



# **Multiparameteranalytik für die moderne DNA-Diagnostik**

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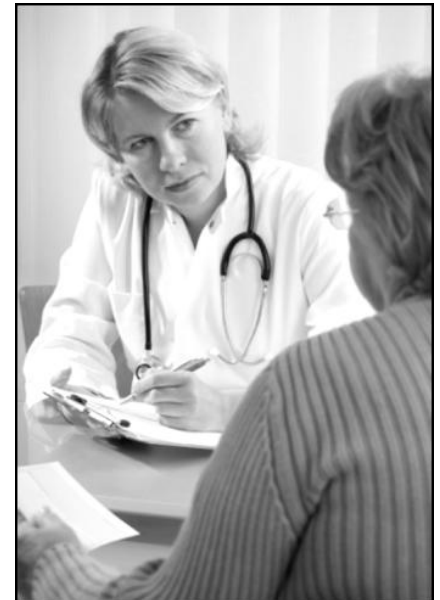
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# PÄRMENIDes

INITIATIVE FÜR  
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# Introduction



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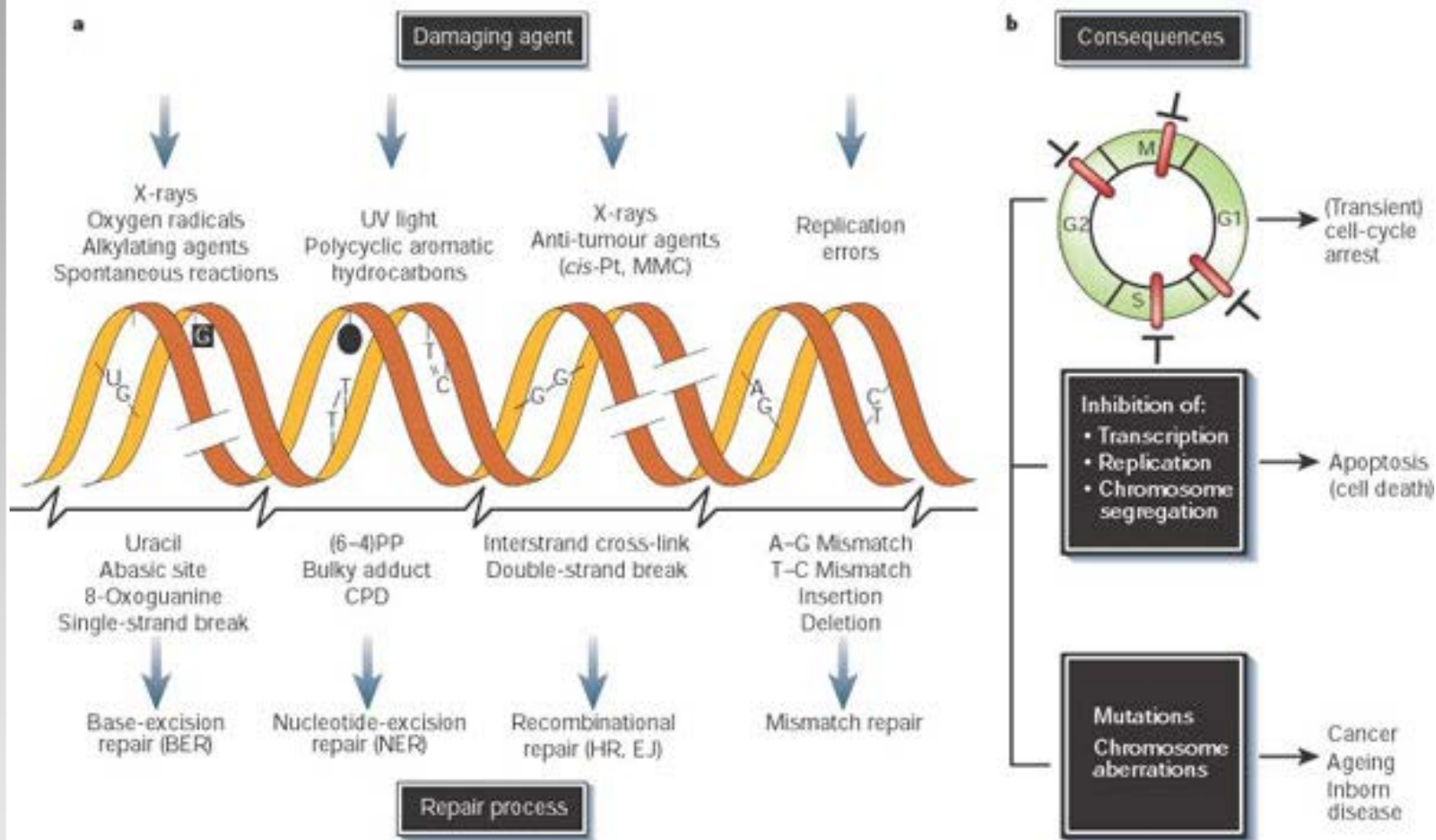
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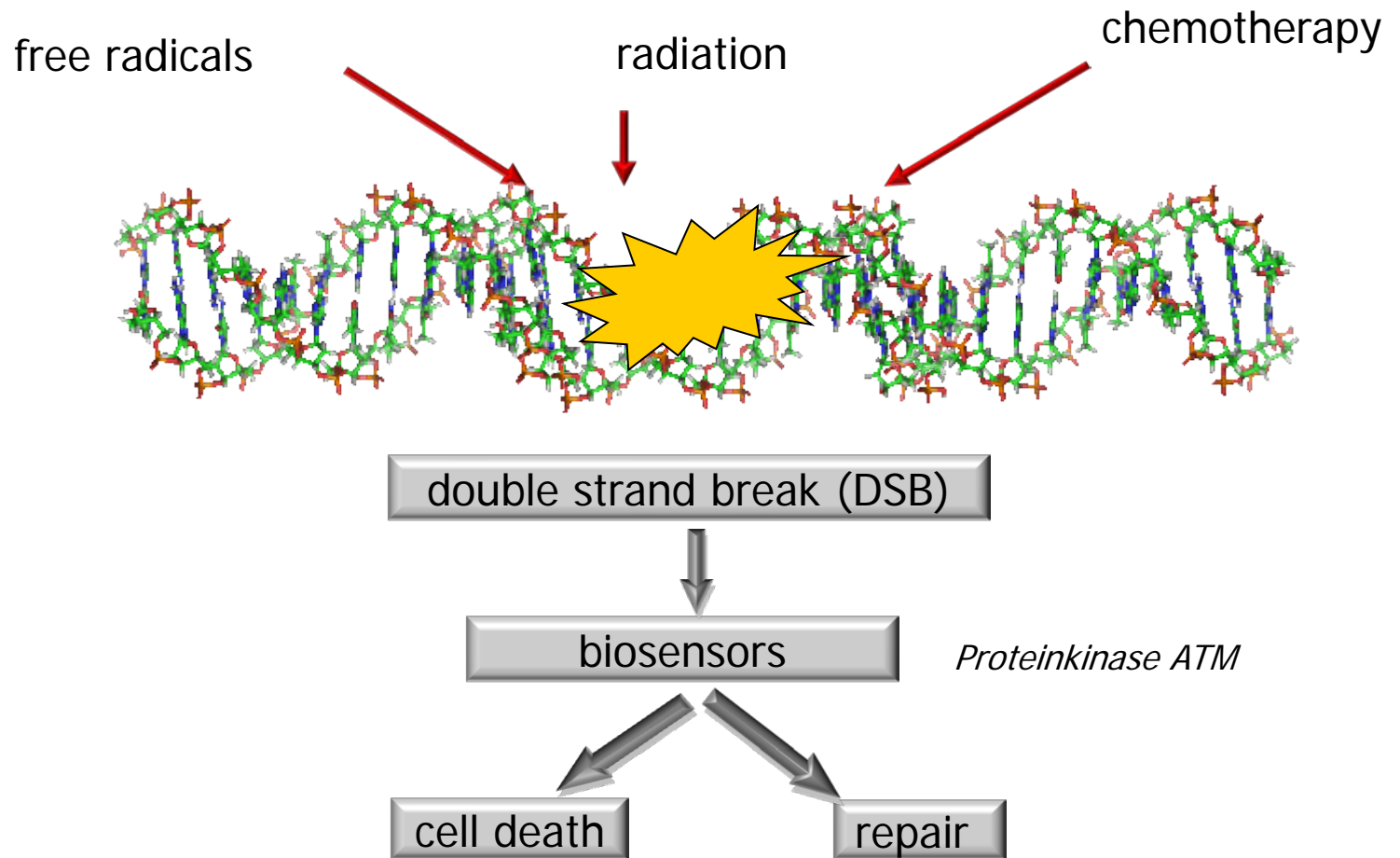
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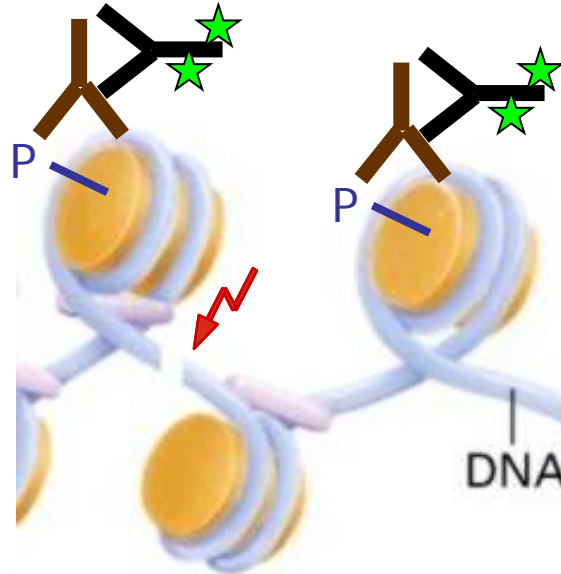
# Introduction

