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Liquid Biopsy: CTC, ctDNA, Exosome etc.

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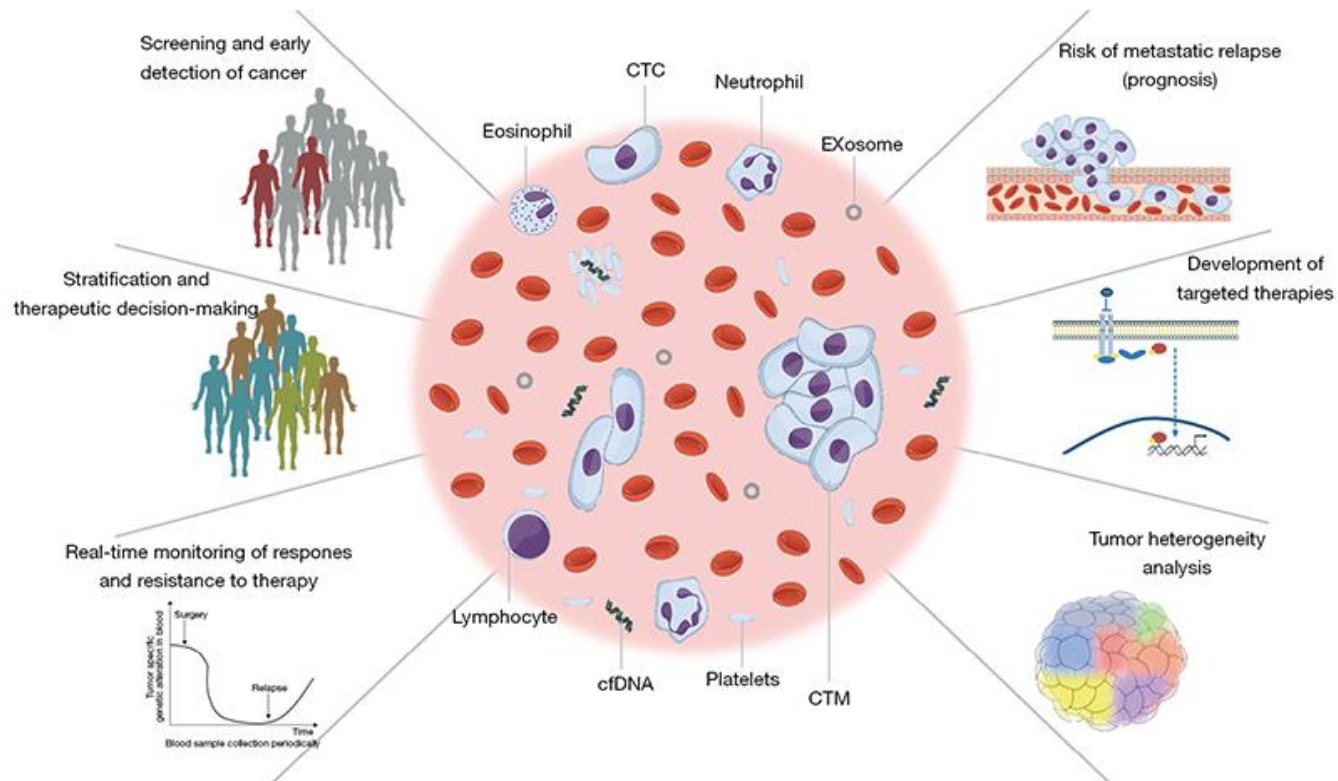
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Liquid Biopsy (Fluid Biopsy, Fluid Phase Biopsy)

Sampling and analysis of non-solid biological tissue, primarily, blood
– as a diagnostic and monitoring tool for diseases s.a. cancer
-largely non-invasive
-can be done more frequently, taking multiple samples



Opportunities and Challenges of

- Circulating Tumour Cells (CTCs)
- Circulating Tumour DNA (ct DNA)
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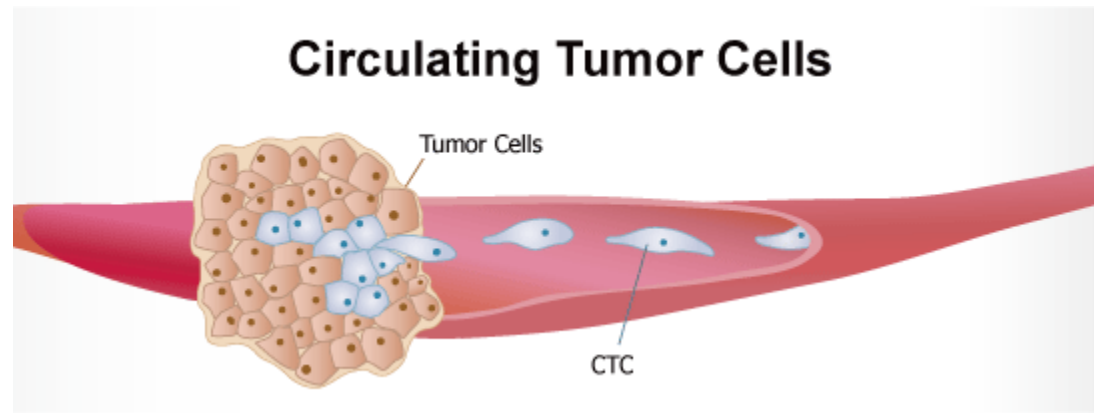
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Circulating Tumour Cells (CTCs)

- **1869 Thomas Ashworth**
 - First described “Circulating Tumour Cells (CTCs)” in a metastatic cancer patient
- **1976 Nowell**
 - Amended the definition as tumor cells derived from primary tumors or metastatic tumors with the ability to get out of the basement membrane and invade into the blood vessels through the tissue matrix
- **2004 Cristofallini**
 - Showed the finding of at least five CTCs in 7.5ml blood was associated with reduced PFS and OS in MBC patients.



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Circulating Tumor Cells and Late Recurrence of Breast Cancer

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Background: Rationale for Evaluation of Circulating Tumor Cells (CTCs) as a Biomarker for Late Recurrence

- **Analytical validity**
 - FDA-cleared blood test for enumerating CTCs in metastatic breast cancer ^{1,2}
- **Clinical validity**
 - CTC burden and prognosis in metastatic breast cancer^{1,2}
 - CTC presence/burden & recurrence in early breast cancer ^{3,4}

	Lucci et al ³	Rack et al ⁴	Reithdorf ⁵
No.	302	2026	213
CTC-Positive	24%	22%	22%
Median followup	2.9 years	2.9 years	5.6 years
Recurrence risk (CTC + vs. -)	4.6-fold ↑	2.1-fold ↑	2.9-fold ↑

(1) Cristofanilli et al. N Eng J Med 2004; 351:781-91 (2) Smerage et al. J Clin Oncol 2014; 32:3483-89 (3) Lucci et al. Lancet Oncol 2012; 13: 688-95 (4) Rack et al. JNCI 2014;106(5): dju066 doi:10.1093/jnci/dju066 (5) Reithdorf et al. Clin Cancer Res 2017; 23: 5384-5392

Methods: Study Design

- **Population:** Stage II-III HER2-negative enrolled in E5103 (NCT00433511)
- **Treatment:** AC-weekly paclitaxel ± bevacizumab + endocrine therapy if ER+
- **Selection:** Recurrence-free 4.5-7.5 years after diagnosis & informed consent
- **CTC Assay:** Whole blood (7.5 ml) drawn into fixative-containing tube for CTC identification and enumeration using the CellSearch® system at entry
- **Assay results:** not reported to clinicians or patients due to uncertainty regarding prognostic information

Results: Patient Characteristics, Recurrences, & CTC Results

(Enrollment Period: February 2013 – July 2016)

Total	Total (N=547)
Age at diagnosis (n=547)	
< 50 years	44%
>= 50 years	56%
Tumor size (N=547)	
< 2 cm	41%
>/= 2 cm	59%
Nodal Status	
Negative	27%
Positive	73%
HR Expression (N=546)	
Negative	35%
Positive	65%
Histologic grade (N=534)	
Low-intermediate	45%
High	55%
Endocrine Therapy (N=330)	88%

- **Median followup – 1.8 years**

- Range 0-3.9 years

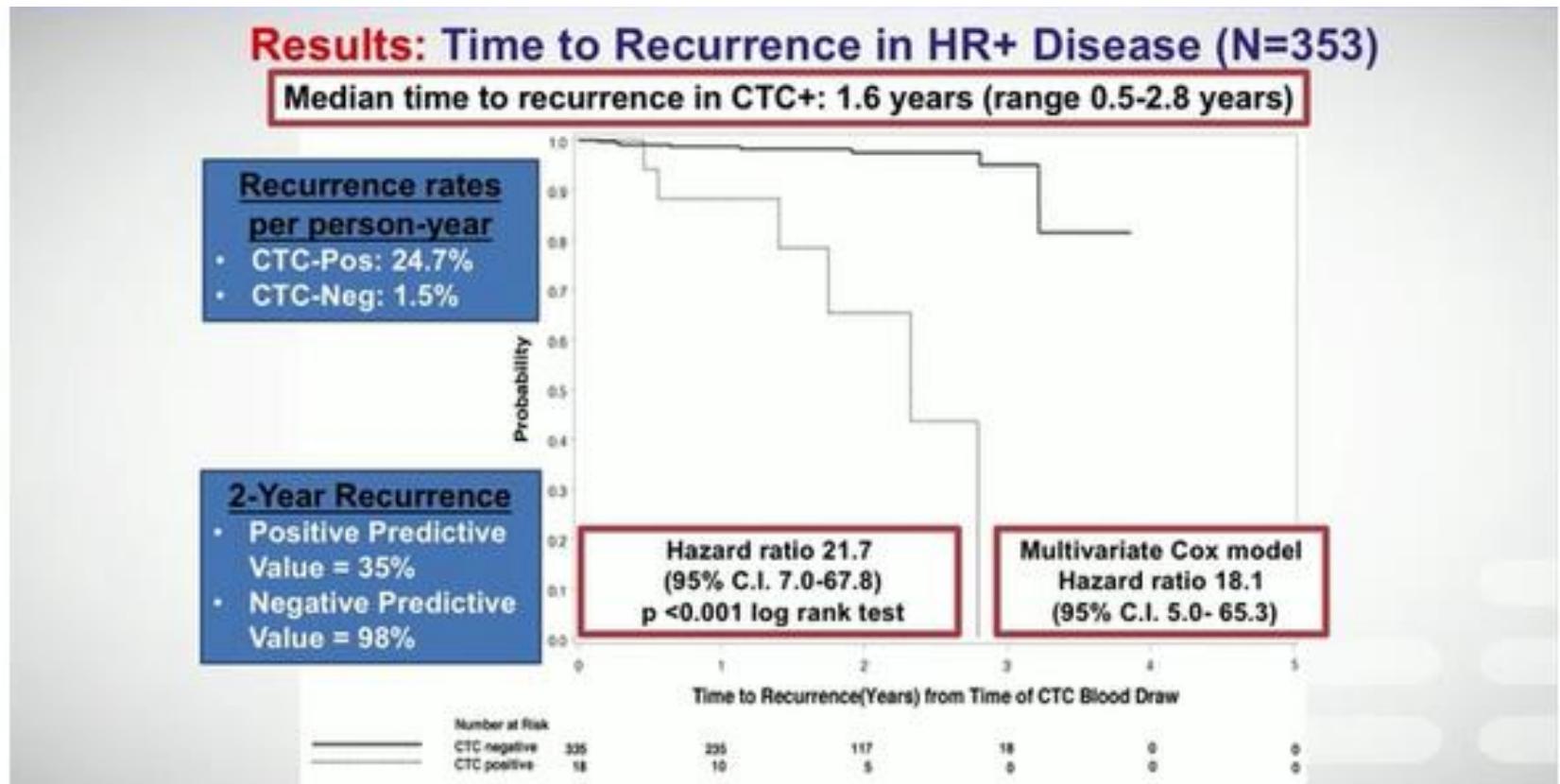
- **Recurrences**

- **HR-Positive (N=14/353): 4.0%**
(95% CI 3.0 to 7.9%)
- **HR-Negative (N=1/193): 0.5%**
(95% CI 0, 2.9%)

