

# OLIGODENDROGLIOMA: COMBINED GENE THERAPY APPROACH



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# WHY OLIGODENDROGLIOMA?

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- ✓ Predominantly adulthood tumor;
- ✓ Solid tumor hard to target;
- ✓ Actual Therapy: Surgery and Chemotherapy.

*Van Den Bent J.M., et al., 2008*





# WHICH MUTATIONS?

Marker	Alteration	Tumor type	Comment
1p/19q	Deletion of short arm Ch. 1 and long arm of Ch. 19	Oligodendrogliomas	Never found in non<glial malignancies, often found with IDH mutations
Atrx	Mutation or deletion	Secondary GBM and Low Grade Glioma	Correlates with p53 expression, never found with 1p/19q deletions
BRAF	V600E or fusion gene KIAA1549:BRAF	Pilocytic Astrocytomas	
CDK4	Amplification	Proneural	
EGFR/EGFRvIII	Over amplification and mutation	Primary Glioma	Mutually Exclusive of p53 mutations
HIF1<a	Overexpressed	High Grade Gliomas	
IDH	Missense mutation at arginine 132 (1) or 172 (2)	Oligodendrogliomas and Secondary GBM	Associated with G<CIMP, precedes 1p/19q deletion or p53 alterations



*Ludwig K. And Kornblum H., 2017*



# GOALS

## 1. Enhance tumoral cell apoptosis with:

- ❖ Temozolomide and Irinotecan chemotherapy;
- ❖ Tumoral cells targeted liposomes, carrying **HSV-TK1** construct under control of IDH1(R132H) Gene, overexpressed in oligodendroglioma cells.

## 2. Protect healthy cells with:

- ❖ Non-tumoral cells targeted liposomes carrying **artificial siRNA**;
- ❖ **Artificial siRNA** construct, under control of SDHB Gene, expressed on Chromosome 1p, to enhance off target protection.



# ANTITUMORAL STRATEGY

## CHEMOTHERAPY

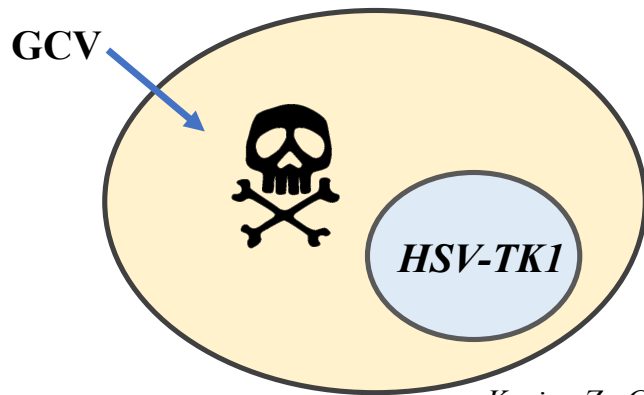
TEMOZOLOMIDE/IRINOTECAN



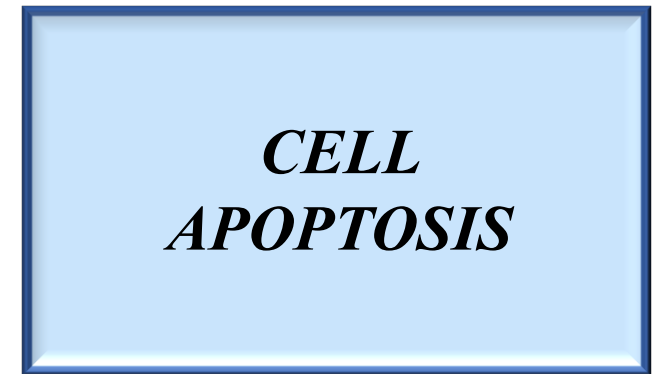
*Igarashi K., Kawaguchi K. et al., 2017*

