# **RNA-sequencing**





## Tissue, analyte and context ...

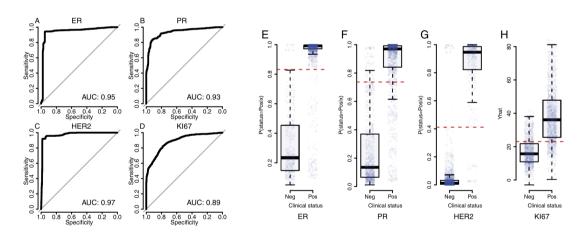
	Healthy individuals	Primary cancer		Metastatic disease & Death
	Screening, curable disease	Diagnosis	Adjuvant setting	Diagnosis
	 Decades		Years	Year(s)
Tumor tissue				
DNA - somatic _		X		XX
RNA				X
DNA - epigenetics	5	X		(X)
Cell-free DNA				
DNA - somatic	(X)	(X)	X	X
DNA - epigenetics	X			(X)
Circulating tumor cells				
DNA				(X)
RNA				<u>(x)</u>

### RNA-seq, epigenetic analysis and diagnostic relevance



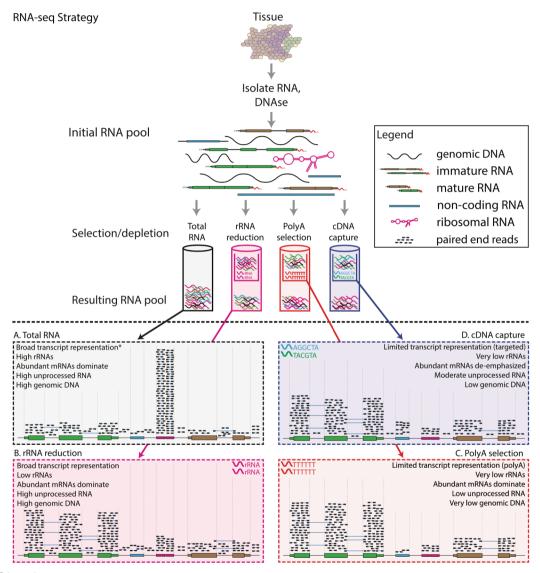
- RNA-seq in cancer
  - High dimensional data
    - Classification
    - Prognostication
    - · Prediction modelling
  - Research
    - Splicing
    - Neoantigen expression
    - Differential gene expression
  - Direct diagnostic relevance
    - · Outlier kinase expression
    - Fusion calling
    - Classification of cancer of unknown primary

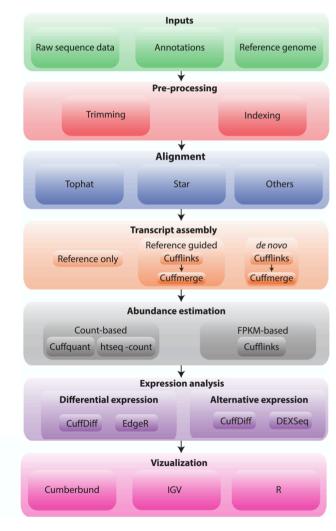
#### RNA-seq based classification of BC clinical biomarkers

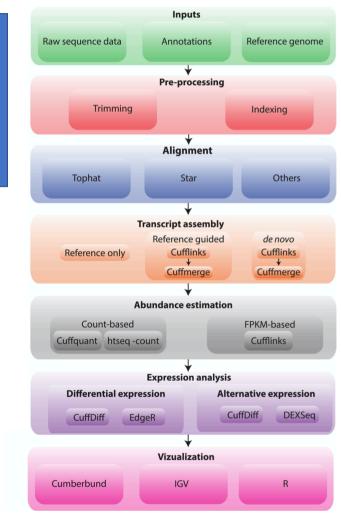


Sequencing-based breast cancer diagnostics as an alternative to routine biomarkers, Sci Rep 2016

### RNA-seq strategies





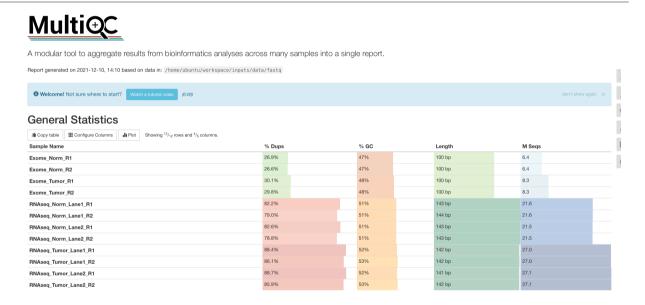


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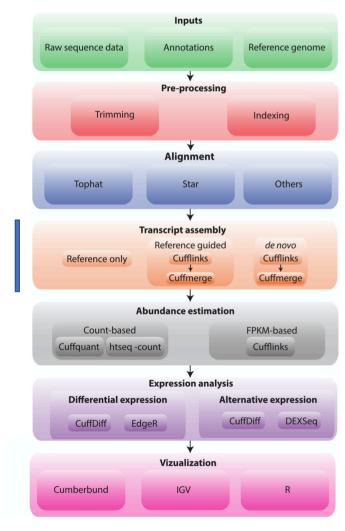


