



# PET Imaging of Cancer Biomarkers

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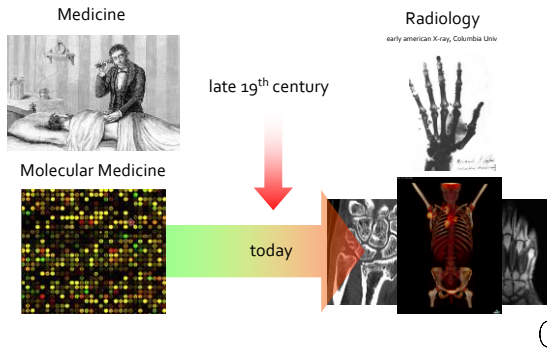
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## Evolution of Radiology




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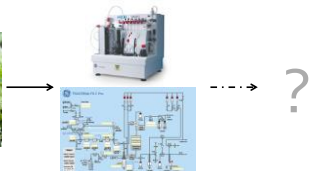
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### Radiosynthesis of $^{11}\text{C}$ compounds ( $T_{1/2} = 20.4 \text{ min}$ )



~1975 -  $^{14}\text{C}$ -glucose was prepared by photosynthesis using Swiss chard leaves. Mashed up, extracted and a "green solution" injected into humans



2012 -  $^{11}\text{C}$ -glucose is prepared by a "black box" automated versatile synthesizer producing drugs ready for human use

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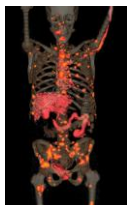
### Targeted Imaging – Frontiers of Diagnosis



$^{99}\text{Tc}$  – Bone Scan



$^{18}\text{F}$ -FDG PET/CT  
Glycolysis



$^{18}\text{F}$ -FDHT PET/CT  
Androgen Receptor

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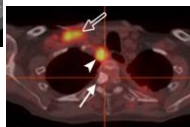
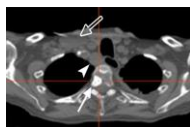
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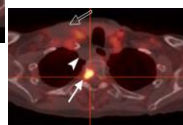
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### Prostate Cancer: Revealing Heterogeneous Biology of Tumor Metastasis



$^{18}\text{F}$ -FDG PET/CT



$^{18}\text{F}$ -FDHT PET/CT

S. Larson, J. Fox, M. Morris et al.,

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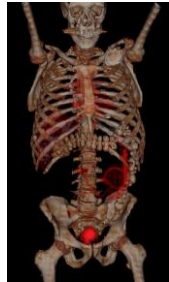
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### $^{18}\text{F}$ -FDHT PET/CT: Predictive and Targeted Response Biomarker



$^{18}\text{F}$ -FDHT PET/CT  
Baseline



$^{18}\text{F}$ -FDHT PET/CT  
4 wks after MDV3100

Hricak, Radiology 2010

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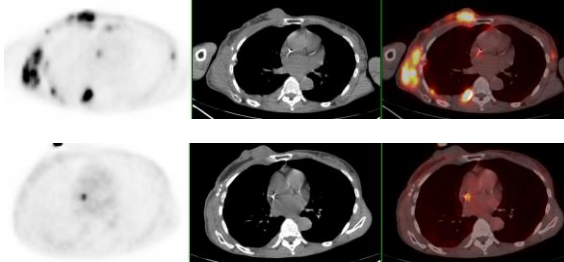
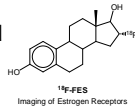
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### $^{18}\text{F}$ -FES PET/CT: Predictive and Targeted Response Biomarker ER+ breast cancer patients?




