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# (Metabopsy and Mimetics: Unlocking Cancer and metabolic diseases perspectives)

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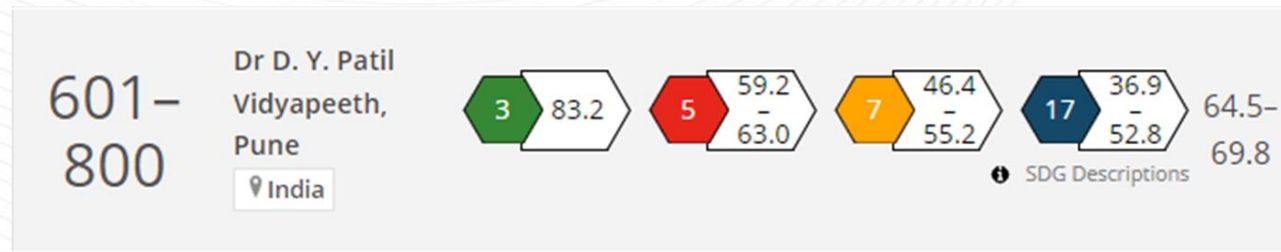
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- 5) Results
- 6) Conclusion
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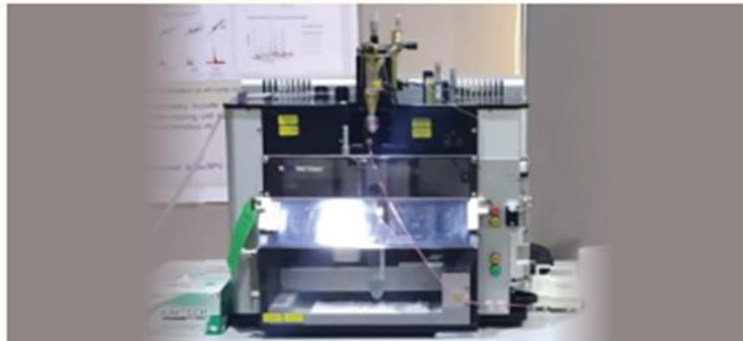
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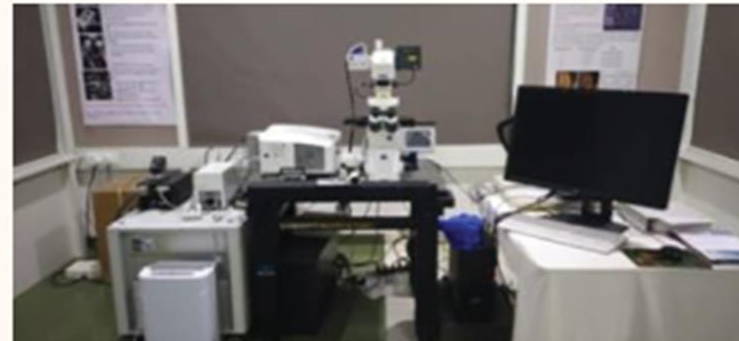
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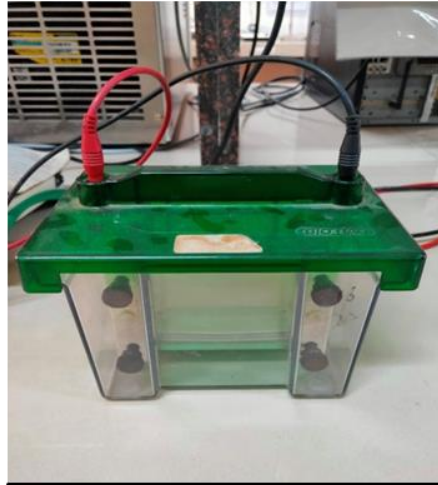
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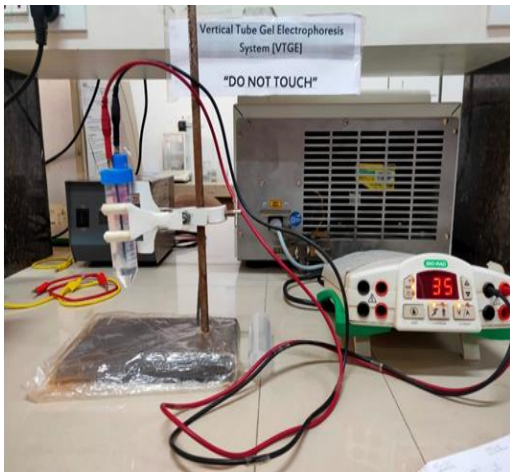
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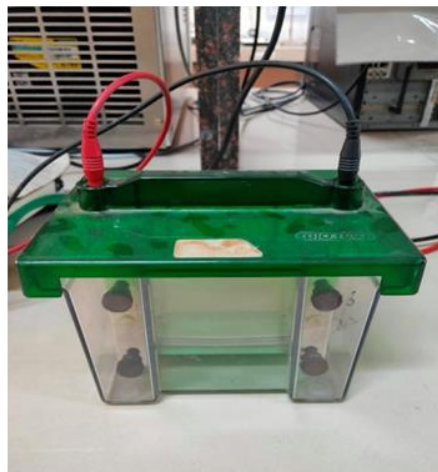
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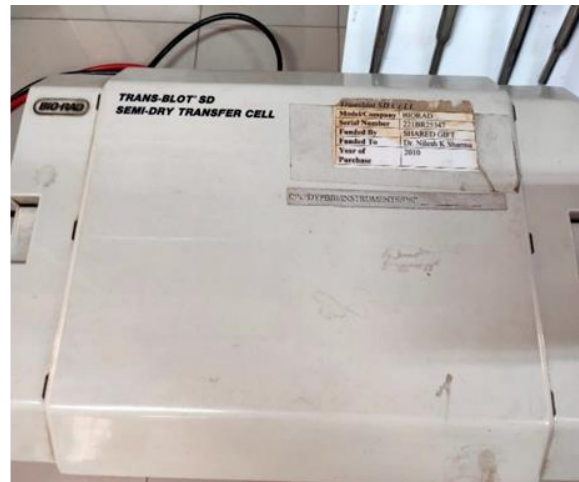
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**In-House developed VTGE (Vertical Tube Gel Electrophoresis) system**



