

Expert Review in Next Generation Sequencing: *Integration of Next Generation Sequencing Into Clinical Management of Solid Tumors*

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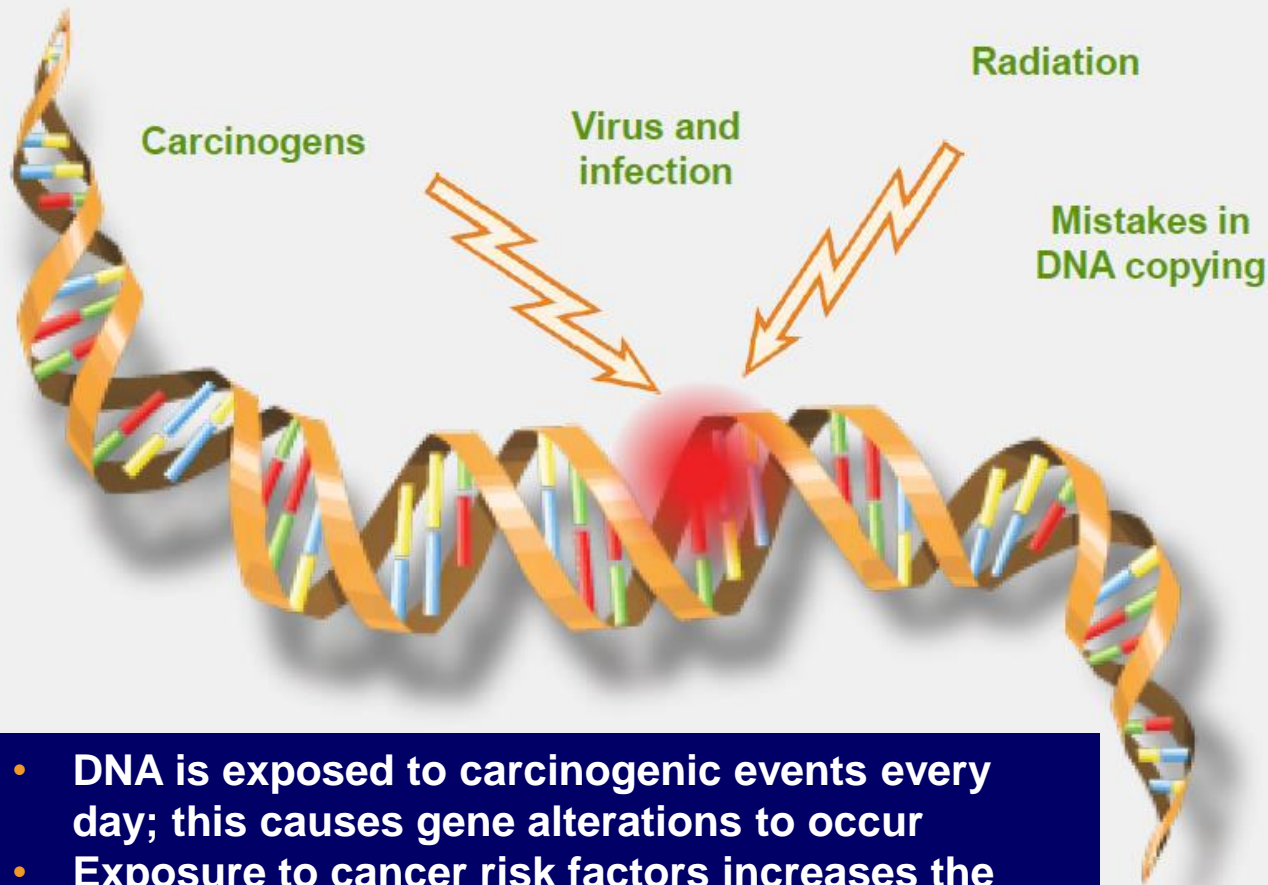
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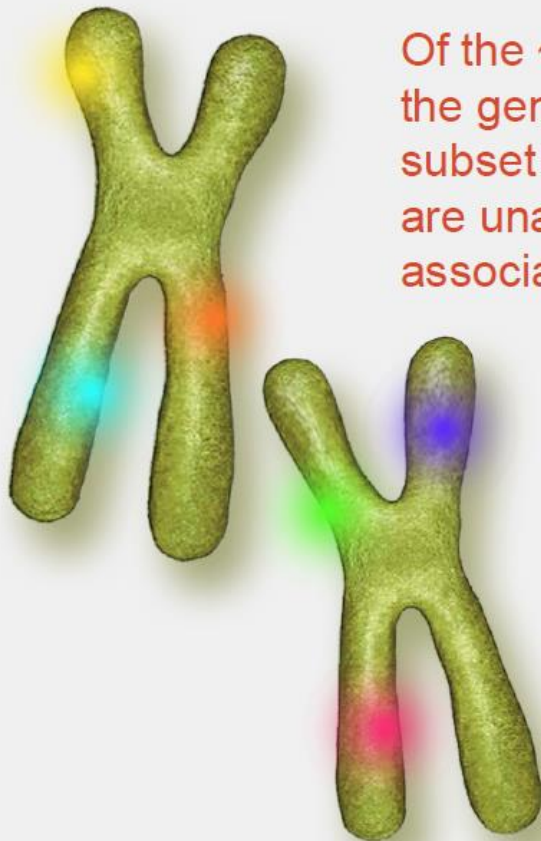
Introduction and Overview

Cancer Is a Disease of the Genome



- DNA is exposed to carcinogenic events every day; this causes gene alterations to occur
- Exposure to cancer risk factors increases the chances of gene alterations

Cancer-Related Genes



Of the ~20,000 genes in the genome, only a subset of a few hundred are unambiguously associated with cancer

Gene names

BCR-ABL

ERBB2 (HER-2)

BRAF

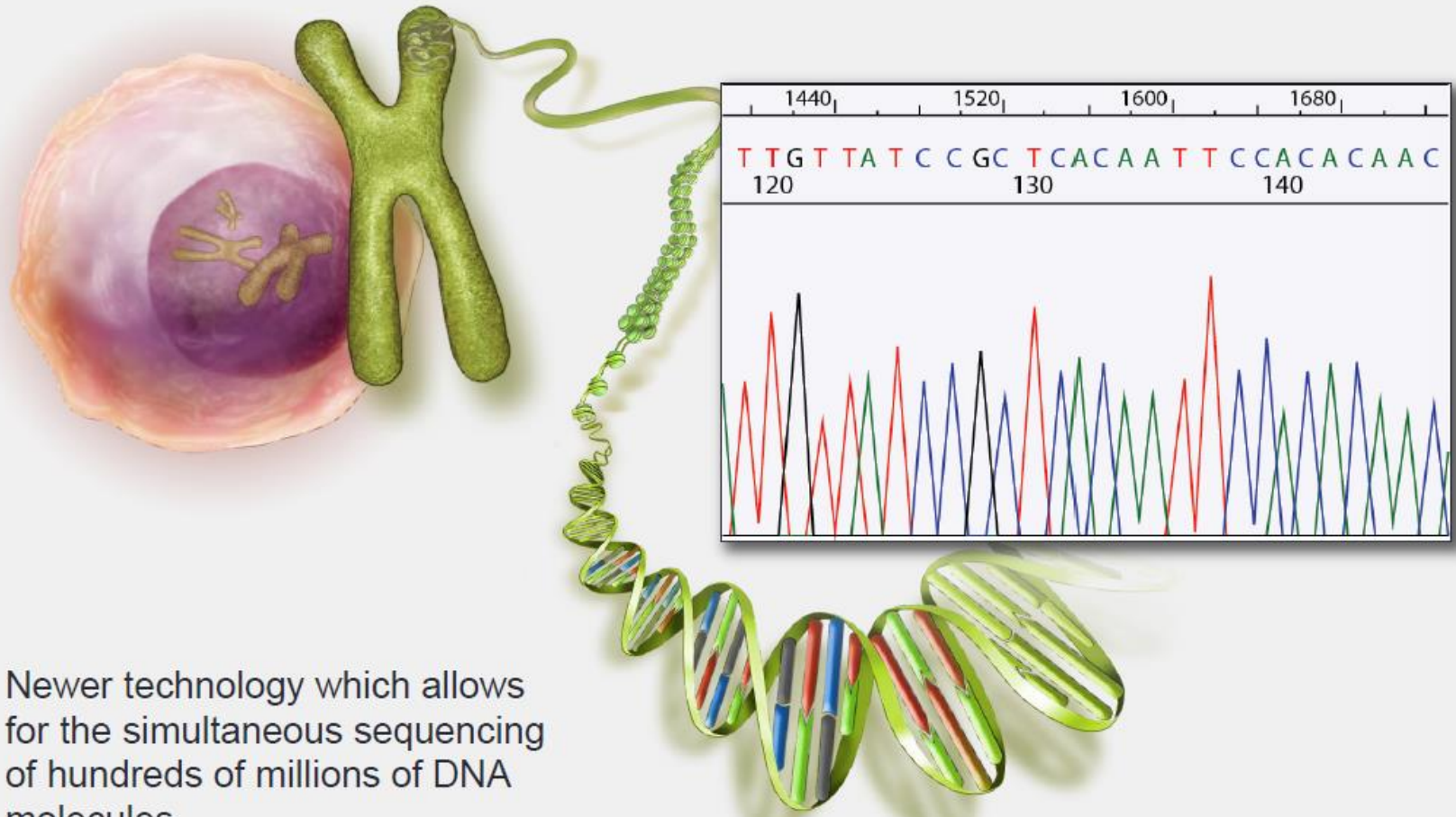
KRAS

EGFR

KIT

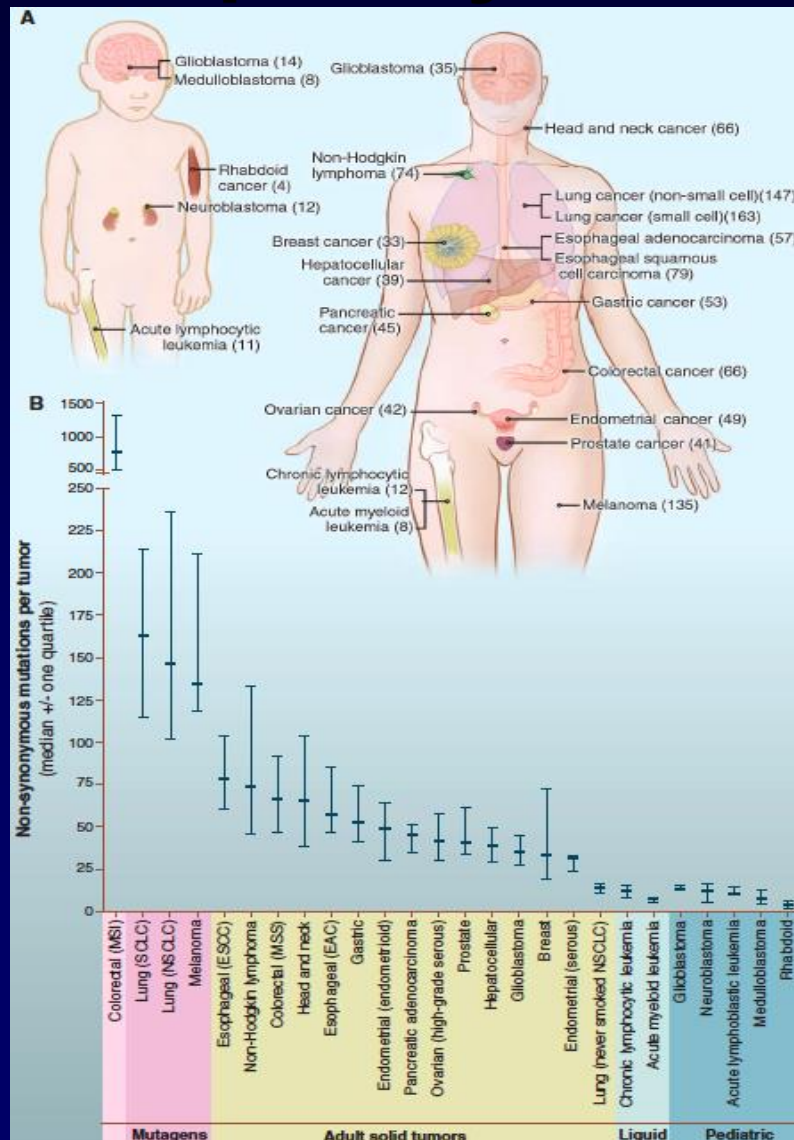
BRCA1

What is Next Generation Sequencing (NGS)?



- Newer technology which allows for the simultaneous sequencing of hundreds of millions of DNA molecules.

Frequency of Mutations Across Cancer



Melanomas and lung tumors display many more mutations than average, with ~200 nonsynonymous mutations per tumor.

These larger numbers reflect the involvement of potent mutagens. Accordingly, lung cancers from smokers have 10 times as many somatic mutations as those from nonsmokers.

