

CASE STUDY

HOW DO HUMAN GBM-DERIVED TUMORSPHERES TRANSLATE TO AN ORTHOTOPIC INTRACRANIAL MODEL SYSTEM?

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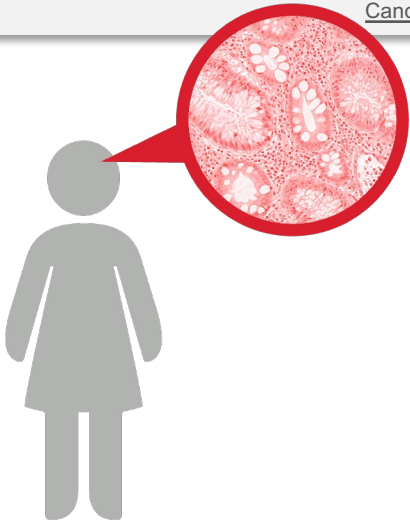
The Need for GBM Therapeutics Remains Unmet

SURVIVAL STATISTICS

Overall survival from diagnosis averaging **<20 mos.**

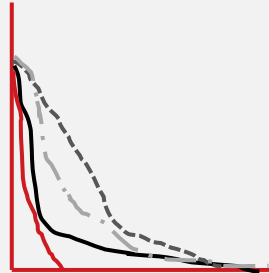
Five-year survival outcomes of **~7%.**

[Cancer.org](https://www.cancer.org)



RESEARCH FACTS

After decades of research, no significant change in survival.



Despite advances with immune checkpoint inhibitors, no significant improvement in survival compared to historical controls.

C.G. Brahm *et al. Cancers*. 2020.

ONE MAJOR CHALLENGE: BBB

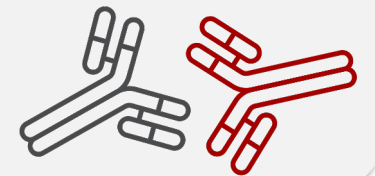
Blood brain barrier (BBB) which protects the brain from potential toxins has limited adequate drug penetration to brain.



D. Wang *et al, Drug Deliv.* 2019.

PROBLEMS FOR IO

The brain is considered “immune privileged” resulting in “cold” tumors.

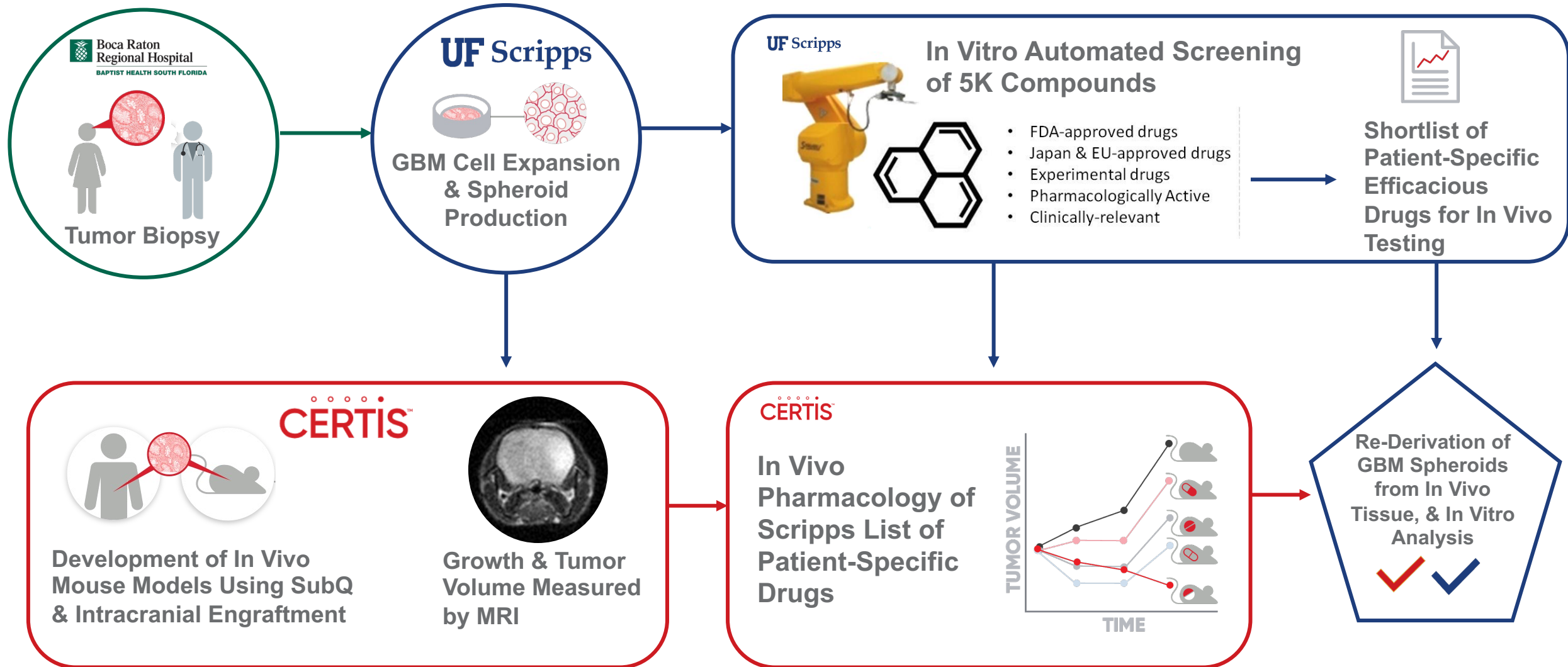


M.G. Harris *et al, Nature*, 2014.



