



# *Enfocaments de recerca clínica i traslacional en melanoma*

*(Clinical and translational research approaches in melanoma)*

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(Ref: RD06/0020/1034)*



# *Melanoma research 2003-10*

1. Targeted therapies
2. Follow-up of patients with *Dysplastic Nevus Syndrome* employing SIAscopy
3. Analysis of the “Registro Nacional de Melanoma de la AEDV” (1997-2008)
4. Collaboration with the “Xarxa de centres de melanoma de Catalunya i Balears”

# *Melanoma- 1. Targeted therapies*

## **1.1. Effect of several targeted therapies on “*in vitro*” growth of melanoma cell lines**

- ST1571 (Imatinib or Glivec®)
- Somatostatin analogues
- Proteasome inhibitors  
(monotherapy or combined therapies)
- Calcium channels inhibitors

**Research agreements: Novartis Farmacéutica SA 2003-05**

**Grant: FIS PI060832**

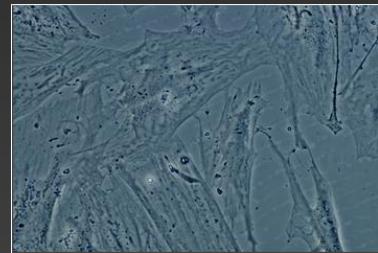
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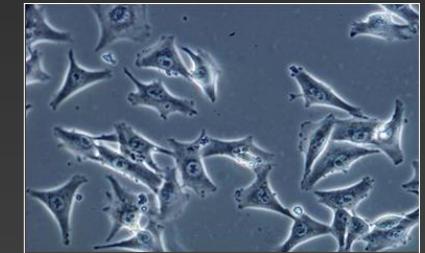
# Human cutaneous melanoma-derived cell lines

19 cell lines

4 - primary tumors  
(Breslow 0,9-12mm)

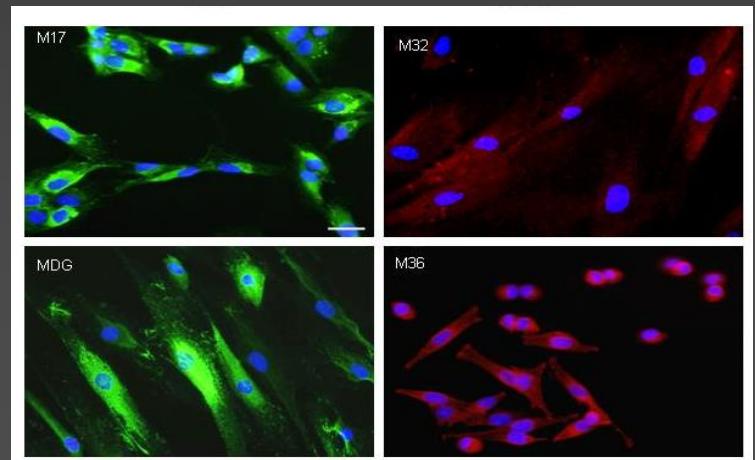


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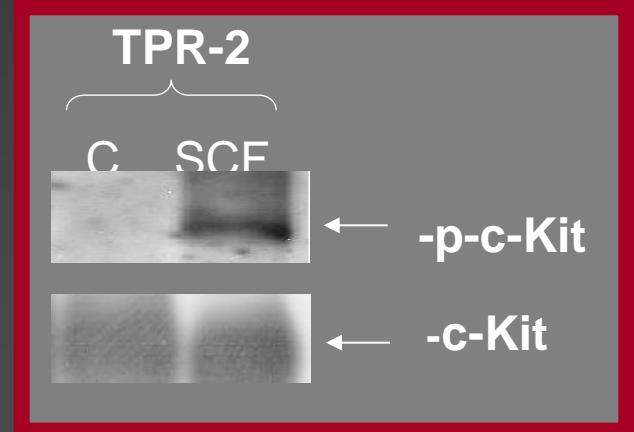
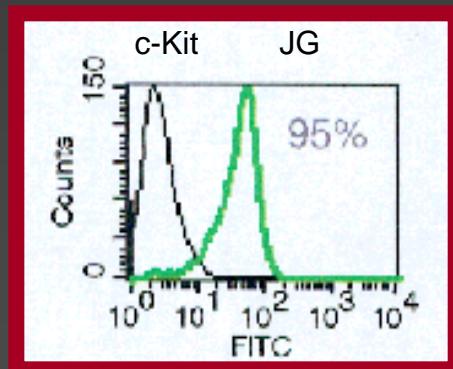
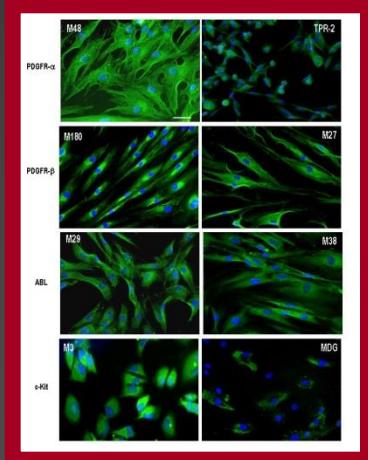
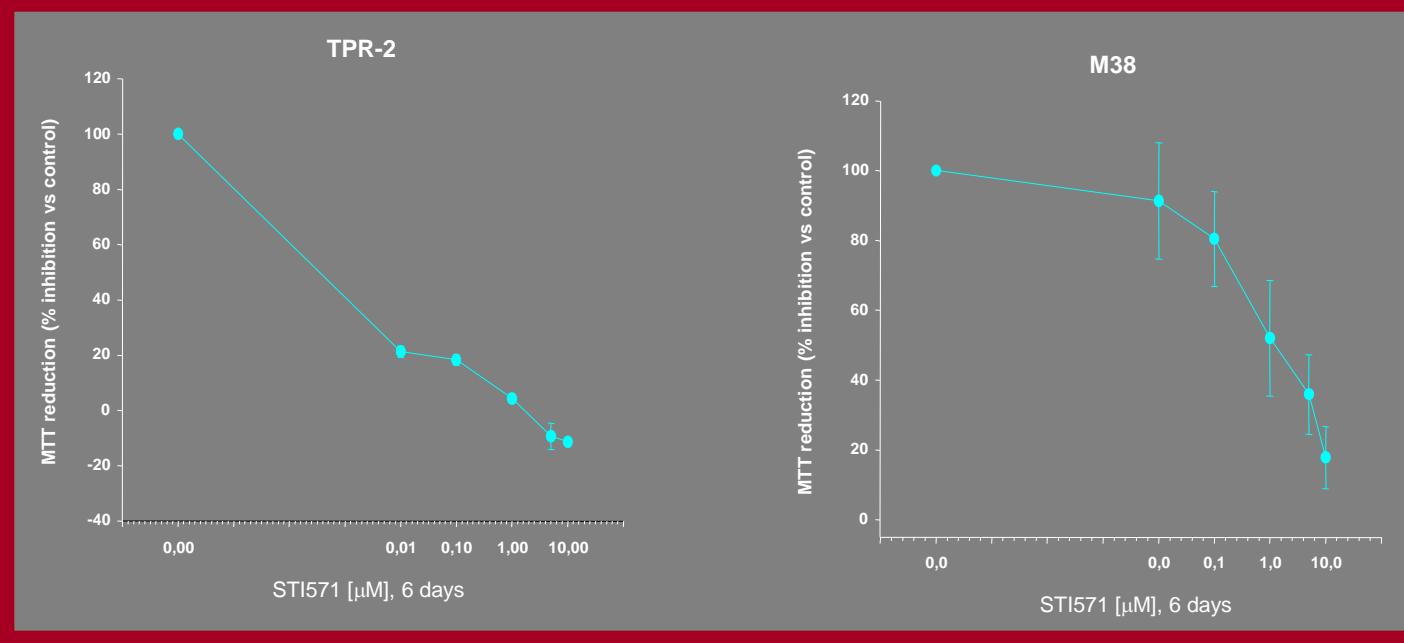
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15 – metastatic tumors  
12- cutaneous and SC  
3 - visceral  
    1 bone  
    1 pleural  
    1 CSF

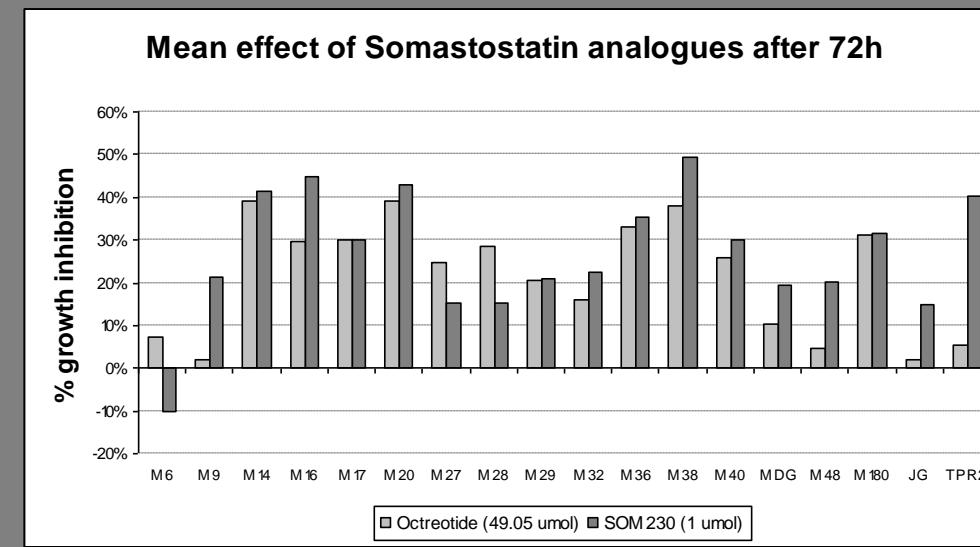
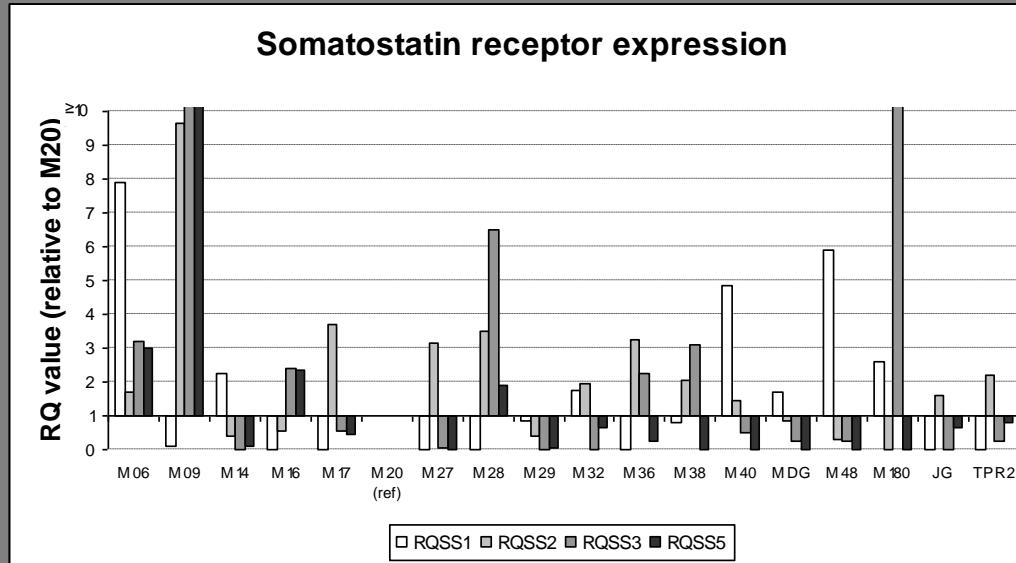


