

Convergence of Liquid Biopsy and Precision Oncology in the management of NSCLC

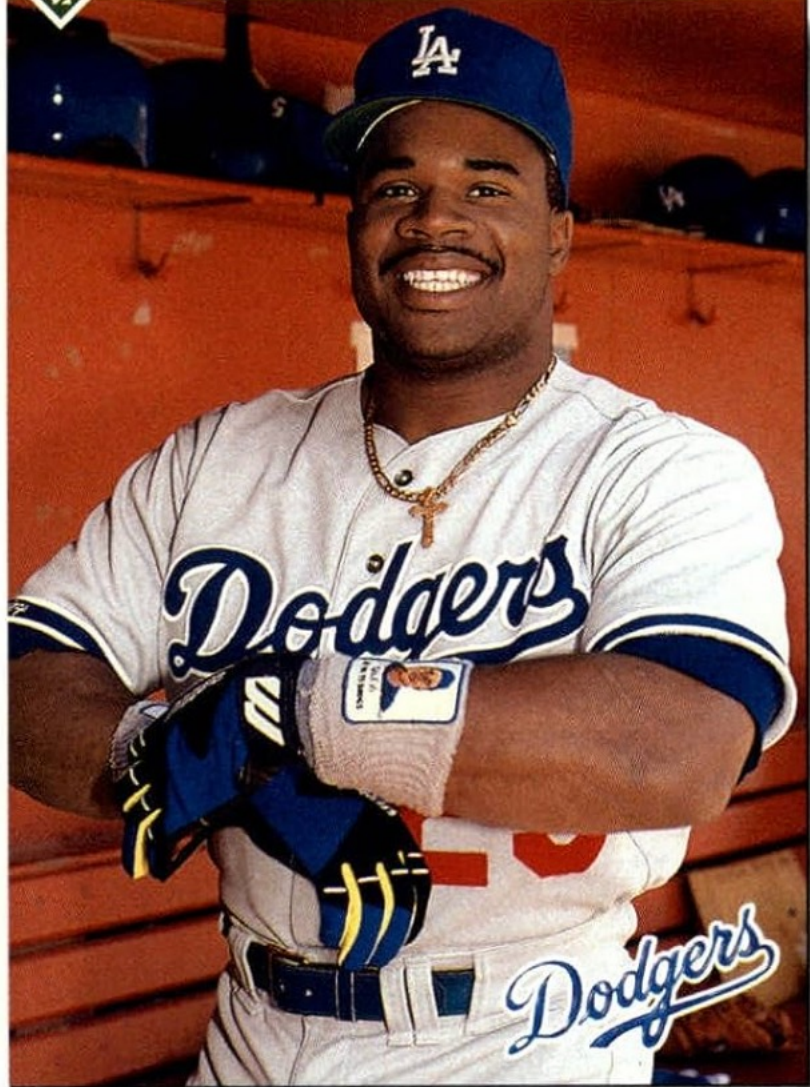


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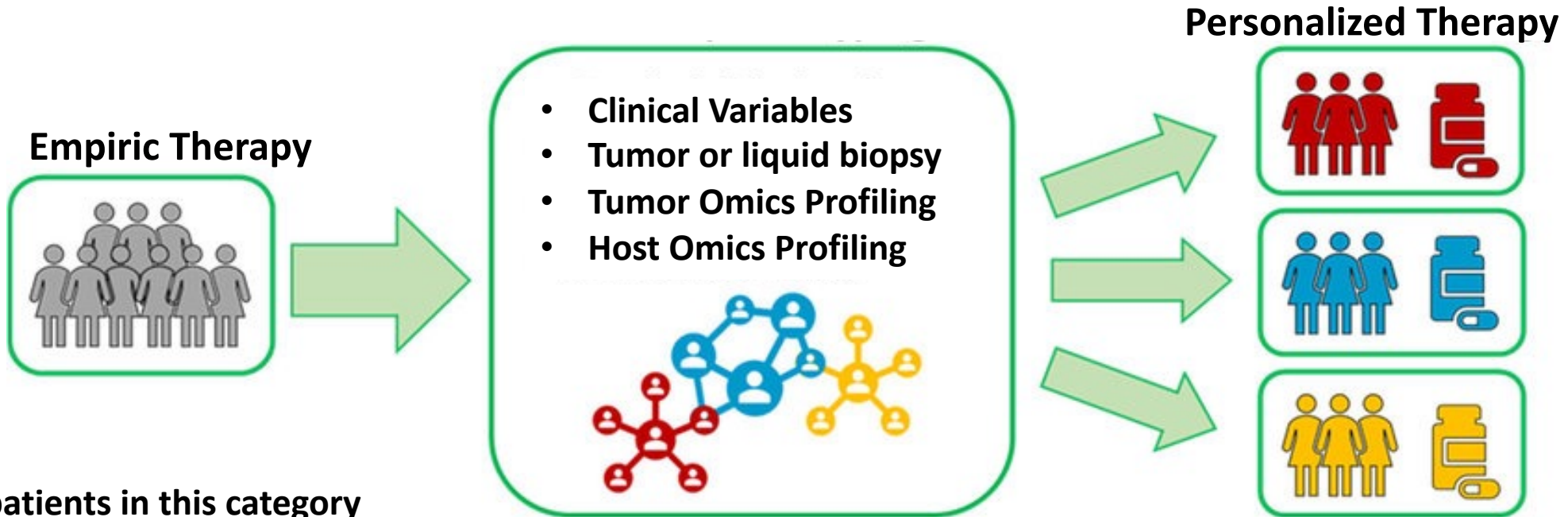


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From Empiric Treatment Decision-Making → Precision Oncology (Personalized Therapy)



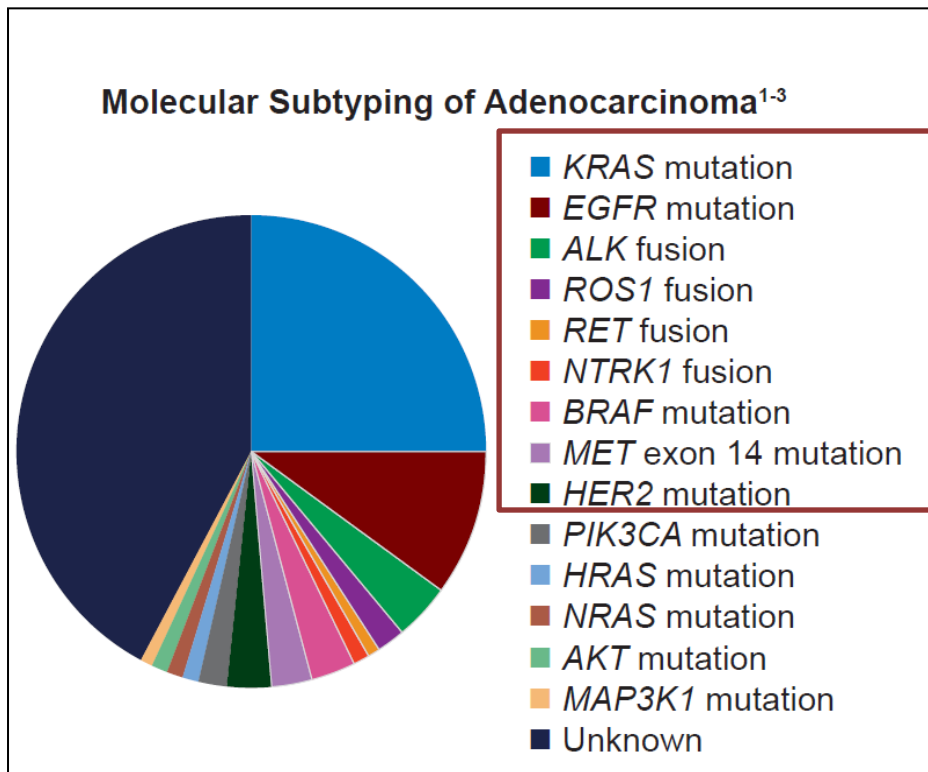
All patients in this category are the same. They can all be treated the same way

Each patient in this category is an individual & should be treated as such

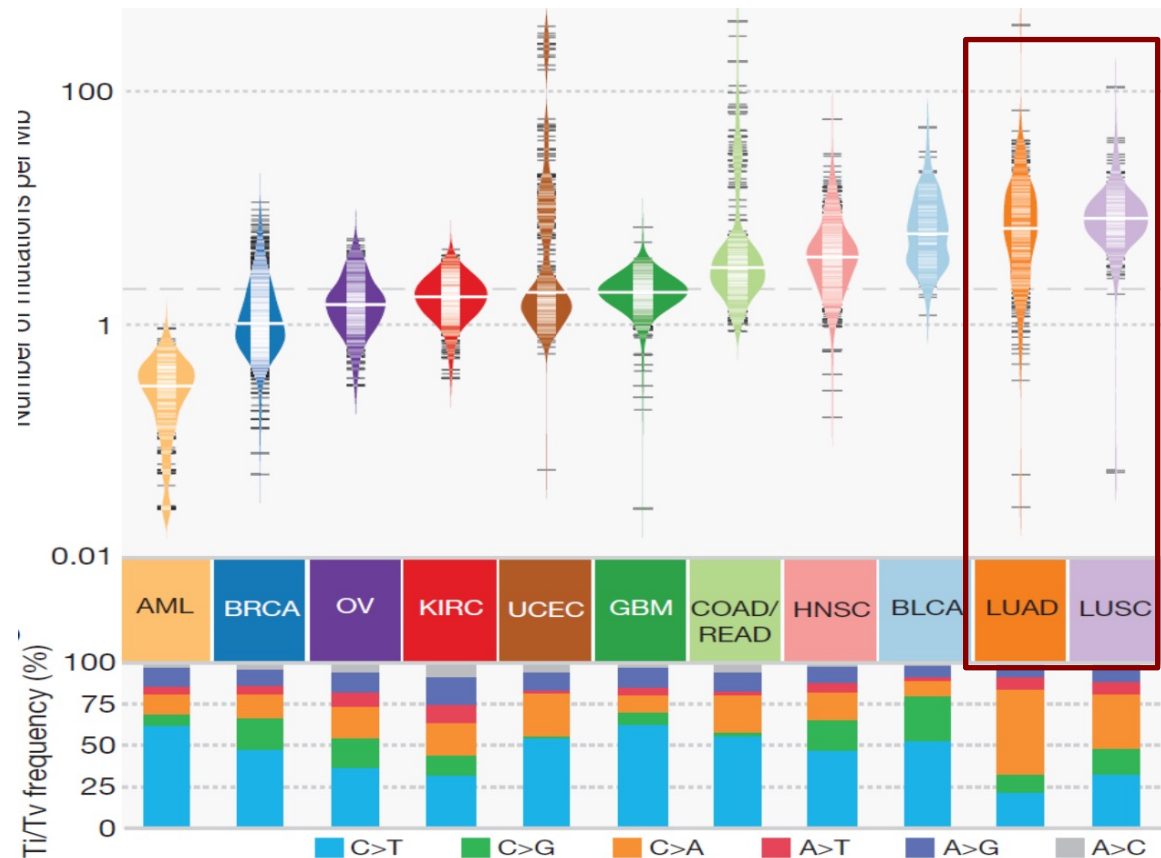
Liquid Biopsy is uniquely suited to fulfill this role

NSCLC is Genomically & Immunologically Complex

- **Genomically complex cancers** with a multitude of potential oncogenes known to drive tumor growth
- **Quantitatively & Qualitatively well suited** for biomarker-driven **checkpoint immunotherapy**
- Improving the biomarker selection process in individual patients and **individualizing therapy** is now possible
- Newer technologies (**Next Gen Sequencing/NGS**) now in the clinic for both tissue & blood-based assays

