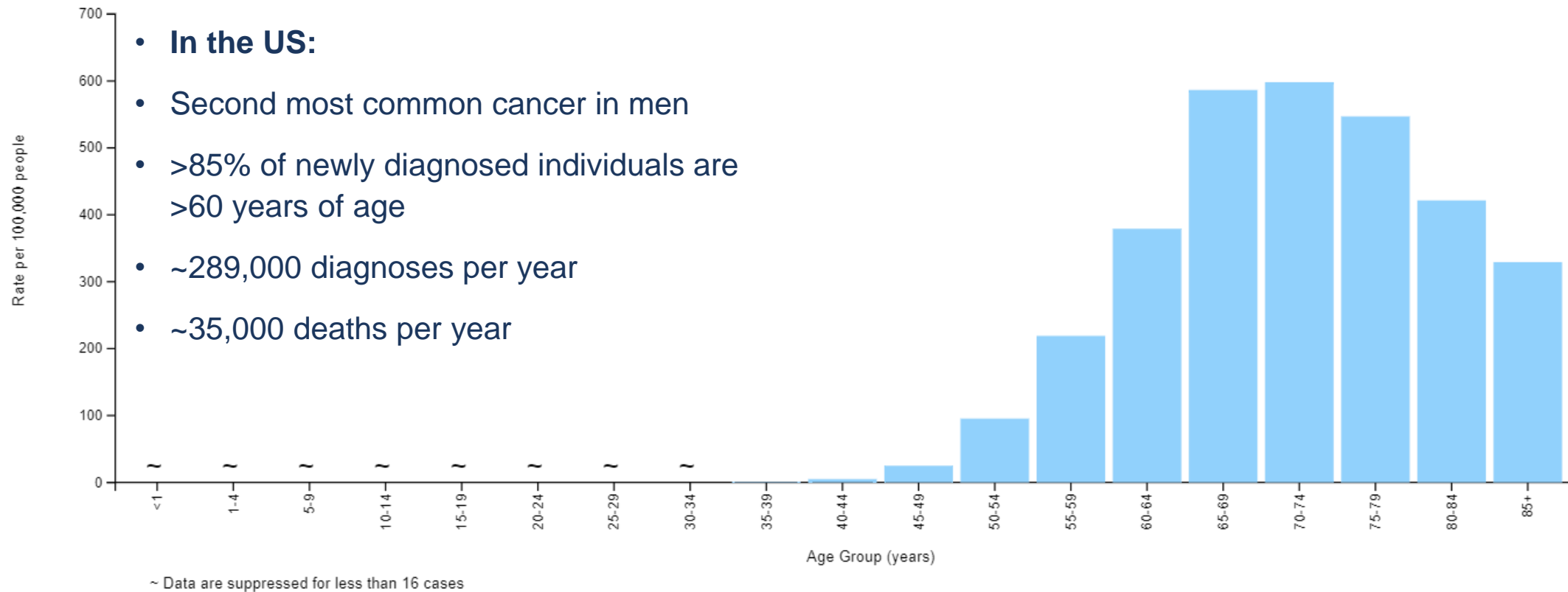


Disrupting the CXCL12-CD26/CXCR4,7 Axis Through Supraphysiological Levels of R1881

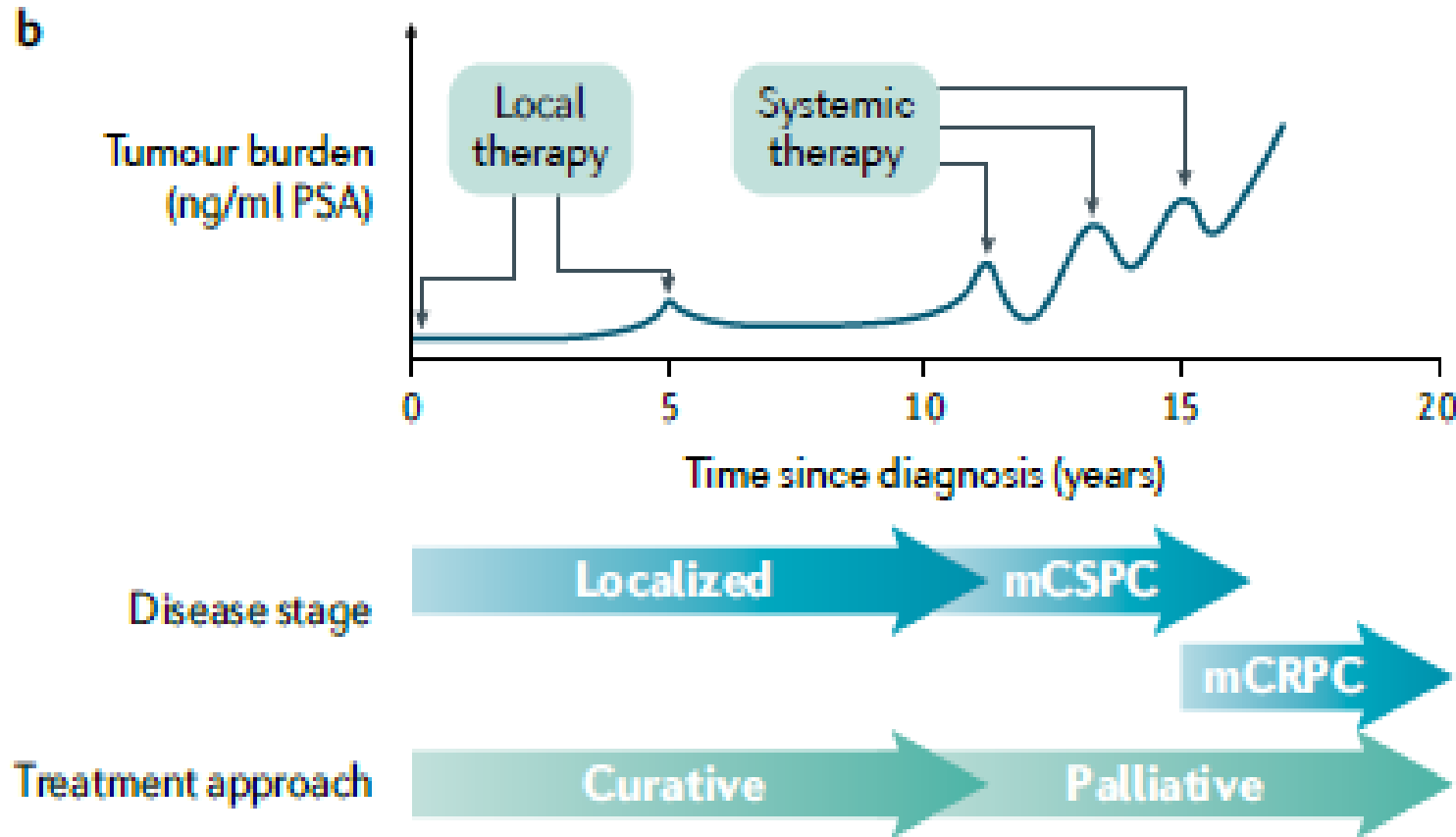
Prostate Cancer Overview

Demographic



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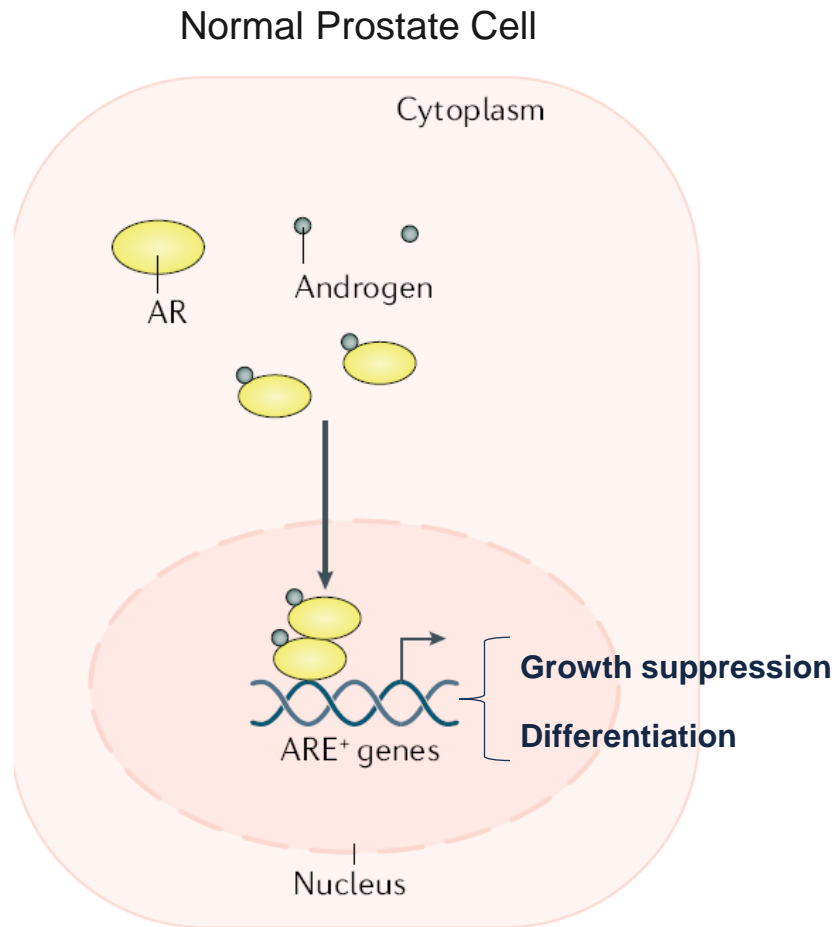
Prostate Cancer Progression



