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Evaluation of the anti-neoplastic activity of new tyrosine-kinase inhibitors in primary cells of patients with aggressive thyroid cancer

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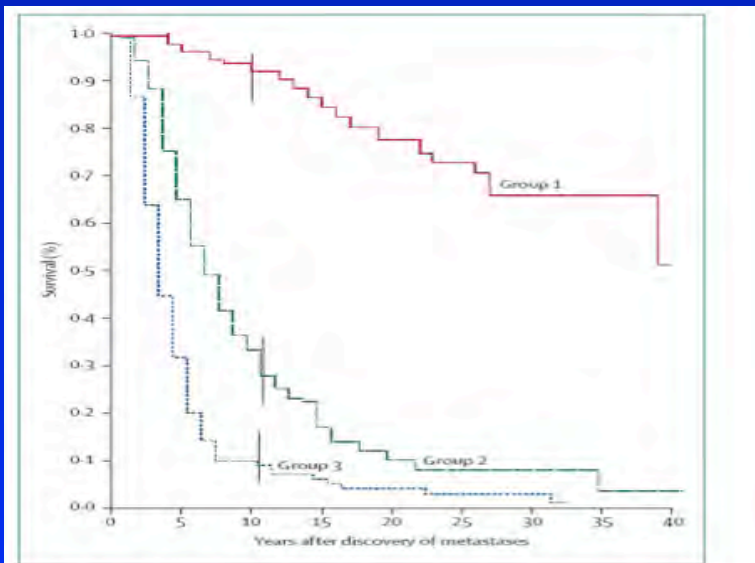
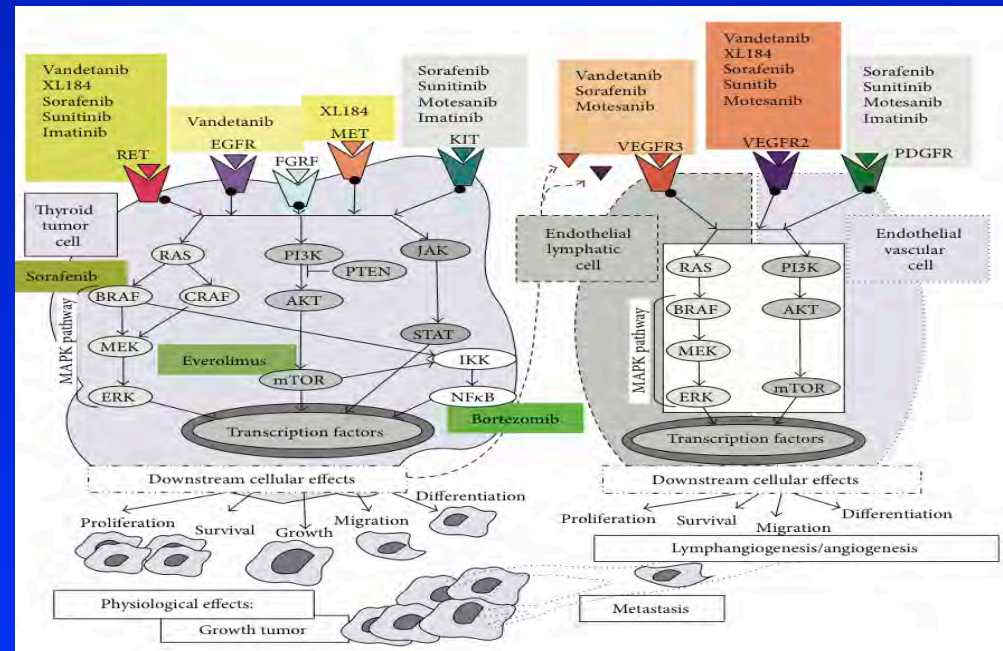


Figure 3: Survival of patients with distant metastases after discovery of distant metastases according to presence of initial radioiodine uptake and outcome of radioiodine treatment
Group 1: 29% of patients had initial uptake and no residual disease after treatment: survival was similar to that of general population. Group 2: 38% of patients had initial uptake and residual disease after treatment: median survival after discovery of distant metastases was 6 years. Group 3: 33% of patients had no initial uptake: median survival was 3 years. Reproduced with permission from ref 11.