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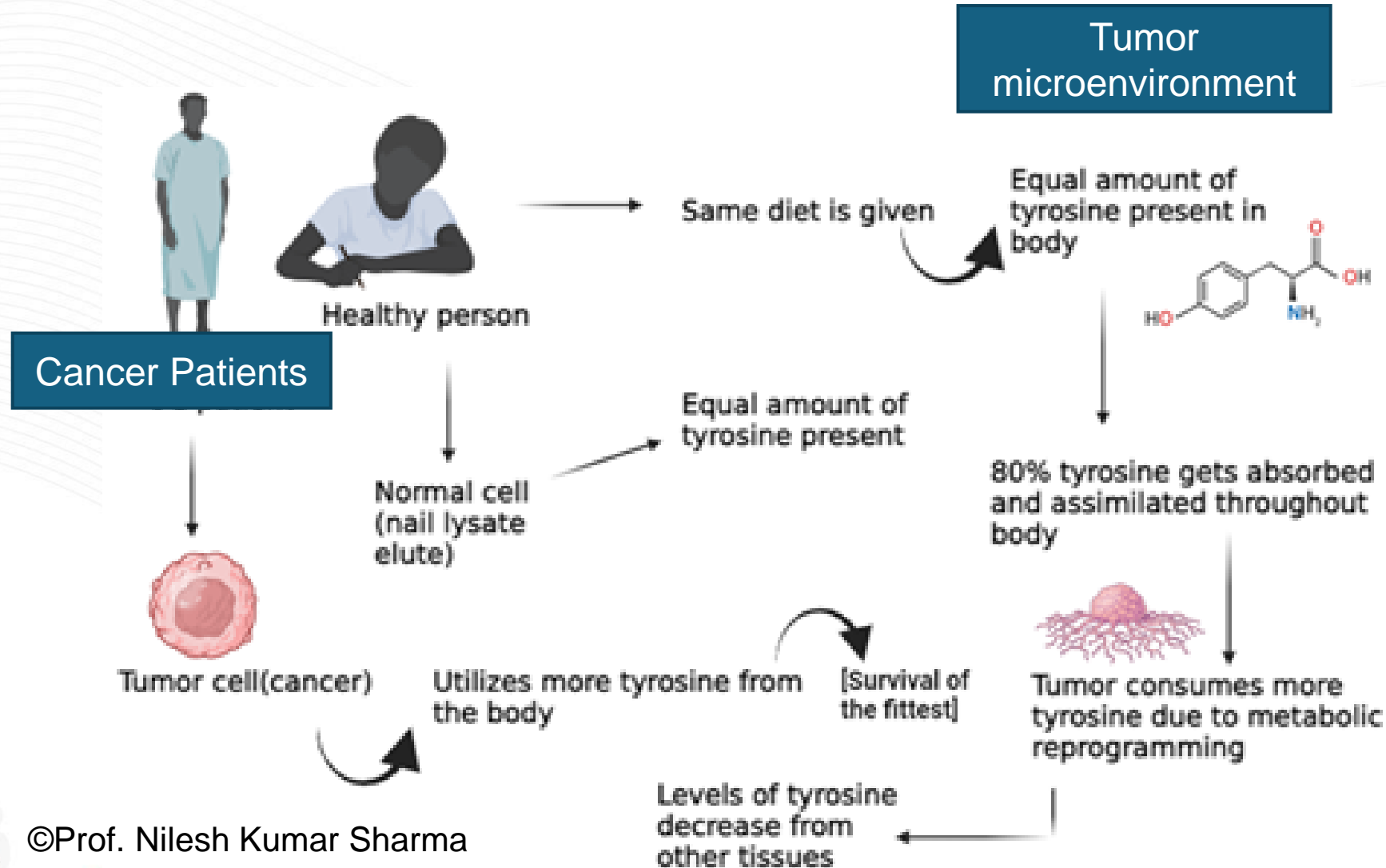
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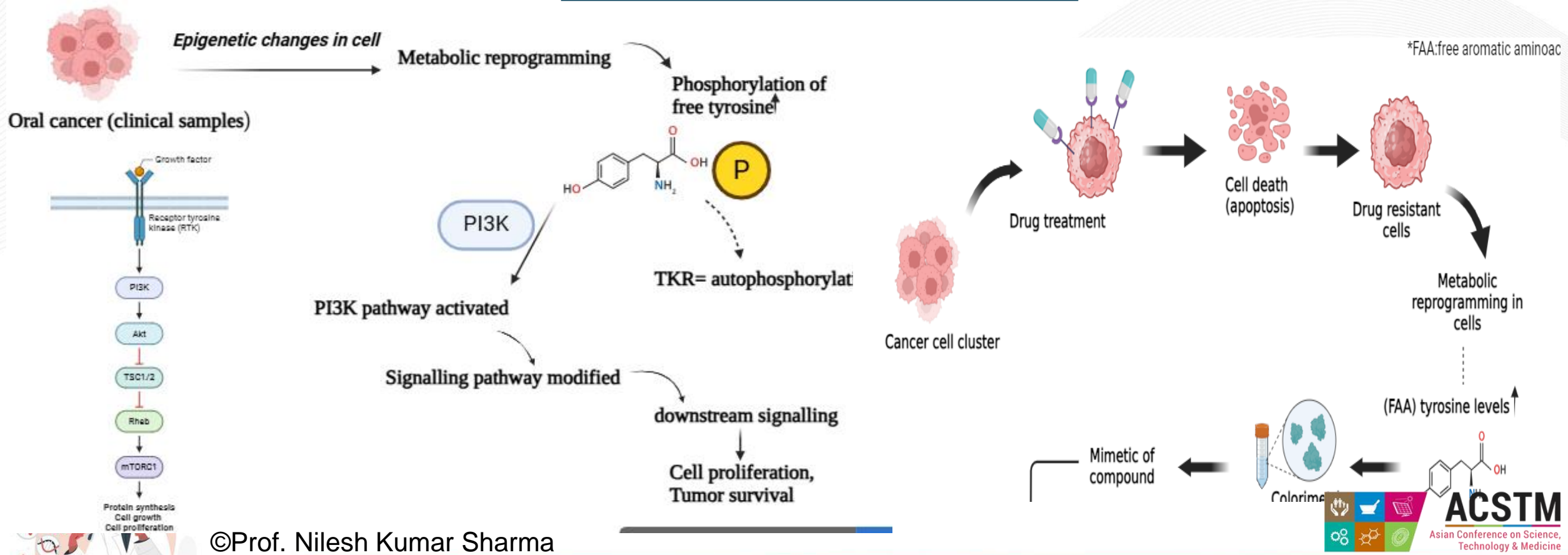
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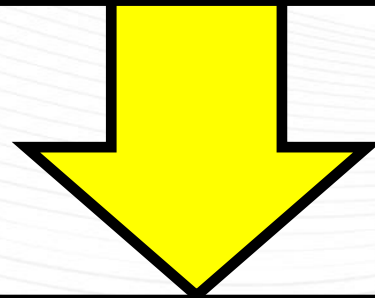
Tumor microenvironment



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**TO EXPLORE THE RELEVANCE TYROSINE AS  
METABOLITE BIOMARKERS AND DESIGN OF  
MIMETIC MITRO**



**Innovative Methodologies And Approaches Are  
Needed (Cellular Metabopsy Assisted By  
VTGE)**

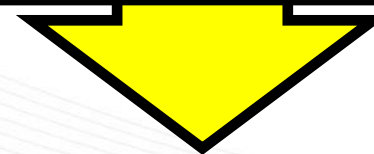
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**Cellular metabopsy define as a procedure that measures the metabolic intelligence of a tumor by analyzing metabolites in cells.**



- “**METAB**” is derived of “**Metabolites**” that is a well-known chemical compositions of Biological cell system.

- These Metabolites are used a **Biomarkers for the detection** of **Cancer** and other human diseases.

“**Opsy**” is a Latin term that states medical examination or inspection

Rationale of “Metabopsy”, since “**METABOLOMICS**” is already known.



