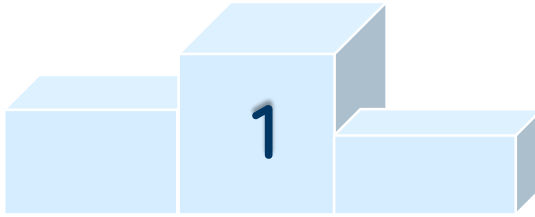


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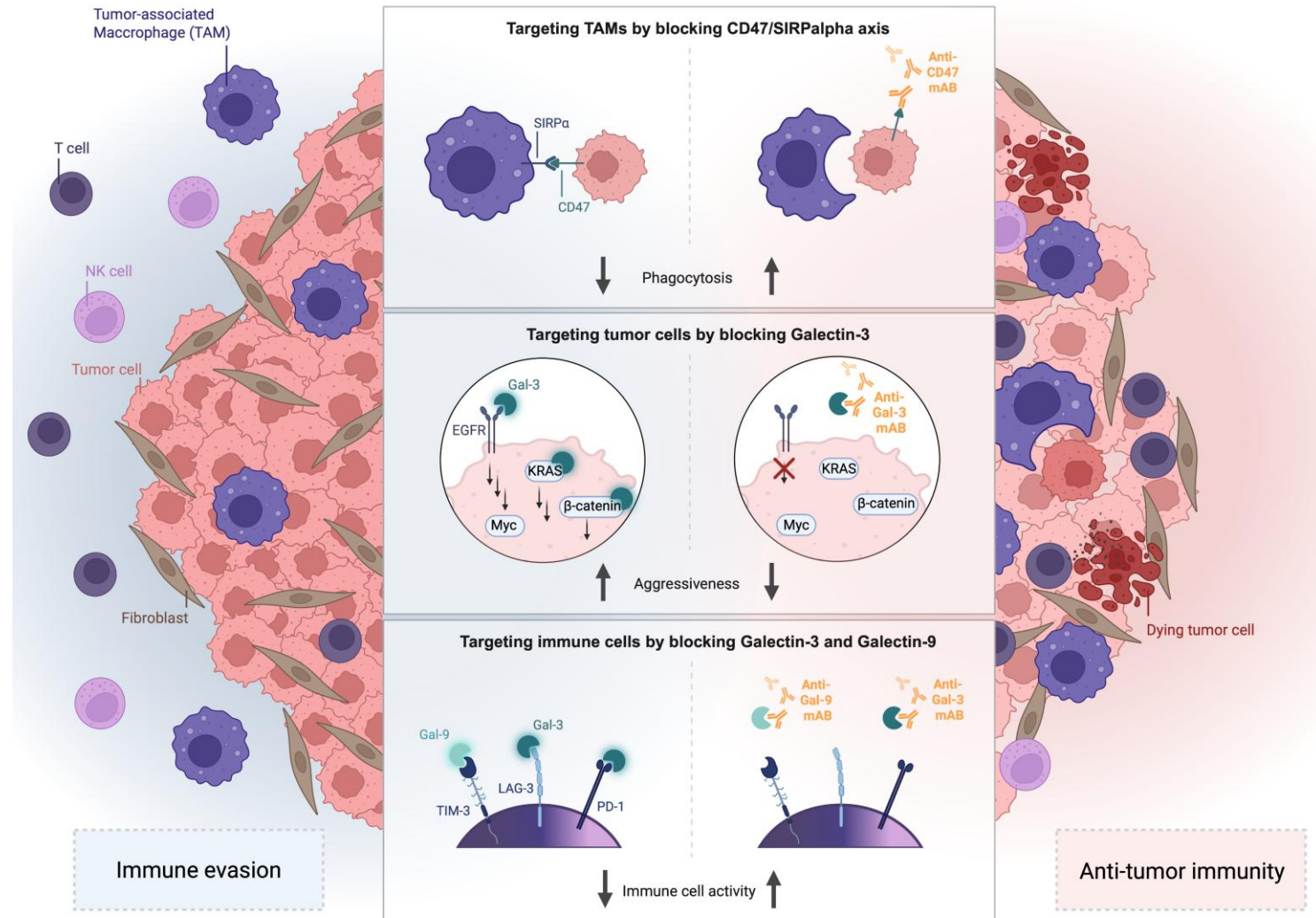


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Caption:

Immune evasion in pancreatic cancer –
Novel strategies to target immune
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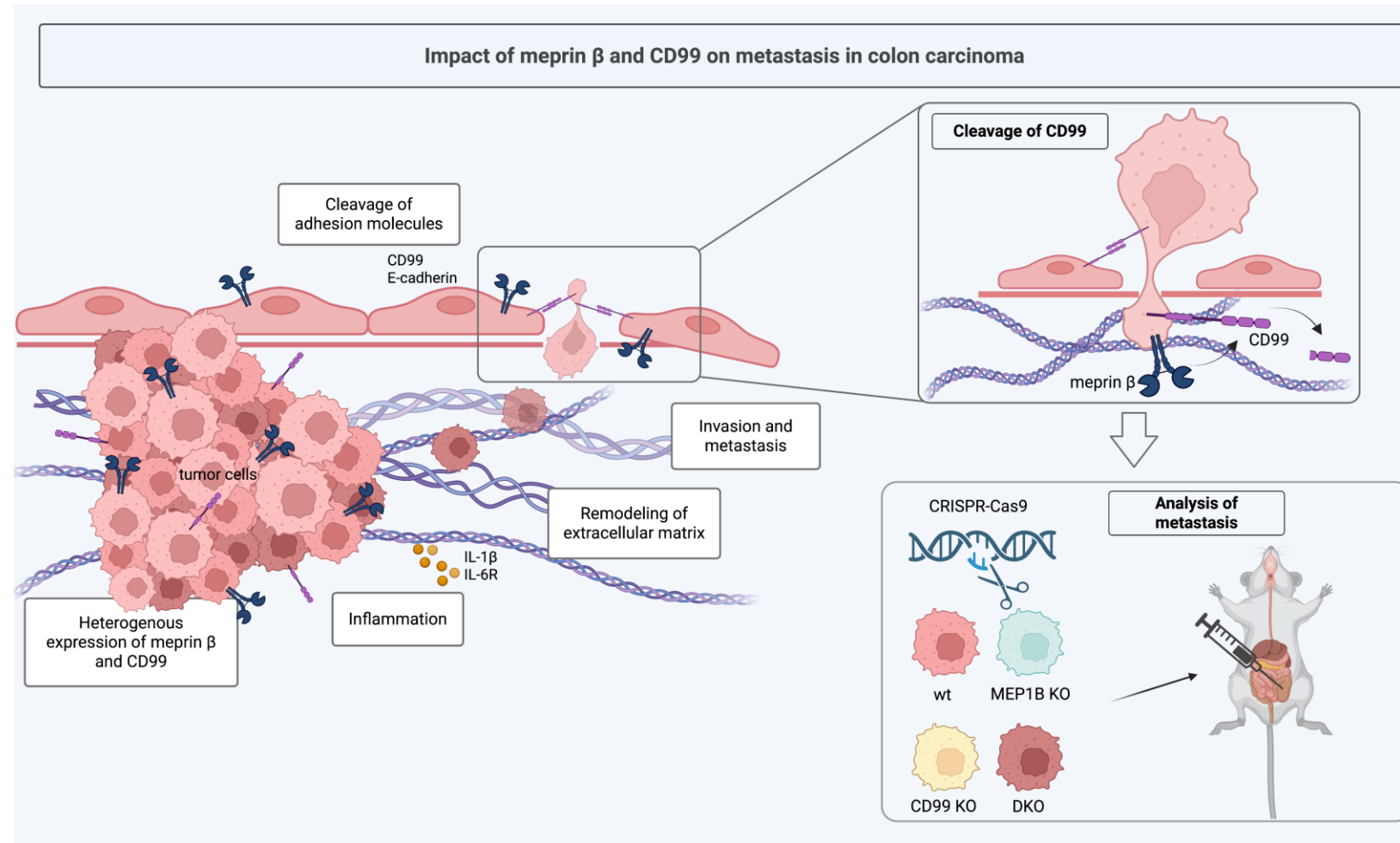
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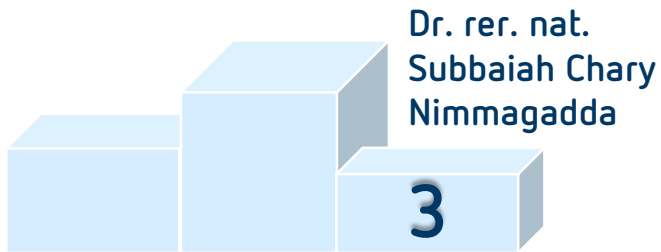
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Caption:

Meprin β is involved in several steps of cancer progression. It facilitates cancer cell invasion and metastasis by cleaving components of the ECM and cell-adhesion molecules, like CD99.



