

Ozone / Oxygen ip. in a preclinical
cancer study with an outlook in human-
and veterinary medicine

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Schulz et al., 2008: Int. J. Cancer: 122, 2360-2367

Pneumoperitoneum

- The presence of air or gas (eg. CO₂) in the abdominal (peritoneal) cavity
 - Injection of gas into the peritoneal cavity as a diagnostic or therapeutic measure
 - insufflated for laparoscopic surgery or
 - occurring pathological (many causes)
- O₃/O₂- pneumoperitoneum - ozonized oxygen in the intraperitoneal cavity

Zorraquin G. et al., 1947

Simpaticectomias Distónicas, Etiopatogénicas, Viscerales, al **Ozono** y **Octozono**
Intraperitoneal,
en Lugar de Simpaticectomias Operatorias

•En **La Semana Médica** Buenos Aires, 1947

Presentado al Congreso Interamericano de Cirugía de Montevideo, 1946 y realizado en la Asistencia Pública de Buenos Aires, Hospital Fernandez, Servicio de Cirugía General y Intestinal

Zorraquin, Dr. 1947

Ozono contra dolorosas abdominales

Casuísticas:

- 35 años 200ml (x 2) = 400ml
- 20 años 100ml, 200ml, 400ml (x3) = 700ml
- 17 años 200ml (x2) = 400ml
- 30 años con ozono (x8) = ??????

Concentration : $\mu\text{g O}_3 / \text{ml}$?

Ozone generator: aparatos italianos de Gambarotta, el aparato de Payr de Stuttgart

Zorraquin, Dr. 1947

„Las inyecciones de ozono intraperitoneales son sin embargo sensiblemente dolorosas y paresian transitoriamente al músculo diafragma. Estos inconvenientes se previenen con una inyección doble de morfina“

Zorraquin, Dr. 1947

„ En veinte años nunca hemos tenido un accidente por inyección de gas dentro del peritoneo y tan familiarizados a esto estamos, que no recurrimos más a nuestro aguja manométrica, de 20 años atrás, para neumotórax y neumoperitoneo, más difundida en Europa que aquí „

Zorraquin, Dr. 1947

„ Inicialmente debemos declarar que no hemos visto en nuestras **inyecciones de ozono intraperitoneal en cavidad cerrada, ninguna acción cáustica corrosiva o citolítica de importancia.** En una epidemia de chanchitos de India sólo sobrevivieron los inyectados con ozono y oxígeno intraperitoneal en volúmenes parecidos a sus pesos“

INTRAPERITONEAL INJECTIONS

maximum acceptable volumes

	Volumes of liquids		gas (e g. CO ₂)
	ml	ml/kg	Ozone/O ₂ ?
Mice (30gr)	2-3	83	
Rats (250gr)	5-10	40	
Rabbits (2.5kg)	50-100	40	80 mlO ₃ /O ₂ /kg
Dogs (20kg)	200-500	25	IAP < 5mbar
Humans (70kg)	?????	??	> 4-6 L pressure-control IAP

Ozone therapy in a cancer model
Vx2 carcinoma: head and abdomen in rabbits.
A pilot study

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Vx2 tumor development in the ears of rabbits: Influence of O₃/O₂-PP



height x width (mm)

day +18

day +23

changes of tumor size (%)

day +33

final day +39-83)

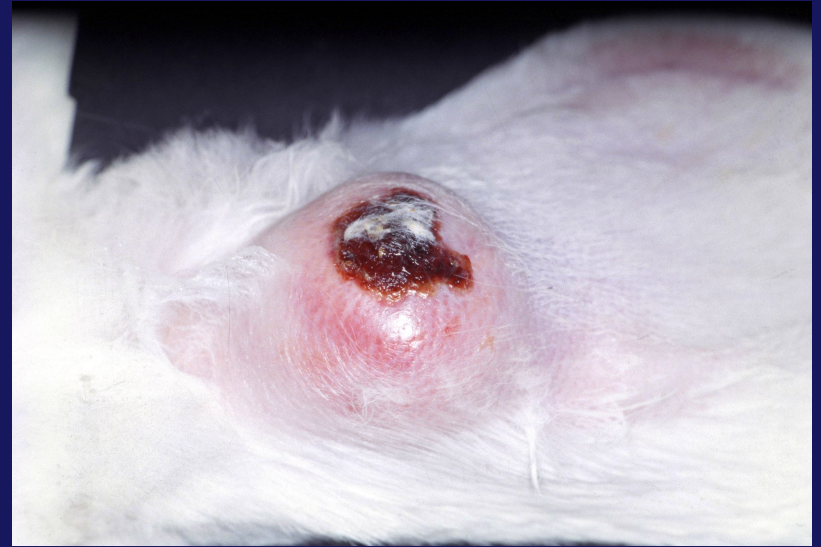
ear

Case	ear	height x width (mm)		changes of tumor size (%)		final day +39-83)
		day +18	day +23	day +33	final day +39-83)	
Case 1 ctrl NZ	left 1	24.4 x 21.9	+15.4 x +15.0	n.d.	+24.4 x +64.0	+47
	right 1	27.7 x 24.9	+11.4 x +15.0	n.d.	+71.0 x +48.0	
Case 2 NZ	left 1	22.1 x 17.8	-27.4 x -22.9	no tumor	no tumor	+47
	right 1	17.3 x 17.7	-2.1 x -6.6	-57.4 x -64.7	no tumor	
Case 3 NZ	left 1	30.7 x 15.8	n.d.	n.d.	- 2.0 x -20.0	+39
	right 1	20.8 x 17.2	n.d.	n.d.	+5.4 x +14.0	
Case 4 NZ	left 2	15.6 x 14.3	n.d.	n.d.	+38.0 x -24.0	+83
	right 2	17.5 x 15.5	n.d.	n.d.	no tumor	
		20.2 x 15.0	n.d.	n.d.	+30.0 x -26.6	
Case 5 Chinch.	left 1	18.1 x 17.4	n.d.	n.d.	+17.7 x +20.9	+43
	right 1	25.6 x 21.5	n.d.	- 6.2 x -2.3	no tumor	
		19.5 x 19.0	n.d.	no tumor	no tumor	

