

Dalla biopsia liquida al paziente: il valore prognostico

Che cosa abbiamo imparato nei tumori solidi?

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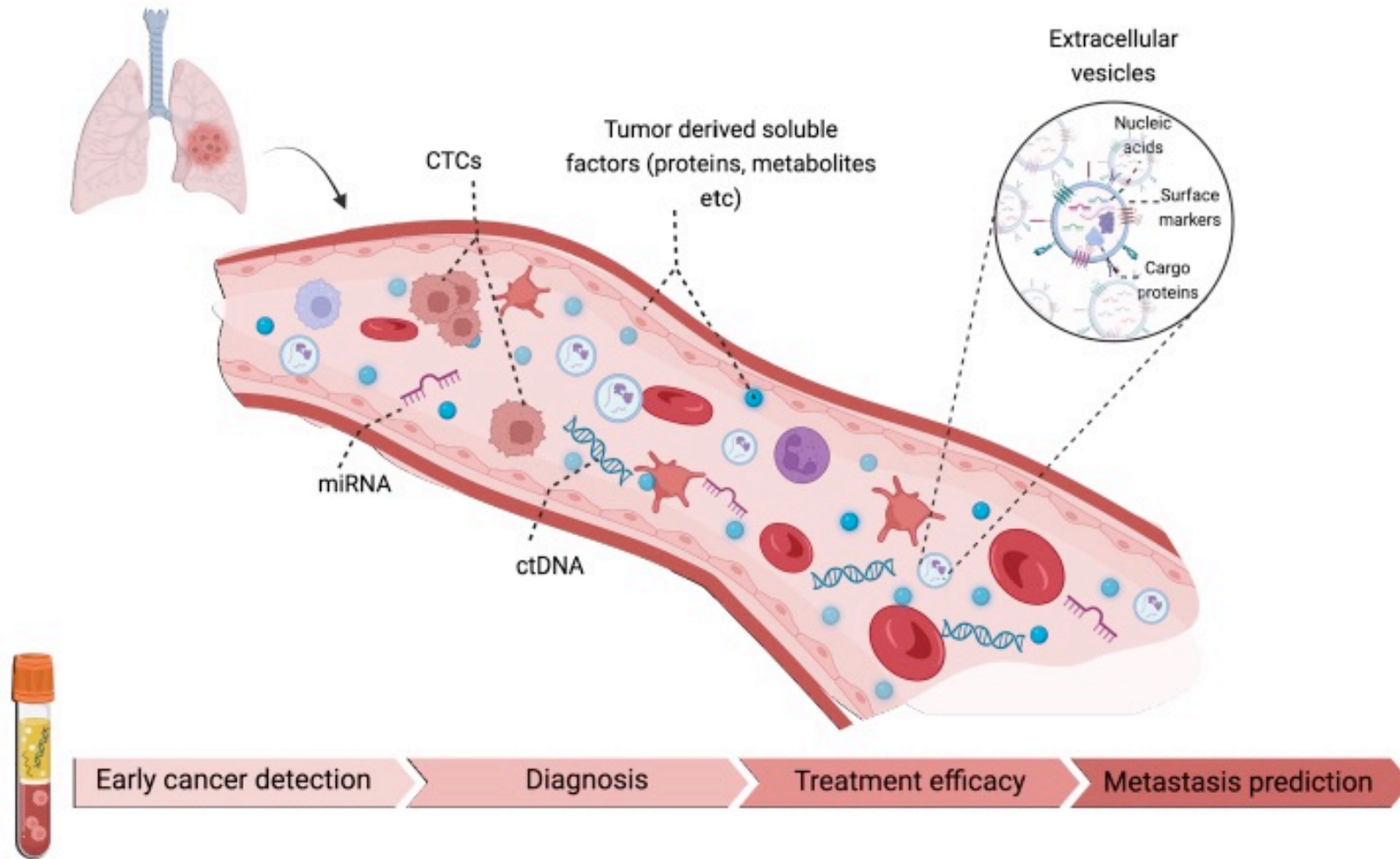
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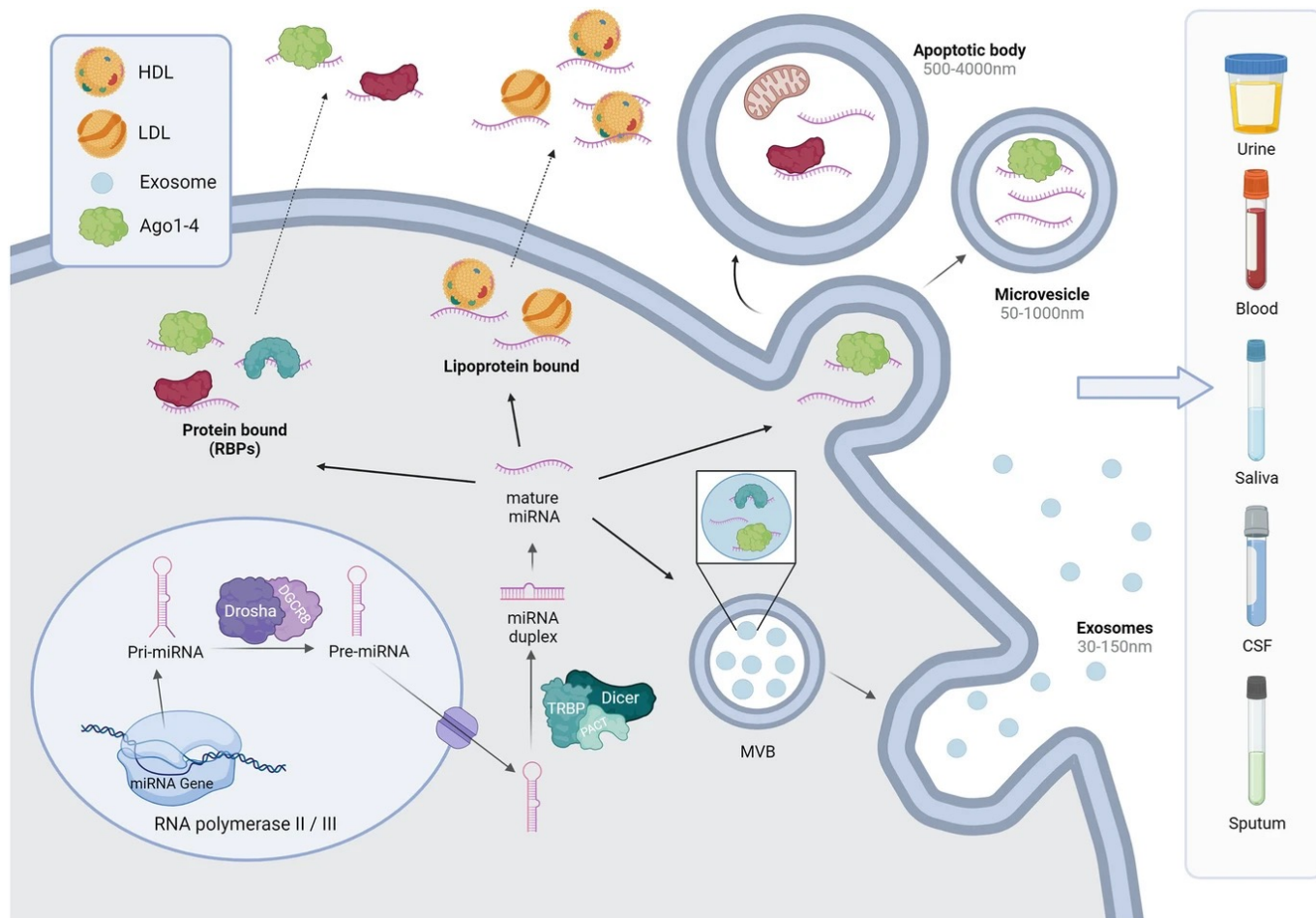
Vantaggi:

