

From Good to Great: The Story of Personalized Management of Colorectal Cancer



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Why some CRC patients respond marvelously to
treatment, others don't?



Customize treatment strategies tailored to the need of
an individual patient

Personalized Medicine



Personalized Medicine

- What is it?
- Why now?
- Why is the fear?
- Call to Action for colorectal surgeons



Personalized Medicine

- ▶ Customized form of treatment for an individual based on its unique biological attributes
- ▶ Expected benefits
 - ▶ Accurate and precise way to prevent and cure a disease
 - ▶ Avoids unnecessary interventions



Personalized Medicine

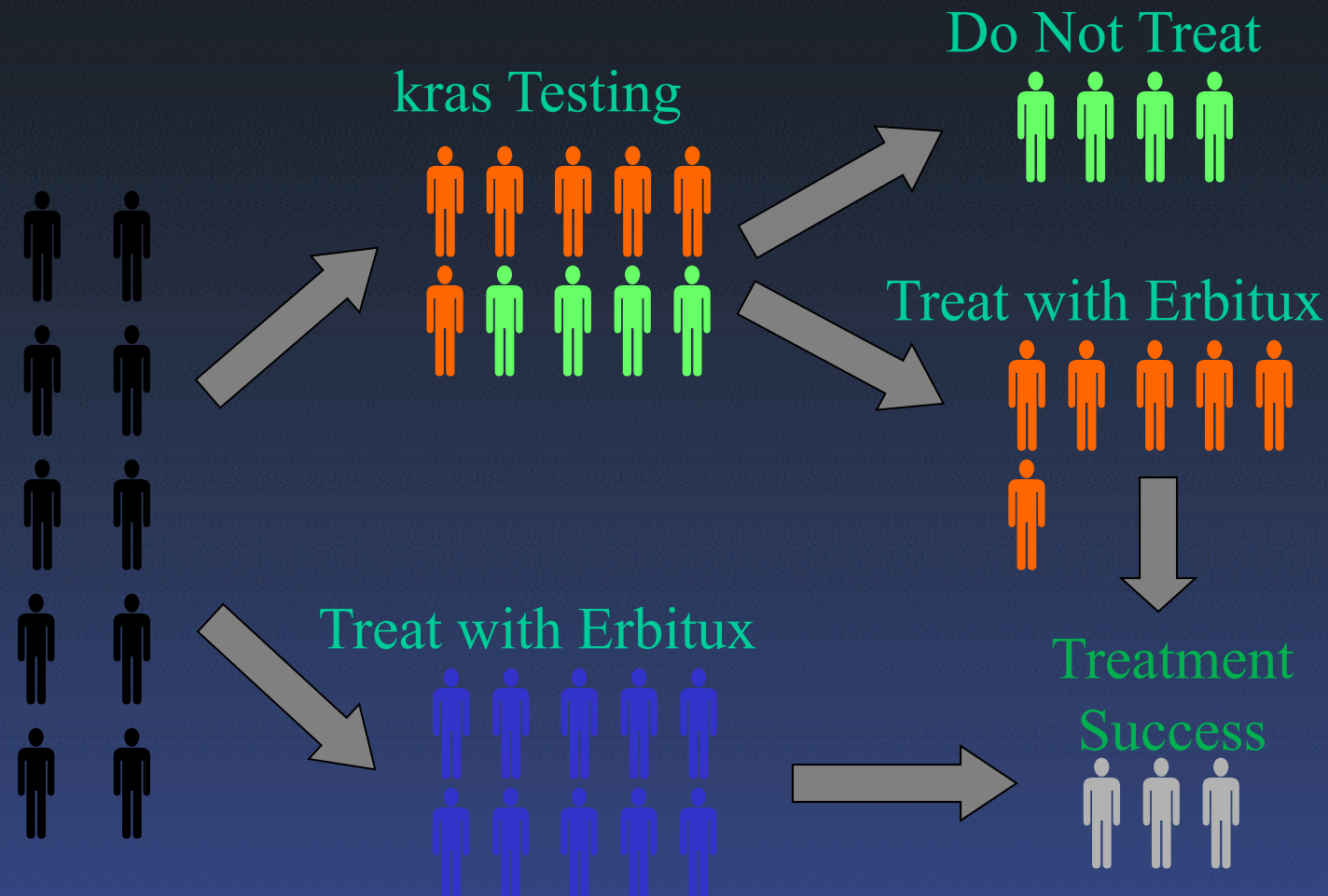
Why is it Important?

