



• Innovative Science

• Breakthrough Therapies

• Clinical Advances

Advantages and Experiences with Trials that include Pet Animals

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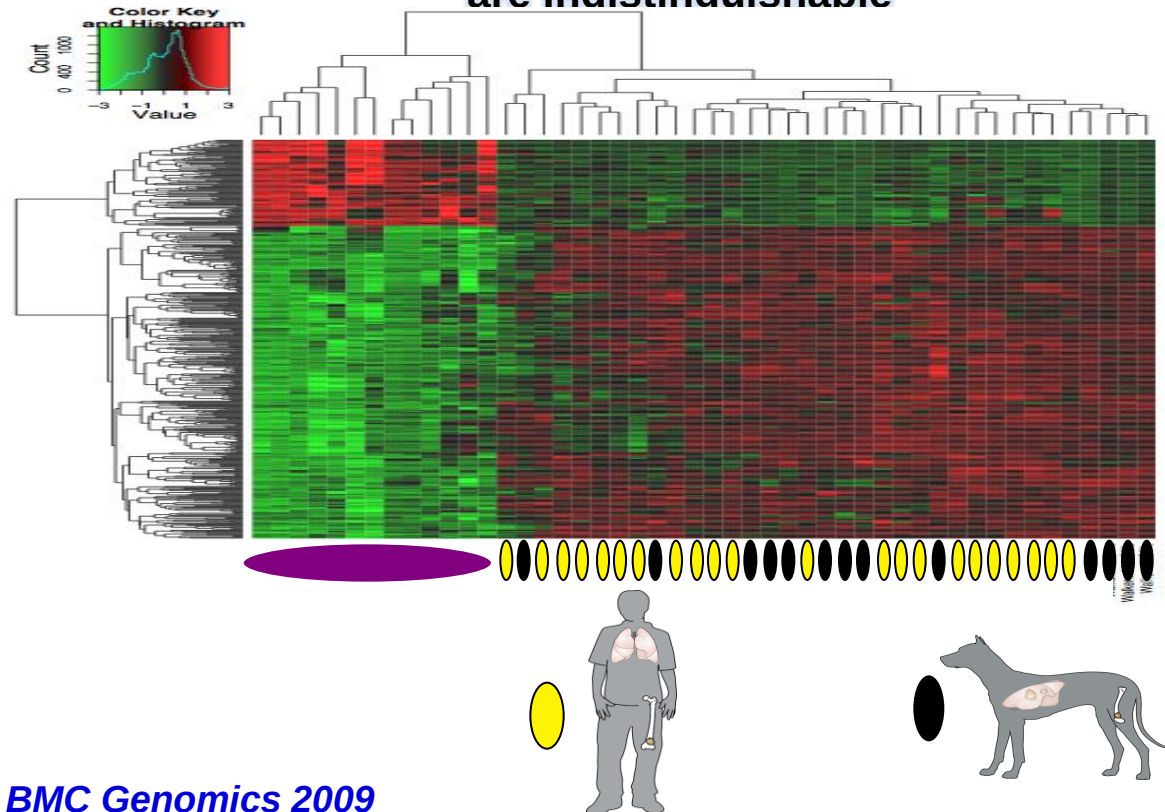
TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES TO
INCLUDE NATURALLY
OCCURRING CANCER MODELS
IN THE STUDY OF CANCER
BIOLOGY AND THERAPY



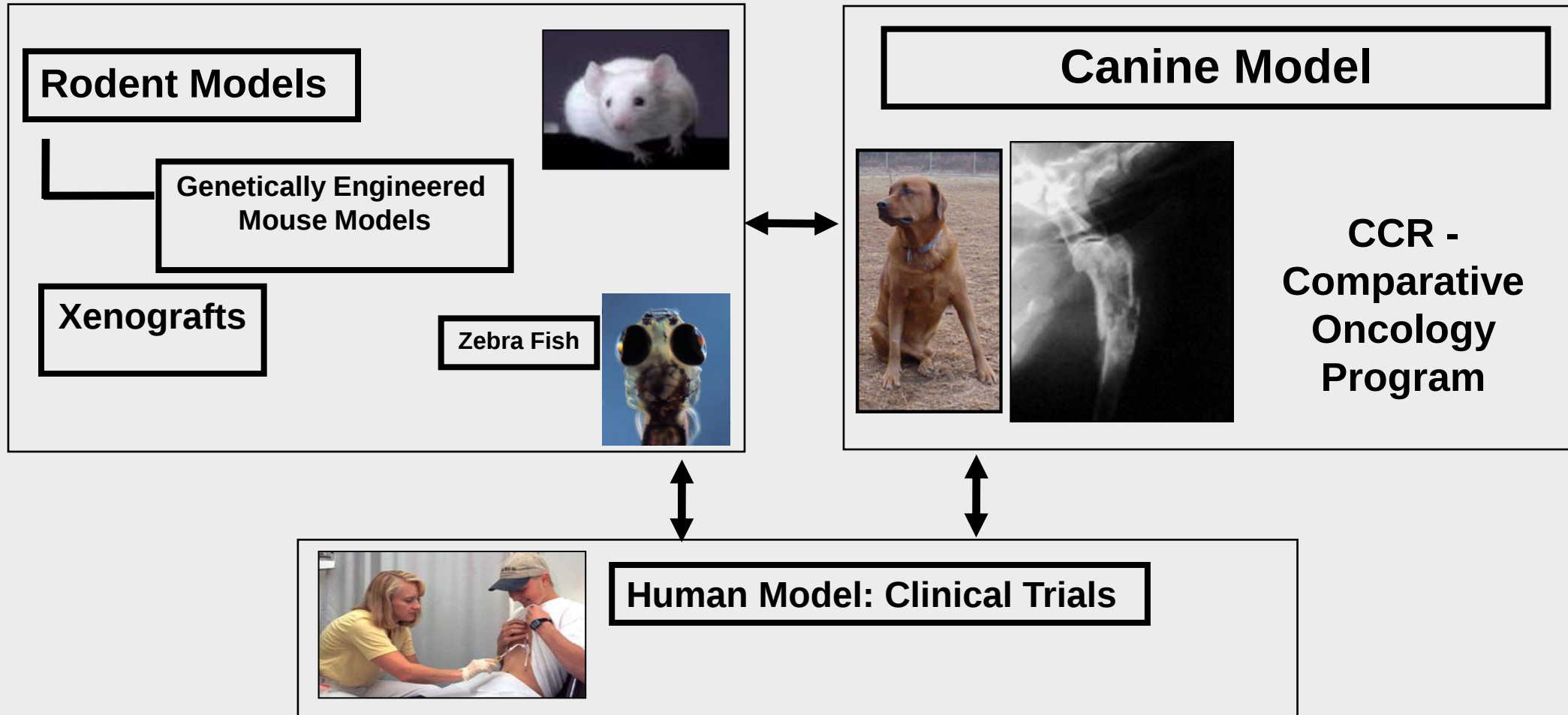
Companion Animal Cancer Models

- ◆ Large outbred animals
- ◆ Strong genetic similarities to humans
- ◆ Naturally occurring cancers
- ◆ Immune competent and syngeneic
- ◆ Relevant tumor histology/genetics
- ◆ Relevant response chemotherapy
- ◆ No “Gold Standards”
- ◆ Compressed progression times
- ◆ **Tumor heterogeneity**
- ◆ **Recurrence/Resistance**
- ◆ **Metastasis biology**

