

Preclinical study of Chronic radiation cystitis and cell therapy treatment

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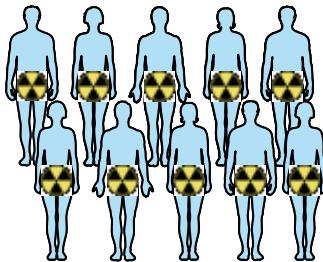
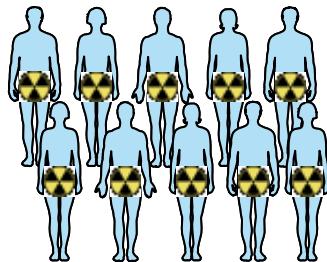


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Acute and chronic radiation cystitis

Population concerned



Pelvic
Radiotherapy



Days- months

Acute complications
40% of patients
Acute radiation cystitis

6 months - 20 years

Chronic complications
5 - 10 % of patients
Chronic radiation cystitis

Mithal et al., 1993
Rigaud et al., 2004

Symptoms and treatment of chronic radiation cystitis

Incontinence



Pain



Hematuria



Decrease the quality of life

No curative treatment
Only symptomatic treatments (hyperbaric oxygen therapy, oral and intra-vesical agents)

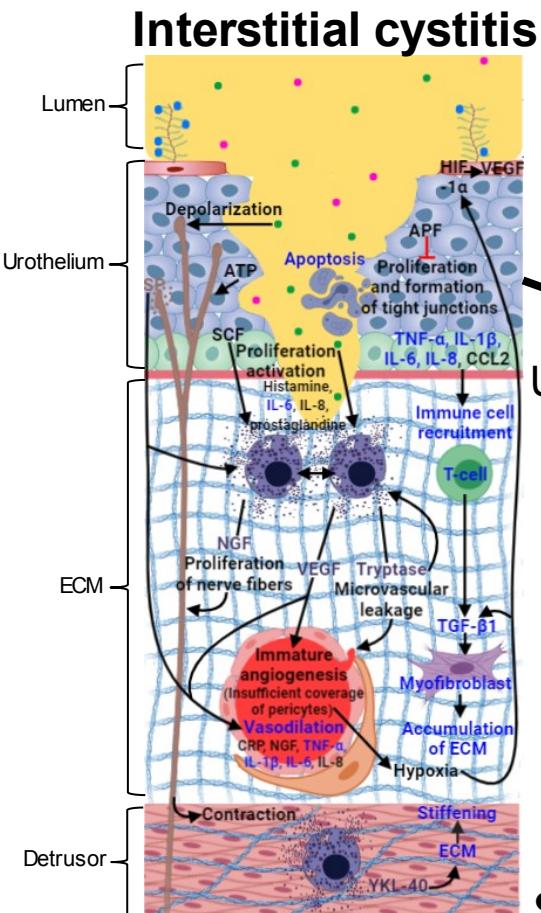
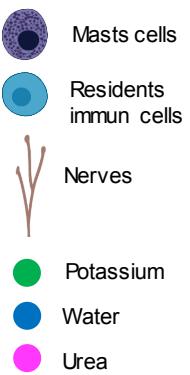
Transient effects that may induce serious complications



Few studies on chronic radiation cystitis
Little known molecular mechanisms

Preclinical research to develop innovative treatments

Similar pathology

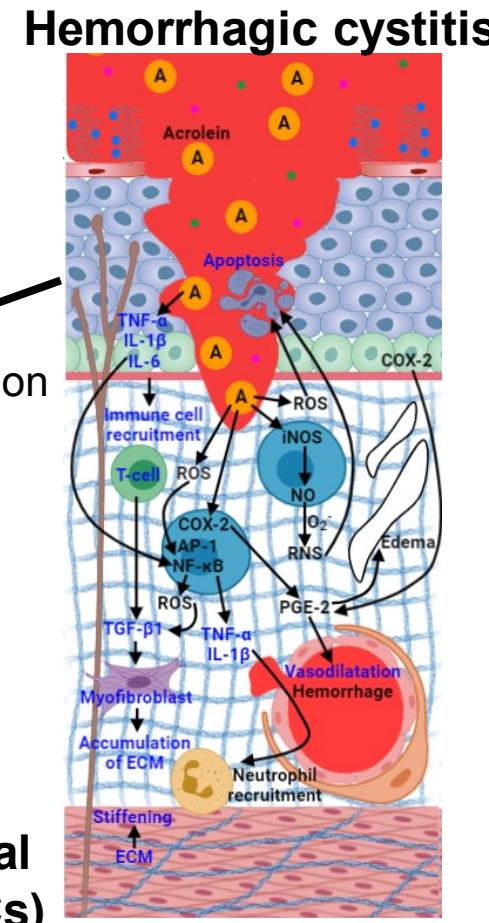


Urothelium dysfunction

Inflammation

Fibrosis

**Ad-Mesenchymal
Stem Cells (MSCs)**



Baygan et al., 2007
Dantas et al., 2010
De Vries and Freiha, 1990
Hu et al., 2003
Korkmaz et al., 2007
Lee et al., 2003

Pre clinical Study:
Song et al., 2015 (IC)
Kim et al., 2016 (IC)

Clinical study:
Cesaro et al., 2003 (HC)
Hassan et al., 2011 (HC)
Ringdén et al., 2007 (HC)



Tissue regeneration



Inflammation



Fibrosis

Hypothesis: MSCs reduced inflammation, fibrosis and increase tissue regeneration in CRC?



Scientific background

Objectives and experimental design

Results

Conclusion

Perspectives

age: 12 weeks
protocol ethics committee: P17-09

Local bladder irradiation in rats with SARRP*



Acute radiation cystitis

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

Irradiated Rats

20-40 Gy
40 Gy
50-80 Gy



Unirradiated Rats



Experimental conditions: 5 rats for each condition and for each euthanasia time.

HES
Red Sirius
immunolabelling

Tissue

Physiological:
Metabolic cage once a month for 24 hours

Transcriptomics

RT-qPCR
(TLDA : Taqman low density array)

* Small Animal Radiation Research Platform

Local bladder irradiation in rats with SARRP*



3 Injections of 5 million MSCs intravenously

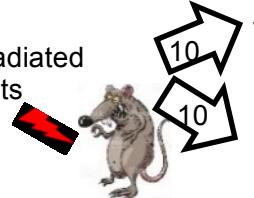
Acute radiation cystitis

Chronic radiation cystitis

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Experimental conditions for each time of euthanasia

Irradiated Rats



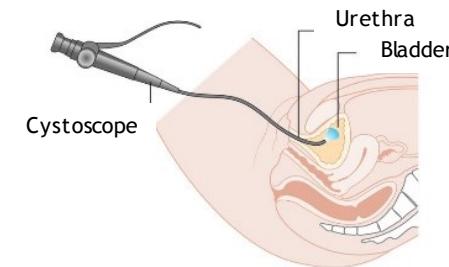
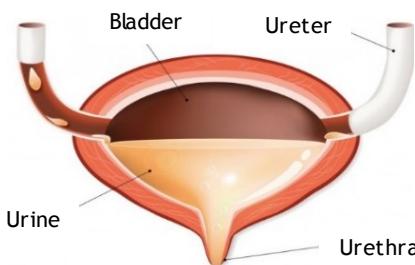
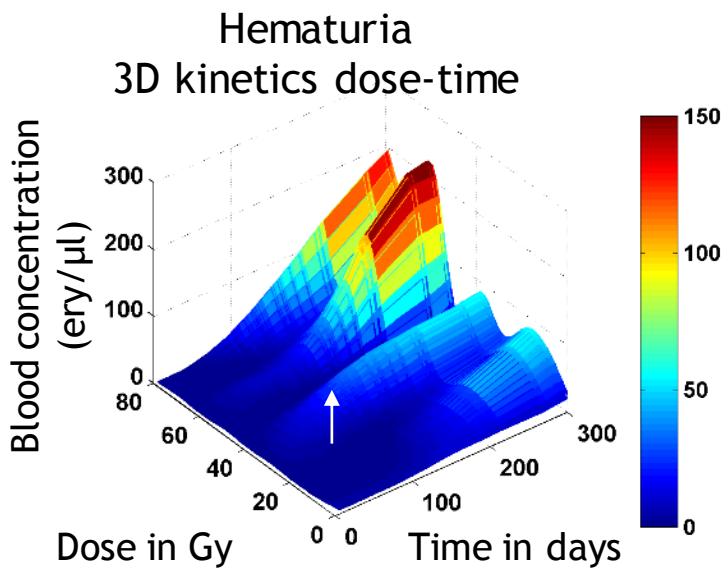
Vehicle
MSC



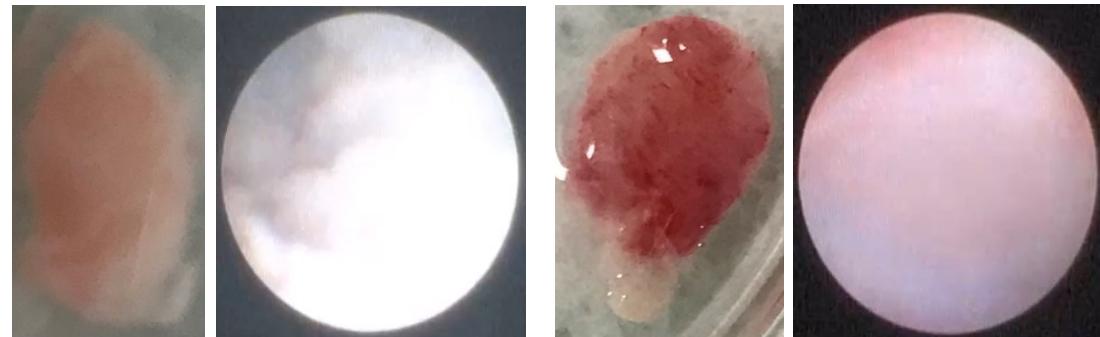
Unirradiated Rats



Hematuria and visualization of the bladder wall by cystoscopy



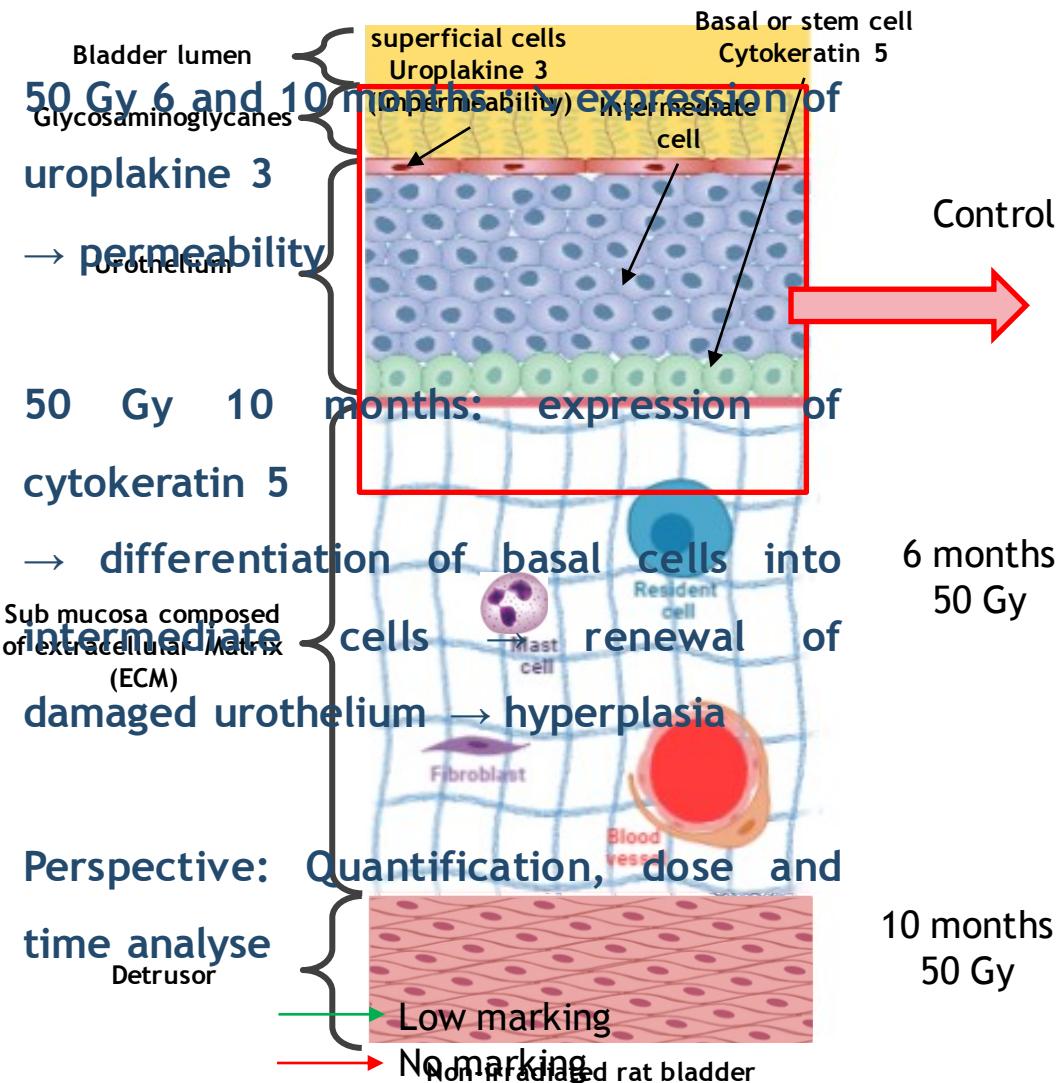
Cystoscopy at 6 months post-irradiation
Non-irradiated Irradiated at 40 Gy



40 Gy :

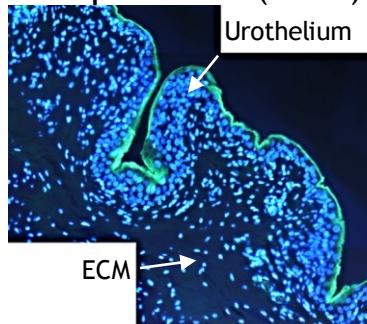
- ↗ hematuria, occurring early
- Vascular lesions at 6 months post-irradiation

Urothelium dysfunction

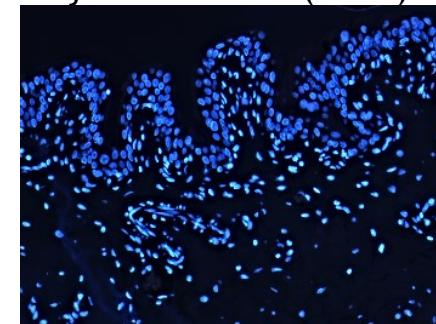
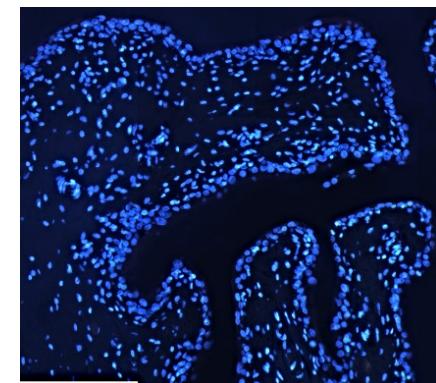
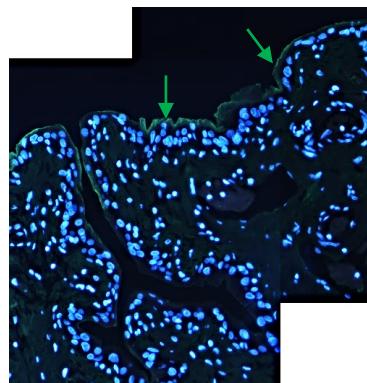
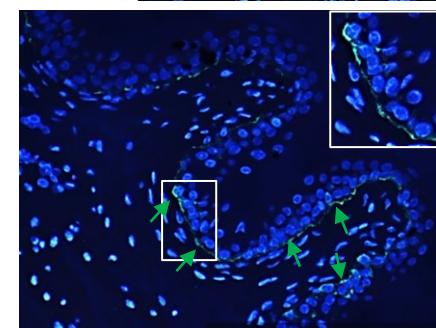
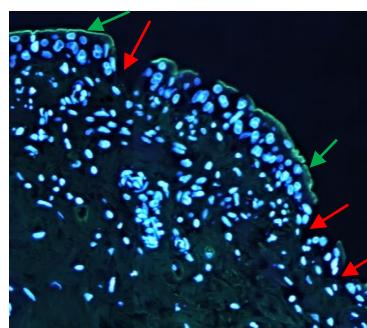