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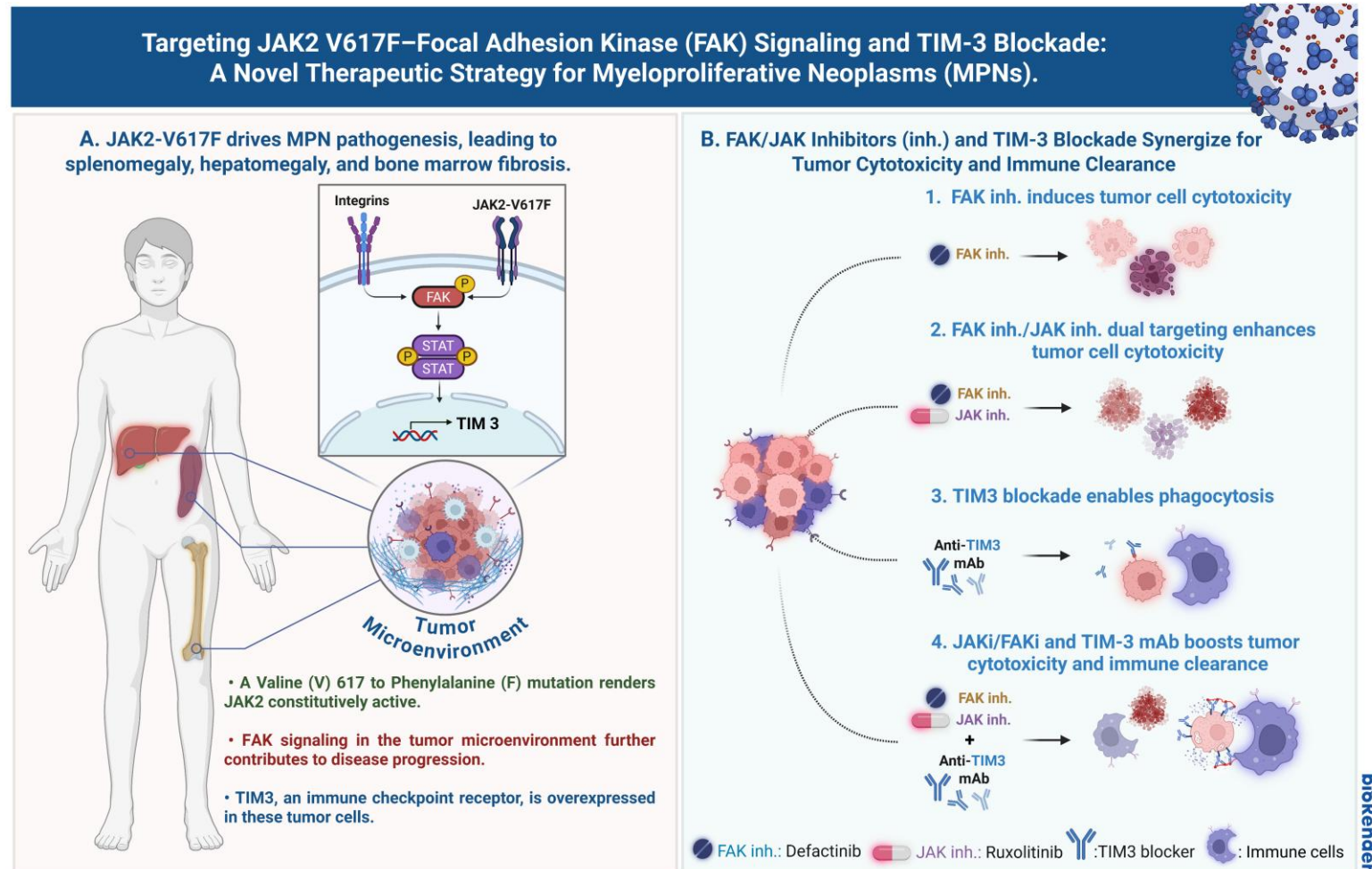


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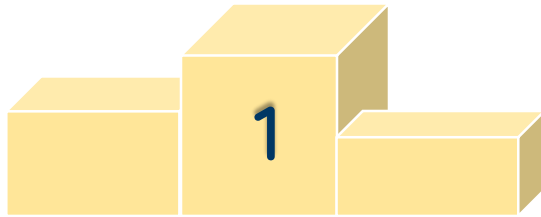
Caption:

A novel dual-targeted MPN therapy uses JAK2-FAK inhibition to kill tumor cells and TIM-3 blockade to boost immune response. This strategy improves treatment effectiveness while reducing toxicity and side effects.



