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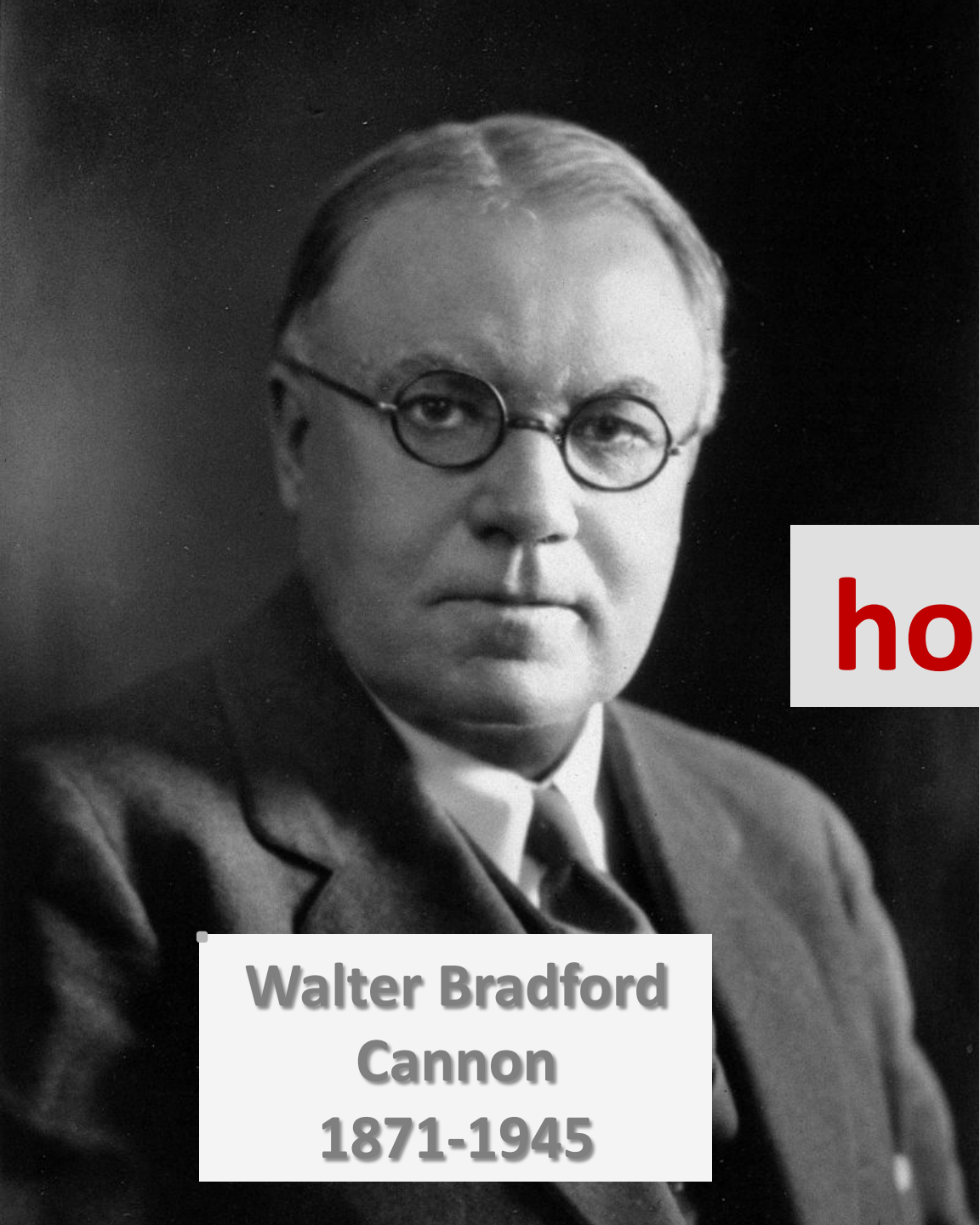


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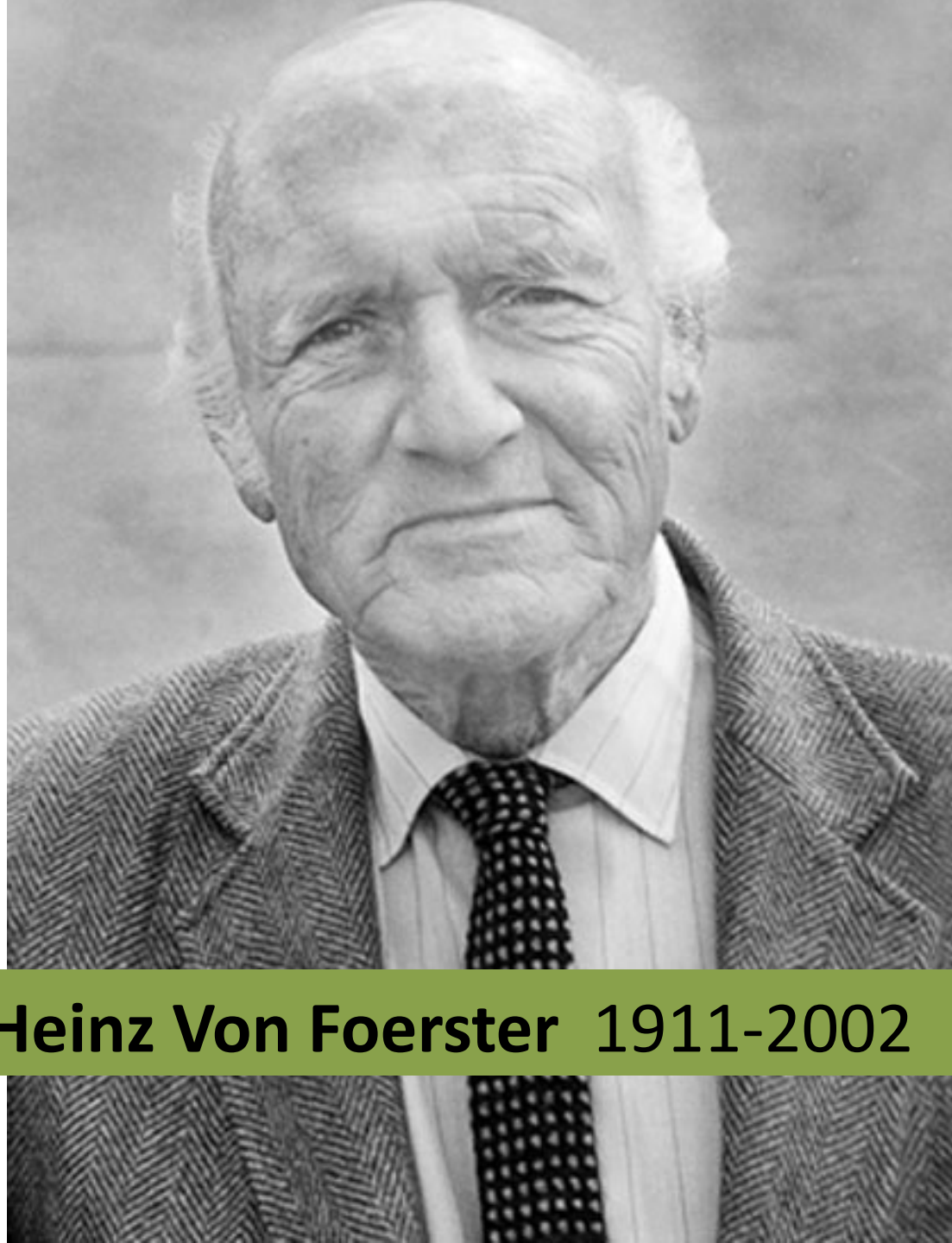
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1813-1878