Urothelial differentiation markers

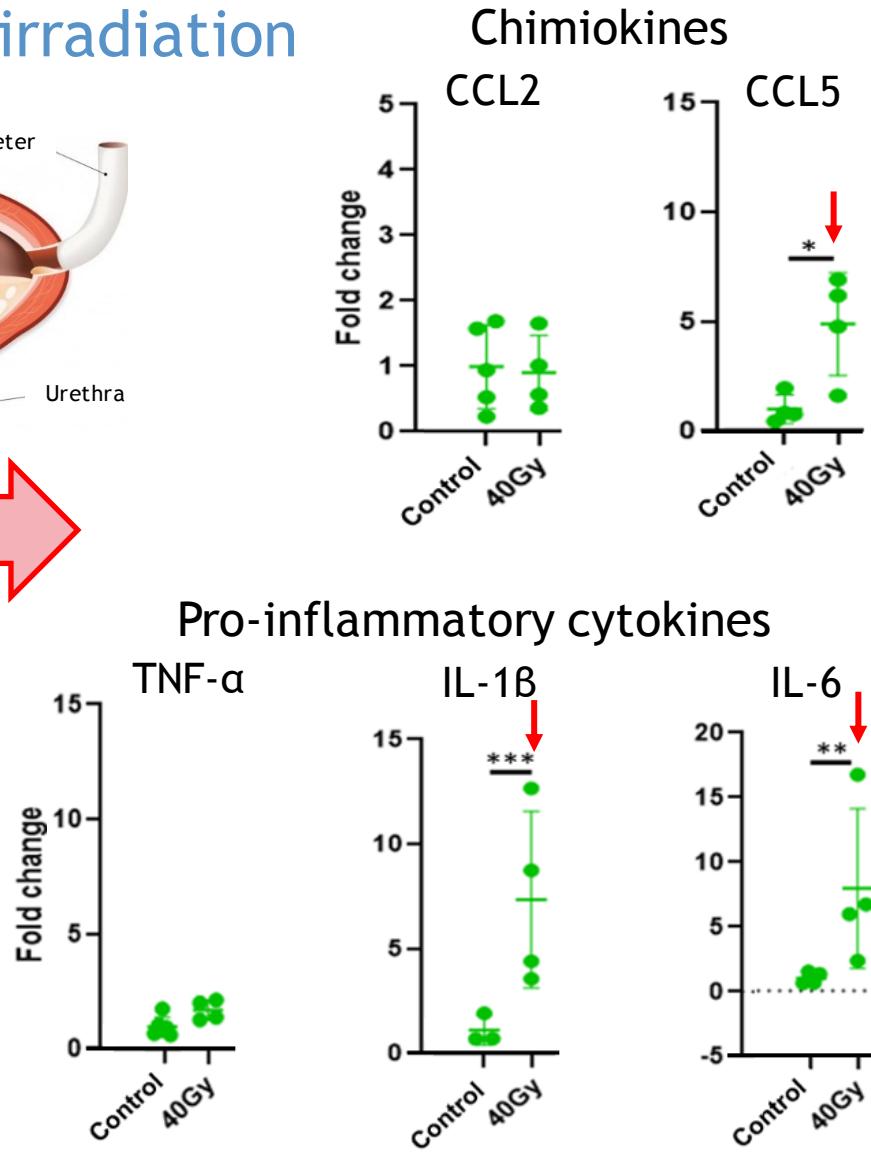
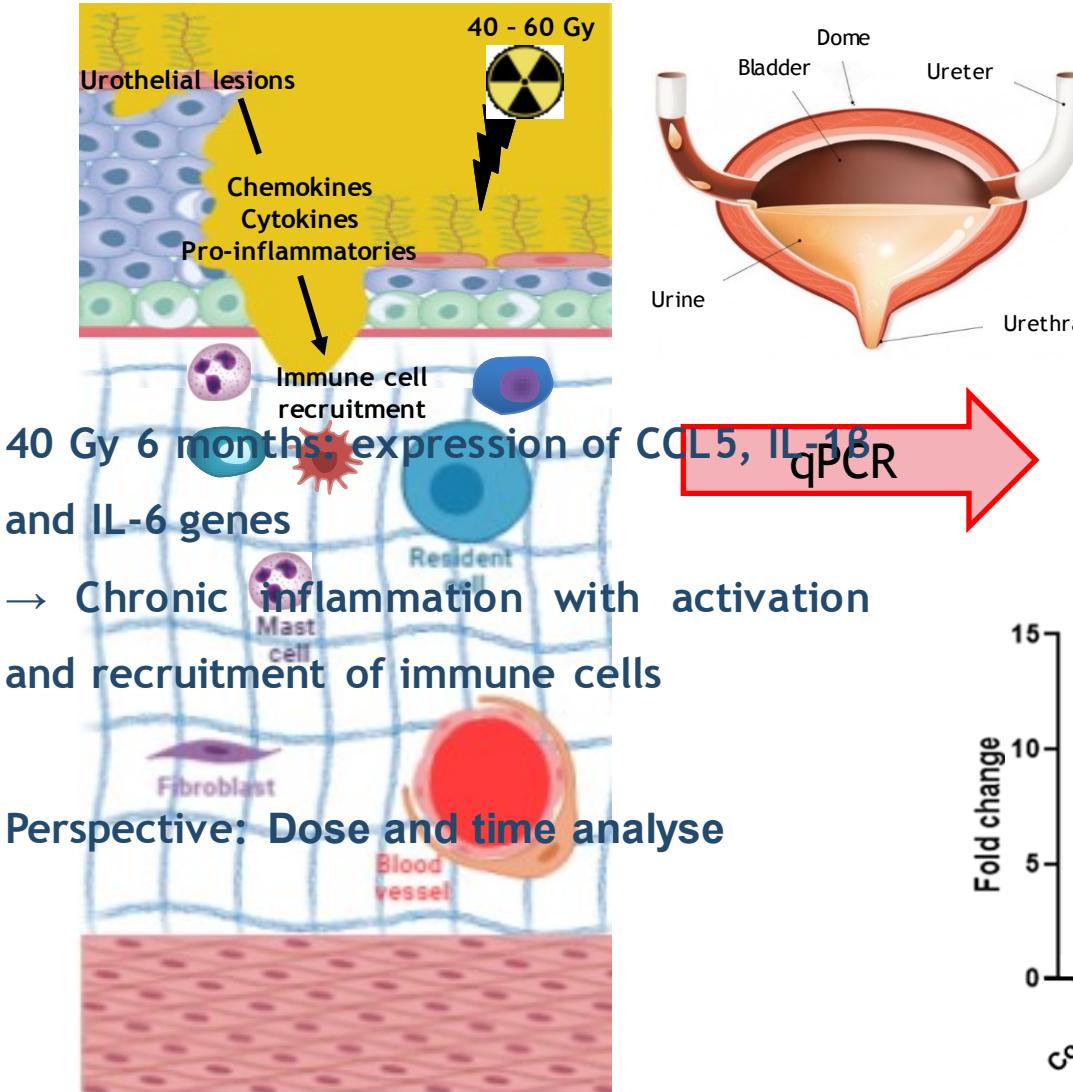
Uroplakine 3 (x200)



Cytokeratine 5 (x200)

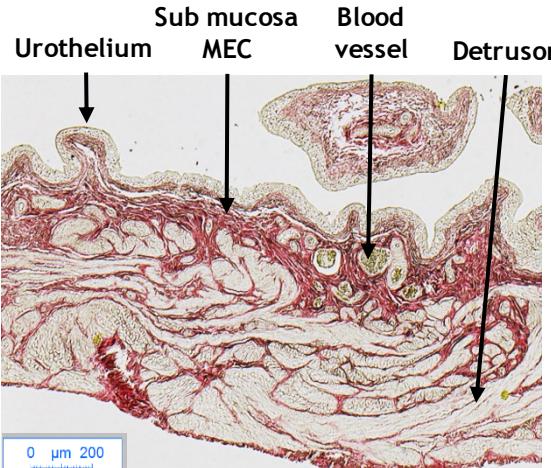
6 months
50 Gy10 months
50 Gy

Inflammation at 6 months post-irradiation

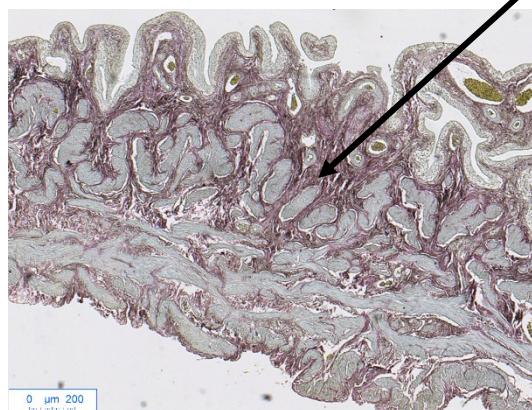


Fibrosis at 6 months post-irradiation

Red sirius (X50)

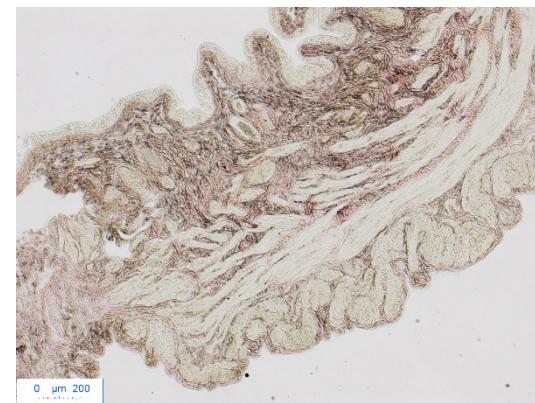


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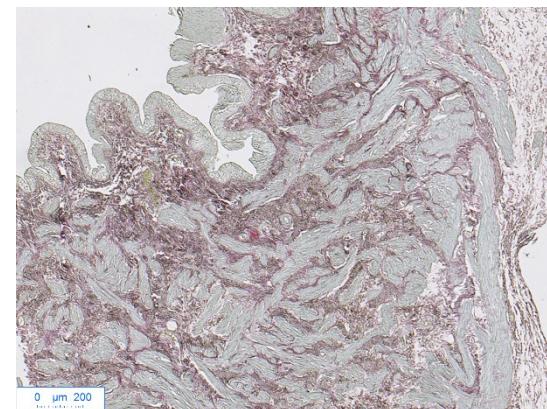


60 Gy

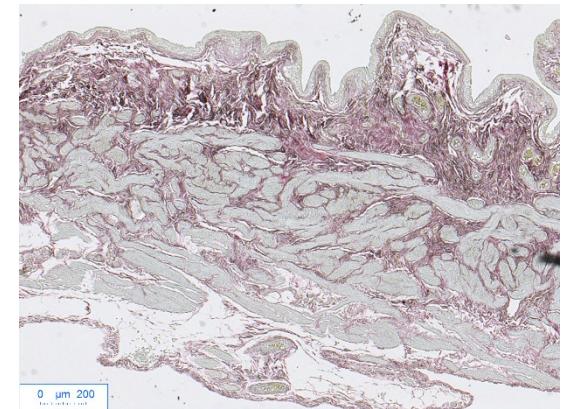
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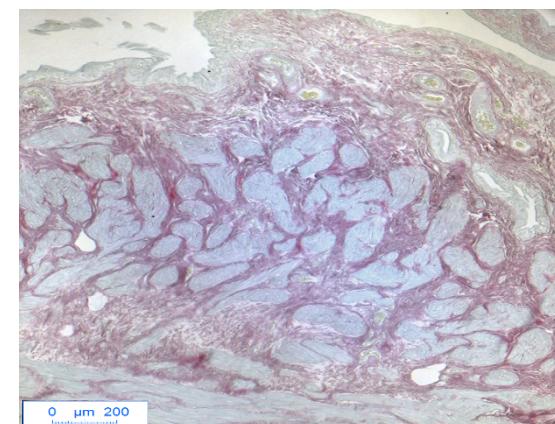
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70 Gy



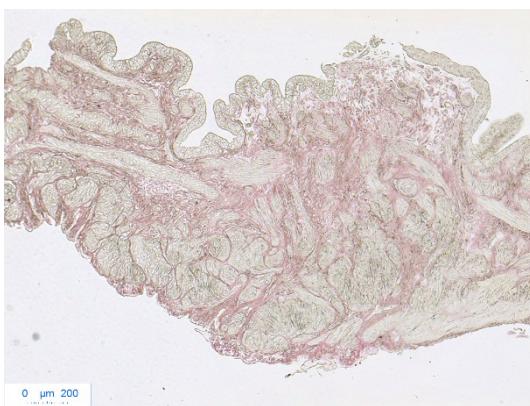
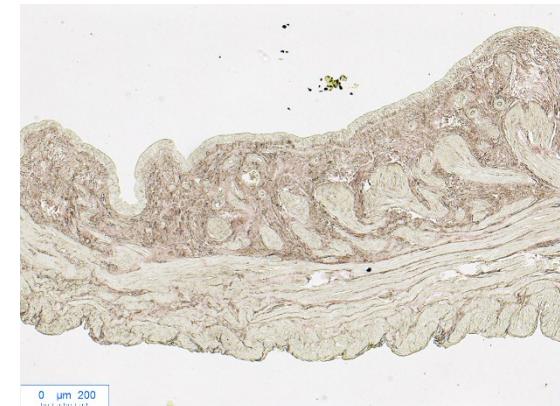
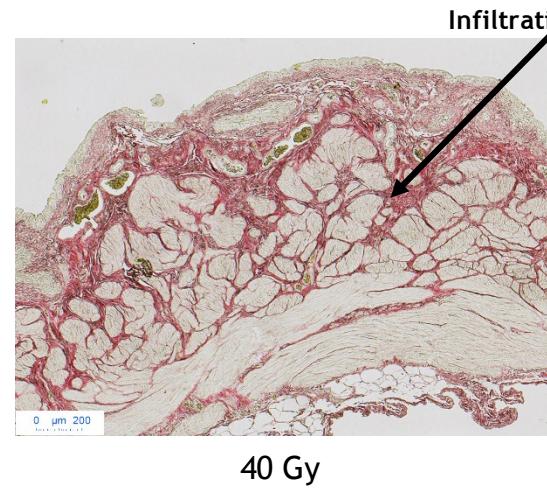
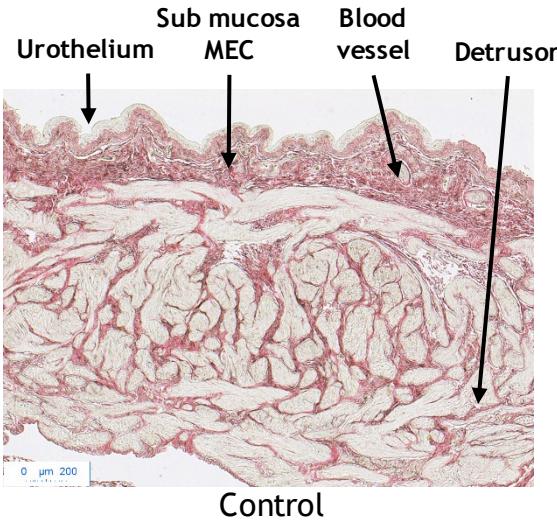
50 Gy



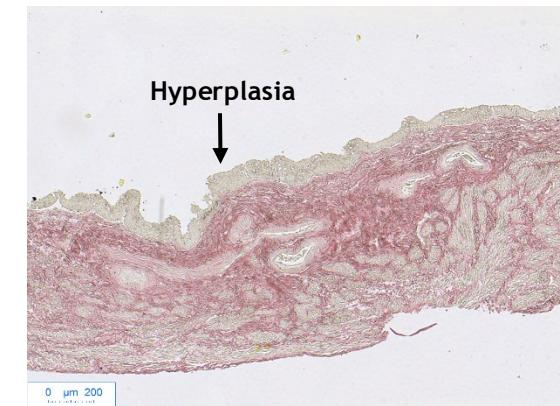
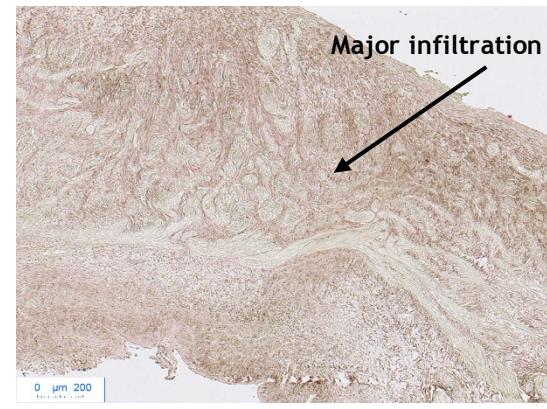
80 Gy

Fibrosis at 10 months post-irradiation

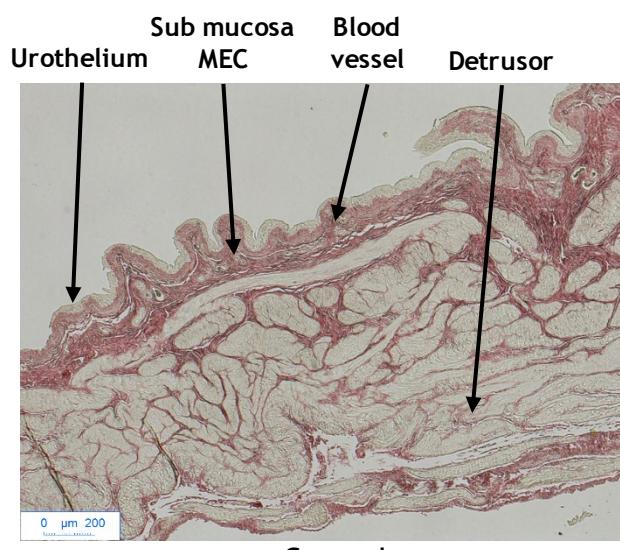
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60 Gy

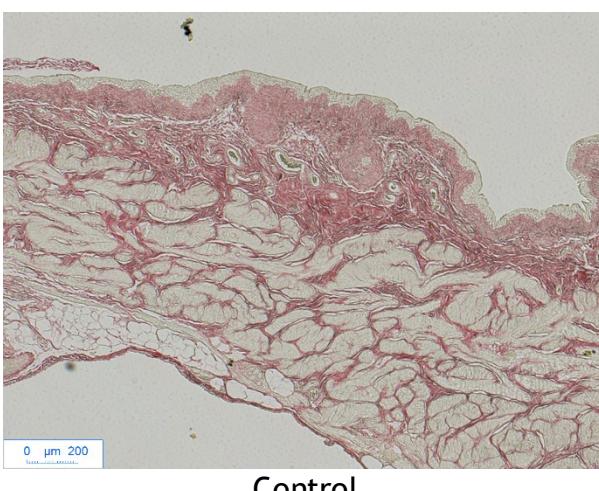


Fibrosis at 12 and 15 months post-irradiation for 40 Gy

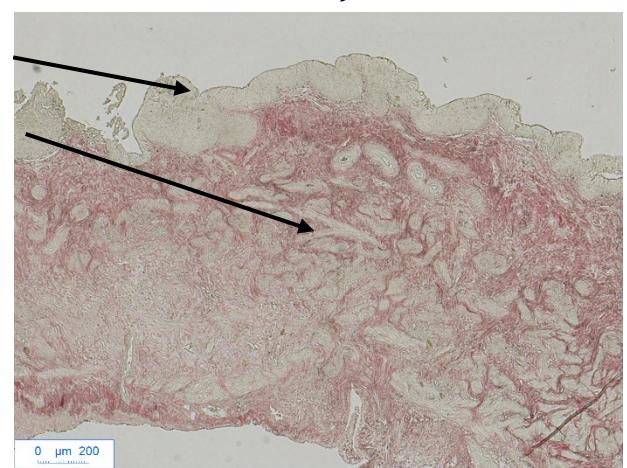
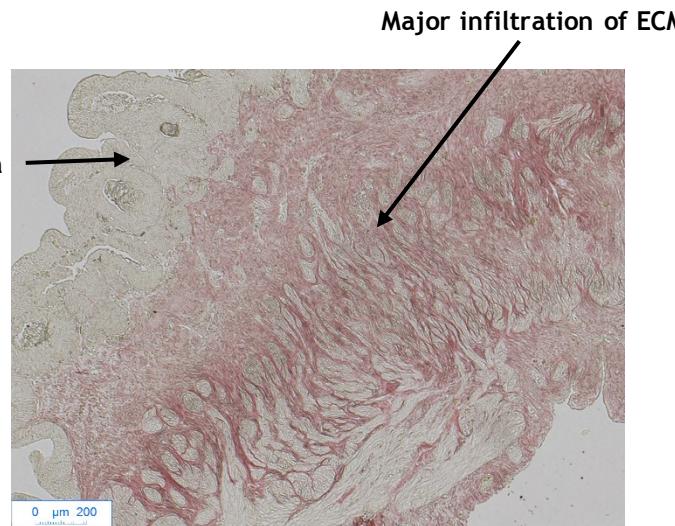


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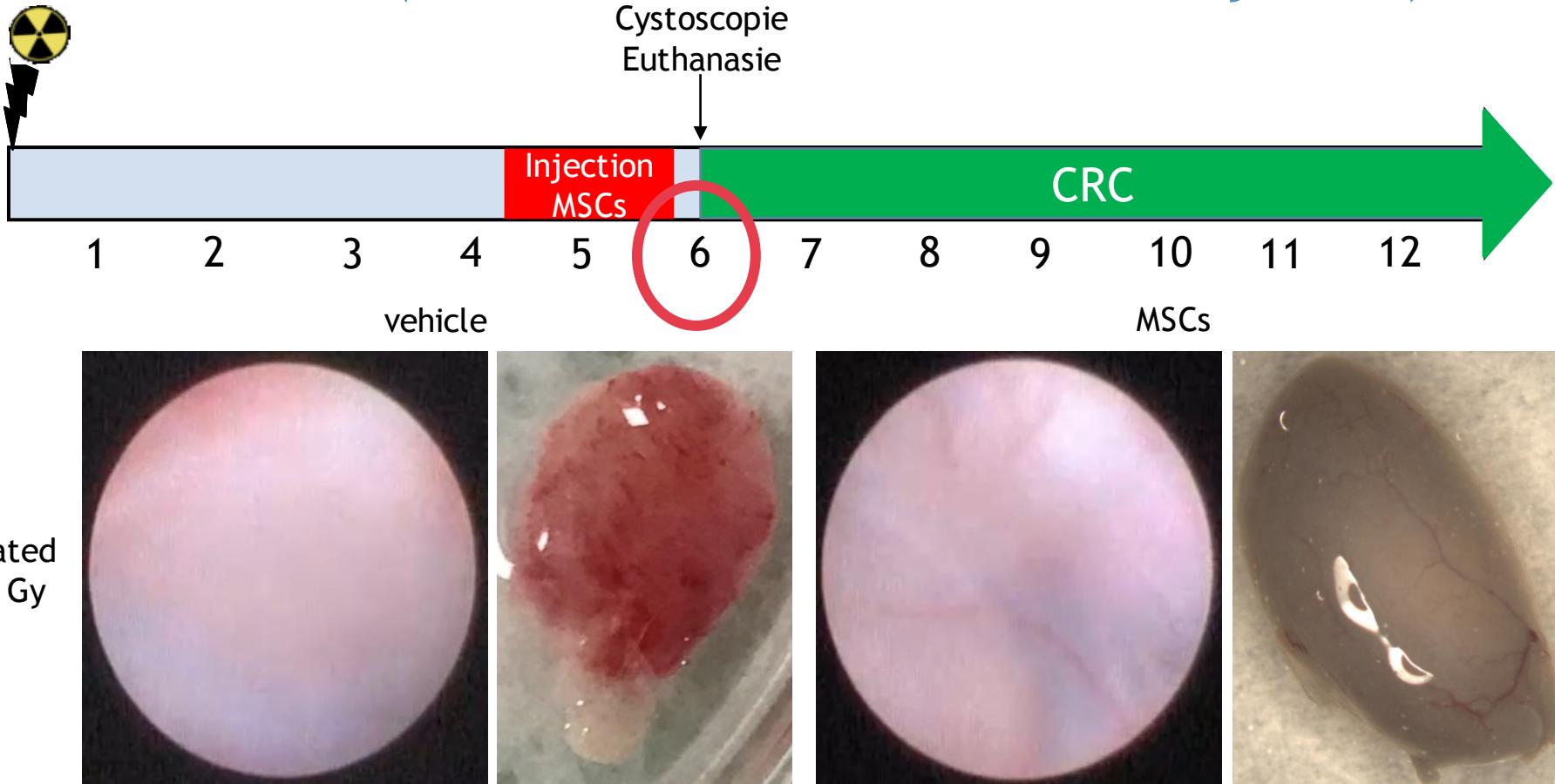
12 months



