

# Το μεταβαλλόμενο πεδίο Κλινικής Έρευνας & Ανάπτυξη προηγμένων θεραπειών στην Ογκολογία

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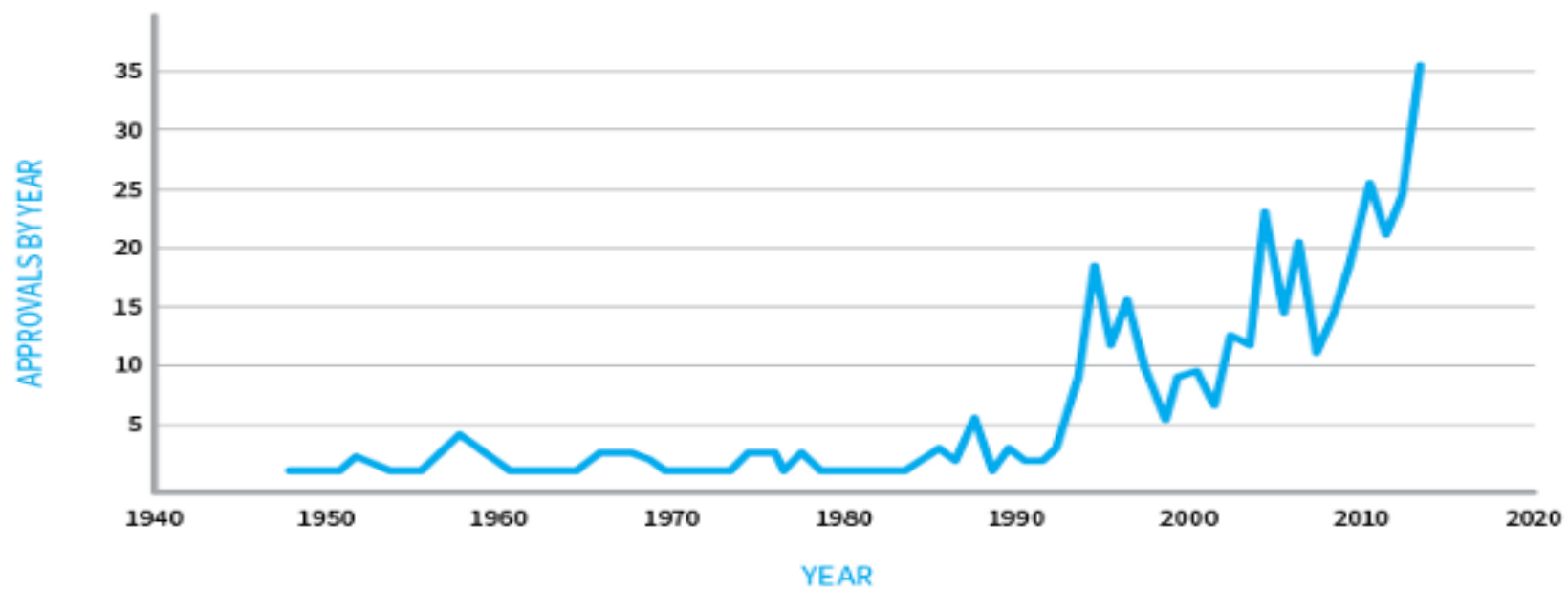


# Historical milestones

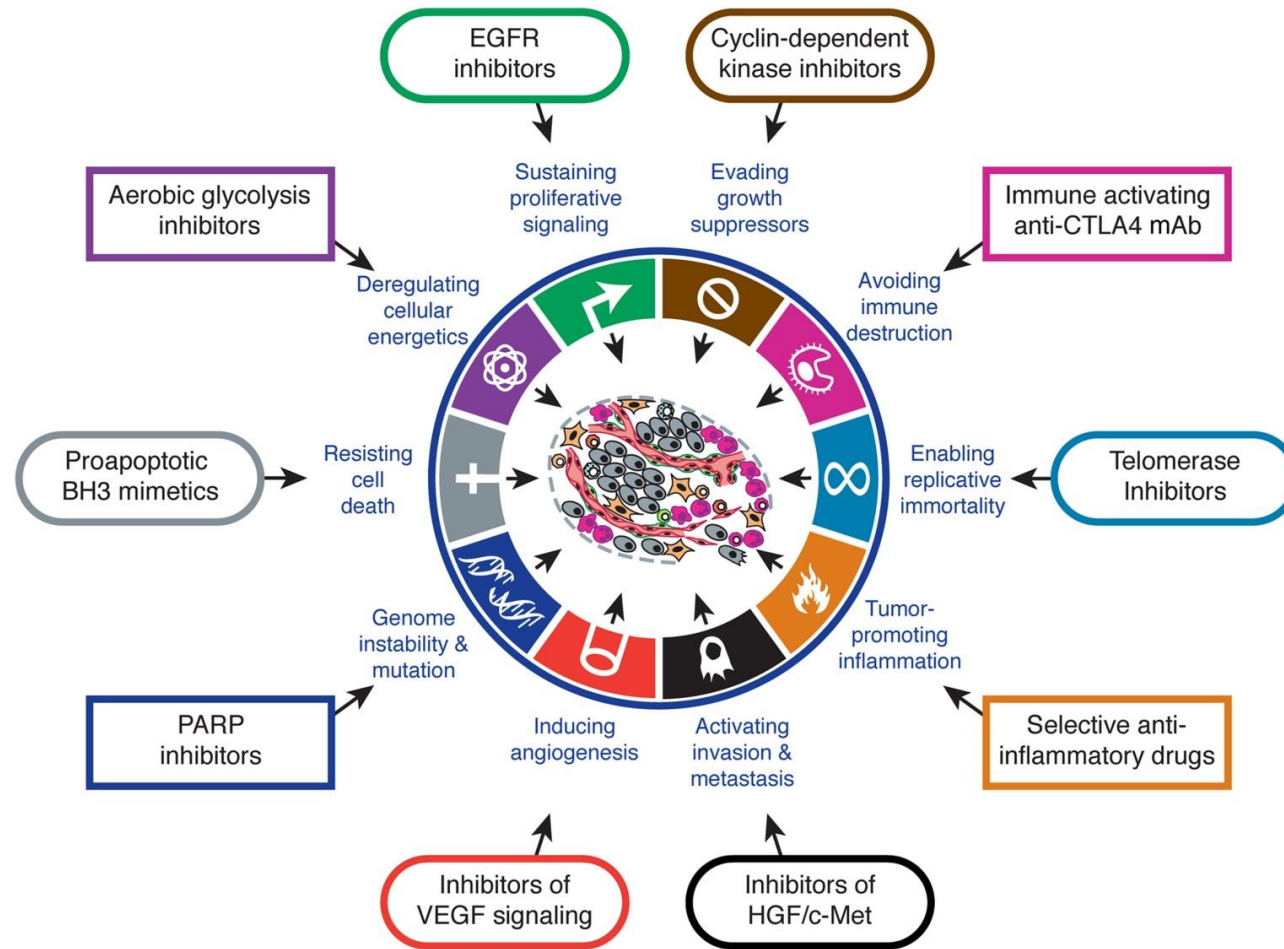
- 1971 National Cancer Act  
*War on Cancer* by President Richard Nixon
- 1970's
  - ER needed for response to tamoxifen
- 1990's
  - Retinoic acid – *PML\_RAR*
  - Rituximab – (CD20) B-NHL
  - Trastuzumab – *Her2neu* Amplified Breast Cancer
- 2001
  - Imatinib – BCR-abl CML (c-kit – GIST)