1. Non invasiva
2. Ripetibilità
3. Accessibilità

Svantaggi:

1. Sensibilità e specificità
2. Limitazioni tecniche
3. Mancanza di standardizzazione
4. Possibili costi elevati

Ruolo dei microRNAs come biomarcatore prognostico



Suárez B, *Advances in Experimental Medicine and Biology* 2022

miR-34a

Tumori: Mammella, polmone, colon, fegato, prostata.

Ruolo: miR-34a circolante è **sottosoppresso** nei tumori

miR-21

Tumori: Mammella, polmone, colon, fegato, pancreas.

Ruolo: miR-21 **sovraespresso** nei tumori.

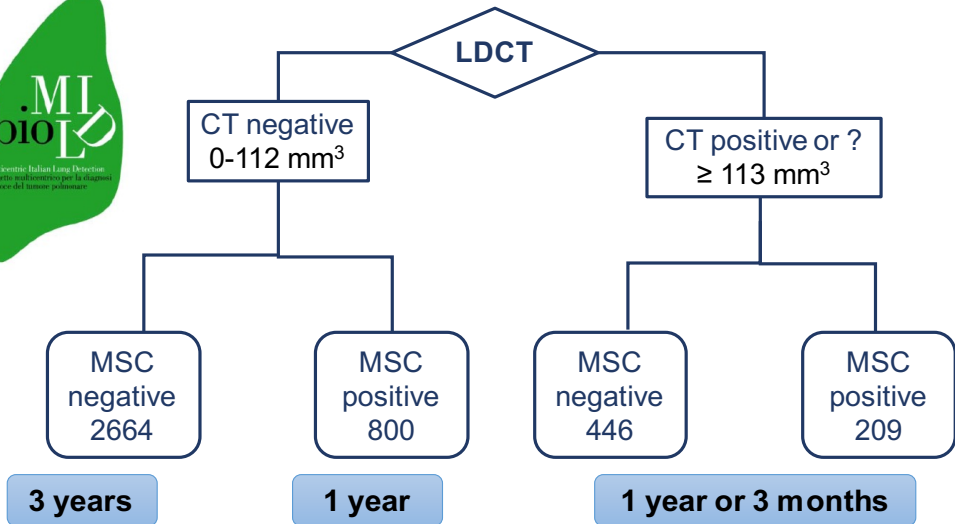
miR-155

Tumori: Mammella, polmone, colon, prostata.

Ruolo: miR-155 circolante è un marcatore di **prognosi negativa** nei tumori solidi.



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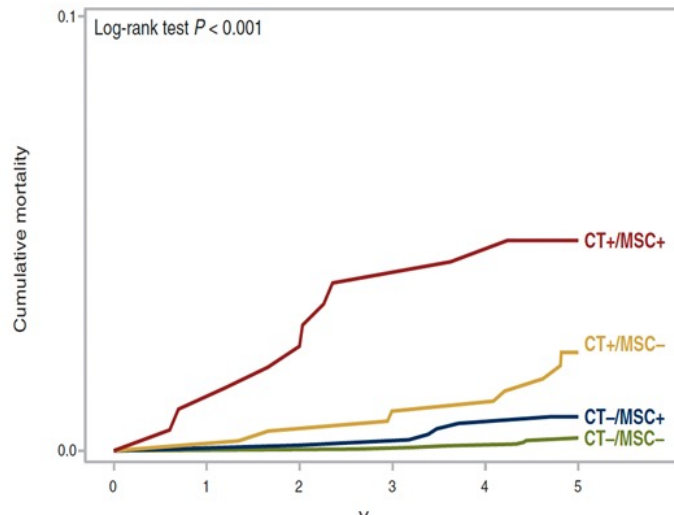
24 miRNAs plasmatici

mir-16, mir-17, mir-21, mir-101, mir-126, mir-145, mir-197, mir-221, mir-320, mir-451, mir-660, mir-106a, mir-133a, mir-140-3p, mir-140-5p, mir-142-3p, mir-148a, mir-15b, mir-19b, mir-28-3p, mir-30b, mir-30c, mir-486-5p, mir-92a.

