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# LA MEDICINA PERSONALIZZATA: UN ESEMPIO IN ONCOLOGIA



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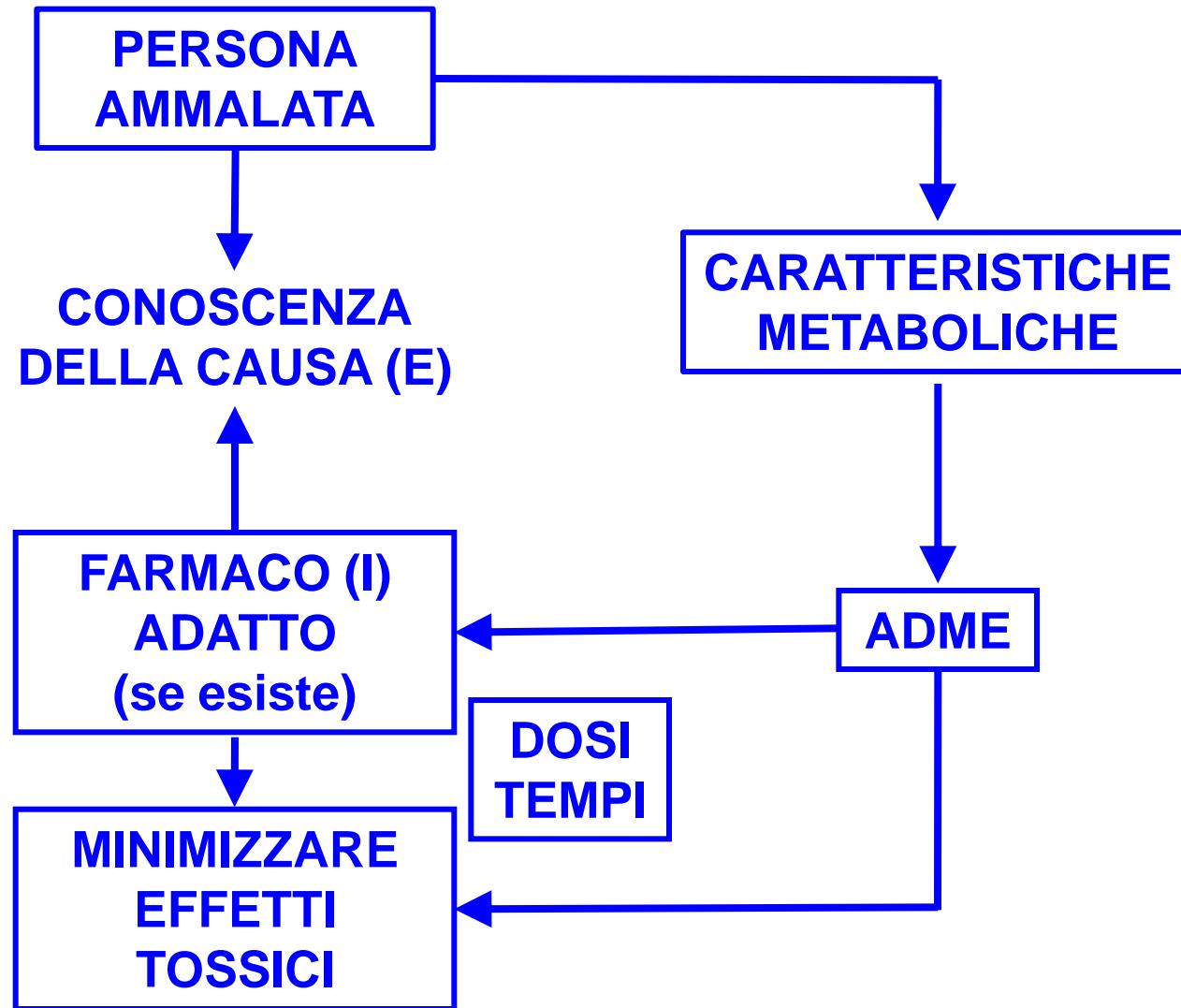


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# **MEDICINA PERSONALIZZATA**

**UN ESEMPIO APPLICATO  
ALLA TERAPIA DEI TUMORI  
MOSTRA LE DIFFICOLTA'  
DA RISOLVERE**

# MEDICINA PERSONALIZZATA



L'eterogeneità è la caratteristica principale dei tumori ed è la base su cui si può costruire una terapia personalizzata.

Si distinguono due gruppi di eterogeneità

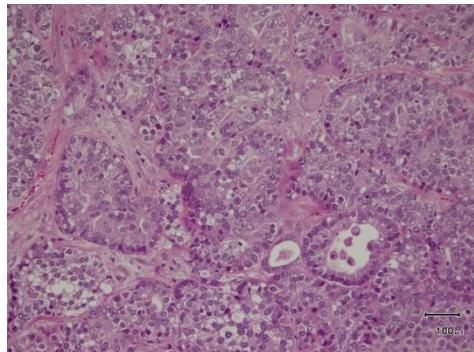
- Relativa al tumore
- Relativa al farmaco

**ETEROGENEITA' MORFOLOGICA**

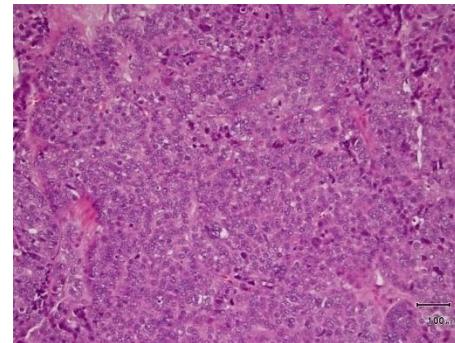
# TUMOR HETEROGENEITY

## Ovarian Carcinoma

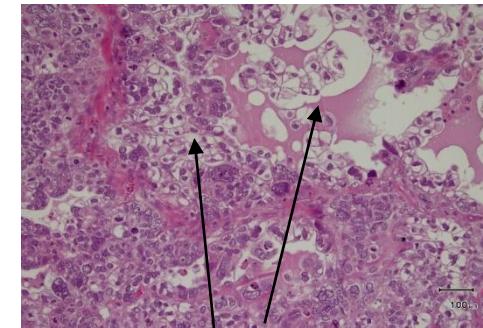
Case #135



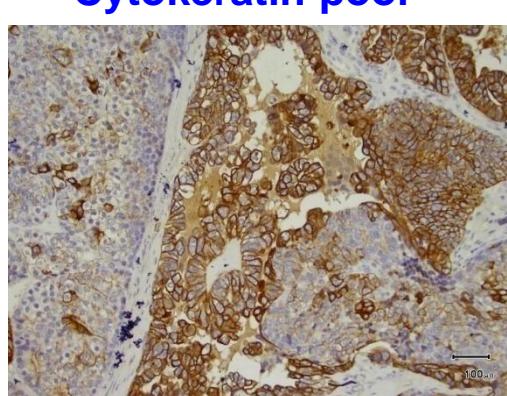
Gland structures with  
different differentiation grade



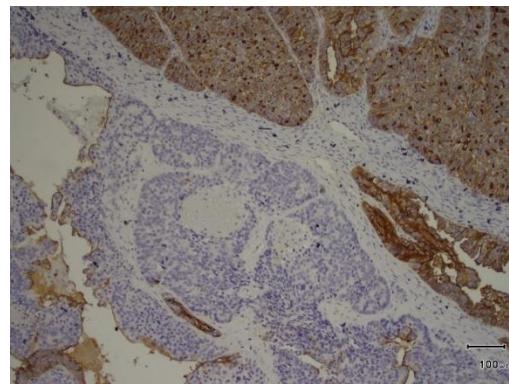
Sarcomatous area



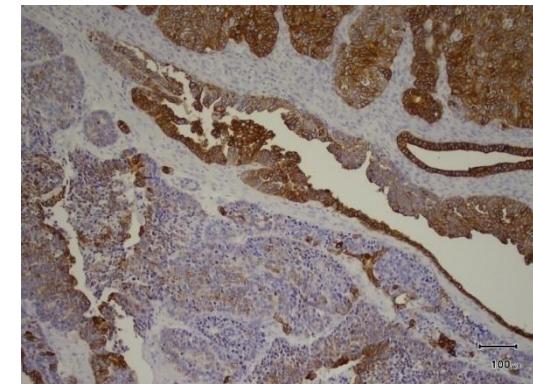
Condrosarcomatose  
component



Cytokeratin pool



CA125



Citokeratin 7

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# **ETEROGENEITÀ DEI TUMORI SULLA BASE DEI MARCATORI BIOLOGICI**

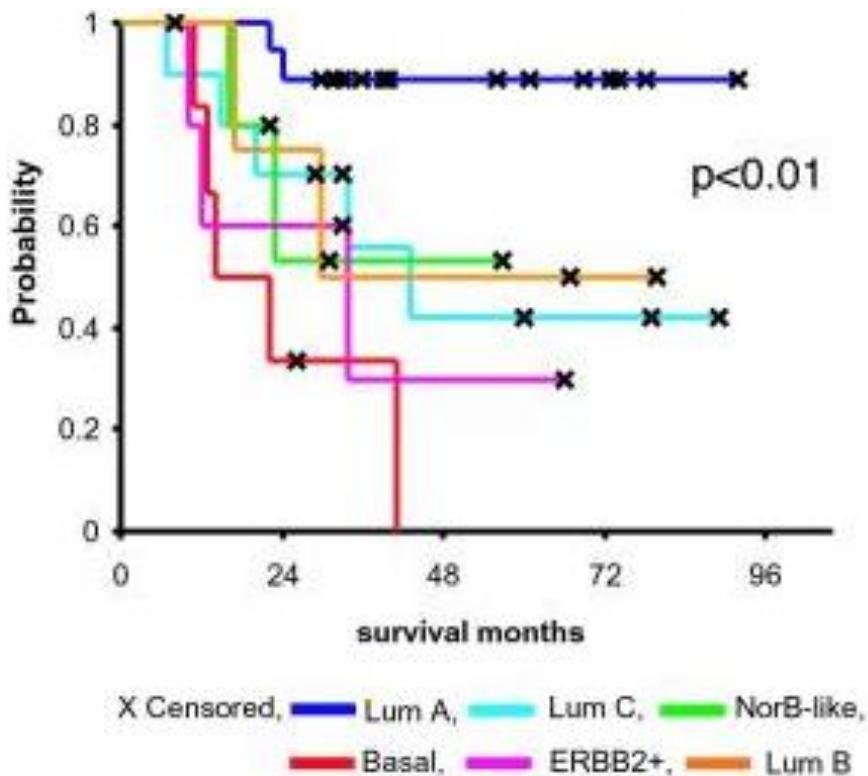
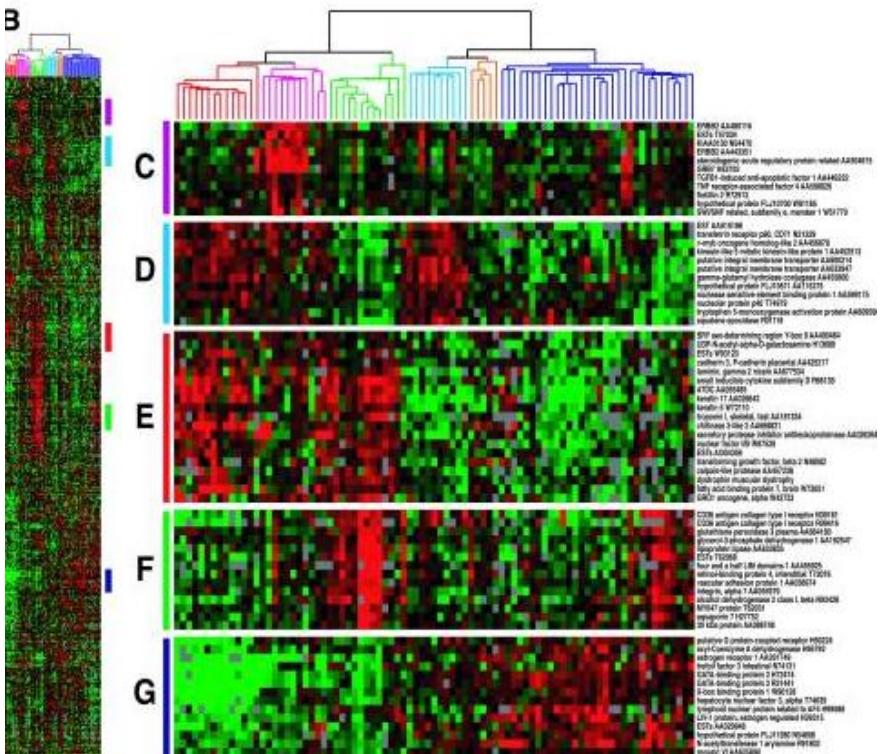
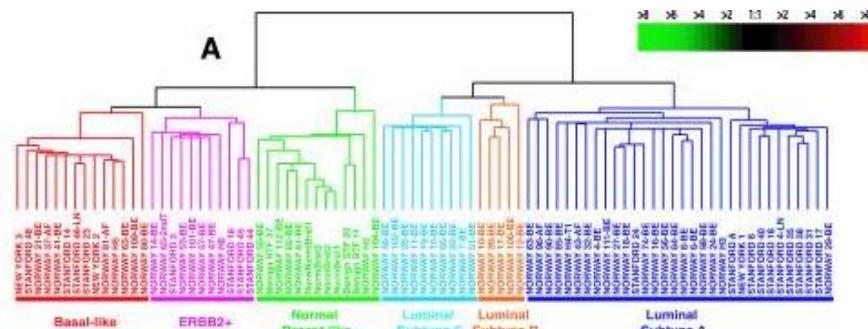
# Traditional classification of mammary carcinoma

