



Molecular biology of colorectal cancer



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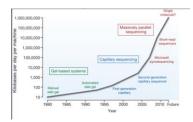


Rapid pace of molecular change

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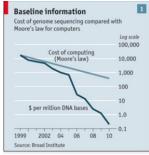


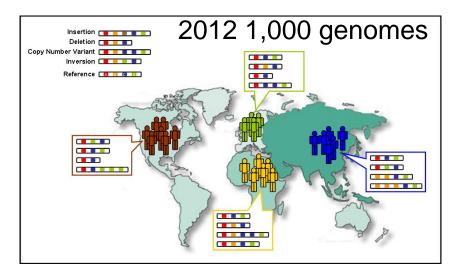
Sequencing changes





2000





100,000 Genomes Project



"It is crucial that we continue to push the boundaries and this new plan will mean we are the first country in the world to use DNA codes in the mainstream of the health service" The Rt Hon David Cameron MP The Prime Minister 10 December 2012





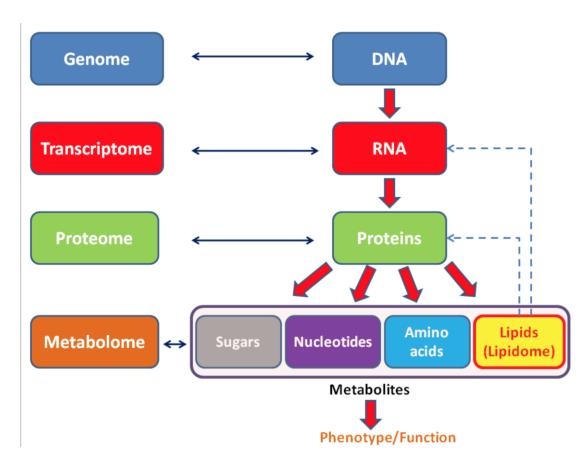




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Which technologies should we use?

- Genomics- DNA/RNA
- Proteomics
- Metabolome
- Pathways
- Phenotype
- Test
 - Fit for purpose
 - Cost
 - Changing



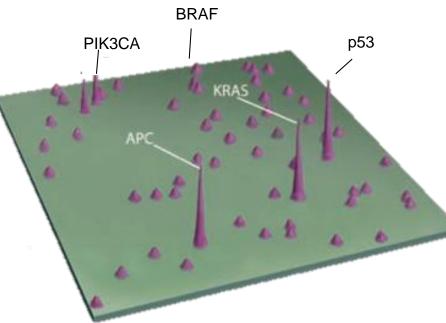


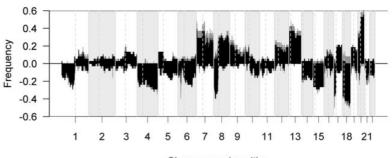
Molecular changes in bowel cancer



DNA

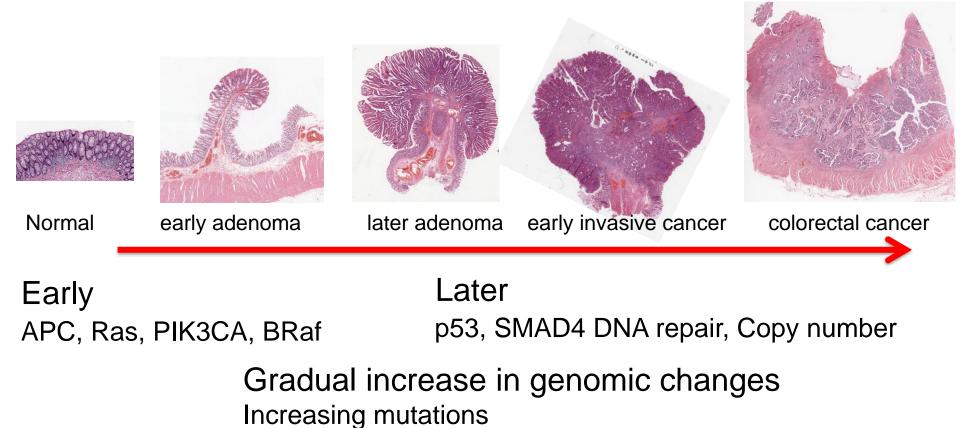
- Mutations driver and passenger
- Amplifications
- Deletions
- Chromosomal instability,
- Microsatellite instability
- Fusion genes
- Methylation





