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Understanding the mechanistic link between idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis and lung cancer

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Smoking remains the biggest risk factor for Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF)

Pulmonary Fibrosis



Respiratory disease marked by **formation of scars in lungs**



Affects 5 million people globally



Commonly affects people between 50 to 70 years



Risk factors are drugs, injury or toxin exposure



No cause determined in half of the cases



Symptoms include breathing problems, chest pain & cough



Diagnosed by clinical exam, chest X-ray & CT scan



Treatment is symptomatic by drugs & lifestyle changes



Lung transplant needed in severe cases



Complications are lung collapse, hypertension & respiratory failure



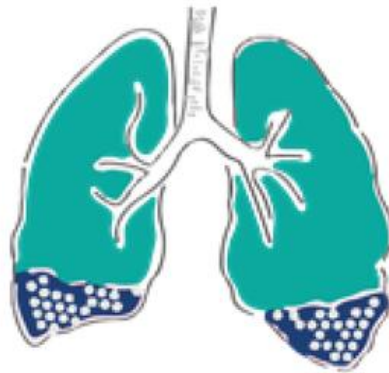
1 in 2 patients die within 3 years of diagnosis



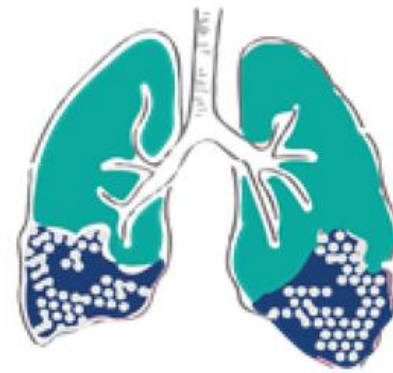
IPF results in Irreversible Lung Damage



Normal healthy lung tissue is soft and flexible, allowing easy breathing

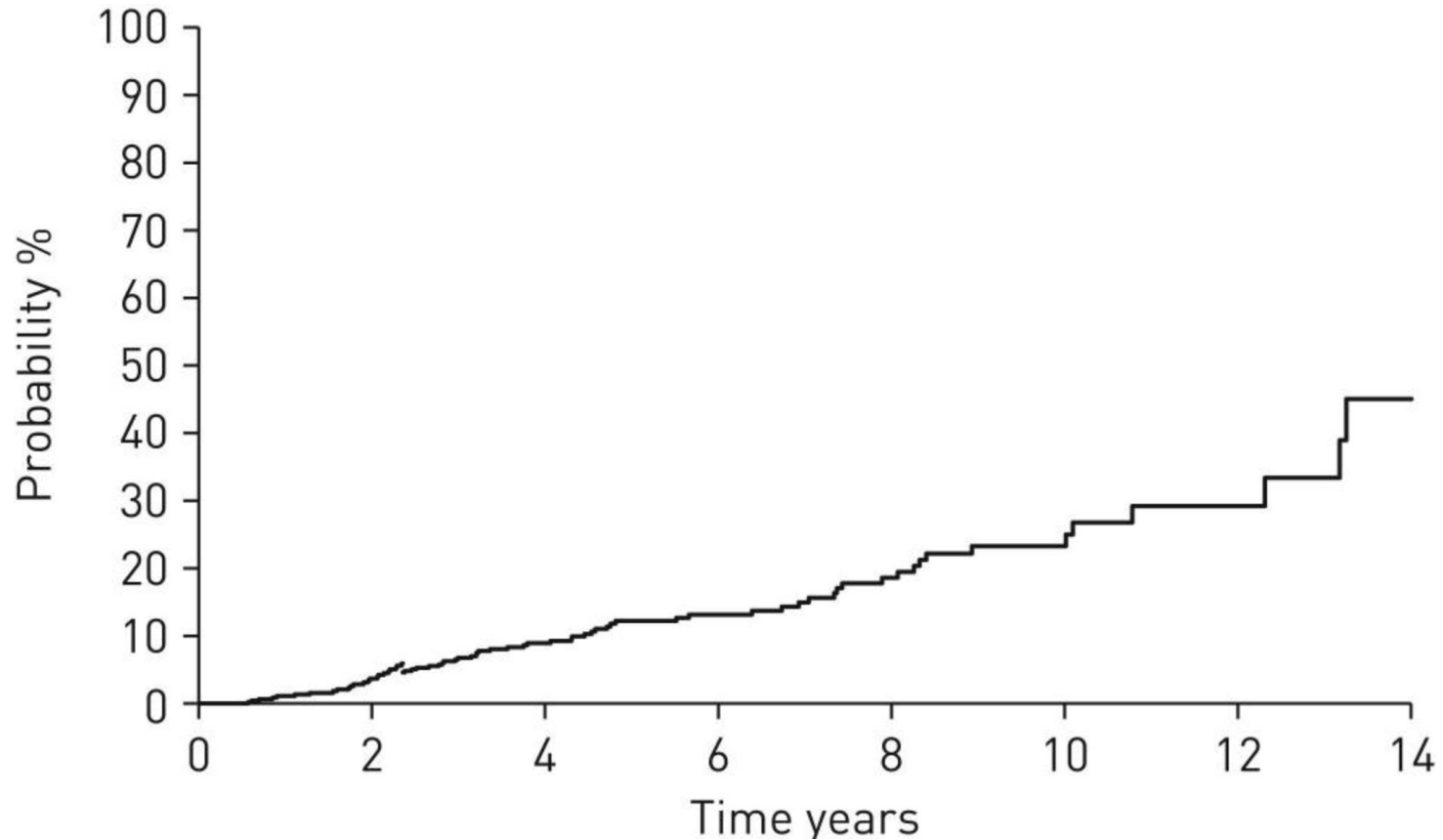


In IPF, the lung tissue is damaged, becoming scarred over time. This process is called fibrosis

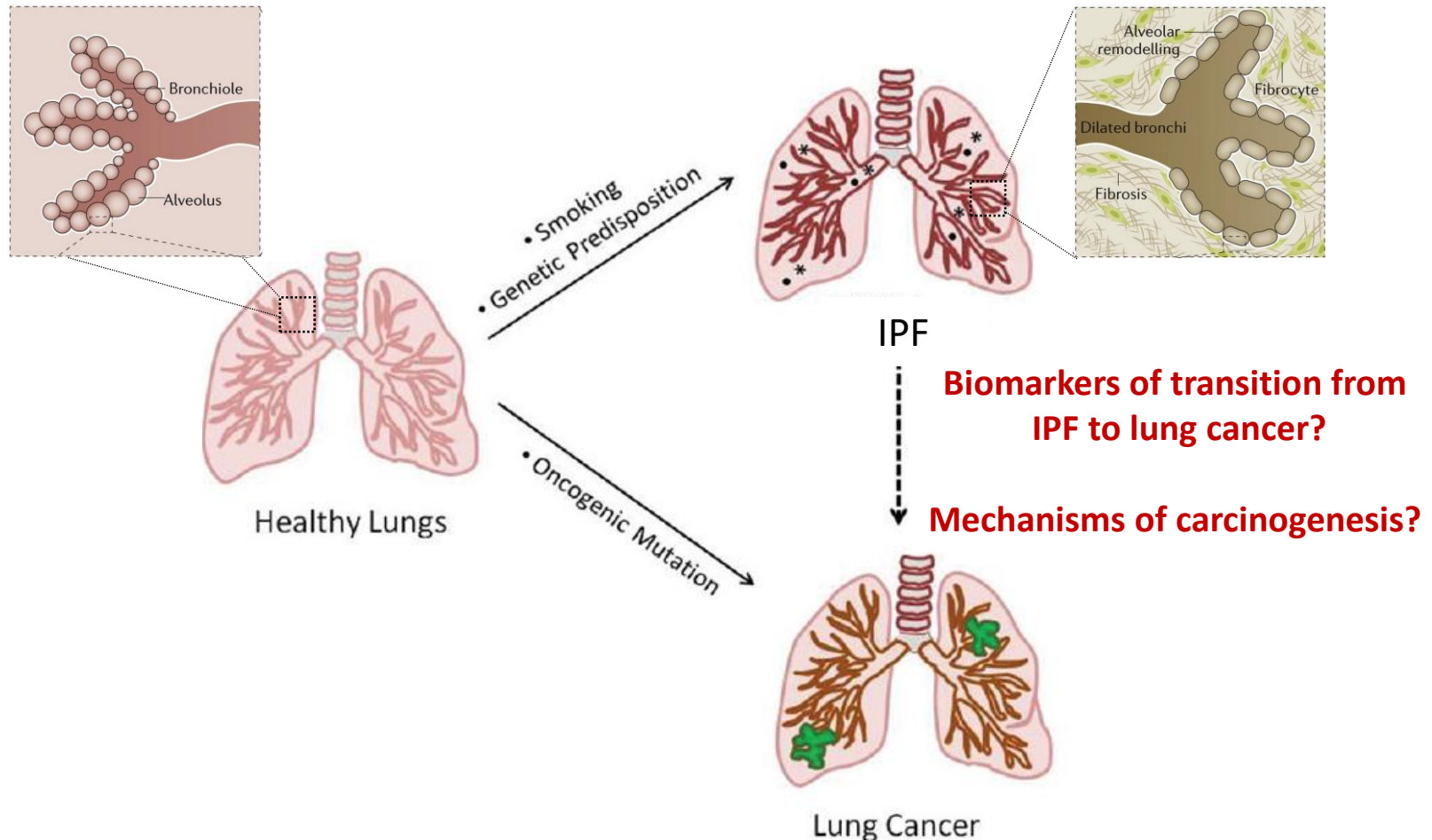


As IPF gets worse, scarring spreads through the lungs which makes breathing more difficult. Once the lung tissue is damaged from progressive scarring, unfortunately it doesn't recover

