# Update of Liquid Biopsy from Advanced to early disease

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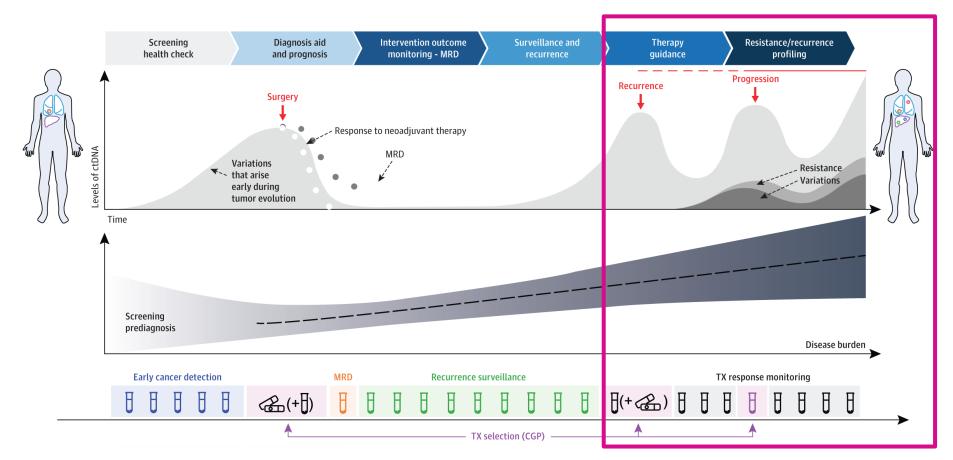




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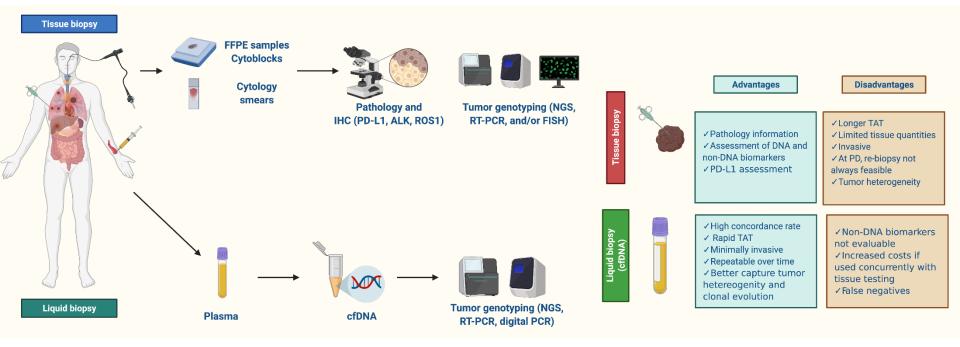
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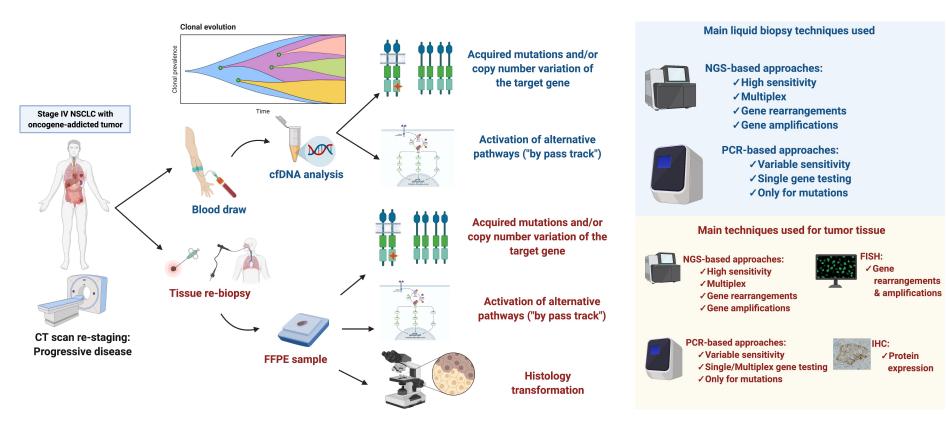


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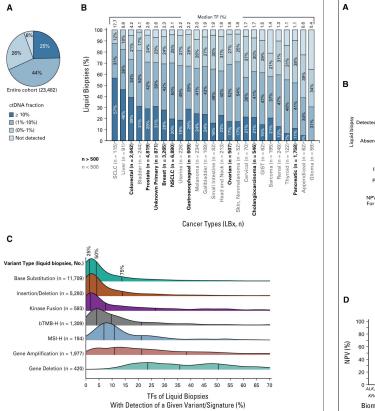
# **Tissue vs. Liquid biopsy**

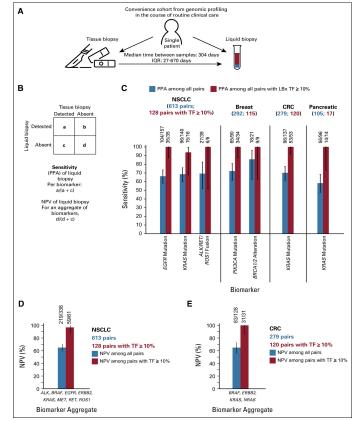


### **Clinical utility of liquid biopsy in oncogene-addicted NSCLC**



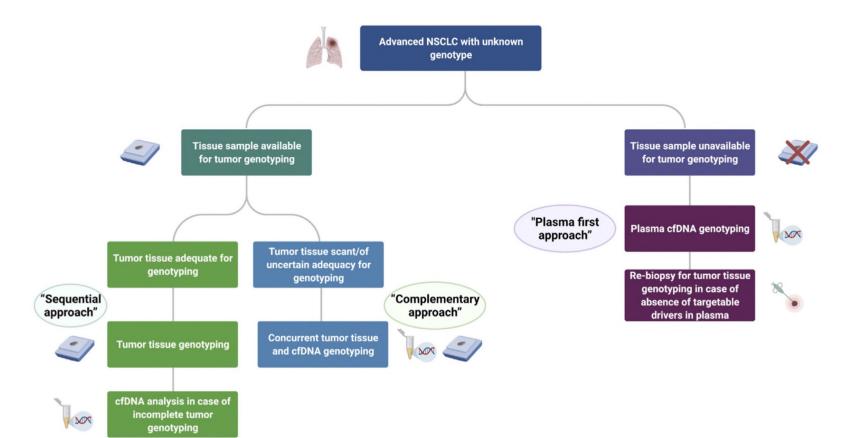
### **Tumor Fraction** Correlates With Detection of Actionable Variants Across > 23,000 Circulating Tumor DNA Samples





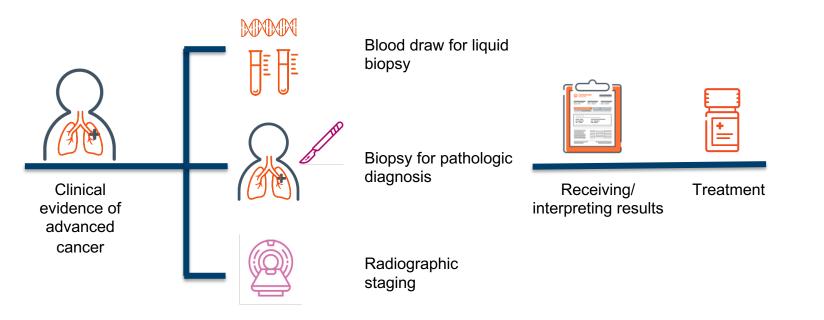
- Elevated ctDNA shed is associated with both high sensitivity and negative predictive value for detection of actionable Genomic Alterations.
  - The presence of elevated TF suggests adequate tumor profiling and may reduce the value of subsequent reflex to confirmatory tissue testing in patients with negative LBx results.

