

# The Estelle Grover Lecture 2015

## Mitochondrial dynamics in pulmonary hypertension and cancer



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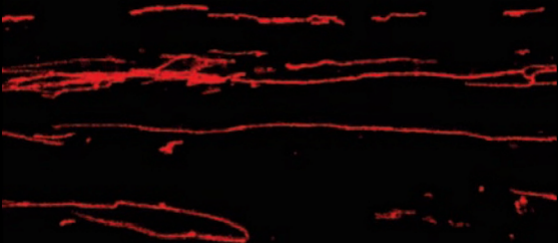
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# Mitochondrial Dynamics

Constriction, Fission, Fusion and Translocation



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*Leica gated STED, Resonant scan, normal human PASMC  
TMRM, 63X, 1.7 X zoom*

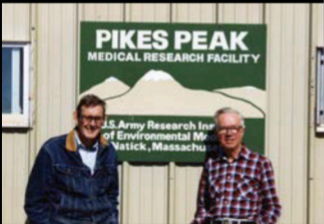
# **Estelle Grover**

Enthusiastic mountaineer, *avid scientist*  
*and partner of Bob Grover in life and research*



# Reeves and Grover

*Partners in Science from Mount Evans to Pikes Pike*



# Importance of Partners in Research

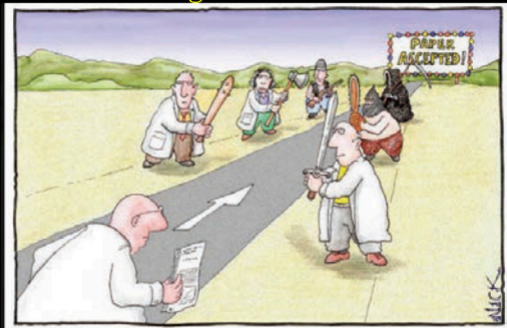


Bob and Estelle in Peru and Fiji

## A New Partner: Elise



# Why do we need partners and supportive colleagues in Science?



## Partners in Science: E. Kenneth Weir



“In the light of knowledge attained, the happy achievement seems almost a matter of course, and any intelligent student can grasp it without too much trouble. But the years of anxious searching in the dark, with their intense longing, their alterations of confidence and exhaustion, and the final emergence into the light—only those who have themselves experienced it can understand that”... *Einstein*





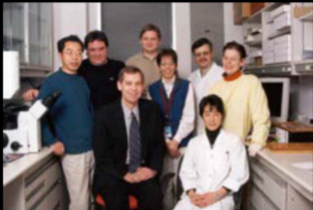
University of Minnesota  
Minneapolis VAMC  
1988-1998





# University of Alberta

1998-2007





# University of Chicago 2007-2012





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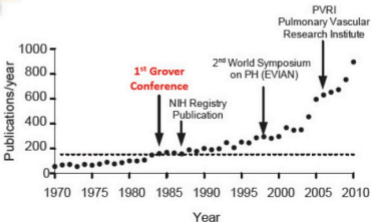
# Lost Valley Ranch



# Lofty goals at high altitude: The Grover Conferences, 1984–2011

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**Table 1: The Grover Conferences on the Pulmonary Circulation, 1984-2011**