Increase fibrosis with
dose and time



Visualization of the bladder wall by cystoscopy at 6 months post-irradiation (1.5 months after the first MSC injection)



MSCs: ↓ vascular damage caused by irradiation



Scientific background

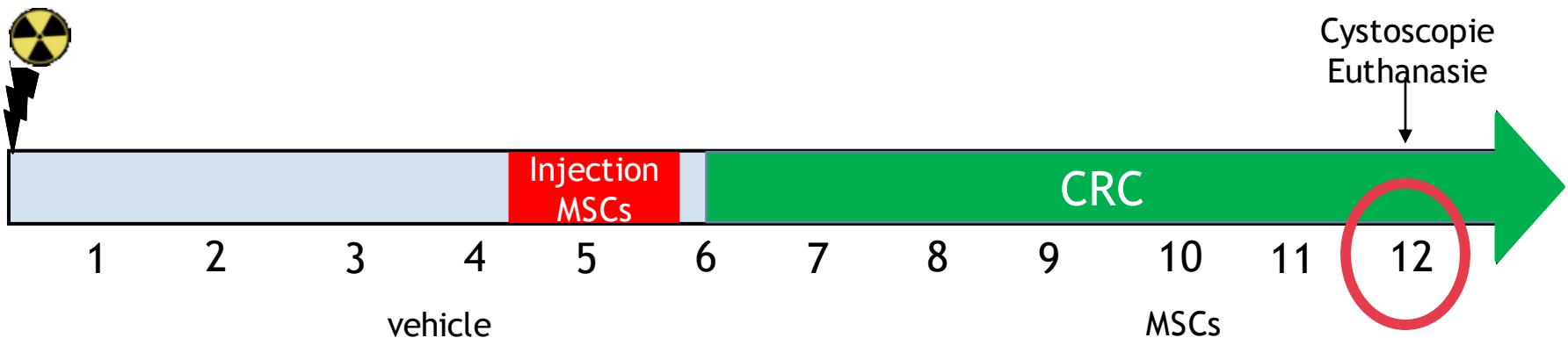
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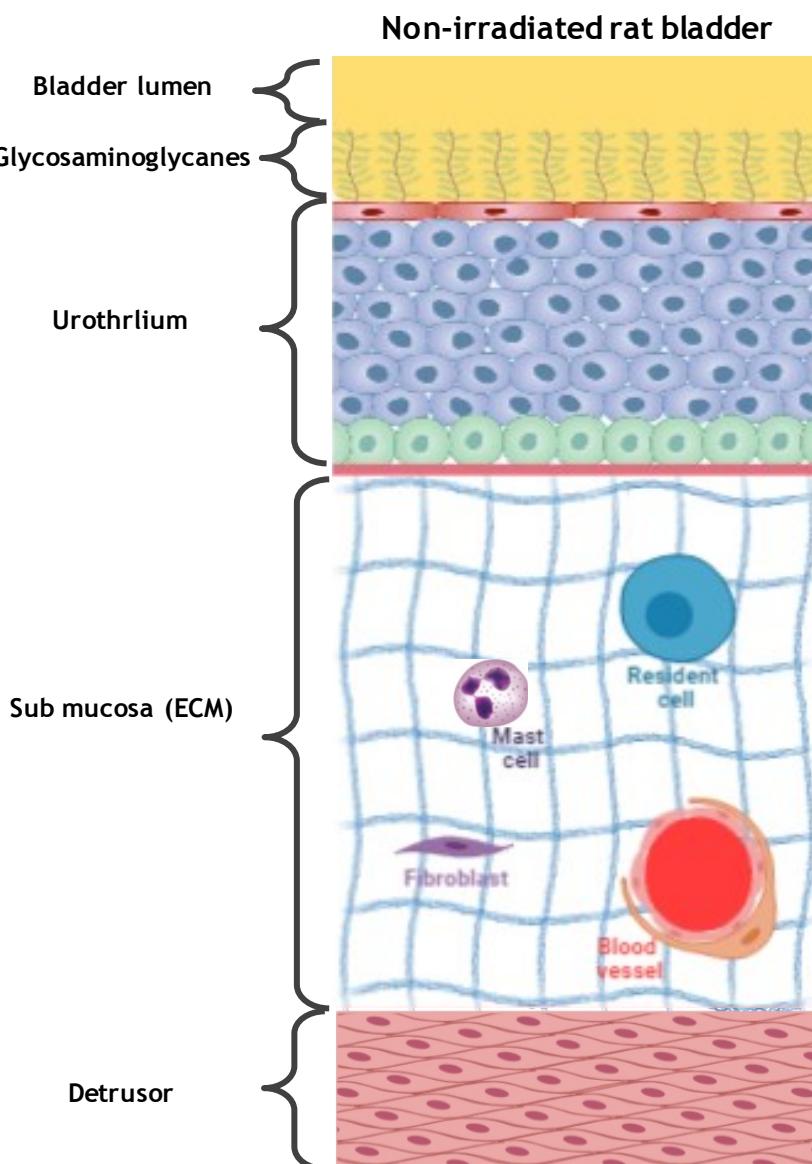
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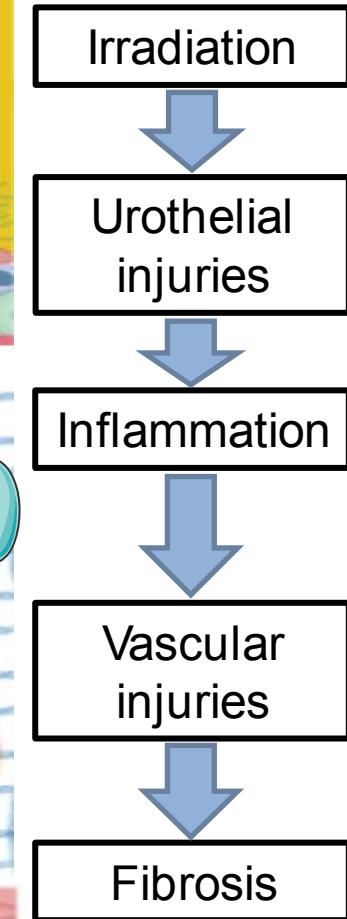
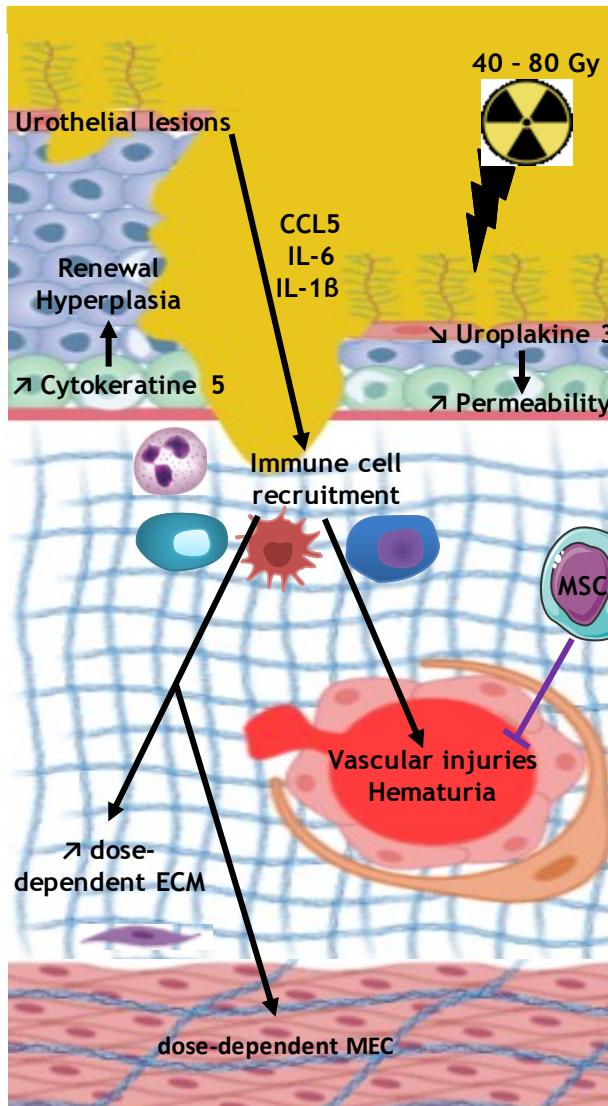
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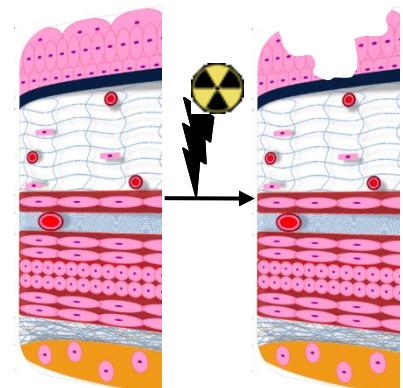


MSCs: ↓ over time in vascular damage caused by irradiation



Chronic radiation cystitis in rats at 6-12 months post-irradiation





Urothelium dysfunction

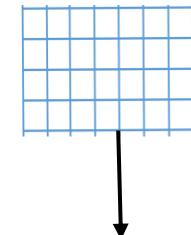


Chronic inflammation



Vascular injuries

ECM without fibrosis



ECM with fibrosis



Fibrosis

Model Characterization :

- Analyze different doses

- Analyze longer time

- Quantification

Effect of MSC treatment:

- Transcriptomics studies: Inflammation
- Tissue studies: Urothelium dysfunction, fibrosis
- Physiological studies: Vascular injuries

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A. Benadjaoud: Biostatistics

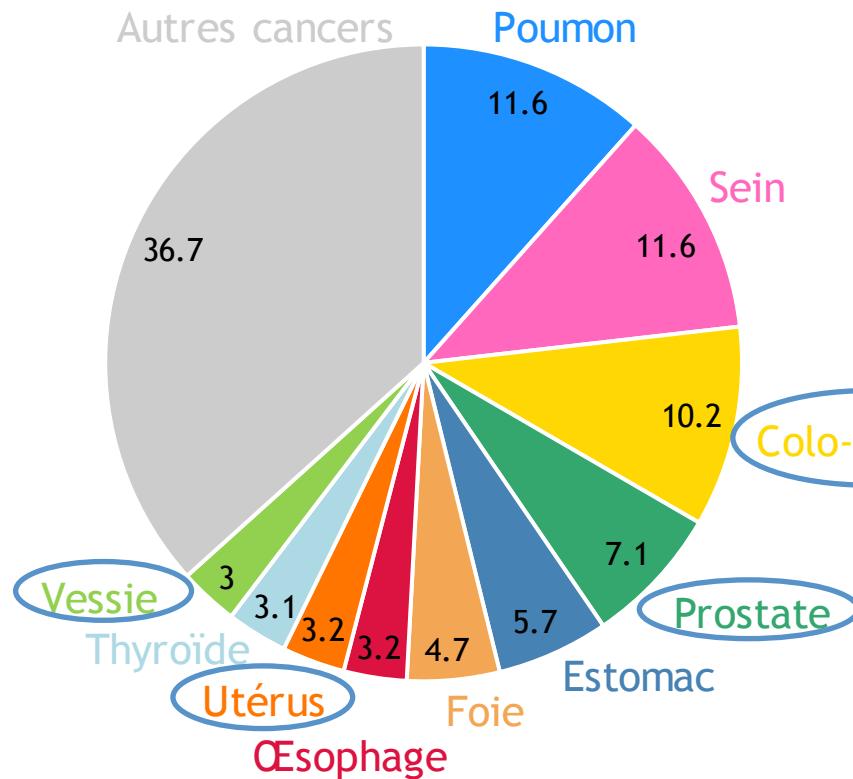
Mr. Dos Santos: Radiation to rats

9 Doctors
2 post-doc
4 technicians
6 PhD students



Cancers et radiothérapie

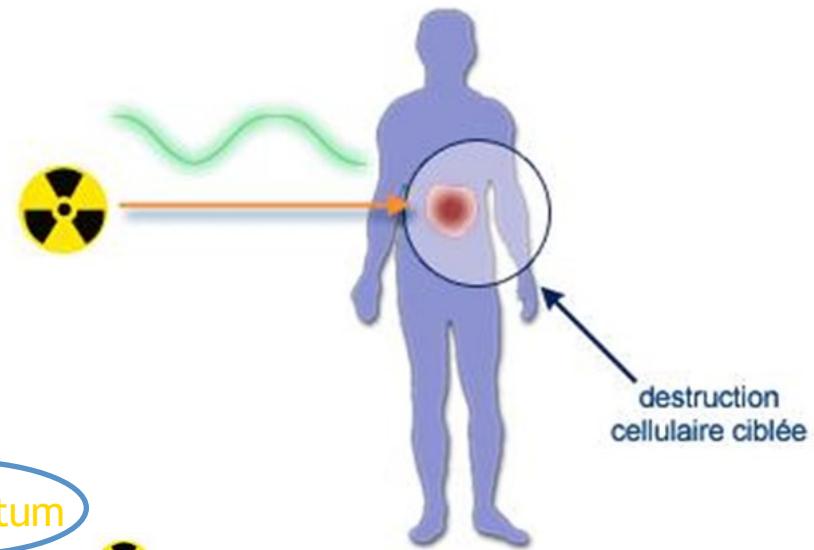
Fréquence des nouveaux cas de cancer estimé en 2018



Total : 18 078 957 personnes

WHO Global Cancer Observatory

Principe de la radiothérapie



Radiothérapie :

- Canal anal
- Col de l'utérus
- Endomètre
- Vulve
- Prostate

Organe à risque :
Vessie

Thérapie cellulaire par les cellules mésenchymateuses (CSM) des cystites et maladies pelviennes radio-induites

Maladies pelviennes radio-induites
Usunier et al., 2014
Linard et al., 2013

Cystite interstitielle
Kim et al., 2016
Song et al., 2015

Cystite hémorragique
Lee et al., 2003
Baygan et al., 2017

CSM

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Inflammation

Fibrose

Régénération tissulaire

Inflammation

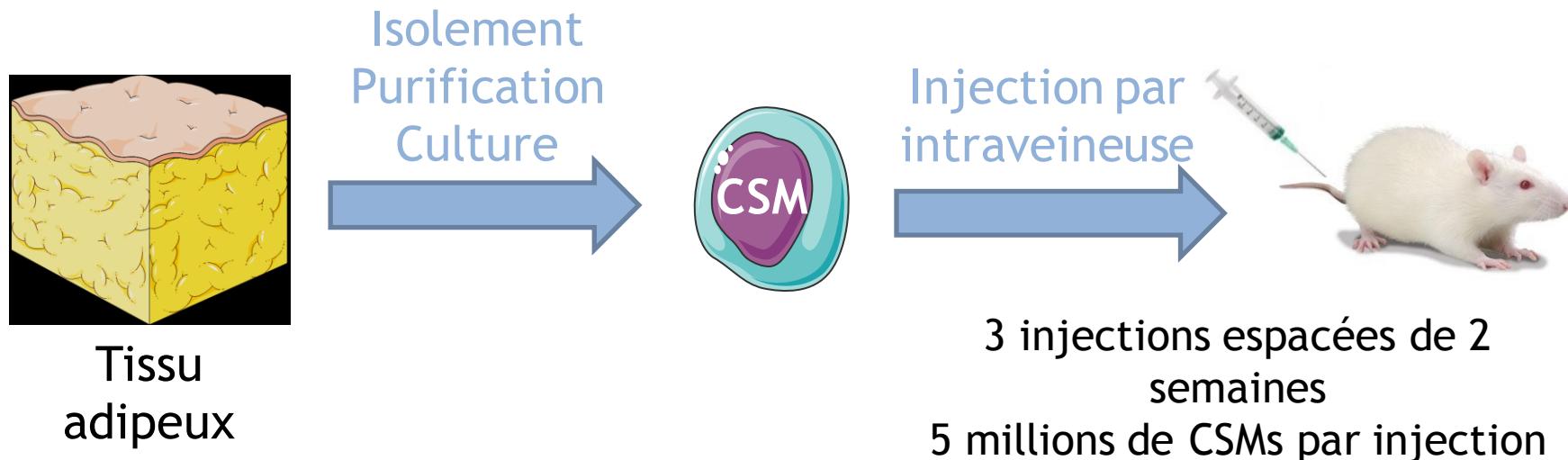
Fibrose

Régénération tissulaire

Hémorragie

Régénération tissulaire

Injection des cellules souches mésenchymateuses



Grade de la cystite radique

Tableau II. Cystite radique : critères tardifs de toxicité génito-urinaire RTOG/EORTC.

Grade 0 asymptomatique

Grade 1

Dysurie : légère

Hématurie : microscopique

Fréquence : / 2 h

Grade 2

Dysurie : modérée

Hématurie : intermittente

Fréquence : / 1 h

Grade 3

Dysurie : sévère

Hématurie : fréquente

chirurgie mineure e.g. coagulation

Fréquence : / 0,5 h

Capacité vésicale : réduction, 150 cc

Grade 4

Hématurie : cystite hémorragique sévère

Capacité vésicale : vessie rétractée (< 100 cc)

Grade of hemorrhagic cystitis

Table 1 | RTOG/EORTC grading of hematuria events

Hematuria morbidity	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
Acute hemorrhagic radiation cystitis (RTOG scale)	NA	NA	Gross hematuria with or without clot passage	Hematuria requiring transfusion	Death from uncontrolled hematuria
Late hemorrhagic radiation cystitis (RTOG/EORTC scale)	Minor telangiectasia (microscopic hematuria)	Generalized telangiectasia (macroscopic hematuria)	Severe generalized telangiectasia (macroscopic hematuria)	Severe hemorrhagic cystitis	Death from uncontrolled hematuria

Abbreviations: EORTC, European Organisation for Research and Treatment of Cancer; RTOG, Radiation Therapy Oncology Group.

Traitemet:

Intravesical instillation :

- Aluminium
- Formalin
- Alun
- Pentosan polysulfate

Traitemet hyper bar

Smit SG, Heyns CF. [Management of radiation cystitis](#). Nat Rev Urol. 2010 Apr;7(4):206-14.
doi: 10.1038/nrurol.2010.23. Epub 2010 Mar 9. Review. PubMed PMID: 20212517.