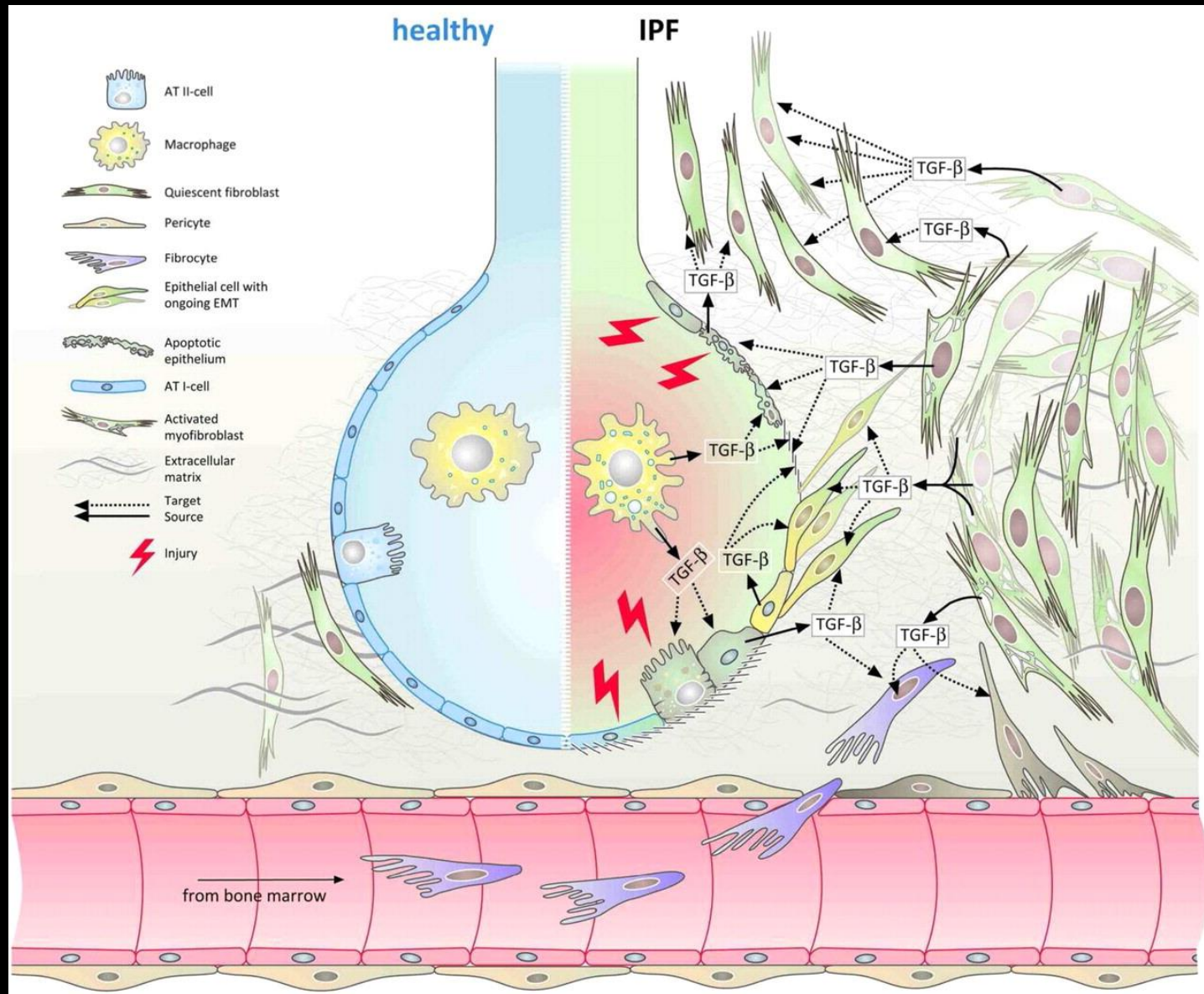
Around 20% of IPF patients develop lung cancer within 10 years of diagnosis



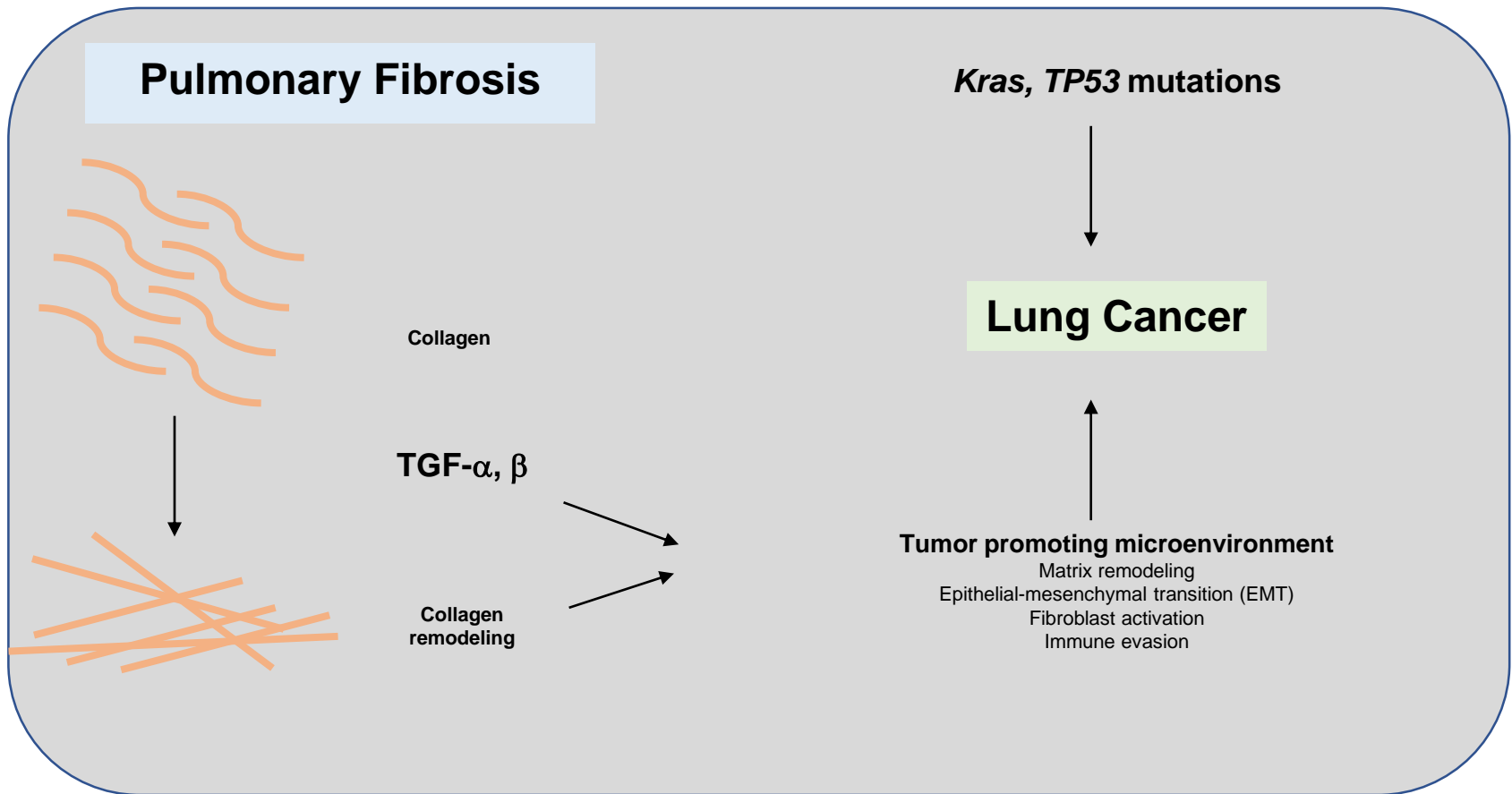
Identification of the mechanistic links between IPF and lung cancer



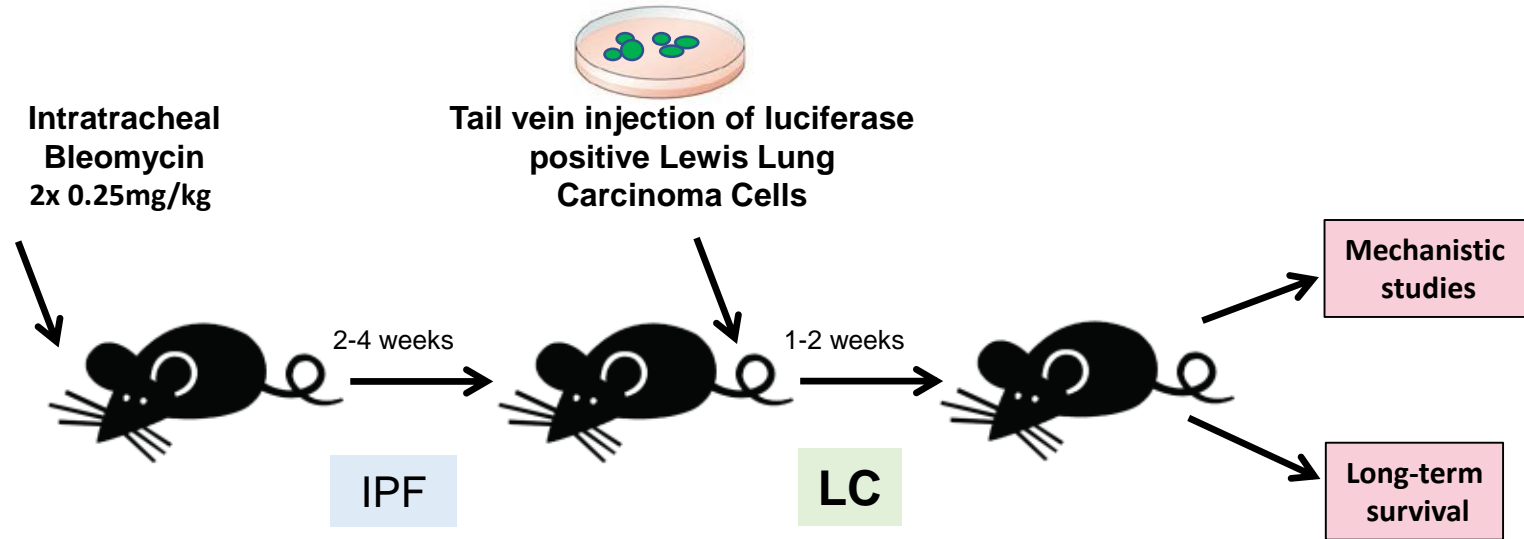
TGF- β in Lung Fibrosis



Tumor Promoting Milieu in IPF?

