

Routine whole genome sequencing-based cancer diagnostics for precision medicine and research

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Europe is leading in national Clinical Cancer Genomics programs

Countries have very different health care systems

Government-driven national programs

UK: NHS/Genomics England

FR: 2025 France Genomic Medicine Plan

DK: Danish National Genome Center

DE: GenomDE

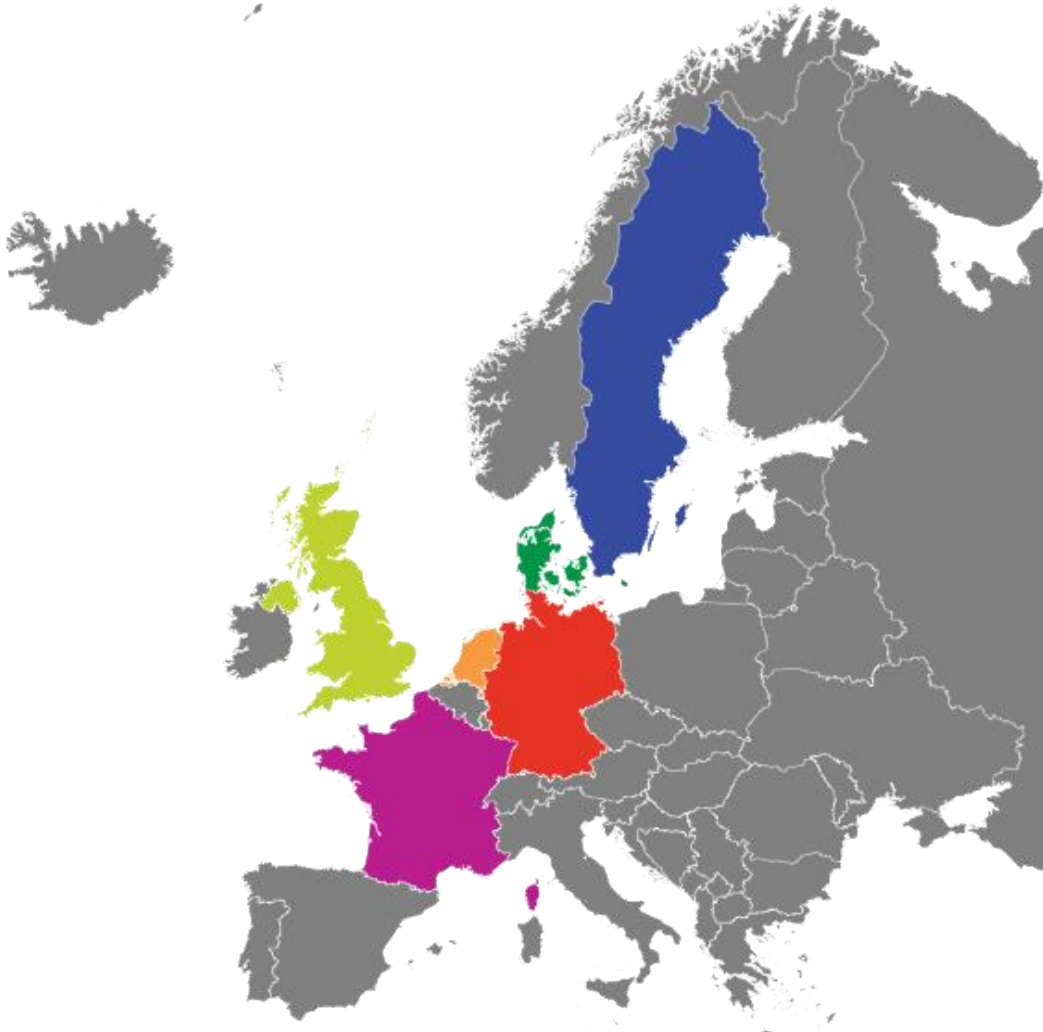
(EU: 1+M Genome Project)

Bottom-up, government funded

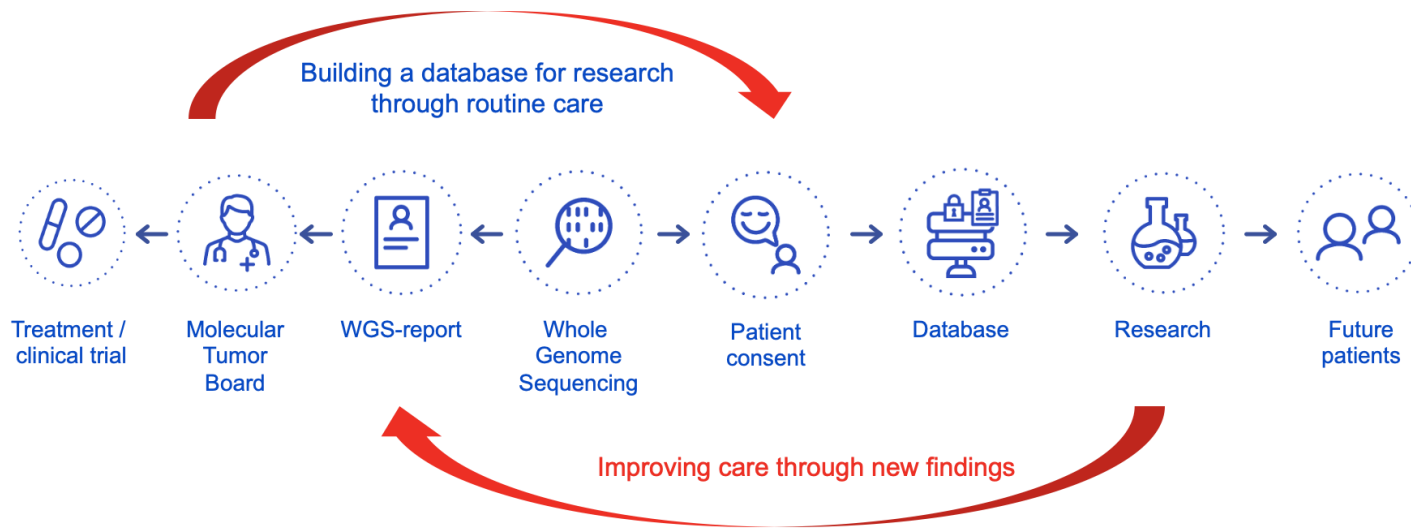
SE: Genomic Medicine Sweden

Bottom-up, philanthropy

NL: Hartwig Medical Foundation

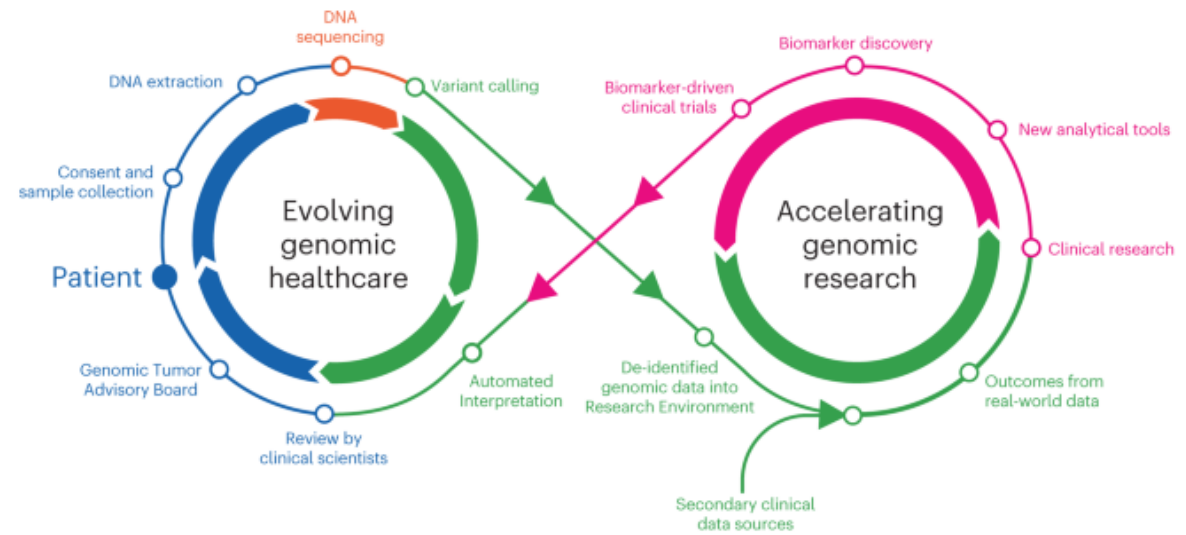


The learning care/innovation cycle – for better care



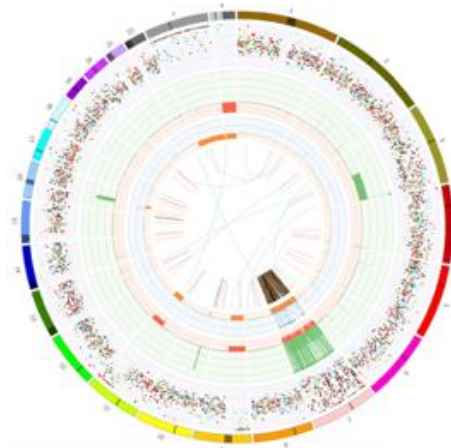
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Hartwig Medical Database



WGS can uncover a wealth of relevant information

To inform medical specialists on clinical actionability and relevance for cancer patients

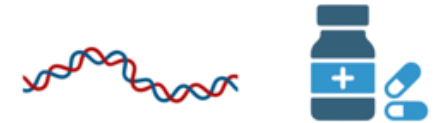


Cancer drivers from genome-wide variant calling

- small and structural variants
- purity and ploidy
 - bi-allelic, subclonal, driver vs passenger
- optimized for diagnostic cancer genes

Complex biomarkers

- DNA repair status (MSI, HRD)
- mutational signatures



Germline information

- cancer predisposition
- pharmacogenetics

Viral presence



Tissue of origin and Tumor (sub)typing

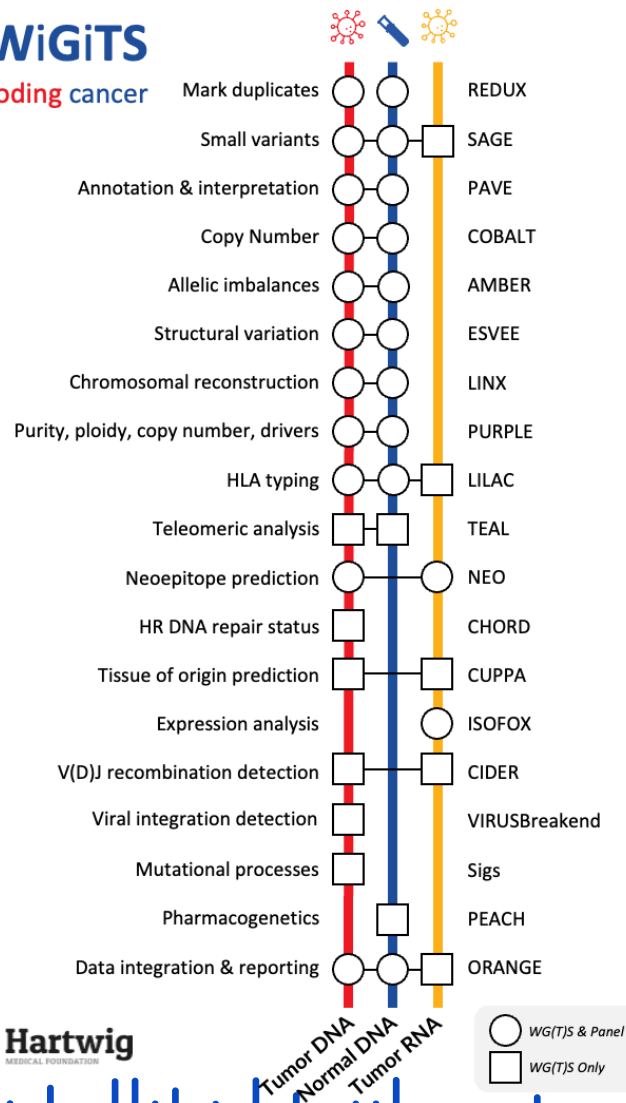


HLA typing and neopeptides

- immunotherapy
- vaccination

Hartwig WiGiTS: comprehensive, efficient and flexible data analysis

WiGiTS
decoding cancer



Multi-platform support

illumina

ULTIMA
GENOMICS

Roche

Fast, inexpensive & runnable anywhere

Open source software

nextflow



nf-core/
oncoanalyser



(Stephan Watts, Oliver Hofmann, UniMelb)

Universal NGS Pipeline

Panel, WES, WGS
Paired and tumor-only
Tissue (FF, FFPE) and cfDNA


Longitudinal patient analysis

Multimodal (DNA, RNA, ctDNA)
Disease monitoring

<https://github.com/hartwigmedical/>
<https://nf-co.re/oncoanalyser/>



Fully automated (draft) patient report generation



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OncoAct tumor WGS report

Summary

PRIMARY TUMOR LOCATION

Skin

PRIMARY TUMOR TYPE

Melanoma

The information regarding the primary tumor location and type, and the information related to the biopsy, is based on information received from the originating hospital.

Summary of most relevant findings

- Molecular tissue of origin prediction: Melanoma (likelihood: 99.6%).
- TERT (c.-125_-124delCGcTT) promoter mutation.
- CDKN2A (p.Ala88fs, p.Gly83fs) inactivation.
- BRAF (p.Val600Glu) activating mutation, possible indication for BRAF and/or MEK inhibitors (clinical trial).
- PTEN (copies: 0) loss, possible indication for PI3K inhibitors (clinical trial).

An overview of all detected cancer associated DNA aberrations can be found in the report

Further interpretation of these results within the patient's clinical context is required by a clinician with support of a molecular tumor board.

