



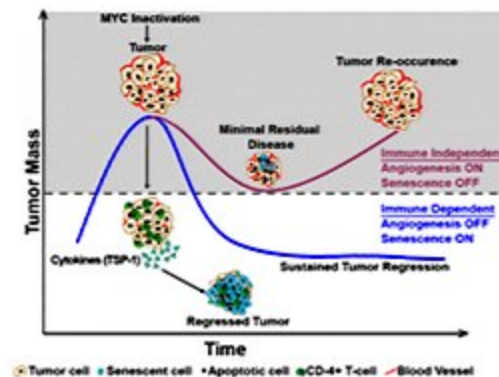
Oncogene Inactivation (Addiction) and CD4+ T-cells

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Modeling Oncogene Addiction Inside and Out



Oncogene Addiction is both Tumor Intrinsic and Host-Dependent

Mechanisms of Oncogene Addiction and the Immune System

Restoration of Tumor Intrinsic Fail-Safe Mechanisms:

Shut Down of *Self-Renewal* Programs: Role of Cellular Senescence

Restoration of Host Fail-Safe Mechanisms:

Shut Off of Angiogenesis

Importance of Immune System and Autocrine/Chemokine Signaling

Combining Targeted Therapeutics + Immune Therapy

Oncogene Addiction, Senescence and the Immune System

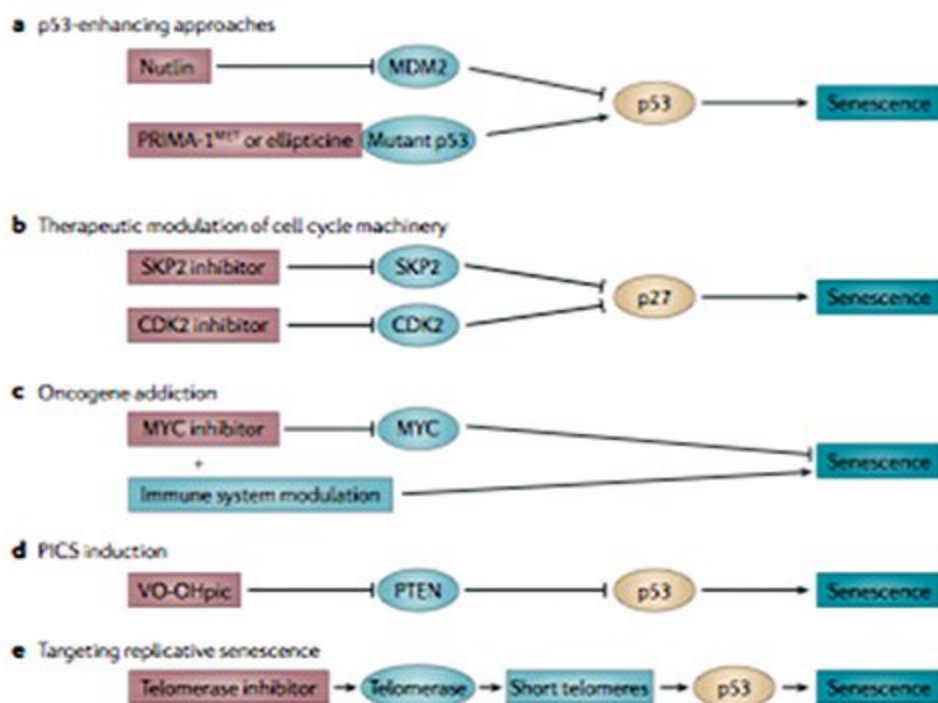


Figure 2 | **Strategies for the therapeutic activation and enhancement of senescence.** Schematic view of the approaches that are readily available for the implementation of pro-senescence therapy in cancer treatment. Inhibitors are shown in red boxes and target proteins in blue ovals. **a** | Enhancement of p53 activity through either inhibition of the interaction between MDM2 and wild-type p53 (for example, a nutlin) or restoration of mutant p53 activity (for example, PRIMA-1^{MET} or ellipticine). **b** | Modulation of cell cycle machinery, for example through either inhibition of S phase kinase-associated protein 2 (SKP2) or cyclin-dependent kinase 2 (CDK2). Both approaches result in increased p27 (also known as KIP1) activity and a consequent senescence response. **c** | Induction of senescence in tumours that are addicted to MYC through the inhibition of the MYC oncogene in combination with an immunomodulatory approach. **d** | Induction of PTEN loss-induced cellular senescence (PICS) through inhibition of PTEN and consequent mTOR-mediated activation of p53. **e** | Induction of replicative senescence through inhibition of telomerase and subsequent telomere shortening.

Oncogene Addiction, Senescence and the Immune System

Timeline | Important events in senescence research

Hayflick and Moorhead¹ discover replicative senescence

1965

Serrano et al.²² describe RAS-mediated premature senescence triggered by aberrant mitogenic activation, termed OIS

1990

1997

DNA damage identified as one mechanism by which OIS is induced^{23,24}

2005

• Senescence identified as an important component of tumour regression on MYC inactivation²⁵
• Senescent cells found to be cleared by the immune system²⁶

2006

2007

The importance of secreted factors in senescence is realized^{11,27-29}

2008

Mechanisms of PICS identified³⁰

2010

Telomere erosion identified as being responsible for replicative senescence³¹

Loss of the tumour suppressor PTEN induces premature senescence, termed PICS³

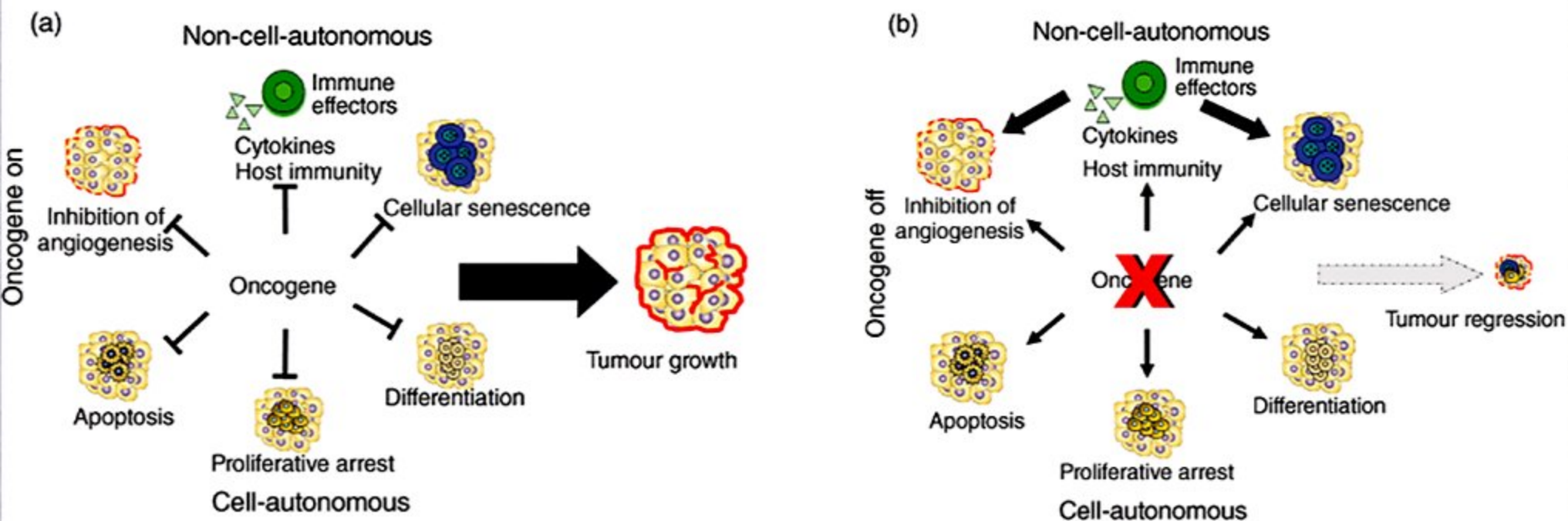
A comprehensive series of studies identify senescence *in vivo* as a barrier to cancer progression¹⁴⁻¹⁶

Senescent cells identified in human neoplasia, emphasizing the physiological relevance of senescence in the context of human disease¹⁷⁻¹⁹

• SKP2 identified as a pro-senescence target for a therapeutic intervention that is independent of p53 status³²
• CD4⁺ T cell lymphocyte activation identified as being crucial for the clearance of senescent cells on MYC inactivation³³

OIS, oncogene-induced senescence; PICS, PTEN loss-induced senescence; SKP2, S phase kinase-associated protein 2.

Hallmarks of Cancer, Oncogene Addiction and the Immune System



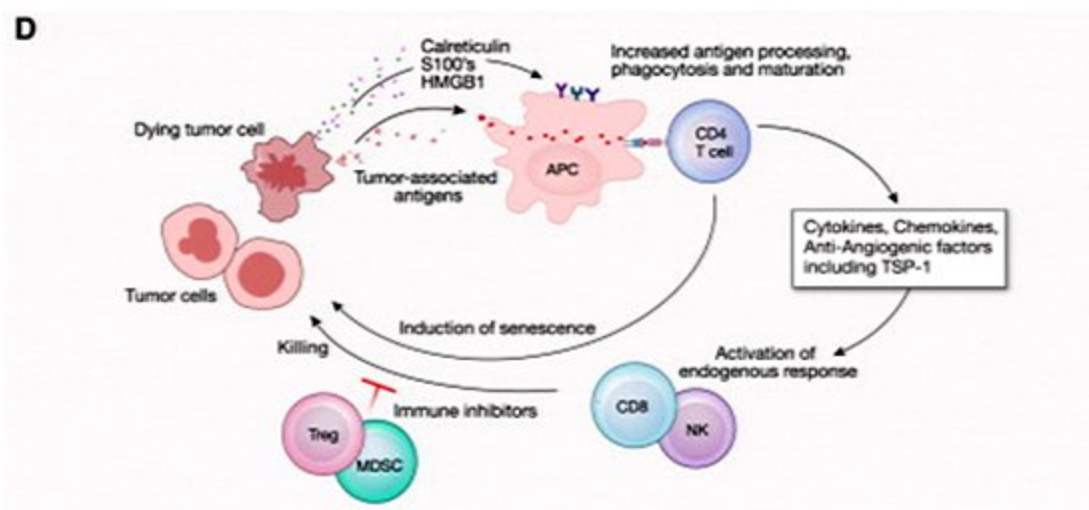
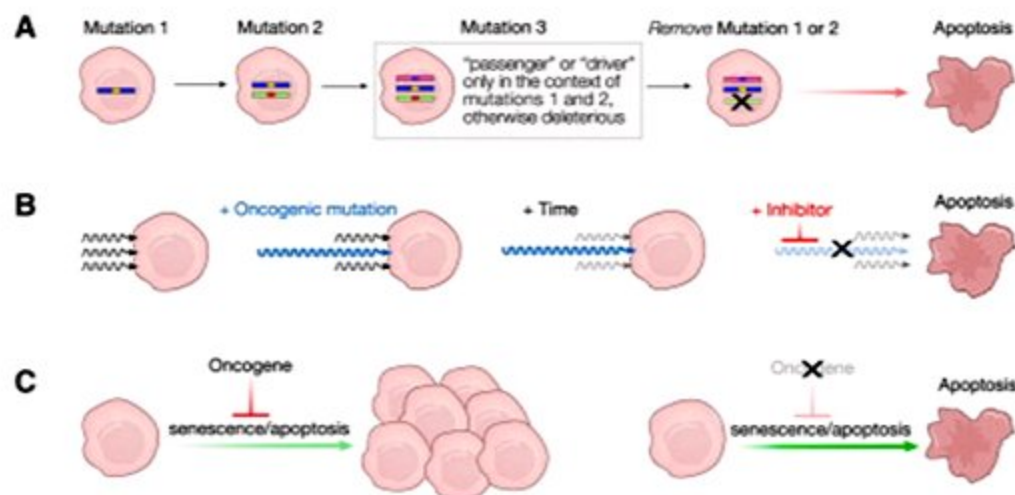
Oncogene Addiction and the Immune System

Table 1. Examples of immune system-mediated oncogene addiction. Murine models of *MYC* and *BCR-ABL* inactivation as well as *P53* restoration directly implicate immune involvement in implementing the consequences of oncogene addiction. Below, oncogenes whose tumorigenicity rely heavily on immune evasion and/or pro-tumour inflammation highlight the potentially broad generalizability of the concept of immune system-mediated oncogene addiction.

Oncogene	Tumour type	Involved immune compartment	Immune-mediated mechanism	References
<i>MYC</i>	T cell acute lymphoblastic lymphoma	Adaptive immunity (CD4 ⁺ T cells)	Induction of senescence and suppression of angiogenesis	[69]
<i>BCR-ABL</i>	Pro-B cell acute lymphocytic leukaemia	Adaptive immunity (CD4 ⁺ T cells)	Induction of senescence and suppression of angiogenesis	[69]
<i>P53</i>	Hepatocellular carcinoma	Innate immunity (neutrophils, macrophages, NK cells)	Tumour clearance	[82]
Other oncogenic links to tumour immunity				
<i>MYC</i>	B cell lymphoma; pancreatic islet cell tumour	Innate immunity (macrophages; mast cells)	Macrophages induce senescence; mast cells promote angiogenesis	[42,66]
<i>RAS</i>	Cervical cancer; renal cell carcinoma	Innate immunity (neutrophils)	Neutrophils recruited by IL-8, IL-6 secretion	[58,59]
<i>MET</i>	Papillary thyroid carcinoma	?Innate immunity/activation of proinflammatory programme	Innate cells recruitment via proinflammatory cytokines/chemokines	[52,57]
<i>PML</i>	Acute promyelocytic leukaemia; prostate carcinoma	Adaptive immunity (CD8 ⁺ T cells)	<i>PML</i> influences MHC class I antigen presentation	[53,54]
<i>BRAF</i>	Melanoma	Adaptive immunity (dendritic cells, CTLs)	<i>BRAF</i> inhibition up-regulates antigen presentation and decreases IL-10, IL-6	[55,56]

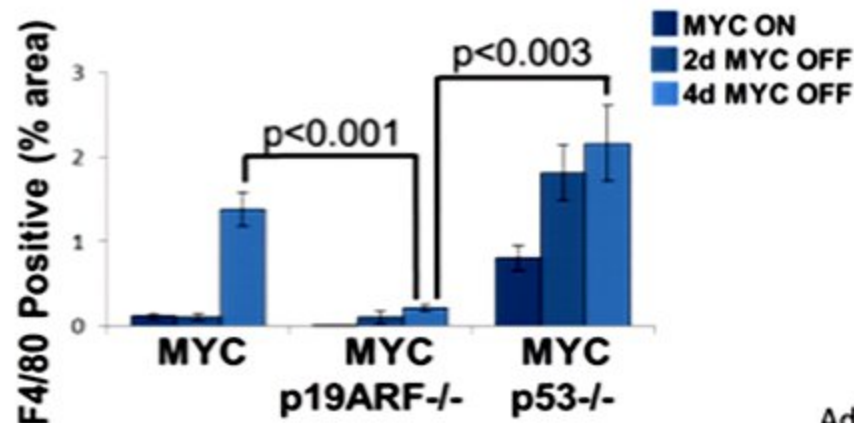
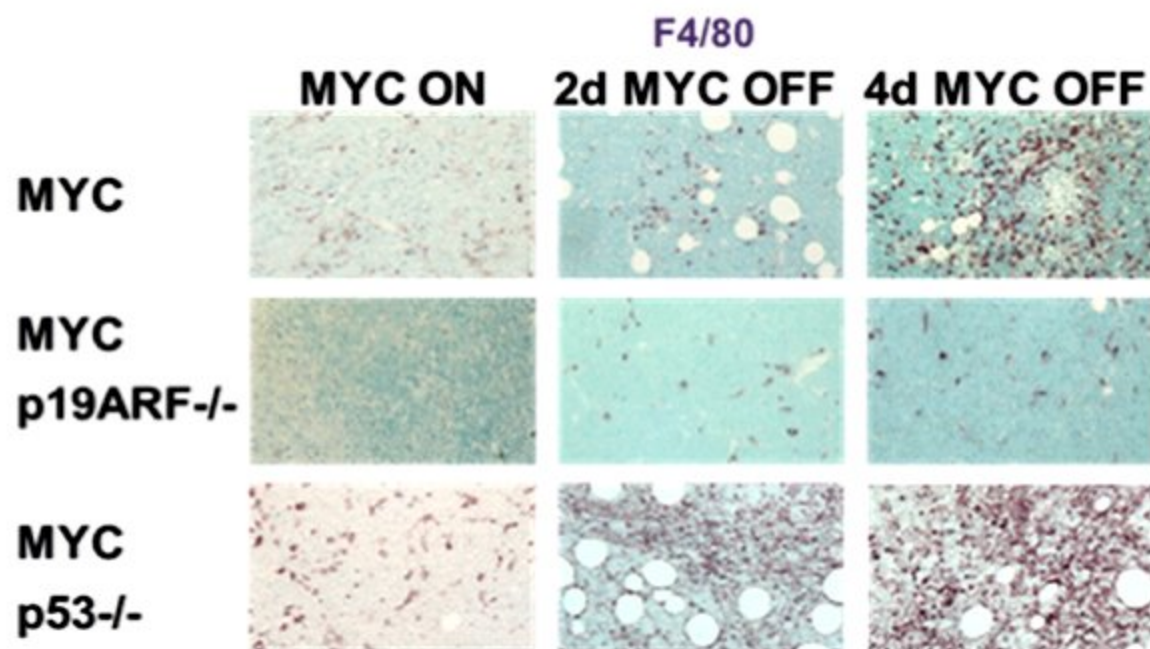
CTL: cytotoxic T lymphocyte; IL: interleukin; MHC: major histocompatibility complex; NK: natural killer.