**«fixité
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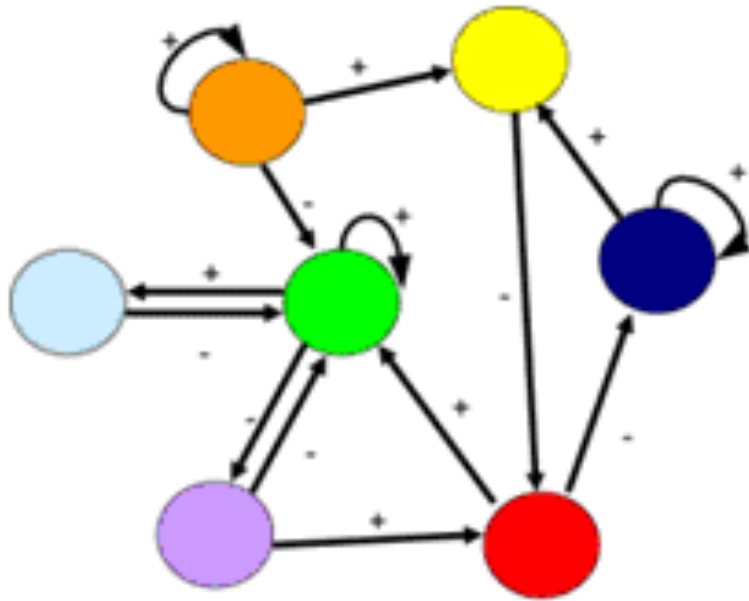
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**Walter Bradford
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1871-1945**

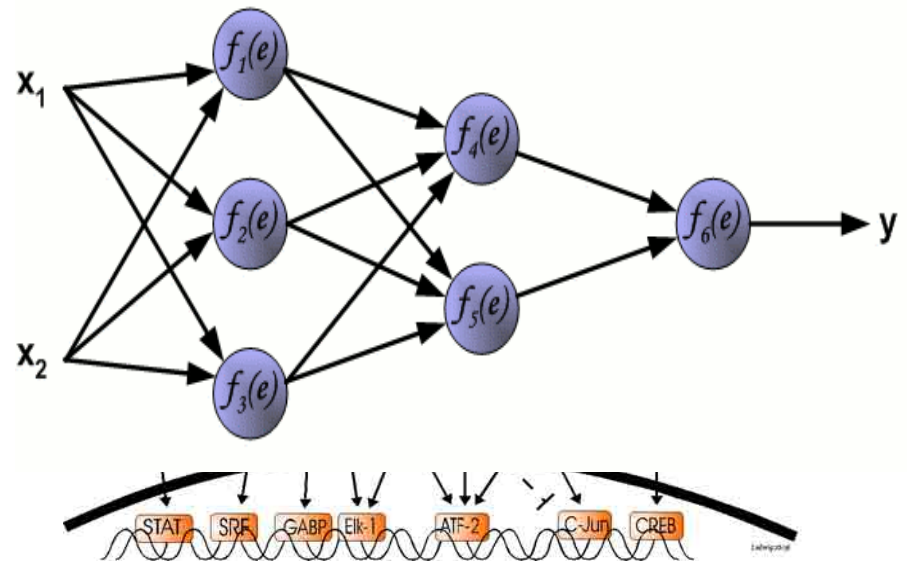


Heinz Von Foerster 1911-2002

complexity \neq complication



Feedback in dynamic network models



omeoresi



**mantenimento di equilibrio
fluttuante**



Jacques Monod
1910-1976



Francois Jacob
1920-2013



emergence

self-organisation

autopoiesis

Stuart Kauffman 1999

far-from-equilibrium dynamics







funktionswandel

Viktor von Weizsäcker (1886–1957)

