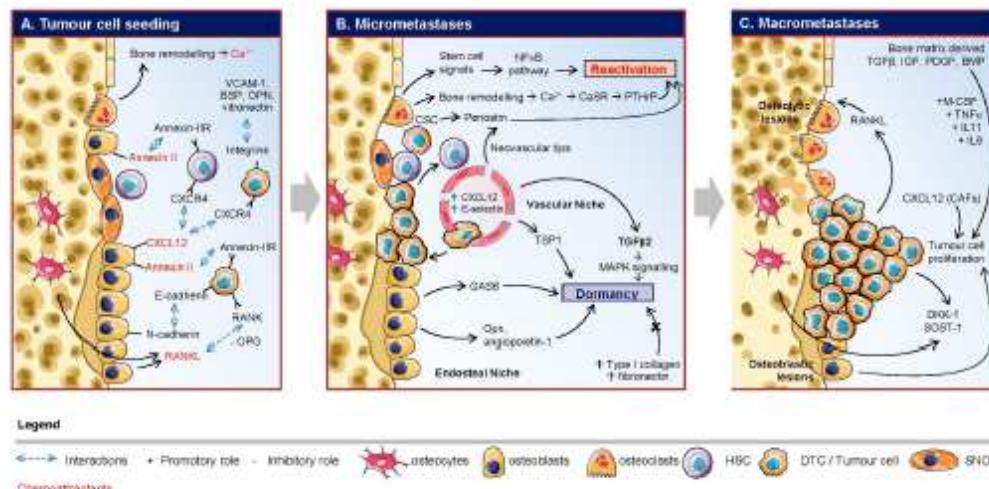


Figure 1. Stages of cancer cell colonisation of the bone. (A) Tumour cells are attracted to the high levels of chemoattractants in the bone marrow (red), such as Ca^{2+} , CXCL12 (C-X-C motif chemokine

The bone marrow invasion: really a first step only?

The role of exosomes: new actors in the play

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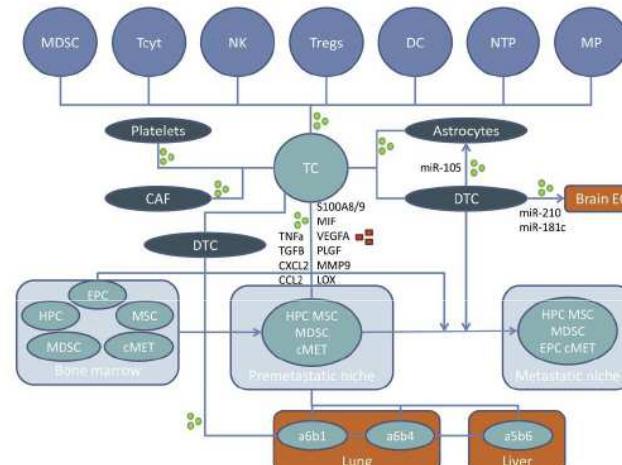
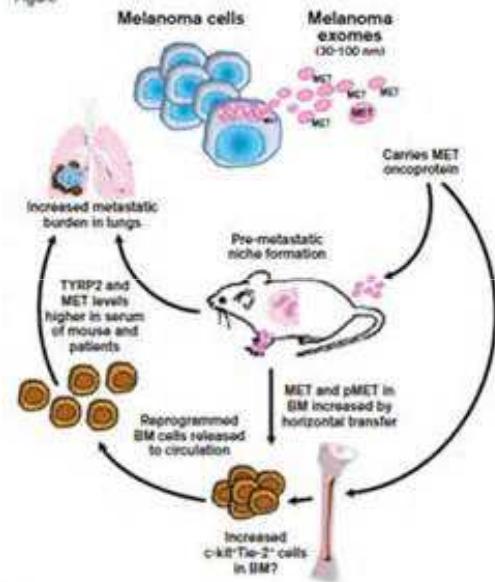