Oncogene Addiction and Immune Therapy



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p19ARF but not p53 Null Tumors Exhibit a Marked Reduction in Macrophage Infiltration



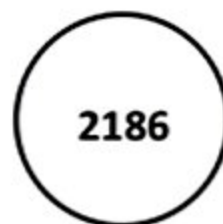
Pathway Analysis of Gene Expression Identifies Innate Immunity Pathways

Significant Genes
MYC ON/MYC OFF
Fold Change ≥ 2.0
 $p \leq 0.05$

MYC



MYC p53-/-



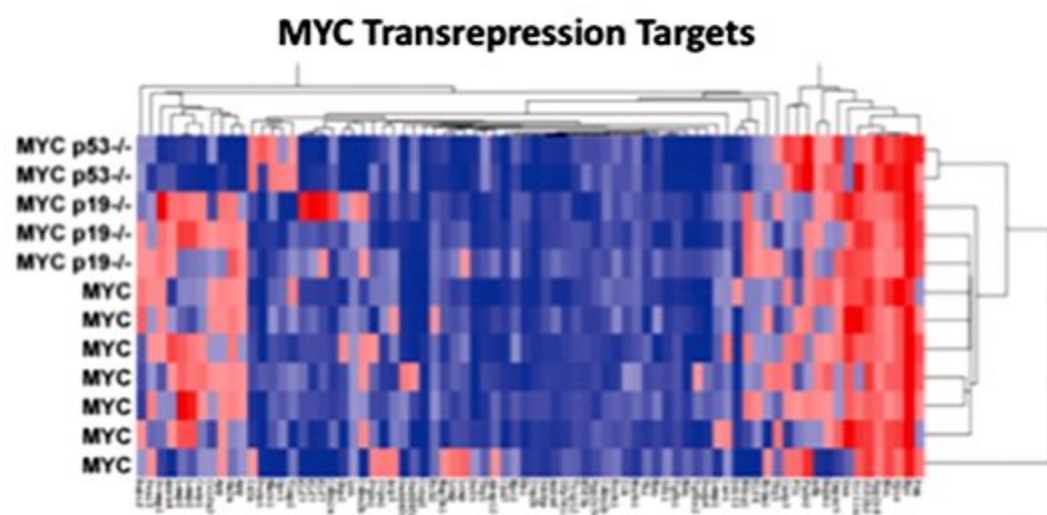
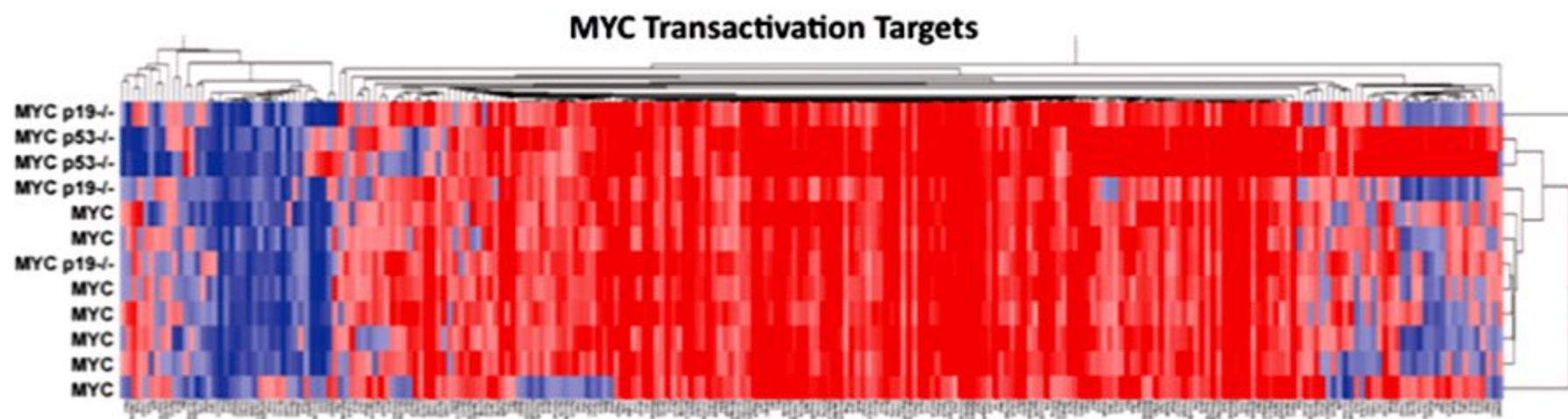
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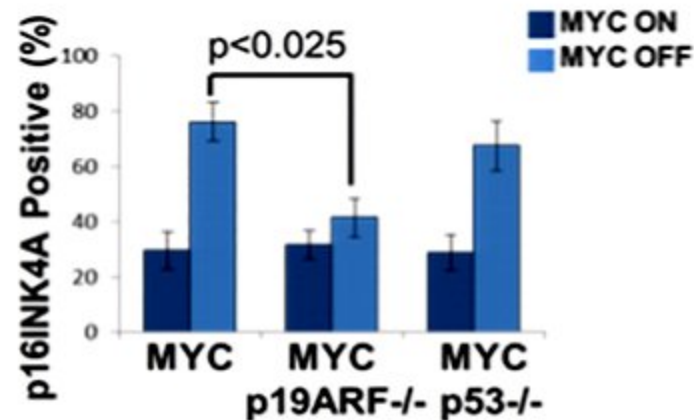
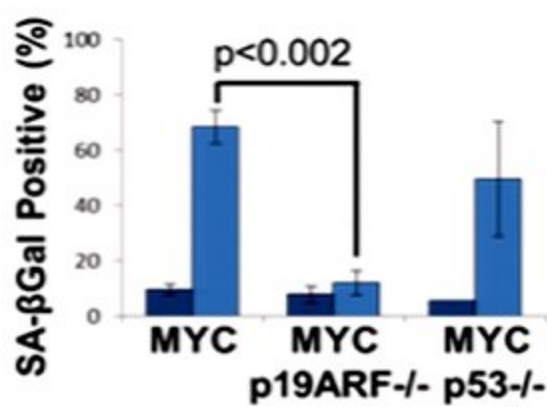
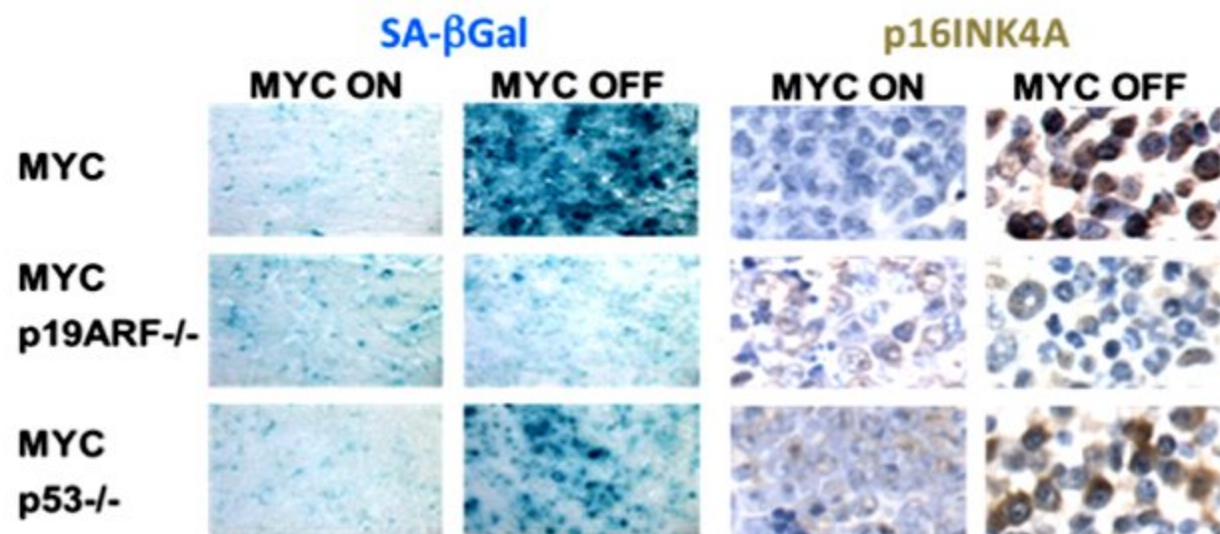
	MYC	MYC p53-/-	MYC p19-/-
Senescence/Cell Aging Pathways	1	1	0
Macrophage Activation/Infiltration Pathways	4	5	0
Innate Immune Cell Activation/Infiltration Pathways	4	6	0
Platelet Related Pathways	4	7	3

Pathway Analysis Cut-off - $p \leq 0.05$

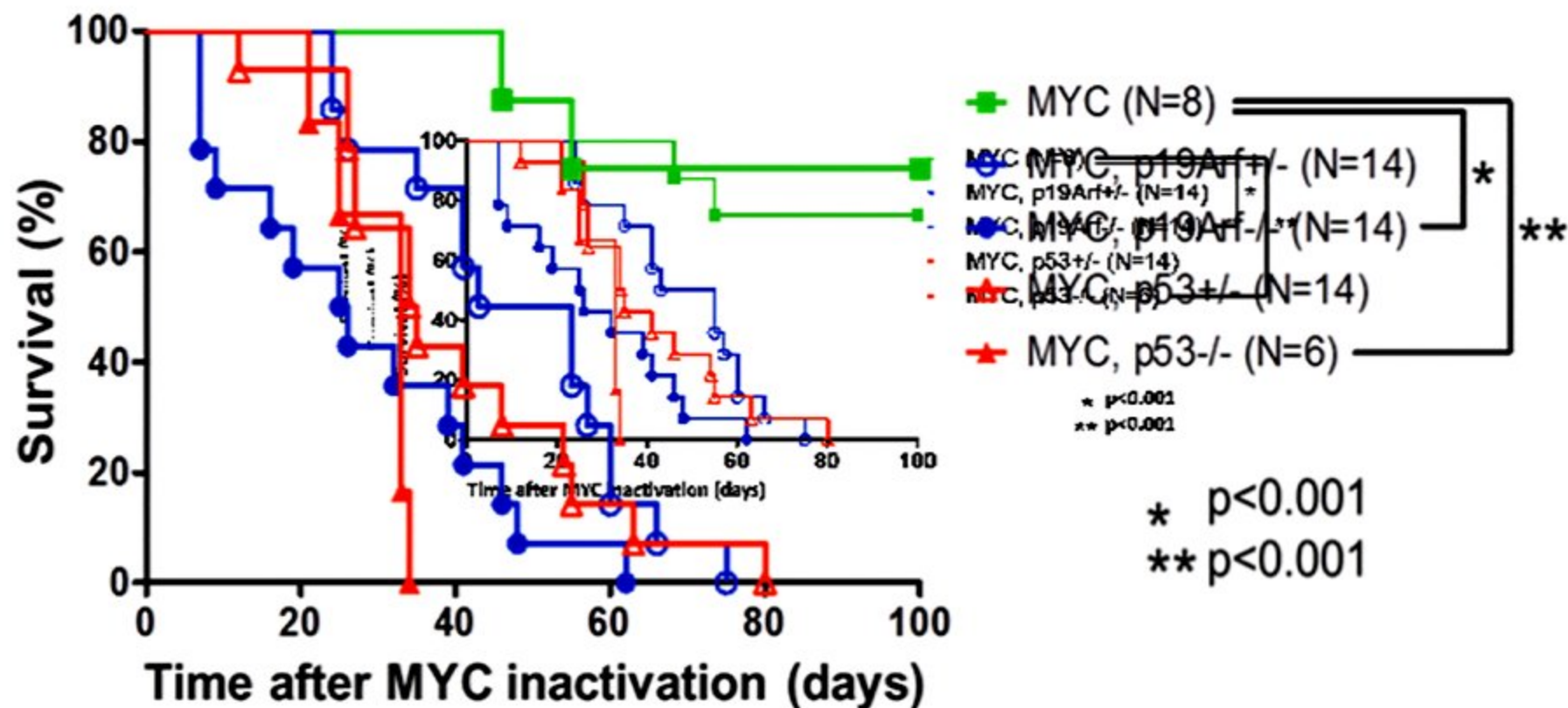
Loss of p19ARF Has no Global Effect on MYC Transcription



Loss p19ARF but not p53 Impedes Senescence upon MYC Inactivation



Loss of p19ARF or p53 Prevents MYC Inactivation from Inducing Sustained Regression



MYC and a p19ARF Senescence Switch

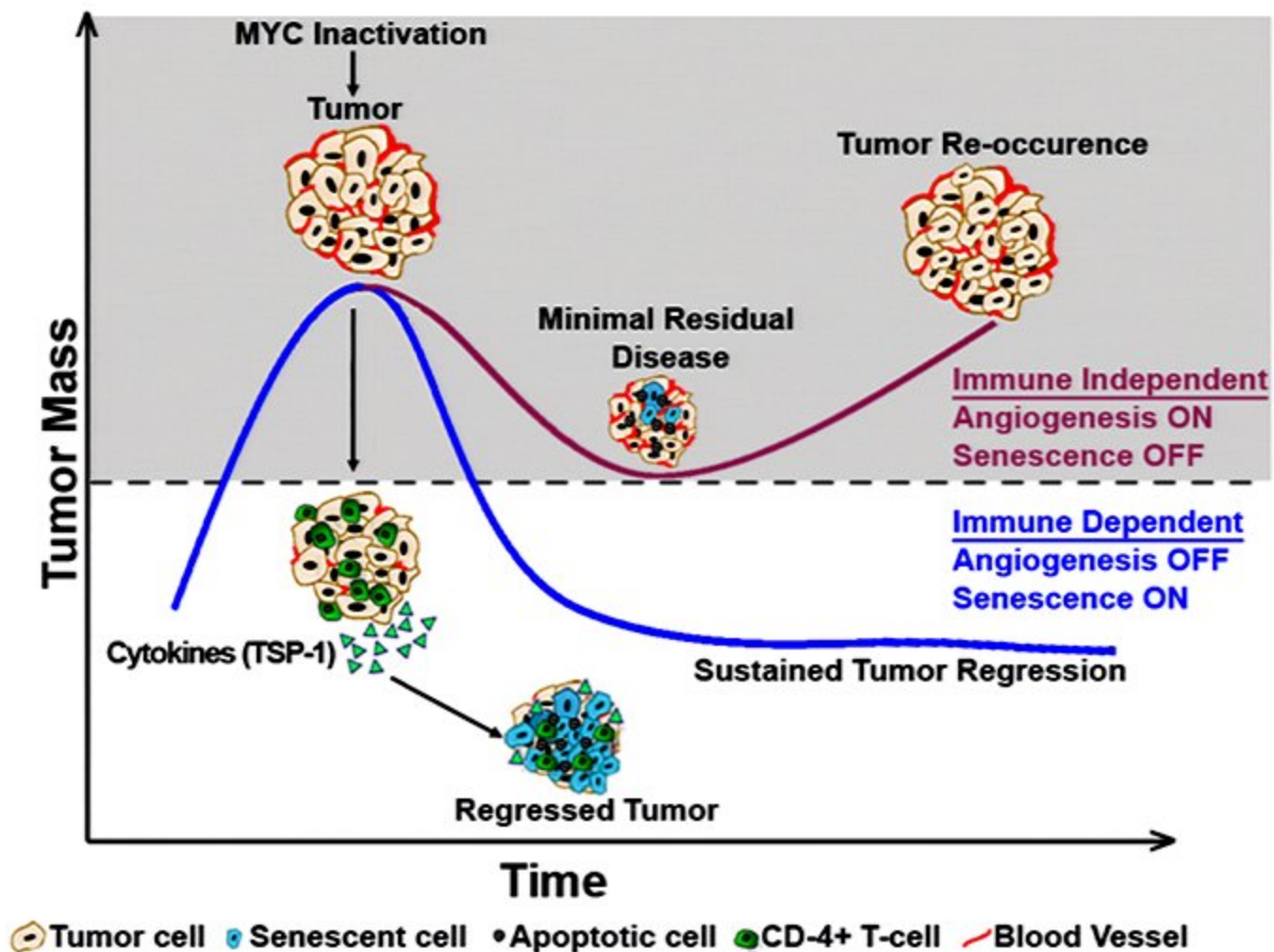
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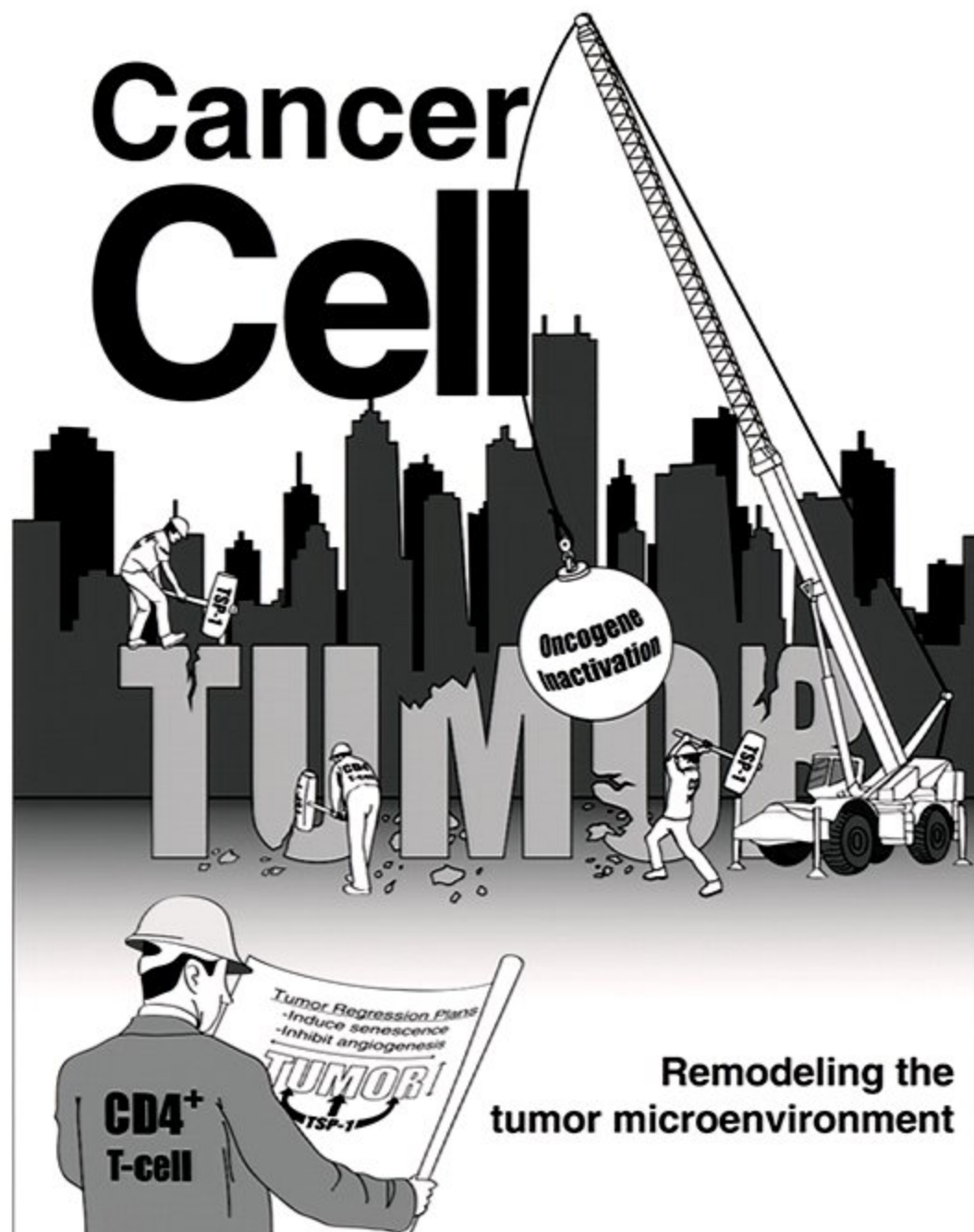