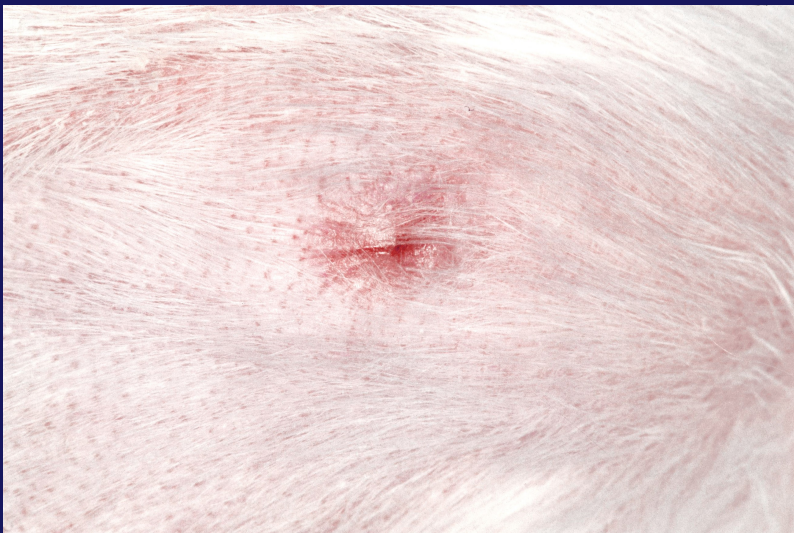
right ear

left ear

tumor +day 19



cured +day 47



Total tumors: $s = 10$

dissappearance to tumors after O3/O2 treatment $s = 5$ (50%)

Histopathological analysis of cranial and thoracical organs of Vx2 tumor infected rabbits: Influence of O₃/O₂-PP

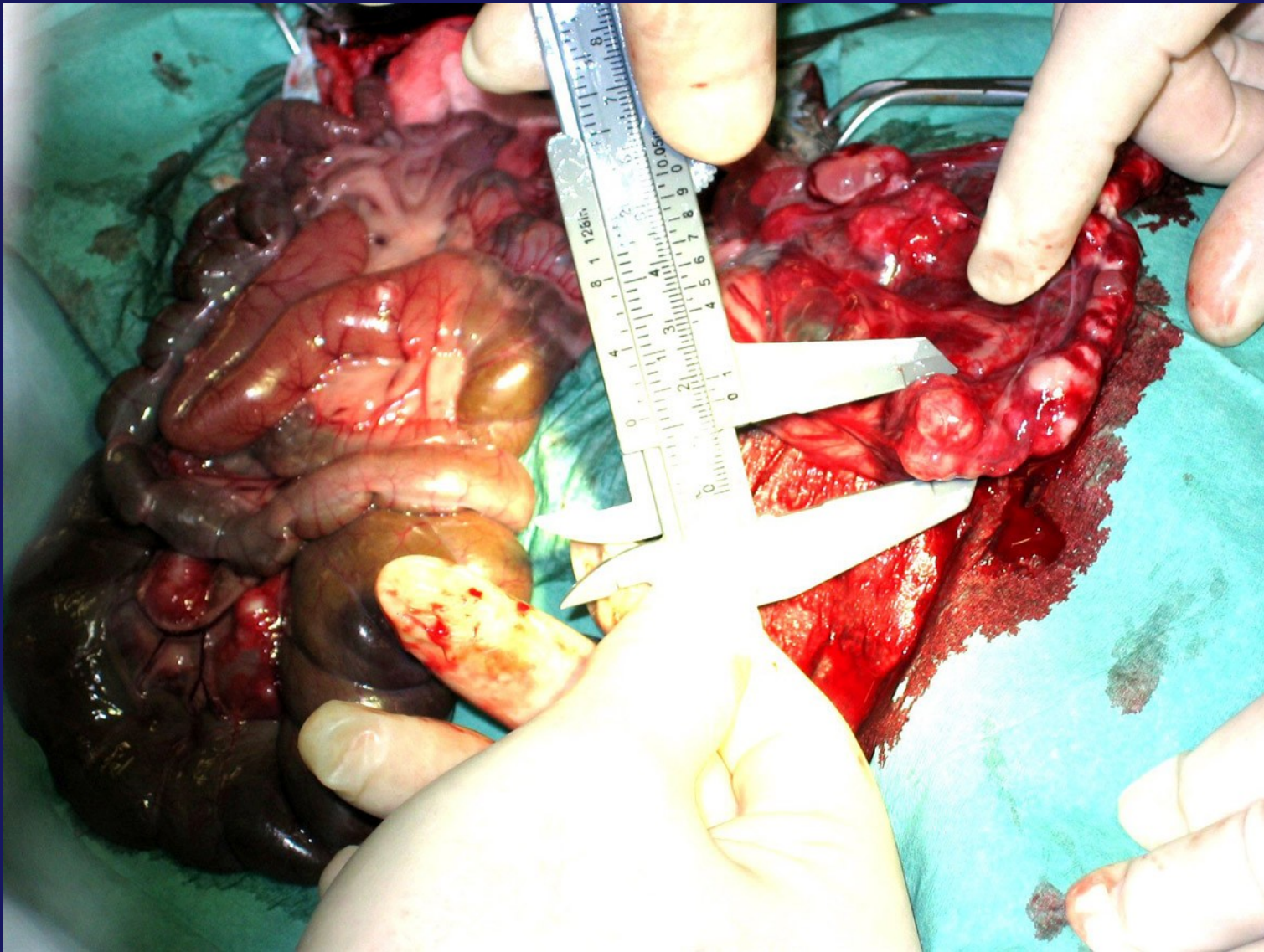
	ear	necropsy	ear tumor	lymph nodes			
				parotid	caud.	rost.	lung
Case 1 ctrl NZ	left 1 right 1	+47 days	solid ulcerated	metastasis metastasis	neg. metastasis	neg. neg.	multiple metastasis
Case 2 NZ	left 1 right 1	> 229 days	disappeared disappeared	- -	- -	- -	neg. X-ray
Case 3 NZ	left 1 right 1	+39 days	ulcerated, necrotic ulcerated, necrotic	metastasis metastasis	neg. neg.	n.d. n.d..	neg.
Case 4 NZ	left 2 right 2	+83 days	ulcerated, necrotic disappeared ulcerated, necrotic ulcerated, necrotic	metastasis + perinodal spread metastasis + perinodal spread	neg. neg.	neg. neg.	multiple metastasis
Case 5 Chinch.	left 1 right 1	> 139 days	disappeared disappeared	- -	- -	- -	neg. X-ray

