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Challenges and Opportunities

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A Journey of Transformation and Innovative Disruption

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UroSEEK; CancerSEEK; PapSEEK

- Methods and Materials for Assessing and Treating Cancer
Patents: (US16/250,703) (PCT/US2018/045669)
- Financial Interest in “**Thrive Early Detection Corp**” and
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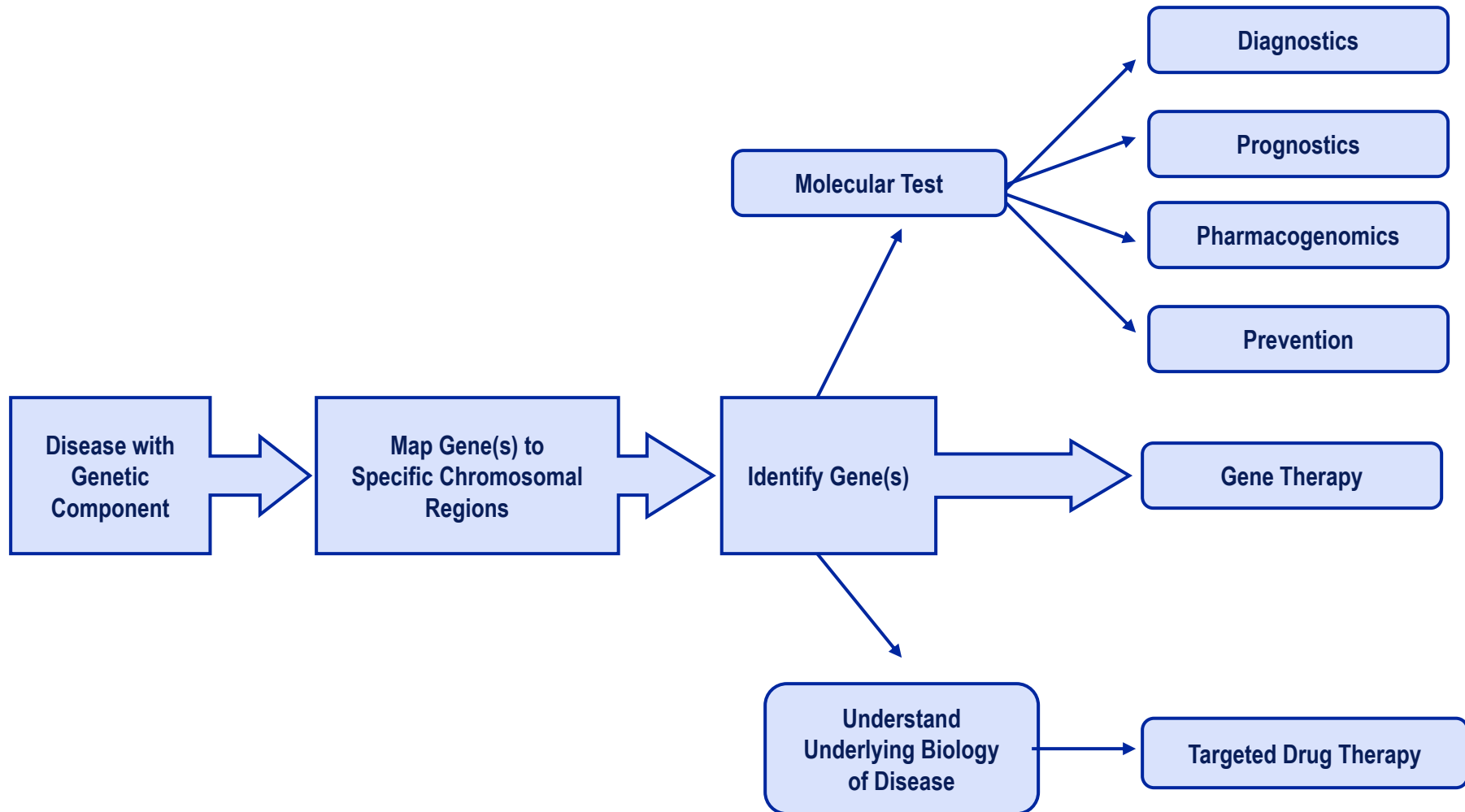
Genentech Advisory Pathology Board

Why bullish on the future of our field?

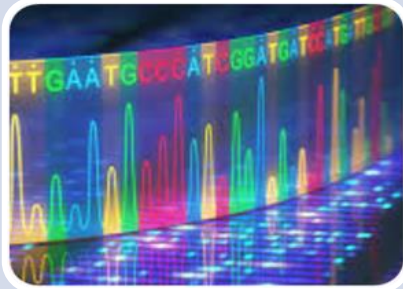
- Optimist by nature, but fully believe we are heading for a bright future ...
- Recent technological and interdisciplinary advances (**Precision Medicine**) present unprecedented **opportunities** for Pathology and Lab Med
- **Disruptive changes** in healthcare environment (technological, financial and operational) pose significant **challenges but open new doors** for our specialty

Implications of the Human Genome Project for Medical Science

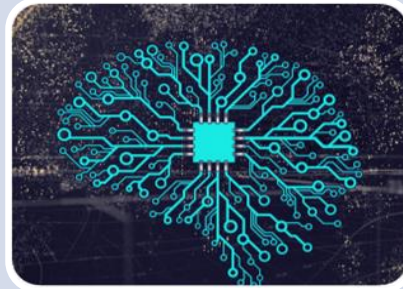
Francis Collins and Victor McKusick, JAMA February 2001



Disruptive Advances in Path & LM as Opportunities



**Omics
Technology
&
Bioinformatics**



**Digital
&
Computational
Pathology**



**Laboratory
Informatics
&
Big Data**

Advances in Genomic Technologies & Bioinformatics



Genomic
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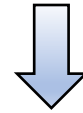
Pathology and Lab Med Opportunities

- Familial/Genetic risk
- Targeted Rx
- Immunotherapy/Immuno-genomics
- Liquid Biopsy
- Single Cell-Spatial Omics
- Cell Rx

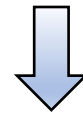


Omics: Coming Together...

- Genomic advances paved the way to Precision Medicine

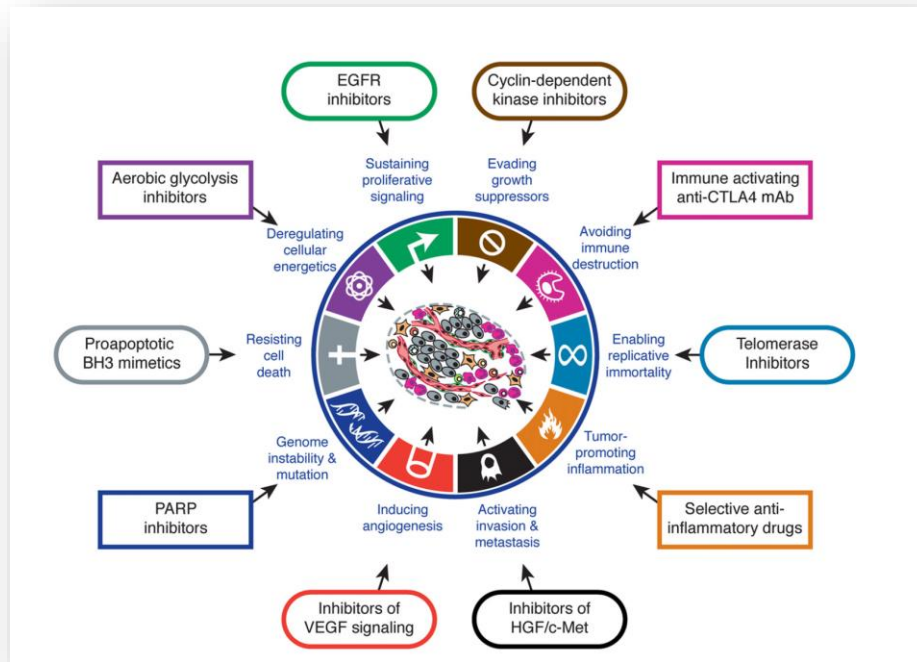


- Multiparametric Analyses (e.g. TCGA studies)
 - DNA
 - RNA
 - Protein
 - Epigenetics



- Robust Molecular Classifications
 - Functional role of molecular alterations across tumor types
 - Druggable targets

Toward Personalized Oncology Care



Hanahan and Weinberg Cell 2011



Hanahan CANCER DISCOVERY 2022

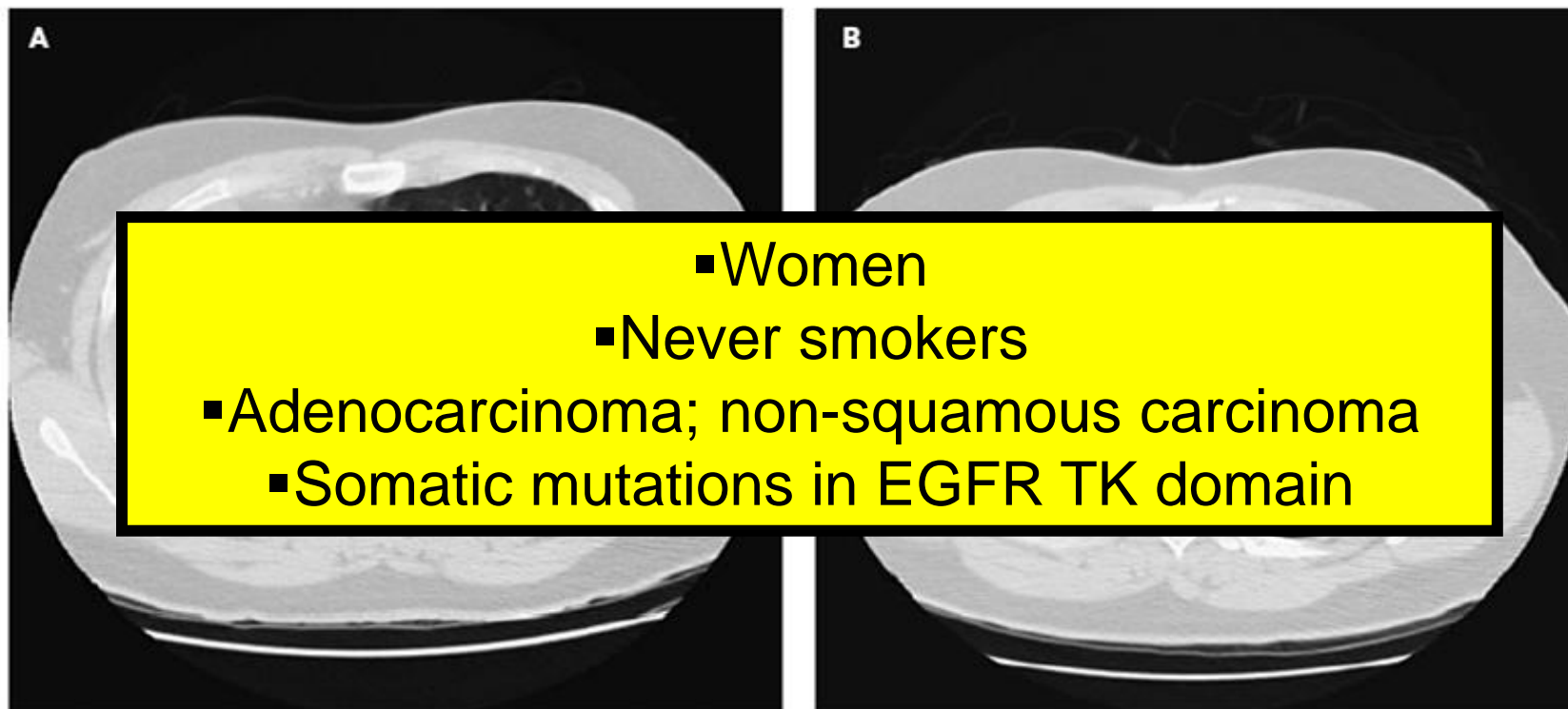
Molecular Diagnostic Pathology in NSCLC

A model for future cancer management of solid tumors

EGFR Mutation Predicts Response to TKI (Gefitinib)

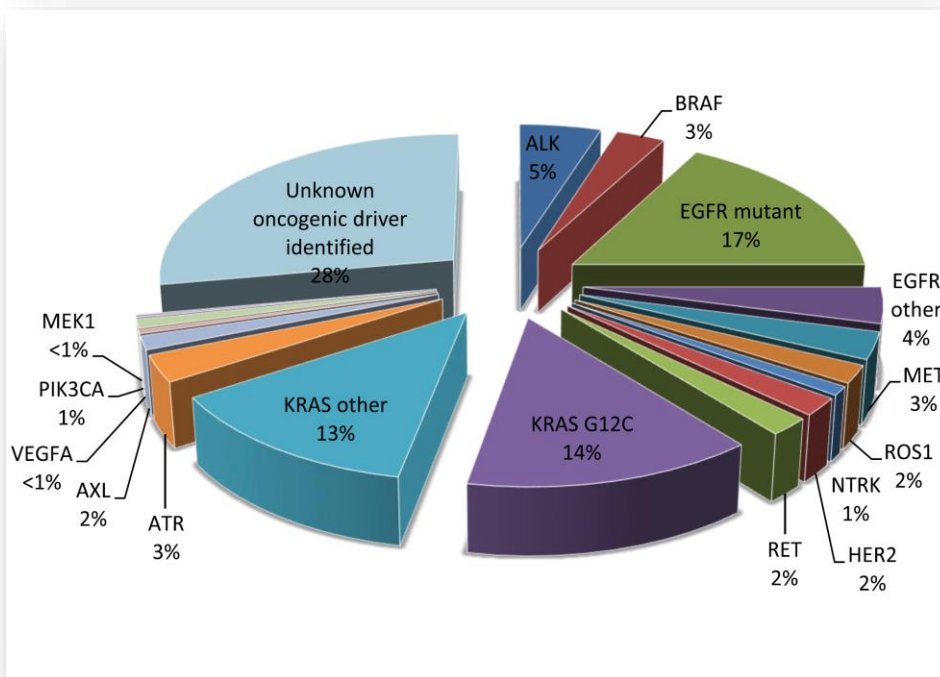
Lynch et al NEJM 2004; 350:2129-39

- 8/9 NSCLC with EGFR mutation Vs 0/7 EGFR wild type tumors had evidence of Iressa Rx response
- 8% EGFR mutation rate in 25 tested NSCLC pts

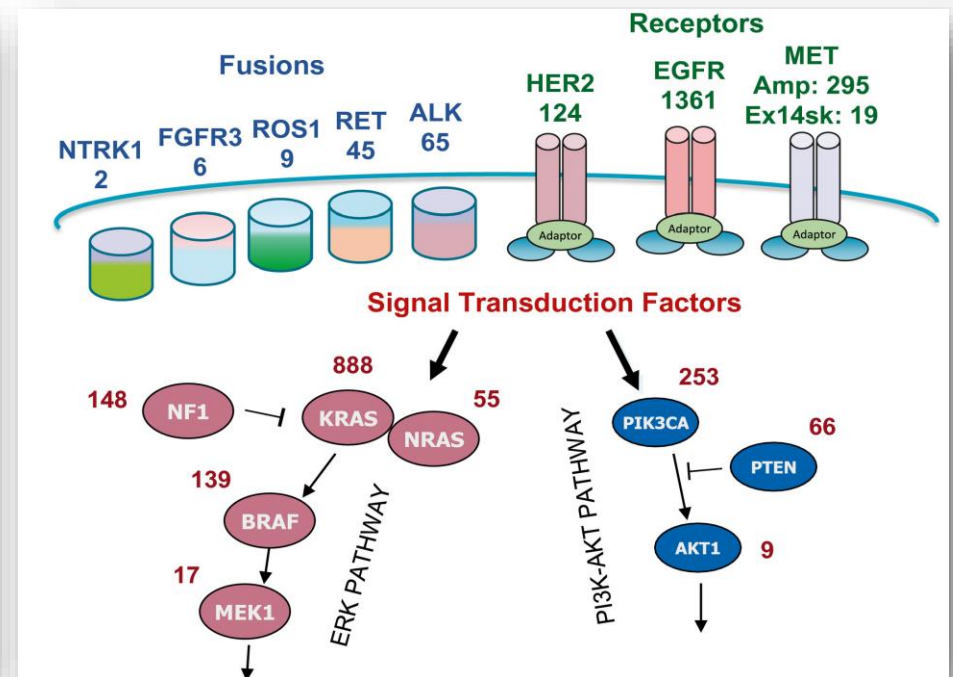


Genetic Alterations in Lung Adenocarcinoma

AACR / GENIE / Lung Cancer Mutation Consortium

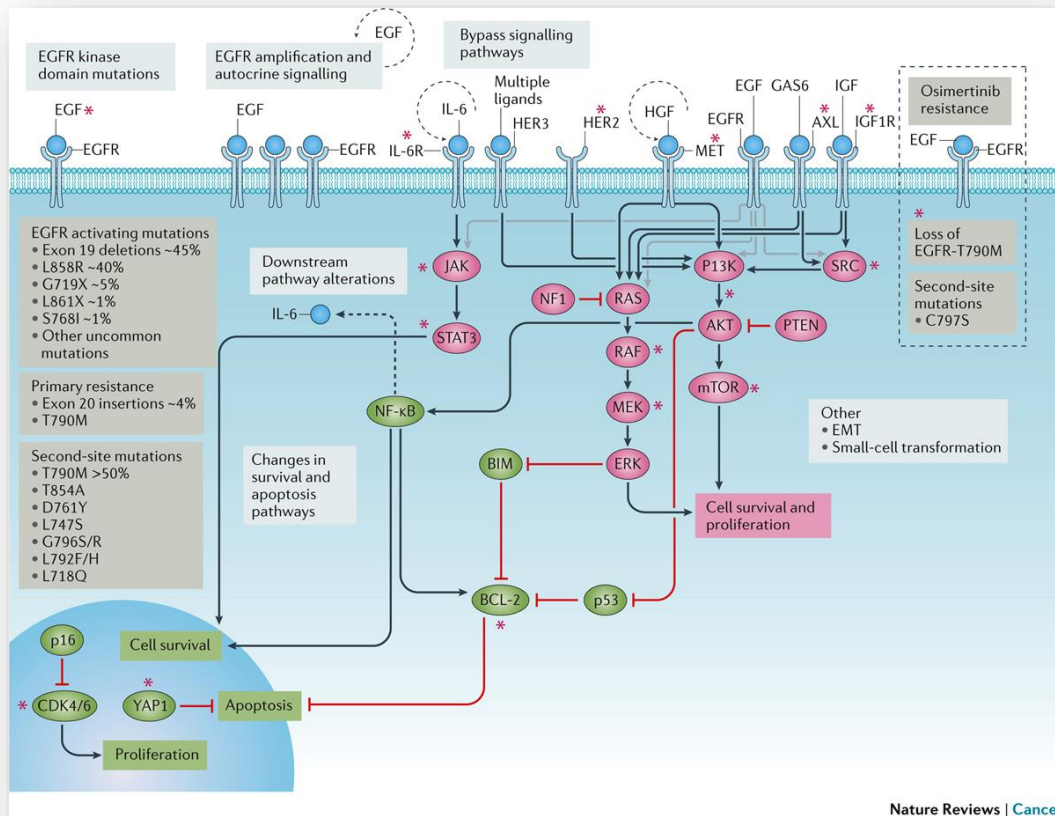


Chen et al. Journal of Hematology & Oncology 2020



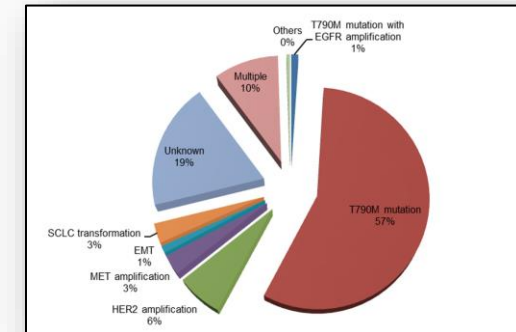
Macks PH et al. Cancer 2020

Mechanisms of Acquired Resistance to NSCLC TKI

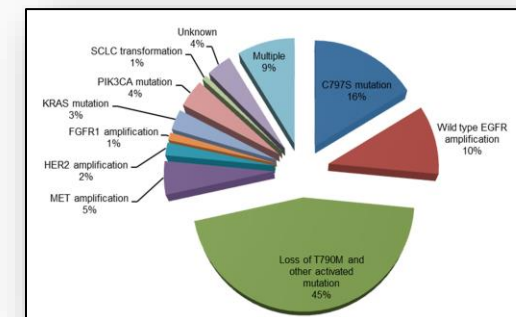


Rotow, J., Bivona, T. Nat Rev Cancer 2017

Mechanisms of acquired resistance to 1st generation TKI (gefitinib/erlotinib)



Mechanisms of acquired resistance to 3rd generation TKI (osimertinib)



Nagano t et al. Cells (2018)

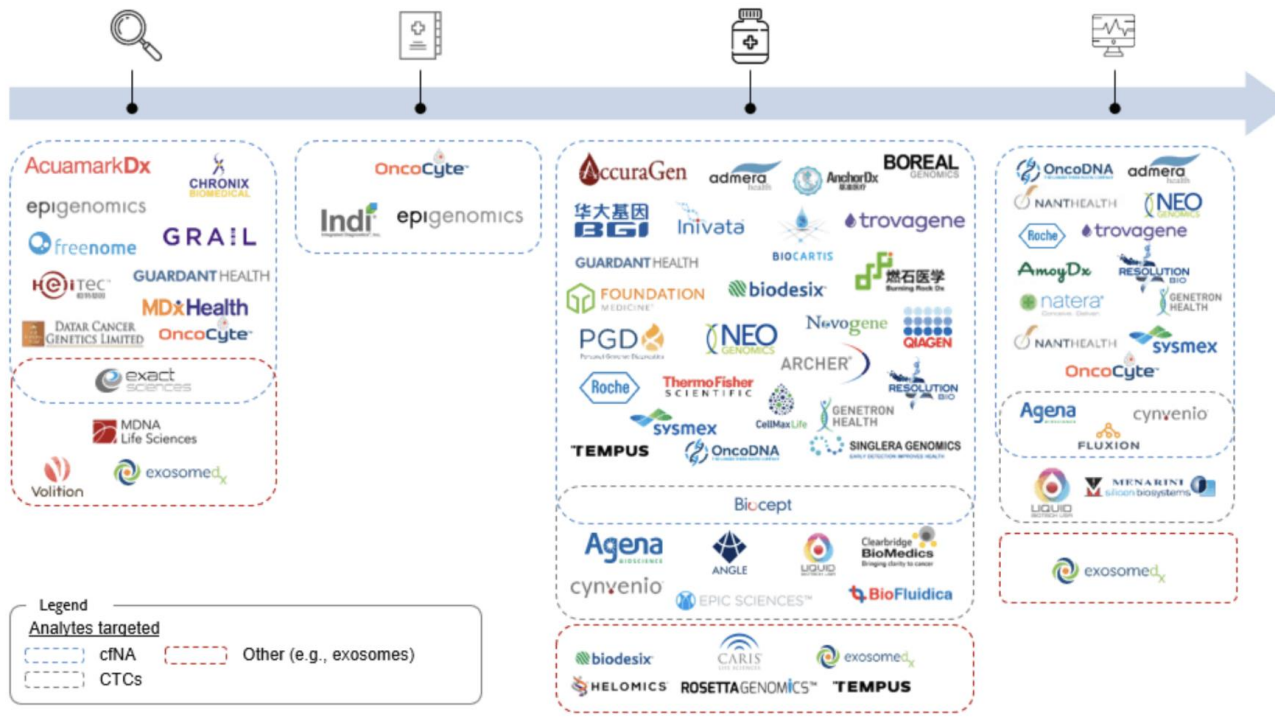
Liquid Biopsy Commercial Landscape

Early Detection / Screening*

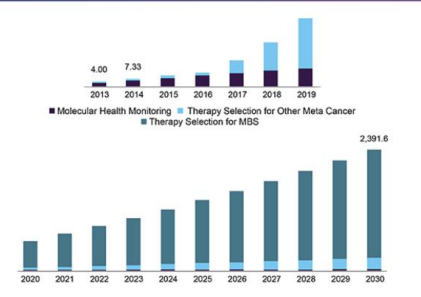
Diagnosis

Treatment Selection

Monitoring



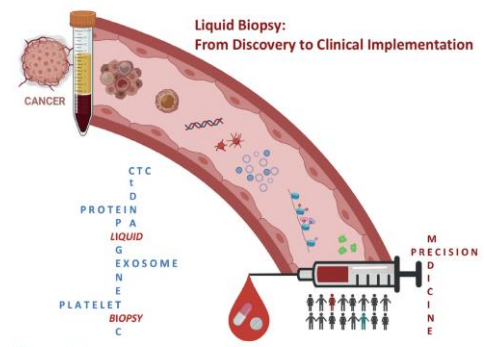
U.S. Liquid Biopsy Market Size, by Application, 2013 - 2030, (USD Million)



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CANCER

Detection and localization of surgically resectable cancers with a multi-analyte blood test

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Cohen, J.D., et al. *Science*, 2018

SCIENCE TRANSLATIONAL MEDICINE | RESEARCH ARTICLE

CANCER

Evaluation of liquid from the Papanicolaou test and other liquid biopsies for the detection of endometrial and ovarian cancers

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Wang Y., et al. *Sci Trans Med*, 2018



**EARLY CANCER DETECTION
TECHNOLOGY RECEIVES RECORD
VENTURE INVESTMENT**

CancerSEEK, pioneered at Johns Hopkins, will be developed by Thrive Earlier Detection Corp., a new company that launched last week with \$110M in Series A funding

Non-invasive detection of urothelial cancer through the analysis of driver gene mutations and aneuploidy

Simeon U Springer^{1,2†}, Chung-Hsin Chen^{3†}, Maria Del Carmen Rodriguez Pena^{4,5†}, Lu Li⁶, Christopher Douville⁷, Yuxuan Wang^{1,2}, Joshua David Cohen^{1,2}, Diana Taheri^{4,8}, Natalie Silliman^{1,2}, Joy Schaefer^{1,2}, Janine Ptak^{1,2}, Lisa Dobbyn^{1,2}, Maria Popoli^{1,2}, Isaac Kinde^{1,2}, Bahman Afsari^{9,10}, Aline C Tregnago⁴, Stephania M Bezerra¹¹, Christopher VandenBussche⁴, Kazutoshi Fujita¹², Dilek Ertoy¹³, Isabela W Cunha¹¹, Lijia Yu⁵, Trinity J Bivalacqua¹⁴, Arthur P Grollman^{15,16}, Luis A Diaz¹⁷, Rachel Karchin^{7,9}, Ludmila Danilova^{10,13}, Chao-Yuan Huang³, Chia-Tung Shun¹⁸, Robert J Turesky^{19,20}, Byeong Hwa Yun^{19,20}, Thomas A Rosenquist¹⁵, Yeong-Shiau Pu³, Ralph H Hruban⁴, Cristian Tomasetti^{6,10}, Nickolas Papadopoulos^{1,2}, Ken W Kinzler^{1,2}, Bert Vogelstein^{1,2*}, Kathleen G Dickman^{15,16*}, George J Netto^{4,5*}

Springer et al. *eLife* 2018

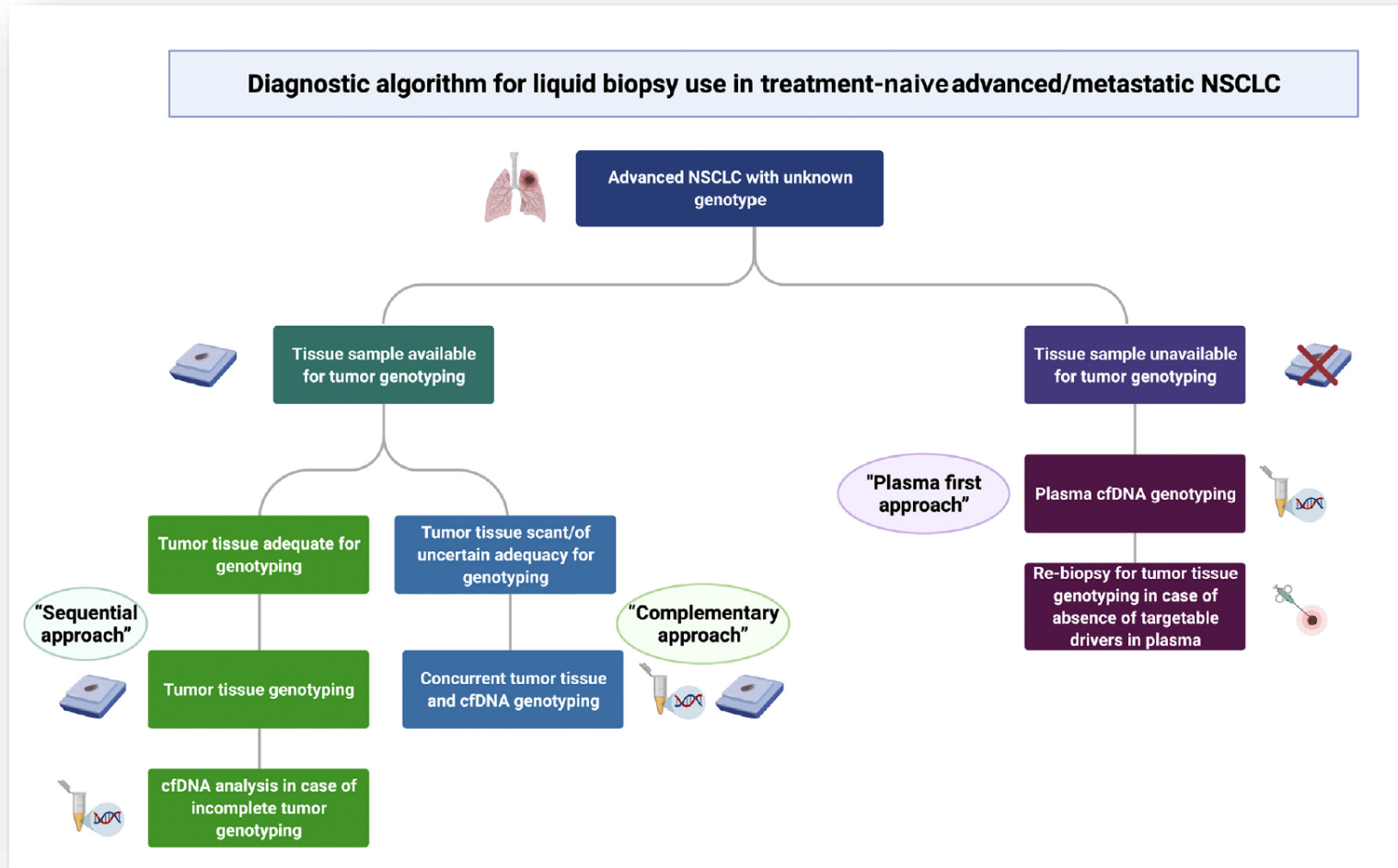
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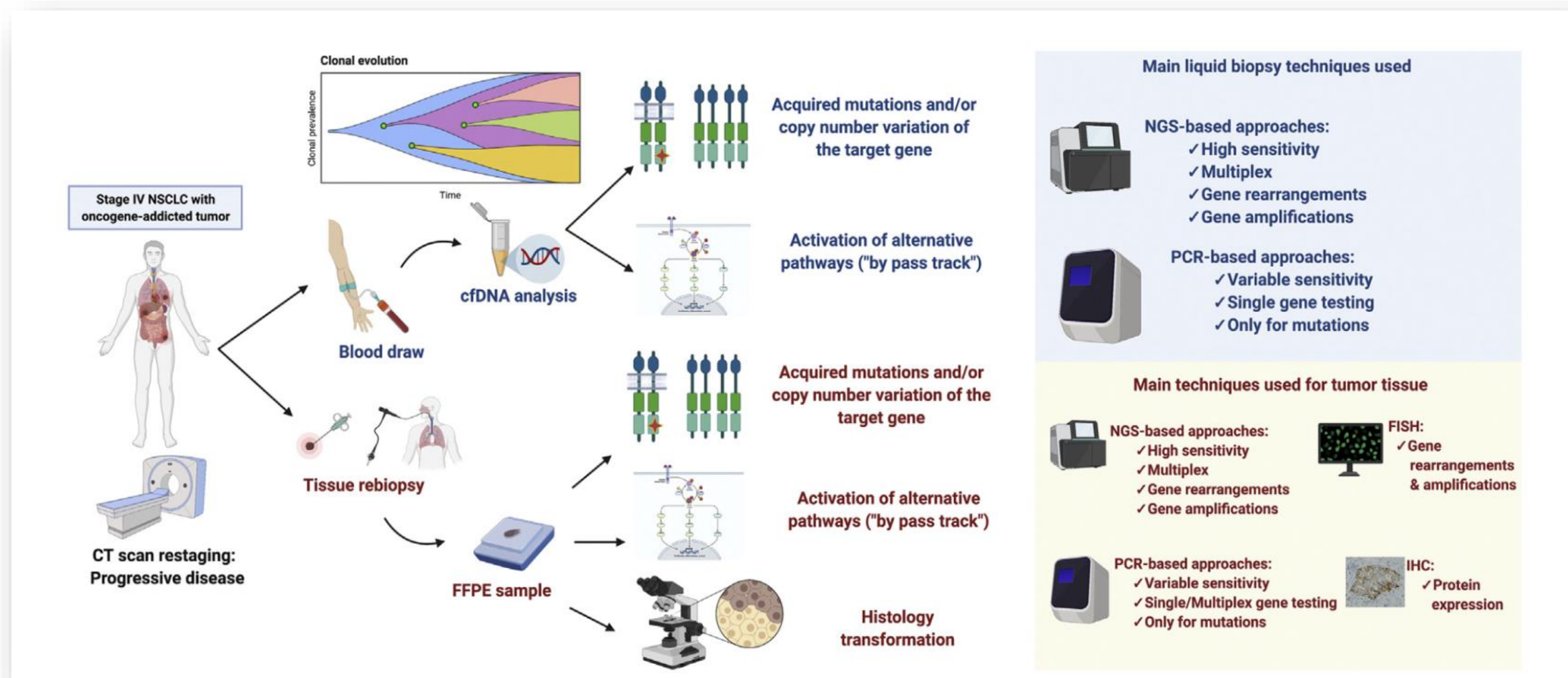
NOT EXACTLY, YET !!