Role of Immune Effectors in Oncogene Addiction



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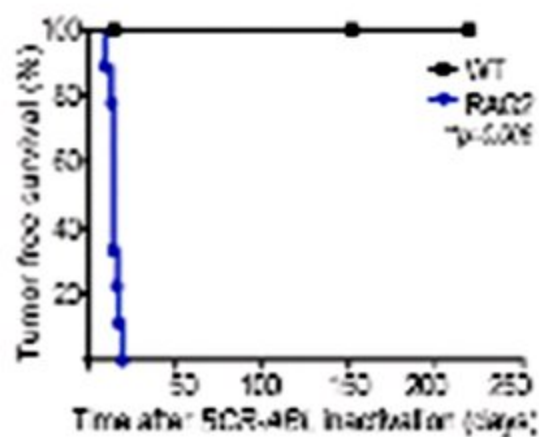
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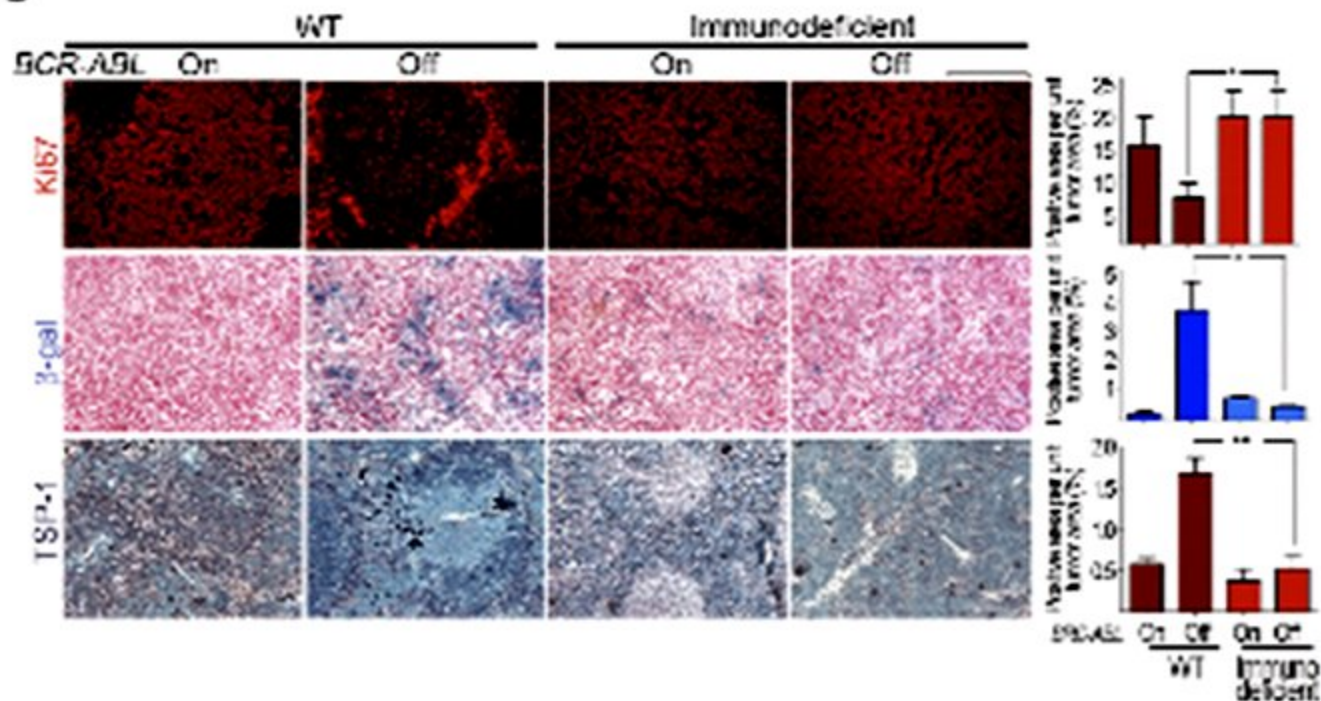
**Remodeling the
tumor microenvironment**

BCR-ABL Inactivation Elicits Oncogene Addiction only in an Immune Intact Host

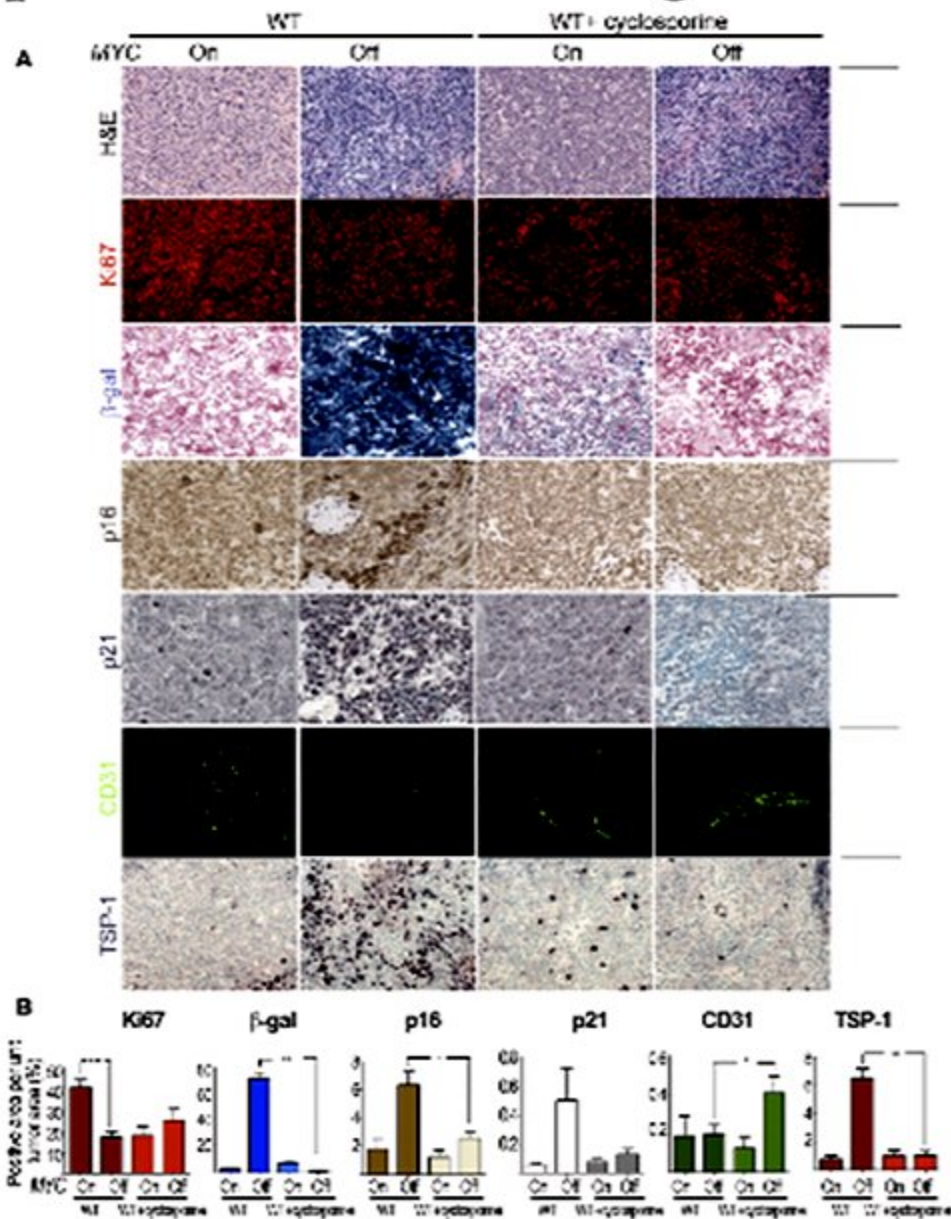
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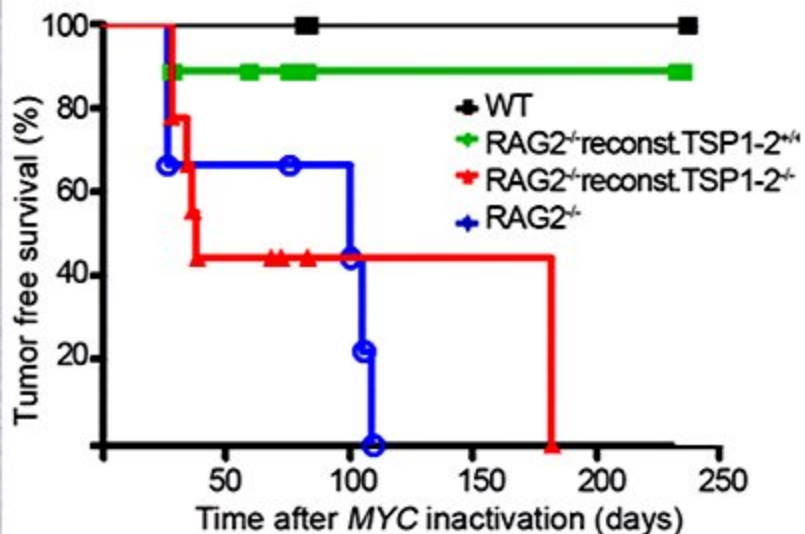


Cyclosporine Blocks Oncogene Addiction

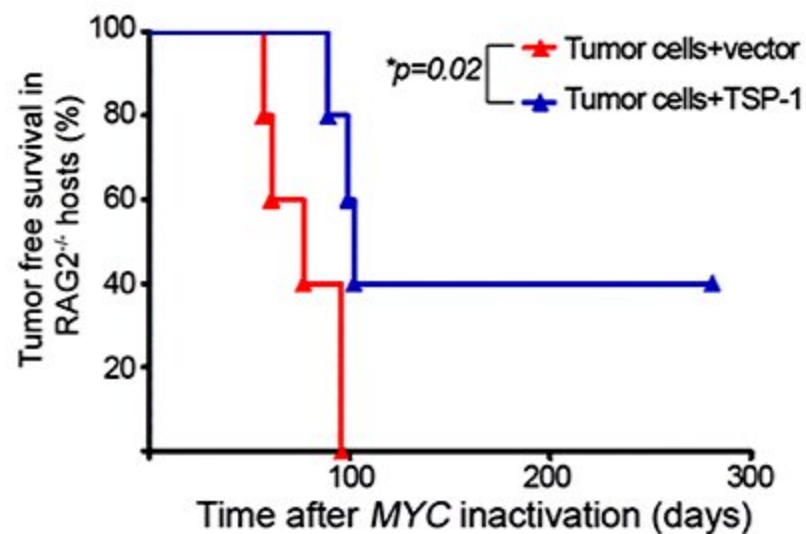


Thrombospondins are Required to Elicit Oncogene Addiction upon MYC Inactivation

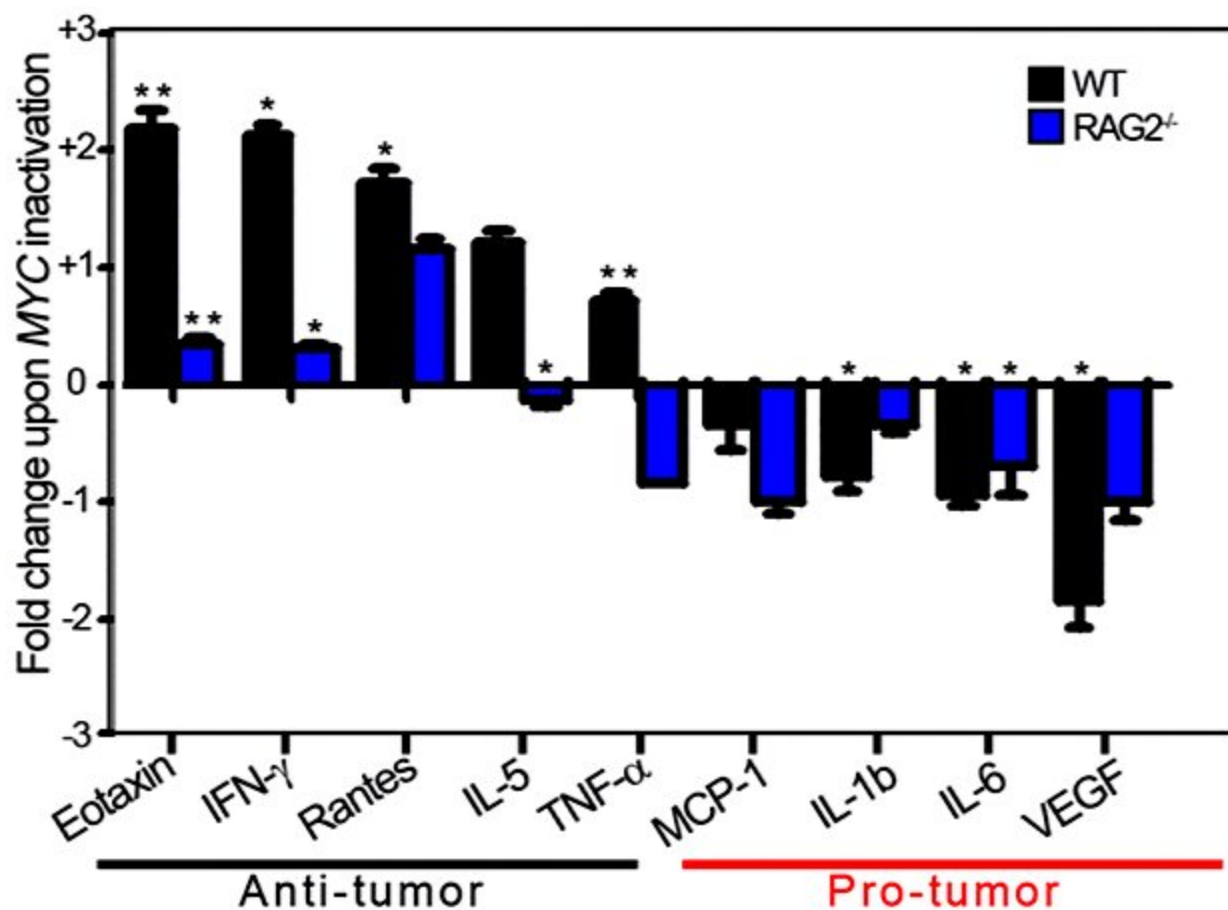
Lymphocytes must express TSPs



Tumor expression of TSP-1 Bypasses Immune Defect

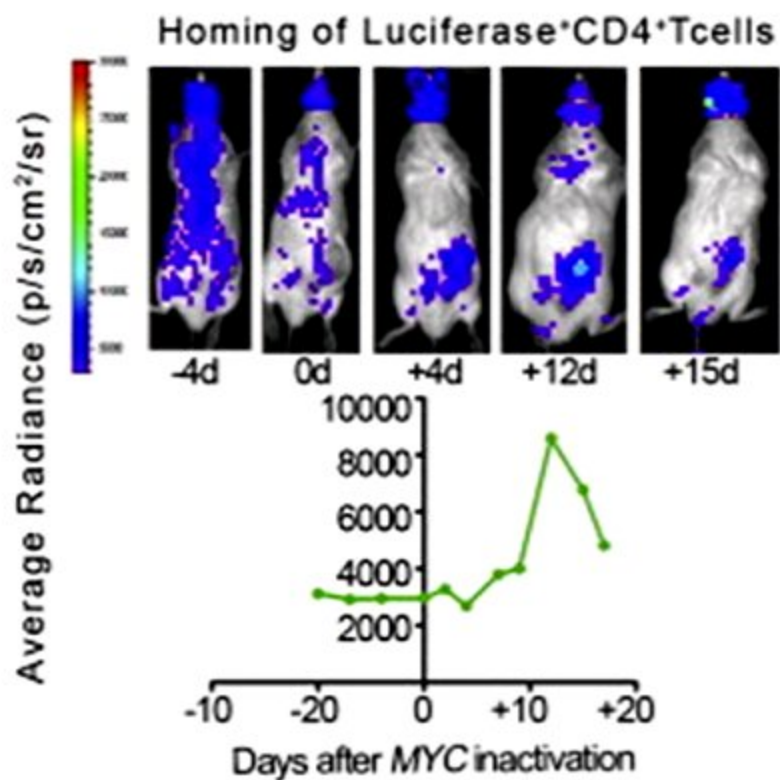


Immune System is Required for “Chemokine Switch” that Contributes to Tumor Regression upon Oncogene Inactivation