## SUICIDE GENE

HSV-TK1 + GANCICLOVIR

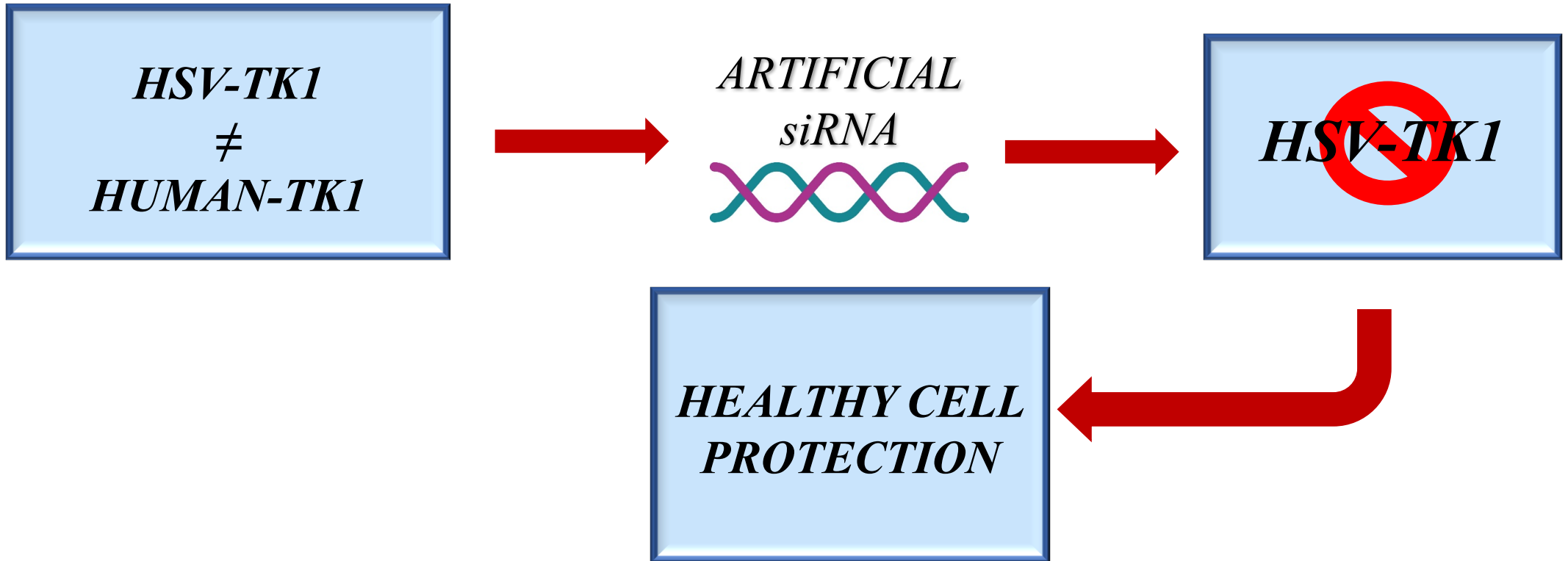


*Karjoo Z., Chen X. and Hatefi A., 2016*





# HOW TO PROTECT HEALTHY CELLS?



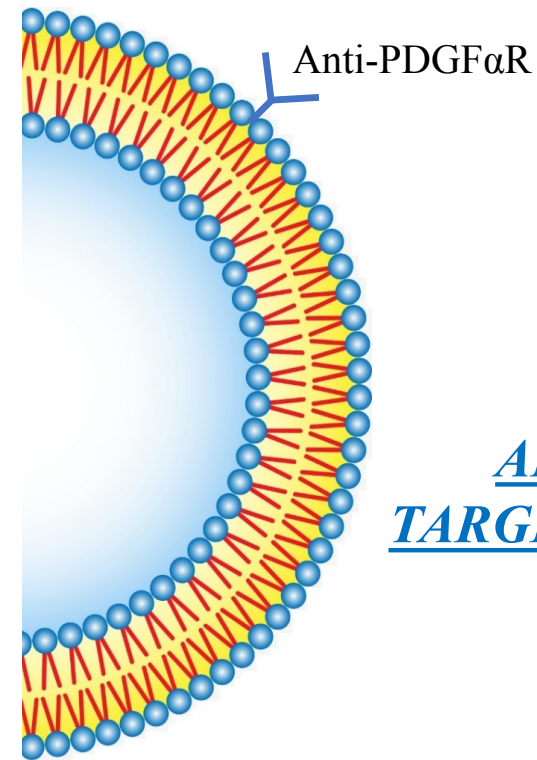
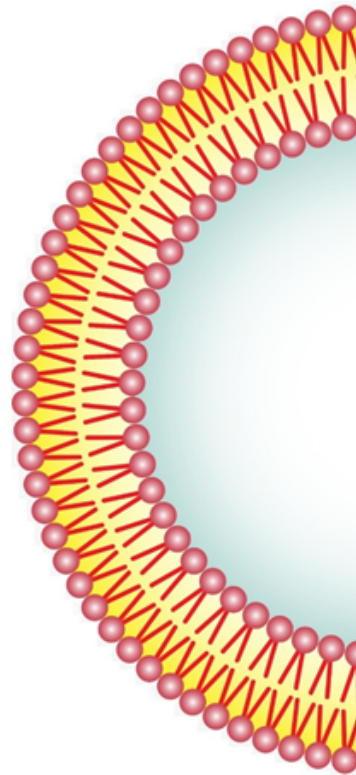