Husain at al, JCO PO, OCT 2022



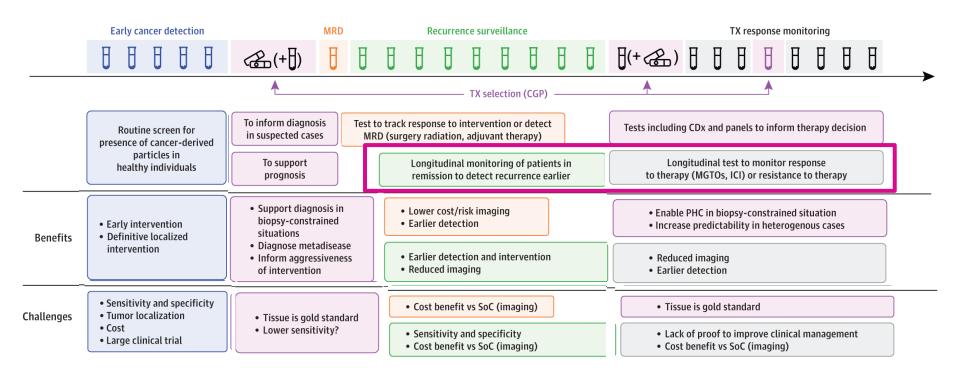
# **Expedited diagnostic odyssey**

Stacking diagnostic steps may be able to shorten the diagnostic odyssey

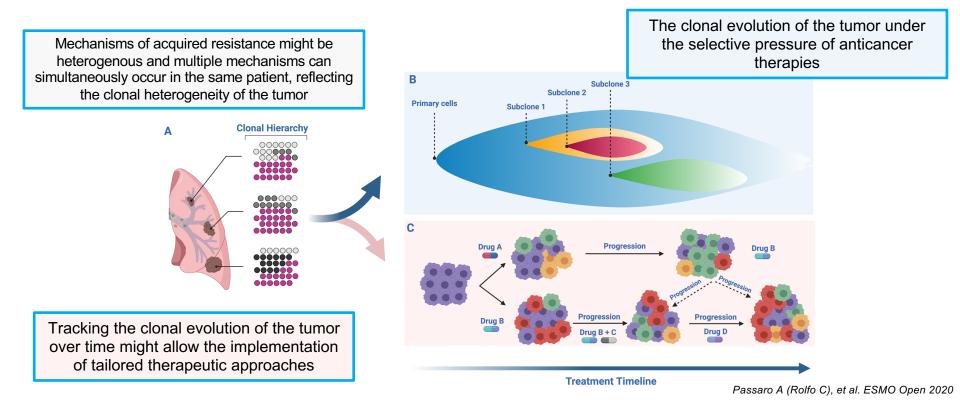


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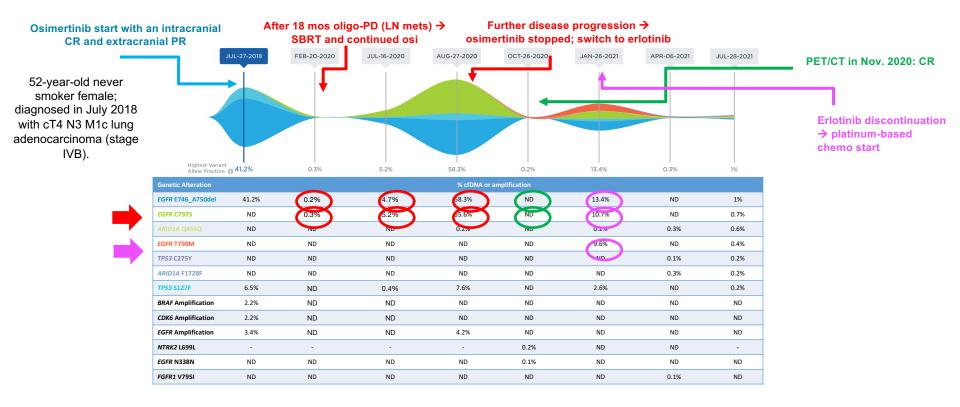
### **Benefits and challenges of LB in the Cancer Journey**



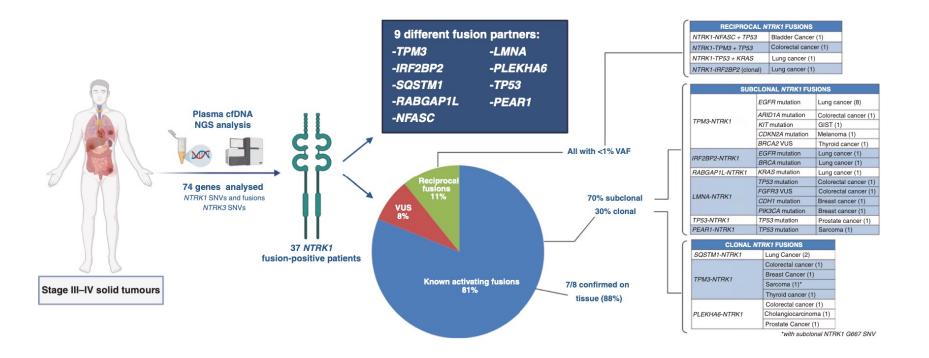
## **Acquired resistance is a dynamic process**



### **Tailoring treatment with Liquid Biopsy**

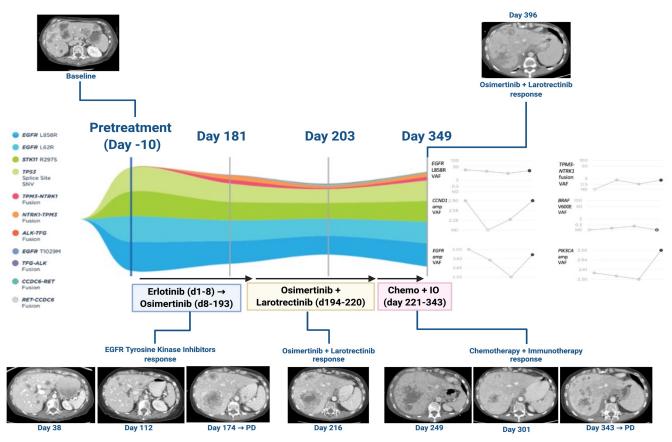


# NTRK1 Fusions identified by non-invasive plasma next-generation sequencing (NGS) across 9 cancer types



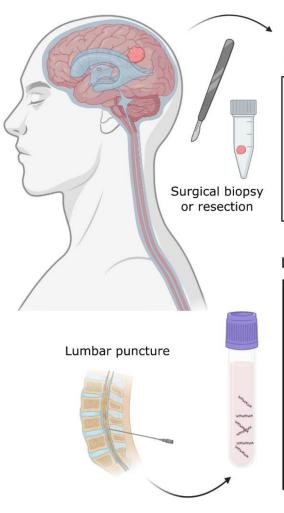
Rolfo C et al, British Journal of Cancer, Sep 2021

### **NTRK** fusions as mechanism of resistance



Rolfo C, et al, Br J Cancer 2021

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#### Solid biopsy (tumour specimen)



Advantages Allow histological diagnosis

#### Limitations

Very invasive and risky procedure Sometimes not feasible due to tumour anatomical location Not representative of tumour heterogeneity Static snapshot

#### Liquid biopsy (CSF ctDNA)



#### Advantages

Less-invasive and easier to obtain than a tumour biopsy CSF obtained as SOC for some patients Concordance with tissue characterisation Representative of intratumour and interlesion heterogeneity Longitudinal real-time monitoring