Expression Profiles for Canine and Human Osteosarcoma are Indistinguishable

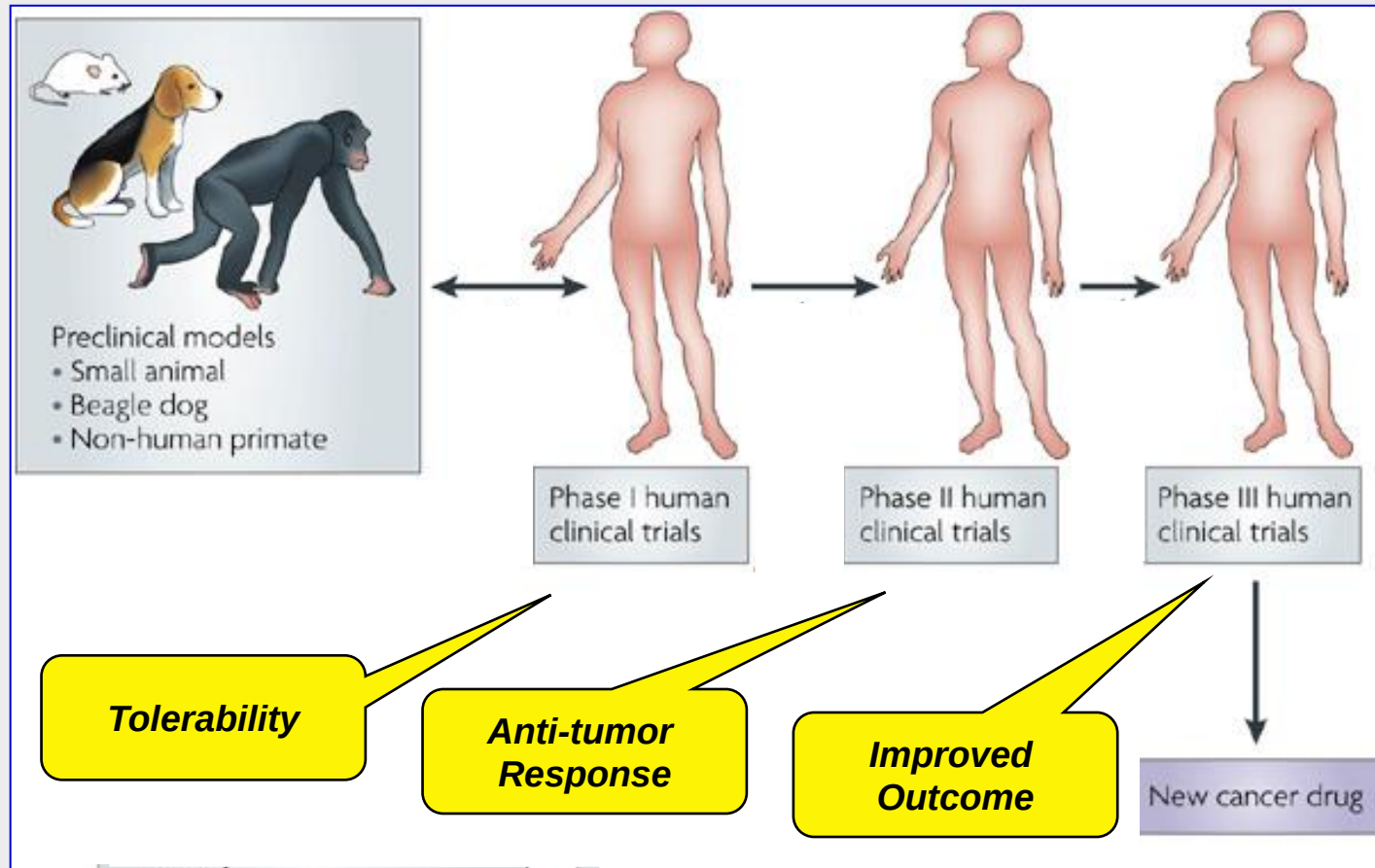


Cross Species Comparative Approach Adds to the Totality of Data Surrounding Drug Development



Improved Understanding of Biology and Improved Treatment Outcomes

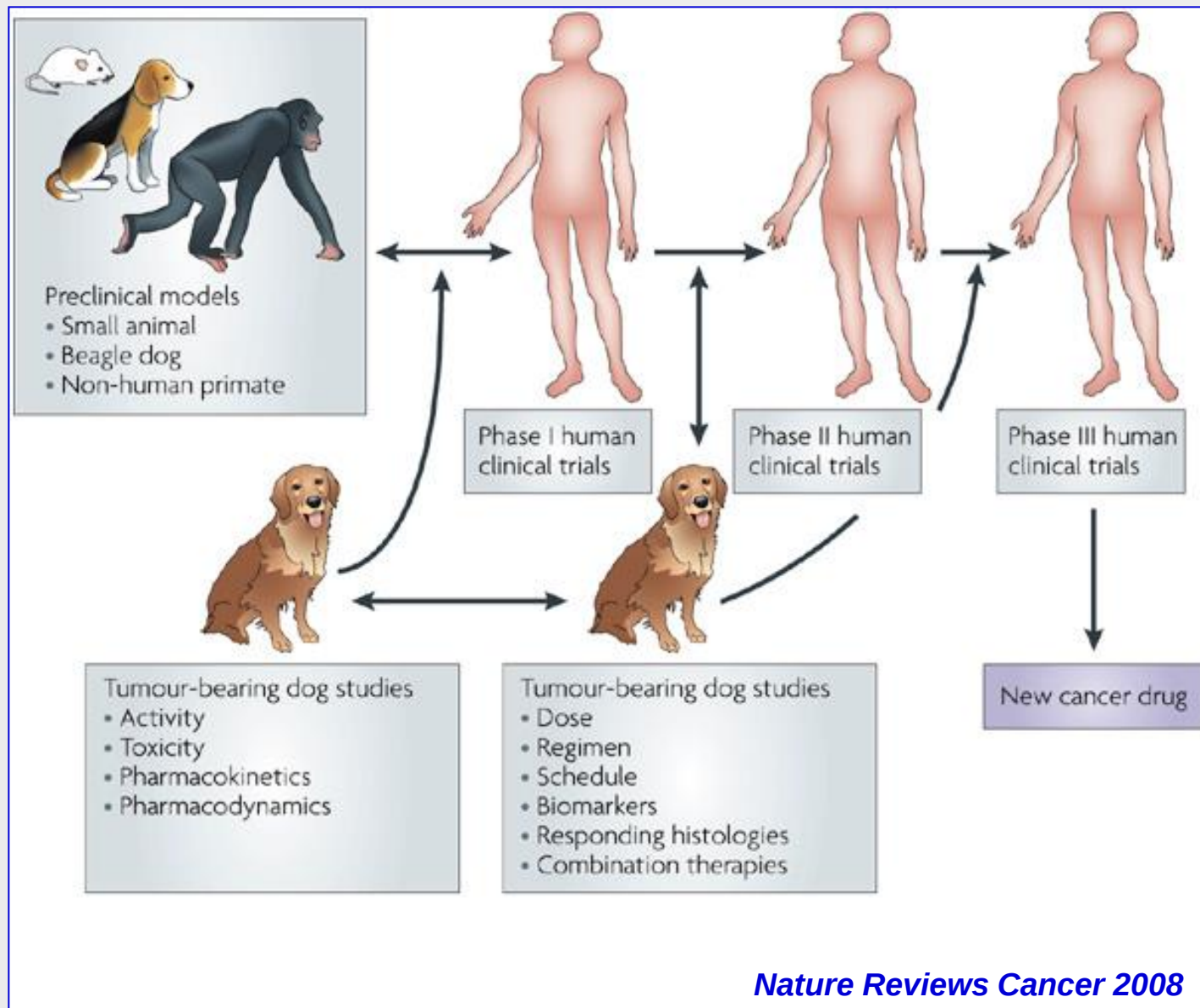
The Conventional Cancer Drug Development Path



What is the reason for the high attrition rate for oncology drugs?

- **Cancer is a complex problem**
- **Preclinical models are not predictive**
- **Pathway is linear and largely ignores opportunities to be informed**
- **Important questions are not sufficiently answered**

A Comparative and Integrated Approach to Cancer Drug Development





Comparative Oncology Program and Comparative Oncology Trials Consortium- NCI founded 2003



Canine Genome Release 2005

Tumor vaccines administered for
canine lymphoma ^{13,14}

Cytokine and chemotherapeutic
inhalation strategies first assessed
in dogs with cancer ⁷⁶⁻⁷⁹

Defined toxicity, activity, PK
and tumoral PD with tyrosine
kinase inhibition ^{44, 84}

Development of bone marrow
transplantation regimes in dogs ^{11,12}

Evaluation of BCG immunotherapy
in canine melanoma ⁹

Descriptive design: size focused

Measurable and minimal residual disease

Integrated

1960

1980

1990

2000

2012

Hyperthermia (thermoradiotherapy)
techniques correlated with clinical
efficacy in a canine model ⁶⁹

