



Technology Assessment of Next Generation Sequencing in Personalized Oncology

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# Welcome!

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# Rationale

1. Large variability of sequencing/NGS tests in the Netherlands
2. Increased use of immunotherapy, while this is effective for only a small part of the patients

*→How can we optimize the use of NGS in the Netherlands?*



# TANGO

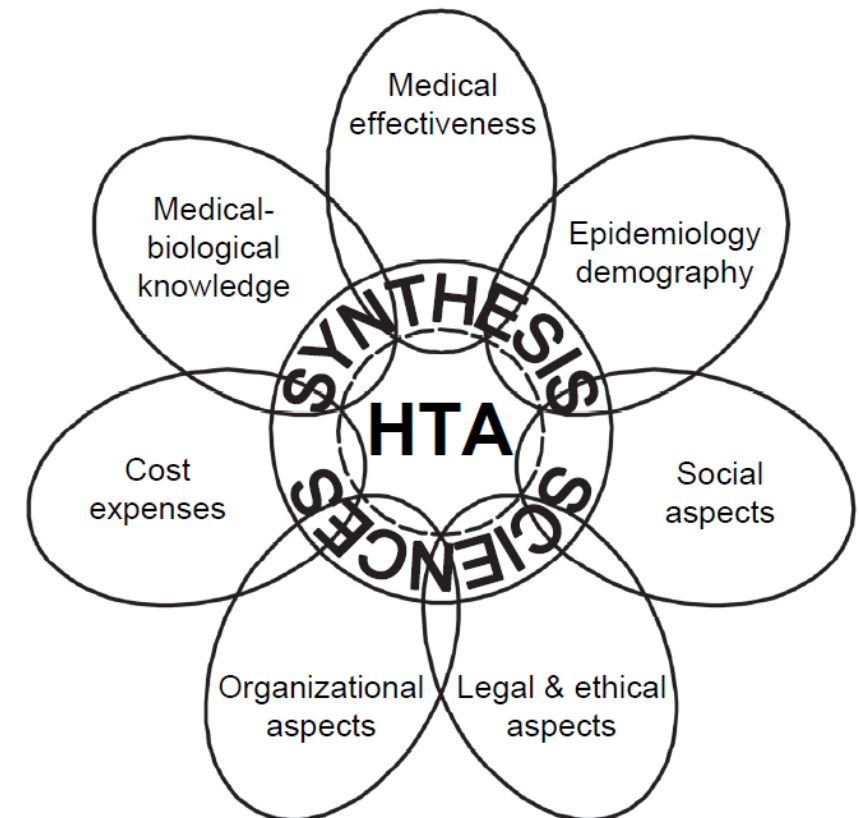
## Technology Assessment

HTA: broad evaluation of new or existing health technologies

- Clinical effectiveness
- Financial (cost-effectiveness)
- Patient related
- Ethical/legal
- Organizational

→ Information for policy making

→ Decision making for groups of patients



# TANGO

## Next Generation sequencing in Oncology

-> focus = Whole Genome Sequencing: complete tumor DNA

- Tests for all relevant mutations in 1 experiment
- To prescribe the most optimal therapy
- This could improve survival with less toxicity
- Assist in controlling healthcare costs :  
→ Offering (often expensive) treatment to only those likely to benefit.

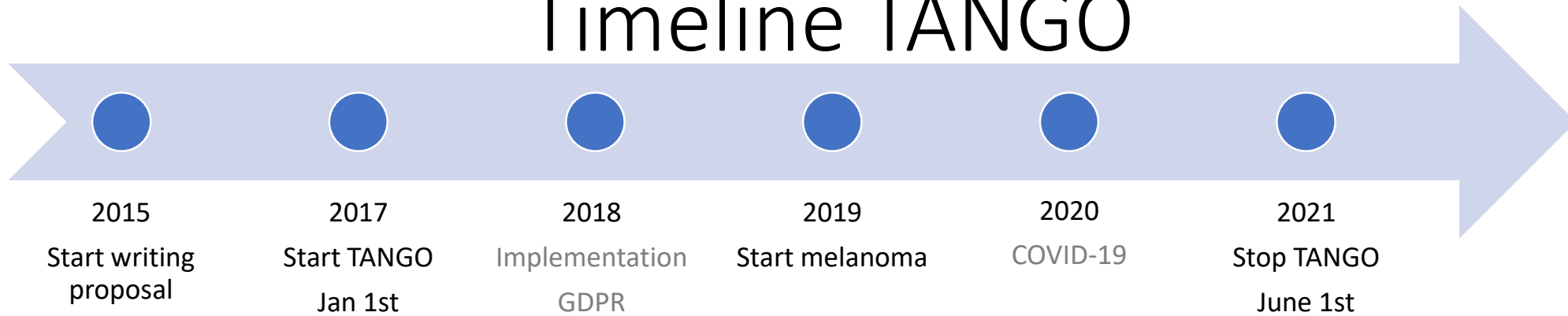


# Purpose TANGO

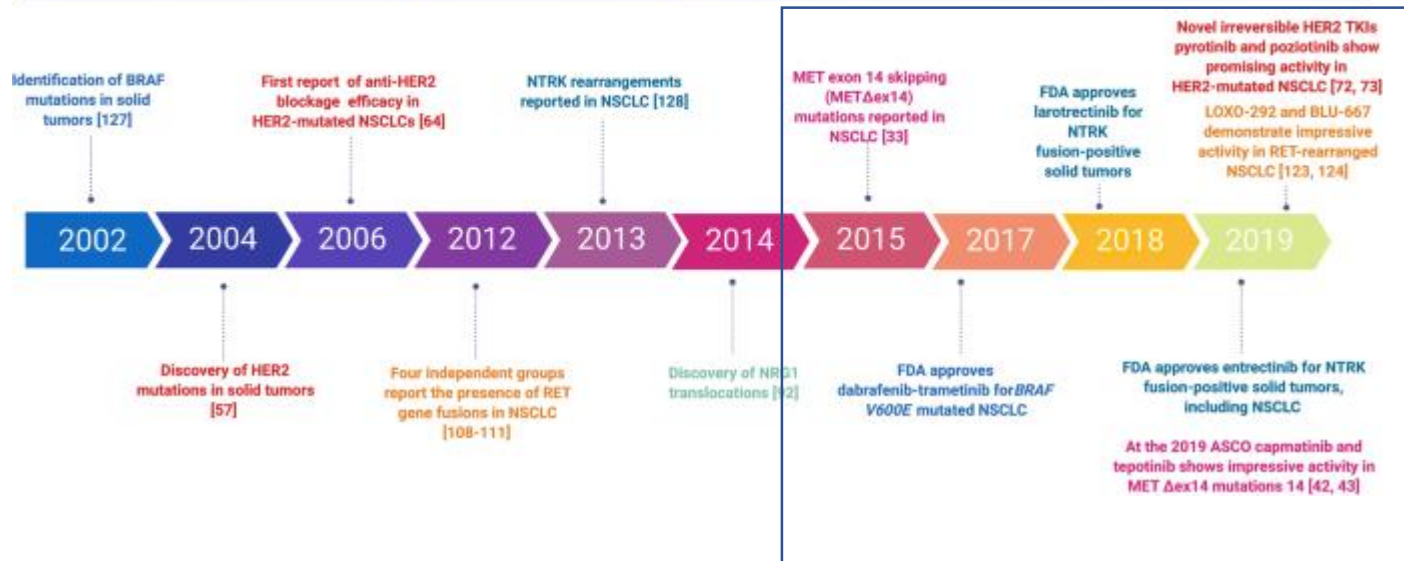
A) to expand molecular profiling of tumors in order to improve immune- and targeted treatment selection and outcomes in patients with advanced NSCLC (and melanoma) **WP: 1,2**

B) to project long-term outcomes like cost-effectiveness, budget impact, and relevant patient & organizational issues related to the introduction of WGS compared to standard diagnostics. **WP: 3,4,5,6**

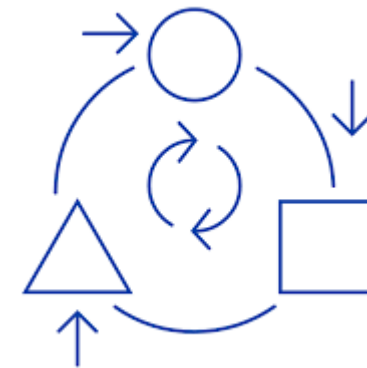
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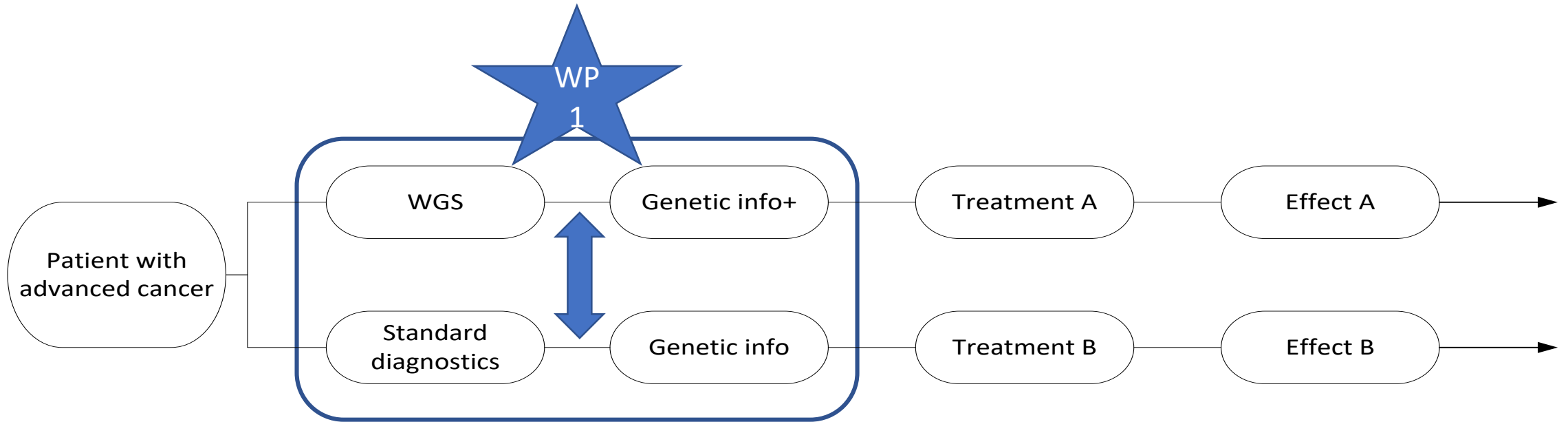
## Milestones in the story of novel oncogene drivers in advanced NSCLC



**Continuous anticipation!**



# Diagnostic/patient pathway – micro level



WP1 diagnostic pathway

WP2 diagnostics + treatment + survival

WP3 diagnostics + treatment longer FU

-> based on CPCT-02

-> based on CPCT-02

-> based on registry data



# WP1: Molecular tumor diagnostics by WGS versus current diagnostics

 Edwin Cuppen

Aims:

NSCLC

melanoma

-To identify the added value of WGS compared to SoC



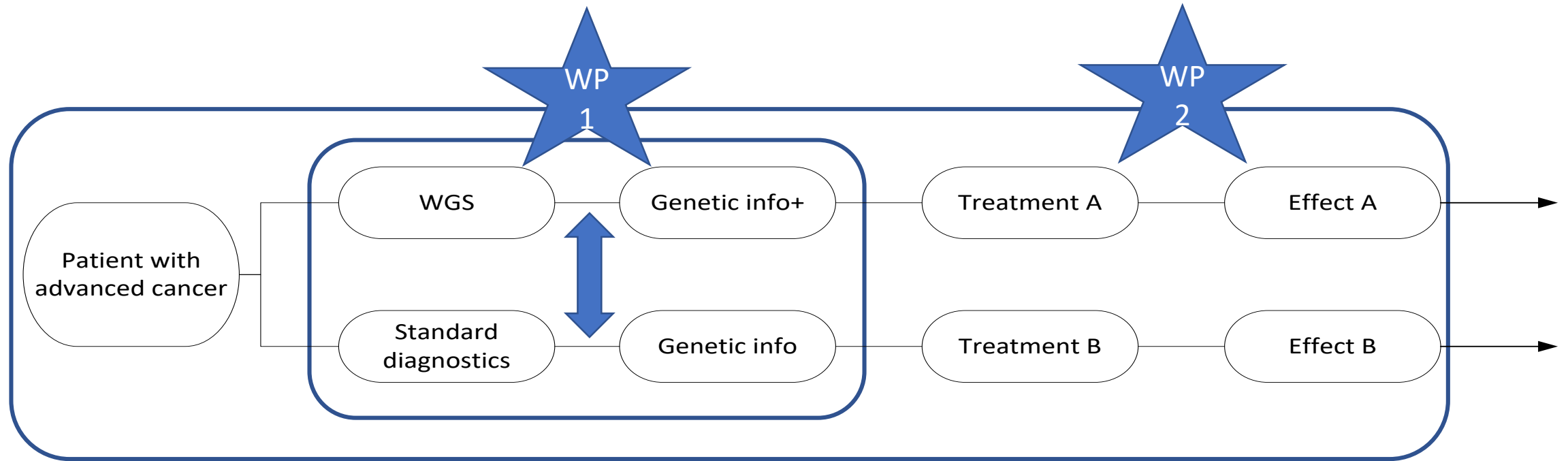
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-To address the logistical and data challenges related to implementation of WGS



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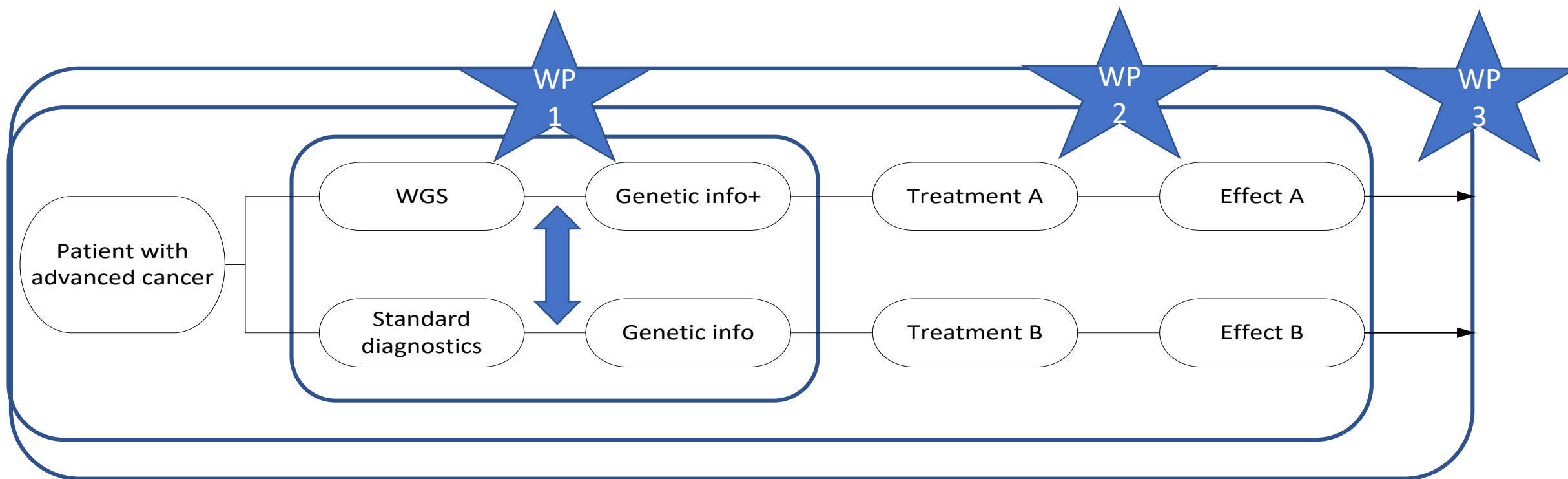
# WP2: Treatment selection based on WGS vs current diagnostics

 Joachim Aerts

Aim: to demonstrate value of immune- and targeted treatment selection and outcomes using WGS versus SoC in patients diagnosed with advanced NSCLC and melanoma

|                                 | NSCLC   | melanoma  |
|---------------------------------|---|---|
| - 400 Biopsies                  |    |    |
| - Primary endpoint: PFS         |   |   |
| - Secondary endpoints: RR       |  |  |
| - Biomarker for non-response IT |  |  |

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# WP3: Prediction of population-based long-term health benefits and harms

 Veerle Coupé

Aim: to predict long-term health outcomes of WGS-based immunotherapy versus SoC for the Dutch advanced NSCLC and melanoma patient population

Strategies:

- Current diagnostics, treatment & survival
- Model incl WGS-based immunotherapy
- Cost-effectiveness including WGS BM
- (PET/CT-based tumor growth model)

NSCLC

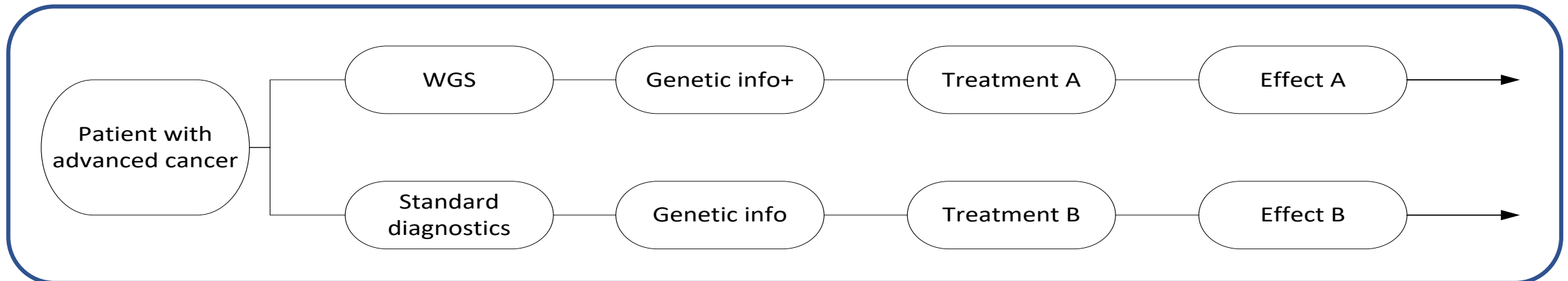
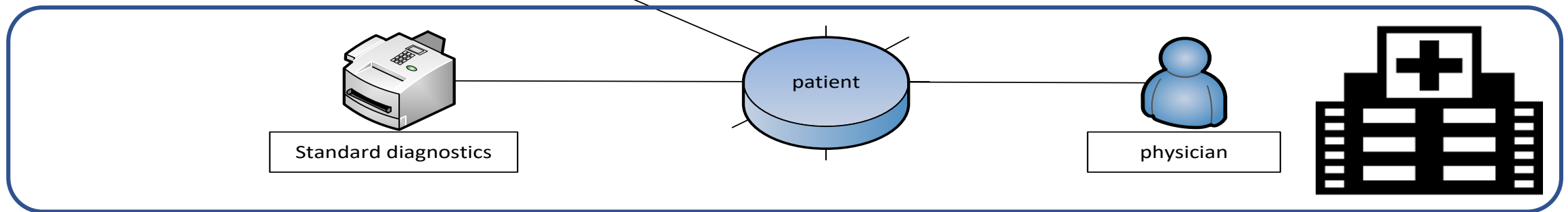
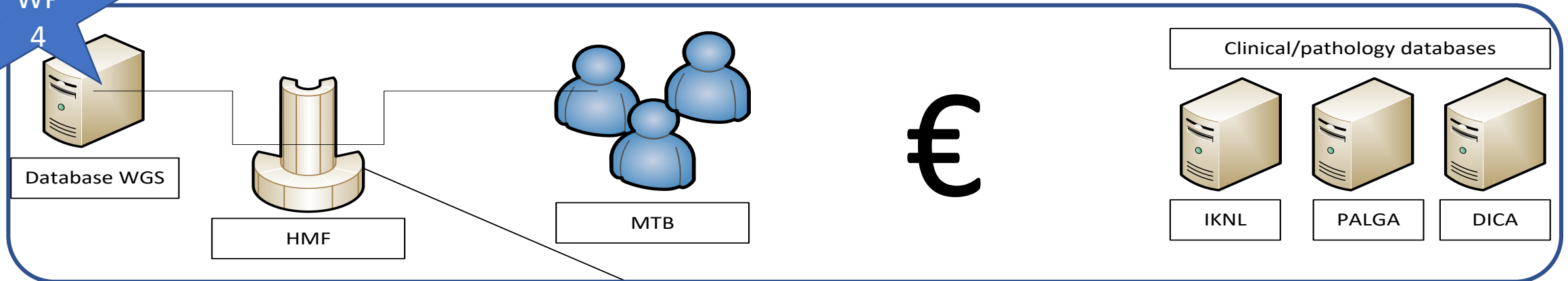


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# Diagnostic/patient pathway – system level











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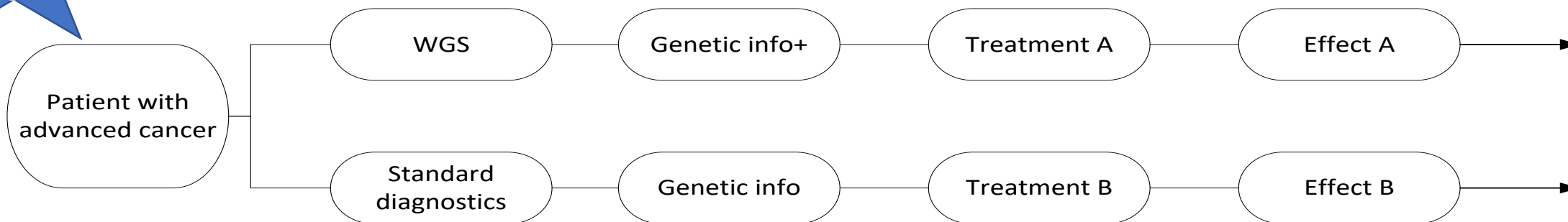
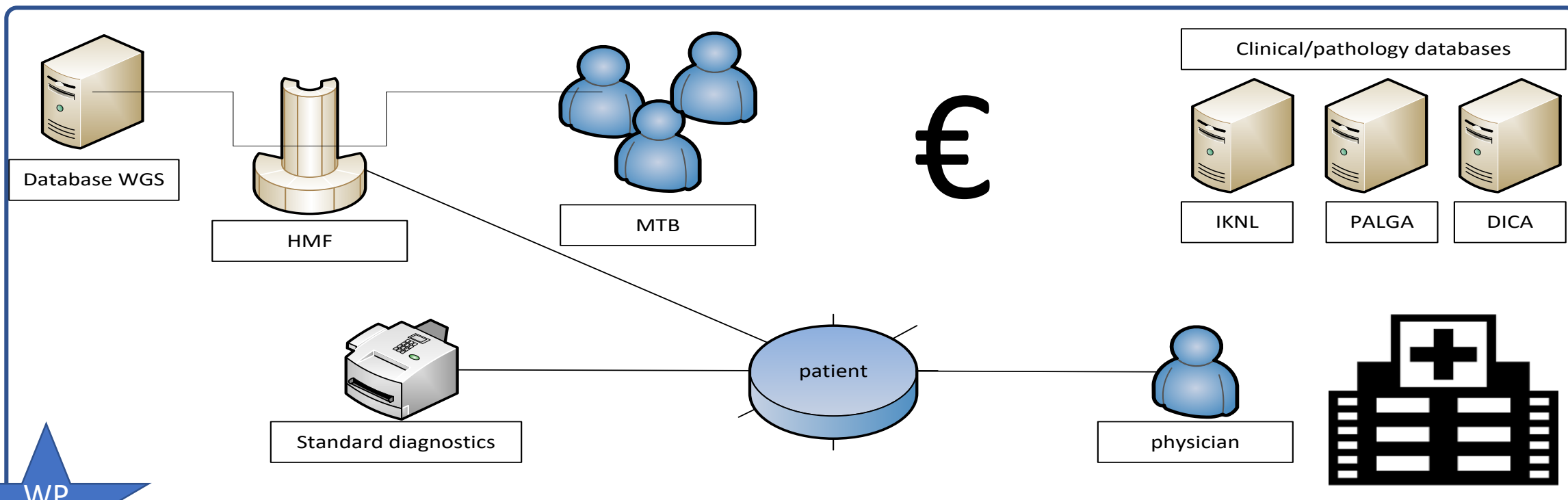
# WP4: Tumor-overarching cost-effectiveness modeling

 Manuela Joore

Aim: to provide information on the cost-effectiveness, budget impact and wider public benefits of WGS versus SoC for advanced NSCLC and melanoma patients.

|                         | NSCLC   | melanoma  |
|-------------------------|---|---|
| - cost-effectiveness    |    |    |
| - Budget impact         |   |   |
| - Wider public benefits |  |  |
| - Scenario's (with WP5) |  |  |
| - Quality of life       |  |  |

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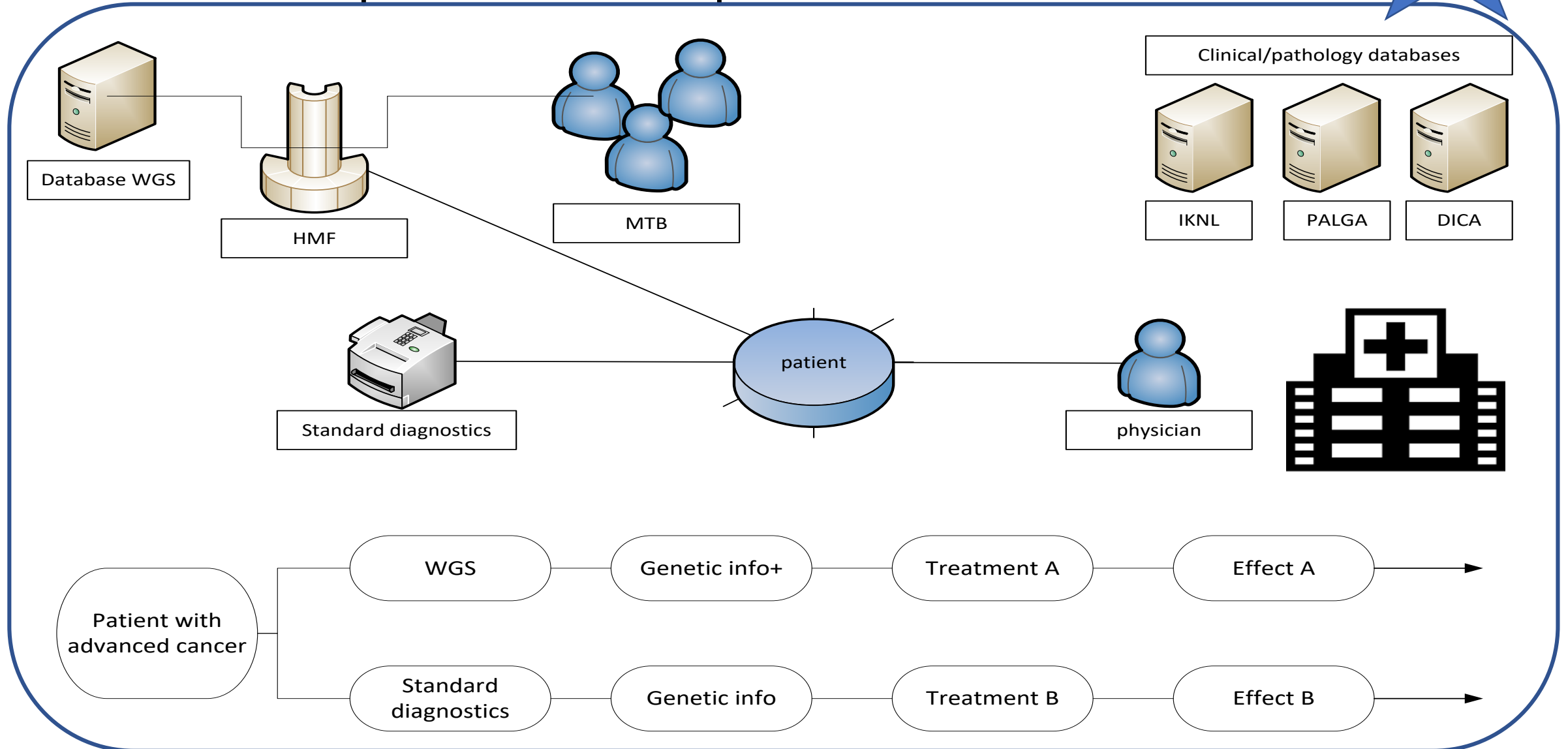
# WP5: Nation-wide organization of WGS

 Maarten IJzerman

Aim: to provide insight in the consequences of implementation of WGS

-  - Identify requirements for developing the simulation model
-  - Select the most appropriate modeling approach
-  - Map the current process of care
-  - Identify dynamic interactions and decisions of stakeholders
-  - Explore implementation of WGS in terms of access and treatment

# Responsible implementation – ELSI



# WP6: Ethical, Legal and Societal Implications (ELSI) of WGS

 Wim van Harten

Aim: to investigate whether medical professionals carry a responsibility to 're-contact' their patients

-ethical:



-systematic 'review of reasons'



-2 semi-structured focus groups (patients & stakeholders)

-legal:



-systematic review of legal documents



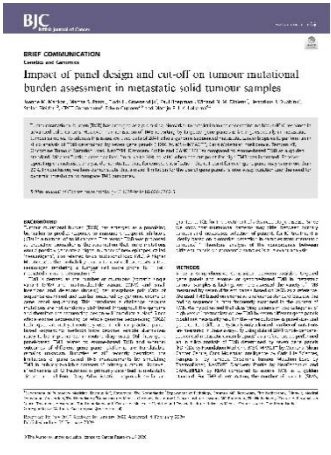
-in-depth study on the duty to re-contact

-ELSI:

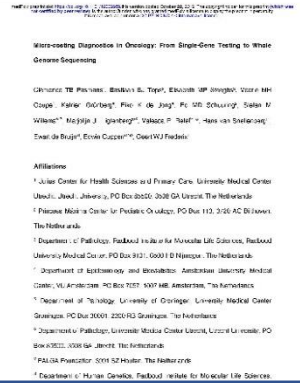


-Synthesis of findings in concluding paper with practical recommendations

# Publications TANGO



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Mitchell ea



Van de Ven ea

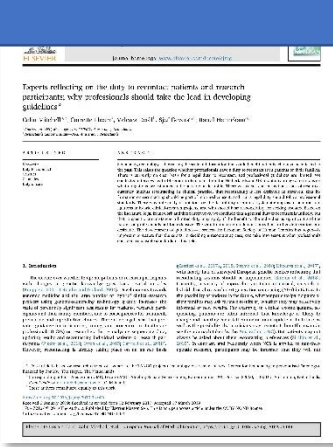
Many more in the pipeline  
Including TANGO “design” paper: deadline in 2 weeks



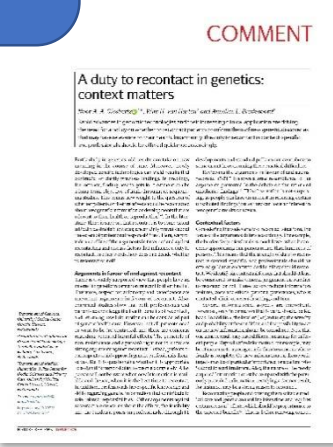
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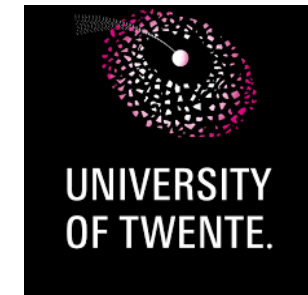
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# Employees



# Participating Centers



Dit project (846001002) wordt mogelijk gemaakt door



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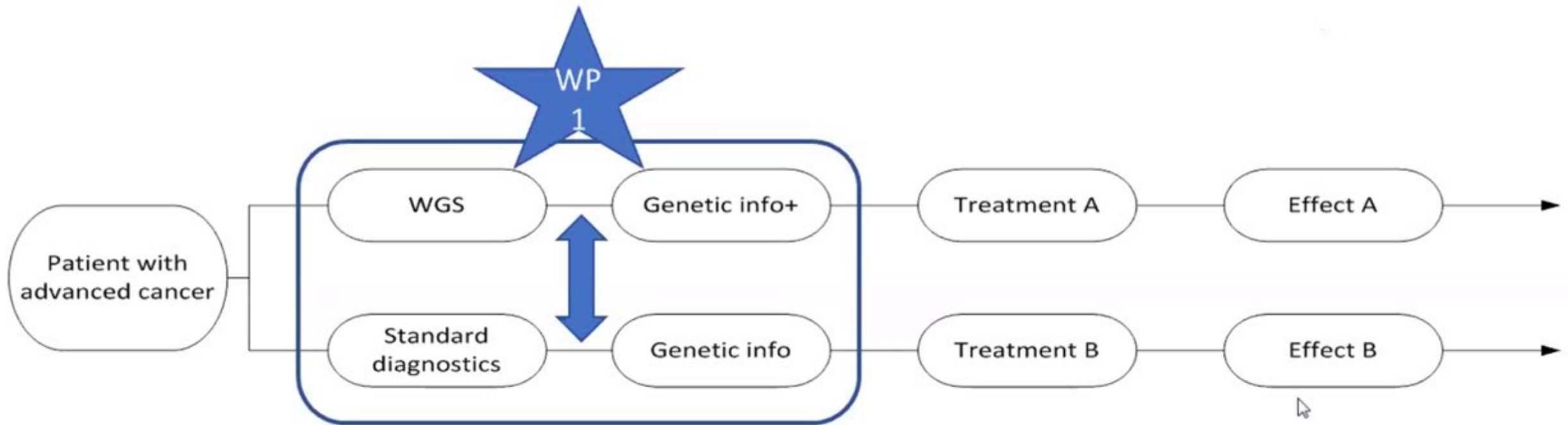
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PhD: Rogier Butter





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|   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>Logistical and data challenges</b>                           | <b>How should WGS test results be presented to clinicians: Molecular Tumor Boards</b> |
| <b>Potential added therapeutic value of WGS</b>                 | <b>Compare test results WGS to standard of care</b>                                   |
| <b>Compare the total costs of WGS compared standard of care</b> | <b>Previously investigated by Clémence Pasmans as part of this WP</b>                 |



# Potential added value of WGS: Paired comparison with standard tests

## Inclusion criteria

-  Patients were included in the CPCT-02
-  Patients were diagnosed with NSCLC or Melanoma (independent of therapy)
-  WGS was performed successfully → Available from HMF
-  Routine molecular test results available → Retrospectively collected from patient records



# Routine molecular test results retrospectively collected from centers with high volume inclusions

|               | NSCLC | Melanoma |
|---------------|-------|----------|
| Amsterdam UMC | 5     | 50       |
| Erasmus MC    | 20    | 72       |
| NKI-AvL       | 97    | 30       |
| Meander MC    | 23    | 2        |
| UMC Utrecht   | 0     | 17       |
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# Preliminary results of NSCLC; awaiting large cohort of melanoma patients from one center

## Breakdown Molecular diagnostics in included patients (n=138)

|                           |    |
|---------------------------|----|
| 1x WGS                    | 88 |
| 1x Routine Molecular Test |    |
| 1x WGS                    | 26 |
| 2x Routine Molecular Test |    |
| 1x WGS                    | 14 |
| 3x Routine Molecular Test |    |
| 1x WGS                    | 3  |
| 4x Routine Molecular Test |    |
| 2x WGS                    | 3  |
| 1x Routine Molecular Test |    |
| 2x WGS                    | 4  |
| 2x Routine Molecular Test |    |



# Patients divided in four subgroups dependent on time and location of biopsy

-  Subgroup A – Biopsy for WGS and Routine test at same time and site
-  Subgroup B – Biopsy for WGS and Routine test at different time but same site
-  Subgroup C – Biopsy for WGS and Routine test at different time and site

## Patients with repeated tests in multiple subgroups





# Breakdown subgroup A (same site+time) and subgroup B (same site, different time)

|                                  |                  | Subgroup A (n=104) | Subgroup B (n=54) |
|----------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Site biopsy                      | Lung             | 39                 | 16                |
|                                  | Lymph node       | 23                 | 16                |
|                                  | Liver            | 17                 | 13                |
|                                  | Pleural          | 9                  | 2                 |
|                                  | Bone             | 4                  | 1                 |
|                                  | Soft tissue      | 4                  | 4                 |
|                                  | Adrenal          | 3                  | 0                 |
|                                  | Other            | 5                  | 2                 |
| Routine molecular test           | NGS – Illumina   | 31                 | 26                |
|                                  | NGS – Iontorrent | 63                 | 17                |
|                                  | MassArray        | 7                  | 7                 |
|                                  | smMIP – (PATH)   | 3                  | 4                 |
| Mean interval Routine test – WGS |                  | 0 days             | 313 days (8-1264) |



# Breakdown Subgroup C (different site and different time)

| Breakdown subgroup C (n=55)        |                  |         |  |                   |
|------------------------------------|------------------|---------|--|-------------------|
|                                    |                  | WGS (n) |  | Routine test (n)  |
| Site biopsy                        | Lung             | 16      |  | 11                |
|                                    | Bronchus         | 7       |  | 3                 |
|                                    | Lymph node       | 7       |  | 14                |
|                                    | Liver            | 6       |  | 3                 |
|                                    | Pleural          | 2       |  | 3                 |
|                                    | Pleural effusion | 1       |  | 6                 |
|                                    | Bone             | 6       |  | 2                 |
|                                    | Soft tissue      | 4       |  | 4                 |
|                                    | Adrenal          | 2       |  | 4                 |
|                                    | Other            | 3       |  | 5                 |
| Routine molecular test             | NGS – Illumina   |         |  | 34                |
|                                    | NGS – IonTorrent |         |  | 6                 |
|                                    | MassArray        |         |  | 13                |
|                                    | smMIP – (PATH)   |         |  | 0                 |
| Median interval Routine test – WGS |                  |         |  | 240 days (15-995) |



# Analysis ongoing: Discordance between WGS and Routine Molecular Tests

Is mutation X present in both WGS and the routine test within the same patient?