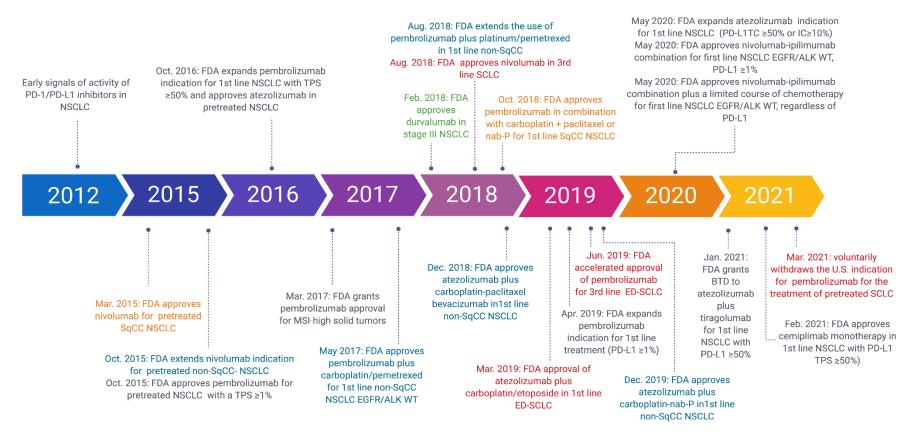
#### Limitations

No histological characterisation Lack of standardisation Contraindications for lumbar puncture Limited sensitivity

## Immunotherapy: The oncologists like a kid in a candy shop...



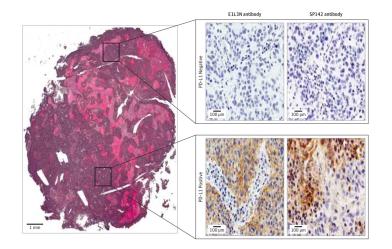
### **Milestones in Immunotherapy era in Lung Cancer**

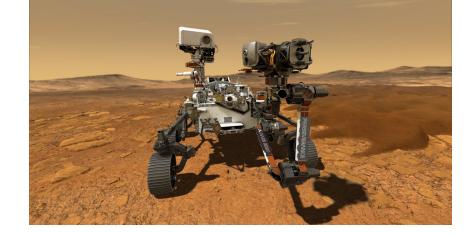


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## **Heterogeneity of PD-L1 Expression**

### An imperfect but useful biomarker



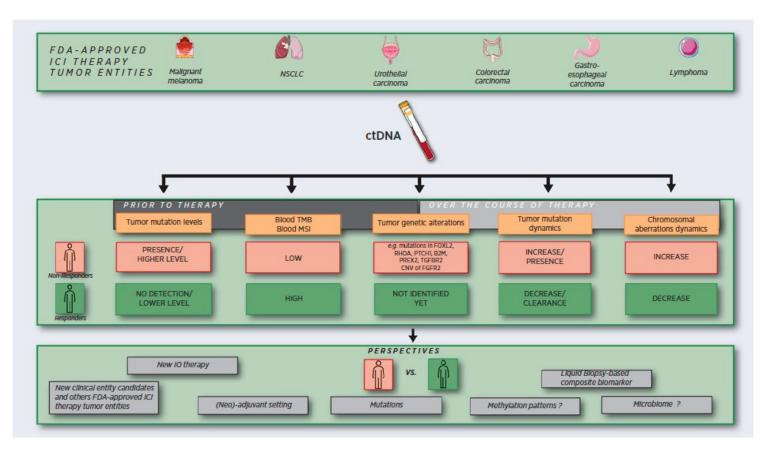


- Intratumor heterogeneity
- Intrapatient heterogeneity

McLaughlin et al, JAMA Oncol. 2016;2(1):46-54

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### **Use of Liquid Biopsy in Immunotherapy**



### Changes in Circulating Tumor DNA Reflect Clinical Benefit Across Multiple Studies of Patients With Non–Small-Cell Lung Cancer Treated With Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors

Median

in Years

NR

1.2 (0.9-1.6

0.5 (0.3-0.9

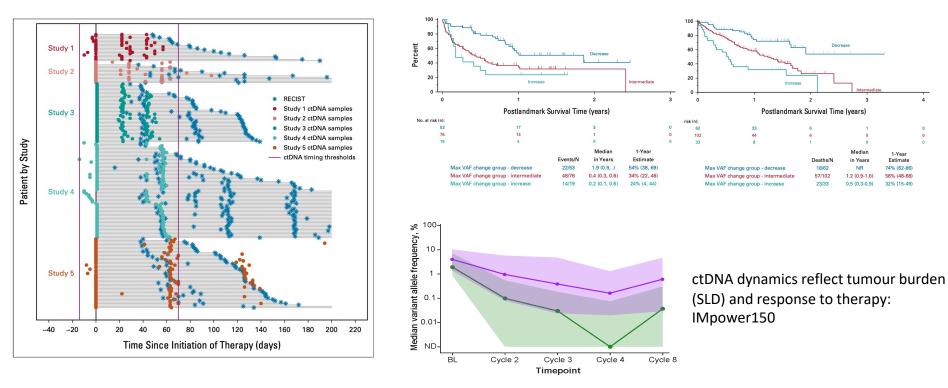
1-Year

Estimate

74% (62-86)

58% (48-68)

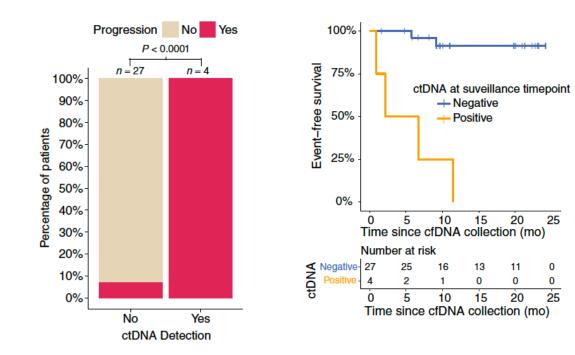
32% (15-49)



CtDNA may serve as an important tool in clinical development and an early indicator of treatment benefit

