

Precision Oncology(PO): “The new kid on the block”



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- Workflow of the precision clinic
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- Why target multiple pathways at the same time?
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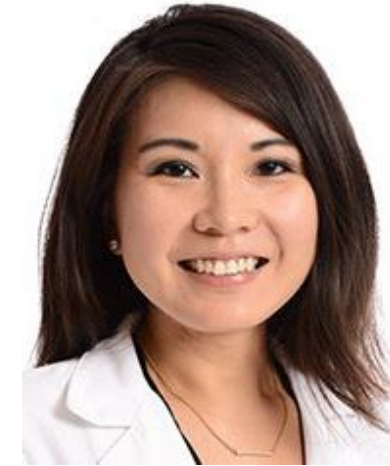
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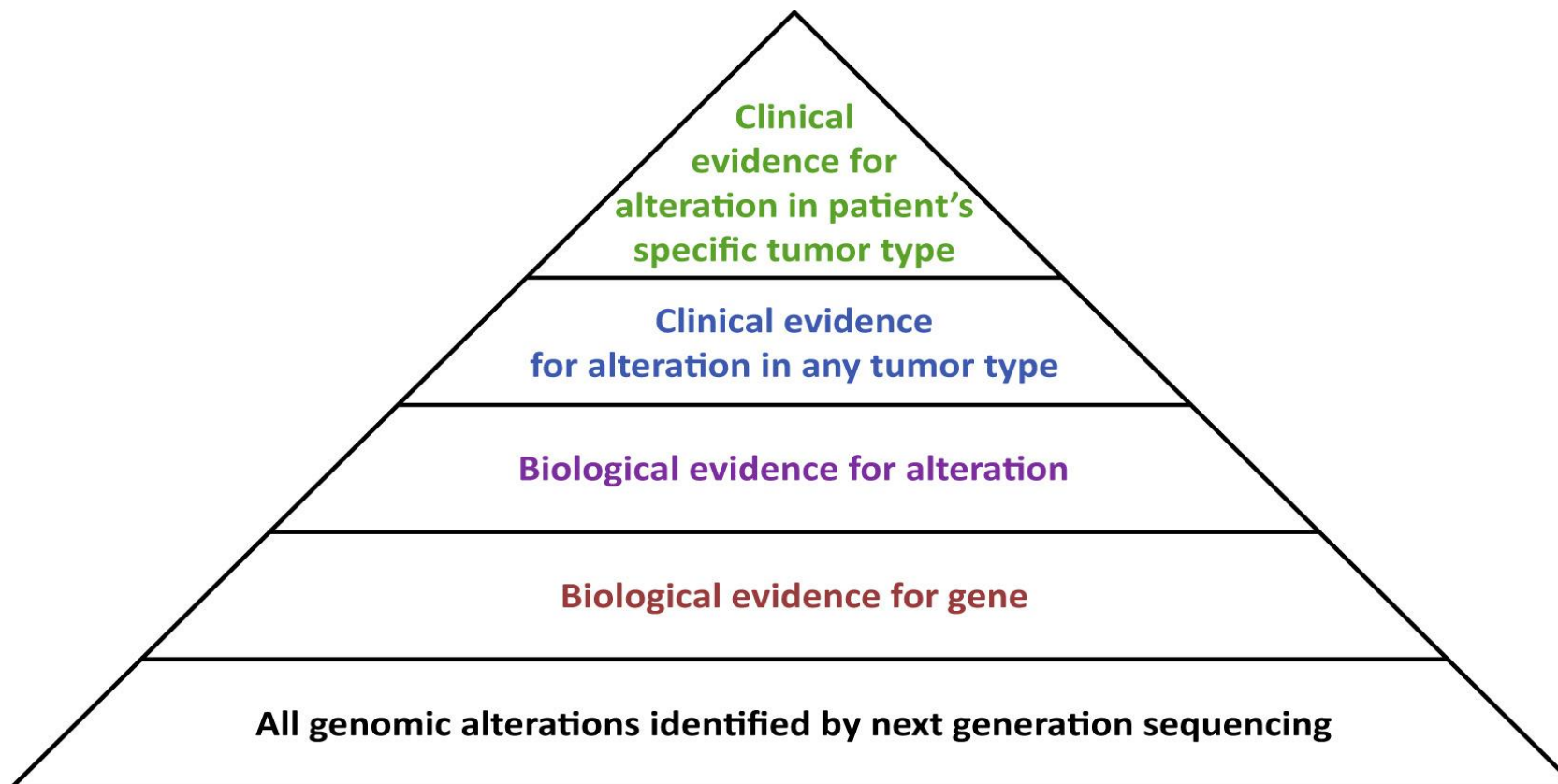
Not Enough Targetable Mutations

- Comprehensive genomic panel (CGP) can analyze a broad panel of genes to detect the four main classes of genomic alterations known to drive cancer growth:
 1. Base substitutions,
 2. Insertions and deletions,
 3. Copy number alterations (CNAs)
 4. Rearrangements or fusions
- The field of precision oncology has come a long way since the Human Genome project, but we still don't have enough targeted therapies.



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Actionable Alterations Associated with Clinical Response



Who should be seen in our clinic?

- Advanced cancer patients that have progressed through at least 1 or 2 lines of therapy
- Rare and Ultra-Rare Cancers ~200 types of cancer
 - Rare <6 per 100,000 (~22% of cancers)
 - Ultra rare = prevalence 2000 per year in Europe and <2 per 100,000 in the USA (~5% of cancers)
- Rationale for including rare cancers:
 1. Rare tumors occur in younger individuals and are associated with poorer outcomes
 2. Dearth of standard of care options and clinical trials

Ref : Casali Paolo G., Trama Annalisa. Rationale of the rare cancer list: a consensus paper from the Joint Action on Rare Cancers (JARC) of the European Union (EU) ESMO Open 2020.

Ref: Gatta et al, Eur J Cancer 2011 Greenlee et al, Public Health Rep 2010

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Workflow of Precision Clinic and Molecular Tumor Board

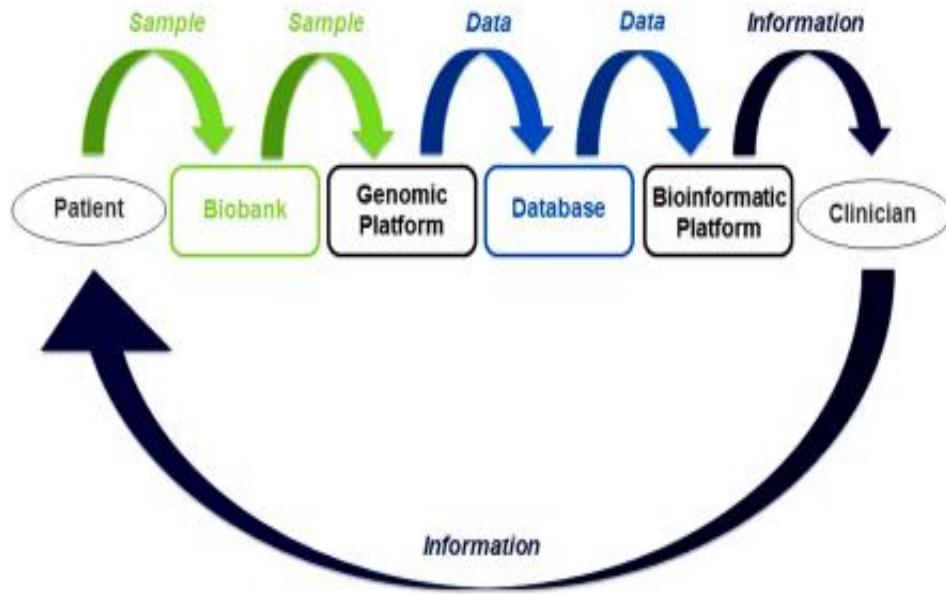
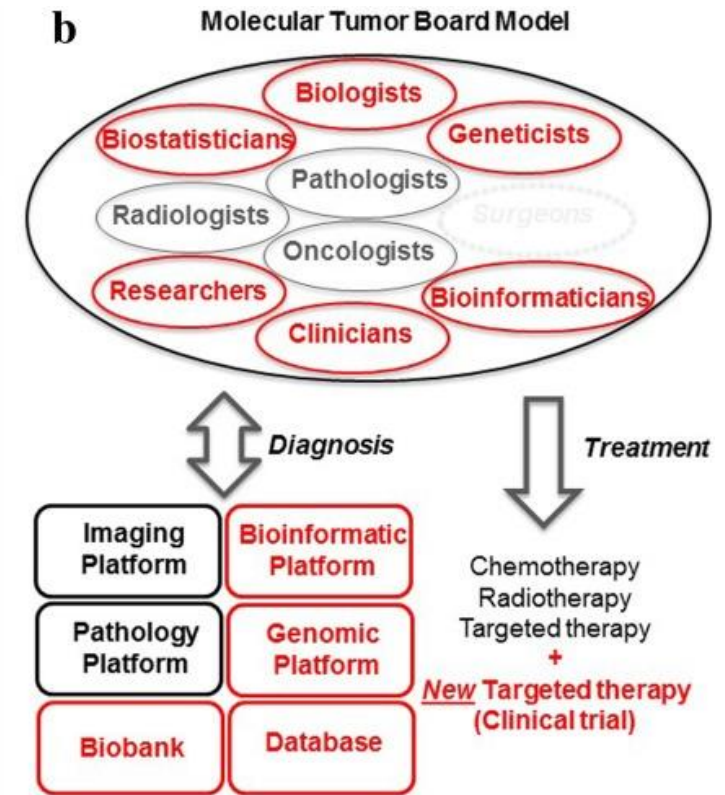
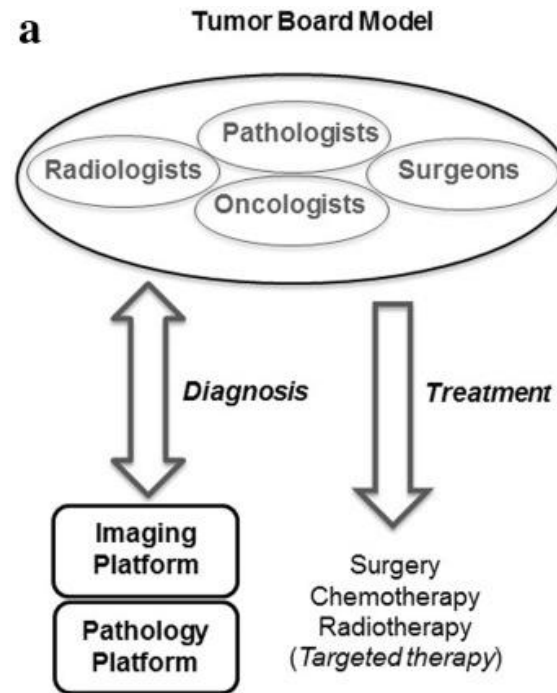
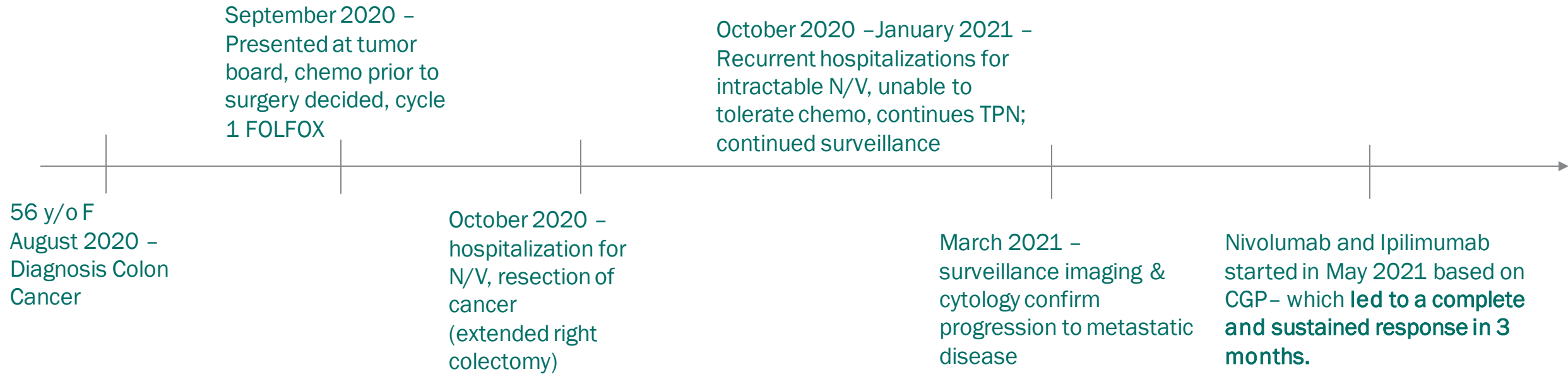