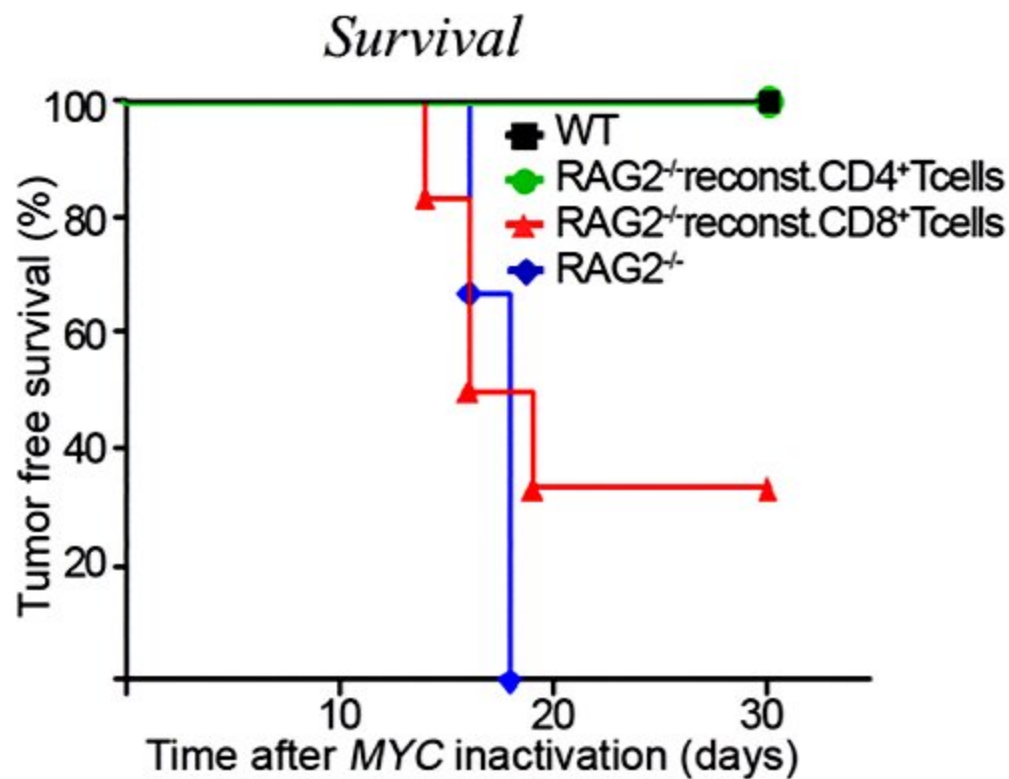


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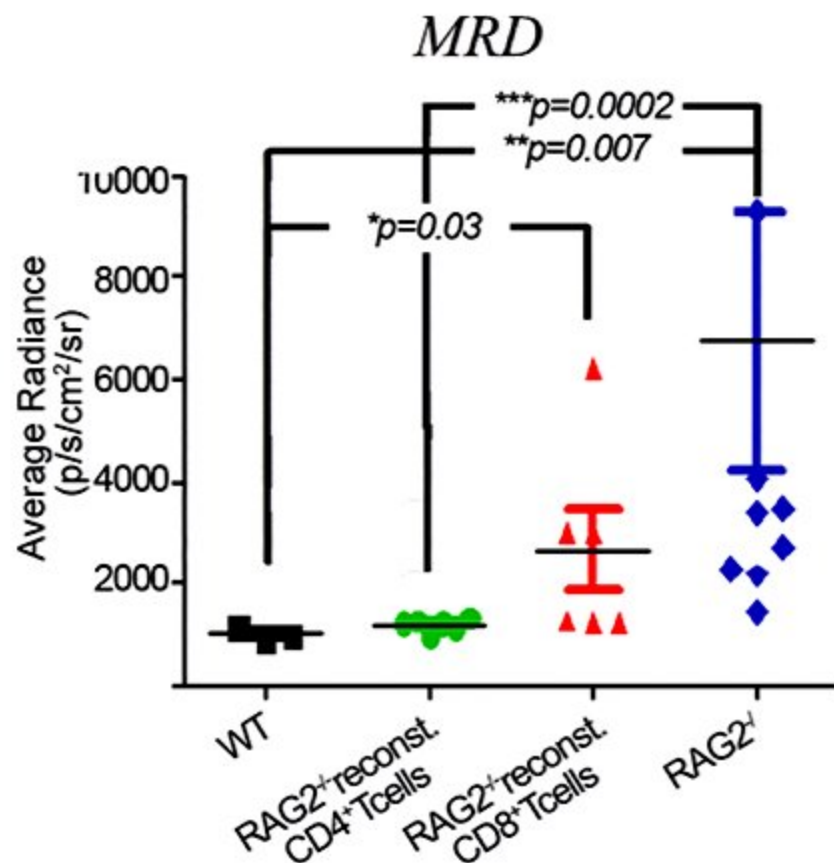
Immune Effectors Home to Tumor Site upon MYC Inactivation



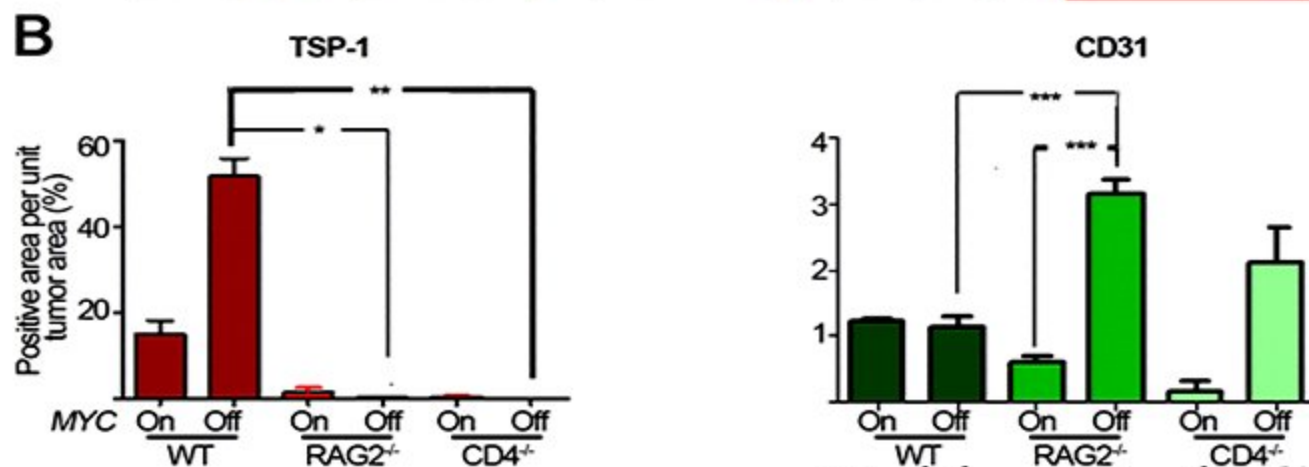
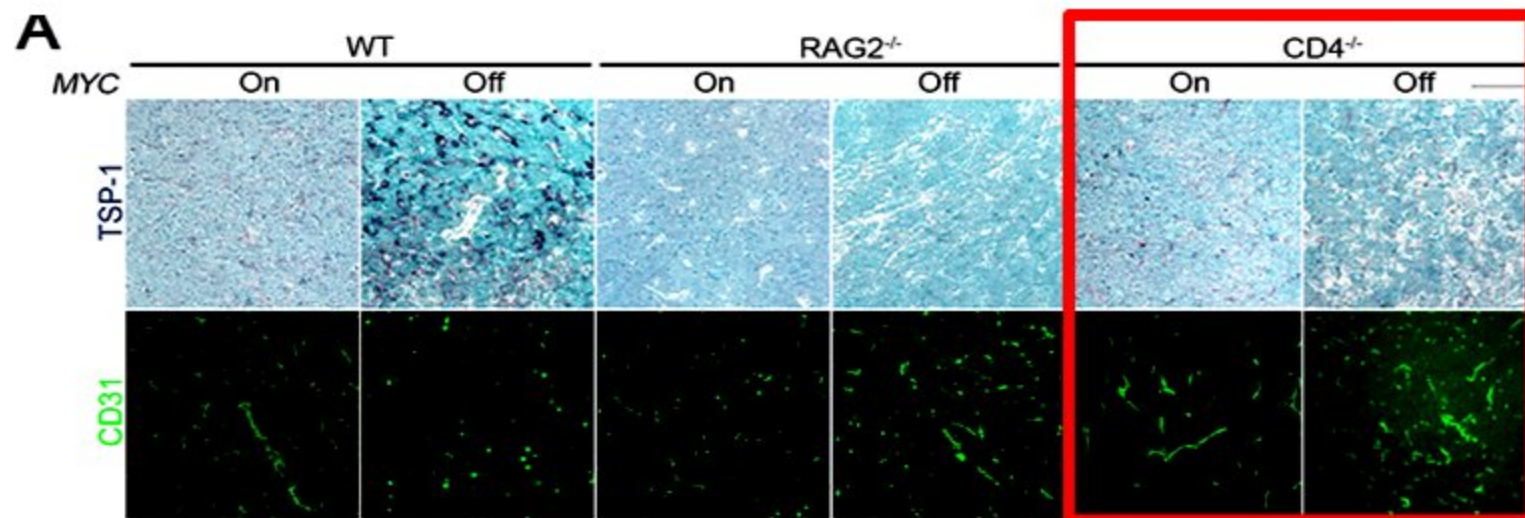
Reconstitution of CD4+ T-cells Alone Restores Tumor Regression upon MYC Inactivation



	RAG2 ^{-/-}	RAG2 ⁺ CD8 ^{-/-}	WT
RAG2 ⁺ CD4 ⁺	**p=0.007	*p=0.03	ns

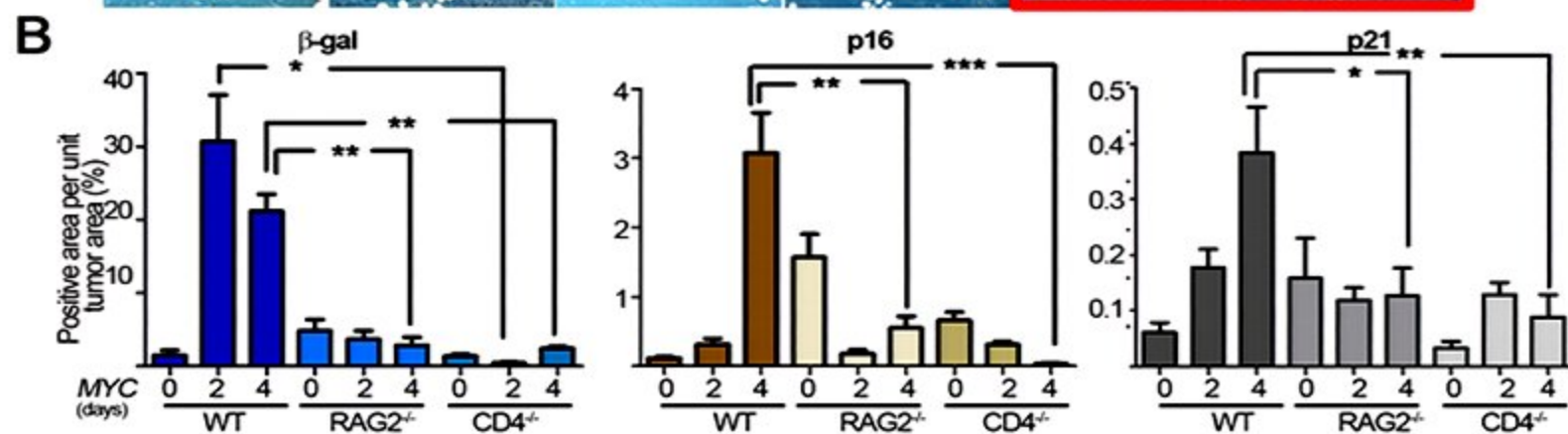
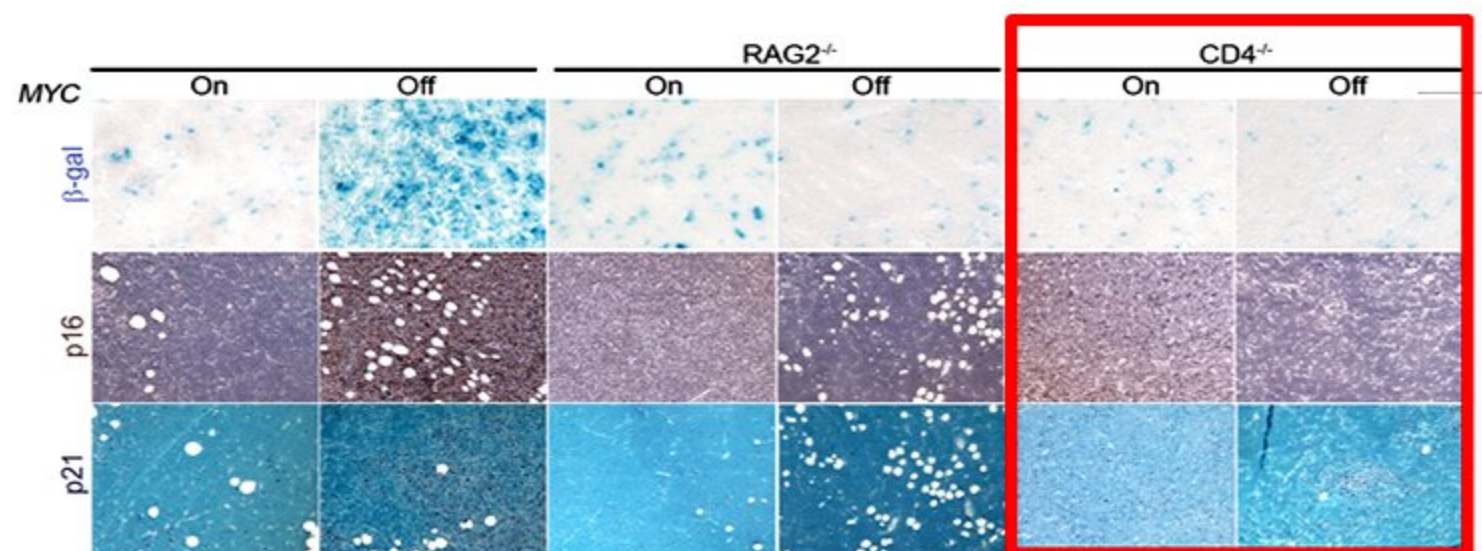


Immune System (CD4+ T-cells) is Required for the Induction of TSP-1 and the Suppression of Angiogenesis



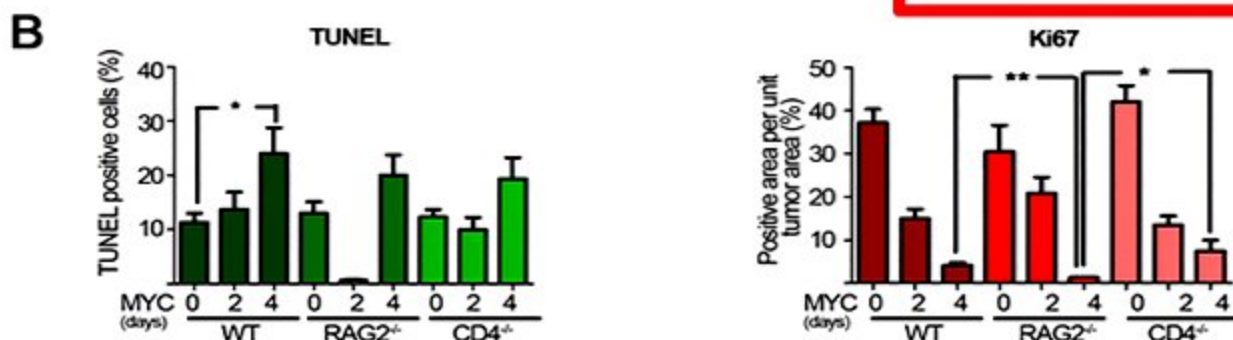
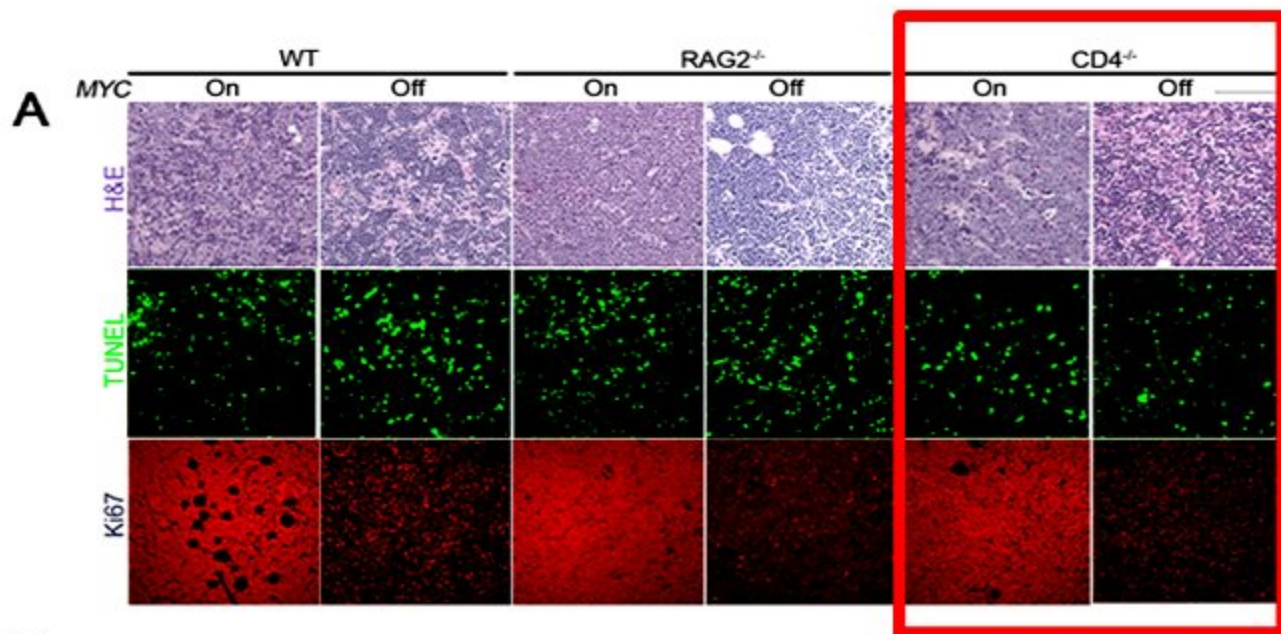
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Immune System (CD4+ T-cells) is Required for Cellular Senescence upon MYC Inactivation

