

NLSEV Kick-off 2017: Erasmus MC Rotterdam



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**Functional
Research**

Bacterial EVs Infection

EVs in Cardio-Pulmonary
Disease

**Therapy
Research**

**Marker
Research**

Urine EVs **#5, 23**
Chronic Kidney Disease

Virosomes for **#25**
Neurodegenerative disease

Urine & Blood EVs
Kidney Transplantation

MSC EVs for
Immunomodulation

#20
EVQuant

MicroBubbles

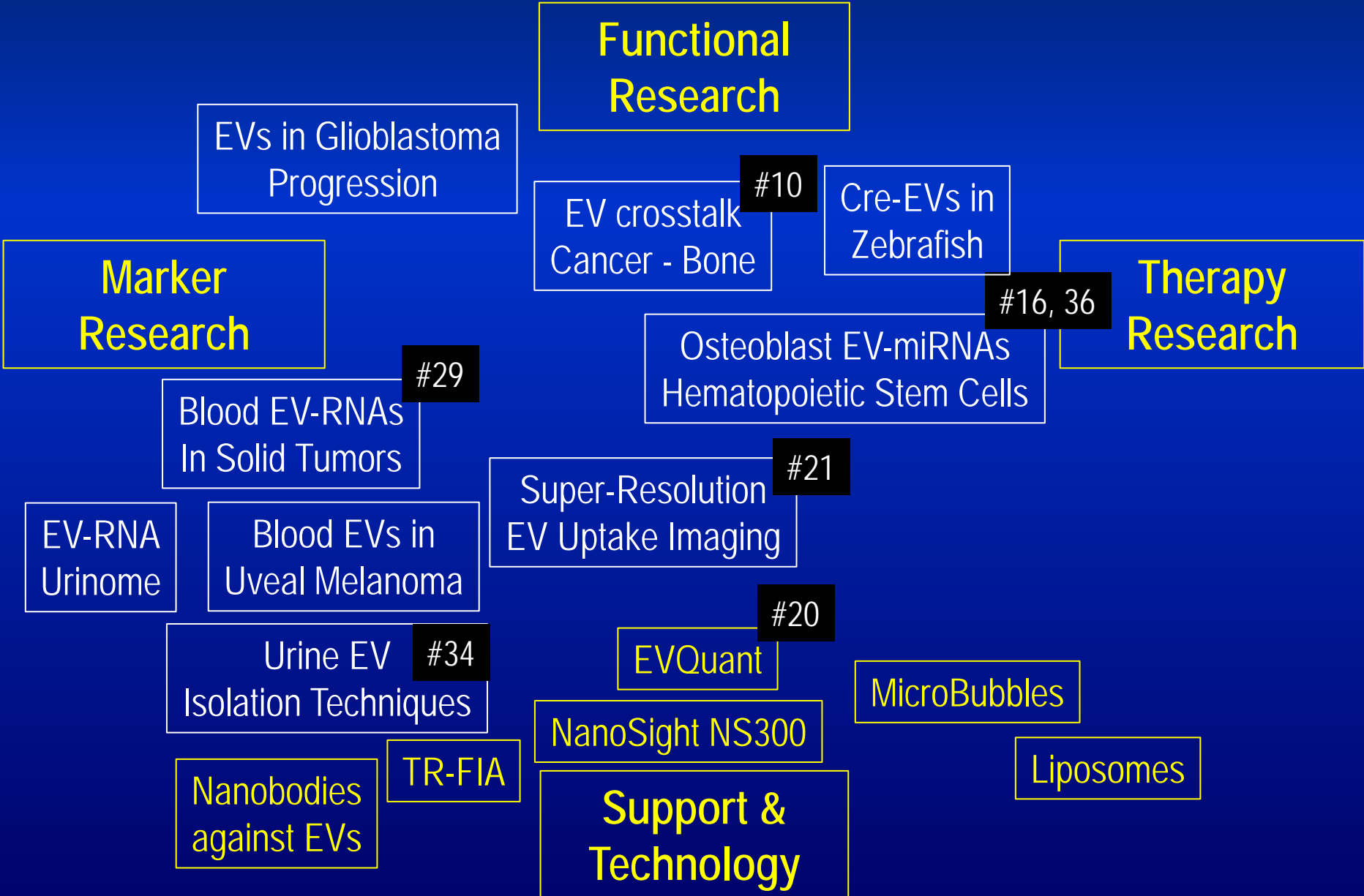
NanoSight NS300

Liposomes

Nanobodies
against EVs

TR-FIA

**Support &
Technology**

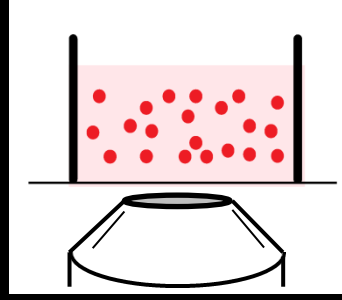
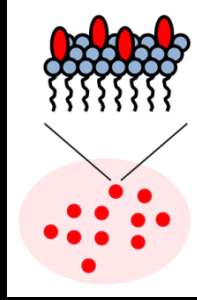
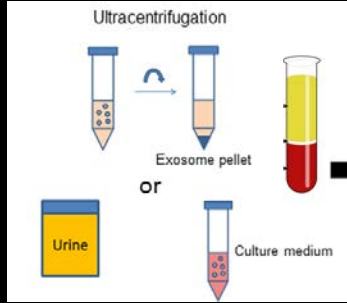


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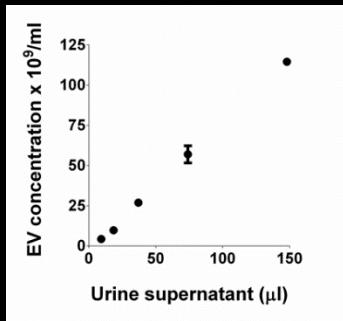
Fast and versatile EV quantification and characterization assay



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Large variety of sample types
No EV isolation/purification