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 Gene mutation not reported in medical record

 Specific area of gene not covered by panel

 Allele frequency too low

 True discordance



# EGFR/KRAS in subgroup A as an example: Unlikely to be not reported or uncovered by panel + no bias of time and site

| EGFR     | Reference Test |          |    |
|----------|----------------|----------|----|
| WGS      | Positive       | Negative |    |
| Positive | 60             | 14       | 74 |
| Negative | 4              | x        |    |
|          | 64             |          |    |

Agreement: 0.81

| KRAS     | Reference Test |          |    |
|----------|----------------|----------|----|
| WGS      | Positive       | Negative |    |
| Positive | 19             | 0        | 19 |
| Negative | 0              |          |    |
|          | 19             |          |    |

Agreement: 1.0



# In some centers EGFR not entirely covered: Good agreement in hotspots

55242464 - Exon 19 deletion → TKI

55249071 - p.Thr790Met → TKI

55259515 - Exon 21 p.Leu858Arg → TKI



| Genomic Location | WGS (n) | Routine (n) |
|------------------|---------|-------------|
| 55242464         | 17      | 18          |
| 55249071         | 17      | 18          |
| 55259515         | 11      | 12          |

Agreement: 0.97





# Conclusion and plan WGS vs. Routine Tests

## NSLSC

-  Contact centers: protocol for reporting mutations and coverage specific genes
-  Sequencing depth, allele frequency in discordant cases

## Melanoma

-  Awaiting data from one center
-  Large part of cohort BRAF-only routine testing



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 Questionnaire to pathologists, pulmonologists, oncologists and KMBP-ers

 Academic and peripheral centers

 Formulate an advise on MTBs



# Implementation of WGS results in de clinical practice: Molecular Tumor Boards

## Five topics

 Participants

 Knowledge of participants

 Content of MTB

 Organization MTB

 Added value MTB

## Five answers possible per statements

 Fully disagree

 Disagree

 Neutral

 Agree

 Fully agree



# Implementation of WGS results in de clinical practice: Molecular Tumor Boards

| Topic                     | Example statement  |
|---------------------------|--|
| Participants              | 'The patients' specialist should always be part of the MTB'  |
| Knowledge of participants | 'I have sufficient knowledge for the interpretation of complex molecular diagnostics such as whole exome- genome sequencing' |
| Content of MTB            | 'The MTB should only discuss results which can be treated accoring to the guidelines'  |
| Organization MTB          | 'A MTB in peripheral center should always be joined by an academic partner'  |
| Added value MTB           | 'MTBs result in better cancer care'  |



# Plan WP1: Molecular Tumor Boards

| Month            | Progress                     |
|------------------|------------------------------|
| November         | Distribution questionnaires  |
| December         | Collection of questionnaires |
| January          | Data Analysis                |
| February – March | Constructing advise/paper    |



# Plan WP1: WGS vs. Routine tests

| Month            | Progress   |
|------------------|--|
| November         | <b>NSCLC:</b> Finish Analysis<br><b>Melanoma:</b> Receive final data                       |
| December         | <b>NSCLC:</b> Discuss/ improve results<br><b>Melanoma:</b> Analysis                        |
| January          | <b>NSCLC:</b> Final Analysis / Draft paper<br><b>Melanoma:</b> Final Analysis/ Draft paper |
| February – March | <b>NSCLC:</b> Draft paper<br><b>Melanoma:</b> Draft paper                                  |



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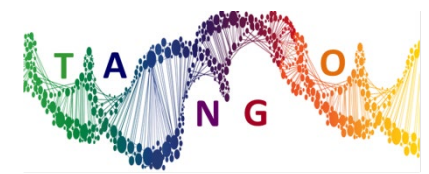


# Whole-genome correlates of response to PD-1 blockade in non-small cell lung cancer

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Joanne Mankor & Joris van de Haar



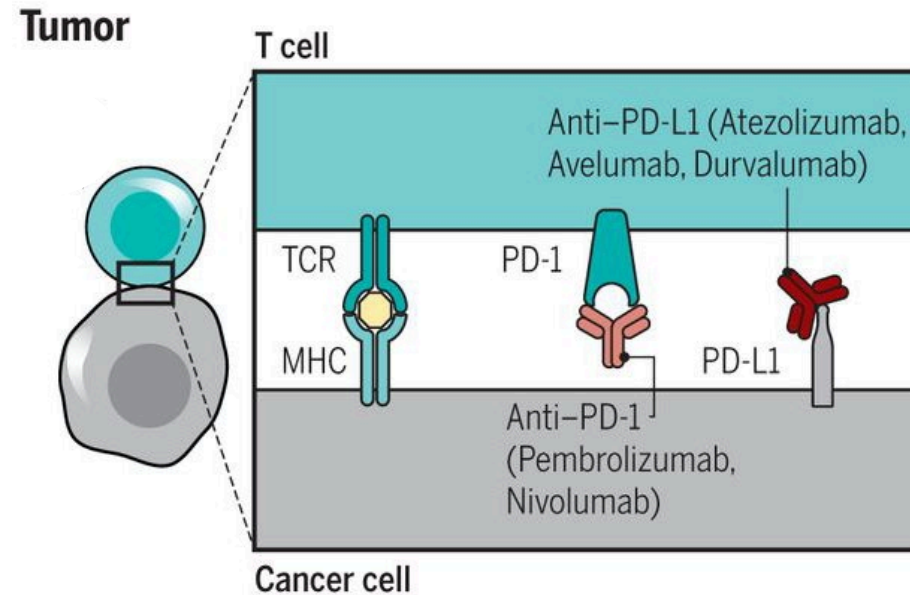
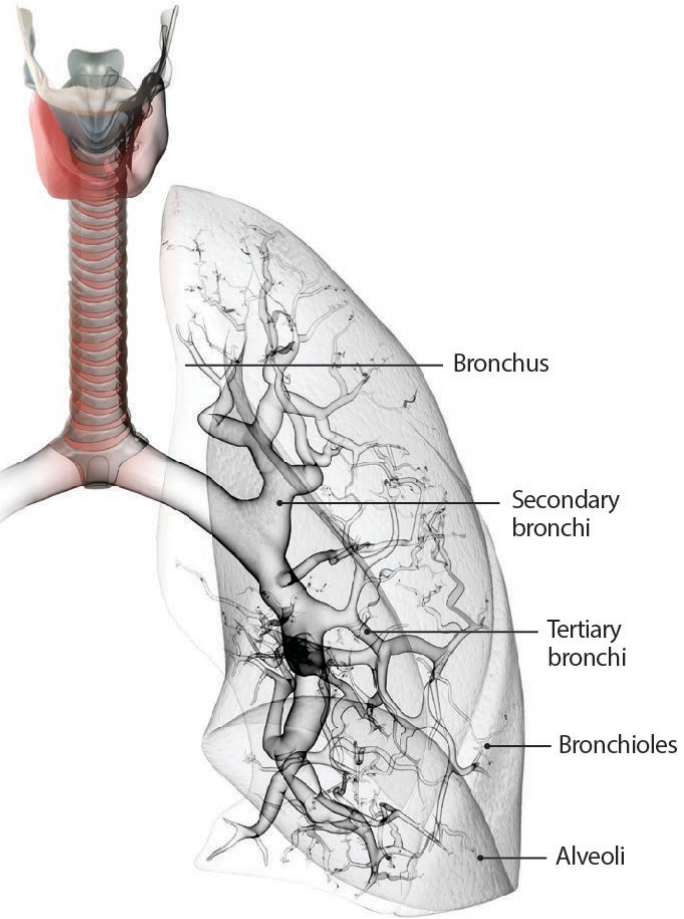
# Outline presentation

- 1) Clinical data of the TANGO NSCLC cohort, biomarker analysis in a discovery and a validation cohort (Joanne)
- 2) Validation of previously published biomarkers and discovery of novel biomarkers in the full cohort (Joris)



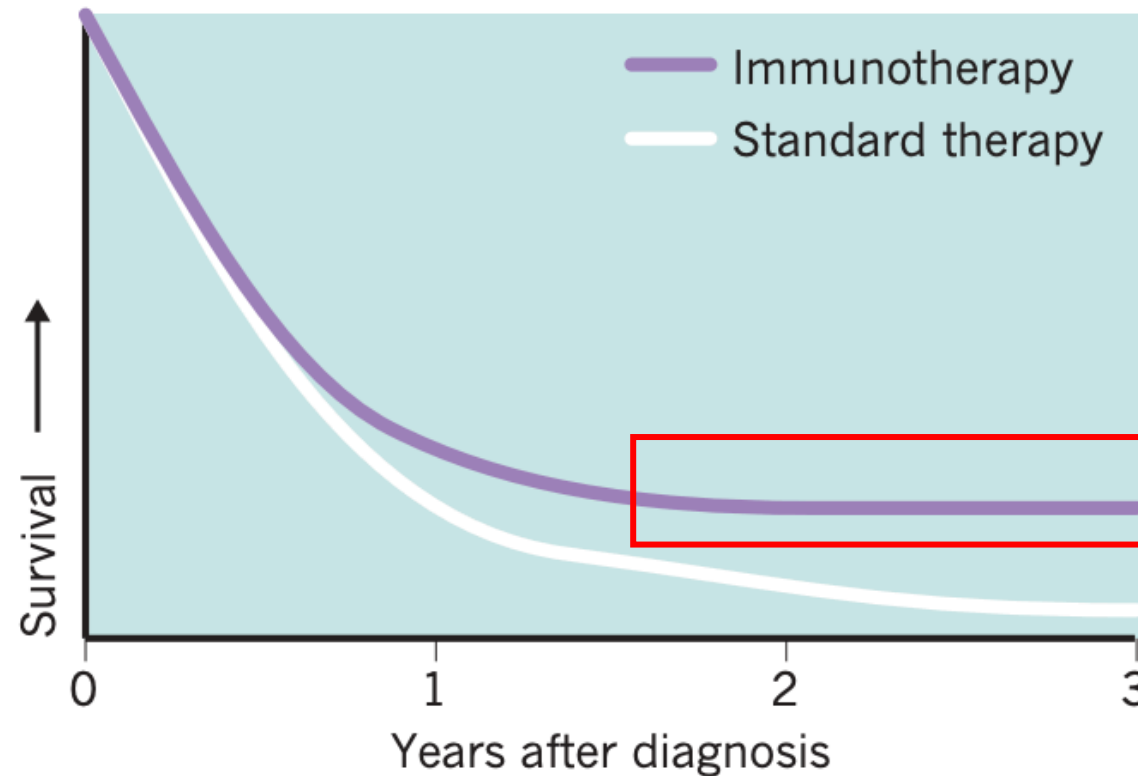


# Blocking the PD-1/PD-L1 axis has been shown to yield remarkable responses in NSCLC



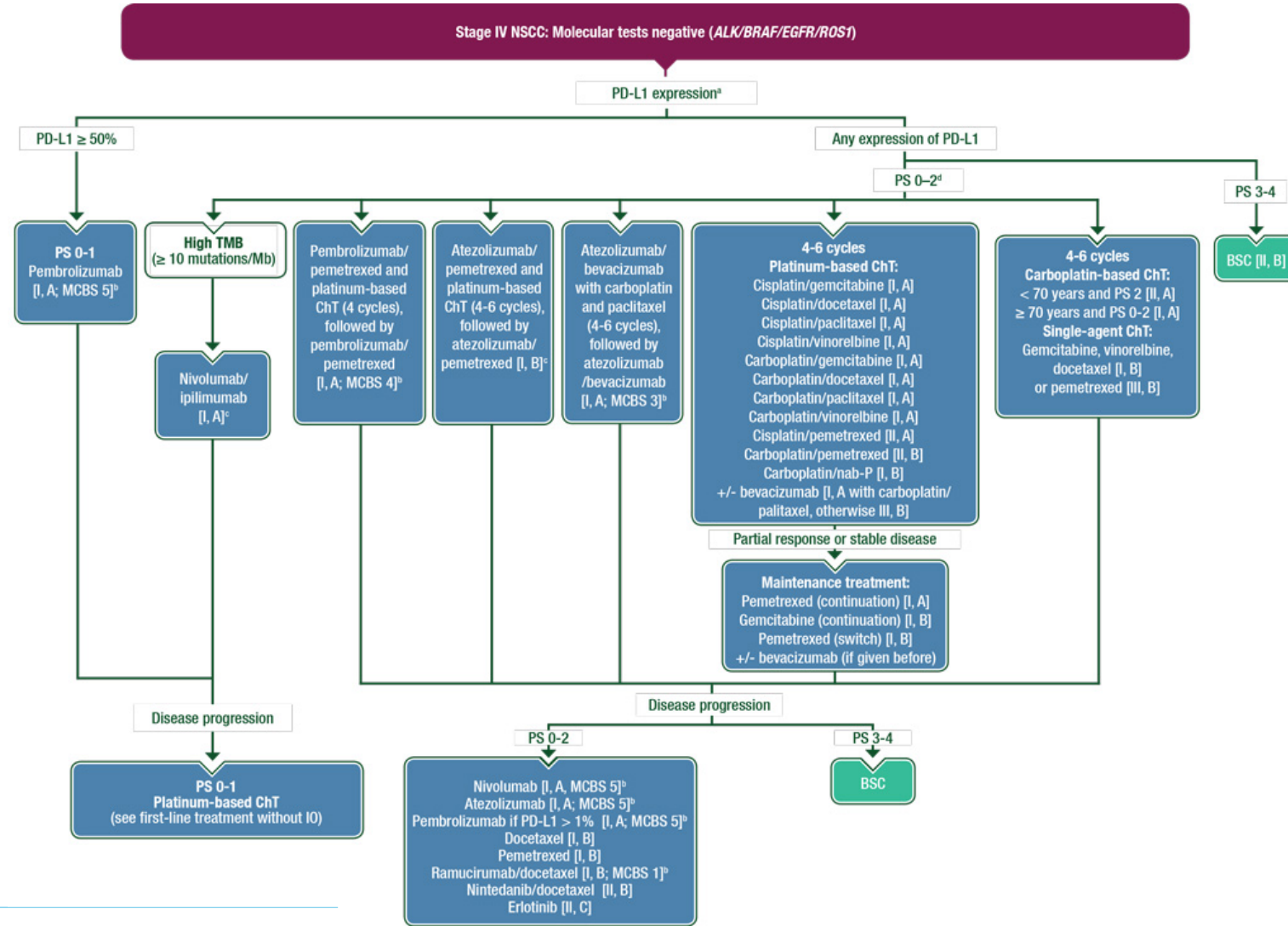
But immune checkpoint inhibitor treatment has its limitations:  
only the minority of patients benefit

## DESPERATELY SEEKING SURVIVAL



Adapted from: Ledford, Nature New Feature, 2016

# Current treatment regimen: overview

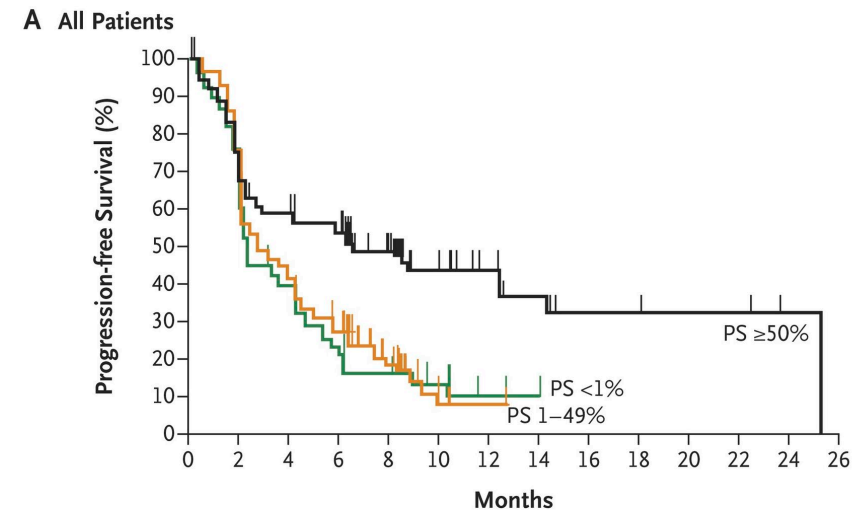
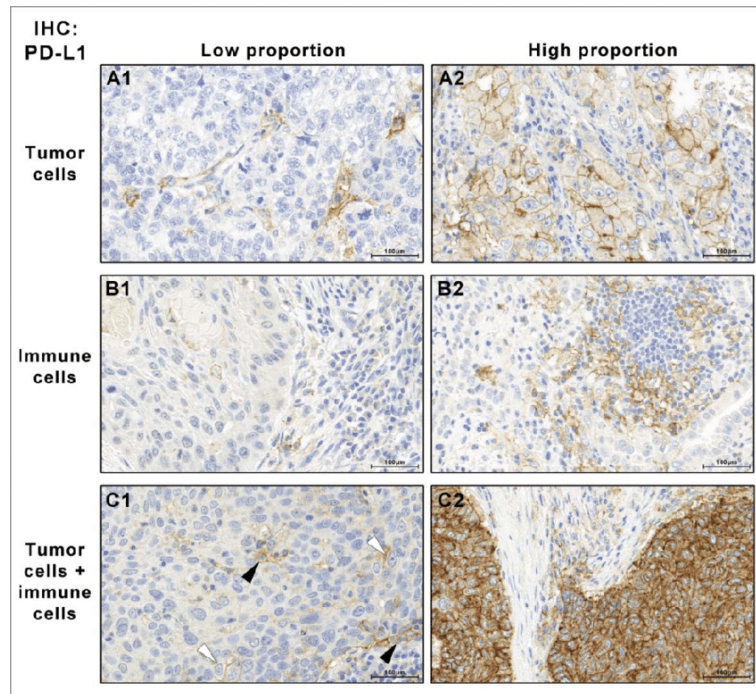


# How to select for patients that will benefit from aPD-1 treatment, prior to treatment?

- 1) Who will benefit from aPD-1 monotherapy?
- 2) Who will not benefit from (the addition) of aPD-1 at all?



# PD-L1 protein expression on tumor and immune cells is the only FDA approved biomarker for ICI treatment selection



No. at Risk

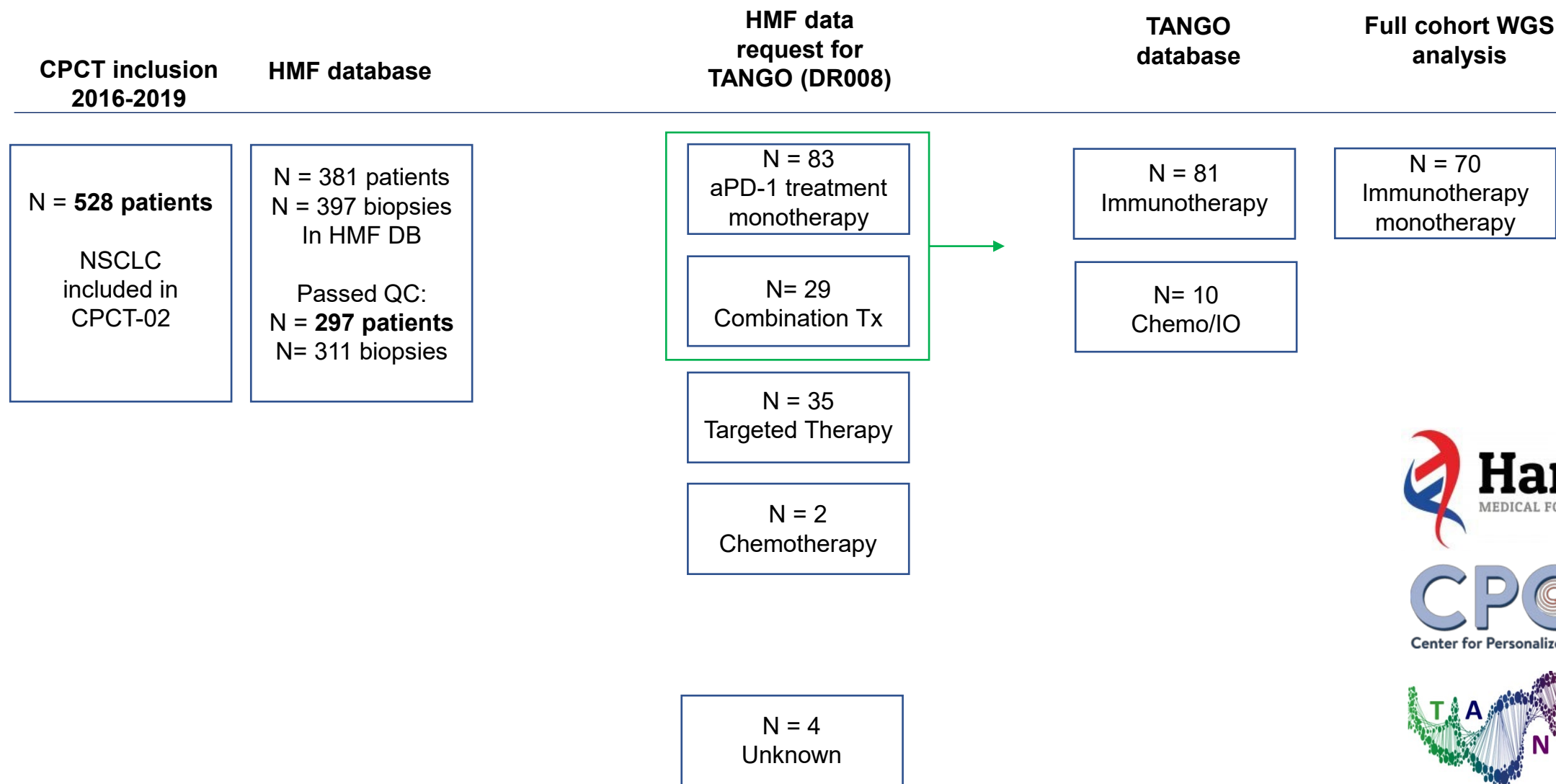
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| PS $\geq 50\%$ | 119 | 86  | 66 | 60 | 38 | 20 | 13 | 8  | 4  | 3  | 3  | 3  | 1  | 0  |
| PS 1-49%       | 161 | 122 | 70 | 45 | 21 | 4  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| PS $< 1\%$     | 76  | 52  | 29 | 17 | 11 | 6  | 2  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  |

# Milestones WP2: Demonstrate the value of WGS for immunotherapy treatment selection for NSCLC *and melanoma*

- Discovery of genomic correlates of ICI response
  - *Can the tumor genome help us understand mechanisms responsible for ICI response?*
- Identify potential biomarkers for patient stratification
  - *Can the tumor genome be a source of predictive biomarkers for ICI response?*



# Patient selection for TANGO (from CPCT-02)



# Baseline characteristics

| Characteristic                         | Value   |
|--|---------|
| <b>N</b>                               | 70      |
| <b>Median age (year)</b>               | 63      |
| <b>Male sex - no (%)</b>               | 32      |
| <b>ECOG performance score - no (%)</b> |         |
| 0                                      | 18 (26) |
| 1                                      | 40 (57) |
| 2                                      | 7 (10)  |
| >2                                     | 1 (1.4) |
| Unknown                                | 4 (5.7) |
| <b>Smoking status - no (%)</b>         |         |
| Never                                  | 14 (20) |
| Current                                | 15 (21) |
| Former                                 | 41 (59) |
| <b>Pack Years - mean (SD)</b>          | 29 (19) |
| <b>Treatment - no (%)</b>              |         |
| Nivolumab                              | 47 (67) |
| Pembrolizumab                          | 23 (33) |
| <b>Line of treatment</b>               |         |
| 1                                      | 11 (16) |
| 2                                      | 51 (73) |
| 3                                      | 5 (7.1) |
| 4                                      | 2 (2.9) |
| Unknown                                | 1 (1.4) |
| <b>Best Overall Response - no (%)</b>  |         |
| PR                                     | 15 (21) |
| SD                                     | 16 (23) |
| PD                                     | 39 (56) |
| <b>PD-L1 expression - no (%)</b>       |         |
| <1%                                    | 27 (39) |
| 1-50%                                  | 14 (20) |
| >50%                                   | 13 (19) |
| Unknown                                | 16 (23) |





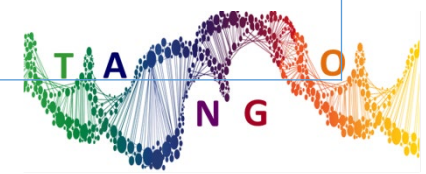
# Challenges in biomarker research for ICI treatment

- Availability of (tumor) material
  - Risks vs benefit for patients involved
  - Costs of (molecular) testing
- 
- Ideally, predictive biomarkers should be validated in prospective cohorts



# Several genomic biomarkers for ICI responses in NSCLC have been studied

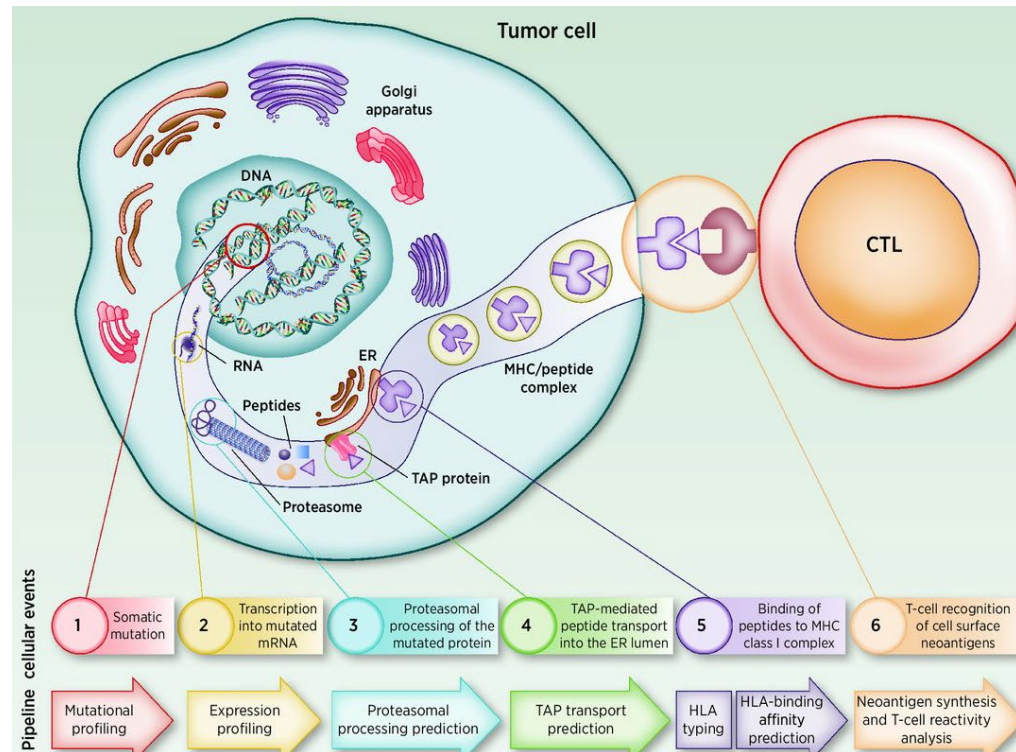
| Biomarker   | Description  | Reference  |
|---|--|--|
| (Non-synonymous) mutations (SNVs, MNVs, short INDELS):<br>Tumor mutational burden (TMB) | (non-synonymous) mutations per Mb tumor genome/ exome sequenced                  | <i>Rizvi et al. Science 2015, Samstein et al. Nat Gen 2019, Chan et al. Ann Onc 2019</i> |
| Structural variants (SVs)   | Frameshifts, translocations<br>Copy number alterations/ aneuploidy, gene fusions | <i>Davoli et al. Science 2017, Yang Nat Med 2019</i>                                     |
| Antigen presentation machinery defects  | HLA diversity HLA LOH, B2M mutations, JAK1-JAK2 loss of function mutations       | <i>McGranahan et al. Cell 2017, Sade-Delman et al. Nat Comm 2017</i>                     |
| Mutational signatures   | Smoking signature:<br>C>A transversions  | <i>Alexandrov et al. Science 2015, Anagnostou et al. Nat Can 2020</i>                    |
| Receptor tyrosine kinase (RTK) mutations  | Enrichment activating RTK mutations in non-responders                            | <i>Anagnostou et al. Nat Can 2020</i>  |



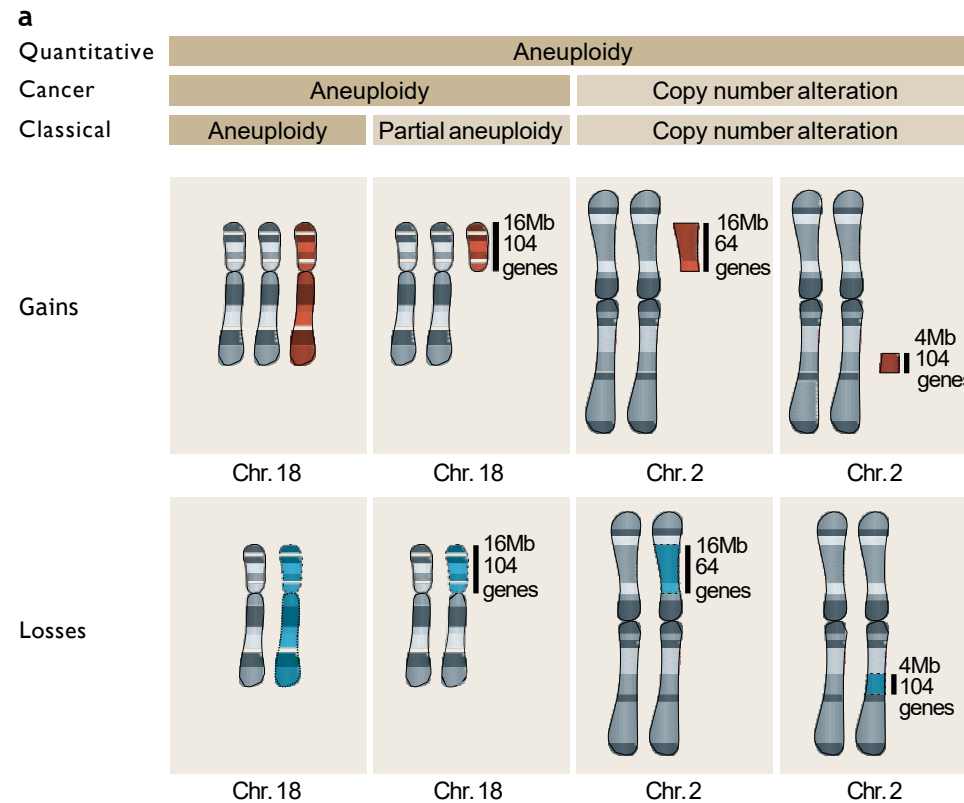
**Can a combined biomarker of mutational burden and tumor aneuploidy be a predictor of aPD-1 response?**



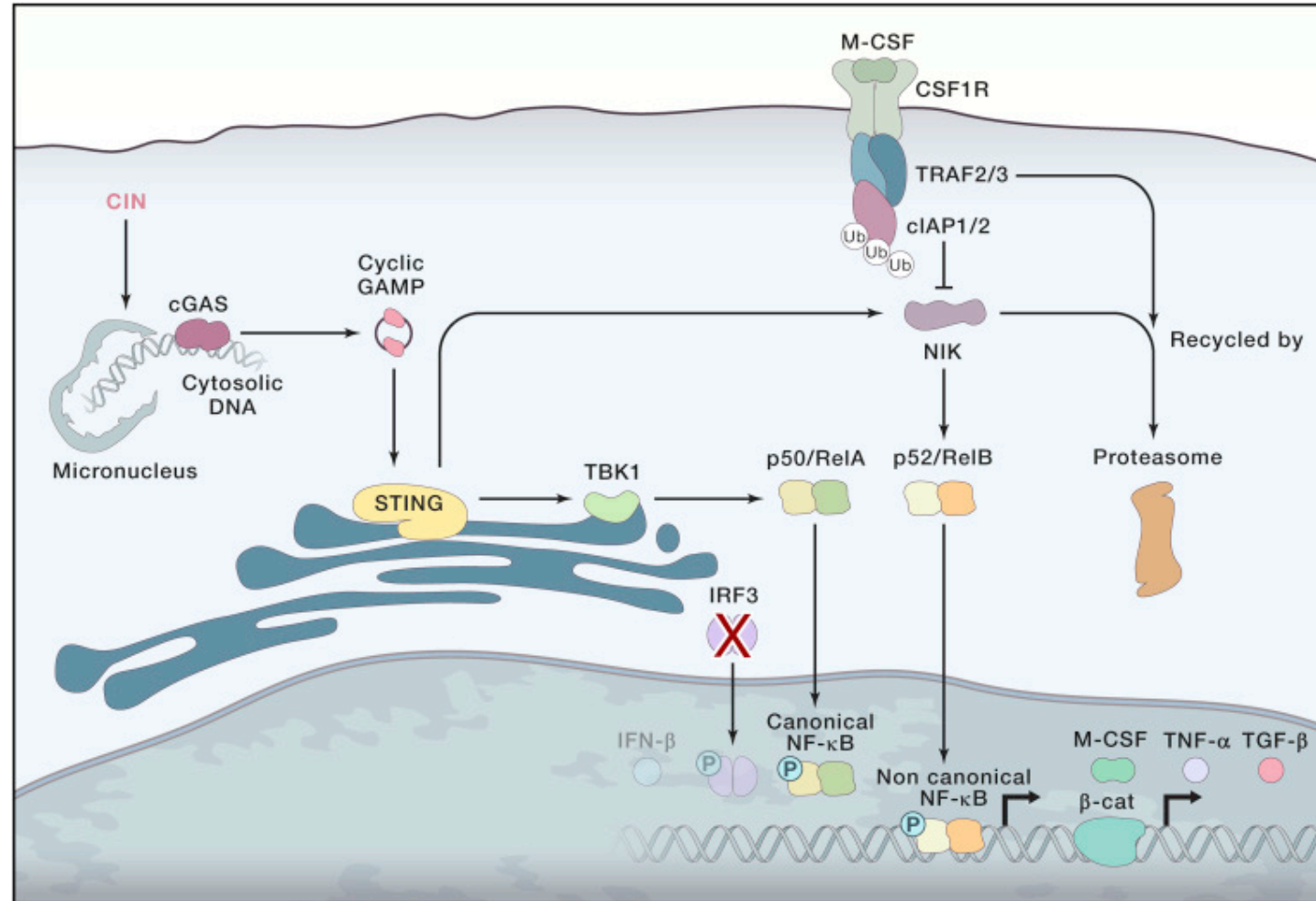
# Tumor mutational burden: Number of (non-synonymous mutations) per megabase sequenced



# Tumor aneuploidy: chromosomal instability can lead to an uneven number of chromosome(s)(arms)

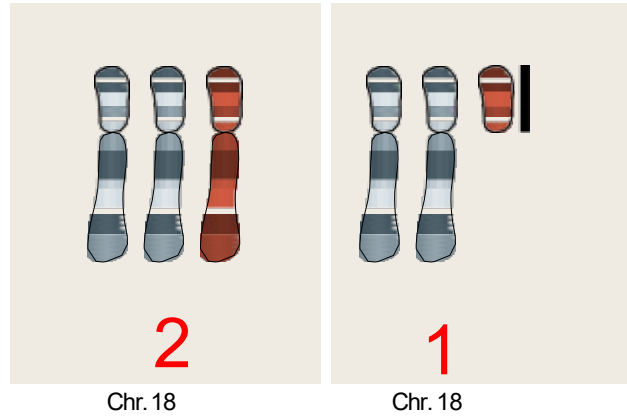


# Chromosomal instability can induce anti-tumor immune responses through the cGAS/STING pathway

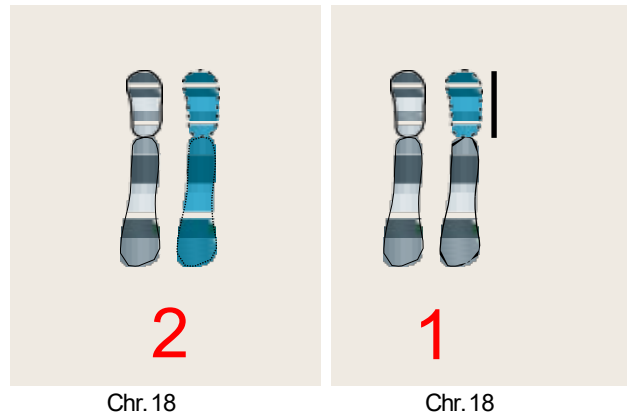


# Aneuploidy score: count the number of chromosome arm events, corrected for ploidy

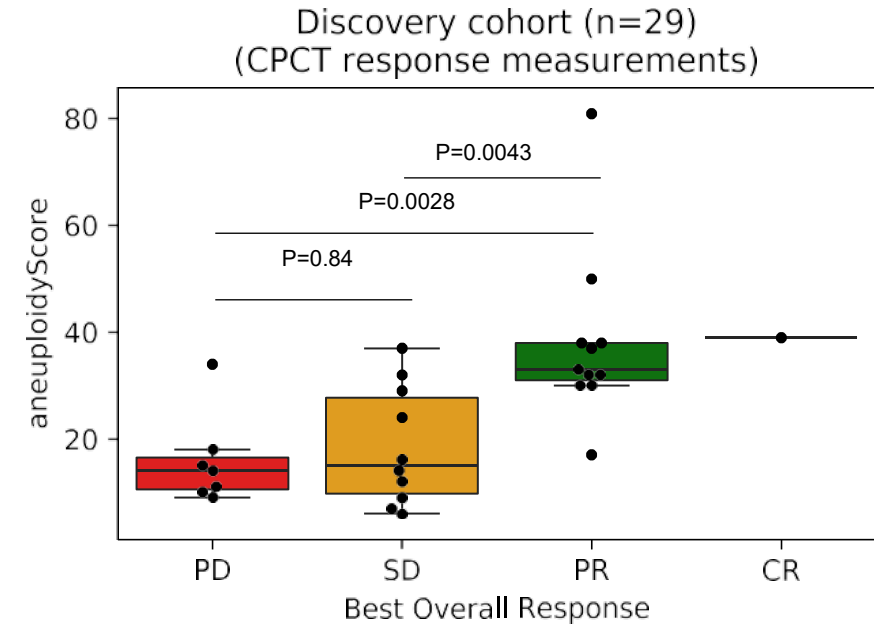
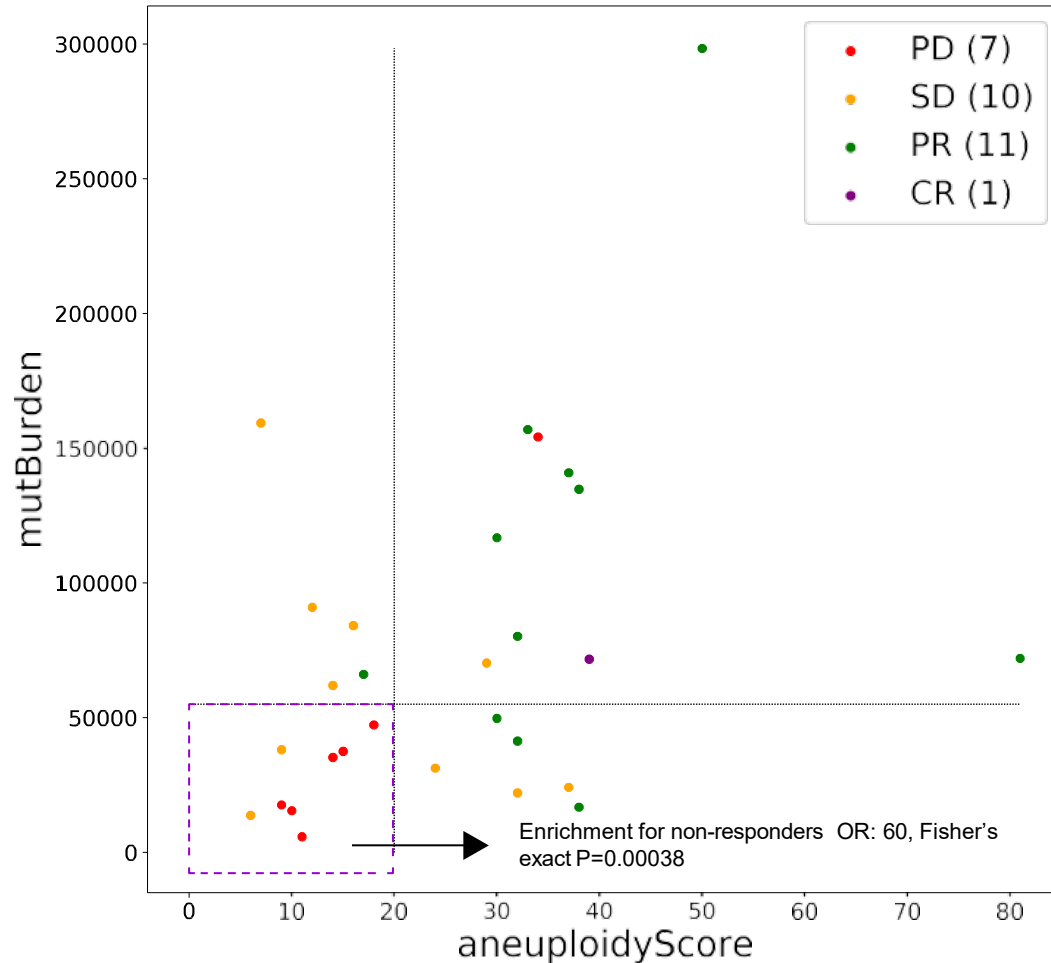
Gains



Losses



# Discovery cohort (n=29) combined biomarker of TMB and aneuploidy score

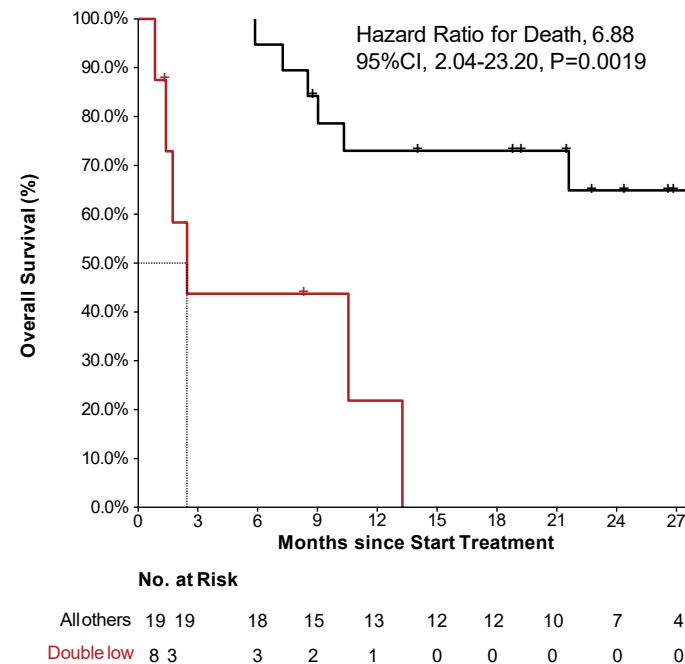
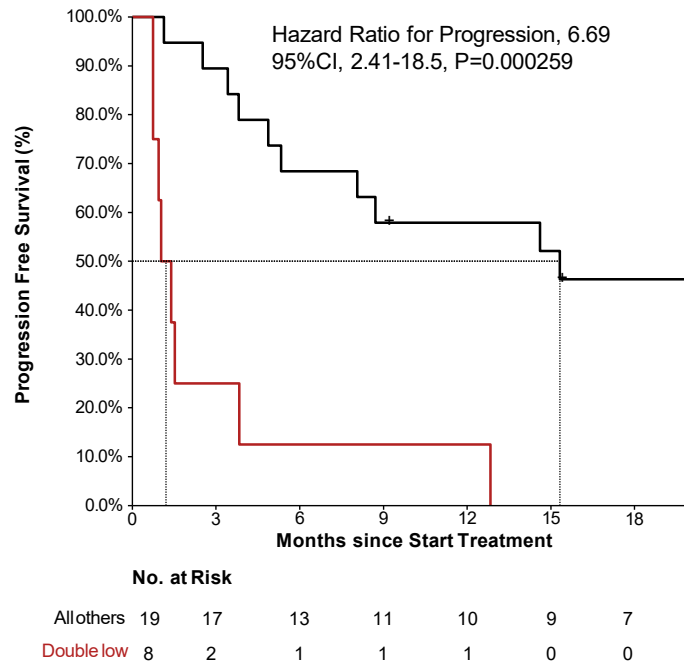


Aneuploidy score =  
Total number of large-scale copy number events  
at whole chromosomes and chromosome arms





