

Biomarkers for disease identification/outcome



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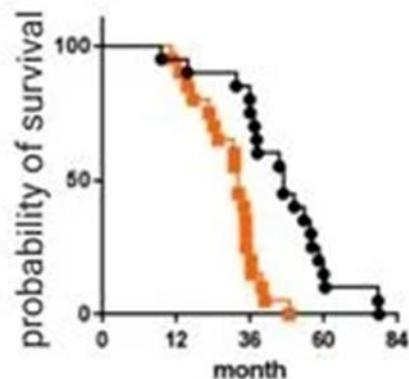
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Biomarkers

diagnostic



prognostic



predictive



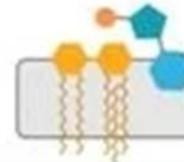
clinical and laboratory features



DNA



metabolome



protein



immune /stroma

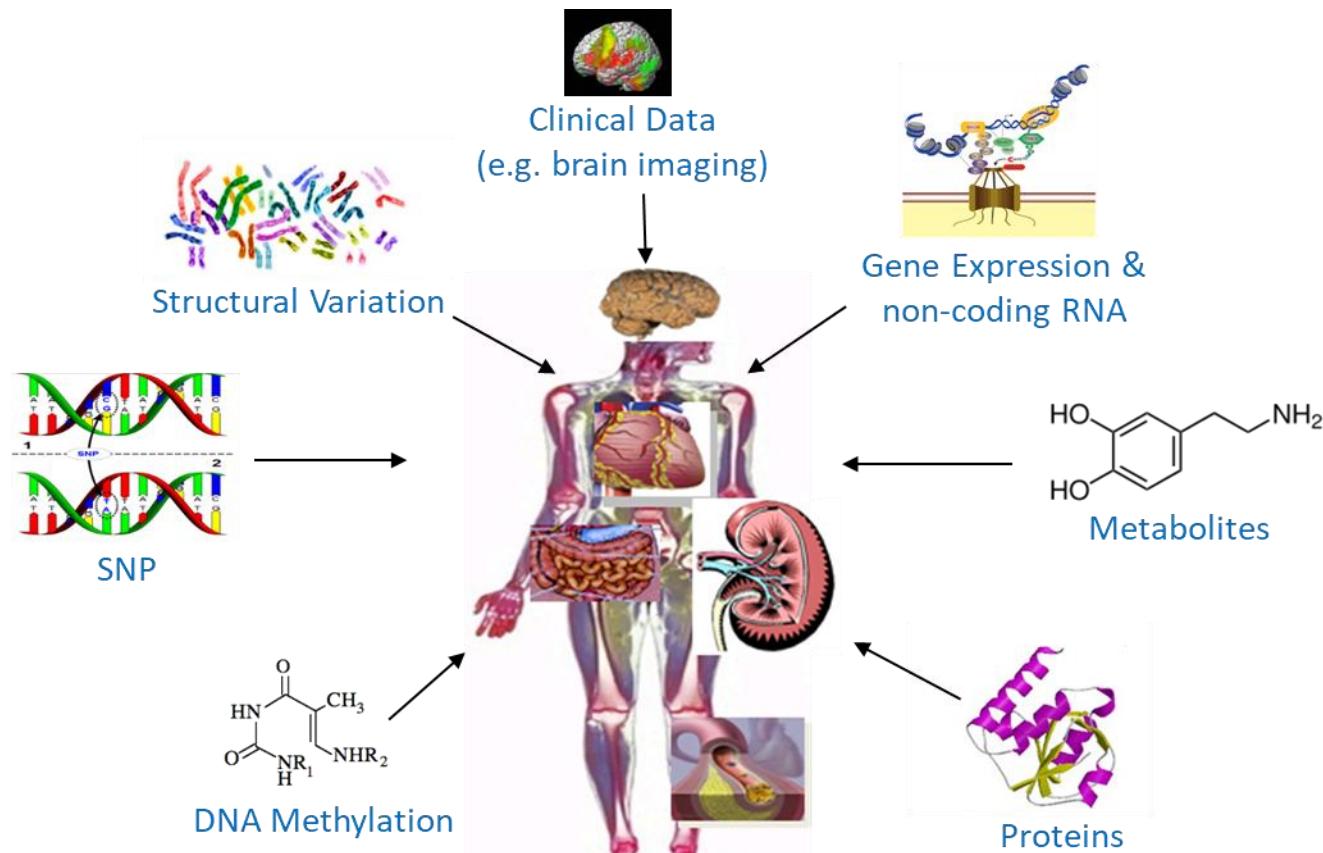
microbiome



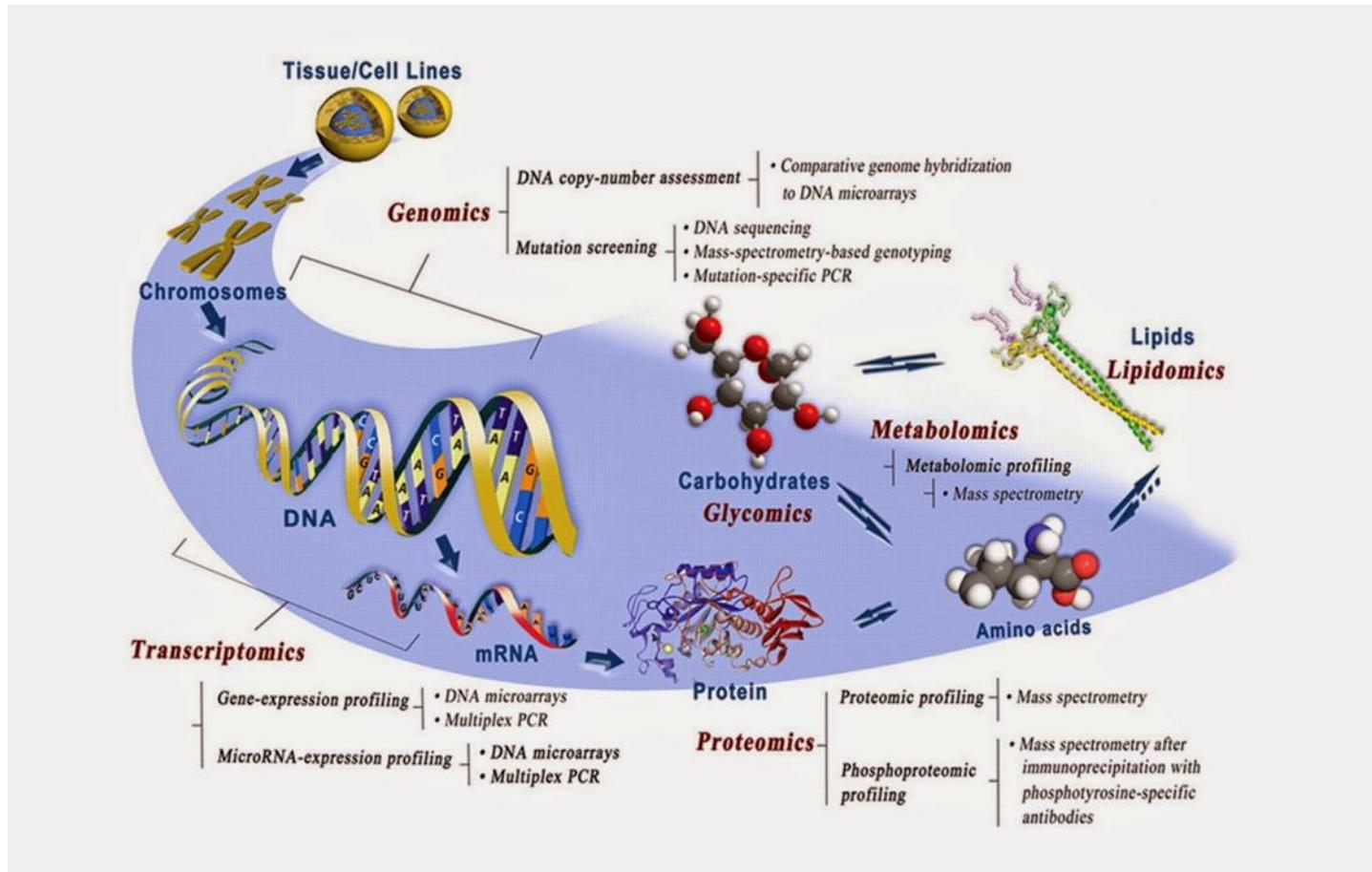
Biomarkers

- *Diagnostic biomarker*: To identify a disease or disease conditions. Wide range of test of disease identifications and level of severity.