**poiché l'essere
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Georges Canguilhem (1904-1995)




History, Philosophy and Theory of the Life Sciences 10

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Philosophy of Cancer

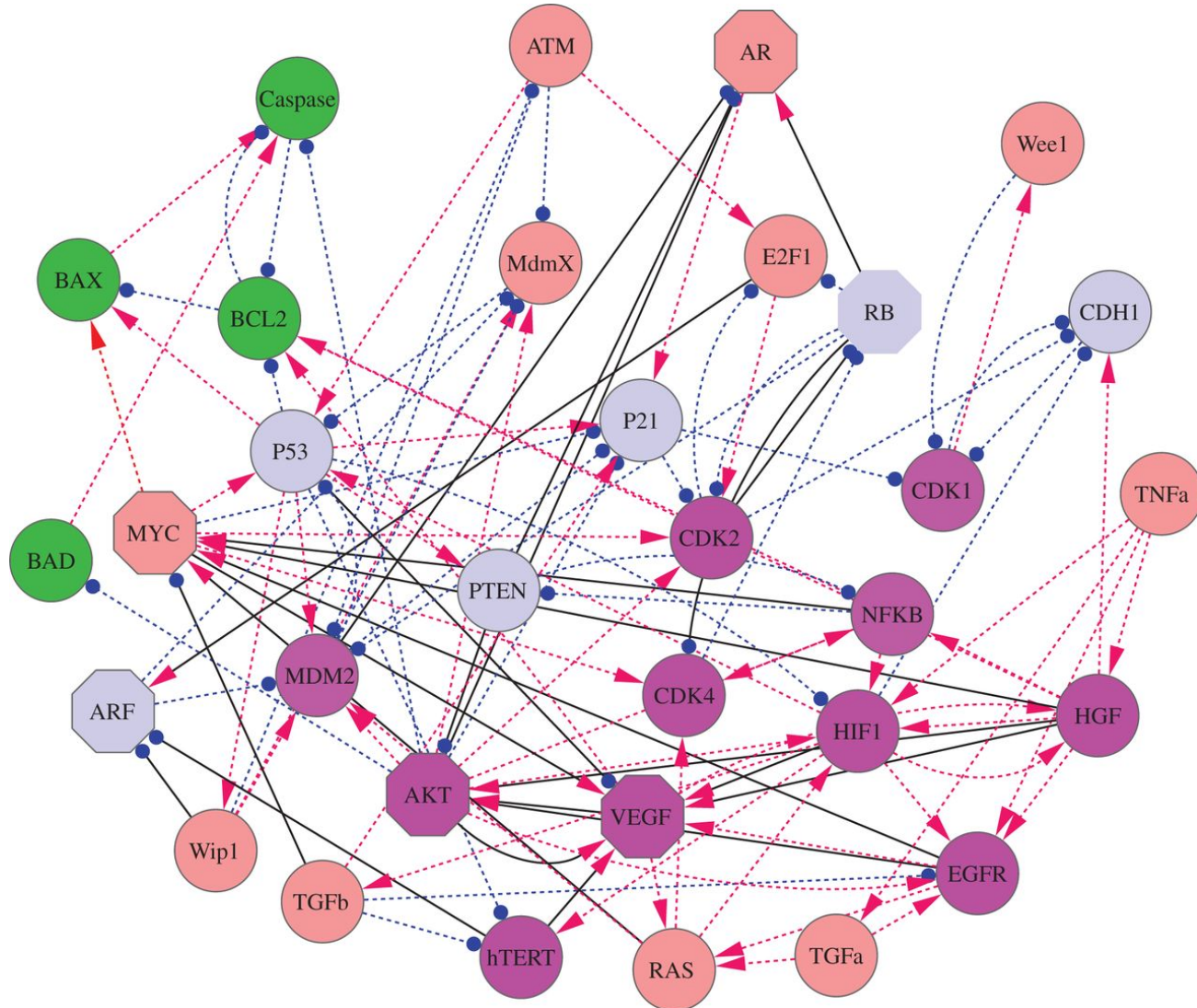
A Dynamic and Relational View

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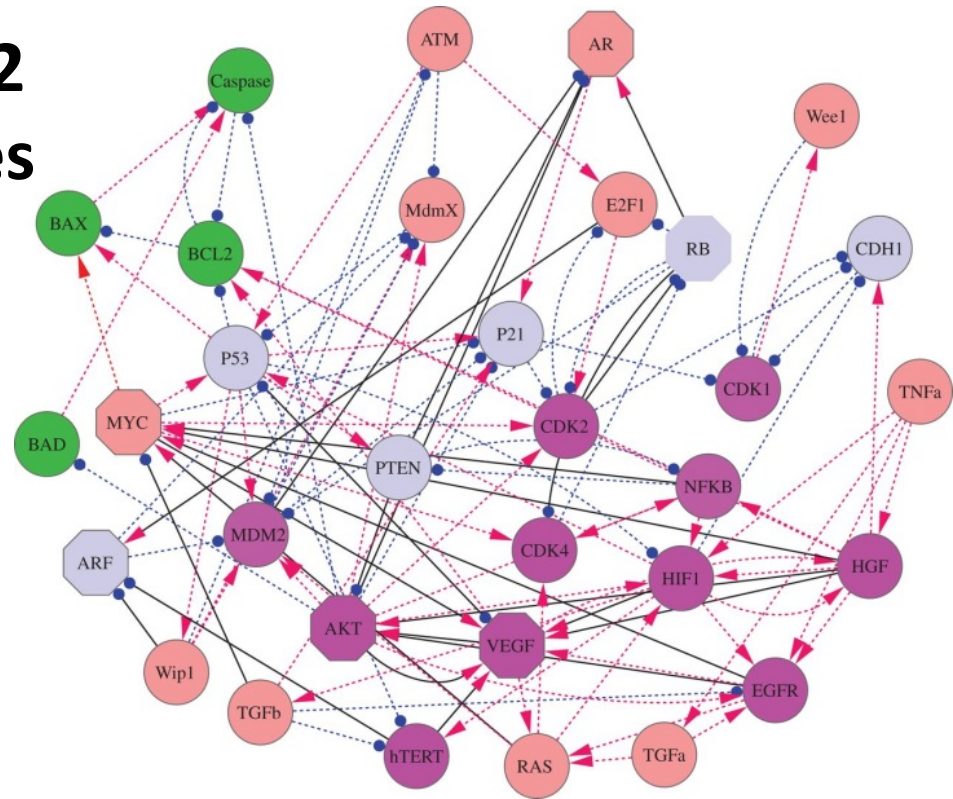
Quantifying the underlying landscape and paths of cancer

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cancer network including 32 nodes (genes) and 111 edges (66 activation interactions and 45 repression interactions).



red arrows: activation

blue filled circles: repression

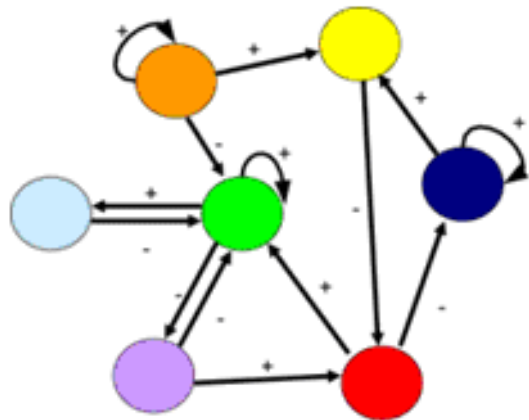
green nodes: apoptosis marker genes (BAX, BAD, BCL2, Caspase)

magenta nodes: cancer marker genes (AKT, MDM2, CDK2, CDK4, CDK1, NFKB, hTERT, VEGF, HIF1, HGF and EGFR)

