



# Biobanking: An Investment in Cancer Public Health

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# CLINICAL PRACTICE

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**Diagnosis**

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**Prognosis**

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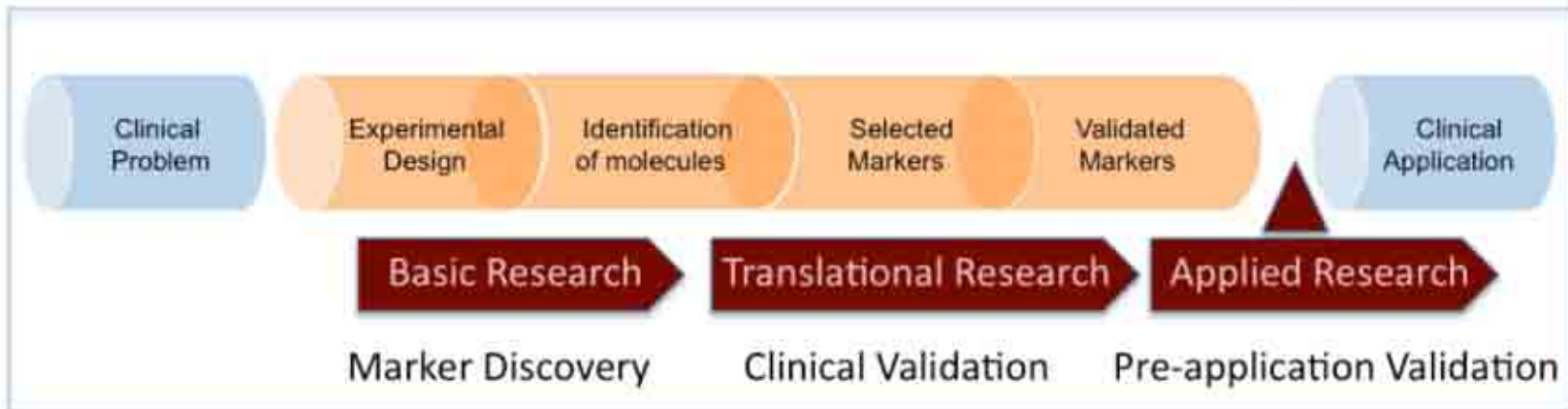
**Predict drug efficacy**

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**Follow up**

# Biobanks help in the fight against deadly diseases such as cancer

## From the identification of markers to clinical application



# Understand Biological Precision

OBJECTIVE



MATERIALS

METHODS



## **High Quality, Ethically-Collected Specimens are Critical Research Tools**

**It cannot be a local process**

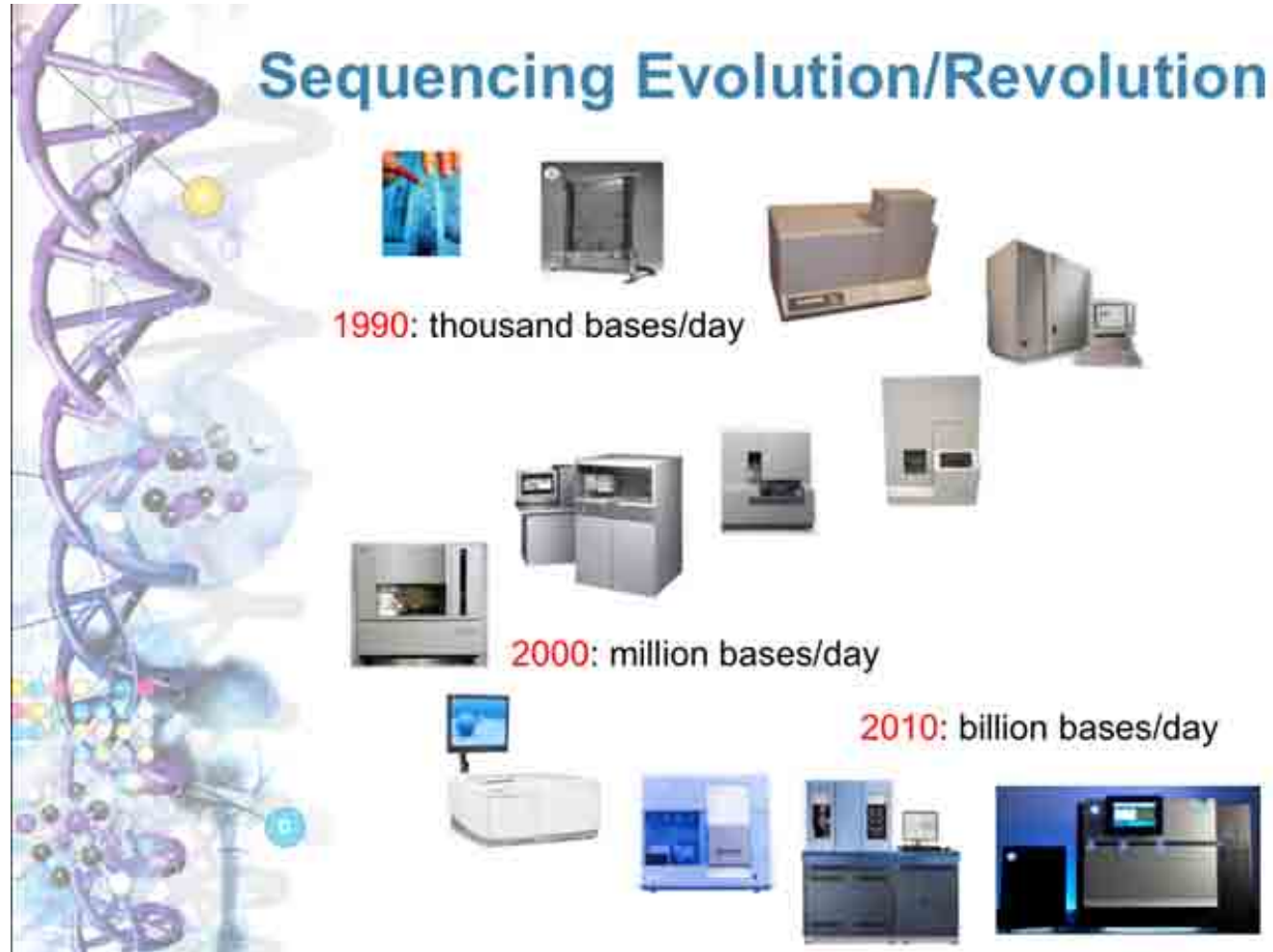
**Requires international collaboration**

**Collaboration across disciplines**

**Complementary knowledge to be integrated**

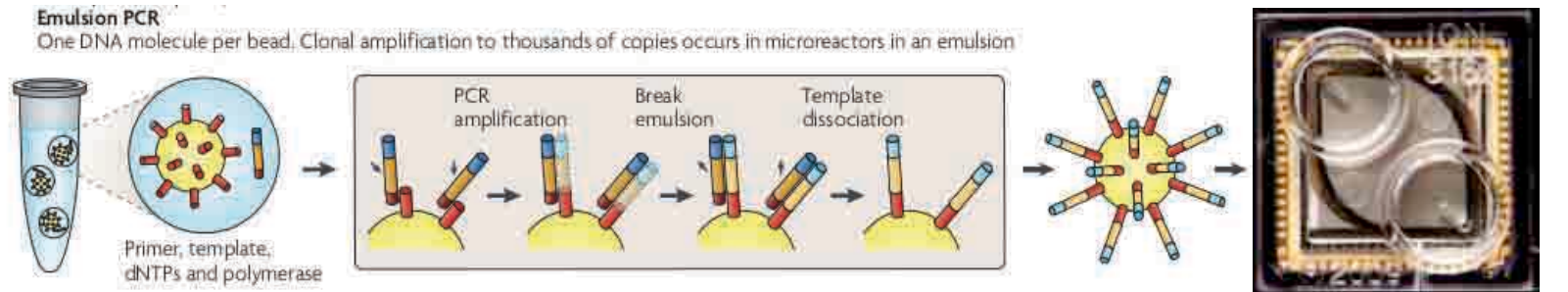
**Bring together science and policy makers**

# Whole Genome Sequencing

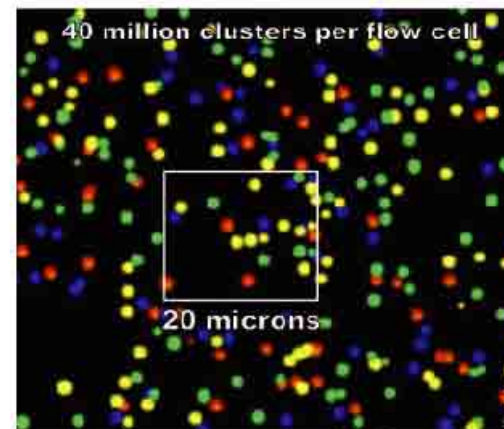
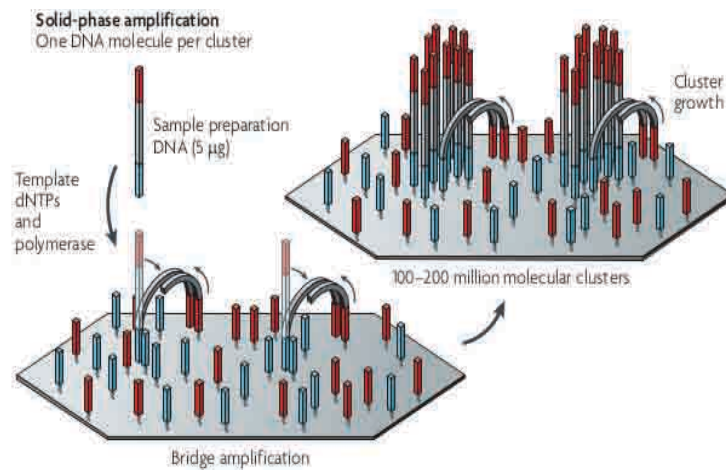