- *Prognostic biomarker*: To predicting outcome of treatment or survival probability of patients (e.g., risk prediction). Important to understand advantage of a treatment.
- *Disease forecasting*: Forecasting of a disease or it severity based on biological or environmental factors

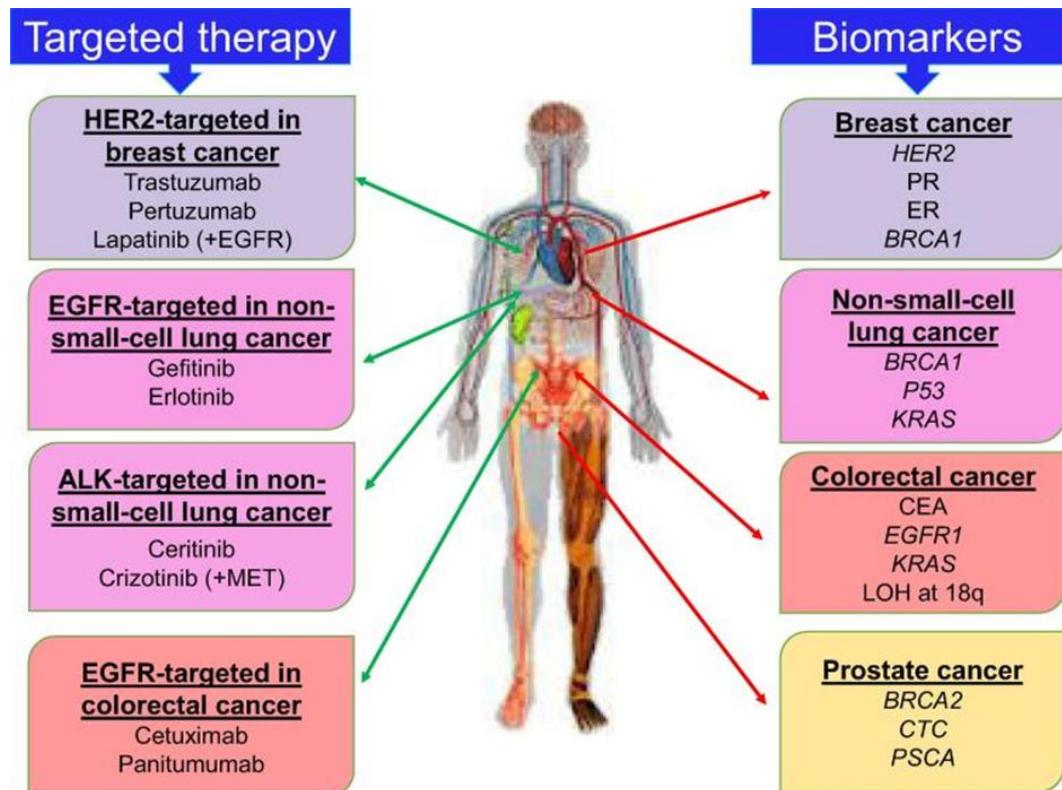
High throughput technologies for biomarker identification