Chromosomal position

Increasing complexity with time UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS



Increasing genomic instability Classical adenomas, Serrated pathway, mismatch repair Identification of subtypes

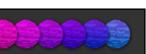
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Clinical uses

- Genetic syndromes
- Outcomes
 - DNA
 - Deficient mismatch repair
 - Kiras/Braf/PIK3CA
 - RNA
 - oncotype Dx ?
 - RNA subtypes?

- Prediction of response
 - Anti-EGFr abs
 - Ras
 - Epiregulin/amphiregulin
 - Her3
 - Braf inhibitor
 - Braf
 - Her2
 - Aspirin PIK3CA
 - Immunotherapy
 - dMMR and anti PD1/PDL1



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Genetic syndromes



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Hereditary Colorectal Cancer: Genetics and Screening

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Colorectal cancer syndromes

Syndrome	Genes	Mode of inheritance
Lynch syndrome	MLH1, MSH2, MSH6, PMS2, or EpCAM	Autosomal dominant
(Attenuated) Familial adenomatous polyposis	APC	Autosomal dominant
MUTYH-associated polyposis	MUTYH (MYH)	Autosomal recessive
Peutz-Jeghers syndrome	LKB1 (STK11)	Autosomal dominant
Juvenile polyposis syndrome	SMAD4 (~30%) BMPR1A (~20%)	Autosomal dominant
Hereditary mixed polyposis syndrome	GREM1	Autosomal dominant
Serrated polyposis syndrome	unknown	unknown

Polymerase proof reading associated polyposis

POLE & POLD1

Autosomal dominant

3%

1%

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- HNPCC 3%
- Germ line mutations in DNA repair genes leads to hyper mutation
- Inactivates key genes leading to CRC and other cancers
- Truncated proteins appear on cell surface immune response
- Screening via MSI or immunohiostochemistry
 - dMMR proteins
 - hMSH2 (40%, hMLH1 (40%), hMSH6 (10%), PMS2 (6%) POLD (1%) and POLE (1%)
 - BRAF V600E wild type
- Germ line sequencing



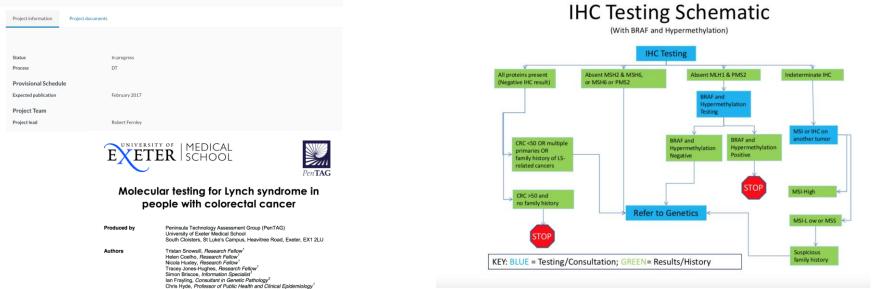
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Nice recommendations Feb 2017 Routine testing in England



Molecular testing strategies for Lynch syndrome in people with colorectal cancer

In development [GID-DG10001] Expected publication date: February 2017 Register as a stakeholder



