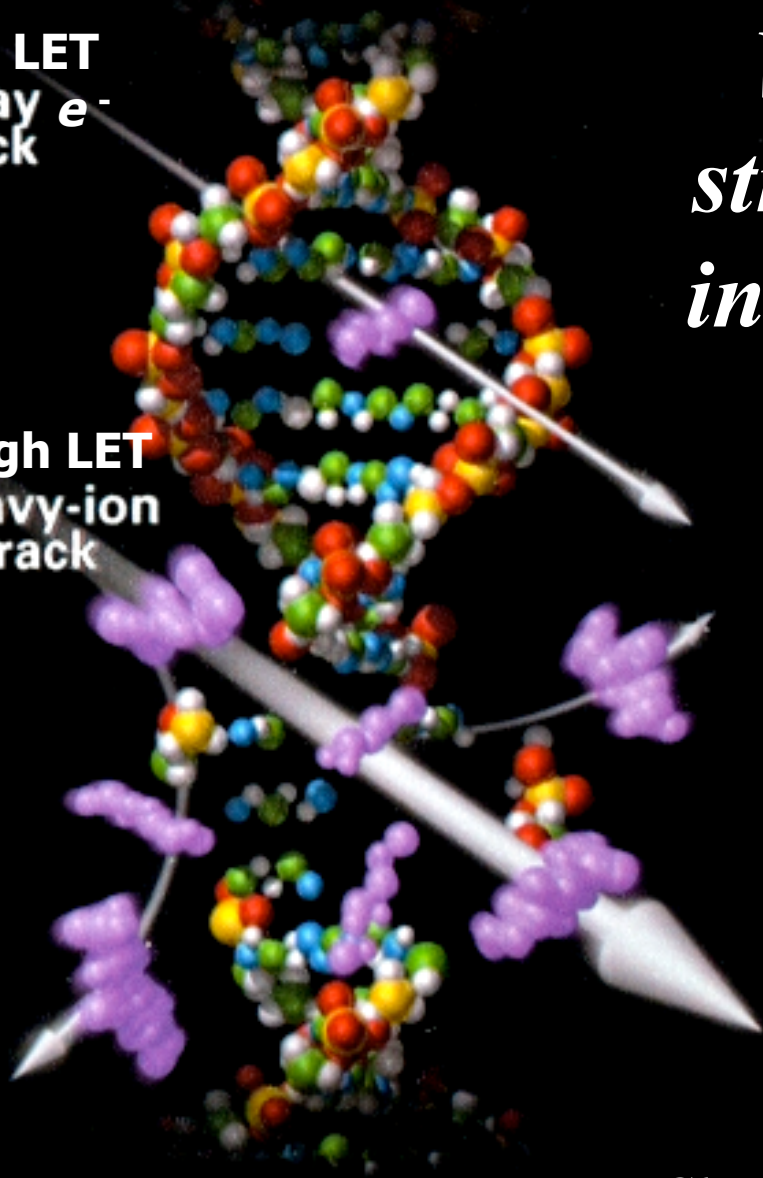


Low LET
X-ray e^-
track

High LET
Heavy-ion
track



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Variation in DNA double strand break repair capacity in diploid human fibroblasts after low doses of IR

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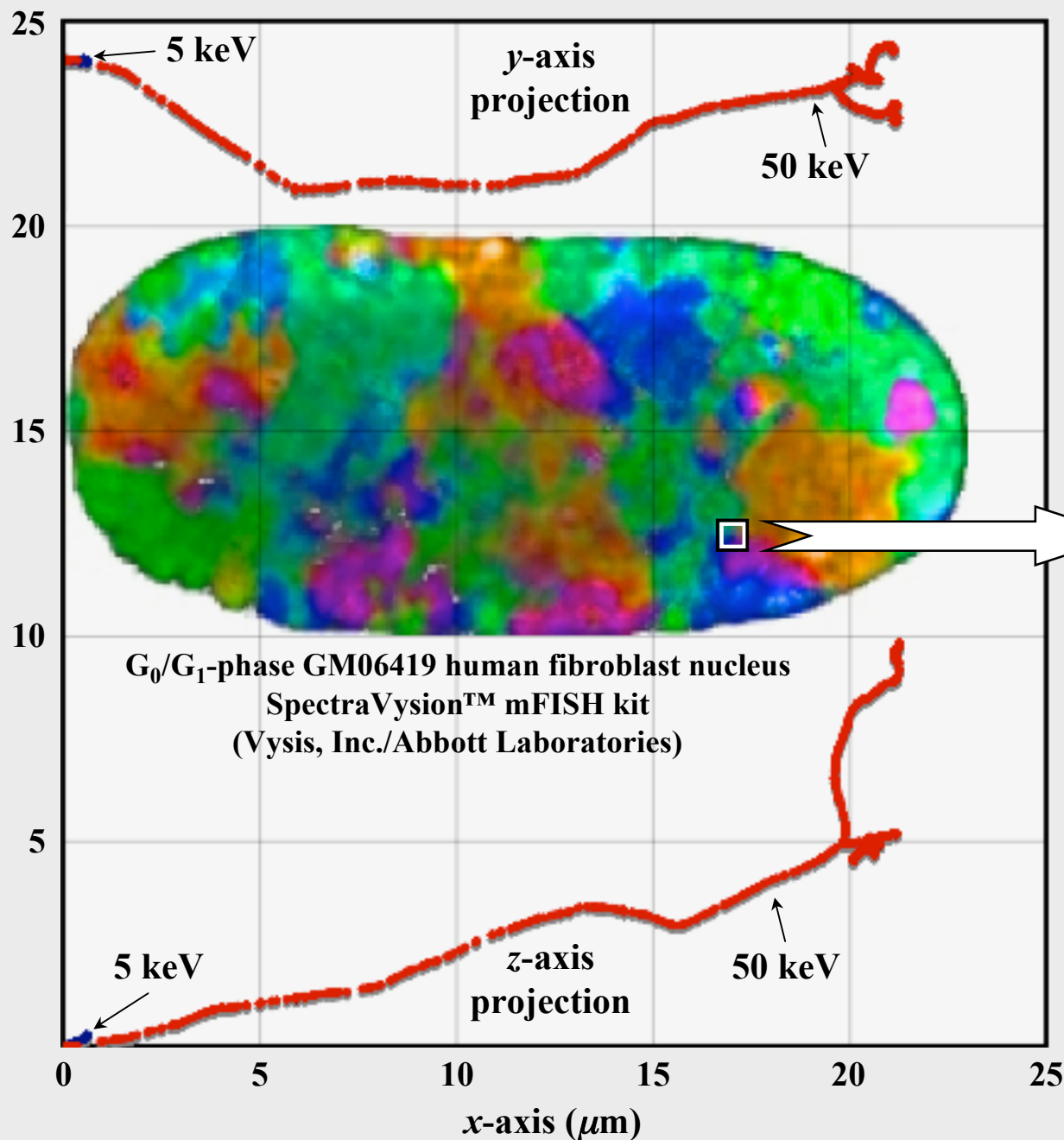
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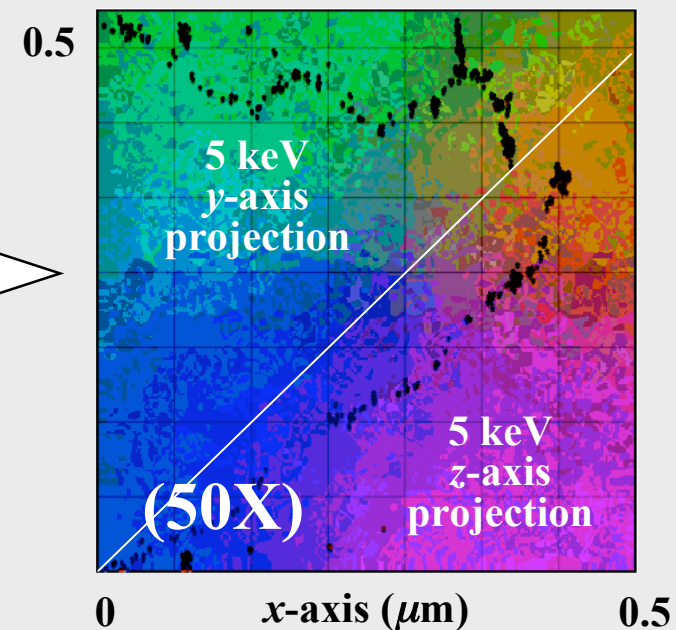
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Introduction

- Inefficiently and incorrectly repaired DSBs are the primary cause of IR-induced cancer at low doses.
 - Chromosome aberrations with tumorigenic potential
- Does the efficiency of DSB repair after low doses of IR vary substantially among different individuals, and if so, how much?
 - Coriell Cell Repositories
- Does the efficiency of DSB repair after low doses of IR vary substantially with the dose delivered, and if so, how much?

