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# Detection and study of DNA double-strand breaks repair after y-irradiation

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# Summary

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### Differences between High- and Low-LET radiation

High-LET radiation causes dense ionization along its track, while Low-LET radiation produces ionizations sparsely along their tracks and almost homogenously within a cell



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### DNA damage consequences

DNA double-strand breaks (**DSBs**) are extremely dangerous lesions which can lead to



DNA repair represents a cellular response to DNA damage for protecting our organisms from such deleterious consequences

### Aim

 Research of the dose dependence and repair kinetics of radiation-induced DNA DSBs on normal human fibroblasts exposed to Υ-rays of <sup>60</sup>Co

### **Applications**

- Diagnostics
- Cancer treatment
- Space radiobiology



### Materials and methods

#### **Samples preparation**







Irradiation with1Y-rays of 60Co3at Rocus-M facility5

1Gy 3Gy 5Gy





### Materials and methods

#### Immunostaining

- Fixation (1h, 4h and 24h)
- Permeabilization with Triton-X100 solution
- Incubation with primary ABs for gH2AX and 53BP1
- Incubation with secondary ABs conjugated with fluorescent markers

#### Microscopy



### **Visualization of induced DSBs** co-immunostaining of yH2AX/53BP1 foci



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Image analysis with Acquiarium software and ZenPro (Zeiss)

Dose response of the induction YH2AX/53BP1 foci after 1 h post-irradiation with Y-rays



# Elimination kinetics of YH2AX/53BP1 foci after 1 Gy irradiation with Y-rays





### Conclusions

• YH2AX / 53BP1 foci increase with dose 1 h post-irradiation

**Dose-dependence of DNA DSBs induction is close to linear** 

 Number of YH2AX / 53BP1 foci decrease with time post irradiation

**DNA DSBs are effectively repaired** 

## Thank you for your attention !