Fig. 1 Model of the data medicine process. Biological sample flows and biobanks are shown in green. Data flows and databases are shown in light blue. Information flows are shown in dark blue



Case discussion: Metastatic Colon Cancer with a rare POLE mutation



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Easy to miss minute details

- Tumor Mutation Burden – the number of somatic mutations present in a cancer cell
- Reported as number of mutations seen in a section of DNA, reported as mutations/Megabase
- The higher the number, the more likely you are to see a response with immune checkpoint inhibitors
 - Cancers with a TMB of 10mut/Mb or greater have a higher response rate
 - Our patient had 333 muts/Mb –that is a *LOT* of mutations!

Our patient's genomic profile

Biomarker Findings
Tumor Mutational Burden - 333 Muts/Mb
Microsatellite status - MS-Stable

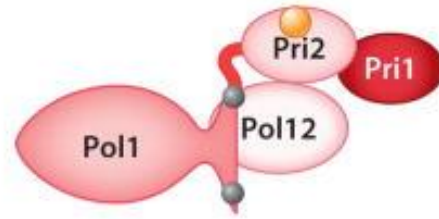
Genomic Findings
For a complete list of the genes assayed, please refer to the Appendix.

KRAS wildtype	CBL R149Q
NRAS wildtype	KDM5C E448*
ATM E650*	MAP2K4 E203*, E221*
BRCA1 E1038*	NBN E383*
BRCA2 E97*	POLE P286R
NFTR2450*, R1412S	PRDM1 E628*
CHEK2 E84*	PTPRO S280Y
PDGFRB S1092L	RAD21 R65*
PIK3CA R88Q	RICTOR S1101L
PIK3CB R321Q	ROS1 R2184I
PIK3R1 R348*	SETD2 E29*, R1496Q
RET T350N	SMAD2 R321Q
TSC1 E211*	SMAD4 R361H, E520*
TSC2 E965*	SMARCA4 R381Q
APC Q1447*, R1114*, S1400L	SPEN R308*
BCOR S1371L	STAG2 E678*, V465F, E430*
C11orf30 (EMSY) R18I - subclonal†	TBX3 E111*
CASP8 E212*	XPO1 R749Q

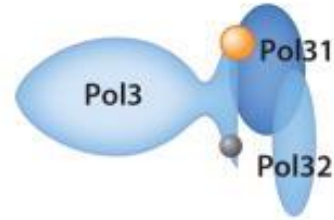
3 Disease relevant genes with no reportable alterations: BRAF, KRAS, NRAS

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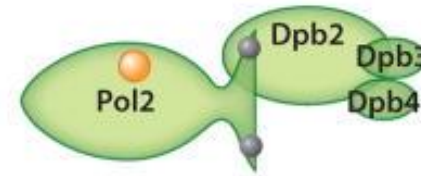
Genes that encode DNA polymerase epsilon (POLE)



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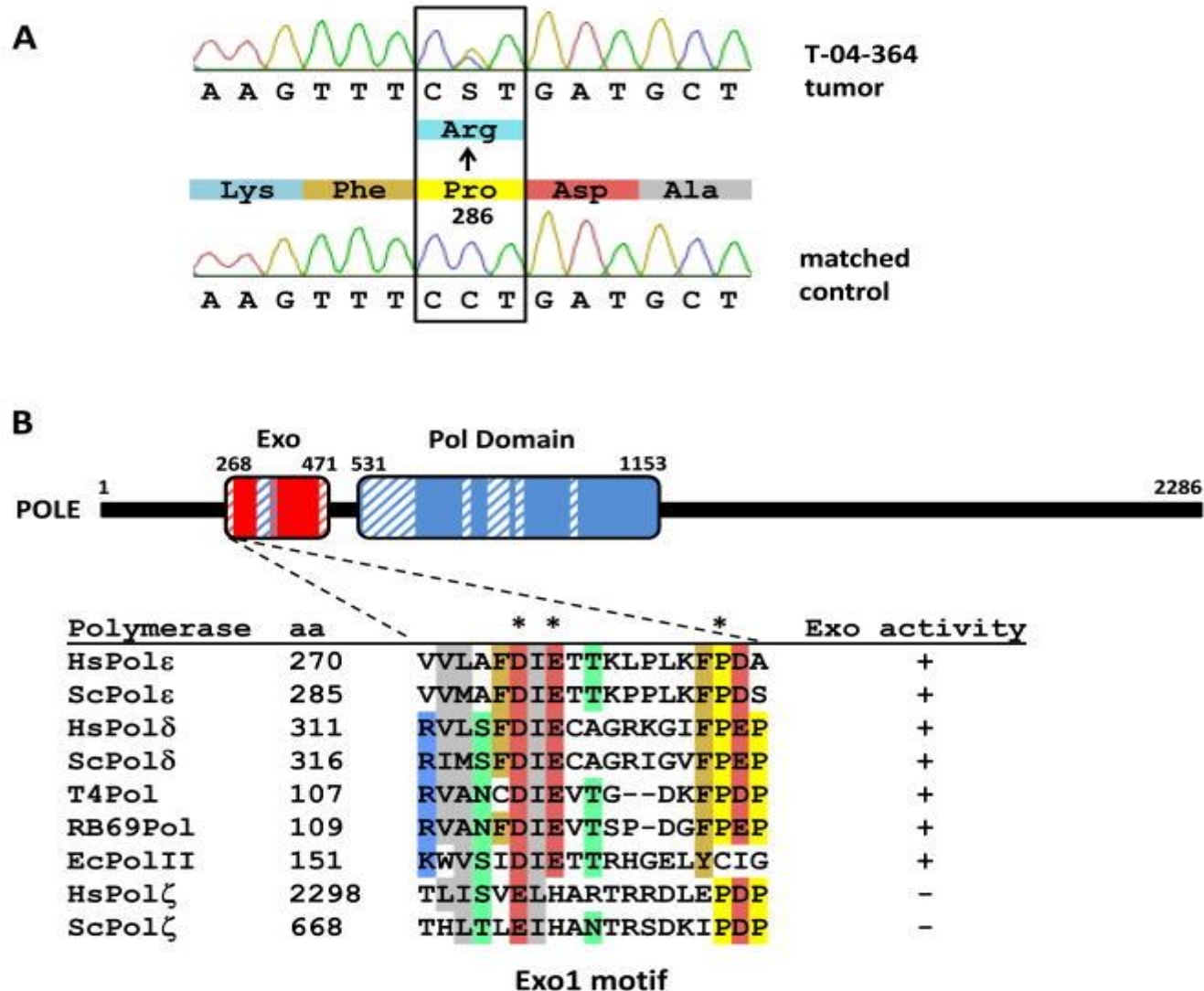
Pol δ



Pol ϵ

Activities	Polymerase	Polymerase 3'-exonuclease	Polymerase 3'-exonuclease
Fidelity	$10^{-3} - 10^{-4}$	$10^{-4} - 10^{-6}$	$10^{-5} - 10^{-6}$
Strand displacement activity	n.d.	yes	no
Processivity	low	low	high
PCNA stimulation of processivity	-	+++	+
Interactions	Mcm10, Pol δ , Ctf4	PCNA, Pol α	Cdc45, GINS, PCNA, Ctf4