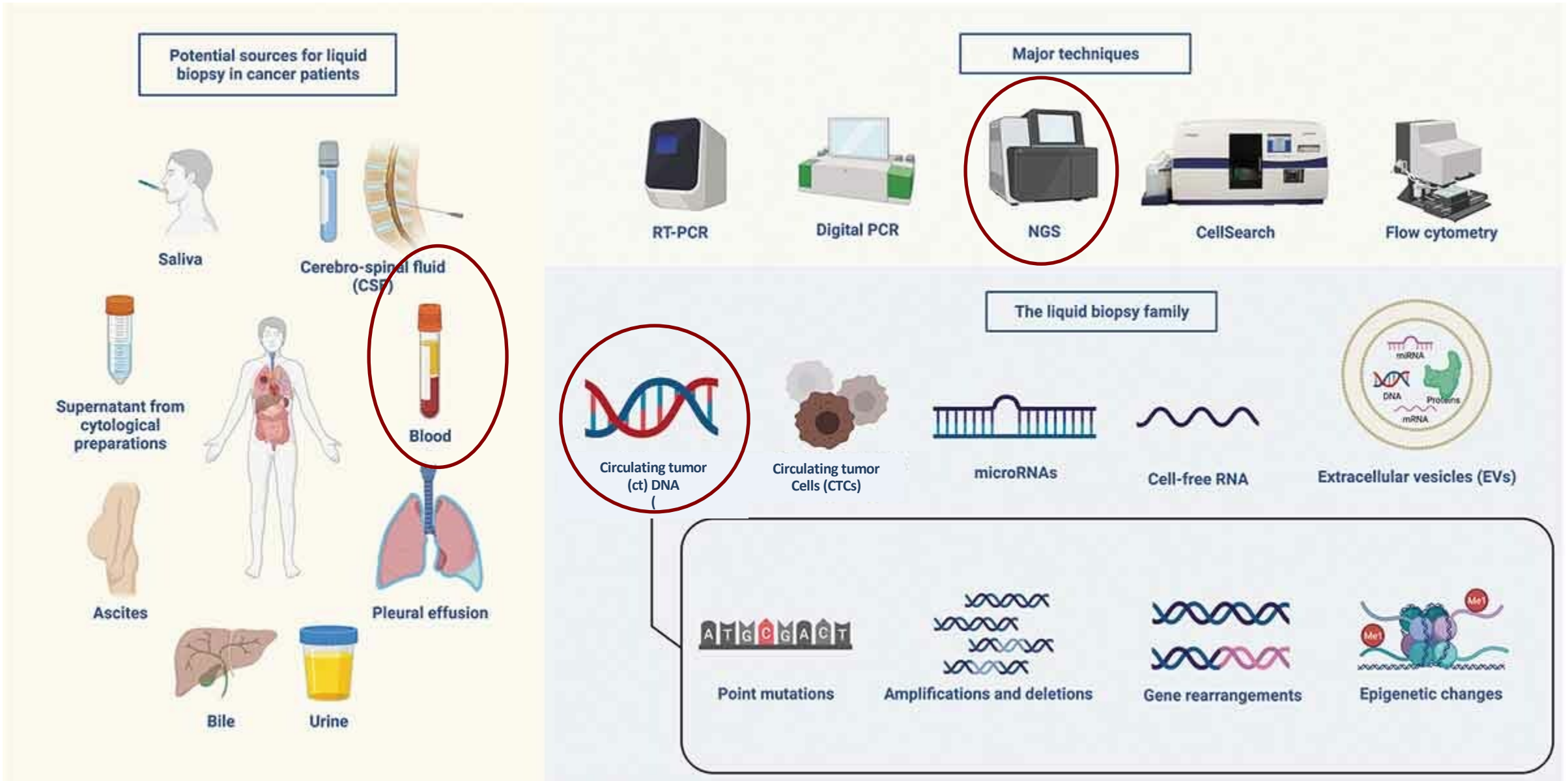


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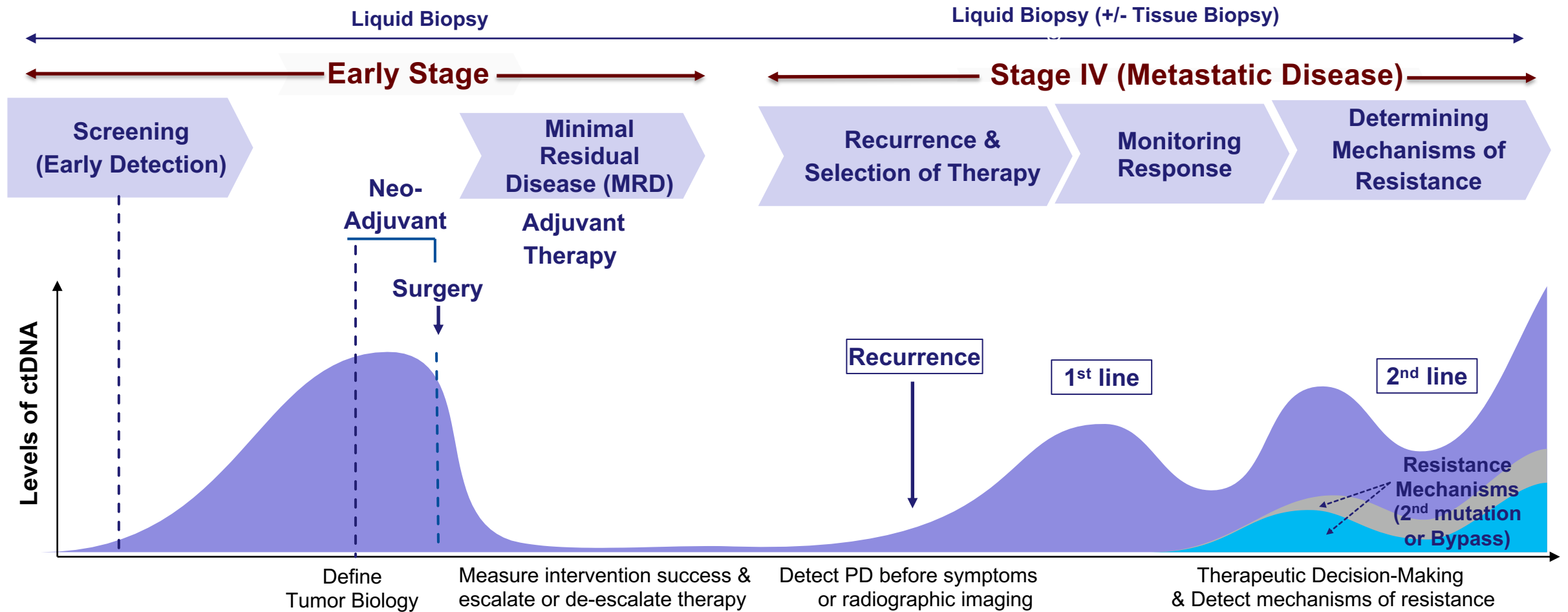


Adapted from Kandoth et al Nature 2013

Liquid Biopsy as a Path to Precision Oncology



Liquid biopsy Across the Cancer Care Continuum in Individual Patients (Precision Oncology)



Strategies for the successful implementation of plasma-based NSCLC genotyping in clinical practice


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Table 1 | Differences between tumour tissue genotyping and plasma ctDNA genotyping

Feature	Tumour tissue genotyping	Plasma ctDNA genotyping
Convenience	Inconvenient if tissue is not immediately available or is inadequate	Highly convenient with widespread availability of commonly used tube types (such as EDTA and Streck tubes)
Speed	Usually slower, particularly if tissue must first be requested from elsewhere or if a new biopsy sample is required	Usually faster, facilitated by the ease of collection and shipping
Sensitivity	Sensitivity is excellent as all specimens undergo review such that genotyping is limited to specimens deemed adequate for analysis	Sensitivity is lower because there is no adequacy review, such that ctDNA may not be detectable, particularly in samples with limited ctDNA shedding
Specificity	Specificity is excellent except that germline variants can sometimes be reported as somatic	Specificity is excellent for targetable driver mutations but false positives can emerge for certain genes (especially at low allelic fractions) owing to clonal haematopoiesis
Cost	Variable, increased by the potential need for repeat biopsy sampling to obtain a tissue specimen	Variable, increased by the potential need for subsequent tumour tissue genotyping if plasma ctDNA analysis is negative

✓ Plasma

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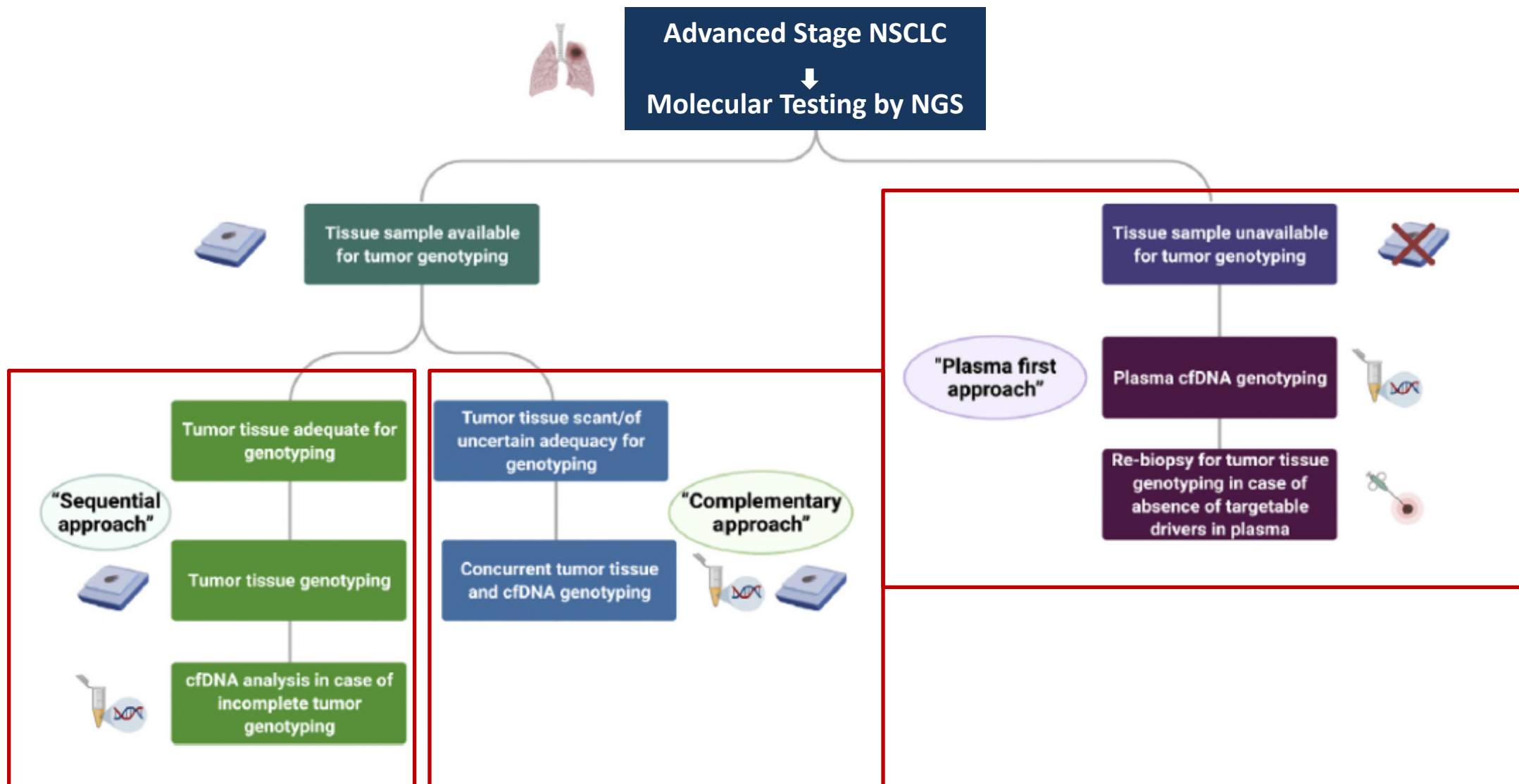
✓ Tissue

✓ Plasma (if factor in re-biopsy costs)

**Recommended:
simultaneous testing for
actionable oncogene targets,
NGS preferred.**

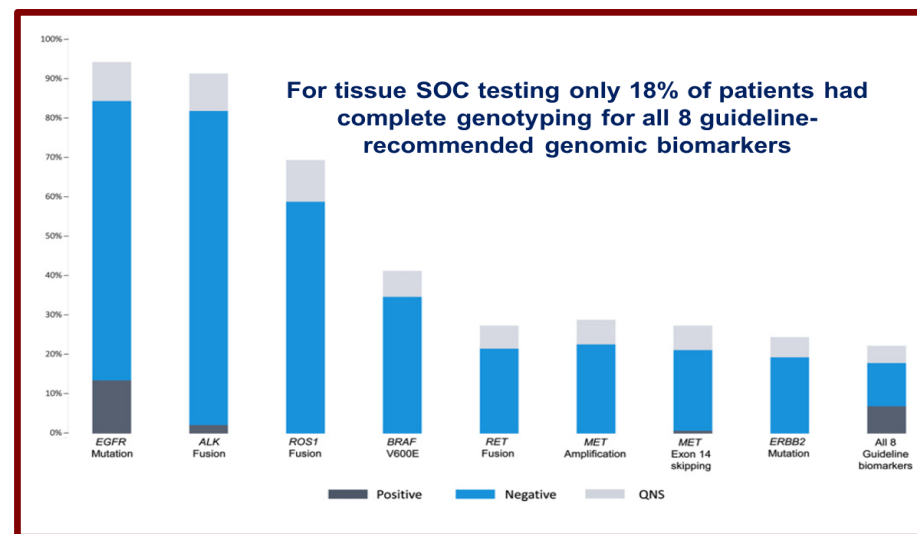
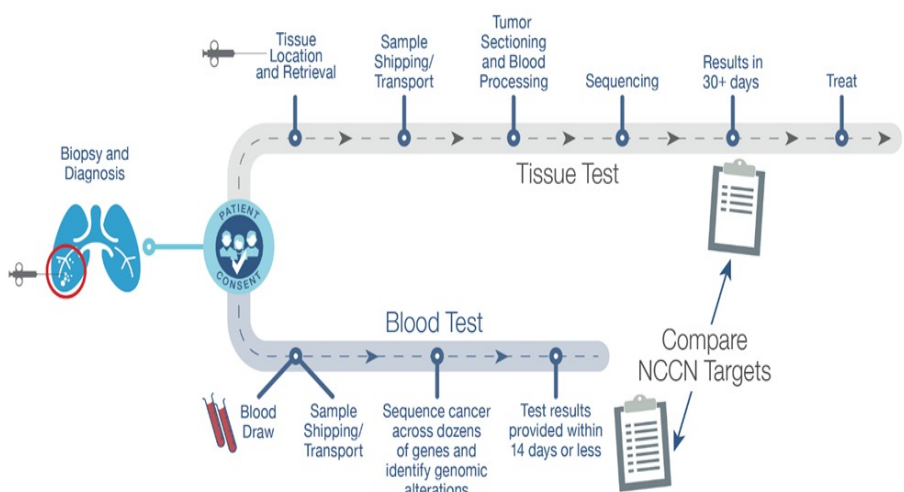
**Similar recommendations
from IASLC, NCCN, ESMO,
ASCO, ISLB**

IASLC Consensus Statement on Liquid Biopsy in NSCLC



Plasma NGS vs. SOC tissue genotyping: The NILE study

- **Methods:** 89 patients with newly diagnosed non-squamous mNSCLC, undergoing **physician discretion SOC tissue** genotyping were prospectively recruited from 28 North American centers
- Patients underwent **ctDNA testing** utilizing a validated clinically available assay



- **For tissue-based SOC testing only 18% had complete genotyping for all 8 guideline-recommended biomarkers**
- **If the first genomic testing was ctDNA, 87% had a NCCN biomarker identified vs 67% with SOC tissue testing (p<0.0001)**
- **ctDNA testing had a faster turn-around time (TRT): median 9 days (cfDNA) vs 15 days (SOC tissue testing) p<0.0001**

Percentage of Guideline-Recommended Biomarker Positive Patients Identified by Tissue versus cfDNA First

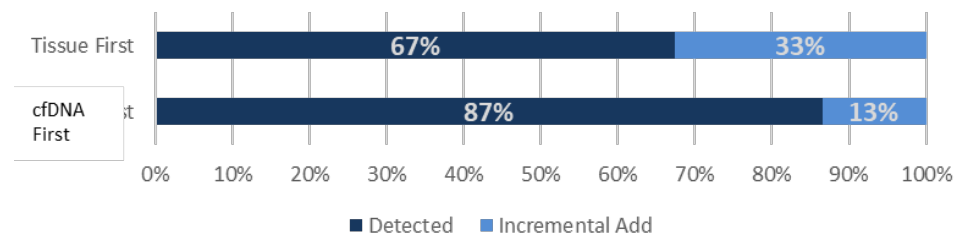


Figure 2. Analysis of Mutation Detection by Type of Test and Disease Stage

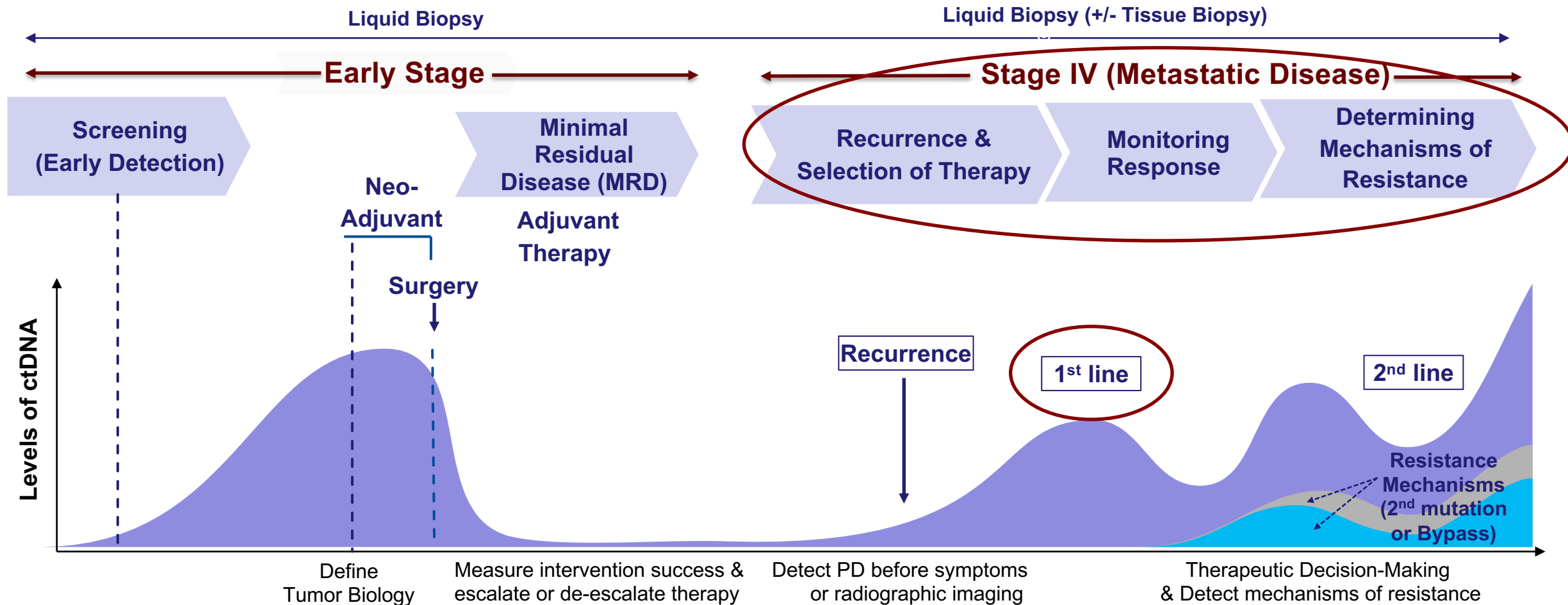


A, Fifty-five patients had concurrent plasma and tissue next-generation sequencing (NGS) with a therapeutically targetable mutation detected. This subset included 4 patients with outside hospital testing for whom no allele fraction (AF) was reported. For the remaining 51 patients, a comparison of the AFs of therapeutically targetable mutations is shown. The horizontal black line indicates median AF for each group. For the 27 patients who had the mutation AF reported for plasma and tissue, the upper horizontal line corresponds to the

median for the tissue AFs, and the lower horizontal line corresponds to the median for the plasma AFs. B, To assess the effect of disease location on detection of therapeutically targetable mutations in plasma and tissue, plasma and tissue testing results were compared for 55 patients with concurrent testing. Included are 13 with disease limited to the thoracic cavity (M1a) and 42 with extrathoracic metastases (M1b) as determined by imaging.

