

# Die Molekularbiologie der Lymphangiogenese

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## Von den molekulargenetischen und molekularbiologischen Ursachen zur ursächlichen Behandlung des Lymphödems

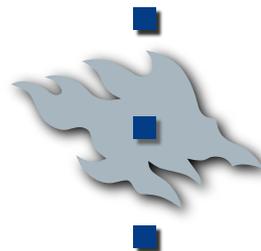
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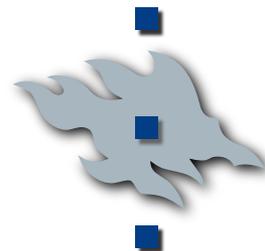
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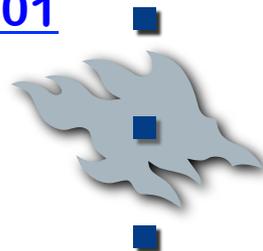




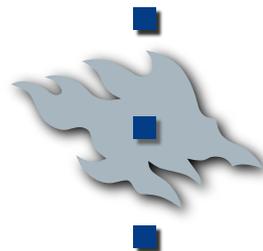
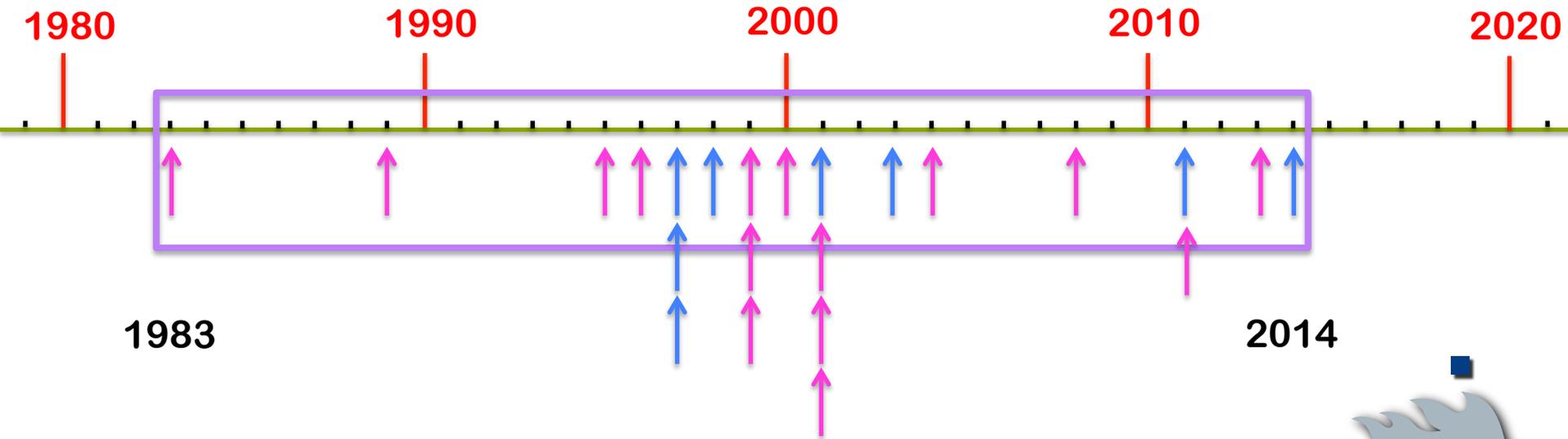
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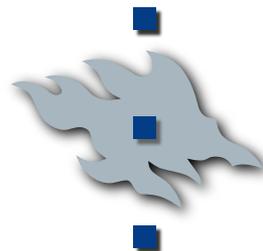
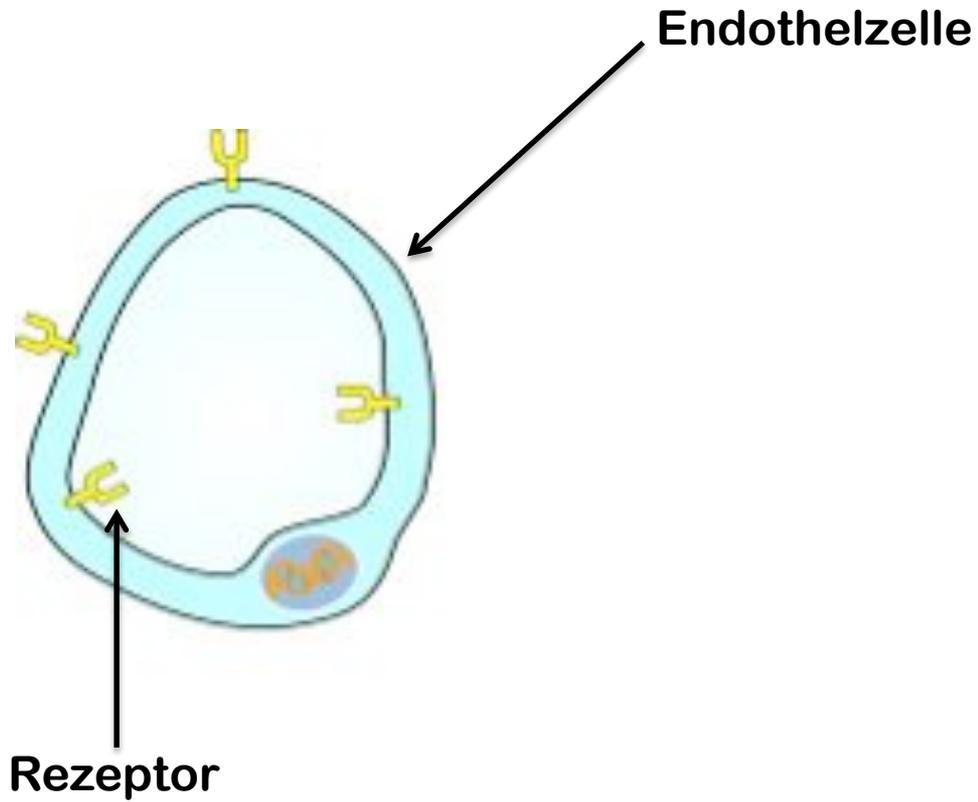


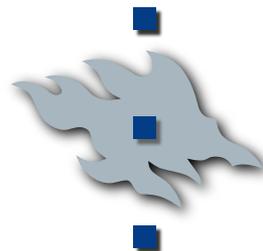
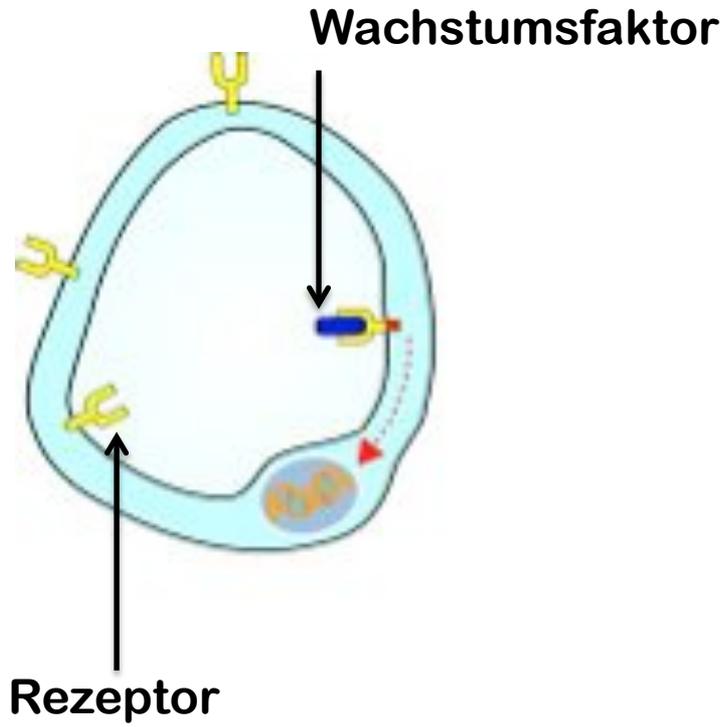
Marika Kärkkäinen et al. 2001

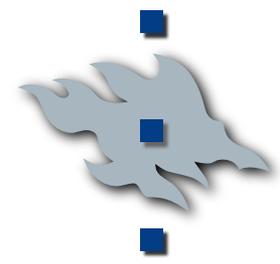
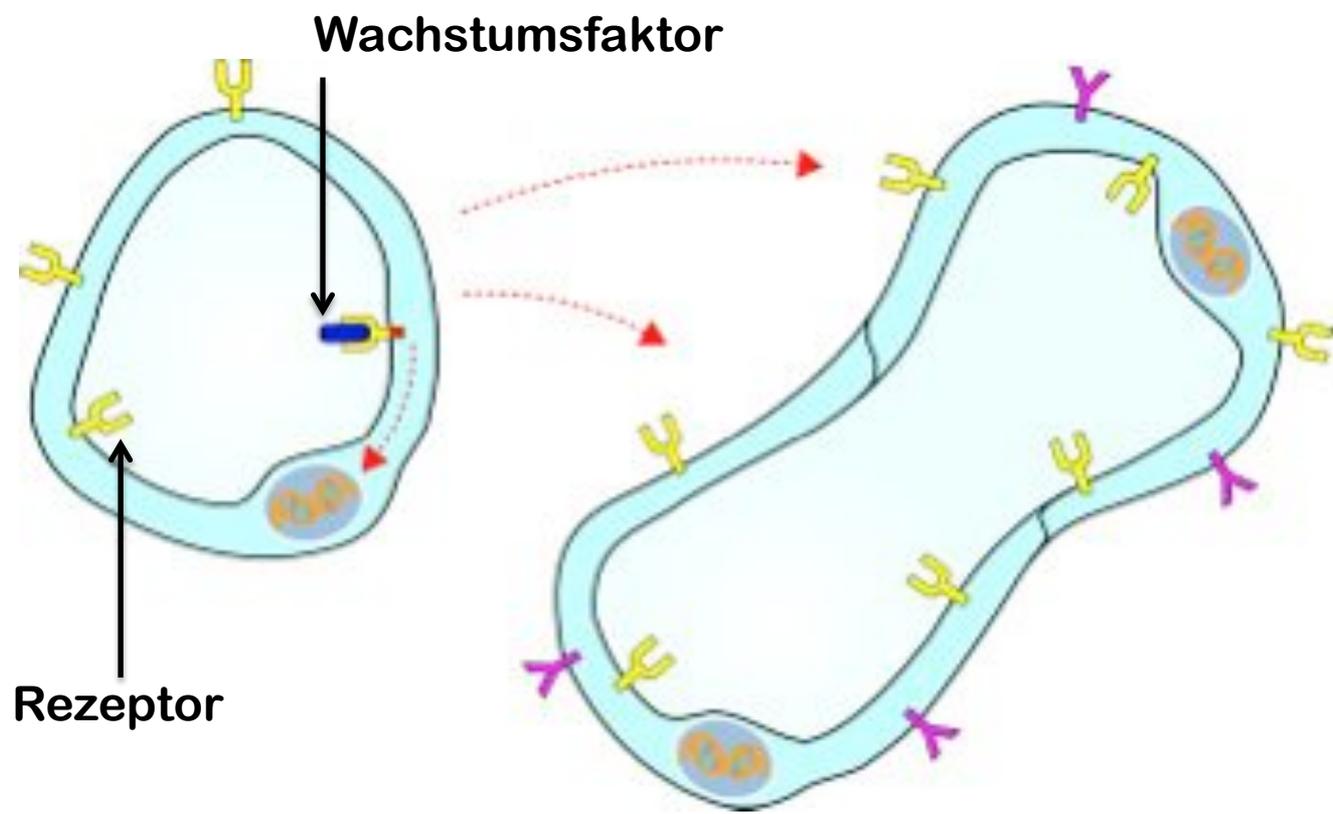


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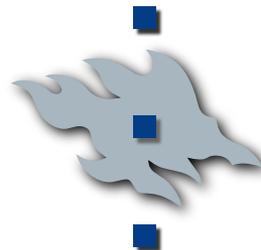


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Tumor cells secrete a vascular permeability factor that promotes accumulation of ascites fluid

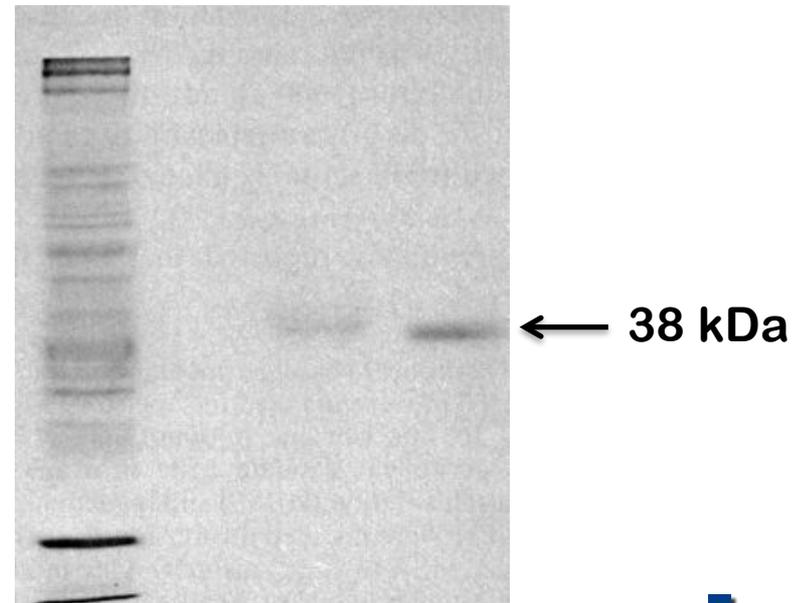
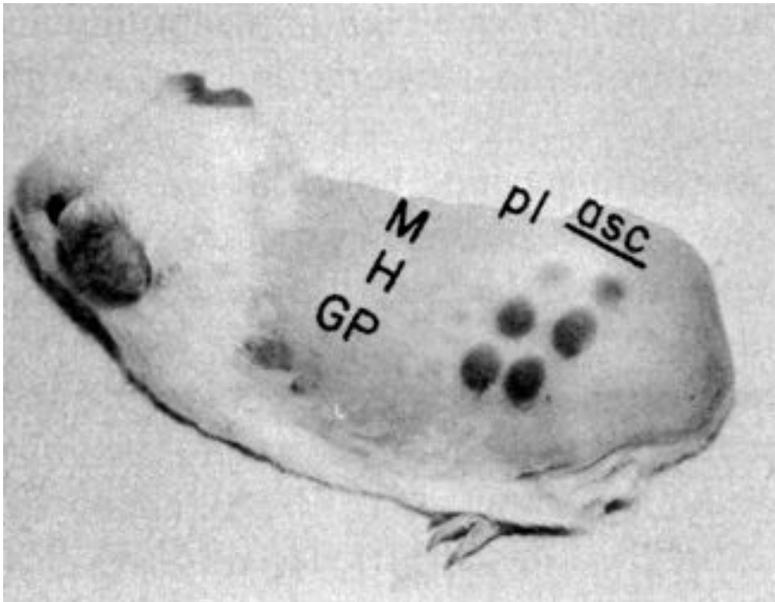
**Donald Senger, ... & Harold Dvorak**

*Science* 219, 983-985

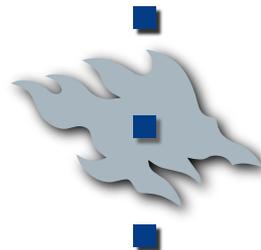


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Die Aszitesflüssigkeit von Tumoren enthält einen Faktor, der im Miles-Assay die Permeabilität von Blutgefäßen erhöht: VPF (Vascular Permeability Factor)



[Senger et al. 1989](#)

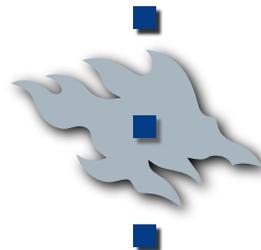


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Vascular endothelial growth factor is a secreted angiogenic molecule.