Cellular signaling pathway alterations and potential targeted therapies for medullary thyroid carcinoma. Giunti S, Antonelli A, Amorosi A, Santarpia L. *Int J Endocrinol* 2013;2013:803171.

The advent of low-cost individual genomic analysis provides hope that we are entering a new era of personalized, patient-specific care. The recent advances in the pathogenesis of these diseases have revealed key targets (BRAF, RAS, RET, VEGFR, EGFR, etc.) that are now being evaluated in the clinical setting.

The lack of effective therapies for differentiated thyroid cancer (DTC), resistant to radioiodine and traditional therapies, is now being overcome by the development of targeted novel compounds that have been demonstrated to induce clinical responses and stabilization of disease. Interestingly, the most promising responses have been reported in patients treated with antiangiogenic inhibitors such as vandetanib and XL184 in medullary thyroid cancer, and sorafenib in papillary and follicular DTC. However, the increasing complexity of the diagnostic and therapeutic tools for thyroid cancer needs, more and more, an effort to personalize the diagnosis and the treatment, to reach the maximum success, avoiding unnecessary and potentially harmful treatments.

Many new approaches for the therapy of dedifferentiated thyroid cancer are emerging, but until now a significant clinical impact on survival by the use of these drugs is still lacking.

New more effective drugs are needed.

In the future, the identification by molecular profiling of patients who are likely to benefit from each therapeutic option will be important.

Moreover, new techniques have been developed to test the effectiveness of the various treatments in each patient.

For this purpose, particular importance should be given to the development of primary cells from the single patient.