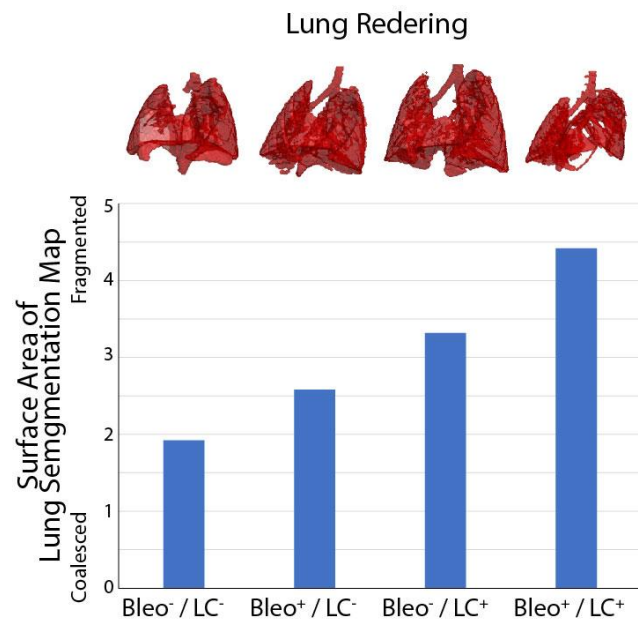
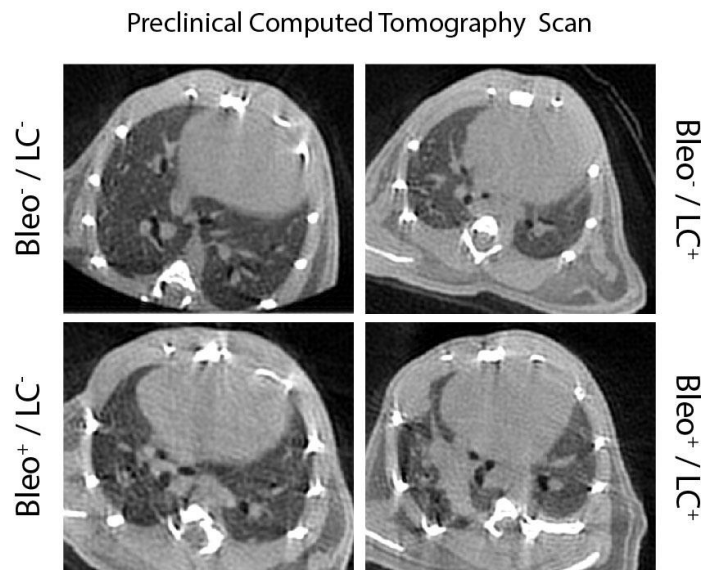


Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis associated Lung cancer (IPF-LC) Mouse Model

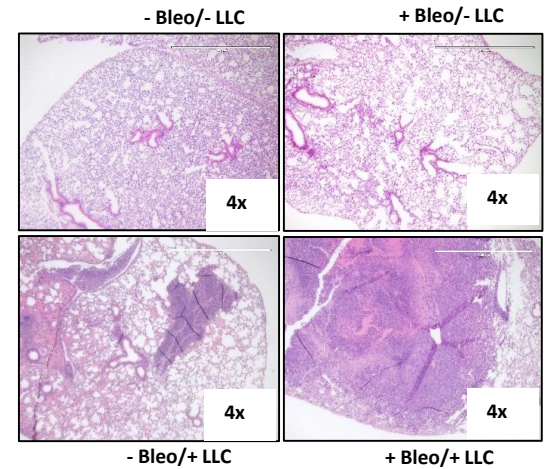
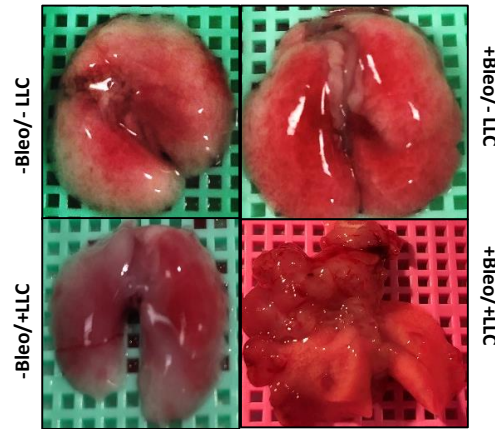
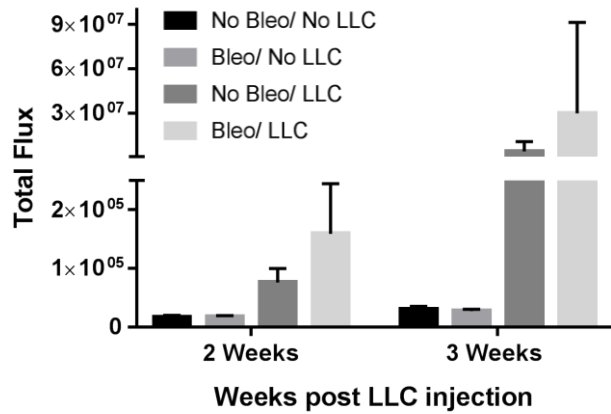


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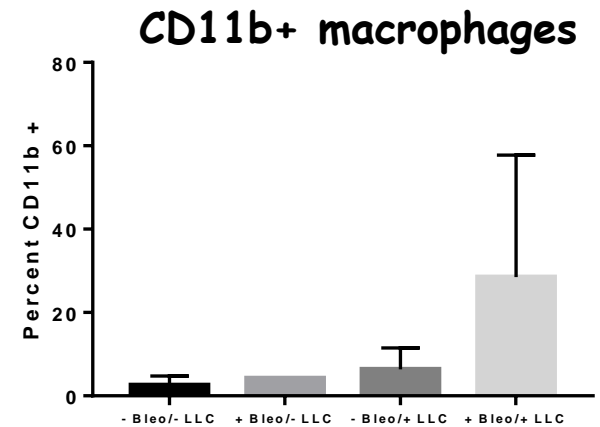
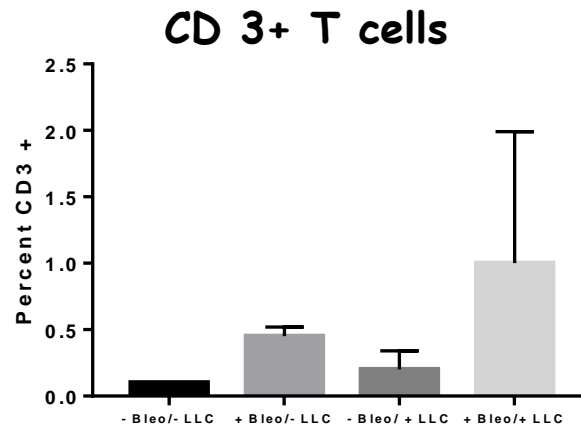
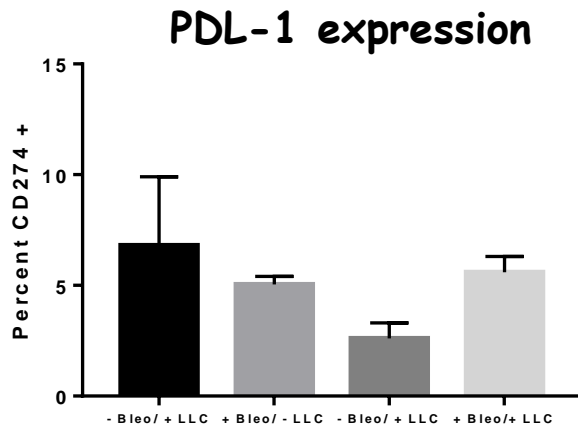
Quantitative assessment of lung structure with disease by micro CT



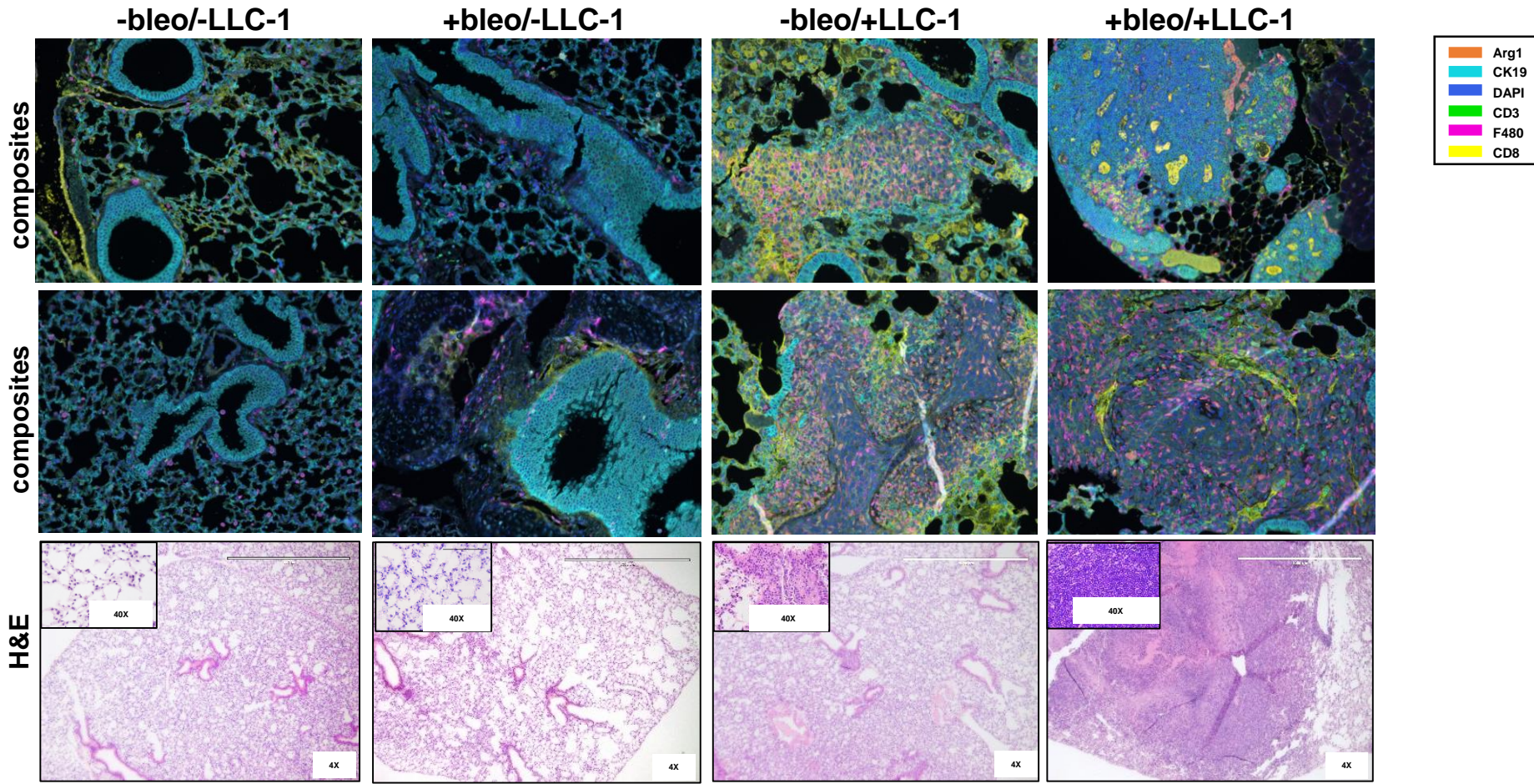
Increased severity of lung cancer in fibrous lungs