## Methods for detection of DNA damage

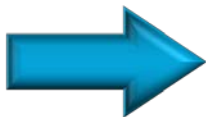
- ▶ Colony formation assays → clonogenic cell survival
- ▶ Comet assay → SSB, DSB
- ▶  $\gamma$ H2AX-assay → DSB

# Introduction

## $\gamma$ H2AX assay

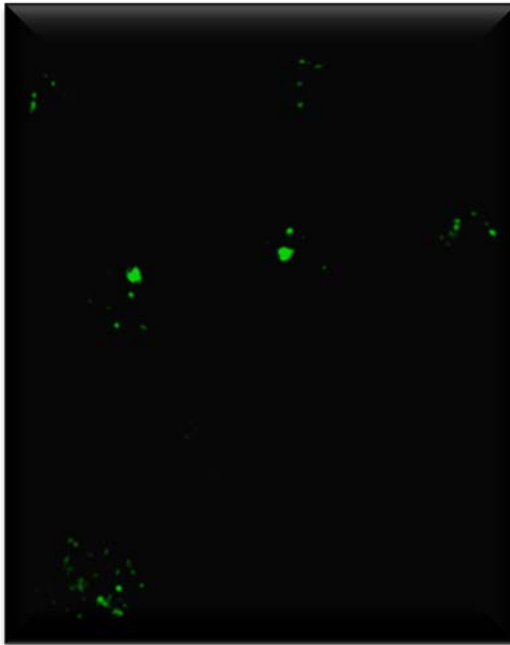


- Phosphorylation of histone subunit H2AX  $\Rightarrow$   $\gamma$ H2AX
- Recognition by specific antibodies
- Detection via fluorescence

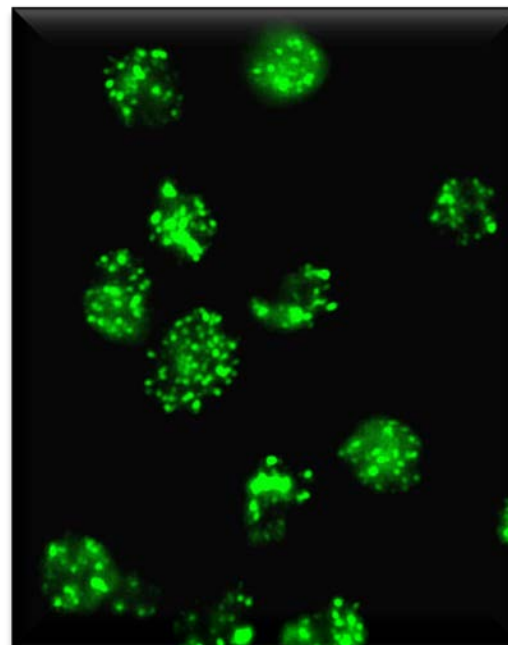


The  $\gamma$ H2AX Foci assay is the most sensitive and specific test available in the area of the detection of DSB at the moment.

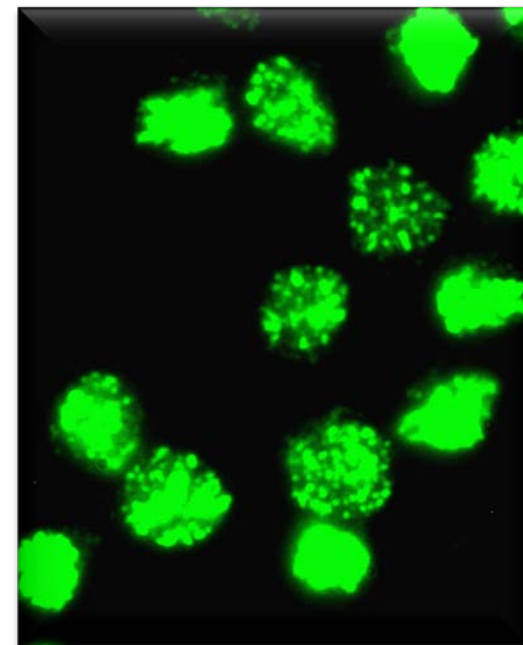
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Dose: 0 Gy  
(no radiation)



Dose: 2 Gy



Dose: 6 Gy

Recent status: manual evaluation (counting of the spots)  
*„The evaluation is time consuming and requires a lot of routine and experience.“*

**→ No standardisation, very subjective, no automatisation**



# Aim

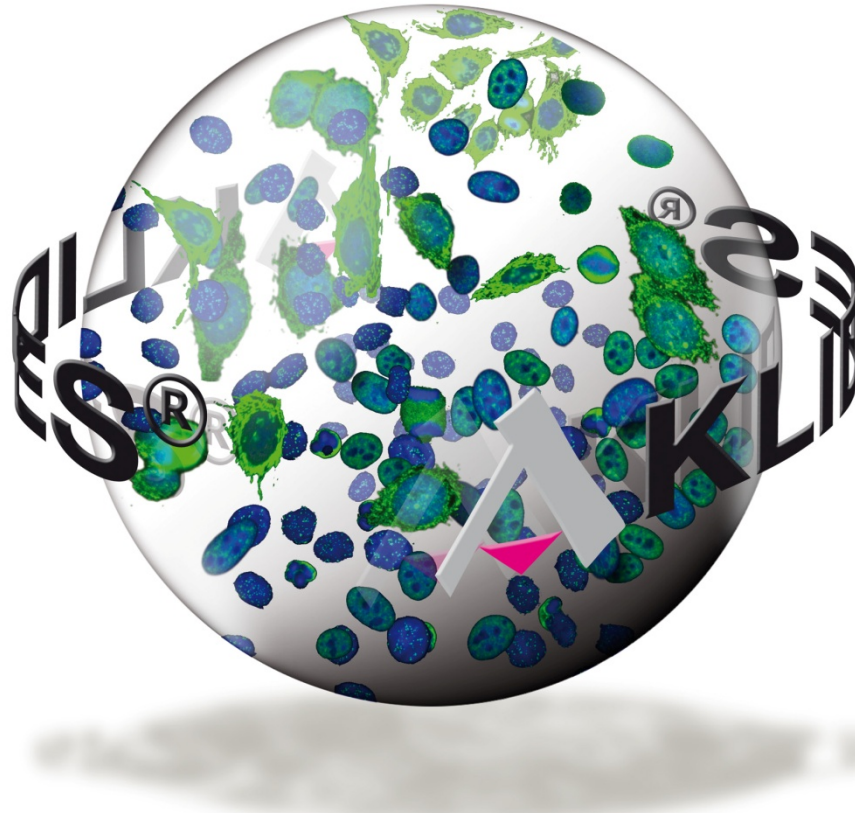
Goal: Fully automated evaluation of DSB via  $\gamma$ H2AX-foci assay