Tumor characteristics

Tumor purity

99%

Molecular tissue of origin prediction

Melanoma (99.6%)

Tumor mutational burden status

Low (13.7)

Microsatellite status

MSS (0.1)

HR Status

Proficient (0)

Virus

NONE

Genomic alterations in cancer genes

Genes with driver mutation

BRAF, CDKN2A, TERT

Amplified gene(s)

NONE

Deleted gene(s)

PTEN

Homozygously disrupted genes

NONE

Gene fusions

NONE

Hospital Patient ID

reportingId

Hospital Pathology ID

pathologyNumber

REPORT DATE

05-Oct-2023

NAME

Initials surname (M)

DATE OF BIRTH

01-Jan-1900

REQUESTED BY

studyPI

HOSPITAL

officialHospitalName

BIOPSY LOCATION

Skin

BIOPSY SUBLOCATION

Other/unknown

BIOPSY LATERALISATION

-

BIOPSY FROM PRIMARY TUMOR

yes

Pharmacogenetics


GENE	FUNCTION
DPYD	Normal Function
UGT1A1	Normal Function

HLA Alleles

GENE	GERMLINE ALLELE
HLA-A	A*01:01
HLA-B	B*40:02 B*08:01
HLA-C	C*07:01 C*03:04

Germline results

Data concerning cancer predisposition genes may be requested by a clinical geneticist after the patient has given informed consent.



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Genomic based therapy approaches

High level evidence

DRUG TYPE	TUMOR TYPE SPECIFIC	MATCH	LEVEL	RESPONSE	GENOMIC EVENT
BRAF inhibitor	Yes	Metastatic, Cutaneous	B	A	BRAF p.V600E
BRAF inhibitor MEK inhibitor (Parli) MEK inhibitor MEK2 inhibitor	Yes				
MEK inhibitor (Parli) MEK1 inhibitor MEK2 inhibitor	Yes				
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RAF inhibitor (Parli)	Yes				
AKT inhibitor (Parli)	No				
PI3KCB inhibitor	No				

Genomic events (1/2)

Tumor purity & ploidy

Tumor purity

99%

Average tumor ploidy

3.1

Tumor specific variants

GENE	POSITION	REF	ALT
BRAF	7:145453136	c.1796T>A	(p.L444P)
CDKN2A	9:21971193	c.246_247A>G	(p.R81S)
CDKN2A	9:21971193	c.202_204A>G	(p.R67S)
TERT	5:1296228	c.-125_-124delCGcTT	
PTEN	2:198267719	c.2153C>G	
TP53	3:16954330	c.1467G>A	

Tumor type specific clinical studies

TREAT
COLLARUS-AD
DRUP
EBIN (BORTO-1812-MS)
KIN-4701
NAC401

Prioritized eligibility for DRUP is dependent on tumor type

The Clinvar database is used to identify genomic events and tumor characteristics of which only the genomic ones are considered for prioritization.

The Clinical Knowledgebase (CKB) is used to prioritize events (see clinical trials) and/or over @only clinical response control indicates the evidence is predicted to be more likely about CKB can be found in here. (Clinical trials)

If the evidence matching is based on a mutation, but the with with no mutation.

If the evidence matching is based on an amplification, deletion and/or overexpression.

Tumor specific gains & losses

CHROMOSOME	REGION	GENE
10	(23-21)	PTEN

Tumor specific gene fusions

None

Tumor specific homozygous deletions

Complete loss of multiple genes

Tumor specific gene disruptions


LOCATION	GENE	DISRUPTION
10q23.31	PTEN	Deletion 5' to 3'

Therapy guidance for oncologist
- Standard of care and trials

Mutation details for molecular pathologist / MTB

Complex biomarkers

Pharmacogenetics
Germline mutations
HLA typing



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Genomic events (2/2)

Tumor specific viral insertions

None

Pharmacogenetics

GENE	GENOTYPE	FUNCTION	LINKED DRUGS	SOURCE
DPYD	*1_HOM	Normal Function	Sulfonamides/Cephalosporins/Tegaserod	PharmGKB
UGT1A1	*1_HOM	Normal Function	Irinotecan	PharmGKB

HLA Alleles

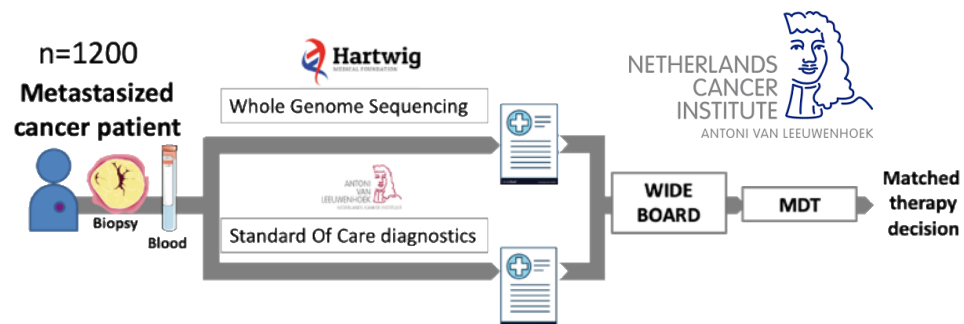
GENE	GERMLINE ALLELE	GERMLINE COPIES	TUMOR COPIES	NUMBER HETEROZYGOUS	INTERPRETATION
HLA-A	A*01:01	2	4	None	Yes
HLA-B	B*08:01	1	2	None	Yes
HLA-B	B*40:02	1	2	None	Yes
HLA-C	C*03:04	1	2	None	Yes
HLA-C	C*07:01	1	2	None	Yes

When phasing is unclear, the mutation will be counted in both alleles as 0.5. Copy number of detected mutations can be found in the tumor specific variants table.



Demonstrating clinical validity and utility

Clinical Implementation Study



- feasibility: TAT of 9 days, success rate 70%
- validity: >99.6% concordance SOC
- utility: additional findings in 60%

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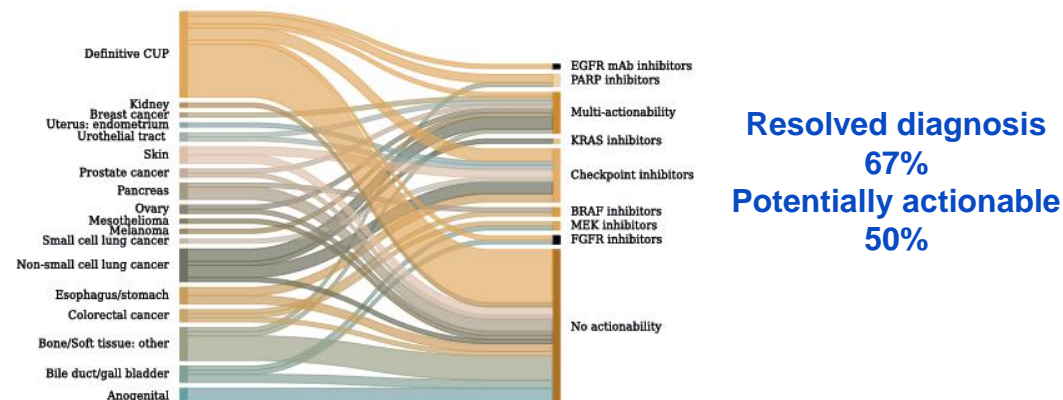
ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Feasibility of whole-genome sequencing-based tumor diagnostics in routine pathology practice

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Cancer of Unknown Primary

- algorithm development (database)
- proof-of-concept clinical value



ESMO GOOD SCIENCE BETTER MEDICINE BEST PRACTICE

ESMO OPEN SCIENCE FOR OPTIMAL CANCER CARE

ORIGINAL RESEARCH


Complete genomic characterization in patients with cancer of unknown primary origin in routine diagnostics

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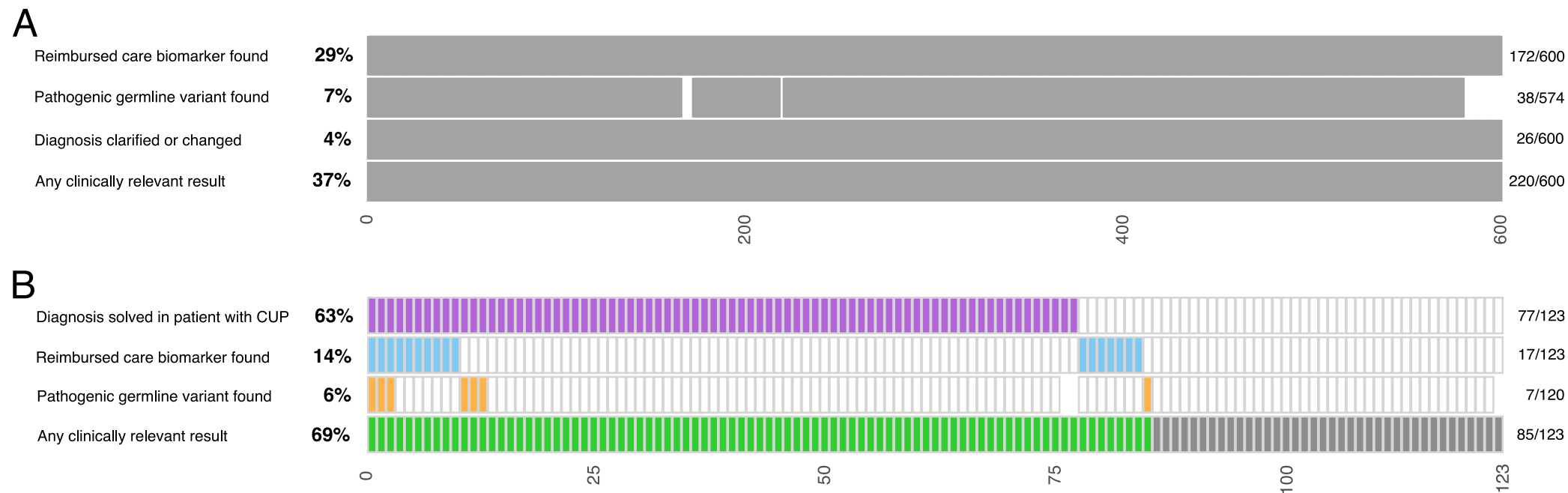
Missie Tumor onbekend

2021: Use of WGS for routine diagnostics in NKI-AvL 2021: CUP is first reimbursement indication for WGS



Real-world evidence (n = 888) confirms study results

Routine use in a comprehensive cancer center (NKI-AvL 2021-2023)
Solid tumors, mostly metastatic
Success rate 89%; turnaround time average 6 days

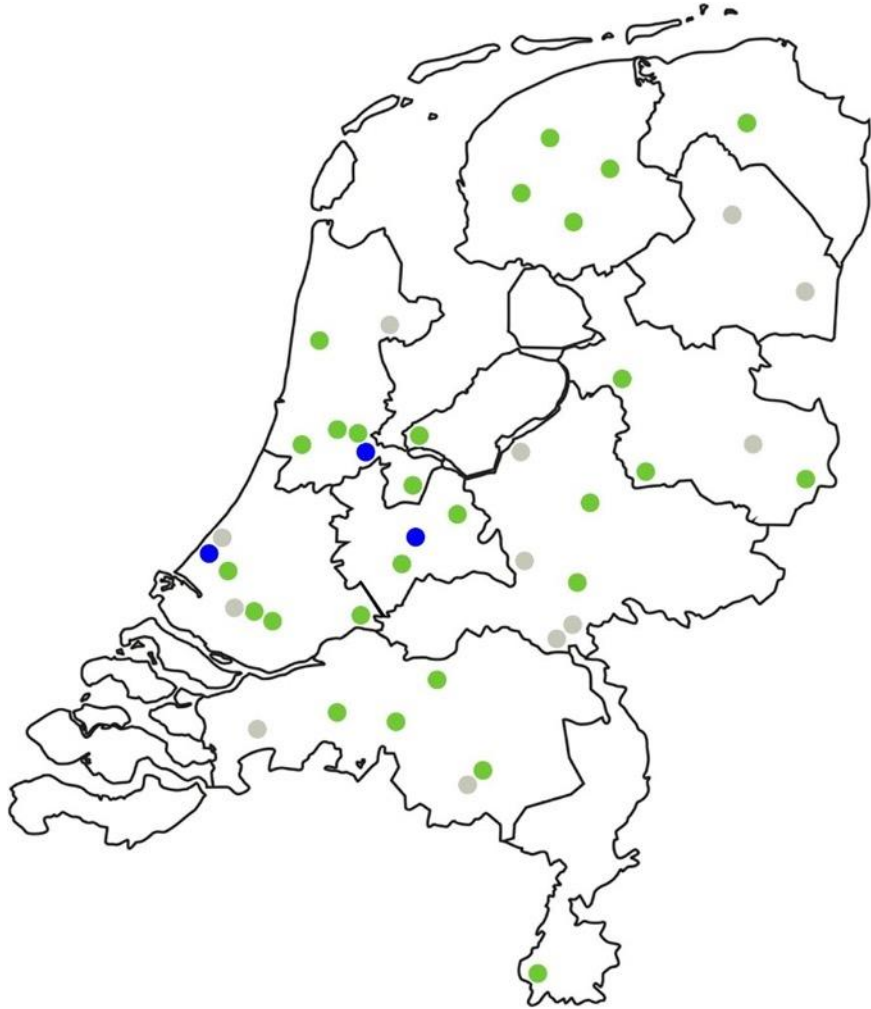


Clinical consequences of WGS-based diagnostics in 42% of patients
plus identification of experimental therapy options in >50% of patients (mostly drug-repurposing)