Diagnosis Save Lives

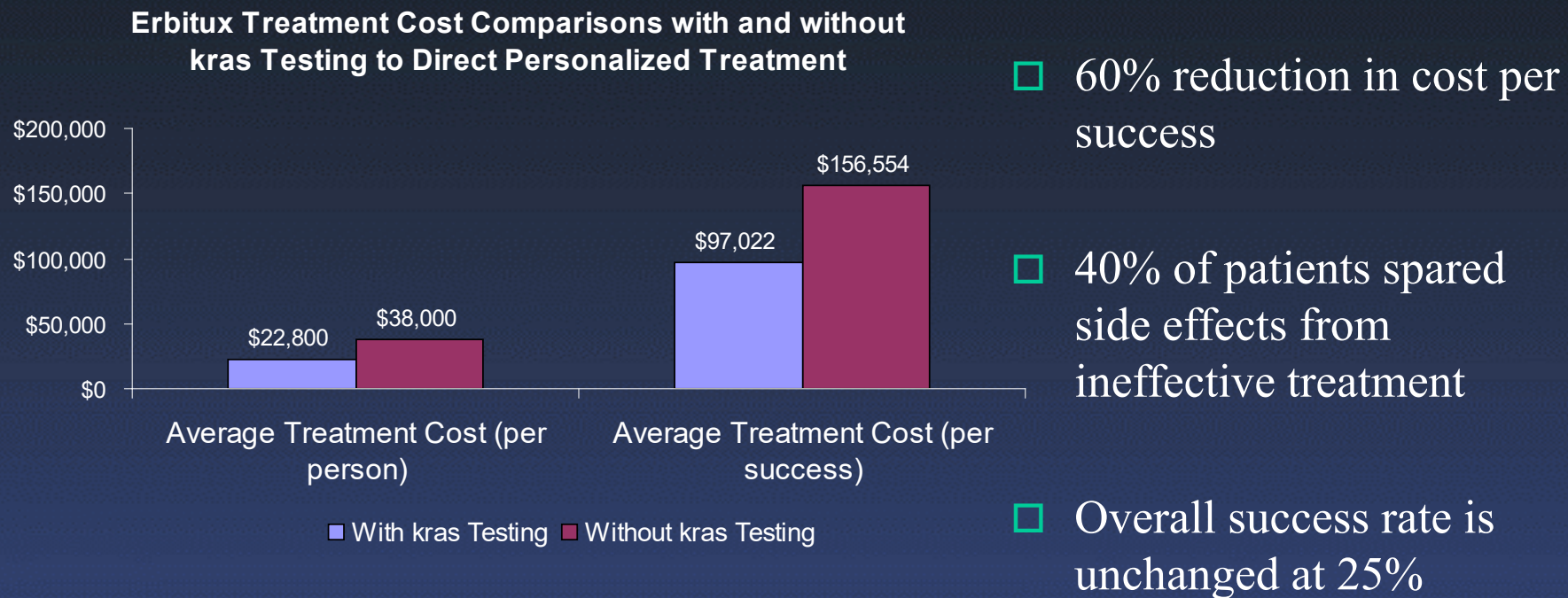
Diagnosis Save Money



Personalized Medicine Reduces Ineffective Treatment in Colon Cancer



Personalized Medicine is Cost Effective in Treatment of Colon Cancer



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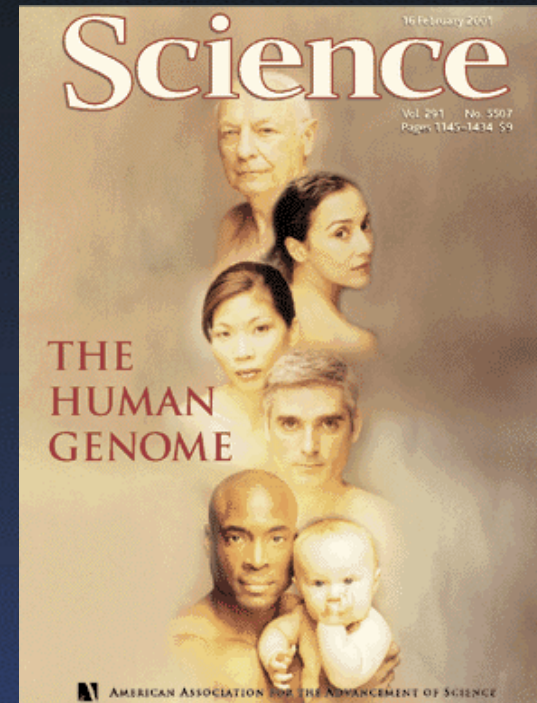
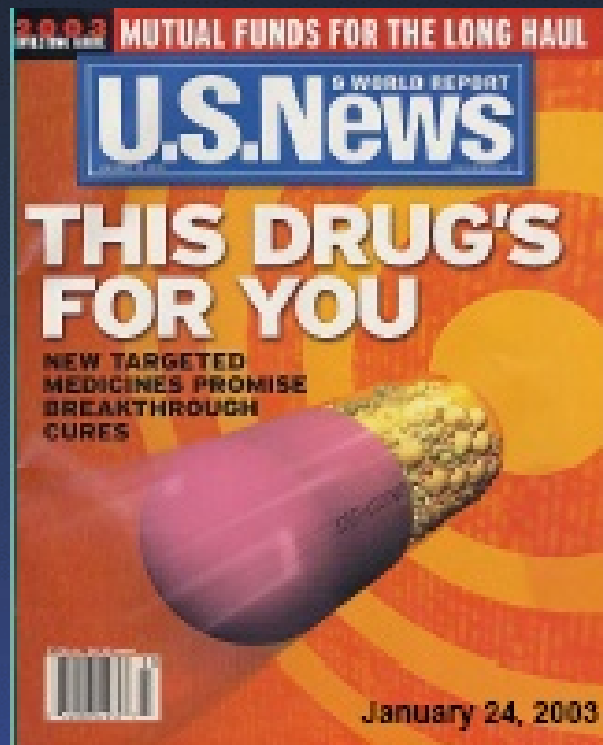
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Why Now?

The Human Genome Project



Why Now?

Explosion of the “Omics”

- ▶ Proteomics
- ▶ Allergenomics
- ▶ Bibliomics
- ▶ Biomics
- ▶ Cardiogenomics
- ▶ Cellomics
- ▶ Chemogenomics