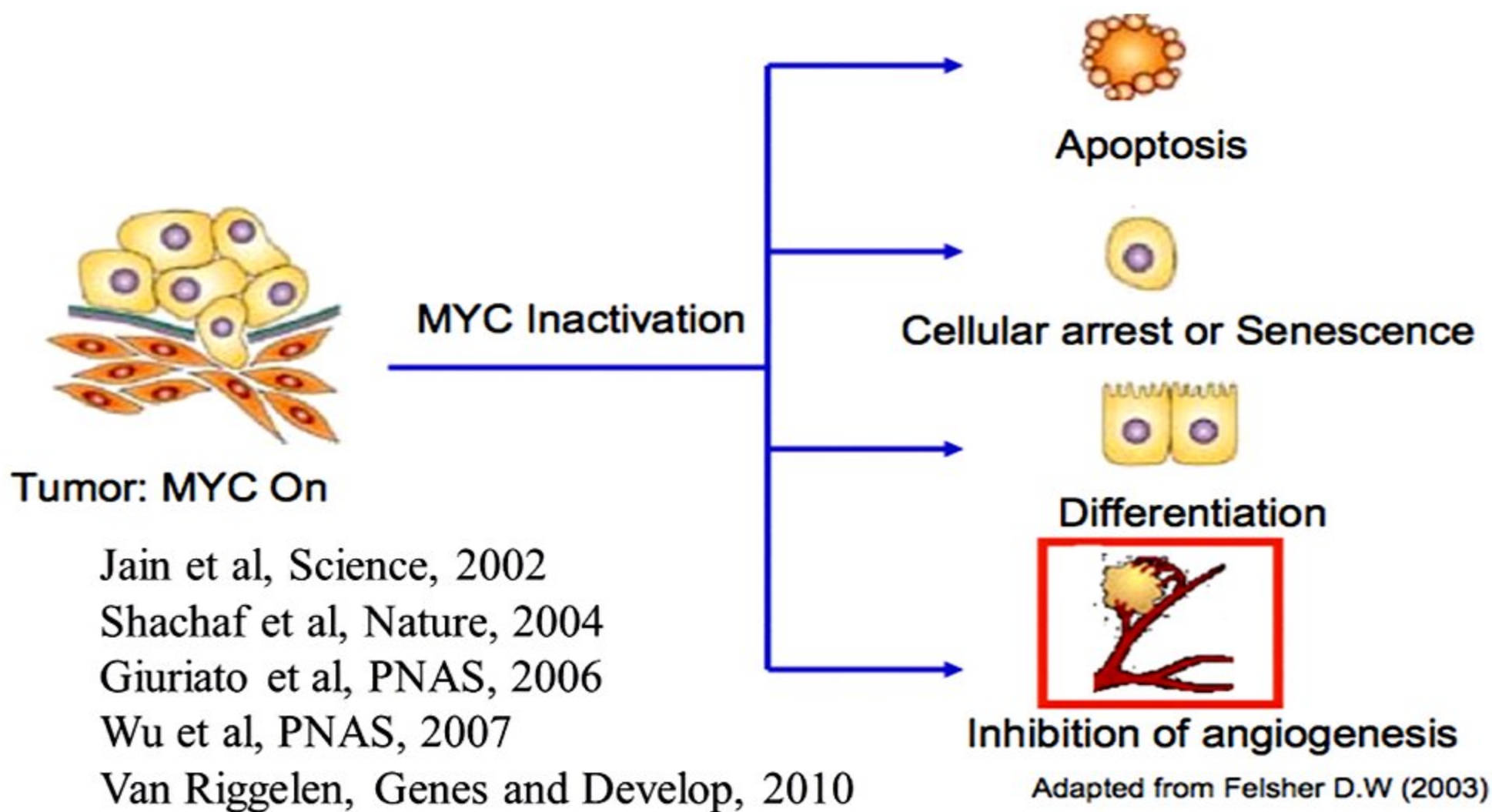


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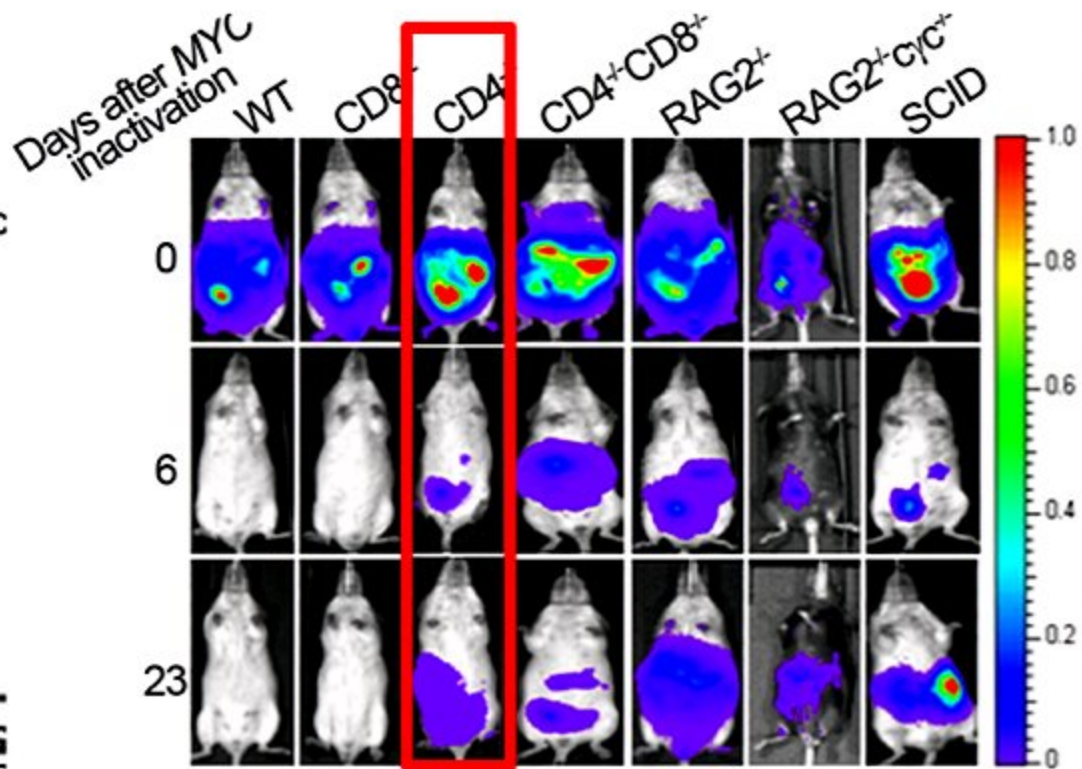
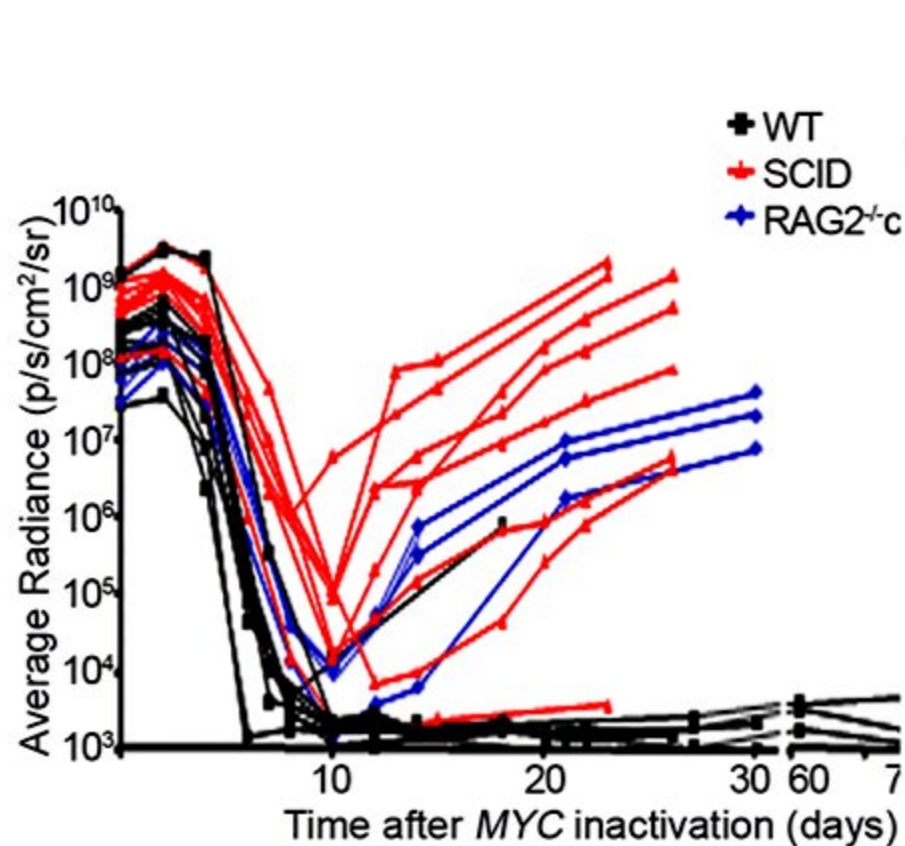
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Mechanisms of Tumor Regression upon MYC Inactivation

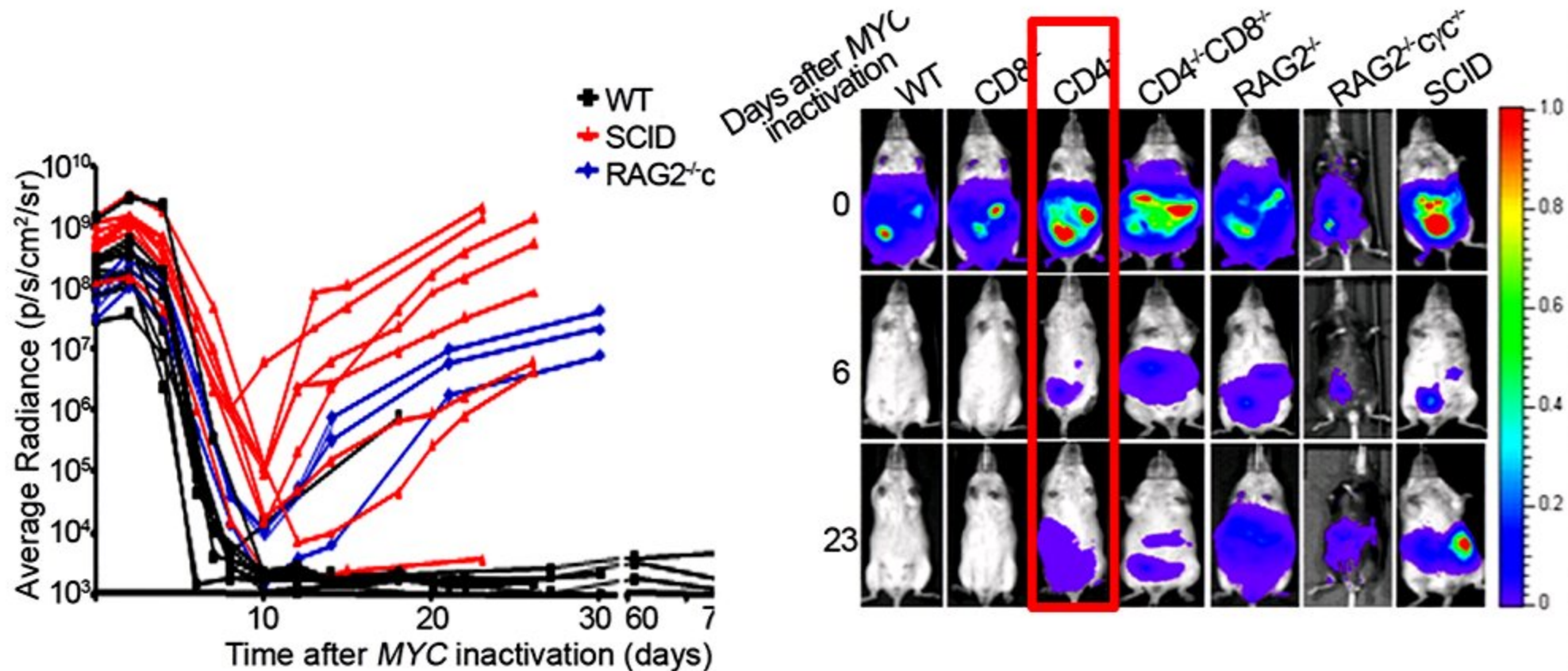


Immune System is Essential for Sustained Tumor Regression upon MYC Inactivation



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Immune System, Senescence, Angiogenesis and Oncogene Addiction



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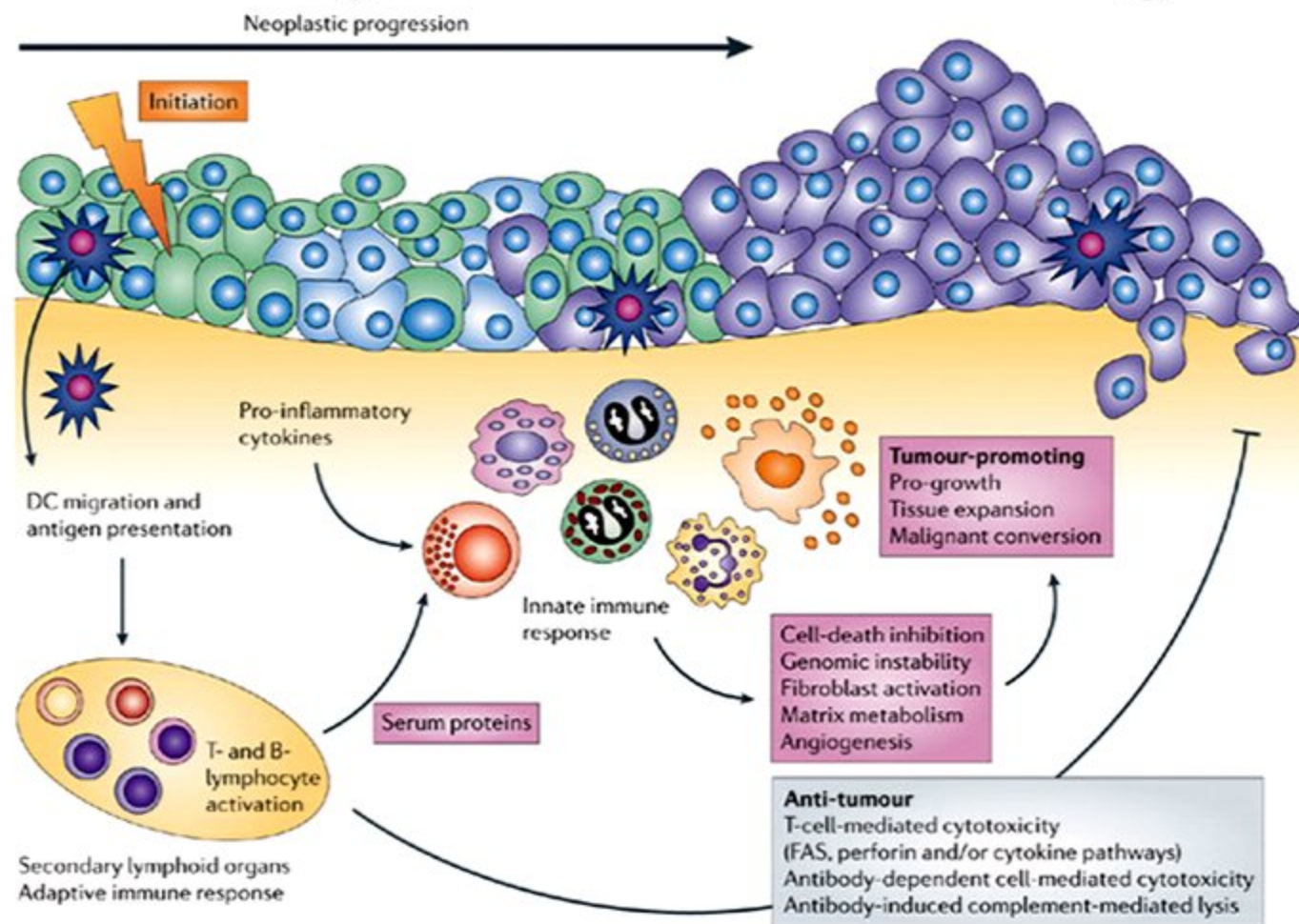