Jeffrey van Putten, Kim Monkhurst; unpublished data



Diagnostic use of WGS for oncology in the Netherlands

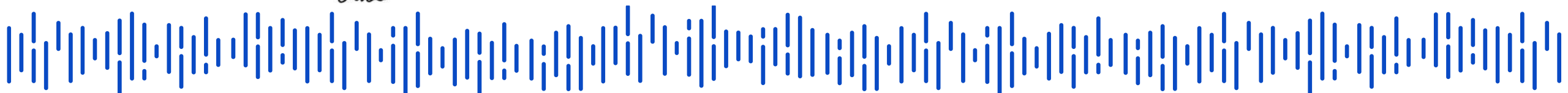


- Service level agreements for WGS-based diagnostics with **~30 out of 71 hospitals** in The Netherlands
- Databasing agreement including **patient consent** (opt-in) with most
- Enabling **WGS-based diagnostics** for:
 - **Routine** all patients (comprehensive cancer center NKI-AvL)
 - Cancer of Unknown Primary in **guidelines** and reimbursed)
 - **Last resort**: Phase 1 unit (EMC)
 - **Projects**: GENAYA, OPTIC (CRC), GLOW (GBM) (all hospitals)

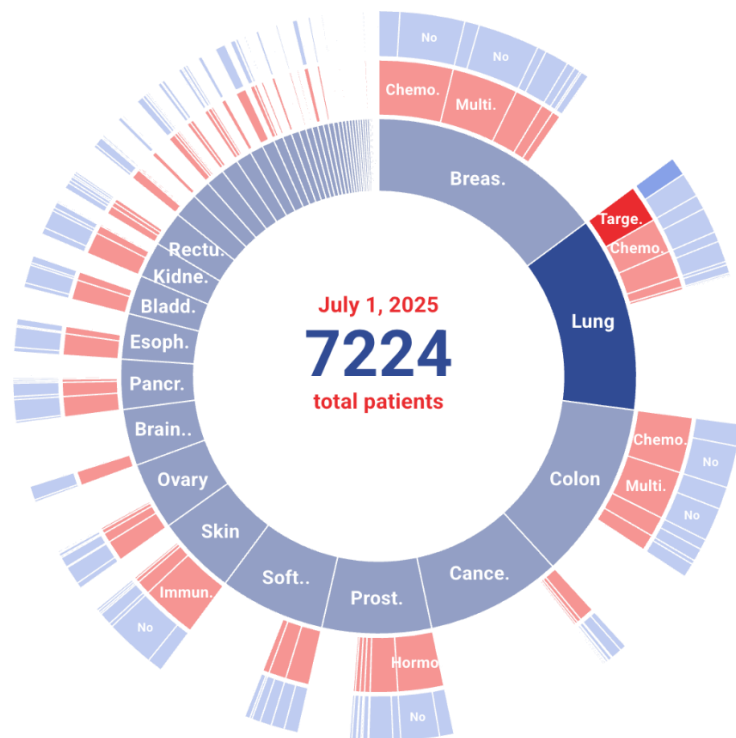
~1,100 patients per year (steadily growing)


June 24, 2025: Dutch health care authorities (ZIN) approved WGS reimbursement for all patients that are in sufficient conditions to undergo treatment

⇒ driven by pan-cancer treatments like NTRK inhibitors



Data reuse is enabled through Hartwig database



Developed with support from 

► **885 patients**

Lung
Primary Tumor Location

► **139 patients**

Targeted therapy
Treatment Type

► **60 patients**

Yes
RNASeq Available

 Request Access

 Export Data

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Includes clinical metadata: patient, tumor, treatment

~60% with matching RNA-seq

Access controlled

- Free
- Use for 'common good'
- Raw and analysed data
- Google cloud

Catalog



Request data



<https://catalog.hartwigmedicalfoundation.nl>

<https://www.hartwigmedicalfoundation.nl/en/data/data-access-request/>



Available under CC-BY

- education
- statistical data mining



>80 cancer types

<https://www.hartwigmedicalfoundation.nl/en/data/vignettes/>

Robust GDPR-proof procedure for international data sharing

Data Access Procedure ensures that the 'Licensed Data' is only shared when:

- Countries guarantee strong **data protection**
- **Academic institutes** only (non-profit)
- Researchers with proven **track record**
- **Data minimization perspective**

All 'anonymized' data (raw and analyzed) is made available through GCP **cloud** (institutional authentication).

Downloads are possible; user is **contractually** bound for having the right **security** measures in place and is legally **liable** for misuse and data leaks (requires additional paperwork for non-EU countries)

Phase 1: Internal scientific and legal assessment



Phase 2: (external) scientific assessment



Phase 3: Data Access Board



Phase 4: Final decision



Phase 5: License agreement



Phase 6: Sharing the data

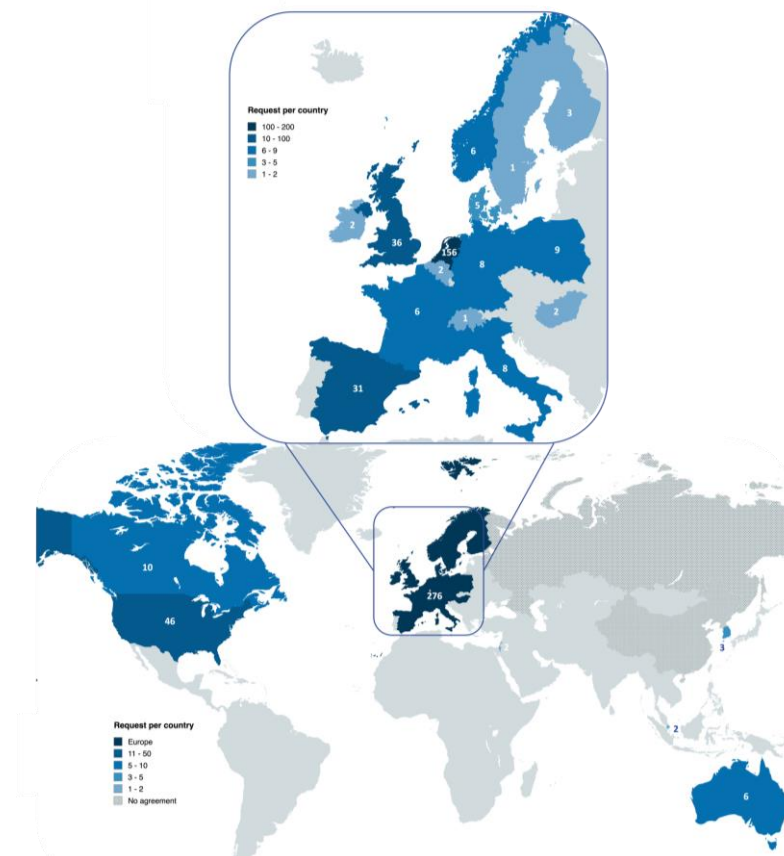
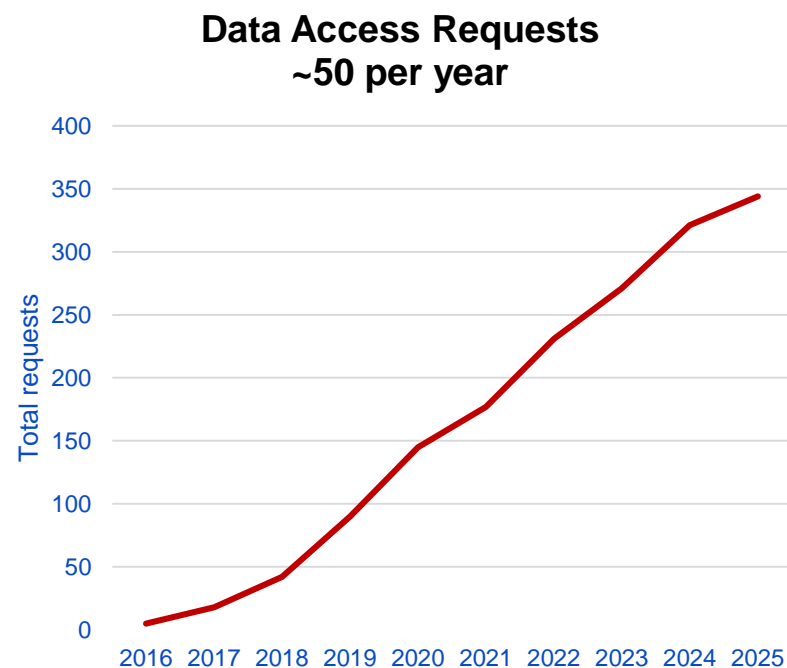




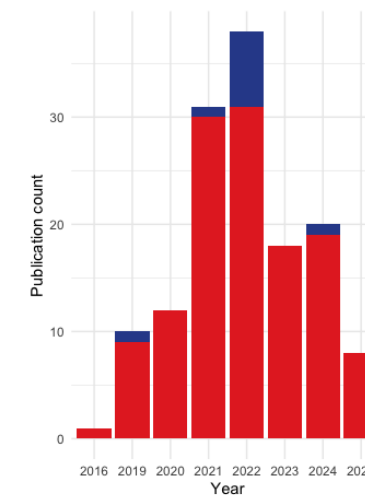
Global data requests & impactful publications

Global use

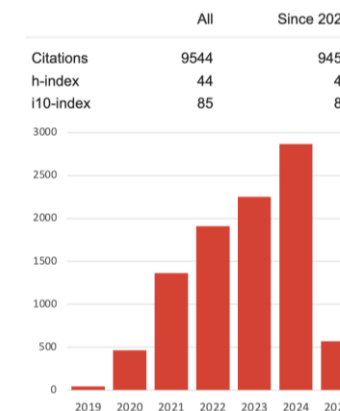
DPIA for non-EU countries required



Publications



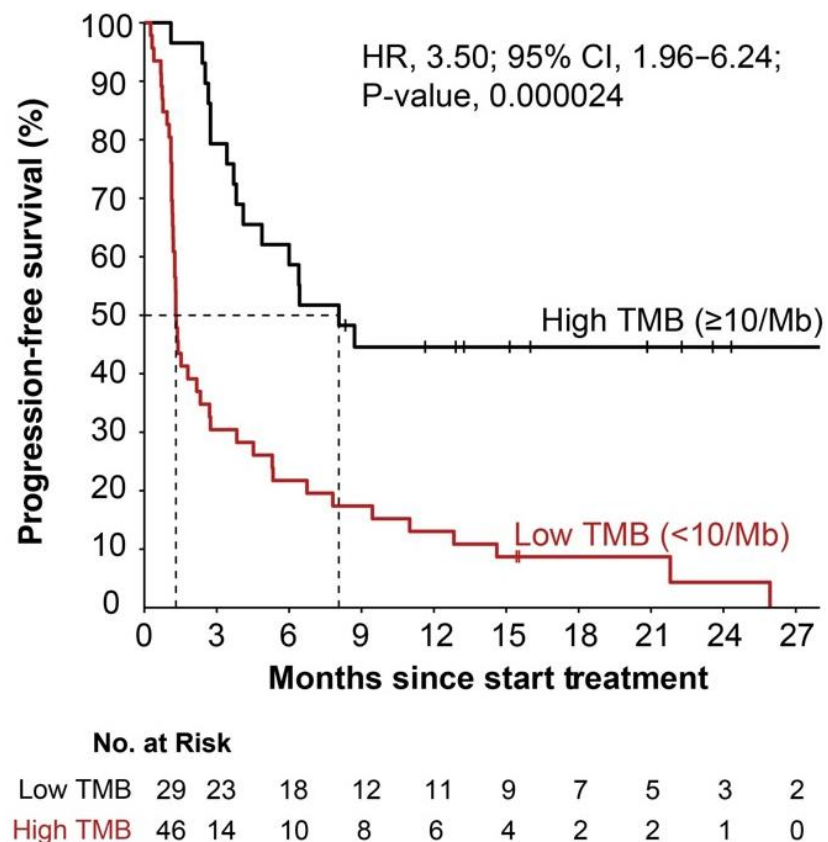
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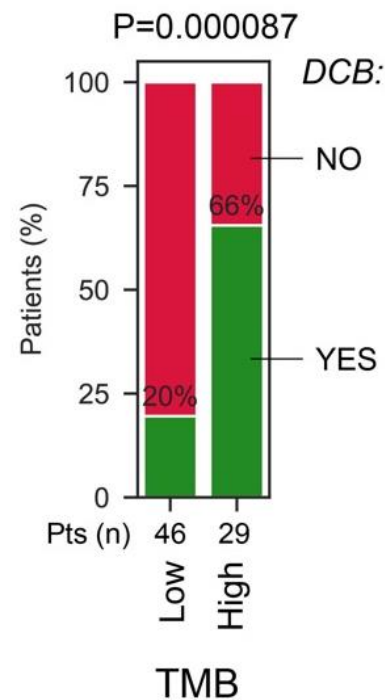
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Learning care system in action: (non) response biomarkers



Clinical utility?