Among the 128 patients with concurrent plasma and tissue NGS testing, 8 had a therapeutically targetable mutation detected in plasma for which the tissue test result was wild-type, with plasma testing thus increasing mutation detection from 36.7% (47 of 128 patients) to 43.0% (55 of 128 patients).

Liquid biopsy Across the Cancer Care Continuum in Individual Patients (Precision Oncology)

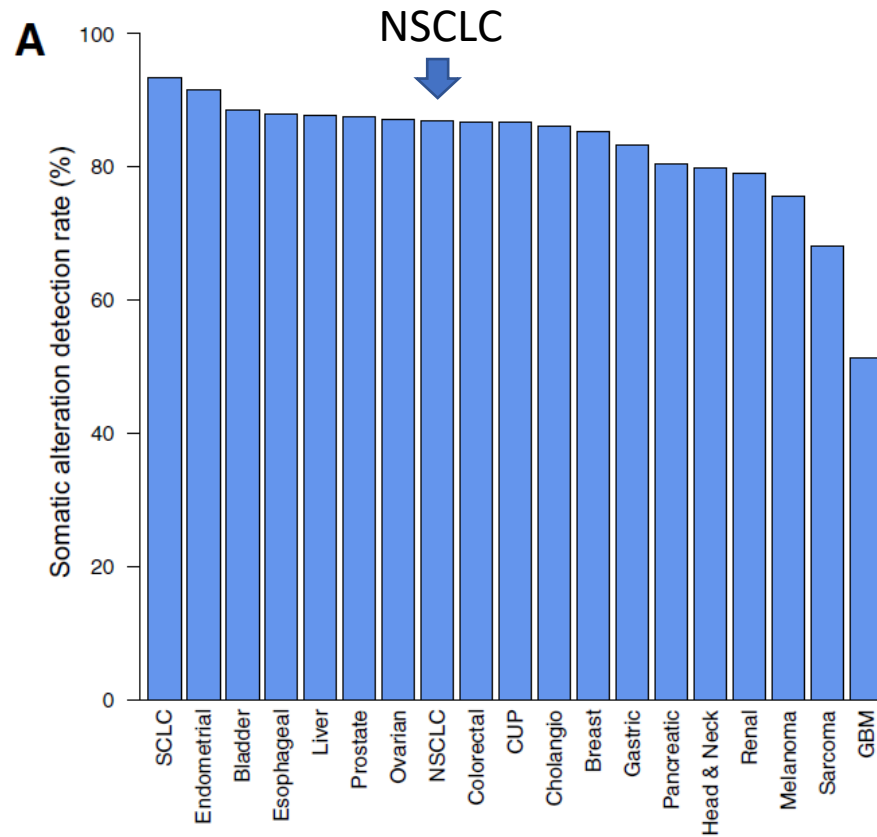


Evolution & Expanding List of Guideline Recommendations for Genomic Testing in Advanced Stage NSCLC

“The NCCN NSCLC Guidelines Panel strongly endorses **broader molecular profiling** with the goal of identifying rare driver mutations for which effective drugs may already be available, or to appropriately counsel patients regarding the availability of clinical trials. **Broad molecular profiling** is a key component of the improvement of care of patients with NSCLC).”

Genomic Alteration (i.e. driver event)KKR	Available targeted agents with activity against driver event in NSCLC
<i>EGFR</i> mutations	osimertinib, erlotinib, gefitinib, afatinib, dacomitinib
<i>ALK</i> rearrangements	crizotinib, alectinib, brigatinib, ceritinib, lorlatinib
<i>ROS1</i> rearrangements	crizotinib, ceritinib, entrectinib, lorlatinib
<i>BRAF</i> V600E mutations	dabrafenib + trametinib, vemurafenib
<i>HER2</i> mutations (emerging)	ado-trastuzumab emtansine, afatinib
<i>MET</i> mutation/amplification (emerging)	crizotinib, capmatinib, tepotinib
<i>RET</i> rearrangements (emerging)	cabozantinib, vandetanib, selpercatinib, pralsetinib
<i>NTRK</i> rearrangements (emerging)	entrectinib, larotrectinib,
EGFR Ex20ins	amivantamab, mobocertinib
KRAS G12C	sotorasib, adagrasib

High Circulating Tumor (ct)DNA Detection Rate across Multiple Cancer Types (N=21,807)

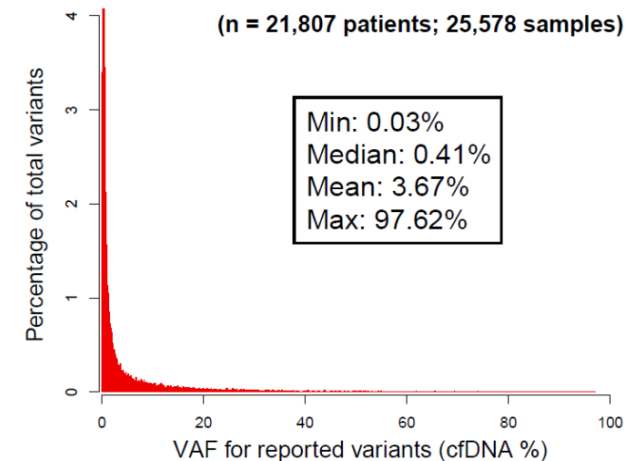


Guardant360 plasma NGS assay for detection of somatic alterations in 21,807 cancer patients
85% detection rate across all cancers

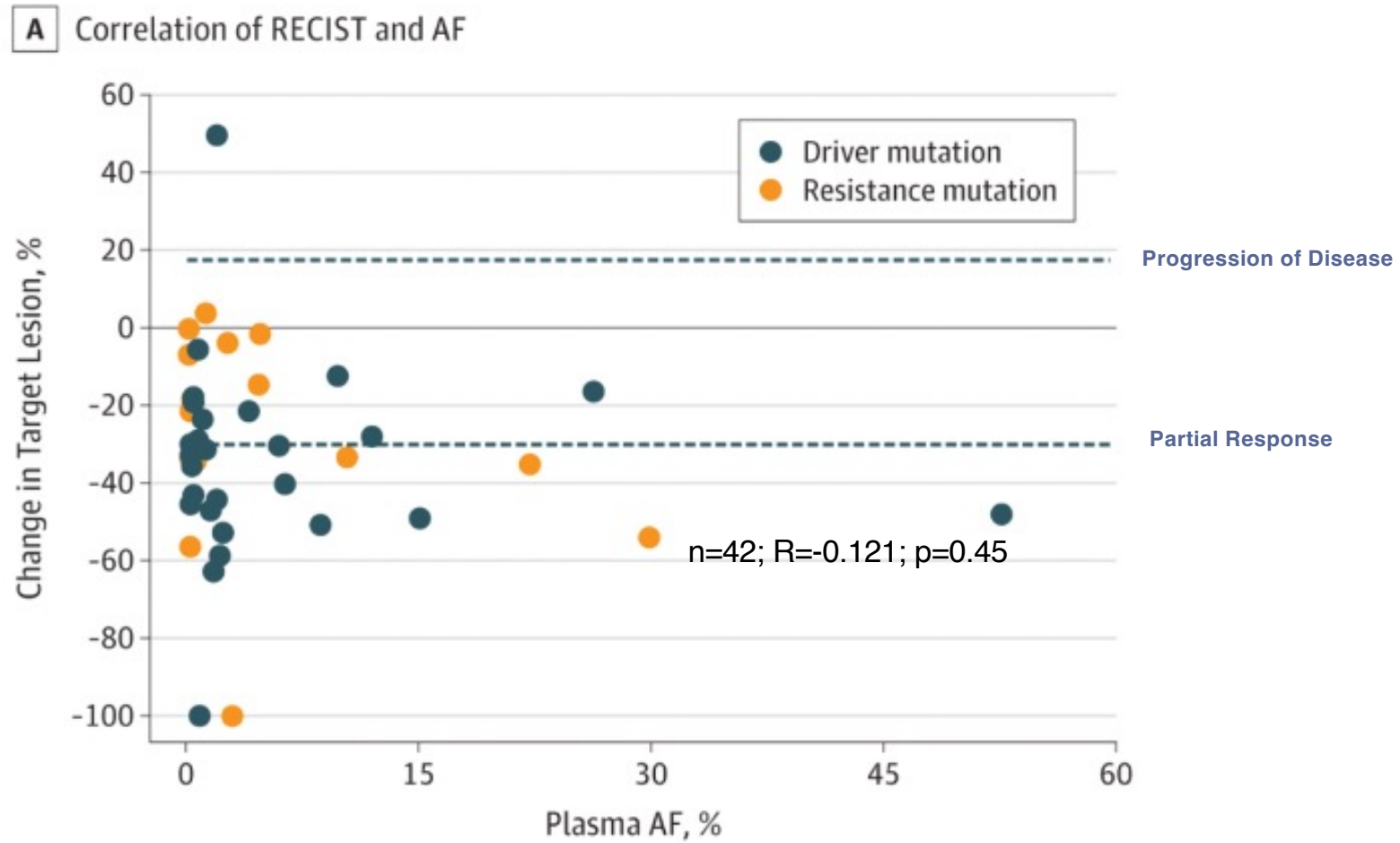
93% SCLC

87% NSCLC

Median VAF: 0.41% (range 0.03-97.6)



PENN2 Study: Response to Targeted Therapy is Independent of Plasma Mutation Allelic Fraction



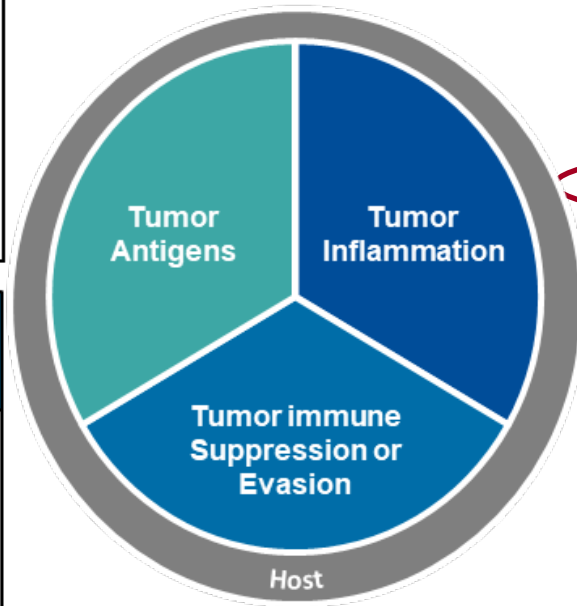
Immune Phenotype as potential **Predictive Biomarkers** for benefit from Checkpoint Immunotherapy (Detection in Liquid Biopsy)

Tumor Neo-antigenicity

- Biomarkers indicative of hypermutation & neoantigens
- Examples:
 - **TMB**, MSI-high, Neoantigen load

Tumor Immune Suppression/Evasion

- Biomarkers that identify tumor immune system suppression or evasion beyond PD-1/CTLA-4
- Examples:
 - Tregs, MDSCs, IDO, LAG-3
 - **STK11 and KEAP1**
 - **ARID1A**



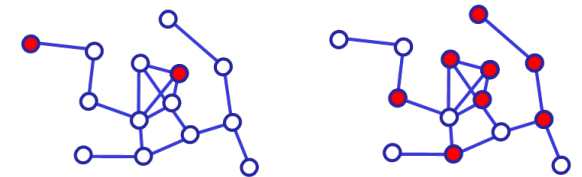
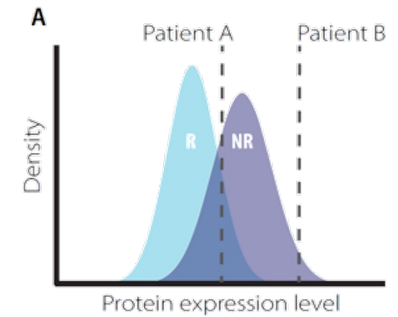
Tumor Microenvironment (TIME)

- Biomarkers (intra- or peri-tumoral) indicative of an immuno-sensitive phenotype
- Examples:
 - **PD-L1**, inflammatory signatures
 - **PROphet**: proteomic signature

Host Environment (e.g. Microbiome)

- Biomarkers that characterize the host environment, beyond tumor microenvironment
- Examples:
 - Microbiome, germline genetics

PROphet[®]
Differentially expressed proteins:

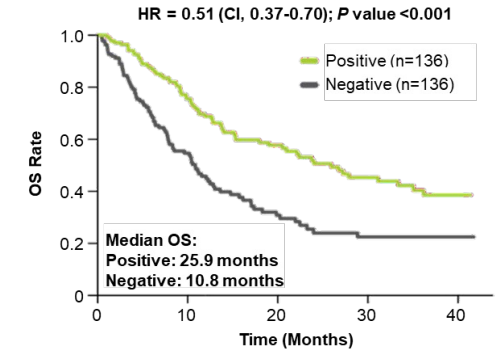
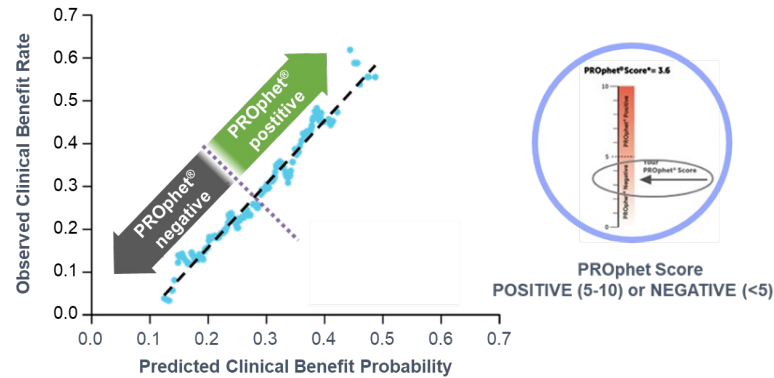
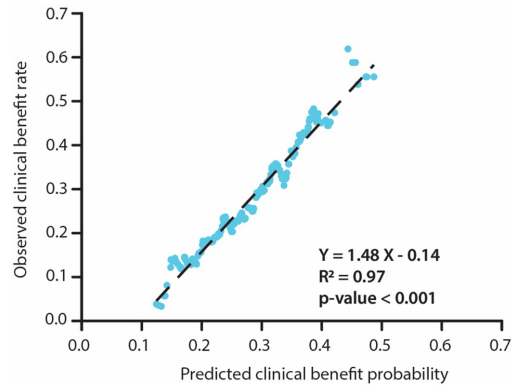


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-High probability of efficacy