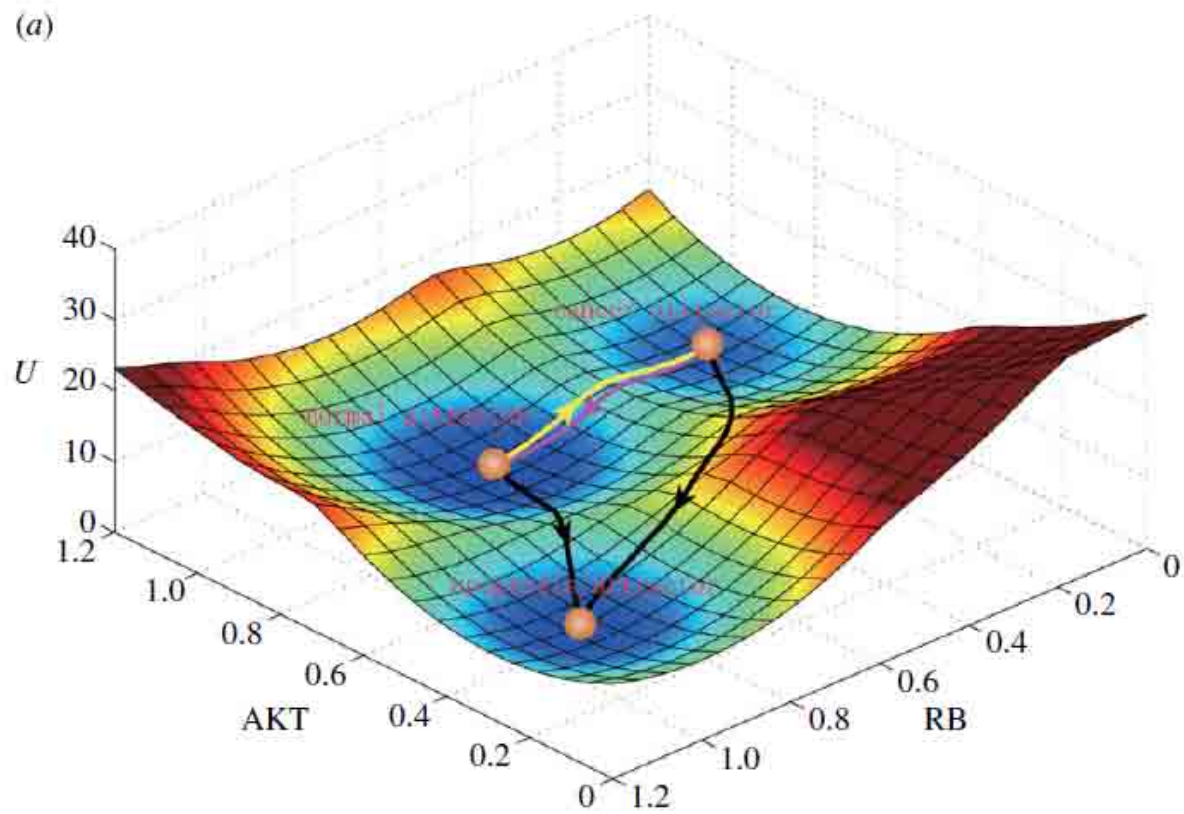
light blue nodes tumour repressor genes (P53, RB, P21, PTEN, ARF, CDH1)

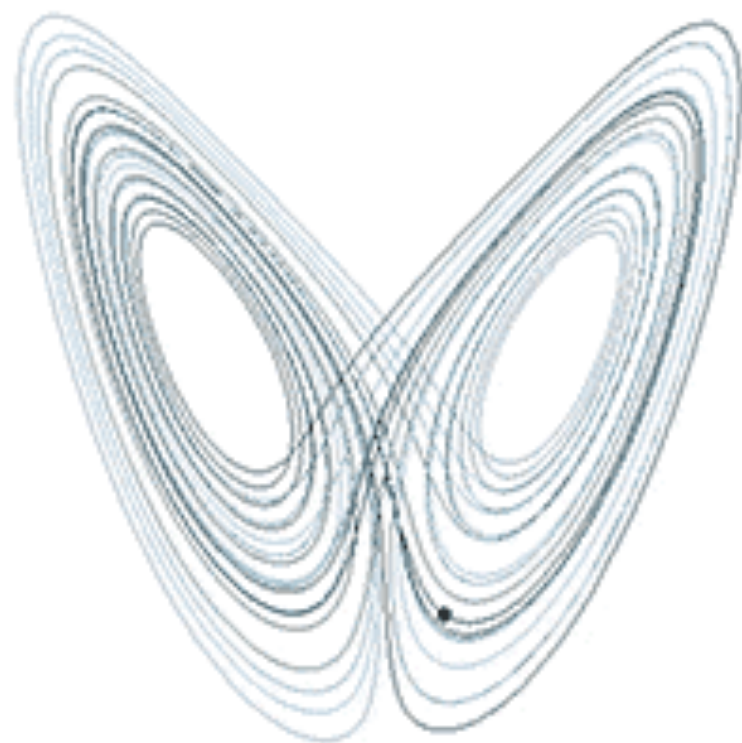
brown nodes represent other genes

octagon shape nodes represent key genes for the transition between normal and cancer states found by global sensitivity analysis



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Short Communication

Cancer risk in patients hospitalised for Graves' disease: a population-based cohort study in Sweden

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Table 1 SIRs for subsequent cancers in patients hospitalised for Graves' disease by follow-up time