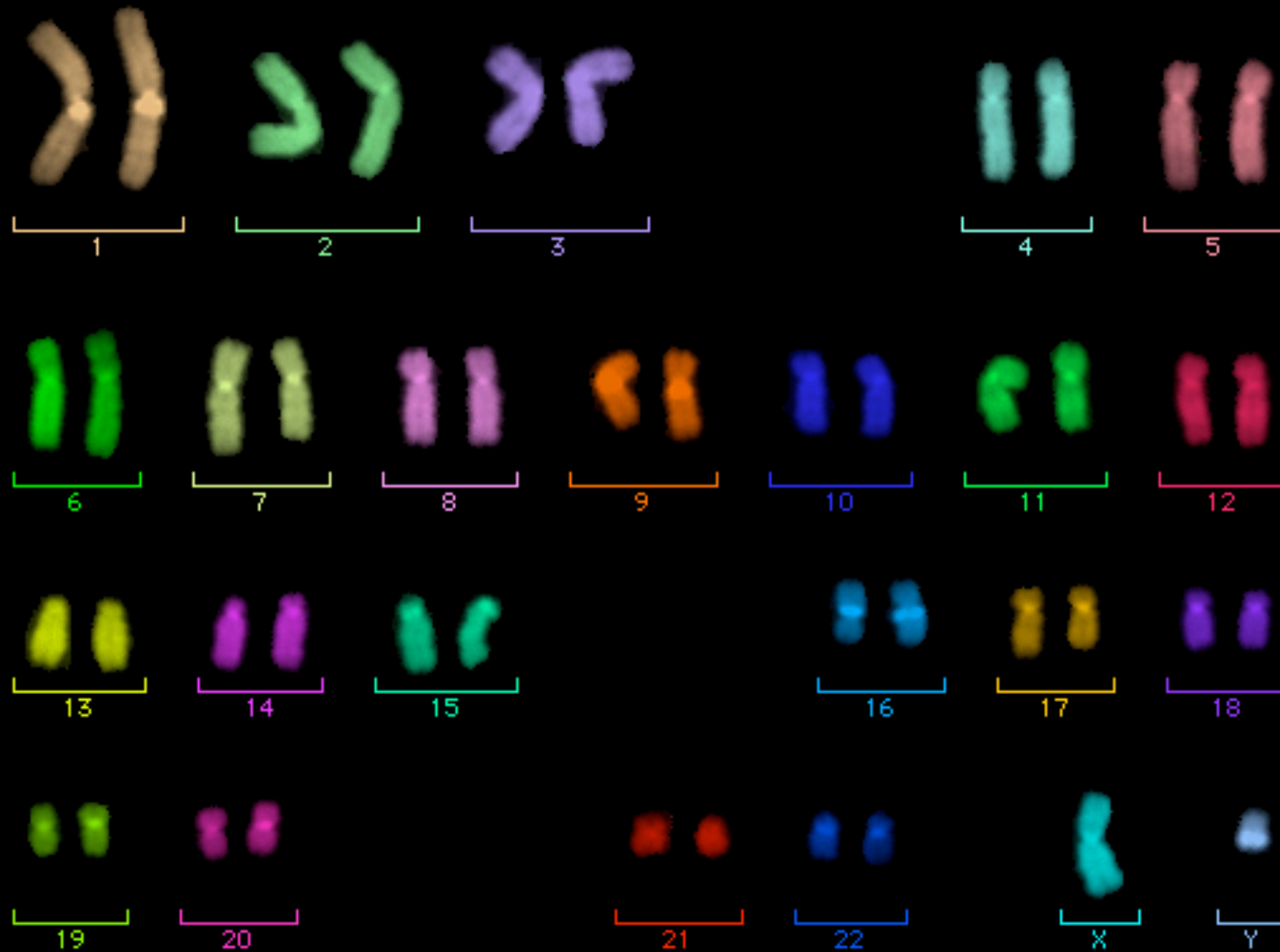


$$^{14}\text{C } \bar{E}_{\beta^-} = 49.2 \text{ keV}$$

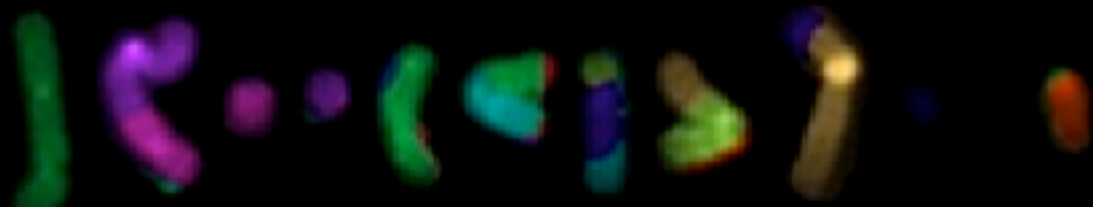
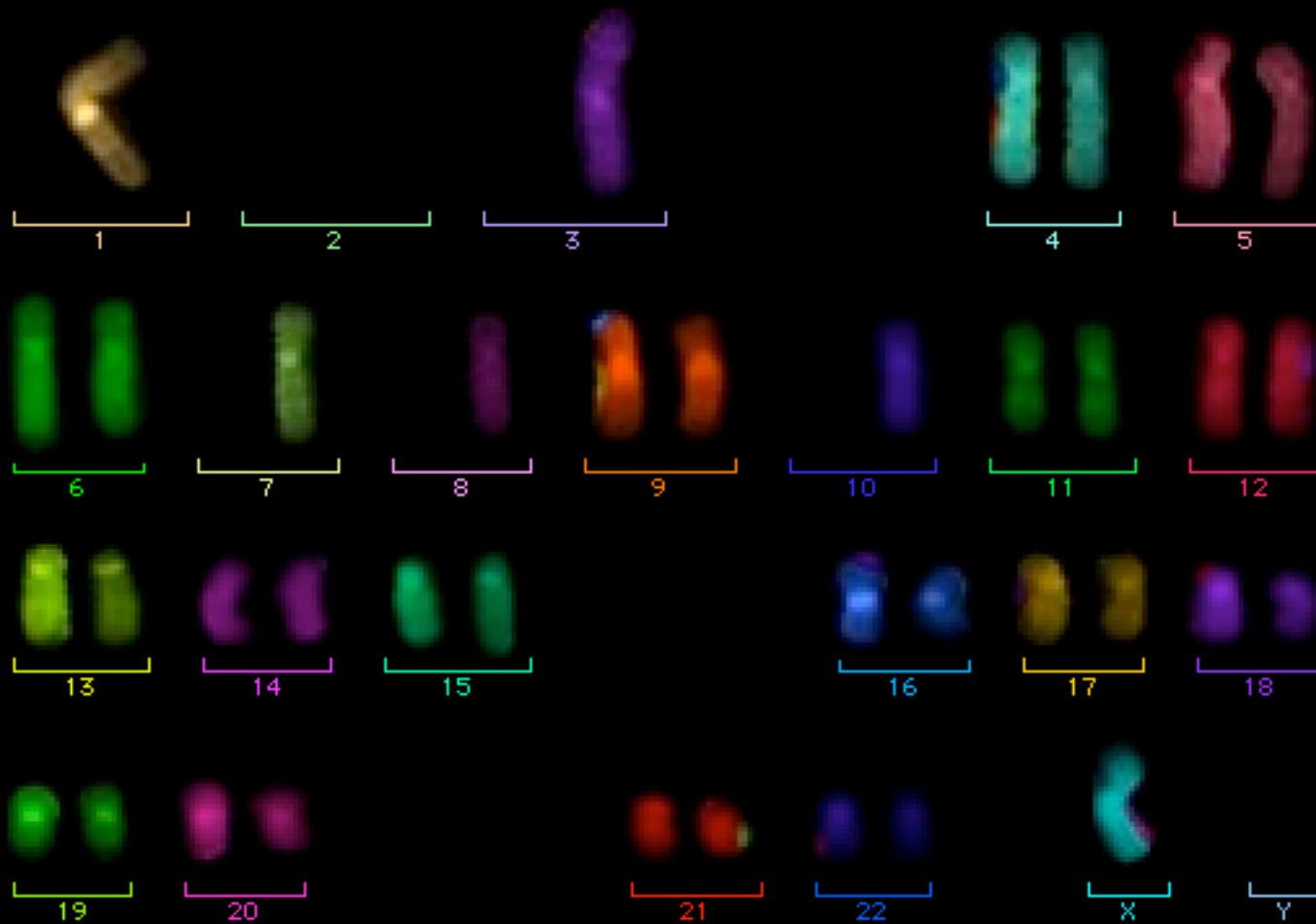


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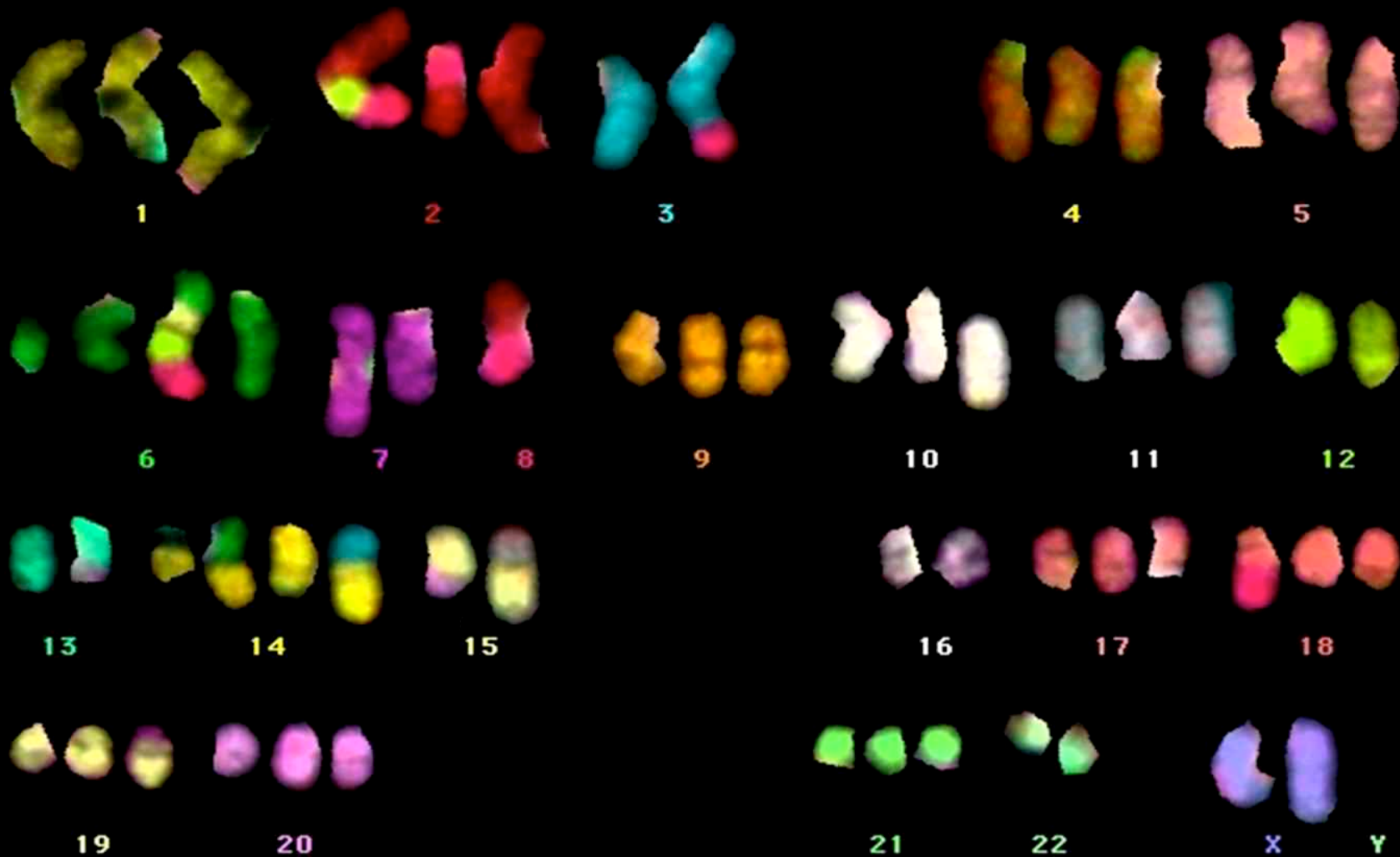
Coriell Apparently Normal Fibroblast Strain AG01521