Merino Vega et al (Allen J ) JCO P), Aug 2022

# ctDNA Analysis to Assess Risk of Progression to PD-(L)1 Blockade in NSCLC

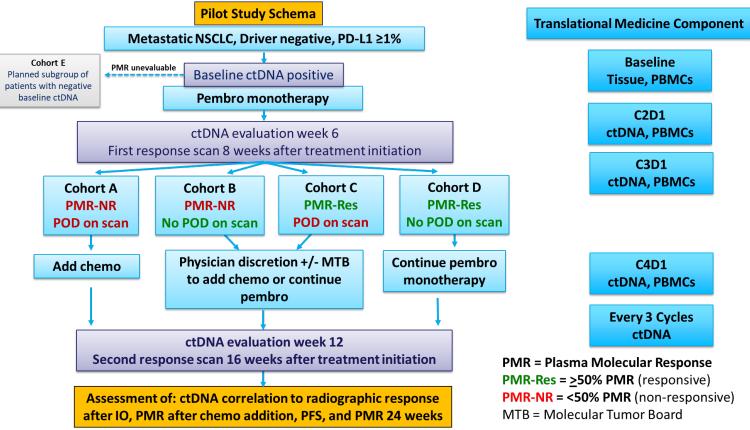


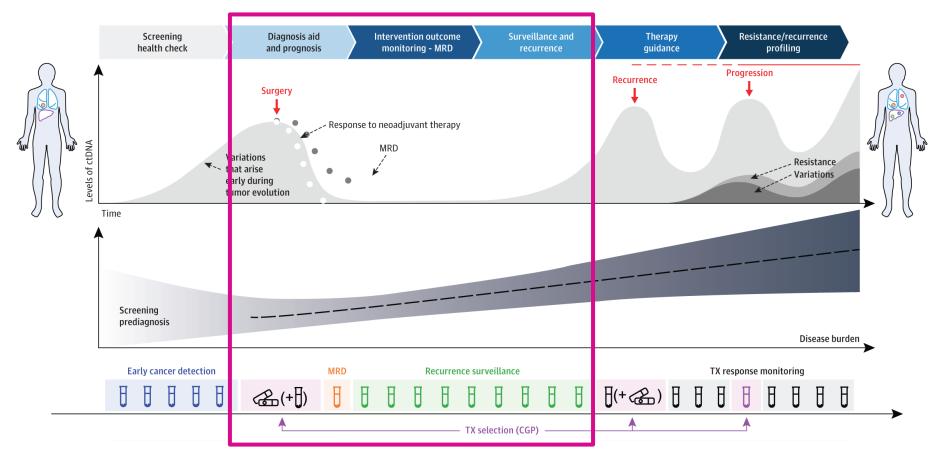
ctDNA analysis identifies patients at risk for eventual progression after longterm response to PD-(L)1 blockade.

Hellmann MD, et al. Clin Cancer Res 2020

### CITAN: ctDNA-guided Immunotherapy-based Therapy in Treatment Naïve Advanced NSCLC

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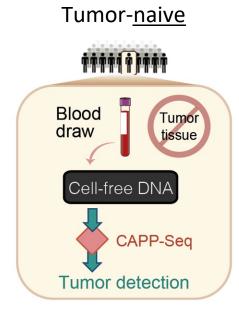


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## **Retrospective Data From ~900 NSCLC Patients: Pre- and Post-treatment MRD strongly prognostic**

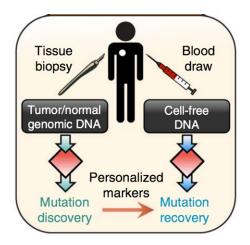
Study	N	Stage	Treatment(s)	ctDNA assay
Chaudhuri Cancer Discov 2017	37	IB-IIIB	RT and/or surgery +/- chemo	CAPP-Seq
Abbosh <i>Nature</i> 2017	24	IA-IIIB	Surgery +/- chemo	Natera
Chen <i>CCR</i> 2019	25	-	Surgery +/- chemo	cSMART
Moding Cancer Discov 2020	48	IIB-IIIB	chemoRT +/- IO	CAPP-Seq
Abbosh AACR 2020	88	-	Surgery +/- chemo	ArcherDx
Zviran Nat Med 2020	22	-	Surgery +/- chemo	MRDetect
Waldeck Mol Oncol 2021	16	IA-IIIB	Surgery +/- chemo, RT	Custom NGS
Xia <i>CCR</i> 2021	329	-	Surgery +/- chemo	Custom NGS
Gale Ann Oncol 2022	59	-	RT and/or surgery +/- chemo	Inivata
Zhang Cancer Discov 2022	245	-	Surgery +/- chemo, IO, TKI	Custom NGS

### **Different types of ctDNA MRD Assays**



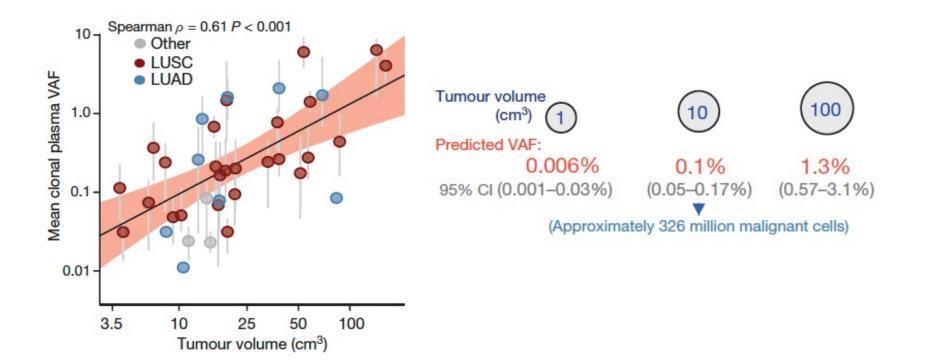
- Genotyping with no knowledge of tumor mutations ("off the shelf")
- Faster, less expensive
- Limit of detection ~0.1%

### Tumor-informed

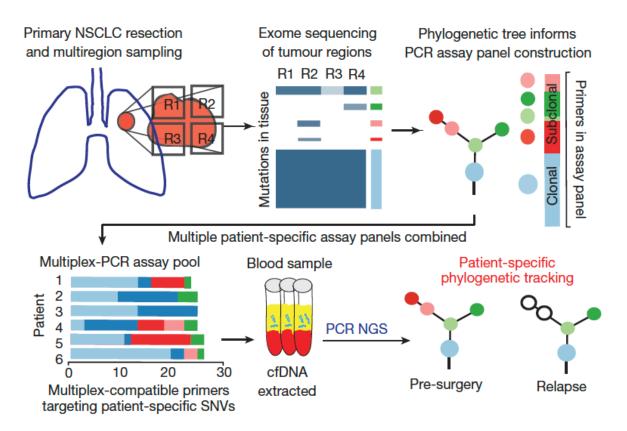


- Tracking <u>multiple known</u> mutations (bespoke or personalized)
- Requires tumor tissue, time, \$\$
- Limit of detection ~0.01%

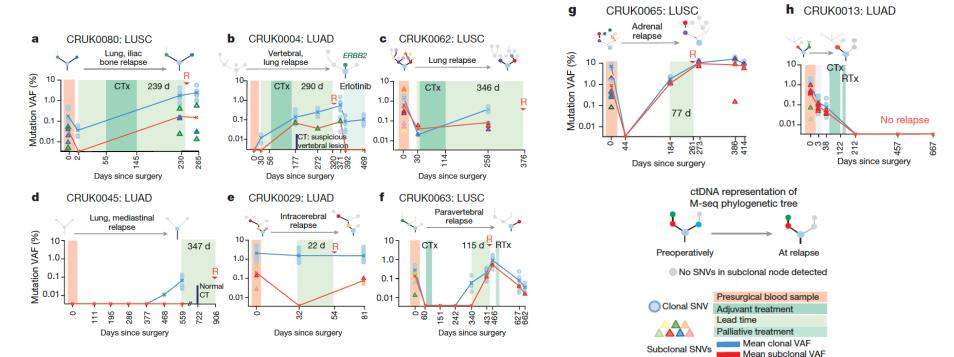
### **Tumour volume predicts plasma VAF**



### Phylogenetic approach to profile the ctDNA – TRACERx Study

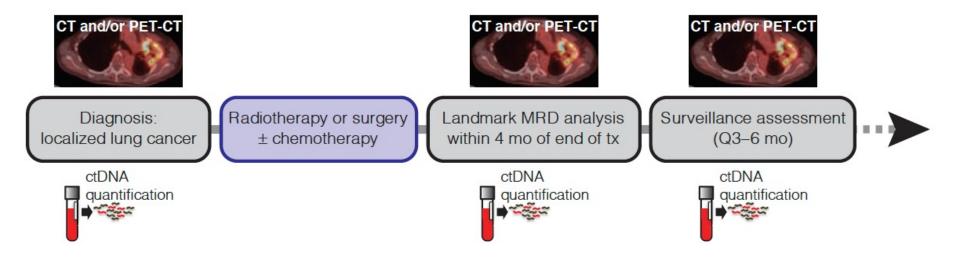


# **Postoperative ctDNA detection predicts and characterises NSCLC relapse**

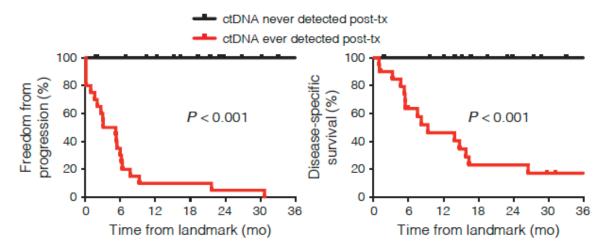


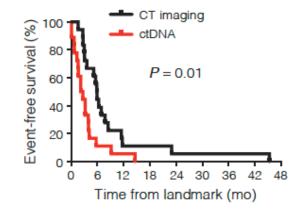
Abbosh C, et al. Nature 2017;545(7655):446-451.