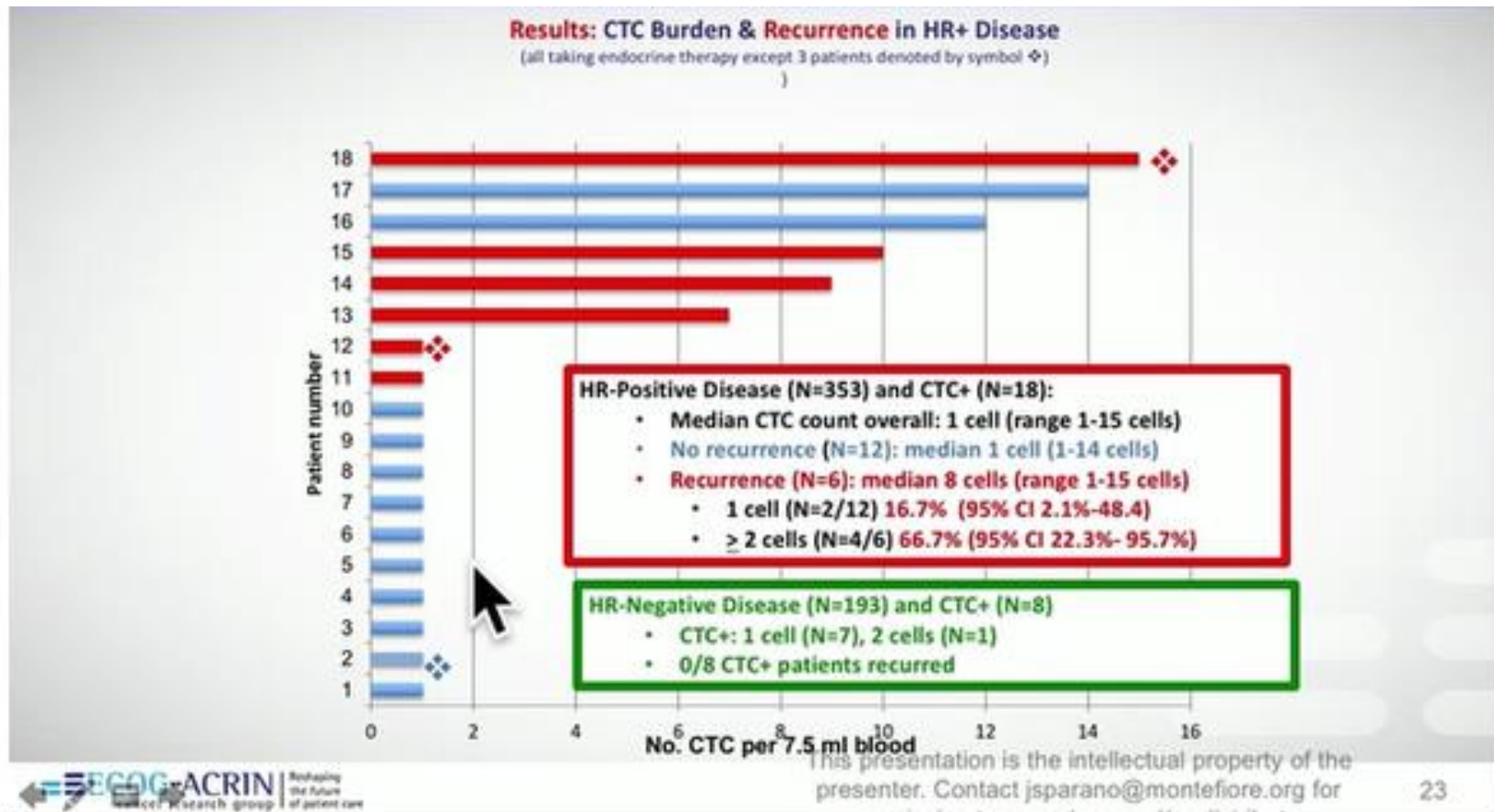
- **CTC-Positive (1 cell/7.5 ml blood)**

- **Overall (N=26): 4.8%**
95% CI 3.1%-6.9%
- **HR-Positive (N=18/353): 5.1%**
95% CI 3.0%-7.9%
- **HR-Negative (N=8/193): 4.1%**
95% CI 1.8%-9.0%

SABCS 2017 –Predicting late relapse with CTC?



High risk of recurrence- having high levels of CTCs (not so predictive for low number of CRC)



Conclusions

- **Study objective 1: prevalence of detectable CTCs**
 - Detectable in 5% with localized HR+, HER2- breast cancer 5 years or more after diagnosis
 - After adjuvant chemotherapy and concurrent endocrine therapy
 - Also detected in 4% of HR-, HER- (“triple-negative”) disease
- **Study objective 2: CTCs and clinical recurrence**
 - Prospective study - level 1 evidence supporting **clinical validity** of a positive CTC assay with clinical recurrence in HR+ breast cancer
 - Robust risk stratification (hazard ratio ~20x↑)
 - High negative predictive value (98%)
 - No association with recurrence in ER- disease, although few events in this population

Extended adjuvant bisphosphonate treatment over five years in early breast cancer does not improve disease-free and overall survival compared to two years of treatment: Phase III data from the SUCCESS A study

Wolfgang Janni, Thomas WP Friedl, Tanja Fehm, Volkmar Mueller, Werner Lichtenegger, Jens Blohmer, Ralf Lorenz, Helmut Forstbauer, Emanuel Bauer, Visnja Fink, Inga Bekes, Jens Huober, Julia Jückstock, Andreas Schneeweiss, Hans Tesch, Sven Mahner, Sara Y Brucker, Georg Heinrich, Lothar Häberle, Peter A. Fasching, Matthias W Beckmann, Robert Coleman, Brigitte Rack

Background: Circulating tumor cells

- Circulating tumor cells (CTCs) detectable in early and metastatic breast cancer
- CellSearch System® (Menarini) FDA-cleared for enumeration of CTCs
- Prognostic relevance in the primary¹ as well as metastatic² setting established
- CTC dynamics as early treatment monitoring tool in metastatic breast cancer³
- Recent data indicate prognostic role of CTCs assessed during long-term follow-up in early breast cancer^{4, 5}
- Bisphosphonates may play a role for the elimination of CTCs and DTCs

¹ Rack B, et al., *J Natl Cancer Inst.* 2014; 106(5); Janni W, et al, *Clin Cancer Res.* 2016; 22(10):2583-93.

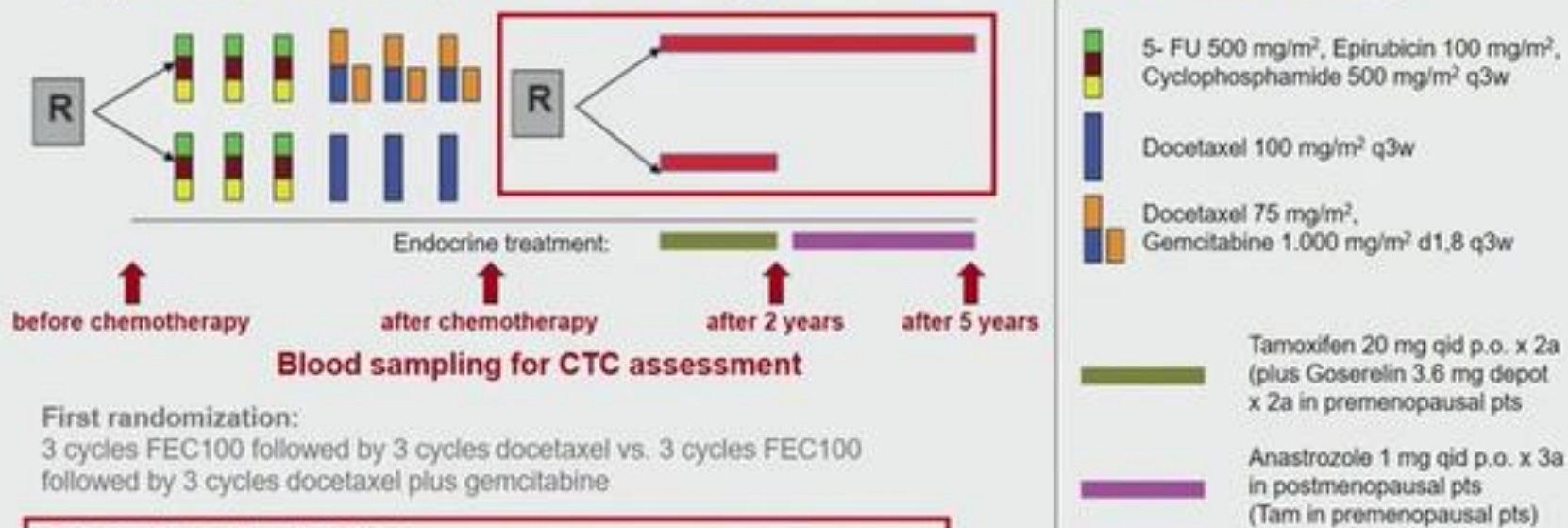
² Bidard FC et al. *Lancet Oncol.* 2014; 15(4):406-14.

³ Smerage JB, et al. *J Clin Oncol.* 2014; 32(31):3483-9.

⁴ Janni W, et al. *SABCS 2015*, ⁵Sparano J, et al. *SABCS 2017 (GS6-03)*

SUCCESS A – study design

(open-label, multicenter, 2x2 factorial design, randomized controlled Phase III study)



First randomization:

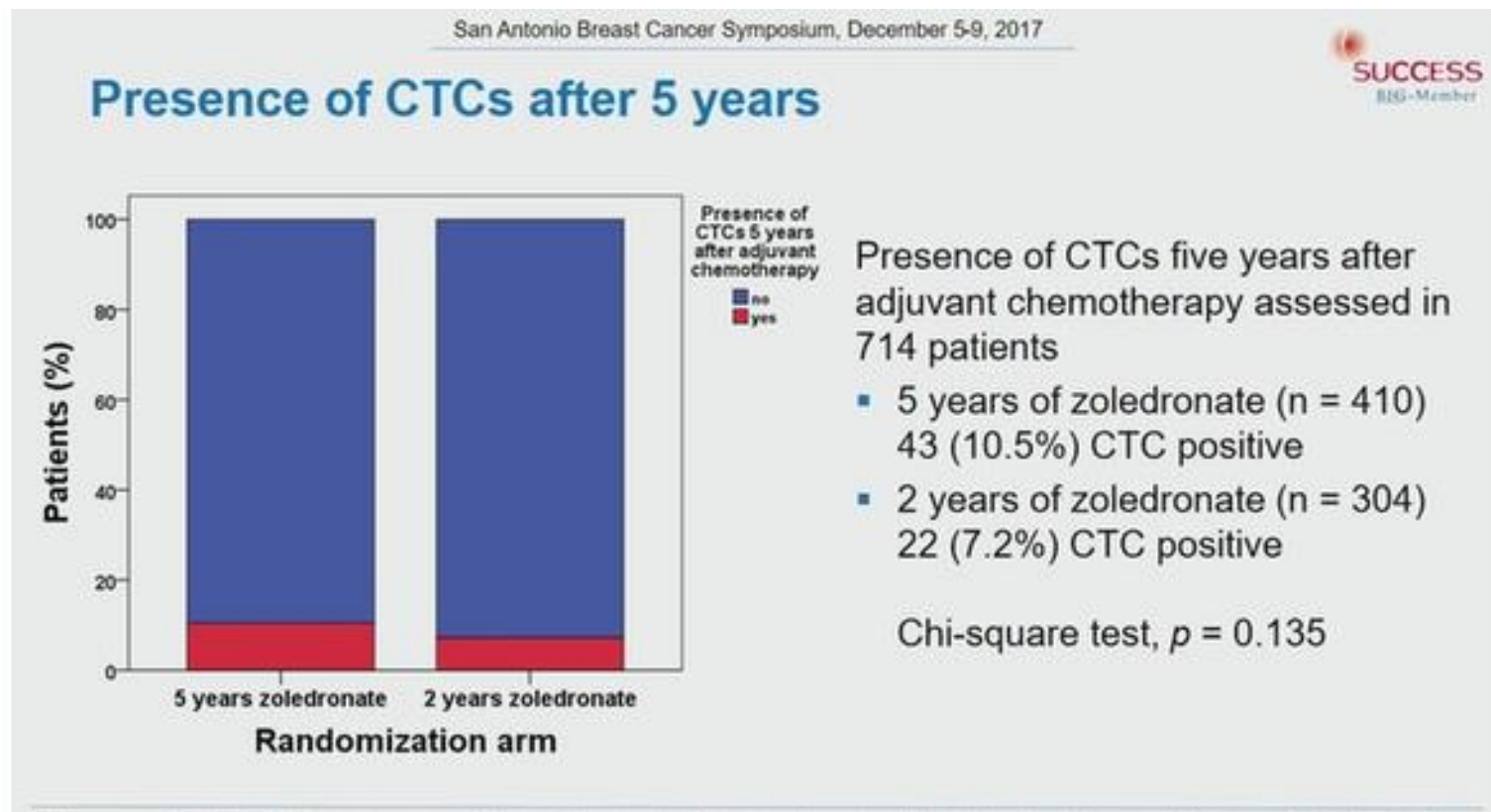
3 cycles FEC100 followed by 3 cycles docetaxel vs. 3 cycles FEC100 followed by 3 cycles docetaxel plus gemcitabine

Second randomization:

5 years vs. 2 years of zoledronate

(4 mg i.v. every 3 months for 2 years, followed by 4 mg i.v. every 6 months for 3 years vs. 4 mg i.v. every 3 months for 2 years)

Lack of significant difference with regard to prevalence of CTCs 5 years after adjuvant chemotherapy in accordance to survival analysis



Background: Late Recurrence in ER+ Breast Cancer

- **Late recurrence – 5 or more years after diagnosis**
 - Accounts for ~ 50% of recurrences in ER+ breast cancer
 - In EBCTCG metaanalysis¹, the 10-year recurrence risk in patients recurrence-free after a 5-year course of endocrine therapy:
 - 5% if 0 LN+
 - 10% if 1-3 LN+
 - 22% if 4-9 LN+
- **Adjuvant therapy and biomarkers for late recurrence**
 - Adjuvant chemotherapy ↓ early recurrence within 5 years ²
 - Extended adjuvant endocrine therapy ↓ late recurrence by ~ 2-4% ³⁻⁸
 - Some gene expression assays prognostic for late recurrence
 - ~ 2.5-fold ↑ recurrence risk in high vs. low risk groups ^{9,10}

(1) EBCTCG, NEJM 2017; 377: 1836-46; (2) EBCTCG, Lancet 2012; 379:432-44 (3) Goss PE et al, J Natl Cancer Inst 2005;97:1262-71, (4) Mamounas EP et al., J Clin Oncol 2008;26:1965-71 (5) Jakesz et al., J Natl Cancer Inst. 2007; 99:1845-53. (6) Davies C et al., Lancet. 2013 ;381:805-16. (7) Gray et al., J Clin Oncol 31, 2013 (suppl; abstr 5). (8) Goss PE et al., N Engl J Med. 2016; 375:209-219 (9) Sgroi et al. J Natl Cancer Inst 2013; 105:1036-42 (10) Wolmark et al. J Clin Oncol 2016; 34:2350-58

Implications of BC Clinical Practice & Research

- **Proof of Concept – “Clinical Validity”**
 - Biomarker prognostic for late recurrence in hormone positive HER2 negative EBC
 - Supports concept of a “second decision point” to tailor therapy based on biomarkers results
- **Further Study – “Clinical Utility”**
 - **Positive CTC assay** – may benefit from novel therapeutic approaches (s.a. oral SERDS, CDK4/6 inhibitors)
 - **Negative CTC assay** – spared from extended adjuvant hormonal therapy?
 - To explore the comparison and/or in combination with ctDNA or other biomarkers

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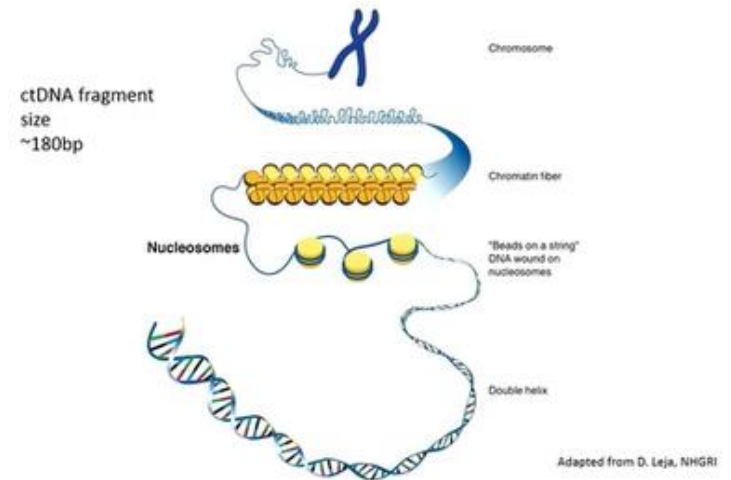
Emerging potential added value of ctDNA

Circulating tumour DNA are released into the blood of patients with a wide range of malignancies

Detectable in ~90% of patients with advanced cancer

Frequently present at low levels

Characteristics of ctDNA



Diehl et al Nat Med 2008

Perkins G et al PLoS ONE 2011

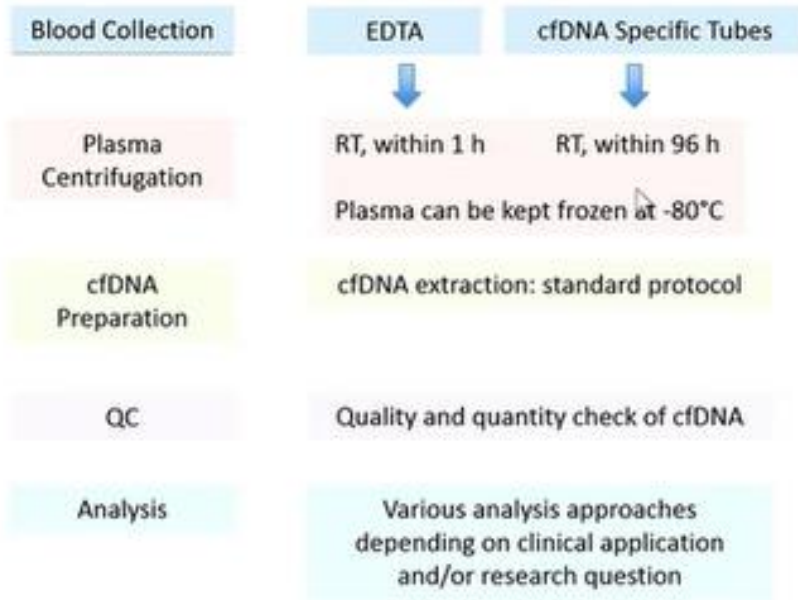
Forsheva et al STM 2012

Dawson et al NEJM 2013

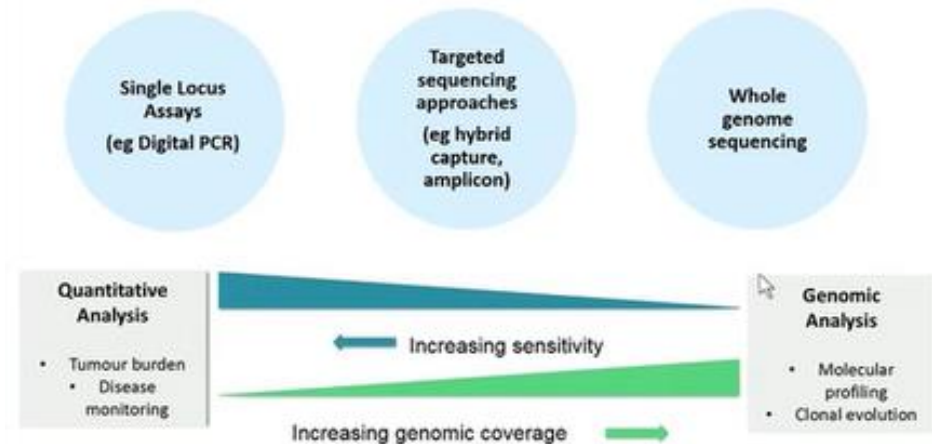
Crowley et al Nat Rev Clin Oncol 2013

Bettegowda et al STM 2014

Pre-Analysis Consideration & Methodology



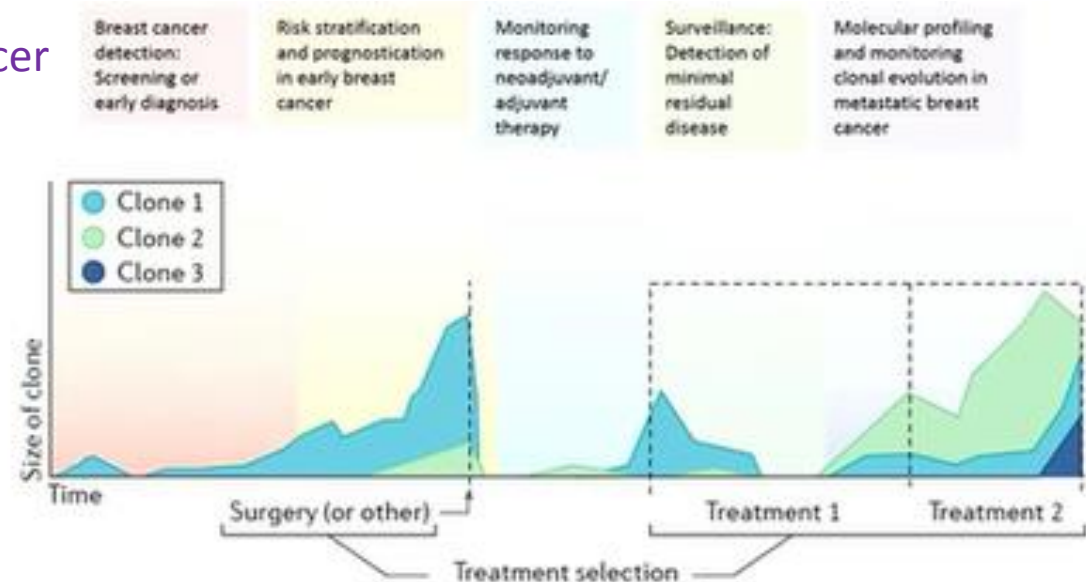
Methods of ctDNA analysis



Clinical Applications of ctDNA in BC Management

Potential Use of ctDNA Analysis

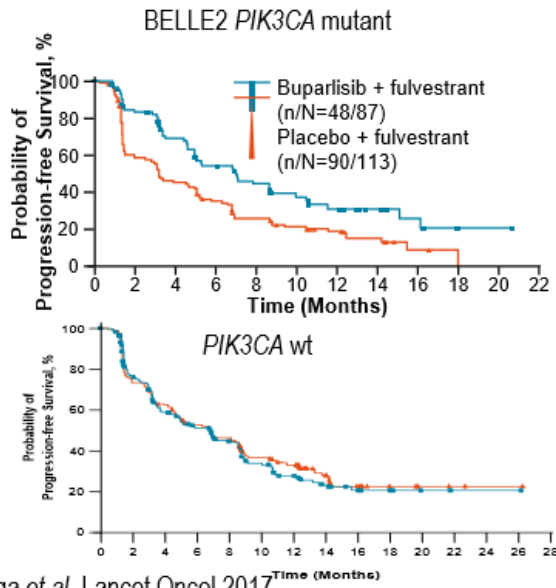
- 1) Selecting therapy in metastatic cancer
- 2) Monitoring of therapy
- 3) Detecting minimal residual disease
- 4) Screening for cancer