- ▶ Chemoproteomics
- ▶ Chromatinomics
- ▶ Chronomics
- ▶ Chromosomics
- ▶ Combinatorial Peptidomics
- ▶ Computational RNomics
- ▶ Cryobionomics
- Crystallomics
- Cytochromics
- Cytomics
- Degradomics
- Ecotoxicogenomics
- Eicosanomics
- Embryogenomics
- Enviromics
- Epigenomics
- Epitomics
- Expressomics
- Fluxomics
- Fragmentomics
- Fragonomics
- Etc...



Why Now?

Diagnostic Technology Has Improved

Past – Macro Level Testing

Tests differentiated disease from non-disease

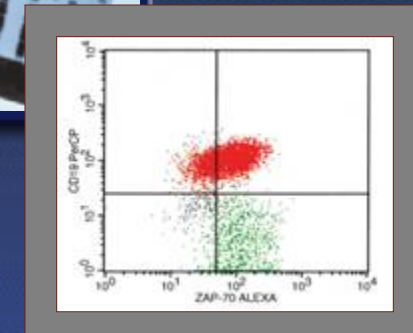
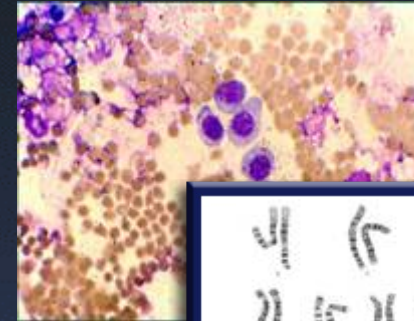
Disease defined by location and size