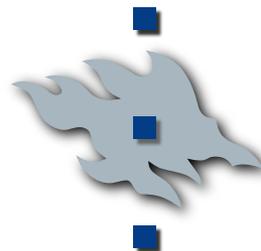
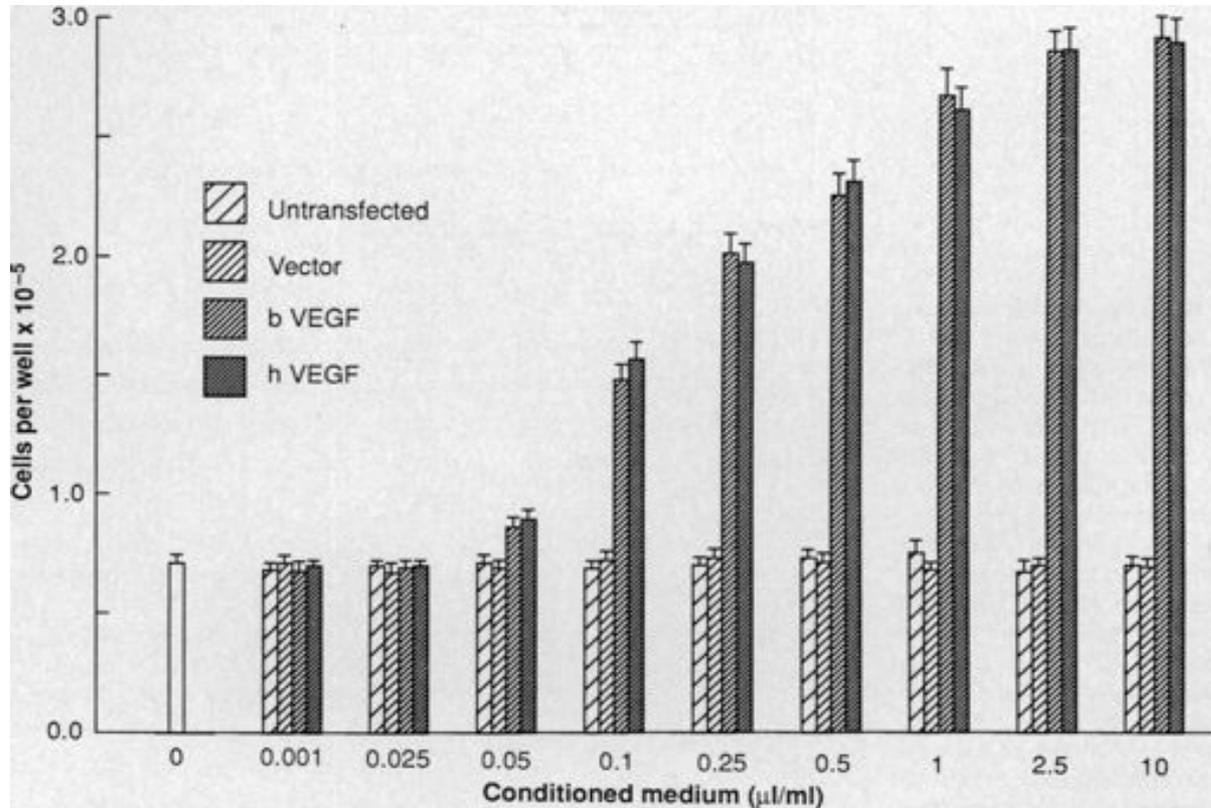
**David Leung, ... & Napoleone Ferrara**

*Science* 246, 1306-1309.

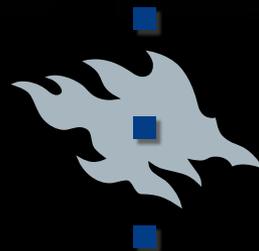
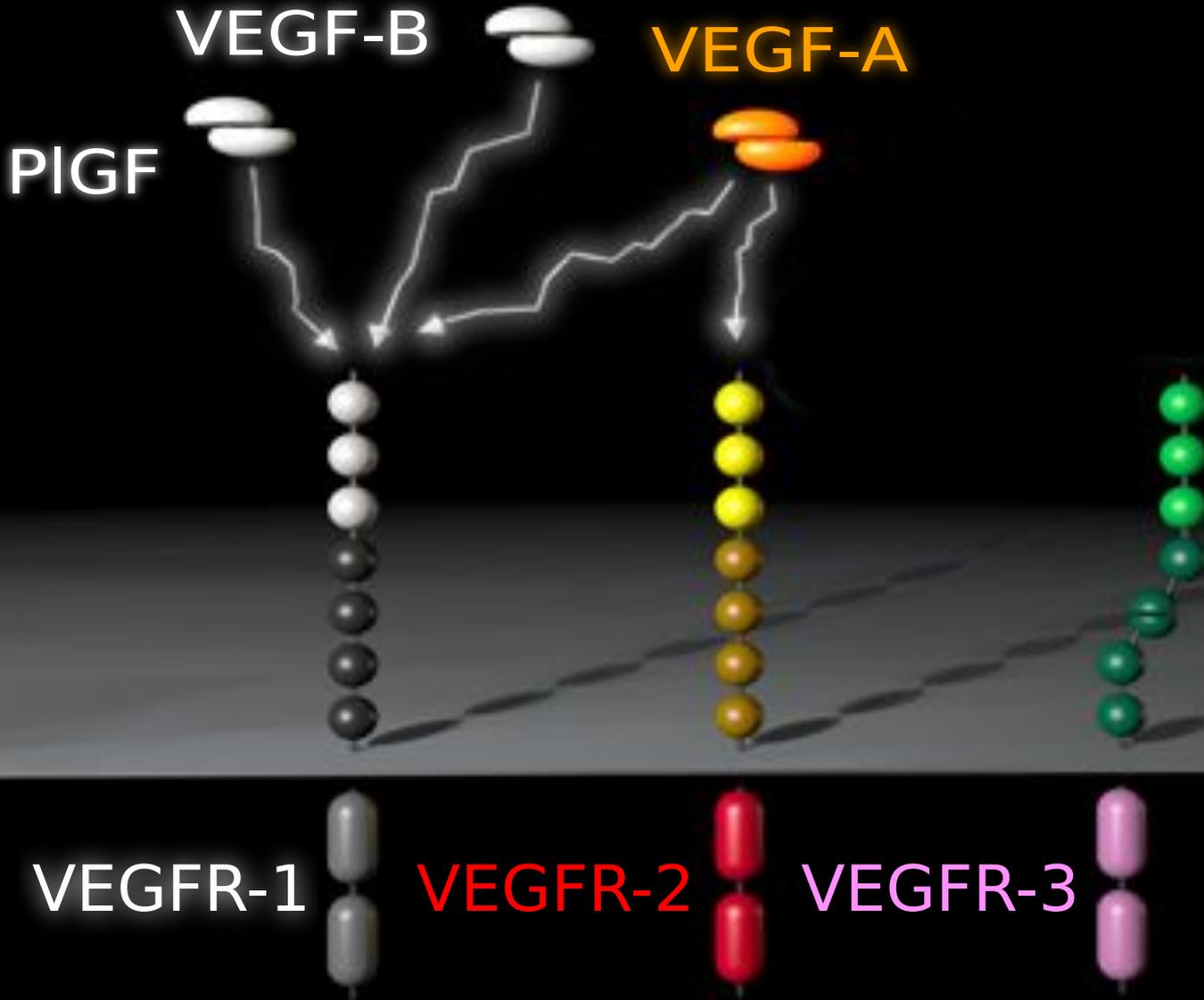


# 1989

## Klonierung von VPF/VEGF, VEGF ist ein spezifischer Wachstumsfaktor für Endothelzellen



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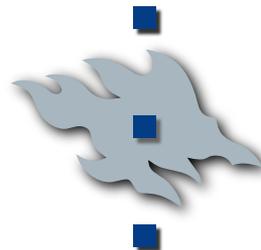


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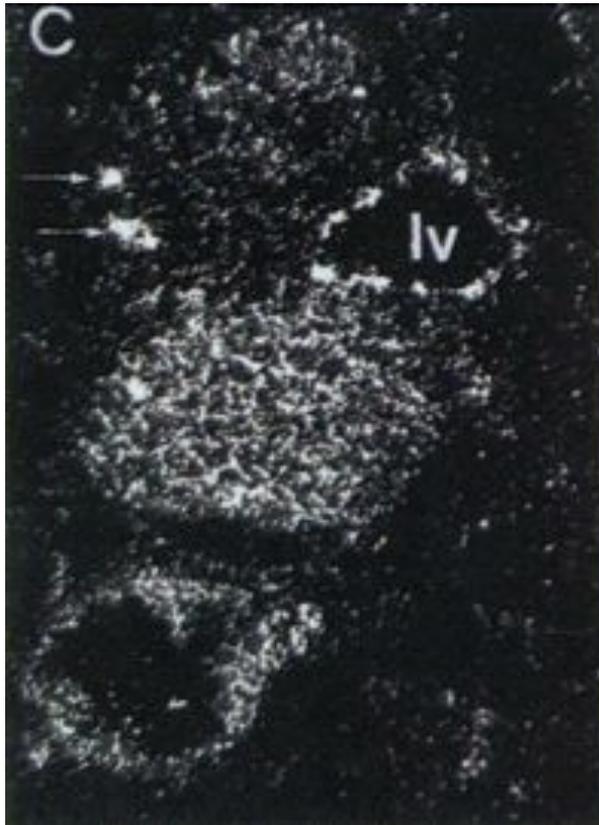
Expression of the *fms*-like tyrosine kinase 4 gene becomes restricted to lymphatic endothelium during development.

**Arja Kaipainen, ... & Kari Alitalo**

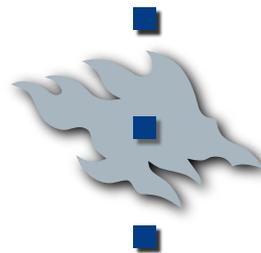
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[Kaipainen et al. 1995](#)

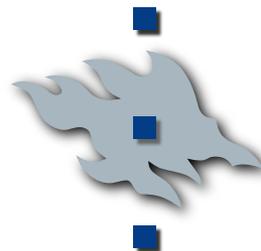


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A novel vascular endothelial growth factor, VEGF-C, is a ligand for the Flt4 (VEGFR-3) and KDR (VEGFR-2) receptor tyrosine kinases.

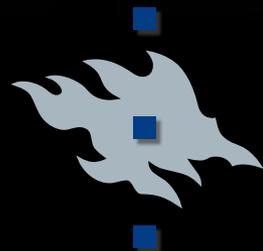
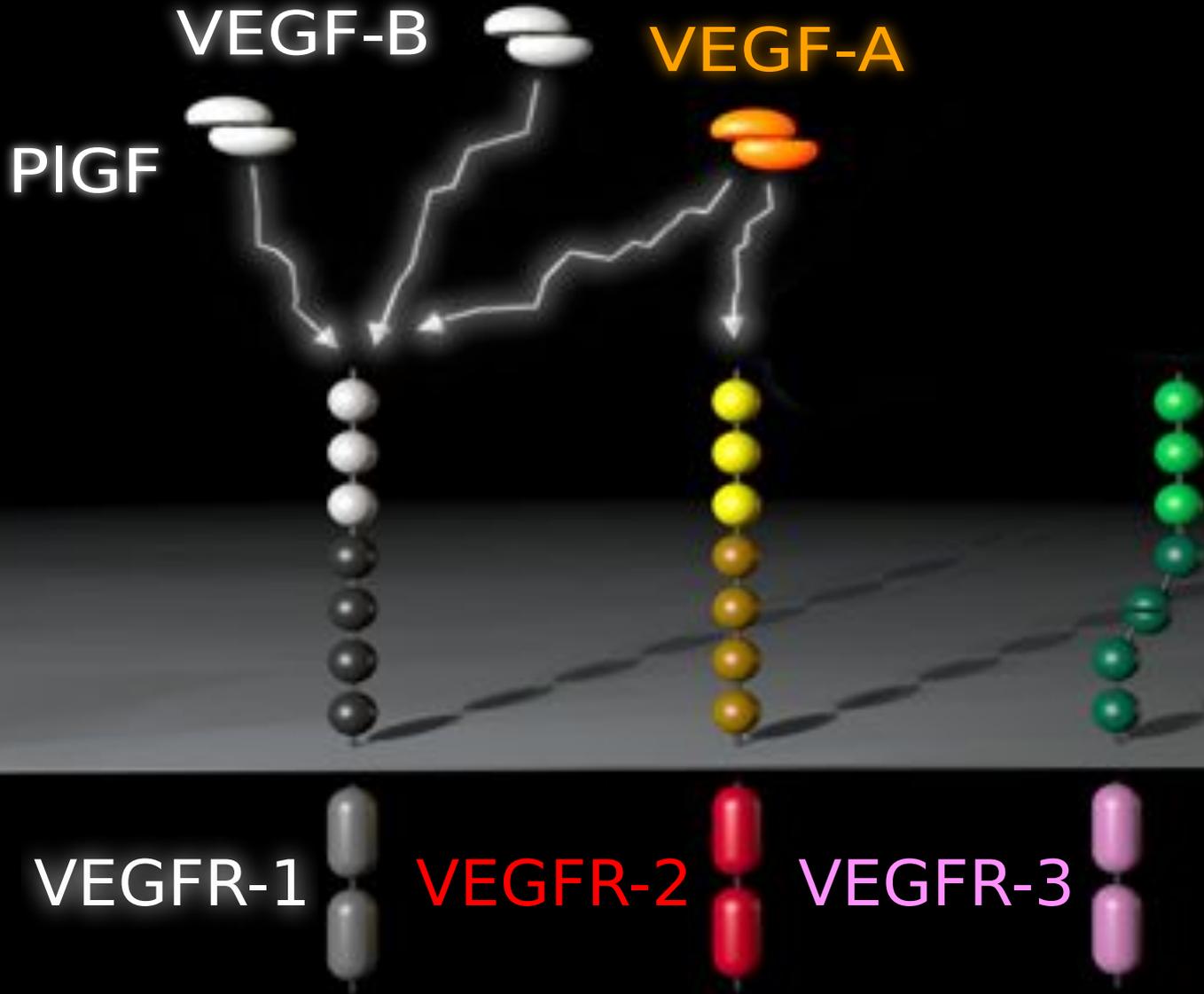
**Vladimir Joukov, ... & Kari Alitalo**

