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## **Efficacy and safety of electrochemotherapy combined with peritumoral IL-12 gene electrotransfer of canine mast cell tumours**

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# “obstaja le ena medicina” – eno zdravje (One health)

(La Rue)

- Veterinarska onkologija = pomemben del v raziskavah humane onkologije: živali veljajo za odličen model v raziskovanju potencialnih etioloških dejavnikov, saj delijo skupni življenjski prostor, podoben je razvoj bolezni in samo zdravljenje.

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## President's Message



Dear Colleagues,

Gene and cell therapy is entering a new and exciting era. Last week, the FDA approved the first in class CAR T-cell therapy CTL019 (tisagenlecleucel, marketed under the name Kymriah). The approach is the result of more than 20 years of research and the collective efforts of many ASGCT members. As patients benefit from the approval and commercialization of this therapy, it will undoubtedly have a lasting impact on our field driving growth and innovation.

Along with these rapid advances and the new therapeutics that will become

### **Long-term microdystrophin gene therapy is effective in a canine model of Duchenne muscular dystrophy**

Le Guiner et al. *Nature Communications*, 8:16105, DOI: 10.1038/ncomms16105  
Summary written by: Alberto Malerba, George Dickson, and Caroline Le Guiner

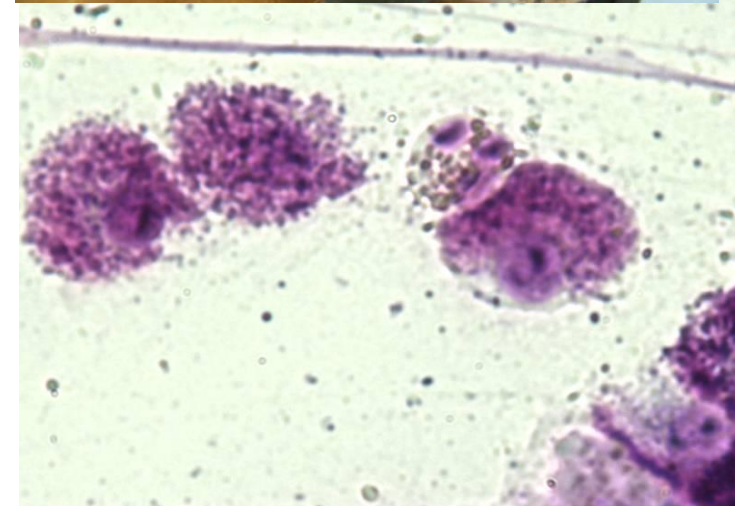
### **Long-term efficacy and safety of insulin and glucokinase gene therapy for diabetes: 8-year follow-up in dogs**

Jaén et al., *Mol. Ther. Methods Clin. Dev.* DOI: 10.1016/j.omtm.2017.03.008  
Summary by Phillip A. Doerfler, Ph.D.

The progression of gene therapy applications has accelerated in recent years. The successes observed in the many clinical trials and the encouraging approval of gene therapy products in the U.S. and Europe suggests more widespread applications are immanent. Although gene therapy was foremost concerned with monogenic disorders, potential treatments for more complex disorders are now being pursued. Work performed by Maria Luisa Jaén and colleagues illustrates AAV-based gene therapy may be effective in improving the lives of millions affected by diabetes.

## *Mastocitom (Mast cell tumours - MCTs):*

- Najpogostejši kožni tumor psov, 16 – 21% vseh kožnih tumorjev.
- zelo raznolik glede na klinični izgled in biološko obnašanje, kar predstavlja poseben izziv v diagnostiki in še posebej zdravljenju.
- Zdravljenje moramo prilagoditi histološki stopnji malignosti in kliničnemu stadiju: široki varnostni robovi z/brez radio/ kemoterapijo