Today – Molecular Level Testing

Disease defined by individual biology and /or DNA of tumor

Tests to subcategorize disease:

- predict outcomes of specific therapeutic
- screen for adverse events
- monitor disease

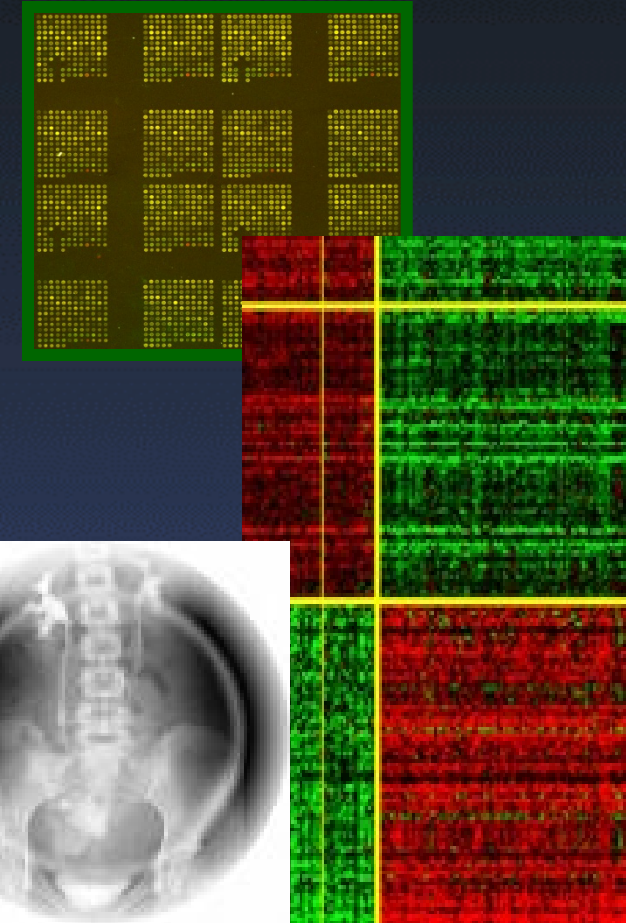


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Tomorrow – Predictive Testing

- Multiple technology platforms needed for higher analytic validity
- Multi-factorial testing for common, complex diseases
- Multi-gene signatures as standard for cancer
- Increased Use of Diagnostic Imaging



Why Now?

Increased problems from standard care

- ▶ Some investigations are deceiving in some patients
- ▶ Progression in some cases of rectal cancer while on nCXRT
- ▶ 15% second malignancy after nCXRT
- ▶ Lack of response to 5-Fu in HNPCC
- ▶ Unexpected response after adjuvant chemotherapy



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The Personalized Medicine Timeline Fear

Payers: Adds to My Cost Without Return

Treating Physicians: Too Prescriptive for Me

Patients: Will I Be Denied Access to New Drugs?

Regulators: How Do We Handle New Complexities?

Diagnostics: More Tests With Poor Reimbursement

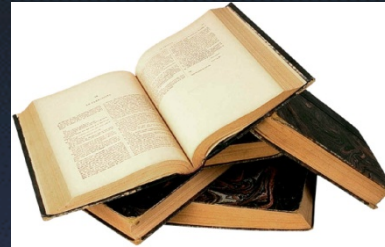
Pharma: Reduces My Market

Pathologists: Reduces My Market

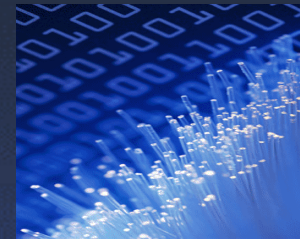


Moving From Fear To Acceptance

- Physician Education



- Data are still needed



- Policy – Reimbursement and admins



Move From Fear to Acceptance

- ❑ Physician Education
 - Build commitment through education for community physicians
 - Publish new practice guidelines – tests and technologies
- ❑ Policies Needed
 - Reimbursement based on value rather than activity
 - Regulatory options that encourage diagnostic and drug combinations
- ❑ Embrace “Era of Diagnostics” For Improved Outcomes