	<b>Publisher</b>	<b>Conference Director</b>
1984 Pulmonary Vascular Reactivity	Chest 88: 1995-2725, 1985	E.K. Weir, I.F. McMurtry, J.T. Reeves
1986 The Role of Lipid Mediators	Am. Rev. Respir. Dis. 136: 196-224; 782-788, 1987	E.K. Weir, J.T. Reeves
1988 The Control of Cellular Proliferation	Am. Rev. Respir. Dis. 140: 1093-1135; 1446-1493, 1989	E.K. Weir, J.T. Reeves
1990 The Diagnosis and Treatment of Pulmonary Hypertension	Futura, New York, NY	E.K. Weir, S.L. Archer, J.T. Reeves
1991 The Pulmonary Circulation and Gas Exchange	Futura, New York, NY	W.W. Wagner, E.K. Weir
1992 The Role of Ion Flux	Plenum Press, New York, NY	E.K. Weir, J. R. Hume, J.T. Reeves
1994 The Role of Radicals	Futura, New York, NY	E.K. Weir, S.L. Archer, J.T. Reeves
1996 The Pathogenesis and Treatment of Pulmonary Edema	Futura, New York, NY	E.K. Weir, S.L. Archer, J.T. Reeves
1998 The Fetal and Neonatal Pulmonary Circulations	Futura, New York, NY	E.K. Weir, S.L. Archer, J.T. Reeves
2000 The Blood and the Pulmonary Circulation	Futura, New York, NY	E.K. Weir, H.L. Reeve, J.T. Reeves
2002 Proinflammatory Signaling Mechanisms in the Pulmonary Circulation	Humana Press, Totowa New Jersey, NJ	J. Bhattacharya
2004 Genetic and Environmental Determinants of Pulmonary Endothelial Cell Function	<a href="http://www.groverconference.org/grover_past_conf.htm">http://www.groverconference.org/grover_past_conf.htm</a>	T. Stevens
2006 Rho Family GTPases in Pulmonary Vascular Pathophysiology	<a href="http://www.groverconference.org/grover_past_conf.htm">http://www.groverconference.org/grover_past_conf.htm</a>	K. Fagan, I.F. McMurtry
2008 Membrane Receptors, Channels and Transporters in Pulmonary Circulation	Humana Press-Springer, New York, NY Adv. Exp. Med. Biol. Vol. 661	J.P.T. Ward, J.X.-J. Yuan
2011 Risk Factors in Pulmonary Hypertension	Pulm. Circ. Vol. 1-2, 2011-2012	M.R. MacLean, N.W. Morrell, K. Fagan
2013: Coupling of the Right Ventricle and Pulmonary Circulation	Pulmonary Circulation	Archer, SI, Ryan, J and Weir, EK
2015: The Pulmonary Circulation in the OMICS-Era	? Pulmonary Circulation	Austin, E, Chung, W, Best, H and Elliott, G

# Grover meeting: HAPE

*High Altitude Partnership Enabler*







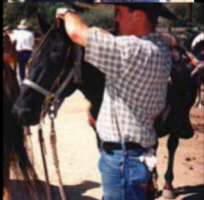
# Grover meeting HAPE



# Grover meeting: HAPE



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# Are you an *Equine Professional*?



# Grover meeting 2013



# Grover meeting: 2013

**Bob Grover on altitude-induced PH**



# *When Mitochondria Attack*



# Rudolf Albert von Kölliker

- Swiss physiologist
- Studied under Henle
- 1857 identified *sarcosomes* (mitochondria) in skeletal muscle



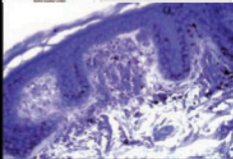


# Carl Benda 1857-1932

- German microbiologist used Crystal Violet to image mitochondria
- Heterogenous morphology, sometimes ball-shaped other times linear
- Created name *mitochondrion*: Greek, *mitos* (thread) + *chondrion* (granule)



Prof Dr. C. Benda



# Richard Altmann

## *"The Elementary Organism"* 1852-1900



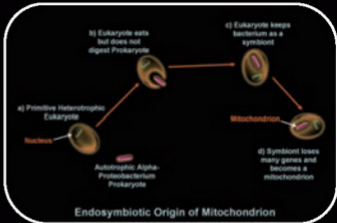
- German histopathologist & Prof Anatomy Leipzig
- Developed new staining techniques using osmium tetroxide and potassium dichromate to stain cells
- Observed filaments deriving from granules which he termed "bioblasts" and to which he attributed genetic and metabolic functions



