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# “Targeting Endoplasmic Reticulum proteostasis in cancer”

**20 ans en 30 min.**

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## The secretory pathway in cancer

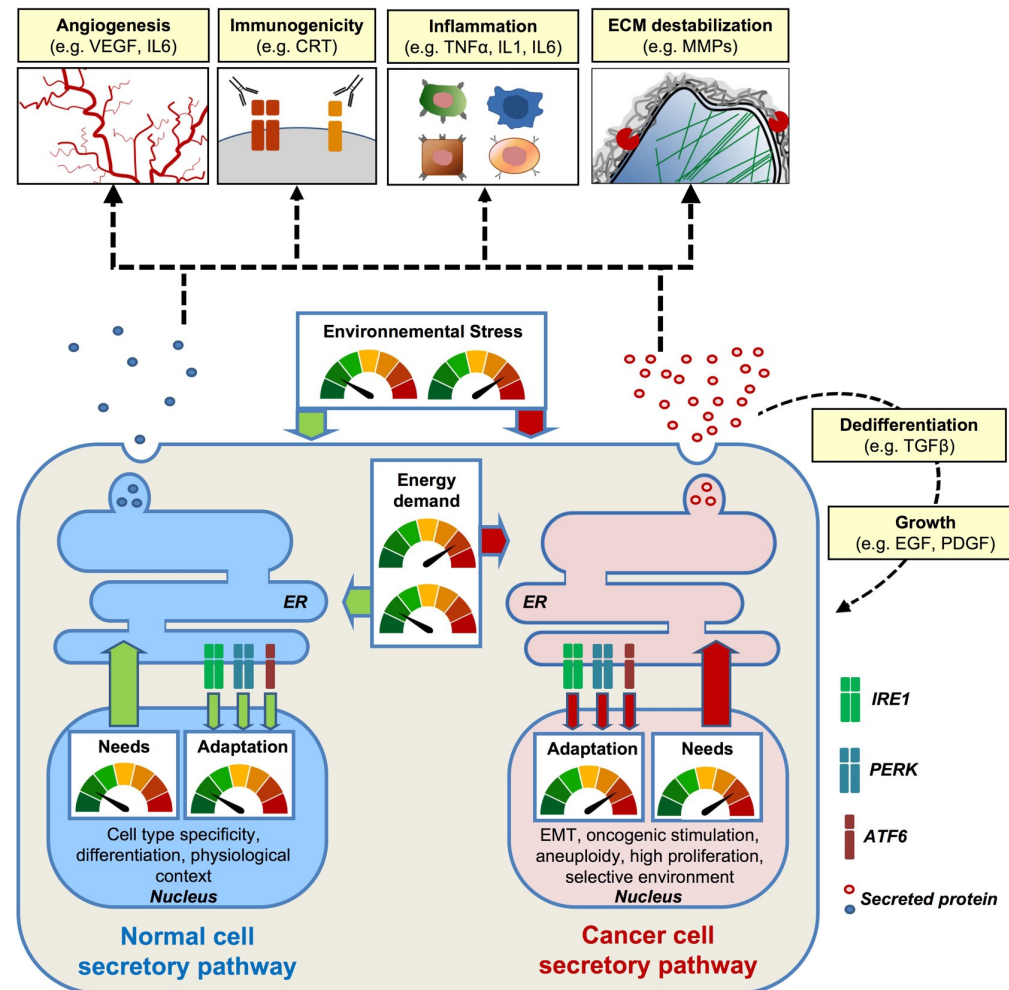
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### Four parts

- 1) Qualification of the (*potential therapeutic*) target
- 2) Preclinical model and proof of concept
- 3) Screening and hit improvement
- 4) New information and mode of action

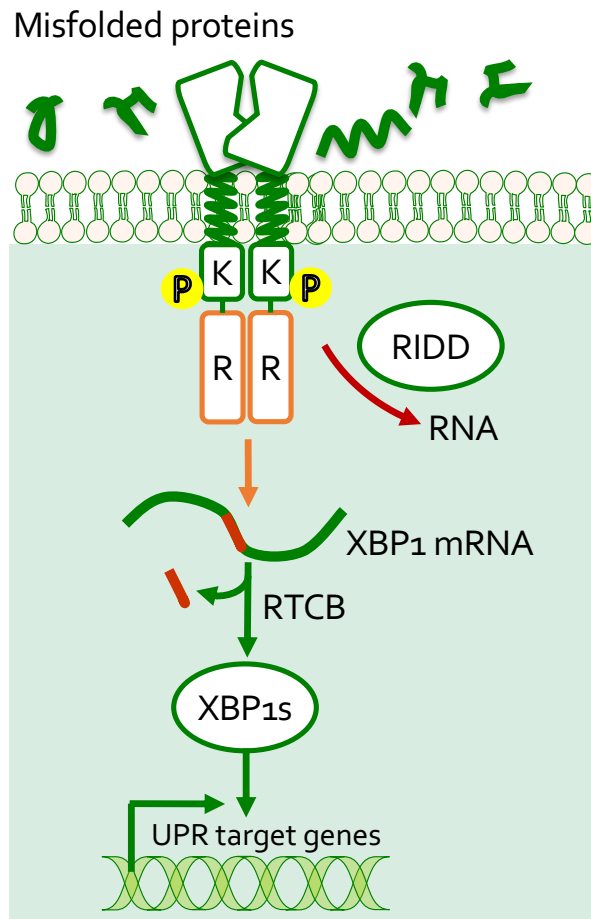


# The secretory pathway in cancer





# IRE1 signaling & cancer



IRE1 RNase activity controls cellular reprogramming at both transcriptional and post-transcriptional levels