Company	Liquid biopsy	Use	Status in US	Company notes
Guardant Health	Guardant360	Helps assign targeted therapy	Approved Aug 7, 2020, price approx \$6,800	\$550m VC funding; floated in 2018
Foundation Medicine (Roche)	FoundationOne Liquid CDx	Helps assign targeted therapy	Approved Aug 27, 2020, price \$5,800	\$115m VC funding; bought by Roche for \$2.5bn in 2015
Grail	Galleri	Screening for early detection and identification of tumour origin	Launched as LDT Jun 4, 2021, price \$949	\$2.1bn VC funding; bought by Illumina for \$8bn in 2020
Thrive Earlier Detection (Exact Sciences)	CancerSeek	Early detection	FDA breakthrough device status	\$367m VC funding; bought by Exact Sciences in 2020 for \$1.7bn
Natera	Signatera	Postsurgical, detects disease recurrence	FDA breakthrough device status	\$152m in VC funding; floated in 2015
Archer DX (Invitae)	Stratafide	Helps assign targeted therapy	FDA breakthrough device status	\$150m VC funding; bought by Invitae in 2020 for \$1.4bn

Liquid Biopsy for Advanced NSCLC: A Consensus Statement From the International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer



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Bioinformatics

NEXT FRONTIERS

Single Cell Spatial “Omics”

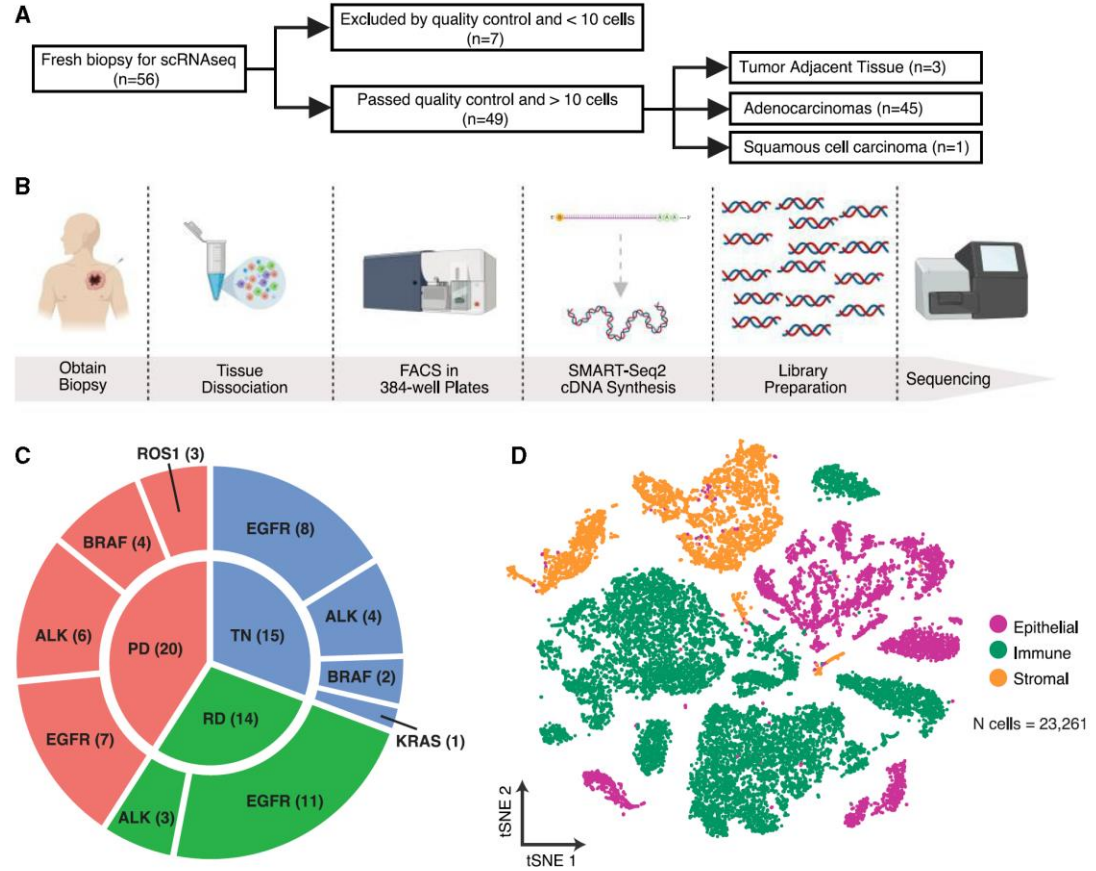
Cell Rx: **CAR-T, TCR**

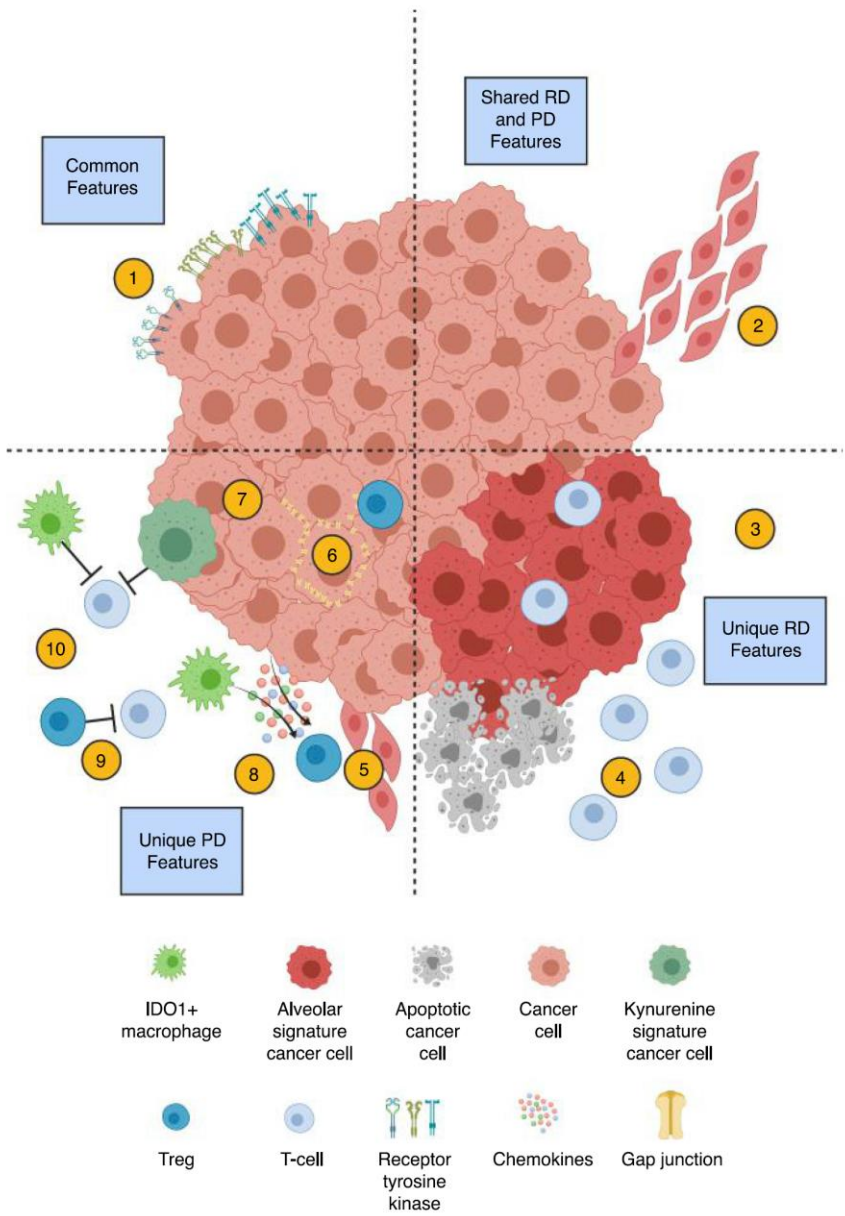
Article

Therapy-Induced Evolution of Human Lung Cancer Revealed by Single-Cell RNA Sequencing

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Ashley Maynard et al. Cell 2020

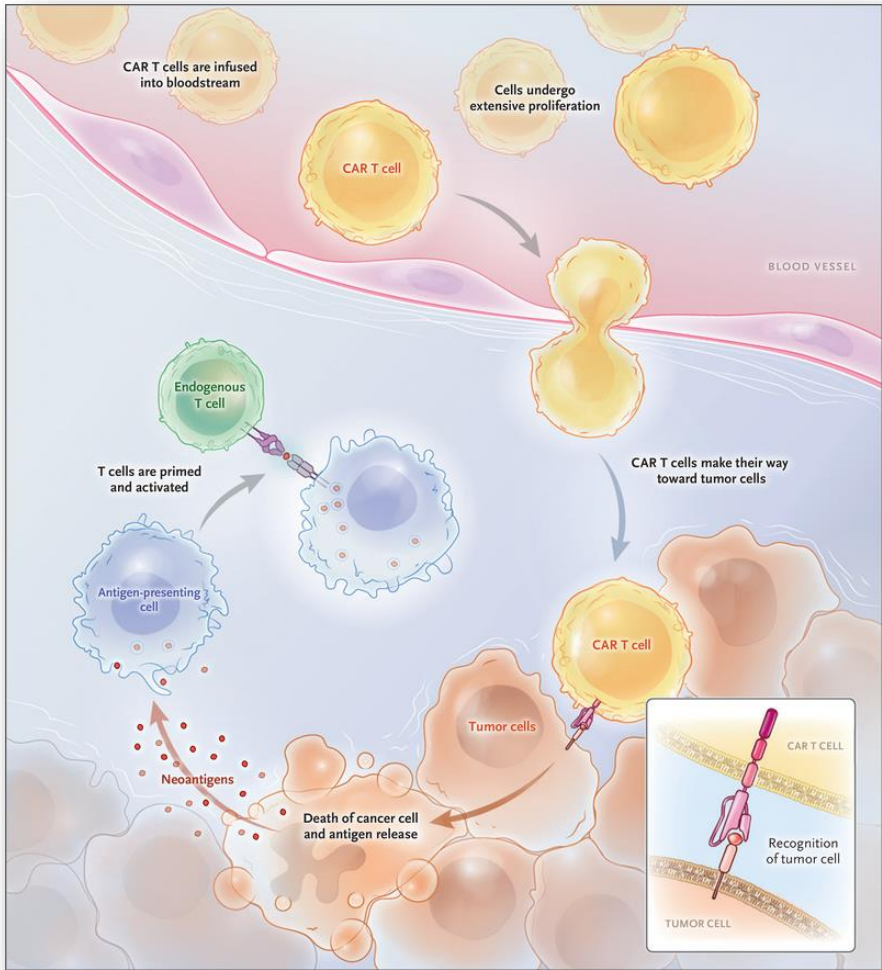




Ashley Maynard et al. Cell 2020

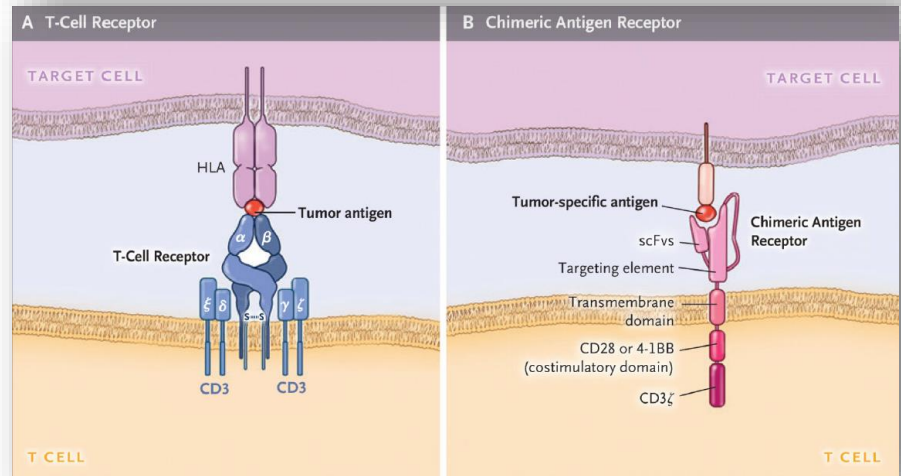
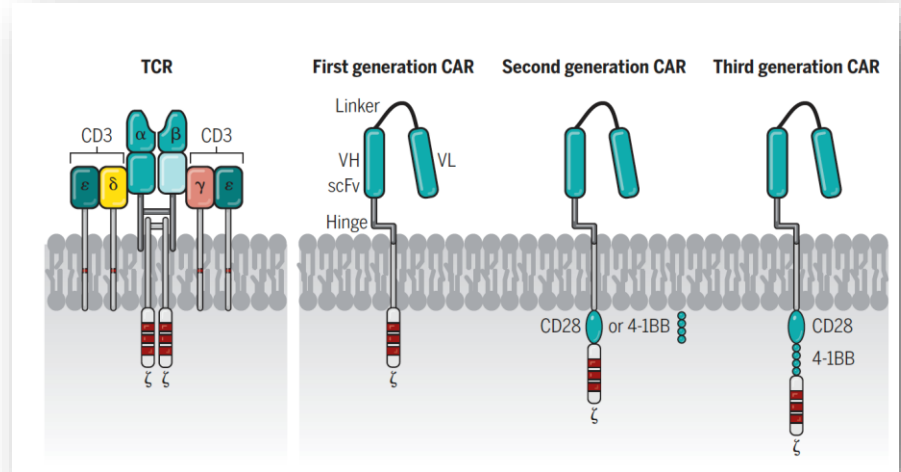
- Over **20,000** cancer and TME **cells** scRNA-seq profiles
- Cancer and TME exhibit marked Rx-induced **plasticity (rich and dynamic ecosystem)**
- **New opportunities** to improve clinical outcome

Cell Therapy



CAR-T

Carl H June & Michel Sadelain M.
N Engl J Med. 2018



TCR

CAR-T

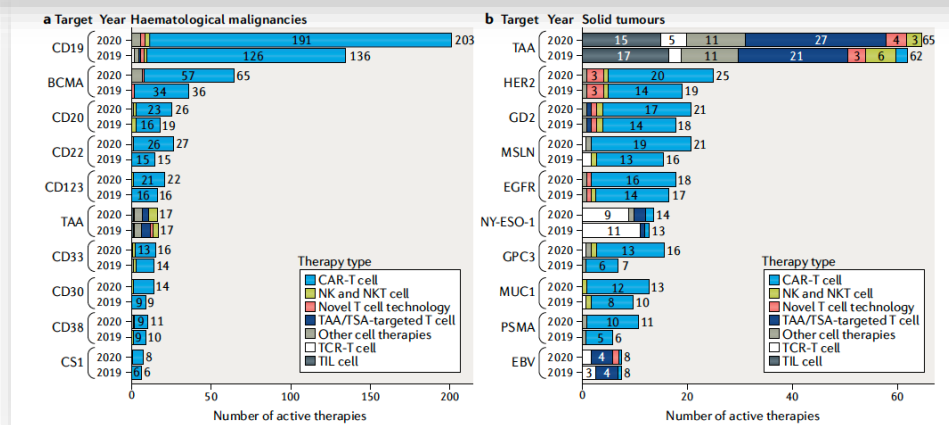
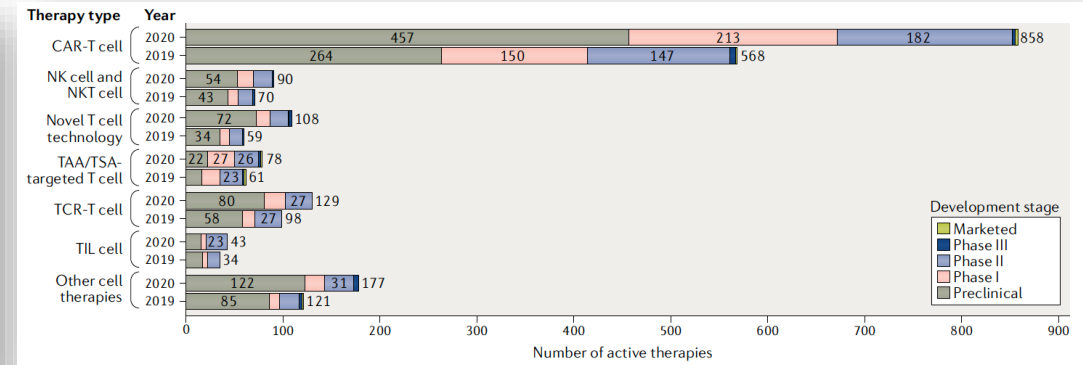
June et al., Science 2018

Cancer immunotherapy comes of age and looks for maturity

Amanda Finck¹, Saar I. Gill¹ & Carl H. June^{1,2} 



Fink A et al., Nat. Comm. 2020



Nat. Rev. Drug Discov. 2018

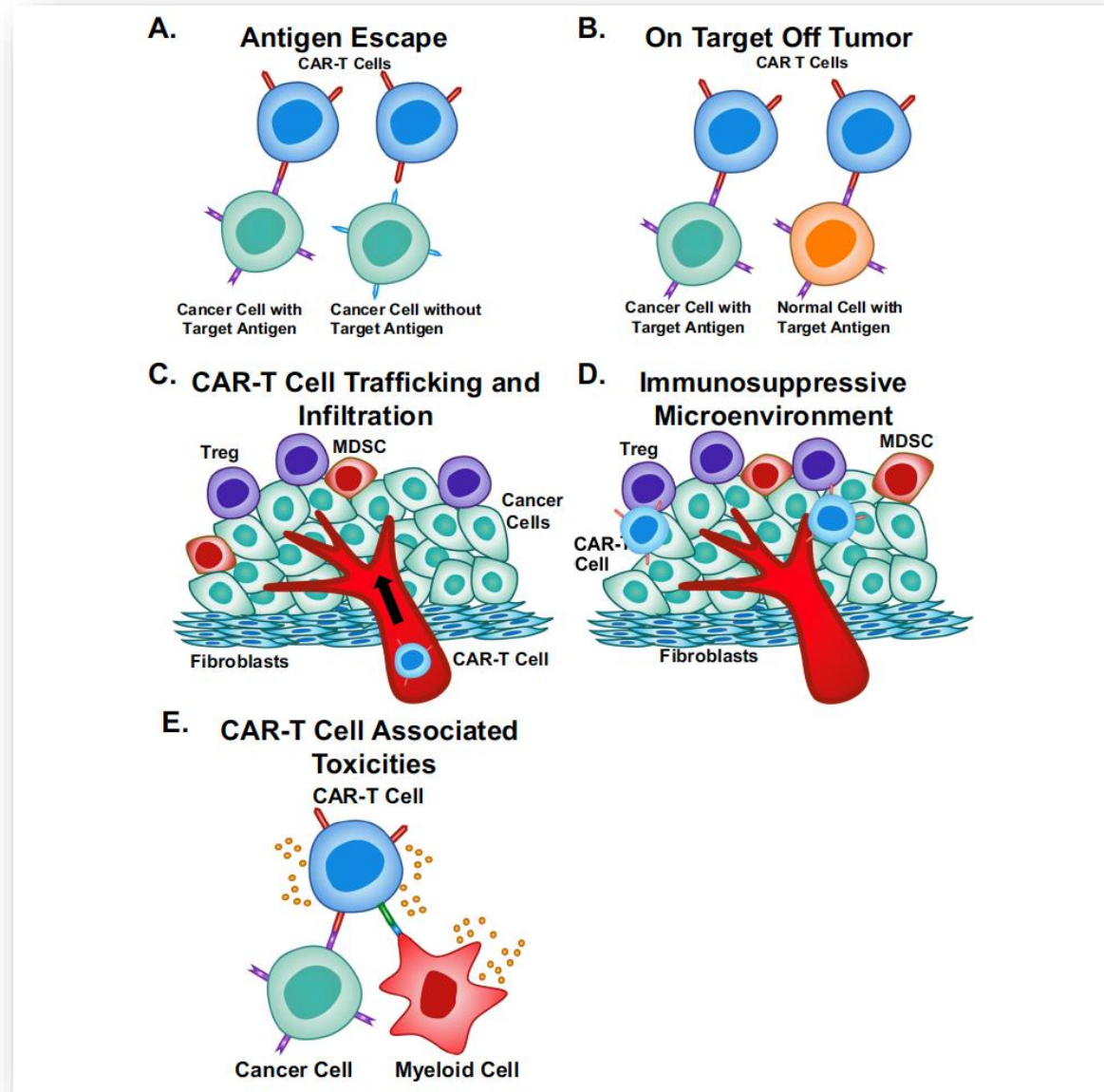
Limitations and challenges of CAR-T cell Therapy



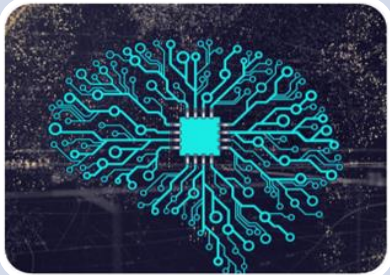
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Advances in Digital and Computational Pathology



Digital
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Computational
Pathology

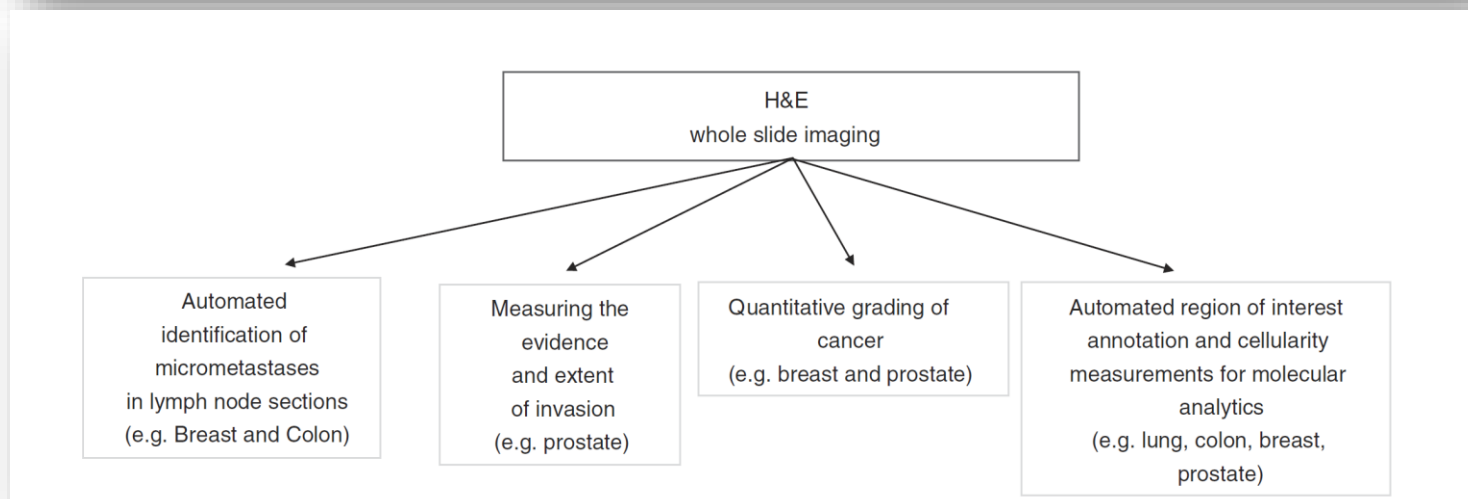
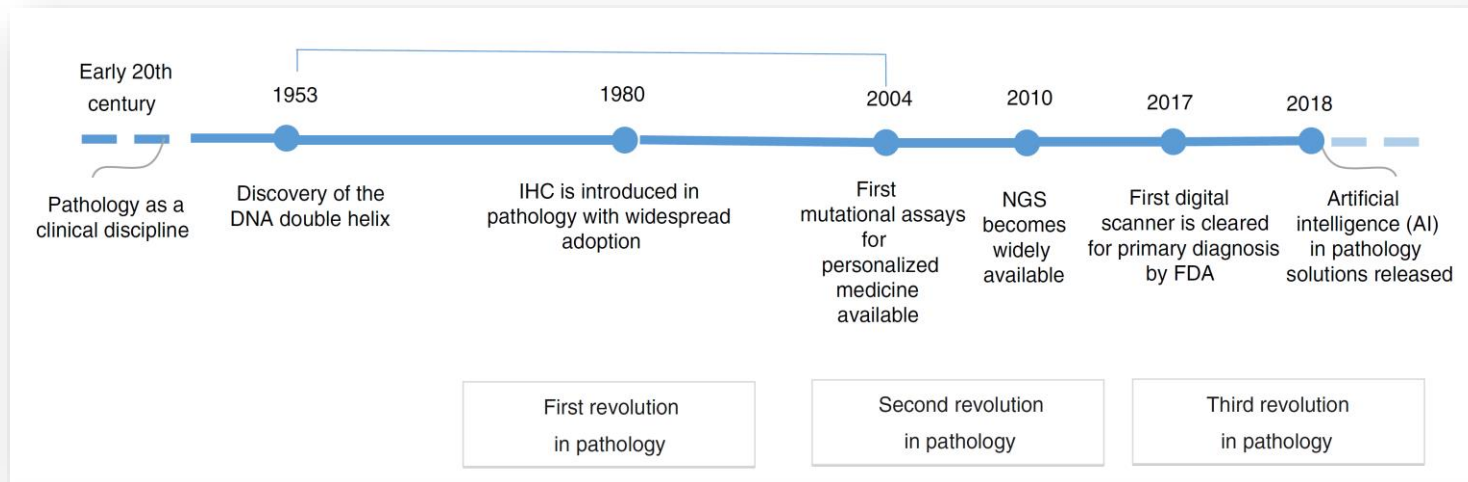
Pathology and Lab Med Opportunities

- Precision AP diagnostics
- Operational workflow efficiencies
- Precision biomarkers assessment
- **Multispectral and spatial resolution**



Artificial intelligence—the third revolution in pathology

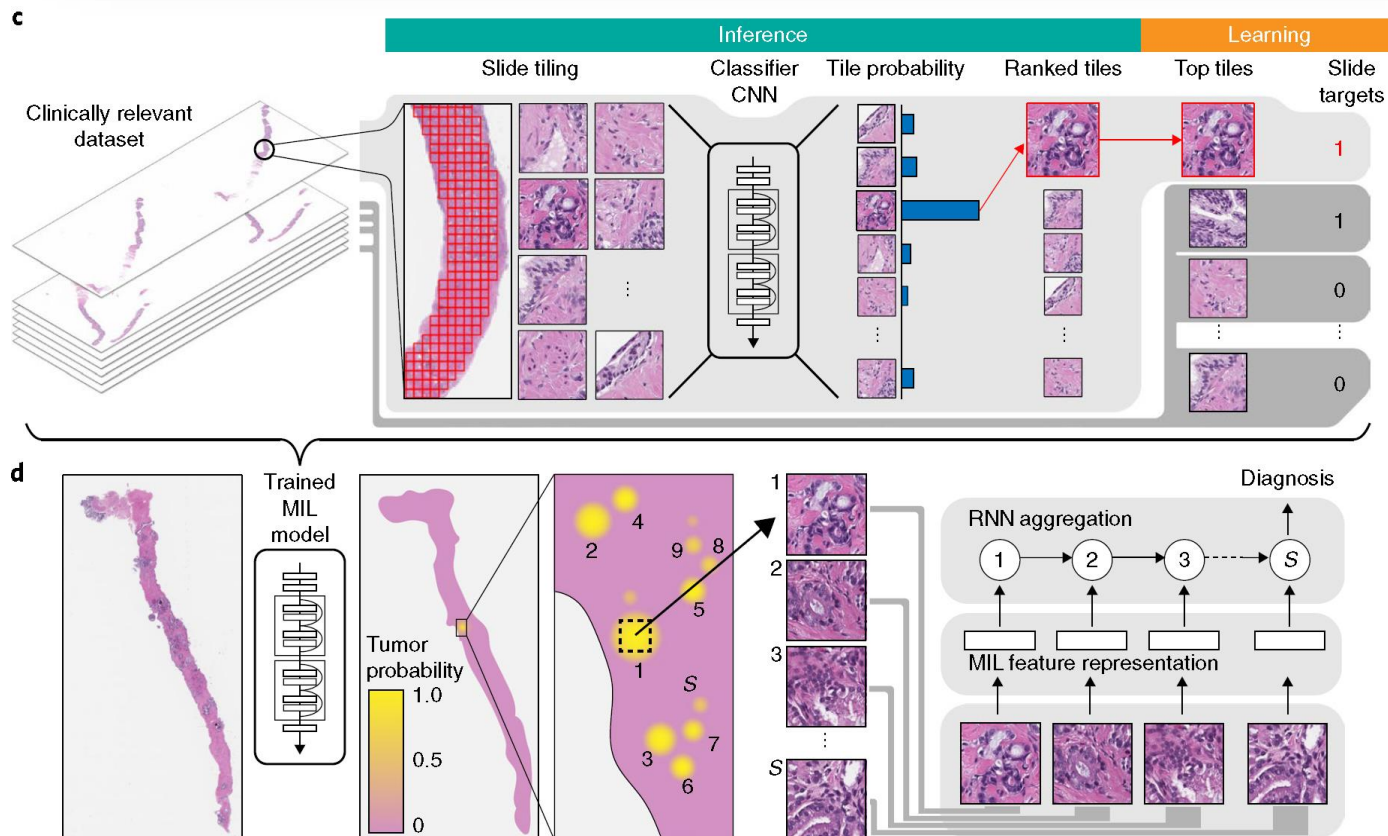
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Clinical-grade computational pathology using weakly supervised deep learning on whole slide images

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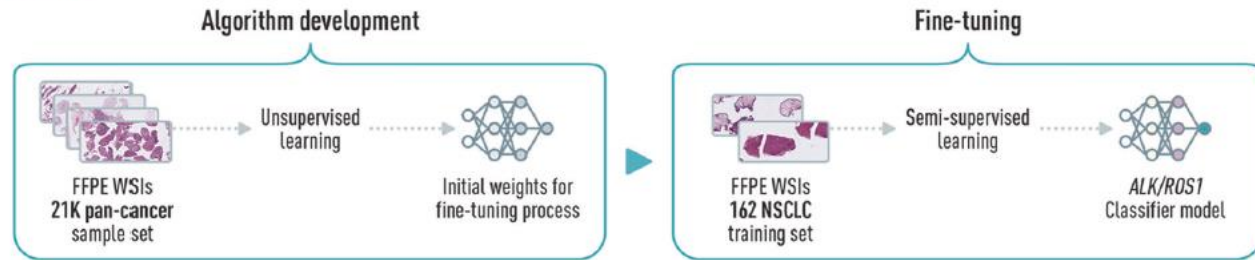
44,732 WSI
from 15,187



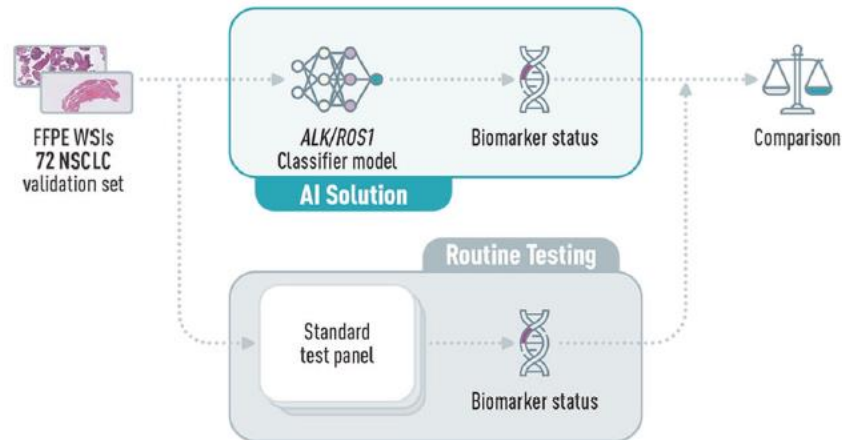
Direct identification of *ALK* and *ROS1* fusions in non-small cell lung cancer from hematoxylin and eosin-stained slides using deep learning algorithms

Chen Mayer^{1,4}, Efrat Ofek^{1,4}, Danielle Even Fridrich¹, Yossef Molchanov¹, Rinat Yacobi¹, Inbal Gazy², Ido Hayun², Jonathan Zalach², Nurit Paz-Yaacov² and Iris Barshack^{1,3}

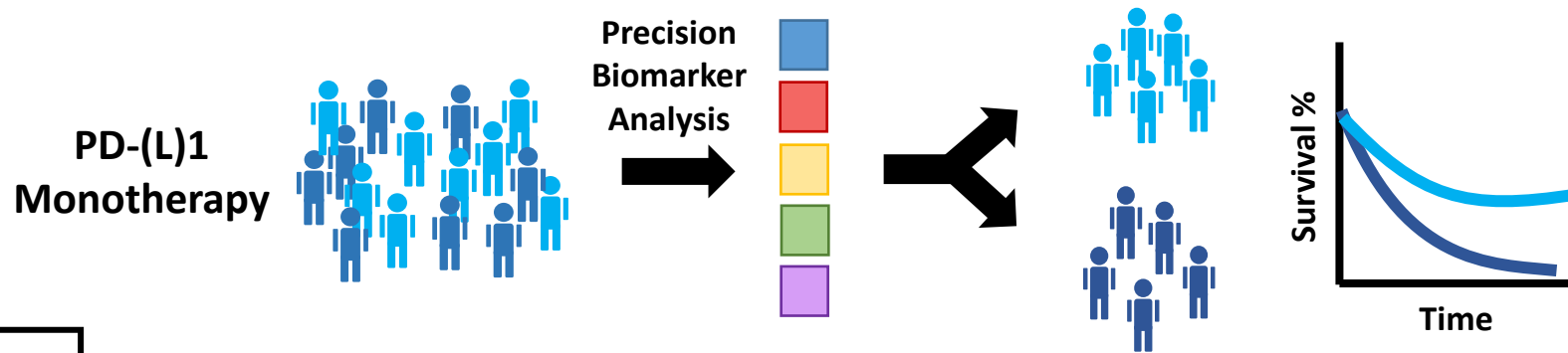
A Model Training



B Validation



Evaluating Predictive Biomarkers for Immunotherapies



Biomarker Strategies/
Assay Modalities

PD-L1
Immunohistochemistry (IHC)

Gene Expression
Profiling (GEP)

Tumor Mutation
Burden (TMB)

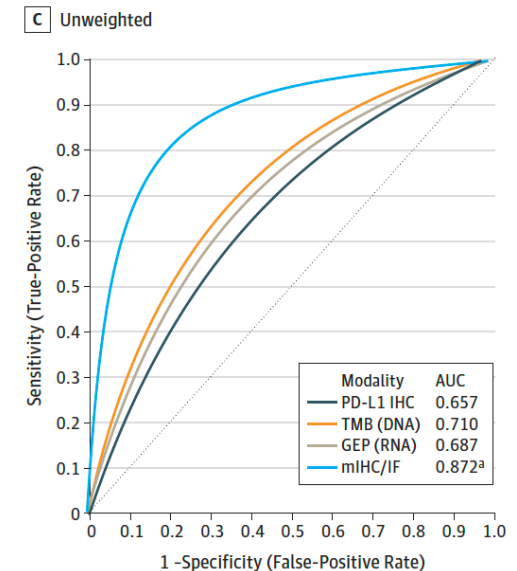
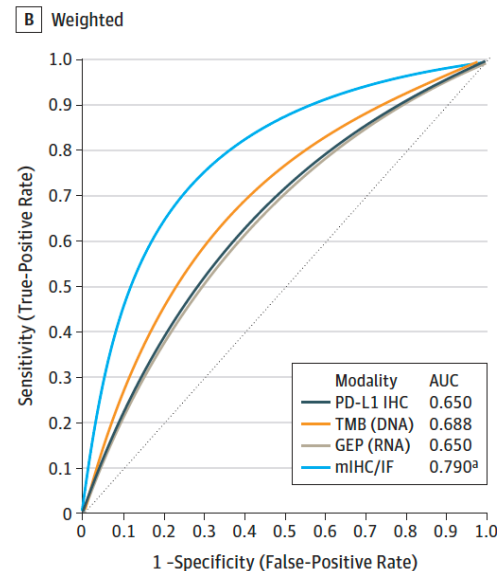
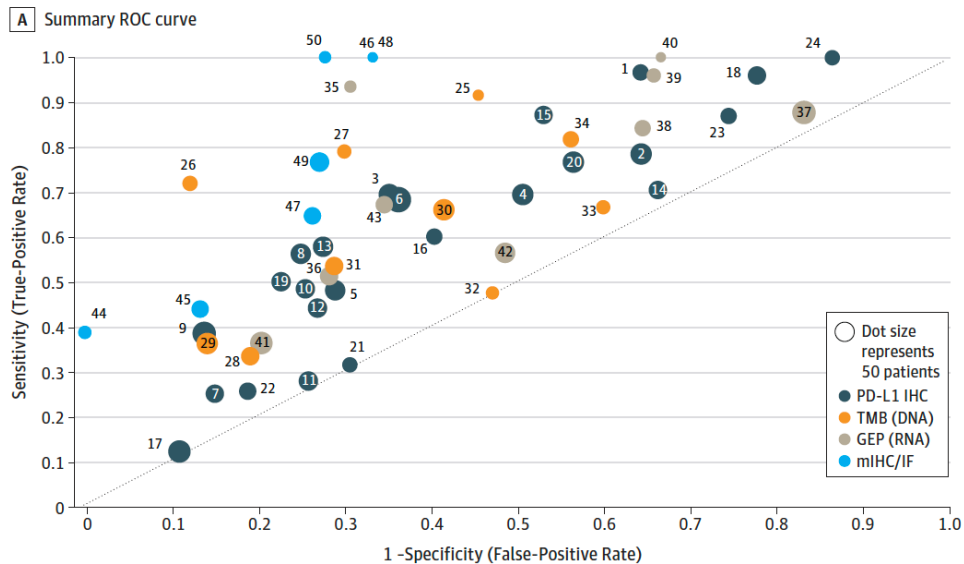
Multiplex IF/IHC

Multimodality

Comparison of Biomarker Modalities for Predicting Response to PD-1/PD-L1 Checkpoint Blockade

A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis

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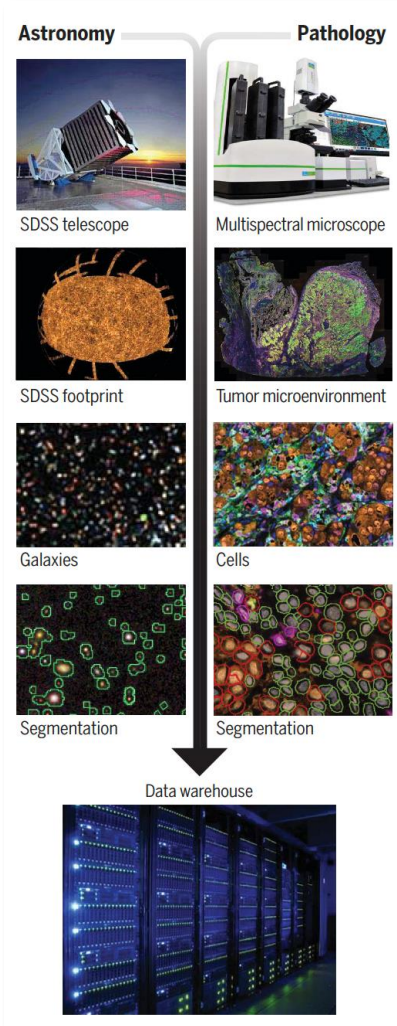
10 solid tumor types in 8135 patients

Analysis of multispectral imaging with the AstroPath platform informs efficacy of PD-1 blockade

Sneha Berry†, Nicolas A. Giraldo†, Benjamin F. Green†, Tricia R. Cottrell, Julie E. Stein, Elizabeth L. Engle, Haiying Xu, Aleksandra Ogurtsova, Charles Roberts, Daphne Wang, Peter Nguyen, Qingfeng Zhu, Sigfredo Soto-Diaz, Jose Loyola, Inbal B. Sander, Pok Fai Wong, Shlomit Jessel, Joshua Doyle, Danielle Signer, Richard Wilton, Jeffrey S. Roskes, Margaret Eminizer, Seyoun Park, Joel C. Sunshine, Elizabeth M. Jaffee, Alexander Baras, Angelo M. De Marzo, Suzanne L. Topalian, Harriet Kluger, Leslie Cope, Evan J. Lipson, Ludmila Danilova, Robert A. Anders, David L. Rimm, Drew M. Pardoll, Alexander S. Szalay†, Janis M. Taube*†