Introduction: Side effects and treatment



Treatments :

Oral or parental agents



- Sodium pentosan polysulfate
- Tetrachlorodecaoxide
- Pentoxifylline



Hematuria



Low and very short-term effects

Cystoscopy



- Fulguration
- Botulinum toxin



Hematuria



Low and very short-term effects

Intravesical installation



- Aluminum salts
- Silver nitrate
- Formalin



Hematuria



Pain

No effect after stopping treatment

Treatment :

Hyperbaric oxygen therapy (HBOT)

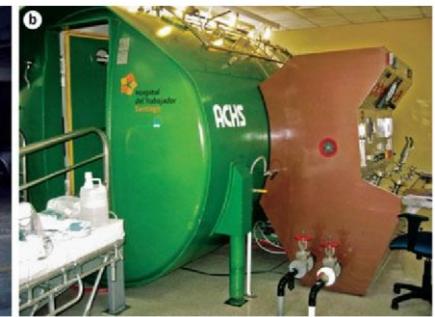
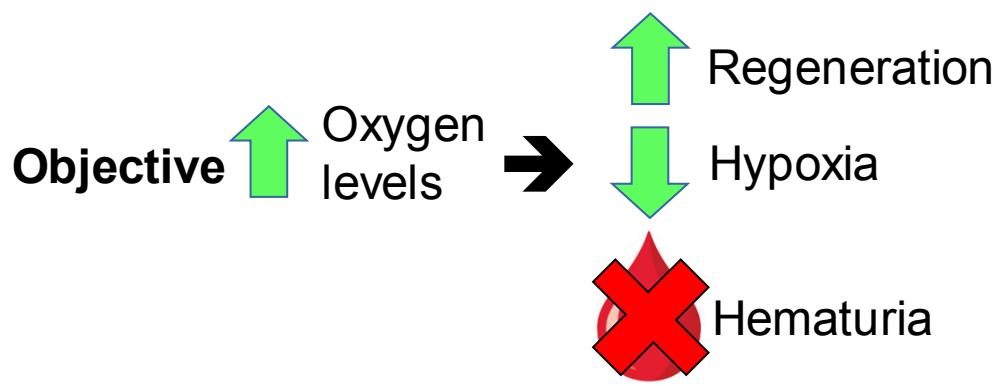


Figure 1 Hyperbaric oxygen chambers

a | Newly delivered hyperbaric chamber prior to installation. b | Hyperbaric oxygen chamber with control panel.

Smit and Heyns, 2010

Disadvantage

- Long, adequate and rare equipment, patient monitoring
- Not very effective, effects over a few months, year

30–40 sessions, 100% oxygen, for 80–90 min, 2 months

75% improvement within 6 months

Need for a relevant model and curative treatments

Objective:

- Creation of a model of chronic radiation cystitis in rats
 - New method of irradiation using SARRP
- Irradiator for small animals (similar characteristic to clinical models)

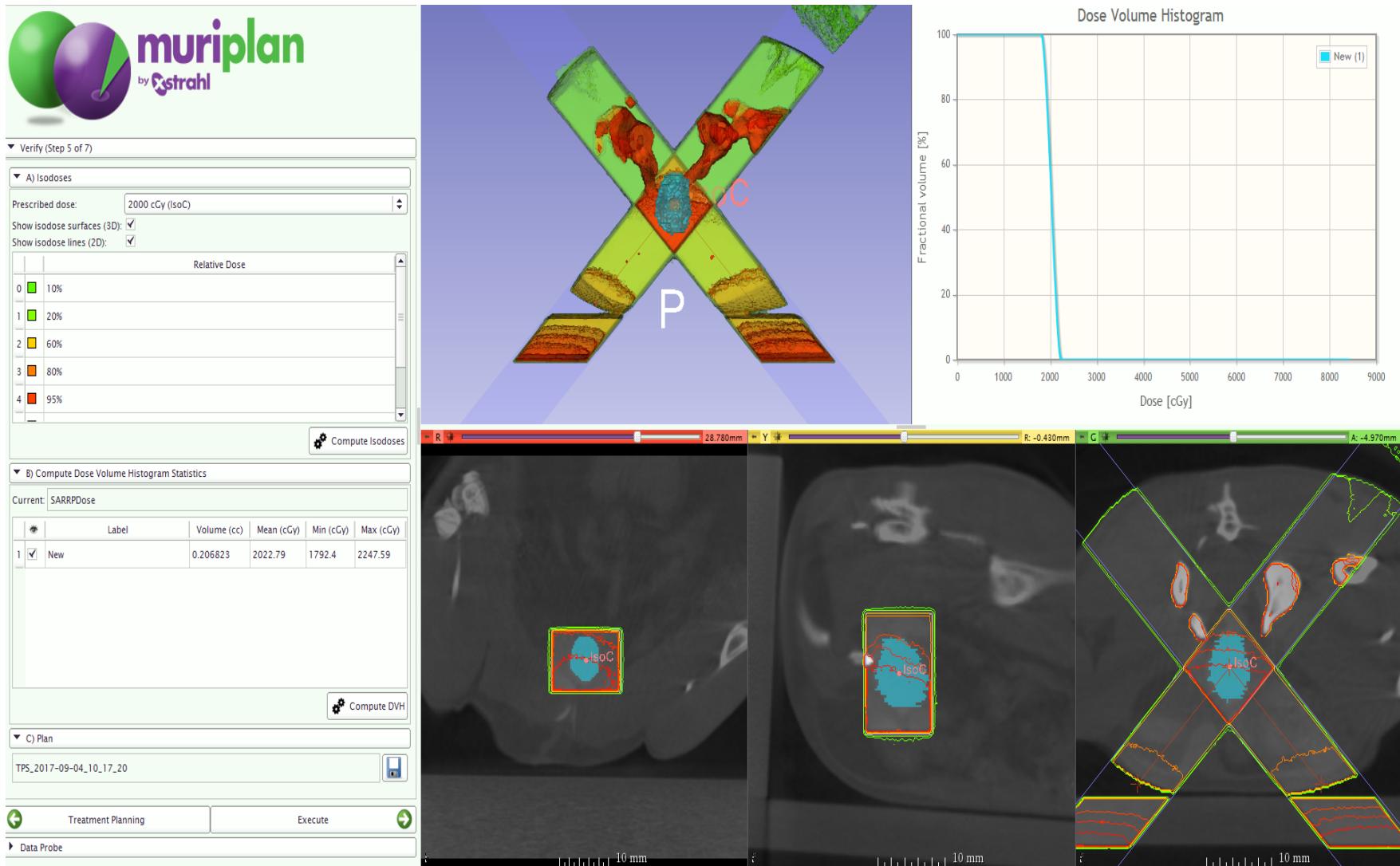
SARRP

- Small Animal Radiation Research Platform (SARRP, Xstrahl)
- Single or multi beam(s)
- Combined with scanner imaging and treatment plan software (MuriPlan) => stereotaxy
- 4 available field sizes: **10x10 mm²**, 7x7 mm², 3x3 mm² and Ø 1 mm



Picture of SARRP
Dr M. Dos Santos, LRAcc

Method of irradiation: Local bladder irradiation



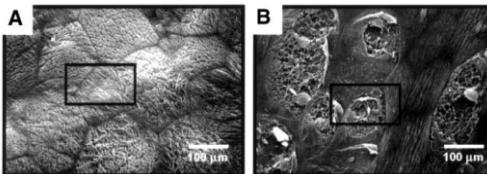
- 2 irradiation beams
- Maximized the dose on the bladder and minimized the dose on surrounding tissues

Pre-clinical model of CRC

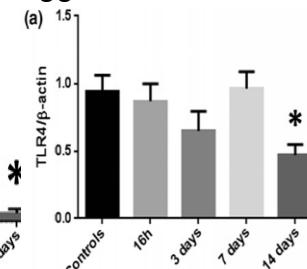
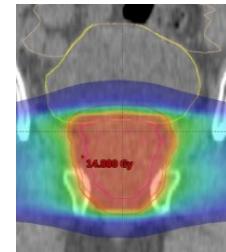
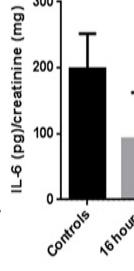
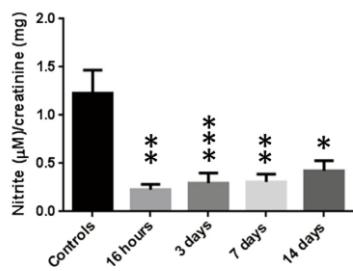


In Rats receiving (irradiation totale vessie)

- ✓ 35 Gy, Urothelium damage 48h (Kanai et Eperly 2002)
- ✓ 20 Gy killed 16 h to 14 days later (Giglio et al. 2012)
 - Bladder irradiation increased the expression of IL-1 and collagen in the bladder, while TLR4 and IL-6 expressions were decreased in the urothelium concomitantly with a decrease in mast cells in the submucosa and urine levels of IL-6 and nitrite.
- ✓ 20 Gy all 29 days (Oscarsson 2017)
 - Bladder irradiation increased the expression of 8-OHdG, SOD2, HO-1, NRF α , IL-10, TNF and tended to increase TGF- β
- ✓ 20Gy killed 1,5 and 3 months (Soler 2011)
 - 1,5 month vascular abnormalities
 - 3 months collagen deposition
- ✓ 20 Gy all exhibited small and contracted bladders 6 months after treatment (Vale JA 1993)

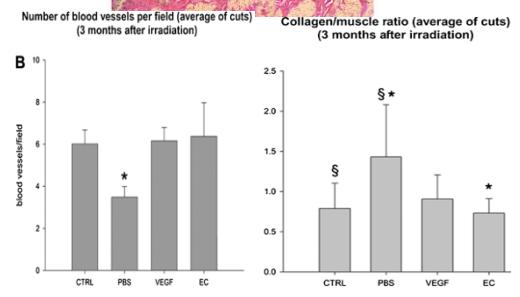
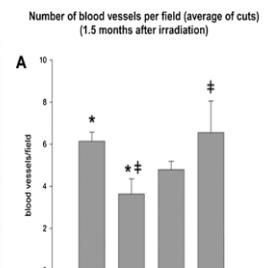
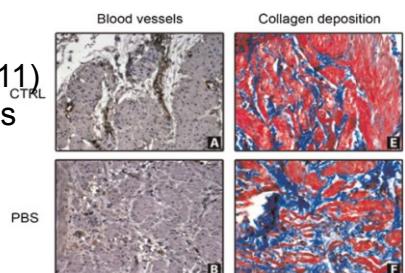


Jurado-Bruggeman et al.; 2017



29 days Urothelium, SBM=Submucosa,
LP=Lamina Propria, SMC=Smooth
Muscle Cell layer

No significant macro or microscopically changes in the urinary bladder could be observed by bladder irradiation





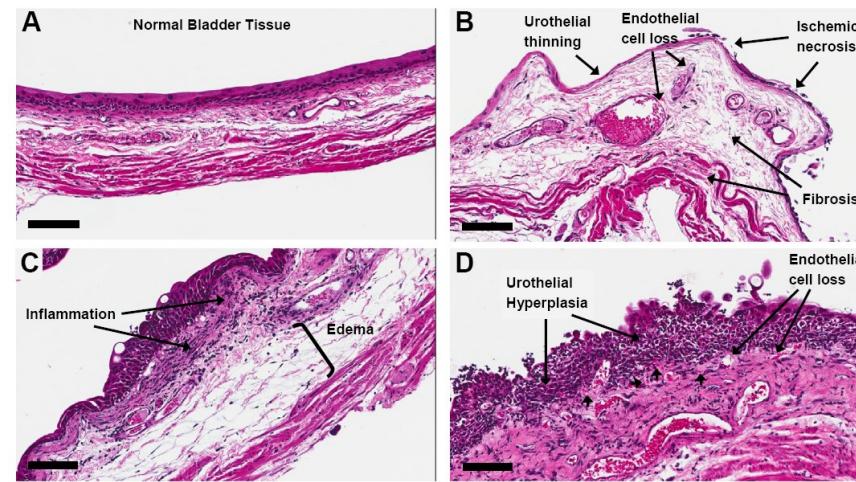
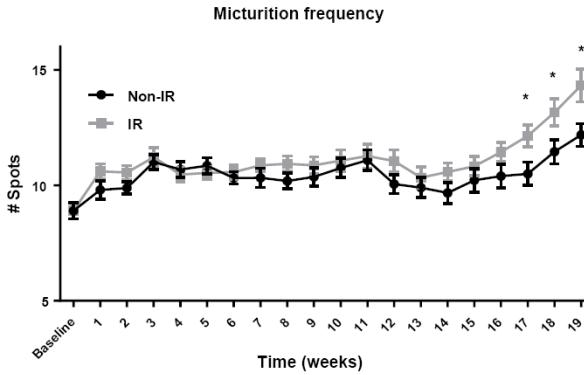
Pre-clinical model of CRC

In mice receiving

- ✓ 15 Gy , 20% developed fibrotic bladders,
- ✓ 15–20 Gy exhibited increased frequency and decreased bladder volume (Stewart 1991).

- ✓ 20 Gy SARP 2 faisceaux ((Zwaans et al. 2016)

- Starting at 17 weeks after treatment, micturition frequency was significantly higher
- Pathological changes include fibrosis, inflammation, urothelial thinning, and necrosis.
- At a site of severe insult, we observed telangiectasia, absence of uroplakin-3 and E-cadherin relocalization

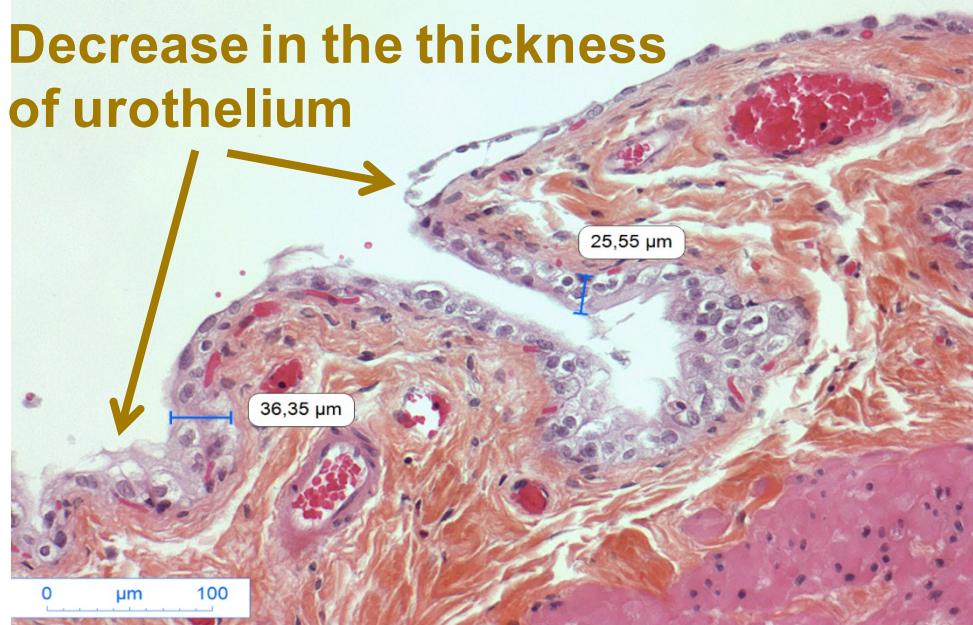


Tissue study: urothelium damages (HES)

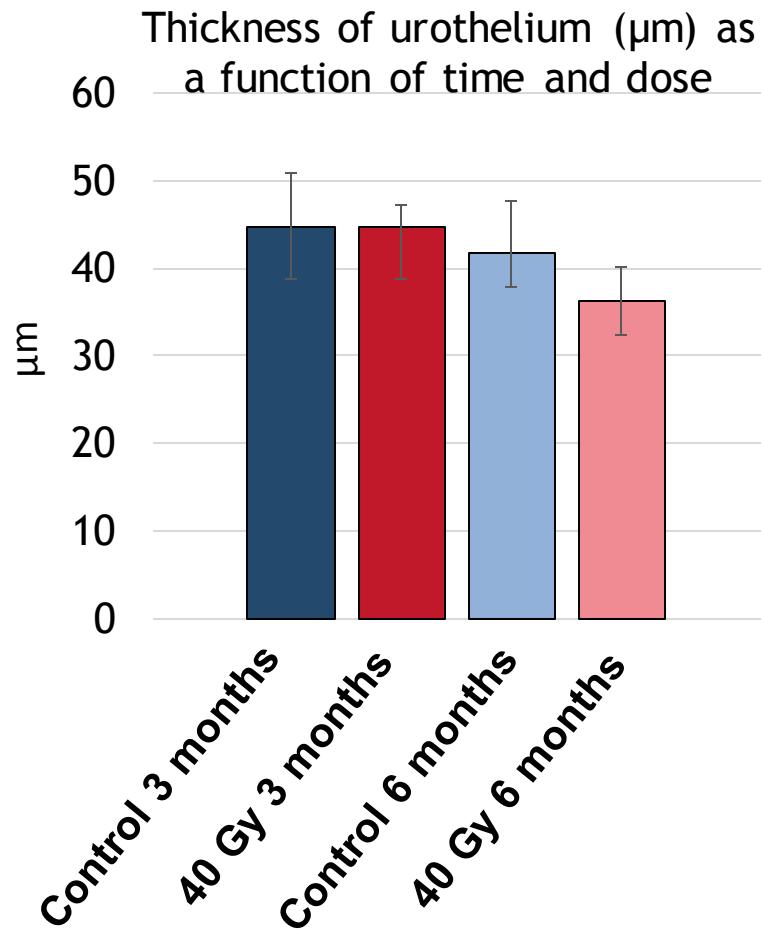


Unirradiated bladder, 6 months, X 200

Decrease in the thickness
of urothelium

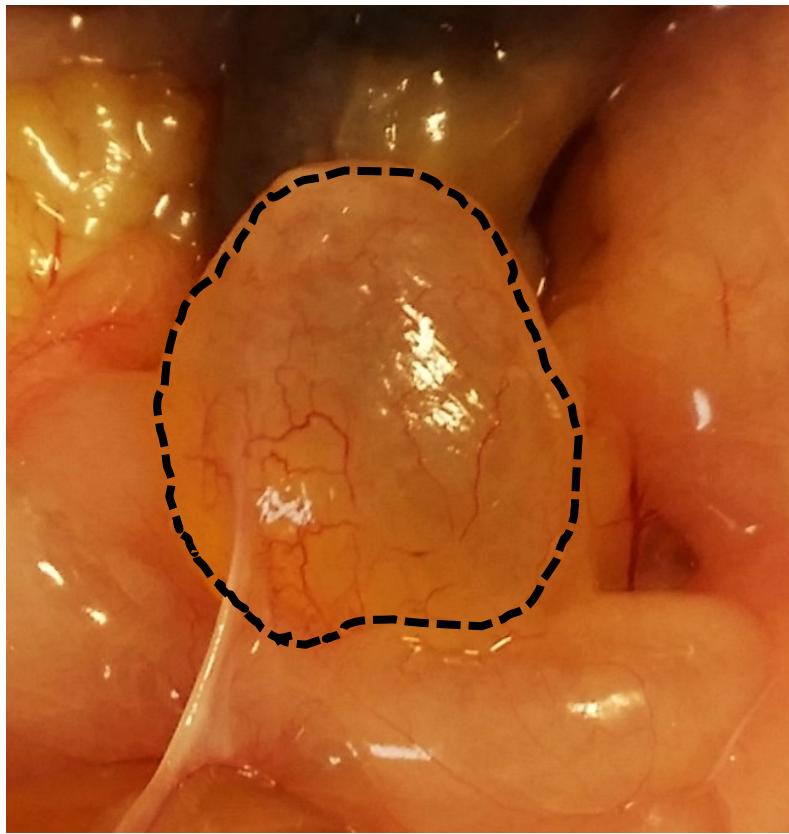


Bladder irradiated at 40 Gy, 6 months, X 200

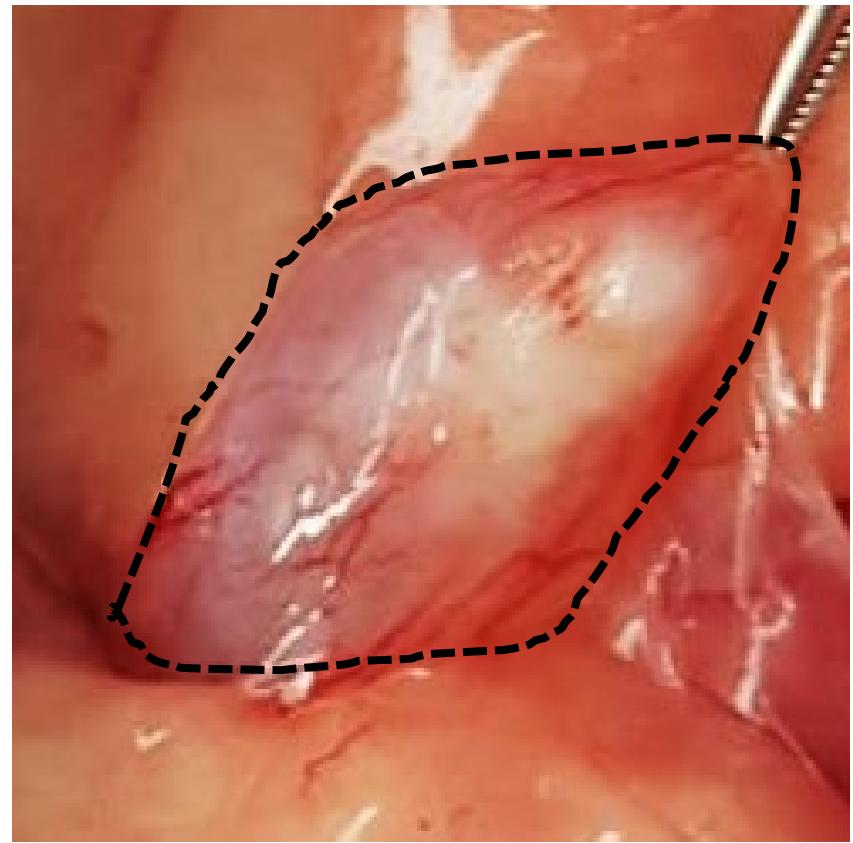


Degradation of the
urothelium structure

Conclusions:



