

# Pancreatic Cancer: Current Understanding and Future Challenges



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# Pancreatic Cancer: Incidence and Mortality



# Pancreatic Cancer Incidence and Mortality

## Estimated Deaths

Siegel R et. al., CA Cancer J Clin, 64, 2014

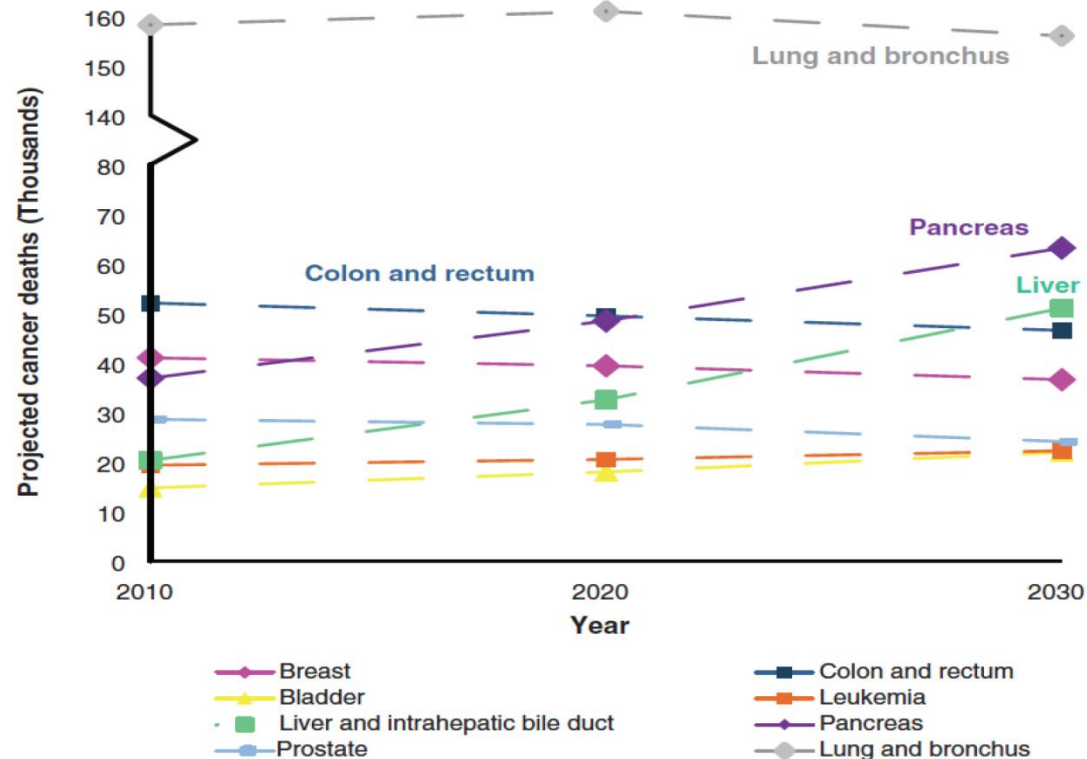
|                                |                |             | Males   | Females  |                                |                |             |
|--------------------------------|----------------|-------------|---|--|--------------------------------|----------------|-------------|
| Lung & bronchus                | 86,930         | 28%         |  |  | Lung & bronchus                | 72,330         | 26%         |
| Prostate                       | 29,480         | 10%         |   |  | Breast                         | 40,000         | 15%         |
| Colorectum                     | 26,270         | 8%          |   |  | Colorectum                     | 24,040         | 9%          |
| <b>Pancreas</b>                | 20,170         | 7%          |   |  | <b>Pancreas</b>                | 19,420         | 7%          |
| Liver & intrahepatic bile duct | 15,870         | 5%          |   |  | Ovary                          | 14,270         | 5%          |
| Leukemia                       | 14,040         | 5%          |   |  | Leukemia                       | 10,050         | 4%          |
| Esophagus                      | 12,450         | 4%          |   |  | Uterine corpus                 | 8,590          | 3%          |
| Urinary bladder                | 11,170         | 4%          |   |  | Non-Hodgkin lymphoma           | 8,520          | 3%          |
| Non-Hodgkin lymphoma           | 10,470         | 3%          |   |  | Liver & intrahepatic bile duct | 7,130          | 3%          |
| Kidney & renal pelvis          | 8,900          | 3%          |   |  | Brain & other nervous system   | 6,230          | 2%          |
| <b>All Sites</b>               | <b>310,010</b> | <b>100%</b> |   |  | <b>All Sites</b>               | <b>275,710</b> | <b>100%</b> |

- **4<sup>th</sup> Leading Cause of Cancer Deaths in the United States.**
- **Median Survival < 6 Months.**
- **Estimated 46,420 New Cases and 39,590 Deaths in 2014.**
- **No Effective Treatment.**



# Pancreatic Cancer and 2030

## Pancreatic Cancer: Second Leading Cause of Cancer-related Death by 2030



# Risk Factors and Inherited Syndromes

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**Table 1. Risk Factors and Inherited Syndromes Associated with Pancreatic Cancer.\***

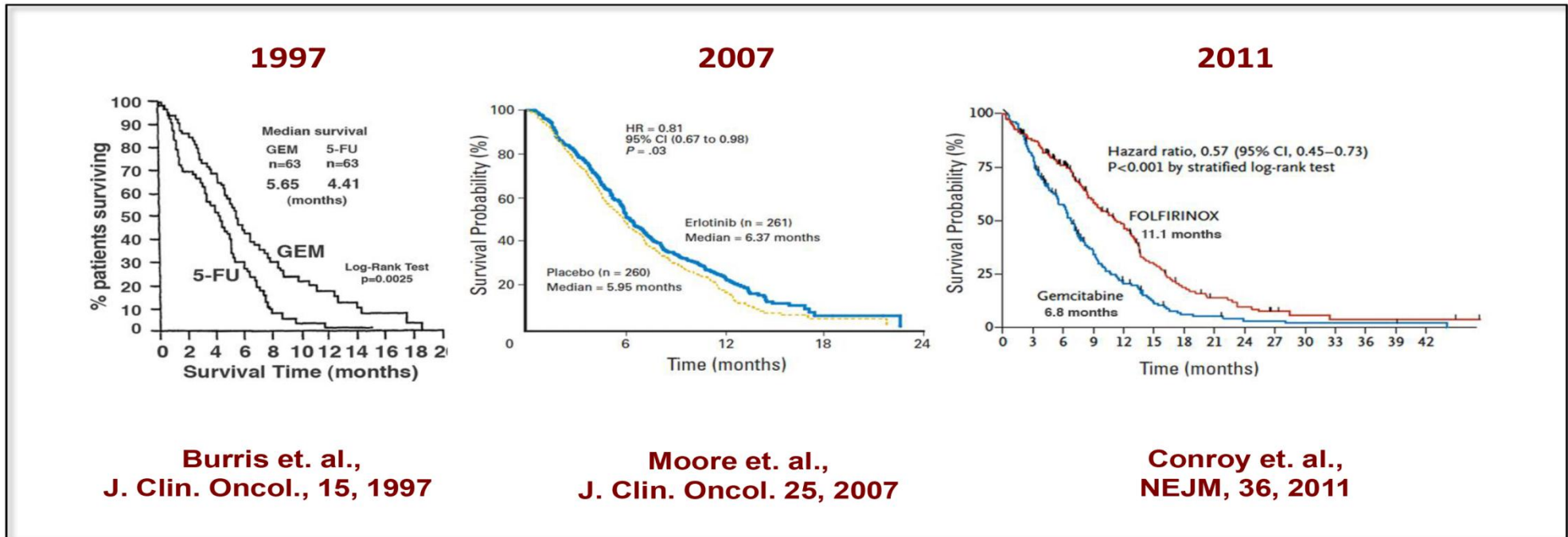
| Variable  | Approximate Risk |
|---|------------------|
| Risk factor   |                  |
| Smoking <sup>3</sup>  | 2–3              |
| Long-standing diabetes mellitus <sup>4</sup>  | 2                |
| Nonhereditary and chronic pancreatitis <sup>5</sup>   | 2–6              |
| Obesity, inactivity, or both <sup>6</sup>   | 2                |
| Non-O blood group <sup>7</sup>  | 1–2              |
| Genetic syndrome and associated gene or genes — %   |                  |
| Hereditary pancreatitis ( <i>PRSS1</i> , <i>SPINK1</i> ) <sup>8</sup>   | 50               |
| Familial atypical multiple mole and melanoma syndrome ( <i>p16</i> ) <sup>9</sup>                               | 10–20            |
| Hereditary breast and ovarian cancer syndromes ( <i>BRCA1</i> , <i>BRCA2</i> , <i>PALB2</i> ) <sup>10,11</sup>  | 1–2              |
| Peutz–Jeghers syndrome ( <i>STK11</i> [ <i>LKB1</i> ]) <sup>12</sup>  | 30–40            |
| Hereditary nonpolyposis colon cancer (Lynch syndrome) ( <i>MLH1</i> , <i>MSH2</i> , <i>MSH6</i> ) <sup>13</sup> | 4                |
| Ataxia–telangiectasia ( <i>ATM</i> ) <sup>14</sup>  | Unknown          |
| Li–Fraumeni syndrome ( <i>P53</i> ) <sup>15</sup>   | Unknown          |

\* Values associated with risk factors are expressed as relative risks, and values associated with genetic syndromes are expressed as lifetime risks, as compared with the risk in the general population.



# Pancreatic Cancer Treatment

## Disappointing Progress in the Treatment of Pancreatic Cancer





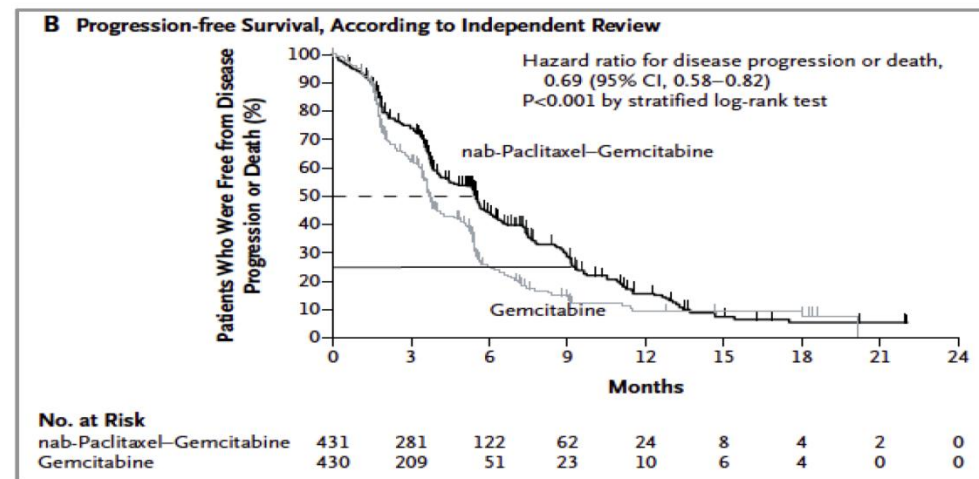
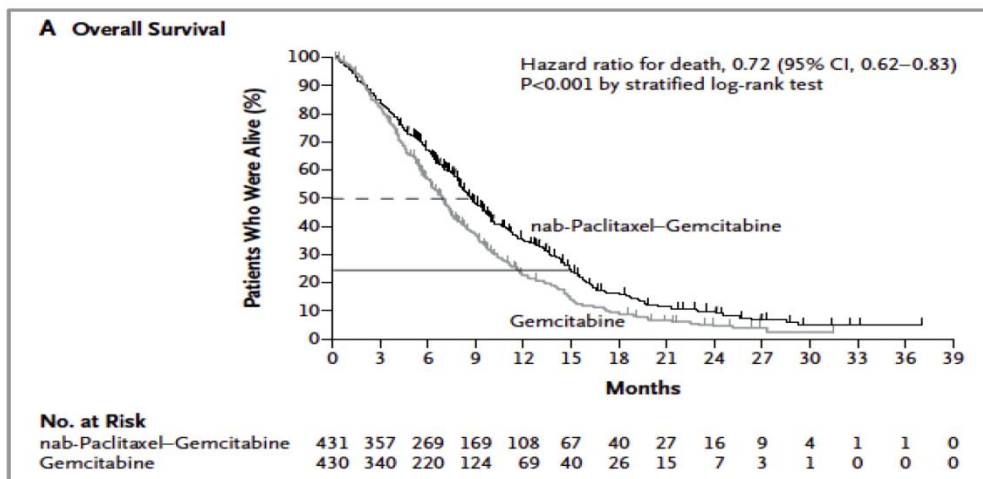
# Pancreatic cancer treatment

## Disappointing Progress in the Treatment of Pancreatic Cancer



- A Combination of nab-Paclitaxel and Gemcitabine Improved Survival in Advanced Pancreatic cancer