Sloan Digital Sky Survey



The Economist

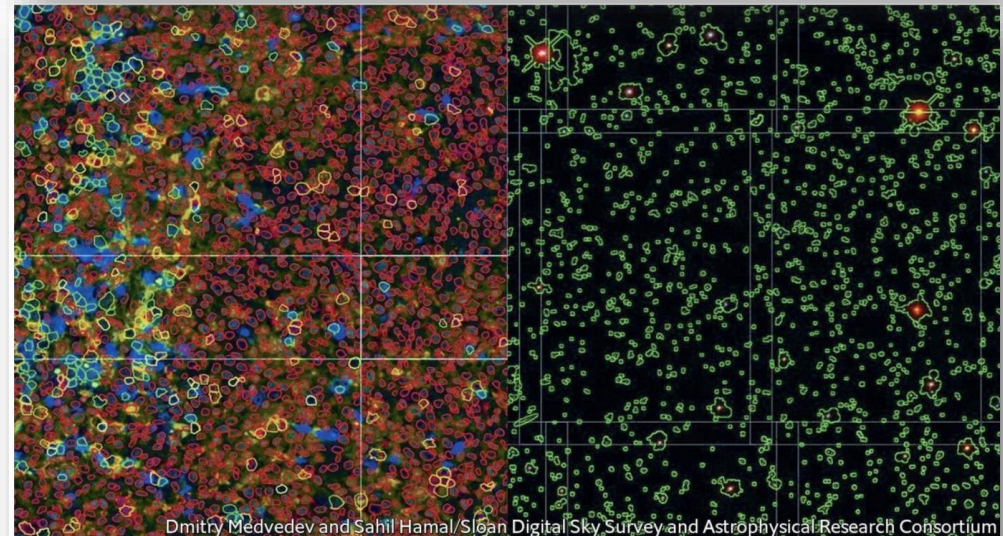
Science & technology

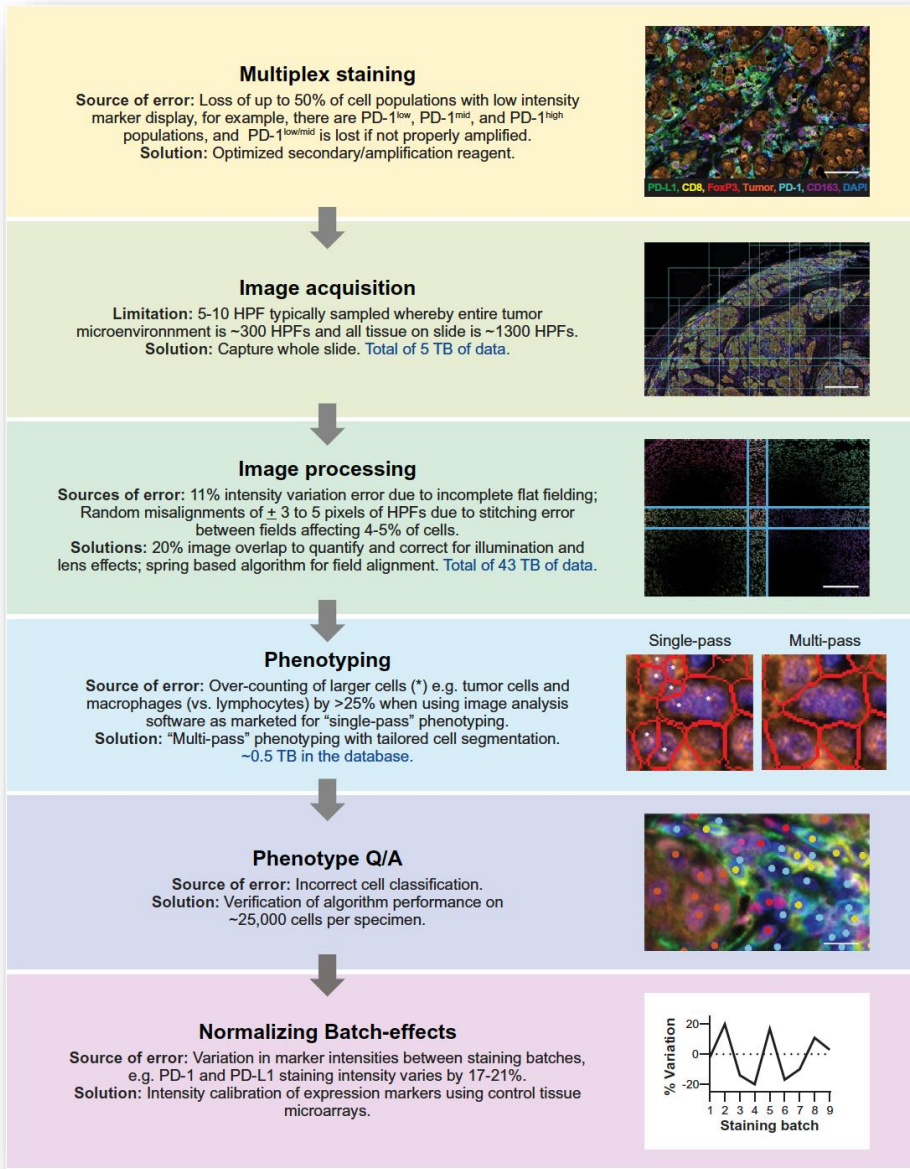
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Cancer research

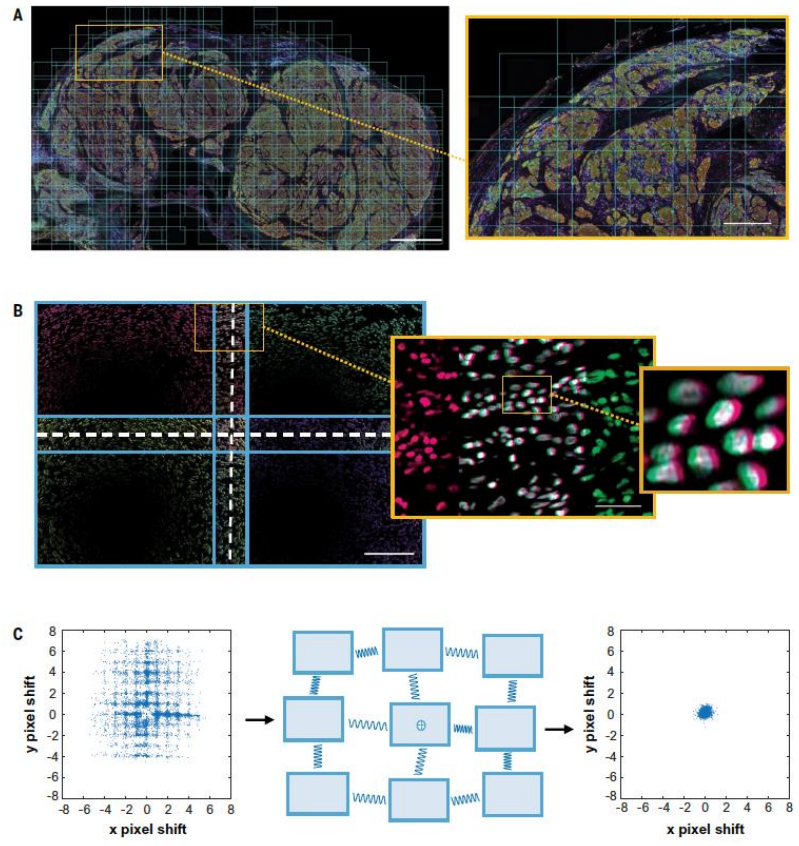
Mapping cancer as if it were the universe

Techniques from astronomy are being applied to medicine



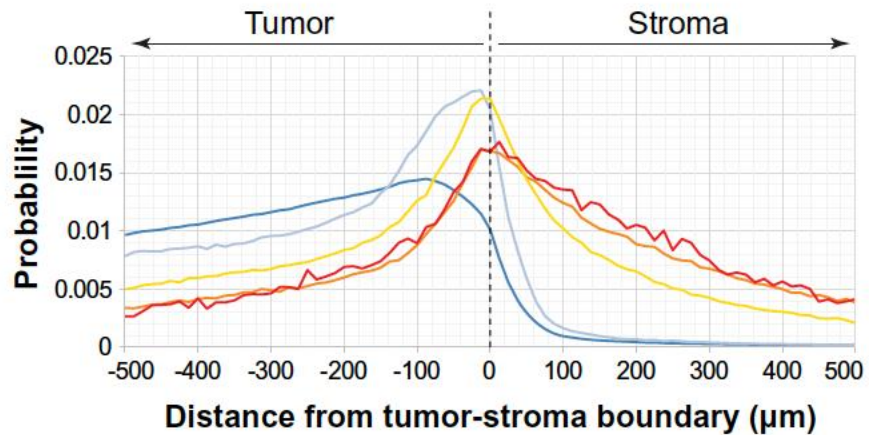
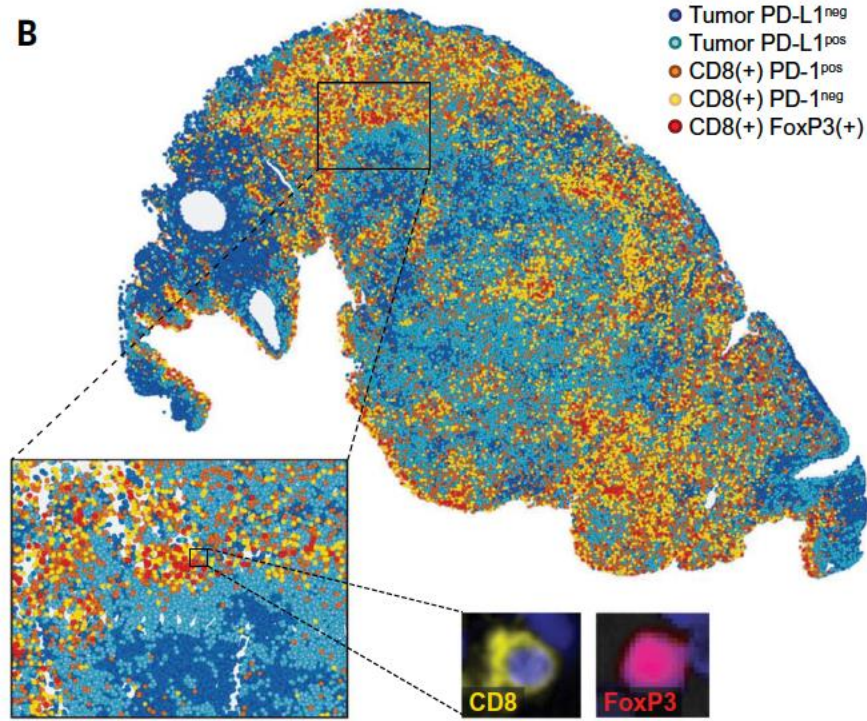


Minimizing instrument errors during field acquisition and stitching of whole slide using lessons from astronomy



Six PLEX
 127,400 image mosaics
 100 million single cells

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**Melanoma Anti PD1 Rx prediction:
CD163+PD-L1- myeloid cells
& CD8+FoxP3+PD-1low/mid T cells**

CHALLENGES

Impact on Pathology and Lab Medicine

- 1) Unprecedented demands on **Expertise** and **Capital**
 - *Evolution and adaptation of pathology work force*
 - *\$\$ Investment*

- 2) **Financial viability** in constrained healthcare economics

Evolution of Pathology Work Force

- **Education** of the pathologist of the future
Residency curriculum adjustment
Fellowship modifications
Multichannel Learning



<https://www.nature.com/collections/fbdjhcfiia>

- Pathologist **Physician Scientist**
Training Pipelines (MSTP, Integrated Residency Track)
Junior faculty mentorship
Enhance integration in clinical & translational research teams

Conclusions & Open Discussion

- **The future is ours to claim** if we embrace the unstoppable change in our profession
- Precision medicine opens **new doors** for pathologists to be on the **frontlines of patient care** delivery
- Tough economic challenges are not insurmountable but will require operational and Business Models adjustments

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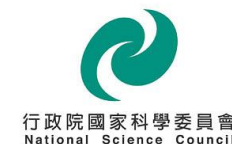
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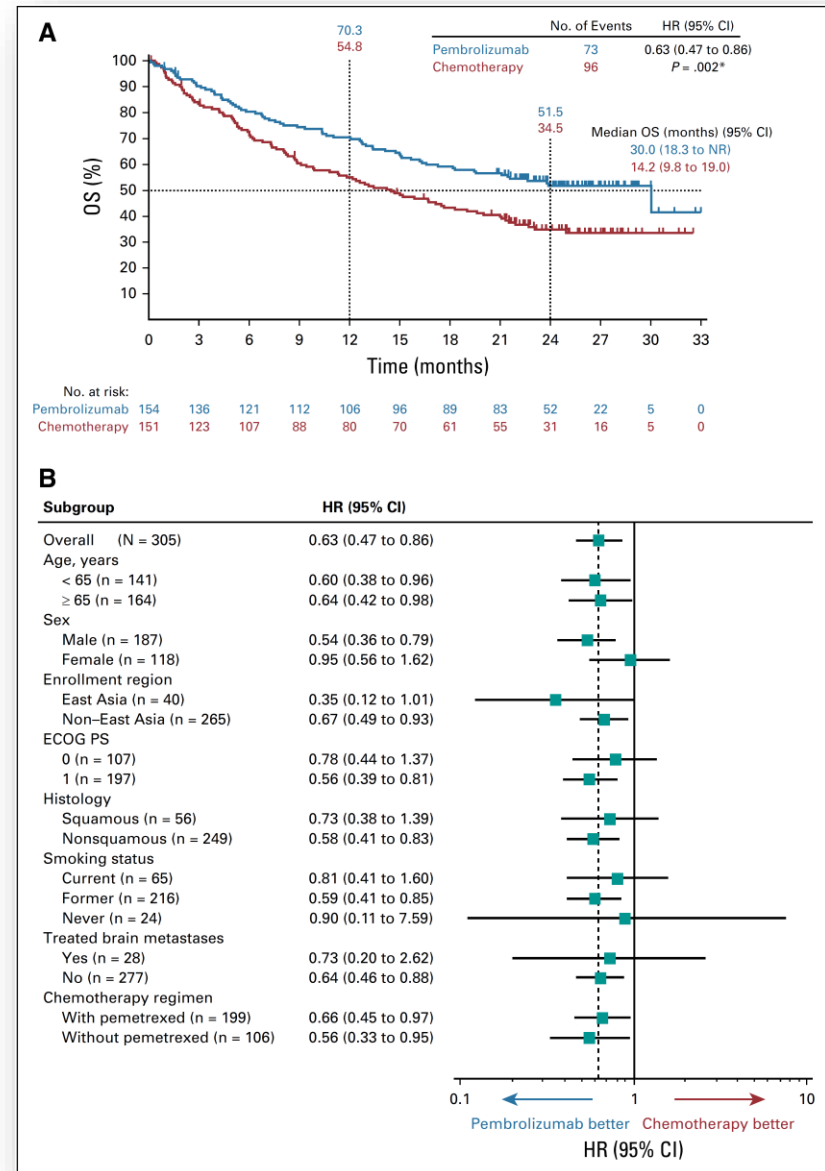
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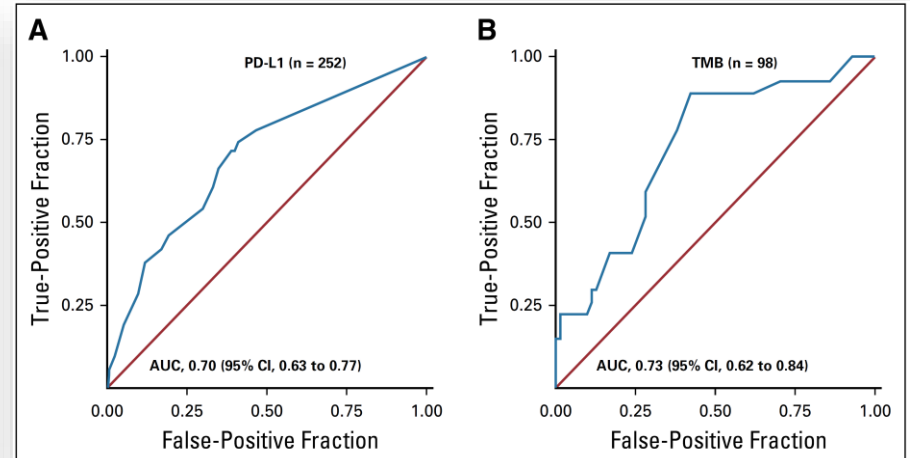
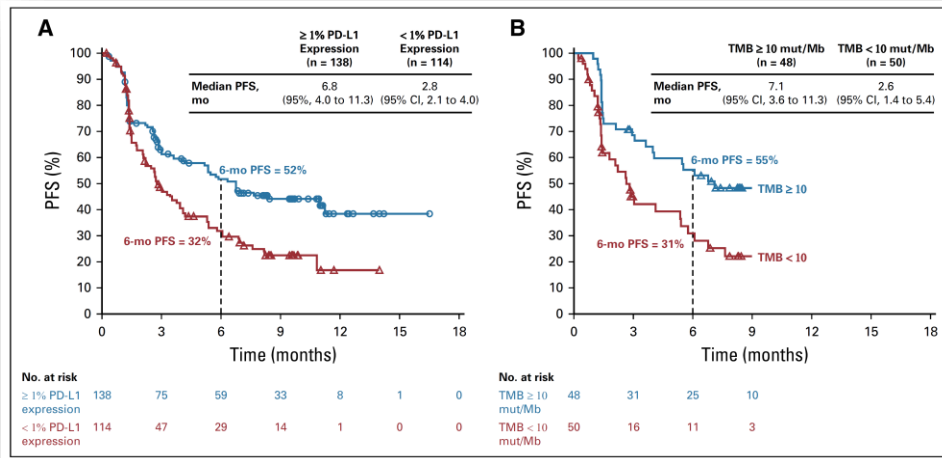
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Laboratory Informatics, Data Analytics and Big Data



Laboratory
Informatics
&
Big Data

Pathology and Lab Med Opportunities

- **Big Data:** 2/3 of EMR data is Lab Med data
Clinical Laboratory scientists are positioned to be the “Rock Stars” of Big Data ☺
- Clinical **decision support**
- Judicial **test utilization**
- Patient **outcome optimization**
- Phenotype/Genotype datasets \$\$\$

CHALLENGES

Impact on Pathology and Lab Medicine

- 1) Unprecedented demands on **Expertise** and **Capital**
 - *Evolution and adaptation of pathology work force*
 - *\$\$ Investment*
- 2) **Financial viability** in constrained healthcare economics

Evolution of Pathology Work Force

- **Education** of the pathologist of the future
Residency curriculum adjustment
Fellowship modifications
- Pathologist **Physician Scientist**
Training Pipelines (MSTP, Integrated Residency Track)
Junior faculty mentorship
Enhance integration in clinical & translational research teams

Financial Viability

“Precision” Pathology Service

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- **Value Based Product**
- **Quality that impacts patient outcome**
Downstream cost savings
- **Judicial test utilization**
Evidence based/Guidelines driven utilization (NCCN, AMP/CAP/ASCO)
- **Pathologist of the future is a vital player in patient management team**
Molecular multidisciplinary tumor boards
Diagnostic Management Teams (DMT)
Cell Therapy (CAR-T Cell)

Financial Viability of Pathology Services

New Revenue Stream

- **Expanding Services Portfolio**

Community Network Services

Monetize Knowledge/ Processes transfer (National and International)

*Anatomic Pathology Consultations Services (**Digital Path/Telehealth**)**

- **Discovery and Innovation**

*Entrepreneurial opportunities of Translational Pathology**

Academic/Industry/NFP partnerships

Growth of Pathology Research Enterprise



Research Funding

- **NIH**
2022: Biden admin proposes \$51.9 billion (**21% increase**)
- Other Governmental
DOD/ VA
- Non-Governmental Foundations
- **Philanthropy**
- **Industry Grants**

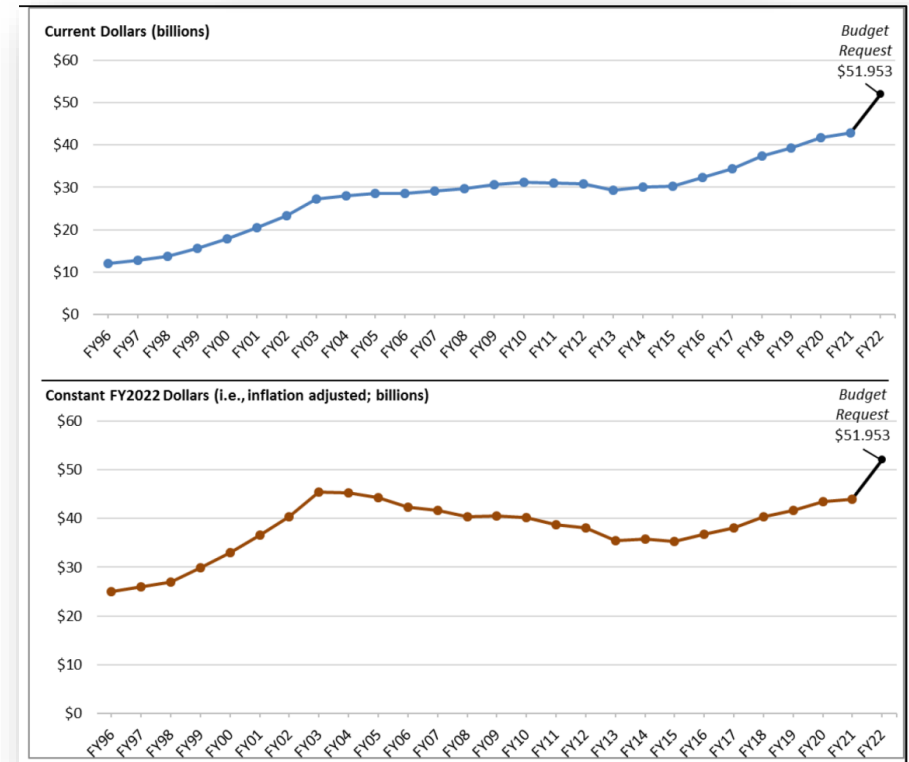


Figure 1. National Institutes of Health (NIH) Funding, FY1996-FY2022
Program Level Funding in Current and Projected Constant (FY2022) Dollars.

Growth of Pathology Research Enterprise

FOLLOW THE MONEY !!

- “Late” translational research
- Aging
- Health Disparity/Population health
- Tissue/Biospecimen Repositories
- URiM

Conclusions & Open Discussion

- **The future is ours to claim** if we embrace the unstoppable change in our profession
- Precision medicine opens **new doors** for pathologists to be on the **frontlines of patient care** delivery
- Tough economic challenges are not insurmountable but will require operational and Business Models adjustments

THANK YOU !.....

Open Discussion

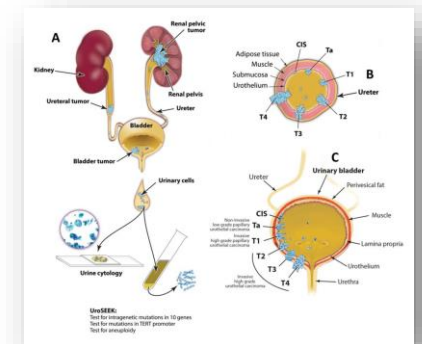
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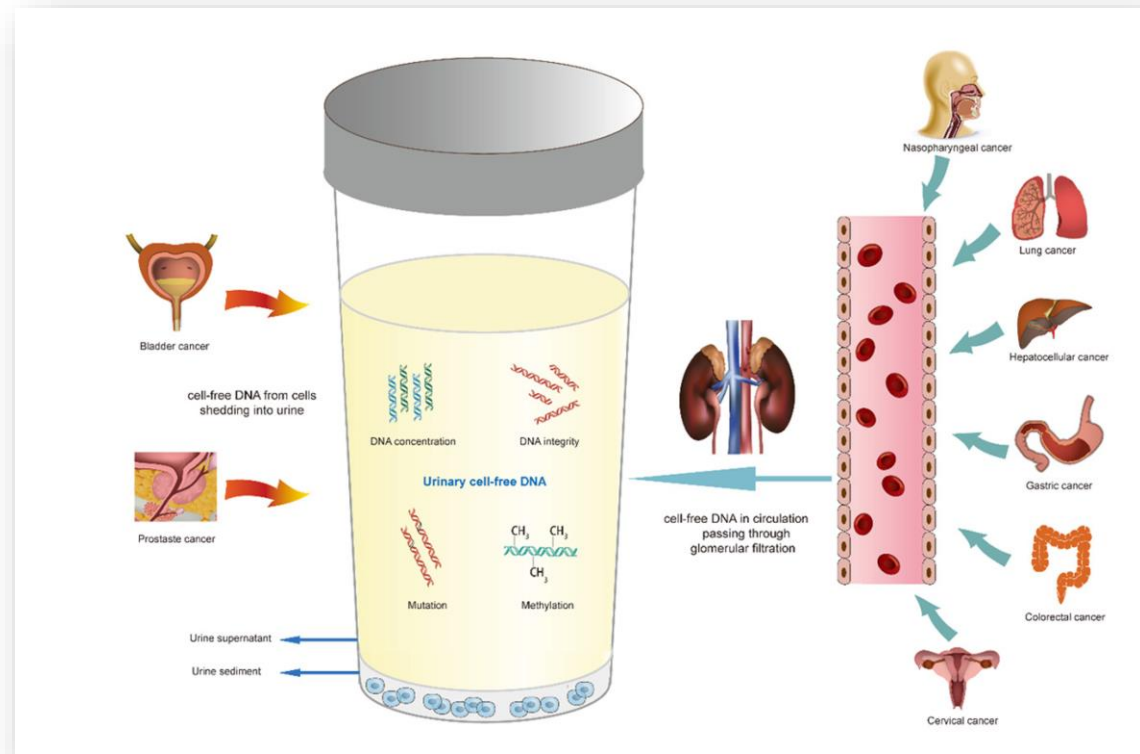


UroSEEK

Urine: The “other” Liquid Biopsy

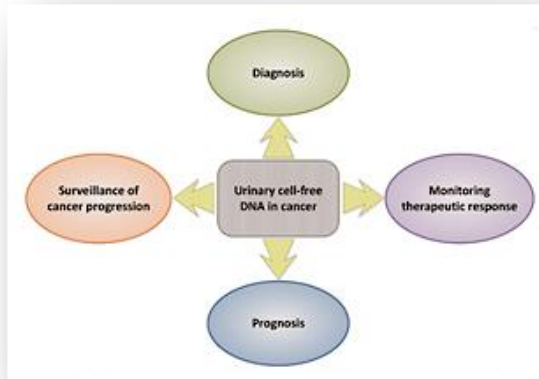
Urine Liquid Biopsy Analytes

- **Exfoliated cellular NA** (3×10^6 cells daily)
- **ucfDNA**
 - HMW (1K bp): Necrotic cells (shed)
 - LMW (**150-250 bp**)
 - Apoptotic cells (shed)
 - Transrenal DNA (**trDNA**)
 - ucfDNA of fetal origin (29-45bp)
- **ucfRNA** (miRNA)
- **EV**



Lu T, Li J.. Am J Cancer Res. 2017

Urine Liquid Biopsy Applications



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Table 1. Summary of potential clinical applications of ucfDNA in cancer

Clinical application	Markers	Types of cancer	Detection methods	References	
Detection/Diagnosis	UcfDNA concentration	Bladder cancer	GeneQuant Pro Quant-iT DNA high-sensitivity assay kit Real-time PCR NanoDrop 1000	Zancan et al. [54]	
	UcfDNA/Ucr concentration and ucfDNA integrity	Bladder cancer	PicoGreen 400-bp real-time PCR	Chang et al. [25]	
	UcfDNA quantification	Bladder cancer	Real-time PCR	Brisuda et al. [55]	
	<i>TopoIIA</i> levels	NMIBC	Real-time PCR	Kim et al. [60]	
	UcfDNA integrity	Bladder cancer	Real-time PCR using IQ SYBR Green	Casadio et al. [38]	
	Six microsatellite markers on chromosomes 4, 9, and 17	Bladder cancer	PCR	Utting et al. [66]	
	Twelve microsatellite markers on 6 chromosomes	Bladder cancer	PCR	Szarvas et al. [13]	
	TSPAN13-to-S100A9 ratio	Prostate cancer	Real-time PCR	Yan et al. [68]	
	UcfDNA integrity (c-Myc, BCAS1, and HER2)	Prostate cancer	Real-time PCR	Casadio et al. [39]	
	UcfDNA integrity (c-MYC, HER2, and AR)	Prostate cancer	Real-time PCR	Salvi et al. [69]	
	<i>GSTP1</i> gene promoter hypermethylation	Prostate cancer	Methylation-specific PCR	Bryzgunova et al. [72]	
	<i>KRAS</i> mutations	Advanced colorectal adenocarcinoma and advanced pancreatic cancer	PCR	Botezatu et al. [18]	
	Surveillance of cancer progression	<i>KRAS</i> mutations	Colorectal cancer	Restriction-enriched PCR	Su et al. [17, 33, 35]
mVIM		Colorectal cancer	Quantitative MethyLight PCR-based assay	Song et al. [73]	
<i>TP53</i> mutation		Hepatocellular carcinoma	Locked nucleic acid clamp-mediated PCR assay	Lin et al. [74]	
HCC-associated HBV mutation		HBV-associated hepatocellular carcinoma	Real-time PCR	Lin et al. [75]	
HPV DNA		Cervical cancer	NGS	Guerrero-Preston et al. [80]	
Somatic variants		Bladder cancer	ddPCR	Birkenkamp-Demtröder et al. [81]	
Somatic variants		UBC	OncoScan assay	Togneri et al. [82]	
<i>FGFR3</i> and <i>PIK3CA</i> mutations		Bladder cancer	ddPCR	Christensen et al. [83]	
<i>EGFR</i> mutations		NSCLC	ddPCR	Li et al. [88]	
<i>KRAS</i> mutations		NSCLC	ddPCR	Wang et al. [85]	
Monitoring treatment response		Copy number variations	Prostate cancer	Whole genome sequencing	Xia et al. [86]
		<i>EGFR</i> mutations	NSCLC	Short footprint mutation enrichment NGS	Reckamp et al. [40]
		<i>EGFR</i> mutations	NSCLC	ddPCR	Li et al. [84] Chen et al. [89] Husain et al. [96] Tchekmedyian et al. [91]
	<i>EGFR</i> mutations	Gastric cancer	ddPCR	Shi et al. [36]	
	<i>CAD-ALK</i> gene rearrangement	Colorectal cancer	NGS	Siravegna et al. [92]	
	<i>BRAF</i> V600E mutations	Colorectal neuroendocrine cancer	PCR	Klempner et al. [93]	
	<i>KRAS</i> G12/G13 mutations	Advanced cancers	Mutation-enrichment NGS	Fujii et al. [41]	
	EBV DNA	Nasopharyngeal carcinoma	Real-time PCR	Chan et al. [94] Sengar et al. [95]	
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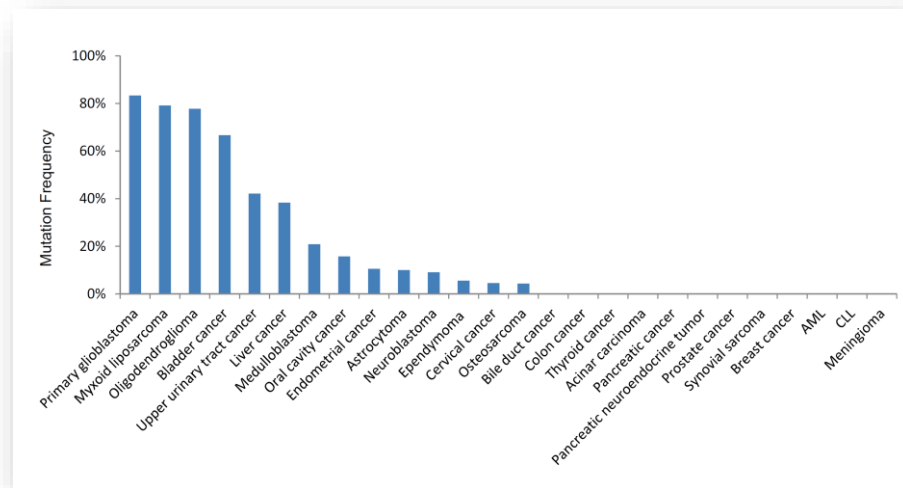
Abbreviations: ucfDNA, urinary cell-free DNA; NMIBC, non-muscle-invasive bladder cancer; *GSTP1*, glutathione S-transferase P1 gene; mVIM, hypermethylated vimentin gene; NGS, next-generation sequencing; ddPCR, droplet digital PCR; UBC, urothelial bladder cancer; NSCLC, non-small cell lung cancer.

***TERT* promoter mutations occur frequently in gliomas and a subset of tumors derived from cells with low rates of self-renewal**

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Killela PJ et al. PNAS 2013

- ***TERT* promoter mutations in 1,230 tumor**
- Identified ***TERT* mutations in 231 (18.8%) tumors**
 - **C228T (77.5%)**
 - **C250T (20.8%)**
 - Rare C228A and C229A mutation
- ***TERT* & *ATRX* mutations mutually exclusive**

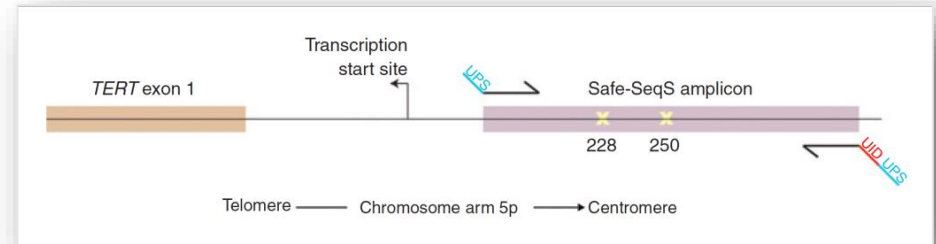


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- 76 noninvasive urothelial carcinomas
 - 28 pTa LG
 - 31 pTa HG
 - 17 pTis CIS



- 14 early bladder neoplasms and matched follow-up urine



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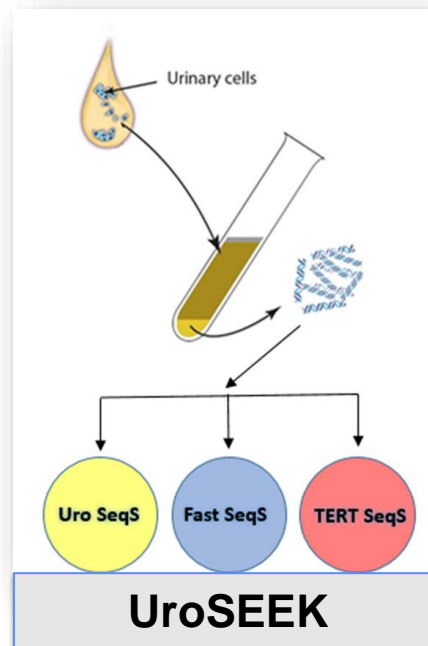
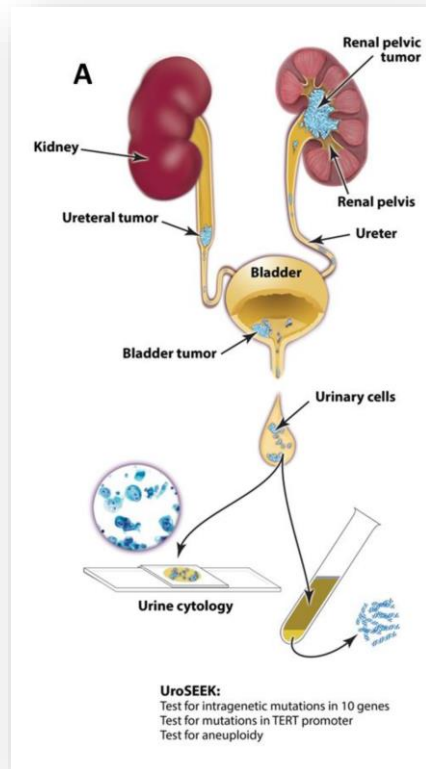
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TERT promoter mutation	pTa LG (N = 28)	pTa HG (N = 31)	CIS (N = 17)	P
Present (%)	24/28 (86%)	21/31 (68%)	11/17 (65%)	0.18

Abbreviations: HG, high-grade noninvasive urothelial carcinoma; LG, low-grade noninvasive urothelial carcinoma.

TERT mutation in follow-up urine	Number of patients	Recurred	Did not recur	P
Present	8	8/8 (100%)	0/8 (0%)	<0.001
Absent	7	1/7 (11%)	6/7 (89%)	(<i>r</i> = 0.87) ^a

^aPearson coefficient of correlation.