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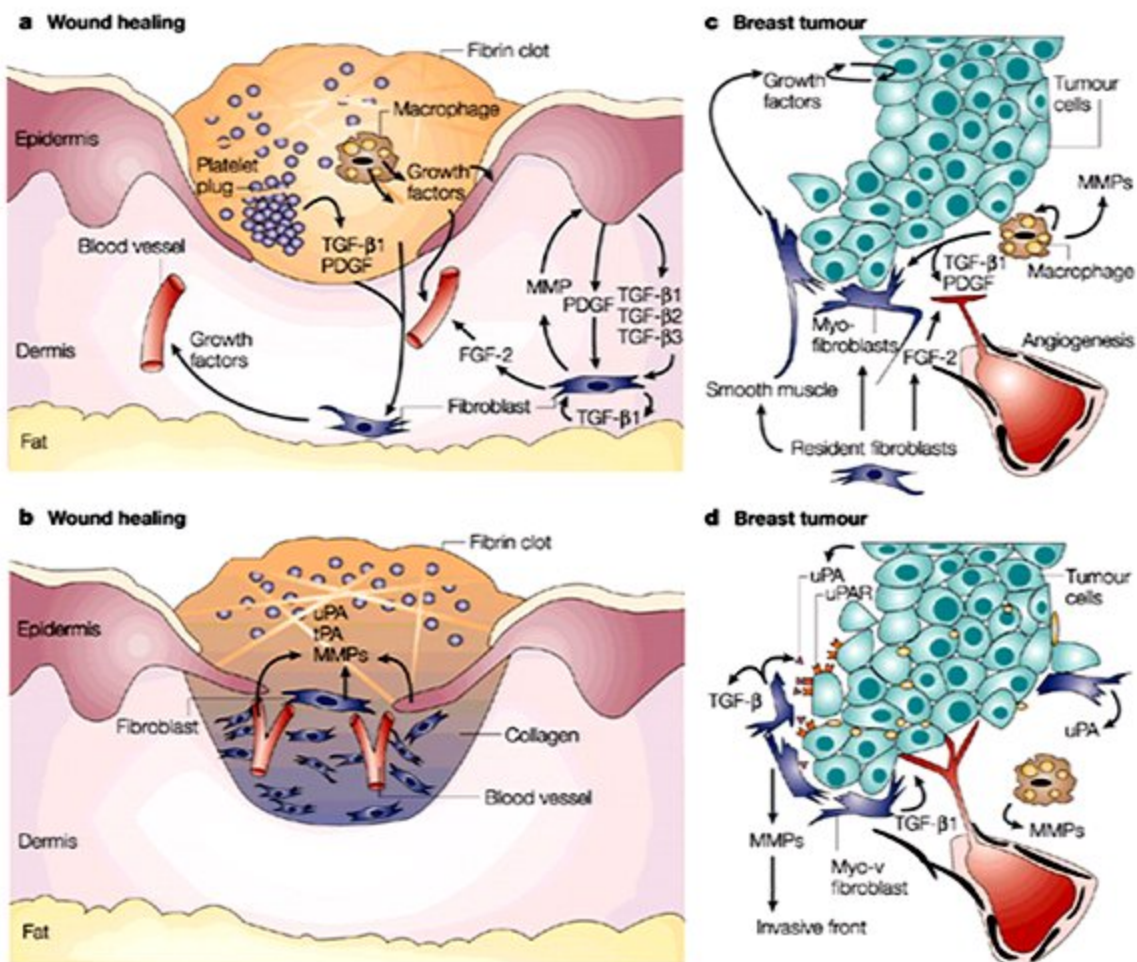
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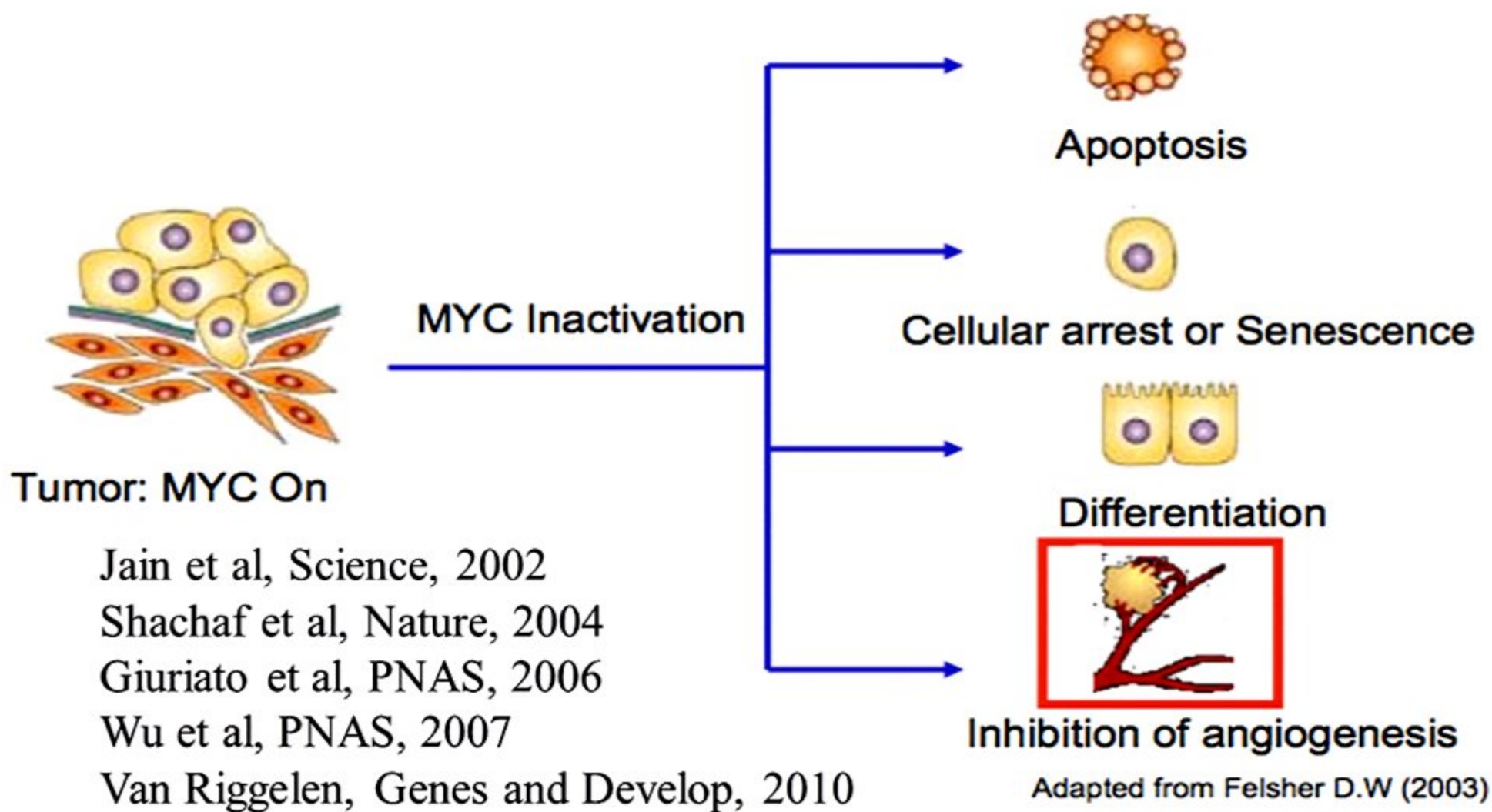
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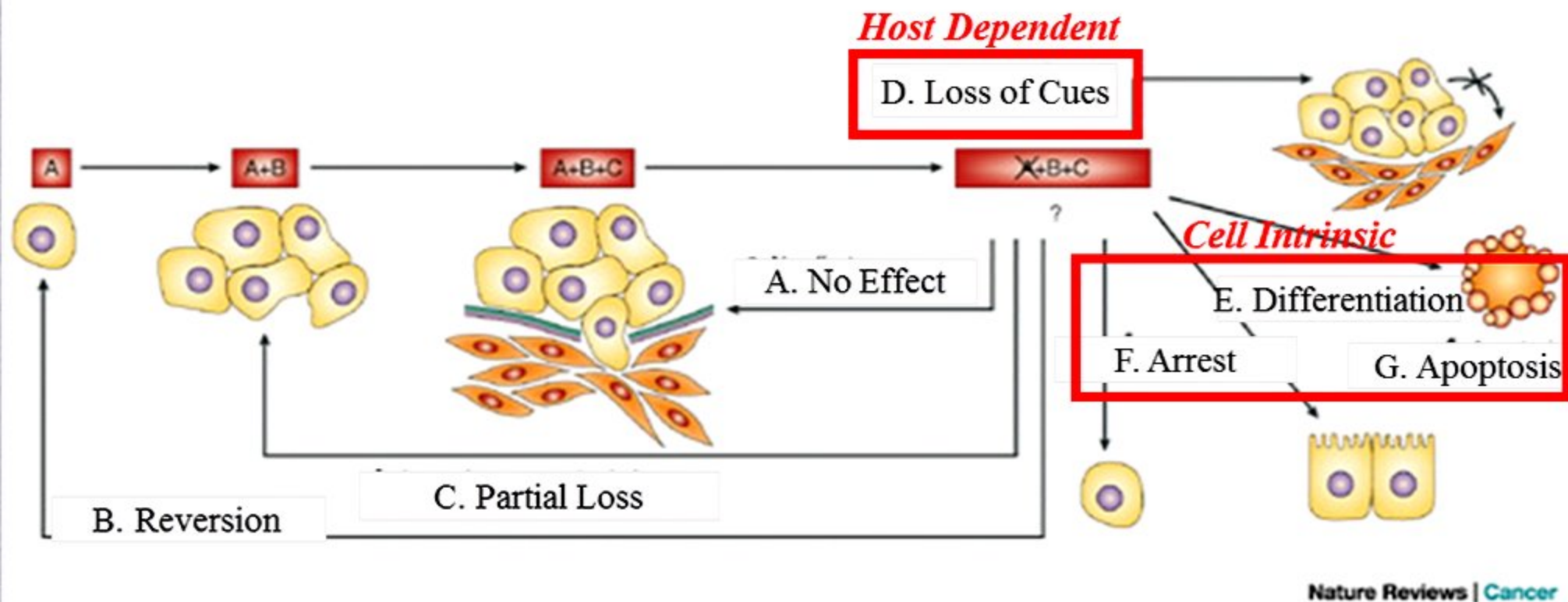
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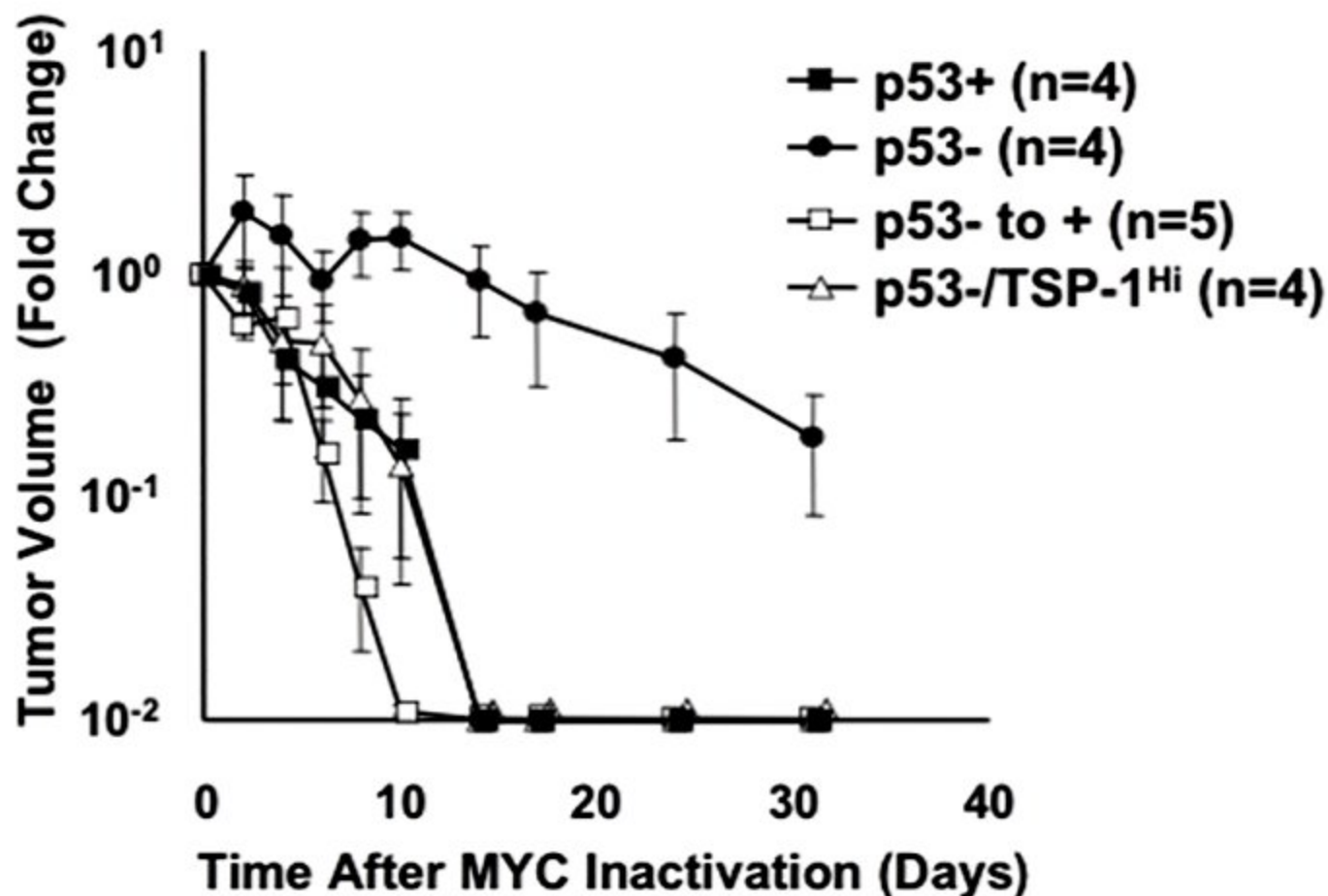
Mechanisms of Oncogene Addiction



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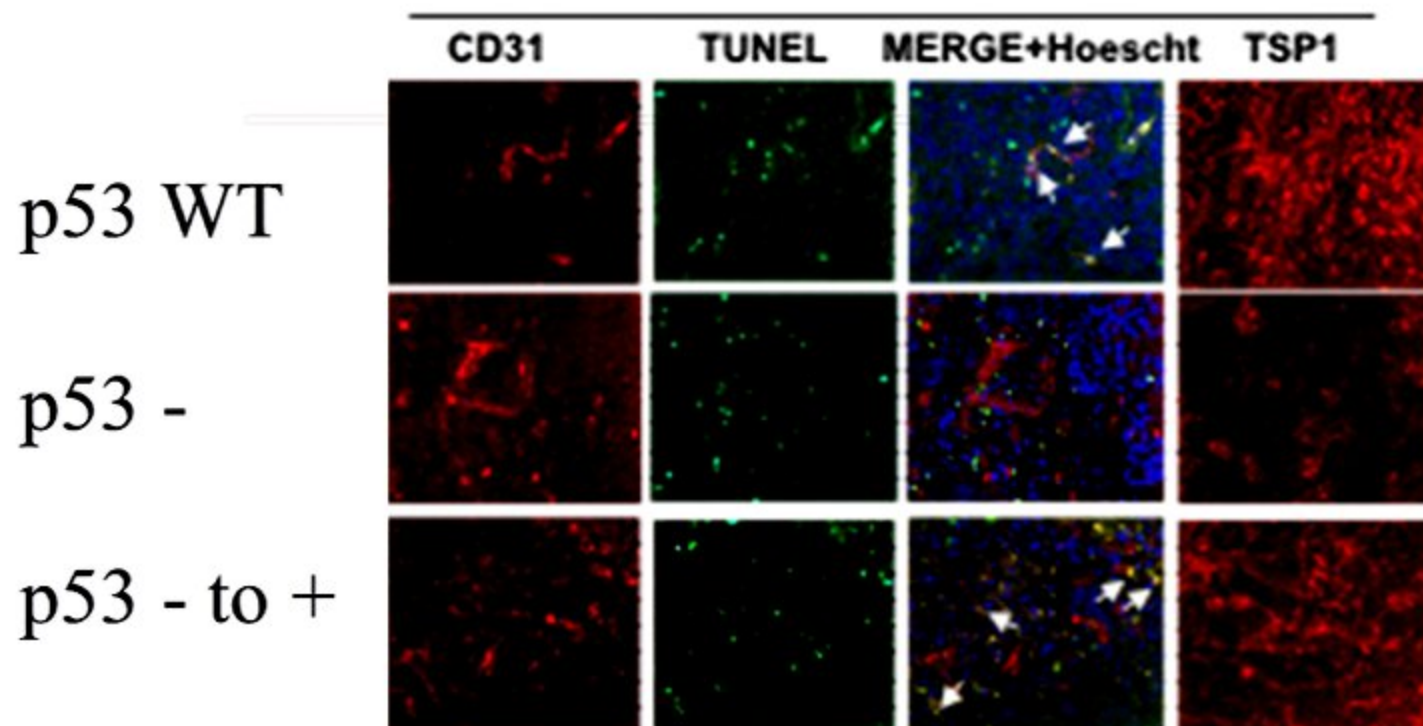
Restoration of Either p53 or TSP-1 is Sufficient for Tumor Regression Upon MYC Inactivation