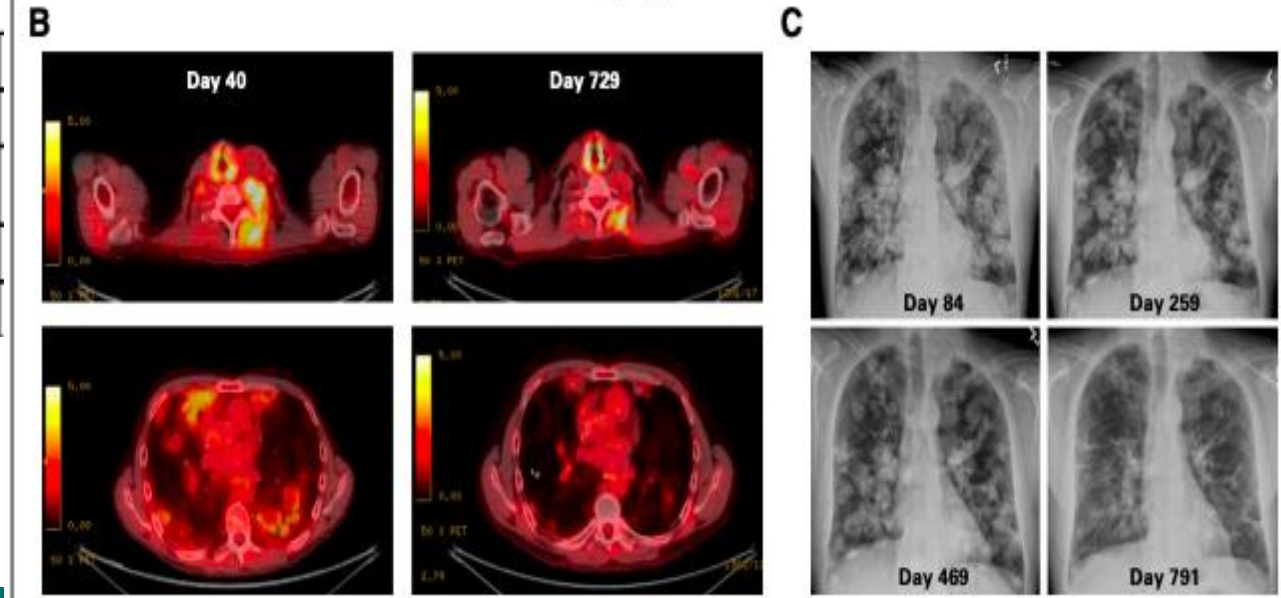
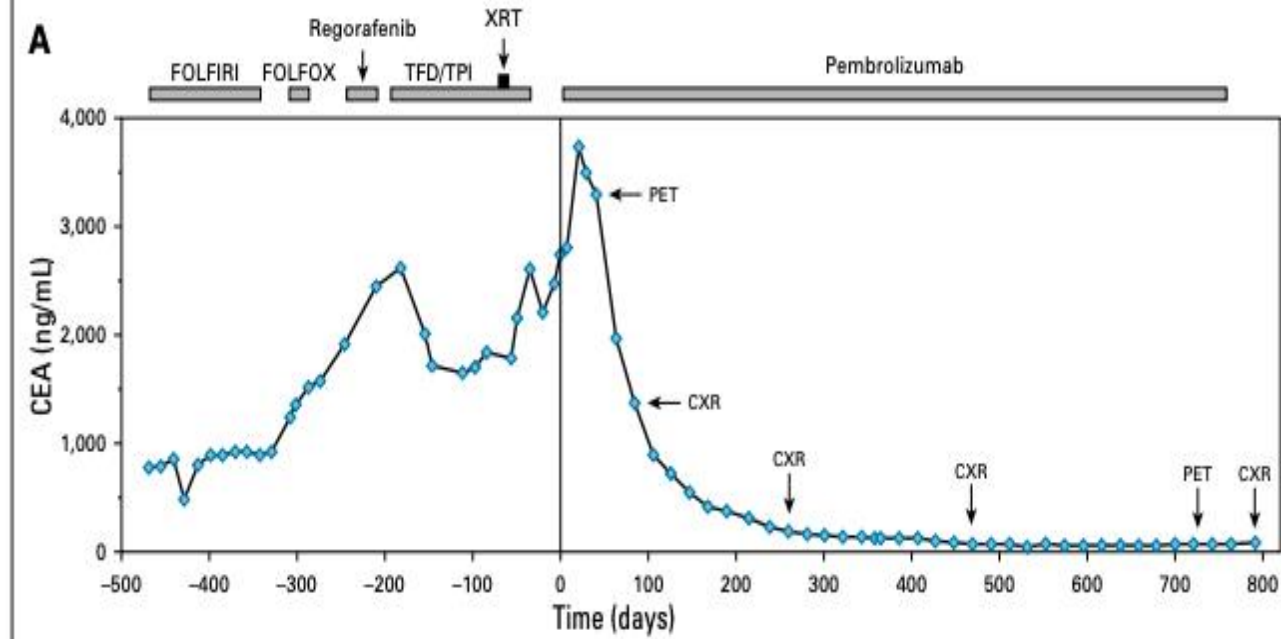
DNA polymerase ϵ mutations are associated with elevated TMB



- Exonucleolytic proofreading and DNA mismatch repair (MMR) act in series to maintain high-fidelity DNA replication and to avoid mutagenesis
- Hypermutable colorectal tumors with functional MMR can carry amino acid substitutions in the exonuclease domain of DNA polymerase ϵ (Pol ϵ).
- Loss of the proofreading activity of Pol ϵ is a driver of some sporadic colon cancers
- Study identified a somatic P286R substitution in the conserved Exo1 motif of Pol ϵ in a collection of 52 sporadic colorectal tumor specimens.

Complete and Prolonged Response to Immune Checkpoint Blockade in *POLE*-Mutated Colorectal Cancer

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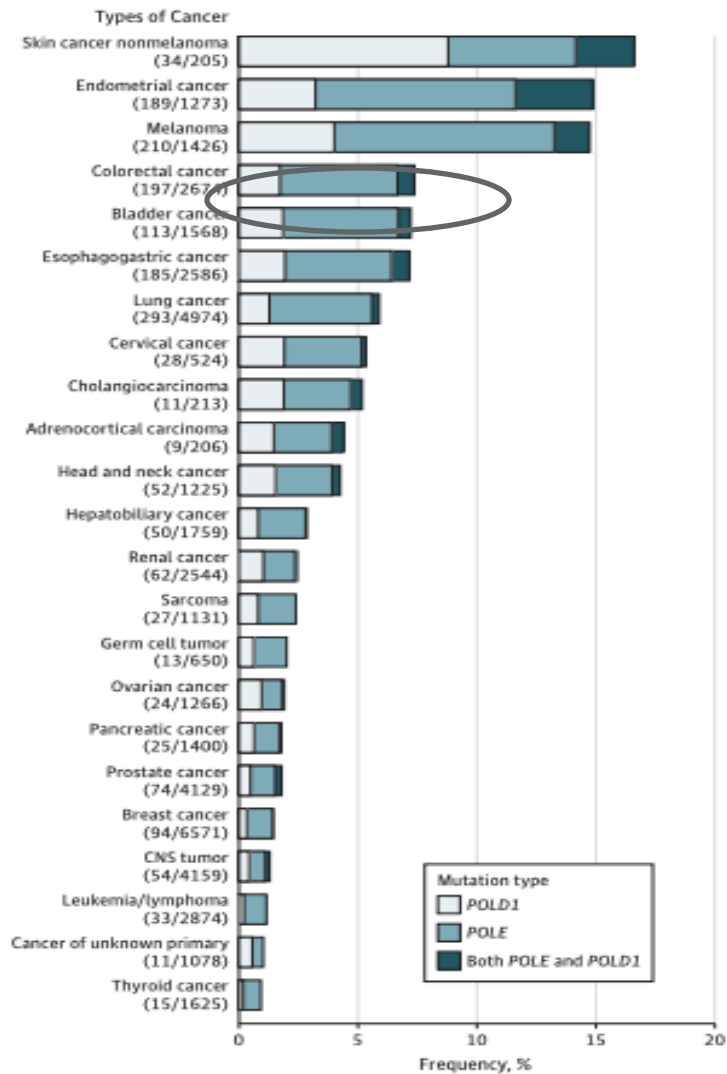
POLE-mutant tumor characteristics and responses

<i>POLE</i> mutn	Patient	Tumor	TMB/Mb	PD-L1	Treatment (mo)	Response (mo)
V411L	44 yM	CRC	200	Negative	Pembro (25)	CR (> 28)
V411L	81 yM	CRC	122	Negative	Pembro (> 12)	CR (> 12)
V411L	53 yF	EC	150	Positive	Pembro (> 14)	PR (> 14)
P286R	57 yF	EC	117	Weakly positive	Nivo (> 7)	PR (> 7)

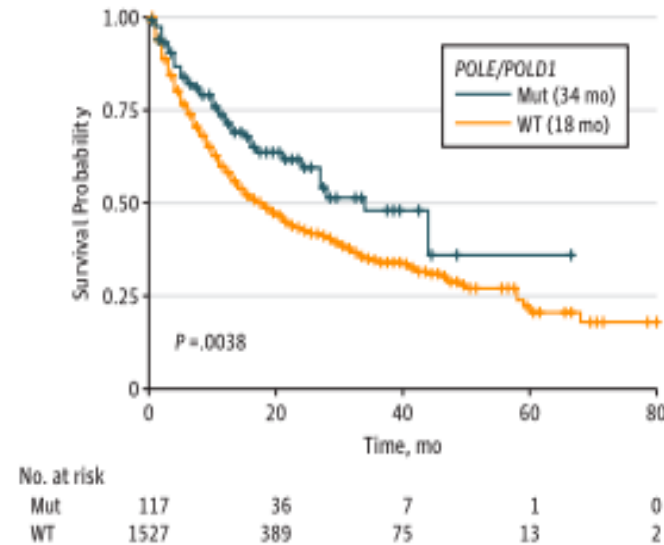
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DNA polymerase ϵ mutations are associated with elevated TMB respond to ICI

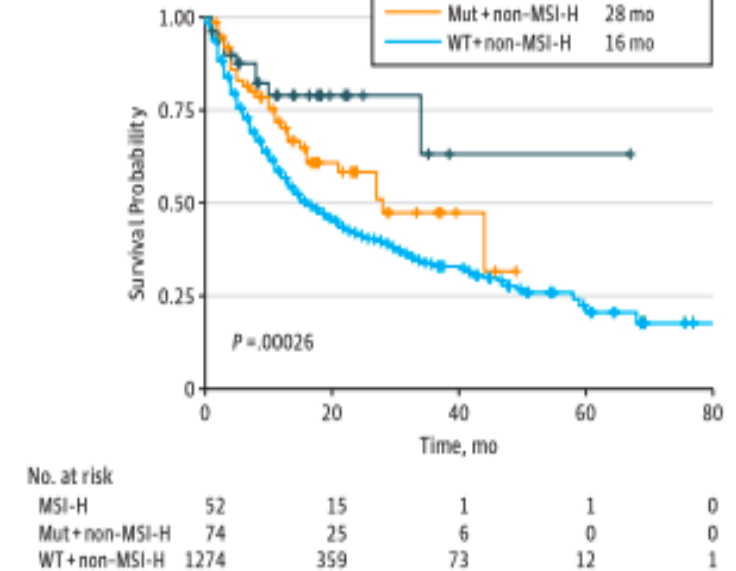
Figure 1. Prevalence of *POLE/POLD1* Mutations in 47 721 Patients With Different Cancer Types



A Patients with *POLE/POLD1* mutations



B Patients without mutations



- Study investigated the association between *POLE/POLD1* mutations and overall survival (OS) in the ICI treatment cohort.
- As shown in Figure, patients with either *POLE* or *POLD1* mutations showed a significantly longer OS of 34 months vs 18 months in the wild-type population.
- 74/100 patients with *POLE/POLD1* mutations were microsatellite stable (MSS).