Figure 1. Interplay between tumor cells, other cell types, secreted factors and exosomes in the creation of pre- and metastatic niches. Exosomes and secreted factors are indicated by green circles or red squares, respectively. α 5 β 1 and α 6 β 4 integrins; CAF, cancer-associated fibroblast; CC12, CC chemokine ligand 2; c-MET, tyrosine kinase receptor c-MET; CXCL2, chemokine (C-X-C motif) ligand 2; DC, dendritic cell; DTC, disseminated tumor cell; EC, endothelial cell; EPC, endothelial progenitor cell; HPC, hematopoietic progenitor cell; LOX, lysyl oxidase; MDSC, myeloid-derived suppressor cell; MIF, macrophage migration inhibitory factor; MMP9, matrix metalloproteinase 9; MP, macrophage; MSC, mesenchymal stem cell; NK, natural killer cell; NTP, neutrophile; PLGF, placental growth factor; S100A89, S100 calcium binding protein A8 or A9; TC, tumor cell; Tcyt, cytotoxic T-cell; TGF β , transforming growth factor β ; TNF α , tumor necrosis factor α ; Tregs, regulatory T-cell; VEGFA, vascular and endothelial growth factor A.

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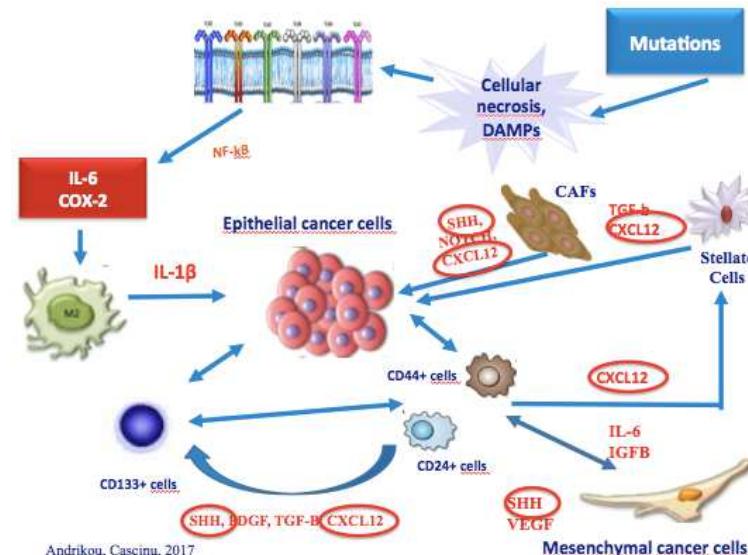
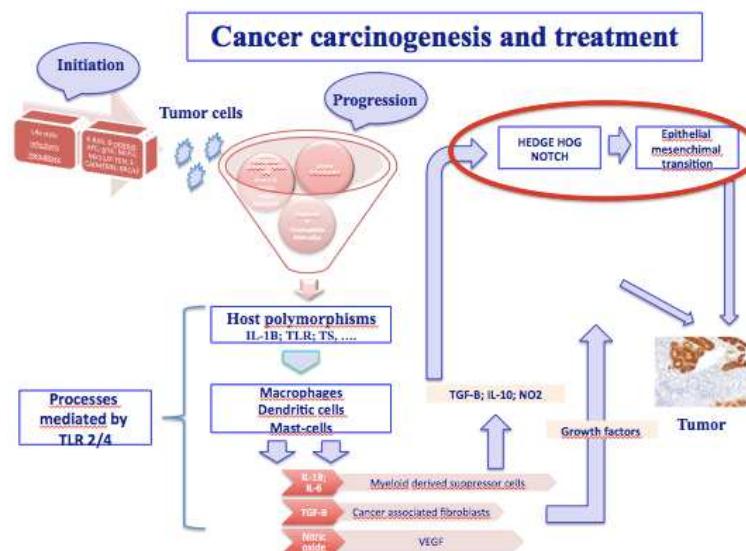
- tumour cells present EMT and release exosomes
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- CXCL12 attract cells expressing CXCR4
- soluble RANKL attract cells expressing RANK

The bone marrow invasion: really a first step for bone metastases or a connecting point?