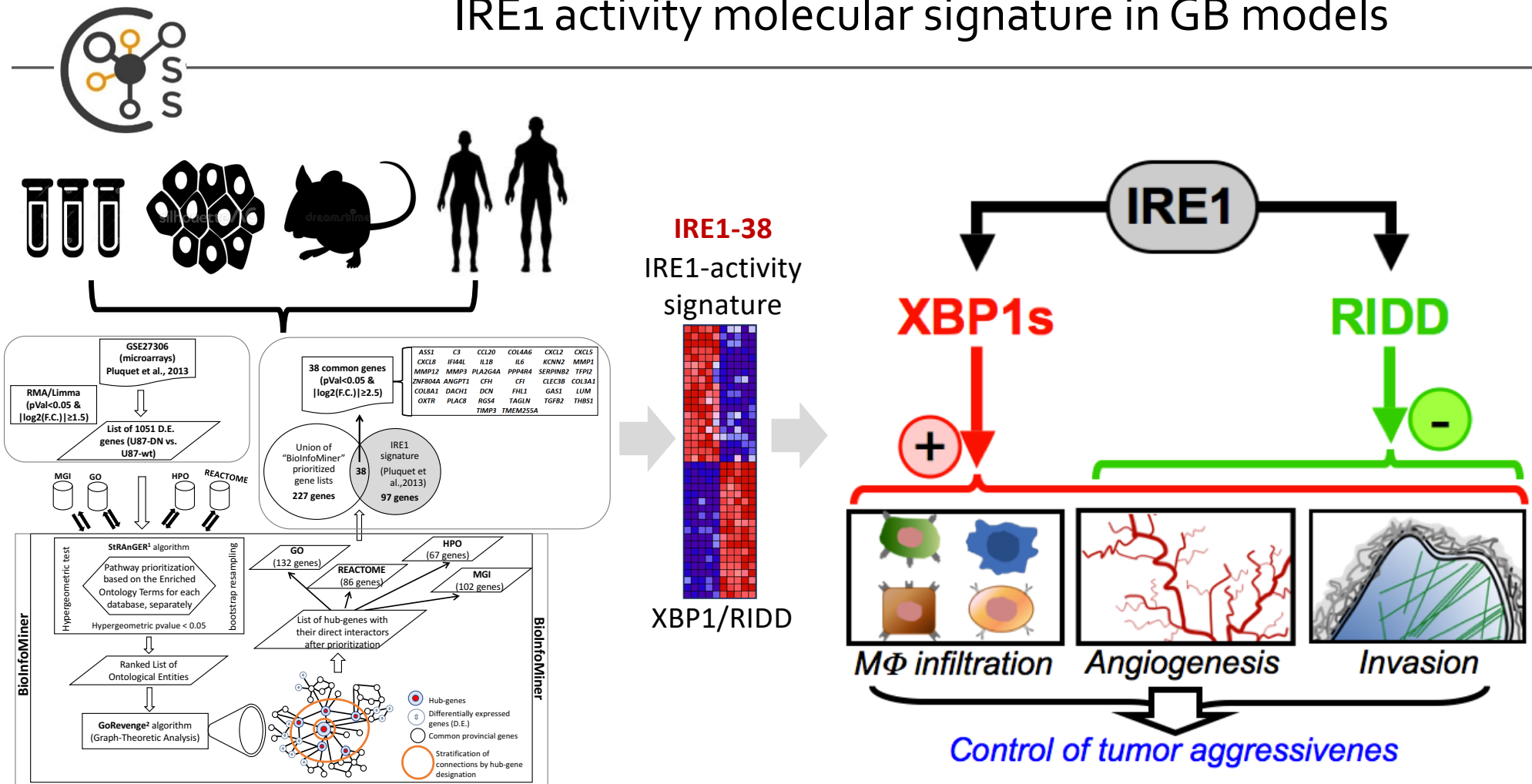
⇒ SIGNAL INTEGRATION



**BIOLOGICAL OUTPUTS**

- ER proteostasis maintenance
- Control of essential functions in TUMOR development (canonical and non canonical IRE1 signaling)

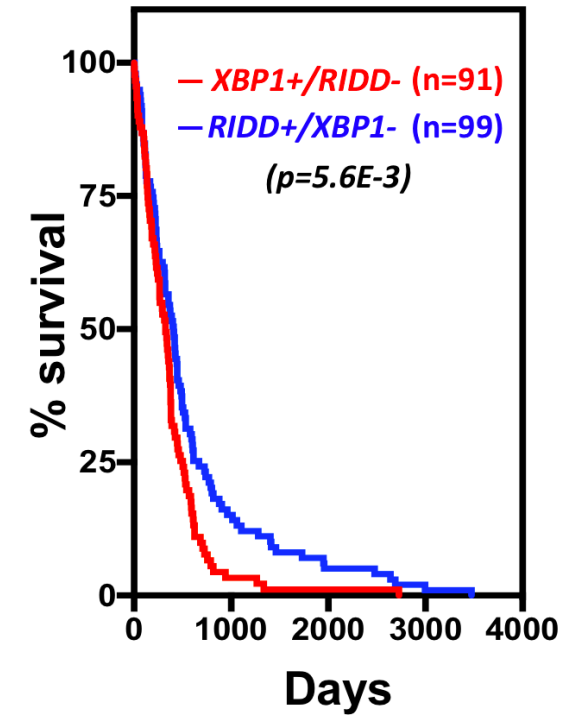
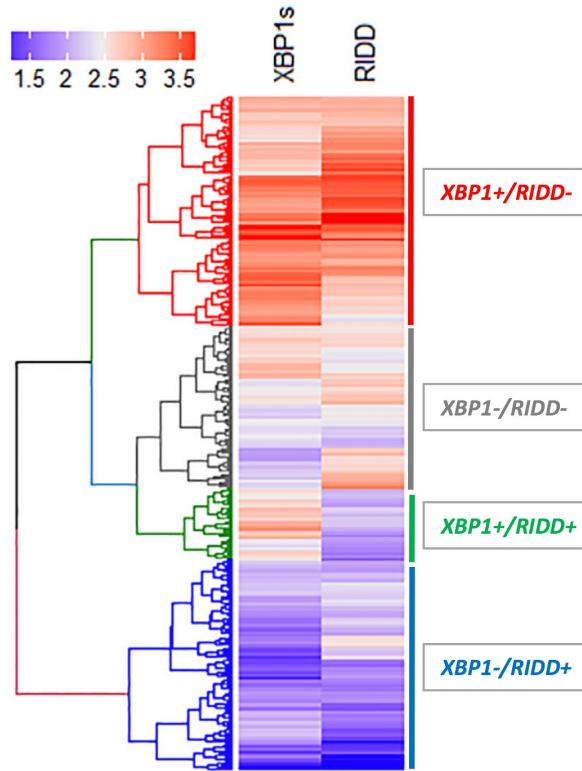
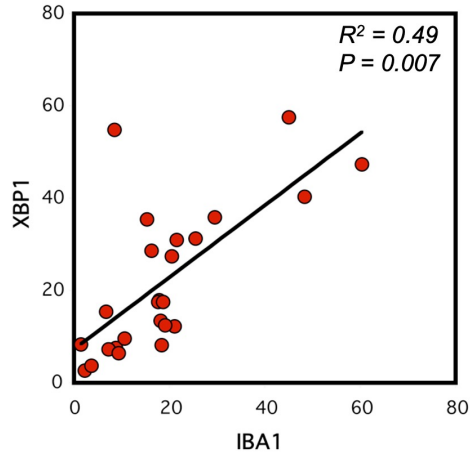
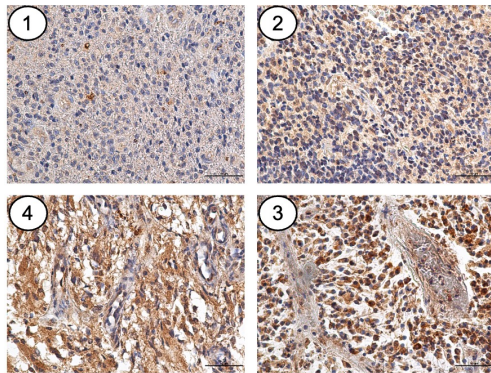
# IRE1 activity molecular signature in GB models