Ref: Wang et al. *POLE* mutations JAMA oncology 2019

Excellent Response With Alpelisib and Bicalutamide for Advanced Salivary Duct Carcinoma With PIK3CA Mutation and High Androgen Receptor Expression—A Case Report



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- Majority of SDC cases express AR (66.7%-96.4%) and/or HER2 (15%-44%), thus making HER2-directed therapy a viable treatment option
- Phase II study, 57 patients with HER2-positive SDC received trastuzumab and docetaxel: ORR of 70.2%
- AR-positive aSDC, androgen deprivation therapy has shown to have a better ORR and lower adverse events.
- First PIK3CA-mutated, AR-overexpressed aSDC case to have an excellent response to combination therapy with alpelisib and bicalutamide in the setting of HER2-directed therapy resistance

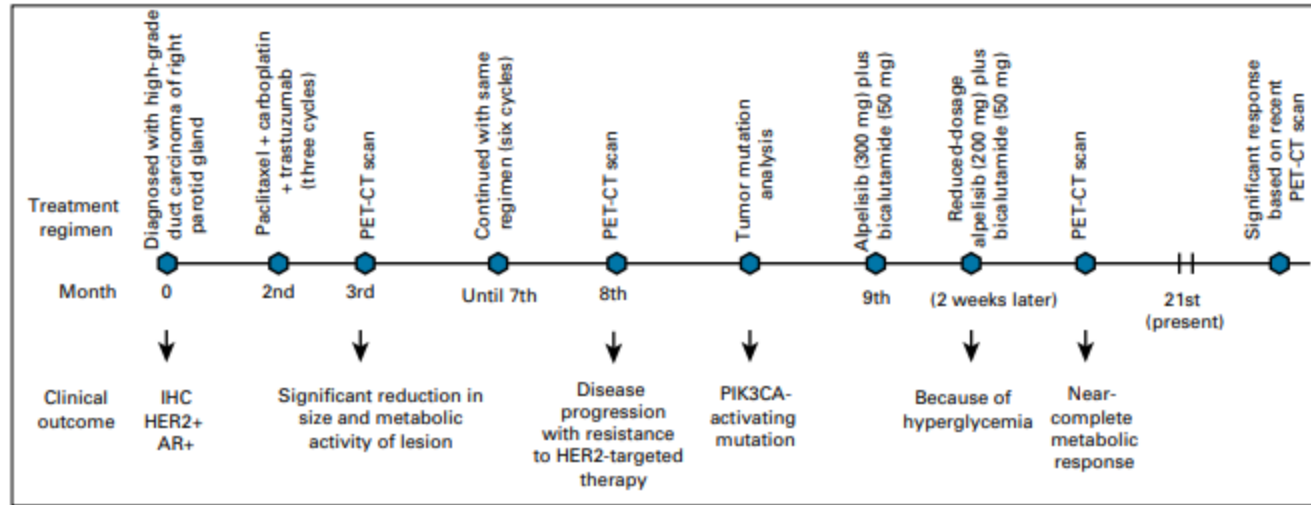


FIG 3. Depiction of treatment regimen and timeline of the patient with salivary duct carcinoma. AR, androgen receptor; HER2, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2; IHC, immunohistochemistry; PET-CT, positron emission tomography-computed tomography.

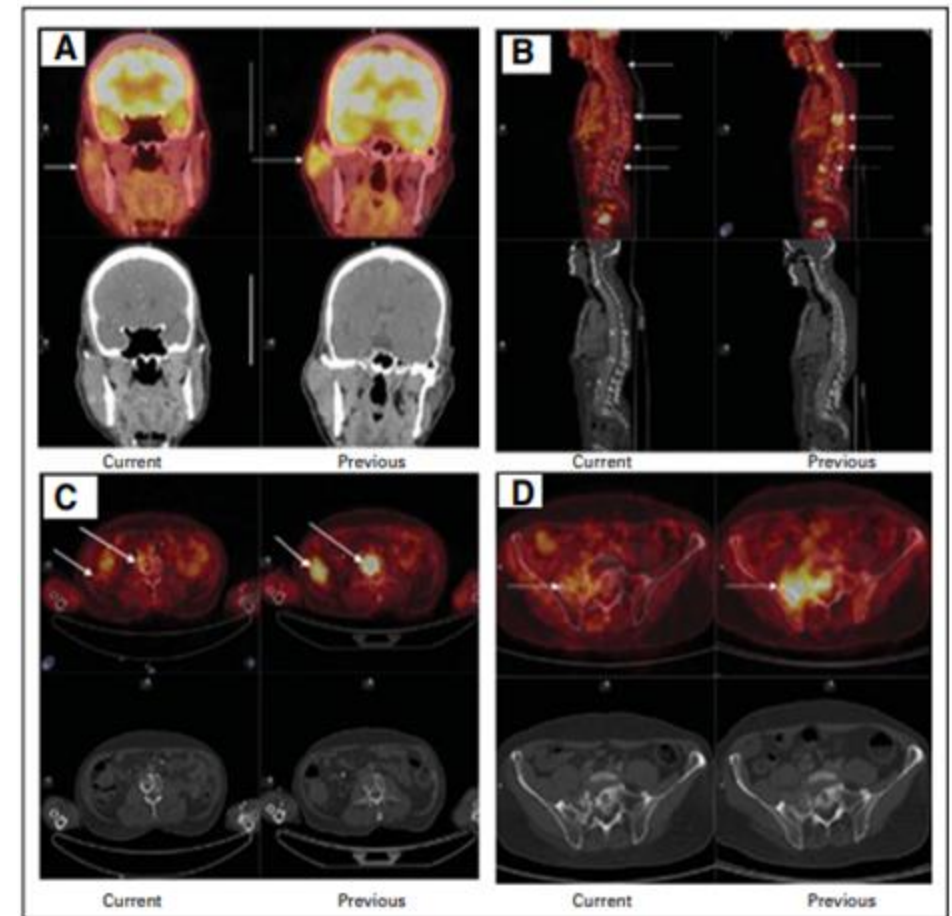
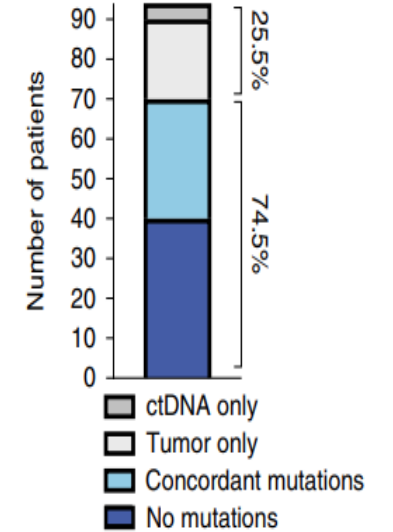
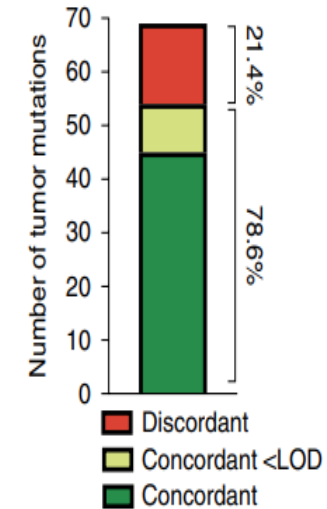
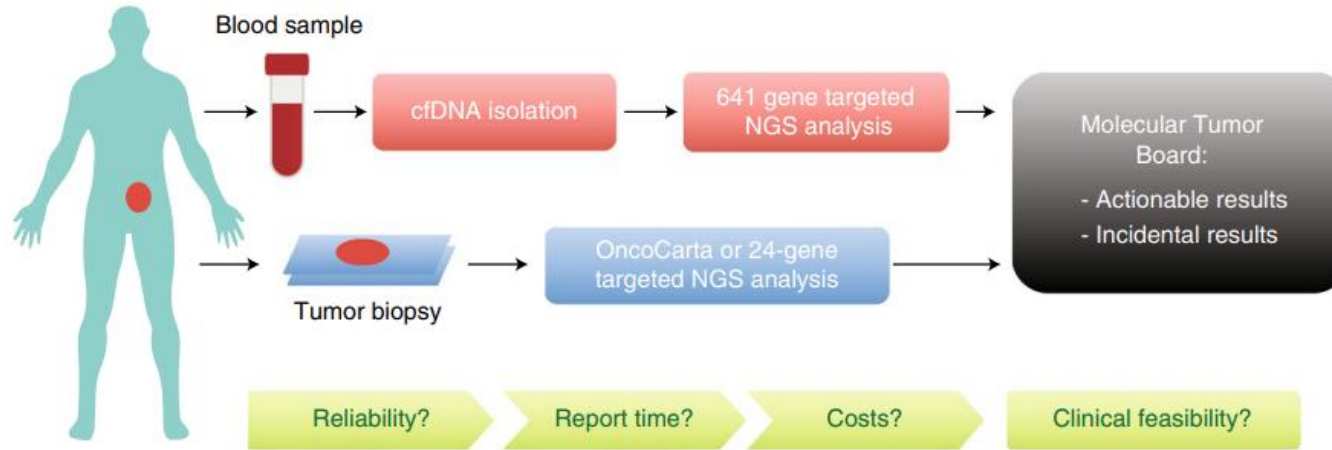


FIG 2. Current and previous positron emission tomography-computed tomography scans demonstrating response to treatment from *PIK3CA* and androgen receptor inhibitors. (A) Arrows show near-complete metabolic resolution of the primary lesion when compared with prior scans. (B) Arrows show complete metabolic resolution of the vertebral metastasis when compared with prior scans. (C) Arrows show complete metabolic resolution of the lung and vertebral metastasis when compared with prior scans. (D) Arrows show near-complete metabolic resolution of the primary lesion when compared with prior scans.

