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Personalized healthcare in oncology:

## Predictive cancer diagnostics in Pathology: today's diagnostics: ready for the precise treatment of tomorrow

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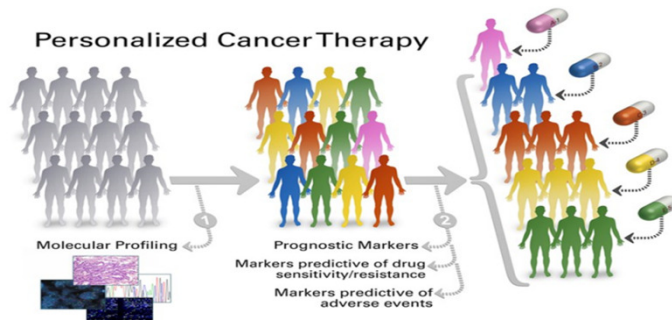
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## Precision Medicine – Personalized therapy Molecular Pathology



### Tumor-specific molecular markers: molecular tumor profiling

Targeted cancer therapy :

Only treat patients that benefit from the specific drug

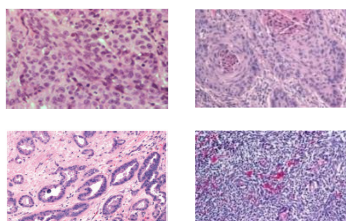
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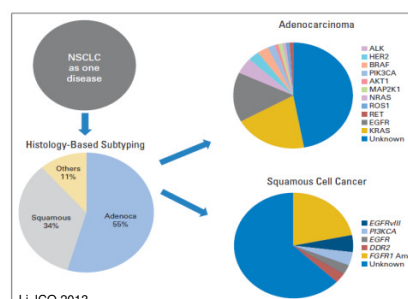


## Classification of cancer in 2019: *From classical histopathology to molecular profiling*

Traditional histopathological classification



>2009: Molecular Tumor Profiling



LI JCO 2013



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## Molecular Diagnostics in Pathology

The detection of tumor-specific genetic alterations (non-germline) in clinical practice



- Diagnosis: classification of tumors
- Predictive treatment-decision-making
- Disease monitoring (Minimal Residual Disease)
- Monitoring of treatment response
- Detection therapy-resistant markers

Picture from Green AMP 2014

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## The impressive effect of specific targeted therapy in patient with lung adenocarcinoma carrying a chemoresistant EGFR mutant

PRE-treatment



Lung with extensive tumor (white spots)

6 weeks after start treatment



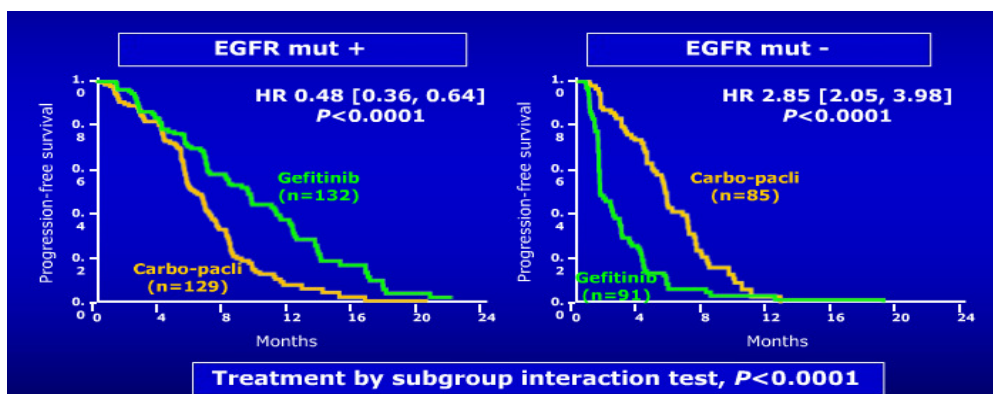
Lungs are "clean"

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## Disease-free-survival of NSCLC patients with/without EGFR-mutations treated with gefitinib or standard chemotherapy



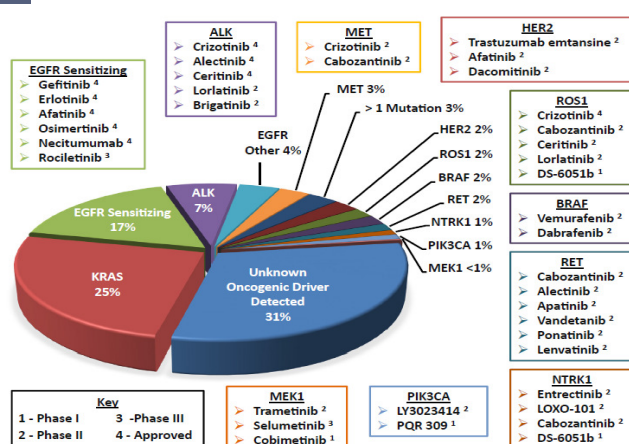
Principle of targeted therapy:

- only treat patients that benefit from TKI
- appropriate molecular profiling is essential

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## Targeted therapy in advanced-stage lung cancer Predictive mutations and associated specific drugs



### Standard of care for advanced-stage Lung cancer in the Netherlands (2019):

-tumor biopsies with druggable mutations (~20%):  
*targeted therapy*

-tumor biopsies without druggable mutation:  
*eligible for immunotherapy*

Because small biopsies:

Presently (NL): small gene-panels ( e.g. 33 predictive biomarkers)

Selection: only those with direct consequences for treatment: registered, off-label, compassionate-use, clinical trial in NL