CASE STUDY: Patient Derived GBM Spheroids

Research Goal: Developing Clinically Relevant Research Models for Personalized Medicine



PART 1

In Vitro Pharmacology of Sequential GBM Biopsies From a Single Patient

Case Study: 1 Patient, 3 Resections, A Real-World Model Of GBM Evolution

Clonal Phylogeny



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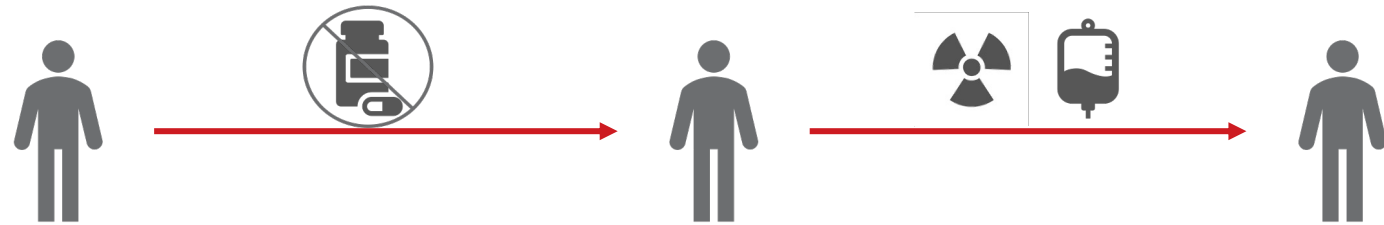
1st Surgery — Dec. 6, 2018
Naive

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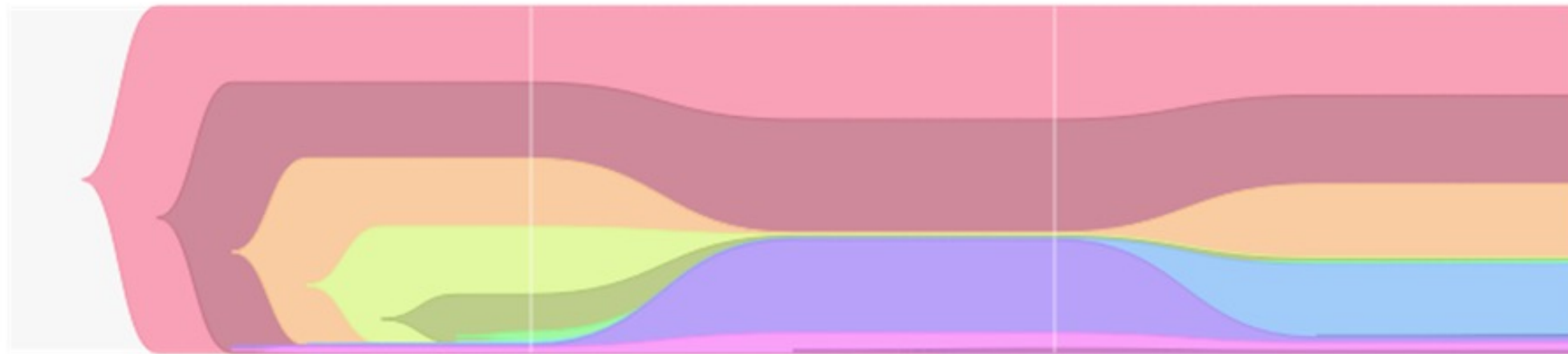
2nd Surgery — March 26, 2019
Naive

BRRH-001C:

3rd Surgery — Dec. 6, 2019
Pretreated with TMZ and IRT



Clonal Prevalence



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BRRH-001B

BRRH-001C

Data courtesy Certis Data Science Team

Glioblastoma Tumor Gene Network Modeling Approach

No therapies have been approved for these specific alterations in GBM

Methylated MGMT Gene Promoter:

- Most likely to respond to chemotherapy (TMZ)



Tumor Has Mutation in BRCA2

- Pathogenic BRCA2 approved drugs in breast and ovarian cancers
- but**
- VUS (variant of unknown significance)

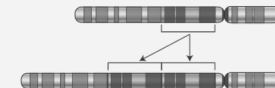


Tumor Has Missense Mutation in TP53

- TP53 is a tumor suppressor gene in most cancer types
- May have oncogenic activity in GBM
- Drugs targeting downstream of TP53 include CDK4/CDK6 inhibitors

Tumor Has EGFR Amplification

- There are many EGFR inhibitors
- but**
- GBM patients generally do not respond to them