Analysis of circulating tumor DNA (ctDNA) when tissue insufficient



- 641 cancer-associated-gene panel in a single ctDNA assay.
- 100 TARGET study patients, ctDNA data showed good concordance with matched tumor
- Actionable mutations were identified in 41 of 100 patients

CA: A Cancer Journal for Clinicians

Carcinoma of unknown primary: Molecular tumor board-based therapy

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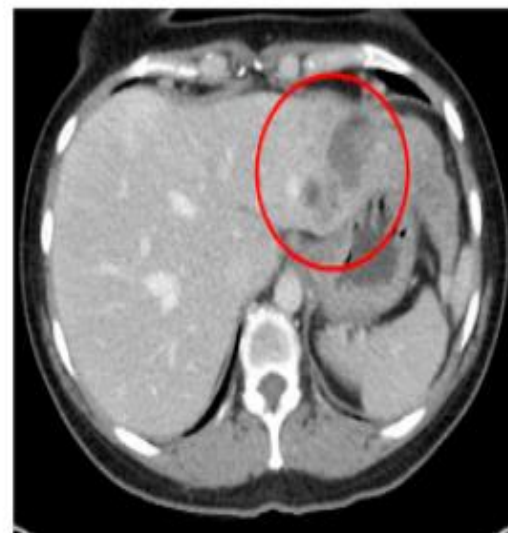
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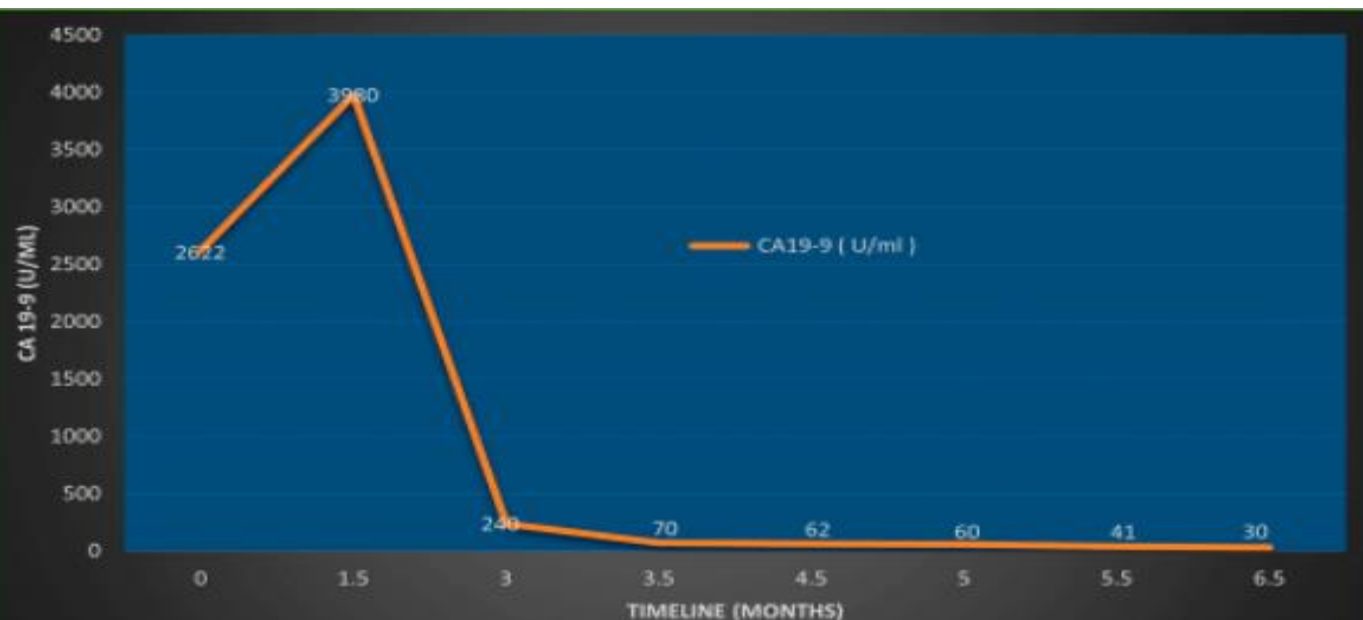
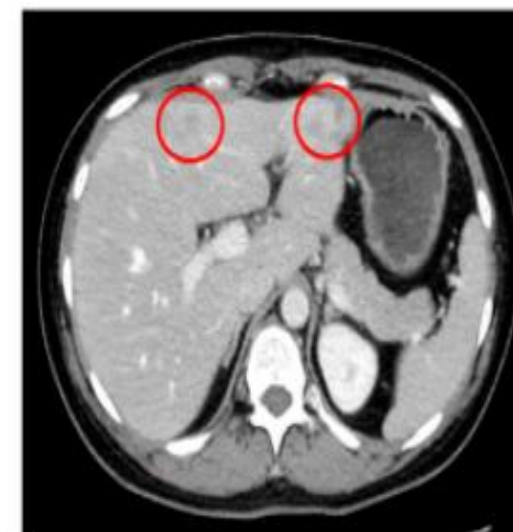
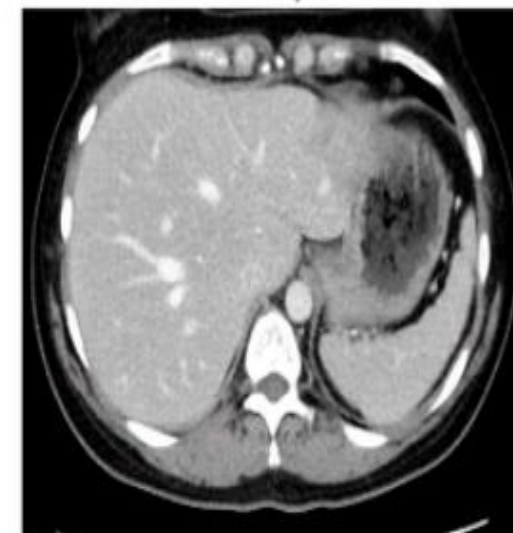
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Pre-treatment



5 months post-therapy
Pemigatinib for *FGFR2* amplification and fusion
Pembrolizumab for PDL1 positive



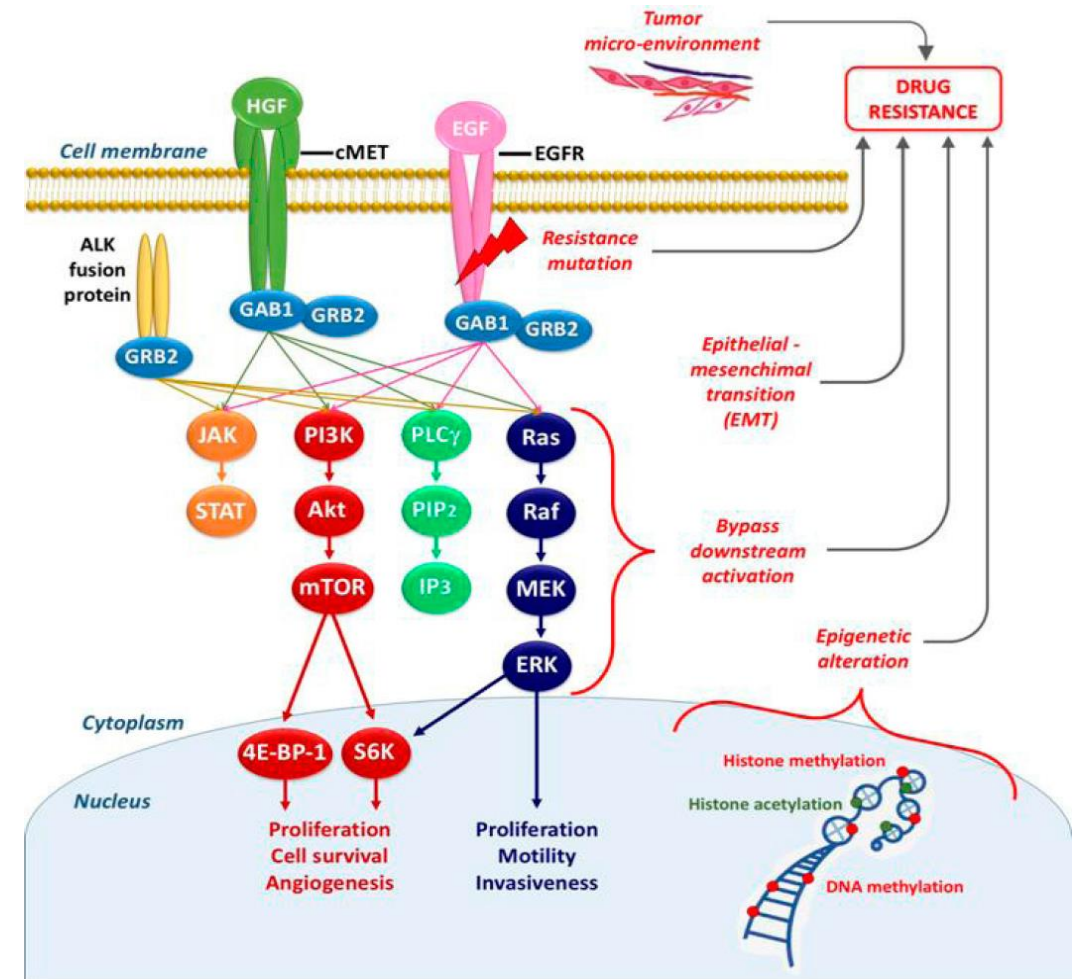
Tissue agnostic approval of targeted therapies

- First tissue-agnostic treatment approval was granted by the FDA to **pembrolizumab** in patients with high microsatellite instability (MSI-H) tumors in 2017.
- Followed by larotrectinib and entrectinib for the treatment of cancers harboring NTRK fusions in 2018 and 2019

FDA grants accelerated approval to dabrafenib in combination with trametinib for unresectable or metastatic solid tumors with BRAF V600E mutation

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WHY TARGET MULTIPLE PATHWAYS AT THE SAME TIME?