Rapporti tra i 24 microRNAs



MSC	Risk level
Positive	High
	Intermediate
Negative	Low



Pastorino U. et al., *Annals of Oncology* 2022

LDCT e il profilo miRNAs (MSC) definisce il rischio di sviluppare un tumore al polmone

La mortalità a 5 anni è 3 volte Maggiore negli individui MSC+



Ruolo dei microRNAs come biomarcatore prognostico

Blood microRNA testing in participants with suspicious low-dose CT findings: follow-up of the BioMILD lung cancer screening trial

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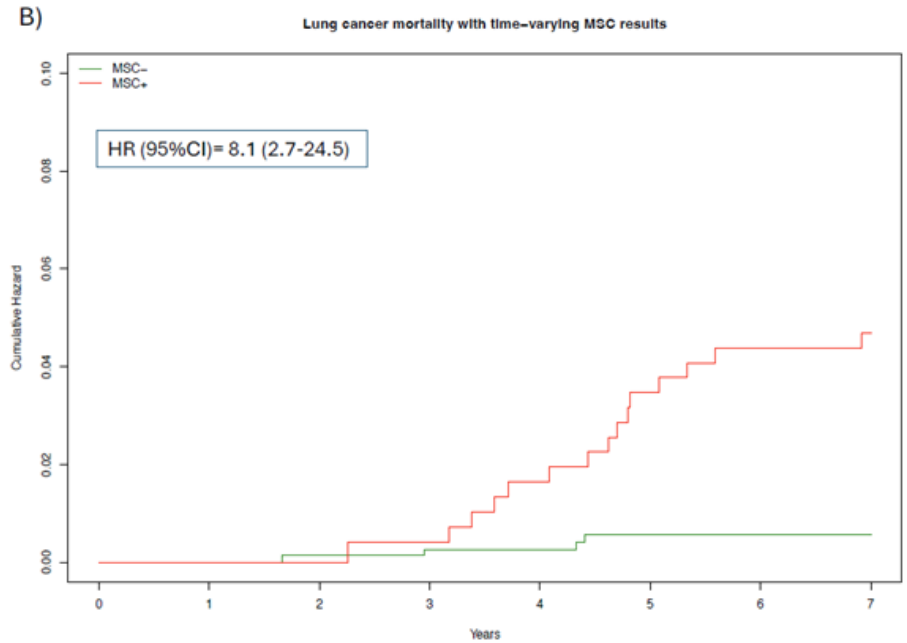
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Summary

Background The proper management of suspicious radiologic findings is crucial to optimize the effectiveness of low-dose computed tomography (LDCT) lung cancer screening trials. In the BioMILD study, we evaluated the utility of combining a plasma 24-microRNA signature classifier (MSC) and LDCT to define the individual risk and personalize screening strategies. Here we aim to assess the utility of repeated MSC testing during annual screening rounds in 1024 participants with suspicious LDCT findings.



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MSC-	706	696	750	737	680	655	648	639
MSC+	318	326	265	270	319	326	324	321

N= 1024 participants with CT ind/pos
N=1403 CT ind and 584 CT pos
N= 125 LC within 2 years (incident cancer only)

La positività al test MSC aumenta di 8 volte il rischio di mortalità nei soggetti con CT indeterminate o positiva.



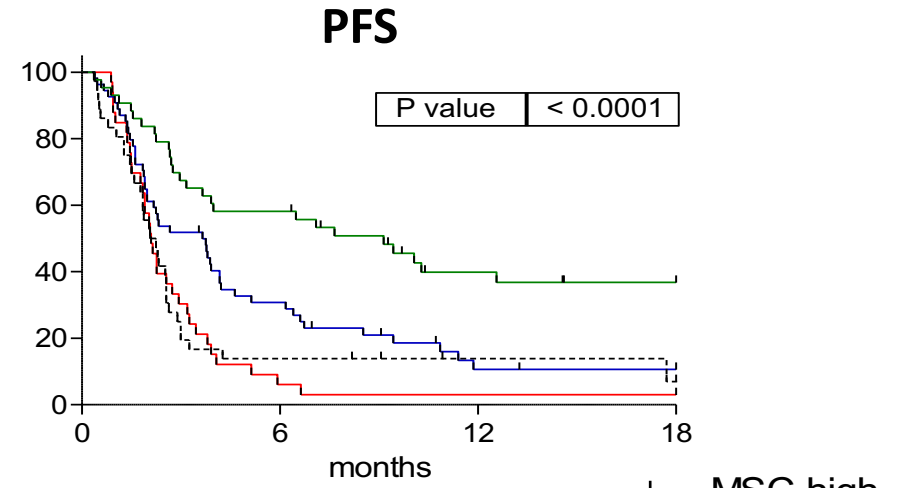
Ruolo dei microRNAs come biomarcatore prognostico (Studio Apollo)

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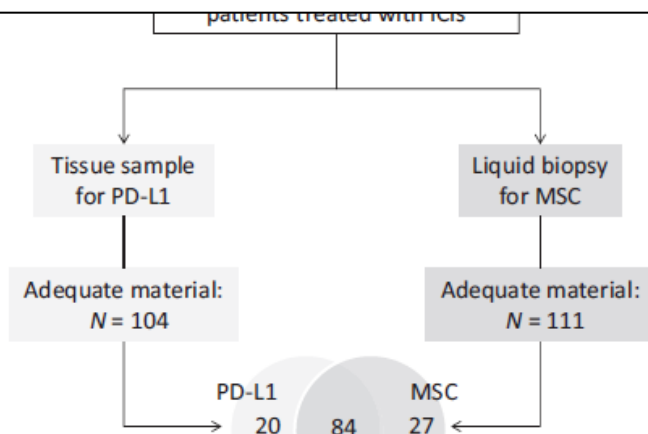
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Circulating miRNAs and PD-L1 Tumor Expression Are Associated with Survival in Advanced NSCLC Patients Treated with Immunotherapy: a Prospective Study

