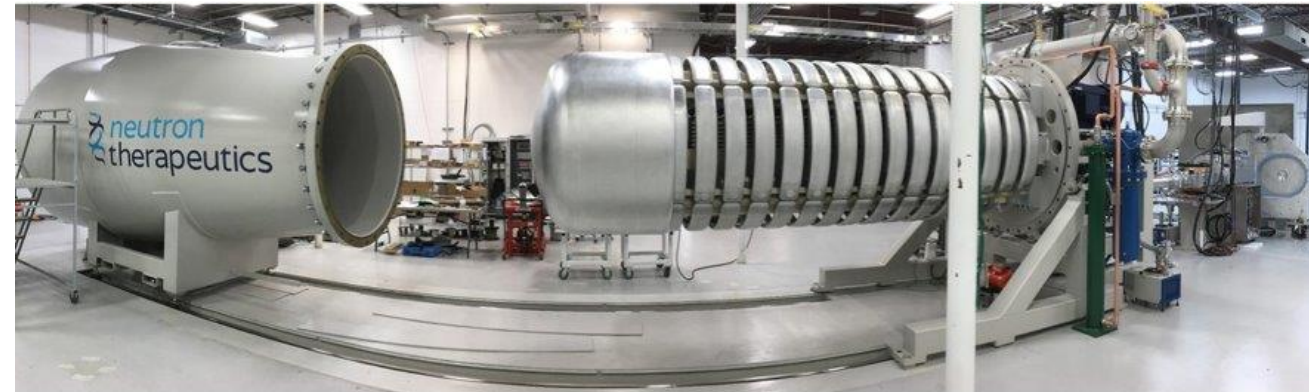
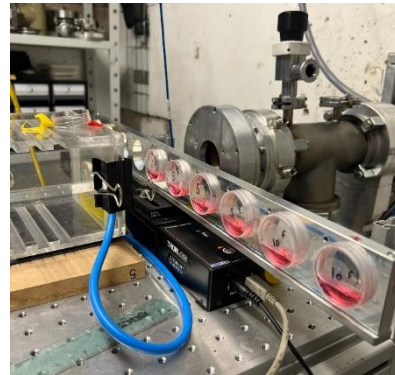


Utilising the unique radiobiology resources for translational research into HNSCC and GBM

To perform translational research using ionising radiation and HNSCC/GBM models in order to devise novel and optimal strategies using radiotherapy in the clinic for patient benefit