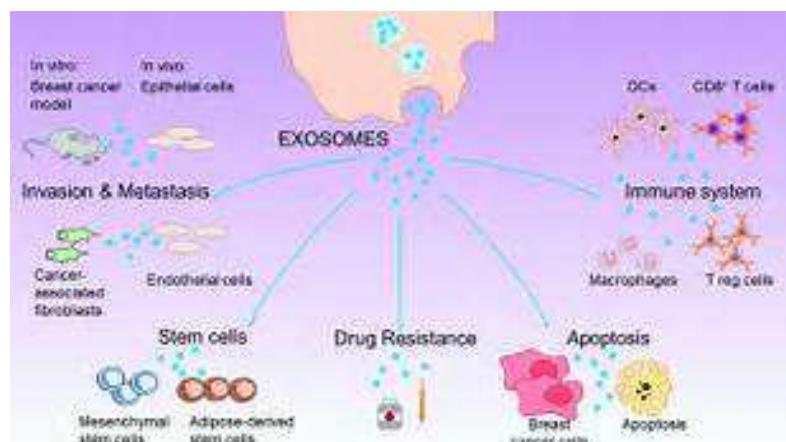
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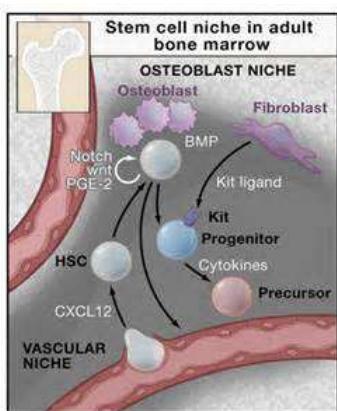
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Sonic Hedgehog Mediates the Proliferation and Recruitment of Transformed Mesenchymal Stem Cells to the Stomach

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Exosomes Derived from Human Bone Marrow Mesenchymal Stem Cells Promote Tumor Growth Through Hedgehog Signaling Pathway

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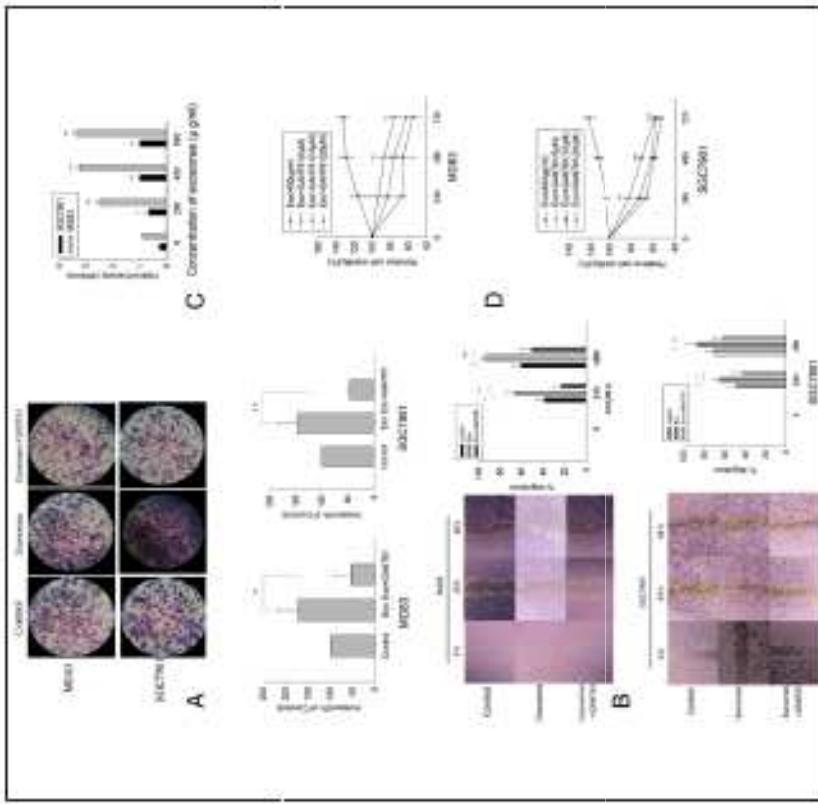