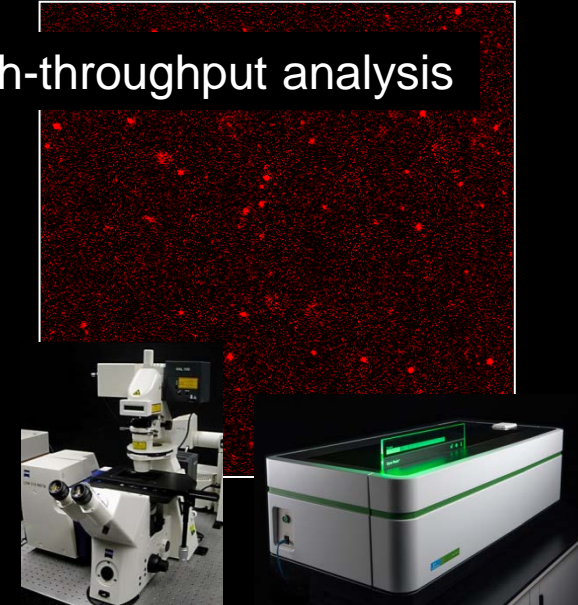


Research and clinical samples

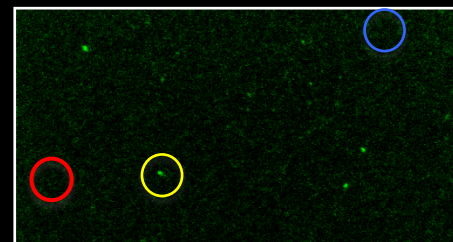
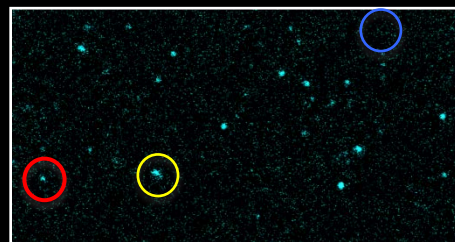
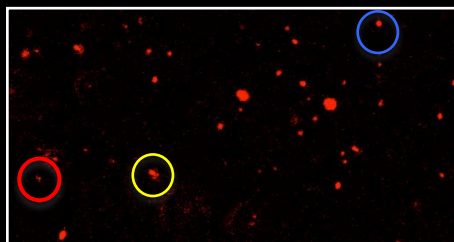
EVQuant

Detection of small EVs

High-throughput analysis



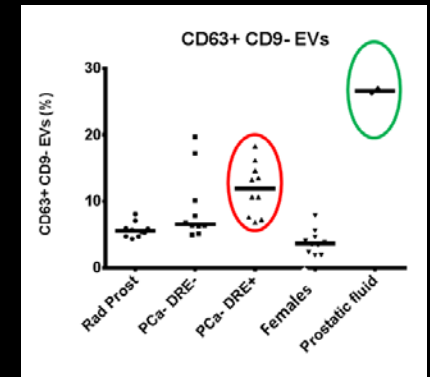
Detect multiple biomarkers on individual EVs



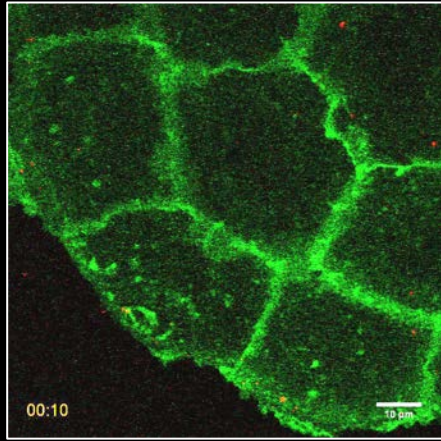
Membrane

CD9-alexa647

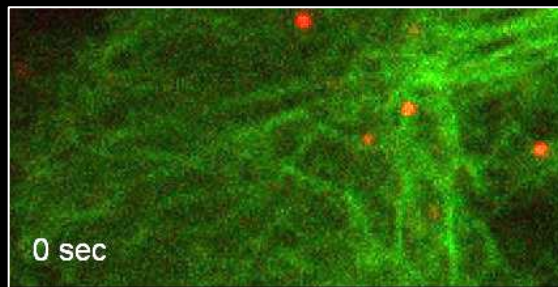
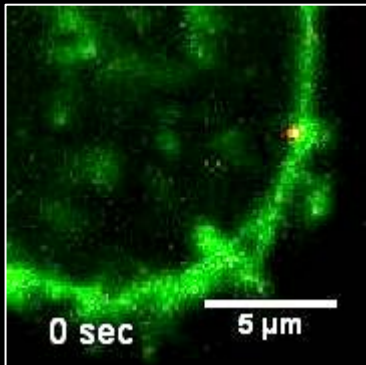
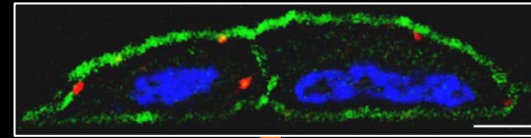
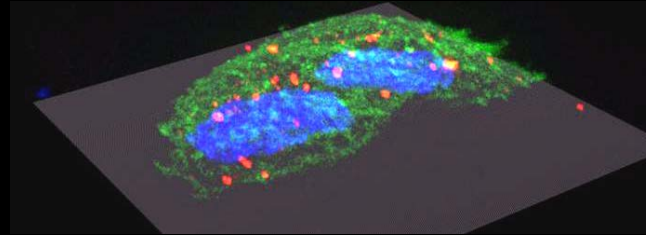
CD63-alexa488



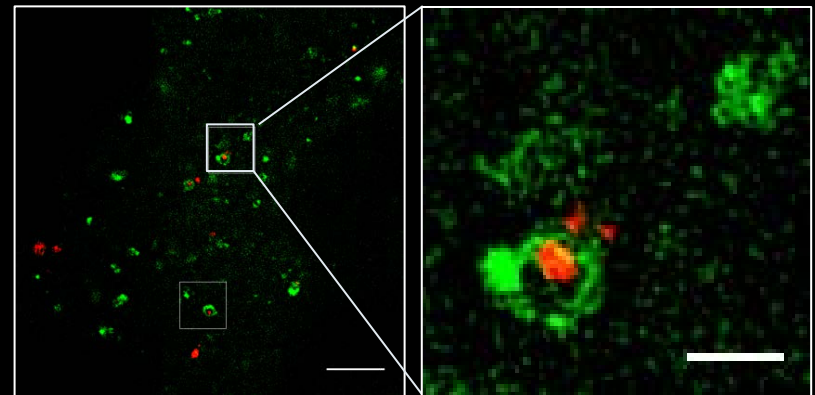
Visualization of uptake and further processing of EVs



