



# Validation of Mucin Based Biomarkers for Early Diagnosis of Pancreatic Neoplasms

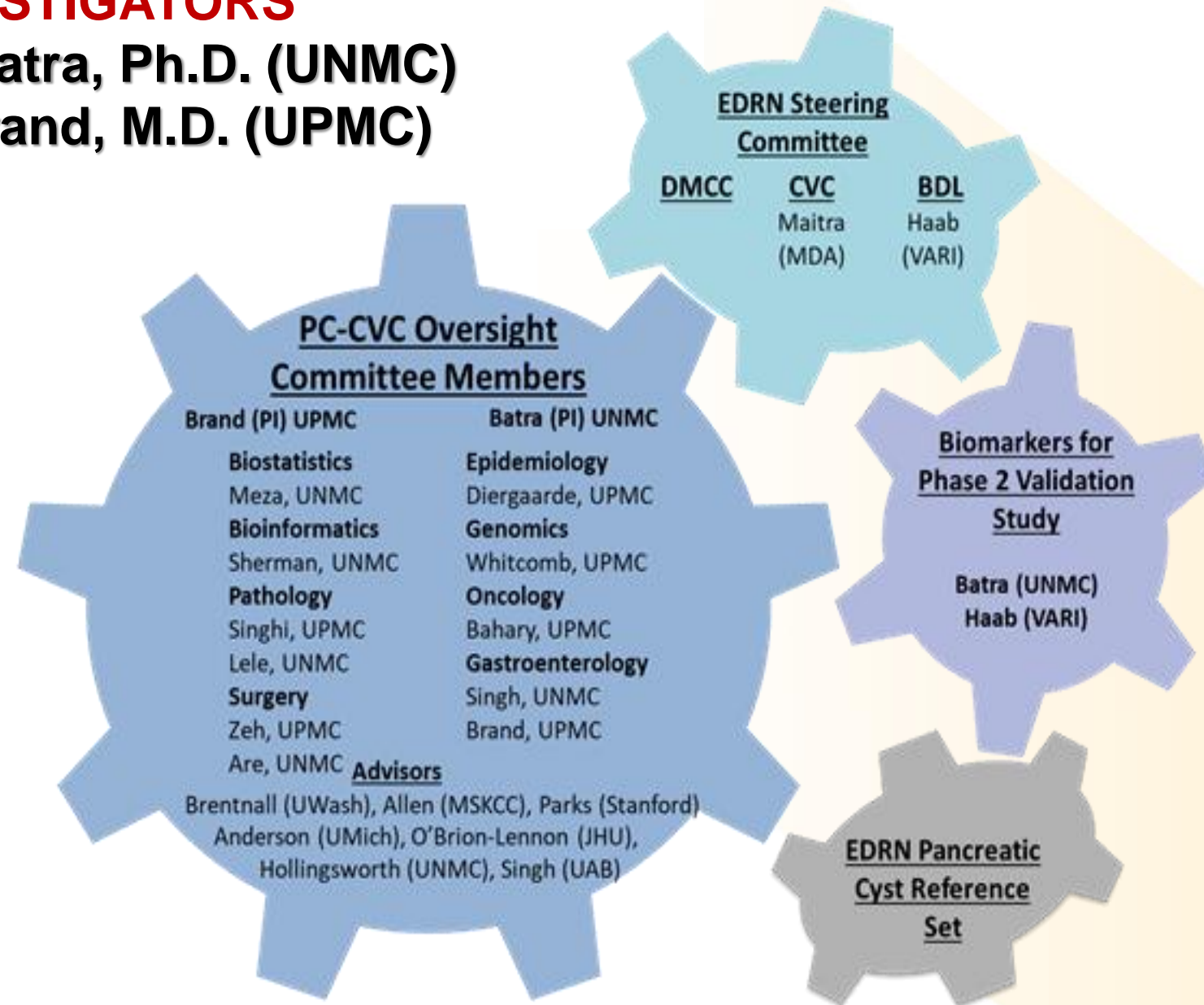
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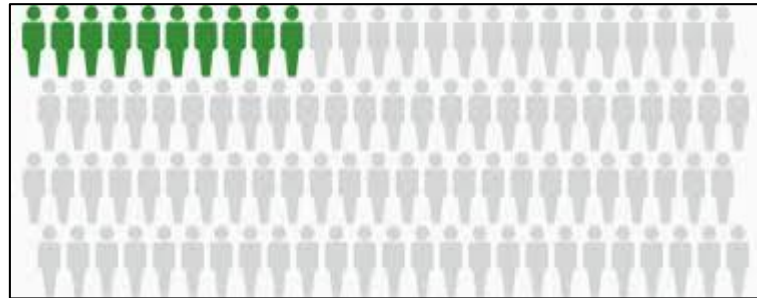
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# Pancreatic Cancer: An enigma



Percent  
Surviving  
5 Years

**10%**

**New Cases- 2020**

**57,600**

**Deaths-2020**

**47,050**

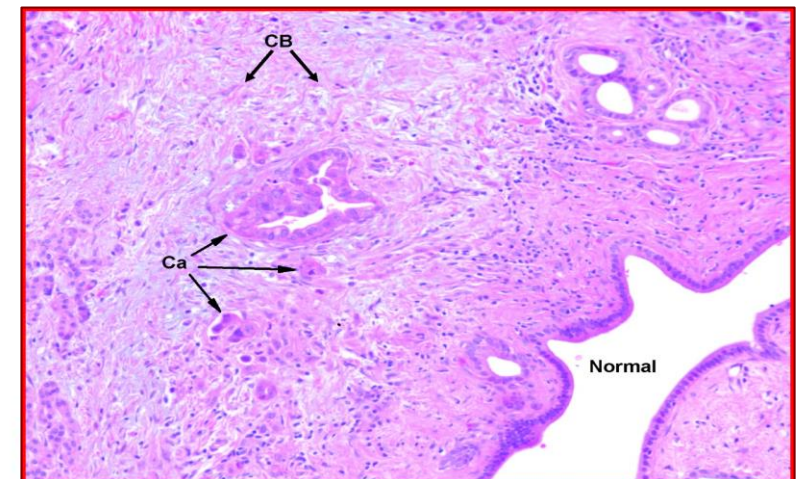
Pancreatic cancer is the only malignancy where survival rate has not been increased over the last **40 years**

By 2030 Pancreatic cancer will be the **2<sup>nd</sup>** leading cause of cancer related deaths in US!!

**90%** of patients die after diagnosis of pancreatic cancer

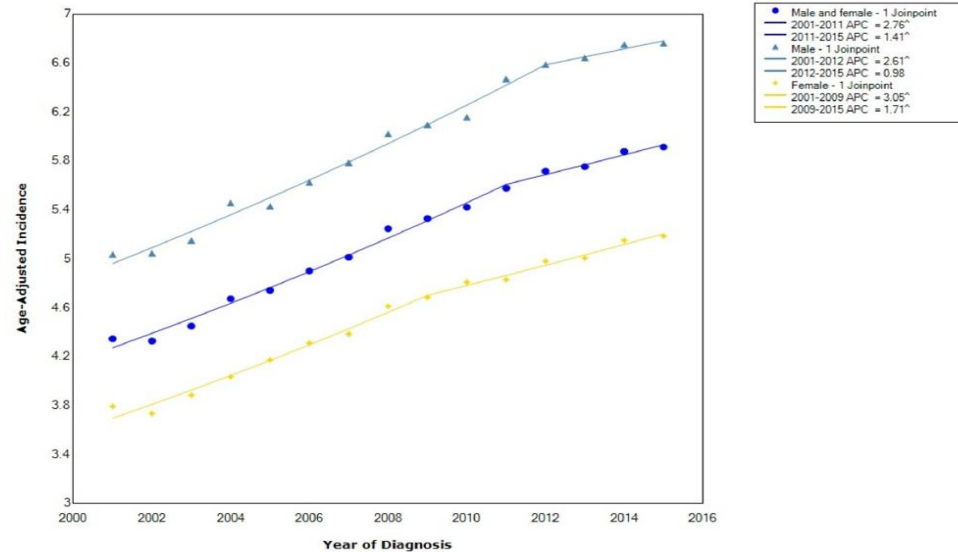
## Challenges to Patient Care

- ❖ **Chemotherapy and Radiotherapy Resistant**
- ❖ **Highly Heterogeneous**
- ❖ **Lack of Robust models**
- ❖ **LACK of early diagnostic and prognostic marker(s)**



# Pancreatic Cancer: INCIDENCE ON RISE

- In the U.S., its incidence has crept upward by about 0.5 percent annually for more than a decade.



Patel et al, Cureus, 2018

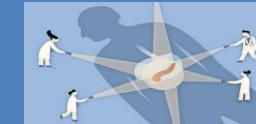
## SMOKING



1 IN 5 PC CASE

## IMPROVED DETECTION MODALITIES

Refined ways of testing biopsied tissue and higher-resolution imaging



## AGING

(More than three quarters of new patients are between 55 and 84 years old)

## PANCREATIC CANCER IS ON THE RISE

## DIABETES

Late onset DM has emerged as most potential risk factor for PC

## OBESITY

## DIABESTY



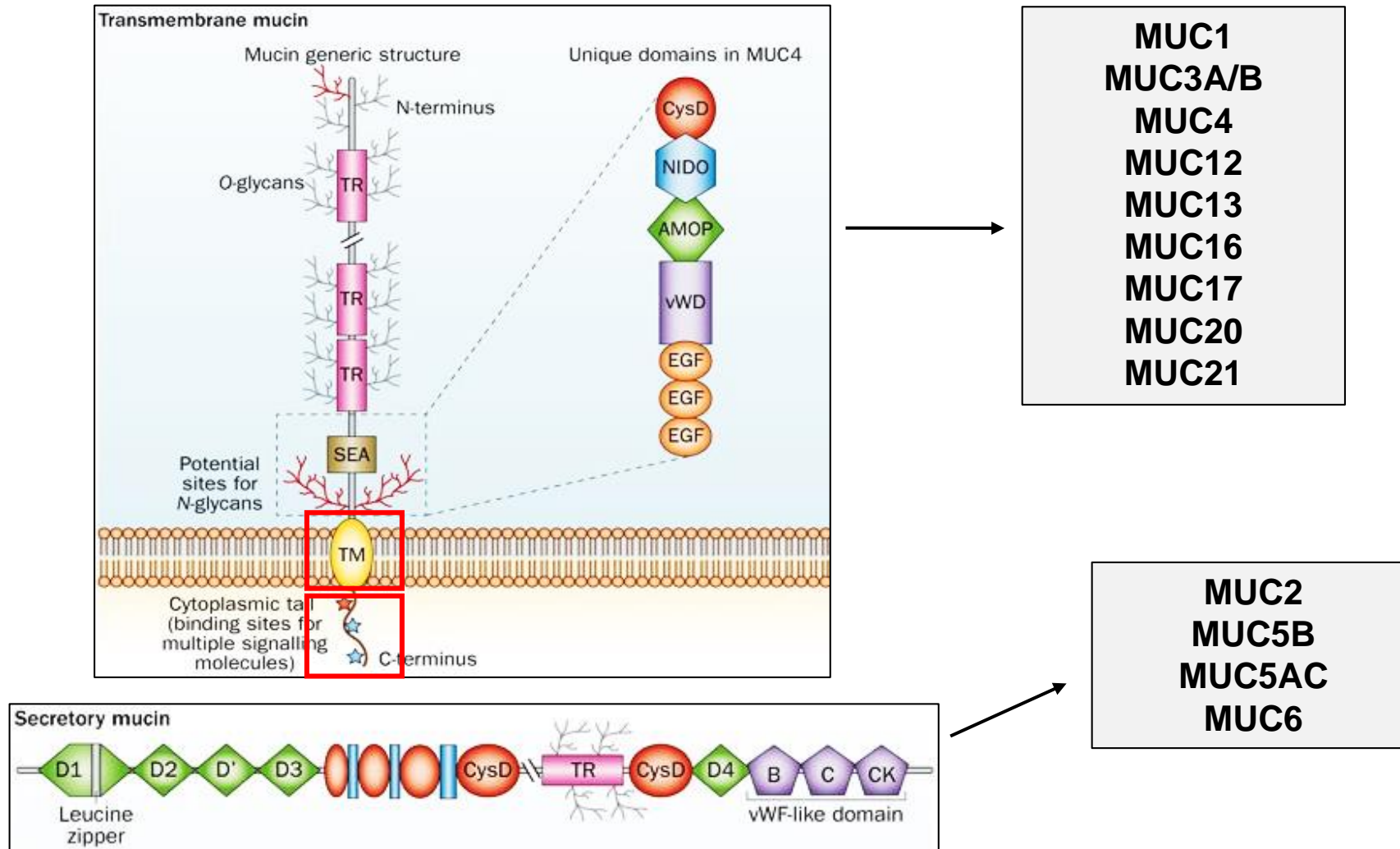
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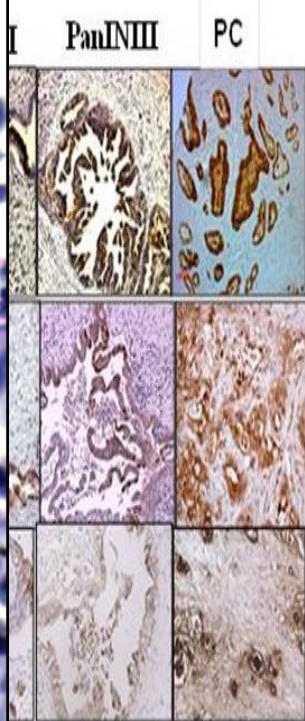
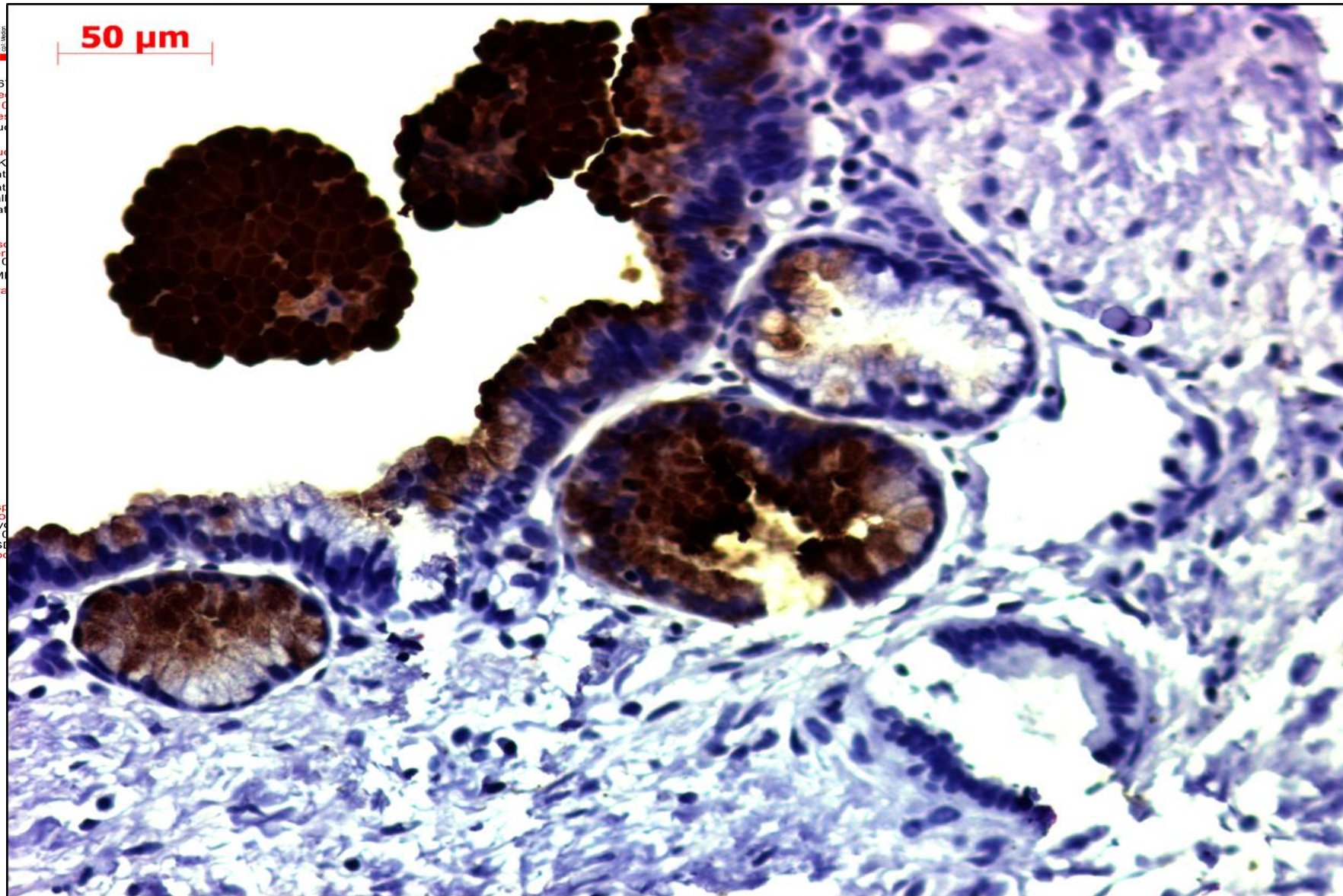
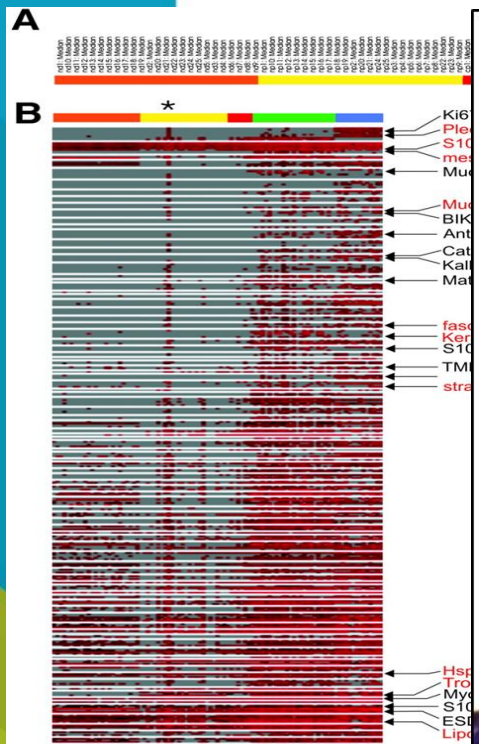
# Mucins: Transmembrane and Secreted Members

21 members, broadly classified into:





# EXPRESSION PROFILE OF MUCINS IN PANCREATIC PATHOLOGIES

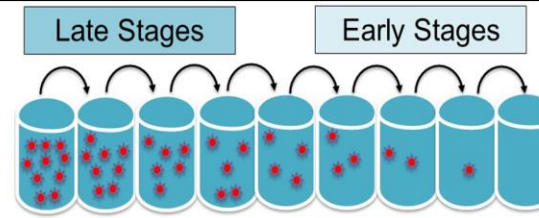


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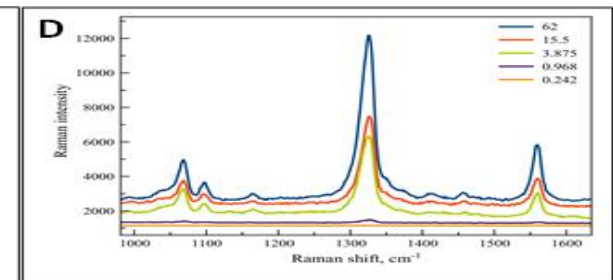
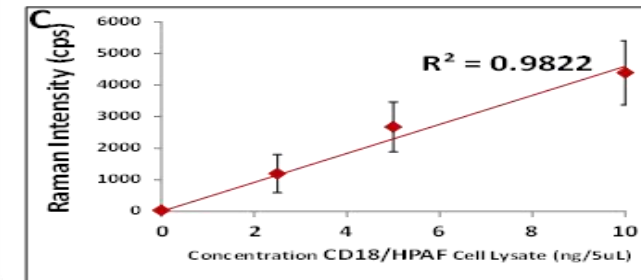
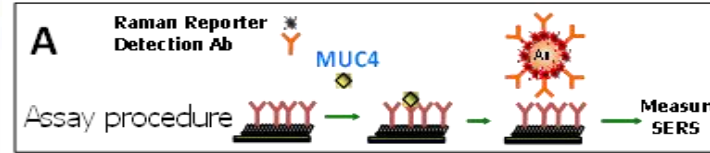
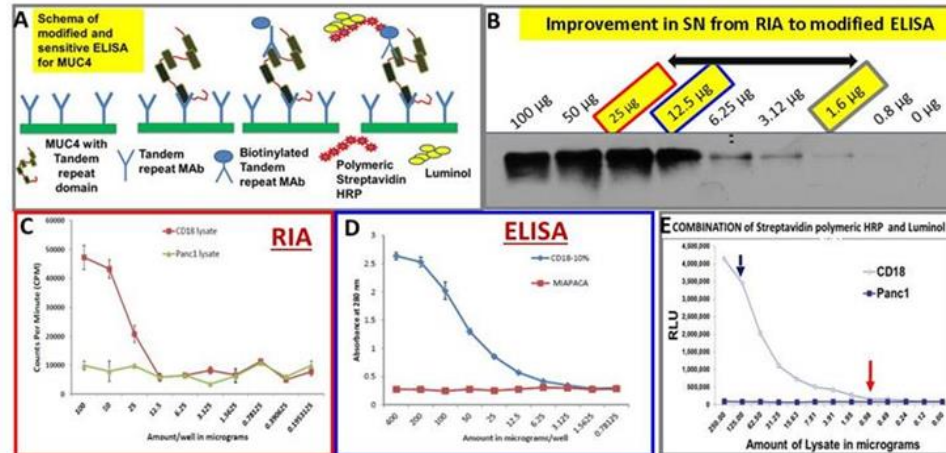