Tumor Progression Correlates With CD11b+ Macrophages in Lungs of IPF-LC mice

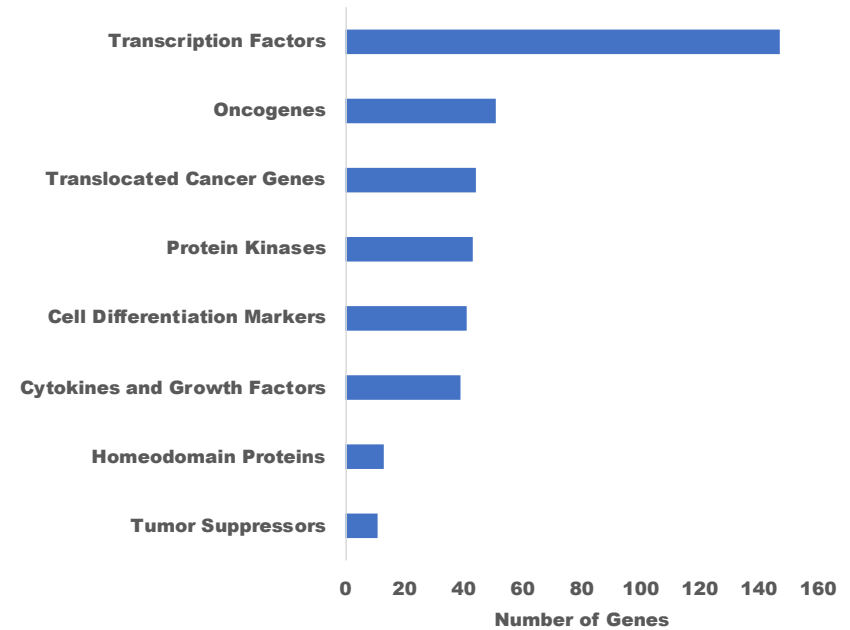
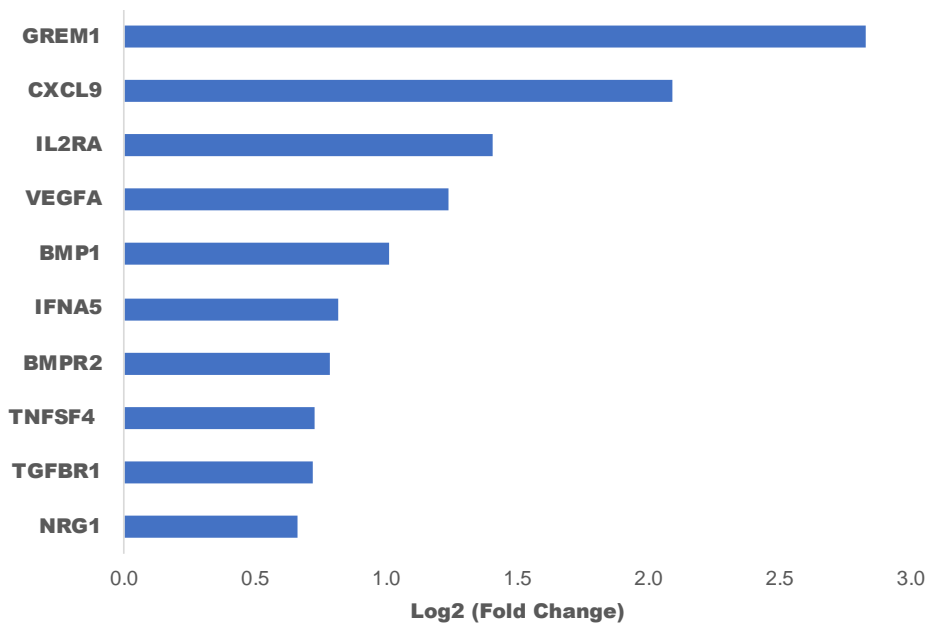


Analyzing TIME in IPF-LC

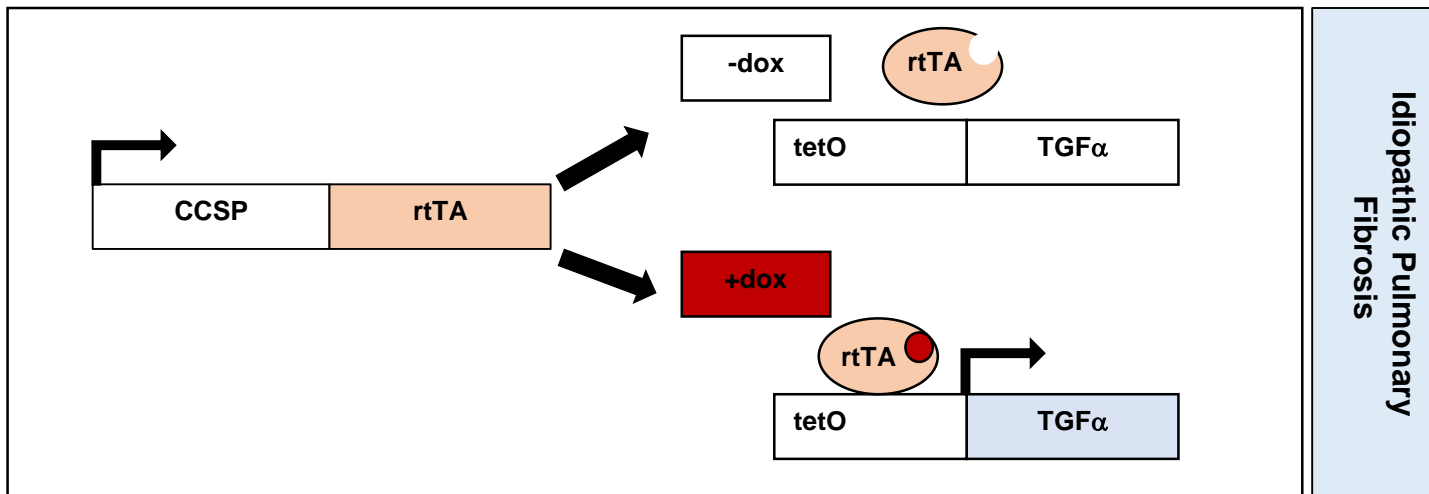


Transcriptome changes in COPD-associated lung cancer

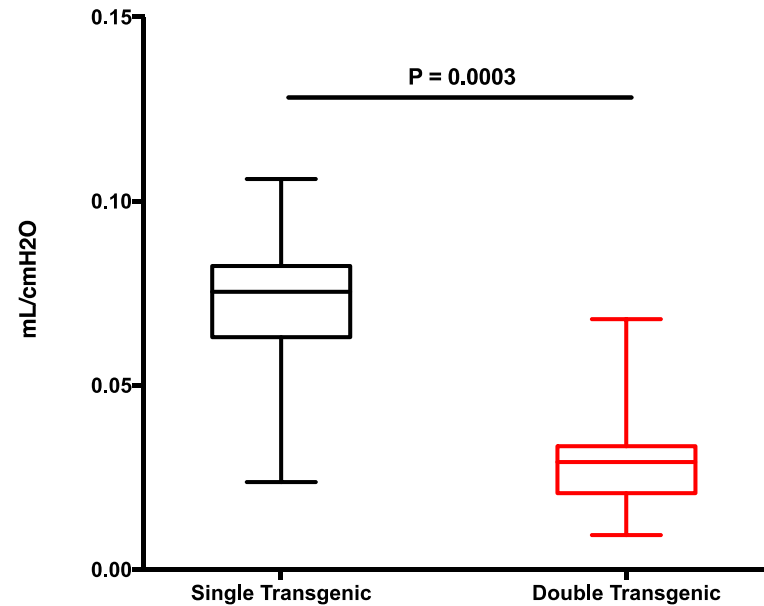
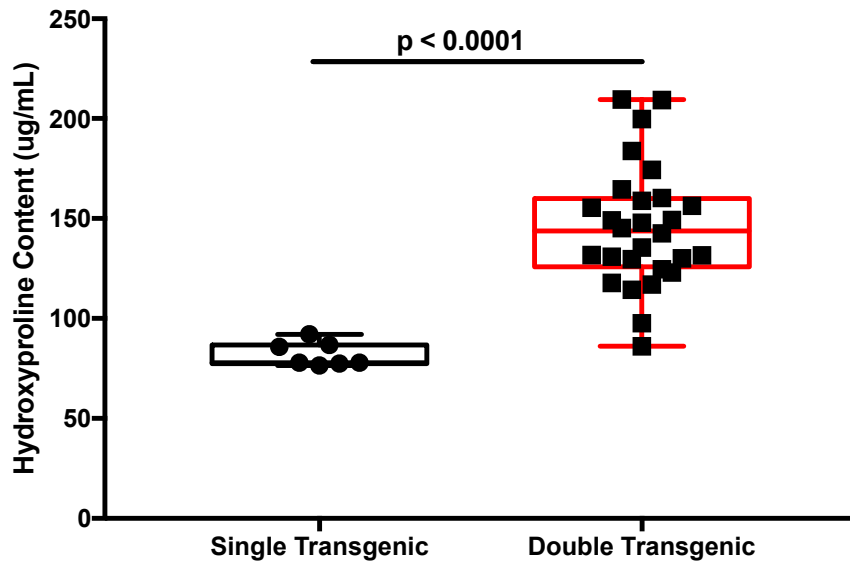
Highly enriched genes upregulated in COPD associated lung cancer compared to COPD ($p < 0.05$)