*EMBO J* 15, 290-98



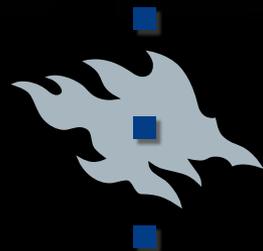
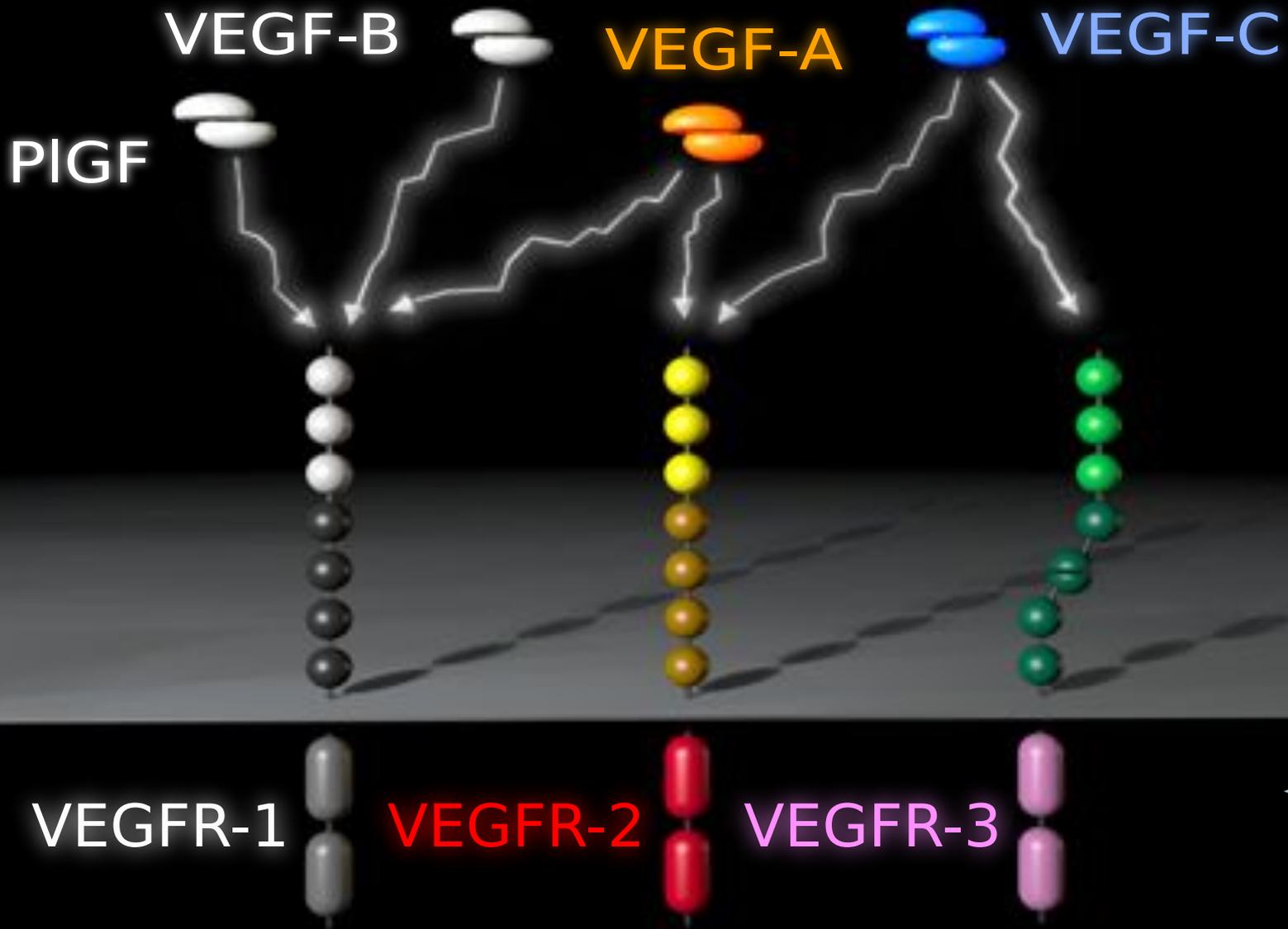
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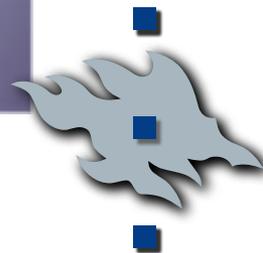


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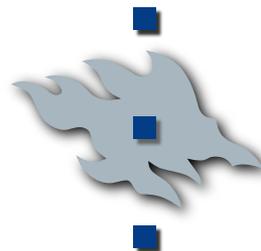
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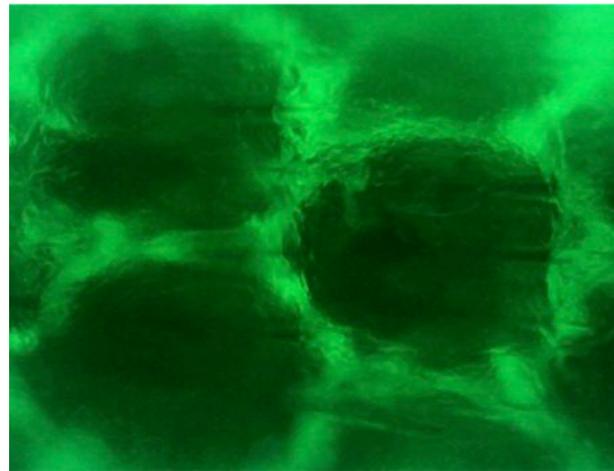
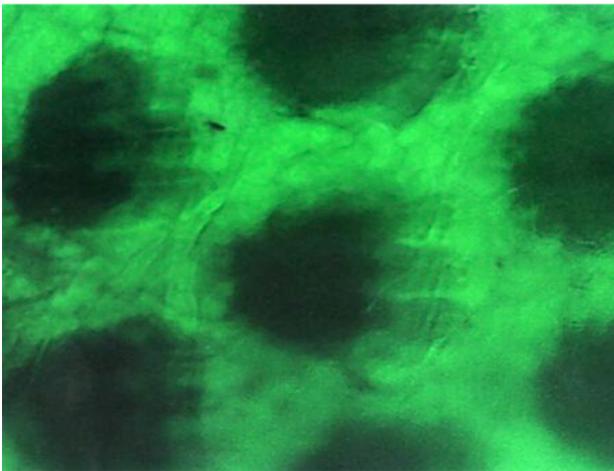
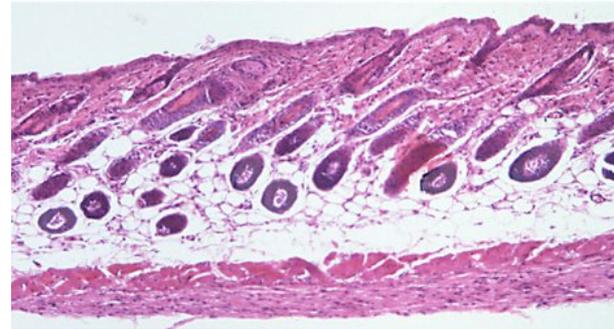
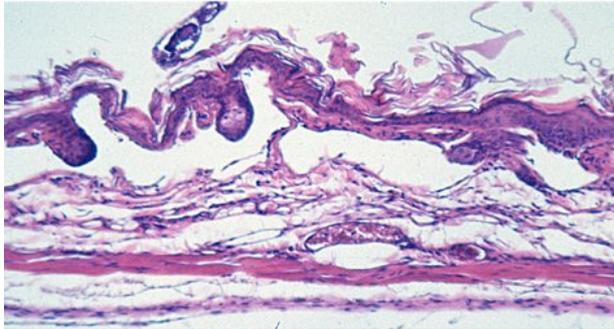
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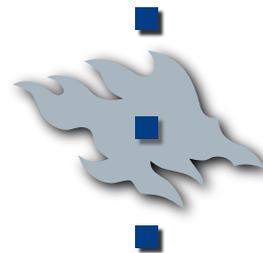
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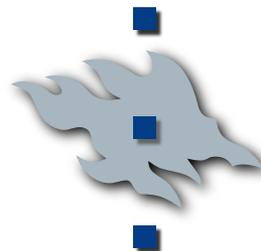
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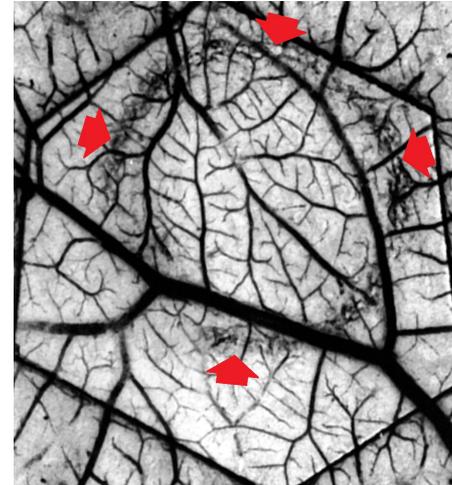
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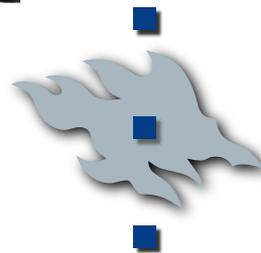
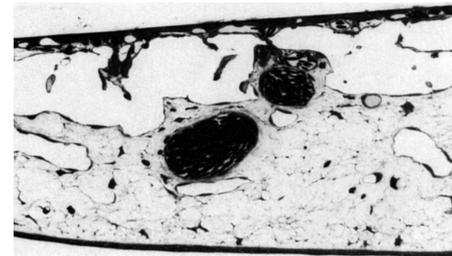
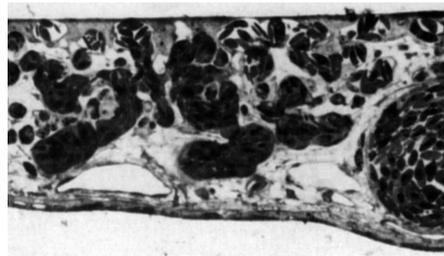
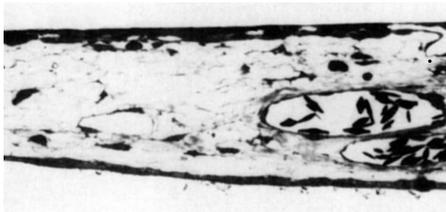
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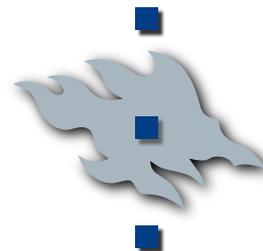
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Proteolytic processing regulates receptor specificity and activity of VEGF-C.

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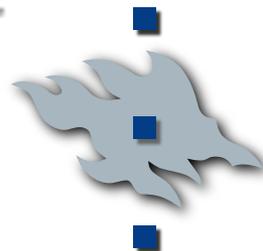
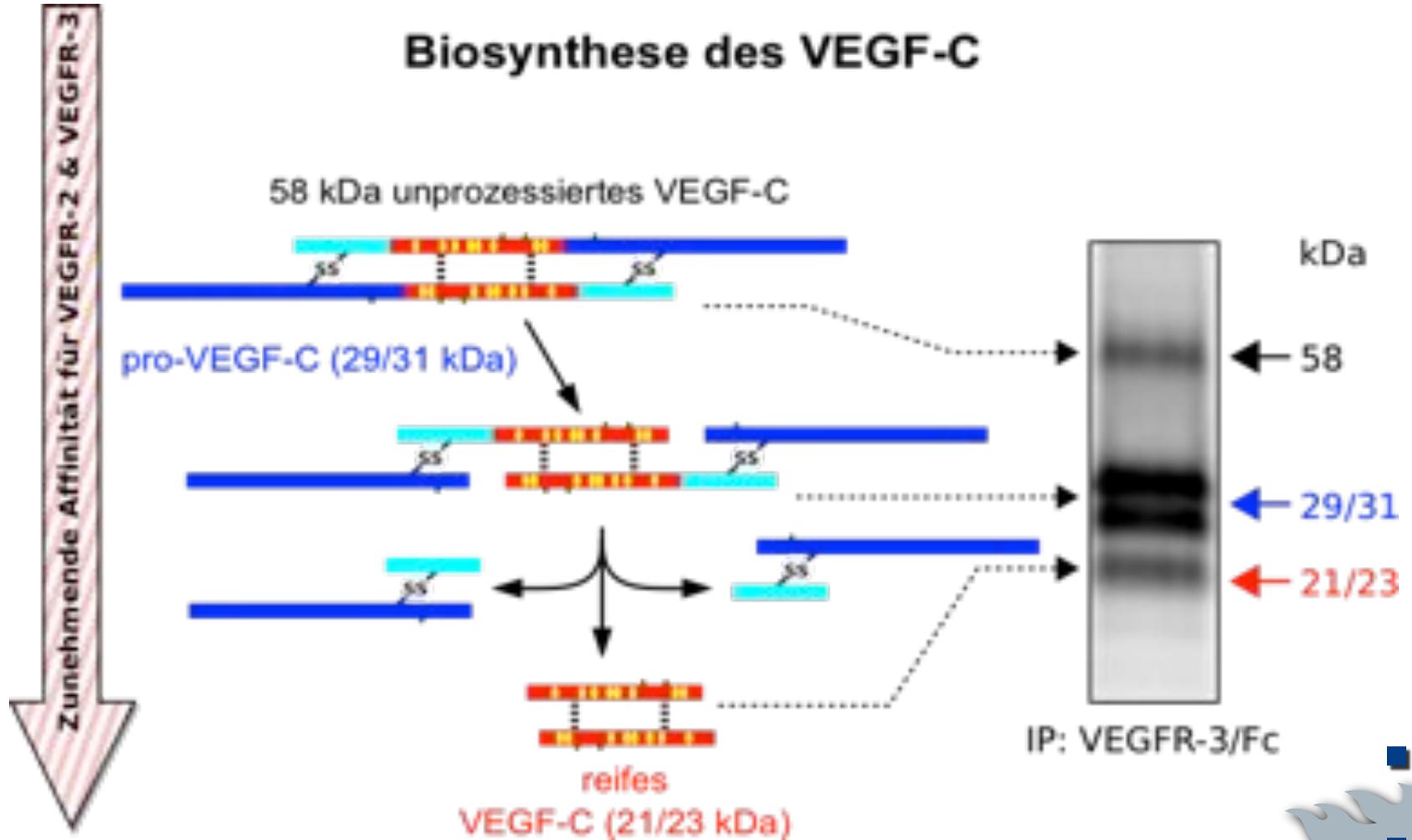


