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# Μοριακή Διάγνωση



- Η μοριακή διαγνωστική είναι ένας σχετικά νέος κλάδος της σύγχρονης ιατρικής που στοχεύει στην **ασφαλή** και **γρήγορη** διάγνωση διαφόρων παθήσεων, συμπεριλαμβανομένου του καρκίνου των συμπαγών οργάνων (σαρκώματα, καρκινώματα, νεοπλάσματα κεντρικού νευρικού συστήματος).
- Βασίζεται στην ανάλυση **γενετικού υλικού** ή/και **πρωτεϊνών** από κύτταρα ή/και ιστούς ασθενών με νεοπλασματική νόσο



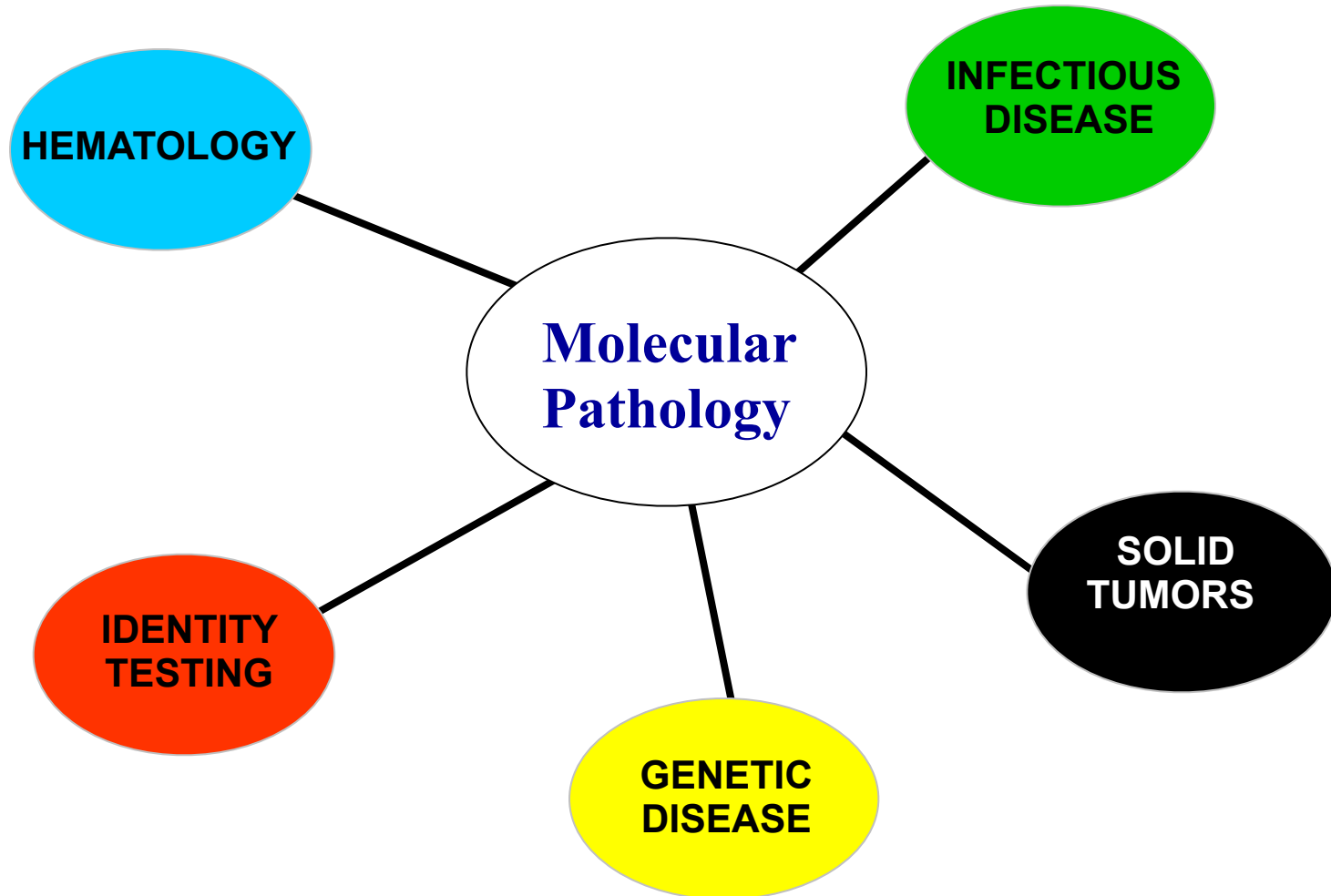
# Ρόλος και σημαντικότητα

- Χρησιμοποιεί πολύ **μικρή ποσότητα** υλικού για να θέσει σίγουρη και ασφαλή **Διάγνωση**
- Προσδιορίζει σε αρκετές περιπτώσεις τα **αίτια** των νεοπλασιών (π.χ. σε αντιμεταθεσεις, απώλεια ετεροζυγωτίας κ.λ.π.)
- Δίνει σημαντικές πληροφορίες για τη **φυσική πορεία** και την εξέλιξη της νόσου
- Οι πληροφορίες έχουν άμεση κλινική εφαρμογή αφού μπορούν να χρησιμοποιηθούν τόσο για τη **θεραπεία** όσο και για την αξιολόγηση της **ανταπόκρισης** σε θεραπευτικά σχήματα



# Molecular Pathology

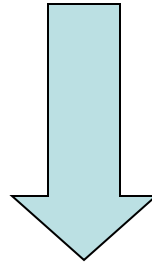
A Universal Discipline of Laboratory Medicine





# Υπόθεση

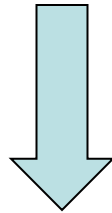
- Η φαινοτυπική ποικιλομορφία ενός όγκου συνοδεύεται από αντίστοιχη ποικιλία στο προφίλ της γονιδιακής έκφρασης → ανίχνευση με μεθόδους ΜΔ



- Ταυτοποίηση του γονιδιακού προφίλ ενός όγκου αποτελεί τη βάση για σωστή διάγνωση και ταξινόμηση

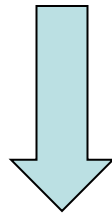
# Αλγόριθμος προσέγγισης

Ασθενής που πάσχει από νεοπλασματική νόσο

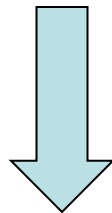


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Καθορισμός μοριακού προφίλ του όγκου

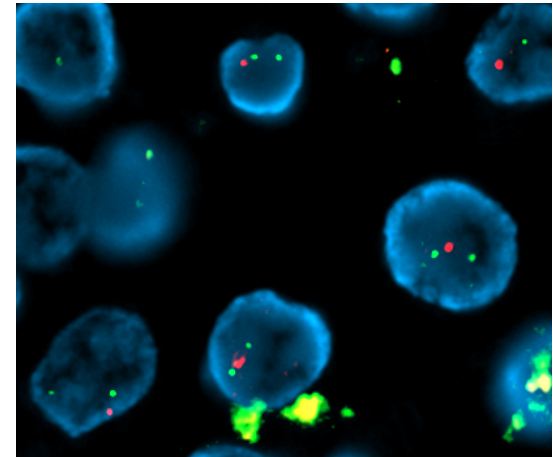


Ακριβής διάγνωση

Πρόγνωση



Εξατομικευμένη/στοχευμένη Τχ





# Άξονες ΜΔ

- Επιστημονικό υπόβαθρο
- Μεθοδολογία και τεχνολογική υποδομή
- Υπακοή στους κανόνες βιοηθικής





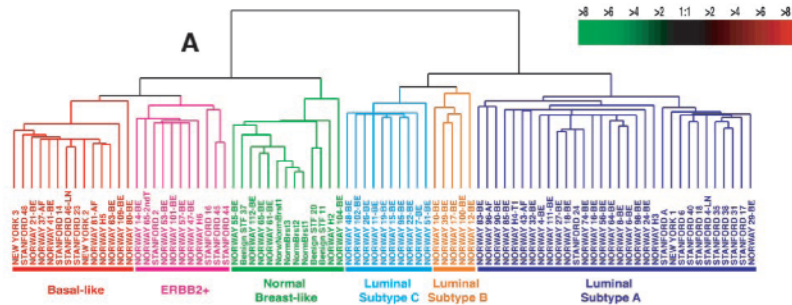
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# Επιστημονικό Υπόβαθρο

Καθορισμός του γονιδιακού  
προφίλ των ΣΟ

Το παράδειγμα του καρκίνου του μαστού

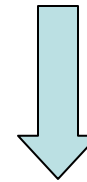
# Καθορισμός του γονιδιακού προφίλ των ΣΟ: το παράδειγμα του καρκίνου του μαστού



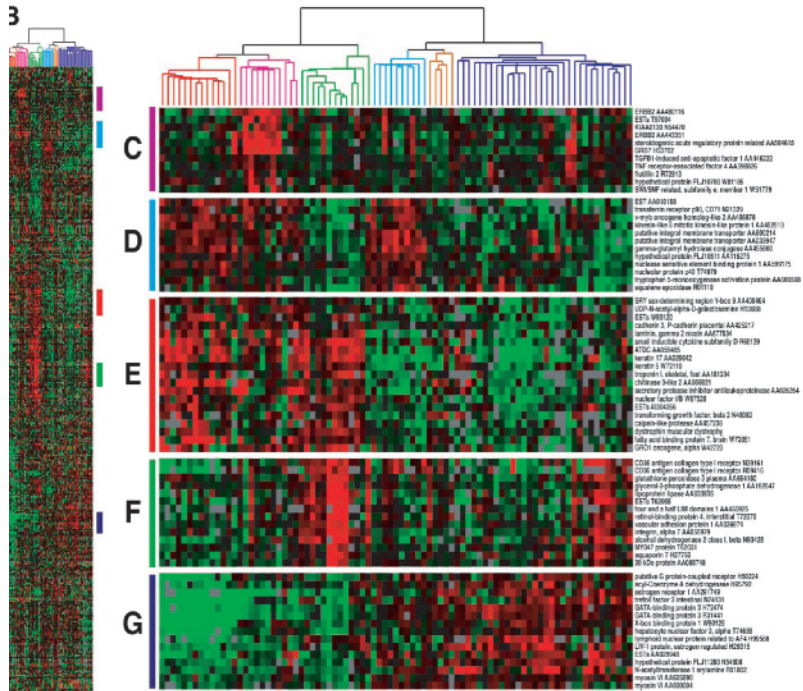
78 καρκινώματα, 3 ινοαδενώματα,  
4 φυσιολογικά δείγματα



456 γονίδια

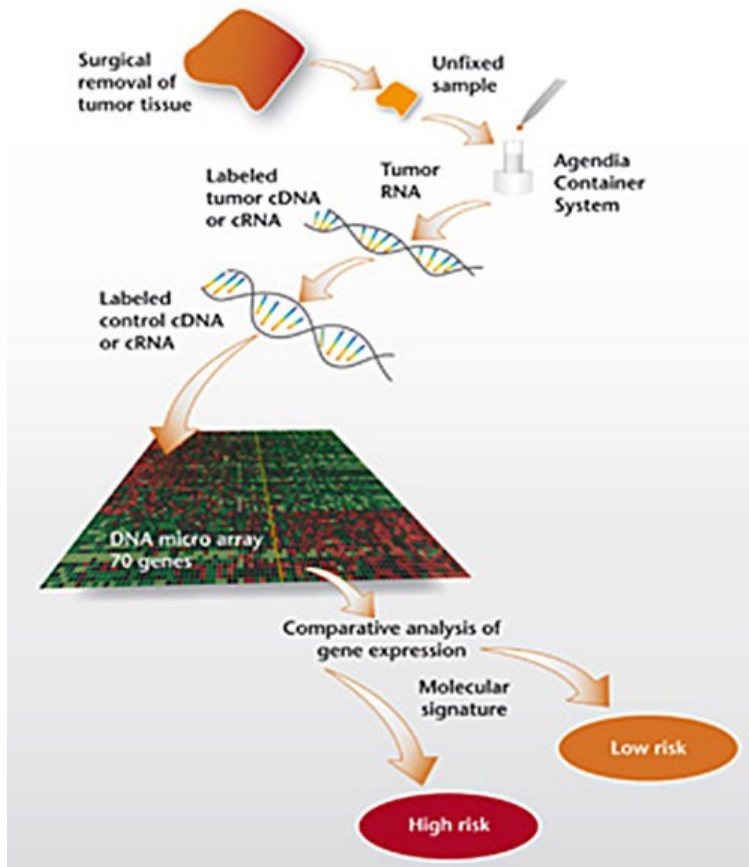


Basal-like και Cerb-b2+: χειρότερη Px



*Sorlie et al, PNAS 2001*

# Multiplexed Molecular Dx **MammaPrint®: Px** **test**



  
agendia™  
(Agendia BV, The Netherlands)

FDA approved December 12, 2007

DNA micro array-based in vitro diagnostic laboratory service that measures the activity of 70 genes

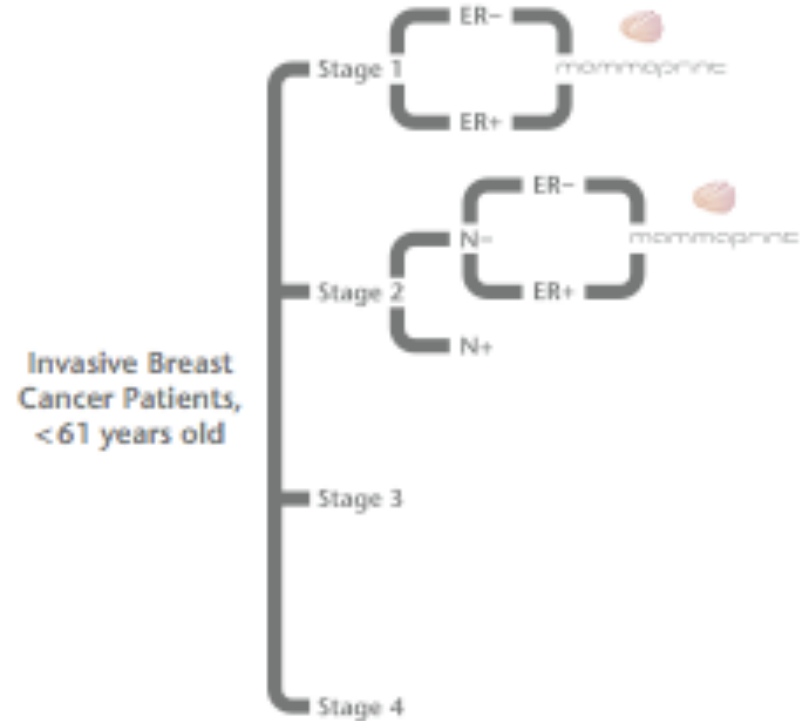
The assay are focuses primarily on proliferation with additional genes associated with invasion, metastasis, stromal integrity and angiogenesis

Expert Rev Mol Diagn. 2009;  
Cancer Genomics Proteomics. 2007



# MammaPrint®

- **MammaPrint® is currently available for breast cancer patients who are:**
  1. <61 years old
  2. stage I or II disease
  3. with a tumor size  $\leq 5$  cm
  4. lymph node negative
  5. without any limitation in treatment.
- Eligibility will be broadened in the near future.
- FFPET applications (from June 2007)