Specific objectives:-

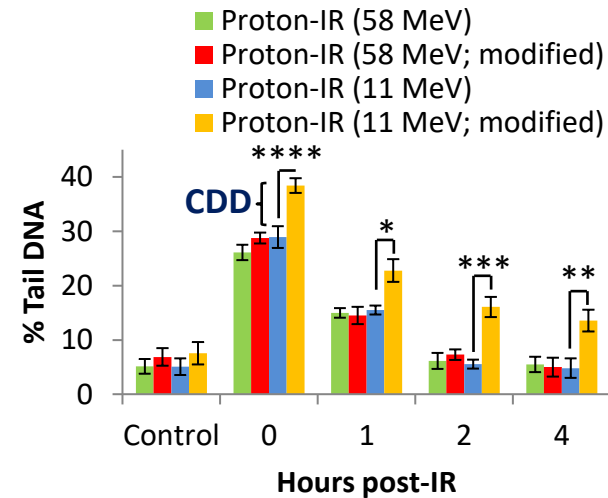
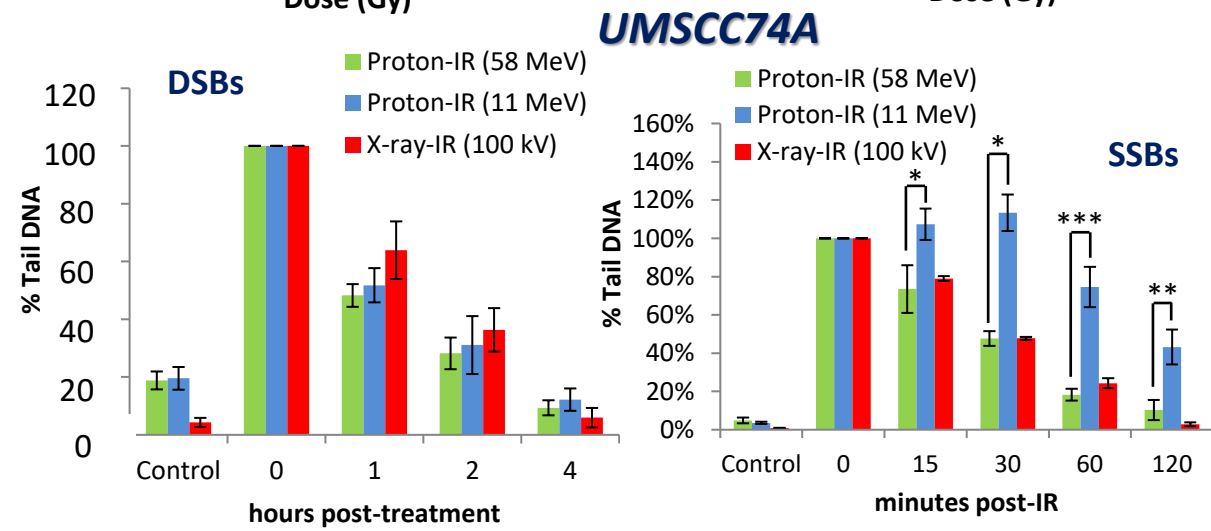
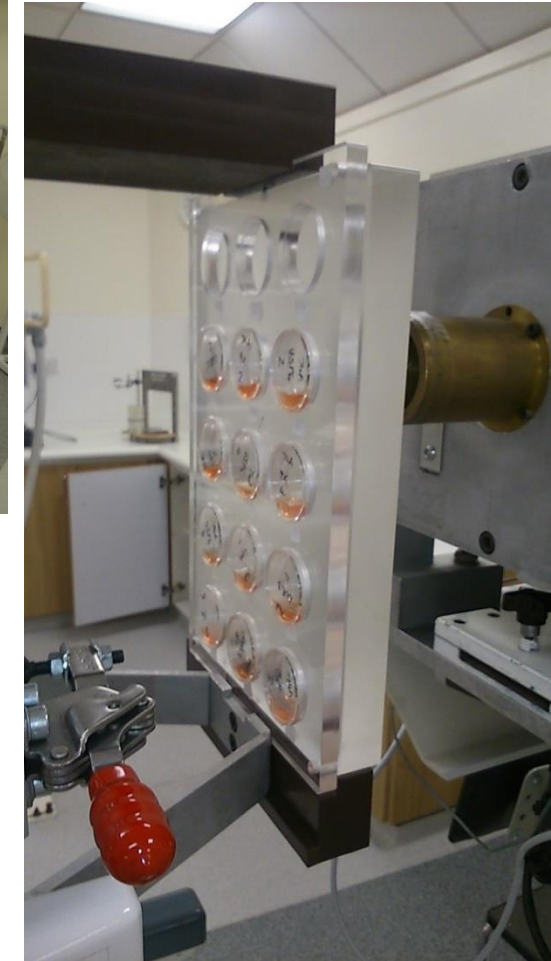
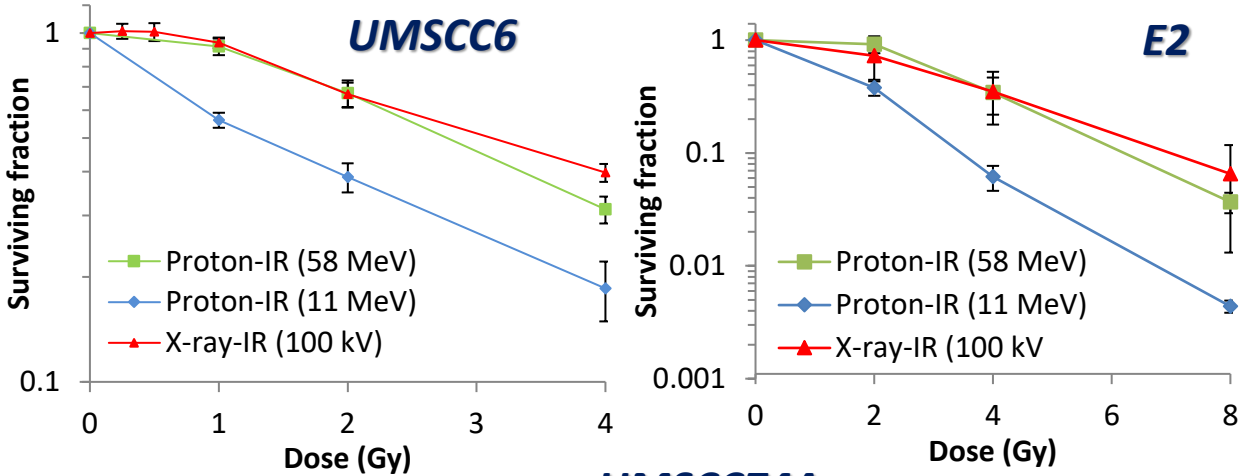
- Compare effects of X-rays, protons and BNCT at the molecular (DNA) and cellular (survival/RBE) level.
- Identify strategies to overcome hypoxia (reduced oxygen) induced radioresistance.
- Investigate the effect of ultra-high dose rates (FLASH) on normal and tumour models.
- Explore the impact of targeted and novel drugs/inhibitors on radiotherapy effectiveness



