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Co-Clinical Quantitative Imaging of Small Cell Neuroendocrine Prostate Cancer Using Hyperpolarized ^{13}C MRI

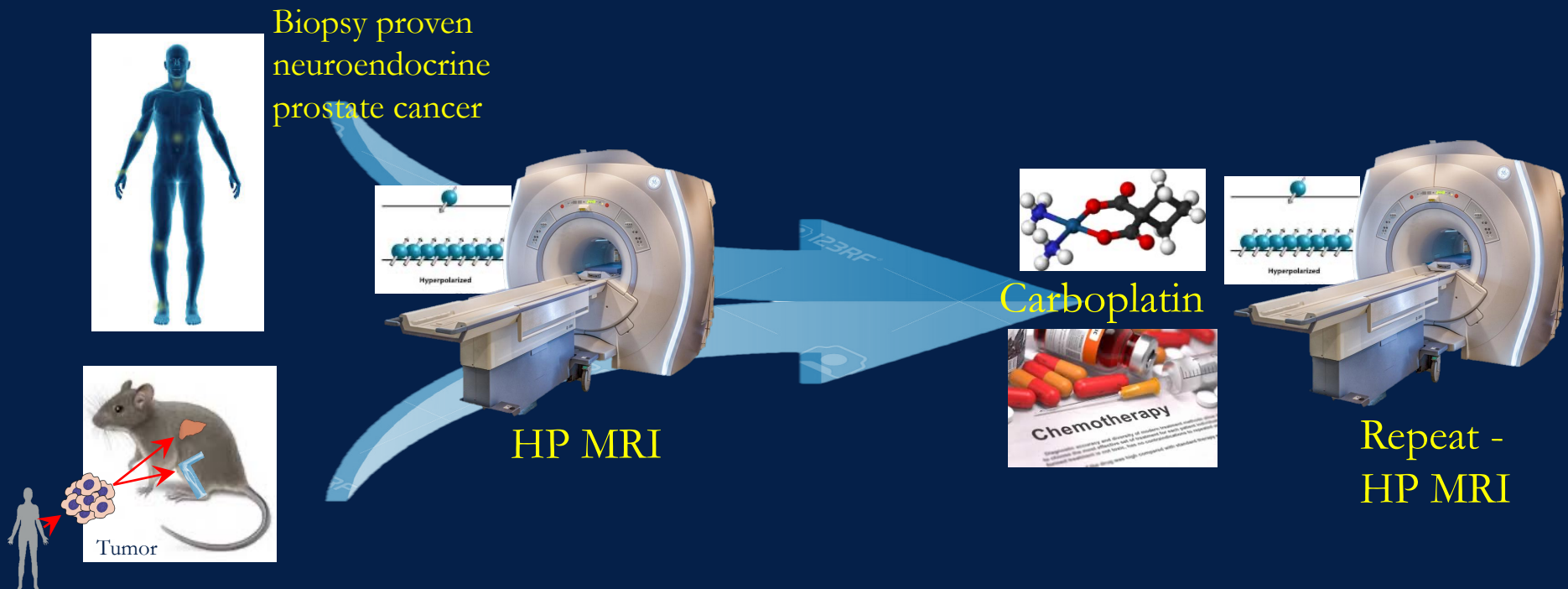
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U24 - Oncology Co-Clinical Imaging Research Resources to Encourage Consensus on Quantitative Imaging Methods and Precision Medicine

This co-clinical study is aimed at developing comparable optimal murine HP ^{13}C MRI protocols in realistic and representative models of small cell neuroendocrine prostate cancer bone and liver metastases to inform on therapeutic response using quantitative metrics to populate an online resource.