Targeted approaches allow rapid screening of multiple genes for clinically relevant mutations

The Clinical Diagnostic Workflow

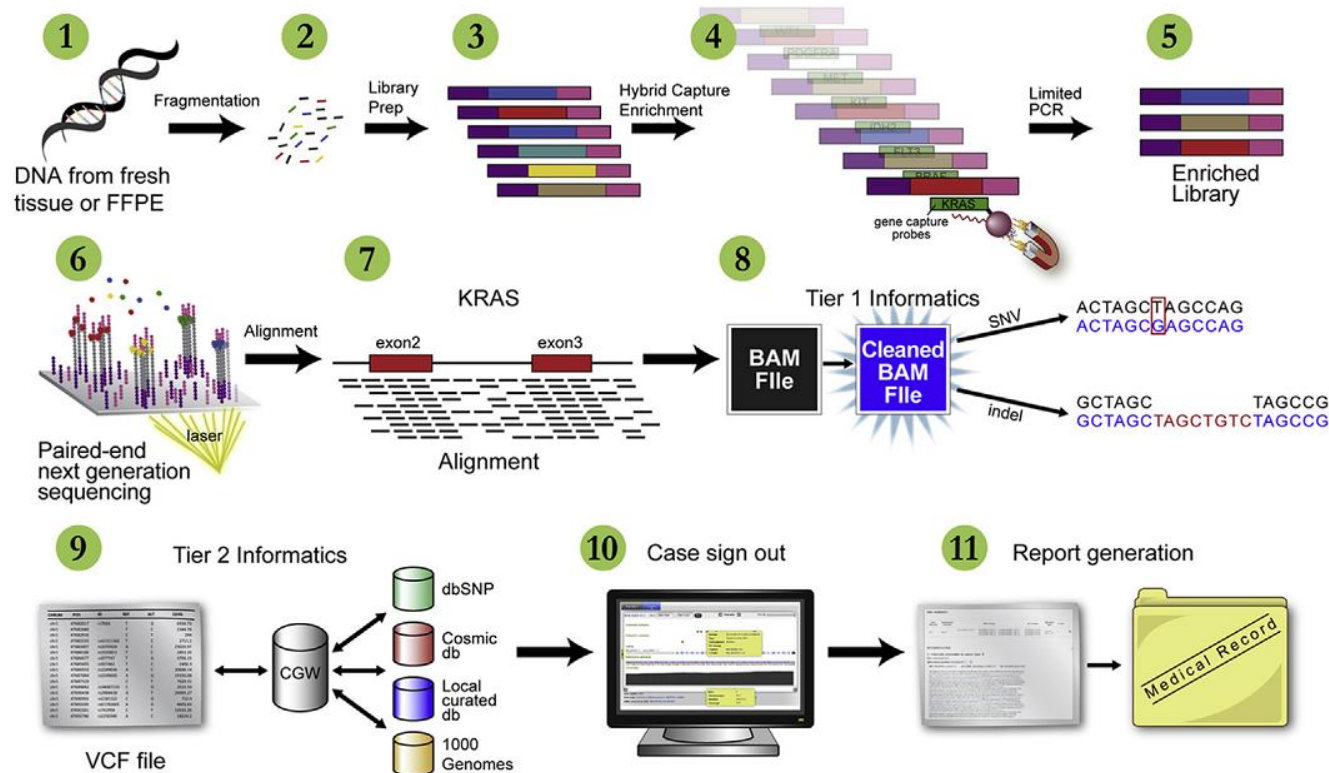


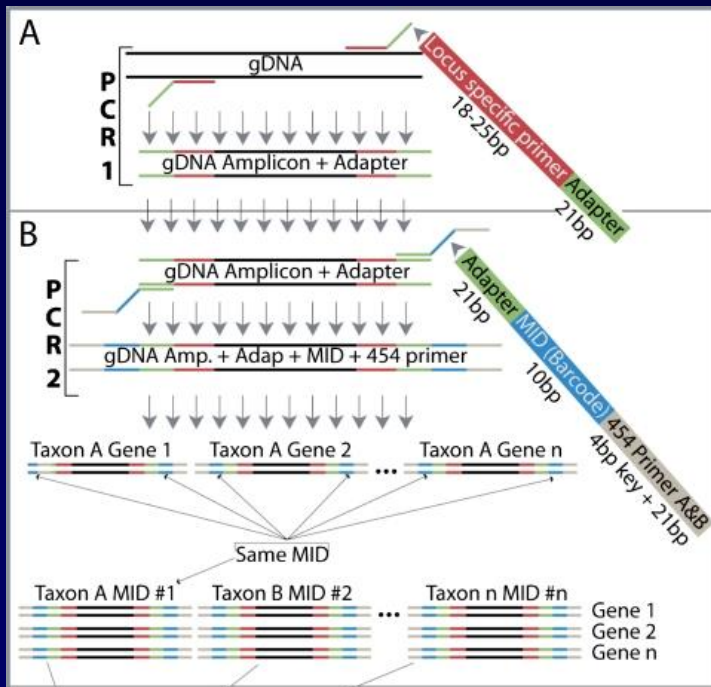
Figure 2 Schematic view of the WUCaMP assay workflow. DNA is extracted from tumor tissue (1) derived from fresh or FFPE specimens and fragmented by sonication (2). Libraries are prepared and amplified via limited-cycle PCR (3) and enriched for WUCaMP genes by fluid phase hybridization to custom cRNA capture reagents (4). The hybridized product is amplified (5) and sequenced on an Illumina HiSeq 2000 or Illumina MiSeq instrument (6). Paired-end reads are aligned to the genome (7), PCR duplicates are removed (8), and variant calls are made (9). Variants are annotated and classified by our internally developed CGW application, using publicly available and proprietary databases, and the case is reviewed and interpreted by a clinical genomicist for sign-out in CGW (10). A report is then issued to the medical record (11).

NGS Modalities

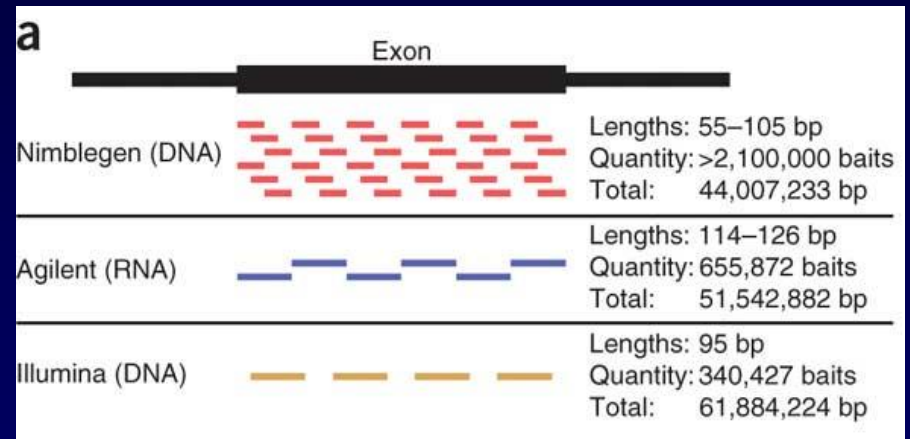
- **Whole-genome sequencing**
 - Determines the complete DNA sequence of an organism's genome at a single time
- **Whole-exome sequencing**
 - Selectively sequences only the coding areas of the genome
- **Targeted sequencing (hot spot)**
 - Sequences only the hot spots of a subset of genes of interest
- **Fully informative sequencing**
 - Sequences a defined subset of genes of interest in their entirety

Targeted Sequencing Approaches

Amplicon Sequencing



(Whole) Exome Sequencing



Mutation Detection in Next-Generation Sequencing

- **High throughput**
 - Survey many cancer-related genes at once
- **Mostly unbiased detection of all mutation types**
 - Single-nucleotide variations
 - Copy-number alterations
 - Indels, inversions, translocations
- **Readout of the mutation frequency**
 - Quantification of mutations in heterogeneous samples

NGS Data Quality and Quantity



- Origin
- Preparation
- Storage

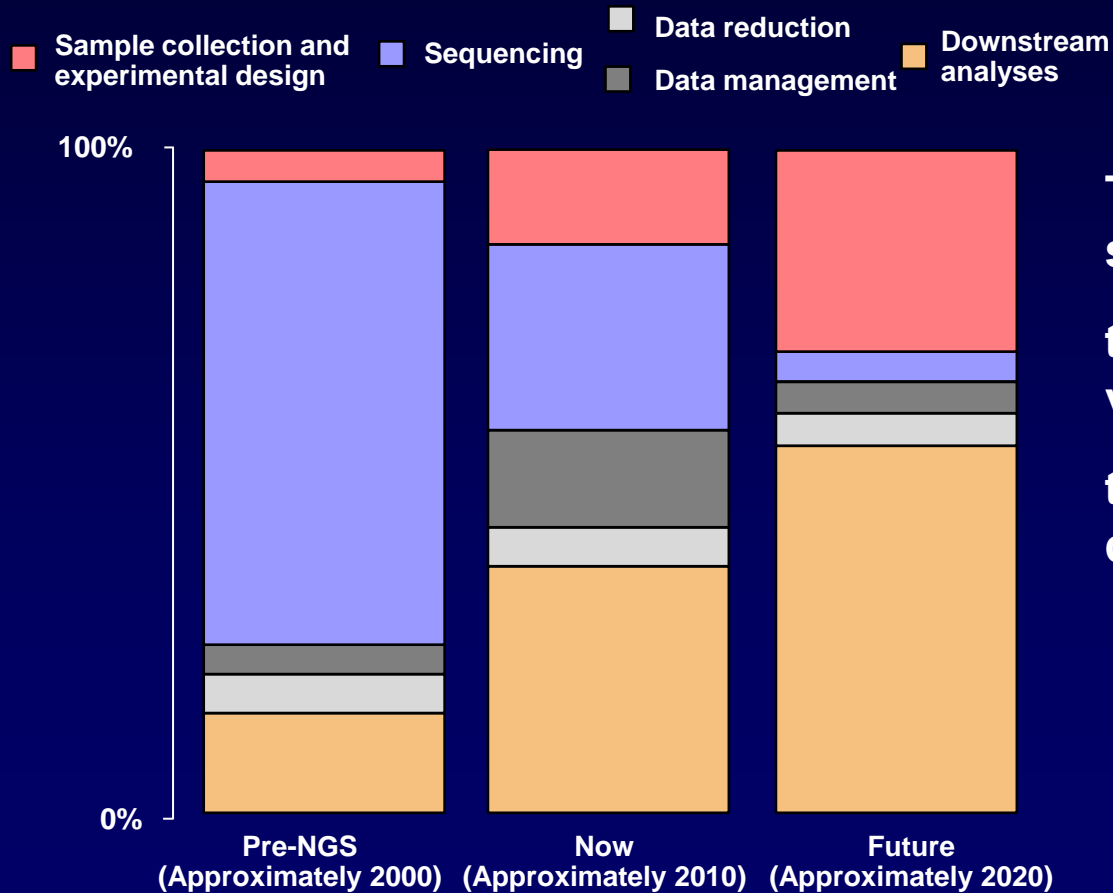
- Platform
- Application
 - Provider
 - Semi-customized
 - Fully-customized

- Provider
- Custom software packages
- Customized workflow (more advanced tools)

Development of the Most Suitable Bioinformatics Workflow

- **Fundamental element of an NGS pipeline is the mapping tool**
- **Determine the optimal mapper for your application (not trivial!) (choose from more than 80 mapping tools)**
 - **Compare most important features/characteristics of mapping tools**
 - **Select the mapping tools most probably addressing your needs**
 - **Evaluate the reduced subset of mappers in terms of their accuracy**
- **Additionally fundamental to a cancer NGS pipeline is the variant caller**

Sequencing vs Bioinformatic Costs



The higher the number of sequencing errors, the higher the number of variations to be annotated, the higher the bioinformatic costs.

Factors to Consider When Interpreting Results

- Tumor purity
- Coding or non-coding mutation ?
- Rare germline single nucleotide polymorphism (SNP)?
- Known oncogene or tumor suppressor?
- Has variant been reported before?
- Is it clonally dominant?
- How many driver events?
- Is there functional evidence for mutation activity in the literature?
 - Hotspot mutation in an oncogene
 - Deleterious mutation in a tumor suppressor

Interpreting Results (cont)

- Does tumor type in question have a tendency for hypermutation?
 - Melanoma, NSCLC, MSI+ colorectal cancer
- Does mutation have the hallmarks of an FFPE artifact (v low frequency C>T or G>A mutations)?
- Read the small print - what exons are covered?
- Determine which codons were not effectively sequenced in the sequencing reaction:
 - Absence of a driver mutation does not necessarily mean the driver is not present
- Variant allele frequencies close to 50% or 100% - suspect a germline event
 - Vigilant for cancer-predisposing germline mutations

Possible Applications of NGS to Better Understand Tumor Biology

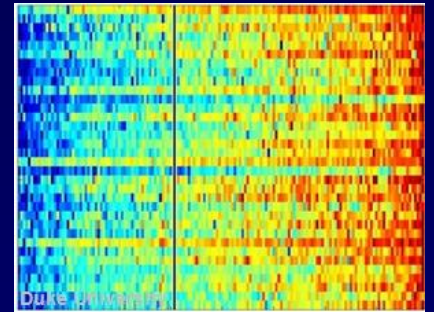
Future Application Of Genomics: Understand the Biology at the Individual Scale

Patients with lethal cancer



Tumor specimen

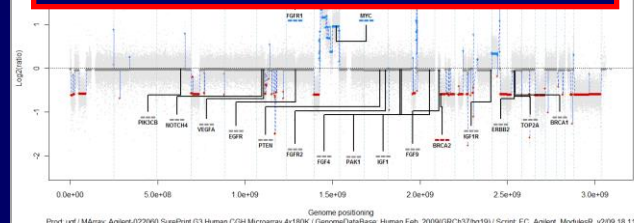
Molecular profiling



Targeted therapy according
to the molecular profile



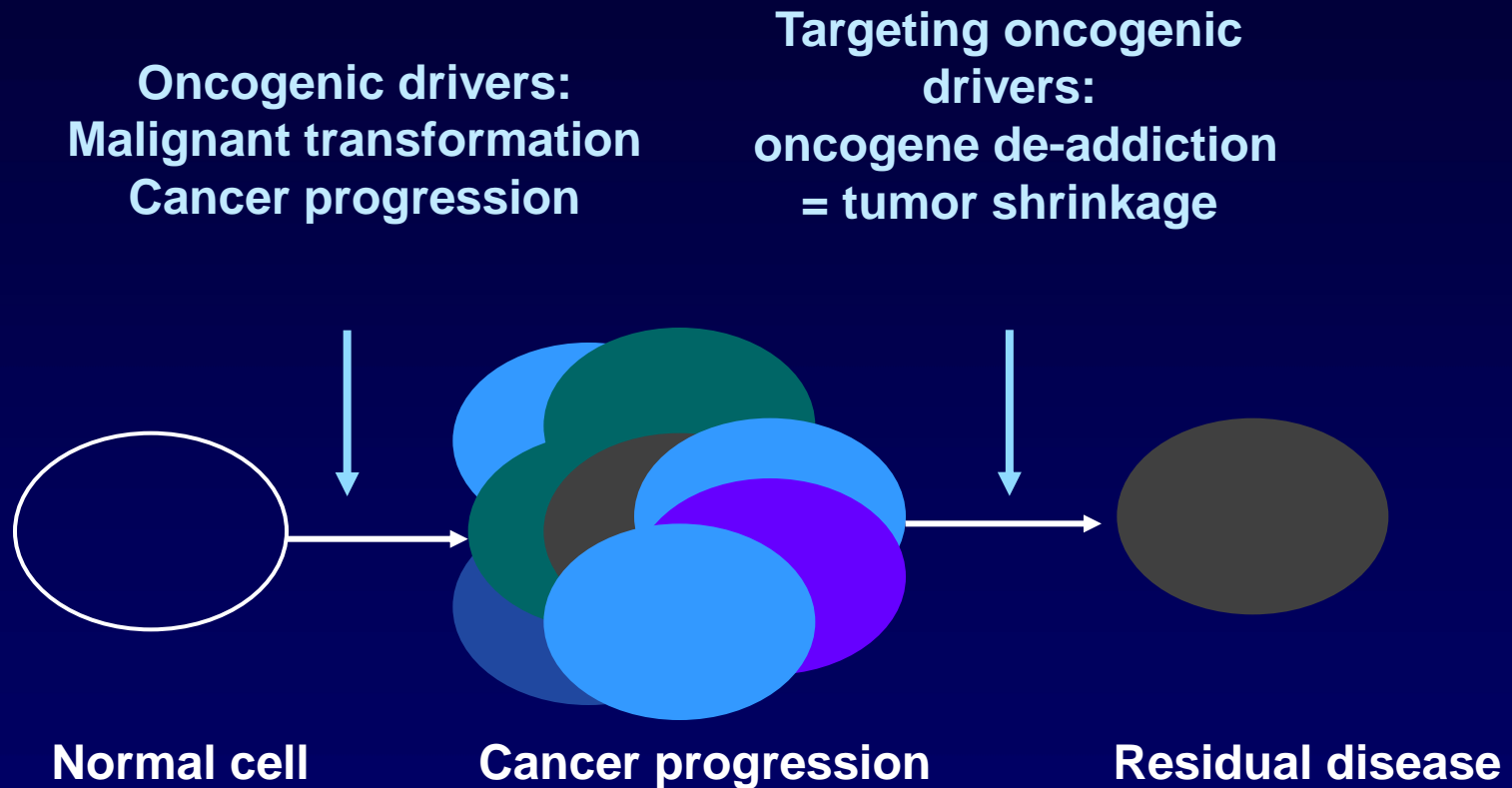
The deliverable: A tool to
decipher the molecular
mechanisms involved in cancer
progression in each patient



How Can Genomics Help the Oncologist Understand the Biology in Each Patient in Order to Provide Better Treatment?