2013

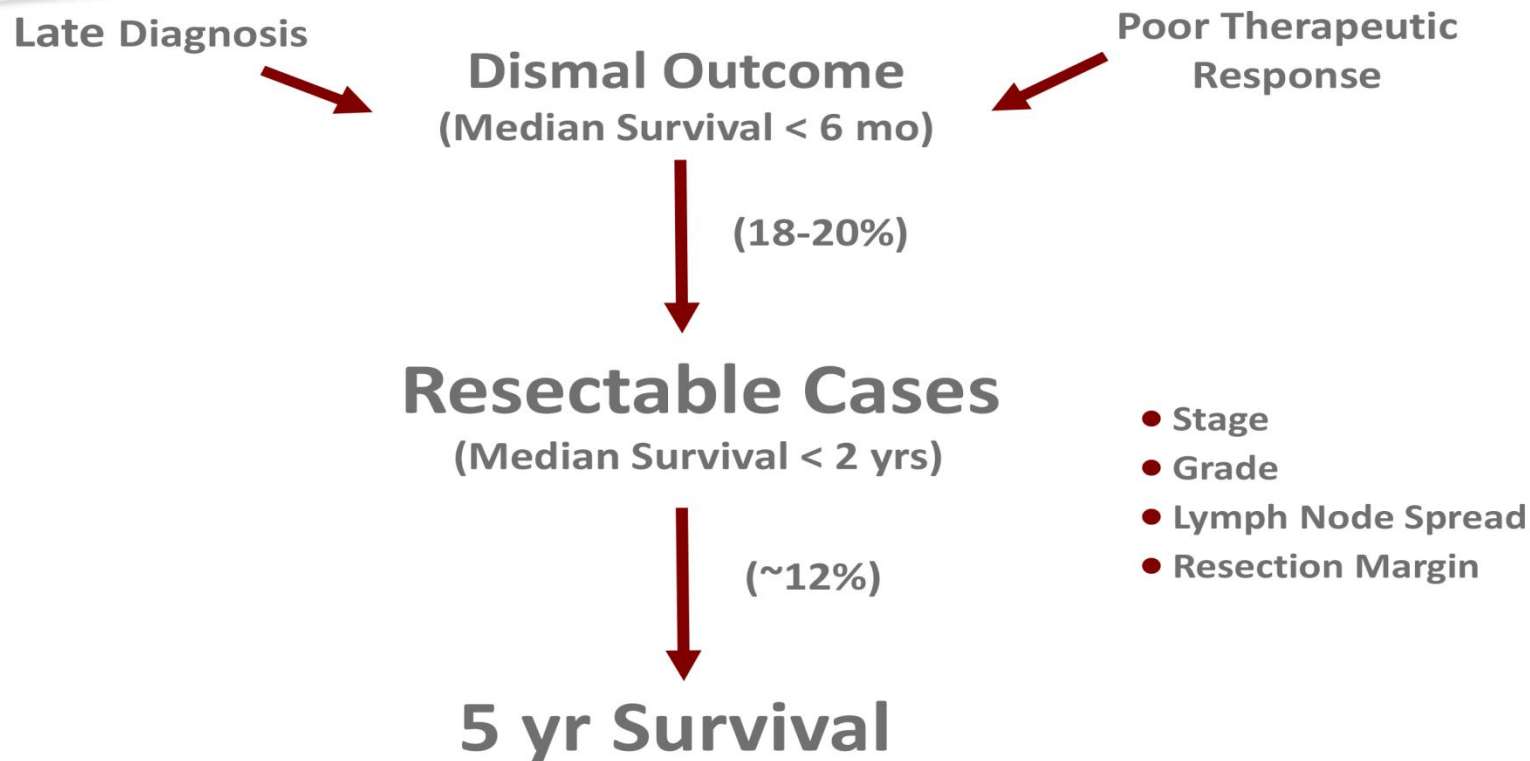




# Improved Survival



## Improved Survival in Resected Pancreatic Cancer Cases



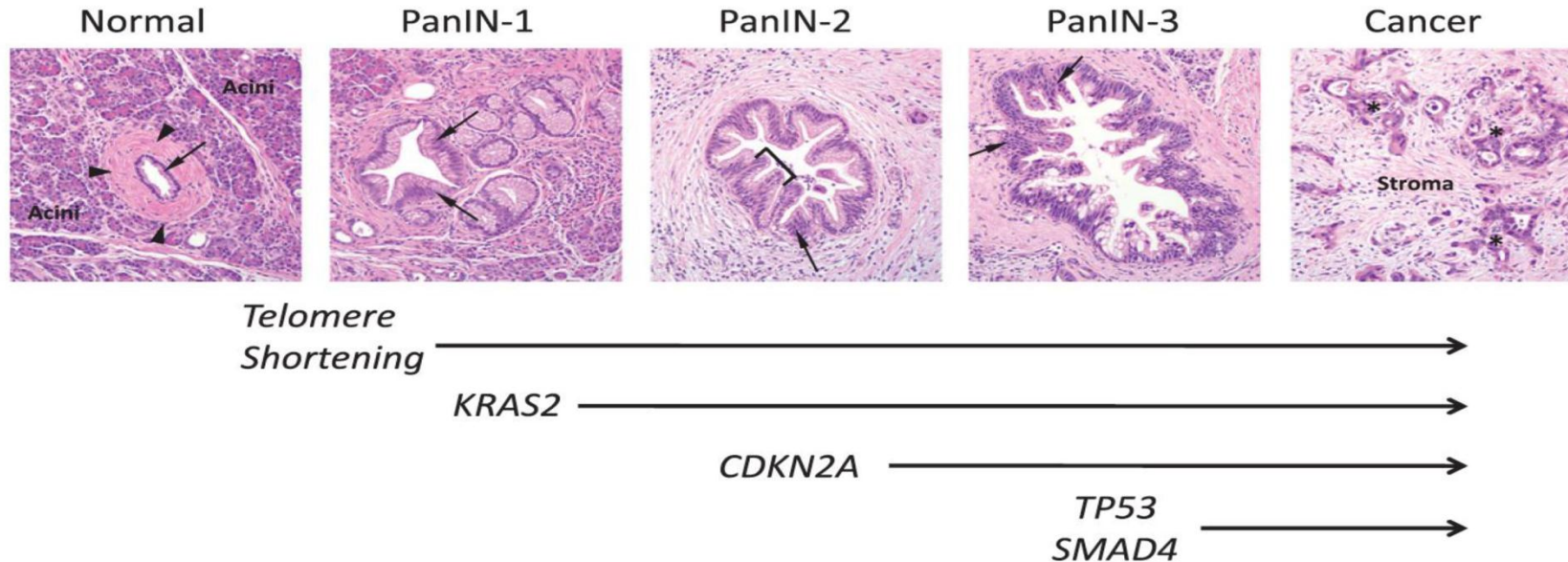
**Molecular Differences in Tumors Determine Patient Outcome?**



# Progression Model



# Progression Model of Pancreatic Carcinogenesis

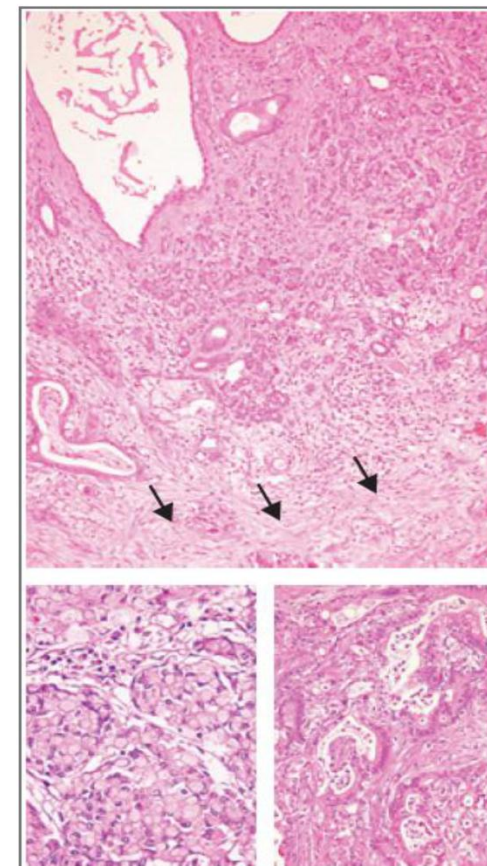
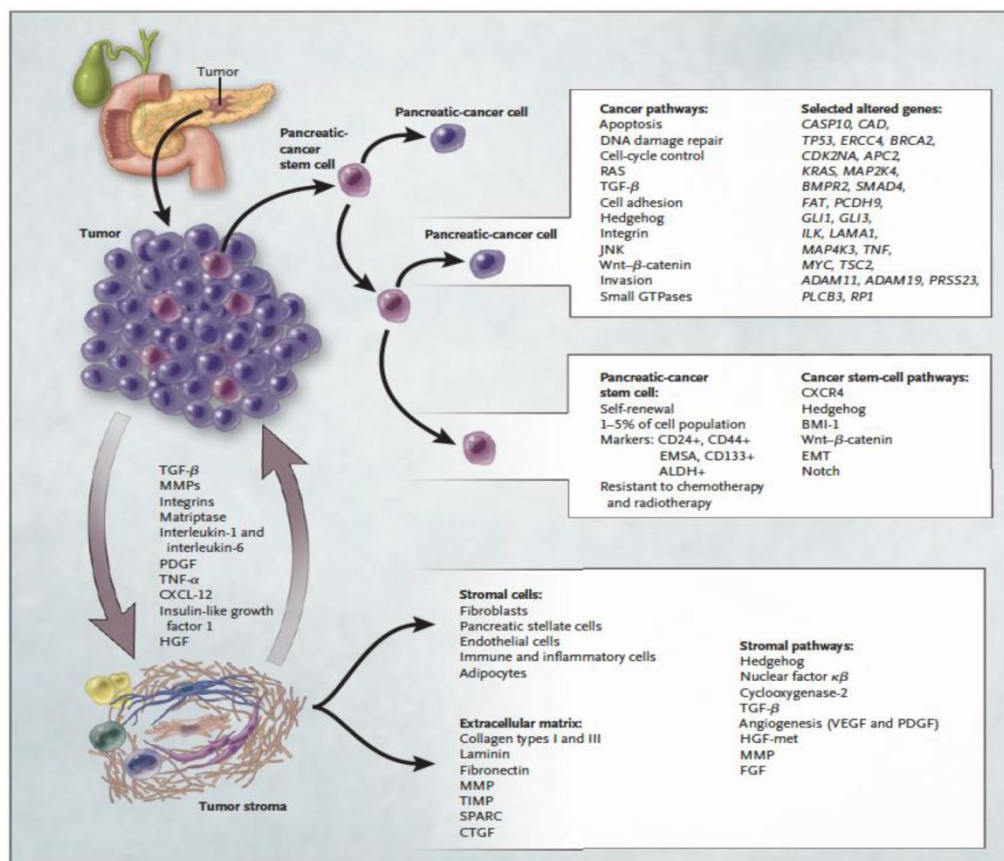






# Desmoplastic stroma

## Prominent, Desmoplastic Stroma in Pancreatic Cancer

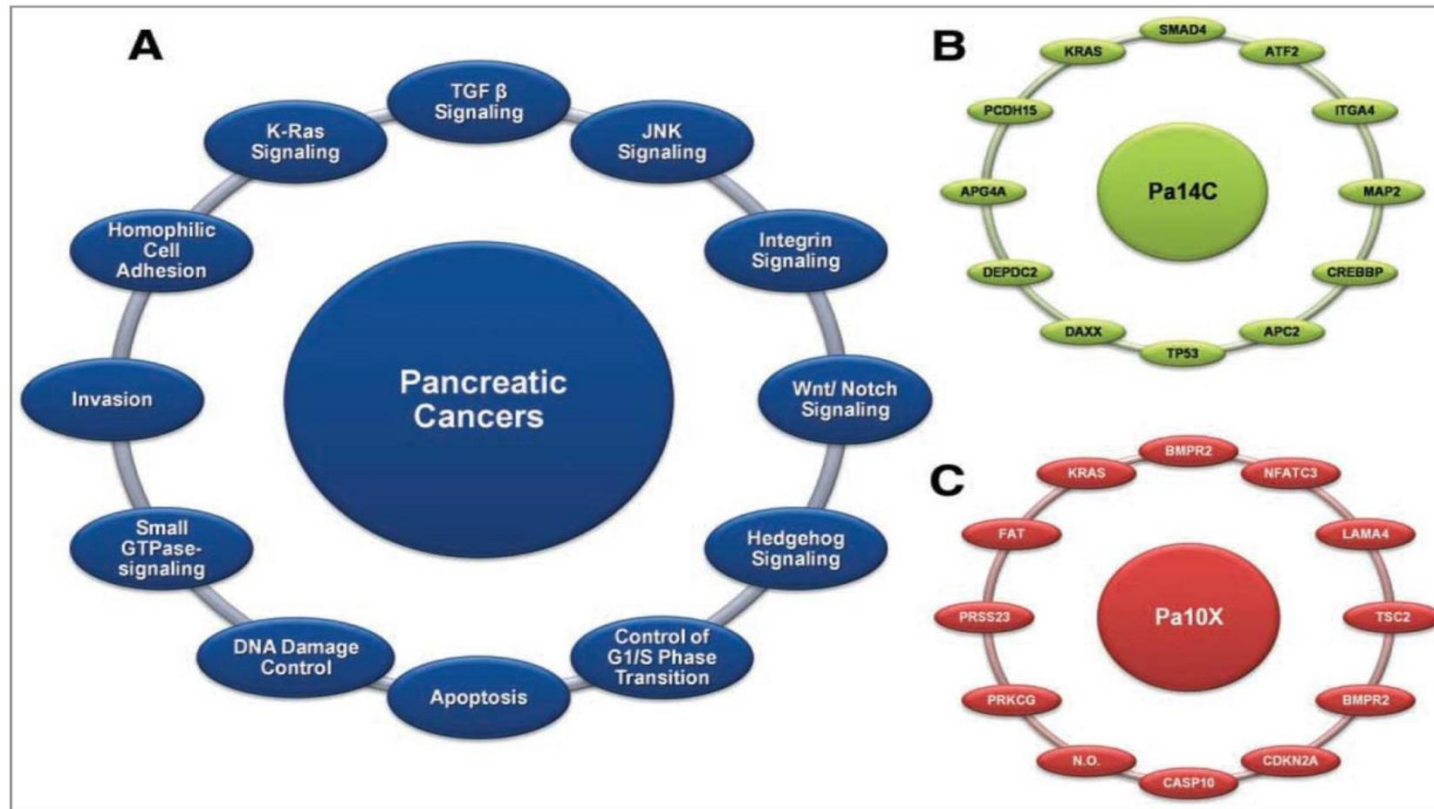


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# Pancreatic cancer heterogeneity