# 'Double low' biomarker patients had a significantly shorter PFS and OS in the discovery cohort



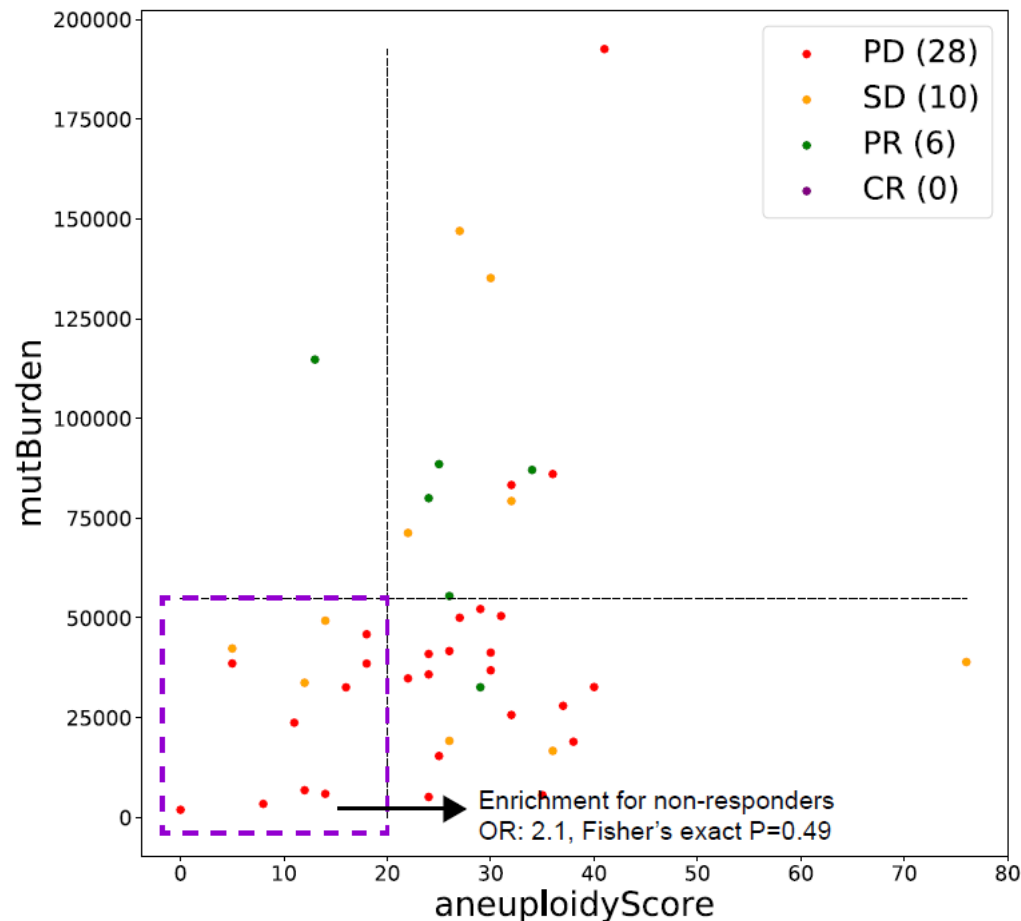
# Power calculation for validation of combined biomarkers (TMB and aneuploidy score)

- 20% marker negative patients (TMB low, aneuploidy low):
- 50 patients in validation cohort:
  - 10 marker negative patients
  - 40 marker positive patients
- 79.296% power to find a difference of 50% in response rate between marker positives and marker negatives ( $p=0.0328$ )
- $H_0$  = response rate of 70% in marker negatives
- $H_1$  = response rate of 20% in marker negatives

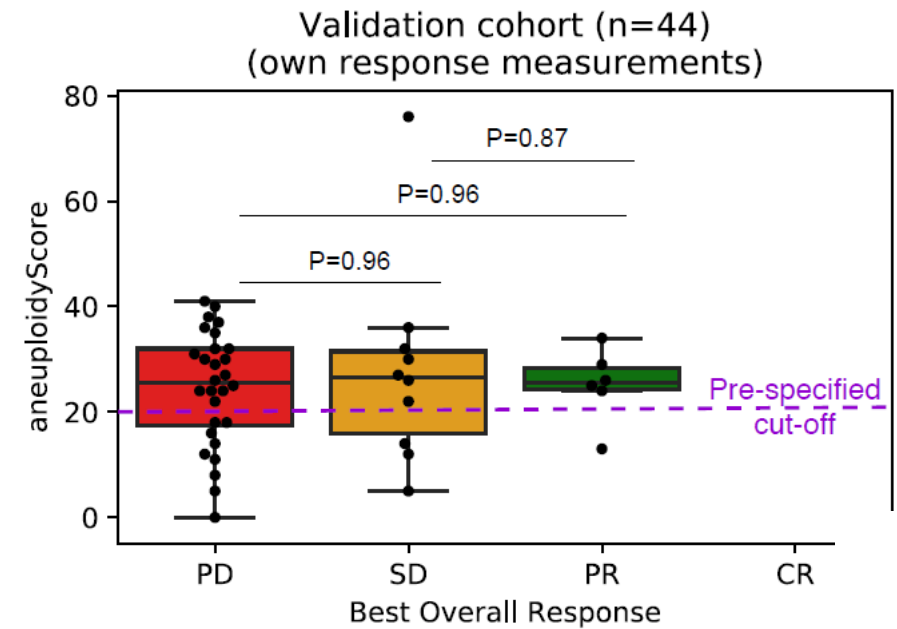


# Validation cohort (n=50, analysed n =44) combined biomarker of TMB and aneuploidy score

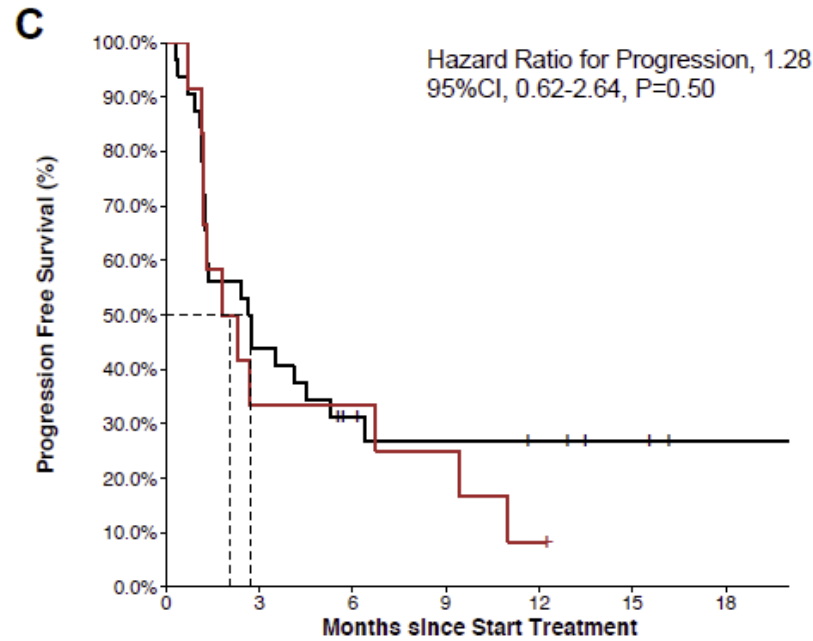
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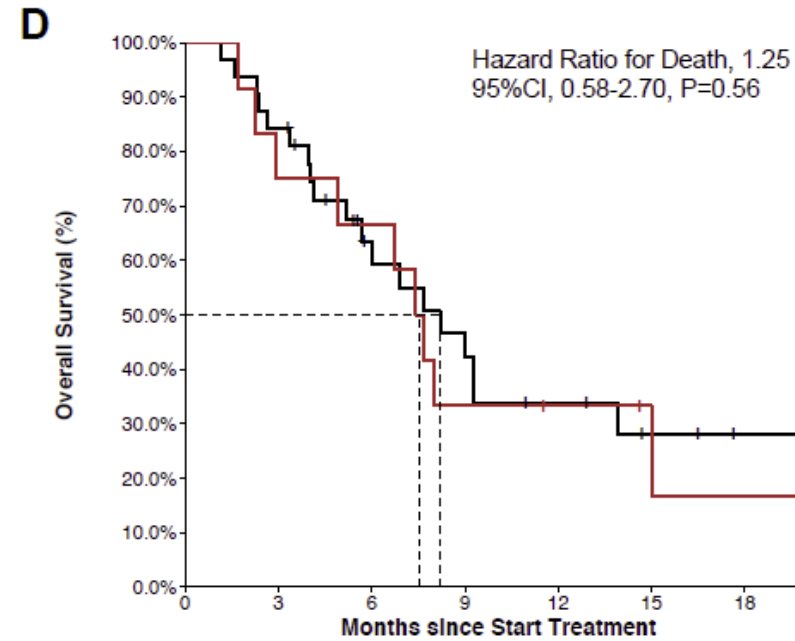
**B**



# 'Double low' biomarker patients did not have a different PFS or OS in the validation cohort



|            | No. at Risk | 0  | 3 | 6 | 9 | 12 | 15 | 18 |
|------------|-------------|----|---|---|---|----|----|----|
| All others | 32          | 14 | 8 | 6 | 5 | 3  | 1  |    |
| Double low | 12          | 4  | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0  | 0  |    |



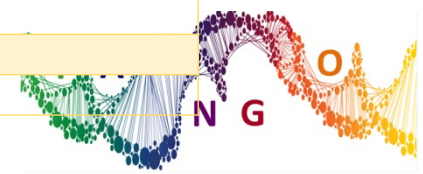
|            | No. at Risk | 0  | 3  | 6  | 9 | 12 | 15 | 18 |
|------------|-------------|----|----|----|---|----|----|----|
| All others | 32          | 27 | 15 | 11 | 7 | 4  | 2  |    |
| Double low | 12          | 9  | 8  | 4  | 3 | 2  | 1  |    |



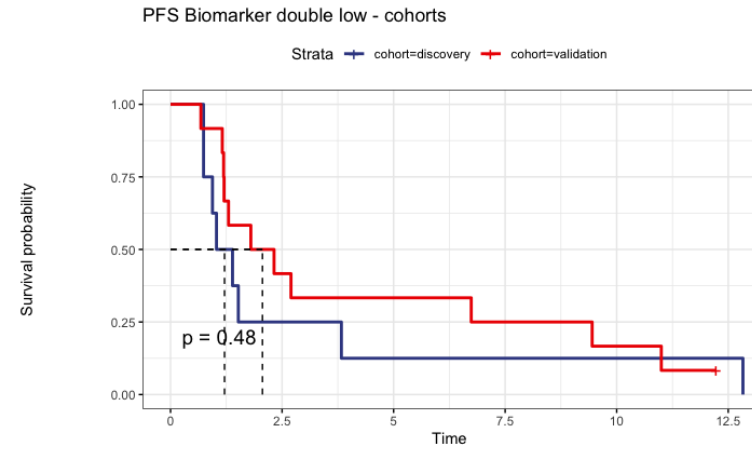
# Baseline characteristics discovery and validation cohorts

| Variable                       | discovery     | validation    | p     |
|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-------|
| <b>n</b>                       | <b>29</b>     | <b>44</b>     |       |
| <b>Smoking (%)</b>             |               |               | 0.692 |
| current                        | 8 (28.6)      | 8 (18.2)      |       |
| former                         | 14 (50.0)     | 27 (61.4)     |       |
| never                          | 2 (7.1)       | 2 (4.5)       |       |
| unknown                        | 4 (14.3)      | 7 (15.9)      |       |
| <b>Pack_years (mean (SD))</b>  | 34.81 (24.14) | 26.30 (13.94) | 0.149 |
| <b>ECOG (%)</b>                |               |               | 0.712 |
| >2                             | 0 (0.0)       | 1 (2.4)       |       |
| 0                              | 6 (22.2)      | 12 (29.3)     |       |
| 1                              | 17 (63.0)     | 24 (58.5)     |       |
| 2                              | 4 (14.8)      | 4 (9.8)       |       |
| <b>Prior_treatment_cat (%)</b> |               |               | 0.456 |
| Chemotherapy                   | 21 (75.0)     | 21 (60.0)     |       |
| Chemo-RT                       | 0 (0.0)       | 1 (2.9)       |       |
| None                           | 5 (17.9)      | 6 (17.1)      |       |
| Other                          | 0 (0.0)       | 2 (5.7)       |       |
| TKI                            | 2 (7.1)       | 5 (14.3)      |       |
| <b>Treatment (%)</b>           |               |               | 0.42  |
| pembrolizumab                  | 11 (39.3)     | 12 (27.3)     |       |
| nivolumab                      | 18 (60.7)     | 36 (72.7)     |       |
| <b>Tx line (%)</b>             |               |               | 0.167 |
| 1                              | 5 (17.9)      | 6 (14.0)      |       |
| 2                              | 23 (82.1)     | 30 (69.8)     |       |
| 3                              | 0 (0.0)       | 5 (11.6)      |       |
| 4                              | 0 (0.0)       | 2 (4.7)       |       |

| Variable                           | discovery     | validation    | p     |
|------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-------|
| <b>n</b>                           | <b>29</b>     | <b>44</b>     |       |
| <b>ICI cycles (mean (SD))</b>      | 16.93 (14.71) | 8.89 (10.39)  | 0.014 |
| <b>Biopsy_location (%)</b>         |               |               | 0.665 |
| NA                                 | 0 (0.0)       | 1 (2.8)       |       |
| M                                  | 20 (74.1)     | 25 (69.4)     |       |
| P                                  | 7 (25.9)      | 10 (27.8)     |       |
| <b>Histology (%)</b>               |               |               | 0.991 |
| adeno                              | 17 (65.4)     | 21 (63.6)     |       |
| NOS                                | 4 (15.4)      | 6 (18.2)      |       |
| other                              | 1 (3.8)       | 1 (3.0)       |       |
| squamous                           | 4 (15.4)      | 5 (15.2)      |       |
| <b>PD L1 status (%)</b>            |               |               | 0.498 |
|                                    | 07 (41.2)     | 21 (55.3)     |       |
|                                    | 16 (35.3)     | 8 (21.1)      |       |
|                                    | 24 (23.5)     | 9 (23.7)      |       |
| <b>DCB = YES (%)</b>               | 13 (48.1)     | 12 (27.3)     | 0.126 |
| <b>aneuploidyScore (mean (SD))</b> | 25.48 (14.42) | 25.11 (12.23) | 0.907 |
|                                    | 74376.00      | 49227.14      |       |
| <b>TMB (mean (SD))</b>             | (63592.66)    | (40170.32)    | 0.042 |
| <b>BOR (%)</b>                     |               |               | 0.034 |
| NE                                 | 2 (6.9)       | 0 (0.0)       |       |
| PD                                 | 11 (37.9)     | 28 (63.6)     |       |
| PR                                 | 10 (34.5)     | 6 (13.6)      |       |
| SD                                 | 6 (20.7)      | 10 (22.7)     |       |

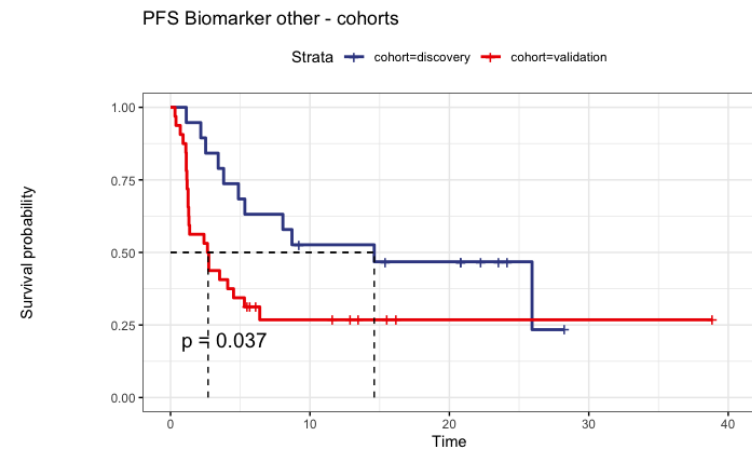


# Small number of patients experienced benefit in the Validation CH, compared to the Discovery CH



Number at risk

|                   |    |   |   |   |   |   |
|-------------------|----|---|---|---|---|---|
| cohort=discovery  | 8  | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| cohort=validation | 12 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 0 |

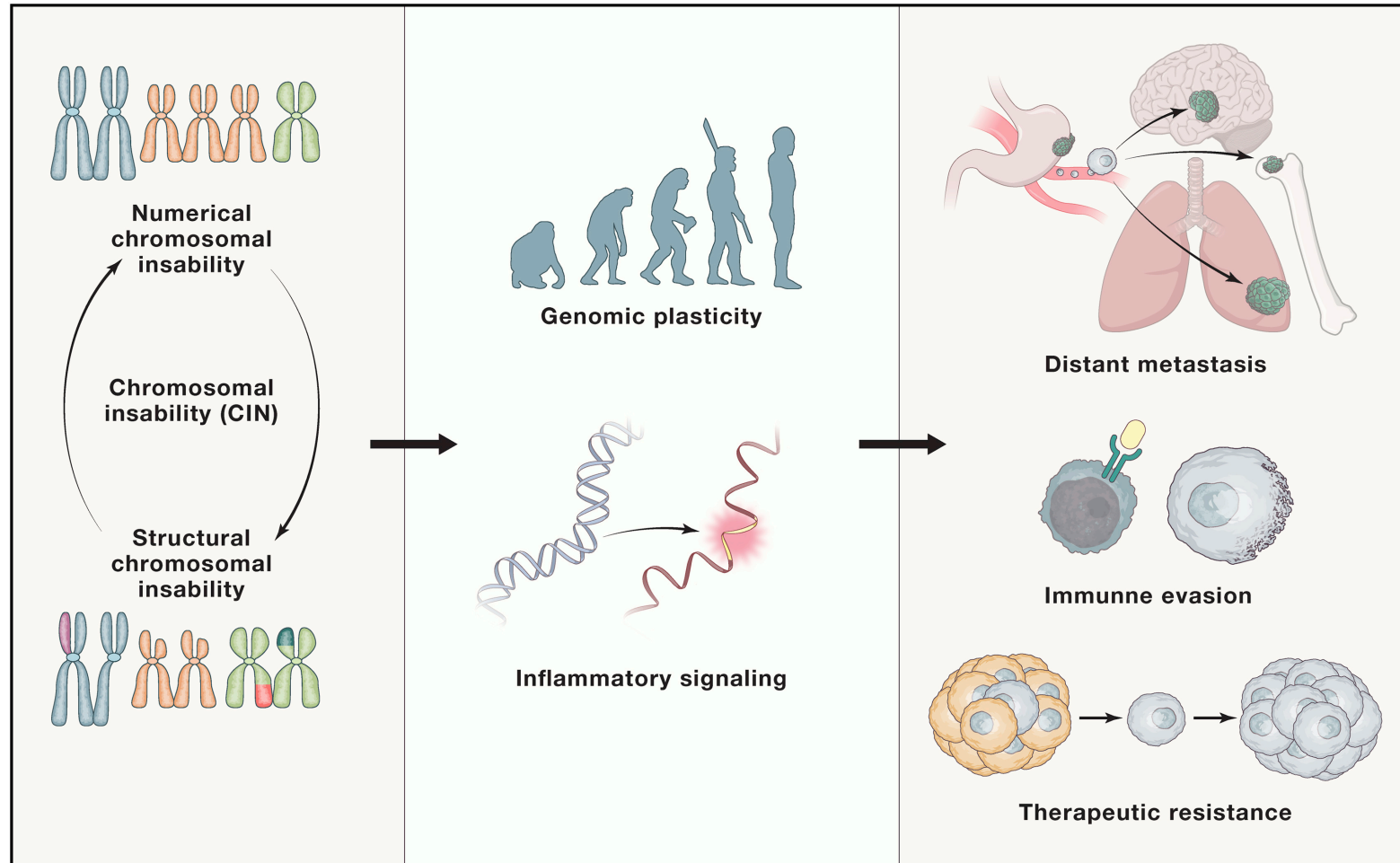


Number at risk

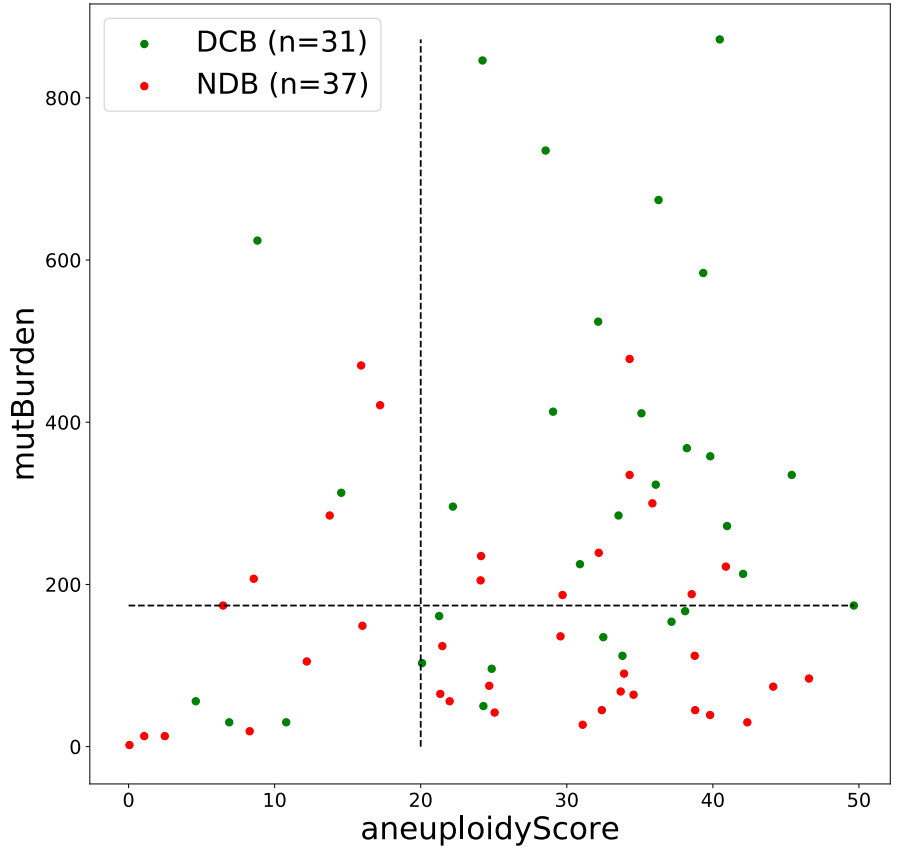
|                   |    |   |   |   |   |
|-------------------|----|---|---|---|---|
| cohort=discovery  | 19 | 9 | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| cohort=validation | 32 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 0 |



# Aneuploidy can induce anti-tumor immune responses but also facilitate immune escape

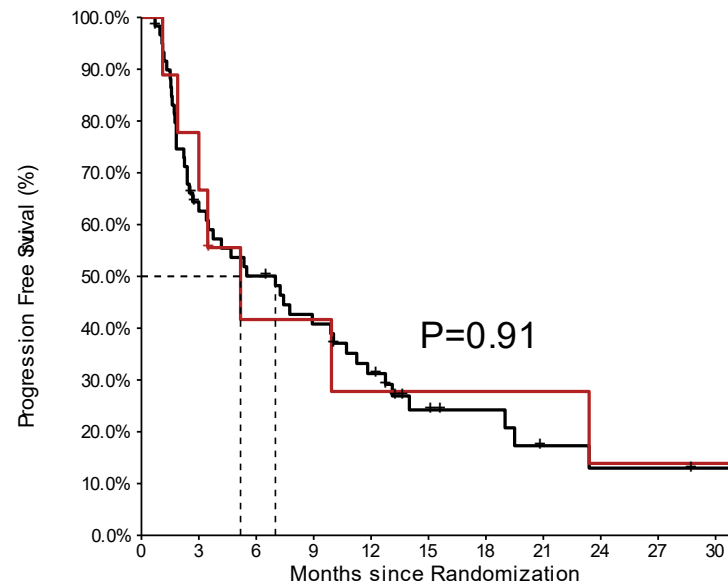


# Validation in an independent (WES based, n=68) cohort from Anagnostou et al. (JHU)

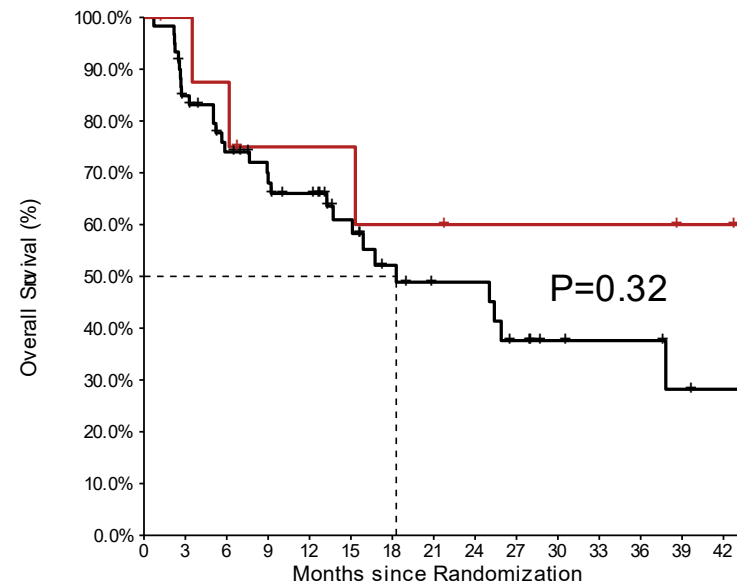




# Cohort of Anagnostou et al: PFS and OS stratified by biomarker 'double low' and others



|            | No. at Risk |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|------------|-------------|----|----|----|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| All others | 60          | 36 | 28 | 22 | 16 | 9 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 2 |
| Double low | 9           | 7  | 3  | 3  | 2  | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 |



|            | No. at Risk |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |
|------------|-------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|--|
| All others | 6049        | 40 | 35 | 31 | 23 | 16 | 13 | 13 | 9 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 2 |  |
| Double low | 9           | 8  | 7  | 5  | 5  | 5  | 4  | 4  | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 |  |



# Conclusions part I

- We were not able to confirm the predictive role of a combined biomarker of aneuploidy and TMB for aPD-1 responses in NSCLC
- In an independent cohort of 68 WES samples, no clear relationship between the combined biomarker and response was found
- Validation in our own dataset could be abrogated by differences in the two patient cohorts
- We then analyzed the full cohort to (1) perform a rigorous external validation of previously published biomarkers, and (2) discover novel biomarkers



# Presentation outline

## PART 1: External validation of published biomarkers

1. cTMB, cTML, cFSL, Tobacco signature - *WGS-based*
2. PD-L1 immunohistochemistry
3. Receptor tyrosine kinase mutations
4. KRAS, STK11, KEAP1, PTEN mutations
5. Germline and somatic HLA diversity

## PART 2: Discovery of biomarkers

1. HLA loss of heterozygosity
2. Biallelic cTML/cFSL

## PART 3: Patient stratification by a combined biomarker



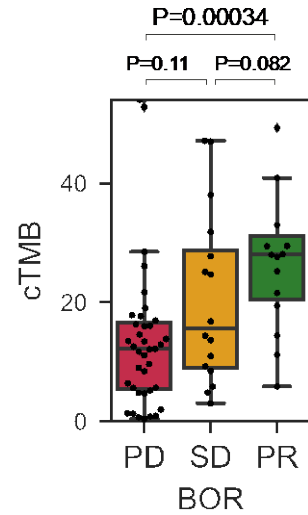
# Baseline characteristics

| Characteristic                         | Value   |
|--|---------|
| <b>N</b>                               | 70      |
| <b>Median age (year)</b>               | 63      |
| <b>Male sex - no (%)</b>               | 32      |
| <b>ECOG performance score - no (%)</b> |         |
| 0                                      | 18 (26) |
| 1                                      | 40 (57) |
| 2                                      | 7 (10)  |
| >2                                     | 1 (1.4) |
| Unknown                                | 4 (5.7) |
| <b>Smoking status - no (%)</b>         |         |
| Never                                  | 14 (20) |
| Current                                | 15 (21) |
| Former                                 | 41 (59) |
| <b>Pack Years - mean (SD)</b>          | 29 (19) |
| <b>Treatment - no (%)</b>              |         |
| Nivolumab                              | 47 (67) |
| Pembrolizumab                          | 23 (33) |
| <b>Line of treatment</b>               |         |
| 1                                      | 11 (16) |
| 2                                      | 51 (73) |
| 3                                      | 5 (7.1) |
| 4                                      | 2 (2.9) |
| Unknown                                | 1 (1.4) |
| <b>Best Overall Response - no (%)</b>  |         |
| PR                                     | 15 (21) |
| SD                                     | 16 (23) |
| PD                                     | 39 (56) |
| <b>PD-L1 expression - no (%)</b>       |         |
| <1%                                    | 27 (39) |
| 1-50%                                  | 14 (20) |
| >50%                                   | 13 (19) |
| Unknown                                | 16 (23) |

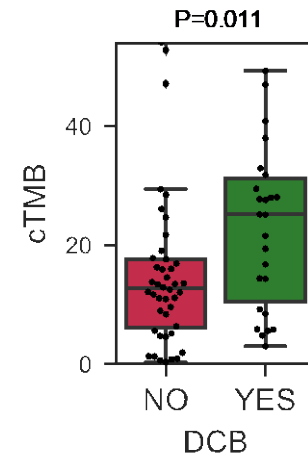


# Tumor mutational burden & variants thereof

Best overall response

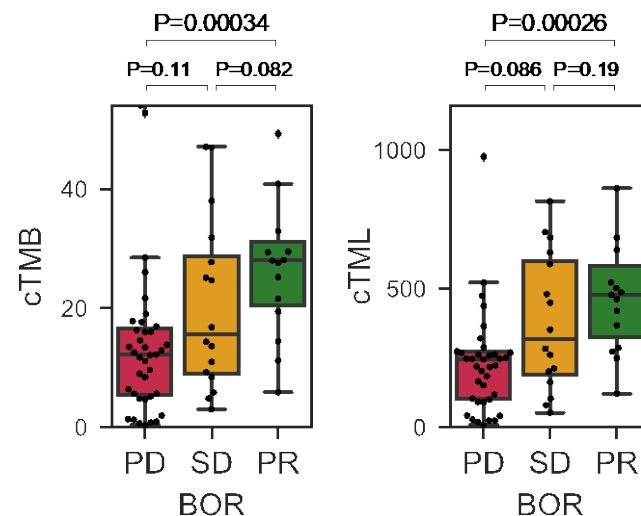


Clinical benefit (6 mo)

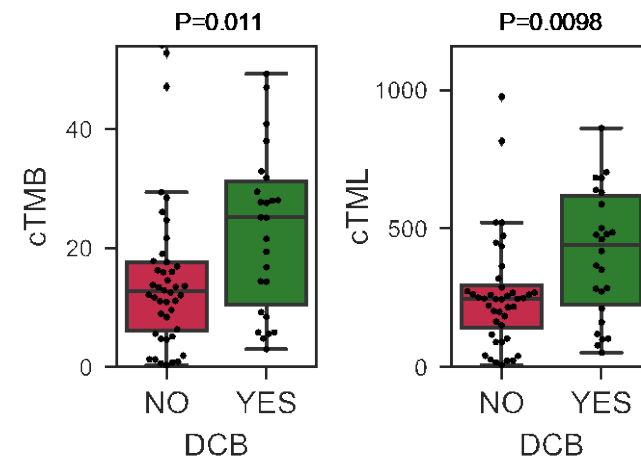


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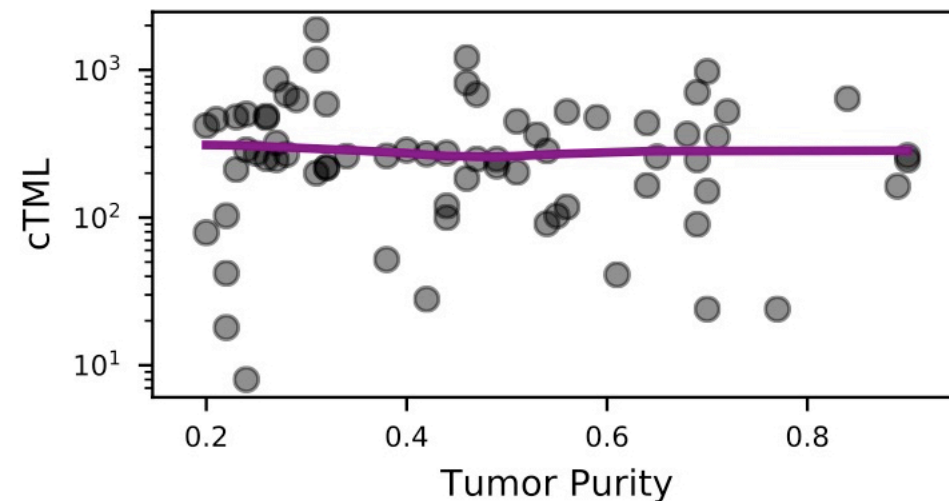
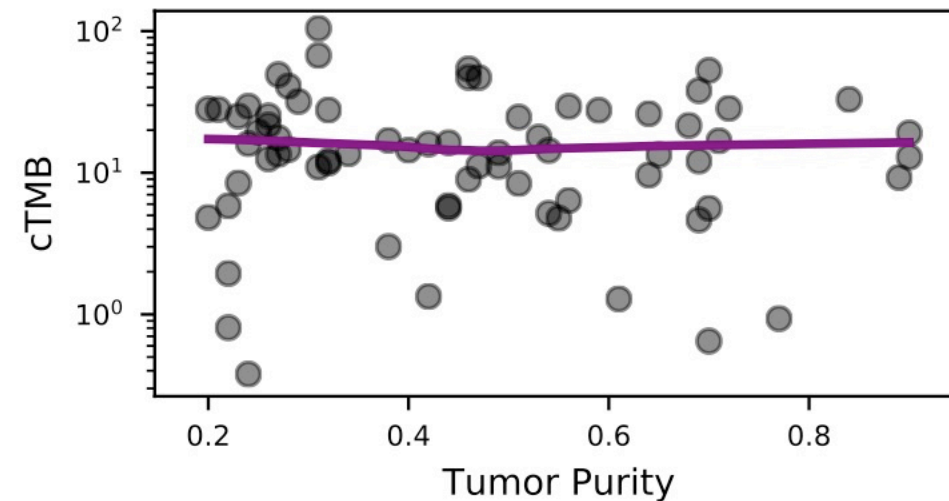
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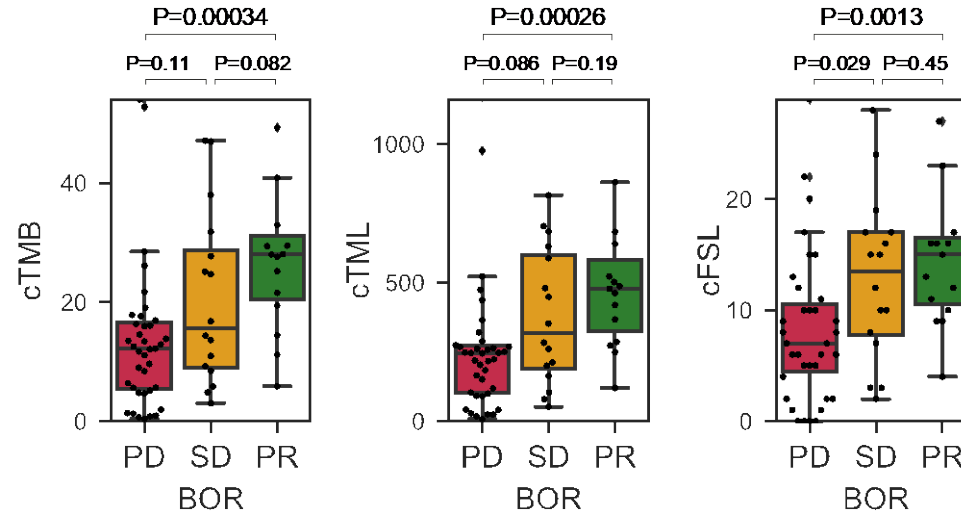


No confounding by tumor purity

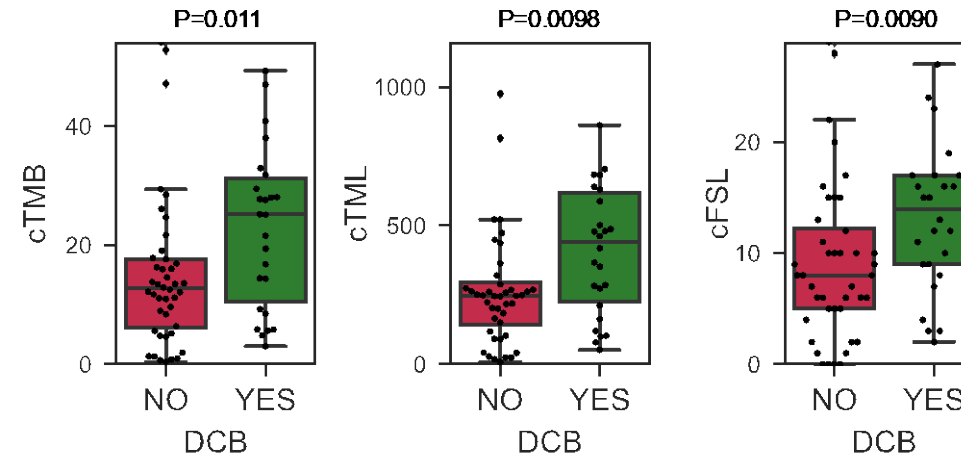


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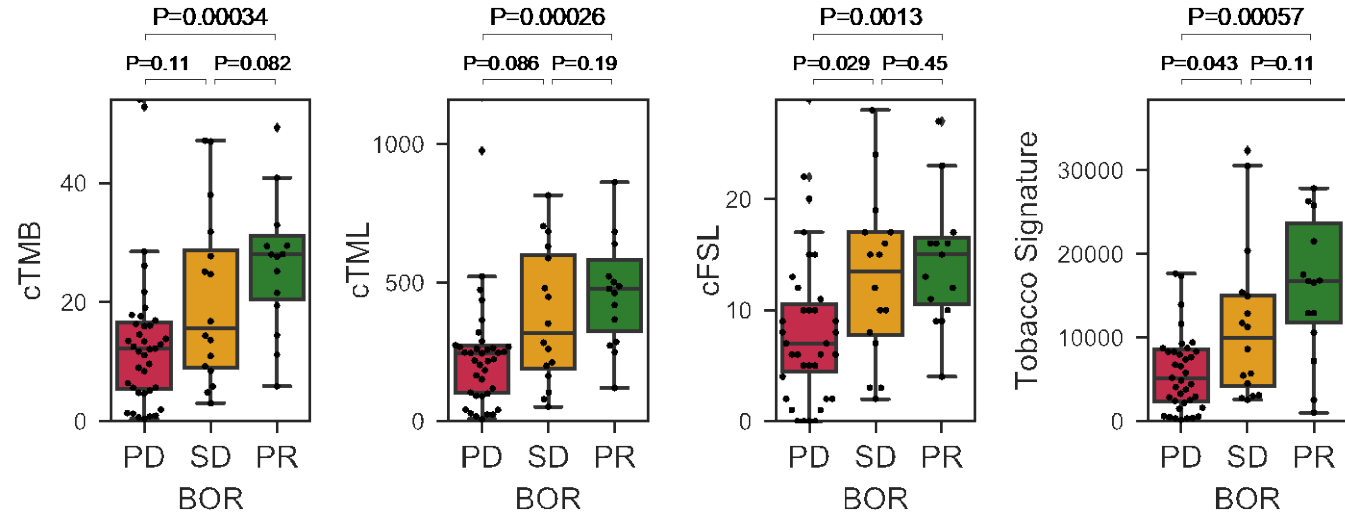


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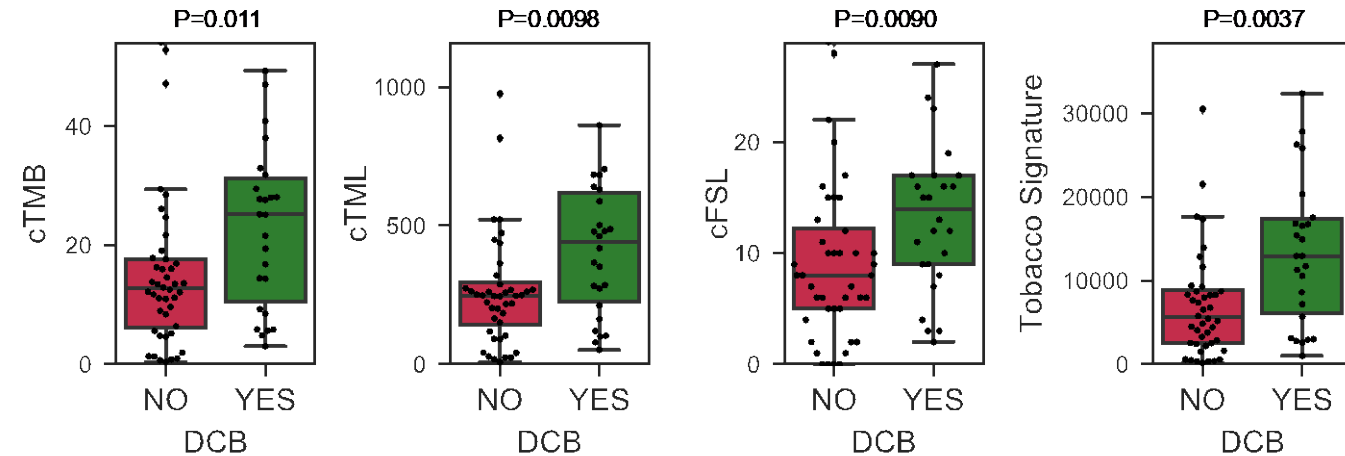


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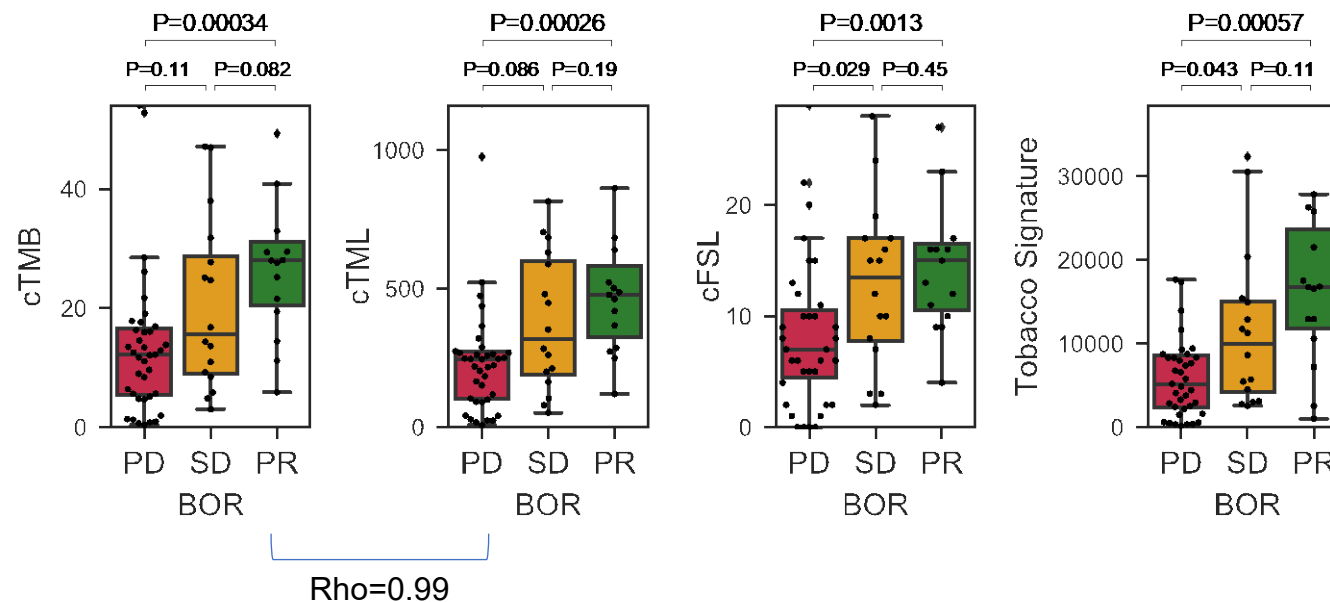
Correlation with  
Pack years (n=43):  
 $\rho=0.37$ ,  $P=0.016$