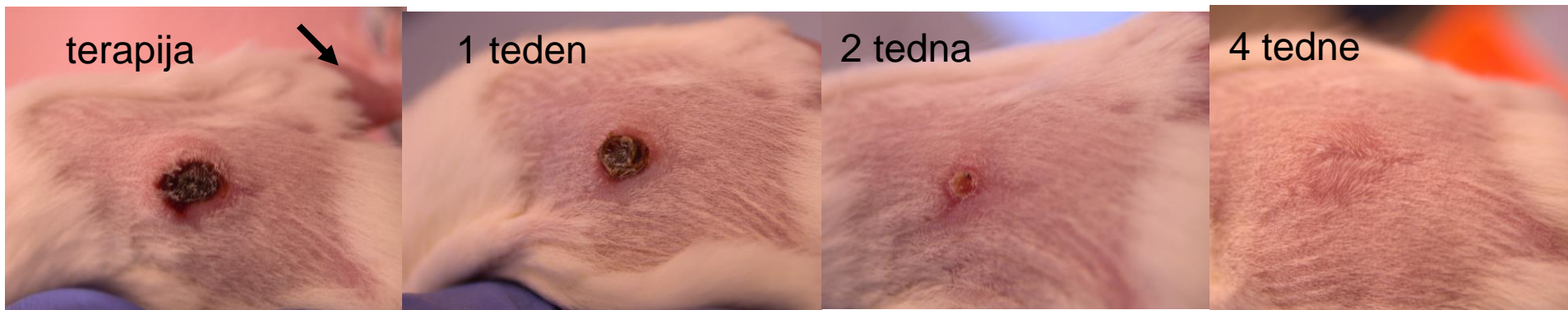


### **European consensus document on mast cell tumours in dogs and cats**

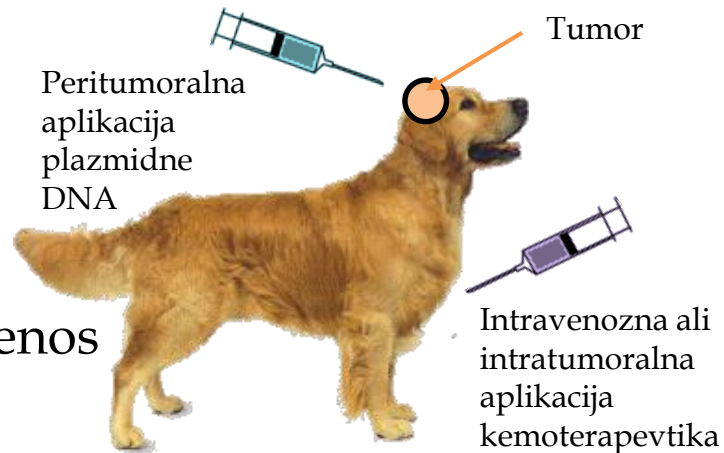
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## *Protitumorska učinkovitost EGT z IL-12*