## Pancreatic Cancer is Highly Heterogeneous



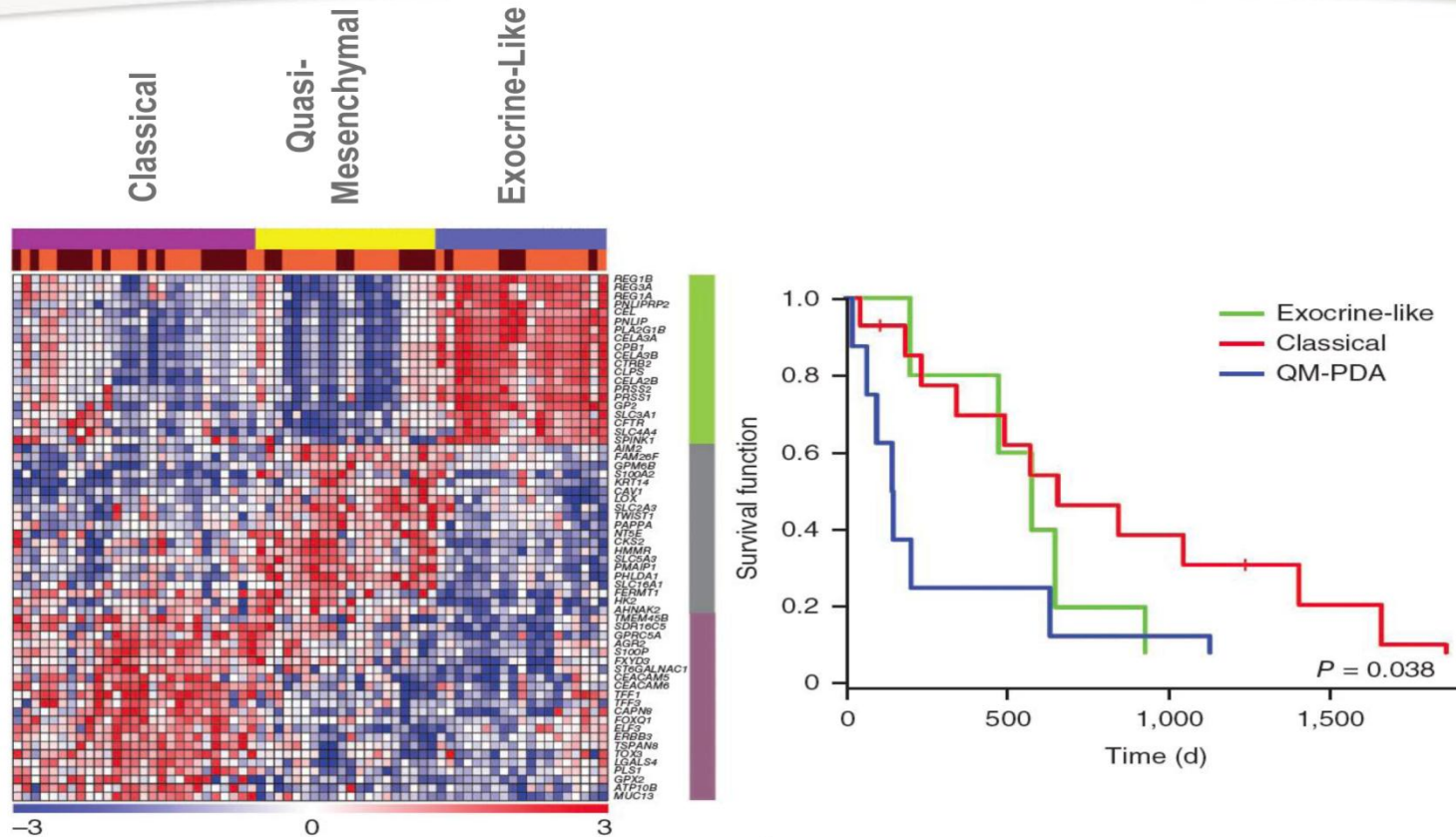
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# PDAC subtypes



## Are There Different Molecular Subtypes of PDAC?

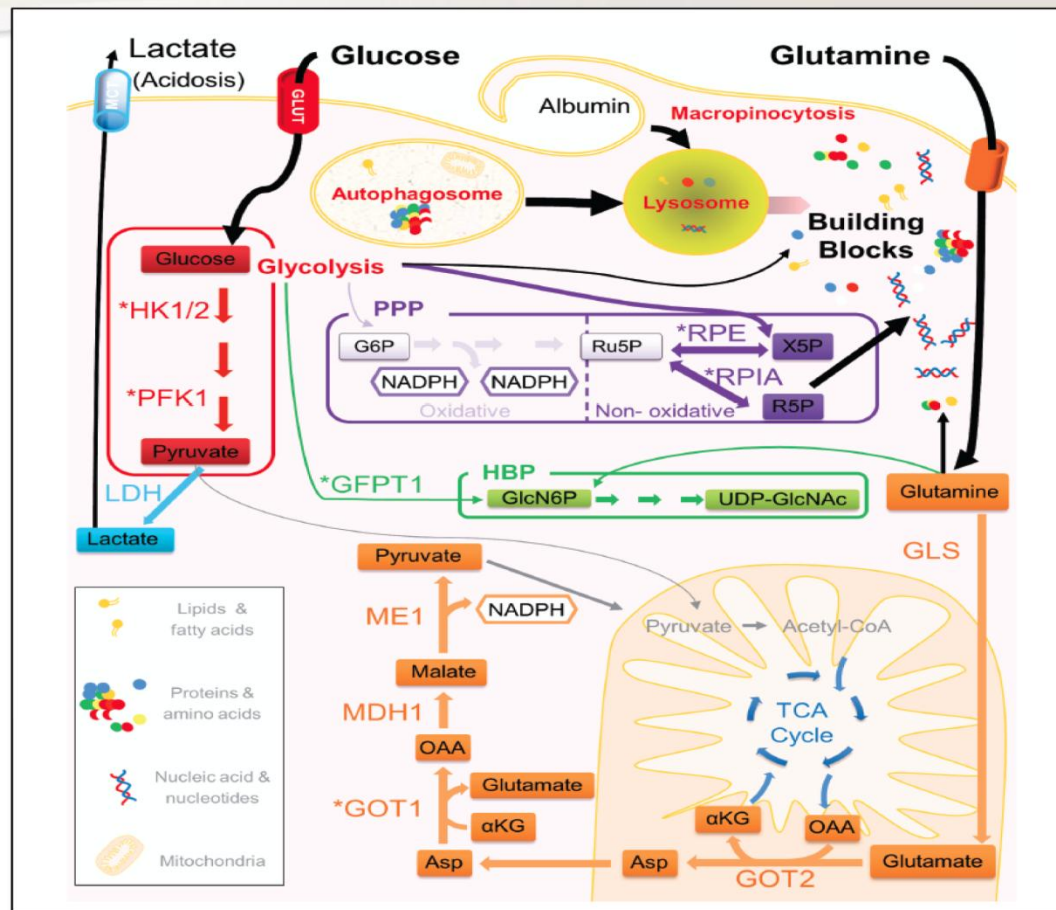




# Metabolic Reprogramming



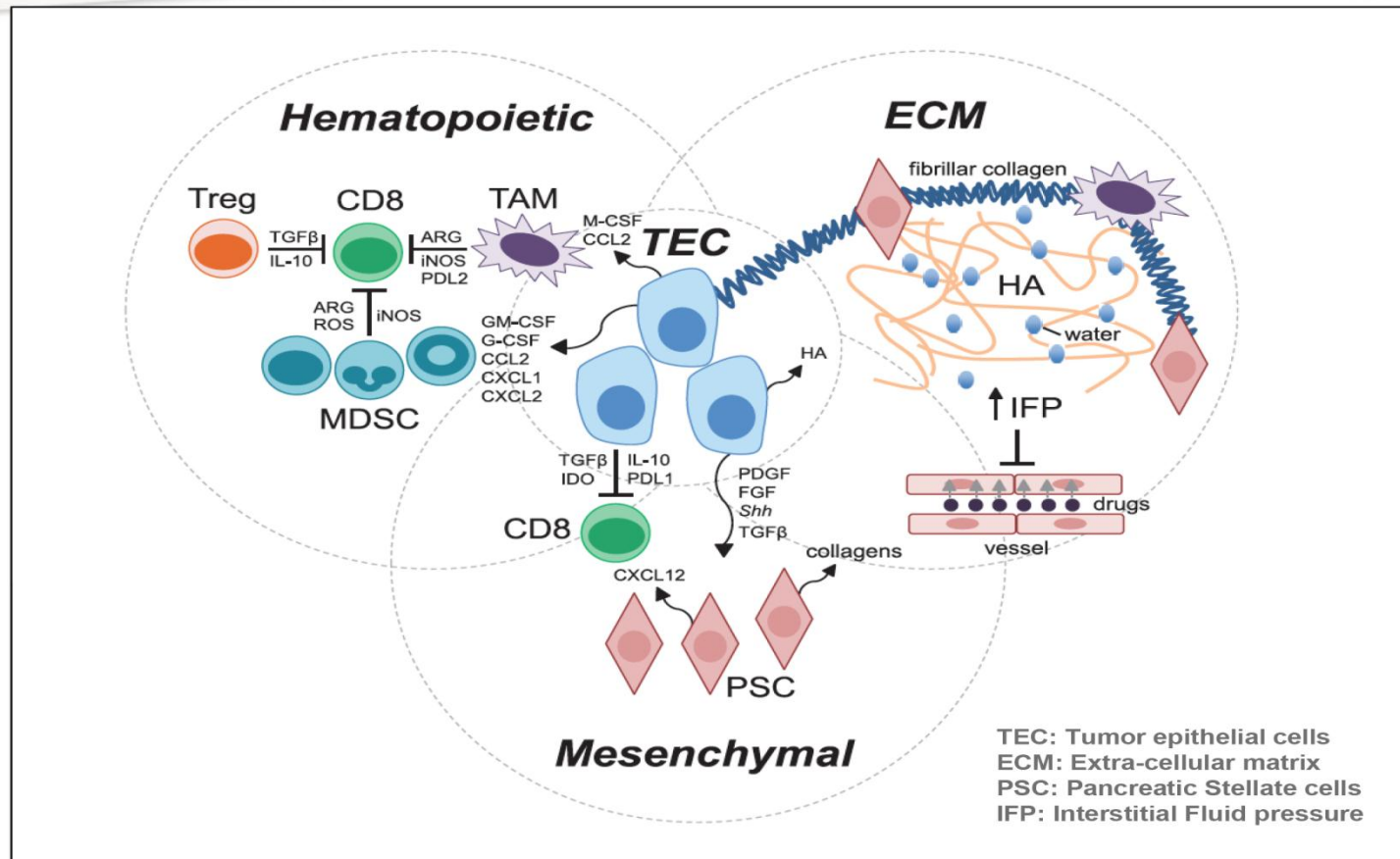
## Metabolic Reprogramming in Pancreatic Cancer





# Stromal networks

## Complex Stromal Networks Supporting Pancreatic Cancer Progression and Therapeutic Resistance





## **Disease outcome**

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## **Treatment Strategies to Improve Disease Outcome**

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*Drug Delivery  
and  
Effectiveness of Systemic Therapy*



***Targeting Stroma***



# Mouse model



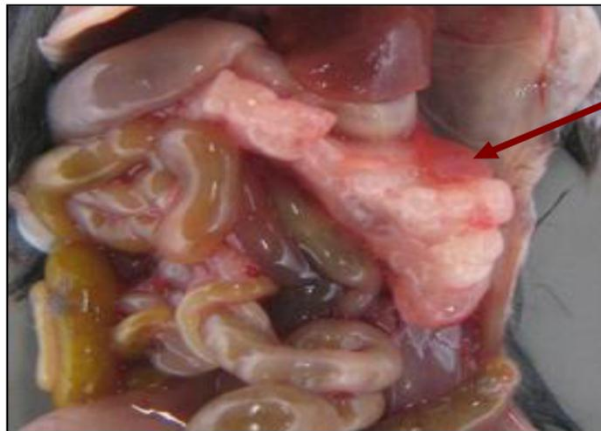
## Pancreatic Cancer Mouse Model (KPC)

\*LSL-Kras-G12D X p53 LSL R172H X Pdx-Cre 1

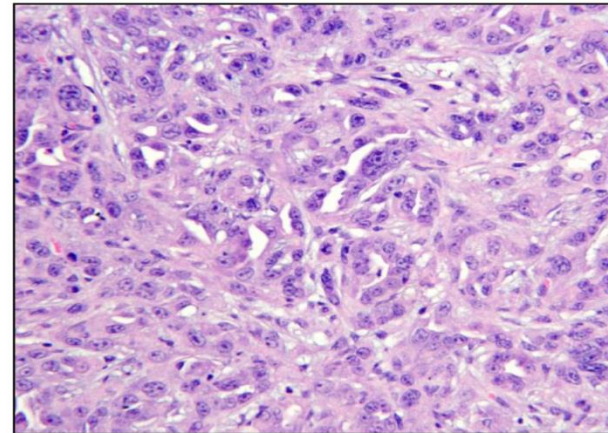


Pancreatic Ductal Adenocarcinoma (PDAC)

(Median Survival = 4-5 months)