The mammary tumor is an heterogeneous neoplasia, indeed representing a collection of different diseases as to diagnosis, prognosis and treatment

Traditionally mammary tumors are classified in three different sub-groups:

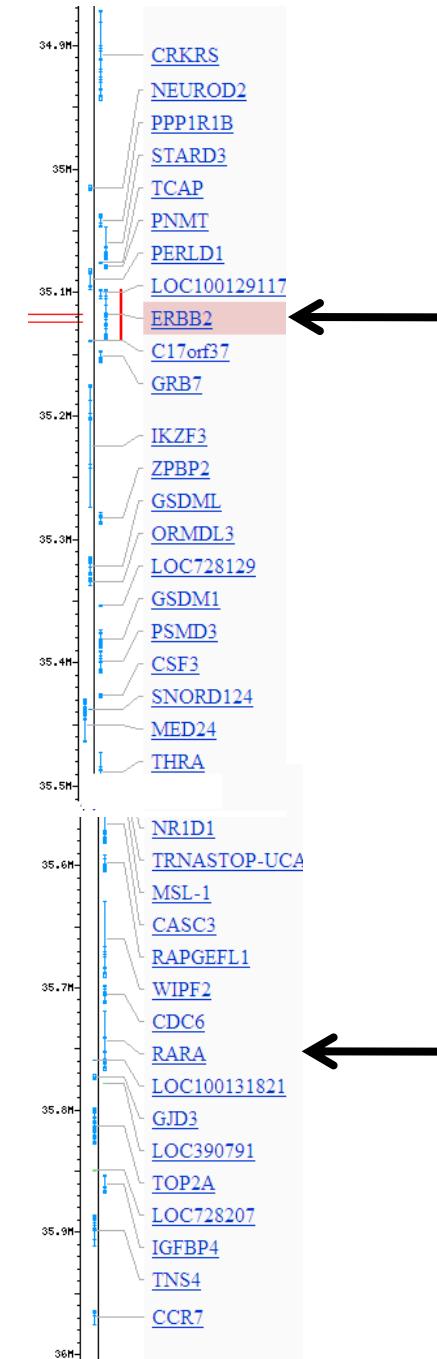
- ER<sup>+</sup> (70%)
- HER2<sup>+</sup> (20%)
- Triple negative (10%)

# La classificazione del tumore mammario sulla base del profilo di espressione genica ha significato prognostico



# The gene coding for the nuclear retinoic acid receptor RAR $\alpha$ lays in close proximity to the HER2 locus

670 kB



# The situation in Italy

New cases: 35,000



HER2+: 11,000

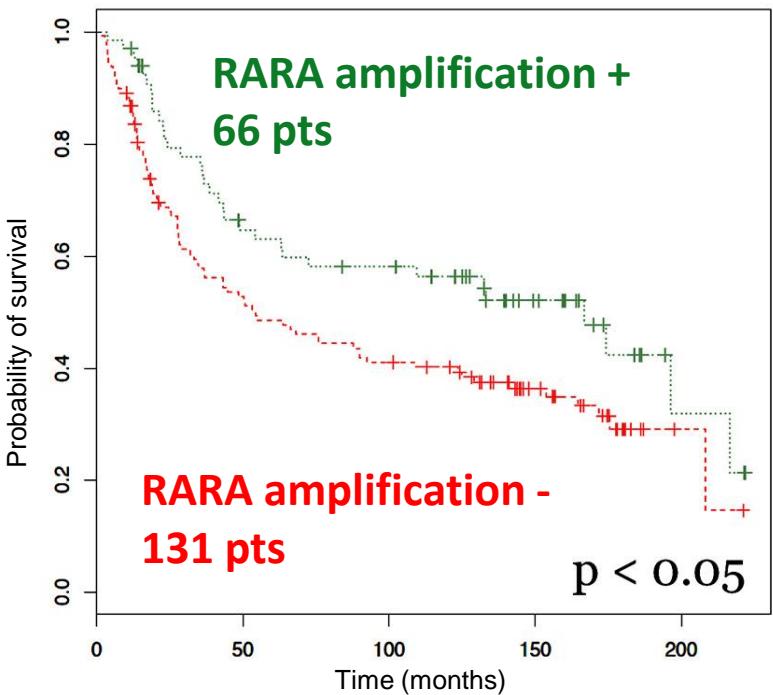


HER2+/RARA+: 3,000



ER-/HER2+/RARA+: 2,000

# IMPACT OF RARA AMPLIFICATION AND LEVELS ON SURVIVAL IN BREAST CANCER PATIENTS

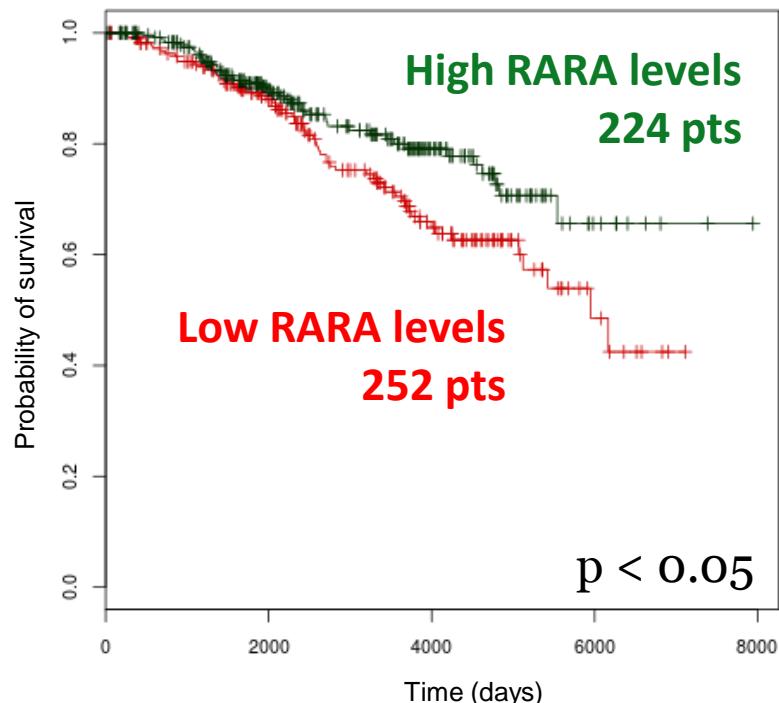


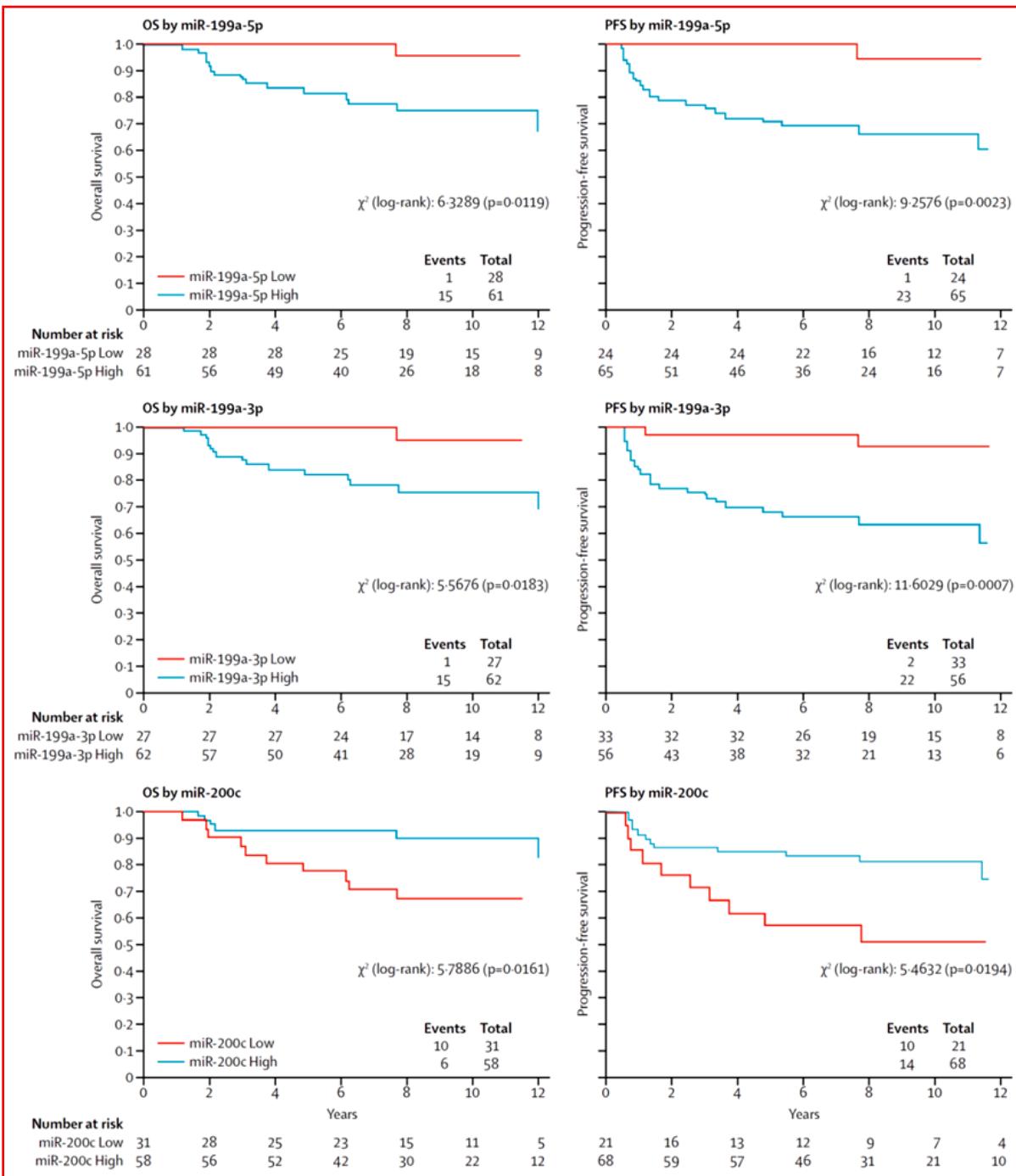
ER positive patients

Analysis of a public dataset from:  
Curtis C et al. Nature 2012, 18:346

HER2 positive patients

Analysis of a public dataset from:  
Staal J et al. Breast Cancer Research 2010, 12:R25





# **ETEROGENEITA' DELLE CELLULE TUMORALI CIRCOLANTI**

TUMOR CELLS ARE CONSTANTLY CHANGING AS  
THE TUMOR PROGRESSES. CIRCULATING CANCER  
CELLS MAY BECOME HER-2 POSITIVE WHILE THE  
PRIMARY TUMOR WAS HER-2 NEGATIVE