# WHAT IS THE DELIVERY SYSTEM?

## *Liposomes*

HEALTHY CELLS  
PROTECTION: NAKED  
LIPOSOME

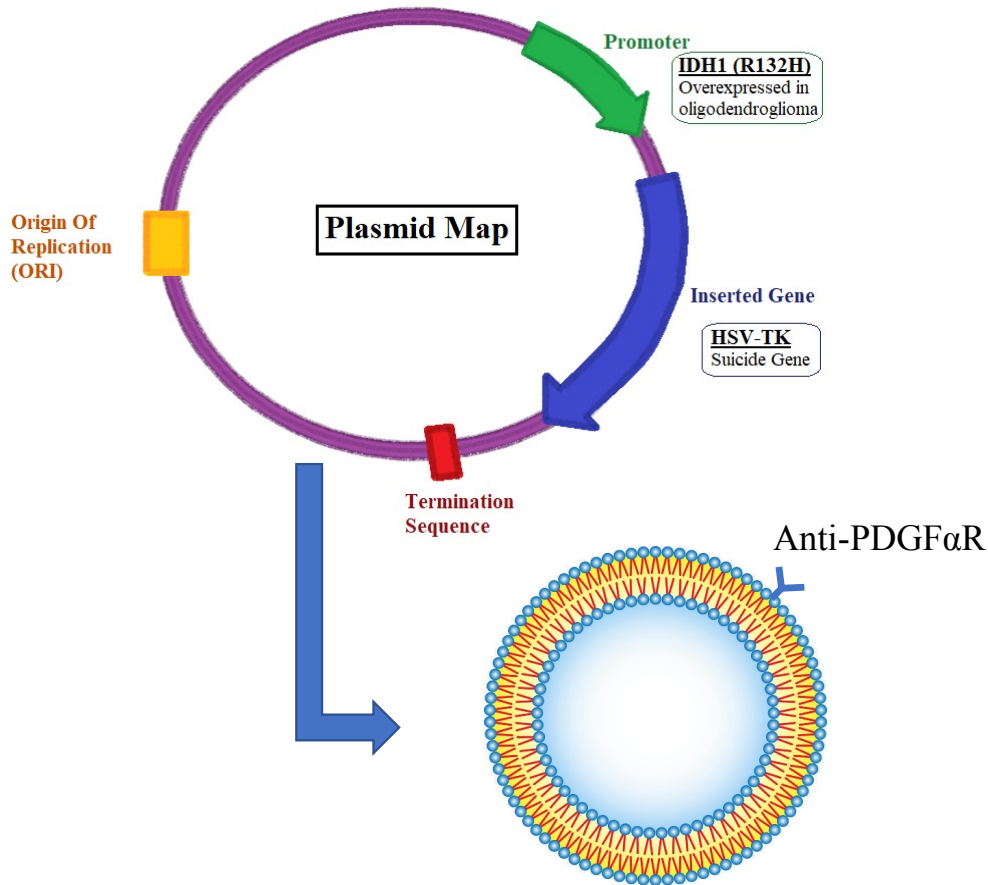


ANTITUMORAL  
TARGET: Directed against  
PDGFαR

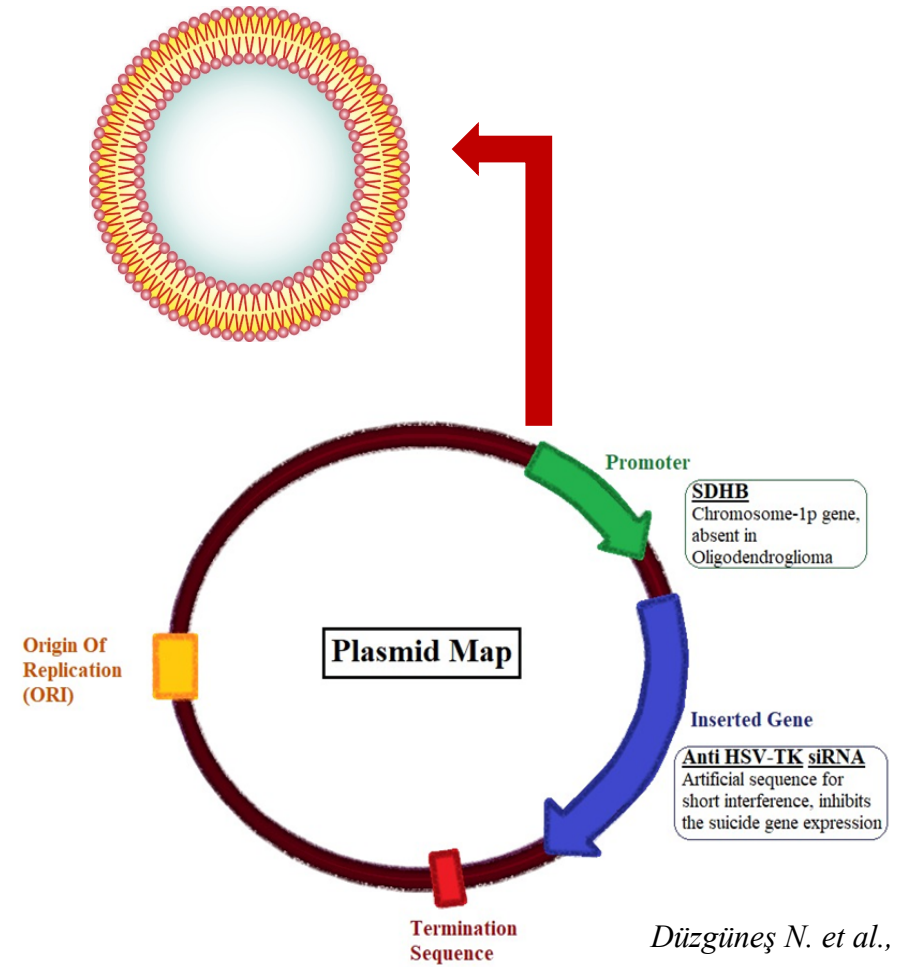


# DNA CONSTRUCTS

## ANTITUMORAL TARGET



## HEALTHY CELLS PROTECTION



Düzgüneş N. et al., 2018





# EXPERIMENTAL PLAN

## *Cell lines used:*

- Oligodendrocyte cell line ReNcell SCC007;
- Oligodendroglioma cell line HOG SCC163;
- CTR cell line.