PDAC

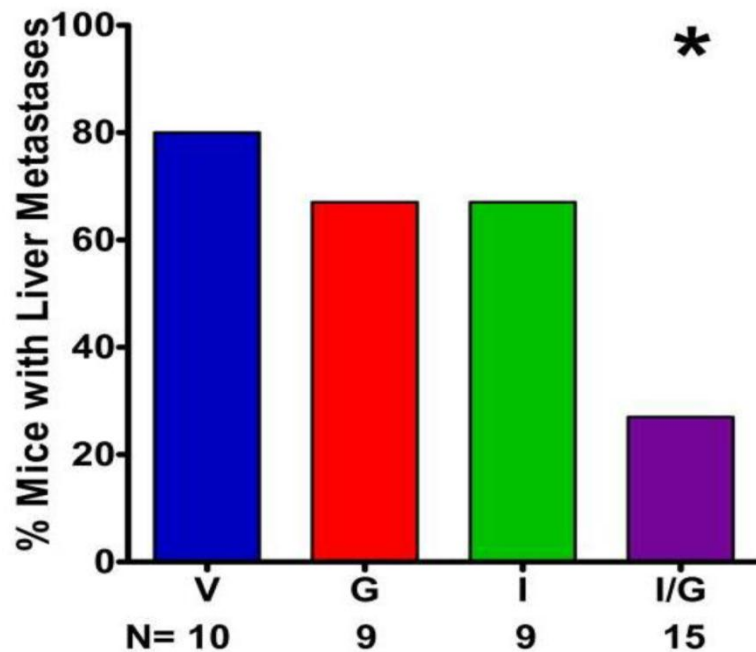
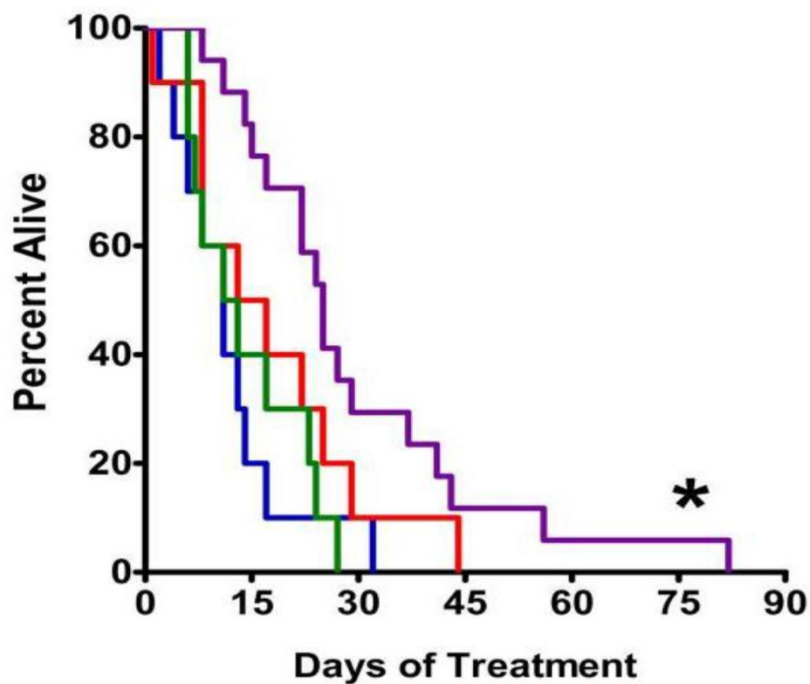


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# Inhibition of Hedgehog signaling

## Inhibition of Hedgehog Signaling Depleted Stroma, Enhanced Drug Delivery and Improved Survival in Mice



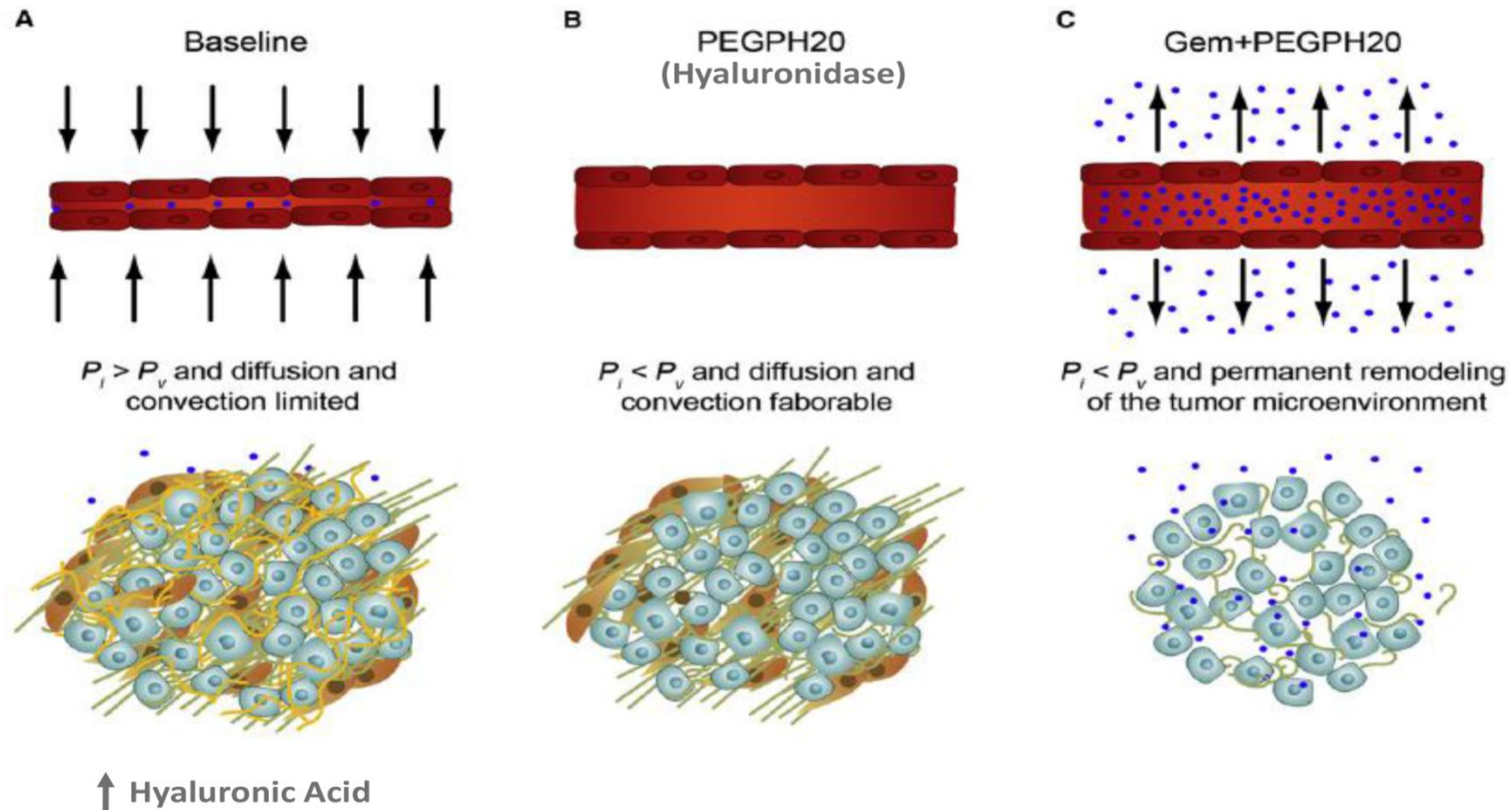
V=Vehicle  
 G=Gemcitabine  
 I= IPI-926 (Hedgehog Inhibitor)  
 I/G= IPI-926/Gem





# Enzymatic targeting

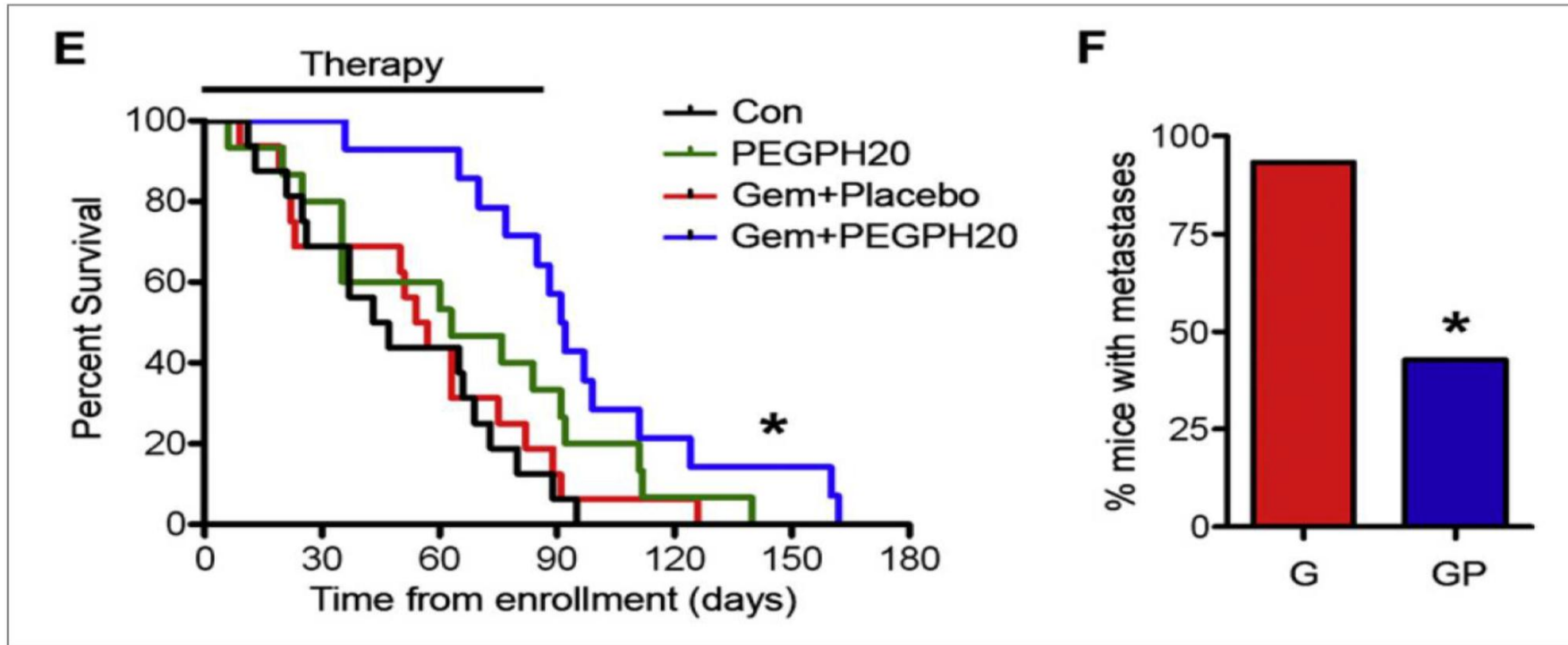
## Enzymatic Targeting of Stroma Enhances Therapeutic Response





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# Two Faces of Anti-Stromal Therapy

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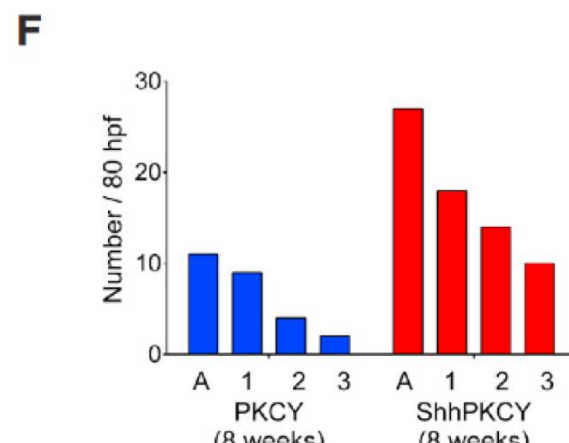
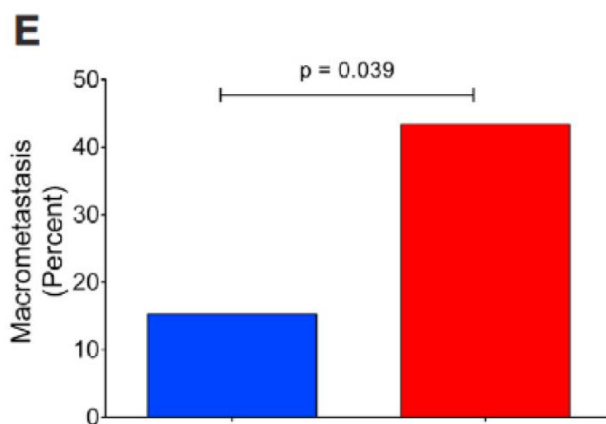
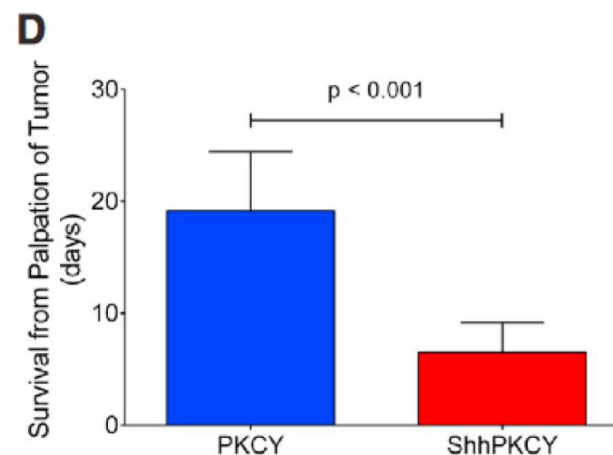
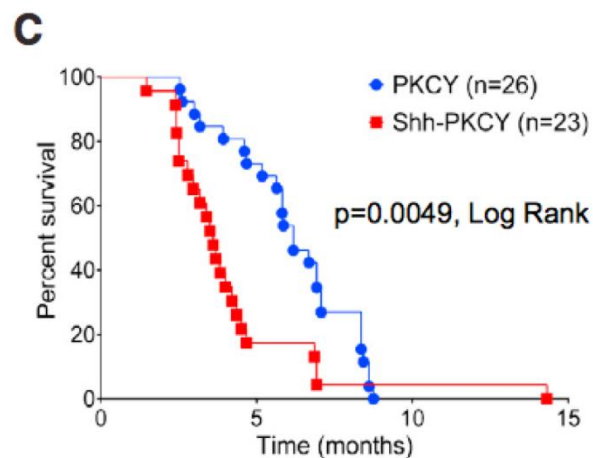
**Two faces of anti-stromal therapy.  
Stromal-targeting may not (always)  
have beneficial therapeutic response**