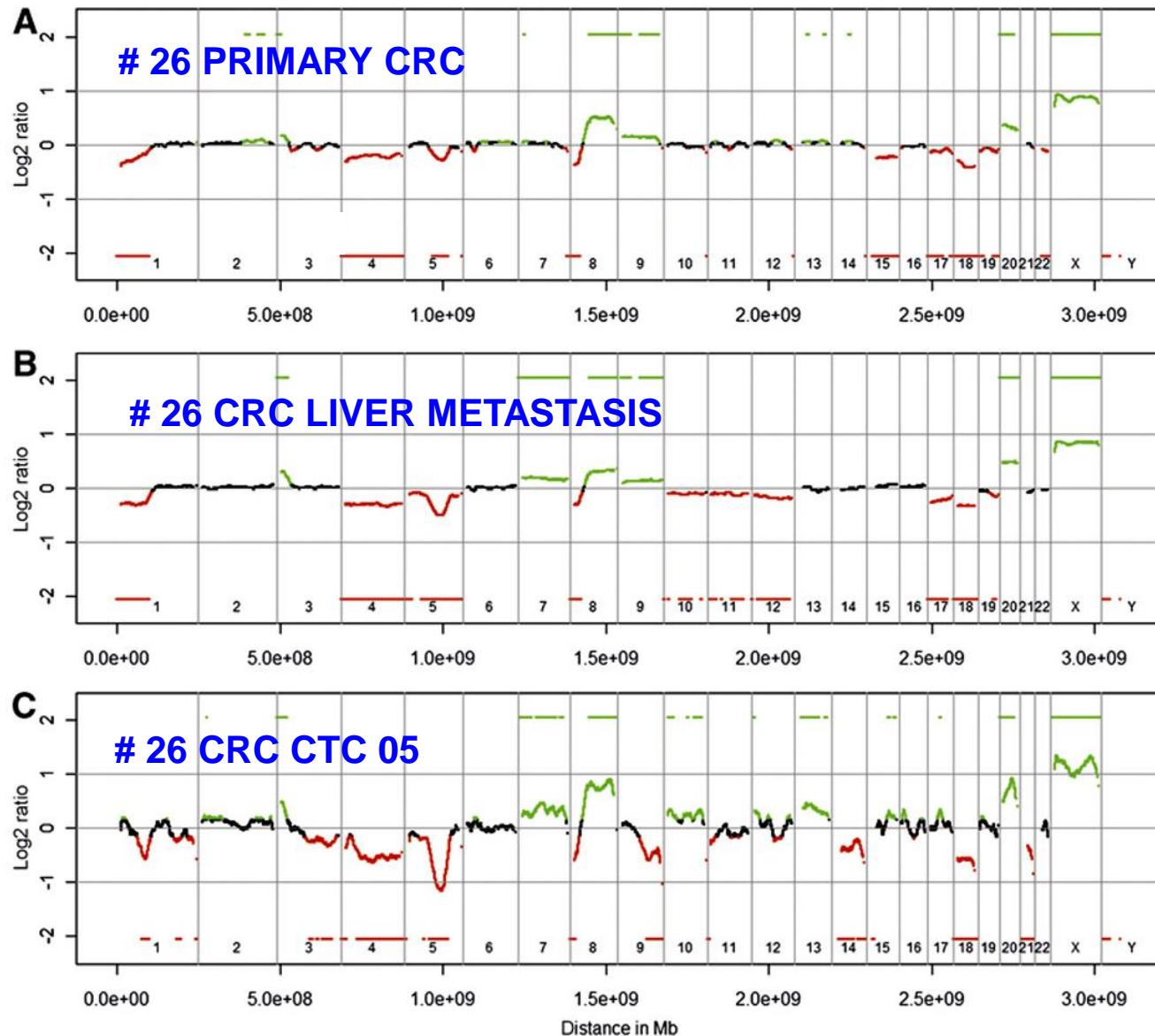
MENG et al., 2004

# **DISCREPANCY OF BREAST CANCER HER2 STATUS**

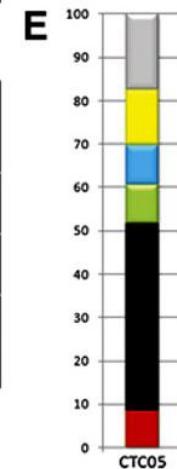
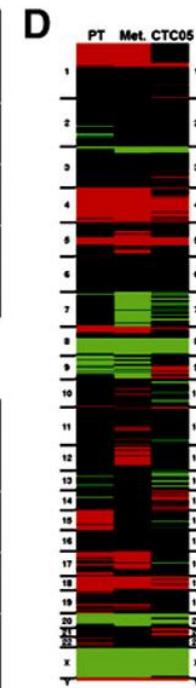
- 29 % OF HER 2<sup>+</sup> PRIMARY TUMORS HAD HER 2<sup>-</sup> CTC STATUS
- 9 % OF HER 2<sup>-</sup> PRIMARY TUMORS HAD HER 2<sup>+</sup> CTC STATUS

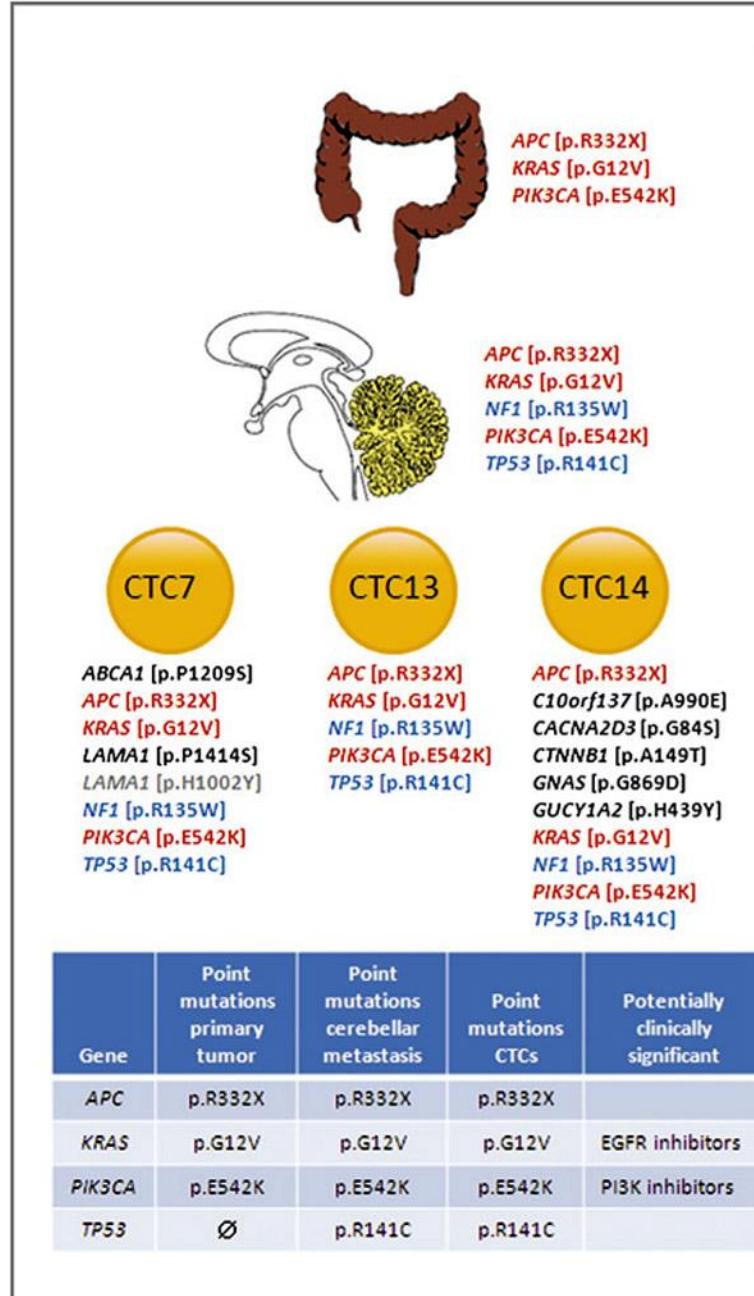
Lightart et al., 2013

# TUMOR SPECIFIC COPY NUMBER CHANGES



PC shared by P; MC shared by M; C unique





# **ETEROGENEITÀ FRA TUMORE PRIMARIO E METASTASI**

N. PATIENTS	PRIMARY TUMOR/METASTASES CONCORDANCE	DISCORDANCE	REFERENCE
21	13	8	Zidan et al., 2005
35	27	8	Santinelli et al., 2008
60	58	2	Gong et al., 2005

## HER-2 STATUS IN METASTATIC BREAST CANCER

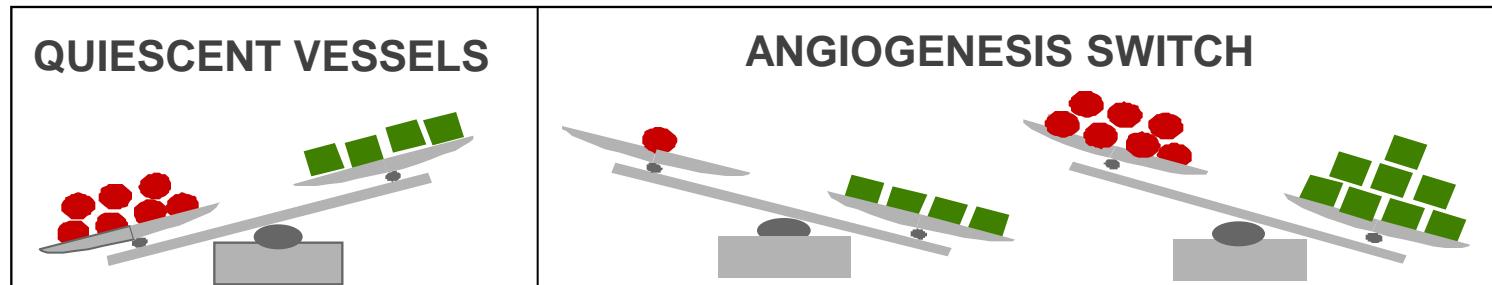
We identified a similar discordance rate in our recently published paper: 16.4%, 41.7%, 17.5% for ER, PgR and HER-2, respectively, as well as a trend toward poorer PRS in patients whose tumors showed a loss of ER expression

Farolfi et al., 2013

# **ETEROGENEITÀ DEL MICROAMBIENTE**

- **VASCULARIZZAZIONE**
- **INFILTRAZIONE DELLE CELLULE IMMUNITARIE**
- **COMPOSIZIONE DELLO STROMA**
- **RISPOSTA FIBROTICA**

**Angiogenesis is regulated by a balance between angiogenic factors and inhibitors. Disruption of this balance and acquisition of angiogenic potential by tumor cells is called the “angiogenic switch”**



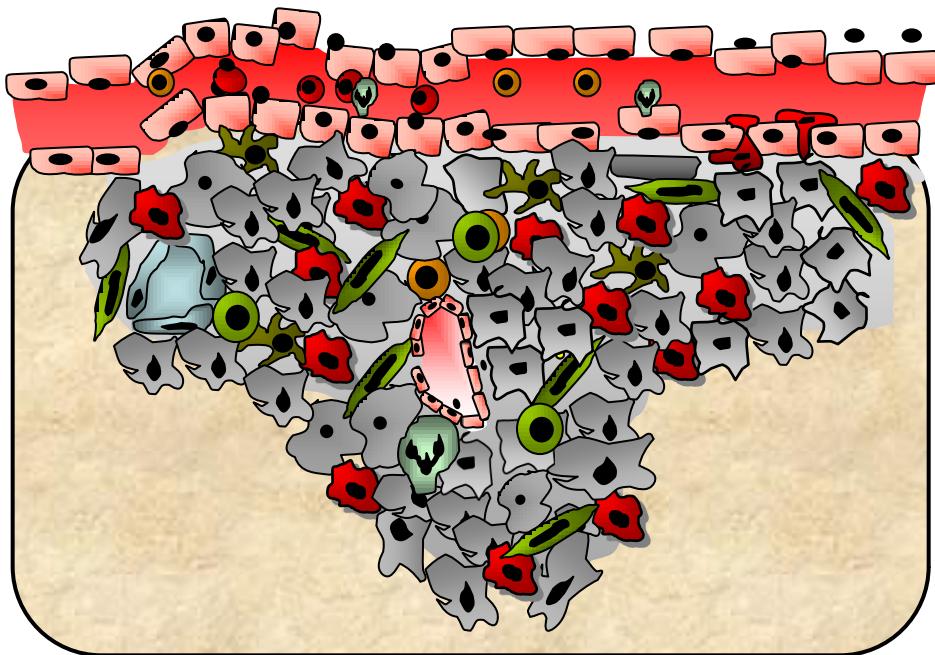
● INHIBITORS

Angiostatin  
Cartilage-derived  
Endostatin  
IFN- $\alpha$   
IFN- $\beta$   
PAIs  
PF4  
Prolactin fragment  
Proliferin-related  
protein  
Protamine  
Thrombospondin  
TIMPs

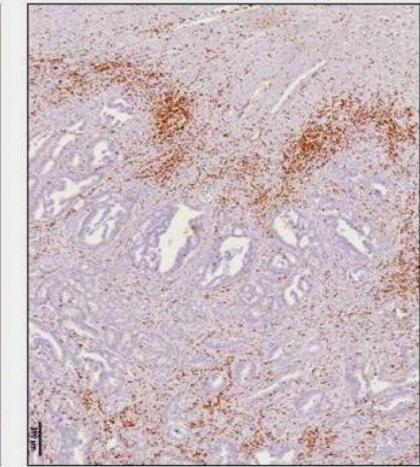
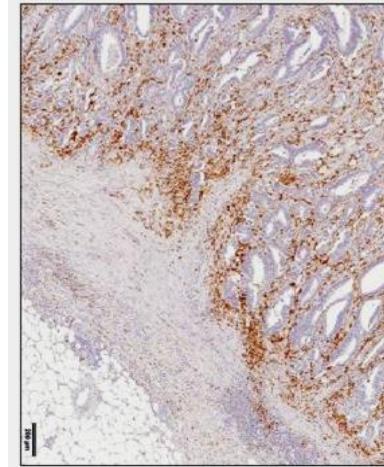
■ INDUCERS

Angiogenin  
FGFs  
G-CGF  
IGF-1  
Interleukin-8  
PD-ECGF  
Placenta growth factor  
Pleiotrophin; Proliferin  
Prostaglandins E1, E2  
Scatter factor/HGF;  
TAT  
TGF-a, TGF-B  
TNF-a  
VEGF

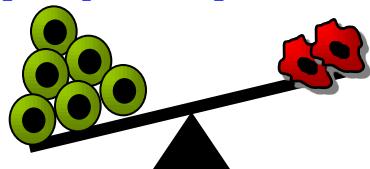
The types of immune cells and soluble mediators in the tumor microenvironment determine whether tumor-mediated immunosuppression or anti-tumor immunity will prevail