Chemosensitivity tests

in primary tumoral cells

may help in detecting

responsive patients

(60% Positive Predictive Value),

in preventing the administration of inactive drugs

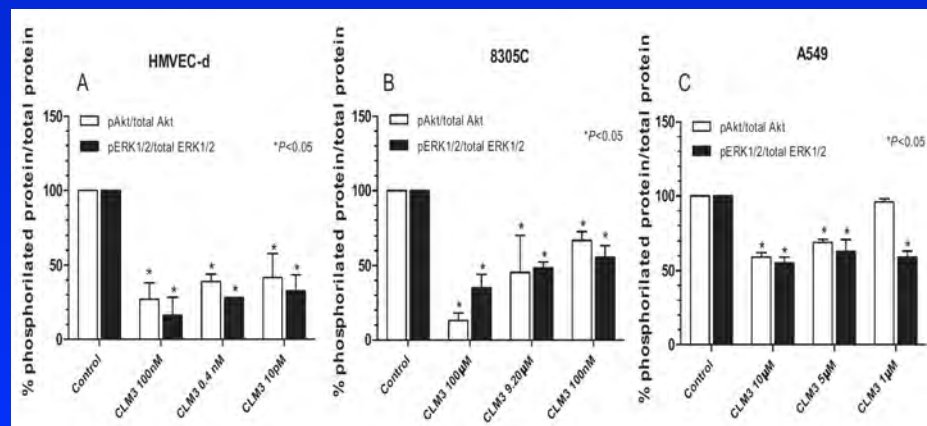
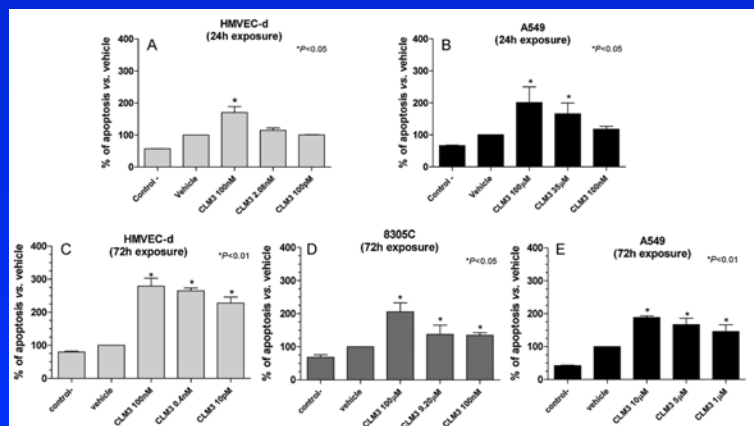
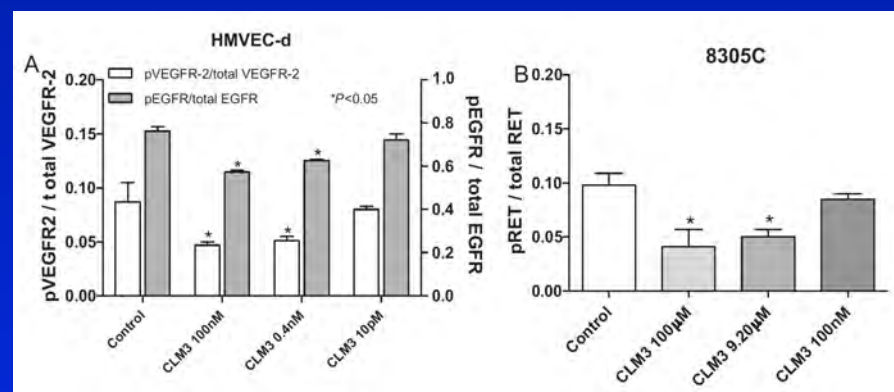
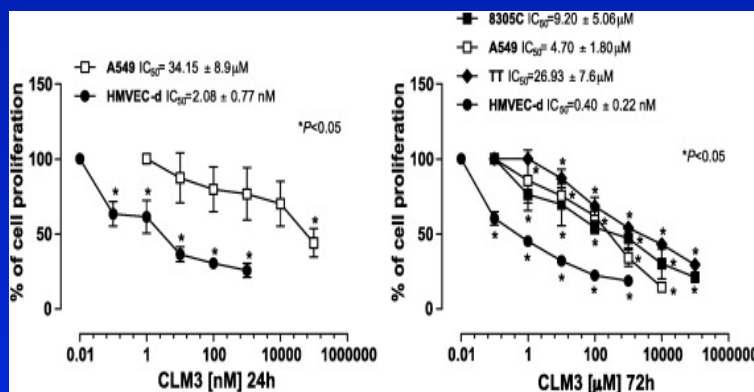
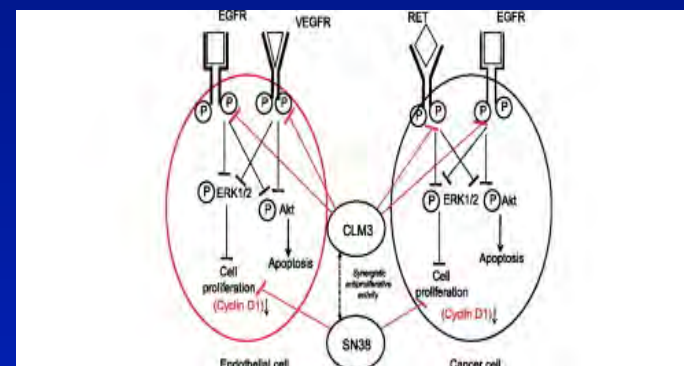
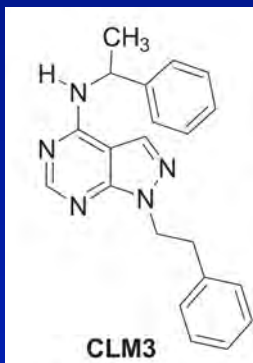
to unresponsive patients

(90% Negative Predictive Value).

Antiproliferative and proapoptotic activity of CLM3, a novel multiple tyrosine kinase inhibitor, alone and in combination with SN-38 on endothelial and cancer cells