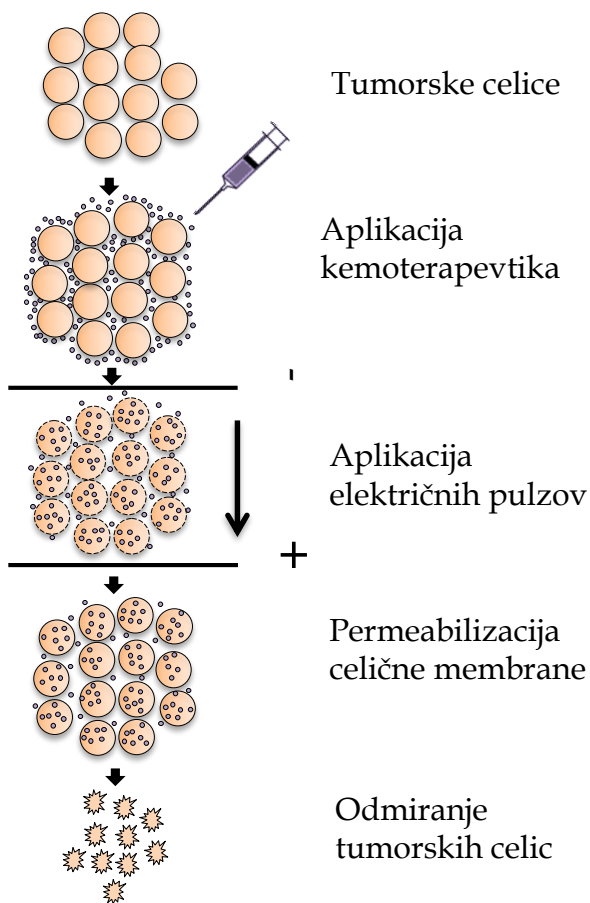
- Eksperimentalni modeli različnih tumorjev:
  - melanom, sarkom, različni karcinomi, limfom
- Protitumorski učinki EGT z IL-12 se izražajo kot:
  - upočasnitev rasti oz. popolna regresija tumorjev
  - dolgotrajna protitumorska zaščita (živali odporne na ponovno izrast tumorjev pri ponovitvi apl. tumorskih celic)
  - zmanjšanje števila pljučnih metastaz
  - podaljšanje življenjske dobe zdravljenih živali
  - brez pomembnih sistemskih stranskih učinkov



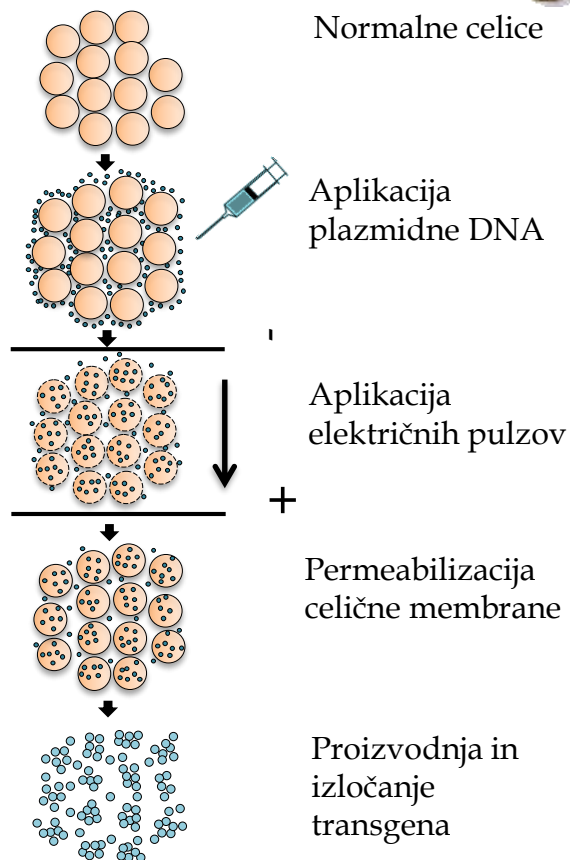
# Zdravljenje tumorjev pri psih z ECT in genskim elektroprenosom (EGT)



## Elektrokemoterapija



## Genski elektroprenos



# ECGT z IL-12 pri psih

18 posv z 18 MCTs, različne pasme, 5-15 let

12/18 klinični stadij I, 4/18 klinični stadij II, 2/18 klinični stadij III

ECT

- i/ tumoralna aplikacija cisplatina (Cisplatyl; Aventis);  $\sim 1 \text{ mg/cm}^3$
- po 1-2 min EP (8 x 100  $\mu\text{s}$ , 1300 V/cm, 1 Hz), ploščate elektrode s 6 mm razmikom

EGT

- i/ dermalana aplikacija plazmida v bližini tumorja (pORF-hIL-12, 1-2 mg/terapijo)
- EP: 1 x HV (1200 V/cm, 100  $\mu\text{s}$ ), ki mu takoj sledi 1 x LV (140 V/cm, 400  $\mu\text{s}$ )