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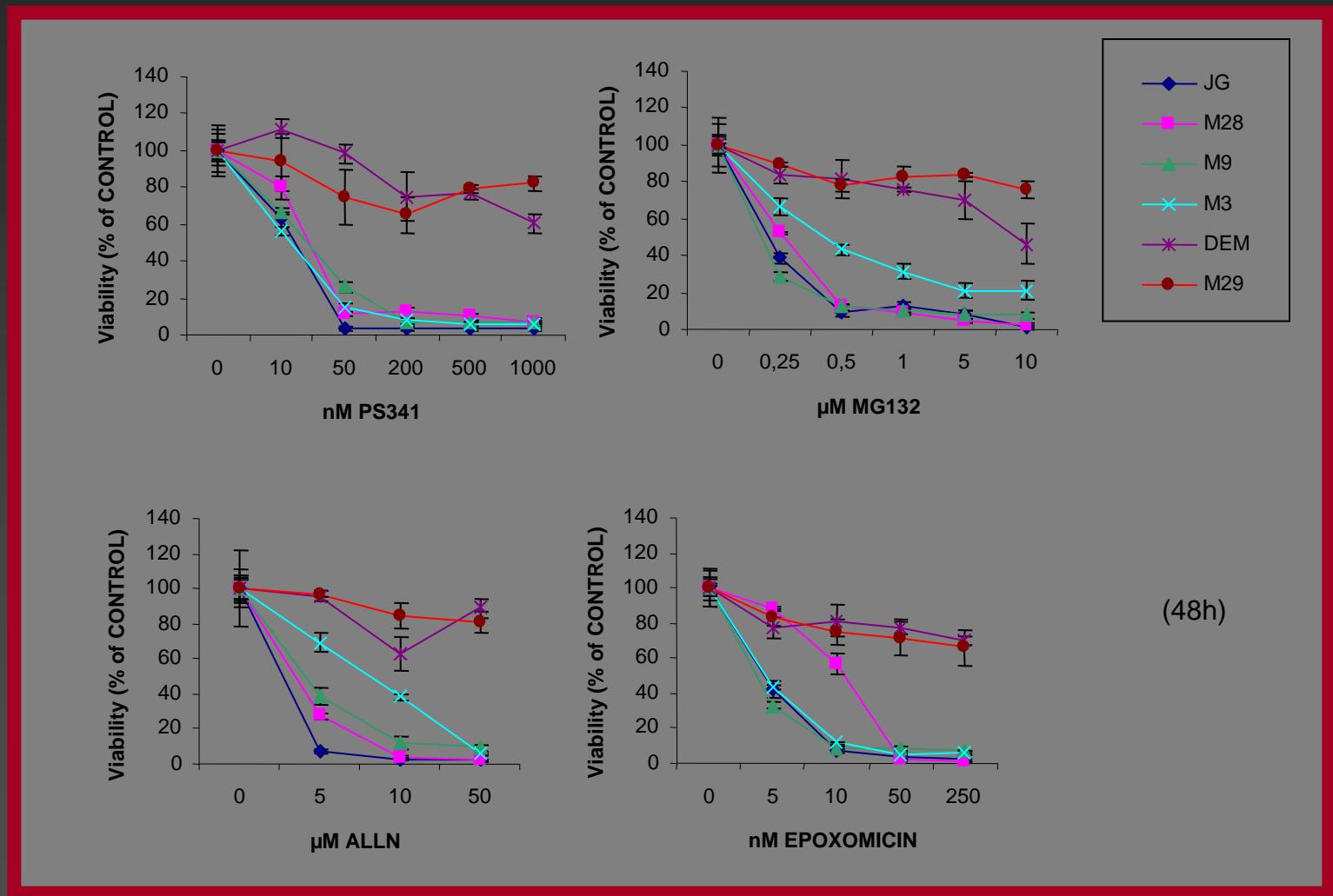


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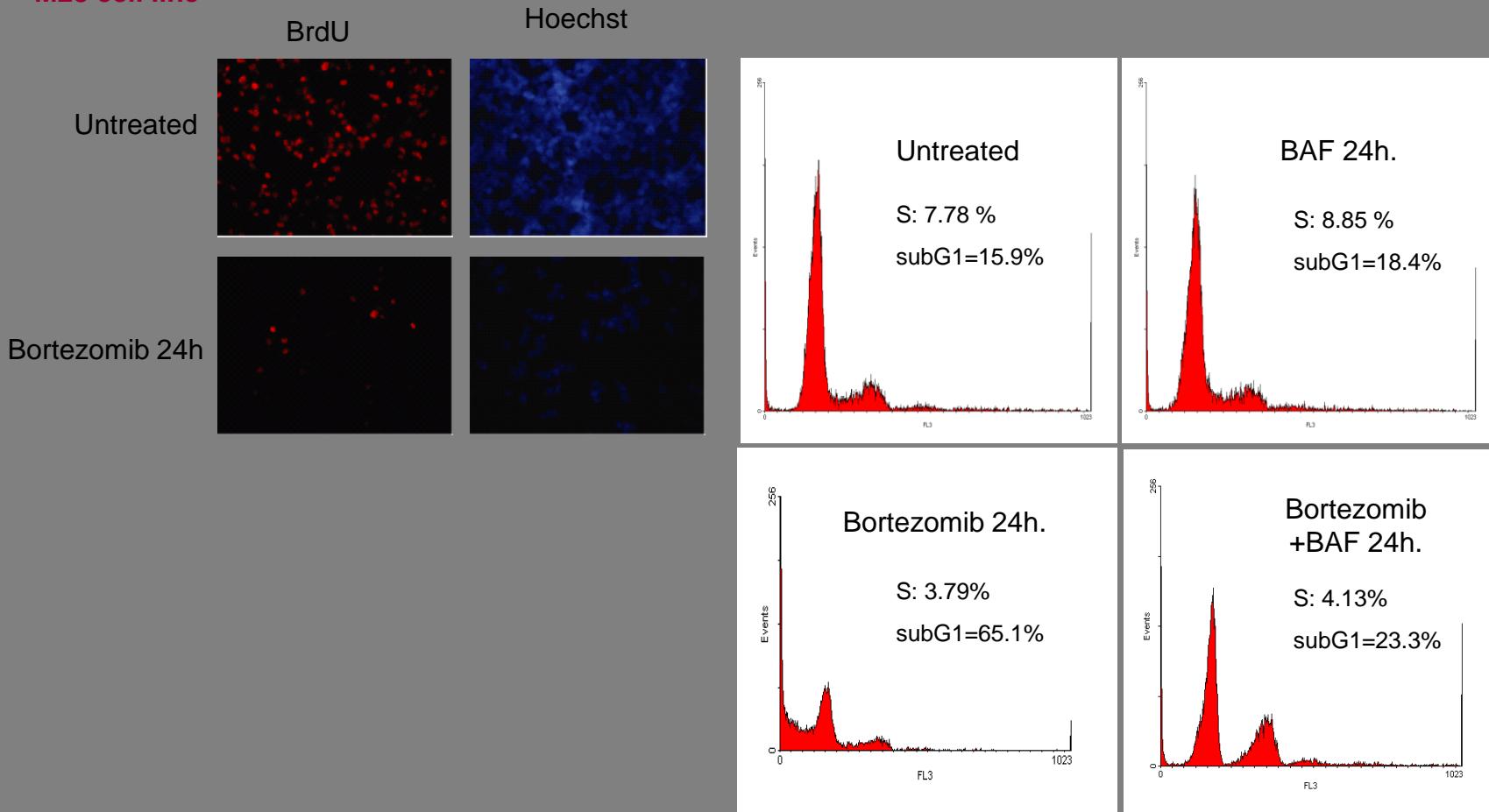
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# *Proteasome inhibitors (Bortezomib, MG132, ALLN, Epoxomicin) induce a decrease in cell viability in a panel of melanoma cell lines*

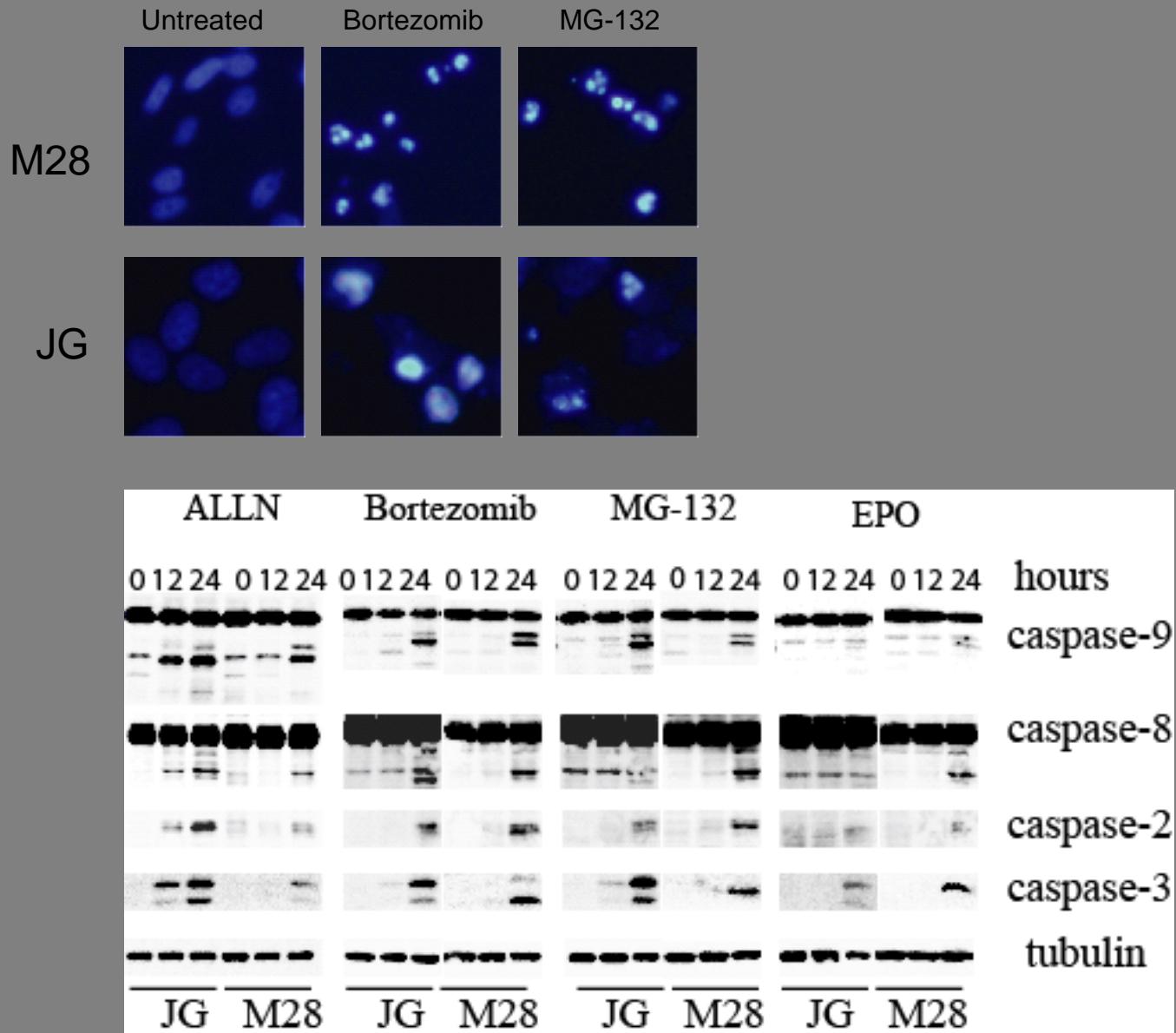


# *Proteasome inhibitors induce a reduction in cell proliferation rate and a cell cycle arrest*

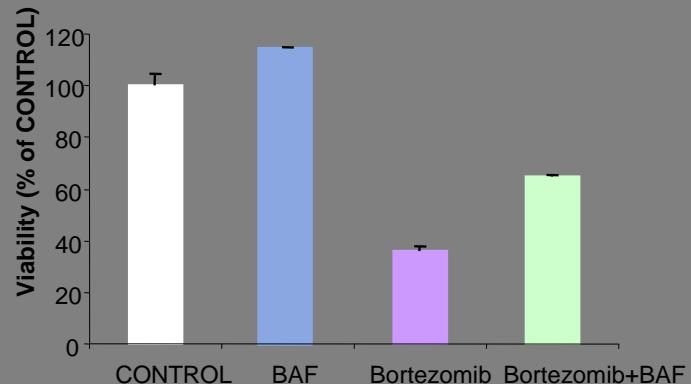
M28 cell line



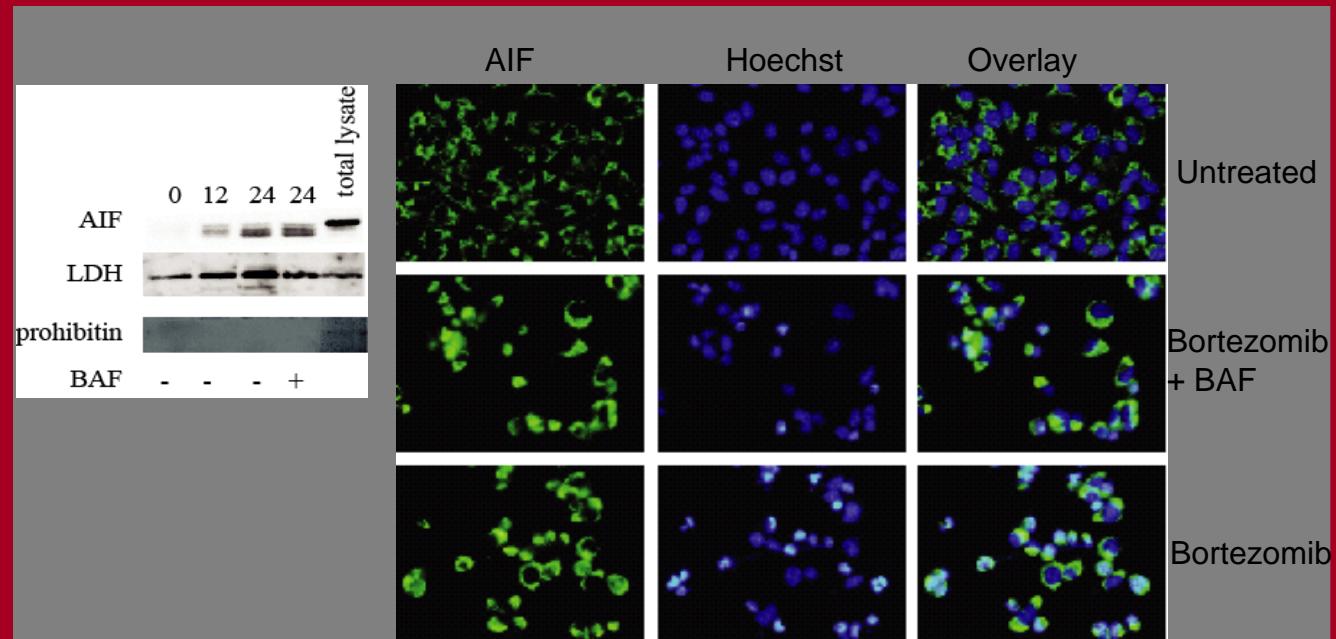
# *Proteasome inhibitors trigger apoptosis through caspase processing*