- **Identify the driver:**
 - Targeted sequencing + capacity to quantify CNA
 - ctDNA to scale-up
- **Track & kill the lethal clone**
 - Intratumor heterogeneity and resistance to therapy
 - Ultradeep sequencing and ctDNA to find the lethal clone
- **Long-term perspectives:**
 - Define the mutational process: whole-exome sequencing
 - Understand the dialogue between cancer cell & immune system: whole-exome sequencing

Genomic Tests to Identify Oncogenic Drivers at the Individual Scale



**Can we identify oncogenic drivers in individuals,
in order to shrink the tumor?**

A Preclinical Example of an Oncogenic Driver

Inducible expression of mutated HER2 (HER2YVMA):
Rapid development/maintenance of adenosquamous
lung tumors in mice

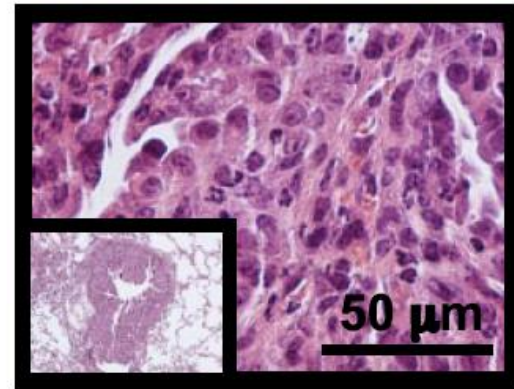
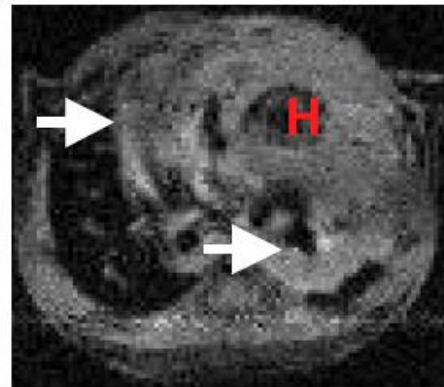
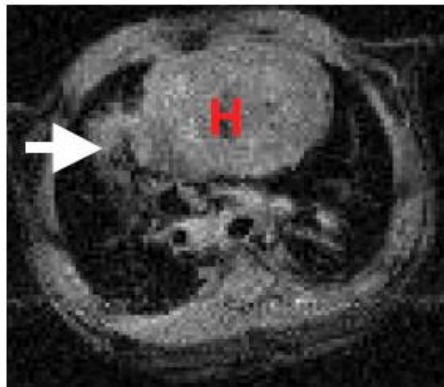
MRI

Histology

No Doxy

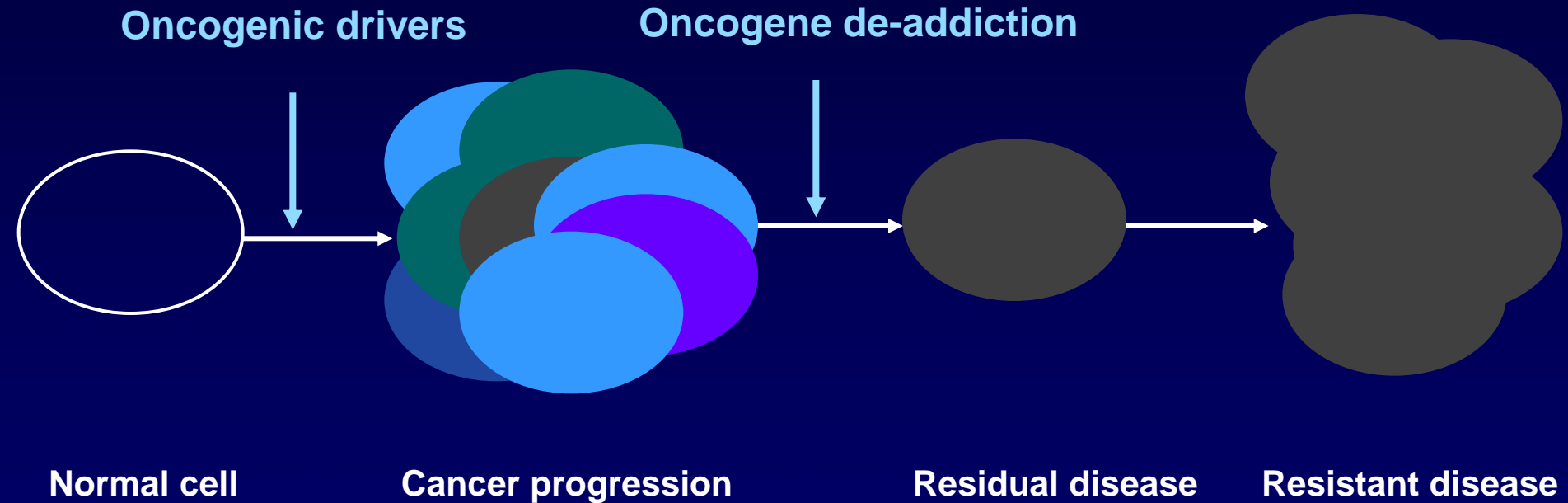
1 week

2 weeks



Doxy, doxycycline

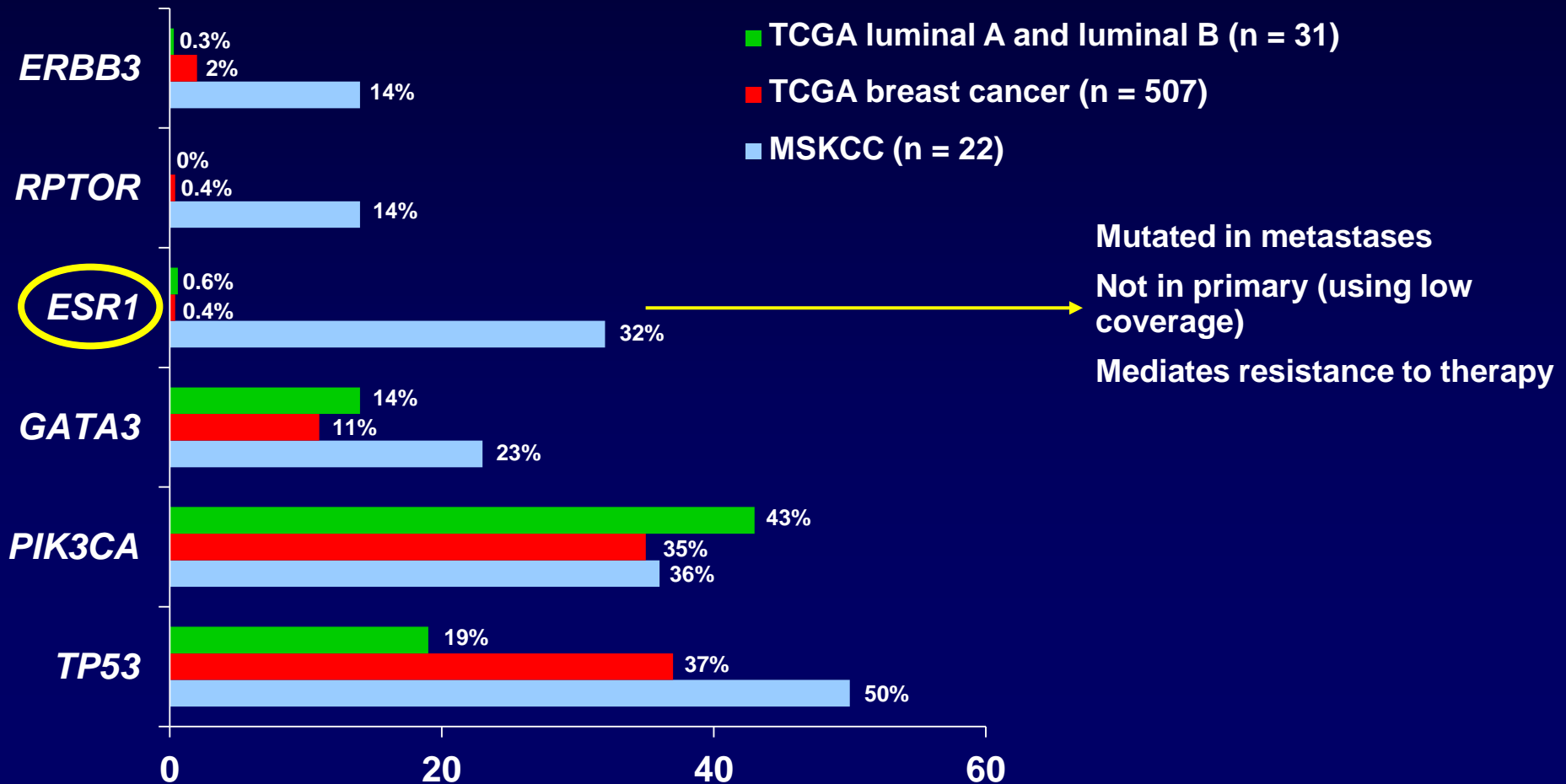
Beyond the Drivers: How the Use of Genomic Tests Could Help Avoid Resistance?



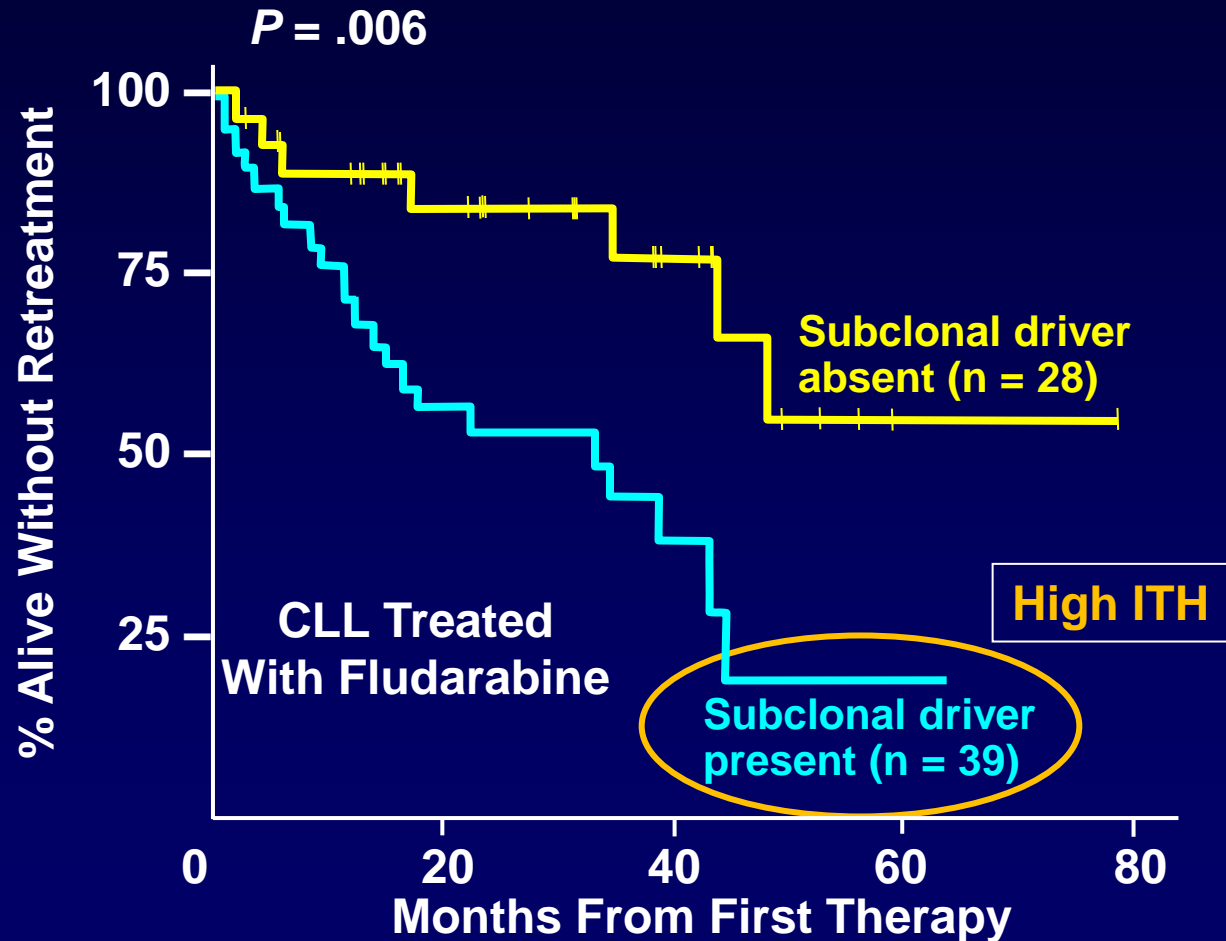
How Could the Use of Genomic Tests Help Avoid Resistance?