# IRE1 activity molecular signature in human GB

**XBP1s staining**

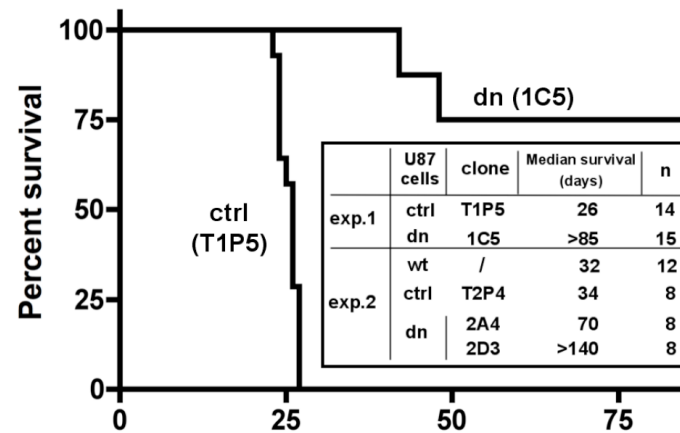
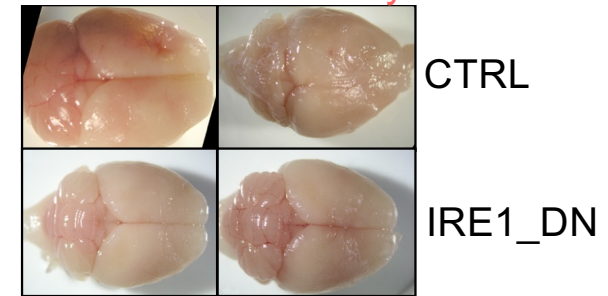
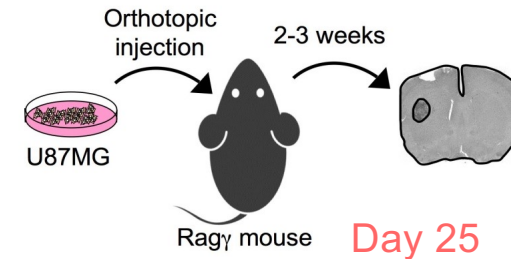
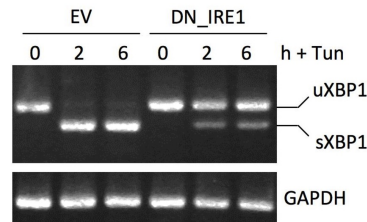
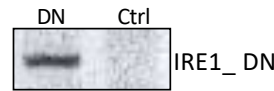
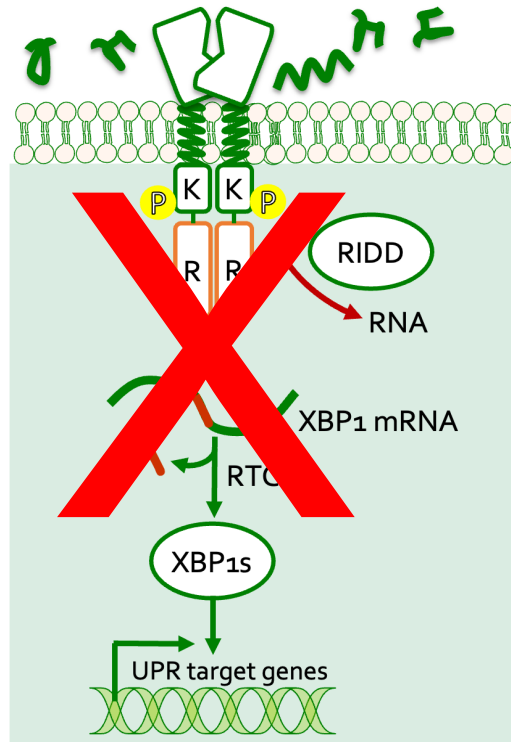