The Story of CRC

- ▶ 1.6 m cases of CRC and 0.8 m deaths worldwide in 2015
(Global Burden of Disease Cancer C., 2016)
- ▶ Current practice of prevention and therapy of CRC is based on models that presume the population to be homogenous, but the cancer community is increasingly recognizing that a '**one size fits all**' model has not been successful
- ▶ Heterogeneous nature is acknowledged as a major problem in accurate therapies (Ogino et al., 2012)



The story

- Two main pathways
 - Chromosomal instability (CIN) 85%
 - Microsatellite instability (MSI) 15%
- Molecular pathways used to classify CRC patients and guide treatment regimens

Still need to better customize treatment strategies keeping in view the heterogeneity in every patient

(Lugli, 2015; Sinicrope et al., 2016)



CRC personalized management

- ▶ It mostly relies on mutation data from genomics based studies
 - ▶ Mutant KRAS didn't respond to EGFR inhibitors was a convincing evidence that not all CRC respond to a drug in the same way (Phipps et al., 2013)
 - ▶ BRAF, DNA polymerase influence survival (Zocche et al., 2015)
 - ▶ No advantage of adjuvant treatment for MSI patients (NgandSchrag,2010)
 - ▶ 25% of MSI exhibited an excellent response to chemotherapy due to a large deletion in the T intronic repeat of HSP110 (Collura et al., 2014)



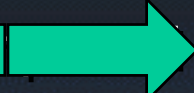
CRC personalized management

- ▶ Genome-wide association studies (GWAS) have identified SNPs associated with the risk of development and progression of CRC and therapeutic responses
(Zhu et al., 2012)
- ▶ SNPs may have applications for personalized medicine
 - ▶ Testing patients for rs396991 SNPs may allow prediction of therapeutic responses to drugs such as cetuximab (Zhang et al., 2007)

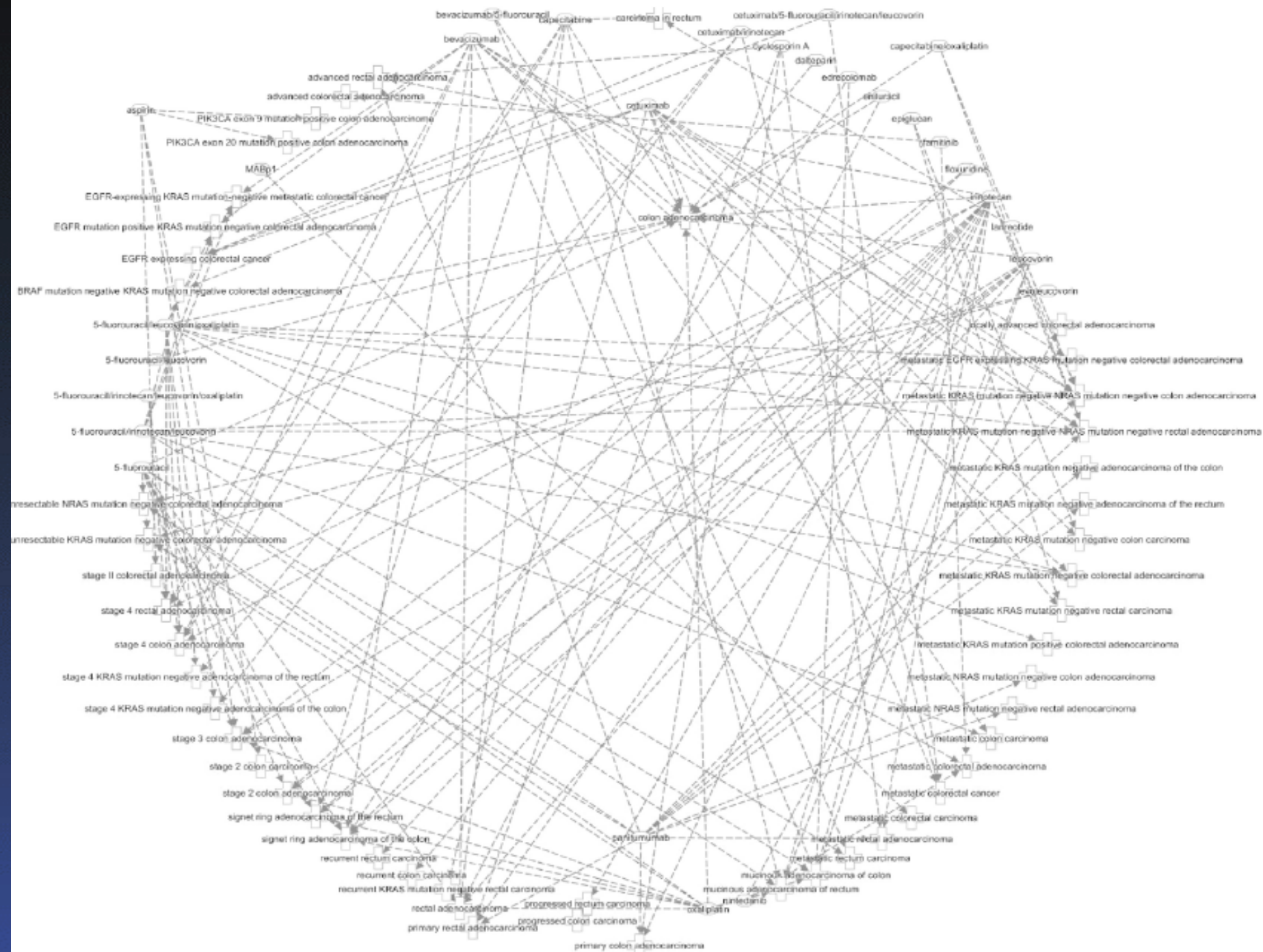
(Studies are far from being clinically applicable, as the functional implications of these SNPs are not understood in CRC)