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## AI Overview

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Metabopsy is a medical procedure that combines the terms "metabolic" and "biopsy". It's used to diagnose and study metabolic disorders and cancer. [↗](#)

### How it works

- Metabopsy involves analyzing metabolites, which are a type of biomarker. [↗](#)
- It can be used to analyze discarded milk teeth and nail clippings. [↗](#)
- It can also be used to measure the metabolic intelligence of tumors. [↗](#)

### History

- The term "metabopsy" was coined by Prof. Nilesh Kumar Sharma and his team. [↗](#)
- Sharma is a professor at the Dr. D. Y. Patil Biotechnology and Bioinformatics Institute in Pune. [↗](#)
- He has developed an in-house vertical tube gel electrophoresis (VTGE)-assisted metabopsy. [↗](#)

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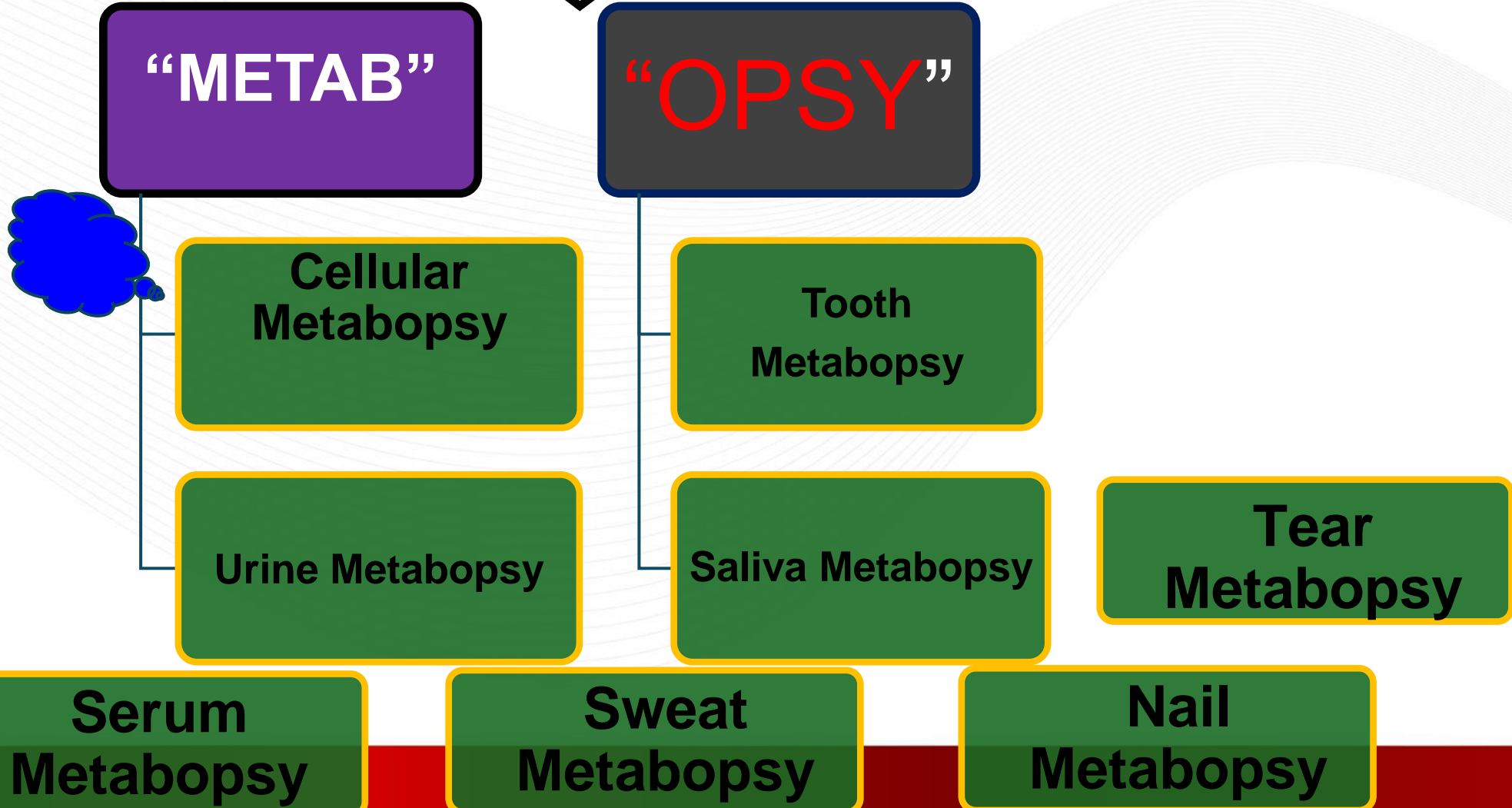
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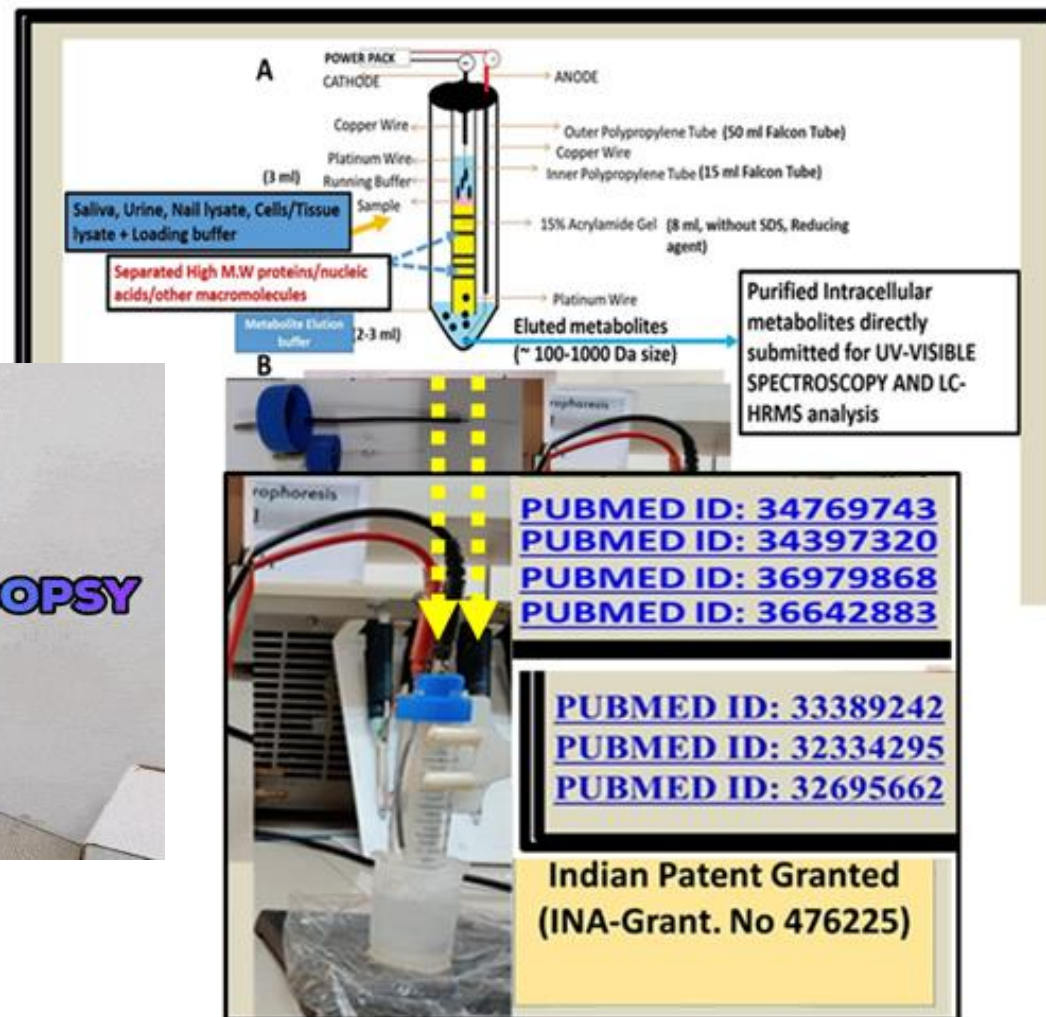
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# DOMAIN OF METABOPSY