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## Biosynthese des VEGF-C

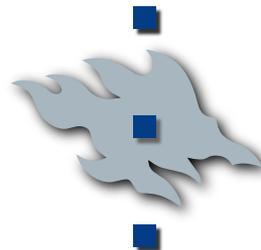


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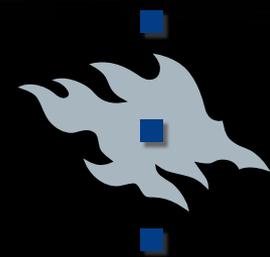
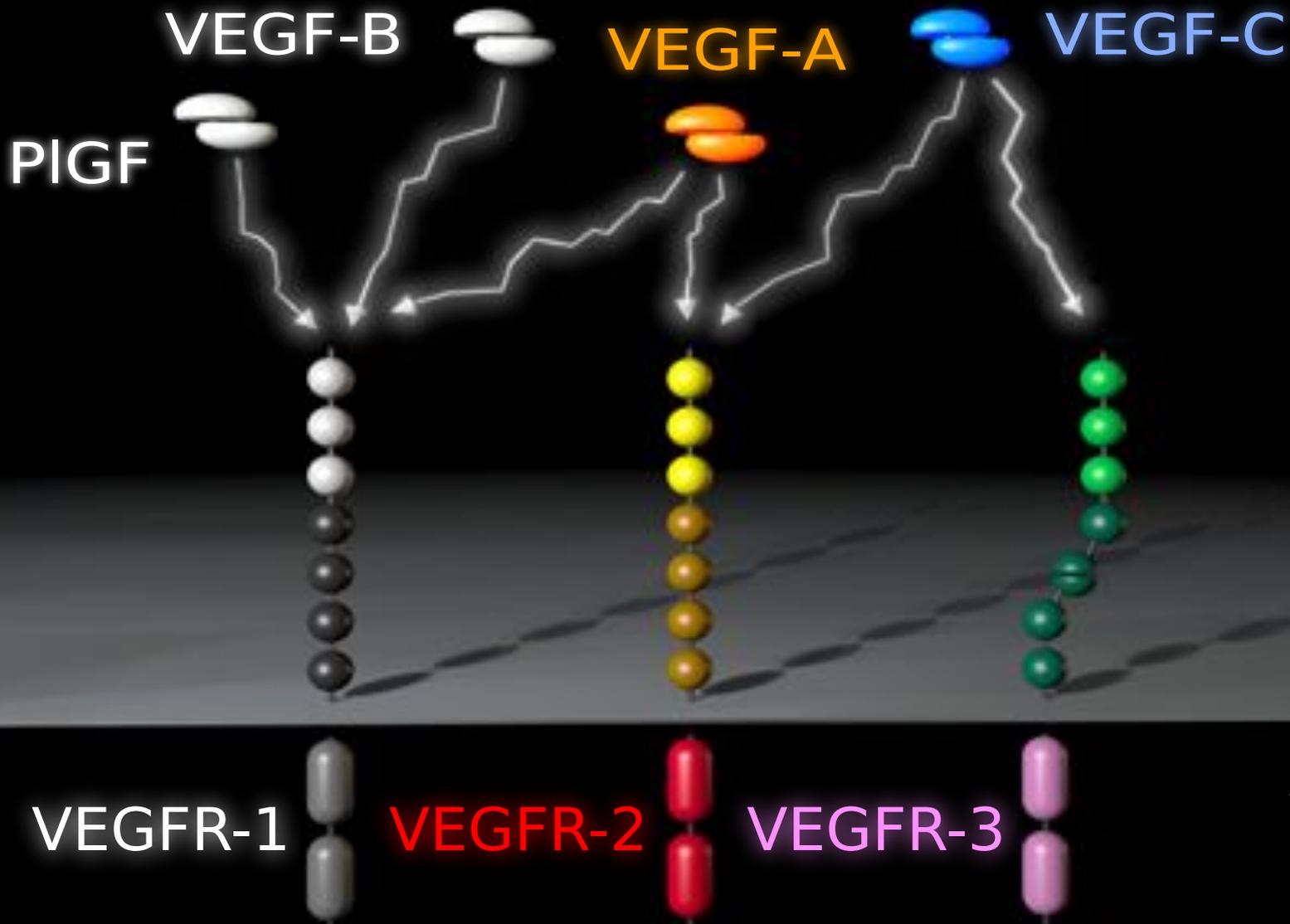
Vascular endothelial growth factor D (VEGF-D) is a ligand for the tyrosine kinases VEGF receptor 2 (Flk1) and VEGF receptor 3 (Flt4).

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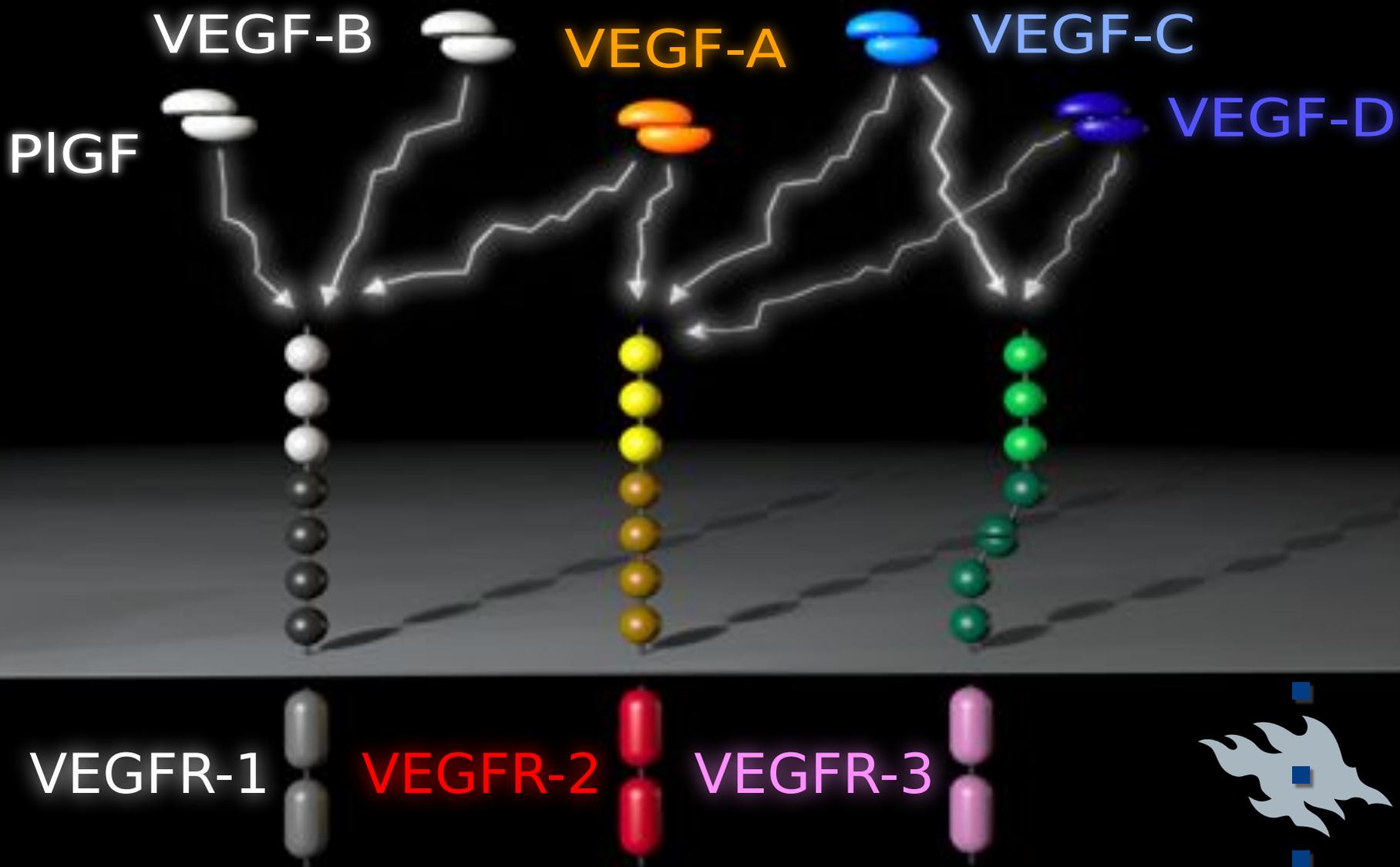
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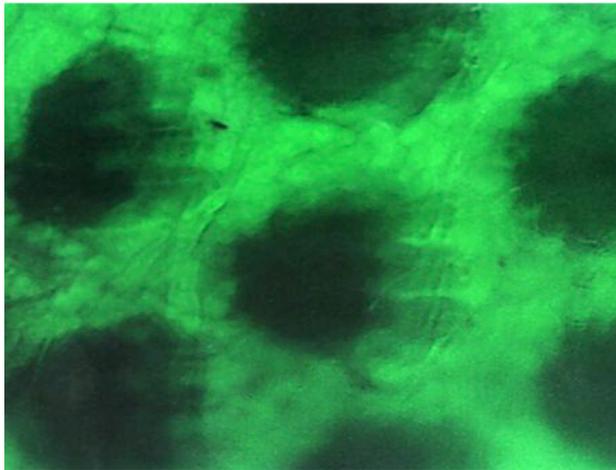
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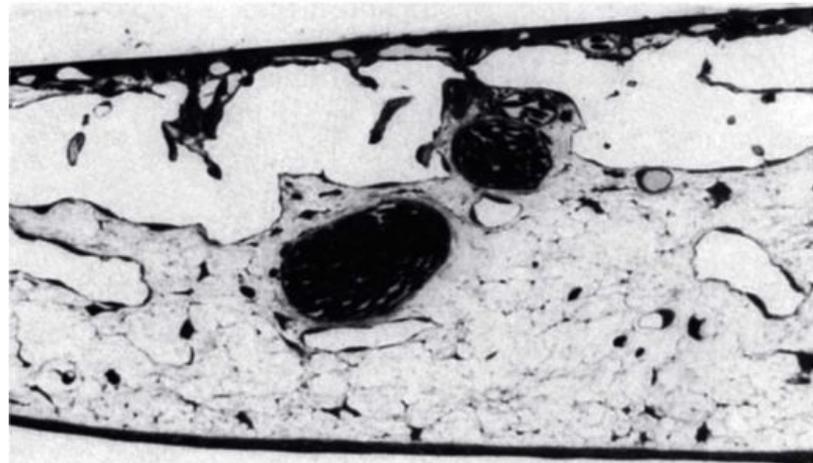
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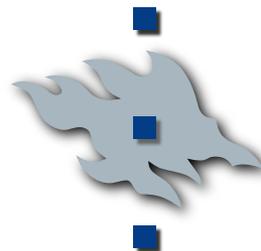
# Wie unterscheidet man immunohistologisch zwischen Lymph- und Blutgefäß-Endothel?



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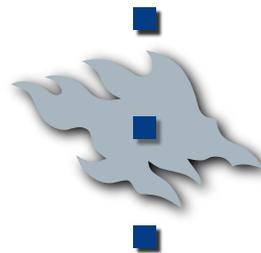
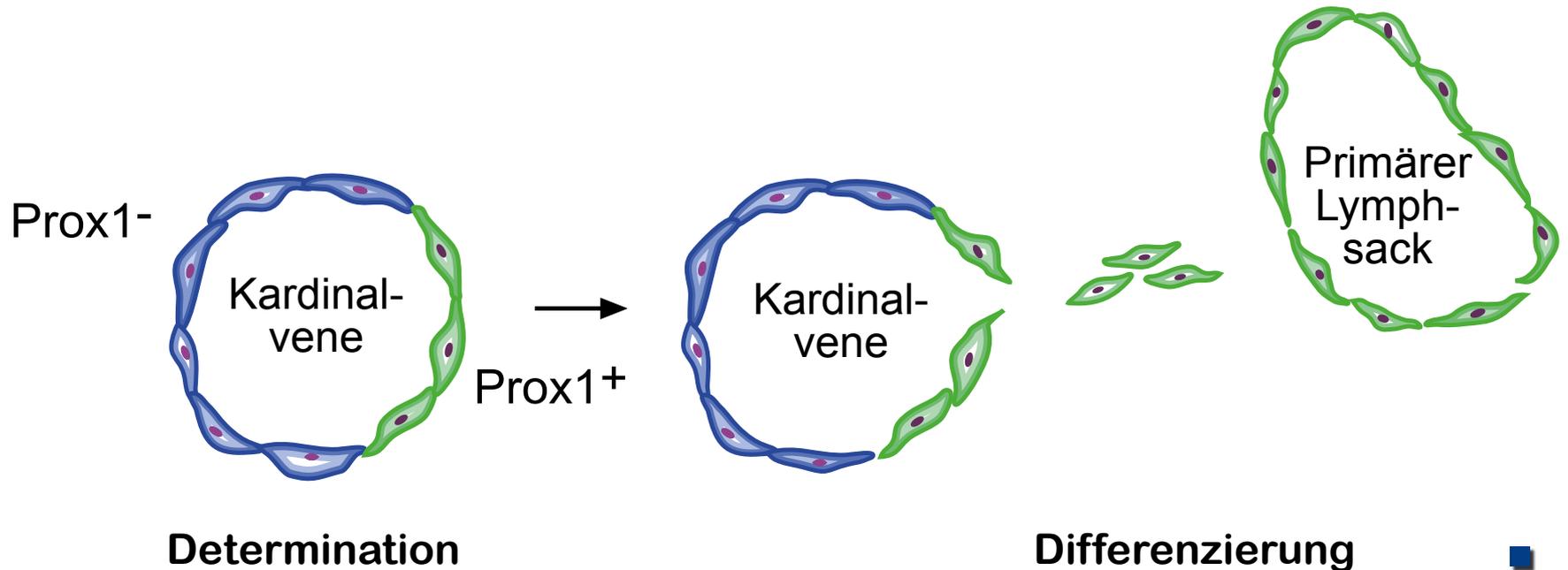
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*Cell* 98, 769-78.



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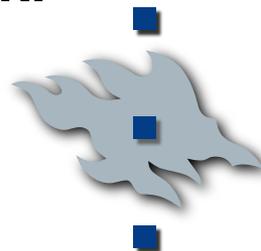
**Suneale Banerji, ... & David Jackson**

*J Cell Biol* 144, 789-801.

Angiosarcomas express mixed endothelial phenotypes of blood and lymphatic capillaries: podoplanin as a specific marker for lymphatic endothelium.

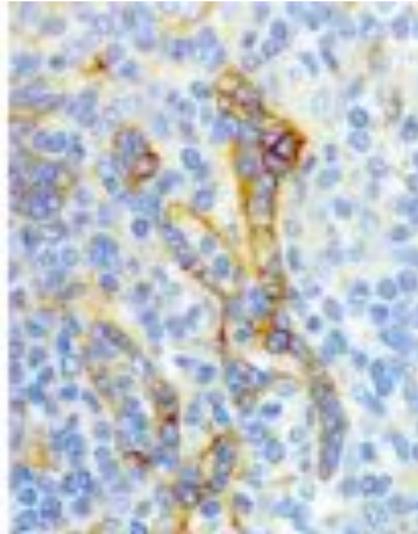
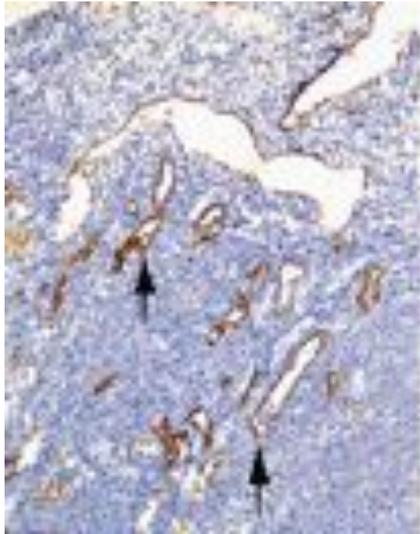
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*Am J Pathol* 154, 385-94.