MC-40 cyclotron for particle (proton and helium) ion irradiations, including at FLASH (100 Gy/s) dose rates

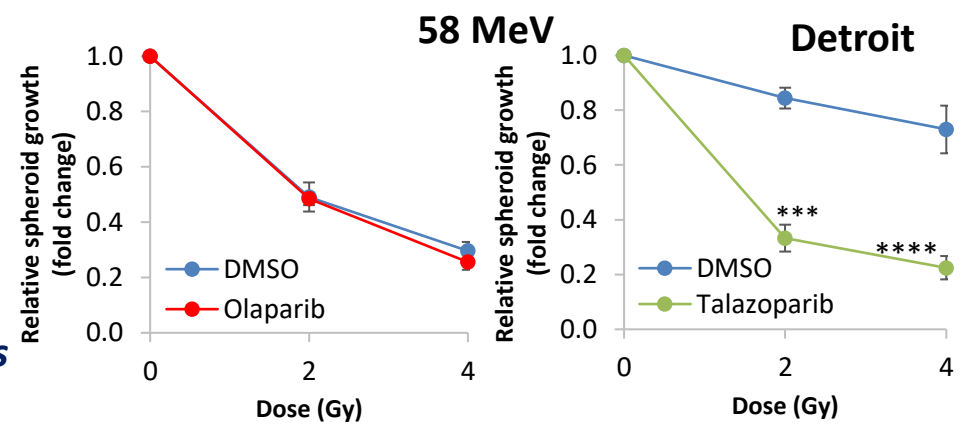
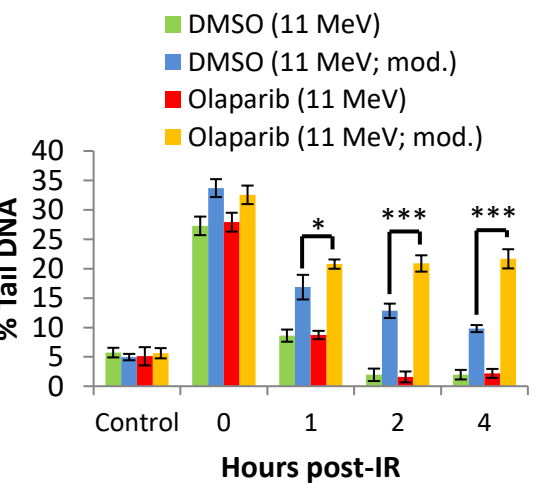
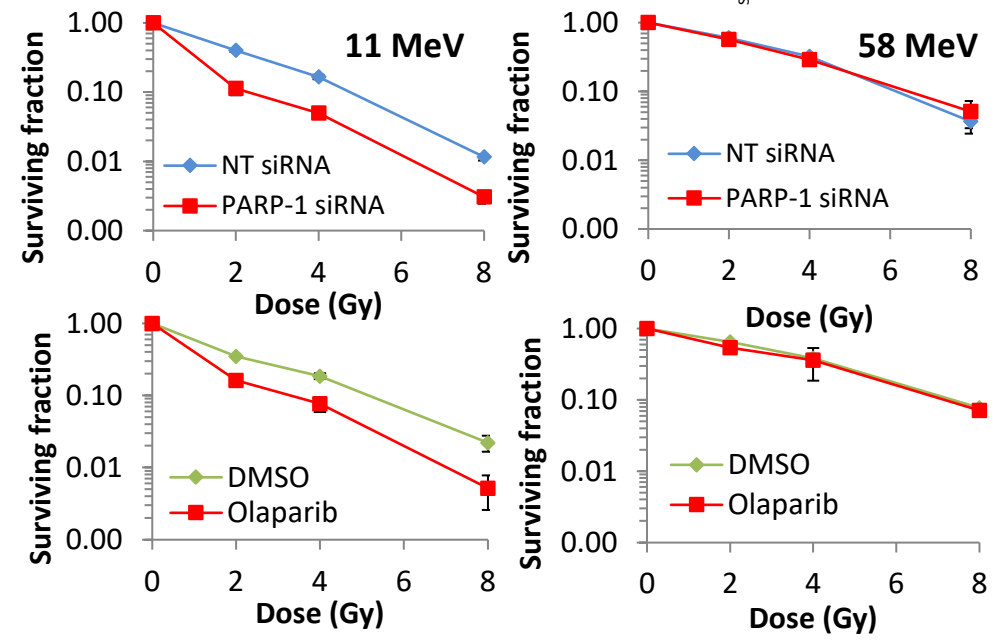