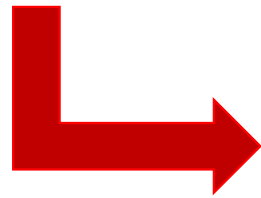
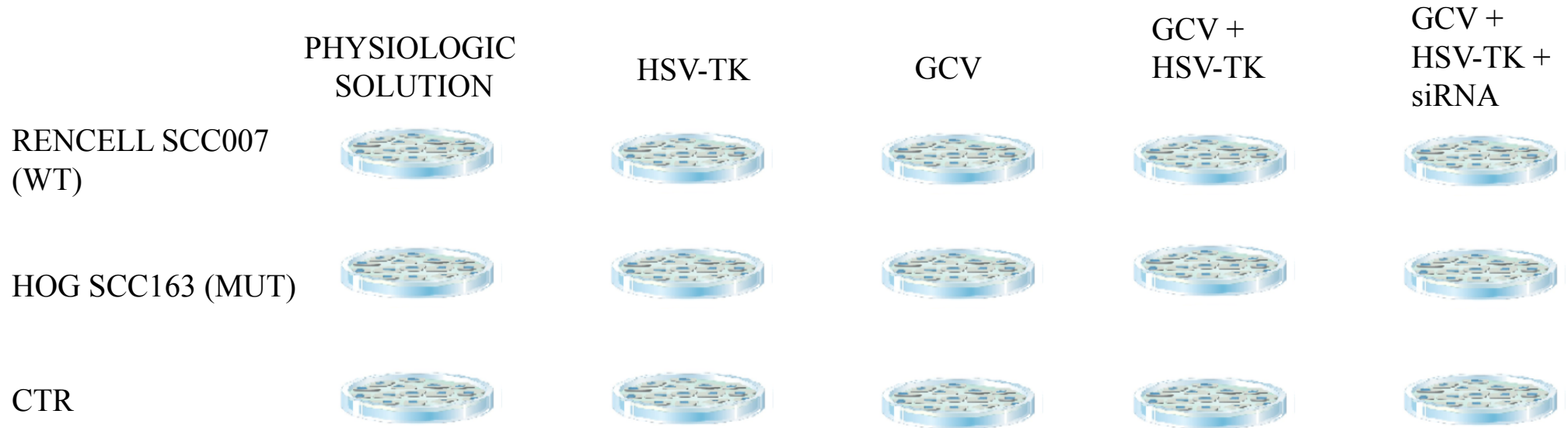
## *In vitro conditions tested:*

- Physiologic solution;
- Ganciclovir;
- Herpesvirus thymidine kinase 1;
- Ganciclovir and herpesvirus thymidine kinase 1;
- Ganciclovir, herpesvirus thymidine kinase 1 and siRNA.

*In vivo:* SCID mouse as oligodendroglioma model, obtained by xenotransplantation of SCC 163 cell line.



# IN VITRO MODEL



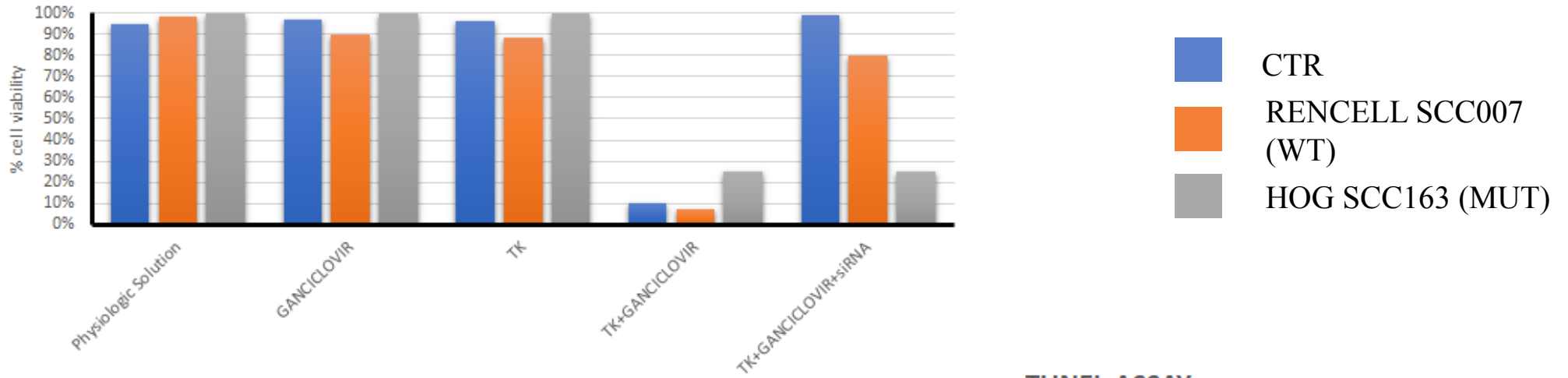
MTT assay (cell viability %)