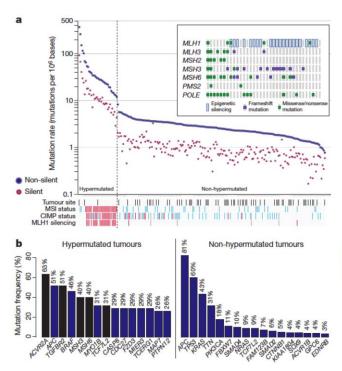
The base case results in the economic evaluation suggest that screening for LS in CRC patients using IHC, *BRAF* V600E and *MLH1* methylation testing would be cost-effective at a threshold of £20,000 per quality-adjusted life year (QALY). The incremental cost-effectiveness ratio for this strategy is £11,008 per QALY compared to no screening. Screening without tumour tests is not predicted to be cost-effective (more costly and less effective than another strategy).

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Classification - DNA

- Prognosis
 - dMMR/hypermutated 12-15%
 - Genomic instability Rest



Comprehensive molecular characterization of human colon and rectal cancer

The Cancer Genome Atlas Network*

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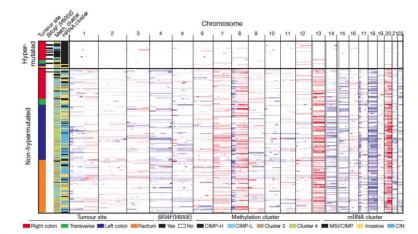


Figure 2 | Integrative analysis of genomic changes in 195 CRCs. Hypermutated tumours have near-diploid genomes and are highly enriched for hypermethylation, CIMP expression phenotype and BRAF(V600E) mutations. Non-hypermutated tumours originating from different sites are virtually indistinguishable from each other on the basis of their copy-number alteration patterns, DNA methylation or gene-expression patterns. Copy-number changes of the 22 autosomes are shown in shades of red for copy-number gains and shades of blue for copy-number losses.

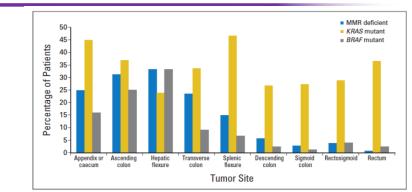
N= 276 with 97 undergoing WGS

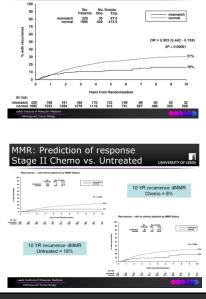


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Sporadic deficient Mismatch Repair (dMMR) Hyper mutated tumours

- Demographics
 - HNPCC dMMR/Braf wild type
 - Sporadic
 - Colon > rectum
 - Females
 - Stage II 12% Stage III 7%, Stage 4 4%
- Prognosis
 - 50% lower recurrence risk in stage II dMMR tumours
 - Prognostic effect dMMR remains in treated group
- Prediction
 - US data suggests less responsive to chemotherapy
 - NO evidence of worse outcome on chemo in Quasar





MR: Time to any recurrence

Stage II / III (n=1915)

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Other mutations and prognosis



Recurrence Quasar1 – by KRas 12,13,61

N=789 MRC Focus stage IV

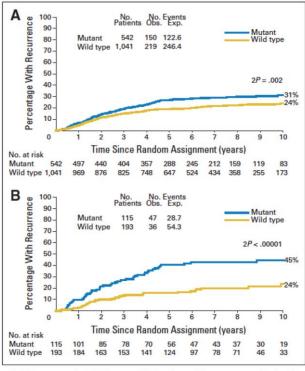
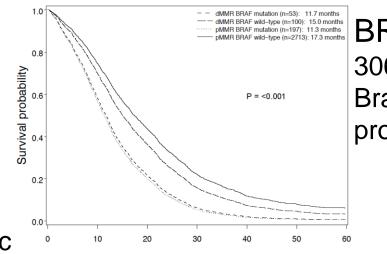


Fig 5. Recurrence by KRAS status: (A) all patients, (B) rectum stage II only. Obs., observed number of recurrences; Exp., expected number of recurrences; Var, variance of O-E.