- ▶ To facilitate your workflow
- ▶ Standardisation for comparable and reproducible data
- ▶ Objectivity
- ▶ More flexibility

# AKLIDES® Technology



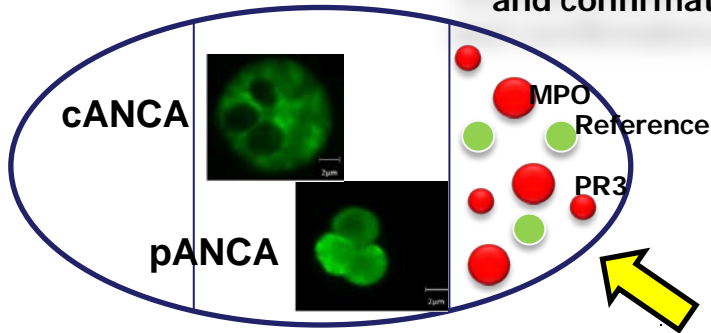
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## New innovative analysis platform technology

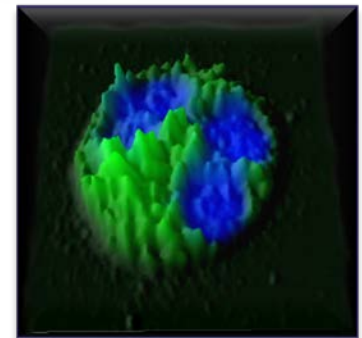
## Multiplexing

Simultaneous screening  
and confirmatory testing



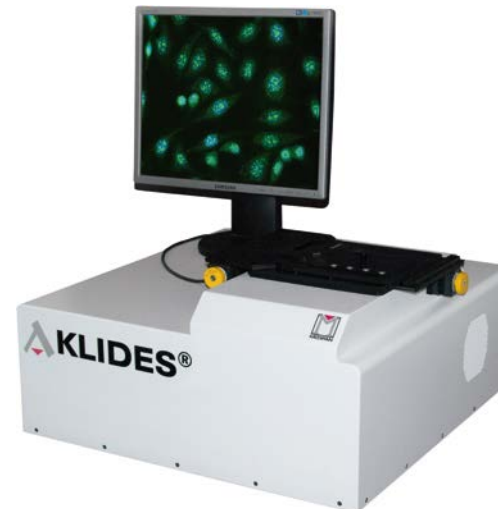
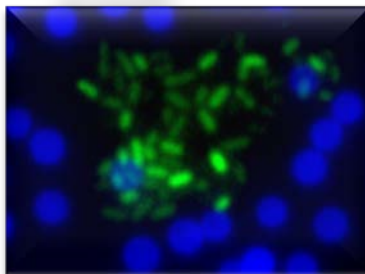
## Autoimmunity

Automation and  
standardization



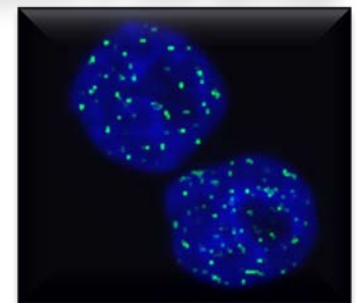
## Microbiology

Analysis of bacterial  
growth



## Oncology

Analysis of DNA damage



## Content of our HLC kit

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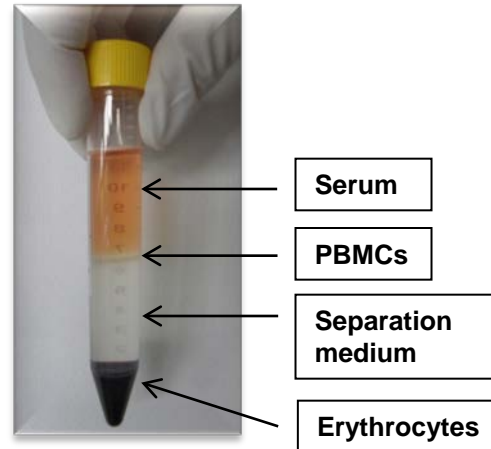
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# Isolation of lymphocytes

Blood sample

Isolation of the peripheral blood cells (PBMCs)



Fixation of the cells on slides

Permeabilization of the cells

Addition of the primary antibody

Addition of the secondary antibody with the fluorochrome

Automatic evaluation with the Aklides<sup>®</sup> system

# Method and Technology





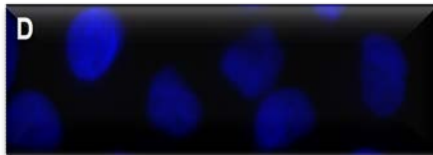
- ▶ **Image Generation**  
Fully automated control of x- and y-levels and fully automated focussing
- ▶ **Image Processing**  
Algorithms calculate antibody concentration via fluorescence intensity (arbitrary units = AU) and calculate fluorescence patterns
- ▶ **Analysis**  
Automatic generation of assay results
- ▶ **Image Storage**  
Assures digital archiving of the results over years.
- ▶ **Export Function**  
Image export via pdf- and excel-reports.





## Image Processing

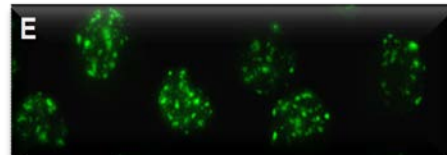
1. Excitation in  
DAPI channel



Focussing by  
permanent signal and  
cell/nucleus  
identification

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2. Excitation in  
FITC channel



Signal is depending on  
immunocomplex  
(Determination of  
intensity)

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Overlay of both  
pictures

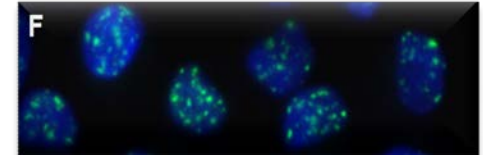
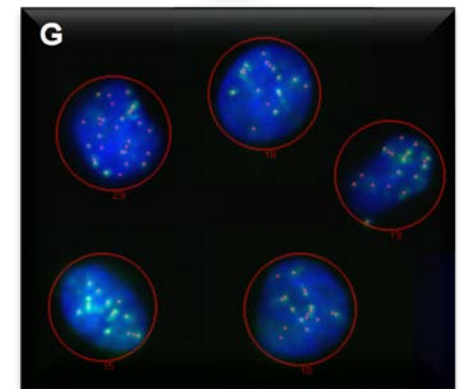