# *Proteasome inhibitors also induce caspase-independent cell death*



*Proteasome inhibition induces AIF translocation from mitochondria to the cytosol and nucleus via a caspase independent pathway*



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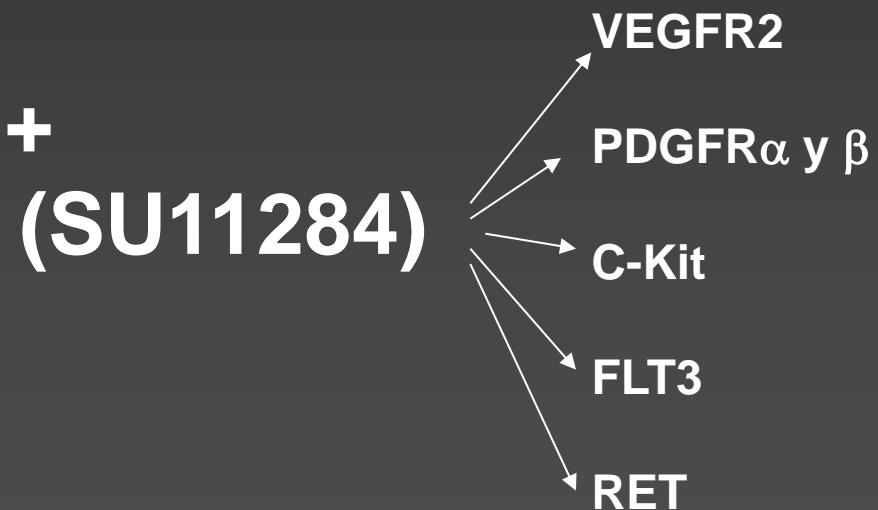
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- E Ortega et al. Targeted therapies in gynecologic cancers and melanoma. *Semin Diagn Pathol* 2008; 25: 262-73

# *Combined therapy with proteasome inhibitors + sunitinib*

Bortezomib (PS-341)

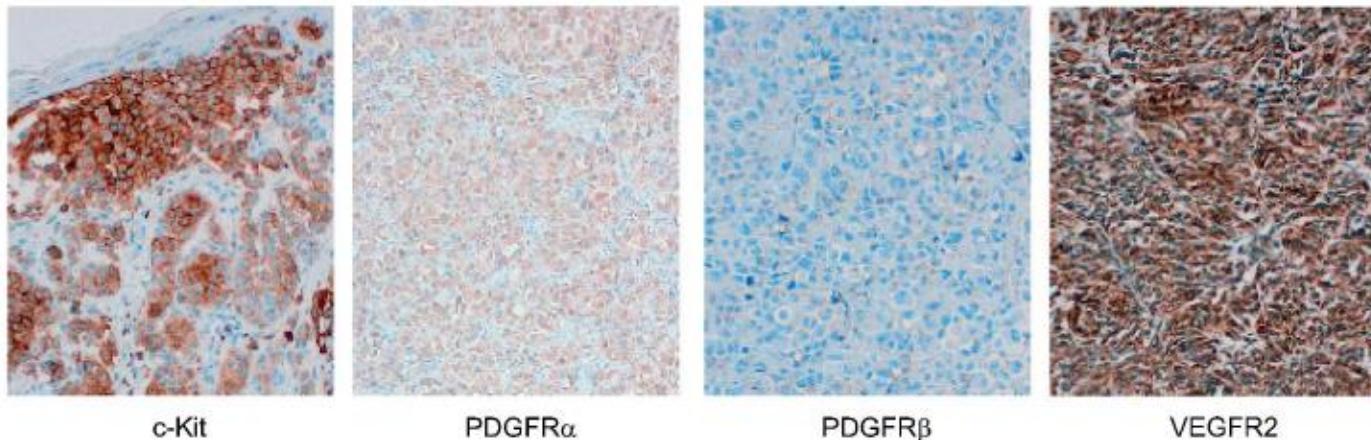
+

Sunitinib (SU11284)



*Expression of PDGFR $\alpha$ , PDGFR $\beta$ , VEGFR2 and c-KIT in a series primary and metastatic melanoma tumor biopsies (a,b) and four metastatic melanoma cell lines (c)*

(a)



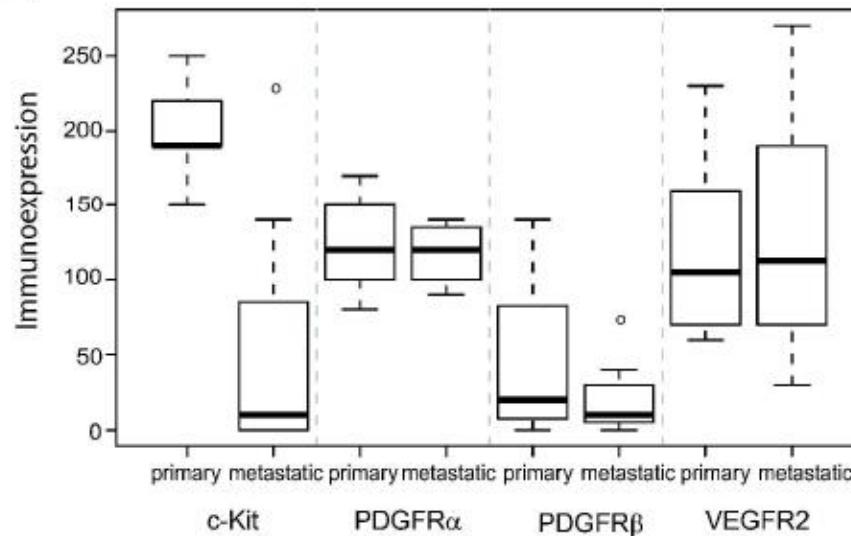
c-Kit

PDGFR $\alpha$

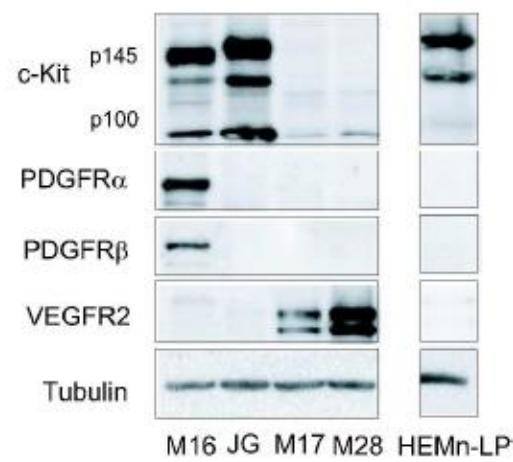
PDGFR $\beta$

VEGFR2

(b)

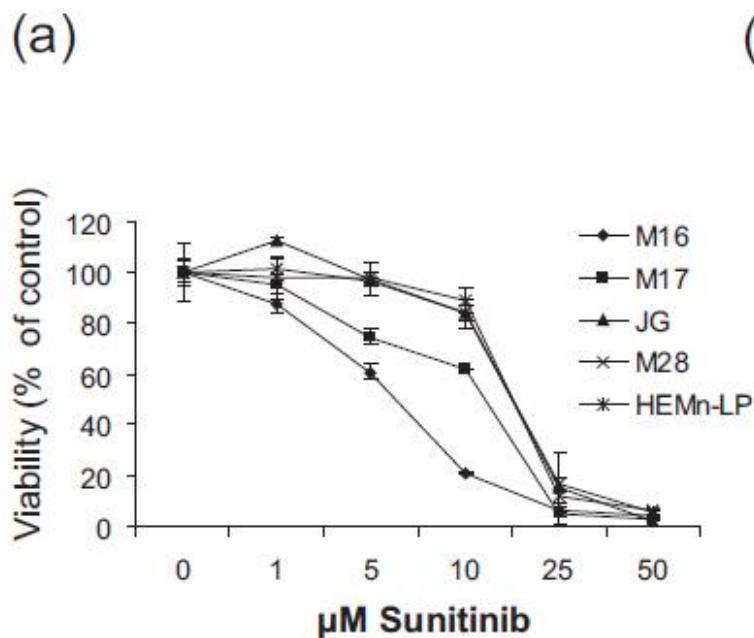


(c)

