



Preclinical rationale for combining the Smac-mimetic Debio 1143 with concurrent chemioradiotherapy in LA-SCCHN

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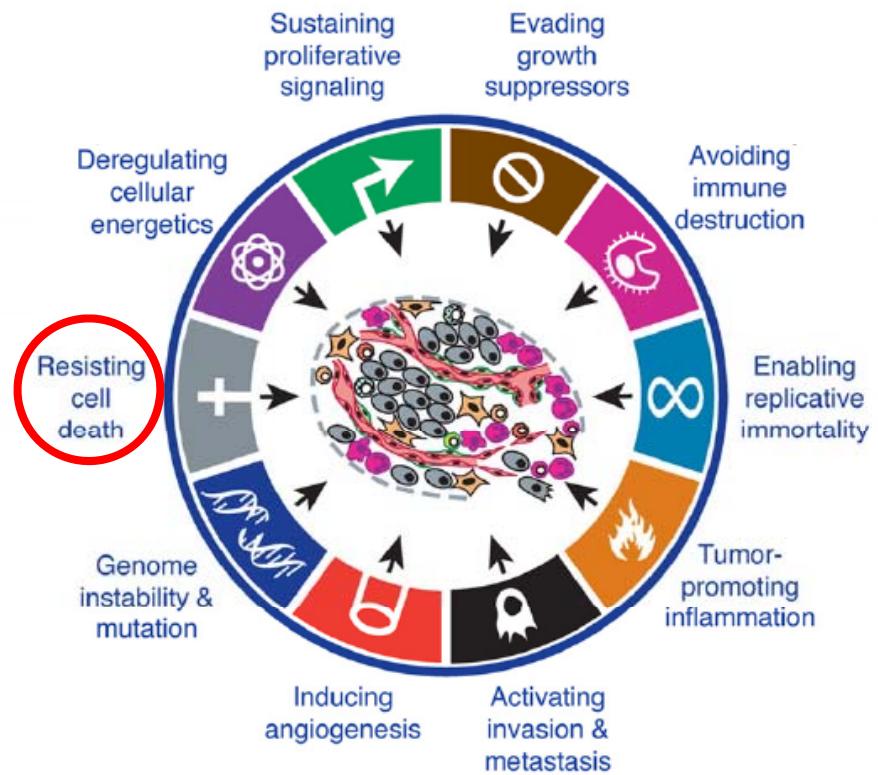
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Biologic Rationale for Inhibitors of Apoptosis Proteins (IAP) Antagonists