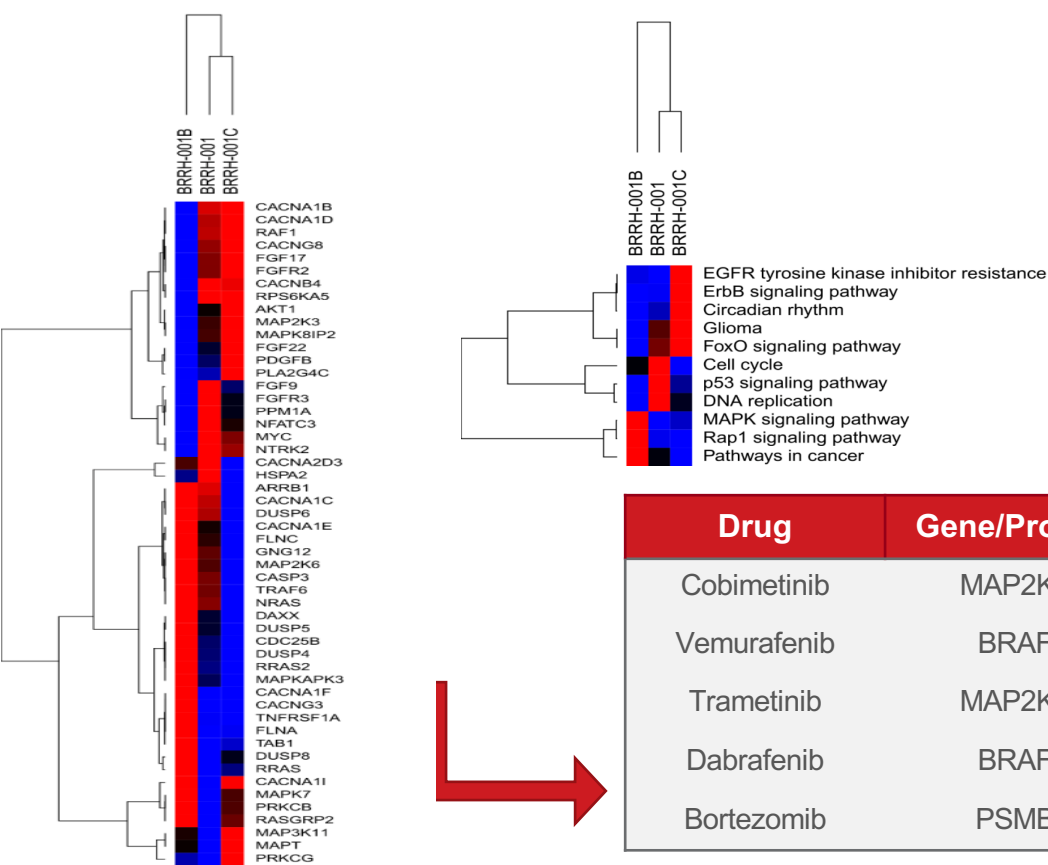


Drug Gene Network Analysis Identified 5 SOC with Potential Efficacy + Synergies

Pathways of Relative Significance



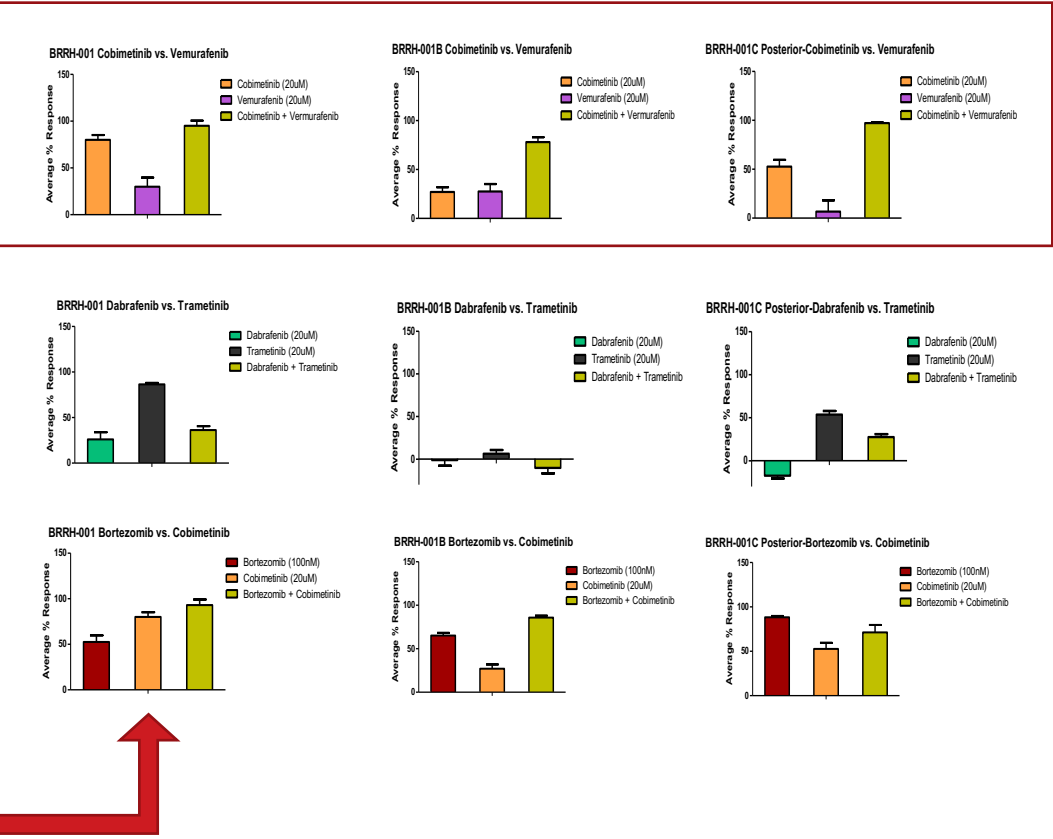
MAPK signaling pathway-Relative Significance



Drug	Gene/Protein
Cobimetinib	MAP2K1
Vemurafenib	BRAF
Trametinib	MAP2K1
Dabrafenib	BRAF
Bortezomib	PSMB

The combination of drug IC50 outcomes with genomic sequencing of the autologous tumors.
(Simina Boca, PhD, at Georgetown University)

Synergy studies following a Chou-Talalay modeling method show clear differences in the response of the combinations of drugs tested across the different samples isolated from the same patient.



PART 2

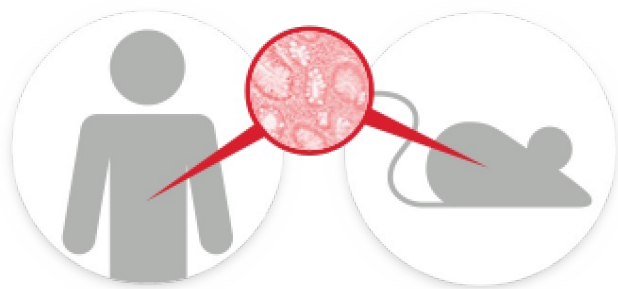
Development of Sub-Q & Intracranial
3D Spheroid-Derived Xenograft Models

&

Proof-of-Concept In Vivo Pharmacology

Personalized In Vivo Pharmacology Studies

STEP ONE: Initiation Study



Does the human donor tissue successfully engraft and grow in mice?

YES

STEP TWO: O-PDX Development & Pharmacology



Mouse avatars are developed orthotopically, then multiple therapeutic options can be simultaneously tested to evaluate tumor response.