UroSeqS (10 genes)

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- *PIK3CA*
- *HRAS*
- *KRAS*
- *TP53*
- *CDKN2A*
- *ERBB2*
- *MET*
- *MLL*
- *VHL*

**Ludwig Cancer Research
JHU Pathology
JHU Brady Institute**

- Two Application Settings
 - Surveillance
 - ED: Primary Screen (Hematuria no prior TCC)
- International Collaborators
 - Osaka University, Japan
 - AC CAMARGO Cancer Ctr, Brazil
 - Hacettepe University, Turkey
 - **Taiwan UTUC**
- >2800 Urine and > 600 FFPE Sequenced

UroSEEK in Bladder Cancer Tissue

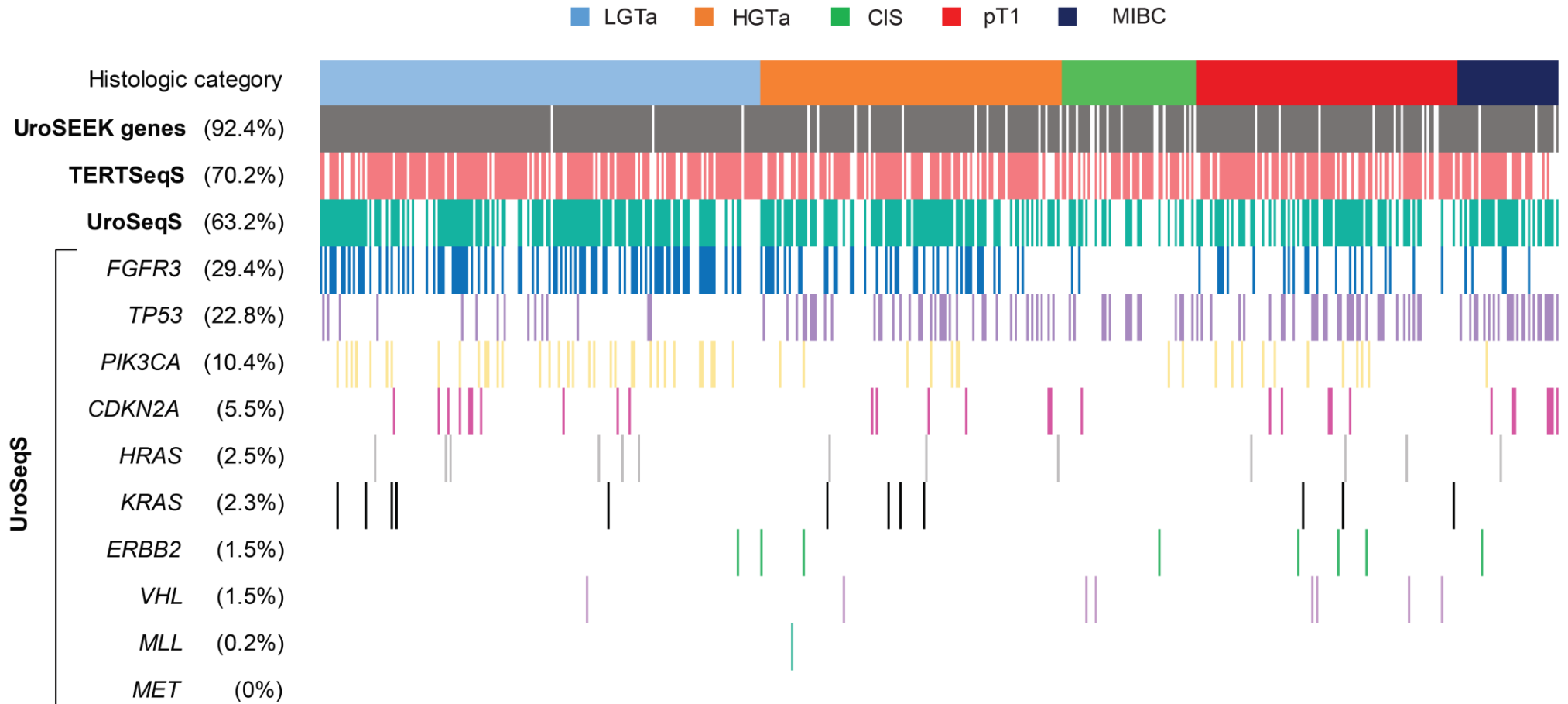
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- **527** tumors from 484 patients
 - 188 LGTa
 - 129 HGTA
 - 56 CIS
 - 111 pT1 tumors
 - 43 MIBC
- 36 patients with more than one tumor analyzed



UroSEEK in Bladder Cancer Tissue



Targeted sequencing of plasmacytoid urothelial carcinoma reveals frequent *TERT* promoter mutations ☆☆☆



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Detection of *TERT* promoter mutations in primary adenocarcinoma of the urinary bladder ☆☆☆



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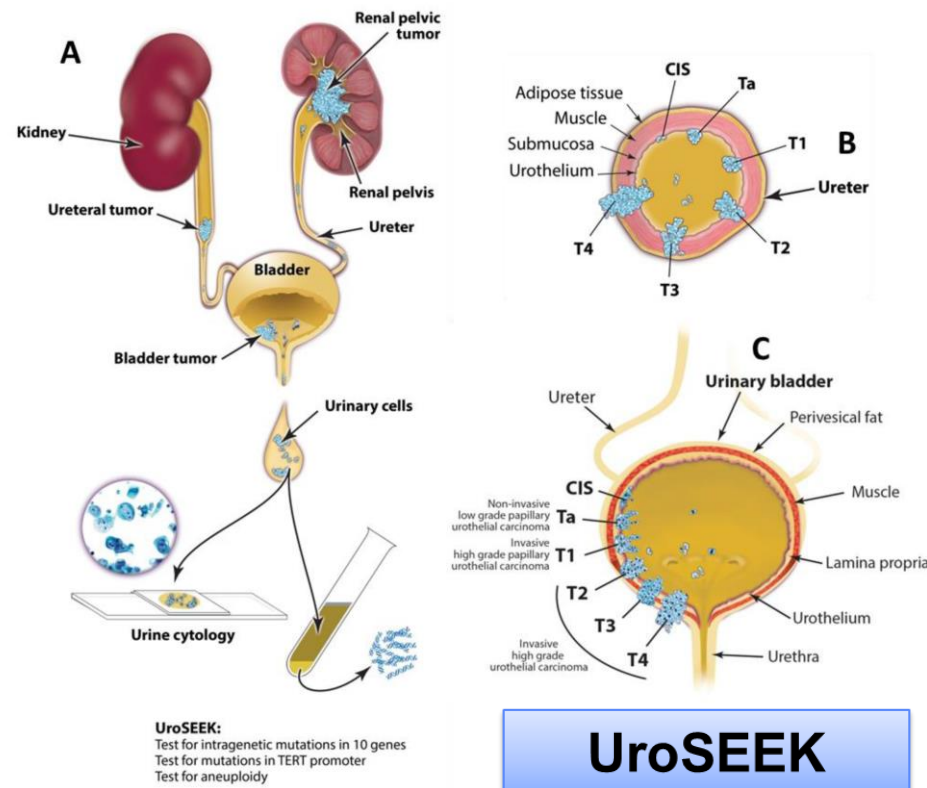
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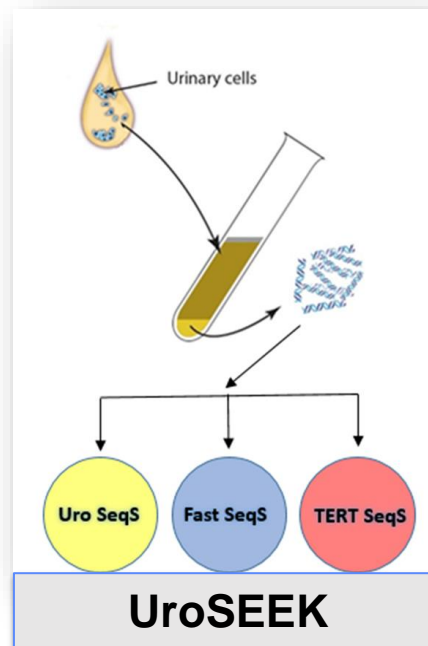
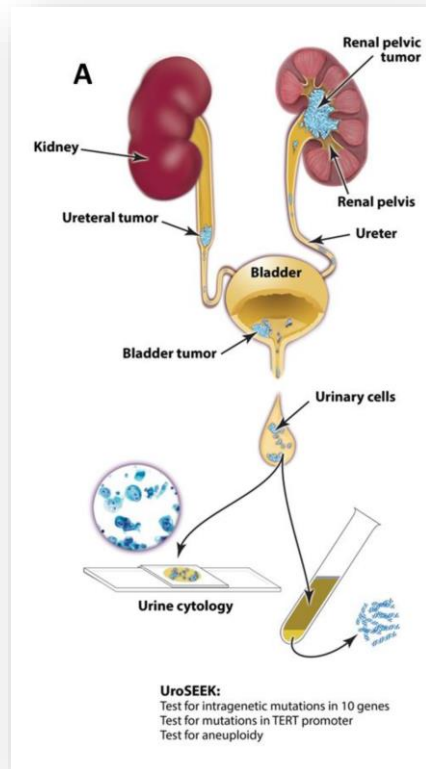


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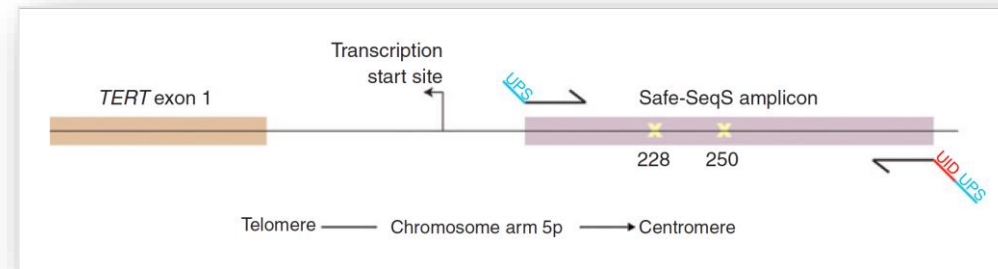
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TERTSeqS and UroSeqS

Safe SeqS (Safe-Sequencing System)

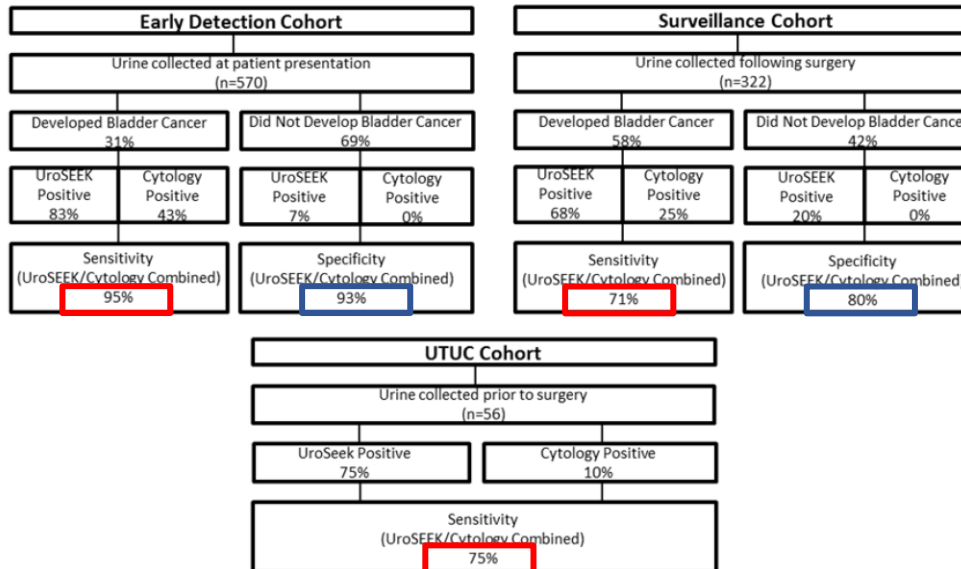
- **Cellular DNA**
- Massively parallel sequencing
- Error reducing approach
 - Unique Identifier for family of template
 - **Supermutant (95%)**
- Applicable for identifying mutations in a small fraction of DNA templates (0.03%)



FastSeqS

- Aneuploidy Analysis
- Massively parallel sequencing
- **Single primer pair** to amplify about **38,000 loci** scattered throughout the genome
- Gains and losses in **39 chromosome arms** can be detected

UroSEEK



UroSEEK in Equivocal Urine Cytology

Performance of Novel Non-Invasive Urine Assay UroSEEK in a Cohort of Atypical Cytology

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Paris System: significant proportion of equivocal dx “atypical” or “suspicious” categories

ED:

- 375 urine samples (348 patients)
- 114/375 (**30%**) ATYP

Surveillance:

- 717 urine samples (496 patients)
- 332/717 (**46%**) ATYP

UroSEEK in Equivocal Urine Cytology: Early Detection

	UroSEEK	TERTSeqS	UROSeqS	FastSeqS
Sensitivity	96%	63%	88%	54%
Specificity	87%	90%	96%	99%
NPV	99%	90%	97%	89%
PPV	66%	63%	84%	93%

UroSEEK in Equivocal Urine Cytology: Surveillance

	UroSEEK	TERTSeqS	UROSeqS	FastSeqS
Sensitivity	74%	65%	54%	59%
Specificity	72%	77%	89%	80%
NPV	53%	47%	44%	45%
PPV	87%	87%	92%	88%

UroSEEK/CancerSEEK/PapSEEK

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Evaluation of liquid from the Papanicolaou test and other liquid biopsies for the detection of endometrial and ovarian cancers

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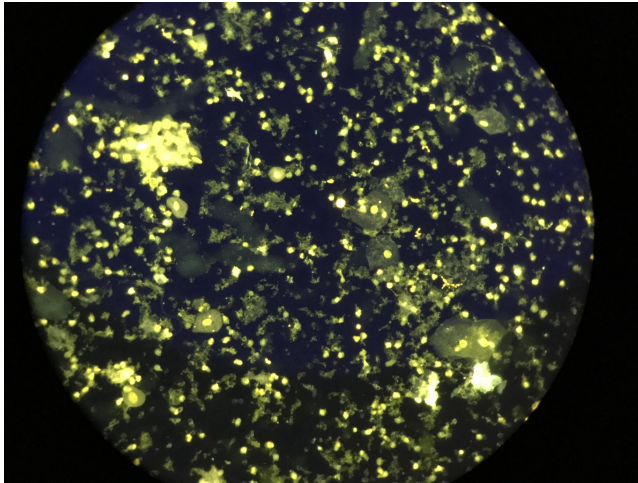


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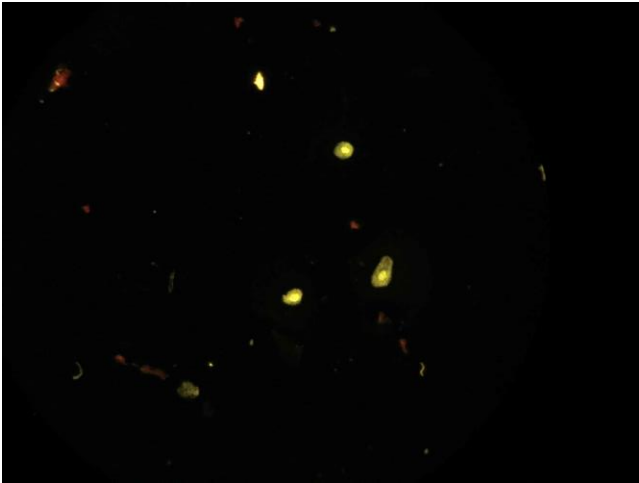
Next Steps

- Bring down **cost** per test
- Secure funding for **CLIA** grade test development and **FDA** approval
- Head to head **prospective study** with *UroVysion*
(Non-inferiority approval)
- Commercialization

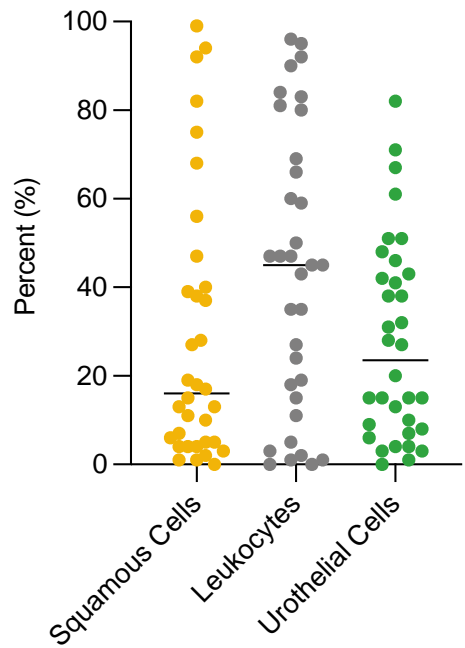
Voided Urine Sample
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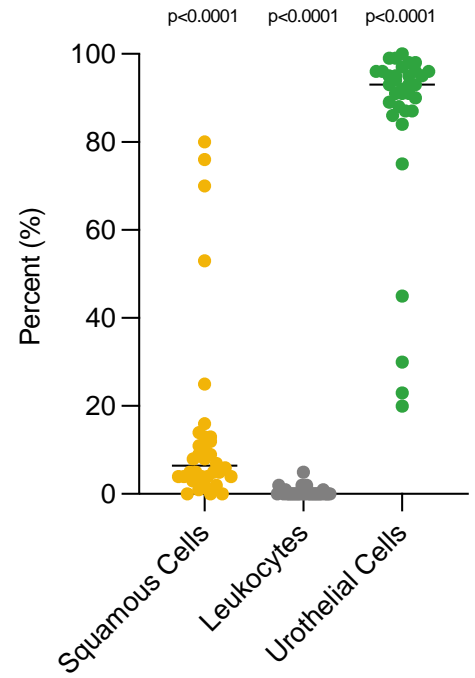
Enriched Sample
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 41% Squamous cells
 57% Urothelial cells



Cell Distribution in Original Samples (n=34)

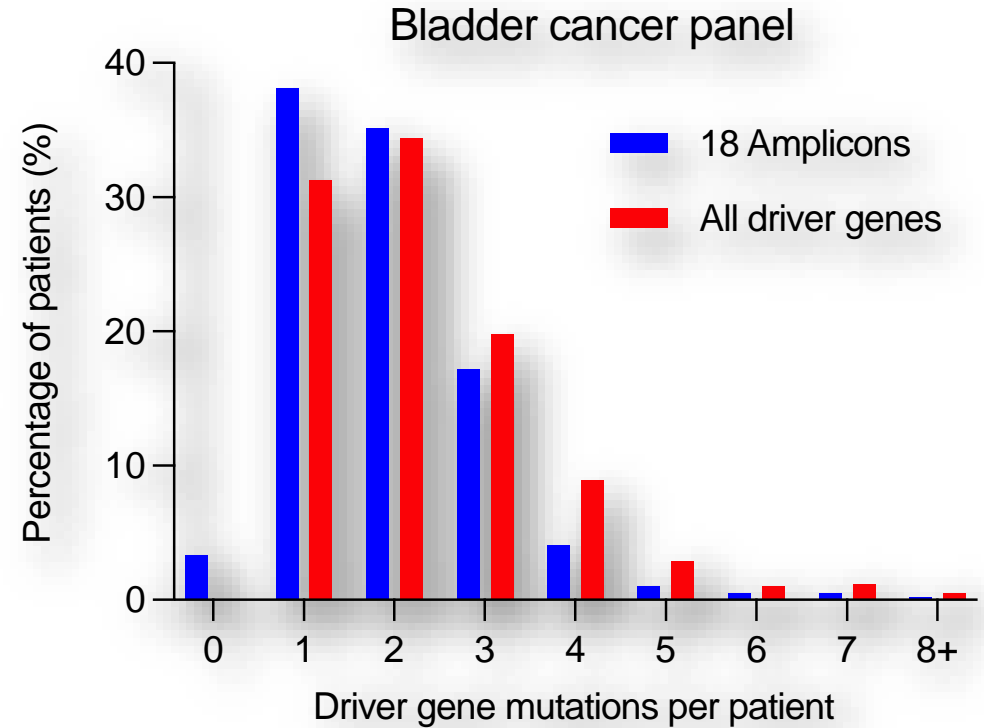


Cell Distribution in Enriched Samples (n=34)



Jonathan Dudley

- **SaferSeq** sequencing panel
- Panel designed based on **UroSEEK** cohort
MSK-IMPACT cohort
- 18-amplicon covers at least 1 driver mutation in 97% (median 2 per patient)



Conclusions & Open Discussion

- **The future is ours to claim** if we embrace the unstoppable change in our profession
- Precision medicine opens **new doors** for pathologists to be on the **frontlines of patient care** delivery
- Tough economic challenges are not insurmountable but will require operational and Business Models adjustments

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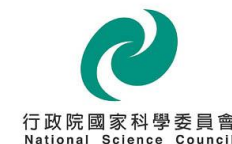
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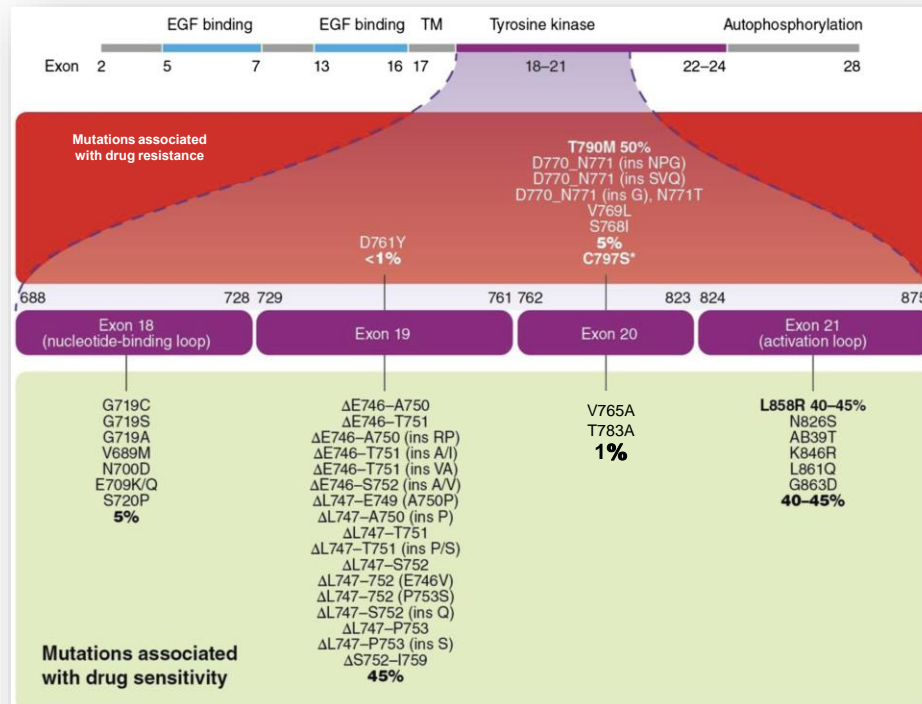


Open Discussion

EGFR Mutations in NSCLC

	EGFR mutation	EGRF wild type	K-ras mutation	K-ras wild type
AdenoCA*	20%	80%	22%	78%
Non-AdenoCA	13%	87%	5%	95%
Female	18%	82%	14%	86%
Male	16%	84%	15%	85%
Smokers#	14%	86%	16%	84%
Never smoker	28%	72%	11%	89%
Asian	38%	62%	0%	100%
Non-Asian	15%	85%	16%	84%

NCICC Trials Group study BR.21 J Clin Oncol 2008




Ghafoor Q et al. Pathol & Oncol Res, 2018

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Acquired EGFR Rx Resistance

- **Mutation in exon 20 (T790M)**

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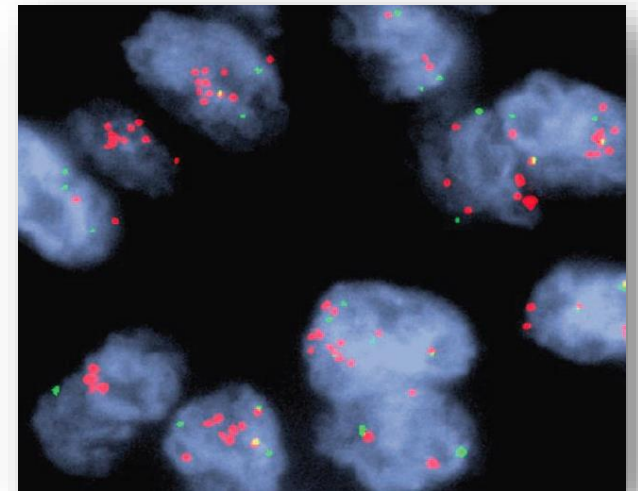
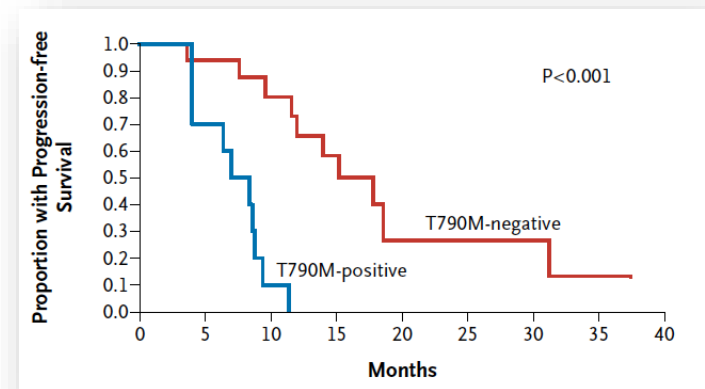
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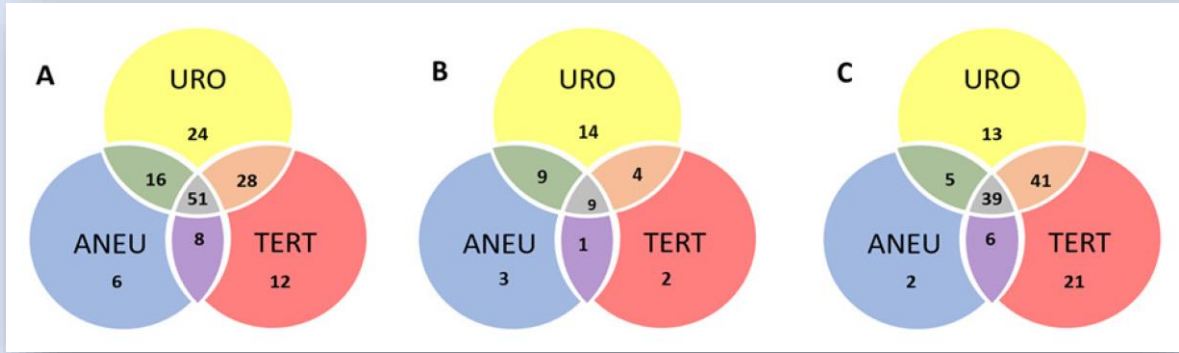
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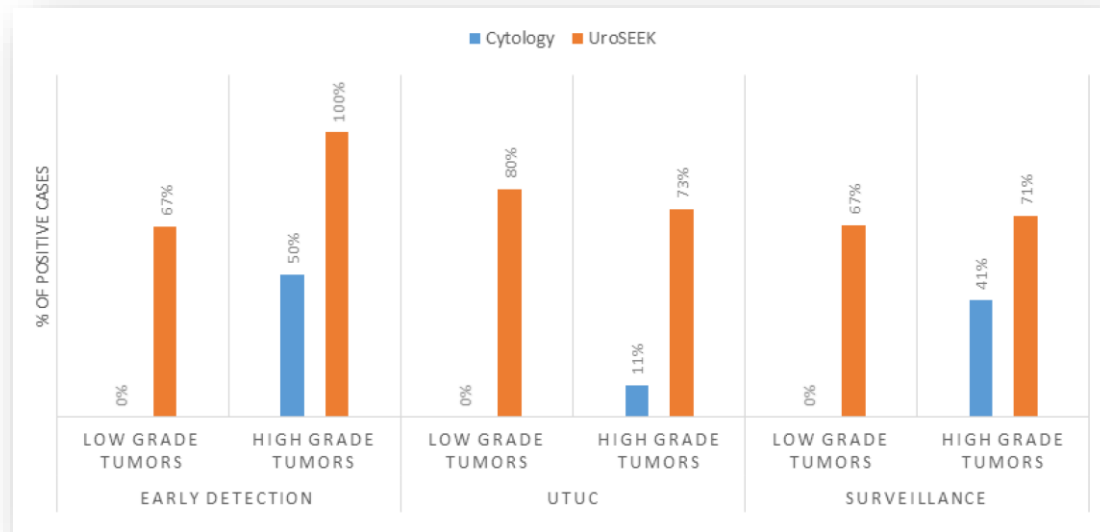
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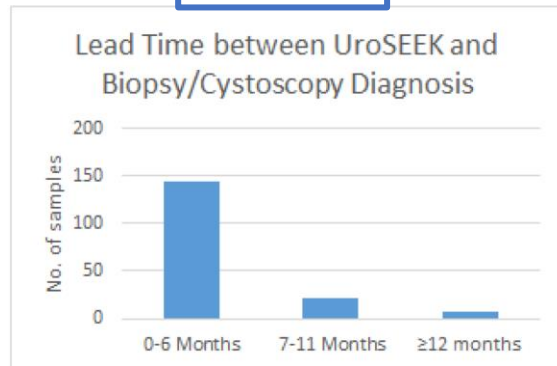


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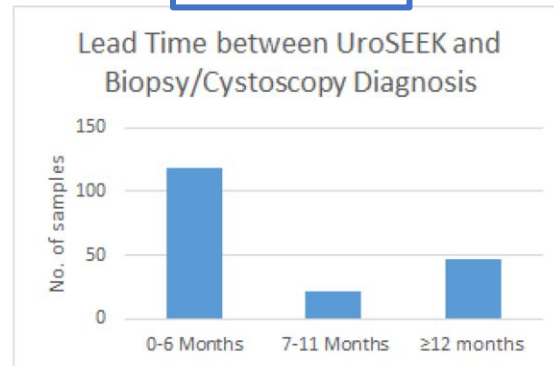
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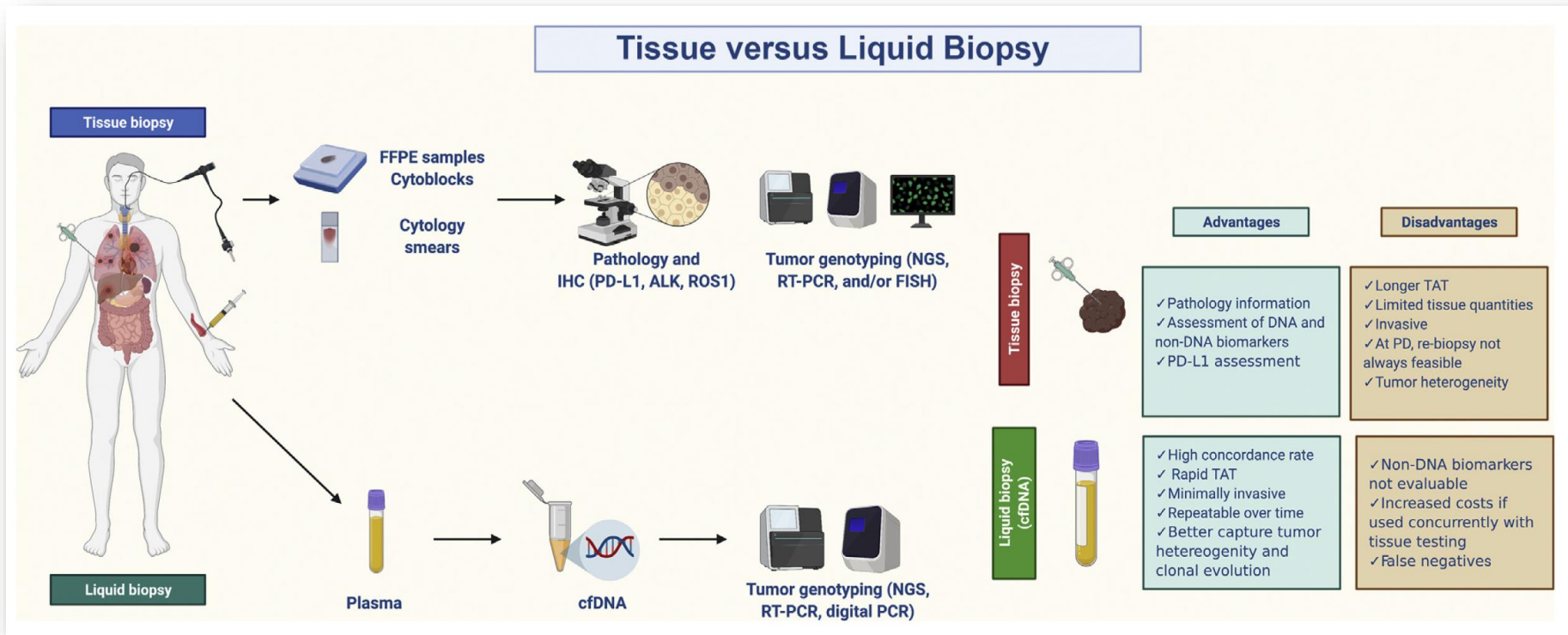
Surveillance



FDA - Approved Liquid Biopsy Assays

- **The CellSearch system** (Menarini Silicon Biosystems)
 - Metastatic breast, prostate or CRCa
 - CTC platform
- **Cobas EGFR Mutation Test v2** (Roche Molecular Diagnostics)
 - NSCLC
 - Detects EGFR mutations in plasma cfDNA
- **Epi proColon** (Epigenomics AG)
 - CRCa screening assay
 - Methylation status of *SEPT9* promoter in plasma cfDNA

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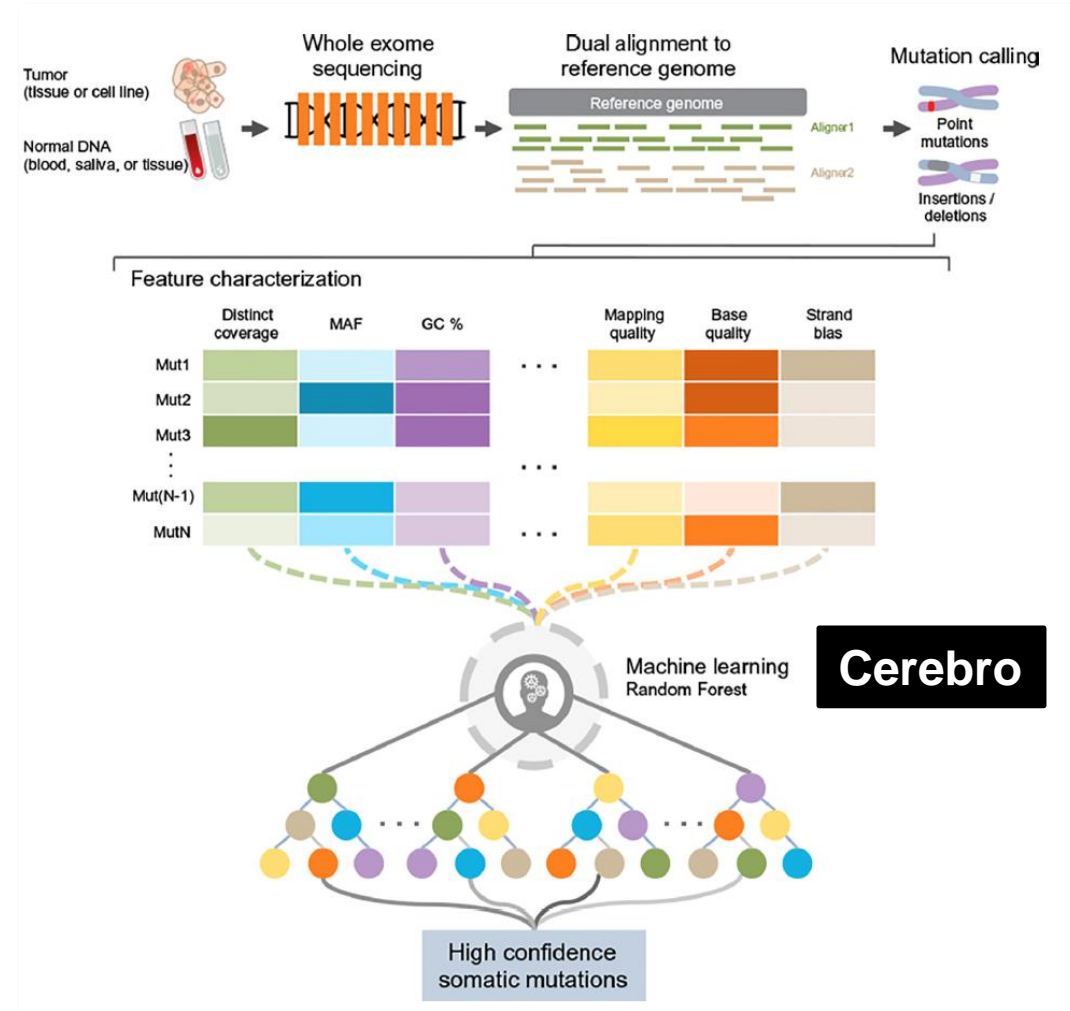
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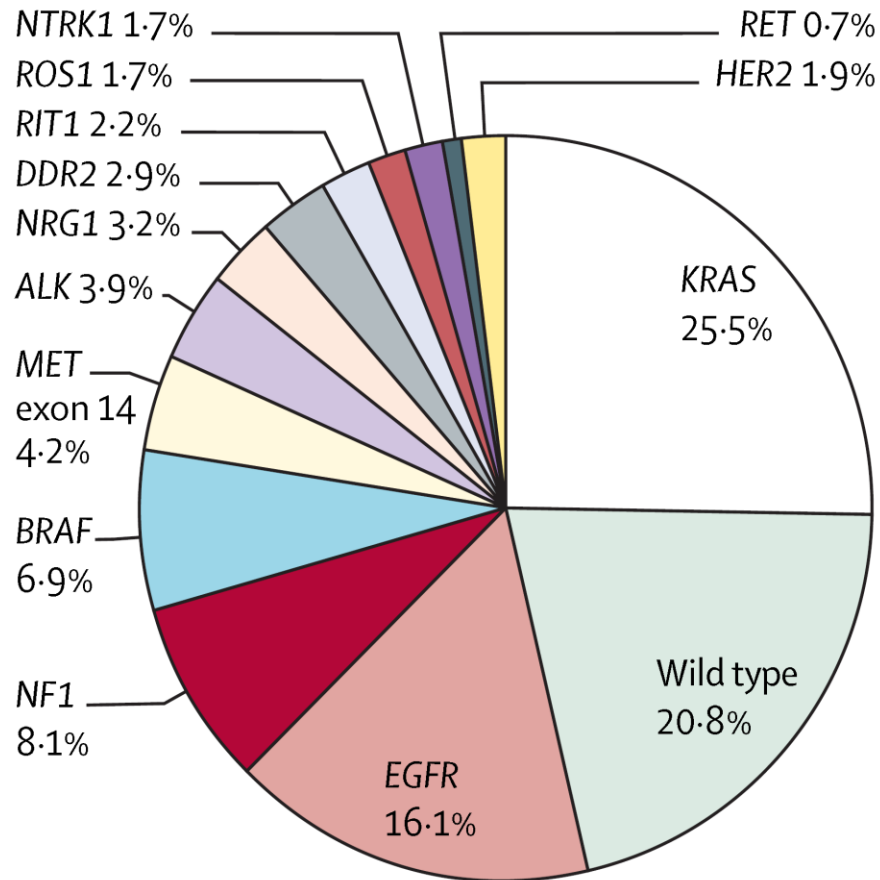
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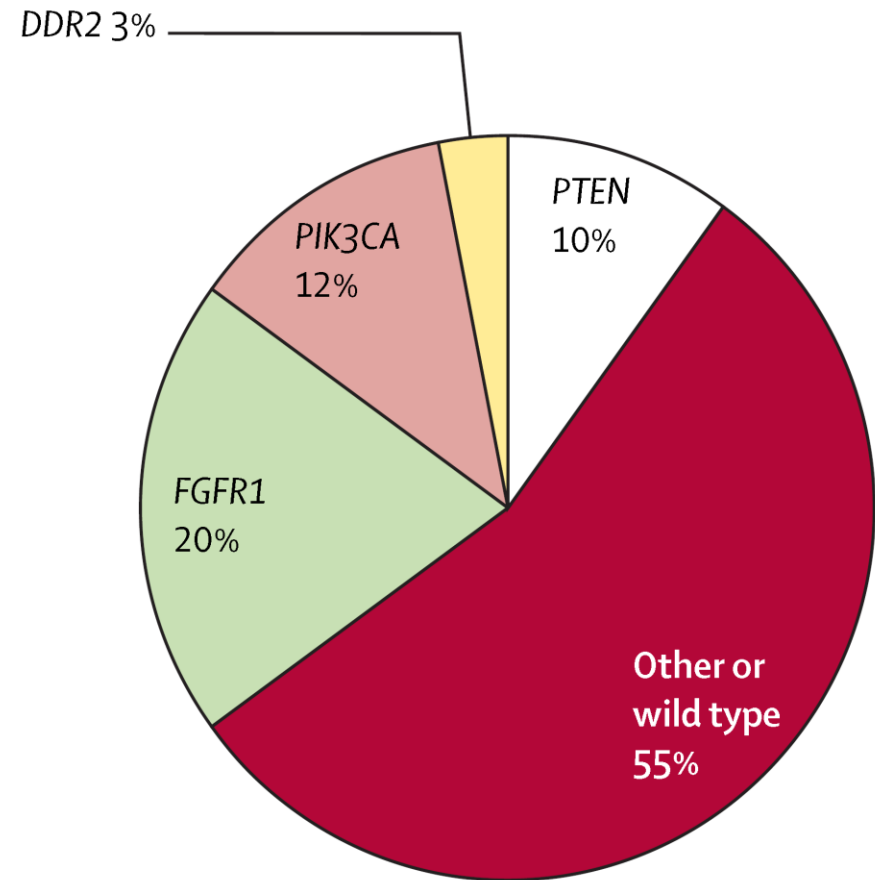