XBP1s is linked to tumor aggressiveness



# Genetic ablation of IRE1 signaling in GB

Misfolded proteins







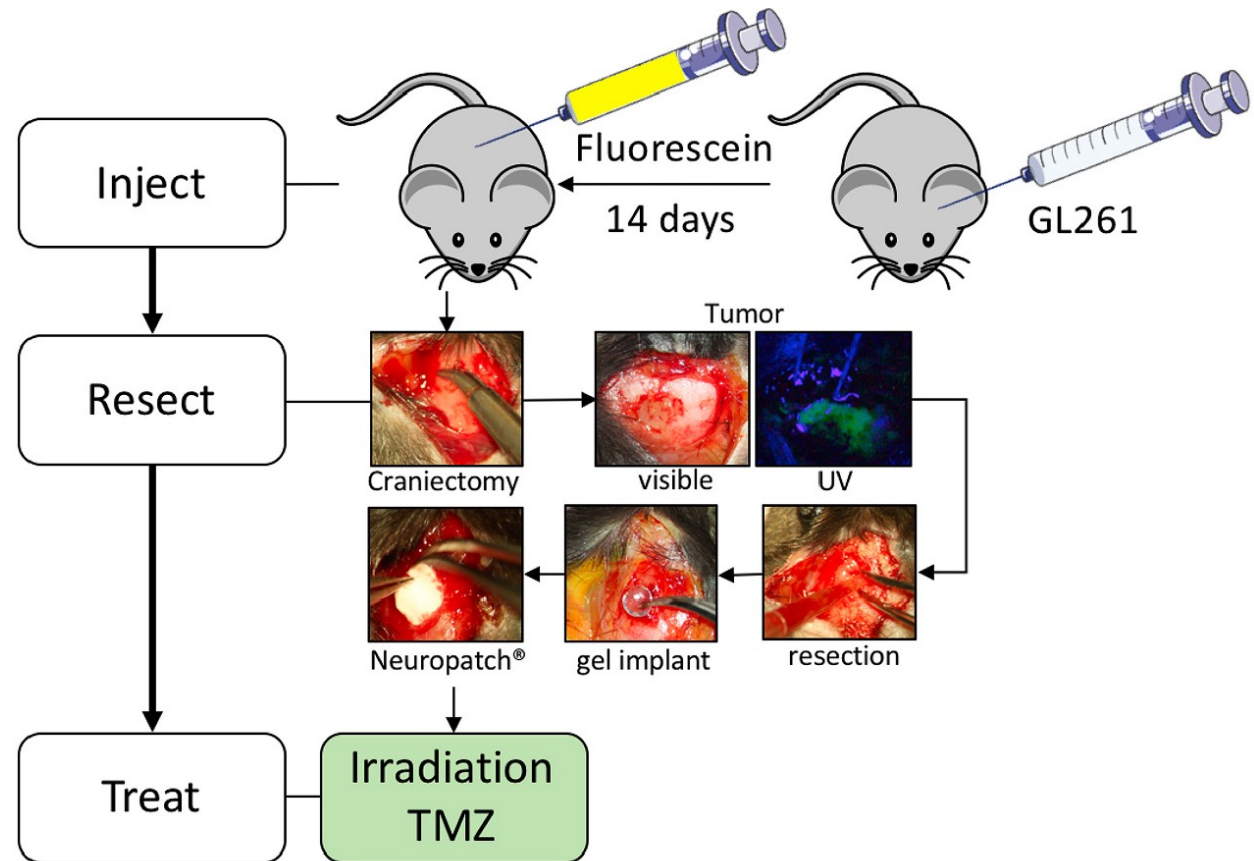
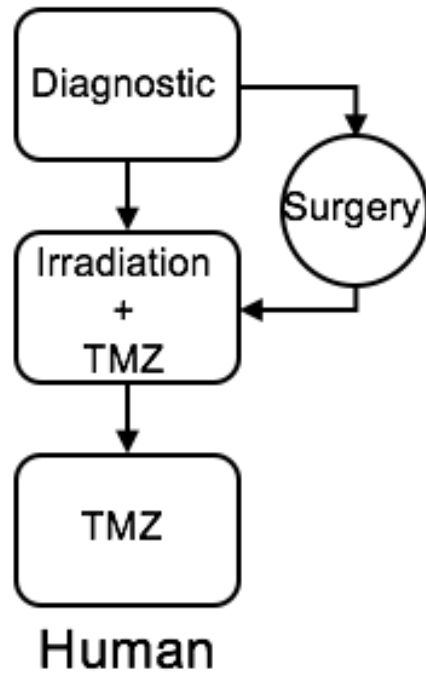
# Relevant preclinical model of GB



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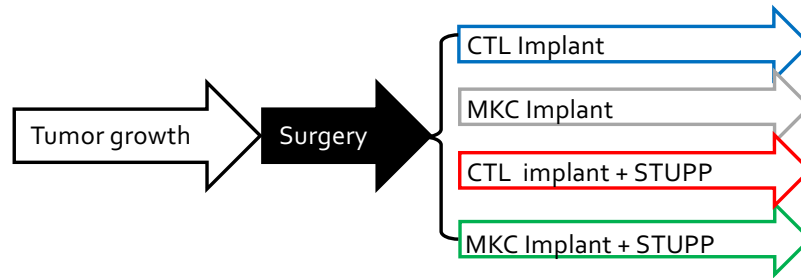
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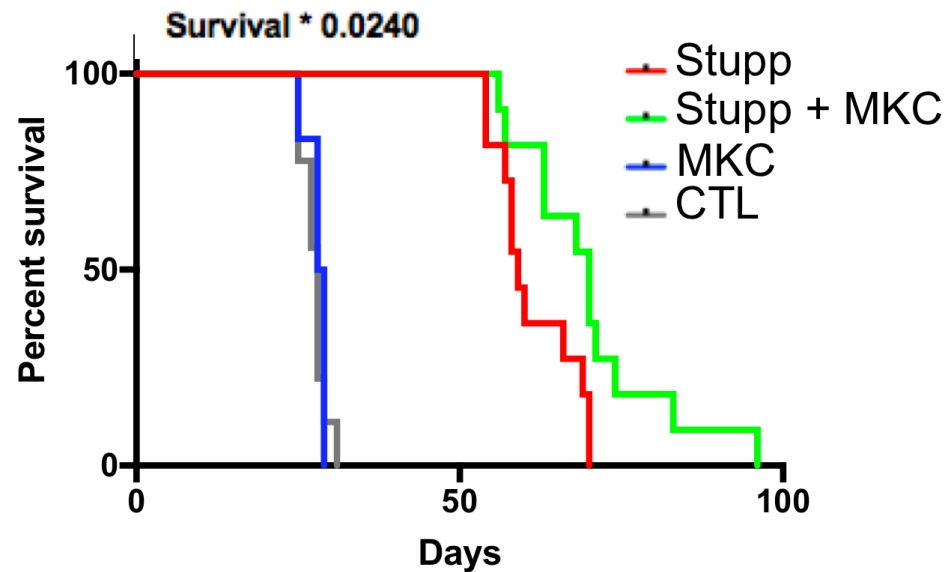
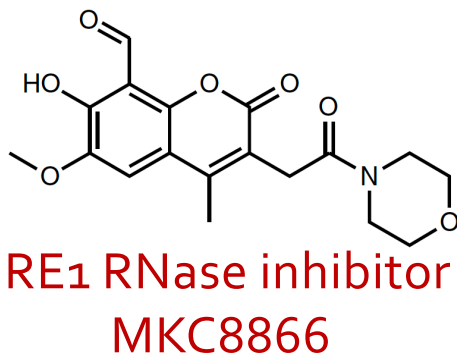