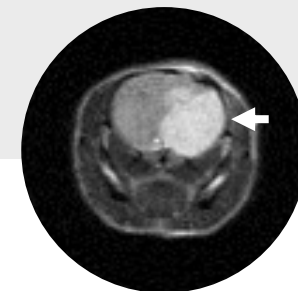


Tumor volumes are measured by MRI



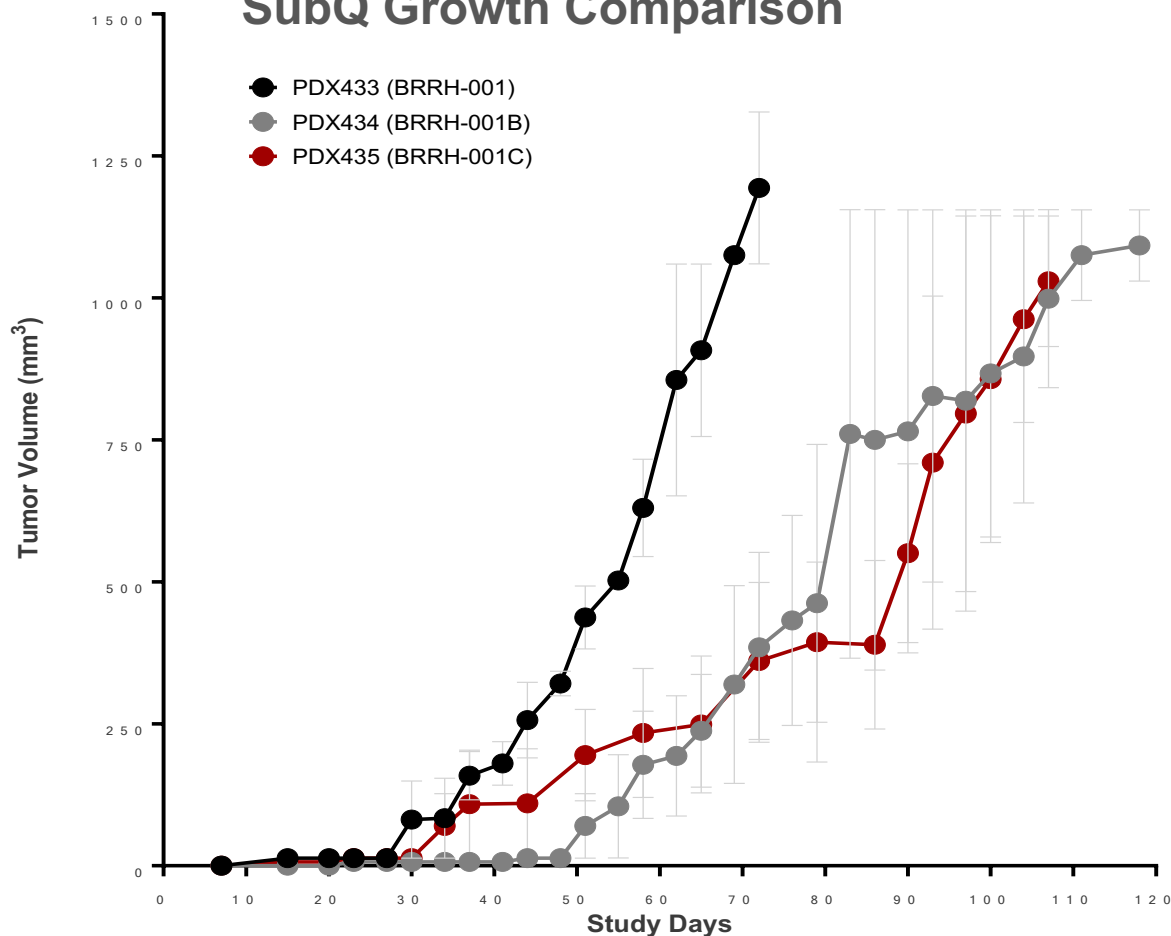
Results inform treatment decisions

Development of Sub-Q & Intracranial GBM Models

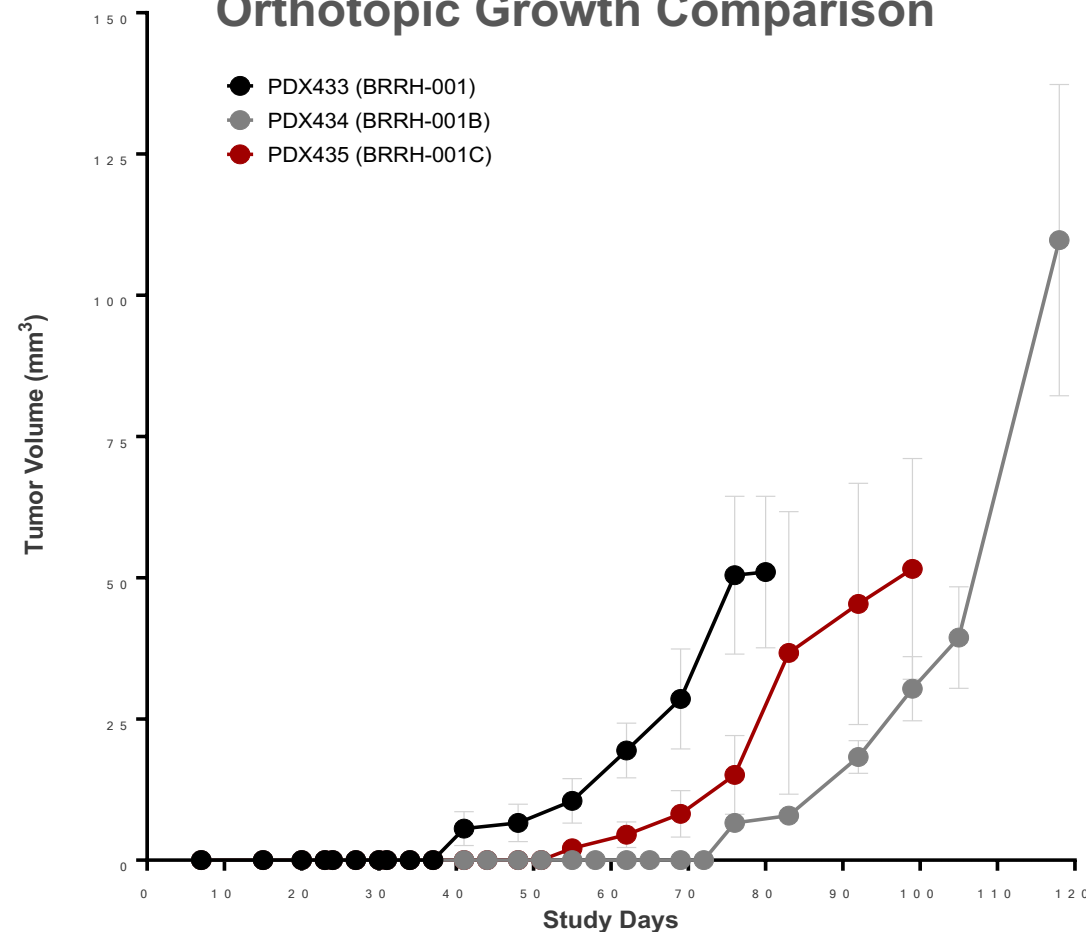