UCSF Team

- Imaging protocols - **TCIA**

Clinical trial

Drs.
Kurhanewicz, Aggarwal
& Ohliger

Preclinical trial

Drs. Peehl
& Sriram

- PDX models of metastases
- Integration of imaging & biological data - **OMF**

Informatics

Drs. Larson,
Sriram &
Crane

Quantitative Imaging methods

Drs. Larson
& Sriram

- Online data and analysis portal - **CIRP**

- Optimized imaging routines
- Modeling toolbox - **QIN**

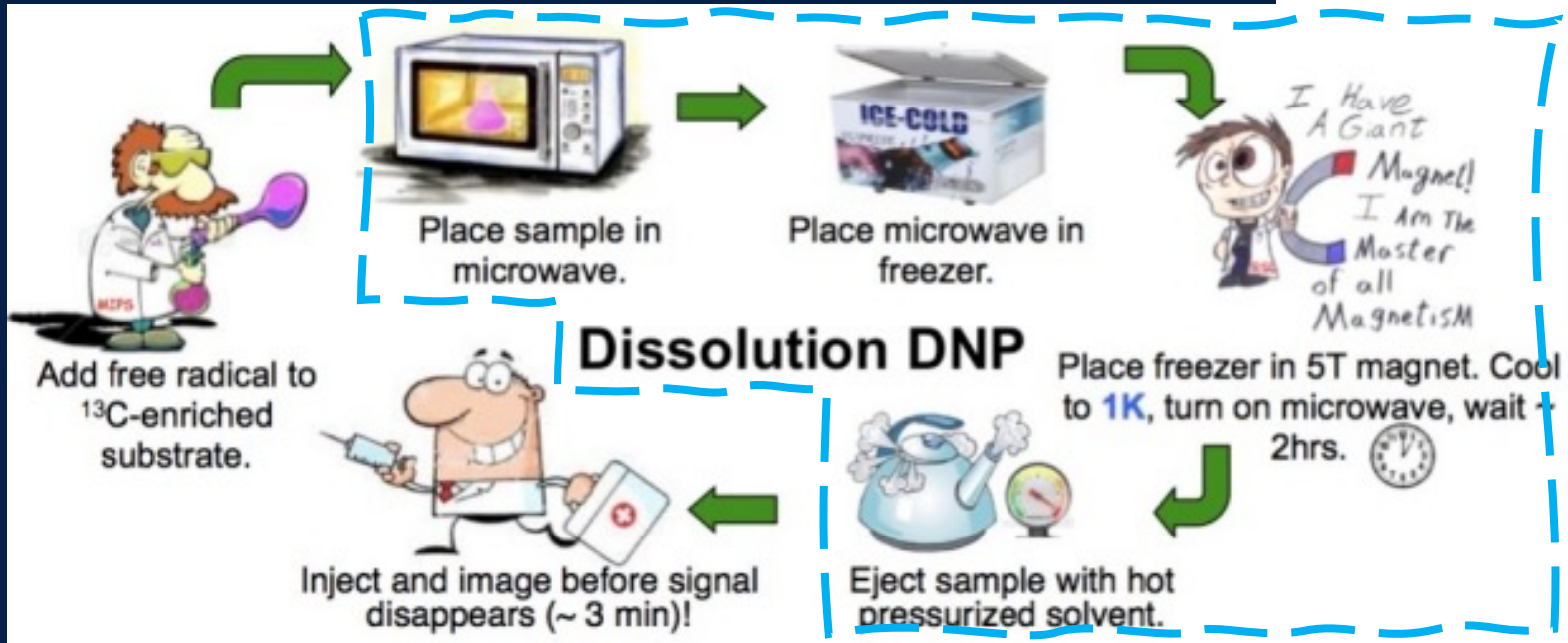
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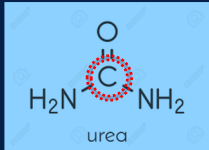
Clinical