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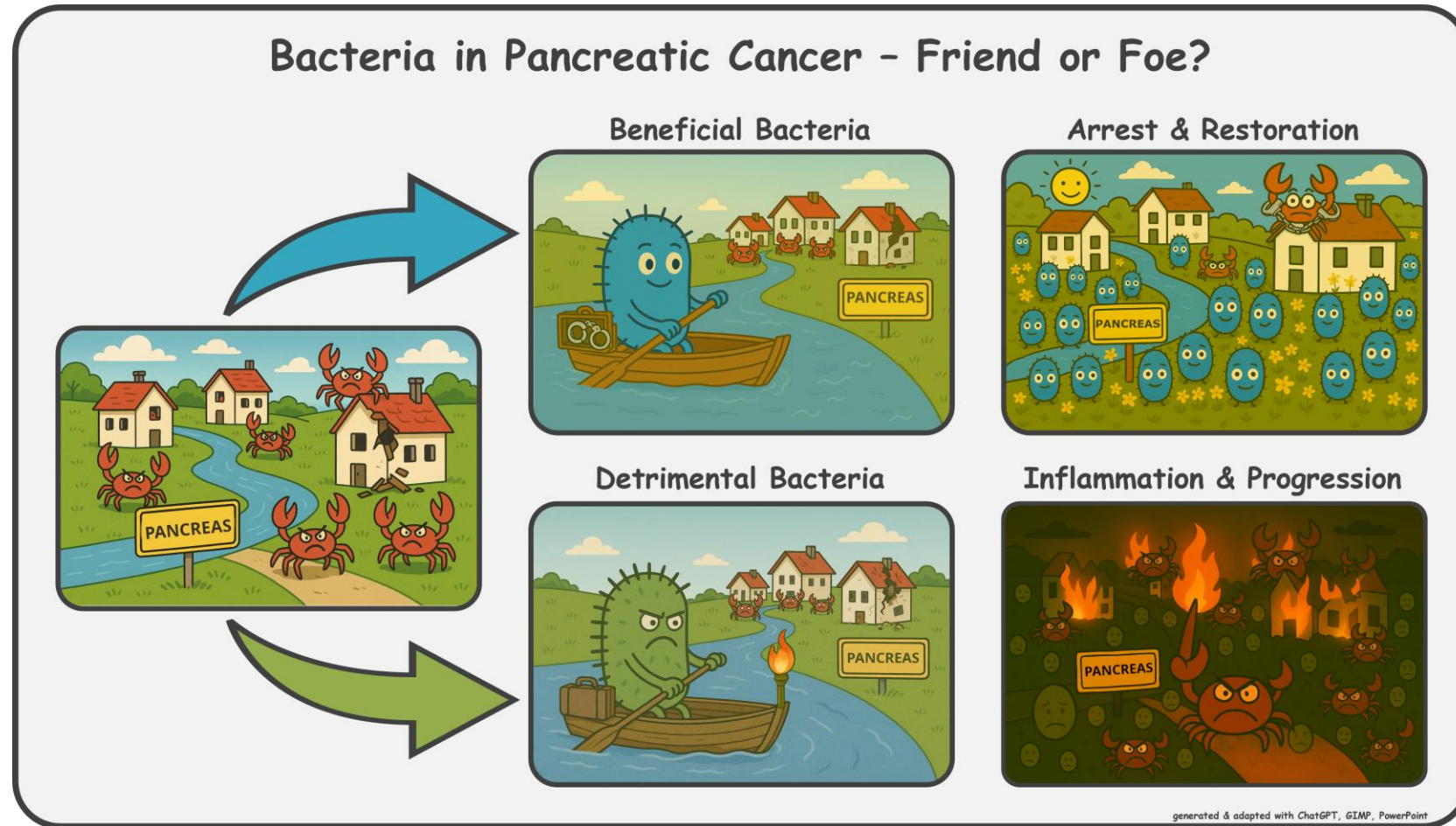