Braf V600E not prognostic PIK3CA mutations not prognostic

Marker	Endpoint	Group	n	Hazard Ratio* (95% CI)	p-value
	PFS	W/T KRAS	322	1.0	0.06
	PF5	Any KRAS mutation	311	1.17 (1.00, 1.36)	0.06
KRAS	os	W/T KRAS	324	1.0	0.02
05	05	Any KRAS mutation	314	1.23 (1.04, 1.44)	0.02
NA	E de la desta de				

Marker	Endpoint	group	n	Hazard Ratio* (95% CI)	p-value
	PFS	W/T BRAF	679	1.0	0.90
DDAE	PFS	BRAF mutation	54	1.04 (0.78, 1.38)	0.80
BRAF	W/T BRAF 684 1.0	<0.0001			
	OS	BRAF mutation	54	1.69 (1.26, 2.27)	<0.0001



BRAF/dMMR 3063 cases Braf poor prognosis



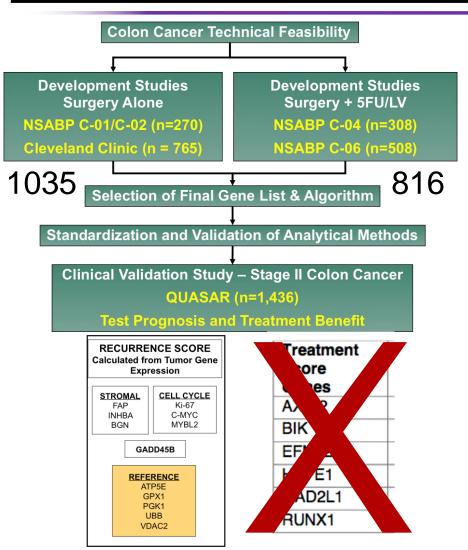
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Multi-Gene RT-PCR Colon Cancer Assay

- Oncotype Dx colon







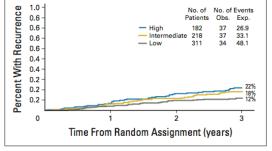
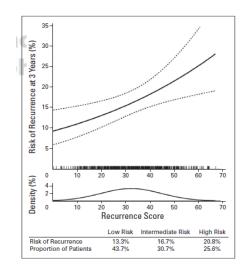


Fig 3. Kaplan-Meier estimates of 3-year recurrence in surgery-alone patients by risk group. Obs, observed; Exp, experienced.

HR = 1.47 (p=0.046)

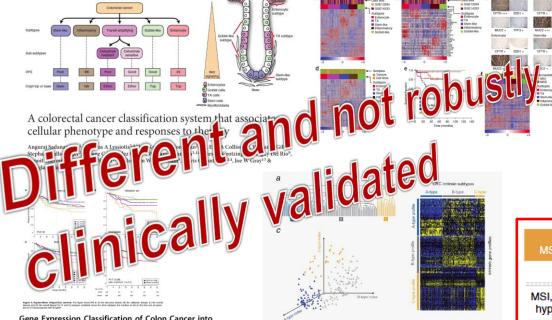


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New RNA array patterns





Gene Expression Classification of Colon Cancer into Molecular Subtypes: Characterization, Validation, and Prognostic Value

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The consensus molecular subtypes of colorectal cancer

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CMS1 MSI immune	CMS2 Canonical	CMS3 Metabolic	CMS4 Mesenchymal
14%	37%	13%	23%
MSI, CIMP high, hypermutation	SCNA high	Mixed MSI status, SCNA low, CIMP low	SCNA high
BRAF mutations		KRAS mutations	
Immune infiltration and activation	WNT and MYC activation	Metabolic deregulation	Stromal infiltration, TGF-β activation, angiogenesis
Worse survival after relapse			Worse relapse-free and overall survival

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Transcriptome/Protein characterisation

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A pathology atlas of the human cancer transcriptome