Image generation,  
localisation of signal,  
foci determination



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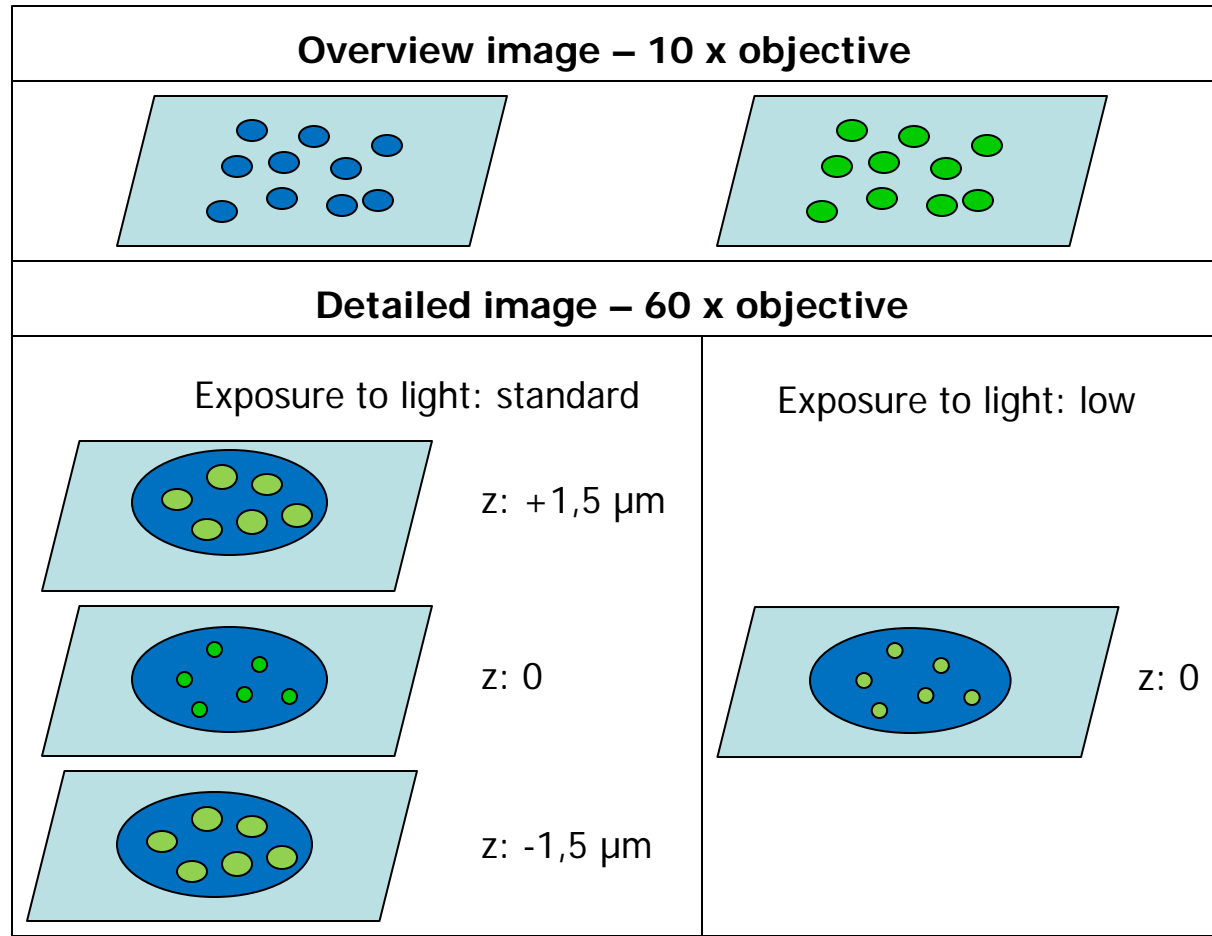
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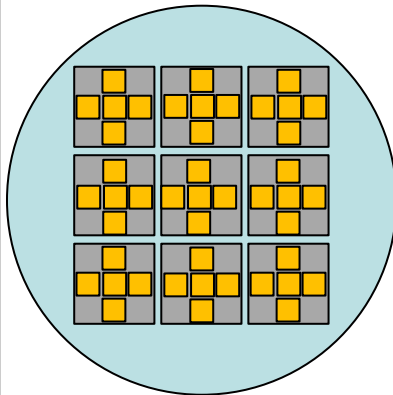
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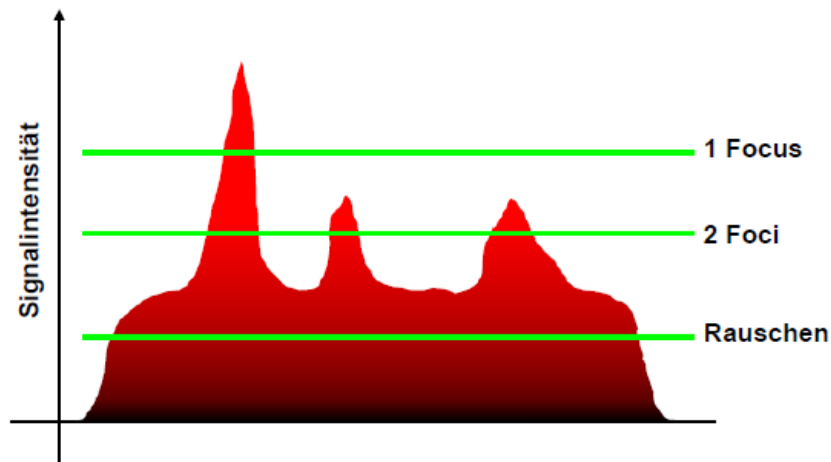
Slide



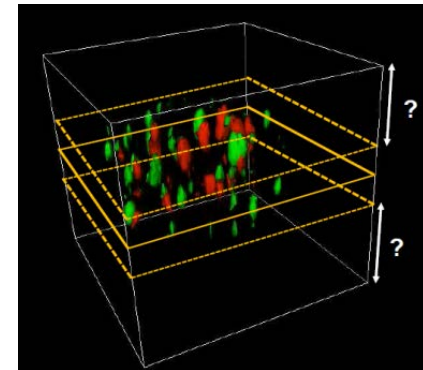
- 9 positions for measurement
- 5 scenes
- 3-7 focus levels per scene
- up to 1000 cells counted



## Image Analysis



### Z-levels



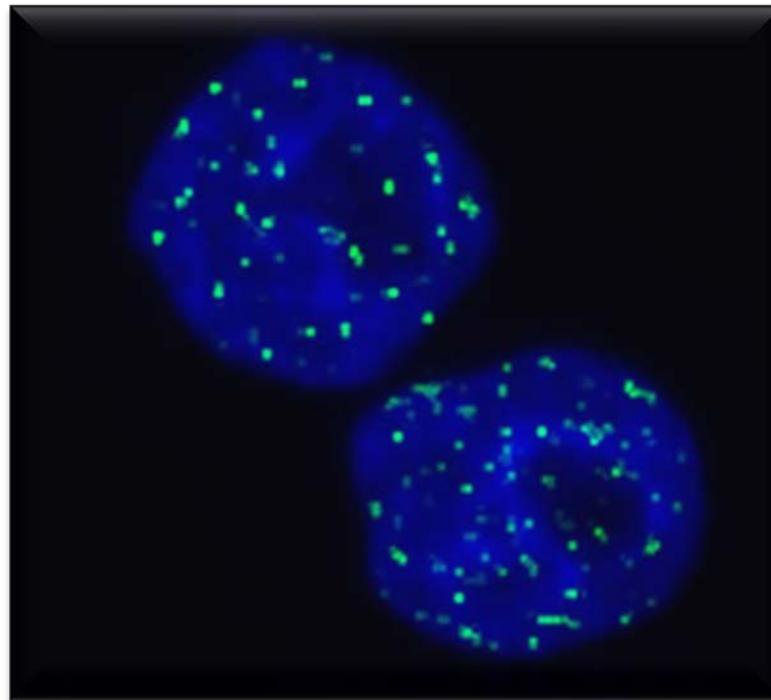
Default: 3 z-levels (lymphocytes).