# ULTRASENSITIVE TECHNOLOGIES

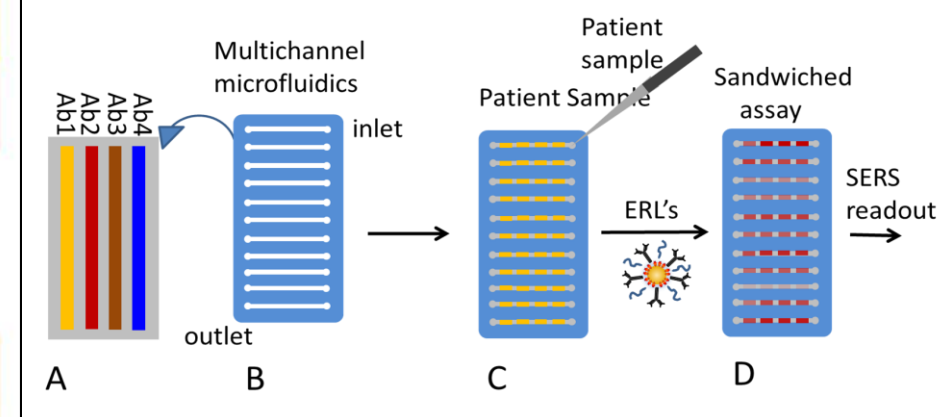
- Sensitivity
- Specificity
- Reproducibility
- Appropriate Sample Set



Early Stage Disease-Low Levels of Biomarkers  
**Ultrasensitive Technology**



## Microfluidics Based SERS Sensors

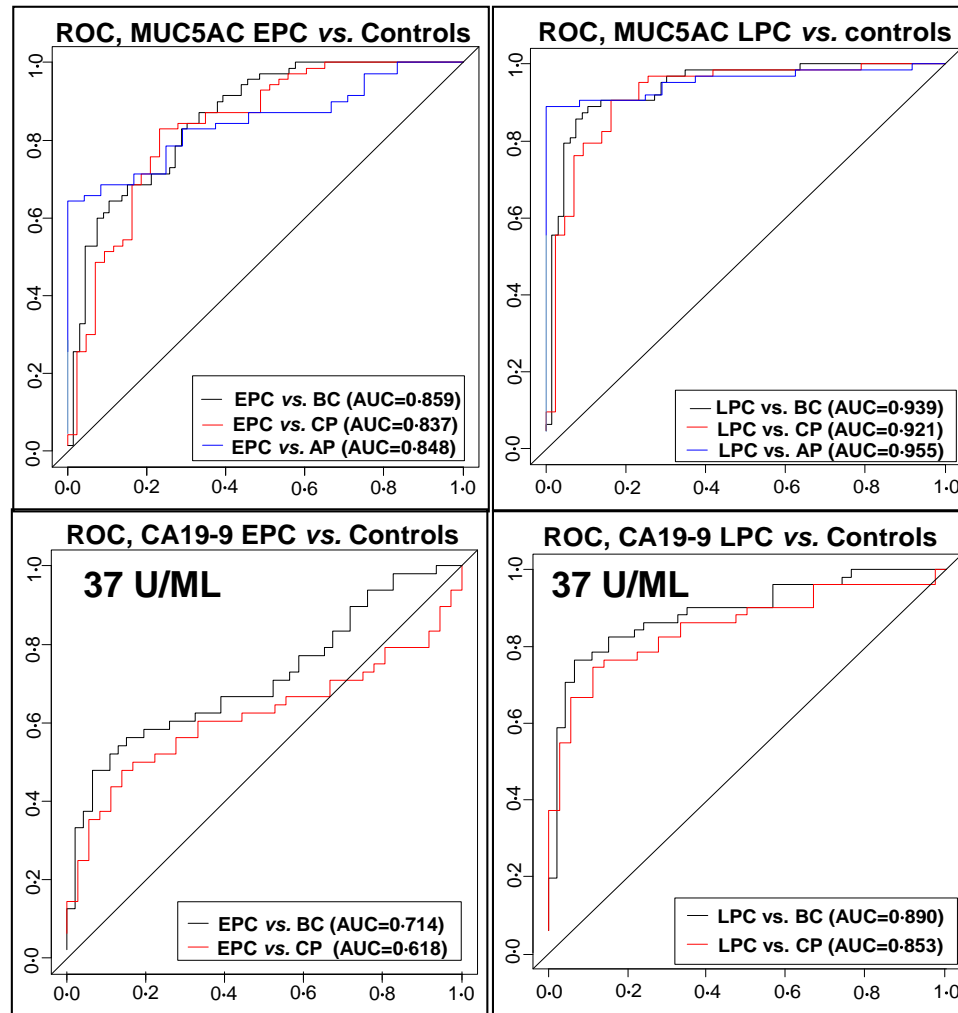


## LIMIT OF DETECTION

ELISA	12.5 µg
Radioimmunoassay (RIA)	25 µg
Ultrasensitive ELISA (uELISA)	3.25 µg
SERS	0.6ng



# DIAGNOSTIC EFFICACY OF MUC5AC and CA19.9



## MUC5AC

Comparison	AUC	Estimated Threshold	Specificity	Sensitivity
EPC vs. BC	0.86	$\geq 22.40$	0.87	0.67
EPC vs. CP	0.84	$\geq 22.40$	0.77	0.83

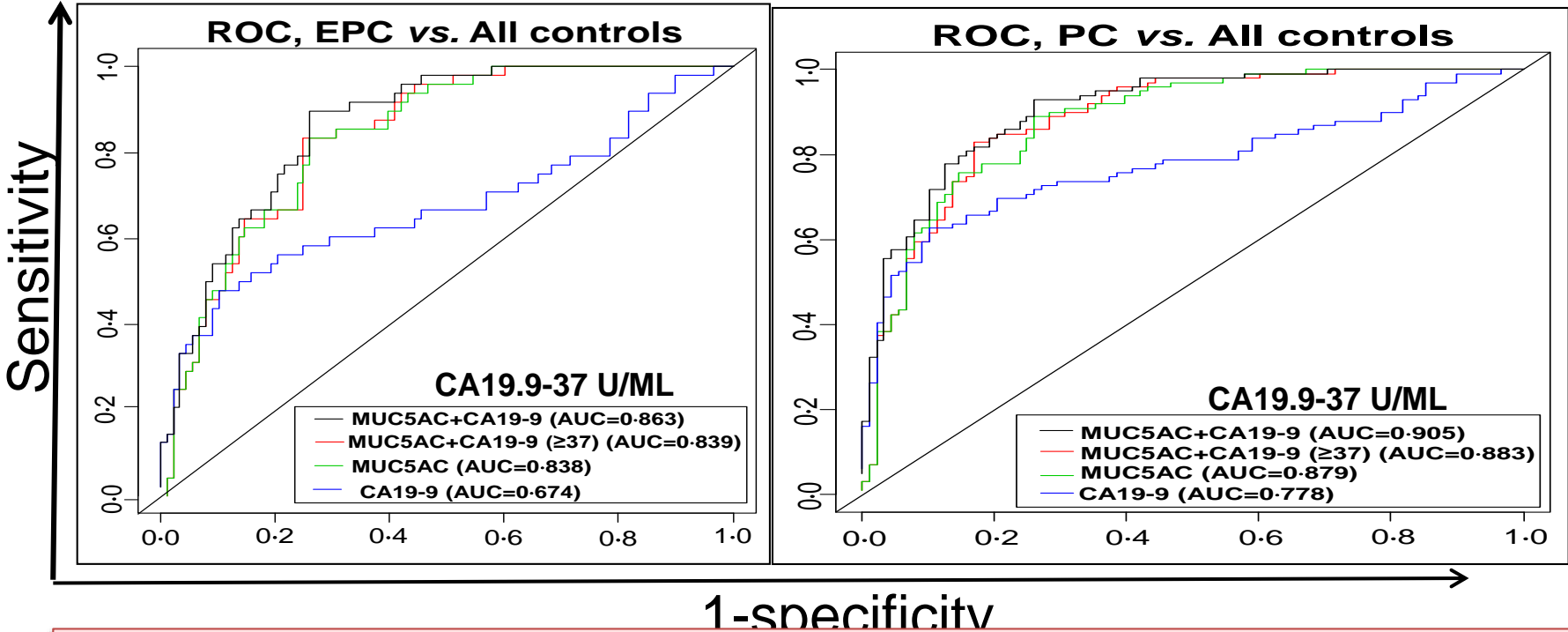
## CA19-9

Comparison	AUC	Estimated Threshold	Specificity	Sensitivity
EPC vs. BC	0.71	$\geq 115.32$	0.89	0.48
EPC vs. CP	0.62	$\geq 115.32$	0.86	0.48

Kaur S... Brand RE, Batra SK. Am J Gastroenterol. 2017

MUC5AC is potential diagnostic markers for Early stage PC cases

# MUC5AC IN COMBINATION WITH CA19.9



THE COMBO(MUC5AC AND CA19.9) IMPROVES THE SENSITIVITY AND SPECIFICITY FOR DIFFERENTIATING EPC FROM CONTROLS

	Comparison	AUC	SE	Threshold	SP	SN
EPC vs. BC	MUC5AC	0.84	0.04	≥20.40	0.7	0.83
	CA19-9	0.57	0.05	≥37	0.48	0.67
	Ln(MUC5AC) + CA19-9	0.85	0.04	P(EPC) ≥0.553	0.72	0.85
EPC vs.CP	MUC5AC	0.82	0.05	≥20.404	0.76	0.84
	CA19-9	0.50	0.05	≥37	0.32	0.7
	Ln(MUC5AC) + CA19-9	0.84	0.043	P(EPC)≥ 0.472	0.78	0.86

# DIAGNOSTIC PERFORMANCE OF MUC5AC IN VALIDATION SETS

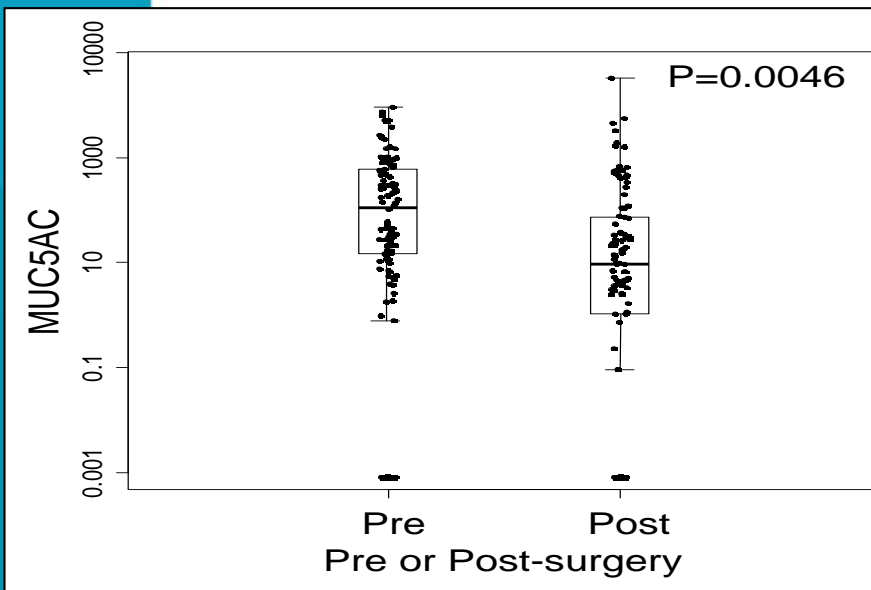
<i>Validation Set I- MAYO CLINIC N=94 MUC5AC CUT-OFF <math>\geq 20.4</math> NG/ML</i>							
	Estimated Sensitivity	Estimated Specificity	Total cases	AUC	PPV	NPV	AC
PC vs. BC	75% (39/52)	73% (16/22)	74	0.74	87%	55%	74%
PC vs. CP	75% (39/52)	79% (15/19)	71	0.77	91%	54%	76%
<b>EPC vs. BC</b>	<b>68% (17/25)</b>	<b>73% (16/22)</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>0.70</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>70%</b>
<b>EPC vs. CP</b>	<b>68% (17/25)</b>	<b>79% (15/19)</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>0.74</b>	<b>81%</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>73%</b>
LPC vs. BC	81% (22/27)	73% (16/22)	49	0.77	79%	76%	78%
LPC vs. CP	81% (22/27)	79% (15/19)	46	0.80	85%	75%	80%
<i>Blinded Validation Set II UPMC-N=341 MUC5AC CUT-OFF <math>\geq 20.4</math> NG/ML</i>							
PC vs. BC	68% (107/157)	83% (94/113)	270	0.76	84%	65%	74%
PC vs. CP	68% (107/157)	72% (36/50)	207	0.70	88%	42%	69%
<b>EPC vs. BC</b>	<b>65% (53/82)</b>	<b>83% (94/113)</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>0.74</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>75%</b>
<b>EPC vs. CP</b>	<b>65% (53/82)</b>	<b>72% (36/50)</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>0.68</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>67%</b>
LPC vs. BC	73% (53/73)	83% (94/113)	186	0.78	74%	82%	79%
LPC vs. CP	73% (53/73)	72% (36/50)	123	0.72	79%	64%	72%

**MUC5AC IS POTENTIAL DIAGNOSTIC MARKER FOR IDENTIFYING EARLY STAGE PANCREATIC CANCER (STAGE 2B)**

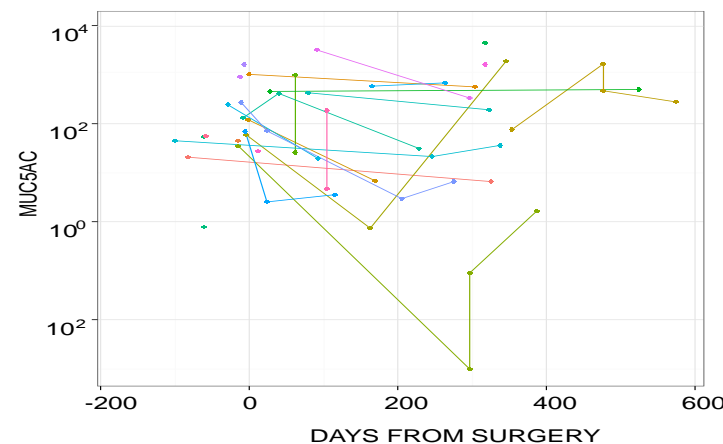




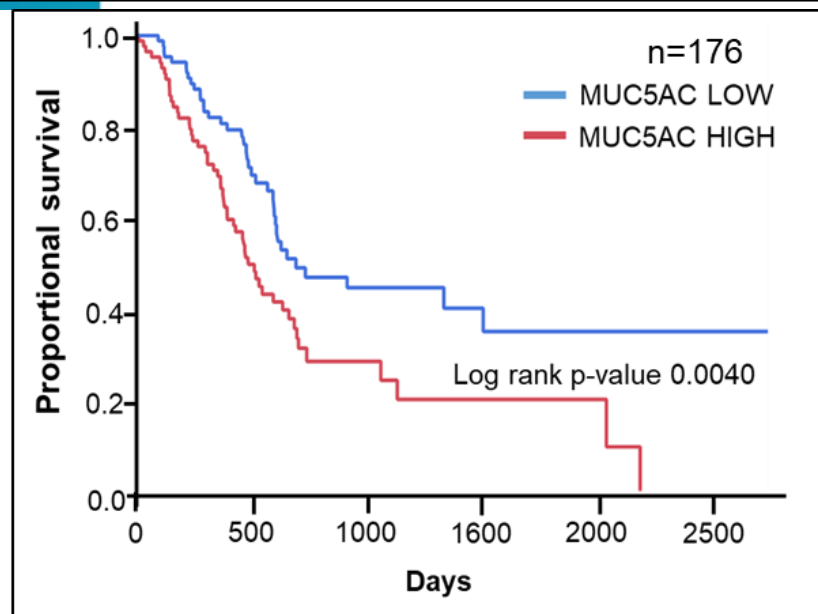
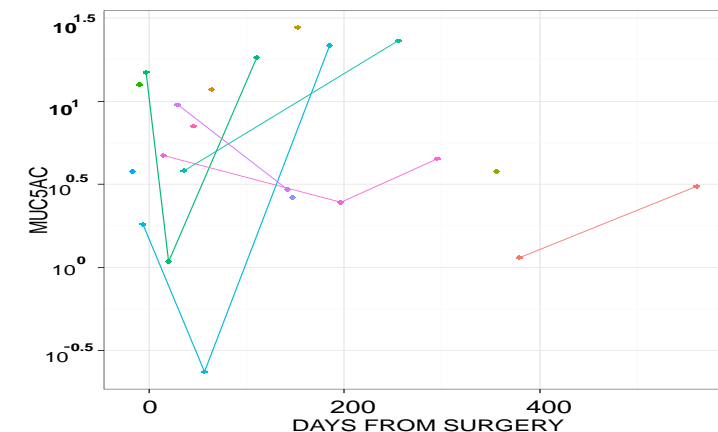
# MUC5AC, A MARKER OF POOR PROGNOSIS



MUC5AC levels overtime in stage 1,2 surgery patients, Initial MUC5AC level over >20.4 ng/ml



MUC5AC levels overtime in stage 1,2 surgery patients, Initial MUC5AC level < 20.4 ng/ml



Adapted from TCGA analysis

- ❑ Overexpression of MUC5AC is associated with **poor prognosis** of PC patients.
- ❑ IN ADDITIONAL TO DIAGNOSTIC AND PROGNOSTIC SIGNIFICANCE, **DOES MUC5AC HAS ANY FUNCTIONAL IMPLICATIONS?**



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# Distinct features of MUC5AC

## ➤ **De-novo** expressed **secreted** mucin:

- Top-most differentially expressed mucin.
- Unique domain combination.
- Serum abundance correlate with disease progression.

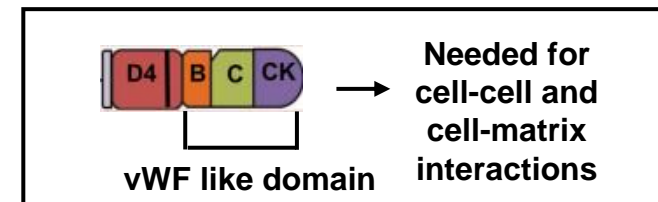
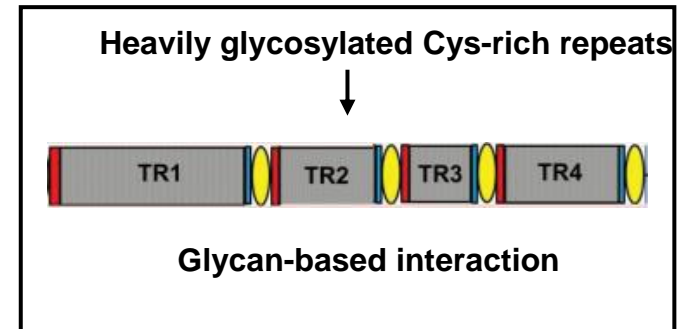
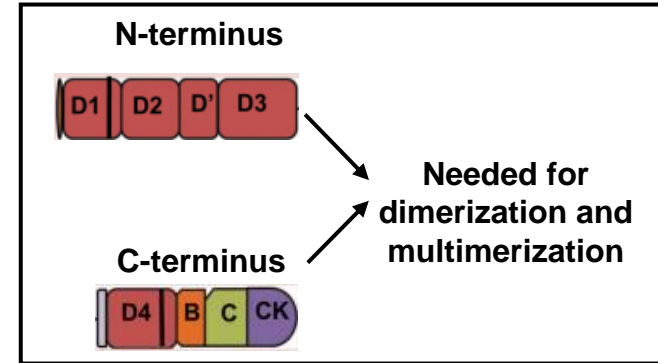
## ➤ **Secreted** MUC5AC may be more than a biomarker.

- Mucinous neoplasms have been connected to **patients' subtypes** across various studies.
- Association to **drug resistance**.