Cancer site	Follow-up interval (years)																							
	<1			1–4			5–9			≥10			All			All 1+								
	O	SIR	95% CI	O	SIR	95% CI	O	SIR	95% CI	O	SIR	95% CI	O	SIR	95% CI	O	SIR	95% CI						
Upper aerodigestive tract	2	3.60	0.34	13.23	4	1.64	0.43	4.23	6	1.76	0.63	3.85	21	1.43	0.88	2.19	33	1.56	1.08	2.20	31	1.51	1.02	2.14
Stomach	2	3.43	0.32	12.62	0				7	1.76	0.70	3.64	15	0.73	0.41	1.20	24	0.86	0.55	1.28	22	0.81	0.51	1.22
Colon	0				8	0.78	0.33	1.55	11	0.75	0.37	1.34	59	0.81	0.61	1.04	78	0.78	0.61	0.97	78	0.80	0.63	0.99
Rectum	0	0.87	0.00	4.98	6	1.16	0.42	2.55	5	0.66	0.21	1.56	28	0.75	0.50	1.09	40	0.78	0.56	1.07	39	0.78	0.56	1.07
Liver	1				2	0.94	0.09	3.45	3	0.88	0.17	2.59	23	1.10	0.70	1.66	28	1.04	0.69	1.51	28	1.06	0.70	1.53
Pancreas	1	2.45	0.00	14.02	2	1.02	0.10	3.76	1	0.31	0.00	1.80	21	1.04	0.64	1.60	25	0.97	0.63	1.44	24	0.95	0.61	1.41
Lung	2	1.57	0.15	5.77	13	2.14	1.13	3.66	13	1.34	0.71	2.29	60	1.05	0.80	1.35	88	1.19	0.95	1.46	86	1.18	0.94	1.46
Breast	15	1.61	0.90	2.67	49	1.19	0.88	1.57	69	1.20	0.94	1.52	259	1.09	0.96	1.24	392	1.14	1.03	1.26	377	1.12	1.01	1.24
Cervix	1	0.70	0.00	4.01	3	0.53	0.10	1.57	9	1.39	0.63	2.65	13	0.81	0.43	1.39	26	0.88	0.57	1.29	25	0.89	0.57	1.31
Endometrium	2	1.01	0.10	3.73	7	0.82	0.33	1.70	21	1.83	1.13	2.79	41	0.81	0.58	1.09	71	0.97	0.76	1.23	69	0.97	0.76	1.23
Ovary	1	0.73	0.00	4.17	3	0.50	0.10	1.49	6	0.75	0.27	1.64	32	0.96	0.66	1.36	42	0.86	0.62	1.17	41	0.87	0.62	1.18
Prostate	2	1.18	0.11	4.33	7	0.88	0.35	1.83	10	0.79	0.38	1.46	63	0.95	0.73	1.21	82	0.92	0.73	1.15	80	0.92	0.73	1.14
Kidney	2	2.89	0.27	10.61	6	1.95	0.70	4.27	5	1.15	0.36	2.69	21	1.02	0.63	1.56	34	1.18	0.82	1.66	32	1.14	0.78	1.61
Urinary bladder	2	1.76	0.17	6.49	11	2.19	1.09	3.93	8	1.11	0.48	2.20	37	1.12	0.79	1.55	58	1.25	0.95	1.62	56	1.24	0.94	1.61
Melanoma	4	2.13	0.55	5.50	4	0.50	0.13	1.29	14	1.34	0.73	2.25	19	0.53	0.32	0.82	41	0.73	0.52	0.99	37	0.68	0.48	0.94
Skin	0				4	0.71	0.18	1.83	11	1.32	0.66	2.37	29	0.70	0.47	1.01	44	0.78	0.57	1.05	44	0.80	0.58	1.07
Nervous system	8	6.57	2.81	13.01	6	1.14	0.41	2.50	4	0.57	0.15	1.48	24	0.90	0.58	1.35	42	1.05	0.76	1.42	34	0.88	0.61	1.23
Thyroid gland	145	234.07	197.52	275.47	10	4.04	1.93	7.46	2	0.70	0.07	2.58	7	0.92	0.36	1.90	164	12.08	10.30	14.07	19	1.47	0.88	2.29
Endocrine glands	44	42.17	30.63	56.64	7	1.57	0.62	3.25	8	1.37	0.58	2.71	12	0.57	0.29	1.00	71	2.20	1.71	2.77	27	0.86	0.57	1.26
Parathyroid	42	50.80	36.60	68.71	5	1.45	0.46	3.42	5	1.14	0.36	2.68	10	0.65	0.31	1.20	62	2.55	1.96	3.27	20	0.86	0.53	1.33
Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma	1	1.09	0.00	6.25	2	0.48	0.05	1.78	5	0.83	0.26	1.95	18	0.62	0.36	0.98	26	0.64	0.42	0.95	25	0.63	0.41	0.94
Leukaemia	0				1	0.31	0.00	1.76	4	0.84	0.22	2.18	22	0.96	0.60	1.45	27	0.85	0.56	1.24	27	0.87	0.57	1.27
All	236	6.96	6.10	7.91	162	1.08	0.92	1.26	233	1.11	0.97	1.26	864	0.93	0.87	0.99	1495	1.13	1.07	1.19	1259	0.97	0.92	1.03

Abbreviations: O = observed; SIR = standardised incidence ratio; CI = confidence interval. Bold type, 95% CI does not include 1.00; bold type with underline, 99% CI does not include 1.00.

Hypothyroidism and hyperthyroidism and

Table 2 Standardized incidence ratios for breast cancer in women with hypothyroidism and hyperthyroidism, Denmark, 1978–2013.

	Women with hypothyroidism			Women with hyperthyroidism		
	No. of person-years	Observed/expected cancer	SIR (95% CI)	No. of person-years	Observed/expected cancer	SIR (95% CI)
Overall	36 1640	970/1031	0.94 (0.88–1.00)	674 236	2122/1903	1.11 (1.07–1.16)
Age at diagnosis of thyroid disease						
<30 years	37 559	17/15	1.17 (0.68–1.88)	72 244	35/45	0.78 (0.54–1.08)
30–49 years	102 422	197/206	0.96 (0.83–1.10)	229 087	626/510	1.23 (1.13–1.33)
50–69 years	137 188	486/505	0.96 (0.88–1.05)	255 053	1004/922	1.09 (1.02–1.16)
≥70 years	84 472	270/306	0.88 (0.78–0.99)	117 852	457/426	1.07 (0.98–1.18)
Calendar period of the diagnosis of thyroid disease						
1978–1982	35 984	95/95	1.00 (0.81–1.23)	111 722	309/288	1.07 (0.96–1.20)
1983–1987	3292	79/92	0.85 (0.68–1.06)	79 651	250/215	1.17 (1.03–1.32)
1988–1992	41 069	145/122	1.19 (1.00–1.40)	77 714	249/220	1.13 (0.99–1.28)
1993–1997	63 914	181/188	0.96 (0.83–1.11)	139 540	475/403	1.18 (1.08–1.29)
1998–2002	76 474	194/223	0.87 (0.75–1.00)	141 060	448/415	1.08 (0.98–1.18)
2003–2007	76 232	191/221	0.87 (0.75–1.00)	96 007	302/283	1.07 (0.95–1.19)
2008–2013	35 045	85/89	0.95 (0.76–1.18)	28 542	89/79	1.12 (0.90–1.38)
Charlson comorbidity index score						
Low (0)	273 988	706/746	0.95 (0.88–1.02)	57 3498	1734/1563	1.11 (1.06–1.16)
Moderate (1–2)	75 678	217/242	0.90 (0.78–1.02)	89 699	346/300	1.16 (1.04–1.28)
High (≥3)	11 974	47/42	1.12 (0.82–1.49)	11 038	42/40	1.04 (0.75–1.41)
Obesity diagnosis						
No	337 465	918/963	0.95 (0.89–1.02)	659 357	2075/1860	1.12 (1.07–1.16)
Yes	24 175	52/68	0.77 (0.57–1.01)	14 878	47/44	1.08 (0.79–1.43)
Alcohol-related disease						
No	354 797	943/1010	0.93 (0.88–1.00)	668 539	2106/1888	1.12 (1.07–1.16)
Yes	6842	27/21	1.30 (0.86–1.89)	5697	16/15	1.05 (0.60–1.71)
Breast cancer stage at diagnosis						
Localized	361 640	467/491	0.95 (0.87–1.04)	674 236	1012/909	1.11 (1.05–1.18)
Non-localized	361 640	377/427	0.88 (0.80–0.98)	674 236	883/809	1.09 (1.02–1.17)
Unknown stage	361 640	126/113	1.11 (0.93–1.32)	674 236	227/185	1.23 (1.07–1.40)
ER status ^a						
ER negative	200 431	67/77	0.87 (0.67–1.10)	293 504	124/118	1.05 (0.88–1.26)
ER positive	200 431	387/423	0.91 (0.83–1.01)	293 504	701/637	1.10 (1.02–1.19)
Missing ER status	200 431	55/70	0.78 (0.59–1.02)	293 504	100/103	0.97 (0.79–1.18)
Length of follow-up						
1–5 years	161 183	390/424	0.92 (0.83–1.02)	244 231	661/615	1.07 (0.99–1.16)
>5 years	200 457	580/607	0.96 (0.88–1.04)	430 005	1461/1288	1.13 (1.08–1.19)