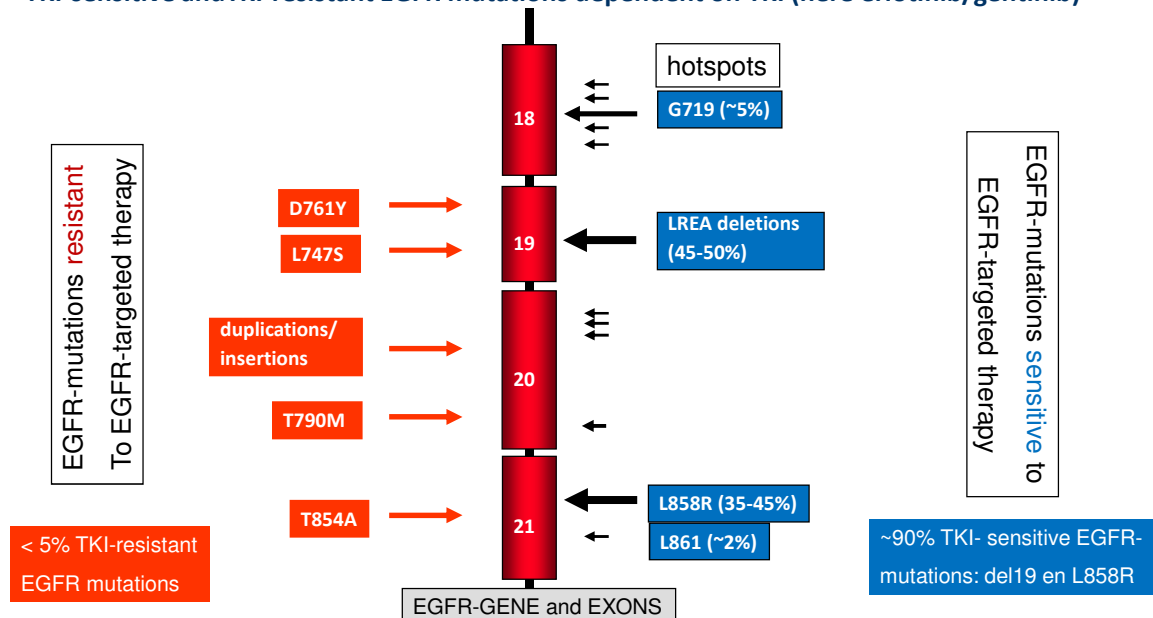
NSCLC-adca in USA: Tsao J Thor Oncol 2016

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## Detection of mutations in EGFR (>3300)

TKI-sensitive and TKI-resistant EGFR mutations dependent on TKI (here erlotinib/gefitinib)



## Continuously growing number of specific drugs against *different* EGFR-mutations

Table 2. Small-Molecule EGFR TKIs Clinically Available or in Development

Drug Name	Generic Name	Trade Name	Manufacturer	Target	Recommended Dose	MTD	Status
<b>Reversible</b>							
ZD1839	Gefitinib	Iressa	AstraZeneca, Wilmington, DE	EGFR	250 mg once per day	750 mg once per day	Approved (Asia/EU)
OSI-776	Erlotinib	Tarceva	Genentech, South San Francisco, CA	EGFR	150 mg once per day	150 mg once per day	Approved
BPI-2009H	Icotinib	Conmana	BetaPharma, Branford, CT	EGFR	150 mg once every 8 hours	Not reached	Approved (China)
TAK-165 XL647	Mubritinib	NA	Takeda, Osaka, Japan	EGFR/ERBB2	NA	NA	Phase I*
	NA	NA	Kadmon, New York, NY	EGFR/ERBB2t	300 mg once per day	300 mg once per day	Phase II*
ZD6474	Vandetanib	Zactima	AstraZeneca	EGFR/EGFR2/RET	300 mg once per day	300 mg once per day	Phase III*†
GW572016	Lapatinib	Tykerb	GlaxoSmithKline, Philadelphia, PA	EGFR/ERBB2	1,250-1,500 mg once per day	Not reached	Preclinical*§
<b>Irreversible</b>							
EKB-569	Pelitinib	NA	Wyeth/Pfizer, New York, NY	EGFR	50 mg once per day	75 mg once per day	Phase I*
CI-1033	Canertinib	NA	Pfizer, New York, NY	EGFR/ERBB2/ERBB4	150 mg once per day	150 mg once per day	Phase II*
HKI-272	Neratinib	NA	Puma Biotechnology, Los Angeles, CA	EGFR/ERBB2	320 mg once per day	320 mg once per day	Phase II*
BIBW2992	Afatinib	Tomtovok	Boehringer Ingelheim, Ingelheim, Germany	EGFR/ERBB2/ERBB4	50 mg once per day	50 mg once per day	Phase III
PF-00299804	Dacomitinib	NA	Pfizer	EGFR/ERBB2/ERBB4	45 mg once per day	45 mg once per day	Phase III
<b>Third generation</b>							
CO-1686	NA	NA	Olivis/Avila, Boulder, CO	EGFR T790M	NA	NA	Phase I/II
VZ4002	NA	NA	NA	EGFR T790M	NA	NA	Preclinical
<b>Other</b>							
AP26113	NA	NA	Ariad Pharmaceuticals, Cambridge, MA	ALK/EGFR†	NA	NA	Phase I/II

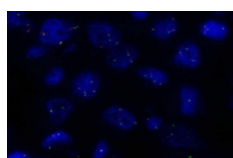
Ohashi JCO 2013

- First-line EGFR-inhibitors: erlotinib, gefitinib and afatinib
- In 2017 osimertinib registered for TKI-resistant NSCLC with EGFR-T790M mutation (Mok NEJM 2017)
- In 2019 osimertinib registered for first-line therapy in all NSCLC with any EGFR mutation (Soria NEJM 2018)

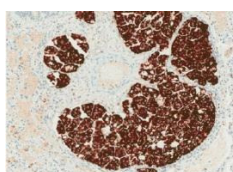
Detection and reporting of the exact EGFR-variant is essential for appropriate treatment decision making



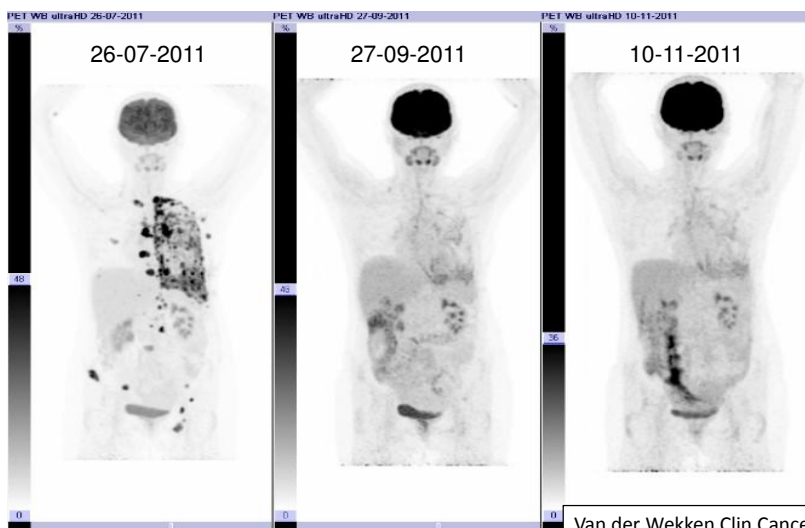
## Tumor response on crizotinib in FISH ALK positive and IHC ALK positive NSCLC: complete response