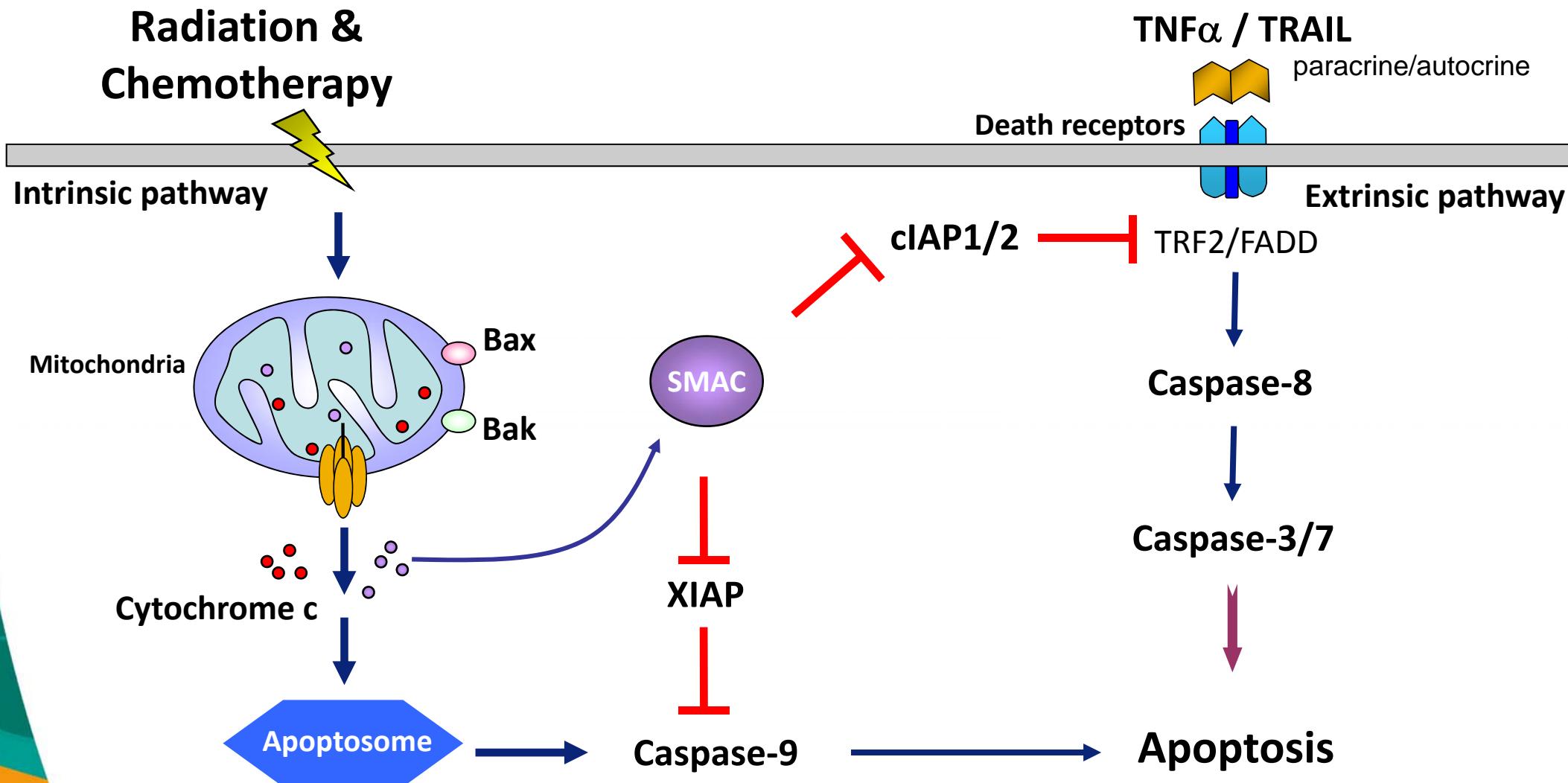
- IAPs modulate cell death:
 - IAPs negatively regulate apoptosis by blocking caspases
 - Inflammatory signaling
 - Cell proliferation, invasion and metastasis
- Expression and/or overexpression of IAP family proteins is correlated with:
 - Tumor growth
 - Resistance to apoptosis induced by chemo- and radiotherapy
 - Poor prognosis



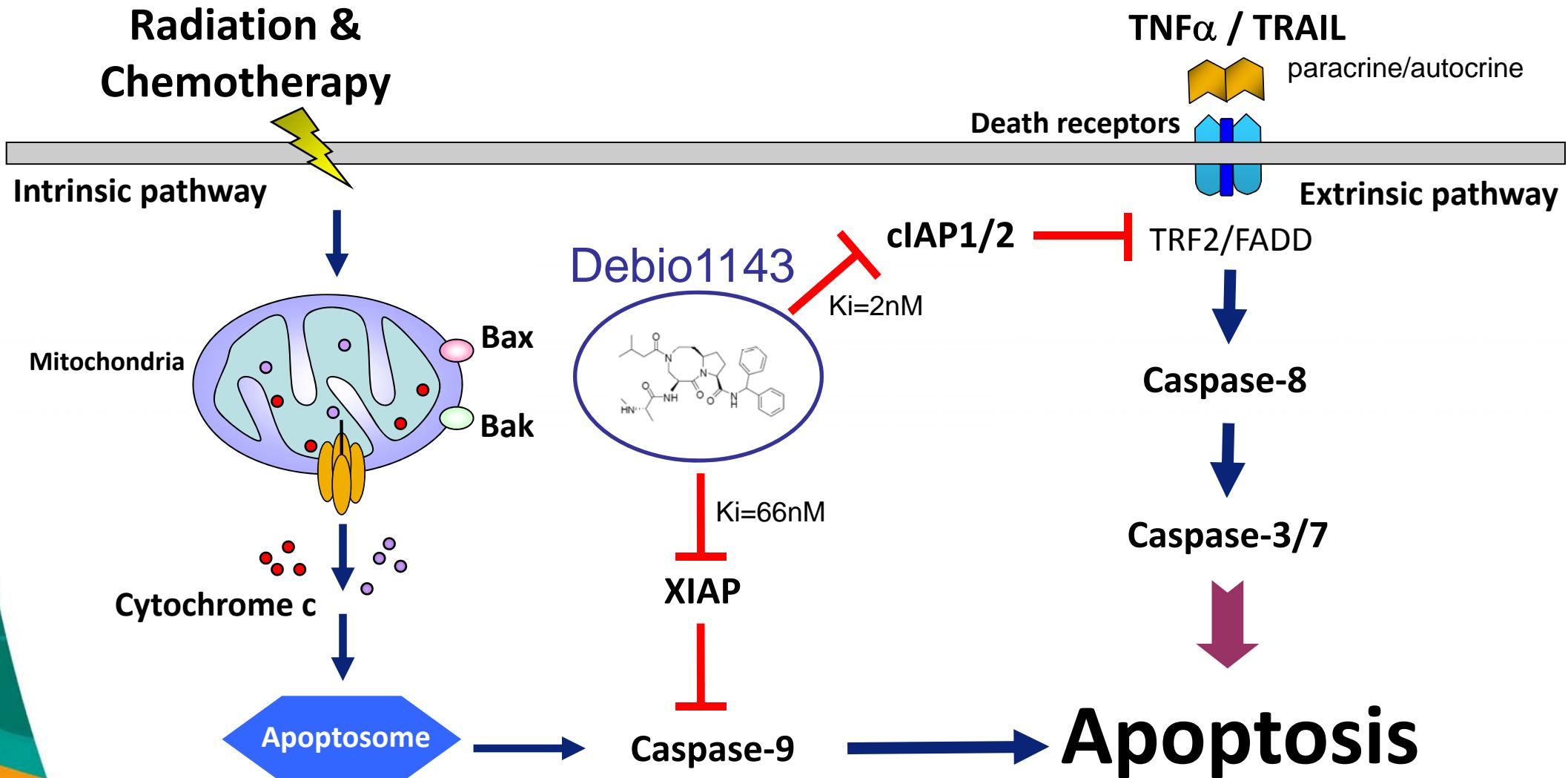
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Smac Protein Antagonizes Anti-Apoptotic Activity of IAPs