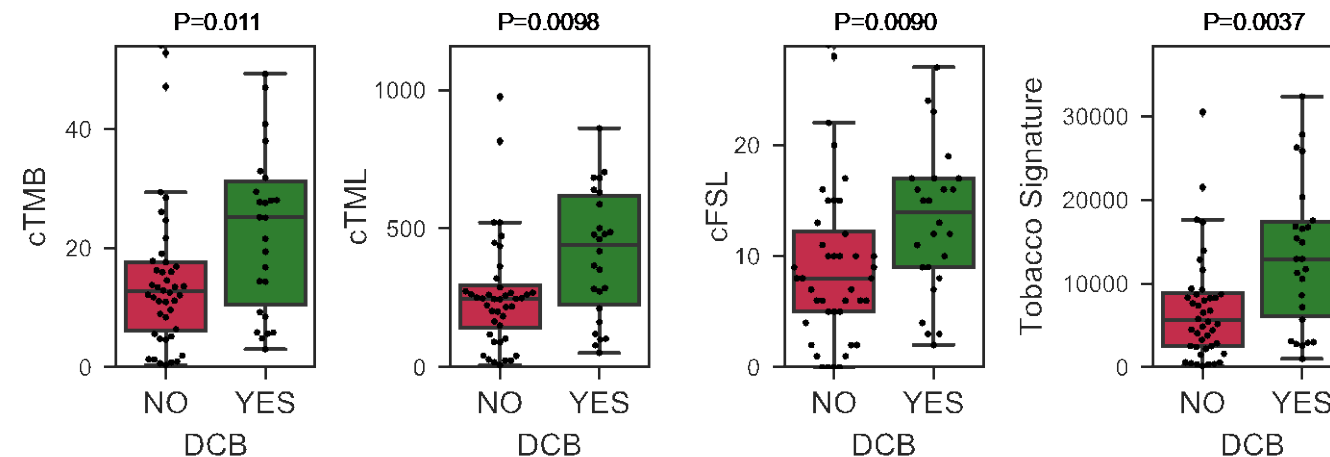


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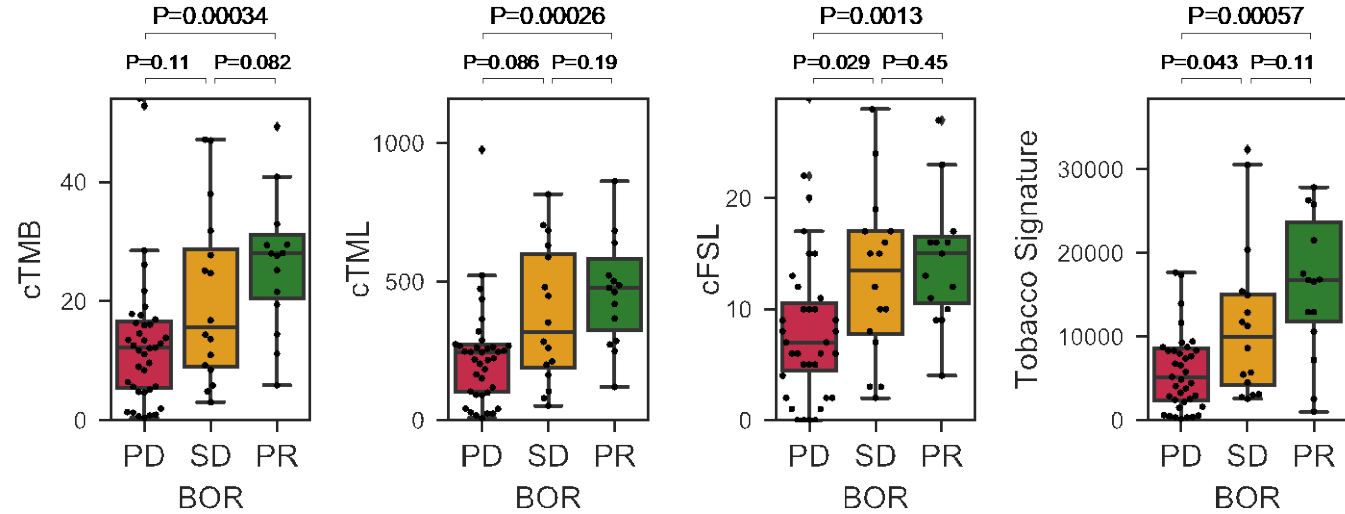


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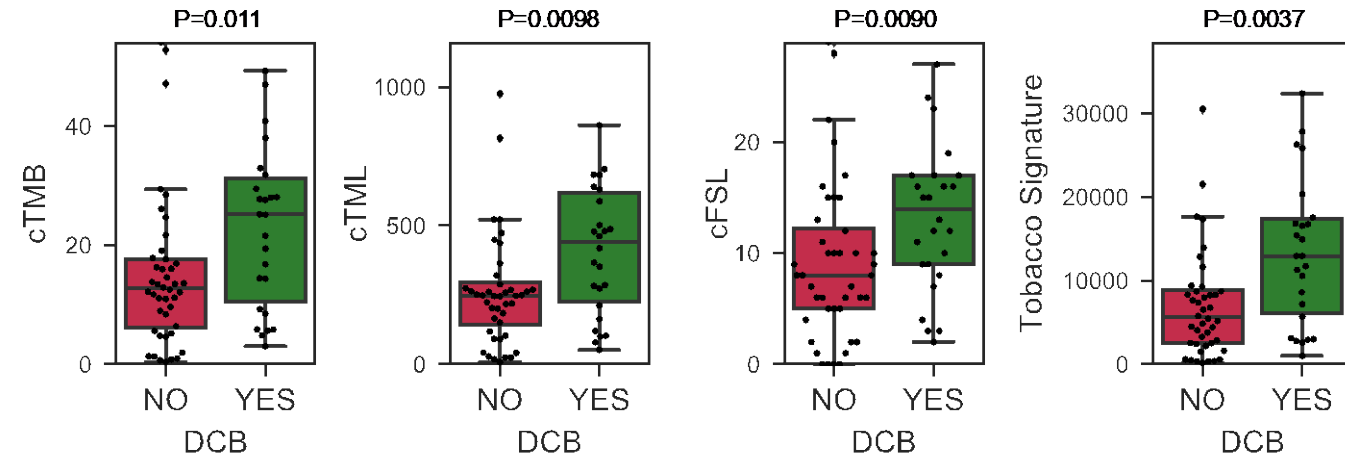
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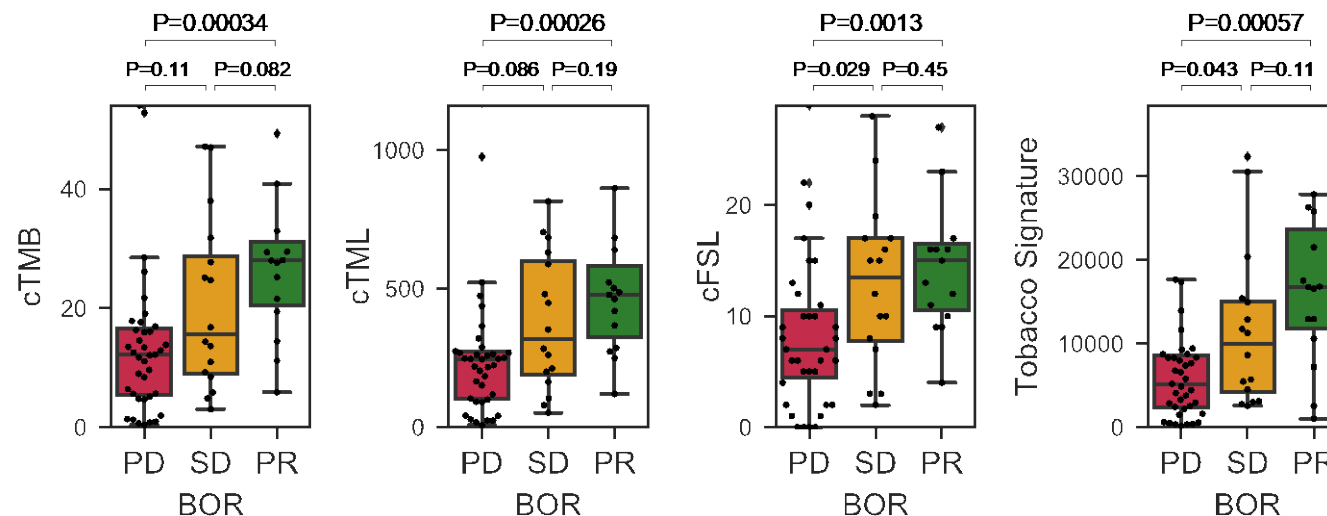
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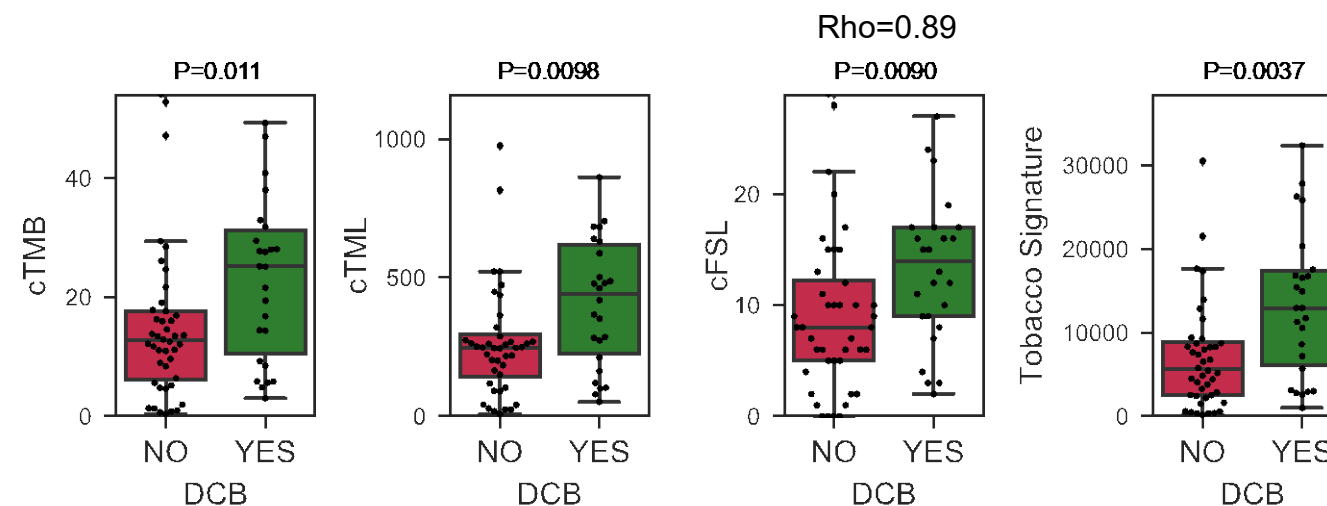


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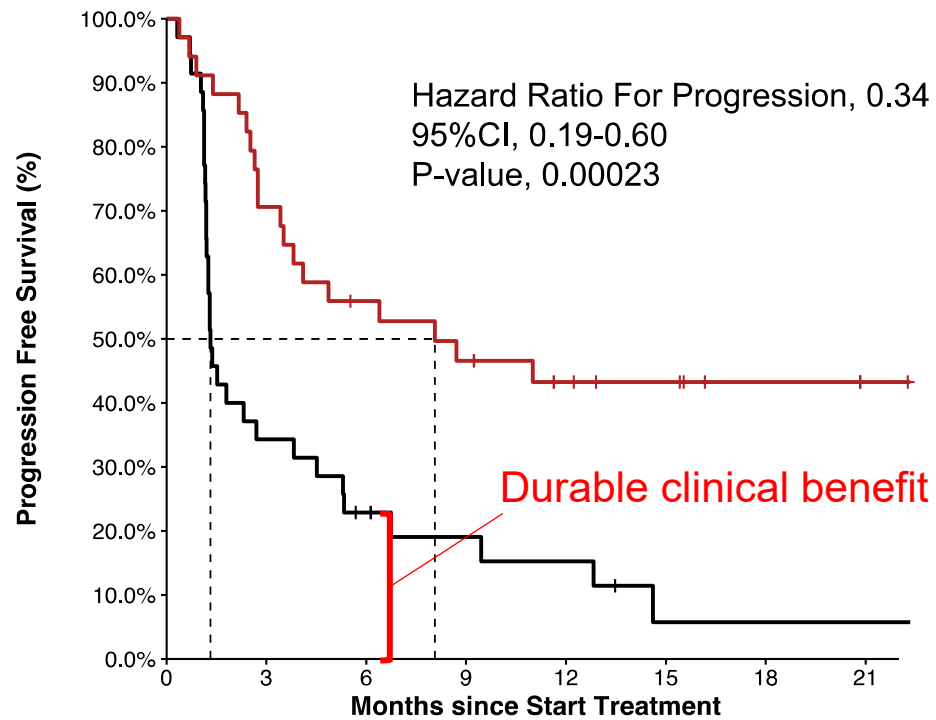
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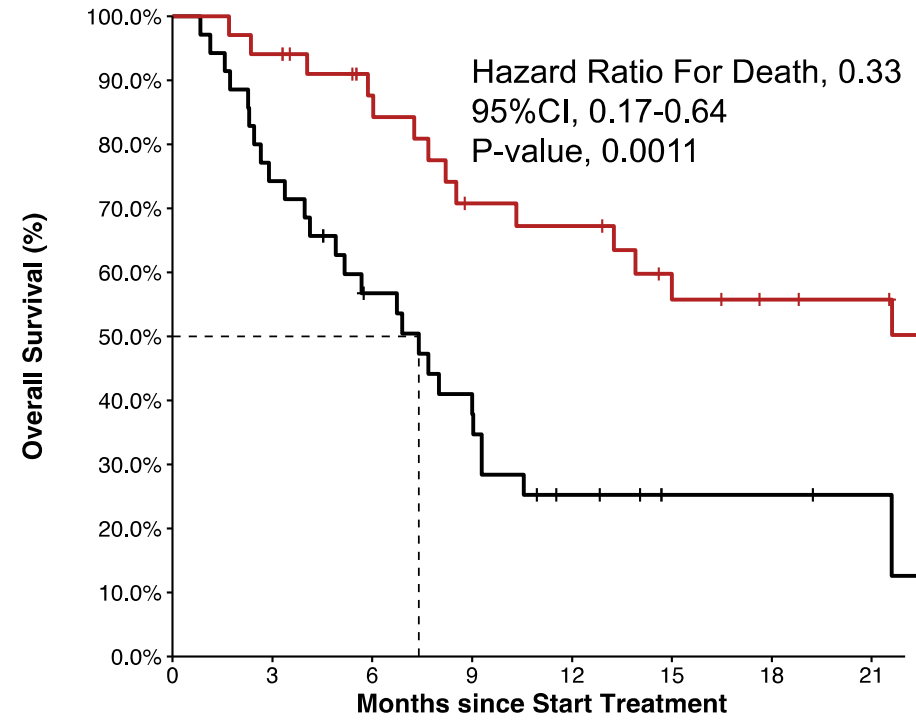
Clinical benefit (6 mo)



# Tumor mutational burden & variants thereof



|           | No. at Risk | 0  | 3  | 6  | 9  | 12 | 15 | 18 | 21 |
|-----------|-------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Low cTLM  | 35          | 12 | 7  | 5  | 4  | 1  | 1  | 1  |    |
| High cTMB | 34          | 24 | 18 | 15 | 12 | 10 | 7  | 5  |    |



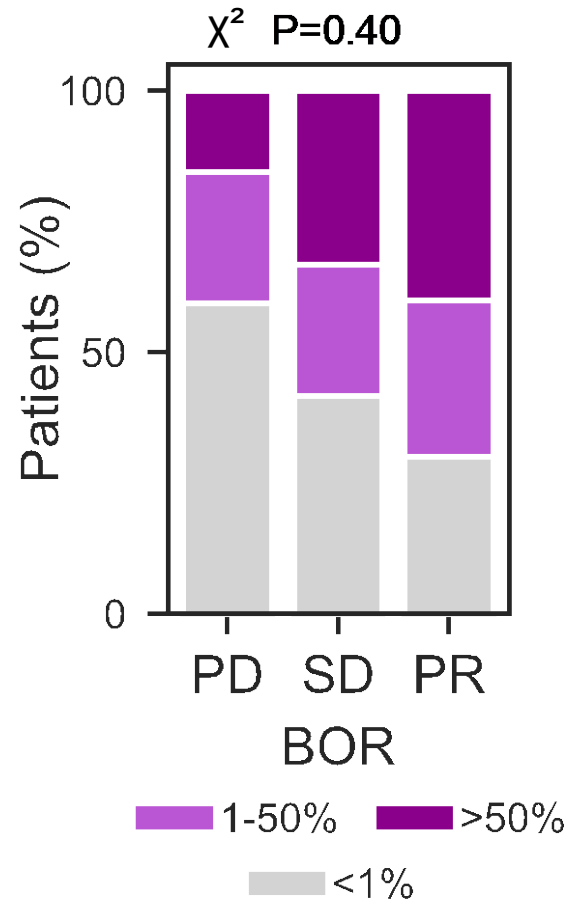
|           | No. at Risk | 0  | 3  | 6  | 9  | 12 | 15 | 18 | 21 |
|-----------|-------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Low cTLM  | 35          | 26 | 18 | 13 | 6  | 3  | 3  | 2  |    |
| High cTMB | 34          | 32 | 26 | 20 | 19 | 15 | 12 | 11 |    |



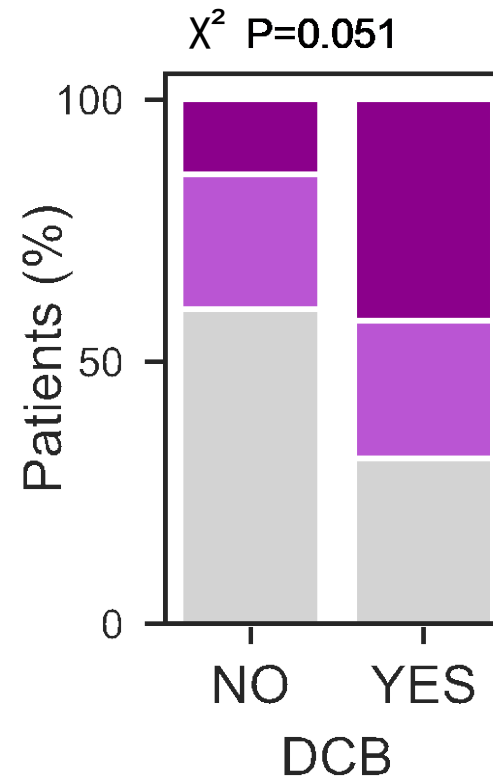
# PD-L1 status on immunohistochemistry Used in clinical practice

54 patients

*Best overall response*



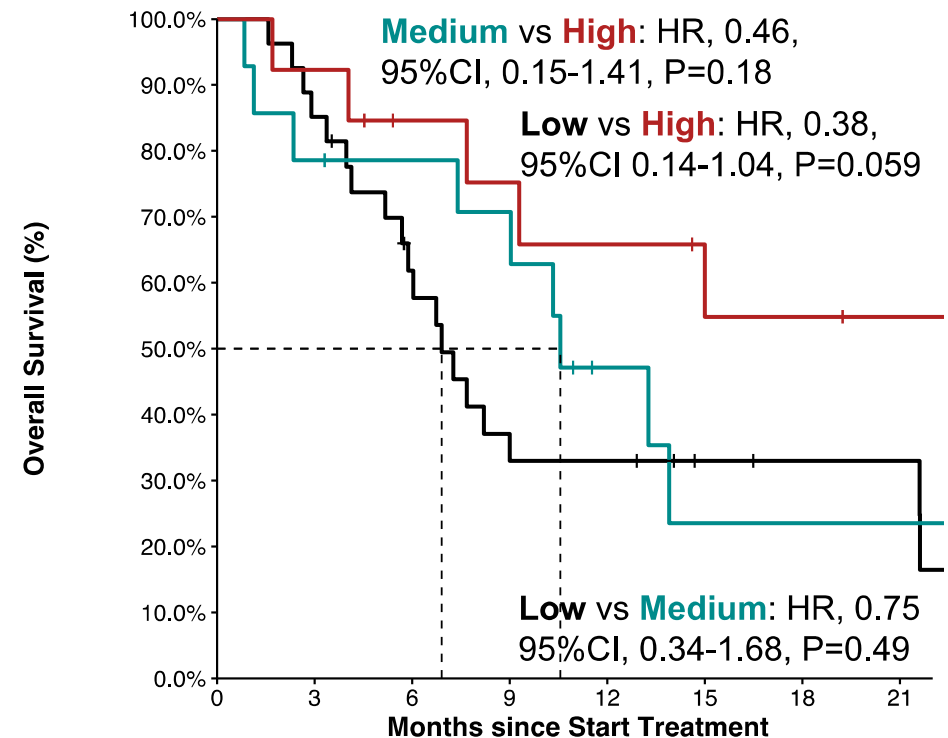
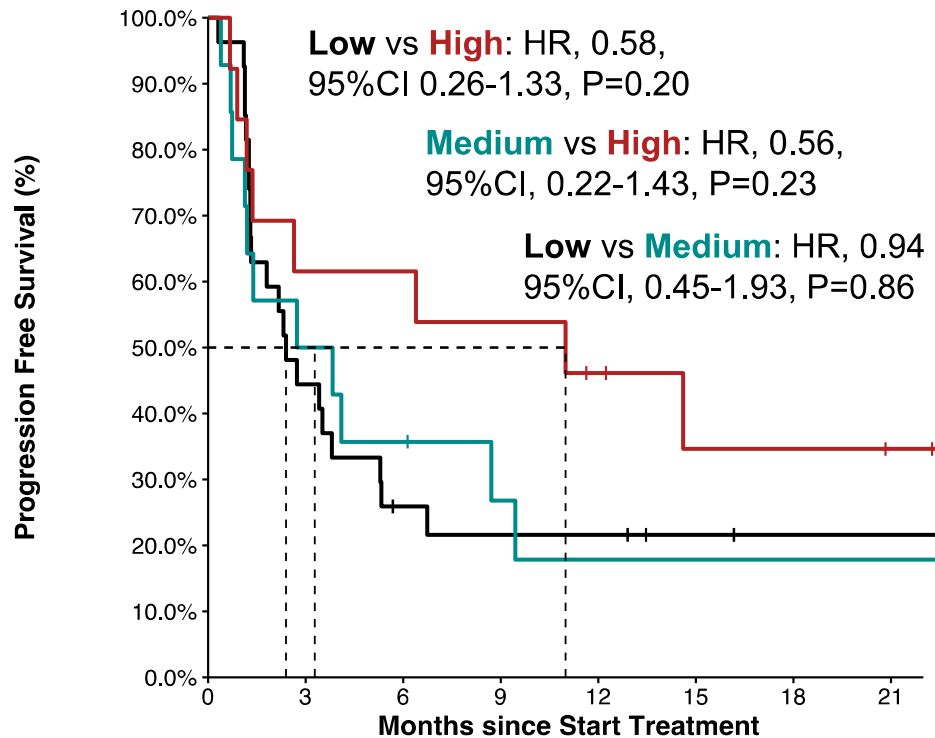
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# PD-L1 status on immunohistochemistry

## Used in clinical practice

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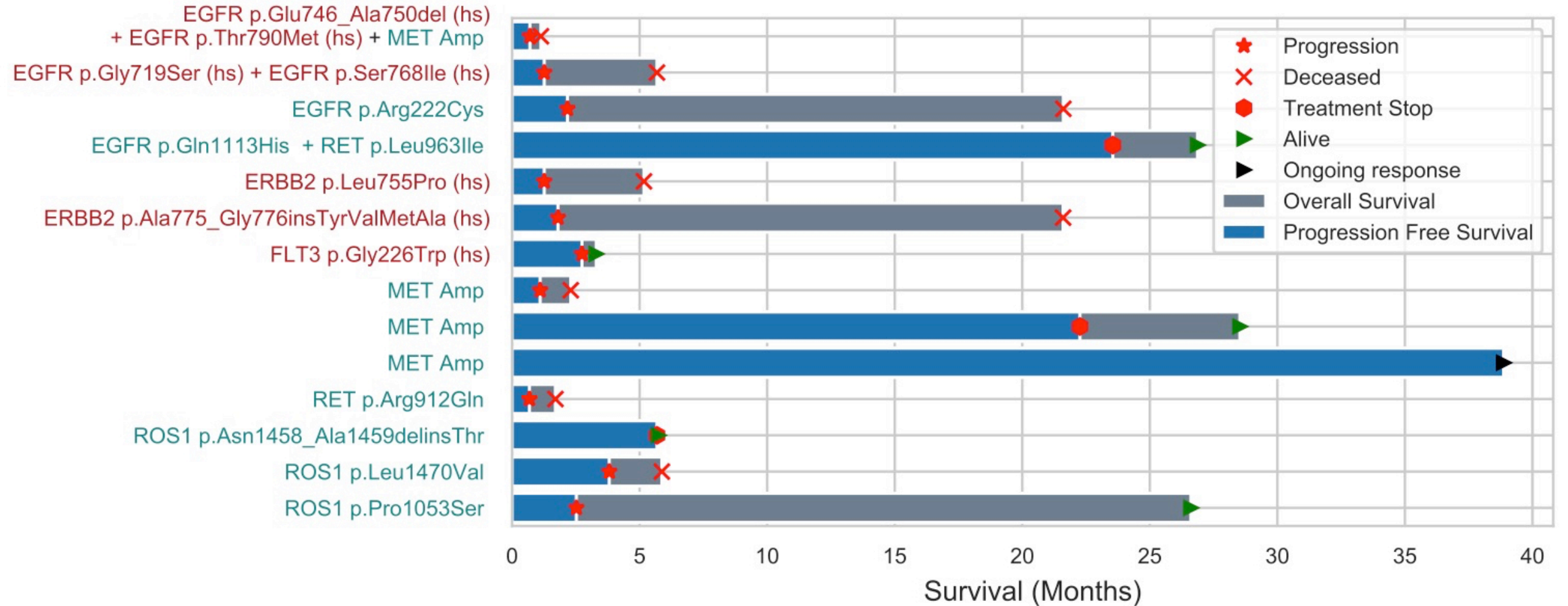
|             | No. at Risk |    |   |   |    |    |    |    |
|-------------|-------------|----|---|---|----|----|----|----|
|             | 0           | 3  | 6 | 9 | 12 | 15 | 18 | 21 |
| PD-L1 <1%   | 27          | 12 | 6 | 5 | 5  | 3  | 2  | 2  |
| PD-L1 1-50% | 14          | 7  | 5 | 3 | 2  | 2  | 2  | 2  |
| PD-L1 >50%  | 13          | 8  | 8 | 7 | 5  | 3  | 3  | 2  |

|             | No. at Risk |    |    |   |    |    |    |    |
|-------------|-------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|----|
|             | 0           | 3  | 6  | 9 | 12 | 15 | 18 | 21 |
| PD-L1 <1%   | 27          | 23 | 15 | 9 | 8  | 5  | 4  | 4  |
| PD-L1 1-50% | 14          | 11 | 10 | 9 | 4  | 2  | 2  | 2  |
| PD-L1 >50%  | 13          | 12 | 9  | 8 | 7  | 6  | 5  | 4  |



# Receptor tyrosine kinase somatic variants

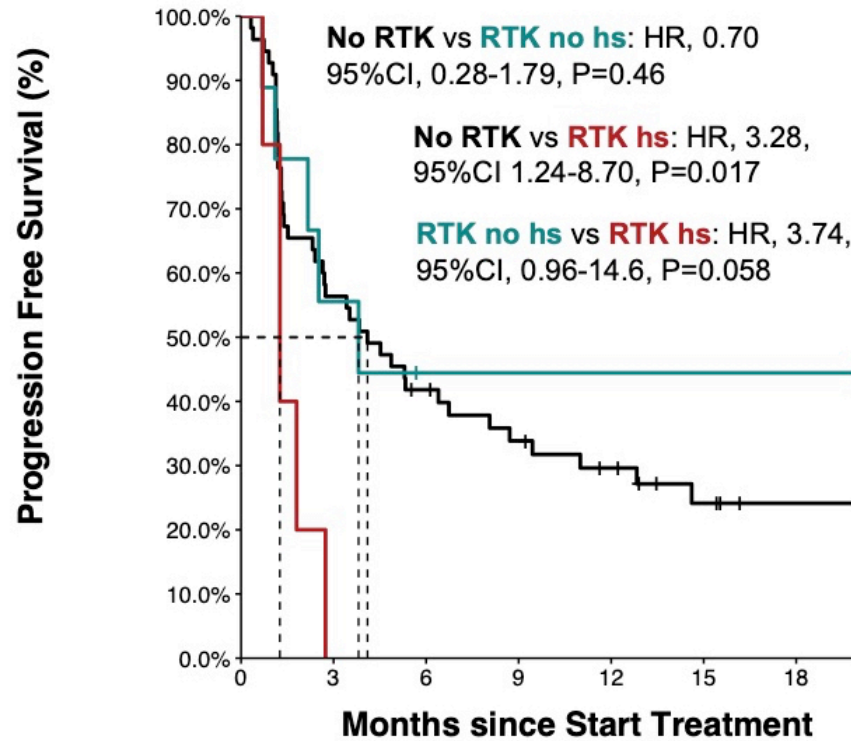
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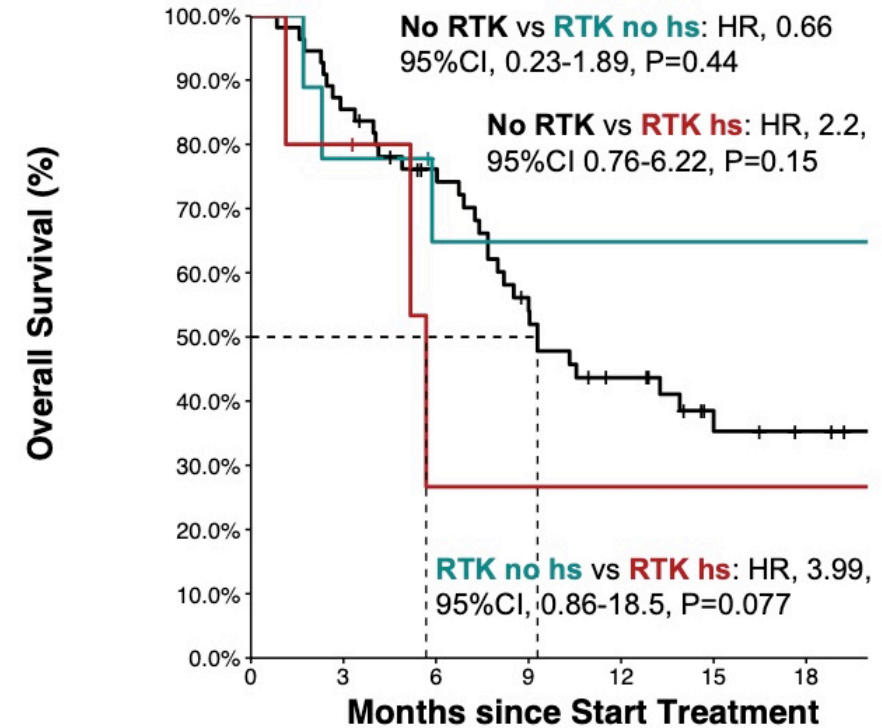
...Larger studies needed

# Receptor tyrosine kinase somatic variants

## Partly used in clinical practice



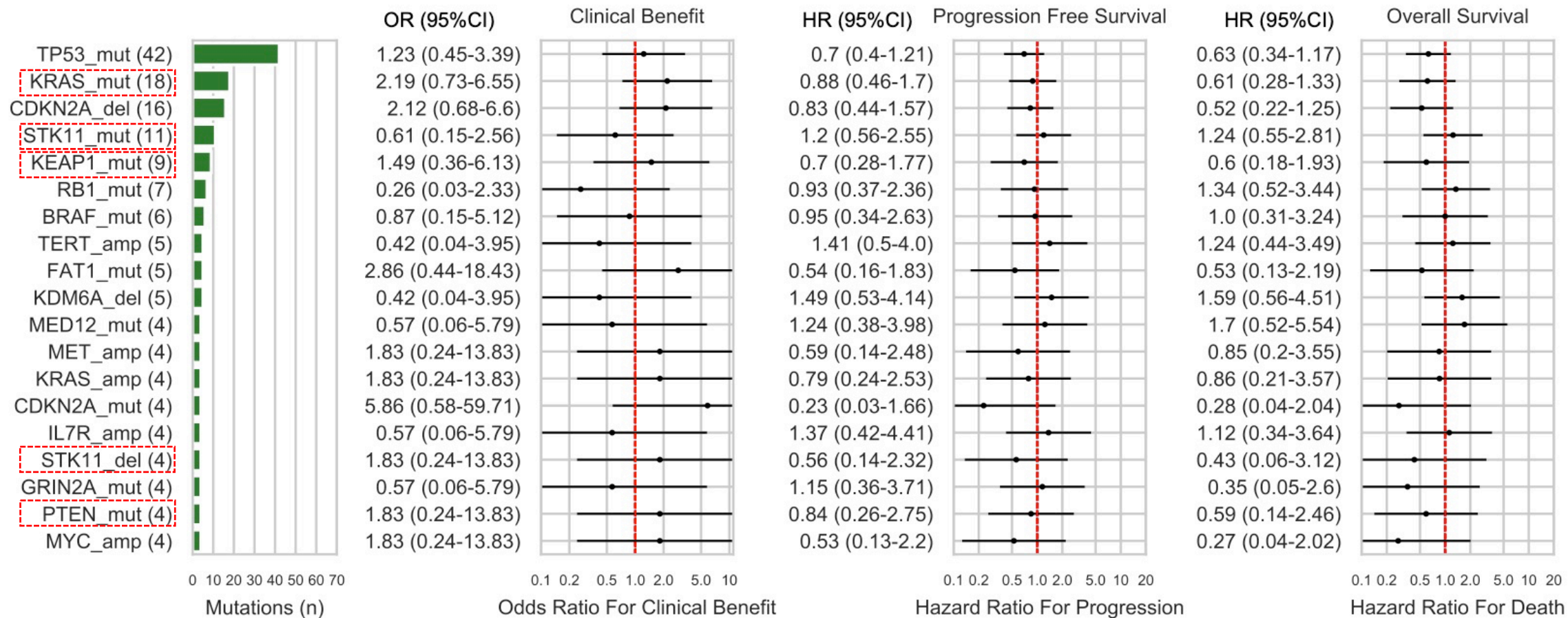
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|-----------------------|-------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
|                       | 0           | 3  | 6  | 9  | 12 | 15 | 18 |
| No RTK alteration     | 55          | 31 | 22 | 17 | 13 | 8  | 5  |
| RTK other than hs mut | 9           | 5  | 3  | 3  | 3  | 3  | 3  |
| RTK hs mut            | 5           | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  |



|                       | No. at Risk |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|-----------------------|-------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
|                       | 0           | 3  | 6  | 9  | 12 | 15 | 18 |
| No RTK alteration     | 55          | 47 | 38 | 27 | 19 | 12 | 9  |
| RTK other than hs mut | 9           | 7  | 5  | 5  | 5  | 5  | 5  |
| RTK hs mut            | 5           | 4  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  |



# KRAS, STK11, KEAP1 & PTEN mutations







# HLA class I diversity

## Germline HLA diversity

REPORT



Patient HLA class I genotype influences cancer response to checkpoint blockade immunotherapy

Diego Chowell<sup>1,2</sup>,  Luc G. T. Morris<sup>2,3,\*</sup>,  Claud M. Grigg<sup>4,\*</sup>, Jeffrey K. Weber<sup>5</sup>,  Robert M. Samstein<sup>1,2</sup>,  Vladimir M...