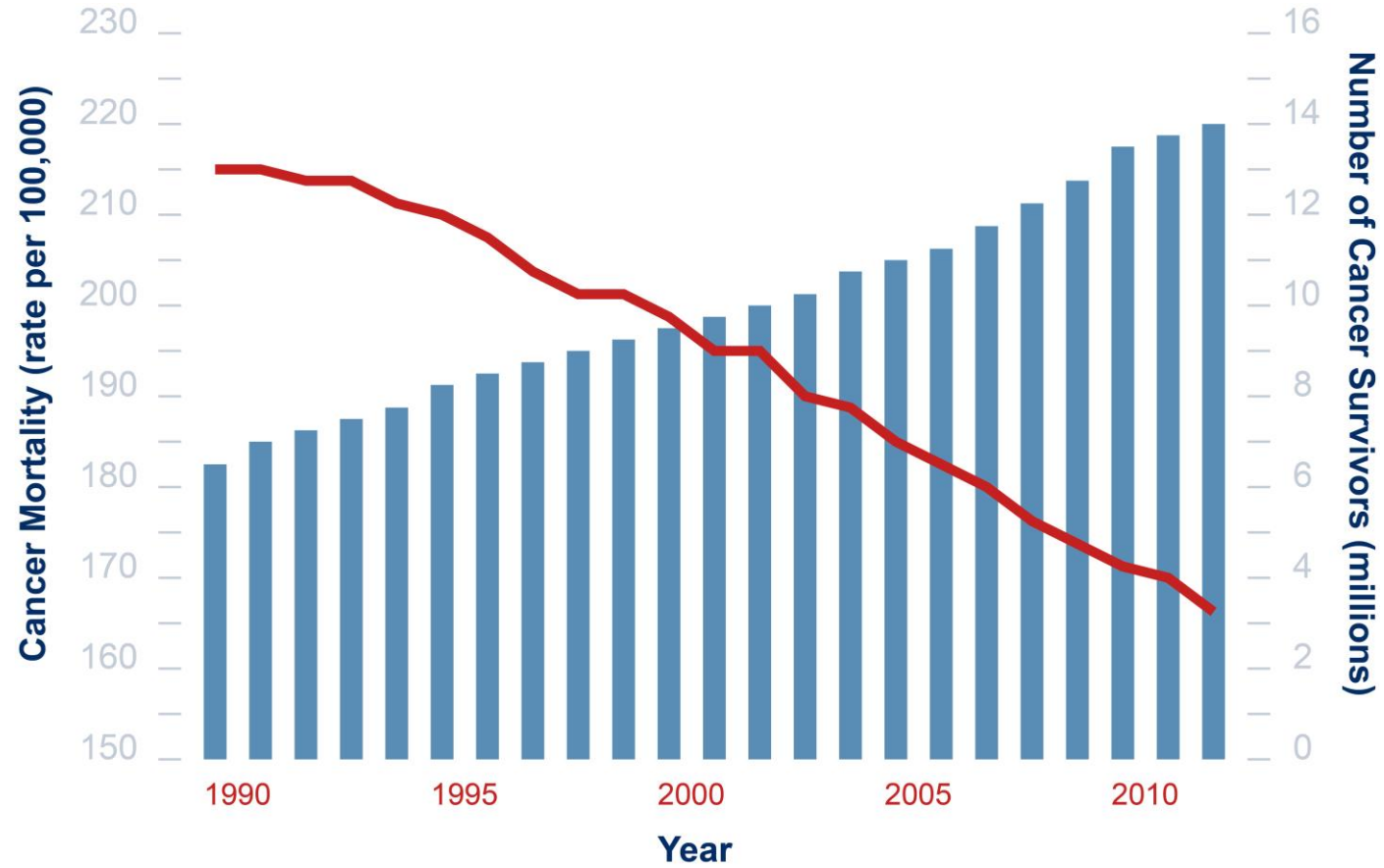
## FDA Cancer Drug Approvals by Year



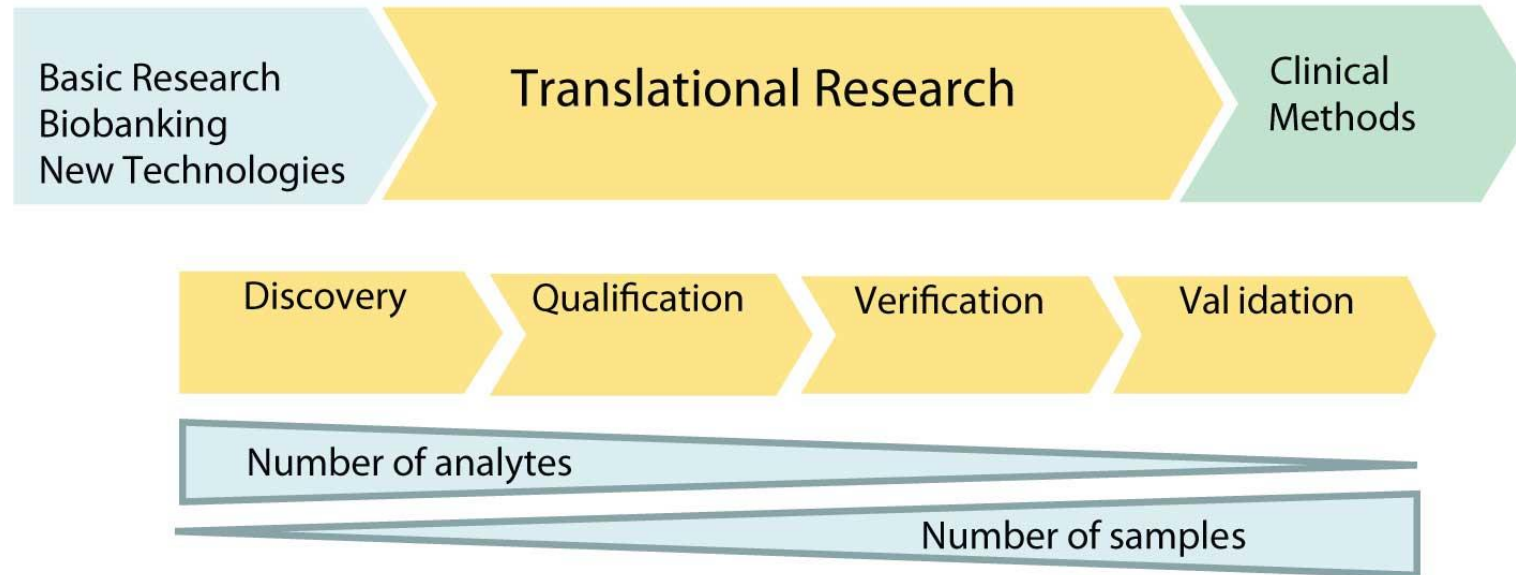
# Hallmarks of Cancer



# Decreased mortality, Improved survival of cancer patients

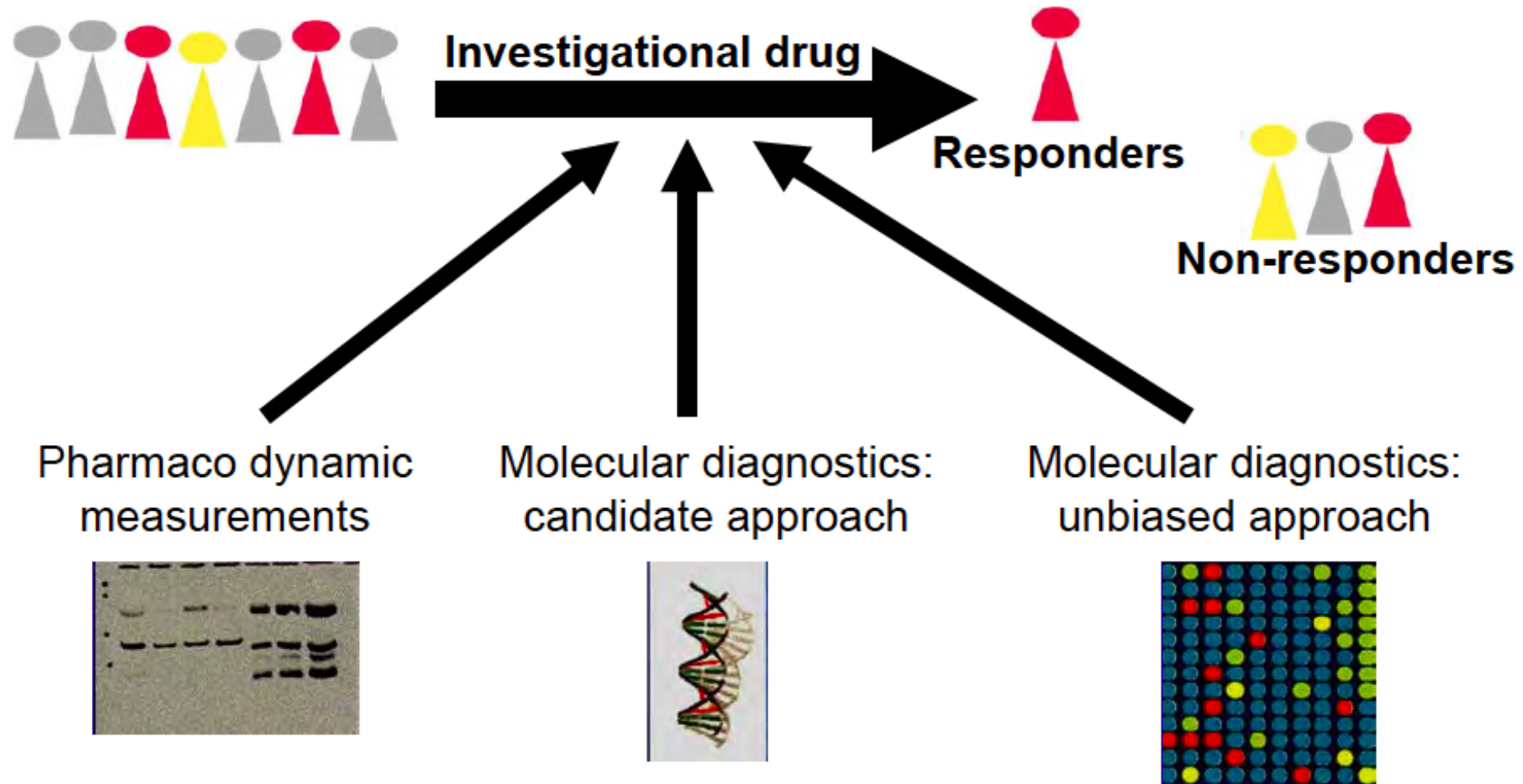


# Roadmap to progress



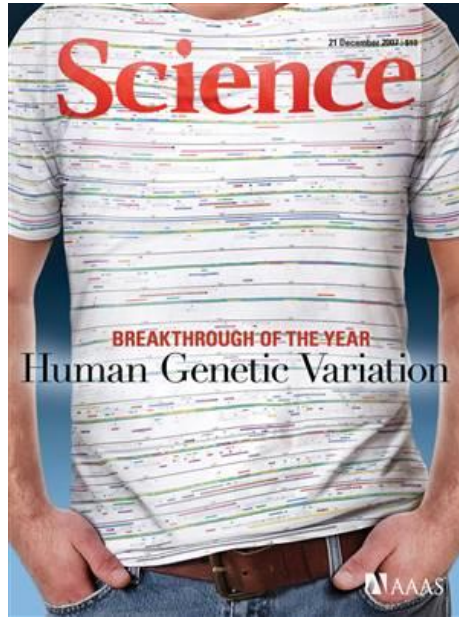
# Toward Precision Medicine

*Put more science into clinical trials*

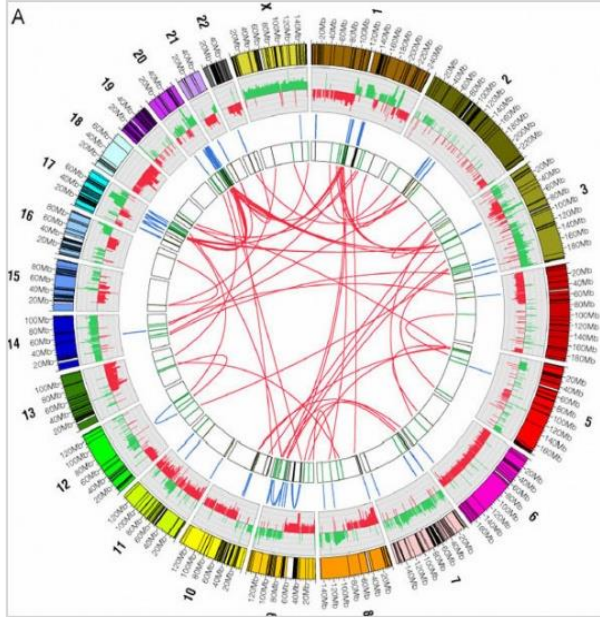




# Precision Medicine



Germline  
Variation



Somatic  
Mutation



Personalized  
Care

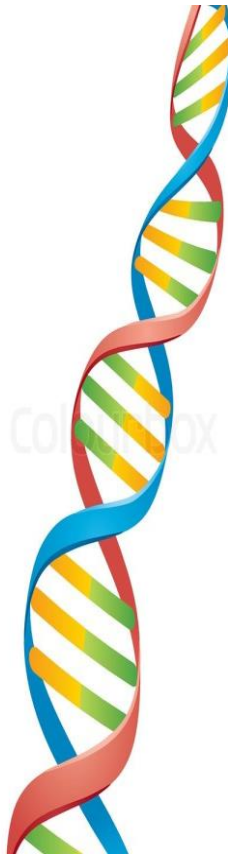




**“It’s far more important to know what person the disease has than what disease the person has”**



**Hippocrates (ca. 400 BC)**



# Precision & Personalized Medicine - Definitions

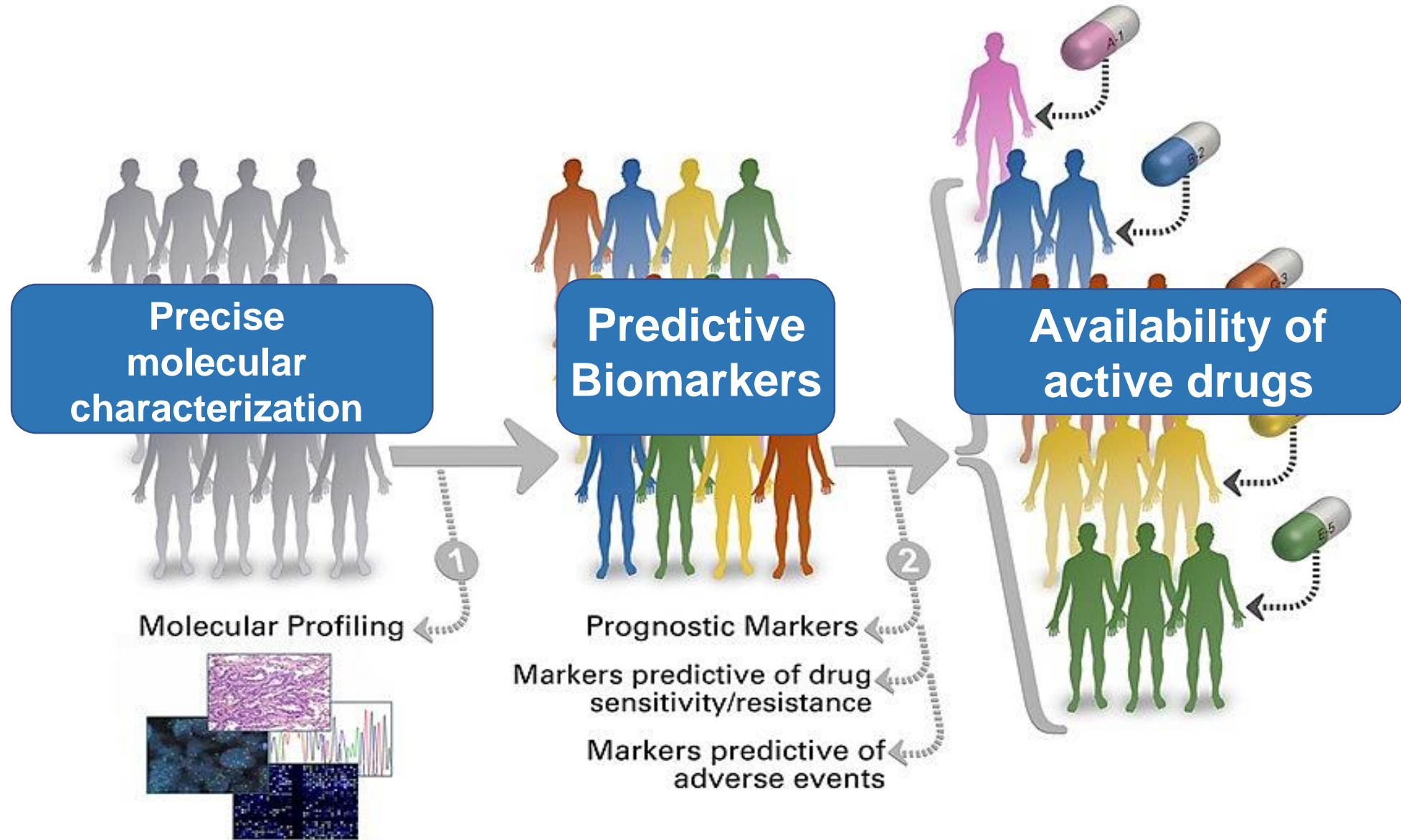
## Precision Medicine

- The **tailoring** of therapeutic interventions to the **individual molecular features of patients and/or their disease**

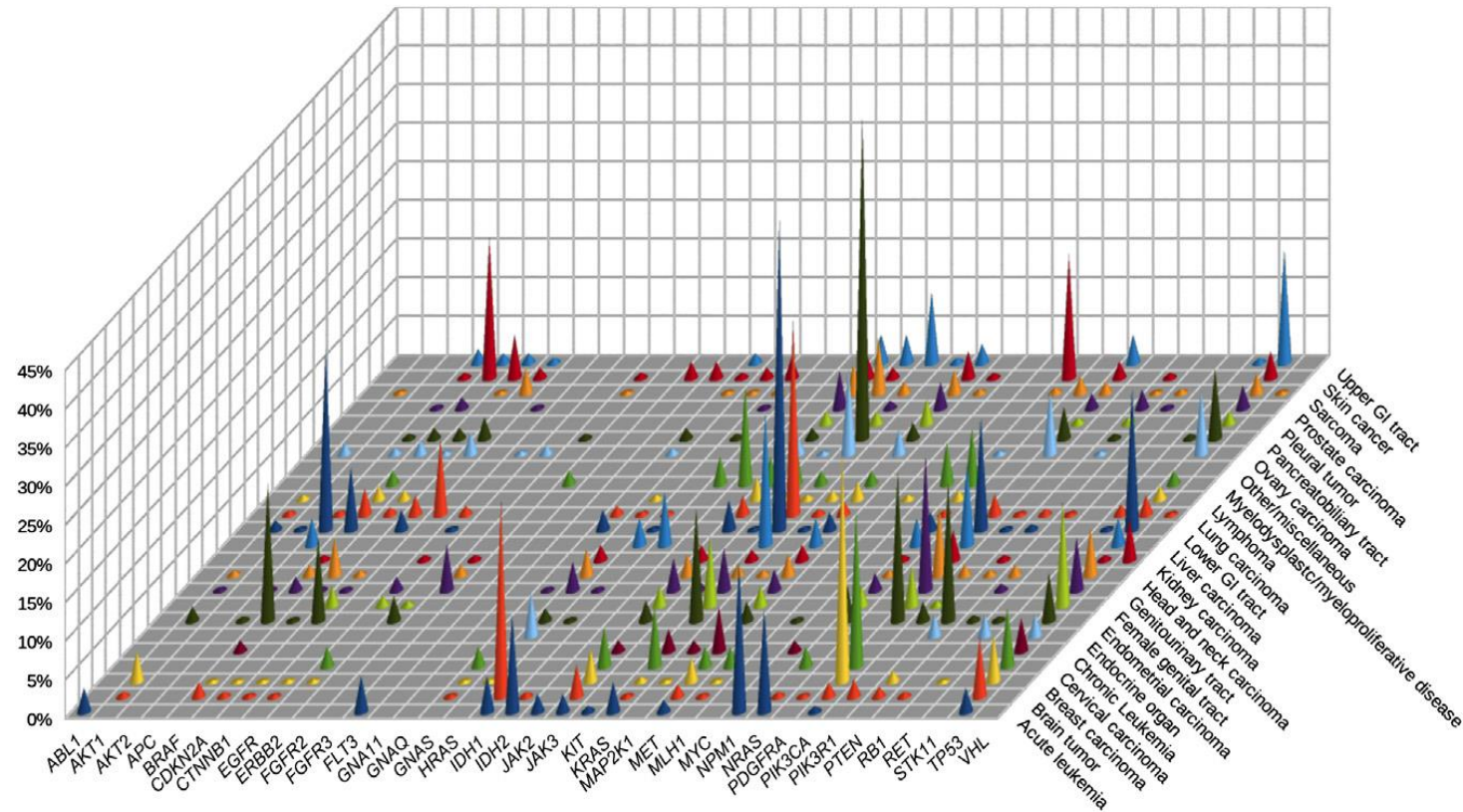
## Personalized Medicine

- The **tailoring** of medical treatment to the **individual characteristics of each patient**
- Preventative or therapeutic interventions can then be concentrated on those who will benefit, sparing expense and side-effects for those who will not