# Pharmacologic ablation of IRE1 signaling in GB



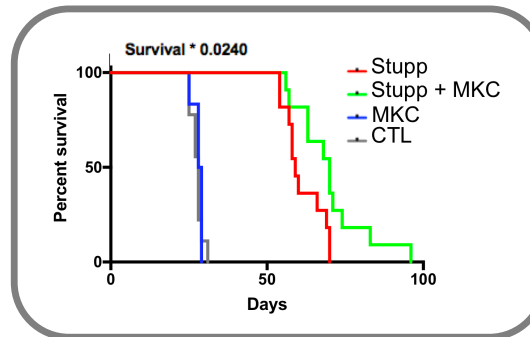
1 single application of MKC8866



Improvement of STUPP efficacy in GB by MKC8866 BUT limited efficacy due to delivery method.



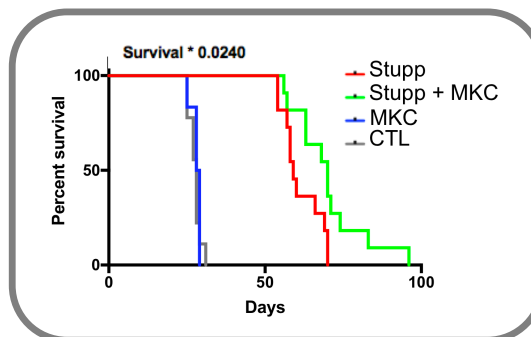
## Response improvement strategies



How to improve the effects of the IRE1 inhibitors?



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Improve delivery  
(biogel)