Debio1143 is an oral Smac mimetic currently in phase I

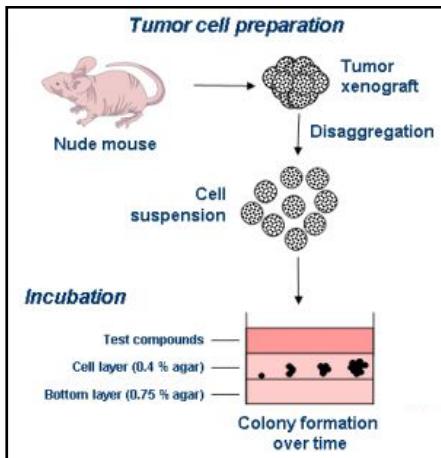


Objectives

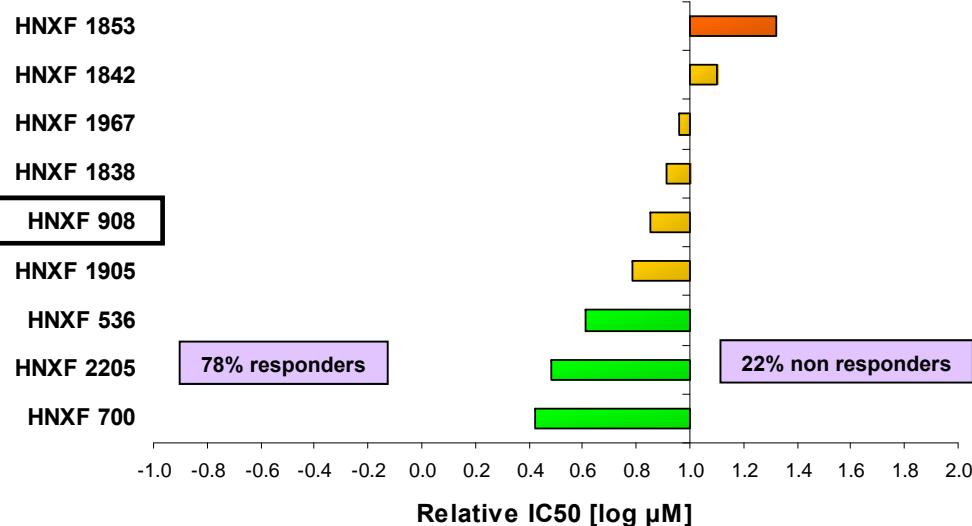
- To report on the activity of Debio 1143 in SCCHN experimental models
 - in monotherapy and in combination with cisplatin or radiotherapy
 - *in vitro* using a clonogenic assay
 - *in vivo* in nude mice bearing SCCHN tumors

