



"Studies of spheroids formed from melanoma cell lines by means of microCT and Positron Annihilation Lifetime Spectroscopy (PALS)"

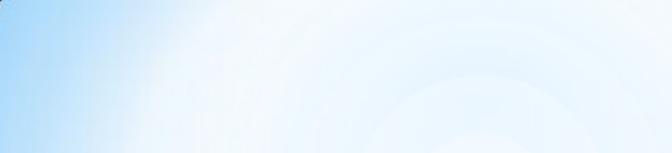
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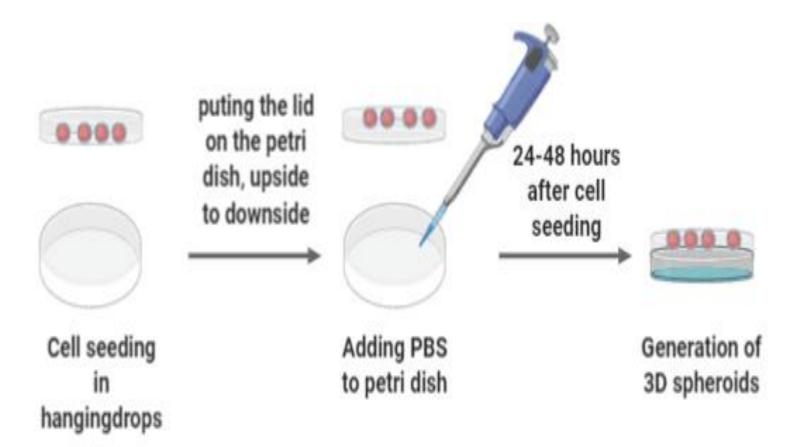
Biological experiments on Multi cellular tumor spheroids(MCTS)

My research plan

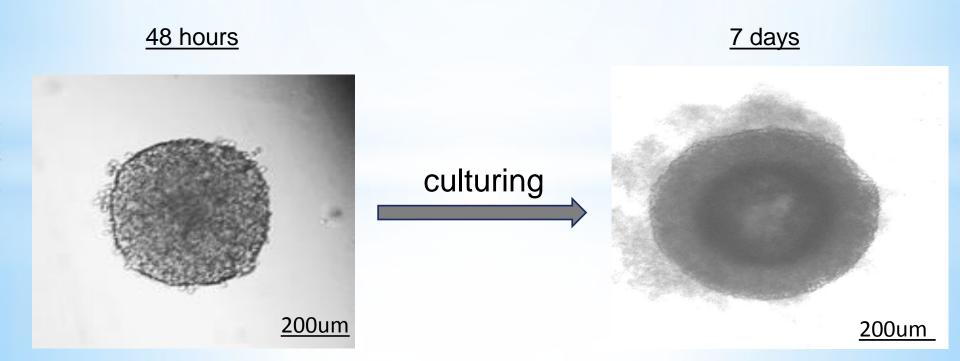
Physical experiments on Multi cellular tumor spheroids (MCTS)

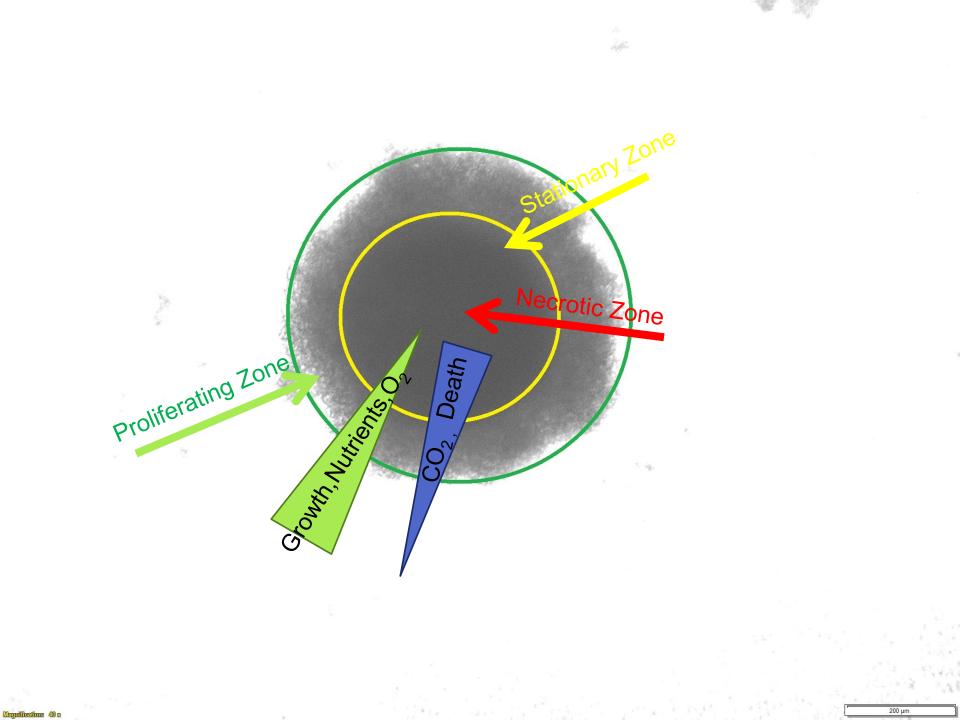
Cell line	Originate	Characteristic	Formation Method	Initial cell number	Volume of each drop
WM266	Malignant tumor	Metastatic	 Hanging Drop 5D Microplate 	500,1000,1500 1 * 10 ⁶	15 ul 0.5 ml per well
wm115	Primary tumor	Non metastatic	 Hanging Drop 5D Microplate 	500,1000,1500 1 * 10 ⁶	15 ul 0.5 ml per well
Melano cyte	Normal skin cells	Normal skin cells	5D Microplate	1 * 10 ⁶	0.5 ml per well