## Molecular subtypes of pancreatic cancer

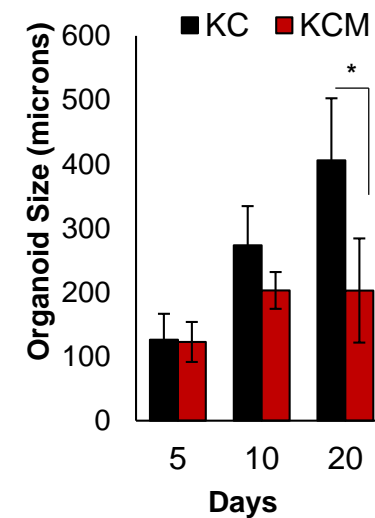
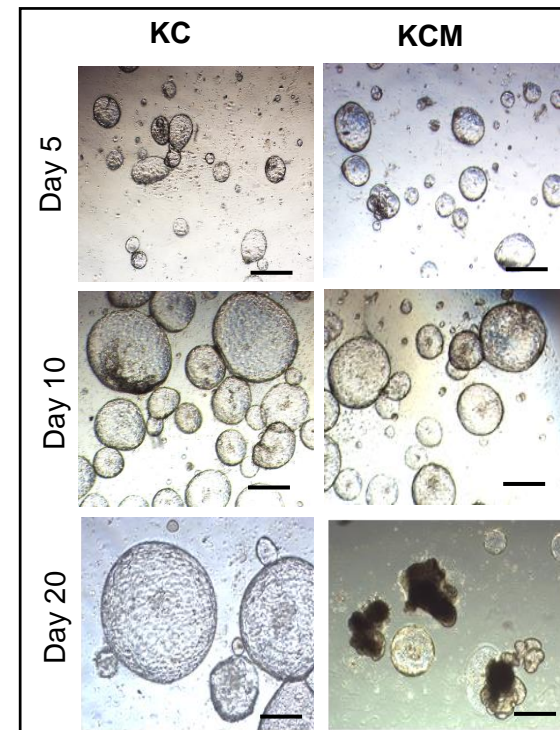
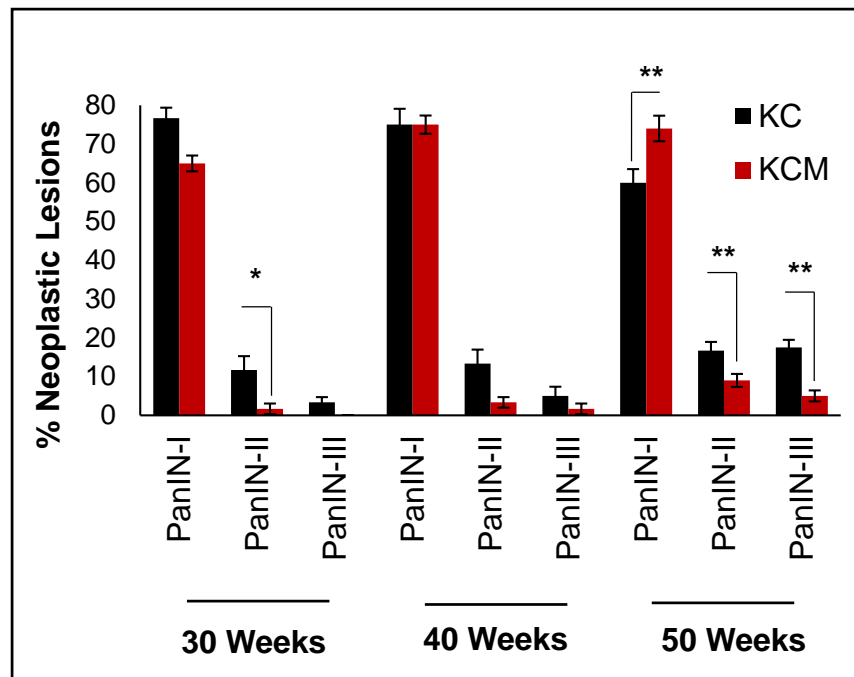
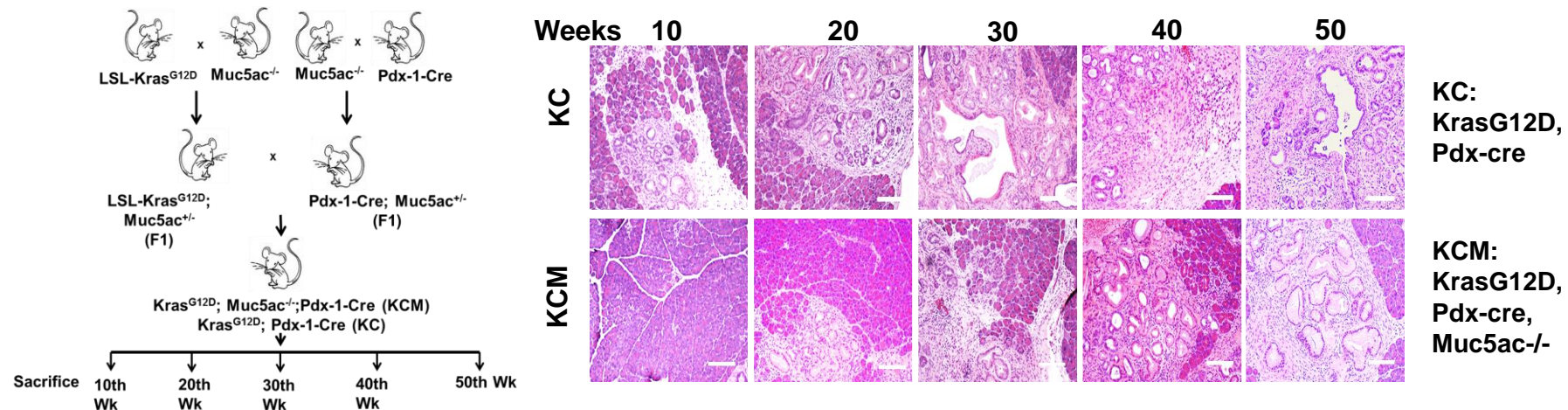
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# Functional Contribution of Muc5ac in PC-GEMM



Genetic deletion of Muc5ac delays neoplastic onset and PanIN progression.

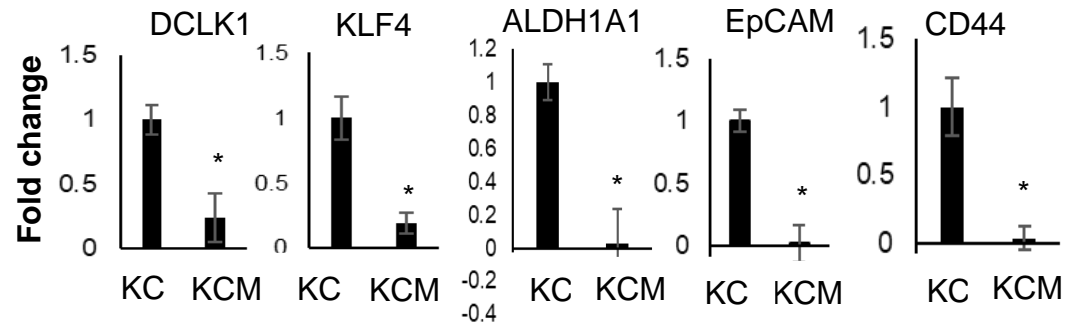
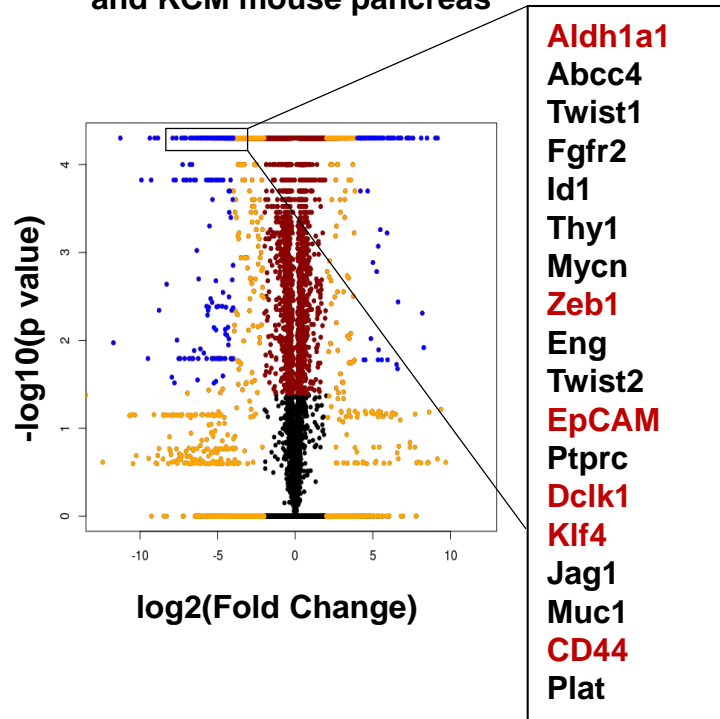


# Transcriptomic analysis from KC and KCM pancreatic tumors

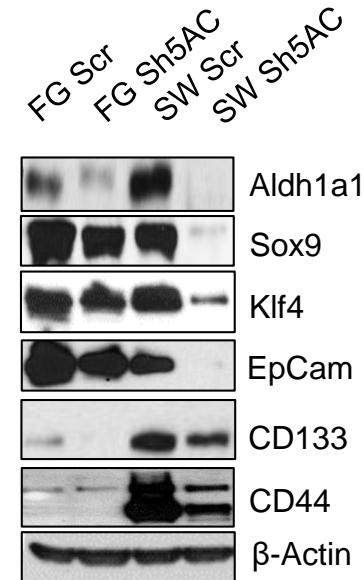
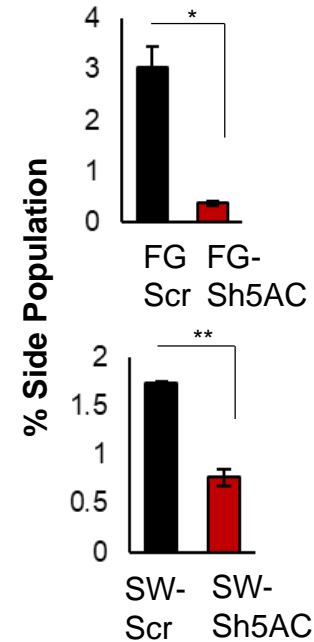
**KC:** KrasG12D, Pdx-cre

**KCM:** KrasG12D, Pdx-cre, Muc5ac<sup>-/-</sup>

RNA seq. from 50 weeks KC and KCM mouse pancreas

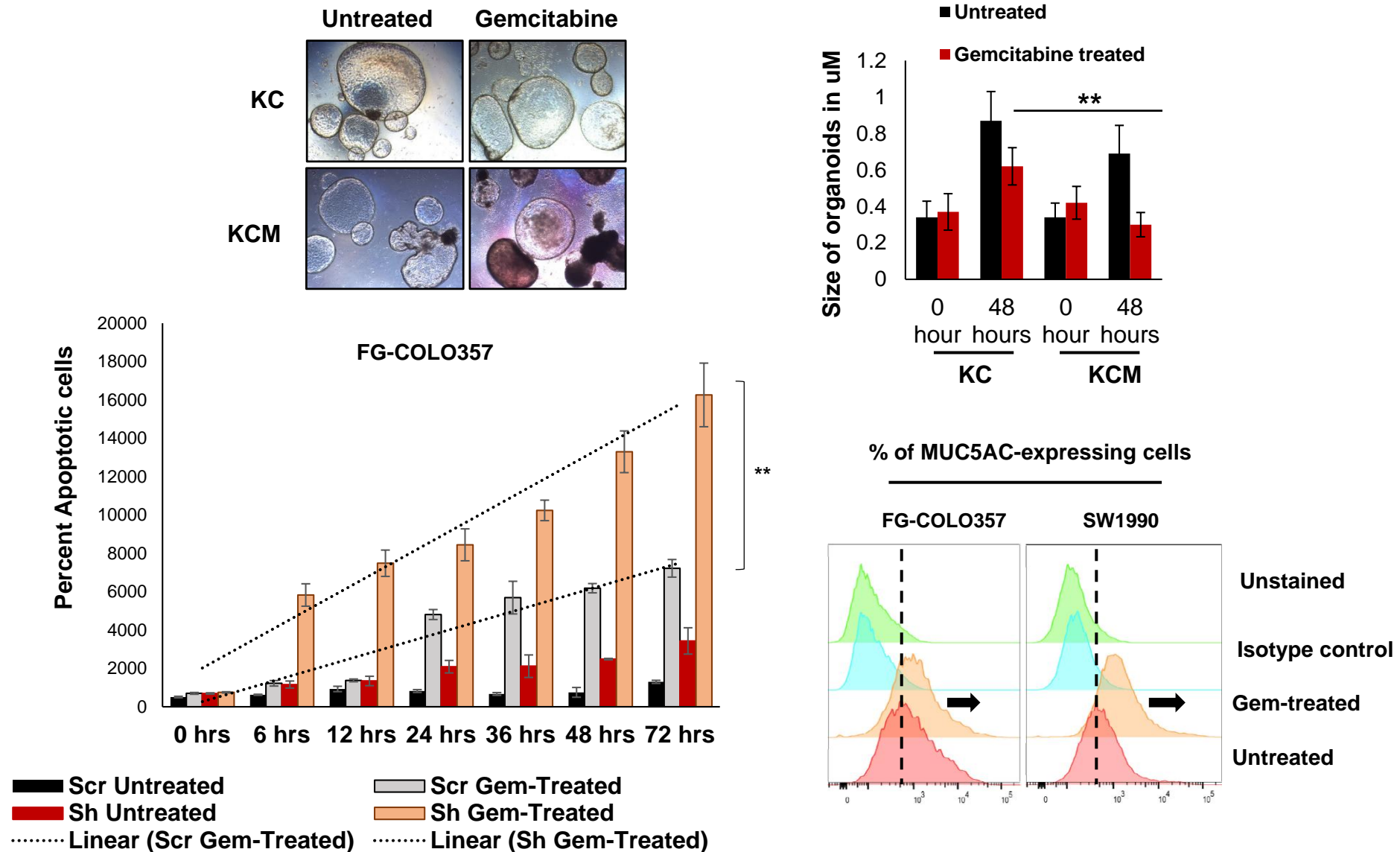


Human PC cell lines



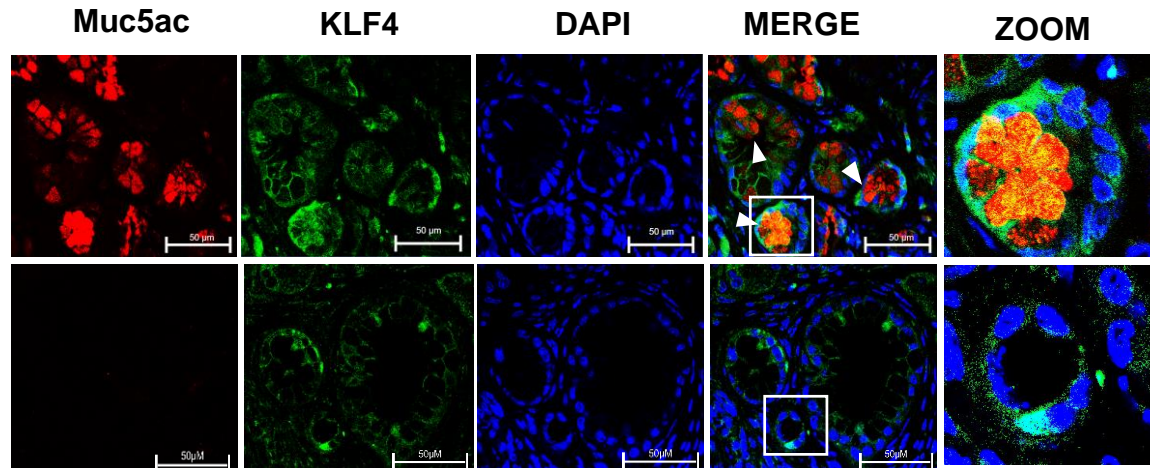
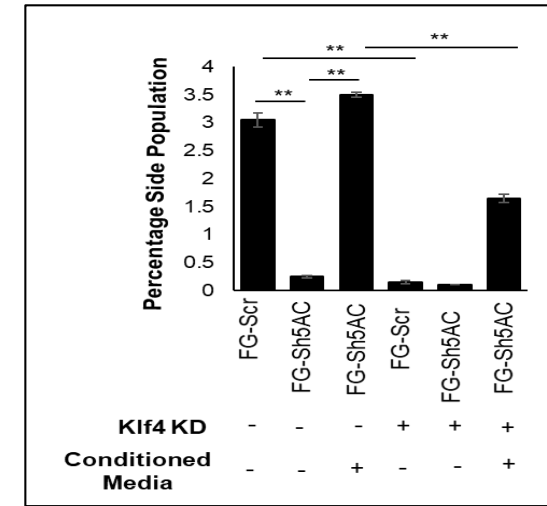
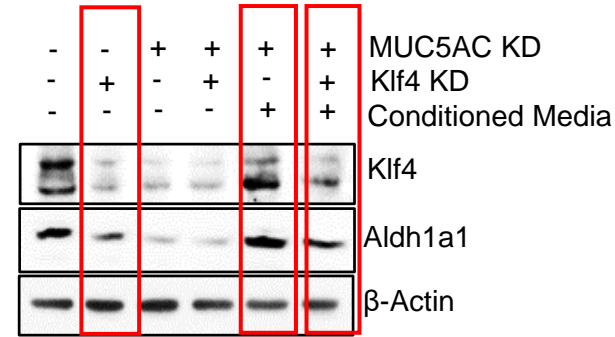
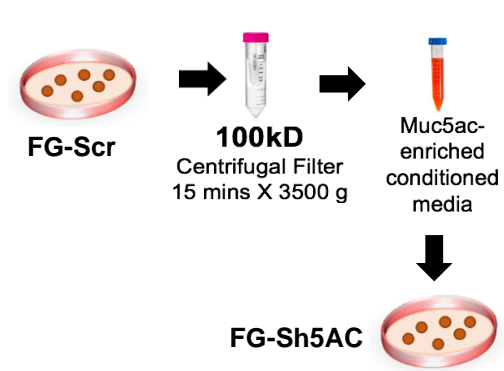
Abrogation of MUC5AC resulted in significant disruption of **cancer stem cells (CSCs)** in PC-GEMM and human PC cell lines

# Does Muc5ac functionally contribute to CSC maintenance?

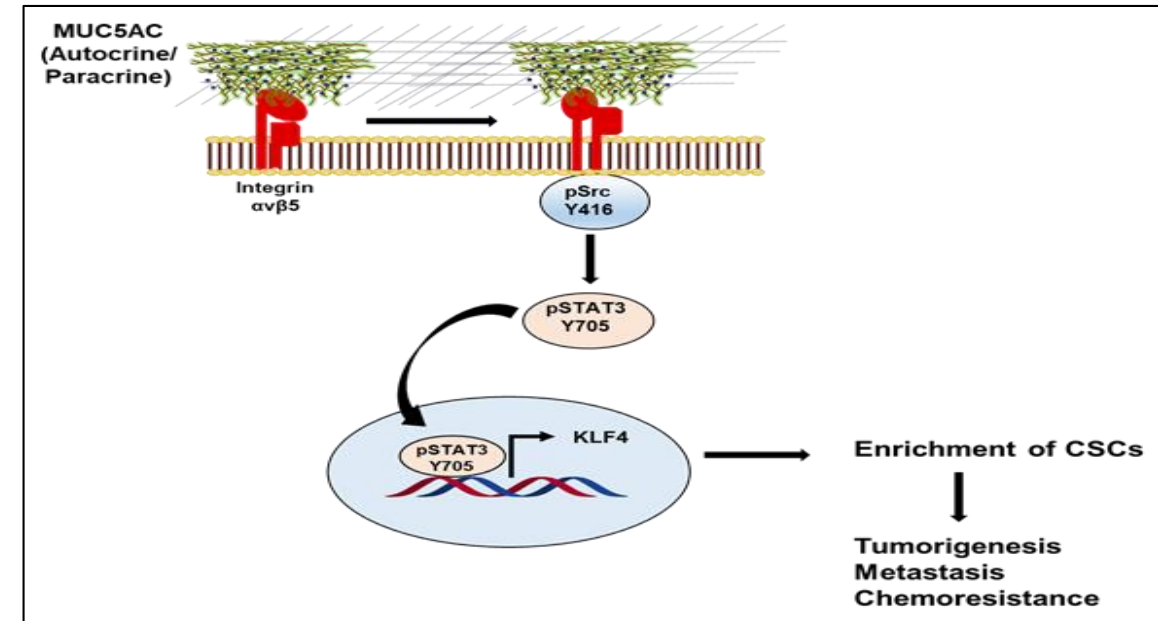


Depletion of Muc5ac **sensitizes** mouse organoids and human PC cells to **gemcitabine**.

# Secreted MUC5AC enriches CSCs via upregulation of KLF4

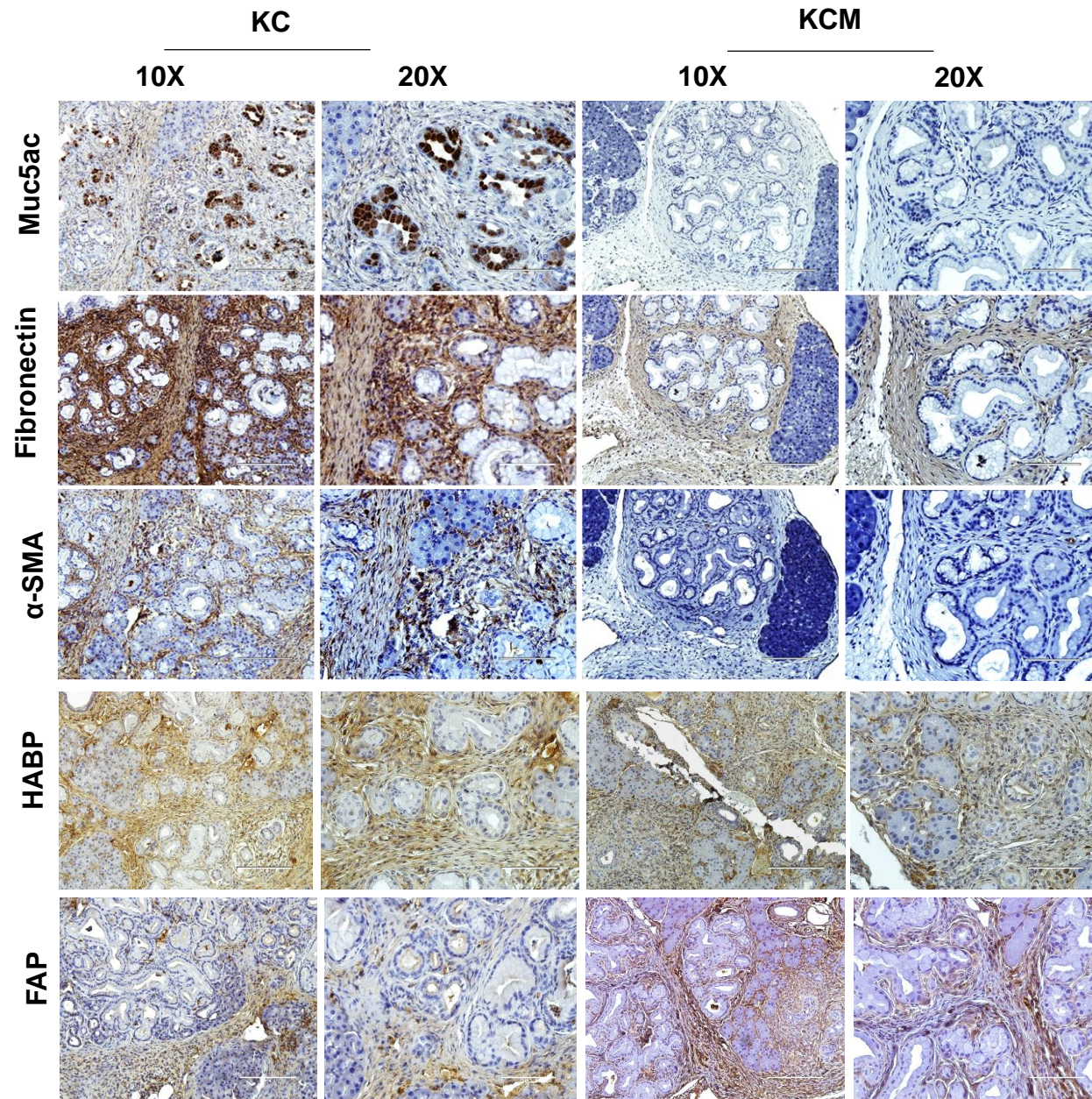


MUC5AC/KLF4 axis contributes towards **CSC maintenance**... Both in autocrine and paracrine