Zeiss microscope  
1879

# Lynn Margulis (1938-2011)

The Origin of Mitosing Eukaryotic Cells; *The Journal of Theoretical Biology* :



*I greatly admire Lynn Margulis' sheer courage and stamina in sticking by the endosymbiosis theory, and carrying it through from being an unorthodoxy to an orthodoxy. I'm referring to the theory that the eukaryotic cell is a symbiotic union of primitive prokaryotic cells. This is one of the great achievements of twentieth-century evolutionary biology, and I greatly admire her for it...Richard Dawkins*

# The Last Word

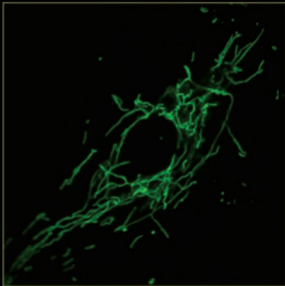
## Endothelial Cell

Lynn could infuriate her colleagues, but at least one of her proposals changed the way that we think about life.

When asked why she also proposed controversial ideas by an interviewer from *Discover magazine*, she replied:

"I don't consider my ideas controversial. I consider them right."

*Knoll, A. H.* 1022 | PNAS | January 24, 2012 | vol. 109 | no. 4



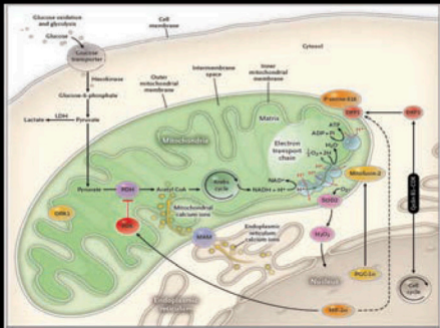
# Mitochondria: *Powerhouse of the cell*

Journal of Molecular Medicine 2010

- Singular, stationary organelles that synthesize ATP



# Mitochondrial Metabolism



# Traditional Role of Mitochondria

- Singular, stationary organelles that synthesize ATP



Journal of Molecular Medicine  
2010

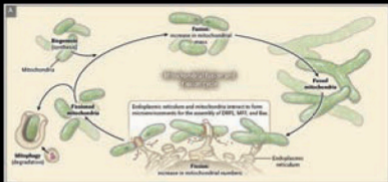


# True Role of Mitochondria

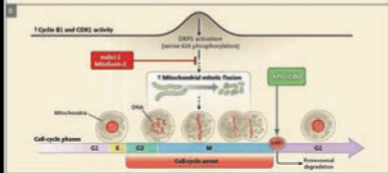
- Networks of dynamically mobile organelles that synthesize ATP and act as oxygen sensors and regulators of cell proliferation and apoptosis

# Noncanonical Mitochondrial Functions

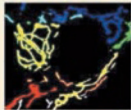
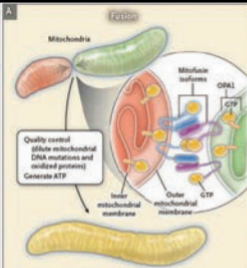
Somatic Cell



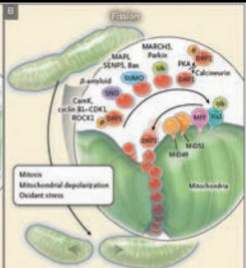
Dividing Cell







Fused mitochondria in normal airway epithelial cell



Fission of mitochondria in A549 lung-cancer cell

# A simple test

..courtesy of BuzzFeed's Dave Stoper (<http://tinyurl.com/phccpac>)

B. What shape is this?



[en.wikipedia.org](http://en.wikipedia.org)

- A square
- A rhombus
- Some sort of rectangle
- Mitochondria shaped, which is to say it is shaped like the powerhouse of the cell

