

The Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO) has awarded Veerle Melotte a Vidi grant of EUR 800,000. This will enable her to further develop her own innovative line of research over the next five years.

When colorectal cancer gets nervous

Even though it is currently well established that neurons within the colorectal tumor-microenvironment negatively impact patients prognosis, knowledge regarding their contribution to colorectal carcinogenesis remains a black box. In this project **Dr. Veerle Melotte** (Faculty of Health, Medicine and Life sciences, FHML) will perform an in-depth characterization of these tumor-associated-neurons by identifying their origin and molecular profile. Moreover Dr. Melotte will investigate how these neurons regulate colorectal cancer hallmarks.



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