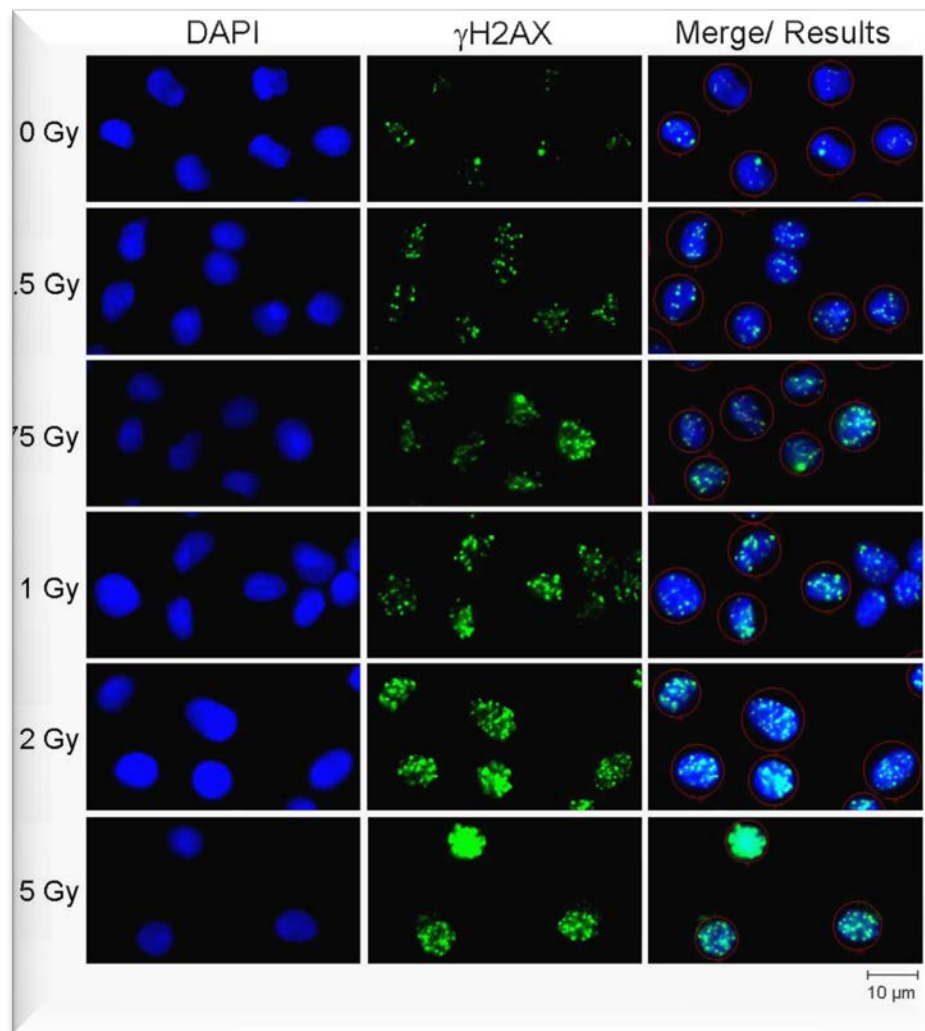
z-levels must be adapted for each cell line and could be increased.

# AKLIDES® Nuk

## Fully automated interpretation of ionizing radiation-induced $\gamma$ H2AX foci by the novel pattern recognition system AKLIDES®

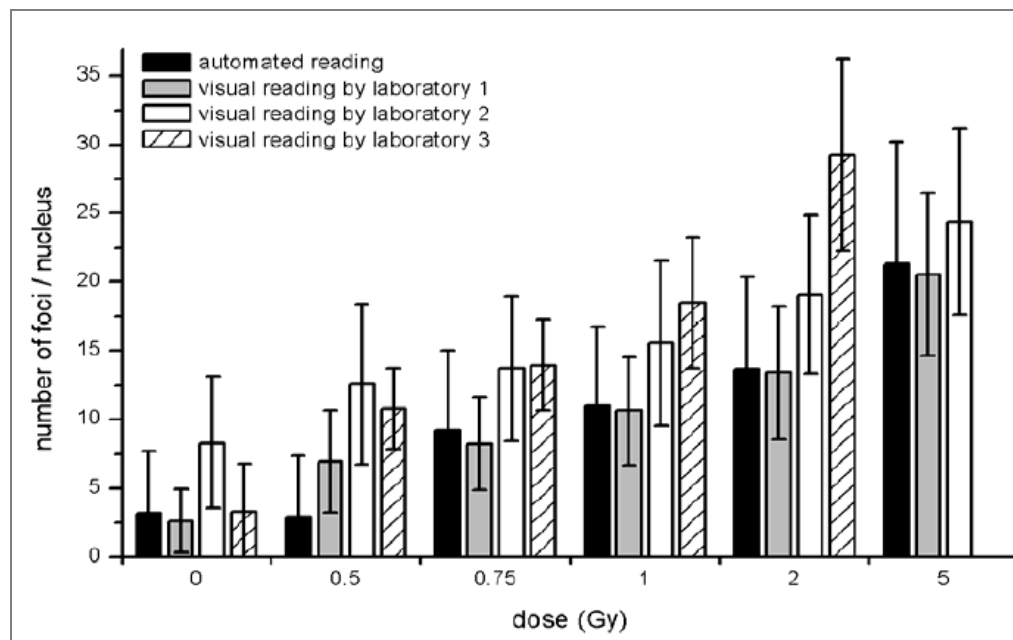
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## Comparison of automatic and visual analysis by three different laboratories



R.Runge et al., Int J Radiat Biol 2012

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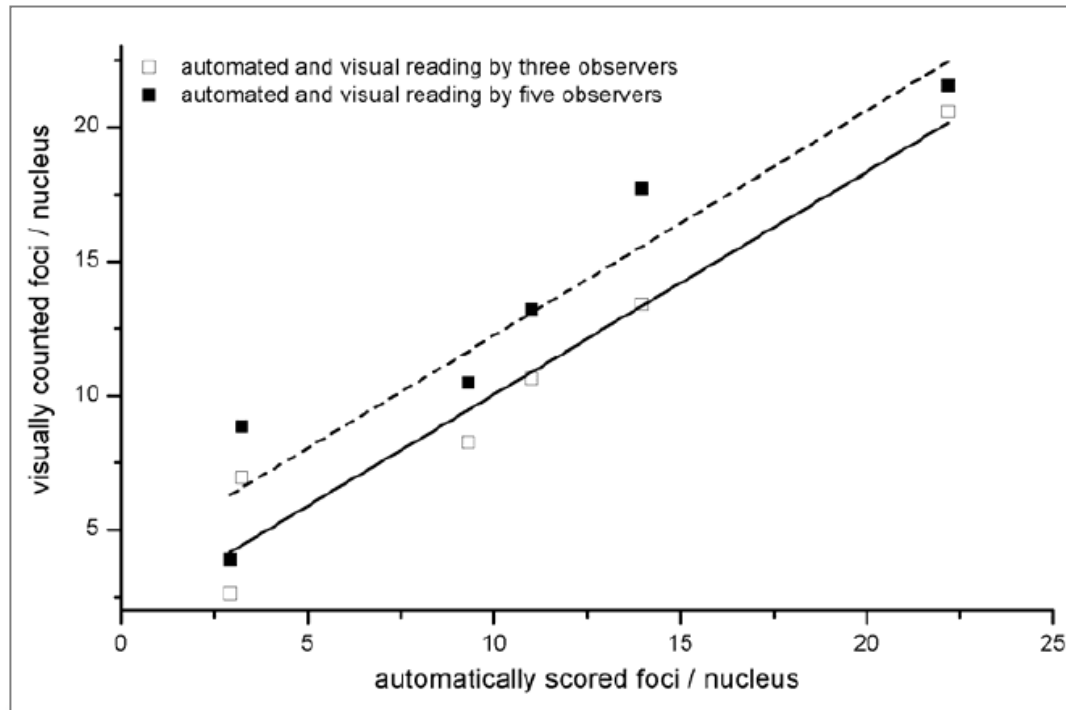
# Results

- ▶ **Good correlation between  $\gamma$ H2AX-foci and doses**
- ▶ **High variability between the three visual analyses**
- ▶ **Good correlation between visual and automatic analysis**