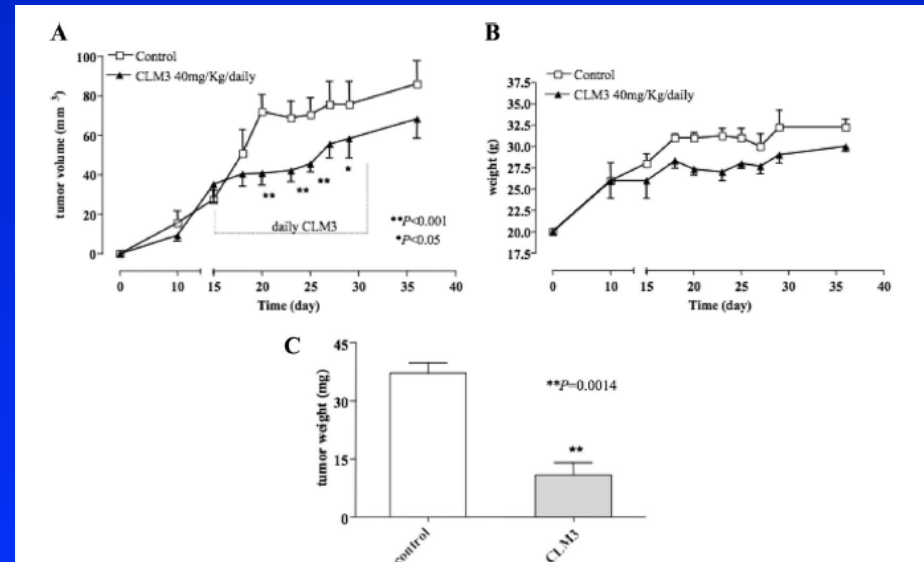
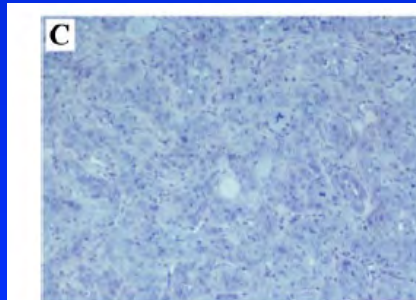
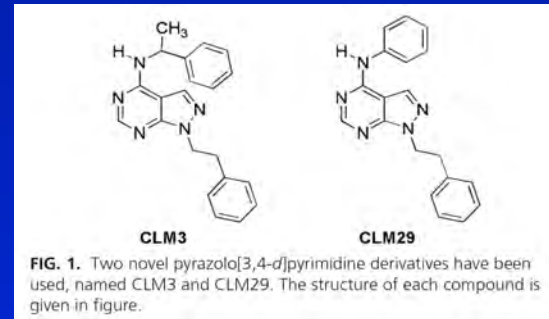
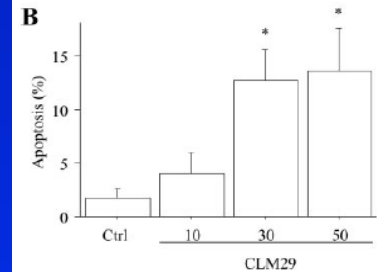
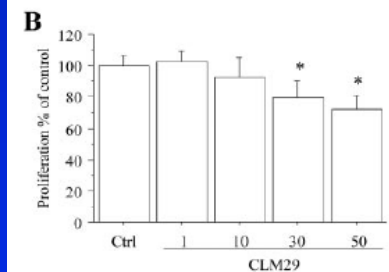
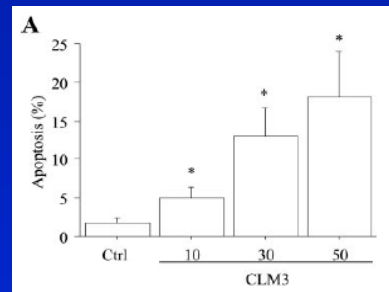
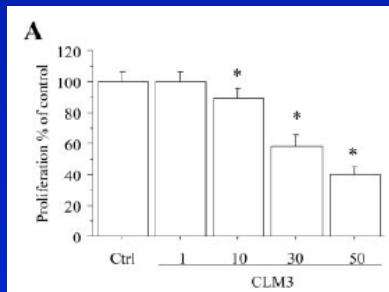
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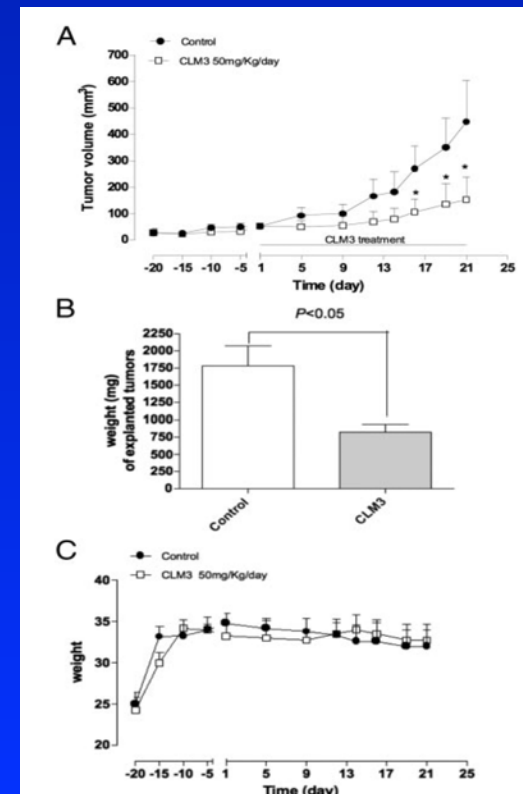