Spremljanje  
odgovora

- spremljanje : 2, 7, 14 in 28 dni, nato mesečno in od 6 meseca, polletno
- lokalni odgovor (velikost tumorja)
- sistemski odgovor (sproščanje hIL-12, cIFN- $\gamma$ )
- Spremljanje neželenih stranskih učinkov (VCOG lestvica toksičnosti)





Pred th



1 teden po th



2 tedna po th



4 tedne po th



3 mesece po th



3,5 let po th

**MCT na glavi 3x3x2,7 – TH: ECT CDDP i.t. + EGT 1 mg plazmida**



## Rezultati – lokalna kontrola MCTs pri psih

|                              | ECT (Kodre et al)   | EGT (Pavlin et al)                         | ECGT  |
|------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Število psov                 | 9 psov  | 8 psov                                     | 18 psov   |
| Število tumorjev             | 12 MCTs   | 11 MCTs                                    | 18 MCTs   |
| Protokol zdravljenja         | Cisplatin i.tu.   | pORF-hIL-12 i.tu.                          | Cisplatin i.tu.<br>pORF-hIL-12 i.der.                       |
| Volumen zdravljenih tumorjev | 0.02 to 30.23 cm <sup>3</sup><br>median 2.9 cm <sup>3</sup> | 0.03 to 25.4<br>median 0.6 cm <sup>3</sup> | 0.19 to 47.1 cm <sup>3</sup><br>median 2.12 cm <sup>3</sup> |
| CR                           | 62.5%   | 36%  | 72.3%   |
| Ponovitve bolezni            | 1/9 zdravljenih   | 0/4 zdravljenih                            | 0/13 zdravljenih  |
| Čas spremljanja              | 2 – 43 m<br>median 26 m                                     | 12 m                                       | 4 - 52 m<br>median 40 m                                     |



Odgovor v korelaciji z:

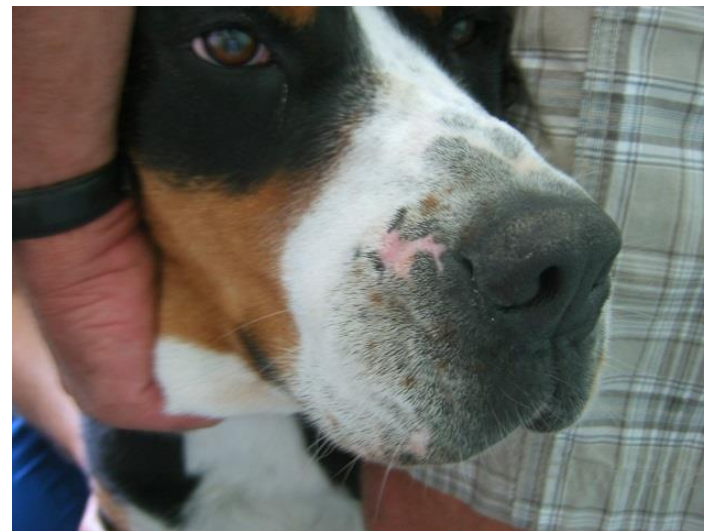
- Velikostjo tumorja: 100% CR pri < 2 cm<sup>3</sup>
- Kliničnim stadijem bolezni : 3/18 PD - kl. stadij II/III
- Stopnja malignosti ni vplivala na odgovor

## *Spremljanje stranskih učinkov*

- Nima klinično ali laboratorijsko zaznavnih neželenih stranskih učinkov
- Nima neželenih stranskih učinkov, povezanih s sproščanjem histamina iz granul v tumorskih celicah MCT, ki so posledica mehanične manipulacije



Površinska hrasta na mestu odmrlih tumorskih celic



Manjša brazgotina po prib. 4 tednih – odličen kozmetični učinek

*research article*

## Effects of electrochemotherapy with cisplatin and peritumoral IL-12 gene electrotransfer on canine mast cell tumors: a histopathologic and immunohistochemical study