- Does intratumor heterogeneity predict resistance to therapy?
- Is it possible to detect the lethal subclone in primary tumor using deep sequencing...and kill it?
- Is it possible to detect the appearance of lethal subclone by using circulating DNA...and kill it?

Which Gene Is a Good Candidate to Work on This Concept in BC ?



Does Intratumor Heterogeneity Predict Resistance to Therapy?



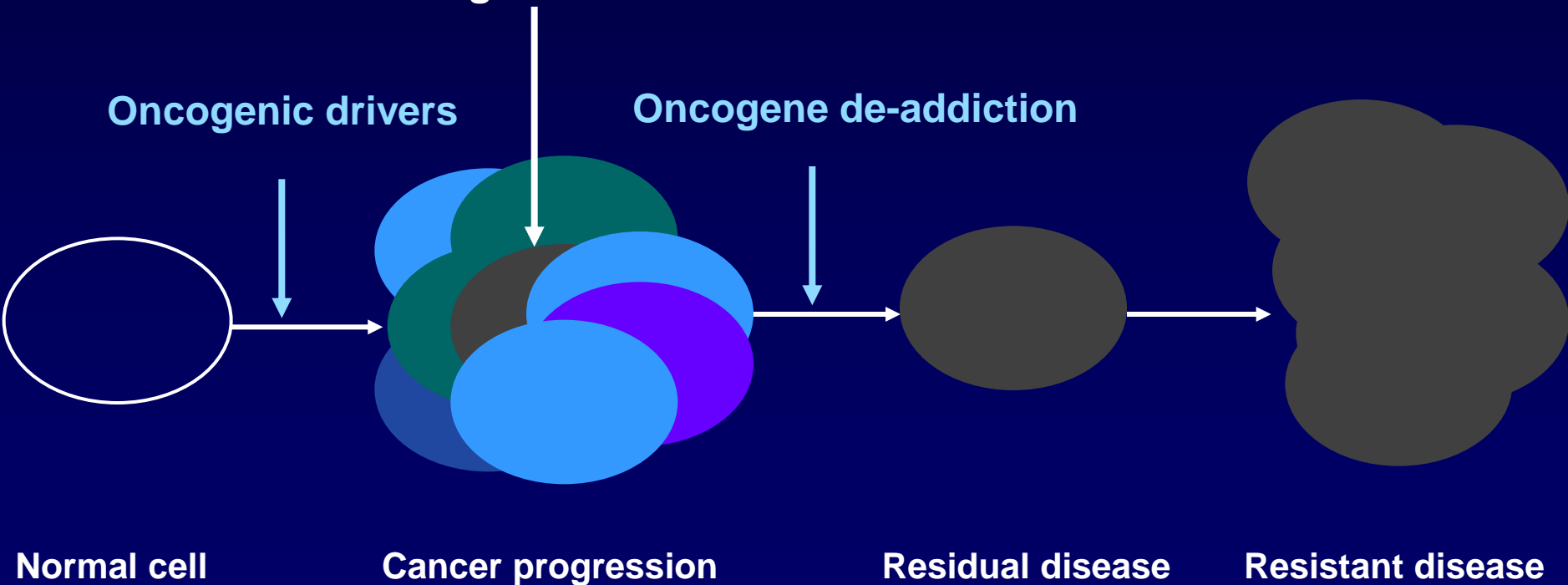
Intratumor heterogeneity could define a disease resistant to therapy

Is It Possible to Detect the Lethal Subclone in Primary Tumor ?

Lethal subclone at diagnosis:
A minority clone present
at early stage, resistant to therapy
and leading to cancer death

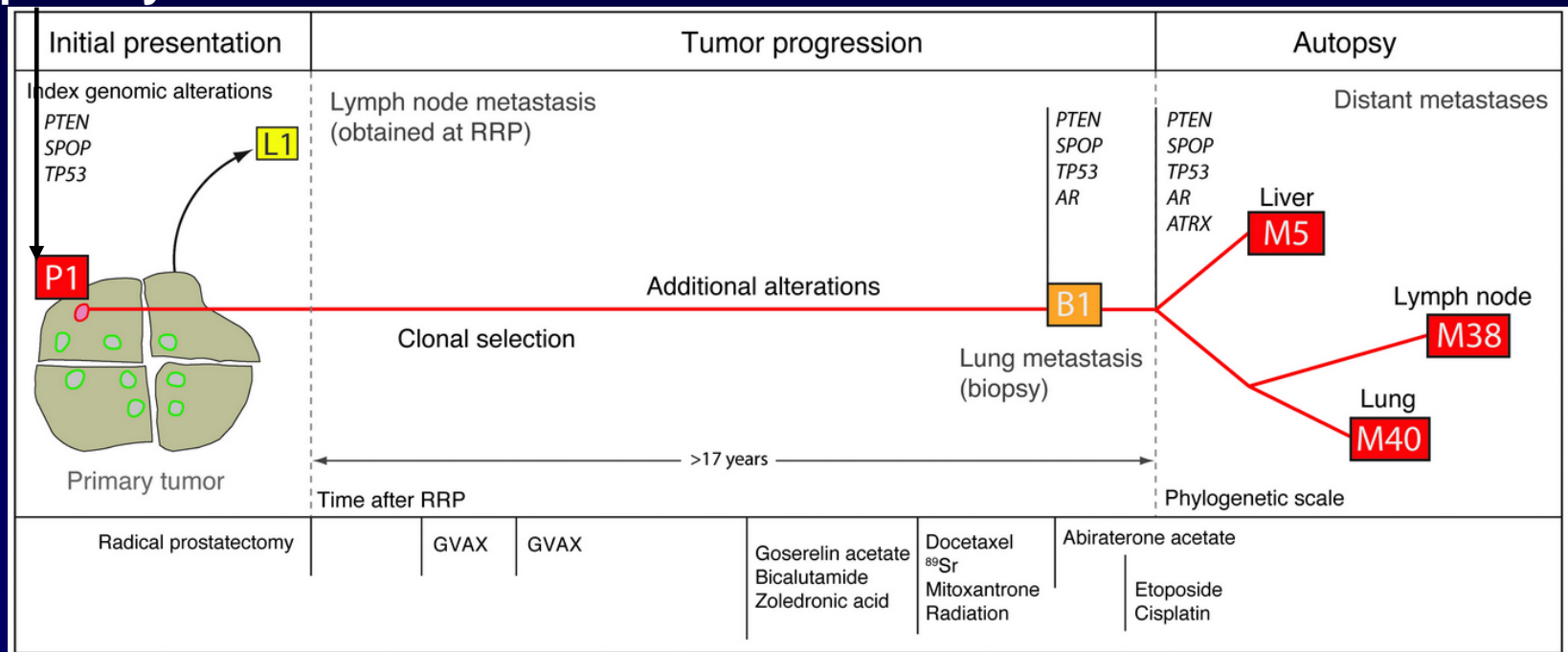
Oncogenic drivers

Oncogene de-addiction



Is It Possible to Detect the Lethal Subclone in Primary Tumor?

Lethal clone present in a minority of cells in the primary tumors



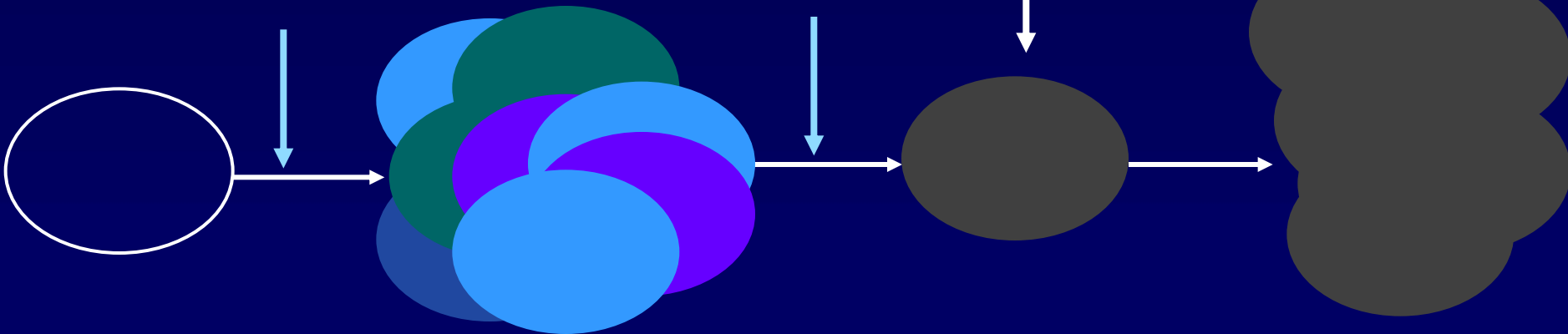
Ultradeep sequencing (x40,000) could detect the lethal minority subclone in primary tumor

Is It Possible to Detect the Appearance of Lethal Subclone ?

Acquired lethal subclone:
A minority clone not detectable
at early stage by deep sequencing,
resistant to therapy
and leading to cancer death

Targeting oncogenic
drivers:
oncogene de-addiction

Oncogenic drivers



Normal cell

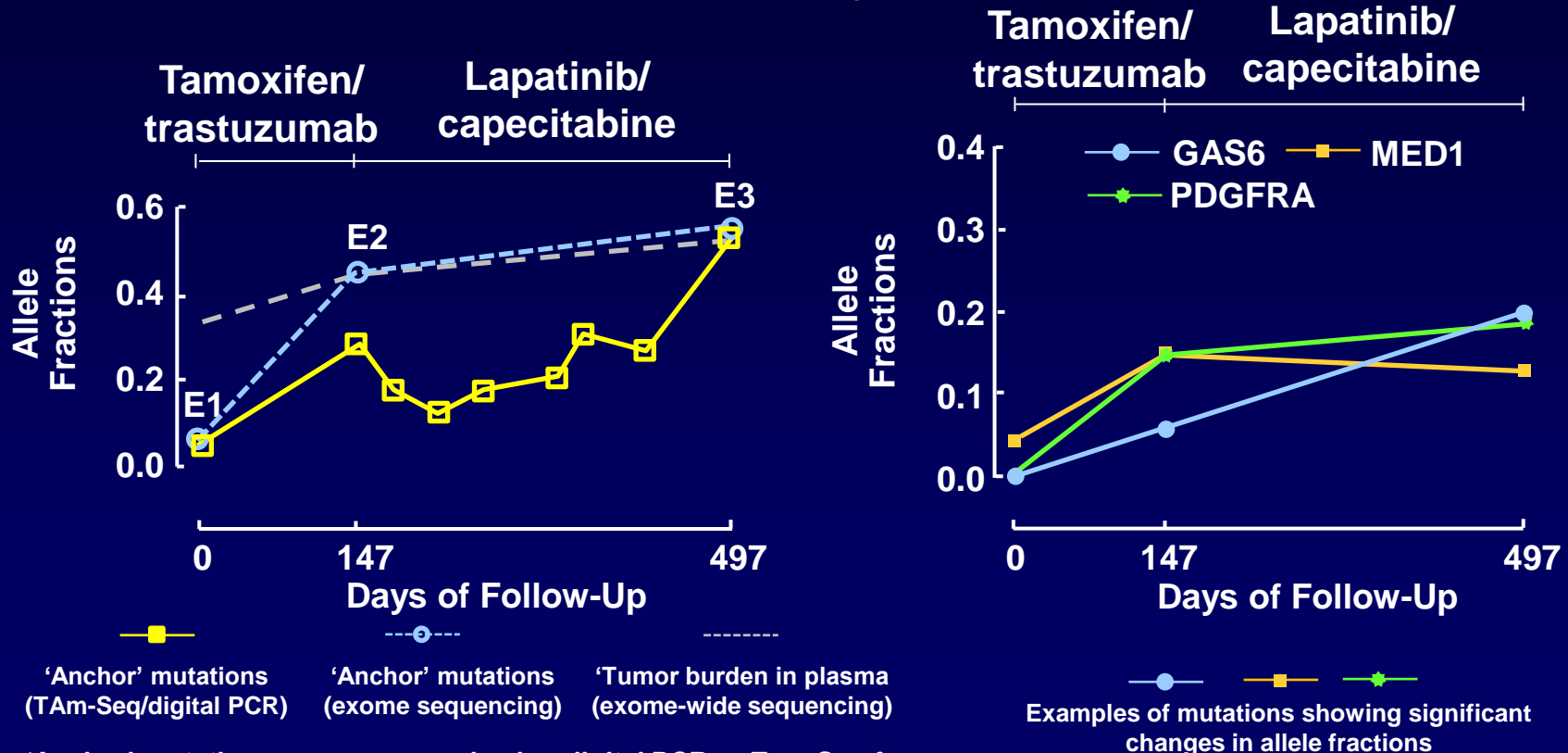
Cancer progression

Residual disease

Resistant disease

Is It Possible To Detect The Appearance Of Lethal Subclone?