Debio 1143 is active as a single agent in 78% of SCCHN patient-derived xenografts and 30% of SCCHN cell lines

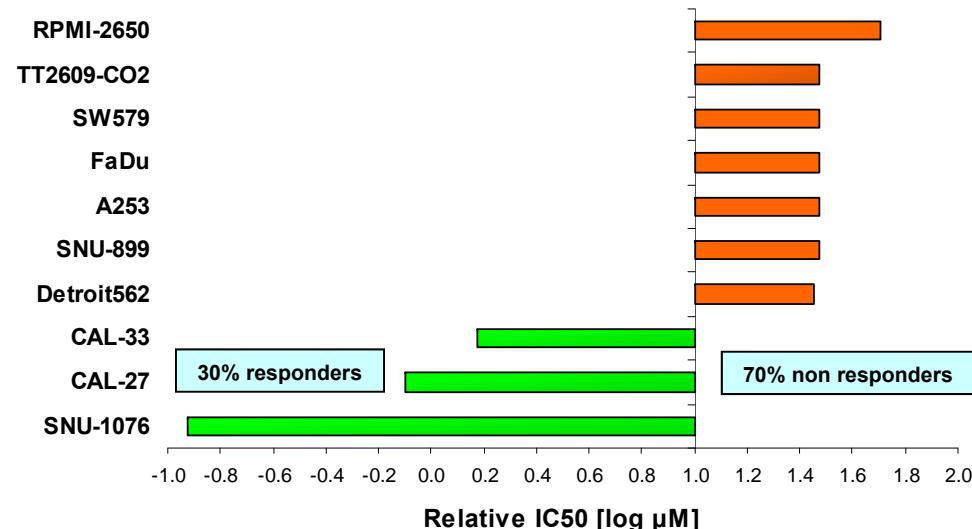
Clonogenic Assay