# Basic elements of Precision Medicine

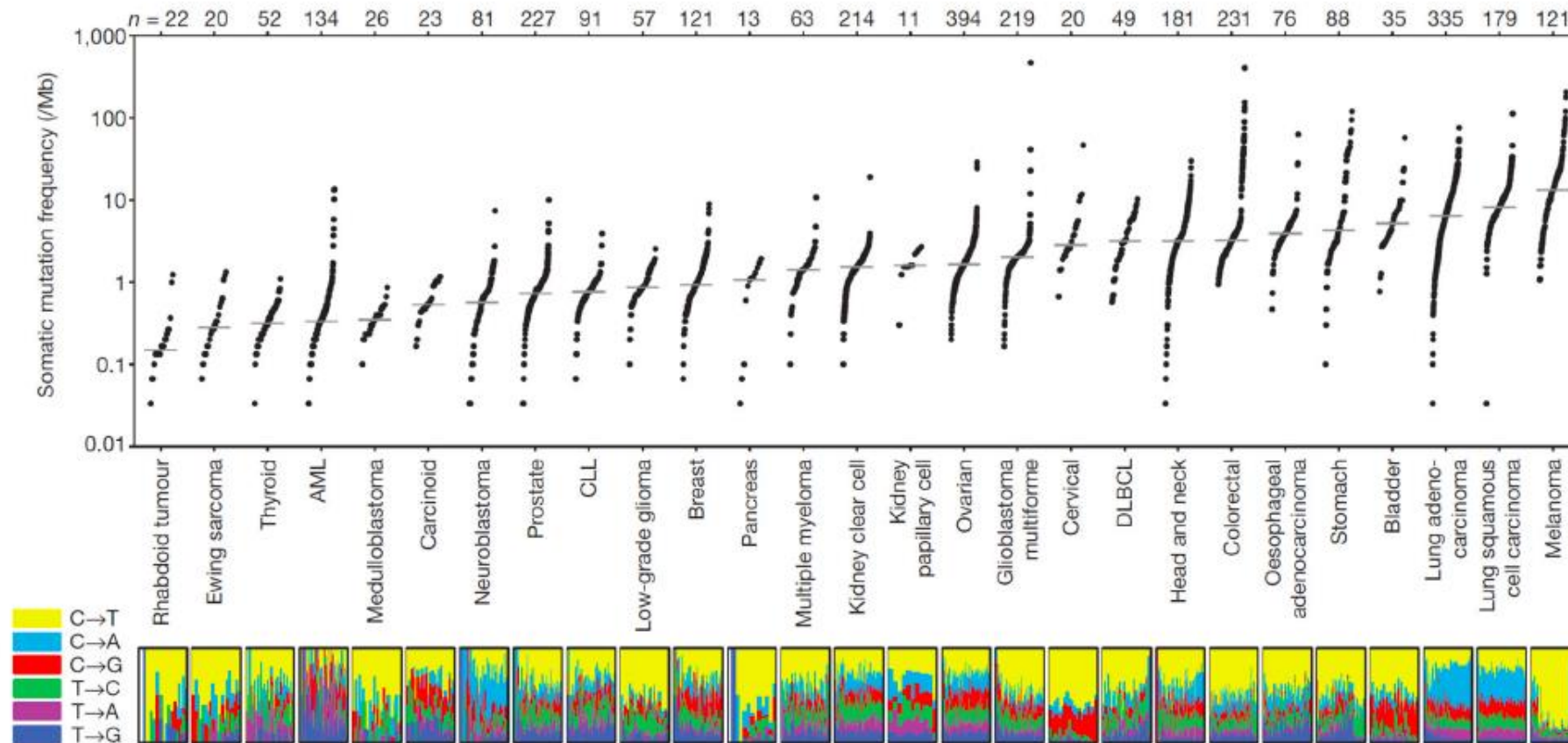


# Genomic Landscape of 5,000 Human Cancers



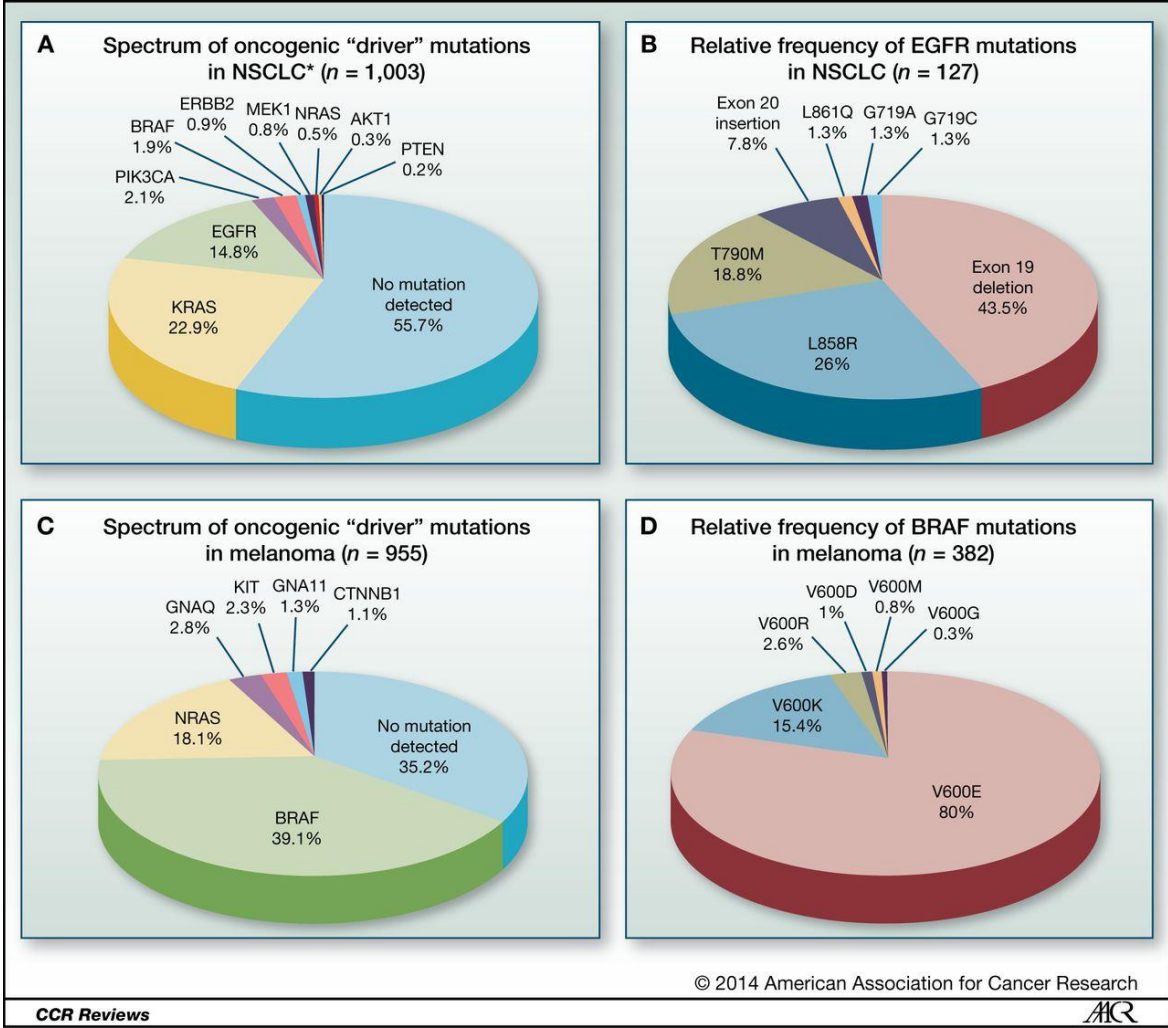


# Mutation load varies among different cancer types



Adapted from Roychowdhury, *Science Translational Medicine* 2011,

# Common cancers are collections of rare cancers





# NSCLC – Targeted therapy for advanced or metastatic disease

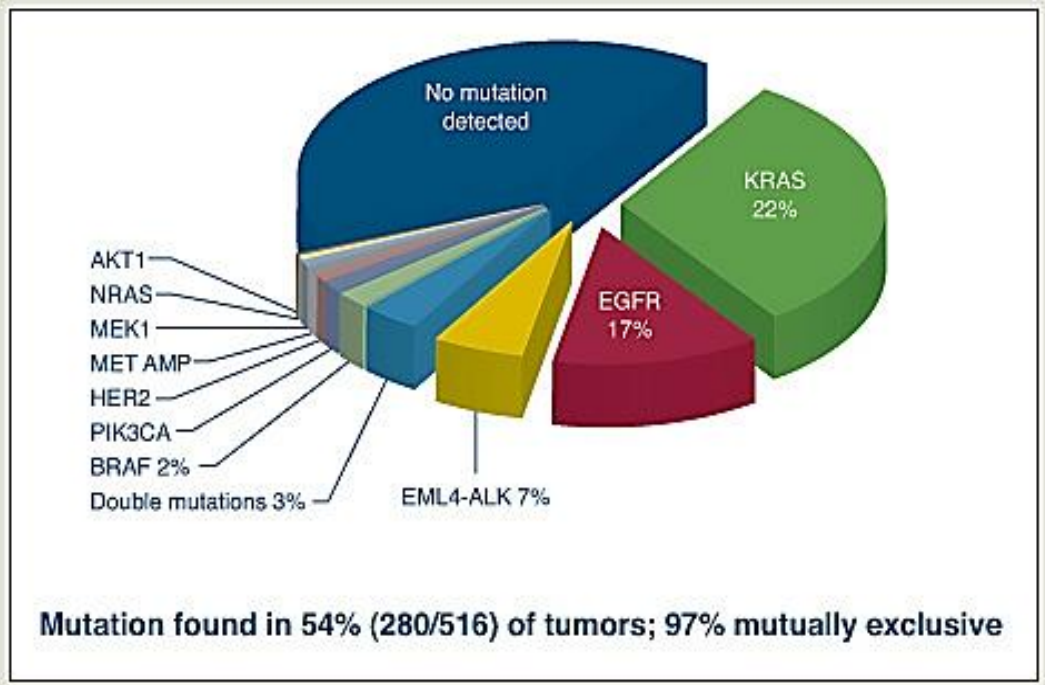
Genetic alteration	Approved targeted therapies
<b><i>EGFR</i></b>	Afatinib Erlotinib Gefitinib Osimertinib
<b><i>ALK</i></b>	Alectinib Brigatinib Ceritinib Crizotinib
<b><i>ROS1</i></b>	Crizotinib
<b><i>BRAF</i></b>	Dabrafenib/Trametinib

Emerging targets	Available active targeted agents
<b>High level <i>MET</i> amplification or <i>MET</i> exon 14 skipping mutation</b>	Crizotinib
<b><i>RET</i> rearrangements</b>	Cabozantinib Vandetanib
<b><i>HER2</i> mutations</b>	Ado-trastuzumab emtansine

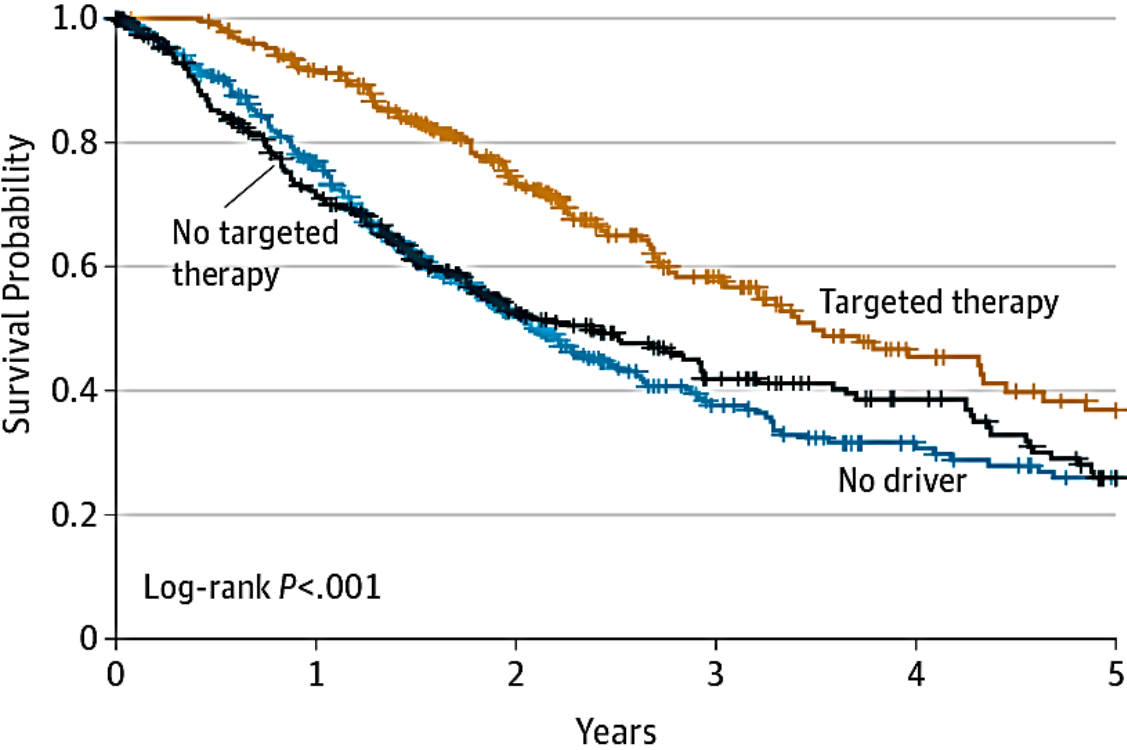
# Approved targeted therapies for other solid tumors

Genetic alteration	Approved targeted therapies
<b>Breast Cancer</b> <i>ERBB2/HER2</i>  <i>BRCA</i>	Trastuzumab Ado-trastuzumab emtansine Trastuzumab/pertuzumab Lapatinib Olaparib
<b>Melanoma</b> BRAF V600	Dabrafenib/Trametinib Vemurafenib/Trametinib
<b>Colorectal Cancer</b> <i>KRAS/BRAF/NRAS WT</i>	Cetuximab Panitumumab
<b>Ovarian Cancer</b> <i>BRCA</i>	Olaparib Rucaparib