T lymphocytes      Macrophages

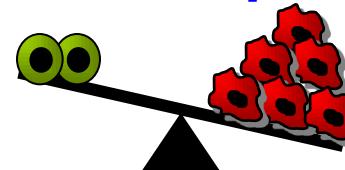


Adaptive immunity  
T lymphocytes



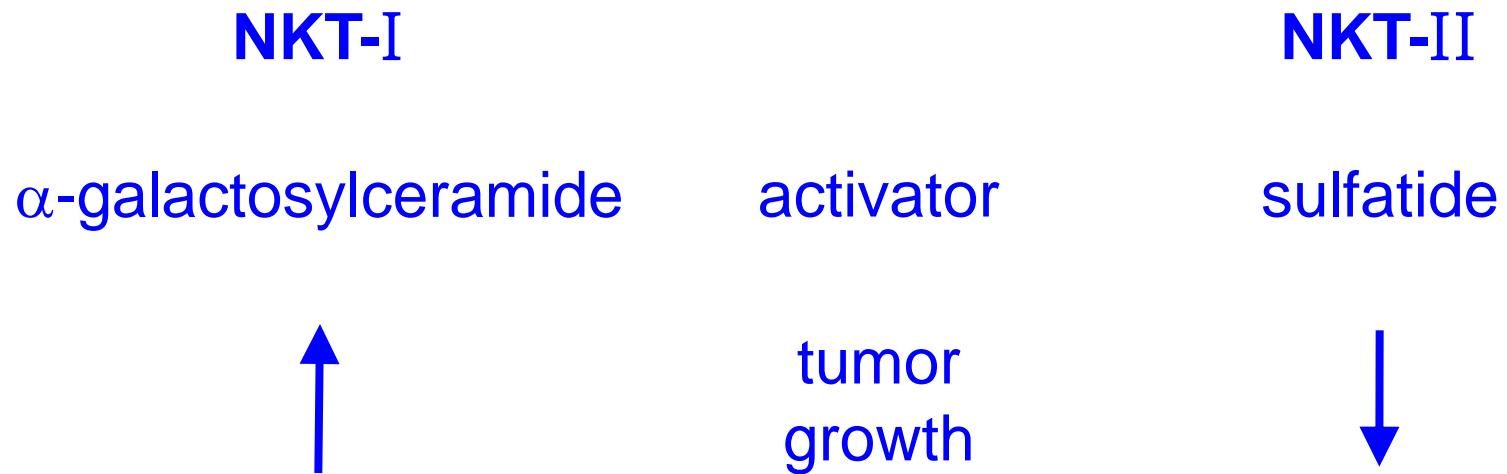
TUMOR REGRESSION

Innate immunity  
macrophages



TUMOR PROGRESSION

## EFFECT ON NKT ON CT26 COLON TUMOR IN Balb/c

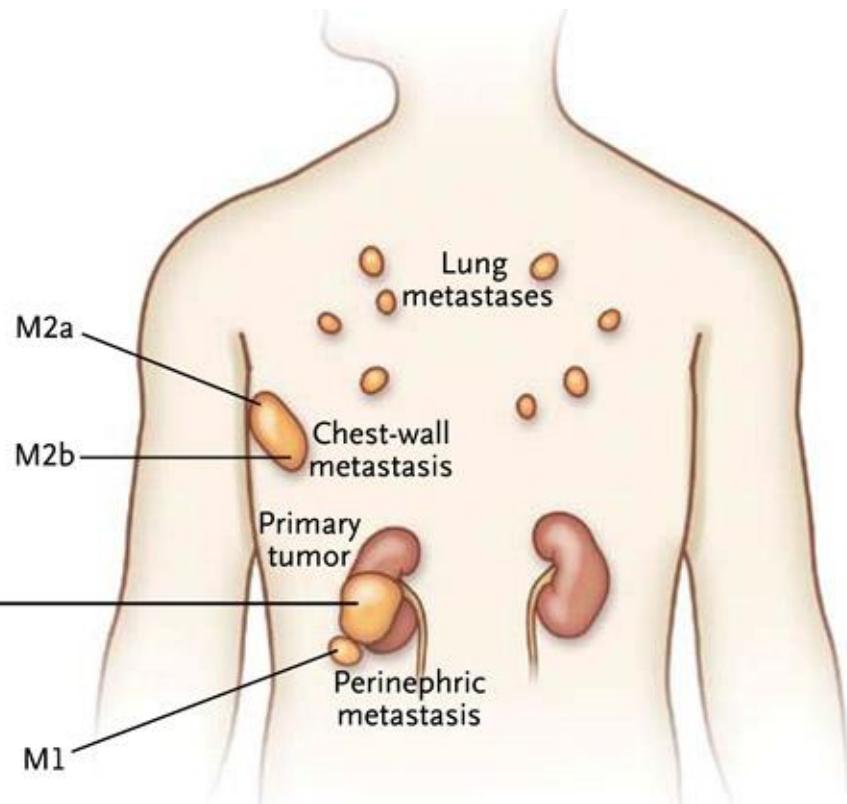
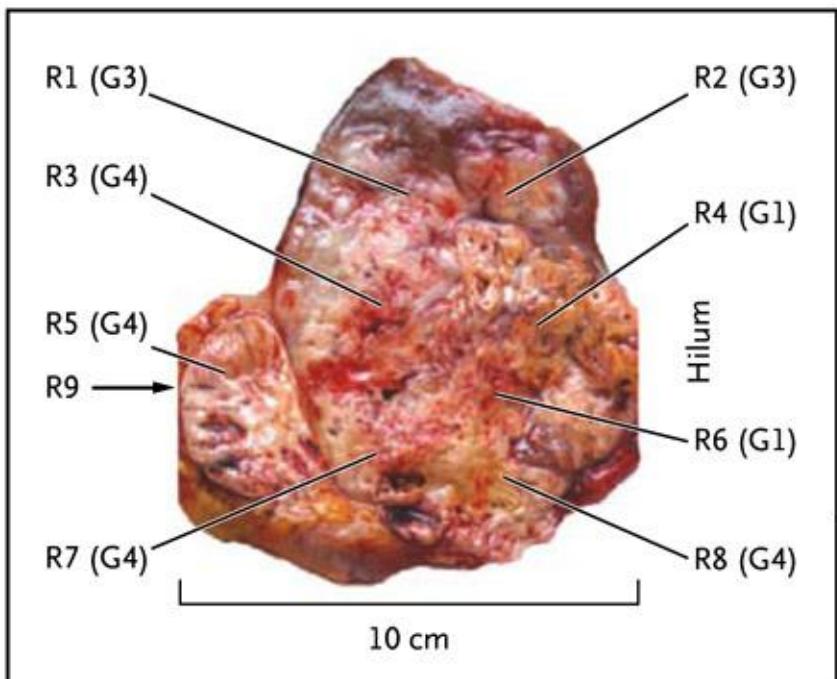


BALANCE BETWEEN NKT SUBTYPES IS AN ELEMENT OF HETEROGENEITY

Izhak et al., 2012

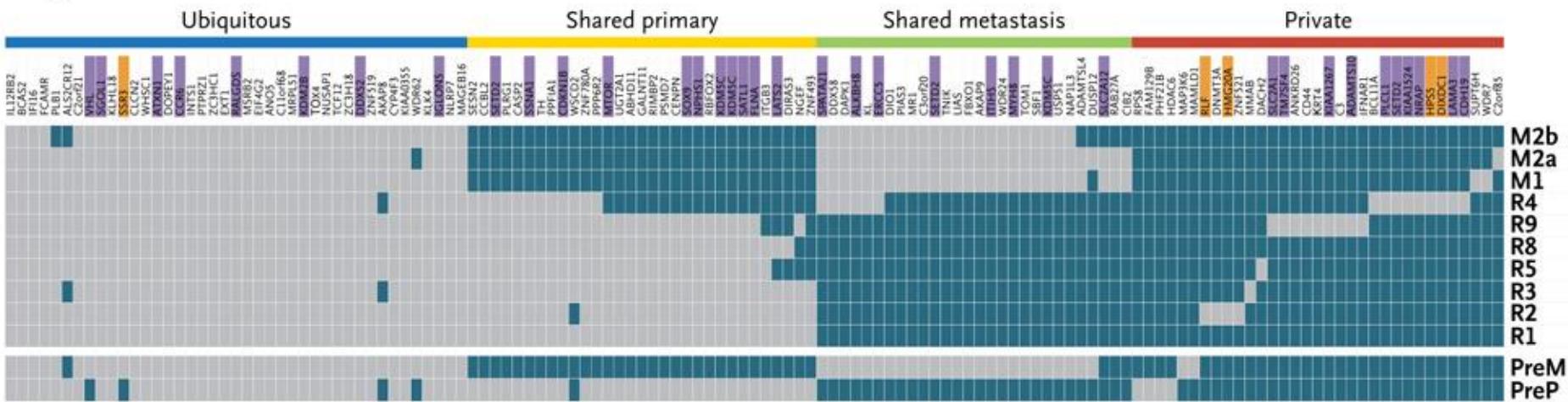
# **ETEROGENEITA' NEL SINGOLO TUMORE**

## Biopsy Sites



Gerlinger et al., 2012

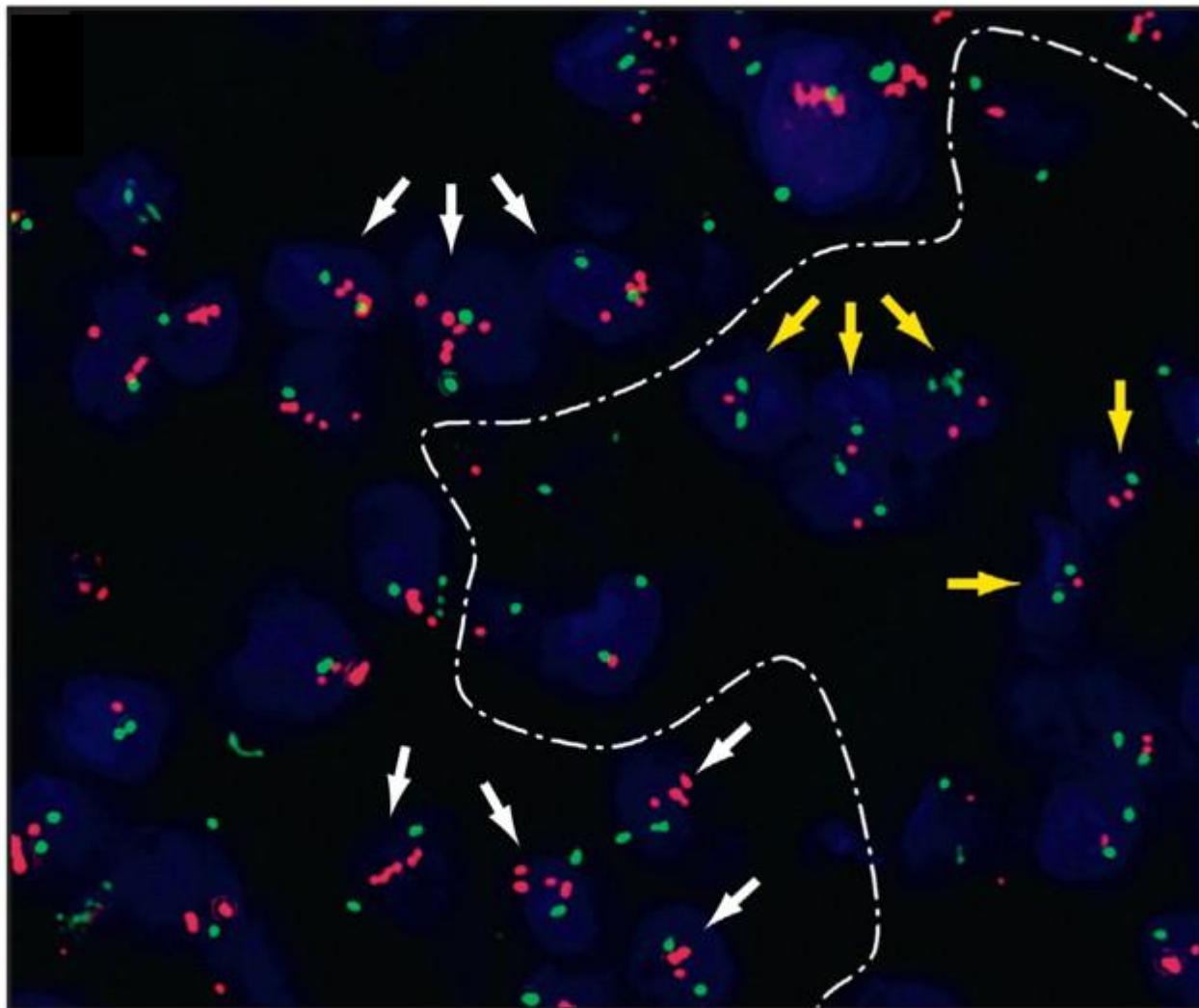
## Regional Distribution of Mutations



(mutations are in grey)