CRC personalized management

- ▶ New biomarkers  classification of CRC patients who would benefit the most from adjuvant chemotherapy at a particular stage (Gangadhar and Schilsky, 2010)
- ▶ Large-scale data at the protein and metabolite levels, could be combined with other omics data using integrated models, thus identifying new biomarkers for CRC





Challenges for personalized CRC management

- Strengths of personalized medicine is undermined by the lack of inclusion of genetically diverse human populations
(Ramos et al., 2012)
- There are many statistical challenges that hamper patient studies with small numbers
- Personalized medicine would require data analysis to be robust enough to a level where each patient becomes a separate class and the predictions can be made with the utmost accuracy



Challenges for personalized CRC management

- ▶ Hard to develop computational tools to integrate multi omics data that can recapitulate the changing dynamics of underlying biology of the CRC patients
- ▶ Large difference in individuals requires the use of a patient's own baseline healthy data as a 'control'

(Hood and Friend, 2011)

- ▶ In CRC, the challenge of personalized medicine is to match the patient with the effective drug regimen



Challenges for personalized CRC management

- ▶ Therapeutic regimens for distant metastasis (e.g. 5-FU + Leucovorin +Oxaliplatin/Irinotecan; FOLFOX/FOLFIRI) require further customization to minimize toxicity
- ▶ Variation in response to the therapeutic regimens could be due to the underlying differences in molecular characteristics of CRC patients



Call for action

- ▶ The future success depends on two major factors:
 - ▶ Technological advances to generate high-quality, holistic protein and metabolite level data
 - ▶ An ability to integrate data across different hierarchical levels of biological information (DNA, RNA, protein and metabolites) and at different levels of organization (cell, tissue and organ)