Vx2 tumor development in the abdomen of rabbits: Influence of O₃/O₂-PP

	Initial weight	treatment day +5 to +9	laparotomy day +21	necropsy	final weight	changes in weight (%)	Survival days
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Case 1 ctrl Bast.	3.17	control	8 tumors	8 tumors	2.49 kg	-21.5	+ 21
Case 2 Bast.	2.96	ozone	1 tumor	1 tumor	3.69 kg	+27.1%	>84
Case 3 Bast.	2.91	ozone	2 tumors	no tumor	3.32 kg	+18%	>84
Case 4 Bast.	3.04	ozone	1 to tumor	no tumor	3.31 kg	+8.2%	>76

Measurement of Vx2-tumor size in the omentum



Case 1 ctrl necropsy at day 21 post inoculation

**A new Medozon^{ip} generator for intraperitoneal
insufflation of O₃/O₂-pneumoperitoneum.**

**The efficacy and safety of therapeutical O₃/O₂ gas in
a lethal ear carcinoma (VX2) model in rabbits.**

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The Medozon^{ip} generator



If you want to start a treatment,
press the following key.

Start course of treatment

If you want to change the settings
or if you need any information, press
the following key.

**Information / Service
Settings**

Connect the disposable material
to both of the connections and
open the three-way tap.

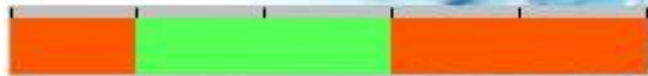
After that press the key
-rinse Ozone-kit ip-

back

Rinse Ozone-kit ip

The Medozon^{ip} generator

Control-display Rinsing



The ozone-kit ip has been rinsed.
Close the tap and press
the key -continue-

cancel

continue



Read in the weight
of the patient.

1

2

3

000.0 kg

4

5

6

Clr

7

8

9

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back

Recommended total quantities
for insufflation

Total quantity
(in litre)

99.999 L

quantity per dose rat
(in litre)

0.000 L

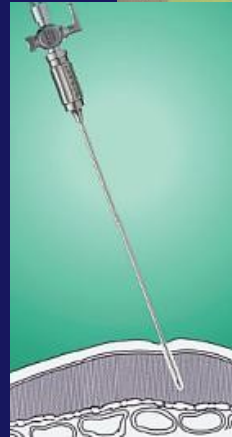
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accept

The Medozon^{ip} generator

Read in the concentration
between 5-60 $\mu\text{g/ml}$.

1	2	3	00 $\mu\text{g/ml}$
4	5	6	Clr
7	8	9	
0	←	back	



Current concentration: 00 $\mu\text{g/ml}$

Current pressure: IAP 00.0 mbar



Start the pneumo-
peritoneal therapy

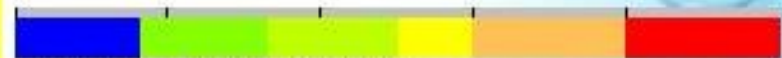
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Insufflated quantity: 00.000 L



Absorption time: 00.00

Current pressure: IAP 00.0 mbar



Normal pressure of the patient at the beginning

pause

finish

The Medozon^{ip} generator

The Medozon ip has measured the maximum pressure at the patient.

Please check the current pressure.
Accept the pressure to continue
or finish the pneumoperitoneal therapy.



accept

finish



Insufflated quantity:

00.000 L



Absorption time:

00.00

Current pressure: IAP

00.0 mbar



Normal pressure of the patient at the beginning

pause

finish

The treatment is finished.

Remove the Ozone-kit ip and take
care for the patient.

Show the records

Patient data entry

Finish and record



Peking 2007, Military Hospital

The therapeutical impact of O₃/O₂-pneumoperitoneum

head and neck squamous carcinoma cell (HNSCC)

363 000 new cases per year

200 000 deaths annually worldwide

* Parkin et al 1999, in Global cancer statistics; A Cancer J. Cl.

Squamous cell carcinoma in skin

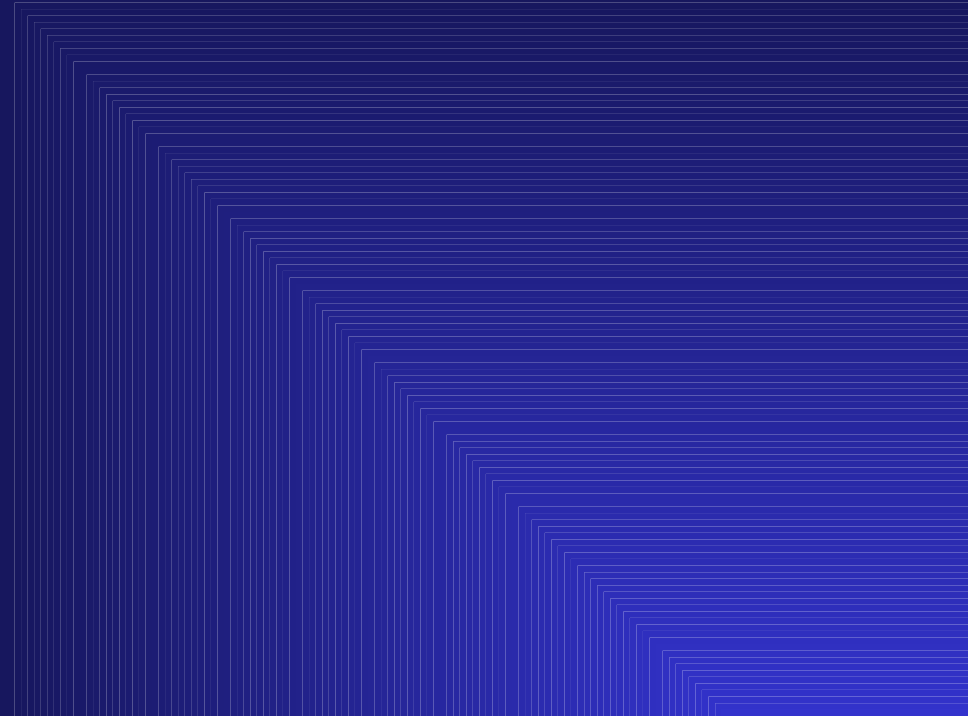
- High mortality rate $> 50\%$ in man and animals
- Most malignant neoplasma in head and neck region
- Aetiologies: eg. Epstein-Barr Virus
Human Papilloma Virus
hereditary factors
- VX2-Carcinoma cells: Rabbit Shope Virus

Conventional treatment

Surgery

Radiotherapy

Chemotherapy



Alternative treatment modalities

1. Intra-arterial chemotherapy
2. Immune-stimulation (Biological response modifiers
e.g. Ribi-vaccine, cytokine Interleukin-2)
3. Gene therapy technology (Anti-oncogenes, replacement –genes,
genes enhancing immune surveillance)
4. Photodynamic therapy (oxygen radicals)
5. Anti-angiogenetic therapy
6. Herpes simplex virus thymidine kinase
7. Ozone therapy ?