Genetic Alterations in Lung Adenocarcinoma

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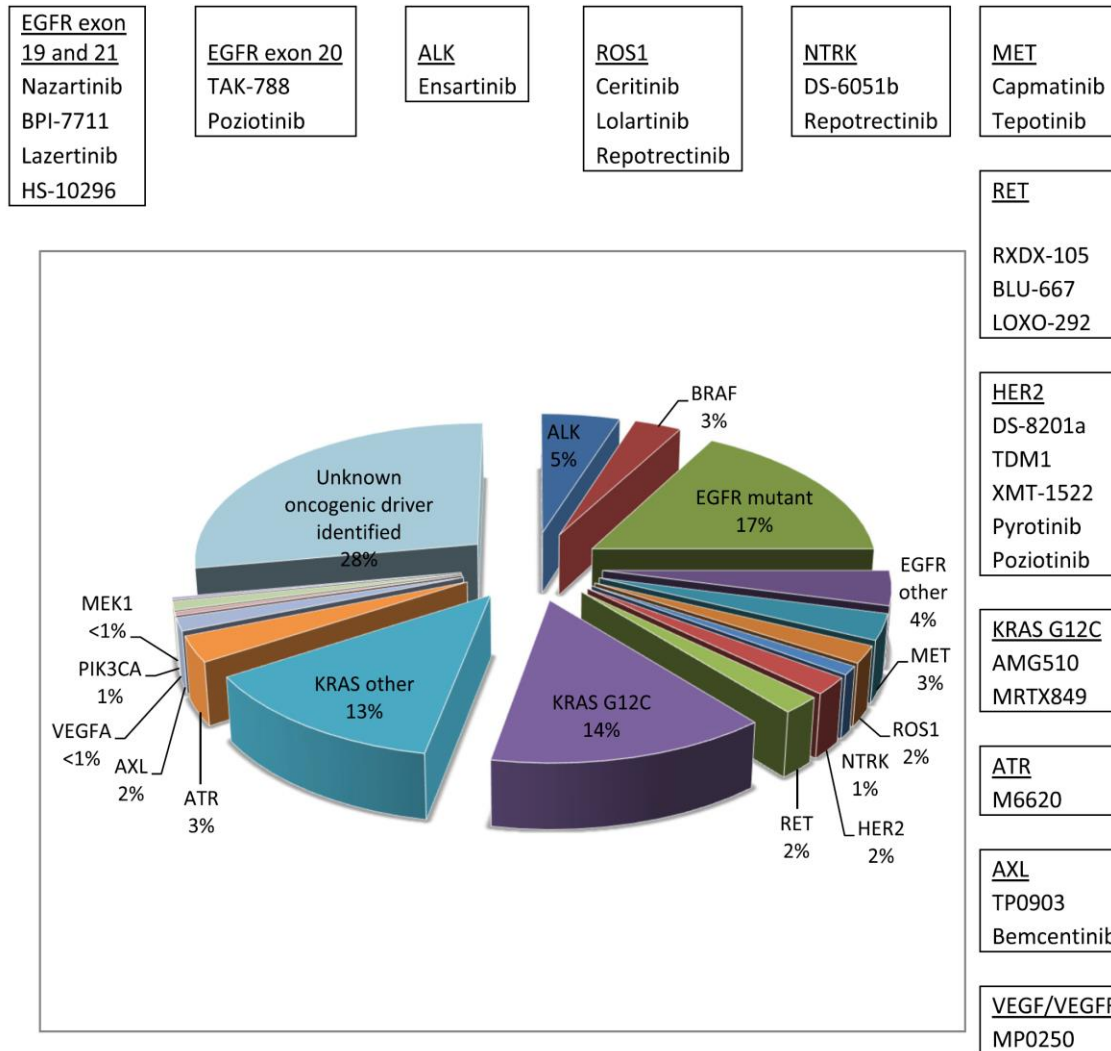
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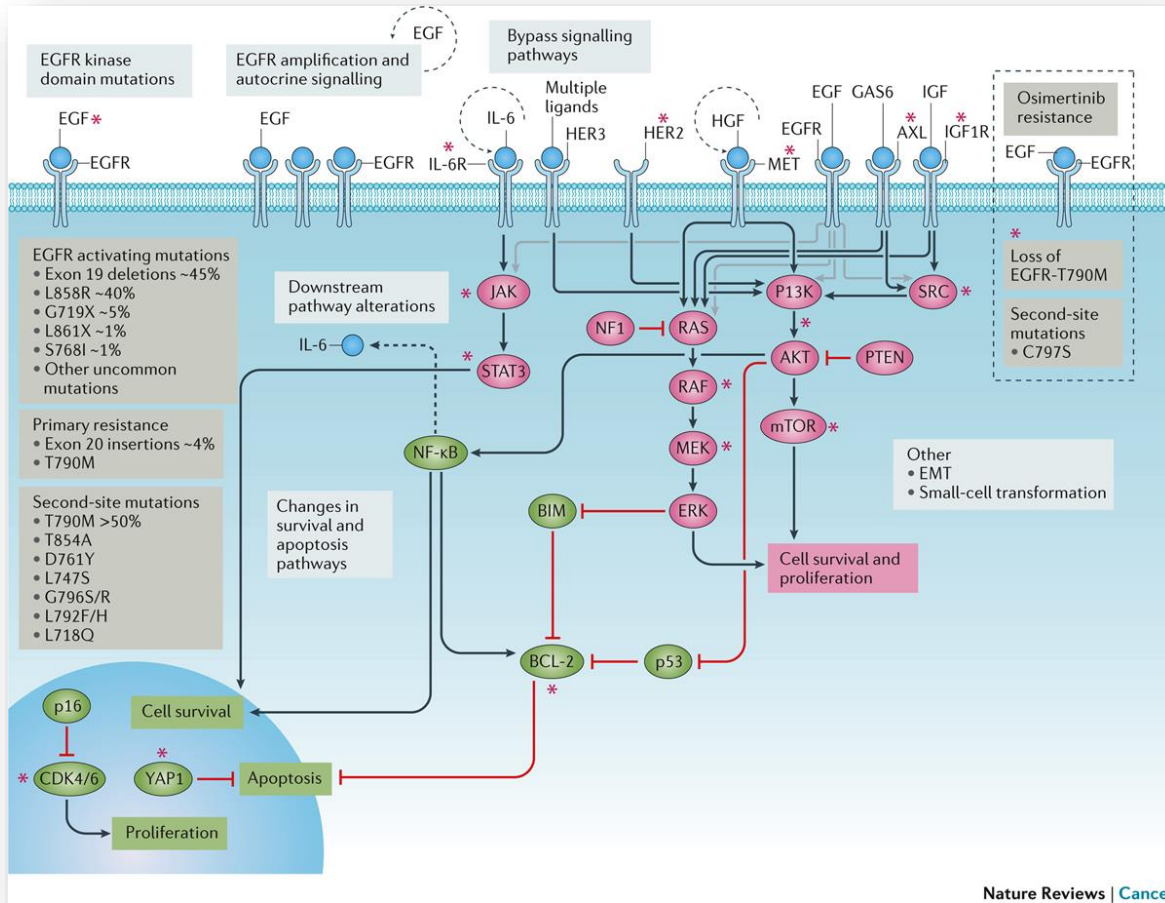
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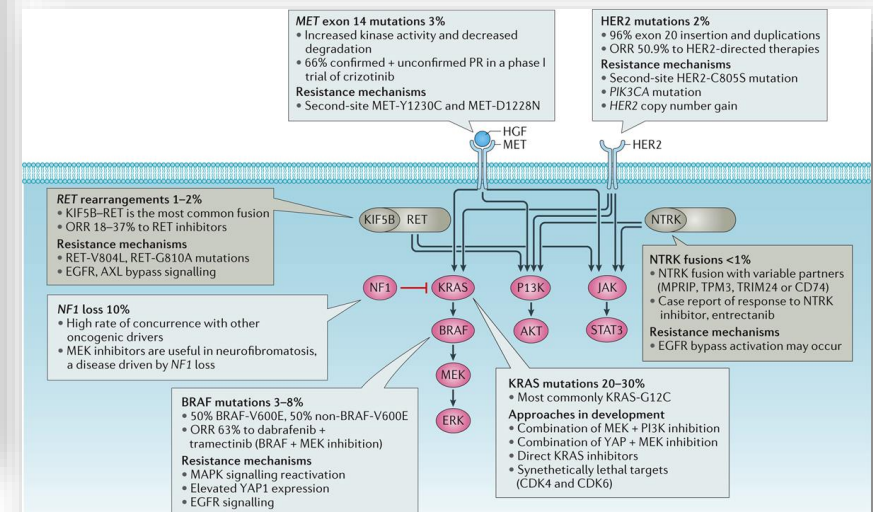
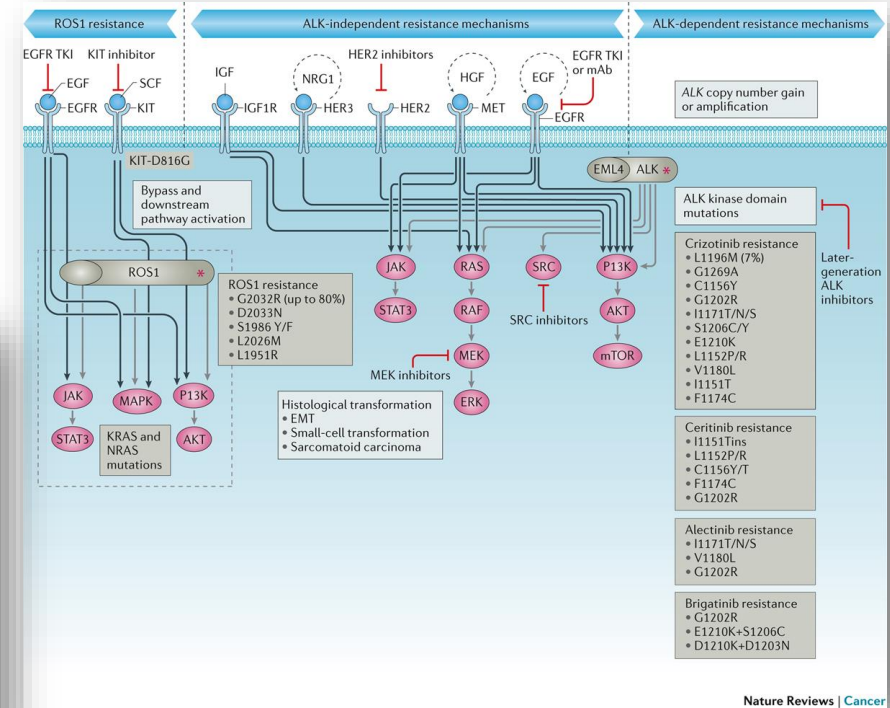
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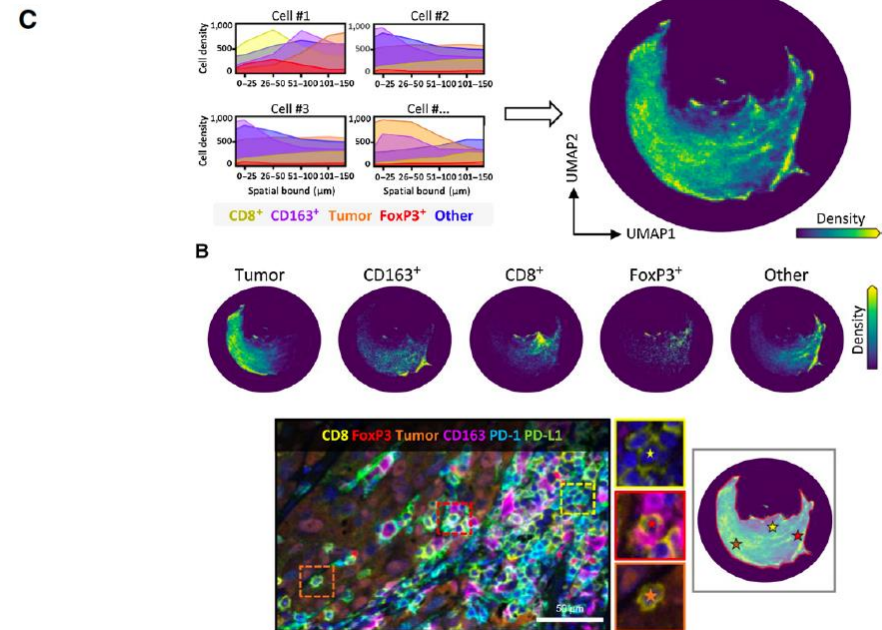
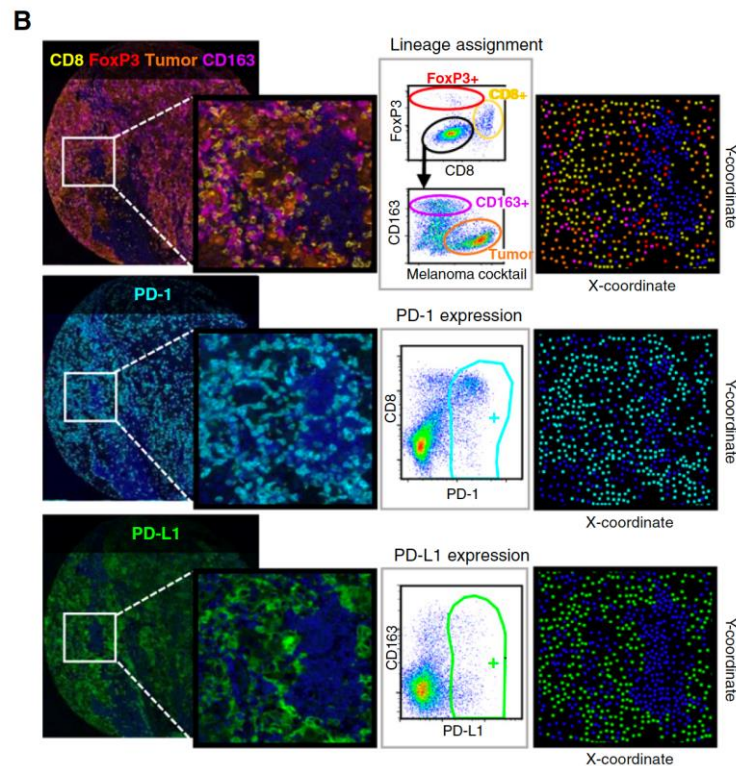
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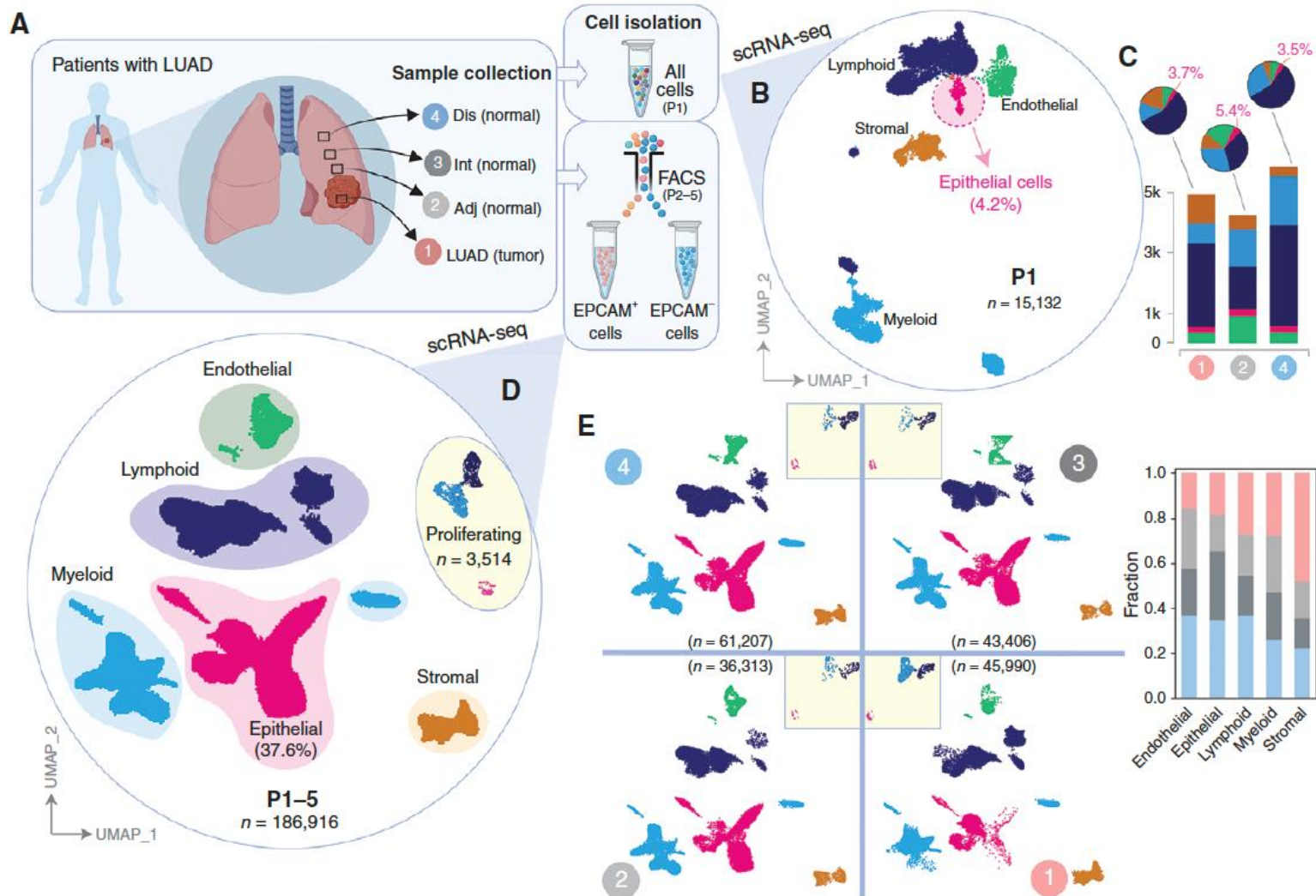


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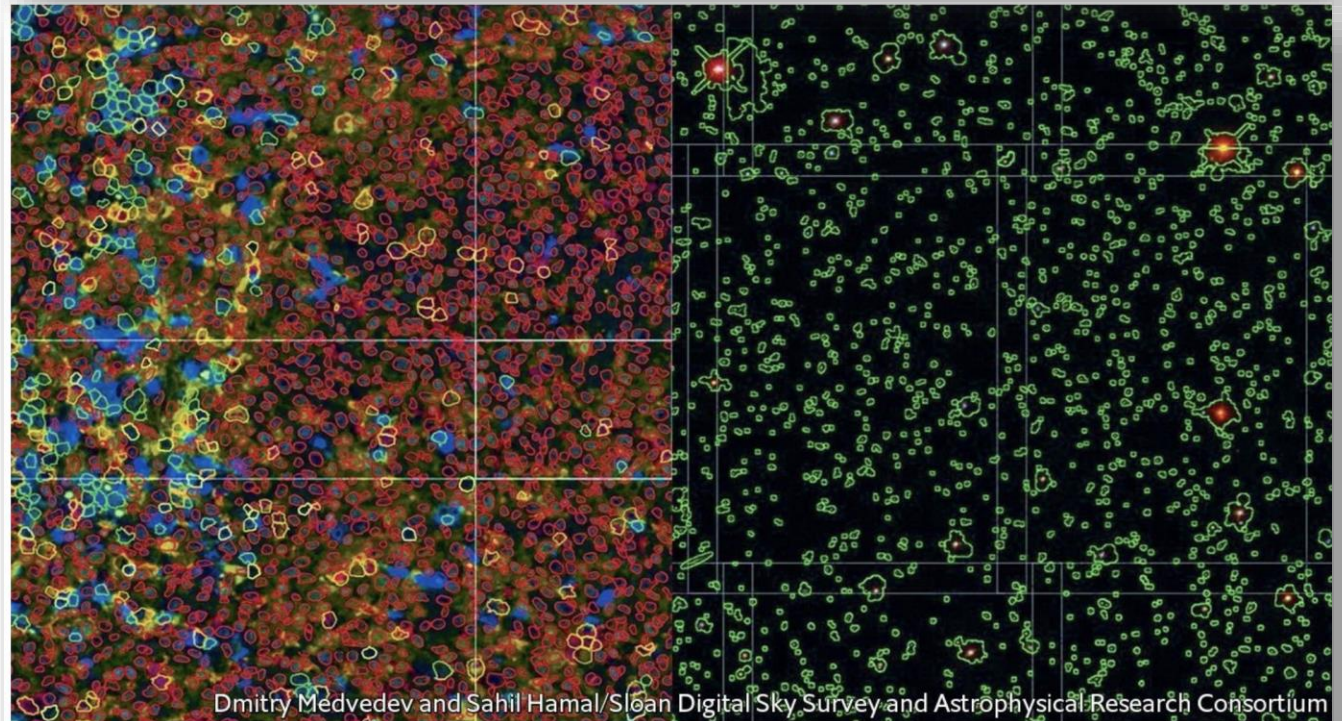
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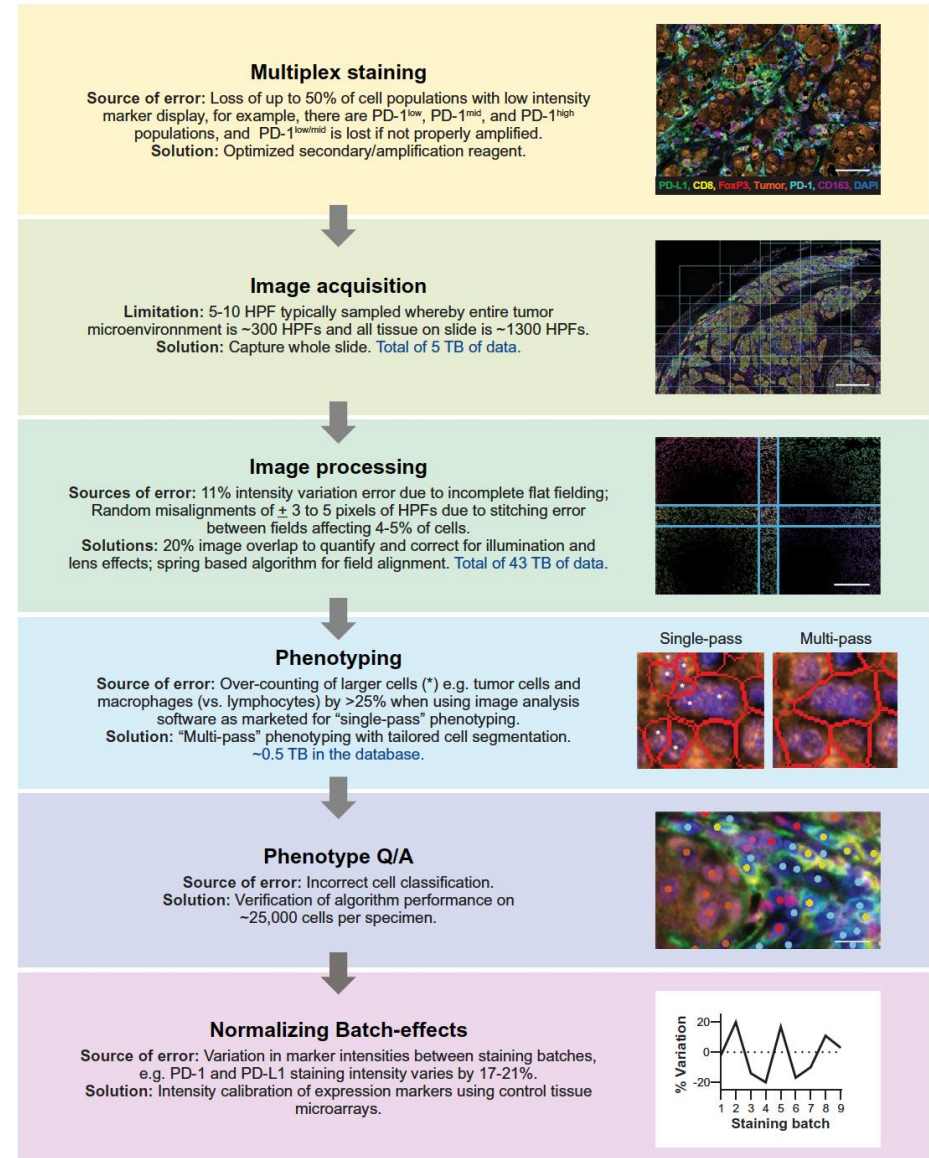


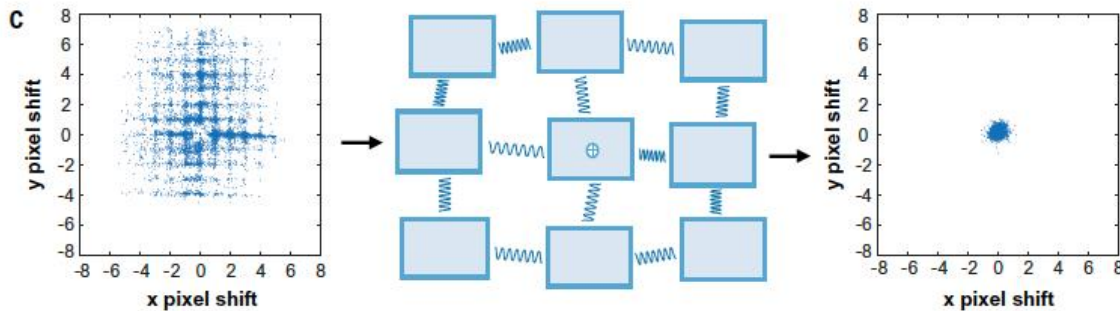
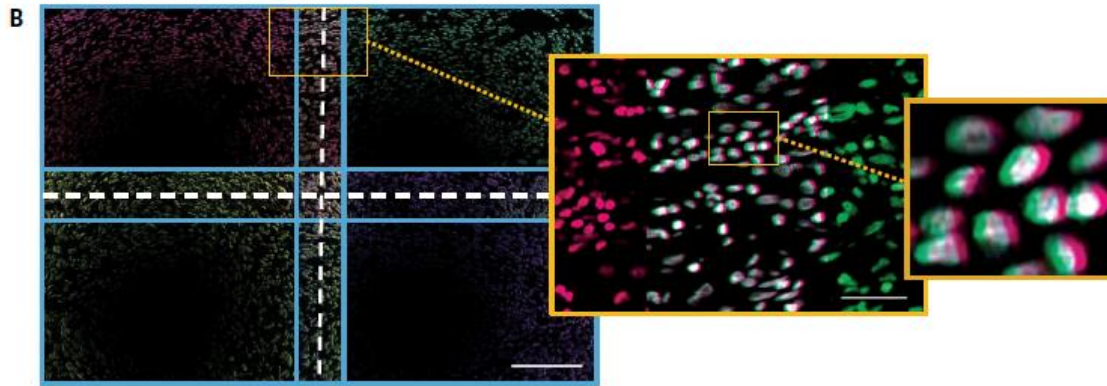
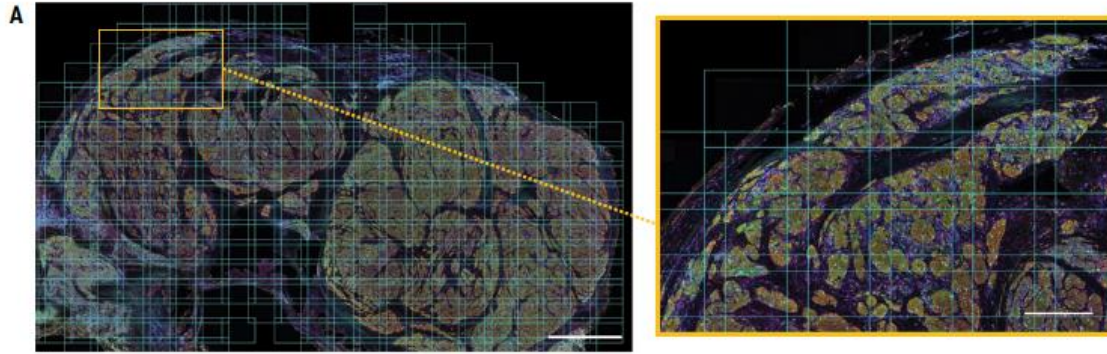
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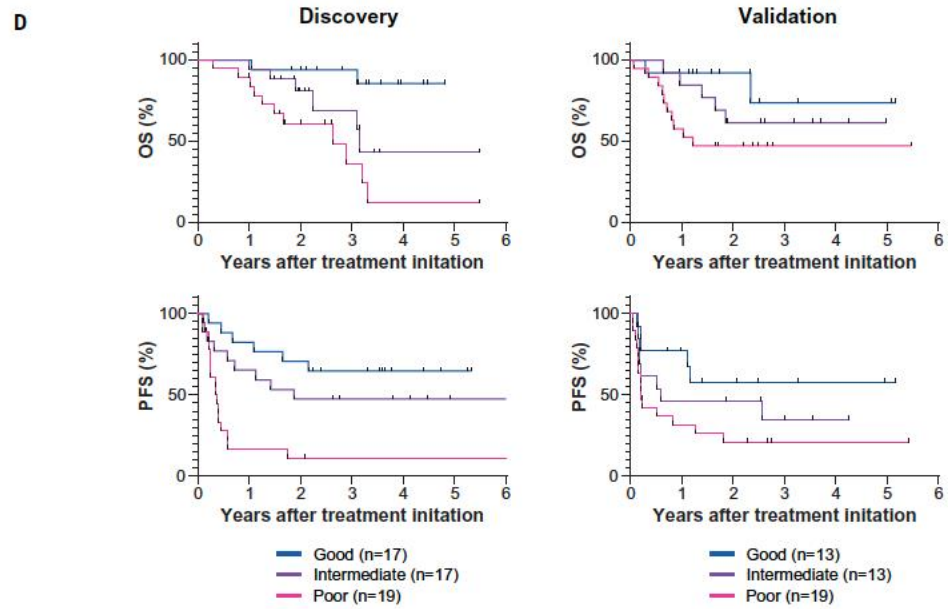
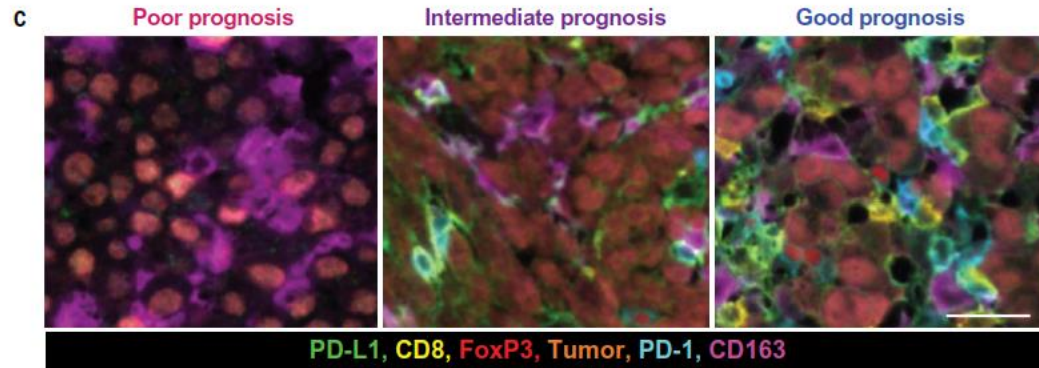
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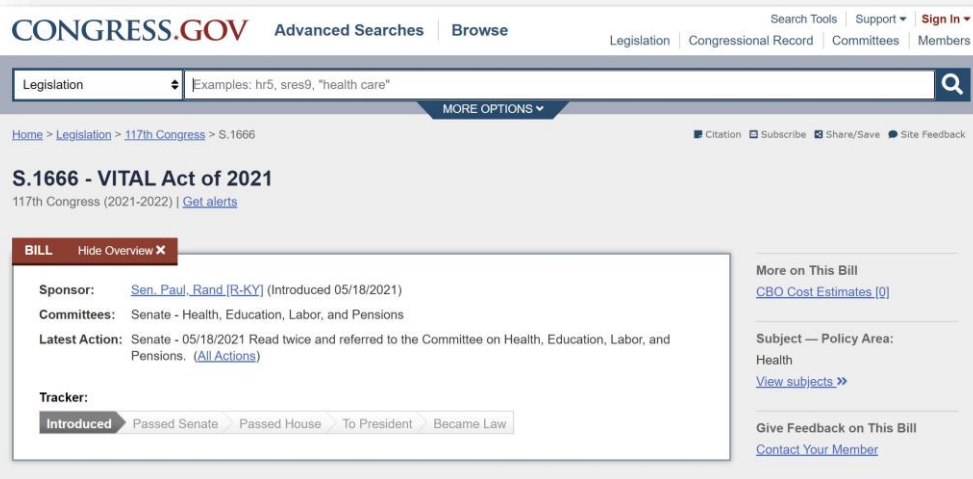


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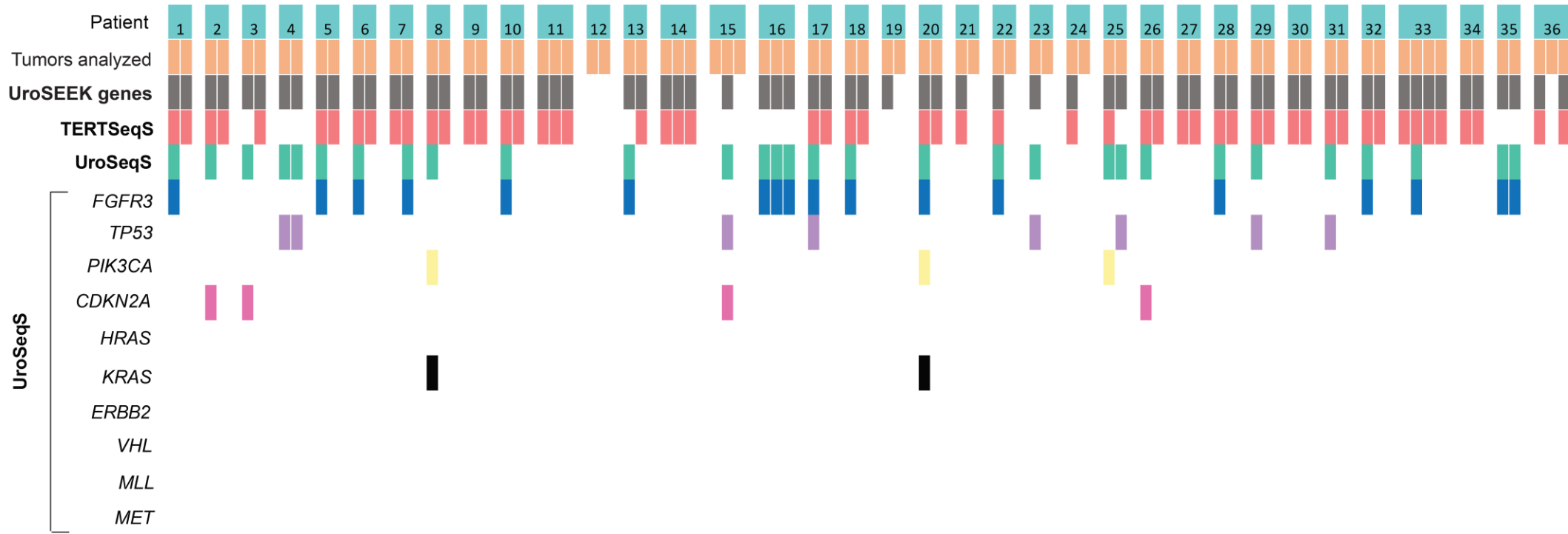




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UroSEEK in Bladder Cancer Tissue



Next Gen Pathologist

Indispensable Member of Integrated Healthcare Delivery Team

- **Pathologist of the future** is a vital player in patient management team
Molecular multidisciplinary tumor boards
Diagnostic Management Teams (DMT)
Cell Therapy (CAR-T Cell)
- **Elevating “Physician Profile”**
CAP “Meet your Pathologist” efforts
AMP gene patent victory
COVID-19
- **Advocacy and government professional relation**
*FDA **LDT** vs Companion Test; DTC; MOOP..*

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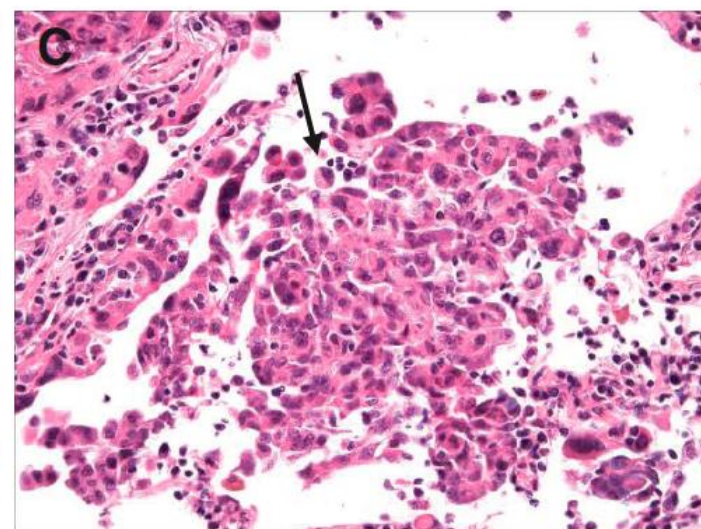
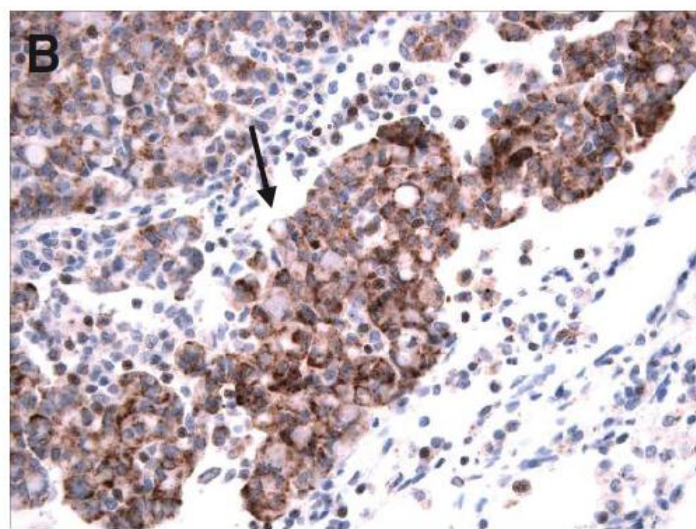
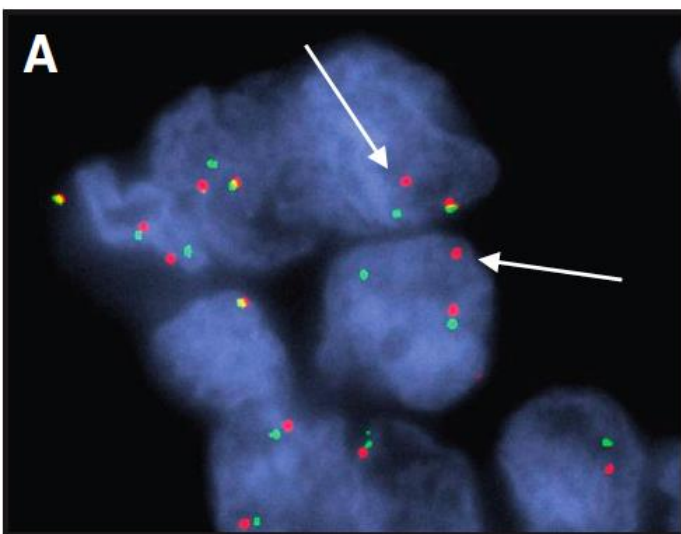
ctDNA