# The Linkage of form and function in normal human PASMC

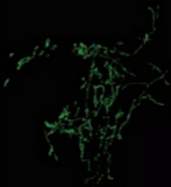
Control



FCCP



Rotenone



# Imaging fission & fusion

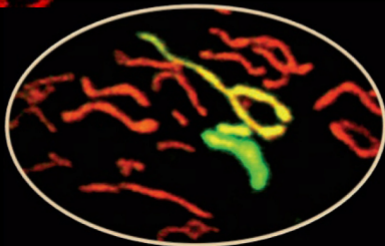
Pre-activation



Photo-activation



Image Analysis



# *Back to the Future: Lewis and Lewis*

Warren Harmon Lewis (1870-1964)



Margaret Reed Lewis (1881-1970)



## MITOCHONDRIA (AND OTHER CYTOPLASMIC STRUCTURES) IN TISSUE CULTURES

MARGARET REED LEWIS AND WARREN HARMON LEWIS<sup>1</sup>

*From the Anatomical Laboratory, Johns Hopkins Medical School, and the Marine  
Biological Laboratory, Woods Hole, Mass.*

*“Any one type of mitochondria such as a granule, rod or thread may at times change into any other type or may fuse with another mitochondrion, or it may divide into one or several mitochondria. Every type of mitochondria is continually changing shape and may assume as many as fifteen or twenty shapes in ten minutes.”*



# Oxygen Homeostatic System

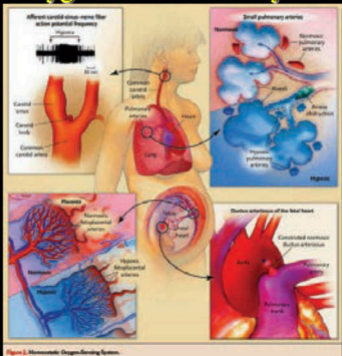
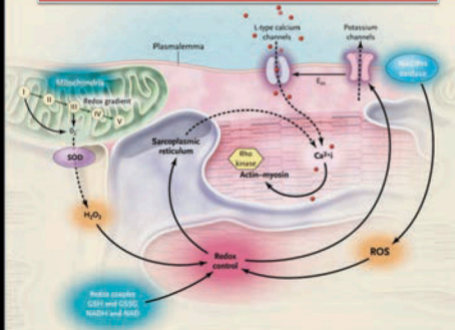


Figure 2. Homeostatic Oxygen-Sensing System.

# Mitochondria as Oxygen Sensors Redox Theory

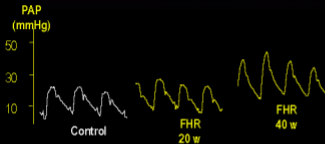
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# Fawn Hooded Rats: Pseudohypoxia

Bonnet et al. *Circ.* 2006.



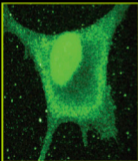
Hypoxia-like:

1. Reduced HPV
2. PAH
3. Polycythemia

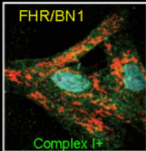
N=5 to 12/group	SD	FHR
<b>Hemodynamics</b>		
Mean PAP (mmHg)	11.0 ± 0.6	28.0 ± 0.4 *
TPR (mmHg.min.mL)	0.07 ± 0.01	0.30 ± 0.03 *
Mean SP (mmHg)	100 ± 6	95 ± 8
SVR (mmHg.min.Kg.L)	0.91 ± 0.07	0.81 ± 0.10
CO (mL/min)	108 ± 3	100 ± 7
<b>Blood Analysis</b>		
HGB (g/L)	117 ± 8	133 ± 13 *
Creatinine (μM)	51 ± 20	33 ± 4
PO <sub>2</sub> (mmHg)	79 ± 1	78 ± 3

PAH (rat and human): *HIF-1 $\alpha$*  is on & mitochondria are SOD2 deficient and fragmented Bonnet et al. *Circ.* 2006.