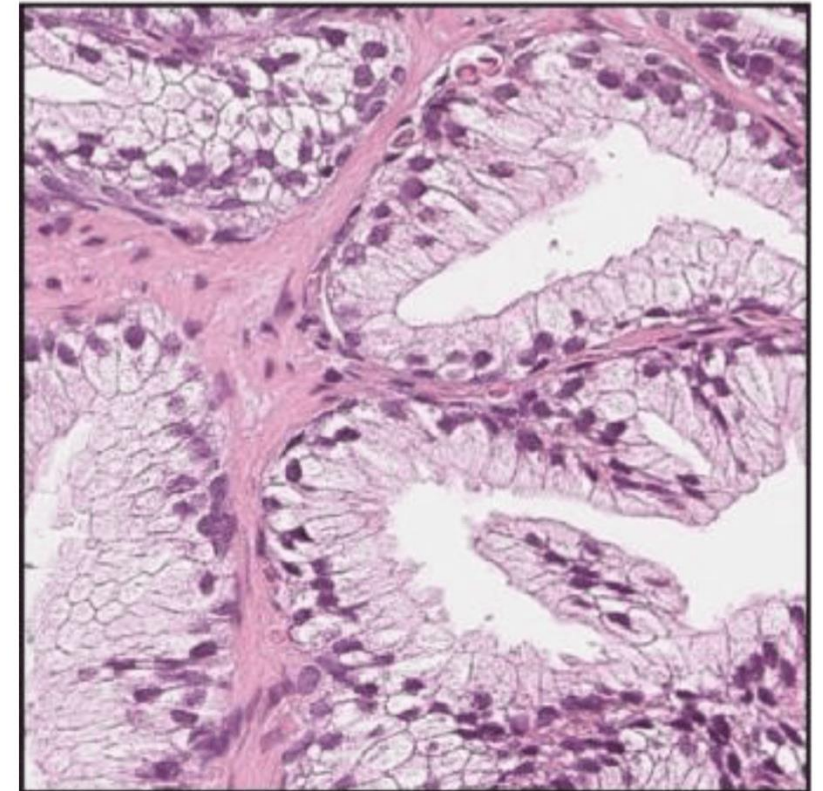
- **In the US:**
- 80% of men diagnosed with PC have localized PC
 - Survival rate as high as 99%
 - 20-30% of men advance to mPC within 5-10 yrs
- 15% of men diagnosed with PC have locoregional metastasis
- 5% of men diagnosed with PC have distant metastasis

AR as Tumor Suppressor in Normal Prostate Cells

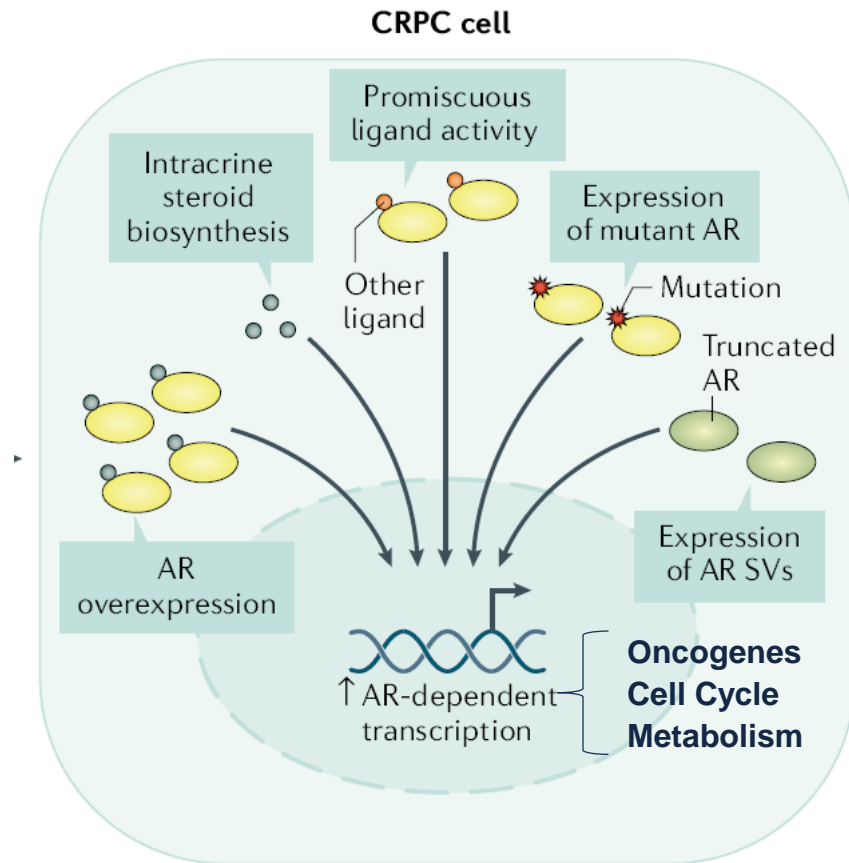
- **Androgen:** Male sex hormone
 - Testosterone (T)
 - Dihydrotestosterone (DHT)
- **Androgen Receptor (AR):** Transcription Factor
 - Regulates proliferation and apoptosis through gene transcription



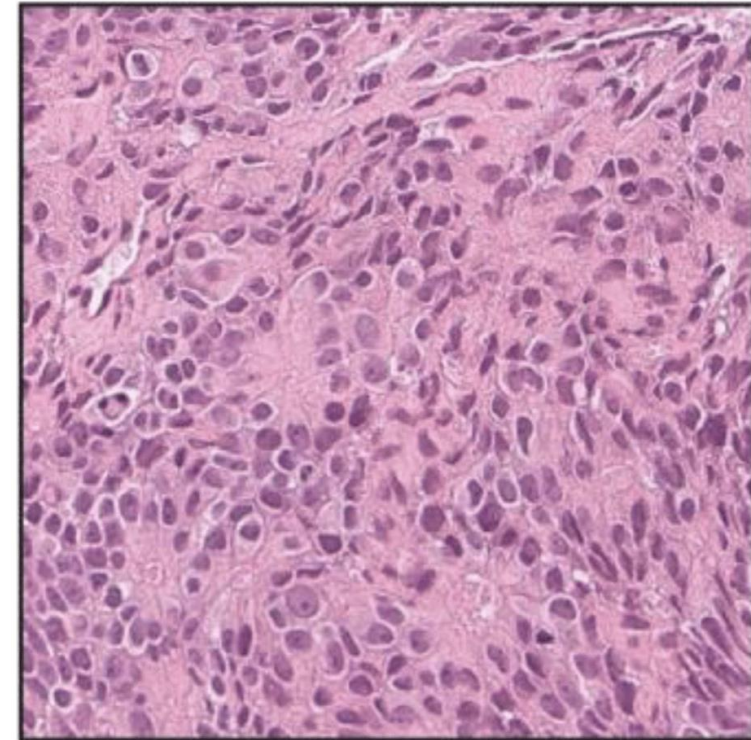
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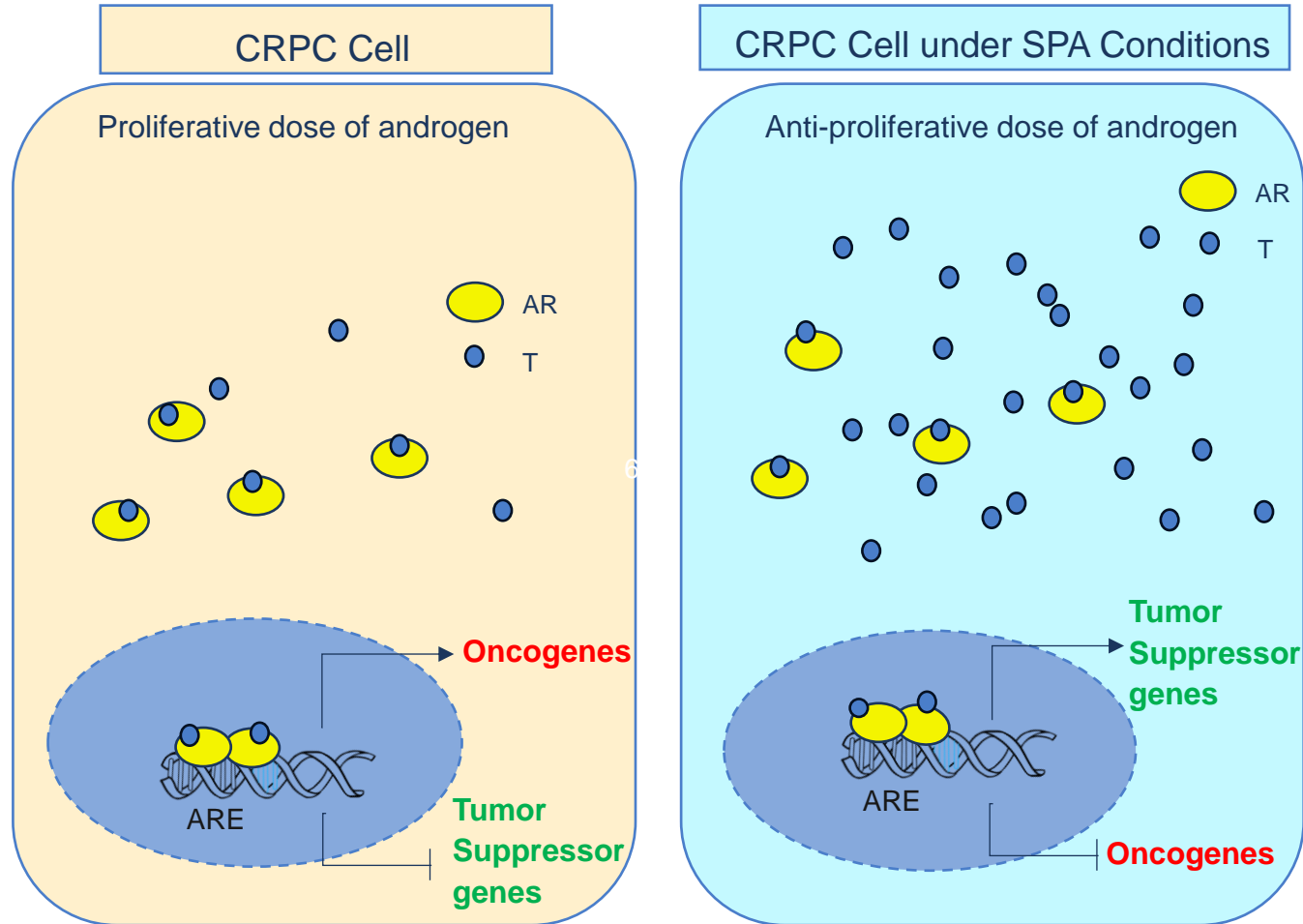
AR in Castration-Resistant Prostate Cells