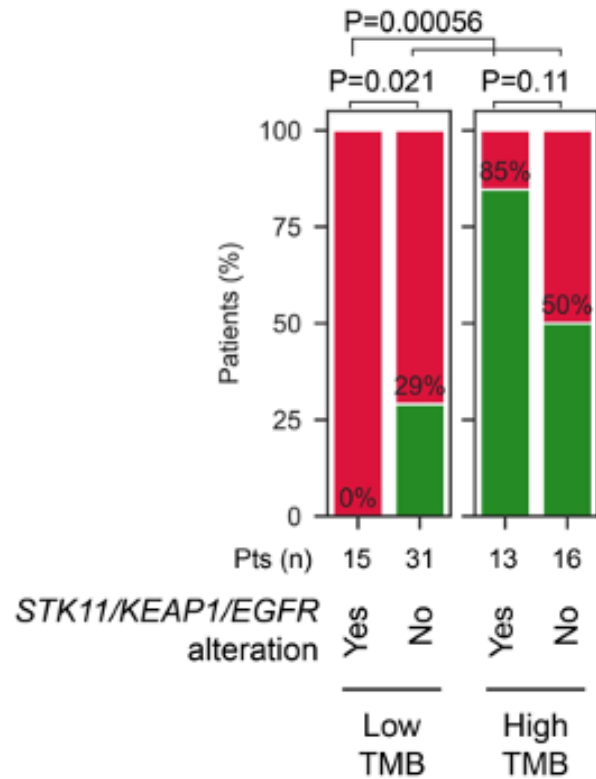


Combining genomic biomarkers to guide immunotherapy in non-small cell lung cancer
Van de Haar, Mankor, Clinical Cancer Research

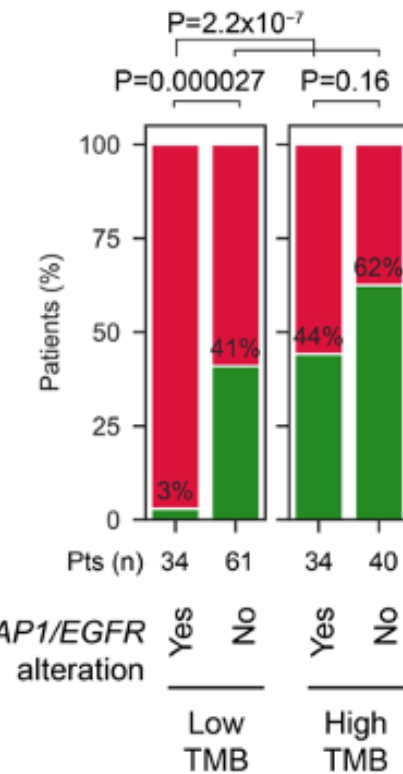


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Refinement



Confirmation



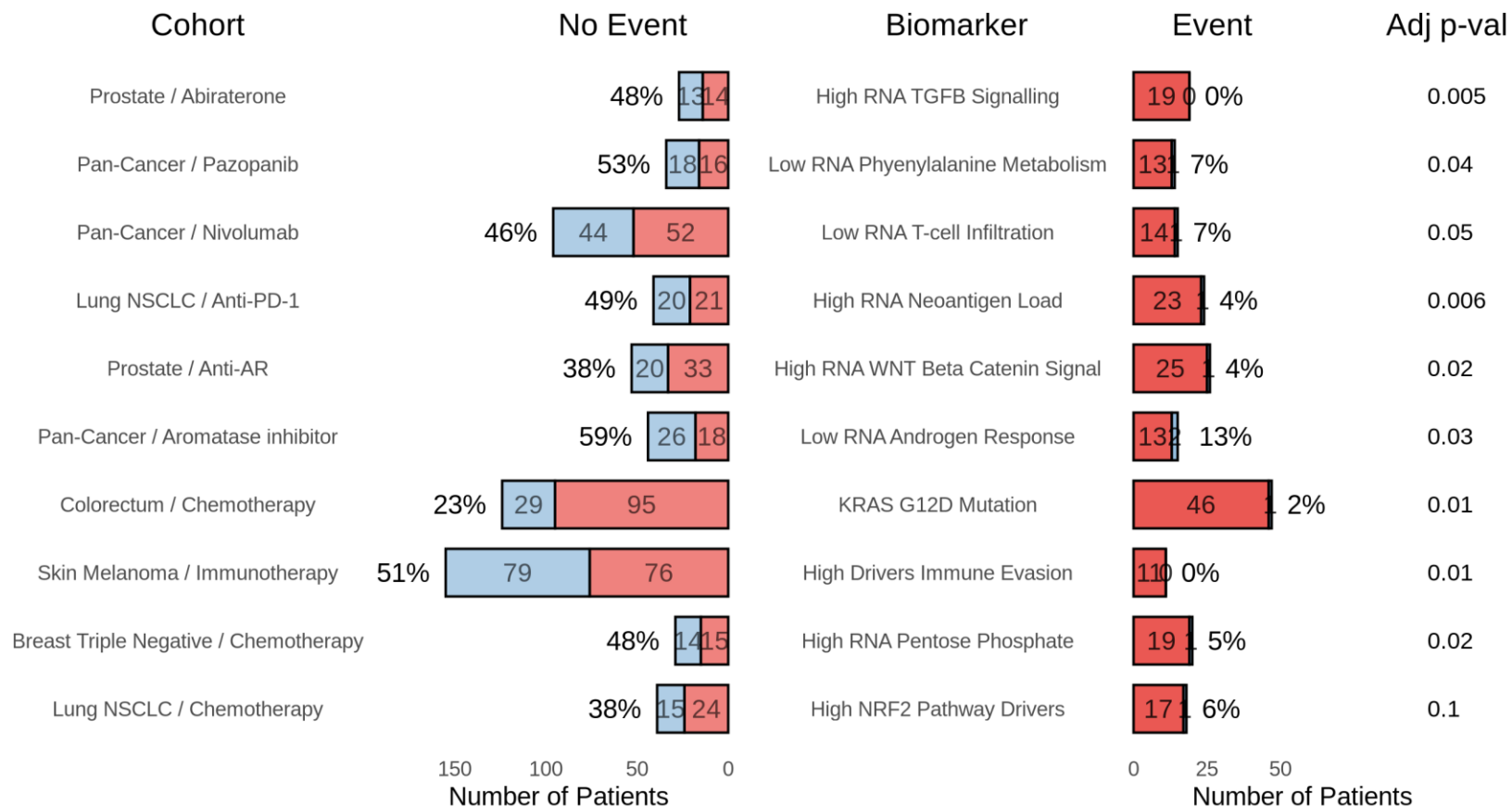
Costs societal impact

- 20%, treatment could potentially be omitted*
- Treatment cost savings ~€ >1.5 M
- Screening all patients by WGS € <0.5 M
- **Net saving of € 1 M**

**Prospective study required*



Can we do this systematically?



**Interesting leads (many derived from RNA data) that make sense from a biological perspective
But statistically underpowered when applying multi-testing correction!**

Joseph Usset, Francisco Martinez-Jimenez; unpublished data



What will the future look like?



1) From fat genomics data to real big data

- Expand WGS data resources by orders of magnitude



Image source: <https://www.independentforlonger.com/economic-development-basics/global-partnerships/>

International collaboration is key!!

- connecting similar resources world-wide
- global network based on coalition of the willing
- uniformly analyzed genomics data
- standardized clinical data
- trusted authentication and federated access mechanisms

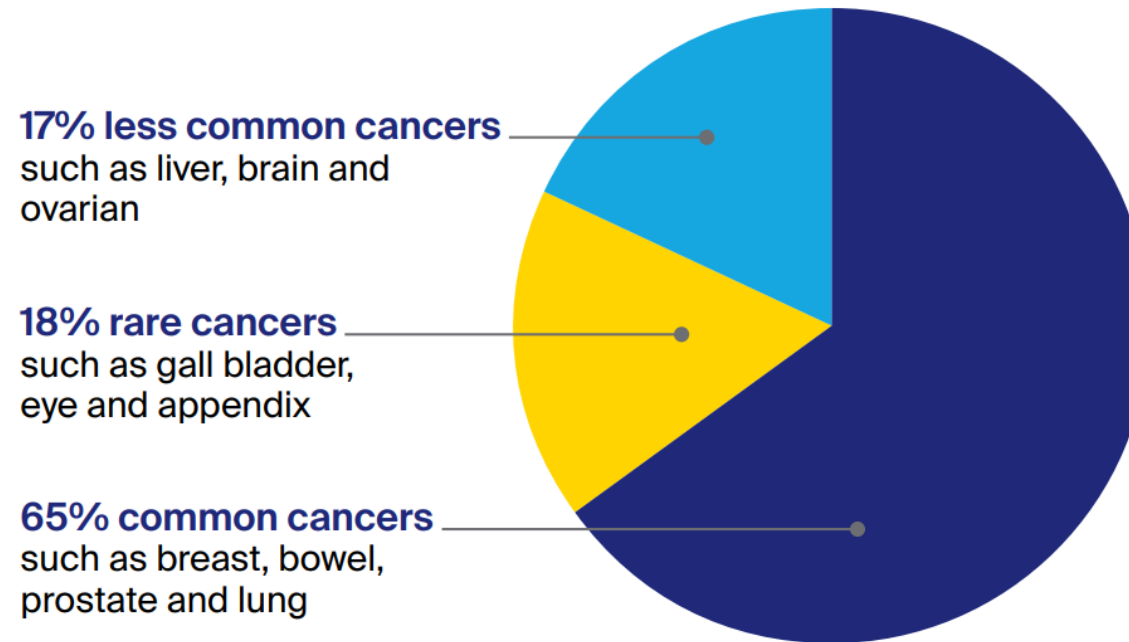
Ongoing exploratory collaboration projects

- Genomics England (cross-validation)
- DKFZ/NCT Germany (rare cancers)
- UMCCR, Melbourne Australia
- 2025 France Genomic Medicine Plan (CUP)



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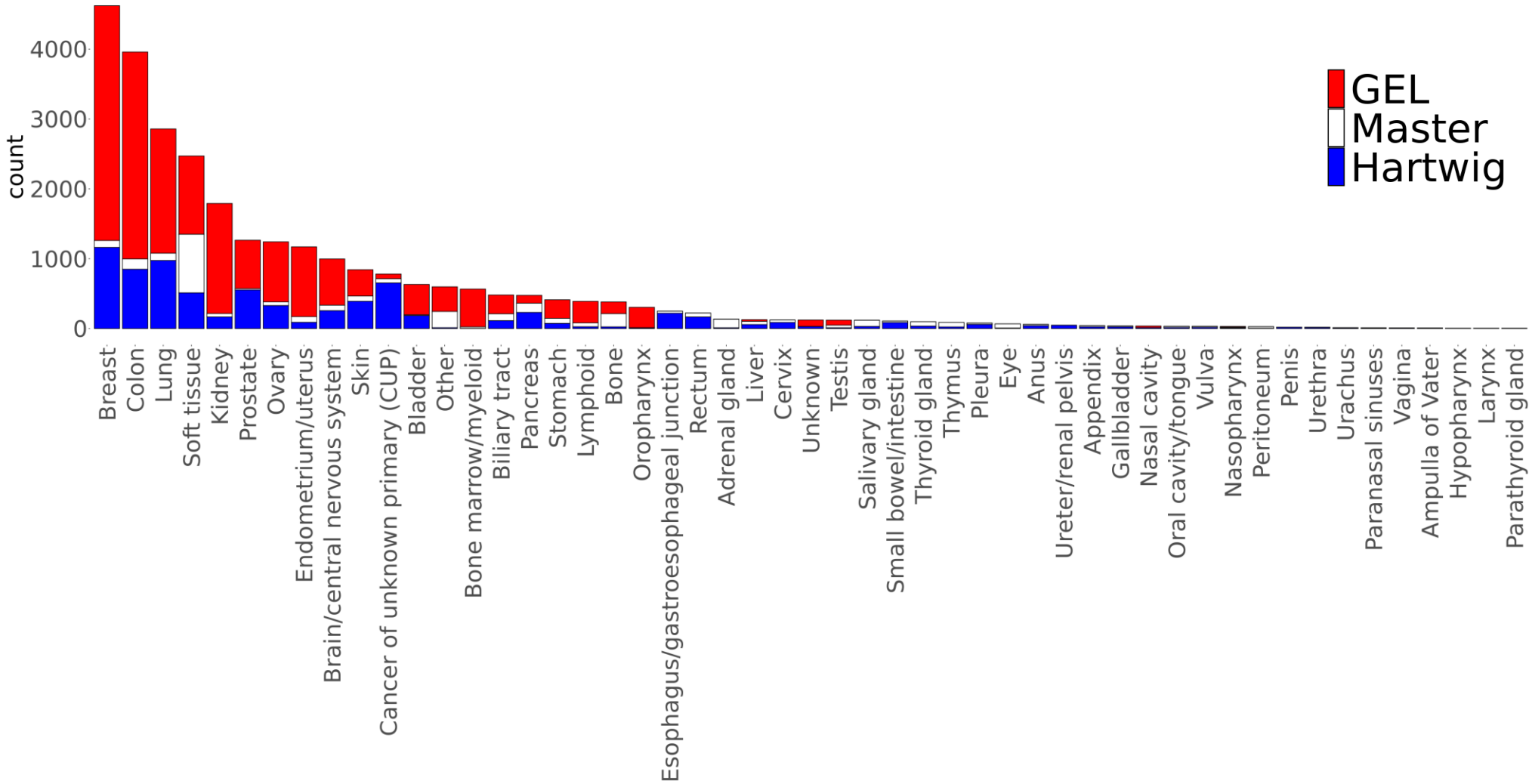