TUNEL assay (cell apoptosis %)

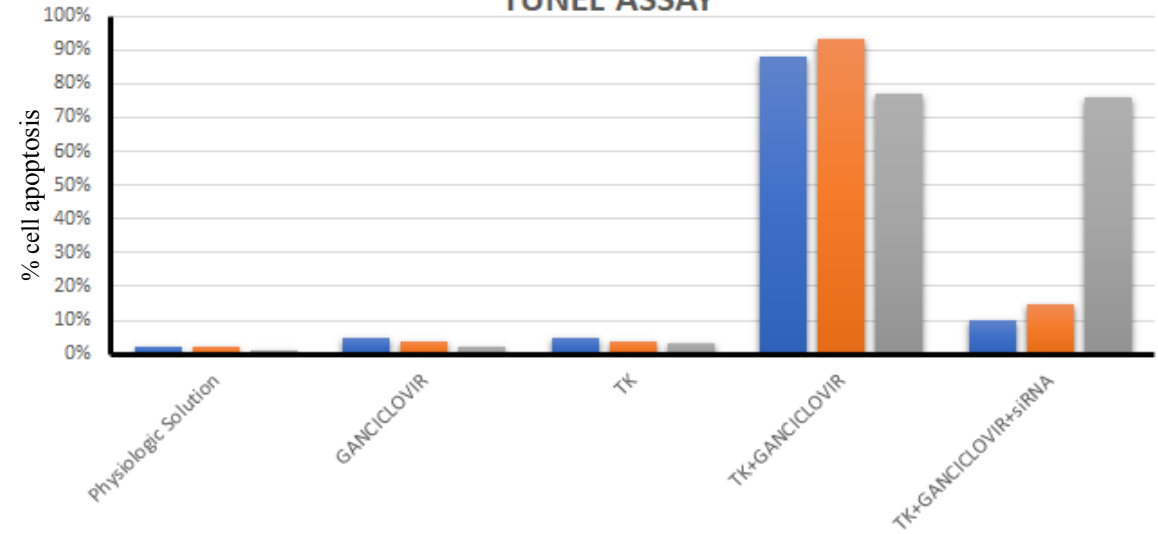


# WHAT TO EXPECT?

## MTT ASSAY

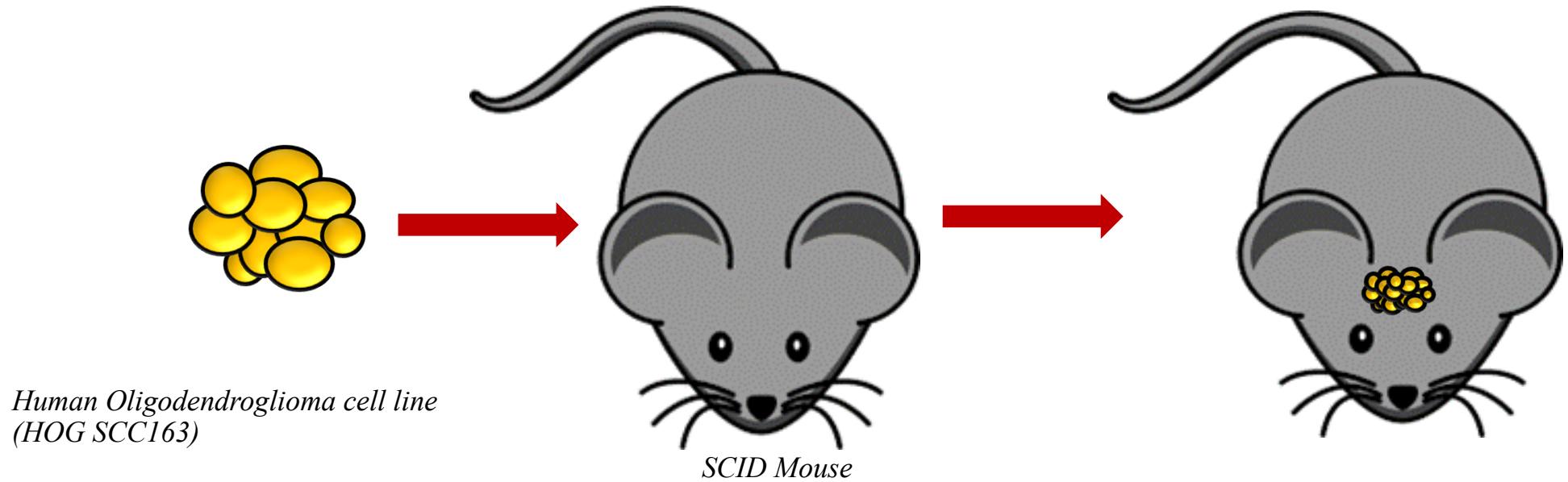


## TUNEL ASSAY





## ...AND IN VIVO?



**This mouse model is obtained by xenotransplantation of SCC 163 cell line**



# EXPERIMENTAL PLAN

## ... 