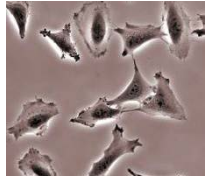
Confocal microscopy



Spinning disk microscopy



Urinary EVs from men with and without PCa

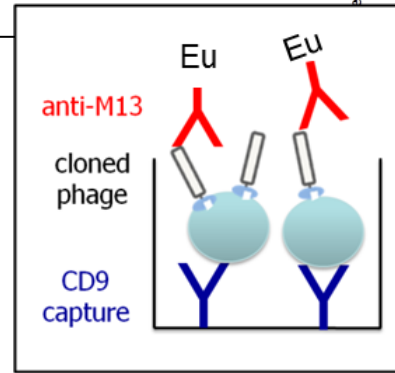
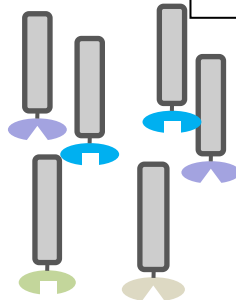
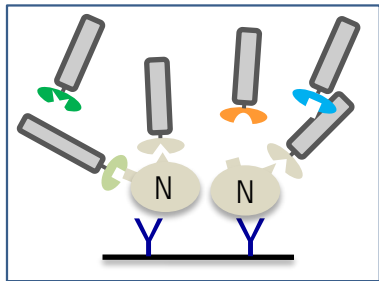
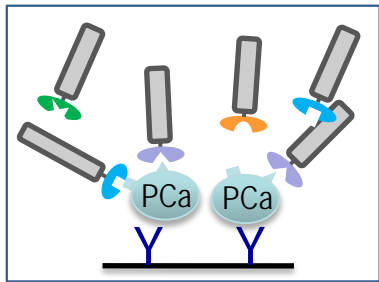


Immunize

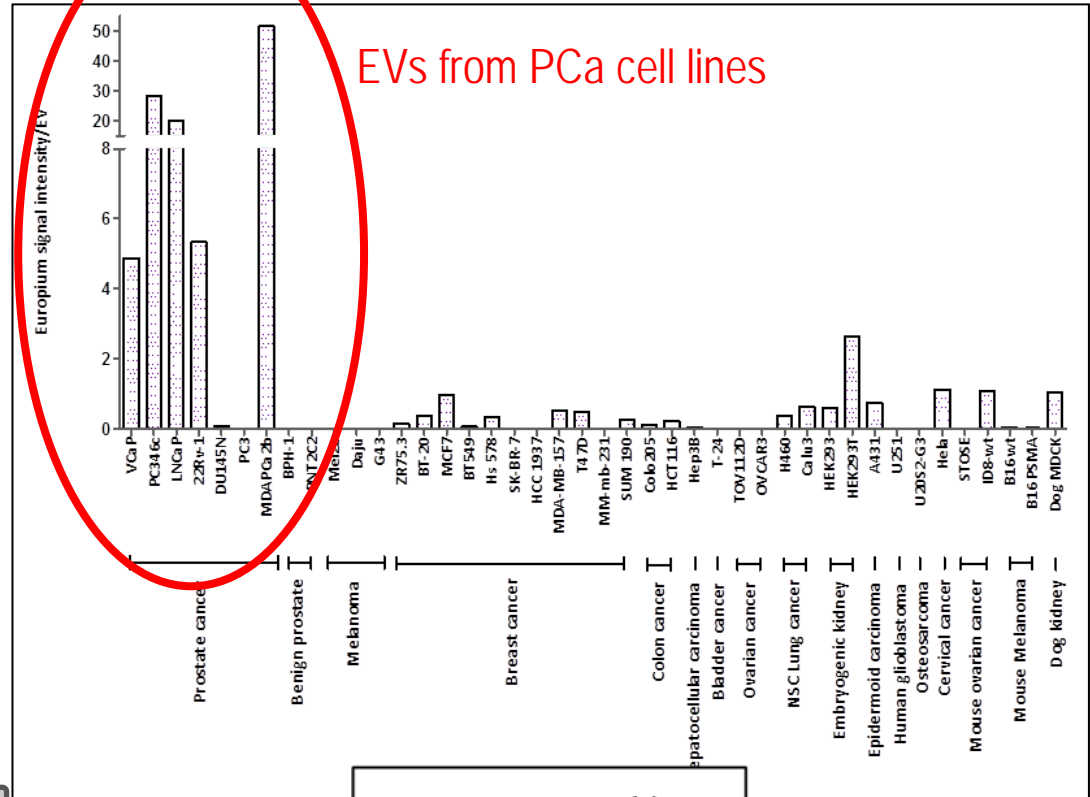


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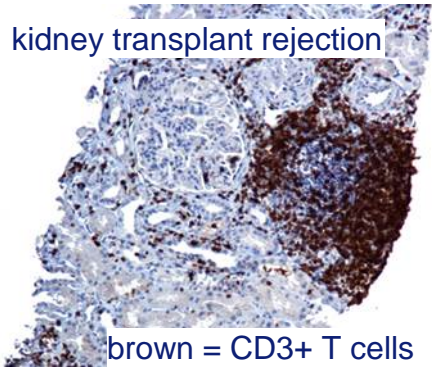
Nanobody Library



TR-FIA:
Time-Resolved
Fluorescence
ImmunoAssay



Liquid Biopsies for Detection of Acute Rejection -> 'LIBIDAR'



Biopsy as gold standard for acute rejection after kidney transplantation

- Drawbacks:
- invasive procedure with risk of complications
 - impossible in combination with anti-coagulation treatment
 - sampling error (small part of kidney)
 - subject to interobserver variability

→ Is it possible to diagnose kidney transplant rejection early, and minimally invasive in blood or urine via detection of donor-specific EVs?

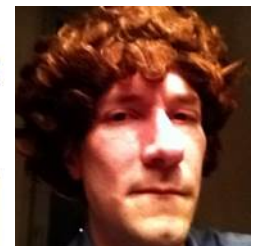
- Do EVs play a significant role in the anti-donor immune response after transplantation?