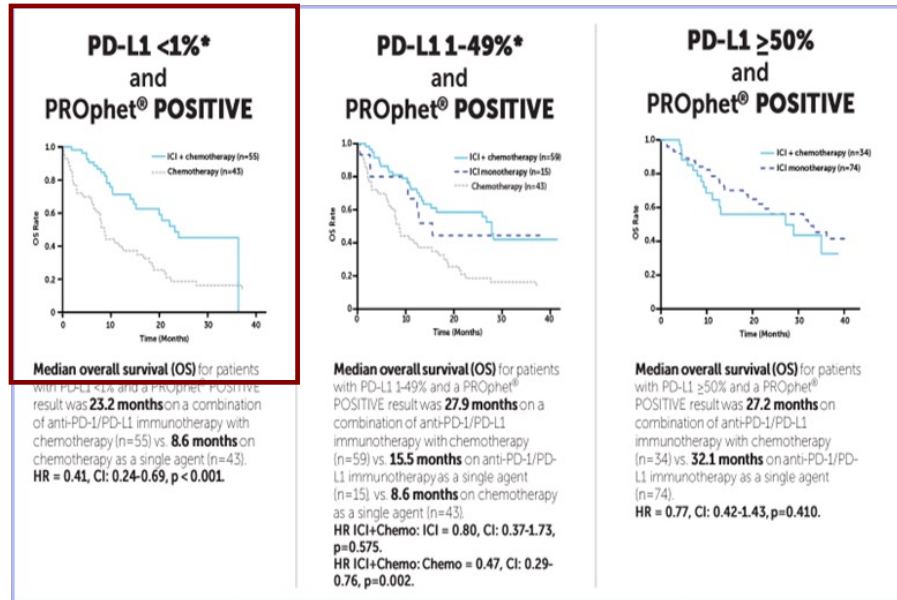
Patient B
-Low probability of efficacy

Proteogenomic patterns with AI detection to predict patient response

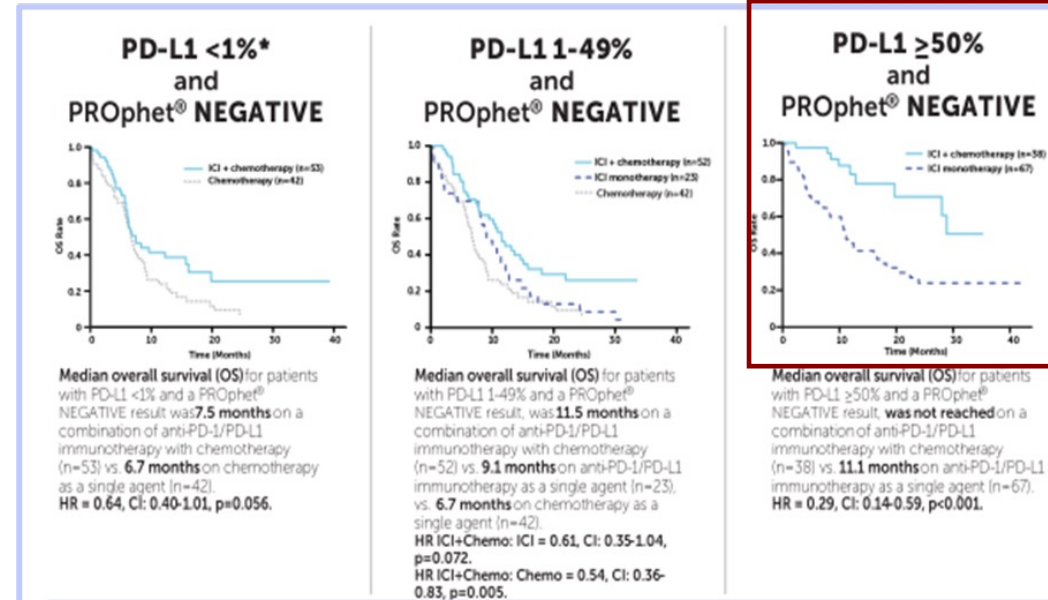
Analytical & Clinical Validation of PROphet Assay



PROhet Positive vs PD-L1



PROhet Negative vs PD-L1



Trials evaluating blood TMB

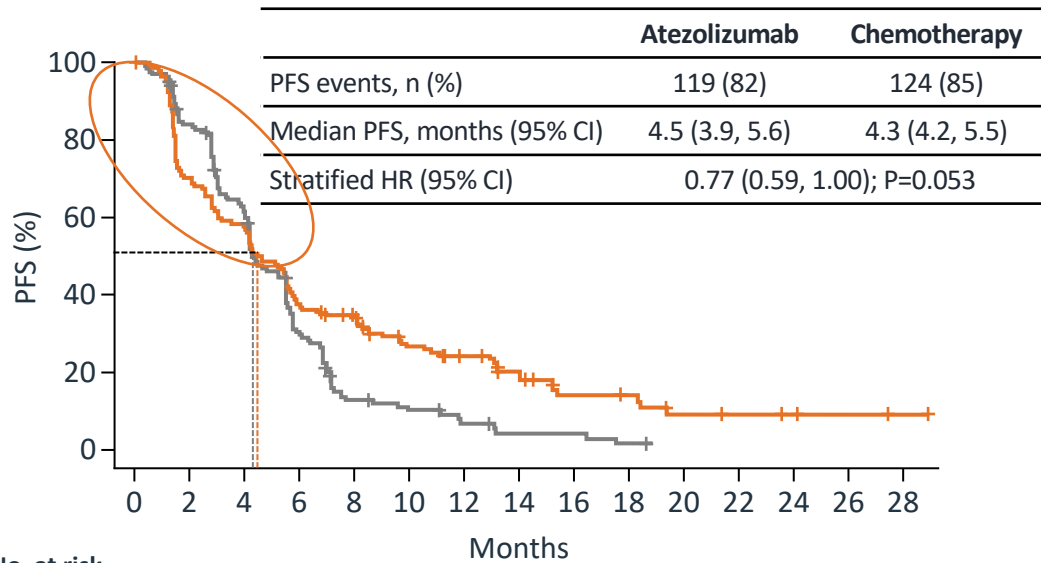
Table 1 Summary of studies evaluating blood TMB as a predictive biomarker for response to immune checkpoint blockade

Study	Analysis	Approach	NGS assay	Panel size	Cohort size	Tumor type	Disease stage	Trial ID	Treatment	TMB cut-off
Gandara <i>et al</i> , 2018 ⁶⁰	Retrospective	Targeted NGS	Custom NGS assay (bait set version T7, Integrated DNA Technology, >300 genes)	1.1 Mb	n=259	NSCLC	Advanced/metastatic	POPLAR (NCT01903993); OAK (NCT02008227)	Atezolizumab vs docetaxel	16 Mutations
Wang <i>et al</i> , 2019 ¹⁴⁶	Retrospective	Targeted NGS	Custom assay (NCC-GP150, 150 genes)	Not reported	n=48 cohort 1; n=50 cohort 2	NSCLC	Advanced/metastatic	N/A	Anti-PD-1/PD-L1	6 Mutations
Si <i>et al</i> , 2021 ⁶³	Retrospective	Targeted NGS	Guardant OMNI (500 genes)	2 Mb	n=1001	NSCLC	Metastatic	MYSTIC (NCT02453282)	Durvalumab and tremelimumab vs chemotherapy	20 Mutations
de Castro Jr <i>et al</i> , 2022 ⁶⁵	Prospective	Targeted NGS	Guardant OMNI (500 genes)	2 Mb	n=512	NSCLC	Metastatic	NEPTUNE (NCT02542293)	Durvalumab and tremelimumab versus chemotherapy	20 Mutations
Kim <i>et al</i> , 2022 ⁶⁶	Prospective	Targeted NGS	Foundation Medicine (>300 genes)	1.1 Mb	n=152	NSCLC	Locally advanced/metastatic	B-F1RST (NCT02848651)	Atezolizumab	16 Mutations
Peters <i>et al</i> , 2022 ⁶⁸	Prospective	Targeted NGS	Foundation Medicine (>300 genes)	1.1 Mb	n=472	NSCLC	Advanced/metastatic	BFAST (NCT03178552)	Atezolizumab versus chemotherapy	16 Mutations
He <i>et al</i> , 2022 ⁶⁹ ; Schenker <i>et al</i> , 2022 ⁷⁰	Prospective	Targeted NGS	Foundation Medicine (>300 genes)	1.1 Mb	n=212	Pan-cancer	Advanced/metastatic	CheckMate 848 (NCT03668119)	Nivolumab+ipilimumab vs nivolumab monotherapy	10 Mutations

BFAST, Blood First Assay Screening Trial; bTMB, blood tumor mutation burden; N/A, not available; NGS, next-generation sequencing; NSCLC, Non-small cell lung cancer; VUS, variants of unknown significance

Adapted from Sivapalan *et al*. JTC 2023

Phase III BFAST Trial: Atezolizumab vs Platinum Chemotherapy in bTMB high (≥ 16)



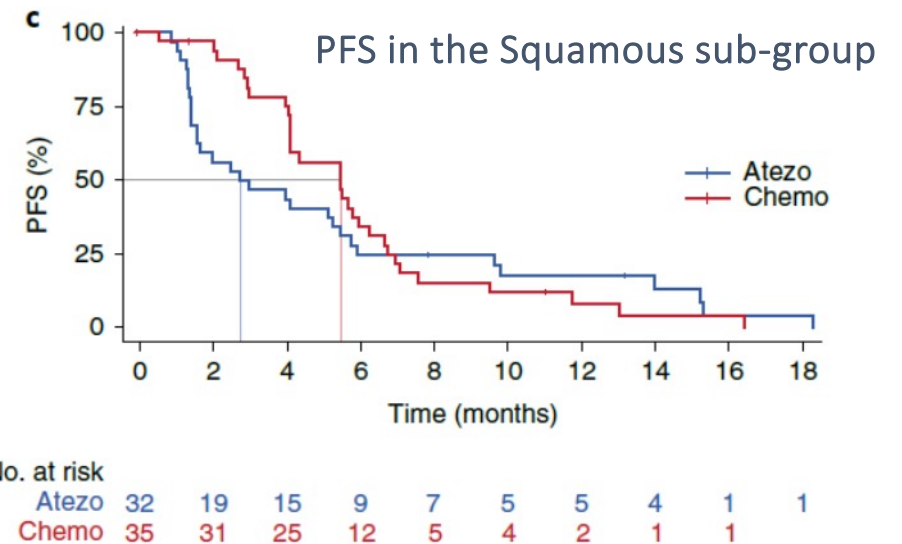
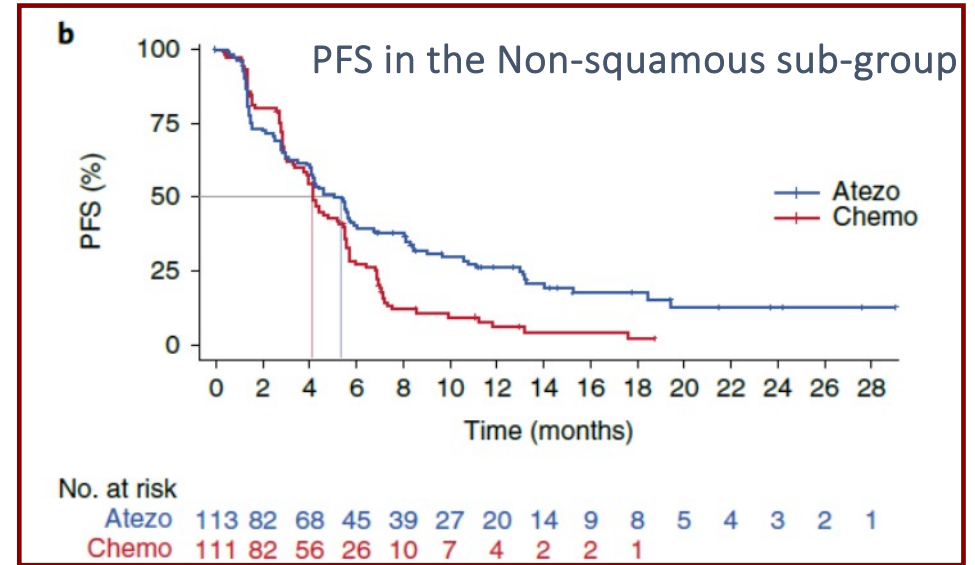
No. at risk	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28
Atezo	145	101	83	54	46	32	25	18	10	9	5	4	3	2	1
Chemo	146	113	81	38	15	11	6	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	0

Initial PFS “KM Gap” as seen in prior IO monotherapy trials.

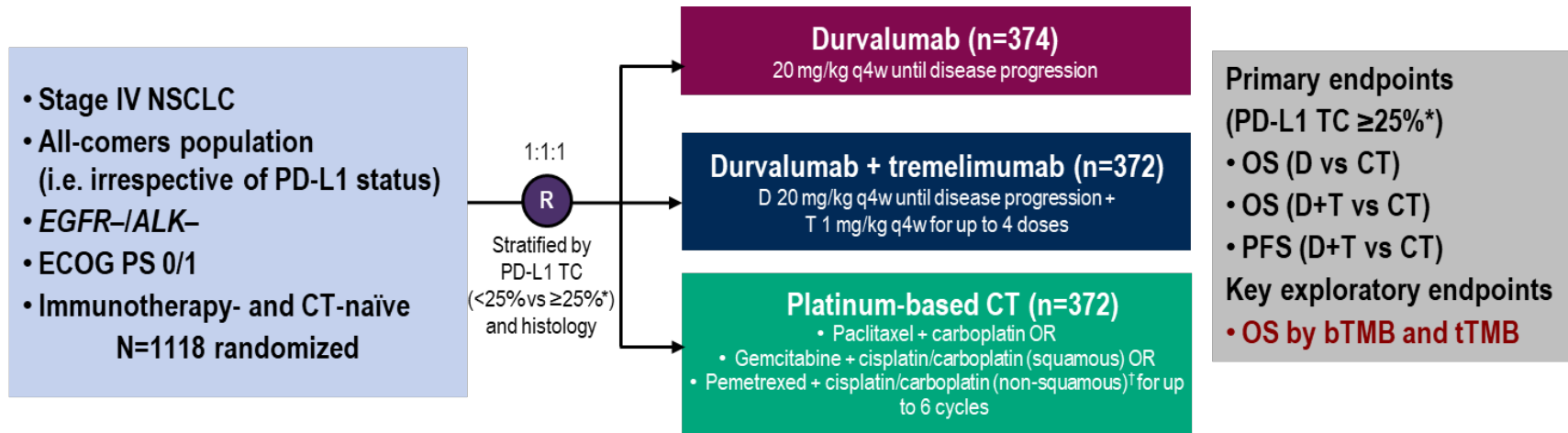
Although progression rates were initially greater in the atezolizumab vs chemotherapy arm, PFS benefit was seen with atezolizumab after 4 months.