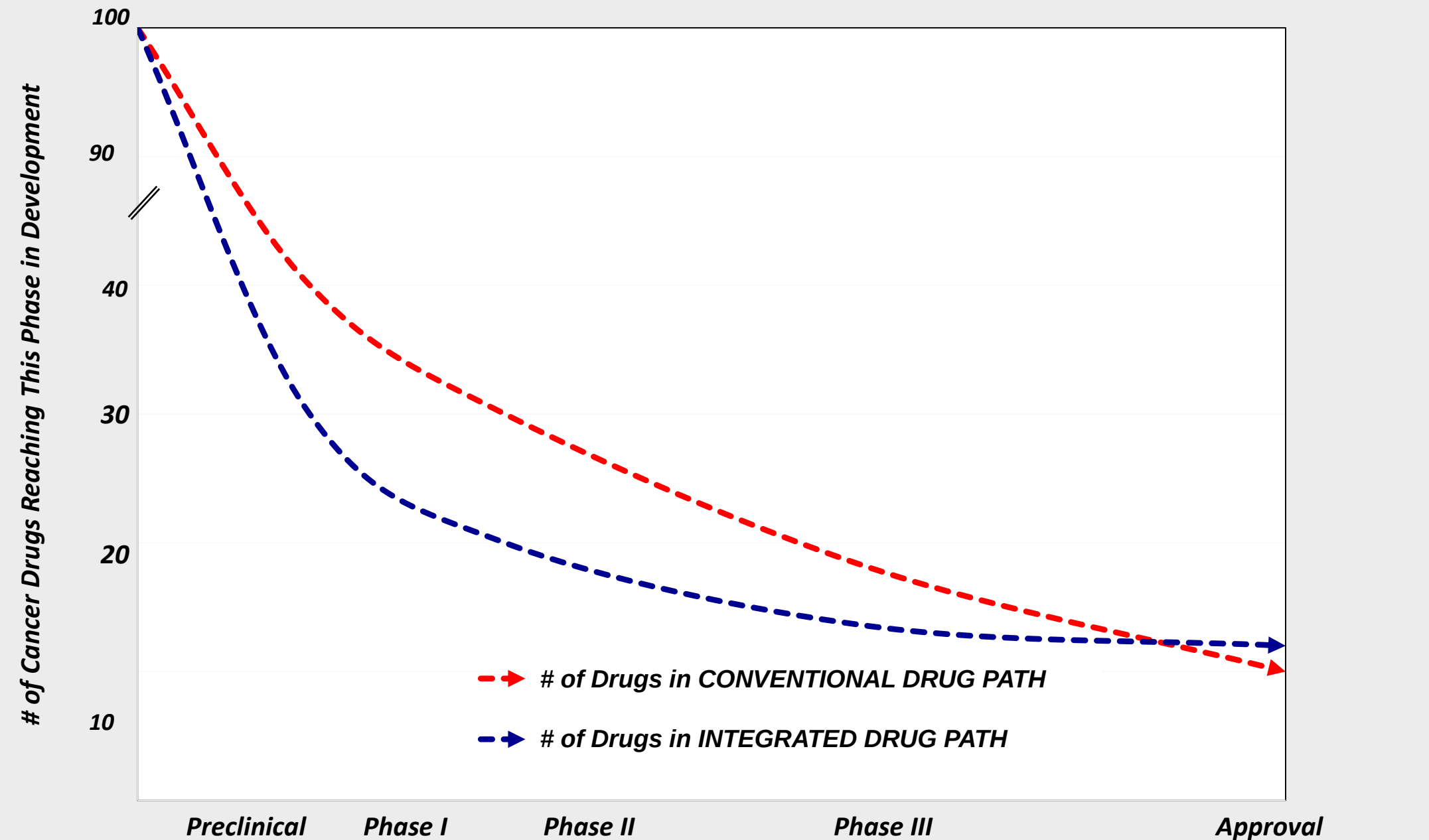
Limb sparing optimized
in canine osteosarcoma ^{71,72}

L-MTP-PE evaluated
in MRD osteosarcoma guided
COG studies ⁹⁴

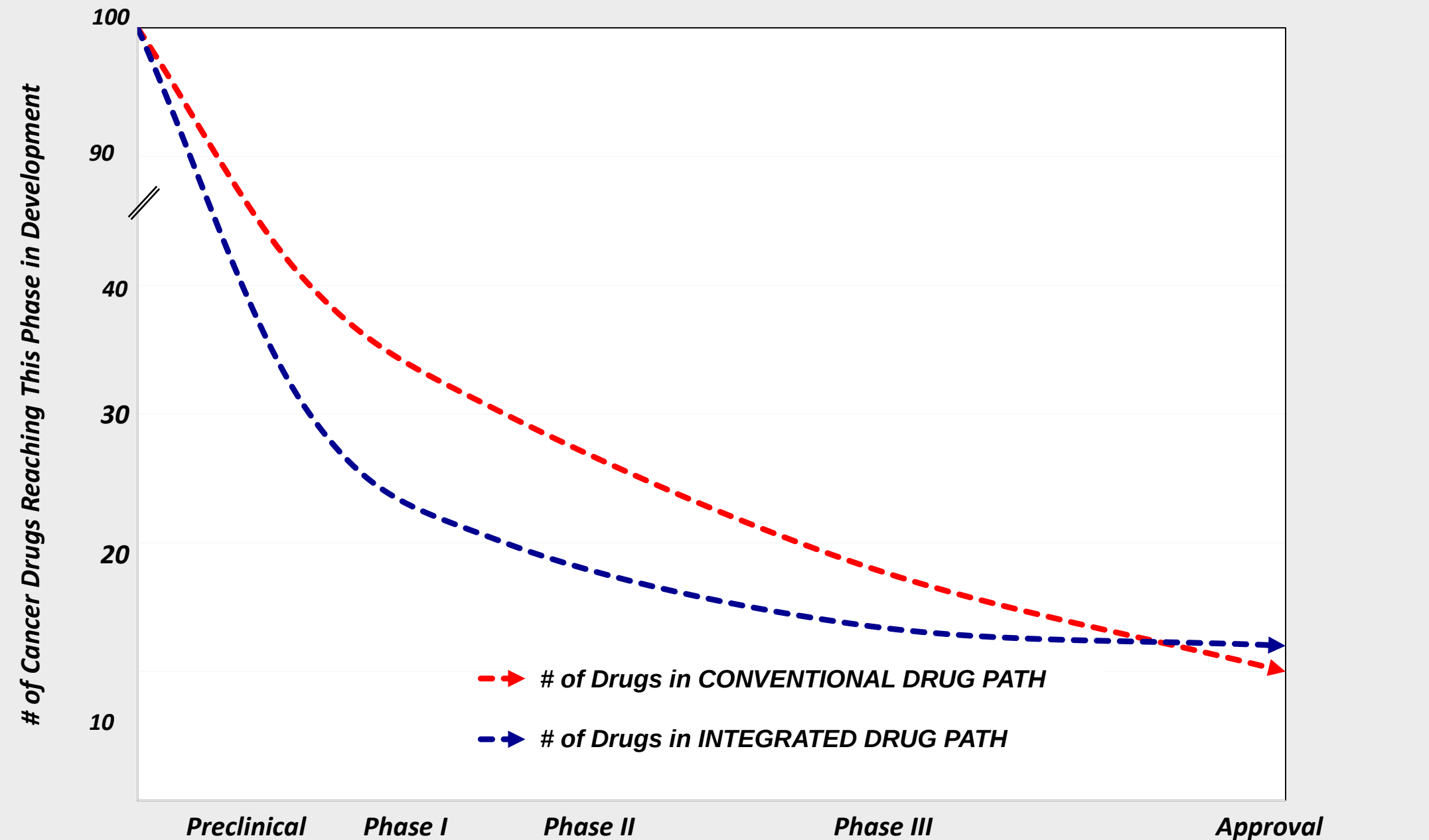
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approved for use in
canine melanoma <sup>37,99-
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Canine Comparative
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Consortium founded 2006

