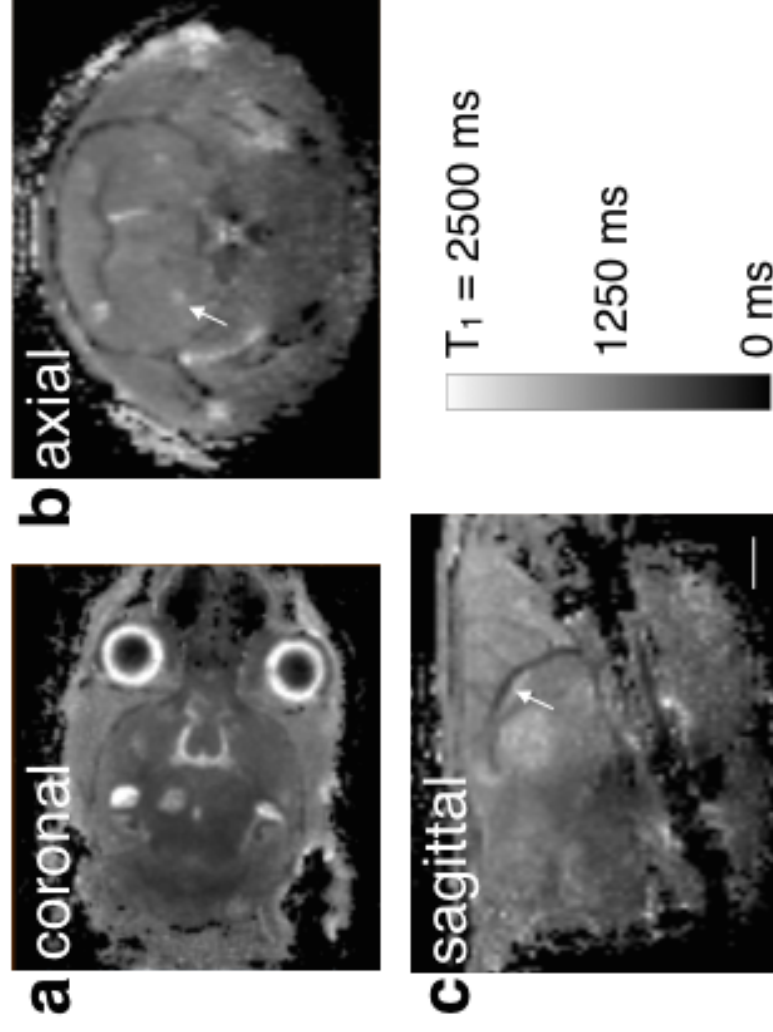


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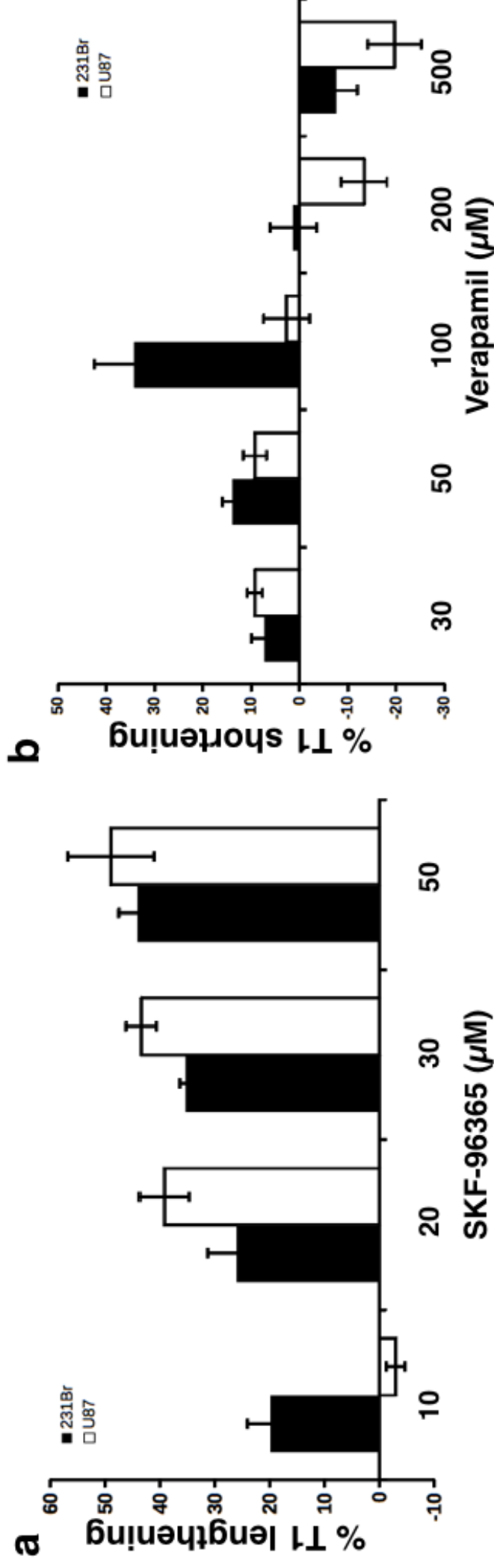
3D T₁ map before injection



Supplementary Figure 1: Representative images in the three orientations from a 3D T₁ map of the brain of a metastases-bearing mouse. Three slices (coronal (a), axial (b) and sagittal (c) orientations) are shown. The high spatial resolution of the maps can be appreciated through the detection of a 0.3mm³ metastasis (arrow in b) and the brain vasculature (arrow in c). The scale bar represents 2 mm.

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Supplementary Figure 2: Dose-dependent effects of increasing concentrations of SKF-96365 (a) or Verapamil (b) on T1

lengthening or shortening, respectively. As the concentration of SKF-96365 increased, the T1 of the Mn-labeled 231Br cells was lengthening. Similar results were obtained with U87 cells. A concentration above $50\mu\text{M}$ altered the phenotypic behavior of the cells, demonstrating a cytotoxicity.

The T1 of the Mn-labeled U87 cells was not affected by Verapamil up to a concentration of $200\mu\text{M}$, whereas $100\mu\text{M}$ Verapamil significantly shortened the T1 of Mn-labeled 231Br cells. This confirms that Mn ions release involve the CaSR only in the metastatic cells.

Increasing the concentrations of Verapamil to $500\mu\text{M}$ induced a contrary effect: the T1 of both cell lines got longer. This might be due to the large spectrum of the Verapamil action. Consequently, through its interaction with voltage-dependent calcium channels, Mn ions entry might be prevented.