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## Anticipated vs observed clinical effects of antivascular drugs

Parameter	Predicted effect	Actual (pre)clinical findings
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Angiogenesis dependency		therapeutic protocol
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	effects - antivascular	bowel perforations, bleeding, fistulas,
	drugs target only	leukoencephalopathy, etc.
	activated tumor ECs	
Resistance	No resistance to	Tumors develop resistance and progress after initial
	antivascular drugs	response

## Possible mechanisms promoting tumor progression after anti-vascular therapy

1. Hypoxia-driven mechanisms

2. Activation of compensatory angiogenic signaling pathways

3. Thrombotic events caused by antivasc. agents  $\rightarrow$  endothel damage  $\rightarrow$  increased metastasis

4. Pericyte dysfunction  $\rightarrow$  vessel damage  $\rightarrow$  increased metastasis

5. Switch to an alternative vascularization mechanism





Role of the different vascularization mechanisms in tumor resistance

1./ endothelial sprouting
 2./ glomeruloid angiogenesis/microvascular proliferation

 3./ vascular mimicry
 4./ vessel cooption/incorporation
 5./ Intussusceptive angiogenesis

 6./ postnatal vasculogenesis (bone-marrow derived circulating endothelial progenitor cells)

## Alternative vascularization mechanisms in cancer: endothelial sprouting



Paku S. First steps of tumor-related angiogenesis. Lab Invest 1991;65:334–46.

## Glomeruloid Microvascular Proliferation Is Superior to Intratumoral Microvessel Density as a Prognostic Marker in Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer<sup>1</sup>

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## Prominent Microvascular Proliferation in Clinically Aggressive Neuroblastoma

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Survival

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# Tumour vascularization via endothelial differentiation of glioblastoma stem-like cells

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# Glioblastoma stem-like cells give rise to tumour endothelium

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Alternative vascularization mechanisms in cancer: Vessel cooption

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## **ORIGINAL PAPER**

Mechanism of tumour vascularization in experimental lung metastases







Schematic representation of the vascularization process in lung metastases

Tumor cells
 Endothelial cells
 Type I pneumocytes
 Type II pneumocytes
 Capillary lumen
 Fibroblasts
 Activated fibroblasts (myofibroblasts)
 Basement membrane
 Connective tissue
 Alveolar lumen



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A New Mechanism for Pillar Formation during Tumor-Induced Intussusceptive Angiogenesis

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#### Steps of pillar formation

• Localized dissolution of the BM beneath the bridging EC

• The bEC later attaches to a collagen bundle in the underlying connective tissue

• A pulling force is exerted by the cytoskeleton of the bEC to the collagen bundle, resulting in the transport of the collagen bundle through the vessel lumen

• The pillar matures through the immigration of connective tissue cells and the deposition of new collagenous matrix

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#### Rapid Decrease in Delivery of Chemotherapy to Tumors after Anti-VEGF Therapy: Implications for Scheduling of Anti-Angiogenic Drugs

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#### SUMMARY

Current strategies combining anti-angiogenic drugs with chemotherapy provide clinical benefit in cancer patients. It is assumed that anti-angiogenic drugs, such as bevacizumab, transiently normalize abnormal tumor vasculature and contribute to improved delivery of subsequent chemotherapy. To investigate this concept, a study was performed in non-small cell lung cencer (NSCLC) patients using positron emission tomography (PET) and radiolabeled docetarel (1<sup>st</sup> C]docetarel. In NSCLC, bevacizumab reduced both perfusion and net influx rate of (1<sup>st</sup> C]docetarel within 5 hr. These effects persisted after 4 days. The clinical relevance of these findings is notable, as there was no evidence for a substantial improvement in drug delivery to tumors. These findings highlight the importance of drug scheduling and advocets further studies to oplinize echeduling of anti-angiogenic drugs.





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## Effects of different antiangiogenic TKIs in a mouse model of CRC (C26)













Sunitinib



Vatalanib





Vatalanib in C38



## Key tasks

#### To better understand how tumors develop resistance against AV therapies

#### To reevaluate AV drugs in clinically relevant animal models

(gap between human cancer trials on advanced stage tumors and localized primary animal tumor models!!)

# To elucidate the optimal biologic dose and the best possible combination treatment strategy of AV agents in the setting of chemo(radio)therapy

Development of new horizontal and vertical drug combinations (including different types of antiangiogenics, VDAs, anti-hypoxia drugs and also cytotoxic agents) is necessary Cumulative toxicity poses a challenge!

#### Biomarkers of angiogenesis are urgently needed to:

predict the efficacy of antivascular agents identify patients responsive to AV therapies recognize tumor resistance improve the cost-effectiveness of AV agents

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