# Next-Gen sequencing

## A. Ion Torrent

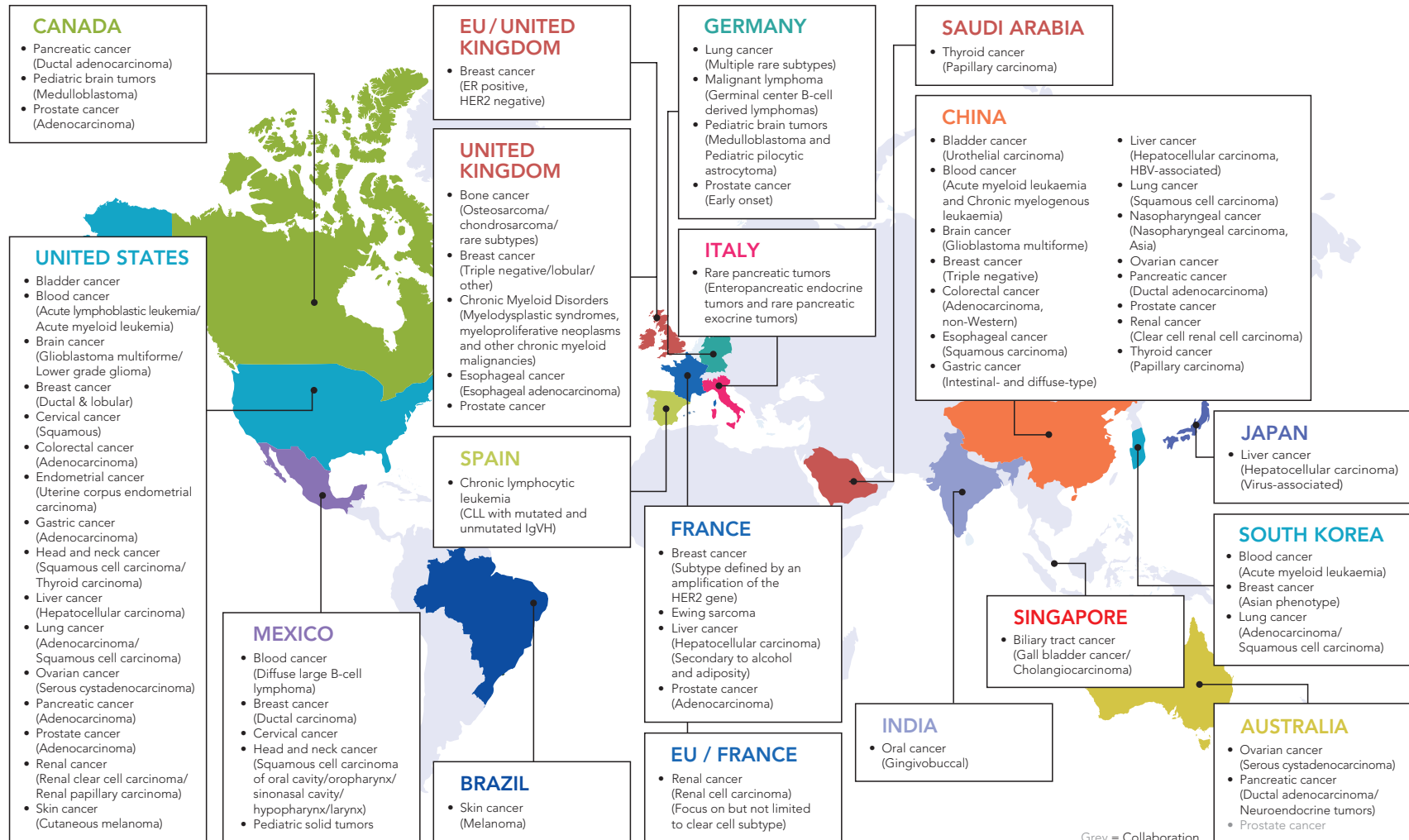


## B. Illumina



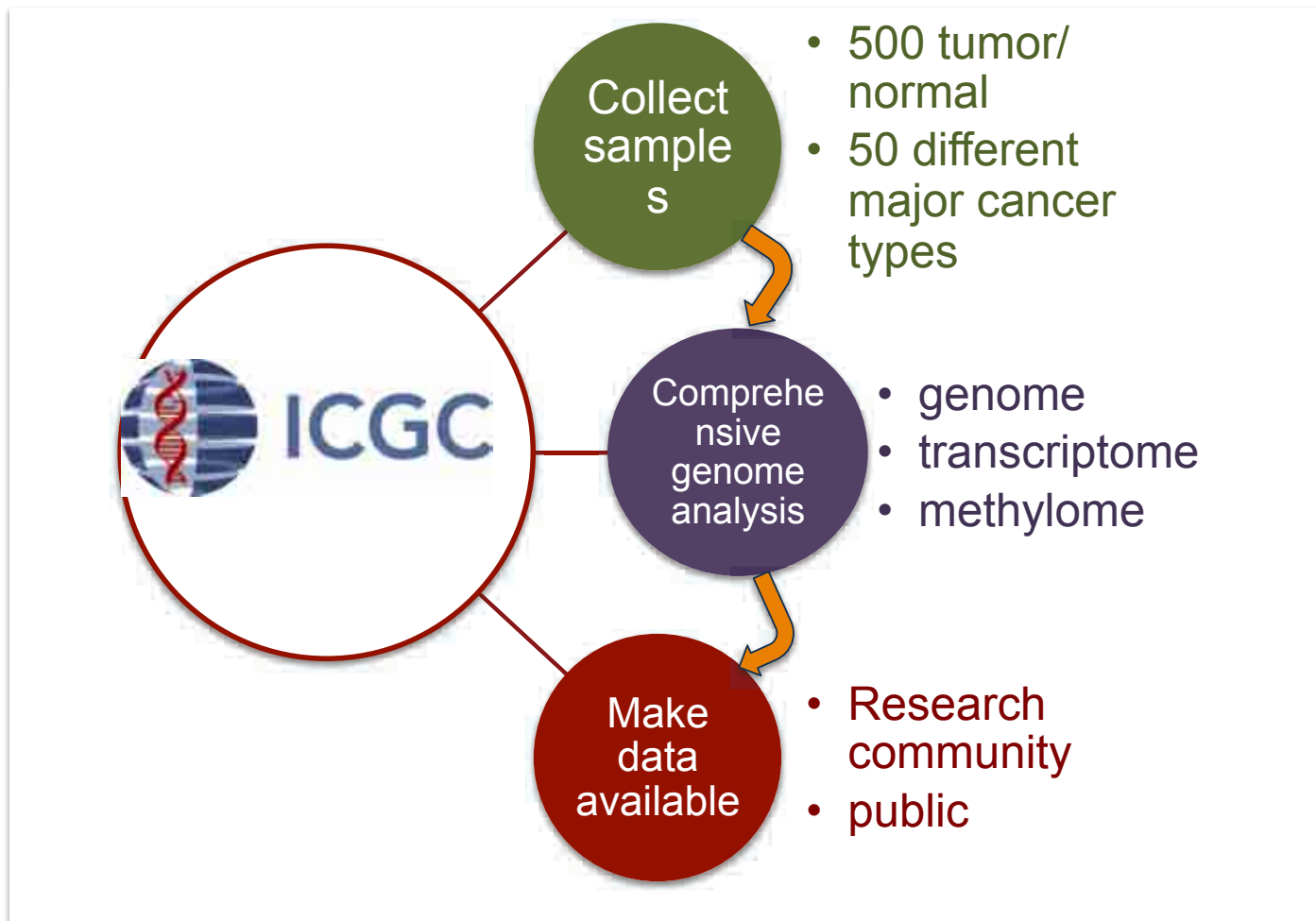


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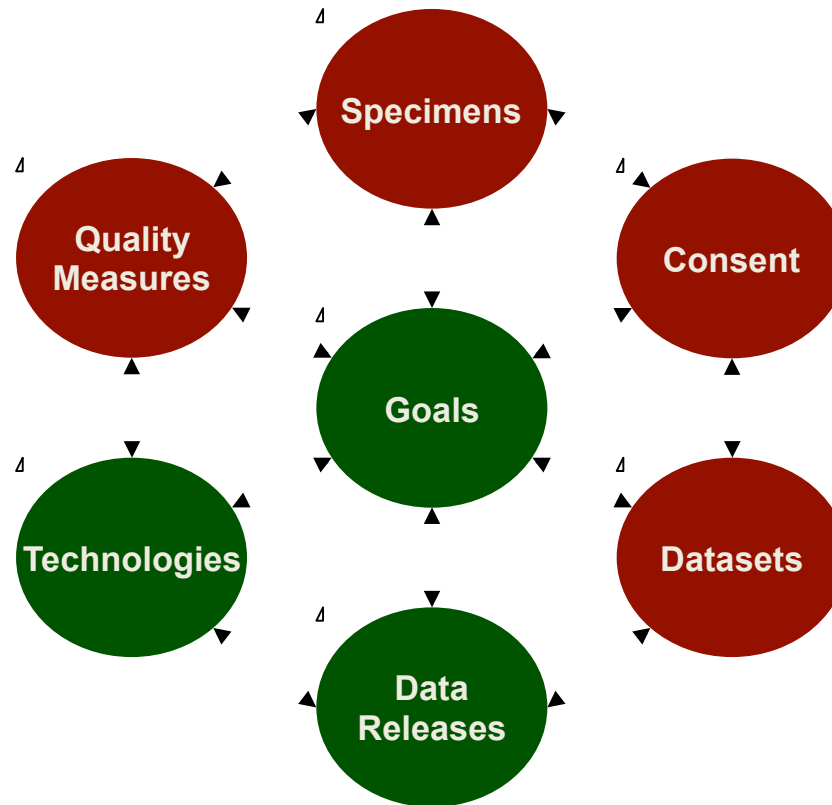




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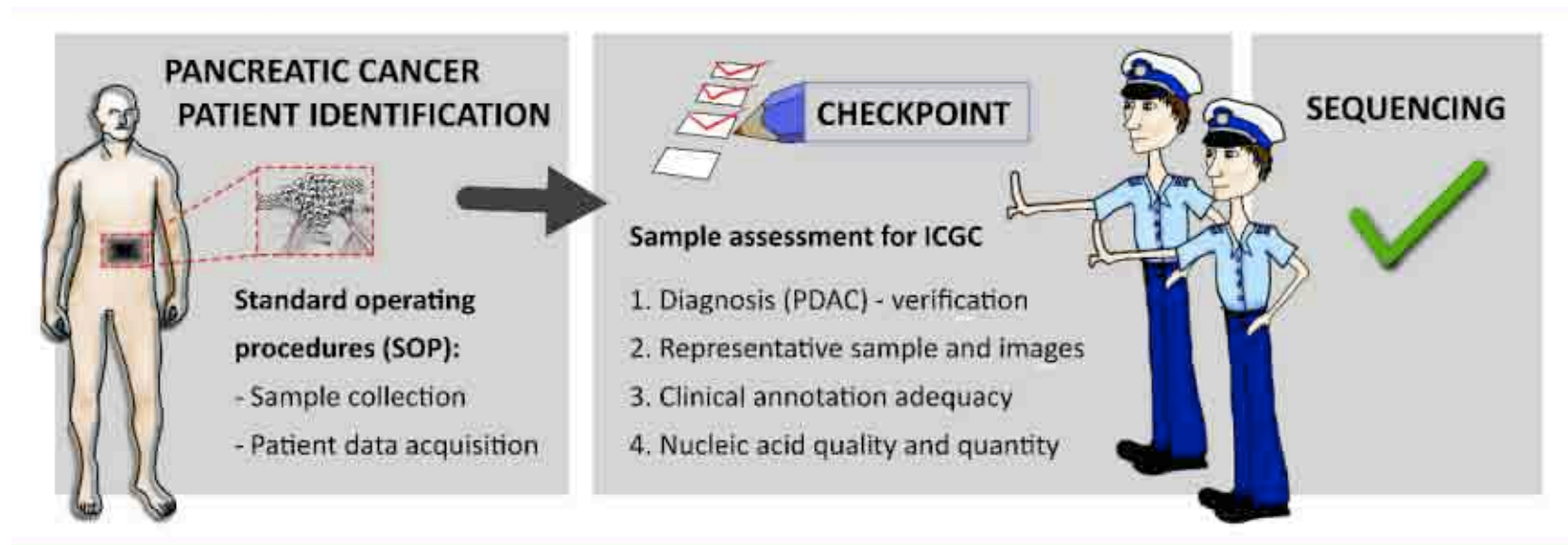


# High Quality, Ethically-Collected Specimens are Critical Research Tools



Major issues addressed in ICGC consortium

# High Quality, Ethically-Collected Specimens are Critical Research Tools



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# How do we define QUALITY?

A boy asks his father:

“Dad, a ferrari is a red car with a horse?”

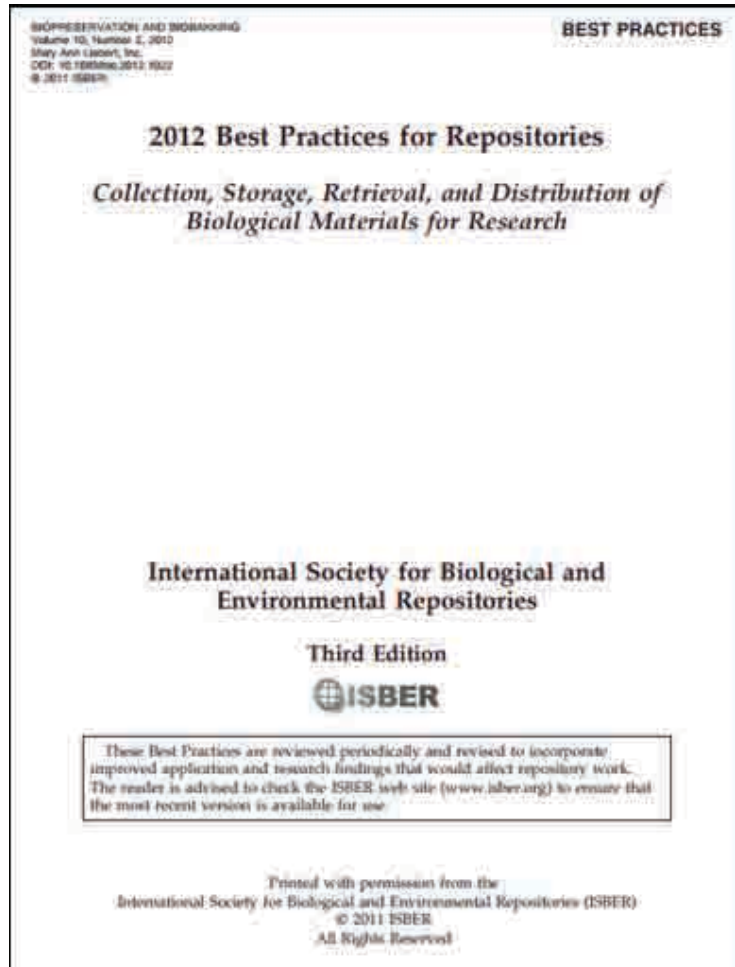
“Yes, son why?”

“Baecause i think i just saw one”





# ISBER Best Practices for Repositories



**Specimen Collection, Processing,  
Storage And Retrieval**  
**Legal And Ethical Issues in Biobanking**  
**Specimen Access, Distribution, Use And  
Destruction**

## **Repository Planning**

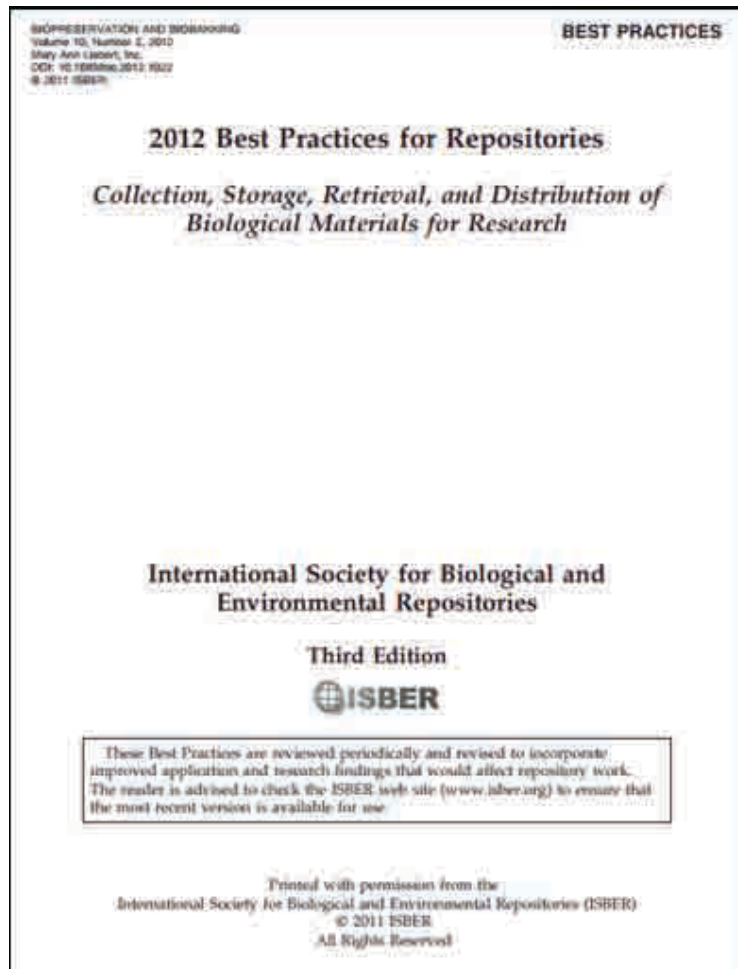
Facilities  
Storage Equipment And Environments  
Quality Management  
Safety  
Records Management  
Biological Material Tracking