# Sonic Hedgehog as a tumor suppressor

## Sonic Hedgehog as a Tumor Suppressor in PDAC

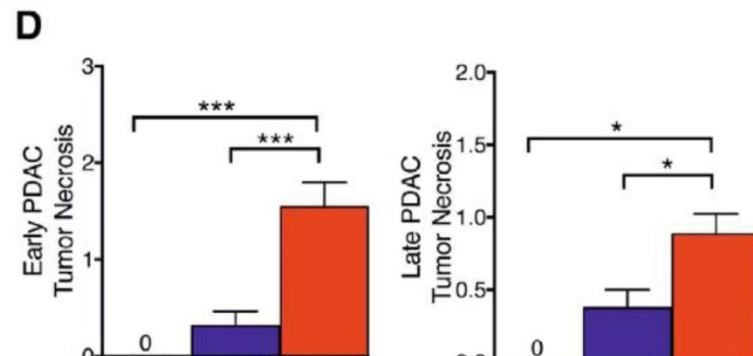
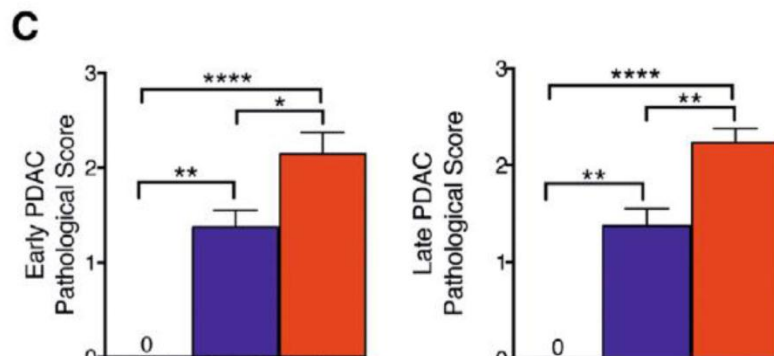
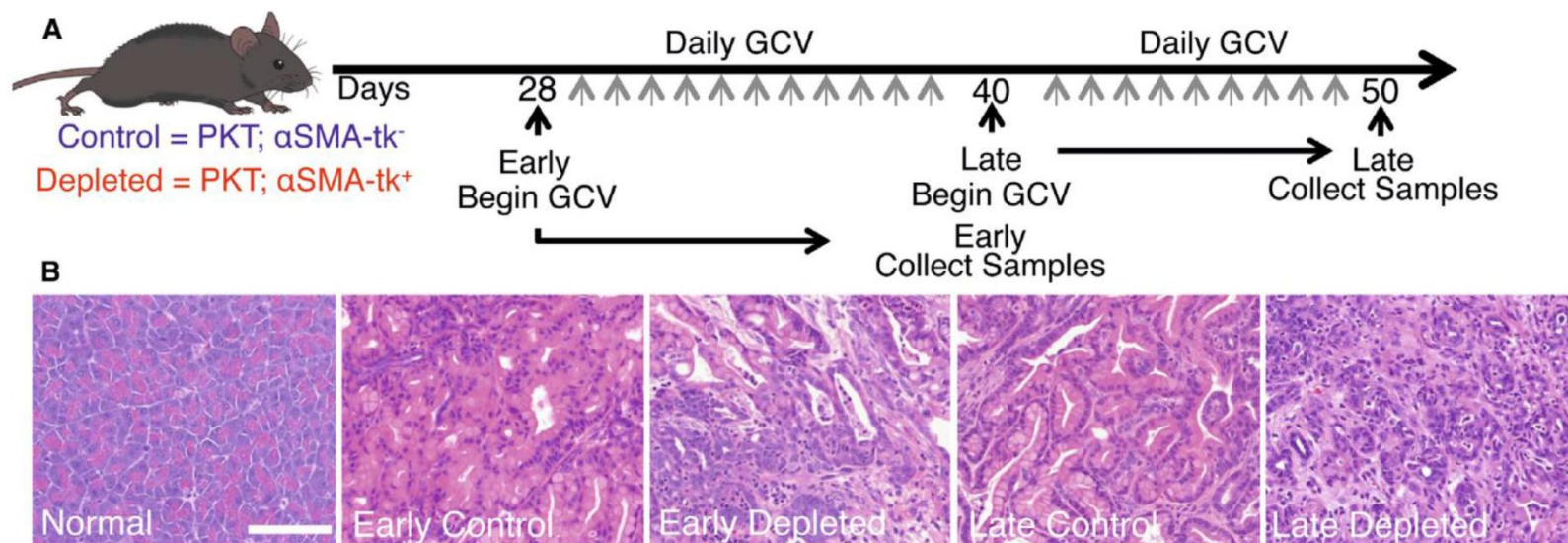
### Genetically Engineered Mouse Model





# Myofibroblast depletion

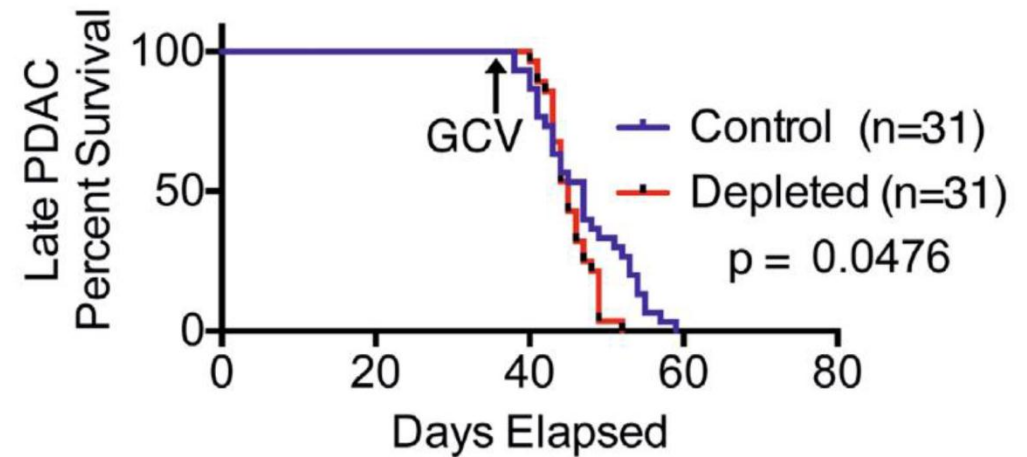
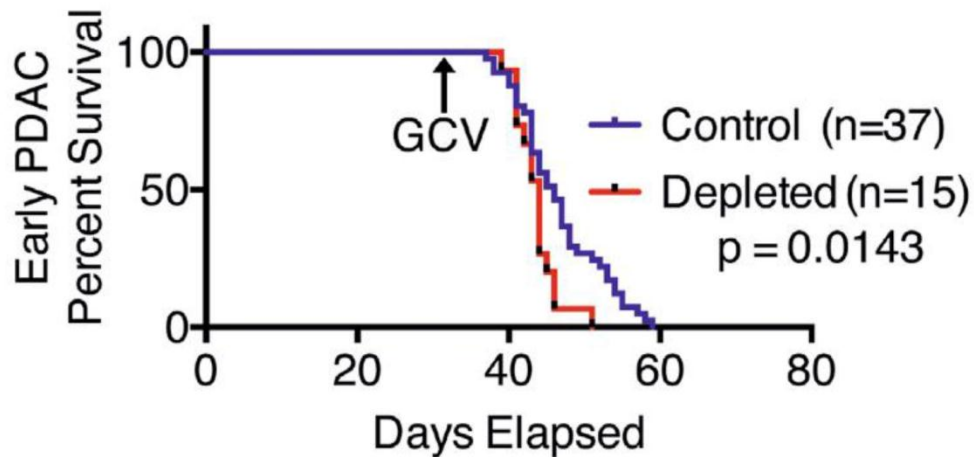
## Myofibroblast Depletion Enhances PDAC





# Myofibroblast depletion

## Myofibroblast Depletion Reduces Overall Survival



GCV= genciclovir (Depletes Myofibroblasts in PKT; $\alpha$ SMA-tk+ Mice)



## **Complex Tumor-Stromal Interaction in PDAC**

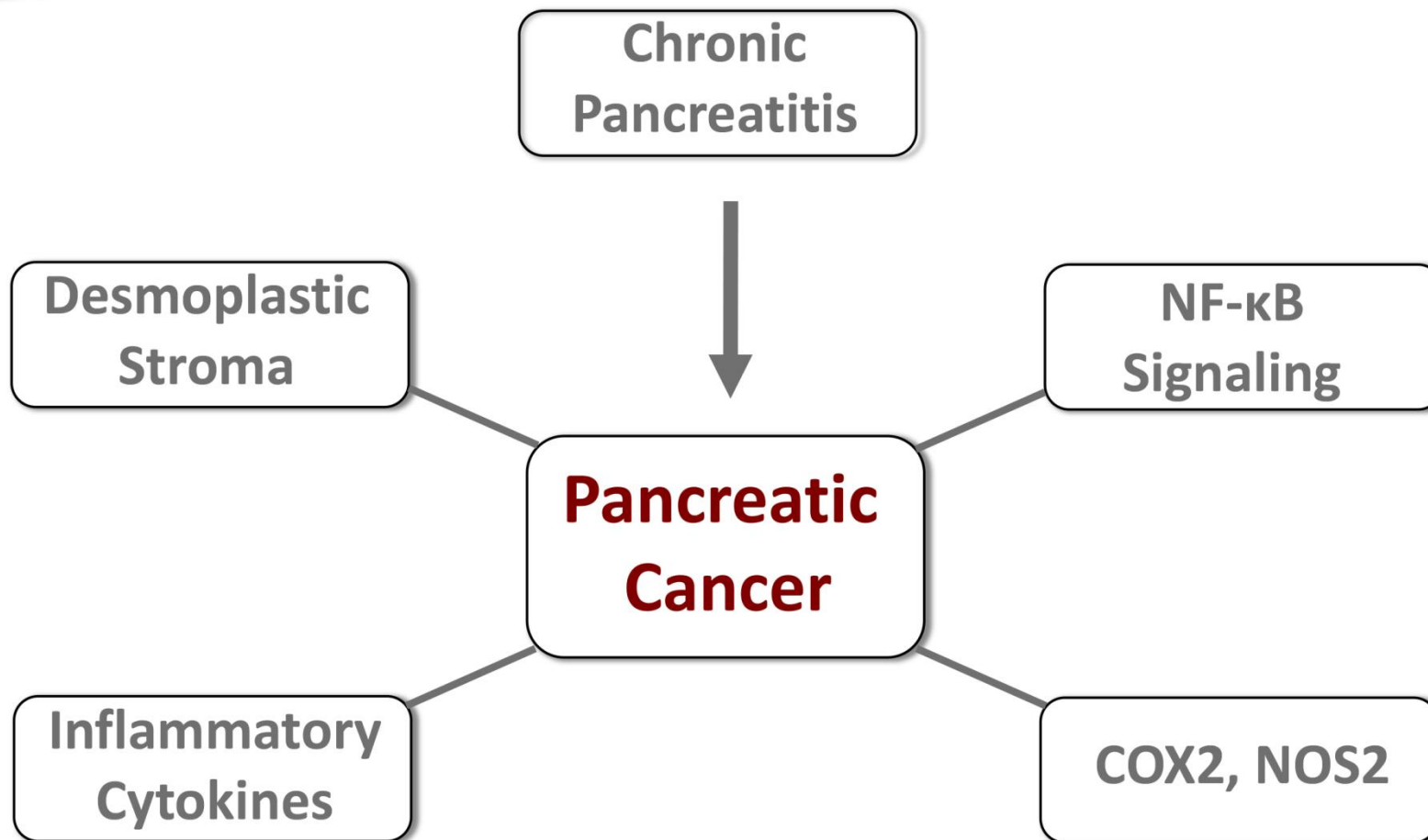
**Complex tumor-stromal interaction in PDAC**  
**Tumor-**  
**Stromal interaction is complex**  
**and therapeutic approaches targeting stroma may**  
**require new molecular taxonomy in pancreatic cancer**