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Nephrology and Transplantation

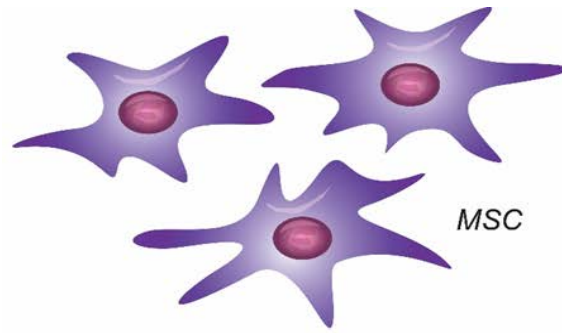


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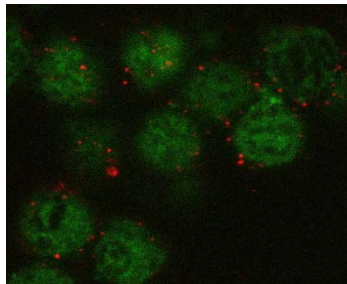
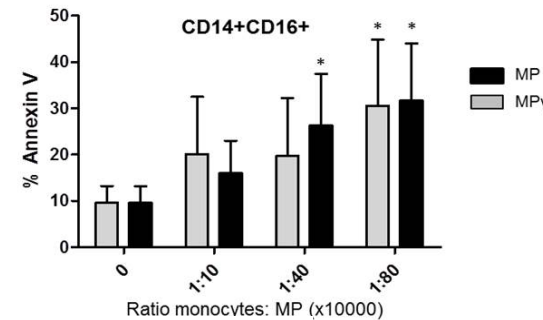
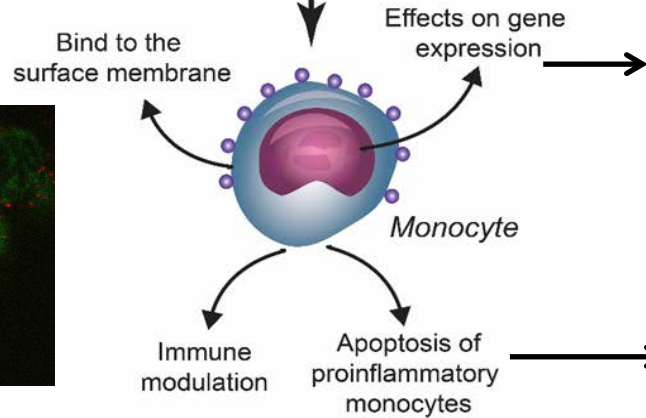
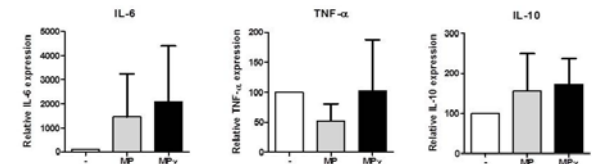
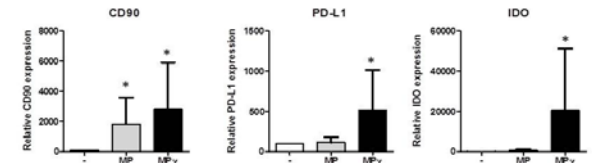
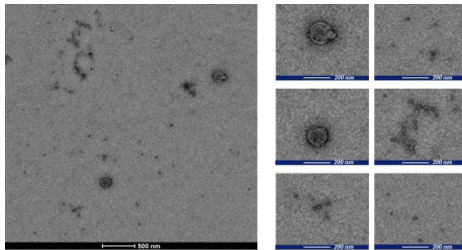
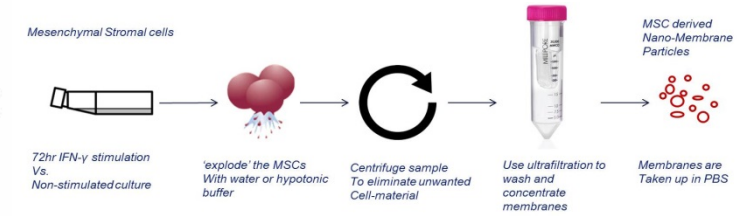


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Objective: Characterize Membrane Particles generated from Mesenchymal Stromal Cells cultured with and without IFN- γ , analyze their immunomodulatory properties, and their interaction with the immune system.



Membrane particle generation



Conclusion: Membrane particles generated from MSC modulate immune responses by selective targeting of pro-inflammatory monocytes

Urinary Extracellular Vesicles (uEVs)

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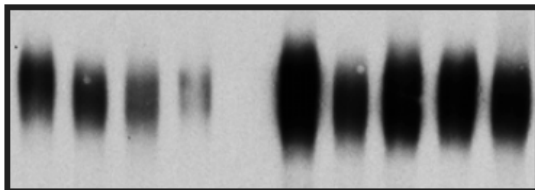
Aim 1 Quantification and normalization of uEVs

Aim 2 Identification of disease markers in uEVs

Example 1

Sodium transporters in uEVs as marker for hypertensive disease

Phosphorylated NCC

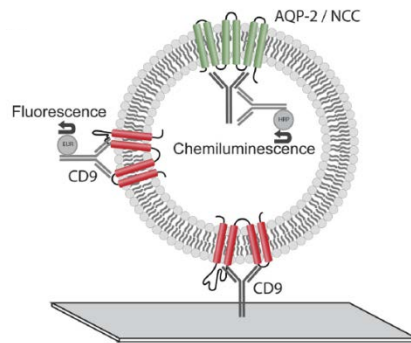


Essential hypertension Primary aldosteronism

Van der Lubbe *et al.*,
Hypertension 2012

Example 2

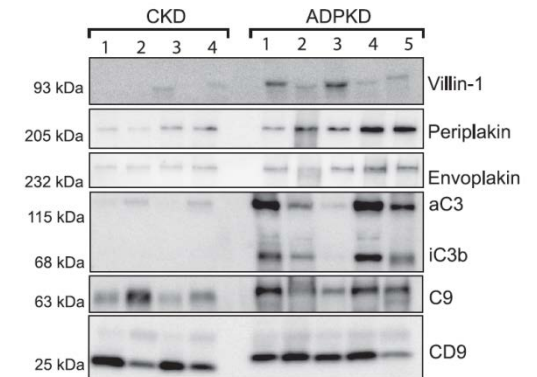
Development of immunoassay for tubular transport proteins



Salih *et al.*,
Am J Physiol Renal Physiol 2016

Example 3

Proteomic identification of disease markers for polycystic kidney disease



Salih *et al.*,
J Am Soc Nephrol 2016

Welcome at today's poster by Charles Blijdorp (abstract no. 5)!