# NSCLC patients with drivers receiving a matched therapy live longer

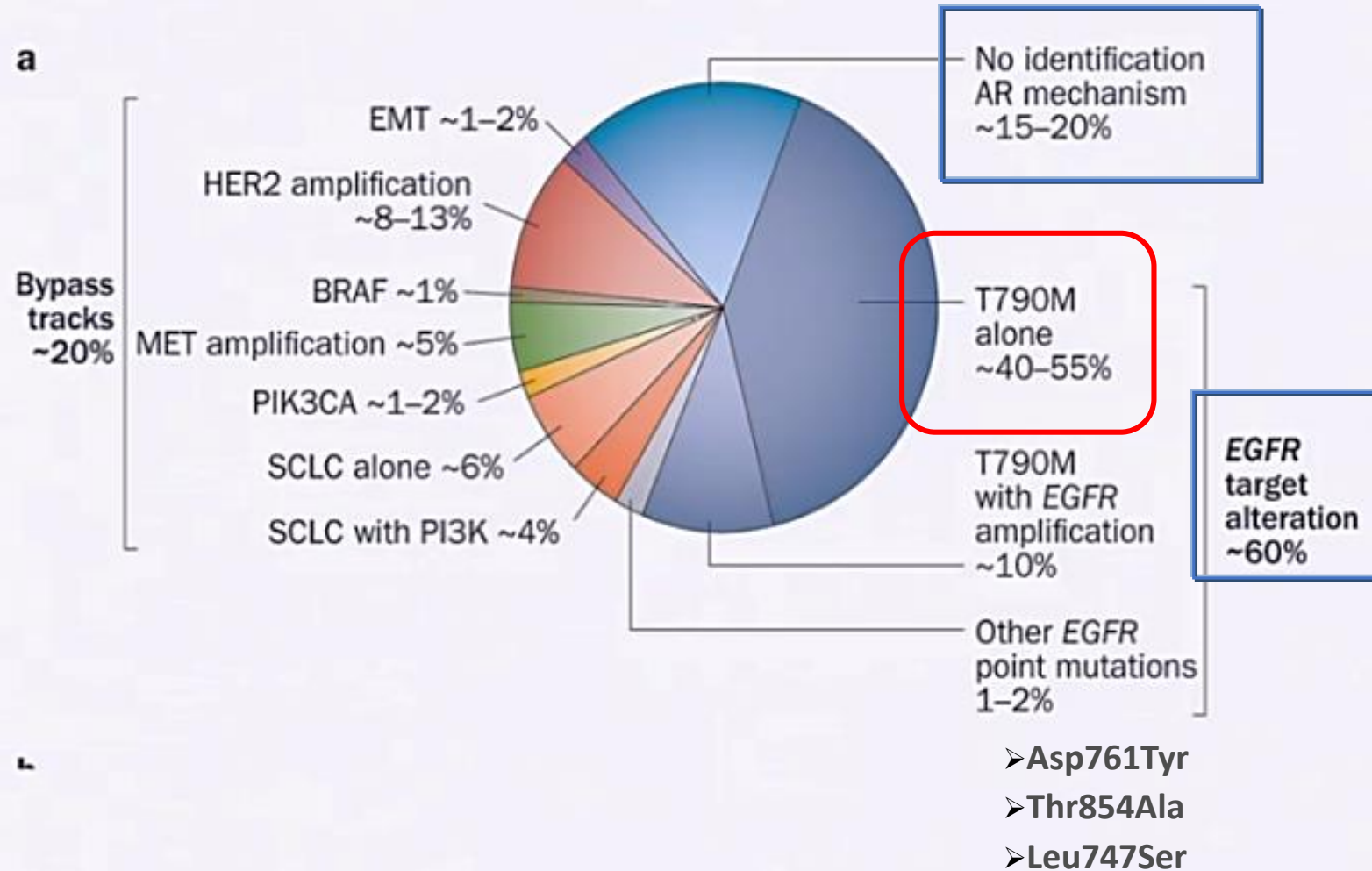


**A** Patients with an oncogenic driver mutation who did and did not receive targeted therapy, and patients without an oncogenic driver

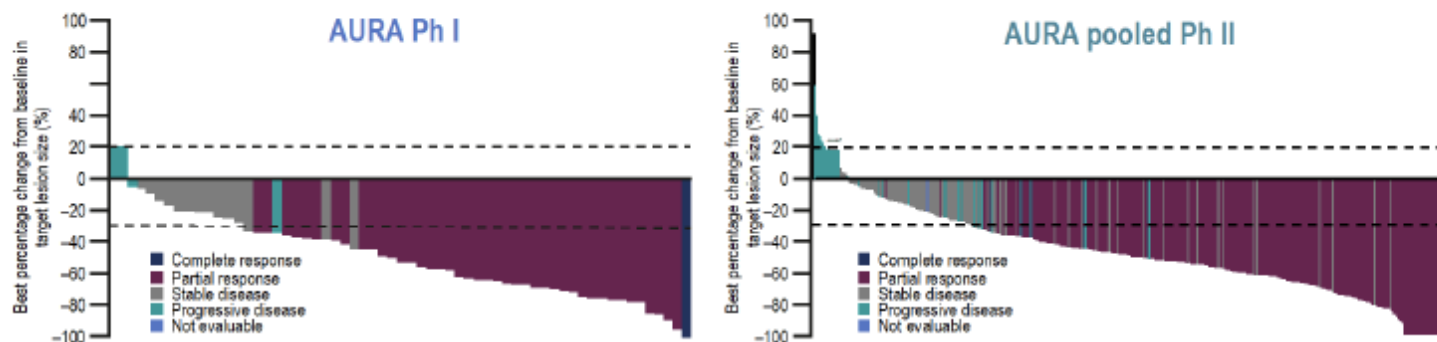


Kris MG et al. JAMA. 2014;311(19):1998-2006

# Mechanisms of acquired resistance in EGFR-mut



# Targeting T790M- Osimertinib



	AURA Ph I (80 mg) N=61	AURA pooled Ph II (80 mg) N=397
Confirmed ORR	71% (95% CI 57, 82)	66% (95% CI 61, 71)
Disease control rate <sup>†</sup>	93% (95% CI 84, 98)	91% (95% CI 88, 94)
Best objective response		
Complete response	1	6
Partial response	42	256
Stable disease ≥6 weeks	14	99
Progressive disease	2	25

AURA Ph I data cut-off 4 January 2016; population: evaluable for response set; assessment: investigator assessed;

AURA pooled Ph II data cut-off 1 November 2015; population: evaluable for response set; assessment: BICR

\*Represents imputed values: if it is known that the patient has died, has new lesions or progression of non-target lesions, has withdrawn due to disease progression, and has no evaluable target lesion (before or at progression) assessments, best change will be imputed as 20%;

†Complete response, partial response, stable disease ≥6 weeks

ORR, objective response rate; CI, confidence interval

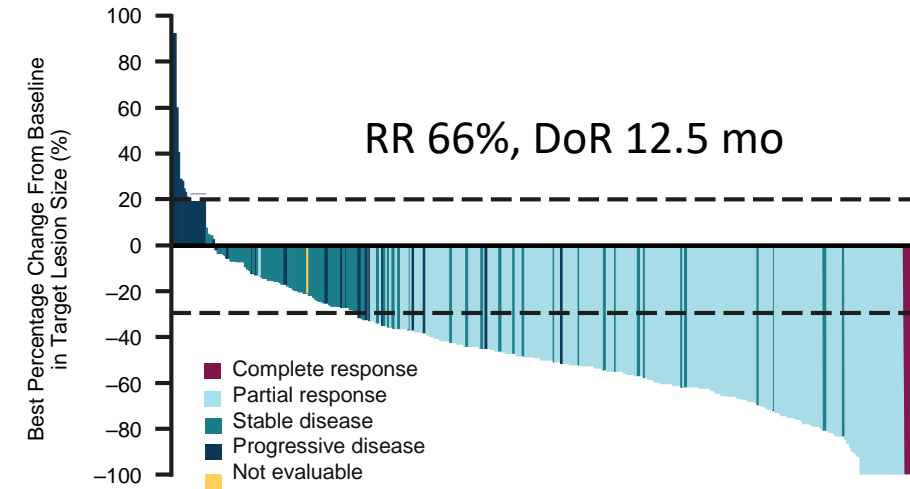
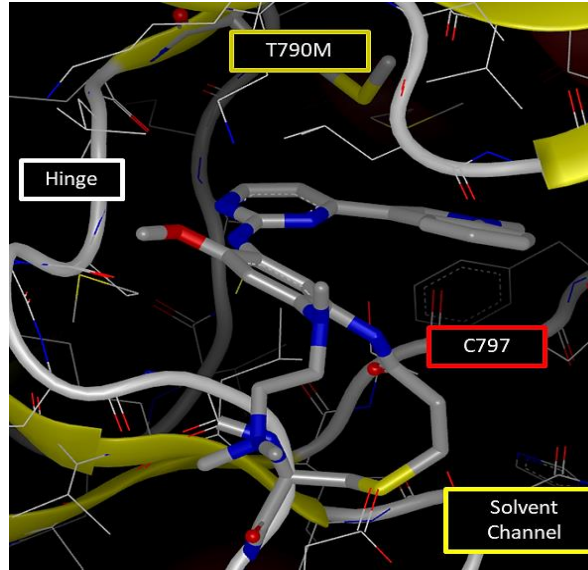
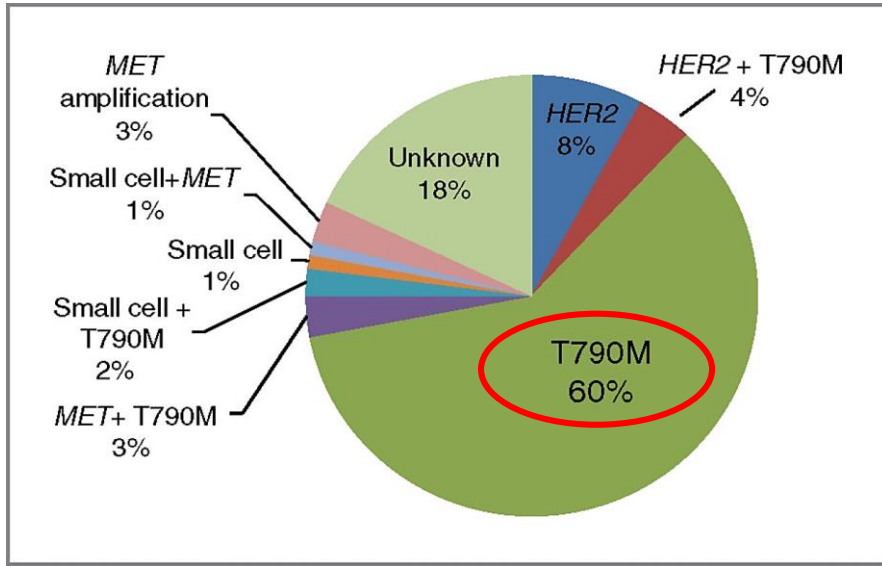


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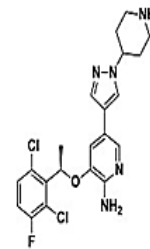
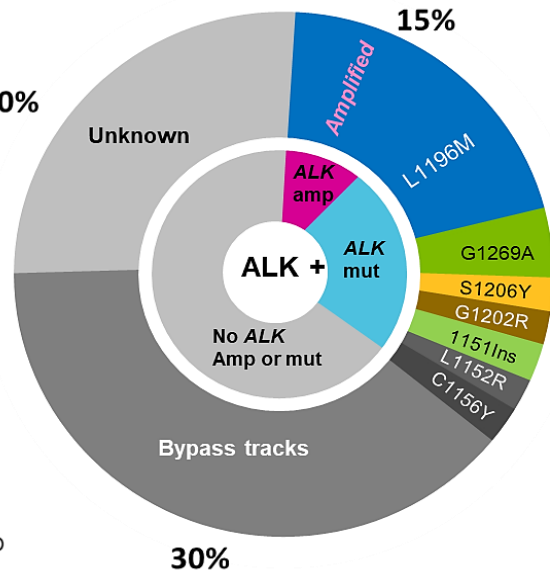
# Addressing resistance to therapy

EGFR+



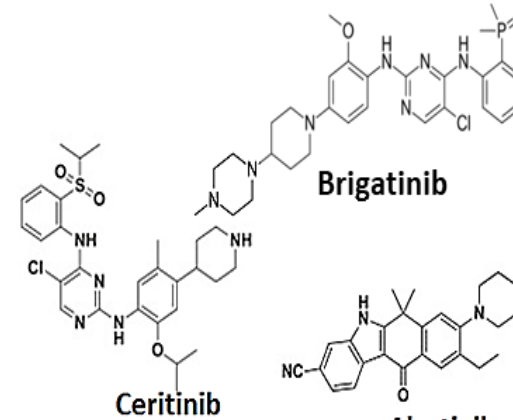
Helena A. Yu et al. Clin Cancer Res 2013;19:2240-2247