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*Science* 02 Feb 2018:  
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**Evolutionary divergence of HLA class I genotype impacts efficacy of cancer immunotherapy**

Diego Chowell, Chirag Krishna, Federica Pierini, Vladimir Makarov, Naiyer A. Rizvi, Fengshen Kuo, Luc G. T. Morris, Nadeem Riaz, Tobias L. Lenz  & Timothy A. Chan 

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## Germline + somatic HLA diversity

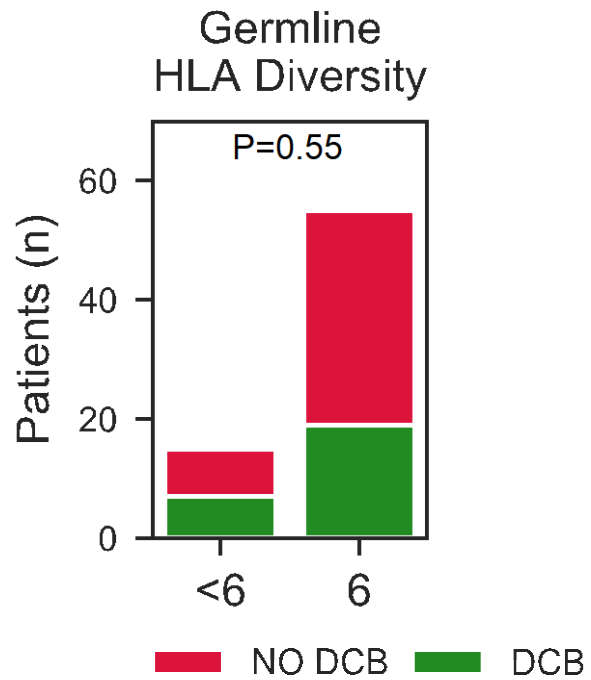
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Valsamo Anagnostou , Noushin Niknafs, [...] Victor E. Velculescu 

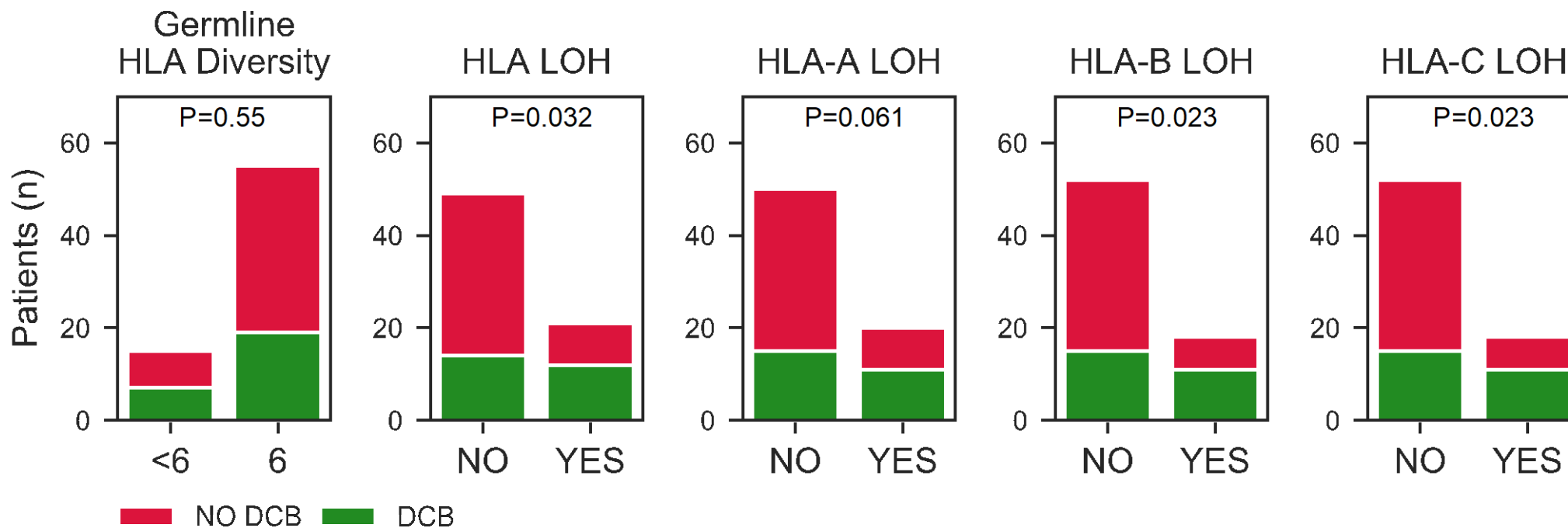
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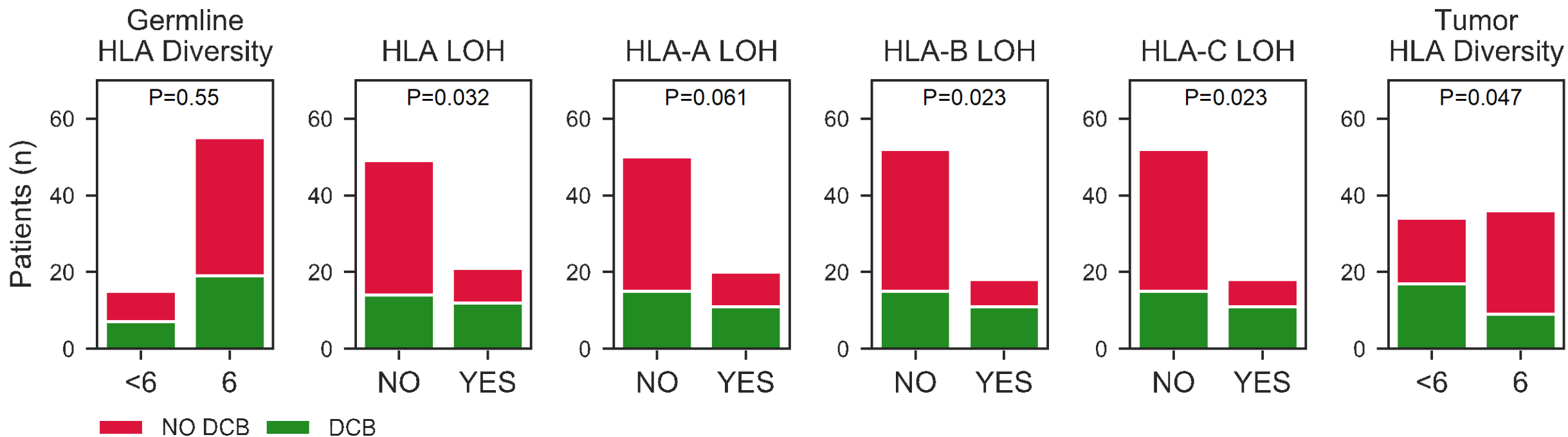
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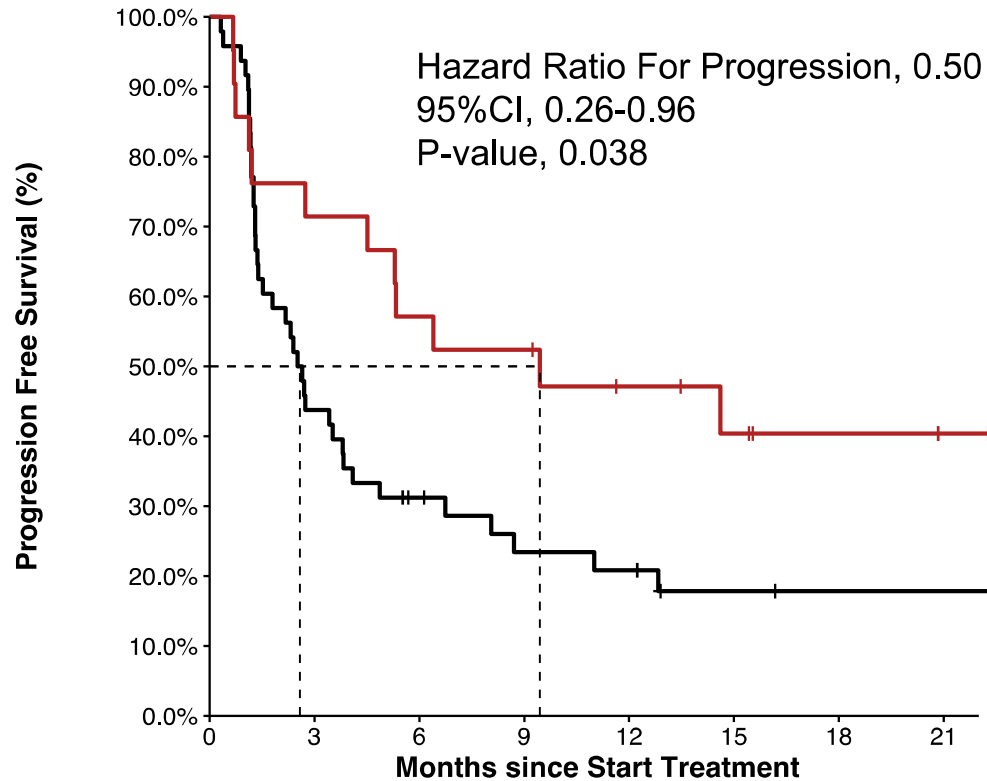
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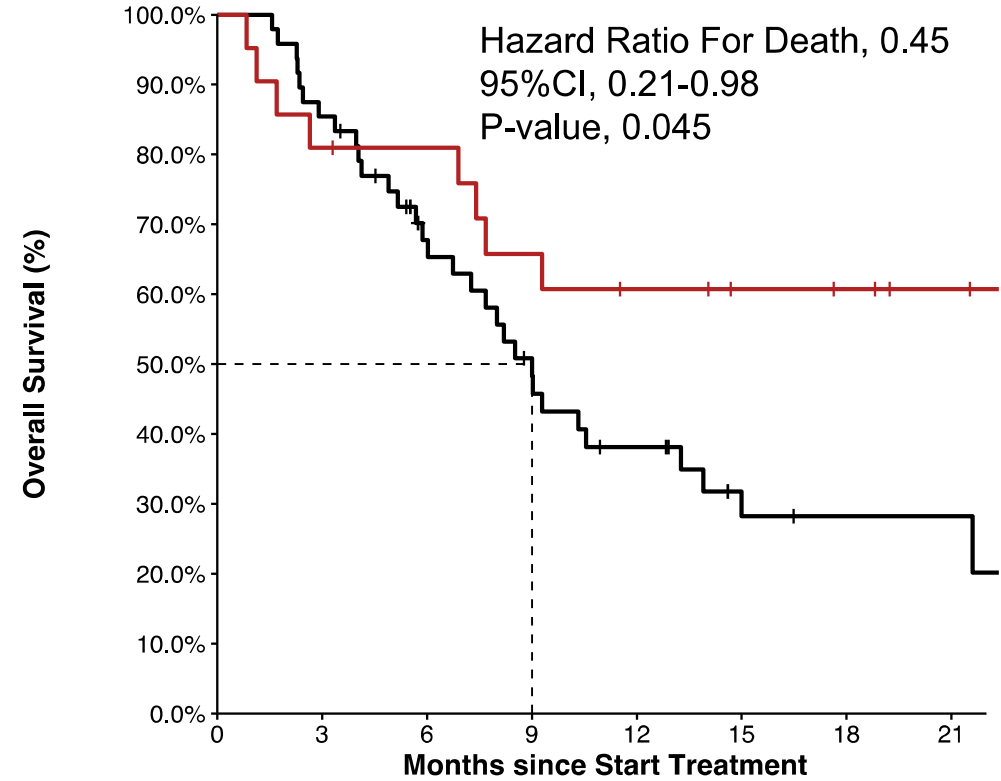
# HLA class I diversity



# HLA class I diversity



|            | No. at Risk | 0  | 3  | 6  | 9 | 12 | 15 | 18 | 21 |
|------------|-------------|----|----|----|---|----|----|----|----|
| NO HLA LOH | 48          | 21 | 13 | 9  | 8 | 5  | 4  | 4  | 4  |
| HLA LOH    | 21          | 15 | 12 | 11 | 8 | 6  | 4  | 2  | 2  |



|            | No. at Risk | 0  | 3  | 6  | 9  | 12 | 15 | 18 | 21 |
|------------|-------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| NO HLA LOH | 48          | 41 | 28 | 20 | 14 | 9  | 7  | 7  | 7  |
| HLA LOH    | 21          | 17 | 16 | 13 | 11 | 9  | 8  | 6  | 6  |

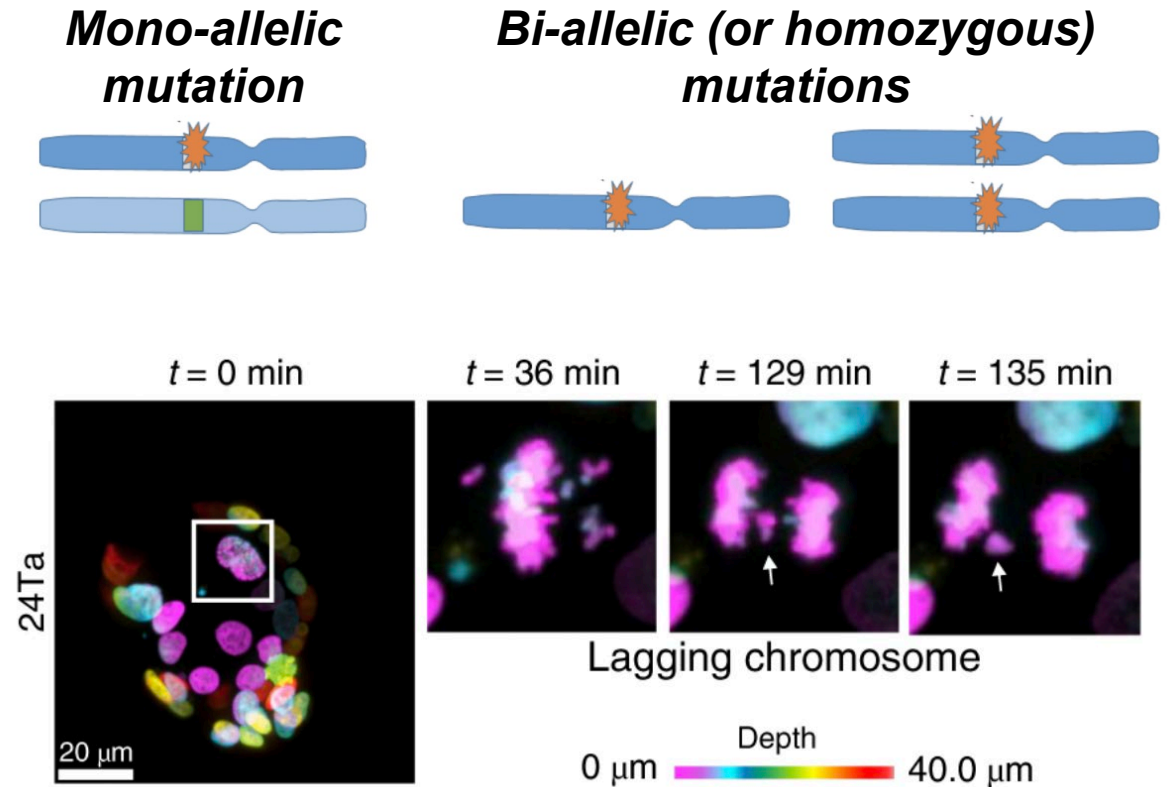
External validation ongoing (Kevin Litchfield, Charles Swanton, CRUK Institute, London, UK)



# Neoantigen loss through chromosome missegregation

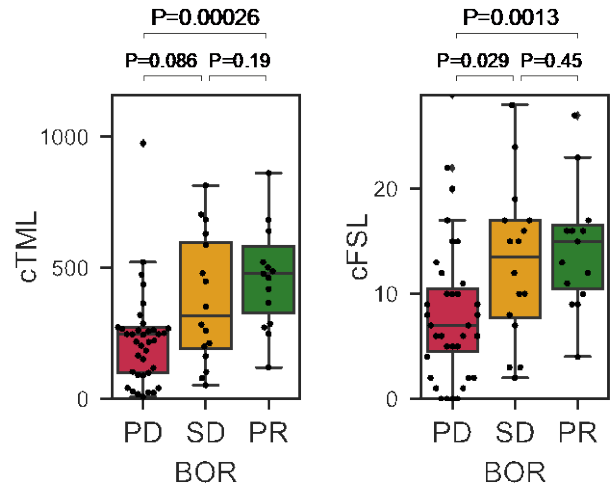
## Bi-allelic tumor mutational load & frameshift load

- ~20% of cell divisions have a chromosome missegregation
- $23 \times 3 = 69$  chromosomes per tumor cell, on average
- For each cell division, the probability of losing 1 chromosome is  $20/69 = 0.30\%$
- 1 cm tumor contains ~100.000.000 cells
- **1 cell division → 289,855 antigen-negative cells**

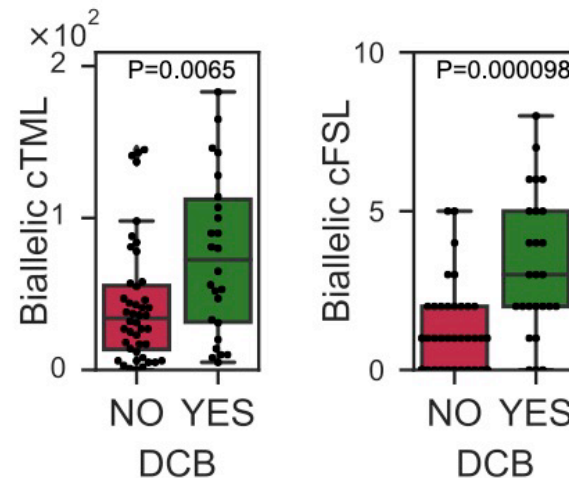
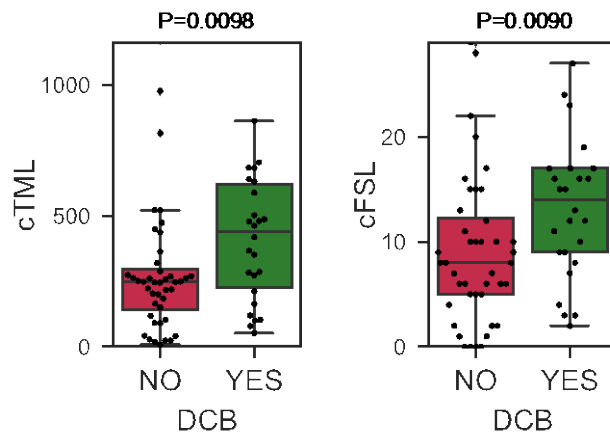
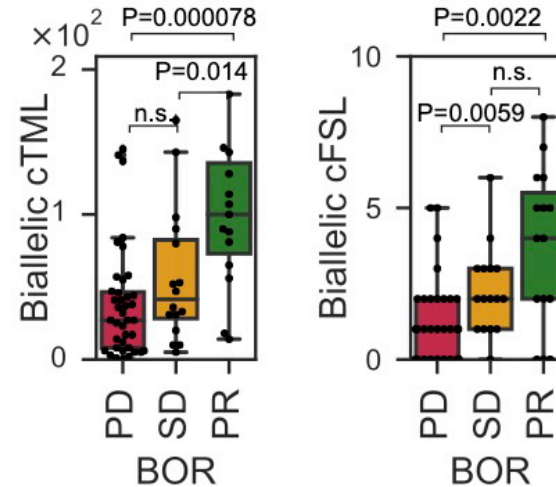


# Bi-allelic tumor mutational load & frameshift load

## All variants



## Only bi-allelic variants



**External validation ongoing  
(Kevin Litchfield, Charles Swanton, CRUK Institute, London, UK)**





# A simple combination of validating biomarkers

## cTML+ PD-L1 IHC + RTK hotspots

### LOW probability of clinical benefit:

- Low cTML (<median) AND low PD-L1 IHC (<1%)
- OR RTK hotspot mutation

### INTERMEDIATE probability of clinical benefit:

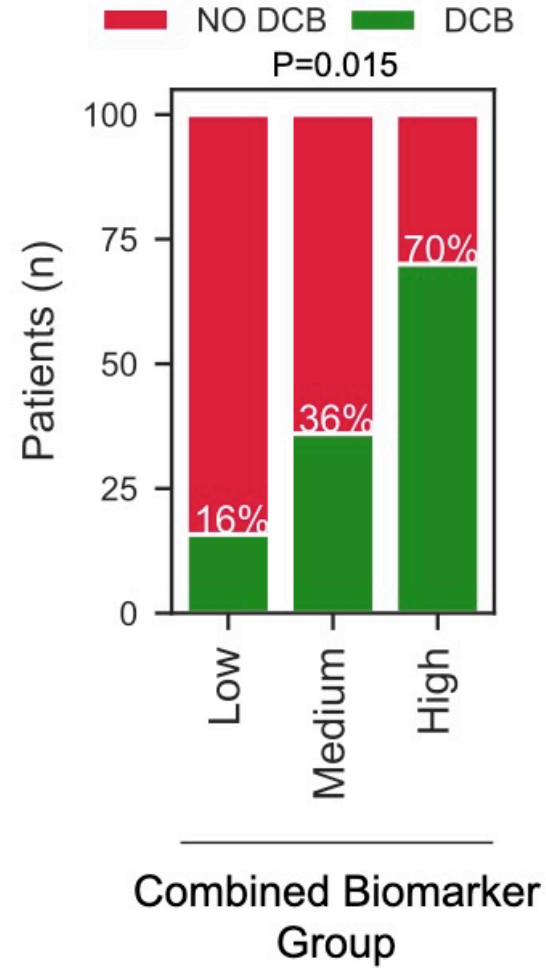
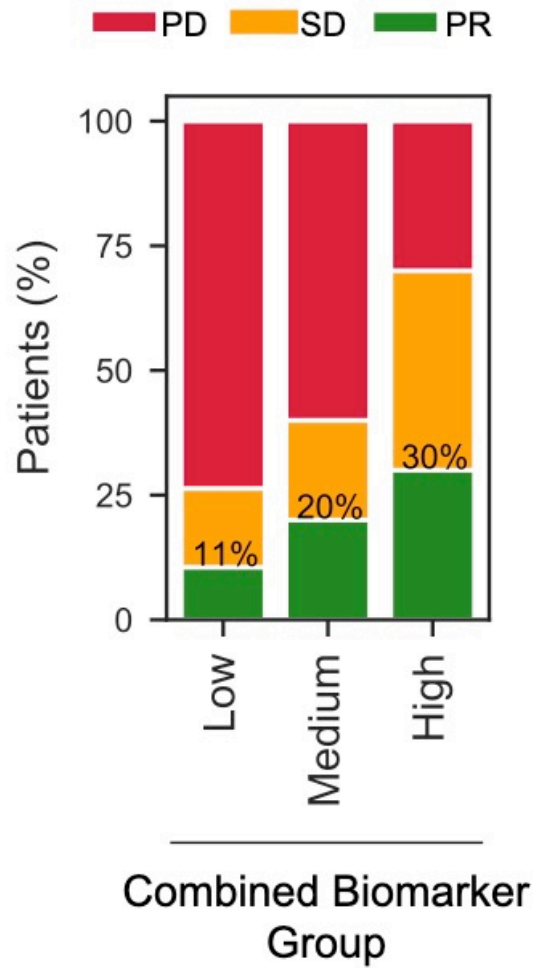
- Low cTML (<median) AND medium/high PD-L1 IHC (>1%)
- OR high cTML (>median) AND low PD-L1 IHC (<1%)
- AND no RTK hotspot mutation

### HIGH probability of clinical benefit:

- High cTML (>median) AND medium/high PD-L1 IHC (>1%)
- AND no RTK hotspot mutation

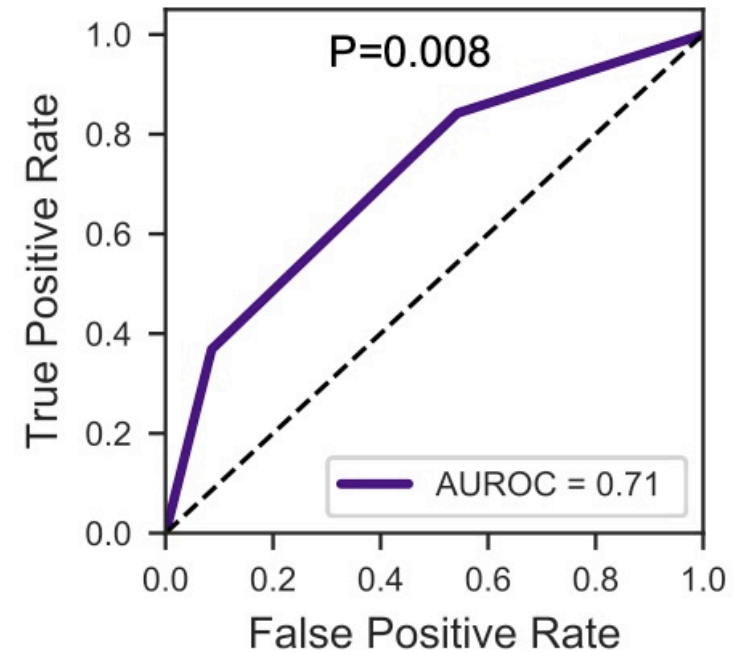
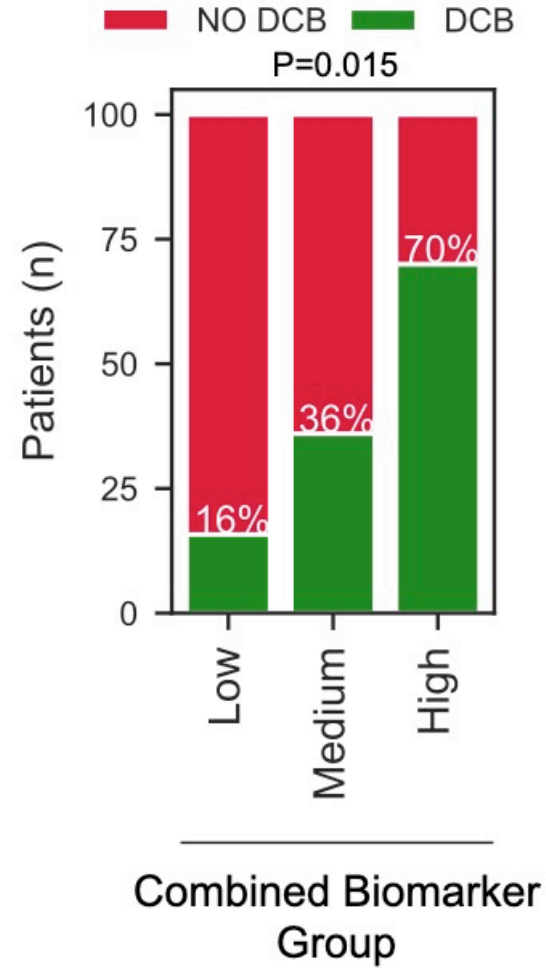
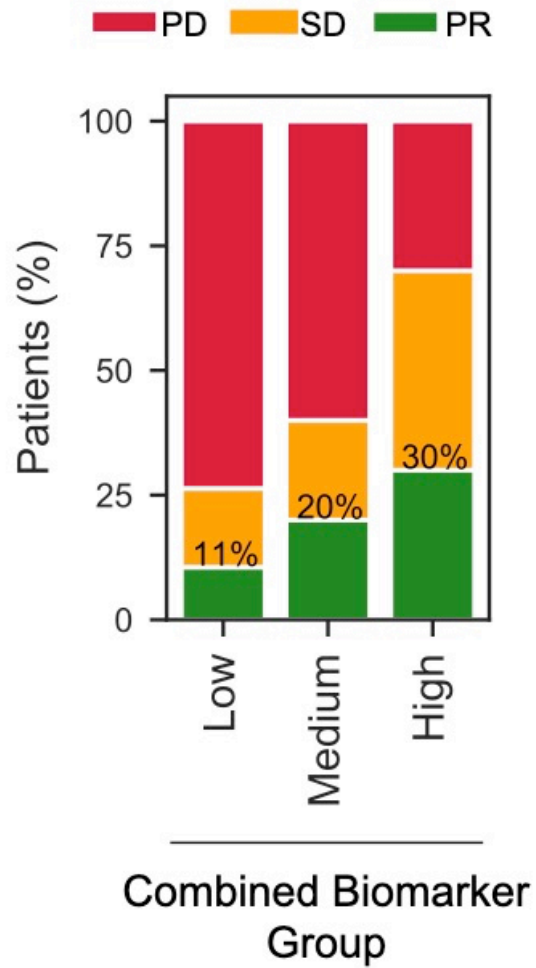


# A simple combination of validating biomarkers cTML+ PD-L1 IHC + RTK hotspots

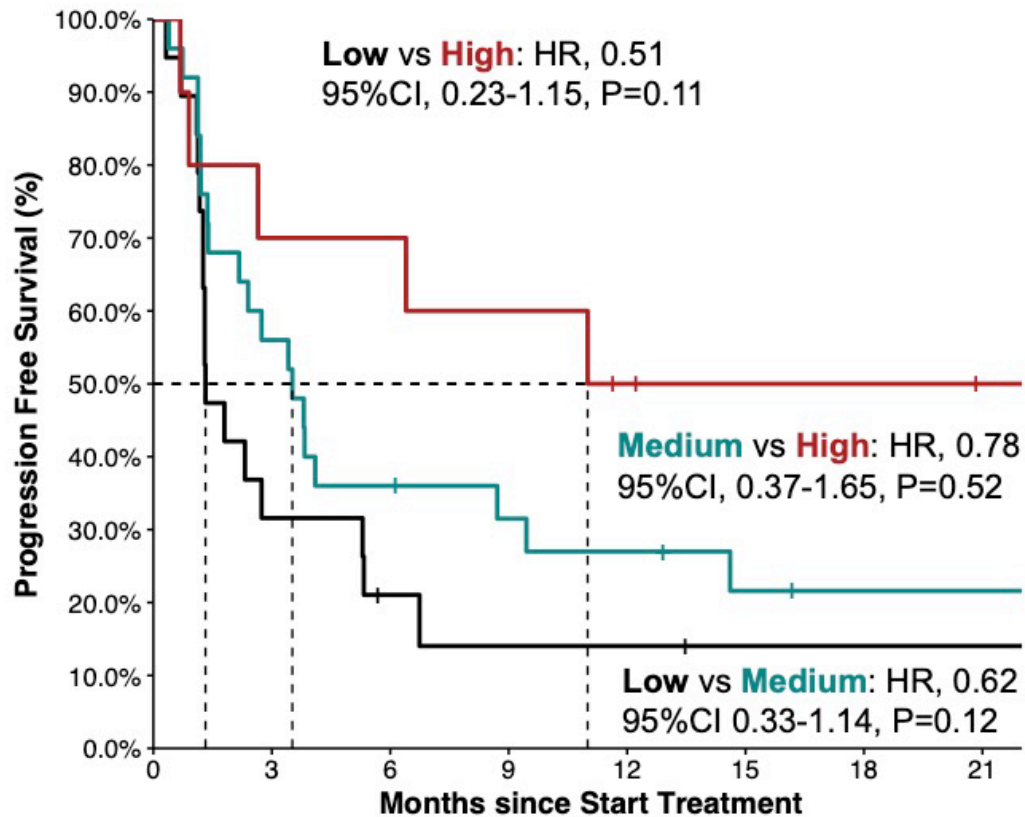


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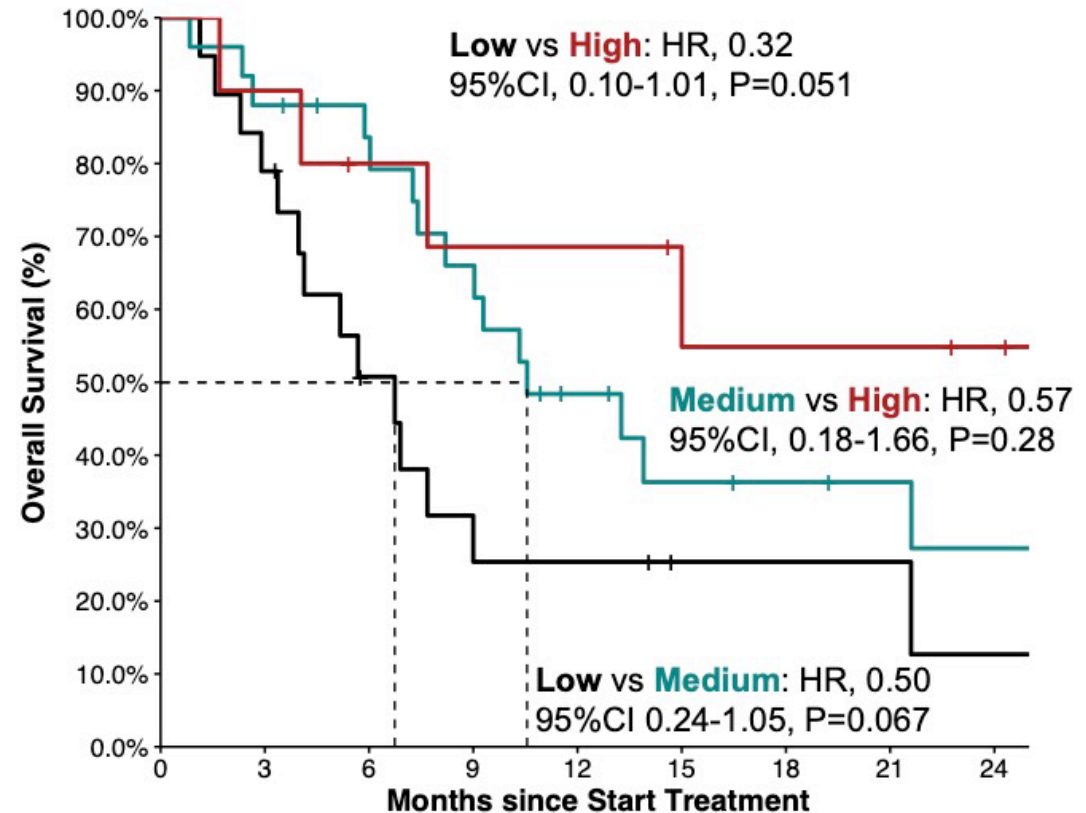
## cTML+ PD-L1 IHC + RTK hotspots



# A simple combination of validated biomarkers cTML+ PD-L1 IHC + RTK hotspots



|        | No. | at | Risk |
|--------|-----|----|------|
| Low    | 19  | 6  | 3    |
| Medium | 25  | 14 | 9    |
| High   | 10  | 7  | 7    |



|        | No. | at | Risk |
|--------|-----|----|------|
| Low    | 19  | 15 | 8    |
| Medium | 25  | 22 | 19   |
| High   | 10  | 9  | 7    |



# Conclusions

1. We performed an **extensive external validation** of genomic biomarkers for PD-1 blockade in NSCLC
  - ✓ TMB/TML/FSL/tobacco signature (although all same signal)
  - ✓ RTK hotspot mutations
  - ~ PD-L1 IHC
  - ✗ KRAS, STK11, KEAP1, PTEN muts
  - ✗ Germline or somatic HLA diversity
2. We performed **biomarker discovery**, leading to several promising leads
  - Aneuploidy score – Validation failed ✗
  - Bi-allelic TML & FSL – Validation ongoing
  - HLA LOH – Validation ongoing
3. Genomic biomarkers achieved superior performance as compared to the clinically used PD-L1 immunohistochemistry
4. A simple combination of biomarkers identified ~1/3<sup>rd</sup> of patients with a low clinical benefit rate (16%)



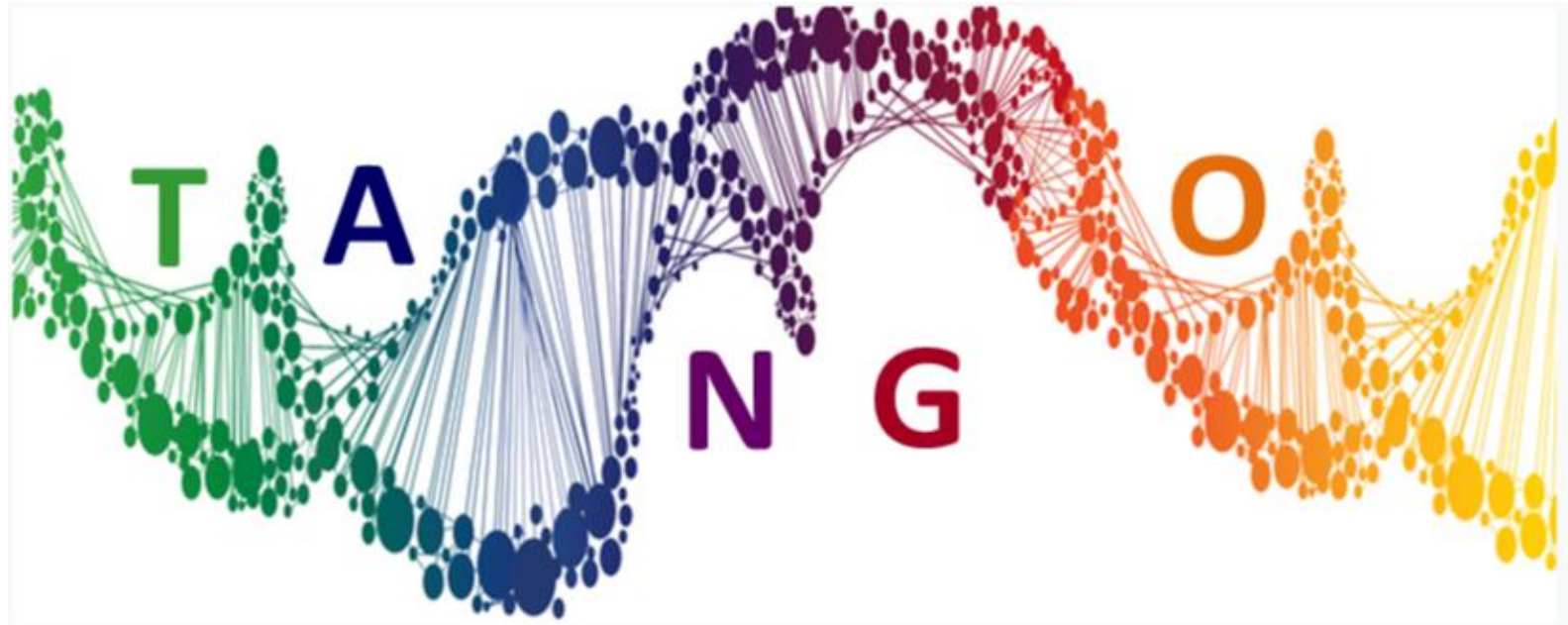
# Next steps

1. Await external validation for HLA LOH & biallelic mutations as biomarker
2. Investigate fusion genes as potential biomarkers
3. Include RNA-based immune infiltration estimates as biomarkers
4. Complete manuscript



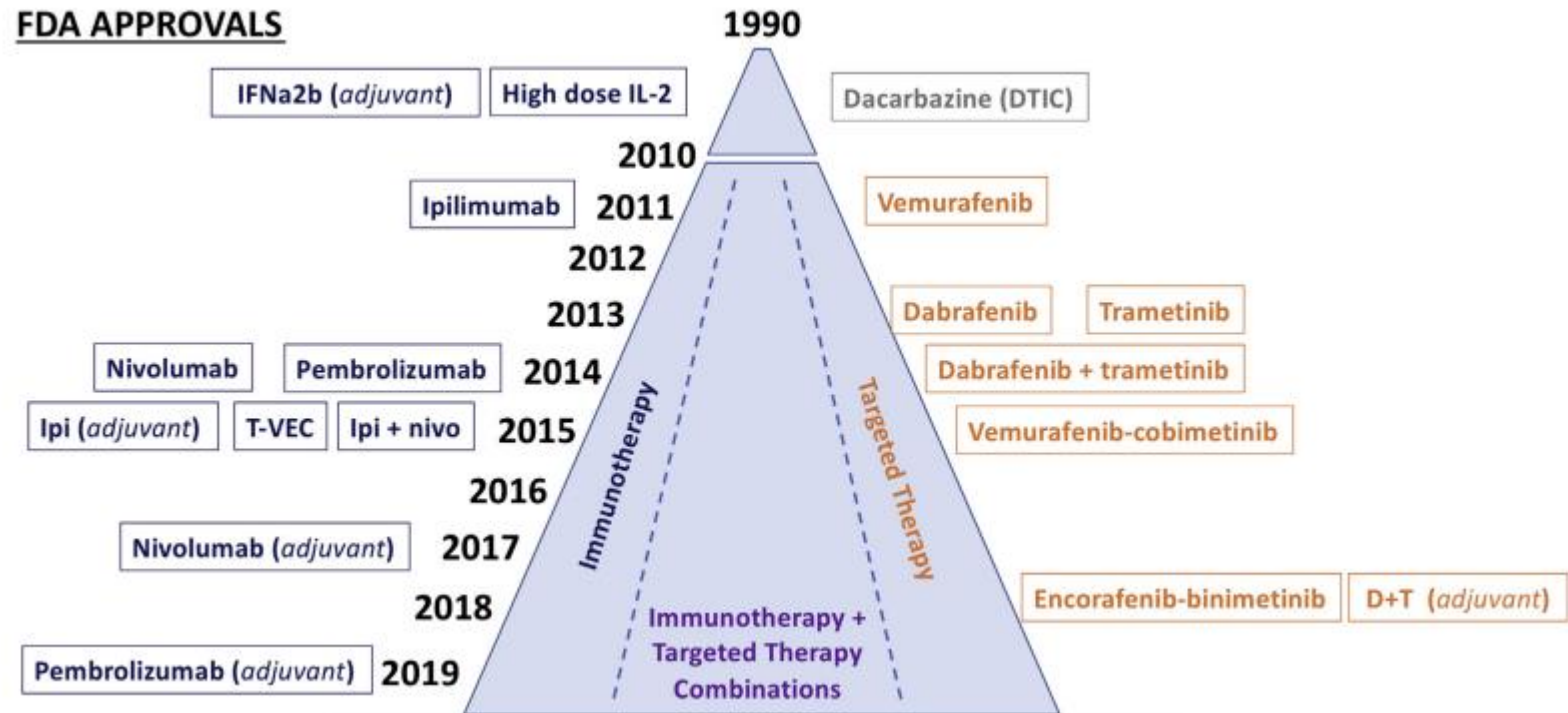
# Clinical response to systemic therapy in metastatic melanoma; towards a WGS-based biomarker

Analysis of the clinical data of immunotherapy treated melanoma patients, as part of the TANGO project (WP2)  
PhD: Drs. J.C.L Notohardjo, PI: Prof dr. A.J.M van den Eertwegh  
Amsterdam UMC, (VUmc)



Technology Assessment of Next Generation Sequencing in Personalized Oncology

# FDA-approved therapies for melanoma



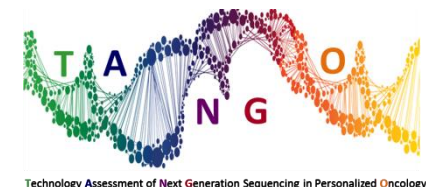
<sup>1</sup>Jenkins et al, 2020, Journal of Investigative Dermatology.



# FDA-approved therapies for melanoma

| Agent                     | Mechanism                                   | FDA-approved indications  |
|---------------------------|---|---|
| <b>Targeted Therapies</b> |   |   |
| Vemurafenib               | BRAF inhibitor                              | - Unresectable/metastatic melanoma harboring BRAF V600E/K mutation  |
| Cobimetinib               | MEK inhibitor                               | - Unresectable/metastatic melanoma harboring BRAF V600E/K mutation  |
| Dabrafenib + trametinib   | BRAF inhibitor + MEK inhibitor              | - Unresectable/metastatic melanoma harboring BRAF V600E/K mutation<br>- Adjuvant treatment of resected stage III BRAF V600E/K mutant melanoma     |
| Vemurafenib + cobimetinib | BRAF inhibitor + MEK inhibitor              | - Unresectable/metastatic melanoma harboring BRAF V600E/K mutation  |
| Encorafenib + binimetinib | BRAF inhibitor + MEK inhibitor              | - Unresectable/metastatic melanoma harboring BRAF V600E/K mutation  |
| <b>Immunotherapies</b>    |   |   |
| Ipilimumab                | Anti-CTLA-4 monoclonal antibody             | - Unresectable/metastatic melanoma (regardless of BRAF status)<br>- Adjuvant treatment of resected stage III melanoma (regardless of BRAF status) |
| Nivolumab                 | Anti-PD-1 monoclonal antibody               | - Unresectable/metastatic melanoma (regardless of BRAF status)<br>- Adjuvant treatment of resected stage III melanoma (regardless of BRAF status) |
| Pembrolizumab             | Anti-PD-1 monoclonal antibody               | - Unresectable/metastatic melanoma (regardless of BRAF status)<br>- Adjuvant treatment of resected stage III melanoma (regardless of BRAF status) |
| Ipilimumab-nivolumab      | Anti-CTLA-4 antibody + anti-PD-1 antibody   | - Unresectable/metastatic melanoma (regardless of BRAF status)  |
| T-VEC                     | Modified, injectable oncolytic herpes virus | Local treatment of unresectable cutaneous, subcutaneous, and nodal lesions in patients with recurrent melanoma after surgery                      |

Abbreviations: FDA, Food and Drug Administration; MEK, MAPK kinase; T-VEC, talimogene laherpraepvec.