(2q br) (3'-8')(8-3)(3id) (T2')(2-X')(X-10'-7)(7'-1)(10-1')(10id) (+9'q)
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Coriell NBS Fibroblast Strain GM07166 (100 cGy)

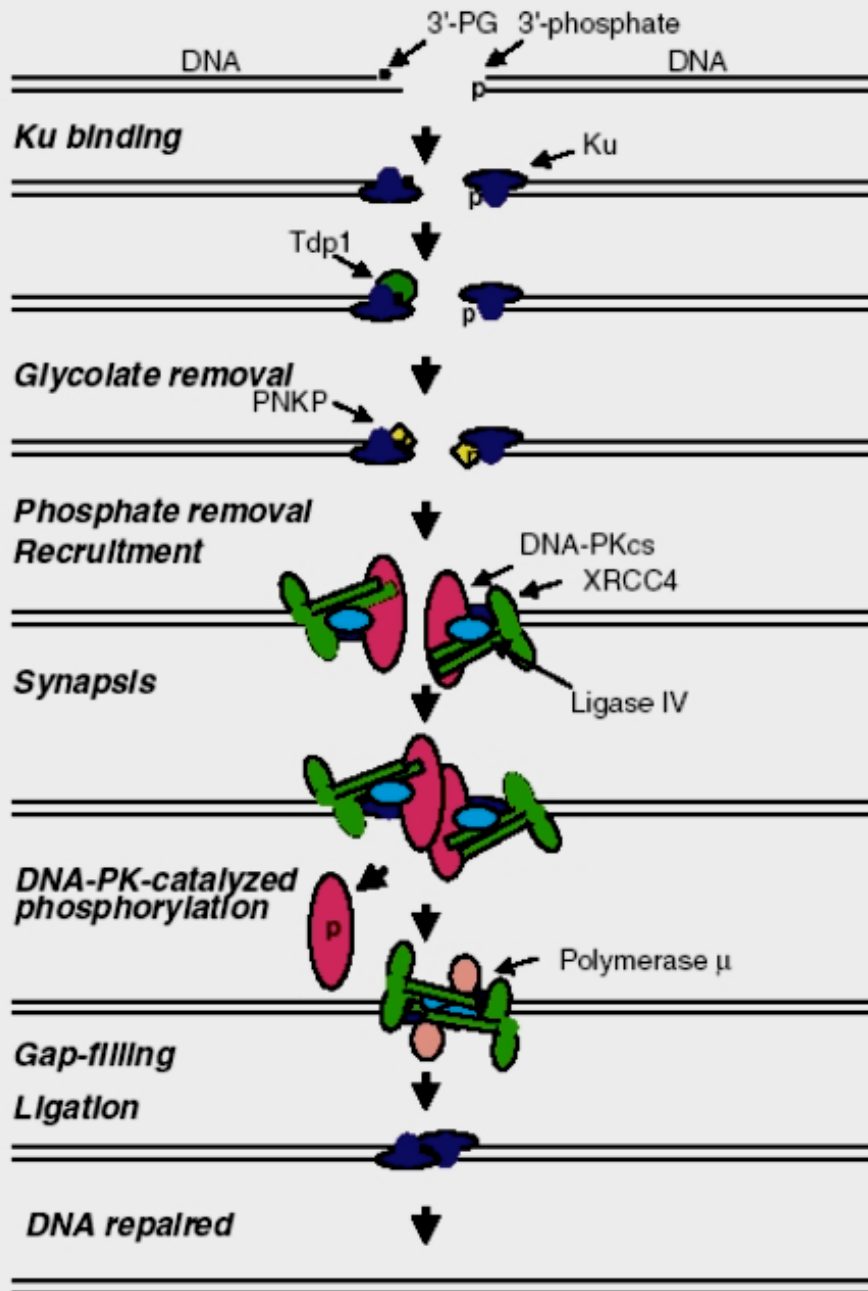


Breast Cancer Cell Line MDA-MB-231, Clone I

Watson, *et al.*, *Cancer
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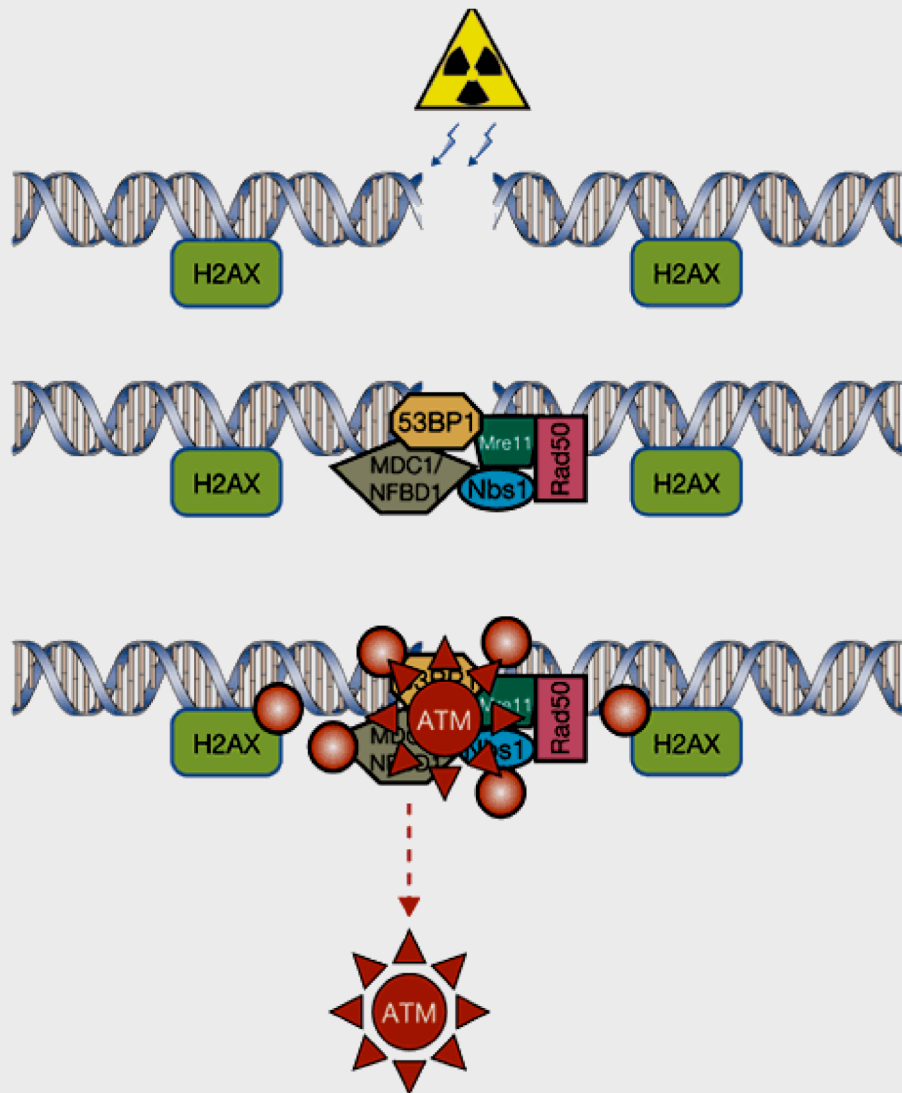
Sample	Composite Karyotype
MDA-MB231 (I)	(38-99). 1x3, 2x1, der(2)t(2;12;8), der(2)t(8;2)x2, 3x1, der(3)t(3;8), 4x4[3], 4x3[3], 4x2[2] der(4)t(4;9), 5x2, der(5)t(5;7), 6x2, der(6), der(6)t(6;14), der(6)t(6;19;12;8), 7x2, der(8)t(18;8), 9x3, 10x3, 11x3, 12x2, 13x1, der(13)t(16;13), 14x2, der(14), der(11)t(11;15), der(15)t(20;15), 16x2, 17x3, 18x2, der(?)t(18;5), 19x2[4], 19x3[4], der(19)t(19;7), 20x2, 21x3, 22x1, Xx2 [cp 8].