100% Engraftment Rate for Both SubQ & OT Model Builds

SubQ Growth Comparison

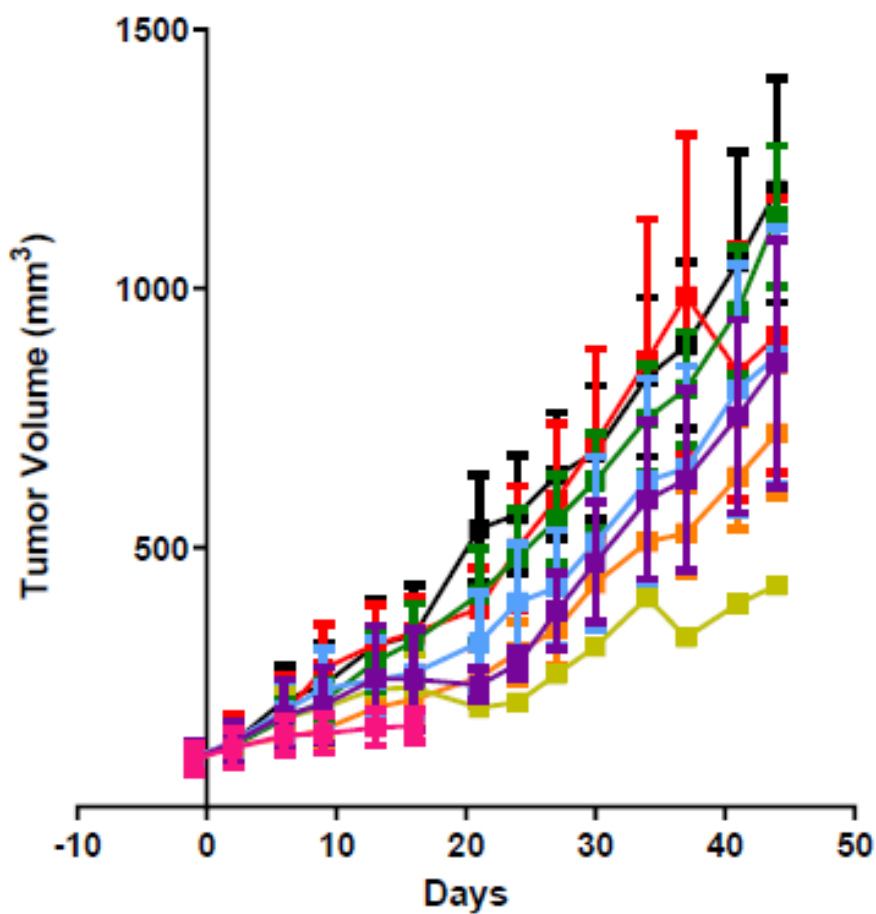


Orthotopic Growth Comparison



In Vivo Pharmacology - Proof of Concept

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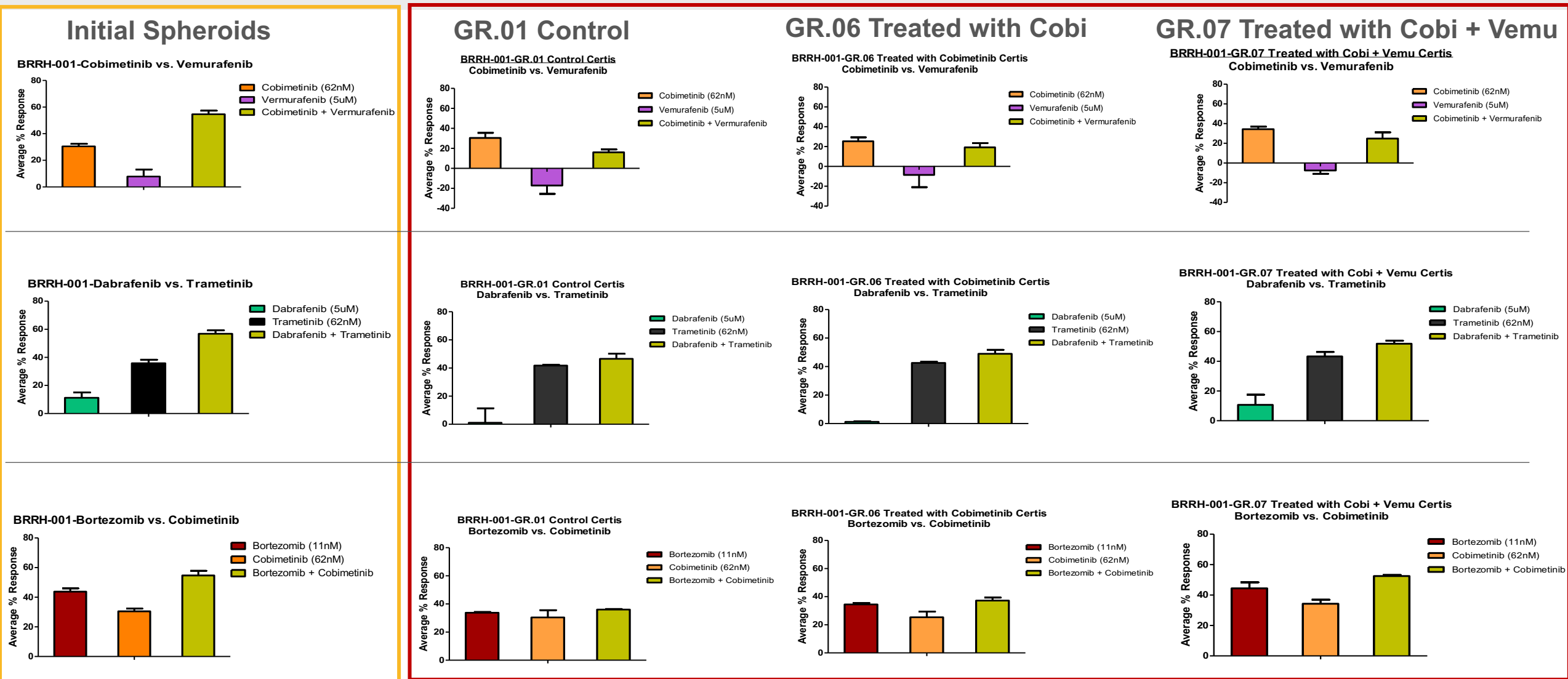