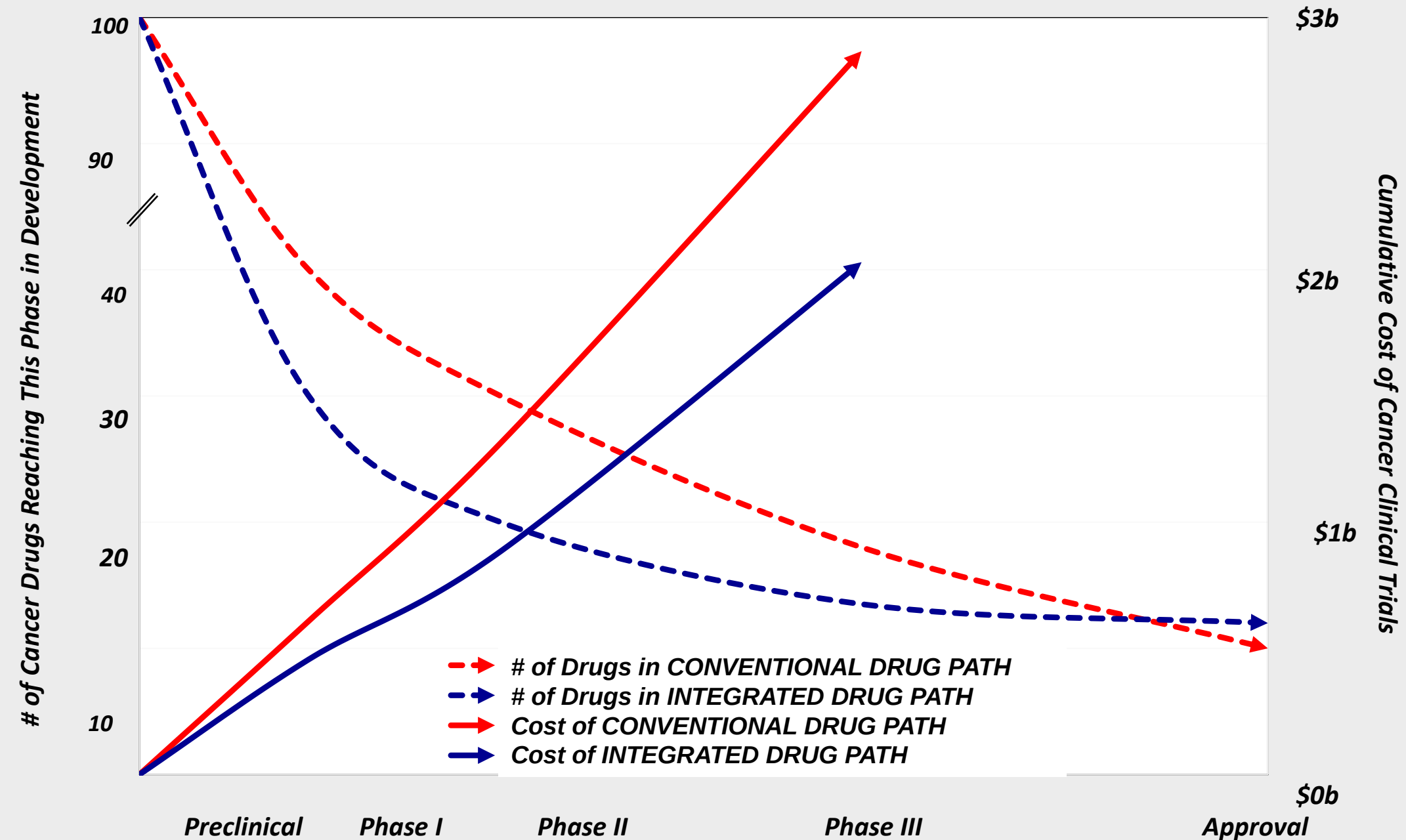
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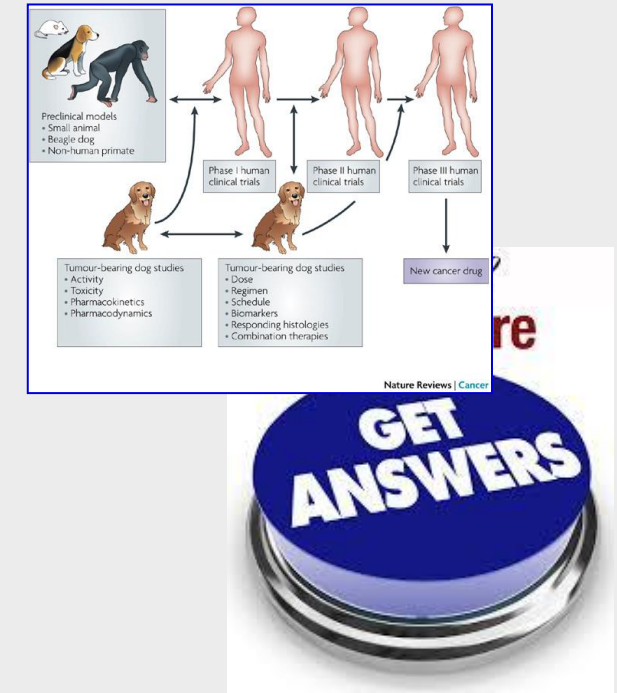
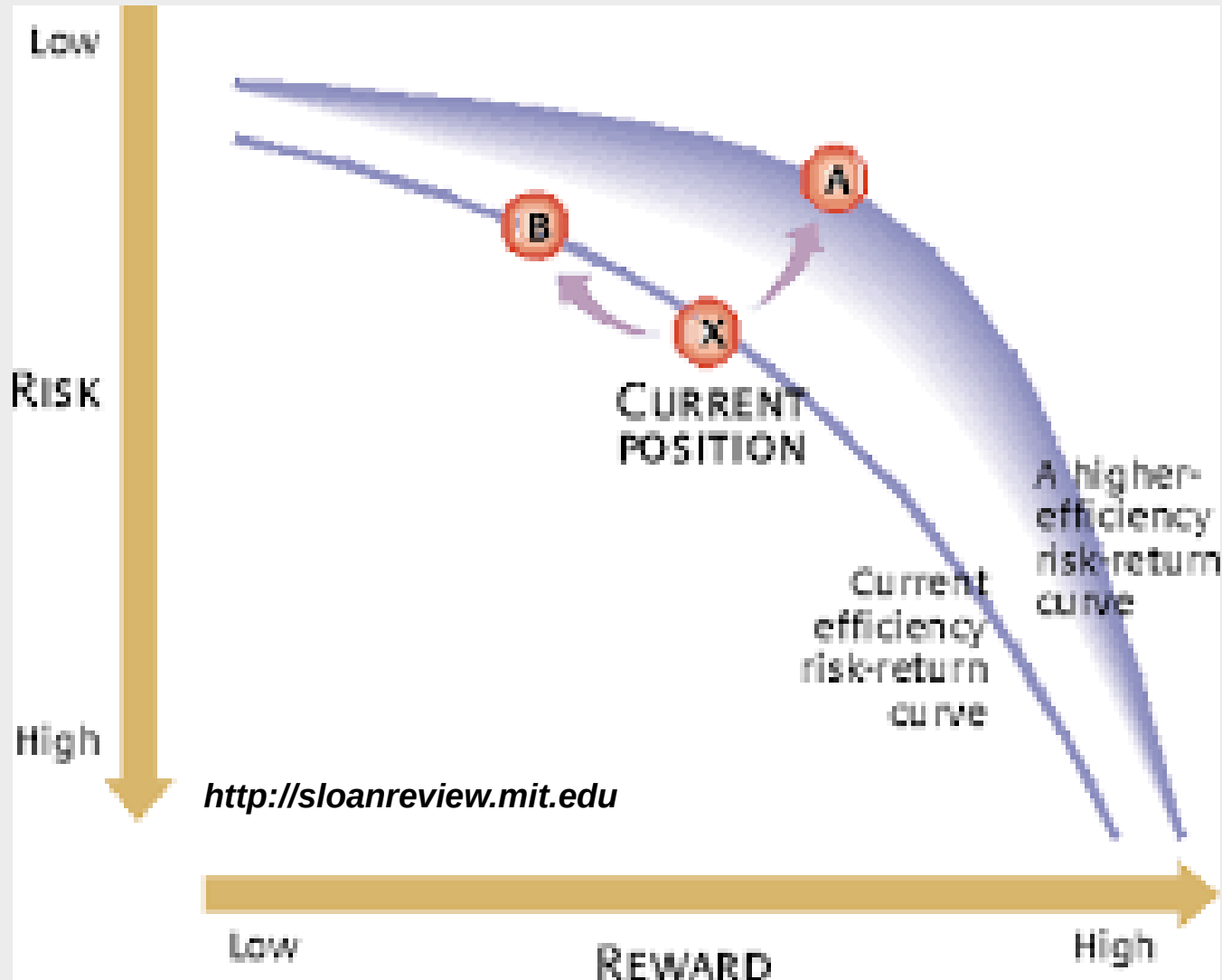
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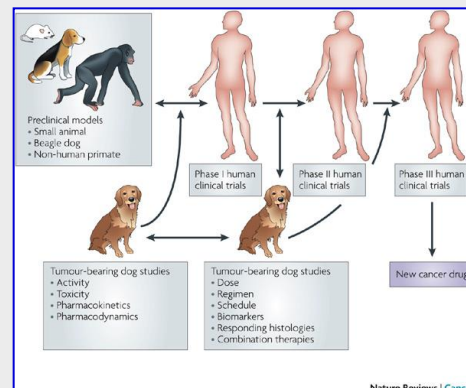
“Value” of an Integrated Drug Development Path is defined by the importance of questions that are now unanswered.