# VTGE tool to assist Cellular Metabopsy



A novel tool to assist Non-invasive, Discard to diagnosis metabopsy of diseases such as IMDs, Cancer, fibrosis) INA Patent Grant. No 476225.

# Salient Features of VTGE system:

- This system uses plastic ware (**15 ml (Matrix) and 50 ml (Elution Buffer) Falcon Tube**) to assemble VTGE and and **Idea to use Beyond the Routine scope of Laemmli (1970) system.**
- **Important, use of 15% Acrylamide gel matrix (NO SDS, NO REDUCING AGENT) fractionate metabolites less than or equal to 1000 Da** from various biological samples.
- The **pH and salt compositions of Elution Buffer makes highly compatible and efficient** for Ionization efficiency during LC-HRMS compared to existing Organic Solvents based extraction and analysis by LC-HRMS.

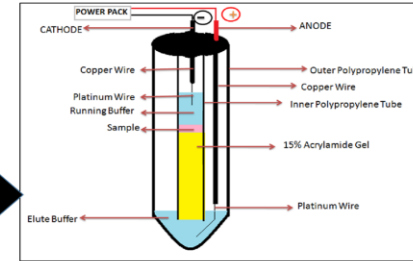
# Salient Features of VTGE system:

- This VTGE system is validated by LC-HRMS that confirms the reliable and efficient ionization of known and some un-known metabolites including **di- and tri-peptides from various biological samples (Cell lysate, urine, saliva, serum, nail clippings, culture media etc.)**.
- Easy to assemble, **easy to run and NO TEAR AND WEAR TO THIS INSTRUMENT**.
- The **pH and salt compositions of Elution Buffer makes highly compatible and efficient** for Ionization efficiency during LC-HRMS compared to existing Organic Solvents based extraction and analysis by LC-HRMS.
- **Data collected from LC-HRMS suggest the accuracy of system by HIGHEST SIZE OF metabolite up to 973.116 Da is detected in the biological samples (Accuracy and precision are significant)**.

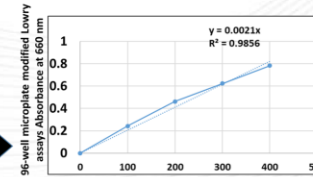
# Rationale of Tyrosine mimetic (MITRO) in cancer

**Step 1: Preparation of cell lysates, biological fluids and materials in modified Lowry buffer**

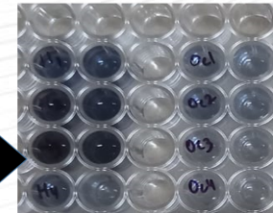
**Step 2: Purification of cell lysates, biological fluids and materials with Vertical Tube Gel Electrophoresis (VTGE) in Lowry assay compatible elution buffer**



**Step 3: 96-well plate preparation of standard curve of tyrosine**



**Step 4: 96-well plate free tyrosine estimation of VTGE purified elutes of cell lysates, biological fluids and materials using modified Lowry assay for various biological applications**

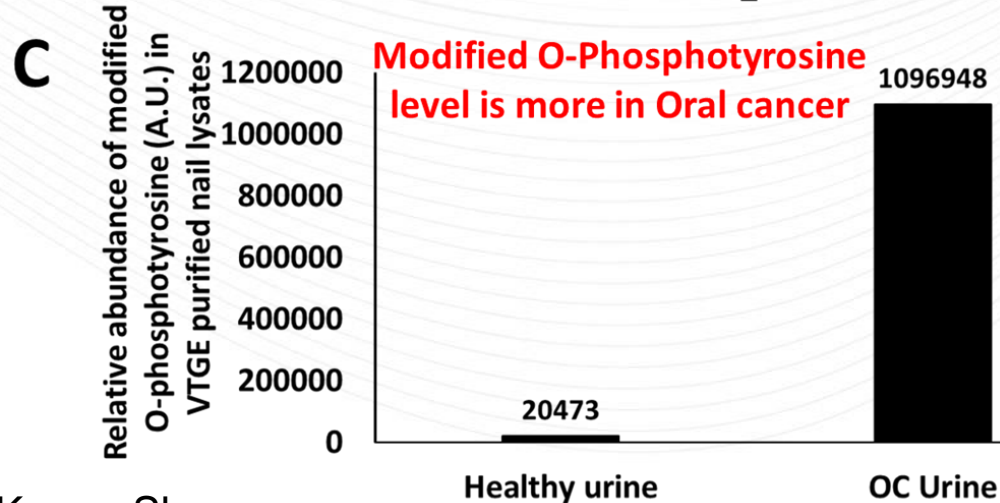
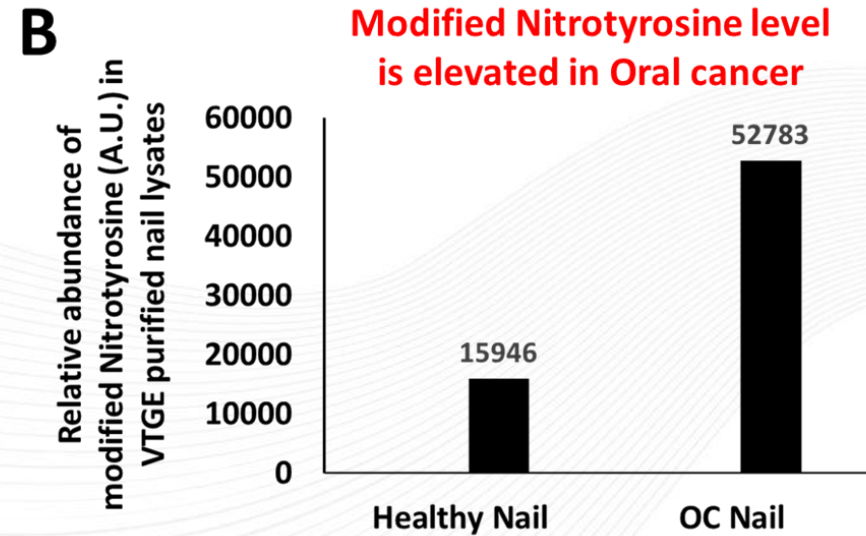
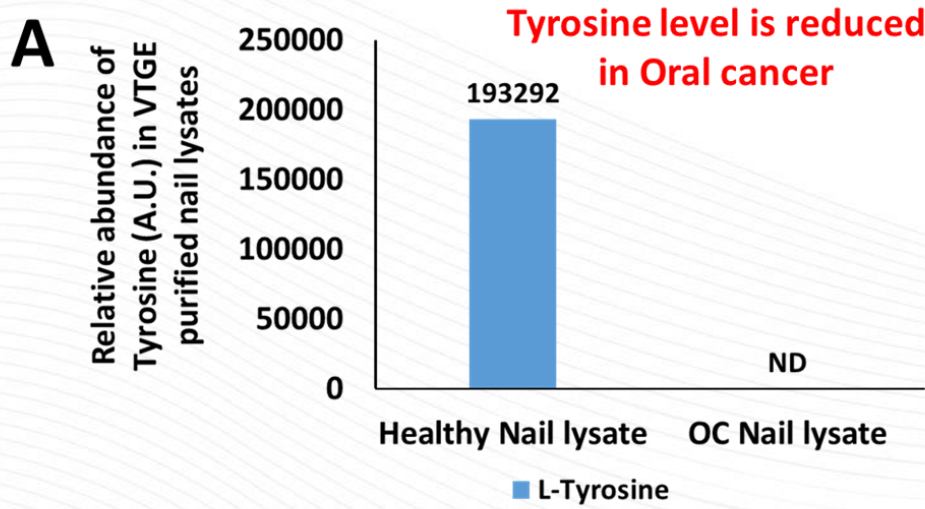