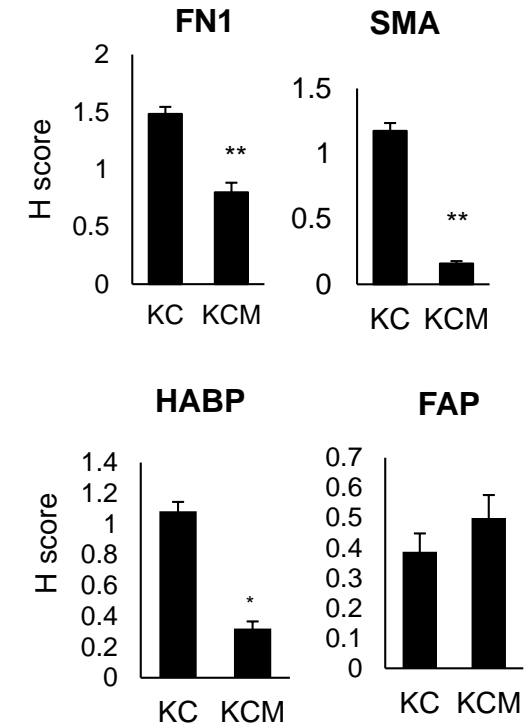




# On STROMAL FRONT: Muc5ac-KO mouse showed modulation of PC stroma



Quantification of IHC (n=7)



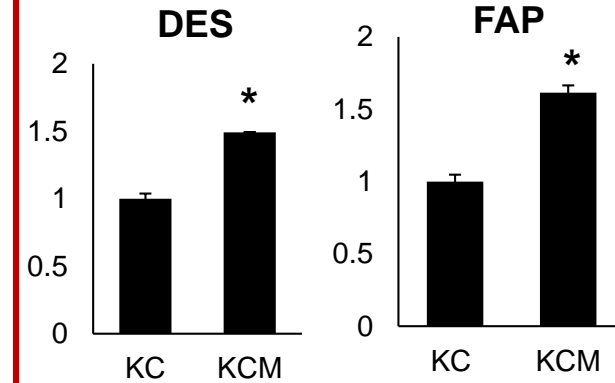
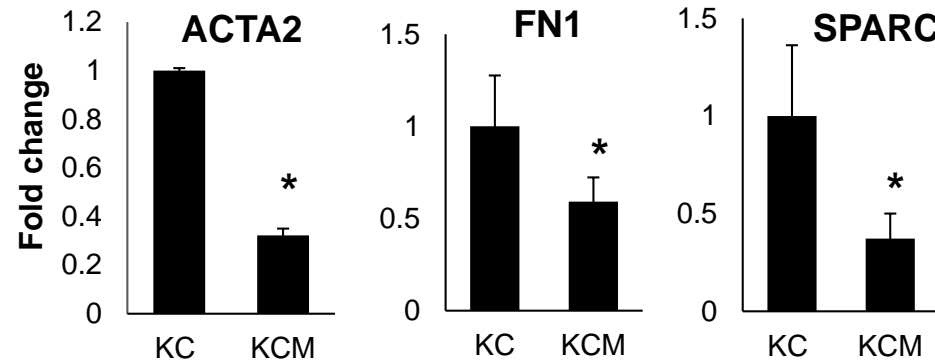
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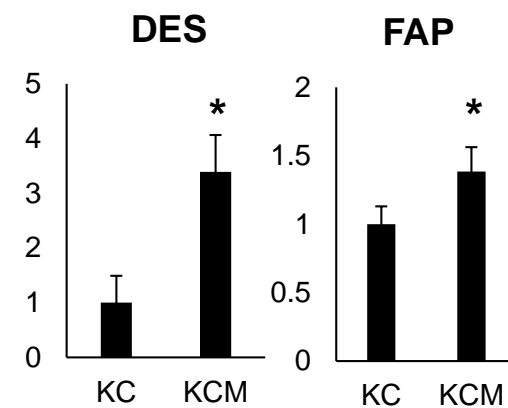
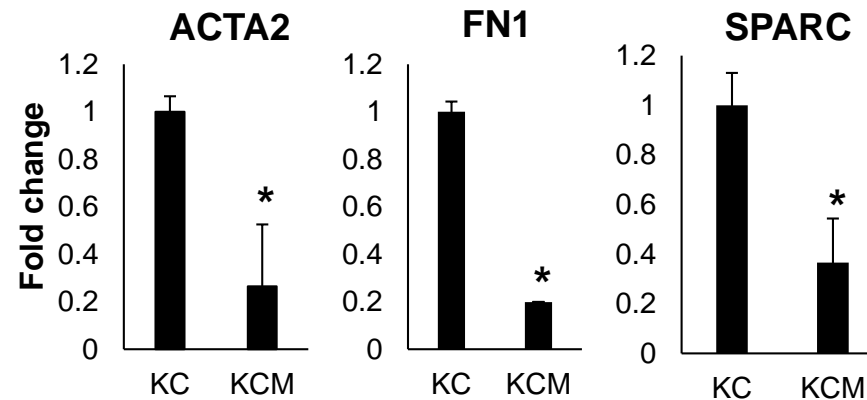
Downregulated

Upregulated

Tumor (50 weeks)

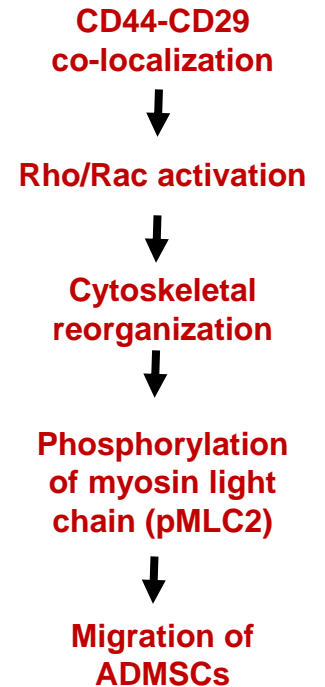
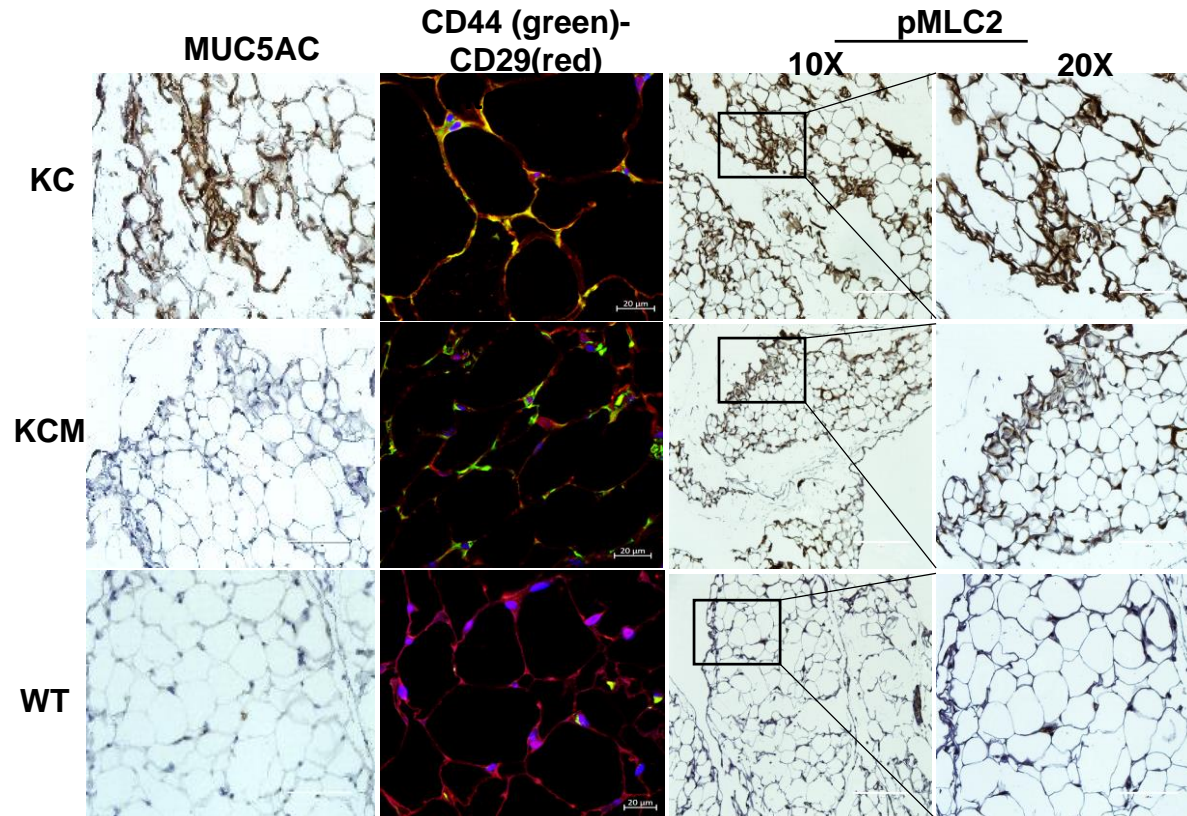
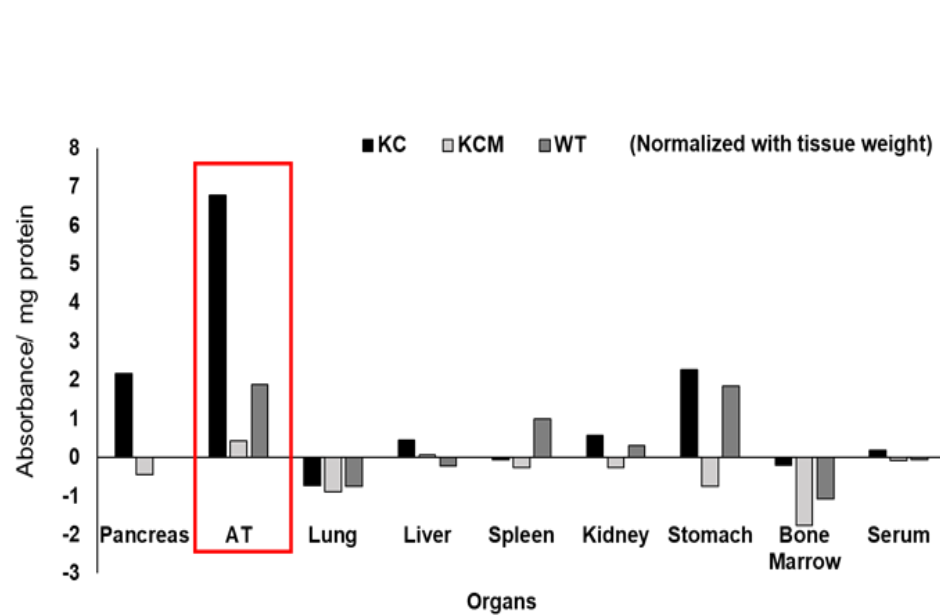


CAFs Isolated from Tumor





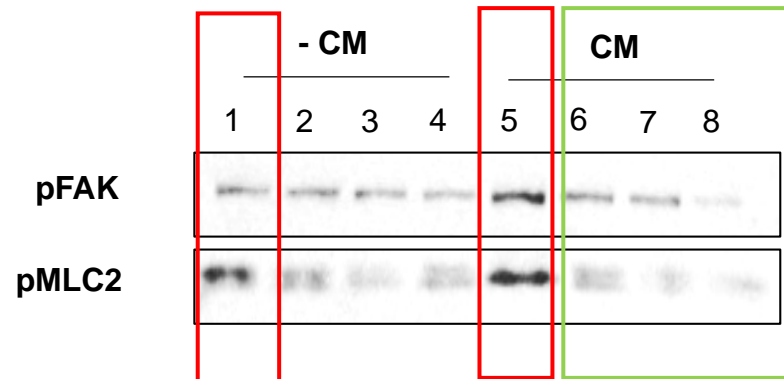
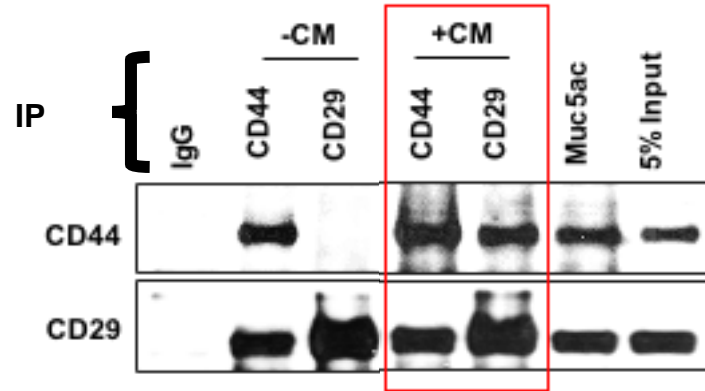
# On Systemic Front: MUC5AC-mediated clustering of CD44 and CD29 may lead to cytoskeletal reorganization of ADMSCs



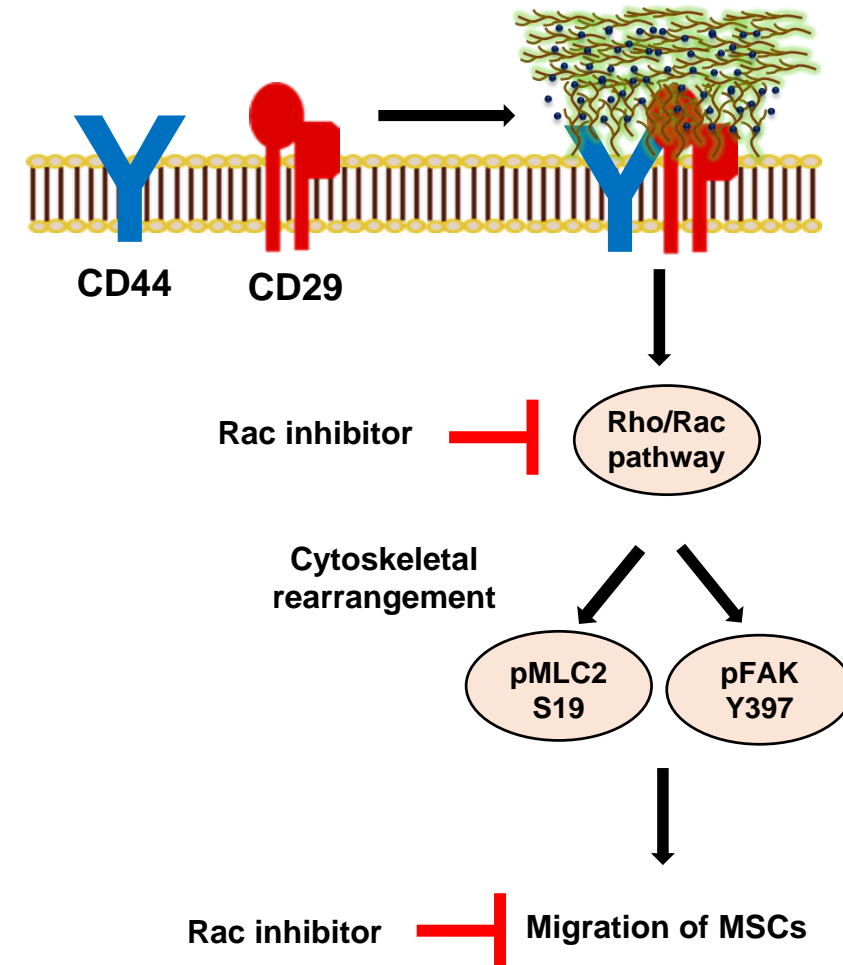
- Differential expression of MUC5AC is observed in adipose tissue
- CD44 and CD29 are **colocalized on the MSCs** of KC- adipose tissue....



# MUC5AC-mediated clustering of CD44 and CD29 lead to cytoskeletal reorganization of ADMSCs



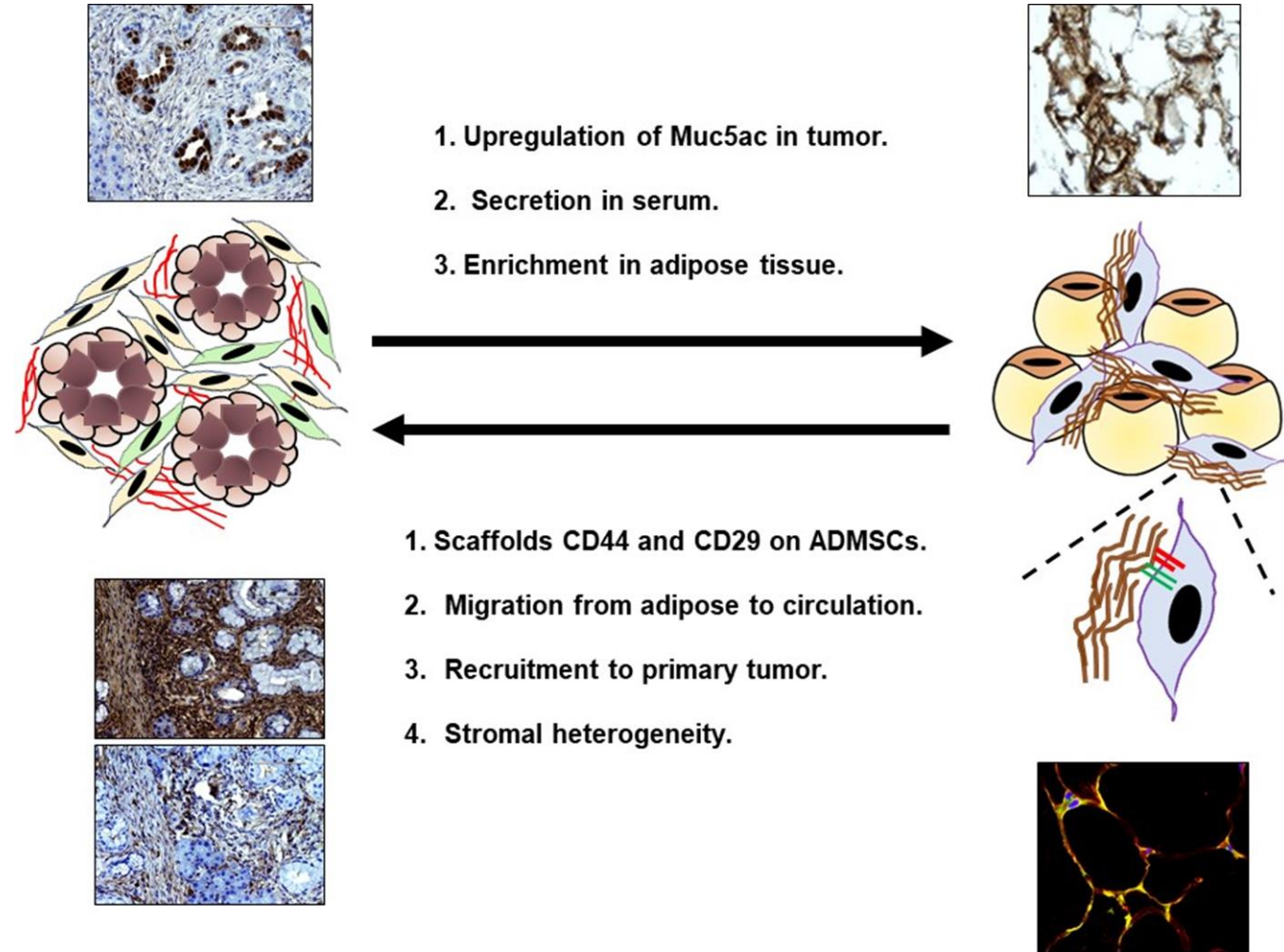
1, 5 : No Rac1 inhibitor  
 2, 6: 0.1 uM Rac1 inhibitor  
 3, 7: 1uM Rac1 inhibitor  
 4, 8: 10uM Rac1 inhibitor



# INTERIM-SUMMARY

## MUC5AC: DIAGNOSTIC and FUNCTIONAL IMPLICATIONS

- ❑ Elevated levels of MUC5AC are present in early stages of pancreatic cancer patients.
- ❑ The combination of MUC5AC and CA19.9 improve differentiation of:
  - A. EPC cases from benign controls
  - B. EPC and chronic pancreatitis cases in comparison to CA19.9 alone.
- ❑ Functionally, MUC5AC facilitates enrichment of cancer stem cells
- ❑ Modulates tumor stroma
- ❑ Scaffolds CD44 and CD29 on ADMSCs
- ❑ Migration from adipose to circulation



## ***Major Hurdles to Development Pancreatic Cancer Biomarkers***

➤ *Lack of appropriate Sample Set*

- ✓ REFERENCE SET FROM EDRN
- ✓ BAKE-OFF SETS FROM CVC PROGRAM

# REFERENCE SET

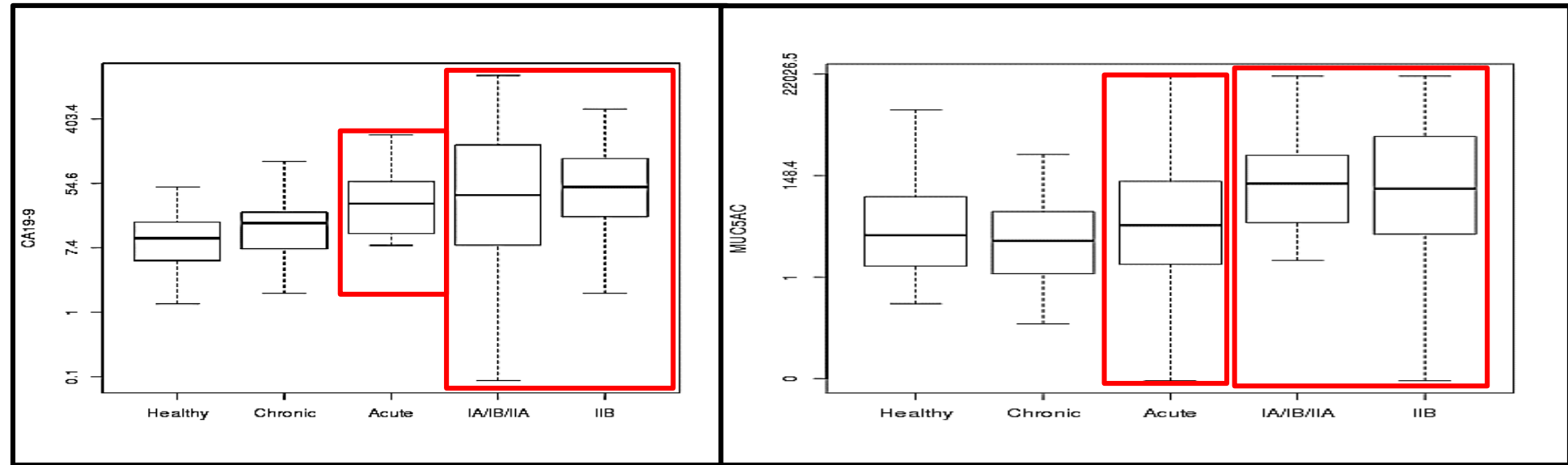
❖ 242 blinded samples collected by NCI under EDRN program