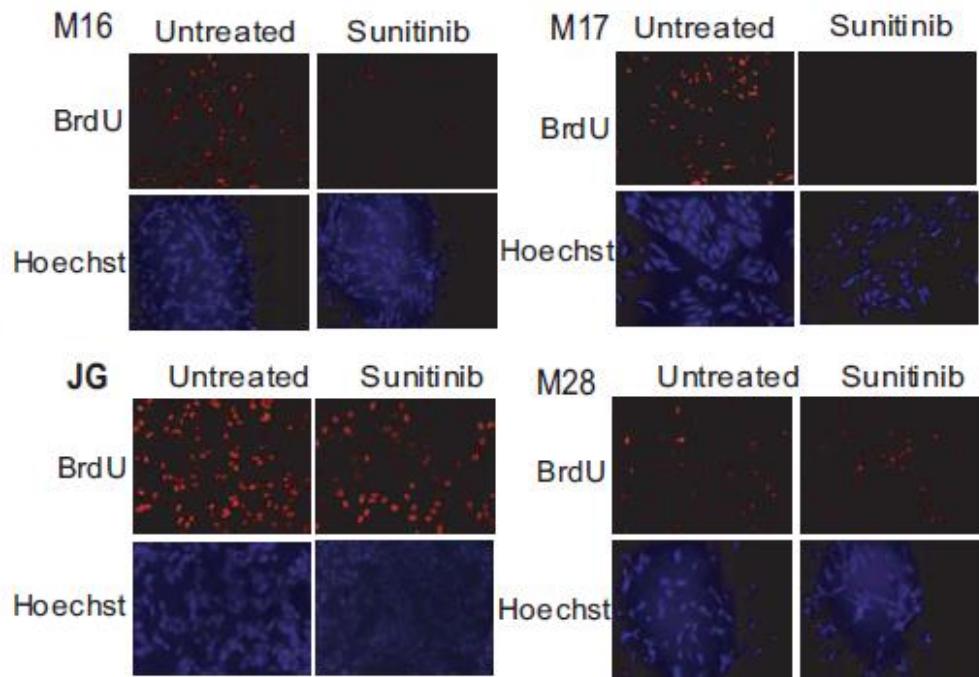


# *Sunitinib induces different grades of growth inhibition in melanoma cell lines*

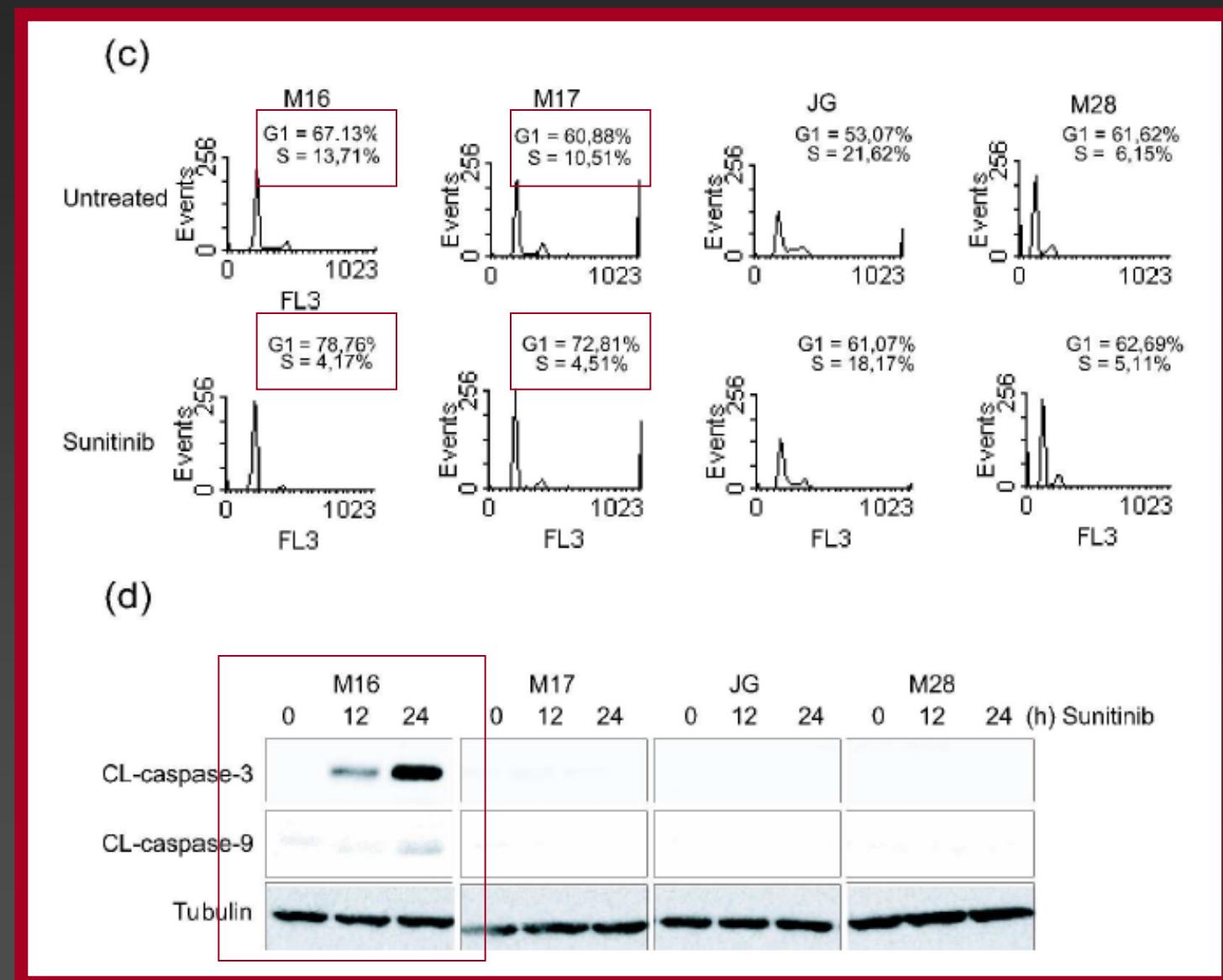
Figure 2



(b)

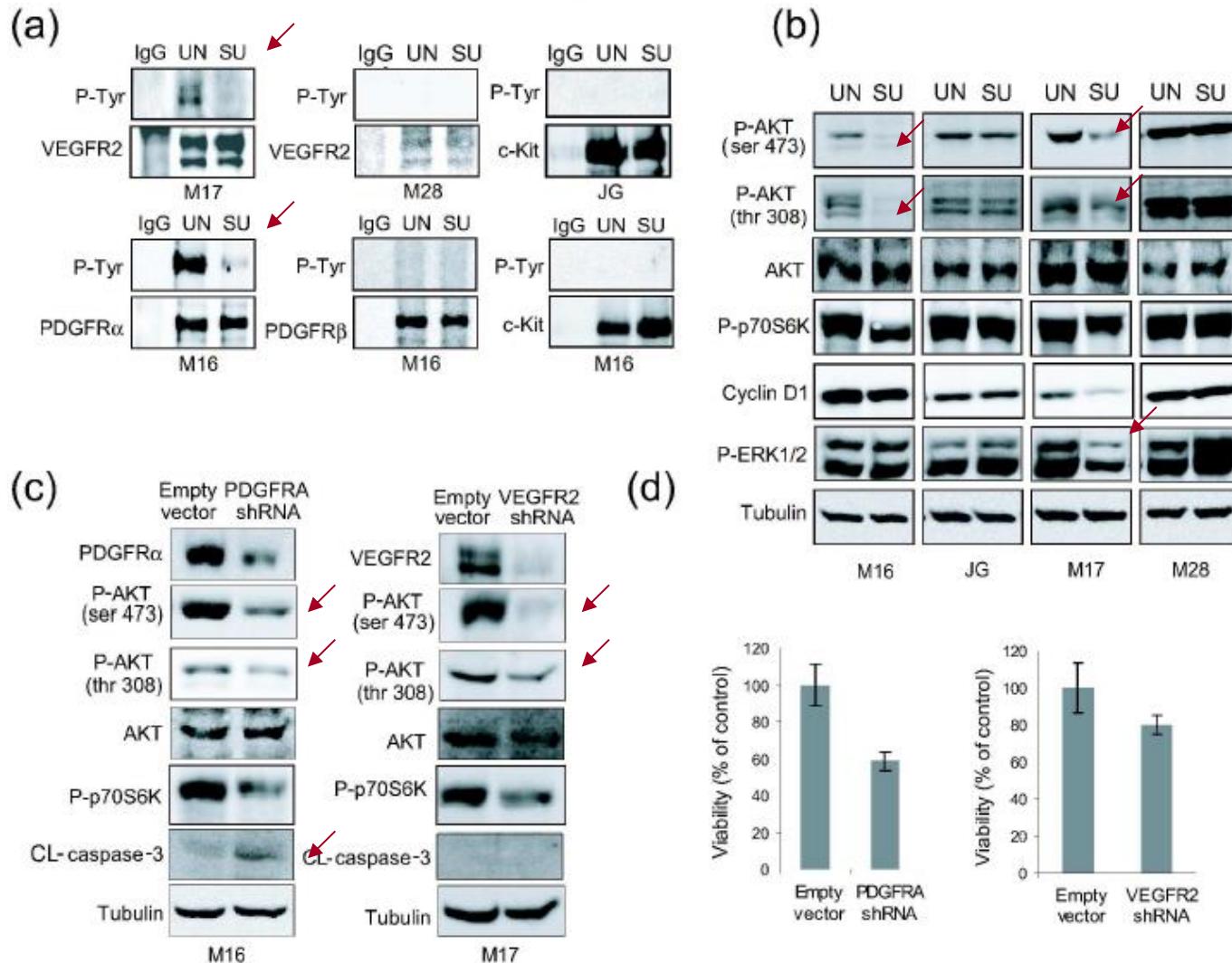


# *Treatment with Sunitinib induces an arrest of cell cycle in M16 and M17 cell lines and apoptosis in M16*



*Sunitinib inhibits basal phosphorylation of PDGFR $\alpha$  and VEGFR2 in sensitive M16 and M17 cell lines, respectively, and their downstream signalling pathways (P-AKT and P-ERK)*

Figure 3



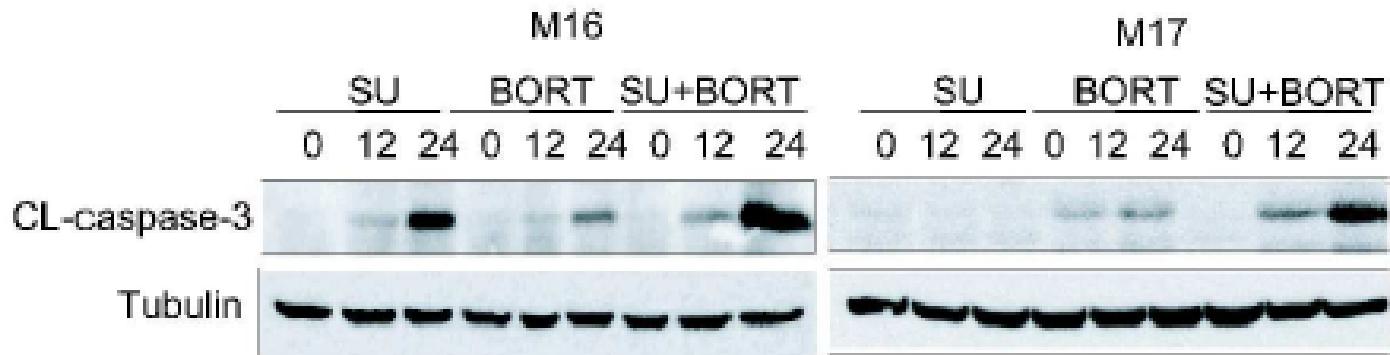
## Combined Sunitinib and Bortezomib treatment results in a synergistic increase of cell death in Sunitinib sensitive M16 and M17 cell lines

(a)

**Figure 4**

	M16	M17	JG	M28
Untreated	5,88%	2,83%	2,97%	1,52%
Sunitinib	11,19%	3,14%	2,61%	2,61%
Bortezomib	15,14%	11,53%	36,96%	1,61%
Sunitinib+ Bortezomib	58,78%	31,73%	33,06%	1,65%

(b)



***“Inhibition of activated RTK by Sunitinib induces growth arrest and sensitizes melanoma cells to Bortezomib by blocking Akt pathway”***

Description of synergistic effect of sunitinib + bortezomib  
and  
underlying molecular mechanisms