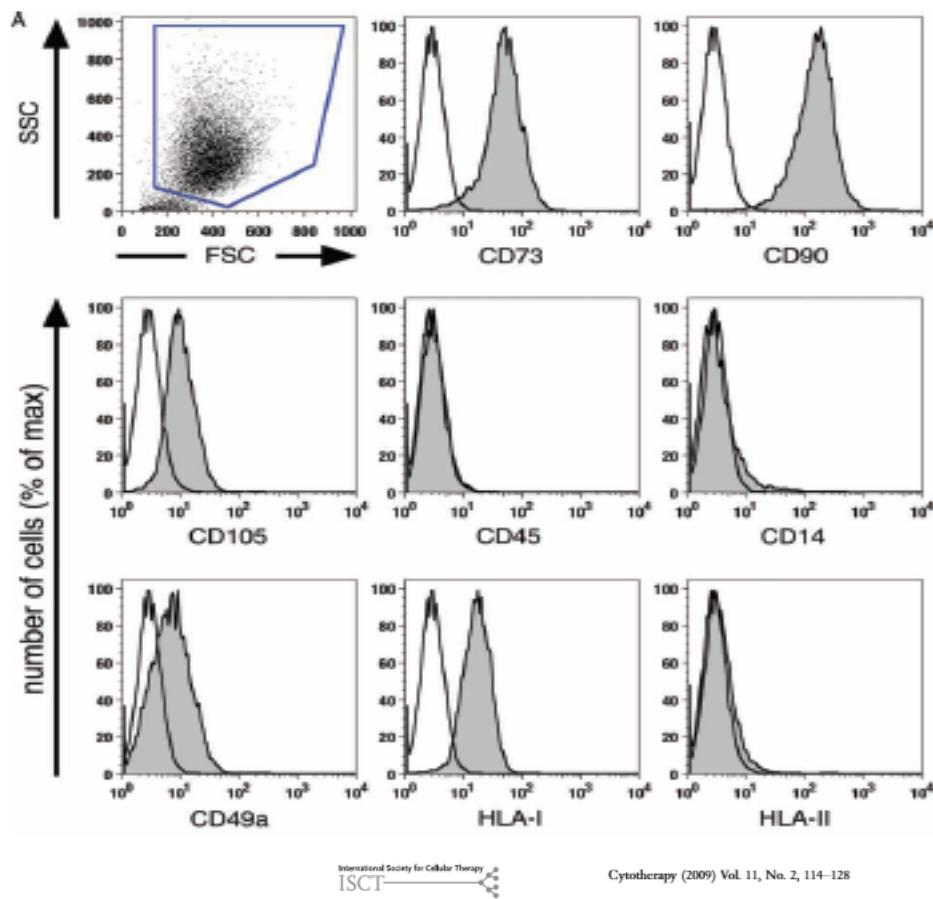
Unirradiated bladder, 10 months



Irradiated bladder, 40Gy 10 months

At 10 months, onset of apparent fibrosis in a few rats 40 Gy

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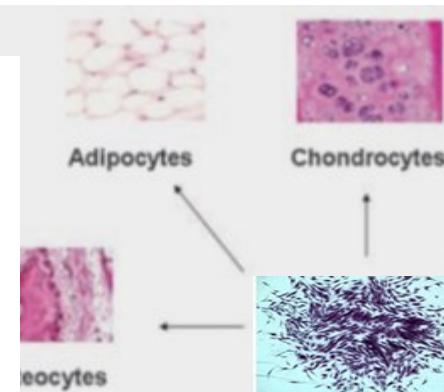
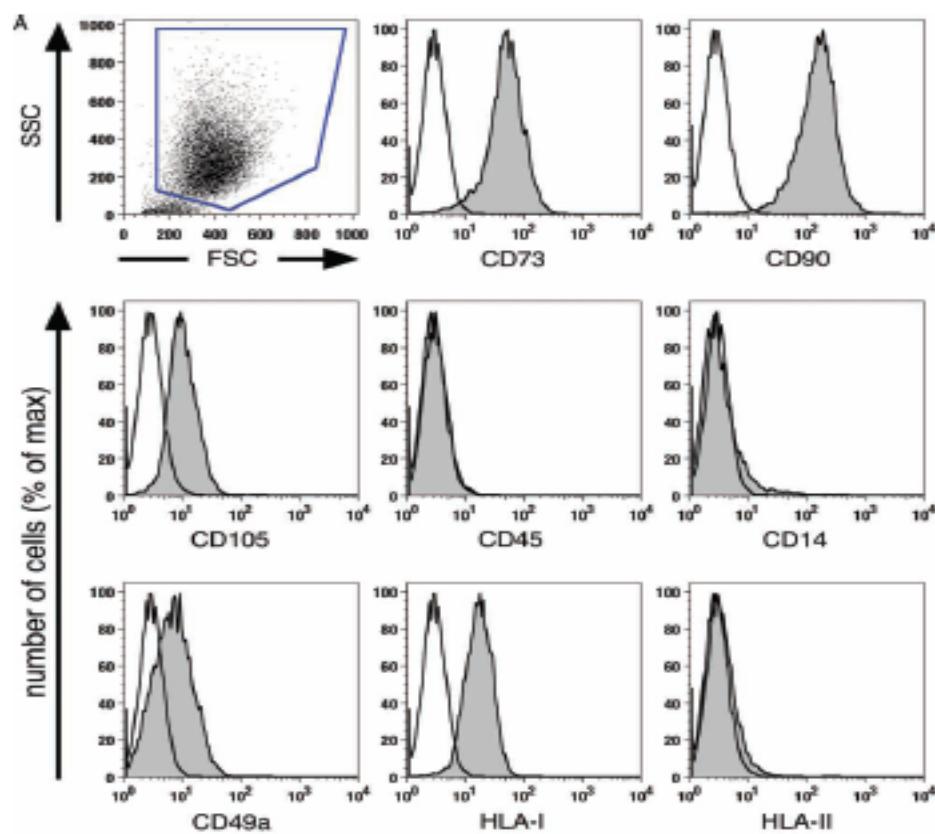
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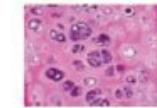
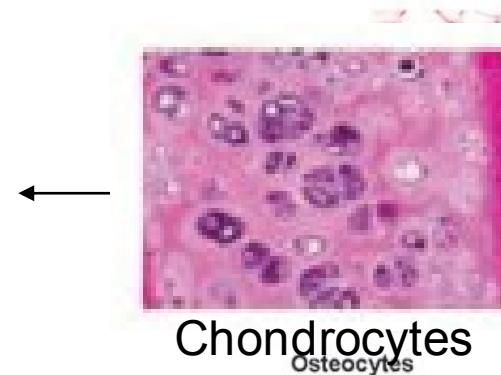
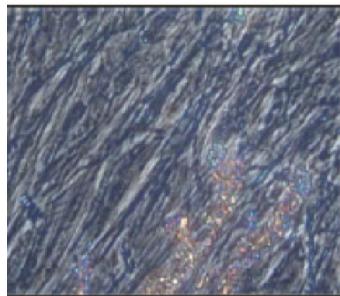
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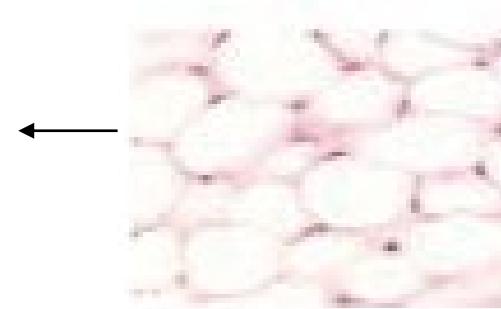
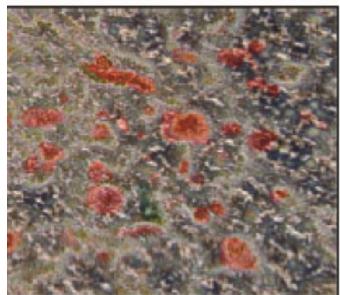
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(Bleu Alcian)



Chondrocytes

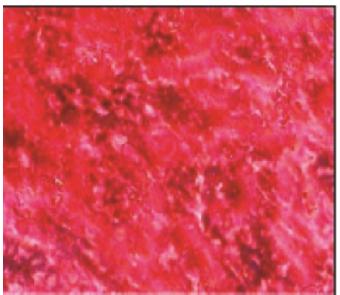
Adipogenic differentiation
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Osteogenic differentiation
(Von Kossa et Alizarin)



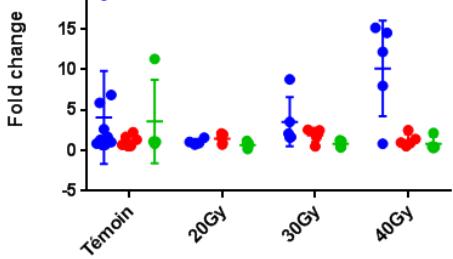
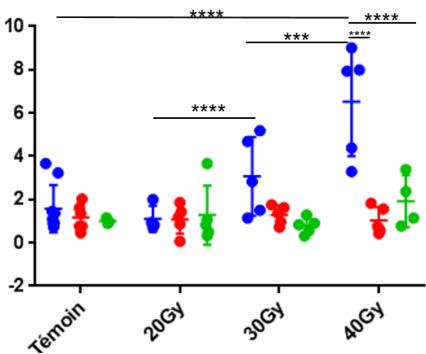
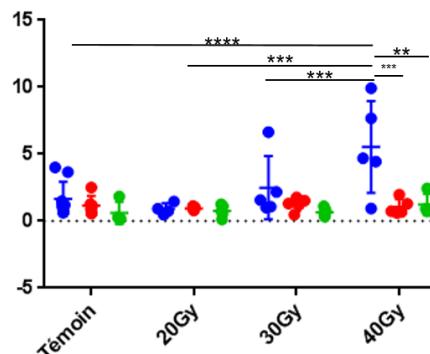
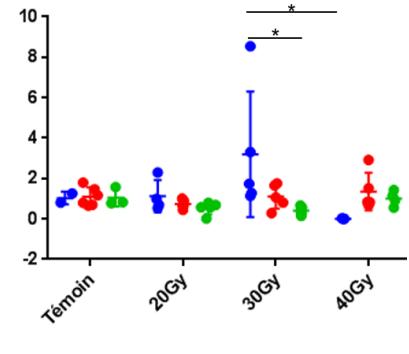
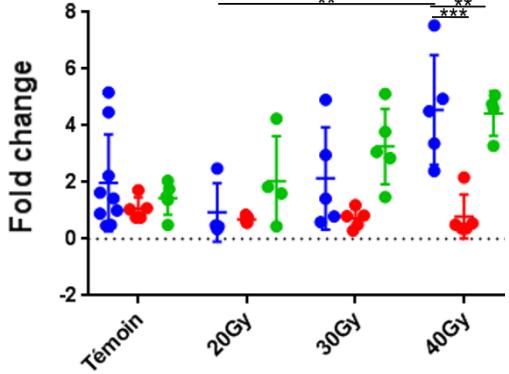
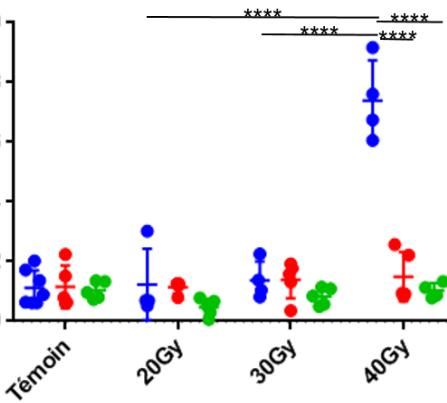
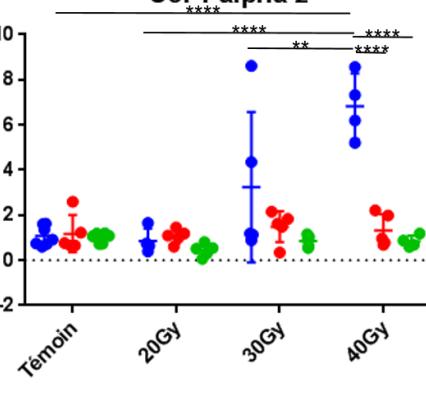
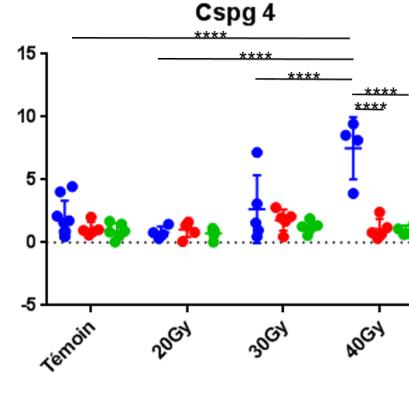
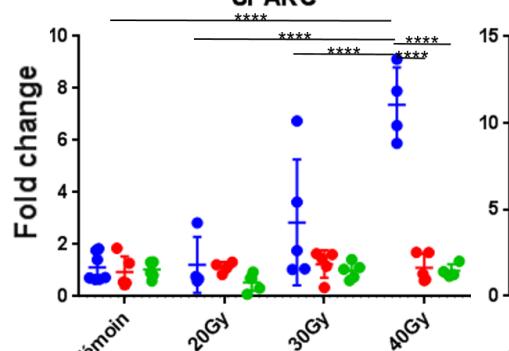
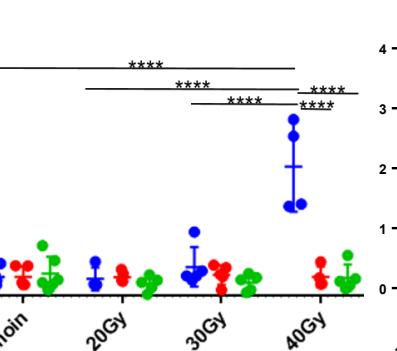
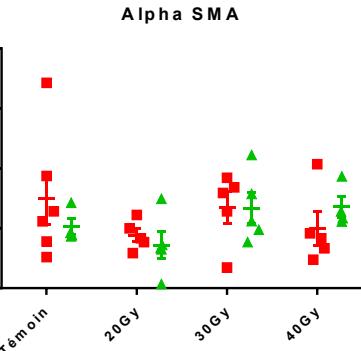
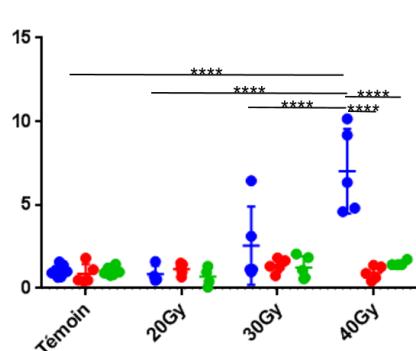
Osteocytes

Mouiseddine et al., 2006

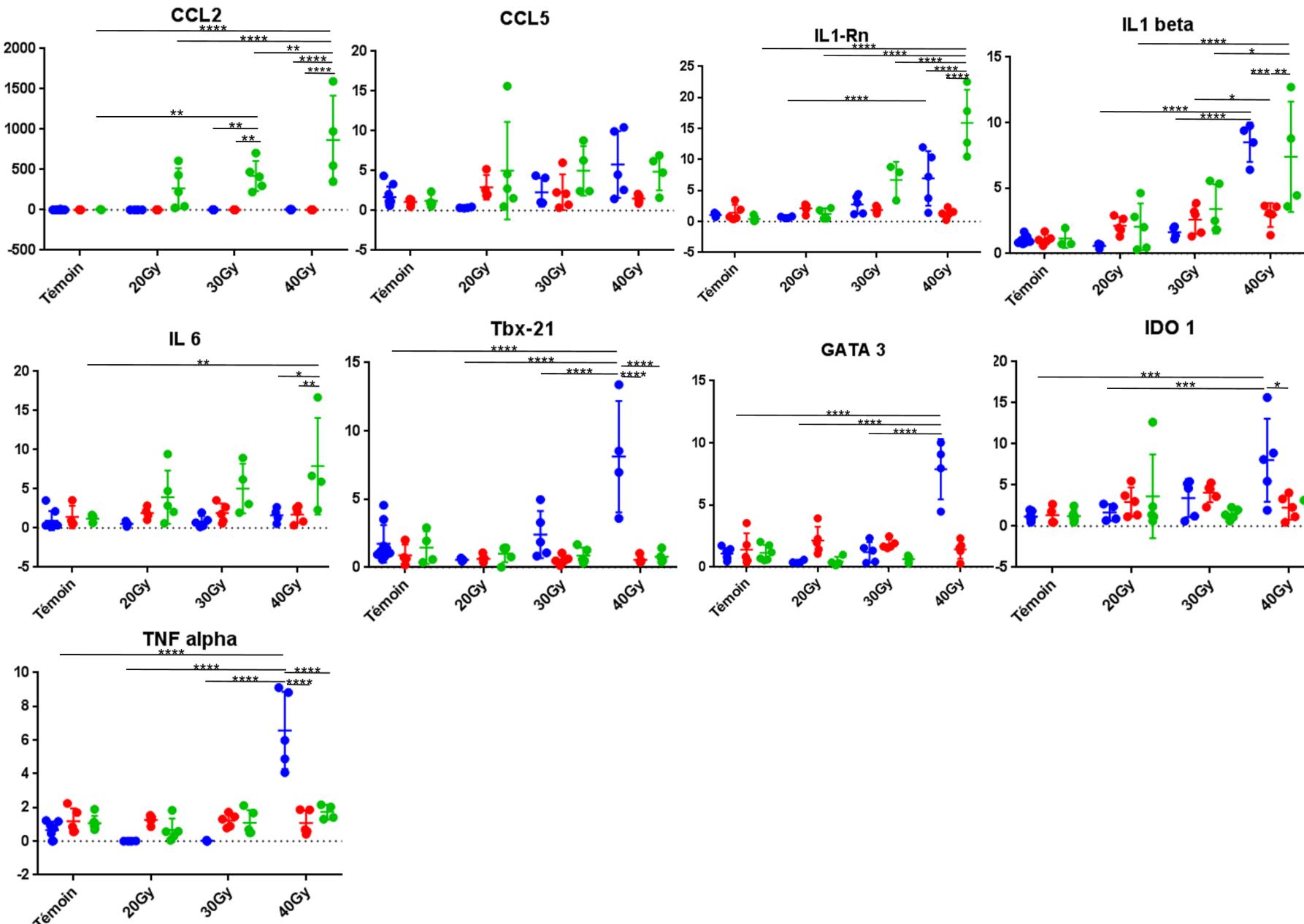
MSCs pathways of action on preclinical fibrosis models