# Inflammation and pancreatic cancer



# Inflammation and Pancreatic Cancer

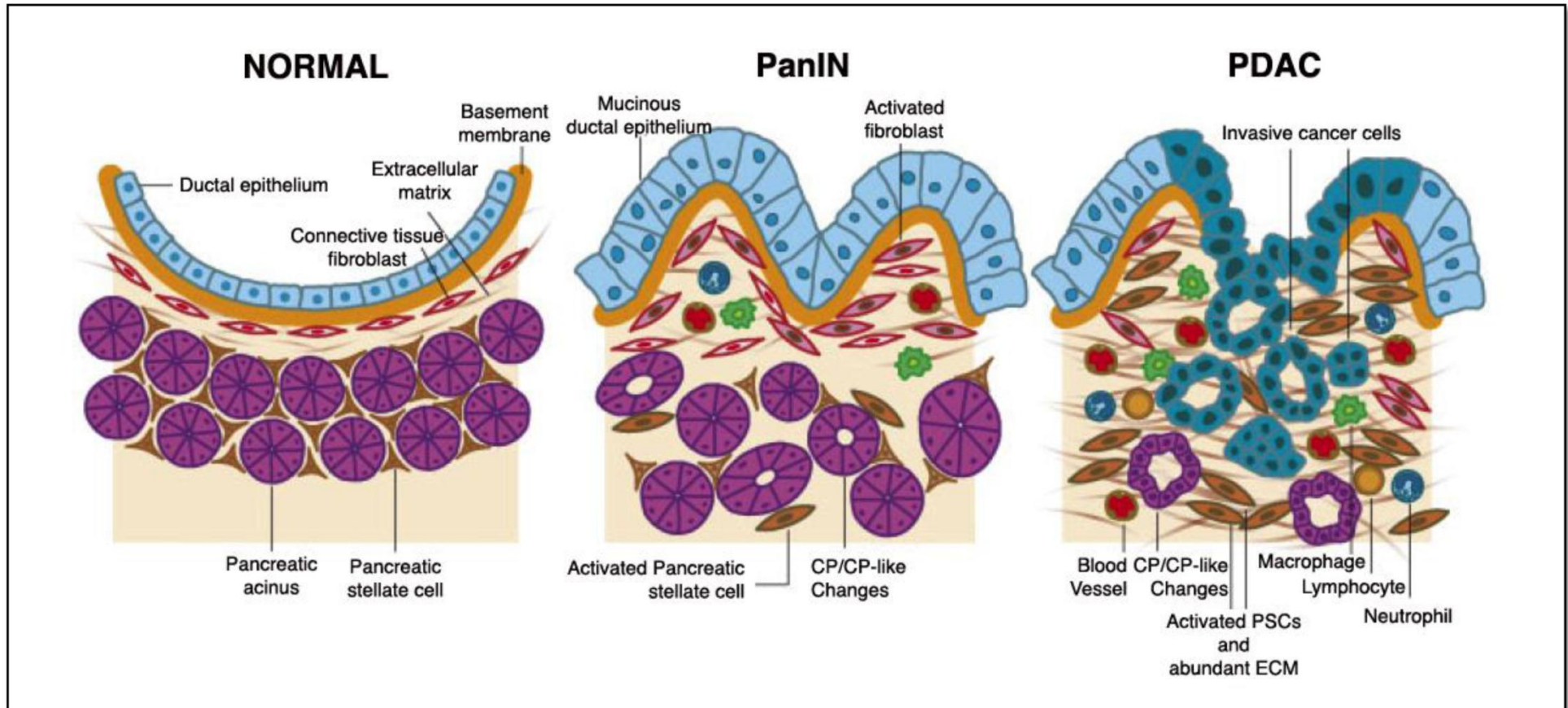






# Inflammatory changes

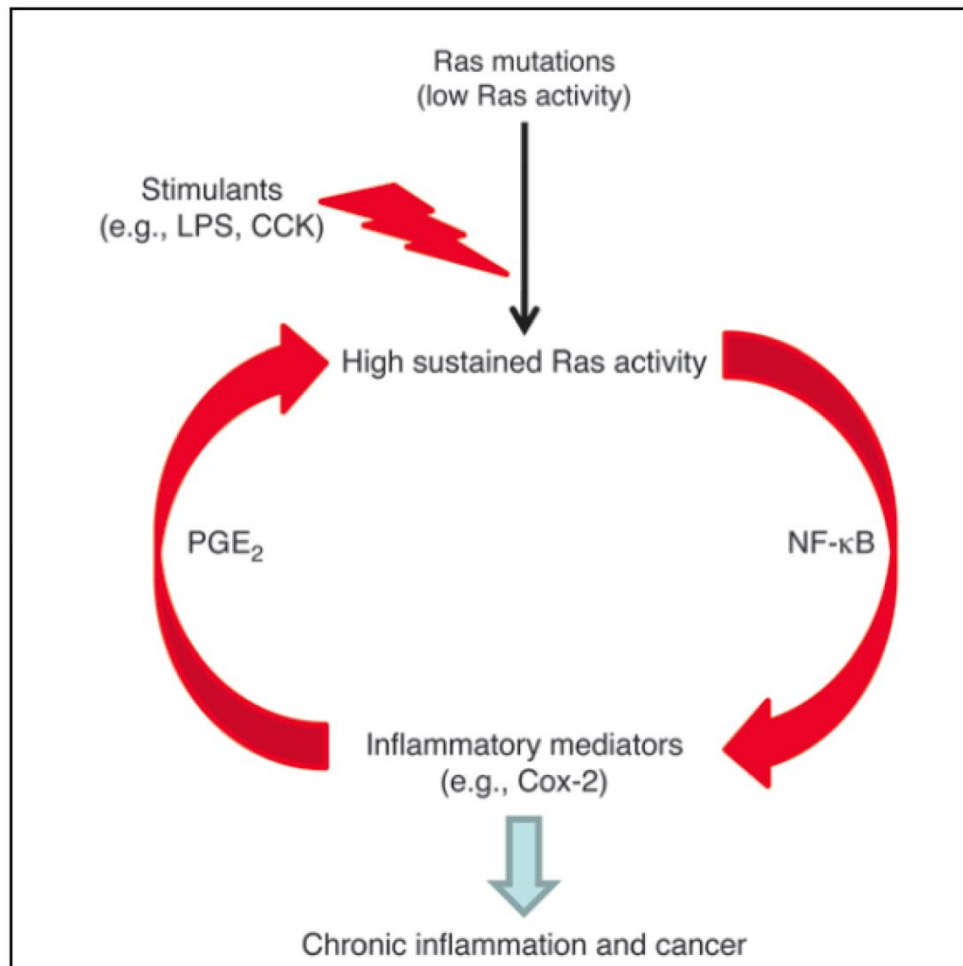
## Inflammatory Changes During Development and Progression of Pancreatic Cancer





# Kras in pancreatic cancer

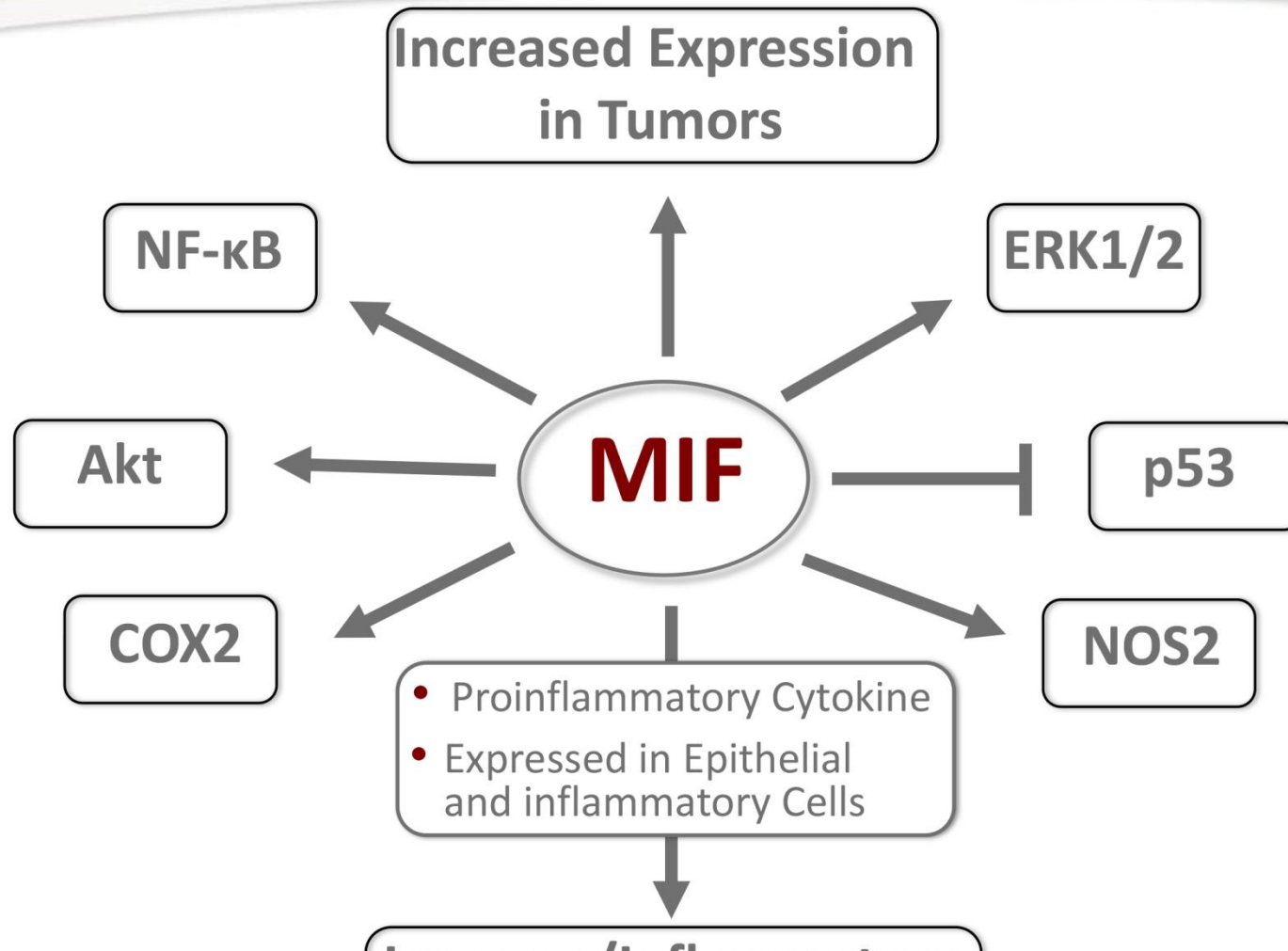
## Inflammation Enhances and Maintains a Pathologic Level of Oncogenic KRAS in Pancreatic Cancer





# Macrophage inhibitory factor (MIF)

## Macrophage Migration Inhibitory Factor (MIF)





# MIF, Inflammation and Cancer



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J. Exp. Med., 190, 1999

## At the Crossroads of Inflammation and Tumorigenesis

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Molecular Cell, Vol. 17, 225–236, January 21, 2005, Copyright ©2005 by Elsevier Inc. DOI 10.1016/j.molcel.2004.11.052

## Macrophage Migration Inhibitory Factor MIF Interferes with the Rb-E2F Pathway

Oleksi Petrenko\* and Ute M. Moll\*

Immunity, 26, 2007

Perspective

Macrophage Migration Inhibitory Factor:



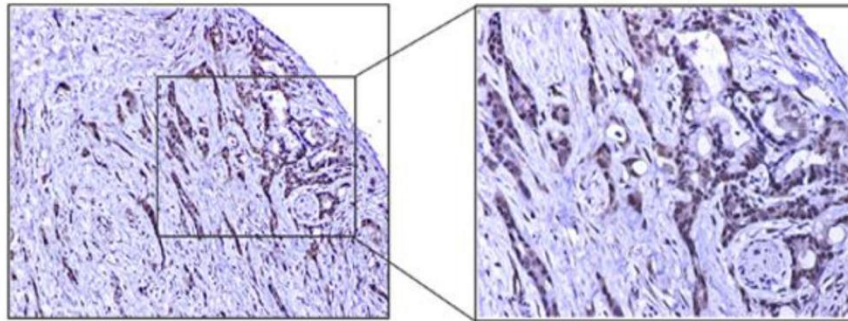
# Increased Expression of MIF in Tumors from Pancreatic Carcinoma Cases



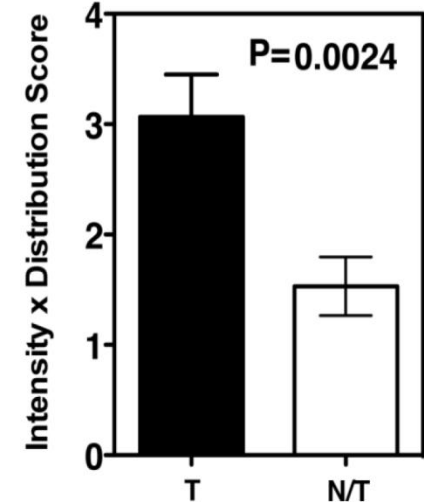
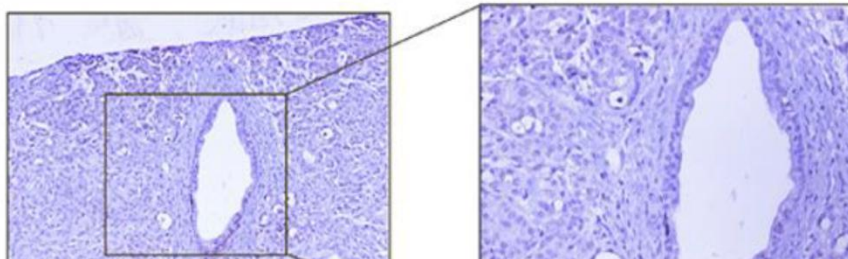
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Tumor



Adjacent Nontumor



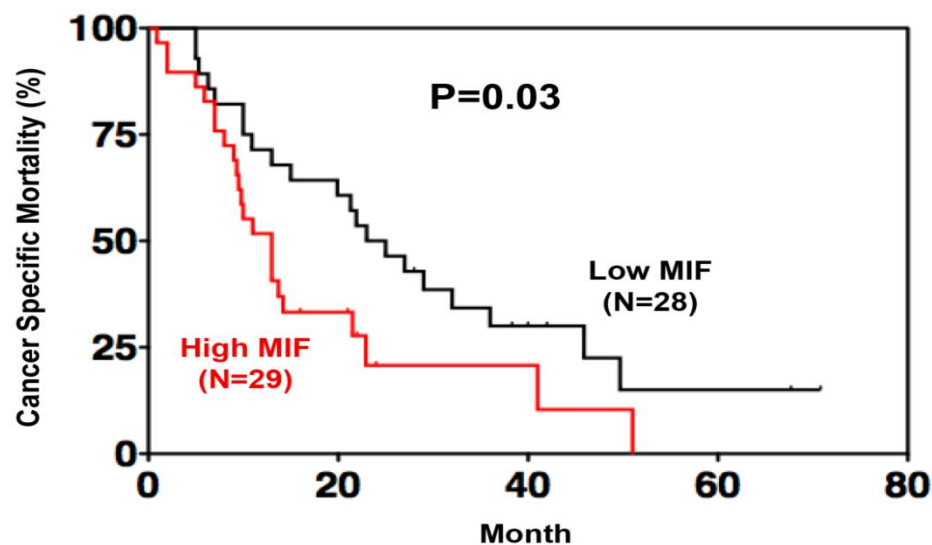


# A Higher Expression of MIF is Associated with Poor Survival in Human Pancreatic Carcinoma Cases



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## Human Pancreatic Carcinoma Cases



| Variables (comparison/referent) | Univariate Analysis |       | Multivariate Analysis |       |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|-------|-----------------------|-------|
|                                 | HR (95%CI)          | P     | HR (95%CI)            | P     |
| MIF (High/Low)                  | 2.21 (1.16-4.22)    | 0.016 | 2.26 (1.17-4.37)      | 0.015 |
| Grading (G3-4/G1-2)             | 1.86 (1.01-3.45)    | 0.048 | 1.90 (1.02-3.54)      | 0.044 |
| Resection margin (R1/R0)        | 1.53 (0.82-2.83)    | 0.178 |                       |       |
| Stage (IIB-III/I-IIA)           | 1.62 (0.79-3.36)    | 0.191 |                       |       |