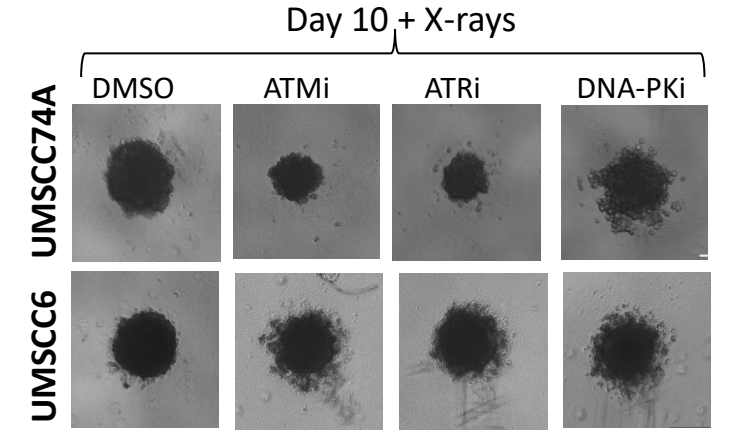
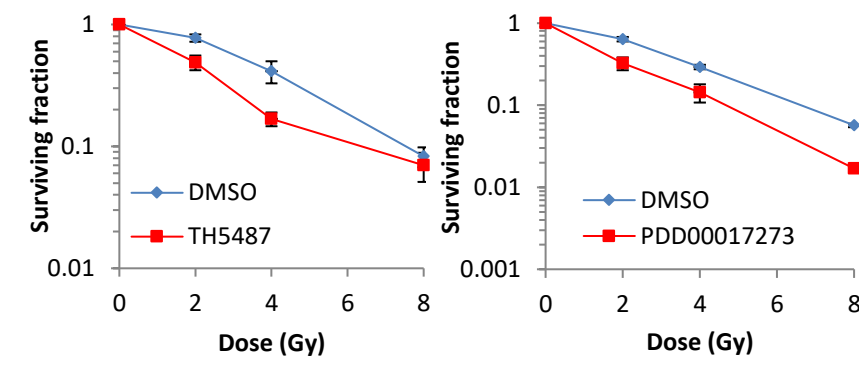
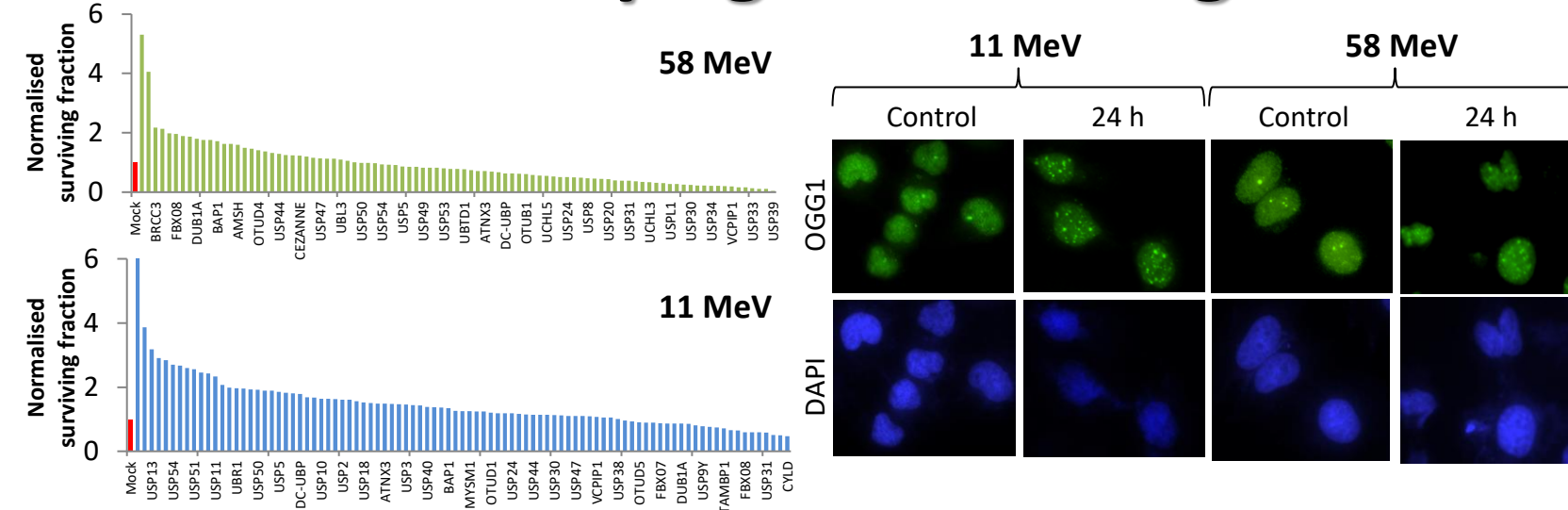
High-flux accelerator neutron source for boron neutron capture therapy (BNCT)