Non-Homologous End-Joining (NHEJ)



- Binding of MRN complex, Ku70/80, 53BP1, MDC1
- Clean-up terminal nucleotides to 5'-PO₄ and 3'-OH
 - APE1, TDP1, PNK, Artemis
- Recruitment of DNA-PKcs
 - XRCC4/Ligase IV
- Synapsis and annealing
 - Direct or microhomology-driven
- DNA-PK autophosphorylation and release
- Gap-filling by DNA Pol μ/λ
- Ligation by XRCC4/Ligase IV

Initial Sensing of IR-induced DSBs



- Histone variant **H2AX**
- Mre11/Rad50/**Nbs1** complex, 53BP1, MDC1, Ku70/80...
- Recruitment and activation of **ATM** (and DNA-PK, ATR)
- Activation of DSB repair, cell cycle checkpoints, cellular stress responses, apoptosis/senescence pathways...
- **Form nuclear foci at DSBs**

γ -H2AX pS139

DAPI

Coriell Apparently Normal Fibroblast Strain AG01521
G0/G1-phase, Dose = 25 cGy, Time = 10 minutes

10 μ m

pATM pS1981

DAPI

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G0/G1-phase, Dose = 25 cGy, Time = 10 minutes

10 μm

Merged Image, **Co-localization**

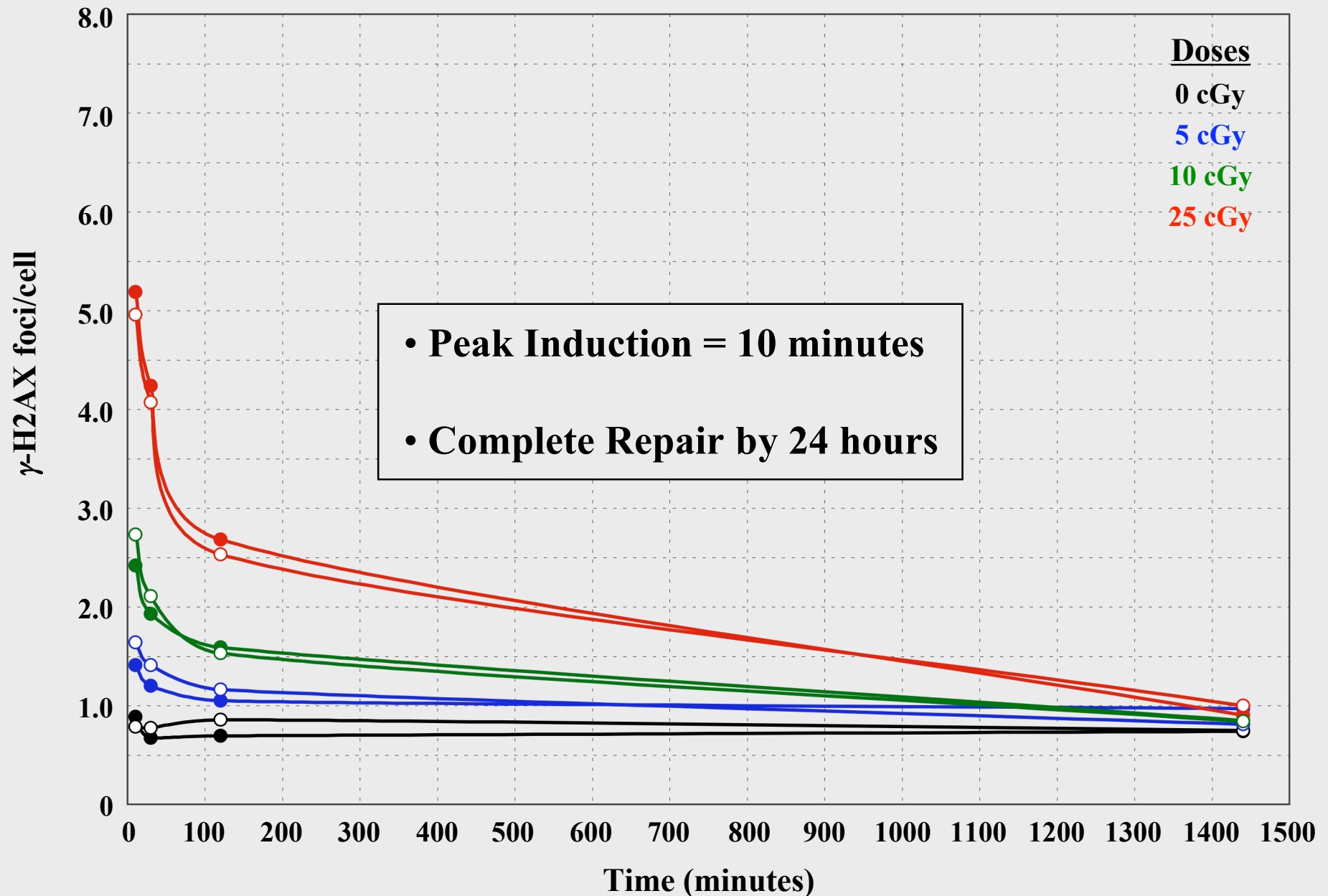
- ~ 20–25 γ -H2AX pS139 foci per Gy
- ~ 15–20 pATM pS1981 foci per Gy
- ~ 85% co-localization of both foci types

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G0/G1-phase, Dose = 25 cGy, Time = 10 minutes

10 μ m

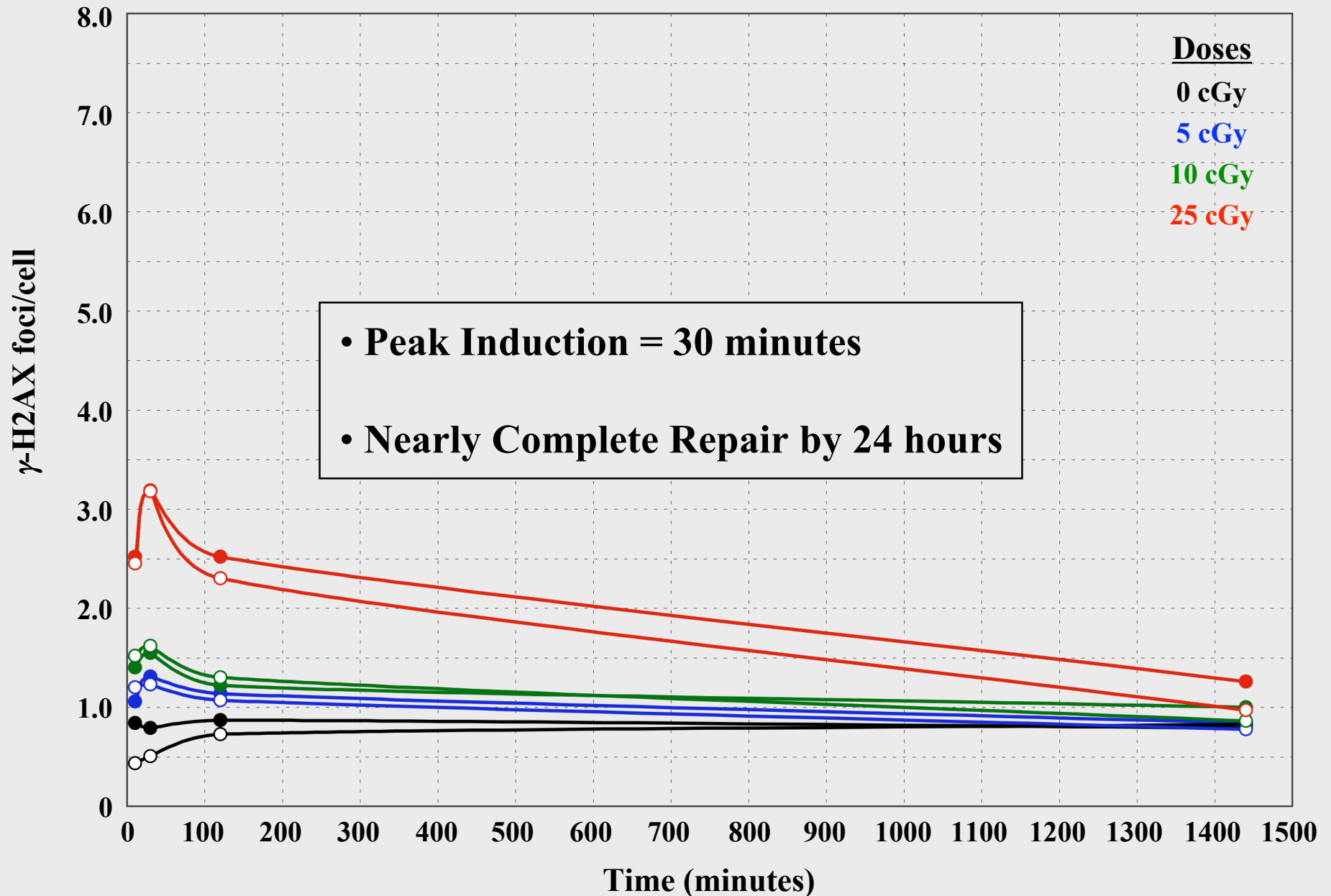
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Total γ -H2AX pS139 Foci Counts