### Early Detection of MRD in Localised Lung Cancer by CAPP-Seq



# Application of ctDNA analysis for posttreatment surveillance in patients with localised lung cancer

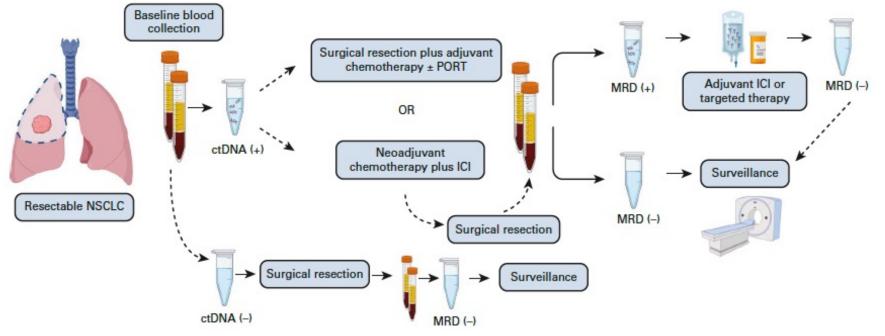




KM curves stratified by ctDNA detection status during posttreatment surveillance

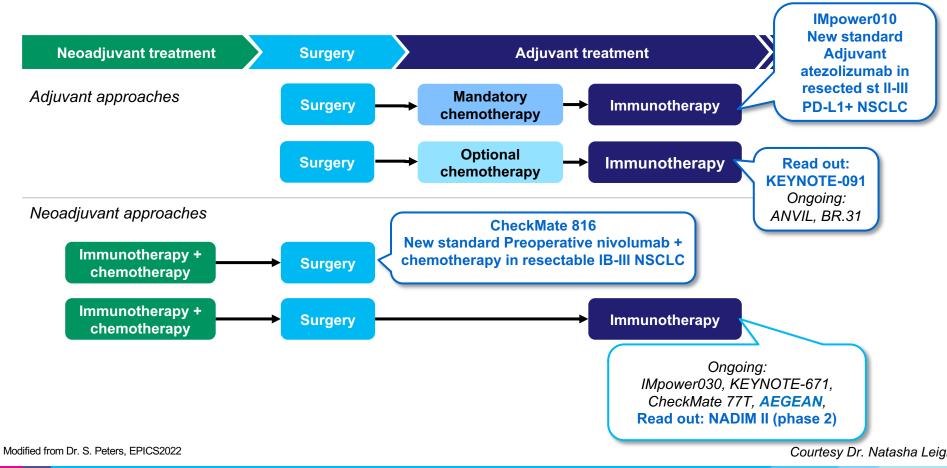
ctDNA detection and time to imaging progression

# **Proposed clinical trial designs for early-stage NSCLC using ctDNA as a biomarker for treatment personalization**



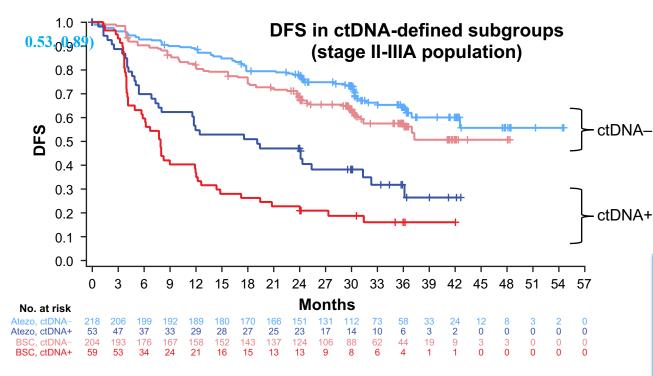
Pellini B & Chaudhuri AA. JCO 2022

# Phase III studies in resectable NSCLC



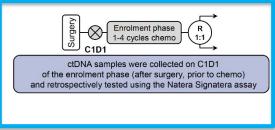
# ctDNA positivity was strongly prognostic, with DFS favouring atezo in both ctDNA+ and ctDNA- patients

In all ctDNA-evaluable stage II-IIIA patients, mDFS was NR (atezo) vs 31.4 months (BSC), with an HR of 0.69 (95% CI:

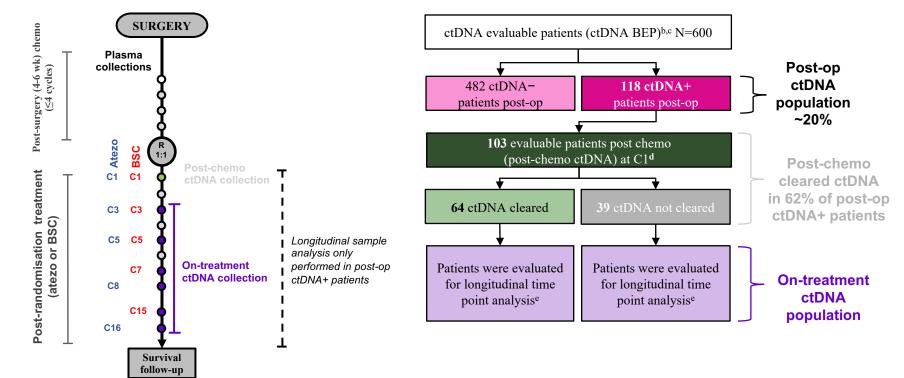


ctDNA–	Atezo (n=218)	BSC (n=204)
mDFS, mo	NR	NR
HR (95% CI)	0.72 (0.52, 1.00)	
	Atezo	BSC
ctDNA+	(n=53)	(n=59)
ctDNA+ mDFS, mo	(n=53) 19.1	(n=59) 7.9
	19.1	

Plasma collection for ctDNA analysis



# Baseline and longitudinal plasma collection for ctDNA testing<sup>a</sup>



Chemo, chemotherapy; C, cycle. Clinical cutoff: 21 January 2021. <sup>a</sup> Using the Signatera (Natera) RUO test. <sup>b</sup> Treatment arms in the ctDNA BEP were balanced and comparable to the ITT population. <sup>e</sup> PD-L1 subgroup analyses conducted in the stage II-IIIA ctDNA BEP (n=532). <sup>d</sup> Samples in 15 patients were missing due to lack of consent or 4 mL plasma. <sup>e</sup> Patients with  $\geq$ 1 on-treatment sample at C3, C5, C7/8 and C15/16. On-treatment analyses are shown on slides 9 (ctDNA cleared) and 10 (ctDNA not cleared).