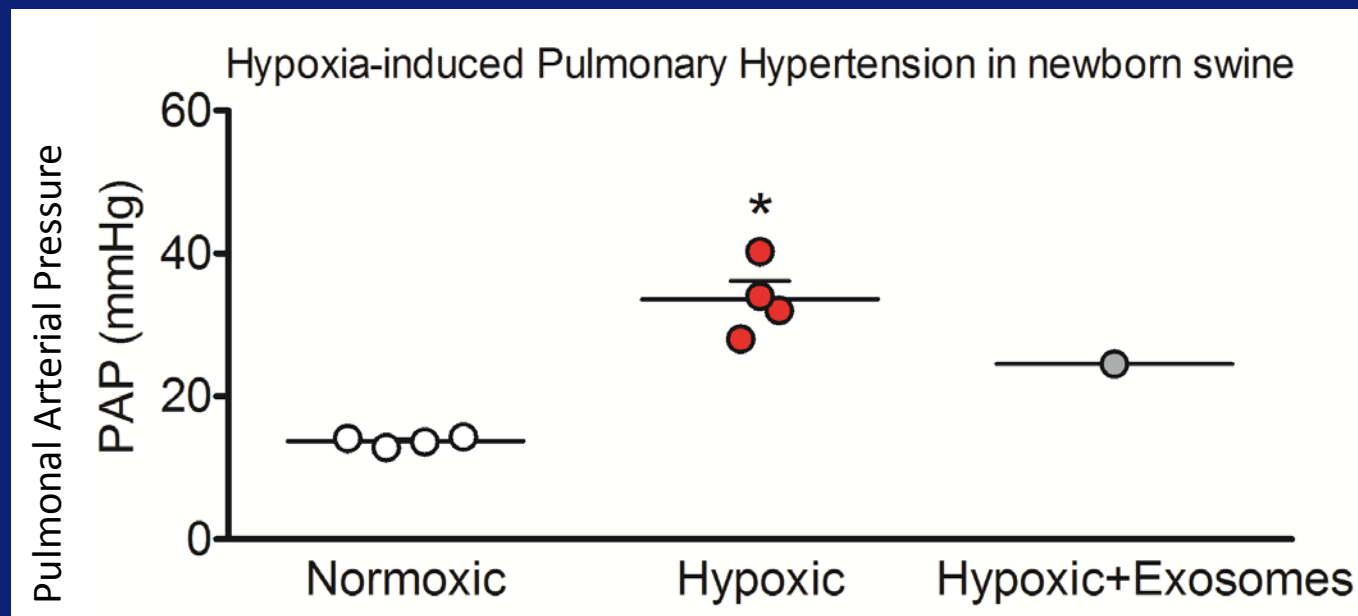
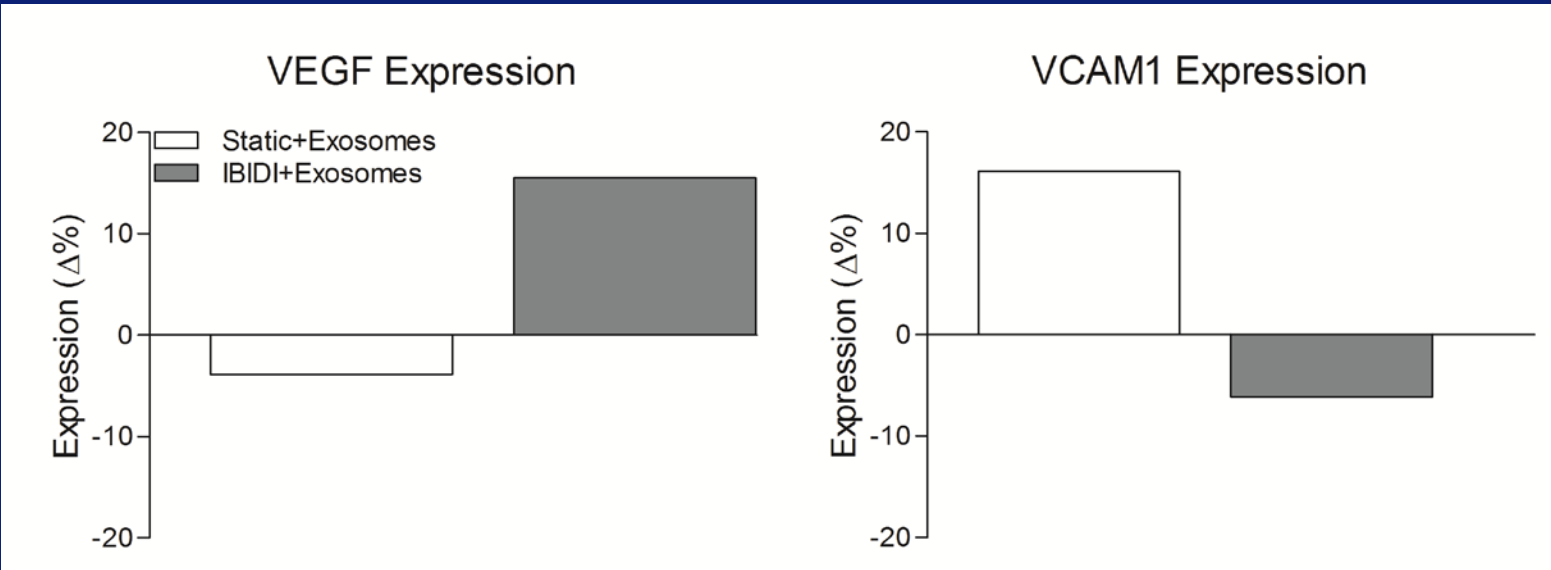


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Exosome Therapy for Cardio-Pulmonary Disease

In vitro Swine endothelial cells incubated with human EVs without and with flow (IBIDI)