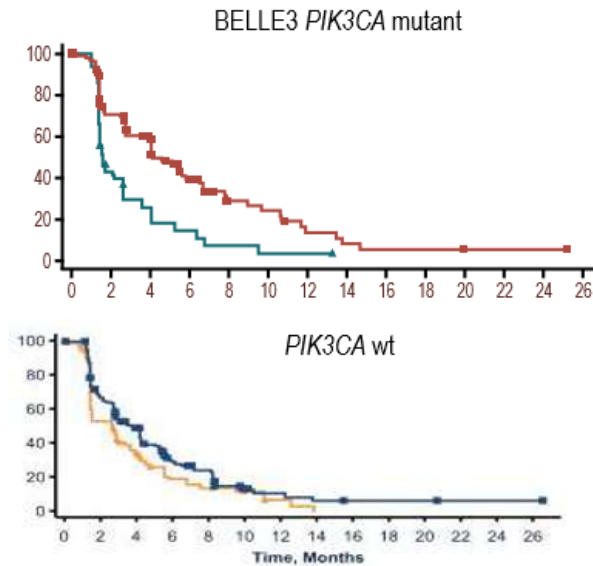
Selecting therapy for MBC patients

PI3K INHIBITORS ARE EFFECTIVE IN *PIK3CA* MUTANT BC

Buparlisib - Exploratory analysis from BELLE2 and pre-planned BELLE3



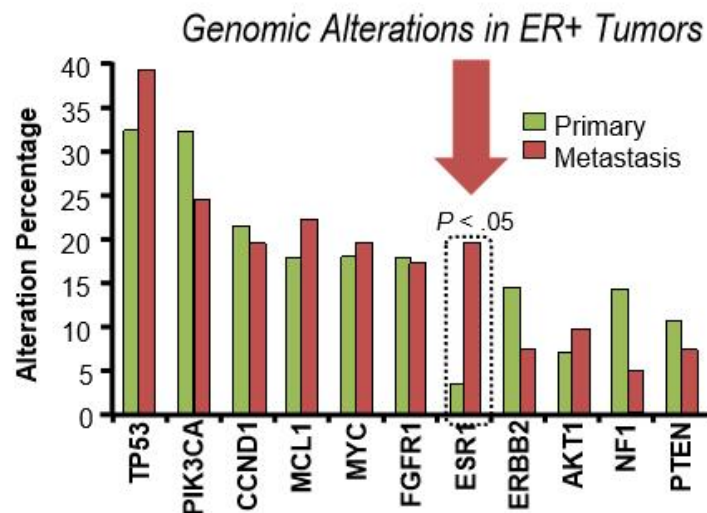
Baselga *et al* Lancet Oncol 2017



De Leo *et al* SABCS 2016

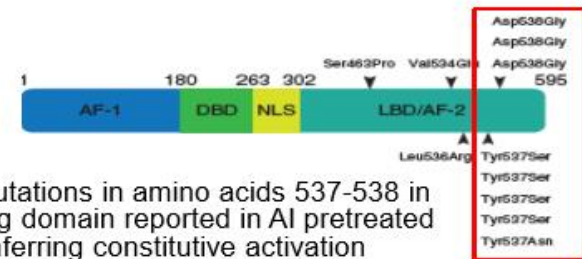
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BACKGROUND - ESR1 MUTATIONS IN ADVANCED BREAST CANCER

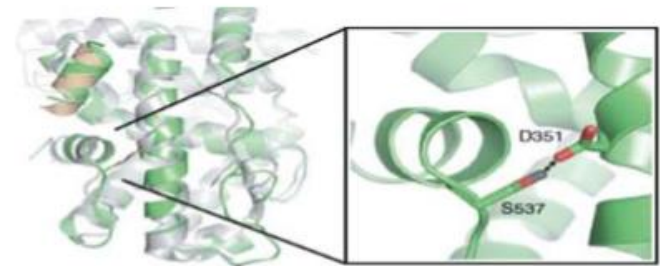


ESR1 mutations occur in ~20% of endocrine resistant ER positive breast cancer

Zhang, Q.X. et al. *Cancer Res* 1997, Li, S. et al. *Cell Reports* 2013, Toy, W. et al. *Nat Gen* 2013,

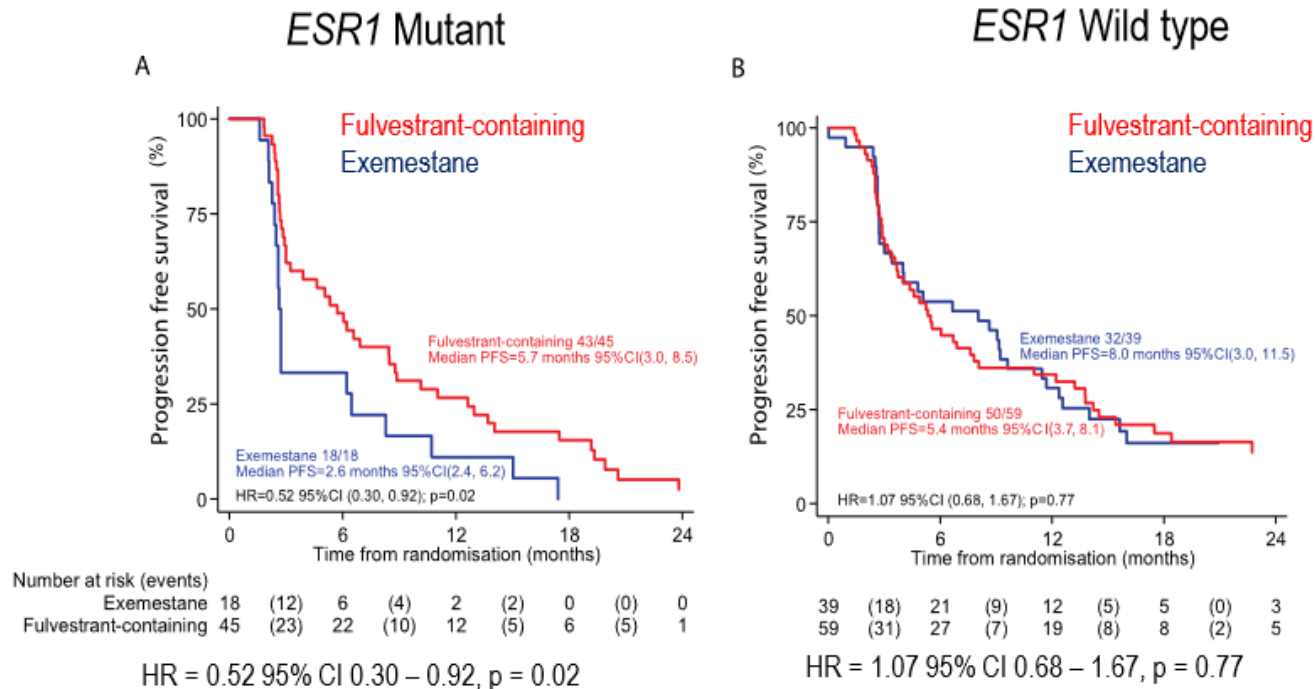


Cluster of mutations in amino acids 537-538 in ligand-binding domain reported in AI pretreated pts, conferring constitutive activation



Selecting therapy for MBC patients

PROGRESSION FREE SURVIVAL IN SOFEA BY ESR1 MUTATION STATUS



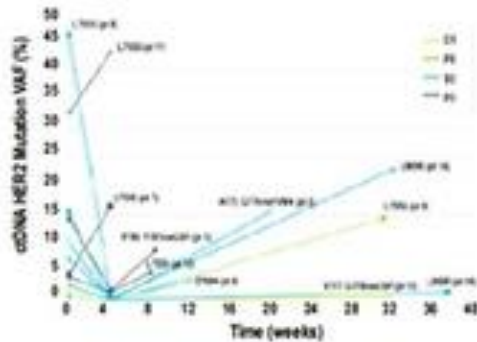
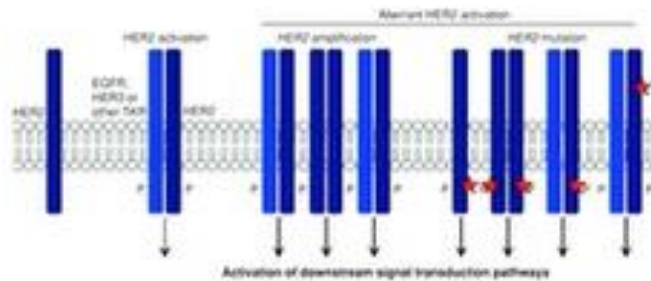
Fribbens,
O'Leary et al
JCO 2016

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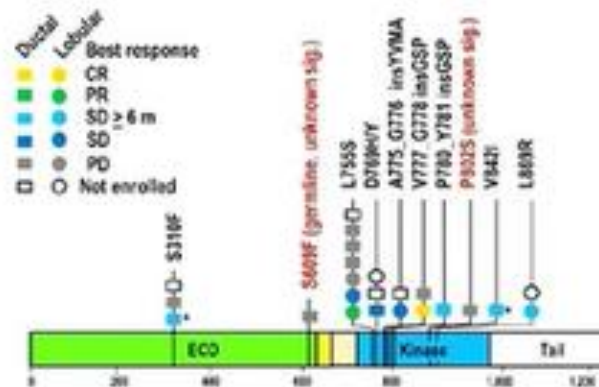
Plasma HER2 mutations and targeted therapy

Mutant HER2 trial:

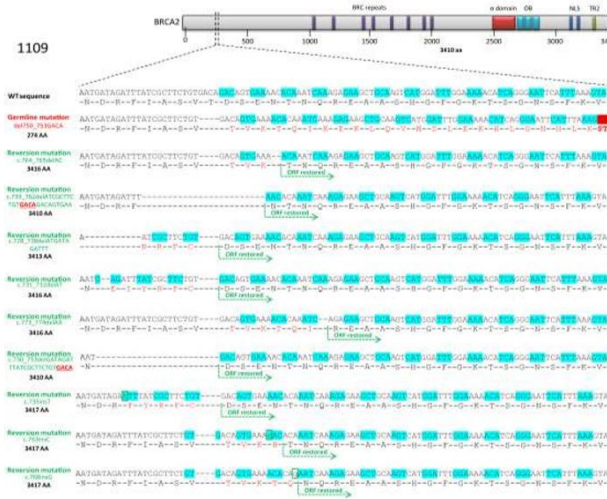
- Plasma HER2 mutations identified in 79% of tumour positive cases
- Neratinib showed a CBR of 31% in patients with HER2 mutations