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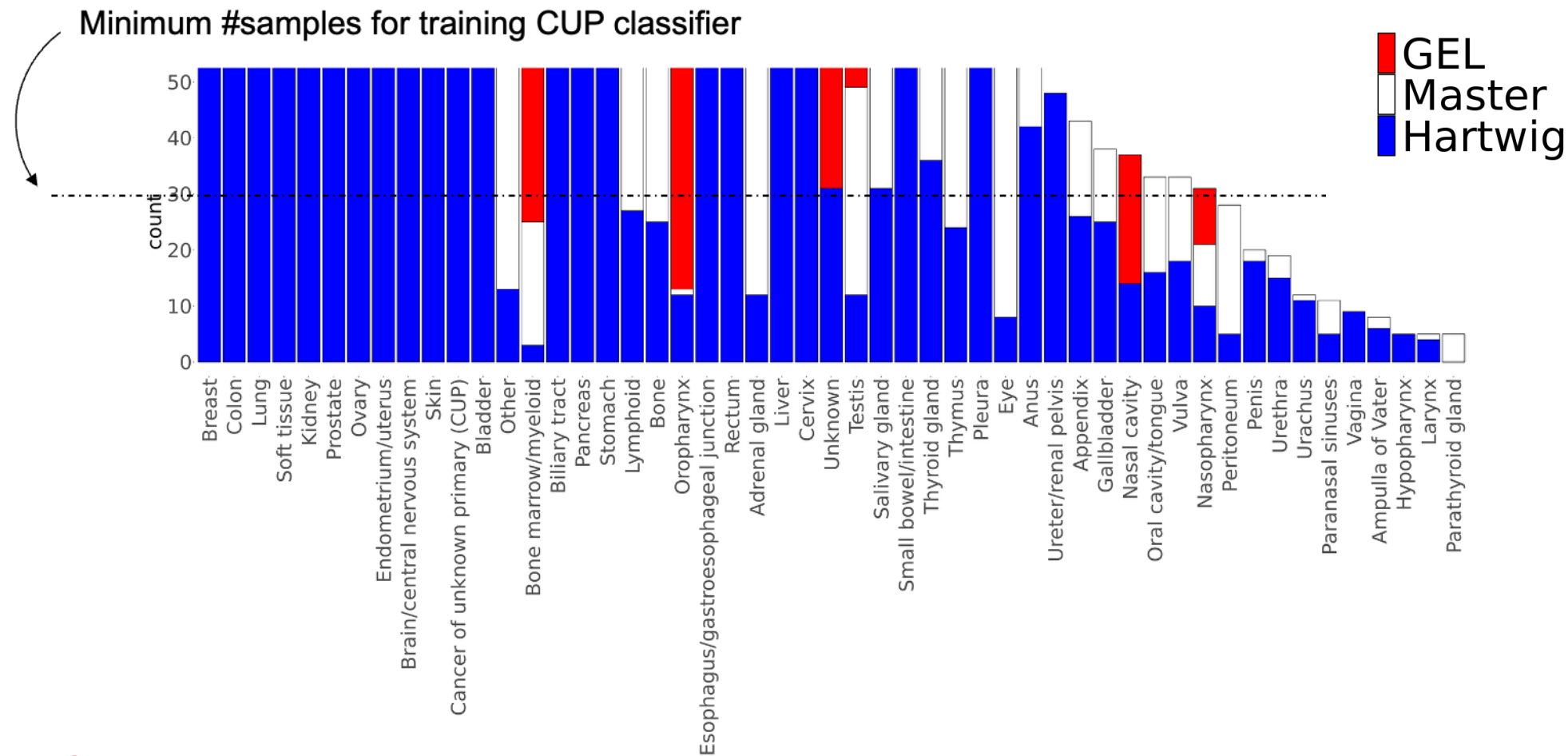


Combined patient counts for Hartwig, GEL and NCT Master





Merging resources today already boosts abilities

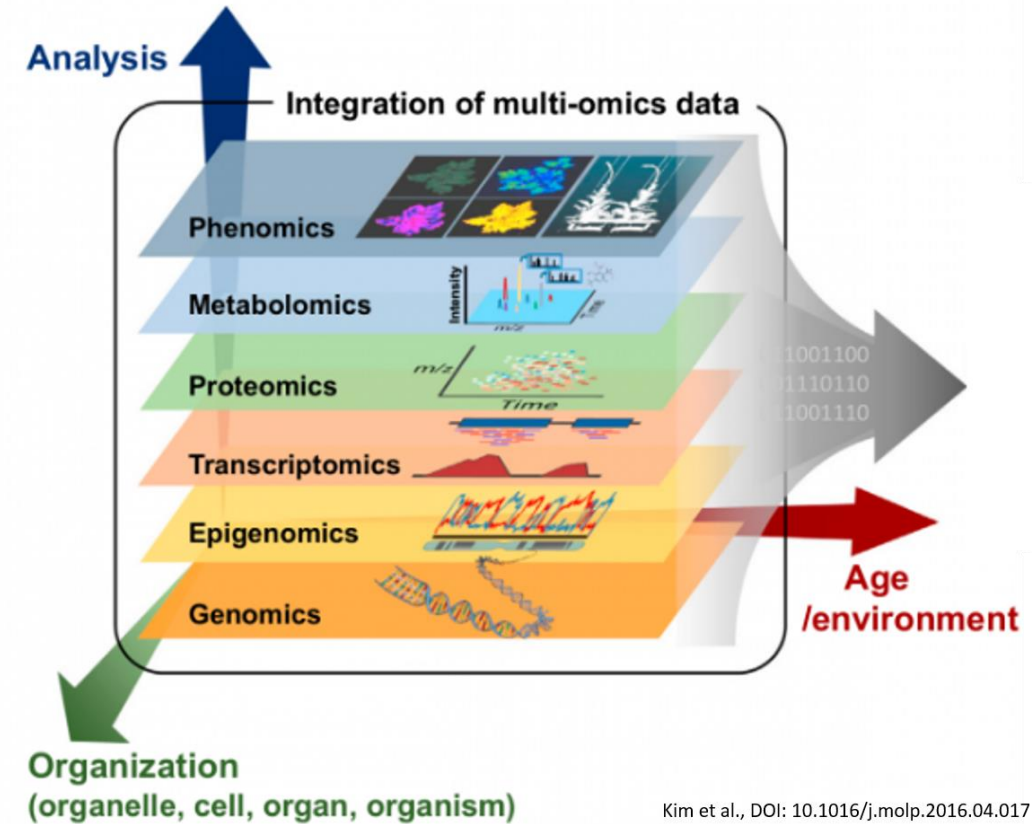


Combining resources enables Tissue of Origin classification for 50% more tumor types



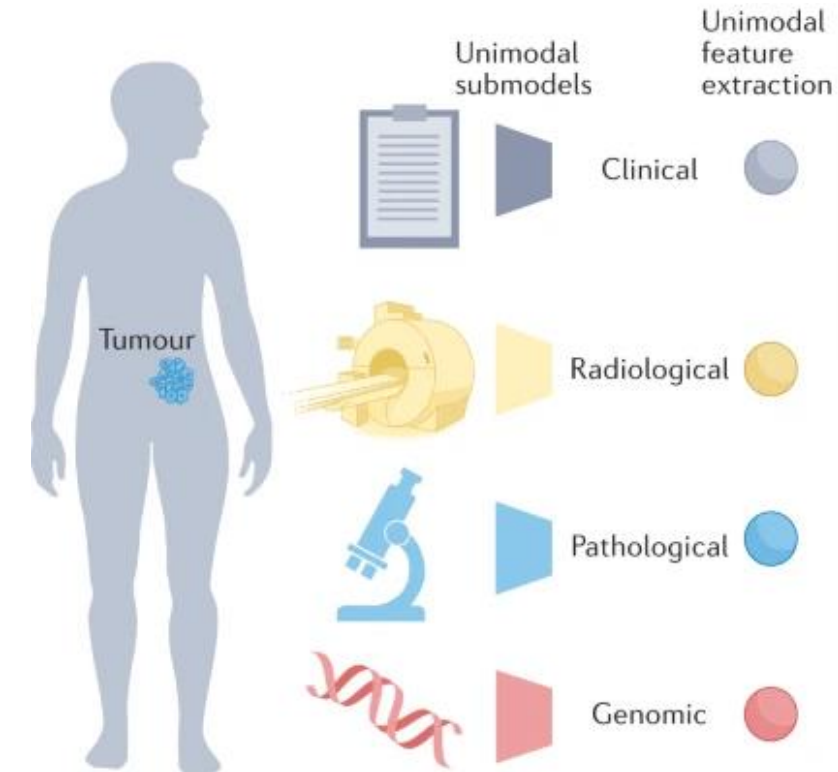
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- Integrate multimodal data sources
 - imaging, histopathology, etc (EHDS)
 - model systems, (patient-derived) cell lines, organoids



Source: *Nature Reviews Cancer* volume 22, pages 114–126 (2022)

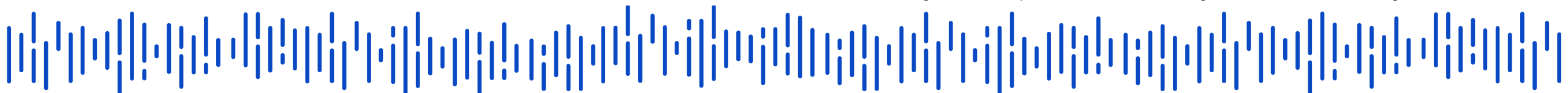


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- Capitalize on AI developments to discover relevant patterns and biomarkers

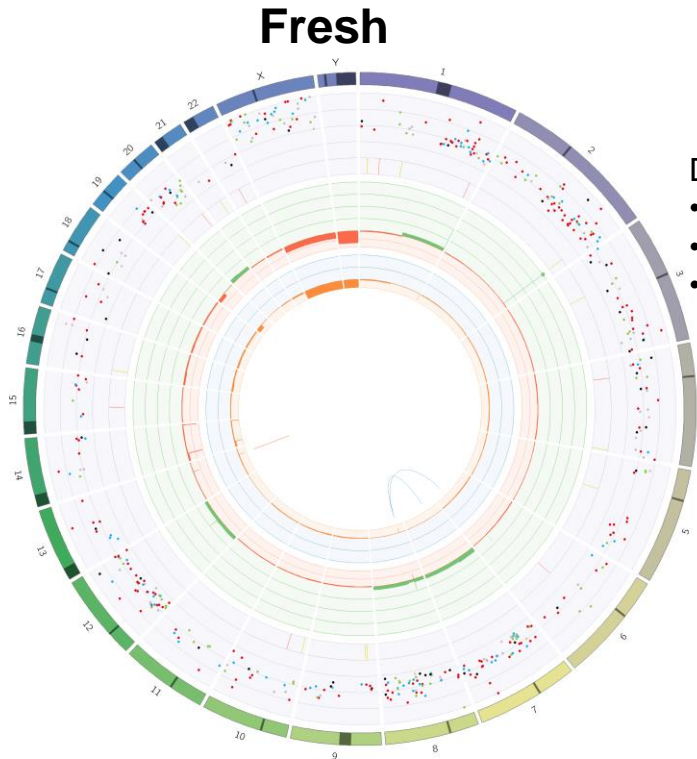


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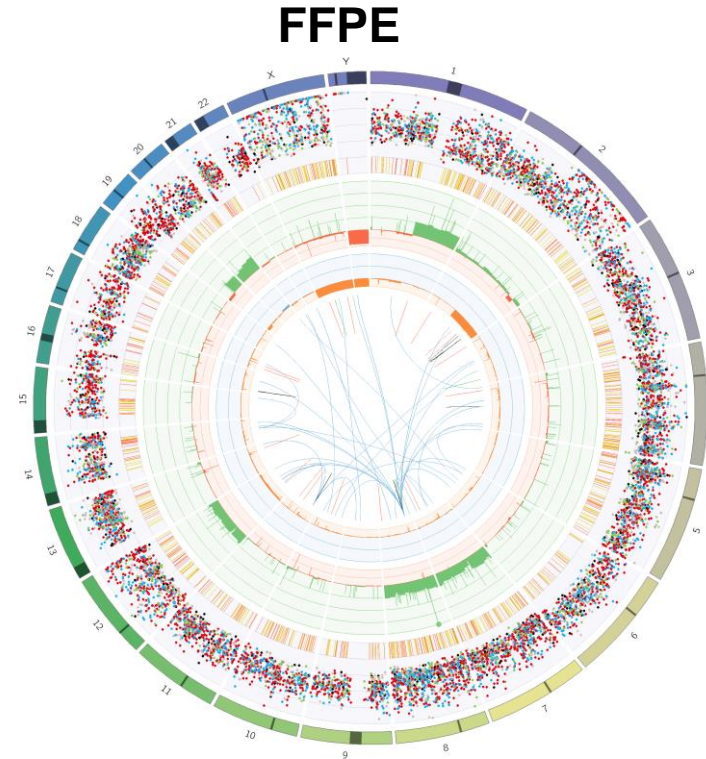


Why aren't we massively implementing cancer WGS?

1) high quality WGS for care AND research requires high quality tissue input



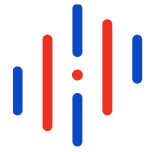
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 - PIK3CA N345K
 - TCF7L2 R420Q



- Drivers:
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 - TP53 G266E
 - TCF7L2 P353L
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 - SOX9 V306fs
 - ARID1A P1436fs
 - JAK2 N1109Y
 - MED12 Y283F
 - TNFAIP3 C478Y
 - FLT1 R281*

DNA sequencing and FFPE are not friends!