Cancer tissue



Supraphysiological Androgen Suppresses Tumor Growth



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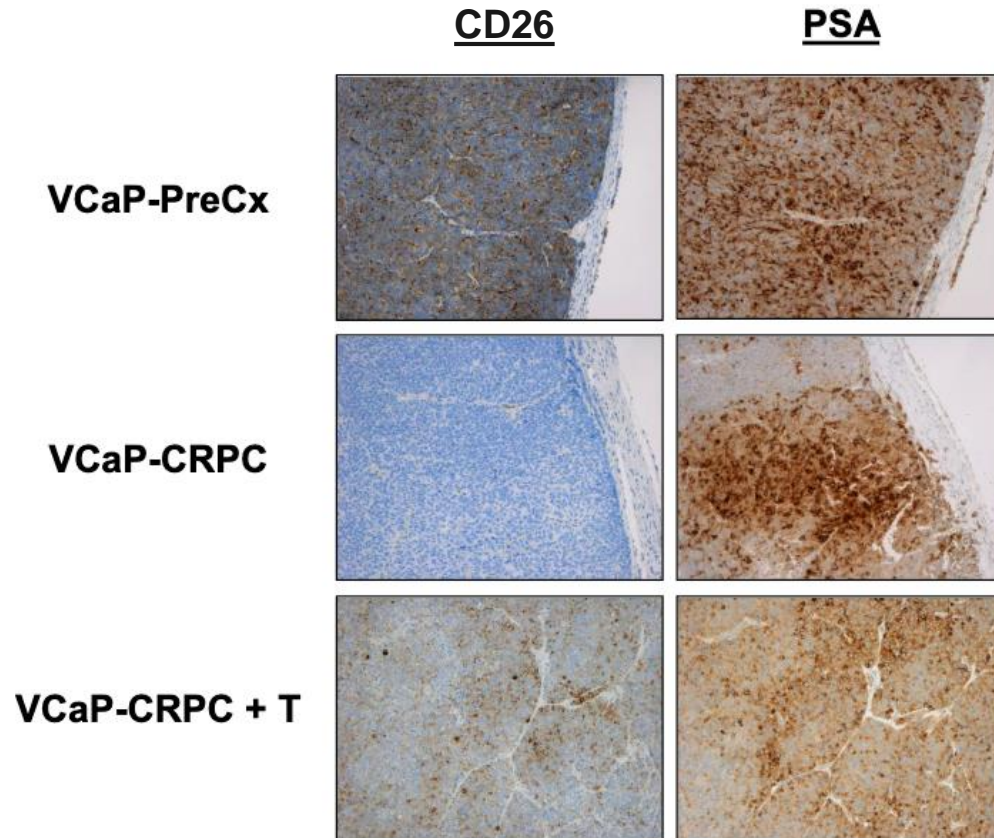
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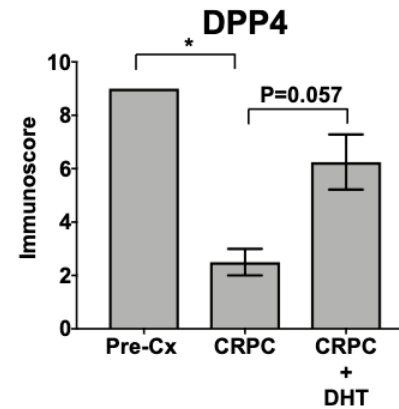
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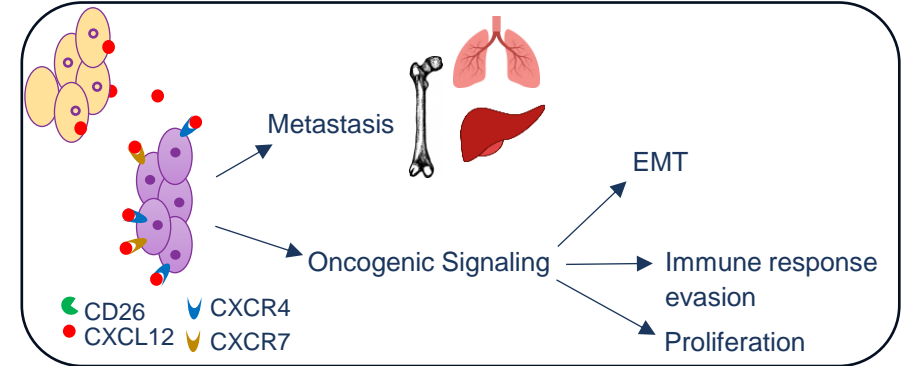
Supraphysiologic androgens can modulate the impact of the tumor microenvironment by restoring *DPP4*/CD26 expression.



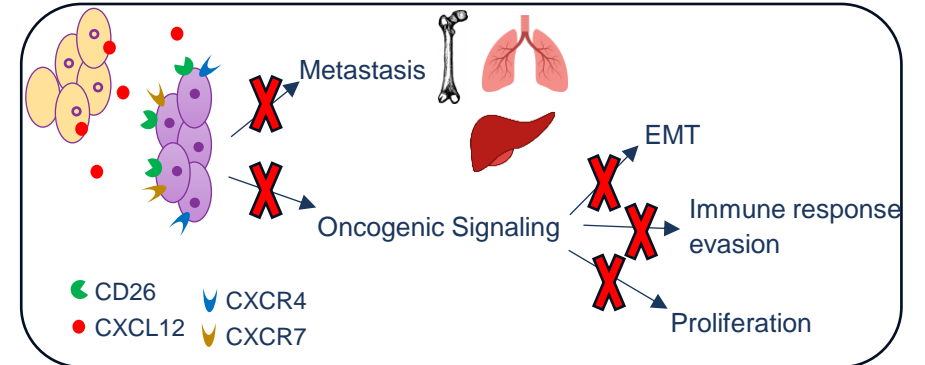
(200mg/kg)
for three days



DPP4/CD26 is repressed in advanced PC:



If *DPP4*/CD26 is restored under SPA



Russo JW... Nelson, PS et al., 2018

Hypothesis:

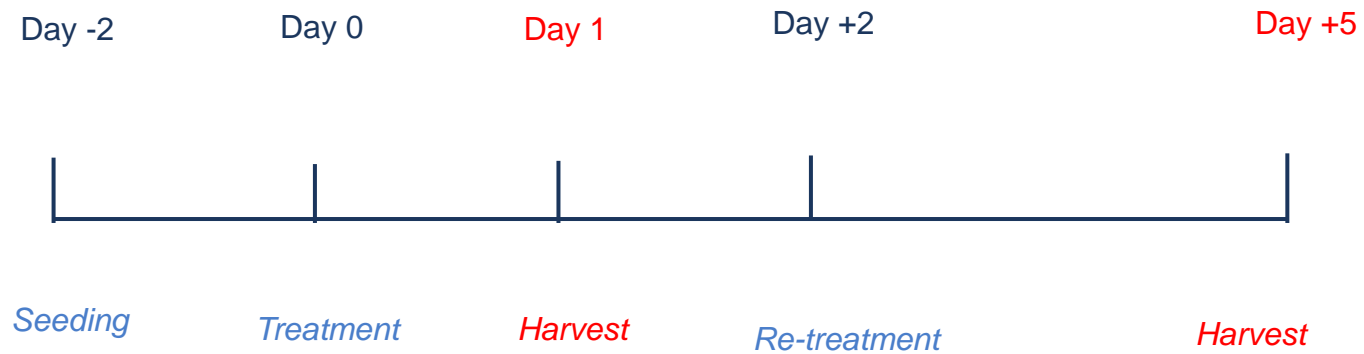
Restoring CD26 expression through SPA treatment can alter the oncogenic activity of the CXCL12-CXCR4,7 axis in prostate cancer

DPP4 Expression in Prostate Cell lines

Metastasis Model

- **LNCaP**
Castration sensitive
- **LNCaP_16D**
Castration resistant
Enzalutamide sensitive
- **LNCaP_49F**
Castration resistant
Enzalutamide resistant
- **LNCaP_C42B**
Castration resistant
High levels of CXCL12

Experimental Design



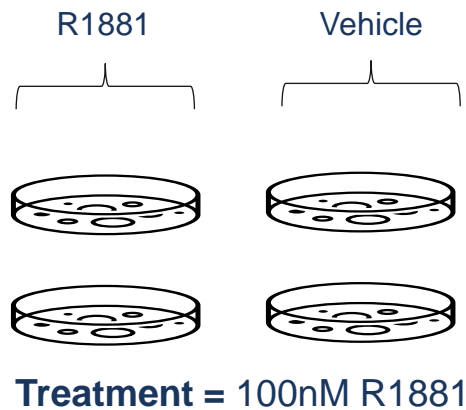
Cell Seeding Density:

Day 1: 4×10^6 cells/10mL dish

Day 6: 3×10^6 cells/10mL dish



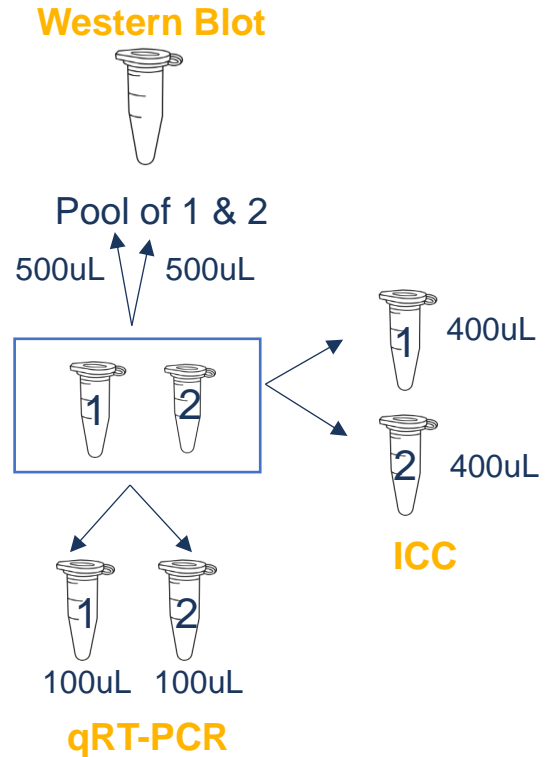
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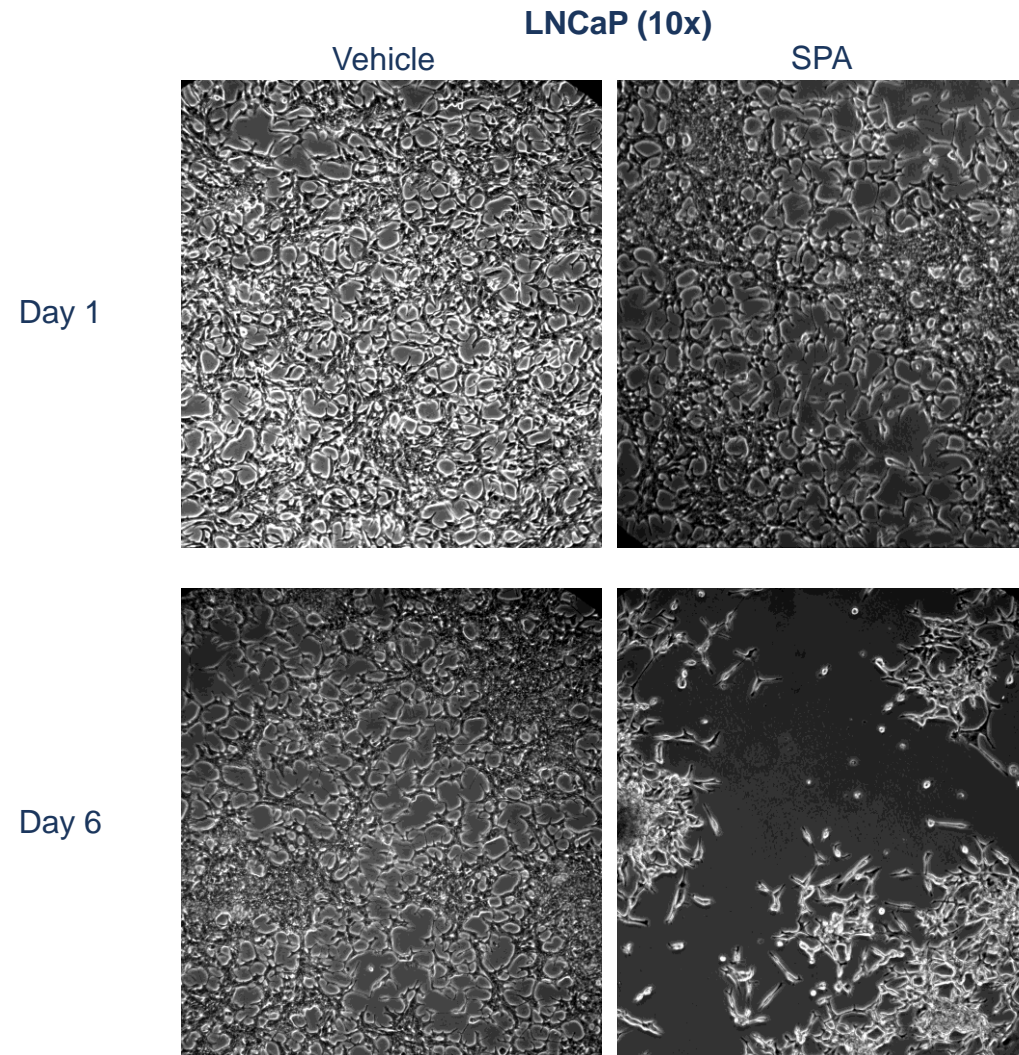
➡ Dissociate ➡ Wash In PBS ➡ Pellet ➡ Re-suspend in PBS ➡

Genes/Proteins to Assay:

- **qRT-PCR:** AR, FKBP5, NKX3.1, PSA, cMYC, CD26, CXCR4, CXCR7,
- **WB:** AR, NKX3.1, PSA, cMYC CD26,, CXCR7
- **ICC:** AR, NKX3.1, PSA, CD26, CXCR4