Personalized medicine in CRC

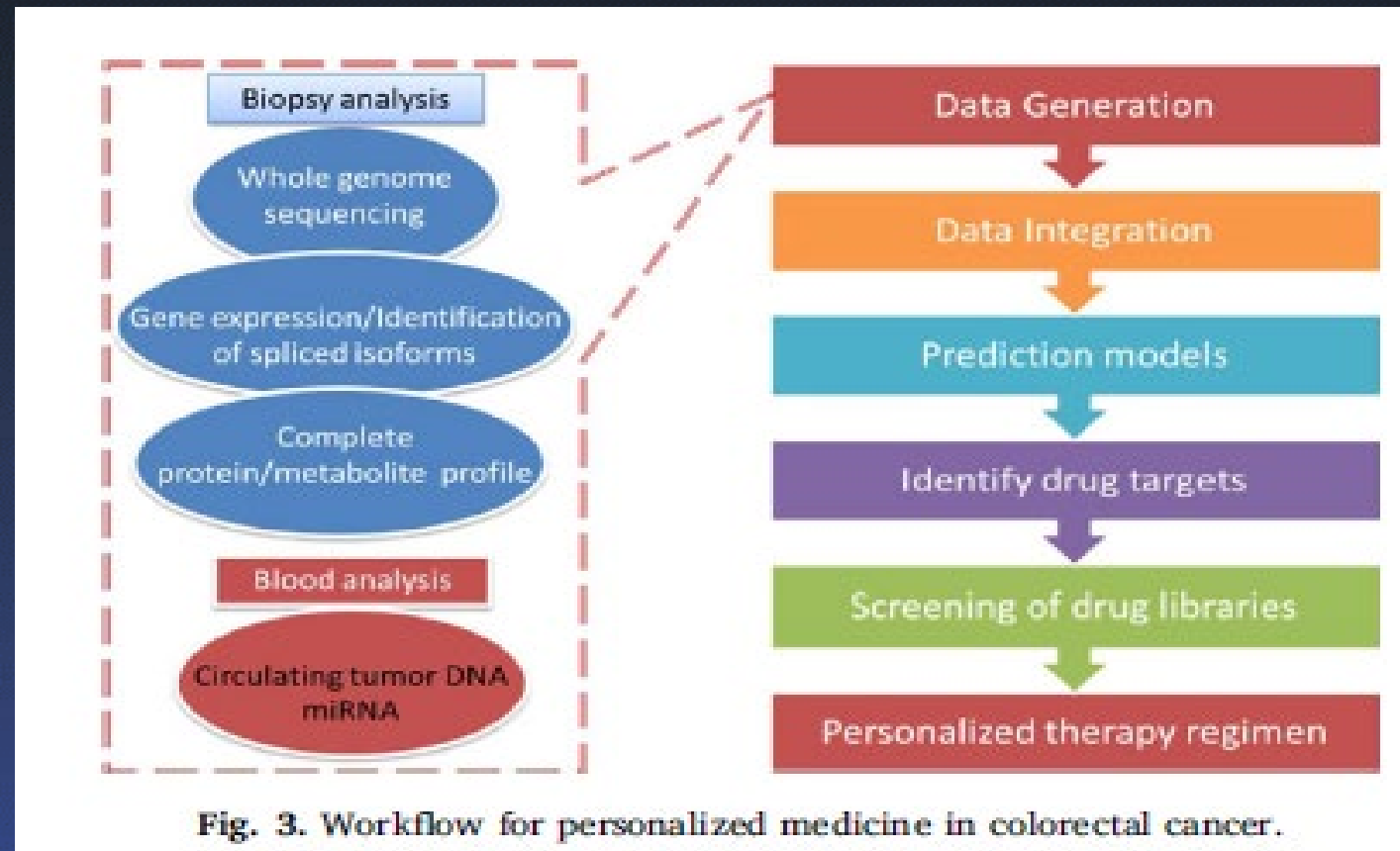


Fig. 3. Workflow for personalized medicine in colorectal cancer.



Conclusion

- ▶ The current management of CRC is challenged by the extensive heterogeneity in this disease, suggesting that this is a complex disease that could benefit from the implementation of a personalized medicine approach
- ▶ Impressive increase in our ability to generate omics data from nucleic acids, and there are expectations that this will also be possible for proteins and metabolites



Conclusion

- ▶ 'one size fits all' model has not been successful
- ▶ Although there are still challenges to be met, such as data integration, building prediction models and implementing patient-specific customized solutions for CRC therapy, we are optimistic about the success of personalized medicine for this disease





Thank you