**Could be useful in some  
metastatic melanoma patients**

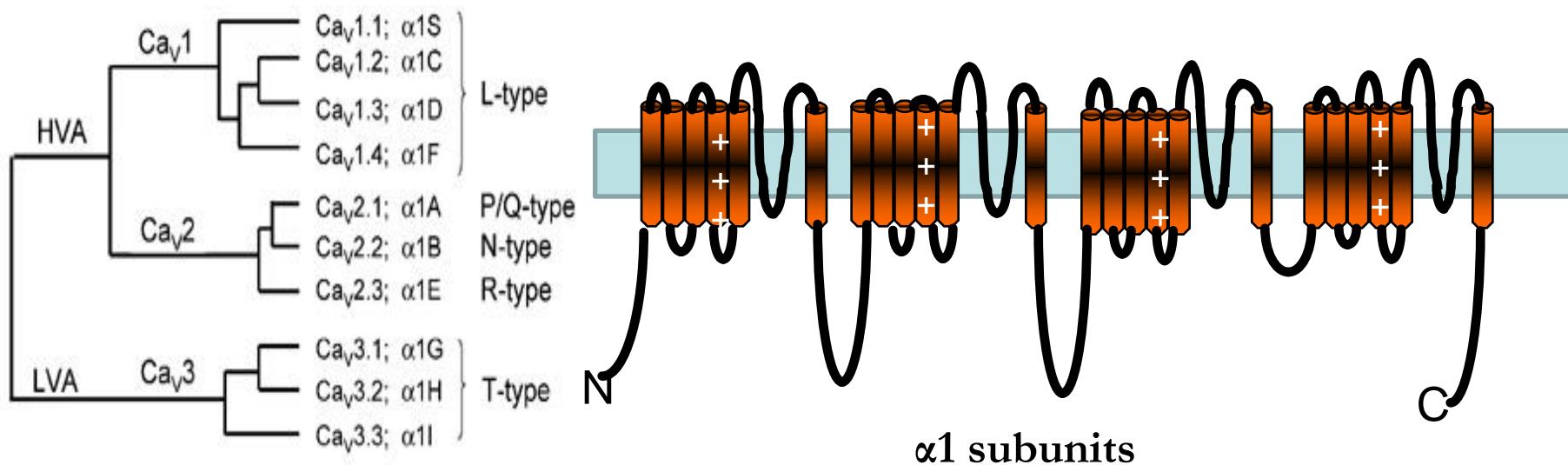


# *Role of voltage-gated calcium channels in proliferation and viability of human melanoma cells*

Arindam Das

Supervisors: Carles Cantí & Rosa Maria Martí

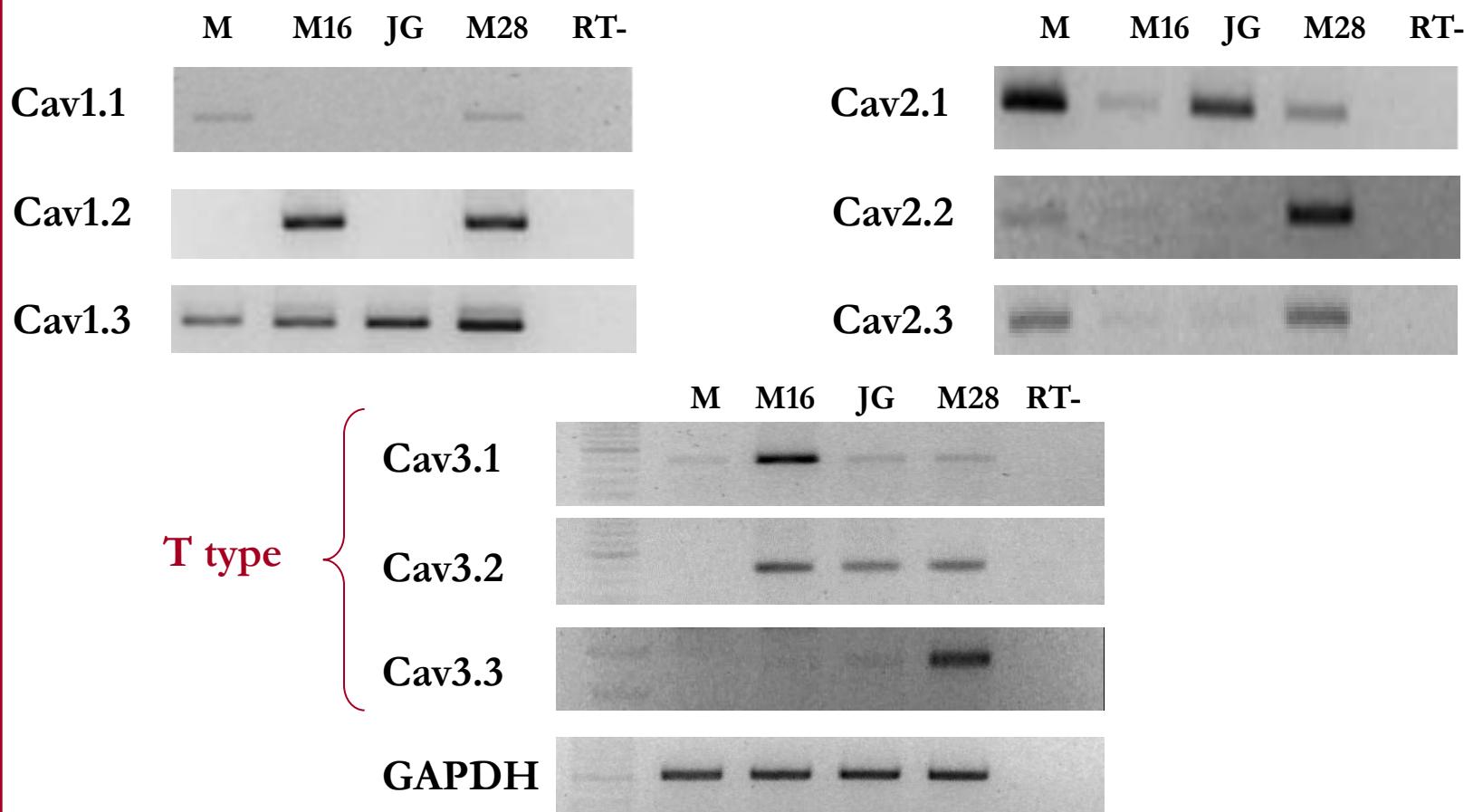
# Molecular subtypes of voltage gated calcium channels in mammals



Annette C. Dolphin, British Journal of Pharmacology 2006

Channel or pump	Cancer type	Channel or pump change in cancer		
		mRNA	Protein	Activity
<b>Voltage-gated channels</b>				
Ca <sub>V</sub> 1.2 (L-type α <sub>1C</sub> )	Colon cancer: patient tissue samples and cell lines	↑	ND	ND
Ca <sub>V</sub> 1.1 (L-type Ca <sup>2+</sup> channel, exons 41 and 41A)	Colorectal cancer: patient tissue samples and cell lines	↑	ND	ND
Ca <sub>V</sub> 3.1 (T-type α <sub>1C</sub> )	Glioma: patient tissue samples and cell lines	↑	ND	ND
	Colorectal cancer, colorectal adenoma, gastric cancer and acute myeloid leukaemia: patient tissue samples and cancer cell lines (colon, breast, prostate, lung and haematopoietic)	↓	ND	ND
Ca <sub>V</sub> 3.3 (T-type α <sub>1I</sub> )	Colon carcinomas and adenomas: patient tissue samples and cell lines	↓	ND	ND

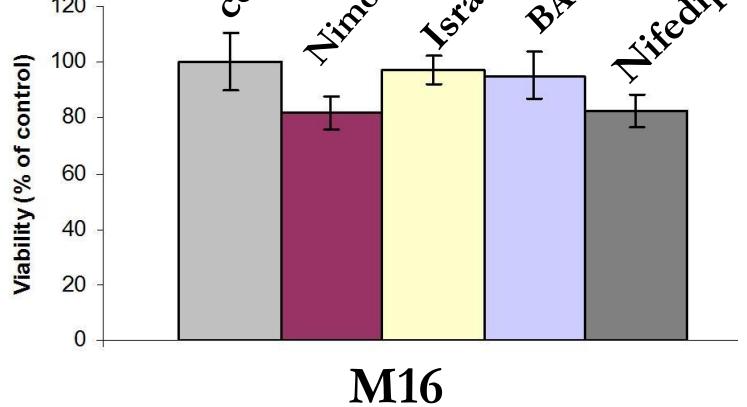
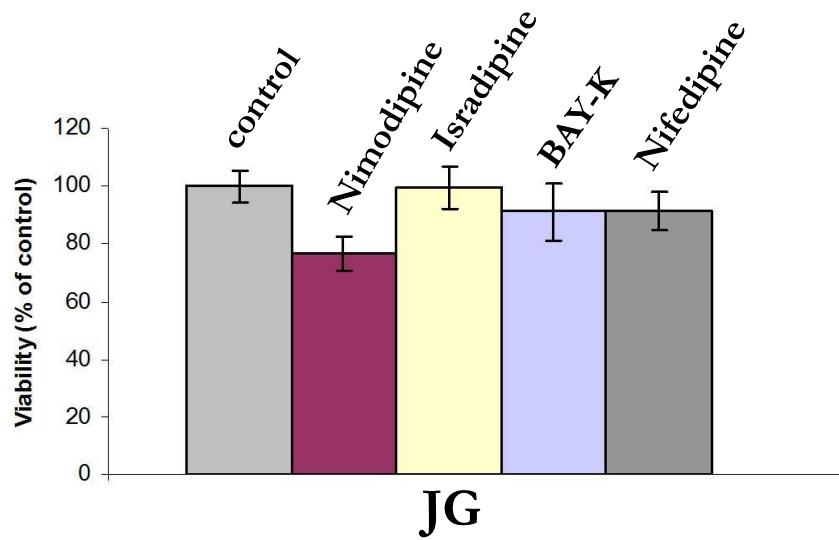
# *Isoforms of T type calcium channels are highly expressed in melanoma in comparison to melanocytes*



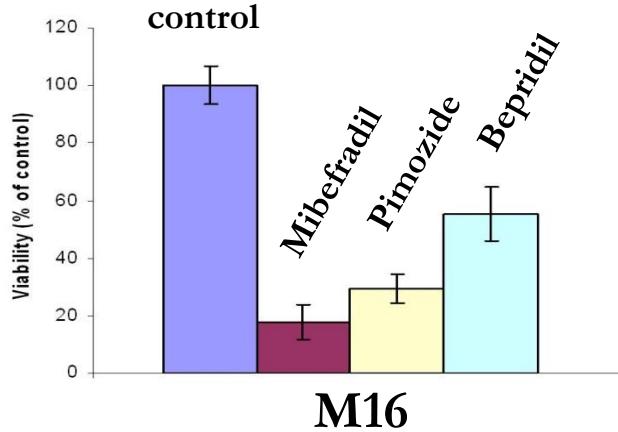
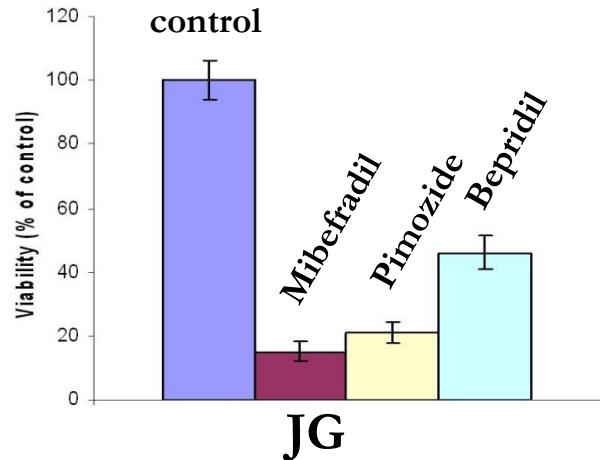
M- epidermal melanocytes isolated from lightly pigmented neonatal foreskin  
M16, JG, M28-Melanoma cell lines

# *T-type channel blockers reduce the viability of melanoma cell-lines*

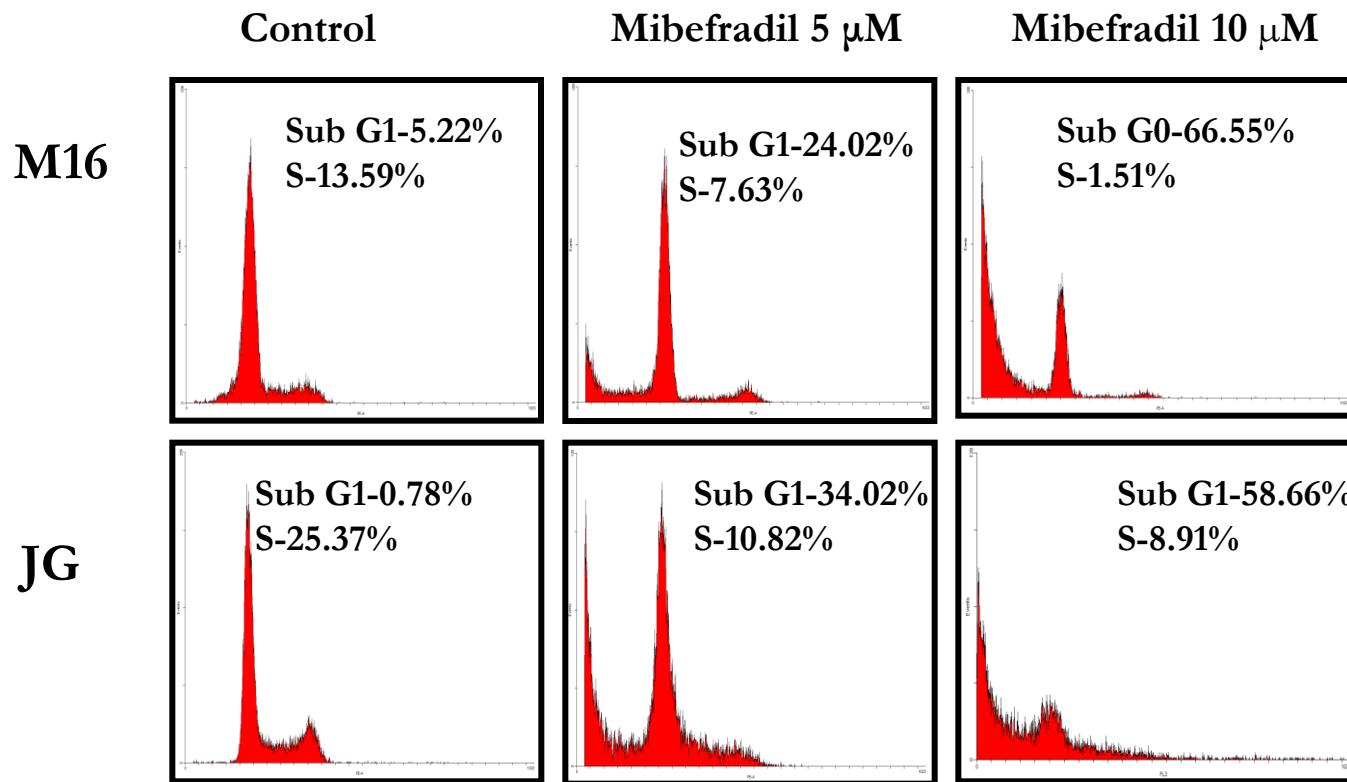
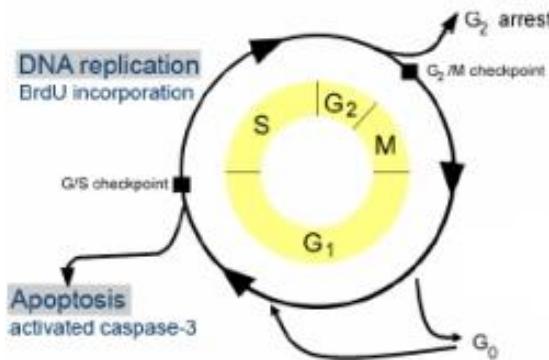
## L-type