FISH-ALK-positive



IHC-ALK-positive



Van der Wekken Clin Cancer Res 2017

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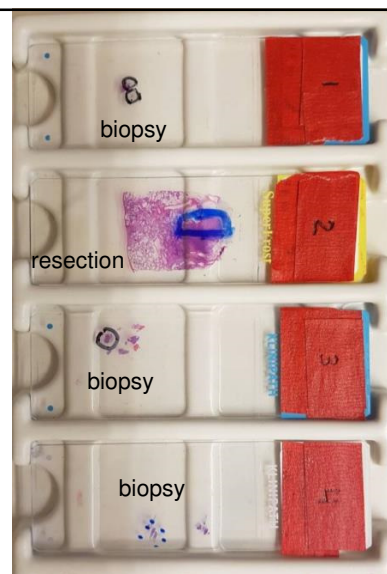
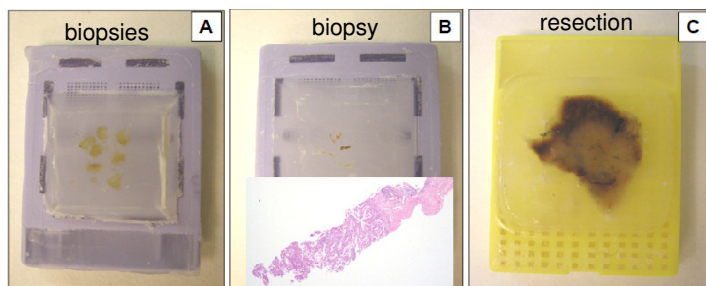
## Choose the right ALK inhibitor

Frequent resistance

ALK Variant	TKI Activity, IC <sub>50</sub> (nM)			
	Crizotinib	Ceritinib	Alectinib	Brigatinib
Native	107	37	25	14
L1151Tins	1109 <sup>†</sup>	283	201	114
L1152R	844 <sup>†</sup>	437 <sup>†</sup>	62	11
L1152P	721	451	48	20
C1156Y	529 <sup>†</sup>	195	67	45
I1171N	532 <sup>†</sup>	119	724 <sup>†</sup>	124
F1174C	238	109 <sup>†</sup>	31	58
F1174L	253 <sup>†</sup>	117	44	55
F1174V	257 <sup>†</sup>	121 <sup>†</sup>	46	64
V1180L	170	16	597	11
L1196M	589 <sup>†</sup>	67	133	41
L1198F	17	697	84	82
G1202R	617 <sup>†</sup>	354 <sup>†</sup>	695 <sup>†</sup>	184
D1203N	459 <sup>†</sup>	159	42	79
S1206F	199 <sup>†</sup>	39	34	43
S1206Y	179 <sup>†</sup>	42	19	36
E1210K	240	80	59	107
G1269A	509 <sup>†</sup>	29	56	9

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3. Katayama R, et al. *Clin Cancer Res.* 2015;21:2227-2235
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## TISSUE IS THE ISSUE



Available “tissues” in current clinical practice:

- 90% = FFPE-blocks (formaline-fixed paraffin-embedded: degraded DNA!)

*FFPE is the world-wide standard stored for >100 years*

- Frozen tissues (not available in >95%)
- Liquid biopsy: circulating tumor DNA in cell-free plasma

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## Next generation sequencing

*how to detect CNV/SNV best ?*

### Whole genome sequencing

High quality DNA (only frozen), high input (500 ng), 30x coverage, **most comprehensive genomic data**, high costs, long TAT, qualified expertise

### Whole exome sequencing

High quality DNA (only frozen), high input (500 ng), 100x coverage, **complete coding regions**, moderate costs, long TAT, qualified expertise

### Sequencing of defined target genes (gene-panel)

Low quality DNA (also FFPE), low input (10-20 ng), 500-2000x coverage, **only selected hotspots**, acceptable costs, TAT (<5d)

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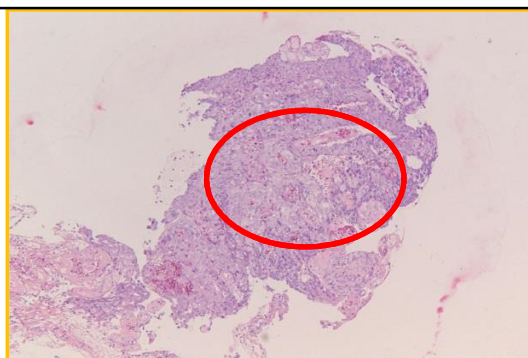
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- Sufficient DNA for NGS
- >20% neoplastic cells
- Panel-Ion Torrent: 10 ng (~1600 cells)
- Panel-Miseq: 50 ng
- WES: ~500 ng
- WGS: ~500 ng

Today:

Standard lung cancer biopsies are not (yet) suitable for WES/WGS

Preferred: the use of small gene-panels (<1Mb) (1600 neoplastic cells)

Results European Quality Assessment schema (EQA-ESP):

use of NGS in 2013: 1%, 2014: 5% and 2017: 32% (no WES/WGS)



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## Methods to detect predictive molecular aberrations in Molecular Pathology of lung cancer at UMCG (June 2019)