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Ref: Resistance to epidermal growth factor receptor inhibition in non-small cell lung cancer Steen et al Cancer Drug Resist 2018;1:230-4924:307-32

Real World Prospective Clinical Trial of Targeted Therapies

(I PREDICT)Investigation of Profile-Related Evidence Determining Individualized Cancer Therapy

Activation Date: February 13, 2015

Total Consented: N = 506

Total Treated: N = 267 (53%)

Treatment Decisions Guided by: CGP and
MTB discussion

Study Novelty

- Customized combinations
- Newly diagnosed patients with lethal malignancies

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Ref: I PREDICT Sicklick et al, Nature Medicine 2019

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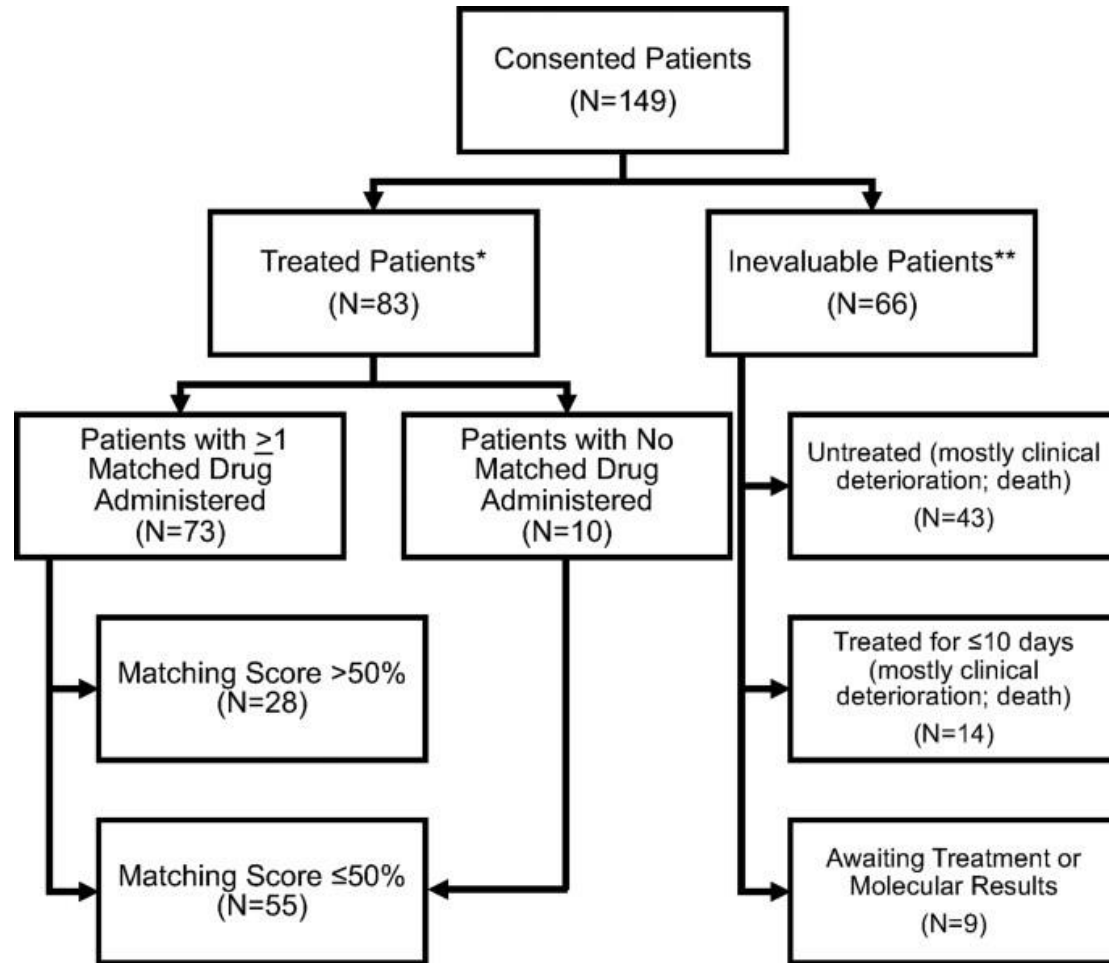
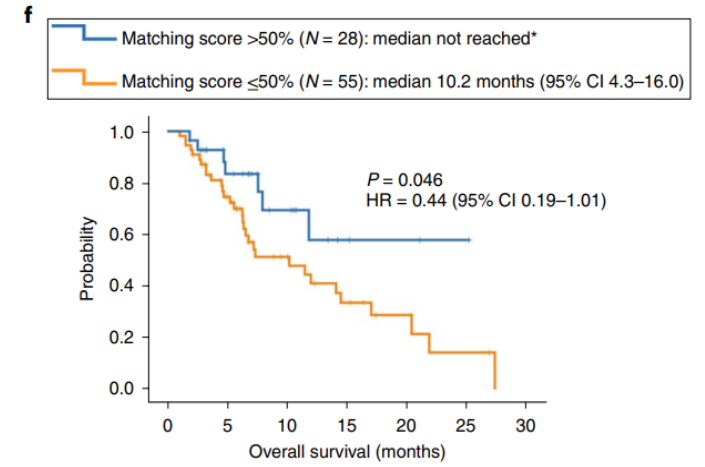
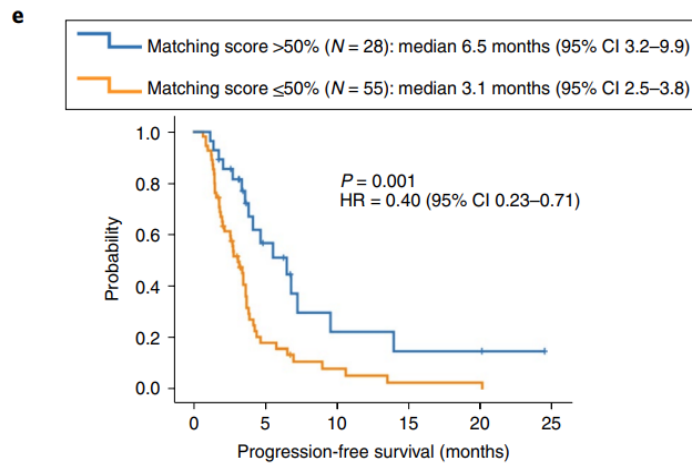
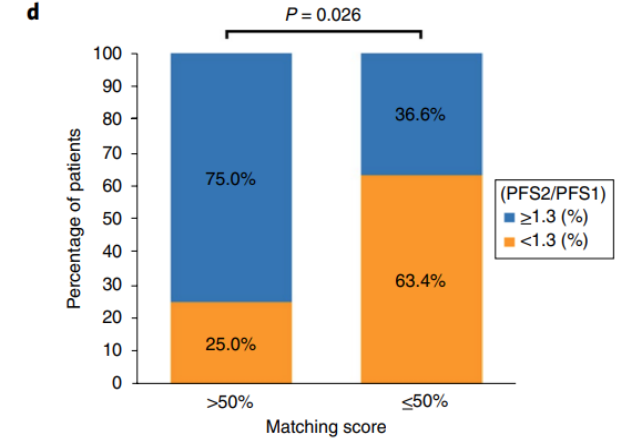
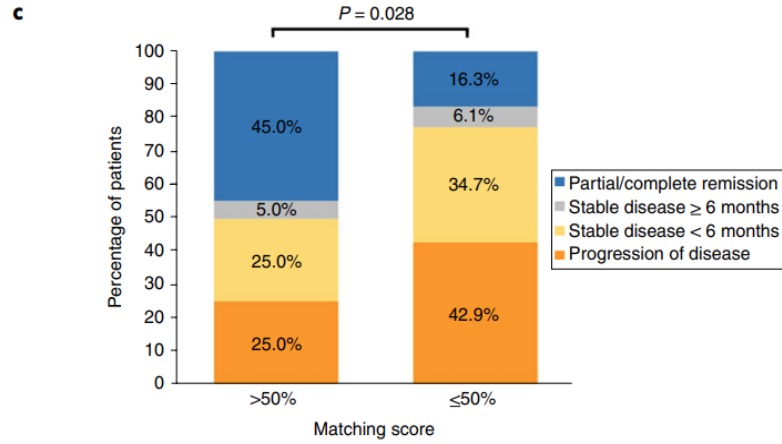
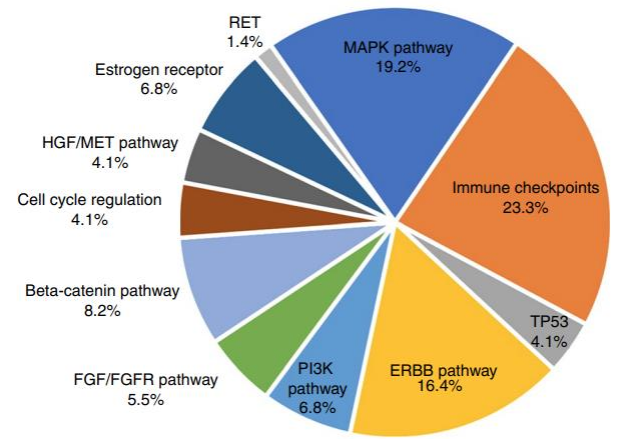
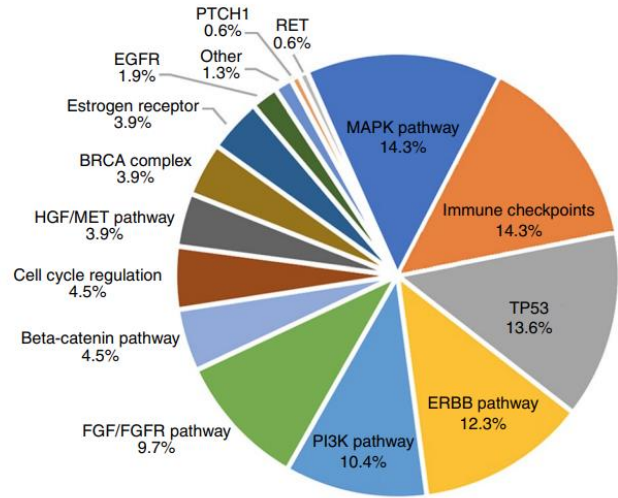


Table 1 | Patient demographics, molecular pathology, and treatment history

Consented patients (N)	149
Treated patients (N (% of consented patients))	83 (55.7)
Patients with ≥ 1 matched treatment (N (% of consented patients))	73 (49.0)
Patients with no matched treatments administered (N (% of consented patients))	10 (6.7)
Age^a (median, 95% CI, range)	62 (59–65, 21–86)
Sex^a (N (%))	
Women	55 (66.3)
Men	28 (33.7)
Ethnicity^a (N (%))	
White	67 (80.7)
Asian	4 (4.8)
African-American	1 (1.2)
Other or unknown	11 (13.3)
Tumor type^a (N (%))	
Gastrointestinal and hepatopancreatobiliary	35 (42.2)
Gynecologic	14 (16.9)
Breast	12 (14.5)
Central nervous system	6 (7.2)
Genitourinary	3 (3.6)
Head and neck	3 (3.6)
Lung	3 (3.6)
Other ^b	7 (8.4)
Number of total genomic alterations¹ (median, range; VUS-excluded)	5 (1–19)
Number of administered drugs¹ (median, range)	2 (1–5)
Median number of prior therapies in the metastatic setting¹ (median, IQR)	2 (1–3)

Matching score, defined as the number of alterations targeted with an administered drug divided by the total number of actionable alterations detected in the patient's tumor