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Cancer is one of the leading causes of death, and there is great interest in understanding the underlying molecular mechanisms involved in the pathogenesis and progression of individual tumors. We used systems-level approaches to analyze the genome-wide transcriptome of the protein-coding genes of 17 major cancer types with respect to clinical outcome. A general pattern emerged: Shorter patient survival was associated with up-regulation of genes involved in cell growth and with down-regulation of genes involved in cell growth and with down-regulation of genes involved in cellular differentiation. Using genome-scale metabolic models, we show that cancer patients have widespread metabolic heterogeneity, highlighting the need for precise and personalized medicine for cancer treatment. All data are presented in an interactive open-access database (www.proteinatlas.org/pathology) to allow genome-wide exploration of the impact of individual proteins on clinical outcomes.

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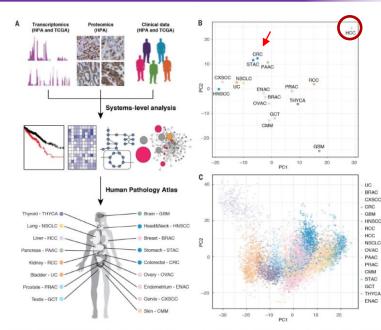
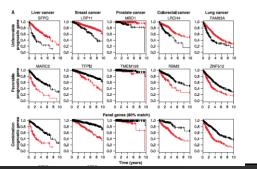


Fig. 1 Analysis of the global expression patterns of protein-coding genes in human cancers. (A) Schematic drawing of the Human Pathology Atlas effort described herein. (B) Principal components analysis (PCA) showing the similarities in expression of 19,571 protein-coding genes among 17 cancer types. See fig. S4 for additional PCA analysis with more stratified patient cohorts. (C) PCA plot showing the individual differences in the genome-wide global expression profiles among the 17 cancer types in 9666 individual patients.



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Predictors

Gene	Genetic Alteration	Tumor Type	Therapeutic Agent
Receptor tyrosine kinase			
EGFR	Mutation, amplification	Lung cancer, glioblastoma	Gefitinib, erlotinib
ERBB2	Amplification	Breast cancer	Lapatinib
FGFR1	Translocation	Chronic myeloid leukemia	PKC412, BIBF-1120
FGFR2	Amplification, mutation	Gastric, breast, endometrial cancer	PKC412, BIBF-1120
FGFR3	Translocation, mutation	Multiple myeloma	PKC412, BIBF-1120
PDGFRA	Mutation	Glioblastoma, gastrointestinal stromal tumor	Sunitinib, sorafenib, imatinib
PDGFRB	Translocation	Chronic myelomonocytic leukemia	Sunitinib, sorafenib, imatinib
ALK	Mutation or amplification	Lung cancer, neuroblastoma, ana- plastic large-cell lymphoma	Crizotinib
c-MET	Amplification	Gefitinib-resistant non-small-cell lung cancer, gastric cancer	Crizotinib, XL184, SU11274
IGF1R	Activation by insulin-like growth factor II ligand	Colorectal, pancreatic cancer	CP-751,871, AMG479
c-KIT	Mutation	Gastrointestinal stromal tumor	Sunitinib, imatinib
FLT3	Internal tandem duplication	Acute myeloid leukemia	Lestaurtinib, XL999
RET	Mutation, translocation	Thyroid medullary carcinoma	XL184
Non–receptor tyrosine kinase			
ABL	Translocation (BCR-ABL)	Chronic myeloid leukemia	Imatinib
JAK2	Mutation (V617F), translocation	Chronic myeloid leukemia, myelo- proliferative disorders	Lestaurtinib, INCB018424
SRC	Overexpression	Non–small-cell lung cancer; ovarian, breast cancer; sarcoma	KX2–391, dasatinib, AZD0530
Serine-threonine-lipid kinase			
BRAF	Mutation (V600E)	Melanoma; colon, thyroid cancer	SB-590885, PLX-4032, RAF265, XL281
Aurora A and B kinases	Overexpression	Breast, colon cancer; leukemia	MK-5108 (VX-689)
Polo-like kinases	Overexpression	Breast, lung, colon cancer; lymphoma	BI2536, GSK461364
MTOR	Increased activation	Renal-cell carcinoma	Temsirolimus (CCI-779), BEZ235
РІЗК	PIK3CA mutations	Colorectal, breast, gastric cancer; glioblastoma	BEZ235
DNA damage or repair			
BRCA1 and BRCA2	Mutation (synthetic lethal effect)	Breast, ovarian cancer	Olaparib, MK-4827 (PARP inhibitors)