## Treatment tailoring by profiling

Premenopausal, lymph node-negative

### GENE EXPRESSION PROFILING

60%

Poor Signature

~ 56 % metastases at 10 yrs  
~ 50 % death at 10 yrs

*Adjuvant chemo - and hormonal  
therapy*

40%

Good Signature

~ 13 % metastases at 10 yrs  
~ 4 % death at 10 yrs

*No adjuvant therapy or hormonal  
therapy only*

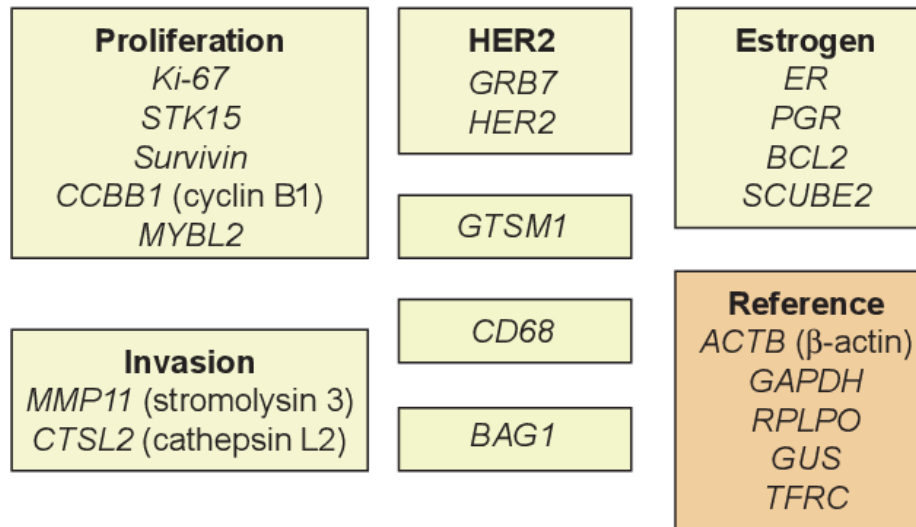


# Mammaprint vs Oncotype Dx

- **Oncotype DX™** is a 21-gene RT-PCR assay; Genomic Health)
- The Oncotype DX Breast Recurrence Score Test for people diagnosed with **early-stage, ER+, HER2-negative** invasive breast cancer
- The Oncotype DX Breast DCIS Score Test for people diagnosed with **DCIS** (ductal carcinoma in situ)
- The Oncotype DX **Breast Recurrence Score Test** analyzes the activity of a group of genes that can affect how an early-stage breast cancer is likely to behave and respond to treatment
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# Oncotype DX

- the likelihood that the **breast cancer will return**
- possible **benefit from chemotherapy** to treat early-stage invasive breast cancer
  
- The Oncotype DX Breast **Recurrence Score Test** is used in two ways:
  1. to help doctors figure out a **person's risk** of early-stage, estrogen-receptor-positive breast cancer coming back in a part of the body away from the breast (distant recurrence)
  2. to help figure out if a person will **benefit from chemotherapy**



TAILORx **NO**

N=9,719

The Oncotype DX® test is the **only predictive marker**, and it provides precise chemotherapy benefit estimates<sup>1-4</sup>

		Recurrence Score® result				
		0-10	11-15	16-20	21-25	26-100
<b>Age &gt;50 years</b> n=6,665 (69%)	<b>No CT Benefit</b> n=1,190 (12%)	<b>No CT Benefit</b> n=1,572 (16%)	<b>No CT Benefit</b> n=1,789 (18%)	<b>No CT Benefit</b> n=1,134 (12%)	<b>CT Benefit</b> n=980 (10%)	
<b>Age ≤50 years</b> n=3,054 (31%)	<b>No CT Benefit</b> n=429 (4%)	<b>No CT Benefit</b> n=801 (8%)	<b>-1.6%CT Benefit</b> n=923 (9%)	<b>-6.5%CT Benefit</b> n=492 (5%)	<b>CT Benefit</b> n=409 (4%)	
		<b>Patients ≤50 years</b>				
		<b>Low clinical risk<sup>a</sup></b>		7% of all patients <b>No CT benefit</b>	3% of all patients <b>-6.4% CT benefit</b>	
		<b>High clinical risk<sup>b</sup></b>		2% of all patients <b>-6.5% CT benefit</b>	2% of all patients <b>-8.7% CT benefit</b>	

Based on an exploratory analysis of TAILORx study.



The Oncotype DX is a test that may predict how likely it is that your breast cancer will return.

It also predicts whether you will benefit from having chemotherapy in addition to hormone therapy.

The test results can help you and your doctors make a treatment plan that's right for you.

This test can be done on early-stage breast cancers (stage 1 or 2) that:

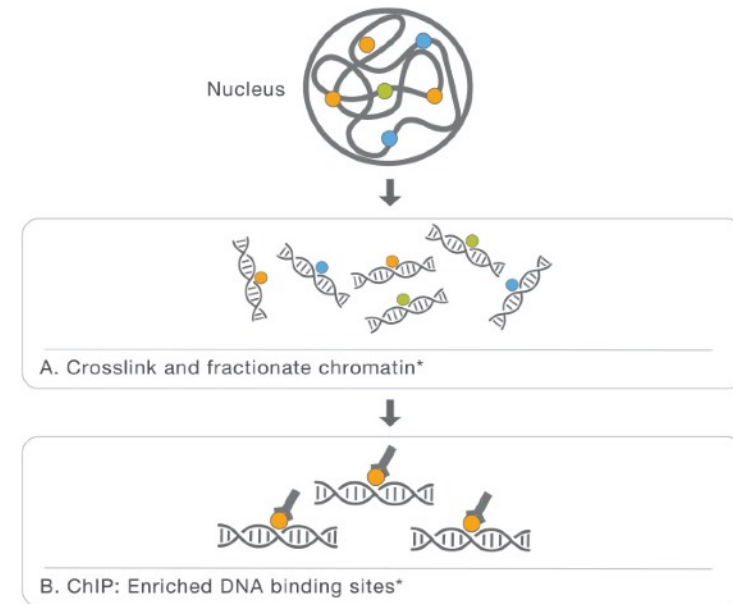
- Have receptors for estrogen (estrogen-receptor positive)
- Don't have large amounts of the human epidermal growth factor protein (HER2 negative)

# Next Generation Sequencing (NGS)

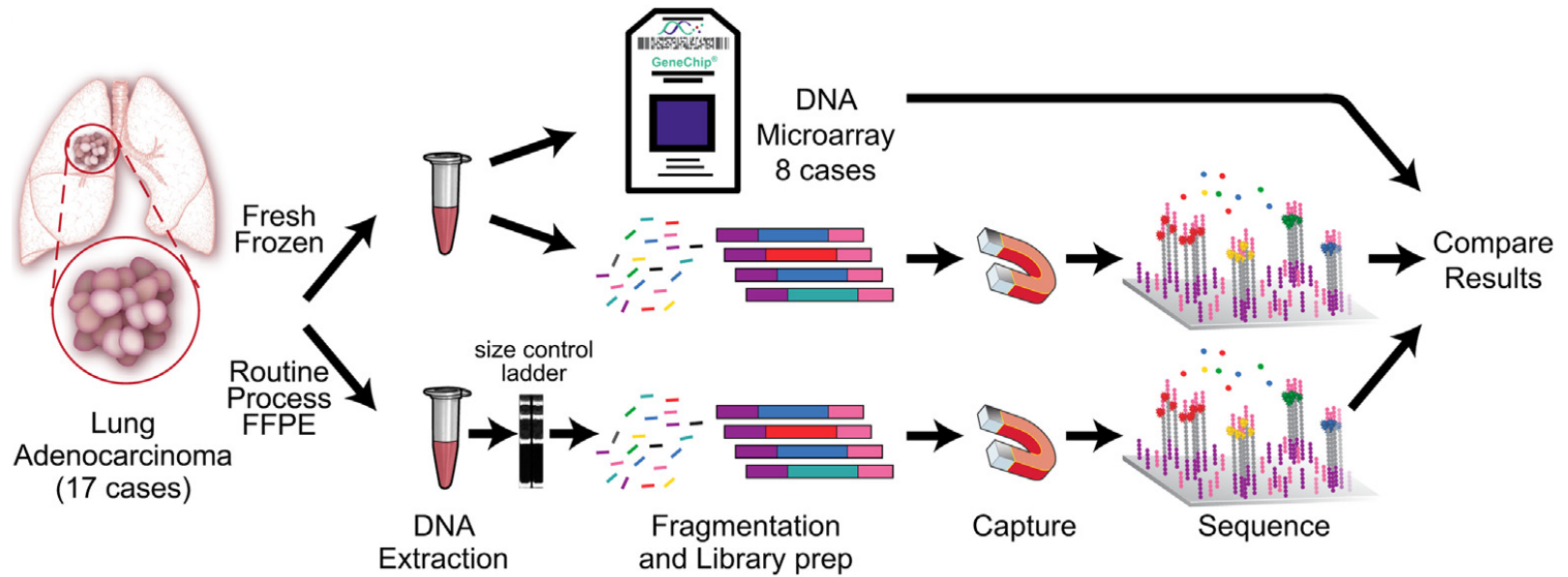
- Modern high-throughput DNA sequencing technologies
  - parallel, rapid
  - Decreasing price, time, workflow complexity, error rate
  - Increasing data quantity and quality, read length (data storage capacity), repertoire of bioinformatics tools
  - Wide range of applications
  
  - Third Generation Sequencing (single molecule, real time, *in situ* ...)
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# Next Generation Sequencing (NGS)

- Starting material:
  - DNA (DNA-seq)
  - RNA (RNA-seq)
  - DNA fragments bound to selected protein - to analyse the sequences of DNA-binding sites of protein of interest or localisation of histone modifications (ChIP-seq)



# Next Generation Sequencing (NGS)

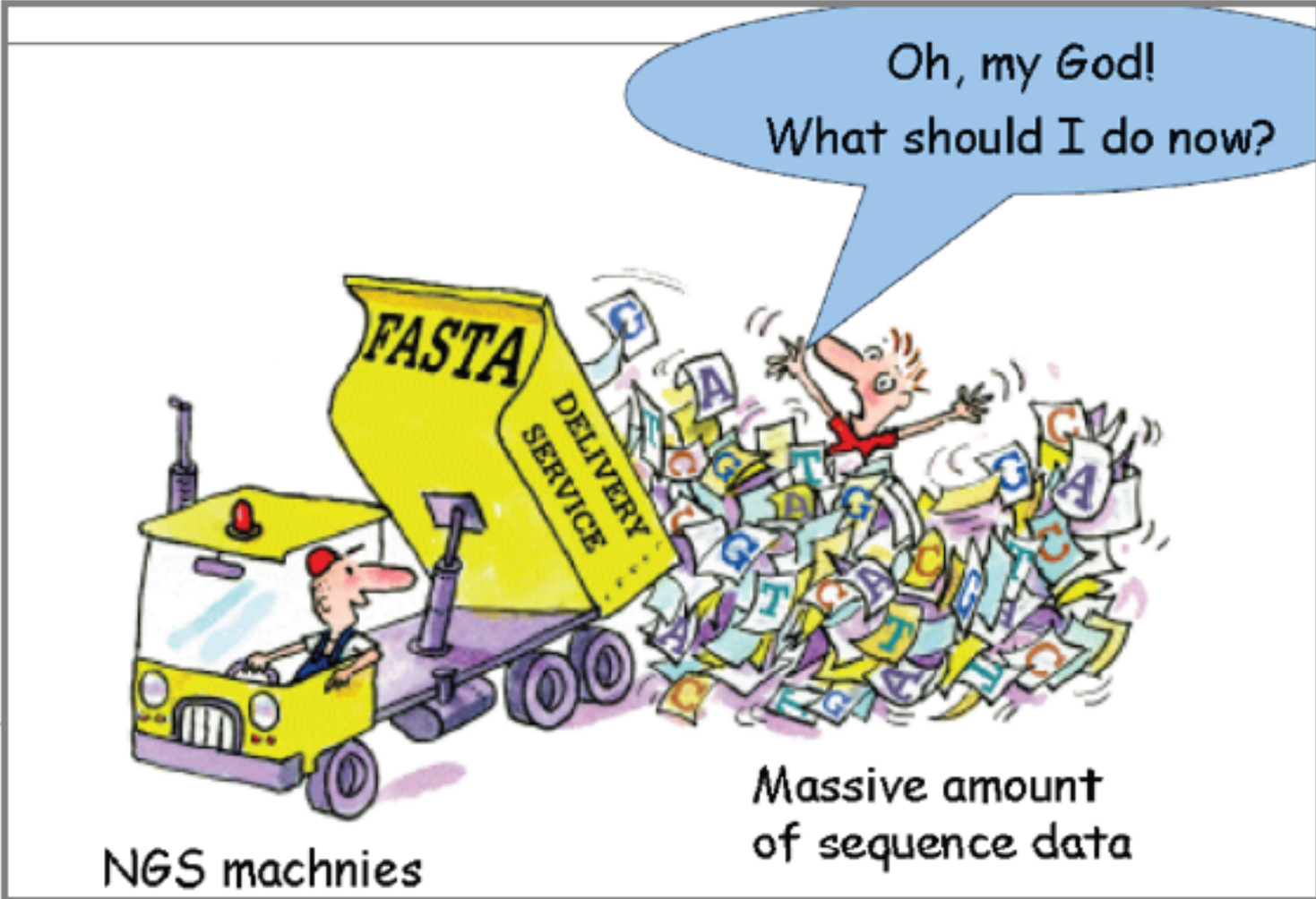


Αναδιατάξεις που αναλύονται: **ATF1-EWSR1**, CHIC2-ETV6, **COL1A1-PDGFB**, COL1A1-USP6, ETV6-ABL1, ETV6-ABL2, ETV6-ACSL6, ETV6-ARNT, ETV6-BAZ2A, ETV6-CDX2, ETV6-FLT3, ETV6-GOT1, ETV6-ITPR2, ETV6-JAK2, ETV6-LYN, ETV6-MDS2, ETV6-MECOM, ETV6-MN1, ETV6-NTRK3, ETV6-PDGFRB, ETV6-PDGFRB, ETV6-PER1, ETV6-PRDM16, ETV6-RUNX1, ETV6-RUNX1\_AML1, ETV6-SYK, **EWSR1-ATF1**, **EWSR1-CREB1**, **EWSR1-DDIT3**, **EWSR1-ERG**, **EWSR1-ETV1**, **EWSR1-ETV4**, **EWSR1-FEV**, **EWSR1-FLI1**, **EWSR1-NFATC2**, **EWSR1-NR4A3**, **EWSR1-PATZ1**, **EWSR1-PBX1**, **EWSR1-SMARCA5**, **EWSR1-SP3**, **EWSR1-YY1**, **EWSR1-ZNF384**, **EWSR1-ZNF444**, FUS-DDIT3, LINC00598-ETV6, MN1-ETV6, MNX1-ETV6, **NFATC2-EWSR1**, NTRK3-ETV6, PAX3-FOXO1, PAX3-NCOA1, PAX3-NCOA2, PAX5-ETV6, PAX7-FOXO1, SS18-SSX1, SS18-SSX4, SYK-ETV6, YY1-EWSR1 Βιβλιογραφία

Mertens F, Antonescu CR, Mitelman F. Gene fusions in soft tissue tumors: Recurrent and overlapping pathogenetic themes. Genes Chromosomes Cancer. 2016 Apr;55(4):291-310.

**\*\*\*Σημείωση** : Κάθε ανάλυση έχει εσωτερική πιθανότητα λάθους 0,5-1%. Αυτό οφείλεται σε σπάνια γεγονότα και παράγοντες που εμπλέκονται στην παρασκευή και ανάλυση των δειγμάτων.