Ma et. al., CCR, 2017



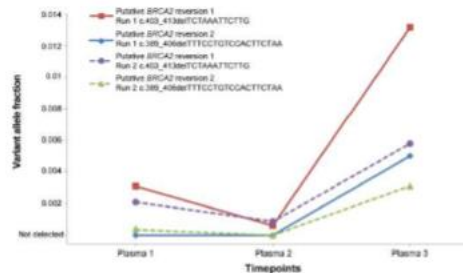
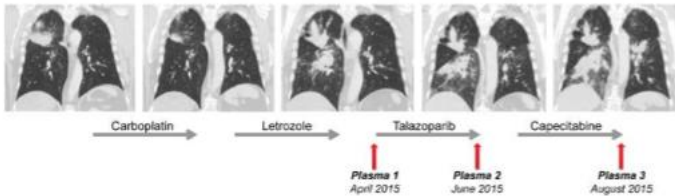
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DETECTION OF BRCA REVERSION MUTATIONS IN BRCA MUTANT CANCERS

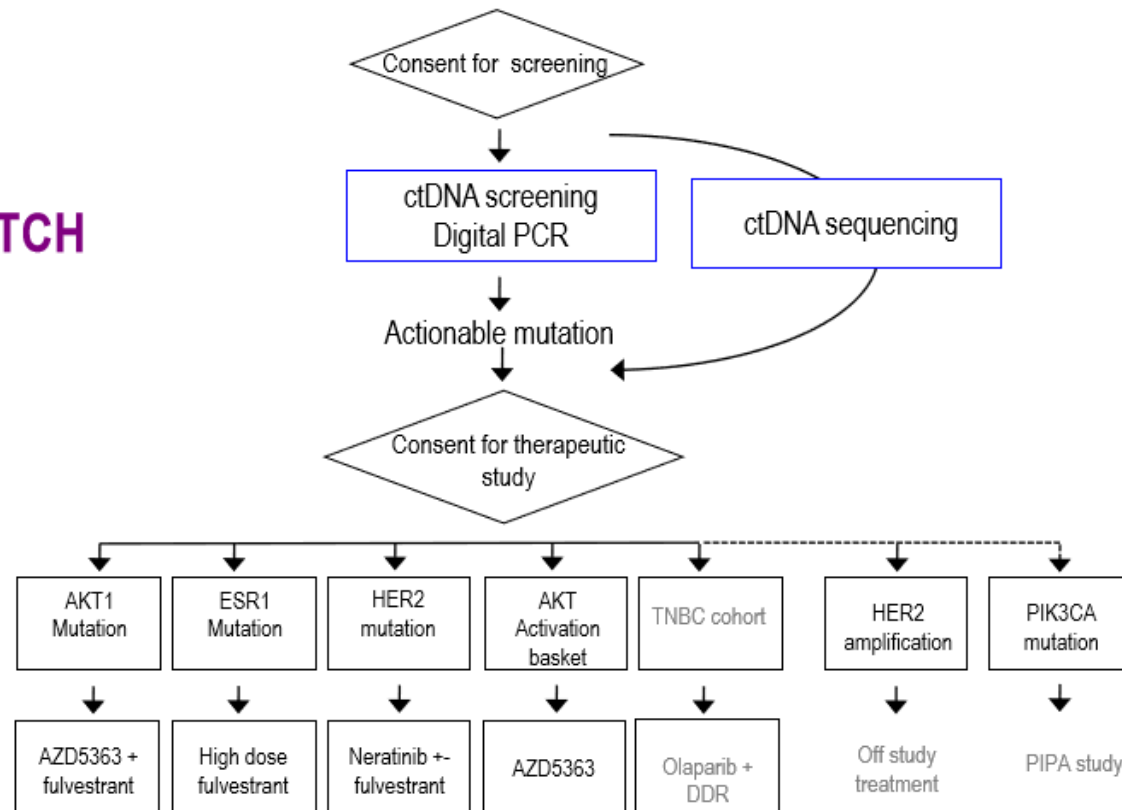
Weigelt et al CCR 2017

Detection of BRCA reversion mutations



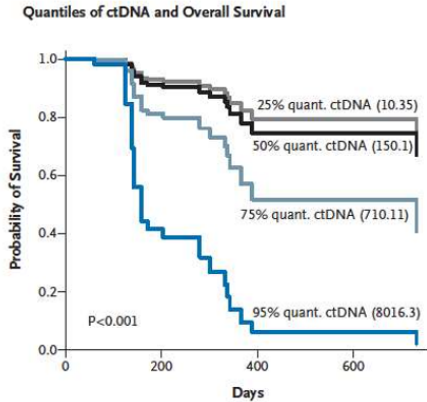
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UK plasma MATCH

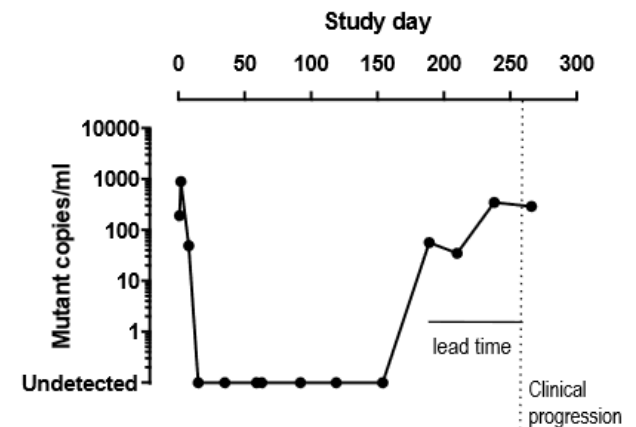
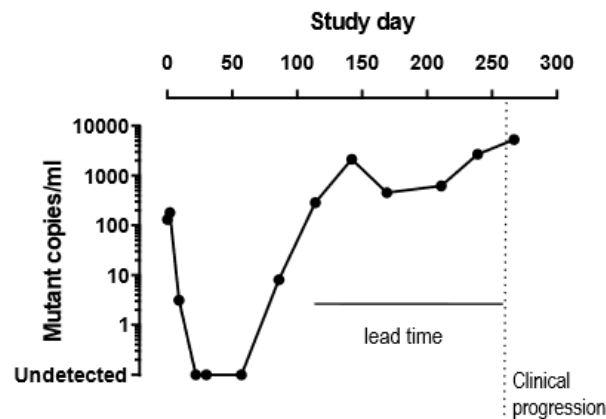


Monitoring of Therapy

TUMOUR BULK SURROGATES

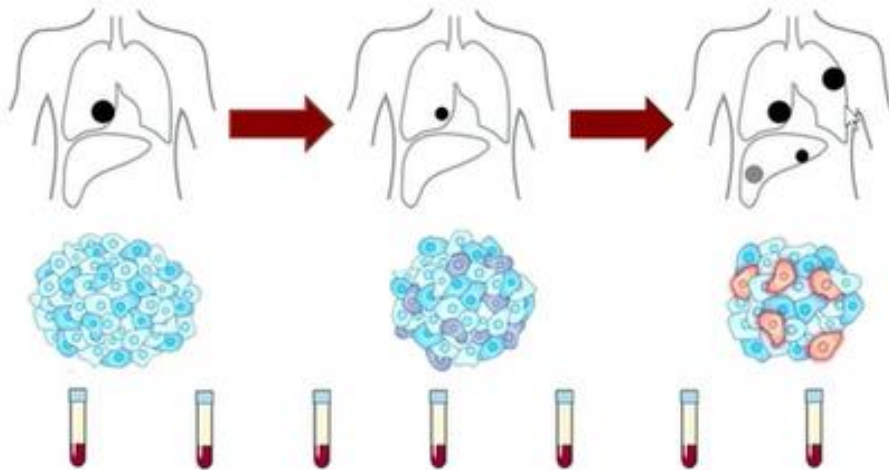


Changes in ctDNA abundance through therapy

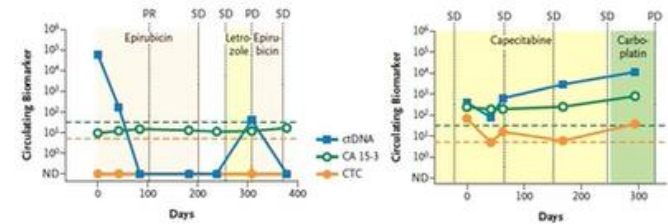


Monitoring of Therapy

ctDNA as a “Liquid Biopsy”

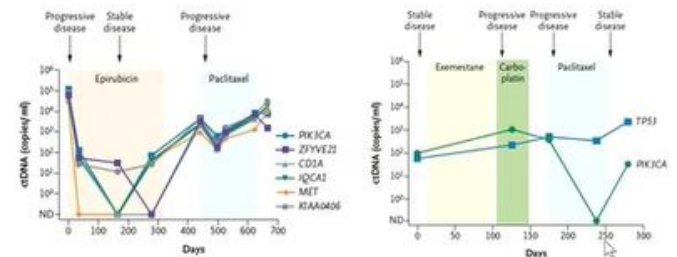


ctDNA to monitor treatment responses



- Changes in levels of circulating tumour DNA closely follow treatment responses
- Tracking levels of circulating tumour DNA may provide an early indicator of treatment resistance

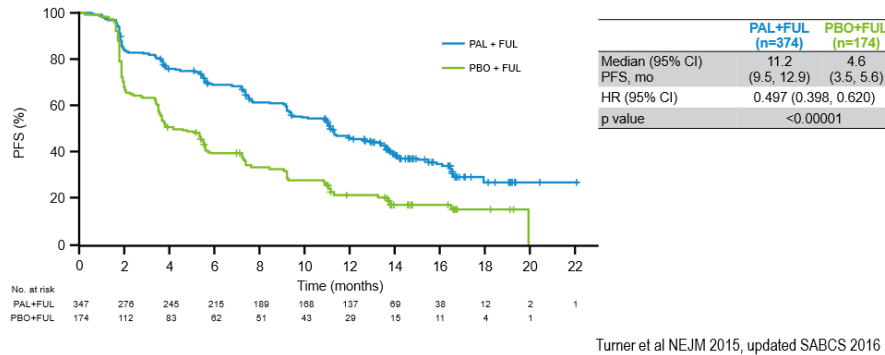
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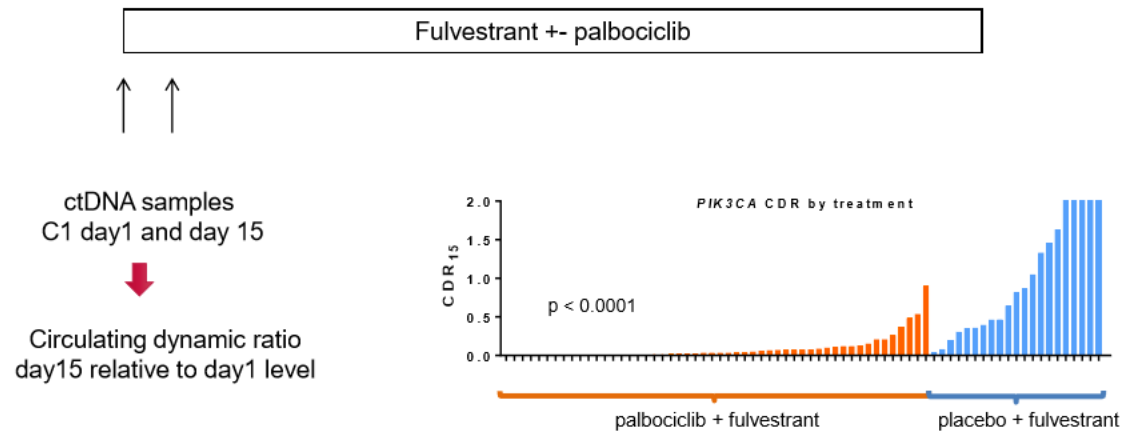
- Multiple mutations often show similar dynamic changes when tracked simultaneously
- Evidence of clonal heterogeneity: different clones show diverging patterns over the course of treatment