* PARP denotes poly(adenosine diphosphate-ribose) polymerase.

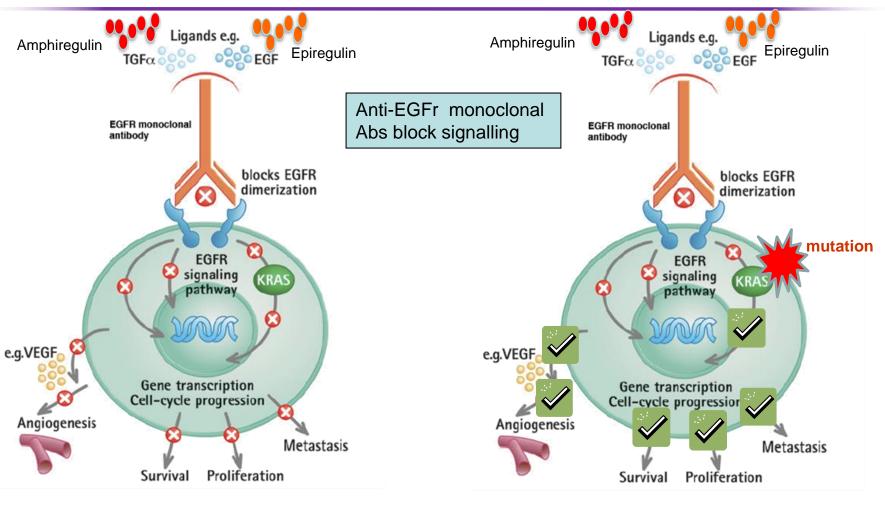
- Targeted therapies CRC
 - Anti EGFr ab's
 - Braf inhibitors
 - Anti PD1 and dMMR
 - Others
 - Herceptin anti Her2
 - Aspirin PIK3CA mutations



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KRAS and the EGFr signalling pathway in KRAS-wild type and KRAS-mutant patients

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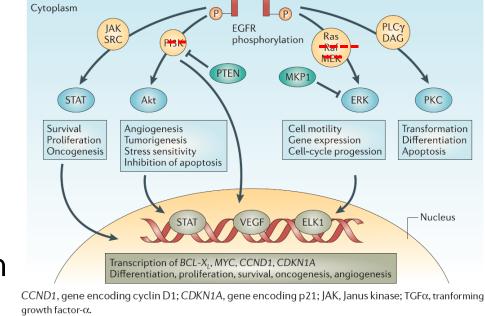
KRAS-WT

KRAS-MUTANT

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BRAF mutants

- BRAFinhibitors negative
- Block BRAF and others ?
- Early reports
 - No
 - BRAFi and MEK
 - Yes 26-35% RR
 - BRAFi. anti EGFr and anti PIK3CA
 - BRAF*i*, anti EGFr and Mek inhibitor
 - BRAFi, antiEGFr and Irinotecan
- Looks likely that dual inhibition BRAF*i* and antiEGFr works