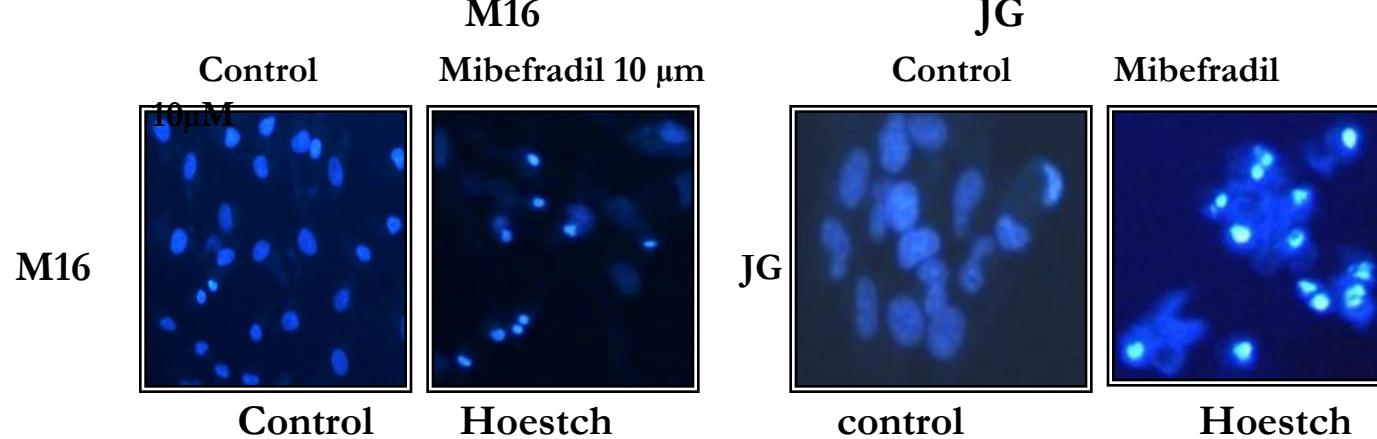
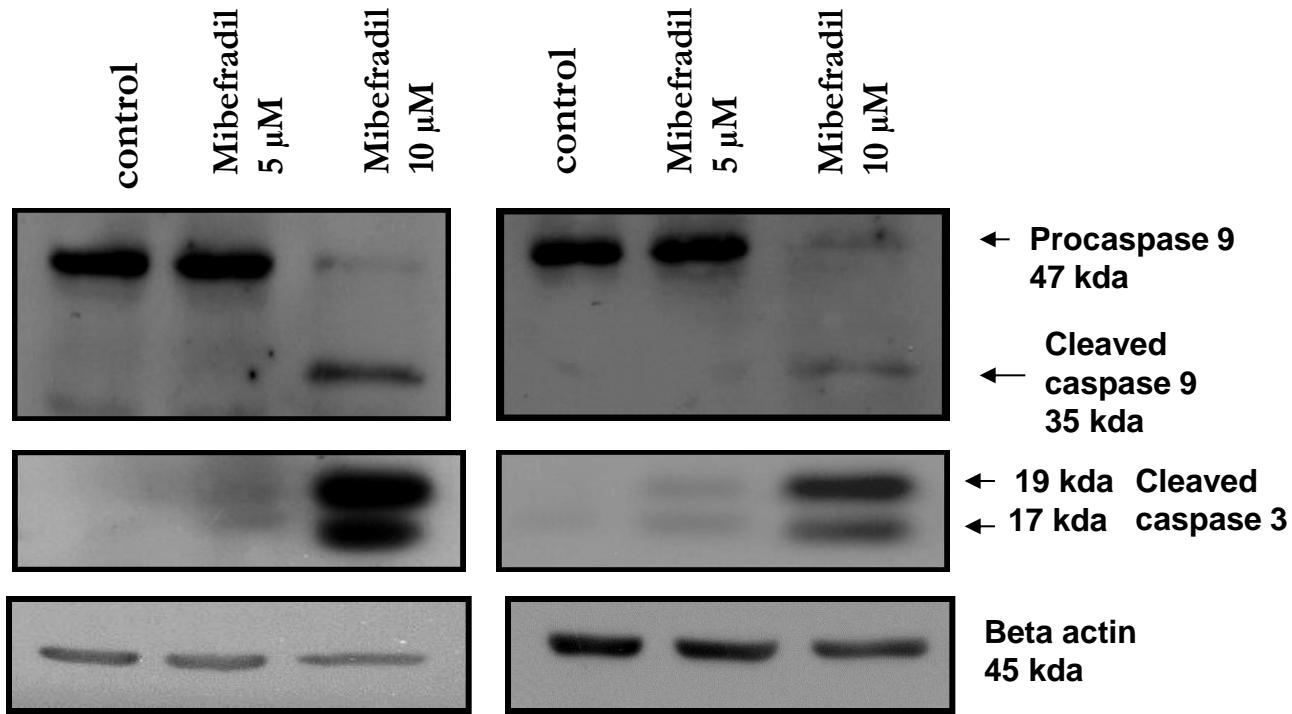
## T-type



# *Pharmacological blockage of T-type calcium channel causes cell cycle arrest*



# *Pharmacological blockage of T-type calcium channel induces caspase-dependent apoptosis of melanoma cells*



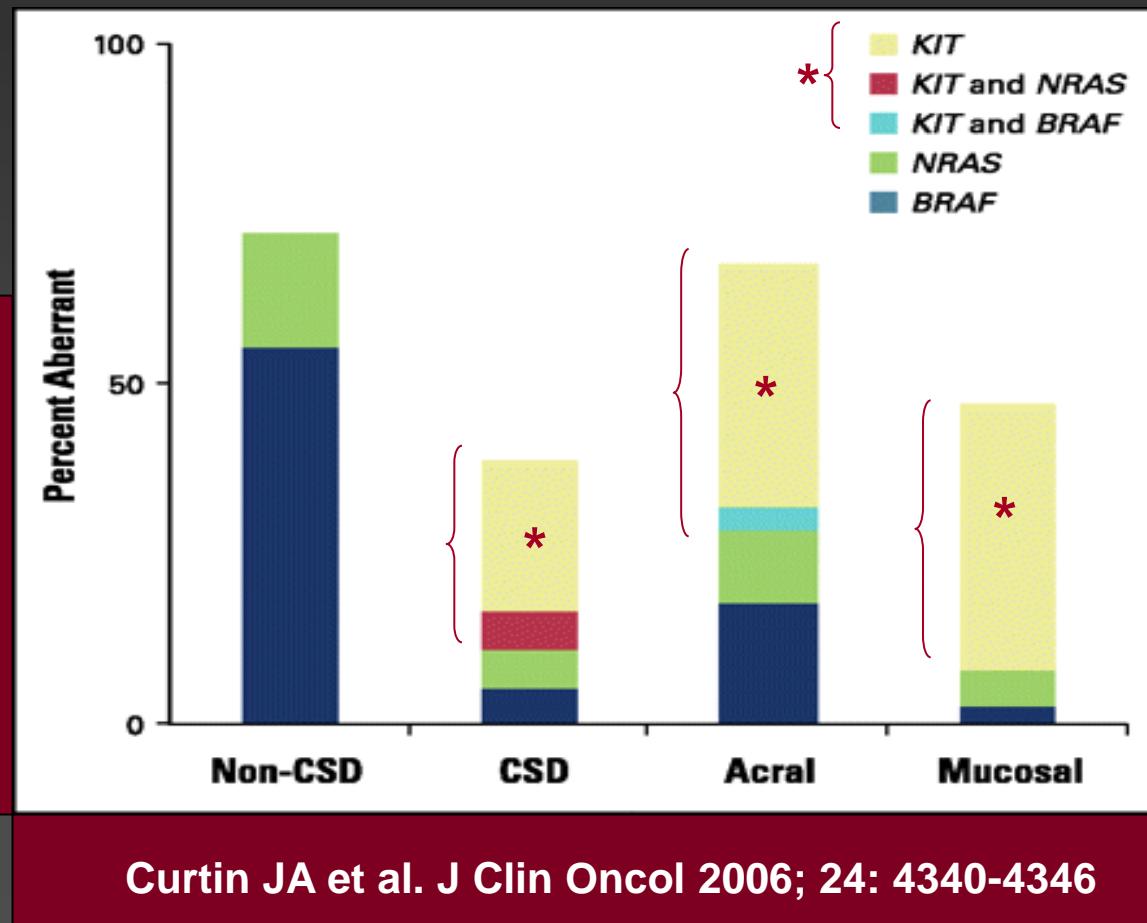
# *Melanoma- 1. Targeted therapies*

## 1.2. “Expression analysis and mutational study of the c-KIT gene in LENTIGINOUS MELANOMAS” (LMM, ALM, Mucosal M)

Leandro Abal Díaz

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Genetic  
aberrations of the  
c-Kit gene  
in some  
melanoma  
types



# *Melanoma research 2003-10*

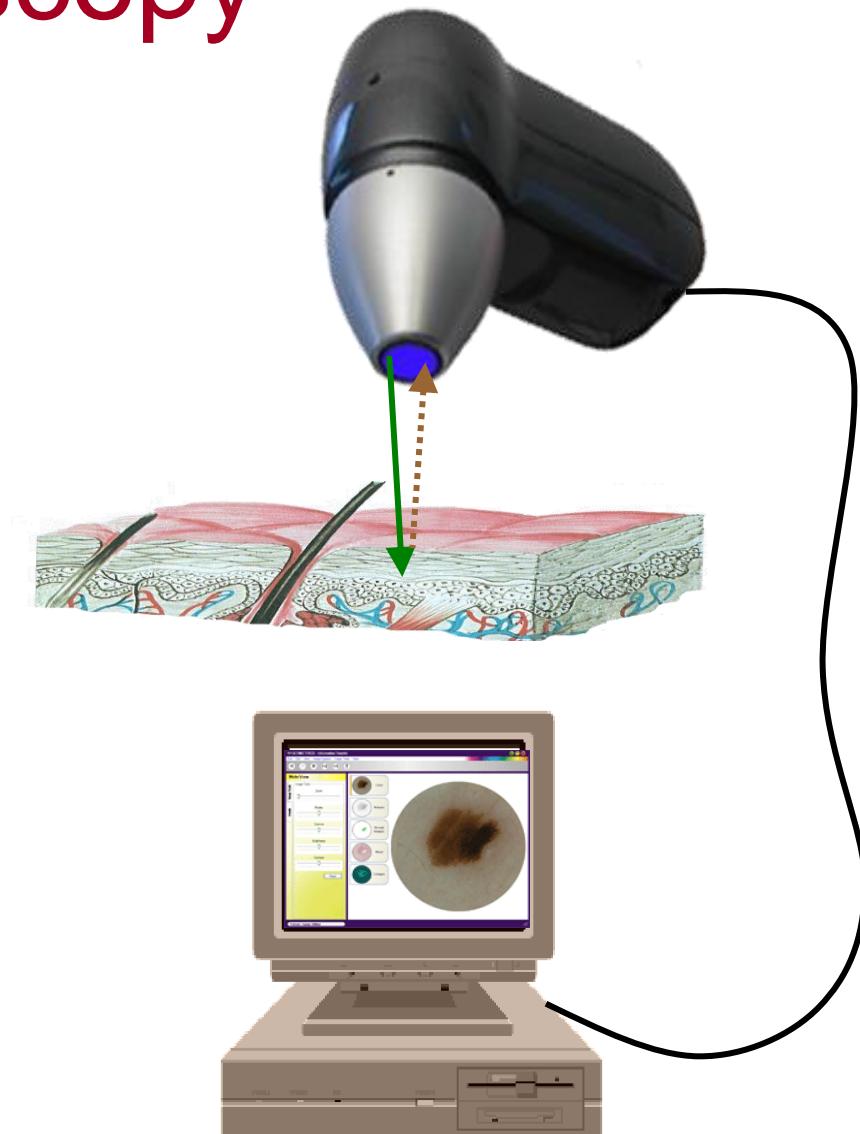
**2. Digital follow-up of patients with  
*Dysplastic Nevus Syndrome* employing  
SIAscopy**

**supported by**

**“Lliga contra el càncer de les  
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# SIAscopy

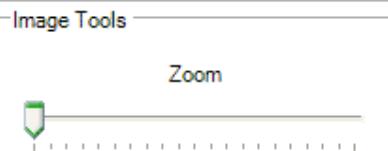
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- Analysis





