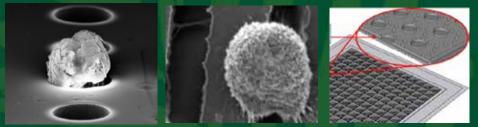


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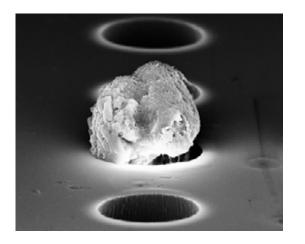




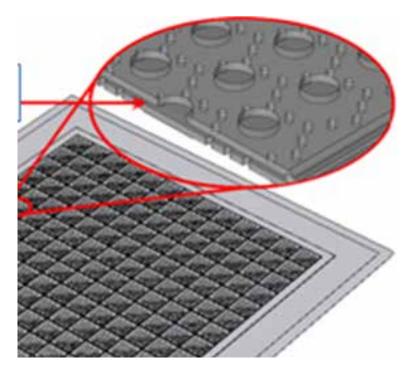
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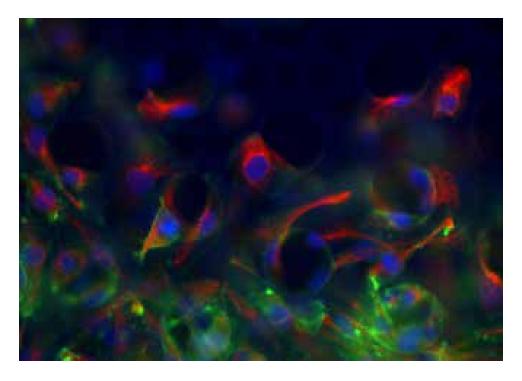
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NextGen Microfilter Technology for Capture of Viable CTC

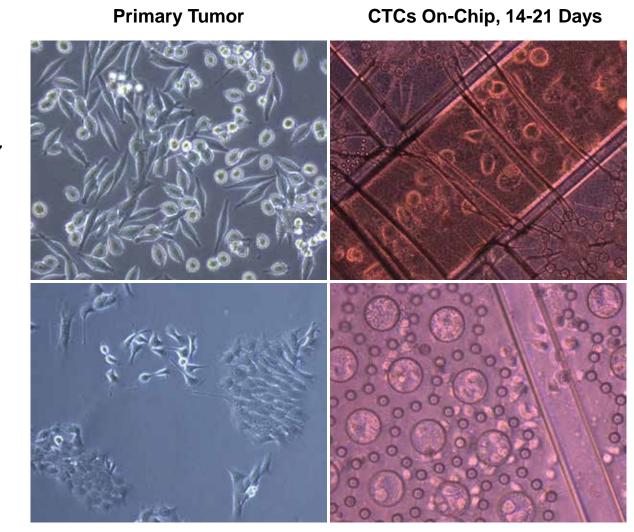


Reduction in the sample flow rate (200ml/hr to 75ml/hr) and changes to the pore architecture ('slot' pores and double membrane microfilters) circumvent the requirement for fixation in 1% formalin, permitting the capture of *viable CTC* for functional characterization