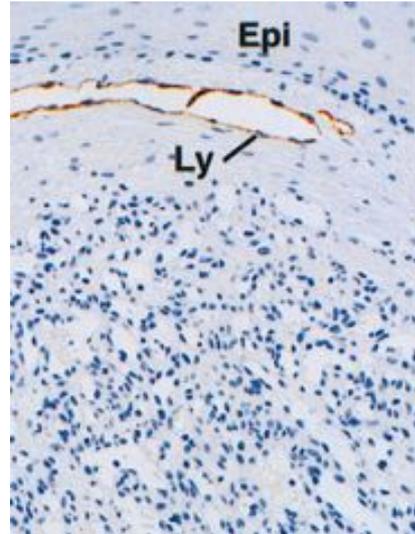
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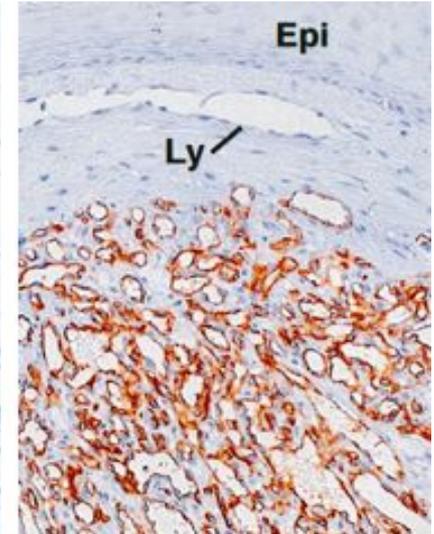
[Banerji et al. 1999](#)

LYVE-1 = Hyaluronsäure-Rezeptor der lymphatischen Endothelzellen



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Podoplanin



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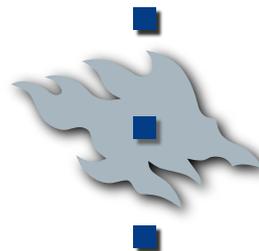
## Marker für lymphatische Endothelzellen

VEGFR-3

Prox-1

LYVE-1

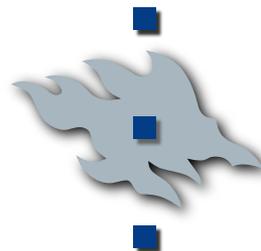
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**Welche Rolle spielen VEGF-C und VEGFR-3 in Krankheiten, für die Lymphangiogenese (oder das Fehlen derselben) begünstigend oder ursächlich sind?**



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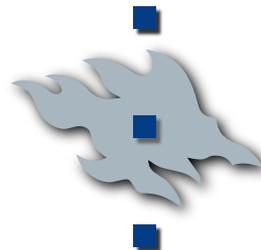
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Congenital hereditary lymphedema caused by a mutation that inactivates VEGFR3 tyrosine kinase.

**Alexandre Irrthum, ... & Miikka Vikkula**

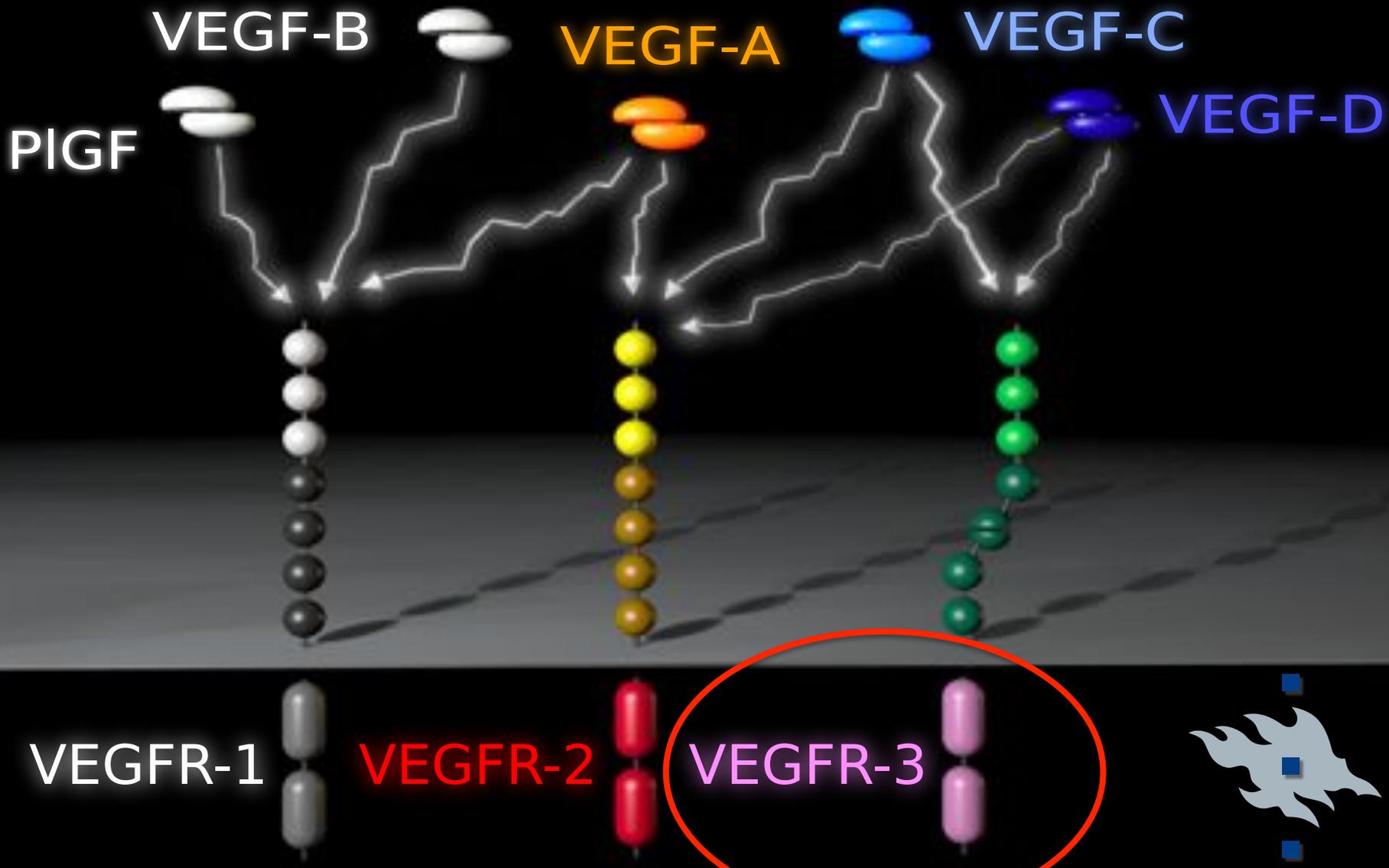
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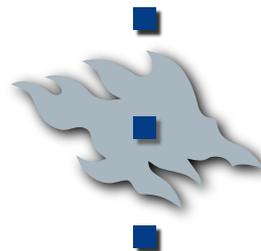
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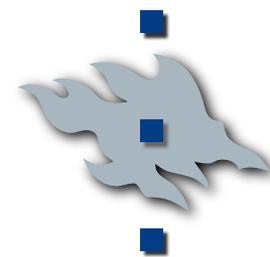
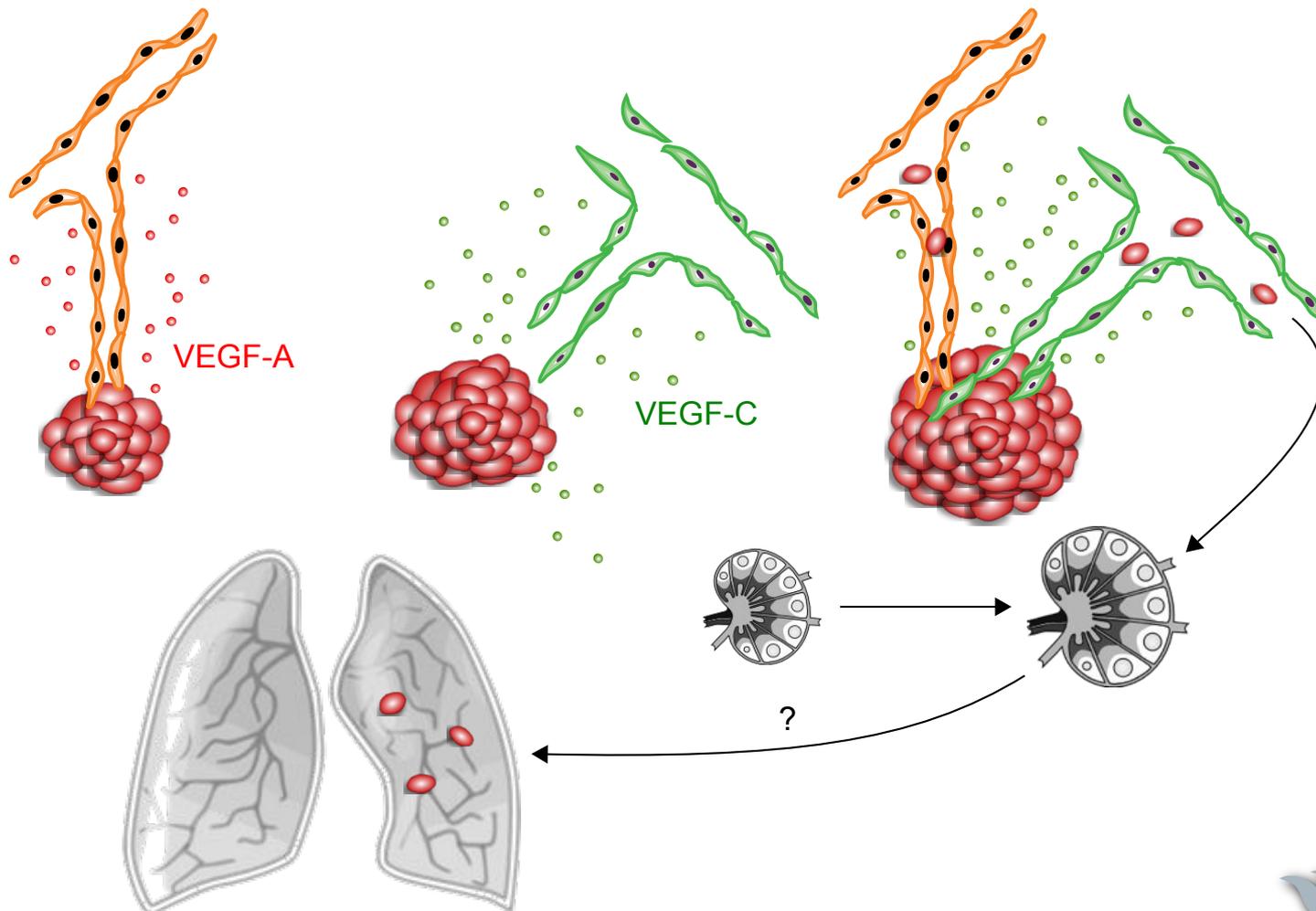


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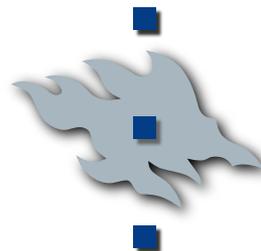
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Inhibition of lymphangiogenesis with resulting lymphedema in transgenic mice expressing soluble VEGF receptor-3.

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*Nature Med* 7, 199-205.

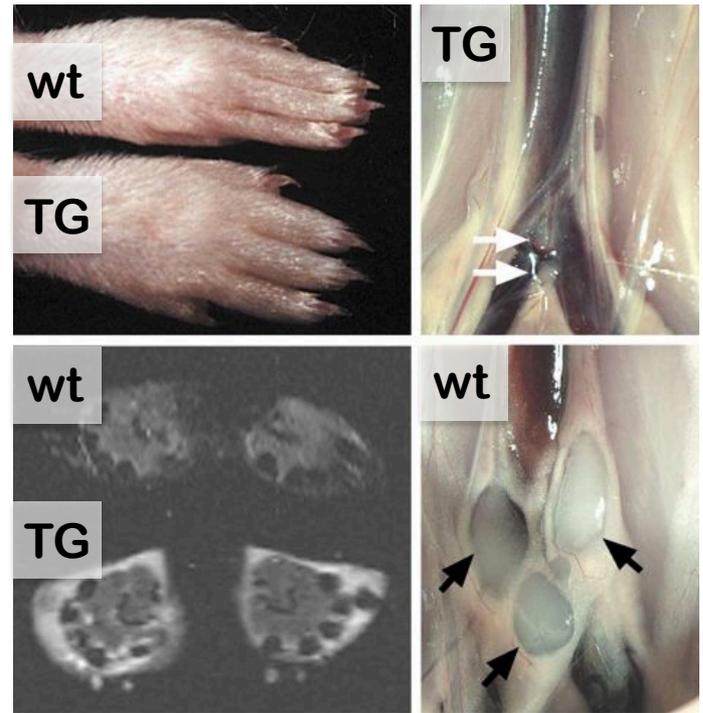
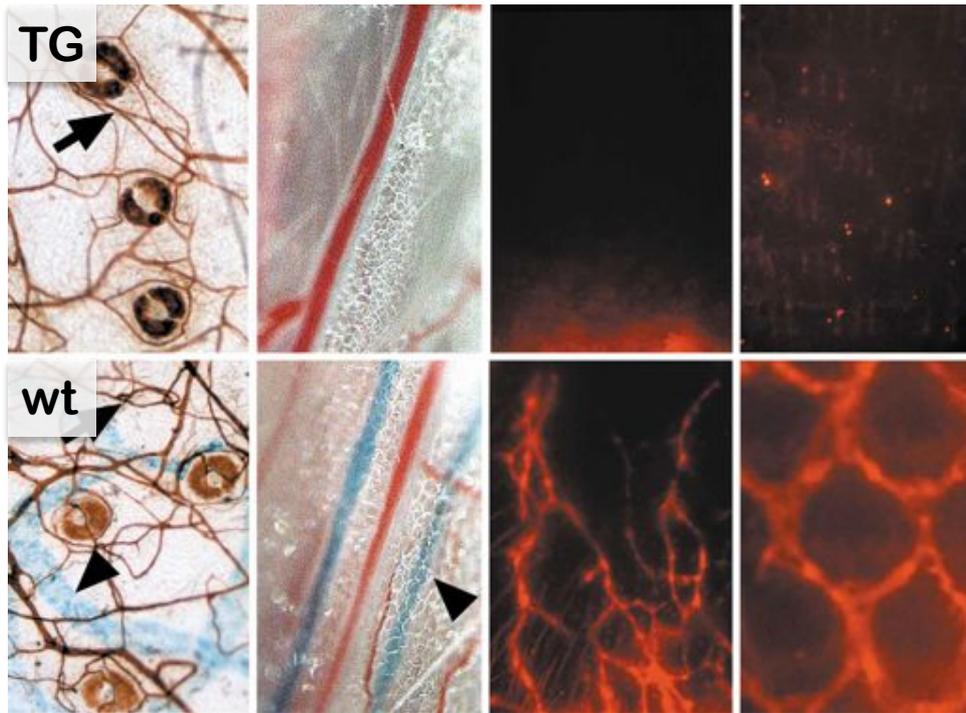


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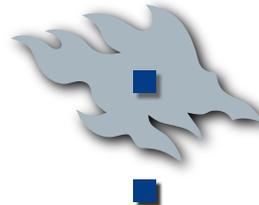
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Inhibition of lymphangiogenesis with resulting lymphedema in transgenic mice expressing soluble VEGF receptor-3.