Examining the radiobiology of protons at the Clatterbridge Cancer Centre (CCC)



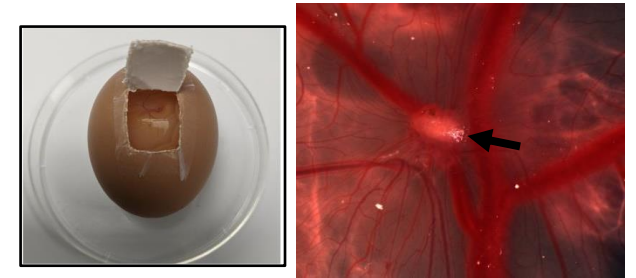
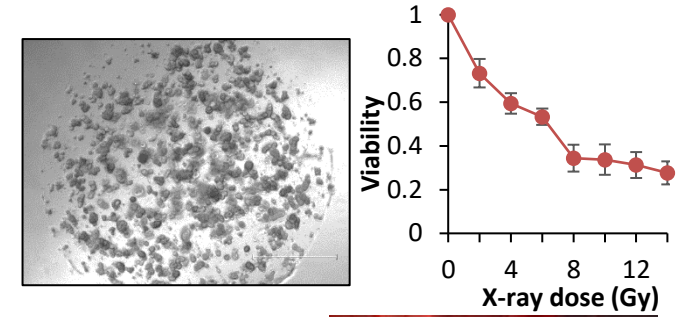
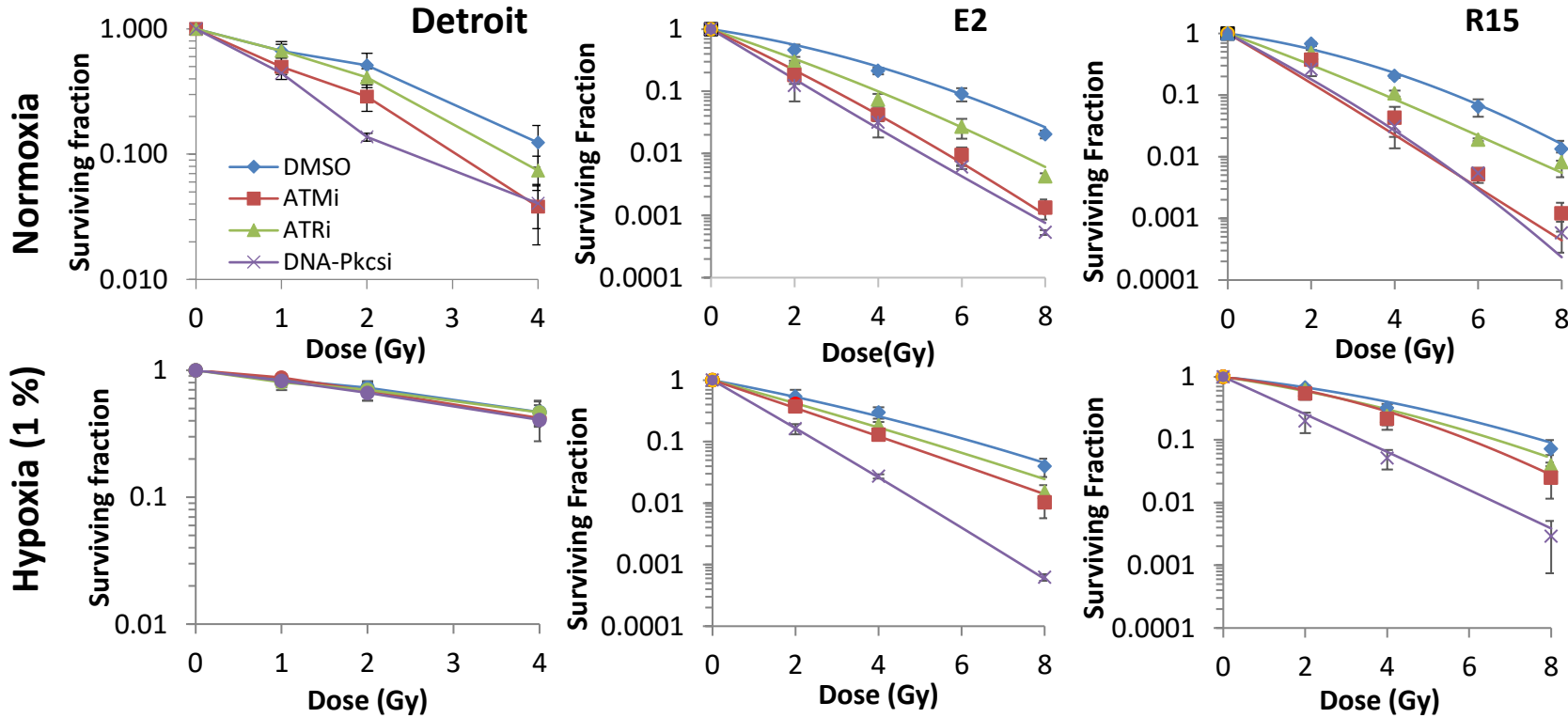
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Identifying cellular targets for radiosensitisation