Confirmed ORR for bTMB ≥ 16 was 25.5% (95% CI: 18.7, 33.4) for atezolizumab vs 17.8% (95% CI: 12.0, 25.0) for chemotherapy

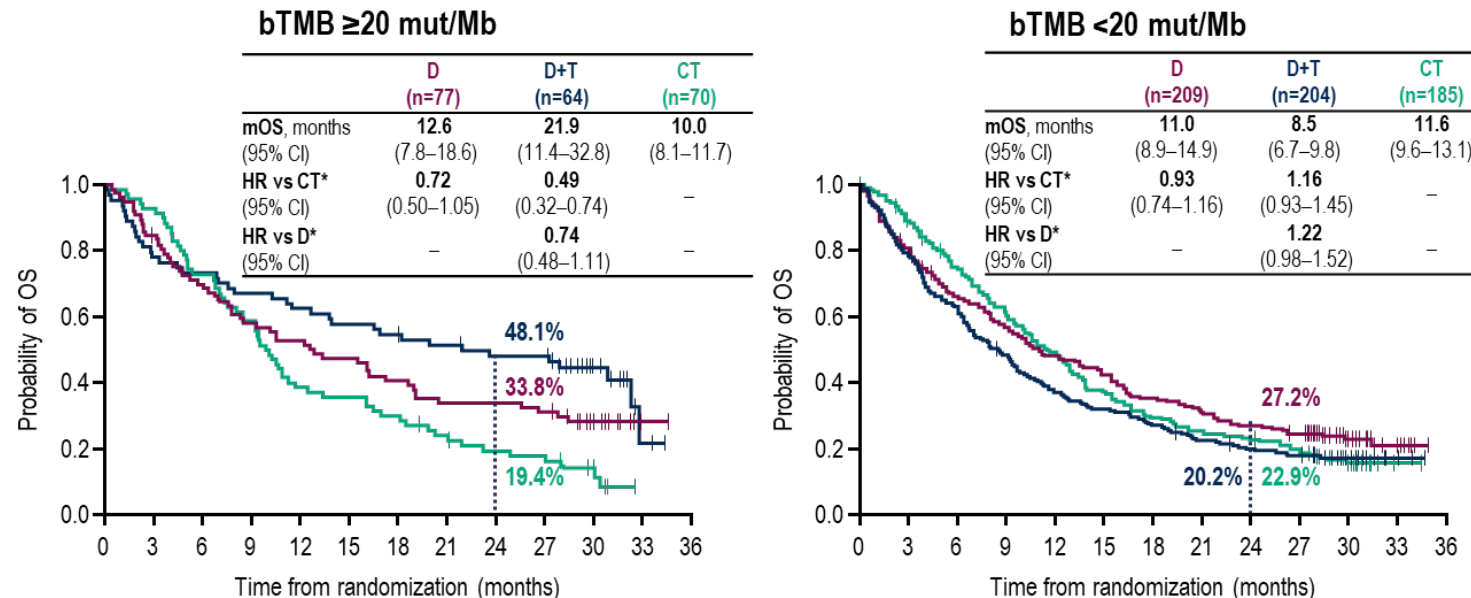
OS: median 13.3 mos for \geq bTMB 16 (6.6-18.4) and 10.3 mos (8.5-13.8) for bTMB low.



MYSTIC: Durvalumab +/- Tremelimumab vs Platinum Chemotherapy in 1st line Advanced NSCLC



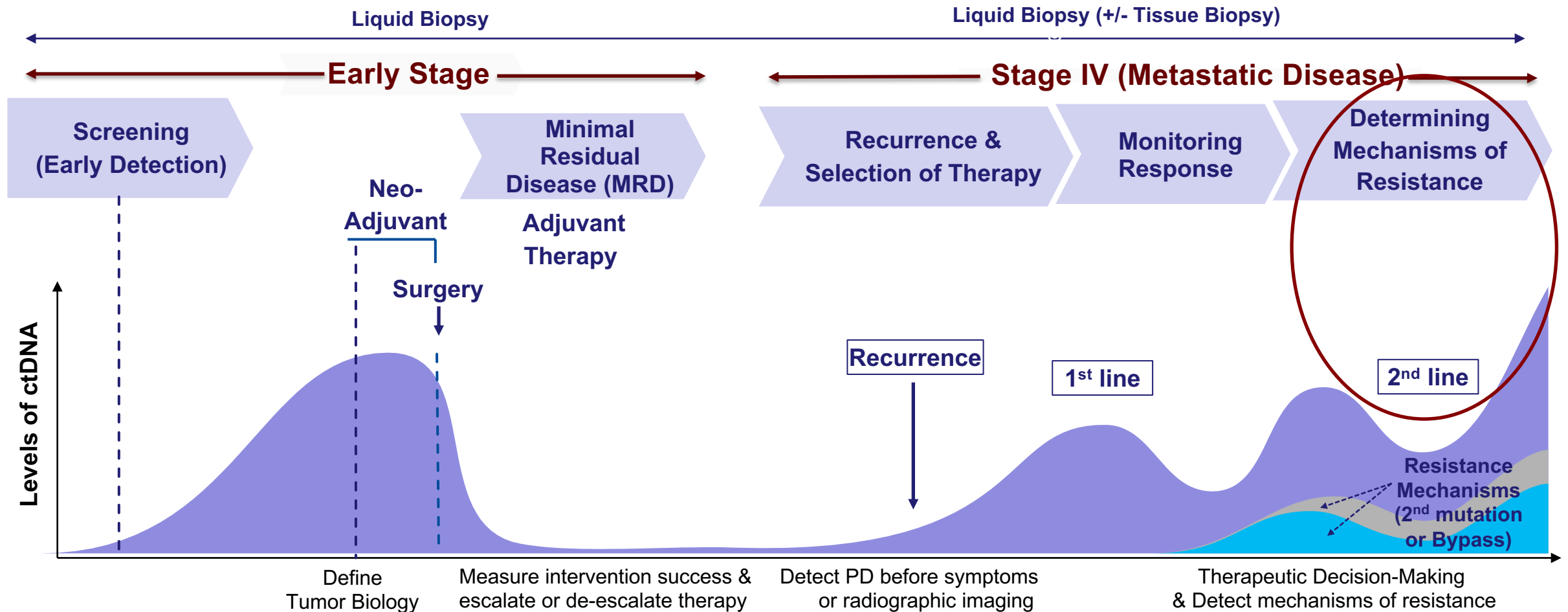
OS by bTMB ≥20 mut/Mb vs <20 mut/Mb



77	64	53	44	39	35	30	25	25	23	10	1	0
64	50	47	43	40	37	35	32	29	29	14	2	0
70	65	51	41	27	25	21	16	12	11	6	0	0

209	167	134	114	98	86	72	63	55	49	21	8	0
204	161	129	98	75	65	55	45	39	35	18	4	0
185	162	135	110	89	68	53	45	41	34	17	1	0

Liquid biopsy Across the Cancer Care Continuum in Individual Patients (Precision Oncology)



Despite initial response development of Acquired Resistance to Targeted TKIs in Oncogene-driven NSCLC is almost universal

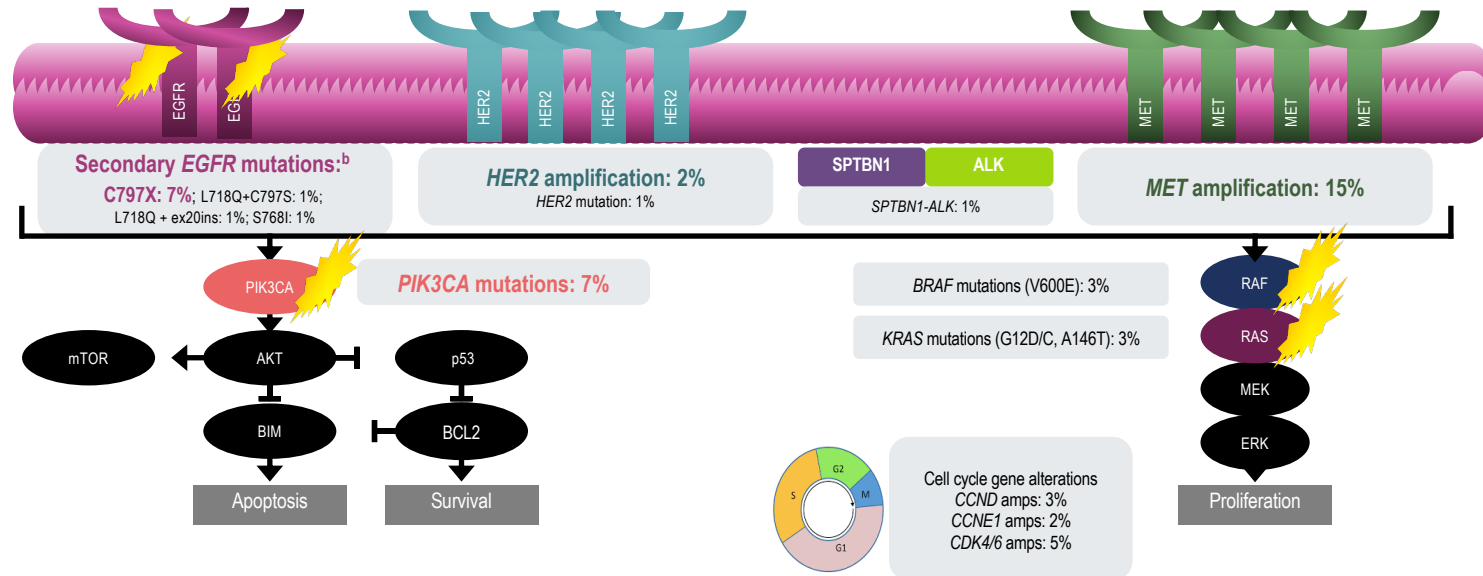
Target	Prevalence	Drug	Response Rate
<i>EGFR</i>	15%-60%	Osimertinib	70%
<i>ALK</i>	5%-10%	Alectinib, Brigatinib	70%
<i>ROS1</i>	1%-2%	Crizotinib, Entrectinib	72%
<i>BRAF V600E</i>	1%-2%	Vemurafenib Dabrafenib	42% 33%
<i>MET</i> exon 14 mutations	3%	Capmatinib, Crizotinib ¹	44-67%
High <i>MET</i> amplification	3%-4%	Crizotinib ²	66%
<i>HER2</i>	1.7%	Afatinib ³ TDM1 ⁴ TDX-d	100% 44% 62%
<i>RET</i>	1%-2%	Selpercatinib (LOXO-292) ⁵ Pralsetinib (BLU-667) ⁶	80% 58%
<i>NTRK1/2/3</i>	3%	Entrectinib, Larotrectinib	80%

- Despite these high response rates, essentially no patients are cured
- All patients develop acquired resistance, either **secondary resistance mutations** or **Bypass mechanisms**

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FLAURA: Acquired Resistance Mechanisms after Osimertinib 1st-line therapy (n=91)^a

- No cases of acquired *EGFR* T790M
- The most common resistance mechanisms were ***MET* amplification (15%)** and ***EGFR* C797X mutation (10%)**
 - Other mechanisms included *HER2* amplification/mutation (3%), *PIK3CA* (7%), *RAS/RAF* mutations and *ALK* transformation



Treatable Bypass Mechanisms of Resistance after EGFR TKIs:

- *MET* amplification/mutation
- Her -2 amplification/mutation
- *BRAF* mutation
- *ALK* translocation

Progressive Disease (PD) after 1st line TKI Therapy in Oncogene-driven Advanced NSCLC (EGFR, ALK, etc)

Progressive Disease after 1st line TKI

Empiric Approach:
Choice of next line of therapy empirically:
-Next TKI
-Chemotherapy
-Immunotherapy

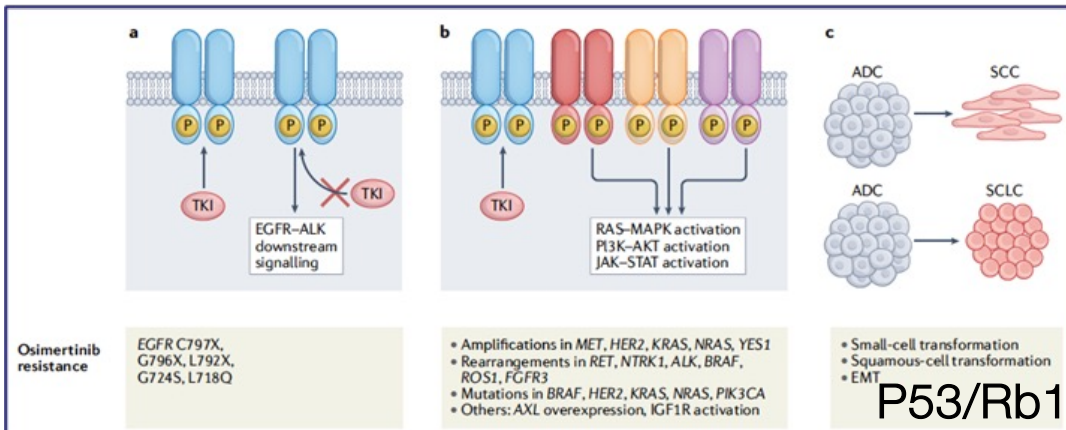
Precision Medicine Approach:
Choice of next line of therapy based on repeat biopsy or plasma ctDNA

EGFR TKI resistance mechanisms

On-Target:
EGFR resistance mt

Off-Target:
Diverse Bypass MOR

Histologic transformation



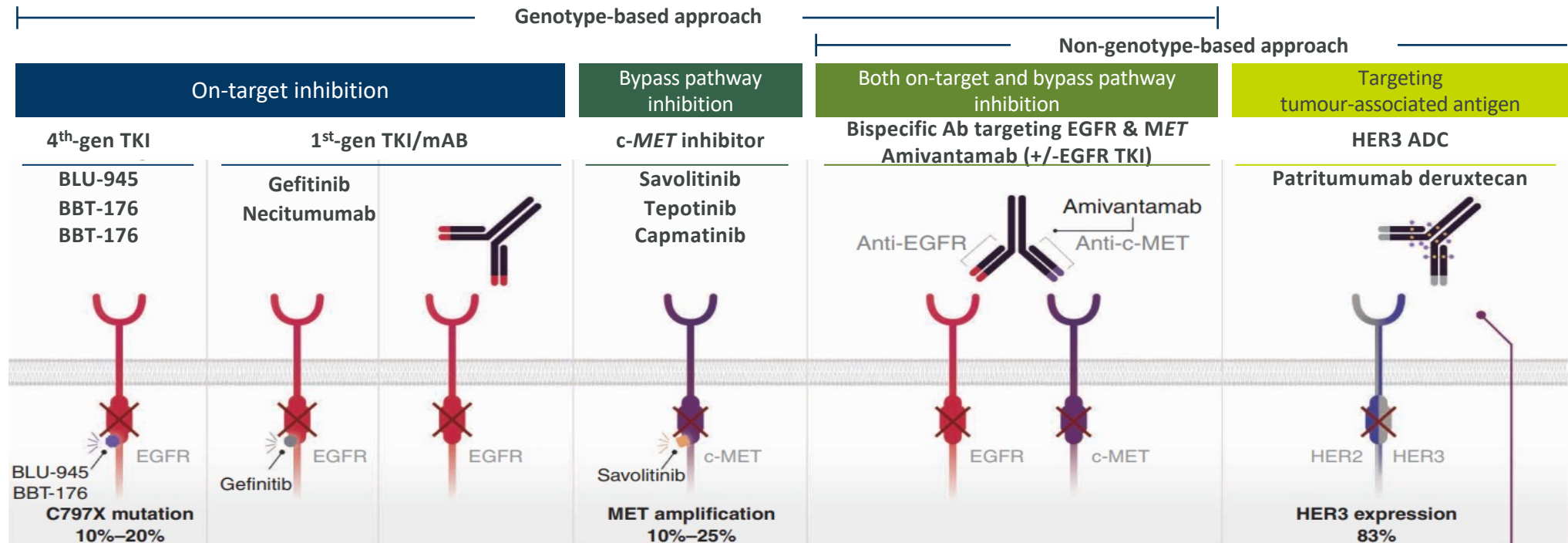
Cooper AS, et al, Nat Rev Clin Oncol 2022

On-Target MOR
(Resistance Mutations)

Off-Target MOR
(Bypass Mechanisms Or Histologic Transformation)