*HIF-1 $\alpha$*



FHR/BN1



Complex I+

Mitotracker red

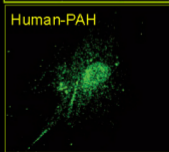
FHR 40w



Human-control



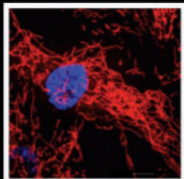
Human-PAH



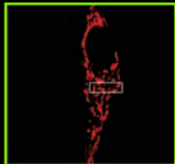
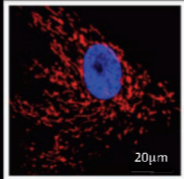
# Mitochondria Are Fragmented in PAH

**Control**

■ Mitochondria  
■ Nuclei

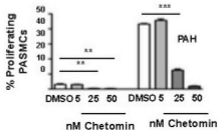
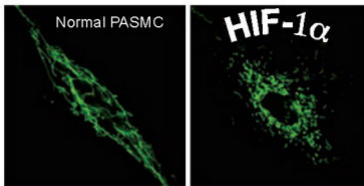


**PAH**

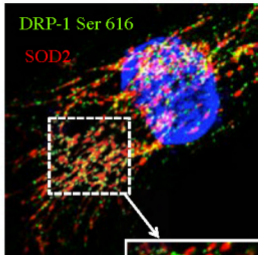
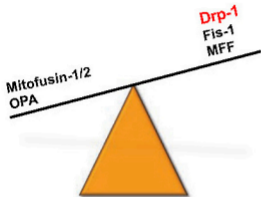


■ Photoactivated GFP

# HIF-activation triggers fission & proliferation

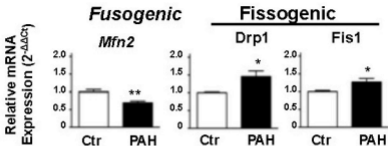


# Fission/Fusion Imbalance in PAH?



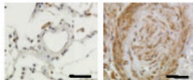
**Fragmented Mitochondria:**  
Mitosis Regulation (Cyclin B-CDK1)  
Calcium Regulation (PDH)  
Links to Ras/ERK (Mfn2)

# Excess DRP-1 in Human PAH PASMC



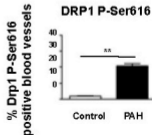
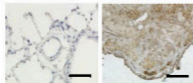
## DRP1 Ser616-P

Control PAH



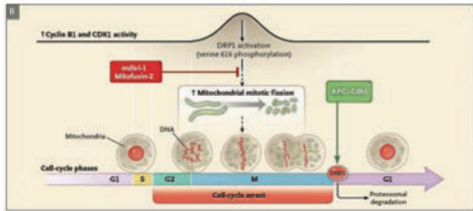
No Antibody

Plexiform lesion



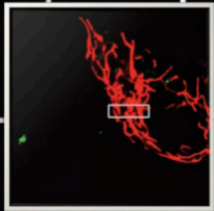
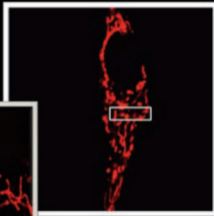
## Mitochondrial division is coordinated with mitosis by a shared regulatory kinase: *Cylin B-CDK1*

- Hyperproliferative states require rapid mitochondrial division
- Mitochondrial division is a mitotic checkpoint
- Inhibition of mitochondrial division causes G2-M arrest
- Forced fusion is an antiproliferative strategy useful in PAH and cancer



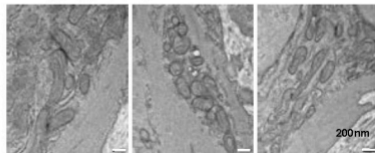
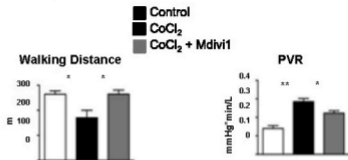
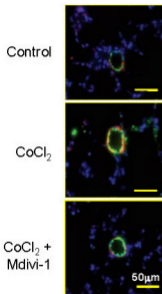
# Consequences in PAH?