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Cancer Risk in Patients with Graves' Disease: A Nationwide Cohort Study

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TABLE 3. SITE-SPECIFIC INCIDENCE RATE RATIO AND HAZARD RATIOS OF CANCER BETWEEN PATIENTS WITH AND WITHOUT GRAVES' DISEASE

Cancer (ICD-9-CM code)	Graves' disease				IRR [CI]	Adjusted HR ^b [CI]
	Without		With			
	Event	Rate ^a	Event	Rate ^a		
Head and neck (140-149)	22	0.17	8	0.25	1.44 (1.30, 1.61)***	1.28 (0.56, 2.89)
Stomach (151)	21	0.16	5	0.16	0.95 (0.83, 1.07)	0.94 (0.35, 2.51)
Colon (153, 154)	59	0.46	9	0.28	0.61 (0.53, 0.69)***	0.61 (0.30, 1.24)
Hepatoma (155)	42	0.33	13	0.40	1.23 (1.10, 1.37)**	1.13 (0.60, 2.12)
Lung (162)	42	0.33	7	0.22	0.66 (0.58, 0.75)***	0.69 (0.31, 1.54)
Breast (174)	97	0.76	39	1.21	1.60 (1.46, 1.75)***	1.58 (1.09, 2.30)*
Uterus (179, 182)	15	0.12	2	0.06	0.53 (0.45, 0.62)***	0.50 (0.11, 2.19)
Cervical (180)	30	0.24	3	0.09	0.40 (0.34, 0.47)***	0.45 (0.14, 1.47)
Ovary (183)	14	0.11	0	0.00	—	—
Prostate (185)	5	0.04	3	0.09	2.38 (2.14, 2.65)***	1.97 (0.45, 8.54)
Bladder (188)	14	0.11	3	0.09	0.85 (0.75, 0.97)*	0.81 (0.23, 2.84)
Kidney (189)	18	0.14	5	0.16	1.10 (0.98, 1.24)	1.00 (0.37, 2.72)
Thyroid (193)	20	0.16	52	1.62	10.3 (9.31, 11.5)***	10.4 (6.18, 17.4)***
Hematologic (200-208)	25	0.20	3	0.09	0.48 (0.41, 0.56)***	0.48 (0.14, 1.59)
Others	33	0.26	6	0.19	0.72 (0.63, 0.82)***	0.70 (0.29, 1.67)

^aIncidence rate (per 1000 person-years).

^bMultivariable analysis including sex, age, and comorbidities of diabetes, hypertension, and hyperlipidemia.

* $p < 0.05$; ** $p < 0.01$; *** $p < 0.001$.

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Thyroid hormone and anti-apoptosis in tumor cells

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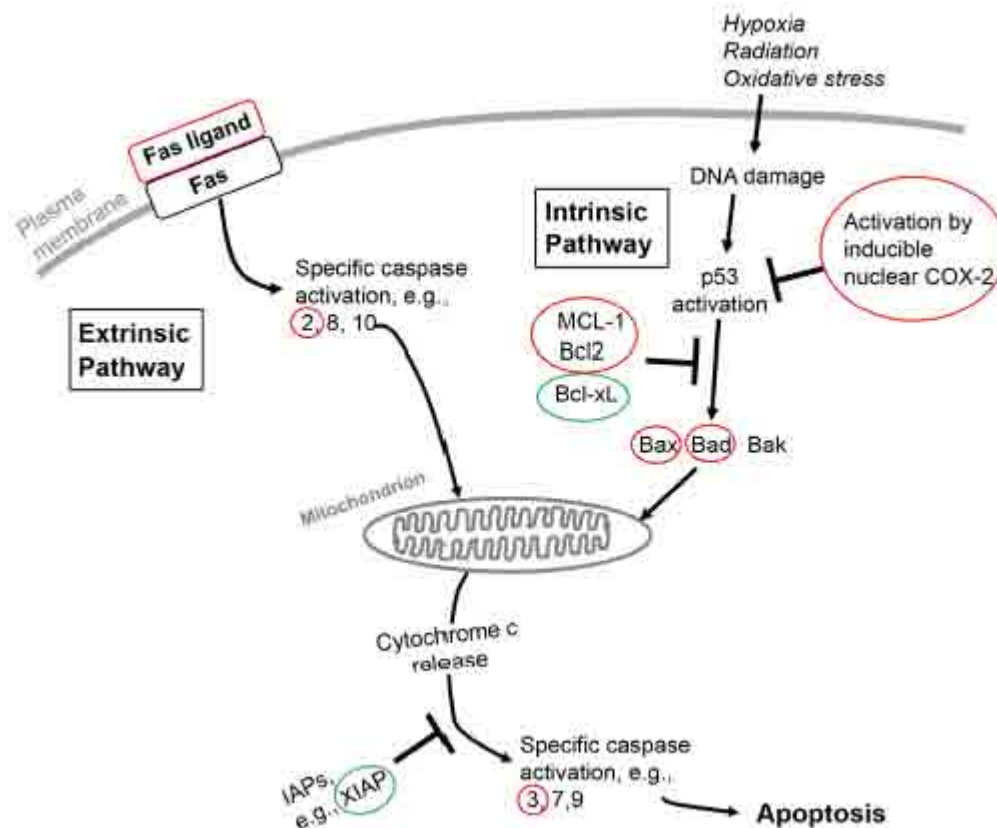
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Medically Induced Euthyroid Hypothyroxinemia May Extend Survival in Compassionate Need Cancer Patients: An Observational Study

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the difference between actual and expected survival was significant at the $p < .01$ level in comparisons of the total population

Association Between Development of Hypothyroidism and Improved Survival in Patients With Head and Neck Cancer