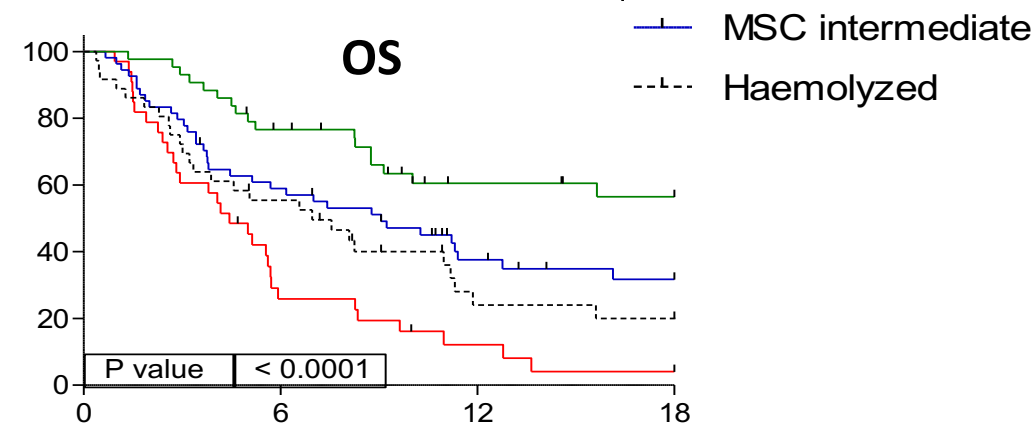
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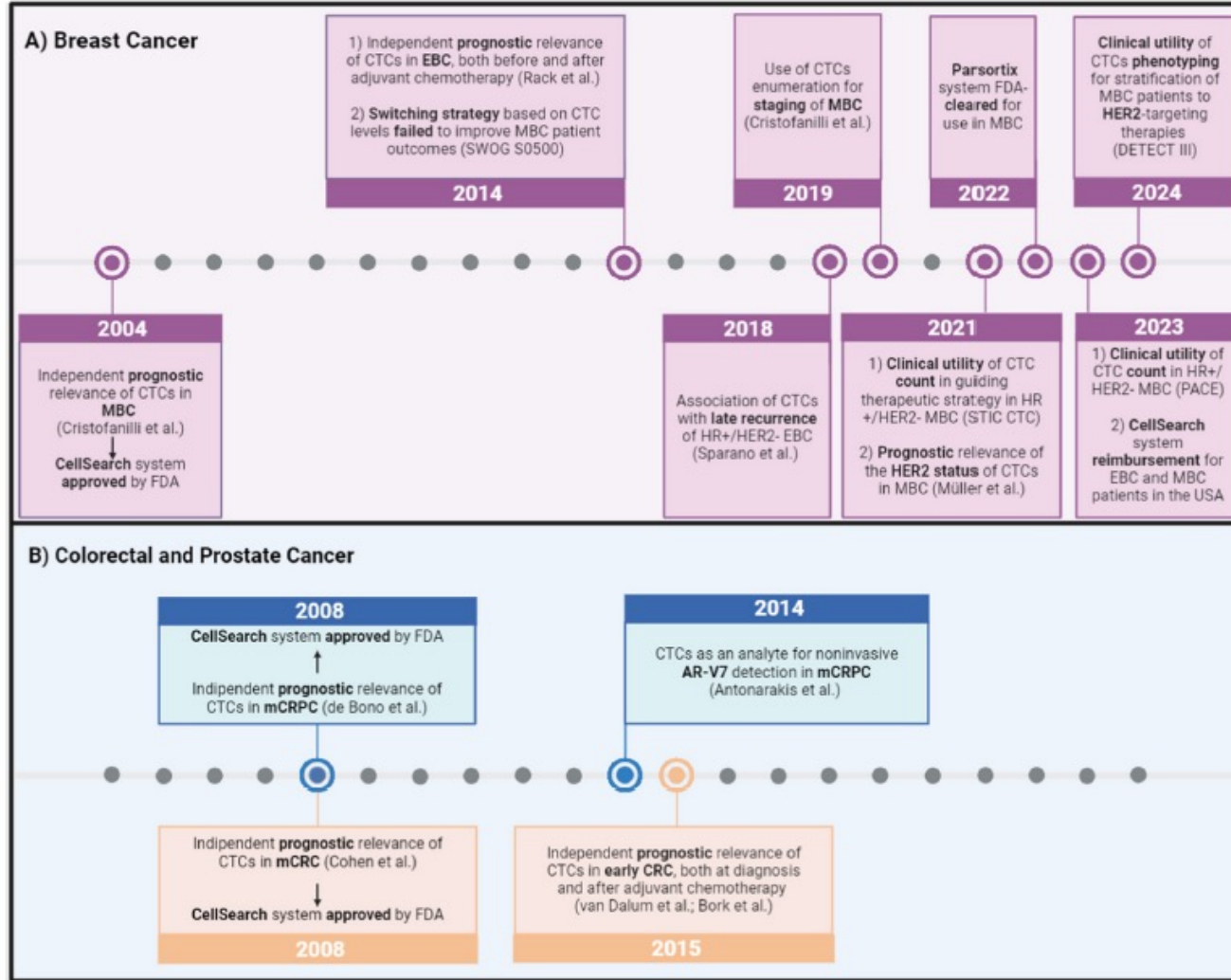
MSC è associato alla sopravvivenza di pazienti con tumore al polmone trattati con farmaci immunoterapici



E' un marcatore indipendente dall'espressione di PD-L1 e altre variabili cliniche (NLR, Fumo, Età, Sesso e Istologia)



CTC come biomarcatore prognostico nei tumori solidi



Malattia metastatica

Tumori:

Mammella (cut-off ≥ 5 CTC/7.5 mL)

Colon (cut-off ≥ 3 CTC/7.5 mL)

Prostata (cut-off ≥ 5 CTC/7.5 mL)

Approvati da FDA

Diagnosi precoce

Sfide: Bassa sensibilità e CTC molto rare

Tumori:

Mammella (cut-off ≥ 1 CTC/7.5 mL)

Colon (presenza di CTC)



Cellule Tumorali Circolanti come biomarcatore prognostico nei tumori solidi

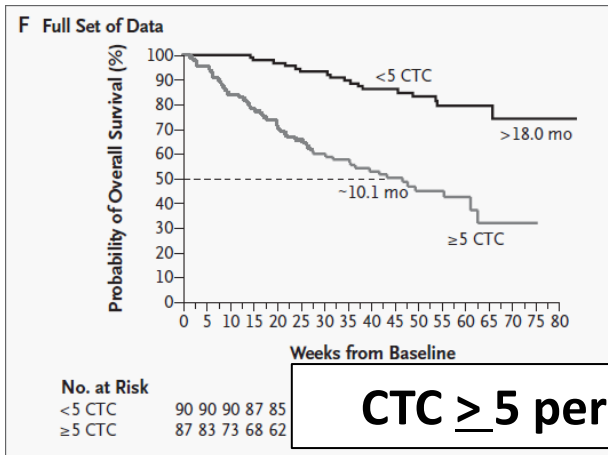
Tumore al seno

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Circulating Tumor Cells, Disease Progression, and Survival in Metastatic Breast Cancer