## Mole View

Image Tools



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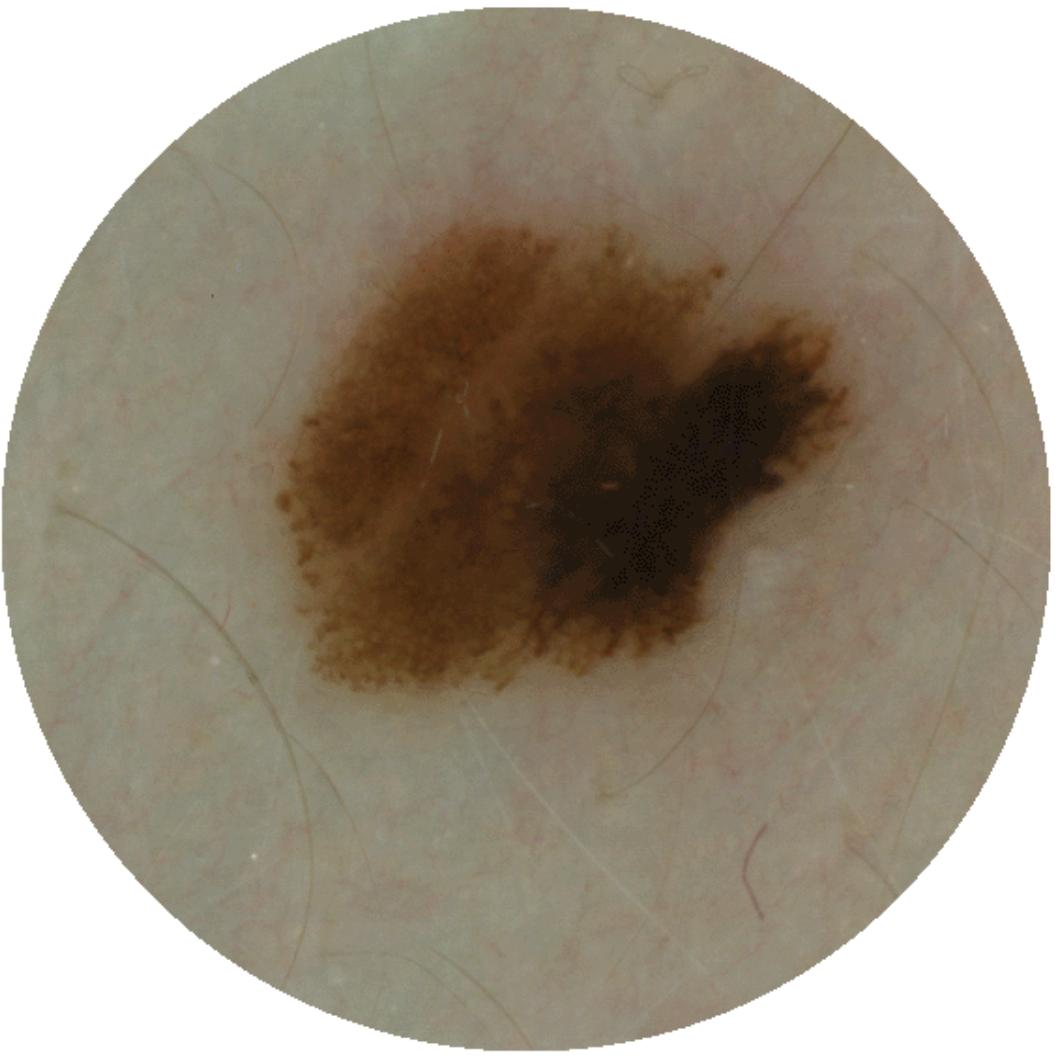


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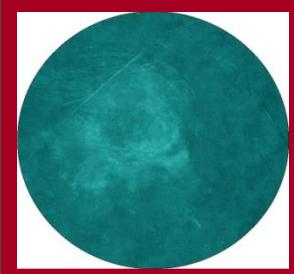
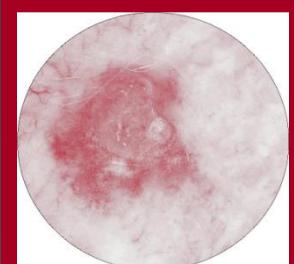
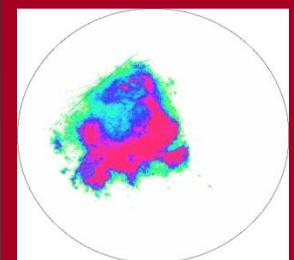
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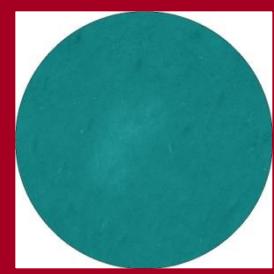
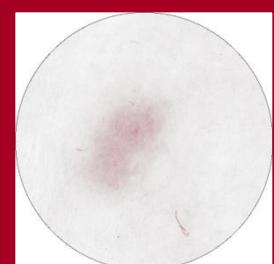
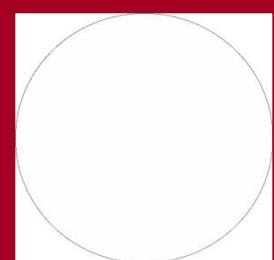
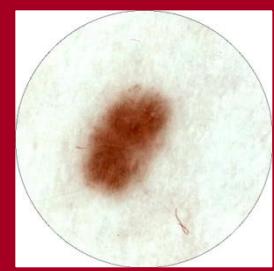
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**Malignant  
melanoma**



**Melanocytic  
nevus**





## Mole Manager

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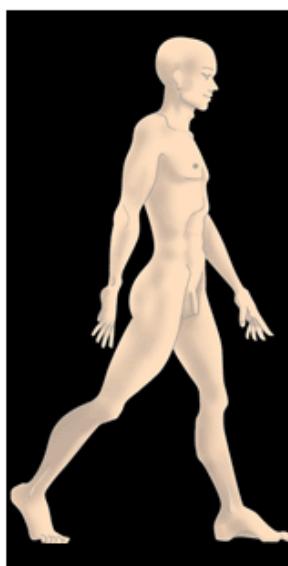
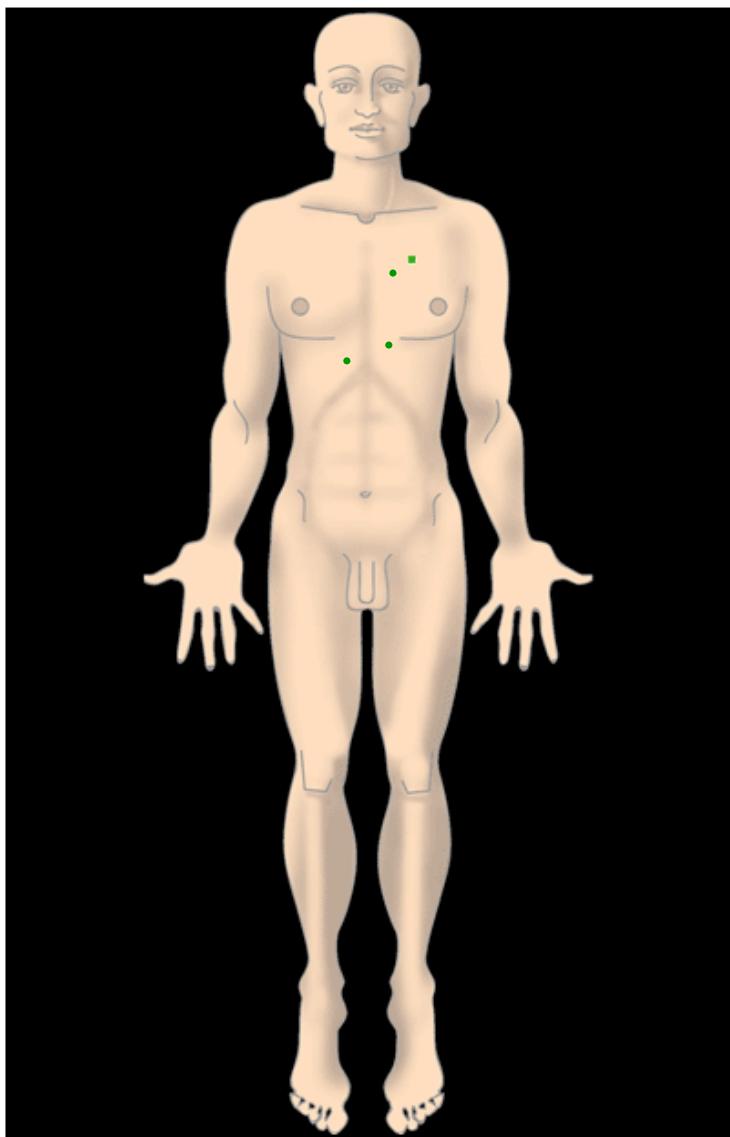
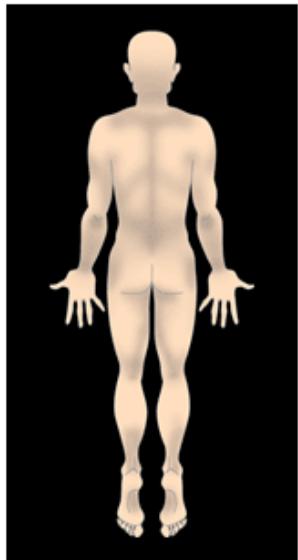
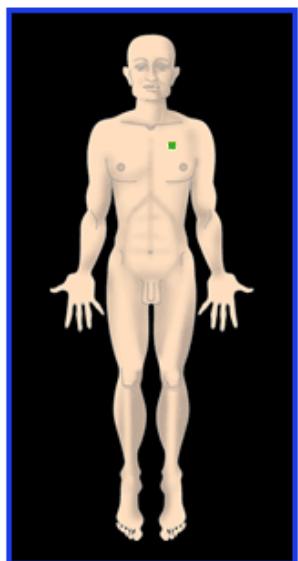
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## ***2. Digital follow-up of patients with Dysplastic Nevus Syndrome employing SIAscopy (april 2007-october 2010)***

**Number of patients: 96**

**Follow-up: 2– 42 months**

**Diagnostics: 1 pigmented basal cell carcinoma**

**23 melanocytic nevi: 11 dysplastic, 5 junctional, 4 compound, 4 intradermal**

**Risk factors for melanoma:**

**Familiar history of dysplastic nevus syndrome: 59**

**Familiar history of melanoma: 14**

**Familiar history of familiar melanoma: 0**

**Personal history of melanoma: 8      Personal history of multiple melanoma: 1**

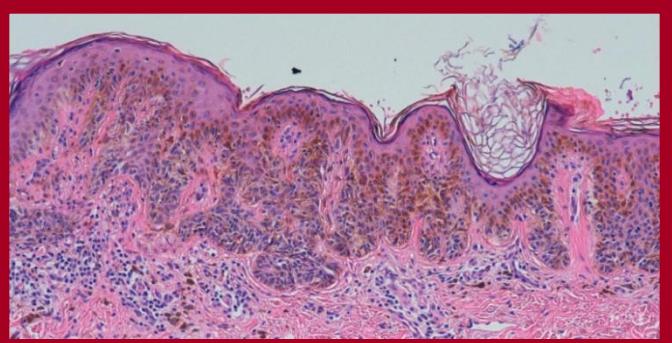
**Personal history of non-melanoma skin cancer: 6**

**Personal history of other malignancies: 1**

**Personal history of immunodeficiency / immunosuppressed therapies: 2**

**36 year-old woman**

- Dysplastic nevus syndrome
- 1 relative with MM (cousin)

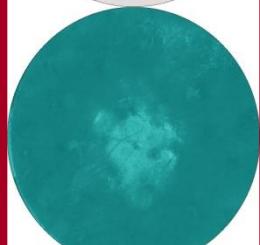
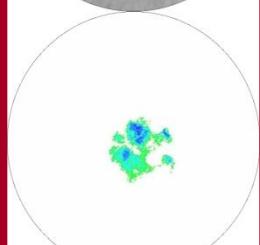
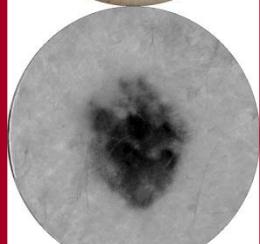
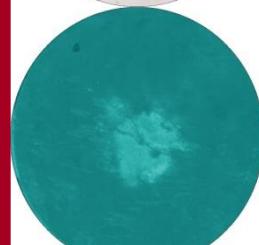
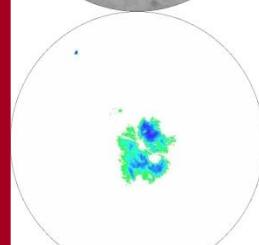
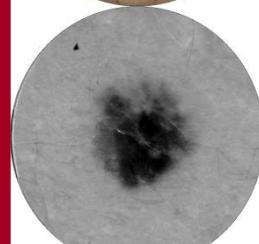
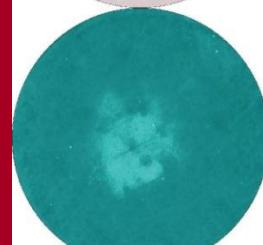
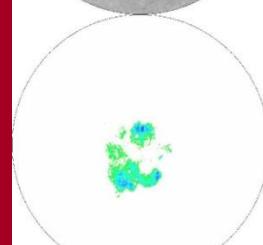
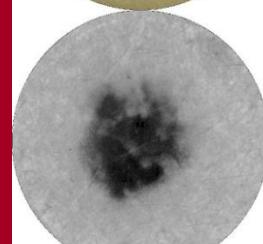


Dysplastic nevus

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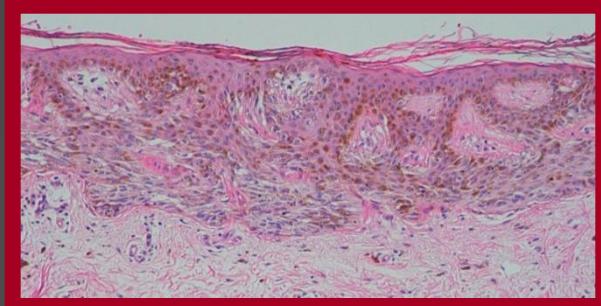
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67 year-old man