- ΔΕΝ είναι Ewing's
- ΔΕΝ είναι ραβδιοσωματικό αλβελόλυο
- ΔΕΝ είναι extraskeletal CHS
- ΔΕΝ είναι clear cell sarcoma



NGS machines

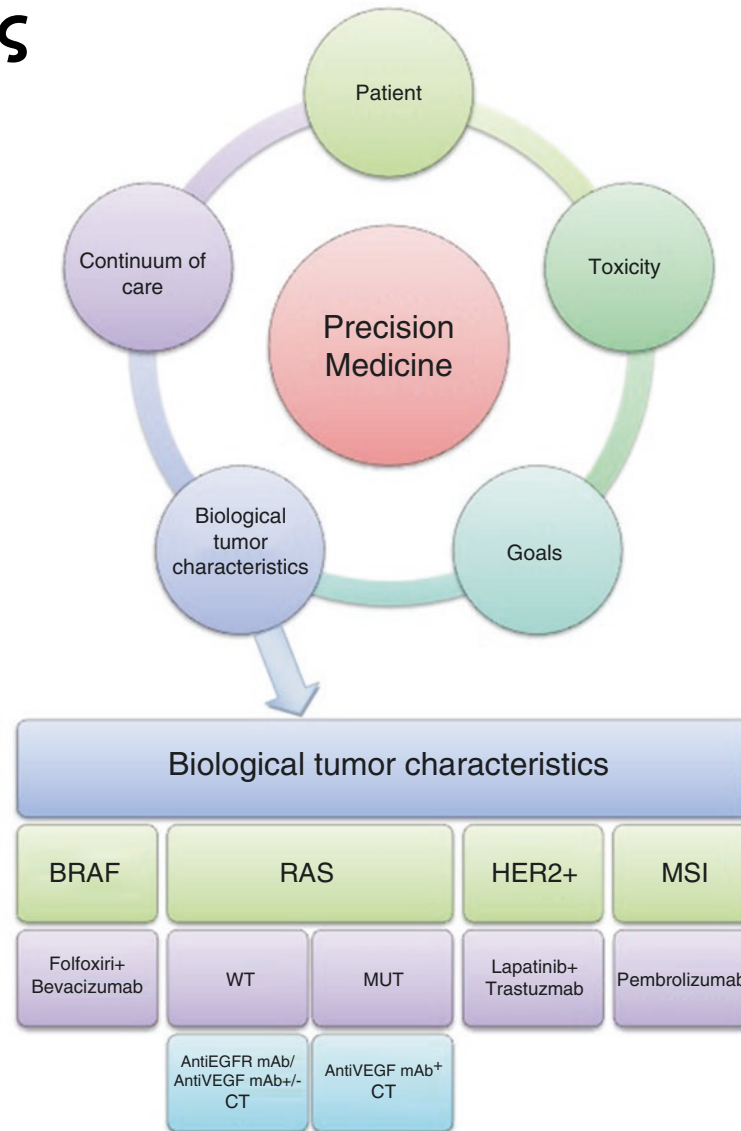
Massive amount of sequence data

# Ιατρική Ακριβείας

1.γονίδια

2.περιβάλλον

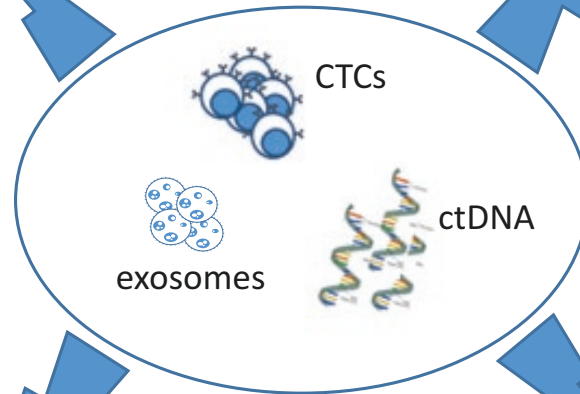
3.τρόπος ζωής



**Minimal residual disease**



**Prognosis**



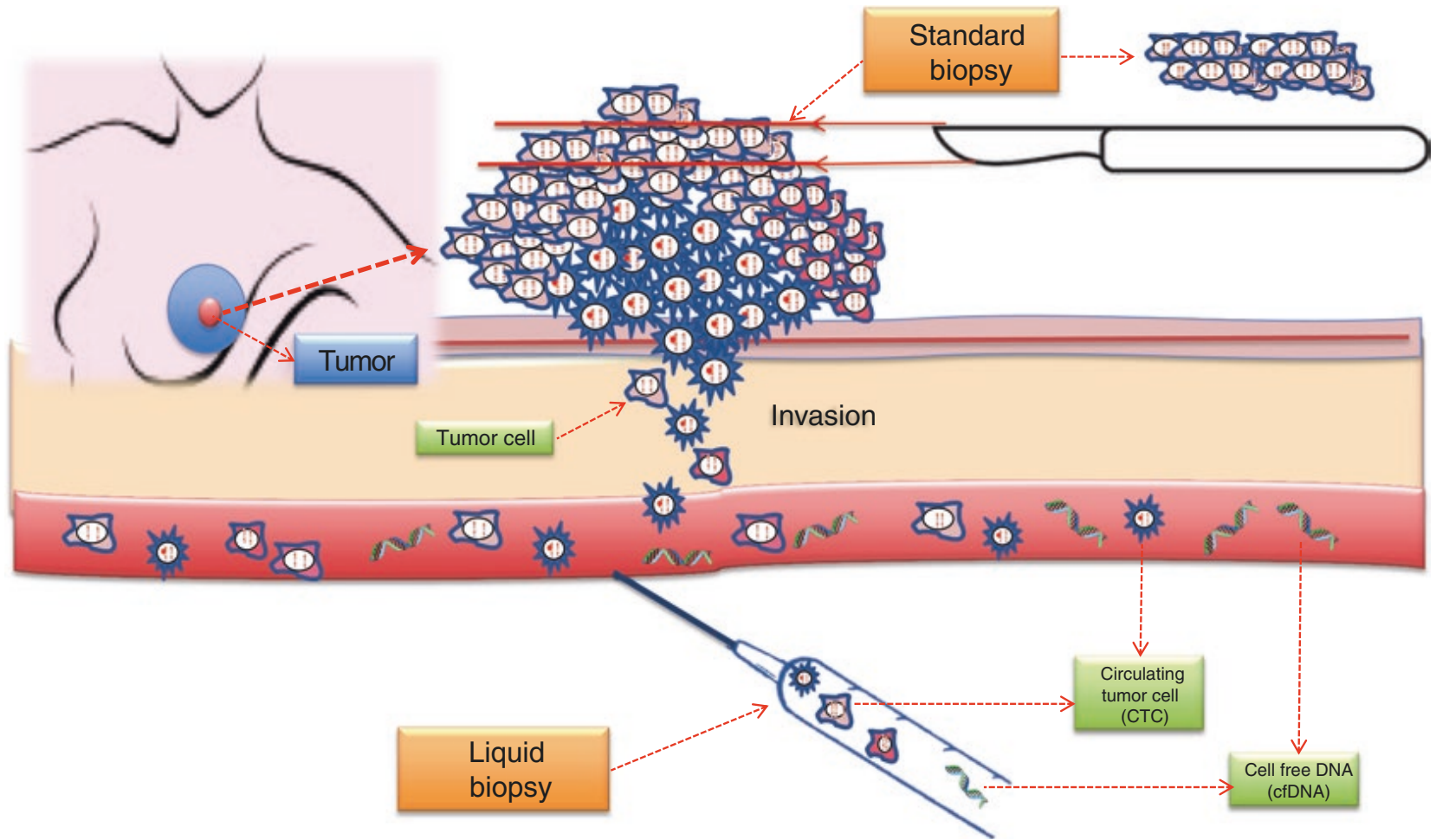
**Therapy**



**Early diagnosis**







# Liquid Bx

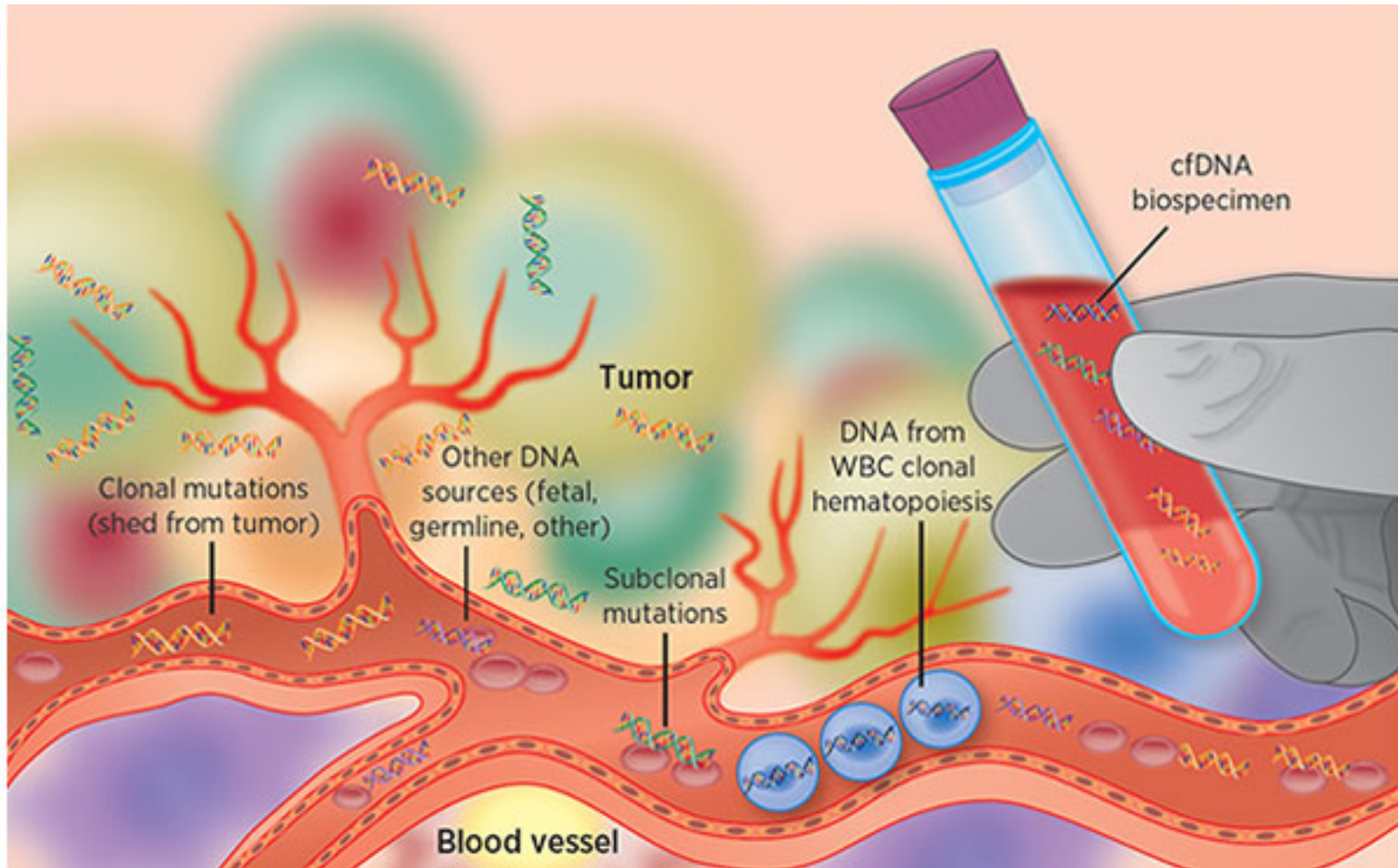
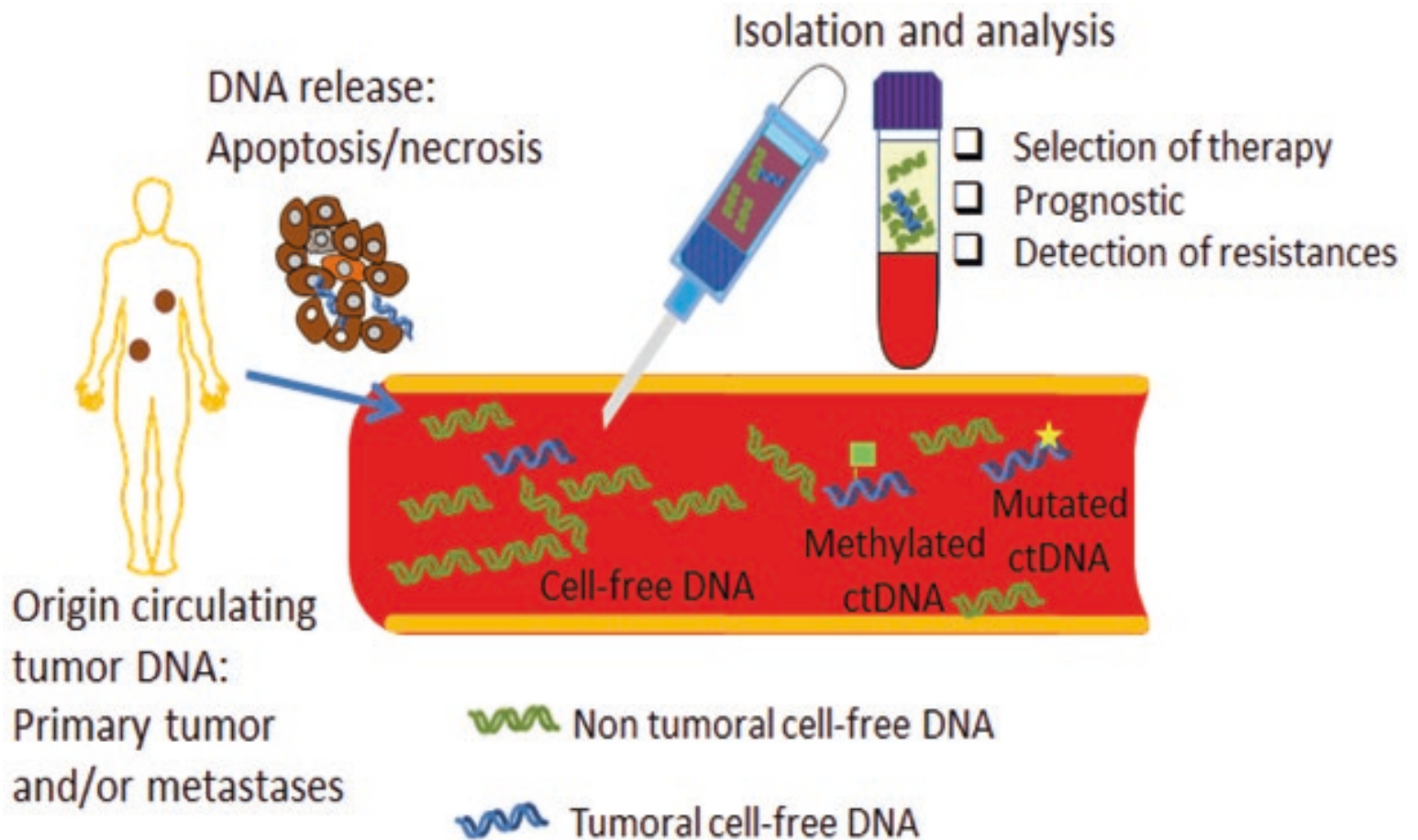
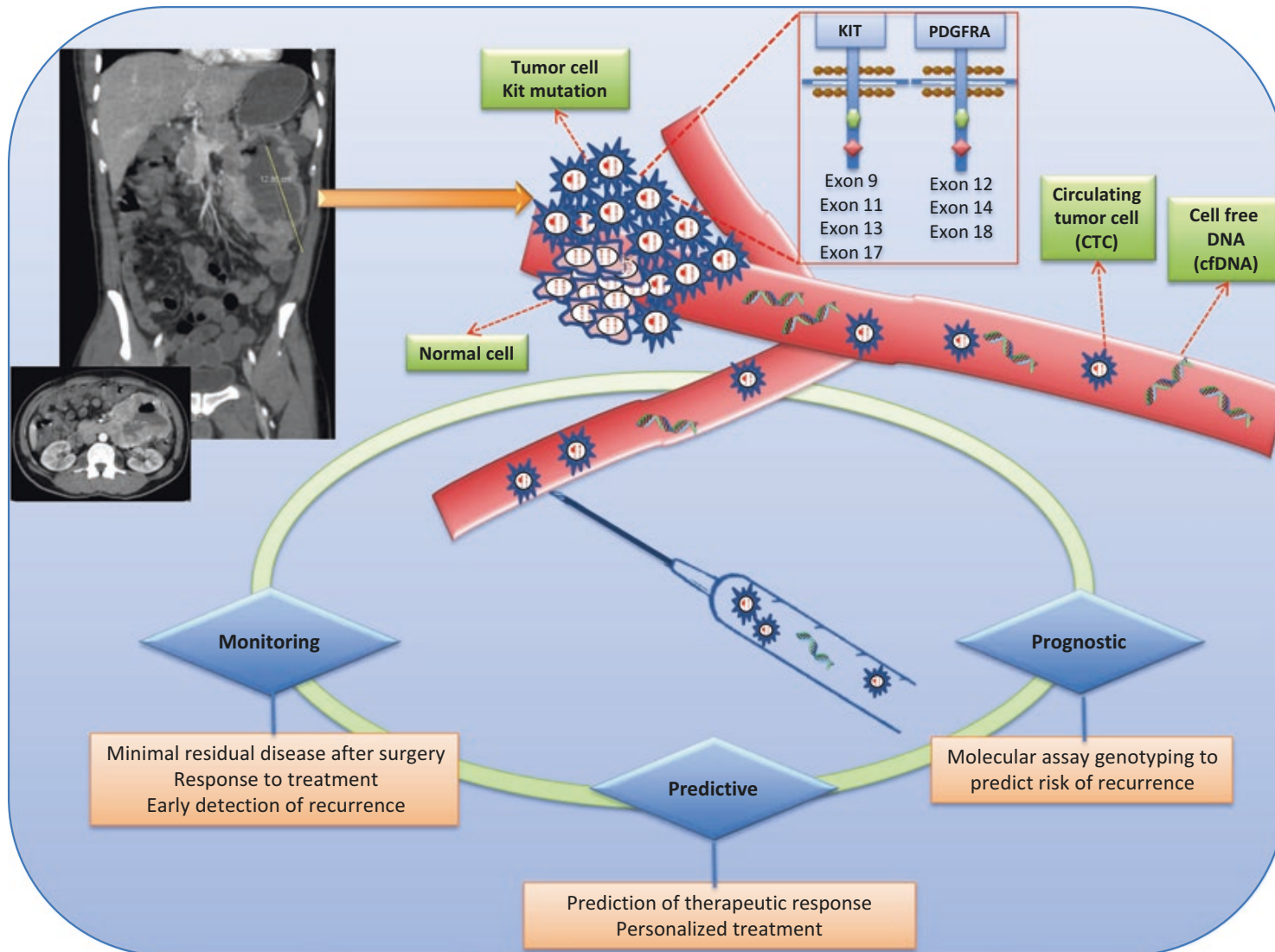