DIAGNOSIS	SAMPLES	AGE AND DIABETES ADJUSTED
HEALTHY CONTROLS	58	53
CHRONIC PANCREATITIS	59	57
ACUTE BILIARY OBSTRUCTIONS	30	30
STAGE IA/IB/IIA	52	51
STAGE IIB	41	37
TOTAL CASES	240	228
TOTAL PANCREATIC CANCER	93	88

❖ Patients till stage 2B were present in the reference set



# REFERENCE SET: CA19.9 AND MUC5AC LEVELS



- Elevated levels of both MUC5AC and CA19.9 were observed in PC early stages in comparison to various control groups
- Elevated levels of CA19.9 were observed in acute biliary obstruction cases while MUC5AC showed varying trend in this group

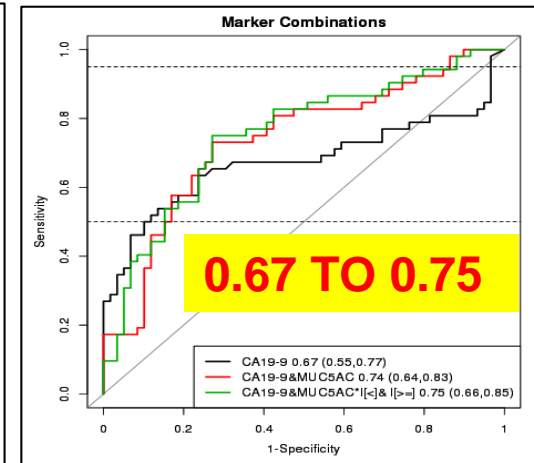
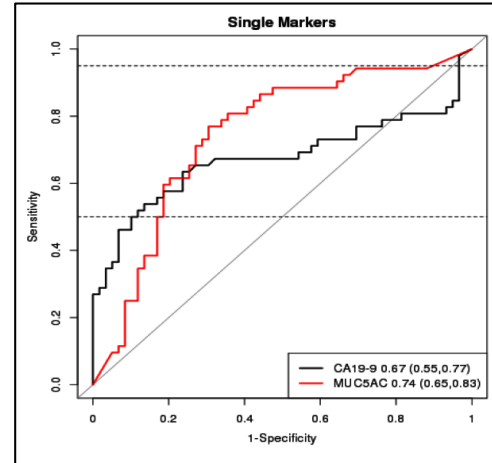
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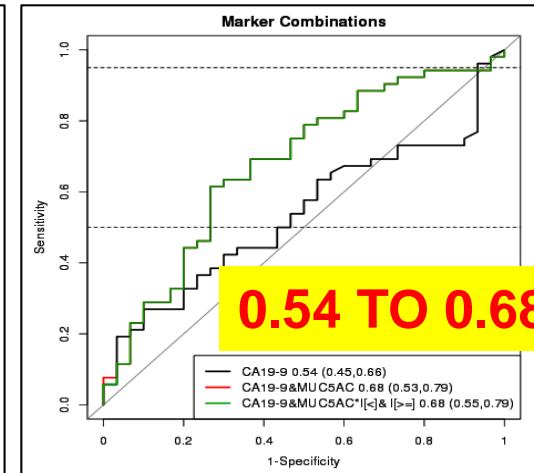
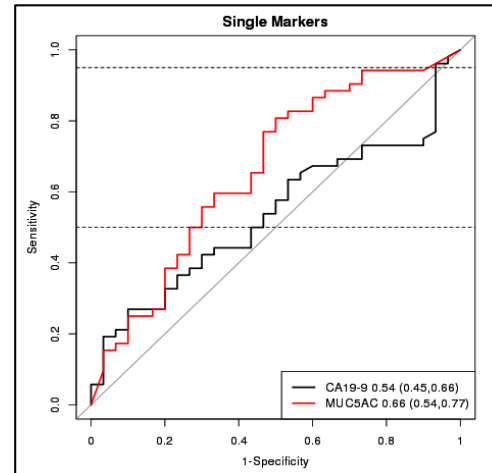
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# MULTICENTRIC VALIDATION OF MUC5AC IN REFERENCE SET FROM EDRN

## STAGE IA/IB/IIA VS CHRONIC PANCREATITIS



## STAGE IA/IB/IIA VS ACUTE BILIARY OBSTRUCTIONS



**MUC5AC IMPROVES THE DIAGNOSTIC PERFORMANCE OF CA19.9**

# BAKE-OFF SAMPLE SET-1

- ❑ 183 specimens of pancreatic cancer cases and controls collected from three different sites

- University of Pittsburgh
- MD Anderson
- Mayo Clinic

- ❑ Direct comparison of the potential biomarkers in comparative study

- Individual cancer types

## **Individual cancer type**

- 1- Adenocarcinoma,
- 2 -Mucinous tumors,
- 3- Endocrine tumors,
- 4- Cholangiocarcinoma,
- 5- Ampullary

- Benign types

## **Individual benign type**

- 1-Healthy Control,
- 2-Benign Biliary Obstruction,
- 3-Chronic diabetic,
- 4-Chronic Pancreatitis

- ❑ Investigators were blinded to sample set

# DATA ANALYSES

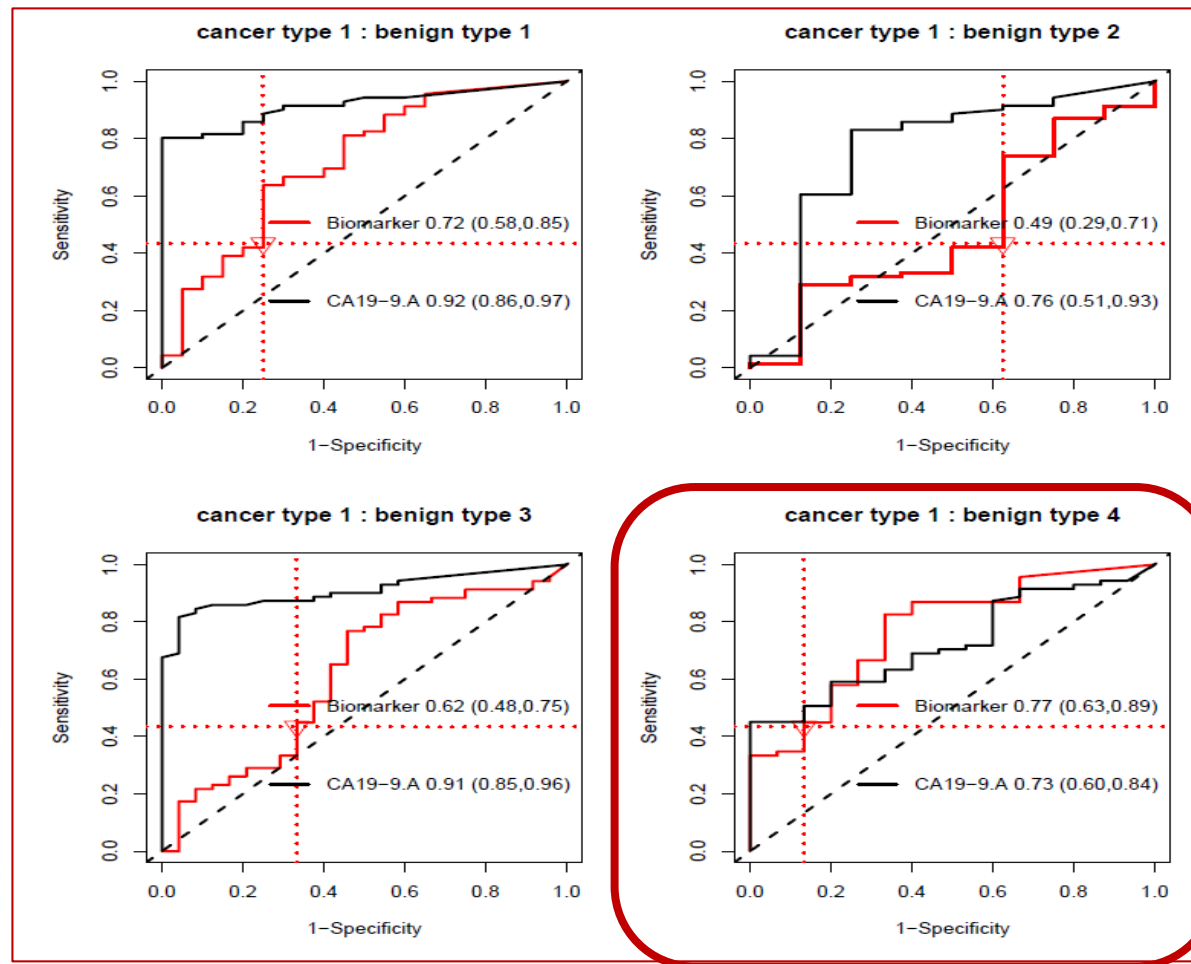
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- ❑ ROC curves was generated for individual marker (panel); the marker's performance is compared to CA19-9 wrt.
  - AUC
  - Specificity at 90% sensitivity
  - Sensitivity at 90% specificity
- ❑ Marker Performance Was Evaluated Across Individual Cancer Types as well as Individual Control Groups
- ❑ **MARKER PERFORMANCE IN COMBINAITON WITH CA19.9**





# DIAGNOSTIC PERFORMANCE OF MUC5AC IN DIFFERENTIATING **ADENOCARCINOMA** FROM INDIVIDUAL CONTROL TYPE



## Individual cancer type

- 1- Adenocarcinoma,
- 2 -Mucinous tumors,
- 3- Endocrine tumors,
- 4- Cholangiocarcinoma,
- 5- Ampullary

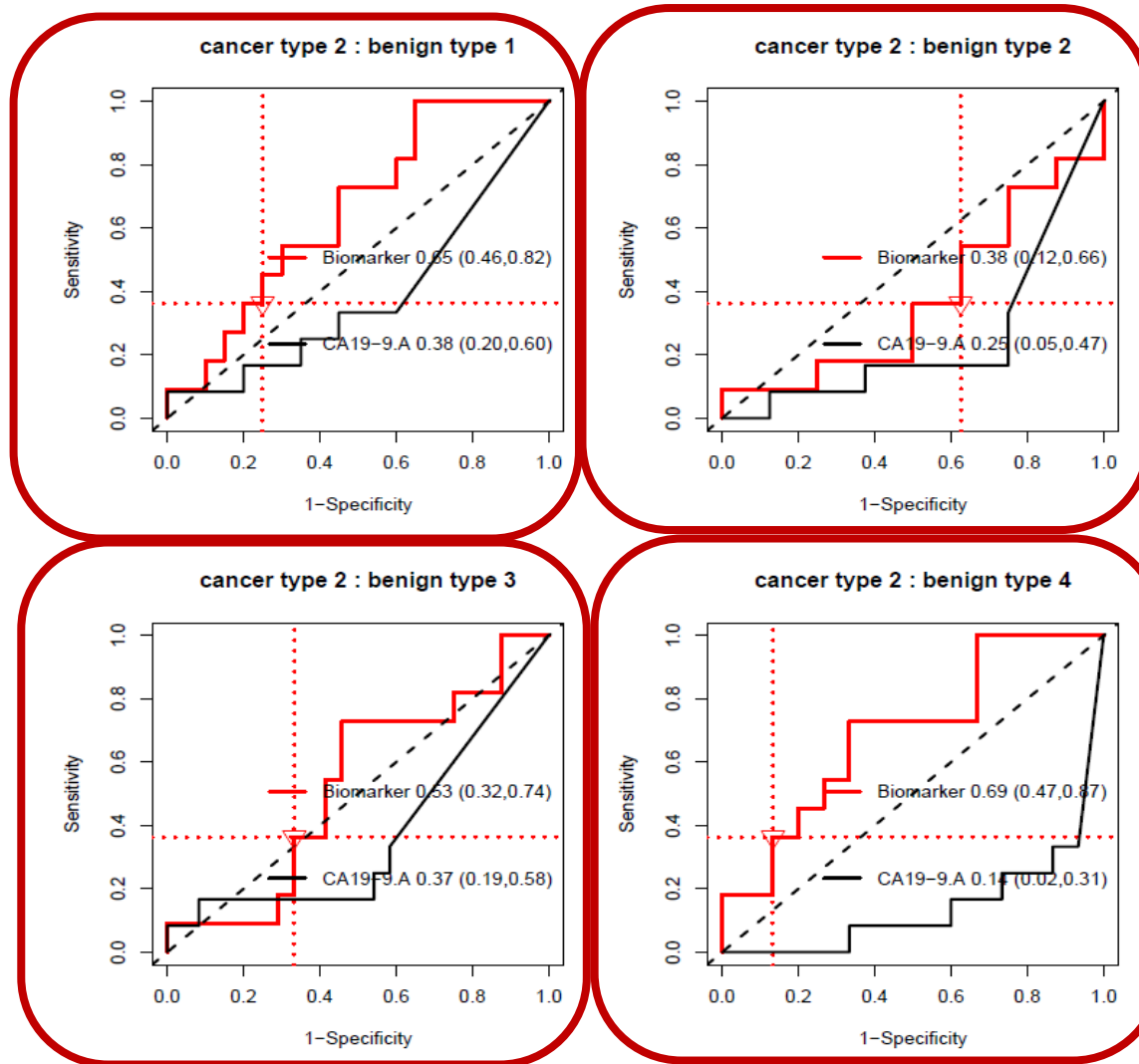
## Individual benign type

- 1-Healthy Control,
- 2-Benign Biliary Obstruction,
- 3-Chronic diabetic,
- 4-Chronic Pancreatitis

Cancer type:Benign type		AUC		SensSpec90		SpecSens90	
1:4	Biomarker	0.77	(0.63,0.89)	0.35	(0.24,0.71)	0.33	(0.00,0.73)
1:4	CA19-9.A	0.73	(0.60,0.84)	0.45	(0.35,0.66)	0.33	(0.00,0.60)
1:4	Difference	0.05	(-0.12,0.21)	-0.10	(-0.31,0.22)	0.00	(-0.33,0.53)

**MUC5AC PERFORMED BETTER THAN CA19.9 IN DIFFERENTIATING CHRONIC PANCREATITIS CASES FROM CA19.9 THAT WAS USED AT ITS OPTIMAL CUT-OFF**

# DIAGNOSTIC PERFORMANCE OF MUC5AC IN DIFFERENTIATING MUCINOUS TUMORS FROM INDIVIDUAL CONTROL TYPE



**CA19.9 USED AT ITS OPTIMAL PERFORMANCE**

## Individual cancer type

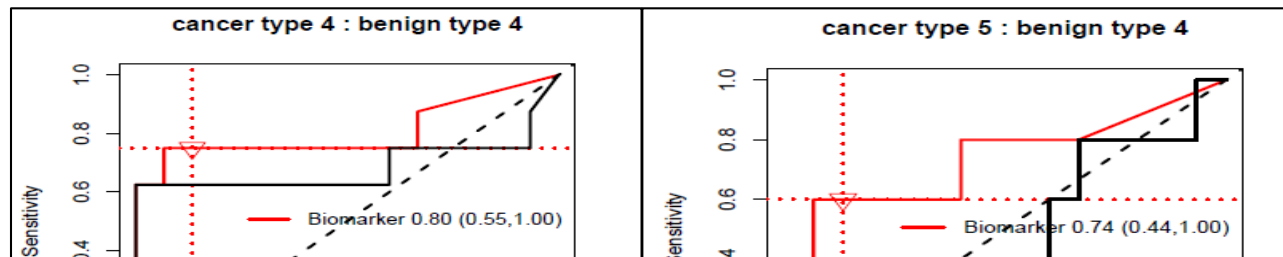
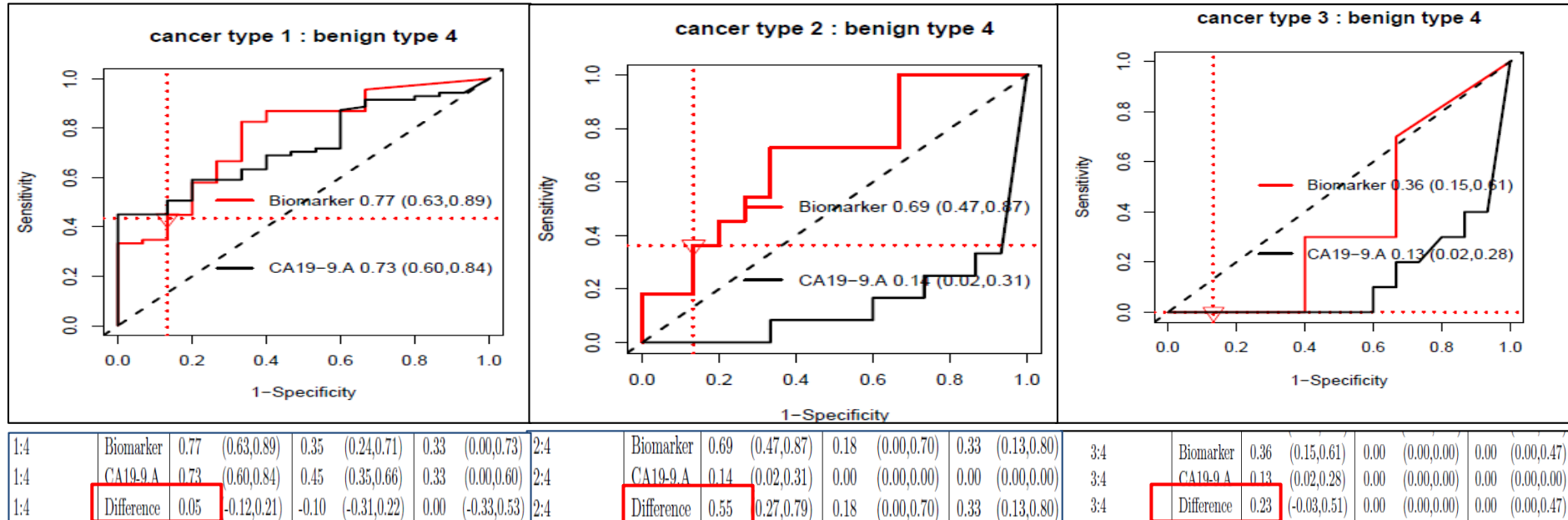
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## Individual benign type

- 1- Healthy Control,
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- 3- Chronic diabetic,
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**MUC5AC PERFORMED BETTER THAN CA19.9 IN DIFFERENTIATING ALL TYPES OF BENIGN CASES FROM MUCINOUS TUMORS**

# INDIVIDUAL CANCER TYPES VS. CHRONIC PANCREATITIS



**Individual cancer type**  
 1- Adenocarcinoma,  
 2- Mucinous tumors,  
 3- Endocrine tumors,  
 4- Cholangiocarcinoma,  
 5- Ampullary

**MUC5AC PERFORMED BETTER THAN CA19.9 IN DIFFERENTIATING CHRONIC PANCREATITIS CASES IN ALL TUMOR TYPES**

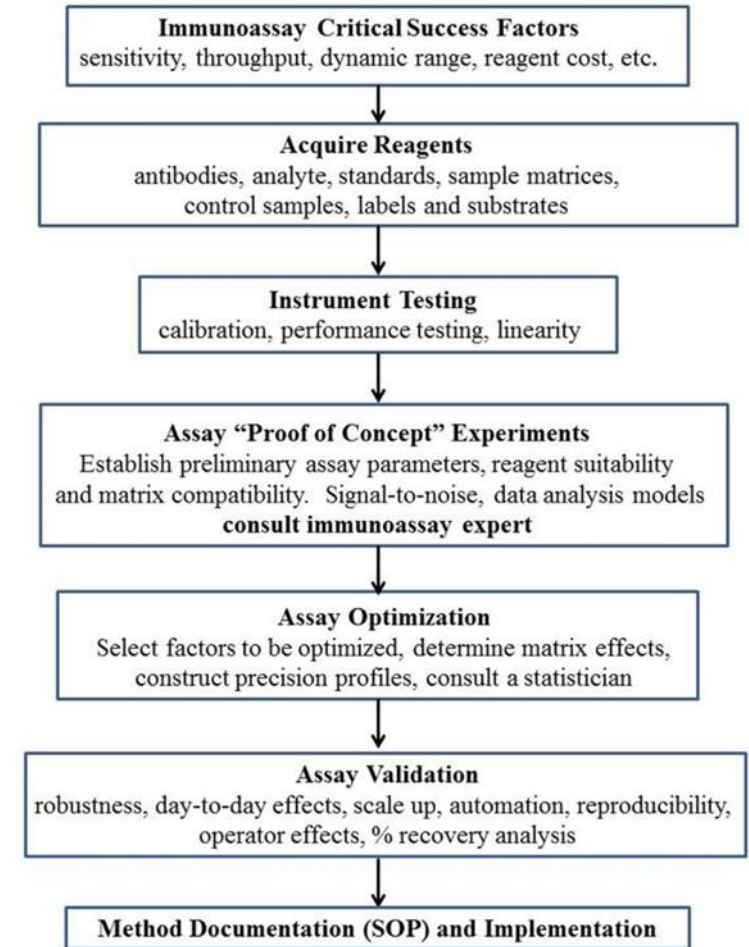
4:4	CA19-9.A	0.60 (0.30,0.85)	0.62 (0.25,0.88)	0.00 (0.00,0.60)
4:4	Difference	0.12 (-0.02,0.30)	0.12 (-0.25,0.38)	0.00 (0.00,0.60)
5:4	CA19-9.A	0.44 (0.13,0.75)	0.20 (0.00,0.60)	0.07 (0.00,0.53)
5:4	Difference	0.30 (-0.05,0.72)	0.40 (0.00,0.80)	-0.07 (-0.47,0.93)