# A higher expression of MIF is associated with poor survival in human pancreatic carcinoma cases

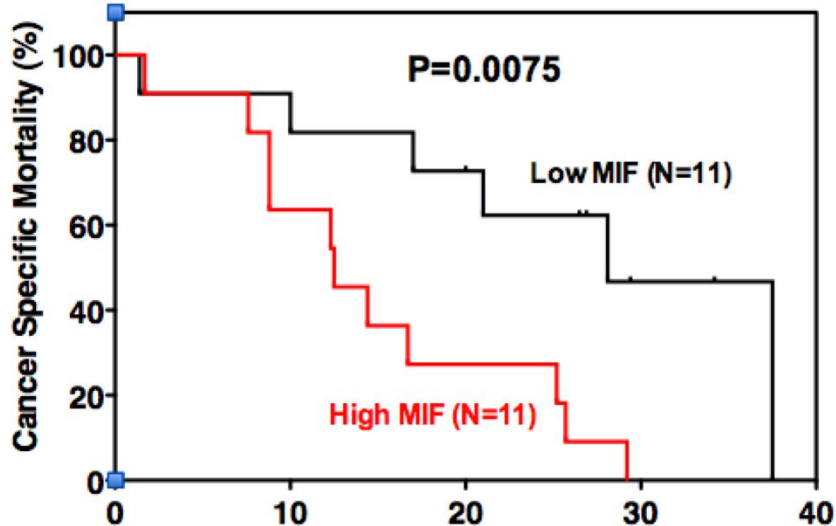


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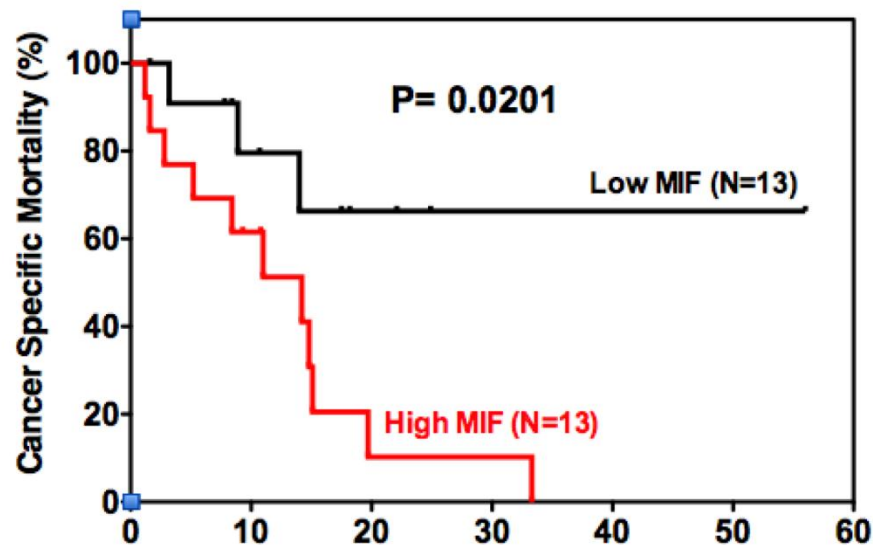
## Validation in Independent Cohorts

### Human Pancreatic Carcinoma Cases

Validation Cohort 1



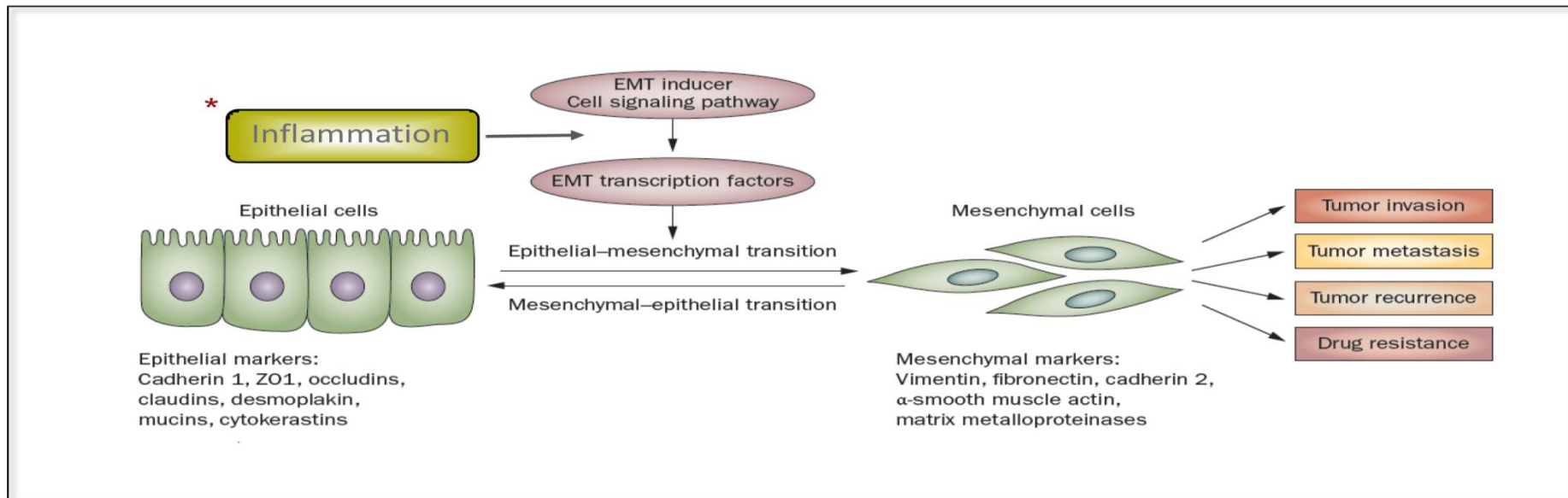
Validation Cohort 2





# EMT Enhances Malignant Progression

## EMT Enhances Malignant Progression in Pancreatic cancer



Wang et. al., Nat. Rev. Gastroenterology & Hepatol., 2011

\* Rhim et. al., Cell, 2012.