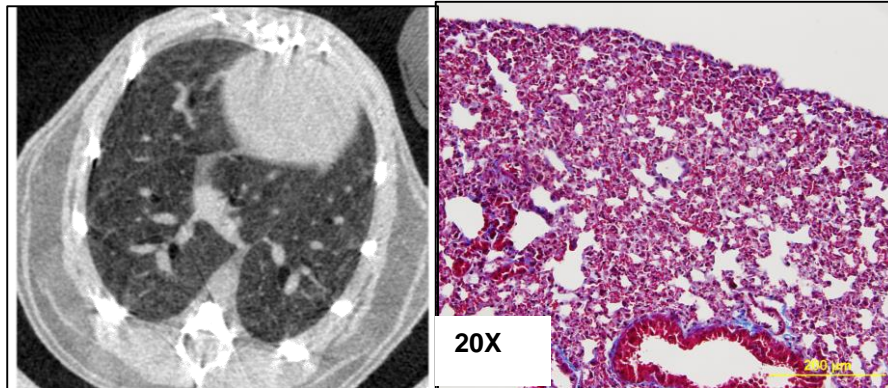
Transgenic mouse model for idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF)



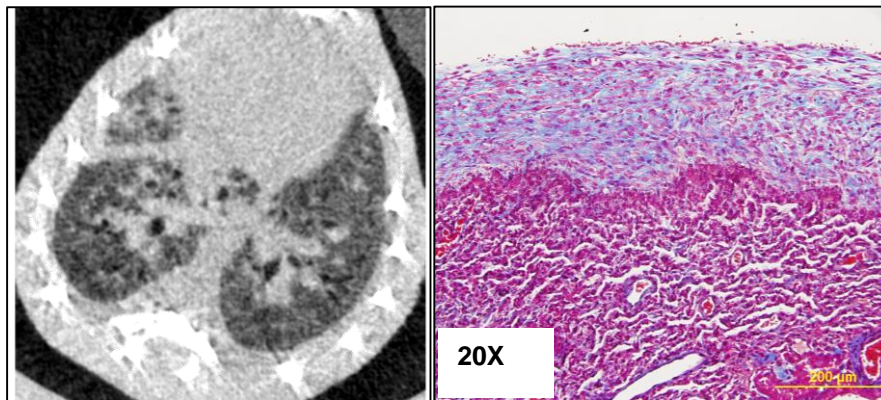
TGF-alpha inducible IPF mouse model recapitulates human disease