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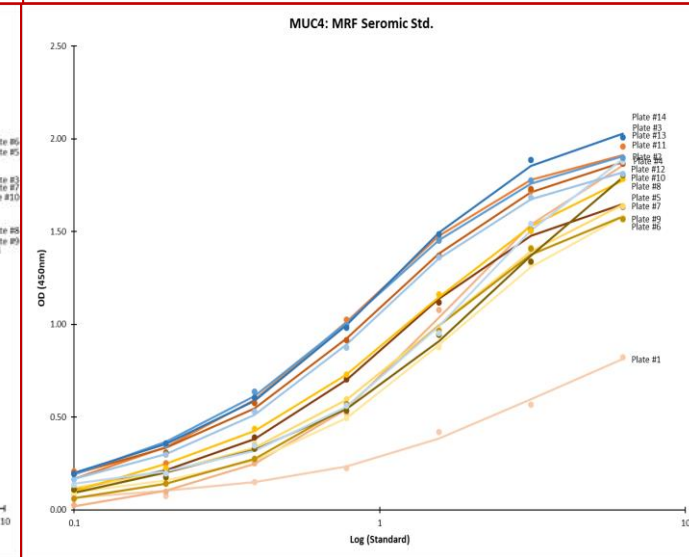
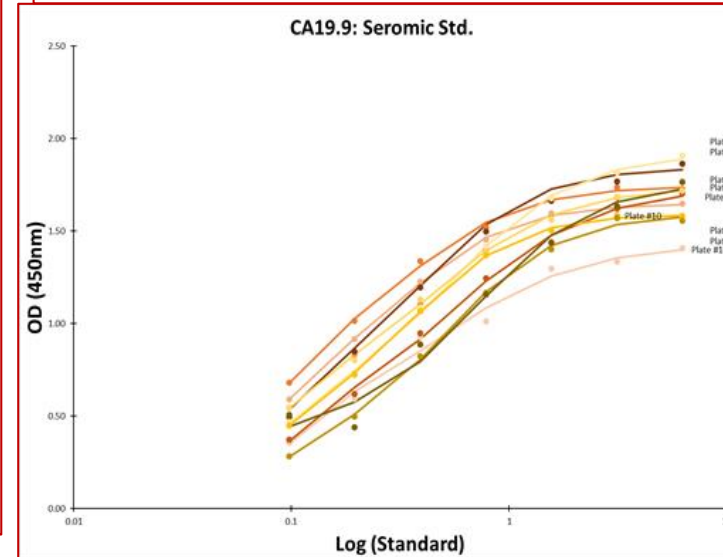
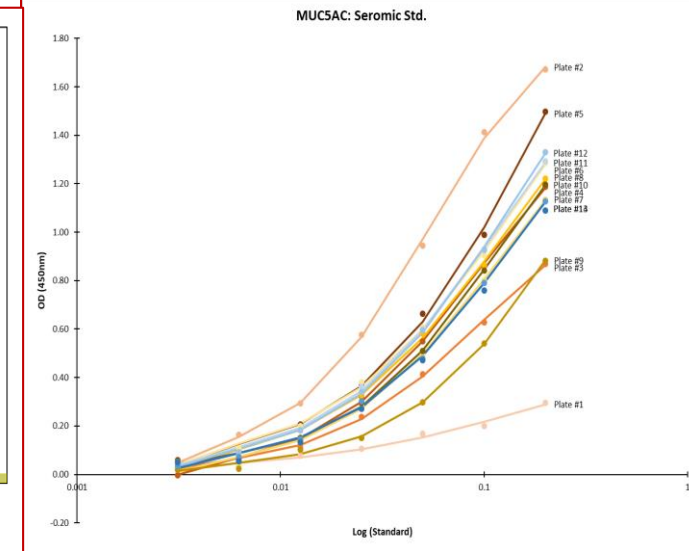
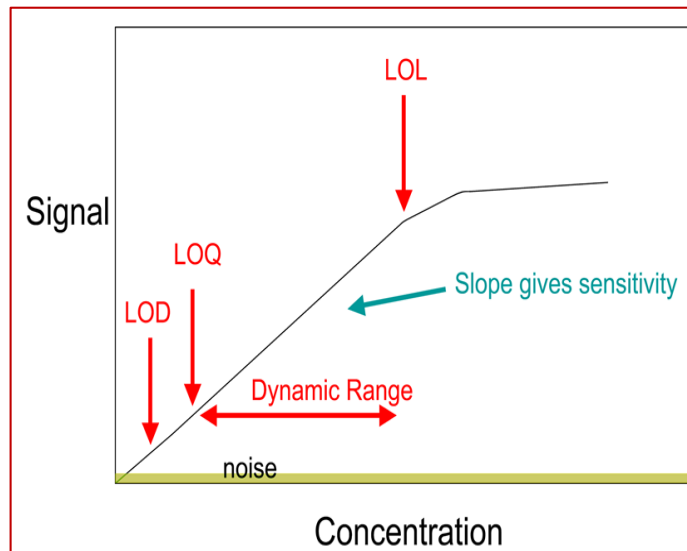
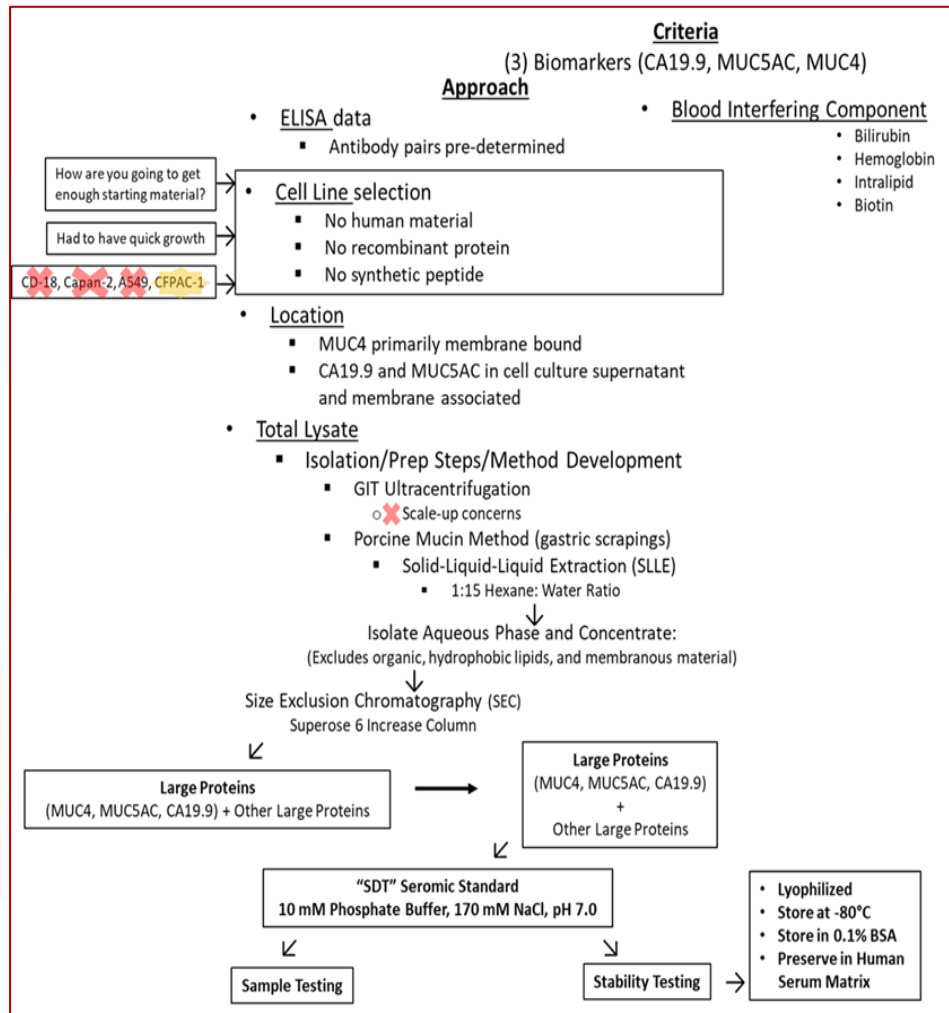
# CHALLENGES WITH CLINICAL ASSAY ON MUCINS

- ❑ Mucins are high molecular weight complex glycoproteins
- ❑ Reductions in levels of MUC4 and MUC5AC is observed over time IN STANDARDS PREPARED FROM CELL LYSATE
- ❑ For development of clinical grade, we focused our efforts to develop **MUCIN-RICH STANDARD**.
- ❑ Evaluated its performance to detect MUC4, MUC5AC, AND CA19.9.
- ❑ Evaluated its stability, sensitivity specificity, robustness, and reproducibility.





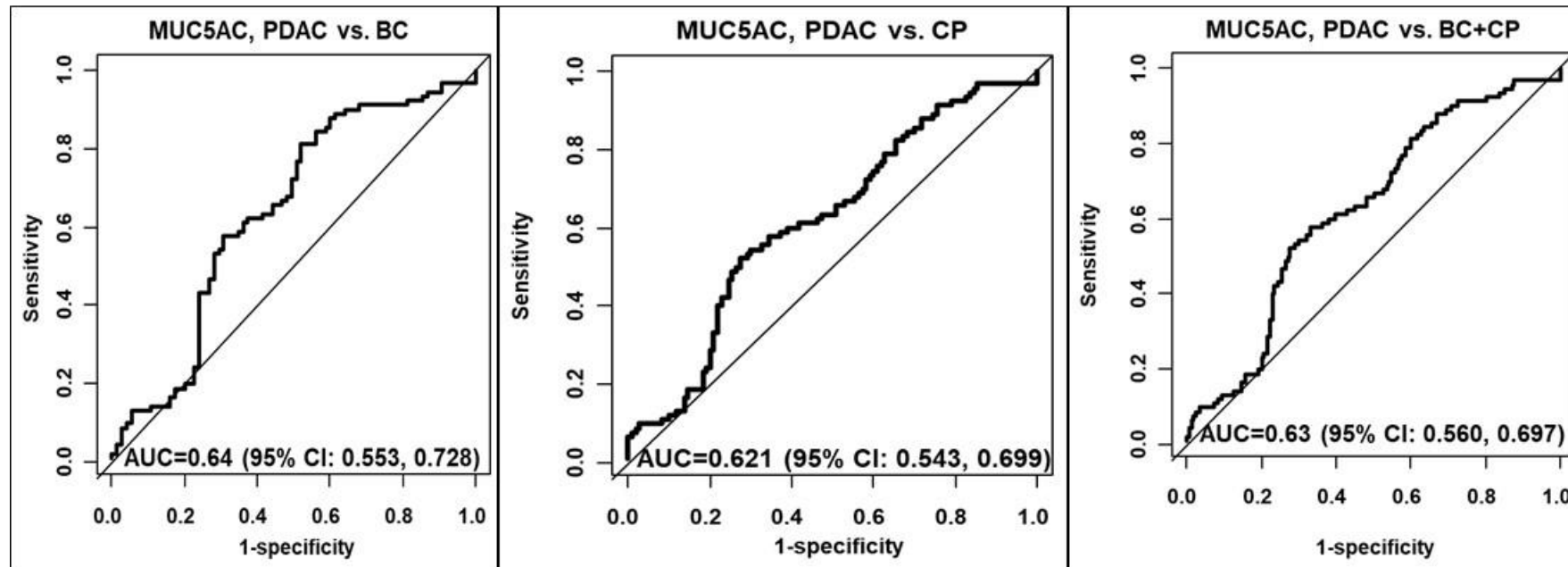
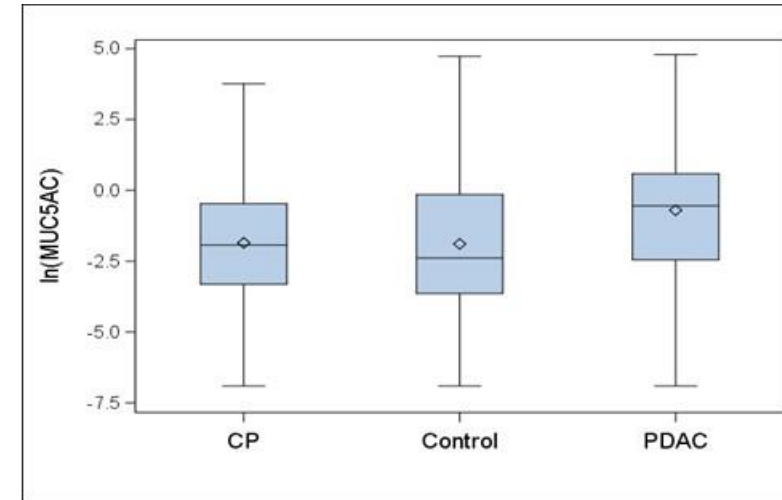
# DEVELOPMENT OF CLINICAL GRADE STANDARD CONTAINING MUCIN-RICH FRACTIONS



**NEWLY PREPARED MUCIN-RICH STANDARD WAS USED FOR FURTHER STUDIES**

## MUC5AC PERFORMANCE IN VALIDATION SET FROM CVC PROGRAM

- N= 250 CASES
- ACQUIRED IN BLINDED MANNER FROM UPMC



**MUC5AC SHOWED AUC IN RANGE OF 0.62- 0.64 FOR DIFFERENTIATING VARIOUS CONTROL GROUPS FROM PC CASES**

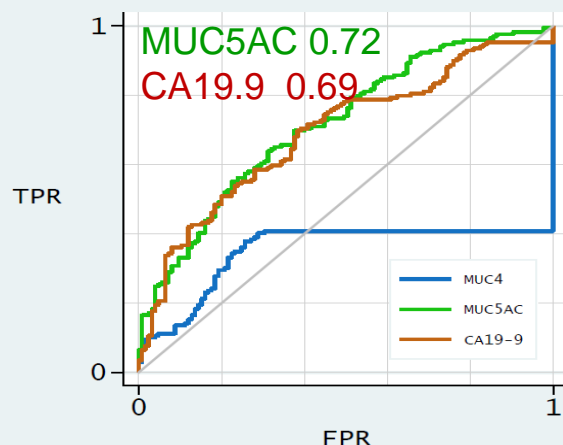
# BAKE-OFF SAMPLE SET-2

- Pancreatic conditions included pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma (PDAC), other pancreatic cancers, neoplasms, benign pancreatic conditions, and some healthy controls.

## PDAC vs. all benign/healthy

Panc Ca Bakeoff #2 - UNMC results

1) PDAC vs all benign/healthy

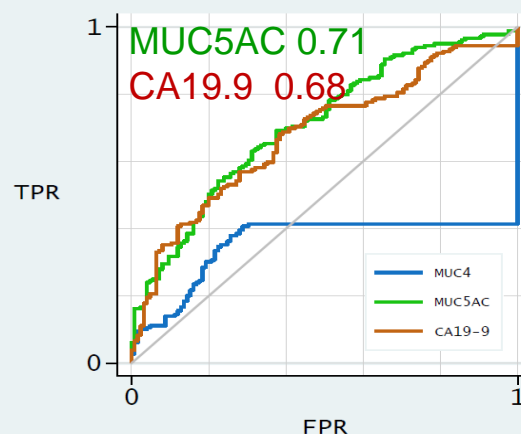


marker	AUC	sens(spec=.90)	spec(sens=.90)
CA19-9	0.69 (0.63,0.75)	0.36 (0.20,0.49)	0.23 (0.15,0.31)
MUC4	0.35 (0.29,0.42)	0.14 (0.08,0.24)	0.00 (0.00,0.00)
difference*	-0.34 (-0.42,-0.25)	-0.22 (-0.35,-0.07)	-0.23 (-0.31,-0.15)
p (difference)	<< .001	.0012	<< .001
MUC5AC	0.72 (0.66,0.77)	0.33 (0.22,0.45)	0.34 (0.23,0.43)
difference*	0.03 (-0.04,0.09)	-0.03 (-0.17,0.12)	0.11 (-0.02,0.22)
p (difference)	.45	.68	.066

## PDAC + IPMN/MCN-H vs. all benign/healthy

Panc Ca Bakeoff #2 - UNMC results

2) PDAC + IPMN/MCN-h\* vs all benign/healthy

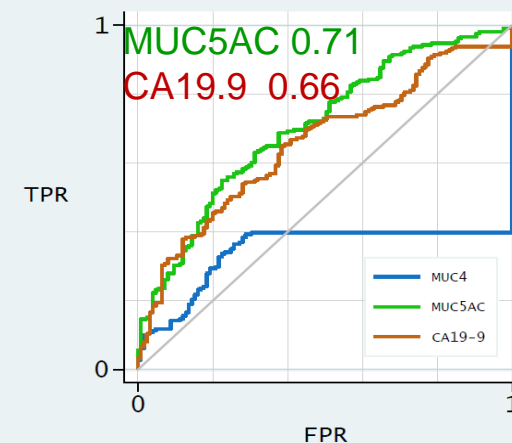


marker	AUC	sens(spec=.90)	spec(sens=.90)
CA19-9	0.68 (0.62,0.74)	0.35 (0.20,0.46)	0.22 (0.13,0.31)
MUC4	0.36 (0.29,0.43)	0.14 (0.08,0.25)	0.00 (0.00,0.00)
difference*	-0.32 (-0.40,-0.24)	-0.21 (-0.33,-0.05)	-0.22 (-0.31,-0.13)
p (difference)	<< .001	.0015	<< .001
MUC5AC	0.71 (0.65,0.76)	0.32 (0.22,0.43)	0.34 (0.22,0.43)
difference*	0.03 (-0.03,0.09)	-0.03 (-0.16,0.11)	0.12 (-0.02,0.23)
p (difference)	.35	.62	.068

## All cancers + IPMN/MCN-H vs. all benign/healthy

Panc Ca Bakeoff #2 - UNMC results

3) all Ca + IPMN/MCN-h vs all benign/healthy



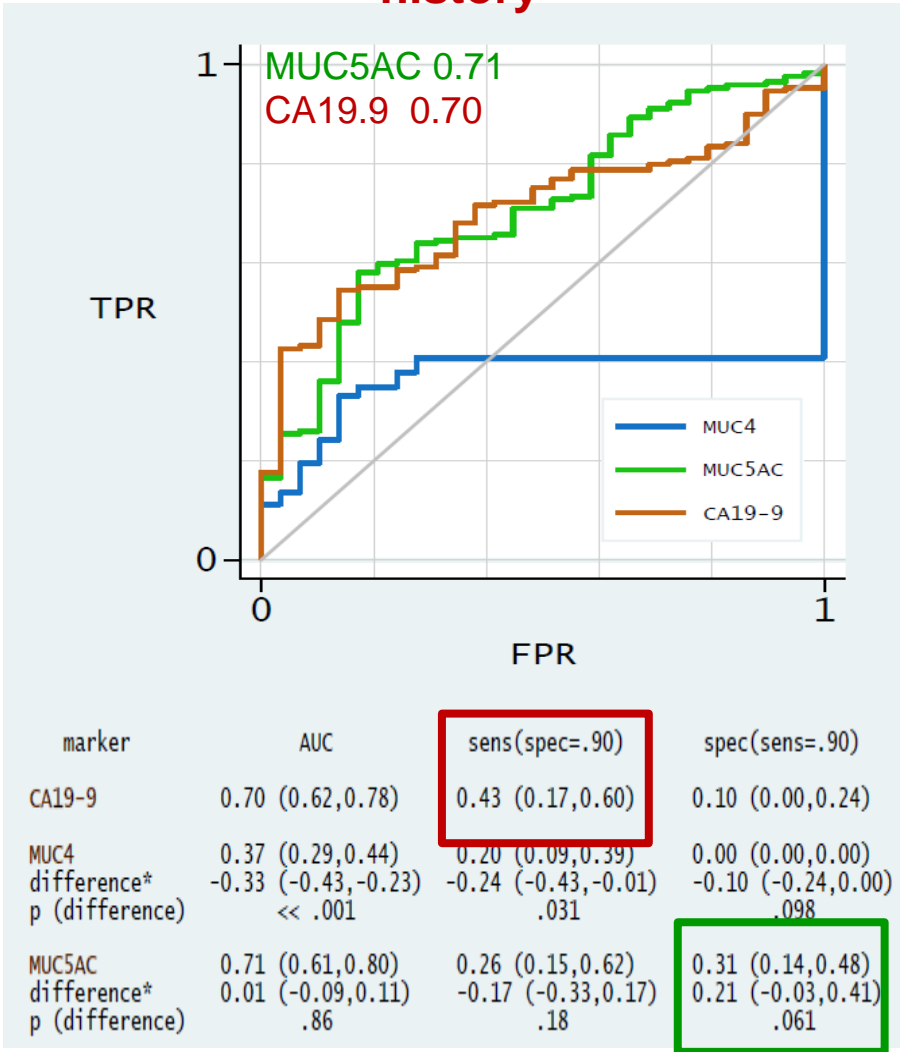
marker	AUC	sens(spec=.90)	spec(sens=.90)
CA19-9	0.66 (0.60,0.72)	0.32 (0.19,0.43)	0.22 (0.12,0.30)
MUC4	0.34 (0.28,0.41)	0.14 (0.09,0.24)	0.00 (0.00,0.00)
difference*	-0.31 (-0.39,-0.23)	-0.18 (-0.29,-0.05)	-0.22 (-0.30,-0.12)
p (difference)	<< .001	.0024	<< .001
MUC5AC	0.71 (0.65,0.76)	0.30 (0.20,0.43)	0.33 (0.23,0.42)
difference*	0.05 (-0.02,0.11)	-0.02 (-0.15,0.11)	0.10 (-0.01,0.23)
p (difference)	.12	.77	.083