*PASMC*





# Chronic $\text{CoCl}_2$ Treatment Causes PAH Which Can Be Treated by DRP1 Inhibition



Endothelial cells  
Smooth muscle cells  
Nuclei

# Excessive mitochondrial fission and cell proliferation *Lessons from NSCL Cancer*

The FASEB Journal • Research Communication

## Inhibition of mitochondrial fission prevents cell cycle progression in lung cancer

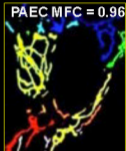
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Glen Matheson,<sup>2</sup> Zhigang Song,<sup>2</sup> Ravi Saha,<sup>2</sup> Aliza N. Bhatti,<sup>2</sup> Christine Winkler,<sup>2</sup>  
and Stephen L. Archer<sup>1,2</sup>

A549 MFC 3.87



Human lung  
cancer cell

PAEC MFC = 0.96



Primary  
healthy  
human lung  
cells



A549



H358



H1993



HCC827



hSAEC



hBEC



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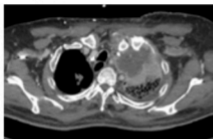


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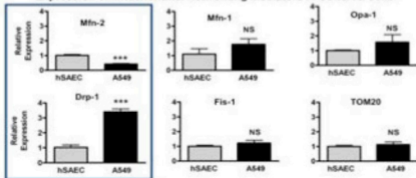
# Mitochondrial Fission in Cancer

## Stage IV Non Small Cell Lung Cancer

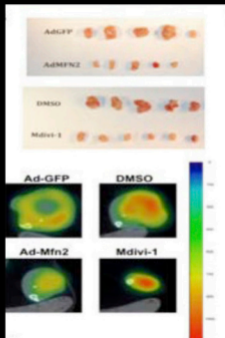
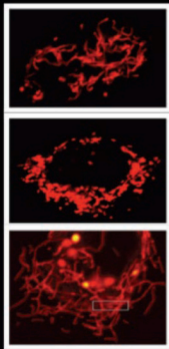
*A newly recognized mitochondrial disorder regulates proliferation and apoptosis*



Expression of Mitochondrial Networking Mediators in Cultured Cells



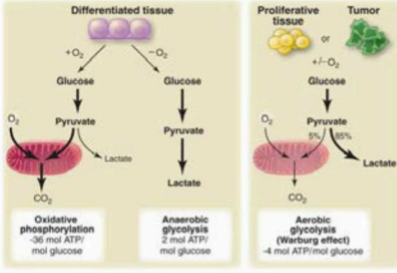
# Inhibiting Fission (or enhancing fusion) regresses lung cancer in a murine xenotransplantation model



# The Sweet Tooth of Pulmonary Hypertension



**Inhibiting Pyruvate Dehydrogenase Kinase:  
treating PAH and Cancer**



Otto Warburg

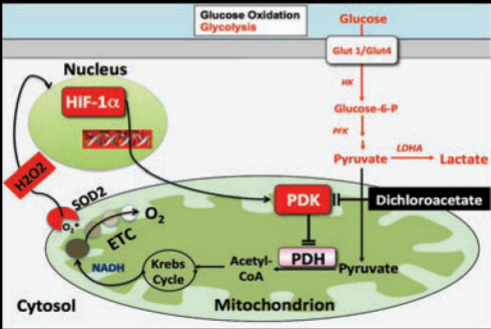
## Aerobic glycolysis uncoupled from glucose oxidation

(Warburg O et al, *J Gen Physiol* 1927;8:519-530)