Gerlinger et al., 2012

# Intra-tumor heterogeneity in the amplification of HER2

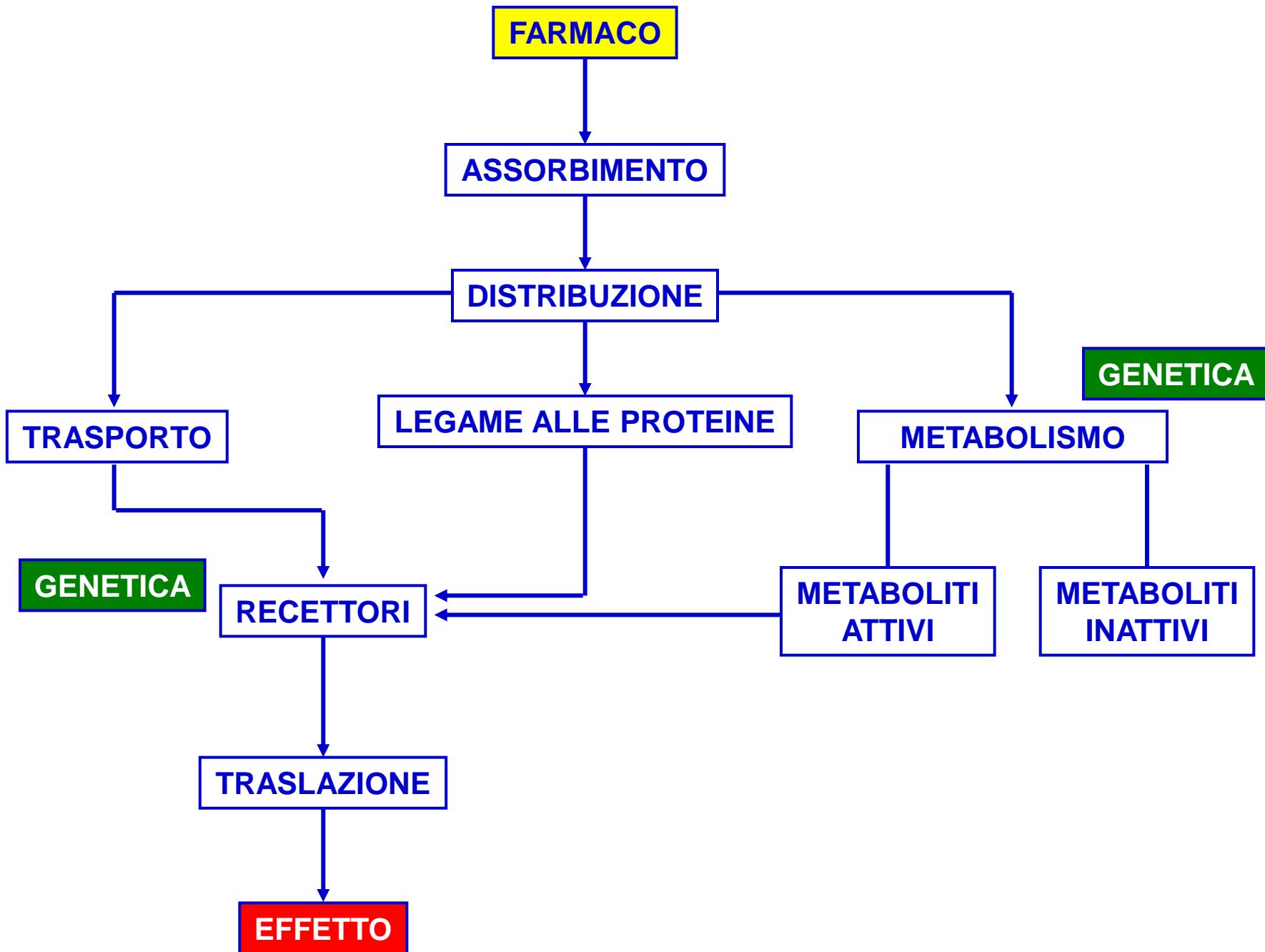


Yellow = cells with no amplification of the HER2 gene

White = cells with amplification of the HER2 gene

The tumor consists of two distinct cell populations:  
HER2+ e l'altra HER2-.  
Drugs like trastuzumab or lapatinib are likely to affect only the HER2+ population

# **ETEROGENEITÀ NELLA CINETICA DEI FARMACI ANTITUMORALI**

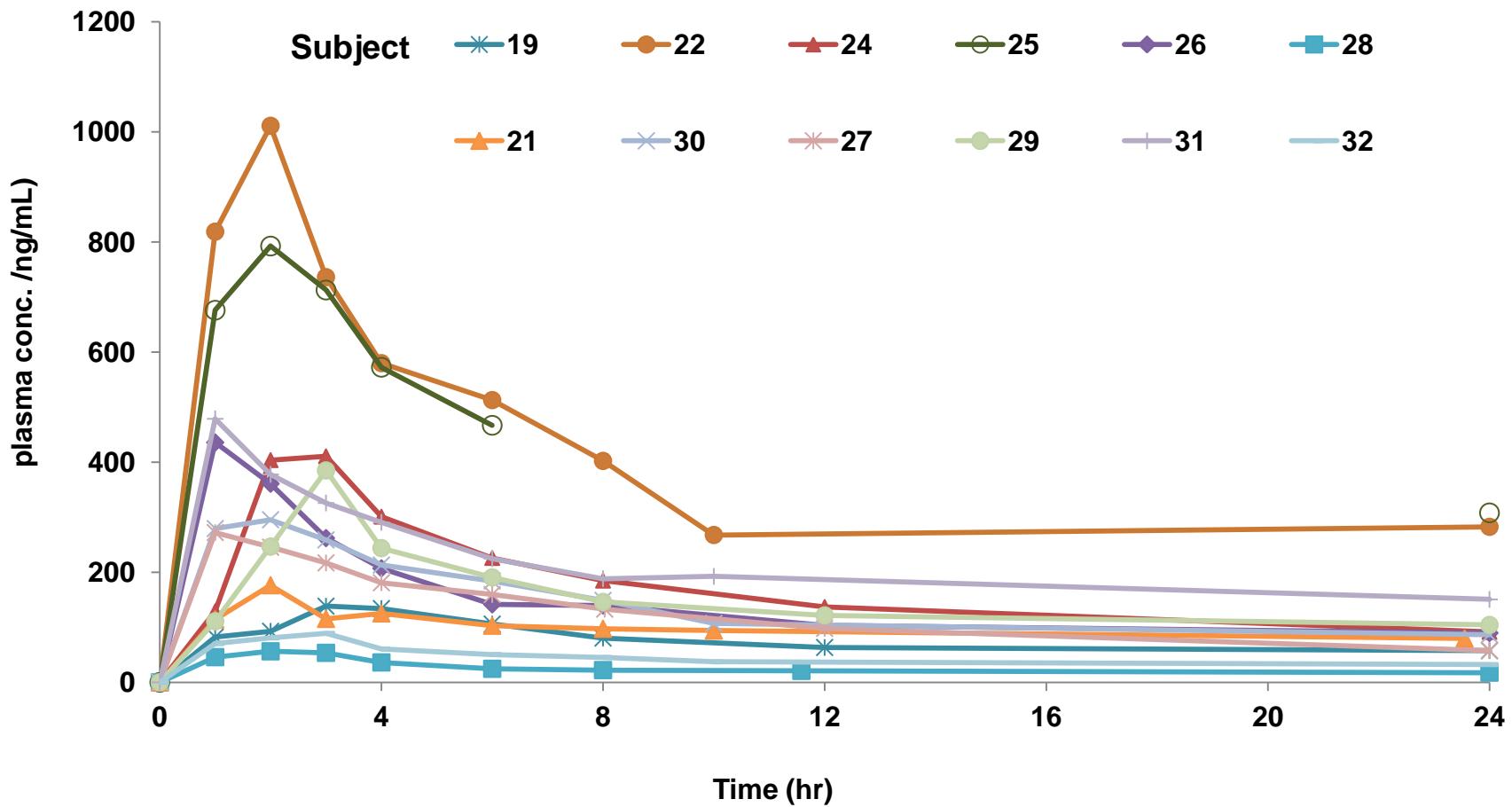


# VARIABILITY OF PLASMA LEVELS IN PATIENTS AFTER ORAL 30-35 mg/m<sup>2</sup> OF 4 DEMETHOXY DAUNORUBICIN

PATIENT NUMBER	AUC ng/ml x h
1	131
2	64
3	905
4	414
5	612
6	203
7	110
8	43
9	90

ZANETTE et al., 1990

# INHIBITOR OF FGFR-1 and VEGF 1-3 (30mg oral)



Zucchetti et al., 2012

# ETEROGENEITÀ NELLA DISTRIBUZIONE DEL FARMACO

## Tumour concentration: time 4 hr after treatment on day five

TUMOUR TYPE	Tumor concentration (ng/g)	Mean (ng/g)	SD (ng/g)	*Ratio (T/PI)
<b>HEC1A</b> <b>(endometrial FGFR2 wt)</b>	2587.7 2623.9 1349.9	<b>2187.2</b>	725.3	2.9
<b>MNK45</b> <b>(gastric FGFR2 wt)</b>	1038.3 809.4 1180.8	<b>1009.5</b>	187.4	1.2
<b>AN3CA</b> <b>(endometrial FGFR2 +)</b>	2772.8 2135.3 2425.0	<b>2444.4</b>	319.2	2.5
<b>MFE296</b> <b>(endometrial FGFR2 +)</b>	1718.0 1775.8 1519.6	<b>1671.1</b>	134.4	1.8
<b>SNU16</b> <b>(gastric FGFR2 +)</b>	2828.8 4380.3 3481.0	<b>3563.4</b>	779.0	6.2

\* Ratio: tumor concentration/plasma concentration

INHIBITOR OF FGF-1 and VEGF 1-3

Zucchetti et al., 2012

# Levels of ADM, DM, CPA, MNU, etoposide, and teniposide in intramuscular primary 3LL and is pulmonary metastases

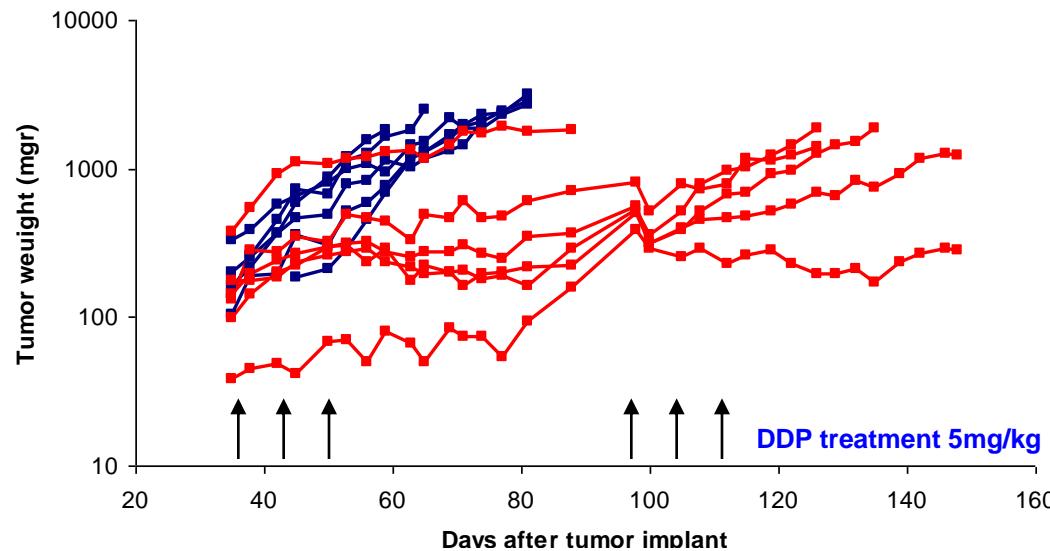
	Primary 3LL		Lung metastases	
	Cmax ( $\mu\text{g/g}$ )	AUC ( $\mu\text{g/g} \times \text{mins}$ )	Cmax ( $\mu\text{g/g}$ )	AUC ( $\mu\text{g/g} \times \text{mins}$ )
ADM	3.8 $\pm$ 0.3 (3 hrs)	3633 $\pm$ 365 (0-24 hrs)	16.6 $\pm$ 2.2 (5 mins)	11576 $\pm$ 1411 (0-24 hrs)
DM	2.9 $\pm$ 0.5 (3 hrs)	3515 $\pm$ 597 (0-24 hrs)	30.2 $\pm$ 2.1 (30 mins)	19286 $\pm$ 2236 (0-24 hrs)
CPA	9.7 $\pm$ 4.0 (15 mins)	1349 $\pm$ 579 (0-24 hrs)	66.4 $\pm$ 9.7 (5 mins)	1652 $\pm$ 172 (0-24 hrs)
HDU	95.2 $\pm$ 3.8 (3 hrs)	3122 $\pm$ 339 (0-60 mins)	233.1 $\pm$ 12.3 (1 mins)	11681 $\pm$ 528 (0-60 mins)
MNU	2.5 $\pm$ 0.5 (5 mins)	102 $\pm$ 13 (0-60 mins)	12.2 $\pm$ 0.6 (1 mins)	159 $\pm$ 14 (0-60 mins)
Etoposide	3.3 $\pm$ 0.5 (15 mins)	606 $\pm$ 20 (0-6 hrs)	10.9 $\pm$ 0.6 (1 mins)	1338 $\pm$ 318 (0-6 hrs)
Teniposide	6.1 $\pm$ 10 (15 mins)	999 $\pm$ 141 (0-6 hrs)	25.1 $\pm$ 5.0 (5 mins)	2692 $\pm$ 310 (0-6 hrs)