Animal (models) for novel therapies against head and neck cancer: squamous cell carcinoma (SCC) in man

1. Spontaneously squamous cell carcinomas:

sheep, cat: **ear**; dog, horse: **skin**; bovine: **eye** rabbit: **skin**

2. Topical application of a carcinogen (4-nitro-quinoline-1-oxide):

mouse, rat: **skin**; hamster: **check pouch carcinoma (3- 6 month)**

3. Transplanted carcinoma cell lines:

rabbits, rats, nude-mice: **skin and organs**

In vivo VX2 models and tumor transplantations

A. head : (bi)-auricular model (rabbit)
tongue (nude-mice)

used in the study

B. abdomen: systemic (i.p.)

organic e.g. liver, uterus, kidney, bladder

used in the study

way of VX2 transplantaion

- solid tumour pieces
- tumour cell suspension

used in the study

Tumor transplantations

- 0.15-0.25 ml suspension containing $10\text{-}20 \times 10^6$ vital tumor cells from a donor rabbit (hind leg or lung)
- Injected into area between central auricular artery and caudal margin at the dorsal middle-third of both auricles



Mortality rates in aggressive VX2-tumor model of rabbits

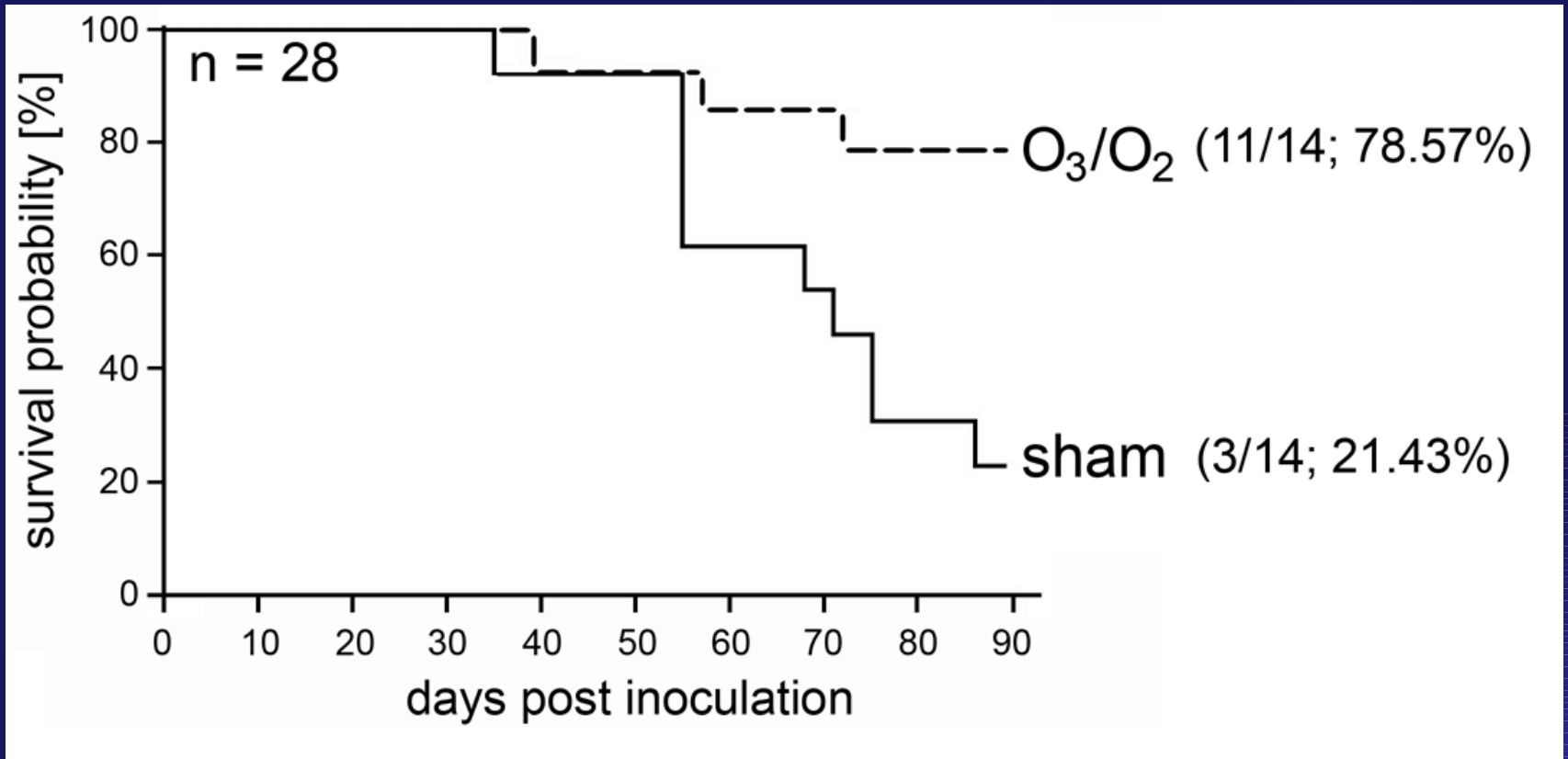
Organs	inoculation cells/ml	days of survival	mortality (%)	literature
Renal	0.1-0.3 x10⁶	42.5 ± 14	100	Lee et al. 2003, Eur.Radiol.
Bladder	0.1 x 10⁶	within 40	100	Yang et al. 2001, Urol. Res.
Uterus	1 x 10⁸	within 60	>80	Harima et al. 1996, Cancer Chemother. Pharmacol.
Liver	1.5 mm solid	61 ± 7	100	Taburo et al. 2001, Cancer Chemother. Pharmacol.
Liver	1.5 mm solid	within 90	100	Miao et al. 2000, Eur. Radiol.
Ear	10-20 x 10⁶	within 75	100	Van Es, 2000, J. Craniomacillofac. Surg.