**AUC of >0.7 was observed for MUC5AC for differentiating various control groups from PDAC cases**

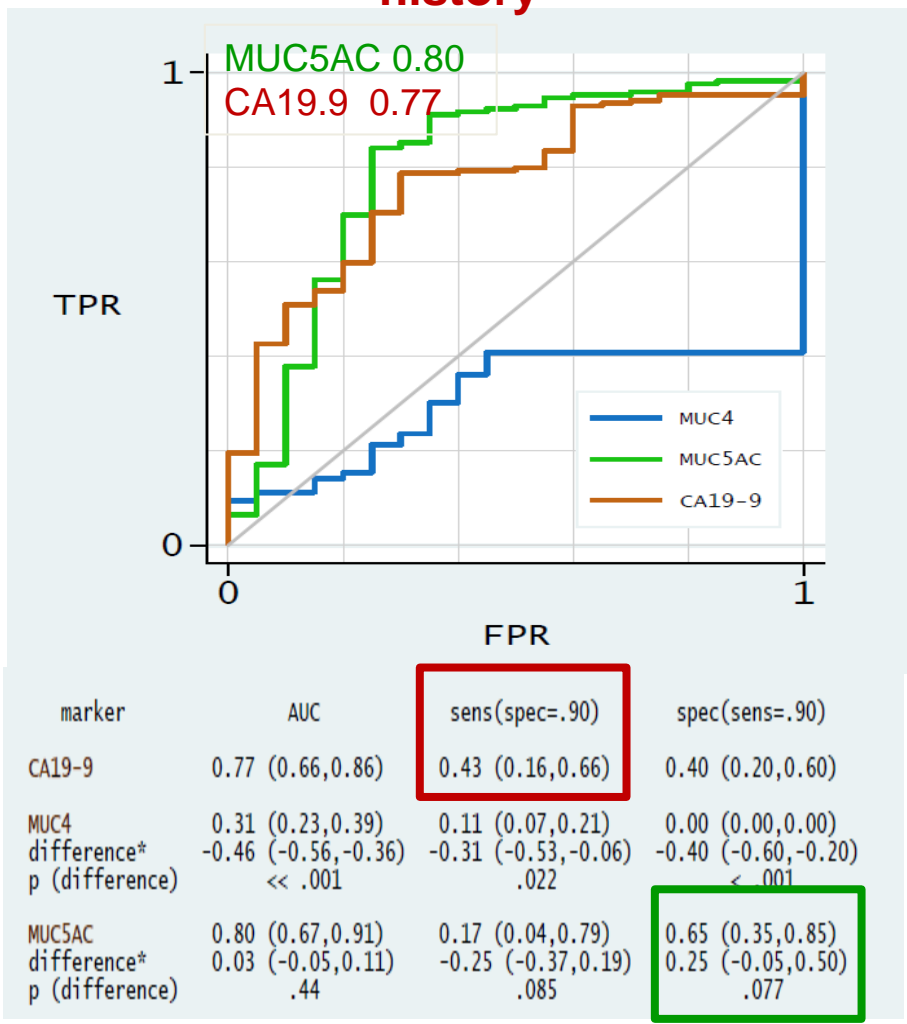


# CONTROLS WITH AND WITHOUT FAMILY HISTORY OF PC VERSUS PDAC CASES

PDAC vs. HC control without family history



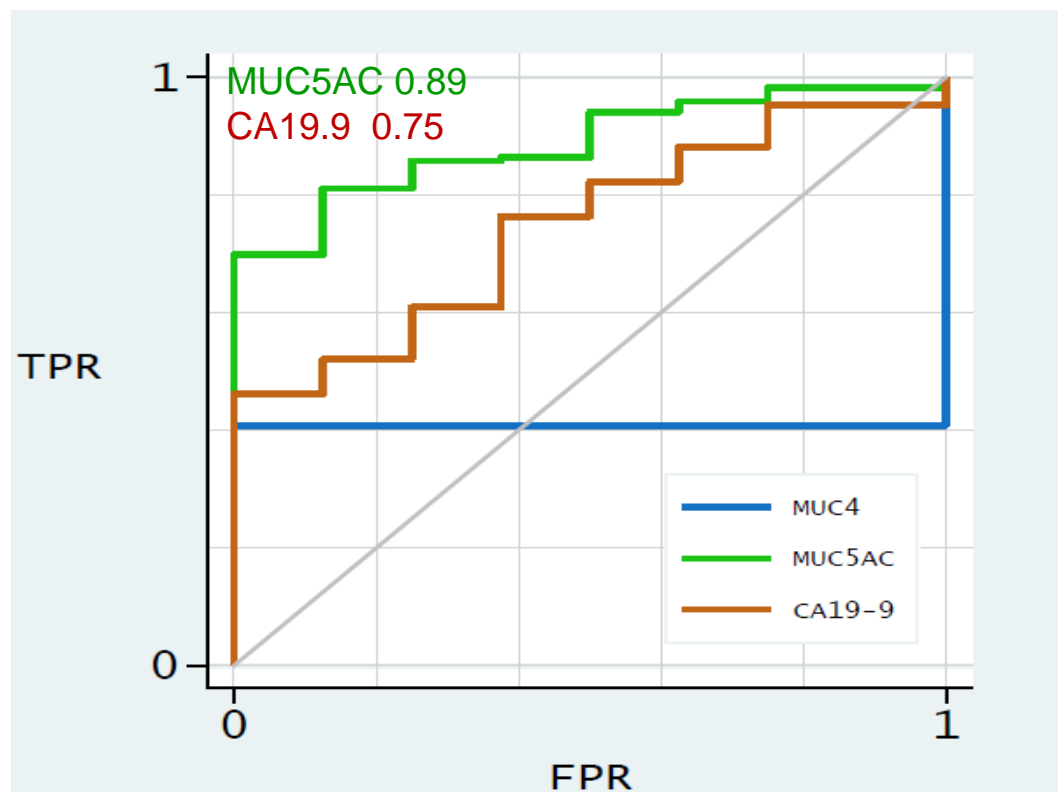
PDAC vs. HC control with family history



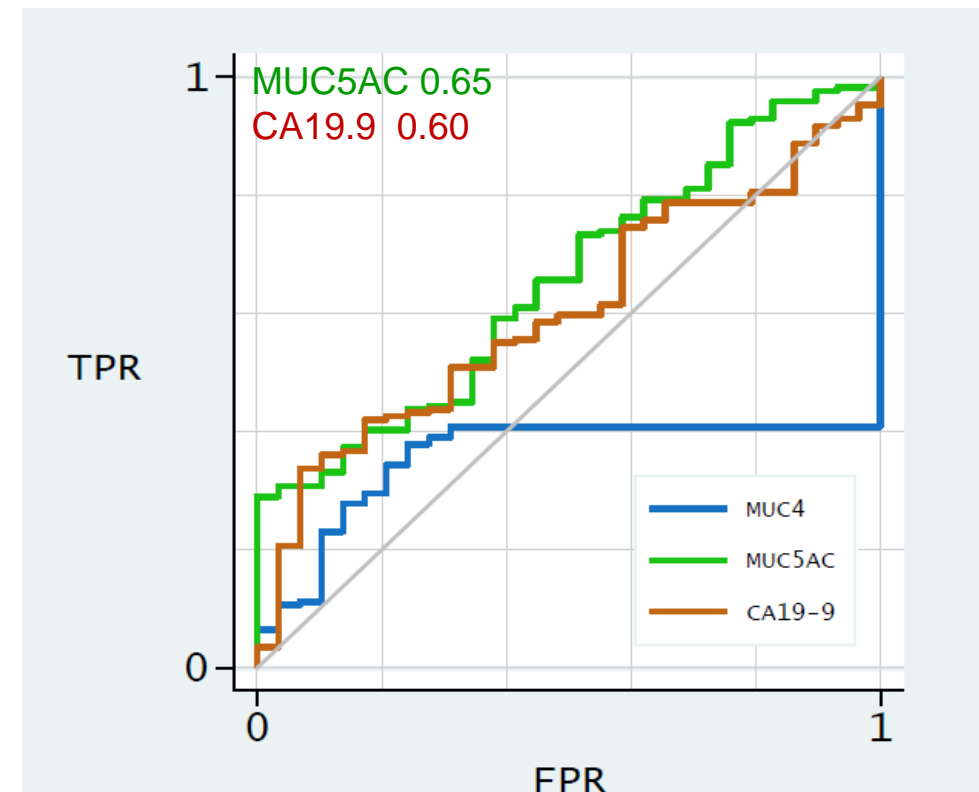
AUC OF 0.8 WAS OBSERVED FOR MUC5AC FOR DIFFERENTIATING HEALTHY CONTROL WITH FAIMLY HISTORY OF PDAC IN COMPARISON TO AUC OF 0.71 FOR CONTROLS WITHOUS FAIMLY HISTORY

## Other control groups: Benign Biliary obstruction

PDAC vs. Benign Biliary Obstruction    PDAC vs. Chronic pancreatitis



marker	AUC	sens(spec=.90)	spec(sens=.90)
CA19-9	0.75 (0.60,0.87)	0.46 (0.40,0.70)	0.25 (0.00,0.63)
MUC4	0.41 (0.34,0.49)	0.41 (0.34,0.49)	0.00 (0.00,0.00)
difference*	-0.34 (-0.49,-0.18)	-0.05 (-0.30,0.04)	-0.25 (-0.63,0.00)
p (difference)	<< .001	.51	.14
MUC5AC	0.89 (0.80,0.95)	0.70 (0.64,0.88)	0.50 (0.13,0.88)
difference*	0.14 (0.04,0.26)	0.24 (0.10,0.43)	0.25 (0.00,0.63)
p (difference)	.016	.0065	.13



marker	AUC	sens(spec=.90)	spec(sens=.90)
CA19-9	0.60 (0.50,0.70)	0.34 (0.03,0.46)	0.10 (0.00,0.24)
MUC4	0.36 (0.28,0.43)	0.11 (0.05,0.35)	0.00 (0.00,0.00)
difference*	-0.25 (-0.36,-0.13)	-0.22 (-0.34,0.21)	-0.10 (-0.24,0.00)
p (difference)	<< .001	.12	.1
MUC5AC	0.65 (0.56,0.75)	0.31 (0.25,0.44)	0.24 (0.10,0.41)
difference*	0.05 (-0.06,0.17)	-0.03 (-0.14,0.34)	0.14 (-0.07,0.34)
p (difference)	.39	.81	.17

**MUC5AC PERFORMED BETTER THAN CA19.9 IN DIFFERENTATING CHRONIC PANCREATITIS AND BENIGN BILIARY OBSTRUCTION**

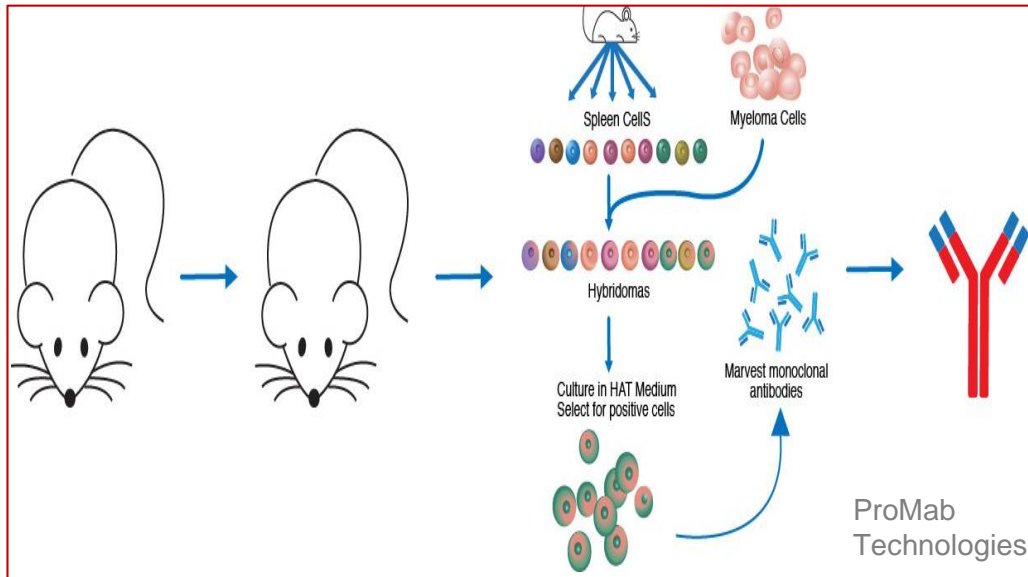
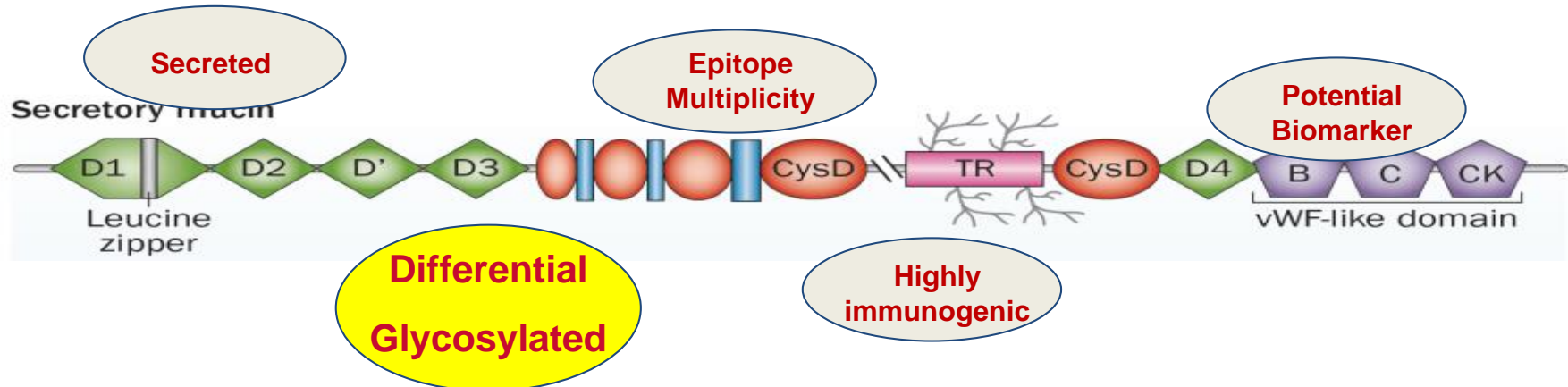
# INTERIM-SUMMARY

- ❑ OBSERVED AUC FOR MUC5AC WERE BETTER THAN CA19.9 IN DIFFERENTIATING PDAC FROM CHRONIC PANCREATITIS
- ❑ DIFFERENCES WERE OBSERVED AT OPTIMAL VALUE OF CA19.9
- ❑ **MUC5AC PERFORMANCE BETTER or COMPARABLE TO CA19.9 IN DIFFERENTIATING VARIOUS CONTROL GROUPS FROM PDAC IN VARIOUS SETS INCLUDING TRAINING, VALIDATION, REFERENCE SET FROM EDNRN, BAKE-OFF SET 1, BAKE-OFF SET 2.**

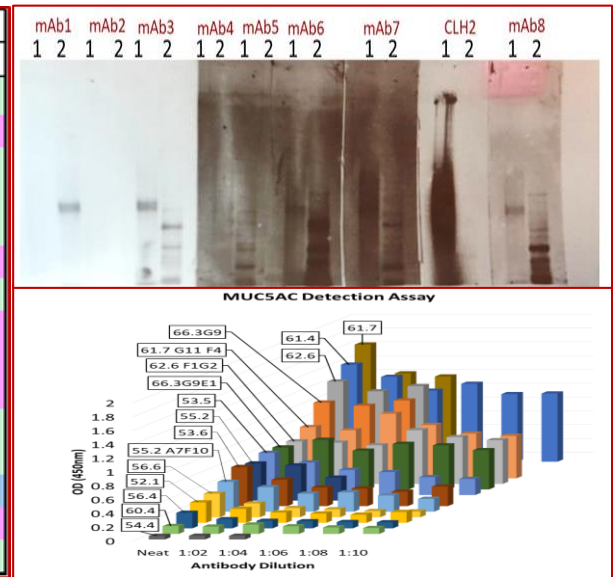


# GENERATION AND CHARACTERIZATION OF NOVEL MONOCLONAL ANTIBODIES AGAINST MUC5AC

MUC5AC



Hybrid		Clone	ELISA	
Name	Number	Number	Peptide	Protein
AA <sub>1</sub> P6 2/1	51	51.1	0.683	1.077
AA1P6 1/2	52	52.1	0.056	0.297
AA1P6 3/6	53	53.1	0.095	0.757
AA14/9	54	54.4	2.94	OVERFLW
AA2 P6 2/6	55	55.2	0.52	3.8
AA1P6 1/1	56	56.4	1.05	0.27
AS 2/17	57	57.1	0.11	0.844
AA12/24	58	58.1	1.24	0.22
AS 3/10	59	59.1	OVERFLW	0.19
AS 4/7	60	60.4	1.75	0.27
AA12/11	61	61.7	0.404	OVERFLW
AA12/23	62	62.6	0.19	2.12
PP3/8	63	63.1	0.92	0.435
AA1 P6 4/1-1	64	64.1	0.075	0.29
AS P6 1/3	66	66.3	3.881	2.235



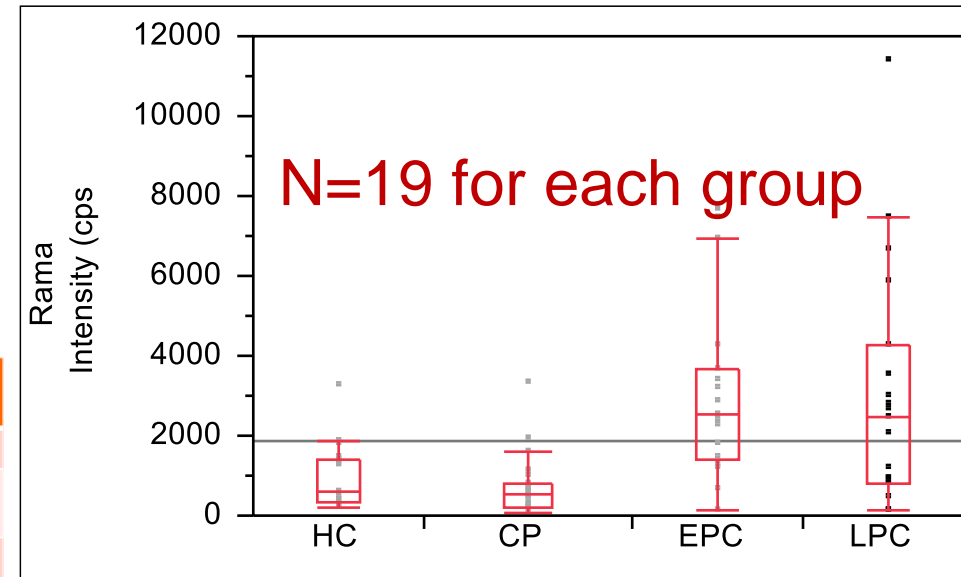
**ONGOING:** Evaluation and comparison of MUC5AC performance across malignancies using newly developed antibodies



# Detection of MUC4 in PC Patient Serum

- Healthy Controls (HC)
- Chronic Pancreatitis (CP)
- Early Stage PC (EPC)
- Late Stage PC (LPC)

Comparison	AUC	Threshold	Specificity	Sensitivity
PC vs. HC	0.798	$\geq 2079$	0.947	0.605
EPC vs. HC	0.842	$\geq 2242$	0.947	0.632
LPC vs. HC	0.754	$\geq 2079$	0.947	0.579
PC vs. CP	0.843	$\geq 1198$	0.870	0.763
EPC vs. CP	0.883	$\geq 1224$	0.870	0.895
LPC vs. CP	0.803	$\geq 831$	0.783	0.789

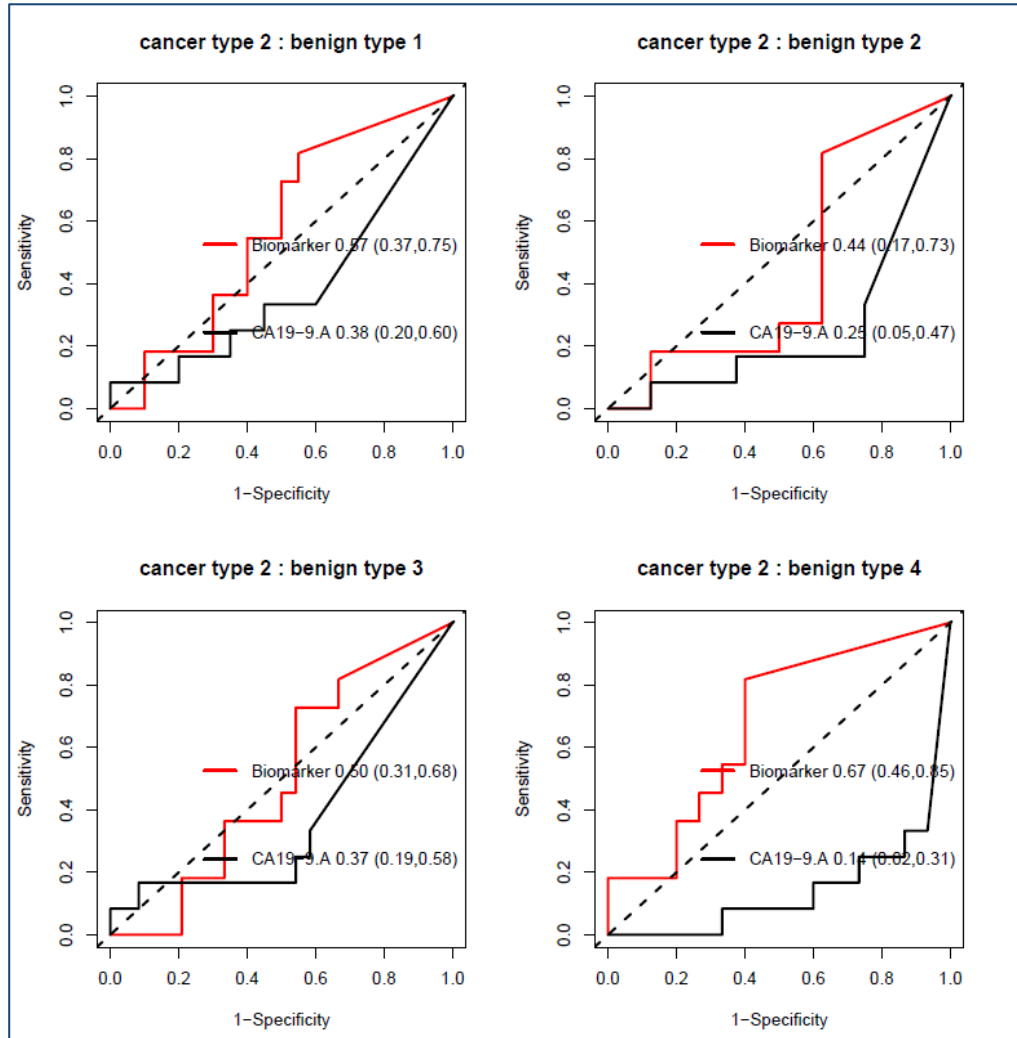


• Based on the 95% confidence interval Raman Intensity discriminates:

- PC vs. HC
- EPC vs. HC ( $p=0.0053$ )
- LPC vs. HC ( $p=0.0050$ )
- PC vs. CP
- EPC vs. CP ( $p=0.0011$ )
- LPC vs. CP ( $p=0.0011$ )