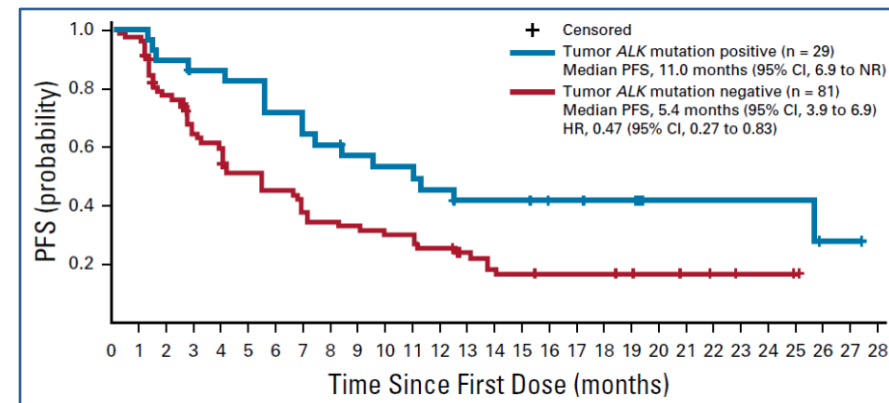
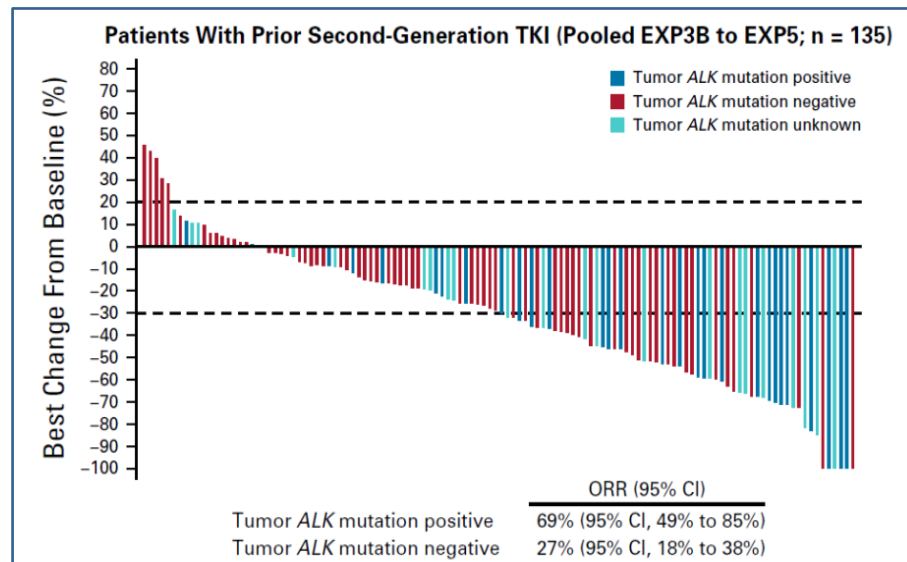
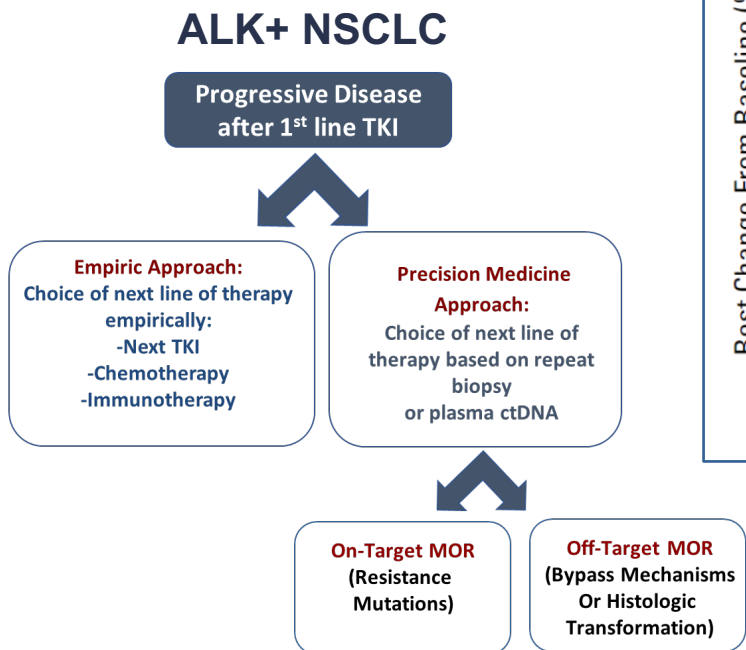
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Treatment Strategies for EGFR-mutated NSCLC with progressive disease after 1st-line Osimertinib



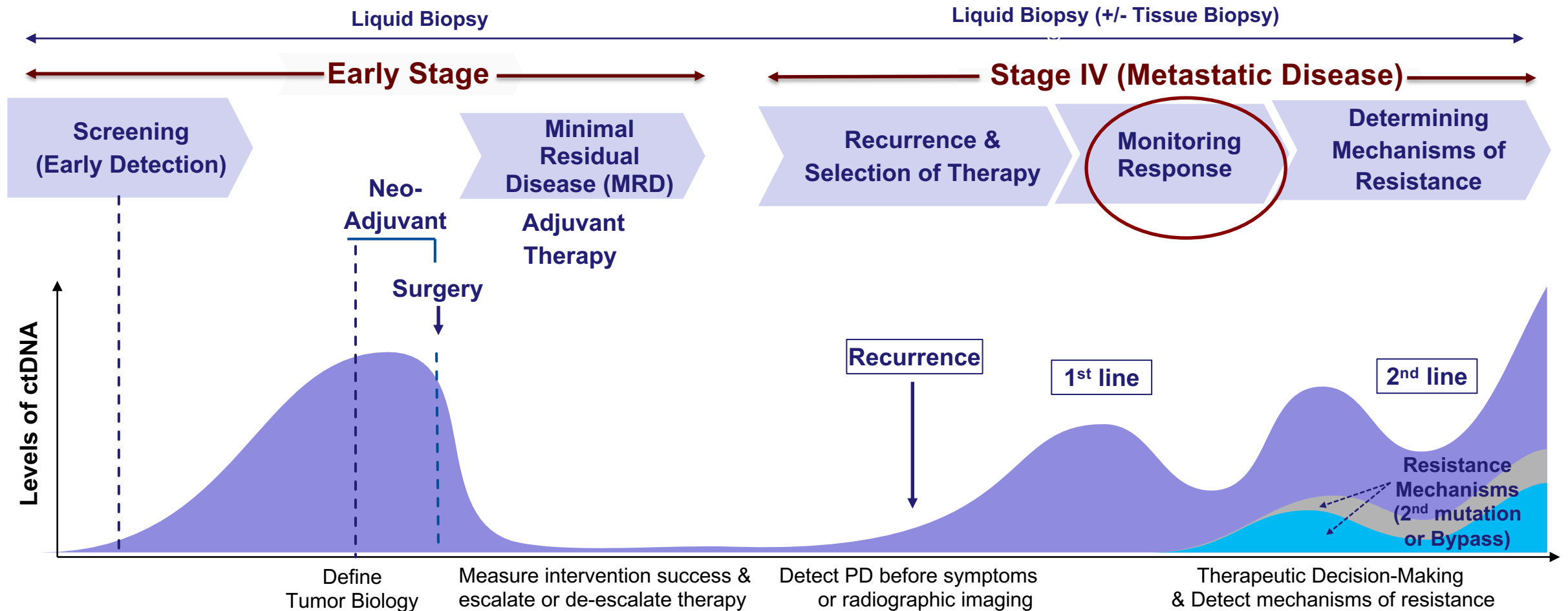
Liquid Biopsy (ctDNA) plays a major role in determining these mechanisms of resistance

Mechanism of Resistance (2nd ALK mutation vs Bypass) affects Lorlatinib Activity in ALK+ NSCLC pre-treated with 2nd Generation ALK Inhibitors



- Lorlatinib:**
- More active in patients with ALK-resistance mutations than in patients with a Bypass MOR
 - **ORR:** 69% vs 27%
 - **mPFS:** 11 mos vs 5.4 mos
 - Worthwhile to re-biopsy or use ctDNA to determine next line of therapy rather than using an Empiric approach

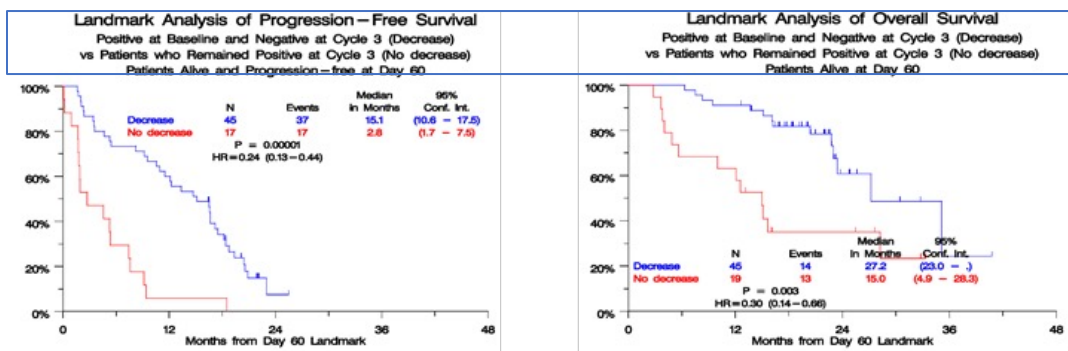
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ctDNA in Advanced Stage NSCLC **Response Monitoring:** Oncogene driver, Checkpoint Immunotherapy & Chemotherapy

Oncogene Driver

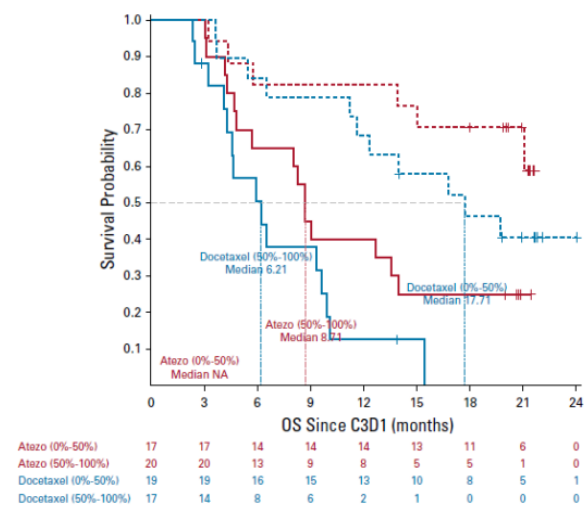
Clearance of ctDNA after Afatinib-Cetuximab (S1403)



Mack, Goldberg, Herbst, Hirsch, Politi, Kelly, Gandara et al. IASLC WCLC20

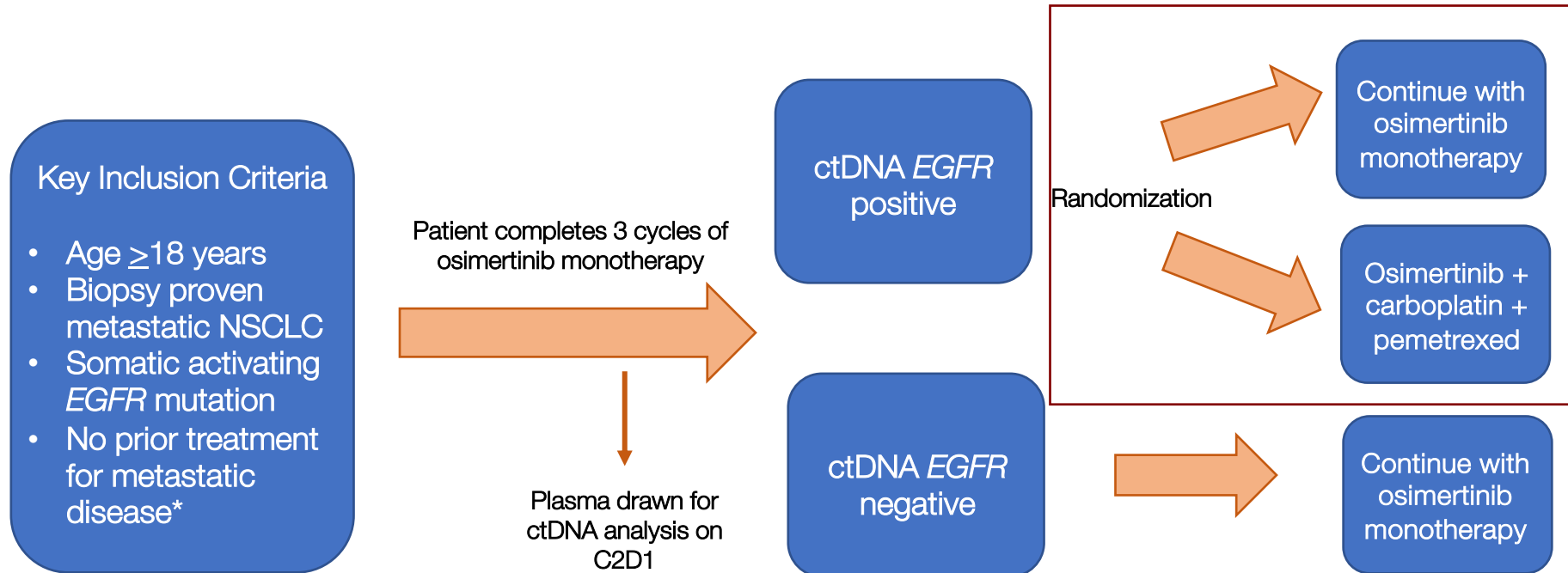
Immunotherapy & Chemotherapy

Metrics of ctDNA after Atezolizumab or Docetaxel



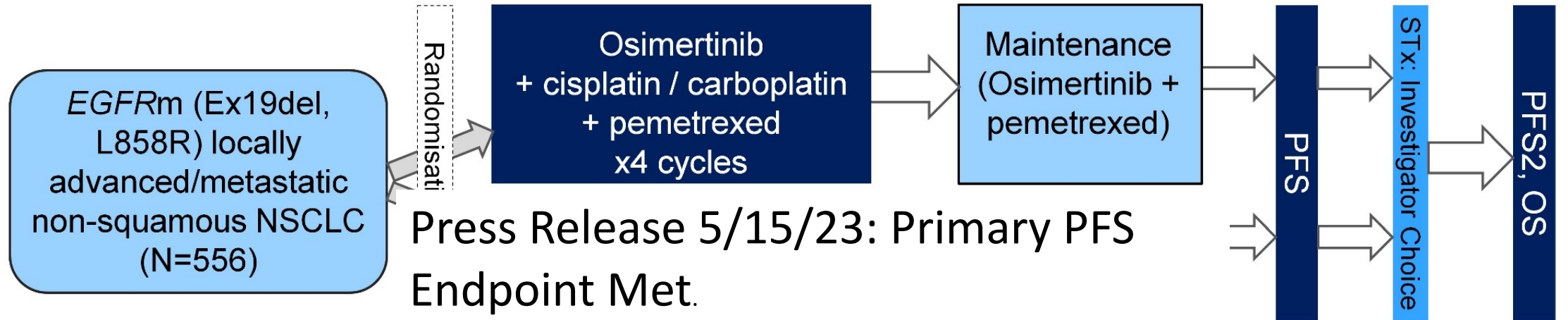
Zou, Gandara, Patel et al. JCO Precis Onc 2021

Clinical Trial Design evaluating “Biomarker Switch Therapy”: EGFR-mutated NSCLC treated with Osimertinib