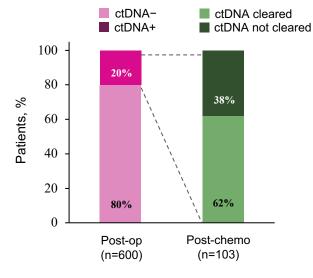
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### ctDNA clearance with adjuvant chemo in post-op ctDNA+ patients

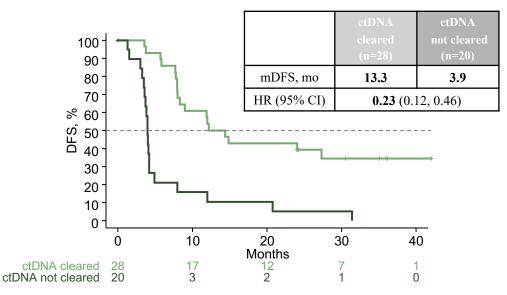
•Adjuvant chemo was effective in clearing ctDNA in ≈62% of post-op ctDNA+ patients

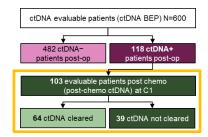
·Post-chemo ctDNA positivity was linked to poor DFS outcome

#### Impact of chemo on ctDNA clearance status



### DFS by ctDNA clearance status in the BSC arm

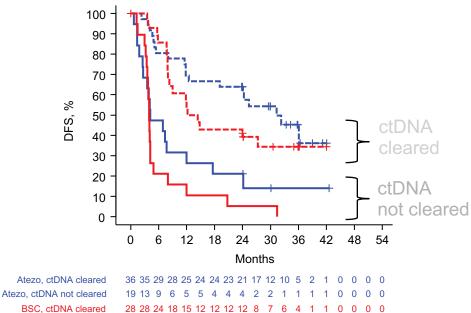




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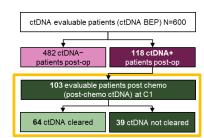
# DFS by treatment and post-chemo ctDNA clearance - all groups still appear to benefit from atezolizumab



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ctDNA cleared	Atezo (n=36)	BSC (n=28)
mDFS, mo	31.3	13.3
HR (95% CI)	<b>0.7</b> (0.37, 1.34)	

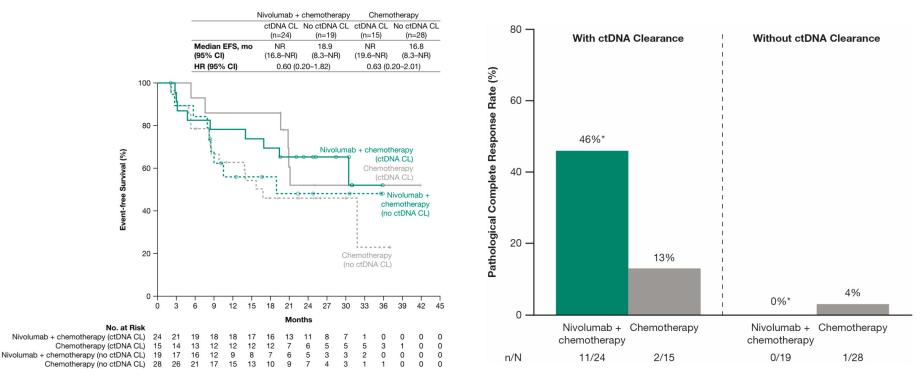
ctDNA not cleared	Atezo (n=19)	BSC (n=20)
mDFS, mo	4.2	3.9
HR (95% CI)	0.67 (0.34, 1.32)	



BSC, ctDNA not cleared

### Liquid Biopsy in Neoadjuvant IO + chemo combination

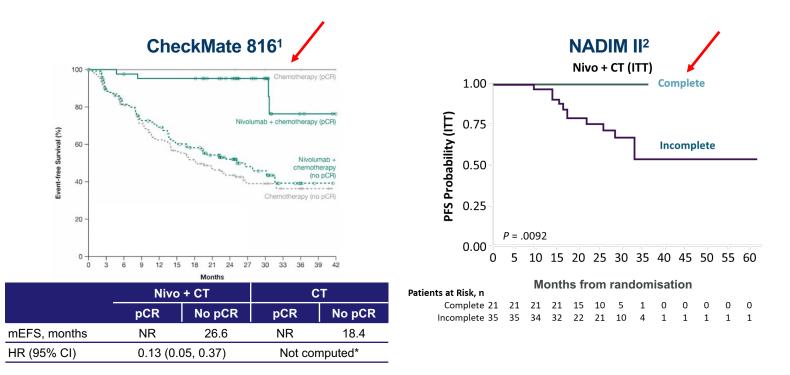
#### WES ctDNA in 89 pts



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Forde P. et al, Note Marky APP RV 20 92 De Leigh

### Pathologic complete response - a more promising surrogate endpoint



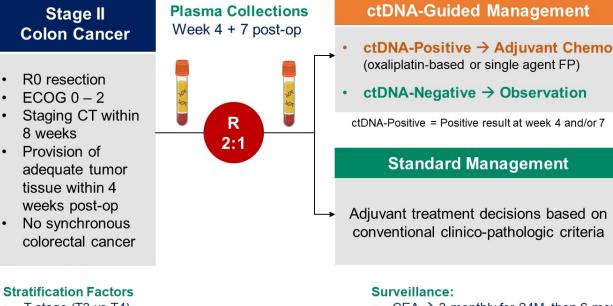
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### **Current prospective interventional trials in early stage lung cancer**

Number	Prior tx	Stage	Ν	ctDNA-positive intervention	ctDNA- negative intervention	Phase	Primary Endpoint	Site(s)
NCT04585477	Surgery or RT +/- chemo	1-111	80	Durvalumab	None	II	ctDNA change	Stanford
NCT04585490	chemoRT + several cycles durvalumab		48	Durvalumab + chemo	None	II	ctDNA change	Stanford
NCT04966663	Surgery	I	66	Nivolumab + chemo <u>vs</u> . No treatment	None	II	RFS	Toronto

# **DYNAMIC Study Design**

ACTRN12615000381583



#### Endpoints

#### **Primarv**

RFS rate at 2 years

### **Key Secondary**

 Proportion receiving adjuvant chemo

#### Secondary

- RFS by ctDNA status for ctDNA-guided arm
- TTR
- OS

- T stage (T3 vs T4)
- Type of participating center (metropolitan vs regional)

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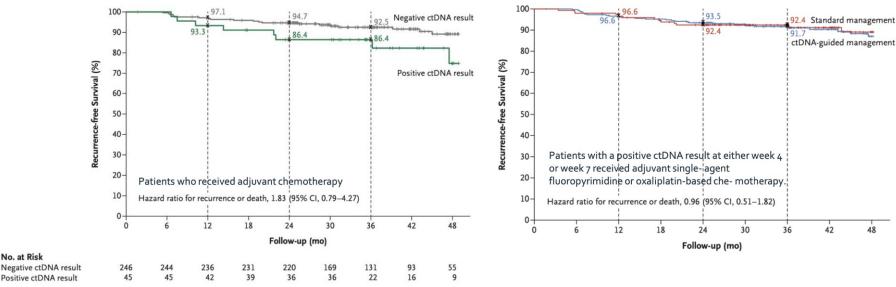
- CEA  $\rightarrow$  3-monthly for 24M, then 6-monthly for 36M
- CT C/A/P  $\rightarrow$  6-monthly for 24M, then at 36M