DONELLI et al., 1984

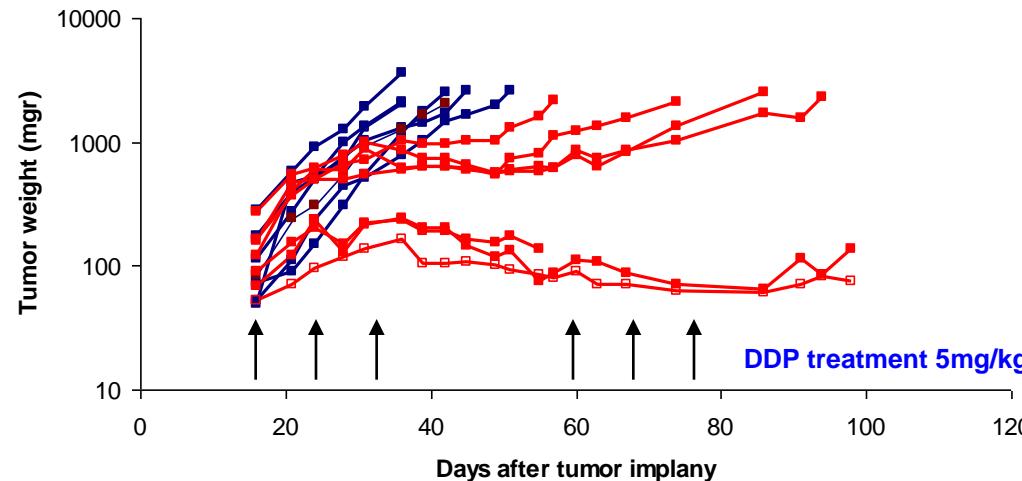
# **ETEROGENEITA' NELLA RISPOSTA AI FARMACI**

# Does tumor heterogeneity influence response to treatment?

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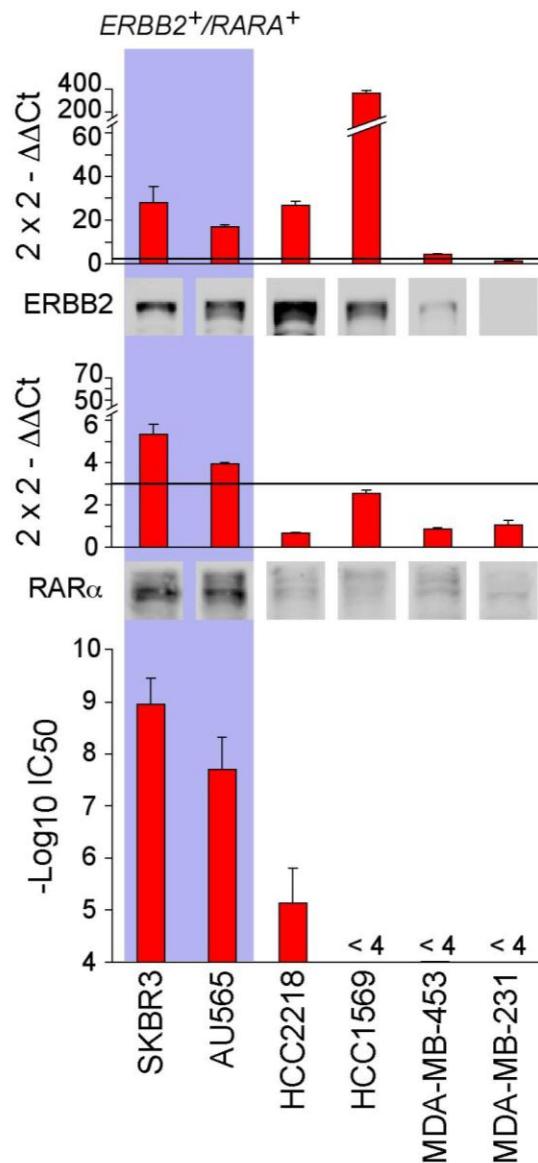


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In strictly controlled experimental conditions, nude mice transplanted with randomly selected s.c fragments of the same ovarian tumor respond in different way to therapy

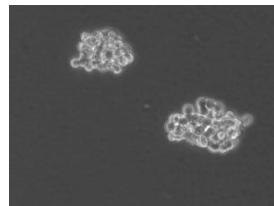
# The co-amplification of HER2 e RAR $\alpha$ sensitizes ER $^-$ neoplastic cells to combinations of retinoic acid and lapatinib: an example of personalized therapy ?



# Does tumor heterogeneity influence response to treatment?

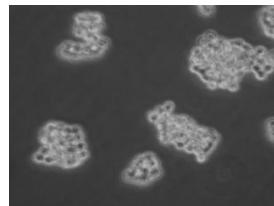
## Ovarian cancer stem cells

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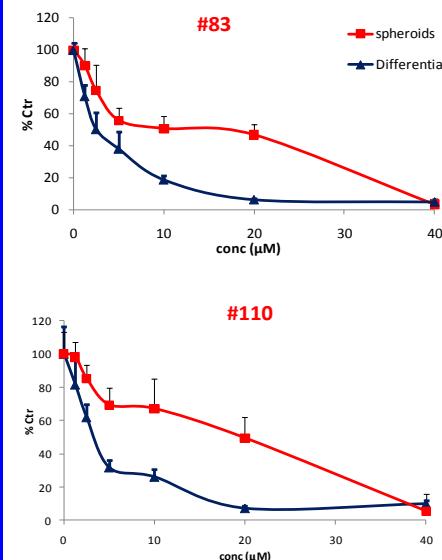
## Differentiated cells

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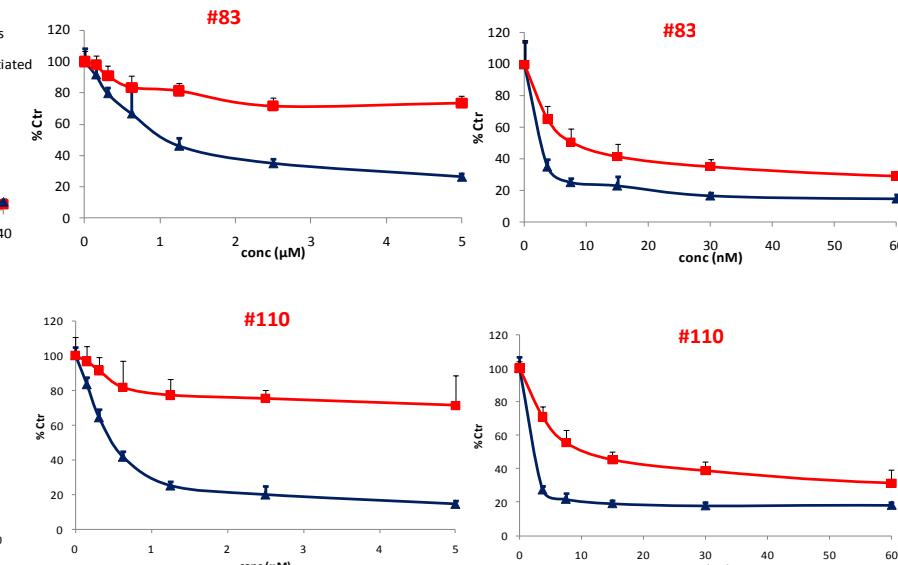


Ovarian cancer stem cells (red line) are more resistant than cancer non-stem cells to different drugs (blue line)