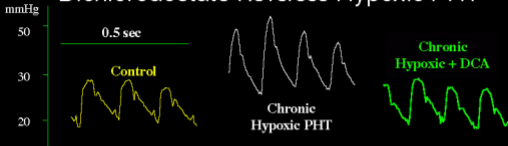
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# The Warburg Players: SOD2-HIF-PDK-PDH

## Warburg's Organelle: The mitochondria



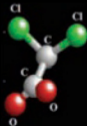
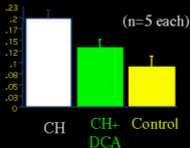
# Dichloroacetate Reverses Hypoxic PHT



*Michelakis et al Circulation 105, 244-250, 2002*

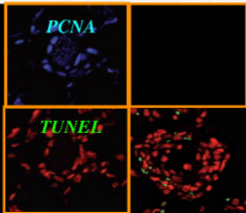
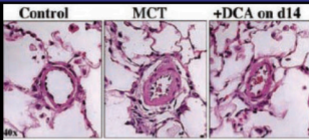
## PVR

DCA 0.75g/L in Drinking water



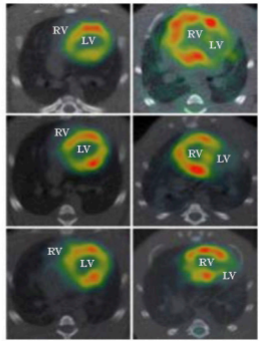


**DCA reduce proliferation and increases apoptosis in MCT PAH**



McMurtry, MS et al  
Circ Res 2004

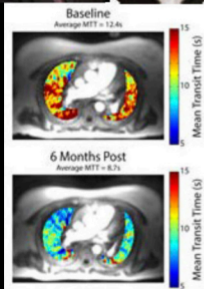
*DCA benefits the hibernating right ventricle in PAH*  
Piao et al J Mol Med 2010





## Michelakis and Wilkins UNPUBLISHED DATA FROM DCA Trial in PAH

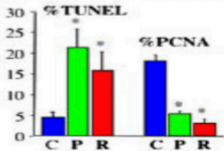
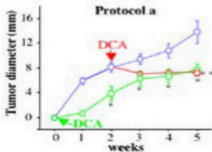
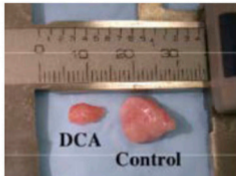
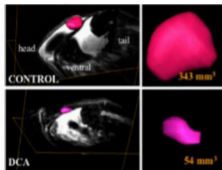
Representative images of mean transit time (average time for tracer to travel from the arterial input to the lung parenchyma) show a significantly shorter transit time 6 months following DCA therapy, which corresponds to an increase in perfusion.



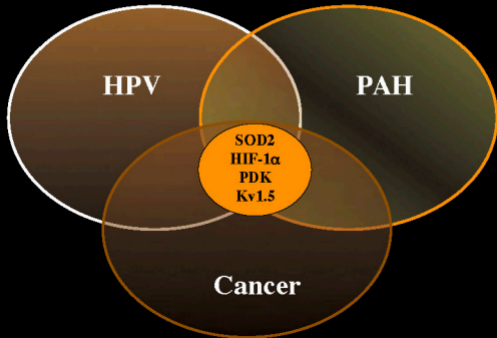
patient	$\Delta$ PVR	$\Delta$ 6mw	$\Delta$ RVmass	$\Delta$ RVEDV	DCA mg/ Kg
38 F	-7%	+29m	-0%	-30%	3 bid
58 F	-34%	+92m	-19%	-16%	3 bid
42 F	-5%	+10m	-2%	+1%	3 bid
41 F	-45%	+90m	-20%	-15%	6.25 bid
39 F	-28%	+79m	-17%	-19%	3 bid

# DCA inhibits growth of human cancer

Bonnet et al *Cancer Cell* 11: 37-51, 2007



# A Mitochondrial-Redox Mechanism of Regulating Cell Proliferation/Apoptosis & RV Contractility





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