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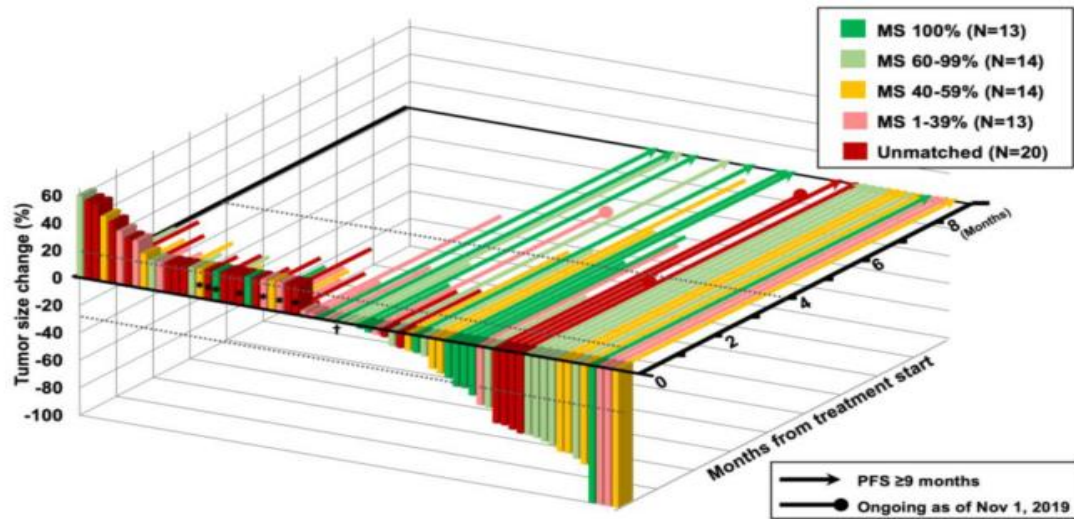


A higher matching score translated into significantly better response rate, progression-free survival and overall survival

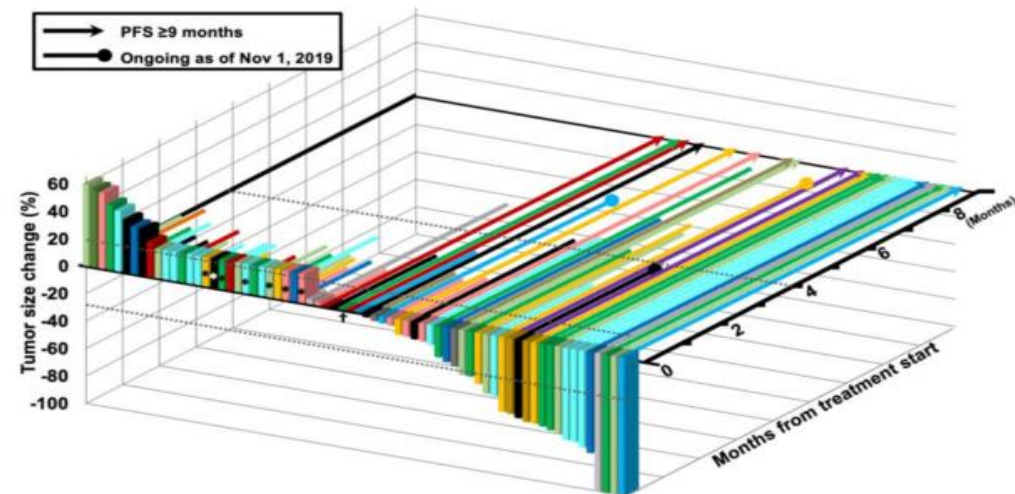
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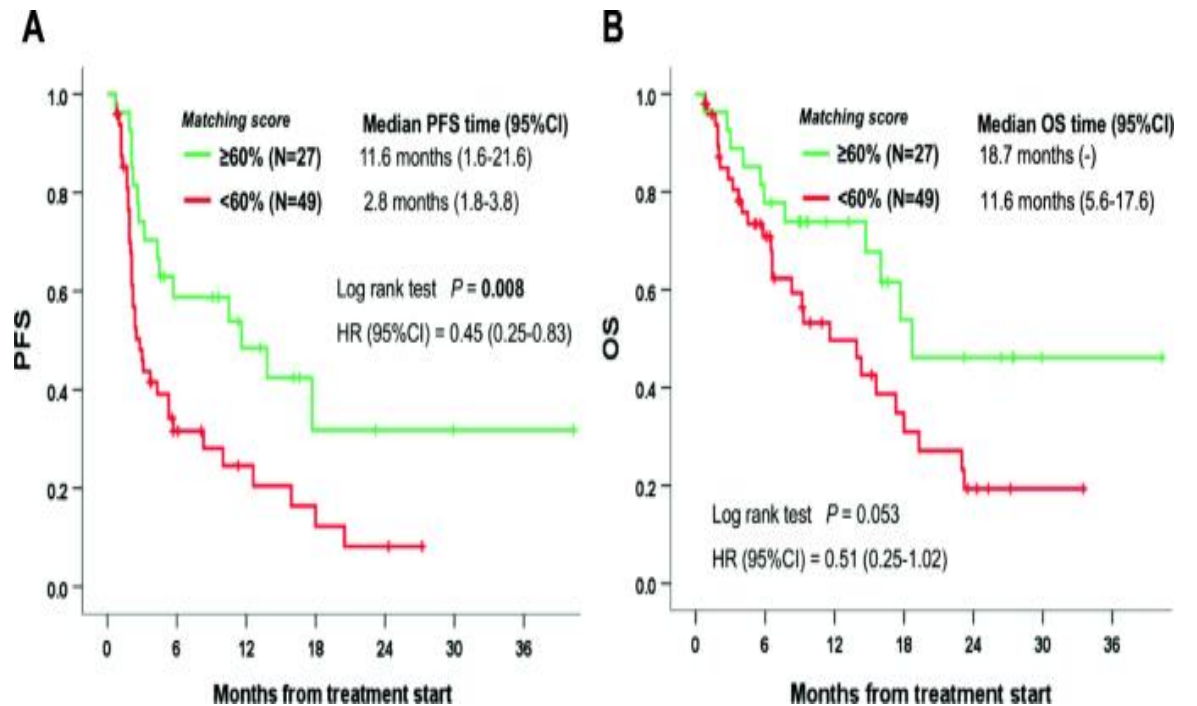
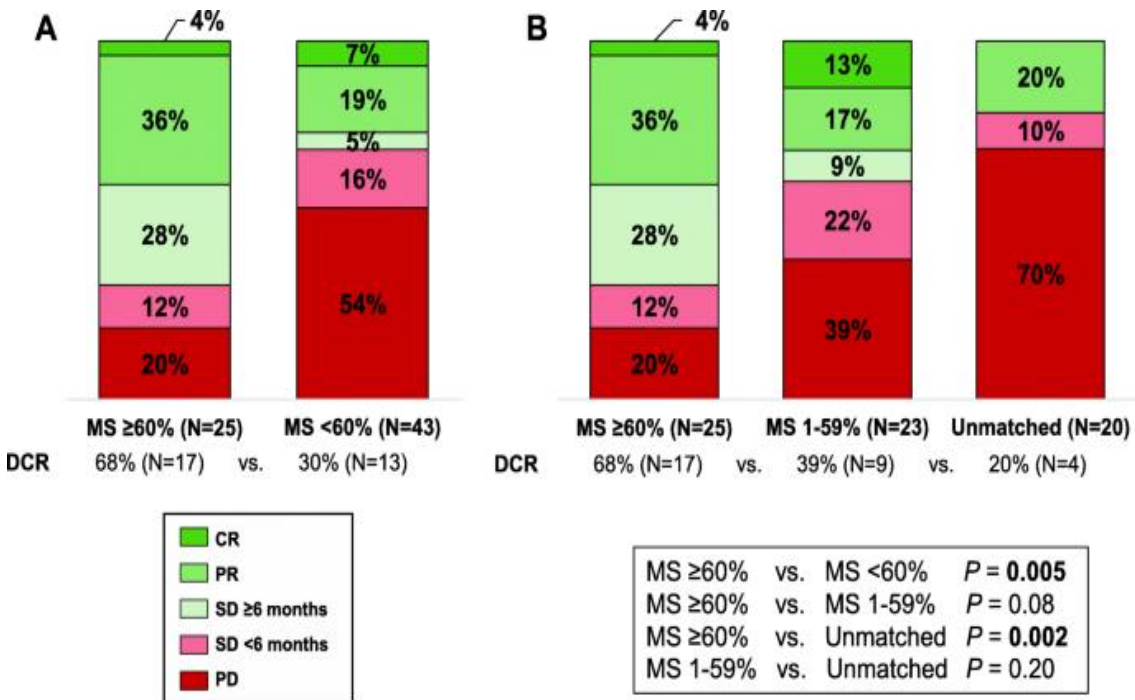
- 76 of 145 patients (52%) were treated
- Most commonly for non-colorectal gastrointestinal cancers, carcinomas of unknown primary, and hepatobiliary malignancies
- 53% women; median age, 63 years.
- median number of deleterious genomic alterations per patient was 5.
- 44 treated patients received ≥ 1 molecularly matched therapy.