Find new molecules  
BBB permeable



# New BBB permeable IRE1 inhibitors - discovery



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D. Doultinos



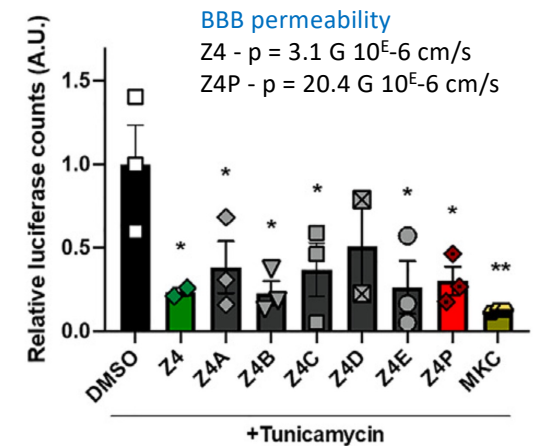
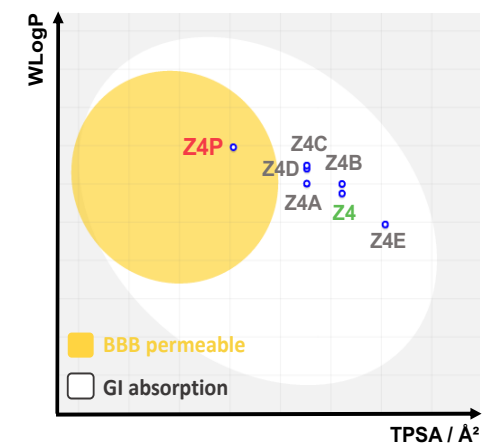
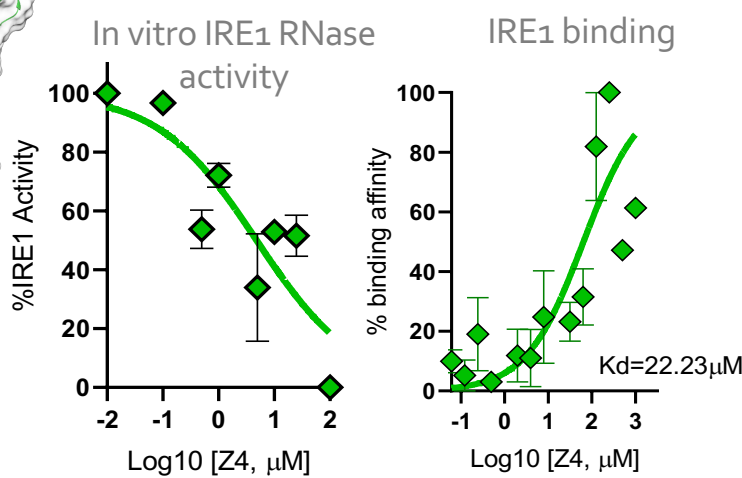
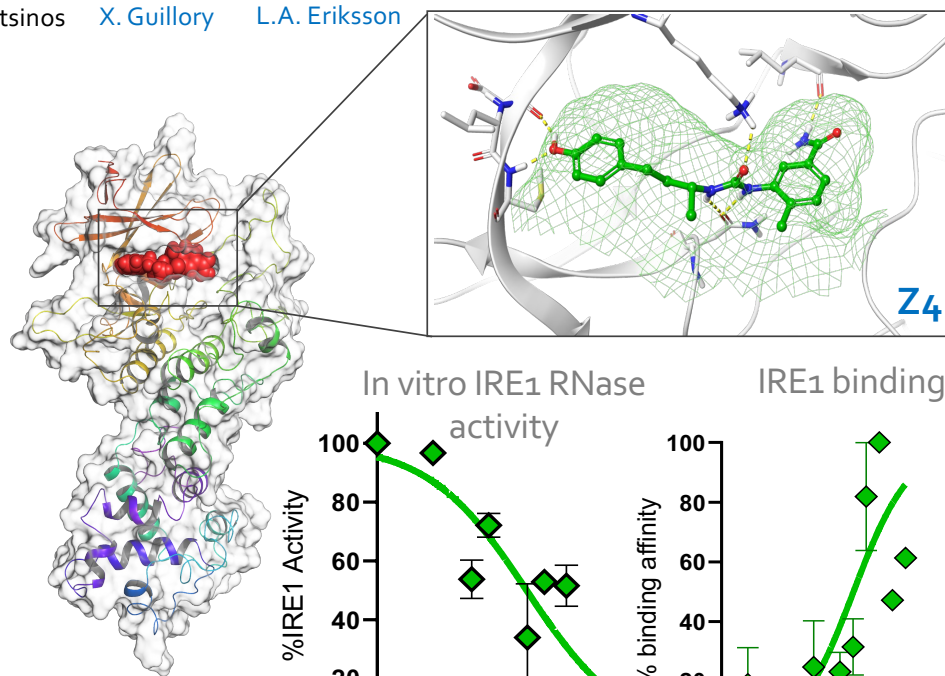
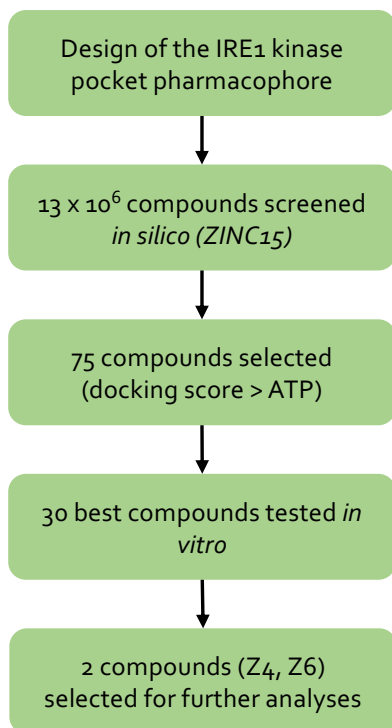
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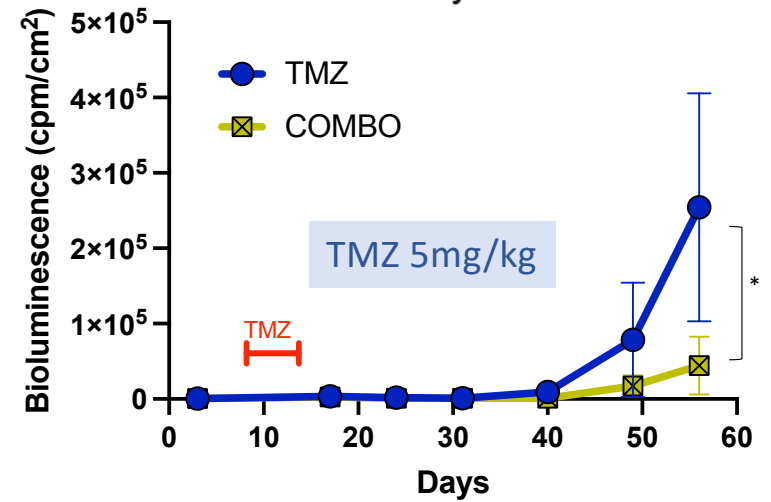
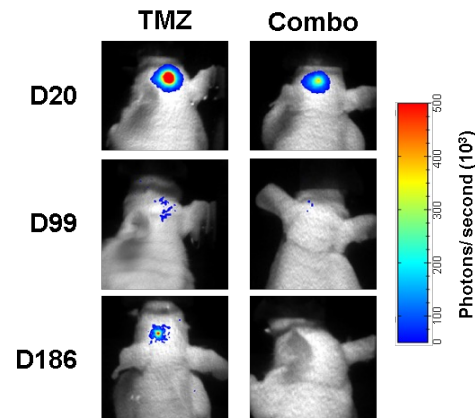
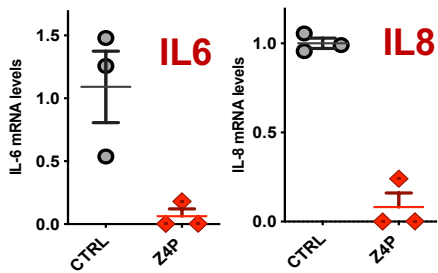
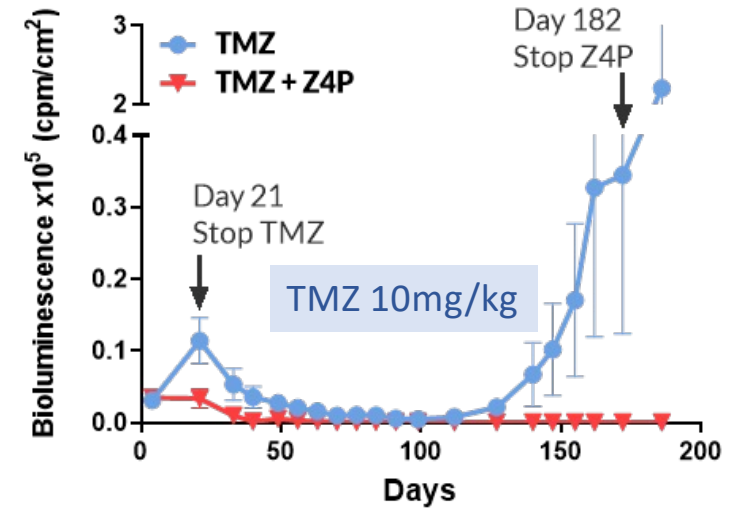
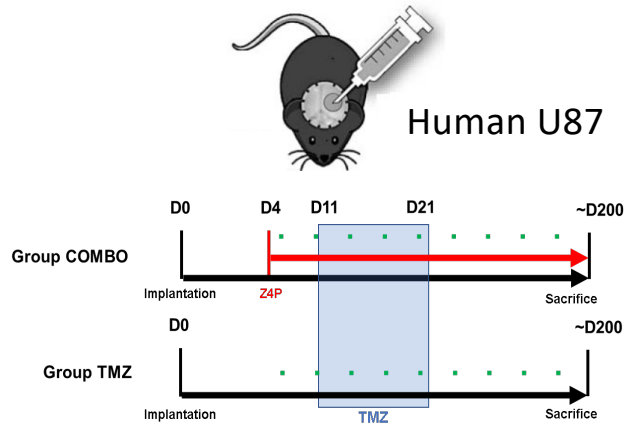
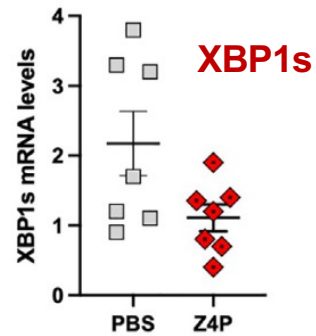