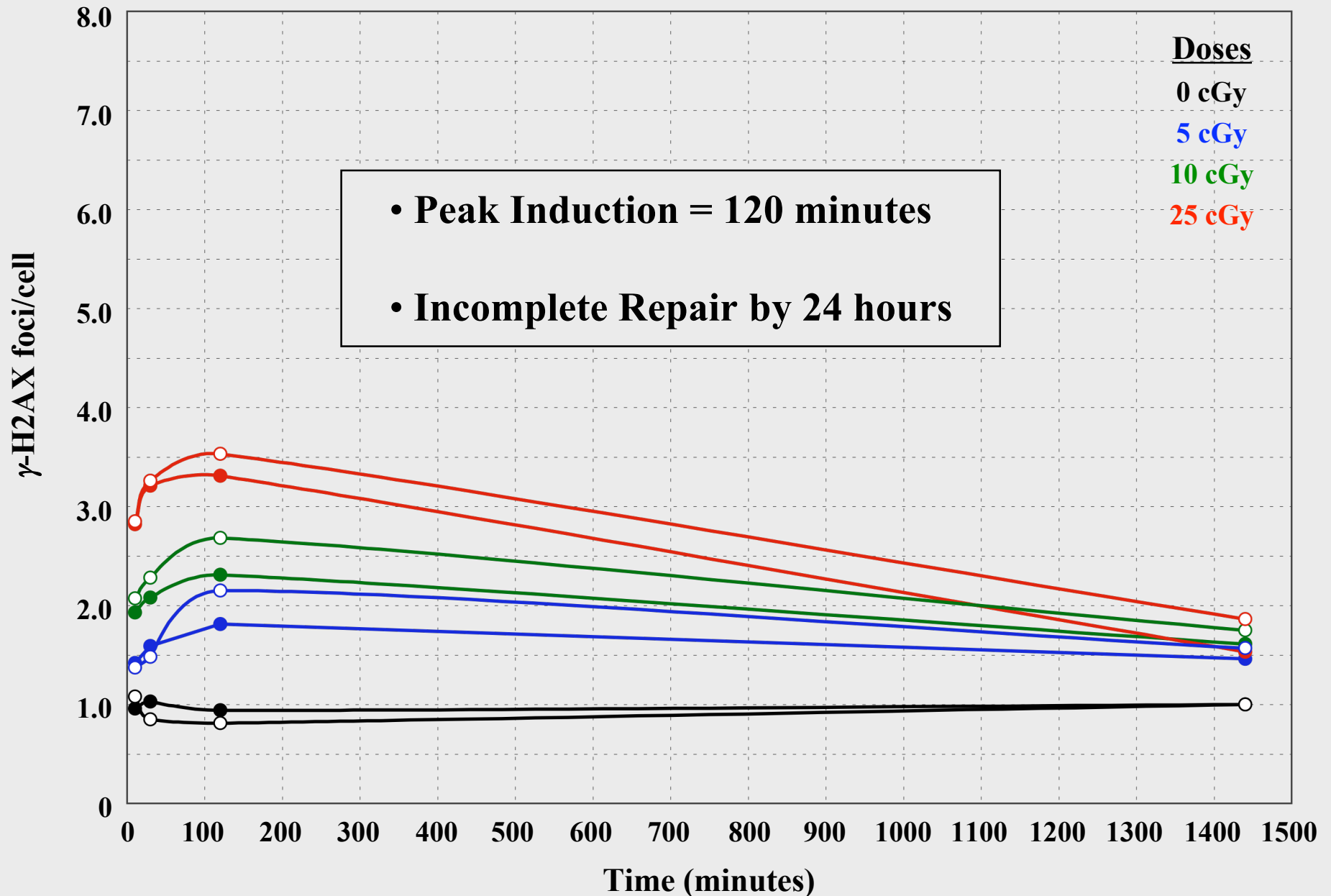
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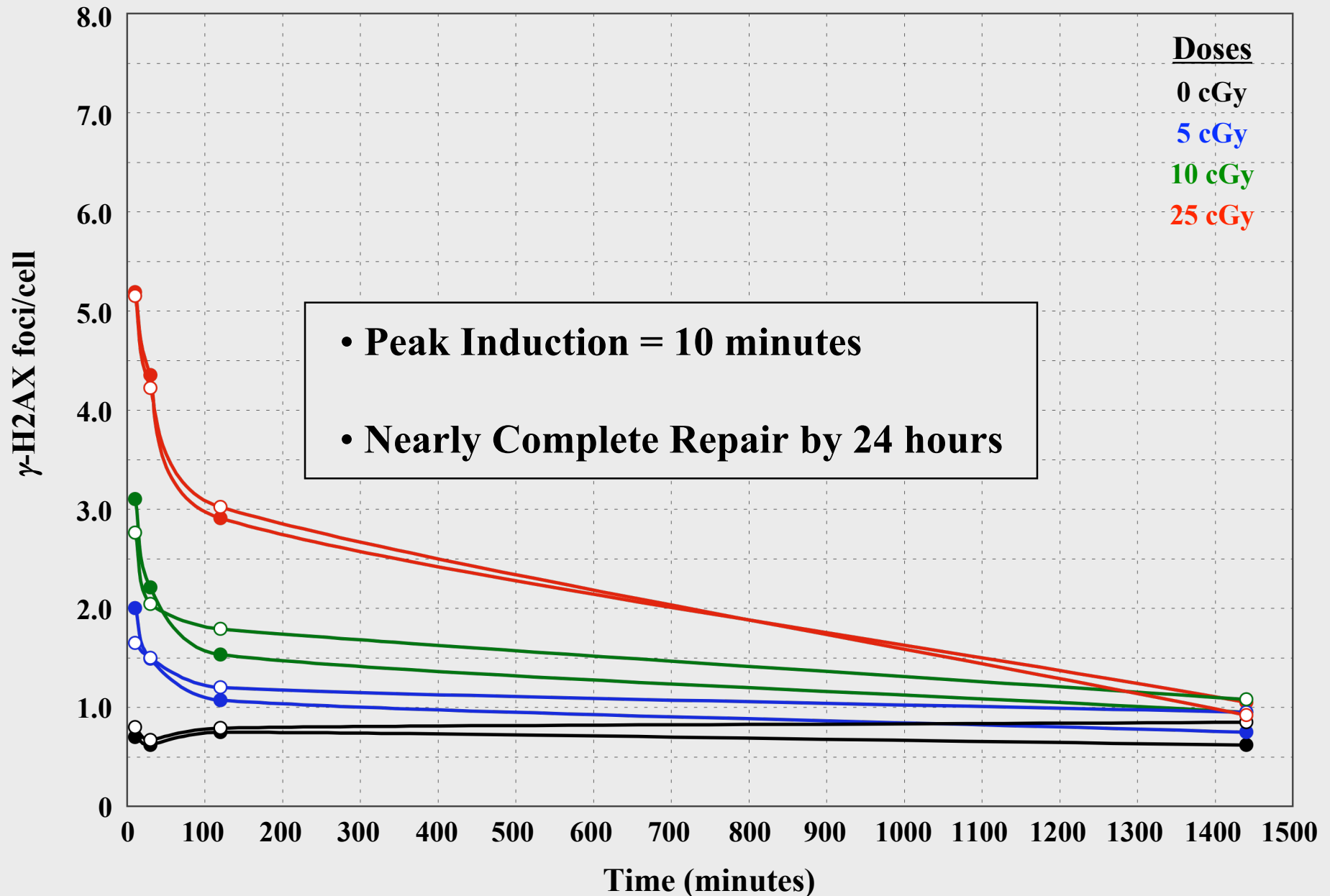
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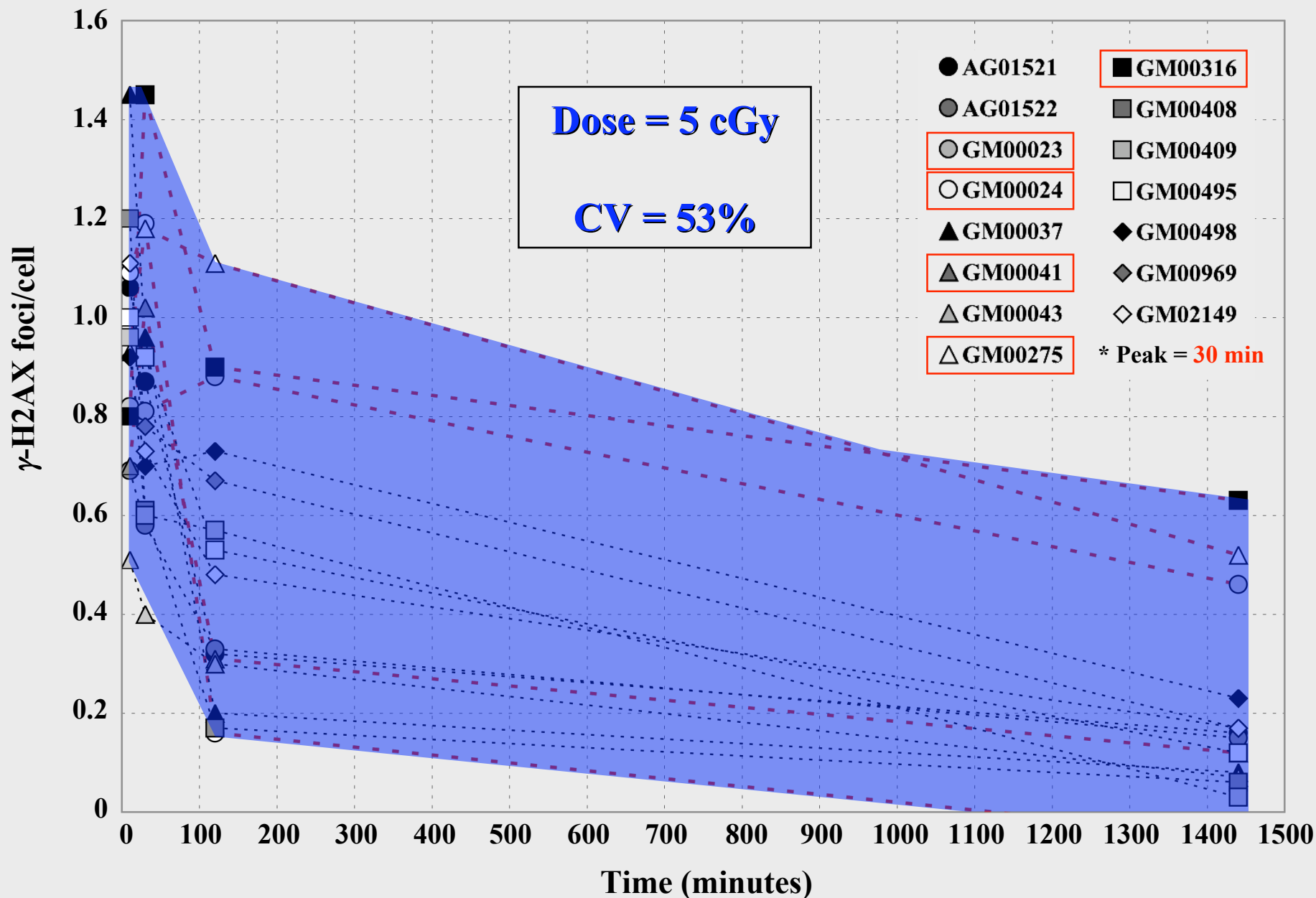
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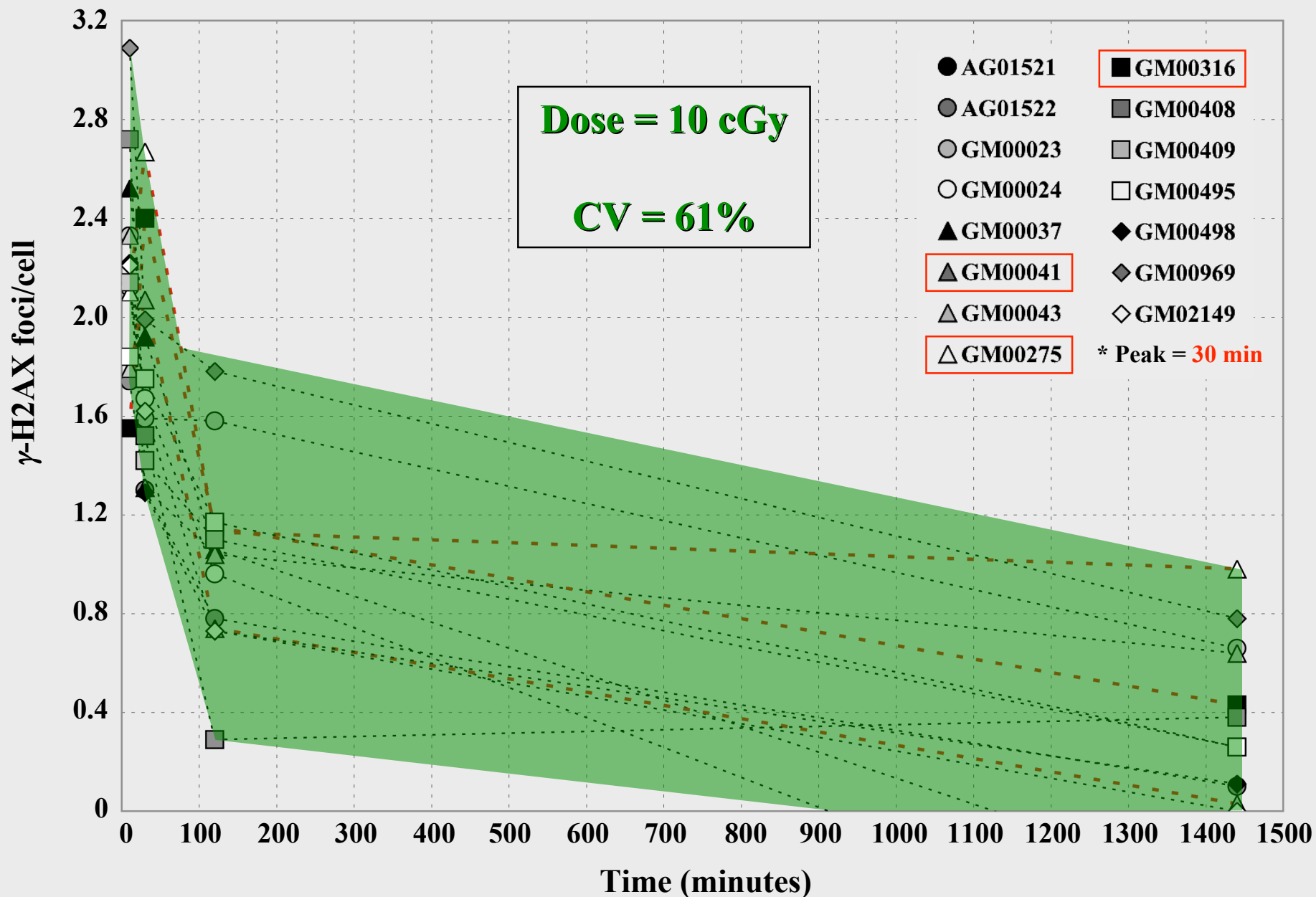
Coriell Apparently Normal Fibroblast Strains