**NGS-mutation:** EGFR, ALK, ROS, RET, KRAS, BRAF, PIK3CA, MET, HER2, DDR2, FGFR1

**FISH-amplification/CNV:** MET, HER2, FGFR1, EGFR1

**IHC:** PD-L1, HER2, ALK, ROS1

**Nanostring-fusions:** ALK, ROS, RET, MET exon14-skipping, BRAF, NTRK1/2/3 (NRG1)

**NGS:** Tumor Mutational Burden (2019: under validation)

**Predictive markers targetable in other malignancies:** e.g. KIT, PDGFRa

**NGS only does not provide a full molecular profile (2019-2025)**

**Lung:** Immunohistochemistry, RNA-based assays, FISH

**Other cancers:** MLPA, ddPCR, ...

Molecular Oncological Pathology at UMCG: [www.MolOncoPath.nl](http://www.MolOncoPath.nl)

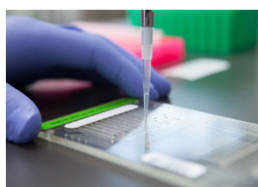


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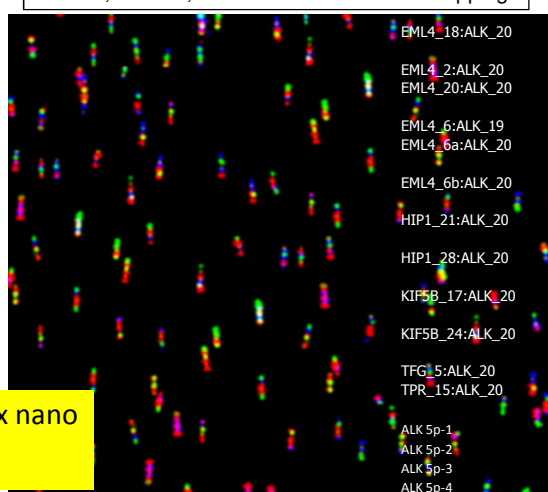
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## nanoString – SPRINT – UMCG-lungpanel (2019)



UMCG-long panel V2.0: ALK, ROS, RET, NTRK1, NTRK2, NTRK3, NRG1 fusions and MET-skipping



lung-nano-V02: 7x FISH + 1x MET-skipping = 1x nano

- Cost reduction (considerable!)
- Tissue saving (big advantage tissue-management)



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ALK 5p-3





## Project PATH (**P**redictive **A**nalysis for **T**herapy) Optimizing access to personalized cancer therapy in the Netherlands; from tissue to therapy.

- National consortium of >38 pathology-labs, medical oncologists, pulmonologists, NVALT, NVMO, NVVP, PALGA
- Goal: To introduce predictive testing assay to create optimal and equal access to targeted therapies for all (lung, melanoma, GIST, CRC) cancer patients in the Netherlands
- 2016-2020: using predictive and diagnostic genes based on current guidelines, ongoing clinical trial and off-label



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## Dutch consensus molecular tumor profiling

PATH-v02D DNA gene panel implemented in 4 major centers using smMIP-NGS  
for targeted therapy in lung, colo-rectal cancer, GIST and melanoma

Predictive gene	Aberrations	Predictive gene	Aberrations
AKT1	SNV	JAK2	SNV
AKT2	SNV	KIT	SNV + CNV
AKT3	SNV	KRAS	SNV + CNV
ALK	SNV + CNV	MAP2K1	SNV
ARAF	SNV	MDM2	CNV
BRAF	SNV + CNV	MET	SNV + CNV
DDR2	SNV	MTOR	SNV
EGFR	SNV + CNV	NRAS	SNV
ERBB2	SNV + CNV	PDGFRA	SNV + CNV
FGFR1	CNV	PIK3CA	SNV
FGFR2	CNV	POLE	SNV
FGFR3	CNV	PTEN	SNV
GNAS	SNV	RAF1	SNV
GNAQ	SNV	ROS1	SNV
GNA11	SNV	TP53	SNV + CNV
HRAS	SNV		
IDH1	SNV	MSI	
IDH2	SNV	AMELX/Y	



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Consortium (Dutch University Laboratories of Molecular Pathology)  
Consensus on NGS mutation panel > each patient in NL receives same opportunities for therapy



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PATH-v03 DNA gene panel in development for targeted therapy in lung, colo-rectal cancer, GIST and melanoma

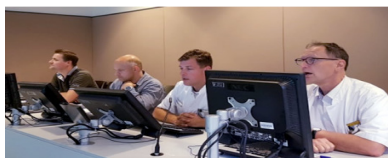
Gen	Transcript	Amino acids	Mut/del/amp	Inschatting aantal smMIPs	Melanoom	Long	Colon	GIST	Prostaat (urotheliale carcinoma)	Borst	Hersenen/neuro	Lymfoom	Other	Therapie: Immuno/targeted/other Diagnose: dd	Diagnose/resistentie
AR	NM_000044.4	920	Mut/Amp	12										Targeted	Resistentie
APC	NM_000038	2843	Mut	41										dd	
B2M	NM_004048	119	Mut	14/4										Immuno	
CCND1	NM_053056	295	Amp	10											
CCND3	NM_001760	292	Amp	10											
CDK12	NM_016507	1490	Mut/Del	120/80											
CDK4	NM_000075	273	Amp	10											
CDK6	NM_001259	326	Amp	10											
CDKN2A (P14/P16)	NM_058195.1/NM_00077.3	132/156	Mut	20											Diagnose
CTNNB1	NM_001904.3	781	Mut											dd	Diagnose
ERCC2	NM_000400	760												Other	Diagnose
ESR1	NM_000125													Targeted	Resistentie
FGFR1	NM_001121													Targeted	Diagnose
FGFR3	NM_001121													Targeted	Diagnose
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													chondroblastoom	dd	Diagnose
														Immuno	Resistentie
														Immuno	Resistentie
														Other	Diagnose
	NM_003010/NM_001281435	399/410	Mut	50										Targeted	Diagnose/resistentie
MAP3K1	NM_005921	1512	Mut	180										Targeted	Diagnose/resistentie
MYC	NM_002467.5	454	CNV	10										Targeted	Diagnose
MYD88	NM_002468.4	296	Mut	8										dd	Diagnose

Updated version (end 2019): >50 predictive and diagnostic genes

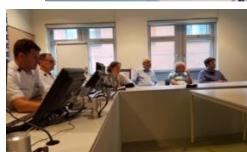
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## Molecular Tumor Board UMCG