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Confirmed full  
target occupancy  
~20 hours  
post dose



Courtesy of Drs. Dickler, Ulaner et al.,

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### <sup>18</sup>F-FDHT PET/CT: Predictive and Targeted Response Biomarker



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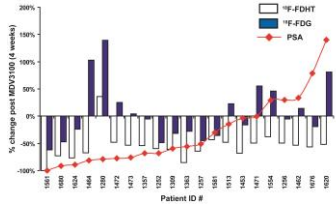


<sup>18</sup>F-FDHT PET/CT  
4 wks after MDV3100



### Rationale for Developing a Biomarker of AR Pathway Activity

Changes in FDHT binding post MDV3100 are **not uniformly associated with clinical response** or other response indicators



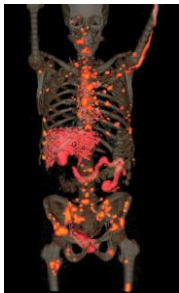
FDHT is a radioligand for AR that **measures receptor occupancy** by PET

Each bar represents % change in FDHT uptake post MDV3100 for one pt

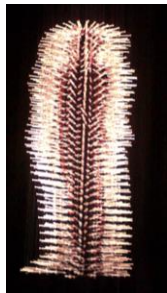
Scher, Morris, Fox, Larson et al.,



### Intra/Inter Tumoral Heterogeneity - Challenge to Precision Medicine: Can we/should we biopsy each and every lesion ?



<sup>18</sup>F-FDHT PET/CT



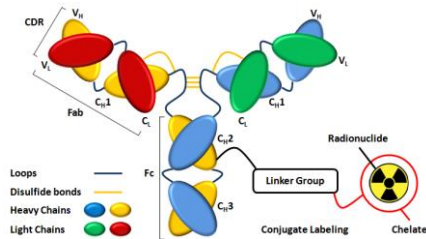
Grace Cathedral, San Francisco

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## Radiopharmaceuticals

- Agents
  - Small molecules
  - Peptides
  - Monoclonal antibodies

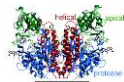


Radiopharmaceutical	Imaging Target	Cancer Site	Human studies
<b>Small Molecules (Imaging)</b>			
[ <sup>18</sup> F]-FLT	tumor cell proliferation	Lymphoma, prostate, H&N, NSCLC	MSKCC IND
[ <sup>18</sup> F]-FES	estrogen receptor status	Breast	MSKCC IND
[ <sup>18</sup> F]-FDHT	androgen receptor	Prostate	MSKCC IND
[ <sup>18</sup> F]-FMISO	tumor oxygenation	Head & Neck, Rectal	MSKCC IND
[ <sup>18</sup> F]-FACBC	amino acid metabolism	Breast, Prostate, Brain	RDRCO/GENS IND
[ <sup>18</sup> F]-FAU	gene expression	Prostate	MSKCC IND
[ <sup>18</sup> F]-ML10	imaging apoptosis	Breast, NSCLC, H&N	Non-MSKCC IND
[ <sup>18</sup> F]-desferib	tyrosine kinases	Prostate, Breast	MSKCC IND
[ <sup>18</sup> F]-glutamine	tumor metabolism	All solid malignancies	MSKCC IND
[ <sup>18</sup> F]-ATSM	tumor oxygenation	Uterine Cervix, Rectal	ACRIN
[ <sup>18</sup> F]-M2GP	tumor oxygenation	Rectal	MSKCC IND
[ <sup>125</sup> I]-FAU	gene expression	Prostate	MSKCC IND
Na [ <sup>125</sup> I]	Na Iodide Symporter	Thyroid	MSKCC IND
[ <sup>125</sup> I]-PUH71	HSP-90	All solid malignancies and lymphoma	MSKCC IND
<b>Antibodies and Fragments (Imaging)</b>			
[ <sup>125</sup> I]-Her2 (Fab')	HER2	Breast	MSKCC IND
[ <sup>125</sup> I]-DOTA-trastuzumab	HER2	Breast	MSKCC IND
[ <sup>125</sup> I]-A33	A33 antigen	Colon	MSKCC IND
[ <sup>125</sup> I]-3F8	disialoganglioside GD2	Neuroblastoma (pediatrics)	MSKCC IND
[ <sup>125</sup> I]-B19	B19 antigen	Multiple tumors e.g. Leptomeninges (pediatrics)	MSKCC IND
[ <sup>125</sup> I]-G250	CA9 antigen	Renal	MSKCC IND
[ <sup>125</sup> I]-DFO-huB51	PSMA	Prostate	MSKCC IND
[ <sup>125</sup> I]-Trastuzumab	HER2	Breast	MSKCC IND
[ <sup>125</sup> I]-DFO-MSTP2109A	PSMA	Prostate	MSKCC IND
[ <sup>125</sup> I]-DFO-J4B2M	PSMA	Prostate	ImaginAb/MSKCC IND
[ <sup>125</sup> I]-DOTA-G250	CA9 antigen	Renal	UCR IND
<b>Antibodies and Fragments (Therapy)</b>			
[ <sup>125</sup> I]-DOTA-G250	CA9 antigen	Renal	UCR IND
[ <sup>125</sup> I]-B19	B19 antigen	Multiple tumors e.g. Leptomeninges (pediatrics)	MSKCC IND
[ <sup>125</sup> I]-3F8	disialoganglioside GD2	Neuroblastoma (pediatrics)	MSKCC IND
[ <sup>125</sup> I]-Ac-trastuzumab	Anti-CD33	Acute Myeloid Leukemia	MSKCC IND
<b>Nanoparticles (Imaging)</b>			
[ <sup>125</sup> I]-Cdor nanoparticles	ovB3	Melanoma	MSKCC IND