ALK+



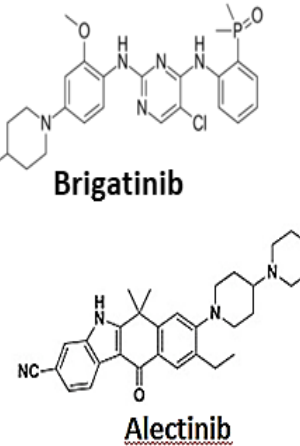
Crizotinib

1st gen ALKi/ROS1i

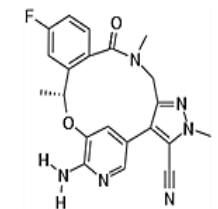


Ceritinib

2nd gen ALKi



Alectinib



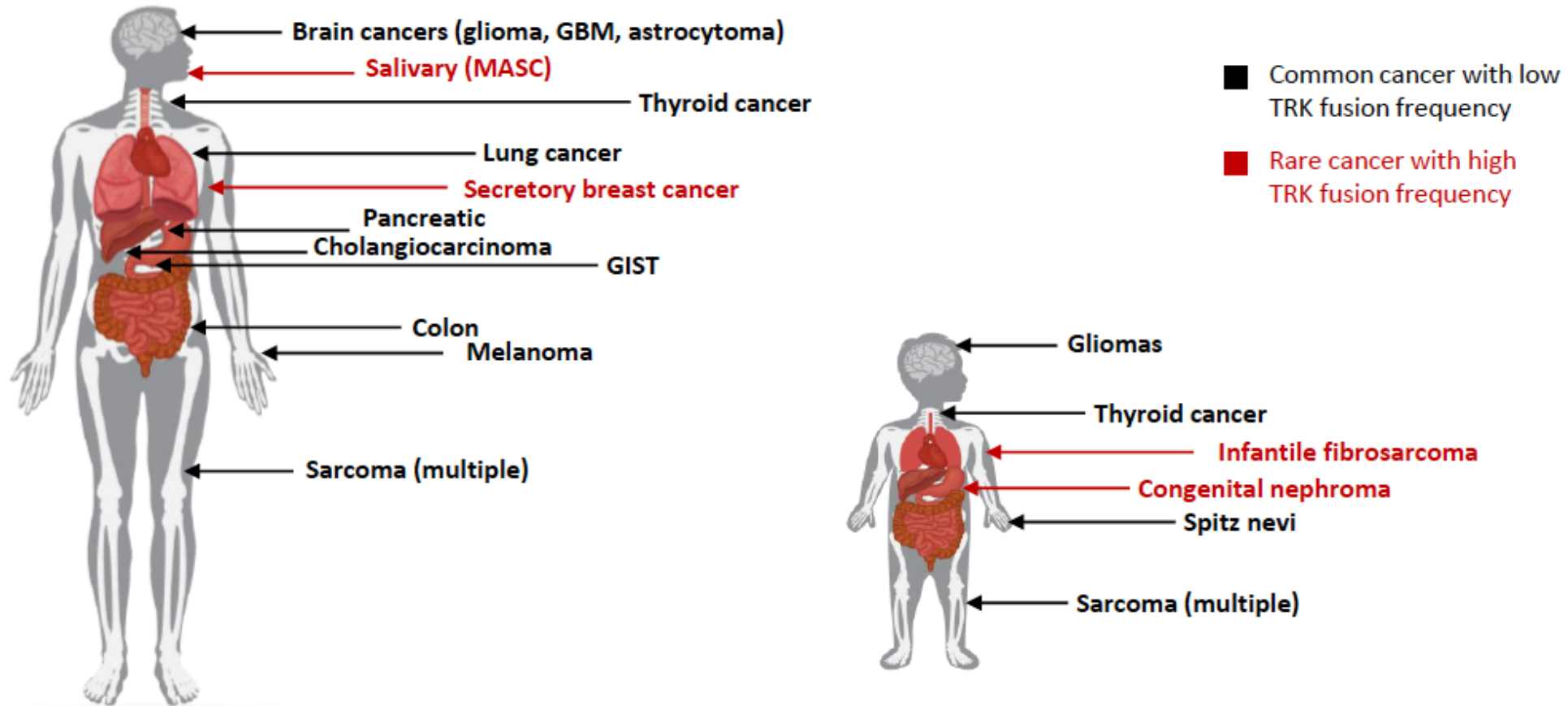
Lorlatinib

3rd gen ALKi



# Targeted therapy beyond histology

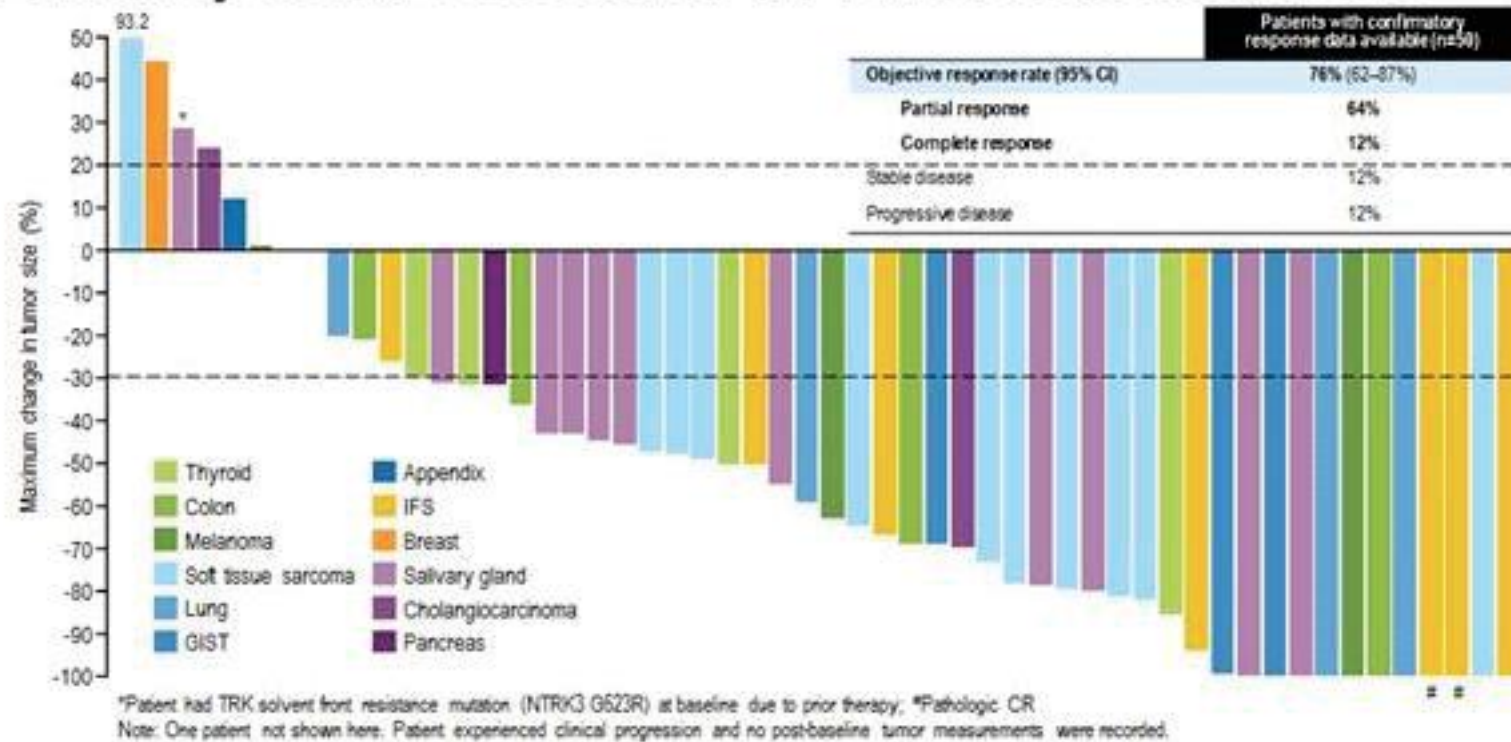
## TRK fusions found in diverse cancer histologies



Estimated 1,500–5,000 patients harbor TRK fusion-positive cancers in the United States annually

# Success across histologies: NTRK as an example

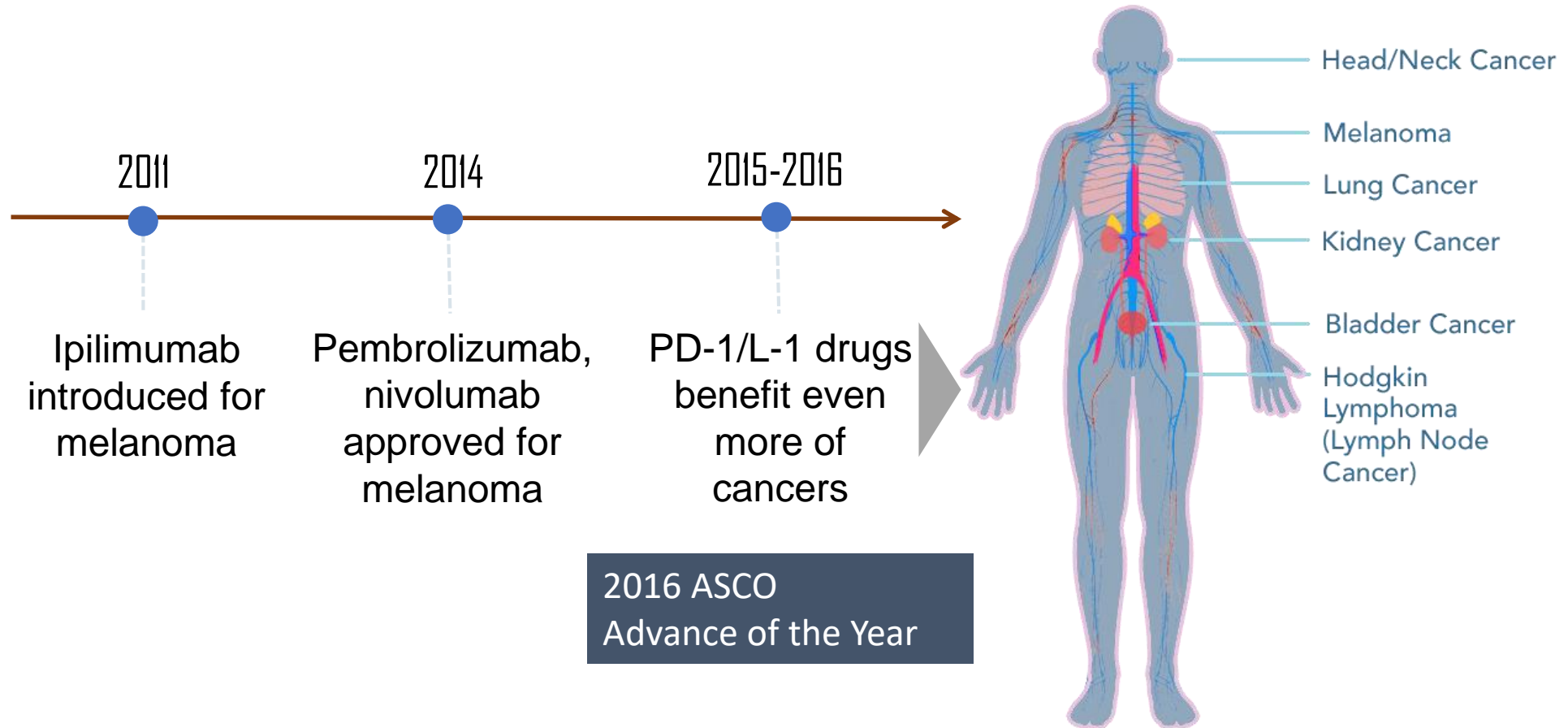
## Efficacy of larotrectinib in TRK fusion cancers



ORR = 76%

Responses seen across all tumor types

# Cancer Immunotherapy

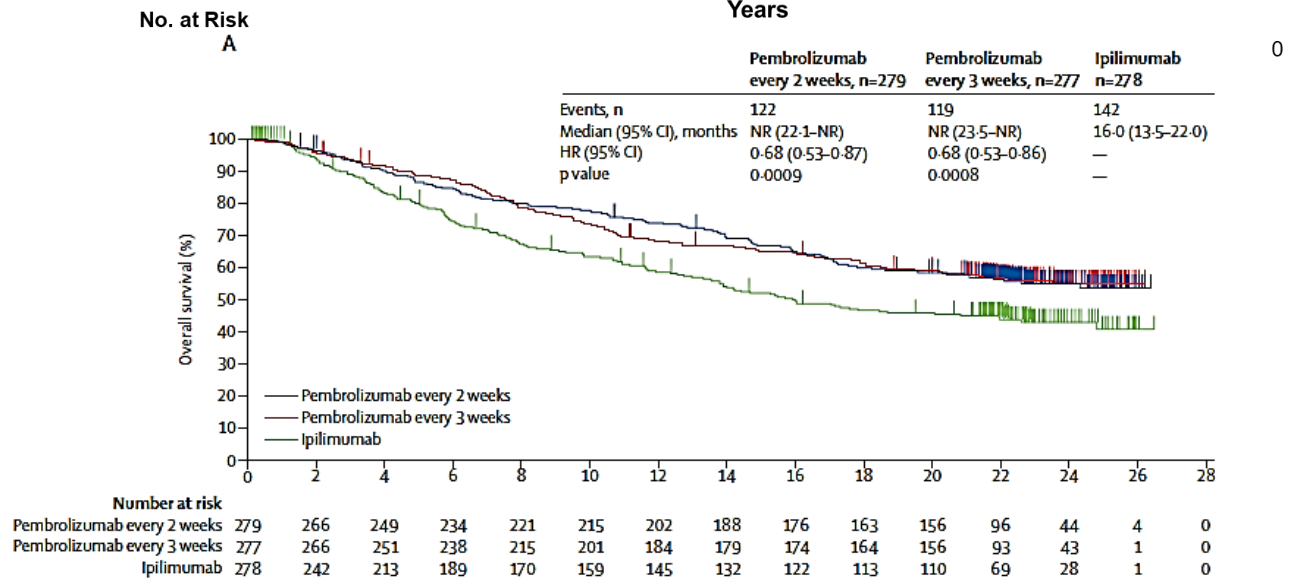
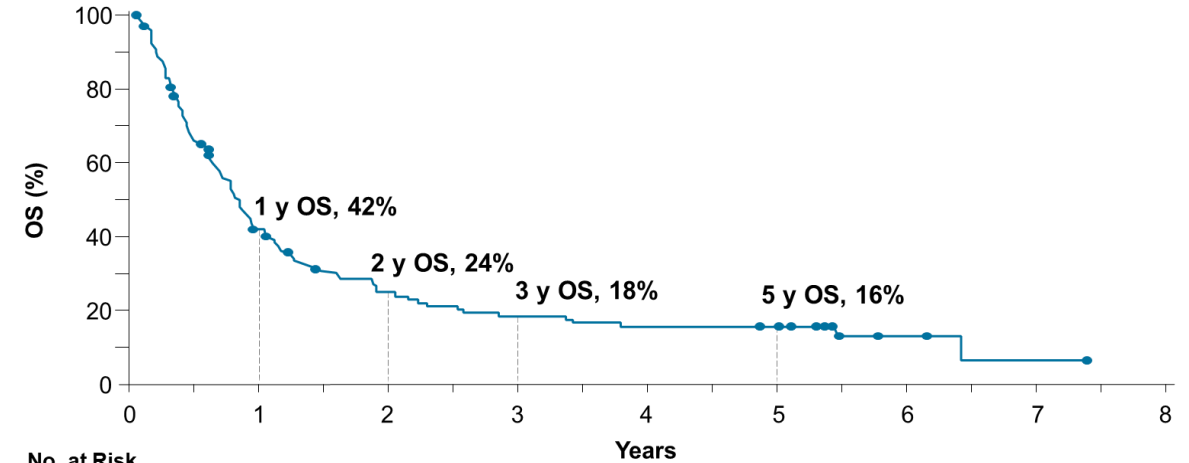


# Beyond targeted therapy - Immune checkpoint blockade

## Responses to immunotherapy across multiple tumor types

- NSCLC
- SCLC
- Melanoma
- Renal cell Ca
- Bladder Ca
- Head Neck Ca
- Hepatocellular Ca

Long – term survival



# Biomarkers of response to immune checkpoint blockade

## Established biomarkers

- PDL1
- Tumor mutational burden
- MMR deficiency (or MSI)

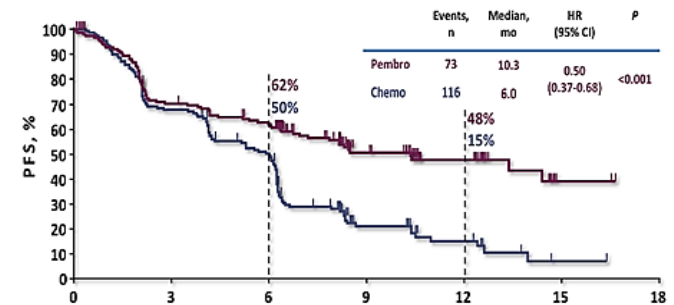
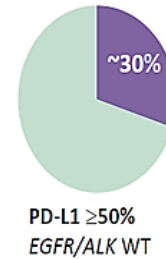
Research in the field is ongoing