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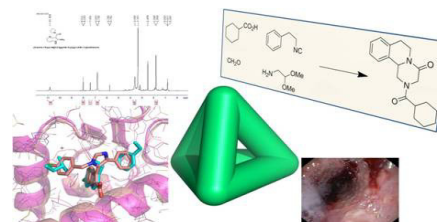


- Molecular results
- Clinical Data
- Pathology report
- Drug design

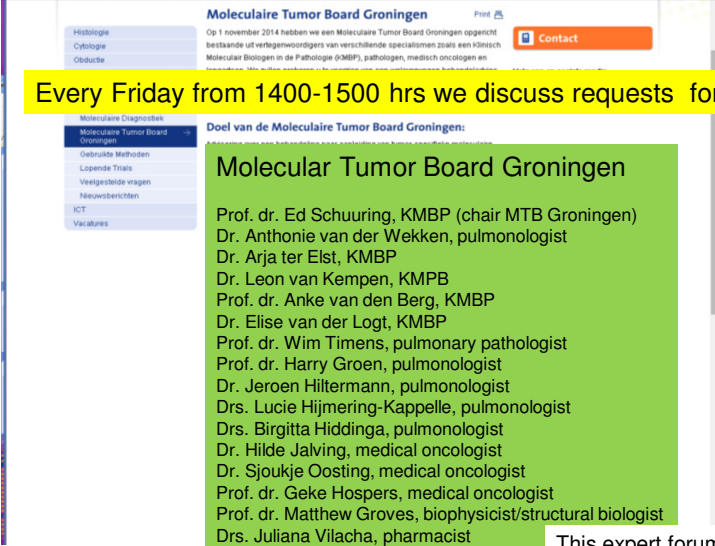
Recommendations:

- Standard therapy
- Clinical trials
- Off-label treatment

Pharmacochimistry: 3D modeling mutations vs drug structural variants: "best fit"



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**Moleculaire Tumor Board Groningen**

Op 1 november 2014 hebben we een Moleculaire Tumor Board Groningen opgericht bestaande uit vertegenwoordigers van verschillende specialismen zoals een Klinisch Moleculair Biologen in de Pathologie (KMBP), pathologen, medisch oncologen en bioinformaticus.

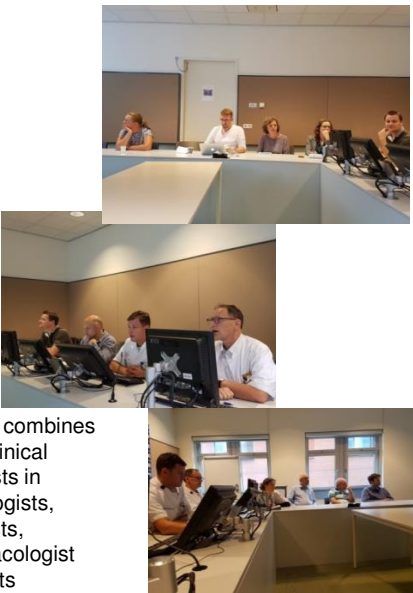
**Doel van de Moleculaire Tumor Board Groningen:**

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Every Friday from 1400-1500 hrs we discuss requests for advice (since Nov 2014)



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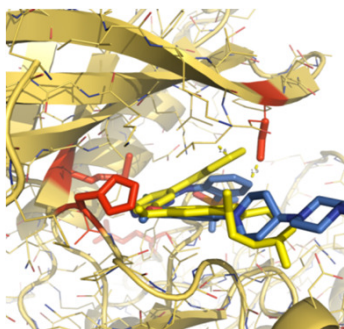


## Interpretation of Mutation Analysis Data

*Handling of unexpected, difficult, rare mutations?*

### NSCLC patient

2012: EGFR: c.2155G>A; p.(G719S)



+ Erlotinib

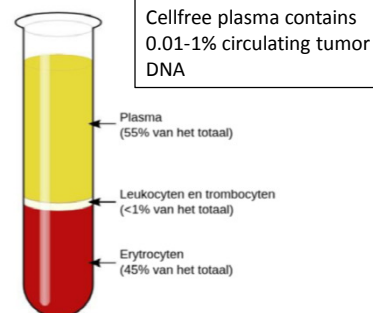
3D-modeling (UMCG-Moleculaire Tumor Board): treatment-decision-making





## Advantages of liquid biopsies (ctDNA) over tissue biopsies for diagnostic molecular testing

- Insufficient tumor tissue
- Insufficient neoplastic cells in biopsy
- Insufficient or poor quality of DNA
- Obtaining (re-) biopsy not possible (localisation)
- (Re-) biopsy inconvenient or too incriminating
- Rebiopsy not allowed
- Heterogeneity (total “overview” of multiple locations)
- Minor invasive predictive testing



Dutch onco-guideline (2015) and EMA:  
predictive testing on liquid biopsy in case no biopsy

*Remark: Molecular testing on tissue biopsy is standard of care*

## Drawbacks of liquid biopsies over tissue biopsies for diagnostic molecular testing

- Very low levels of circulating tumor DNA
- ctDNA is small fraction of total cell free DNA
- Nucleosome-protected DNA is small and the same for cfDNA/ctDNA
- Variable cfDNA levels (age, exercise, infections, pre-analytical processing)
- DNA extraction methods do not discriminate ctDNA from cfDNA
- High false-negative rates (associated with stage of disease)
- Shedding, degradation and clearance unknown
- Heterogeneity (no info on separate multiple locations)

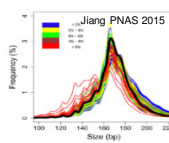
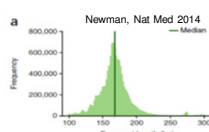
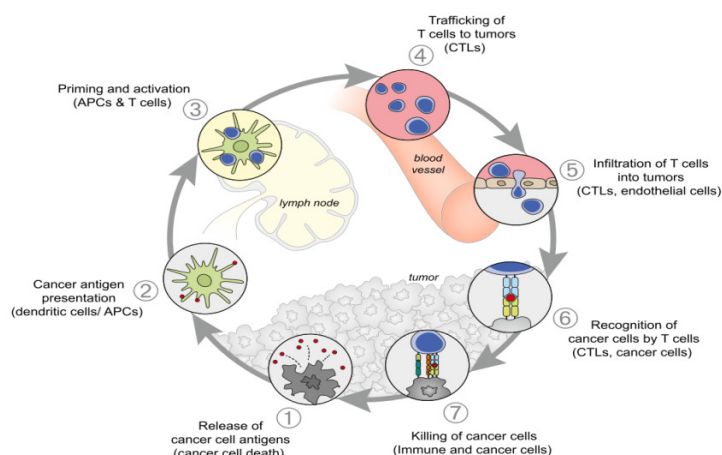


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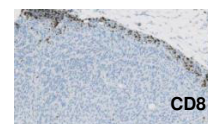
## Immunotherapy: The Cancer-Immunity Cycle is Central to Immune Surveillance and Defence



Chen DS, Mellman I. Immunity. 2013



Immunologic  
ignorance



Excluded infiltrate



T cells present but..