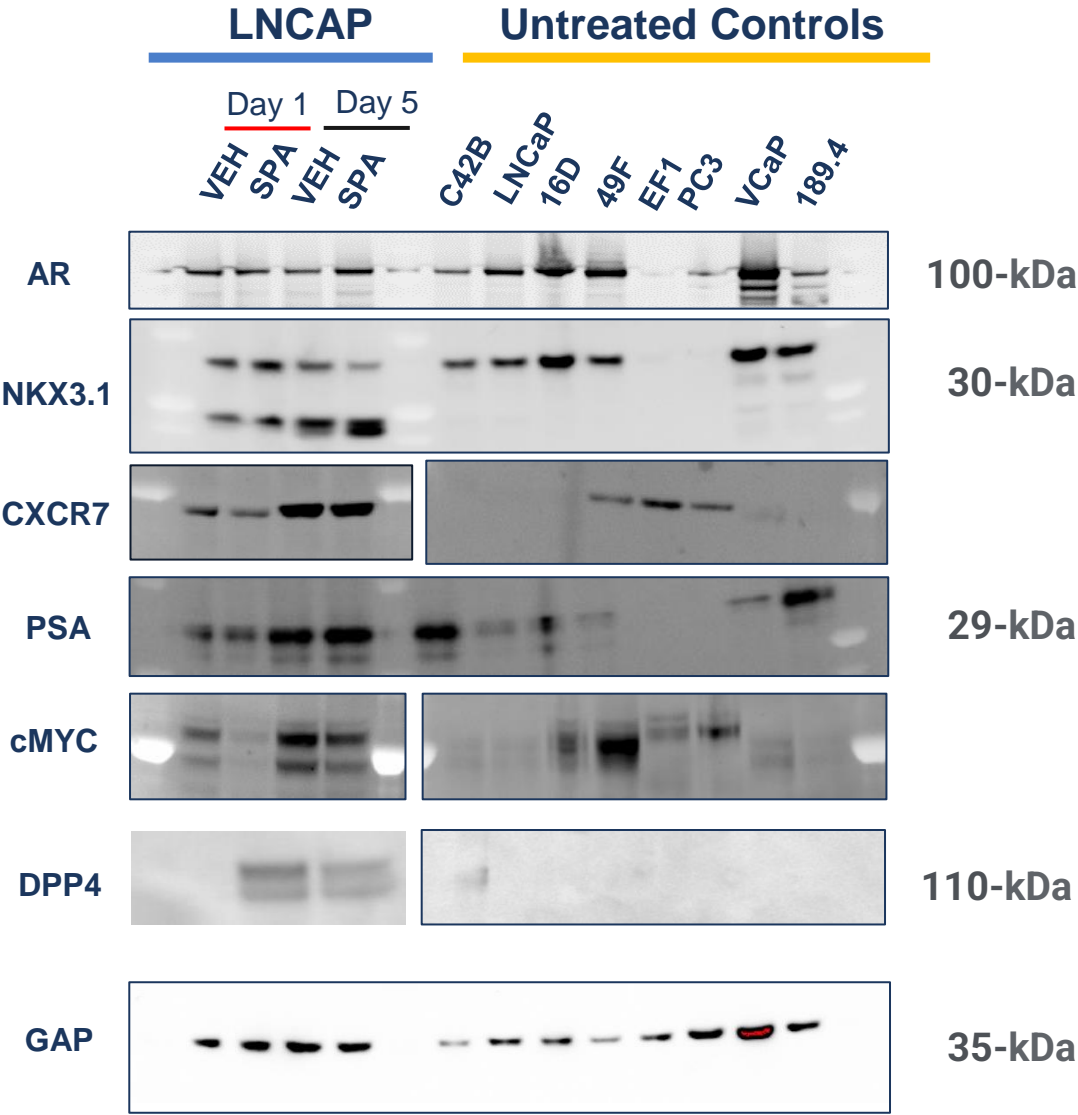


LNCaP Cell Confluency Before and After Treatment

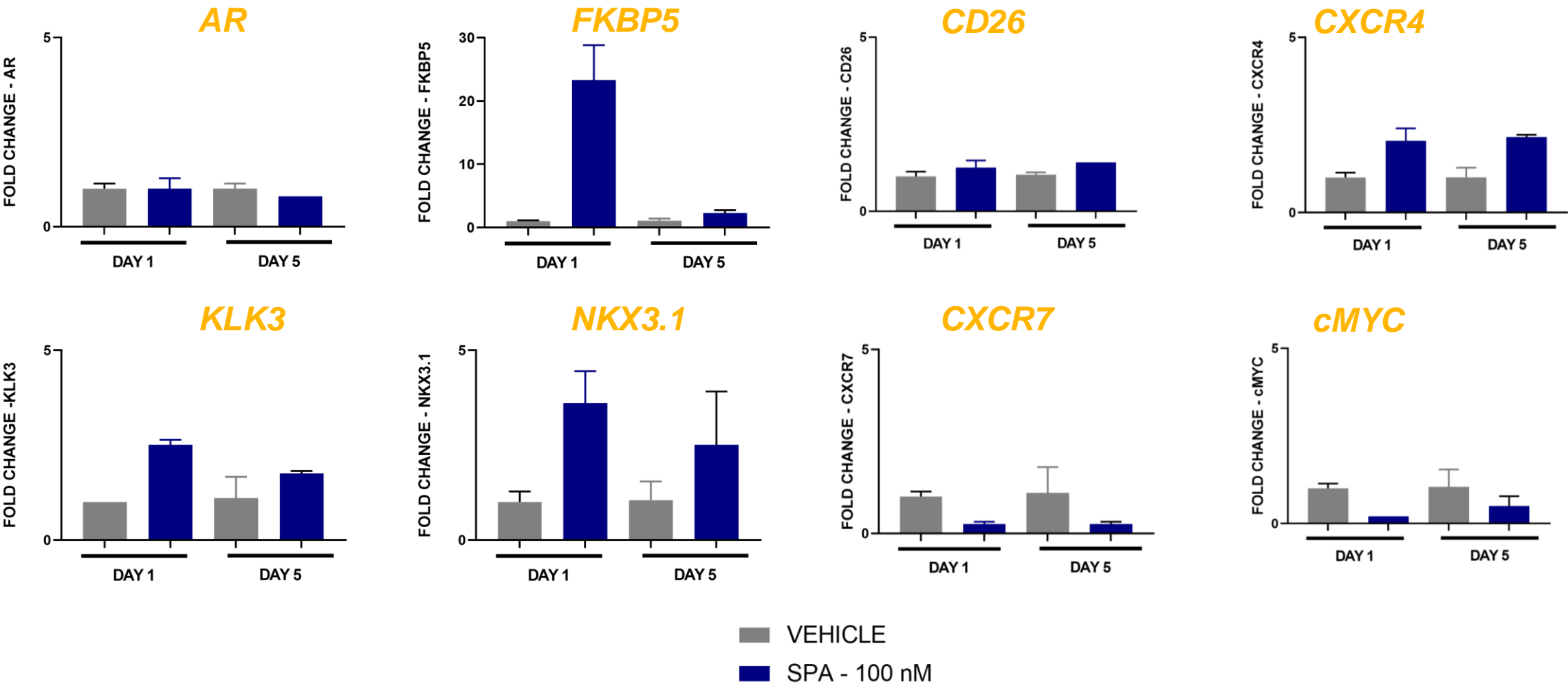


***SPA = 100nM R1881**

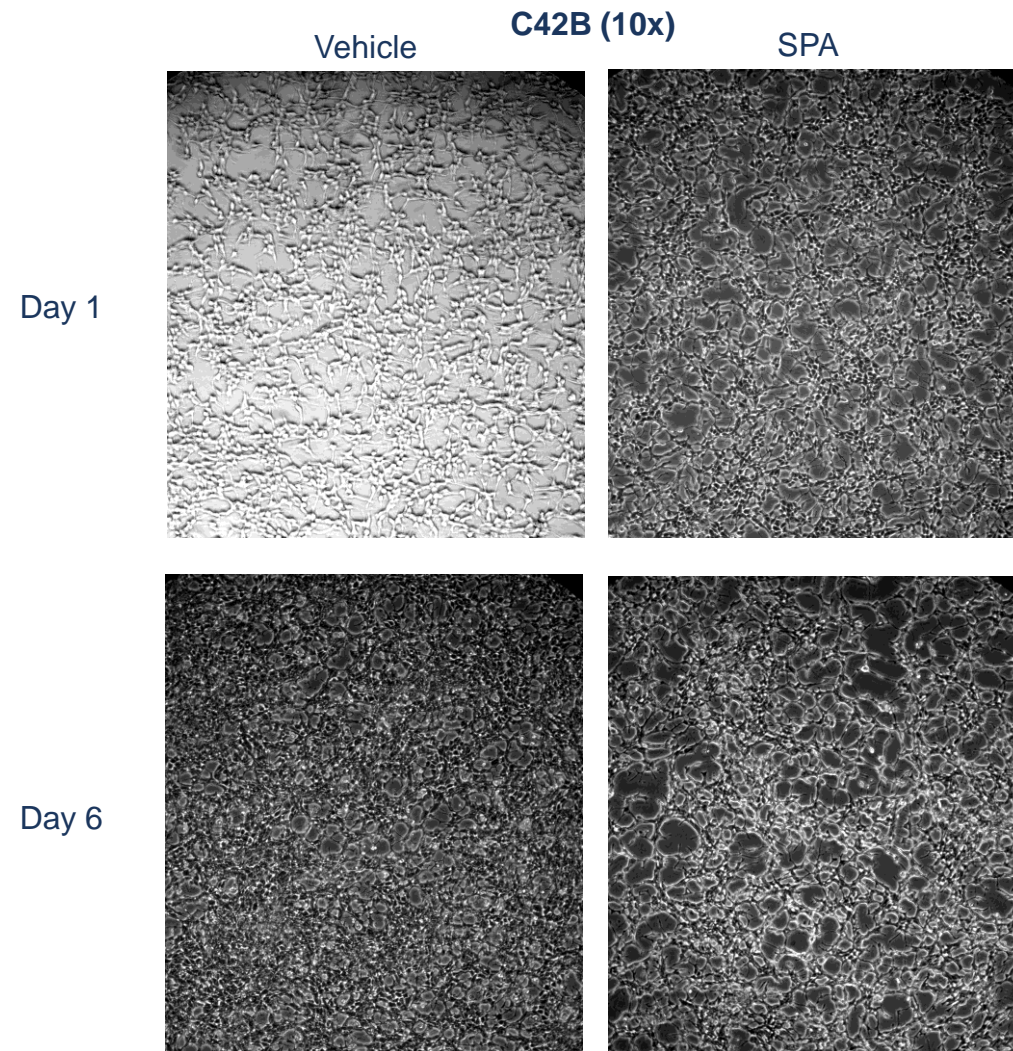
Western Blot Analysis of Treated LNCaP Samples