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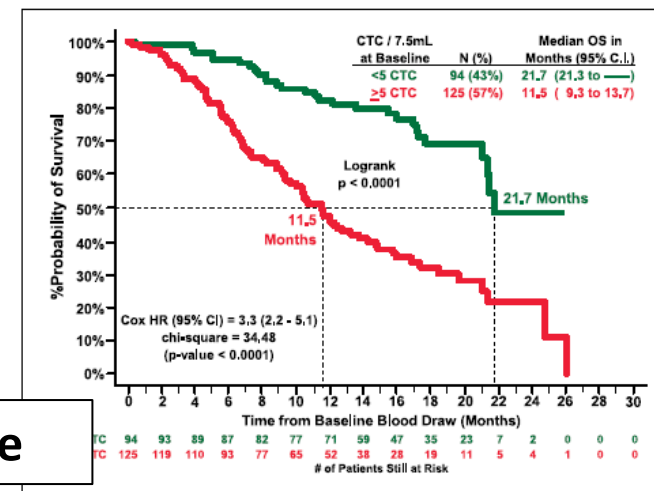
Metodica: CellSearch (Espressione di Epcam)

Tumore alla prostata

Cancer Therapy: Clinical

Circulating Tumor Cells Predict Survival Benefit from Treatment in Metastatic Castration-Resistant Prostate Cancer

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Cellule Tumorali Circolanti come biomarcatore prognostico nel tumore al polmone

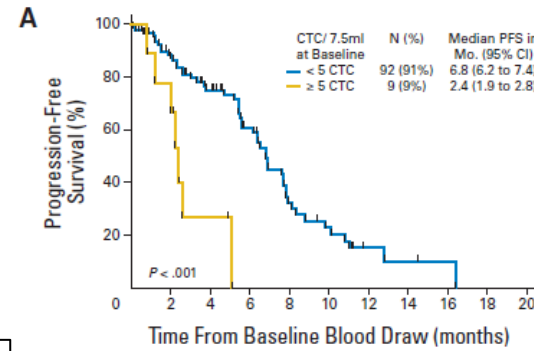
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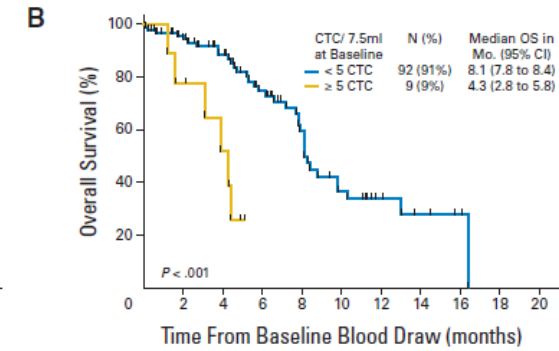
Evaluation and Prognostic Significance of Circulating Tumor Cells in Patients With Non-Small-Cell Lung Cancer

Matthew G. Krebs, Robert Sloane, Lynsey Priest, Lee Lancashire, Jian-Mei Hou, Alastair Greystoke, Tim H. Ward, Roberta Ferraldeschi, Andrew Hughes, Glen Clack, Malcolm Ranson, Caroline Dive, and Fiona H. Blackhall

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No. patients at risk	92	73	49	33	15	9	3	2	1	0	0
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≥ 5 CTC	9	7	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

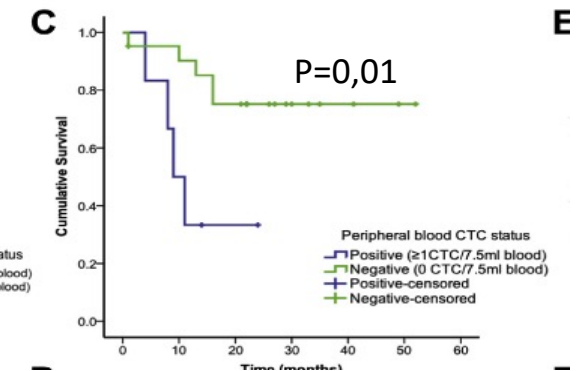
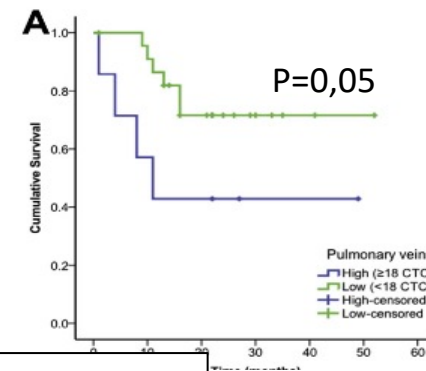
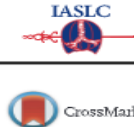


No. patients at risk	92	79	57	40	25	13	7	4	2	0	0
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≥ 5 CTC	9	7	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

BRIEF REPORT

Circulating Tumor Cells Detected in the Tumor-Draining Pulmonary Vein Are Associated with Disease Recurrence after Surgical Resection of NSCLC

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CTCs (≥1 CTC per 7.5 mL/sangue) sono maggiormente presenti nella vena polmonare



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Combinazione di marcatori circolanti