Oncogene Addiction and the Angiogenic Switch

MYC-regulated p53-dependent TSP-1 Switch

MYC OFF



MYC, Oncogene Addiction and Angiogenesis

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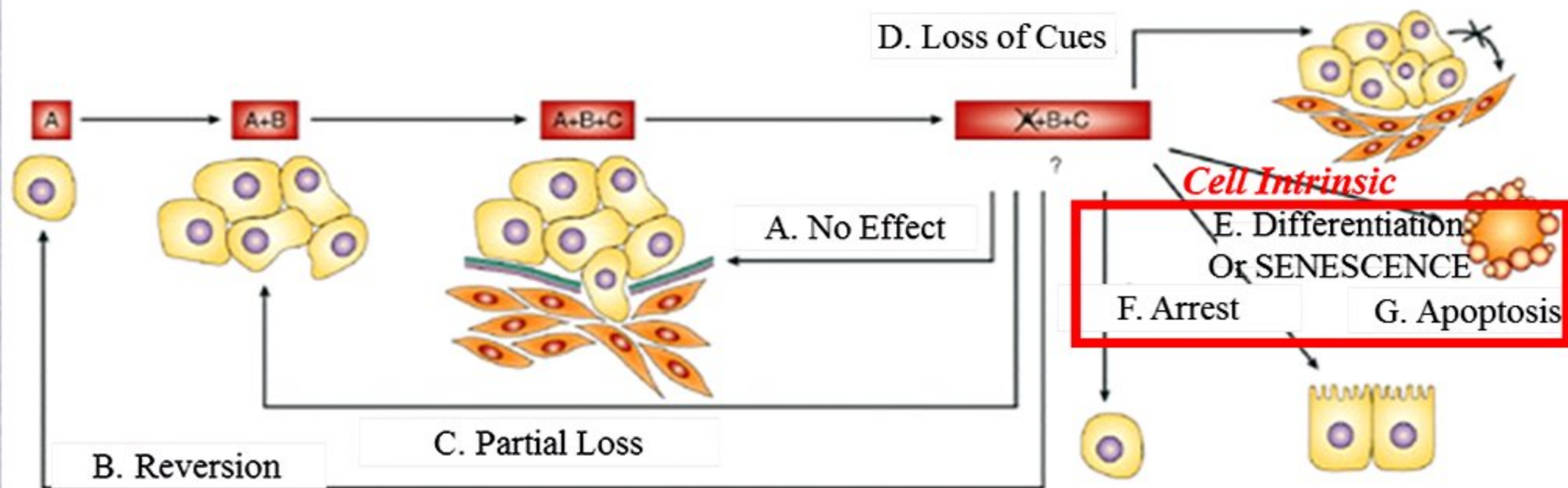
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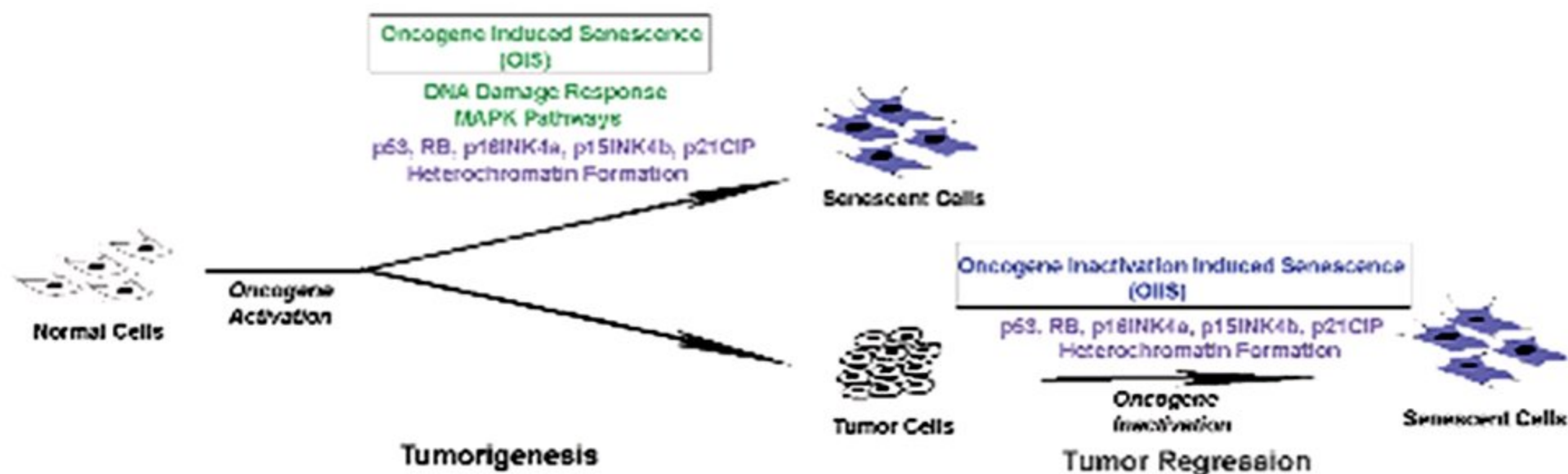
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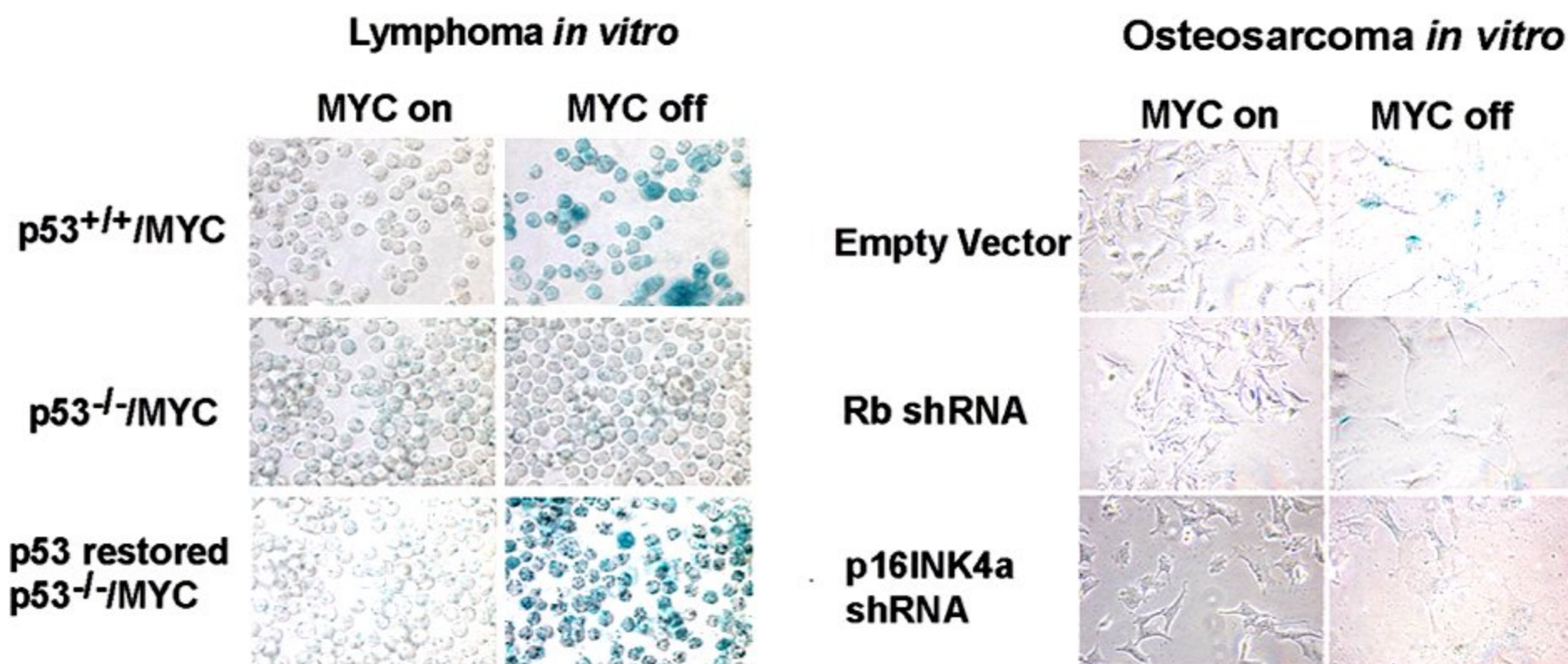
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Senescence a Barrier to Tumorigenesis and Mechanism of Oncogene Addiction



Loss of p53, RB or p16 Impedes MYC Inactivation from Inducing Cellular Senescence



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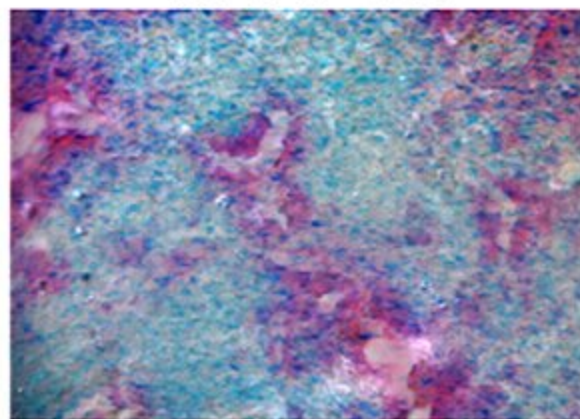
MYC-regulation of self-renewal

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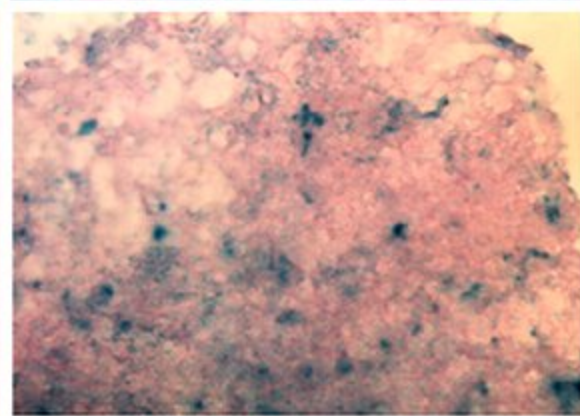
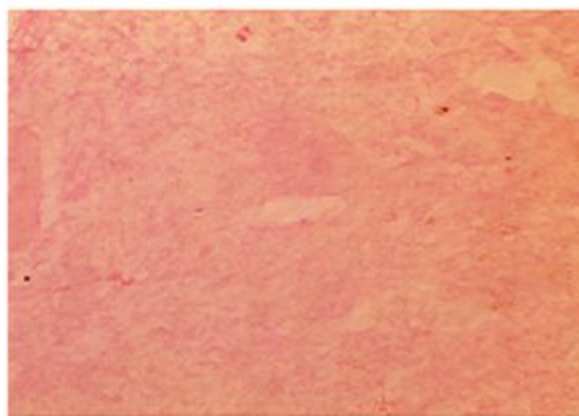
MYC on

MYC off

**Hepatocellular
Carcinoma**



Lymphoma



Cellular Senescence and Oncogene Addiction

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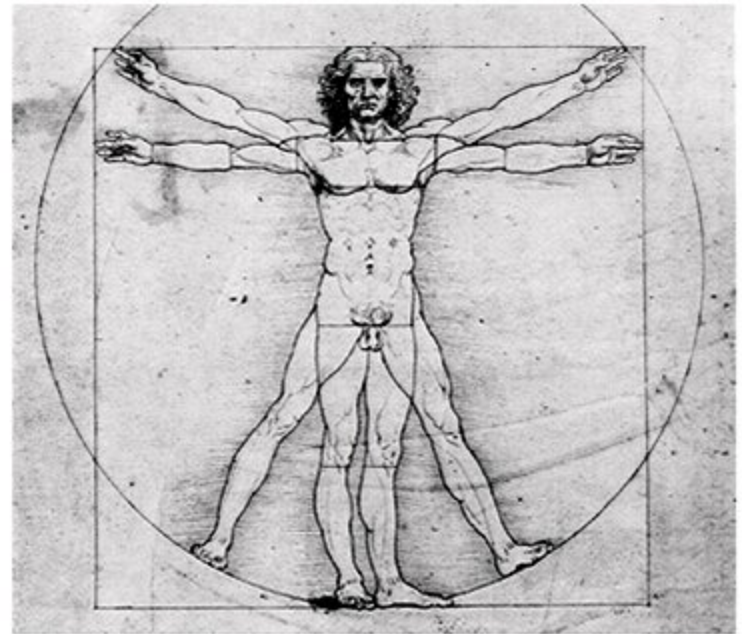
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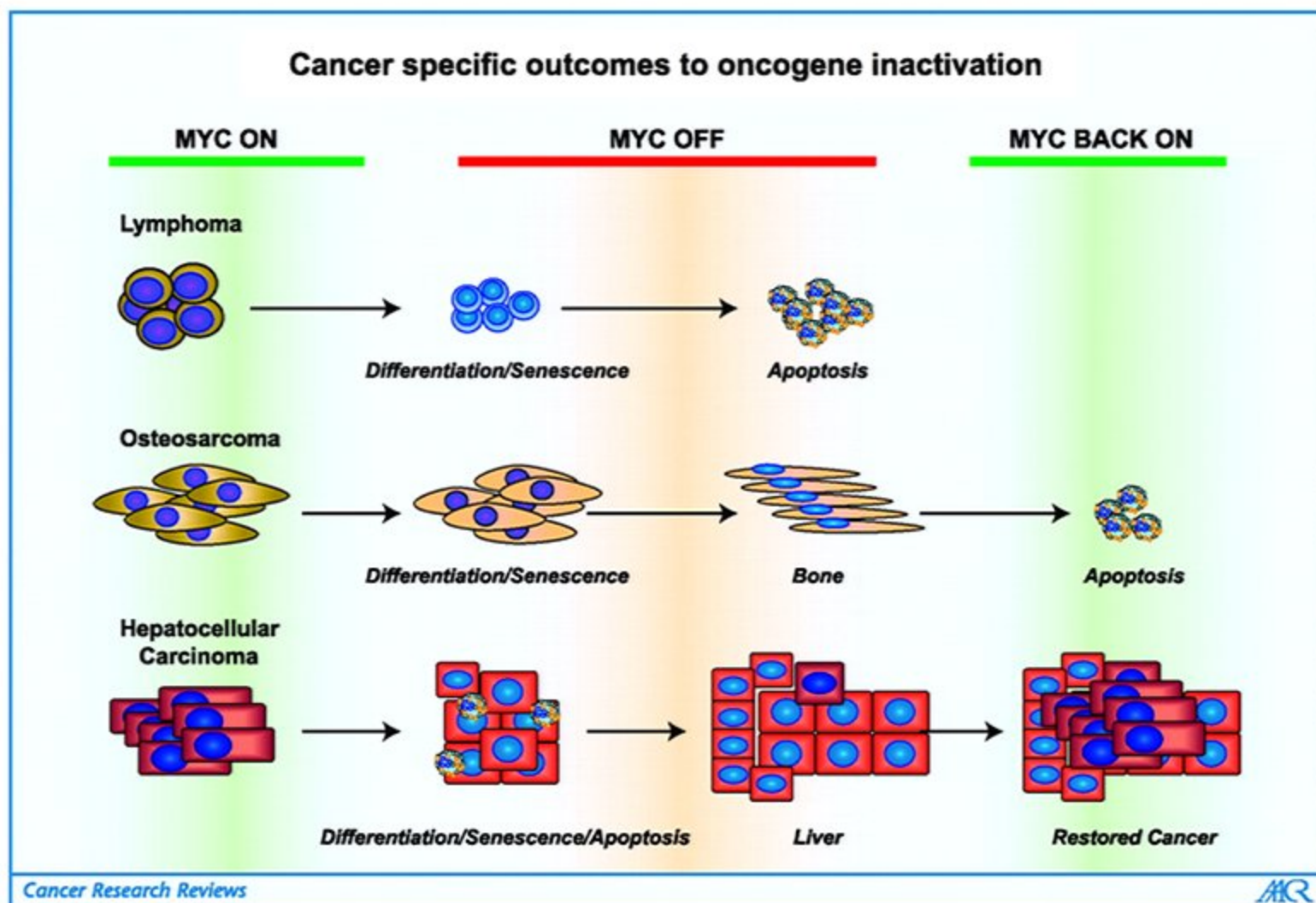
From Mouse to Man



Part II. Mechanism

Oncogene Addiction:

MYC inactivation Induces Differentiation (Senescence)

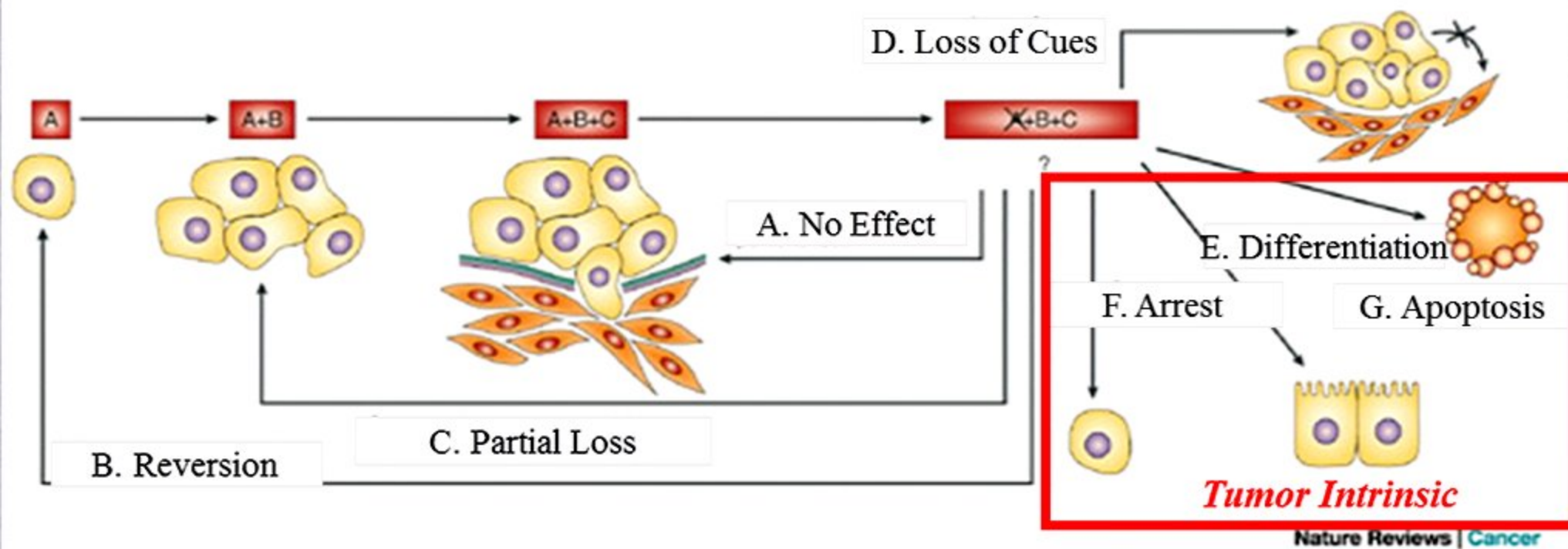


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Tumor Intrinsic Mechanisms of Oncogene Addiction



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MYC Inactivation in Lymphoma Results in Arrest, Differentiation and Apoptosis