## **Training**

**Cost Management & Sustainability**

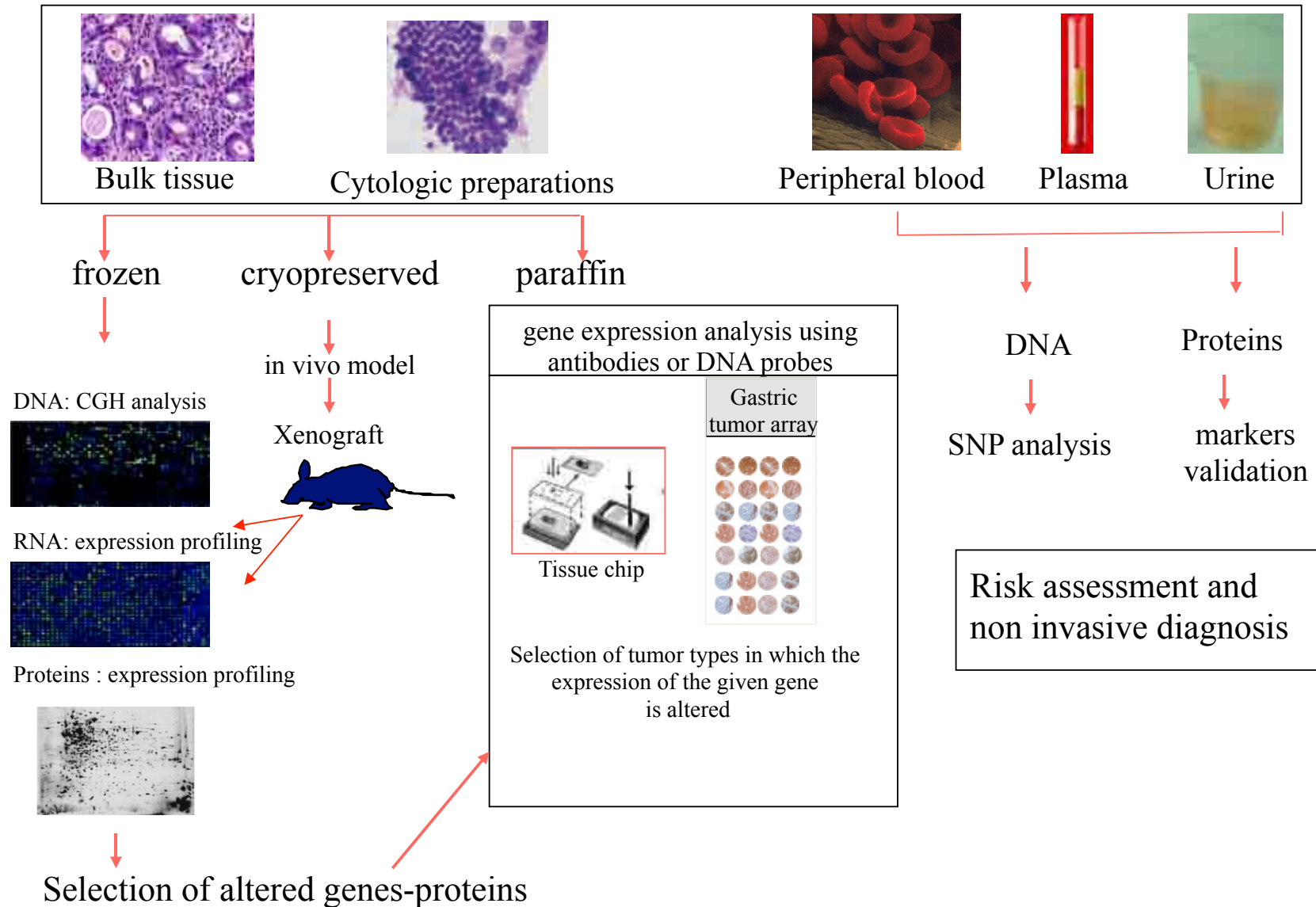


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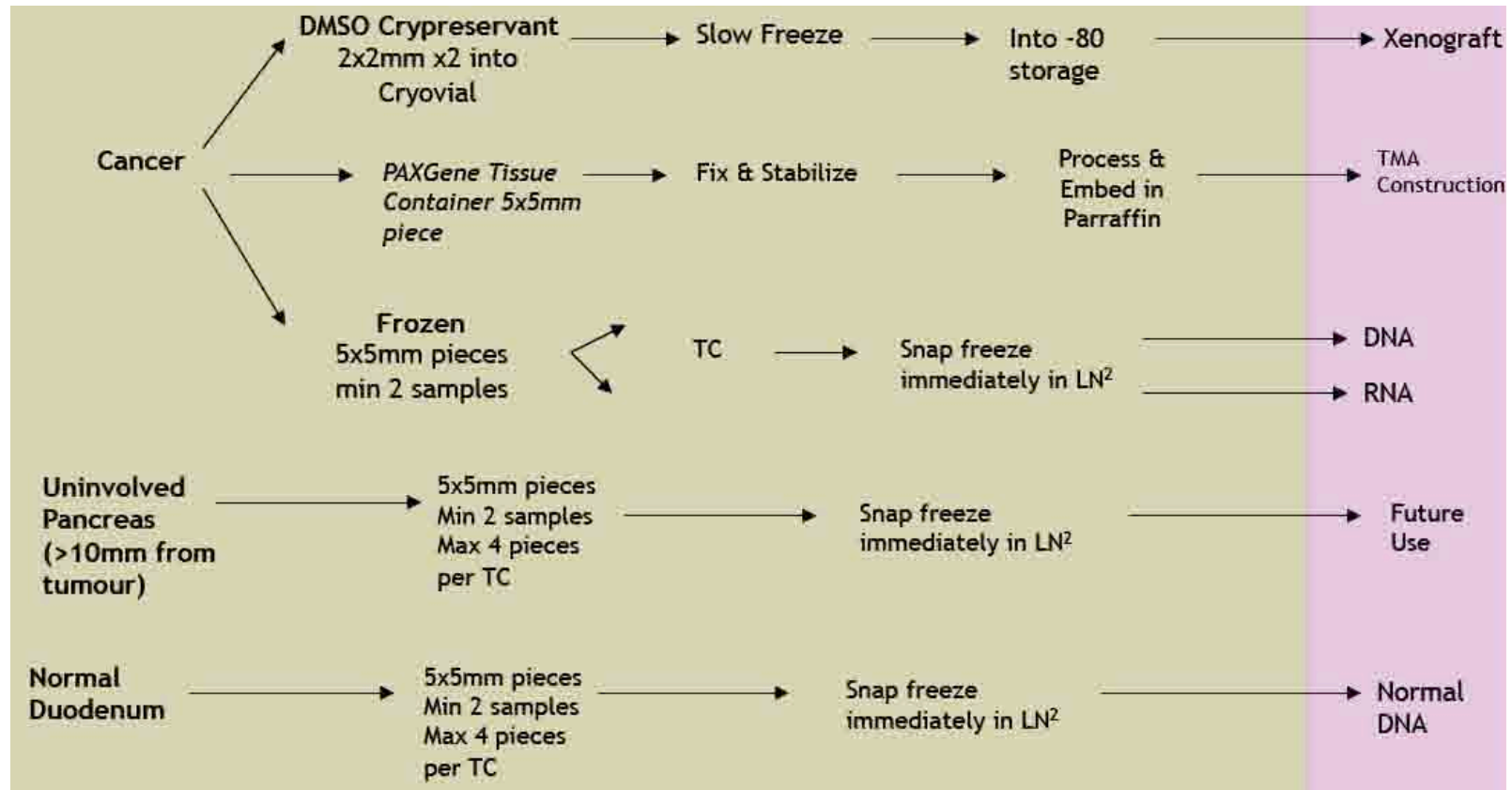
- Communicates the most effective practices for the management of specimen collections and repositories
- Reflects the collective experience of its members and has received broad input from other repository professionals

Banks of biological material collected from cancer patients and their use.



## SURGERY

## LABORATORY



# Genomic Studies provide the baseline for clinical options

TP53

KRAS

SMAD4

CDKN2A

WGS data from ICGC  
found consistent mutations in sets of genes  
belonging to specific pathways

The mutational landscape of pancreatic cancer

# Pancreas Cancer

Pathway-specific signatures – 475 PDAC

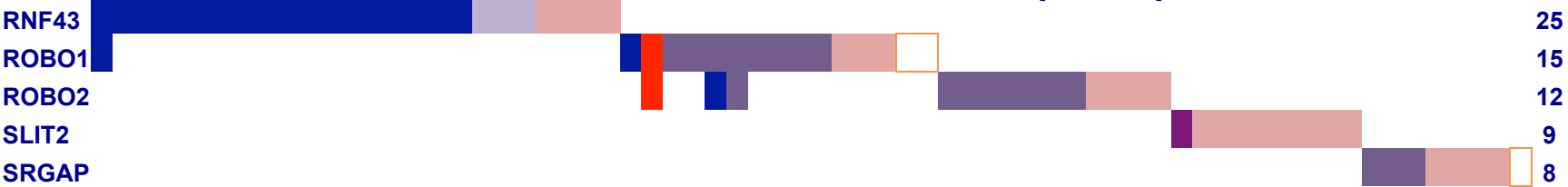
## MAPK pathway: (95%)



## TGFb pathway: (40%)



## WNT pathway: ROBO SLIT & RNF43 (20%)



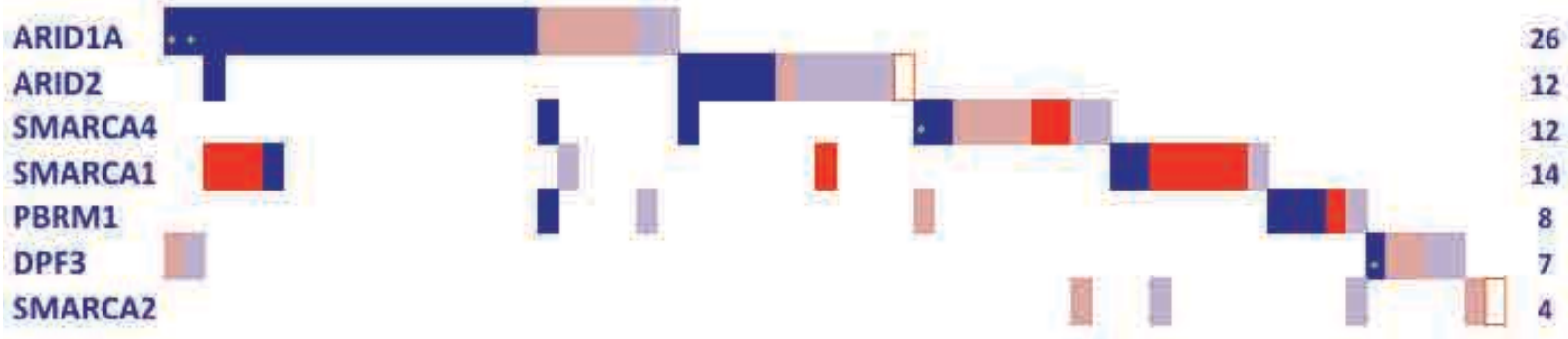
- Nonsense, indel, SS
- Missense
- Silent
- Damaging SV
- Homozygous deletion



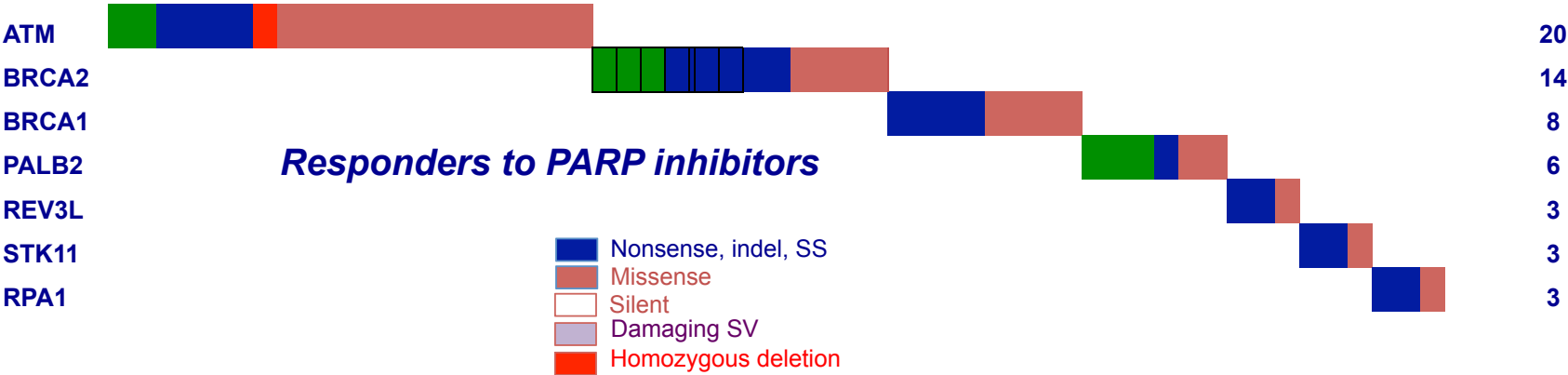
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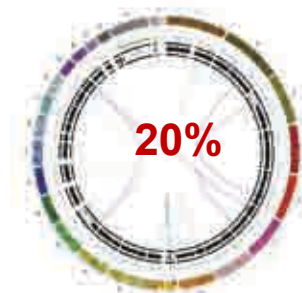
## SWI/SNF – Chromatin remodeling: (25%)