Fig. 4. hBMSC-exosomes induce viability and proliferation in MG63 and SCC7901 cells. (A) An amounts of MG63 cells and SCC7901 cells were respectively added to the upper chamber of transwell with matrigel-coated membrane. Cancer cells were treated with exosomes (400 ng/ml) or treated with exosomes (400 ng/ml) and GANT-61 (10 μM), an equal volume of exosome-depleted medium was used as a control. After 24 hours the number of cells migrated to the lower chamber of the 8 μm pore-coated membrane were analyzed by taking photos and counting the number of cells per visual field, n=3 per group; *p <0.05, **p <0.01. (B) Scratch migration assay test of interfering hBMSC-exosomes group, interfering GANT61 group and control group in 24 hours and 48 hours. The wound healing assay demonstrated a stronger migration ability of cells in interfering hBMSC-exosomes group. Compared with control group and interfering GANT61 group, there were significant difference. In percentage of wound closed (n=3 per group); *p <0.05, **p <0.01. (C) A weaker migration ability of cells in the blank control and GANT61 group. (C) MG63 and SCC7901 cells were respectively co-cultured with different concentrations of hBMSC-exosomes (0, 200, 400 and 800 ng/ml) for 24 hours and then subjected to CCK-8 analysis, n=3 per group; *p <0.05, **p <0.01. (D) MG63 or SCC7901 cells in serum-free medium were treated with 400 ng/ml hBMSC-exosomes or hBMSC-exosomes and different concentrations of GANT-61 (0, 5, 10, 20 μM) in a 96-well plates. Cell viability was measured using CCK-8 analysis at 24, 48 and 72 hours after exosomes and GANT-61 treatment, n=3 per group; *p <0.05, **p <0.01, ***p <0.001.

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- **Mesenchymal tumor cells migrate to tumoral niches where they convert to epithelial (to proliferate) and then again to mesenchymal to go to the specific metastatic site on the basis of exosomes messages**

The clinical significance of vimentin-expressing gastric cancer cells in bone marrow.

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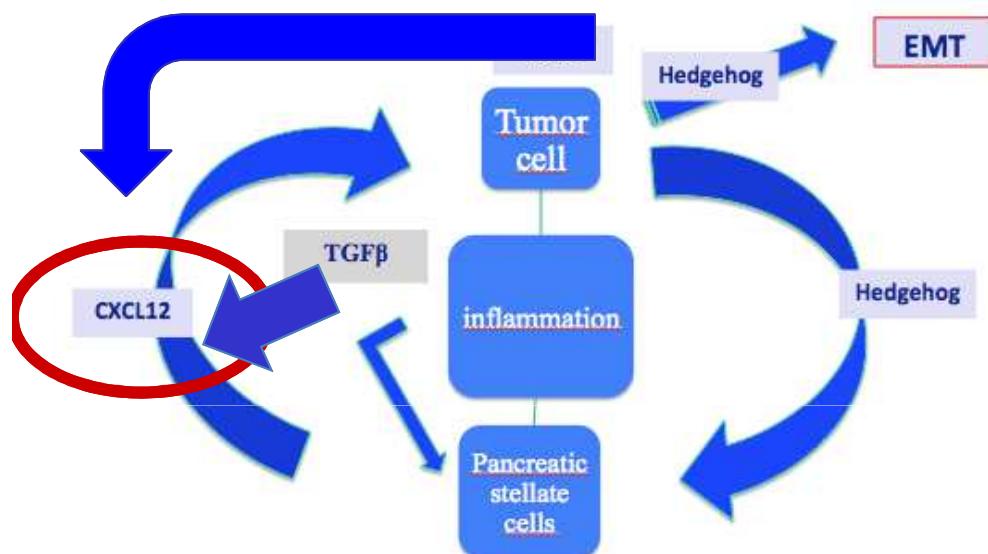
BACKGROUND: Expression of the mesenchymal marker gene vimentin (VIM) in gastric cancer is associated with a more aggressive form of the disease and poor prognosis. Because epithelial-mesenchymal transition (EMT) plays a critical role in the progression of gastric cancer, VIM expression was examined in the bone marrow (BM) of gastric cancer patients.