Preclinical

Polarizer



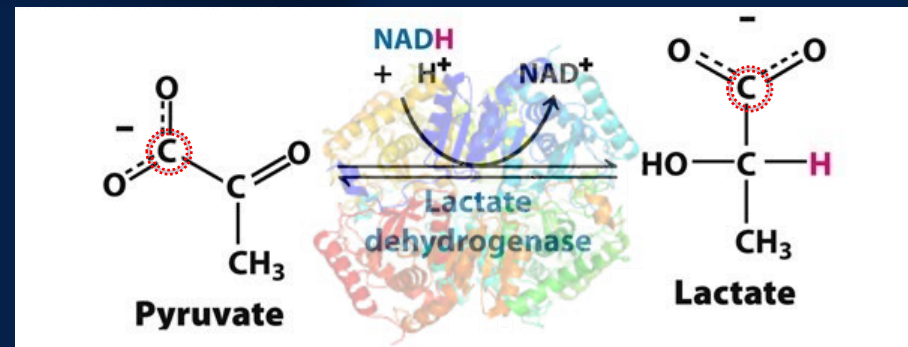
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- Rapid dissolution methods
- Over 50,000- fold enhancement
- T_1 – dependent signal decay
- Enables observation of dynamic enzymatic conversion

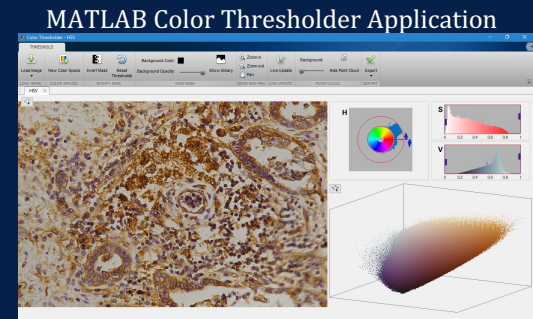


Project 1: Development of phantoms for testing rigor and reproducibility of hyperpolarized signal and kinetic modeling

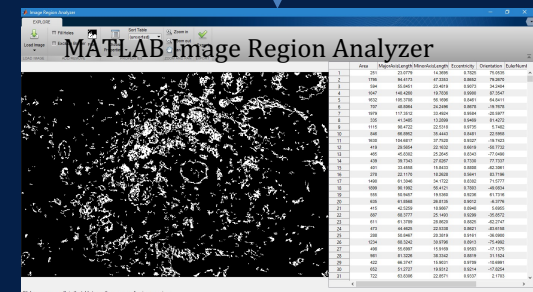
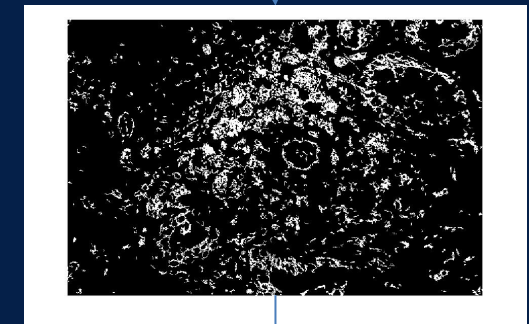
- Goal : Develop and test phantoms in clinical and preclinical polarizers for repetability
- Encompasses:
 - 3D printing
 - Basic biochemistry – enzyme kinetics isoforms, keto-enol tautomerization
 - Hyperpolarized ^{13}C MRI
 - Kinetic Modeling

Project 2: Quantification of immunohistochemical stains

- Need: Correlate quantitative imaging metrics to molecular pathological markers
- Goal : Develop image processing algorithms to quantify expression of specific proteins form immune histochemical stains
- Encompasses:
 - Immunohistochemical stains
 - Clinical Pathology
 - Microscopy
 - Image Processing



Threshold



% MCT4 calculated using sum of pixels detected

Data Analysis

- Inputless unidirectional model to calculate k_{PL} the apparent rate of conversion of pyruvate to lactate. Optimization of model and its parameters
 - Multi-compartment model
 - Inclusion of vascular input function
 - Impact of T1 values used for modeling
- Reproducibility
 - Robustness of model parameters using phantom
 - Evaluate intra and inter tumor variability