Pleural fibrosis

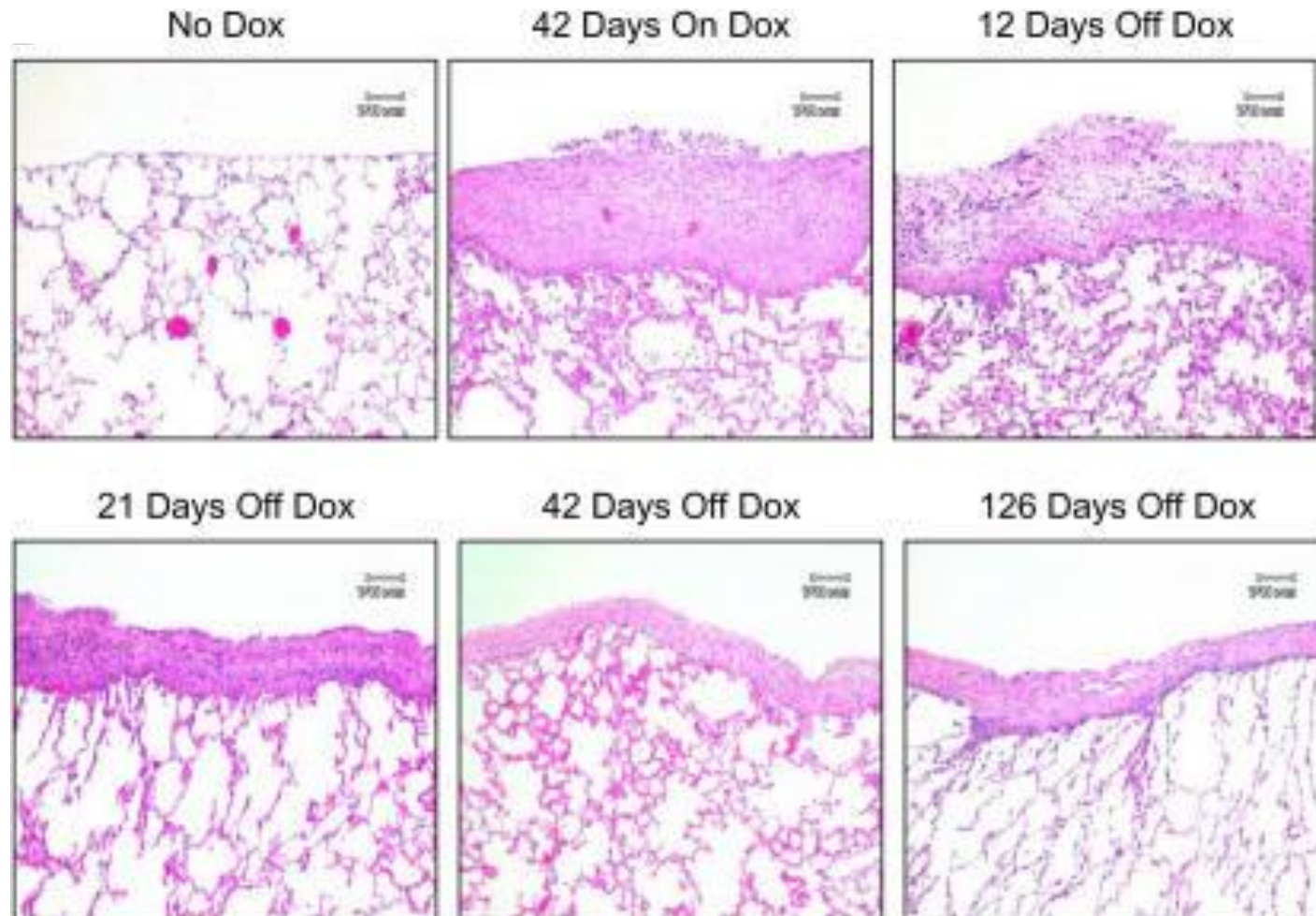


**CCSP-rtTA^{+/-}
or TGF- α ^{+/-}**

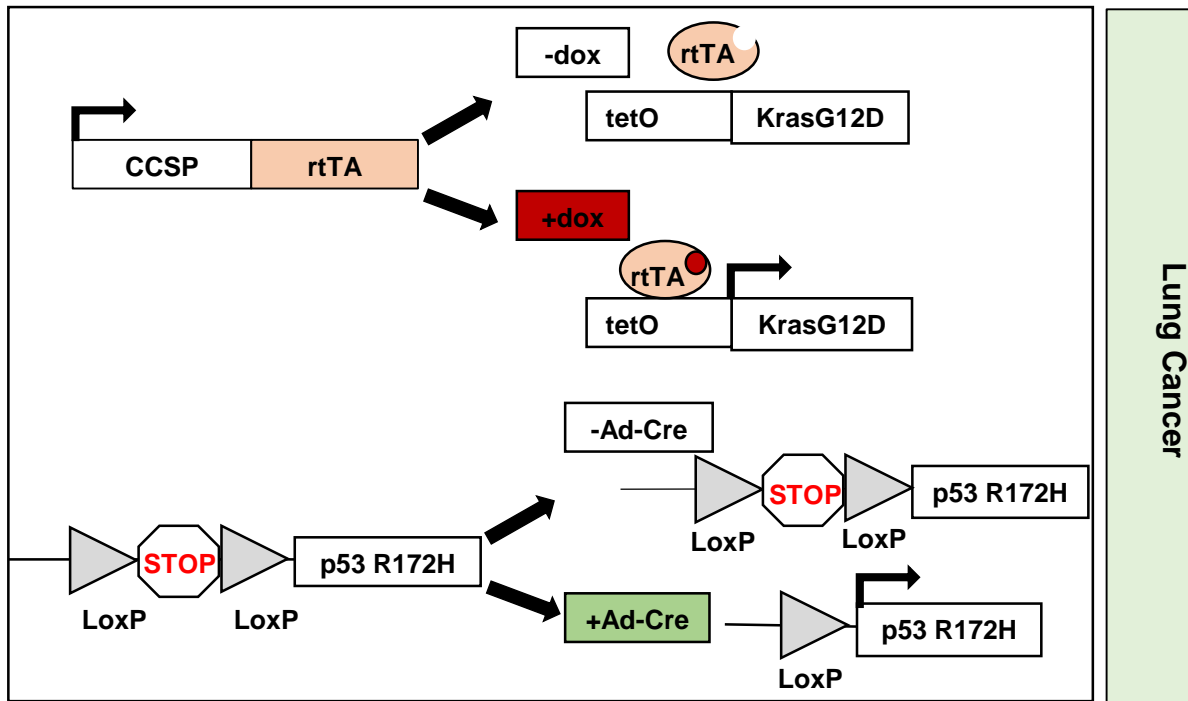


CCSP-rtTA^{+/-}/TGF- α ^{+/-}

Reversibility of TGF- α -induced pulmonary fibrosis

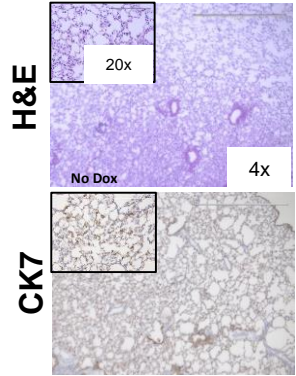


Inducible *Kras** and mutant p53 lung cancer model

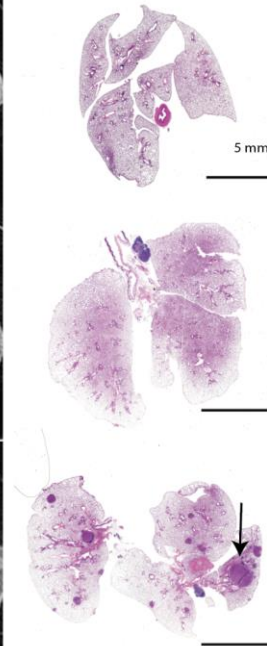
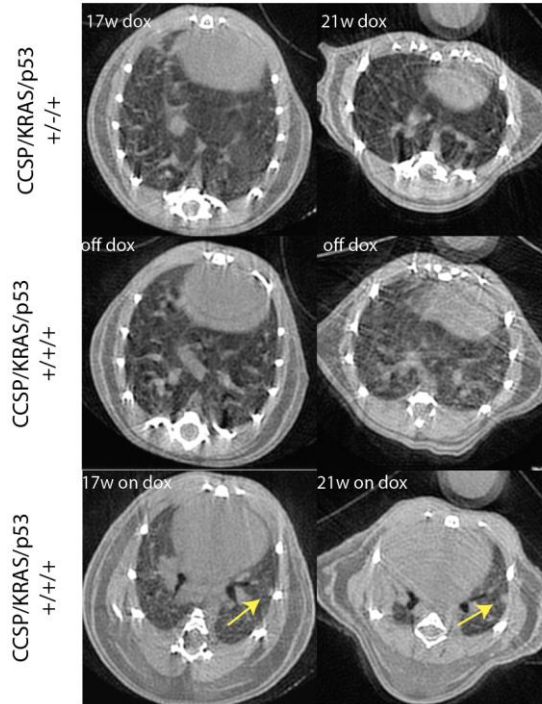
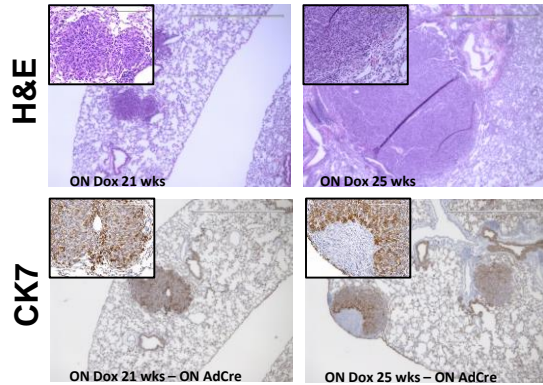


Simultaneous activation of Kras* and p53R172H leads to adenocarcinomas

'Kras* OFF, P53 OFF'



'Kras* ON, P53 ON'



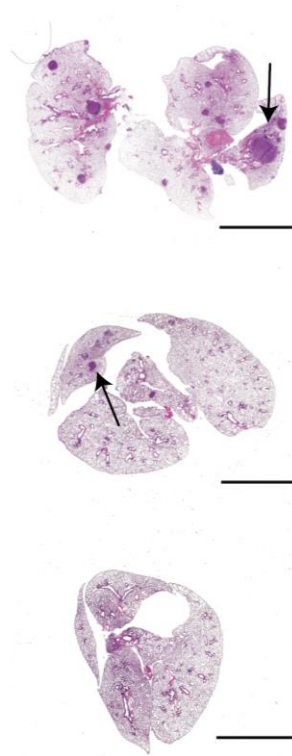
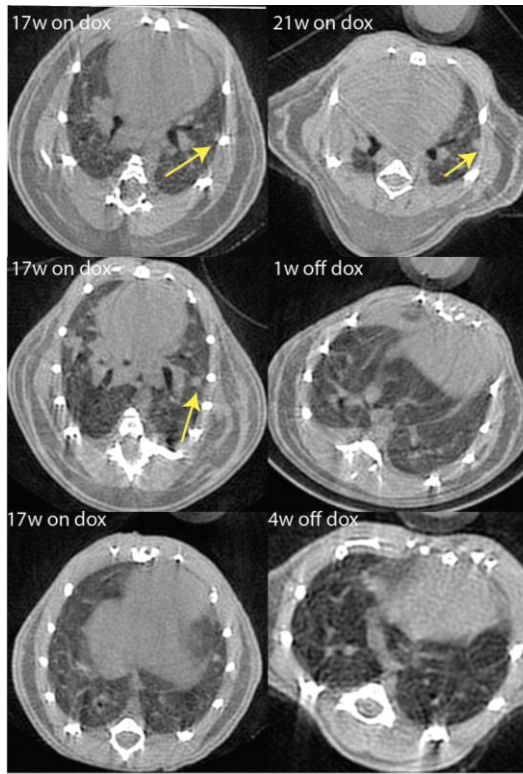
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'KRAS* OFF, P53 OFF'

'KRAS* ON, P53 ON'

Controls: single transgenic mice on doxycycline

Kras* is required for tumor maintenance of adenocarcinomas



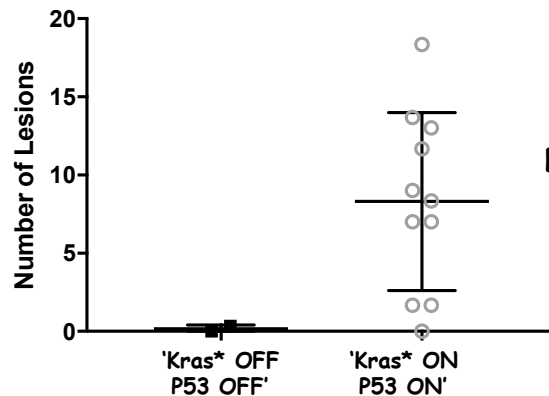
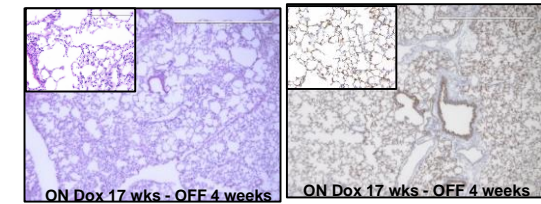
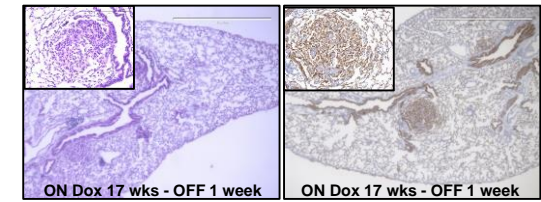
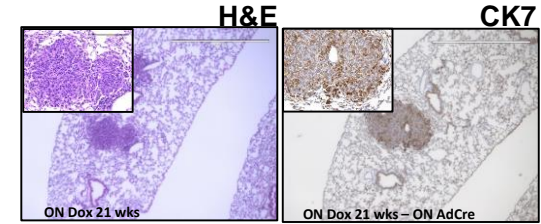
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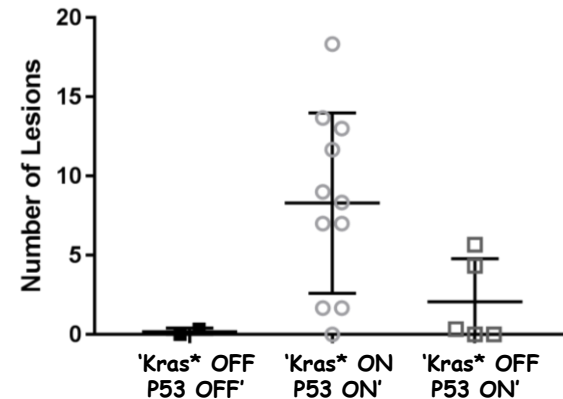
KRAS* OFF, P53 ON
1 week OFF



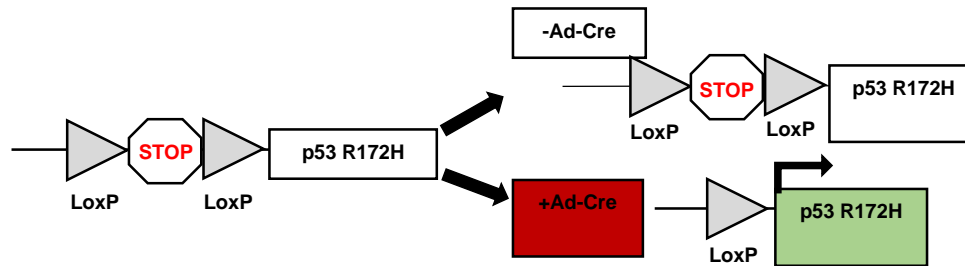
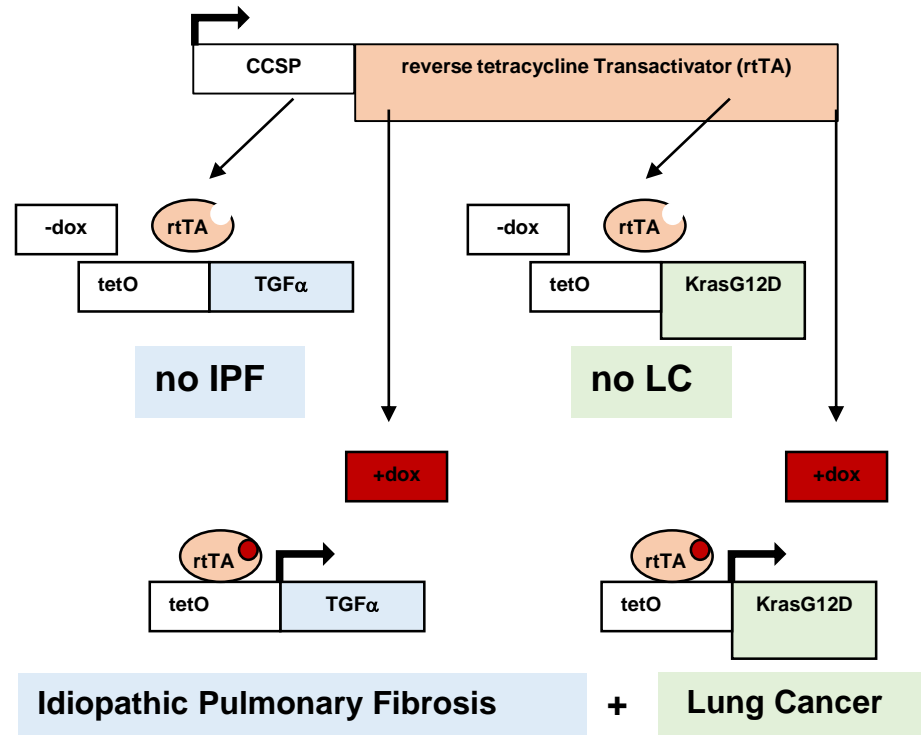
'KRAS* OFF, P53 ON'
4 week OFF