EGF

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Cell membrane



Growth factors

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EGF, TGFα, amphiregulin



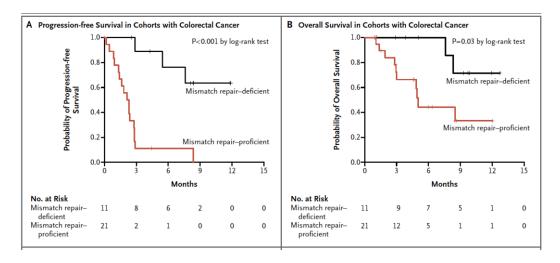
PD-1 blockade phase 2 data

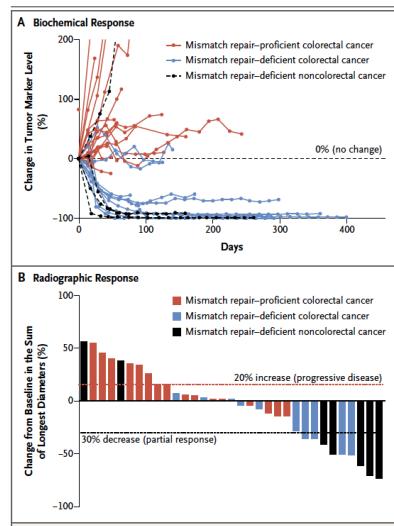
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PD-1 Blockade in Tumors with Mismatch-Repair Deficiency

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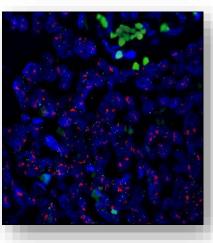
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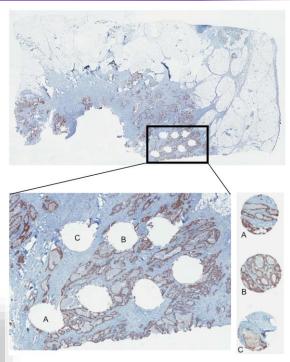
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Reapplying drugs from other sites - small populations



- Challenge
 - Agents positive in other cancers
 - Her-2
 - Stage II Quasar 25/1767 (1.4%) all pMMR
 - Stage IV CRC 29/1340 (2.2%)
 - Ki ras/Braf wild type 24/461 (5.2%)
 - Ki ras/Braf mutant 5/527 (0.95%)
 - 96.4% amplified
- ? Others –fusion genes





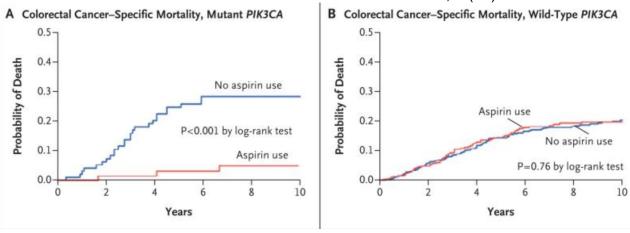
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PIK3CA mutations

- Quasar1
 - 874 cases PIK3CA mutations 13.9 %. 83 exon 9 (9.5%) exon 20 (4.4%).
 - No prognostic effect in stage II
- Aspirin
 - PIK3CA mutations reduced recurrence
 - NEJM HR 0.18 New Engl J Med. 2012 Oct 25;367(17):1596-606.
 - Victor HR 0.11 J Clin Oncol. 2013 Dec 1;31(34):4297-305.





Add Aspirin trials

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Changing clinical trials – Focus 4

EME/CRUK Focus 4 n = 3,500

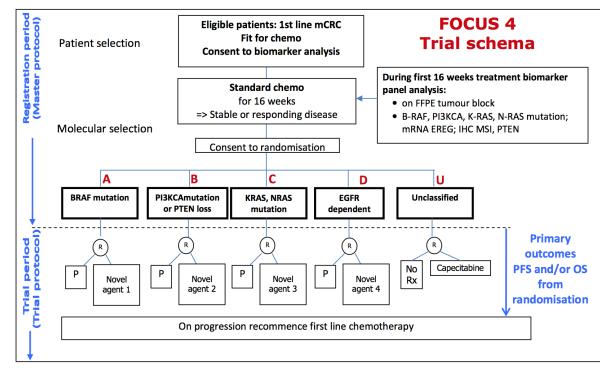
Testing NGS Kras 12,13, 59, 61,146 Nras 12,13, 61 PIK3CA exon 9 & 20 Braf V600E p53