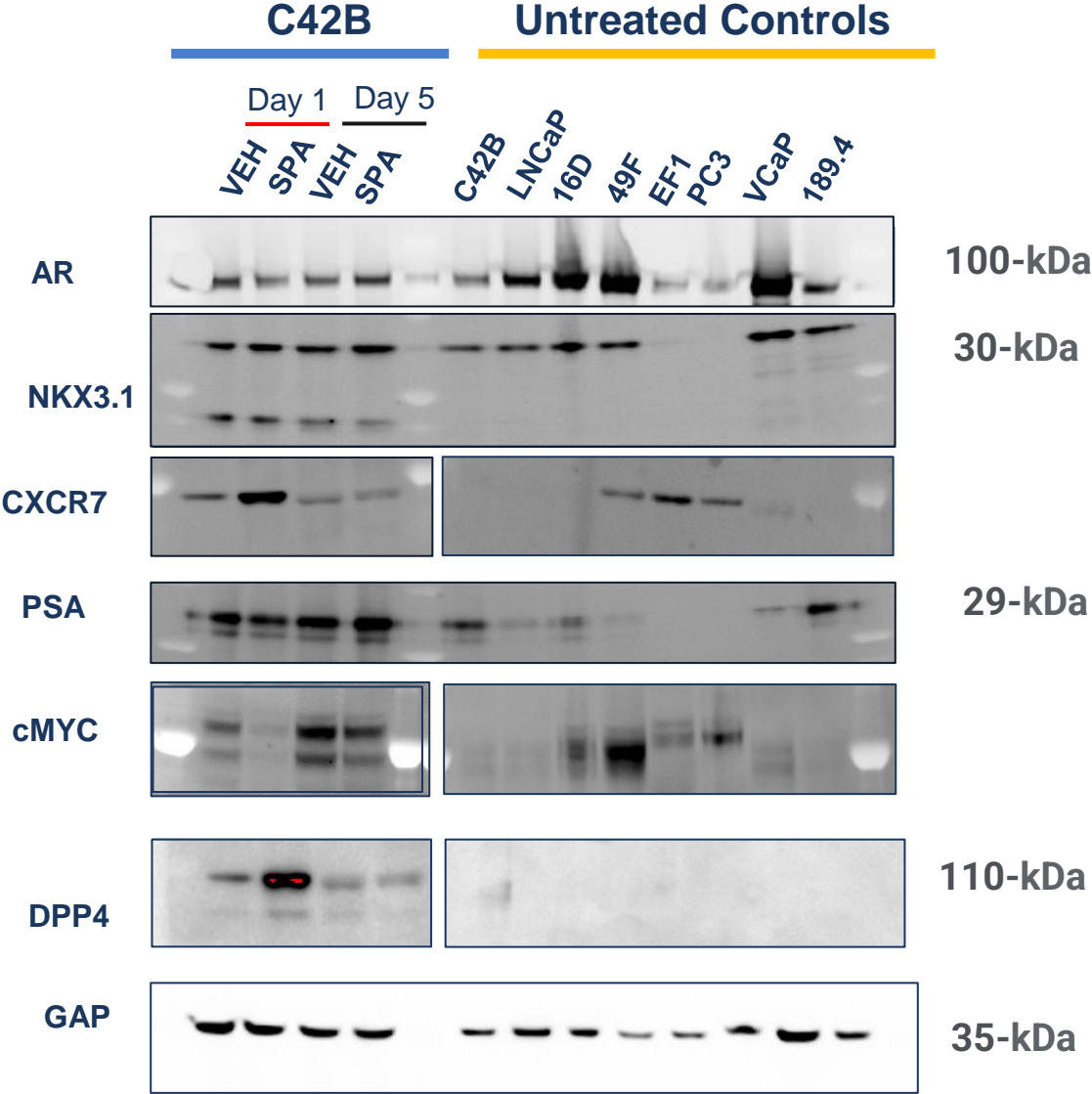
qRT-PCR Analysis of LNCaP



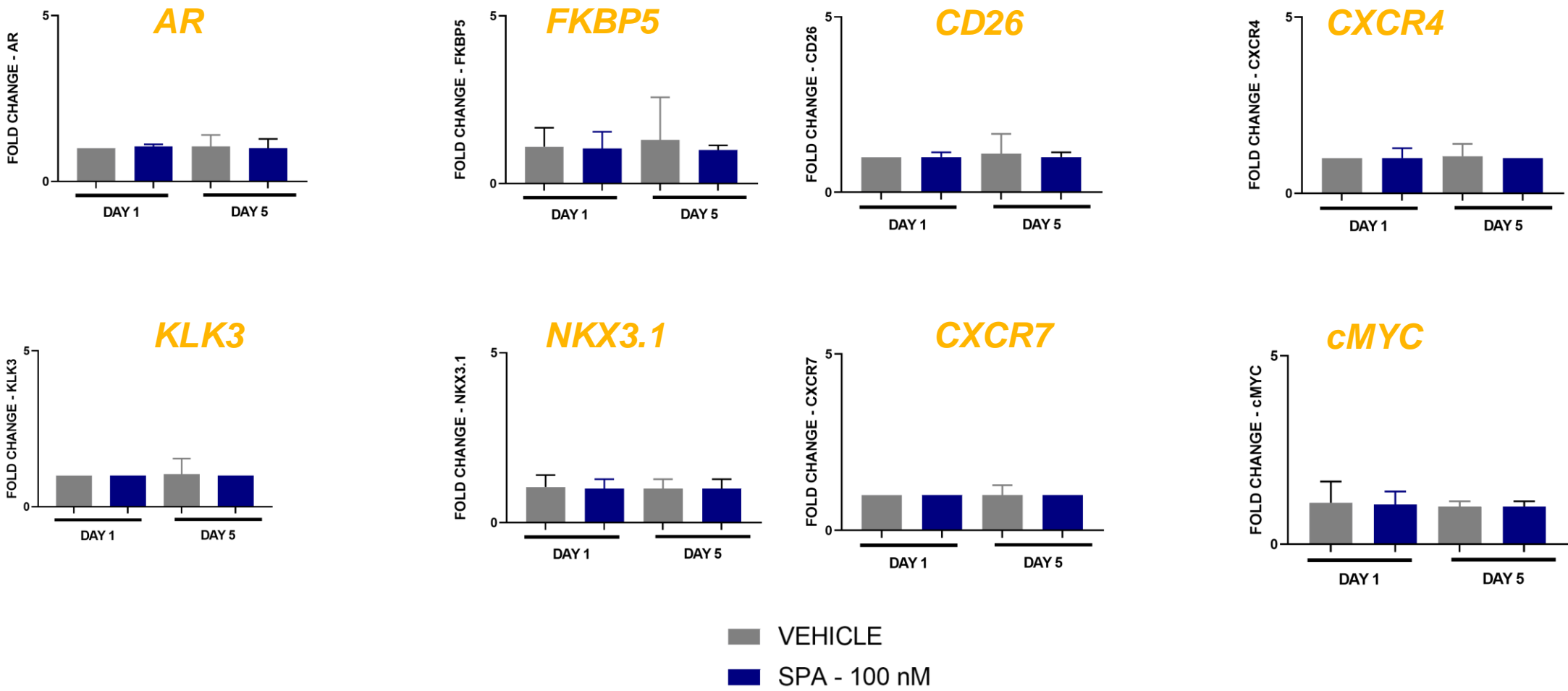
C42B Cell Confluency Before and After Treatment



Western Blot Analysis of Treated C42B Samples

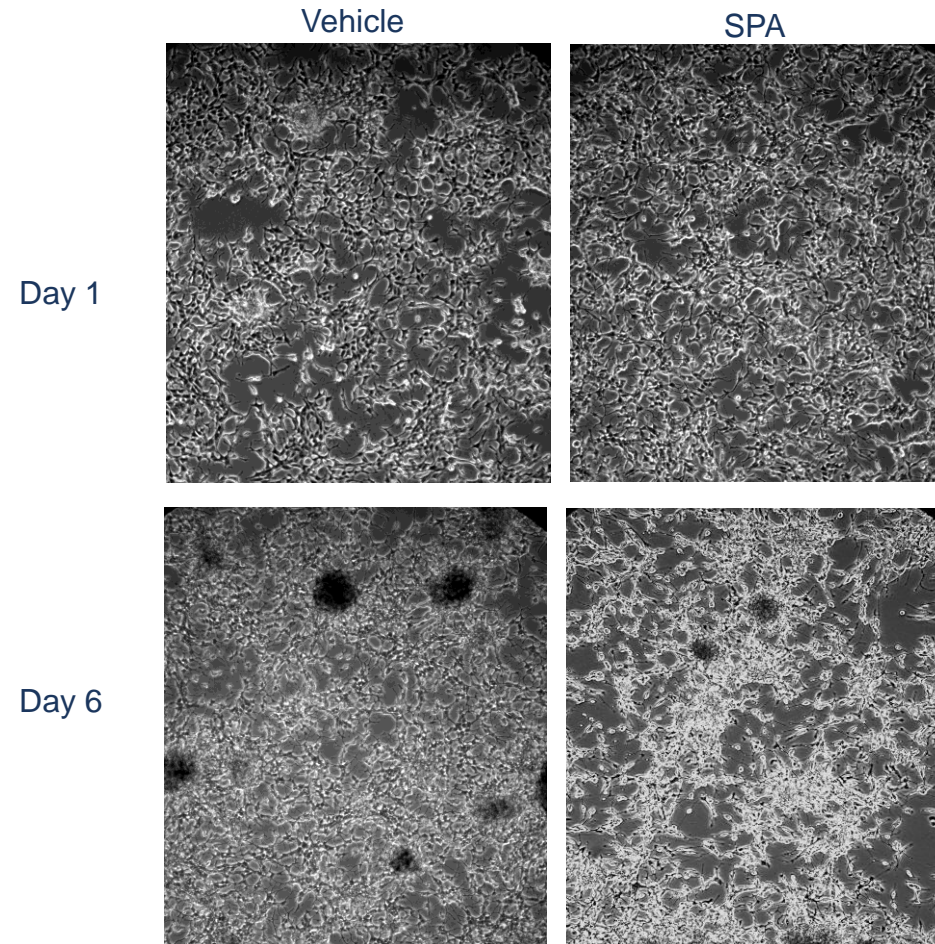


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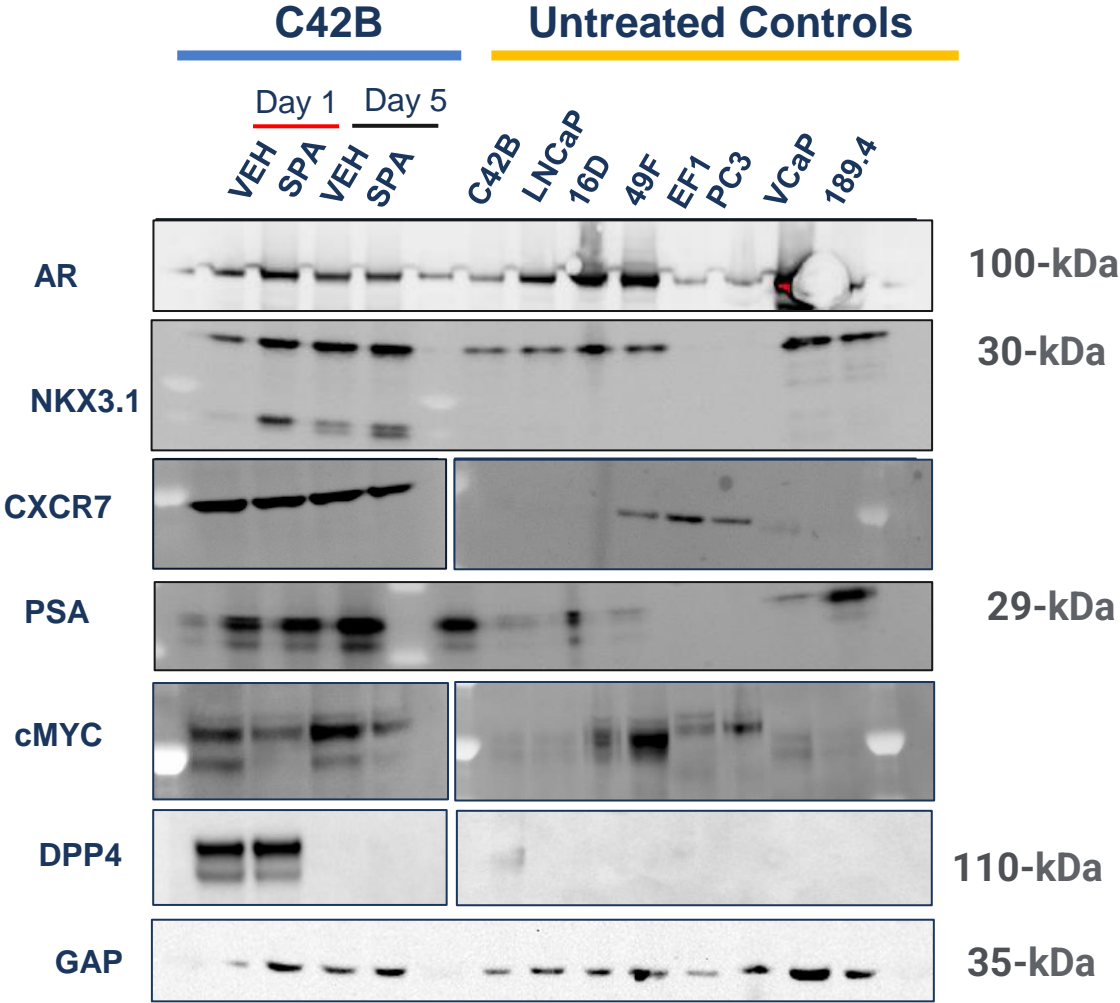