ASCO/CAP Joint Expert Panel Review

- **Insufficient** evidence of **clinical validity and utility** for majority of **advanced** cancers
- **Discordance** between ctDNA assays and tumor **tissue genotyping**
 - **supports tumor tissue genotyping** to confirm undetected results from ctDNA
- **No evidence** of clinical utility and **little evidence** of clinical validity of ctDNA assays in **early-stage cancer, Rx monitoring** or **MRD detection**
- **No evidence** of clinical validity and clinical utility for **cancer screening** outside of a clinical trial

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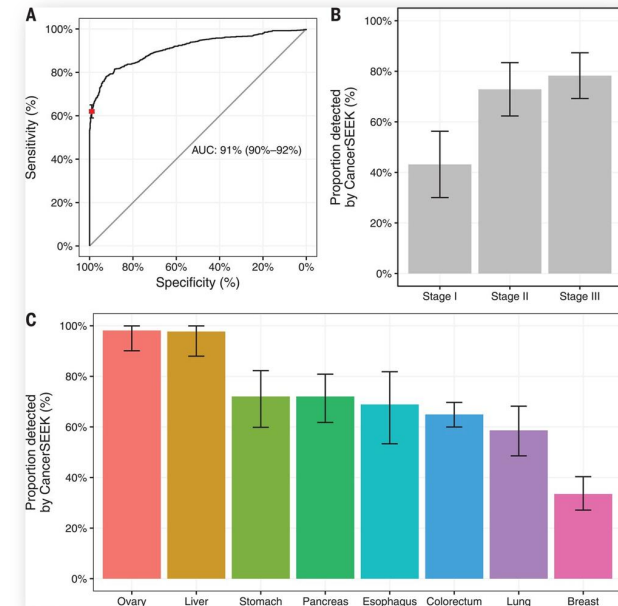
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Patrick J. Killela^{a,1}, Zachary J. Reitman^{a,1}, Yuchen Jiao^{b,1}, Chetan Bettegowda^{b,c,1}, Nishant Agrawal^{b,d}, Luis A. Diaz, Jr.^b, Allan H. Friedman^a, Henry Friedman^a, Gary L. Gallia^{c,d}, Beppino C. Giovanella^e, Arthur P. Grollman^f, Tong-Chuan He^g, Yiping He^a, Ralph H. Hruban^h, George I. Jallo^c, Nils Mandahlⁱ, Alan K. Meeker^{h,m}, Fredrik Mertensⁱ, George J. Netto^{h,l}, B. Ahmed Rasheed^a, Gregory J. Riggins^c, Thomas A. Rosenquist^f, Mark Schiffman^j, Ie-Ming Shih^h, Dan Theodorescu^k, Michael S. Torbenson^h, Victor E. Velculescu^b, Tian-Li Wang^h, Nicolas Wentzensenⁱ, Laura D. Wood^h, Ming Zhang^b, Roger E. McLendon^a, Darell D. Bigner^a, Kenneth W. Kinzler^b, Bert Vogelstein^{b,2}, Nickolas Papadopoulos^b, and Hai Yan^{a,2}

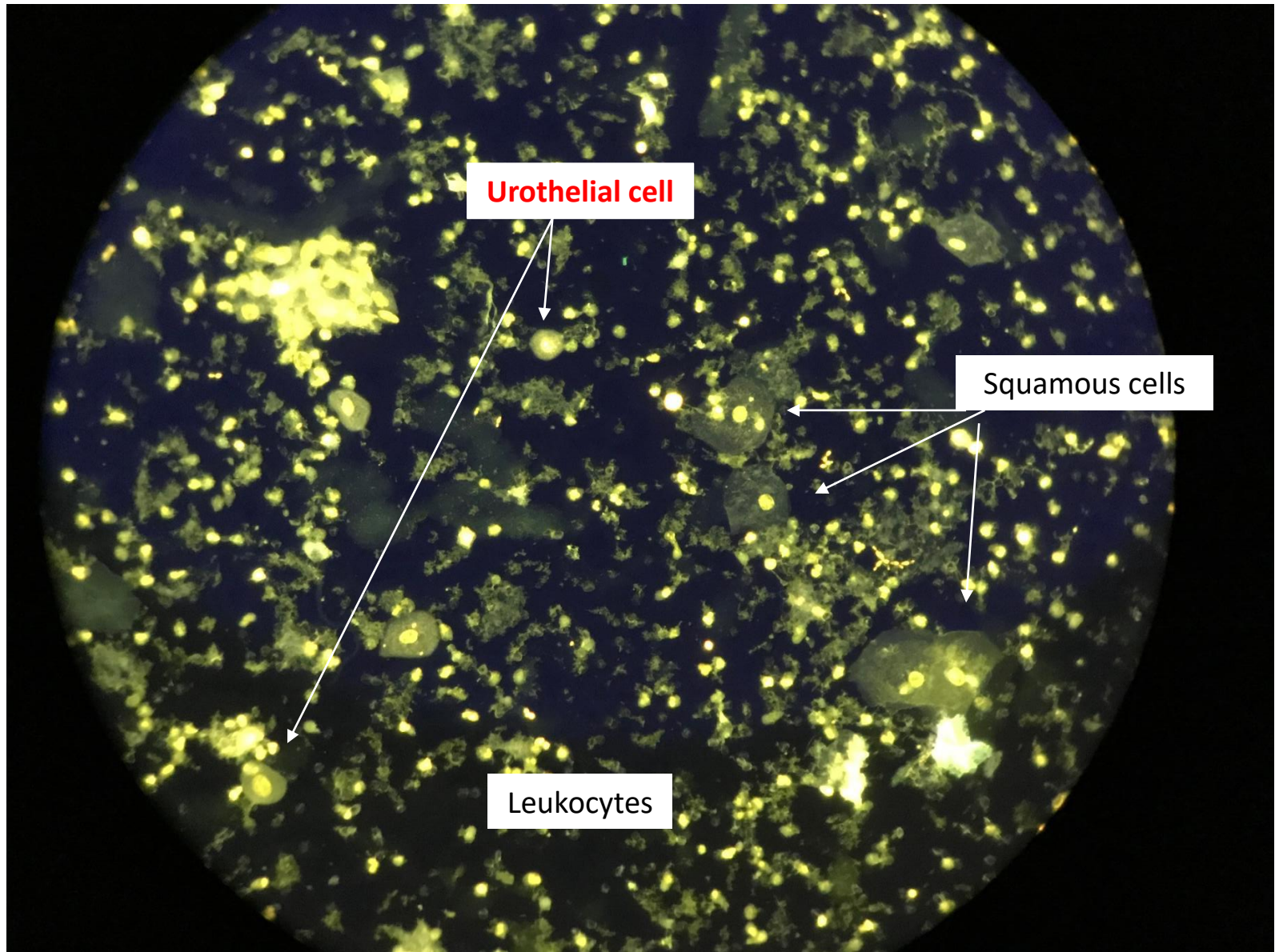
Killela PJ et al. PNAS 2013

CancerSEEK

- Detect 8 common cancer types through assessment of **circulating proteins** and **mutations in ctDNA**
- Combination of parameters increase sensitivity for early stage cancer
- **16 genes** (61 amplicon) and **8 proteins** (CA-125, CEA, CA19-9, prolactin, HGF, osteopontin, myeloperoxidase, TIMP-1)
- **1005 patients** with non-metastatic cancers (ovary, liver, stomach, pancreas, esophagus, CRCa, lung, breast)
- Median **sensitivity 70%** for eight cancer types
- Sensitivities of 69-98% for the five cancer types without current screening program
- **Specificity >99%** (7/812 healthy controls scored positive)



Cohen, J.D., et al. Science, 2018



Urothelial cell

Squamous cells

Leukocytes

**Voided Urine
Sample**

99% WBCs

1% Squamous cells

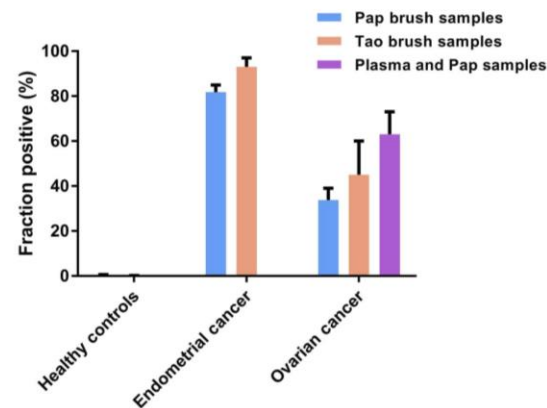
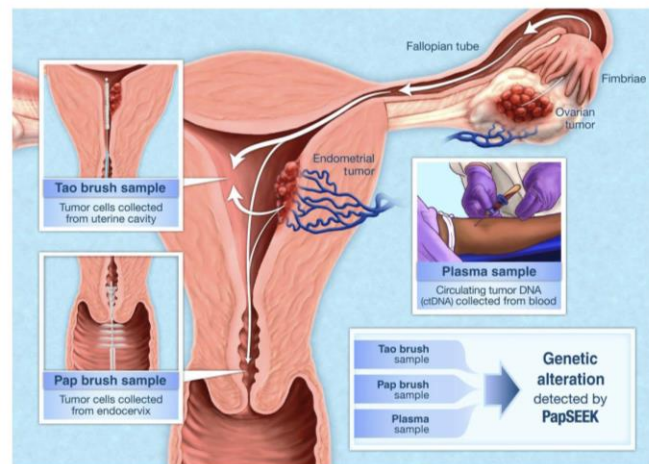
PapSEEK

SCIENCE TRANSLATIONAL MEDICINE | RESEARCH ARTICLE

CANCER

Evaluation of liquid from the Papanicolaou test and other liquid biopsies for the detection of endometrial and ovarian cancers

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Wang Y., et al. *Sci Trans Med*, 2018

UroSEEK/CancerSEEK/PapSEEK

Next Steps



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Financial Viability of Pathology Services

Challenges of Affordable Care Act (ACA)

Episode of Care Bundling

Cost Pressure

Outcome Based Incentive

2020 Trump Admin Budget

*12% reduction in **HHS** funding*

*Deep cuts to **Medicare**, **GME**, and **Medicaid***

*Reduced funding for **NIH**, **VA** programs*

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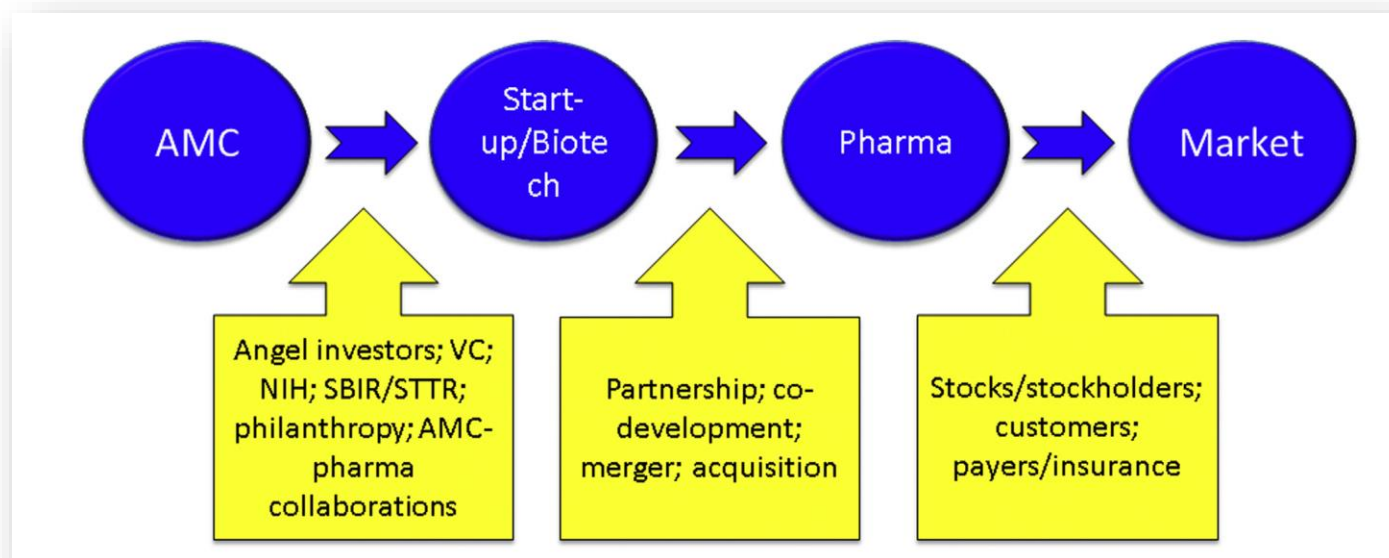
Pathologists are positioned to be the “Rock stars” of Big Data !

Financial Viability of Pathology Research Enterprise

Enhance Pathology Faculty Stream of Research Funding

- Invest in pipelines of **physician scientist career** development
- **Break Silos of EP vs LM vs AP ***
 - **Empower** Pathologist as member of **translational research teams**
- **Organic growth and/or “Acquisition”** new awards *
- **Diversify grant portfolio** into new areas of growing \$\$\$ support *
- **Philanthropy** the **clinical face** of the pathologist

Research Financial Ecosystem From Discovery to Market



Cummings J et al. Alzheimer's & Dementia (2018)

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Research Funding

- **NIH**
2022: Biden admin proposes **\$51.9 billion (21% increase)**
- **Other Governmental**
DOD/ VA / State
- Non-Governmental **Foundations**
- **Philanthropy**
- **Industry contracts**

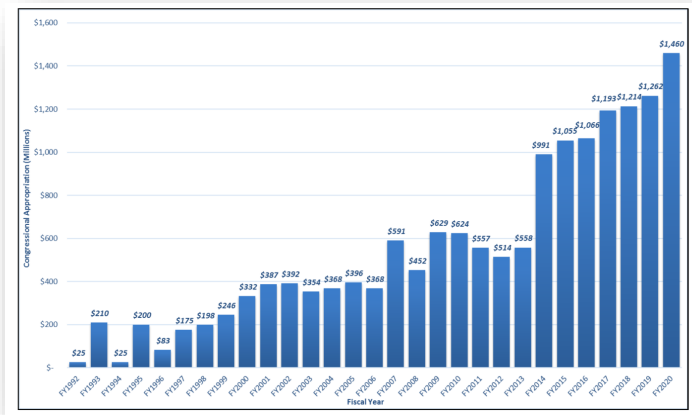
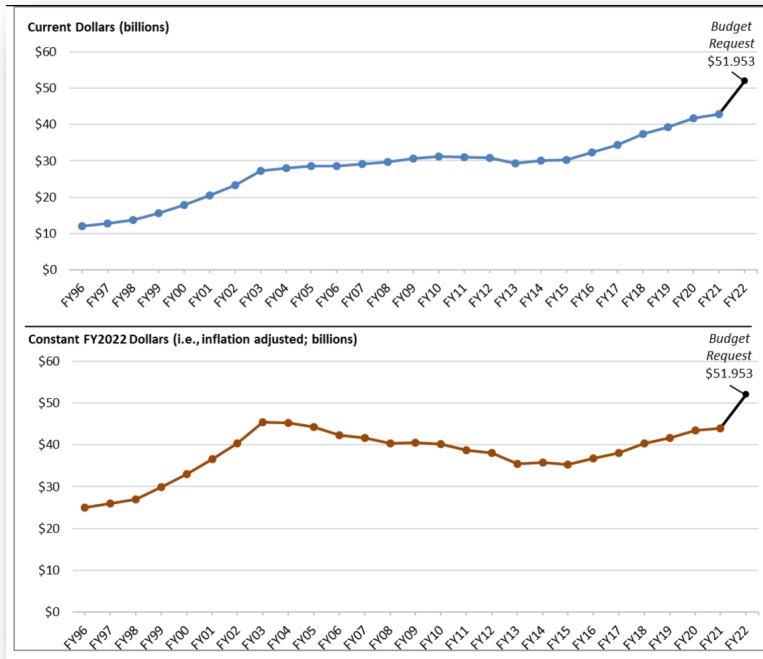
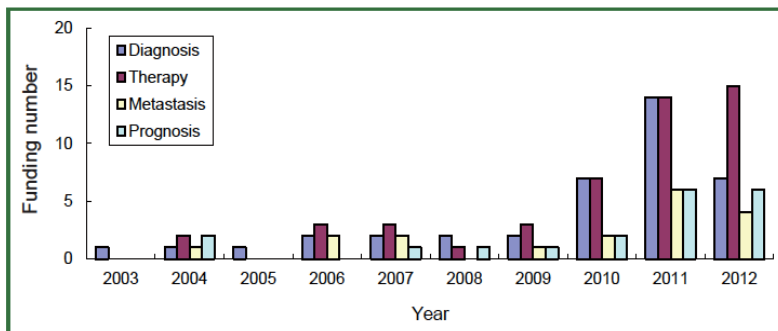
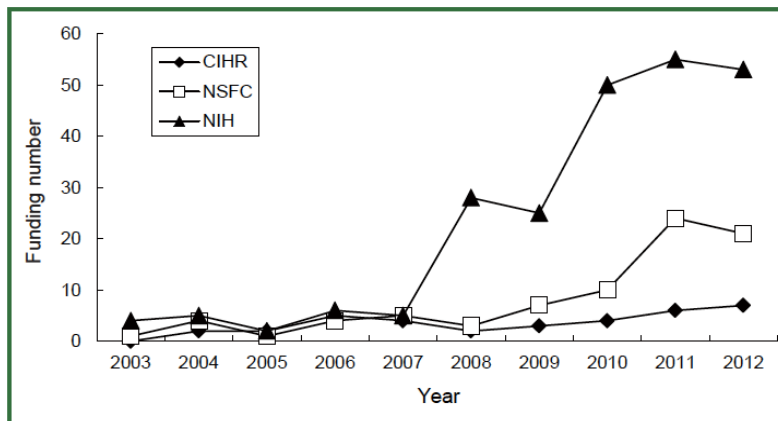


Figure 1. National Institutes of Health (NIH) Funding, FY1996-FY2022
Program Level Funding in Current and Projected Constant (FY2022) Dollars.

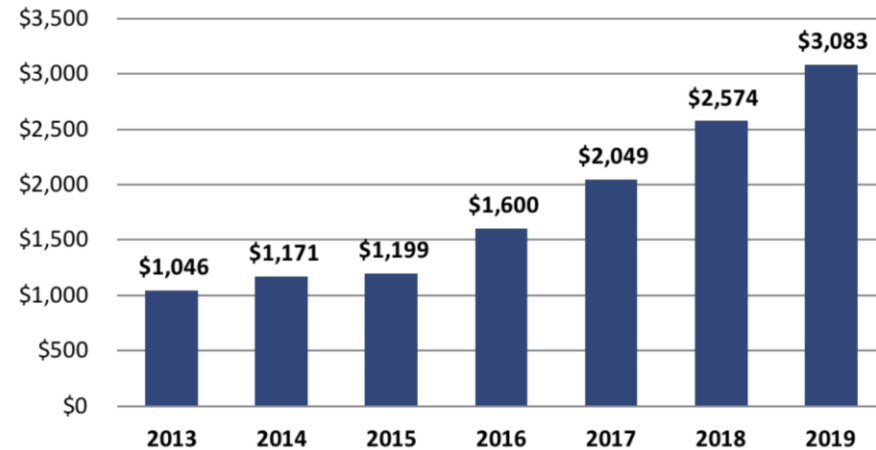
Figure 3. Congressional Appropriations for CDMRP
FY1992-FY2020

Strategic Targeting of Research Funding

Funding Lung Cancer Biomarkers



NIA Appropriations Fiscal Years 2013-2019 (Dollars in millions)



<https://www.nia.nih.gov/research/blog/2018/10/we-have-budget-fy-2019>

Embrace Inevitable Change

- **Inherent anxiety** associated with change
- Pathology field has **constantly adapted** to health care environment changes (DRG, Managed Care..)
- Our specialty always thrives on **assimilating scientific and technologic** advances (EM, IHC, Lab automation..)

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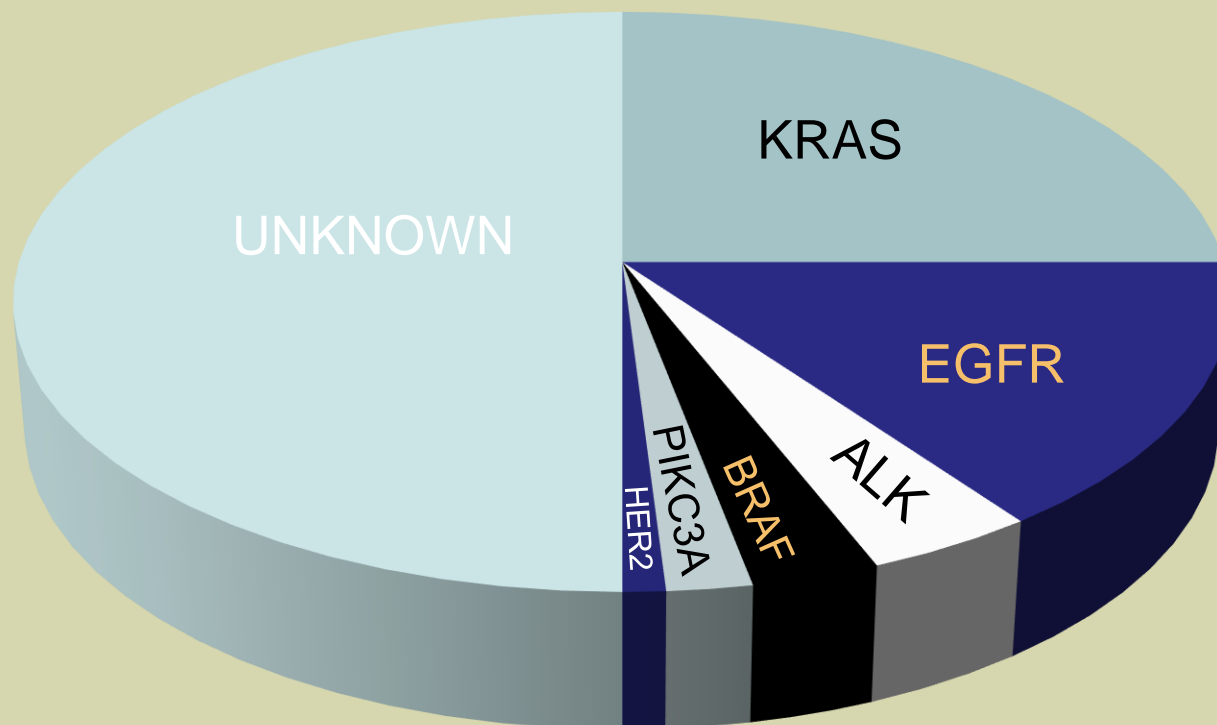
NGS platforms *

- Gene Panels/WES
- Send out vs In House
 - Raw data: **Research/Education**
 - Expertise lead to a **seat at the multiD table**

Digital Pathology Platforms *

Genetic Alterations in Lung Adenocarcinoma

2010



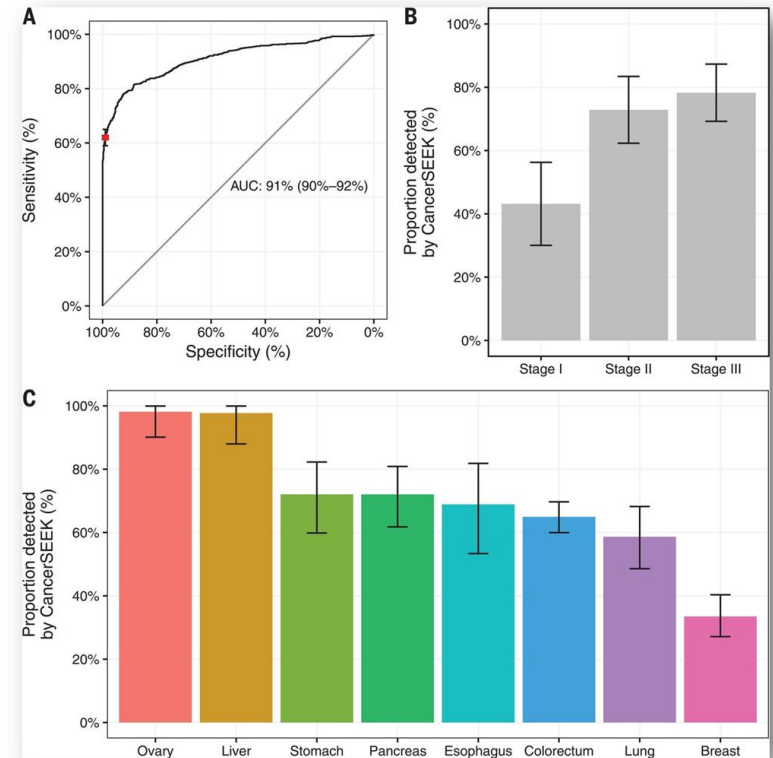
- KRAS - 25%
- EGFR - 15% (US)
15-65% worldwide
- ALK - 4%
- BRAF - 3%
- PIK3CA - 3%
- HER2 - 1%
- UNKNOWN 50%

CancerSEEK

CANCER

Detection and localization of surgically resectable cancers with a multi-analyte blood test

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Cohen, J.D., et al. *Science*, 2018

Precision immunoprofiling by image analysis and artificial intelligence

Viktor H. Koelzer^{1,2}  · Korsuk Sirinukunwattana³ · Jens Rittscher^{3,4,5} · Kirsten D. Mertz⁶

a CELL-LEVEL ANALYSIS: T-CELL INFILTRATION

Colorectal cancer tissue (TMA)

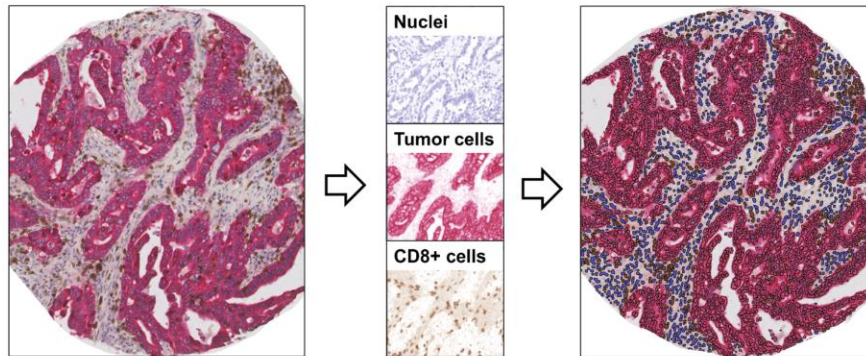
- Cytokeratin (red)
- CD8 (brown)

Algorithm design

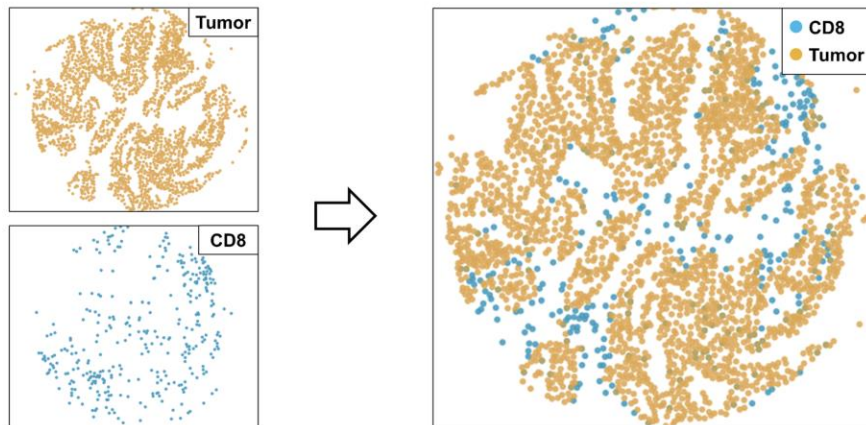
- Cell detection
- Colour deconvolution

Analysis

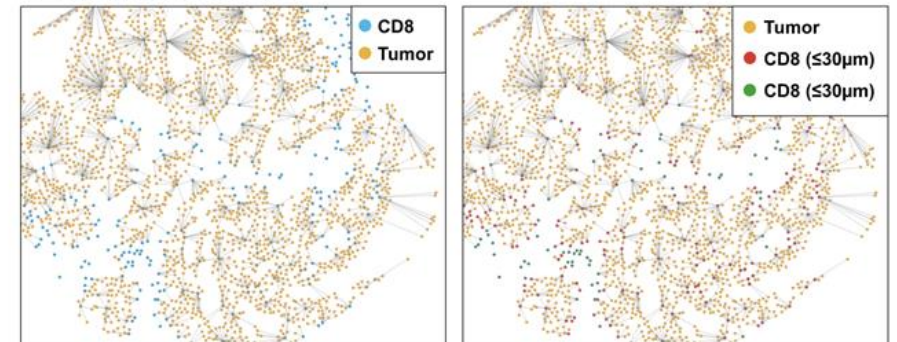
- 867 Tumour cells
- 330 CD8+ T-cells



b SPATIAL PLOTTING



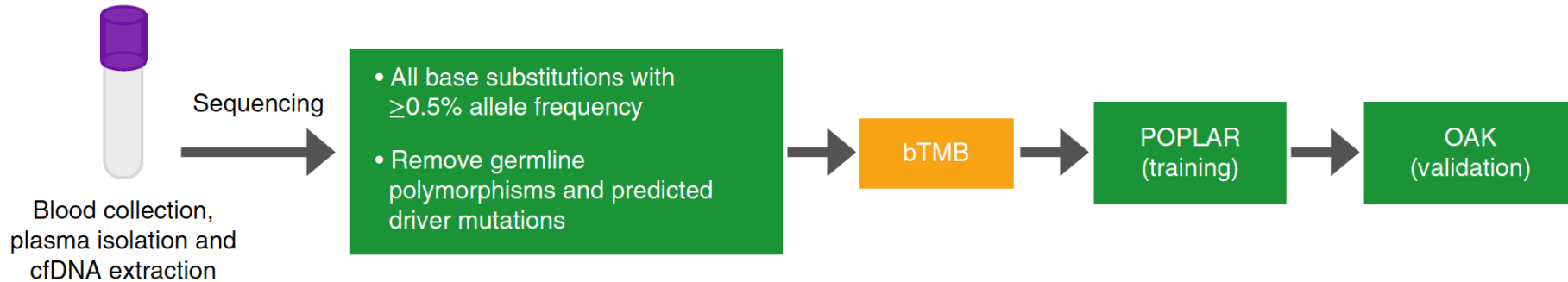
c SPATIAL ANALYSIS



Koelzer VH et al Virchows Arch 2018

Blood-based tumor mutational burden as a predictor of clinical benefit in non-small-cell lung cancer patients treated with atezolizumab

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The Sol Goldman Pancreatic Cancer Research Center

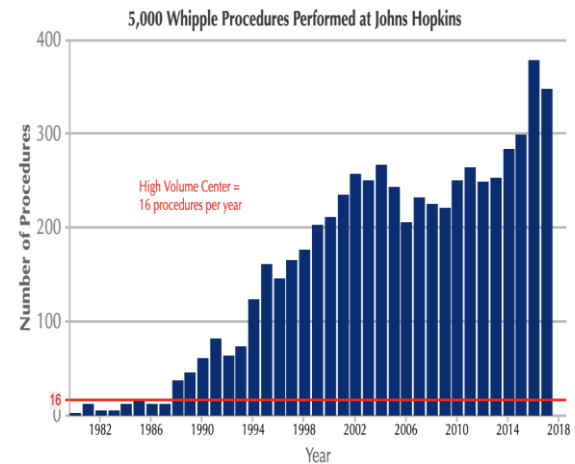
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Pancreas Multidisciplinary Cancer Team



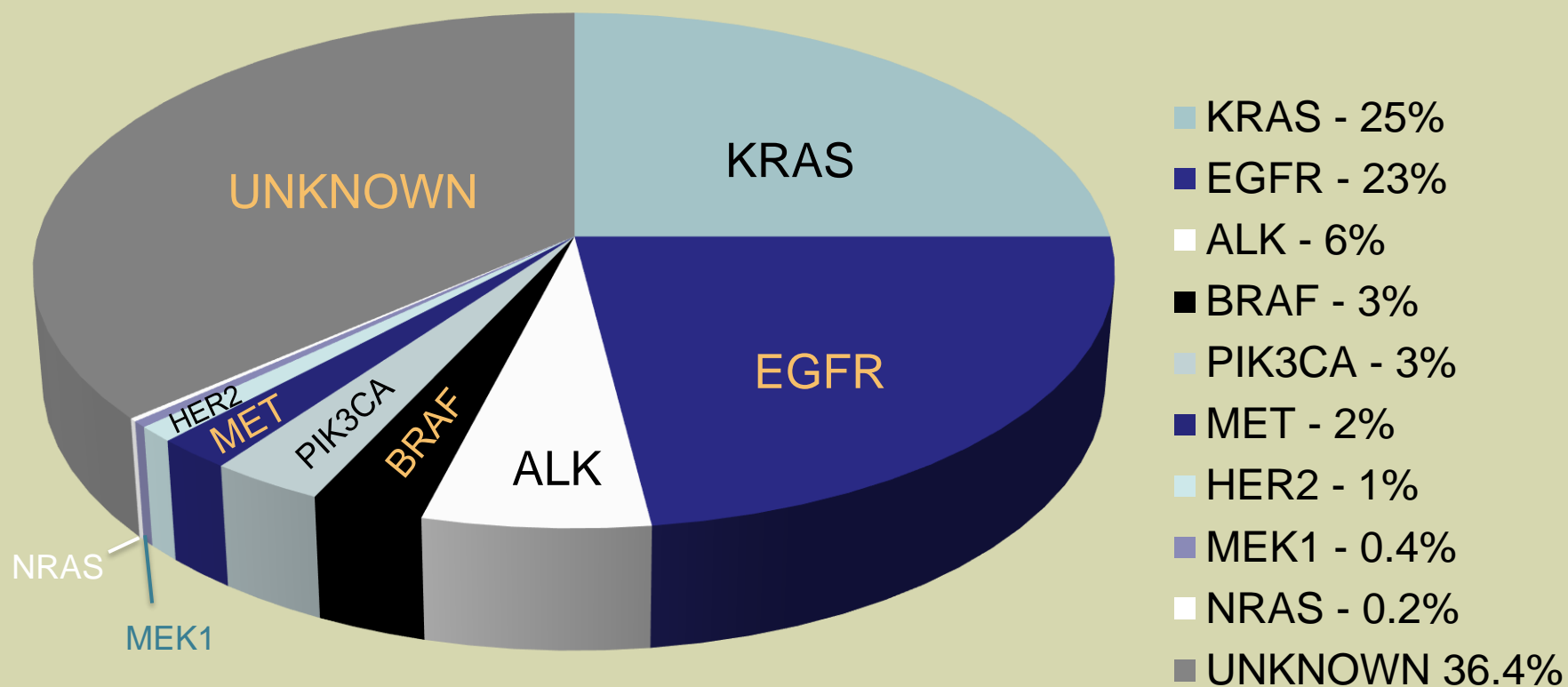
The Multidisciplinary Pancreatic Cancer Team at Johns Hopkins is committed to providing the highest level of care to individuals suffering from pancreatic cancer and related conditions. Our team is comprised of many of the world's leading experts in pancreatic cancer.