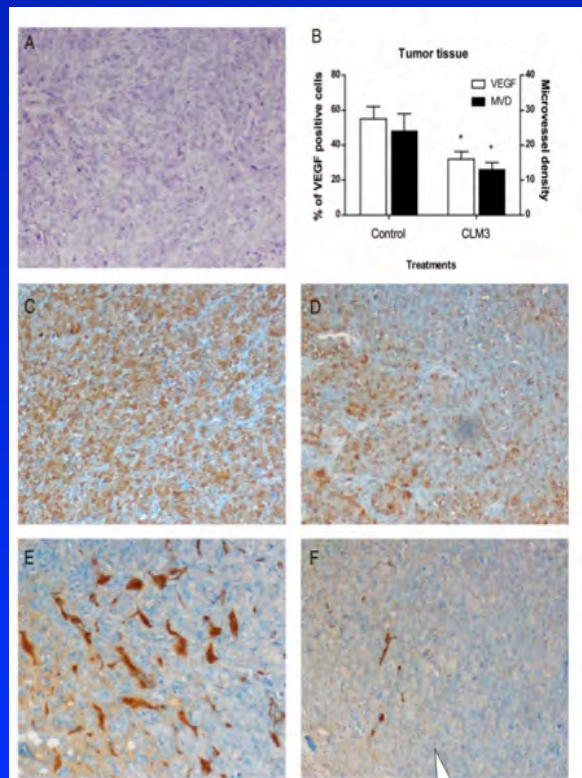
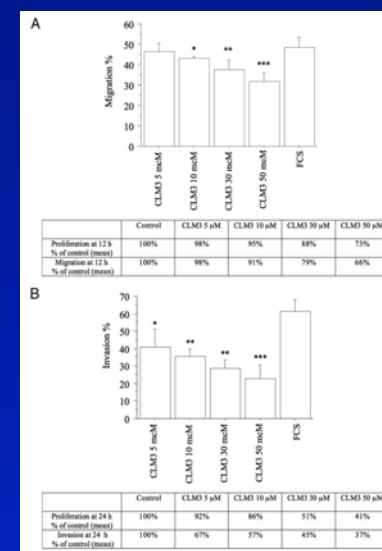
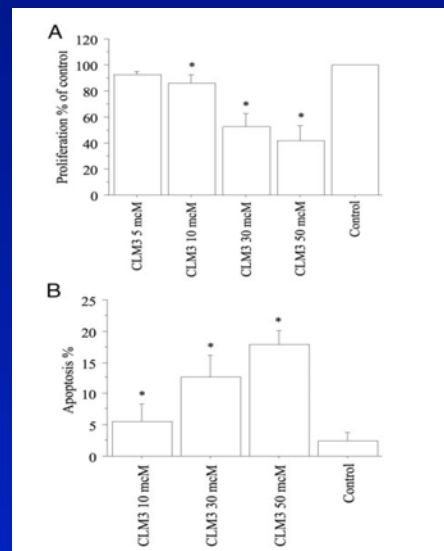
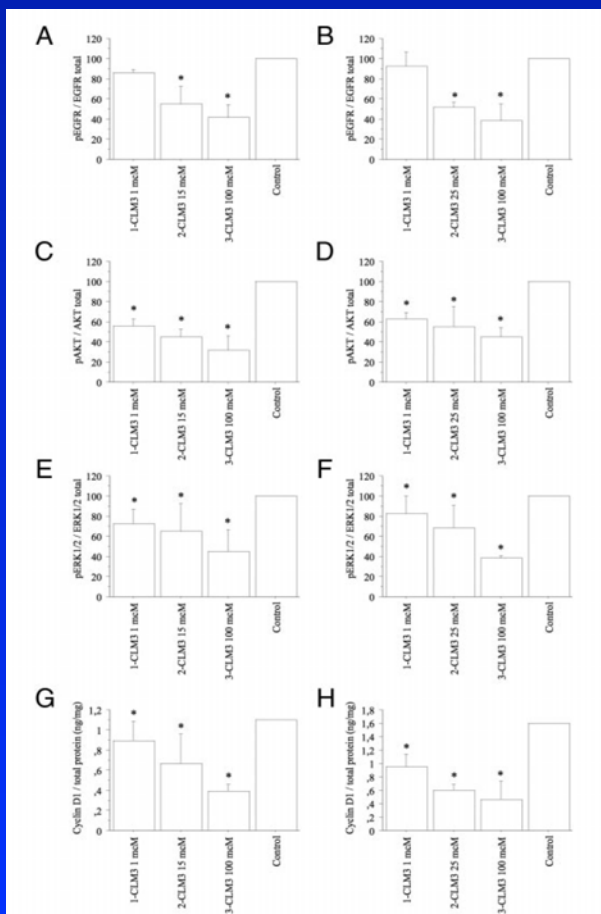
Novel Pyrazolopyrimidine Derivatives as Tyrosine Kinase Inhibitors with Antitumoral Activity *in Vitro* and *in Vivo* in Papillary Dedifferentiated Thyroid Cancer