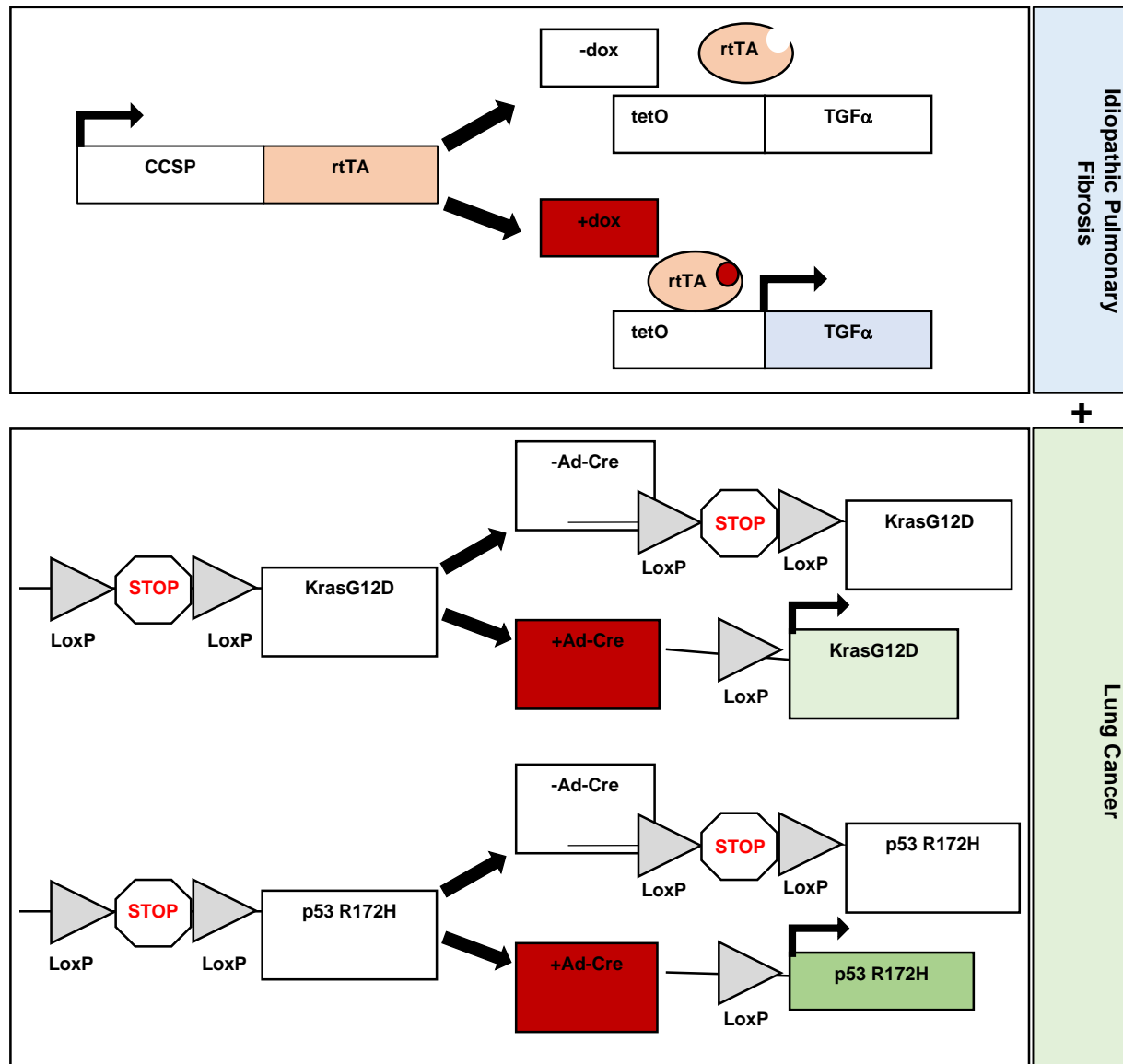
Doxy removal
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Kras* OFF



Development of an Inducible IPF-associated Lung Cancer Mouse Model

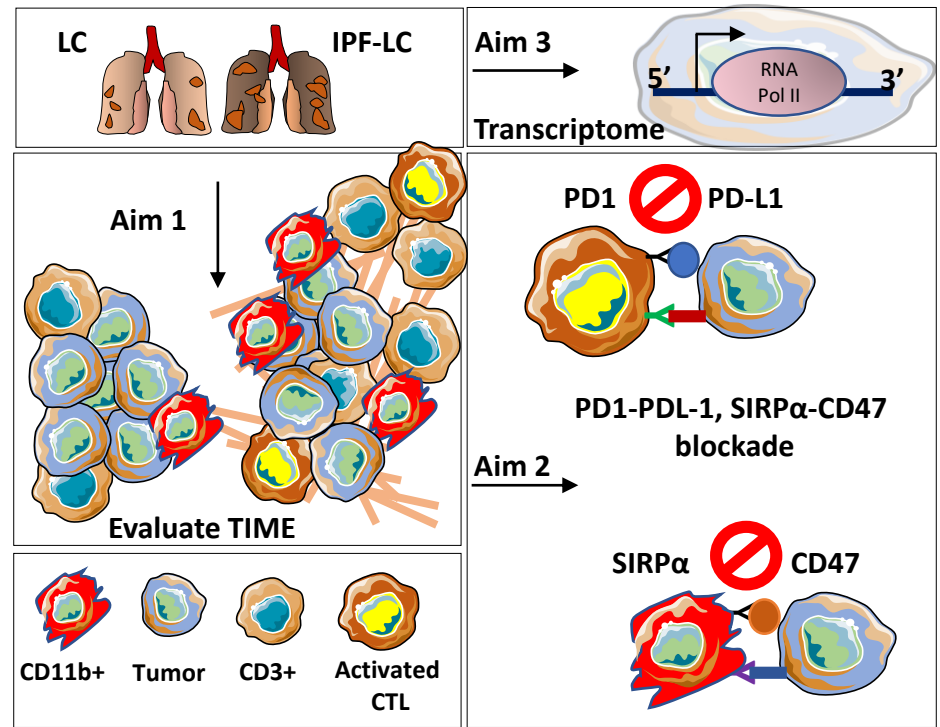


Genetic makeup of the 'consecutive IPF-LC' mouse model



Summary and Future Directions

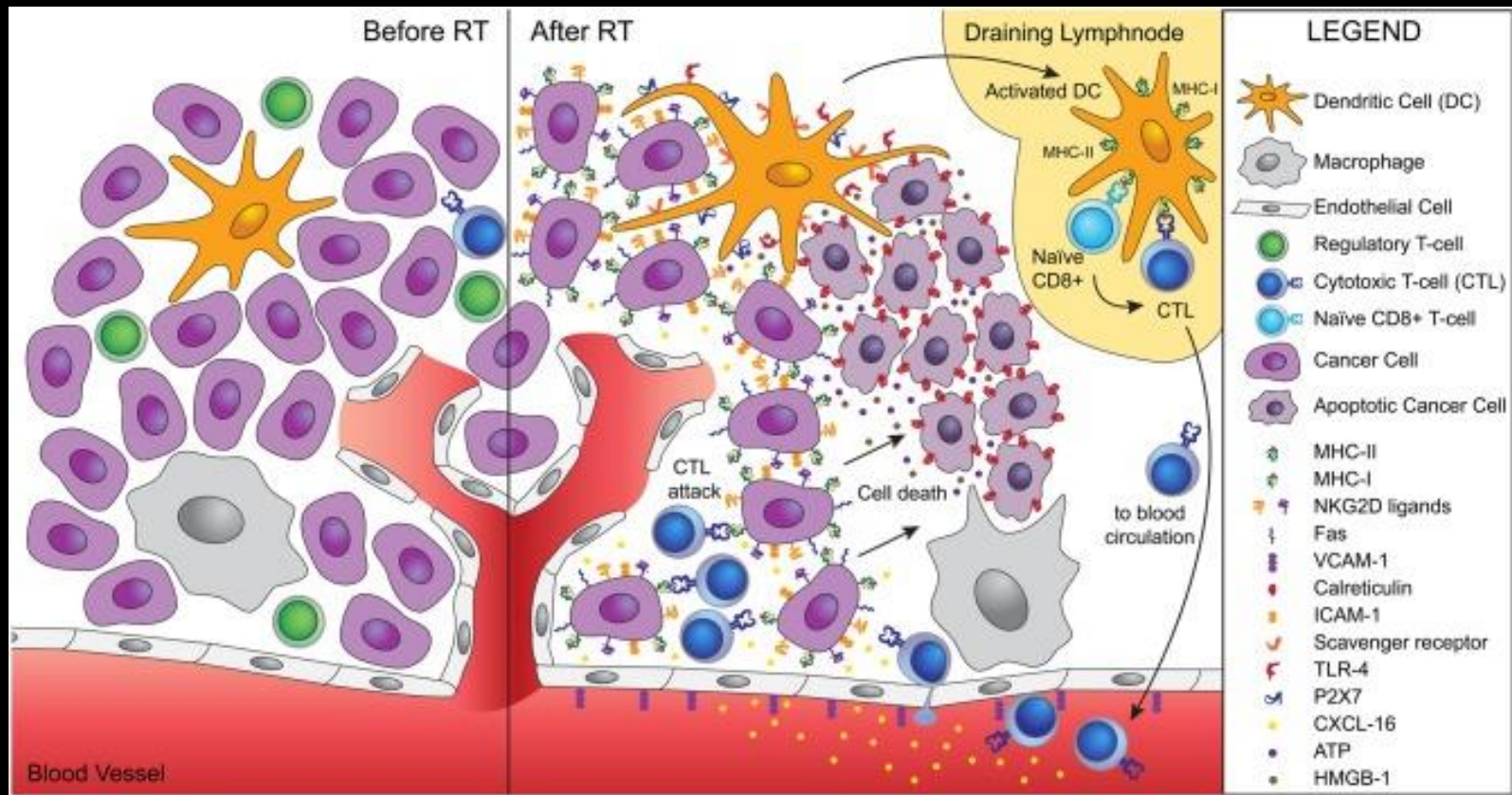
- Developed IPF-LC mouse models
- Evaluated the lung microenvironment
- Determine the tumor immune microenvironment and metabolomic landscape of IPF-LC.
- Evaluate immune check point-based therapies.
- Determine transcriptomic profiles of murine IPF-LC and patient IPF associated lung cancer tissue.