- Dysplastic nevus sd
- Personal history of  
MM  
Renal cell carcinoma  
Paratesticular liposarcoma  
Soft tissue sarcoma  
Chronic T cell lymphocytosis
- 2 siblings with haematological  
and CNS malignancies

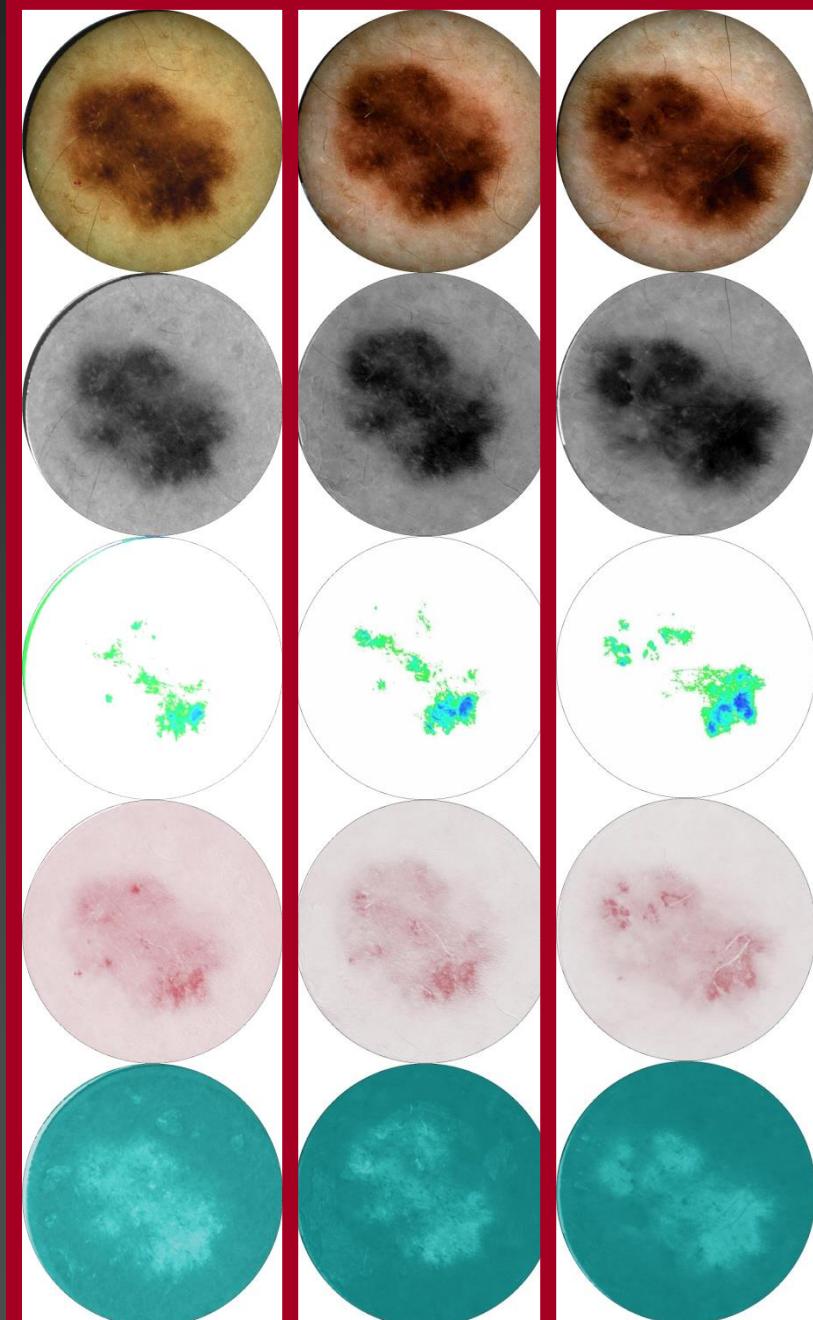


Dysplastic nevus

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# *Registro Nacional de Melanoma Cutáneo de la AEDV*

1997-diciembre 2008

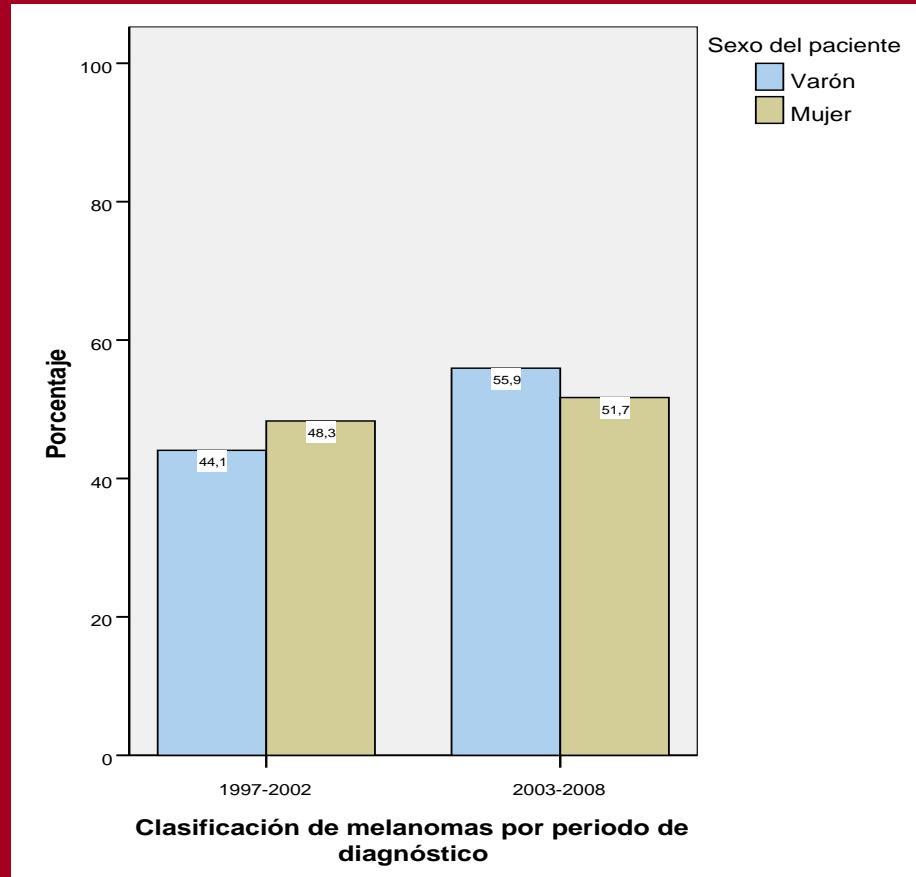
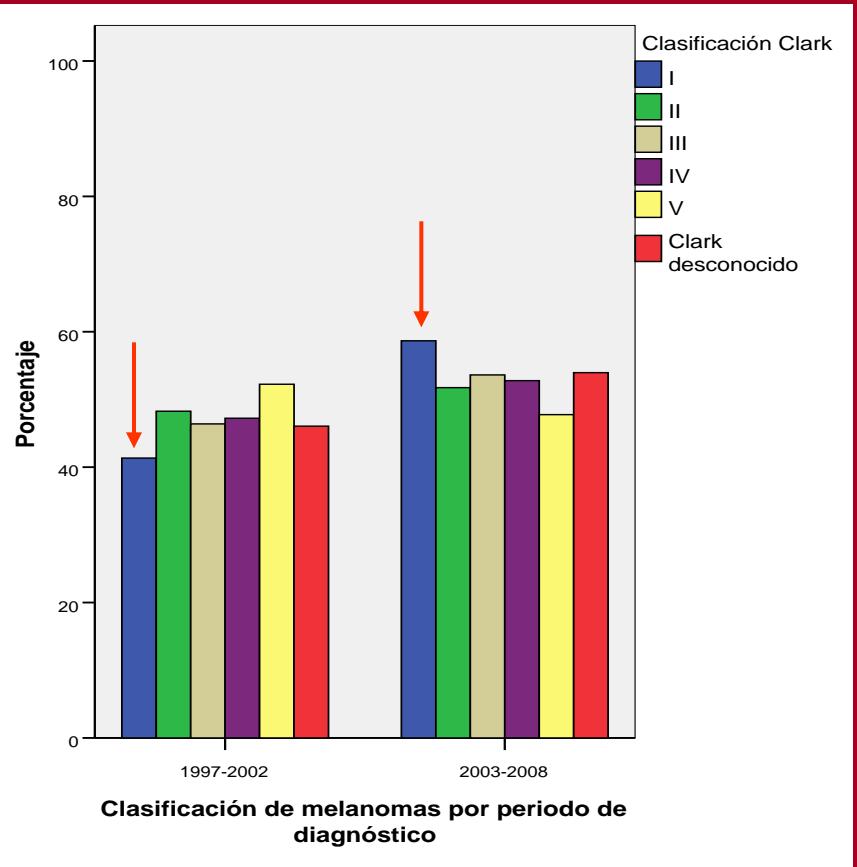
10.370 casos incluidos



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# *Comparative analysis of the features of malignant melanoma cases diagnosed in 1997-2002 vs 2003-2008*





# *Melanoma research 2003-10*

1. Targeted therapies
2. Follow-up of patients with *Dysplastic Nevus Syndrome* employing SIAscopy
3. Analysis of the “Registro Nacional de Melanoma de la AEDV” (1997-2008)
4. Collaboration with the “Xarxa de centres de melanoma de Catalunya i Balears”

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- Clinical practice guidelines for cutaneous melanoma management

### DOCUMENTO DE CONSENSO

**Valoración inicial, diagnóstico, estadificación, tratamiento y seguimiento de los pacientes con melanoma maligno primario de la piel. Documento de consenso de la “Xarxa de Centres de Melanoma de Catalunya i Balears”**

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This screenshot shows a patient registration form. The fields include:

- NHC: 234
- Cognoms: [empty]
- Nom: [empty]
- Iniciais: [empty]
- Professió: [empty]
- Data Naixament: [empty]
- Sexe: [dropdown menu showing 'M' and 'F']
- Edat: [empty]
- Centre d'origen:
  - Mètge: [empty]
  - Província: [dropdown menu showing 'Barcelona', 'Girona', 'Lleida', 'Tarragona']
  - Tipus centre: [dropdown menu showing 'Hospital', 'Centres de referència', 'Centres de primària']
- Nº Individu: [empty]
- Nº Aniu: [empty]
- Tera visita: [empty]
- Família: [empty]
- Comentaris: [text area]

At the bottom are buttons: Cercar (Search), Nou Pacient (New Patient), Eliminar (Delete), Episodis (Episodes), and Sortir (Exit).

This screenshot shows a melanoma episode registration form. The fields include:

- Nº Episodi: 1
- Data diagnòstic: [empty]
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  - Breslow: 1.1
- Ulceració: 1 No
- Adenopatia regional: 3 No consta
- Ganglis sentinel·la: 3 No realitzat
- Linfadenectomia: 3 No realitzat
- Metàstasi a distància: 1 No
- LDH: 3 No determinat
- Estadi:
  - AJCC: 0 IA IB IC IIIA IIIB IIIC IV
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- Localització met.: [empty]
- Tractament inicial:
  - Cirurgia tumor primari
  - Immunoteràpia
  - Quimioteràpia
  - Cirurgia metàstasi visceral
  - Cirurgia metàstasi ganglionar
  - Altres
- Localització: No consta
- Mètge: [empty]

At the bottom are buttons: ELIMINAR REGISTRE (Delete Record), NOU REGISTRE (New Record), INFORME (Report), and SORTIR (Exit).

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  - . 2000-2007 data collection and analysis  
*(currently being drafted for publication)*
- Other common projects (multidisciplinary scenario)



# *Melanoma research*

## FUTURE AIMS

- To end current studies and to continue our participation in multicentric projects
- Targeted therapy: *In vitro* invasion and migration assays, murine models (xenografts)
- Analysis and extension of SIAscope studies
- Other



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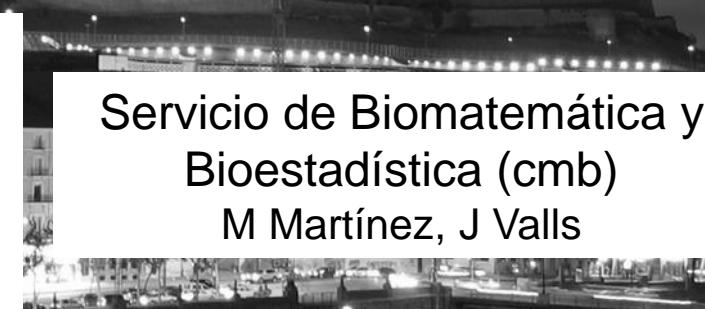
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