...unable to act

*Mechanisms by which Cancers  
Evade Immune Destruction*

## Potential biomarkers to predict response to immunotherapy

- PD-L1/PD-1 IHC of tumors
- Hypermutation analysis of tumors (neo-antigens, TMB)
- Mutations associated with resistance (e.g. STK11)
- Microsatellite instability
- Copy-number-alterations
- Imaging with PD-L1 tracers
- Serum profiling (e.g. interleukins)
- Immunogram (immune cell profile)
- Immune cell infiltration
- Expression profiling microbiome
- Monitoring circulating tumor DNA (Tumor Volume)

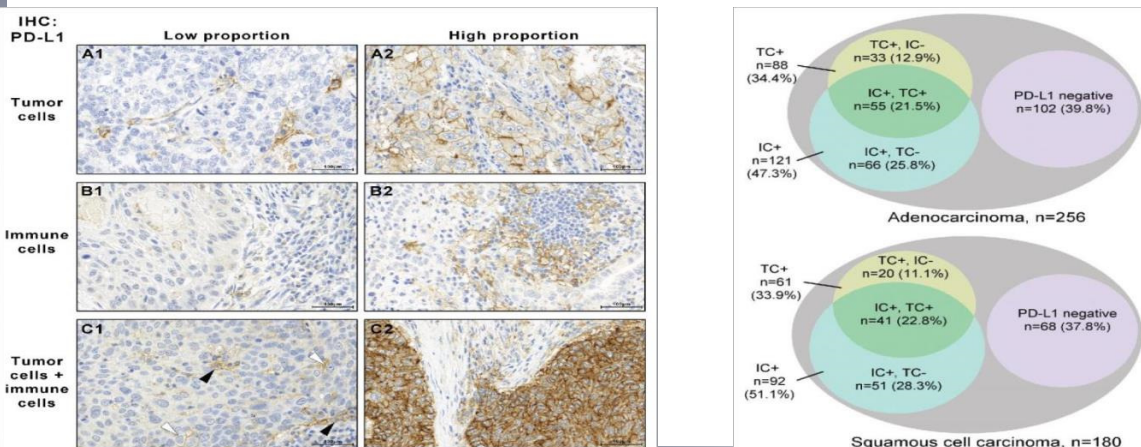
Today no optimal predictive markers for response to immunotherapy



## ORIGINAL RESEARCH

## PD-L1 expression in non-small cell lung cancer: Correlations with genetic alterations

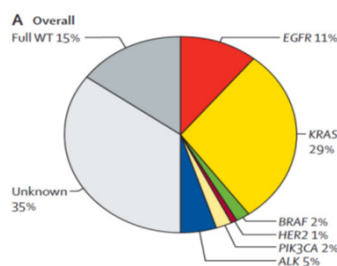
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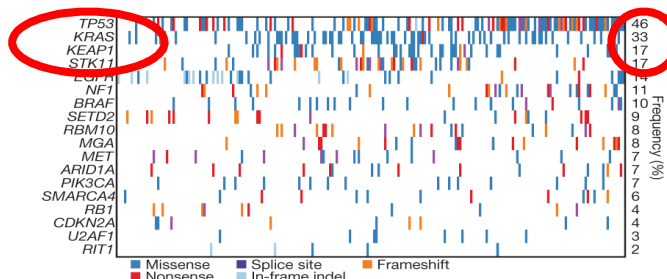
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### Tumor-specific mutants (non-KRAS) as potential biomarkers to detect response to immunotherapy in advanced-stage NSCLC



French SEQ-data of ~20.000 samples:  
➢ In ~80% adca/scc: no targeted therapy

Barlesi Lancet Oncol 2016



TP53, KRAS, KEAP1 and STK11:  
➢ In >90% adca/scc

CGARN Nature 2014

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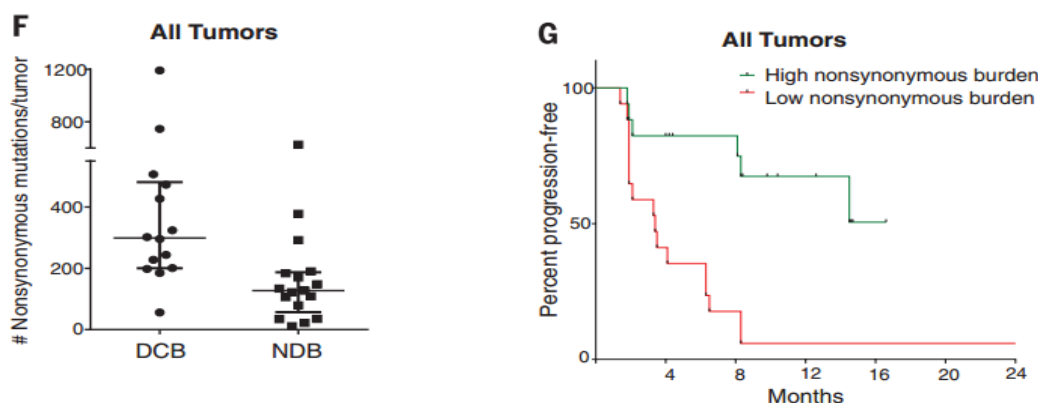
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## Tumor Mutational Burden TMB

CANCER IMMUNOLOGY

### Mutational landscape determines sensitivity to PD-1 blockade in non-small cell lung cancer

Rizvi et al, Science 2015



## Tumor Mutational Burden TMB

- Requires a lot of DNA: most biopsies not enough
- Claim “checkmate 227” in PD-L1- stage IV: TMB >10mut/Mb  
excellent predictor: **HR 0.77** (95% CI: 0.56 to 1.06 (Hellmann et al NEJM 2018)
- Oktober 19 2018: Press release BMS
- TMB < 10 mut/Mb: **HR 0.78** (95% CI: 0.61 to 1.00)
- Nihilation of TMB predictive value!!