## Prostate Specific Membrane Antigen

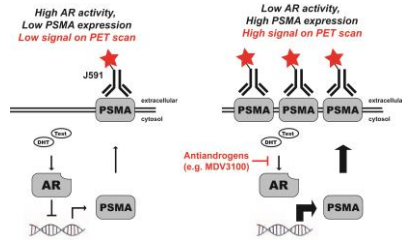
- Folate hydrolase (FOLH1); 100 kDa
- Type 2 transmembrane glycoprotein, 750 amino acids
- Present in salivary glands and small intestines
- Prostate cancer and non-prostatic solid tumor neovasculature (i.e. bladder, pancreas, lung, kidney)
- FDA-approved <sup>223</sup>Ln-7E11 (intracellular epitope, low sensitivity for viable tumor sites)



Davis M.I. et al. PNAS 2006;102:5981-5986  
Haffner, M.C. Modern Pathology (2012) 25, 1079-1085



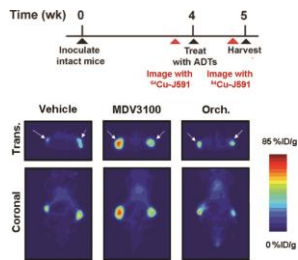
## Evaluating J591 as a Biomarker of Response to AR Pathway Directed Inhibitors in PCa



Evans, MJ et al PNAS (2011) 108, 23:9578-82



## Pharmacologically Triggered Elevations in PSMA Expression can be Measured by PET with J591



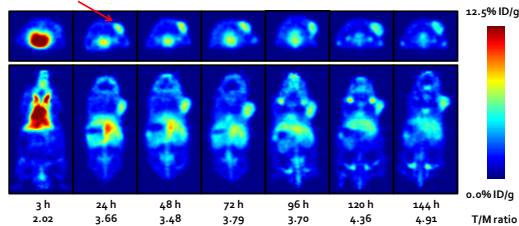
The white arrows indicates the positions of the LNCaP-AR tumors



## $^{89}\text{Zr}$ -DFO-J591 for ImmunoPET

PET imaging using a PSMA -ve control

PC-3 (PSMA -ve)



■ ImmunoPET images recorded in a male athymic, *nu/nu* mouse with sub-cutaneous PC-3 tumors (70 – 90 mm<sup>3</sup>)