Hanging drop method

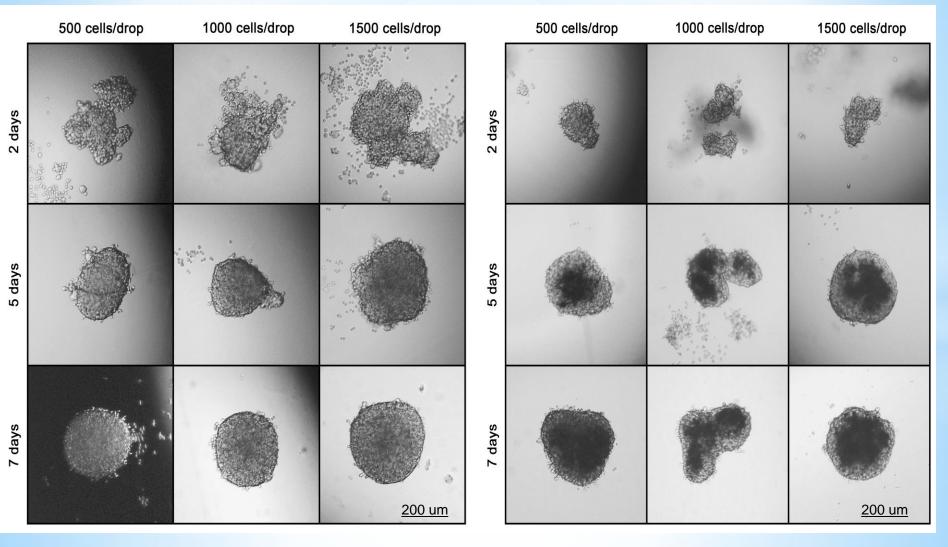






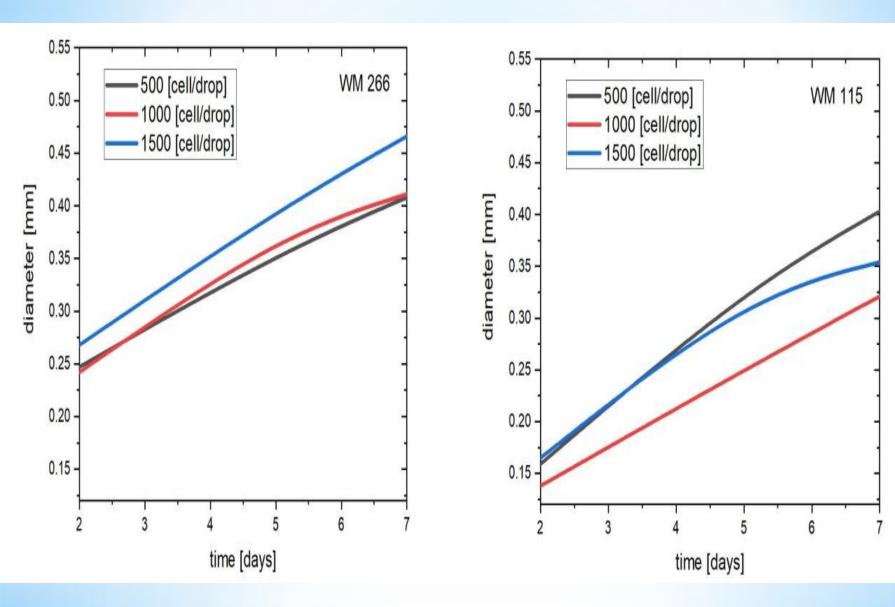


Microscopic images of spheroids

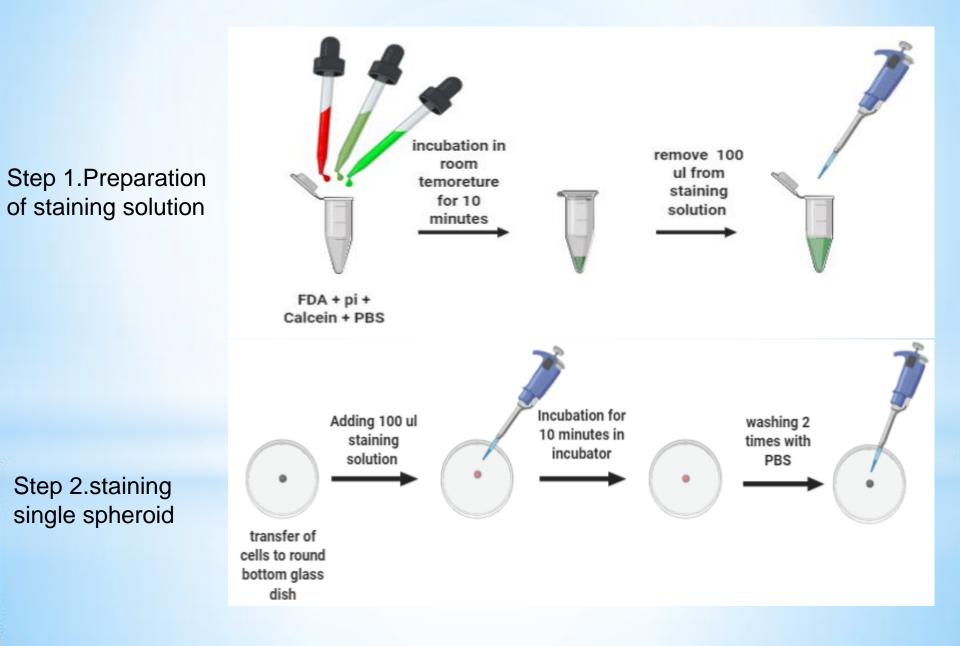


<u>WM115</u>

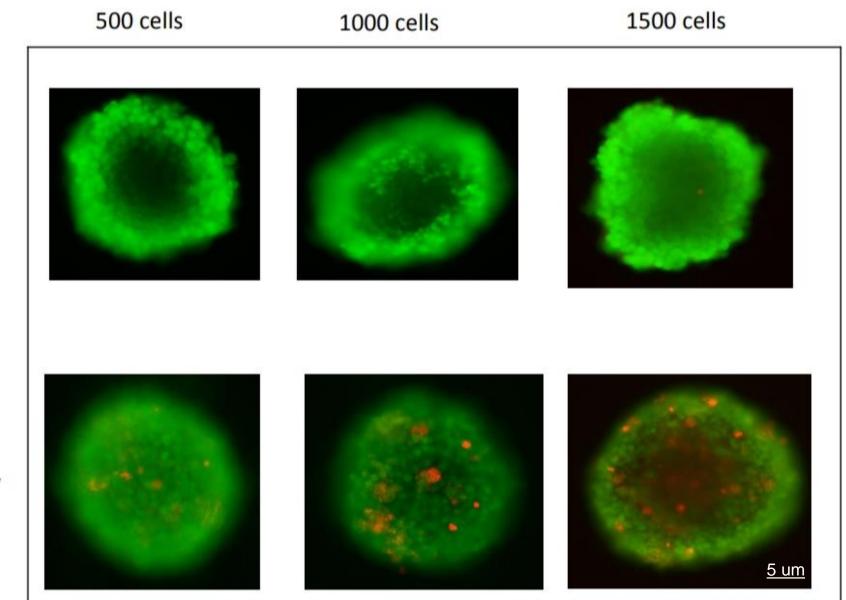
WM266



Viability test with Fluorescence Microscope



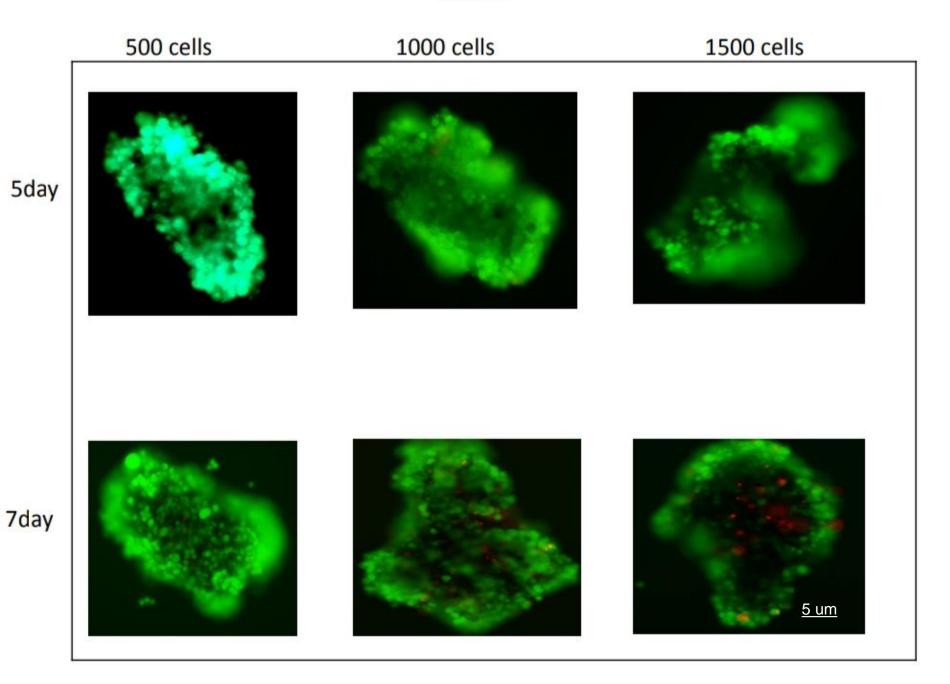
WM266



5day

7day

WM115

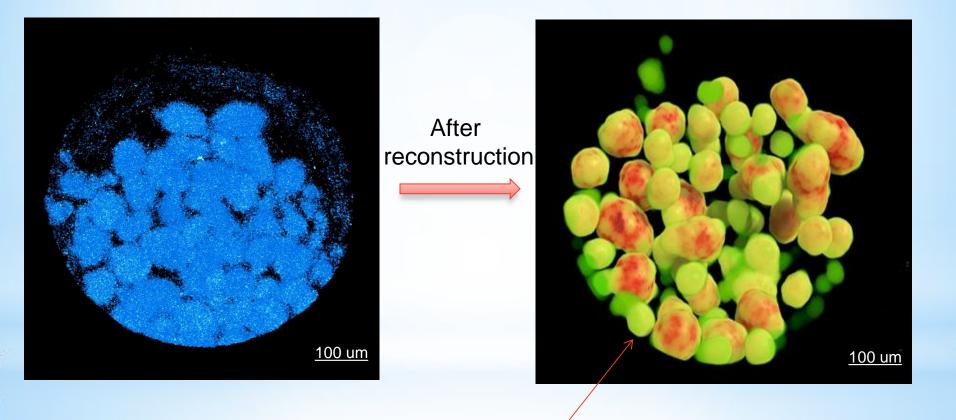


Micro tomography

Step. 1: staining with Lugol