# Objectives work package 2

 Demonstrate the value of whole genome sequencing (WGS) for immunotherapy treatment selection in NSCLC and **melanoma**

 Discovery of genomic and transcriptomic correlates

 Identify potential biomarkers for patient stratification



# Patient selection for TANGO (from CPCT-02)

CPCT inclusion  
2016-2019

HMF database

HMF data request  
for TANGO

N=409  
Melanoma  
patients included  
in CPCT-02



N=348 patients  
N=370 biopsies  
in HMF DB

Passed QC HMF:  
N= 257 patients  
N=304 biopsies



N=187  
Immunotherapy

N=41  
Targeted therapy

N=10  
Multiple therapy

N=0  
Chemotherapy

N=2  
Experimental therapy

No biopsy done  
Low tumor  
percentage  
Low Yield

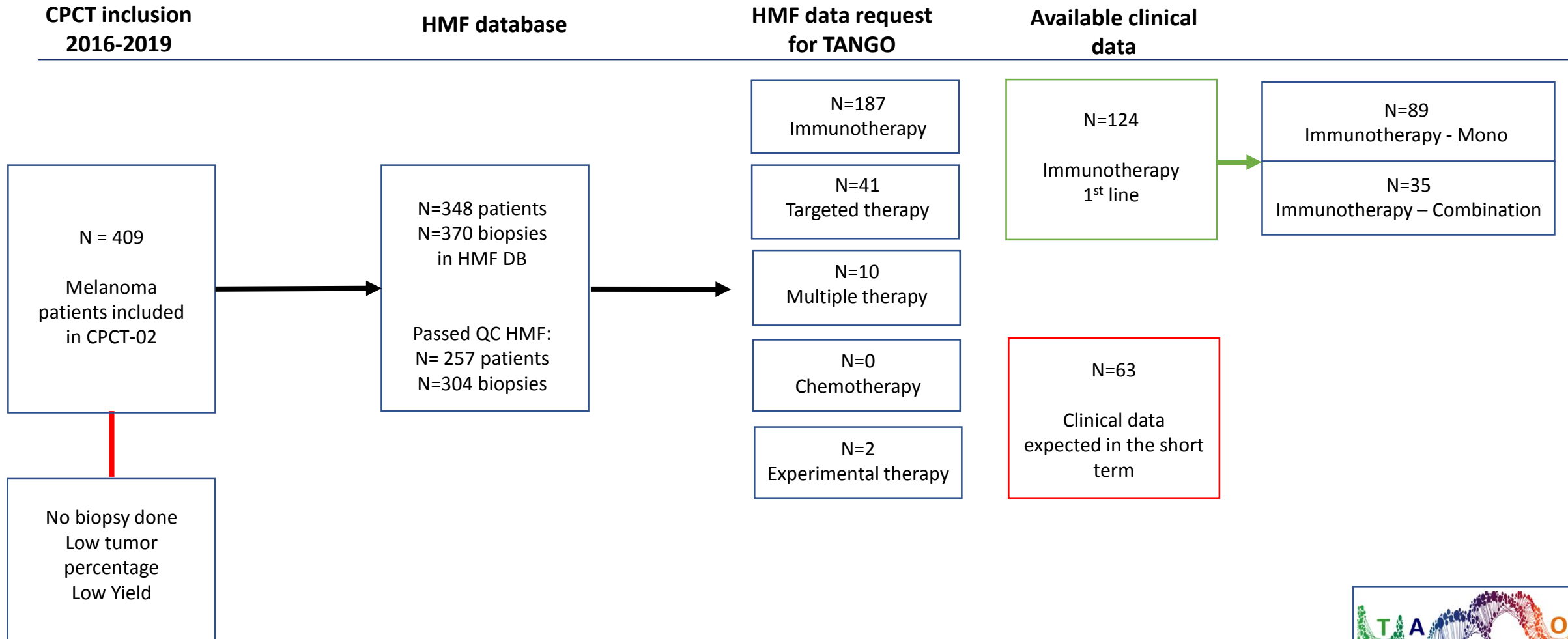


# Clinical data collection

| Hospital             | METC approval | Data transfer agreement | COVID-19 delay | Data collected |
|----------------------|---------------|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Amsterdam UMC (Vumc) | +             | Not needed              |                | +              |
| Amphia Hospital      | <i>Vumc</i>   | Not needed              |                | +              |
| Erasmus MC           | +             | In progress             | +              | In progress    |
| Isala                | <i>Vumc</i>   | Not needed              |                | +              |
| Maastricht UMC       | +             | Not needed              | +              | +              |
| NKI-AVL              | <i>Vumc</i>   | Not needed              | +              | +              |
| UMC Utrecht          | +             | +                       | +              | +              |

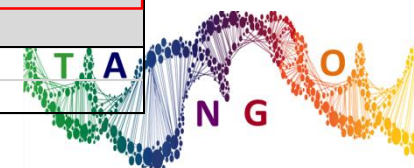


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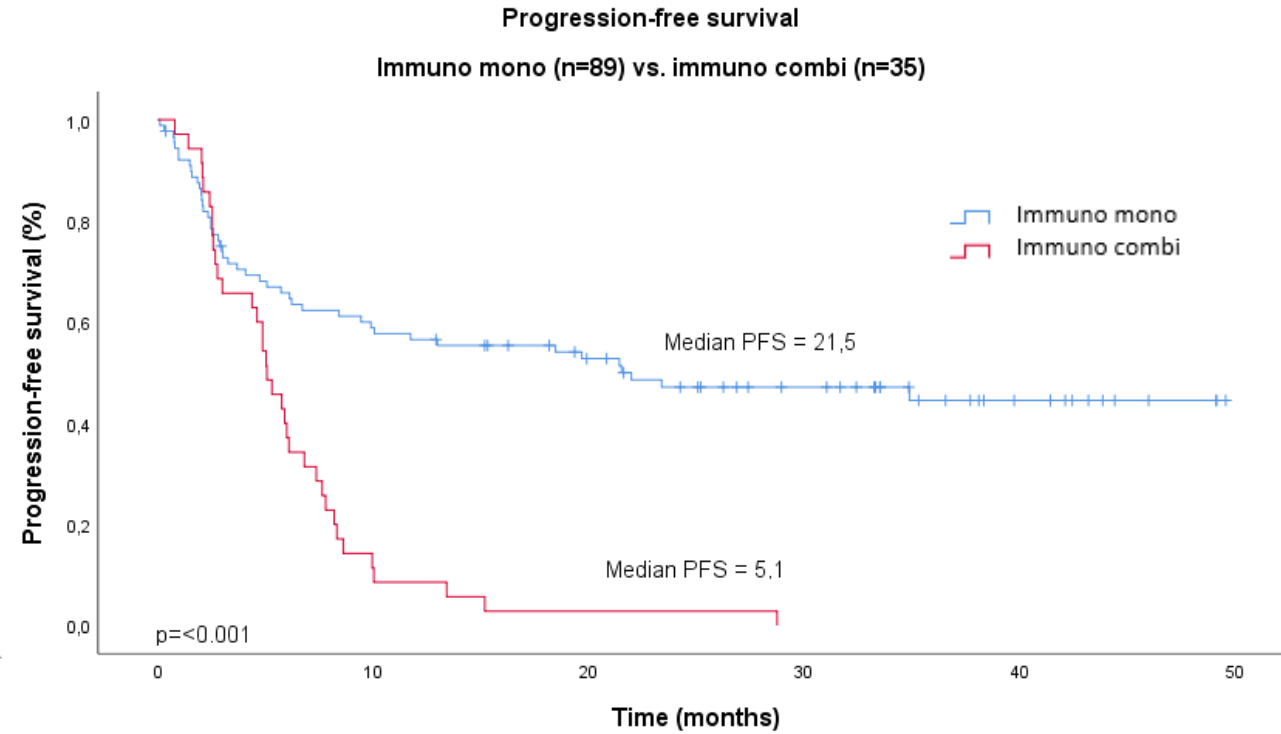
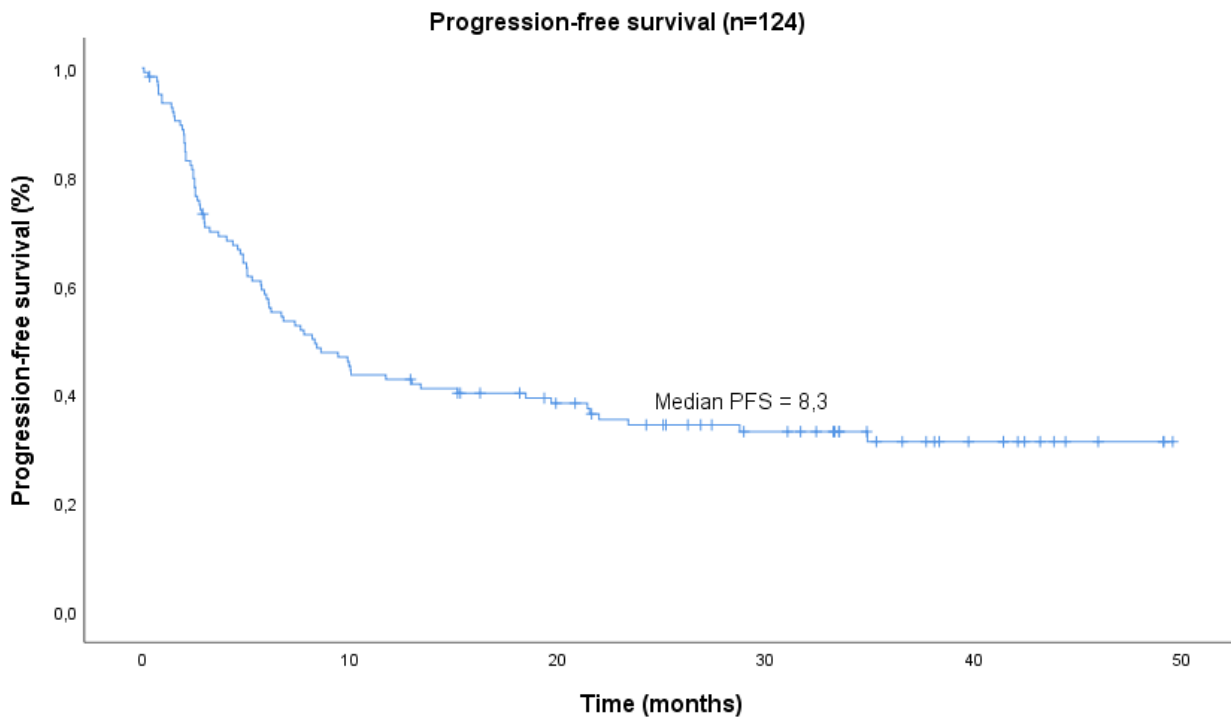


# Baseline Characteristics Immunotherapy (n=124)

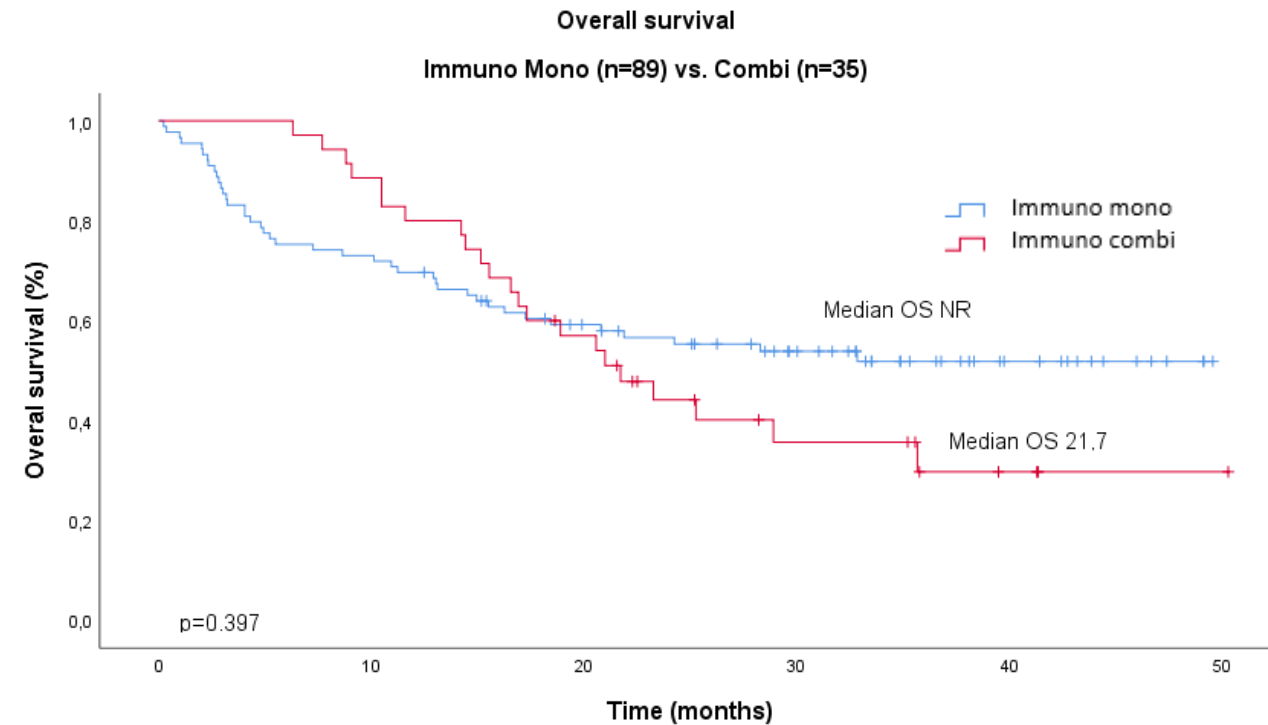
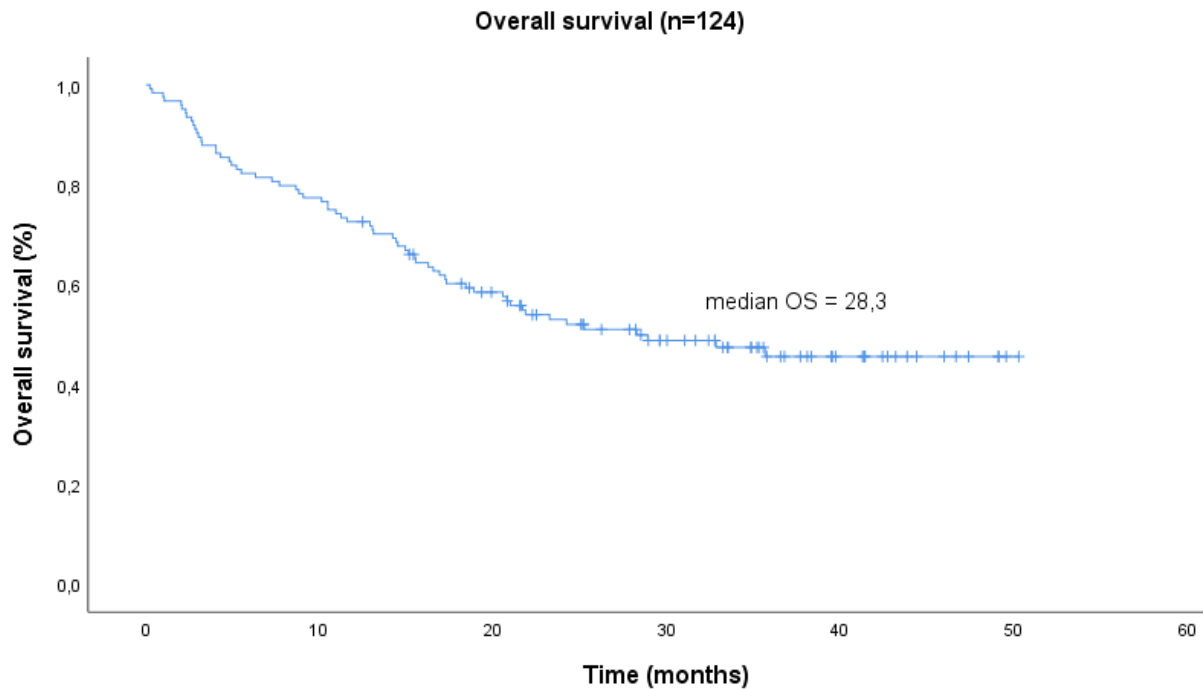
| Characteristics   | Immuno monotherapy (n=89) | Immuno combination therapy (n=35) | p value |
|---|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------|
| Age (years)   | 65 ± 12                   | 58 ± 15                           | 0.105   |
| Missing   | 0                         | 0                                 |         |
| Gender  |                           |                                   | 0.224   |
| Female  | 40 (44,9)                 | 11 (31,4)                         |         |
| Male  | 49 (55,1)                 | 24 (68,6)                         |         |
| Missing   | 0                         | 0                                 |         |
| ECOG PS   |                           |                                   | 0.069   |
| 0   | 57 (64,0)                 | 29 (82,9)                         |         |
| 1   | 30 (33,7)                 | 5 (14,3)                          |         |
| ≥2  | 2 (2,2)                   | 1 (2,9)                           |         |
| Missing   | 0                         | 0                                 |         |
| Histology   |                           |                                   | 0.336   |
| SSM   | 14 (15,7)                 | 11 (31,4)                         |         |
| Nodular   | 12 (13,5)                 | 1 (2,9)                           |         |
| Other   | 20 (22,5)                 | 5 (14,3)                          |         |
| Missing   | 43 (48,3)                 | 18 (51,5)                         |         |
| Prior systemic treatment  |                           |                                   | 0.294   |
| No  | 76 (85,4)                 | 27 (77,1)                         |         |
| Yes   | 13 (14,6)                 | 8 (22,9)                          |         |
| Missing   | 0                         | 0                                 |         |
| Lactate dehydrogenase (U/l)   | 223 [184-264]             | 218 [182-289]                     | 0.650   |
| Normal  | 63 (70,8)                 | 22 (62,9)                         |         |
| 250-500   | 18 (21,3)                 | 10 (28,6)                         |         |
| >500  | 7 (7,9)                   | 3 (8,6)                           |         |
| Missing   | 0                         | 0                                 |         |
| NOTE. Data are presented as mean ± SD, median [interquartile range] or number of patients (%).                    |                           |                                   |         |
| Abbreviations: ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group Performance Score; SSM, Superficial Spreading Melanoma |                           |                                   |         |



# PFS TANGO melanoma cohort

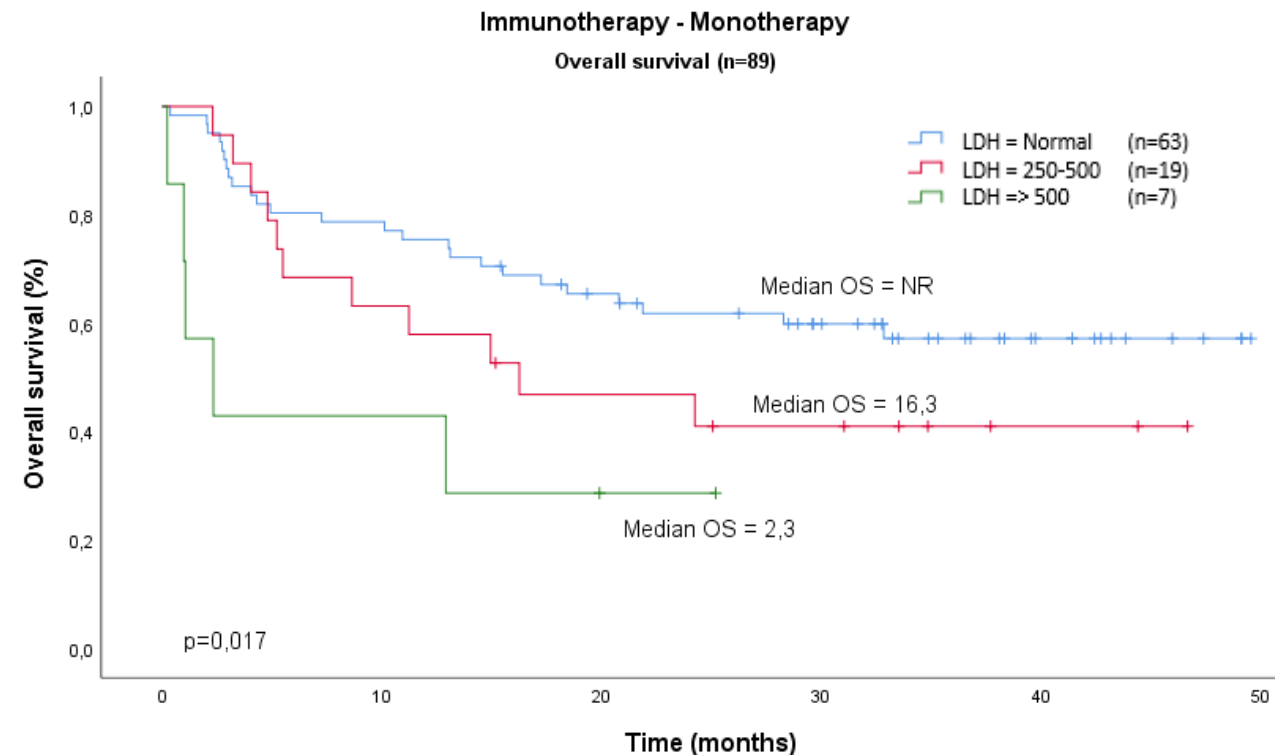
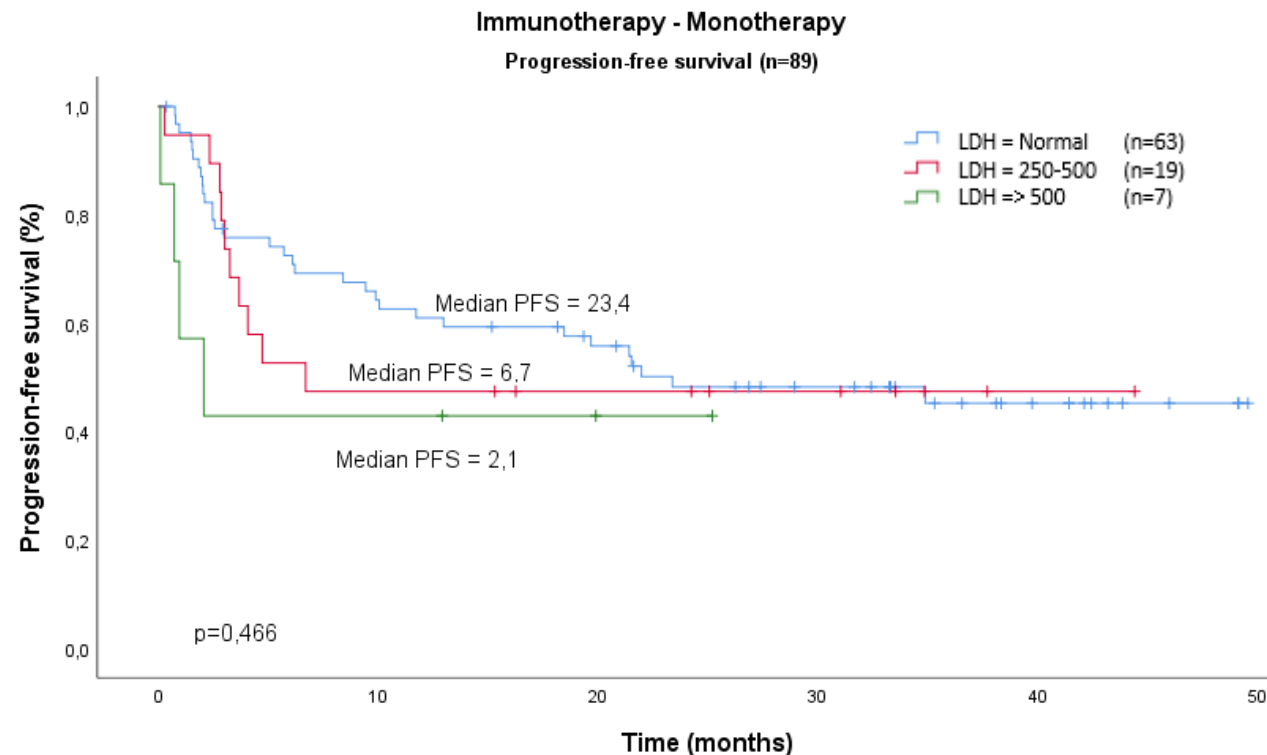


# OS TANGO melanoma cohort

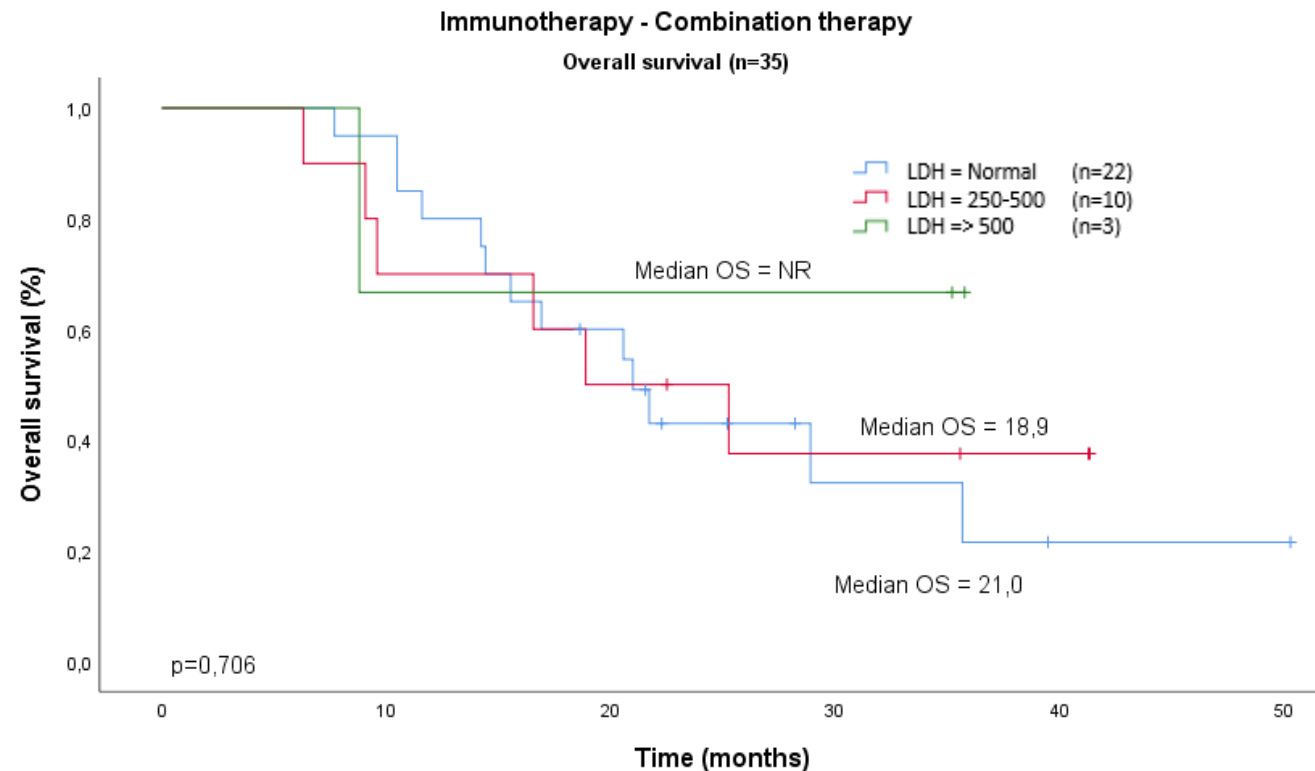
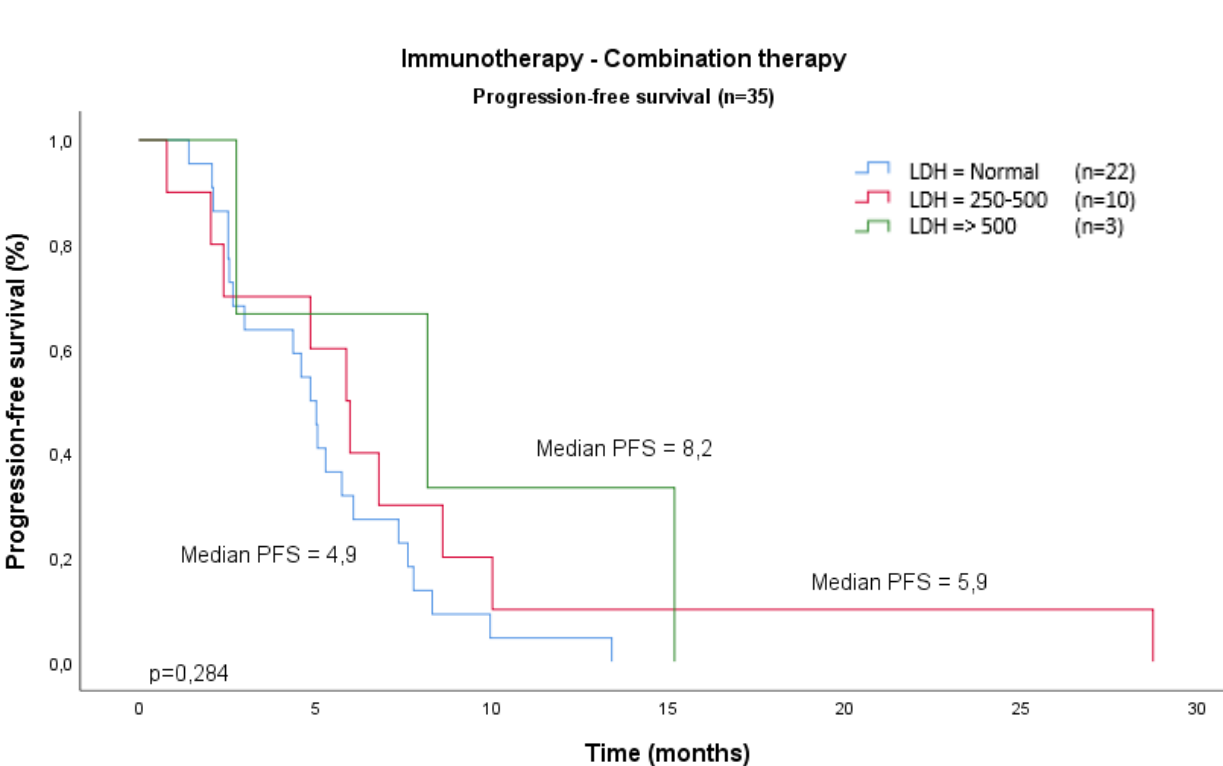




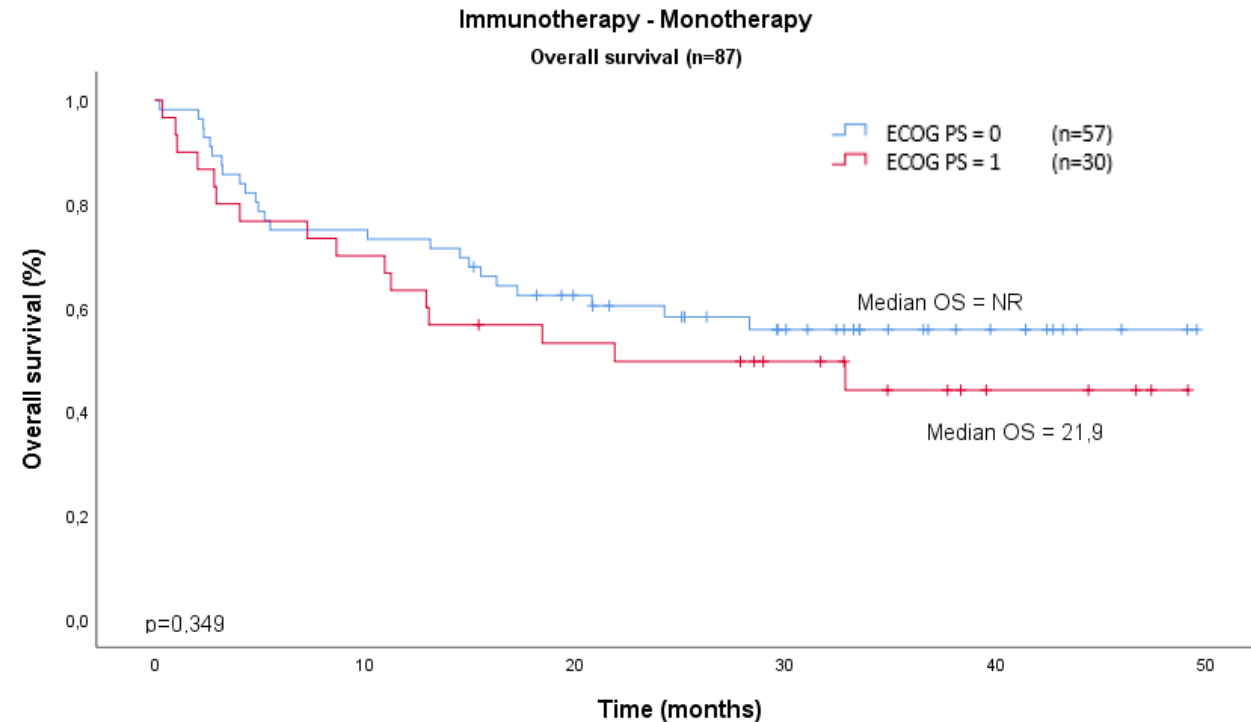
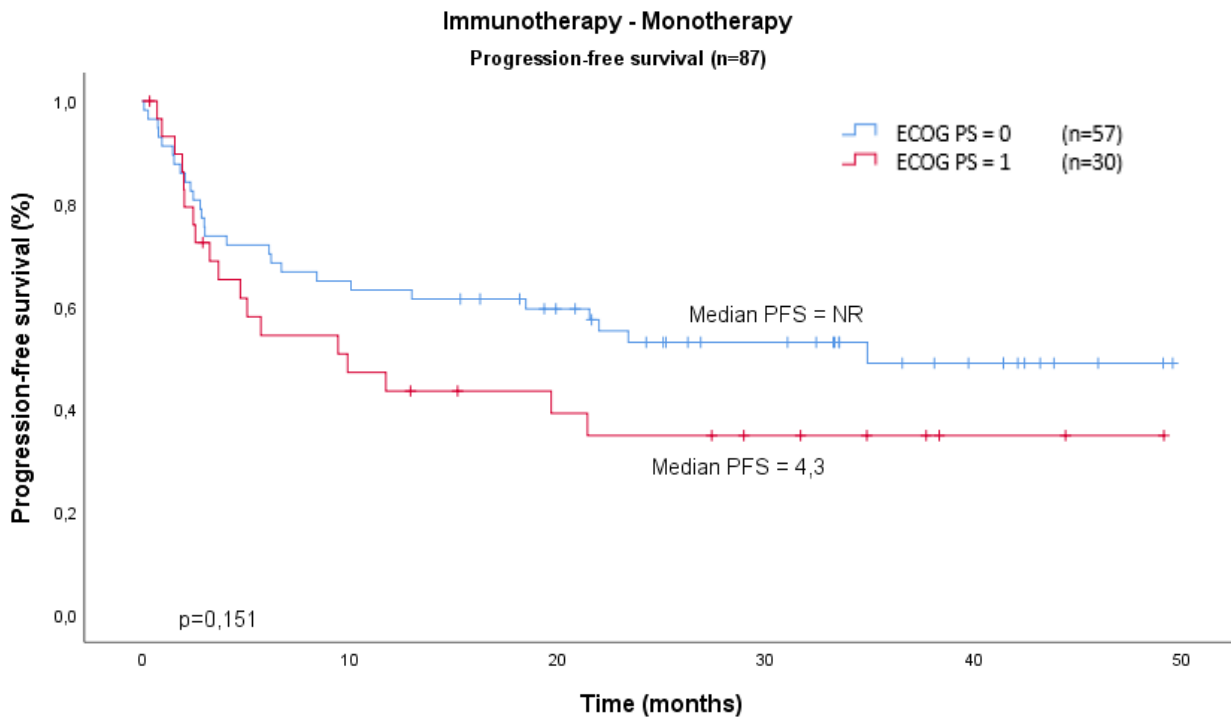
# PFS and OS compared to LDH baseline Immuno – Monotherapy (n=83)



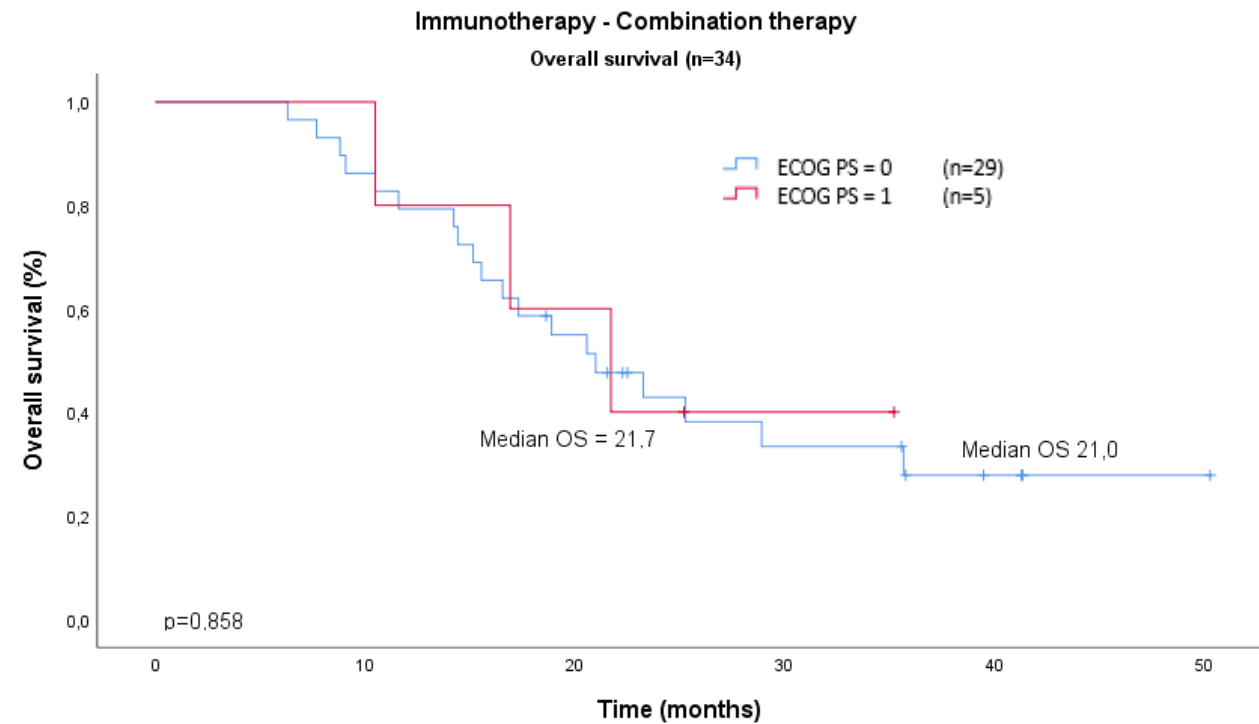
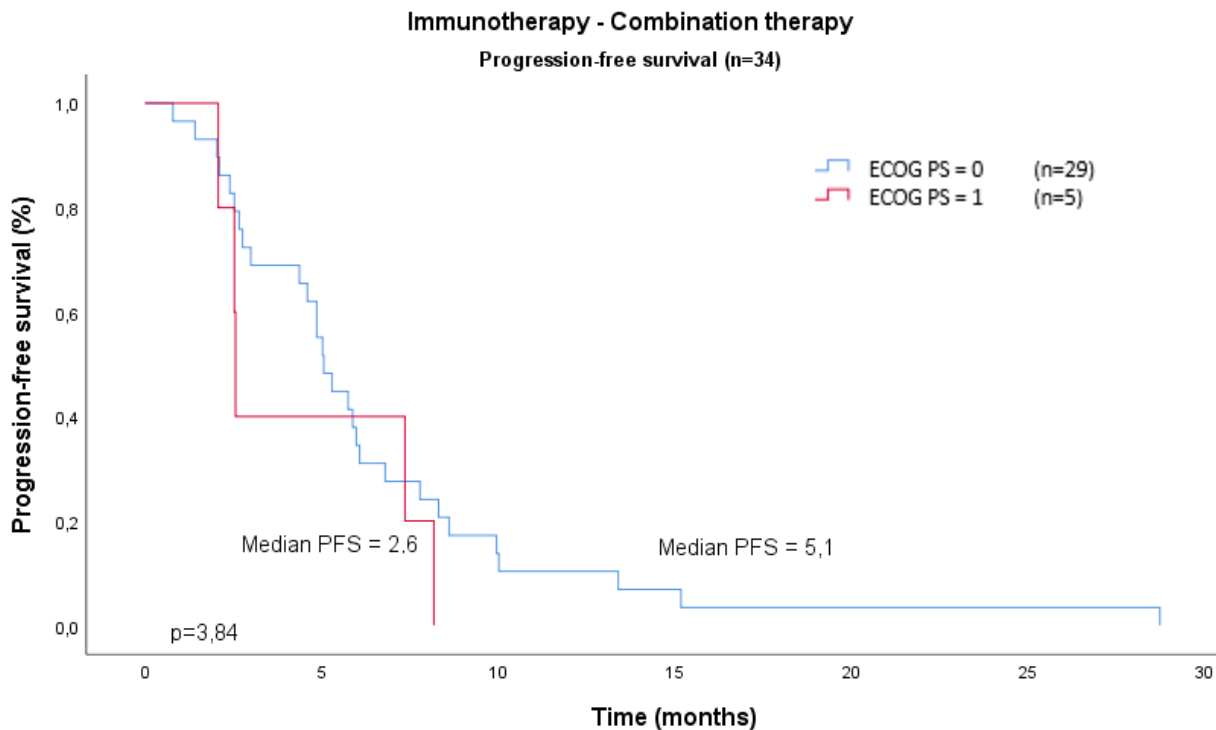
# PFS and OS compared to LDH baseline Immuno – Combination therapy (n=35)



# PFS and OS compared to ECOG PS baseline Immuno – Monotherapy (n=87)



# PFS and OS compared to ECOG PS baseline Immuno – Combination therapy (n=34)



# What's next?

 Completing the data collection (DTA Erasmus MC)

 Genomic and transcriptomic analysis

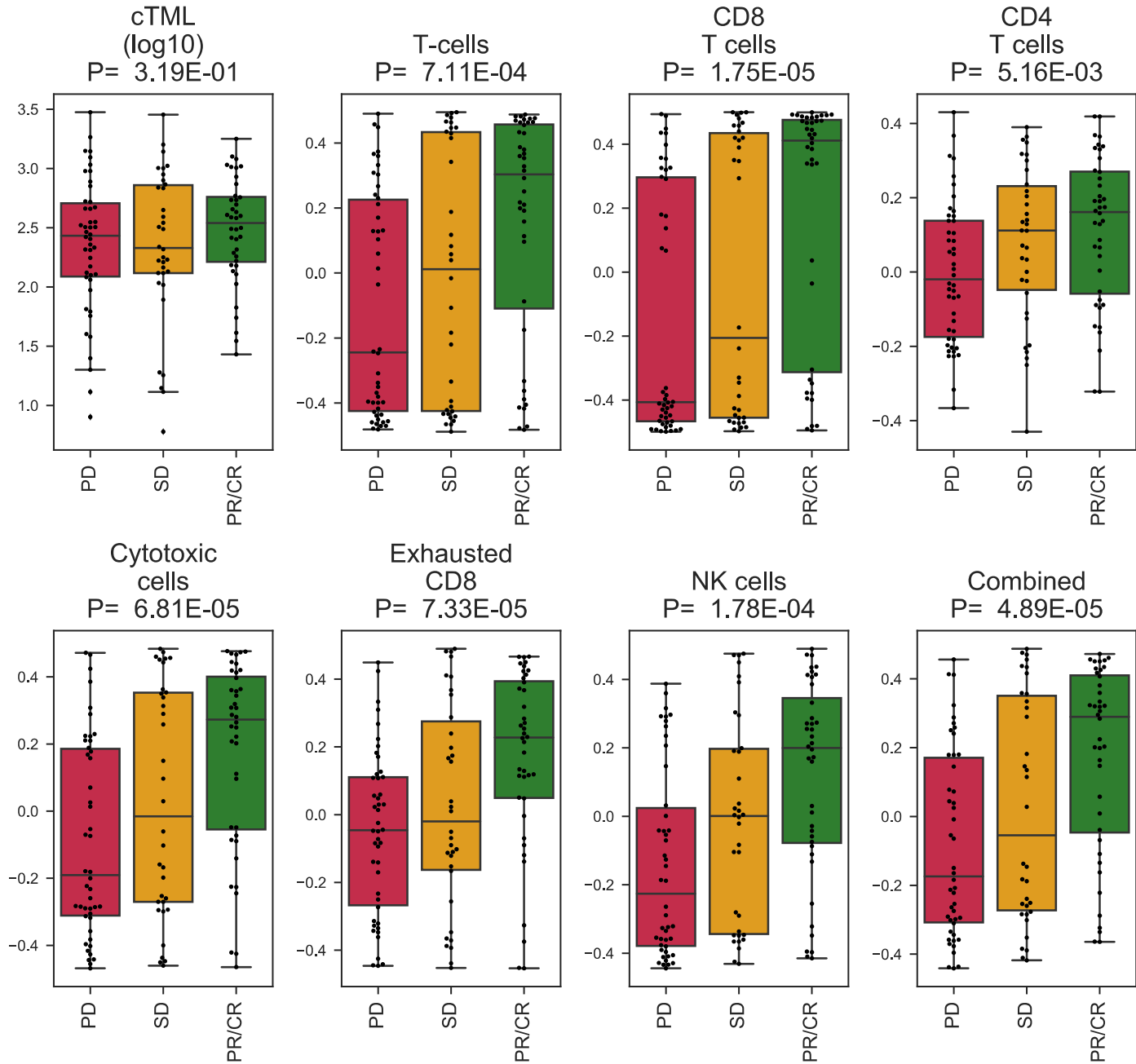
 Identification potential biomarkers for patient stratification



# Preliminary result

N=120

- Clonal TML (WGS)
- Immune cell infiltration (RNA)



# Development and validation of patient-level micro-simulation model for cost-effectiveness analysis of immunotherapy in the Netherlands

Prospect of WGS – Biomarkers in Clinical practice

## Tango Mini-Symposium 2020 Tango WP3

**PI's:** V. Coupé, M. Joore and J. Wilschut

**PhD student:** Zakile A. Mfumbilwa



# Objectives

1. To **develop and validate a patient-level micro-simulation model** of the treatment trajectory of patients with metastatic non-small cell lung cancer in the Netherlands.