Group	N	Treatment	Dose (mg/kg)	Dose Volume (mL/kg)	Dose ROA	Dose Schedule	Body Weight	Caliper Measurements	MRI
1	6	Vehicle	0	10	PO	QD x 4wks	BIWx4	BIWx4	Pre/Post Tx
2	6	Vemurafenib	10	10	PO	QD x 4wks	BIWx4	BIWx4	Pre/Post Tx
3	6	Cobimetinib	2.5	10	PO	QD x 4wks	BIWx4	BIWx4	Pre/Post Tx
4	6	Vemurafenib + Cobimetinib	10 2.5	5 5	PO	QD x 4wks QD x 4wks	BIWx4	BIWx4	Pre/Post Tx
5	6	Vemurafenib	20	10	PO	QD x 4wks	BIWx4	BIWx4	Pre/Post Tx
6	6	Cobimetinib	5	10	PO	QD x 4wks	BIWx4	BIWx4	Pre/Post Tx
7	6	Vemurafenib + Cobimetinib	20 5	5 5	PO	QD x 4wks QD x 4wks	BIWx4	BIWx4	Pre/Post Tx
8	6	Temozolomide	40	10	IP	QD x 4wks	BIWx4	BIWx4	Pre/Post Tx

PART 3

Reverse Translation of In Vivo Tumors Into 3D Spheroid Cultures & In Vitro Pharmacology Correlations

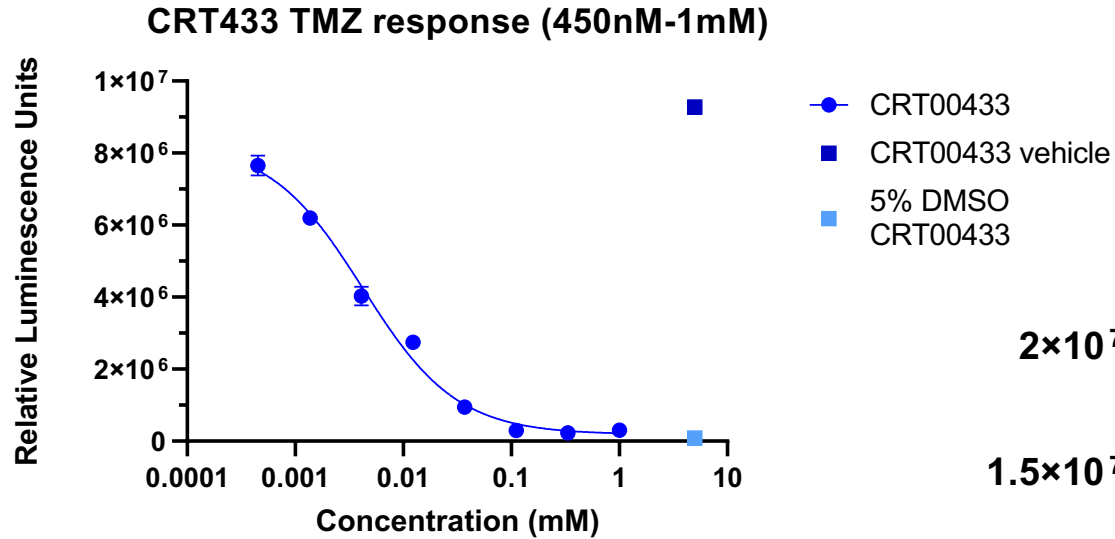
Reverse Translation of In Vivo PDX Tumors Matches Prior In Vitro Results for Some, but Not All Combinations