**Design, of MITRO and evaluation as inhibitor of PI3K by Computational approaches**





# Reduced level of tyrosine, high modified Tyrosine in cancer



In summary, reduced level of tyrosine in the extracellular materials nail is compensated by the **cancer cell mediated modifications into Nitrotyrosine and O-phosphotyrosine.**

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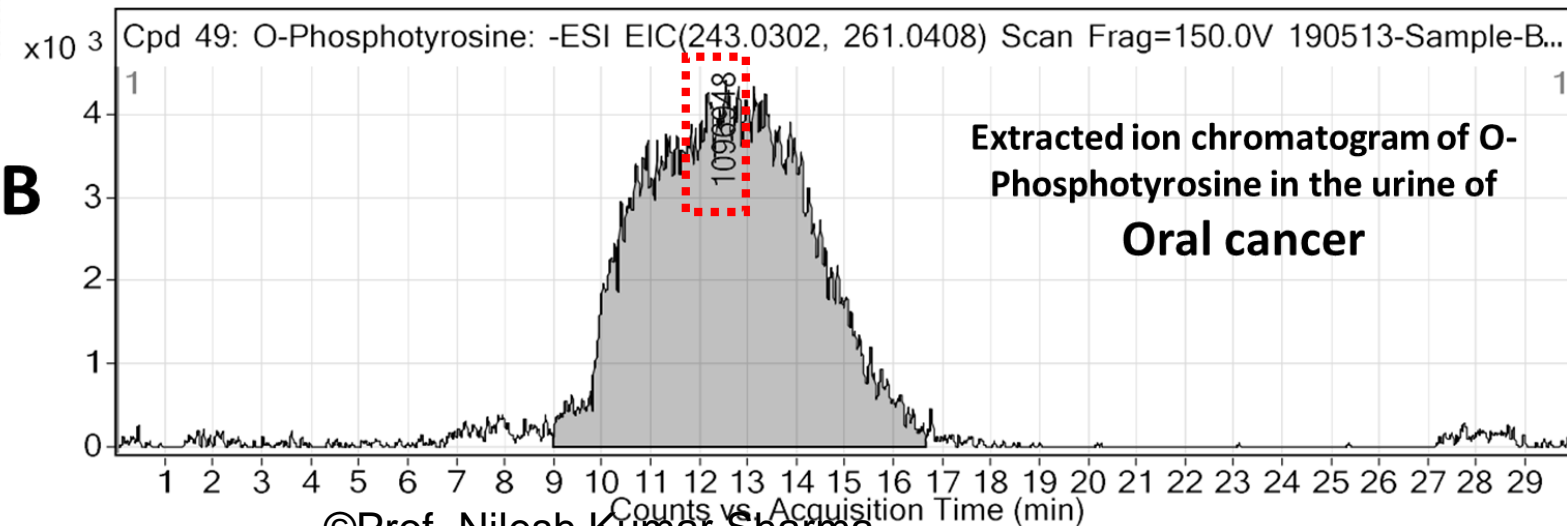
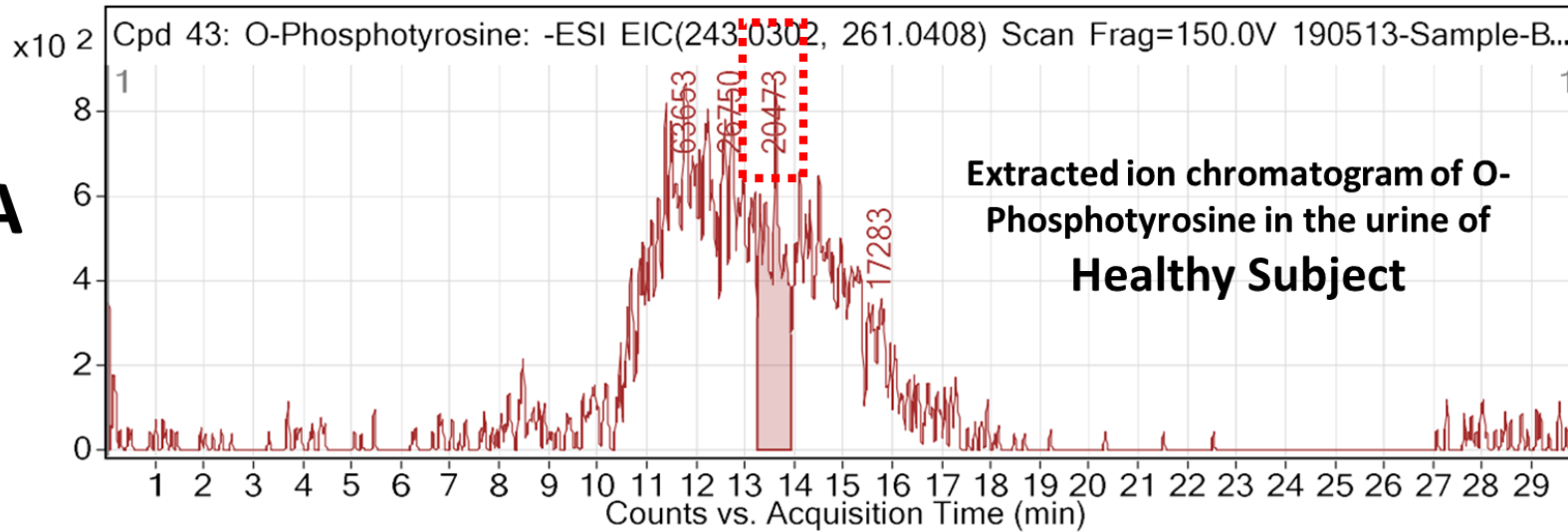