**MUC4 is 61% sensitive and 95% specific in differentiating PC from HC.**  
**MUC4 was 76% sensitive and 95% specific in differentiating PC from CP.**

# DIAGNOSTIC PERFORMANCE OF MUC4 IN DIFFERENTIATING MUCINOUS TUMORS FROM INDIVIDUAL CONTROL TYPE

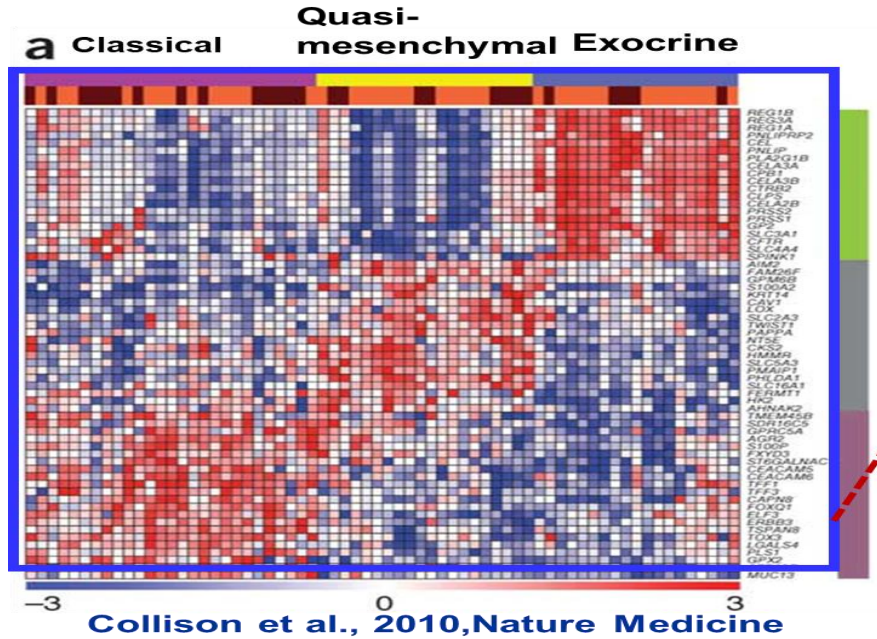


Cancer type:Benign type		AUC	SensSpec90	SpecSens90
2:1	Biomarker	0.57 (0.37,0.75)	0.18 (0.00,0.40)	0.00 (0.00,0.65)
2:1	CA19-9.A	0.38 (0.20,0.60)	0.08 (0.00,0.33)	0.00 (0.00,0.00)
2:1	Difference	0.19 (-0.11,0.44)	0.10 (-0.25,0.36)	0.00 (0.00,0.65)
2:2	Biomarker	0.44 (0.17,0.73)	0.00 (0.00,0.36)	0.00 (0.00,0.62)
2:2	CA19-9.A	0.25 (0.05,0.47)	0.00 (0.00,0.25)	0.00 (0.00,0.00)
2:2	Difference	0.19 (-0.14,0.51)	0.00 (-0.17,0.33)	0.00 (0.00,0.62)
2:3	Biomarker	0.50 (0.31,0.68)	0.00 (0.00,0.27)	0.00 (0.00,0.56)
2:3	CA19-9.A	0.37 (0.19,0.58)	0.17 (0.00,0.42)	0.00 (0.00,0.00)
2:3	Difference	0.12 (-0.17,0.41)	-0.17 (-0.42,0.11)	0.00 (0.00,0.56)
2:4	Biomarker	0.67 (0.46,0.85)	0.18 (0.00,0.58)	0.00 (0.00,0.80)
2:4	CA19-9.A	0.14 (0.02,0.31)	0.00 (0.00,0.00)	0.00 (0.00,0.00)
2:4	Difference	0.53 (0.26,0.78)	0.18 (0.00,0.58)	0.00 (0.00,0.80)

Table 5: AUC, sensitivity corresponding to specificity = 90% (SensSpec90), specificity corresponding to sensitivity = 90% (SpecSens90) of biomarker of interest, CA19-9, and their difference for separating cancer type 2 from benign type 1, ..., 4; reported confidence intervals were obtained by bootstrapping with 1000 resamples.

**MUC4 PERFORMED BETTER THAN CA19.9 IN DIFFERENTIATING MUCINOUS TUMORS FROM CA19.9**

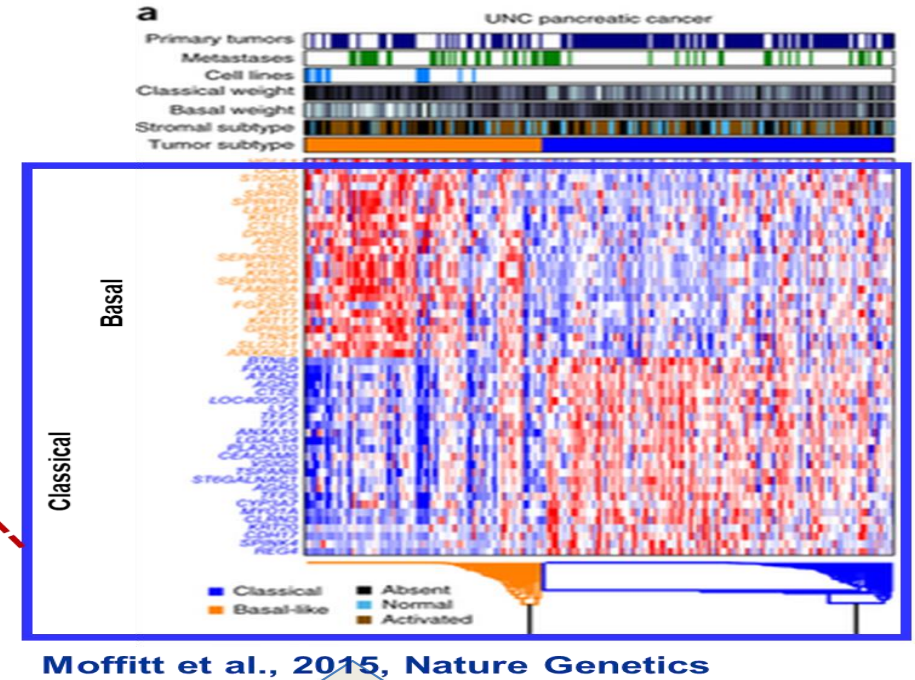
# High throughput Sequencing Studies in PDAC identified various distinct SUBTYPES



Meta-analyses studies



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TFF2  
TFF3  
S100P  
CECAM5



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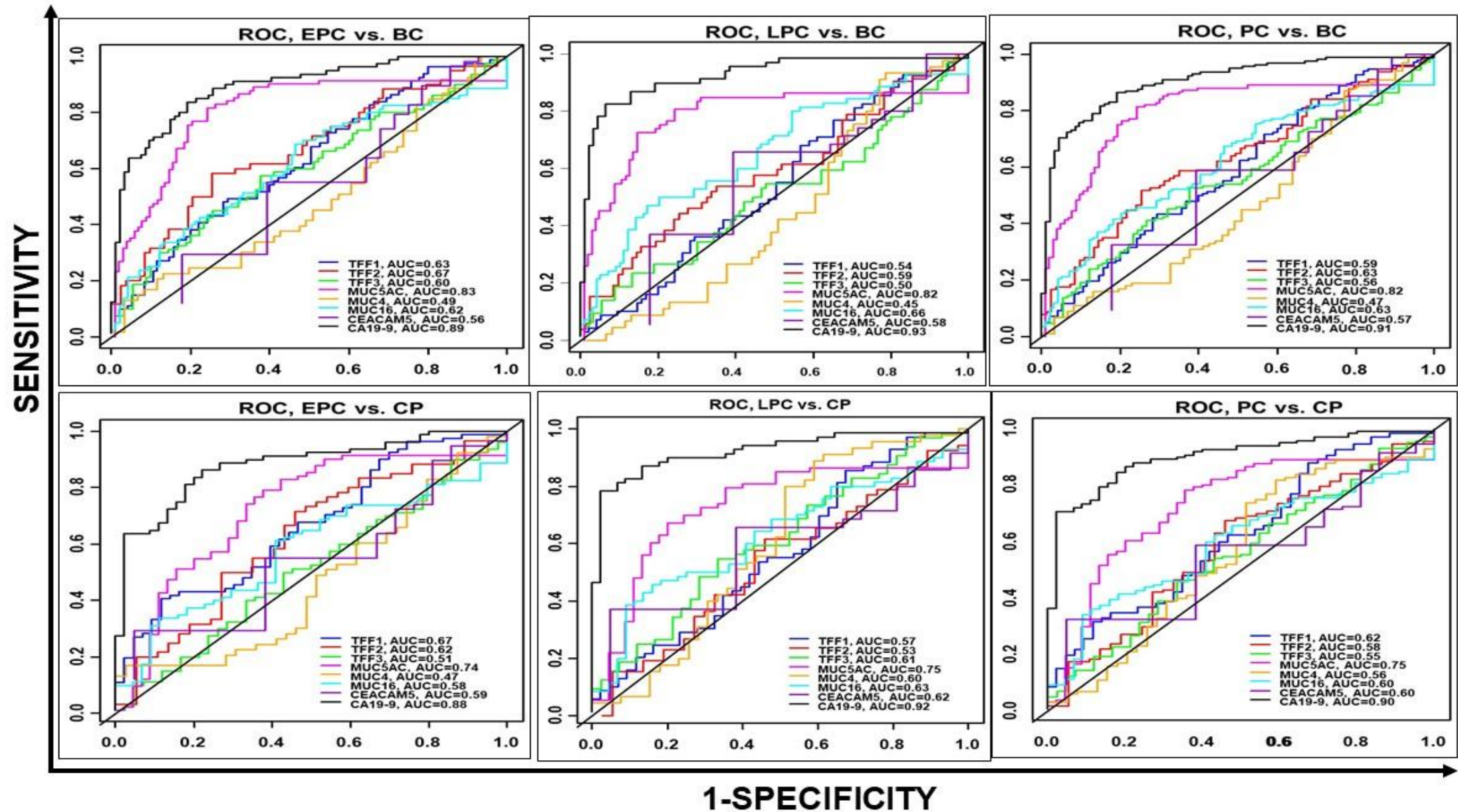
Can we develop additive biomarker panel?

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Combining Mucins (MUC4, MUC5AC, MUC16), and most differentially expressed markers of early stage PC [MIC-1, CECAM5 and TFFs (TFF1, TFF2 and TFF3)]



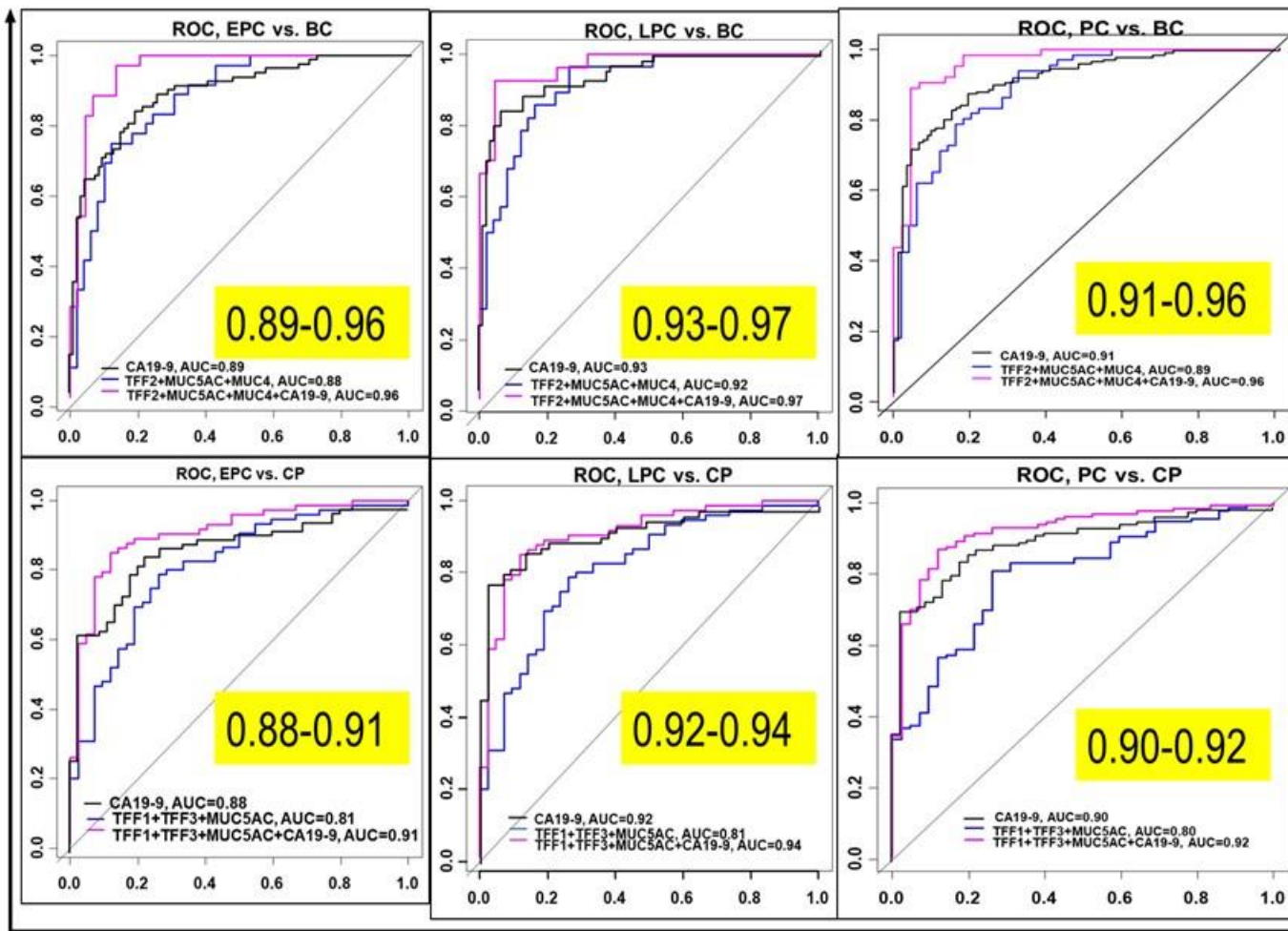
# PERFORMANCE OF INDIVIDUAL MARKER(S)



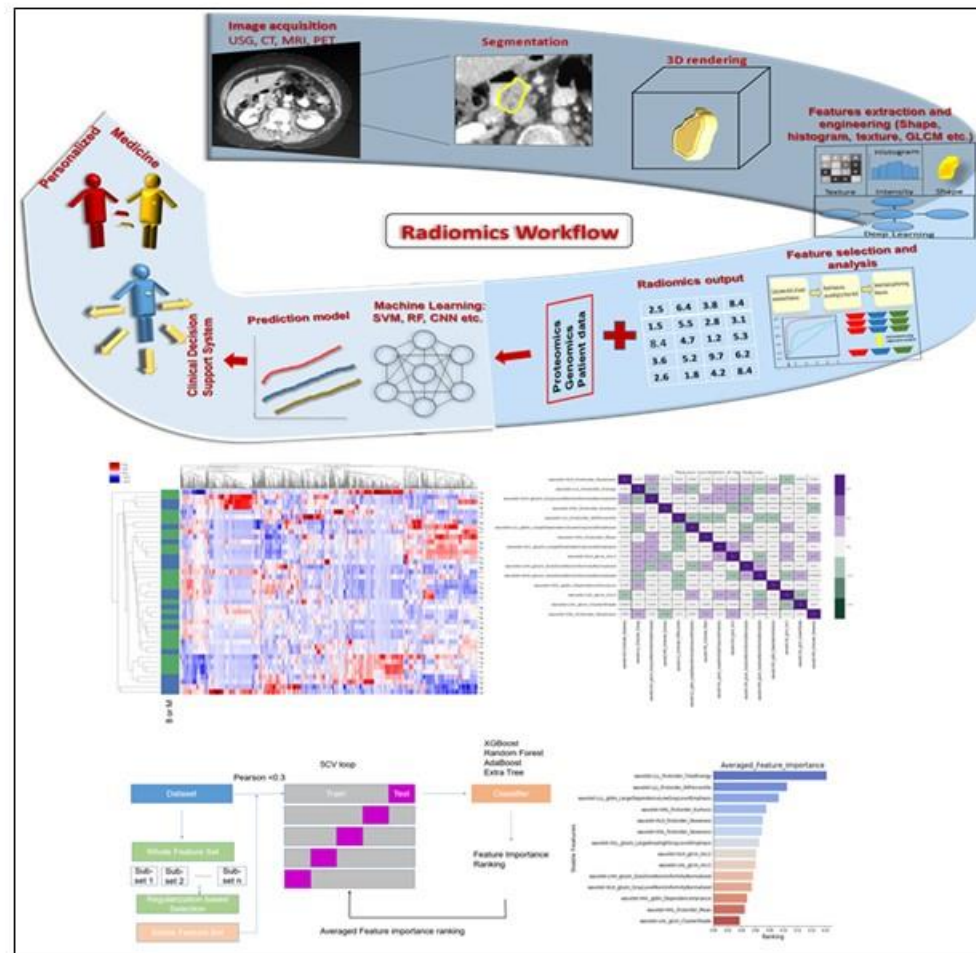


# DEVELOPMENT OF COMBINATORIAL BIOMARKER PANEL

SENSITIVITY



1-SPECIFICITY

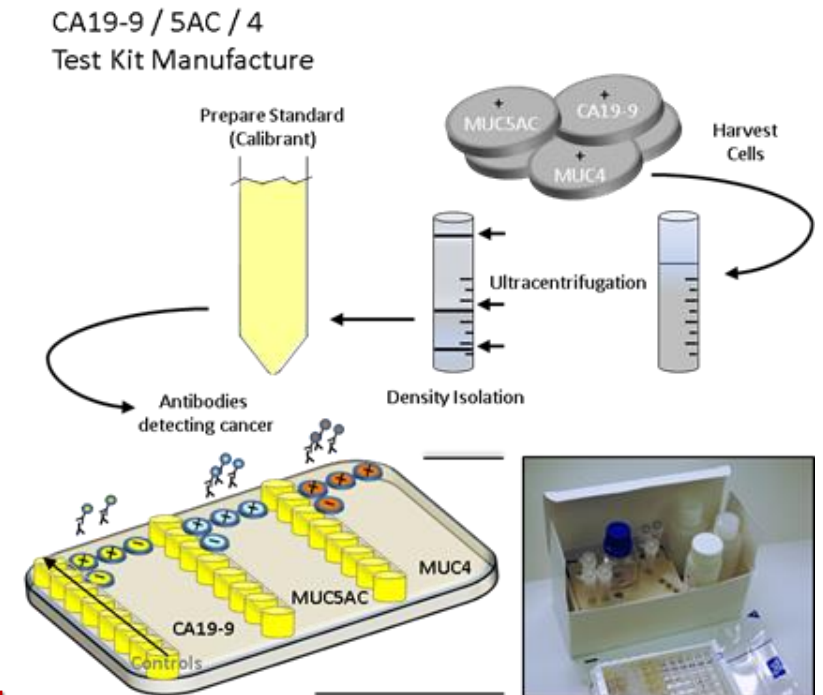


- TREFOIL FACTORS IN COMBINATION WITH MUC5AC AND CA19.9 PROVIDE ADDITIVE PERFORMANCE.
- FOCUSING TO DEVELOP BLOOD AND RADIOMICS BASED COMBINATORIAL BIOMARKER PANEL.

# SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

**MUC5AC IS POTENTIAL MARKER IN COMBINATION WITH CA19.9 AS ESTABLISHED FROM VARIOUS COHORT STUDIES.**

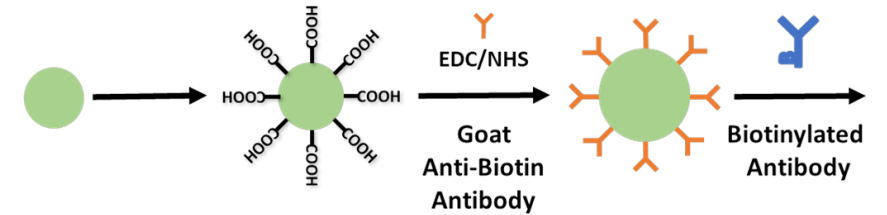
- ❑ DOES EVALUATING MUC4 & MUC5AC IN LONGITUDINALLY COLLECTED SAMPLE SET HELP IN IDENTIFYING CANCER PATIENTS WITH IMPROVED DISCRIMINATORY POWER (**BAKE-OFF SET 3**) .
- ❑ HOW MUC5AC IMPROVES THE PATIENTS STRATIFICATION IN DELENIATING THE RESPONSE TO CHEMOTHERAPY AND SURGERY.
- ❑ **DEVELOPMENT OF TEST KIT FOR COMBINATORIAL DETECTION OF MUC4, MUC5AC AND CA19.9**



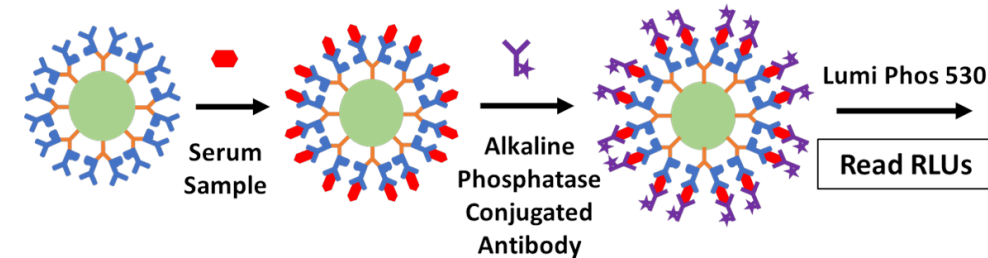
# FUTURE DIRECTIONS

- ❑ Develop of sensitive and specific immunoassay for detection.
- ❑ Subtype specific circulating COMBINATORIAL signature.
- ❑ Statistical weightage based algorithm for combining biomarkers.
- ❑ Validation of biomarker panel in combination MUC5AC (using established and newly developed antibodies based assay)
- ❑ Development of multiplexed assay

Preparation of Antibody-Microparticle conjugate



2-Step Sandwich Immuno-complex





# THANK YOU, QUESTIONS & SUGGESTIONS







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