Background-corrected γ -H2AX pS139 Foci Counts



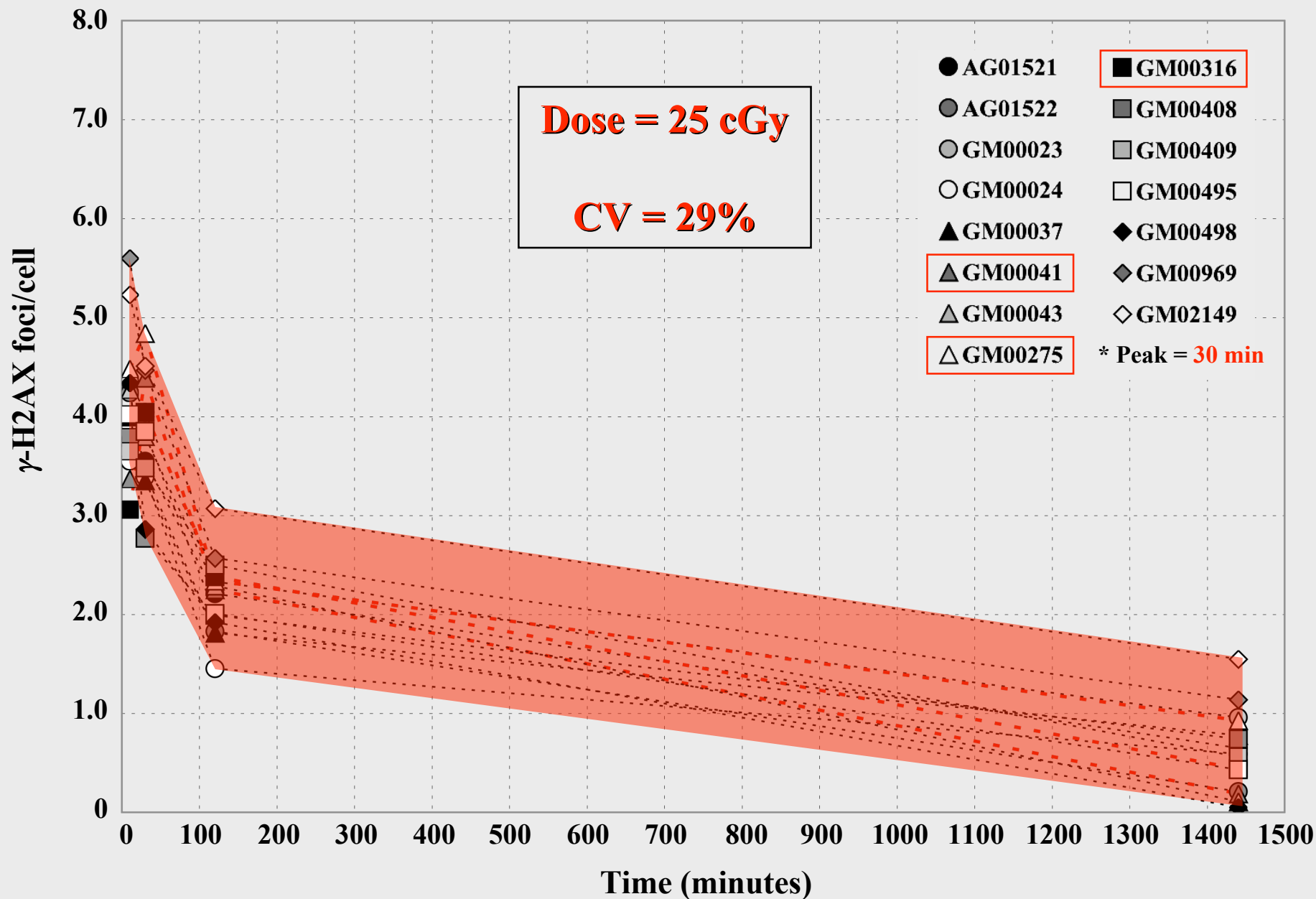
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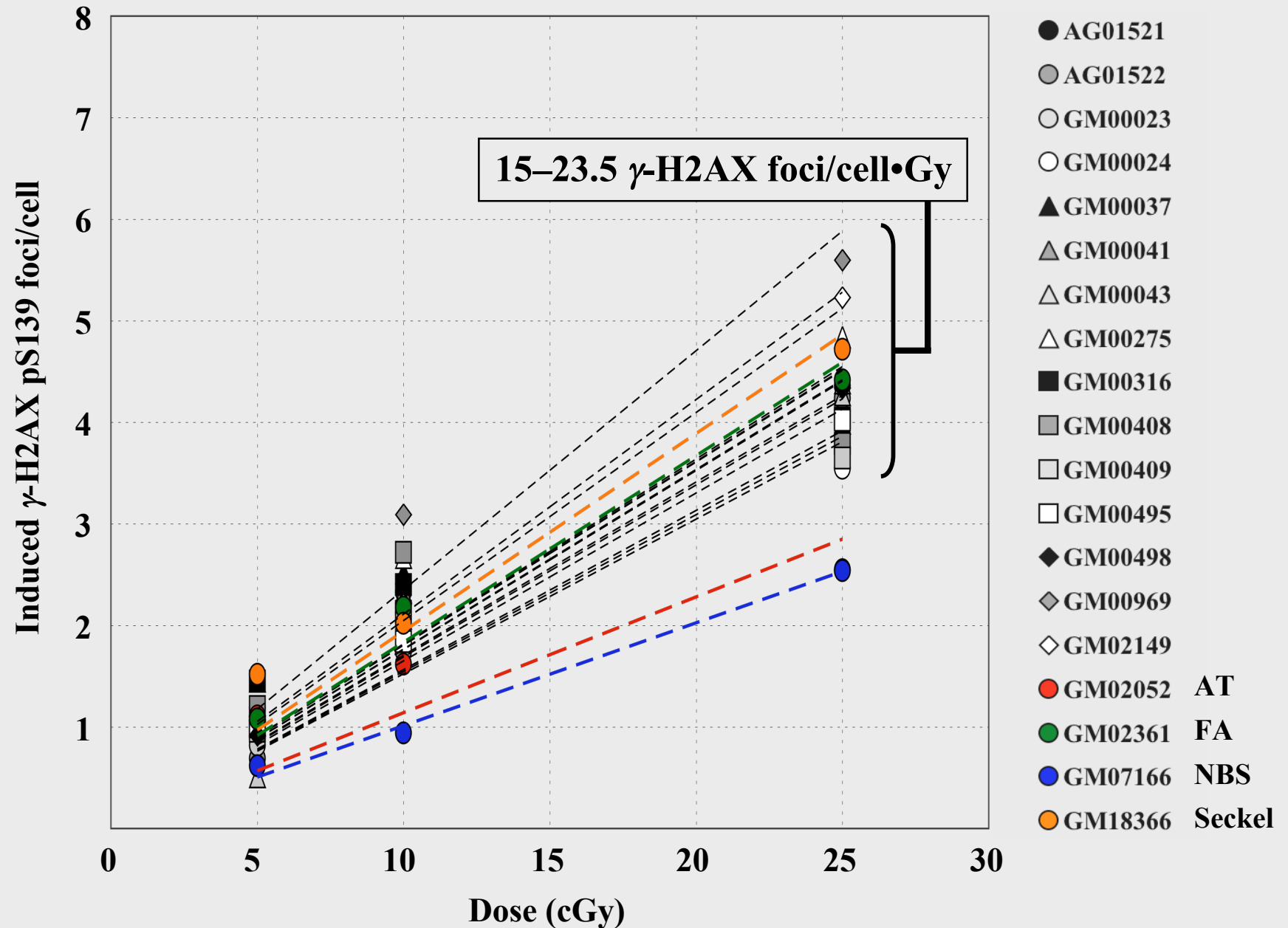