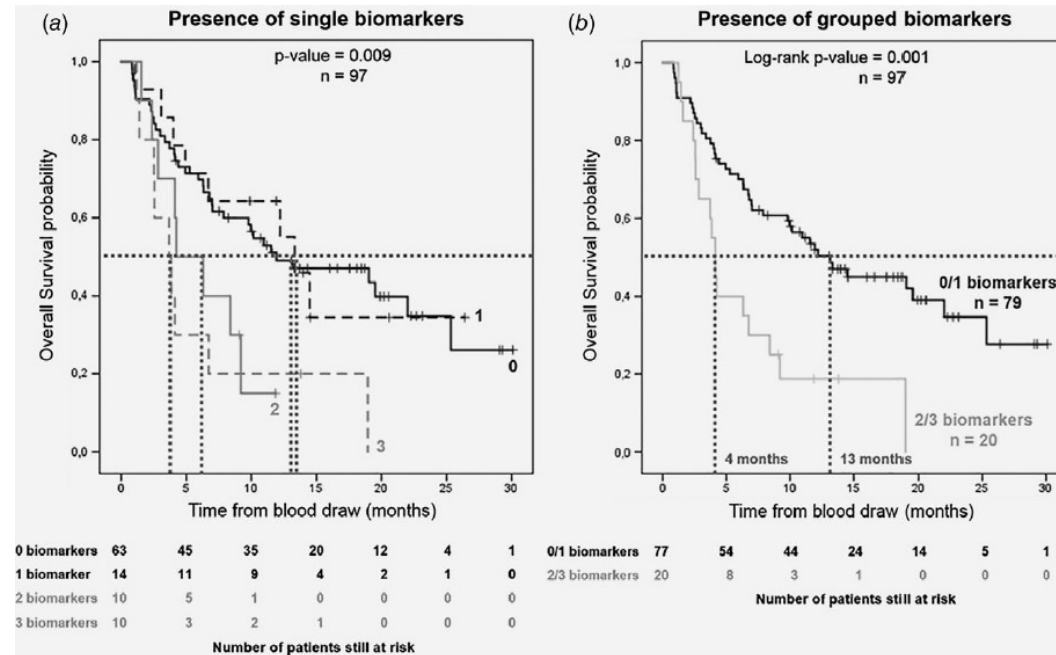
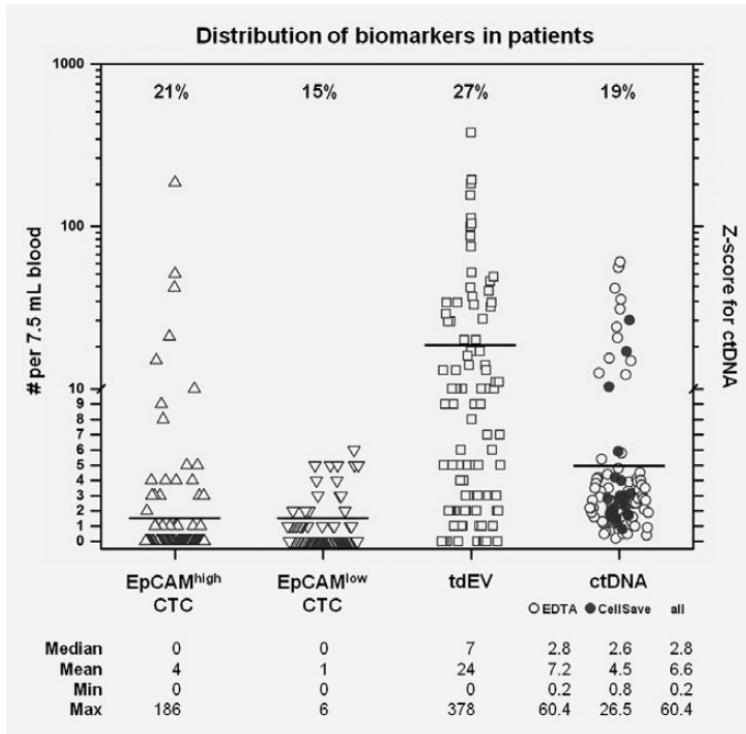
Single tube liquid biopsy for advanced non-small cell lung cancer

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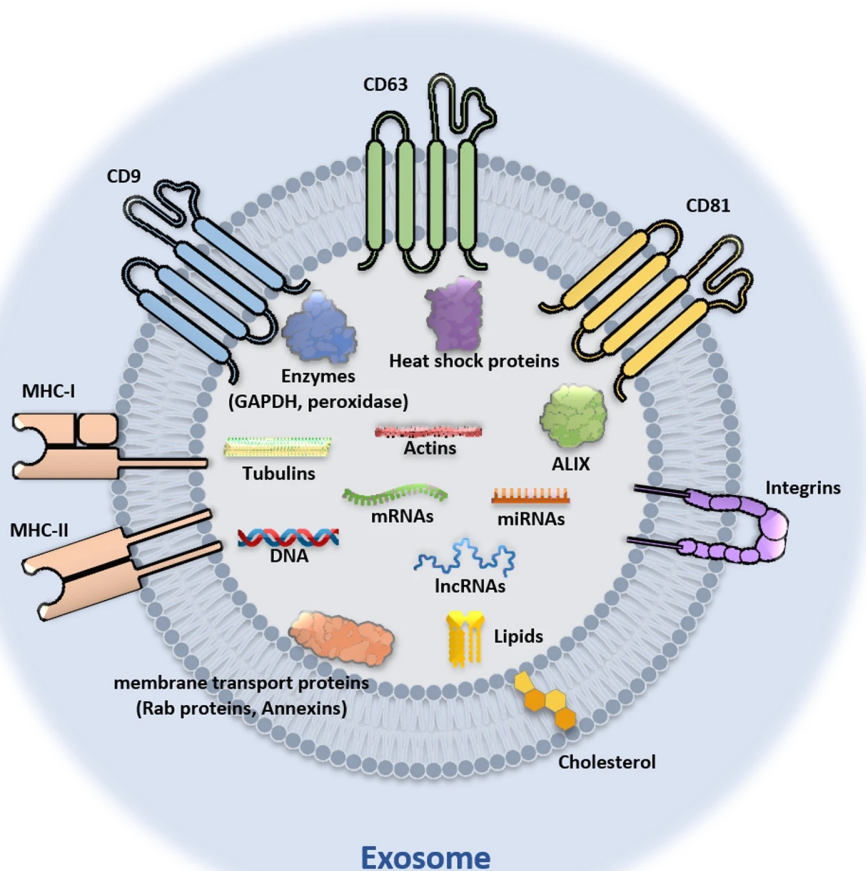
4 biomarcatori:

- EpCAM^{high} CTC (CellSearch)
- EpCAM^{low} CTC (by filtration)
- Tumor-derived Evs (cut-off > 18)
- CtDNA

La presenza di 2 o più biomarcatori è associato a prognosi peggiore



Le vescicole extracellulari



Liu C, CDD 2024

- Contengono biomolecole (DNA, RNA, proteine e lipidi) che riflettono direttamente lo stato fisiologico;
- Sono stabili nel flusso sanguigno e in altri fluidi biologici
- Il contenuto è protetto dal doppio strato fosfolipidico;
- Sono presenti in numerosi fluidi biologici come il sangue, l'urina, il liquido cerebrospinale, o la saliva.