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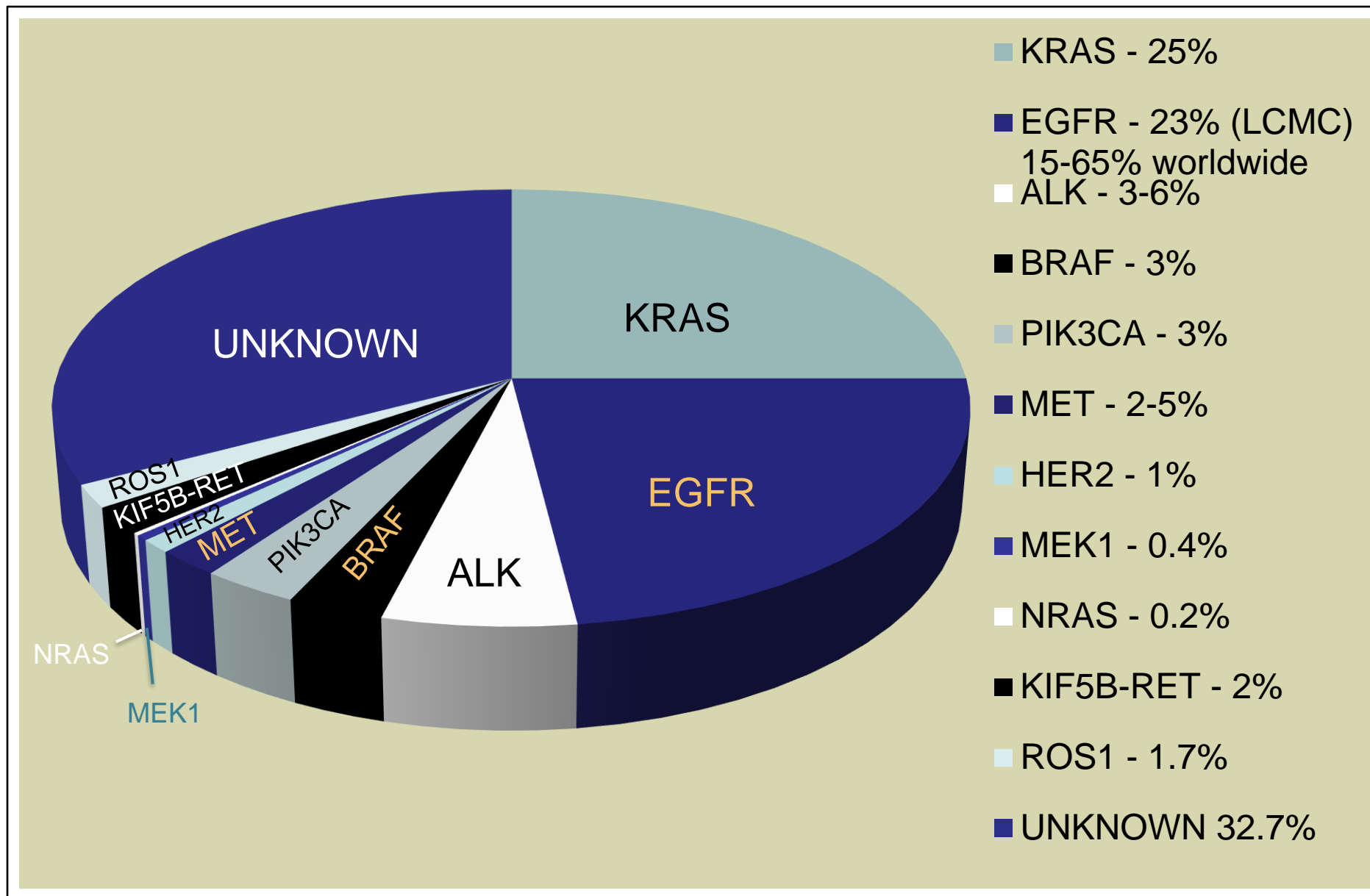


Genetic Alterations in Lung Adenocarcinoma

Lung Cancer Mutation Consortium study - LCMC
(830 patients) 2011



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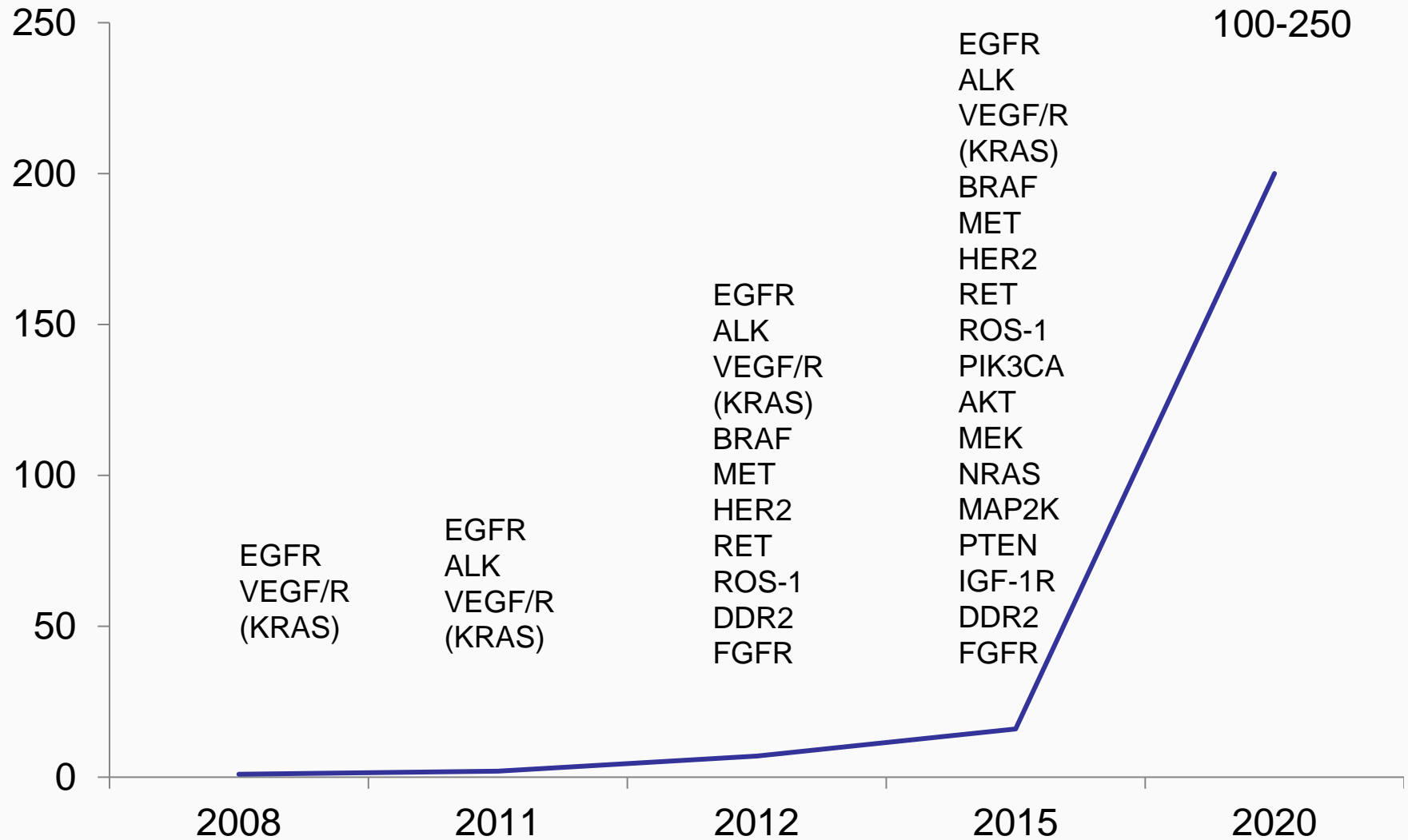


Artificial intelligence—the third revolution in pathology

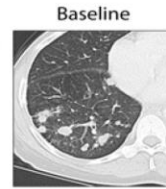
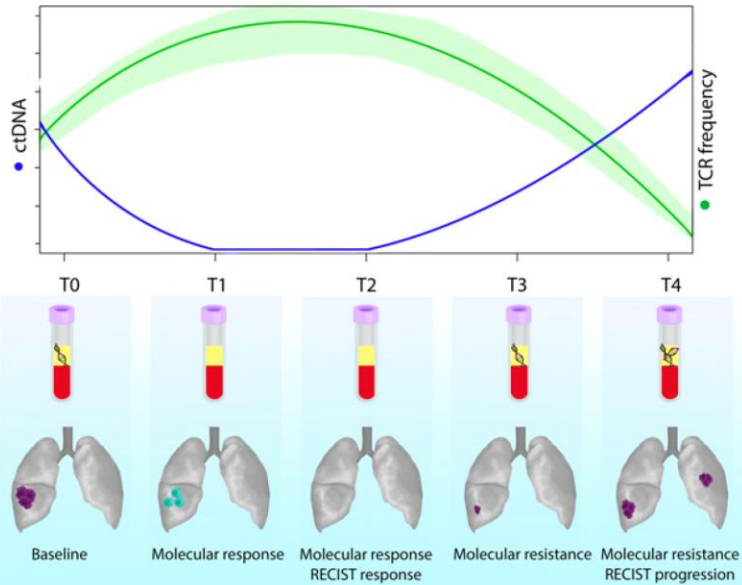
¹Precision Medicine Centre of Excellence, ²Centre for Cancer Research and Cell Biology, Queen's University Belfast, ³Tissue Pathology, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust, and ⁴Philips Digital Pathology, Belfast, UK

Will pathologists be simple facilitators and spectators of this third revolution? Will others in the medical profession drive adoption with pathologists (as appears to be the case in most areas of molecular diagnostics), or will we be the leading actors in the play?

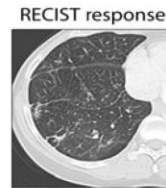
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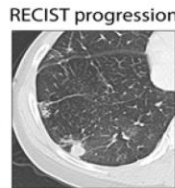
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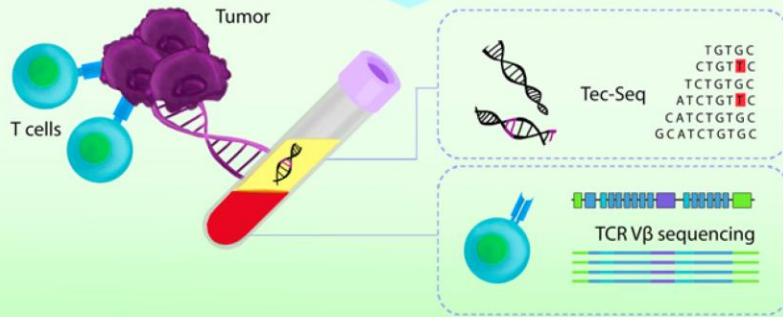
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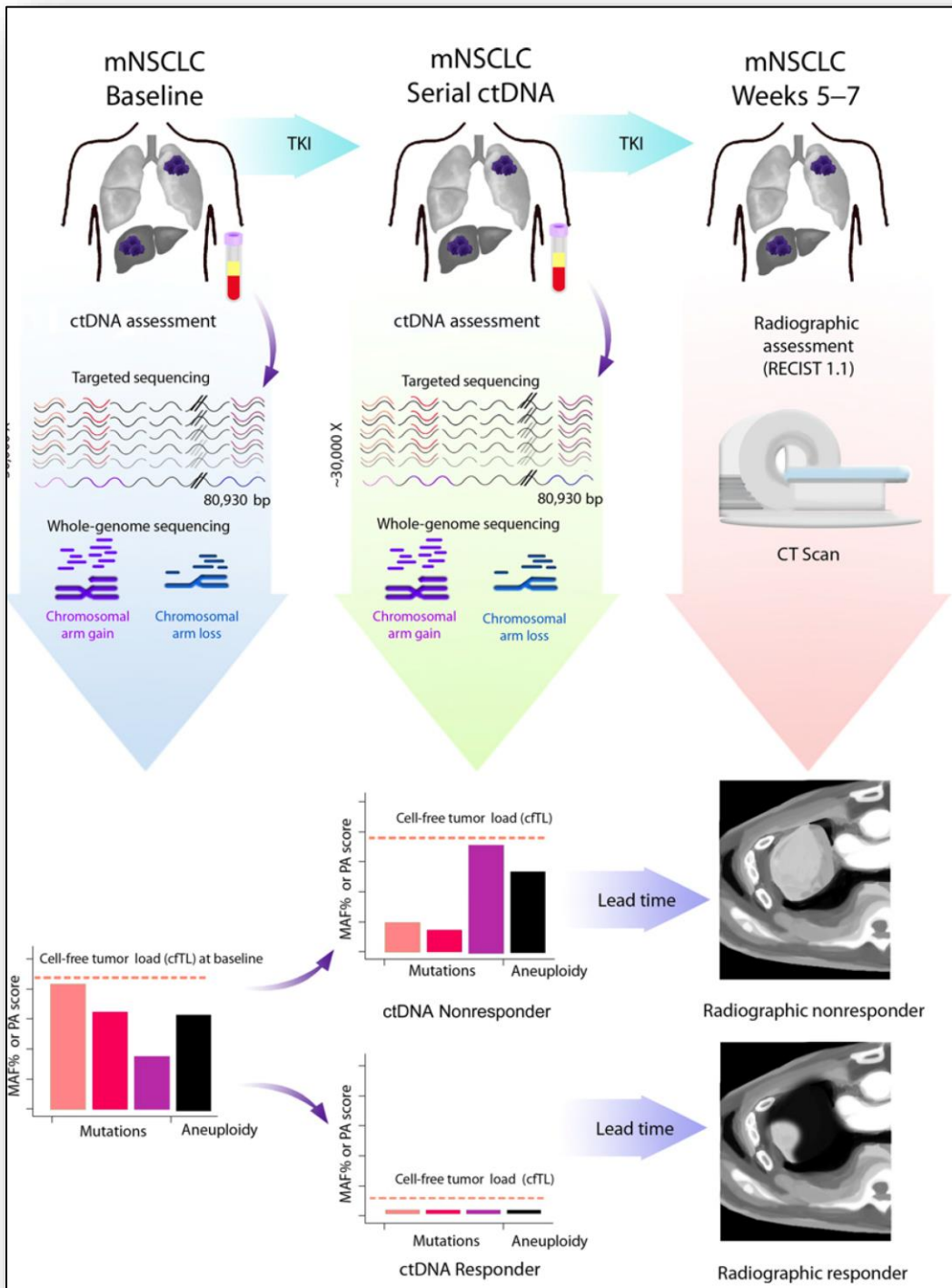


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Dynamics of Tumor and Immune Responses during Immune Checkpoint Blockade in Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer

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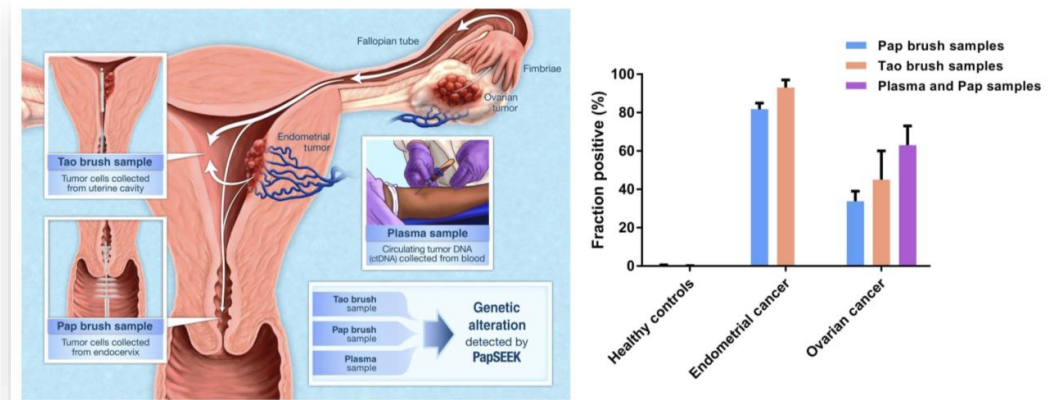
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Phallen J et al Cancer Res 2019

PapSEEK

- 18 genes and Ploidy (Fast-Seq)
- Pap vs Tao Brush
 - Endometrial Ca: 81% vs 93% sensitivity
 - Ovarian Ca: 33% vs 45% sensitivity Specificity 99% vs 100%
- Plasma ctDNA
 - Ovarian Ca: 43% sensitivity
 - 63% sensitivity when combined with Pap Brush



Wang Y., et al. *Sci Trans Med*, 2018

Genomic complexity of urothelial bladder cancer revealed in urinary cfDNA

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European Journal of Human Genetics 2016

Genomic Alterations in Liquid Biopsies from Patients with Bladder Cancer

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EUROPEAN UROLOGY, 2016

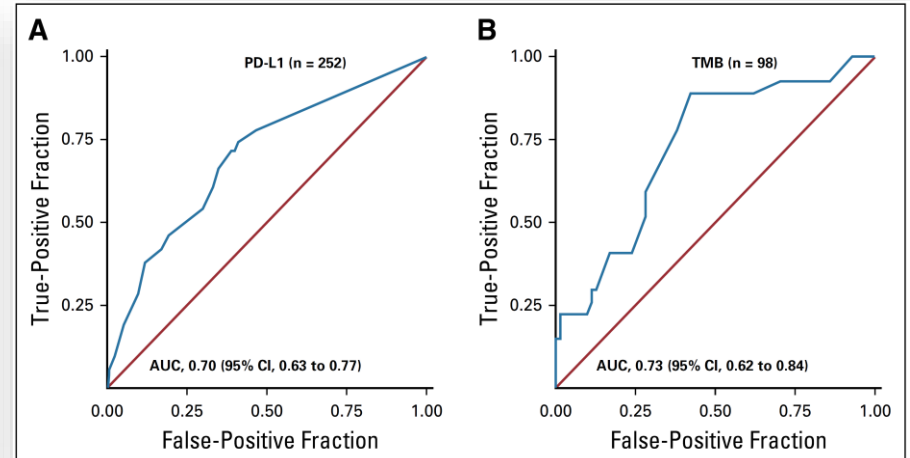
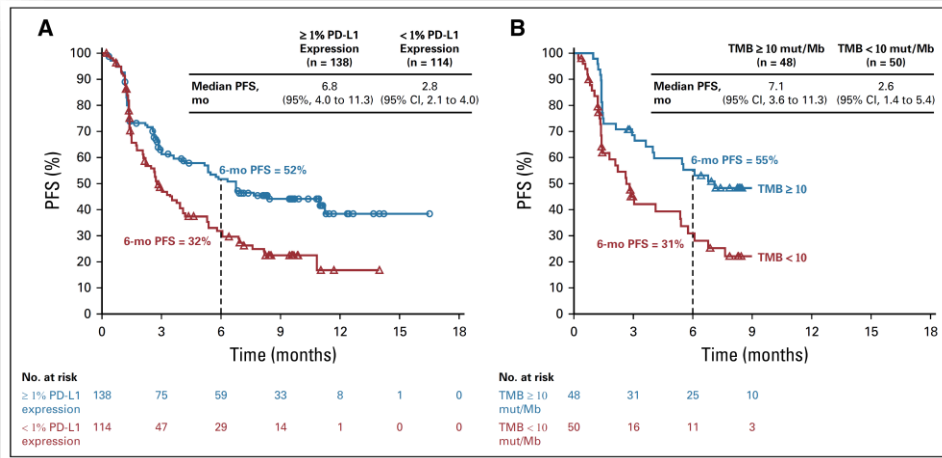
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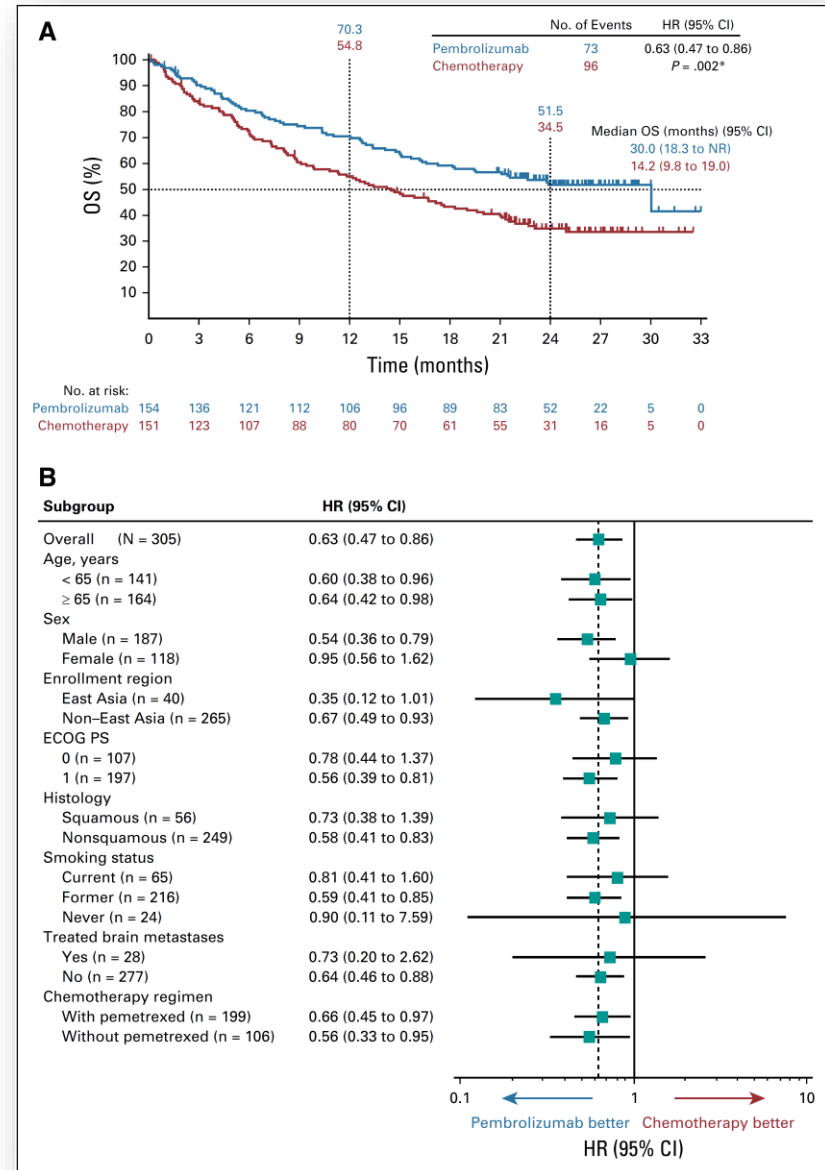


Ready N et al JCO 2019

Updated Analysis of KEYNOTE-024: Pembrolizumab Versus Platinum-Based Chemotherapy for Advanced Non–Small-Cell Lung Cancer With PD-L1 Tumor Proportion Score of 50% or Greater

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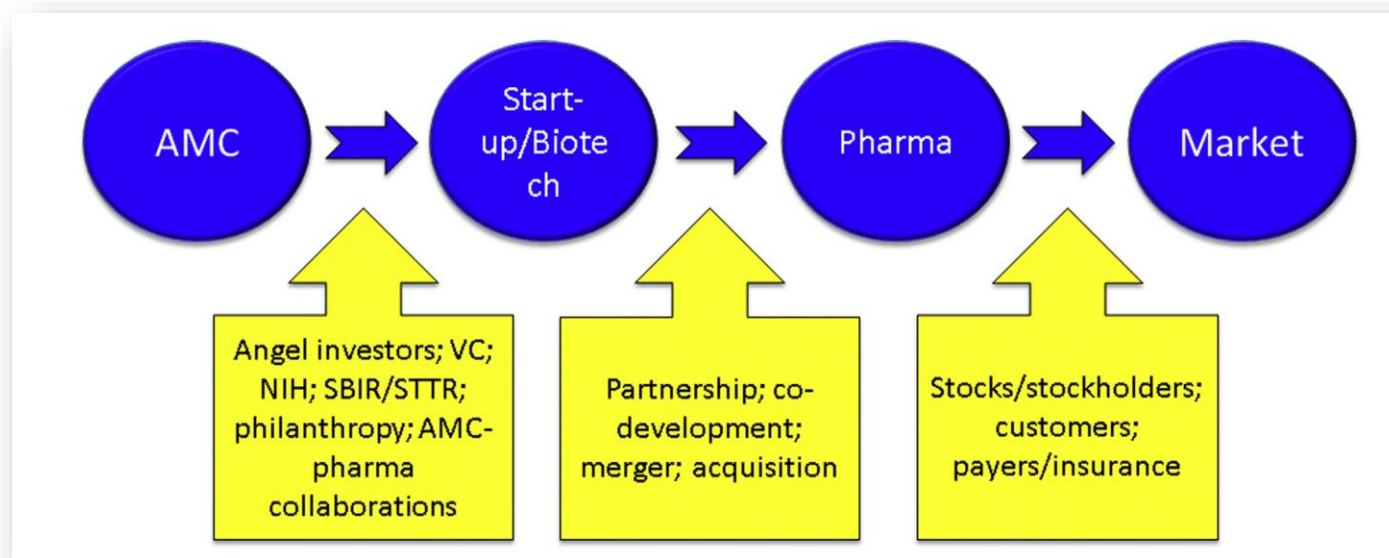
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Next Gen Pathologist
Indispensable Member of
Integrated Healthcare Delivery Team

- **Pathologist of The Future** is a vital player in patient management team
Molecular multidisciplinary tumor boards
Cell Therapy (CAR-T Cell)
- **Elevating “Physician Profile”** through patient exposure & communication
CAP “Meet your Pathologist” efforts
AMP gene patent victory
- **Advocacy** for protecting our deservedly earned “Expertise Turf”
FDA LDT vs Companion Test; DTC; MOOP...

Research Financial Ecosystem From Discovery to Market



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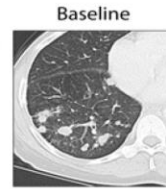
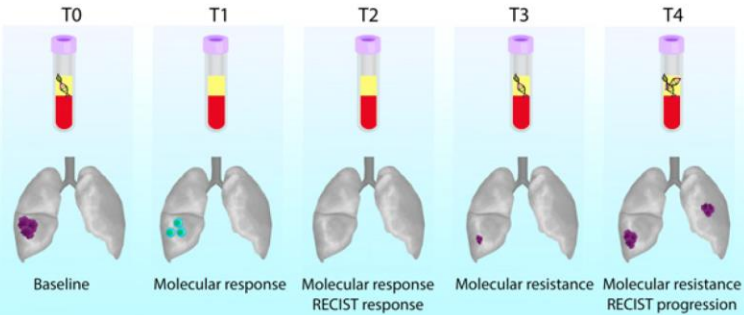
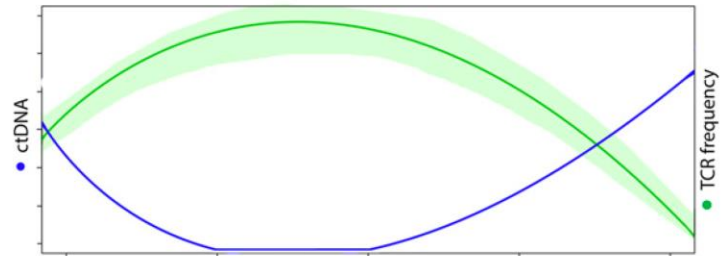
Financial Viability of Pathology Research Enterprise

Trials Registered in ClinicalTrials.gov From 2006 -2014

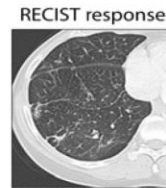
Year of trial start	Total No. of Trials ^b	Funding Agency, No. (%) ^c			
		National Institutes of Health	Industry	Other US Federal Agency	All Others
2006	9321	1376 (14.8)	4585 (49.2)	263 (2.8)	3240 (34.8)
2007	11 122	1247 (11.2)	5462 (49.1)	275 (2.5)	4284 (38.5)
2008	13 942	1333 (9.6)	7046 (50.5)	327 (2.3)	5385 (38.6)
2009	13 712	1162 (8.5)	6390 (46.6)	327 (2.4)	5963 (43.5)
2010	13 816	1113 (8.1)	5923 (42.9)	309 (2.2)	6595 (47.7)
2011	14 202	1057 (7.4)	5839 (41.1)	320 (2.3)	7127 (50.2)
2012	15 468	1015 (6.6)	5738 (37.1)	344 (2.2)	8507 (55.0)
2013	16 217	1074 (6.6)	5355 (33.0)	363 (2.2)	9566 (59.0)
2014	18 400	1048 (5.7)	6550 (35.6)	339 (1.8)	10 597 (57.6)
% Difference (95% CI) ^{d,e}		-9.1 (-9.9 to -8.3)	-13.6 (-14.8 to -12.3)	-1.0 (-1.4 to -0.6)	22.8 (21.6 to 24.0)
Absolute difference, No. (%) ^e	9079 (97.4)	-328 (-23.8)	1965 (42.9)	76 (28.9)	7357 (227.1)

JAMA December 15, 2015

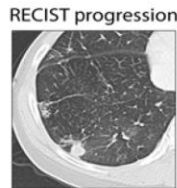
Dynamics of ctDNA and TCR Repertoire during Anti-PD1



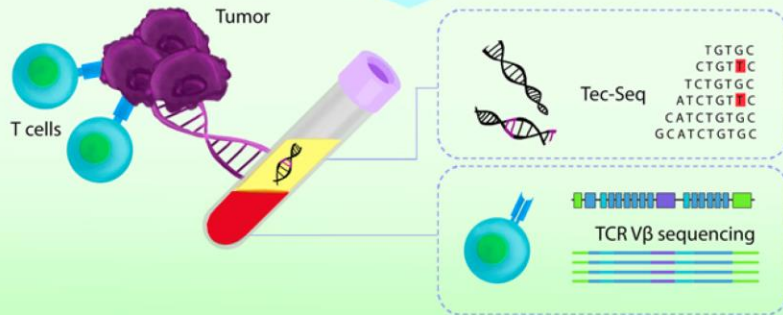
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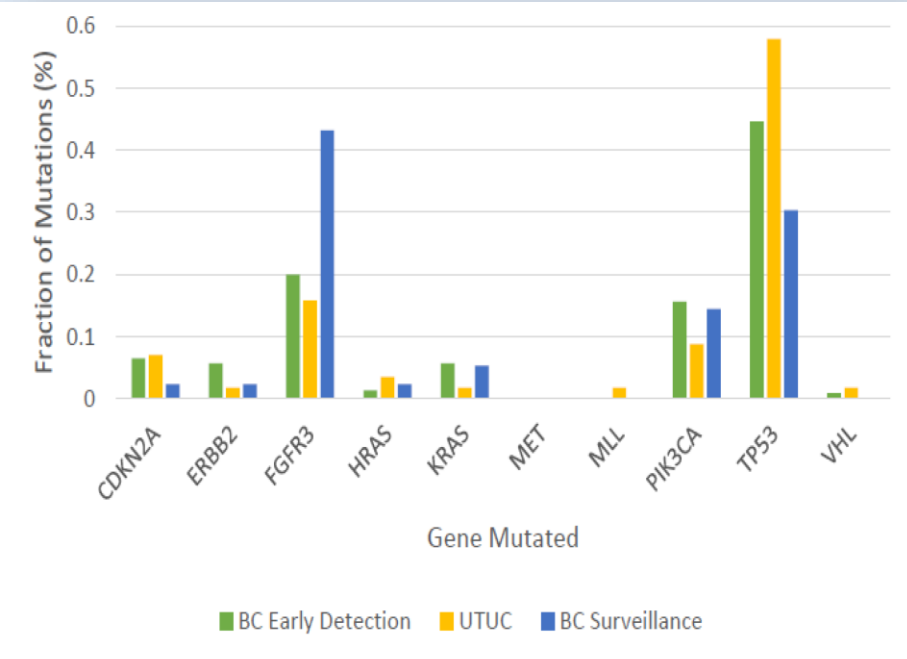


T4



Dynamics of Tumor and Immune Responses during Immune Checkpoint Blockade in Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer

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Disruptive Forces in Healthcare & Pathology

- **Technological/Computational**
 - **Genomic Technology and Bioinformatics** Advances
 - **Computational** Advances: AI, Machine Learning, Digital Pathology
 - **Health Care Information Technology/Big Data**
- **Financial**
 - **Value Based Reimbursement** replacing Fee For Service
 - **Constrained Health Care Economic** echo system
Clinical and Research \$\$\$

Opportunities

“Precision” Pathology Service

- Less than two decades following The Human Genome Project, the revolutionary progress in Human Genomics is reshaping our approach to Diagnosis, Prognostics and Therapy
- It is estimated that 5-10% of all laboratory tests are DNA/RNA based analyses

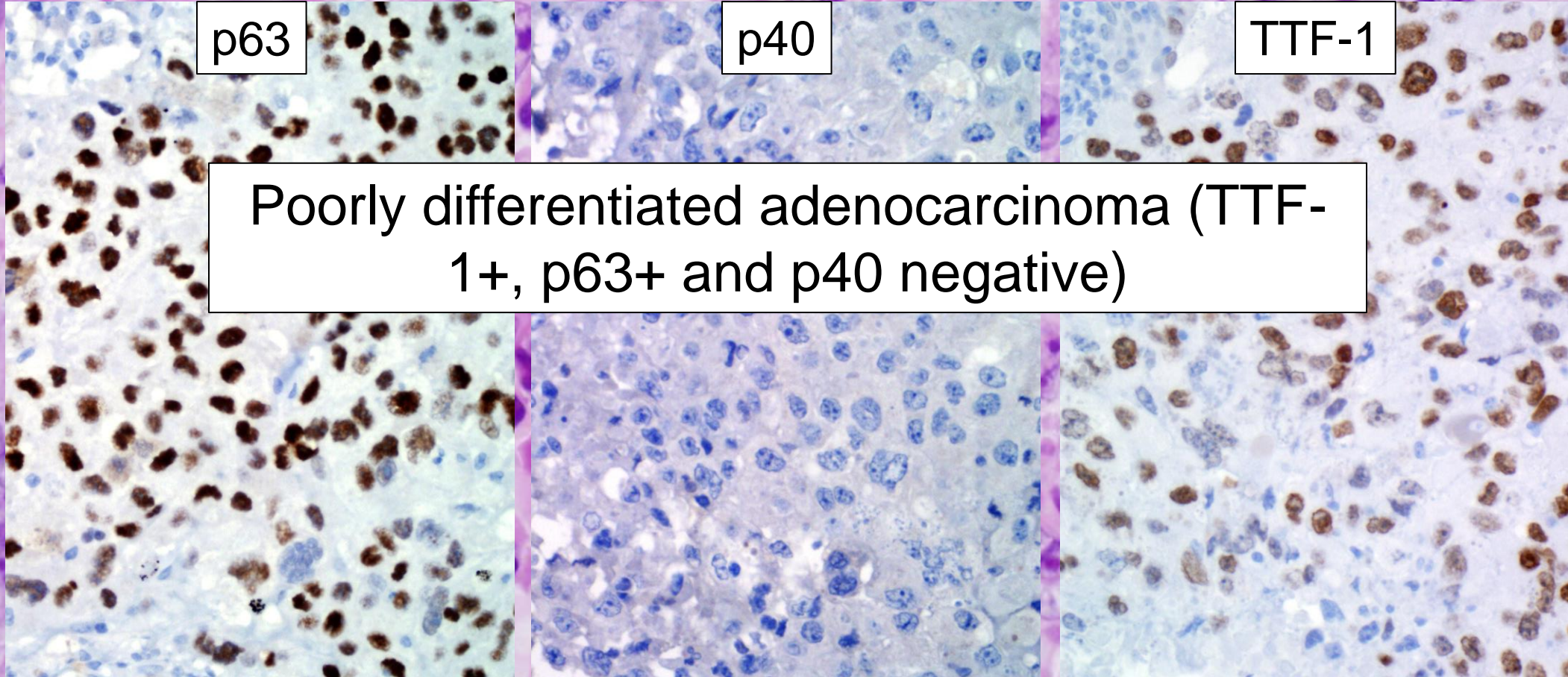
Lung mass

p63

p40

TTF-1

Poorly differentiated adenocarcinoma (TTF-1+, p63+ and p40 negative)



The Future is even more PERSONAL !