Technically easy to mitigate, but culturally very challenging

- **Radiology:** collect 4 biopsies: almost always possible
- Biopsy evaluation in **central sectioning room:**
 - **Diagnostic request:** best biopsy for FFPE; rest for FF (or RNAlater)
 - **Molecular request:** all biopsies for FF (or RNAlater)
- **PrestoChill:** rapid freezing followed by sectioning, microscopic evaluation, and macrodissection of tumor-containing part of biopsy for DNA/RNA isolation

Transformation to non-FFPE (FF or RNA-later) also needed for maximizing potential of other emerging technologies, like single cell, proteomics, functional screens, organoids



nature protocols

<https://doi.org/10.1038/s41596-023-00933-5>

Protocol

Check for updates

Optimized whole-genome sequencing workflow for tumor diagnostics in routine pathology practice

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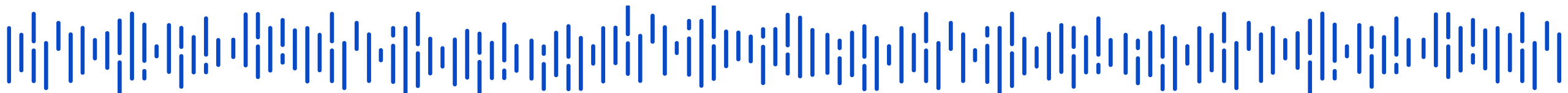
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non-FFPE (FF or RNA-later)

2) panel NGS is cheaper than WGS

WGS: 2,000 – 3,000 Euro/Dollar

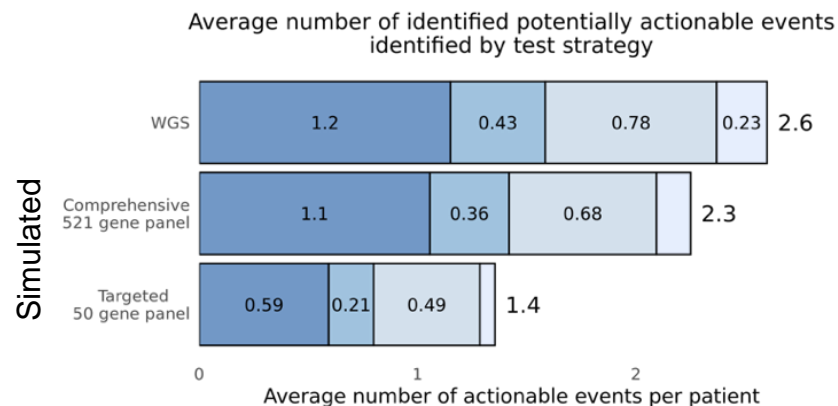
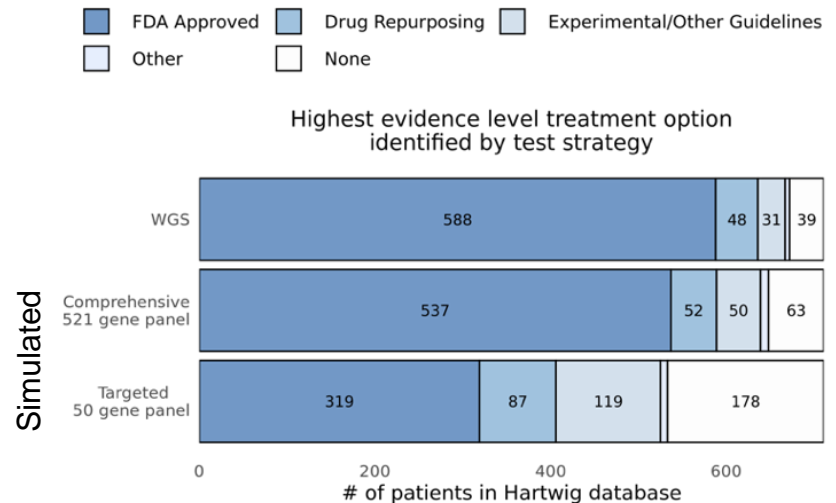
Large panel like TSO500: 750 – 1,000 Euro/Dollar



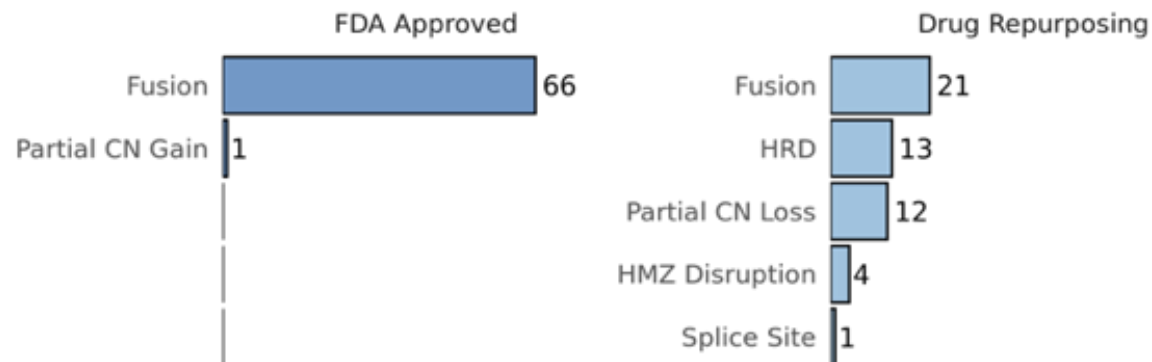


But is this really true?

Non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC; n=711 patients)



Top missed events by Comprehensive Panel vs WGS



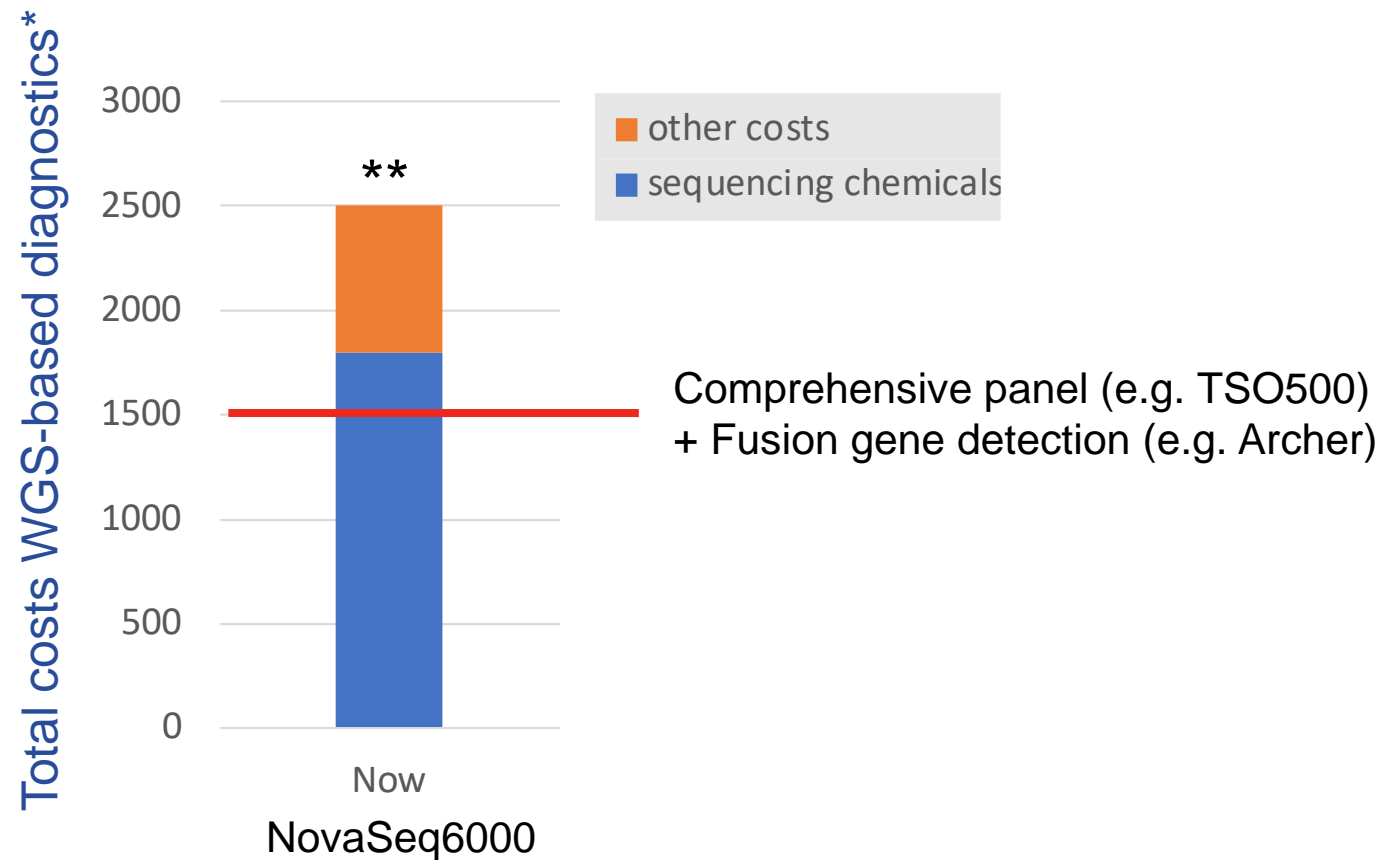
Fusion gene detection requires an additional assay on top of standard comprehensive panel

So does Homologous Recombination Deficiency (HRD) detection

~10% of relevant actionable events are missed



Sequencing: reagents main determinant of test costs



* based on 4 genome equivalents (tumor-normal pairs, 90x vs 30x)

** update numbers for 2022, calculated as described in Pasmans et al., *Expert Rev Pharmacoecon Outcomes Res* (2021) Jun;21(3):413-414.



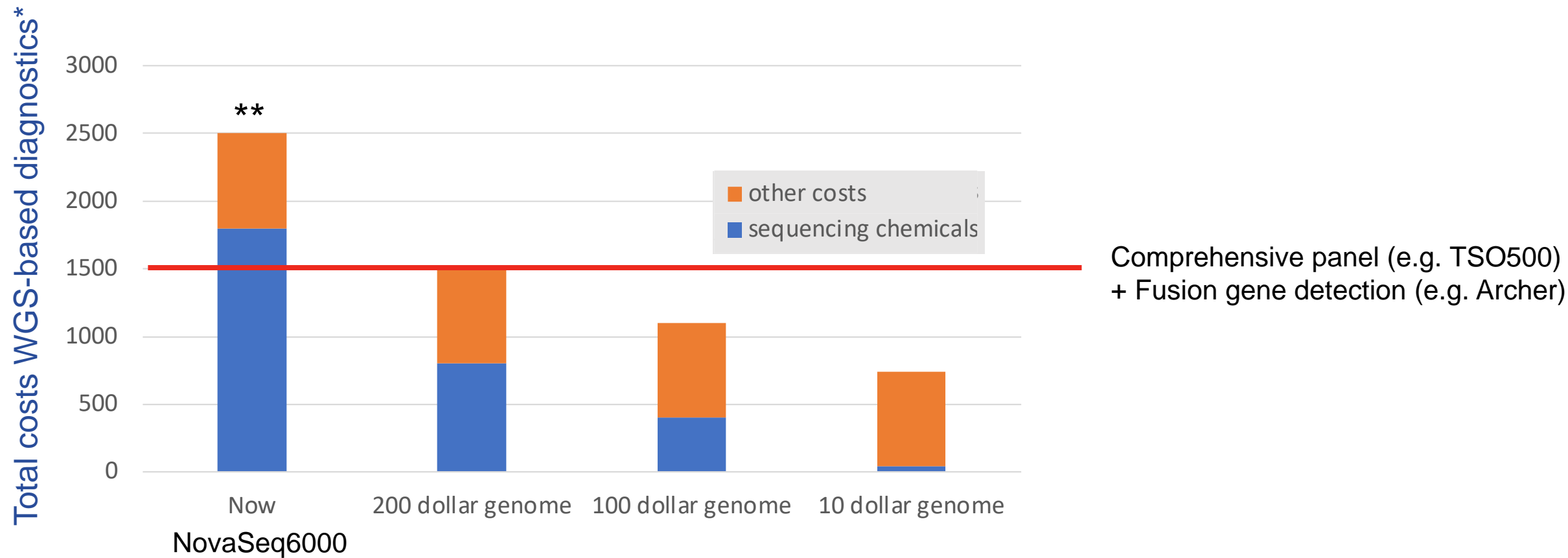
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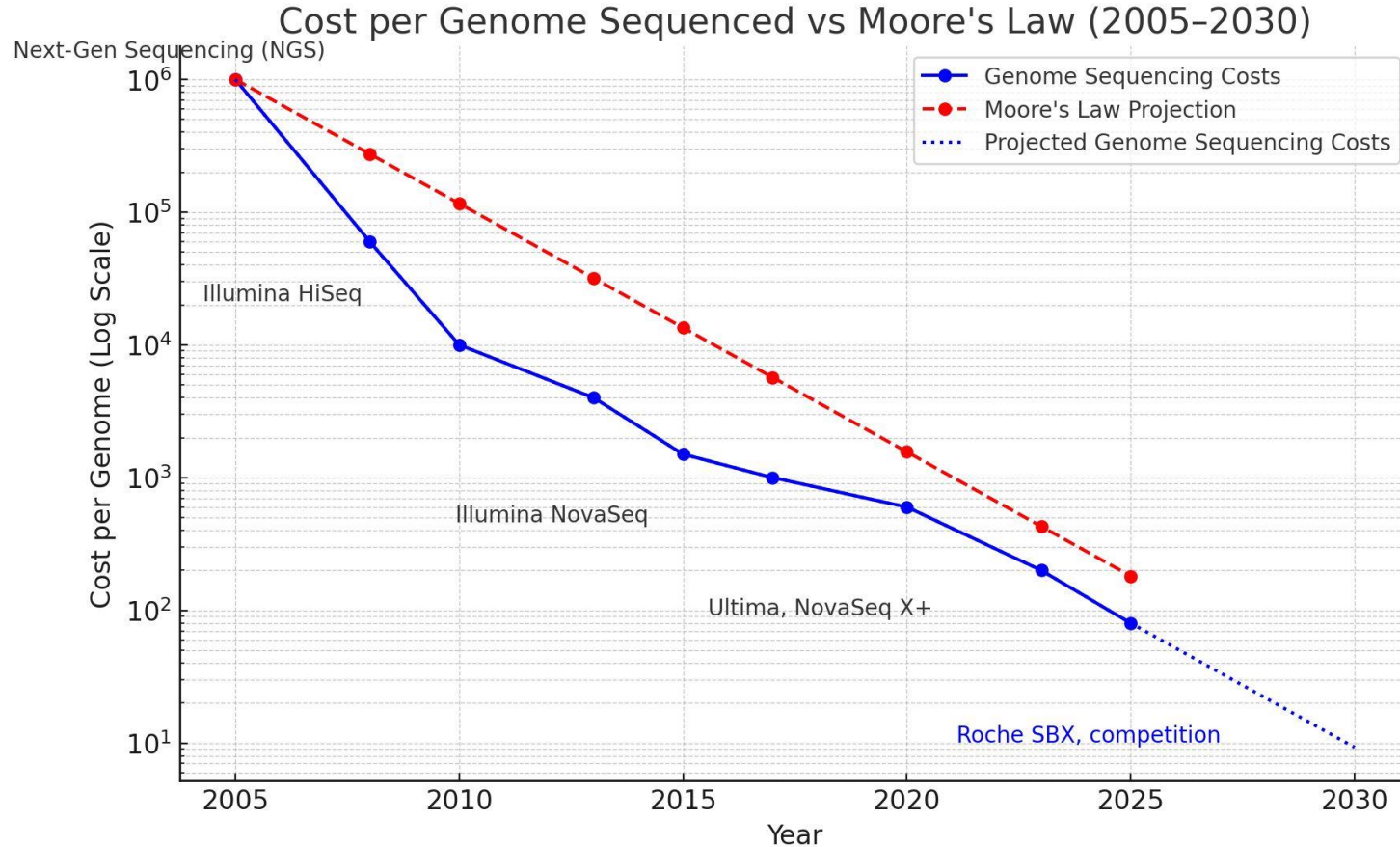
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2) Technological innovations: Cheaper and faster short-read WGS