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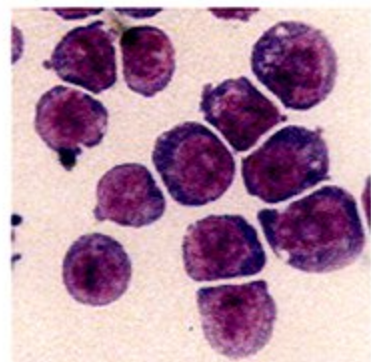
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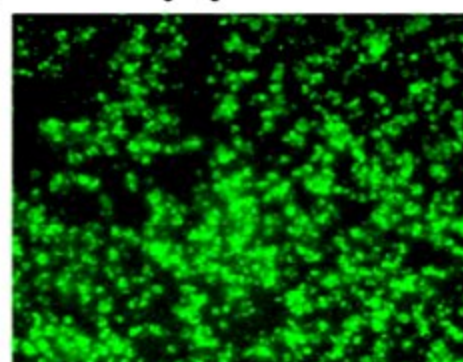
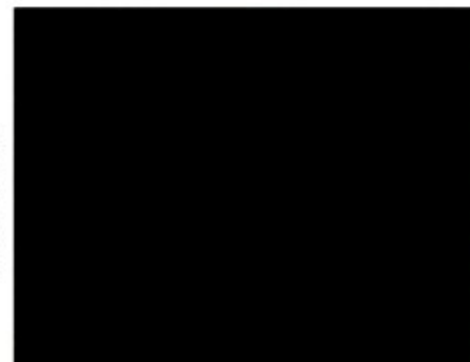
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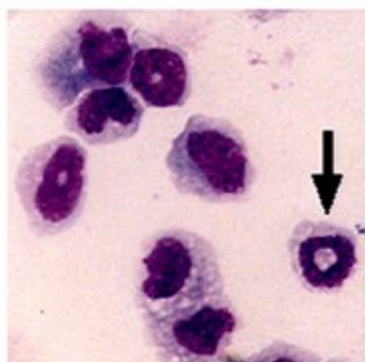
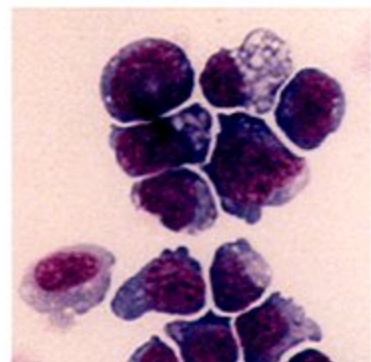
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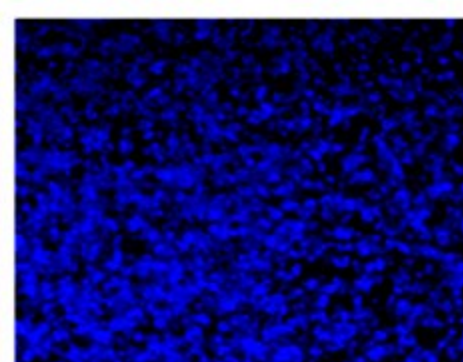
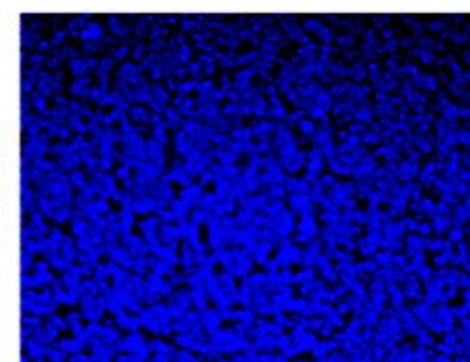
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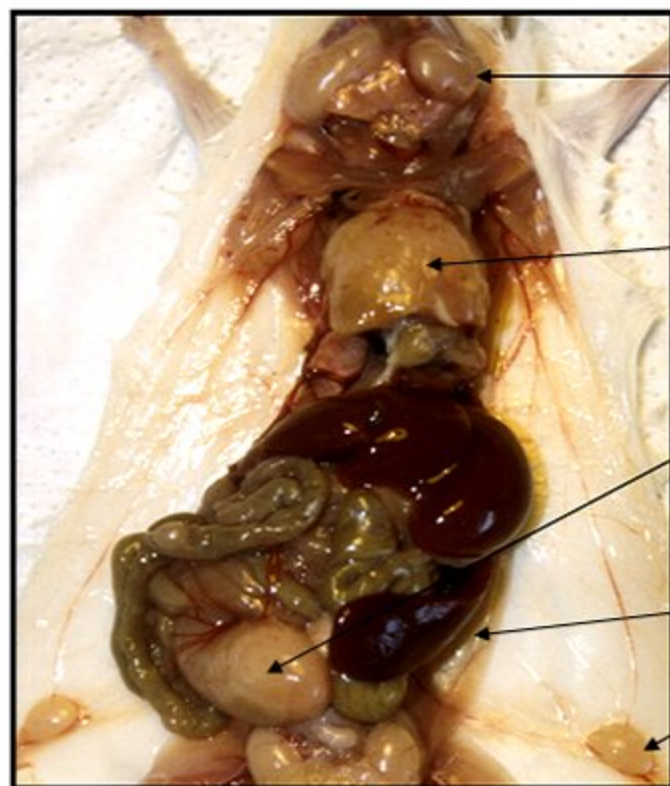
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MYC Induced Lymphomagenesis is Reversible

***MYC* ON**



LN-SM

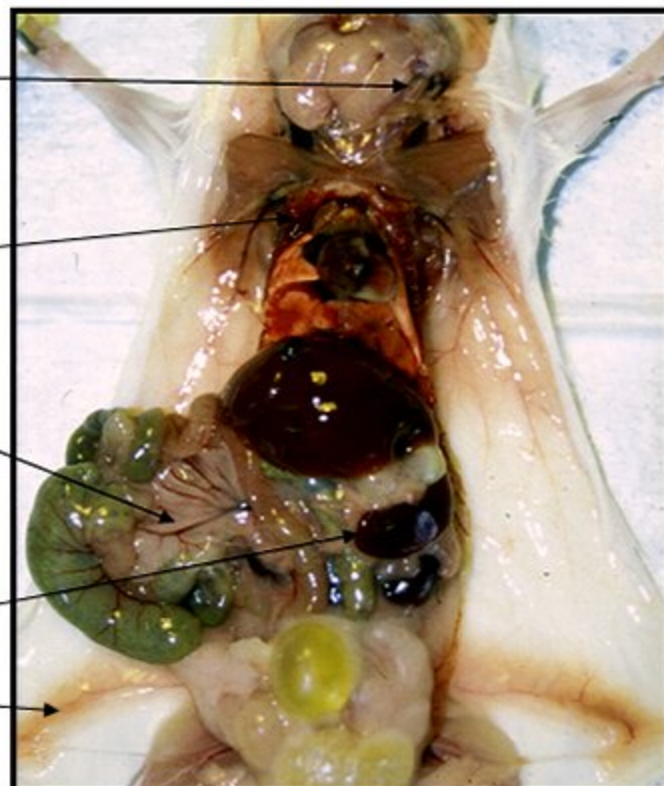
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Spleen

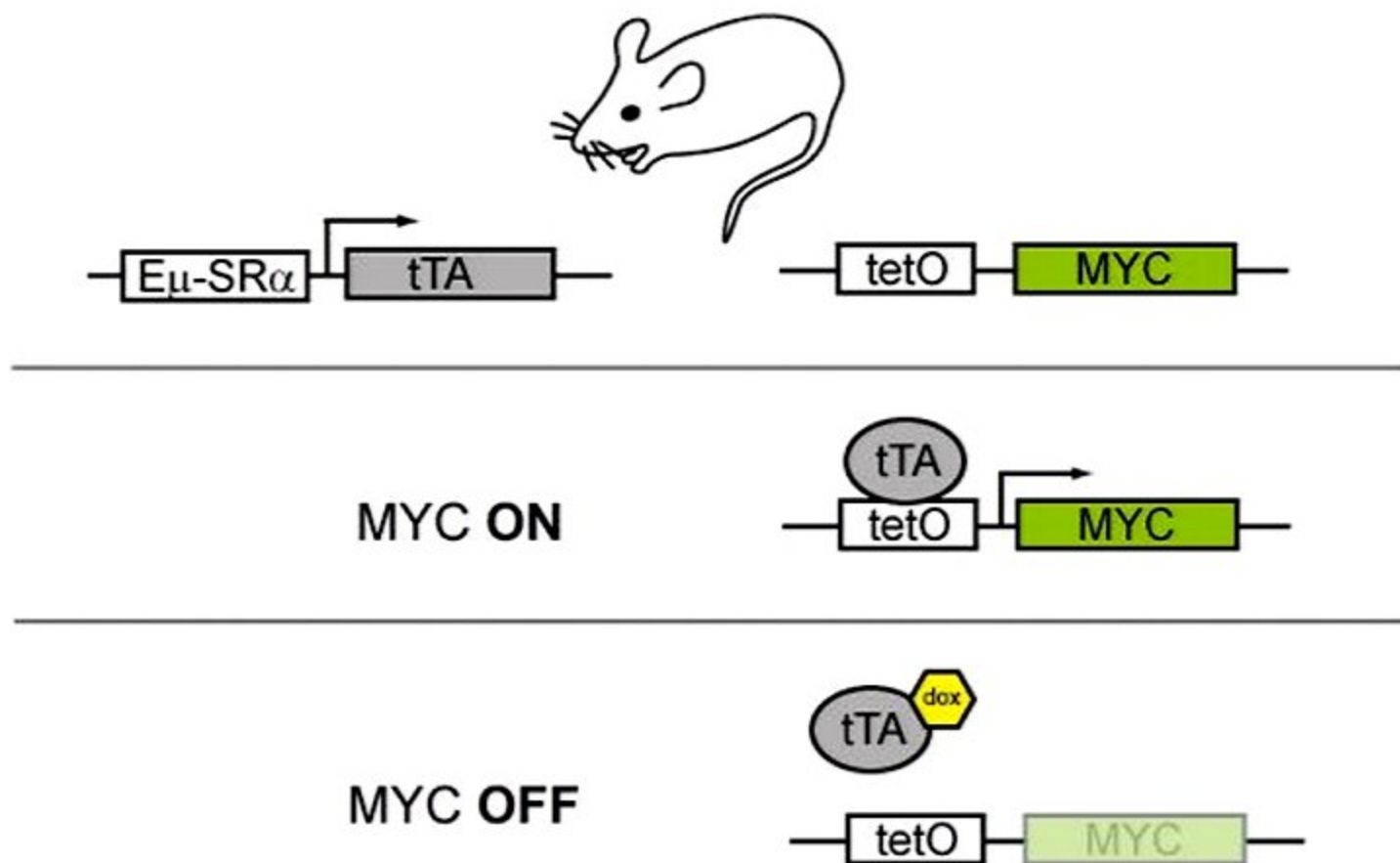
LN-P

***MYC* OFF**

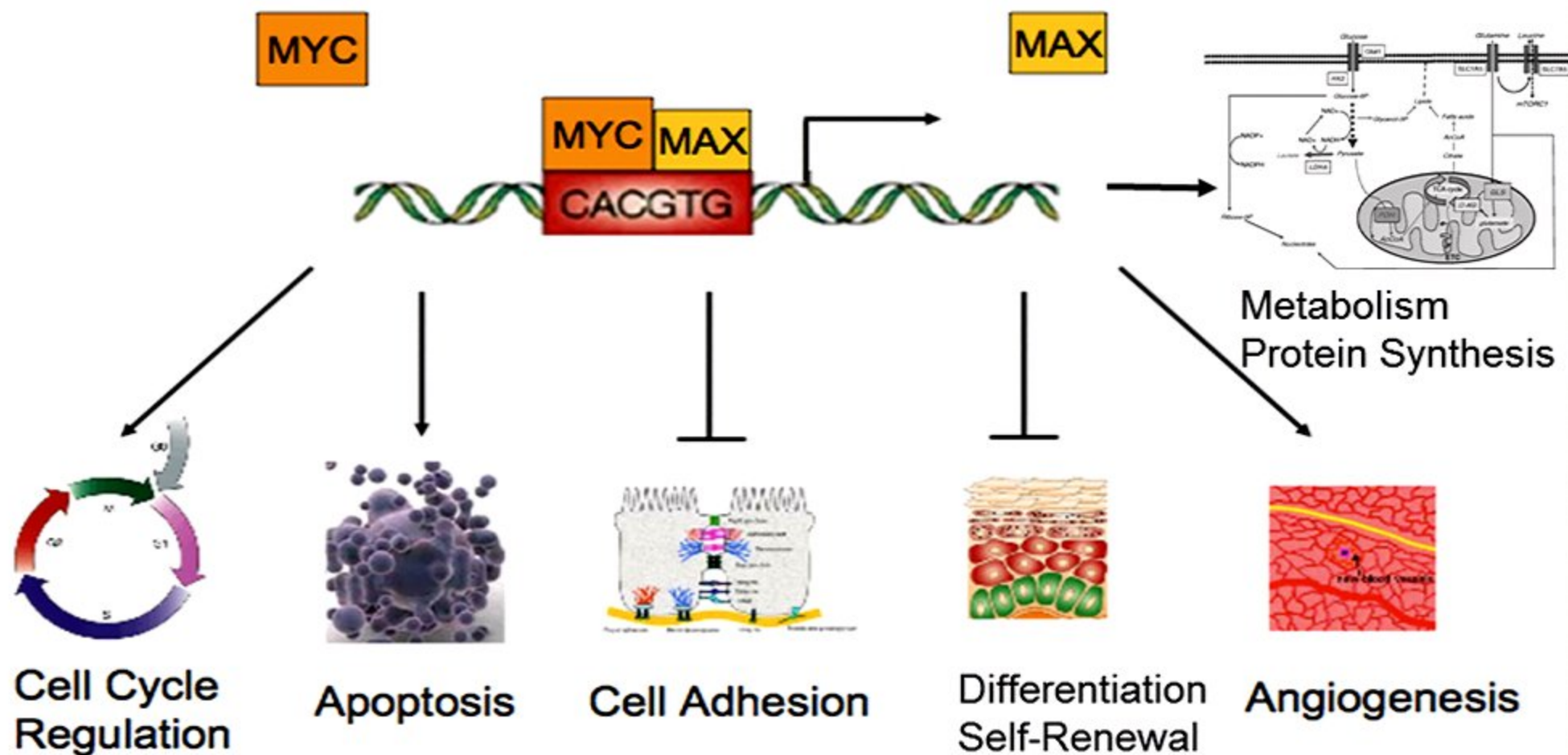


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Cellular functions of MYC

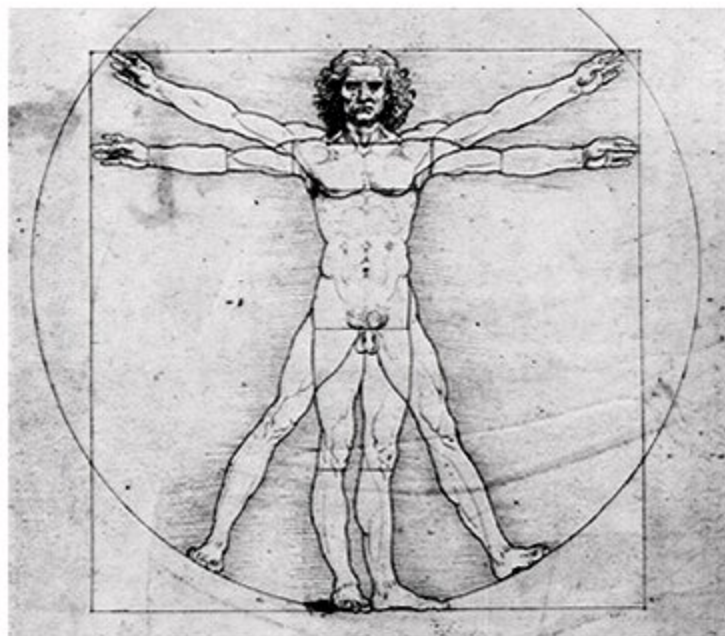


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Rules of Oncogene Addiction

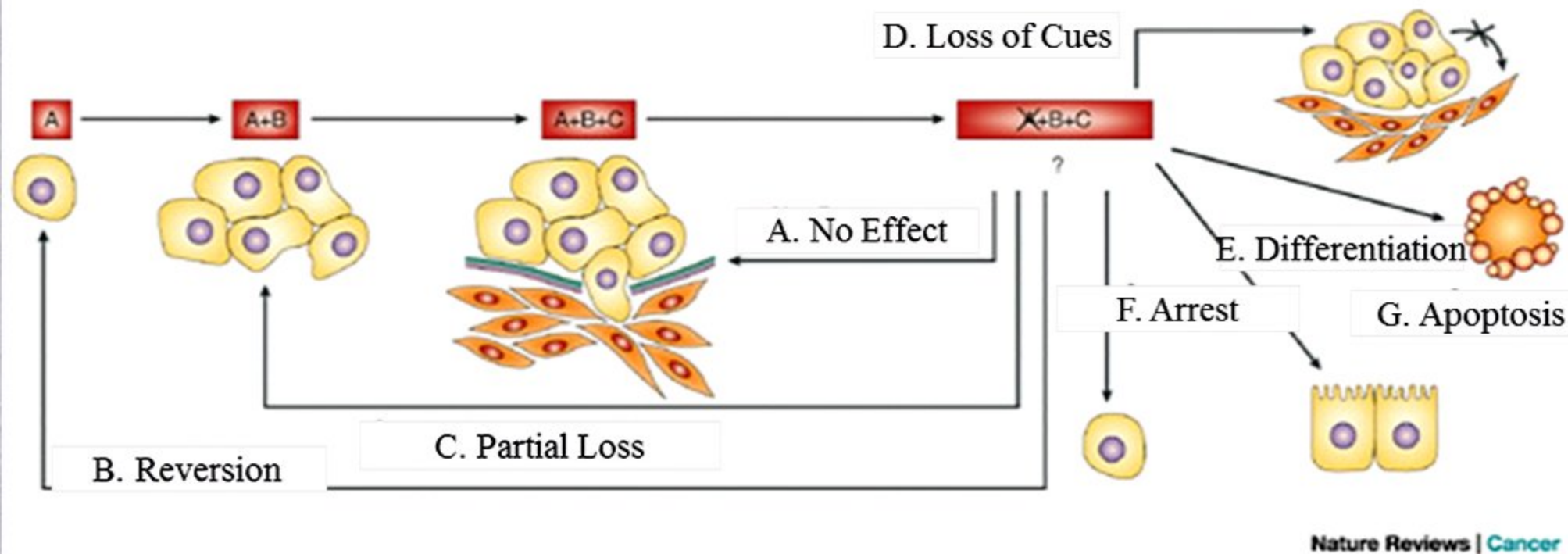
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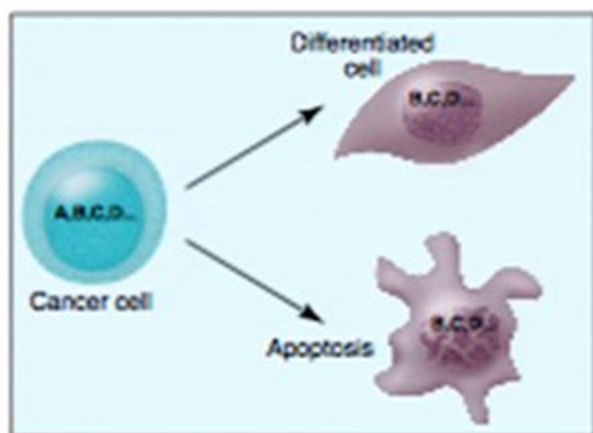
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