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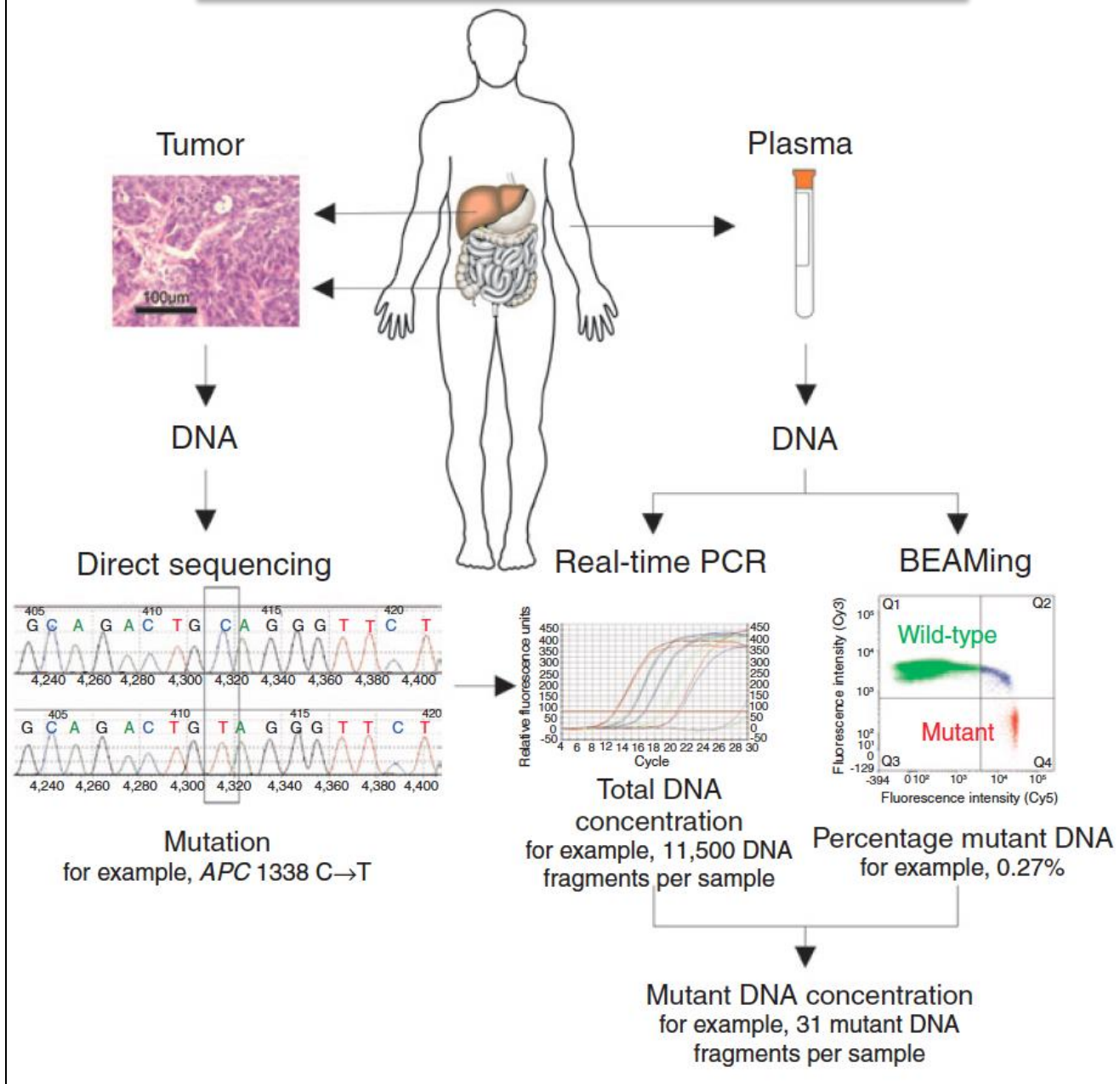
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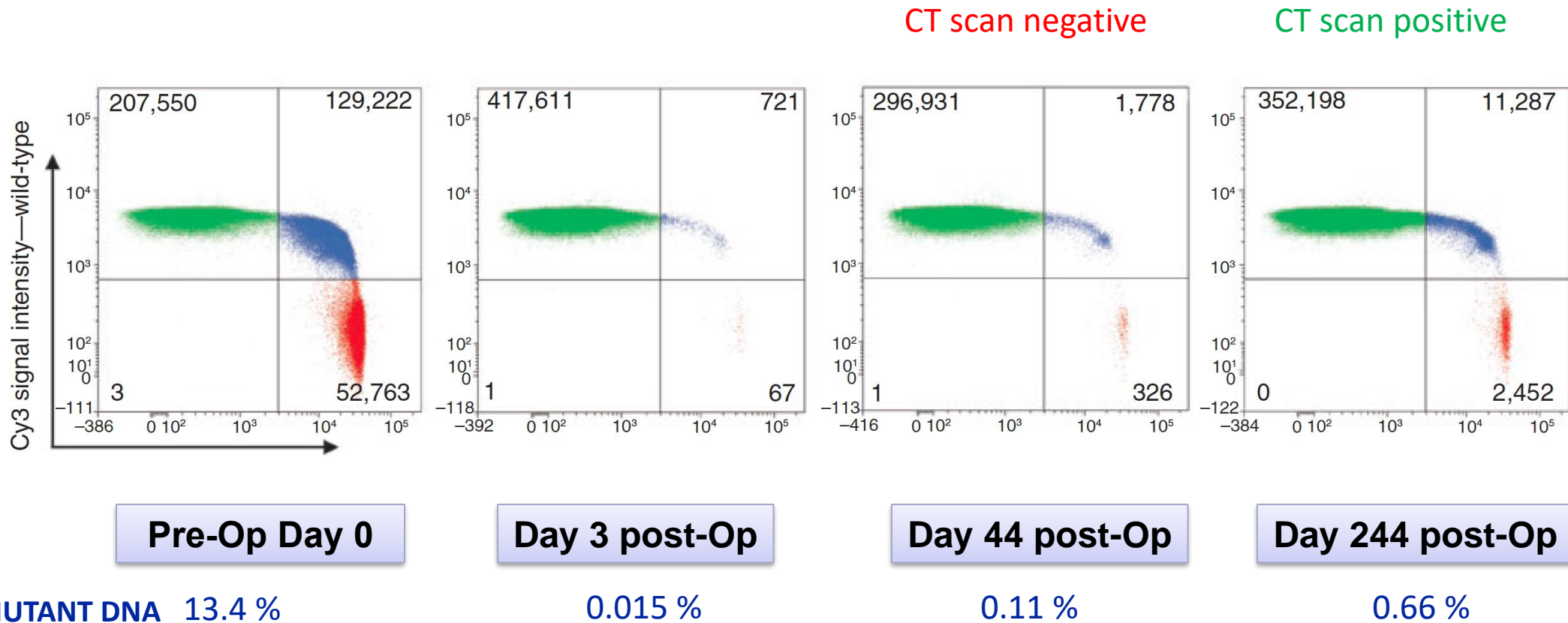
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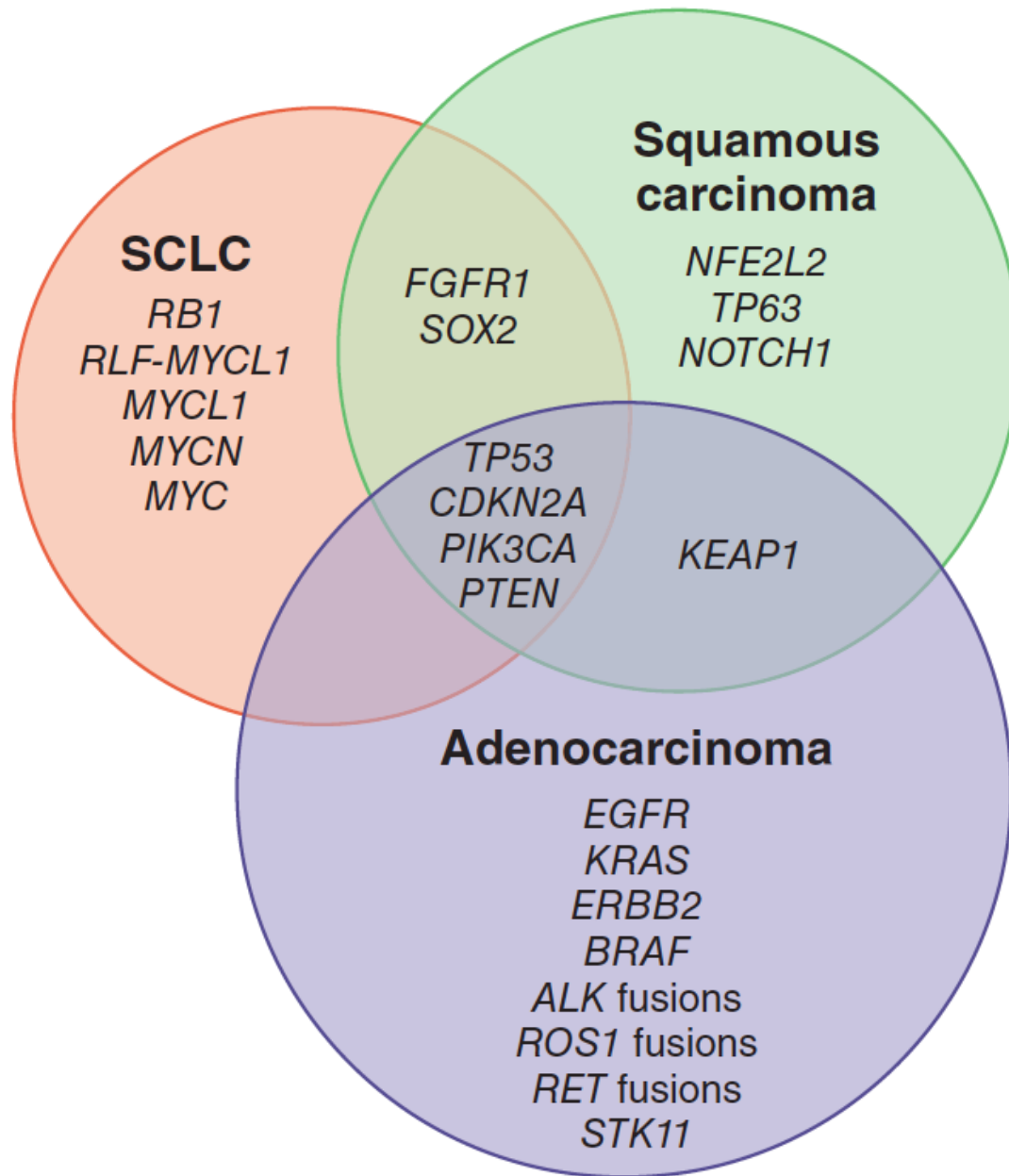
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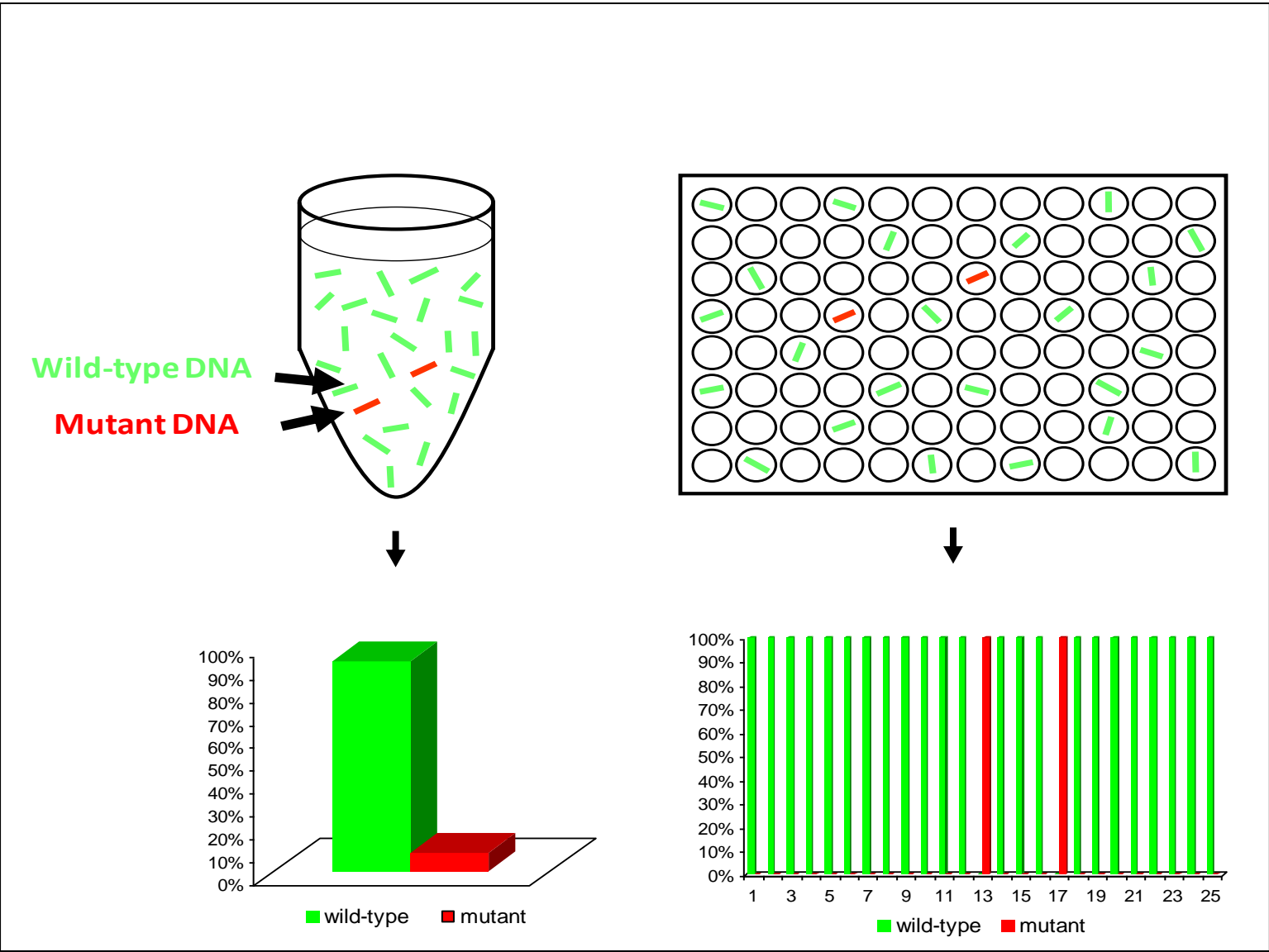
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**NEXT GENERATION SEQUENCING
(NGS)**

**NANOTECHNOLOGY
BEAMs & PARES**



BEAMing

nature
medicine

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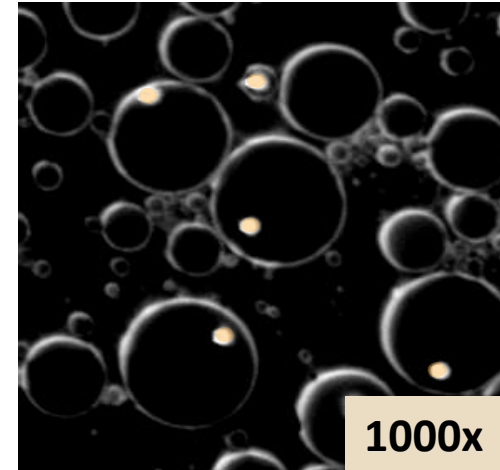
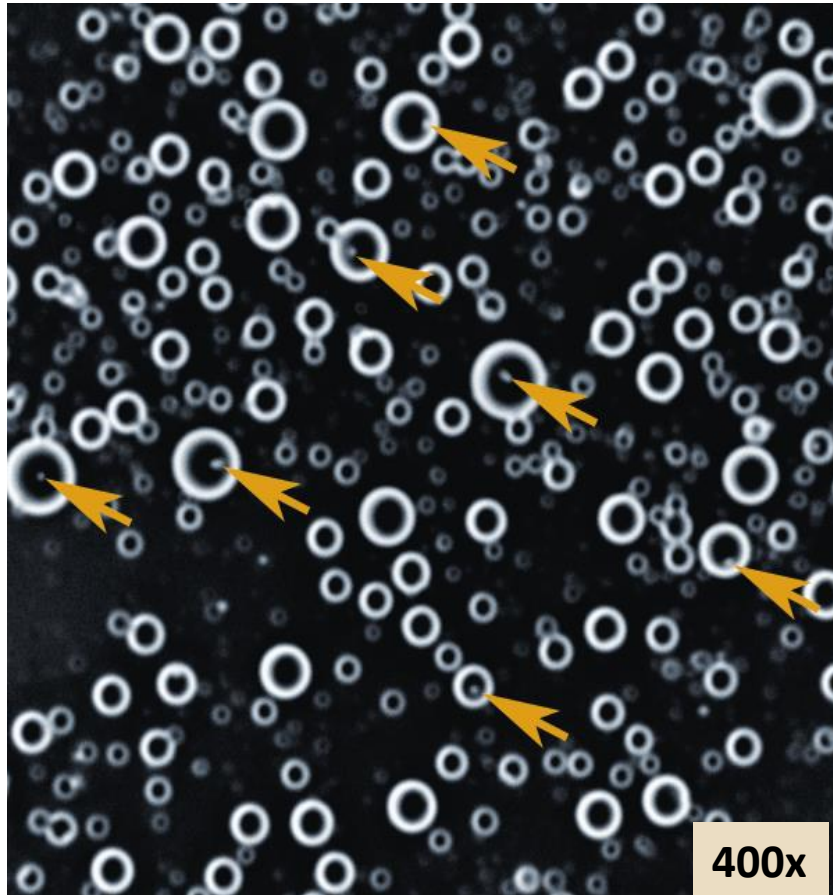
Beads

Emulsion

Amplification

Magnetics

Water-in-Oil Emulsion with 1 μm Microbeads



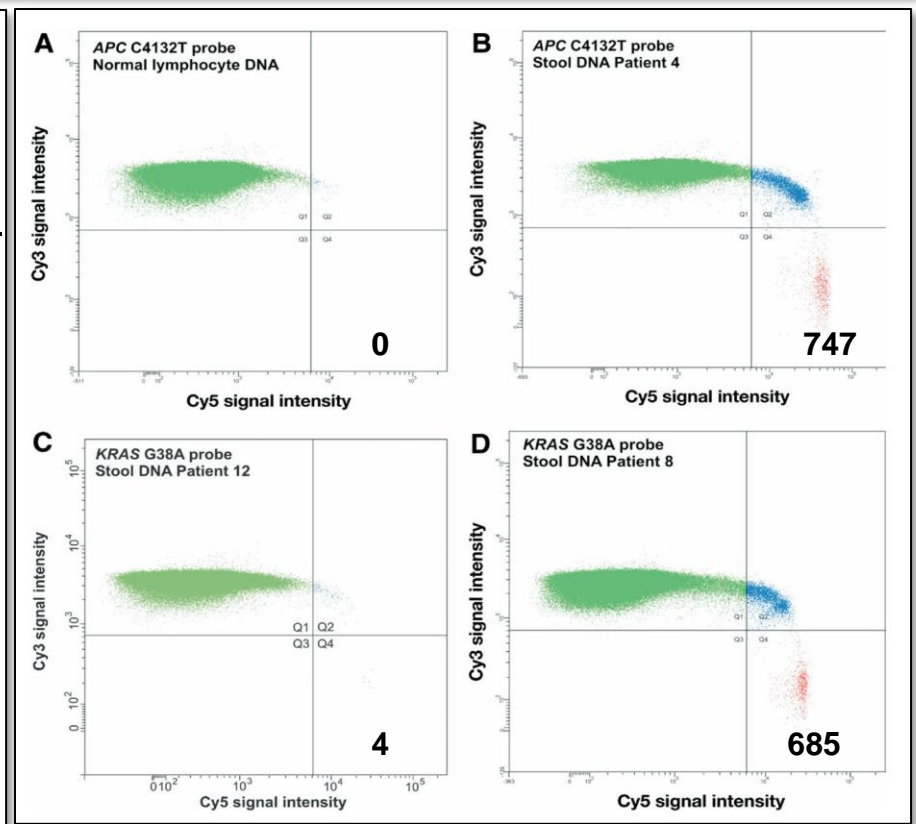
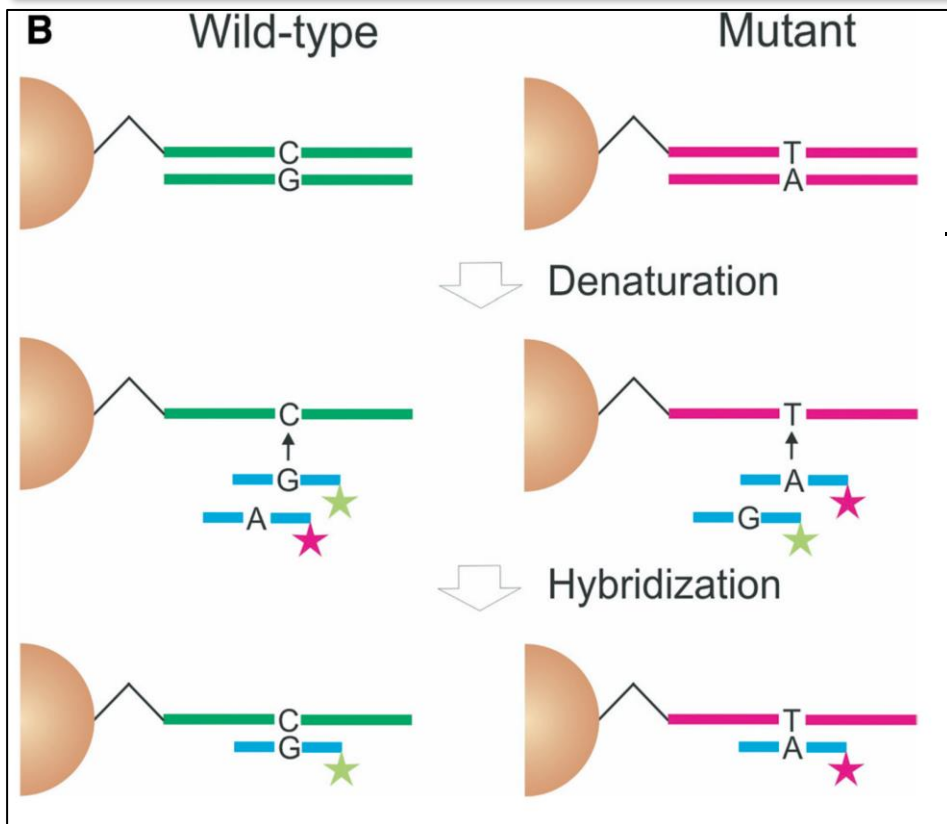
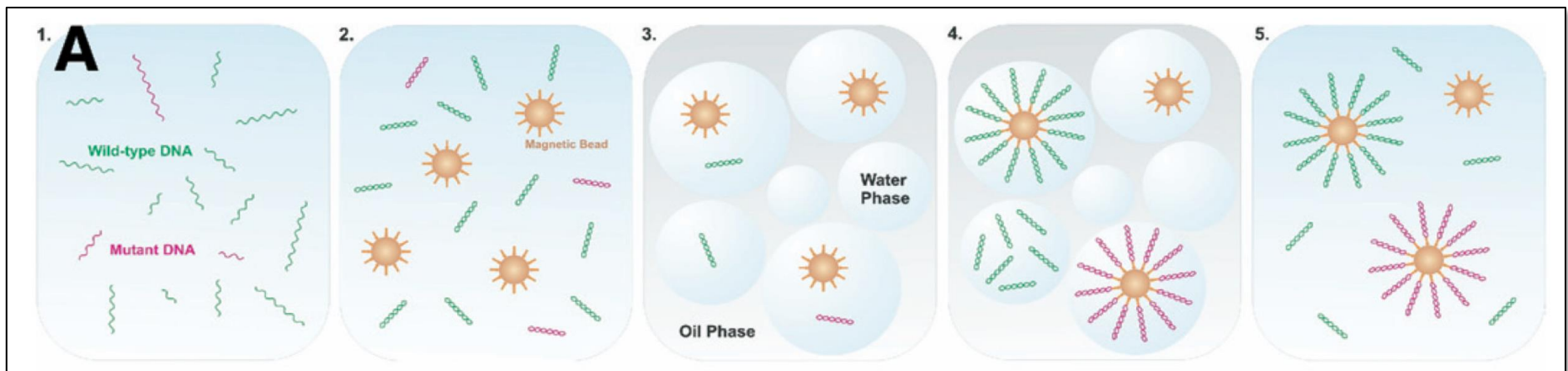
Aqueous compartments:

3-10 μm diameter

14-380 fl volume

Aqueous Phase:

\sim 10 Billion bubbles/ ml

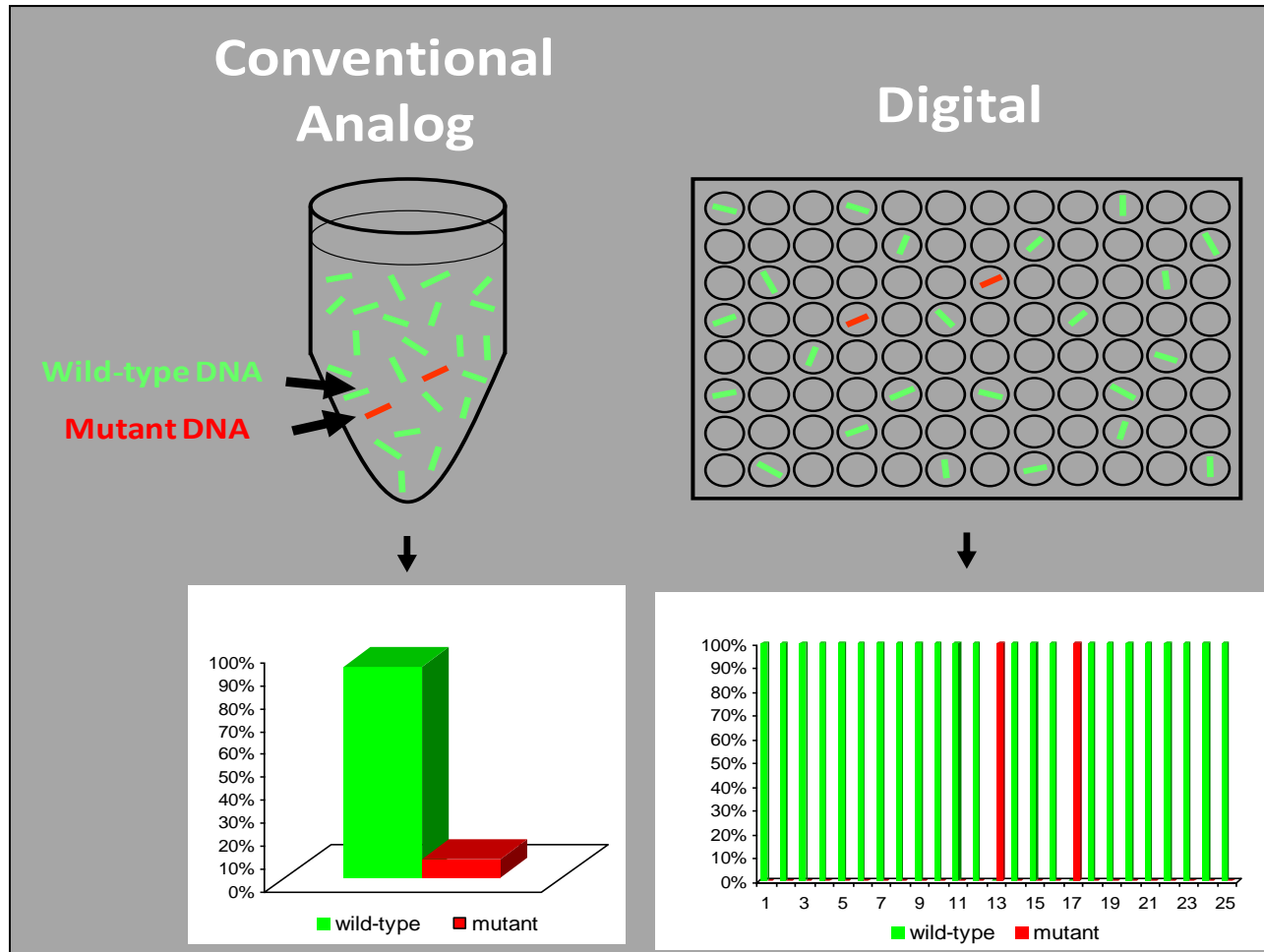


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- Tumor Sequencing for APC, TP53, KRAS and PIK3CA → ≥ 1 mutation in each CRCa sample
- DNA from stool/plasma samples assessed for identified mutations by “BEAMing Technology”

Digital PCR



EGFR Mutations Associated with Sensitivity

Exon 18	Exon 19	Exon 20	Exon 21
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G719C
G719S
G719A
V689M
N700D
E709K/Q
S720P

5%

ΔE746-A750
ΔE746-T751
ΔE746-A750 (ins RP)
ΔE746-T751 (ins A/I)
ΔE746-T751 (ins VA)
ΔE746-S752 (ins A/V)
ΔL747-E749 (A750P)
ΔL747-E750 (ins P)
ΔL747-T751
ΔL747-T751 (ins P/S)
ΔL747-S752
ΔL747-752 (E746V)
ΔL747-752 (P753S)
ΔL747-S752 (ins Q)
ΔL747-P753
ΔL747-P753 (ins S)
ΔL752-I759

45%

V765A
T783A

<1%

L858R (40%-45%)
N826S
A839T
K846R
L861Q
G863D

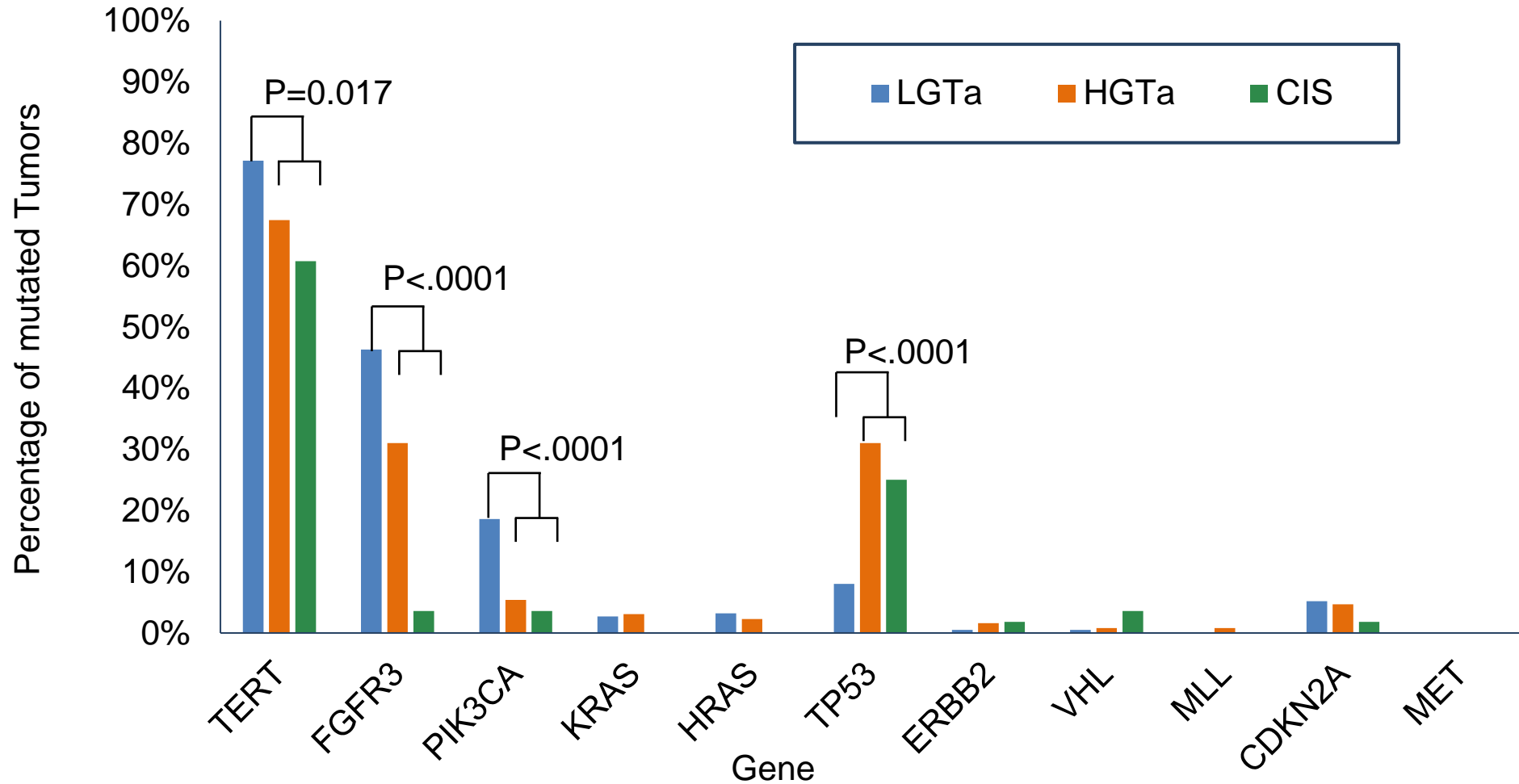
40-45%

EGFR and K-ras Mutation in NSCLC Carcinoma

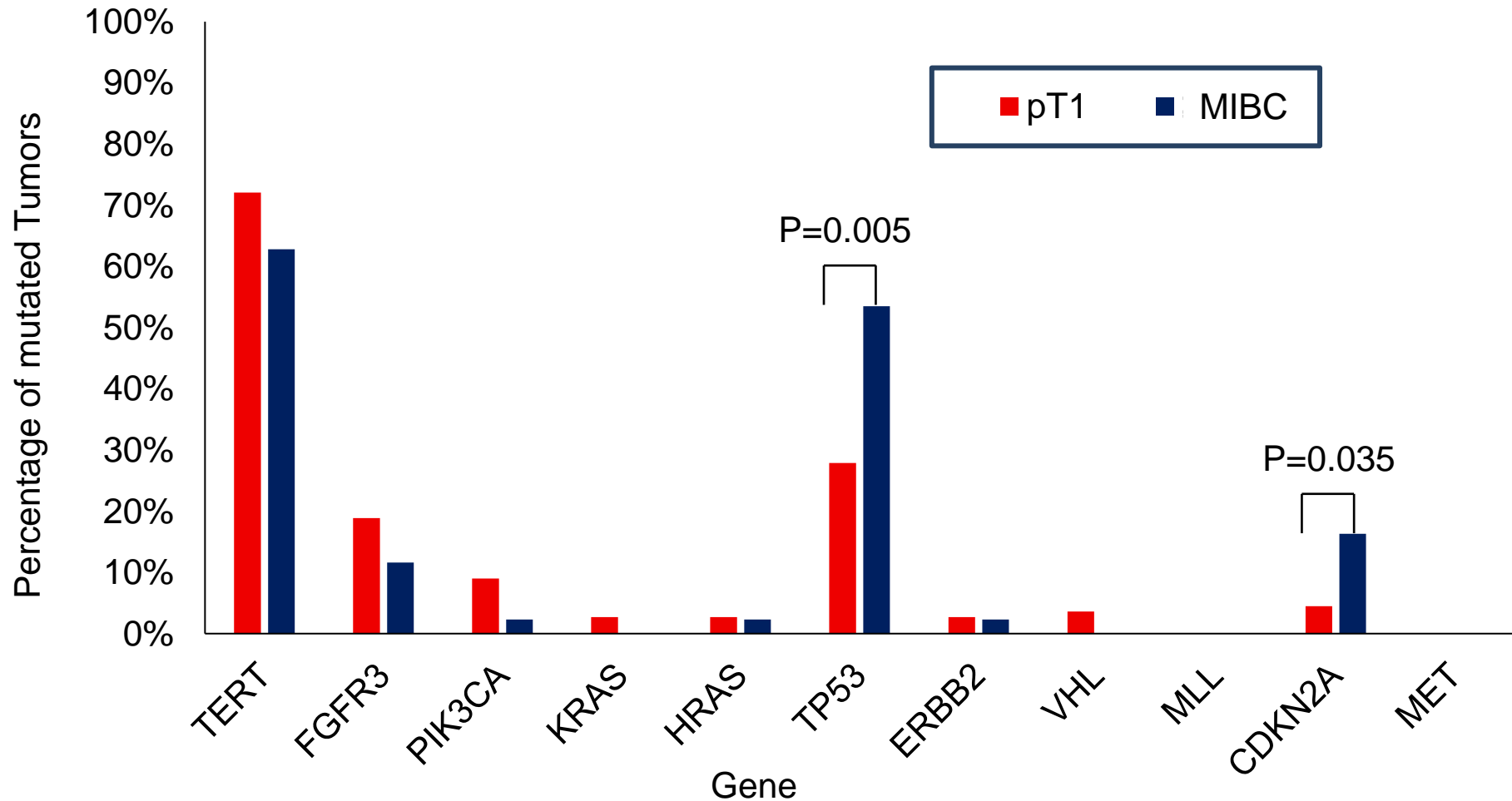
	EGFR mutation	EGFR wild type	K-ras mutation	K-ras wild type
AdenoCA*	20%	80%	22%	78%
Non-AdenoCA	13%	87%	5%	95%
Female	18%	82%	14%	86%
Male	16%	84%	15%	85%
Smokers [#]	14%	86%	16%	84%
Never smoker	28%	72%	11%	89%
Asian	38%	62%	0%	100%
Non-Asian	15%	85%	16%	84%

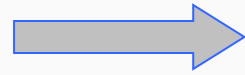
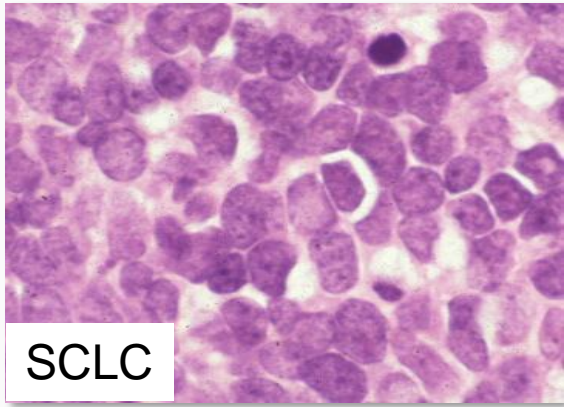
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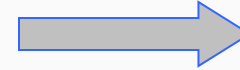


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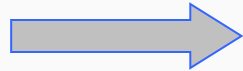
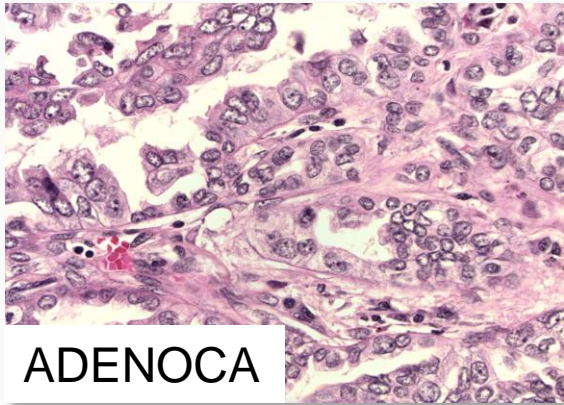




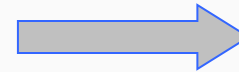
H&E



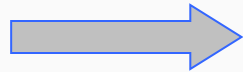
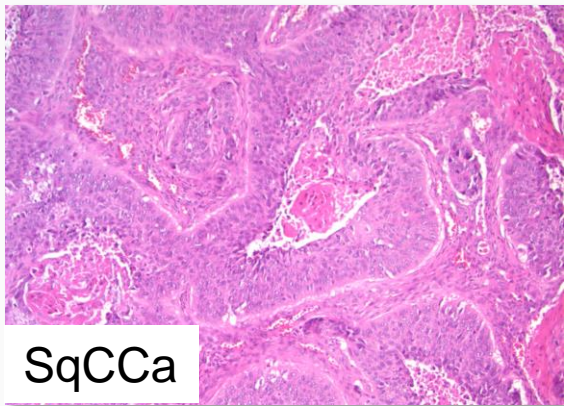
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CD56



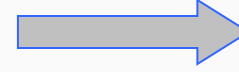
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TTF-1
Surfactant
Napsin



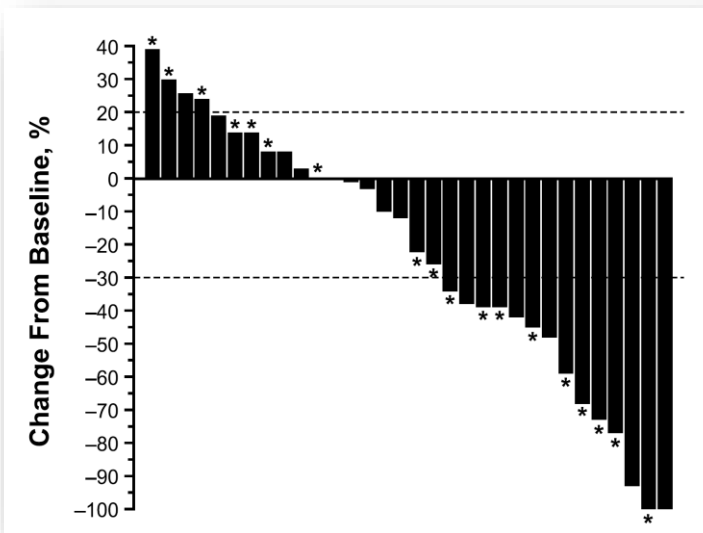
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CK 5/6
p63/p40

Pembrolizumab in combination with ipilimumab as second-line or later therapy for advanced non-small-cell lung cancer: KEYNOTE-021 cohorts D and H

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