Aim of our investigation

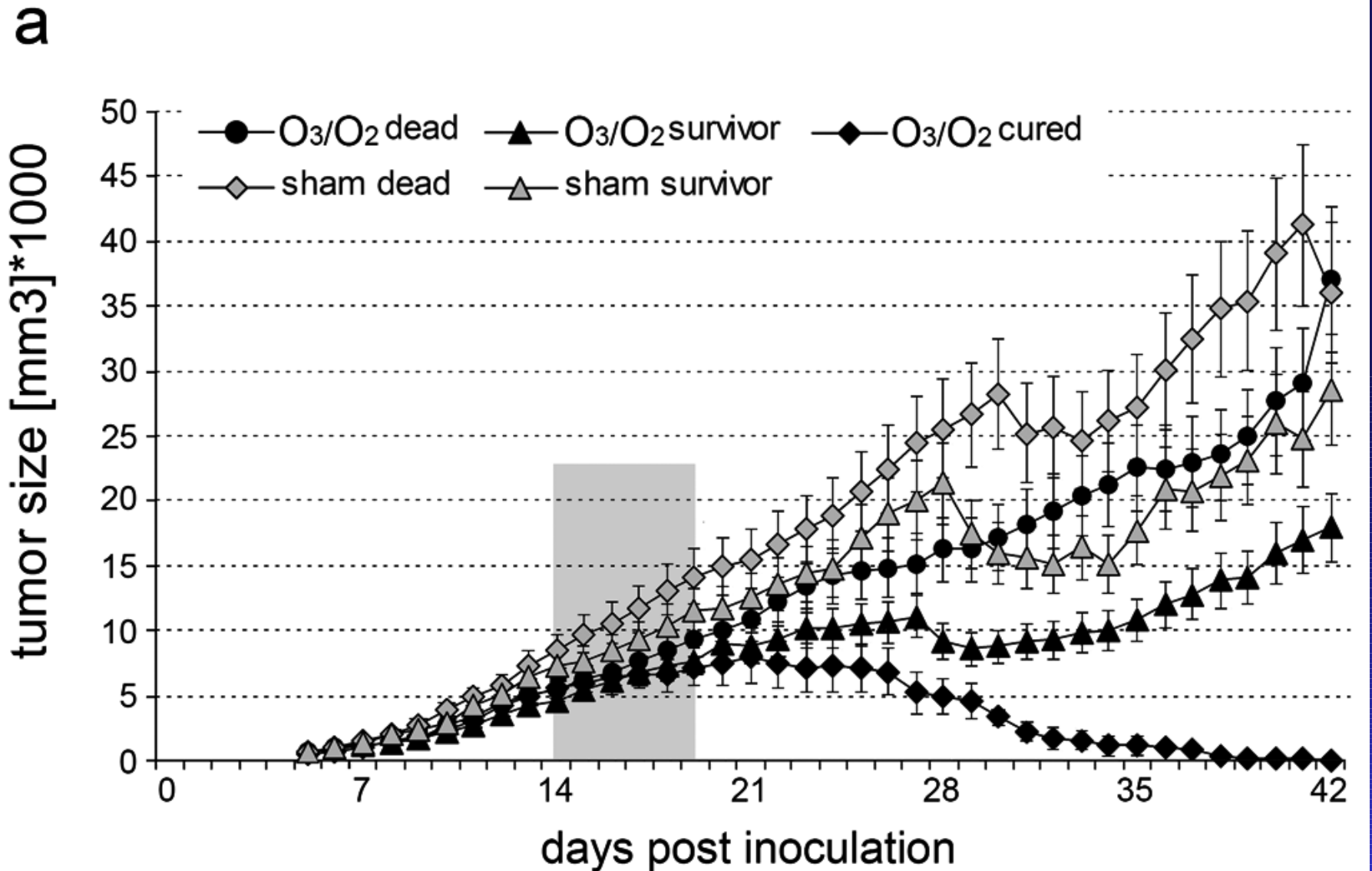
Analysis of possible anti-tumorigenic and anti-metastatic influences of O_3/O_2 -pneumoperitoneum on VX2 tumor:

- a. tumor growth (on primary tumors)
- b. occurrence of metastasis in cervical lymph nodes, lung
- c. multiplicity* of growing tumors in the lung
- d. body weight
- e. survival rate