→ Paper 1

2. To assess the **cost-effectiveness of immunotherapy biomarker** for patients with metastatic non-small cell lung cancer in the Netherlands.

Using model developed in 1.

→ Paper 2





# Tasks

| <b>Paper 1</b><br><b>Goal: Externally validated micro-simulation model of metastatic NSCLC</b>                   | <b>Paper 2</b><br><b>Goal: CEA of biomarker based immunotherapy for metastatic NSCLC</b> |
|--|--|
| <b>Task 1:</b> Analyse data for treatment pattern and the distribution of baseline characteristics.              | <b>Task 8:</b> Inclusion of cost and utilities.  |
| <b>Task 2:</b> Model conceptualization.  | <b>Task 9:</b> Simulation of different diagnostic and immunotherapy strategies.          |
| <b>Task 3:</b> Fit parametric survival model for all transitions.  | <b>Task 10:</b> Assess the impact of uncertainties.                                      |
| <b>Task 4:</b> Building a micro-simulation model.  | <b>Task 11:</b> Threshold analyses.  |
| <b>Task 5:</b> Internal validation<br>(Santeon data 2008 -2014).   |  |
| <b>Task 6:</b> Inclusion of literature based molecular characteristics and treatment effects of novel treatment. |  |
| <b>Task 7:</b> External validation.  |  |

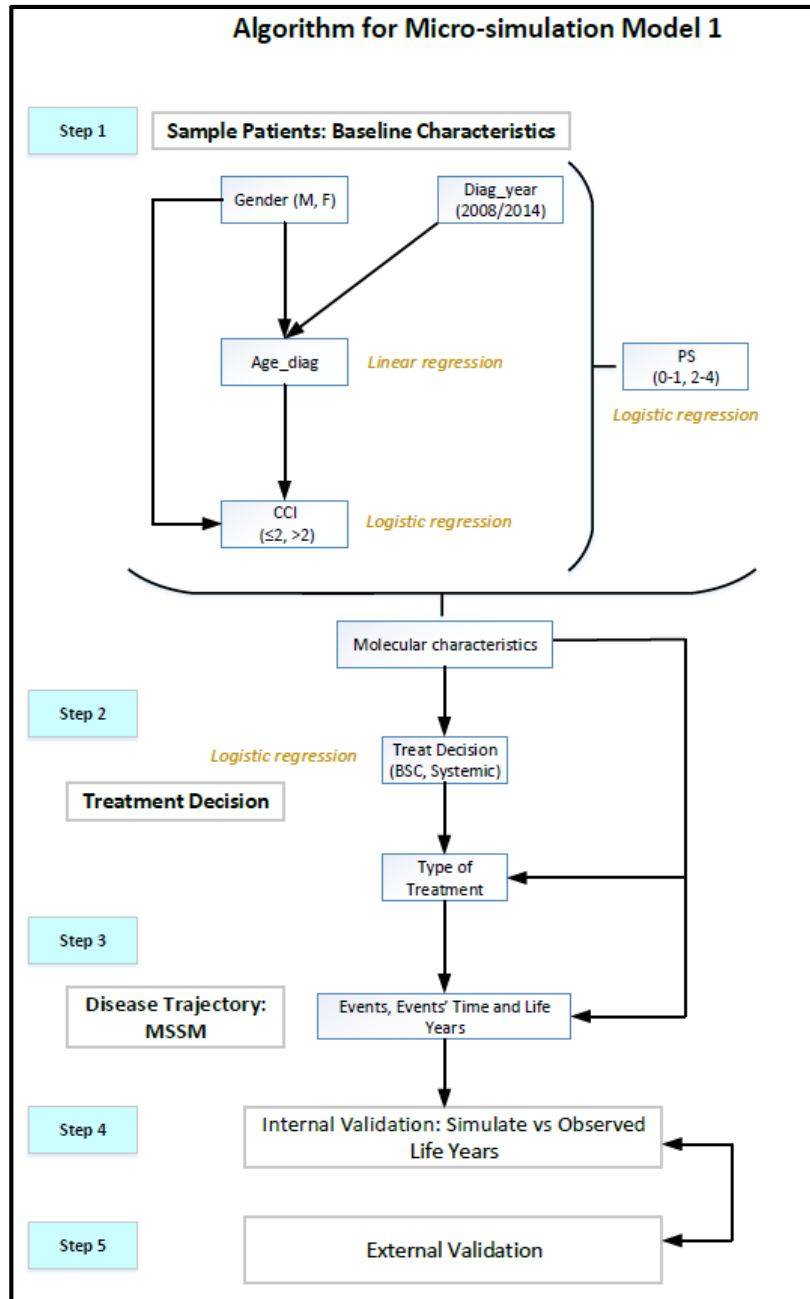


# 1<sup>st</sup> Objective

To develop and validate a patient-level micro-simulation model



# Model Building



**Target Population:** Dutch population of metastatic NSCLC

Patients population simulated according to Santeon lung cancer registry 2008 – 2014

## Dataset

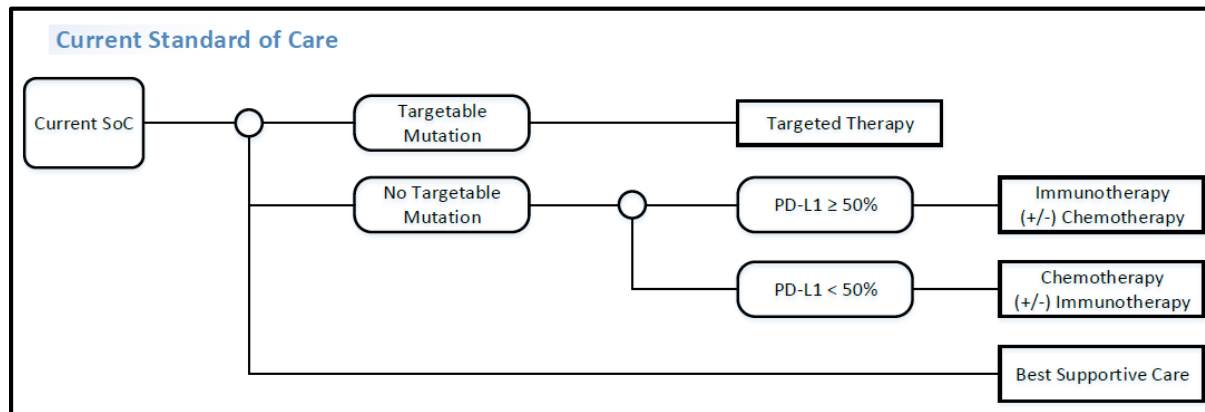
- Nu. Total patients: 2318
- Nu. Treated Chemo: 882
- Baseline characteristics
  - ECOG performance status
  - Charlson comorbidity index
  - Age at diagnosis
  - Gender
  - Year of diagnosis

\***BSC** – best supportive care



# Simulating molecular biomarker and novel treatment

- Molecular subgroups  
Simulated independently according to the distribution of each subgroup in the literature.
- Treatment based on molecular biomarkers:  
simulated according to “current standard of care in the Netherlands”.
- Treatment effects taken from RCTs  
(systematic review)

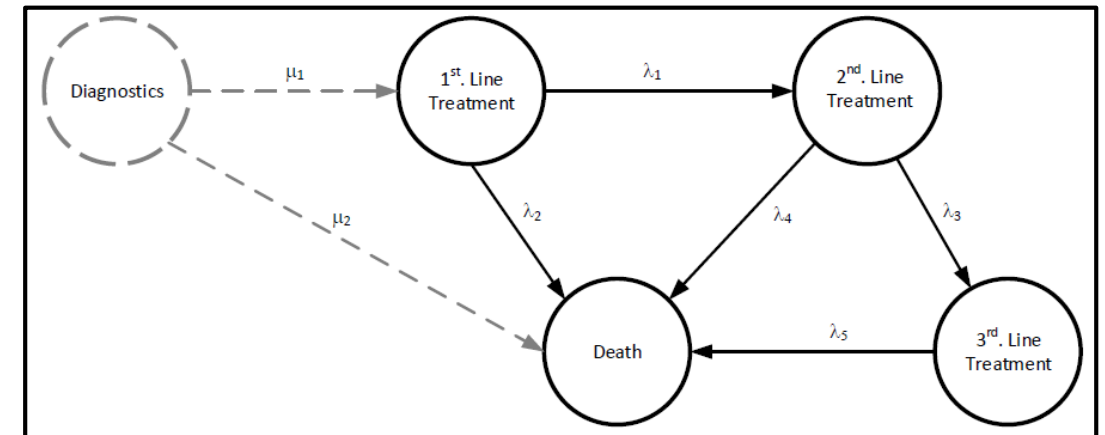


# Patients trajectory after treatment

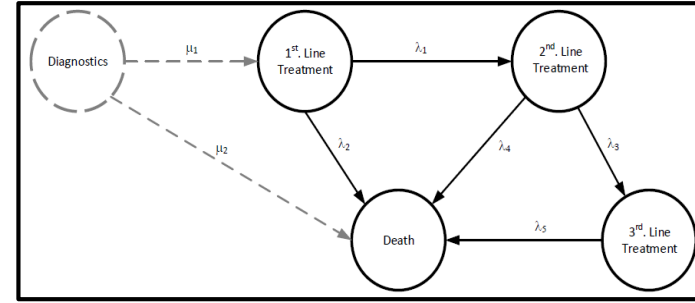
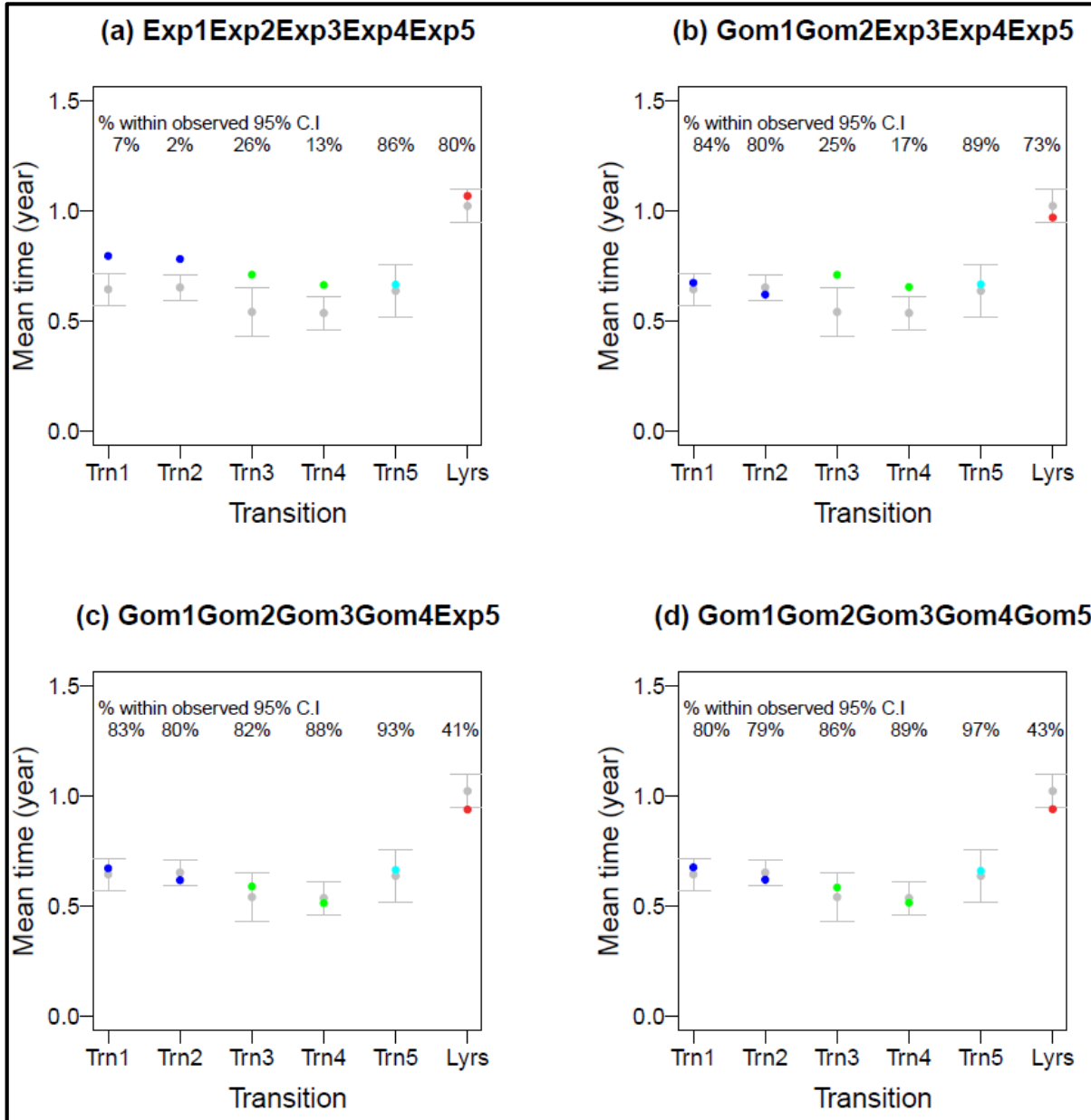
From 1<sup>st</sup> Line treatment to death was fitted with parametric multistate statistical model (MSSM).

*For novel treatments, transition rates will be adjusted by RCTs treatment effects.*

Compare the modelled life years (assuming RCT efficacy) with observed real-world life years.



# Preliminary results: Internal validation



## Key:

**Exp** – Exponential distribution

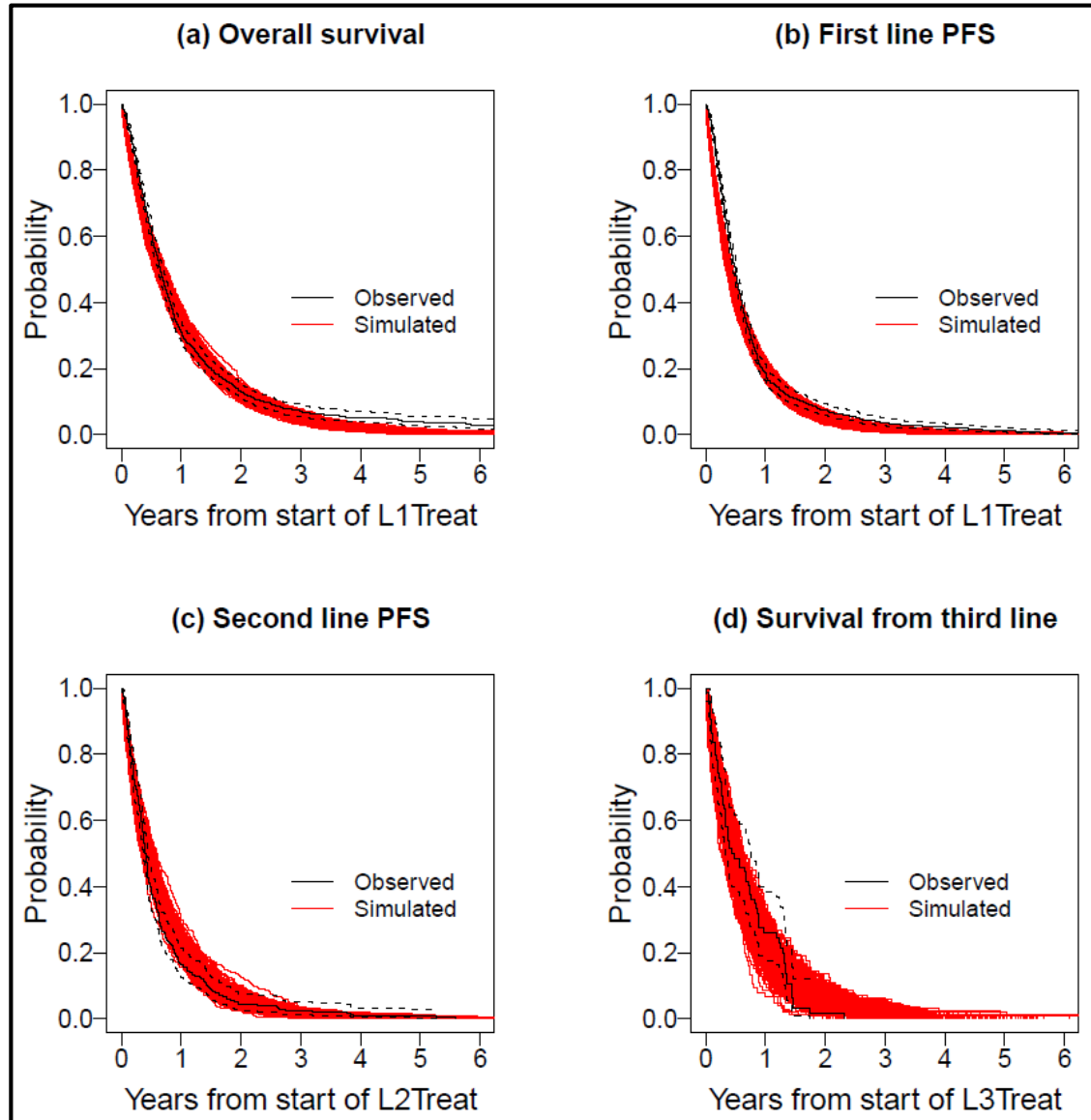
**Gom** – Gompertz distribution

- 1 / Trn1 – Transition 1 (L1Treat → L2Treat)
- 2 / Trn2 – Transition 2 (L1Treat → Death)
- 3 / Trn3 – Transition 3 (L2Treat → L3Treat)
- 4 / Trn4 – Transition 4 (L2Treat → Death)
- 5 / Trn5 – Transition 5 (L3Treat → Death)
- Lyrs - simulated mean life years

Observed mean and 95% confidence Limits



# Preliminary results: Internal validation....



## Next step:

Using the model with **Gom1Gom2Exp3Exp4Exp5**

- Simulate “novel treatment strategy” where treatment decision depends on simulated “molecular markers”
- External validation of the model output.



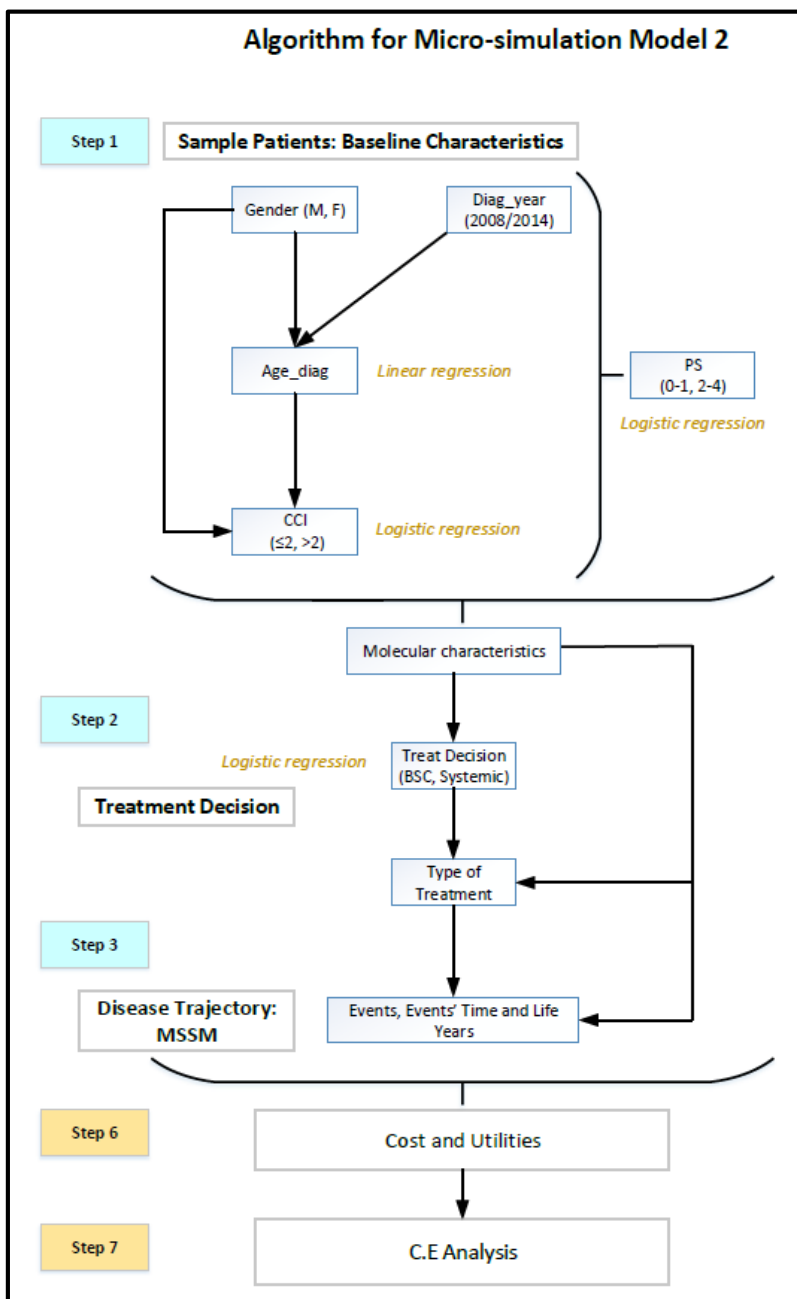
# 2<sup>st</sup> Objective

**To assess the cost-effectiveness of immunotherapy biomarker**





## Algorithm for Micro-simulation Model 2



### Objective:

- C.E of Immunotherapy biomarker
- Using validated model in 1<sup>st</sup> Objective

### Cost and Utilities

- Medical & non-medical cost
- Utility of being in each health state

### Output

- Cost per QALYs

### Strategies and threshold analysis

- Comparing different plausible strategies
- Assess when are C.E



# Tasks

| <b>Paper 1</b><br><b>Goal: Externally validated micro-simulation model of metastatic NSCLC</b>                      | <b>Paper 2</b><br><b>Goal: CEA of biomarker based immunotherapy of metastatic NSCLC</b> |
|---|---|
| <b>Task 1:</b> Analyse data for treatment pattern and the distribution of baseline characteristics.                 | <b>Task 8:</b> Inclusion of cost and utilities.   |
| <b>Task 2:</b> Model conceptualization.   | <b>Task 9:</b> Simulation of different diagnostic and immunotherapy strategies.         |
| <b>Task 3:</b> Fit parametric survival model for all transitions.   | <b>Task 10:</b> Assess the impact of uncertainties.                                     |
| <b>Task 4:</b> Building a micro-simulation model.   | <b>Task 11:</b> Threshold analyses.   |
| <b>Task 5:</b> Internal validation<br>(Santeon data 2008 -2014).  |   |
| <b>Task 6:</b> Inclusion of literature based on molecular characteristics and treatment effects of novel treatment. |   |
| <b>Task 7:</b> External validation.   |   |



# Work Package 4

Early cost-effectiveness modelling of whole genome sequencing compared to standard diagnostics in non-small cell lung cancer

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# Main goal WP4

Potential value of whole genome sequencing (WGS) as molecular diagnostic compared to standard diagnostics in advanced cancer patients

- Cost-effectiveness analysis in Non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC)
- Future scenario drafting
- Future scenario modelling
- Wider benefits WGS
- Quality of life of personalised treatment

# Cost-effectiveness analysis

## Non-small cell lung cancer

### Objective

- To determine the early cost-effectiveness of using WGS in diagnostic strategies versus currently used molecular diagnostics in patients with inoperable stage (IIIB,C/IV) NSCLC

### Approach

- Model-based, lifetime time horizon, societal perspective
- Data from literature
- Systematic review → survival input



Observed versus modelled lifetime overall survival of targeted therapies and immunotherapies for advanced non-small cell lung cancer patients – A systematic review

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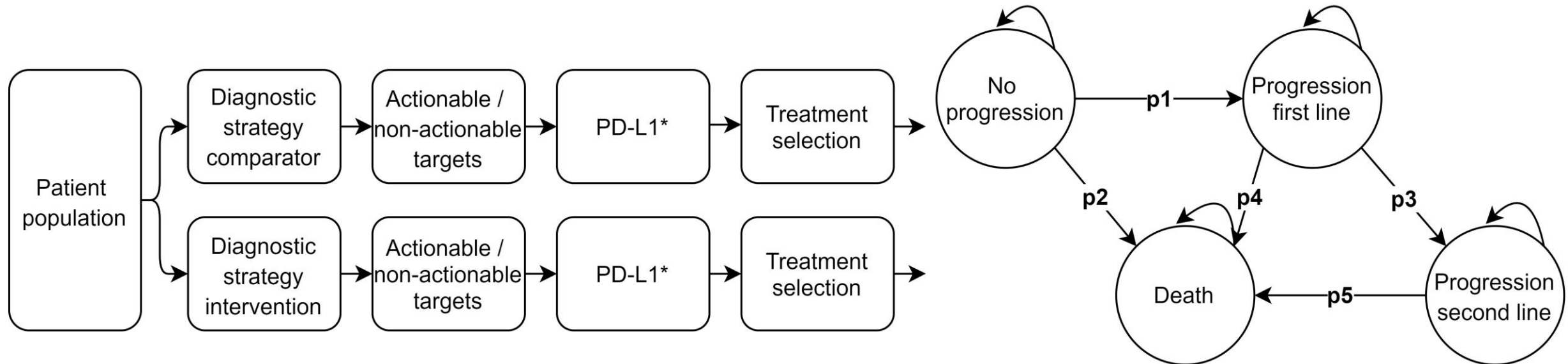
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Targeted therapies  
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Overall survival

#### ABSTRACT

Outcomes used for the effectiveness (median) and cost-effectiveness (mean) on overall survival (OS) are different and can vary from one another. Therefore, we compared median and mean OS gains of targeted therapies and immunotherapies for stage IIIB/IV Non-small cell lung cancer and explored underlying aspect. Eligible trials were searched in PubMed, survival curves were digitized, and parametric survival models fitted to model the mean OS. Twenty-seven trials were found for targeted therapies (n = 17) and immunotherapies (n = 10). Differences between median and mean OS gains in months ranged from -2.8 to 6.8 and -4.9 to 0.3 for two different subgroups of targeted therapies, and -2.4 to 11.4 for immunotherapies. The mean OS gain was substantially larger for most immunotherapy trials, due to relatively long survival. Median and mean OS gains did not differ for targeted therapies. Our findings imply a potential discrepancy between the estimates of effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of cancer treatments.

# Cost-effectiveness analysis

## Model structure

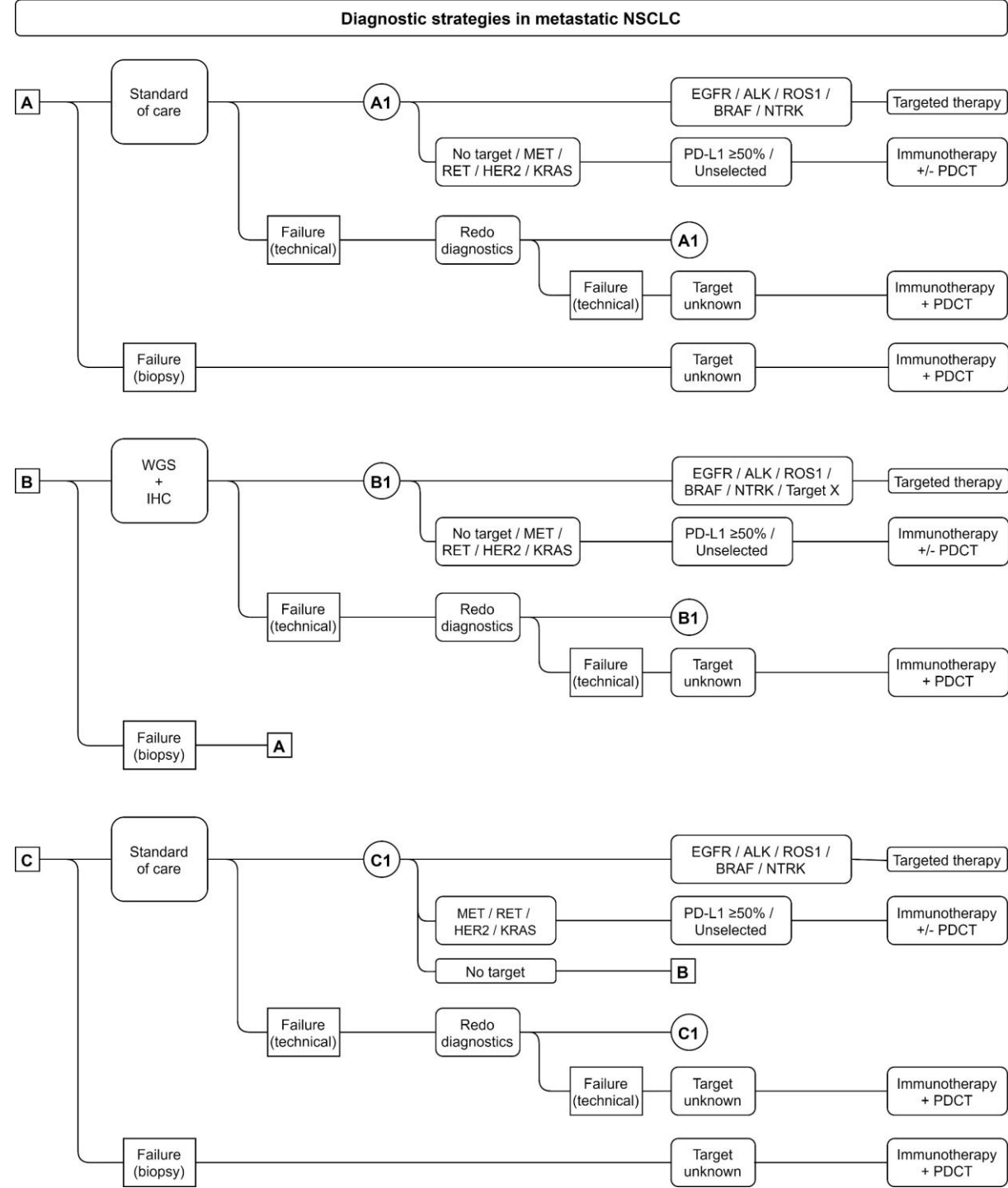


- Decision tree → diagnostic pathway
- State transition model → disease progression

# Cost-effectiveness analysis

## Comparators

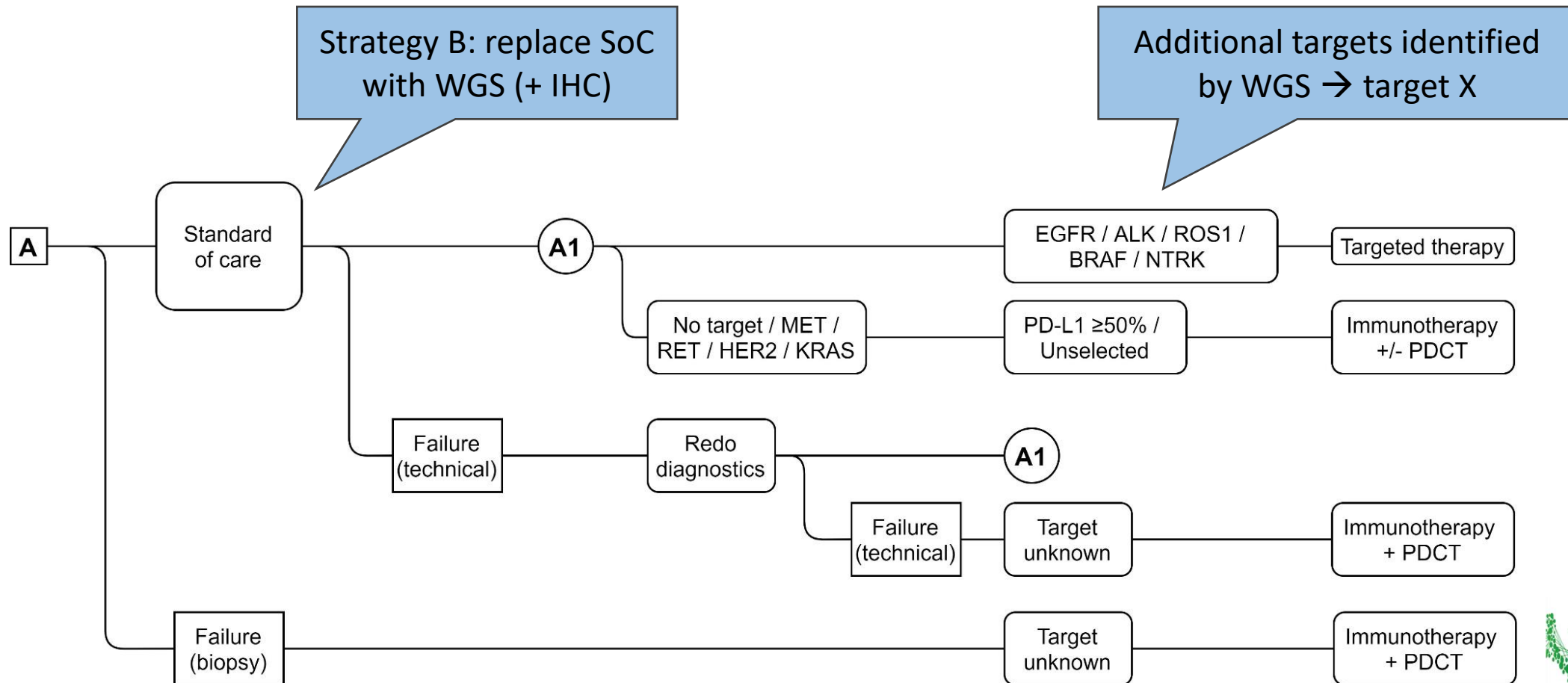
- Strategy A: SoC diagnostics
- Strategy B: WGS (+ SoC)
- Strategy C: SoC + WGS



# Cost-effectiveness analysis

## Comparators

- Strategy A: SoC diagnostics (optimal test strategy)

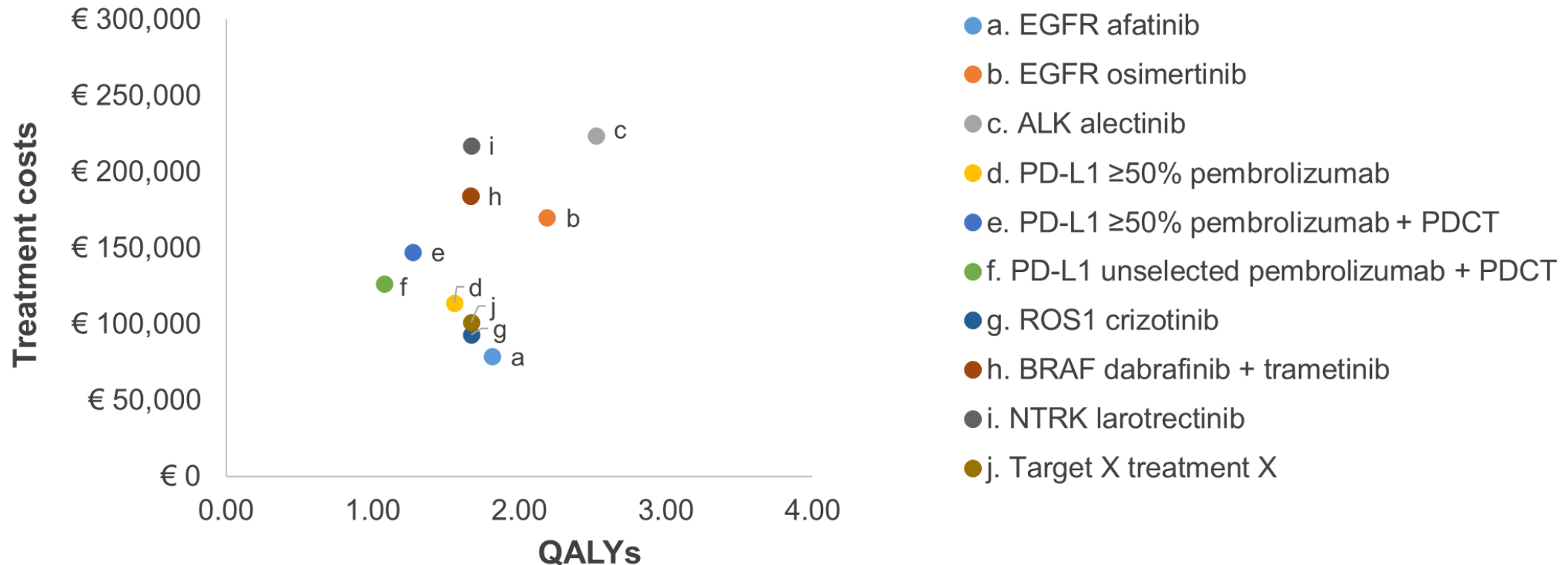




# Cost-effectiveness analysis

## Intermediate results

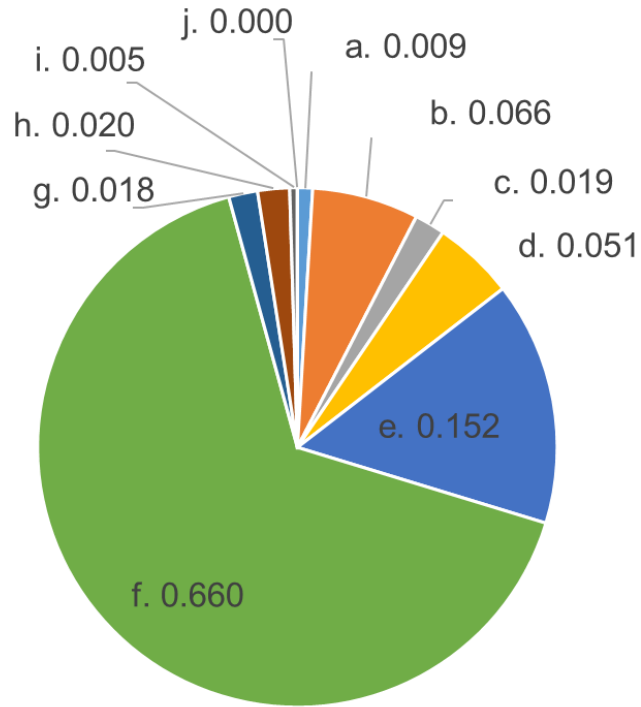
(treatment costs and QALYs of the treatment strategies)