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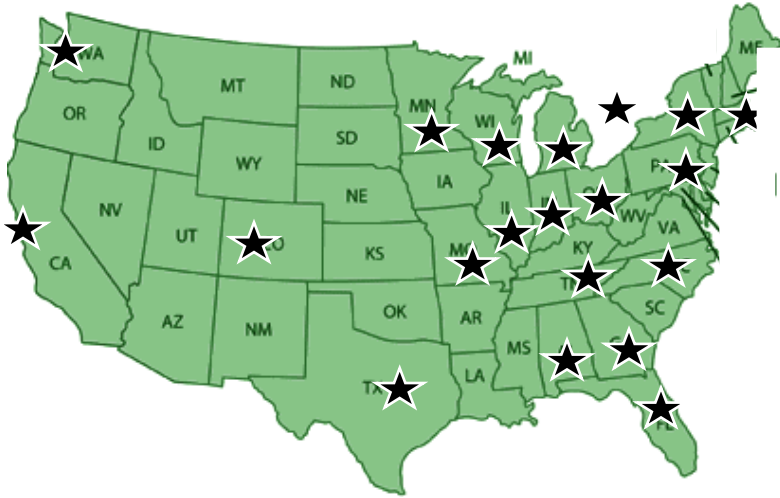
“What are the question best answered through this comparative approach:Review

LeBlanc ,Khanna et al.In Preparation



Comparative Oncology Program – Center for Cancer Research

Comparative Oncology Trials Consortium (COTC)



Reagent/Resources to conduct studies in Comparative Oncology

*Genomics
Proteomics
Antibodies
Biospecimen Repository
PD Core*

*Canine Comparative Oncology
and Genomics Consortium*

Advocacy for the Appropriate Integration of Comparative Oncology Trials

*Academia
Pharma
NCI
Regulatory Bodies*

Progress by the Comparative Oncology Trials Consortium (COTC)

<i>Initiated of Letters of Intent</i>	<i>19</i>
<i>Initiated study protocols</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>Studies completed</i>	<i>9</i>
<i>Studies published</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Studies in progress/in press</i>	<i>7</i>

Studies of COTC are published under a “Collection” in PLoS One

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ENROLLMENT

Dog's Sex ... Date of Birth Age Initials

Breed

Dog's First Name Dog's Last Name

Owner's First name Owner's Last Name

Referring DVM Name

Referring DVM Address

Referring DVM Phone Number

Date of Registration

Registering Institution

Patient ID

Patient Subgroup

Primary Disease Site

Disease Term

Stage of Disease

"MO037" - University of Missouri
 "TN021" - University of Tennessee
 "CO018" - Colorado State University
 "PA151" - University of Pennsylvania

Guiding the Optimal Translation of New Cancer Treatments From Canine to Human Cancer Patients

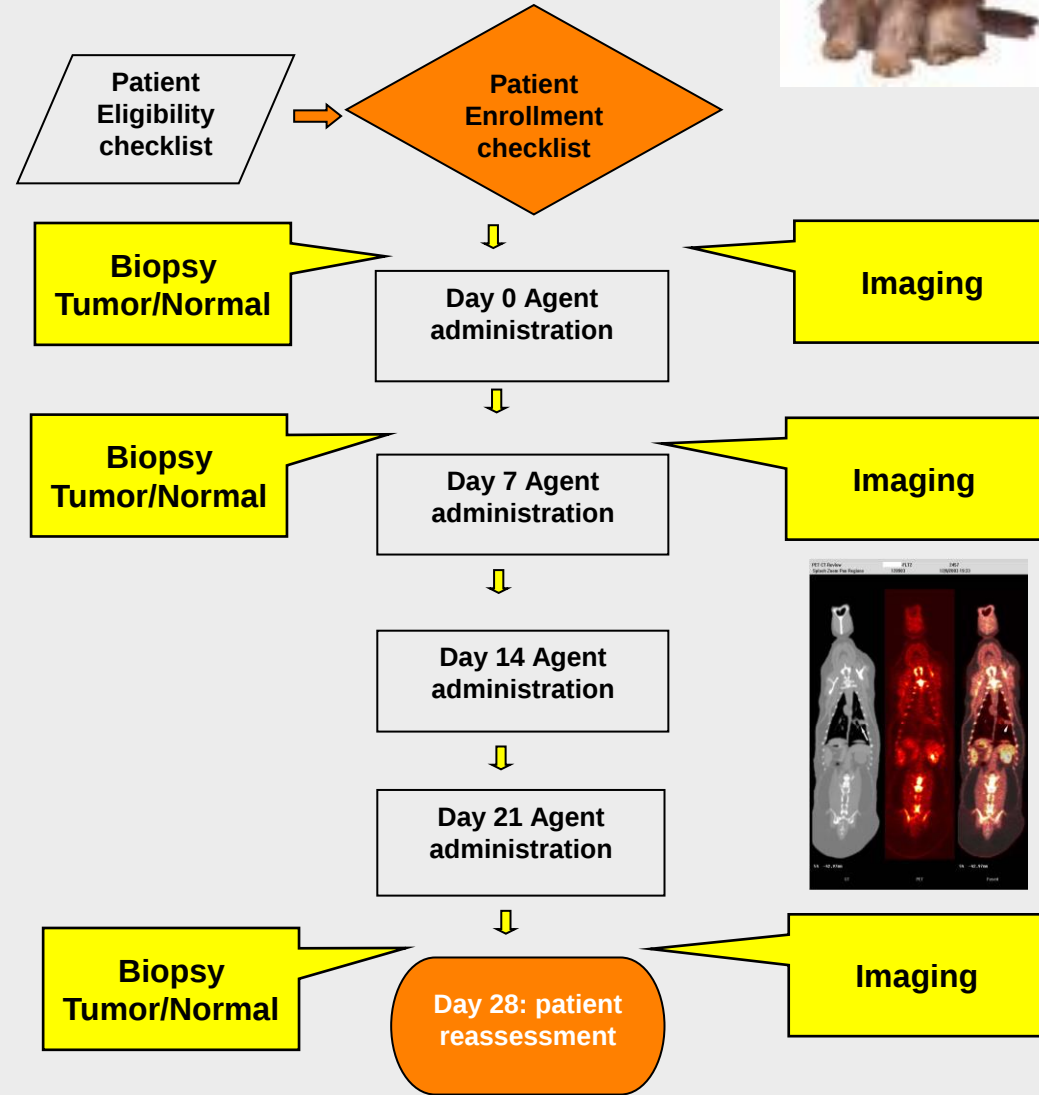
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Abstract On June 20, 2008, a meeting entitled "Translation of new cancer treatments from canine to human cancer patients," sponsored by the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, Maryland, was convened to discuss the potential value, opportunity, risks, and rewards of an integrated and comparative drug development path for new cancer therapeutics that includes naturally occurring cancers in pet animals. A summary of this meeting and subsequent discussion are provided here to afford clarity on the conduct of these studies so as to optimize the opportunities provided by this novel drug development and modeling strategy. (Clin Cancer Res 2009;15(18):5671–7)

COTC Study Development:



1. Discuss questions not answered fully through conventional models or human trials.
1. Determine if the dog can be used to answer questions.
 - *Validation of target/drug biology in the dog*
 - *CCOGC Biospecimen Repository*
 - *PD Core*
3. Iterative collaboration to define study overview/endpoints
4. Develop study protocol and data base
5. Selection of COTC sites to manage clinical study
 - Based on study completion goals and protocol intensity
6. Conduct study
 - Amend protocol with data input
7. Complete study



Canine Comparative Oncology & Genomics Consortium (CCOGC)

- **Pfizer-CCOGC Biospecimen Repository is open for tissue release**
- Currently houses over 2,000 patient samples
 - osteosarcoma, lymphoma, melanoma, pulmonary tumors, mast cell tumor, soft tissue sarcomas and hemangiosarcoma.
 - tumor and normal tissues (formalin fixed, snap frozen and OCT), frozen serum, plasma, urine and whole blood.