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CLM3, a multitarget tyrosine kinase inhibitor with antiangiogenic properties, is active against primary anaplastic thyroid cancer *in vitro* and *in vivo*

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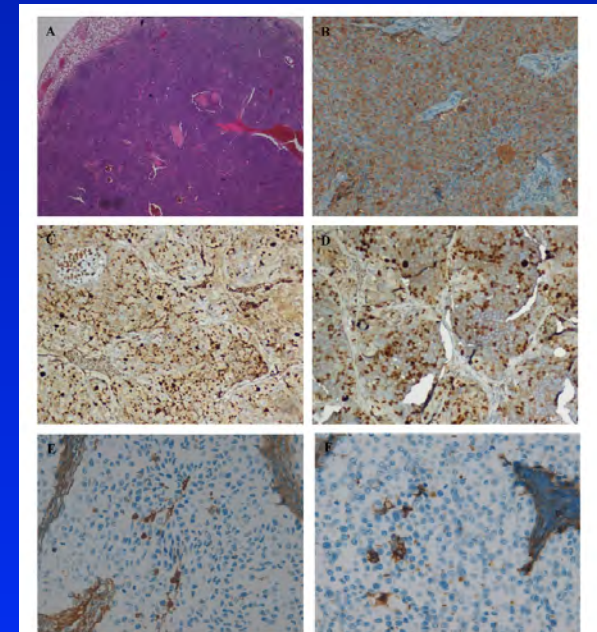
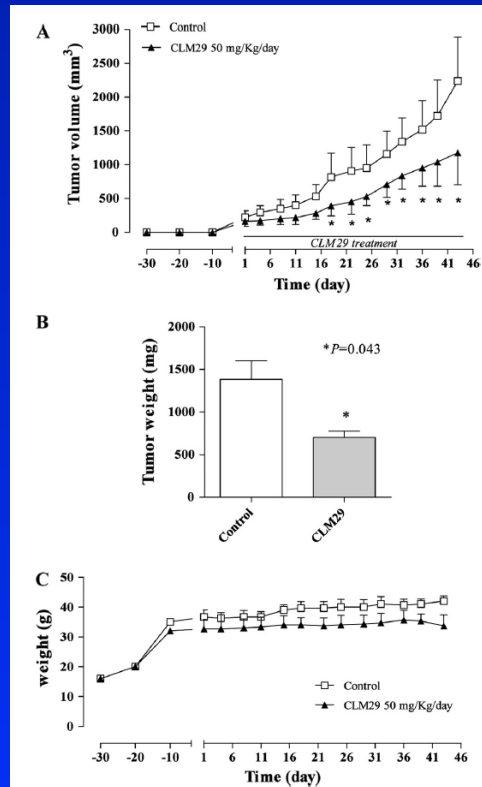
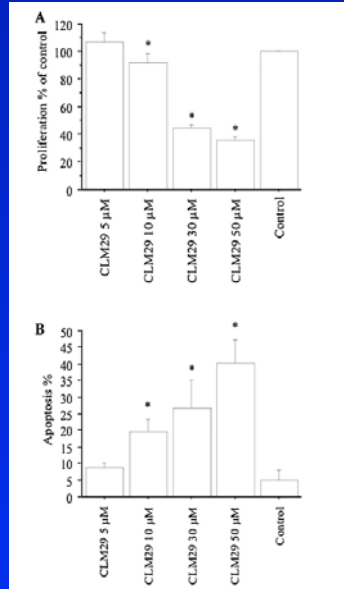
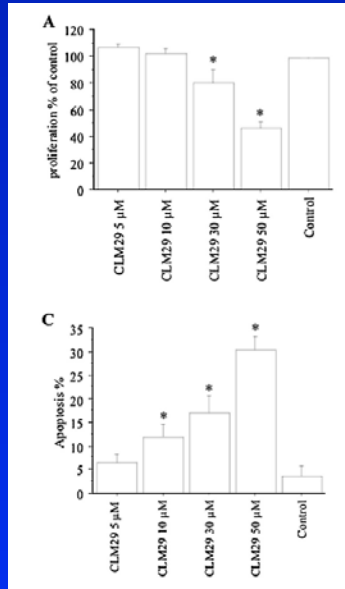