14 days later



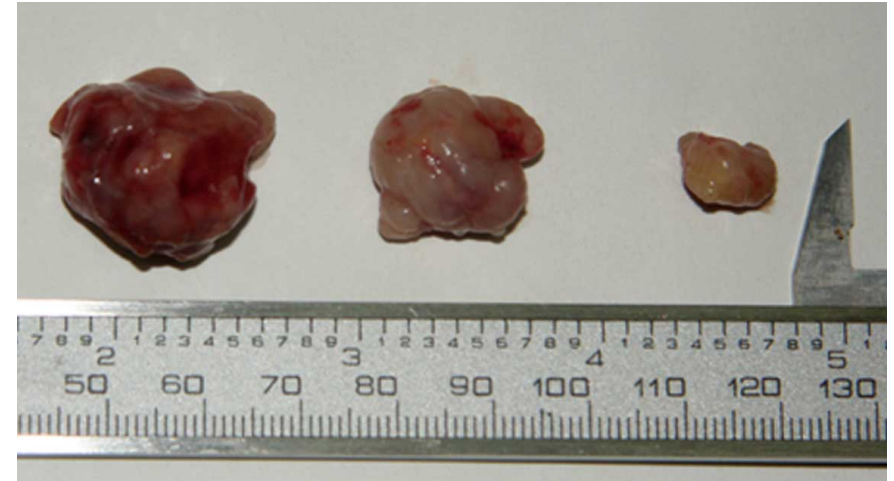
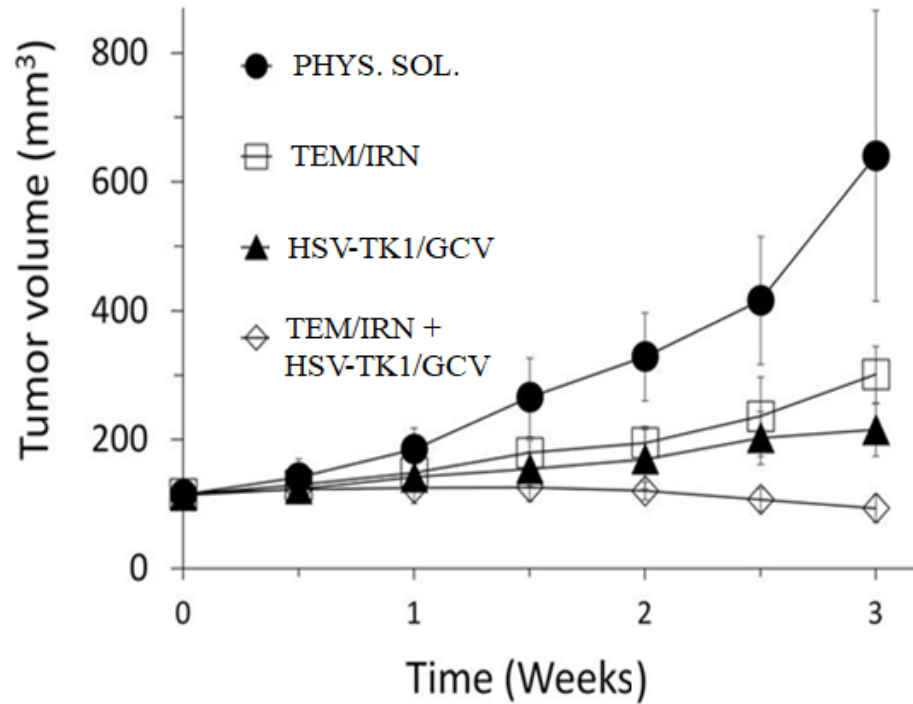
<b>Phys Sol.</b>	●	●	●	●
<b>TEM/IRN</b>	●	●	●	●
<b>Liposome Anti-PDGFR</b>	●	●	●	●
<b>Naked Liposome</b>	●	●	●	●
<b>Ganciclovir</b>	●	●	●	●