METHODS: BM samples from 437 gastric cancer patients were collected and analyzed by quantitative RT-PCR. Expression of VIM protein in the primary lesions of resected gastric cancers was evaluated using immunohistochemistry. Furthermore, induction of VIM expression by TGF-beta1 and hypoxia was evaluated in gastric cancer cells.

RESULTS: VIM mRNA expression increased concordantly with clinical staging and was significantly associated with tumor invasion and lymph node metastasis ($P < .0001$). Though cancer cells in the primary lesions did not stain with VIM antibody, some of the cells invading the intratumoral vessels were strongly positive for VIM, but were negative for E-cadherin. Hypoxic conditions and treatment with TGF-beta1 induced VIM expression and suppressed E-cadherin in gastric cancer cells, coupled with an alteration of cellular morphology.

CONCLUSIONS: We found that gastric cancer cells undergo EMT in BM to survive and metasize. These findings suggest that isolated tumor cells have the potential to undergo EMT, which could increase the malignancy of gastric cancer.

“HH and CXCL12 and the others”: the bad company



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The Role of CXCL12-CXCR4 Signaling Pathway in Pancreatic Development

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SDF-1 α induces PDGF-B expression and the differentiation of bone marrow cells into pericytes

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Epithelial mesenchymal transition

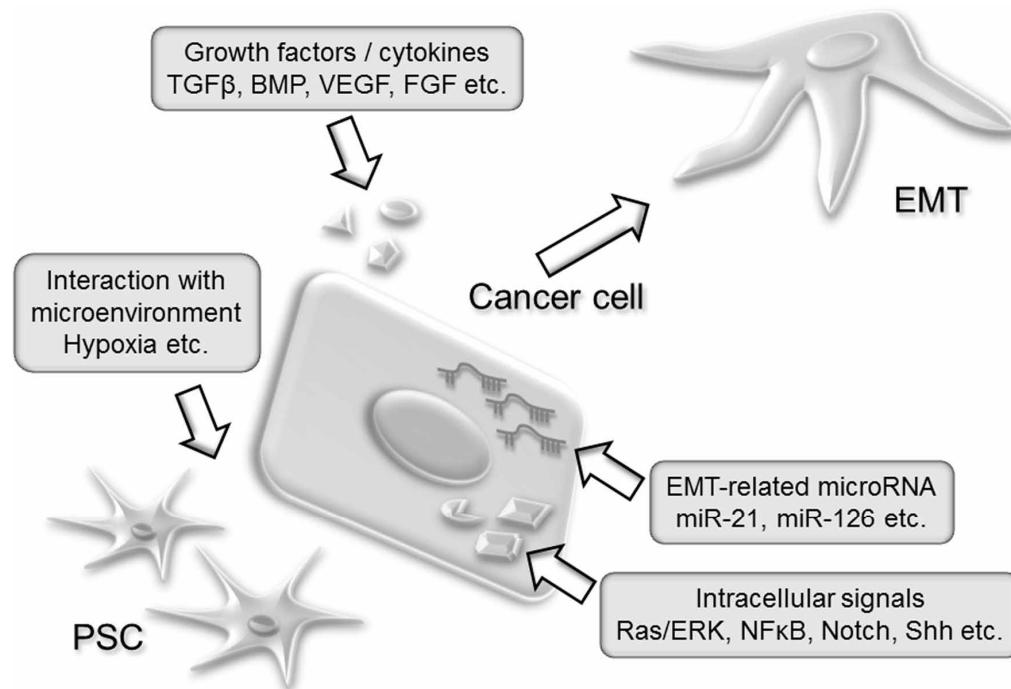
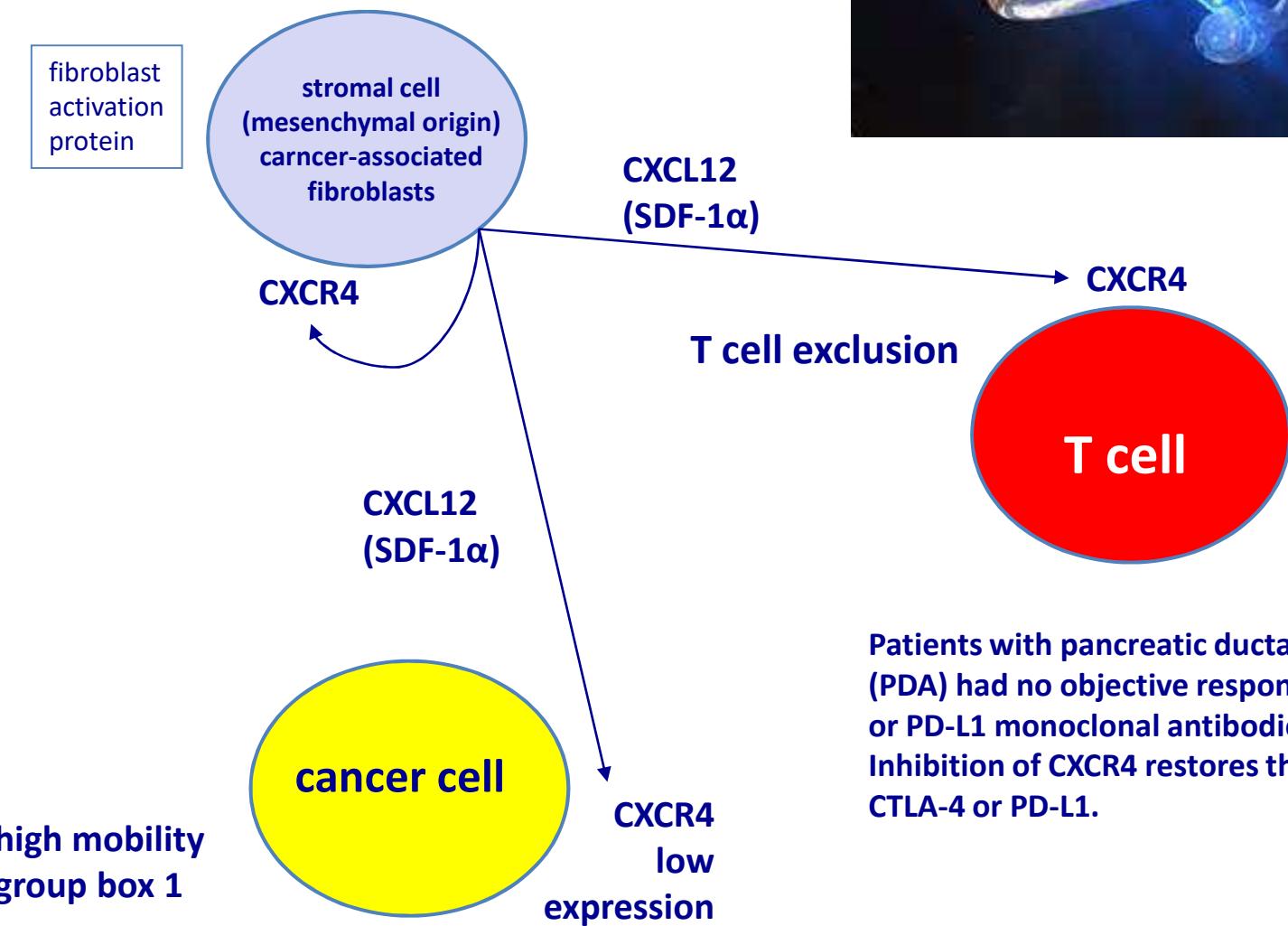


FIGURE 1 | A schematic view of EMT regulators in pancreatic cancer development. Secreted cytokines such as TGF β or BMP activates intracellular signal which leads to the EMT induction. Activating mutation such as *Kras G12D* constitutively stimulates intracellular signal

and amplifies extracellular signal. Endogenous alteration of microRNA expression modifies cancer cell function. Stromal cells including PSCs establish protective microenvironment for cancer cells such as desmoplasia.