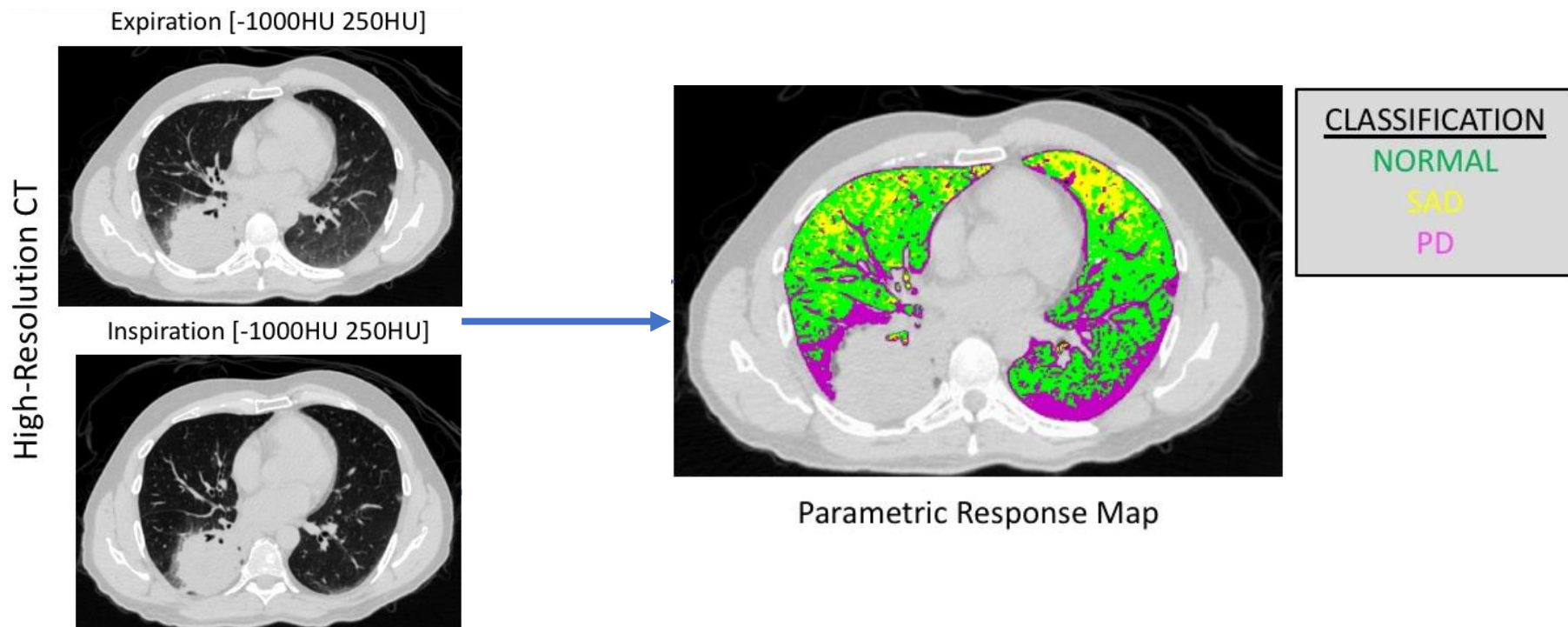
TIME Promotes Tumors in IPF-LC

Radiation induced lung toxicity (RILT)

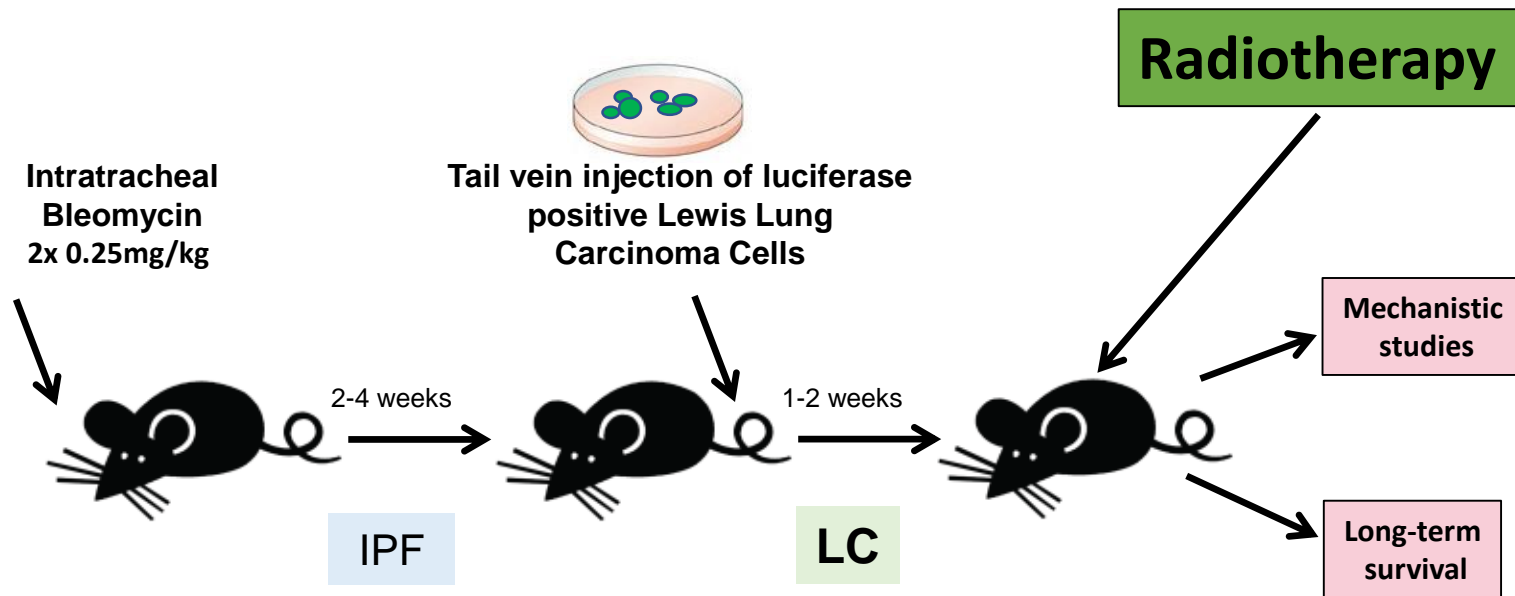
Radiation induces pneumonitis



Pre-existing fibrosis exacerbated RILT

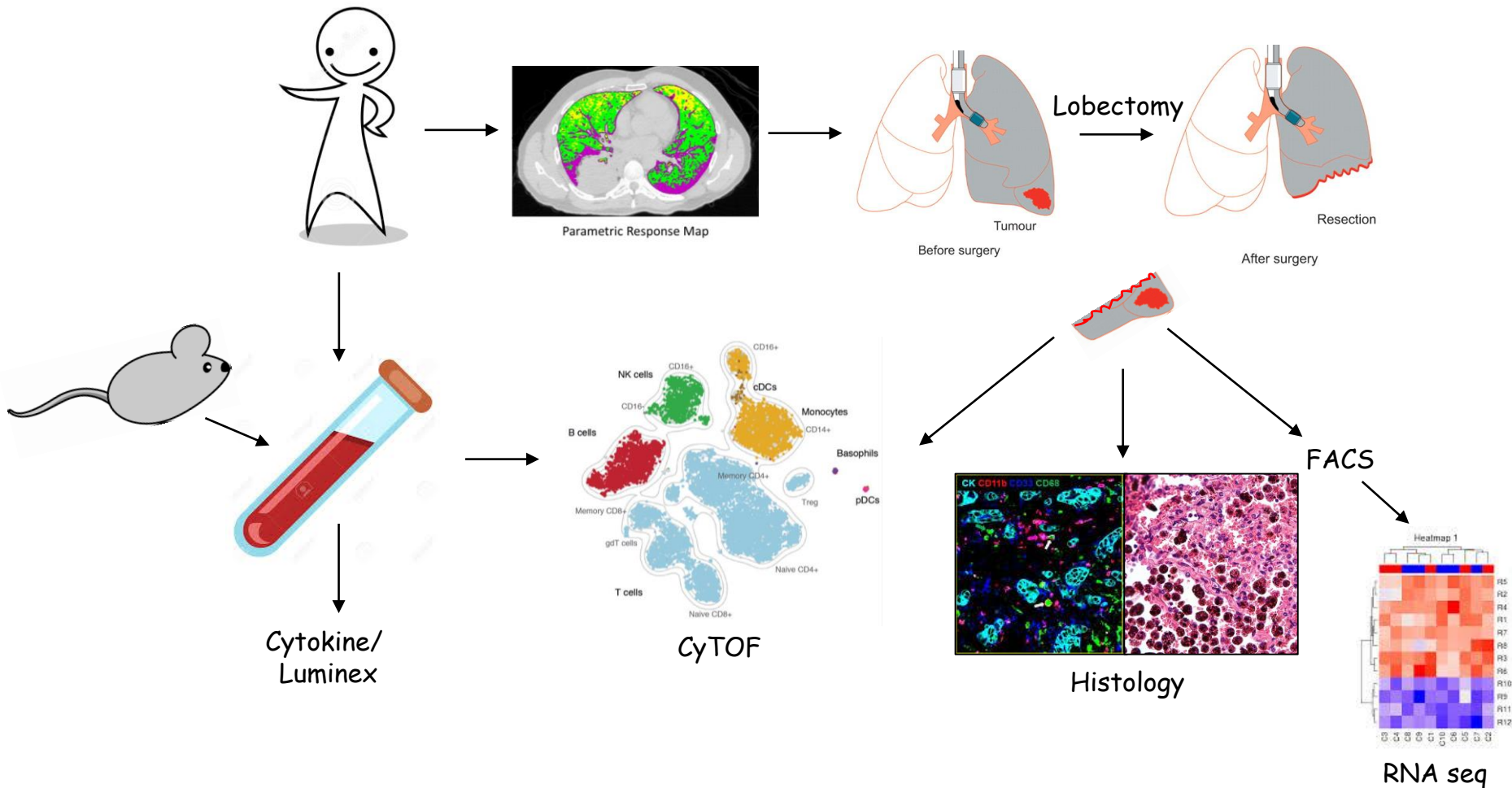


Evaluate the mechanisms of pre-existing inflammation in RT in mouse lung cancer model



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Assess pre-RT serum- and tissue based inflammatory markers as indicators of pre-existing co-morbidity



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