Marcatori prognostici:

- Livelli di **TUBB3 mRNA** sono associate a peggior prognosi nel tumore alla prostata metastatica
- Otto proteine (**CA15-3, CA125, CEA, HER2, EGFR, PSMA, EpCAM, and VEGF**) costituiscono un marcatore prognostico nel tumore alla mammella metastico

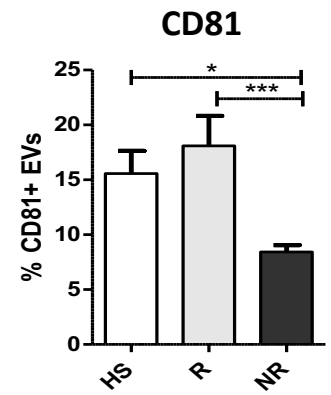
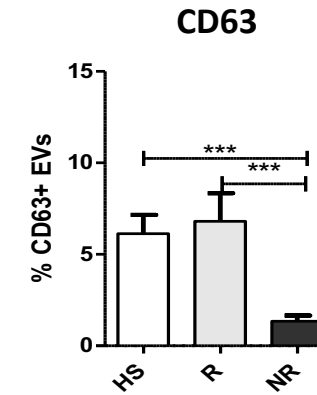
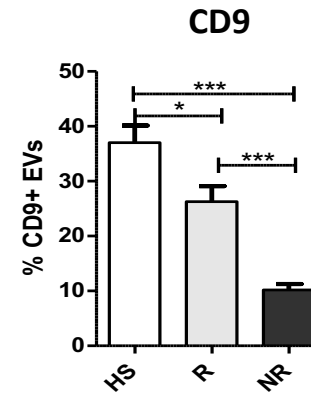
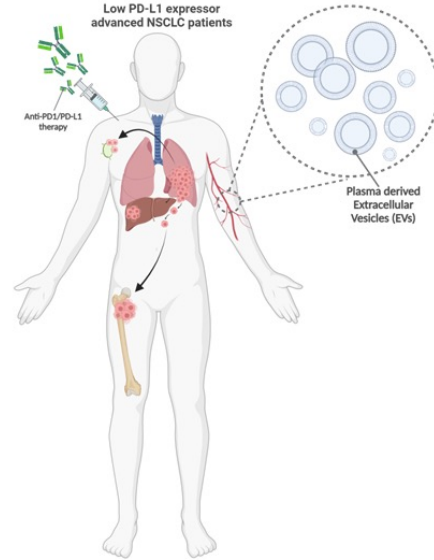


CD81+ EVs sono associate ad una miglior prognosi

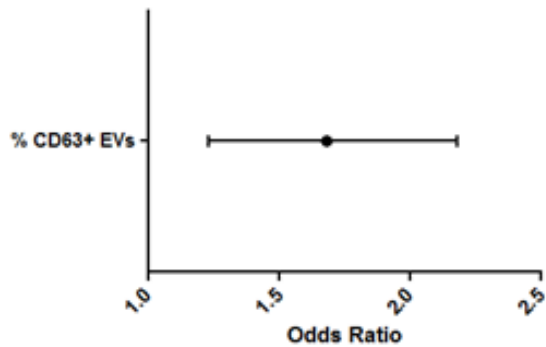
Circulating CD81-expressing extracellular vesicles as biomarkers of response for immune-checkpoint inhibitors in advanced NSCLC

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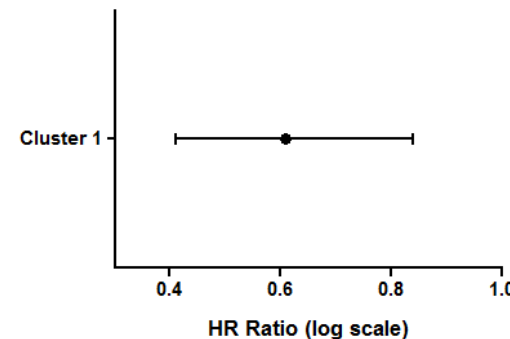
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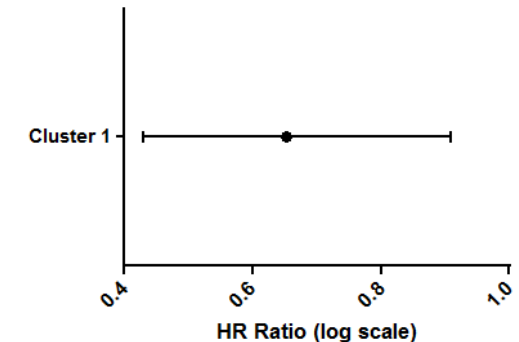
Cluster 1

% of CD9-EVs,
 % of CD81-EVs,
 % of CD63-EVs,
 LDH, NLR, Stadio IV

PFS



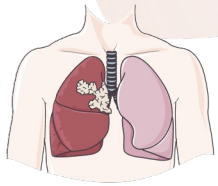
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mir-320 nelle EVs correla con una prognosi peggiore

Cohort selection:

20 Lung cancer Early Stage patients Alive after 5 years (ESA)
 VS
 20 Lung cancer Early Stage patients Died after 2 years (ESD)



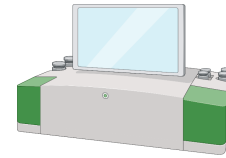
Control cohort:

Heavy smokers individuals (> 30 pack year) (HS)

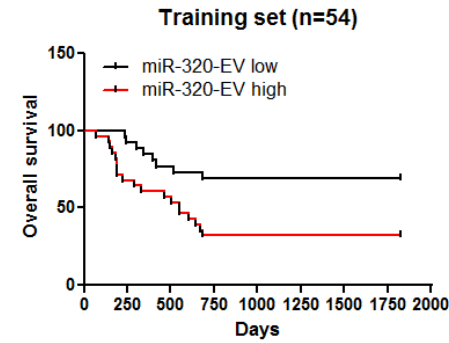
Blood collection at surgery



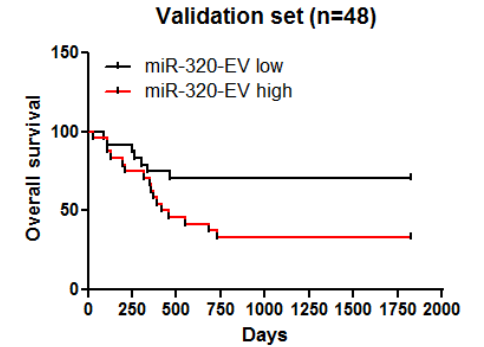
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miR-320 EVs