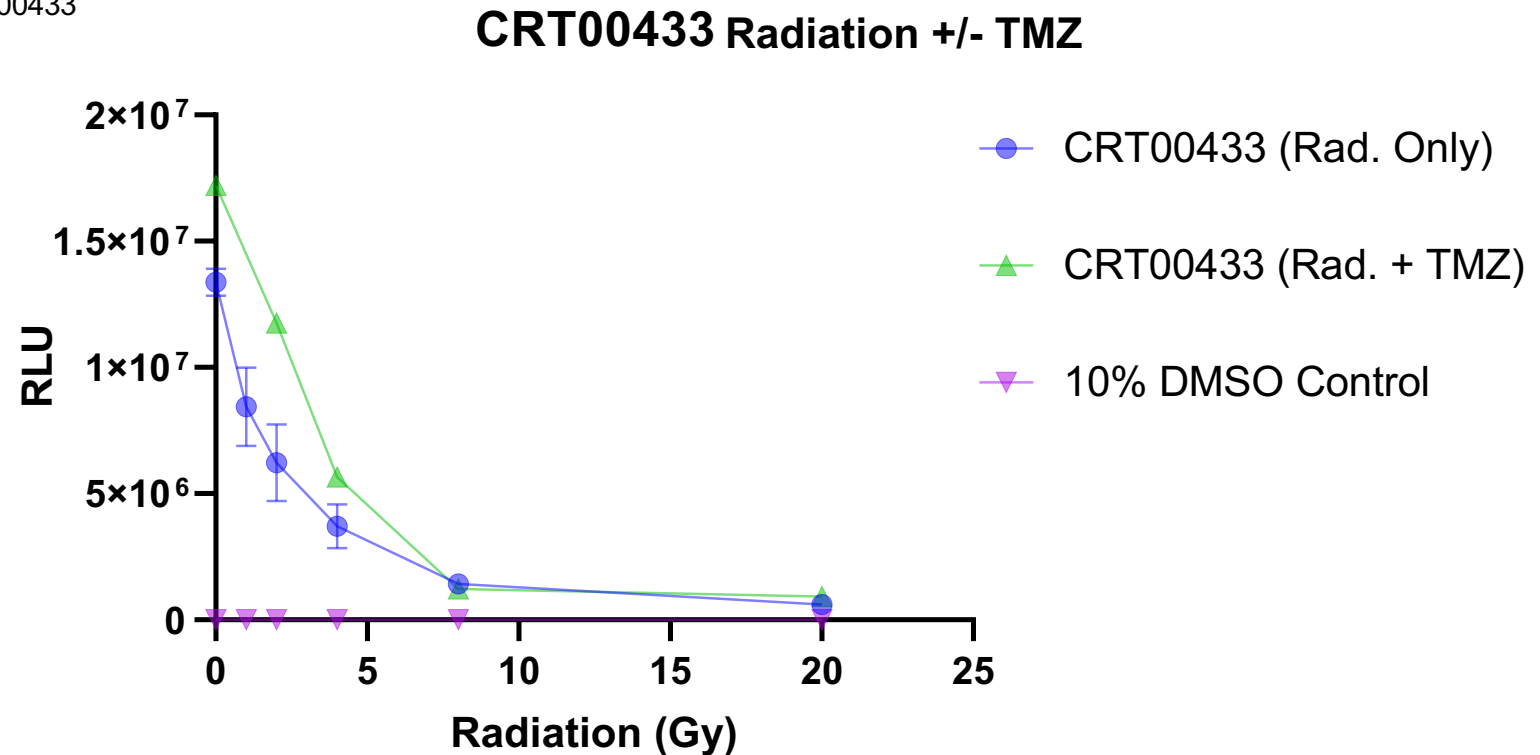


FUTURE DIRECTIONS

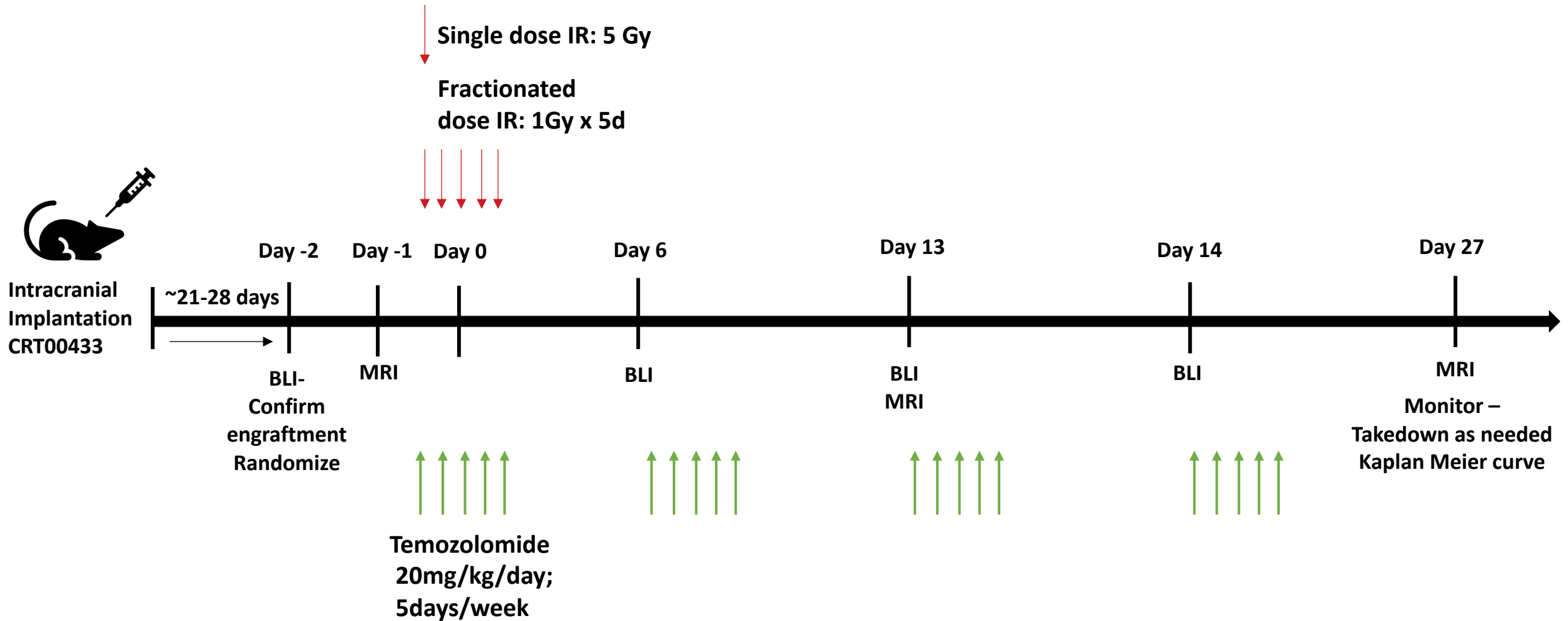
In Vitro Dose Response in Combination with Radiation



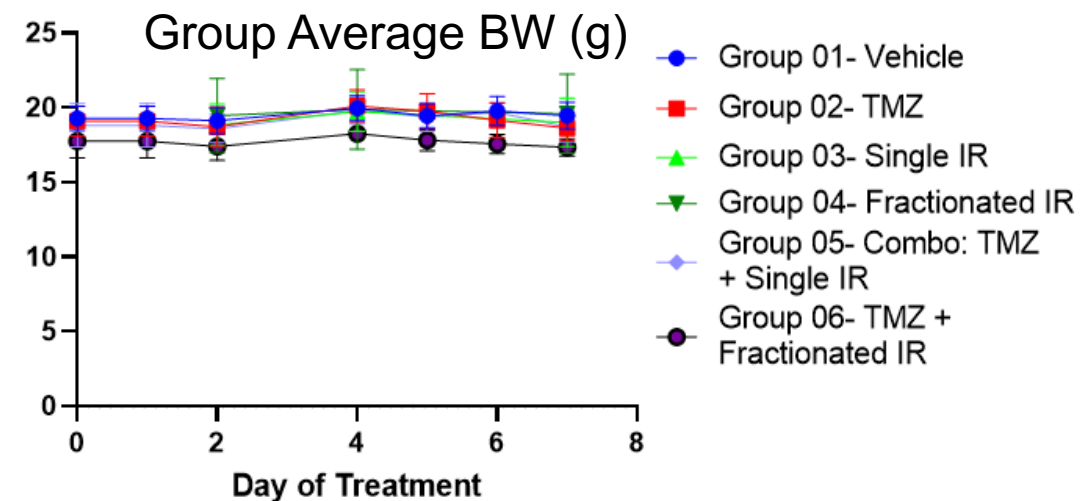
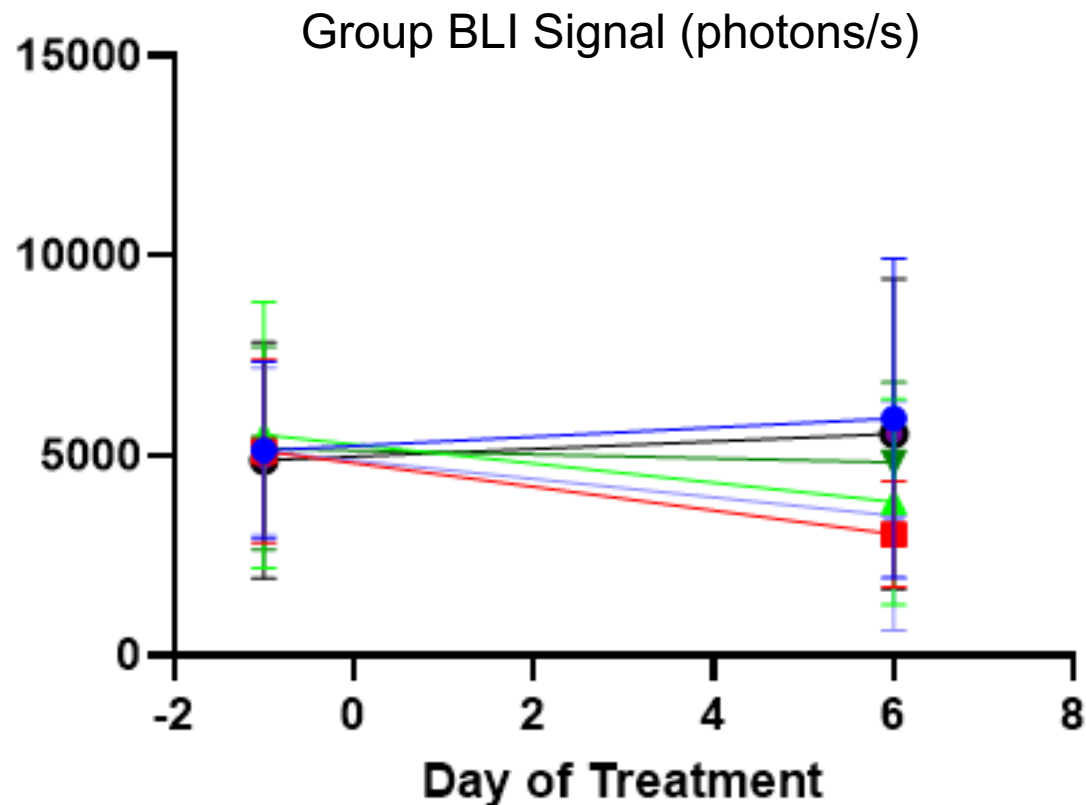
Has potential to be a fast and easy way to screen in vivo!



