

Course unit name: MOUSE MODELS IN CANCER RESEARCH

1.- General information

Code	303021	Plan		ECTS	3
Type	OPTIONAL	Course	2024/2025	Periodicity	1st Semester
Department	Cancer Research Institute				
Virtual Platform	Platform:	CICLOUD			
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2.- The course in the context of the Master's Program

Formative block to which the subject belongs

Second block (out of five) of master program organization.

Aim of the subject

Professional profile

3.- Previous recommendations

4.- Aims of the subject

- Acquire knowledge about the use of mouse models genetically modified for the cancer in vivo study.
- Acquire detailed knowledge about current genetic manipulation techniques used to generate transgenic, "knock-out" and "knock-in" mice.
- Acquire practical skills in mouse genome manipulation techniques and reproductive management.

5.- Contents

LESSONS:

Topic 1: The human genome complexity. Mouse models as a tool for studying the human disease.

Lesson 1. Human variability. The Human Genome Project, 1000 Genomes Project, 1K and 100K Genome Projects. The Cancer Genome Atlas, The Cancer Genome Project and The International Cancer Genome Consortium.

Lesson 2. Animal models in cancer. The Fancy mouse: history of the laboratory mouse. Outbred strains and inbred strains. Genetic standardization of the mouse. Quantitative trait locus.

Lesson 3. Immunodeficient mice strains. Xenografts assays in cancer research. Carcinogenesis in the mouse.

Topic 2: Making human cancers in mice: classical models

Lesson 4. Manipulating the mouse embryo. Classical transgenic mice and human cancer. Conditional transgenic mice and human cancer.

Lesson 5. Transgenesis by transposition. Generation of transgenic mice with lentiviral vectors.

Lesson 6. Gene targeting in embryonic stem cells. Generation of chimeras. Knock-out mice and embryo lethality. Knock-in mice. Knock-out/in mice mouse models and human cancer.

Topic 3: Making human cancers in mice: new approaches

Lesson 7. Cre and Flp recombinases. Cre/Flp conditional mouse models to turn-off tumor suppressor genes. Cre/Flp conditional mouse models to turn-on oncogenes.

Lesson 8. Gene Trap approaches. Gene Trap consortiums and mouse models in cancer.

Lesson 9. Zin-finger nucleases and TALEN nucleases: mouse models. CRISPR history.

Lesson 10. CRISPR-Cas9 System. Genome editing with CRISPR technology.

Lesson 11. CRISPR-Cas reagents and protocols. Mouse models created by CRISPR technology in cancer research.

LABORATORY WORK

One group per week (3-4 students)

1. Colony management.
1. Generation of mouse models by pronuclear injection.
2. Cryopreservation of lines
3. Delivering CRISPR reagents: in vitro approaches
4. Analysis of CRISPR edited cells

6.- Skills to acquire

General skills

Development of laboratory skills based on genetic concepts and recombinant DNA technology to generate mouse models as a tools for human cancer research.

Especific skills

Manipulating the cell and the mouse embryo by genome editing nucleases: CRISPR approaches.

Transversal skills

Promotion of scientific discussions regarding cancer.

Development of skills to disseminate information of scientific topics.

7.- Teaching methodology

A. 10 master classes (2h each one) divided in 3 topics:

Human genome complexity and mouse models as a research tool. Inbred and outbred mouse strains.

Modeling Human Cancer in the Lab Mouse I: classical techniques for generating genetically modified and mutant mice.

Modeling Human Cancer in the Lab Mouse I: genome editing nucleases and conditional mouse models.

B. Lab work: from Monday to Friday (6 h at day) at the Transgenic Facility of the University of Salamanca. Small groups (3-4 people).

C. Scientific seminars.

8.- Distribution of teaching methodologies

	Horas dirigidas por el profesor		Horas de trabajo autónomo	HORAS TOTALES
	Horas presenciales.	Horas no presenciales.		
Sesiones magistrales	22			22
Prácticas	En aula			
	En el laboratorio	30		30
	En aula de informática			
	De campo			
	De visualización (visu)			
Seminarios	4		8	12
Exposiciones y debates				
Tutorías	2			2
Actividades de seguimiento online				
Preparación de trabajos				
Otras actividades (detallar)				
Exámenes	1		8	9
TOTAL	59		16	75

9.- Facilities

Books

Other bibliographical, electronic references or any other type of resource

1. Manipulating the mouse embryo. A laboratory manual. Third edition. CSHL Press.

10.- Evaluation

General remarks

The student must must attend at least 80% of the master classes and seminars.
 Practises attendance is mandatory to be evaluated.

Evaluation Methods

Written final exam: test type, 50 multi-answer questions. 50% of the final grade.
 A continous follow up of the capacities during the sessions and theoretical classes attendance and participation. 25% of the final grade.
 Continuous evaluation of the lab practices will be evaluated. . 25% of the final grade

Evaluation tools

Writing examen Kahoot PPT for seminars Participation in other seminars sessions and practises.

Recommendations for the evaluation

Recommendations for the recovery