## DNA Damage repair: (20%)

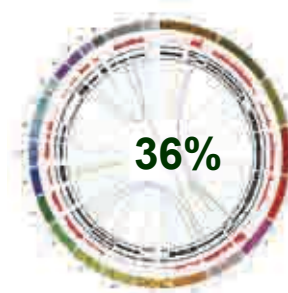


# Whole genomes redefine the mutational landscape of PDAC



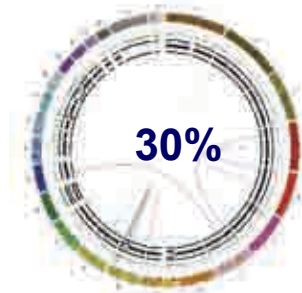
20%

**Stable**  
( $<50$  events)



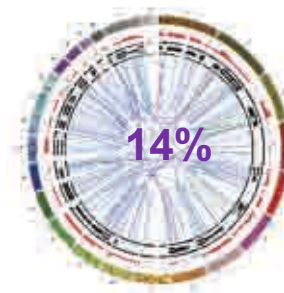
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**Scattered**  
(50 – 200 widespread)



30%

**Focal**  
(50-200, 50% on 1 Chr)



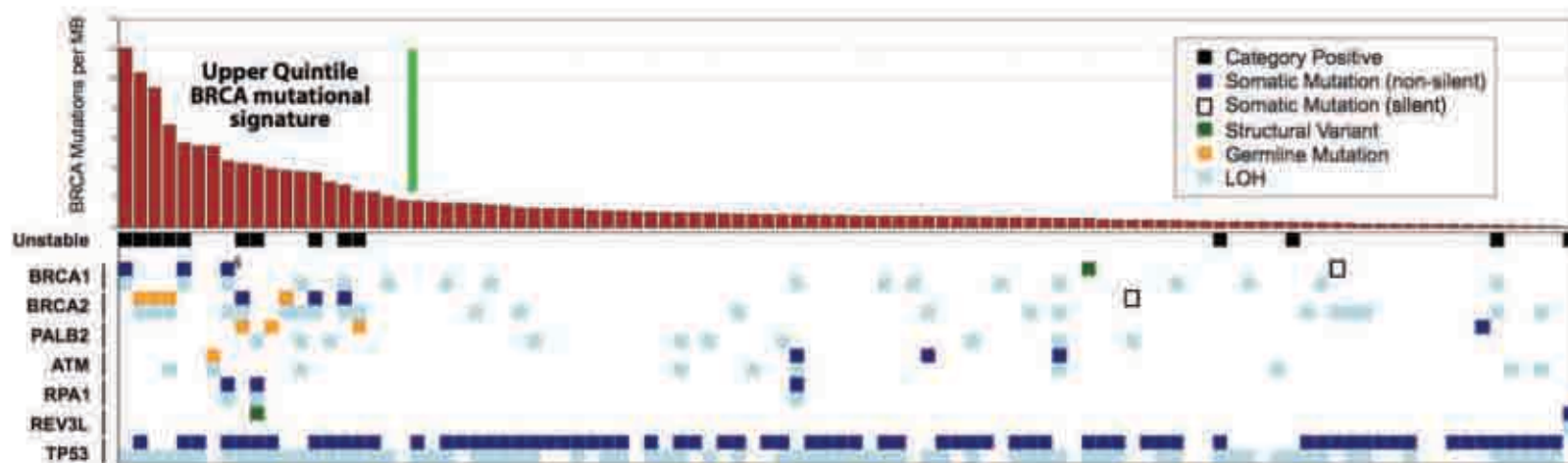
14%

**Unstable**  
( $>200$  widespread)





# Unstable Genotype is associated with BRCA signature



## Genomic information can define diagnostic and actionable subgroups for the clinic

1 Diagnosis

2 Prognosis

3 Predict drug efficacy

4 Follow up

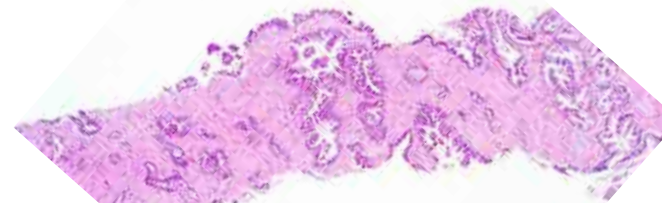


## How do we apply this information to the clinic?

# NGS – PDAC Gene panels for pathway based molecular diagnostics

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## Diagnosis



Panel Name	PDAC periampullary basic	TGFB Pathway	SWI/SNF Chromatin Remodelling	WNT non canonical - Spliceosome	DNA DAMAGE REPAIR
GENES	KRAS BRAF NRAS GNAS BBB CCC DDD EEE FFF GGG HHH	SMAD 4	BAP1 ARID2 BBB CCC DDD EEE FFF GGG HHH	ROBO1 SLIT2 BBB CCC DDD EEE FFF GGG HHH	BRCA1 BRCA2 BBB CCC DDD EEE FFF GGG HHH

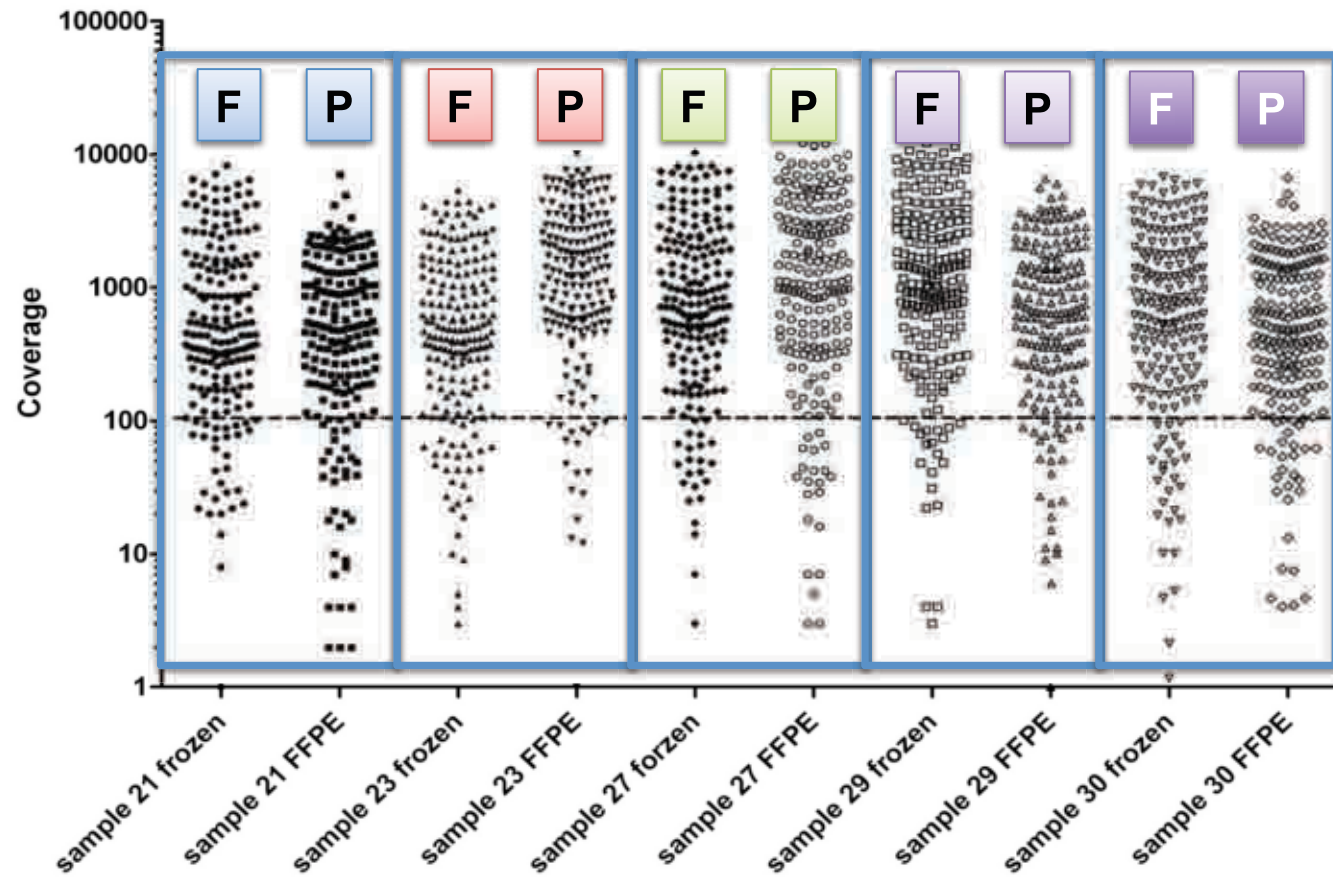
# NGS FROZEN and FFPE

## High quality of DNA sequences

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### Diagnosis

Coverage distribution of amplicons in each sample

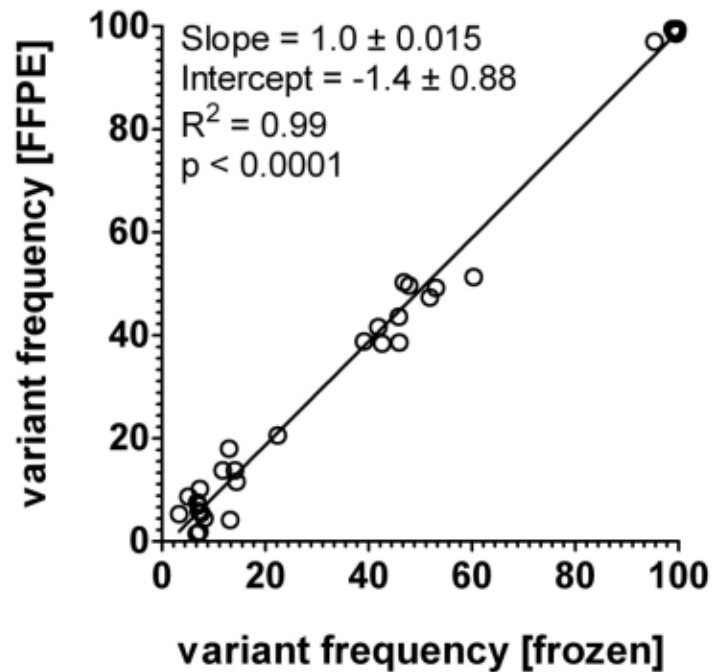


# Mutations in FROZEN and FFPE samples coincide

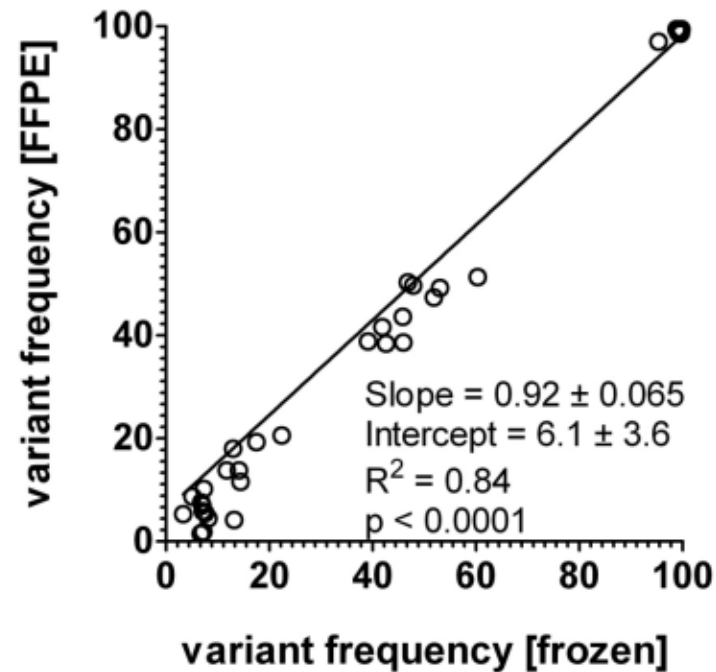
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## Diagnosis

point mutations



Insertions/  
deletions



### Clinical Summary:

ID	UC32881
Submitter ID	ICGC_0006
Project Name	Pancreatic Cancer - AU
Project Code	PACA-AU
Primary Site	Pancreas
Tumour Type	Pancreatic cancer
Tumour Subtype	Ductal adenocarcinoma
Age at diagnosis	49
Age at enrollment	49
Age at last followup	51
Diagnosis ICD-10 code	C25.1
Disease status at last followup	progression
Gender	female
Vital status	alive
Tumour staging system at diagnosis	TN3
Relapse type	local recurrence
Relapse interval (days)	819
Survival time (days)	841

### Genomic Summary:

Tumour Cellularity	78%
Genomic Subtype	UNSTABLE
Mutational Signature	BRCA deficient 4.3Mut/Mb
Mutation Status (Tier 1 targets)	Somatic BRCA2
Fusion-gene genes	18
Exonic mutations	179
Genomic rearrangements	211
Telomere Integrity Score	-0.75
Immune infiltration (percentile)	79%
Mutated PDAC Pathways	DDR, Chromatin, KRAS, Cell cycle

### Tier 1 mutations:

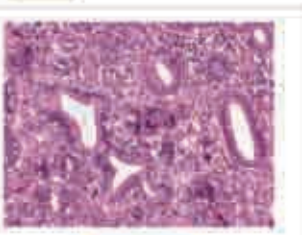
Gene	Mutation	Mutation	Origin	2nd Allele	AF	Pathogenicity	DRUGGABLE
KRAS	G12D	chr12:35388244C>T	SOMATIC	No loss	FOUNDER	HIGH	
CDKN2A	del	chr9:21973794AGGCTCC>	SOMATIC	LOH	FOUNDER	HIGH	
TP53	del	chr17:7578197C>	SOMATIC	No loss	FOUNDER	HIGH	
BRCA2	p.N1704H>V	chr13:32913936>A	SOMATIC	LOH	FOUNDER	HIGH	YES

### Clinical trial options:

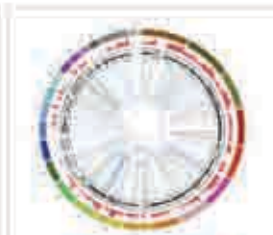
**Olaparib® (AZ)** based on Biallelic BRCA2 loss of function mutations, DDR mutational signature and Genomic Instability