Experimental Cardiology



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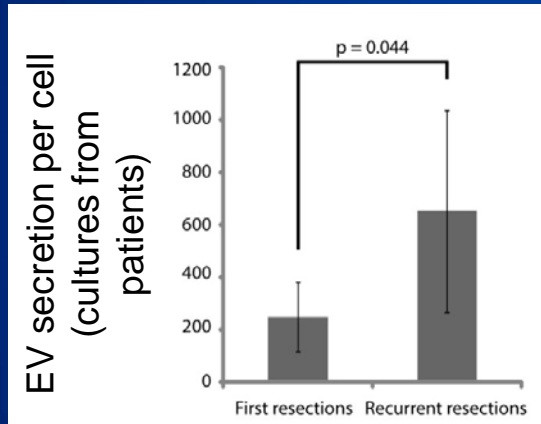
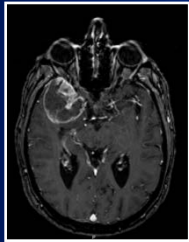
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Esther van de Kamp



Jeroen de Vrij et al.
 Dept. of Neurosurgery, Erasmus MC, NL



❖ EVs to monitor glioblastoma progression and resistance to therapy

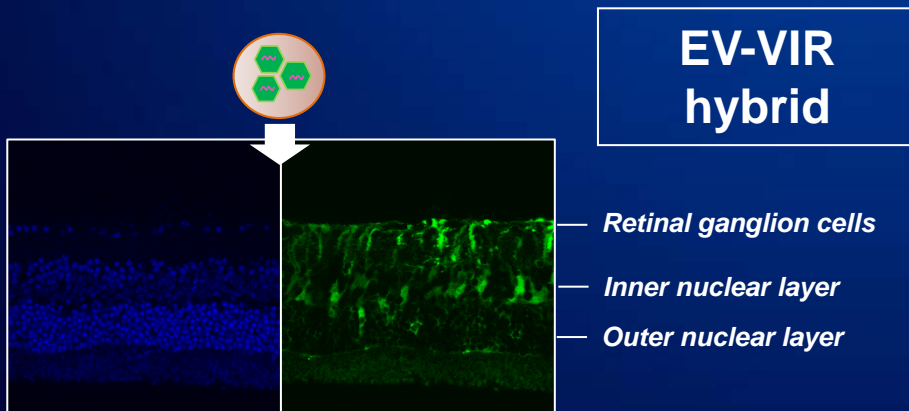


Primary → **Recurrent**
 Chemo/RT sens. → Chemo/RT resist.

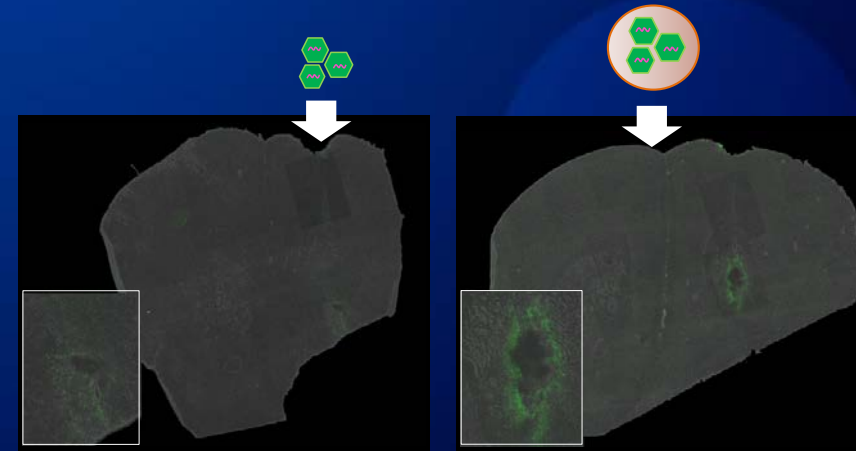
- EV secretion increases
- Per EV increased aggressiveness on stromal cells → different contents?

From De Vrij, Maas, Broekman. Int J Cancer, 2015

❖ “Virosomes” for improved (cancer) gene therapy



→ Deep penetration into retinas

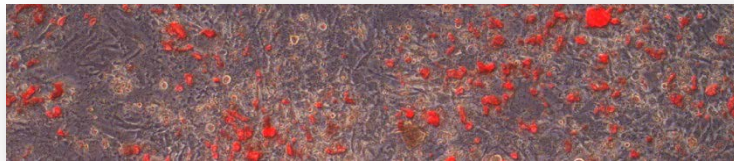


→ Delivery to brain tumors

Role of extracellular vesicles in crosstalk of cancer cells to bone

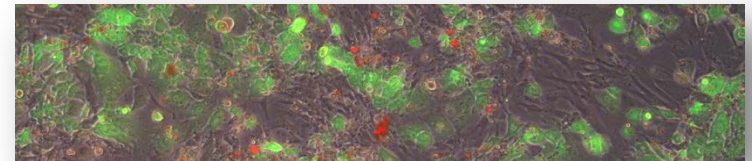
1 Role in the direct interaction of metastatic cancer cells with bone cells?

Transfer of factors regulating bone destruction and cancer cell growth



Bone cells: mineralization (orange)

+ cancer cells^{GFP}
→

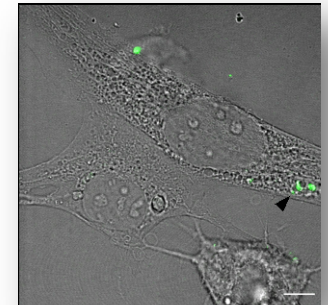


Affected mineralization, survival of cancer cells

2 Role in preparing a pre-metastatic niche in bone?

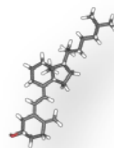
+ Subsequent change in bone cell behaviour?

Prostate cancer cell derived EVs:
uptake in very few osteoblasts



3 Role in the therapeutical effect of vitamin D in bone metastases?

Are EVs part of Vitamin D working mechanism?



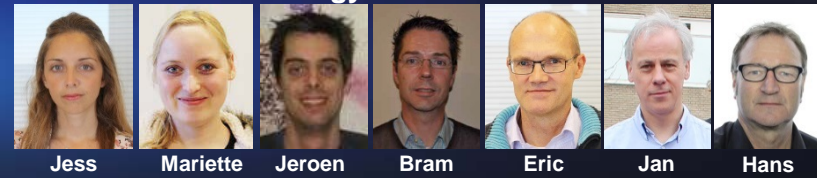
- Vitamin D effect on cancer cell EVs?
- Vitamin D effect on cancer cell EV interaction with bone?
- Vitamin D incorporated in EVs?