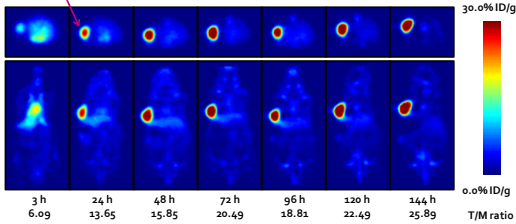
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**<sup>89</sup>Zr-DFO-J591 for ImmunoPET**

PET imaging using a PSMA +ve tumors

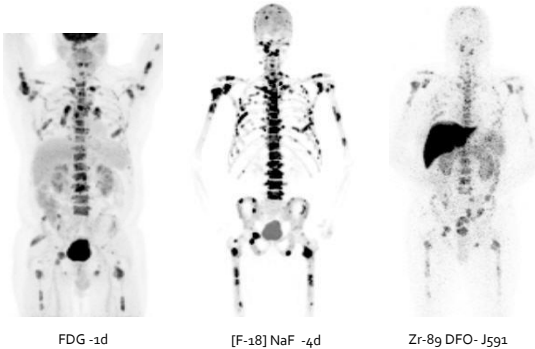
LNCaP (PSMA +ve)



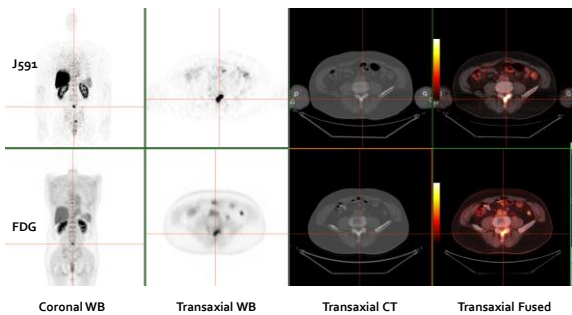
- ImmunoPET images recorded in a male athymic, *nu/nu* mouse with sub-cutaneous LNCaP tumors (50 – 250 mm<sup>3</sup>)  
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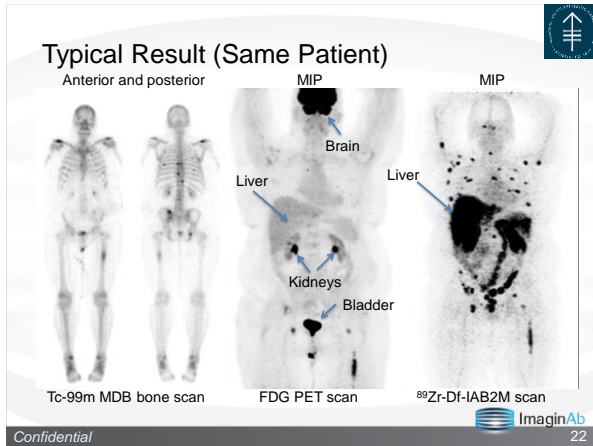


**PET Imaging of Prostate Cancer**



**Zr-89 J591 @ 7 days pi  
Castrate Resistant Prostate Cancer**






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### Imaging Androgen Receptor Signaling with a Radiotracer Targeting Free Prostate Specific Antigen

David Ulmert, Michael J. Evans, Jason P. Holland, Samuel L. Rice, John Wongvipat, Kim Pettersson, Per-Anders Abrahamsson, Peter T. Scardino, Steven M. Larson, Hans Lilja, Jason S. Lewis, and Charles L. Sawyers

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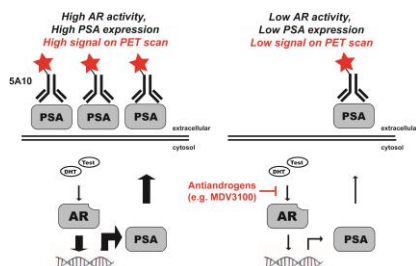
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### Evaluating 5A10 as a Biomarker of Response to AR Pathway Directed Inhibitors in PCa