CANINE COMPARATIVE ONCOLOGY & GENOMICS CONSORTIUM

News Release

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**Canine Comparative Oncology and Genomics Consortium
and the Pfizer-CCOGC Biospecimen Repository
Announce the Availability of
Canine Cancer Patient Biospecimens for Scientific Study
Effective October 29th 2012**

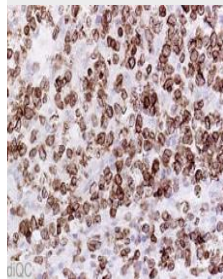
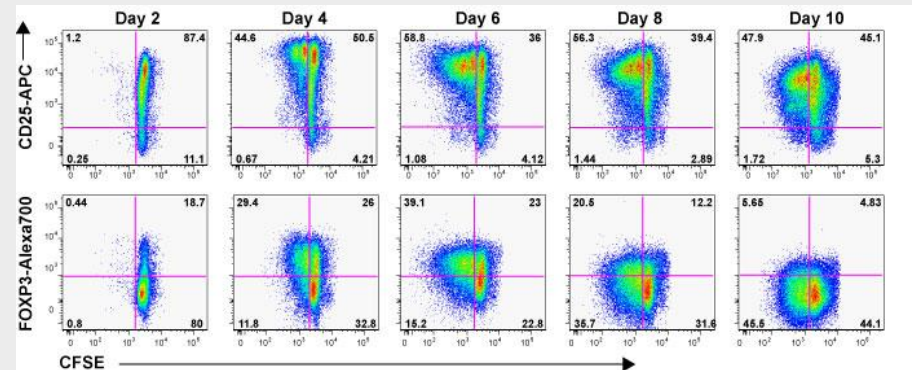
COTC Pharmacodynamics Core

Providing efficient access to laboratory and investigative platforms to study the biology of cancer and drug-cancer relationships in dogs

“Credential” targets and biological concepts before study launch

Support biological questions asked within COTC studies

- *Clinical Pathology*
- *Pathology*
- *PARR for clonality*
- *IHC*
- *ICC*
- *Flow cytometry*
- *Cell Culture/
Proliferation/
Migration/Invasion*
- *Expression Arrays*
- *Proteomics*
- *Western Blot*
- *Pharmacokinetics*
- *Microscopy*
- *Metabolism*
- *RT-PCR*



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Comparative Oncology Trials Consortium: Study Examples

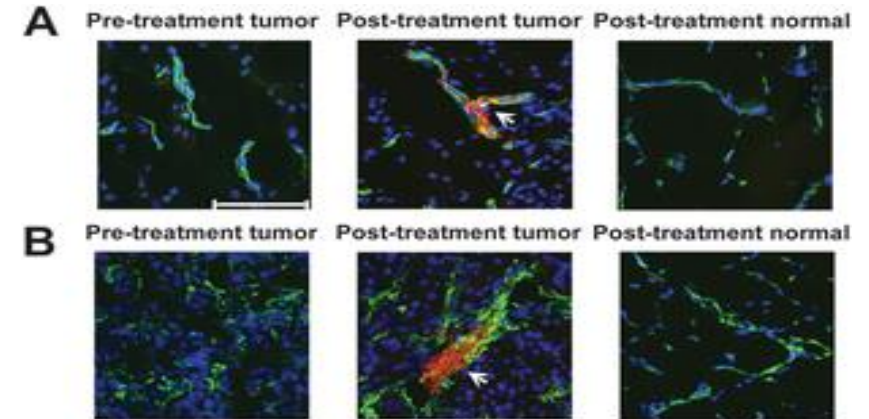
Antitumor activity and immunomodulatory effects

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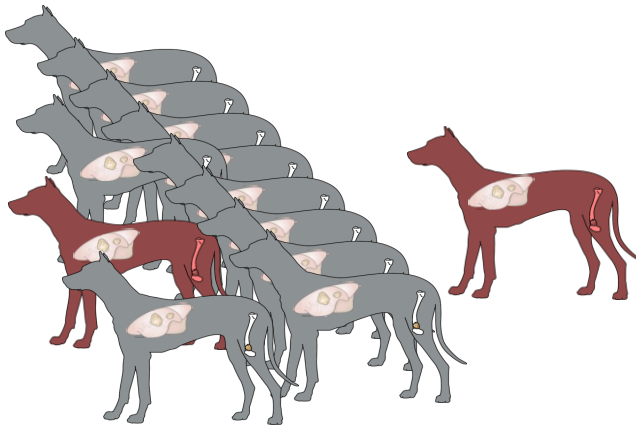


Tumor Specific Targeting – Tolerability

“Evaluation of RGD Targeted Delivery of Phage Expressing TNF- α to Tumor Bearing Dogs”



Modeling Personalized Medicine Delivery in Dogs



Molecularly informed therapy

Results Summary				APPROPRIATE ADVERSE EVENTS	
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Pick the Winner – Biological and Antitumor activity

“Preclinical Comparison of Three TOPO-1 inhibitors in Dogs with Lymphoma”



AAVP-TNF Therapeutic Index (repeat dose):

- **Favorable safety profile, n=18 dogs with cancer (relevant host)**

- Grade 3 hypersensitivity reaction, n=9
- Grade 3 and 4 Fever, n=5 (2 on non-admin day)
- Tumoral necrosis, n=1
- No clinically relevant Hem/Biochem toxicities
- *Three warm necropsies: no end organ abnormalities*

***Single species
Assessment
of Therapeutic Index***

AAVP-TNF Associated Tumor Regression:

- **RECIST criteria**
- **15 evaluable dogs**
- **Objective anti-tumor activity**
 - **2 Partial Response**
 - **6 Stable Disease**
 - **7 Progressive Disease**



Systemic delivery of AAVP-TNF (phage) results in tumor regression

Canine Myxosarcoma (T3bN0M0)



Day 0



LD = 12.3 cm

Day 28



**LD = 8.2 cm
RECIST = 33%
regression**

Day 56



**LD = 1.85 cm
RECIST = 85%
regression**

Now surgically resectable - CR

Comparative Oncology Trials Consortium: Study Examples

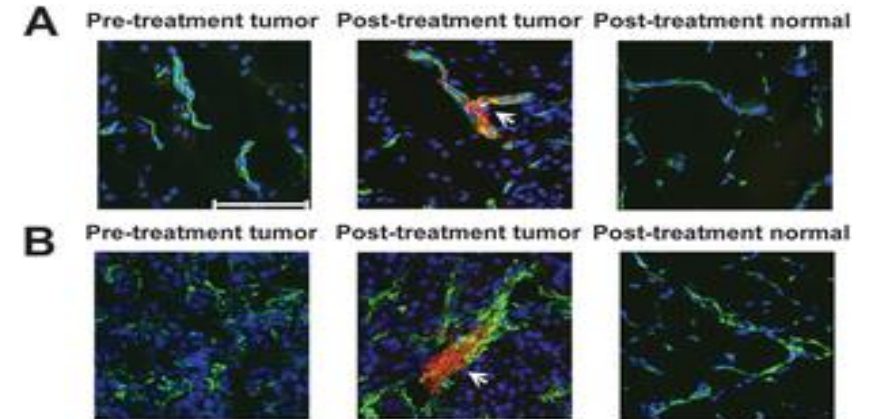
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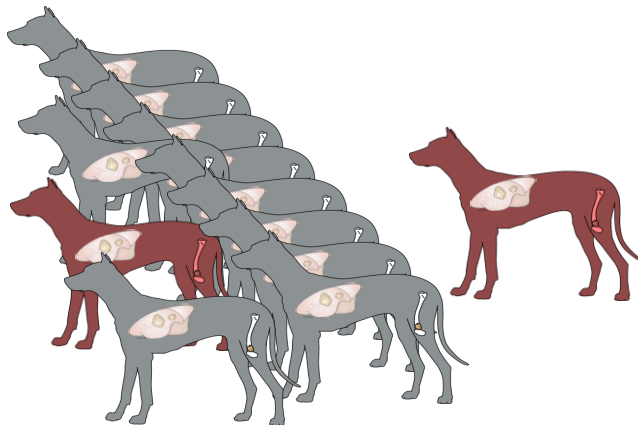