CLM29, a multi-target pyrazolopyrimidine derivative, has anti-neoplastic activity in medullary thyroid cancer *in vitro* and *in vivo*

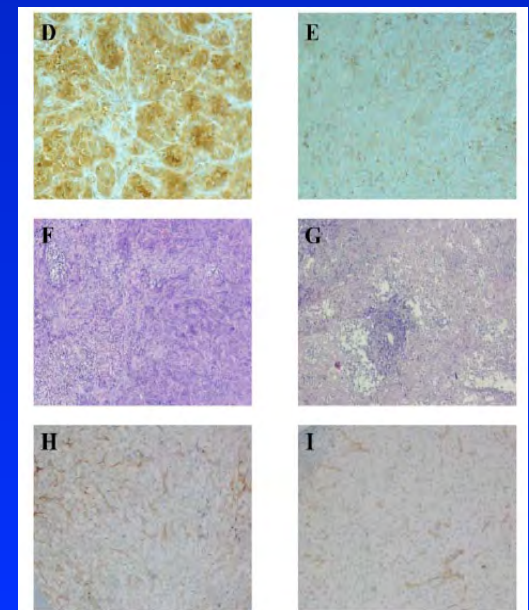
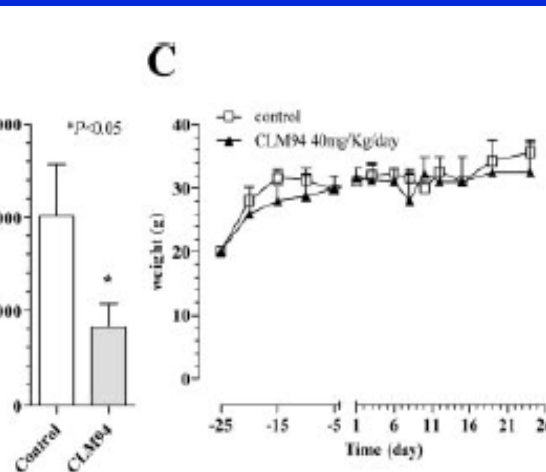
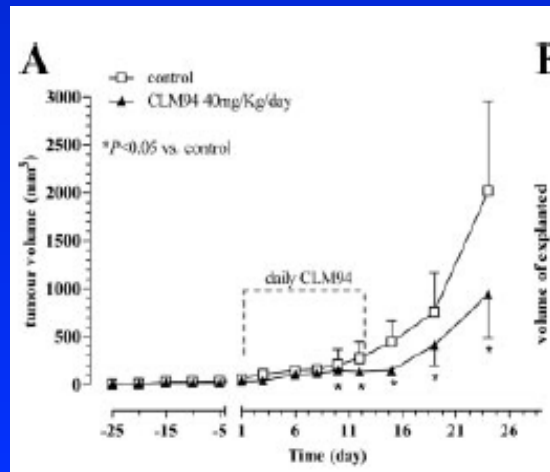
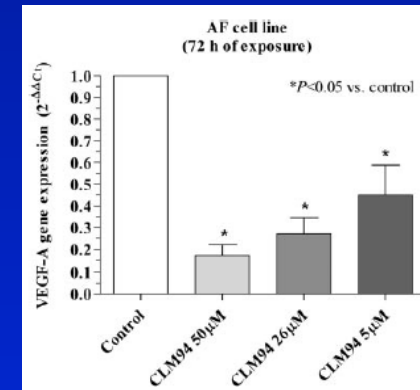
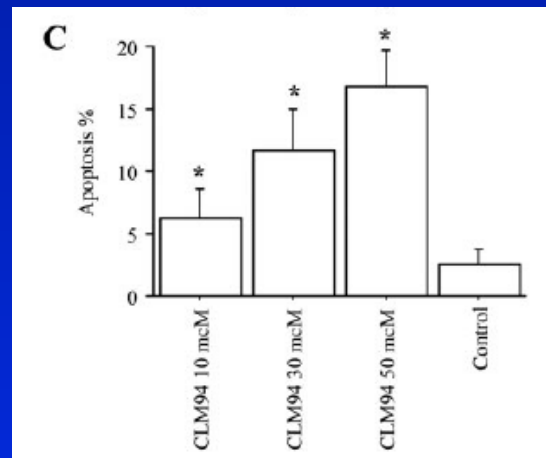
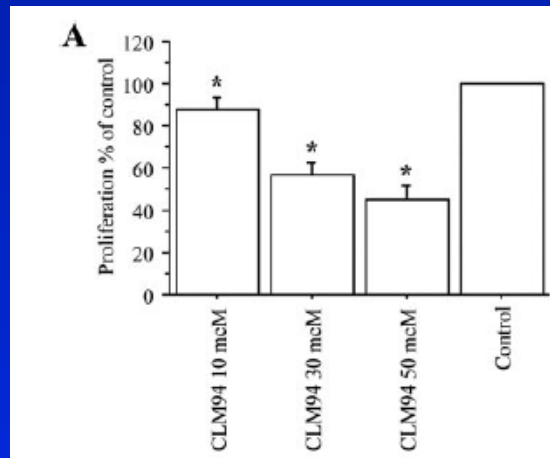
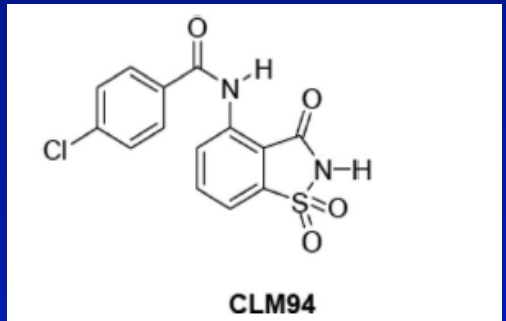