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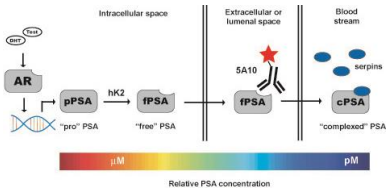
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## Rationale for the Development of $^{89}\text{Zr}$ -5A10

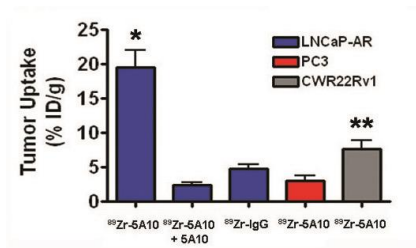


Our central hypothesis is that targeting a form of PSA **more closely related to AR activity** may enhance the diagnostic value of PSA expression changes

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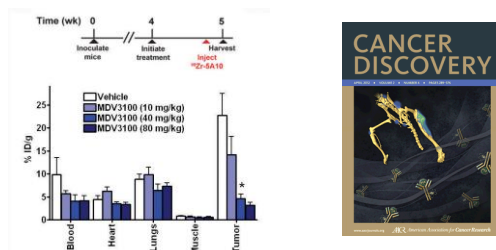
## Evaluating 5A10 as a Biomarker of Response to AR Pathway Directed Inhibitors in PCa



- Intact male mice bearing the indicated tumor were treated with  $^{89}\text{Zr}$ -5A10
- Tumors were analyzed ex vivo 24 h post injection of radiotracer
- \* $P < 0.01$ ; \*\* $P < 0.05$



## $^{89}\text{Zr}$ -5A10 Quantitatively Measures AR Inhibition by an Antiandrogen in PCa xenografts

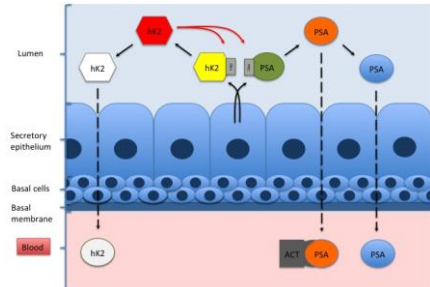


- Castrate male mice with LNCaP-AR tumors were treated for 7 d with MDV3100
- Tumors were harvested 24 h post injection of  $^{89}\text{Zr}$ -5A10
- \* $P < 0.01$  compared to vehicle

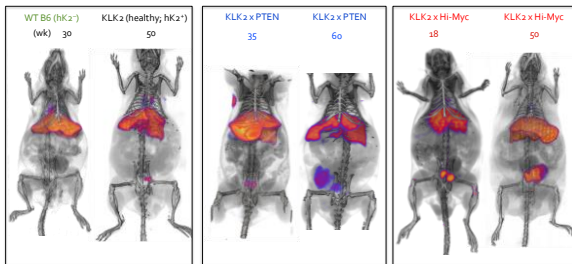
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### hK2 is an AR-Governed Kallikrein that is Abundantly Expressed in Healthy and Malignantly Transformed Prostatic Tissues



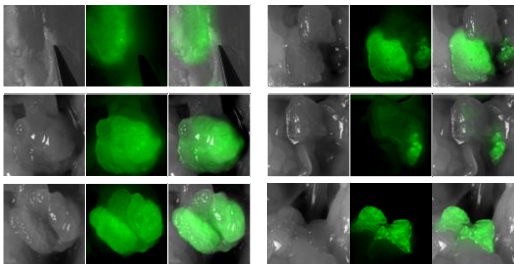
### Can $^{89}\text{Zr}$ -11B6 localize and demarcate normal and cancerous prostatic tissue in GEM models?