PTEN immuno dMMR immuno

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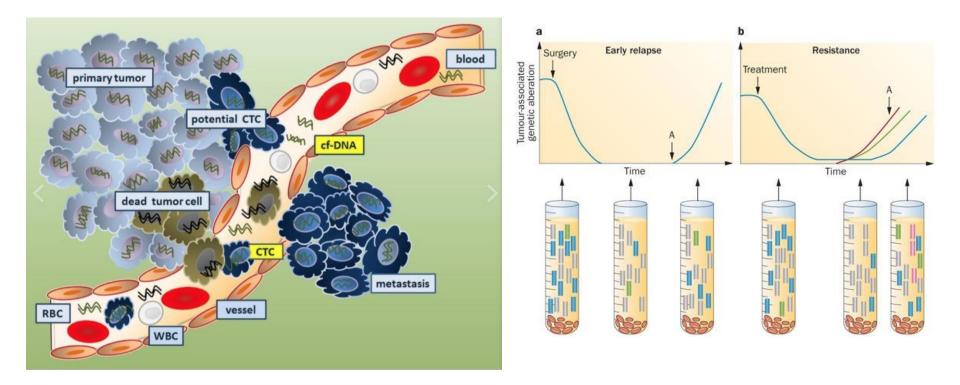


aspirin oral Her 1,2,3 inhibitor (AZD8931) WEE-1 inhibitor



Following disease



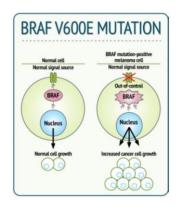


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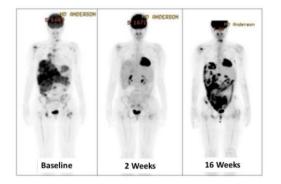


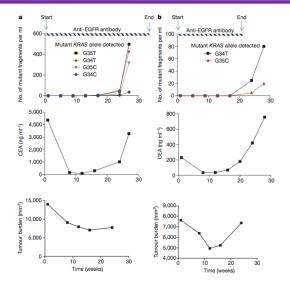
Resistance develops on therapy

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Resistance to BRAF Inhibitors





Emerging mutational Resistance Ras in CRC with anti-EGFr Rx



Preoperative chemoradiation with capecitabine, irinotecan and cetuximab in rectal cancer: significance of pre-treatment and post-resection RAS mutations

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Excite phase 2 Rectal cancer 19% gained mutations 35% lost mutations after treatment

Average response duration ~6 months

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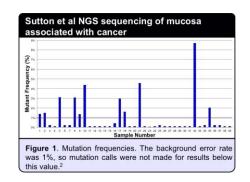
Screening - DNA

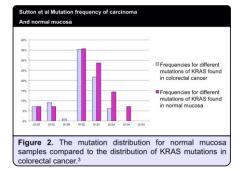


- Screening/diagnosis
- Cologuard
- DNA mutations in stool

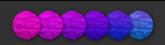


Imperiale TF, Ransohoff DF, Itzkowitz SH, et al. Multitarget stool DNA testing for colorectal-cancer screening. N Engl J Med. 2014;370(14):1987-97.





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Summary

- Diagnosis of hereditary disease
- Routine screening for HNPCC
- DNA subtypes
 - Hypermutators/dMMR are important 12%
 - Worse prognosis RAS mutants and BRAF in stage 4
 - RNA profiles not yet clinically usable
- Predictors
 - K and NRas mutations present insensitive to an
 - Anti PD1/PDL1 and dMMR story developing
 - Braf ?anti EGFr and Brafi
 - ? Her-2 and anti-Her2 therapy
 - ? PIK3CA,

New trial methods

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Trials

- Quasar1 Richard Gray, Kelly Handley, Gordon Hutchins
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