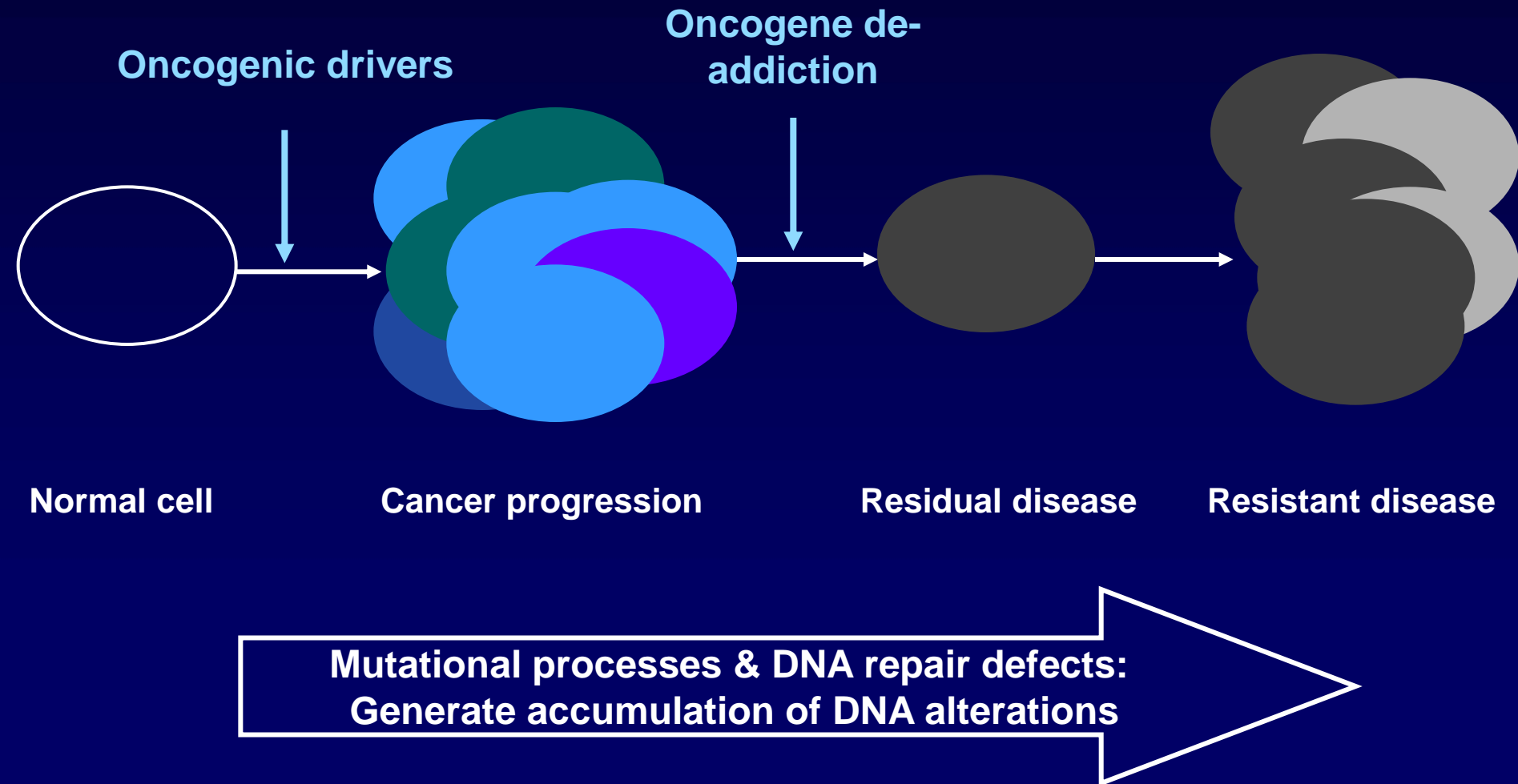
Breast cancer, study ID: DETECT-52



'Anchor' mutations were measured using digital PCR or Tam-Seq for all available plasma samples, and using exome sequencing at selected timepoints indicated by E1, E2, and E3.

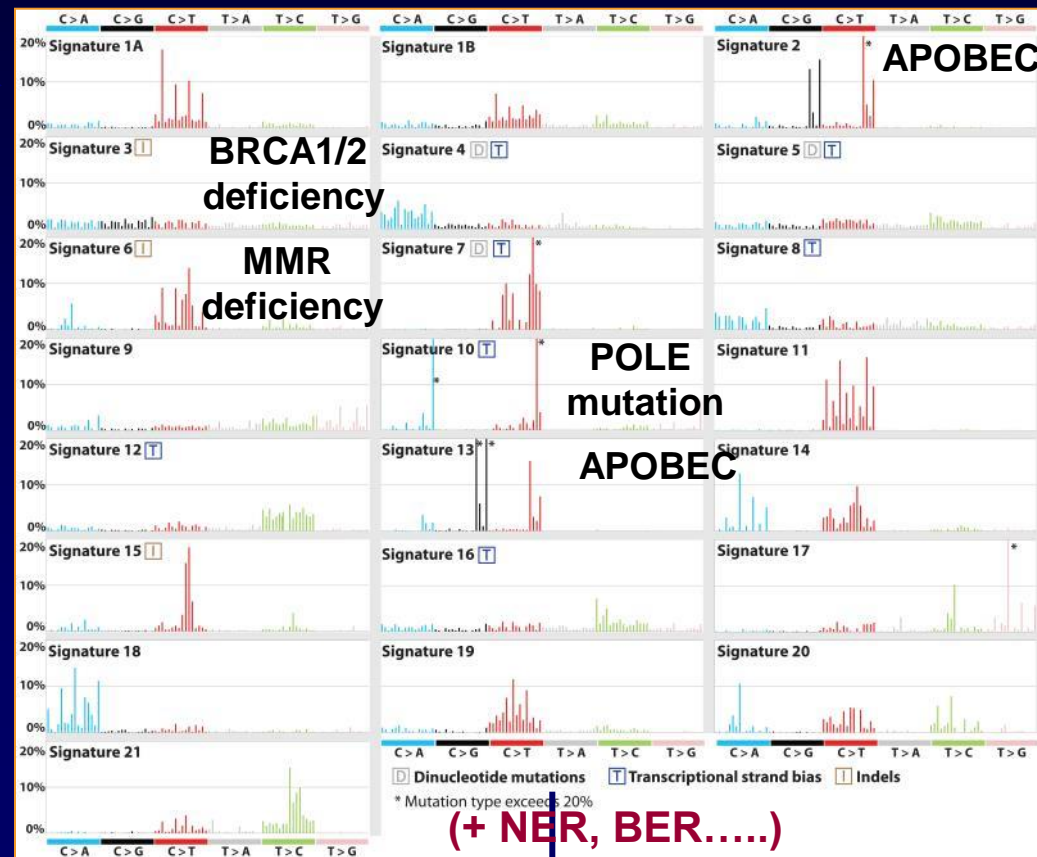
Circulating DNA to monitor appearance of lethal clones

Identify Mutational Processes and DNA Repair Defects in Each Single Patient



Deciphering the Mutational Processes and DNA Repair Defects in Each Patient

Pattern of mutations
by sequencing
(without focus on
specific genes)



Synthetic lethality with DNA repair defect (PARP^{inh} and *BRCA* defects)
Targeting mutational process?

Potential Applications of Genomics to Identify Immune Defects in Individuals With mBC

Dendritic cell

What is the panel of tumor antigens ?

Is the host capable of creating adaptive immune response following immunogenic cell death ?

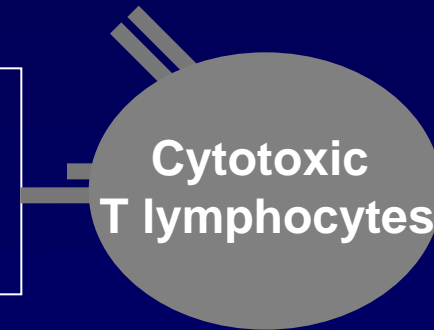
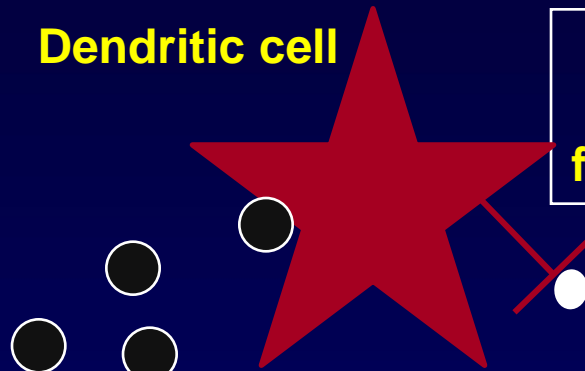
Cancer cell

What is the immunosuppressive network induced by cancer cells ?

Cytotoxic T lymphocytes

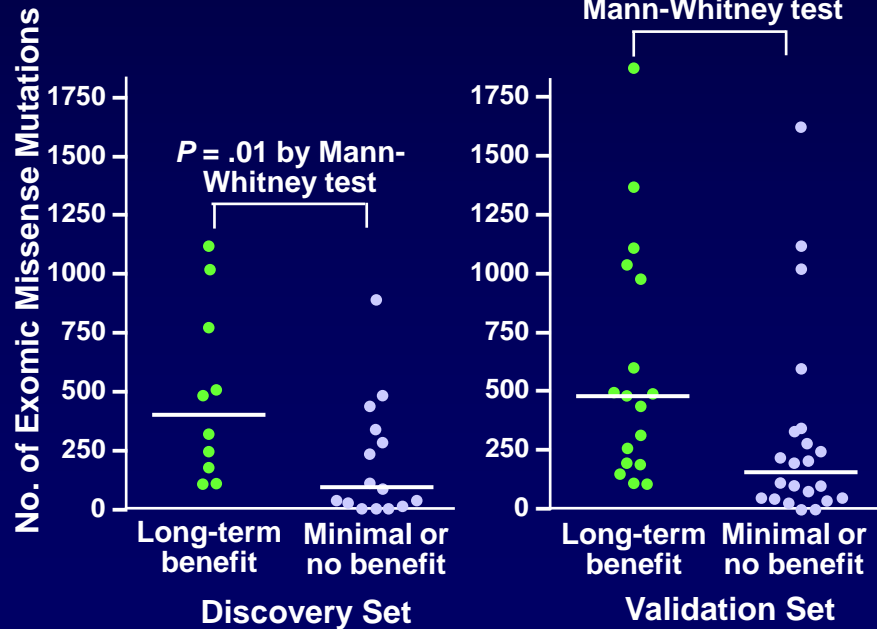
Can the tumor present antigens ?
(TAP1, HLA-A mutations...)

What is the TcR repertoire ?

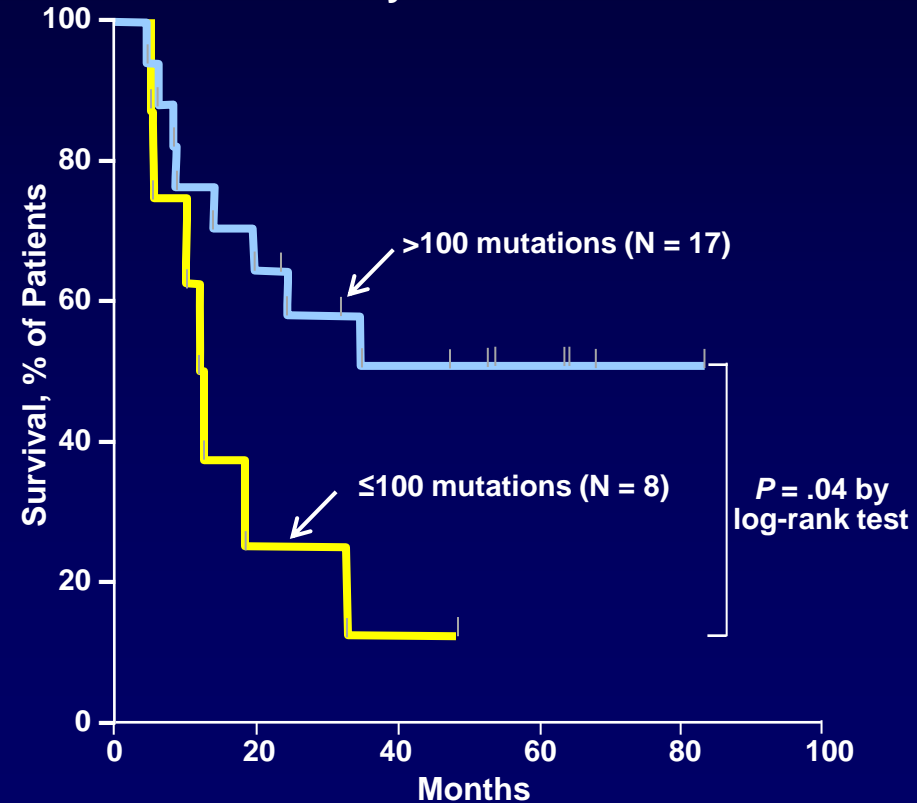


Mutational Load and Efficacy of Anti-CTLA4 Ab

Mutational Load



Survival in Discovery Set



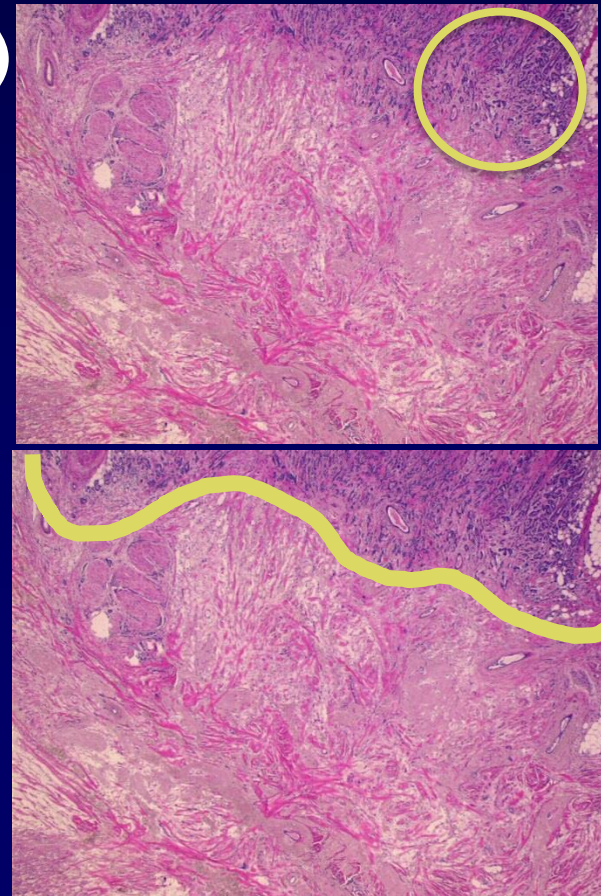
Clinical Utility of NGS

Information Needed for Adequate Sample Provision

- **DNA or RNA?**
 - RNase-free environment
- **Quantity**
 - cellularity
- **Quality and integrity**
 - Pre-analytic variables
- **Platform to be used**

Sample Preparation

- Choice of the most representative block
 - Invasive vs noninvasive vs precursors
 - Tumor cellularity (area vs % nuclei)
- Whole sections vs cores
- Age of the tissue sections
- Macrodissection
- Microdissection
 - Cytology smears



Potential Indications for Requesting NGS in Patients With Solid Tumors

- Stage IV non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) – mainly adenocarcinomas
- Carcinoma of unknown primary (CUP)
- Rare solid tumors
- Newly diagnosed patients with selected stage IV poor prognosis solid tumors

Whom to Molecularly Assess For Target Identification in Advanced Cancer

- **NSCLC adeno**
EGFR_m, ALK_r, RET_r, ROS_r, HER2_m, MET_a
- **Melanoma**
BRAF_m, (NRAS_m, KIT_m (a)?)
- **Colorectal**
KRAS_m, NRAS_m, BRAF_m
- **GIST**
KIT_m, PDGFR_{αm}
- **Glioblastoma:**
MGMT_{methyl}
- **Breast:**
HER2_{ae}, ERe, PRe
- **Dermatofibrosarcoma:**
PDGFR_{βr}
- **Stomach:**
HER2_{ae}