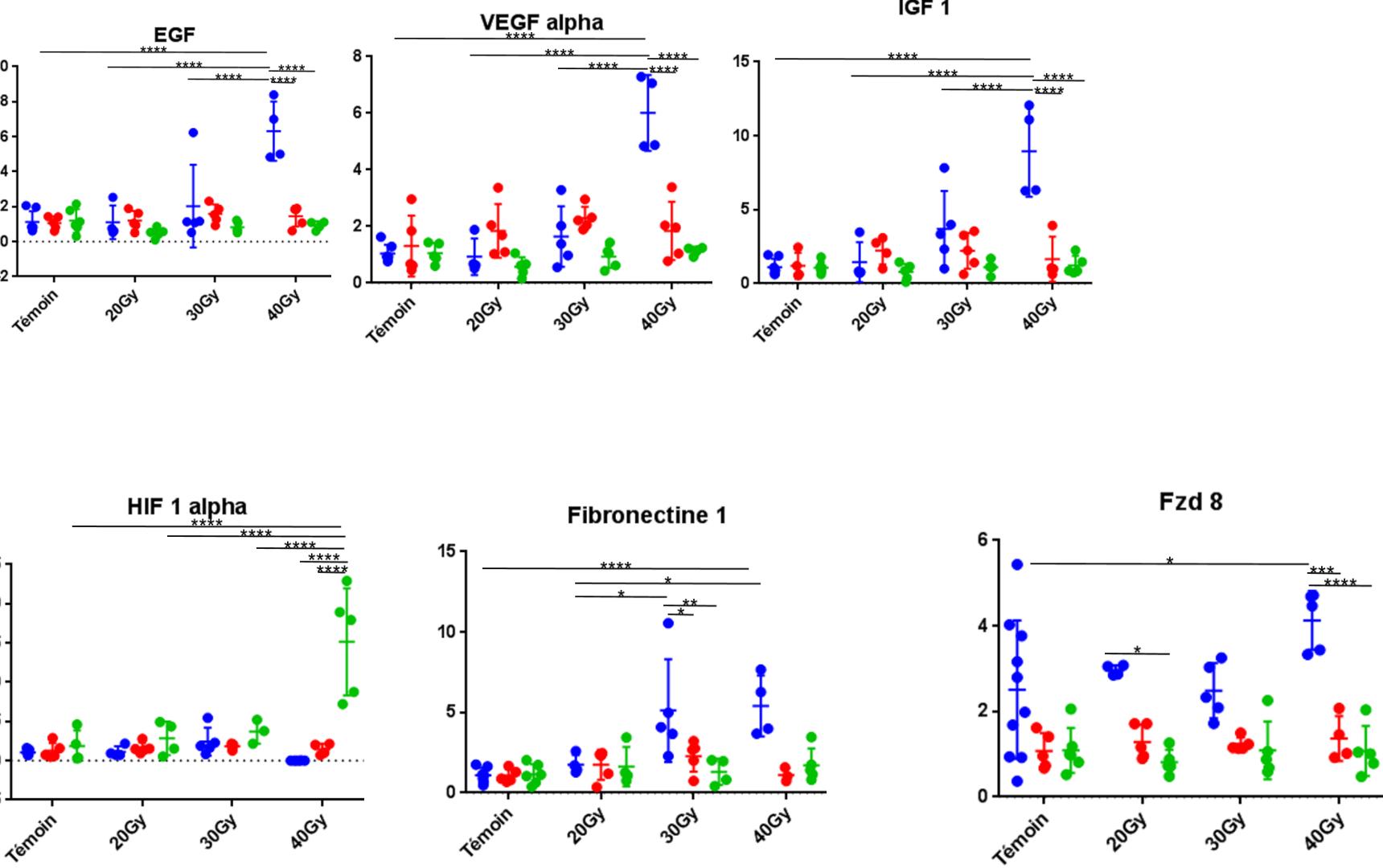
Mode of action	Mechanism	References
Immunomodulation	Decrease in inflammatory infiltration Polarity change of macrophages: M1 -> M2 Decrease in the expression and secretion of pro-inflammatory cytokines (TNF- α , IL-1, IL-6...) Decrease in apoptosis	Linard et coll., 2013 Zhou et coll., 2013 Semedo et coll., 2009 Horton et coll., 2013
Inhibition of the TGF pathway- β 1	Decreased expression and secretion of TGF- β 1 Decrease in the activation of the Smad channel Decrease in the number of myofibroblasts	Ueno et coll., 2013 Wu et coll., 2014 Jang et coll., 2014 Li et coll., 2013
Pro-angiogenic/anti-oxidant	Increase in the expression and secretion of antioxidant enzymes (NQO1, HO-1, SOD...) Pro-angiogenic effect: increase in VEGF and FGF-2 Augmentation de la prolifération des cellules endothéliales	Chen et coll., 2011 Kinnaird et coll., 2004 Niu et coll., 2008 Kinnaird et coll., 2004
Remodelage matriciel	Decrease in the expression and production of MEC components Rebalancing the MMP/TIMP balance	Moodley et coll., 2009 Mias et coll., 2009 Ebrahimi et coll., 2013

Usunier et al., 2013

MMP2**TIMP 1****TIMP 2****TIMP 3****TIMP 4****Col 3 alpha 1****Col 1 alpha 2****Cspg 4****SPARC****Vimentine****Alpha SMA****TGF beta 1**

Fold change





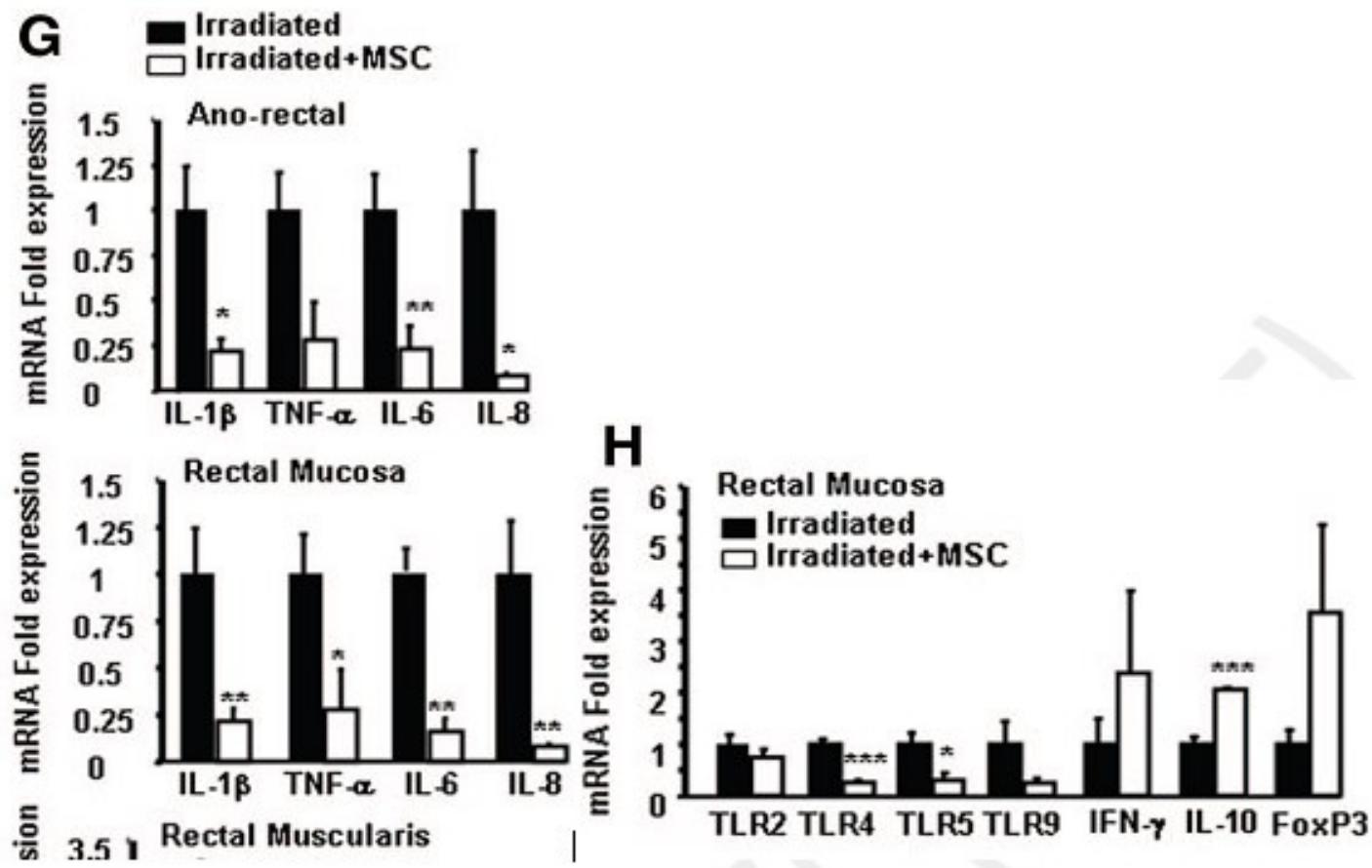
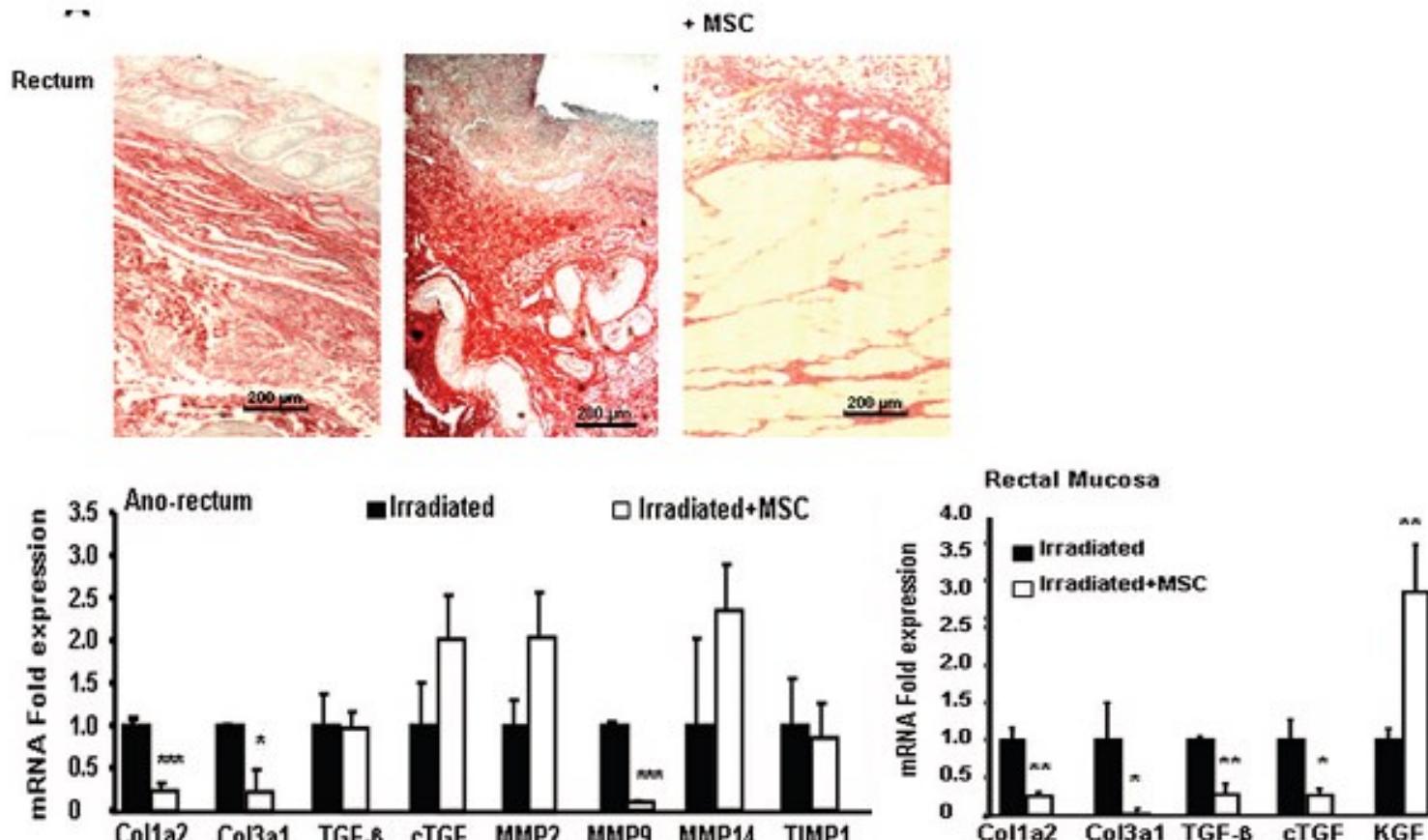


Figure 24. Experimental efficacy and anti-inflammatory effect of MSC injections.

Linard et al., 2013



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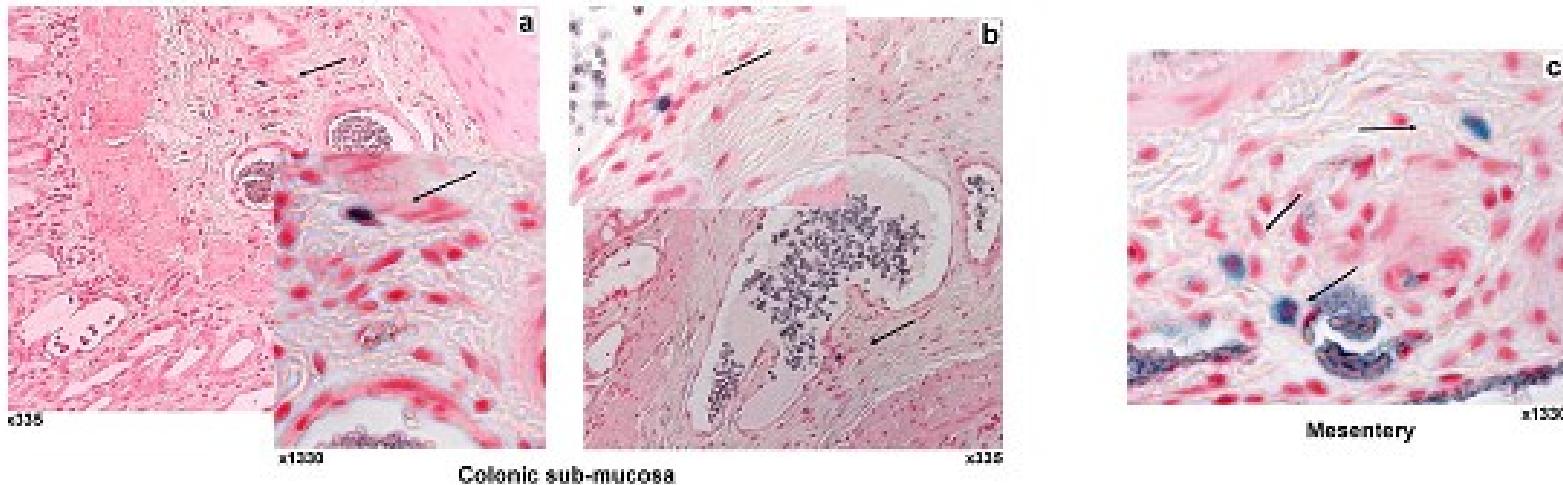


Figure 33: MSC engraft in colonic mucosa one week after injection and disappeared at 2 weeks

Intravenous injected MSC-GFP engraft in the colon. Detection of GFP-MSC (black arrow) in irradiated (a, b) colonic sub-mucosa or (c) mesentery, 1 week after injection using GFP-specific antibodies. Magnification, x335 and x1330.

Sémont et al., 2010

Matériel :

- Milieu MSCs : MEM α , SVF 20%, PS, Glut
- Milieu PBS, SVF 10%
- Collagénase type I (Sigma C0130-1g)
- 6 tubes 50ml avec collagénase à 0.1% dans du milieu de digestion : MEM α , PS, Glut
- Boite de pétri en verre

• Prélèvement de la graisse

La graisse est prélevée au-dessus de la patte entre la peau et le péritoine, mise dans 5mL de PBS 1X.

• Digestion (x3)

On coupe la graisse en petits morceaux, que l'on met dans du MEM α + collagénase à 0,1% (x2 tubes/digestion). Incubation **pdt 30 min à 37°C** avec agitation.

On récupère les cellules avec une filtration 100 μ m, la graisse non digérée est remise en MEM α + collagénase à 0,1%.

Sur les cellules filtrées, on ajoute du milieu contenant du SVF pour diluer la collagénase.

On effectue une centrifugation pour rassembler toutes les cellules, filtration sur 40 μ m et ensuite numération.
(4ml au 5^e en bleu acétique)

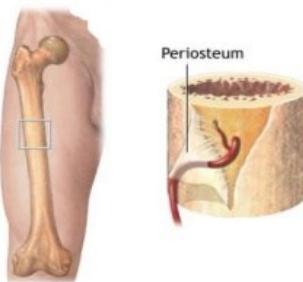
• Culture

P0 1000 c/cm^2 soit $0,150 \cdot 10^6 \text{c}/150\text{cm}^2$ en milieu MSCs

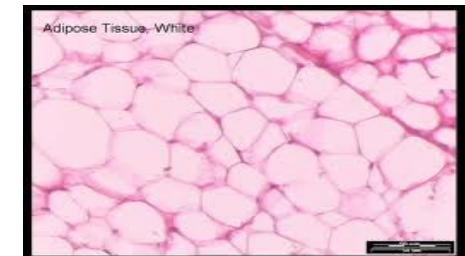
CFU-F 1000 $\text{c}/\text{F}25\text{cm}^2$ en triplicat



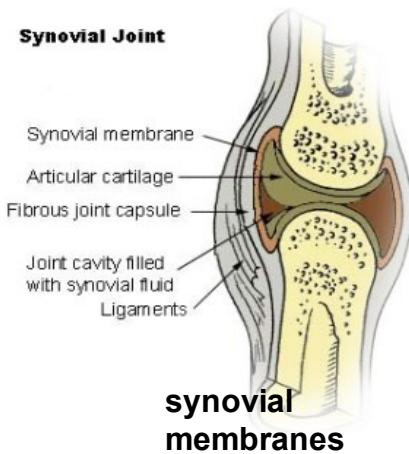
**Umbilical cord
Wharton's jelly**



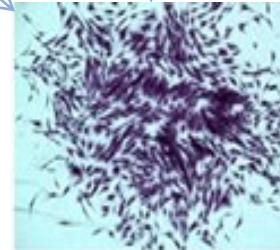
**Bone marrow
periosteum**



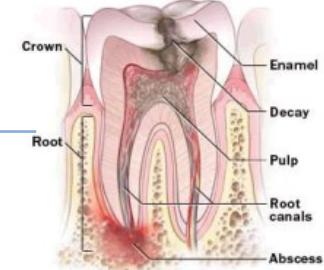
Adipose tissue



**synovial
membranes**



**Sources of
MSCs**



Dental pulp

MSC homing after intramuscular or intravenous injection (0.5×10^6 CSM) (Vilata 2008)

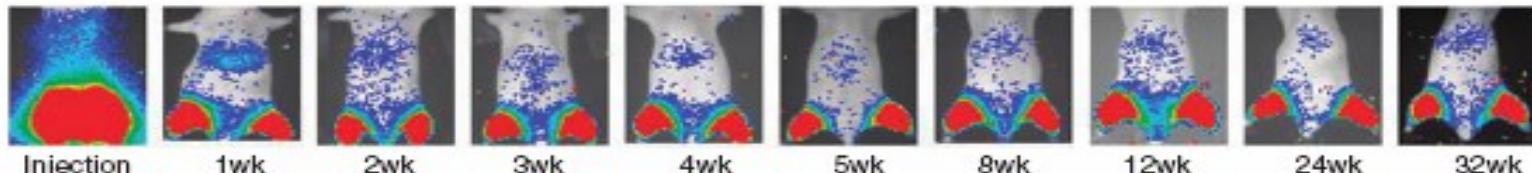
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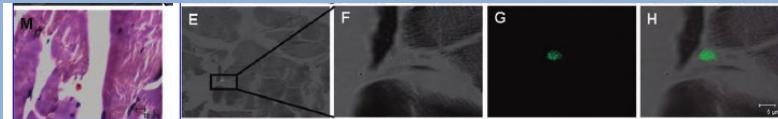
Intramuscularly (IM) inoculated MSC.