Figure originally published in *Clin Cancer Res*; Published OnlineFirst May 10, 2018.





# What the genome can tell us.....

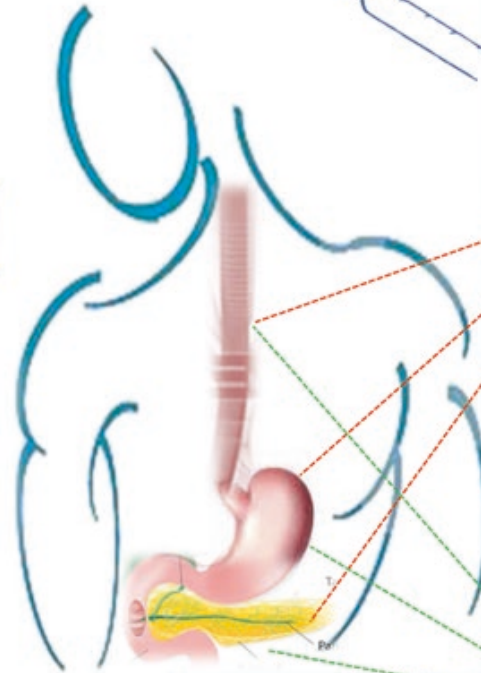
## Reading the DNA.....



Circulating tumor cell (CTC)

Cell free DNA (cfDNA)

## Beyond the DNA.....

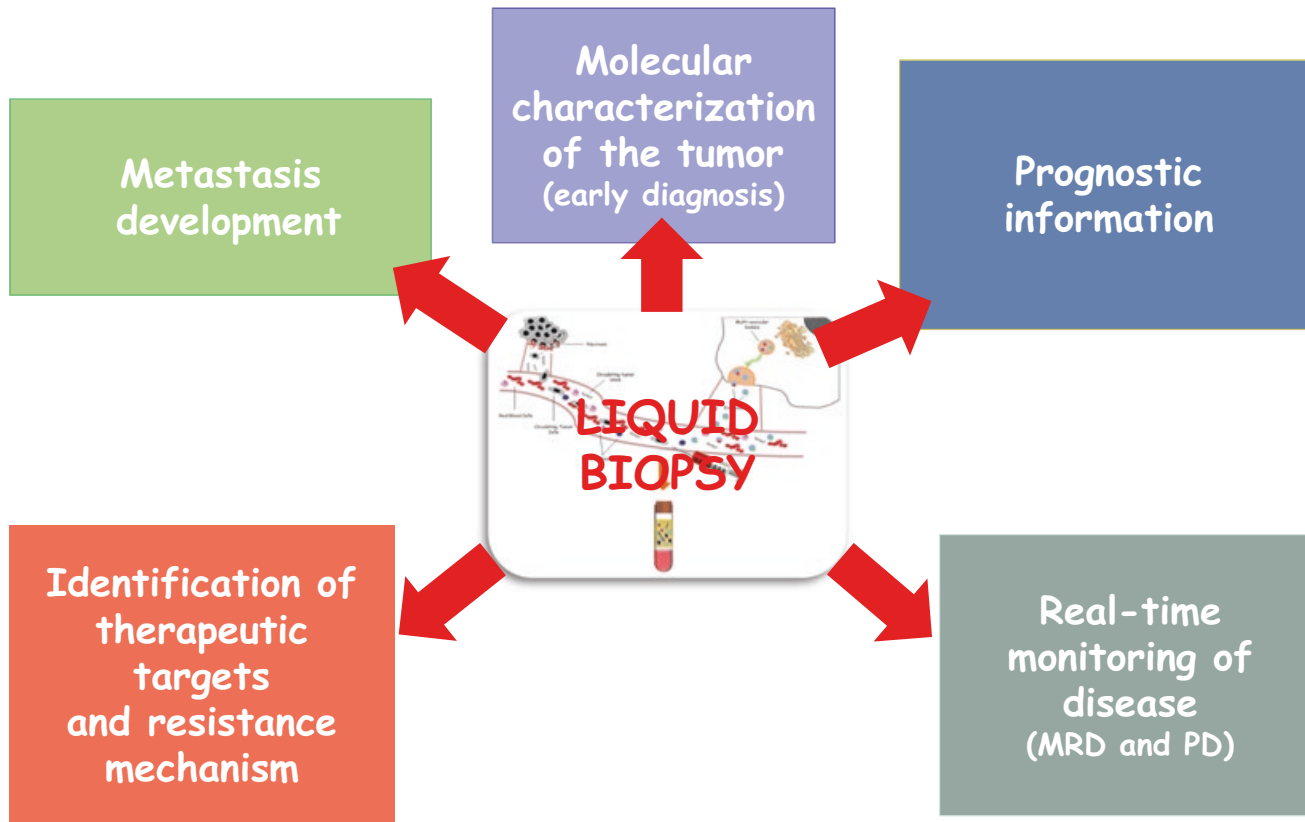


MicroRNA

- miR-25-3p; miR-151a-3p;
- miR-100-5p; miR-375;
- miR-194 ; miR-215 ;
- miR-143 ;
- miR-16, miR-21, miR-185, and miR-375 ;
- miR-17-5p, miR-18a, miR-20a, miR-200c, miR-21, miR-218, miR-221, miR-222, miR-25, miR-27a, miR-376c and miR-744;
- miR-122, miR-195-5p, miR-203, miR-218, and miR-375

Long noncoding RNA

- H19;
- HOX antisense intergenic RNA;
- MALAT1



## Circulating tumor DNA

### PROs

- Minimally invasive prognostic marker
- Early detection of drug resistance development
- Driver mutation detection from blood samples
- Solving the issue regarding "insufficient material for analysis"

### CONS

- Lack of standardized and widely approved methods for analysis
- Contamination with cfDNA from healthy cells
- Low levels of ctDNA (False Negative)
- Accurate quantification of the mutant allele in the sample

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## Circulating Tumor Cells

### PROs

- Minimal invasive prognostic marker
- Therapeutic management
- Comprehension of mechanisms of drug resistance
- Availability of FDA-approved method for isolation

### CONS

- Filtration of large or clustering CTCs in smaller capillaries (FN)
- Presence of benign circulating epithelial cells (FP)
- Heterogeneity

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# Tissue Biopsy

vs.

# Liquid Biopsy

- Allows histological diagnosis and staging

- Often difficult and invasive

- Not always representative for the entire variety of malignant clones: TUMOR HETEROGENEITY

- Multiple sampling are not always feasible

- Single snapshot over time and space

- Still the gold standard for tumor characterization

- Does not allow tumor histotype specification and staging

- Non-invasive procedure

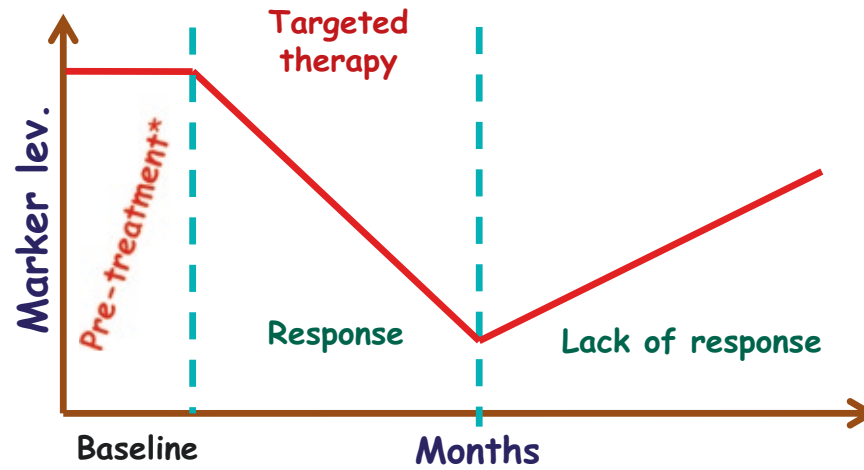
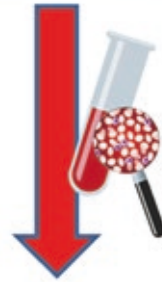
- Representative of the different localization of the malignant clones: TUMOR HETEROGENEITY

- Easily repeatable and highly reproducible

- Real-time monitoring of disease (MRD and PD)

- Lack of standardization, still used mainly in translational research





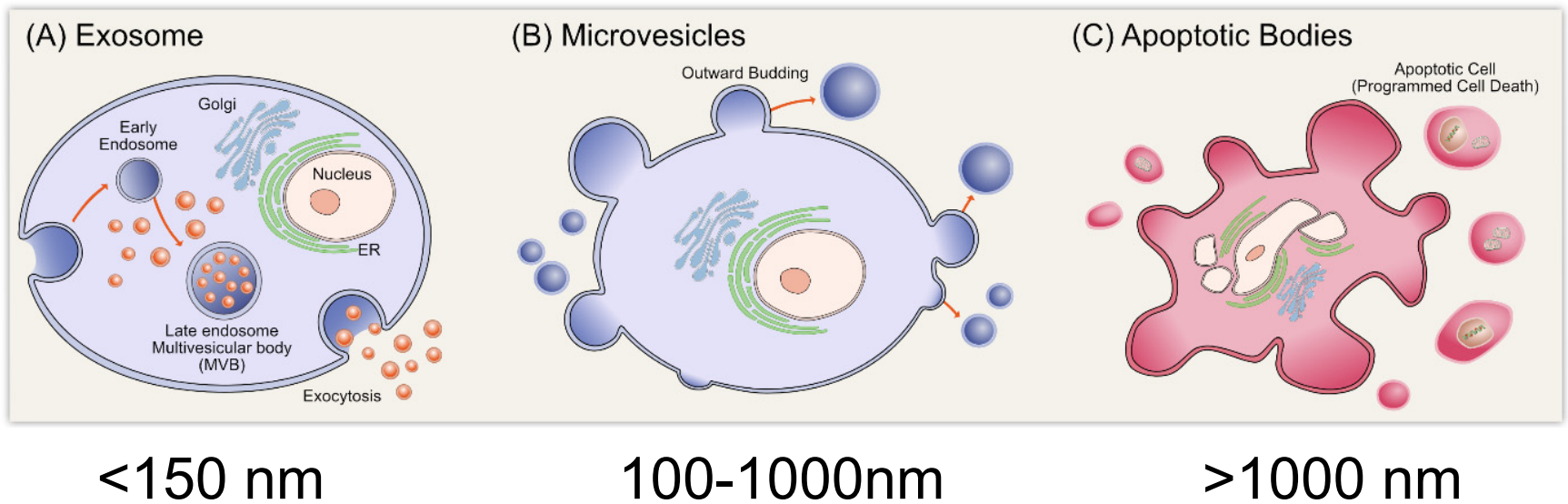
**Table 8.1** Actionable cancer targets tested in liquid biopsy analysis

Actionable target (Dx or Rx)	% (n) of mutated samples with single-base mt/insertion/deletion	Current use (Dx:Rx value)	Validation in liquid biopsy (source of liquid biopsy)	Analytic method	References
JAK2	20.9 (32,692)	Not established	Not determined	–	–
<b>BRAF</b>	15.5 (24288)	Rx, melanoma	(ctDNA) (ctDNA) (ctDNA)	ddPCR PCR ddPCR	[3] [4] [5]
KRAS	14.9 (23261)	Dx, multiple	(exosomes) (ctDNA) (CTC & ctDNA) (ctDNA)	dPCR PCR ddPCR NGS	[6] [7] [8] [9]
TP53	9.2 (14438)	Dx, multiple	(ctDNA) (exosomes) (ctDNA)	dPCR dPCR NGS	[10] [6] [11]
<b>FLT3</b>	7.4 (11520)	Rx under development	Not available	–	–
<b>EGFR</b>	6.8 (10628)	Rx, multiple	(ctDNA) (cfDNA) (cfDNA)	NGS Seq NGS	[12] [13] [14]
<b>KIT</b>	3.0 (4720)	Rx, GIST, AML	(ctDNA)	NGS	[30]
PIK3CA	2.9 (4560)	Dx, breast	(cfDNA) (ctDNA) (CTC)	NGS dPCR NGS	[15] [16] [17]
IDH1	2.9 (4509)	Not established	Not validated	–	–
CTNNB1	2.1 (3262)	Dx, multiple	No (ctDNA)	NGS	[18]
<b>FGFR3</b>	1.9 (2948)	Rx under evaluation	(ctDNA)	NGS	[19]
NRAS	1.8 (2738)	Dx, multiple	(ctDNA)	ddPCR	[5, 20]
APC	1.6 (2561)	Dx, colon	(ctDNA) (ctDNA) (ctDNA)	NGS&dPCR NGS&dPCR NGS	[21] [22] [23]
NPM1	1.6 (1471)	Not established			
<b>PTEN</b>	1.1 (1719)	Rx under evaluation	(CTC) (ctDNA)	NGS NGS	[24] [25]
VHL	0.8 (1287)	Dx, VHL syndrome	(CTC)	NGS	[26]
IDH2	0.7 (1029)	Not established	(ctDNA)	NGS	[25]
CDKN2A	0.6 (968)	Dx, multiple	(ctDNA) (ctDNA)	MPS NGS	[27] [28]
TET2	0.6 (864)	Not established	–	–	–
ABL1	0.5 (851)	Rx, CML	–	–	–
HRAS	0.5 (812)	Dx under evaluation	–	–	–
DNMT3A	0.5 (788)	Not established			
NOTCH1	0.4 (661)	Not established	(exosomes) (ctDNA)	NGS NGS	[29] [12]
<b>PDGFRA</b>	0.4 (653)	Rx under evaluation, GIST	(ctDNA)	NGS	[30]
NF2	0.4 (609)	Dx, neurofibromatosis, mesothelioma	(ctDNA) (ctDNA)	NGS NGS	[31] [28]
MPL	0.3 (531)	Not established			
SF3B1	0.3 (516)	Dx under evaluation	(ctDNA)	NGS	[32]
RET	0.3 (500)	Dx under evaluation	(ctDNA)	NGS&dPCR	[22]