16D Cell Confluency Before and After Treatment

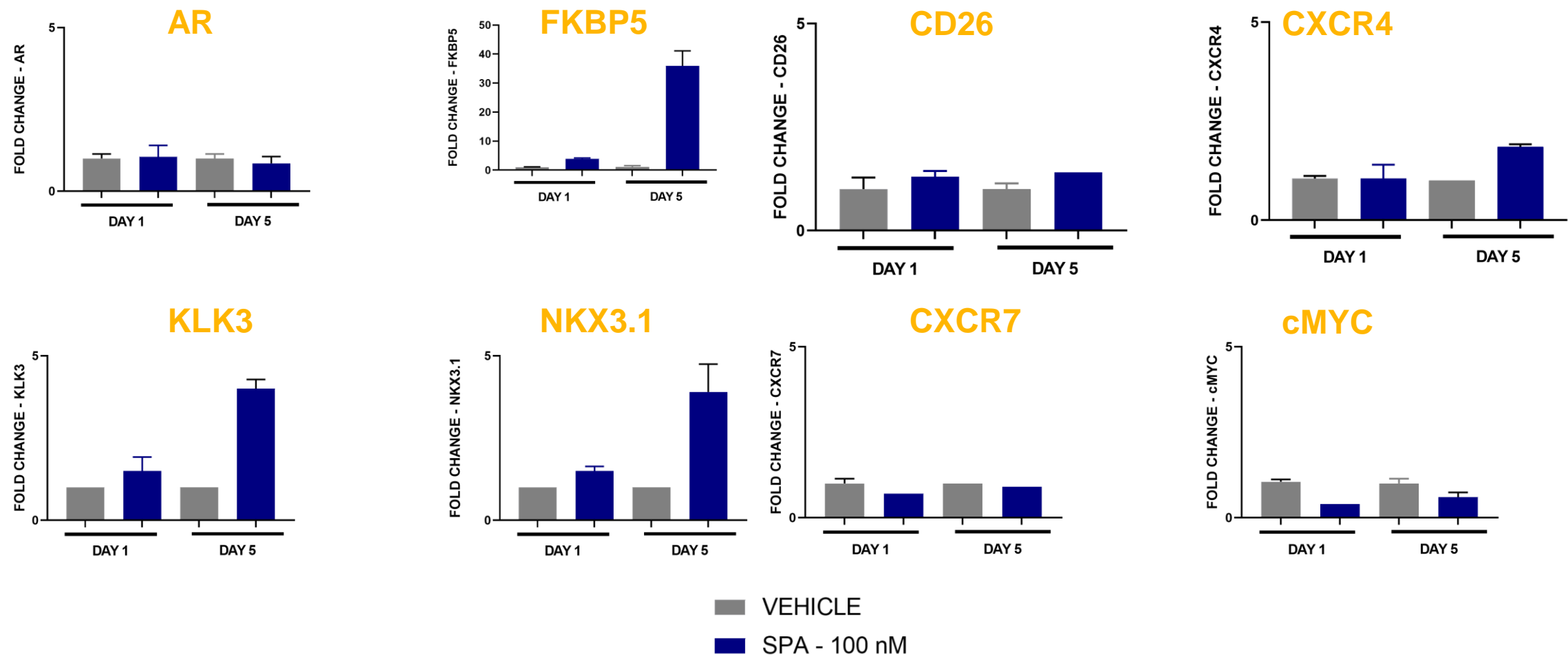
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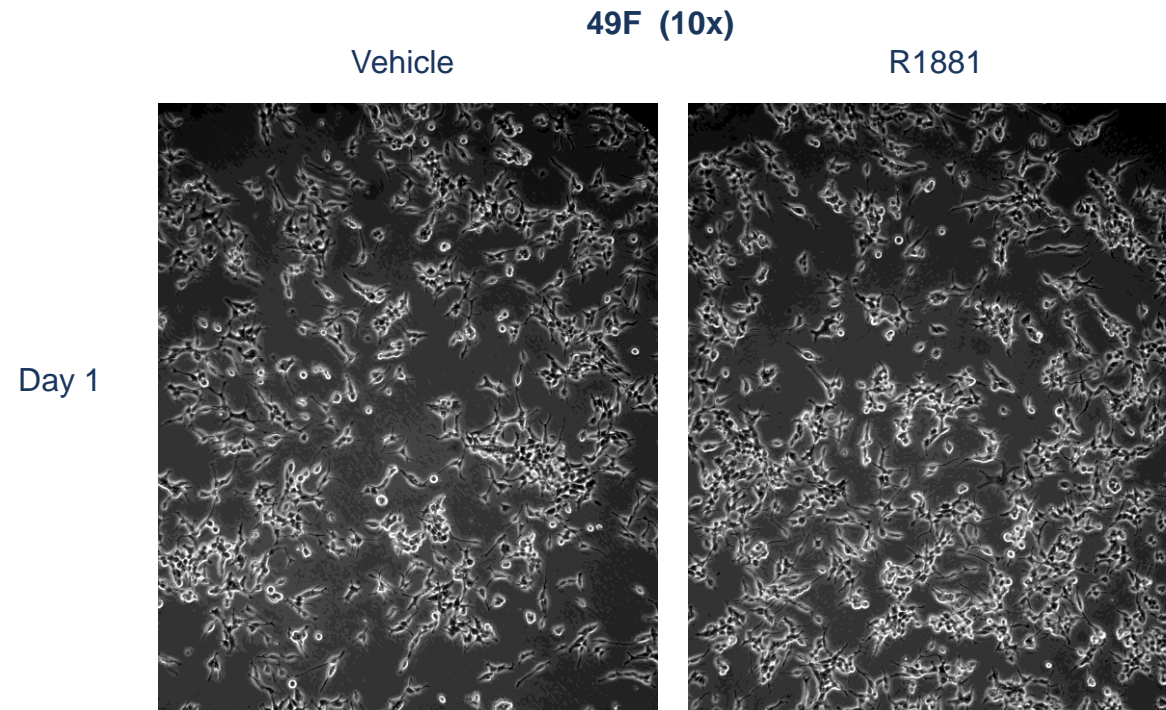
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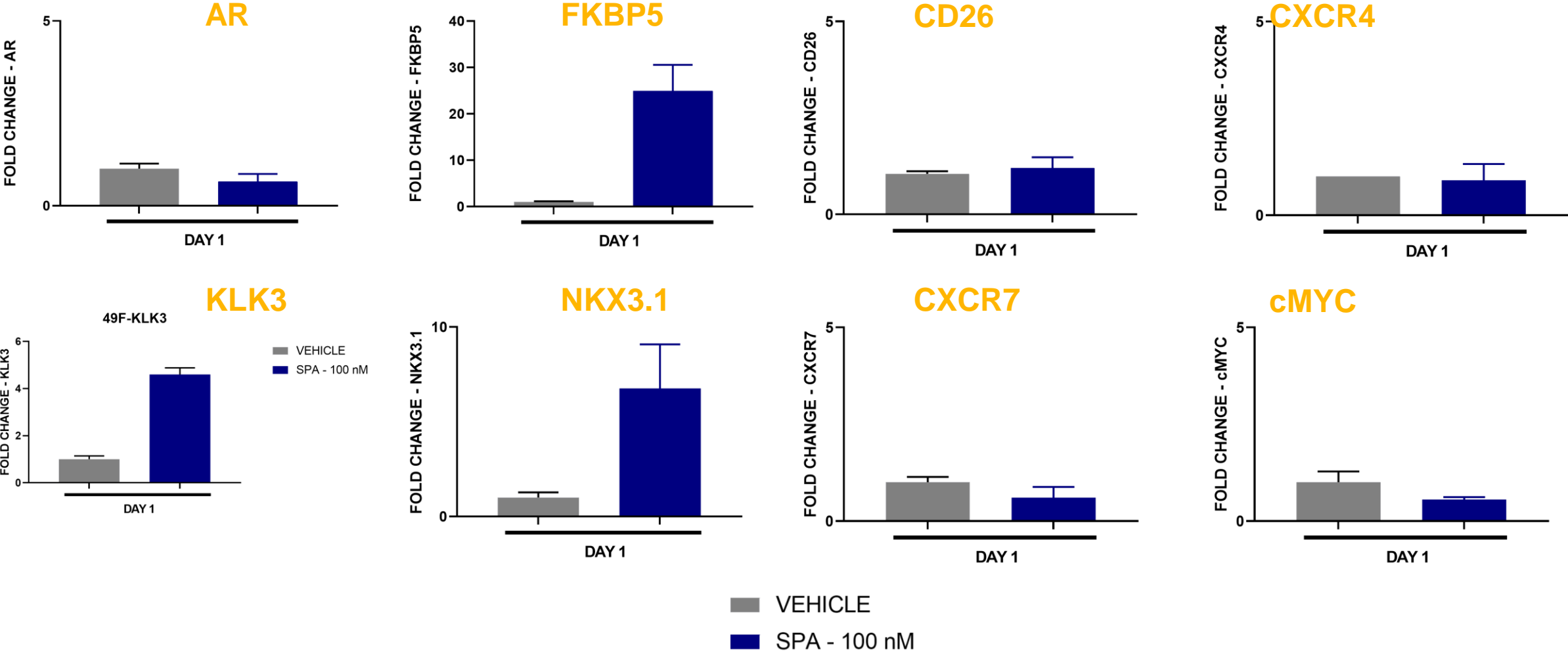
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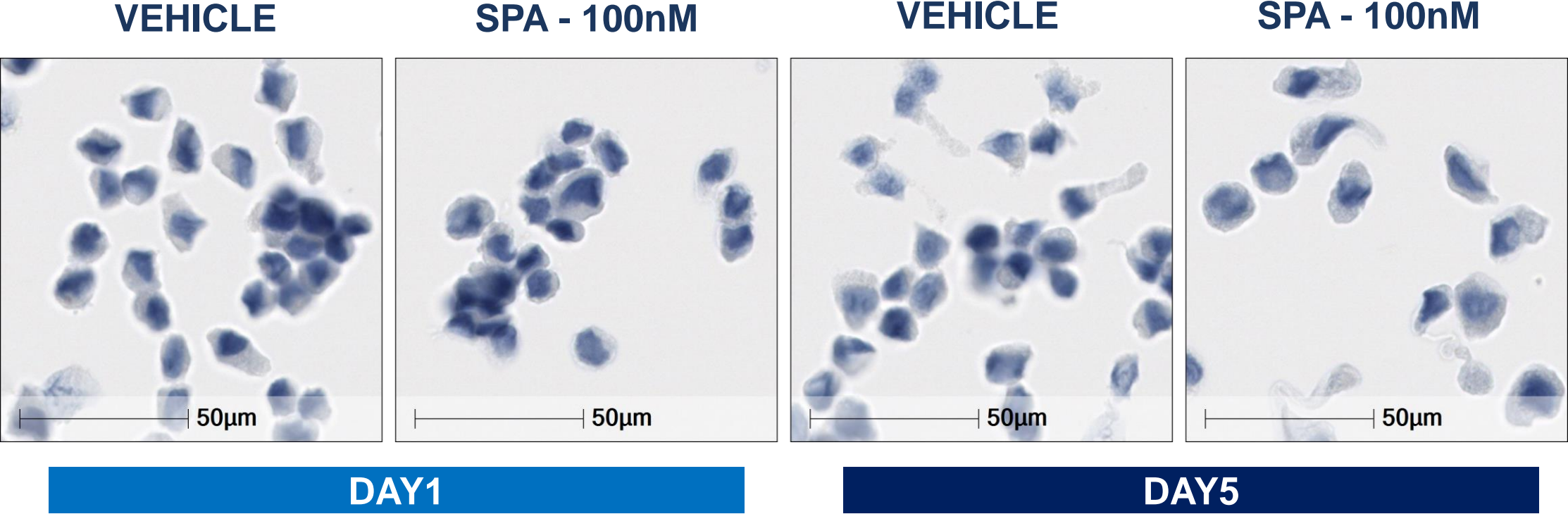
49F Cell Confluency Before and After Treatment