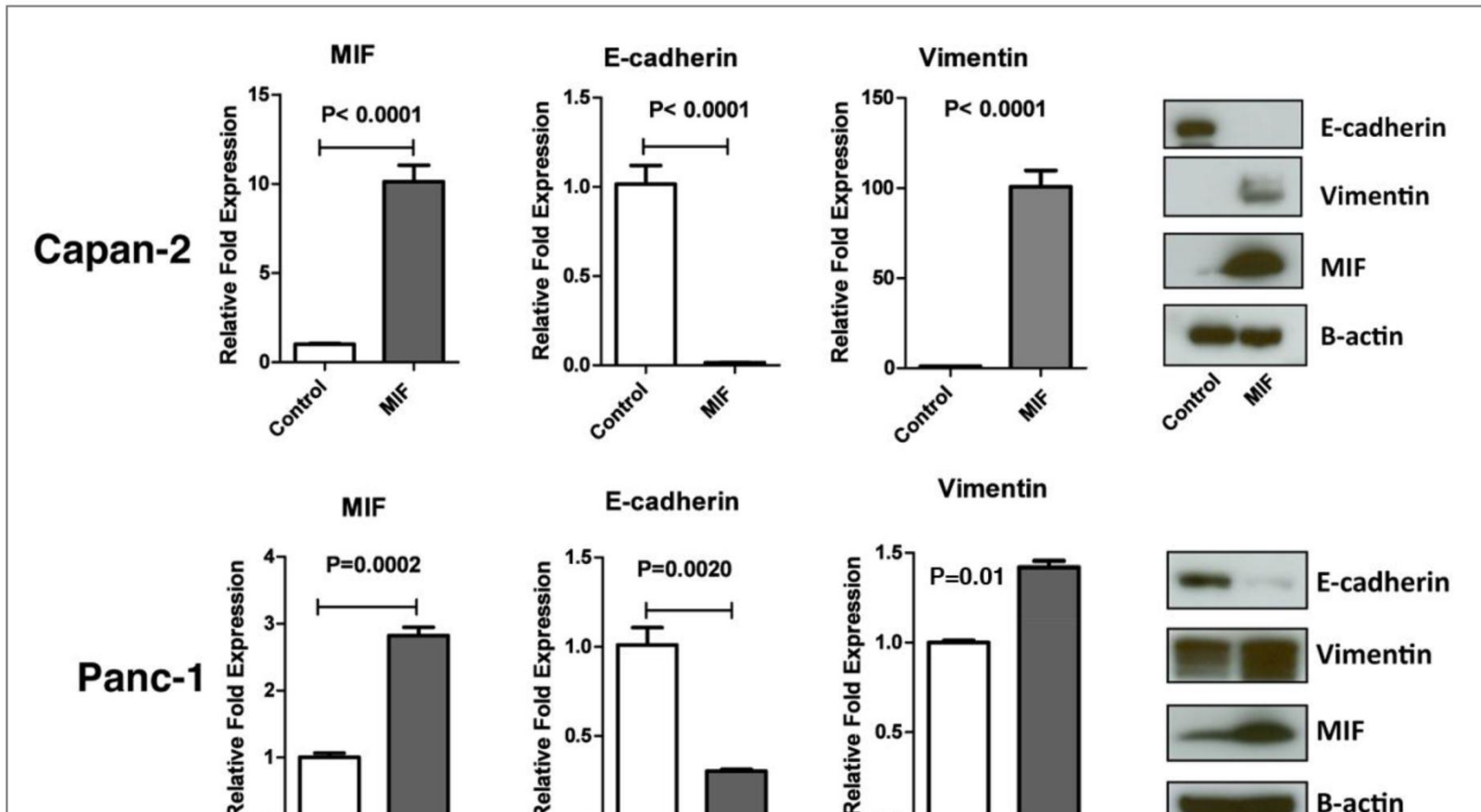




# MIF Induces EMT



## MIF induces EMT in Pancreatic Cancer Cells

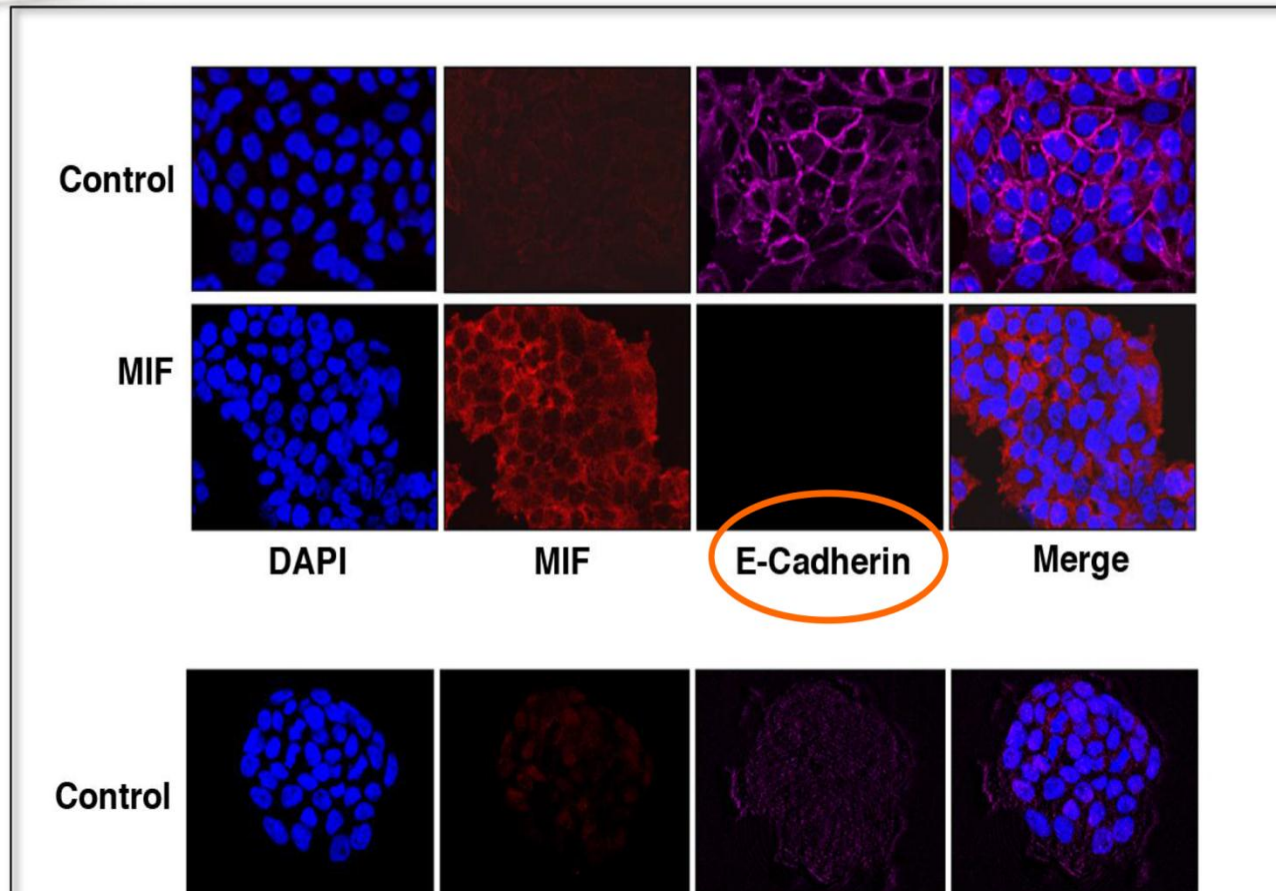




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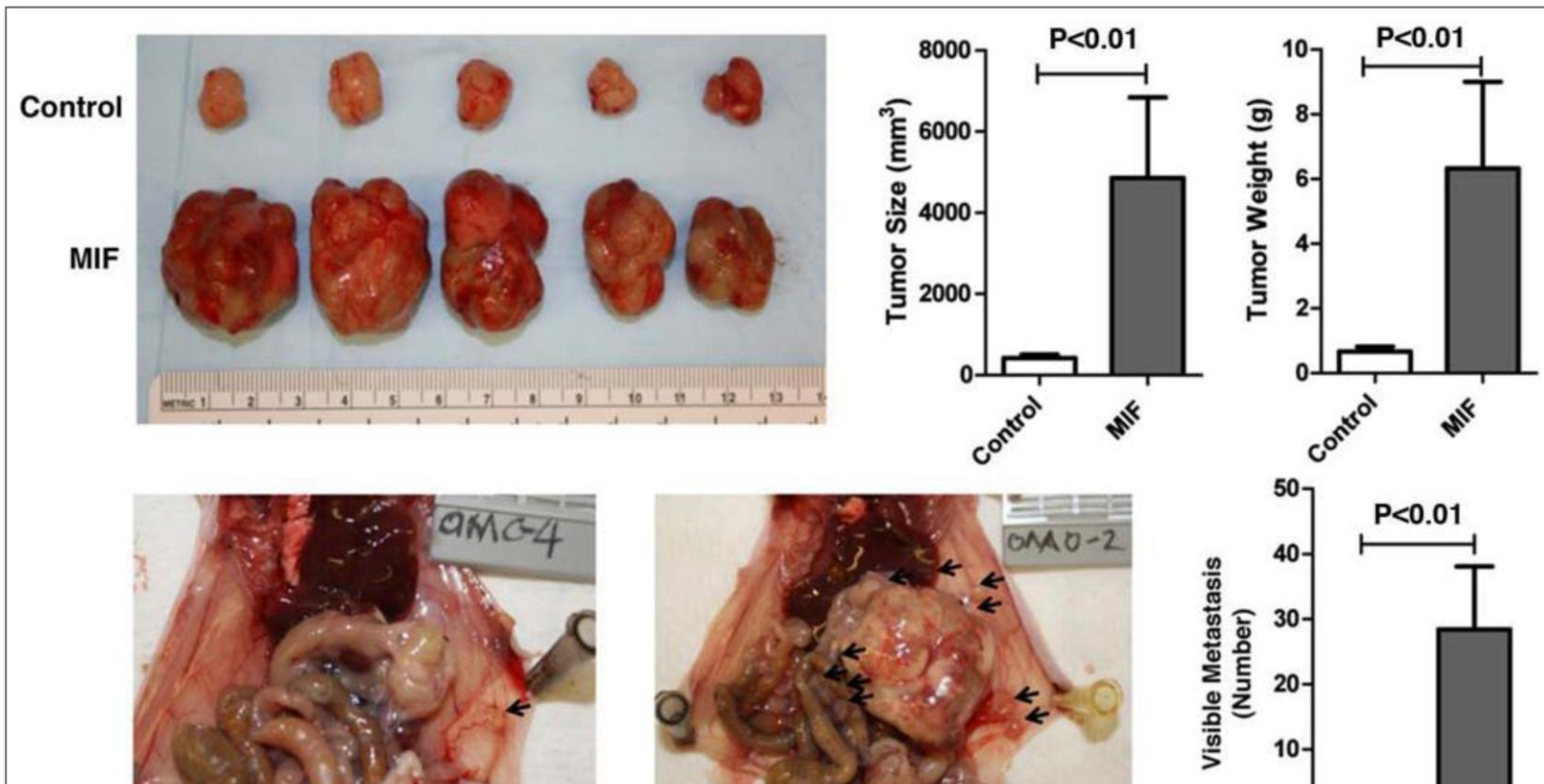
# MIF Induces EMT in Pancreatic Cancer Cells





# MIF accelerates tumor growth

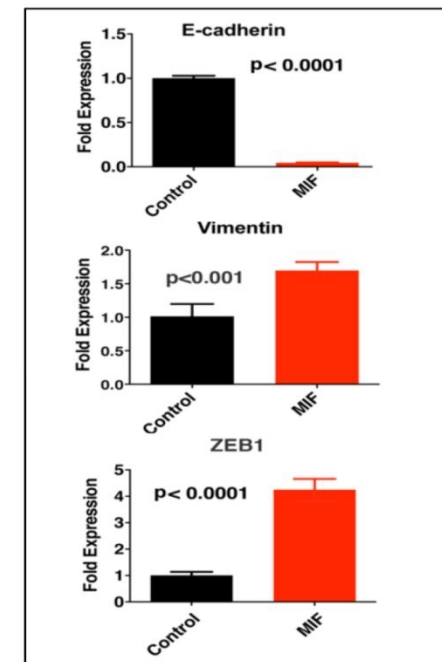
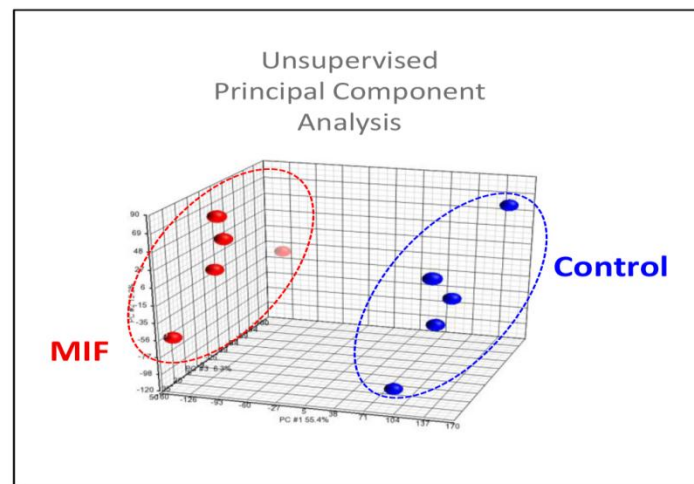
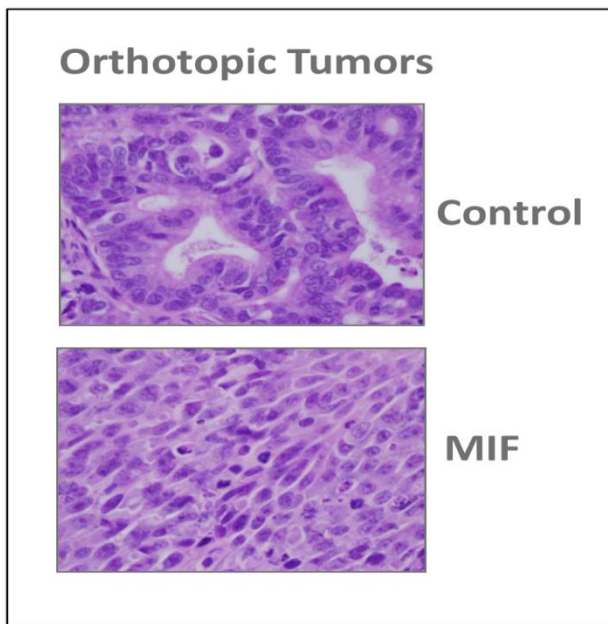
## MIF Accelerates Tumor Growth and Metastasis in Orthotopic Xenografts in Mice





# MIF alters Global Gene Expression Profile

## MIF Induces a Marked Change in Global Gene Expression Profile including EMT-related Genes in Orthotopic Tumors



- MIF over-expressing tumors are poorly differentiated.

- MIF induces a change in global gene expression profile.

- MIF over-expressing tumors showed expression of EMT-related genes.



# MIF Enhances Cancer Progression

Ongoing Study

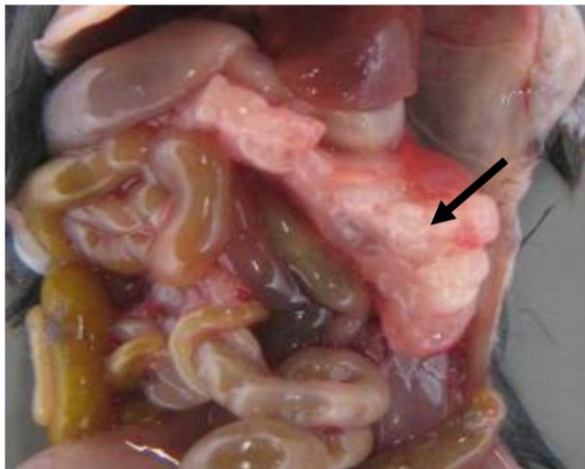
**HYPOTHESIS: MIF Enhances Pancreatic Cancer Progression**



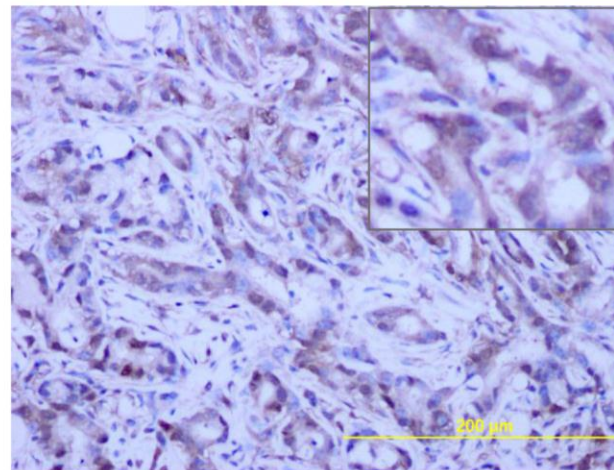
## Pancreatic Tumors in KPC Mice Express a High Level of MIF

(KPC: KRAS<sup>G12D</sup>; P53<sup>R172H</sup>; Pdx-1-Cre)

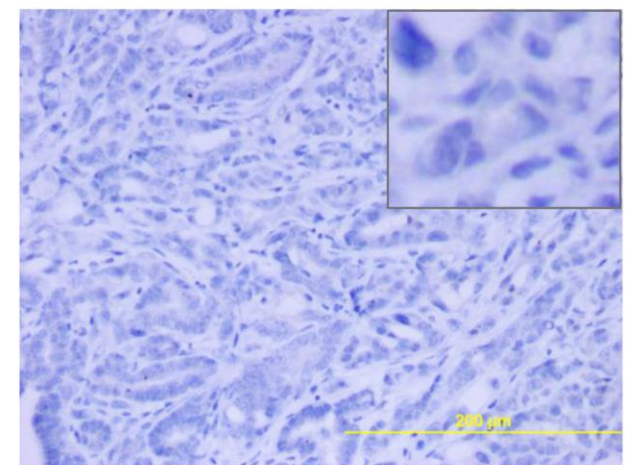
**MIF Immunostaining**



KPC



KPC



KPC/MIF<sup>-/-</sup>



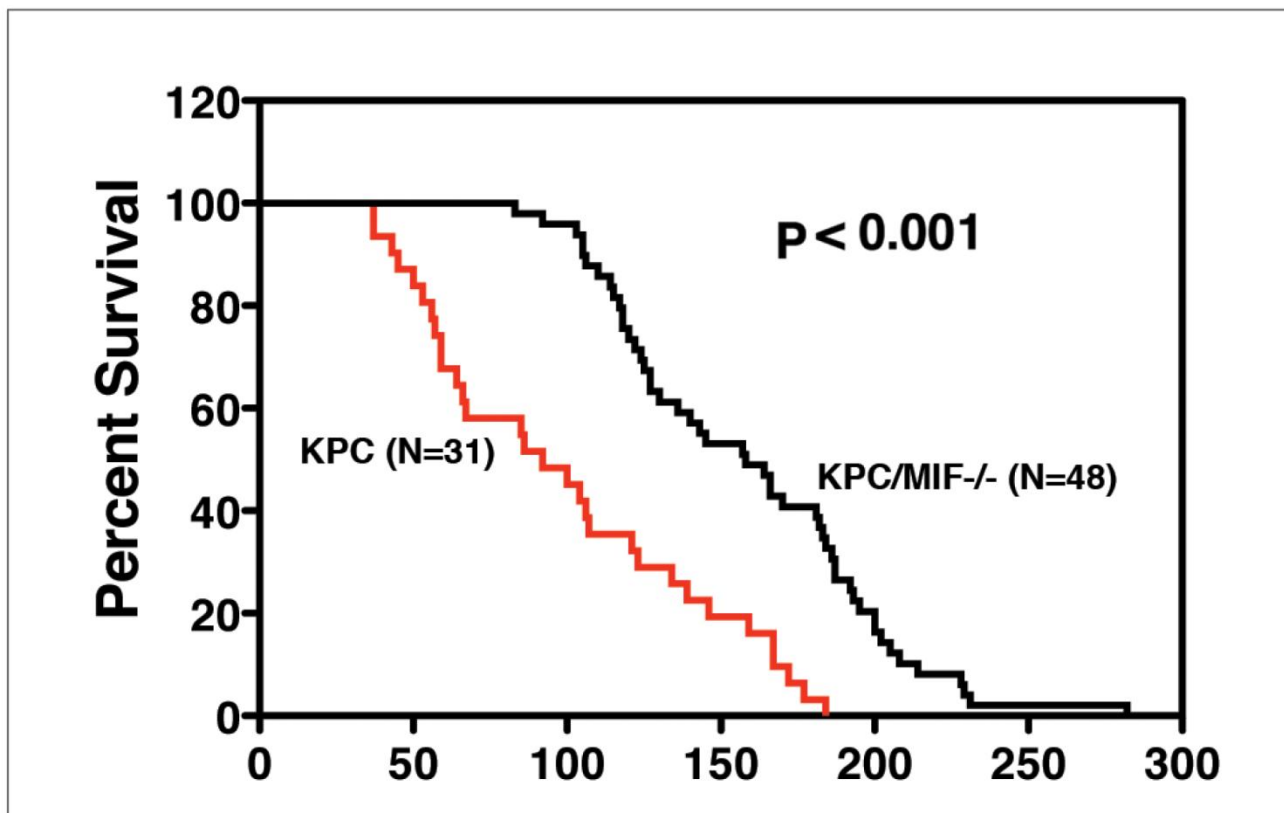
# MIF and cancer progression

## Ongoing Study

### HYPOTHESIS: MIF Enhances Pancreatic Cancer Progression



## MIF-Deficient KPC Mice Show Longer Survival





# SUMMARY

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- A higher MIF expression is associated with poor outcome in PDAC patients.
- MIF induces EMT in pancreatic cancer cell lines.
- MIF enhances growth and metastasis of tumor xenografts in mice.
- MIF-deficiency increases survival in KPC mice with lethal PDAC.
- MIF may be a candidate target for designing improved treatment.



# Pancreatic Tumor Biology

Understanding Pancreatic Tumor Biology is Key to Improving Disease Outcome