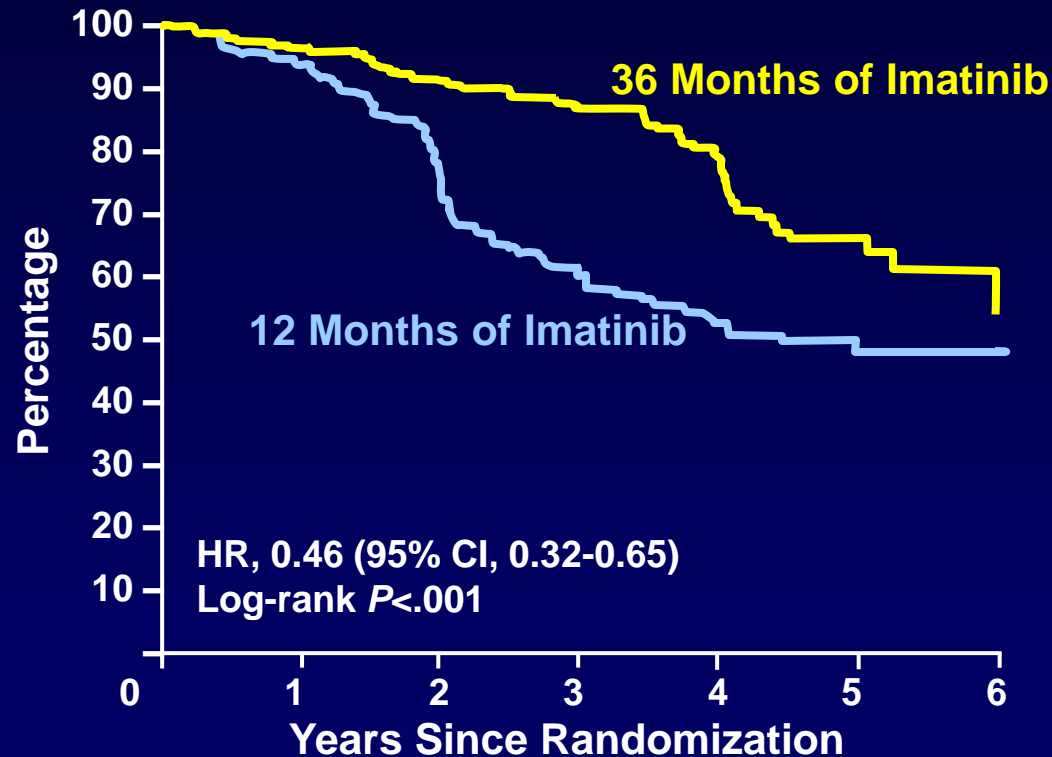
m, mutated
r, rearranged
a, amplified
methyl, methylated
e, (over)expression

Whom to Molecularly Assess For Target Identification in Early Cancer

- **GIST**
 - Imatinib increases OS in adjuvant setting
- **Glioblastoma**
 - Temozolomide increases OS
- **Breast**
 - Trastuzumab, tamoxifen, and aromatase inhibitors in adjuvant setting improve OS
- **Colorectal**
 - Cetuximab failed in adjuvant setting
- **Lung**
 - EGFR TKI being tested
- **Melanoma**
 - BRAF and BRAF/MEK TKI in adjuvant setting being tested

Whom to Molecularly Assess For Target Identification in Early Cancer

GIST – Adjuvant Treatment



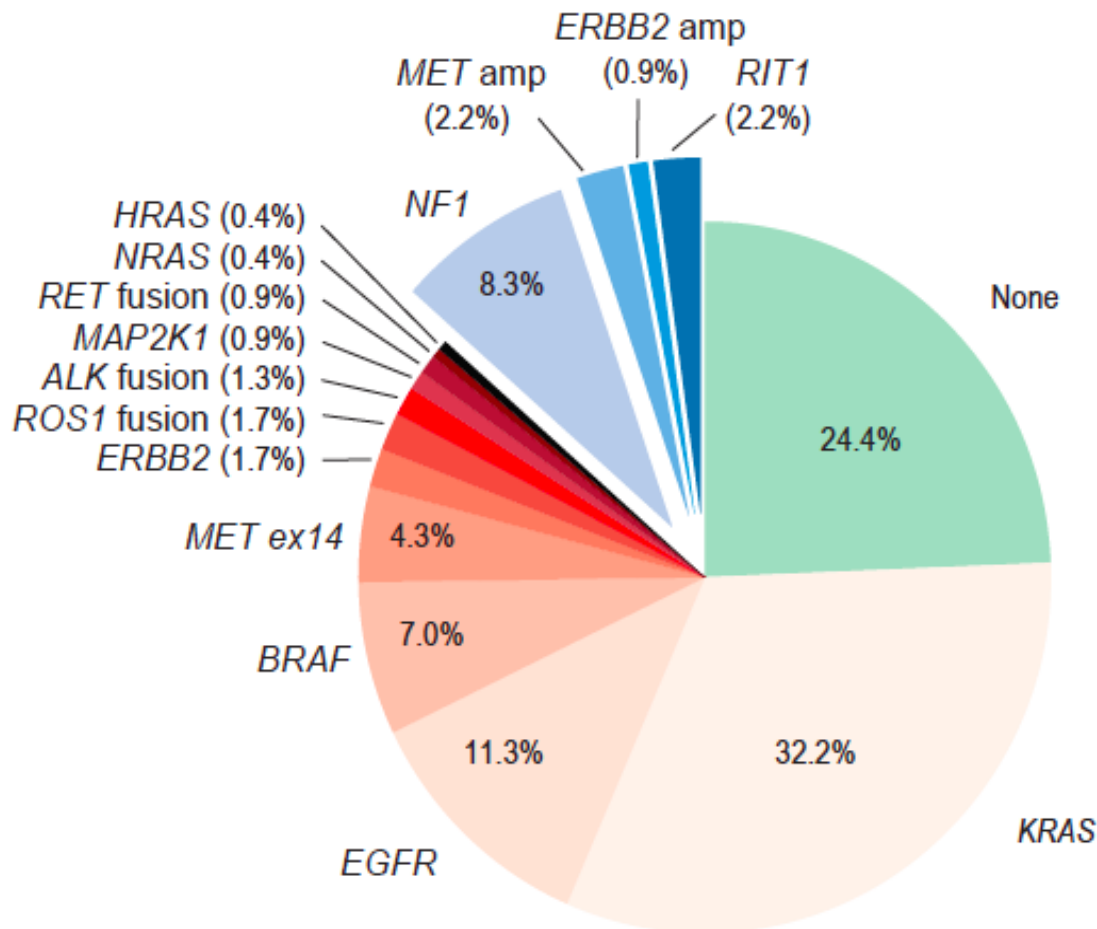
No. of patients

36 Months of imatinib	198	184	173	133	82	39	8
12 Months or imatinib	199	177	137	88	49	27	10

5-year survival rate 92% vs 81.7%
(HR 0.45 95% CI 0.22-0.89, $P = .02$)

Potential Indications: NSCLC

Frequency of Driver Alterations in Lung Adenocarcinoma



Driver Alterations: What Should We Test For?

- EGFR
- ALK
- HER-2
- BRAF
- RET
- ROS
- MET

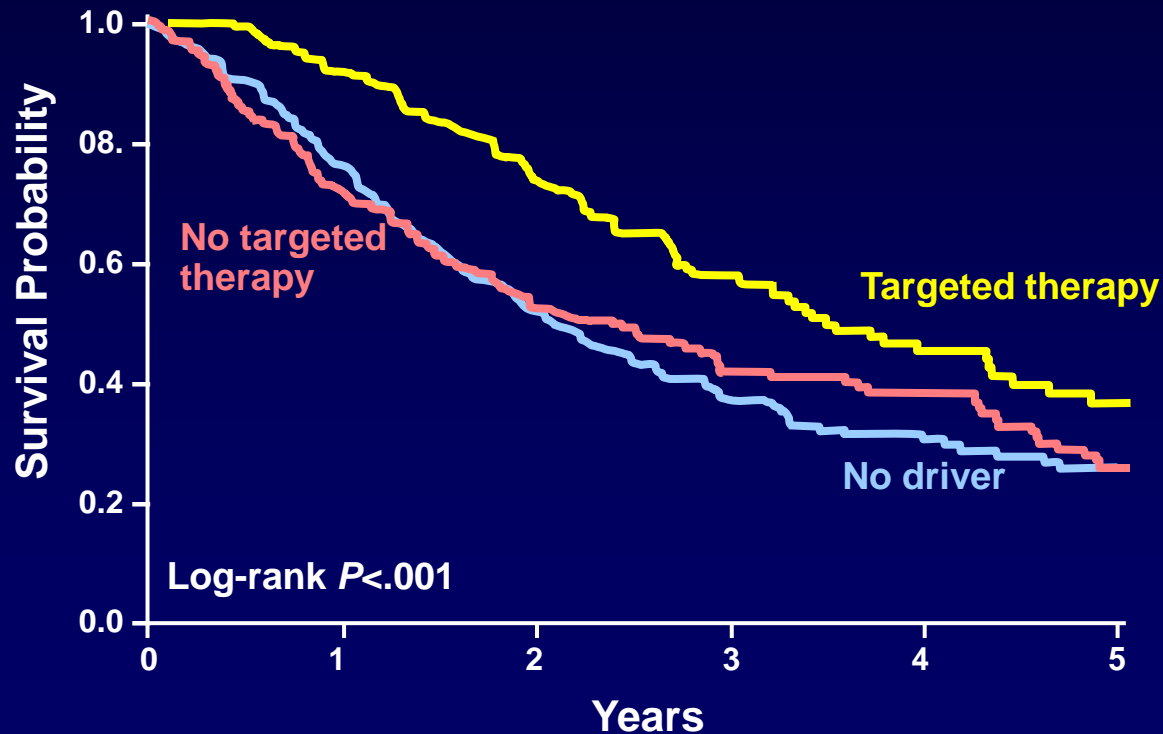
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Tissue should be prioritized for EGFR and ALK testing. EGFR and ALK results should be available within 2 weeks (10 working days).

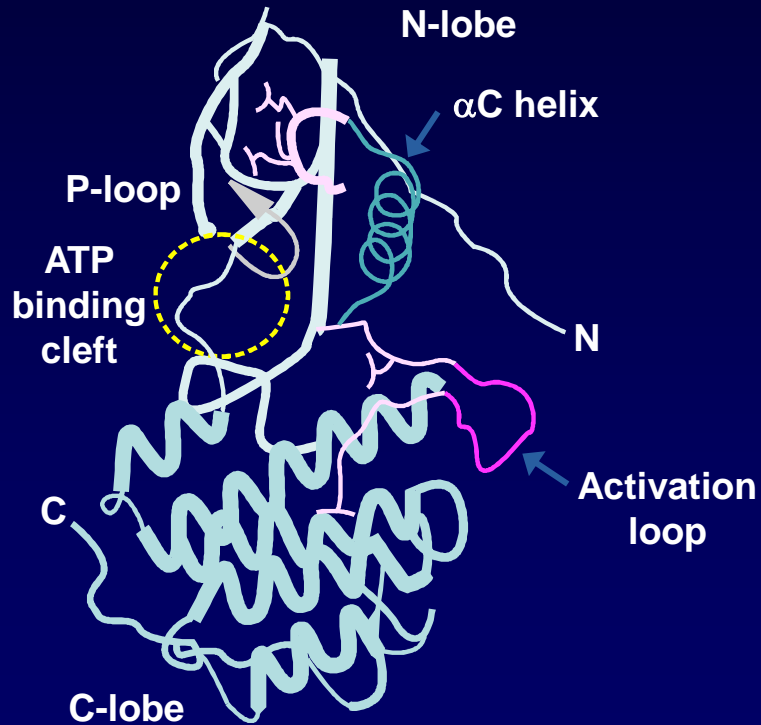
Survival of Patients With Drivers: Targeted Therapy vs No Targeted Therapy

Patients with an oncogenic driver mutation who did and did not receive targeted therapy, and patients without an oncogenic driver

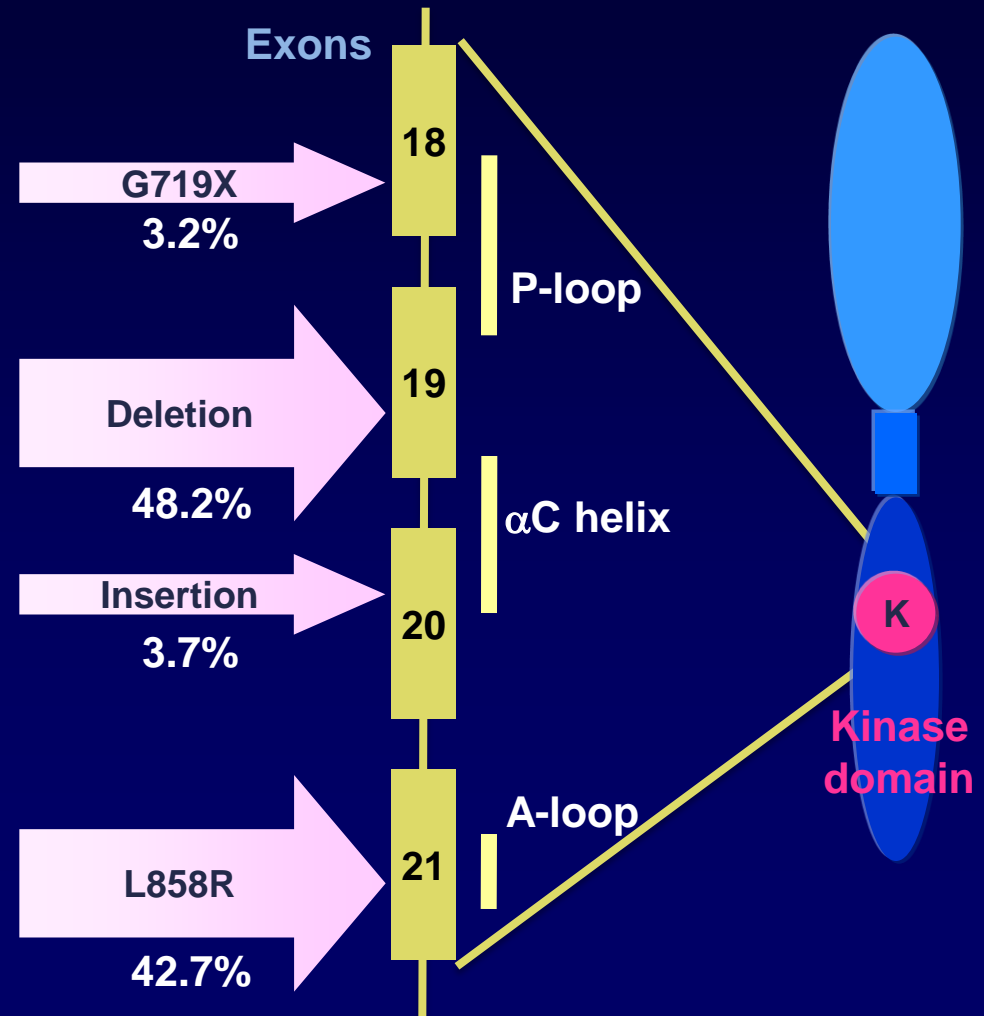


Driver, no targeted therapy (A)	313	2.4 years (1.8 to 2.9)
No driver (B)	361	2.1 years (1.8 to 2.5)
Driver, targeted therapy (C)	264	3.5 years (3.2 to 4.6)