### Coding mutations:

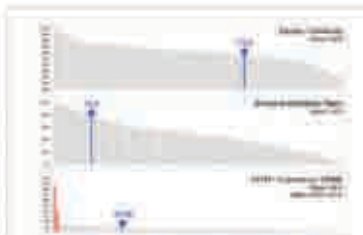
Gene	Mutation	Mutation	Origin	2nd Allele	AF	Pathogenicity	DRUGGABLE
CDH23	T543M	chr10:73442262C>T	SOMATIC	No loss	FOUNDER	HIGH	
CDH6	E823D	chr20:58687755A>C	SOMATIC	No loss	Subclonal	MEDIUM	
CDK12	R219T	chr17:37618880G>C	SOMATIC	No loss	FOUNDER	LOW	
CDKN2A	del	chr9:21973794AGGCTCC>	SOMATIC	LOH	FOUNDER	HIGH	
CDK4	N223D	chr2:22674233A>G	SOMATIC	LOH	FOUNDER	MEDIUM	
CHAT	R265H	chr10:52854567G>A	SOMATIC	No loss	Subclonal	LOW	
CHGB	G170E	chr10:5903299G>A	SOMATIC	No loss	Subclonal	MEDIUM	
CLSTN3	E394*	chr12:7286783G>T	SOMATIC	No loss	FOUNDER	HIGH	
DACH1	G42*	chr13:2147019G>A	SOMATIC	LOH	FOUNDER	HIGH	
DMGDH	p.M198V	chr7:6347257TAGT>	SOMATIC	No loss	Subclonal	HIGH	



>Pathology report



>Detailed Genomic report



>Detailed Transcriptomics report

# Molecular Phenotype Report

with

# Clinical Trial Options

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**Diagnosis**

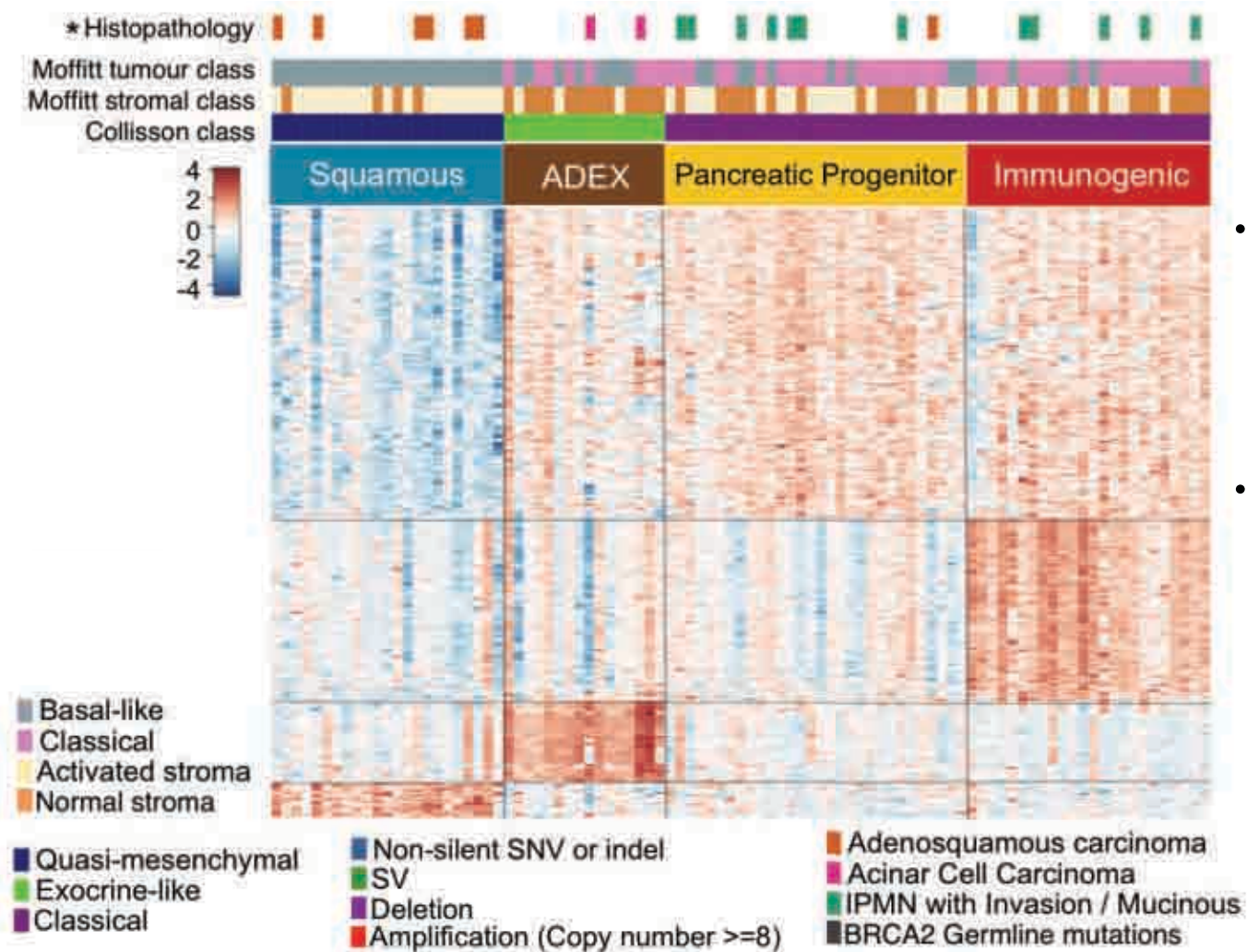
**NEXT GENERATION HISTO-PATHOLOGY**



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# Diagnosis

RNAseq (N = 96)



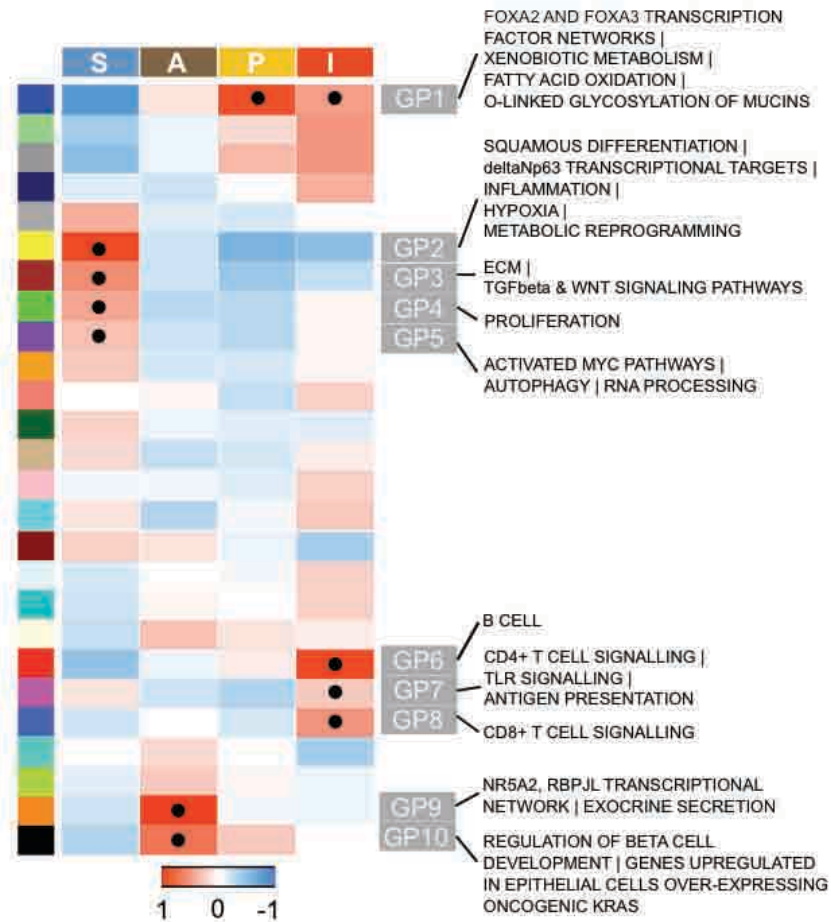
- 4 classes based on transcription factors and downstream targets
- Enriched with specific histological features



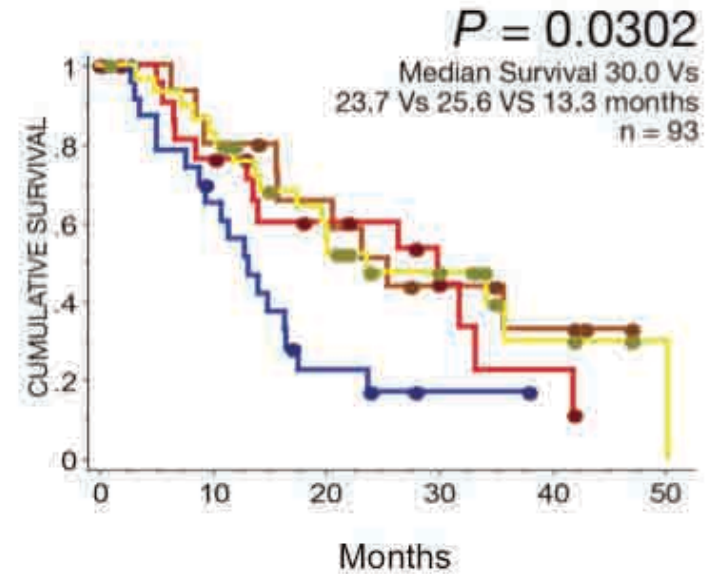
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# Diagnosis

## Molecular Subtypes of PDAC



- Squamous subtype worst prognosis
- Transcriptional network analysis identified 10 core gene programmes associated with different classes



Bailey *et al*, (in print)

# Mutations in 79 primary PDAC

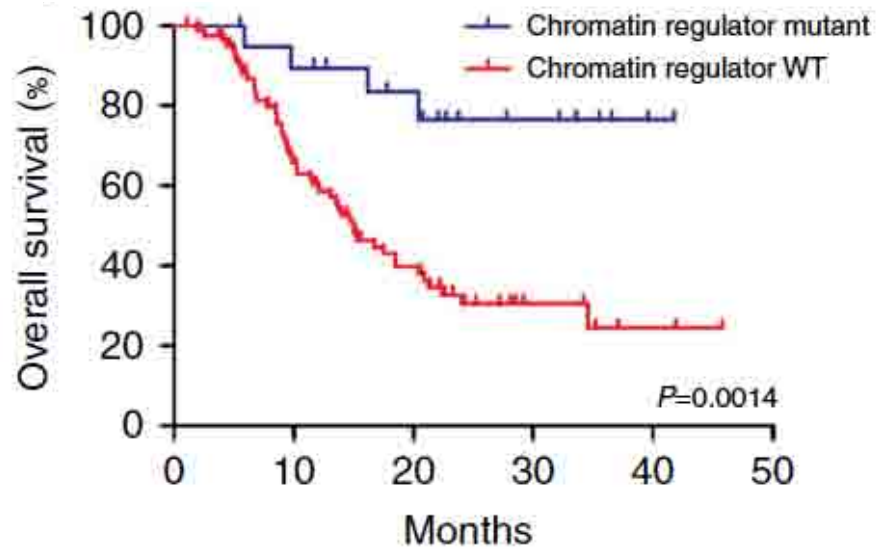
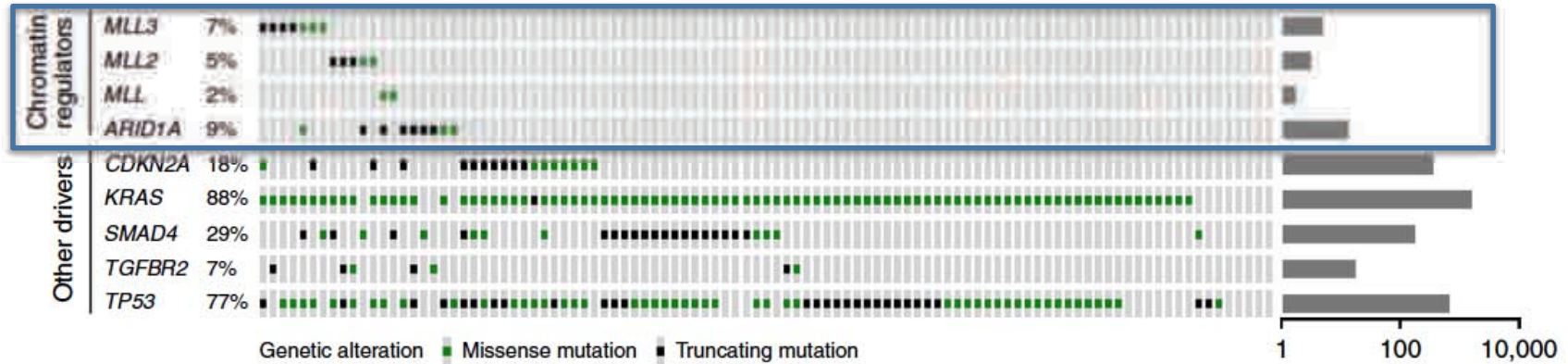
## Chromatin remodelling (15-genes)

Gene	Pathogenic
BAP1	8
ARID2	1
BBB	1
CCC	1
DDD	2
EEE	4
FFF	3
GGG	1
HHH	2
III	1
JJJ	1
KKK	2
Total	27 (21%)

2 Prognosis

**A total of 27 cases mutated = 34%**

# Chromatin remodelling and prognosis



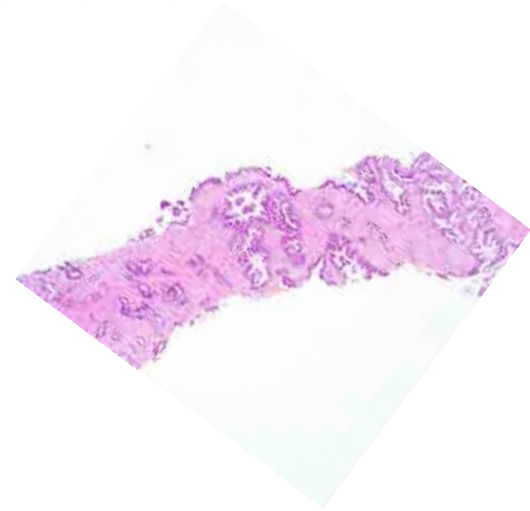
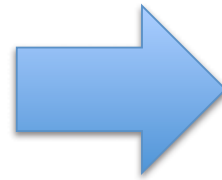
2 Prognosis