# Results



## Comparison of automatic and visual analysis by three different laboratories



□ Laboratory 1 and automatic →  $R^2 = 0.931$

□ Laboratories 1, 2, 3 and automatic →  $R^2 = 0.889$

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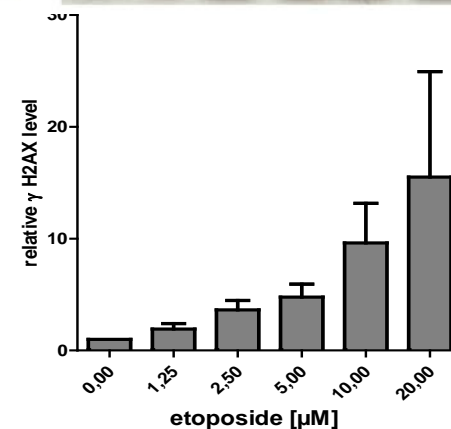
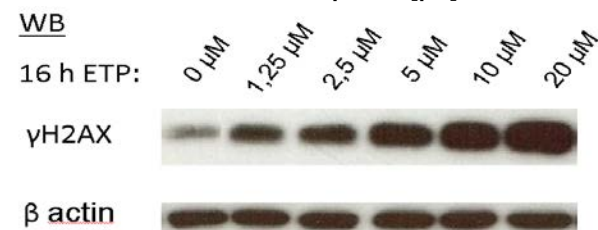
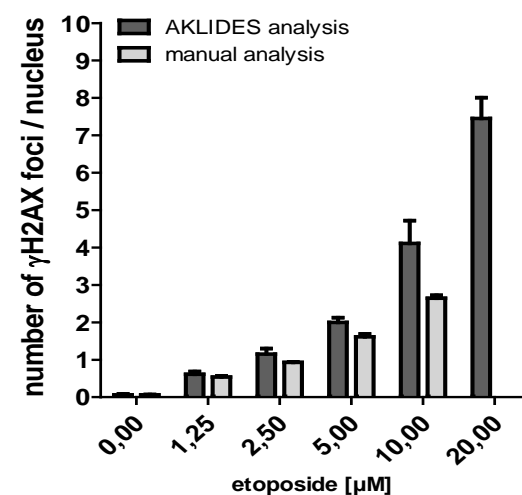
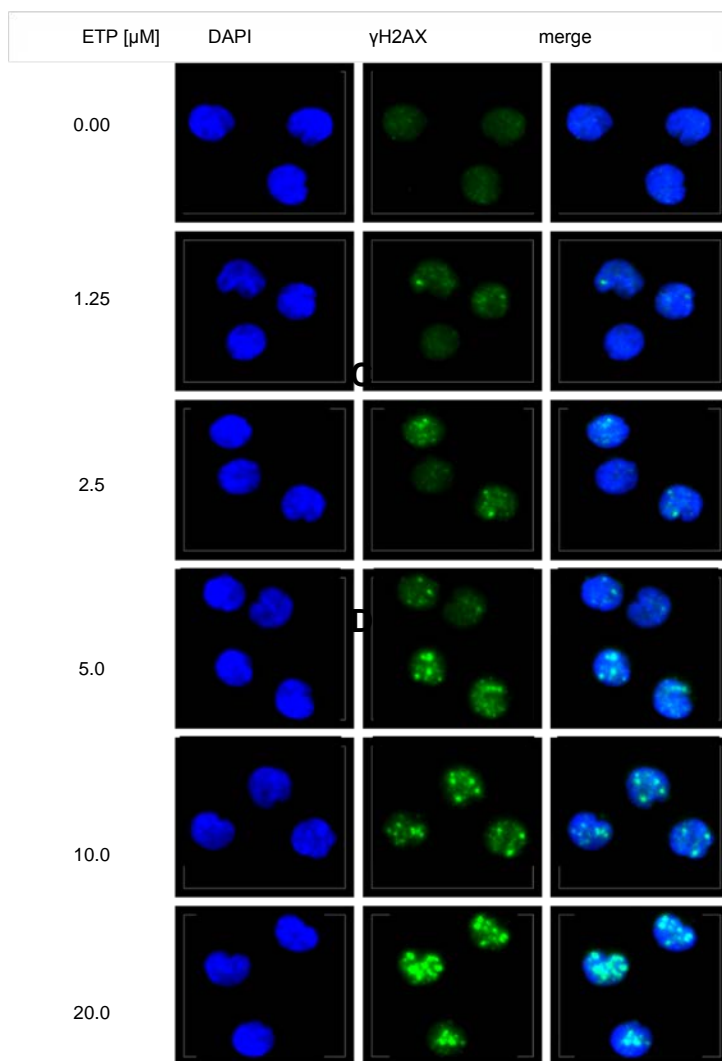
## Cytometry

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# Fully Automated Analysis of Chemically Induced $\gamma$ H2AX Foci in Human Peripheral Blood Mononuclear Cells by Indirect Immunofluorescence

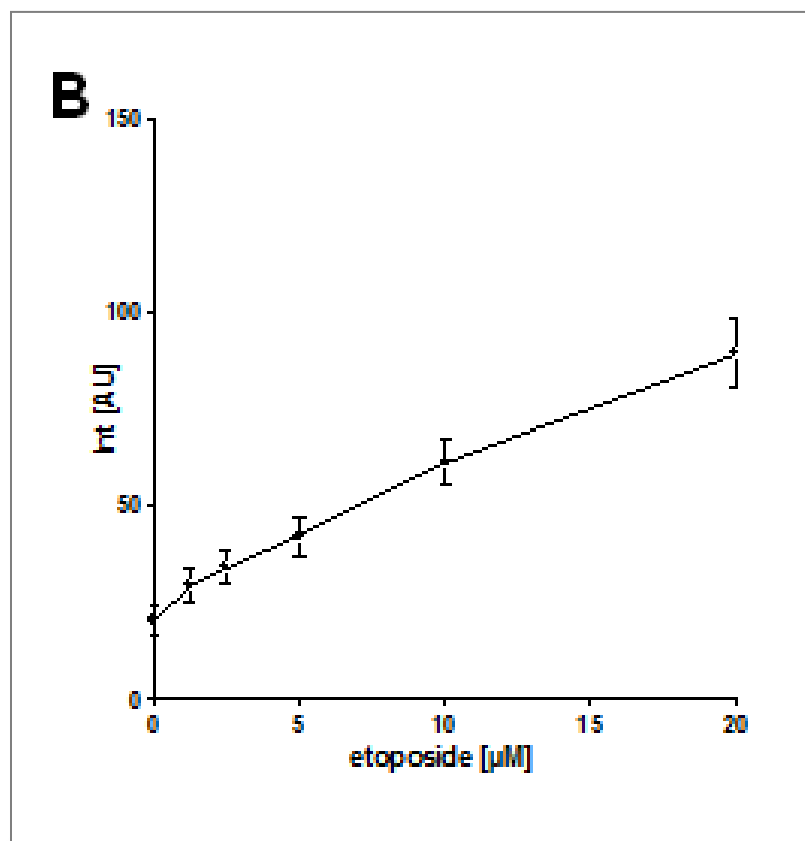
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# Results



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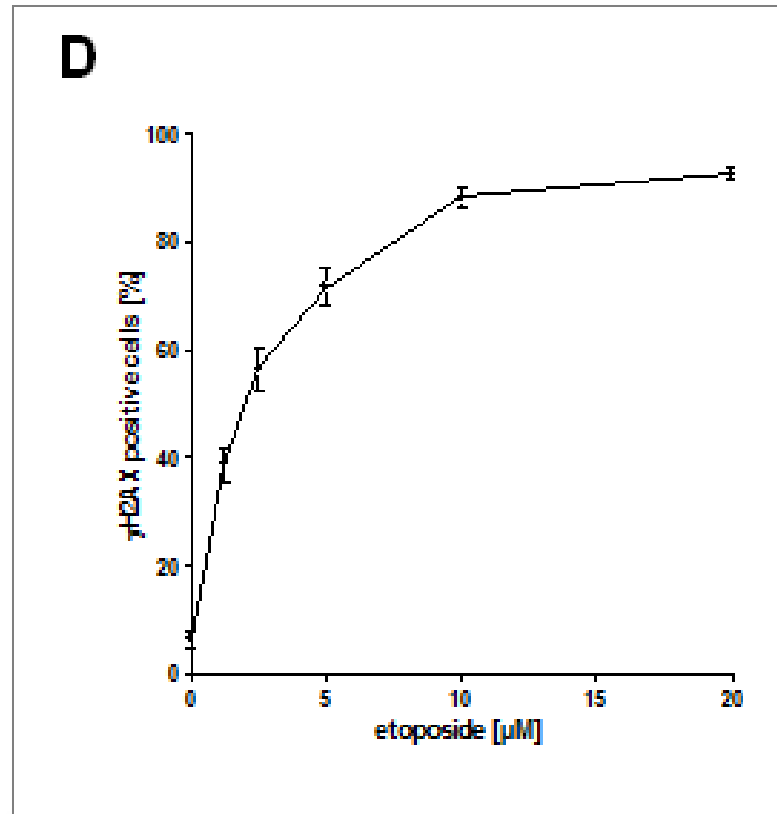
Automatic  $\gamma$ H2AX foci analysis of PBMCs treated with indicated concentrations of etoposide (ETP) for 16 hours.



fluorescence intensity  
of etoposide treated  
cells.