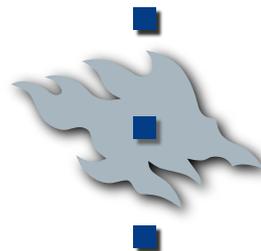
**Taija Mäkinen, ... & Kari Alitalo**

*Nature Med* 7, 199-205.

A model for gene therapy of human hereditary lymphedema.

**Marika Kärkkäinen, ... & Kari Alitalo**

*PNAS* 98, 12677-82.

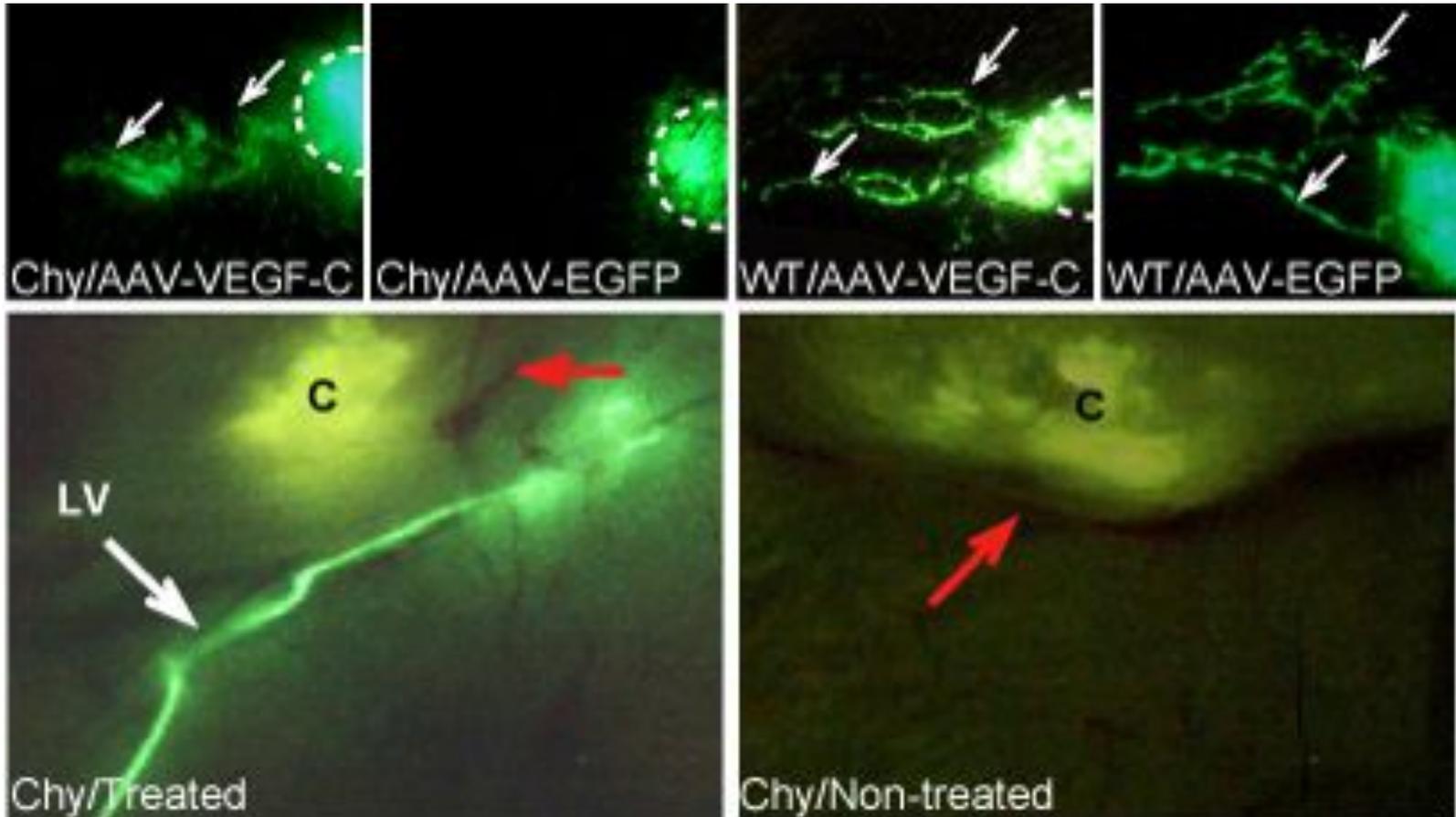


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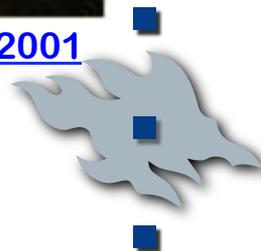
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[Kärkkäinen et al. 2001](#)



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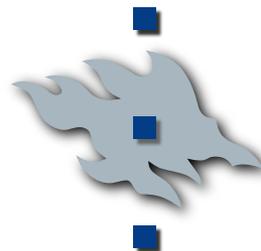
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2003

Vascular endothelial growth factor C is required for sprouting of the first lymphatic vessels from embryonic veins.

**Marika Kärkkäinen, ... & Kari Alitalo**

*Nat Immunol* 5, 74-80.



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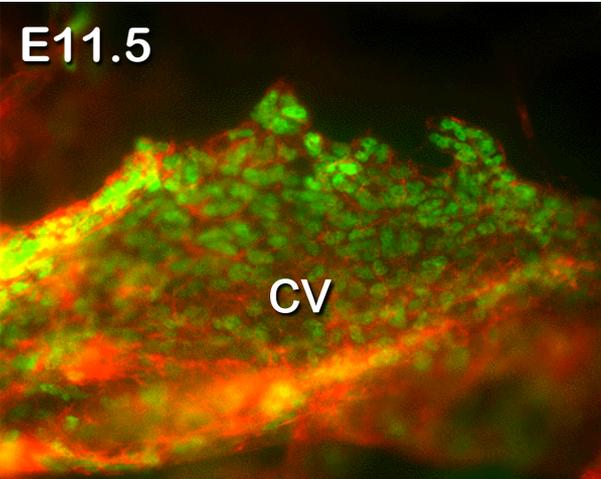
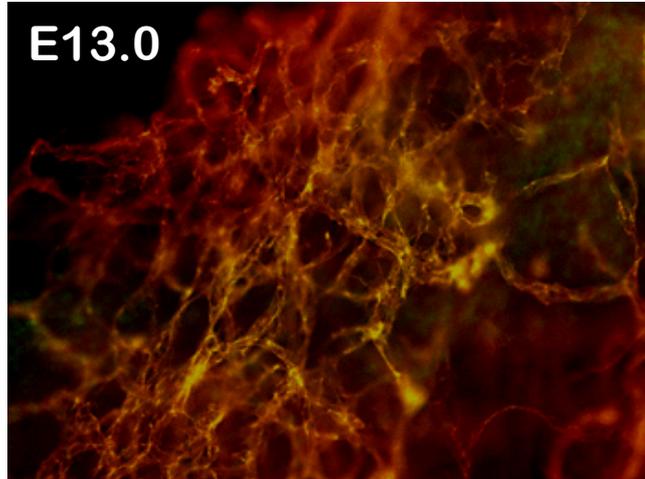
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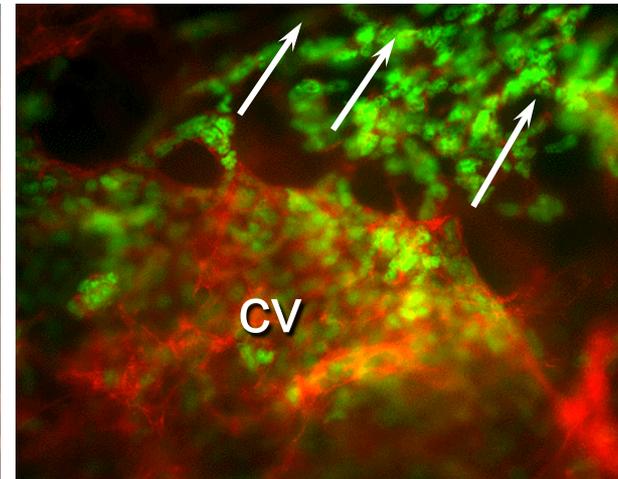
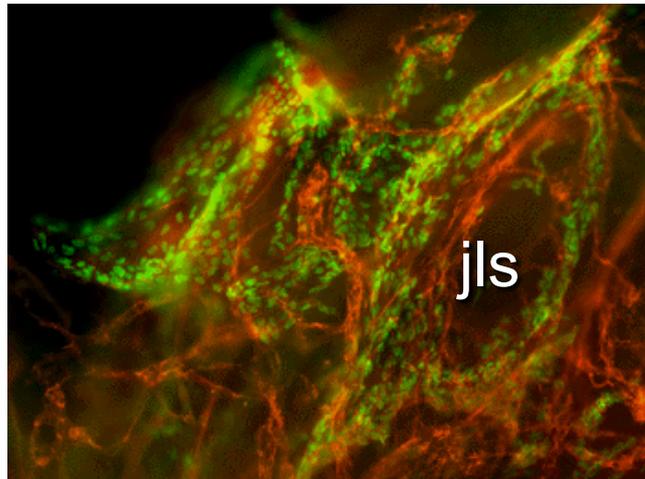
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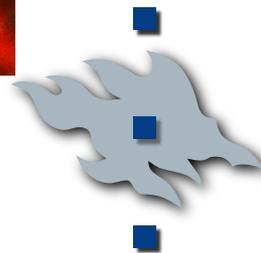


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**Prox-1 PECAM1**

[Kärkkäinen et al. 2003](#)



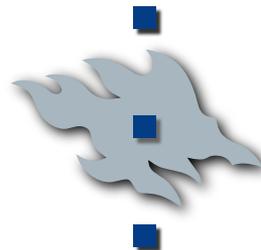
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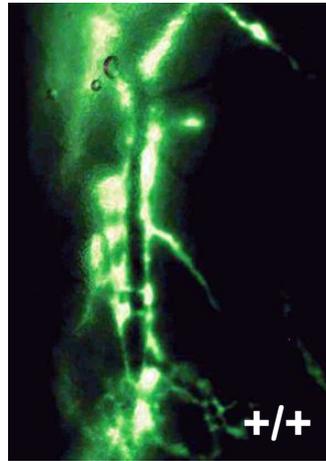
**Tatiana Petrova, ... & Kari Alitalo**

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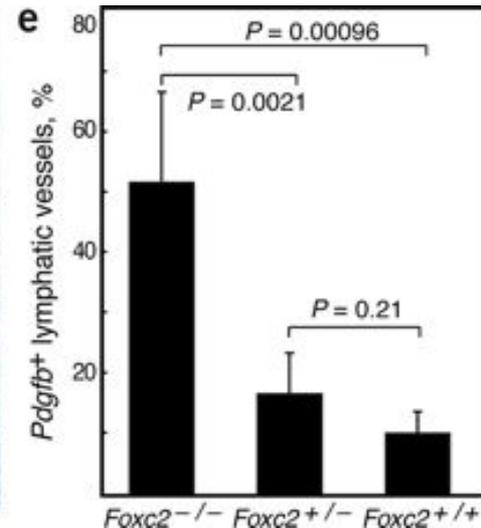
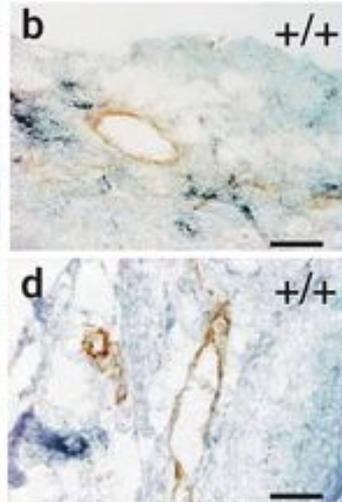
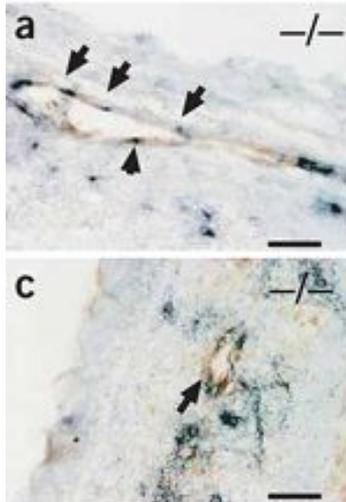


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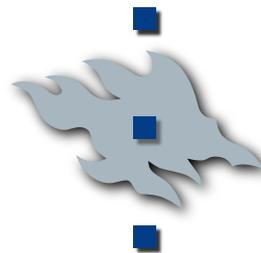
## FOXC2<sup>-/-</sup> Lymph- klappen- Aplasie



## FOXC2<sup>-/-</sup> Abnormal hohe Ab- deckung der Lymphkapil- laren mit Perizyten



[Petrova et al. 2004](#)



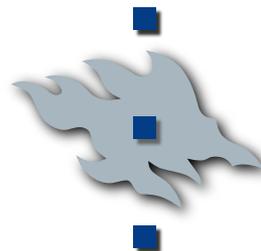
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2008

Blocking VEGFR-3 suppresses angiogenic sprouting and vascular network formation.