Sausen M et al. *Nature Communications*. 2015

# Mutations in 79 primary PDAC

## BRCAness pathogenic mutations

Gene	Pathogenic
XXX	3
BRCA1	<b>3</b>
BRCA2	<b>9</b>
PALB2	<b>1</b>
CCC	
DDD	3
EEE	1
FFF	
GGG	2
HHH	2
III	1
Total	25



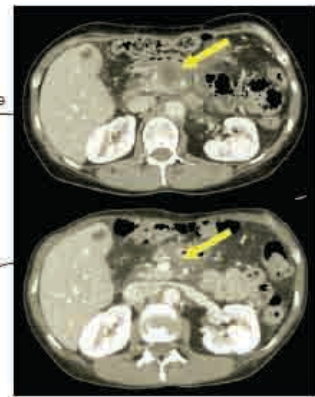
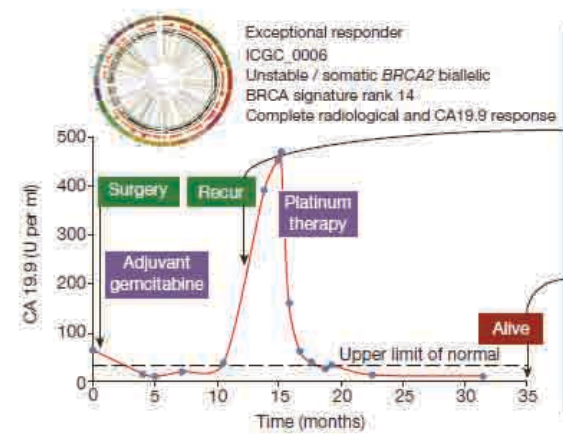
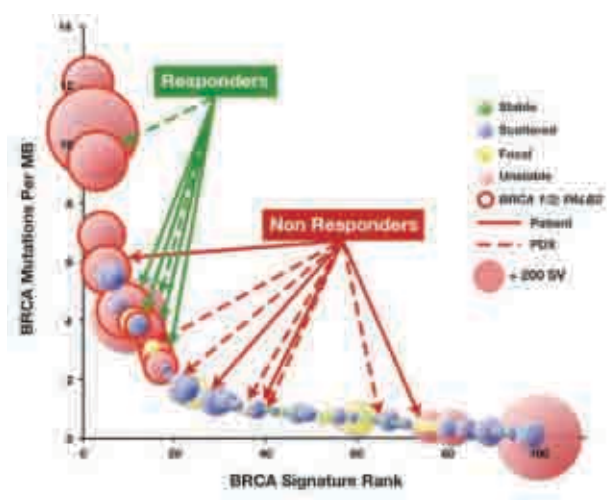
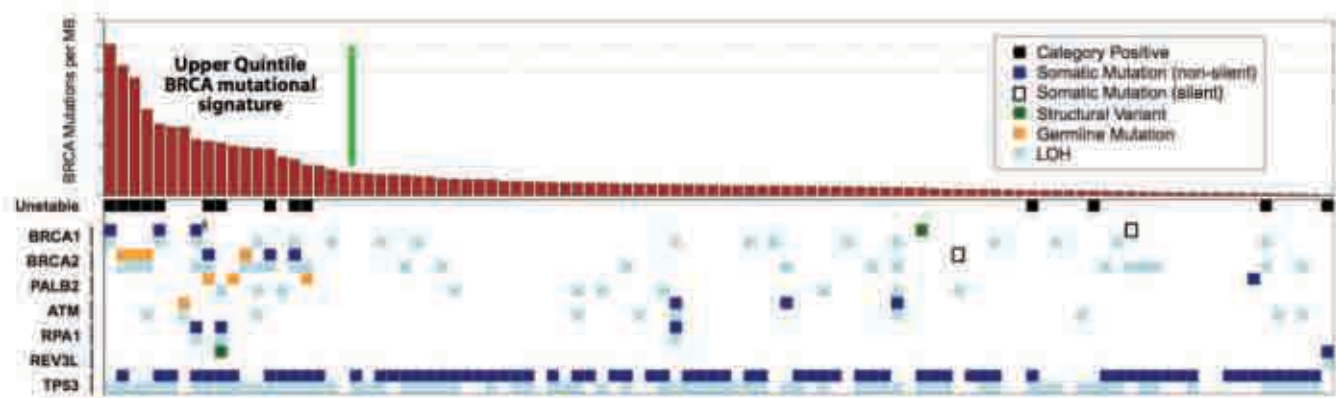
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Predict drug efficacy

A total of 25 cases mutated (32%)

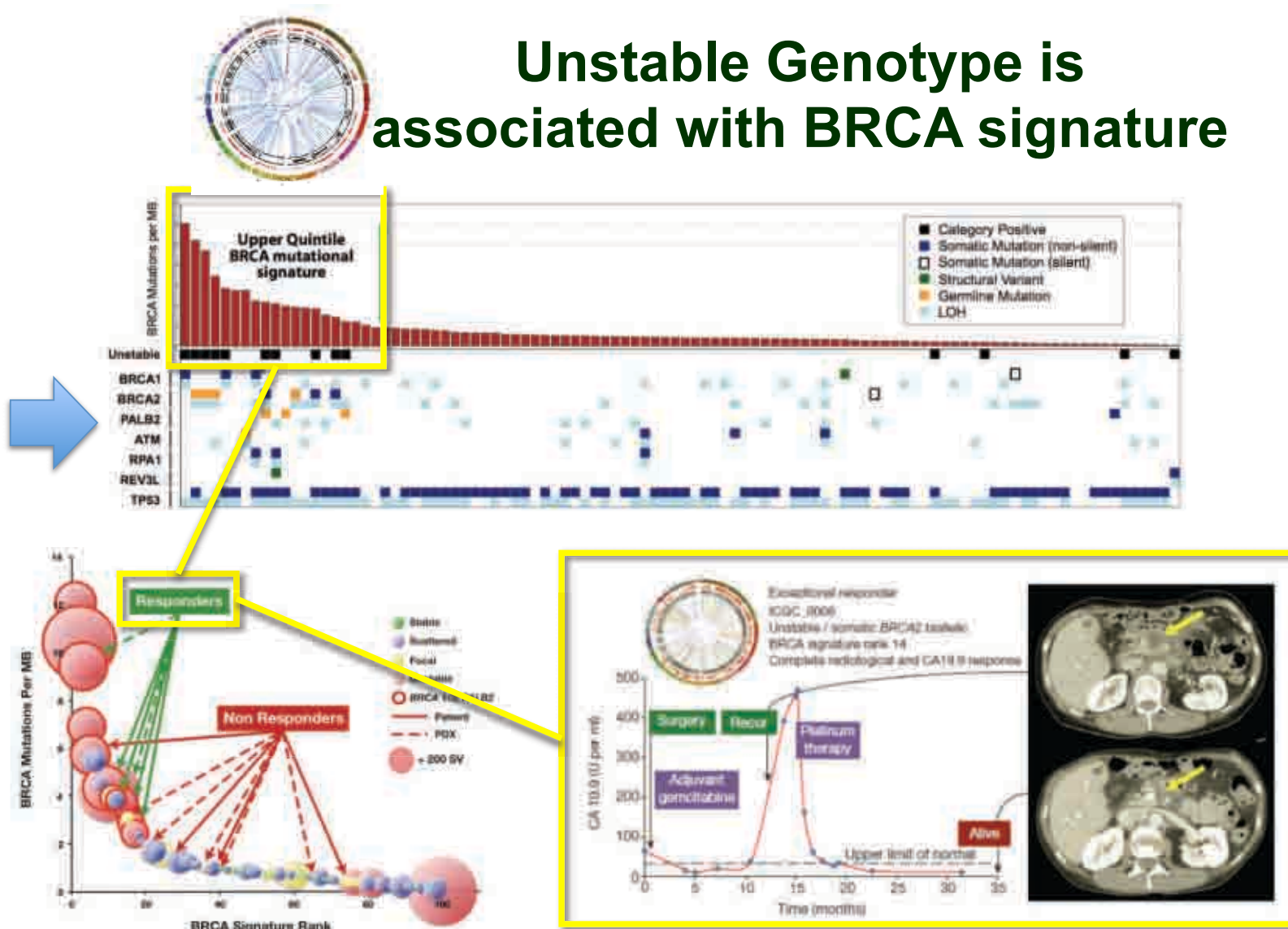


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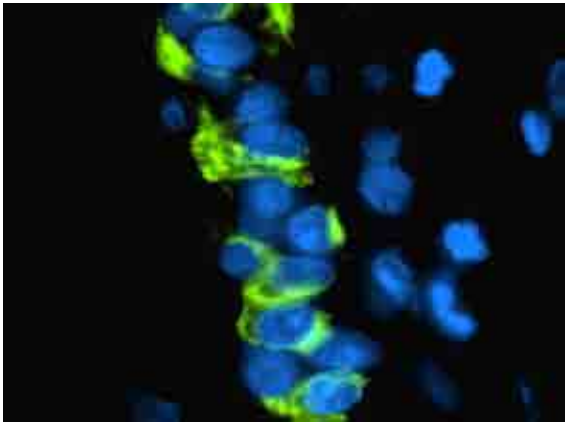
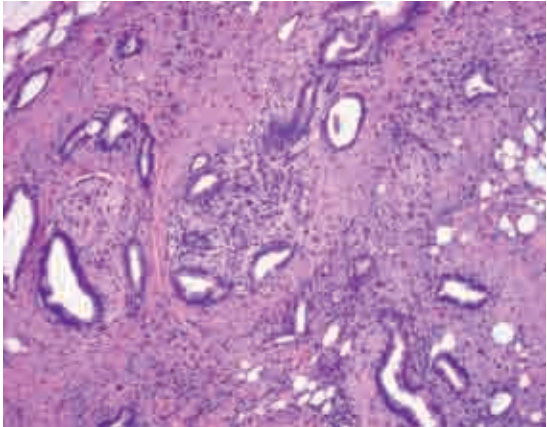
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Follow up

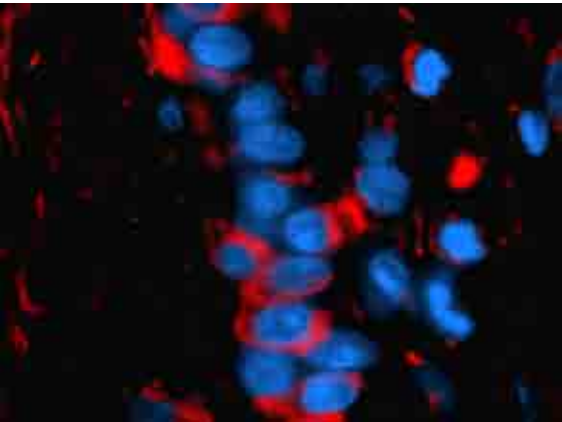
# Tumor Burden

## Pancreatic cancer cellularity

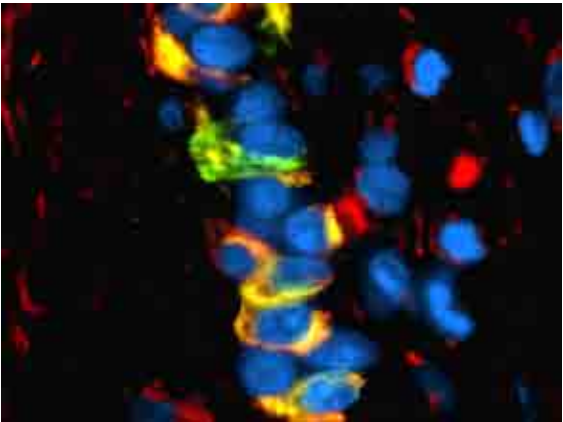
Sample	Cell	<i>KRAS</i>
1	15%	G12R (60%)



Keratin



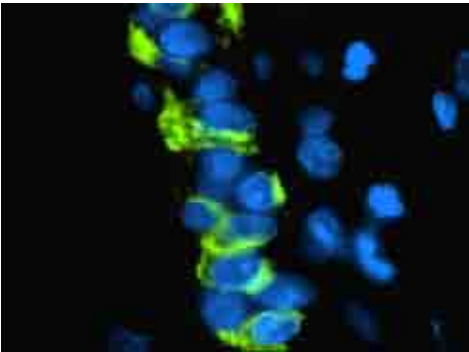
Vimentin



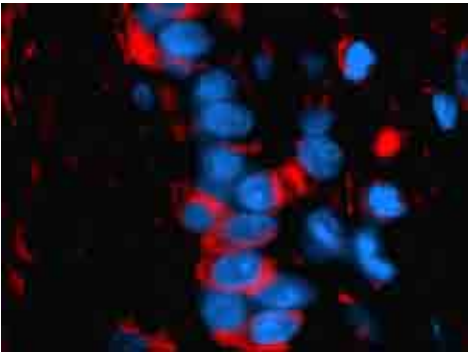
Fusion



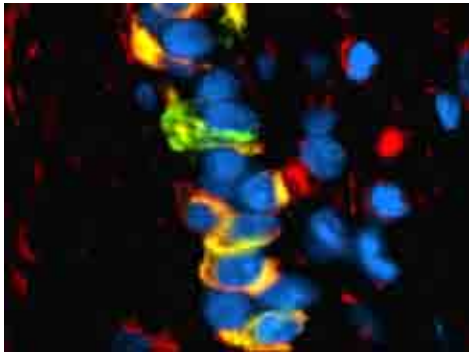
# Resolving FFPE Intratumoral Heterogeneity