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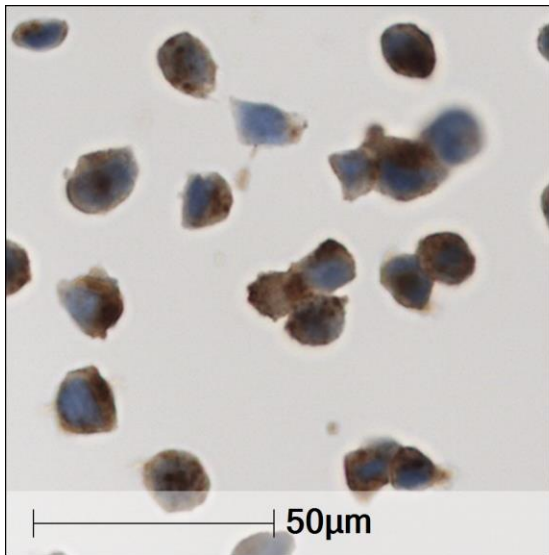


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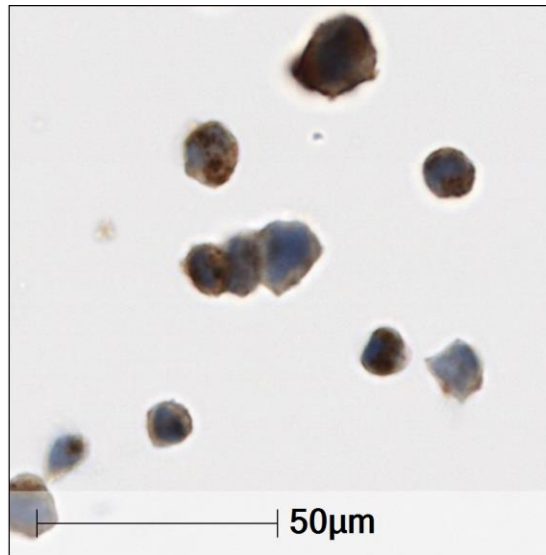


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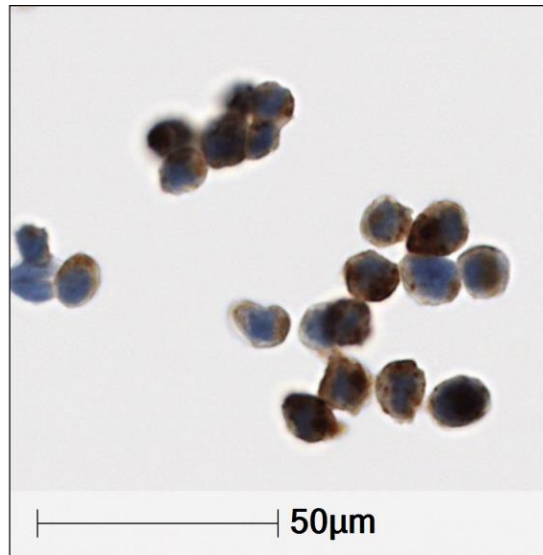
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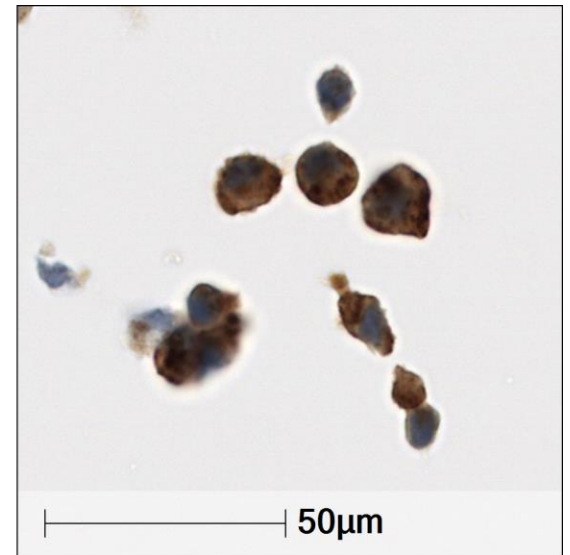
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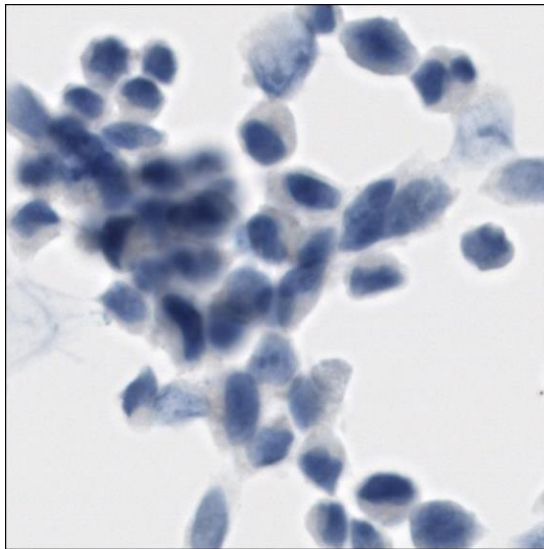
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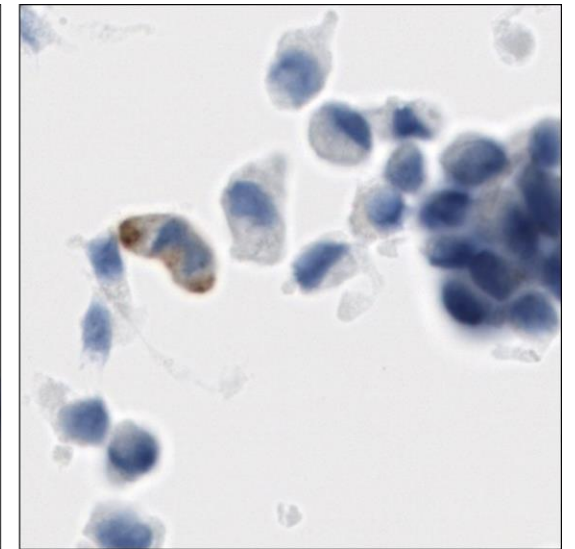
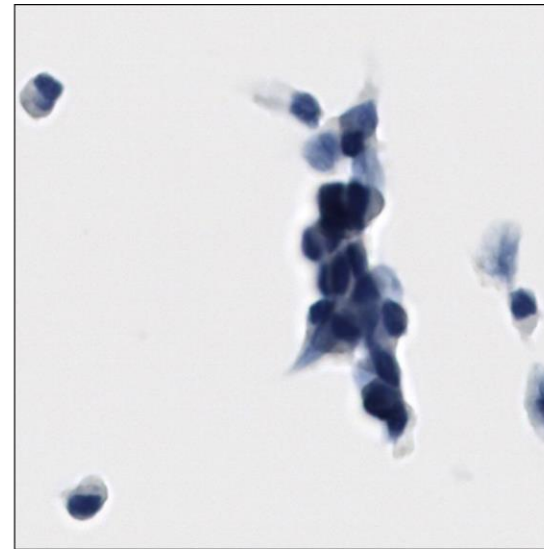
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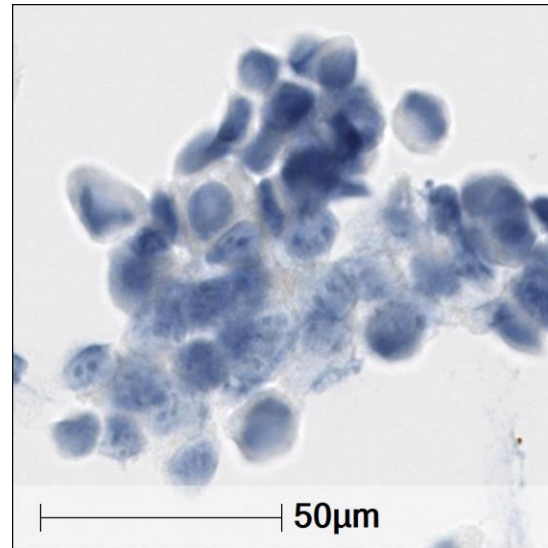
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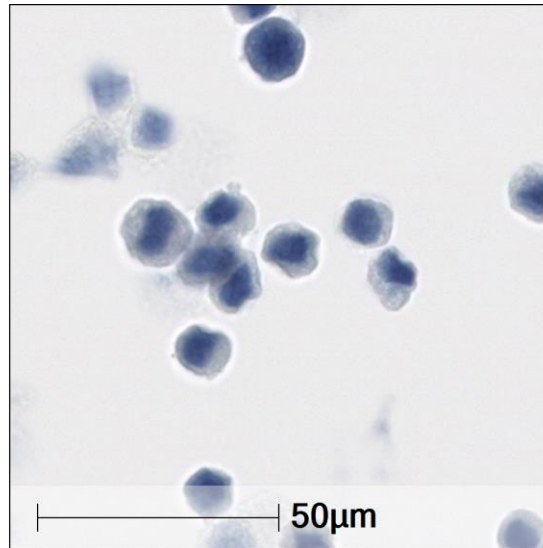
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Immunocytochemistry of CD26 Expression in 49F

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SPA - 100nM



DAY1

Future Direction

1. Finish the ICC analyses.
2. Repeat Western blot analysis for CD26 and CXCR4 using different antibodies.
3. Investigate the influence of CXCL12 on the growth of prostate cancer models treated with SPA.

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