4T1 and 4T07 Primary Tumors and CTCs in Culture

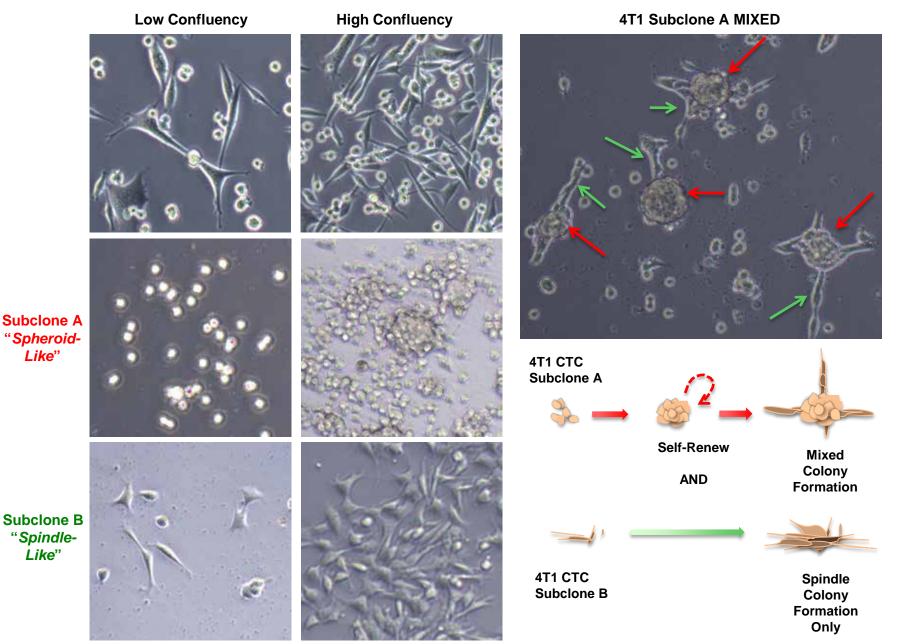


CTCs were successfully recovered from 1/3 (33%) of mice in both groups

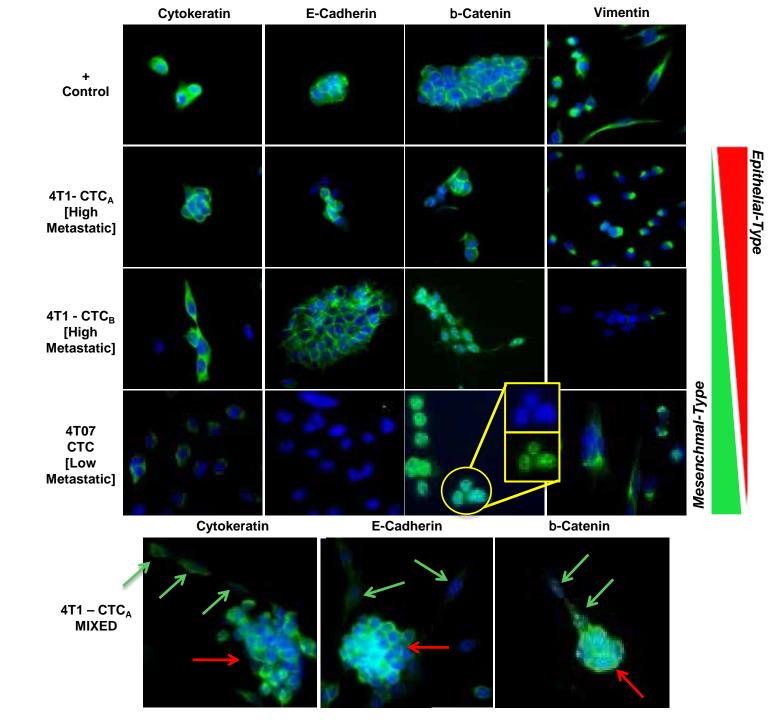
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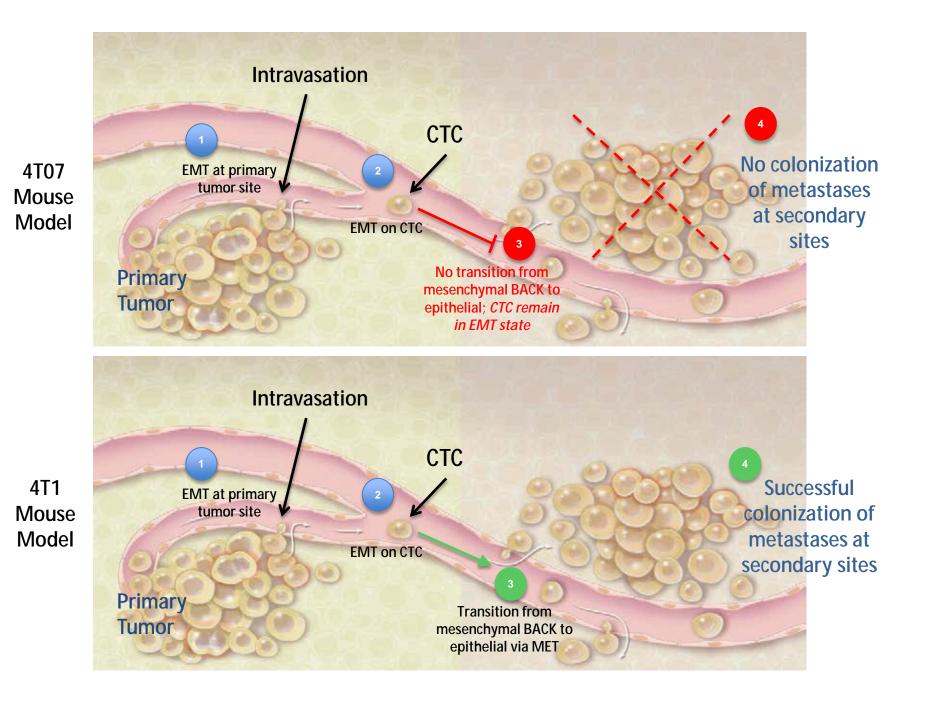
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4T1 CTCs Demonstrate The Existence of Two Morphologic Subclones: "Spheroid-Like" and "Spindle-Like"



Subclone B "Spindle-Like"





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