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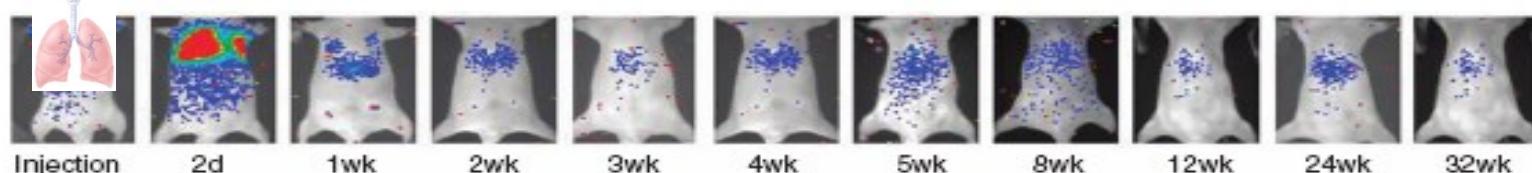
75 % of MSC lost
the first week

Number surviving cells remains stable over 32 weeks



Histological localization of MSC

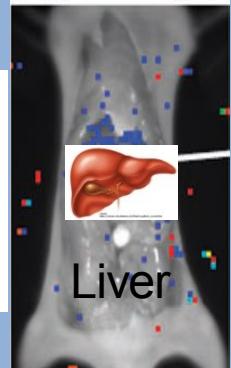
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MSC first retained in lung
Cleared after one week

Tail vein (IV) inoculated MSC

MSC are first trapped in lung (Schrepfer 2007)



1.5% of cells detected in abdomen (persisted 32 weeks)

“ Fibrosis is defined by the overgrowth, hardening, and/or scarring of various tissues and is attributed to excess deposition of extracellular matrix components including collagen ” (Wynn TA, 2008)

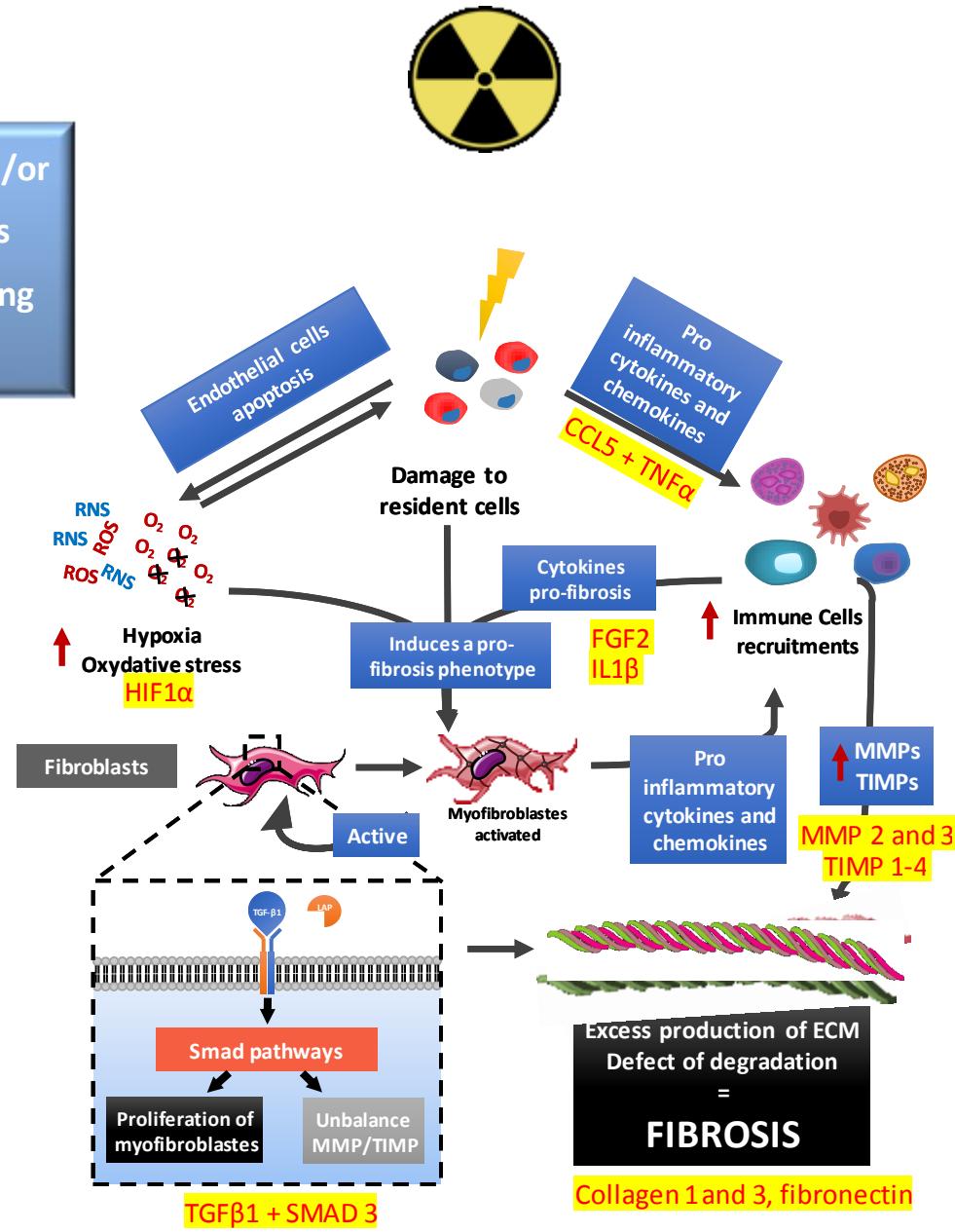
Cytokine pro fibrosis secreted following irradiation

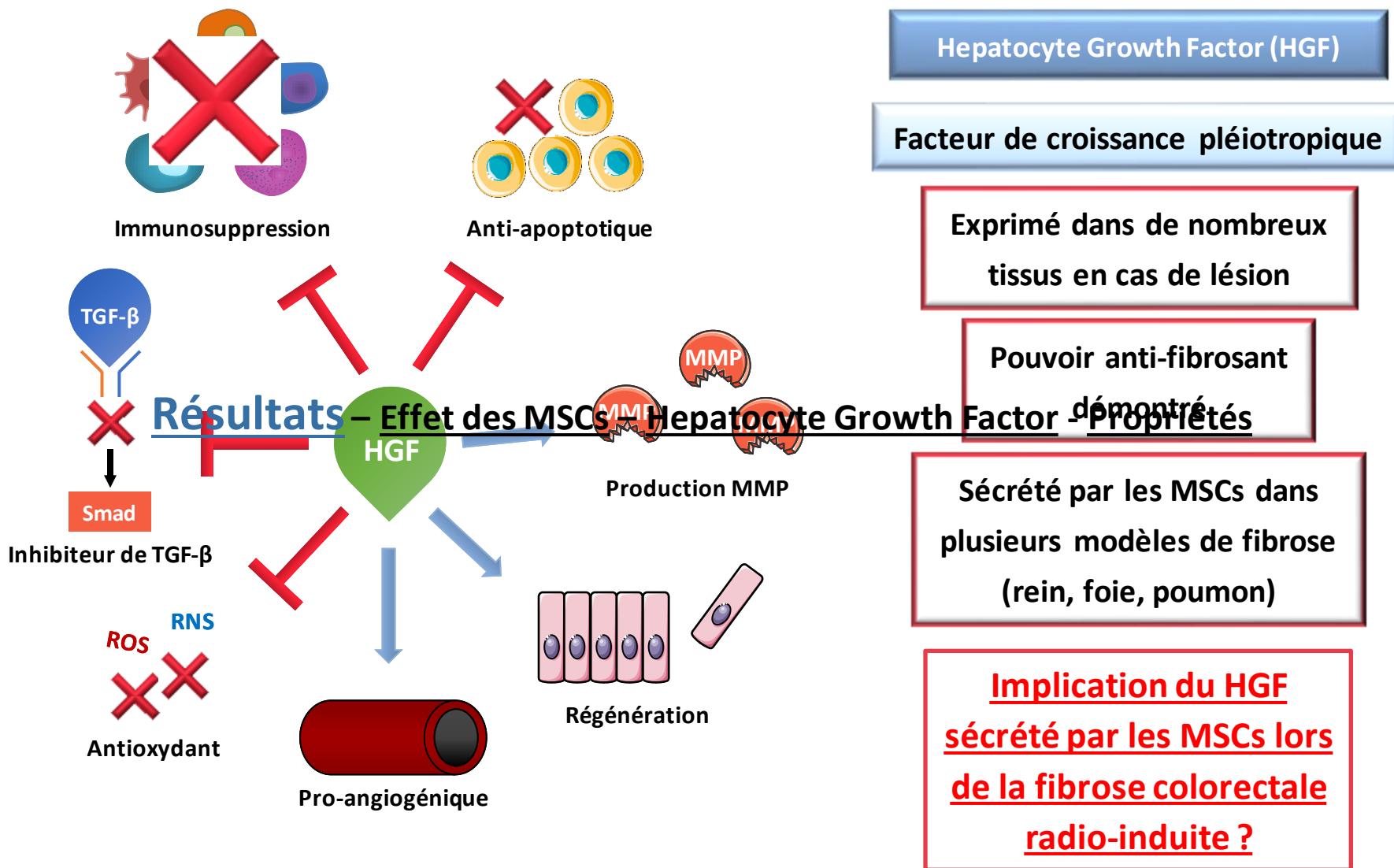
Activation of extracellular matrix secreting cells

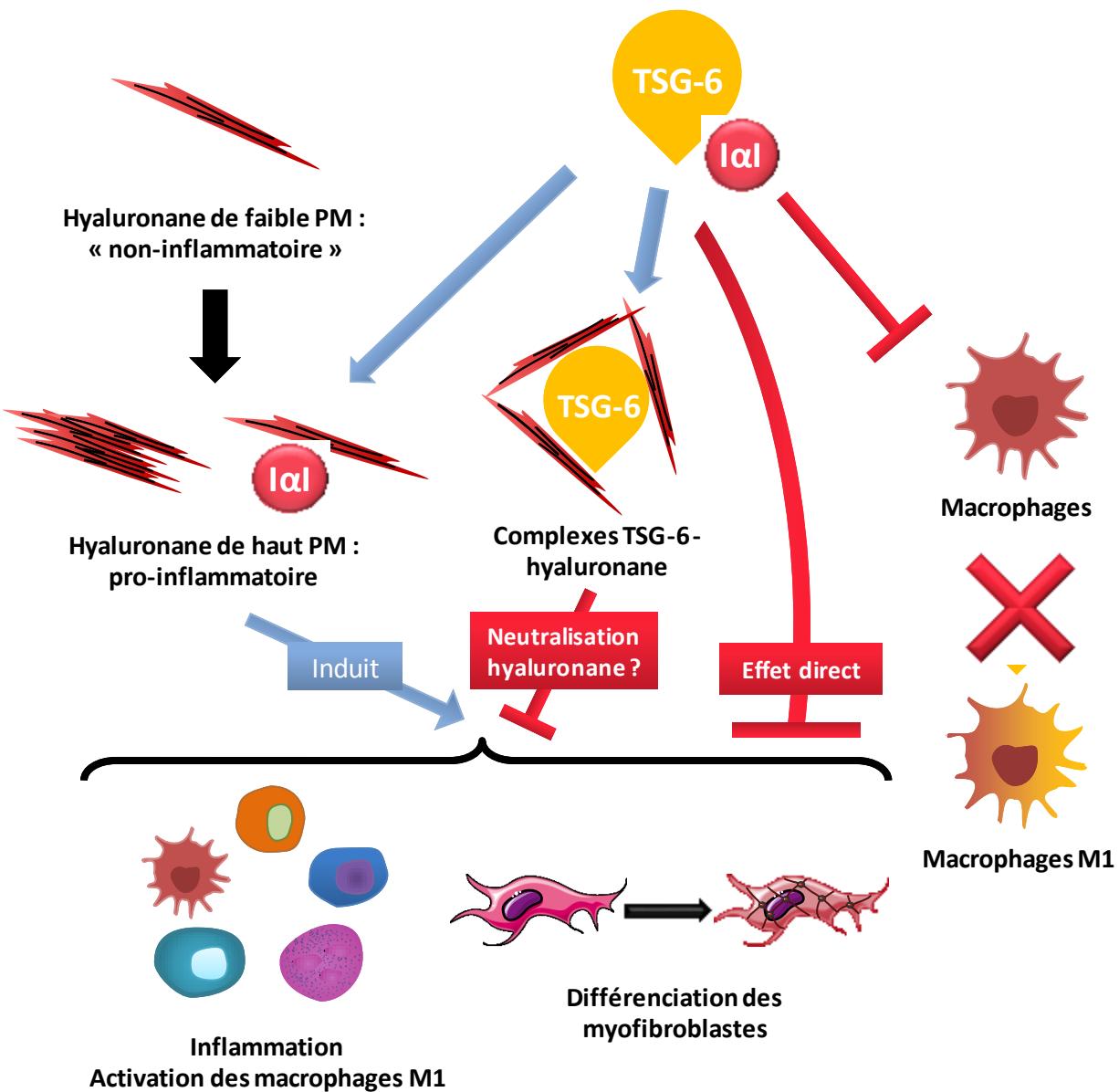
Imbalance of the accumulation/degradation of the ECM

HIF1 α = results of M2

ECM: ExtraCellular Matrix







TNF-stimulated Gene-6 (TSG-6)

Protéine immunomodulatrice

**Exprimé lors de l'inflammation
(induit par TNF- α)**

Stimule/réduit l'inflammation

**Sécrété par les MSCs dans
plusieurs modèles de fibrose
(rein, peau) : effet anti-fibrosant**

**Implication du TSG-6
sécrété par les MSCs lors
de la fibrose colorectale
radio-induite ?**

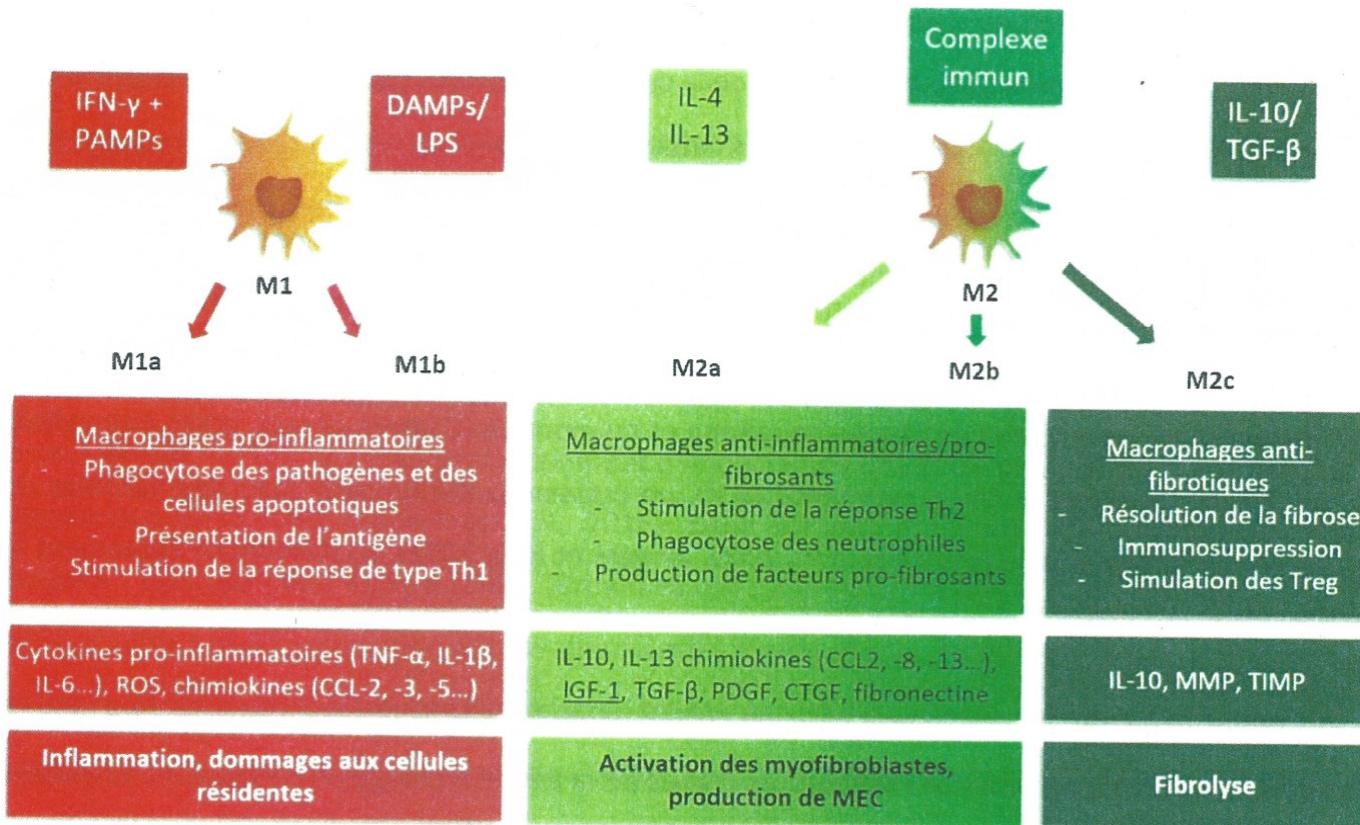


Figure 8 : Caractéristique des différents états de polarisation des macrophages.