Survival probability



Tumor development



Tumor development

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day 14

day 27

day 35

final outcome

O₃/O₂ cured

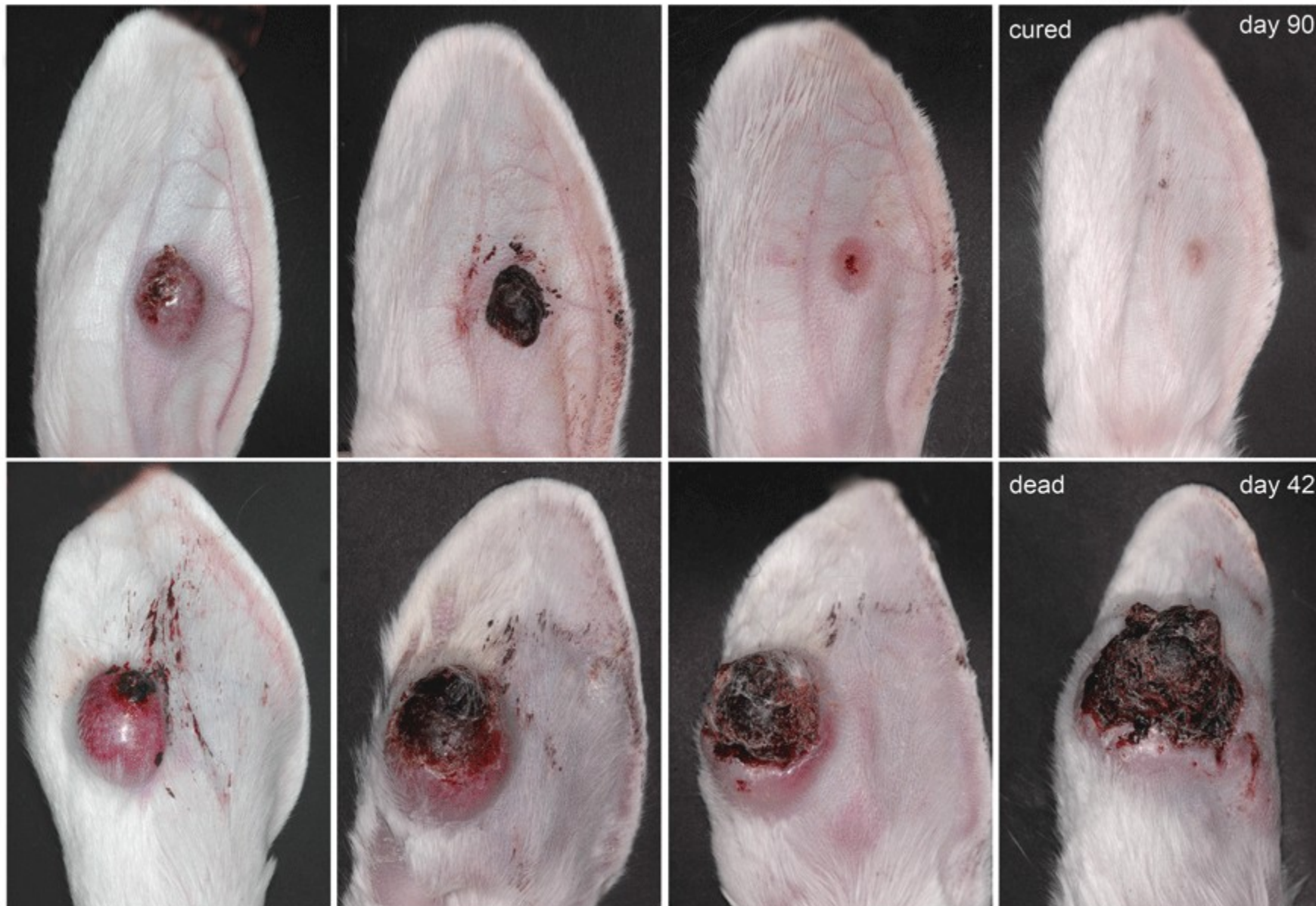
cured

day 90

sham dead

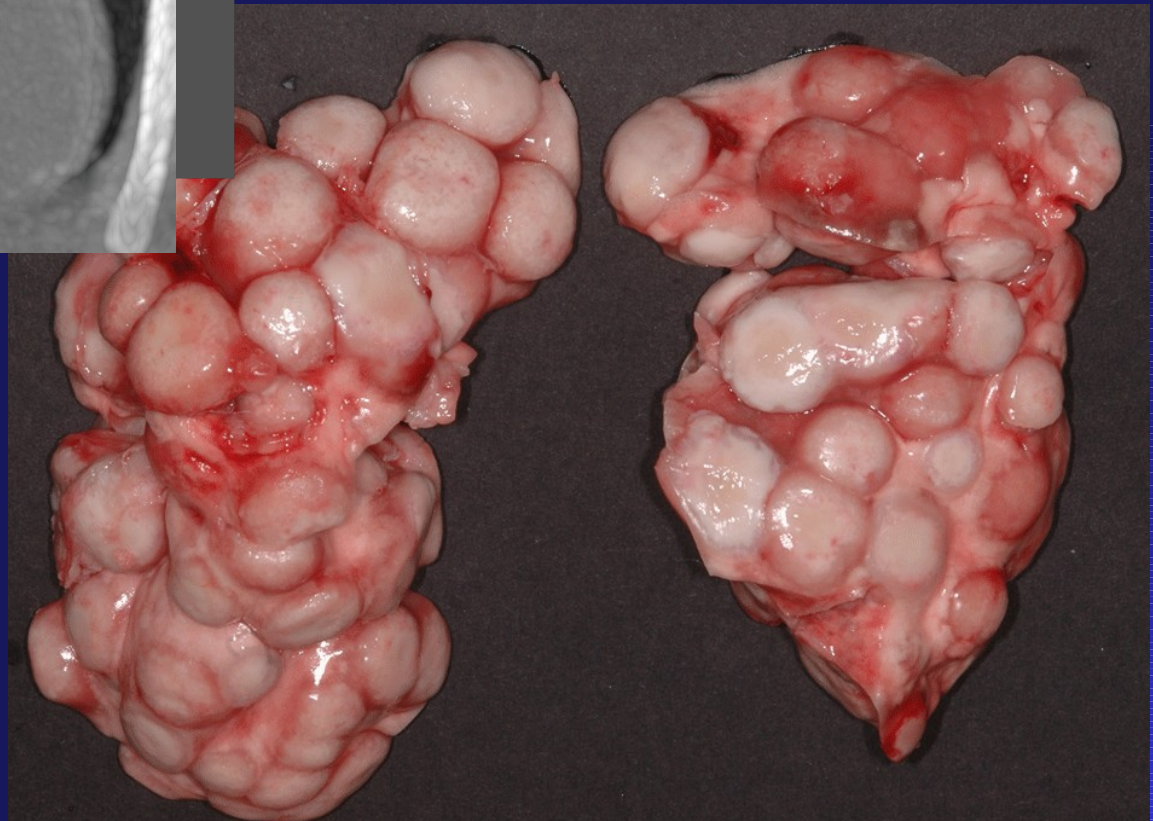
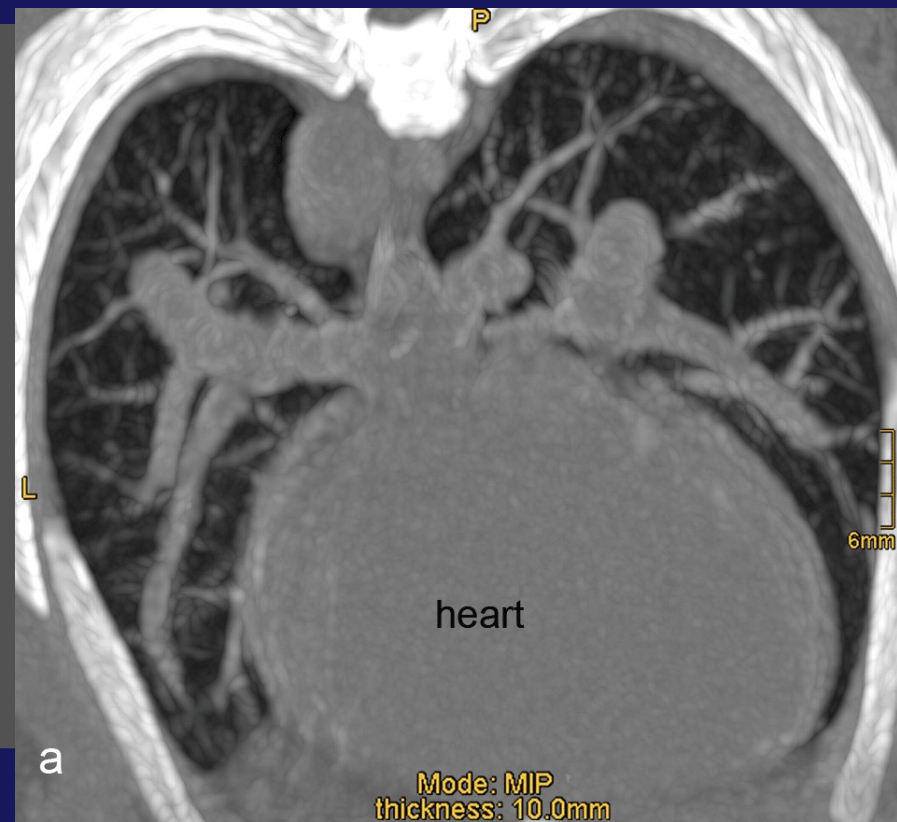
dead