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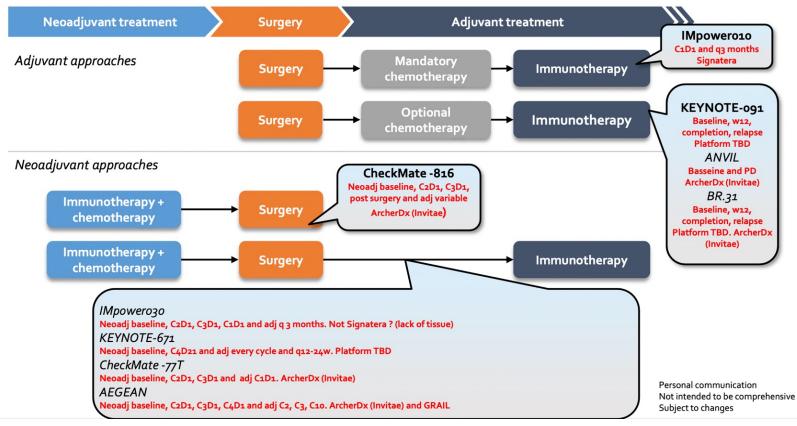
### ctDNA-guided adjuvant therapy had similar outcomes to stage-directed treatment



- 455 patients randomized, 302 were assigned to ctDNA-guided management and 153 to standard management
- 15% of patients in the ctDNA-guided group vs 28% in standard-management group received adjuvant . chemotherapy
- ctDNA-guided management was noninferior to standard management .
- Safe-Sequencing System tumor-informed personalized ctDNA assays (tumor-informed personalized approach) •

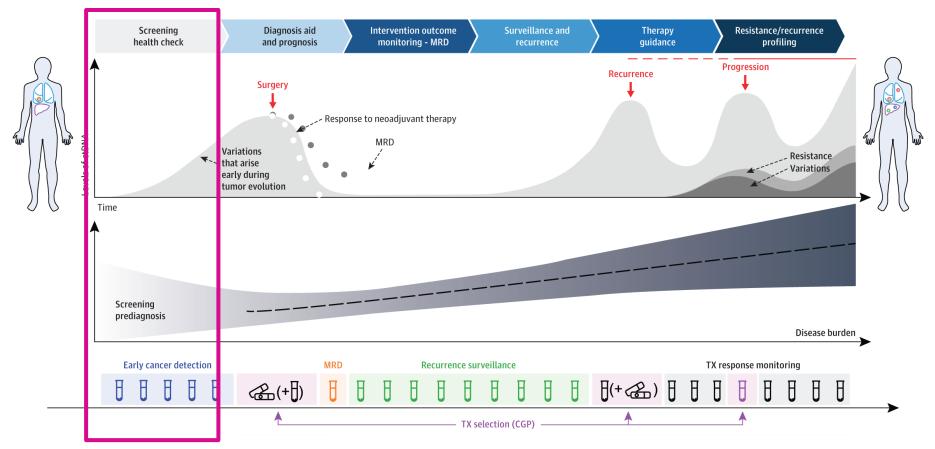
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### More data are on the way!



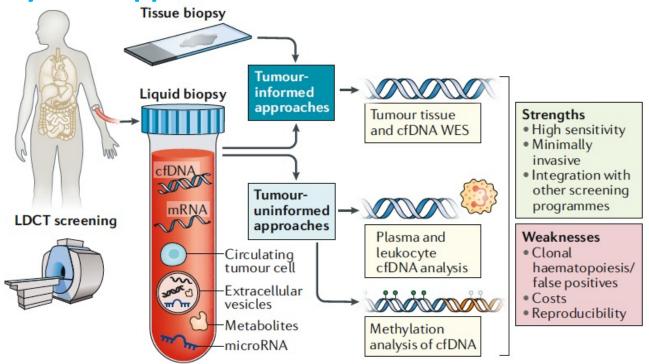
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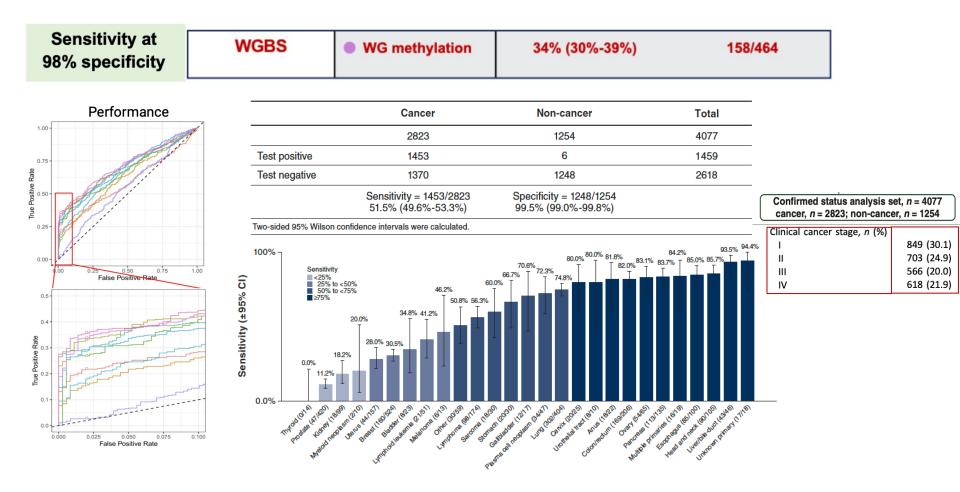
- Detecting MRD is crucial to improve survival and disease control rates
- Liquid Biopsy is a perfect tool for MRD
- MRD at difference of early detection, counts with tissue and liquid biopsy as a source of information, increasing the possibilities
- Integrating liquid biopsy in clinical trials is a necessity
- Real time monitoring in patients with high risk of recurrence requires improved technology in liquid biopsy
- Other analytes in liquid biopsy as exosomes or CTCs can go beyond cfDNA and offer opportunities in research and possible in clinical practice.



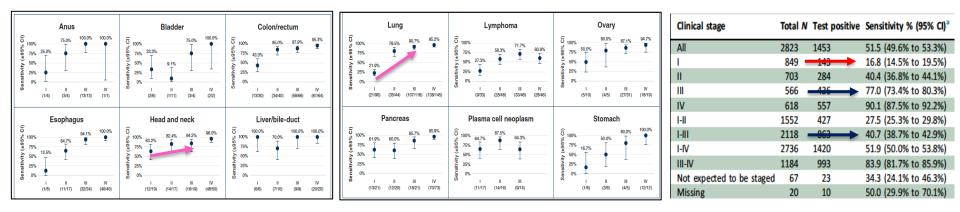
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# Liquid biopsy & early detection: Strengths and weaknesses of currently used approaches



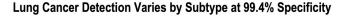


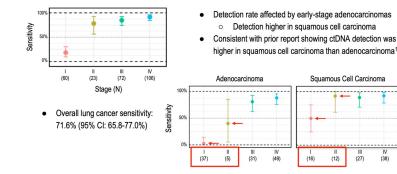
#### Klein EA, et al. Ann Oncol 2021



### All subtypes have the same sensitivity?

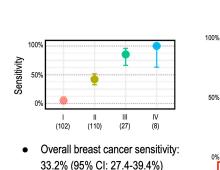
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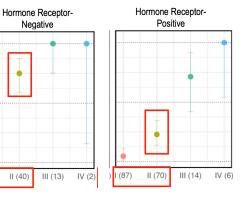