Omics technologies



Importance of biomarkers in cancer treatment

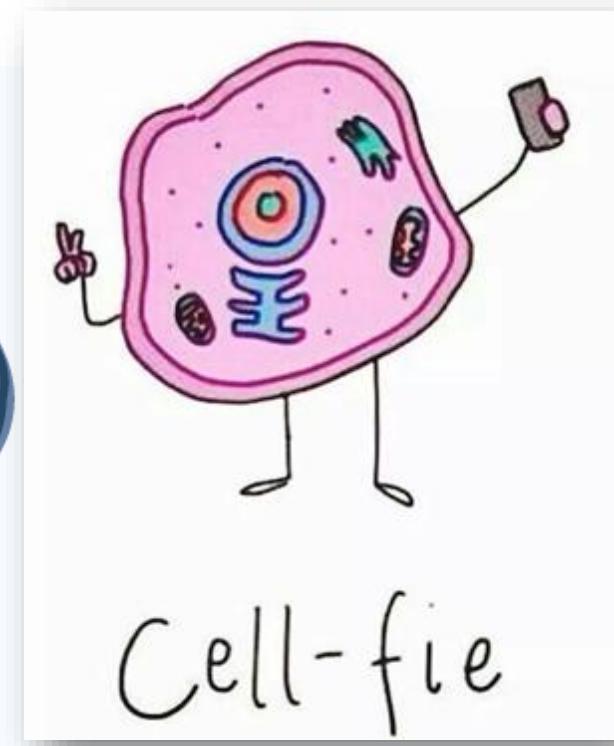
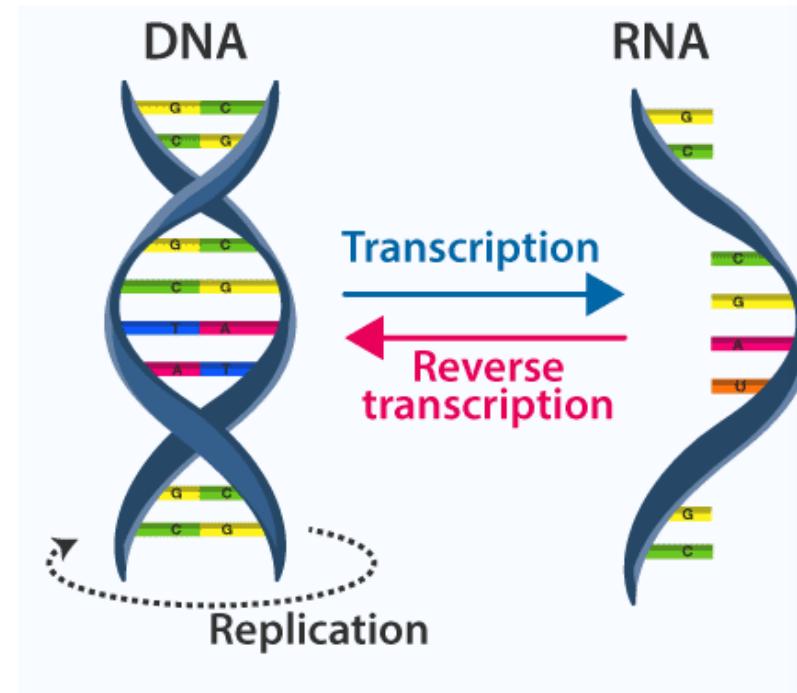


List of Targeted therapies approved for different types pf cancer:

<https://www.cancer.gov/about-cancer/treatment/types/targeted-therapies/approved-drug-list>