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**Results.** Histopathological examination of samples at  $T_0$  confirmed the diagnosis and the presence of scanty infiltrates consisted mainly of T-lymphocytes and macrophages. At  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  neoplastic cells were drastically reduced in 7/11 cases, small clusters of neoplastic cells were detected in 3/11 cases and 1/11 cases neoplastic cells were still evident. Proliferation activity of neoplastic cells was significantly reduced at  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  and expression of anti-apoptotic protein at  $T_1$ . Microvessel density was drastically reduced in all samples after treatment. The number of T-lymphocytes increased at  $T_1$ , although not significant, while Treg were significant higher at  $T_1$  and macrophages at  $T_2$ .

**Conclusions.** The combined electrochemotherapy and IL-12 gene electrotransfer effectively induced a cellular response against neoplastic cells characterized mainly by the recruitment of T-lymphocytes and macrophages and a fibrotic proliferation with reduction of microvessels.

## *ECGT lahko uporabimo:*

- kot **samostojno terapijo** za zdravljenje manjših MCTs
- kot **neoadjuvantno = citoreduktivno** terapijo pred kirurškim posegom, predvsem na mestih, kjer ni mogoče doseči čistih kirurških robov in ustrezne lokalne kontrole
- kot **adjuvantno** v kombinaciji z drugimi metodami (predvsem krg)
- kadar ni možnosti uporabe nekaterih metod zdravljenja (npr. radioterapije)

## *ECGT – ekstranodalni plazmocitom*



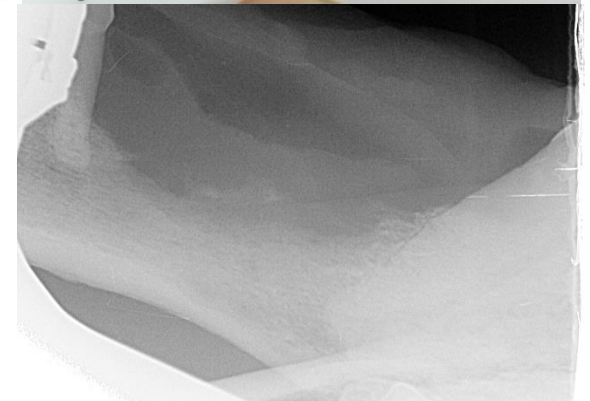
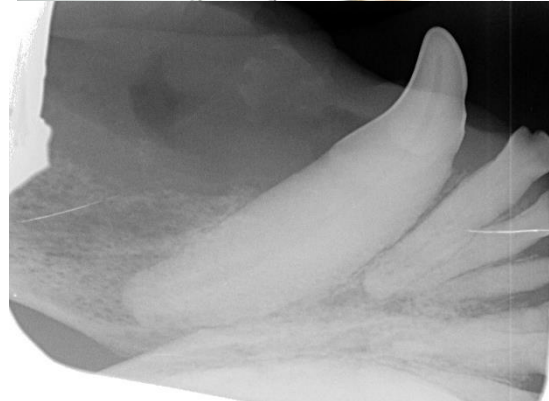
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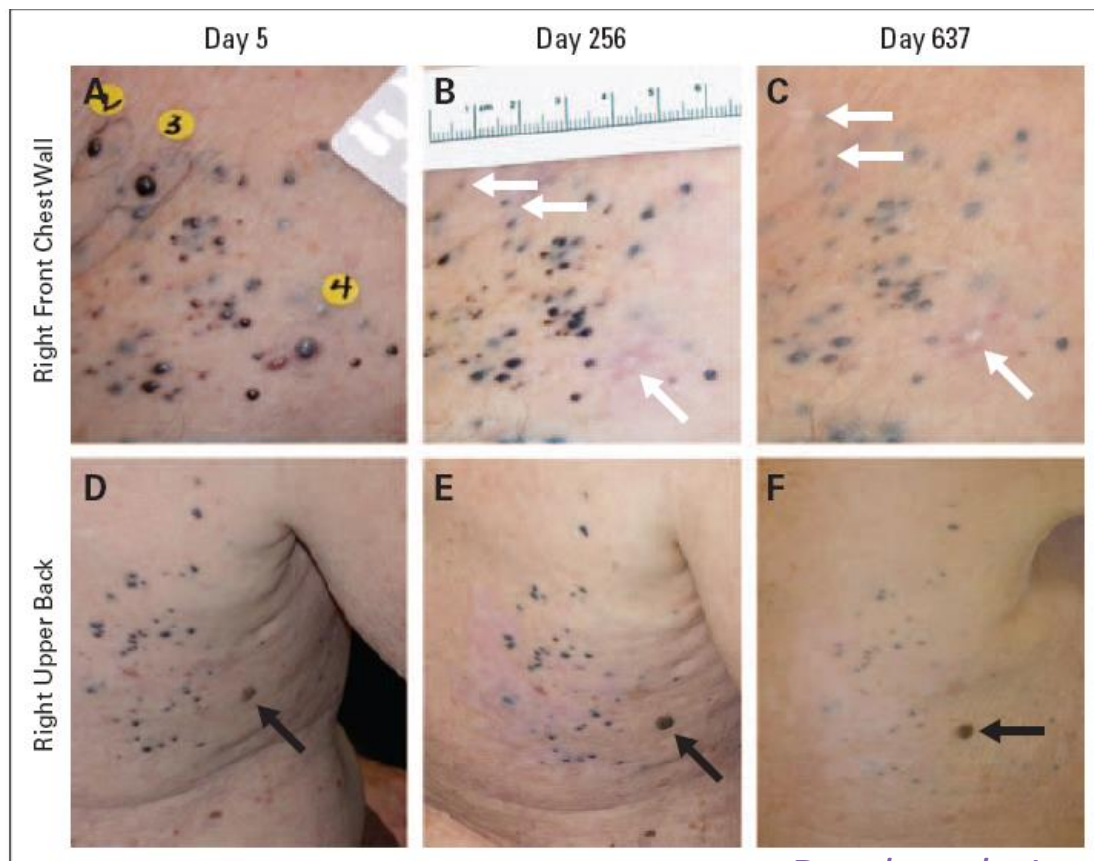