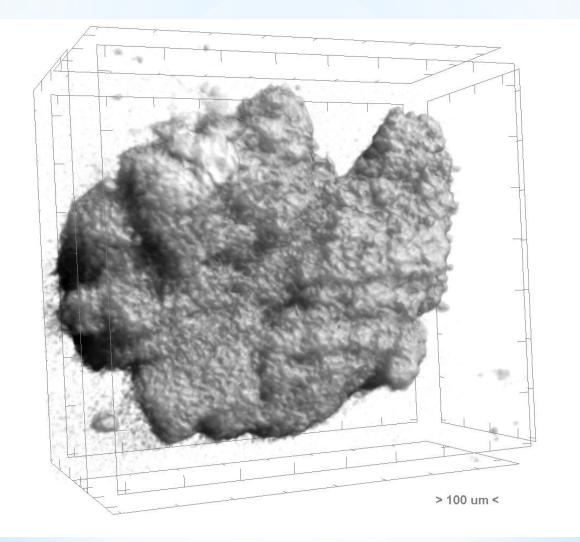


Micro tomography images of WM266 cell line in 7th day after cell seeding



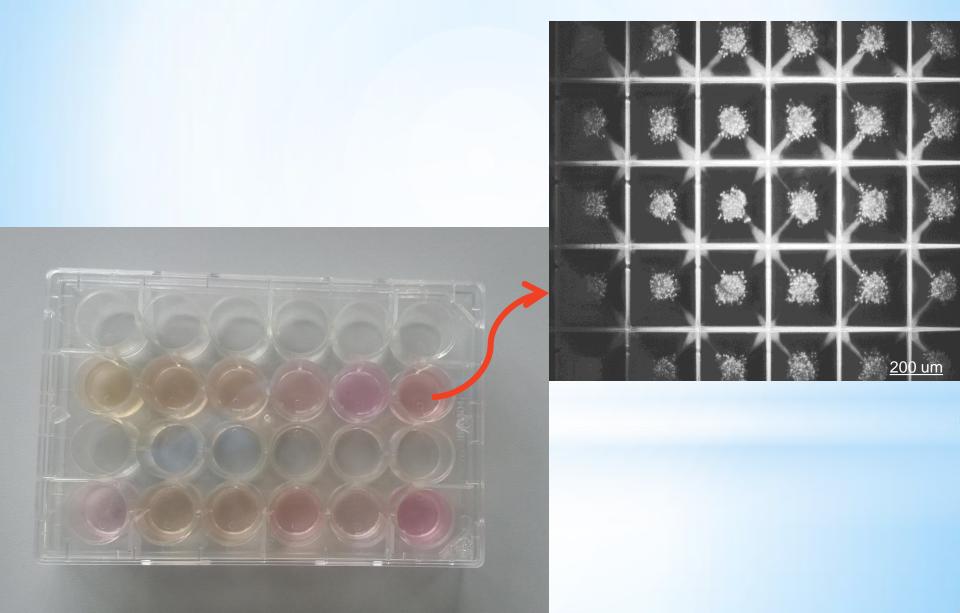
Spheroid cluster

Micro tomography images of WM115 cell line in 7th day after cell seeding





5D microplate



PALS measurement in Spheroids

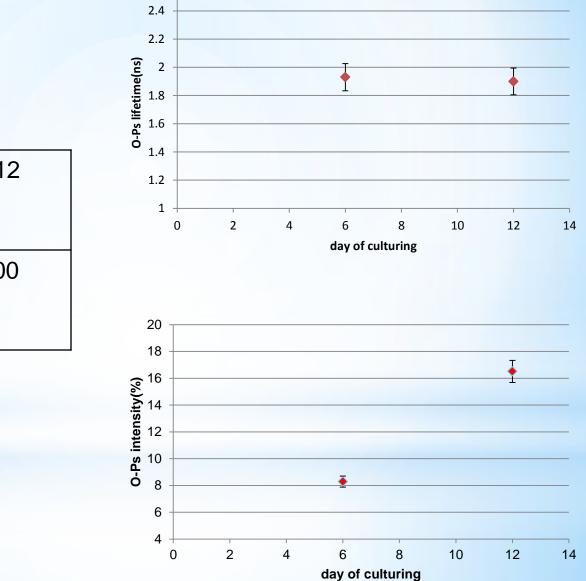








PALS measurement in WM266 spheroids



day	6	12
Number of spheroids	18000	36000

Conclusion:

In this study I selected different density of cells to evaluate their growth and size during the time. Working on 3D cell culture enable us to control the size and volume of spheroids as cancer cell model ,evaluate the cancer cells in different stages and recognize the behavior of cells in the real tumor.

Micro tomography has been already used for imaging animal tissues and biological samples but in this study we use X-ray micro-CT for 3D cell cultures as a new research on cancer cells. Micro-MRI has also used for generation of images of different type of tissues but it is a costly method that needs expensive equipment.

PALS measurement is a new method to identify a new indicator for diagnosis cancer that 3D spheroids can be good models for getting results similar to real tumor cells.

limitations:

1.larg number of spheroids is needed.

2. Preserving spheroid structure during experiments.

3. Maintenance of spheroids for long time with high viability probability can be challenging.