Figure: LC-HRMS profile of VTGE purified urine of oral cancer indicates elevated level of **phosphotyrosine** over healthy

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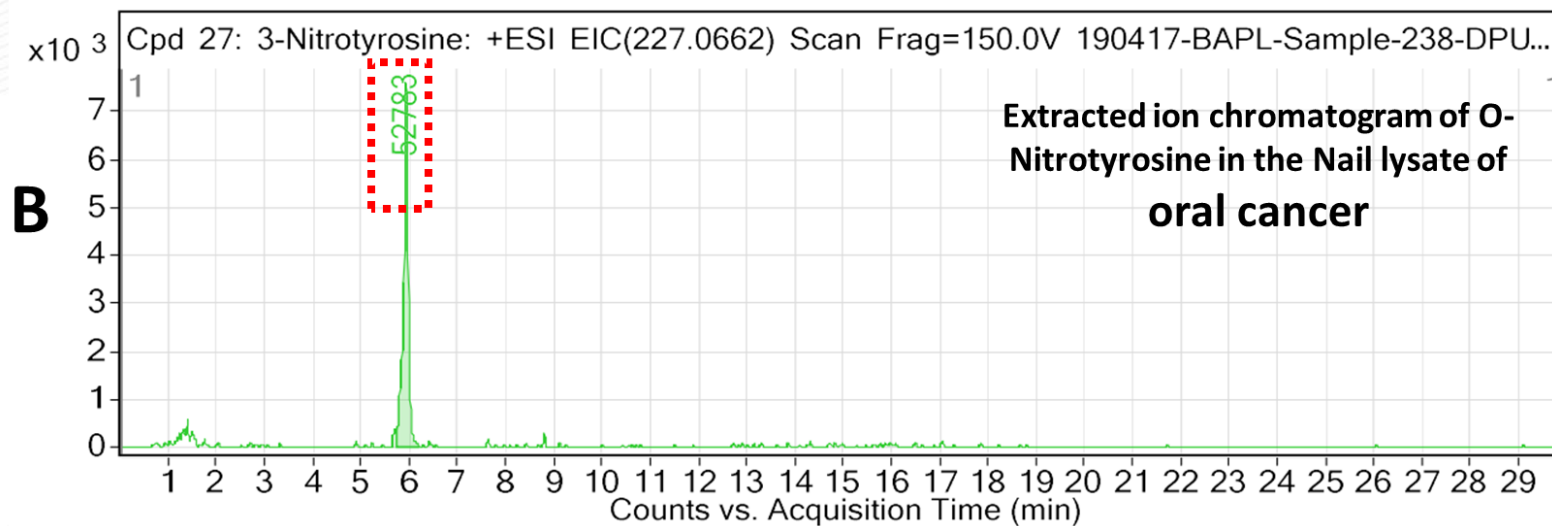
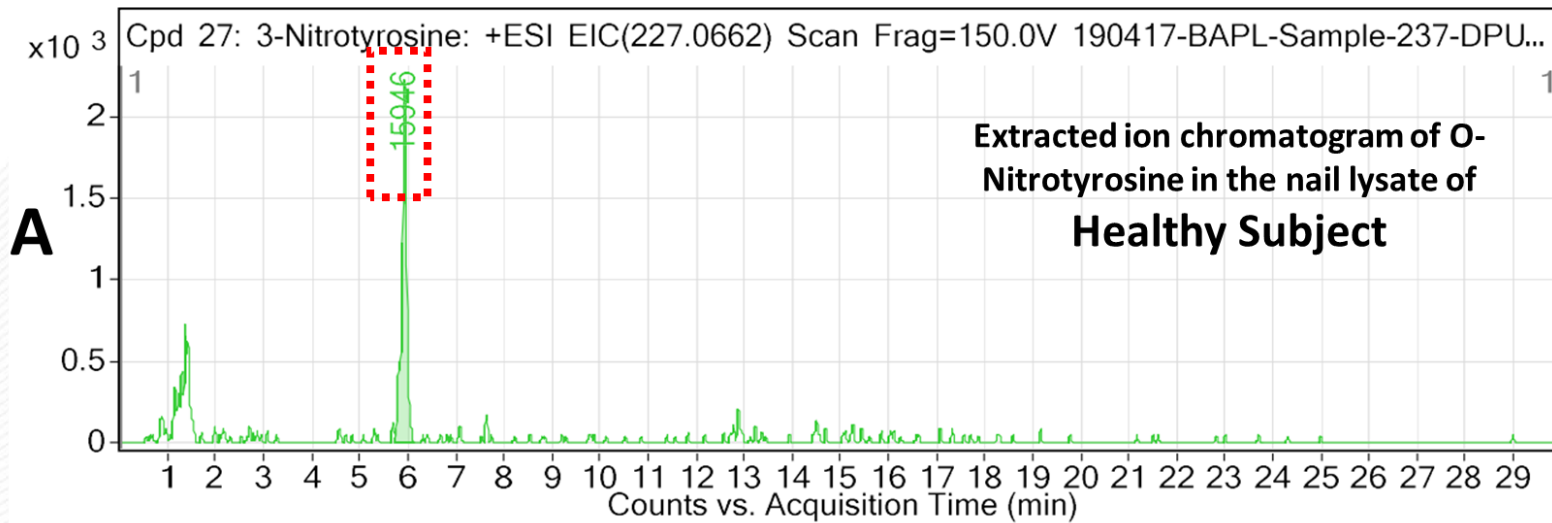