- Frameshift indel count
- Immune gene signatures
- Gut microbiome

### PD-L1 selection in NSCLC

Pembrolizumab is better than chemo in PD-L1  $\geq 50\%$

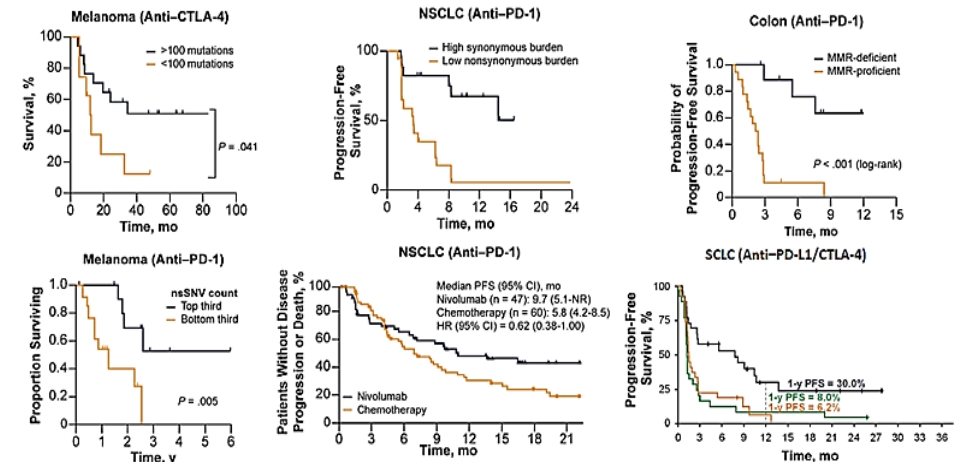
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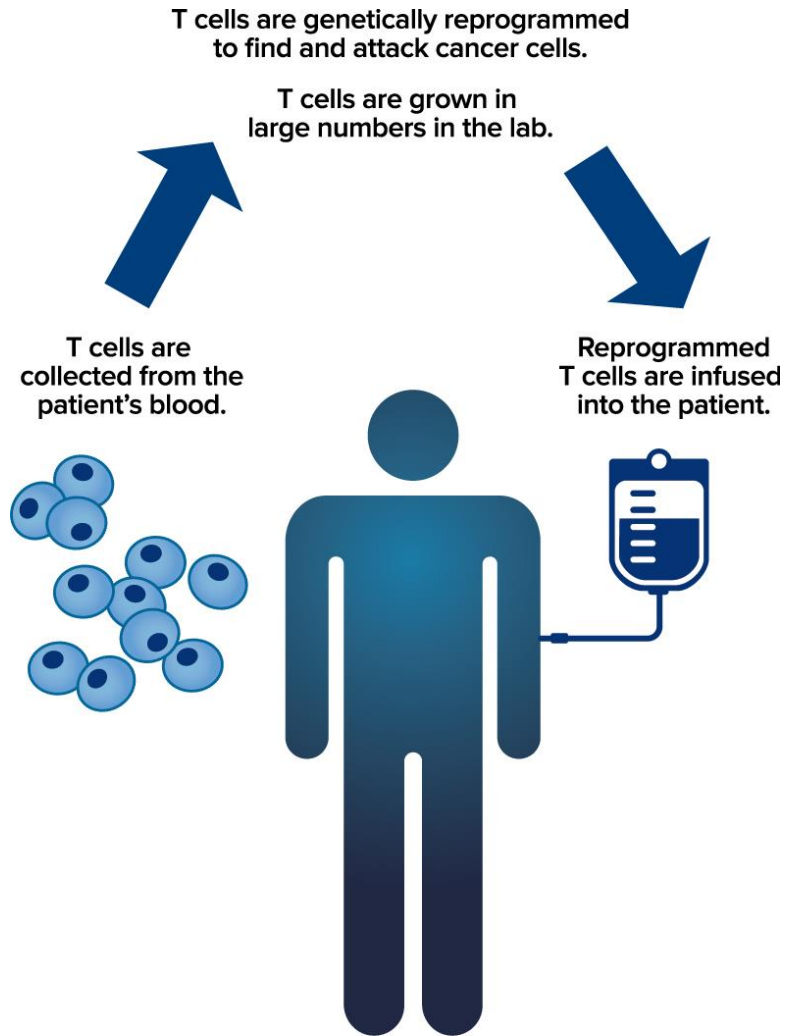
Primary endpoint PFS

Reck, NEJM 2016

TMB by Whole Exome Sequencing (WES) is predictive of immunotherapy activity across diseases



# Immunotherapy: more to come.....



## On the Horizon:

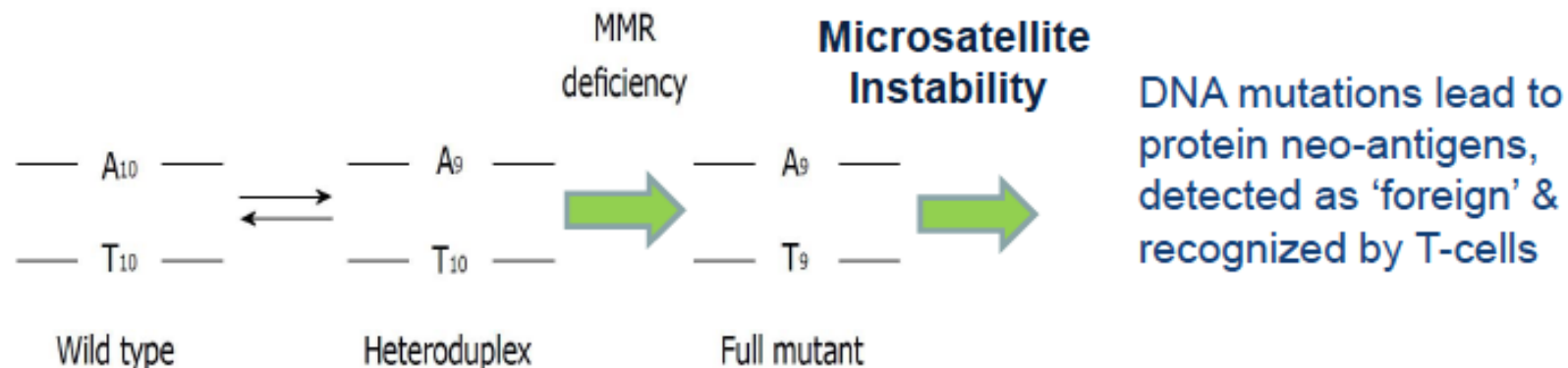
- CART-cell therapy
- Customized vaccines



# Immunotherapy beyond histology

## MSI-H Cancer Has a High Mutational Burden

- Mismatch repair (MMR) deficiency refers to deficiency in proteins responsible for DNA MMR: MSH2, MSH6, MLH1, PMS2.
- MMR deficiency leads to the MSI-H phenotype.
- MMR deficient/MSI-H cancers harbor thousands of mutations (i.e., high mutational burden; hypermutated phenotype).





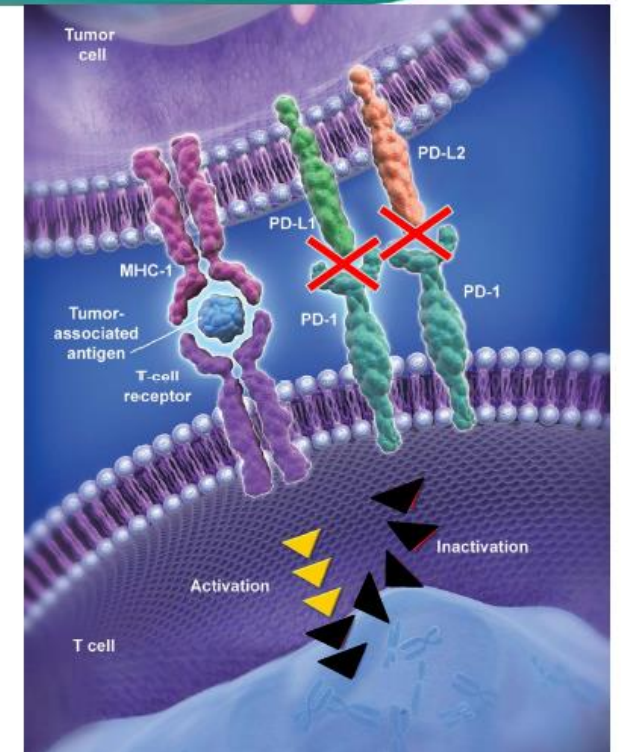
## Biological Rationale for Tumor-Agnostic Approach

Table 24: Efficacy Results for Patients with MSI-H/dMMR Cancer

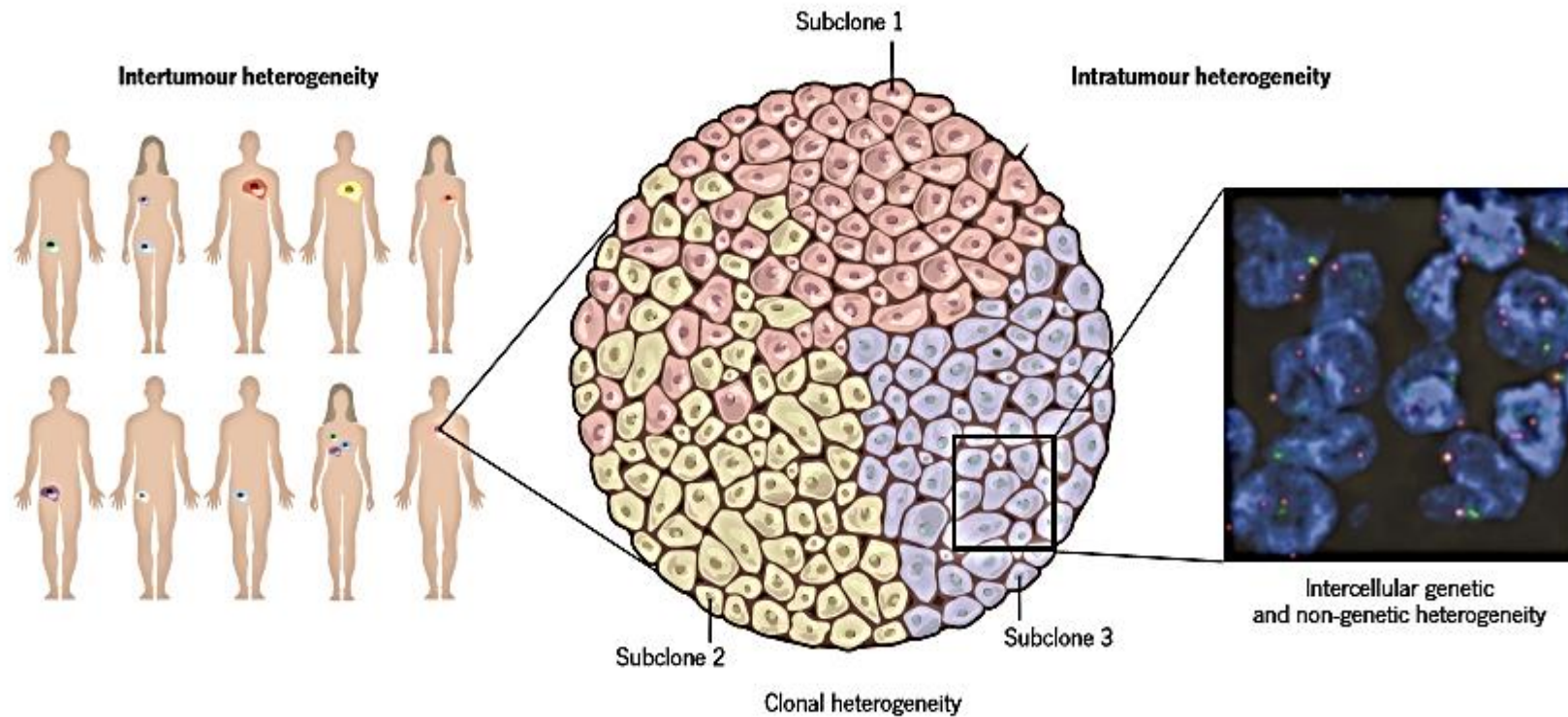
Endpoint	n=149
<b>Objective response rate</b>	
ORR (95% CI)	39.6% (31.7, 47.9)
Complete response rate	7.4
Partial response rate	32.2
<b>Response duration</b>	
Median in months (range)	NR (1.6+, 22.7+)
% with duration ≥6 months	78%

NR = not reached

- PD-1 blockade with pembrolizumab can restore effective anti-tumor immunity in MSI-H cancer, regardless of cancer type



