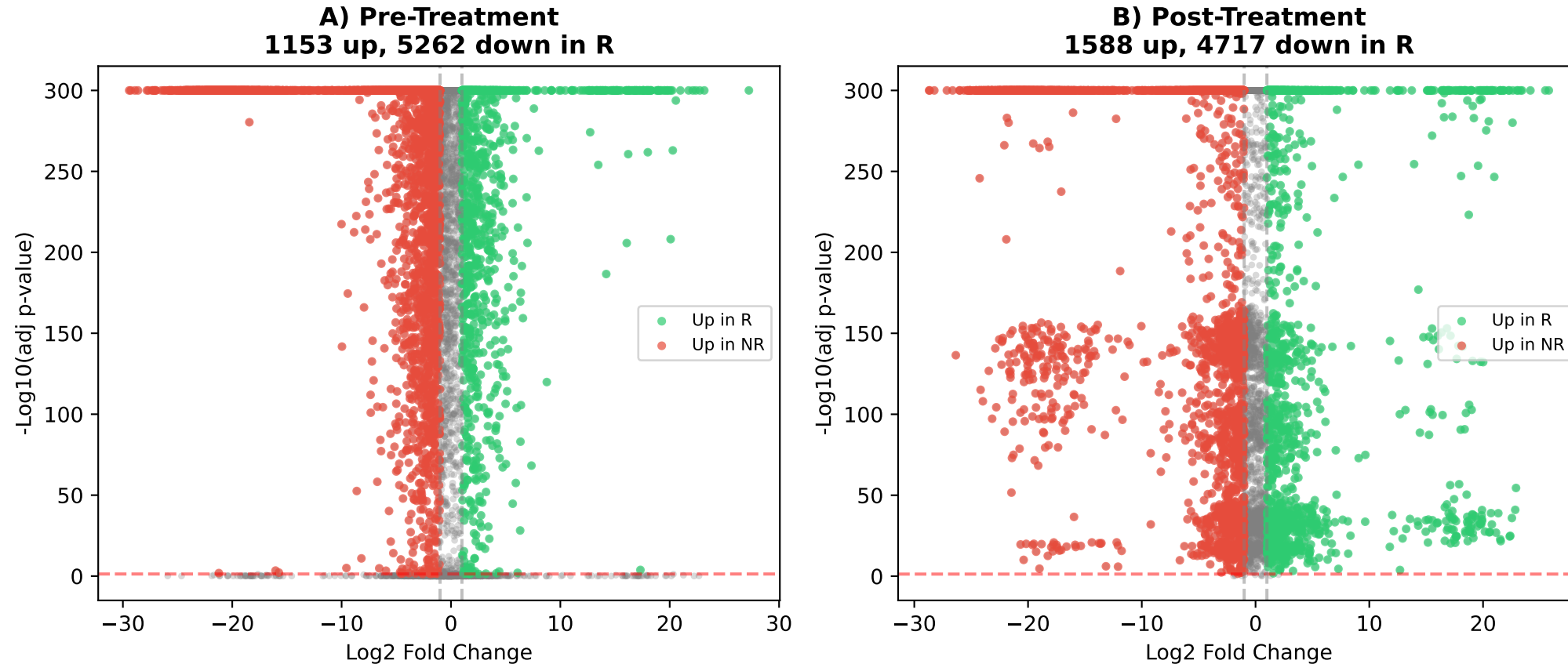


**Figure 9: Differential Expression - Treatment Response Biomarkers**



TREATMENT RESPONSE DE ANALYSIS

Pre-Treatment Findings:

- Genes upregulated in future responders may predict treatment success
- Key candidates: Check volcano for high FC + low p-value genes

Post-Treatment Findings:

- Differences after treatment may explain response mechanisms
- Compare with pre-treatment to identify treatment-induced changes

Novel Biomarker Candidates:

- CCZ1, MS4A2, NLRP7 (not in Polymath)
- Validated via Open Targets:
  - MS4A2: 208 disease associations
  - NLRP7: 132 associations (CRC, IBD)
  - CCZ1: 22 associations

Clinical Application:

These genes could form a predictive signature for PDAC treatment response.