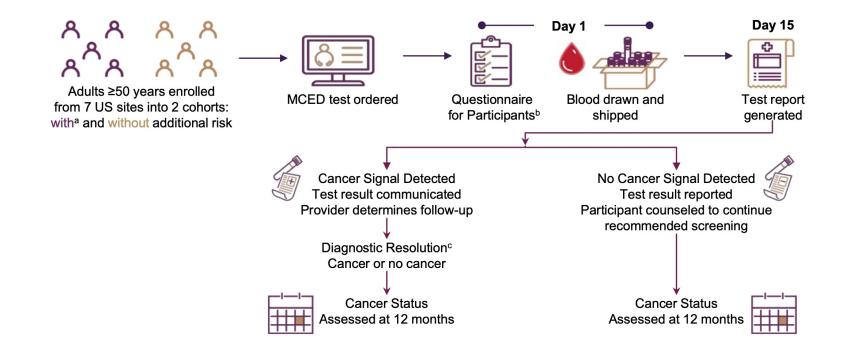
Breast Cancer Detection Varies by Subtype at 99.4% Specificity

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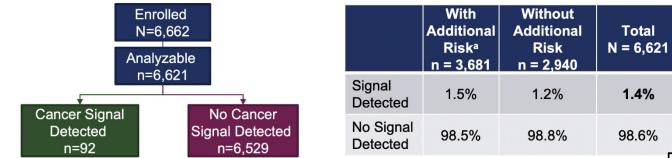


# PATHFINDER: A Prospective Cohort Study to Return the Results of MCED Tests to Participants



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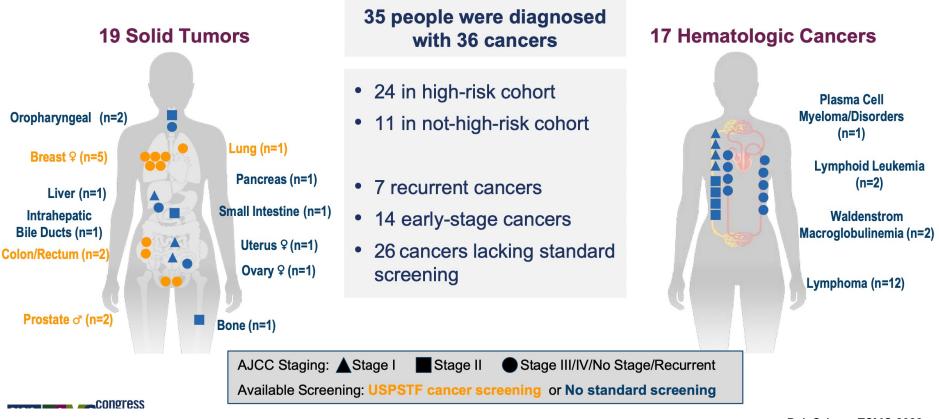
	With Additional Riskª n = 3,681	Without Additional Risk n = 2,940	Total N = 6,621					
Age <sup>b</sup> , in years, mean (SD)	64.7 (8.7)	61.6 (8.1)	63.4 (8.6)					
Female	65%	62%	63%					
White, Non-Hispanic	93%	89%	92%					
College Degree or Higher	59%	71%	65%					
Up to Date With Standard Cancer Screening Prior to MCED Testing								
Colorectal Cancer <sup>c</sup>	91%	92%	92%					
Breast Cancer <sup>d</sup>	78%	83%	80%					



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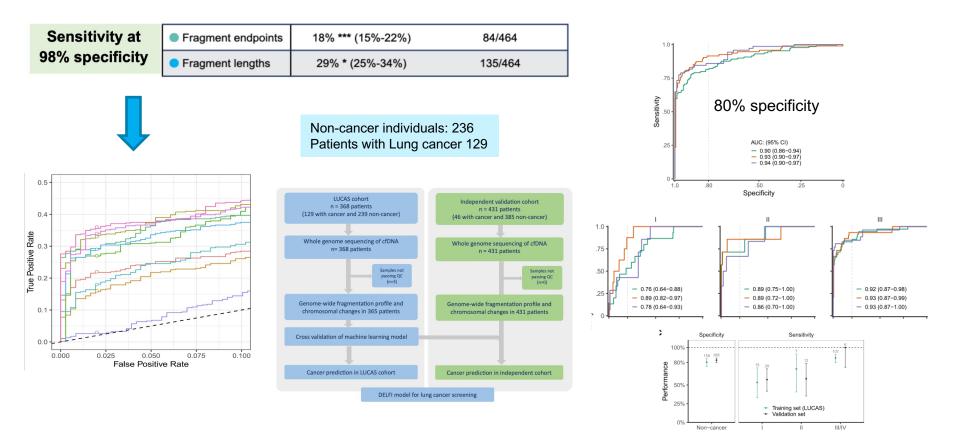
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# **Cancers Diagnosed After a True Positive MCED Signal**



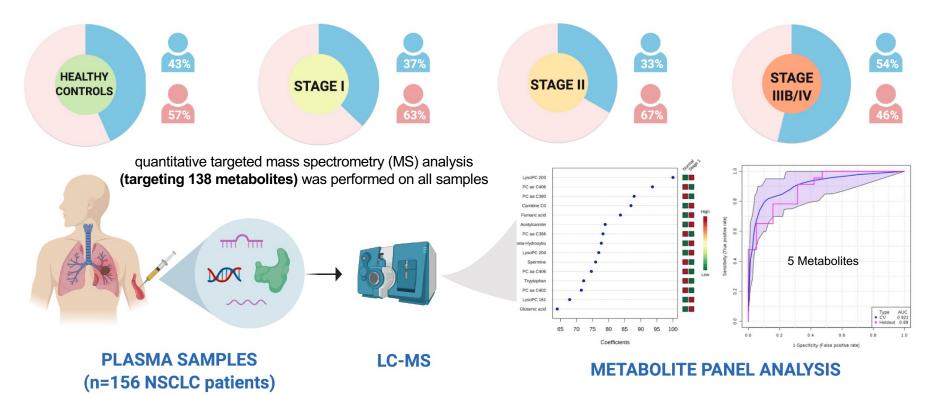
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# **Fragmentomics in a Single-tumor test**

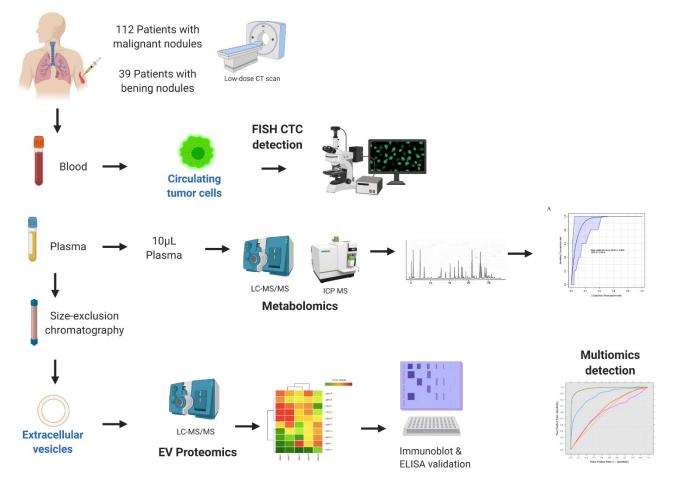


Cristiano S, et al. Nature 2019

### A High-Performing Plasma Metabolite Panel for Early-Stage Lung Cancer Detection



## **NSCLC Early detection**





Screening Program



David Yankelevitz Claudia Henscke



**External Collaboration** 

CTCs

Metabolomics

Proteomics and RNAsq

in EVs

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Pulmonology

Surgery





Javier Zulueta **David Steiger**  Daniel Nicastri

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# Take home message

- ► Early detection is crucial to increase survival rates in cancer
- Liquid Biopsy is an ideal tool to make it possible
- We need methods to complement the screening programs
- But also methods standing by their self
- Multi-cancer detection or single tumor? Not clear yet
- Important to include risk populations in trials
- ▶ We are not yet in the best scenario that we could be...
- But we are not far to get it!