David Ulmert, Daniel Thorek *et al.*,



### Cy5.5-11B6 Fluorescence Guided Surgery



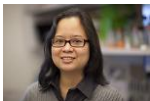
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## Applying PET to Broaden the Diagnostic Utility of the Clinically Validated CA19.9 Serum Biomarker for Oncology

Nerissa Therese Viola-Villegas, Samuel L. Rice, Sean Carlin, Xiaohong Wu, Michael J. Evans, Kuntal Sevak, Marija Drobnjak, Govind Ragupathi, Ritsuko Sawada, Wolfgang W. Scholz, Philip O. Livingston, Jason S. Lewis

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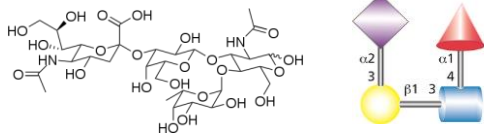
Villegas et al., J Nucl Med 2013 54:1876-1882





### What is CA19.9?

- Supports selectin-dependent adhesion
- Carbohydrate antigen 19.9 (aka: sialyl Lewis-a)
  - Up to 200 copies/cell
  - Attached to as many as 50 proteins
- Elevated in several types of cancer, including PDAC (~90%)



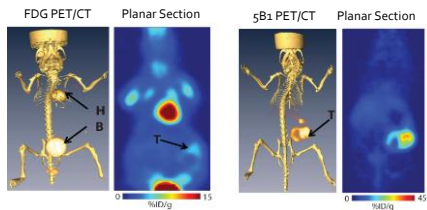
### $^{89}\text{Zr}$ -labeled Fully Human 5B1 Antibody Targeting SLe<sup>a</sup> (CA19.9) Antigen

- SLe<sup>a</sup> or CA19.9
  - serum tumor marker
  - present in pancreas, lung and colorectal lesions
  - aids in metastasis through cell adhesion
- Zr-89 5B1
  - Immunoreactivity: ~ 84 %
  - Specific activity: 12 mCi/mg
  - RCY: > 80 %; RCP: > 99 %
- Tumor models:
  1. DMS79 small lung cancer
  2. Colo205-luc colorectal cancer
  3. BxPC3 pancreas cancer

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### $^{18}\text{F}$ -FDG vs. $^{89}\text{Zr}$ -5B1 PET



$^{89}\text{Zr}$ -5B1 shows better specificity and tumor localization compared to  $^{18}\text{F}$ -FDG.

Villegas et al., J Nucl Med 2013 54:1876-1882



### Ex vivo CA19.9 Serum Values

Tumor type	Animal #	Tumor volume, mm <sup>3</sup>	CA19.9, U/ml
<b>Colo205-luc</b>	M1	269.5	3227
Colorectal Cancer	M2	257.3	2957
	M3	281.3	1318
<b>BxPC3</b>	M1	232.38	N.D.*
Pancreatic Cancer	M2	320.00	N.D.
	M3	220.50	N.D.
<b>DMS79</b>	M1	288.0	N.D.
Small Cell Lung Cancer	M2	245.0	N.D.
	M3	232.4	N.D.
<b>Control</b>	M1	–	3
No tumor	M2	–	3
	M3	–	3

\* Not detected.

<sup>89</sup>Zr-5B1 can detect CA19.9 at the tumor site even when the antigen is undetectable in serum.

Villegas et al., J Nucl Med 2013 54:1876-1882



### Issues with PDAC xenograft models

- Does not accurately mimic tumor microenvironment
  - PDAC is highly stromal and has low vascular density
    - One of the reasons for poor drug (PET agent?) delivery
  - BxPC3 may not be from primary pancreas tumor
    - Lack of K-ras mutation = almost certainly not
  - Not located in or near pancreas
    - Liver uptake cause for concern with mAB PET agents

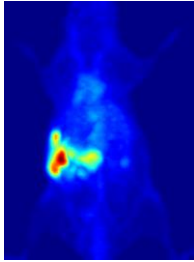


### New cell line and methods for CA19.9 imaging

- CA19.9 is a human antigen not made naturally by mice
  - Mice lack the enzyme necessary for CA19.9 production
- Collaborating with Dr. David Tuveson (CSHL)
  - Development of mouse model expressing CA19.9
  - First step: develop mouse cell line with CA19.9
    - Dr. Danielle Engle (Tuveson Lab)
    - Based on KPC mouse
  - Second step: imaging with novel cell line as proof of concept
    - 2.1: xenograft
    - 2.2: orthotopic pancreas model



### Imaging PDAC (mouse CA19.9 cell line)



MIP -- 24h P.I.