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CLM94, a Novel Cyclic Amide with Anti-VEGFR-2 and Antiangiogenic Properties, Is Active against Primary Anaplastic Thyroid Cancer *in Vitro* and *in Vivo*

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Future perspectives

To produce new and more active drugs to be used in humans.

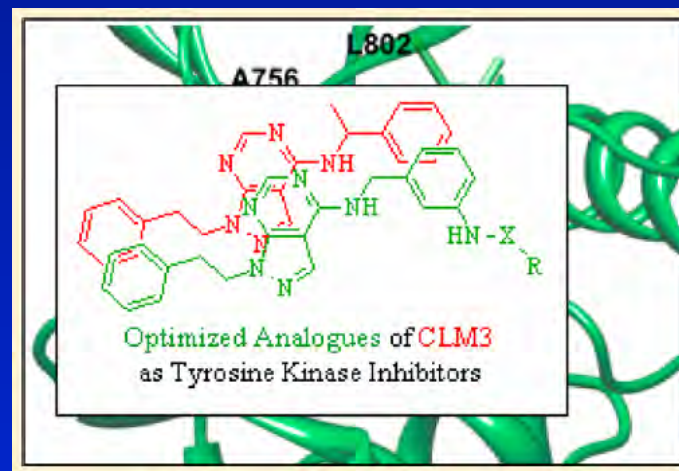
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**Structure-Based Optimization of Tyrosine Kinase Inhibitor CLM3.
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To personalize the therapy in patients with thyroid cancer, through chemosensitivity tests in primary cells obtained from the single patient with tyrosine kinase inhibitors (approved for the treatment of aggressive thyroid cancer, such as vandetanib and XL184 in medullary thyroid cancer, and sorafenib in papillary and follicular DTC), to increase the responsiveness to the treatments (60% positive predictive value), preventing the administration of inactive drugs to unresponsive patients (90% negative predictive value), avoiding dangerous side effects, and reducing the costs of treatments.