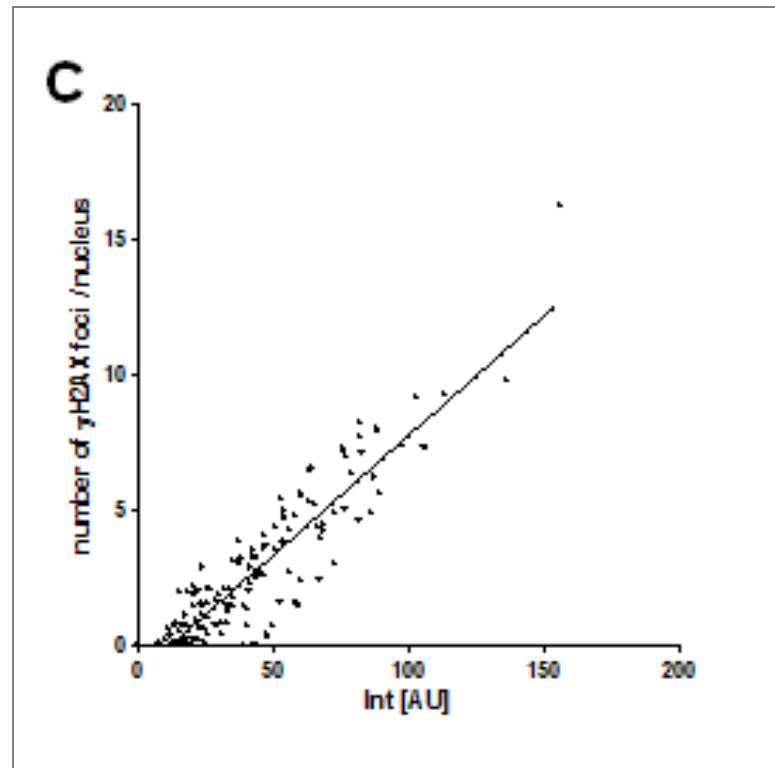


**Dose amount of  $\gamma$ H2AX foci positive cells after treatment with different concentrations of ETP**



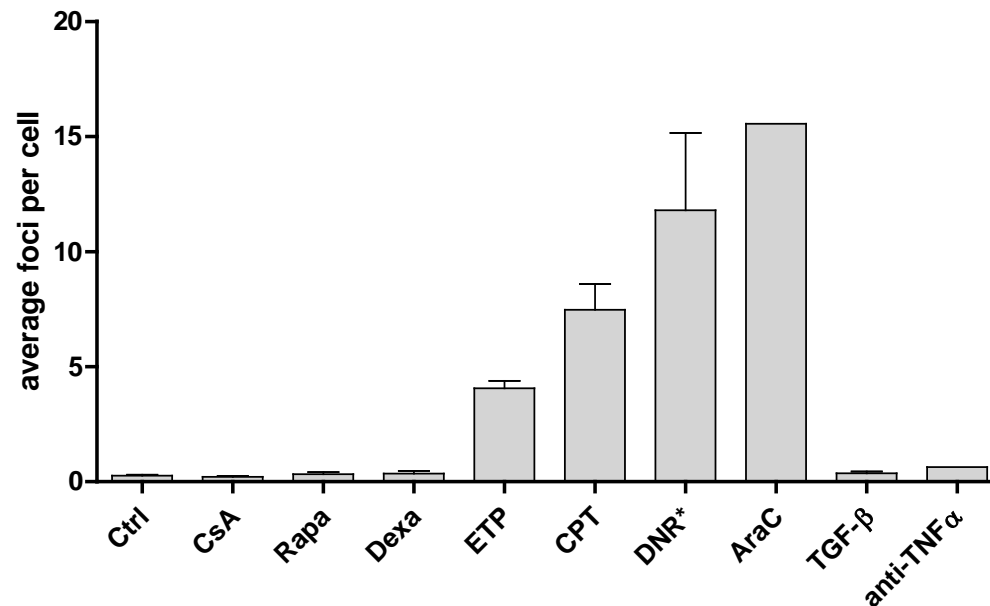


**Correlation between  $\gamma$ H2AX foci number per cell and average cell fluorescence intensity..**

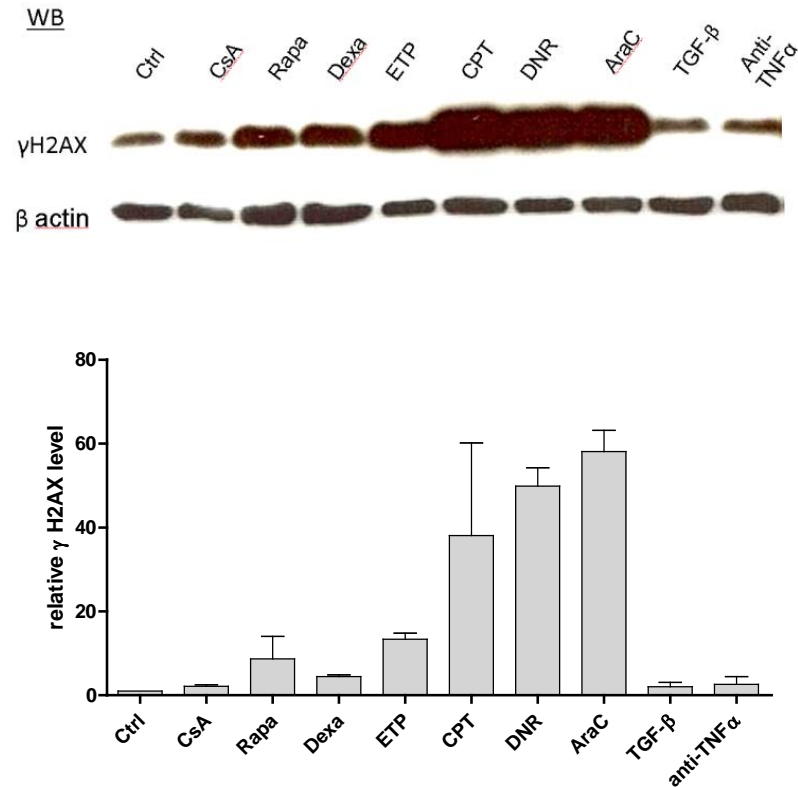


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## Immunofluorescence staining and quantification of $\gamma$ H2AX foci



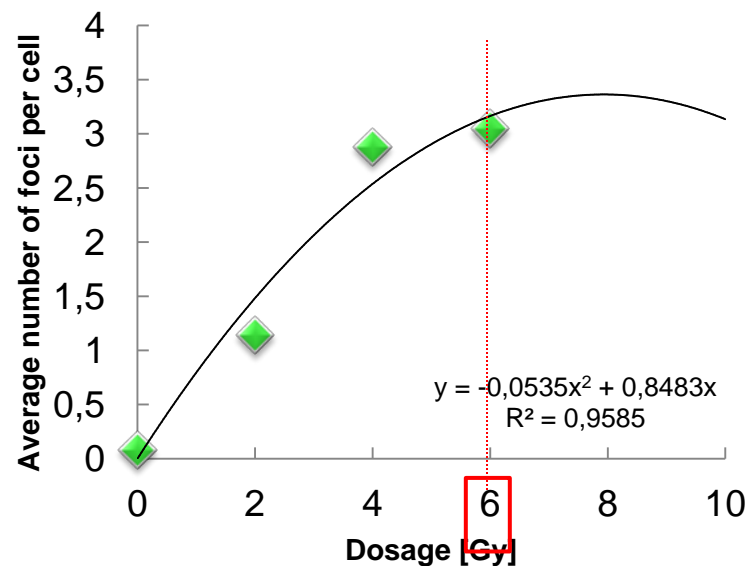
Induction of  $\gamma$ H2AX foci in PBMCs after treatment with different immunosuppressive reagents. PBMCs were treated over night with either 10  $\mu$ M cyclosporine A (CsA), rapamycin (Rapa), dexamethason (Dexa), etoposide (ETP), camptothecin (CPT), daunorubicin (DNR), cytarabin (AraC), 10 ng/ml active TGF- $\beta$ 1 or 100  $\mu$ g/ml anti-TNF- $\alpha$ .