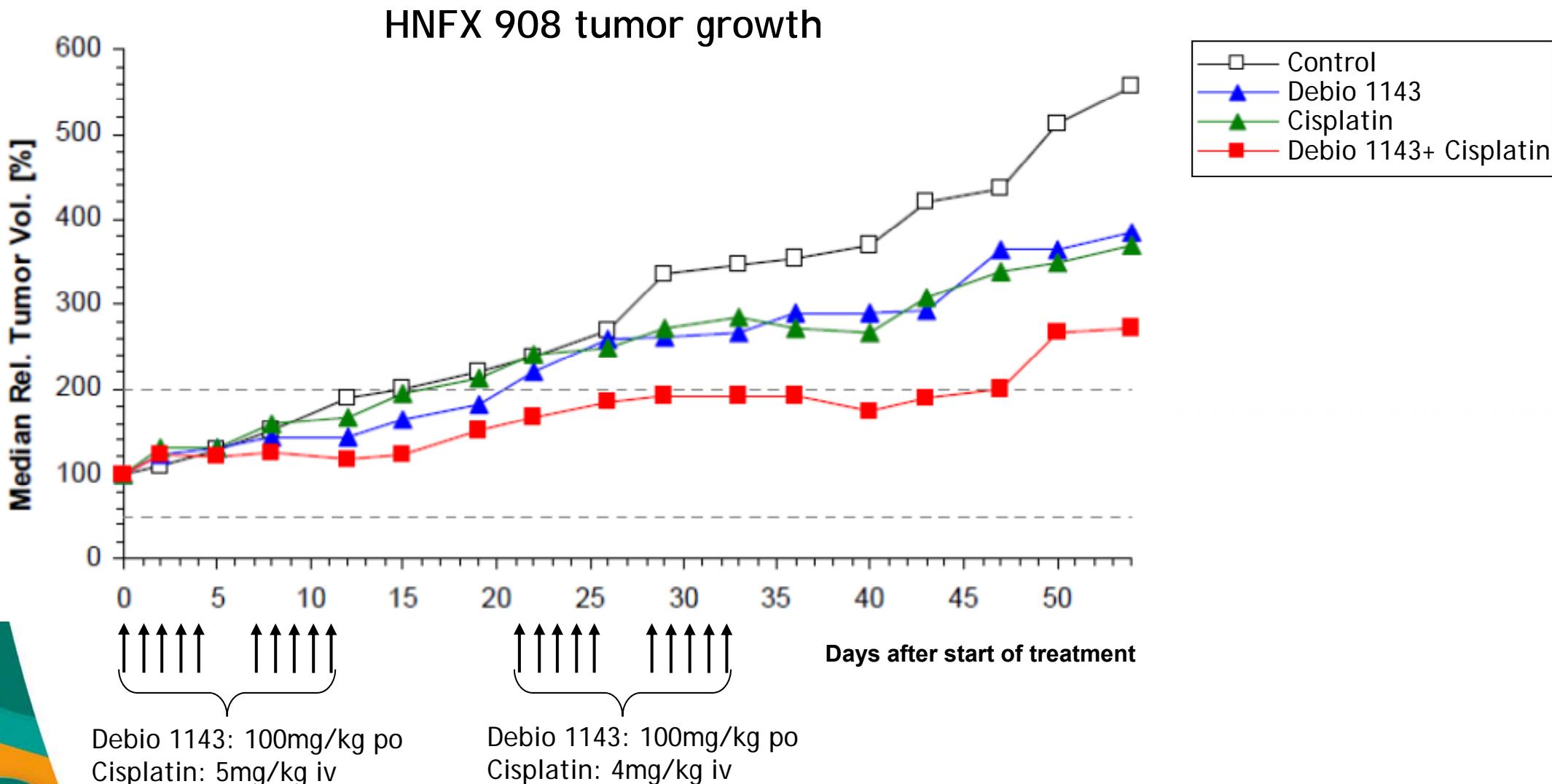
HNSCC patient-derived xenografts



HNSCC cell lines

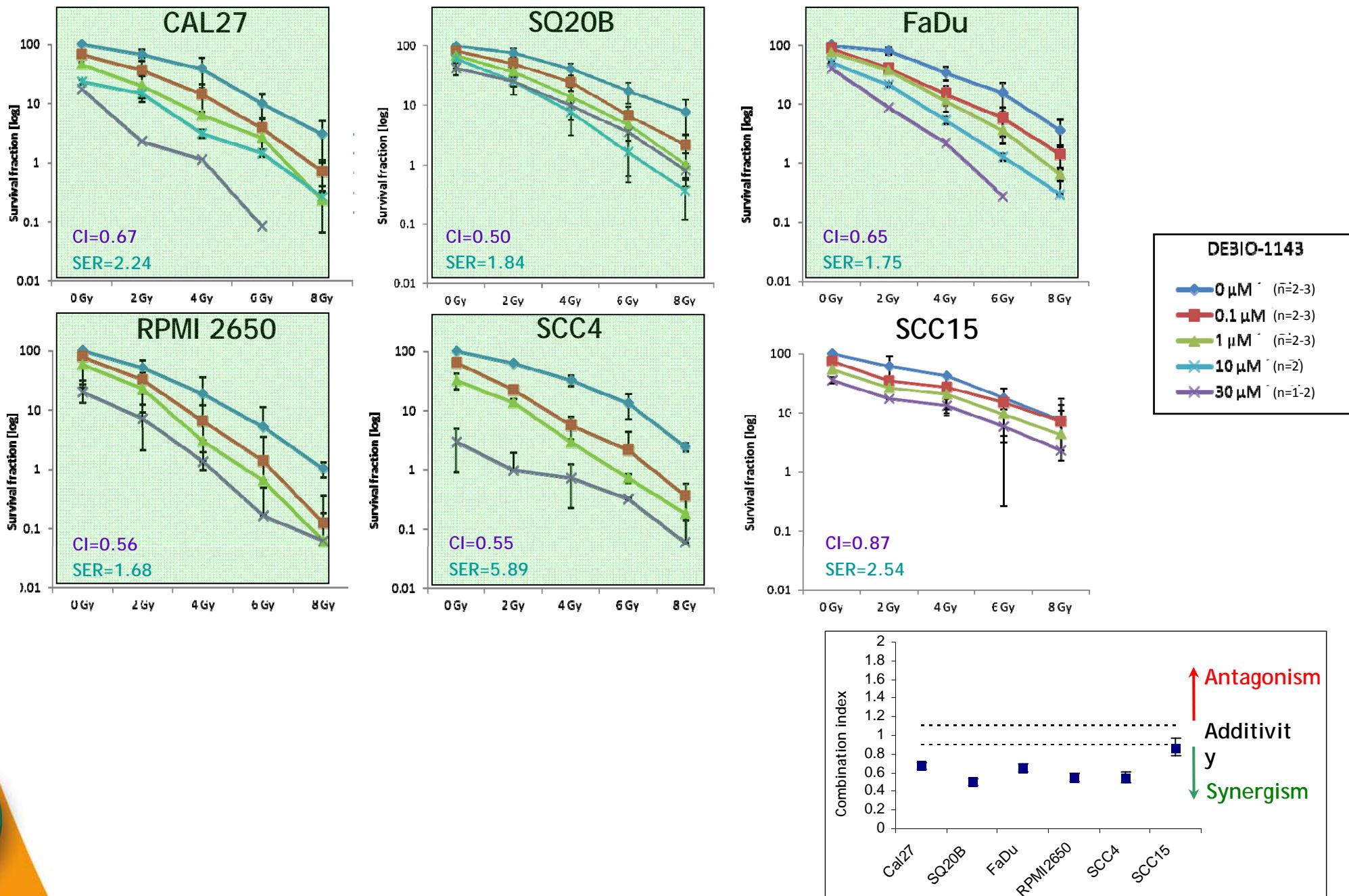