- MultiQC will summarize
  - Adapter contamination
  - Ribosomal RNA fraction
  - Problems with library length
  - Fraction aligned reads etc
- Power of QC is having a background distribution



#### In the course you will test:

- Kallisto
  - Reference only analysis
- HISAT
  - Transcript guided analysis

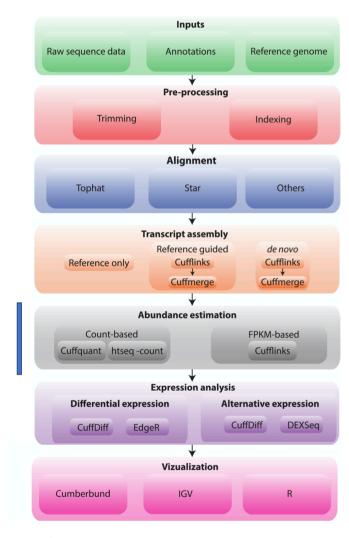


Expression levels vary a lot (10<sup>5</sup> – 10<sup>7</sup> times)

We will use TPM (Transcript per Kilobase Million) to assess expression:

- 1) Divide each gene/transcript fragment count by length of each gene/transcript in kilobases
  - Fragments per kilobase, FPK
- 2) Sum all FPK values for the sample and divide by 1,000,000
  - "per million" scaling factor
- 3) Divide #1 by #2 (TPM)

The sum of all TPMs in each sample is the same.



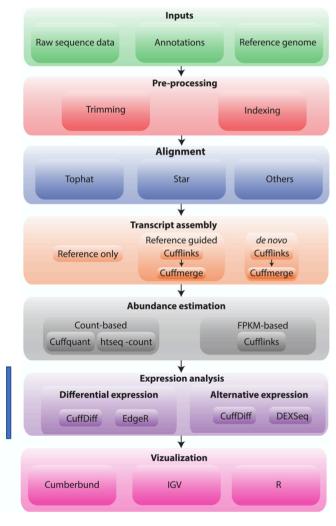
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Normalization required.

Spike ins might help.

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#### RNAseq paper from ICGC



- 1188 cases with RNAseq + WGS
- Copy-number alterations were the major drivers of variations in total gene and allele-specific expression.
- 82% of gene fusions were associated with structural variants

#### Clinical impact of comprehensive DNA and RNA sequencing

- The Michigan Oncology Sequencing Program
  - Tumor biopsy sequencing with paired gDNA
  - Whole-exome or targeted capture
  - RNA-sequencing
    - Fusion detection
    - Classification of Cancer Of Unknown Primary (CUP)
  - Inclusion of 1138 advanced/metastatic patients between 2011-2018
  - Clinical benefit rate from NGS-directed therapy

Research

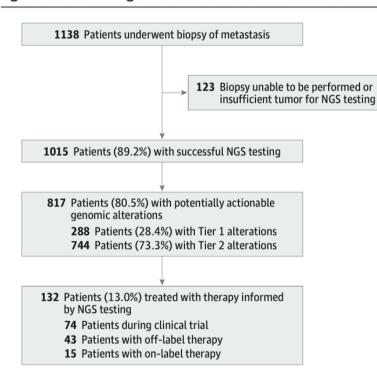
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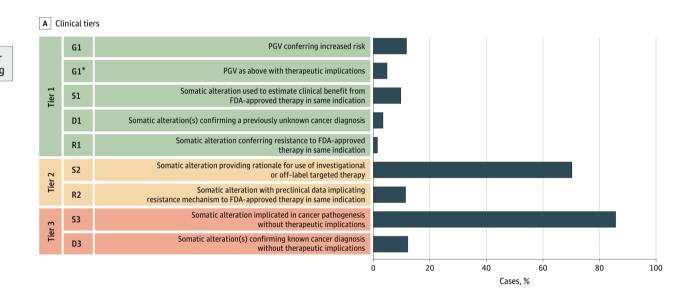
## Assessment of Clinical Benefit of Integrative Genomic Profiling in Advanced Solid Tumors

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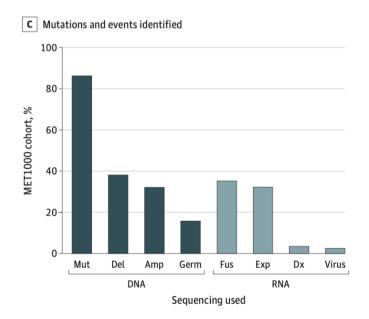
Figure 1. CONSORT Diagram of Patients in the MET1000 Cohort





### What can we hope to achieve with iPCM/clinical implementation?

- 713 patients (70.2%) carried a potentially actionable somatic alteration
- 80.5% carried a clinically relevant alteration
  - 95% were identified by DNA sequencing
  - 63.5% were identified by RNA sequencing



- Sequencing-directed therapy was initiated in 132 patients
  - 49 experienced clinical benefit
  - 26 received therapy 12 months or longer
    - DDR-
    - MSI+
    - Gene fusion carriers
    - Hotspot mutations
    - Amplifications
- 169 pathogenic germline variants were detected
  - 155 were unknown
- 55 patients with cancer of unknown origin
  - 28 were re-classified

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