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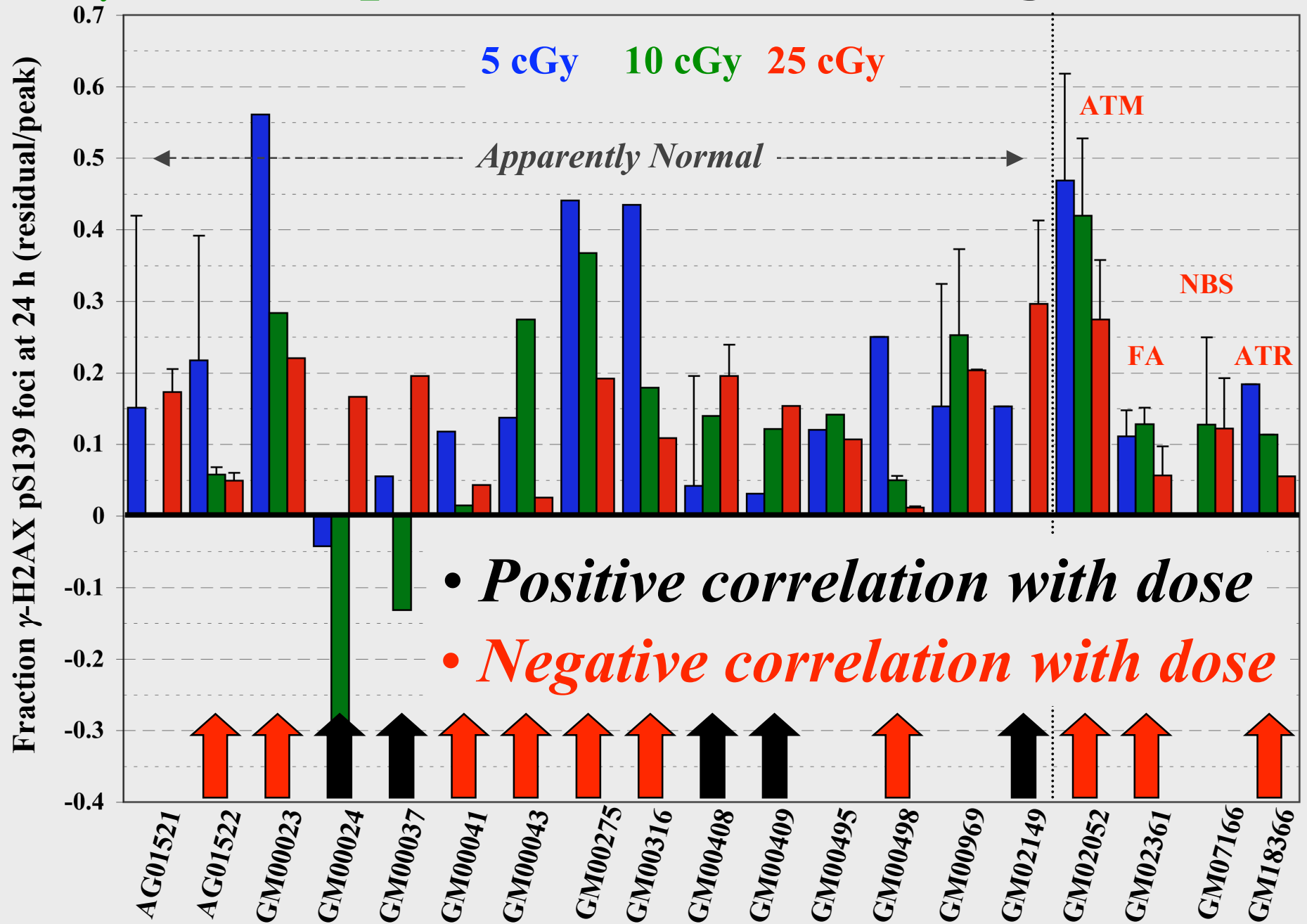
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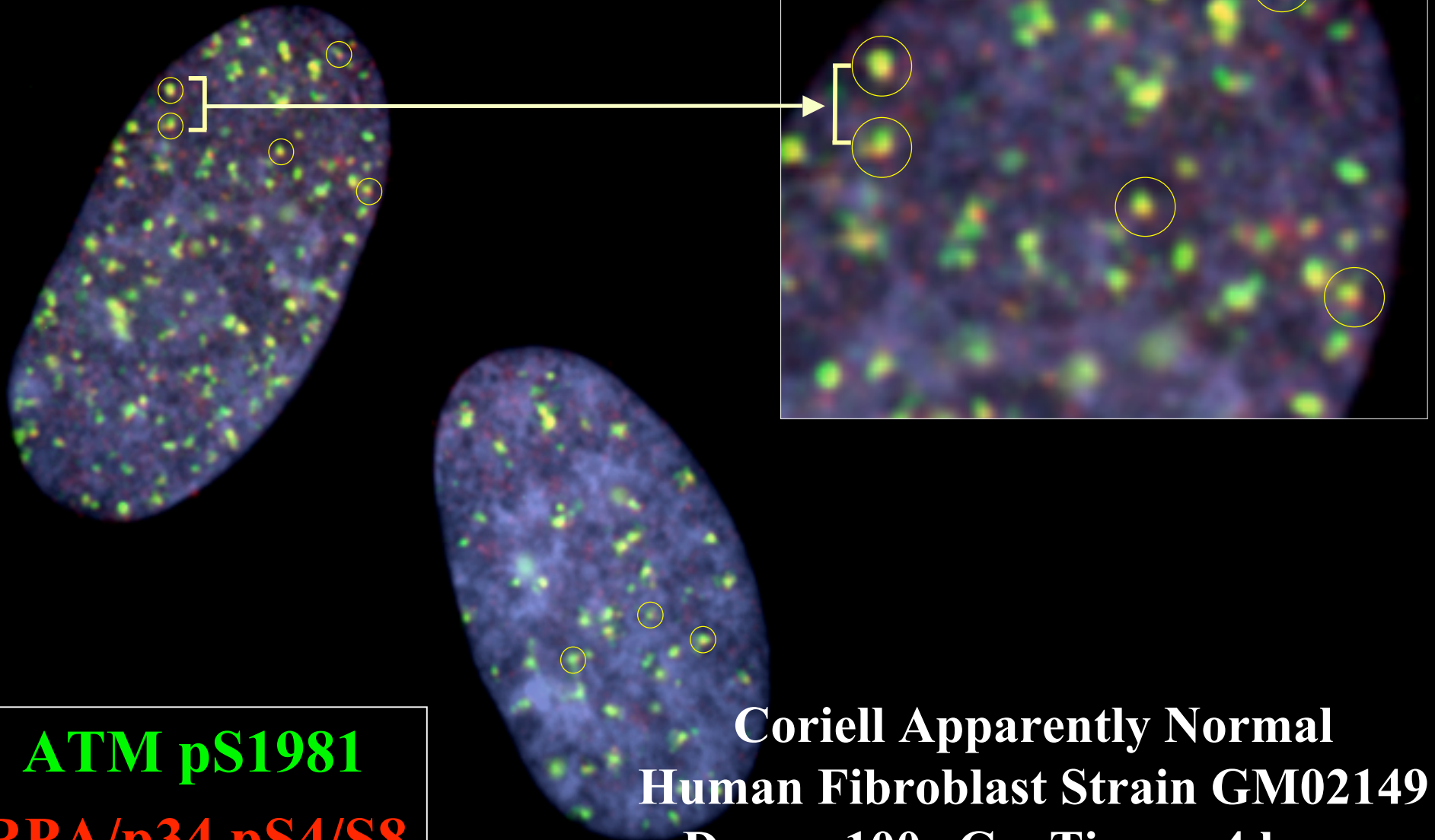
γ -H2AX pS139 Foci Dose Response