10 m po th - CR

# *ECGT v kombinaciji s kirurgijo – tumorji ustne votline psov*

- Intracapsularna odstranitev tumorske mase + 4 ECT (bleomicin i.v. + canine IL-12 EGT peri-tumoralno):
  - 2 CR, 1 SD, 1 PD





**Fig 3.** Cutaneous lesions in (A-F) patient 9 from cohort 3 and (G-J) patient 14 from cohort 5. (A-C) Right front chest wall. (D-F) Right upper back. A and D were photographed on day 1 (pretreatment), B and E on day 256, and C and F on day 637. Note that the electroported lesions (2, 3, 4 in panel A) were resected and the sites are shown by white arrows. The nonelectroported lesions gradually flatten and fade away. (D-F) The seborrheic keratosis (shown by the black arrows) persists whereas the metastatic melanoma lesions flatten and fade with time.

*Daud et al., Journal of Clinical Oncology, 2008*

## OncoSec Granted Orphan Drug Designation from the U.S. FDA for the Treatment of Unresectable Metastatic Melanoma

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SAN DIEGO, June 8, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- OncoSec Medical Incorporated ("OncoSec") (NASDAQ: ONCS), a company developing DNA-based intratumoral cancer immunotherapies, today announced that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has granted Orphan Drug Designation for pIL-12, otherwise known as tavokinogene tetsaplasmid, for the treatment of unresectable metastatic melanoma. Tavokinogene tetsaplasmid is the active biologic agent in OncoSec's lead product candidate, ImmunoPulse® IL-12. The Orphan Drug status will provide OncoSec with eligibility for certain development incentives, including tax credits for clinical testing, exemption from a prescription drug user fee, and seven years of market exclusivity.



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