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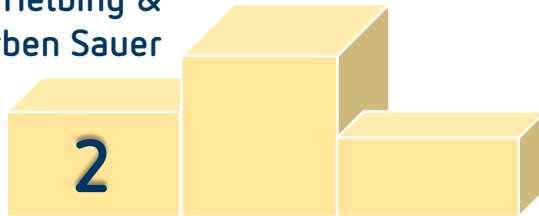
Caption:

Pancreatic cancer involves bacterial colonization, triggering inflammation and disease progression. However, certain bacteria are also associated with arrest of cancer growth and promote the regeneration of healthy pancreatic tissue.



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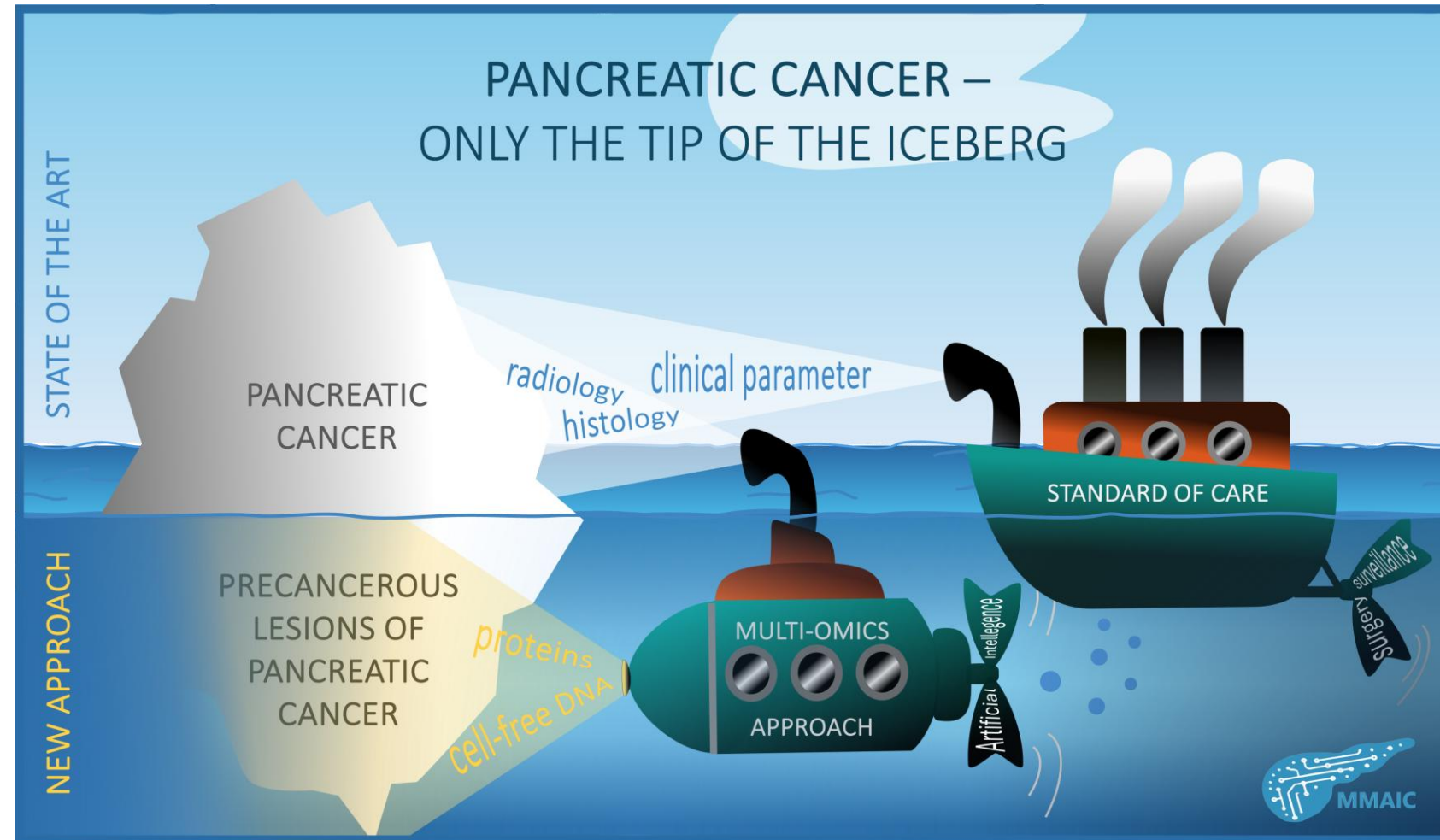