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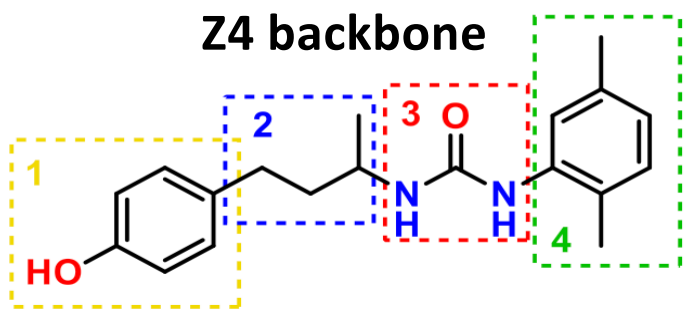


# New BBB permeable IRE1 inhibitors - preclinical





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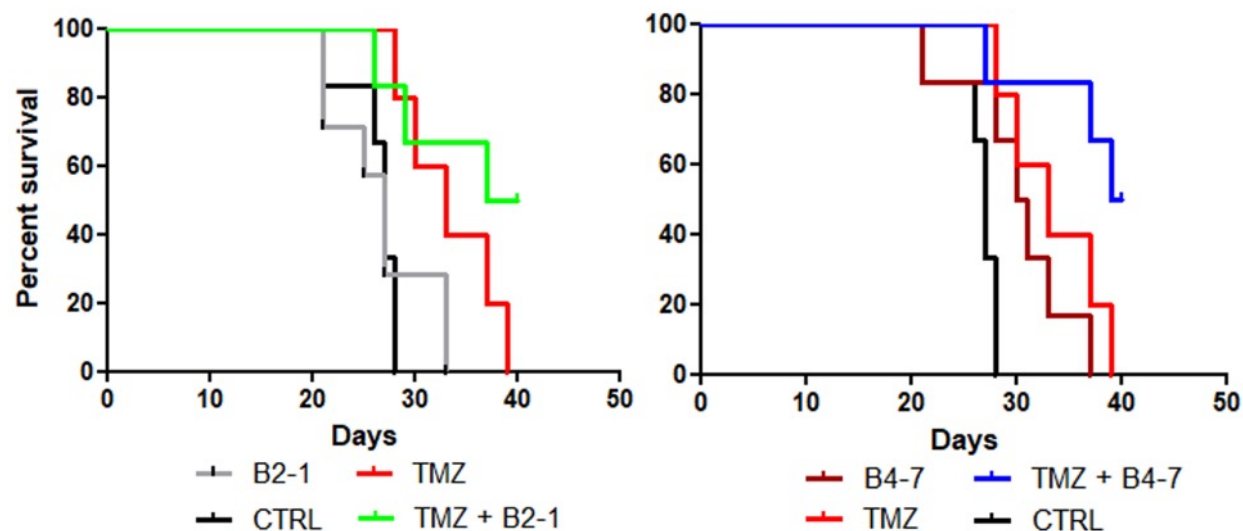