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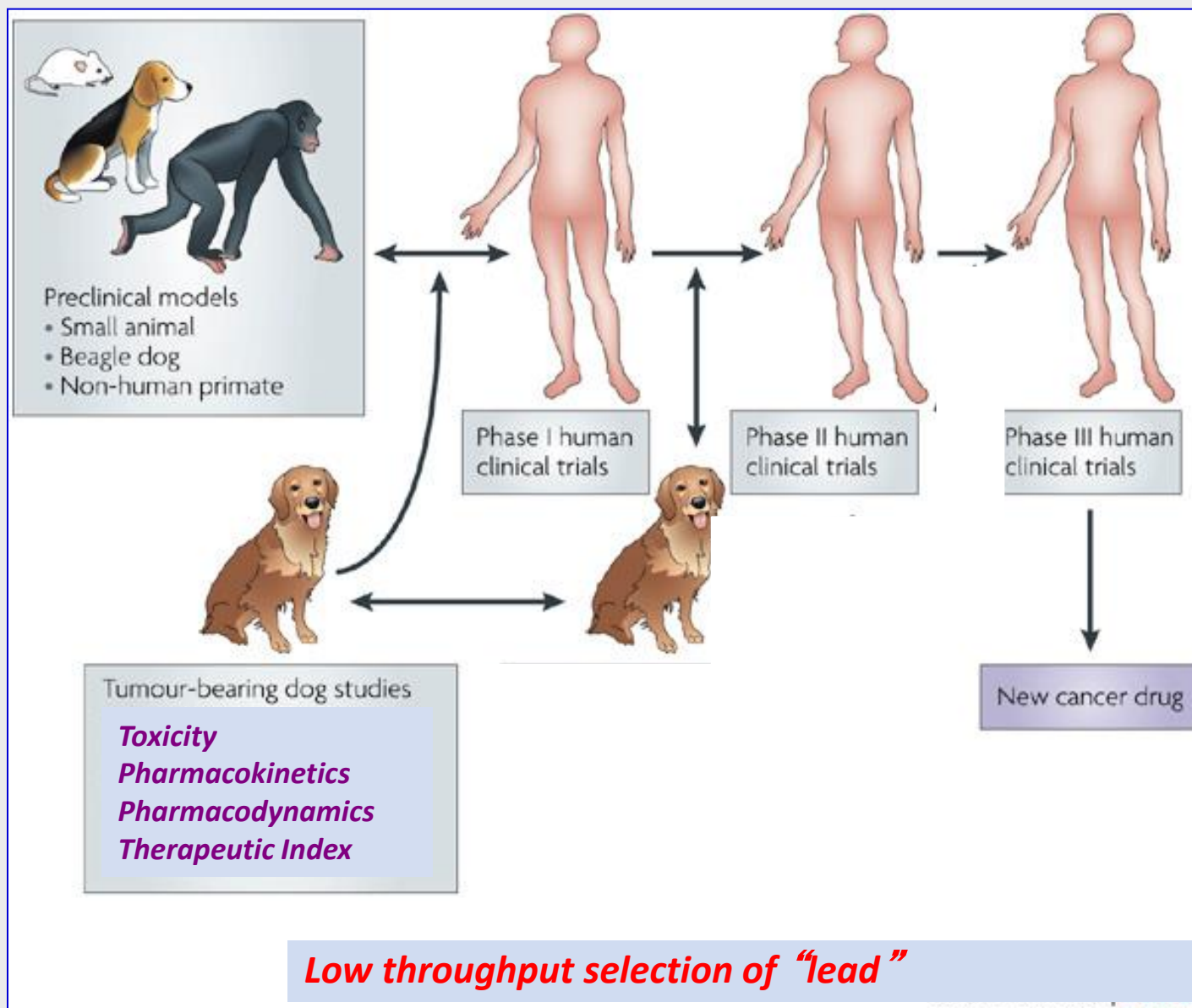
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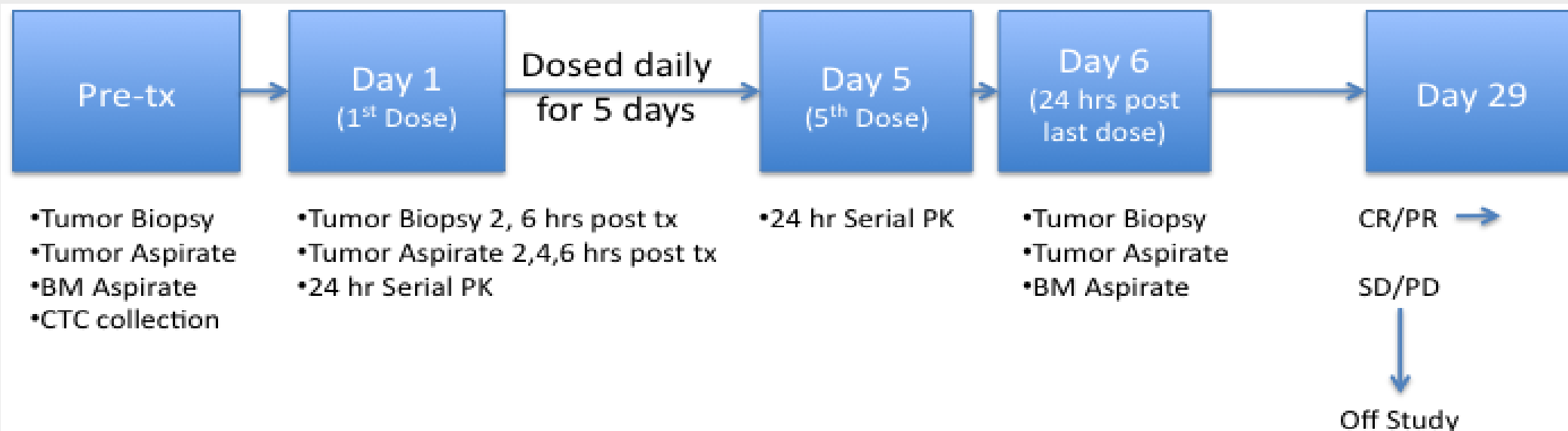


COTC007: Novel Topo Inhibitors:

Integrated Comparative Approach to Identify Lead Agent



Lead Candidate Discrimination/Selection Study: COTC007b



Biological Endpoints

Serum Pharmacokinetics

Tumoral

Drug Levels

Drug Target/Modulation

Biological Activity

***Circulating Tumor Cell
Numbers***

Target Modulation

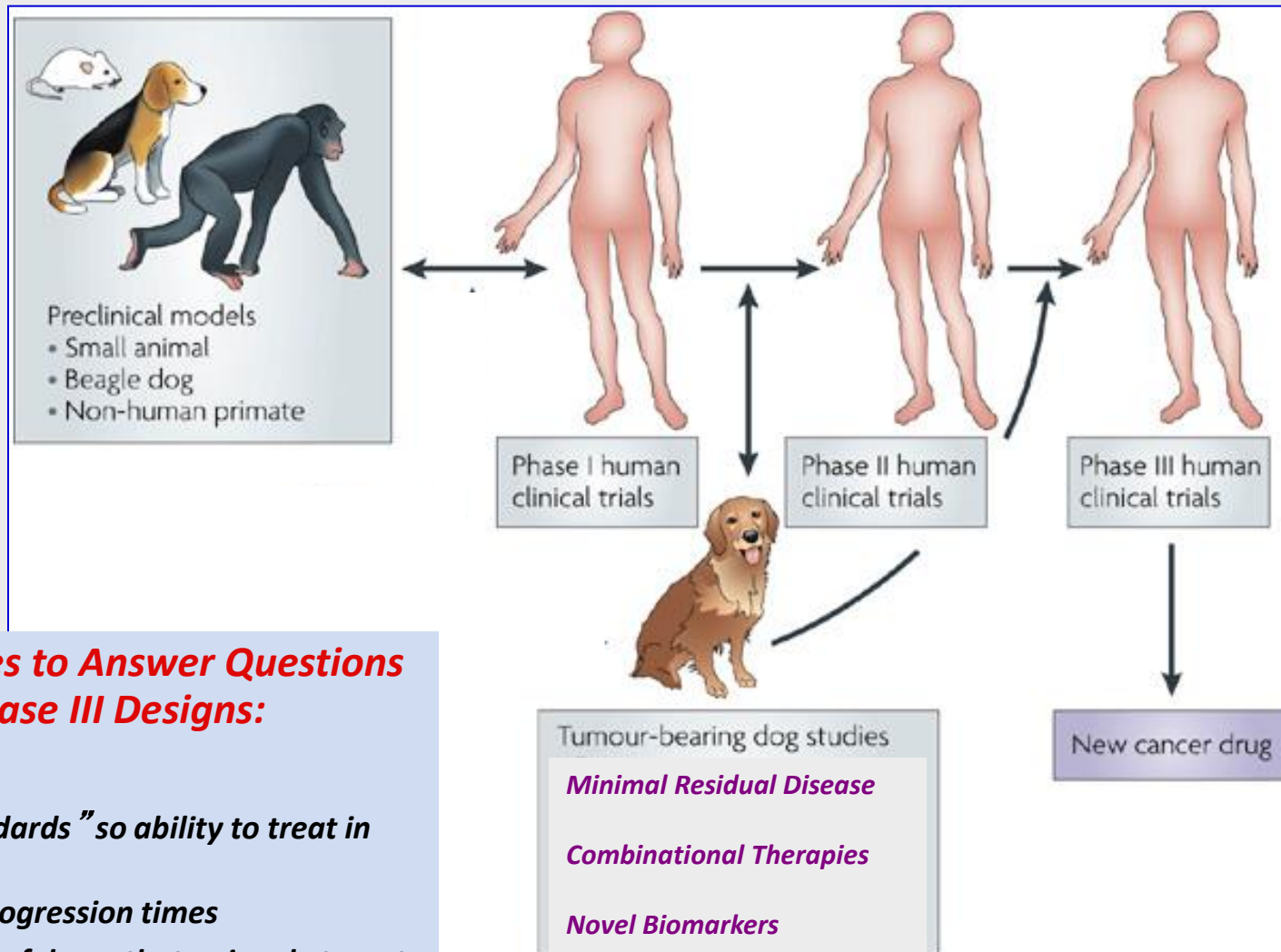
Biological Activity

Normal tissue (Bone marrow)