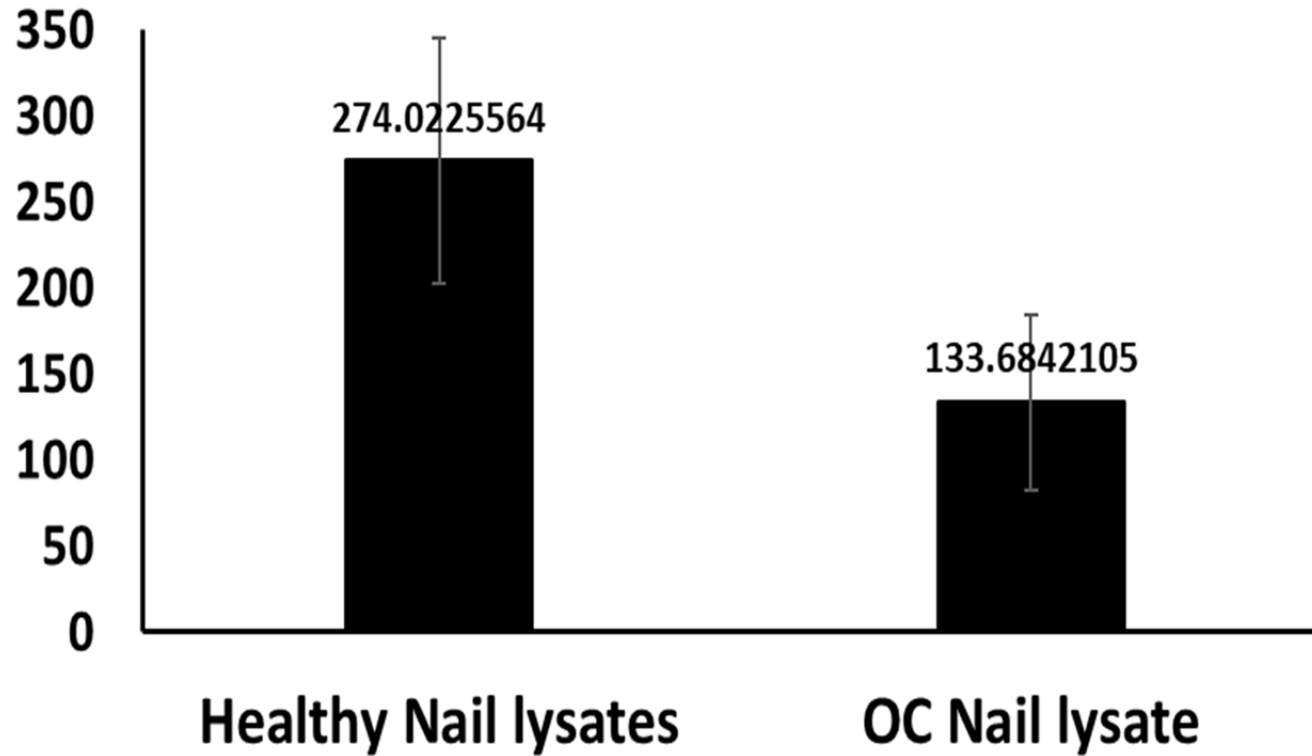
Figure: LC-HRMS profile of VTGE purified nail lysates of oral cancer indicates elevated level of **Nitrotyrosine** over healthy

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# Reduced level of tyrosine, high modified Tyrosine in cancer

Level of free tyrosine in the nail lysates by modified Lowry assays of VTGE purified elutes



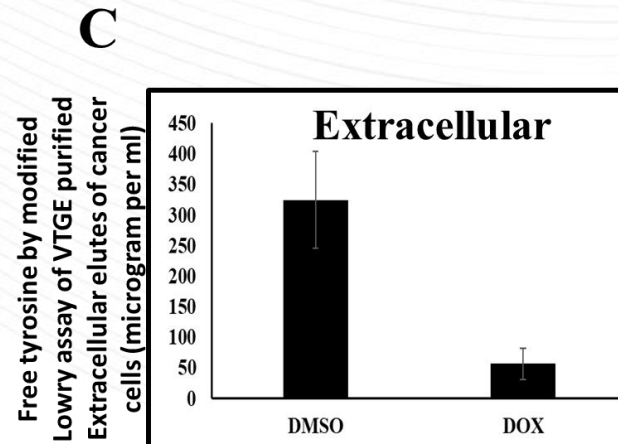
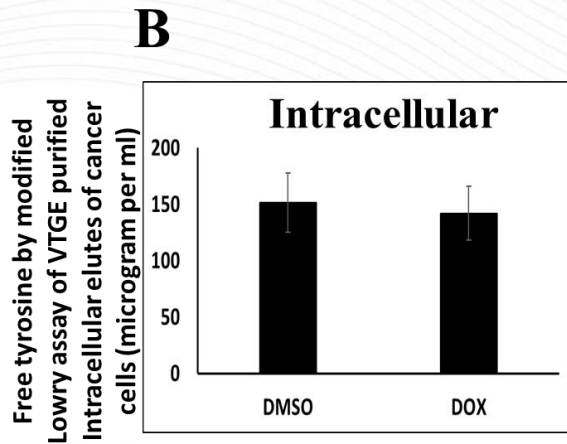
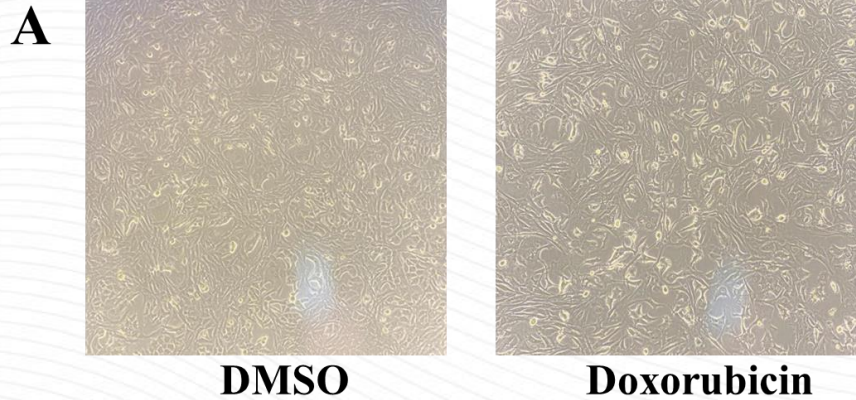
**Figure: In-house developed novel Free tyrosine 96-well plate colorimetric assay suggest reduced amount of free tyrosine in the nail lysates of oral cancer patients.**

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# Reduced level of tyrosine, high modified Tyrosine in cancer



**Figure:** We extended the relevance of In-house developed novel Free tyrosine 96-well plate colorimetric assay to estimate the level of tyrosine in cell culture model and suggest that DOX induced cell death lead to high intake of tyrosine over control.



# Reduced level of tyrosine, high modified Tyrosine in cancer

Mimetics of Tyrosine	Binding Affinity	Total no. of bonds	No. of H-bonds	Binding Amino acids(H-bonds)	Distance of H-bonds
Phospho Tyrosine (Known Ligand)	-6.1	7	4	<u>GLU 849 (2 H-BONDS), VAL 851, SER 854, ILE 848, ILE 932, ASP 810, ASP 933</u>	2.40, 2.28, 2.66, 2.23
MITRO1	-6.7	10	4	<u>LYS 802, ASP 810 (2 H-bonds), CYS 838, ILE 848, ILE 932, ILE 800, PRO 778, MET 772</u>	2.33, 2.70, 3.02, 3.09
MITRO2	-7.9	9	3	<b>VAL 851, MET 922, ILE 932, TRP 780, ILE 848, GLU 849, TYR 836</b>	<b>2.16, 2.54, 2.21</b>
MITRO3	-6.3	7	3	<u>ASP 915, ARG 916, PRO 953, VAL 955</u>	2.32, 3.01, 1.97
MITRO4	-6.8	7	2	<u>VAL 851, TYR 836, ILE 848, ILE 800, LYS 802, PHE 930, GLU 849</u>	2.93, 2.25
MITRO5	-6.5	6	3	<u>VAL 851, SER 854 (2 H-bonds),</u>	1.84, 2.27, 2.39
Known Inhibitor of PI3K (buparlisib)	-9.3	9	3	<u>GLN1014, ASP1018 LYS943</u>	2.40, 2.28, 2.66, 2.23