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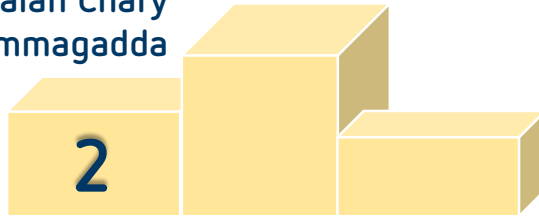
Caption:

Our novel multi-omics approach, complemented by an artificial cohort, will combine standard diagnostics, including radiology and histology, with blood-based proteomics and genomics data to improve early detection of pancreatic cancer.



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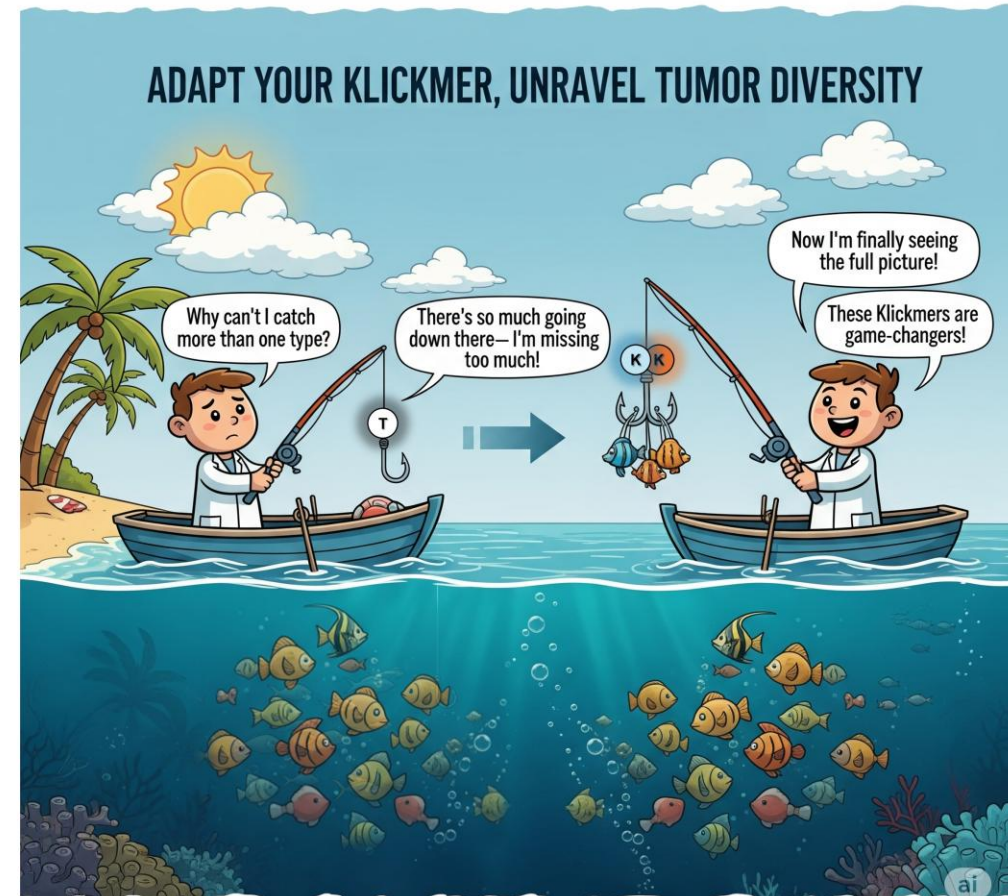


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Caption:

Each cancer is unique- Klickmer technology improves detection of rare circulating tumor cells in the bloodstream. This enables detailed analysis, personalized diagnostics, and more effective treatments tailored to each patient.



Traditional **(T)** fishing with one hook catches one fish, missing the full picture.

Klickmer technology **(K)** casts a smarter net, capturing cancer's true diversity.

One cancer, many faces – NOW we can catch them all!