Bristol-Myers Squibb

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**Bristol-Myers Squibb Provides Update on the Ongoing Regulatory Review of Opdivo Plus Low-Dose Yervoy in First-Line Lung Cancer Patients with Tumor Mutational Burden  $\geq 10$  mut/Mb**

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# T-cell analysis?

## LETTERS

<https://doi.org/10.1038/s41591-018-0045-3>

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## Global characterization of T cells in non-small-cell lung cancer by single-cell sequencing

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## Signatures of T cell dysfunction and exclusion predict cancer immunotherapy response

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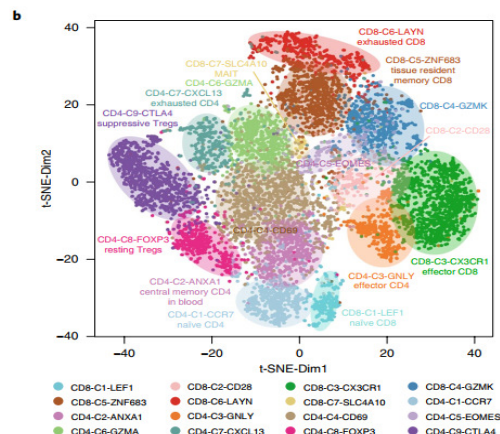
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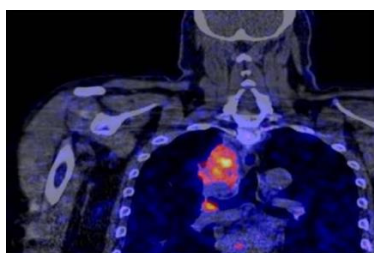
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## A transcriptionally and functionally distinct PD-1<sup>+</sup> CD8<sup>+</sup> T cell pool with predictive potential in non-small-cell lung cancer treated with PD-1 blockade

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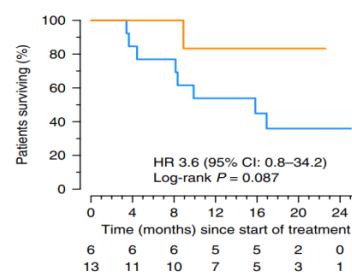
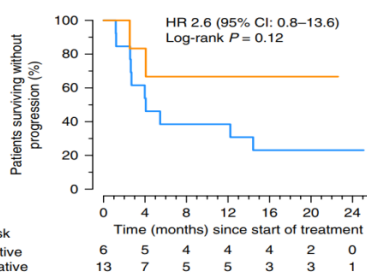


# Imaging with labeled drug:



Bensch et al  
Nature Med 2018

Number at risk  
— SP263 positive  
— SP263 negative

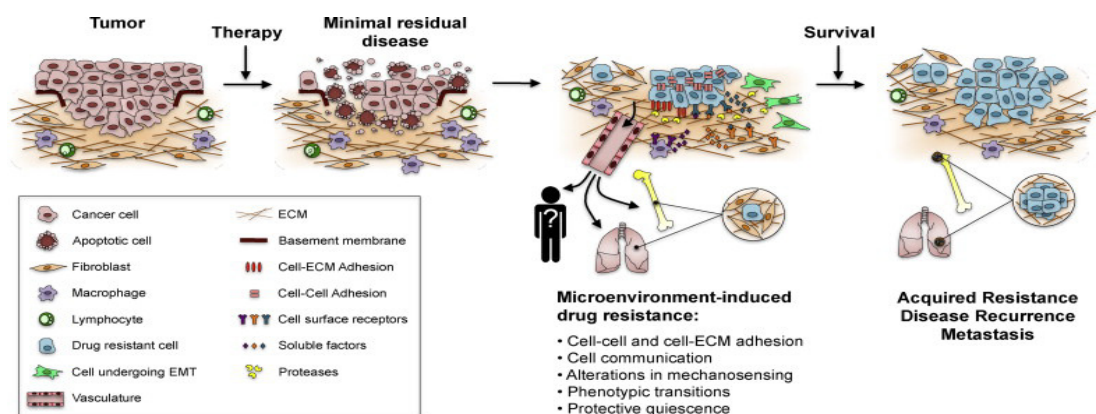


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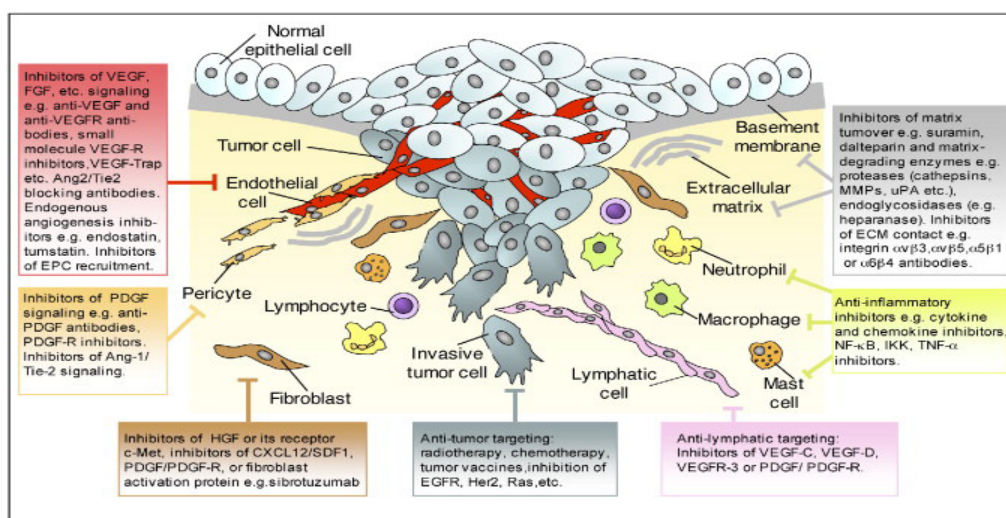
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## Tissue micro-environment: role in therapy-resistance