EGFR Mutations Are Located Predominantly on Exons 19 and 21



Approximately 10-15% of all NSCLC Patients have EGFR-mutated disease



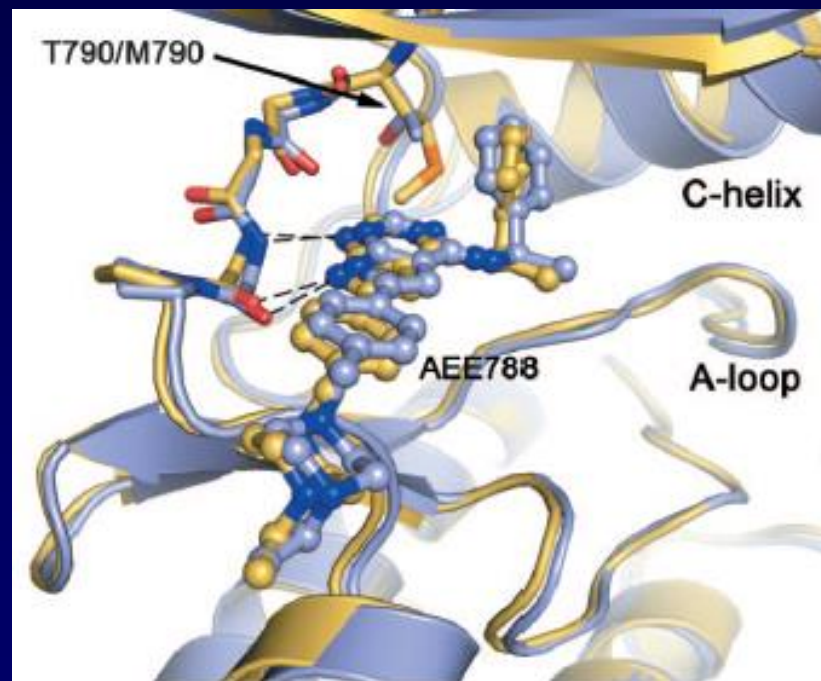
T790M Mechanism at Resistance

The T790M mutation in EGFR kinase causes drug resistance by increasing the affinity for ATP

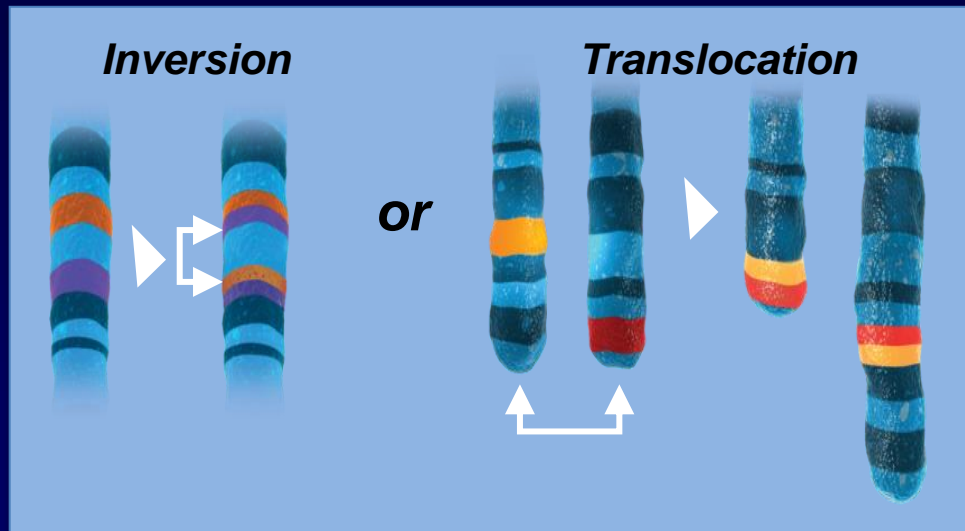
Kinase	K_d, nM
	Gefitinib
WT	35.3 ± 0.4
T790M	4.6 ± 0.1
L858R	2.4 ± 0.1
L858R/T790M	10.9 ± 0.6

Enzyme Kinetic Parameters of WT and Mutant EGFR

Kinase	$K_m[\text{ATP}], \mu\text{M}$	$K_{\text{cat}}, \text{s}^{-1}$	$k_{\text{cat}}/K_m[\text{ATP}], \mu\text{M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$
WT	5.2 ± 0.2	0.026	5.00E-3
T790M	5.9 ± 0.1	0.137	2.32E-2
L858R	148 ± 4	1.484	1.00E-2
L858R/T790M	8.4 ± 0.3	0.456	5.43E-2



EML4-ALK Fusion Oncogene **Key Driver in 2% to 7% NSCLC**



**ALK rearrangements
induce ALK protein
expression.**

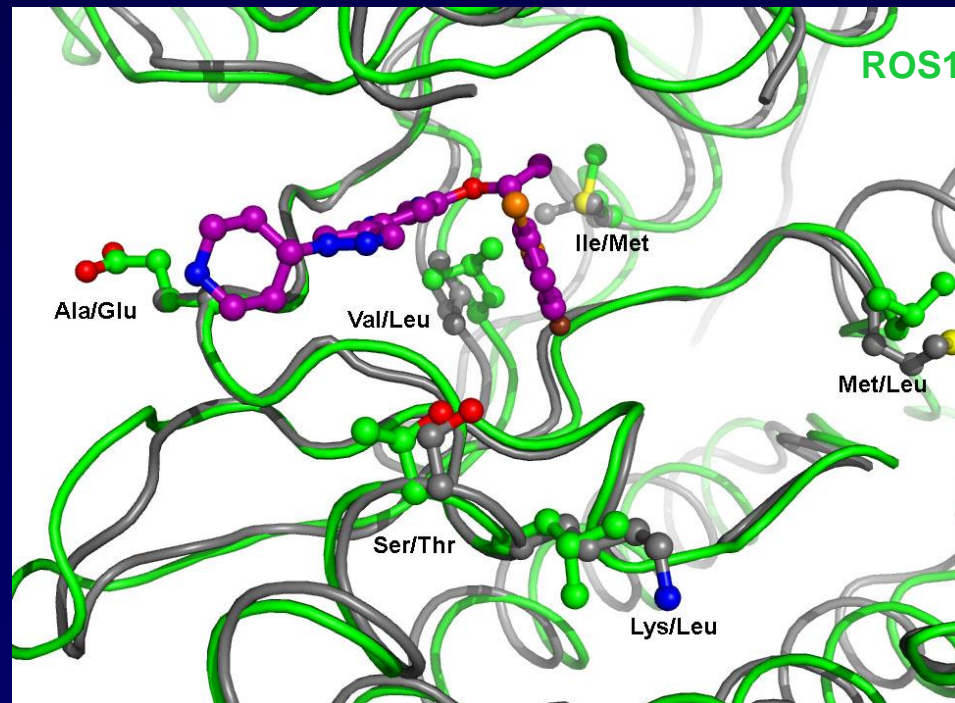
**Constitutive ALK
activation →
oncogene addiction**

ALK, anaplastic lymphoma kinase; EML4, echinoderm microtubule-associated protein like 4

ROS1 and ALK TK Domains Are Similar

77% Identity in ATP-Binding Site

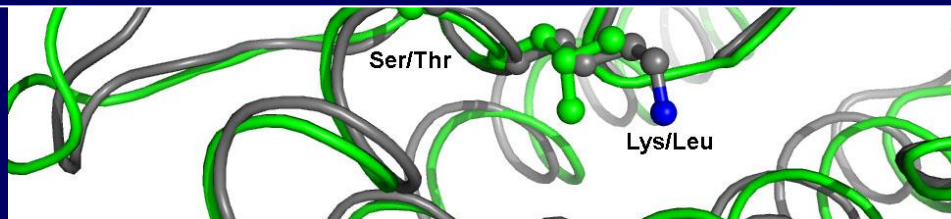
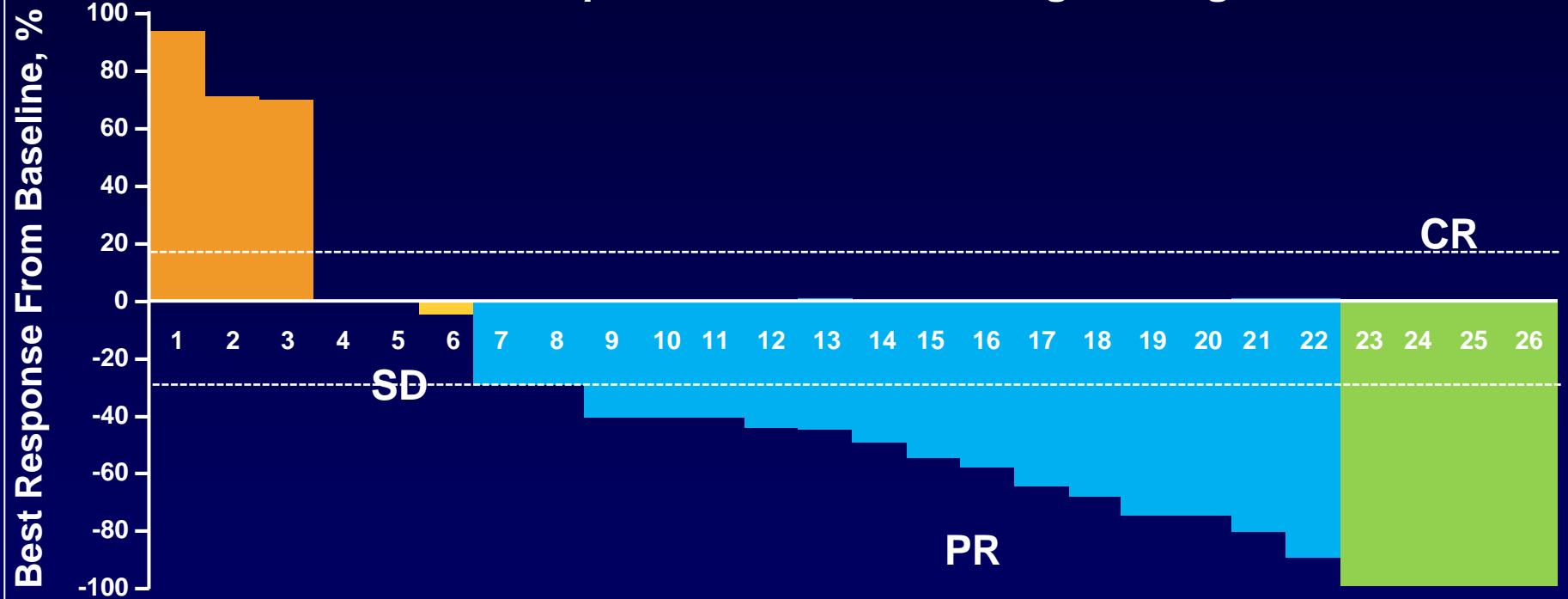
	G-Loop		N-Terminus					GK											Extended Hinge Region											C-Terminus							
Kinase	L1	L9	N1	N2	N3	N4	N5	H1	H3	H4	H5	H6	H7	H8	H9	H10	H11	H12	H13	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	C8										
ALK	L	V	A	K	E	I	V	I	L	E	L	M	A	G	G	D	L	K	S	R	N	L	G	D	F	G	M										
ROS1	L	V	A	K	E	M	L	I	L	E	L	M	E	G	G	D	L	L	T	R	N	L	G	D	F	G	L										



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Best Tumor Response in ROS1-Rearranged Lung Cancer



A More Complex Picture

Missing Driver Proof of Concept

Molecular Pathways: ROS1 Fusion Proteins in Cancer

Kurtis D. Davies and Robert C. Doebele

1%-2% NSCLC, responsive to ROS TKIs

- 8.7% (2/23) in cholangiocarcinomas
- 0.5% (1/200) in ovarian cancers
- 0.6% (3/495) in gastric adenocarcinomas
- 0.8% (2/ 236) in colorectal cancers
- 7.7% (2/26) in inflammatory myofibroblastic tumors
- 2.9% (1/34) in angiosarcomas
- 5% (1/20) in epithelioid hemangioendotheliomas

Will all these tumor sites respond to ROS-targeted therapy?