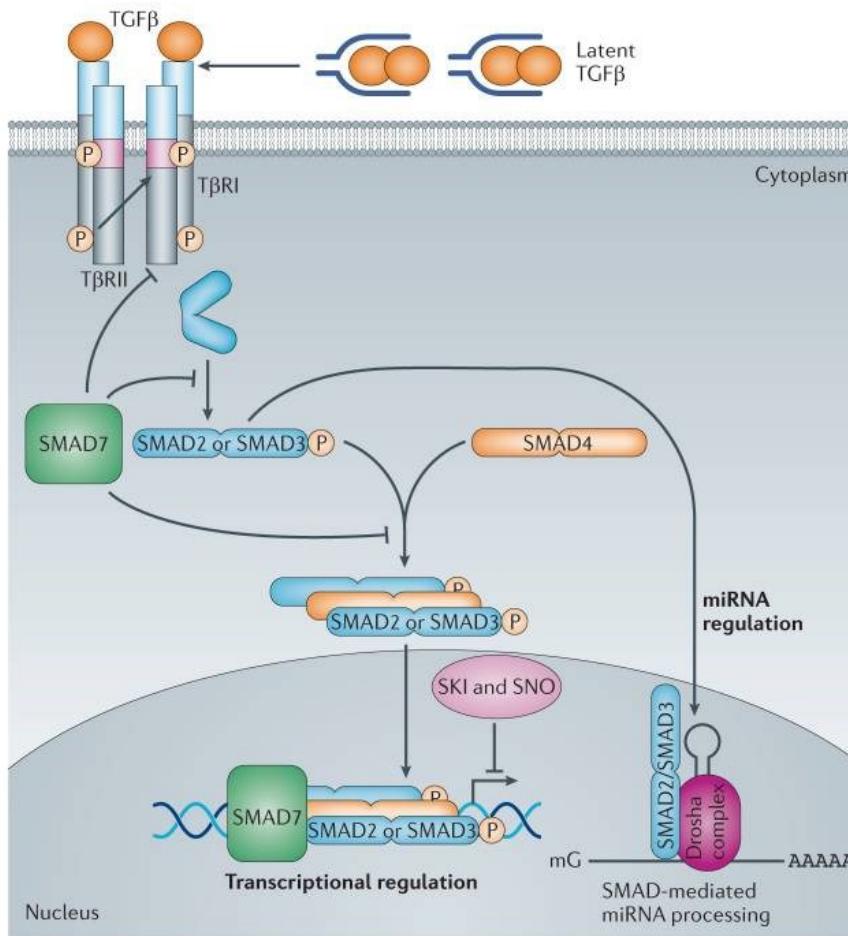
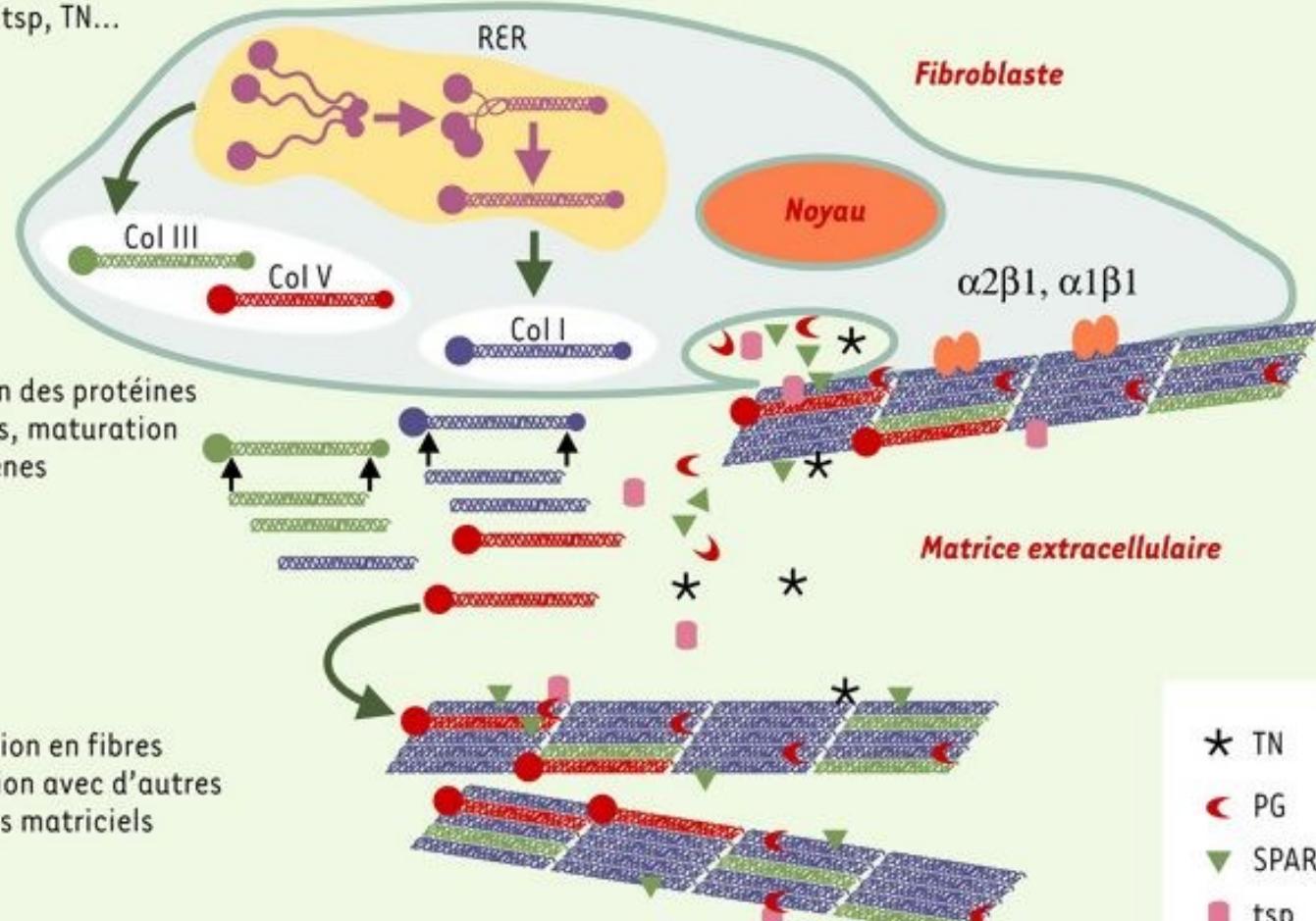


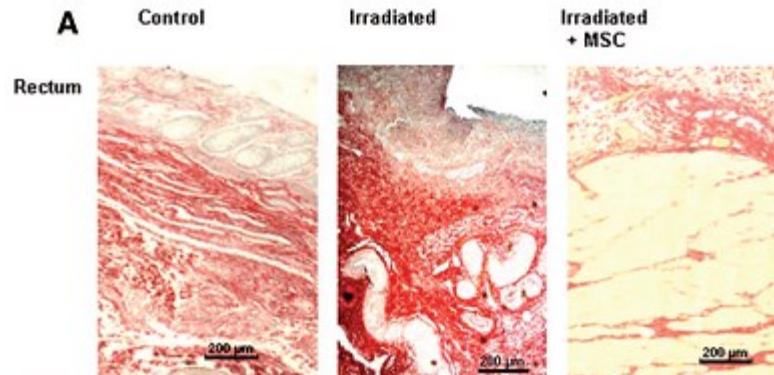
Figure: mécanismes d'activation et d'inhibition de la voie Smad (D'après Akhurst, 2012)
(Akhurst and Hata, 2012)

1. Synthèse des collagènes et autres composés matriciels :
PG, SPARC, tsp, TN...

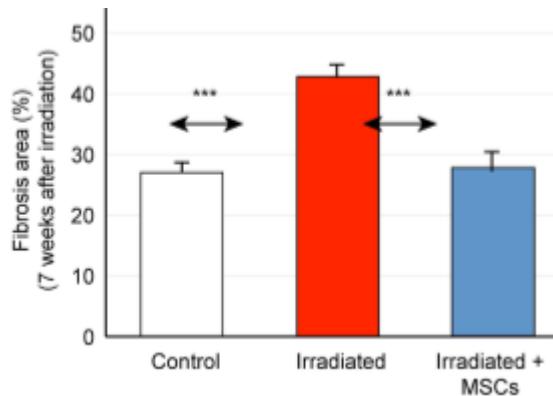


Protocol of intravenous injection:

- 5 millions of MSCs significantly improve the epithelial injury score
- Iterative injections in established radiation-induced lesions restore mucosal damages.

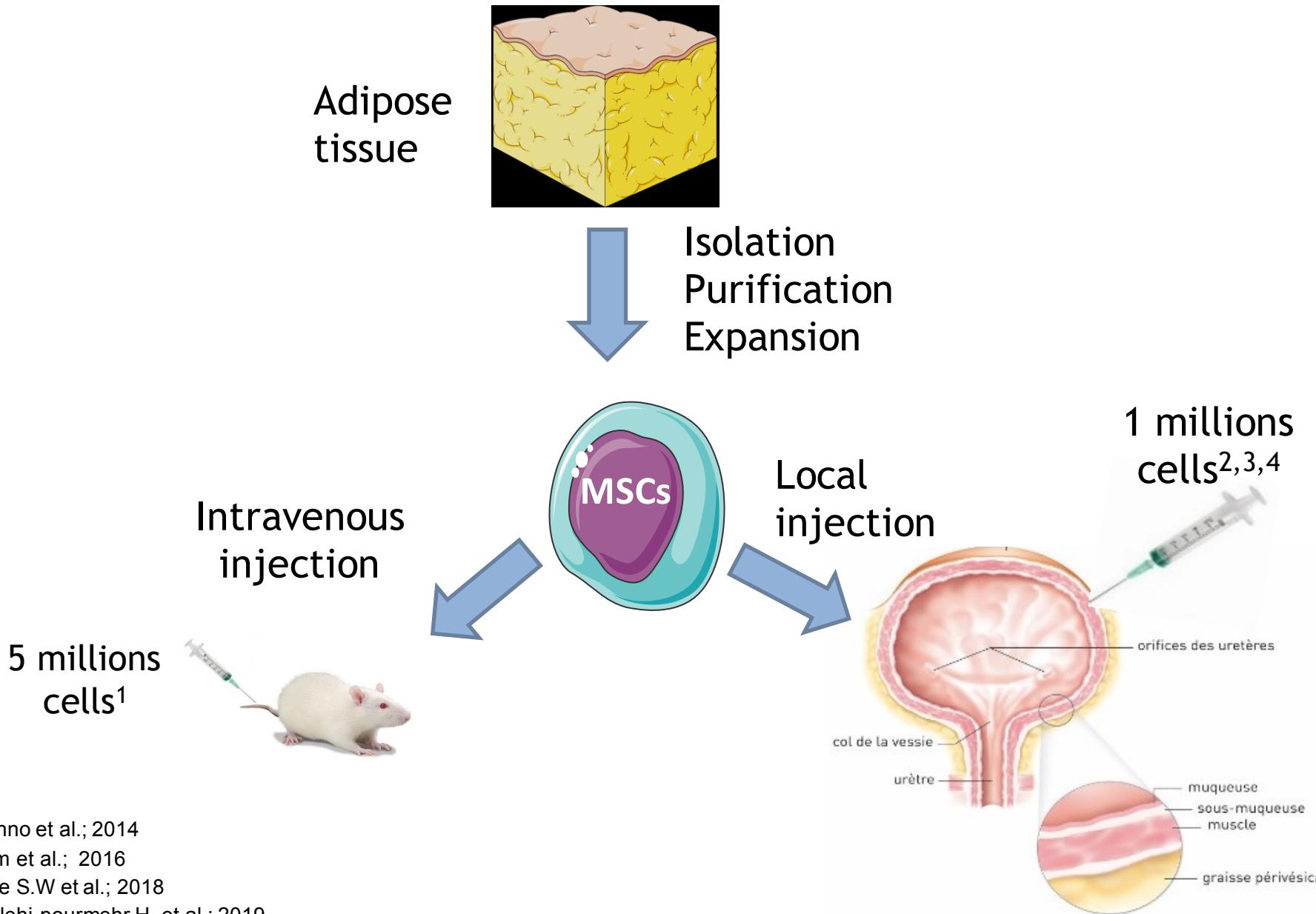


- Injection frequency \geq 1 week
- MSCs injections are more effective during the initiation phase of fibrosis



Usunier et al. 2014
Colorectal fibrosis

Protocol injection: Chronic Radiation Cystitis



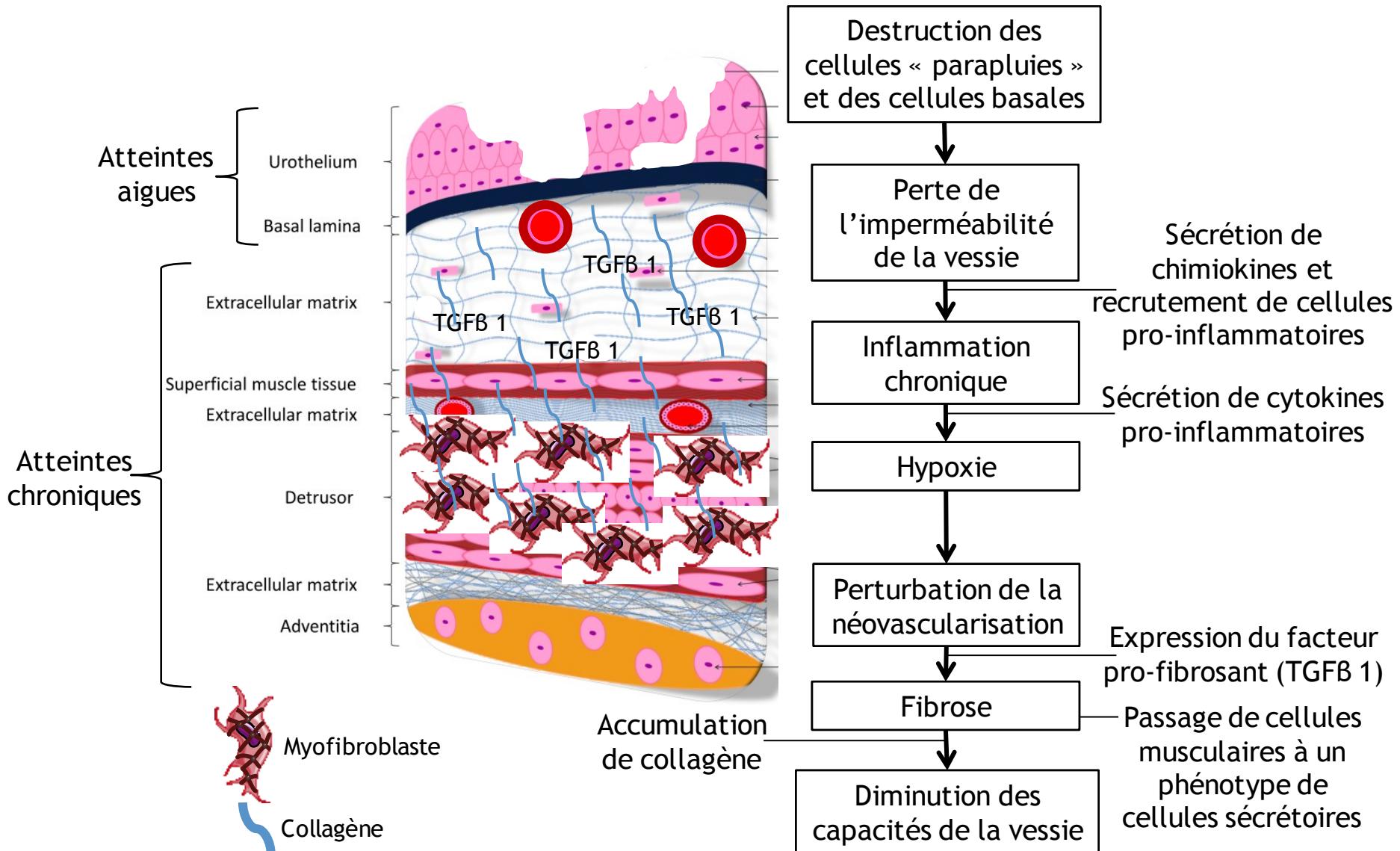
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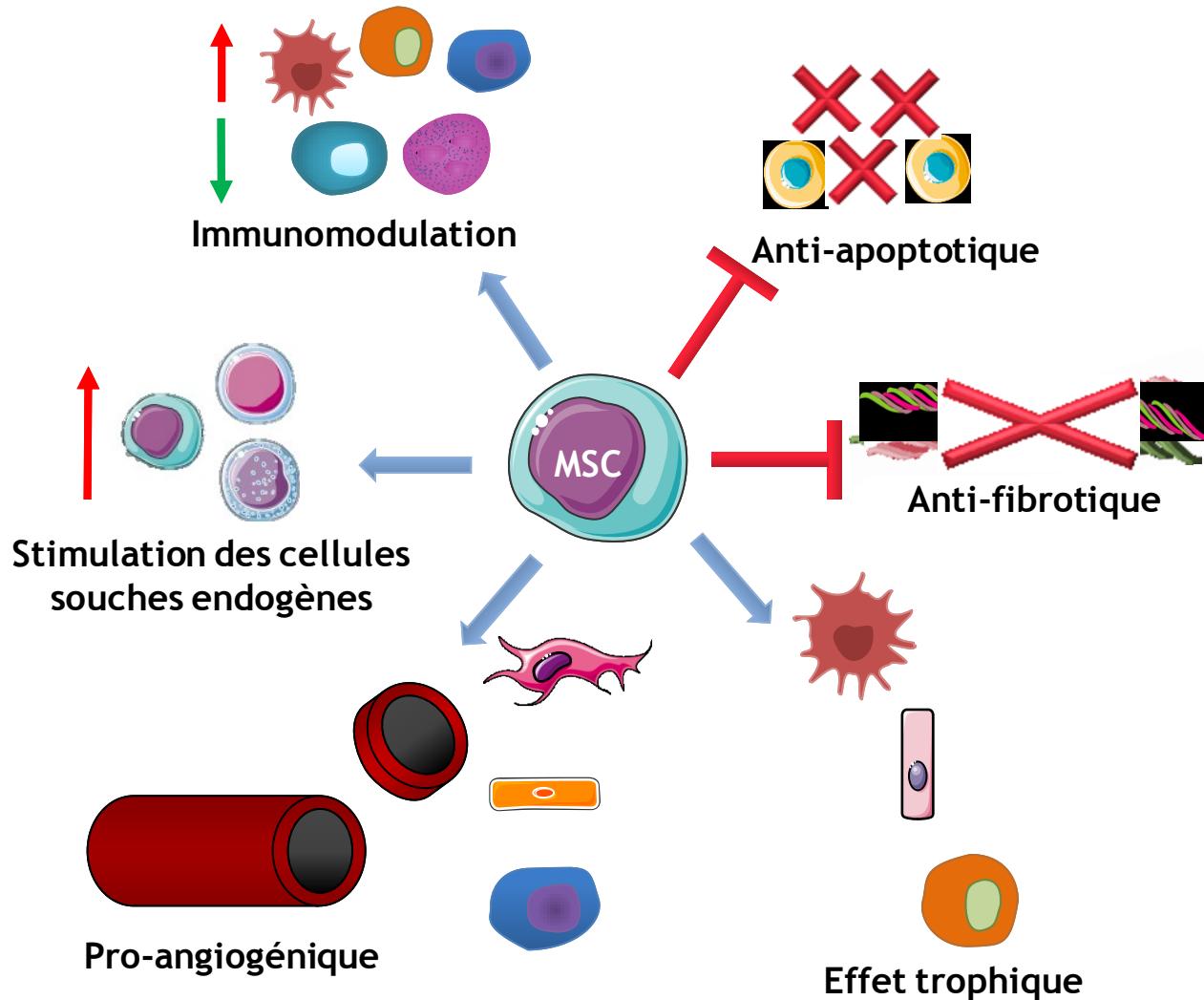
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4: Salehi-pourmehr H. et al.; 2019

Mécanisme de la cystite radique chronique



Fonctions des cellules souches mésenchymateuses



Principaux récepteurs de chimiokines exprimés sur les différents types de cellules immunitaires

Cellules	Récepteurs
Lymphocyte B	CXCR4, CXCR5
Basophile, éosinophile	CCR3
Neutrophile	CXCR1, CXCR2
Lymphocyte TCD8	CCR5, CX3CR1, CXCR1, CXCR3, CXCR6
Cellule dendritique immature	CCR1, CCR6
Cellule dendritique mature	CCR7
Macrophage	CCR1, CCR2, CCR5
Cellule Th1	CCR1, CCR5, CXCR3, CXCR6
Mastocyte	CXCR1, CXCR2
Monocyte	CCR5, CX3CR1, CCR1, CCR2
Cellule Th2	CCR3, CCR4, CCR8, CXCR4
Cellule NK	CX3CR1, CXCR1, CXCR3, CXCR4, XCR1