Matching score, defined as the number of alterations targeted with an administered drug divided by the total number of actionable alterations detected in the patient's tumor

Ref: I PREDICT Sicklick et al, Genome Medicine 2019

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Whole-genome and transcriptome analysis enhances precision cancer treatment options

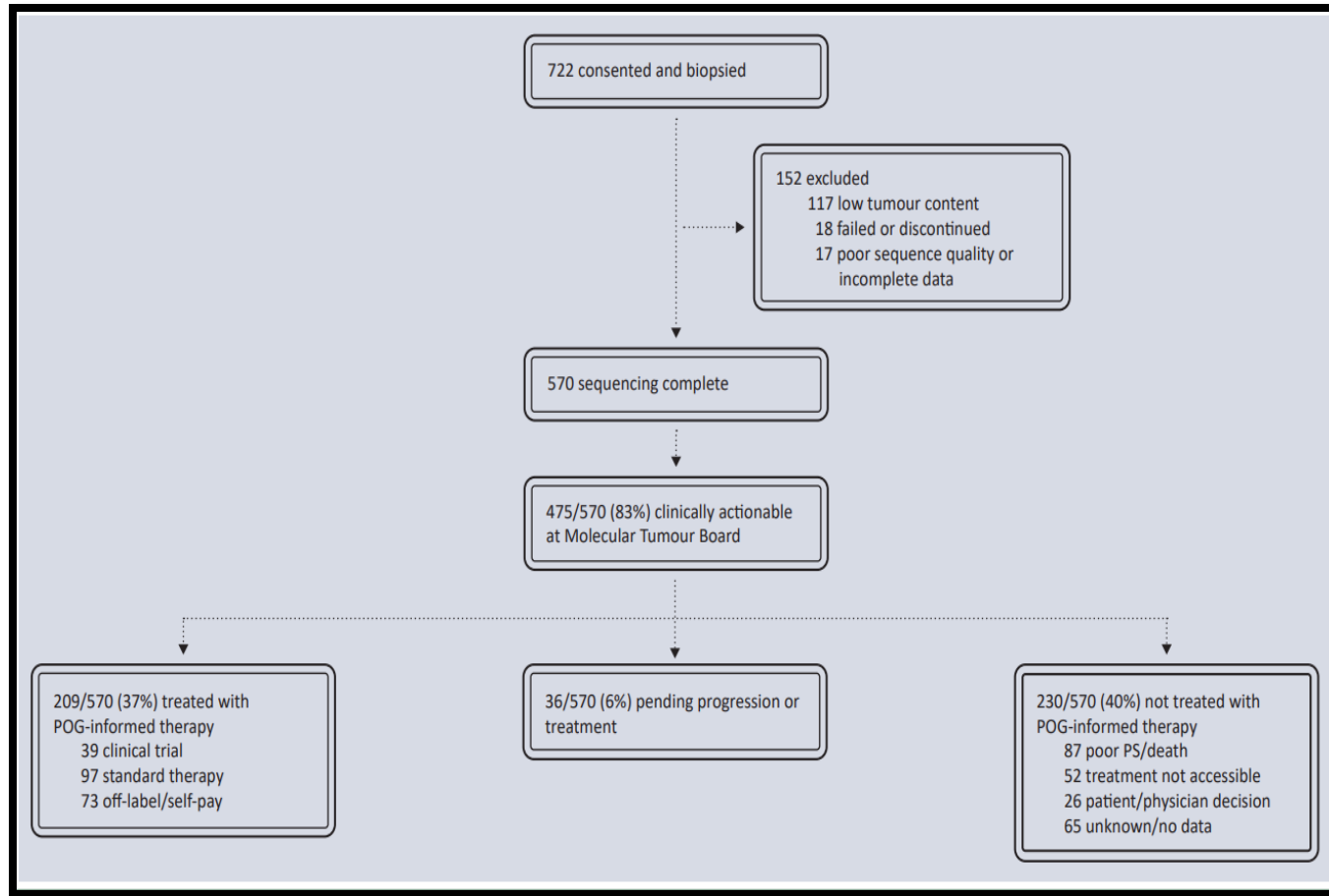


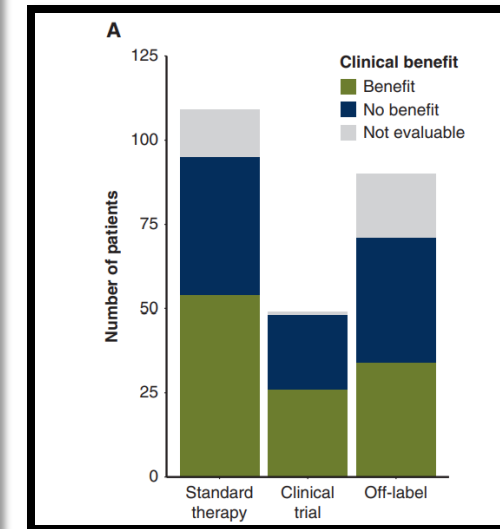
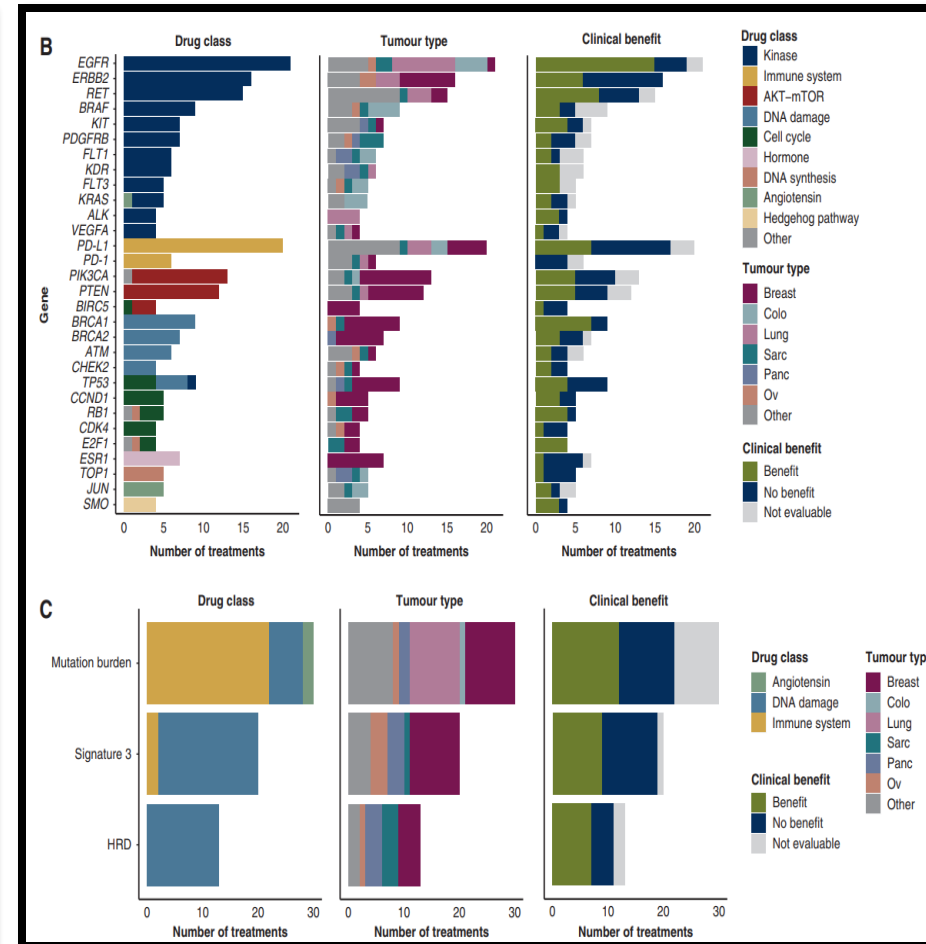
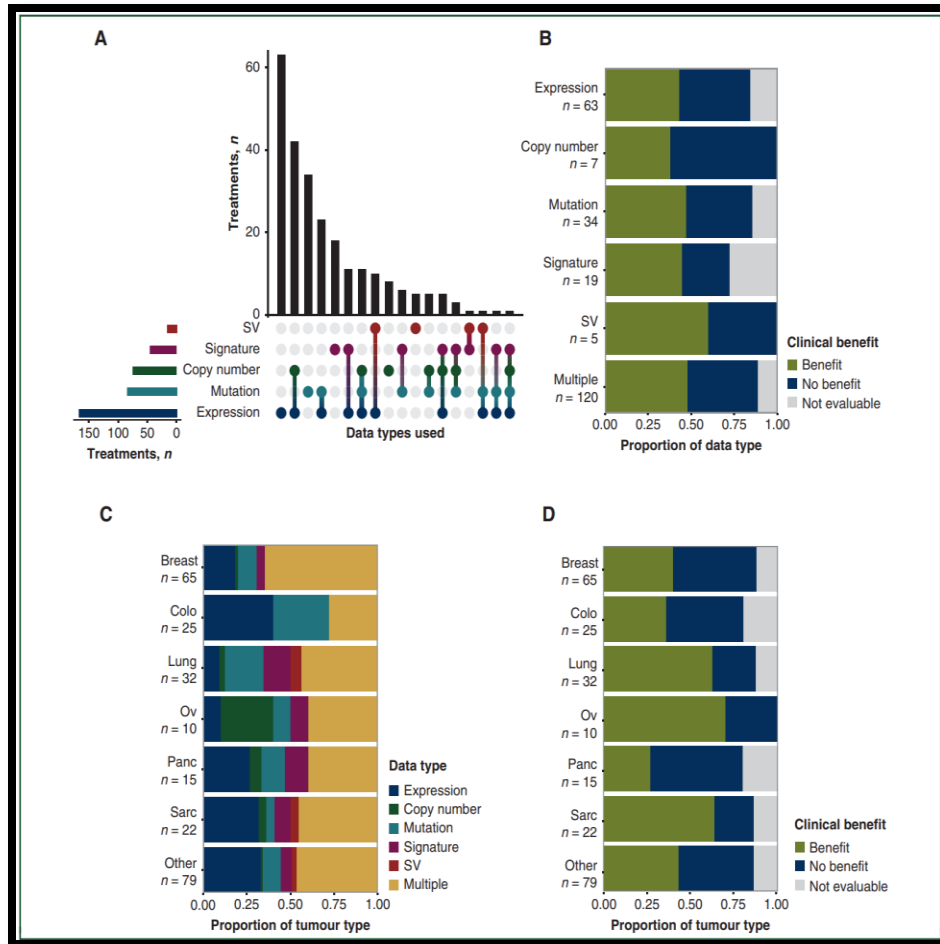
Table 1. Patient demographics

Characteristic	Cases (n = 570)
Median age at advanced disease diagnosis	57 (19-86)
Sex—no. (%)	
Female	359 (63)
Male	211 (37)
Tumour type- no. (%)	
Breast	144 (25)
Colorectal	87 (15)
Lung	67 (12)
Sarcoma	47 (8)
Pancreatic	42 (7)
Ovarian	28 (5)
Upper gastrointestinal (esophageal, stomach)	21 (4)
Melanoma (cutaneous, uveal)	19 (3)
Nervous system (central, peripheral)	17 (3)
Cholangiocarcinoma	14 (2)
Lymphoma	11 (2)
Uterine corpus endometrial carcinoma	11 (2)
Other (incl. adrenocortical, basal cell, bladder, cervical, hepatocellular, head and neck, prostate, secretory, thyroid, thymic, and other)	62 (11)
Lines of prior therapy—no. (%)	
0	104 (18)
1-3	368 (65)
≥4	98 (17)

- Clinically actionable targets identified for 83% of patients, of which 37% of patients received WGTA-informed treatments.
- Of a total 248 WGTA-informed treatments, 46% resulted in clinical benefit.

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Whole-genome and transcriptome analysis enhances precision cancer treatment options



- Patients accessed WGA-informed treatments through clinical trials (19%), off-label use (35%) and as standard therapies (46%) including those which would not otherwise have been the next choice of therapy.

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