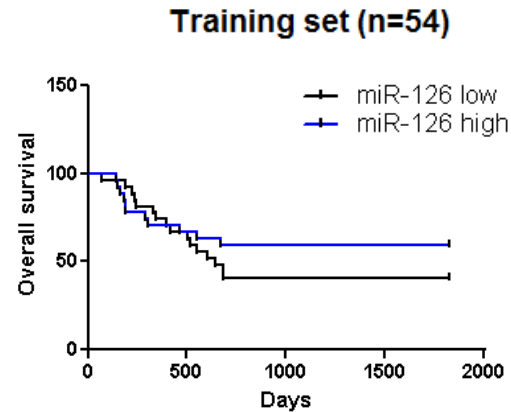


MIR-320-EV low	28	24	20	18	18
MIR-320-EV high	26	19	16	9	9

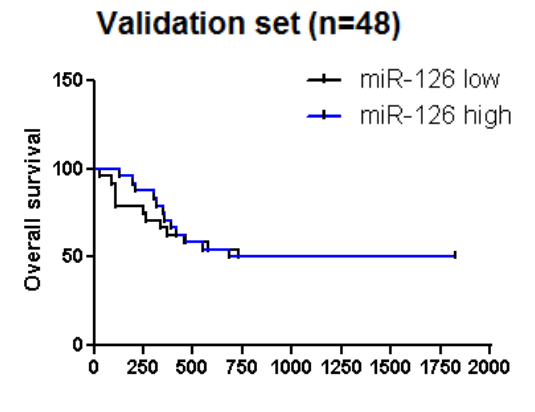


MIR-320-EV low	24	22	17	17	17
MIR-320-EV high	24	16	11	8	8

miR-126 EVs



MIR-126-EV low	27	22	18	11	11
MIR-126-EV high	27	21	18	16	16

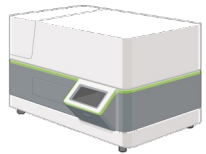


R-126-EV low	24	19	14	12	12
R-126-EV high	24	21	14	12	12

Pontis F, JECC 2021

mir-29a e C4a nelle EVs correlano con una prognosi peggiore

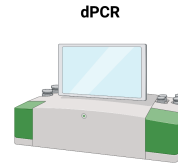
Nanostring



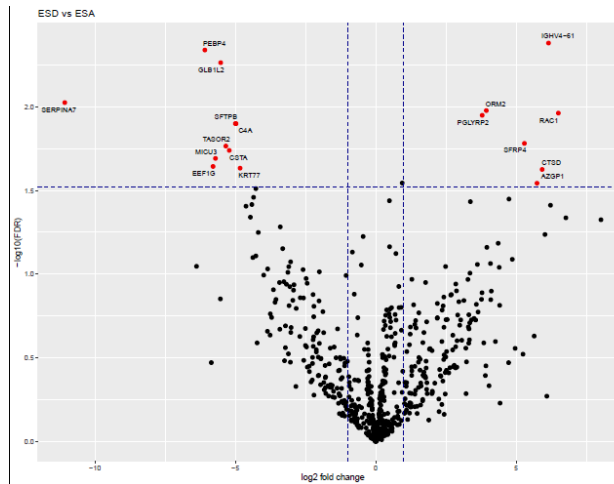
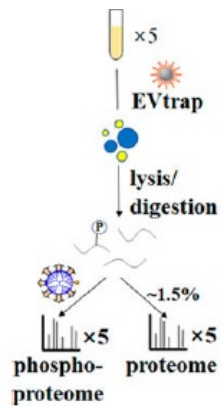
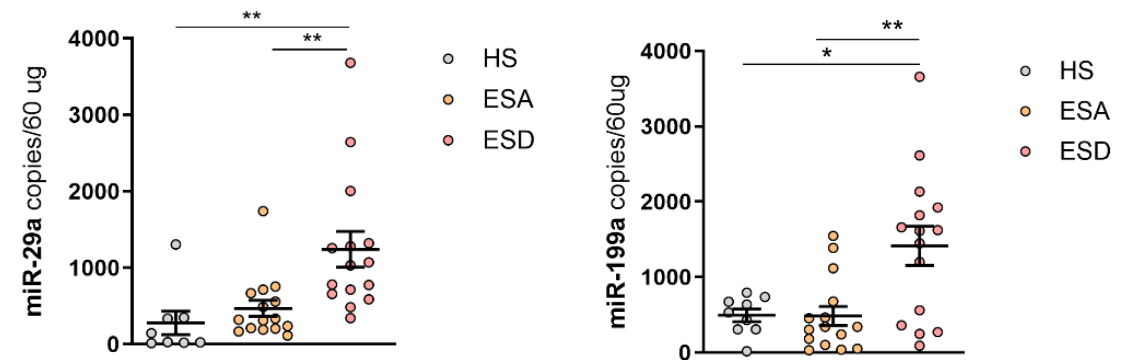
90 miRNAs detected in plasma EVs

4 Differentially expressed miRNAs

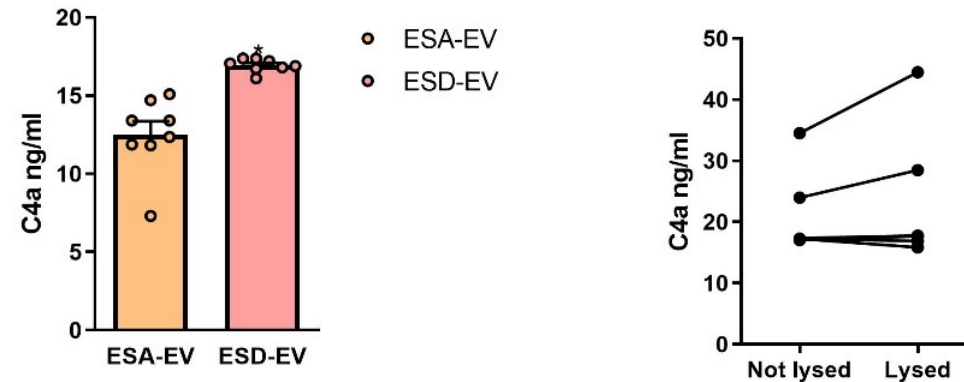
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3	miR-29a-3p	0.0177
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5	miR-548ah-5p	0.0700
6	miR-514b-5p	0.0854
7	miR-608	0.0869
8	miR-802	0.0893



Validation



Validation



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Sfide future

➤ **Sensibilità e Specificità**

Rilevamento di biomarcatori tumorali a bassa concentrazione
Difficoltà nell'identificare segni precoci o recidive in fase iniziale

➤ **Validazione Clinica**

Necessità di ampi studi clinici per convalidare i biomarcatori identificati

➤ **Standardizzazione delle Tecniche**

Differenze tra laboratori e piattaforme tecnologiche
Necessità di protocolli unificati per garantire risultati consistenti

➤ **Costi**

Tecnologie avanzate costose e non sempre disponibili

➤ **Interpretazione dei Dati**

Complessità nell'analisi bioinformatica dei dati



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