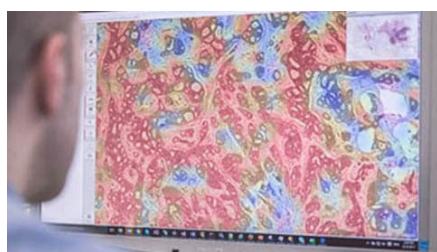
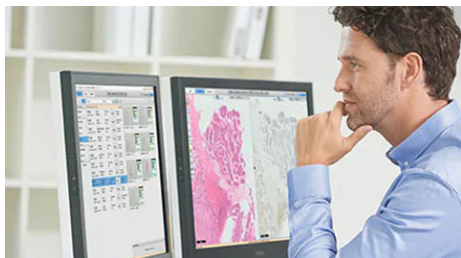


Correia & Bissel, Drug Resistance Updates 2012, 15: 39 - 49



Joyce, Cancer Cell 2005, 7(6): 513 - 520

## Digital Pathology and image analysis



AI / Deep learning:

- Tumor detection
- Tumorcell percentage
- Metastasis detection lymph nodes

Images:www.Philips.nl

## Mutation prediction from NSCLC histopath images using deep learning

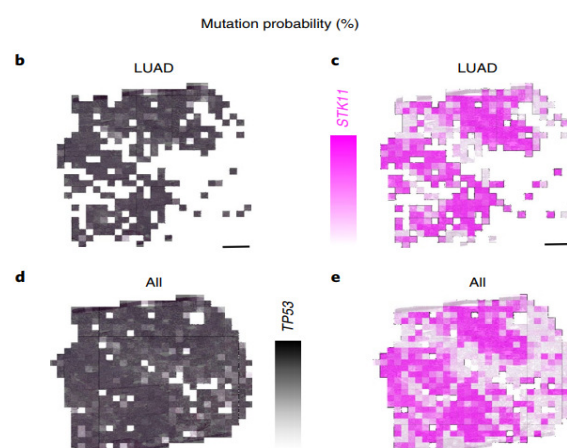
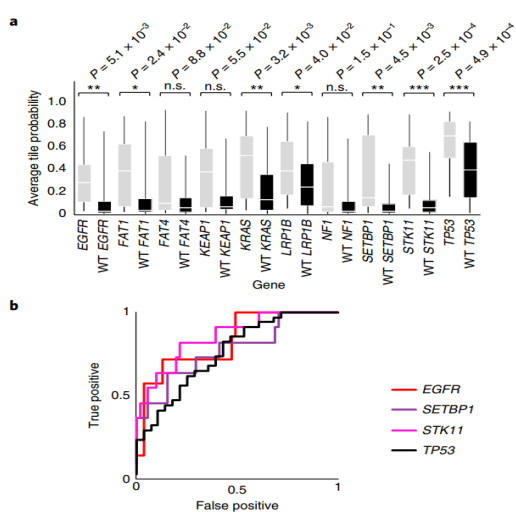
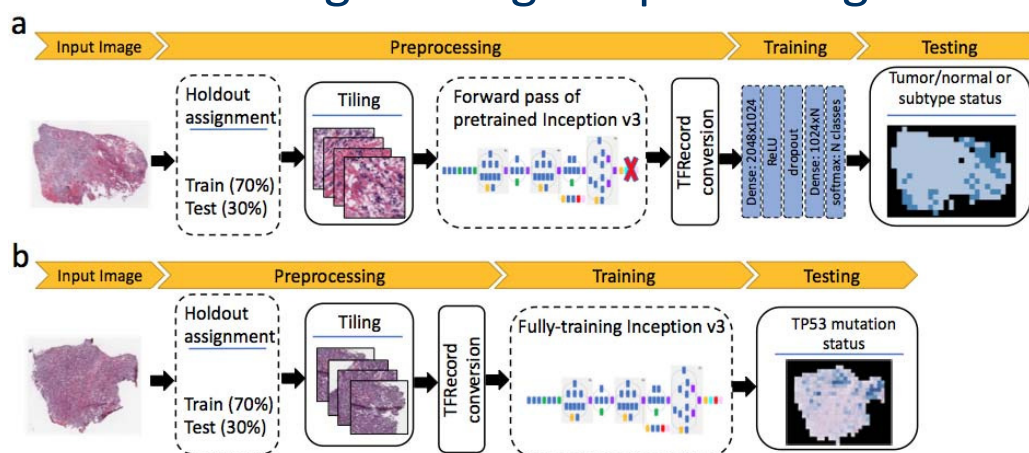


Fig. 4 | Spatial heterogeneity of predicted mutations. a, Probability

Coudray et al. Nature Med 2018

## Pan-cancer classifications of tumor histological images using deep learning



Noorbakhsh et al. BioRxiv 2019

## The role of Molecular Pathology in Precision Medicine: Challenges (and opportunities)

- Predictive testing is essential to select patients that benefit from targeted therapy
- Molecular Pathology is expanding rapidly and is highly dynamic (new druggable mutations, new drugs) : continuous panel adaptation
- Interpretation of rare/uncommon variants is complex: (regional MTB's are essential)
- Tissue is the Issue (low amount of tissues, variable tumor content, FFPE/degraded DNA)
- Costs (no re-imbursement for implementation, testing new assays, testing /drugs for MTB-approved therapies)
- Assays other than NGS (IHC, FISH, nanoString, ctDNA)



## Outlook:

- 3D modeling of mutation variants and drugs as a component of MTBs
- A role for AI in pathology imaging for support of molecular pathology, (incl. mutation detection?)
- Need for advanced steps in further diagnostics in immunotherapy (PD-L1 has not yet lost its role...): T-cells? MHC? ....?
- The value of TMB is unclear
- Imaging with labeled drugs or target cells may give additional diagnostic info / monitoring
- Diagnostics and (adjuvant) treatment aimed at tumor-micro-environment may give new perspectives



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