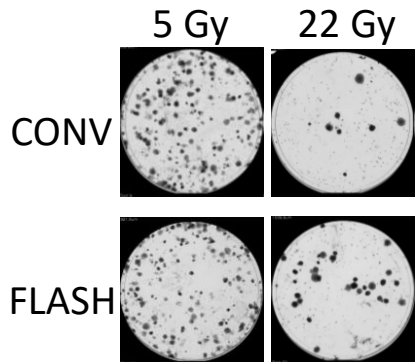
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The impact of hypoxia and FLASH on radiobiology

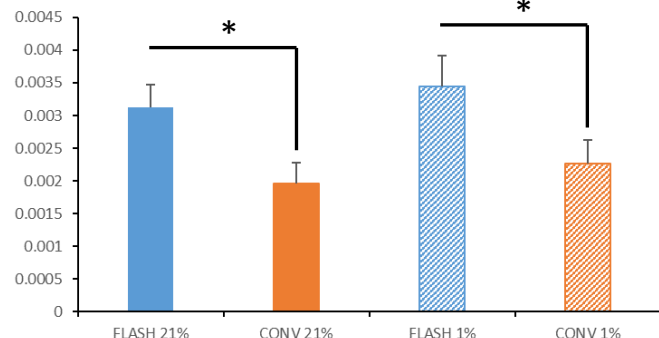


Development of patient-derived organoids and chick embryo model

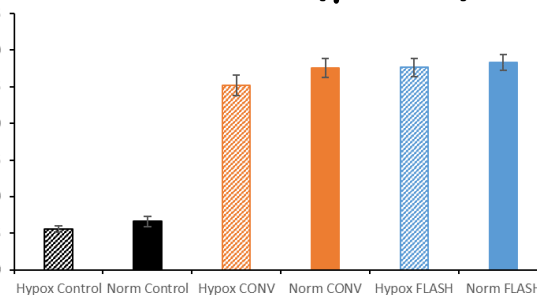
FLASH irradiations

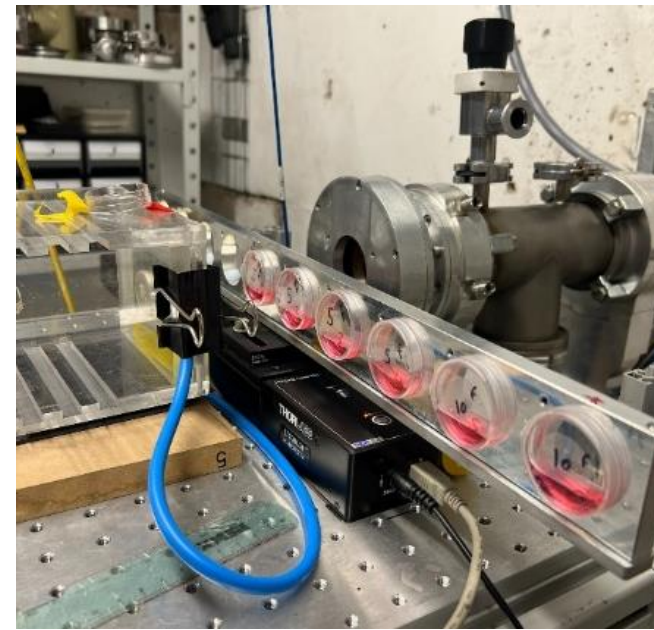


HeLa cells (survival)

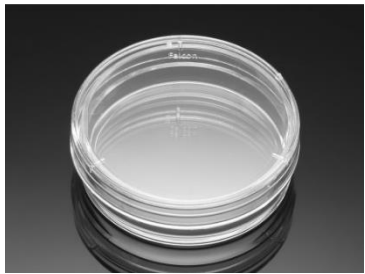


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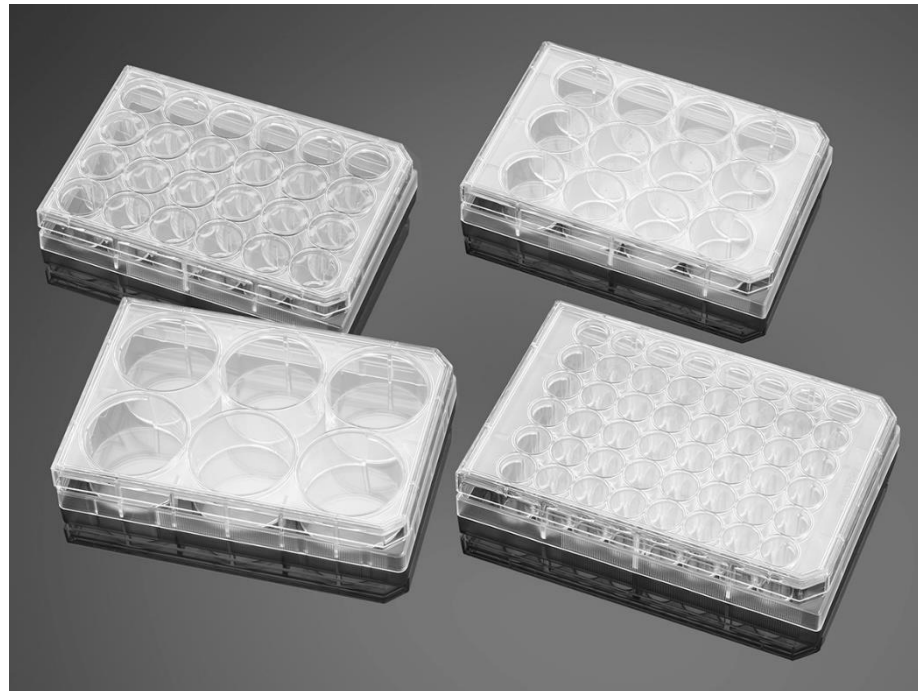




MC-40 cyclotron in Birmingham



35 mm dishes
9.6 cm² growth area
1.01 mm thick



Multi-well plates (127 mm x 85.5)

	6-well	12-well	24-well	48-well	96-well
Diameter (mm)	35.43	22.73	16.26	11.56	6.86/ 6.35
Area (cm ²)	9.5	3.83	1.93	0.95	0.32
Thickness (mm)	1.27	1.27	1.27	1.27	1.27
Elevation (mm)	2.54	2.16	2.54	2.87	3.55

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