The actionable targets in the table originate from Vogelstein et al. (2013) (source: COSMIC open database) and represent single-base mutated driver genes (both oncogenes and tumor suppressor genes) found most frequently in cancer with a mutation hit >500/tumor. Bolded correspond to targets with clinically available therapeutics. The complete list available through the cited reference

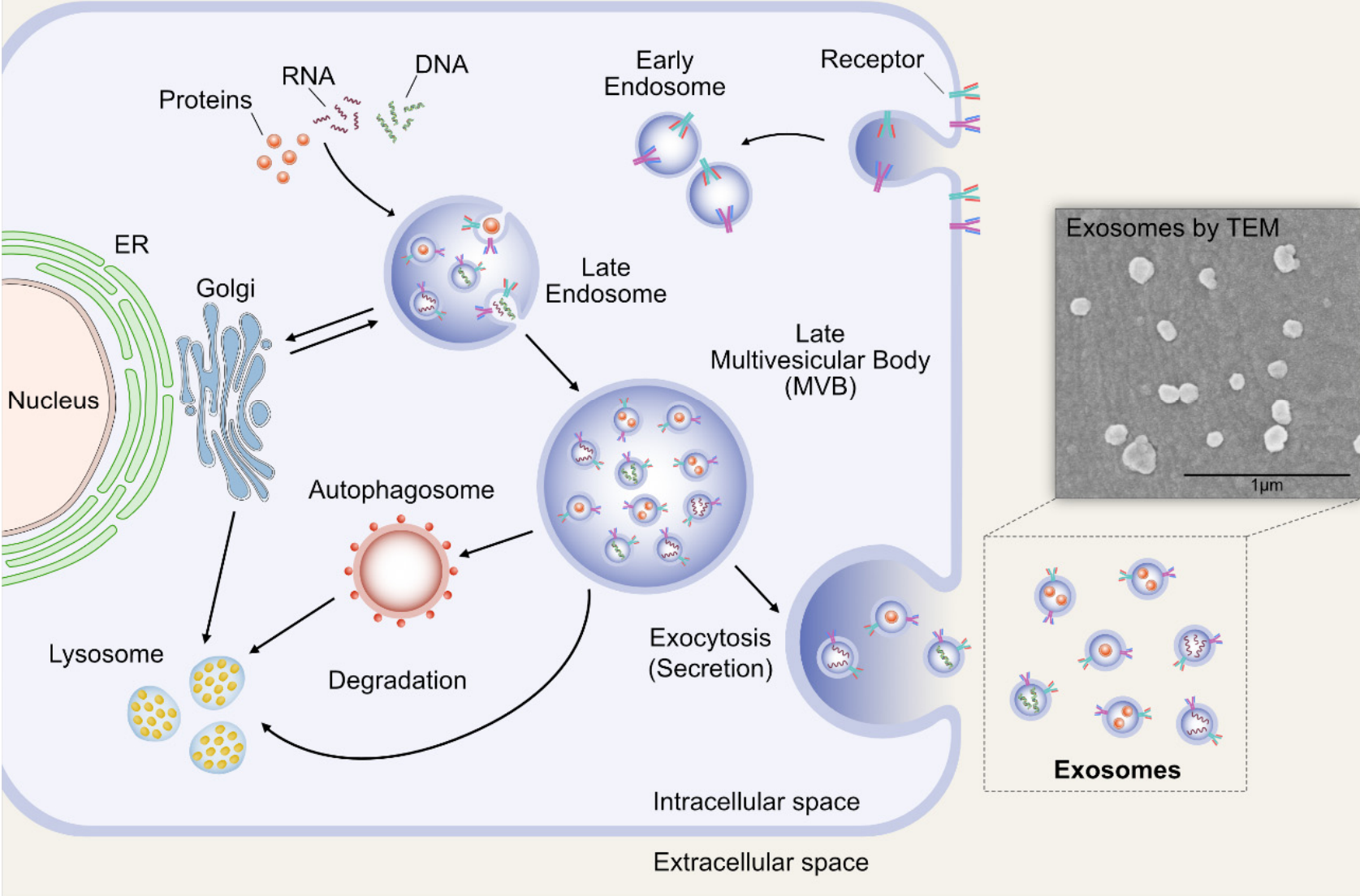
ctDNA circulating tumor DNA, CTC circulating tumor cell, NGS next-generation sequencing, dPCR digital PCR, ddPCR droplet digital PCR, Dx diagnostic, Rx therapeutic

# Extracellular vesicles

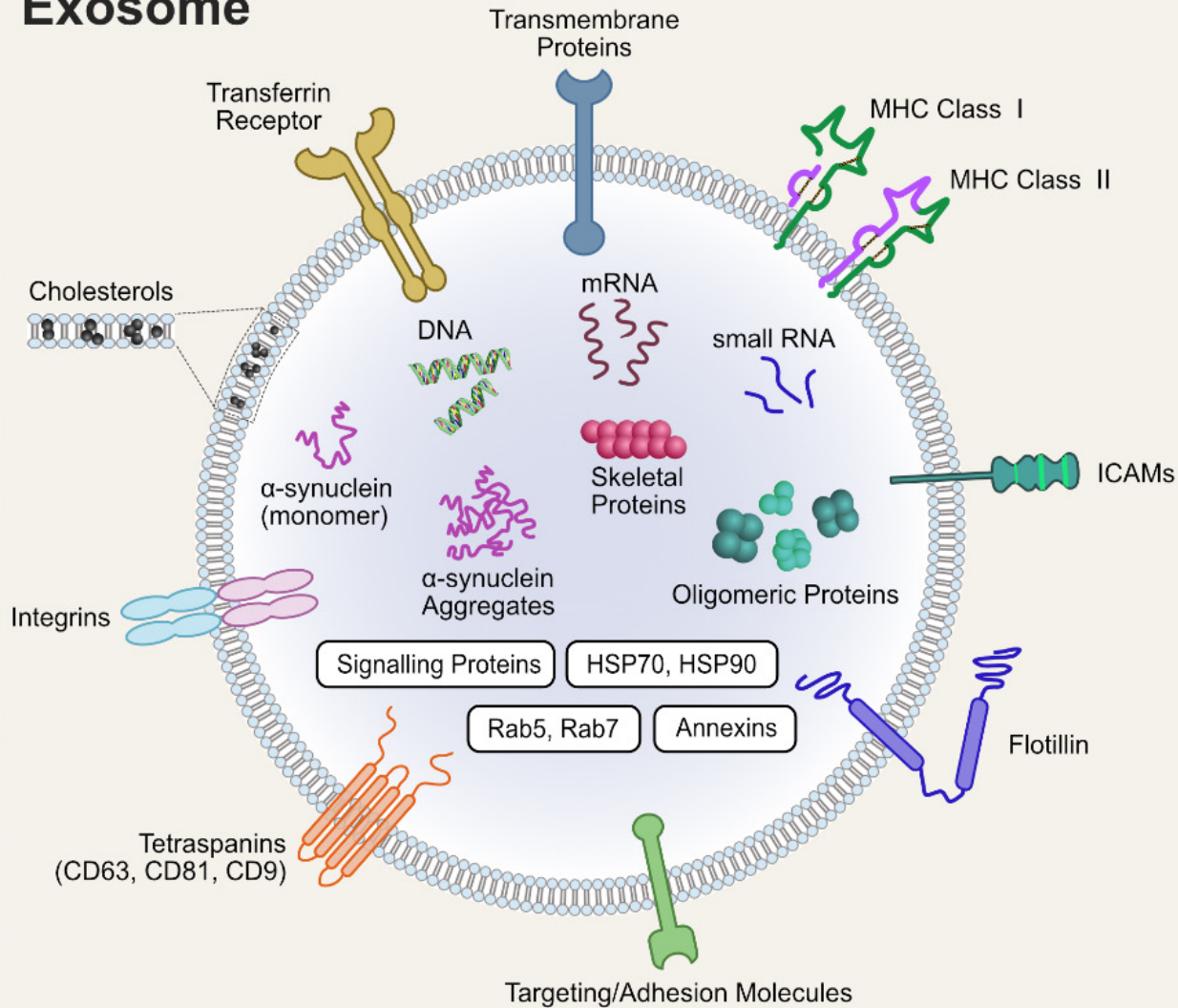


Gurunathan et al, Cells 2019

# Exosome Biogenesis

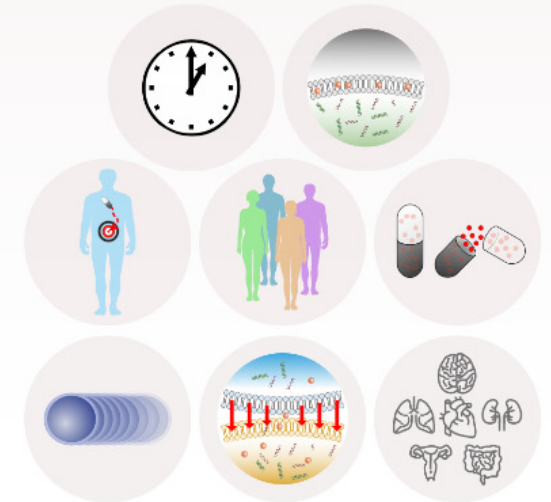


# Exosome

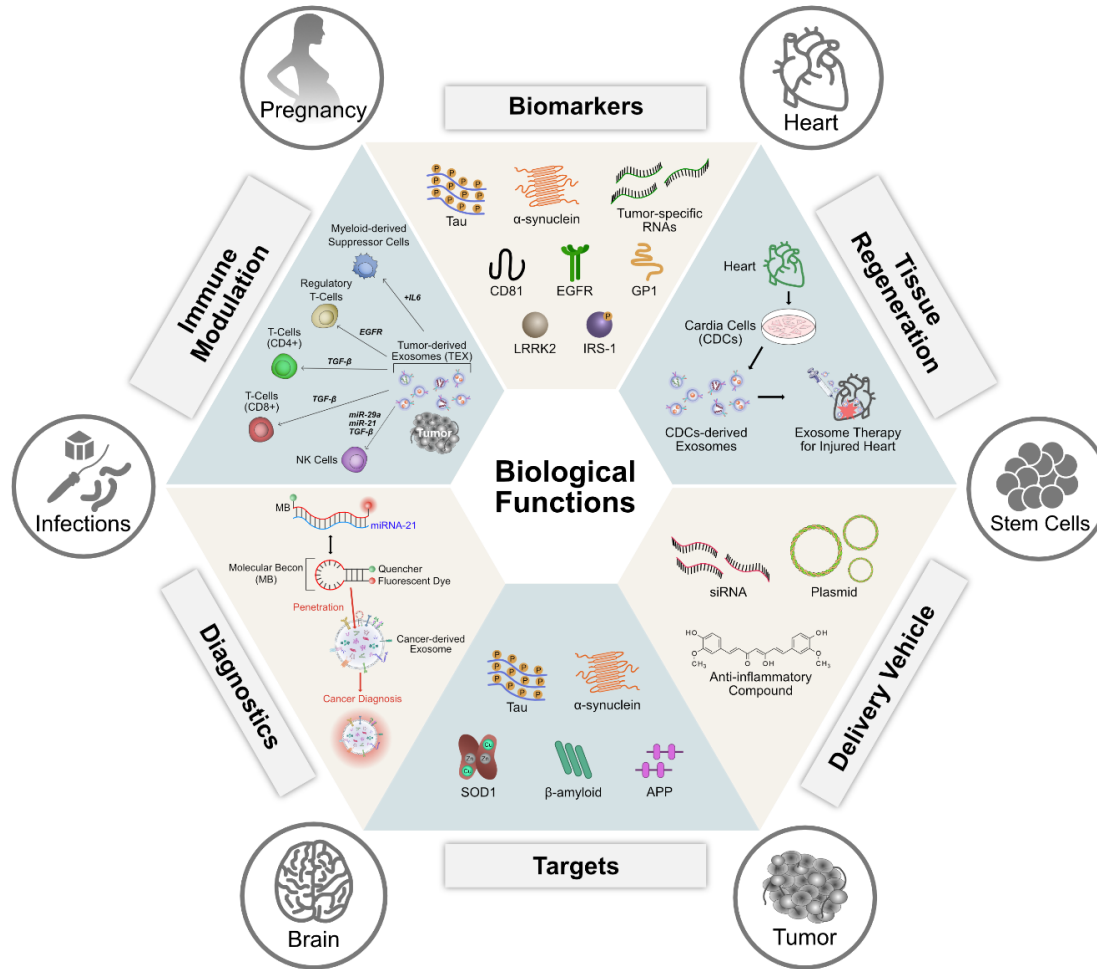


# PROPERTIES

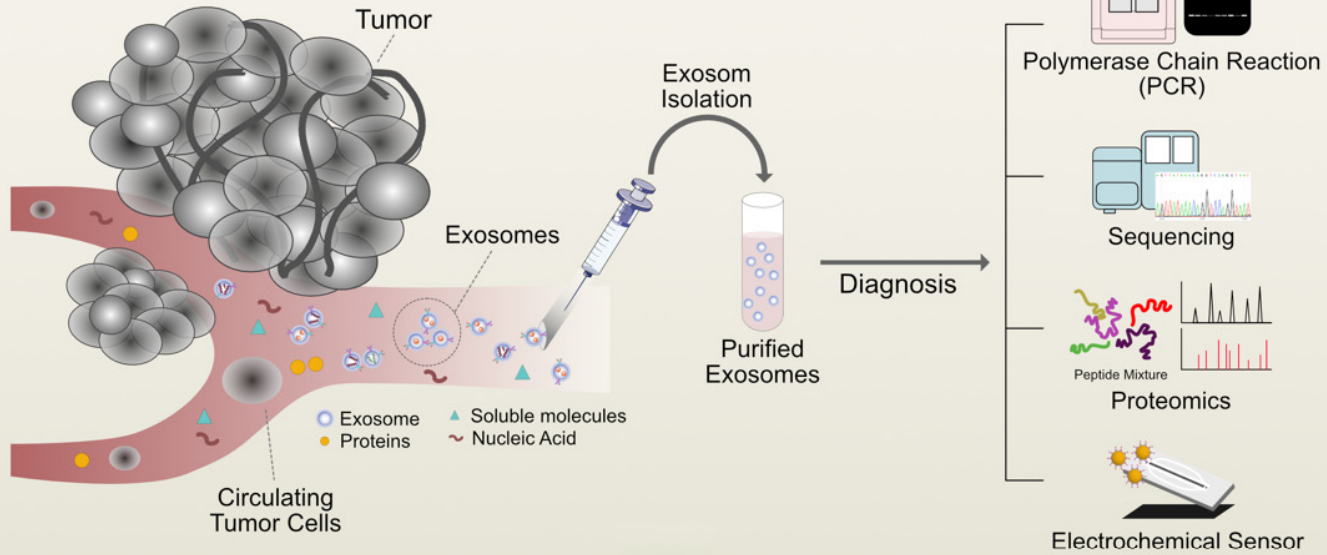
- **Long Body Circulations**
- **Compartmentalization**
- **Targeted Delivery**
- **Biocompatibility & Safe**
- **Cargo Protection & Encapsulation**
- **High Penetration**
- **Biodegradable**
- **Enhanced Biodistribution**