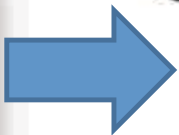
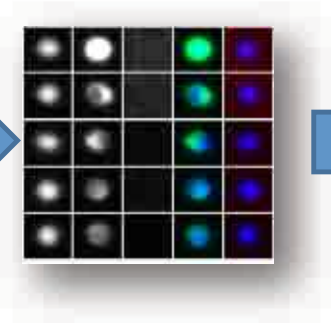
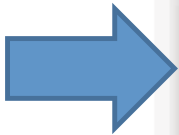
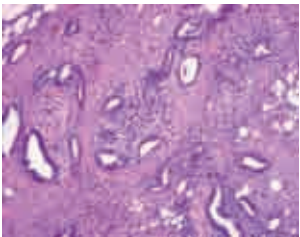
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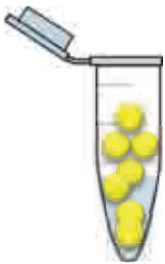
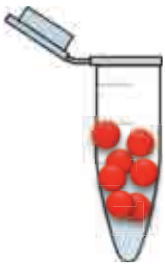
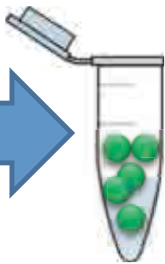
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TUMOR

STROMAL

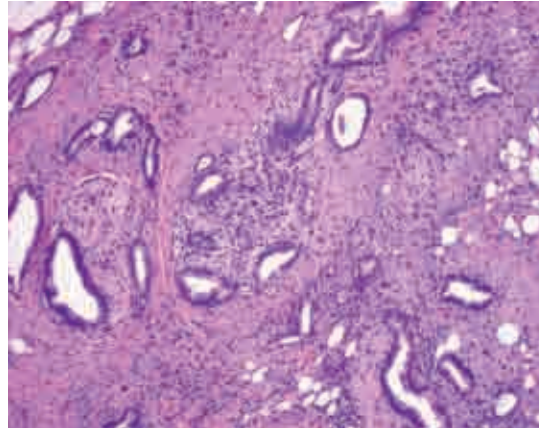
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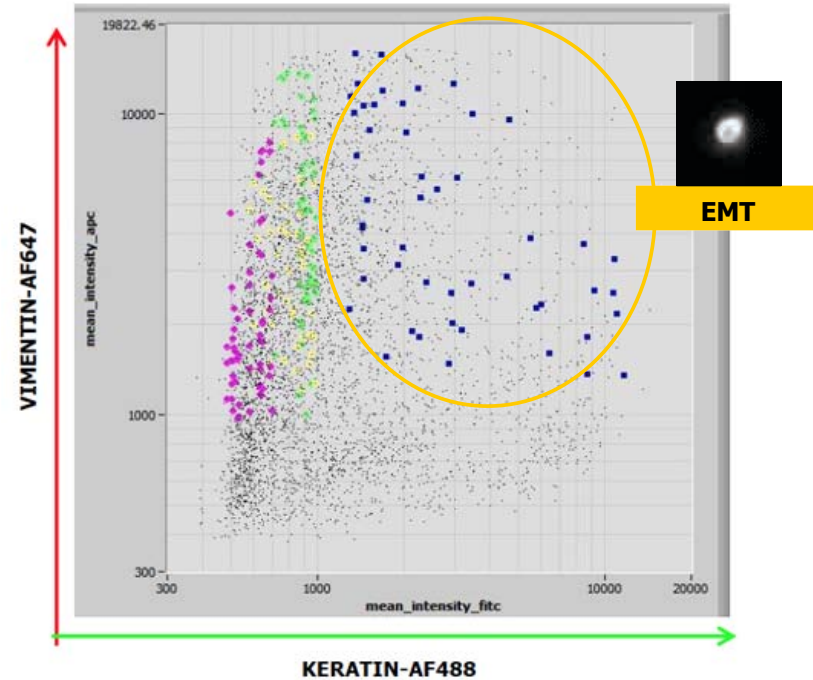
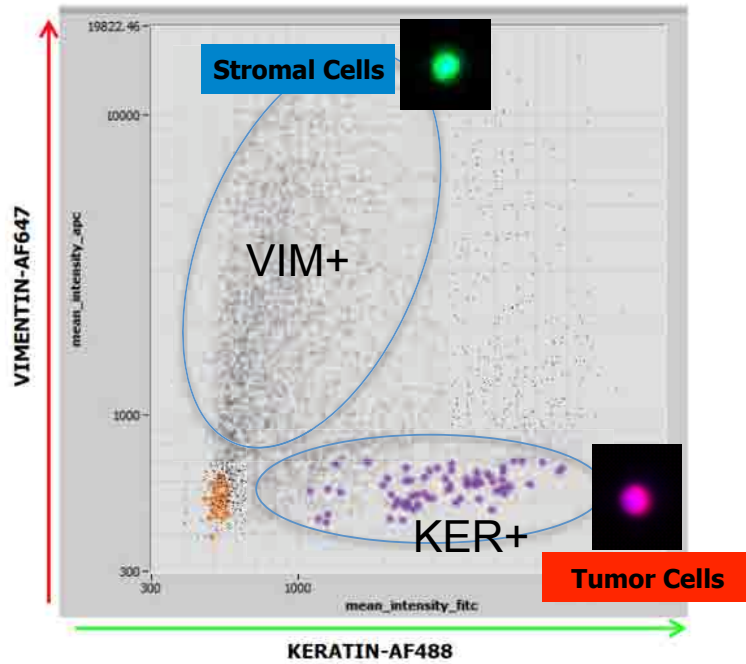
*Recovery of homogeneous pools of cells*

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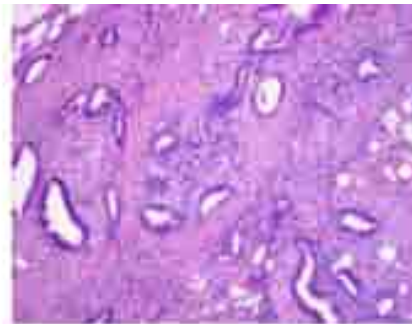


**KRAS** G12R  
**TP53** R273H  
**SMAD4** R361H



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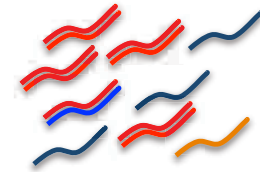
*KRAS* G12R  
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	Keratin	Vimentin	<i>KRAS</i>	<i>TP53</i>	<i>SMAD4</i>
<b>Epithelial</b> Ker+ Vim-			G12R	R273H	R361H
<b>EMT</b> Ker+ Vim+			G12R	R273H	R361H
<b>Stromal</b> Ker- Vim+			None	None	None

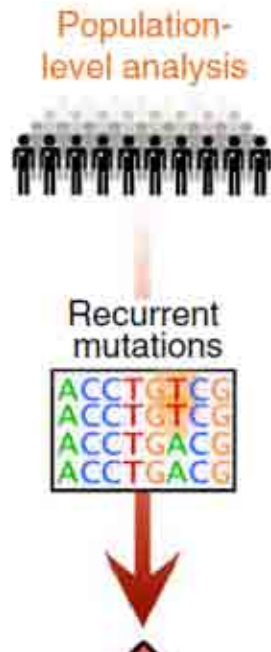
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# Liquid biopsy: cfDNA

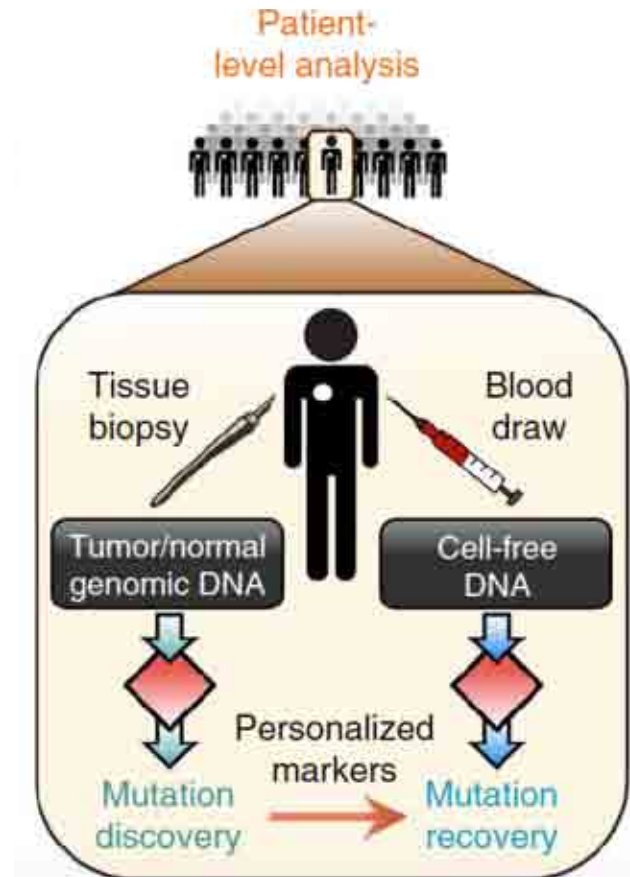


- **Early diagnosis**



*lack of specificity*

- **Disease monitoring**

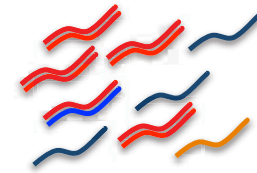


# Pancreatic cancer: cfDNA

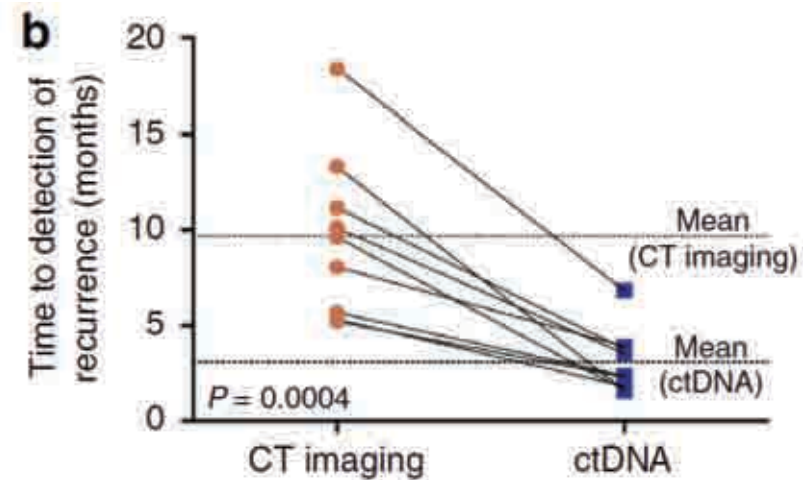
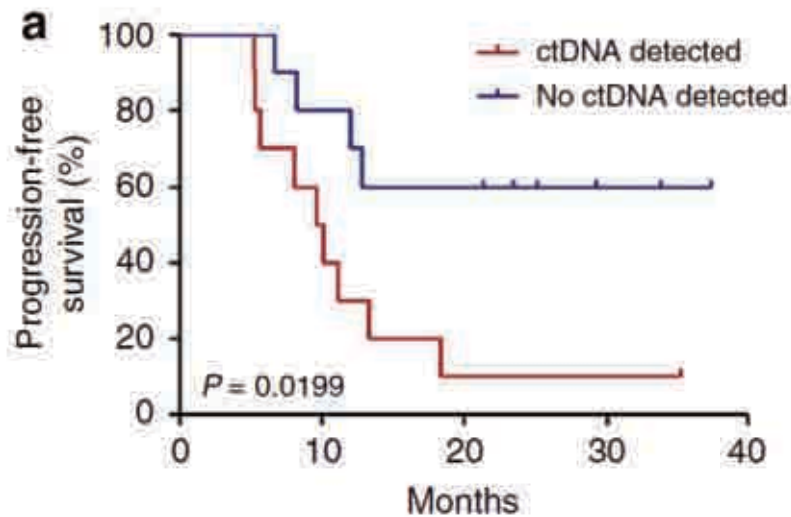


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Follow up



- dPCR detected alterations at diagnosis (specificity 99.9%)
- ctDNA detected recurrence before CT



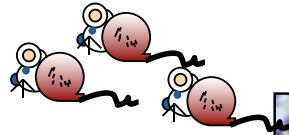
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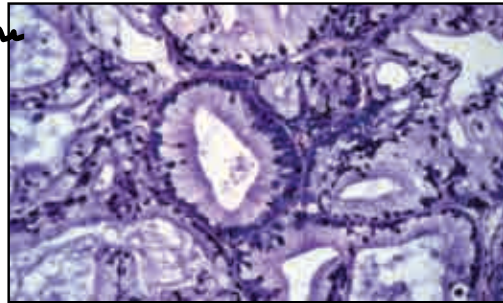




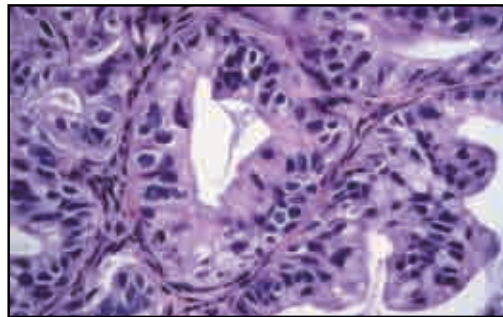
# Xenografts retain the morphology of the patient cancer