Exclusion of T cells in PDAC: the Startrek effect



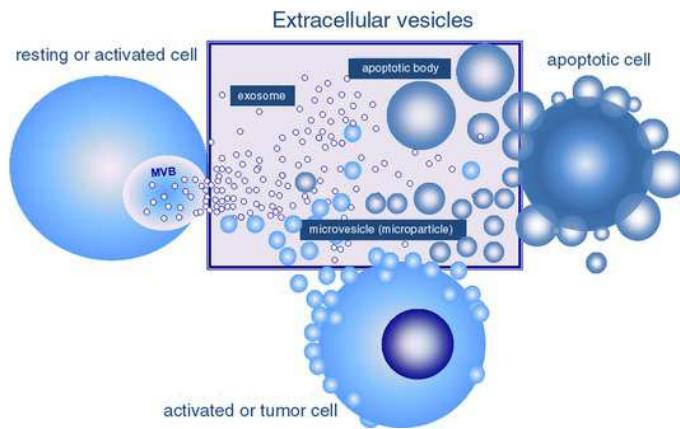
Patients with pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma (PDA) had no objective responses to anti CTLA-4 or PD-L1 monoclonal antibodies. Inhibition of CXCR4 restores the response to CTLA-4 or PD-L1.

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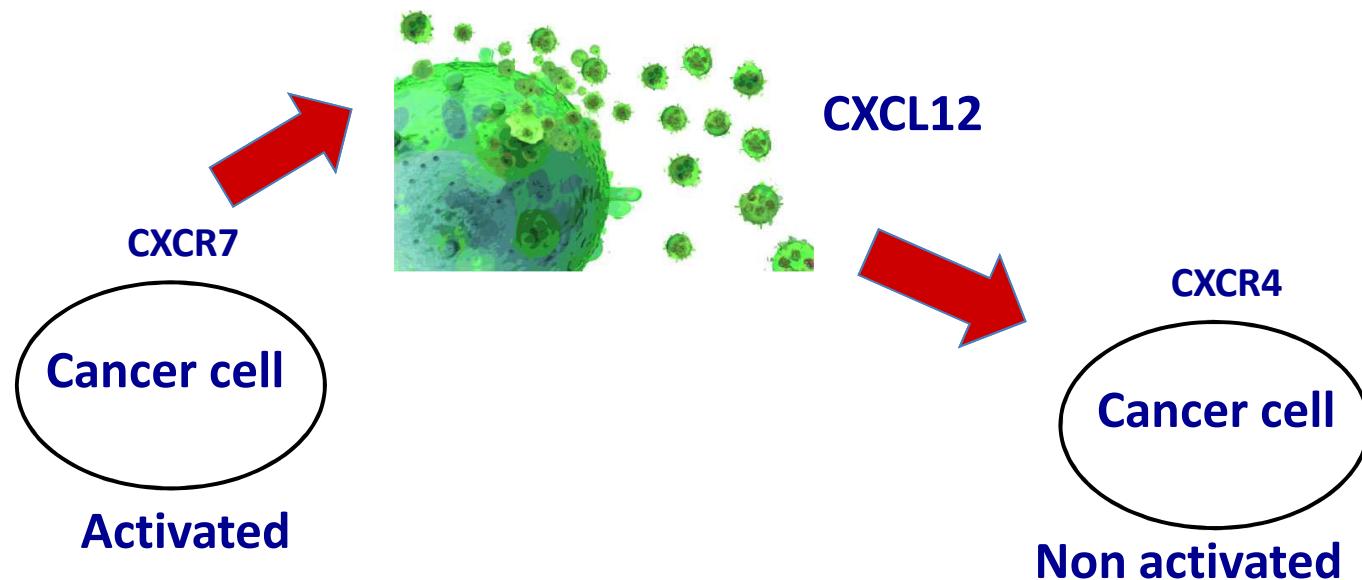
Prospettive terapeutiche

- Interferire con HH e somministrare agenti differenzianti (da mesenchimale a epiteliale) o capaci di colpire le cellule nella fase mesenchimale (eribulina)
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Esosomi come target terapeutico?



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