# Exosomes Biological Functions

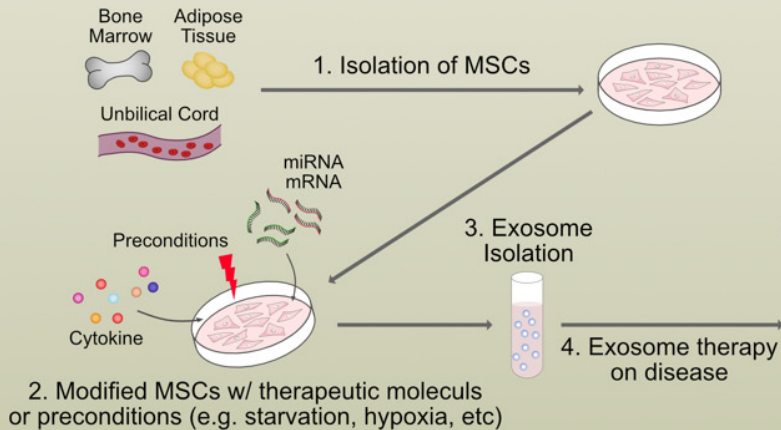


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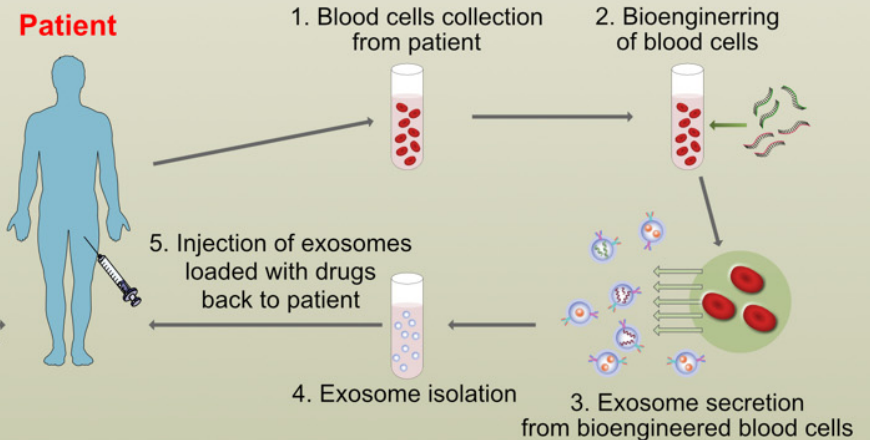


# Therapeutics

## • Mesenchymal Stem Cells (MSCs)



## • Blood Cells





FOUNDATIONONE® CDx



### 324 genes, TMB, MSI and LoH

Assesses the four main classes of genomic alterations\* in 324 cancer-relevant genes and reports TMB, MSI and LoH<sup>1,2</sup>



### Extensively validated

Based on our analytically and clinically validated, FDA-approved comprehensive platform<sup>3,4</sup>



### Supports clinical decision-making

Clear, in-depth report provides insights on the genomic profile of your patient as well as associated targeted therapies, immunotherapies (ranked alphabetically within NCCN therapy categories)<sup>1</sup> and relevant clinical trials<sup>5</sup>



### EU report

Reports vary according to regional differences, e.g. EU reports list EU-approved therapy options to support clinical decision-making<sup>5</sup>



### Opens possibilities

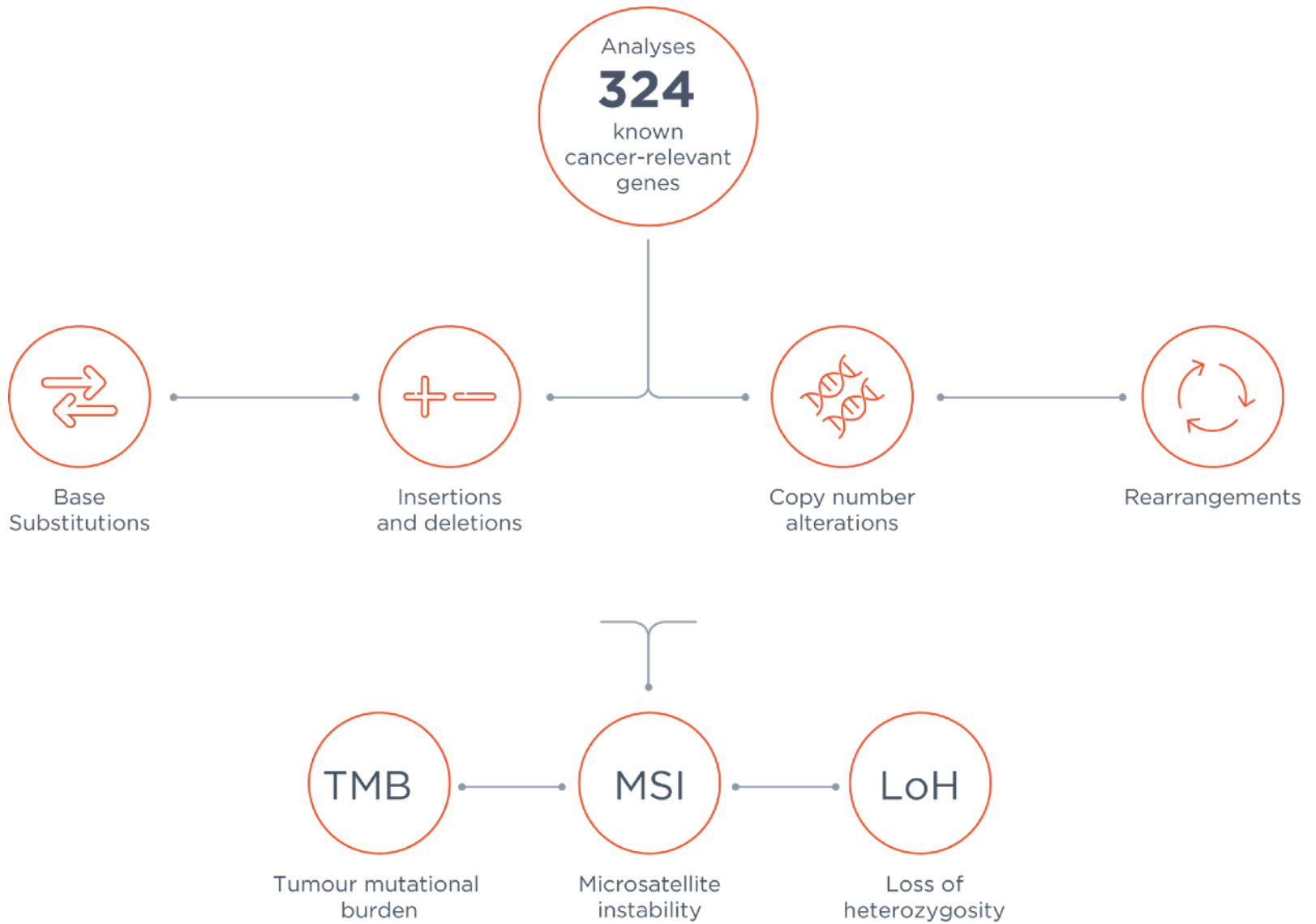
Potentially expands your patient's treatment options<sup>3,6-10</sup>  
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Provides insights that can help support treatment decisions and may improve clinical outcomes<sup>2,11-14</sup>



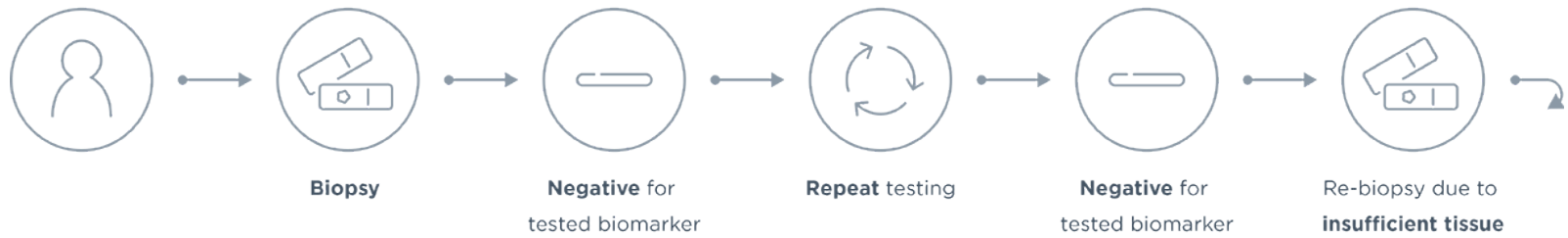
### A single, tissue- and time-saving test

Delivers all insights at once in a single test, thus saving tissue and time versus sequential biomarker testing<sup>1,2,6</sup>

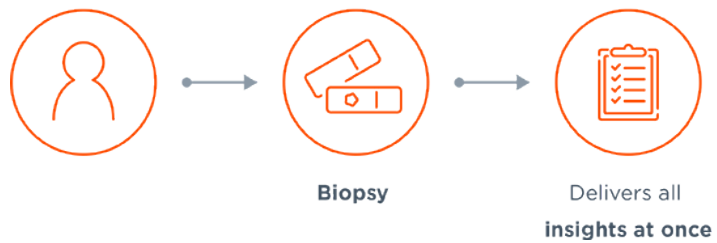




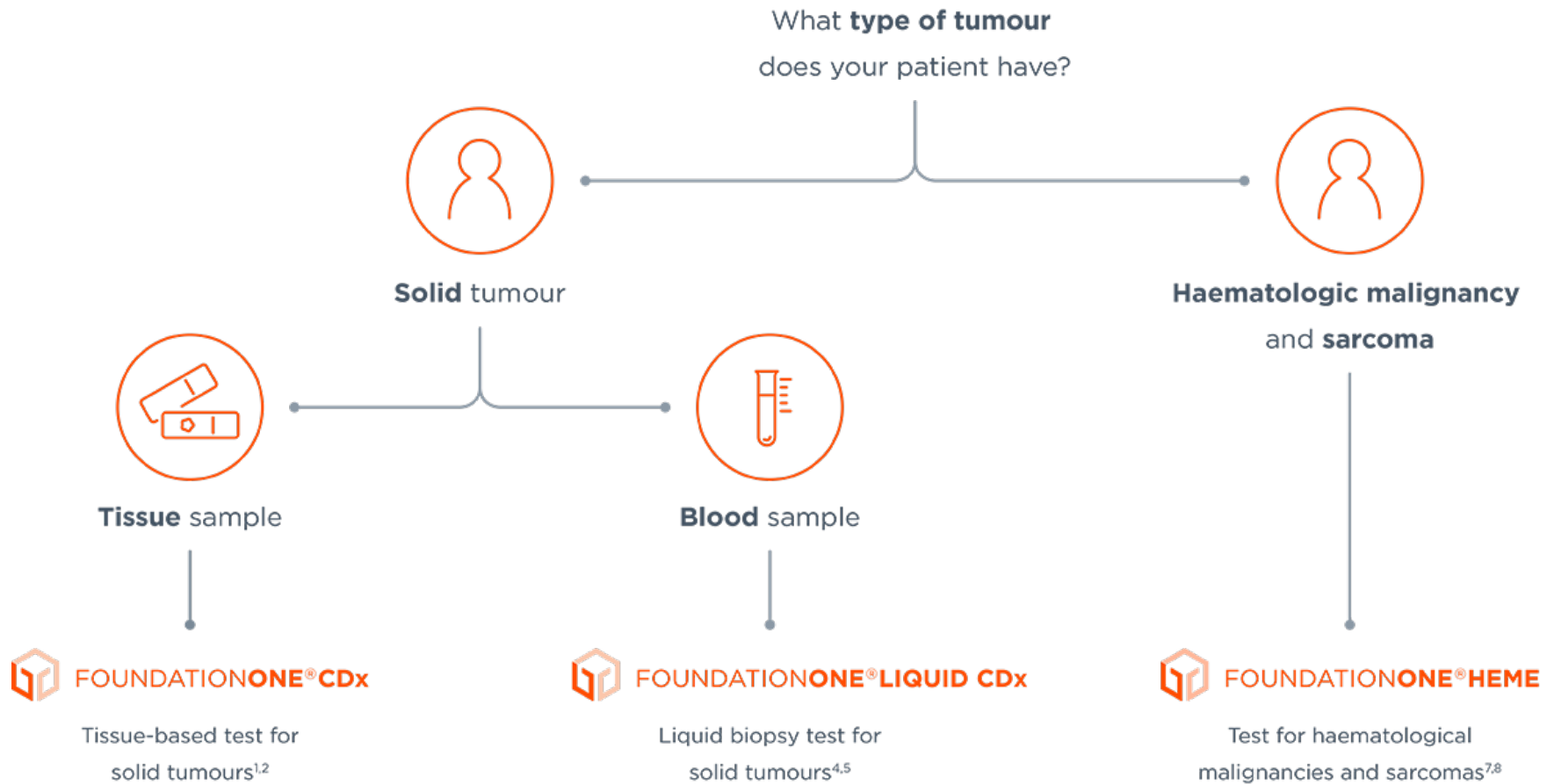
### Single biomarker testing



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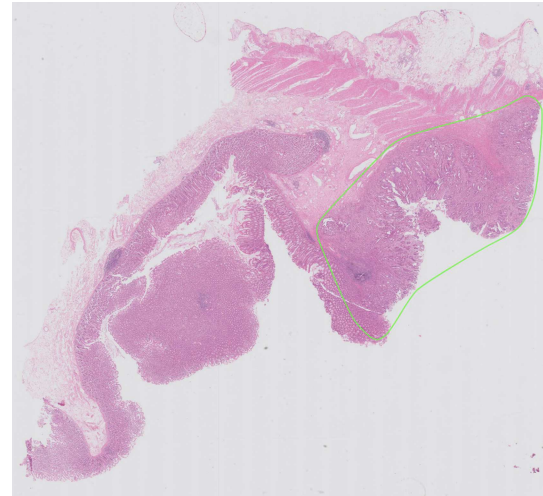
A histological slide showing tissue with numerous dark purple nuclei and red-stained areas, likely representing cellular structures and possibly hemorrhage or necrosis. The overall appearance is that of a high-magnification view of a tissue section.