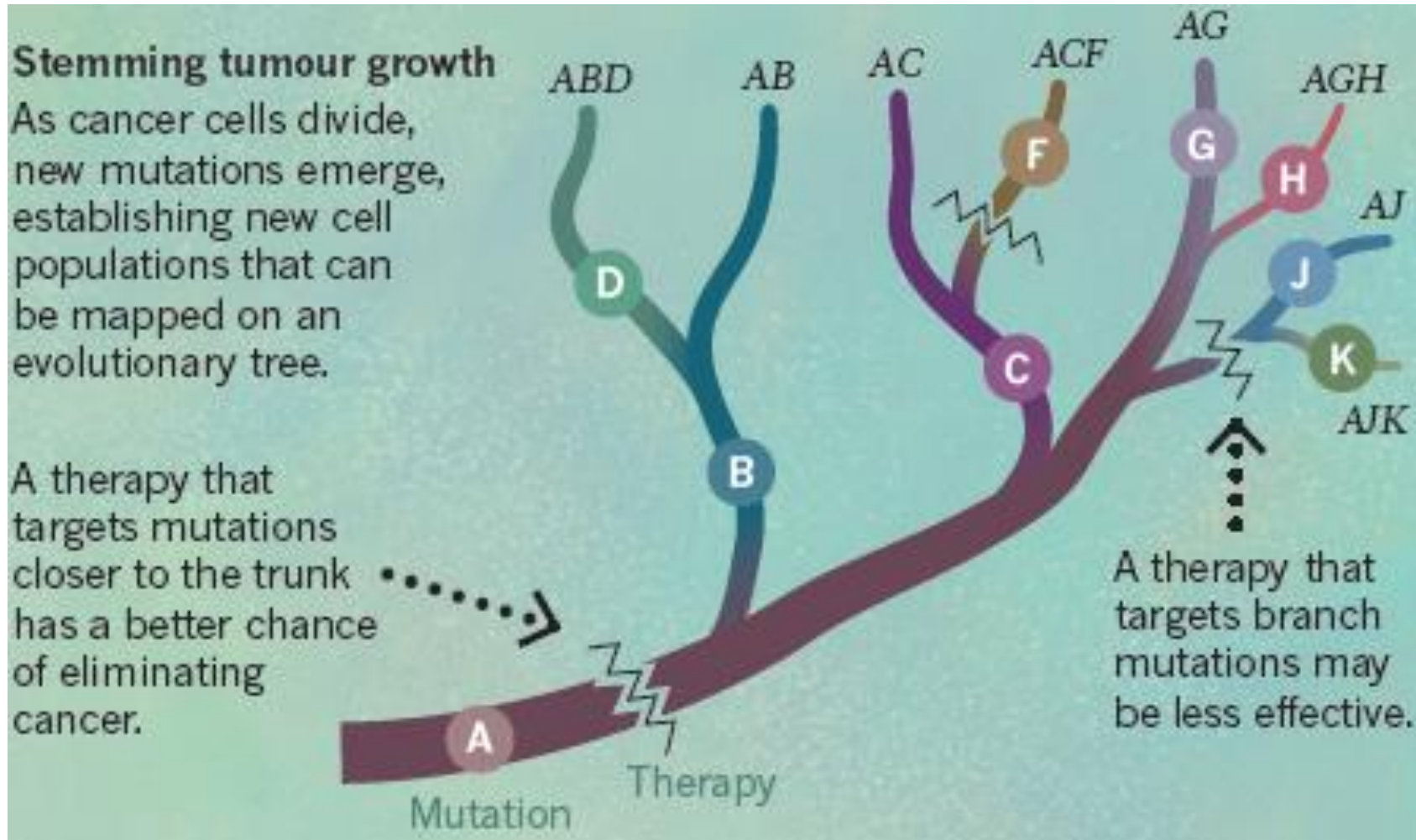
# The genomic landscape of tumours is heterogeneous



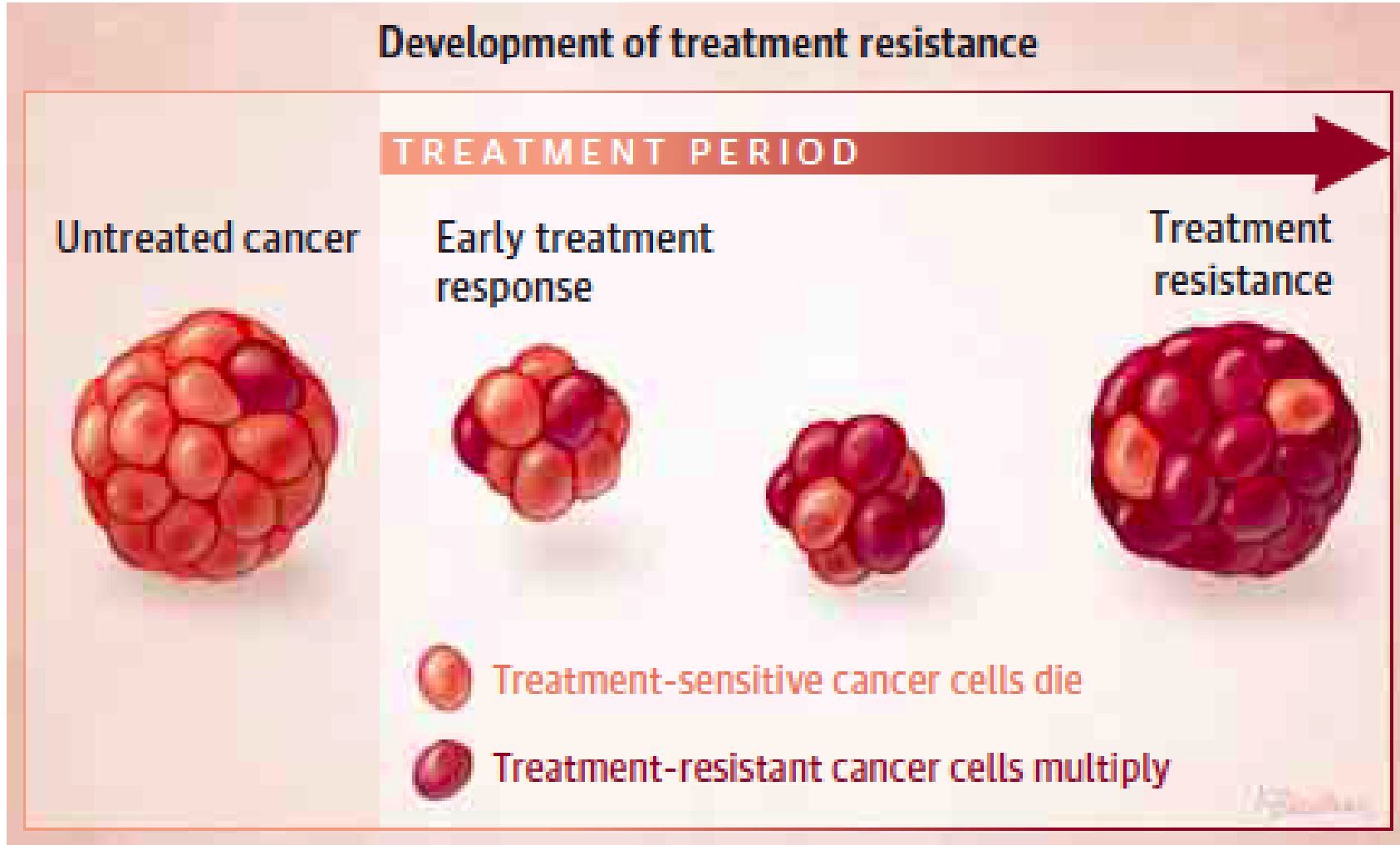
- Achieving cures in metastatic disease
- Cancer biomarker validation



# EVOLVING STRATEGIES



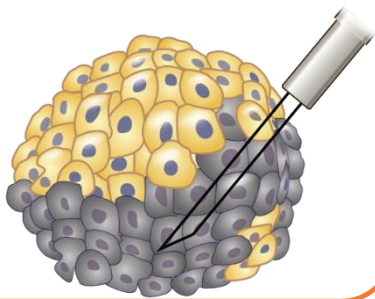
# The evolution of a cancer



# Various samples types may be used as a DNA source for mutation testing at disease progression

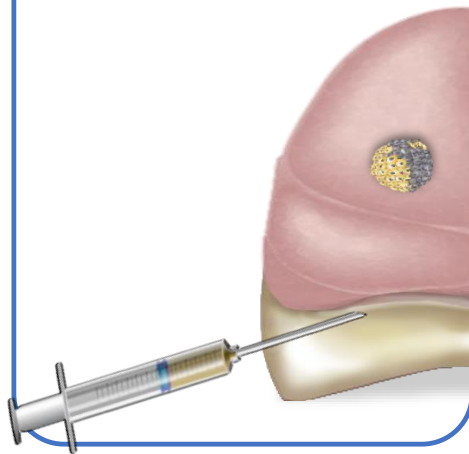
## Tumor biopsy samples

Gold standard sample type for EGFR mutation testing in metastatic NSCLC<sup>1,2</sup>



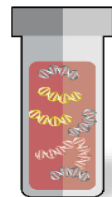
## Cytology samples

Suitable alternative\* if a tumor biopsy sample is not available<sup>2-5</sup>



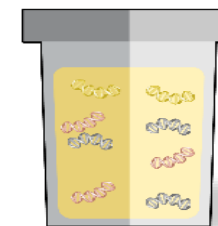
## Plasma

Likely to be the preferred sample option since it is feasible, reliable, and minimally invasive<sup>1,6</sup>



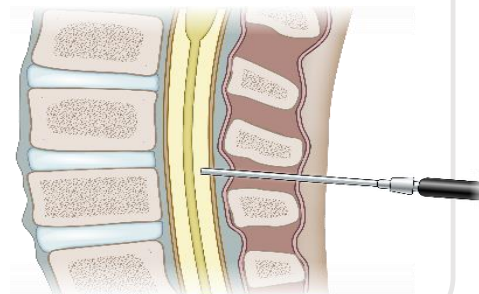
## Urine samples

Should be considered a viable approach<sup>7</sup>



## Cerebrospinal fluid

May be used to identify mutations in leptomeningeal disease<sup>8</sup>



\*Provided a proper validation has been conducted.

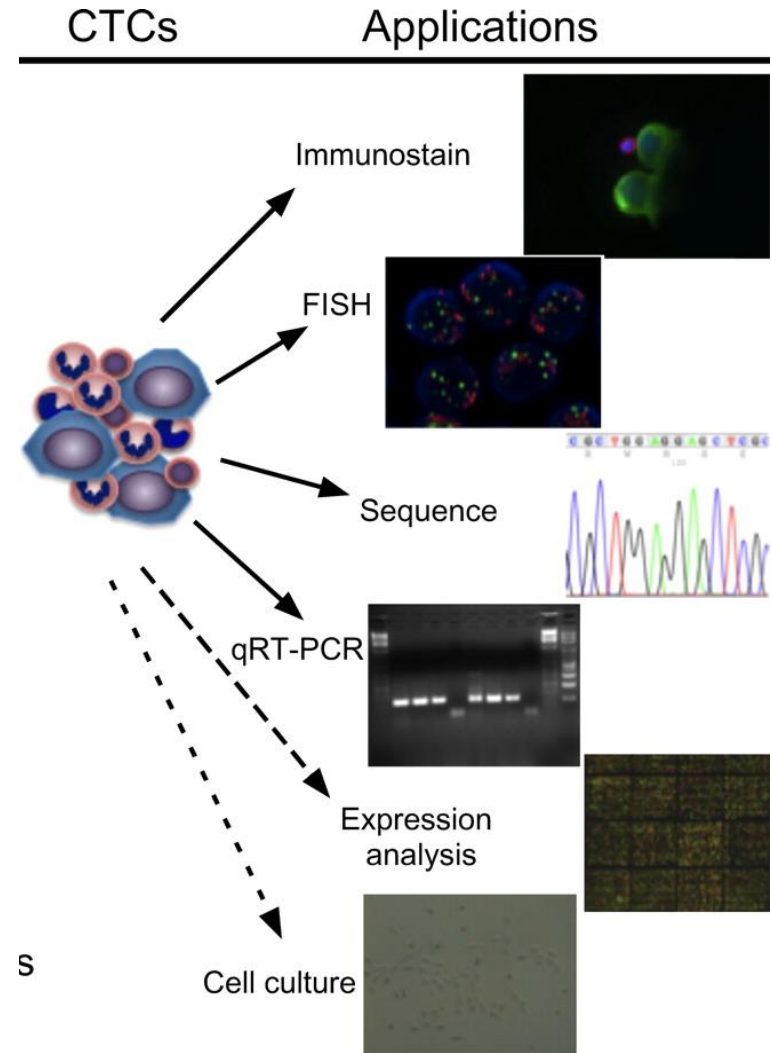
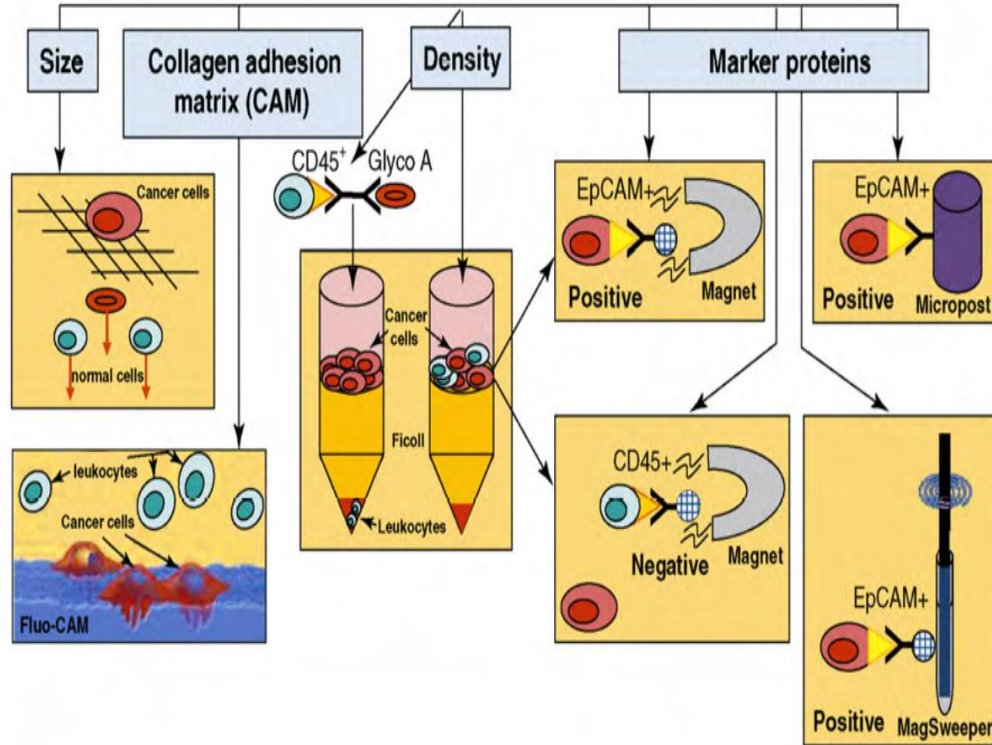
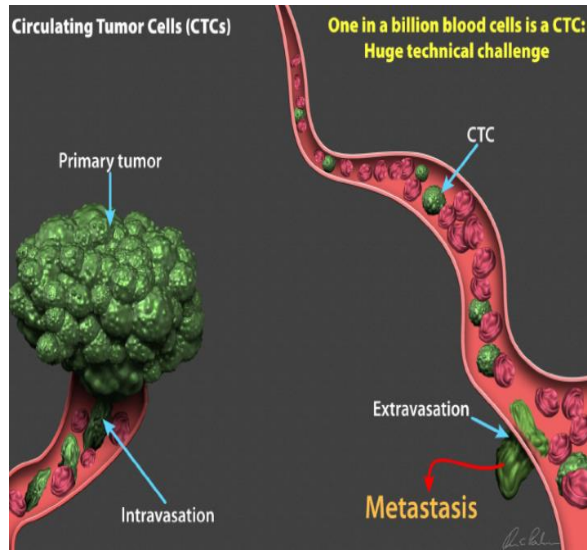
DNA, deoxyribonucleic acid; EGFR, epidermal growth factor receptor; NSCLC, non-small cell lung cancer.