γ -H2AX pS139 Foci Remaining at 24 h



γ -ray Exposures in Cycling Cultures

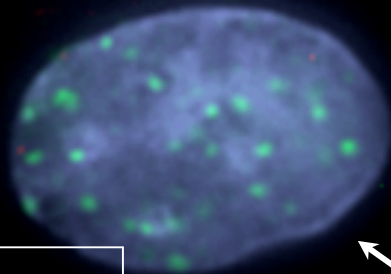
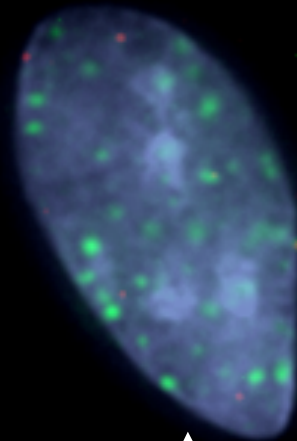
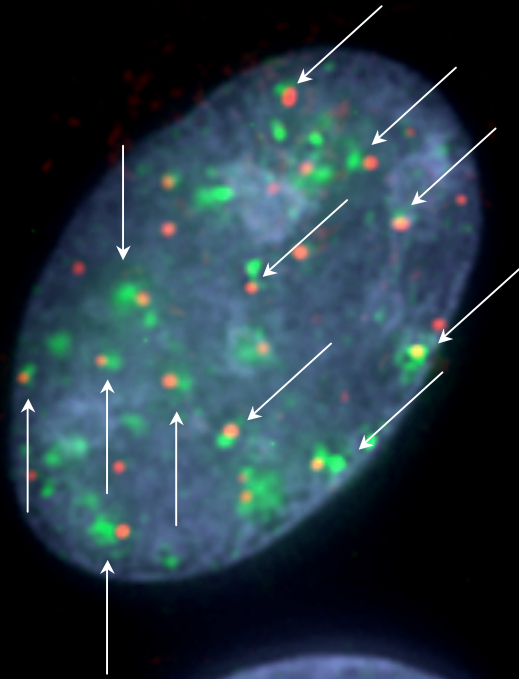


ATM pS1981
RPA/p34 pS4/S8

**Coriell Apparently Normal
Human Fibroblast Strain GM02149**
Dose = 100 cGy, Time = 4 hours

γ -ray Exposures in Cycling Cultures

**Coriell Apparently Normal
Human Fibroblast Strain GM02149
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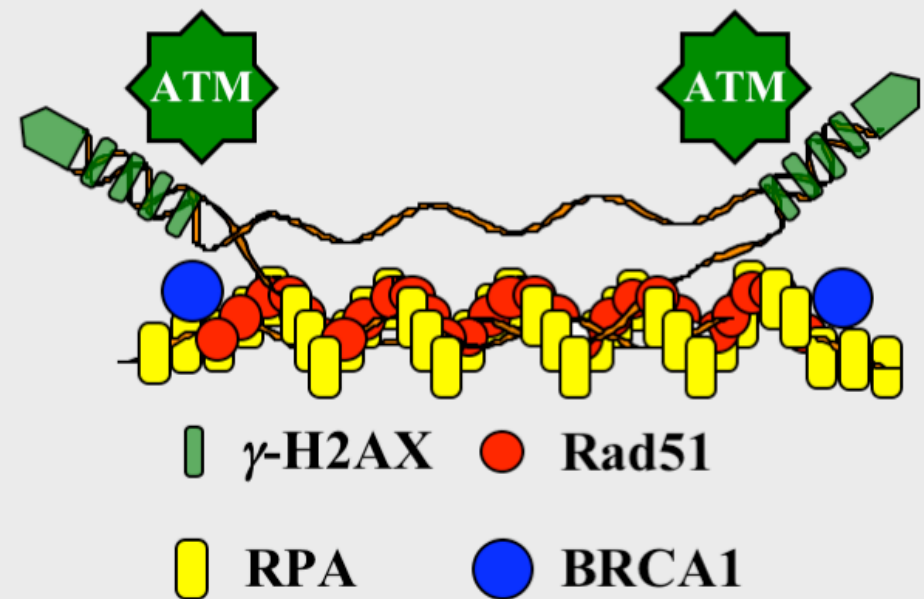
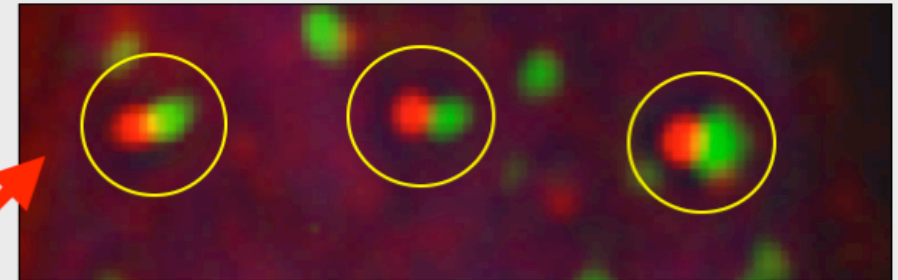
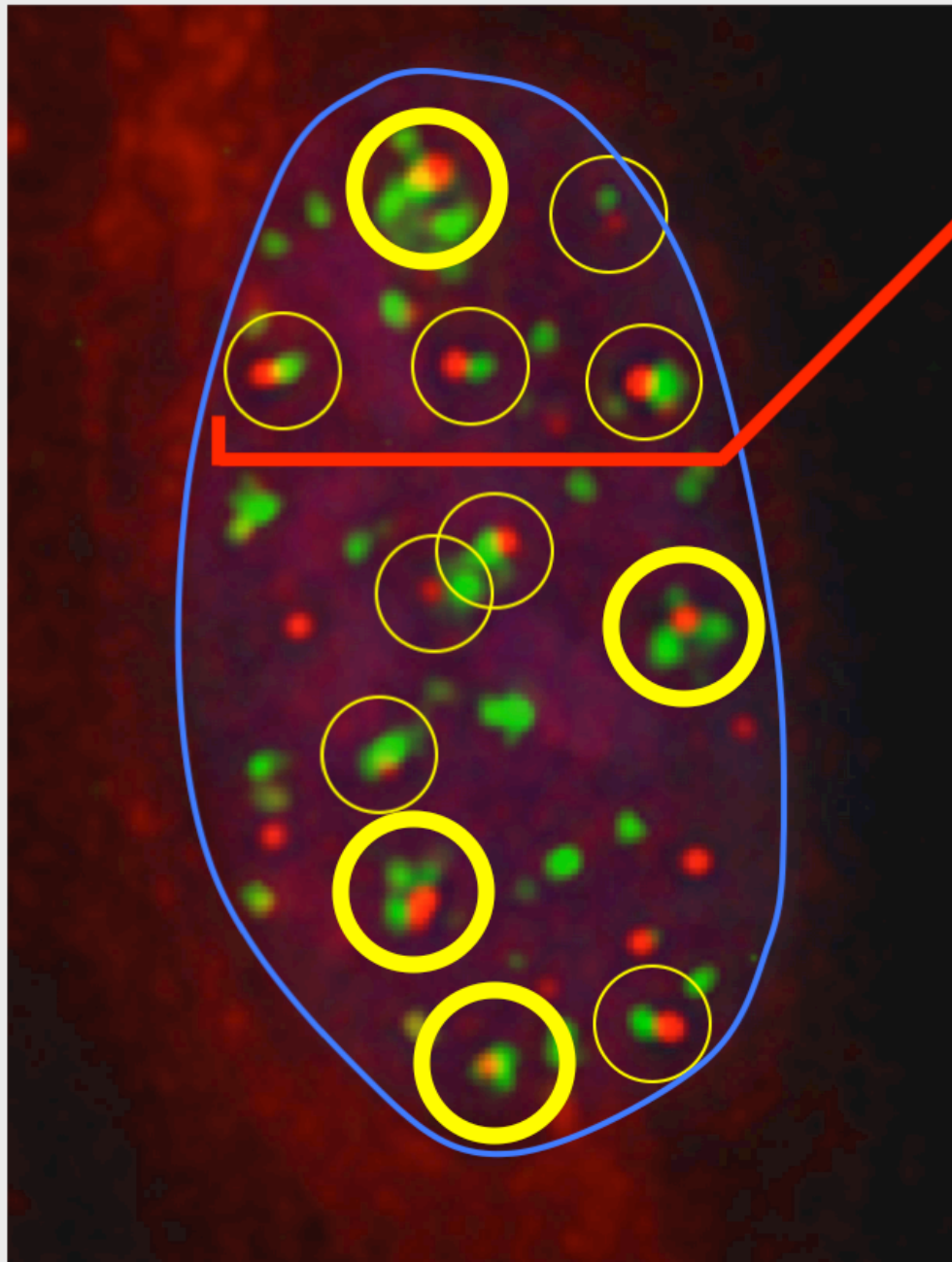


ATM pS1981

Rad51

**G1 cells
No Rad51 foci**

Closely-localizing (vs. Co-localizing) Foci



Clustering of multiple DSBs
in Rad51-mediated repair centers

Conclusions to Date

- Precise assay of DSB induction and repair after low IR doses is achieved using **co-localizing foci markers**.
- Normal cell lines vary...
 - **5-fold** or more in the level of **spontaneous** γ -H2AX foci.
 - **>20-fold** in the fraction of **residual** induced foci at 24 hours.
 - Overall, more than the DNA repair mutants...
- Hint of **increasing repair efficiency** in the low dose region of 5 to 25 cGy.
 - Failure of radiosensitive cells to register low dose-induced DSBs above background endogenous levels?
 - Adaptive response, low dose hyper-radiosensitivity...

Future Directions

- Long-term outcome of residual γ -H2AX foci
= residual chromosome breaks, sites of misrepair?
- Outcome of foci induced throughout cell cycle
 - Insight into spatio-temporal dynamics of HRR – closely-localizing foci
- Role of other DNA repair pathways
 - HRR – Generation of 1° human isogenic HRR⁻ cell line
 - Fanconi Anemia protein pathway
- Genetic determinants of variation in normal individuals
 - High-risk SNP/CNPs in critical DNA signaling and repair, cell cycle checkpoint proteins, *etc.*



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