AI

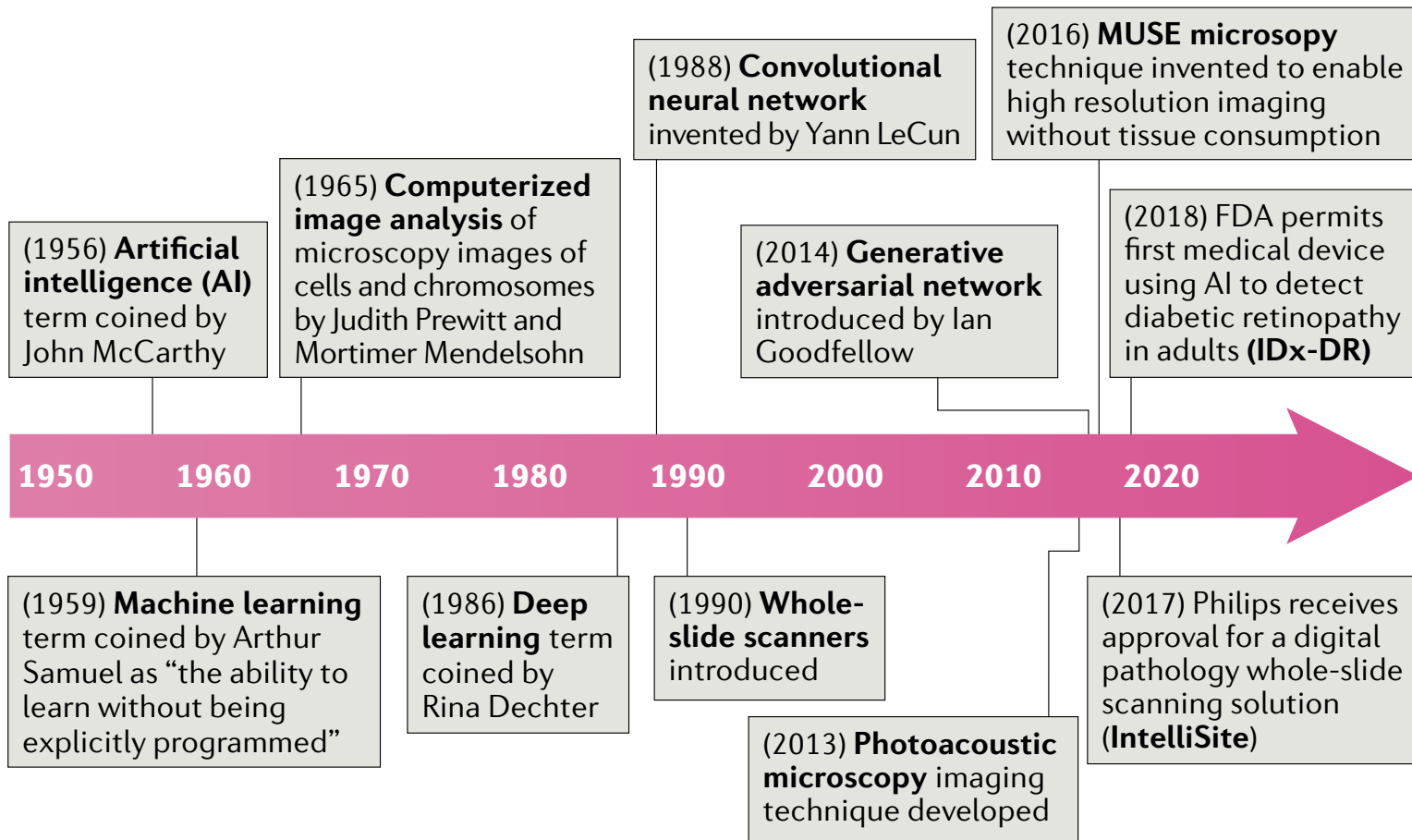
*In digital pathology*

# Non-Digital Pathology

- Routine pathology → glass slide

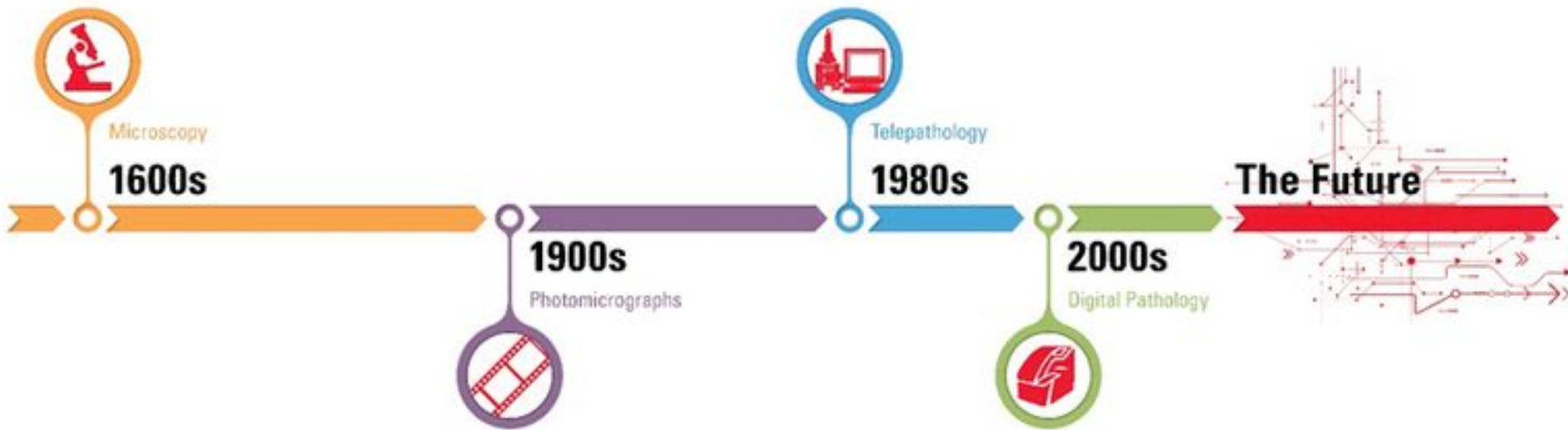


Dx: time consuming / expensive / subjective

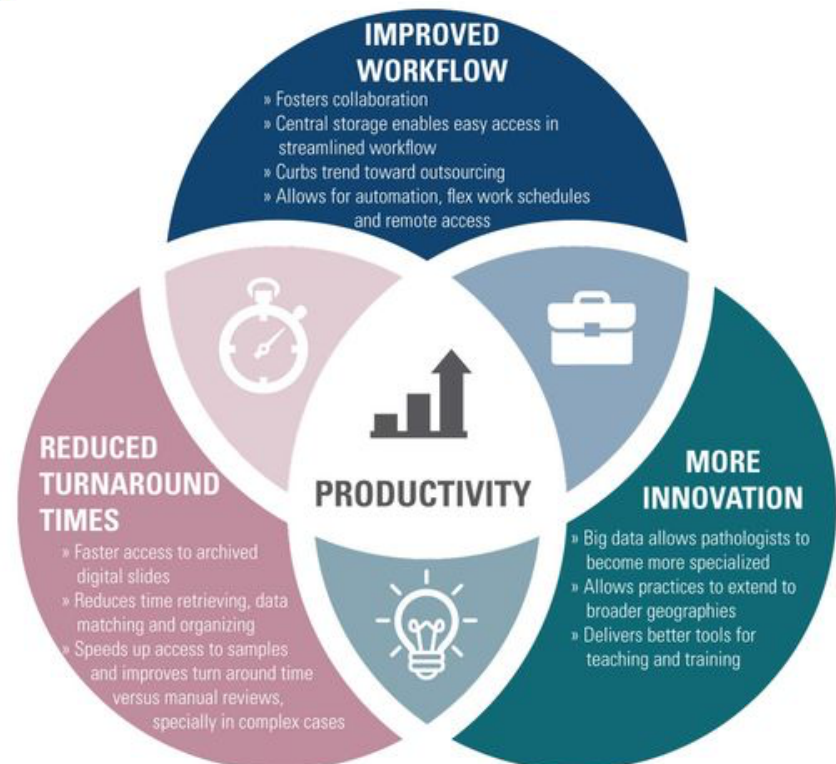


Bera et al, Nat Clin Oncol 2019

# The evolution of Digital Pathology



# Digital Pathology





WSI

AI

Machine Learning

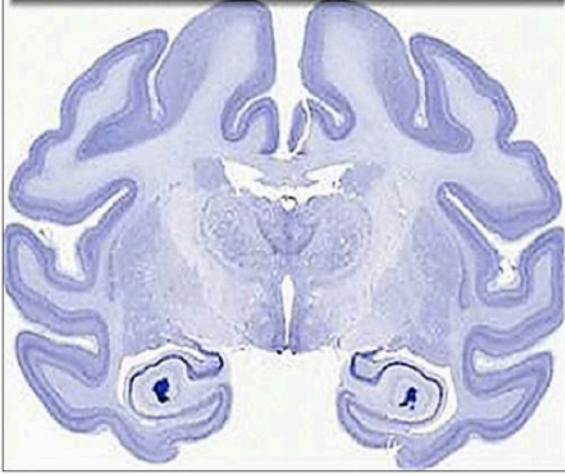
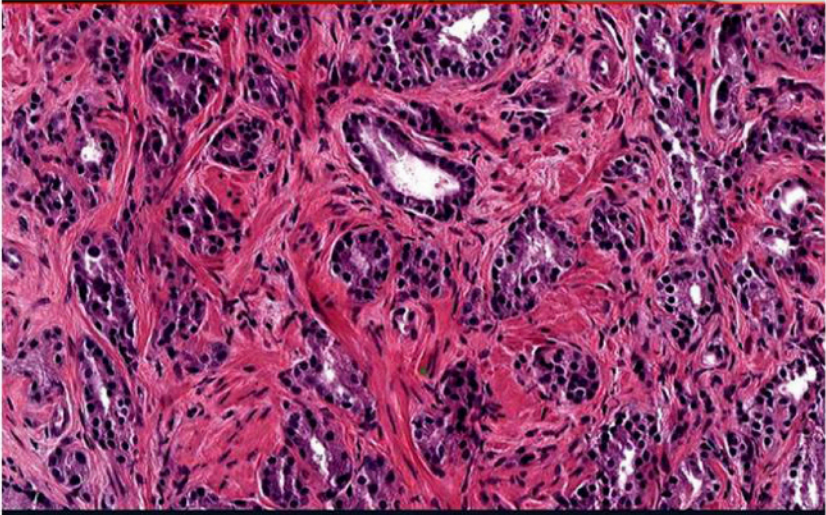
Deep Learning

Dx algorithms and apps

Augment Dx workflow

# Digital Pathology Era

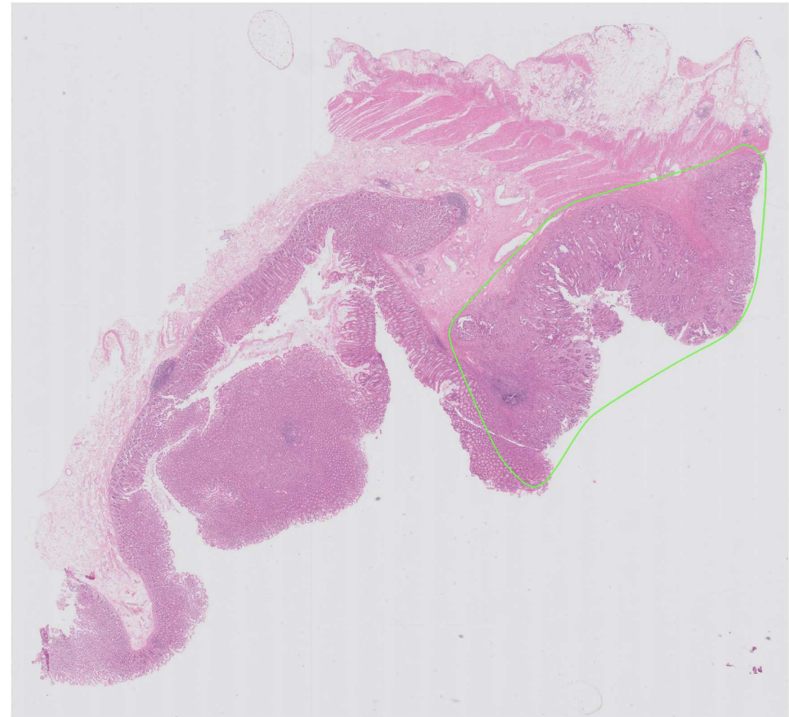
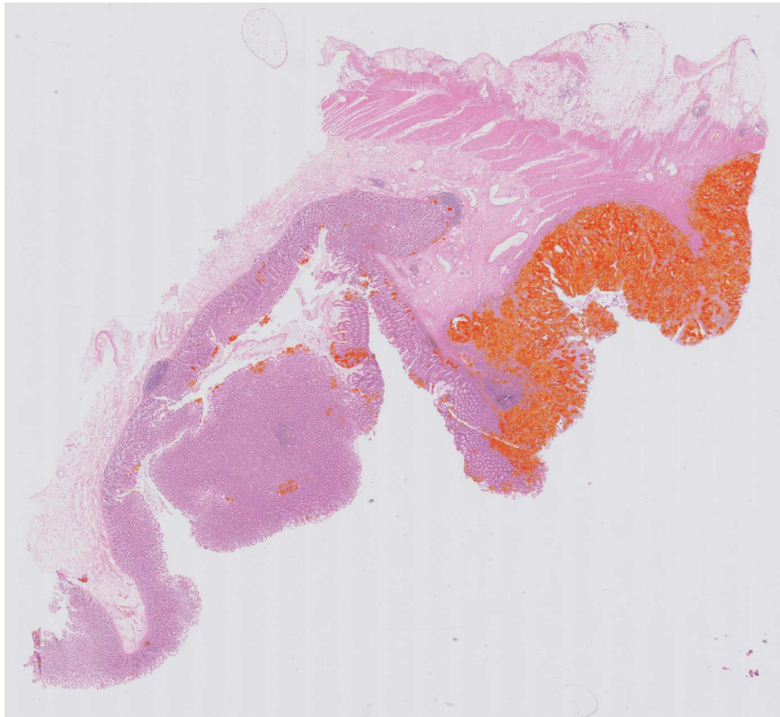




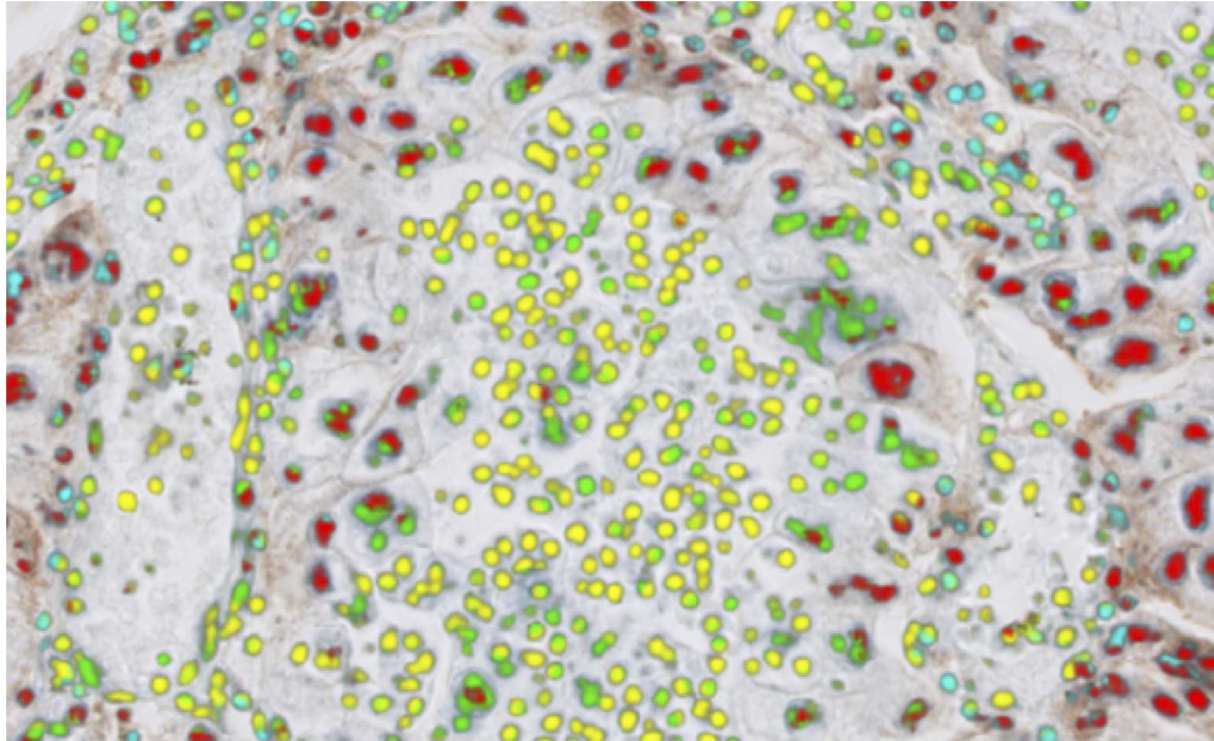
Combining WSI with image analysis tools allows users to leverage technology to perform tasks that were previously too cumbersome or even impossible for humans to undertake manually. Examples include:

- high-throughput morphologic analysis of cases to quantitatively and reproducibly measure histologic structures such as tumors
- automated grading of tumors to reduce variability encountered with manual grading
- automated selection of desired regions of interest, such as hot spots (most active areas in proliferative rate)
- detecting mutations and perform tumor subtyping from H&E imaging using deep learning approaches

# Automated tumor identification

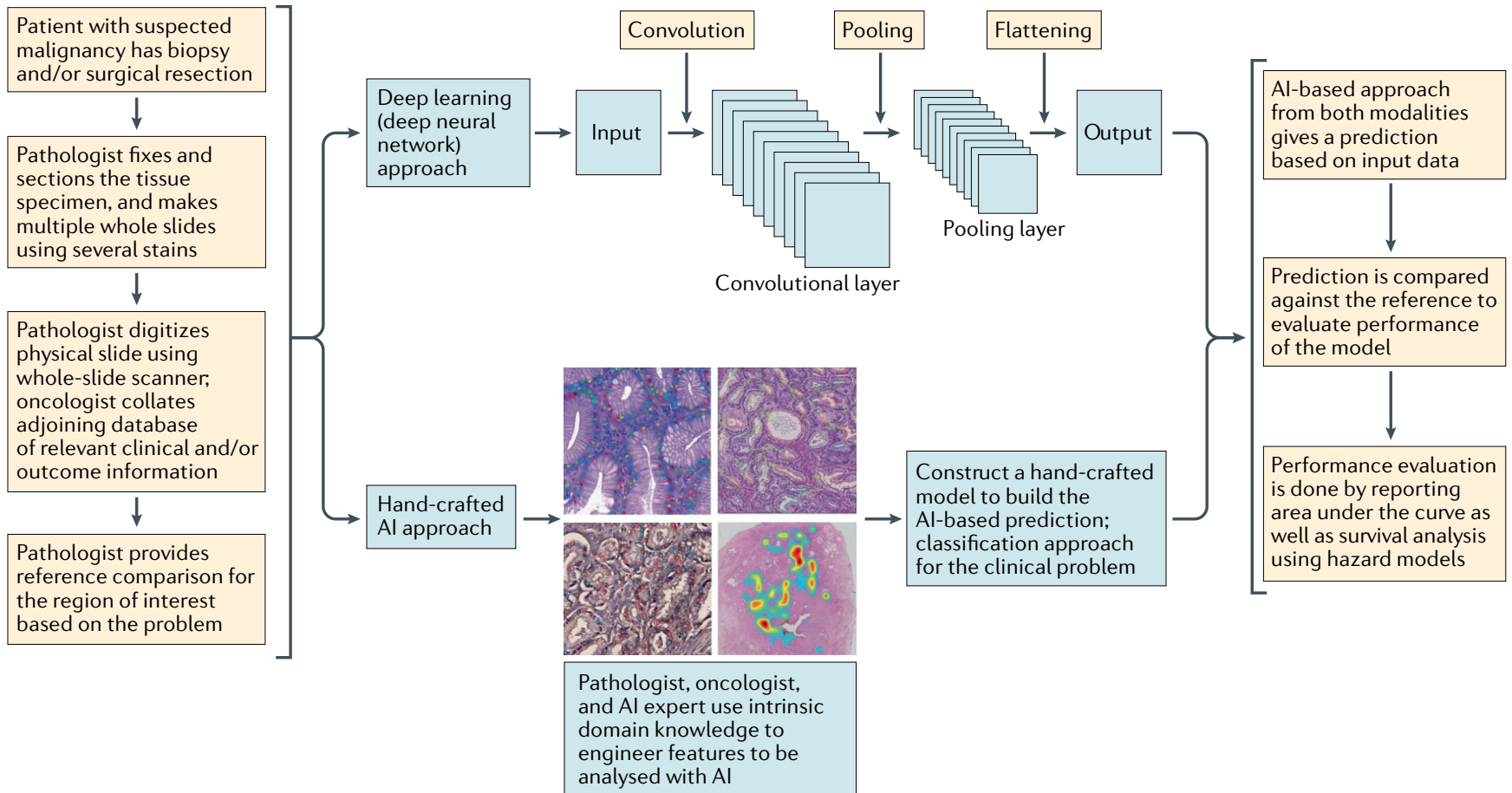


# PD-L1 imaging in lung cancer WSI/AI



Pos / Neg tumor cells, Inflammatory cells

# Advanced level of DP/AI



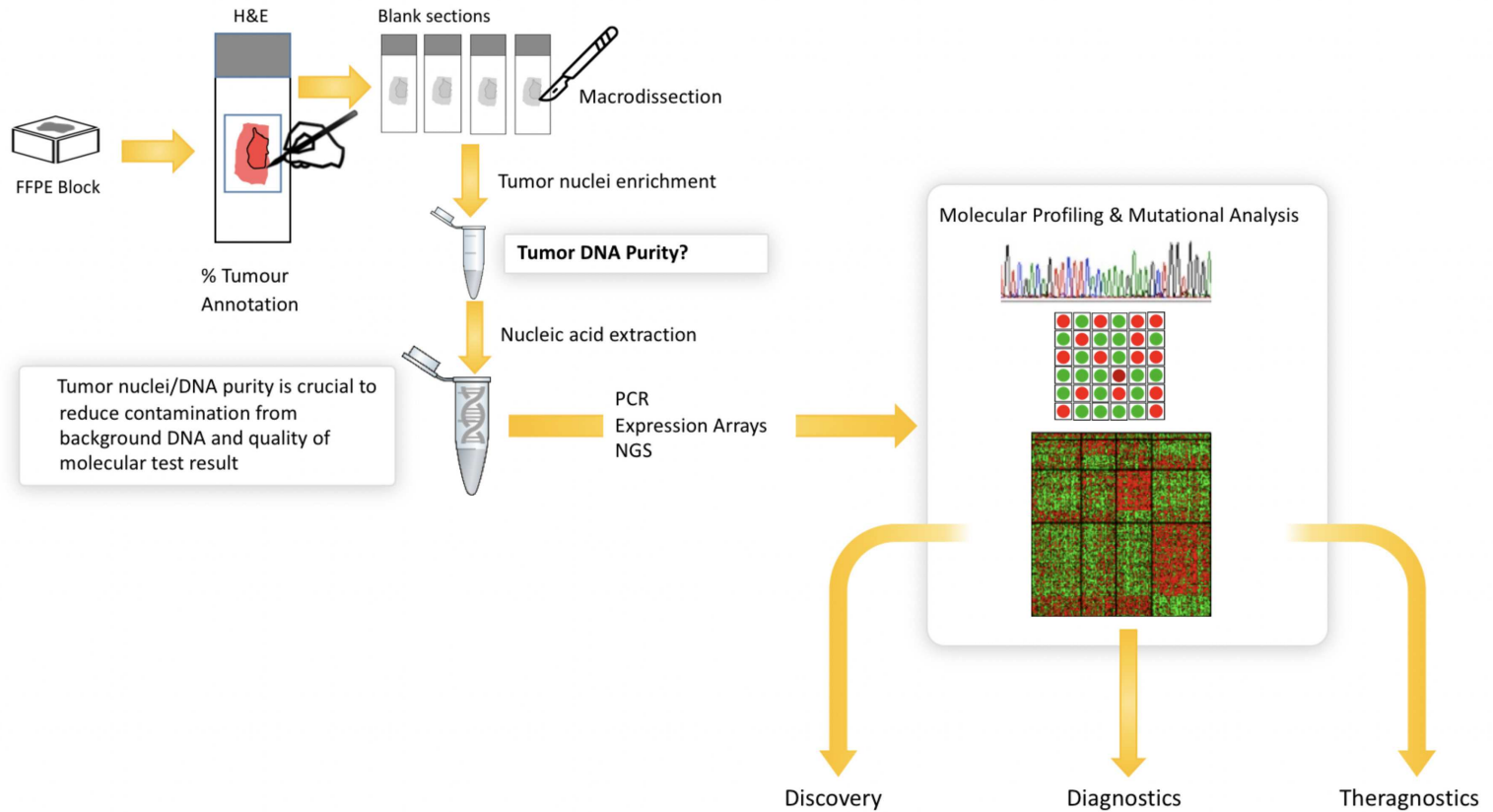
- WSI: whole slide imaging
- interpreting diagnostic, prognostic and therapeutic data from very large patient populations
- providing real-time guidance on risk, clinical care options and outcome
- provide up-to-date medical information from journals, textbooks, and clinical practices to inform proper patient care
- reduce diagnostic and therapeutic errors that are inevitable in conventional human clinical practice
- 3D images



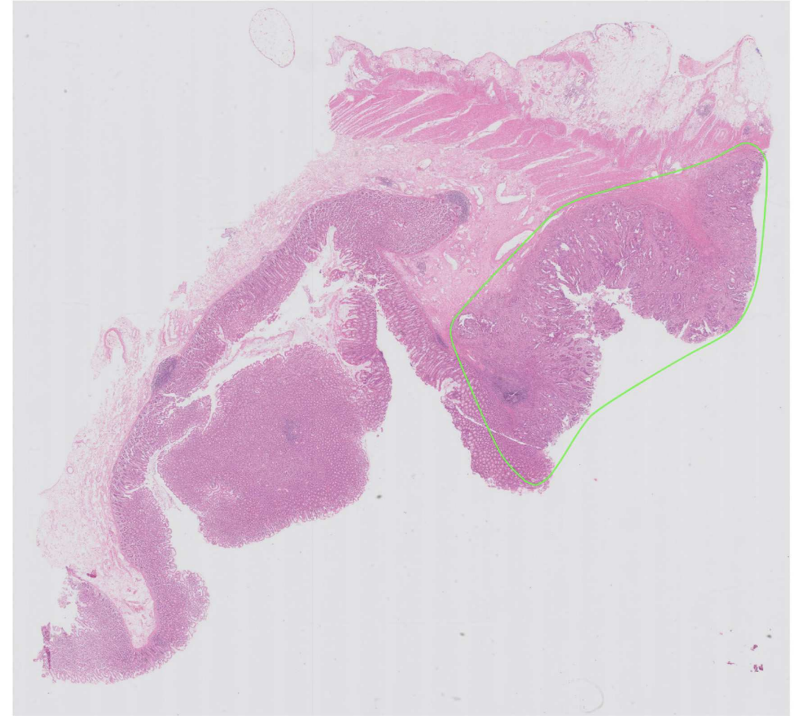
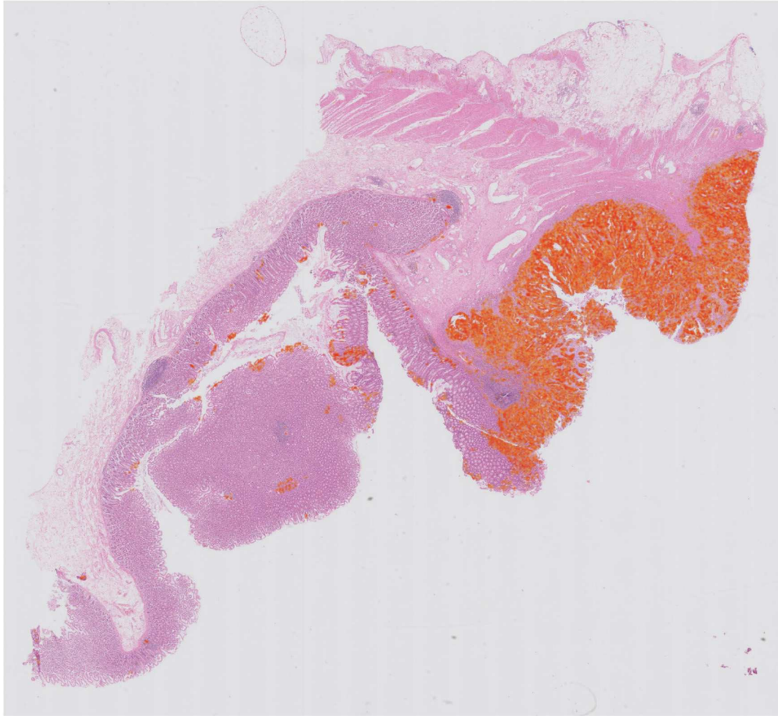
# Digital Pathology Applications

- Prostate cancer grading
- Metastasis detection in LNs
- Mitosis count
- Ki67 scoring
- IHC evaluation (eg PD-L1)
- Tumor detection for molecular analysis
- AI works best in well-defined domains, overcoming the issue of standardization
- 75% of routine pathology (**BUT extremely unsophisticated and boring!!!!**)
- **Intelligence Augmentation (IA) instead of AI in Pathology—→ remove noise, but extract useful data**

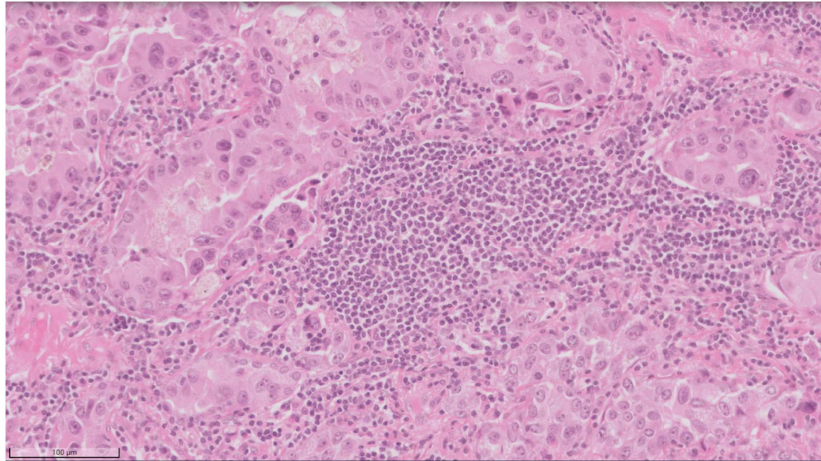
# AI: Identifying the boundary of tumor



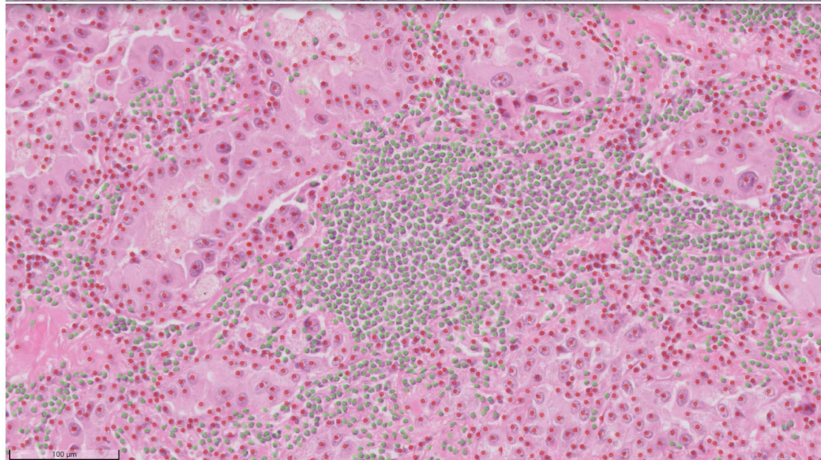
# Automated tumor identification tumor quantification



# Automated analysis of cellular content in H&E using deep learning



HE



WSI/AI system

# Problems/key challenges

- limiting technology/image quality/storage
- Algorithms are slow to run
- Properly define protocols for training and evaluation
- shortcomings to scan all materials (eg, cytology, microbiology)
- the cost of these systems /Lack of health economics
- their inability to handle high-throughput routine work, regulatory barriers in certain countries, user-unfriendly ergonomics
- pathologists' reluctance to use WSI



# AI: ...to conclude

The field of pathology AI is still **young** and will continue to mature as researchers, clinicians, industry, regulatory organizations, and patient advocacy groups **work together** to innovate and deliver new technologies to health care providers: technologies which are **better, faster, cheaper, more precise, and safe for the pt!!**



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