**Tuomas Tammela, ... & Kari Alitalo**

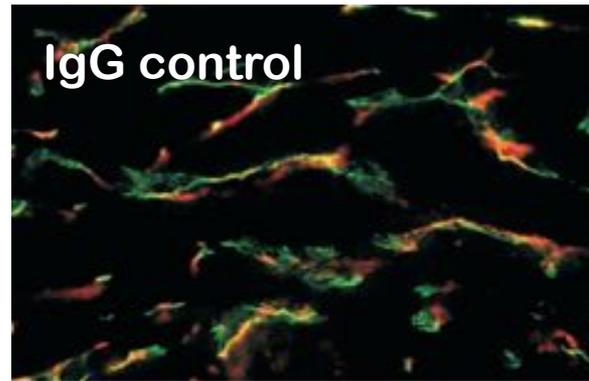
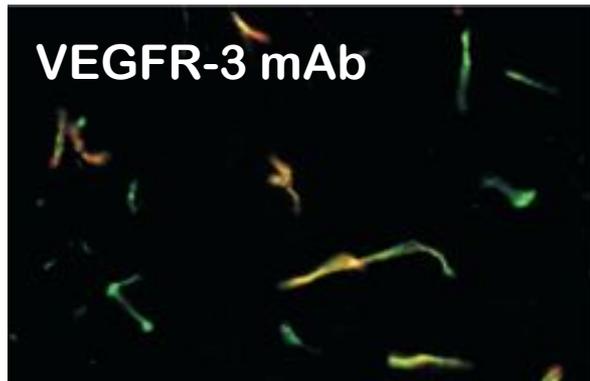
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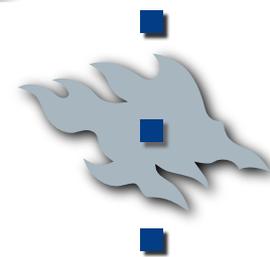
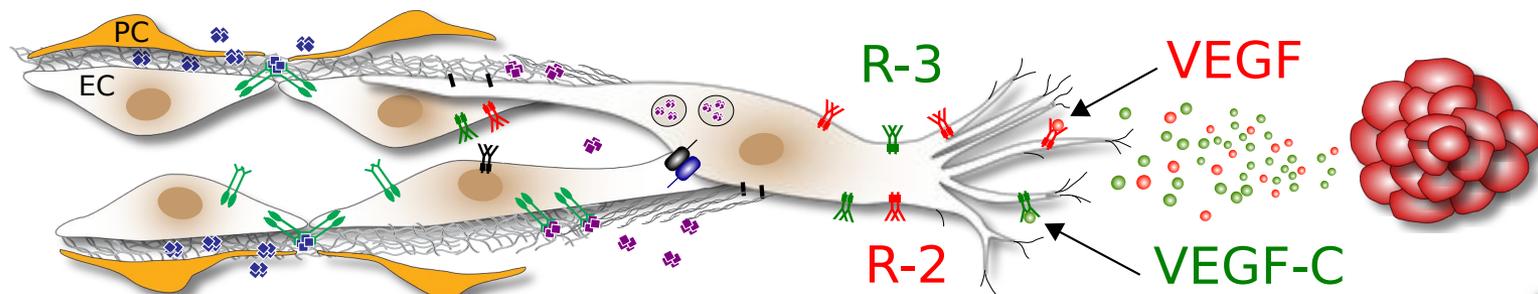
VEGFR-3  
PECAM



[Tammela et al. 2008](#)

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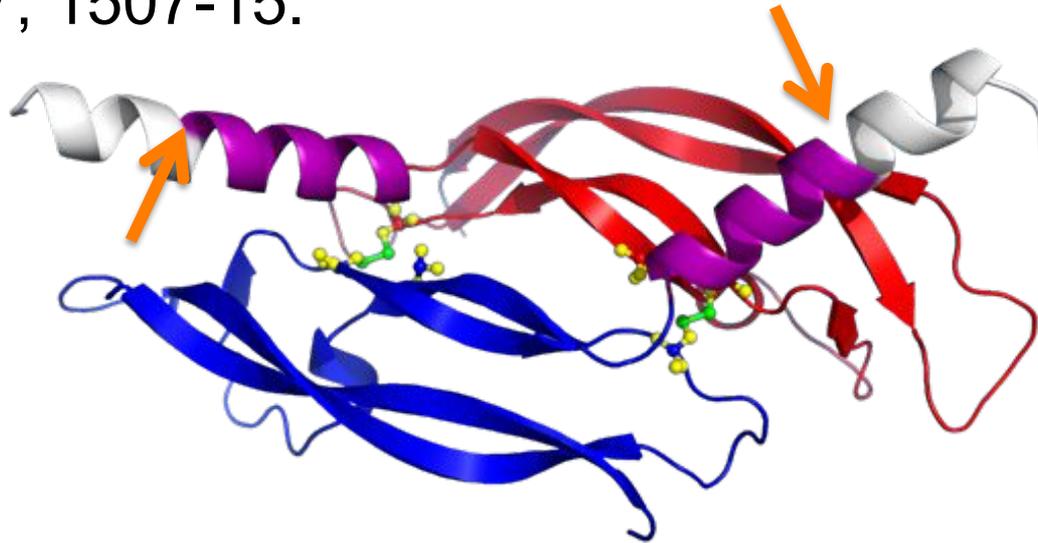
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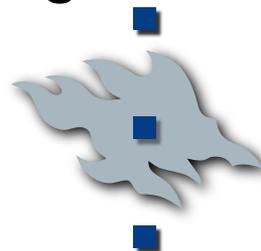
2011

Structural determinants of vascular endothelial growth factor-D receptor binding and specificity.

**Veli-Matti Leppänen/Michael Jeltsch, ... & Kari Alitalo**  
*Blood* 117, 1507-15.



**Vollständig prozessiertes VEGF-D ist nicht mehr lymphangiogen!**



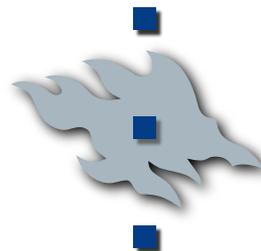
2011

## Ist VEGF-D irrelevant für Lymphangiogenese?

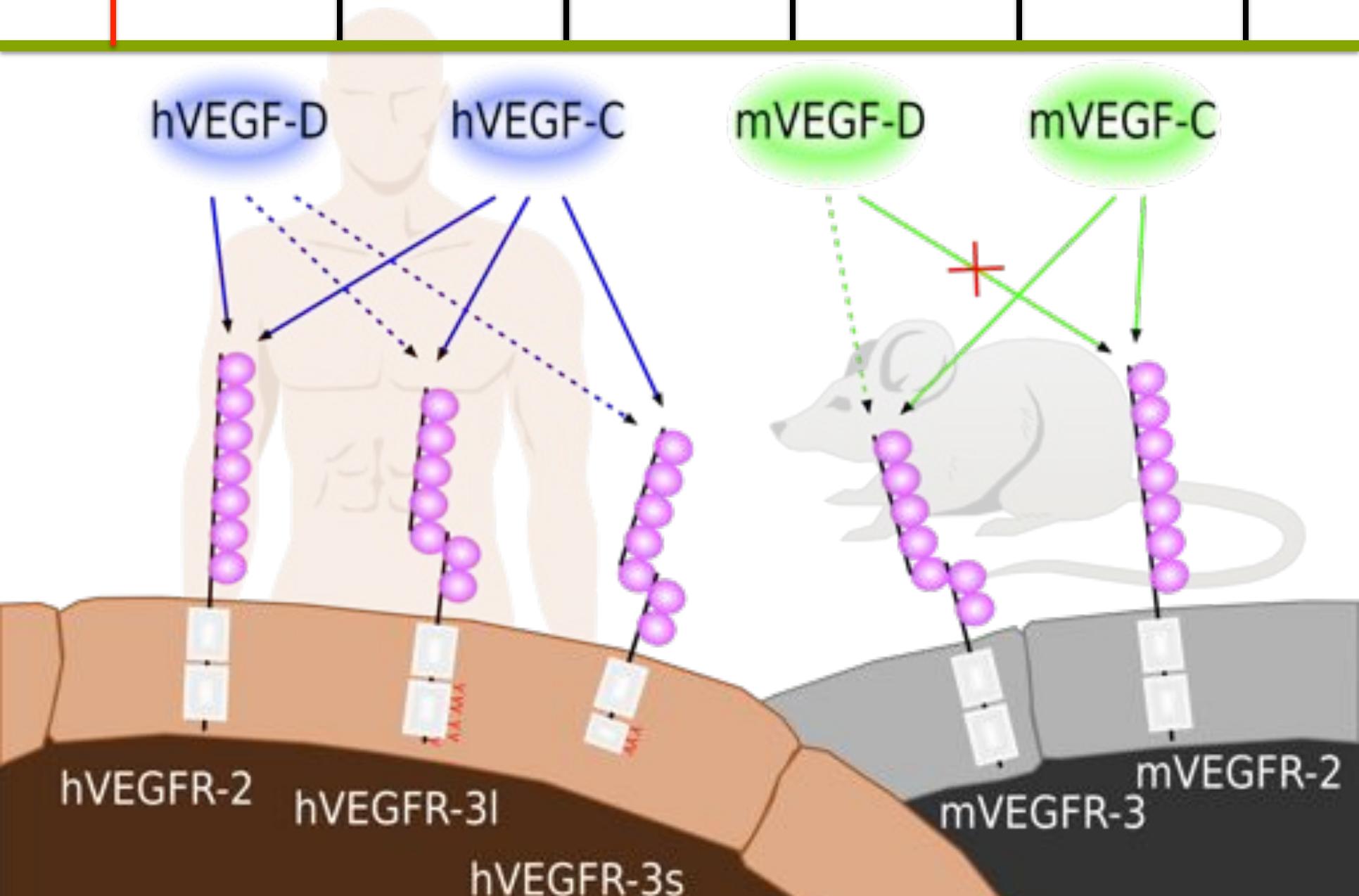
Humanes VEGF-D verliert seine lymphangiogenen Eigenschaften (VEGFR-3-Aktivierung) durch enzymatische Abspaltung der distalen N-terminalen Helix.  
⇒ Funktion in der Angiogenese

In Mäusen führt die Inaktivierung des VEGF-D-Gens zu keinem nennenswerten Phänotyp.

Mäuse sind nicht Menschen...



2011



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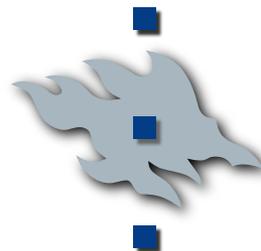
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2013

Lymph Node Transfer and Perinodal Lymphatic Growth  
Factor Treatment for Lymphedema.

**Krista Honkonen, ... & Anne Saaristo**

*Annals of Surgery* 257, 961-67.

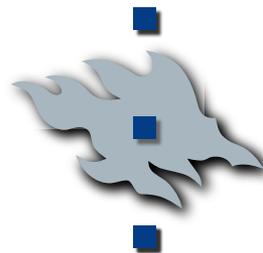
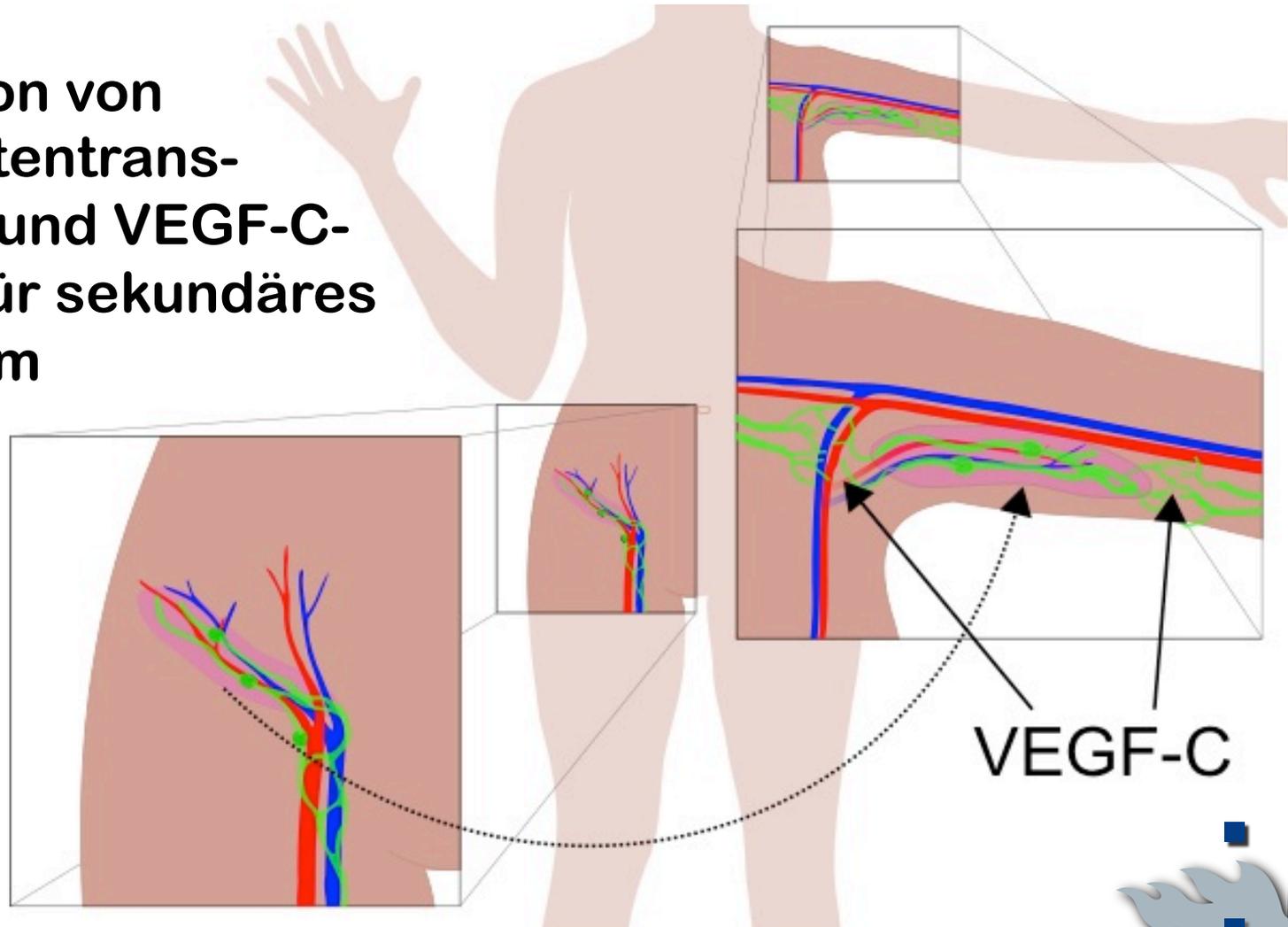


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# Kombination von Lymphknotentrans- plantation und VEGF-C- Therapie für sekundäres Lymphödem



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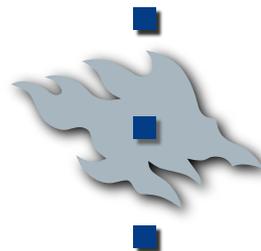
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2014

CCBE1 Enhances Lymphangiogenesis via ADAMTS3–  
Mediated Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor-C Activation.

**Michael Jeltsch, ... & Kari Alitalo**

*Circulation* 129, 1962-71.