Debio 1143 administered orally enhances the antitumoral effect of intravenous Cisplatin *in vivo*

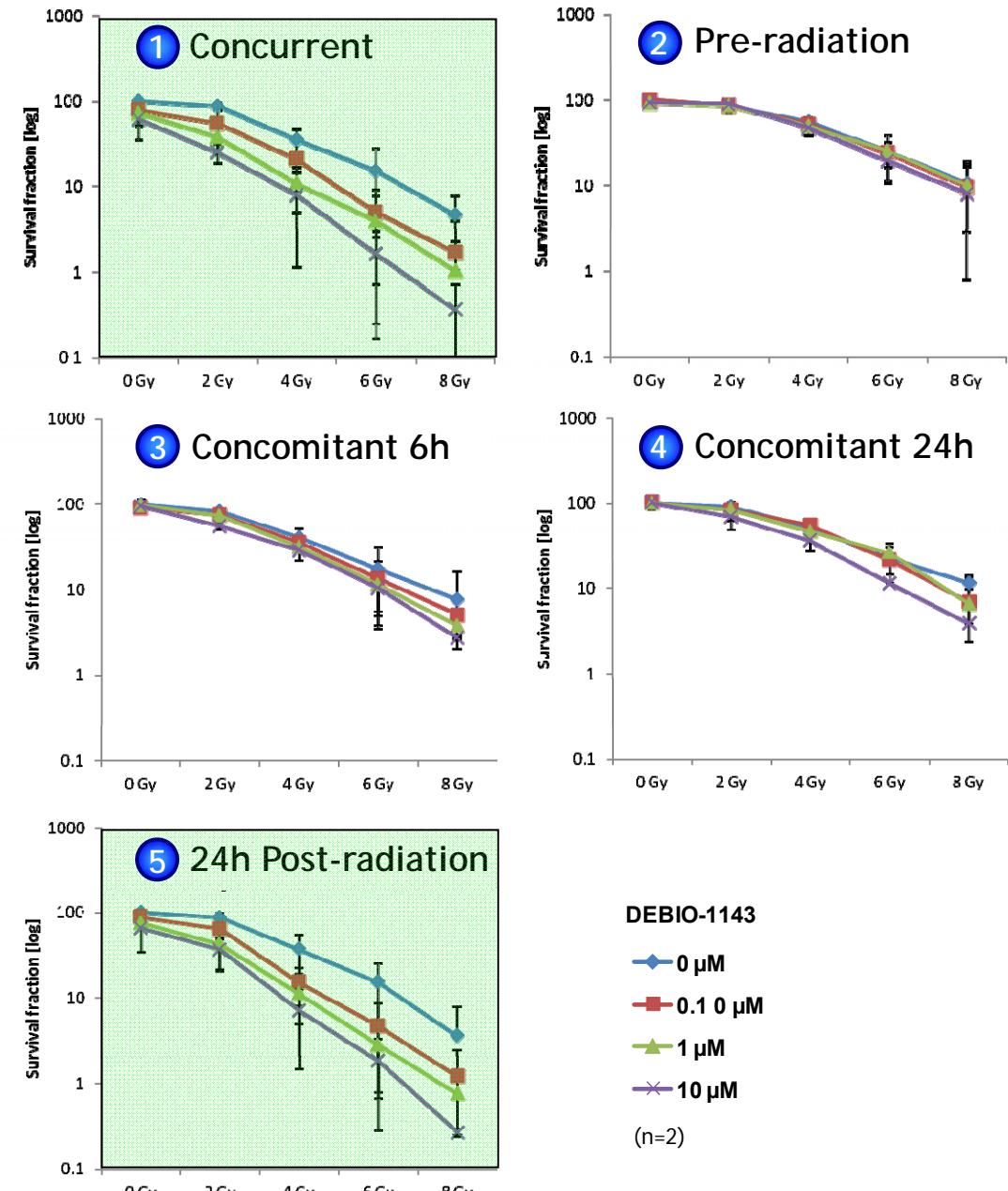
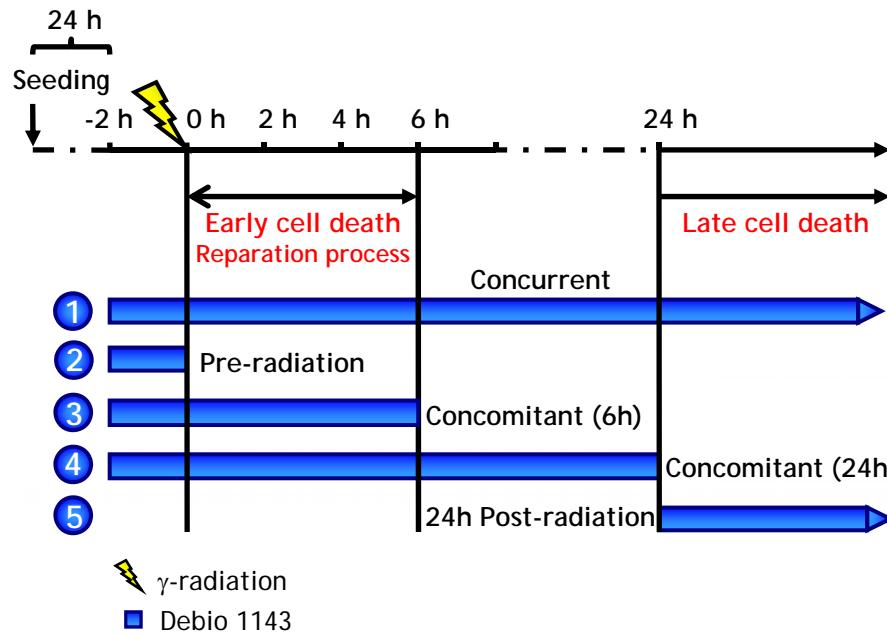