day 42

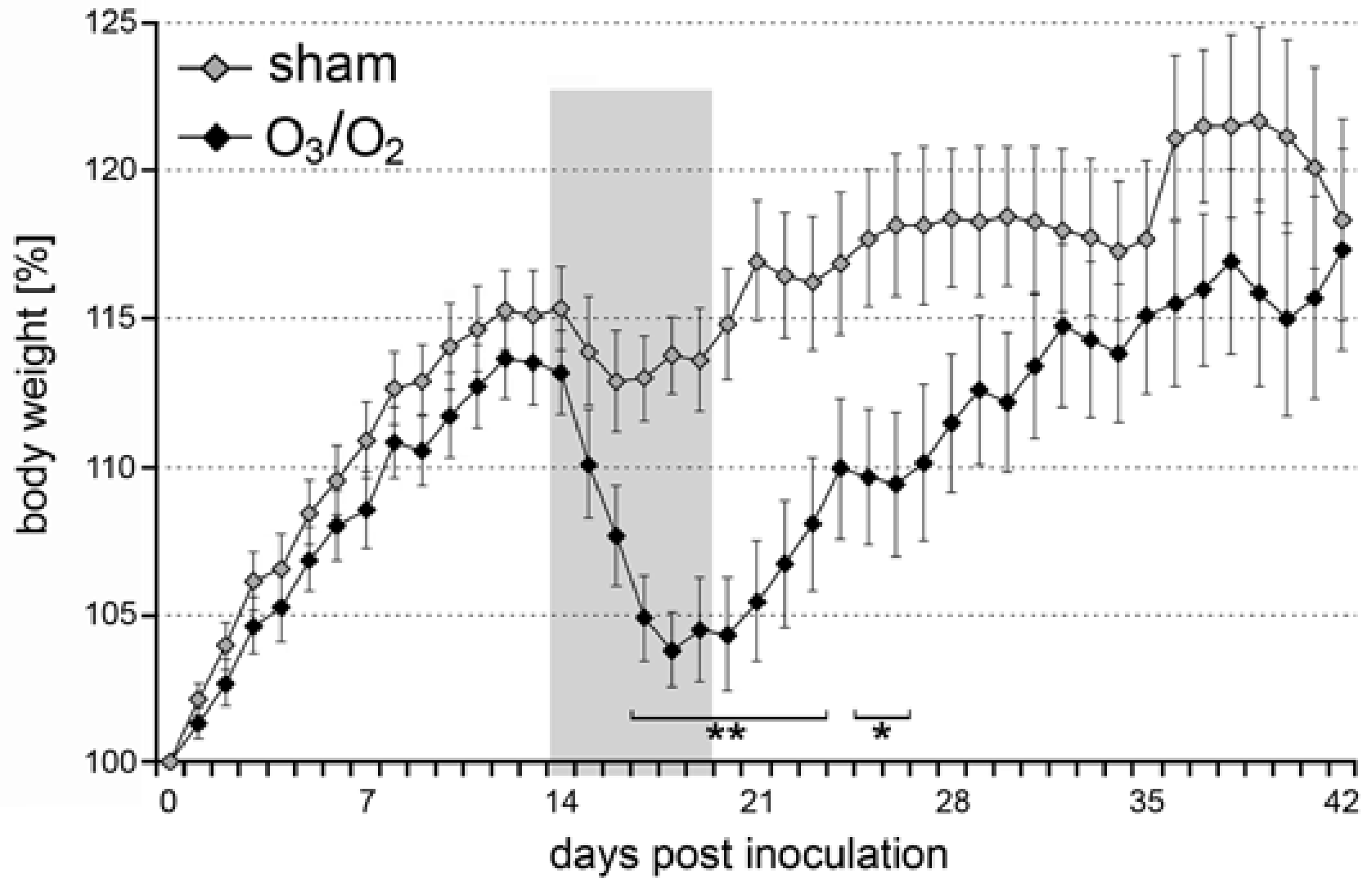


CT scan of the thorax of a
O3/O2-cured rabbit

Necropsized lung of a sham
rabbit after death



Adverse effects: Body weight



Adverse effects :

Hematological and clinical chemistry parameters

parameter	O ₃ /O ₂ (n = 14)		Sham (n = 14)		O ₃ /O ₂ cured (n = 6)	sham dead (n = 11)	typical value ³⁰
	d 14	d 19	d 14	d 19	d 90	at death	
WBC (total)	8.6	11.4***	8.6	10.7*	7.6	20.9	2.5-9.8 (10 ³ /mm ³)
granulocytes	3.4	5.5***	3.5	4.9*	1.8	14.9	1.6-3.7 (10 ³ /mm ³)
lymphocytes	4.9	5.7*	4.9	5.6*	5.6	5.4	3.3-7.0 (10 ³ /mm ³)
monocytes	0.2	0.3**	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.6	0.0-0.4 (10 ³ /mm ³)
RBC	5.85	5.55	5.64	5.59	5.91	6.08	5.20-6.80 (10 ⁶ /mm ³)
hemoglobin	11.7	11.6	10.0	11.5	12.9	9.0	9,8-14.0 (g/dl)
HCT	38.4	36.4	36.7	36.1	40.2	33.5	36.0-47.0 (%)
creatinine	0.736	0.863**	0.787	0.800	0.848	n.d.	0.5-2.6 (mg/dl)
GOT	17.39	13.73	15.15	13.72	29.72	n.d.	8.0-56 (U/l)
GPT	34.7	27.3**	22.9	21.0	74.9	n.d.	18.0-123.0 (U/l)