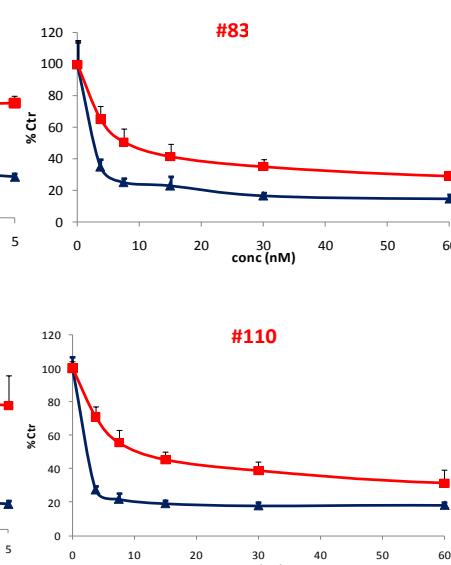
### Cisplatin



### Etoposide

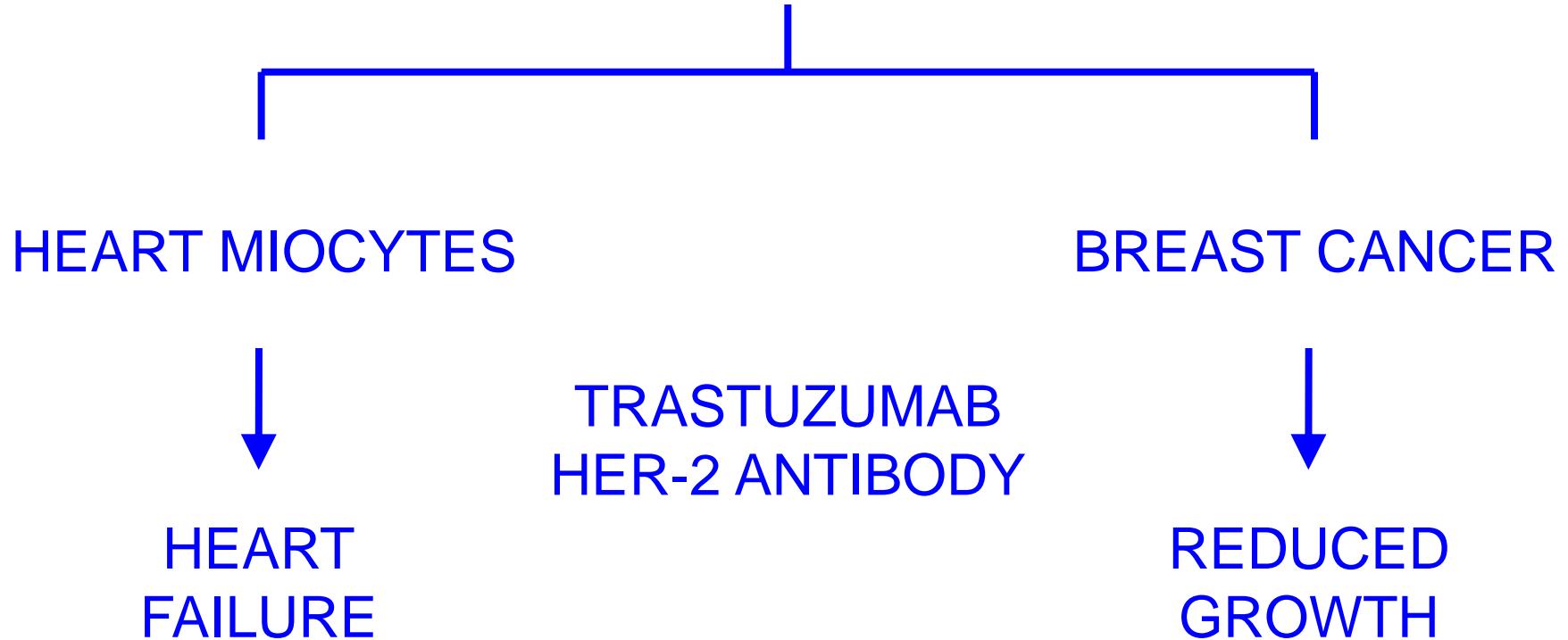


### Taxolo



# **ETEROGENEITA' NELLA TOSSICITA' DEI FARMACI**

HER-2  
STIMULATES GROWTH

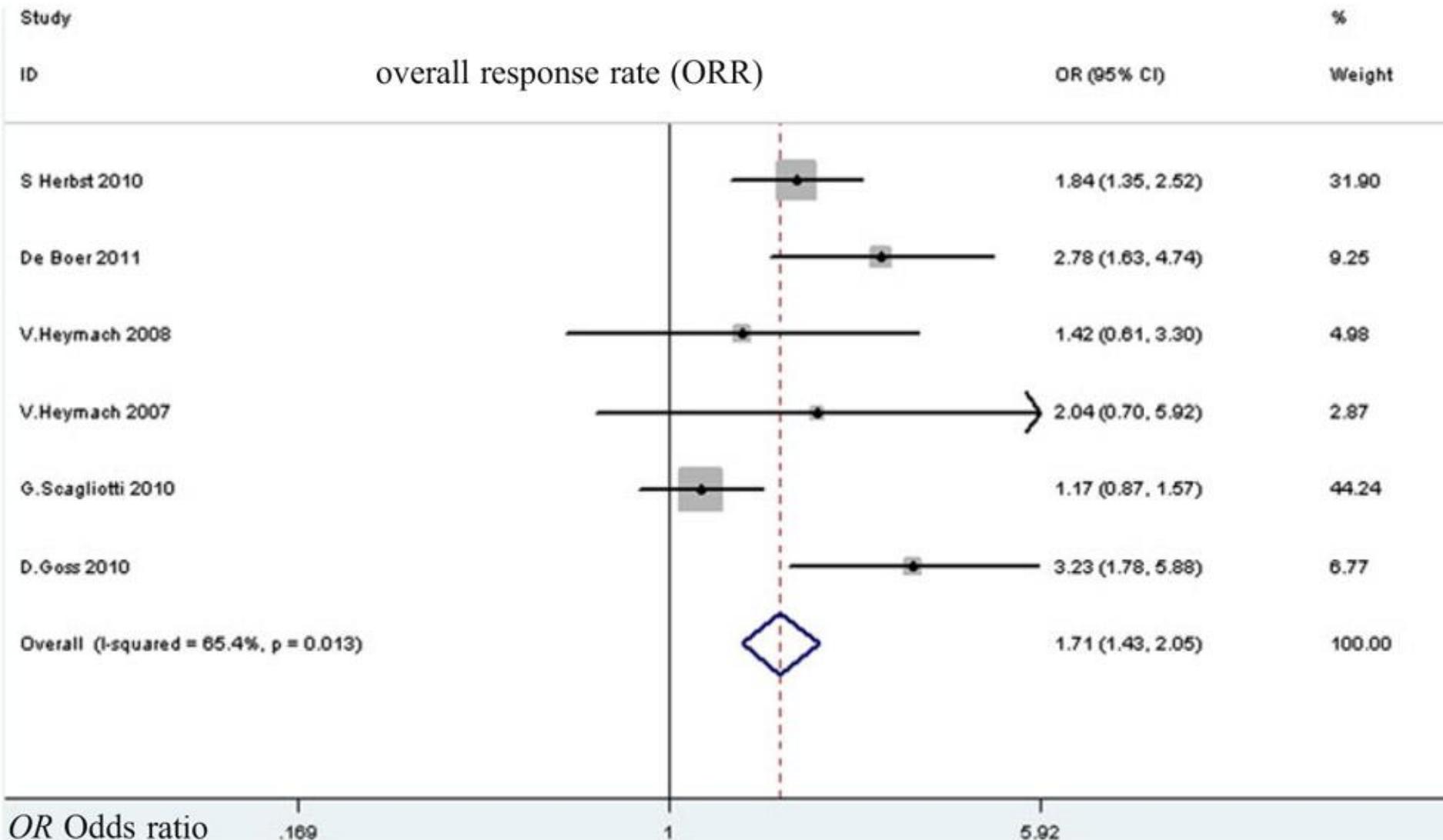


## Treatment-Related Toxic Effects.

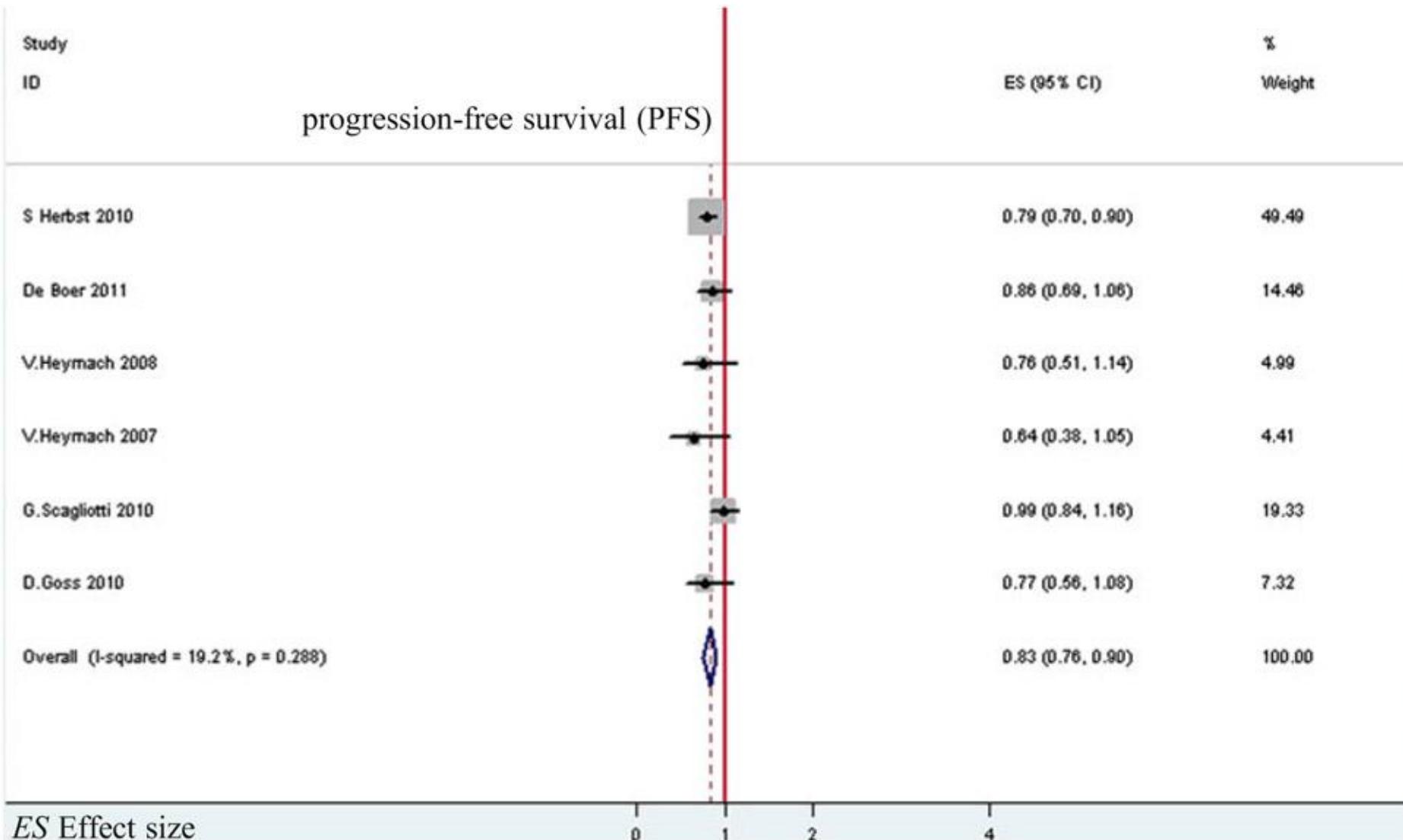
Effect	Paclitaxel plus Bevacizumab (N=365)		Paclitaxel (N=346)		P Value
	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 3	Grade 4	
<i>percent</i>					
Infection	8.8	0.5	2.9	0	<0.001
Fatigue	8.8	0.3	4.6	0.3	0.04
Sensory neuropathy	23.0	0.5	17.1	0.6	0.05
Hypertension	14.5	0.3	0	0	<0.001
Thrombosis or embolism	1.6	0.5	0.6	0.9	
Cerebrovascular ischemia	0.8	1.1	0	0	0.02
Headache	2.2	0	0	0	0.008
Proteinuria	2.7	0.8	0	0	<0.001

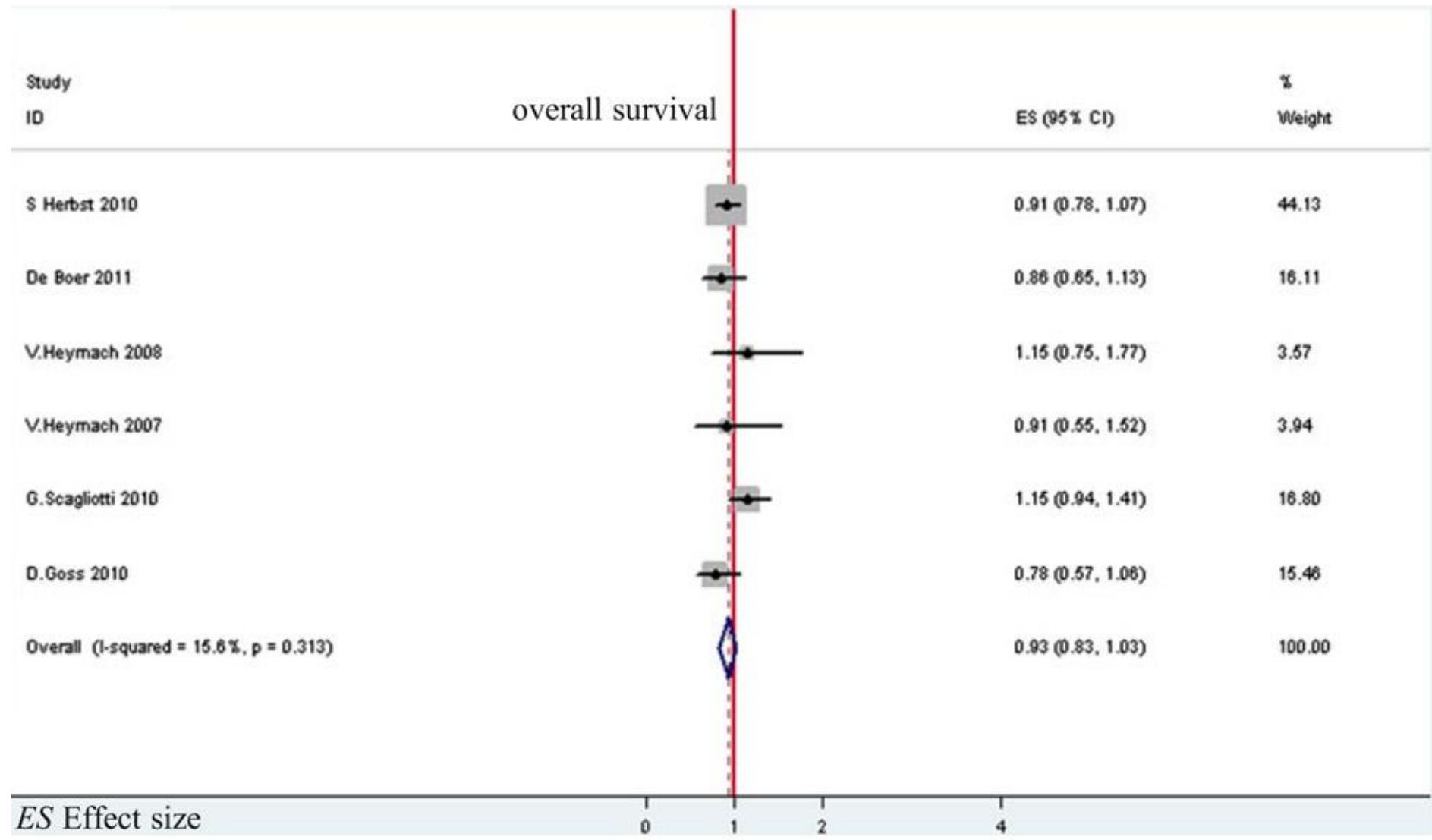
Miller et al., 2007

# NSCLC and TKI



patients with advanced non-small-cell lung cancer (NSCLC)  
 chemotherapy plus multitargeted antiangiogenic tyrosine kinase inhibitors (TKI)