Orthotopic Pancreas Model (14 days)



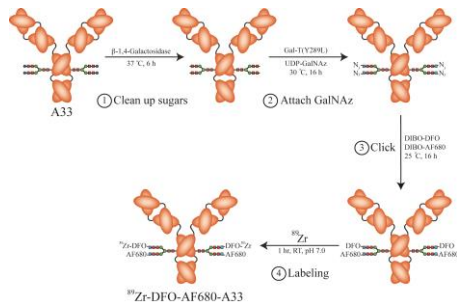
PET/CT of the same mouse



Jake Houghton PhD with Tuveson Lab (CSHL)

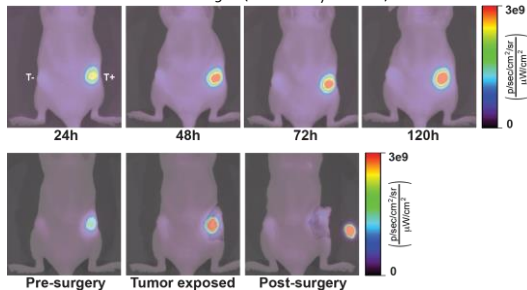


### Site-Specific Labeling of Antibodies Multi-Modality Construction?



### Imaging PDAC – bilateral SubQ nude

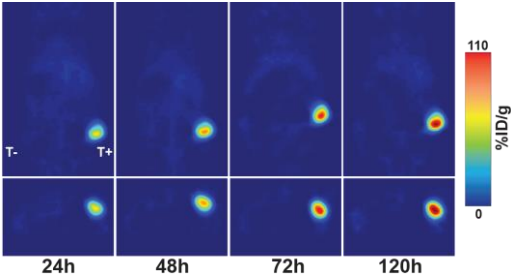
Site-click  $^{89}\text{Zr}$ -DUAL-5B1 (DFO + IRDye800CW)





Imaging PDAC – bilateral SubQ nude

Site-click <sup>89</sup>Zr-dual-5B1



BxPC3 -- Right Flank  
MiaPaCa2 -- Left Flank

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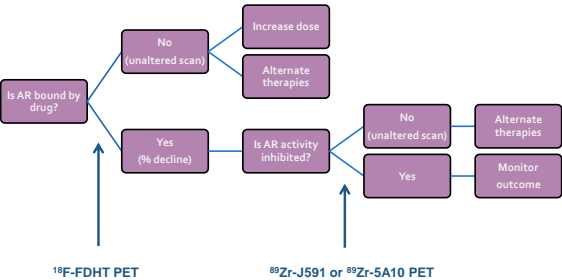
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How Hard are We Hitting the Target?



<sup>18</sup>F-FDHT PET

<sup>89</sup>Zr-J591 or <sup>89</sup>Zr-5A10 PET

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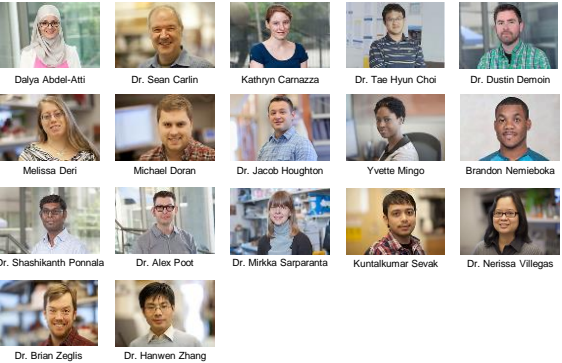
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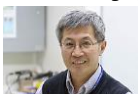
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**A bottle of wine contains more philosophy  
than all the books in the world**  
- Louis Pasteur



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