In Vivo IRT + TMZ Combination Design



Early Data... More to come!



Conclusions

High Throughput Screening of 3D Spheroids

- Rapid
- Cost effective
- Physiologically relevant

Drug-gene network & RNA profiling analysis

can guide us to proposed new drug combinations

DGN predictions

are remarkably effective for predicting in vitro synergy combinations

In vivo translation into animals

has been enabled as a translational proof of concept for in vitro HTS results

Reverse translation in vitro

of in vivo PDX tumors matches prior in vitro results for some, but not all combinations

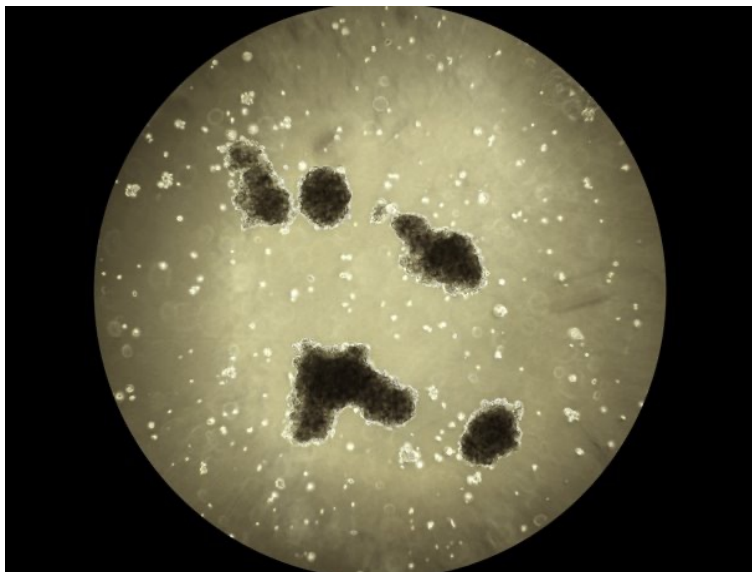
HTS in vitro and in vivo tools

are validated for more testing across GBM and other solid tumors

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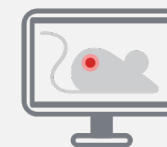
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gene expression results compared to
matched disease-free tissue



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growth curves



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implantation sites



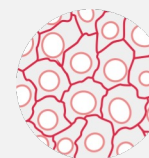
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- RNAseq, WES, Alternative Splicing, Isoform Analysis, GTEx, matched normal analysis

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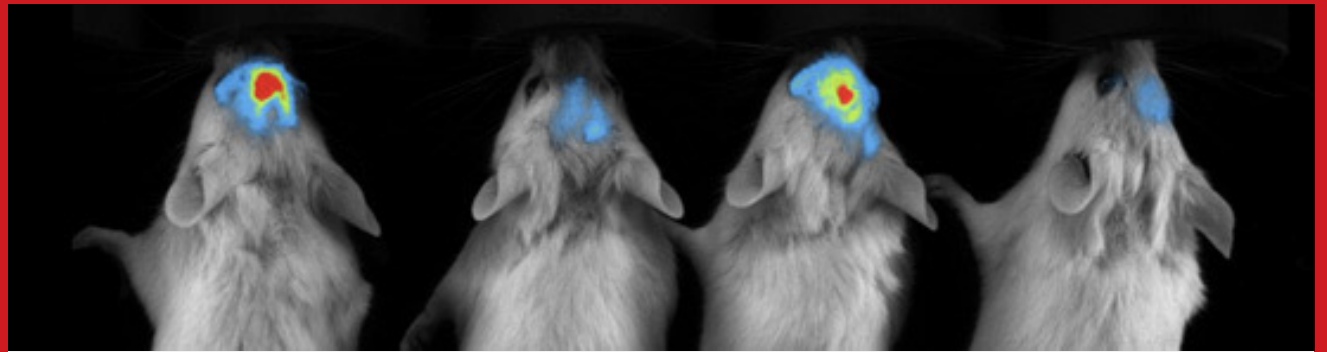
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