Target Modulation

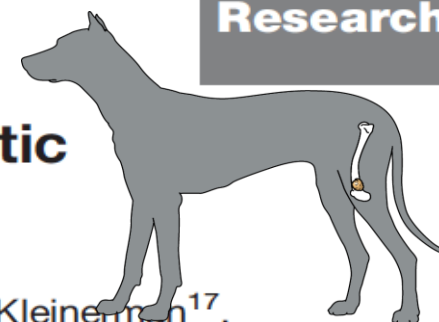
Biological Activity

COTC007: Novel Topoisomerase I Inhibitors: Integrated Comparative Approach to Identify Lead Agent



Opportunities to Answer Questions to Inform Phase III Designs:

- ♦ ***No “Gold Standards” so ability to treat in naïve disease***
- ♦ ***Compressed progression times***
- ♦ ***Assess activity of drugs that uniquely target metastatic progression***



Perspectives

Toward a Drug Development Path That Targets Metastatic Progression in Osteosarcoma

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Integrated Approach to Osteosarcoma Drug Development

Translational studies of agents that target “vulnerable” metastatic cells.

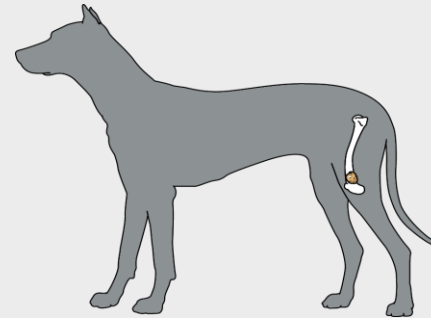
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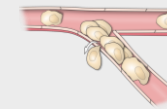
Minimal residual disease studies

- *Comparative Oncology Trials Consortium*
 - *5 new agents in 5 yrs*
- *Prioritize agents for human MRD/adjuvant based studies of metastatic progression*

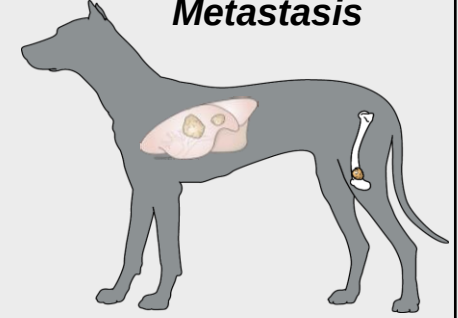
Localized Primary



Minimal Residual Disease



Distant Gross Metastasis



12 Months

Early Phase Trials

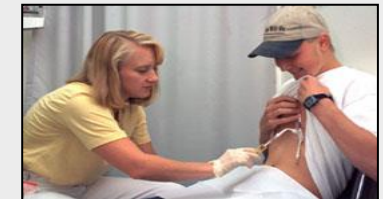


Measurable Disease

Therapeutic Approach:

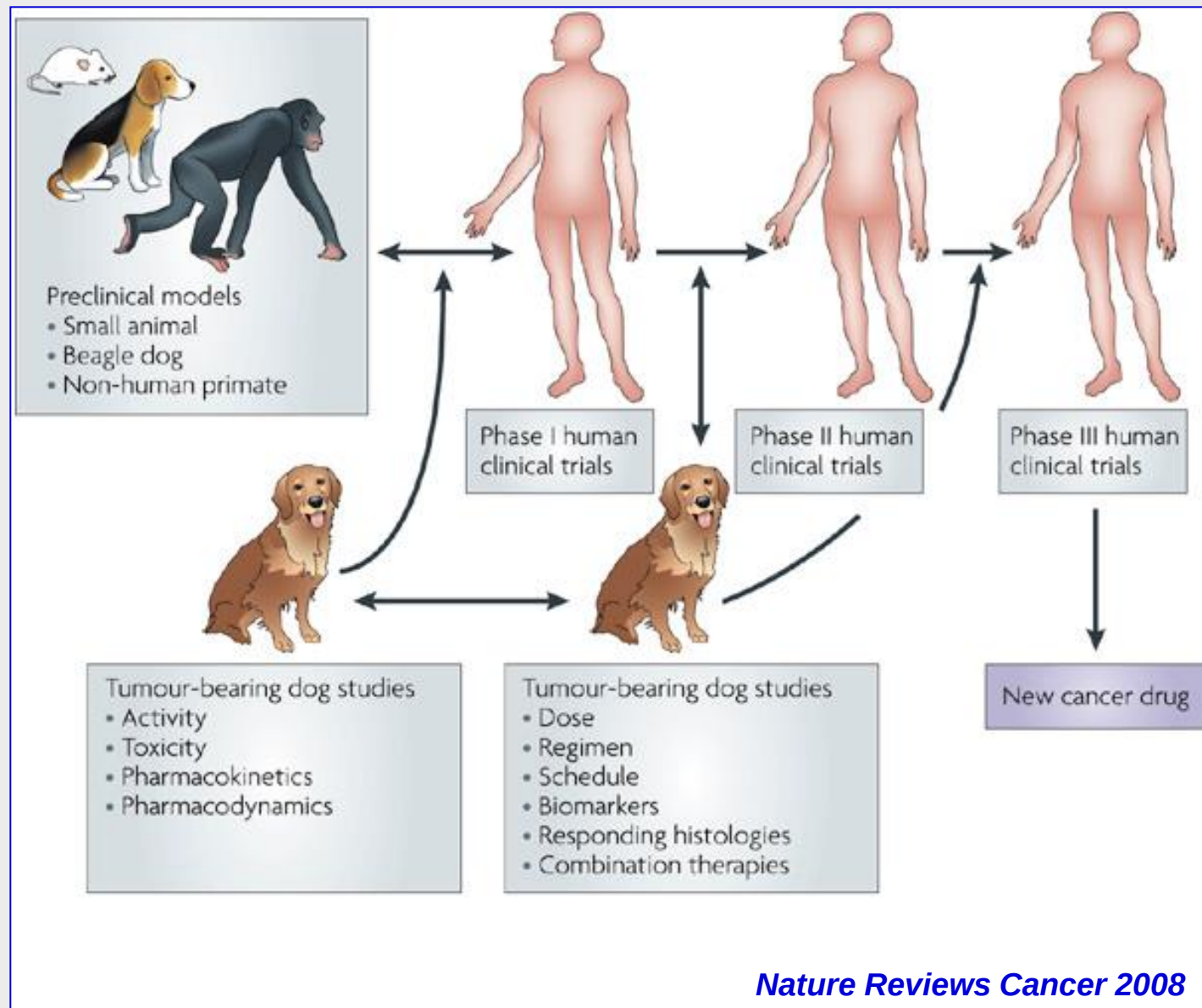
*Aminobisphosphonates
Rapalog inhibition of mTOR
Ezrin small molecule inhibitors*

Later Phase Trials



Minimal Residual Disease

A Comparative and Integrated Approach to Cancer Drug Development



Perceived Risks and Concerns with the Integration of a Comparative Approach

Study Duration

- Timelines are longer than those in rodent models
- **Strategic** inclusion of pet dogs should allow timely integration of data into human trials

Patient to Patient Variability

- Tumor-bearing dogs represent a different clinical population compared to research dogs
- **SNP frequency** amongst dogs is similar to that of patients in early phase cancer studies

Cancer Prevalence by Histology

- Most common: sarcomas and lymphoid neoplasms
- Less common: Breast, prostate, gastrointestinal, lung carcinomas
- Studies in the less common histologies require more time for completion and more clinical trial centers
- Histology is increasingly replaced with biology and not often a primary question for trial design

Target biology may be unique and must be defined (“credentialed”)

- *Canine Comparative Oncology and Genomics Consortium*
- *Pfizer - Canine Oncology and Genomics Consortium Biospecimen Repository*
- *Comparative Oncology Program Tissue Array Resource*

Perceived Risks and Concerns with Integration of a Comparative Approach

Drug and Budget Requirements

- Greater drug supply needed
- GMP not required
- Study costs include: clinical management, serial biopsy of tumors, imaging and other correlative endpoints

Control and reporting of data

- Good Clinical Practice guidelines
- Adverse Event reporting: Assign severity, duration, and attribution
- Compliance by pet owners and study investigators is very high

Regulatory oversight/reporting

- Pre-IND agents - guidance has been proposed and used
 - (Khanna et al Clin Cancer Res 2009)
- Post-IND agents - guidance exists

Biotech and aversion to “rocking” the development boat

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