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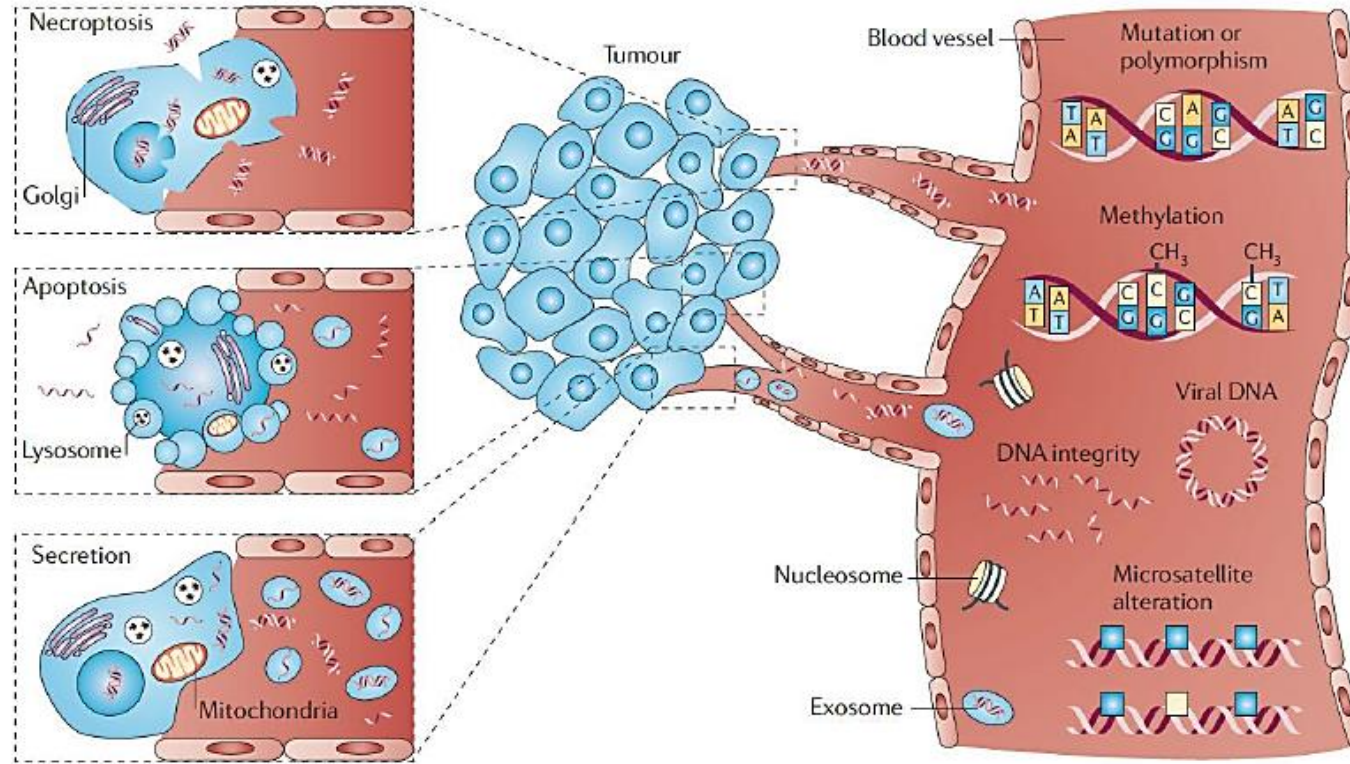


# Analysis of CTCs



Yu et al. (2011) J Cell Biol

# cell free DNA (cfDNA)



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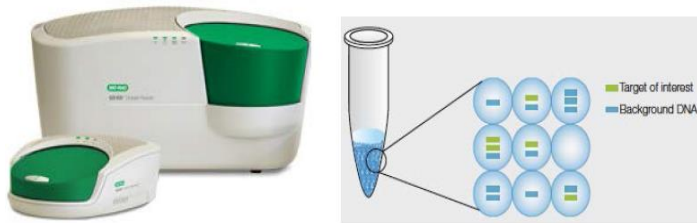
# Testing ctDNA EGFR mutations: activating & T790M

Cobas EGFR test



Commercial Kits /Companion Diagnostics	
Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rapid</li> <li>• Quality control</li> <li>• Well tested (in clinical trials)</li> <li>• Stable results</li> <li>• FDA approved</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cost (may be more expensive to develop and obtain FDA approval vs lab developed tests)<sup>2</sup></li> </ul>

Digital PCR



Laboratory Developed Tests (LTDs) based on emerging technologies	
Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can be less expensive using equipment that is commonly available</li> <li>• May offer high sensitivity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quality can be more difficult to control and maintain</li> <li>• Validation required</li> <li>• Sensitivity requires confirmation</li> </ul>

NGS

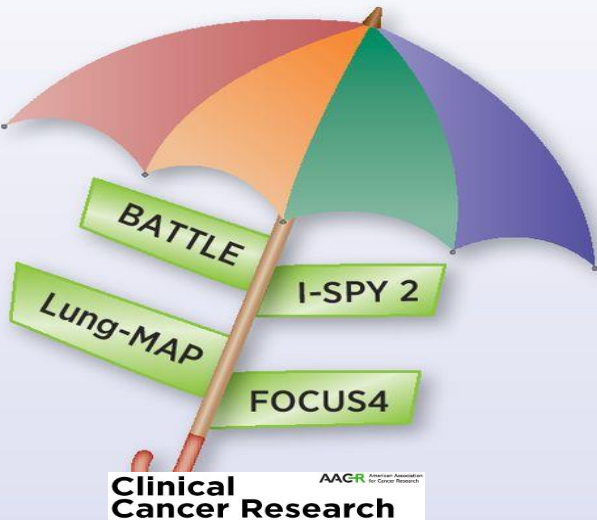
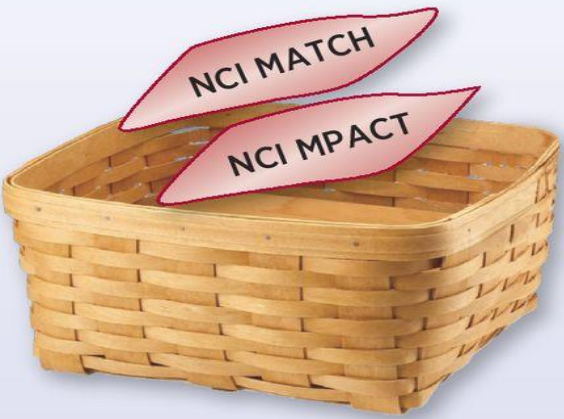


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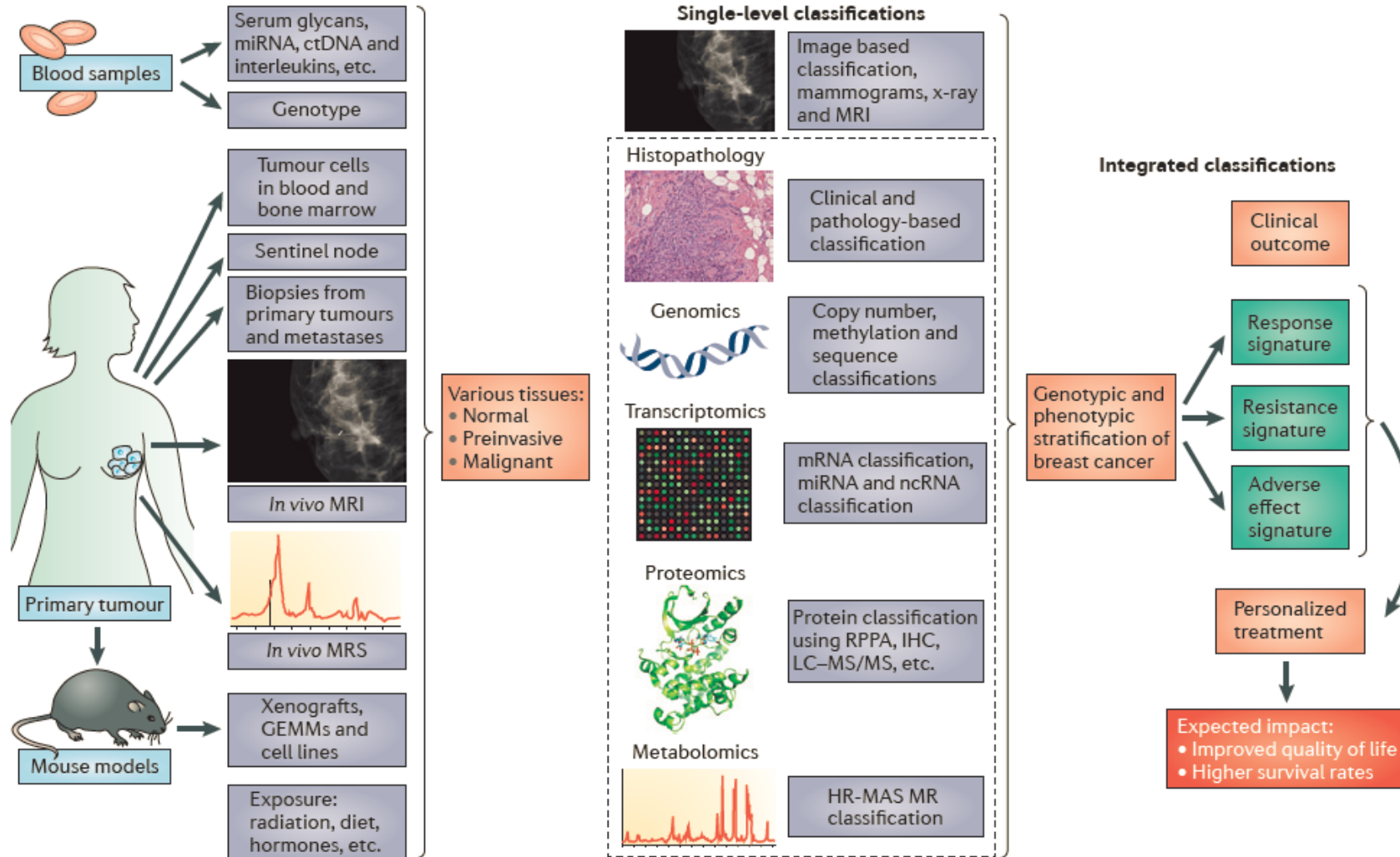
<b>Umbrella</b>	<b>Basket</b>
Test the impact of different drugs on different mutations in a single type of cancer	Test the effect of one or more drugs on one or more single mutations in a variety of cancer types
	

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**CCR Perspectives in Drug Approval**

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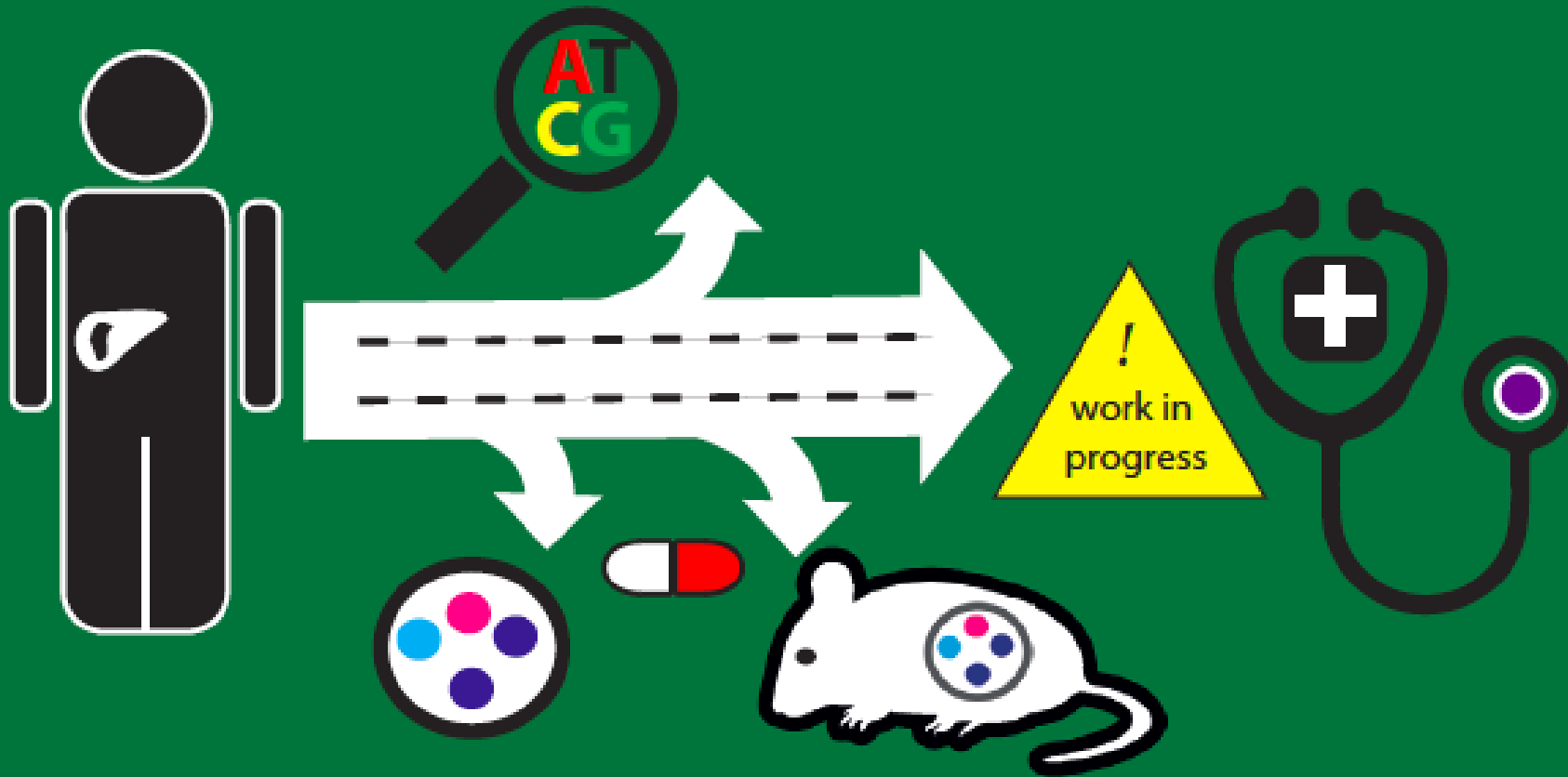
# Systems Biology of Cancer







# Personalized Cancer Medicine



**whole exome sequencing for actionable mutations**  
**patient-derived tumor organoids for in vitro testing**  
**organoid-derived PDX models for validation and safety testing**

# Emerging Treatment Options vs Challenges...