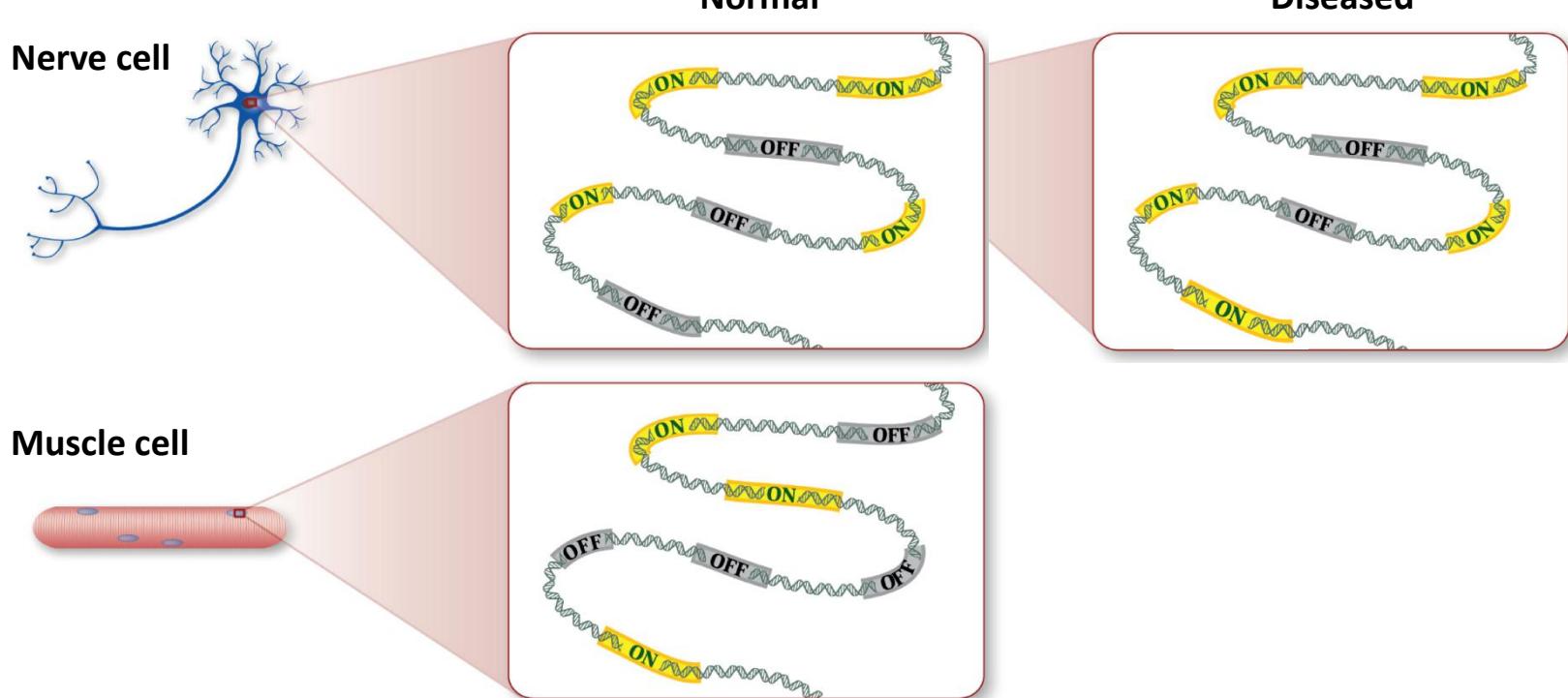
Gene expression-based biomarker identification

Central Dogma: DNA to RNA to Protein



Complete set of RNAs encoded by the genome of a specific cell/organism at a specific time under specific set of conditions

Why Transcriptome?

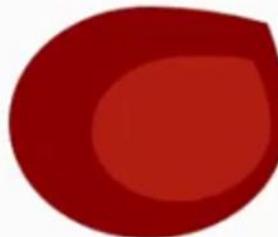


Differential gene expression analysis

which genes are expressed at different levels and reasonable for the disease ?



VS



Normal cell

Tumor cell

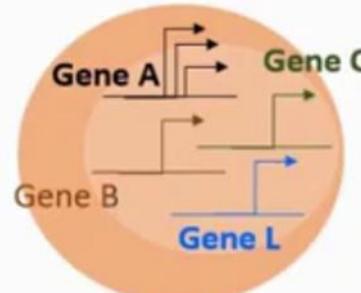
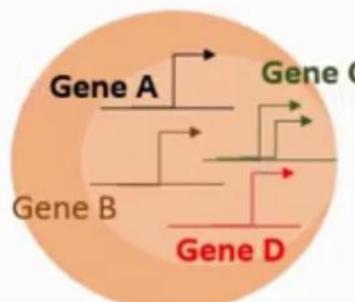
What are the differentially expressed genes?

Gene A is up regulated

Gene c is down regulated

Gene D is turned off

Gene L is turned on



Why sequence RNA (Versus DNA)?

1. *Functional studies*

Genome may be constant but an experimental condition has a profound effect on the gene expression (differential expression)

Eg. Drug vs. untreated cells

Eg. Wild type vs. knock out mice cells

2. *Predicting transcript sequence from genome sequence is difficult*

3. *Some molecular features can only be observed at the RNA level*

Alternative isoforms, fusion transcripts, RNA editing

4. *Understand allele specific expression*