**Potential Indications:
Cancer of Unknown Primary, Rare
Tumors, and Patients Who Have
Exhausted Standard Treatments**

- **Cancer of Unknown Primary (CUP)**
 - More molecular information may help identify the potential site of origination and any mutations that may potentially be targeted with therapy
- **Rare tumors with aggressive biology**
 - May not have time for trial and error with different treatments; NGS may identify targetable mutations
- **Patients who have exhausted standard treatments**
 - NGS may identify new targetable mutations

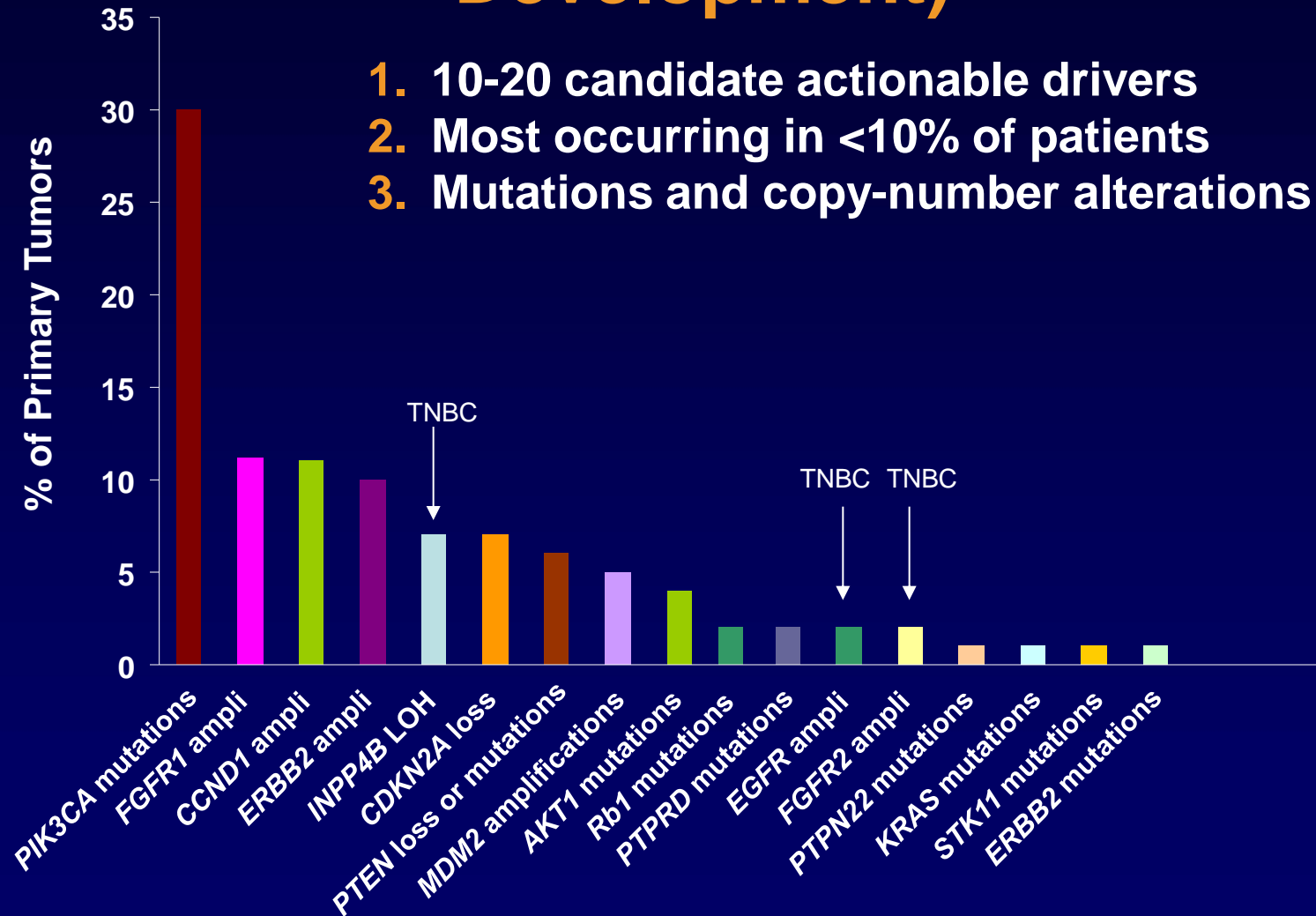
A Specific Driver Mutation in Anaplastic Thyroid Cancer

BRAF V600E Inhibition in Anaplastic Thyroid Cancer



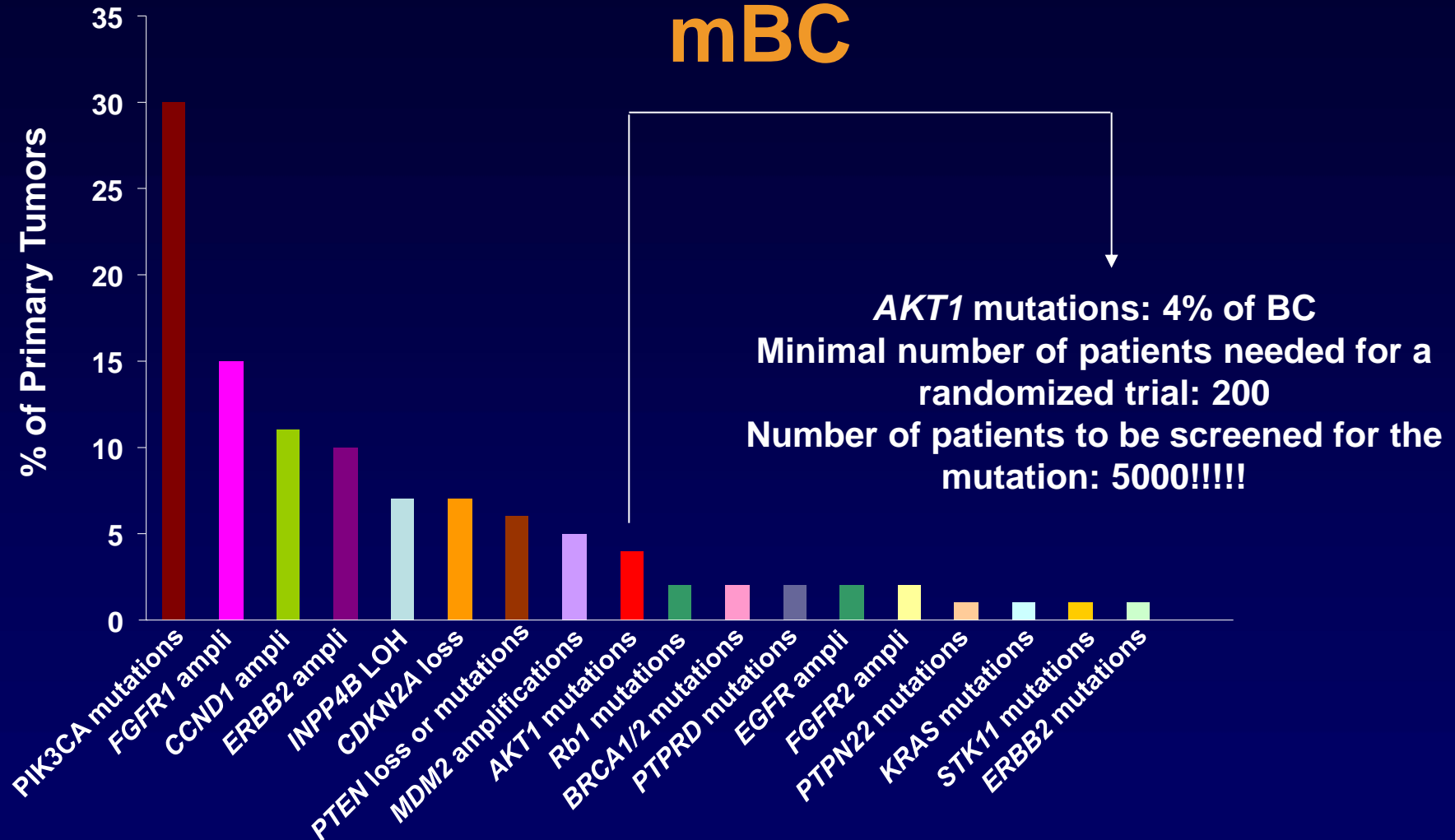
Potential Indications: Breast Cancer

Candidate Actionable Genomic Alterations in Breast Cancer (With Drugs Under Development)



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Challenges in Stratified Medicine for mBC



Accrual is the challenge of stratified medicine in mBC:

How to screen genomic alterations in 5000-10,000 metastatic breast cancer patients?

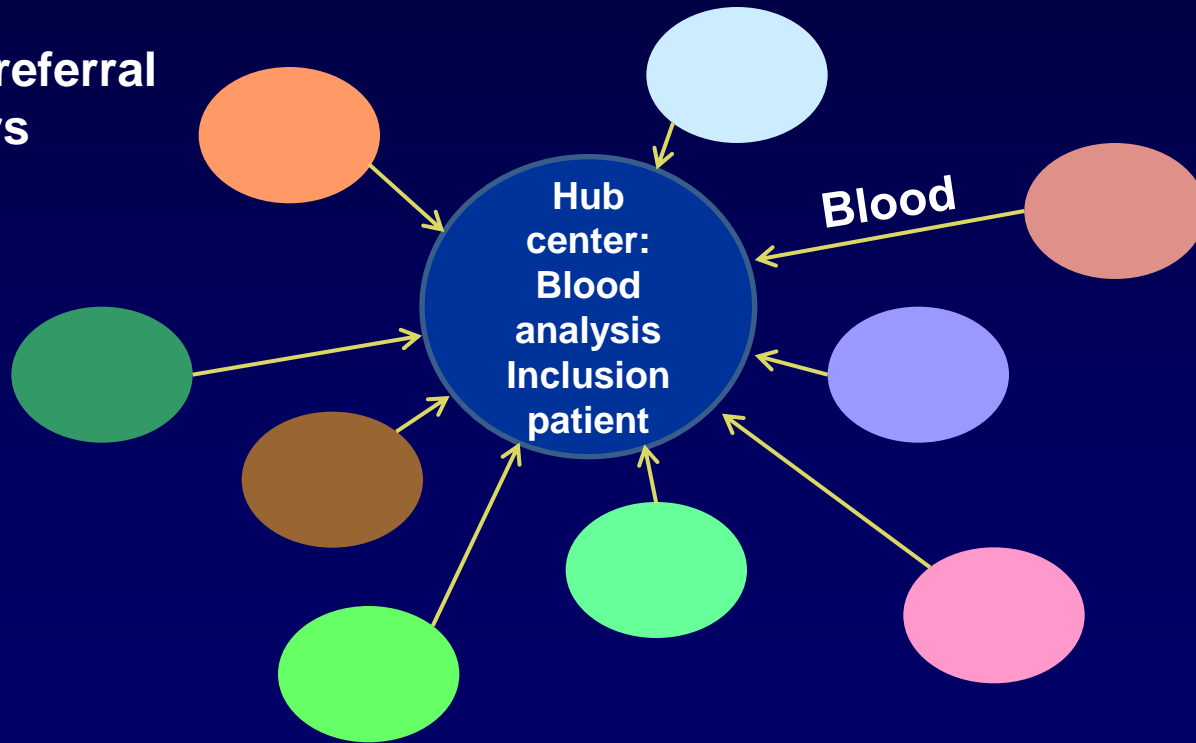
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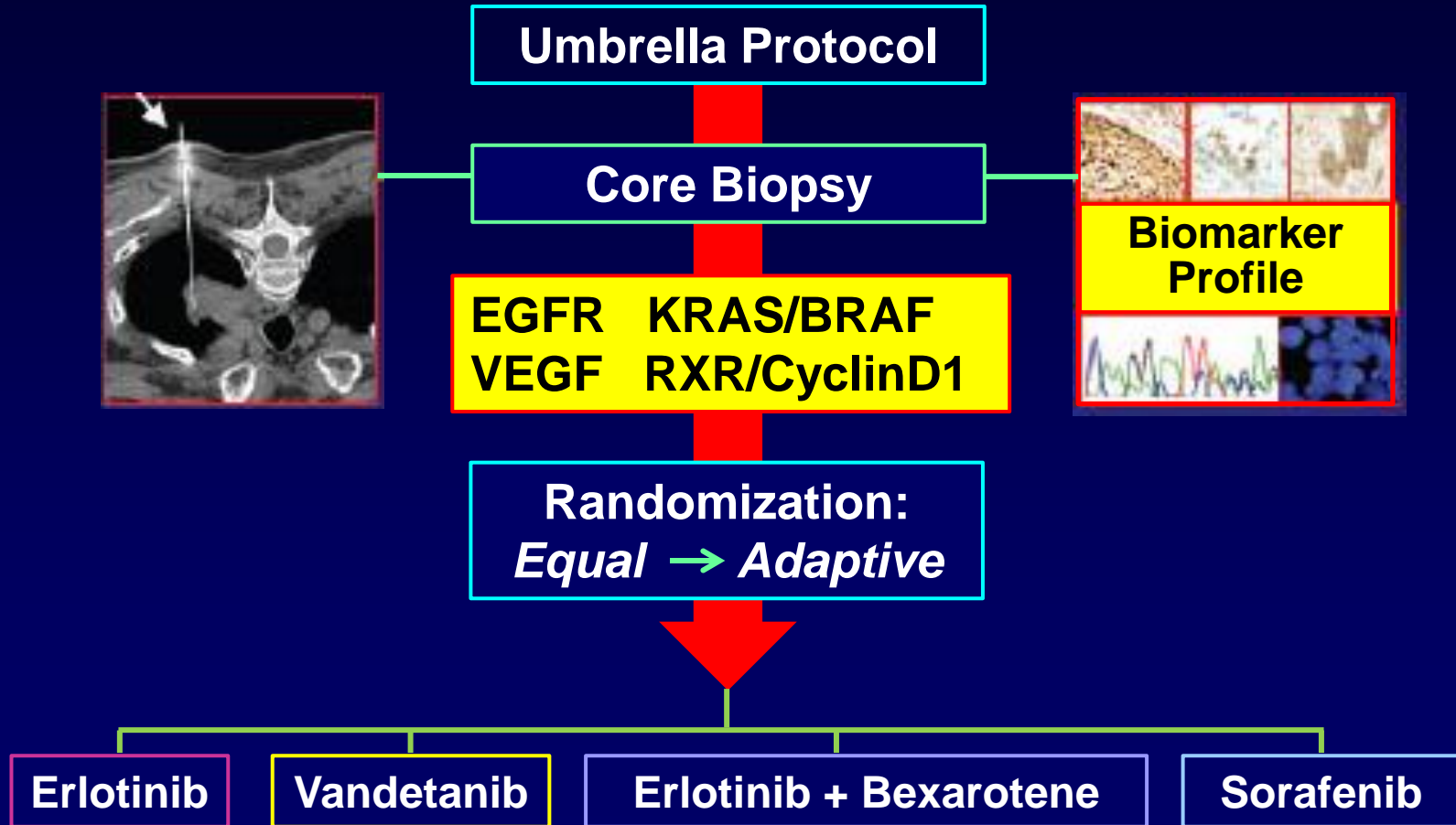
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Possible Solution: Use of Circulating DNA to Screen Genomic Alterations in Centers That Do Not Routinely Perform Biopsies

Network of referral centers



Example of a Basket Study: The Battle Trial



Primary endpoint: 8-week disease control (DC)

Conclusions and prIME Points™

prIME Points™

- **Molecular targeted treatments are providing new therapeutic options across multiple malignancies**
- **Predictive biomarkers needed to utilize targeted treatments**
- **NGS provides detailed information on actionable mutations**
- **Technical developments improving accuracy and reducing costs**
- **Interpretation requires specialist knowledge**

prIME Points™

- **Provides information on tumor biology and patient selection for clinical trials**
- **May soon replace multiple individual biomarker testing in some cancers, eg, lung adenocarcinoma**
- **Of potential clinical value in rare solid tumors and for patients of good performance status with advanced disease who have exhausted standard treatments**