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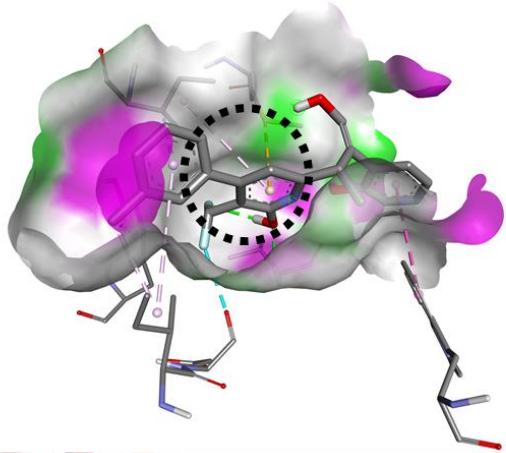
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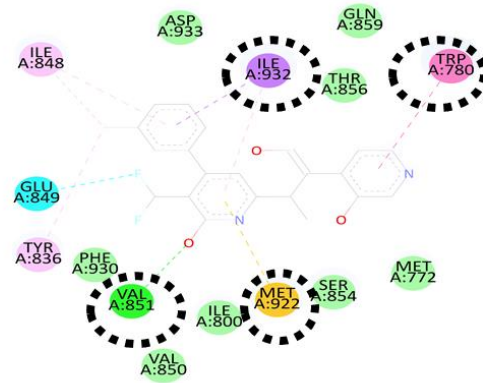
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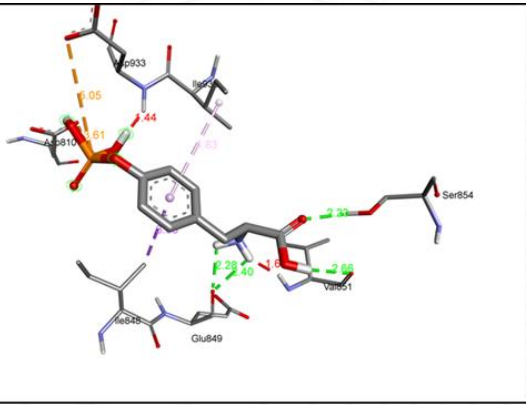
- van der Waals
- Conventional Hydrogen Bond
- Halogen (Fluorine)
- Pi-Sigma
- Pi-Sulfur
- Pi-Pi T-shaped
- Alkyl
- Pi-Alkyl

**Figure: Designed novel MITRO2 displayed specific and strong binding as an inhibitor of PI3K enzyme. VAL851 and MET922 are known for their role in the inhibitory pocket.**

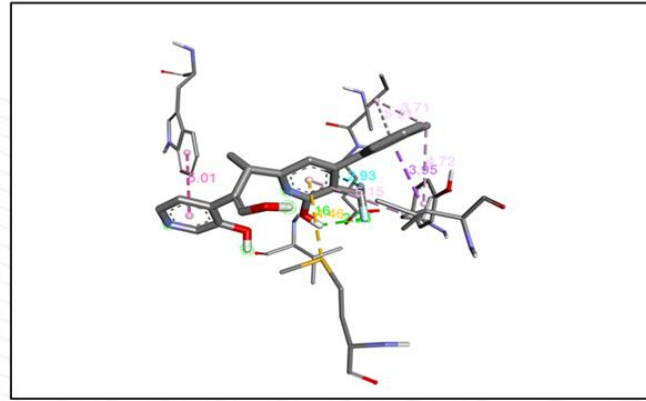
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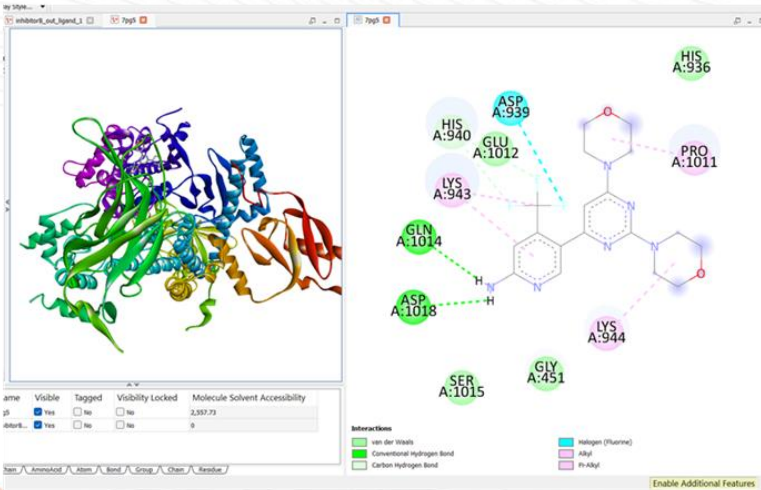


**A known ligand Phospho-tyrosine**  
(Binding affinity)= -6.1 kcal/mol



**Designed Tyrosine mimetic (MITRO2)**  
(Binding affinity)= -7.9 kcal/mol

**Figure: Computation approaches suggest the Designed novel MITRO2 is comparable with known ligand and inhibitors in terms of binding affinity and specific binding pocket.**



**A known inhibitor (Binding affinity)= -9.3 kcal/mol**

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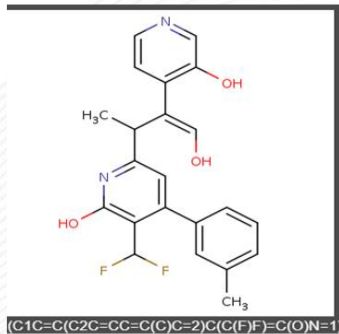




# Reduced level of tyrosine, high modified Tyrosine in cancer

## Designed Tyrosine mimetic (MITRO2)

CC(C=C(O)C1=CC(O)=NC=C1)C1=NC(O)=C(C(F)F)C=C1)C1=CC(C)=CC=C1



Query	Liver Toxicity		Metabolism						Membrane Transporters			Others			MRTD (mg/day)	
	DILI	Cyto-toxicity	HLM	Cyp Inhibitors for						BBB	P-gp Inhibitor	P-gp Substrate	hERG Blocker	MMP		AMES
				1A2	3A4	2D6	2C9	2C19								
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## A known inhibitor Buparlisib

### Buparlisib

PubChem CID: 16654980

Structure:

ADMET PREDICTIONS

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**Figure: ADMET profile predicts better properties in terms of toxicity and carcinogenicity over a known inhibitor of PI3K.**



- Cellular metabopsy to profile intracellular and extracellular metabolites from fluids, cells and tissues lysates assisted VTGE and in-house 96-well plate colorimetric assays may be useful for diagnostic biomarkers and better understanding of metabolic changes in cancer cells.
- **MITRO as a mimetic to modulate tyrosine metabolism as an inhibitor of PI3K enzyme may be explored as a component of combinatorial anticancer therapies along with PTX.**
- The proposed in-house in-house 96-well plate colorimetric assays for the estimation of free form of Tyrosine with modification of conventional Lowry Assay is a novel and first of kind to measure the amount of tyrosine in cells, tissues and biological fluids.
- **Proposed approaches and methodologies can be extended to other cancer types and anticancer drugs.**

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