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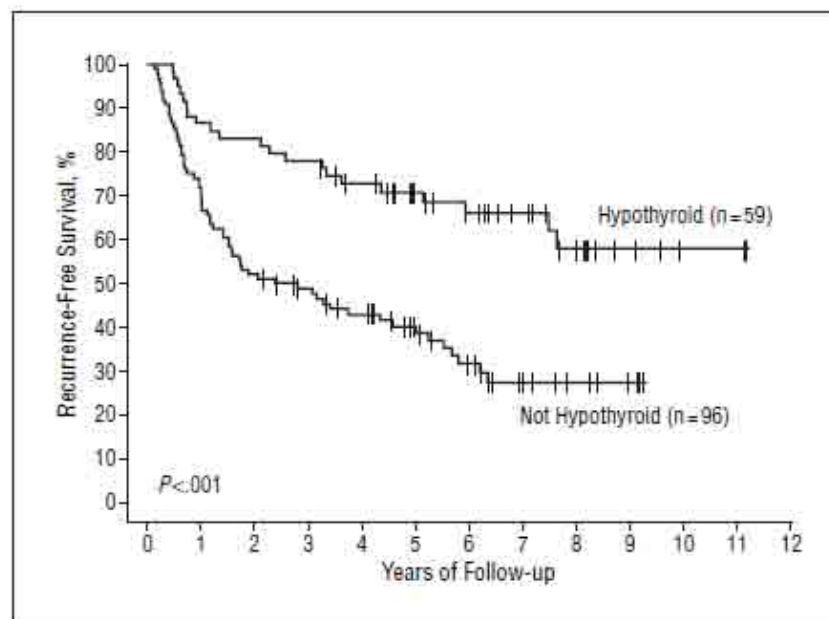


Figure 1. Unadjusted Kaplan-Meier recurrence-free survival analysis.

Variable	Recurrence		Death		Recurrence or Death	
	HR (95% CI)	<i>P</i> Value	HR (95% CI)	<i>P</i> Value	HR (95% CI)	<i>P</i> Value
Unadjusted Analyses						
Hypothyroid, all patients (N = 155)						
Yes/No	0.49 (0.28-0.88)	.02	0.30 (0.17-0.52)	<.001	0.37 (0.22-0.61)	<.001

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Complexity in the signaling network: insights from the use of targeted inhibitors in cancer therapy

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Cancer cells respond to chronic drug treatment by adapting their signaling circuitry, taking advantage of pathway redundancy and routes of feedback and cross-talk to maintain their function.

Review

How to escape the cancer attractor: Rationale and limitations of multi-target drugs

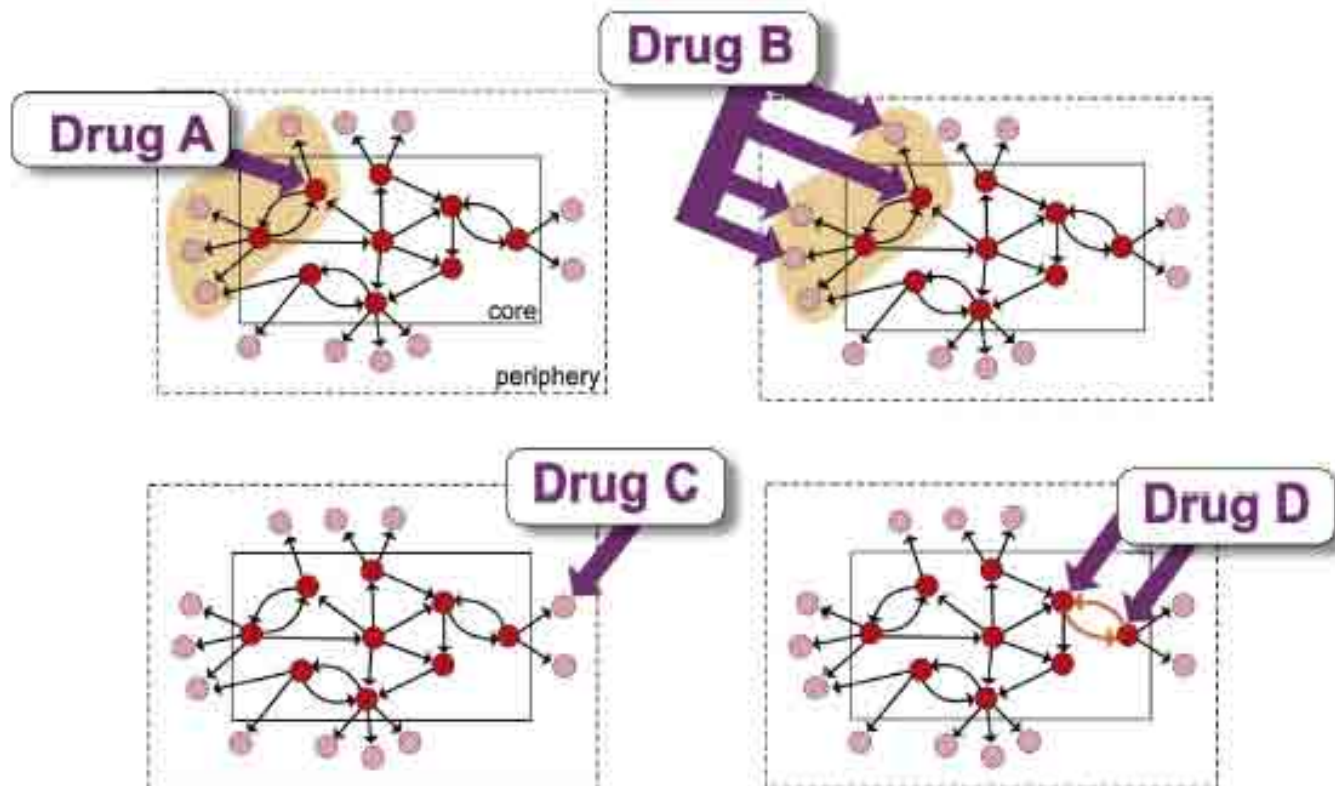
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Sunitinib-induced hypothyroidism predicts progression-free survival in metastatic renal cell carcinoma patients