- ✓ Phys Sol., TEM/IRN and Ganciclovir are given by intravenous injections into the tail vein;
- ✓ Anti-PDGFR Liposomes and Naked Liposomes are given by intraperitoneal injections into the tumoral mass;
- ✓ Ganciclovir is given 2-3 days after liposomes administration.





## ...AND 3 WEEKS LATER



**We expect a tumor regression and a reduced vascularization**

*Adapted from Igarashi K., Kawaguchi K. et al., 2017*



# PITFALL AND SOLUTION

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## PITFALL

*Xenotransplantation* doesn't mimic what happen into the brain, perfectly.

## POSSIBLE IMPROVEMENT

*Minibrain* can be used.










*Fischer. S. et al., 2017*



# MATERIALS AND COSTS

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**TOT. 21.678,66€ (Without laboratory materials and researchers salaries)**

MATERIALS	COSTS	TIME/QUANTITY	SUPPLIERS
ReNCell CX Human Neural Progenitor Cell Line (SCC007)	2960 €	1x10 <sup>6</sup>	 <b>SIGMA-ALDRICH</b>
Human Oligodendrogloma Cells (SCC163)	853 €	1x10 <sup>6</sup>	 <b>SIGMA-ALDRICH</b>
Liposomes Kit (Cationic Liposomes with Transfection Reagents)	400 €	25g	<b>ThermoFisher</b> SCIENTIFIC
Anti-PDGF $\alpha$ Antibody	322 €	50 $\mu$ g	 <b>SIGMA-ALDRICH</b>
Ganciclovir (GCV)	319 €	500mL	
HSV-TK1 Plasmid	405 €	20 $\mu$ g	
Homozygous for Prdk <sup>scid</sup>	179,66 €	Fertile Couple 3 weeks old	 The Jackson Laboratory <i>Leading the search for tomorrow's cures</i>
Gene Designed Construct for Short Interference	7240 €	Replicable Strand	 <b>GenScript</b> Make Research Easy
Stabulation	9000 €	Yearly	

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