Bi-auricular re-implantation of VX2 tumor cells in O₃/O₂ treated cured rabbits

experimental group	animals [n]	tumors* [n]	mean tumor volume [mm³]
O₃/O₂ cured + Dex/CSA	3	4/6 (66.7 %)	3089
O₃/O₂ cured + sham	3	0/6 (0 %)	< 200 [#]
control + Dex/CSA	1	1/2 (50%)	1466
control + sham	1	2/2 (100%)	5657

Changes in prostanoid values from blood plasma after O₃/O₂-pneumoperitoneum

Arachidonic acidic metabolites	mean basal value [ng/ml]	mean maximum value [ng/ml]	x-fold increase	time post insufflation* [h]
dinor-6-k-F1α	0.014 (0.002-0.037)	1.182 (0.281-1.935)	84.5	4.0
6-keto-PGF1α	0.028 (0.013-0.036)	1.070 (0.406-1.568)	40.0	5.3
PGEM	0.023 (0.015-0.036)	0.342 (0.222-0.477)	14,8	4.0
dinor-TxB2	0.016 (0.003-0.023)	0.197 (0.049-0.470)	9.4	0.5
11-dinor-TxB2	0.058 (0.043-0.078)	0.522 (0.183-1.063)	9.0	0.5
PGF2α	0.054 (0.047-0.063)	0.171 (0.102-0.278)	3.2	5.6
Isoprostane	0.386 (0.307-0.477)	1.082 (0.742-1.696)	2.9	4.0
PGE2	0.127 (0.103-0.158)	0.293 (0.136-0.583)	2.3	5.3
PGD2	0.008 (0.003-0.022)	0.014 (0.006-0.024)	1.8	4.0
Thromboxane B2	0.568 (0.007-1.160)	0.680 (0.210-1.641)	1.2	8.0

Summary

O₃/O₂-pneumoperitoneum during VX2 tumor disease:

enhances survival probability

leads to complete tumor remission and the cure of the animal

prevents for the appearance of distant metastases

induces tolerance against VX2 tumor cells

exhibits no major adverse effects

enhances blood levels of some arachidonic acid metabolites

Proposed mechanisms

O_3/O_2 -PP may systemically activate leukocytes which combat the existing tumor and might protect tumor metastasis.

O_3/O_2 -PP may increase the endogenous prostacycline levels and by this may increase tumor tissue oxygenation.

Healy



Zealy

Cured since 6 years after 5 days treatment (O_3/O_2 -Pneumoperitoneum)

Two white rabbits are sitting on a light-colored wooden floor. The rabbit on the left is slightly behind the one on the right. Both rabbits have upright ears and pinkish-red eyes. The word 'Frohe' is written in a colorful, cursive font across the top of the image, with 'F' in yellow, 'r' in red, 'o' in green, and 'he' in blue and pink.

Frohe

Ostern

*La vida normal despues de la tratamiento con
ozono (2007)*

Outlook in human –and veterinary medicine

First therapeutical trials with O3/O2-PP in cancer patients from Brazil

Pat.	Volume (total ml)	x d	range (L.)	b.w. (kg)	mean volume/d (ml/kg O3/O2)	age/s. (y)
• 1	14 800	4	(0.50-6.46)	81	45.6	71 m.
• 2	15 800	5	(1.76-4.30)	60	52.6	21 f.
• 3	7 800	5	(0.55-2.35)	62	25.1	64 f.
• 4	12300	5	(0.35-3.45)	83	37.3	83 m.

Concentration of Ozone (50 ug/ml)

ad 1 cancer liver and metastasis

ad 2 cancer liver

ad 3 cancer head of pancreas and metastasis

ad 4 cancer intestinal and metastasis in liver and lung

$$x = \frac{\quad}{\quad} = 40.2 = 2 \text{ mg O3/kg}$$

First therapeutical trials with O3/O2-PP in veterinary medicine

dosis : 80ml O3/O2/kg x 50 ug/ml = 4 mg O3 / kg x 5 d = 20 mg O3/ kg

Case 1

- Malignant melanoma on nose **Yorkshire Terrier** **Schulz 2008**
> 20 %
reduction + surgery

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Cases 7 (6 dogs and 1 cat) different races **Gräßer et al**

- Malignant melanoma in mouth
- Malignant melanoma on the paw
- Carcinoma on ear (cat) 20 % reduction of primary tumor
after 5 days of treatment
- Mamma carcinoma
- Skin tumor (mast cell)

- Sarcoma on leg non-response
- Osteosarcoma (Femur) 10 % reduction

Scientific challenge in ozone/oxygen research cancer, inflammation and infection

- a. More efficacy – and risk studies from more suitable animal models in comparison of different forms of applications (O₃/O₂ PP , O₃-AHT and rectal)
- b. Complete dose-response curves ; eg. Therapeutical versus toxicological concentrations (finding of effective dosis)
- c. Therapeutic schemes (bolus and repetitive applications); sessions
- d. Risks and adverse effects (early and late effects with O₃)
- e. Indications/contraindications (in cancer , inflammation and infection)

Scientific challenge in ozone research

- a. Pain research (nociception, suitable analgo-sedativa, anaesthetics) before, during and after ozone therapy)
- a. Co-medication of ozone with established therapies ; complementary medicine ?
- a. Insufflation and desufflation (O₃/O₂-PP); role of oxygen ?
- a. Local and systemic effects and mechanisms with O₃/O₂ –PP an other methods
- I Ethical considerations (therapeutical trials, eg. Cancer patients – tumor stage ?; case reports/pilot studiesand preclinical and clinical studies
- a. Cost-benefit analyses ; financial support for basic research and clinical studies
- a. Ozone and biomarkers etc.

Hypothesized mechanism of ozone therapy (O₃/O₂-pneumoperitoneum on Vx2 tumor development)

O₃/O₂-PP may increase the endogeneous prostacycline levels and by this may increase tumor tissue oxygenation.

O₃/O₂-PP may systemically activate leukocytes which combat the existing tumor and might protect tumor metastasis.

Local ozone/oxygen may exhibit direct cytotoxic effects or might stimulate production of radicals (e.g. NO, endogenous O₃)*

* Babior et al. 2003 PNAS