Sources: NIH Genome Sequencing Program, Illumina press releases, Ultima Genomics announcements, Roche investor presentations



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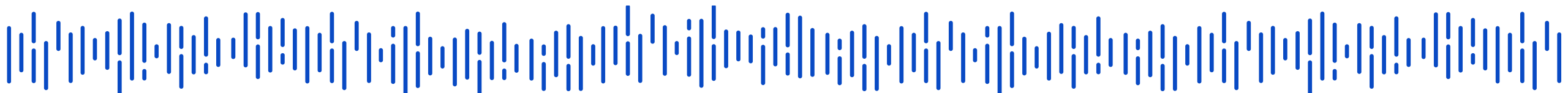
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Illumina NovaSeq6000/X+
Next generation SBS
Reagent cost reduction ~50%

\$250 genome on 25B chip

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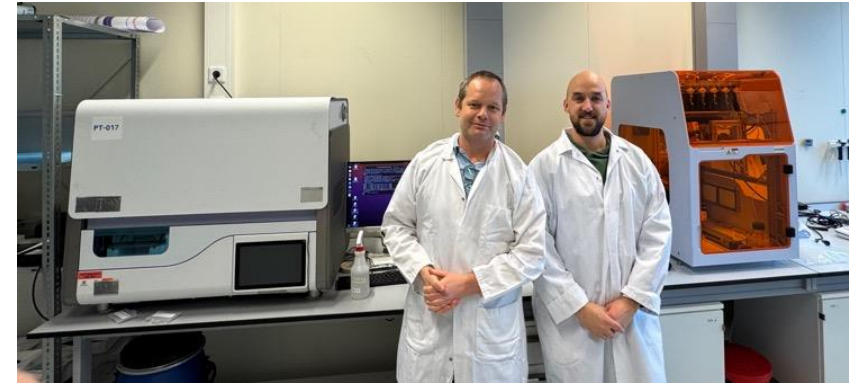


Ultima Genomics UG100
Flow-based sequencing on wafers
Installed at Hartwig early 2024

\$80-100 genome

Highly sensitive ctDNA detection using ppmSeq

Roche



Roche Axelos (prototype)
Nanopore sequencing by expansion (SBX)
Alpha testing at Hartwig early 2025
Commercial launch summer 2026

\$??

4 hour run time

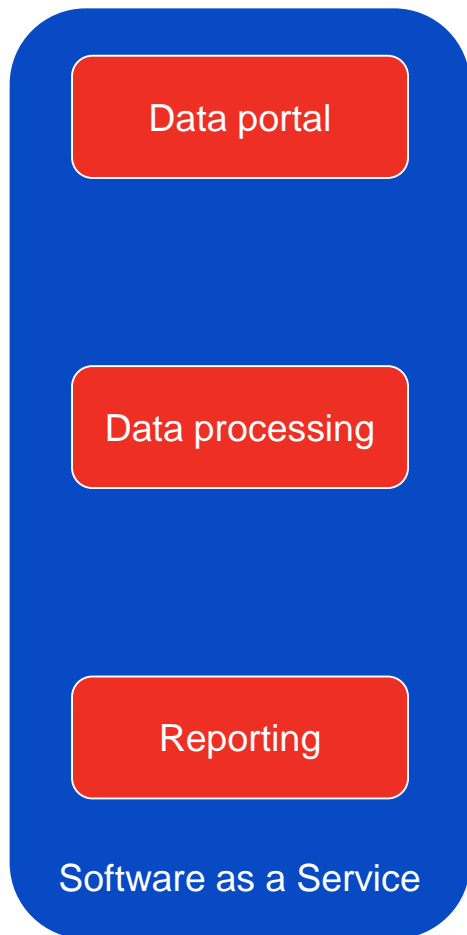
- **Hartwig WiGiTS data analysis tools are being made compatible for all three platforms**
- **Preliminary conclusions: all platforms are suited for WGS-based cancer diagnostics**





3) Software as a Service for data analysis, annotation and interpretation

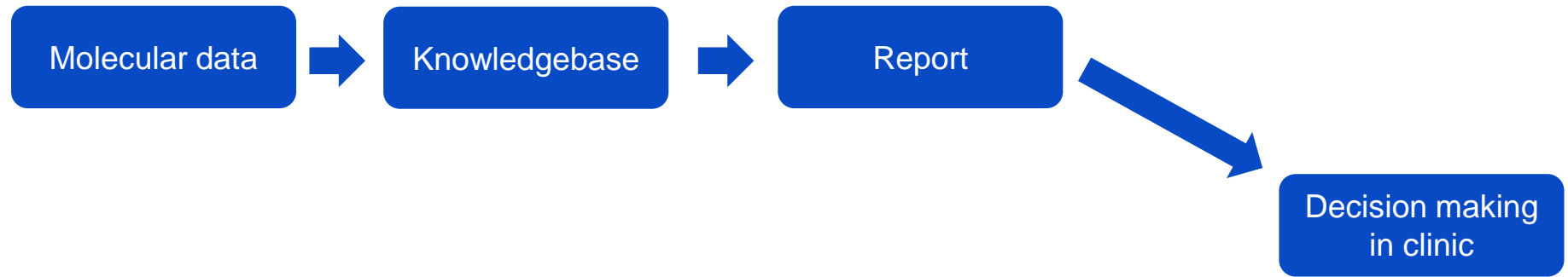
Hospitals often lack IT infrastructure and expertise to handle, analyse and interpret WGS data



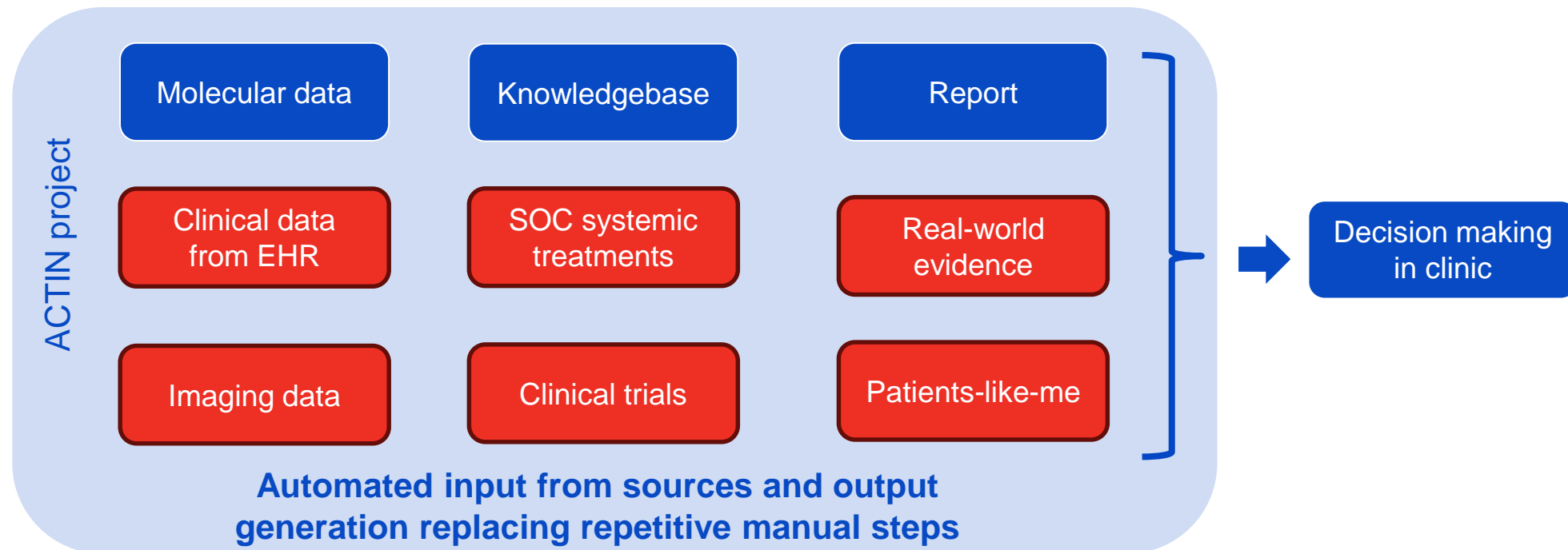
- Authenticated login (hospital-controlled)
- Upload data from sequencer
- Sample overview
- Interactive reports
- Download data
- Powered by **Hartwig WiGiTS**
- Sequencing platform agnostic
- Tumor/normal WGS, Tumor-only WGS, panel
- **CE-IVD** approved OncoAct
- Empowered by **Hartwig database**



4) Improving data-driven cancer decision support systems



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**Beyond
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Hartwig OncoActin (under development)

Standard of care options considered potentially eligible

Treatment	Literature efficacy evidence	Real-world efficacy evidence	Warnings
FOLFOXIRI-B	TRIBE2		
	PFS: 12.0 months (95% CI: 11.1-12.9)	PFS: 8.8 months, IQR: 5.4	
	OS: 27.4 months (95% CI: 23.7-30.0)	OS: 17.6 months, IQR: 21.3	
PEMBROLIZUMAB	KEYNOTE-177		MSI status undetermined
	PFS: 16.5 months (95% CI: 5.2-32.4)	PFS: 8.3 months, IQR: 13.2	
	OS: NA	OS: NaN months	
FOLFOX-B	TRIBE2		
	PFS: 9.8 months (95% CI: 9.0-10.5)	PFS: 7.2 months, IQR: 6.4	
	OS: 22.5 months (95% CI: 20.7-24.8)	OS: 13.8 months, IQR: 16.5	

Expected outcomes

- Clinical Trial
- Real World Data
- Patients-like-me

Better trial matching

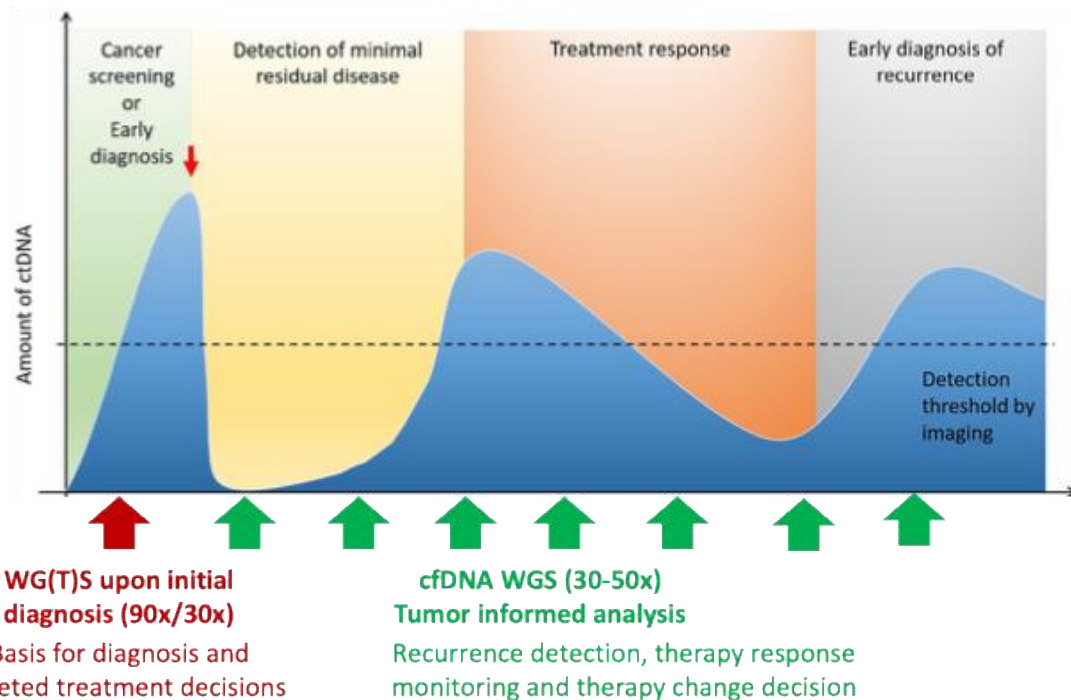
- Inclusion/Exclusion criteria
- Automated data collection from EHR
- Local and (inter)national
- Better context

Erasmus MC trials that are open and potentially eligible (2 cohorts from 2 trials)