Monitoring of Therapy

PALOMA3 – palbociclib and fulvestrant



ctDNA DYNAMICS AND TREATMENT MONITORING



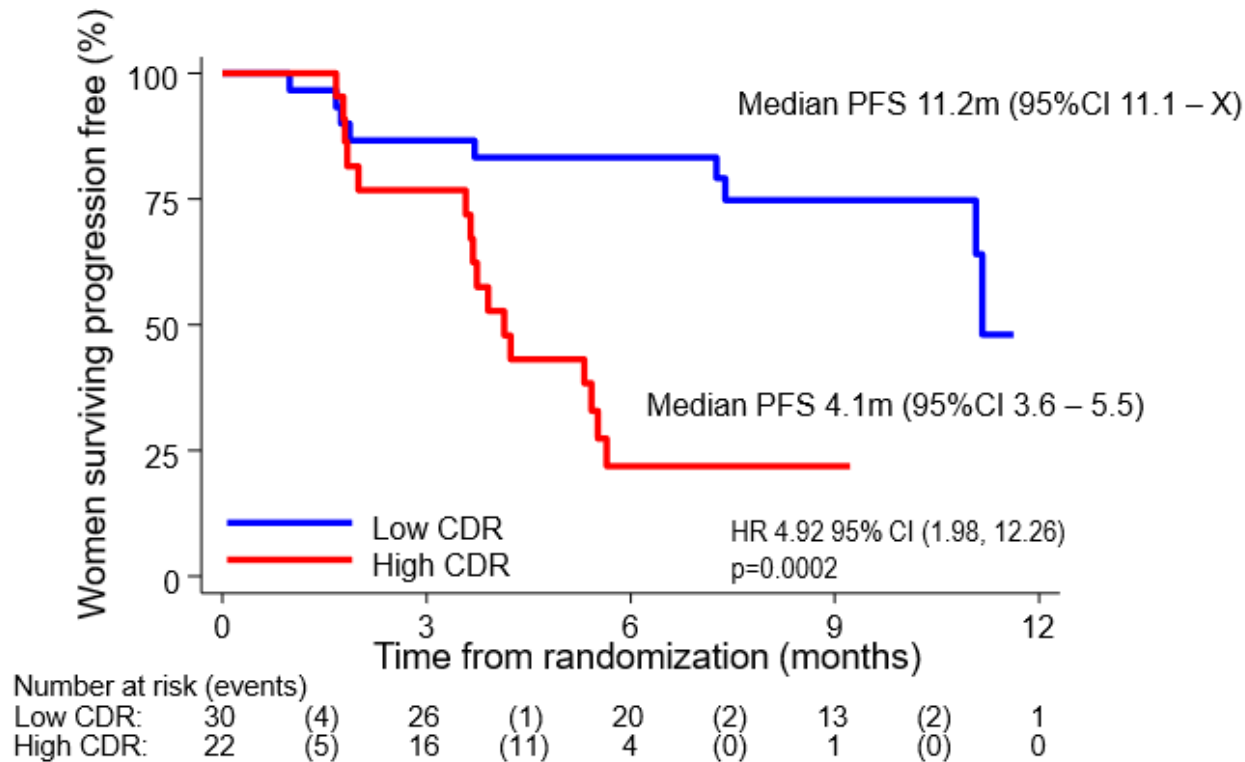
- Palbociclib + fulvestrant suppressed day 15 *PIK3CA* ctDNA levels to a greater extent than placebo + fulvestrant ($p < 0.0001$).

O'Leary et al ASCO 2017

CDR – circular dorsal ruffles

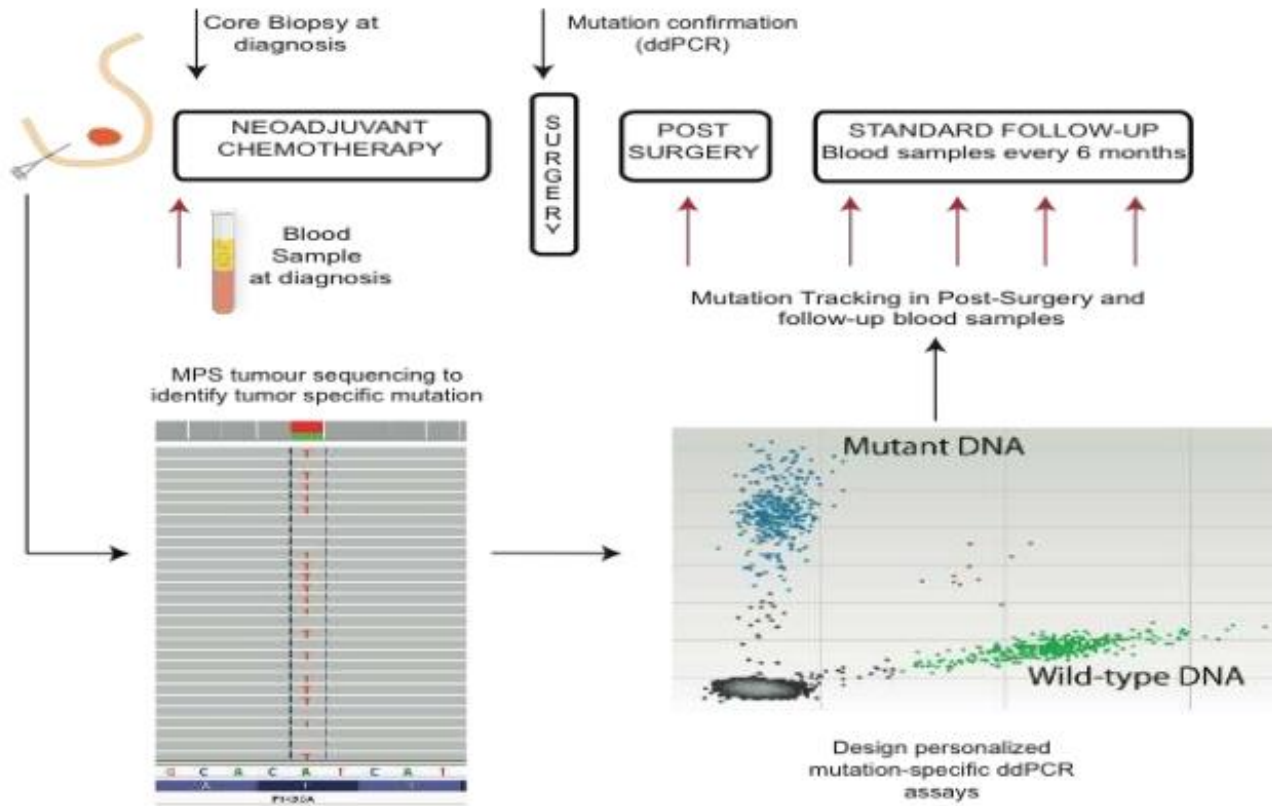
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ctDNA DYNAMICS AND RESISTANCE TO PALBOCICLIB IN PALOMA3



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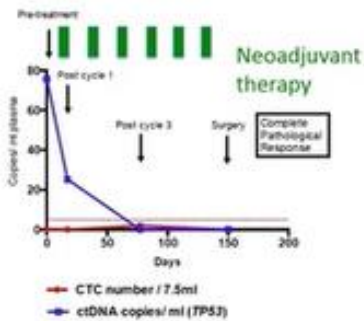
Detecting Minimal Residual Disease Predicting Early Relapse in EBC...



Garcia-Murillas et al Science
Trans Med 2015

Detecting Minimal Residual Disease

ctDNA and monitoring response to neoadjuvant therapy

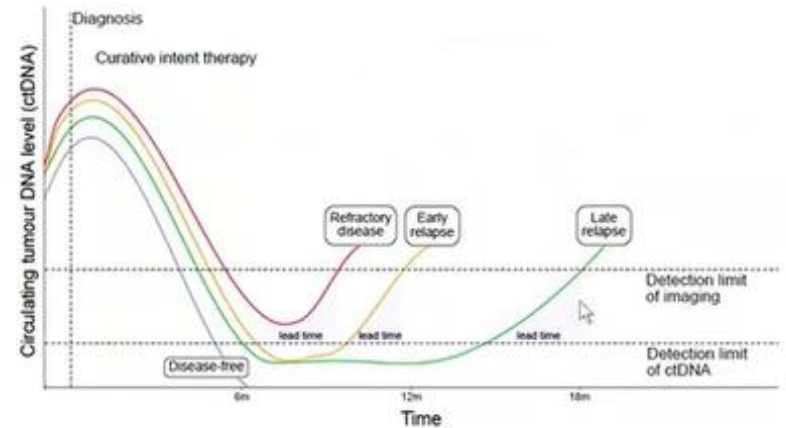


Circulating tumor DNA in HER2 amplified breast cancer NeoALTO phase 3 trial : Abstract 371, PD3-03



Detection of ctDNA before commencement of neoadjuvant targeted therapies was associated with decreased rate of pathological complete response

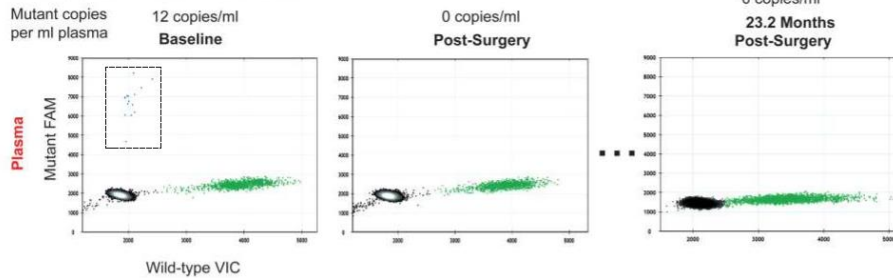
ctDNA and minimal residual disease



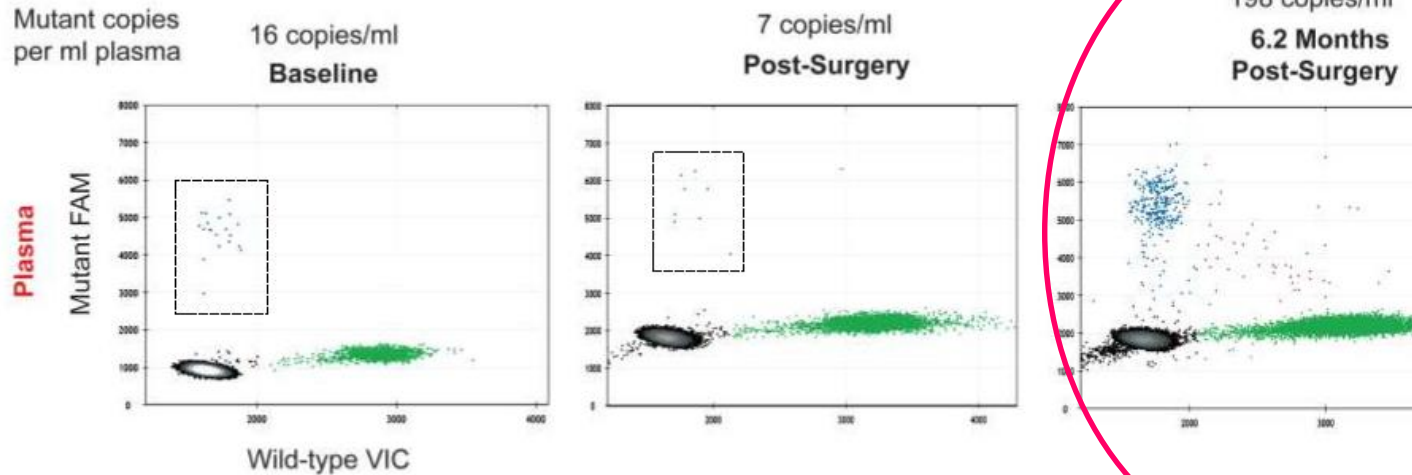
Detecting Minimal Residual Disease Predicting Early Relapse in EBC...