**SAR STUDY**



**Better compounds (B2.1, B4.7) with nM range IC50**

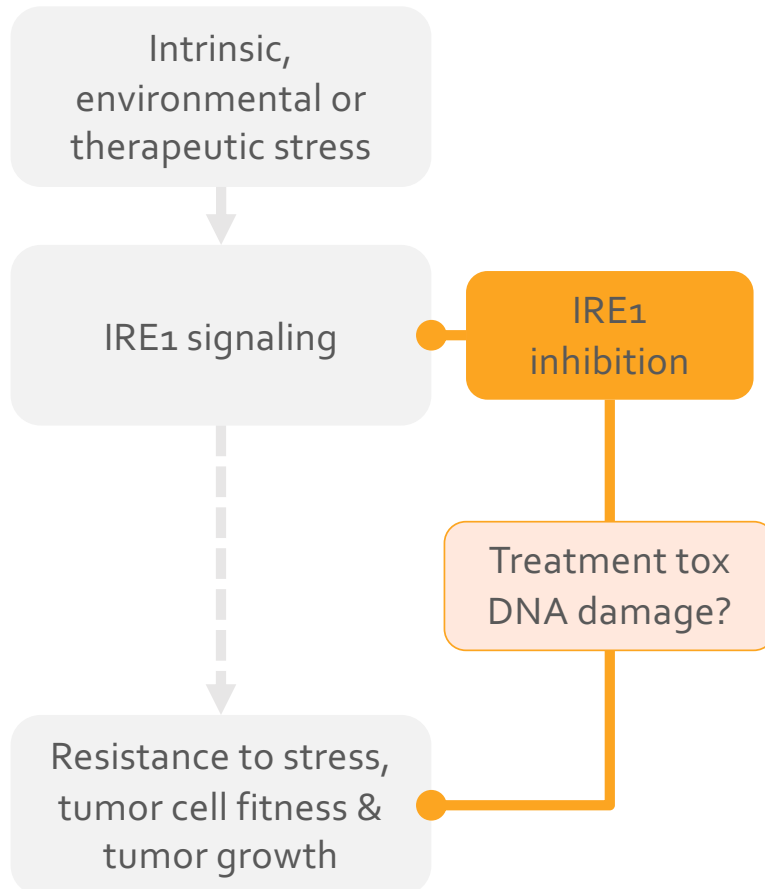
## Mouse CT2A Syngeneic model



**Mouse survival**



# MOA – working hypothesis



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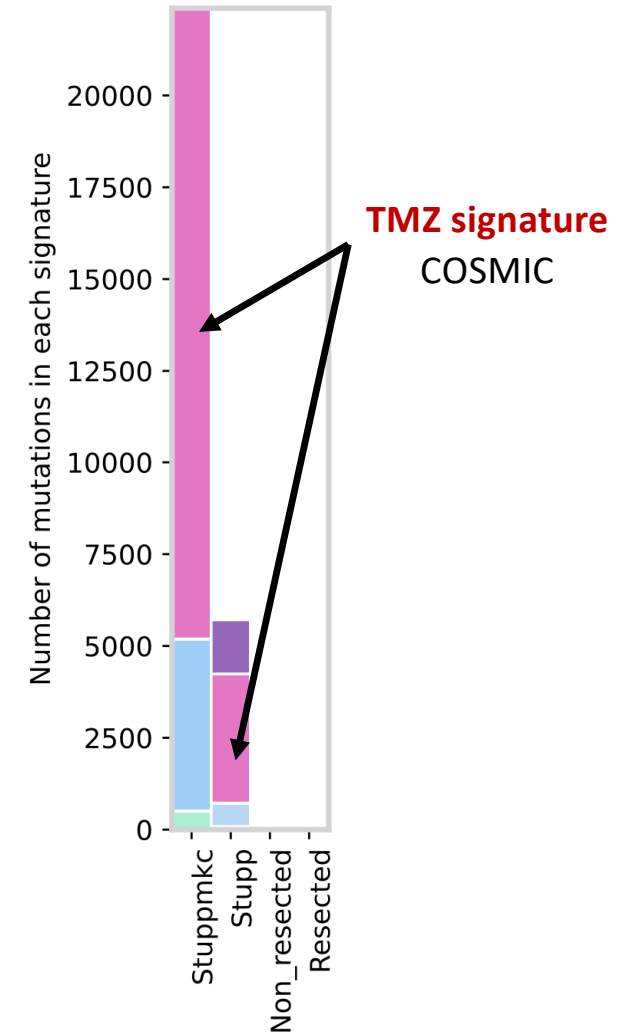
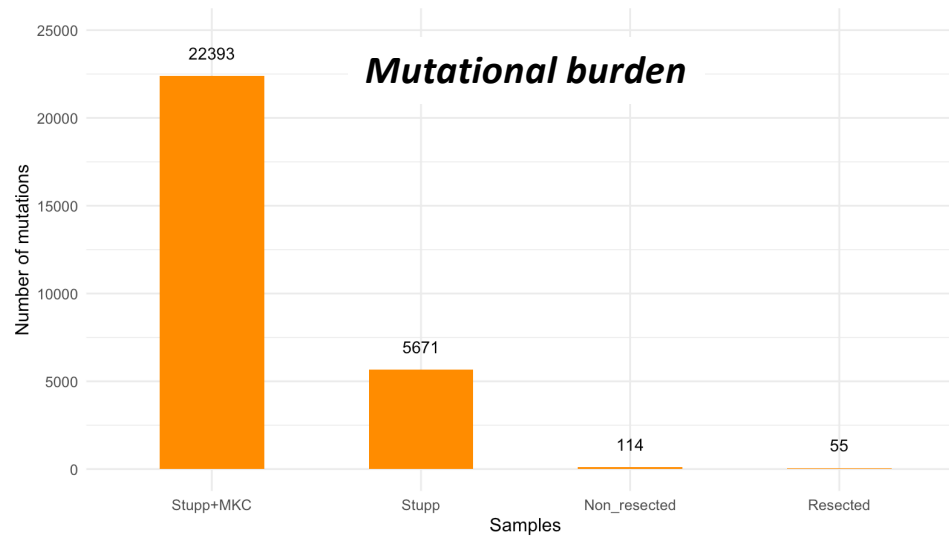
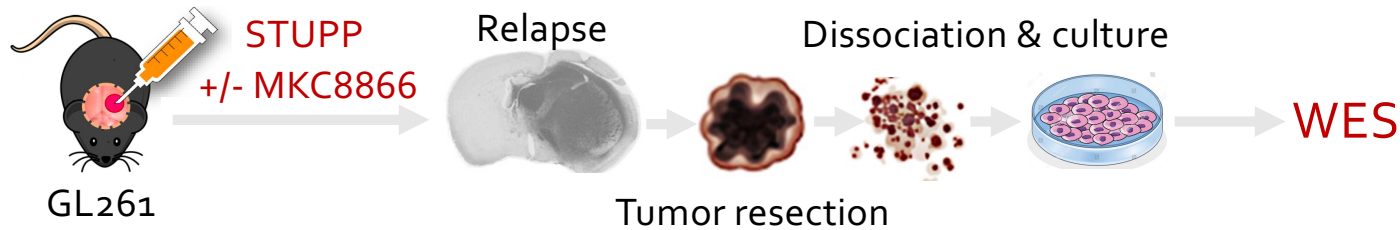
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# IRE1 inhibition and GB cells sensitivity to standard of care – MoA2



IRE1 signaling might contribute to DNA repair through catalytic mechanisms



## CONCLUSION & PERSPECTIVES

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- The **IRE<sub>1</sub>/XBP<sub>1s</sub>** axis is critical for tumor aggressiveness (in GB and other cancers);
- **IRE<sub>1</sub> inhibition** (pharmacological) or silencing sensitizes tumor cells to DNA damage;
- The sensitization mechanisms imply unexpectedly **DNA repair** mechanisms which remain to be fully elucidated.



## Collaborations & funding

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