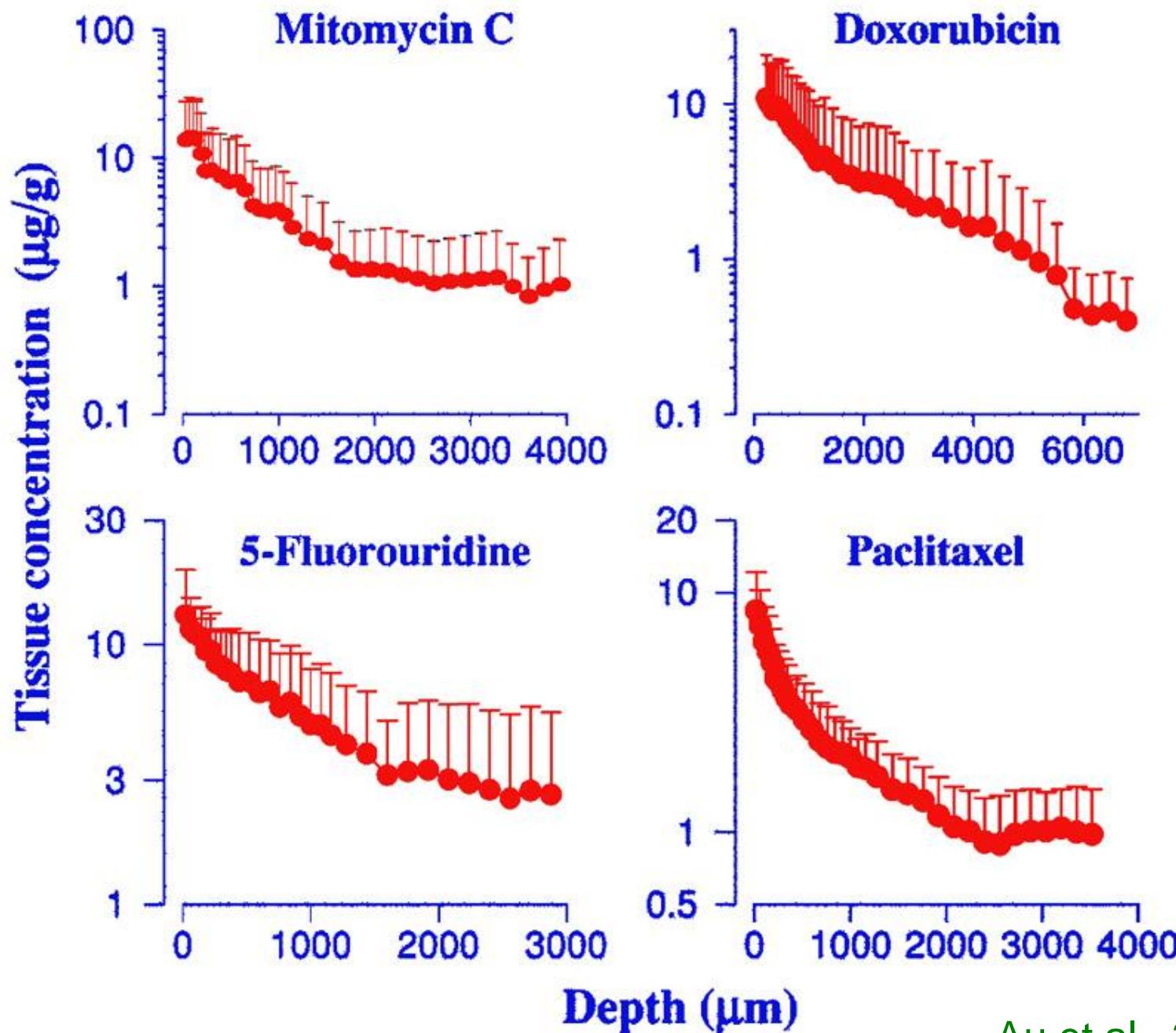
# **ETEROGENEITA' NELLA DISTRIBUZIONE DEI FARMACI NEL SINGOLO TUMORE**

**DOXORUBICIN \*\* CYCLOPHOSPHAMIDE \*\* MNU \*\***

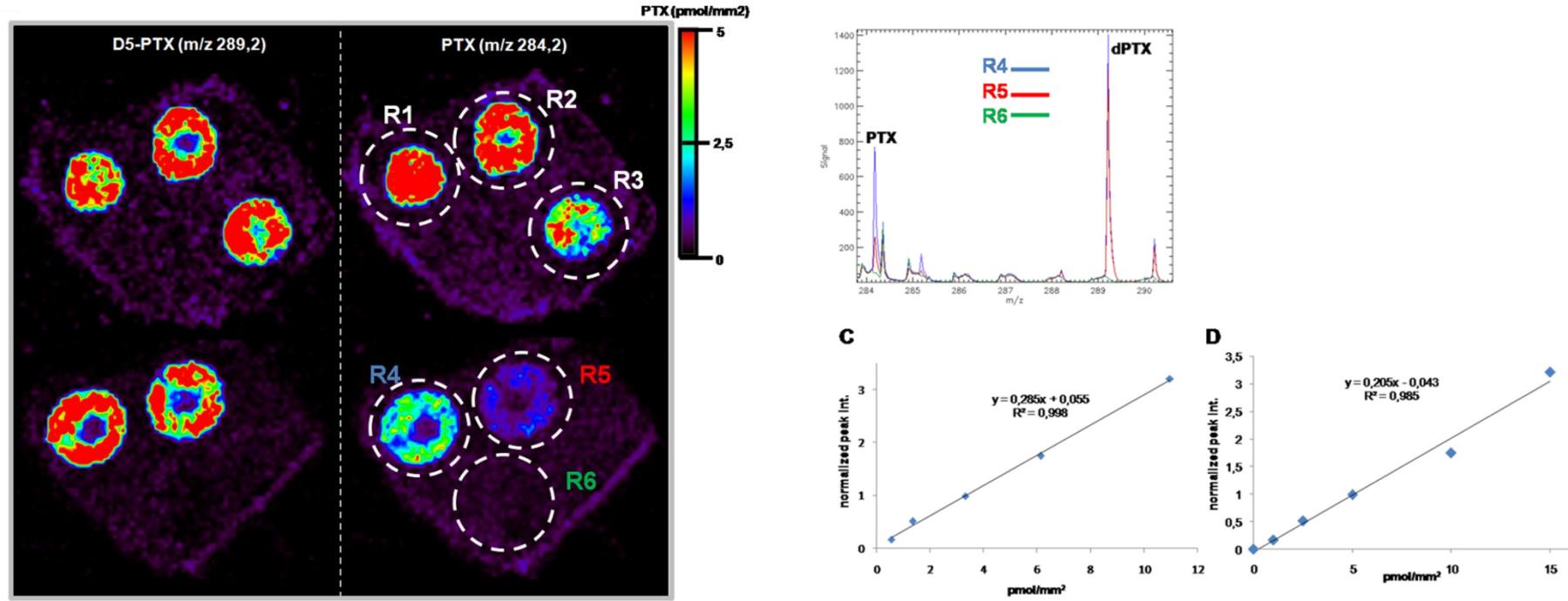
<b>WHOLE TUMOR</b>	<b>557 ± 108</b>	<b>745 ± 52</b>	<b>54 ± 6</b>
<b>VEGETATING PART</b>	<b>2745 ± 205</b>	<b>2434 ± 386</b>	<b>266 ± 12</b>
<b>NECROTIC PART</b>	<b>&lt; 1</b>	<b>&lt; 0.1</b>	<b>&lt; 1</b>

Auc after 60 min\*or, 24 hr\*\*

D'Incalci et al., 1977



Au et al., 2001



## Quantitative MALDI imaging

A calibration curve is built directly on tissue

(A) with stable isotope labelling

(B) of the drug (PTX)

(C) control tissue (liver)

(D) cancer tissue (melanoma)

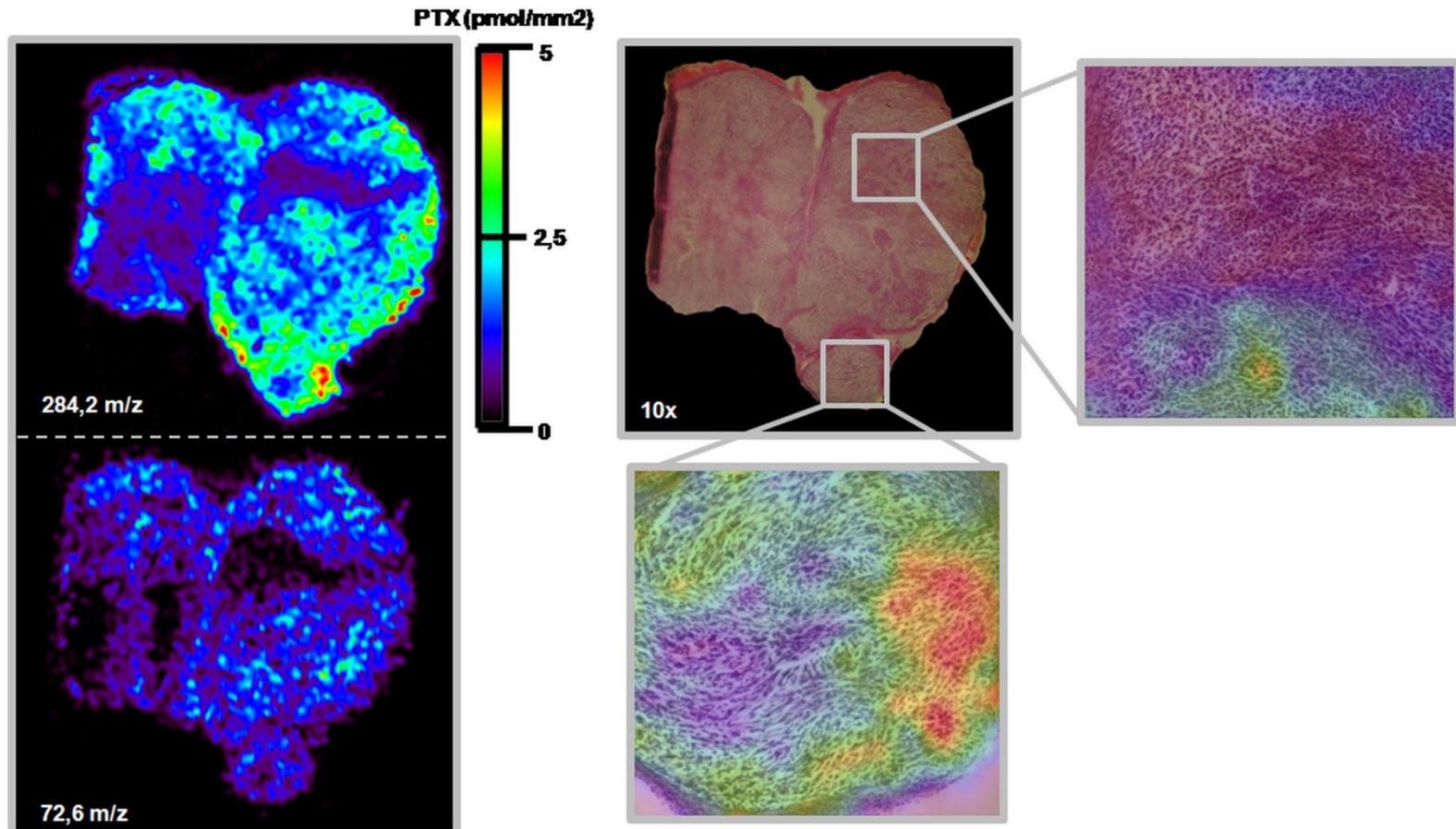
# Overlapping MS, MS/MS and HE images of three adjacent slices of melanoma

treated with PTX 60 mg/kg .

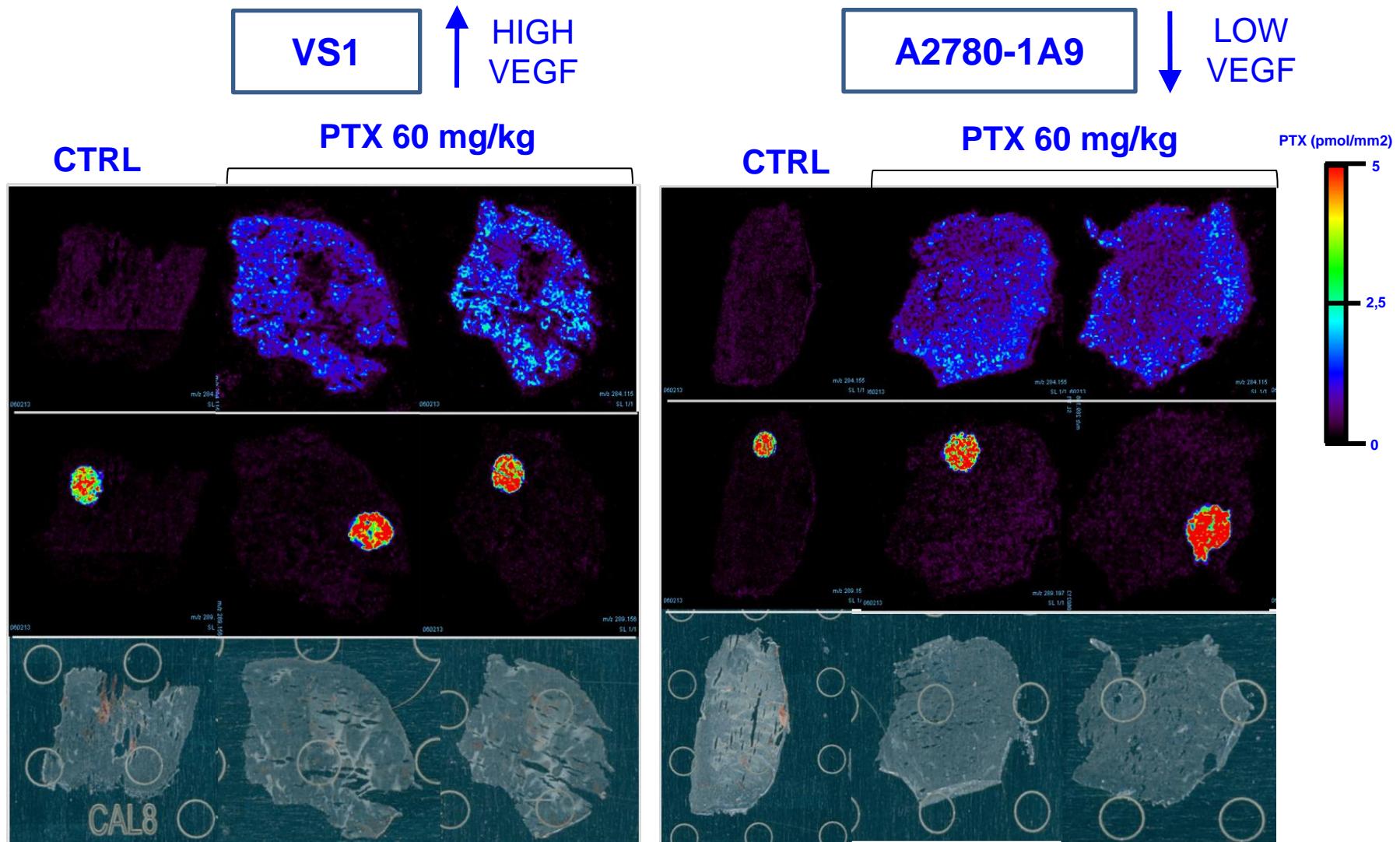
**A)** MS distribution in treated melanoma reflects MS/MS

**B)** HE stained optical image shows that the cell compartment is uniform. The enlargements show superimposed histological and molecular data.

No differences in tissue histology can be seen in the areas where the drug is more concentrated.



# Drug distribution in ovarian tumor xenografts



# CONCLUSIONI

- L'ETEROGENEITÀ SI ARTICOLA NELL'OSPITE, NEL TUMORE E NEI FARMACI
- L'ETEROGENEITÀ È UN ELEMENTO FONDAMENTALE PER LO SVILUPPO DELLA RESISTENZA
- L'ETEROGENEITÀ È IL MAGGIOR OSTACOLO ALLA TERAPIA
- L'ETEROGENEITÀ RICHIEDE LO SVILUPPO DI NUOVE STRATEGIE TERAPEUTICHE



Capacities – Research Infrastructures  
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IL FARMACISTA:  
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