TRACKING MUTATIONS IN PLASMA DNA

A310001 PIK3CA c.3140A>T - disease free

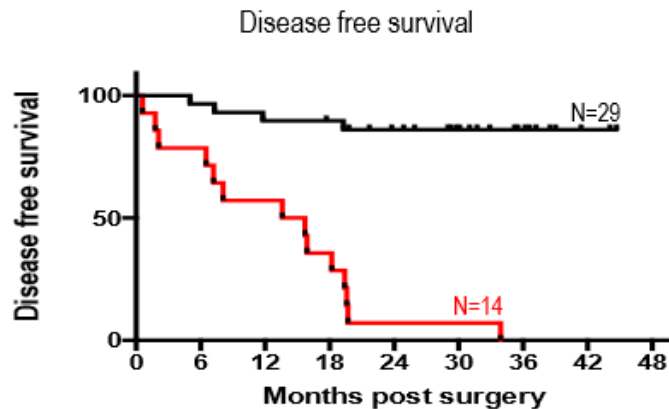


A310006 PIK3CA c.3140A>T - relapse 8.1 months post surgery



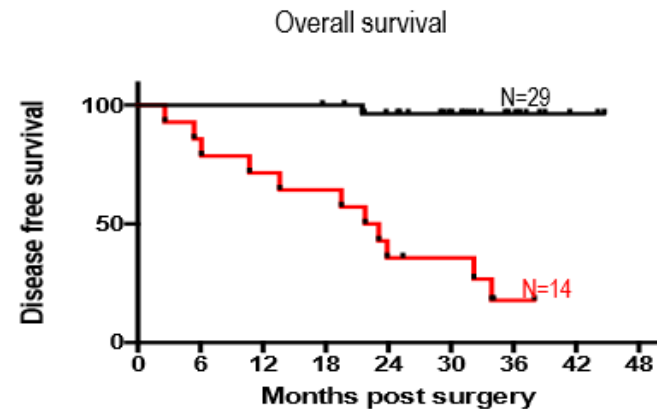
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PREDICTING RELAPSE WITH SERIAL SAMPLE TRACKING

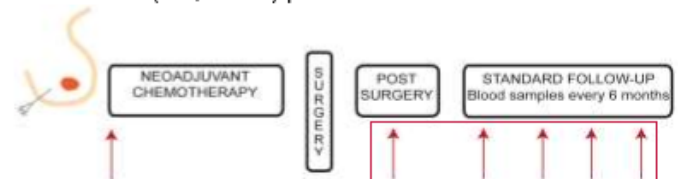


HR=25.7 05% CI(8.3, 79.8) p<0.001

100% positive predictive value for relapse
Median lead time 7.9 months



HR=47.1 05% CI(6.1, 366.1) p<0.001



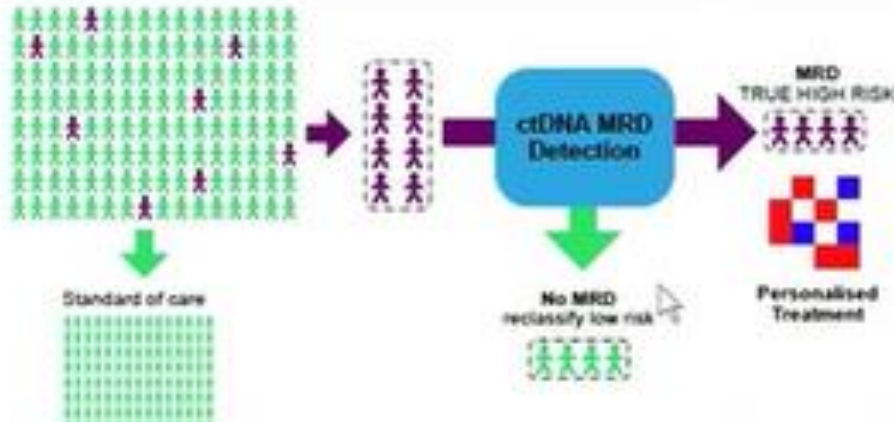
Better Risk Stratification

De-escalate adjuvant therapy to reduce toxicity and costs

Prioritize intensive and novel approaches for those likely to benefit

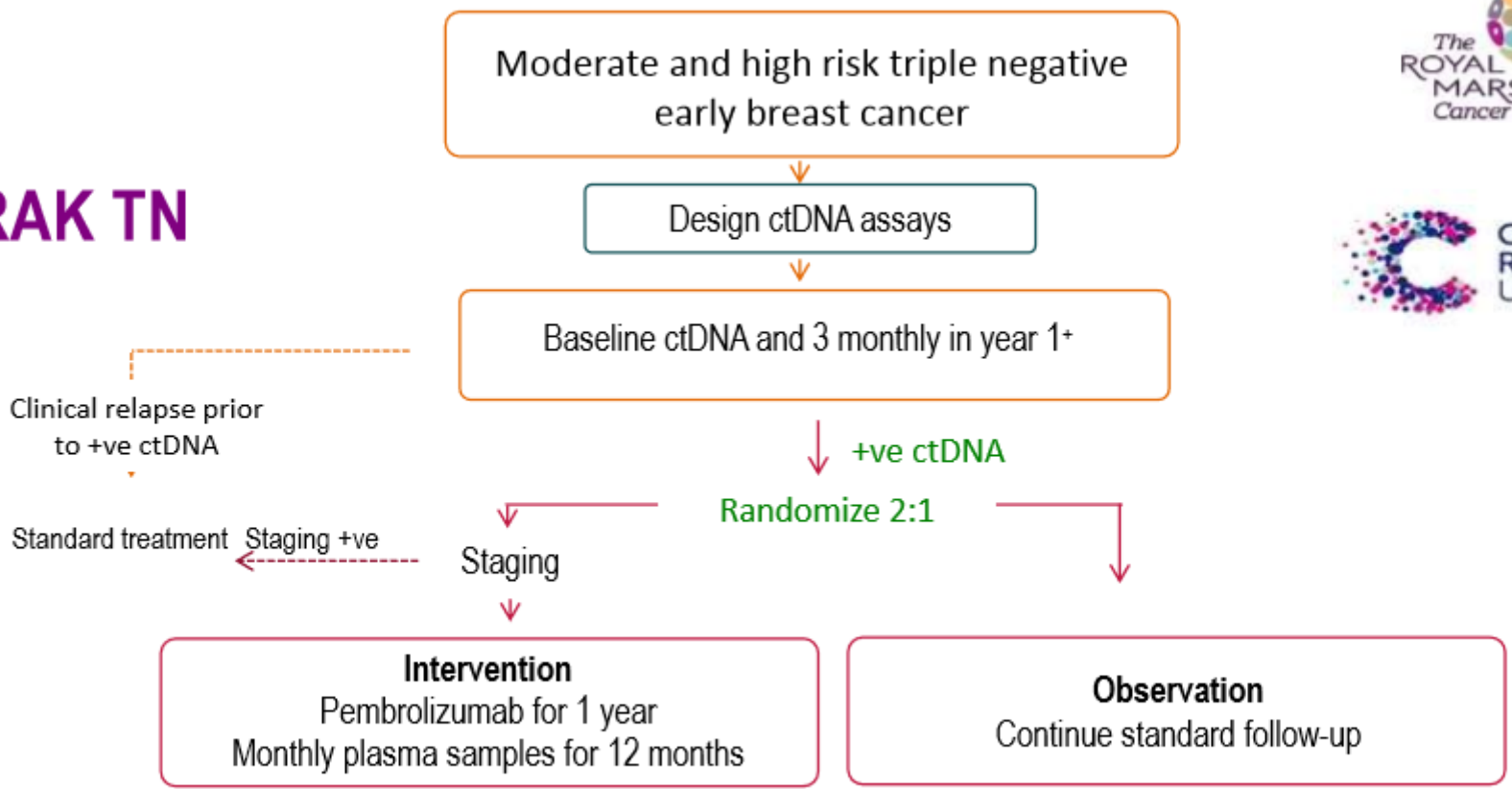
ctDNA, risk stratification and future clinical trial design

Future MRD Clinical Trial Paradigm



Detecting Minimal Residual Disease

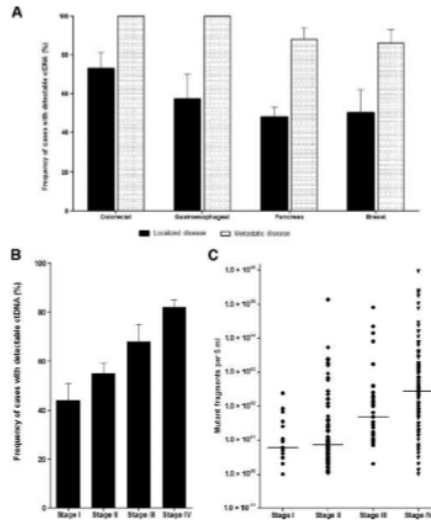
cTRAK TN



*All patients ctDNA negative in the first year have continued blinded ctDNA 3 monthly in year 2 but will not be randomised on the result

Screening for Cancer

Detection of ctDNA in early stage cancer



Looking for known somatic mutations in blood

ctDNA, early detection and screening

Table 1. Comparison of ctDNA Liquid Biopsy Test to Potential Cancer Screening Test

Indication	Tumor Liquid Biopsy (Genotyping, Monitoring)	Early Cancer Detection
Target population	Patients with known diagnosis of cancer	Asymptomatic individuals
Tissue reference	Can be informed by tissue analyses	No prior knowledge of tissue
Key performance characteristics	Sensitivity and specificity for specific actionable genotypes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sensitivity and specificity for clinically detectable cancer ● Premium on specificity in individuals without detectable cancer ● Tissue of origin needed to guide workup
Clinical Endpoint for Utility	Therapeutic benefit with specific therapies	Net outcome improvement with early detection and local treatment of cancer
Genes Covered	10-50	100-1000s
ctDNA Limit of Detection	0.1%	<0.01%
Importance of Novel Variant Detection	Low	High
Amount of Sequencing	1x	100X
Study Size for Clinical Validity and Utility	100's	10,000 - 100,000 s

Opportunities and Challenges of

- Circulating Tumour Cells (CTCs)
- Circulating Tumour DNA (ct DNA)
- **Exosome and EVs**