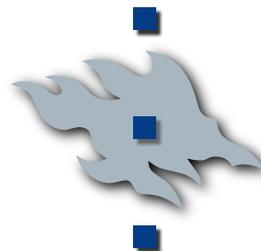
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## **Hennekam Lymphangiektasie- Lymphödem Syndrom**

- **Eine seltene Erbkrankheit (OMIM #235510)**
- **Autosomal rezessiv**
- **Lymphödem & Lymphangiektasie**
- **Mentale Retardierung variabler Ausprägung**

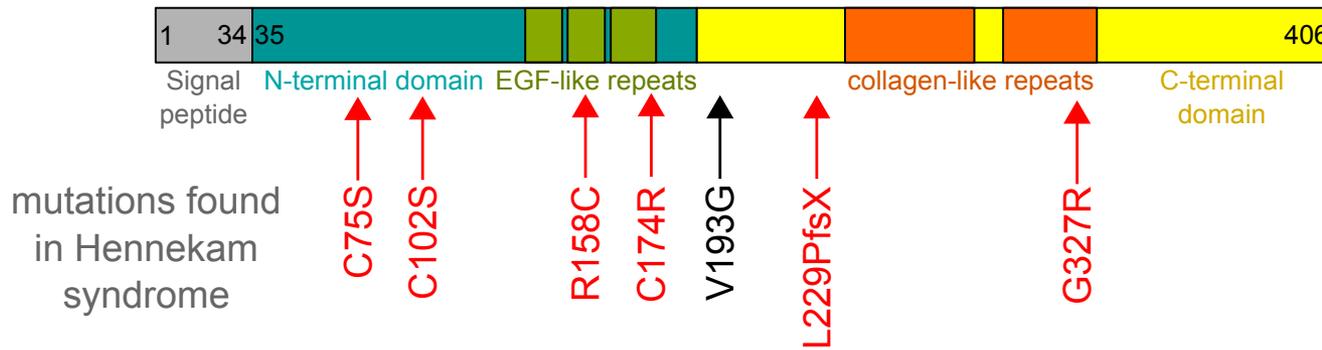


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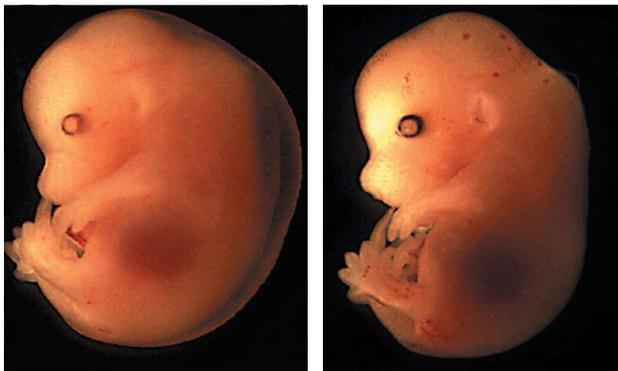
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# Collagen and calcium-binding EGF domain-containing protein 1 (CCBE1)



mutations found  
in Hennekam  
syndrome

[Kärkkäinen et al. 2003](#)



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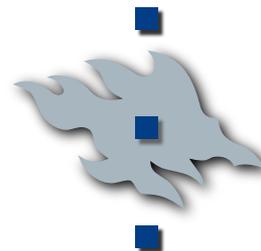
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[Bos et al. 2011](#)



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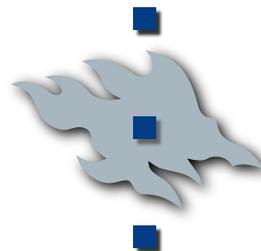
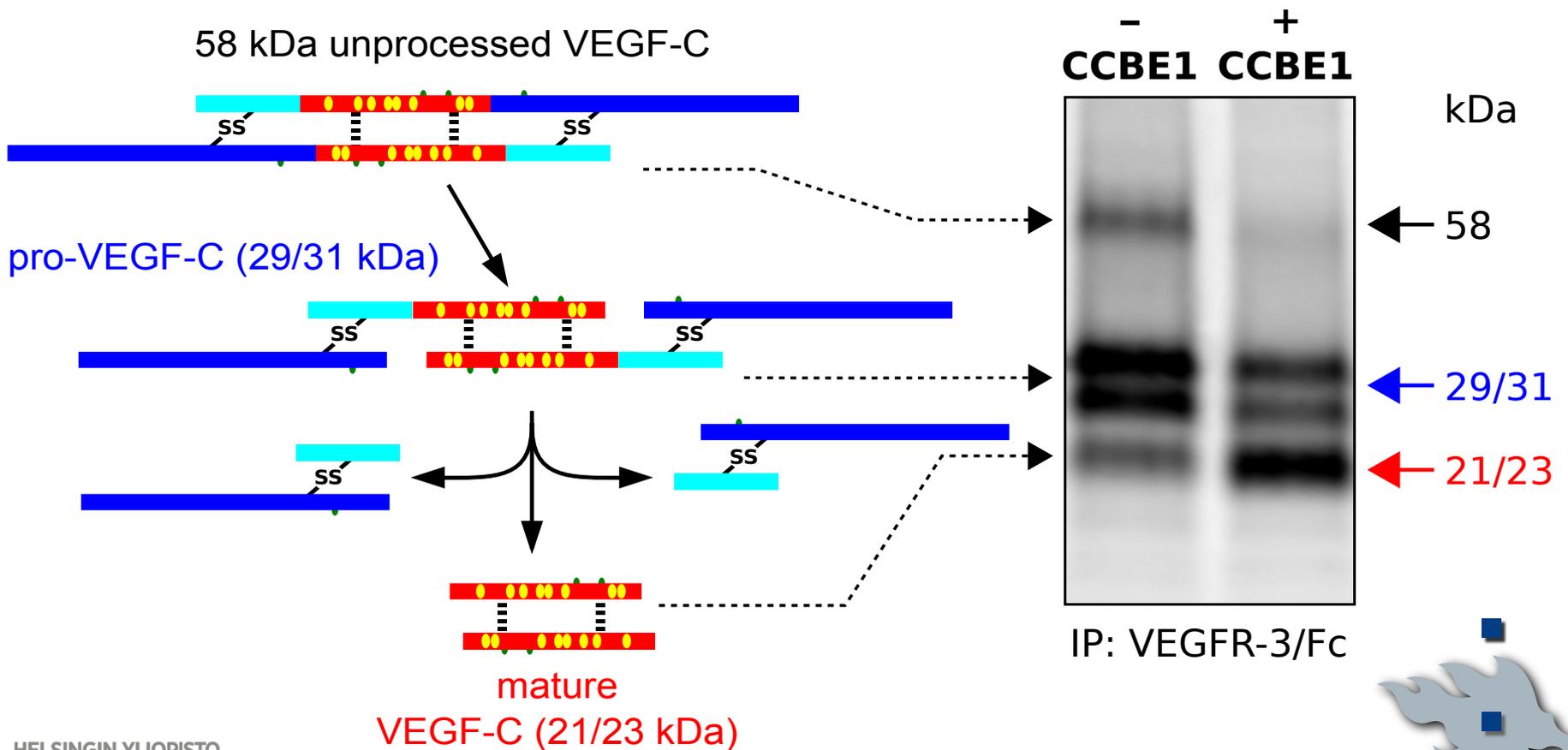


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# CCBE1 beschleunigt die enzymatische Reifung von VEGF-C

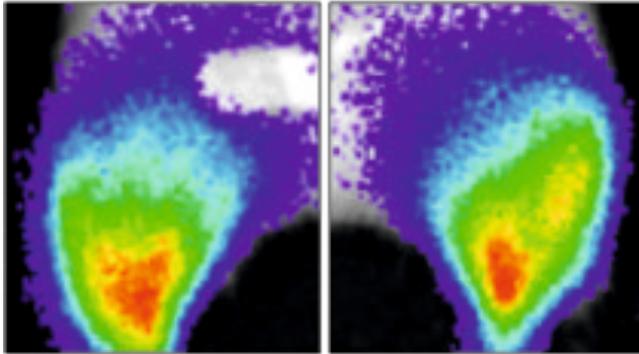


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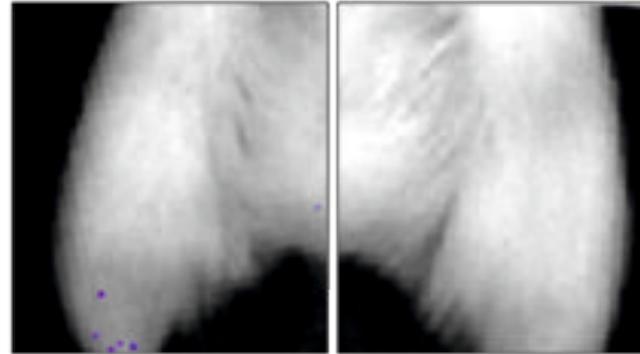
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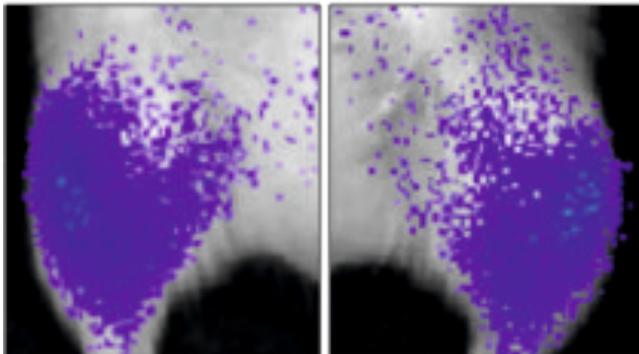
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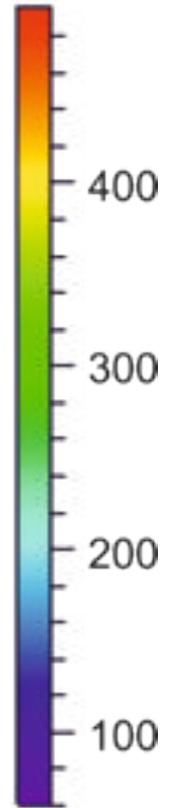
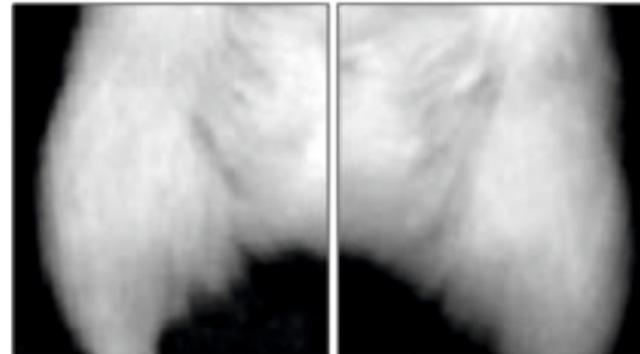
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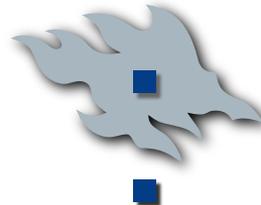
VEGF-C + HSA



HSA



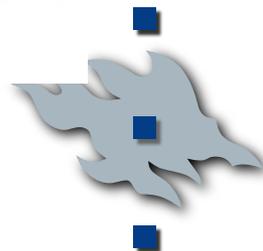
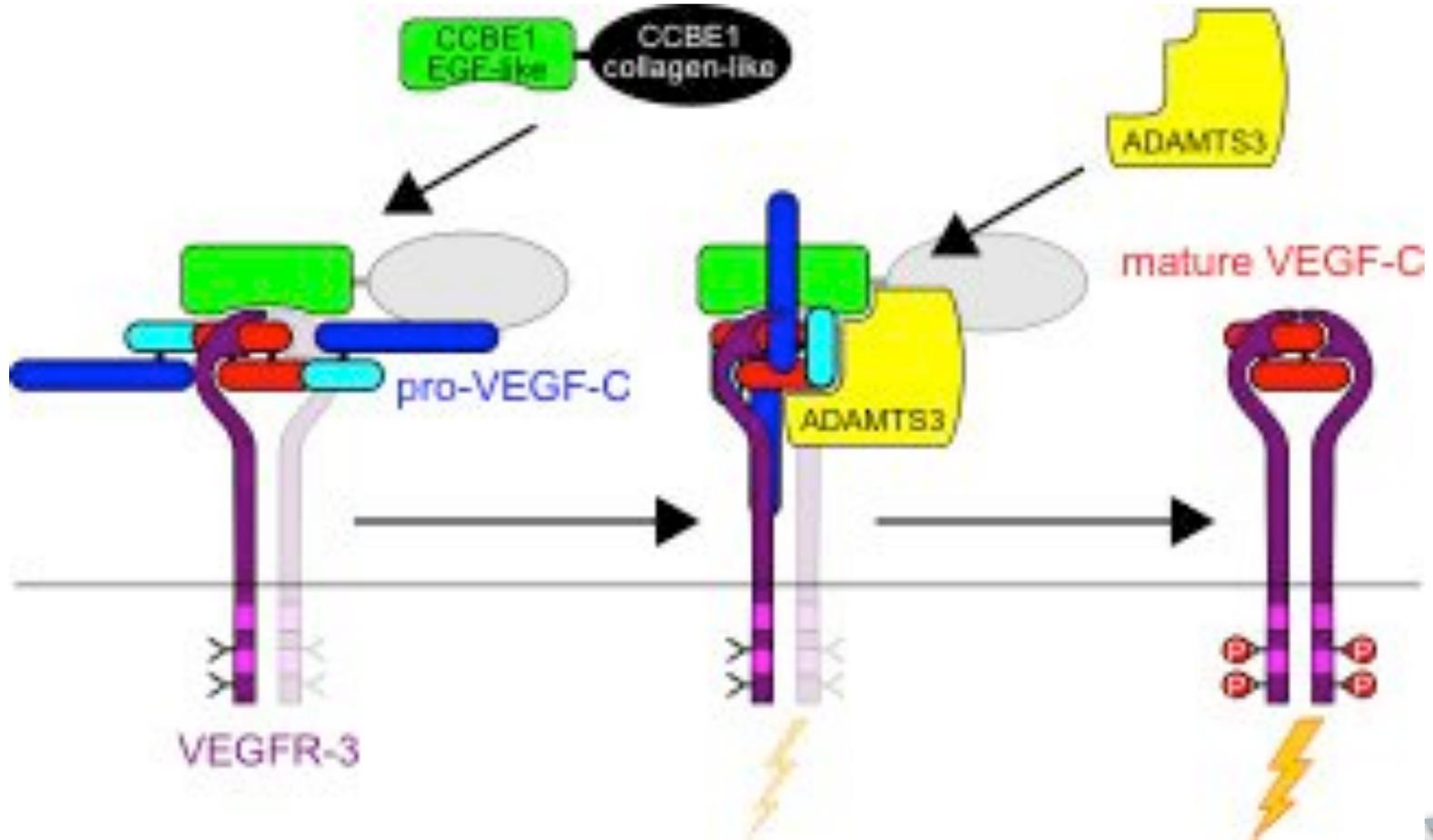
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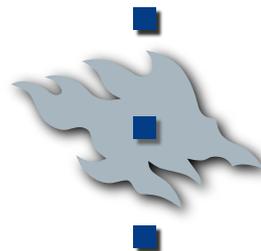
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## “Hot topics” und offene Fragen

- Rolle des Lymphgefäßsystems in der Osmoregulation
- Ist das Glaukom eine Lymphgefäßkrankheit?
- Identifizierung neuer molekularer Faktoren und Mechanismen (für Hennekam Syndrome e.g. FAT4)
- Welche anderen Enzyme können VEGF-C aktivieren?





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