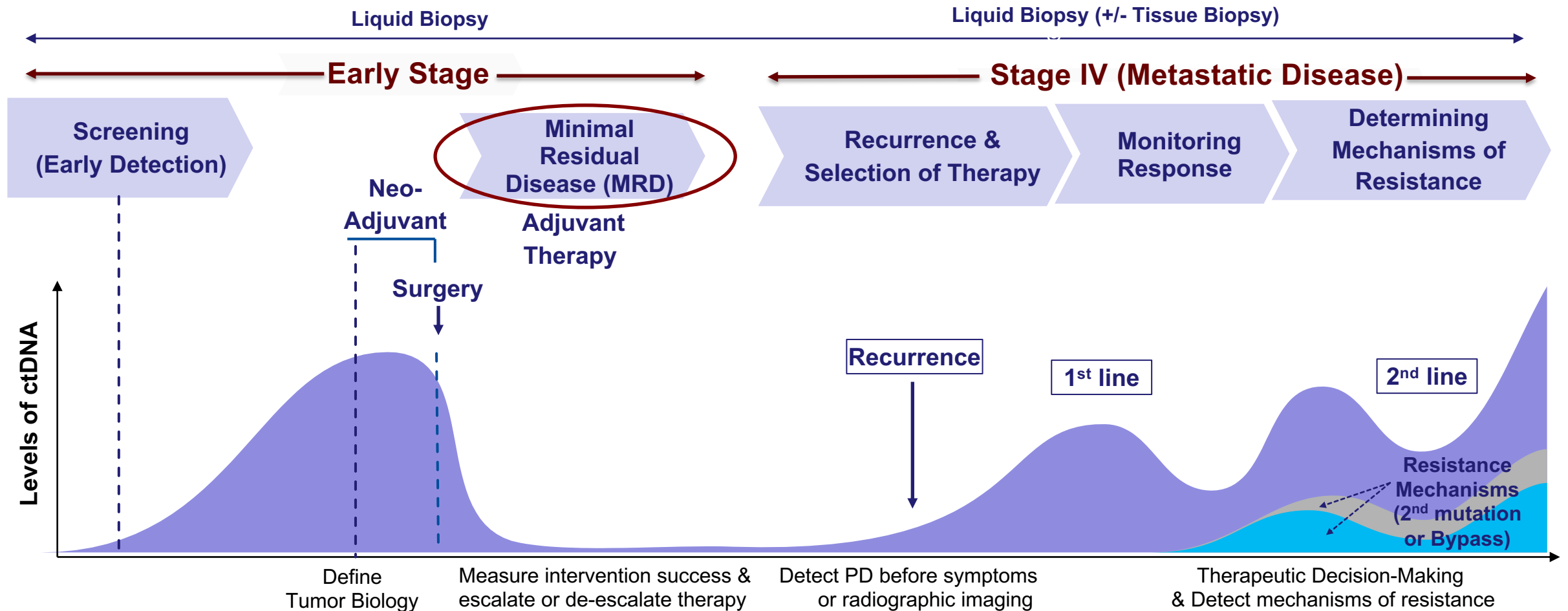
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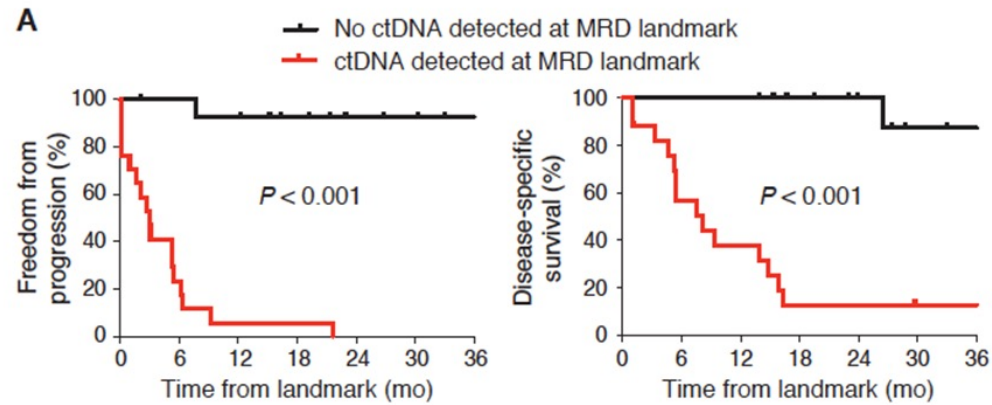


- **Primary Endpoint: PFS**
- Osimertinib given at a dose of 80 mg QD during induction and maintenance
- The osimertinib dose can be reduced to 40 mg QD for management of AEs; chemotherapy dose interruption/reduction is to be prioritised over reduction/interruption of osimertinib
- Randomisation will be stratified by race, WHO PS (0 vs 1), and tissue *EGFR* mutation test at enrolment
- Planned to involve approximately 248 sites in 27 countries

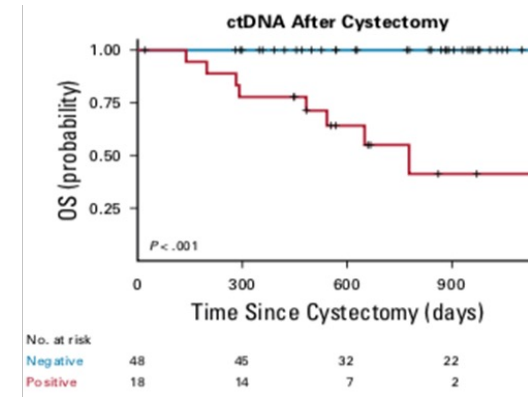
Liquid biopsy Across the Cancer Care Continuum in Individual Patients (Precision Oncology)



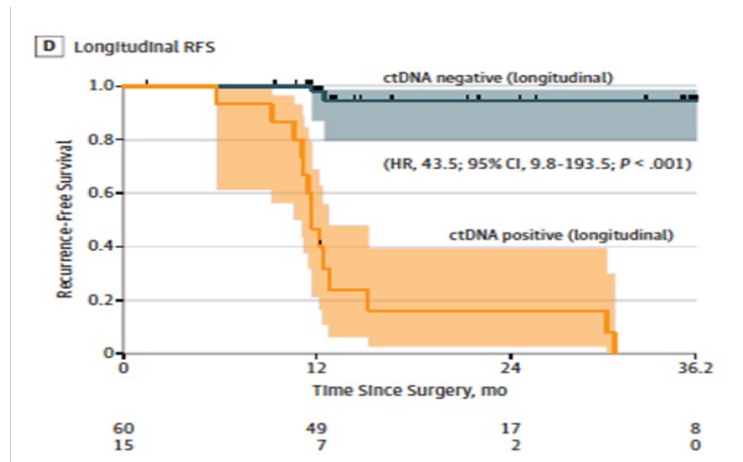
MRD detection post-surgery confers a Poor Prognosis in a pan-cancer fashion



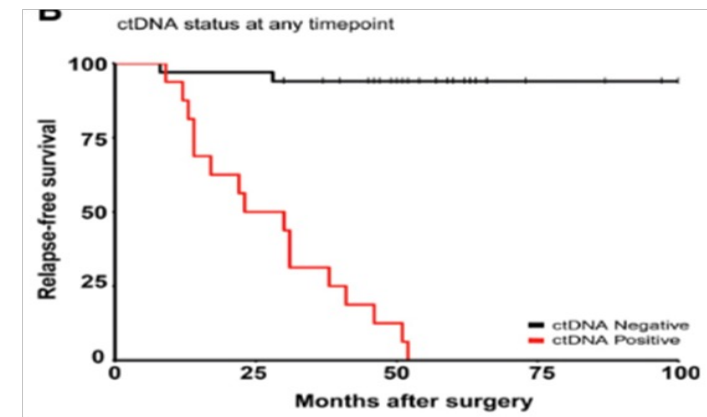
NSCLC (Chaudhuri et al., Cancer Discov, 2017)



Bladder ca (Chirsitensen, JCO, 2019)



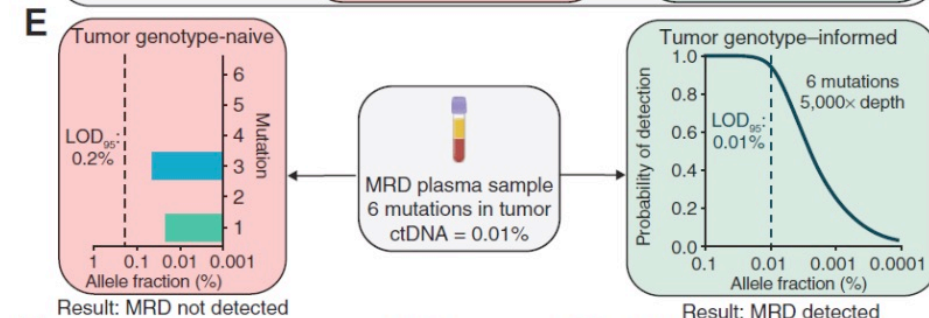
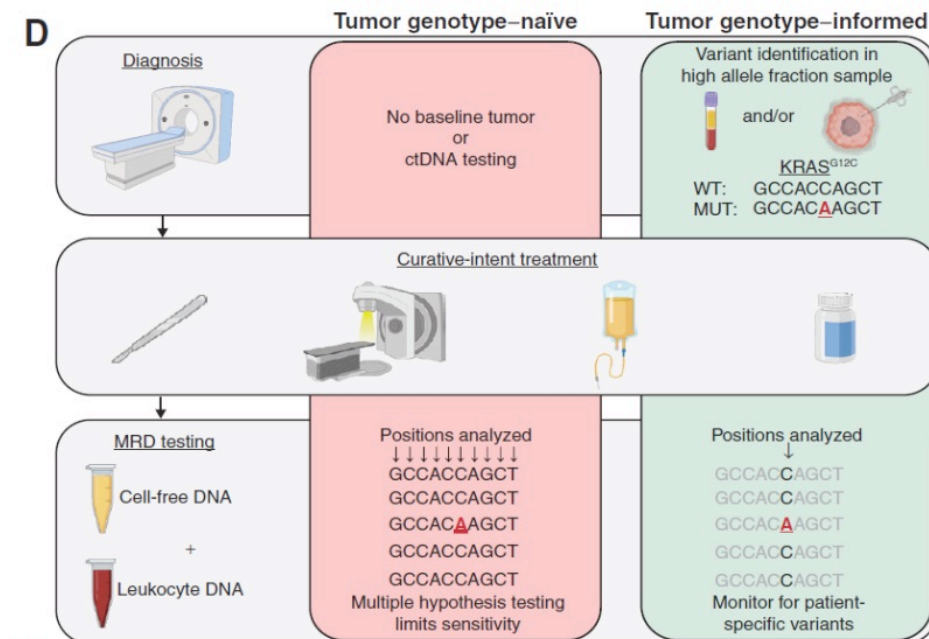
Colorectal (Reinert et al., JAMA oncol, 2019)



Breast ca (Coombes CCR, 2019)

Liquid Biopsy Approaches to MRD

Parameter	Tissue-naïve	Tissue-informed
Adequacy of Tumor Tissue Sample	Not required	Practical limitation
Sensitivity	MRD-specific assays improve	Lower LOD
Specificity	CHIP requires filtering algorithm; Improved by baseline ctDNA	Tumor specific
Emergent Variants	Detects	Unable to assess
Resistance Variants	Detects	Unable to assess
Turn Around Time	Much shorter	Longer

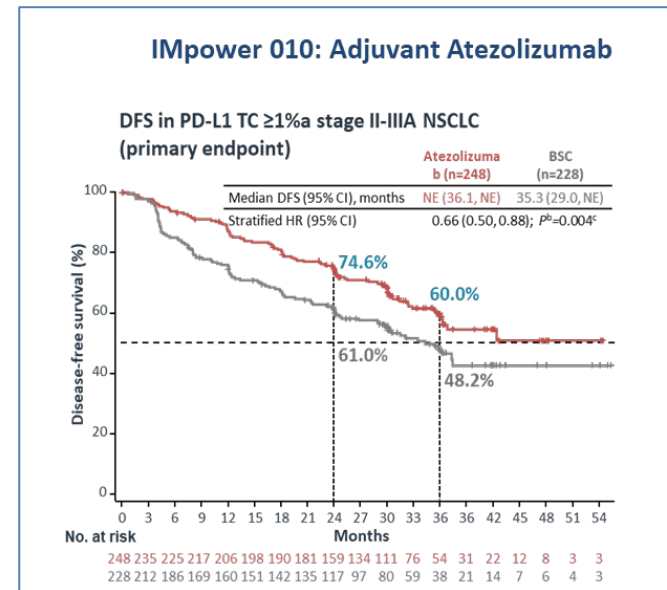
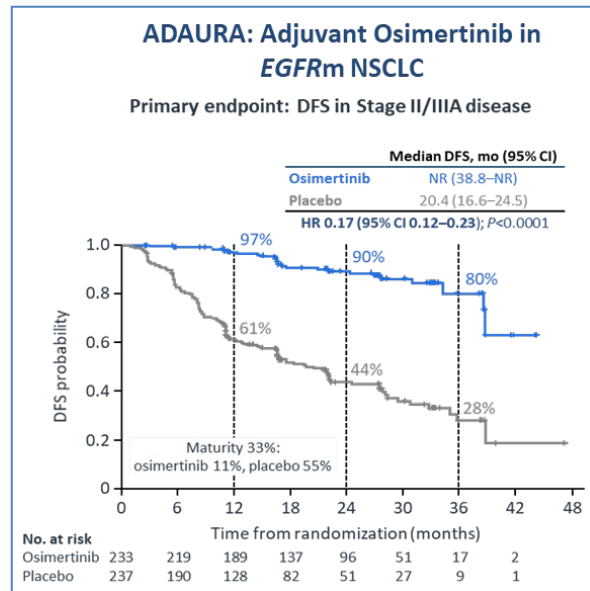
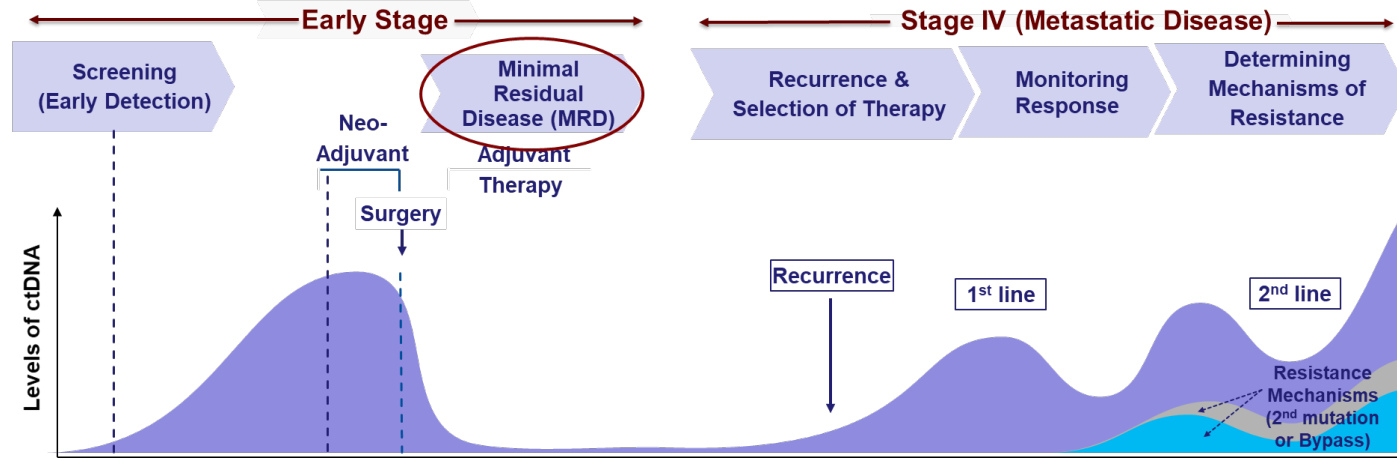


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Assay type	Tumor genotype	Clinically/commercially available example(s) [reference]
Plasma genotyping	Naïve	FoundationOne Liquid CDx [®] [1], Guardant 360 CDx [®] [4], MSK-ACCESS [105], TruSight Oncology 500 [106]
cfDNA methylation	Naïve	Adela [54], GRAIL [53]
SNV ctDNA MRD	Informed	ArcherDx [37], C2i Genomics [48], Inivata [38], Natera Signatera [31], Roche AVENIO [44]
Phased variant ctDNA MRD	Informed	Foresight Diagnostics [47]