No effect on body weight

Debio 1143 enhances γ -radiation-induced cell death in the majority of the tested SCCHN models

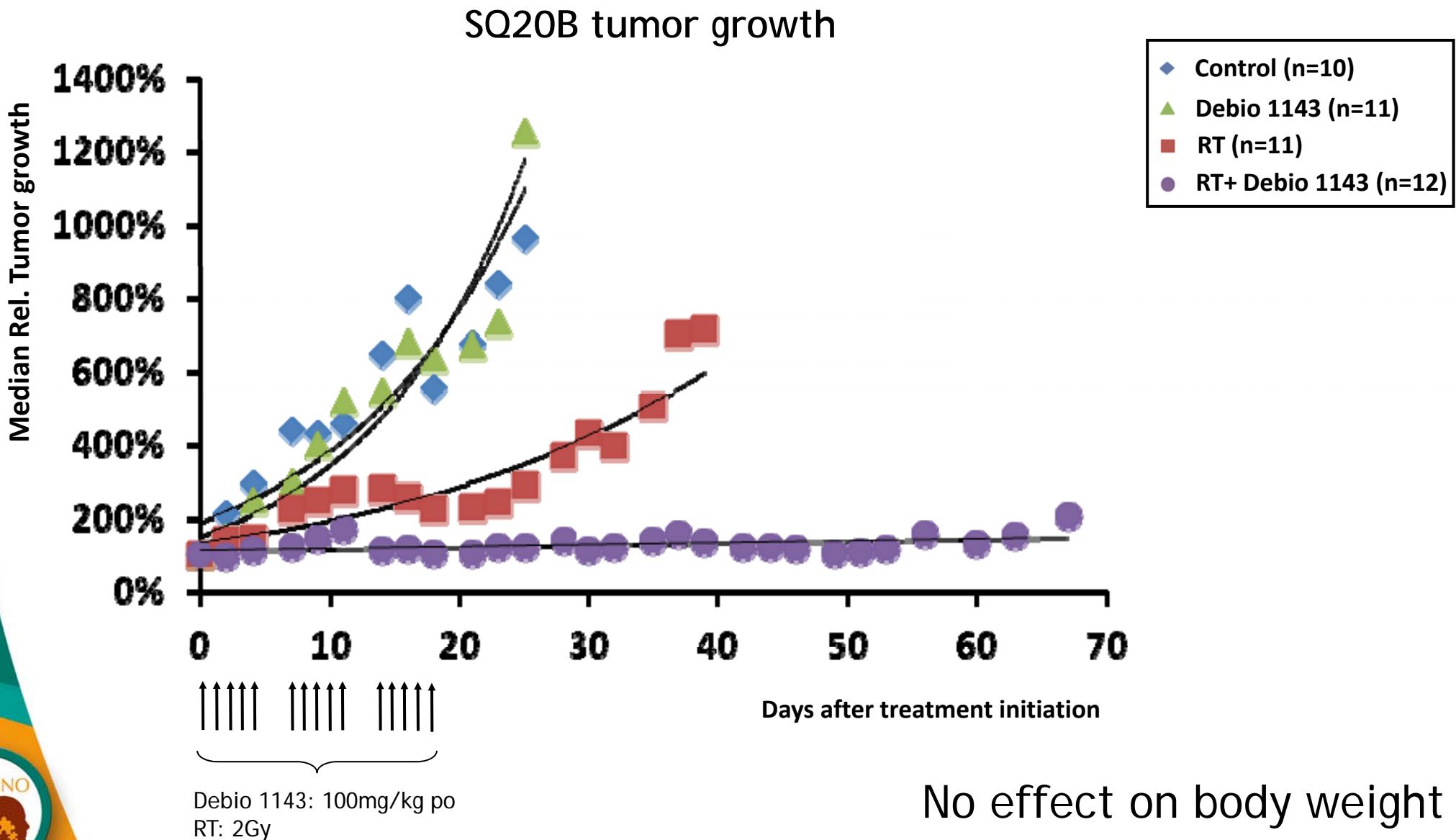


Effect of Debio 1143 combined with γ -radiation on SQ20B tumor cells survival in a sequential treatment



Debio 1143 efficiently impacts late apoptosis due to mitotic catastrophe and/or other cell death events that arise after irradiation

Debio 1143 administered orally enhances the antitumoral effect of γ -radiation *in vivo*



Conclusions

- The preclinical results show that Debio 1143 exhibits antitumoral activity as a single agent and potentiates chemo and radiation effects in SCCHN models
- These findings warrant initiation of a Phase I/II randomised study in combination with CRT in patients with inoperable locally advanced-SCCHN.

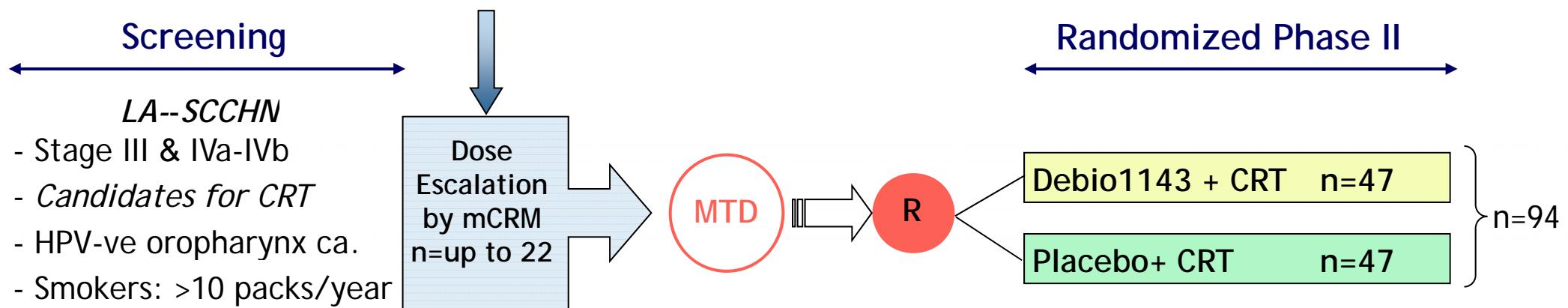


A Phase I/II randomized study of Debio1143 combined with concurrent Chemo-Radiation Therapy in patients with LA-SCCHN

Platin: 100mg/m² qd every 21d

Radiation: 2 Gy 5d/w x 7 wk

Debio 1143: qd x14d every 21d



Main Objectives

- Feasibility of combination
- PK and PD in plasma and tumor tissue

Main Endpoints

- Phase I: MTD
- Phase II: Locoregional control at 18 months



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