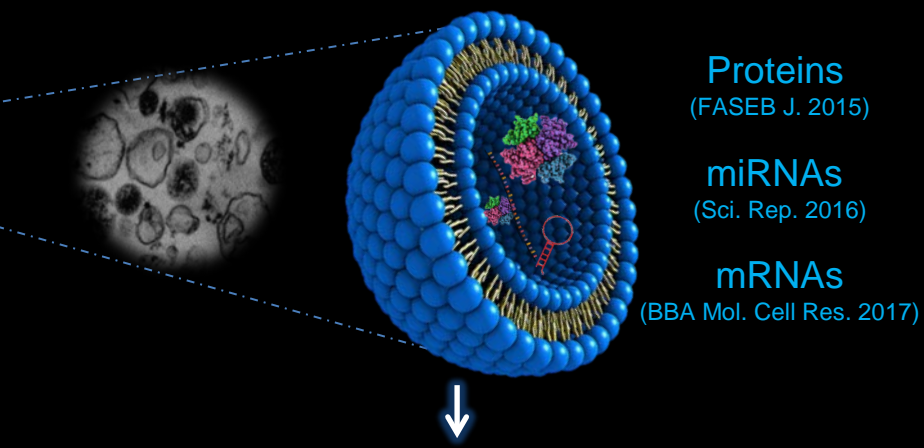
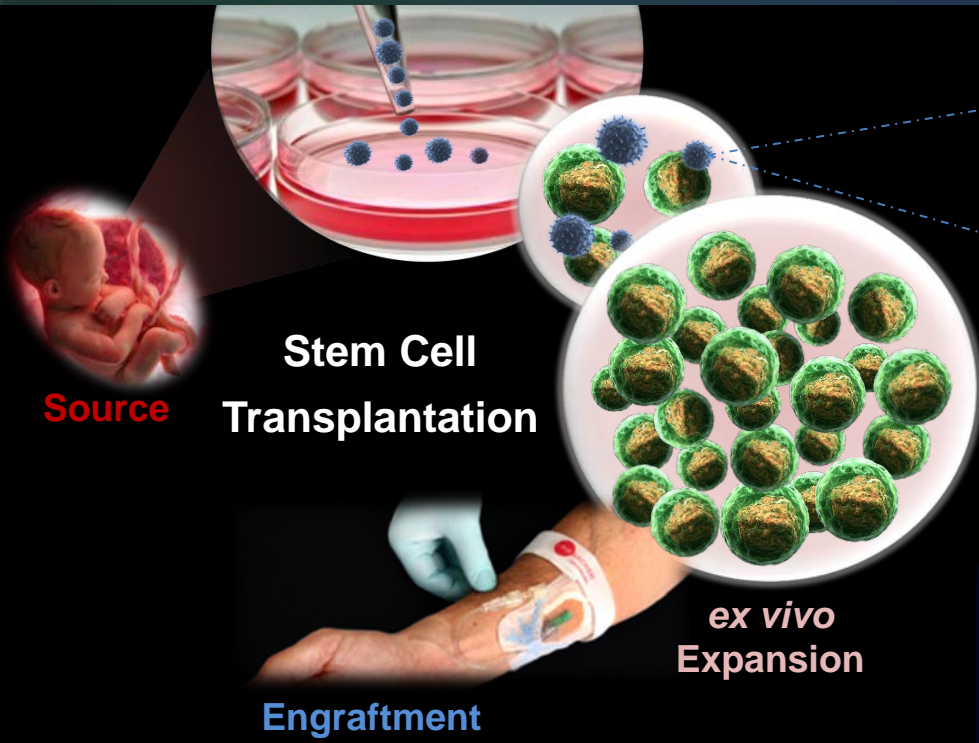
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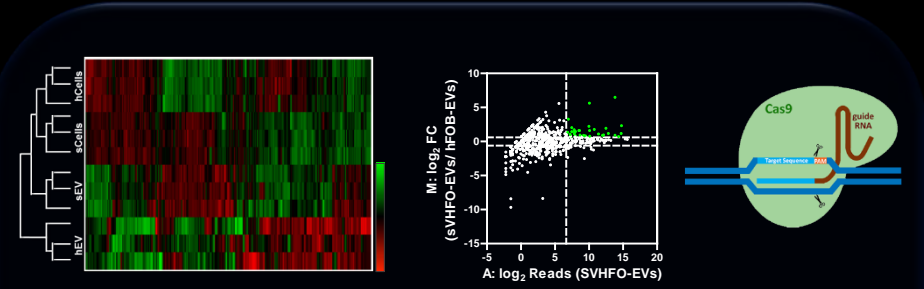
Osteoblast-Derived Extracellular Vesicles



Proteins
(FASEB J. 2015)

miRNAs
(Sci. Rep. 2016)

mRNAs
(BBA Mol. Cell Res. 2017)



EV-miRNA sequencing analysis shows significant differences between stimulatory and less-stimulatory EVs

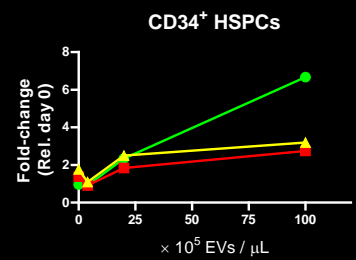
Ongoing studies

- Selection of candidate EV-miRNAs that are known regulators of hematopoiesis
- Candidate miRNA knock-out with CRISPR/Cas9 technology

Osteoblast-EVs promote growth factor-driven expansion of cord blood-derived hematopoietic stem and progenitor cells (HSPCs)

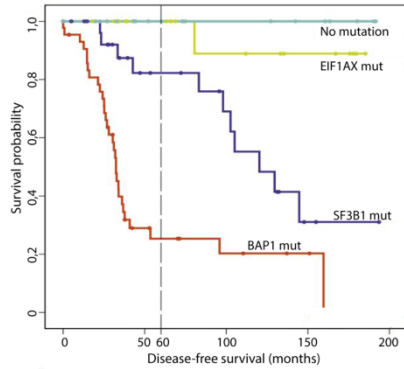
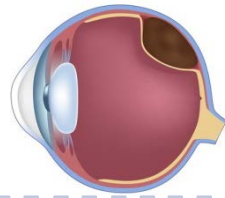
EV-expanded HSPCs retain their differentiation capacity *in vitro* and *in vivo*