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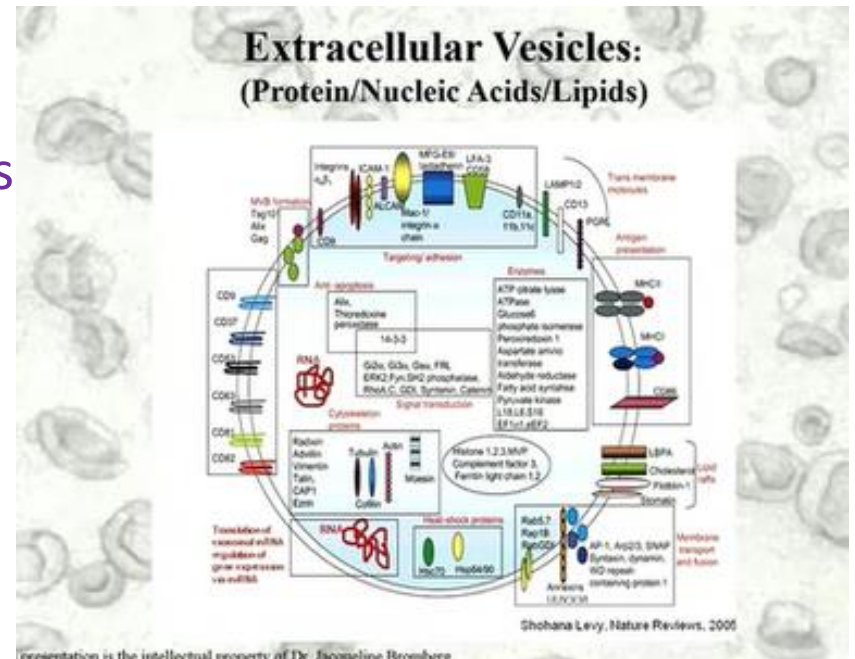
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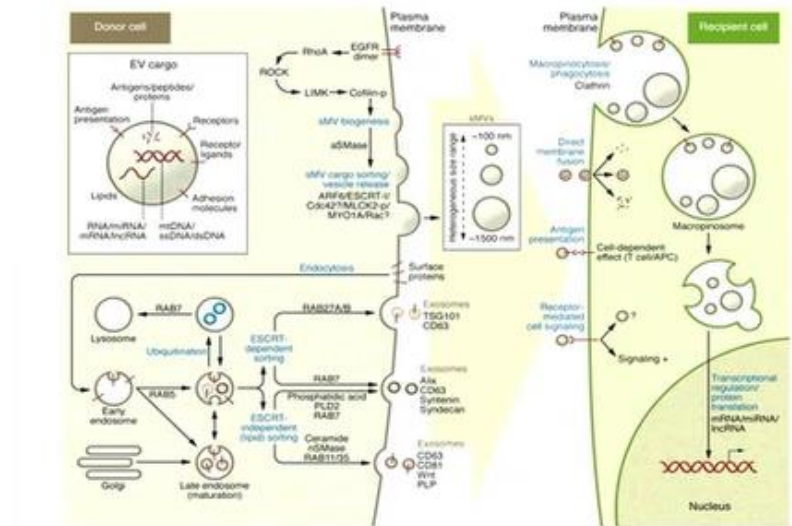
Extracellular Vesicles

- Exosomes & microvesicles
- All cells produce extracellular vesicles
 - Reticulocytes, megakaryocytes
- Tumours
 - Cancer cells, stromal cells, immune cells
- Oxidative Stress
 - Chemotherapy, radiotherapy
- Hypoxia
 - Aging, tumour microenvironment



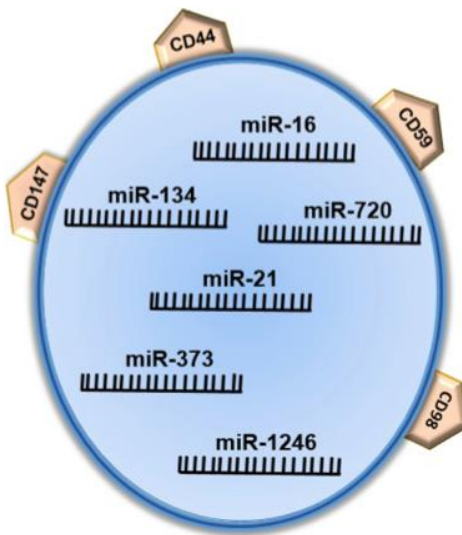
Exosomes

- First reported by Pan and Johnstone in 1983 at McGill University when culturing sheep reticulocytes.
- Lipid bilayered vesicles with endocytic origins, released into extracellular region by a variety of mammalian cells including CANCER cells.
- Exosomes from different types of cells enclose different proteins in their biogenesis.
- Exciting in a vast range of biofluids s.a. serum, urine, plasma, breast milk saliva, malignant pleural fluid, BALs etc.



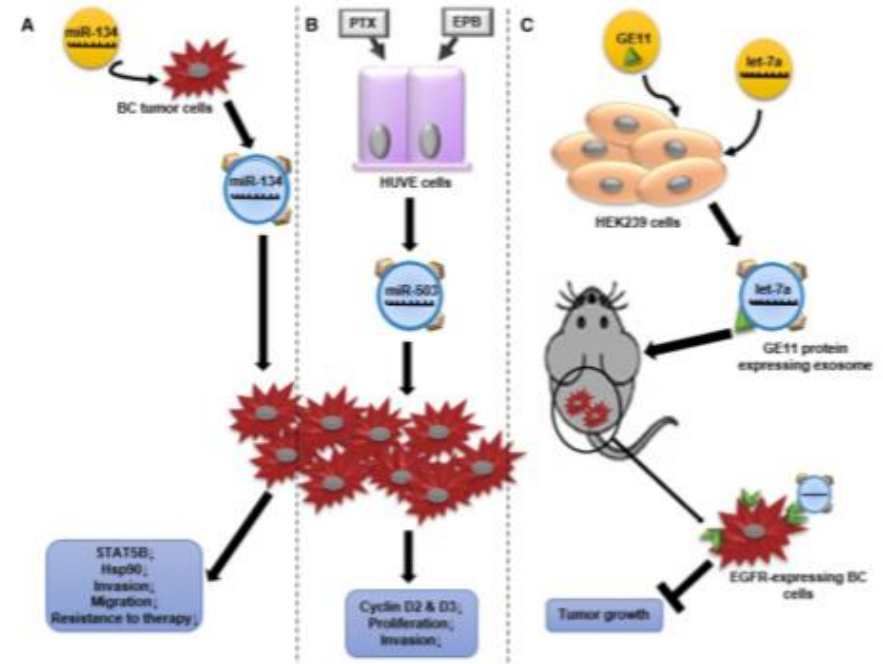
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Exosomes



Schematic Representation of TNBC Exosomes

TNBC exosomes represent some surface proteins, including CD98, CD147, and CD59, and some overexpressed miRNAs (miR-134, miR-21, miR-373, and miR-1246).



Proposed Exosomes' Role in BC Treatment

(A) miR-134 transfected Hs578T cells released miR-134-carrying exosomes that can downregulate STAT5B and HSP90 expression. Also, these exosomes reduce migration and invasion, and increase anti-HSP90 drug sensitivity in secondary Hs578T cells. (B) Human umbilical vein endothelial (HUVE) cells released miR-503-expressing exosomes after PTX and EPB treatment. These exosomes had the potential to reduce BC invasion and cyclin D2 and D3 expression that led to decline in BC cells proliferation. (C) Human embryonic kidney cells (HEK293) were transfected with GE11 protein (specifically binds to EGFR-expressing cells) and let-7a miRNA. HEK293 cells released GE11-expressing and let-7a-overexpressing exosomes, which bind specifically to EGFR-expressing xenograft BC tissues, and inhibited tumor development in animal model.

Blood-based exosomes,
Breast Milk, breast fluid derived Exosomes

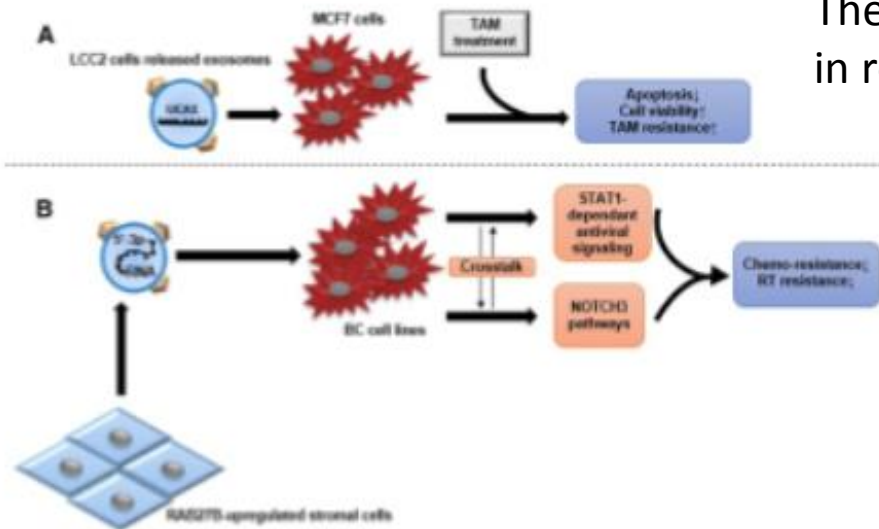
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Predicting endocrine resistance

A. Tamoxifen-resistant BC cells secrete UCA-1 over-expressed exosomes which can cause Resistance to Tamoxifen, decreasing apoptosis

B. RAB27B-upregulated stromal cells release Exosomes that contain 5' triphosphate RNAs and activate STAT1 dependent signalling and NOTCH3 pathways in adjuvant BC cells

The cross talk between these 2 pathways result in reduction of chemo-resistance and RT-resistance



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mtDNA in Extracellular Vesicles...

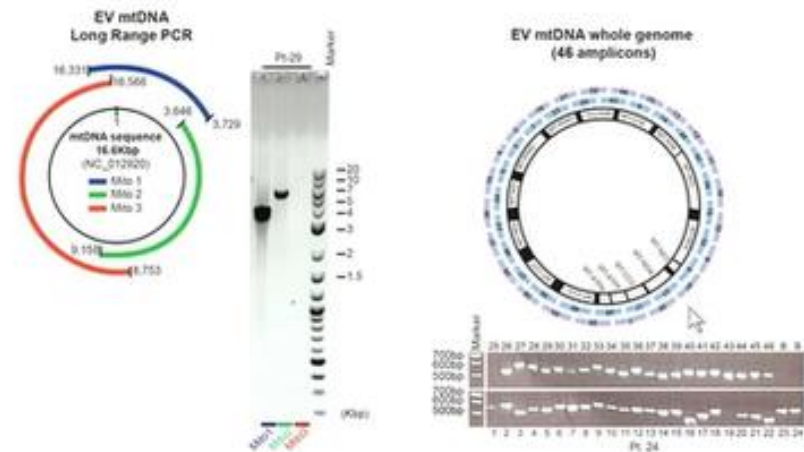
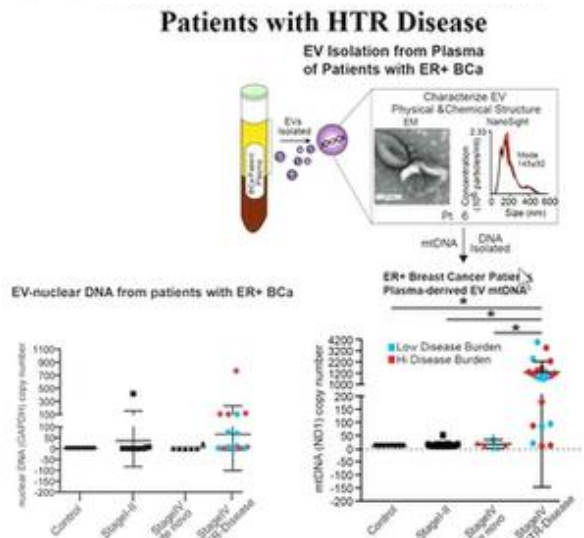
mtDNA Copy Number/Heteroplasmy
Cancer Evolution
Metastasis & Resistance

mtDNA in EVs

Regulation of Metabolism
Resistance to Cancer Therapy

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Full mitochondrial Genome in EVs:
Patients with HTR Disease



Conclusion

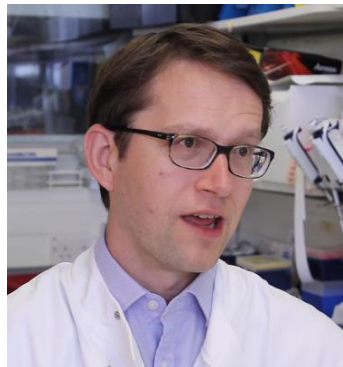
- There is an emerging added value of liquid biopsy
- The contribution of CTCs, ctDNA and exosomes and others – in the monitoring of treatment response, detecting minimal residual disease, selecting patients for specific therapy and screening for cancer
- From personalized medicine to precision medicine, sparing the low risk group from intense therapy and putting the high risk group for more intense and innovative therapy with predicted clinical benefits.
- This may reduce the unnecessary exposure to repeated scans or imaging and invasive procedures in the days to come.

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