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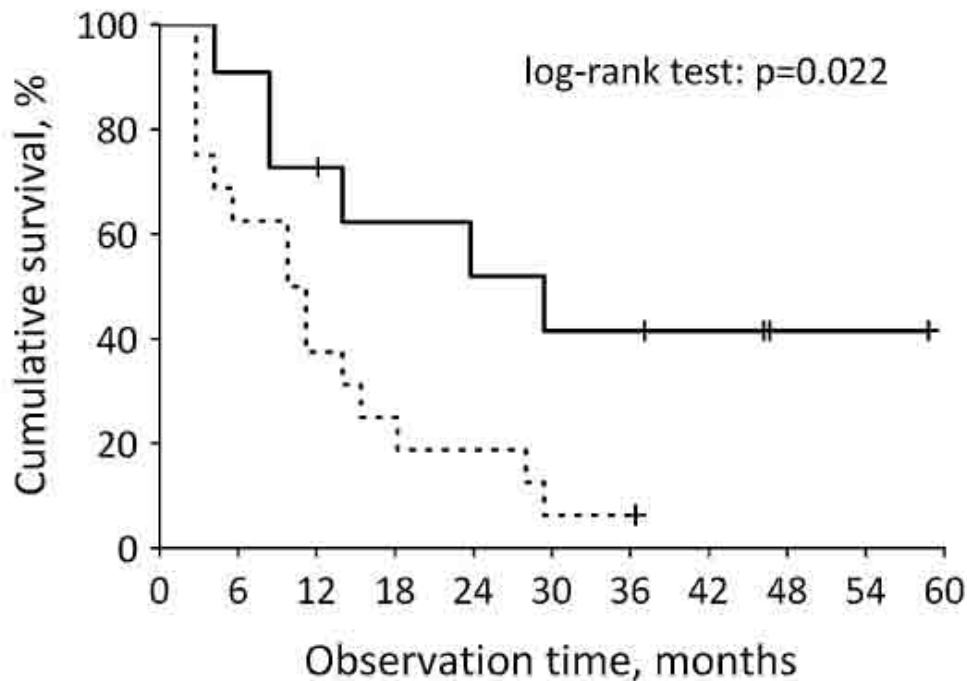


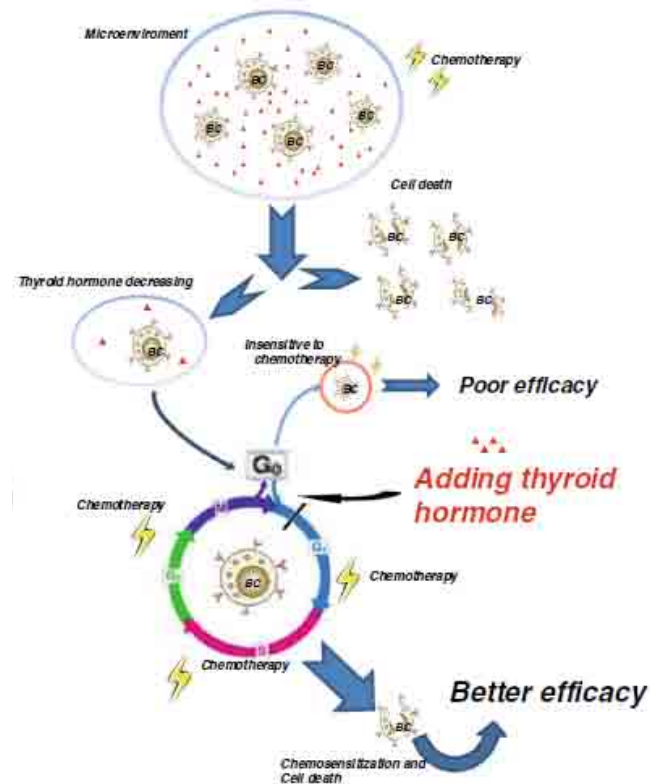
Fig. 1 Cumulative survival in patients who developed hypothyroidism during sunitinib treatment (*solid line*) and those who did not (*dashed line*)

Implication from thyroid function decreasing during chemotherapy in breast cancer patients: chemosensitization role of triiodothyronine

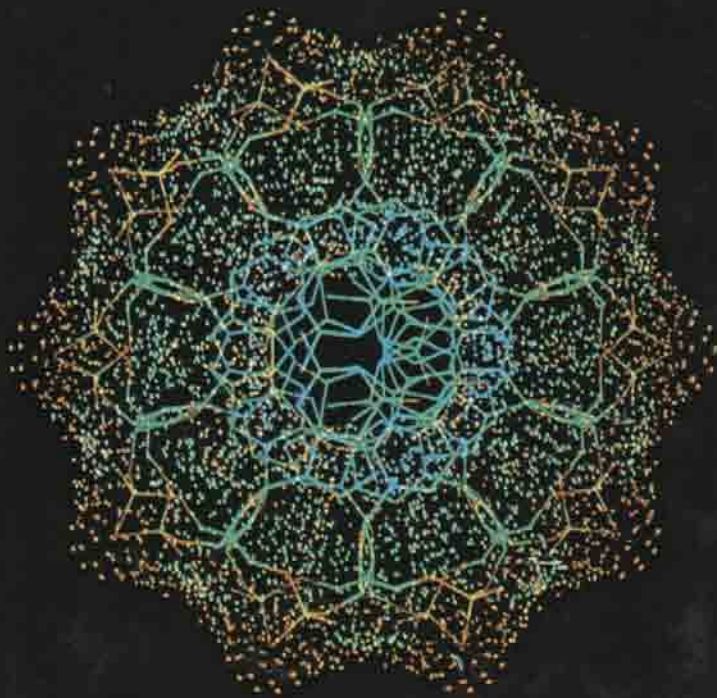
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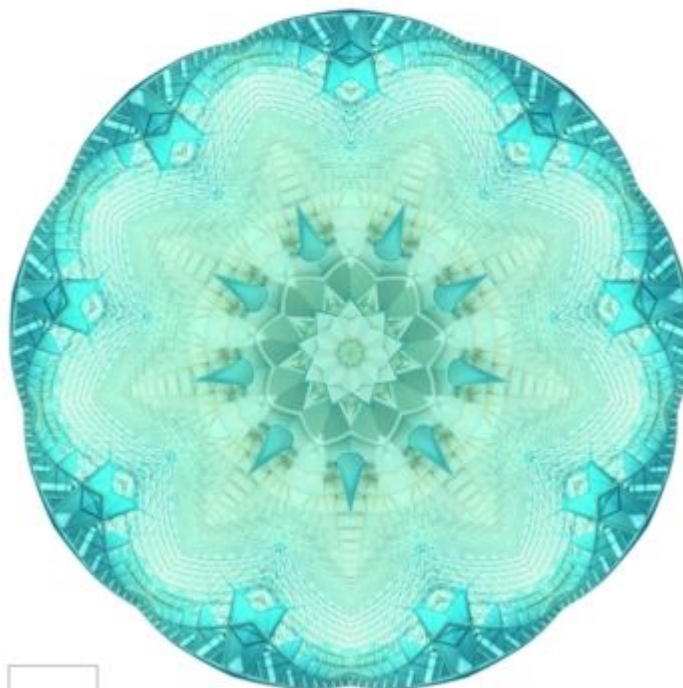
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**Le cose sono unite da legami invisibili:
non si può cogliere un fiore senza turbare
una stella**