EVs from different osteolineage sources do not have same expansion potential



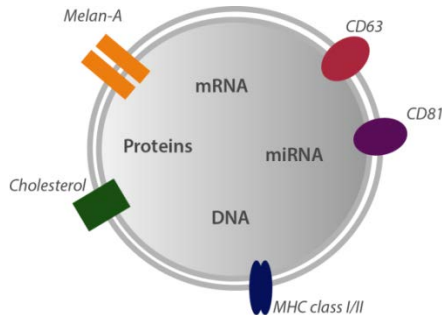
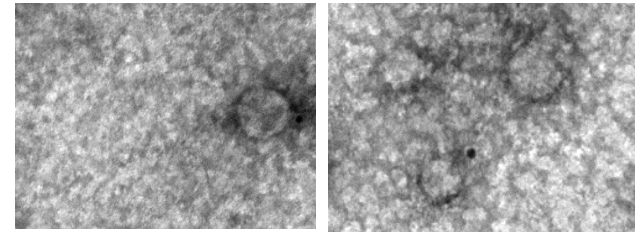
Exosomes in Uveal Melanoma

prognostication of UM patients by analyzing exosome content



Three different risk groups are observed in UM:
(low, intermediate and high metastatic risk)

UM exosomes contain melanocyte specific proteins on their surface

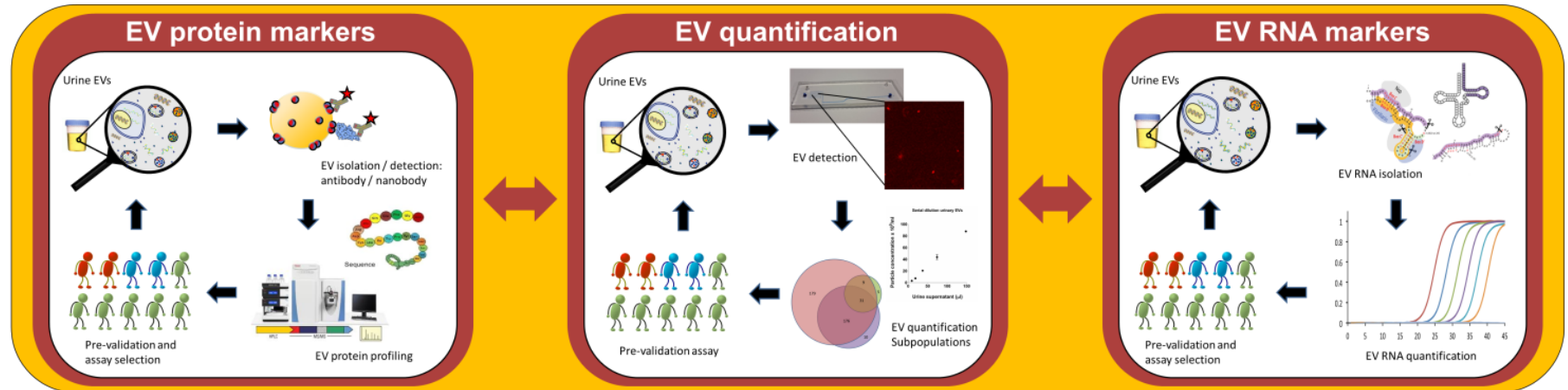


Exosomal content is currently being analyzed by NGS, to determine if it can be used as a non-invasive biomarker



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Innovative Measurements and Markers for PROstate cancer diagnosis and prognosis using extracellular VEsicles



- Enrichment assay for prostate (cancer) EVs
- Pre-validated candidate markers

- Microfluidics assay development
- Quantification method for prostate (cancer) EVs and EV subpopulations
- EVQuant pre-validation assay

- Optimized assay for RNA measurement
- Pre-validated RNA candidate markers

Translating into clinical practice – Validation trial

Validation cohort

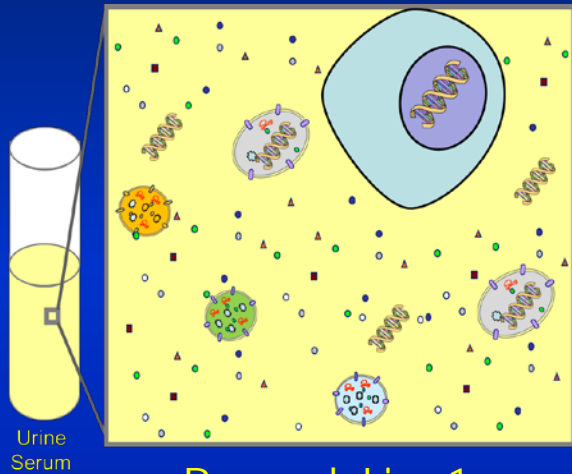
Sample Type	WP4 Validation (n)
Urine control groups	
PSA <1 AND no biopsies	100
PSA <10 AND biopsies negative AND no rising PSA in 2 years	100
Urine indolent Pca group	
PSA <10 AND biopsies: Gleason 6 AND low volume disease	200
Urine significant Pca group	
Gleason 4+3 or higher OR upgrading after surgery	100

Characteristics of patient and control samples

Urine biobank

Best performing EV assays

Comparison to current gold standards in clinical practice



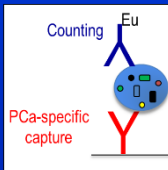
Research Line 1
EMC & VUmc cohorts

Purify EVs
Task 3.1.1



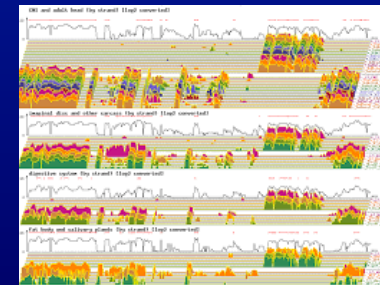
Filtration

Affinity purification



Small & long RNAseq
Task 3.1.2

RNAseq database
Task 3.1.3



Develop & Validate
RNA profiles
Task 3.1.4

ExosomeDx profile

Novel profiles

PCA3 & TMPRSS2-ERG

sdRNAs and tRFs

PCa-associated RNAs

miQ: miRNAs