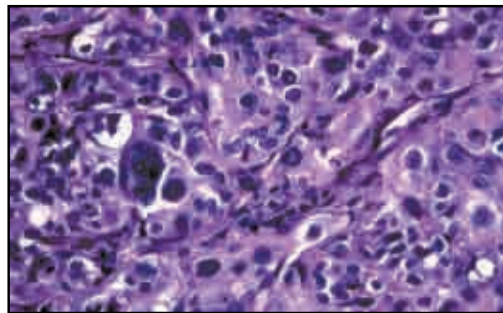
**Xenograft**



PDX1

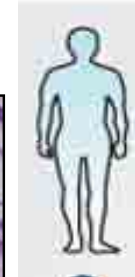
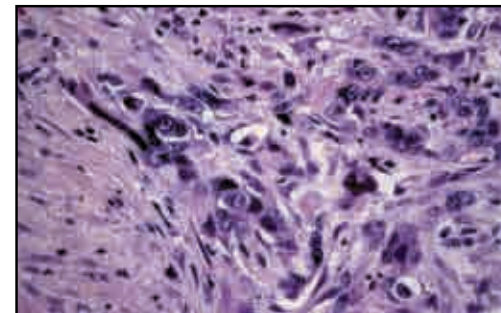
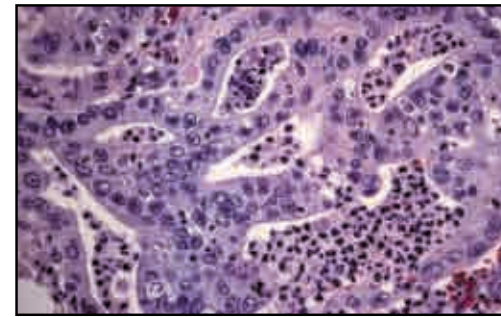
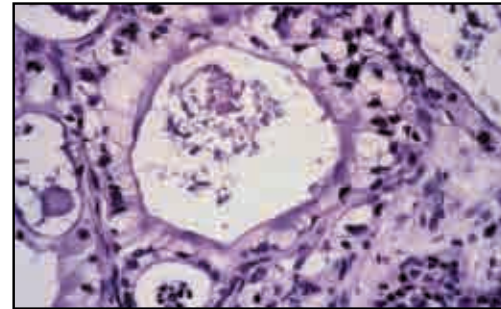


PDX9



PDX7

**Primary**



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## Mutations in 79 primary /xenografts pairs

### PDAC / periampullary panel (17-genes)

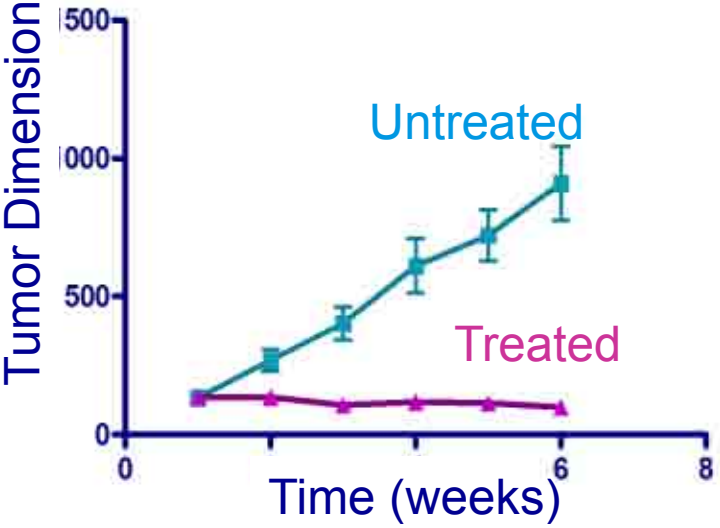
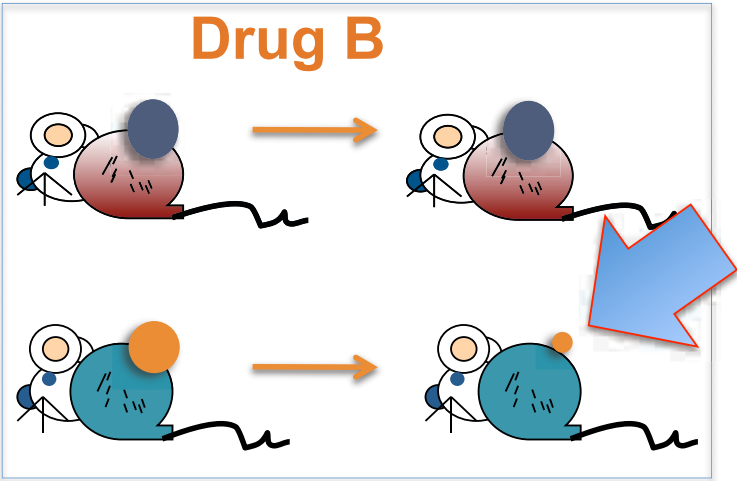
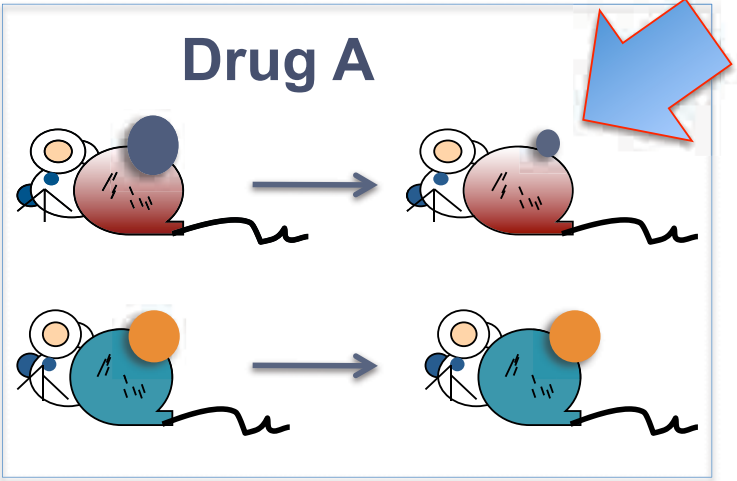
Gene	Mutated cases	Proportion
KRAS	75	95%
TP53*	51	64%
SMAD4**	19	24%
CDKN2A/p16	10	12%
GNAS	3	4%
APC	2	2.5%
FBXW7	1	1%
PIK3CA	1	1%

\*IHC confirms the proportion

\*\*IHC shows a higher proportion of inactivation

The analysis suggest non correspondence that is resolved or amplified in xenografts

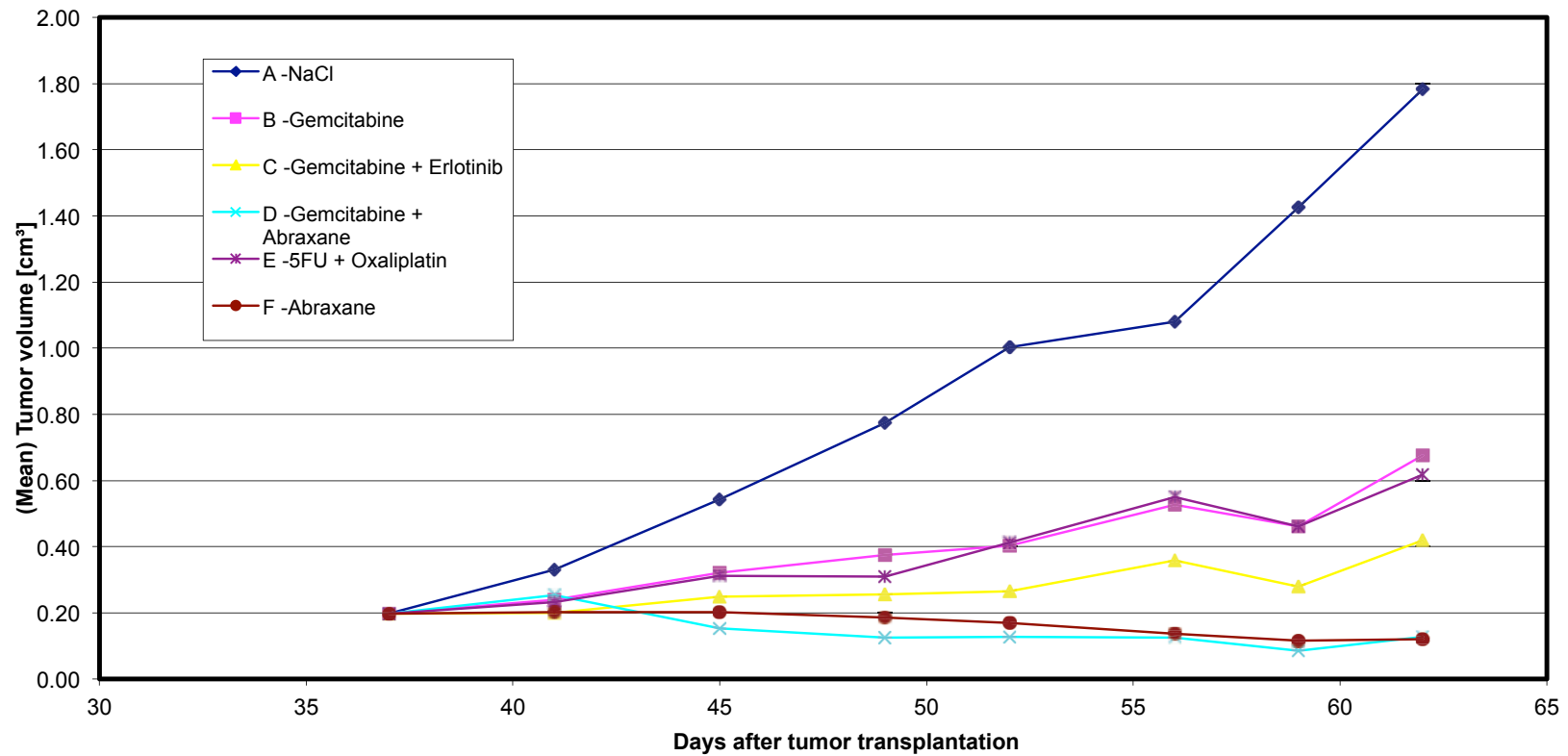
# Testing drugs on patient xenografts





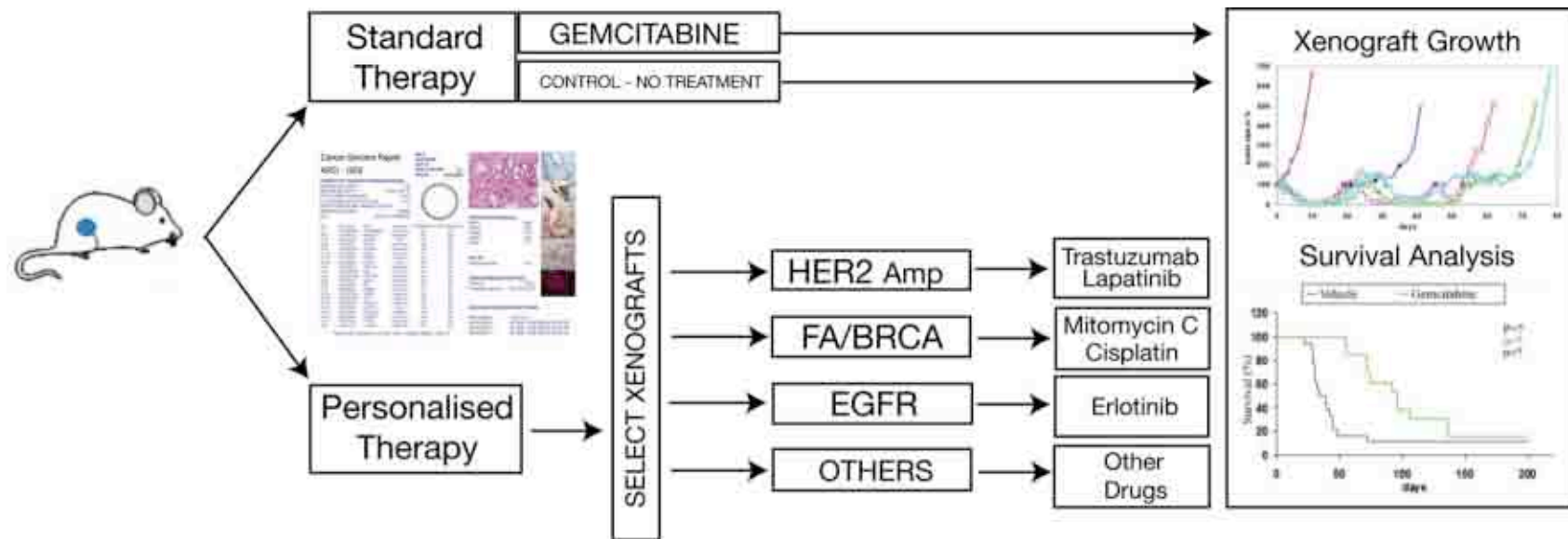
**G2 - KRAS, P16, SMAD4, TP53, ACVR2A**  
**- RBM10, SRGAP2**

**Tumor growth of T2330 (Panc12709, MV13107)**

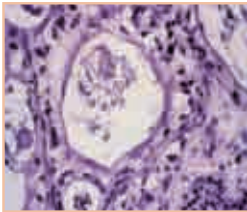
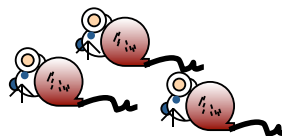
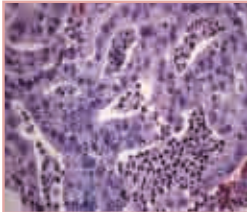
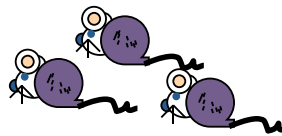
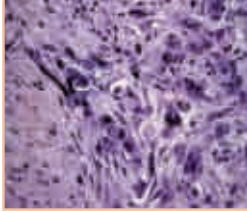
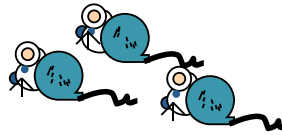


# Biobanks make the development of drugs and diagnostic tools more efficient

- Individualised Molecular Pancreatic Cancer Therapy (IMPACT) trial
  - APGI patients with targets that are ready for “Prime Time”
  - Primary Xenografts and cell lines generated from APGI patients for others



# Biobank of patient tumorgrafts to associate genetic profiles to drug response

Patient cancer	Genetic profile	Patient Xenografts	Genetic profile	Drug response
	II		II	A
	III		III	B
	IV		IV	C





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