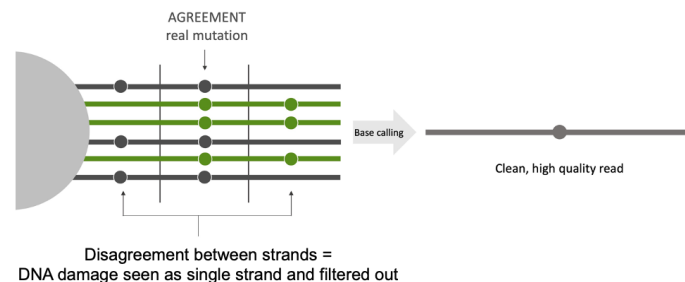
Trial	Cohort	Molecular	Warnings
MEC 16-758 DRUP (Phase 2)	Talazoparib	ATM c.5762G>A splice	Inactivation event(s) ATM c.5762G>A splice for ATM but event(s) are not biallelic
MEC 23-0391 SAR445877 (Phase 1/2)	Part 2 Dose expansion Cohort D: Infiltrated "hot" tumors		No head and neck cancer, kidney cancer, liver cancer, lung non-small cell carcinoma, melanoma or urinary bladder cancer

5) Improving therapy and disease progression monitoring

Tumor-informed (WGS) ctDNA monitoring



Paired-plus minus sequencing (ppmSeq™) on **Ultima UG100**



- Very low raw read error rate phred 50-60
- average 7x coverage per 1ng input
- > 30x WGS coverage with 1 blood tube
- **1-size-fits-all test**
 - WGS diagnostics required
 - Presence of sufficient somatic mutations
- **Ultrasensitive** detection limit of 0.001-0.01%

Image source: *Journal of Human Genetics* volume 66, 909–926 (2021)



- WGS-based diagnostics already routine care

- 10 metastatic NSCLC patients
- 192 plasma samples



- $\geq 30\times$ coverage on Ultima UG100
- Data analysis using WISP tool (part of Hartwig WiGiTS)

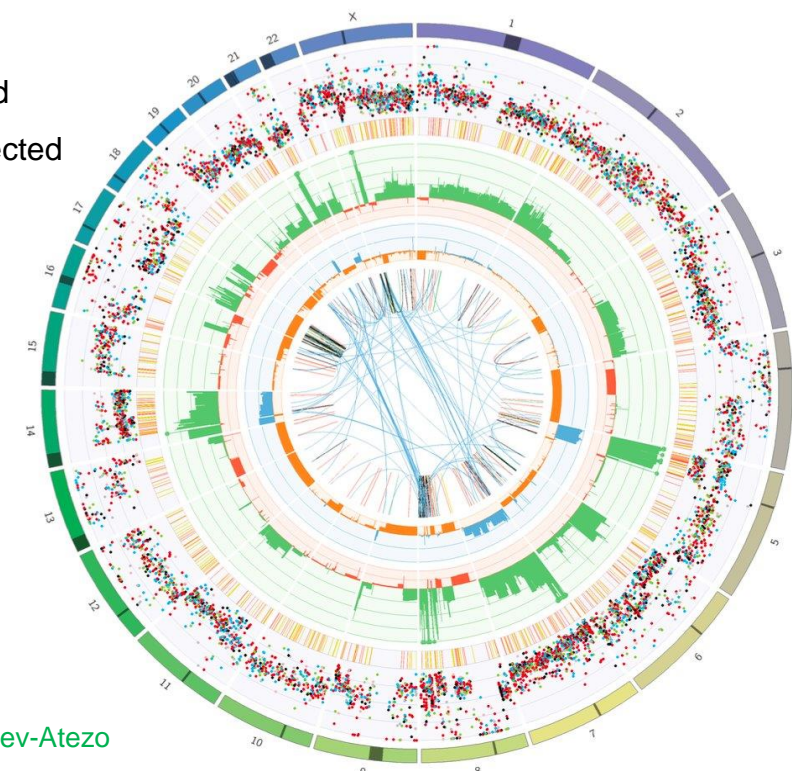
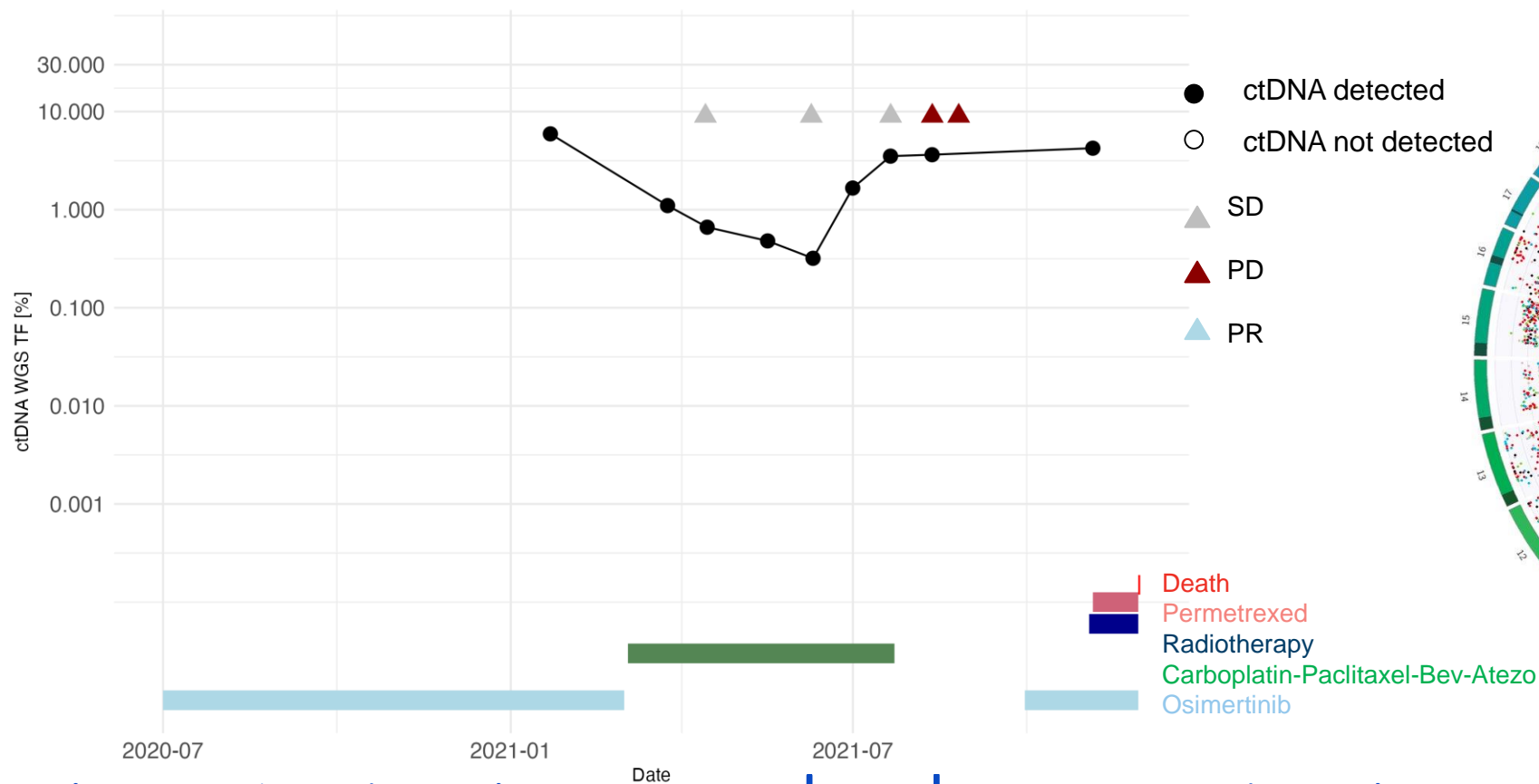
- 190 out of 192 successful processed
- Lowest ctDNA fraction detected was 43ppm





Case study patient 1

- ~14 000 somatic variants in tissue
- ctDNA tumor fraction never decreased, similar to what was observed in the clinical data
- 2x increase between June-August 2021 prior to progression detected in September 2021

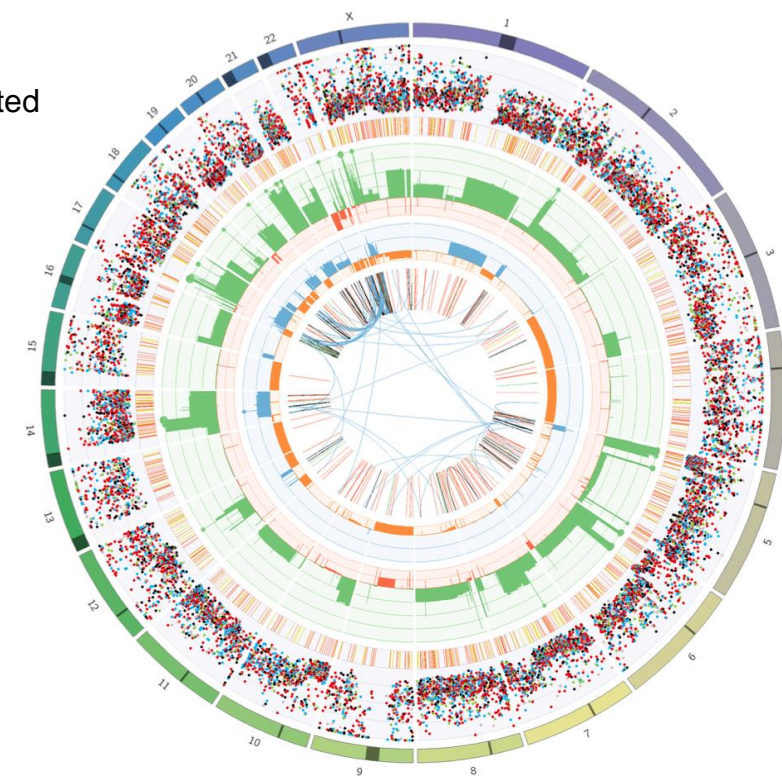
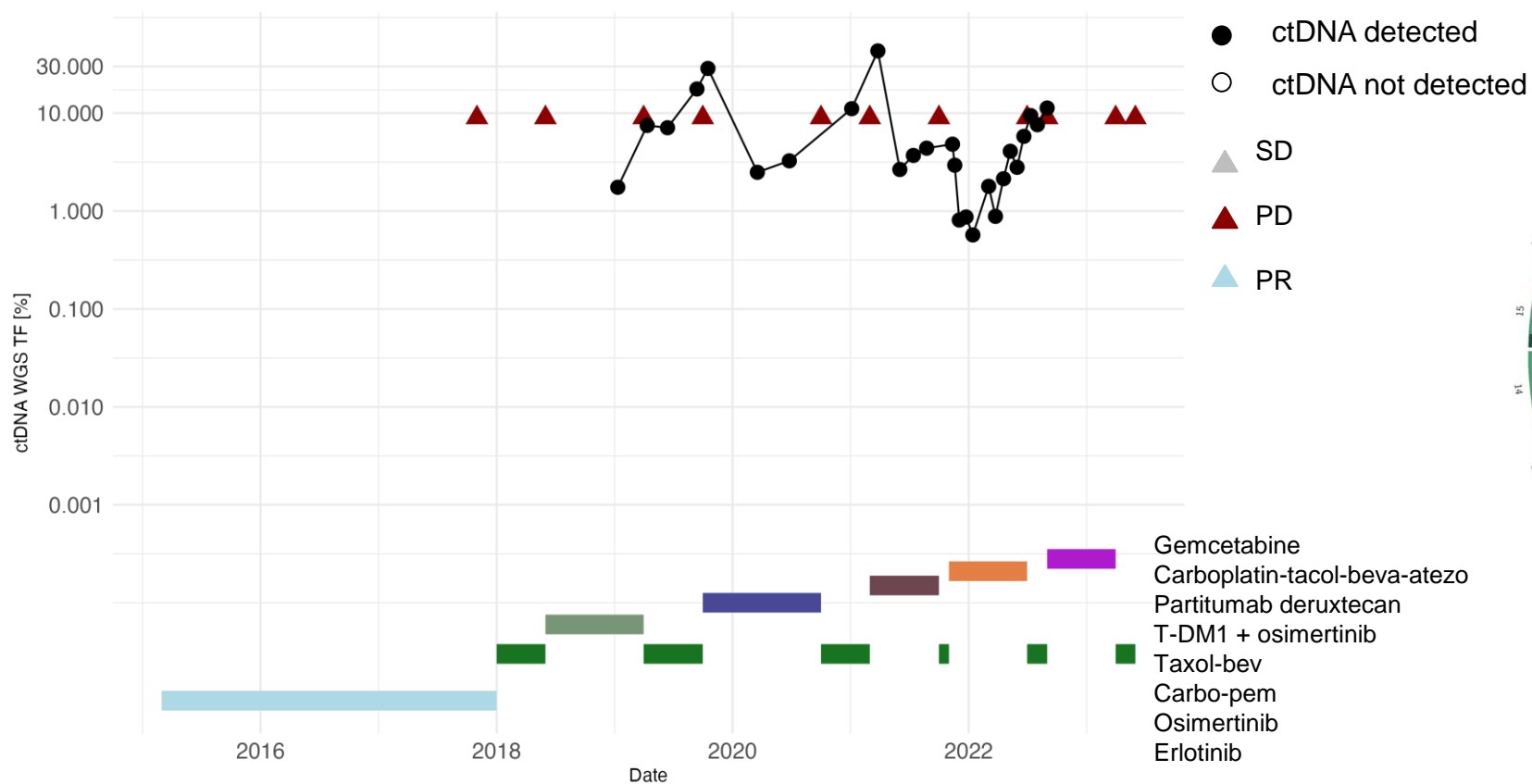


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Case study patient 2

- ~16 500 somatic variants in tissue
- High ctDNA tumor fraction at times (43%)
- ctDNA tumor fraction increase prior to progression



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- **Routine WGS-based cancer diagnostics**
 - Is feasible
 - Has value for today's patient care
 - Is getting cheaper with emerging technologies
 - Enables versatile disease monitoring
- **Data reuse**
 - Is feasible, including international data sharing
 - Enables scientific and biomarker discovery
 - Improves tomorrow's patient care
 - Contributes to health care system sustainability
 - Is boosted by international collaboration



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