**Determination of  $\gamma$ H2AX level in PBMC lysates normalized to  $\gamma$ H2AX level of untreated cells.**



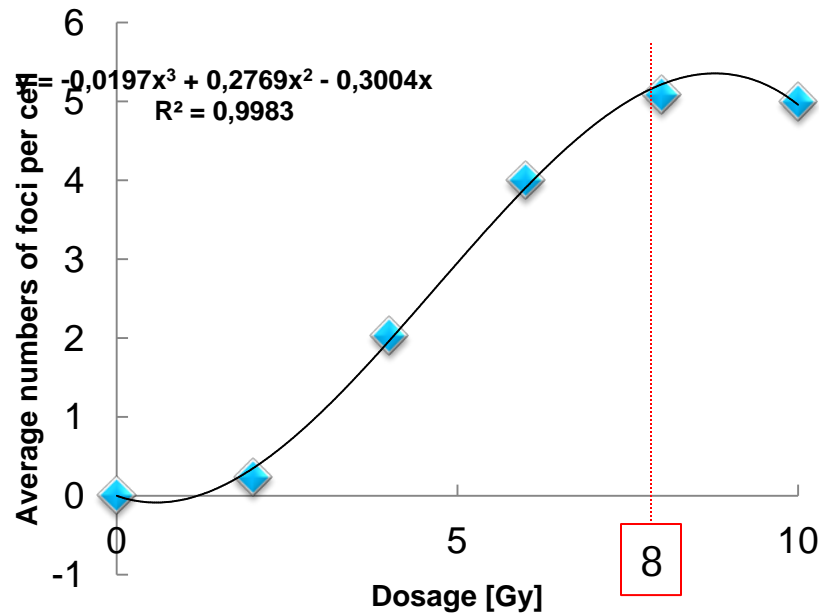
## Manual evaluation of foci





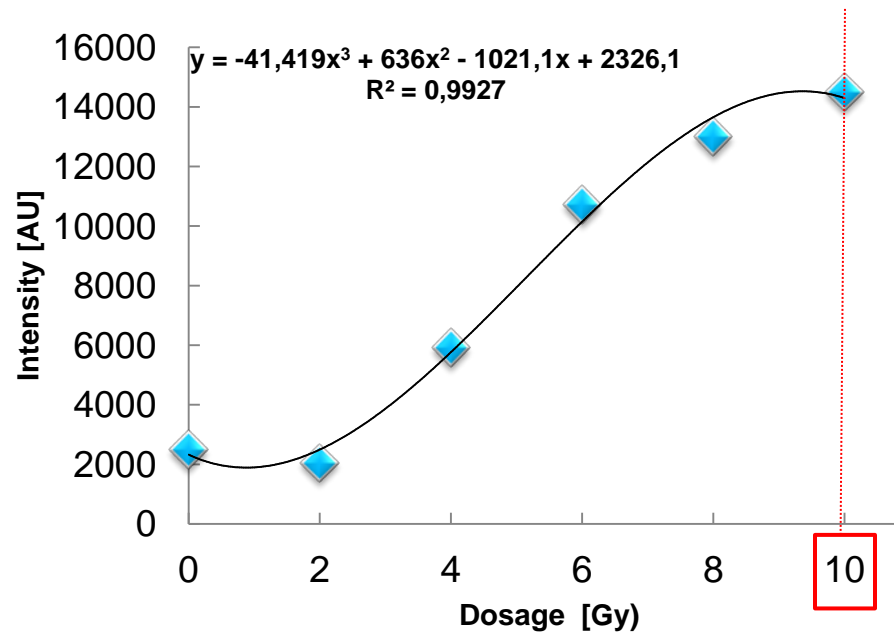


## Automatic evaluation of foci





## Automatic evaluation of foci





## Advantages of automatic reading with AKLIDES®

► **Results include 9 different parameters, which indicate cell damage:**

1. Number of cells counted
2. Average intensity per cell in [AU] = Total intensity
3. Average intensity of foci in [AU]
4. Average number of foci per cell



All results are given in Excel-format and PDF-format.

## Advantages of automatic reading with AKLIDES®



- 5. Overall numbers of foci in all cells counted
- 6. Number of cells with foci/double-strand breaks
- 7. Percentage of cells with foci = total damage
- 8. Average diameter of cells
- 9. Average diameter of foci



All results are given in Excel-format and PDF-format.

# Conclusions

## Advantages of automatic reading with AKLIDES®

- ▶ Integrated dark room
- ▶ Analysis of a well takes 6 minutes with  
100 enumerated cells → 4 to 5 times faster analysis time
- ▶ Time-, staff-, and cost-efficient

# Conclusions

## Advantages of automatic reading with AKLIDES®

- ▶ Sample specific reports in pdf. and csv. Formats
- ▶ Archiving of results (data base)
- ▶ Standardized analysis of  $\gamma$ H2AX foci in human lymphocytes, PCCL3, FaDu
- ▶ Colocalization with 53BP1 and other markers possible
- ▶ Adaptation available for all cells, cell lines and tissues

**A high throughput analysis is now possible !**



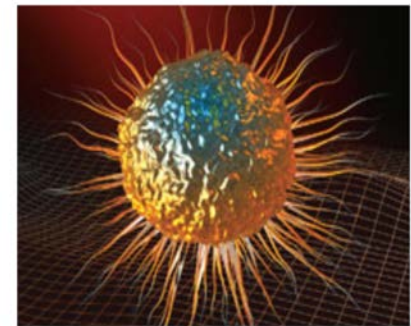
## 1 Peripheral Blood Mononuclear Cells PBMC's

Test for individual damage by radiation, e.g., stay in radioactive contaminated areas, flight personnel and other



## 2 Cell lines

Research : DNA repair, radio oncology, radiation biology  
Clinical application: individual radiation therapy of cancer patients





## Detection of genetic damage

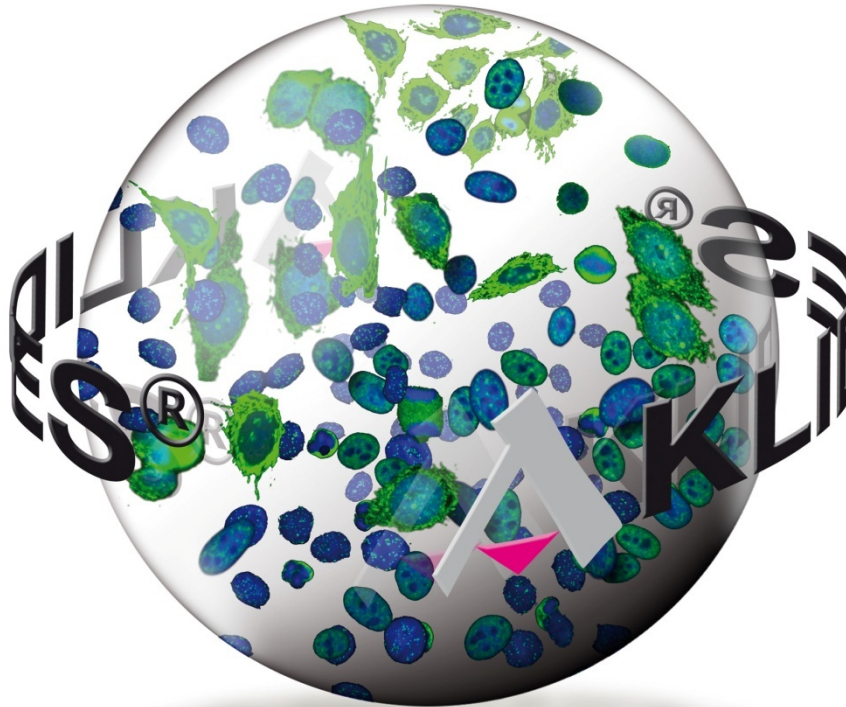
- ▶ Biological dosage measurement for X-ray investigations
  - in vivo quantified by lymphocytes  
*(Radiation sensitive people show more DSB)*
- ▶ Tissue specific biomarker for the susceptibility of the DNA
  - basic research in knockout-mice
- ▶ Pharmacological research
  - screening of substances
- ▶ Aging research







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