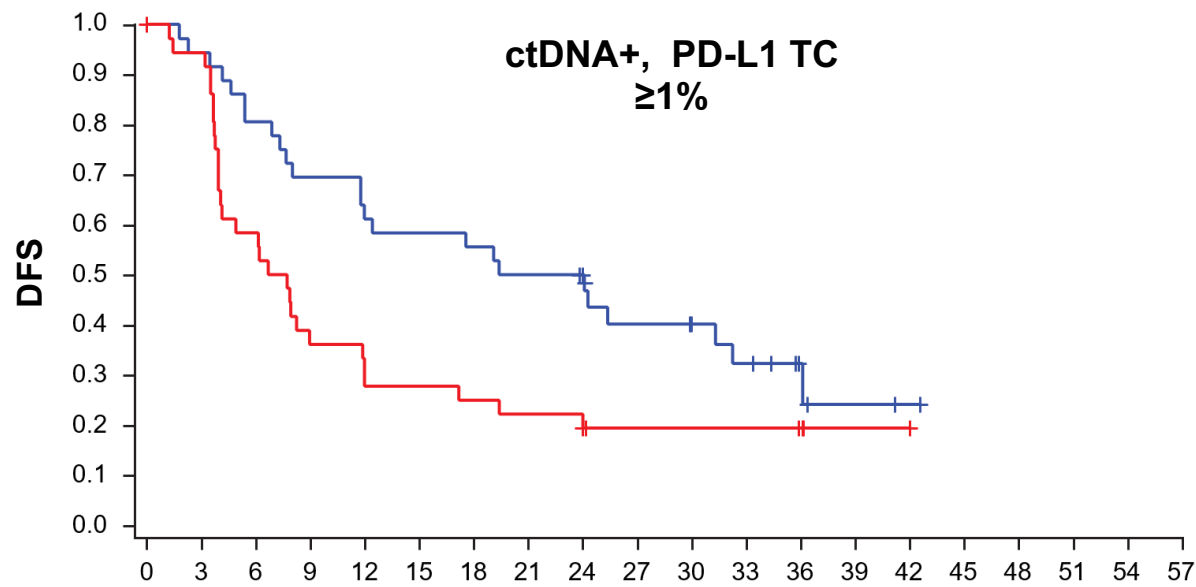
Approximate limit of detection (%)

Two landmark trials in the adjuvant NSCLC space **ADAURA & IMpower010**: Can plasma ctDNA analysis for MRD define who benefits and who does not?



- Is MRD detection by plasma ctDNA only prognostic in these trials? (poor outcome regardless of therapeutic intervention)
- Is MRD detection by plasma ctDNA predictive for outcome with therapeutic intervention?
 - Do only patients with positive MRD after surgery benefit from these therapies?

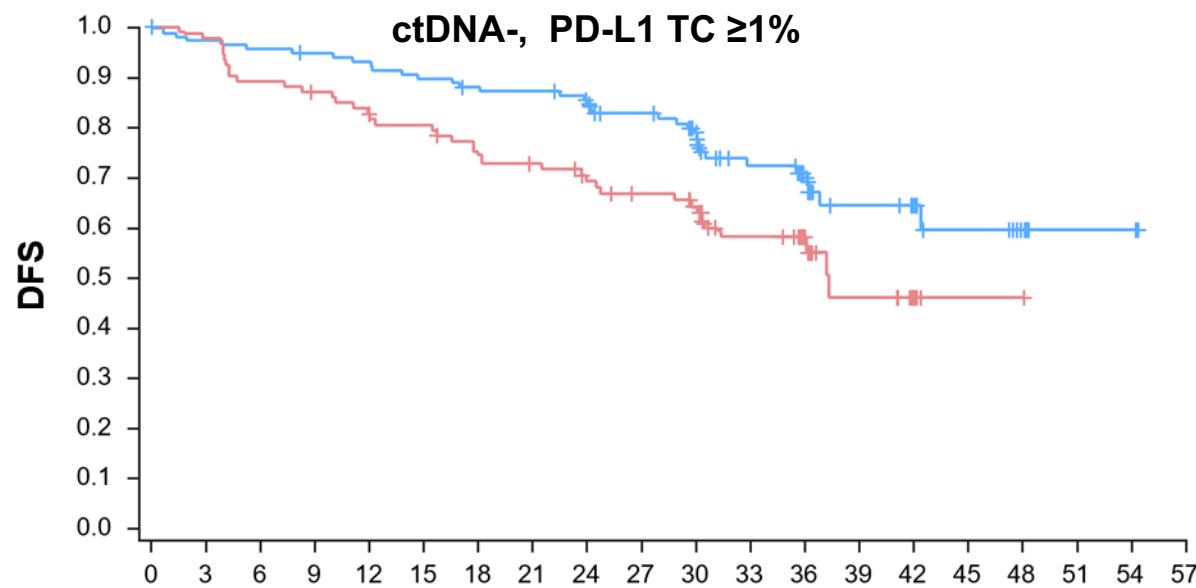
Impower 010: DFS in Stage II-III A ctDNA+ vs ctDNA- populations (PD-L1 TC $\geq 1\%$)



No. at risk

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Atezo	36	34	29	25	22	21	20	18	16	12	10	8	4	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
BSC	37	34	21	14	11	10	9	8	8	5	5	5	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0

ctDNA+	PD-L1 TC $\geq 1\%$	
	Atezo (n=36)	BSC (n=37)
mDFS, mo	21.8	7.2
HR (95% CI)	0.54 (0.31, 0.93)	

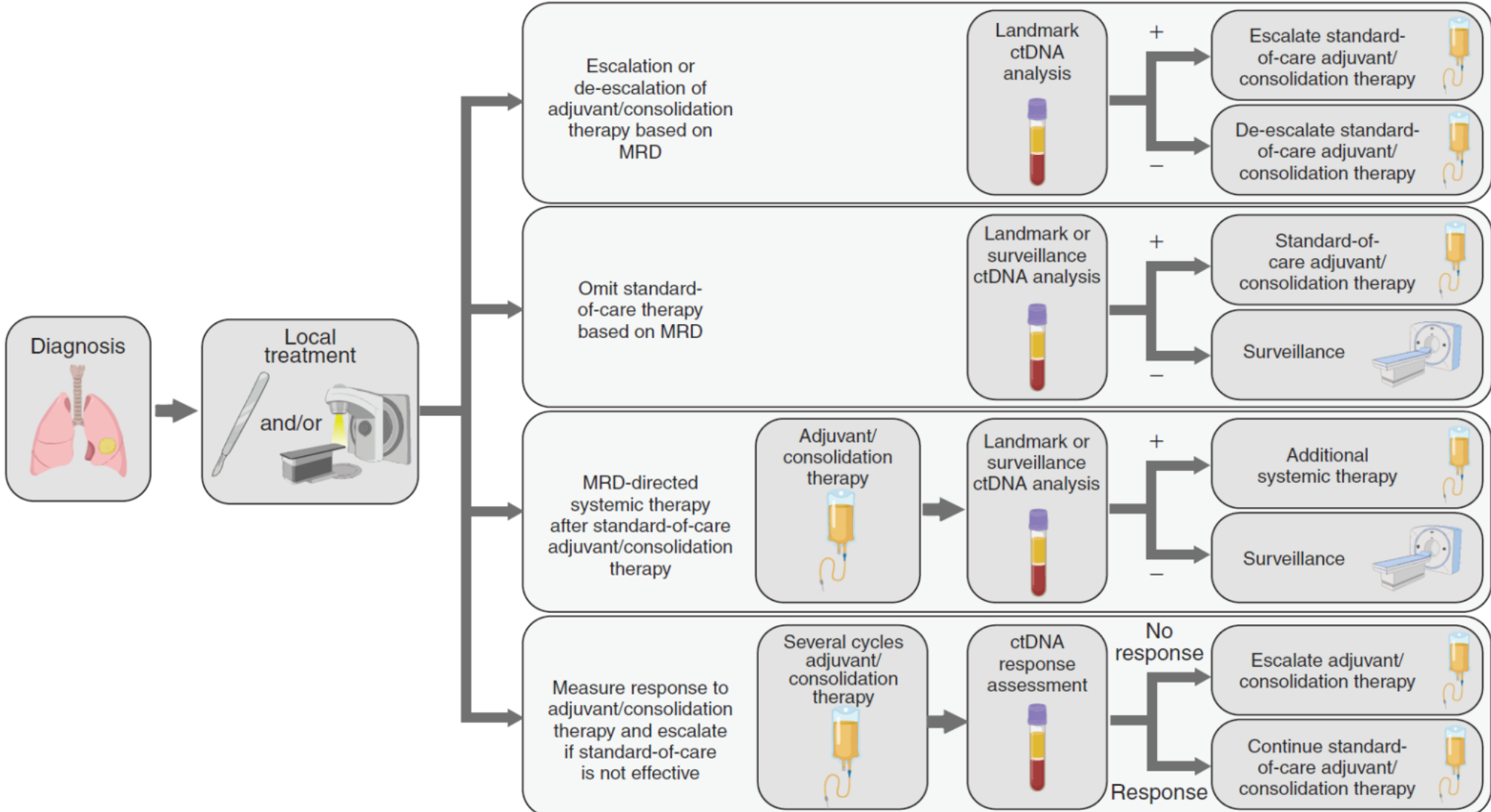


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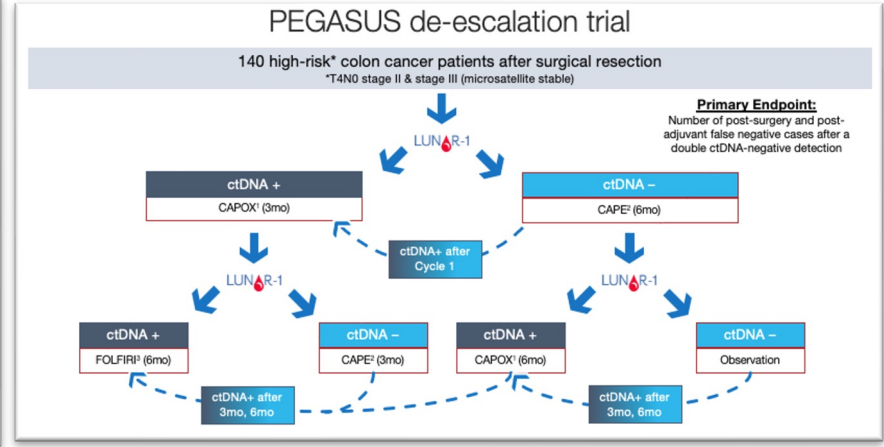
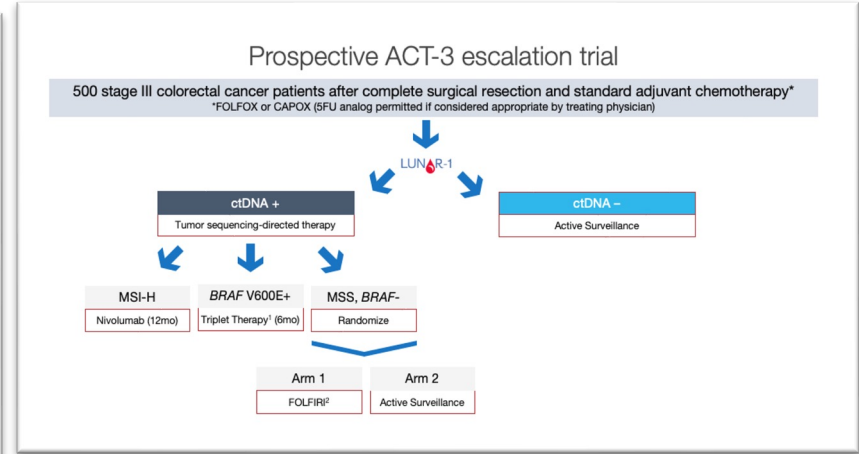
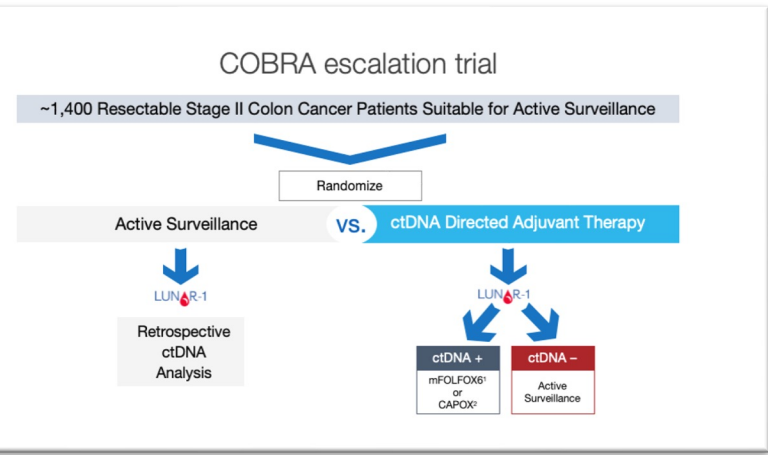
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BSC	98	91	83	80	75	73	67	64	57	51	46	35	23	10	4	1	1	0	0	0

ctDNA-	PD-L1 TC $\geq 1\%$	
	Atezo (n=124)	BSC (n=98)
mDFS, mo	NR	37.3
HR (95% CI)	0.57 (0.36, 0.90)	

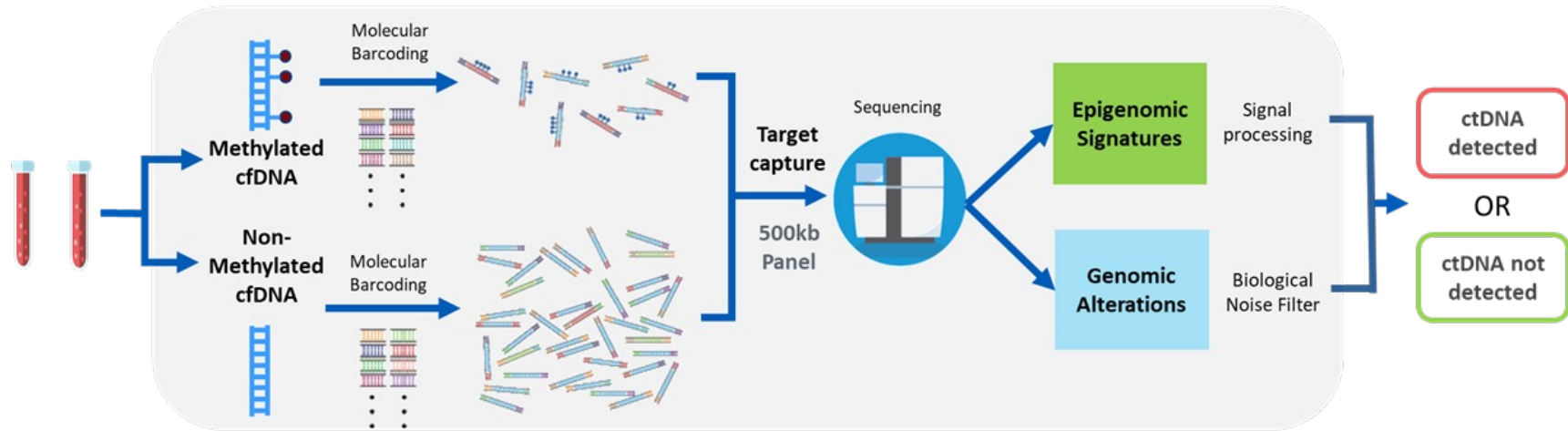
MRD-related Prospective Clinical Trial Designs



MRD detection by ctDNA to escalate or de-escalate post-operative adjuvant therapy in stage II and stage III Colorectal Cancer



Guardant REVEAL: MRD assay integrating genomic & epigenomic analysis



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