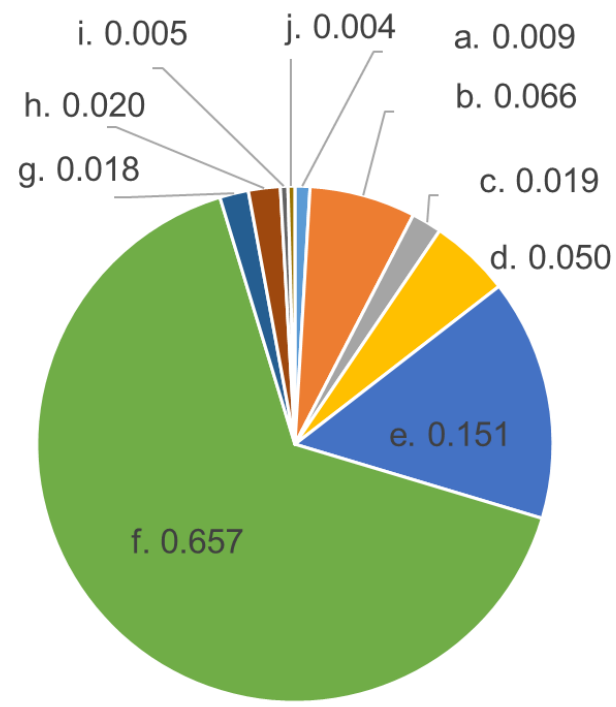
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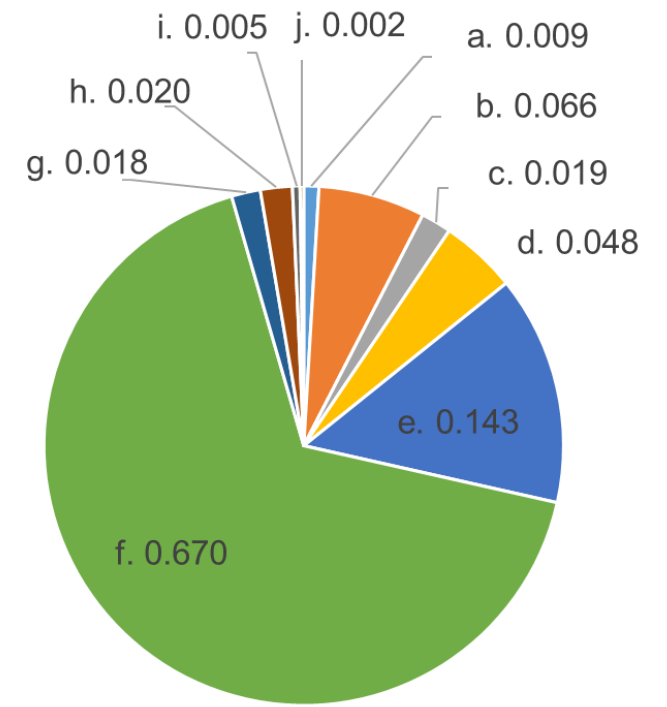
(Proportions of patients receiving the different treatment strategies)



Strategy A



Strategy B



Strategy C

# Cost-effectiveness analysis

Overall results per diagnostic strategy (sorted by costs)

| Strategy | Life years<br>(95% CI) | QALYs<br>(95% CI) | Costs<br>(95% CI) | Strategy<br>comparison | Incremental<br>life years<br>(95% CI) | Incremental<br>QALYs<br>(95% CI) | Incremental<br>costs<br>(95% CI) | ICER <sup>a</sup> | iNMB <sup>b</sup> |
|----------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| A        | 1.878                  | 1.235             | €145,826          | –                      | –                                     | –                                | –                                | –                 | –                 |
| C        | 1.876                  | 1.233             | €147,891          | versus A               | -0.002                                | -0.002                           | €2,065                           | Inferior          | -€2,202           |
| B        | 1.882                  | 1.237             | €149,186          | versus A               | 0.004                                 | 0.002                            | €3,360                           | €1,436,007        | -€3,173           |

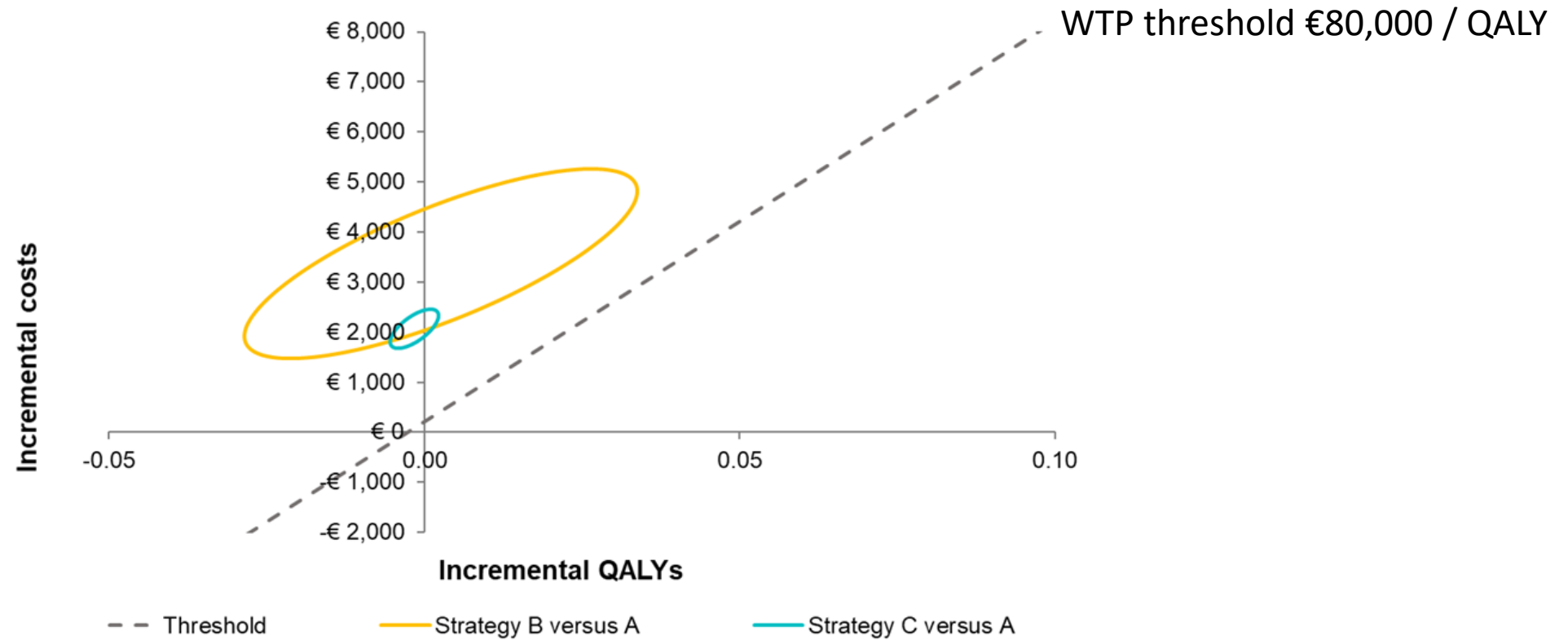
<sup>a</sup>, A diagnostic strategy was inferior compared to another diagnostic strategy if the ICER was below zero. A diagnostic strategy is considered cost-effective compared to strategy A if the ICER is a positive value equal or below €80,000.

<sup>b</sup>, A diagnostic strategy is considered cost-effective compared to strategy A if the iNMB is equal or above 0, with a willingness to pay threshold of 80,000 per QALY. Strategy A: SoC; Strategy B: WGS; Strategy C: SoC + WGS. CI, confidence interval; QALY, quality adjusted life year; ICER, incremental cost effectiveness ratio; iNMB, incremental net monetary benefit;



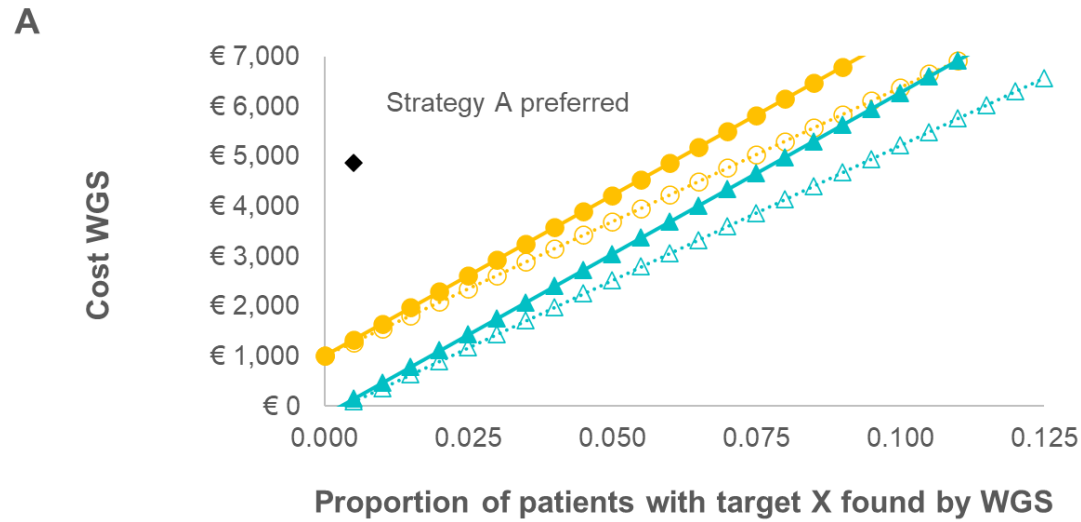
# Cost-effectiveness analysis

## Results: cost-effectiveness plane

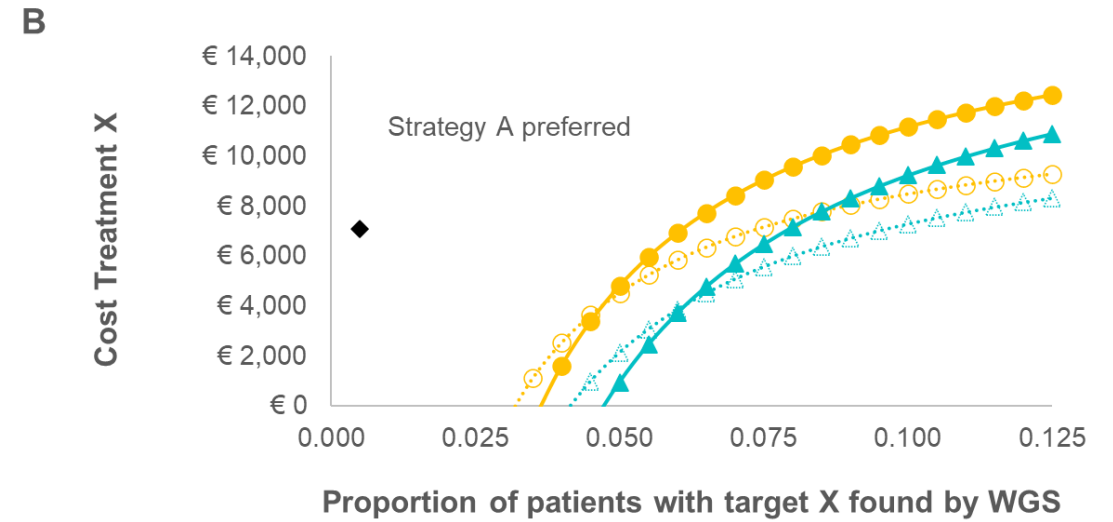


# Cost-effectiveness analysis

## Results of the threshold analyses



- ◆ Base-case parameter estimates
- Treatment X HR=1 (B vs. A)
- ⋯○⋯ Treatment X HR=0.5 (B vs. A)
- ▲— Treatment X HR=1 (C vs. A)
- ⋯△⋯ Treatment X HR=0.5 (C vs. A)



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### Cost-effectiveness WGS

- Lower cost WGS ↑
- Higher detection rate target X ↑
- Better treatment effect treatment X ↓

- Lower cost treatment X ↑
- Higher detection rate target X ↑
- Better treatment effect treatment X ↓ ↑

# Cost-effectiveness analysis

## Conclusion

- Based on currently available literature, the use of WGS as a clinical diagnostic is not cost-effective compared to optimised SoC.
- While in practice costs are further decreasing and more actionable targets become available, our analyses show that by these developments WGS could rapidly become cost-effective.



# Cost-effectiveness analysis

## Discussion

- Model was based on currently available literature, while developments are very fast in this field
- WGS was compared with a most optimal SoC testing strategy which resulted in lower diagnostic costs for SoC
- No costs included for keeping tests up to date and for delays due to technical adaptations
- Finding additional targets with WGS would most likely result in off-label treatment or in clinical trial setting
- Model assumptions were made due to limited data
  - Most notably about the treatment effect and cost of treatment X



# Main goal WP4

## Next steps

Plans for modelling the future scenarios (next paper)

- Model scenarios from scenario drafting paper with highest impact on the ICER
- Also perform three-way threshold analyses
- Likelihood of the resulting ICERs = likelihood future scenarios

Wider benefits of WGS paper

- Costs and benefits of storing WGS data for future patients

Quality of life of personalized treatment paper

- QoL data gathered
- Clinical data requested
- Data analysis plan



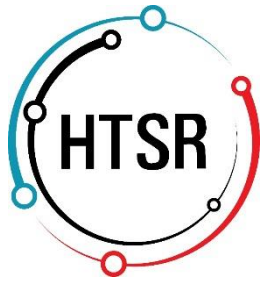




## Modelling the organization of care for WGS

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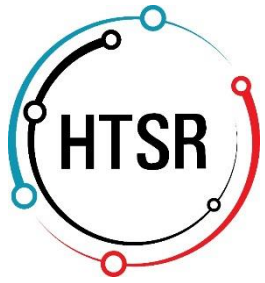
# WP5 recap

- Overall research question of WP5:
  - What difficulties in the process of the implementation of WGS need to be overcome to achieve the optimal cost-effective implementation in the Netherlands?
- Milestones:
  - Real-world evidence related to NSCLC
  - Scenario drafting
  - Model building



# Current status

| Milestones                | Articles   | Status   |
|---------------------------|--|--|
| Real-world evidence NSCLC | 1. Variation in the time to treatment for stage III and IV non-small cell lung cancer patients for hospitals in the Netherlands                            | Published in <i>Lung Cancer</i>                    |
|                           | 2. Real-world utilization of biomarker testing for patients with advanced non-small cell lung cancer in a tertiary referral center and referring hospitals | Submitted to <i>Molecular Diagnostics</i>          |
| Scenario drafting         | 3. Whole Genome Sequencing in oncology: Using scenario drafting to explore future developments   | Will be submitted to <i>Implementation Science</i> |
| Model building            | 4. Using Dynamic Simulation Modeling to support the implementation of Whole Genome Sequencing in lung cancer   | Ongoing  |
|                           | 5. Do we even need to increase the capacity of Whole Genome Sequencing for cancer patients?  | Ongoing  |



# Model building

- Research questions and model requirements
- Outcomes of interest
- Model structure
- Model components to be added



# Research question and model requirements

- Research question: What changes in the organization of care are required to realize the potential value of WGS?
  - *Should the capacity to conduct WGS be increased or decreased? When?*
  - *What is the impact of organizing MTB's differently, for example, by including a fast track?*
- Primarily, the model needs to be able to:
  - Include biomarker test strategies
  - Reflect patient heterogeneity
  - Reflect hospital heterogeneity
  - Include a spatial context



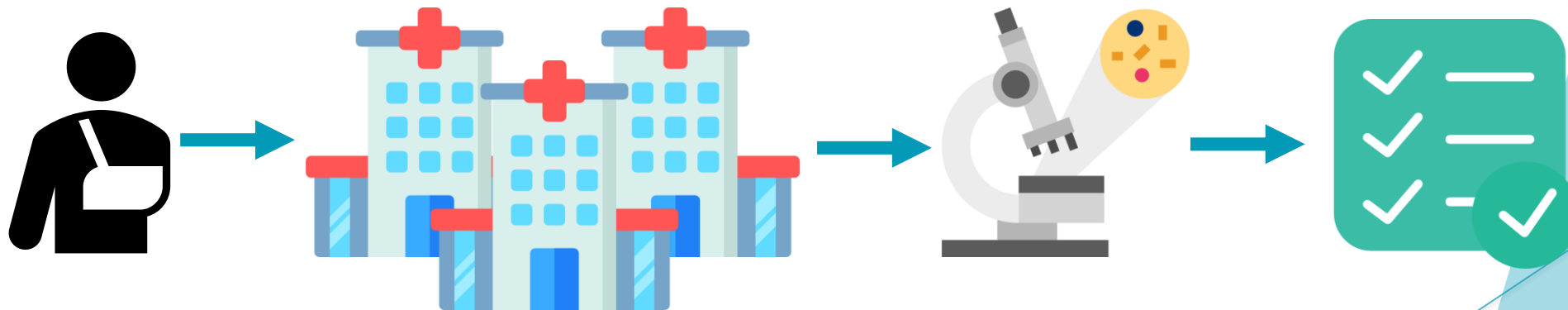
# Outcomes of interest

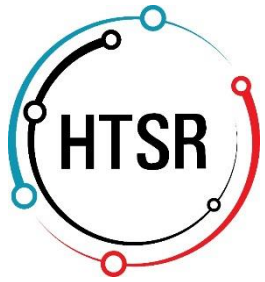
- Final outcomes:
  - The number of patients deceased during the diagnostic pathway
  - Cost per patient of biomarker testing
- Intermediate outcomes:
  - Duration of the diagnostic pathway
  - Guideline-based treatment decisions
  - Access to WGS
  - The required capacity for WGS



# Model structure

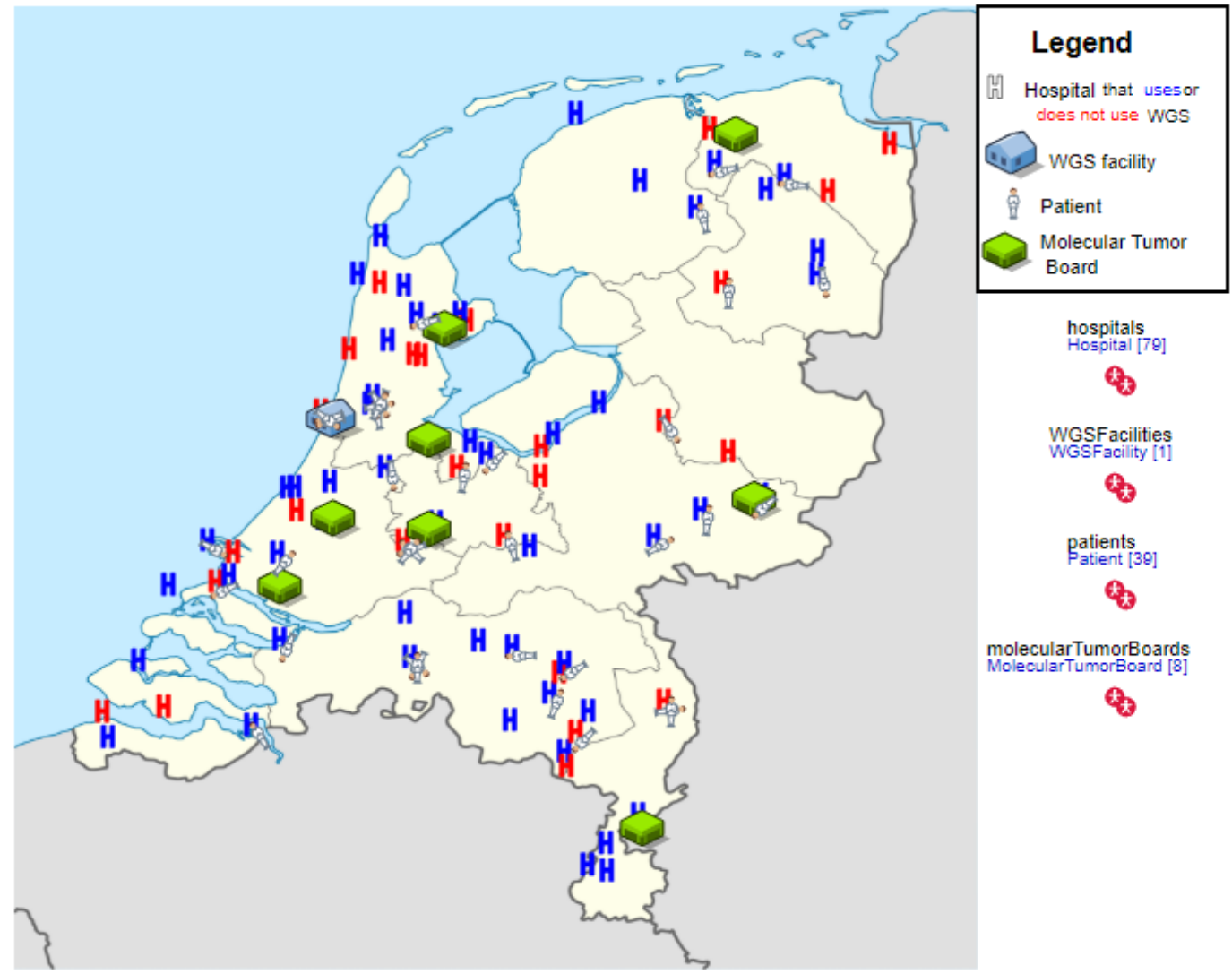
- The model structure includes workflows of hospitals, genomic services, and molecular tumor boards.
- Implemented as a dynamic simulation model in AnyLogic





# Model structure

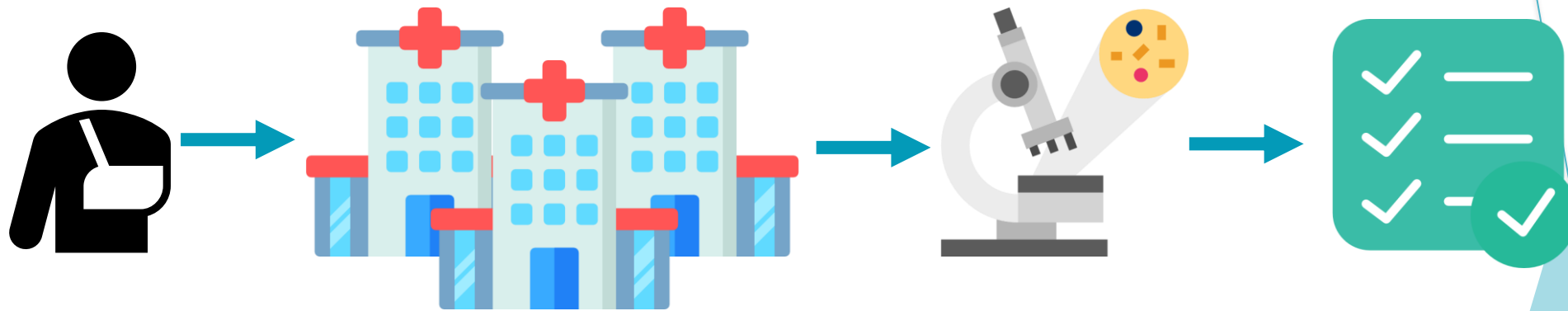
- ▶ Patients are generated somewhere on the map
- ▶ Patients select the most nearby hospital to receive diagnostics
- ▶ Blue hospitals have implemented WGS, red hospitals have not





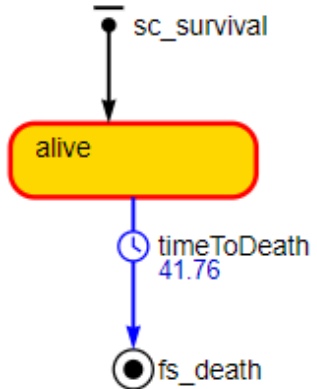
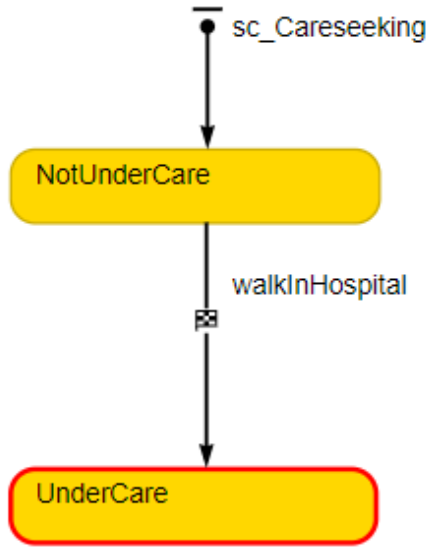


# Model structure





# Patient heterogeneity



| Received diagnostics |                                | If WGS                               |              |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| 1st                  | p_Dx1_1<br>WGS                 | p_wgsSuccess                         | false        |
| 2nd                  | p_Dx1_2<br>StandardDiagnostics | p_sufficientQualityBiopsy            | Insufficient |
| 3rd                  | p_Dx1_3<br>null                | If SoC                               |              |
|                      | p_Dx1TurnaroundTime<br>25.349  | p_standardDiagnosticsSuccess<br>true |              |
|                      | p_timeArrivedDx1<br>0.203      |                                      |              |
|                      | p_timeCompletedDx1<br>25.552   |                                      |              |

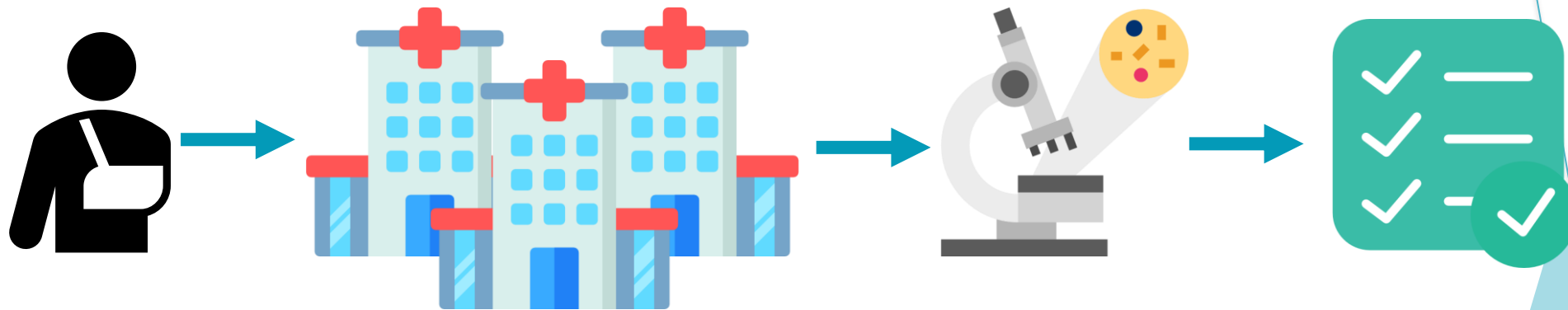
| Patient characteristics |                    |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| p_age                   | 73.588             |
| p_sex                   | Male               |
| p_PS                    | PS01               |
| p_morphology            | NOS                |
| p_patientId             | 3                  |
| p_myHospital            | root.hospitals[75] |

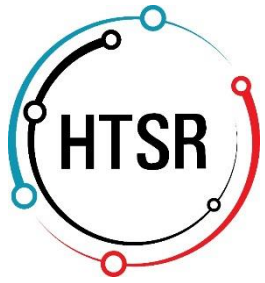
| Test results |            |           |               |
|--------------|------------|-----------|---------------|
| p_Dx1KRAS    | Mutated    | p_Dx1HER2 | UnknownStatus |
| p_Dx1EGFR    | NotMutated | p_Dx1MET  | UnknownStatus |
| p_Dx1PDL1    | Low        | p_Dx1NTRK | UnknownStatus |
| p_Dx1ALK     | NotMutated | p_Dx1RET  | UnknownStatus |
| p_Dx1ROS1    | NotMutated | p_Dx1TMB  | UnknownBurden |
| p_Dx1BRAF    | NotMutated |           |               |

| Guideline-based treatment recommendation |              |
|--|--------------|
| p_Tx1                                    | Chemotherapy |

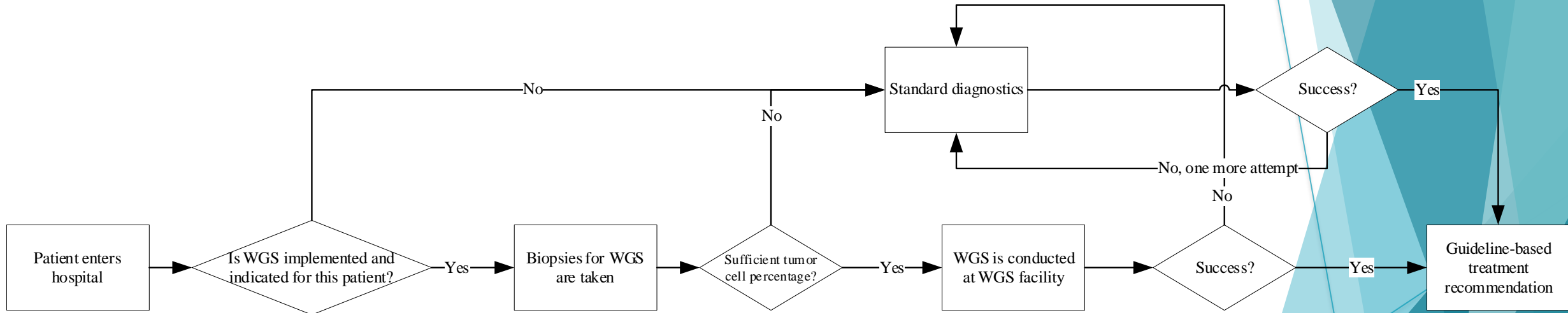


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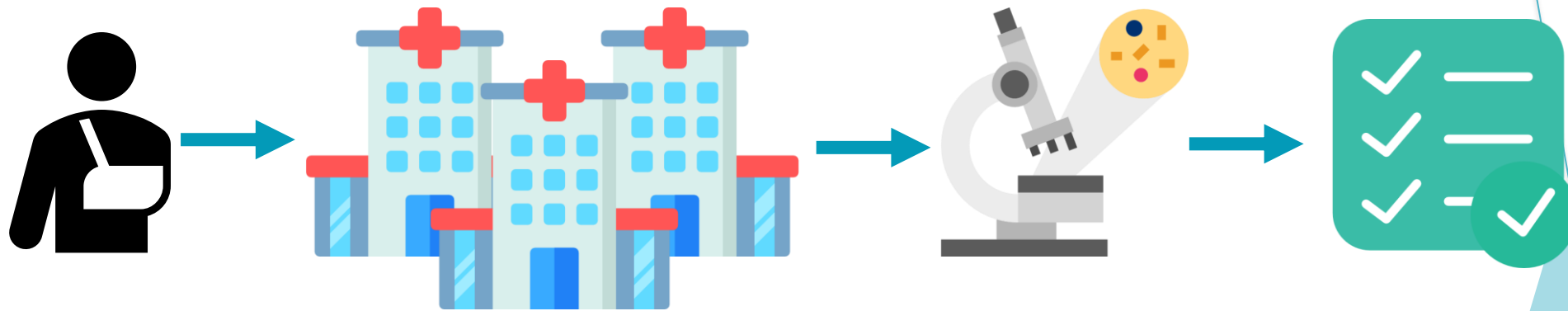


# Diagnostic pathway in hospitals





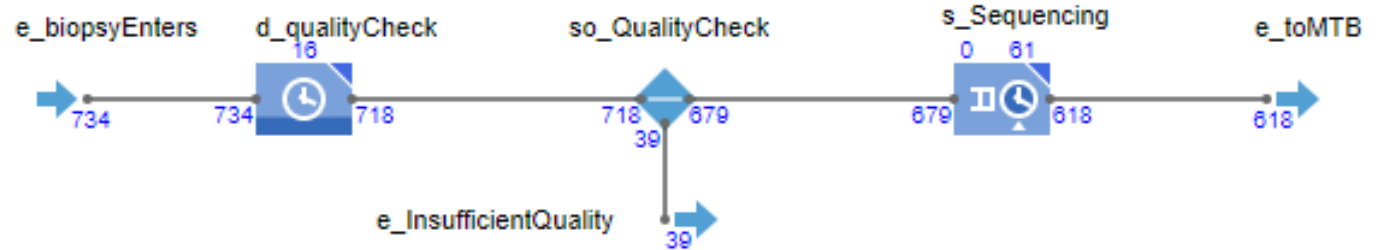
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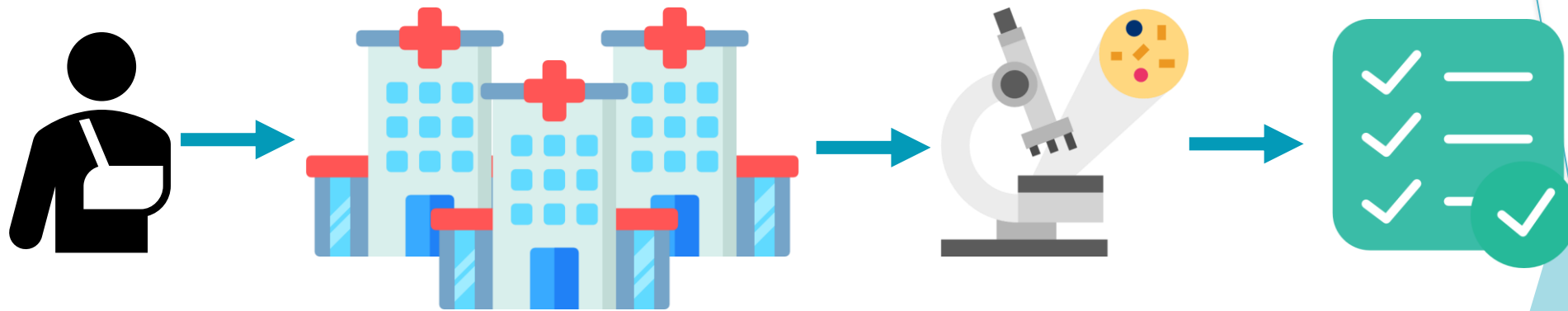
# Conducting WGS

- ▶ Hospitals send biopsies to the WGS facility
- ▶ Patients linked to unsuitable biopsies will receive SoC in the hospital
- ▶ Total turnaround time is split between shallow sequencing and full WGS
- ▶ Shallow sequencing incurs 25% of the costs of full WGS





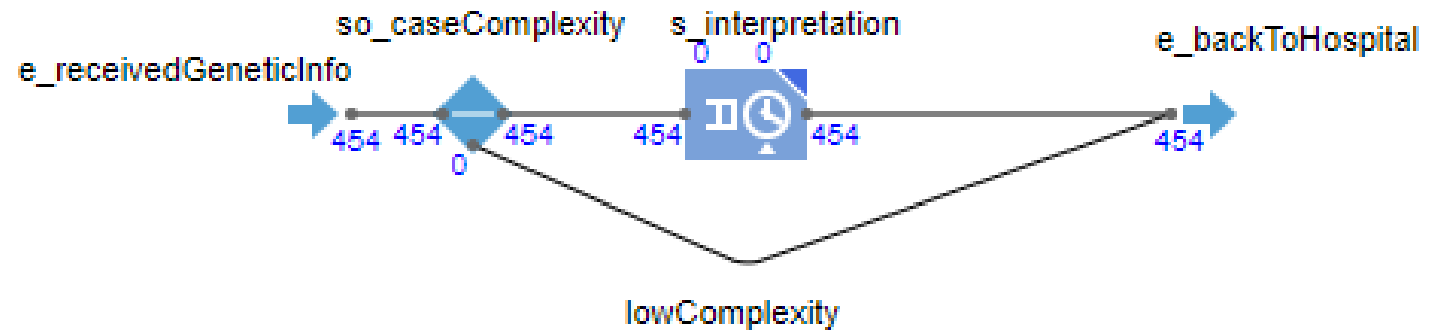
# Model structure





# Molecular tumor boards

- ▶ WGS reports will be discussed in MTB meetings
- ▶ Meetings occur according to a schedule (once or twice a week)
- ▶ After the discussion, the report is sent to the hospital



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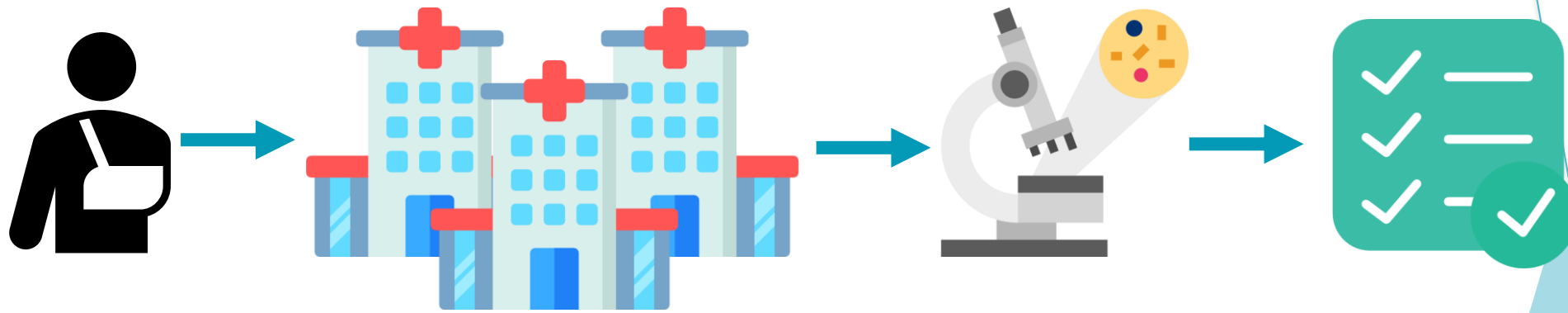


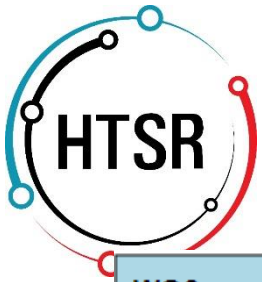
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# Model structure





# Visualizing model outcomes during runtime

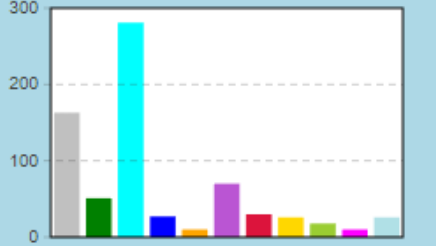
## WGS

Guideline-based treatment recommendation



- Chemotherapy 463 (57%)
- Targeted therapy 177 (22%)
- Best supportive care 0 (0%)
- Immunotherapy 178 (22%)

Biomarkers identified by WGS



- PD-L1 163
- KRAS 281
- TMB 70
- RET 18
- EGFR 51
- ALK 27
- BRAF 30
- HER2 10
- ROS1 10
- MET 26
- NTRK 26

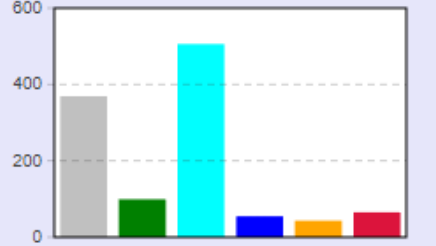
## NGS

Guideline-based treatment recommendation



- Chemotherapy 911 (55%)
- Targeted therapy 203 (12%)
- Best supportive care 275 (17%)
- Immunotherapy 257 (16%)

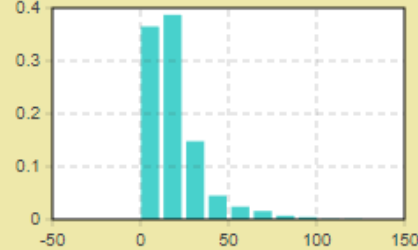
Biomarkers identified by SoC



- PD-L1 369
- KRAS 506
- TMB 70
- RET 18
- EGFR 99
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- BRAF 65
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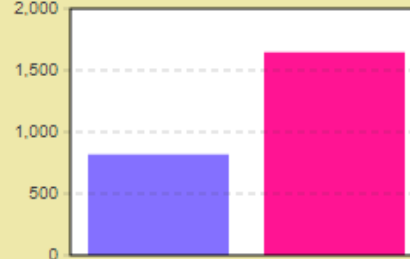
## Intermediate outcomes

Diagnostic pathway turnaround time



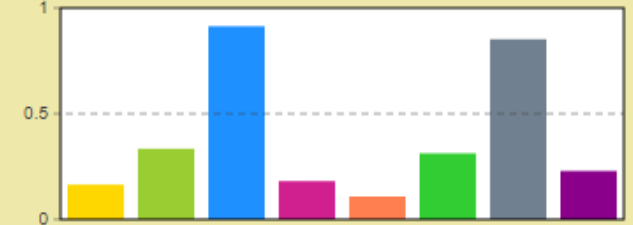
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Diagnostic test strategy utilization



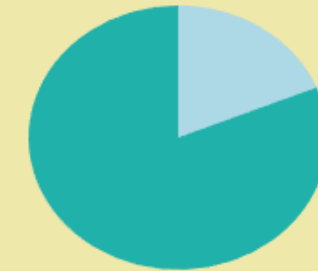
- No. of patients who received WGS successfully 818
- No. of patients who received standard diagnostics 1,646

Utilization of molecular tumor boards

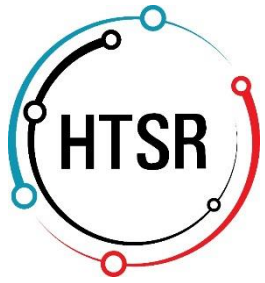


- MTB 0 0.17
- MTB 1 0.33
- MTB 2 0.91
- MTB 3 0.18
- MTB 4 0.11
- MTB 5 0.31
- MTB 6 0.85
- MTB 7 0.23

Deceased patients



- During diagnostic pathway 399 (19%)
- After diagnostic pathway 1,722 (81%)



# Model components to be added

- Make a distinction between three hospital types (academic, teaching, general) that have varying degrees of testing capabilities
- Include referrals between hospitals:
  - If testing in a general hospital found no actionable target, refer patient to nearest teaching hospital
  - If testing in a teaching hospital found no actionable target, refer patient to nearest academic hospital



## Modelling the organization of care for WGS

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# WP6: Ethical part

Genetics in oncology: a focus group study on recontact



# Background (1)

 Genetics en genomics in oncology

 WGS to develop targeted treatment

 Genetic trait breast cancer

 ...

 Ethical issues

 Informing family members

 Unsolicited findings in NGS

 Returning individual research results



# Background (2)

 New (genetic) information relevant for health or reproduction can become available

(1) New treatment possibility or screening recommendation

(2) New technique or new genetic test available

(3) New gene identified relevant in relation to the disease of the patient

(4) Reclassification of variant

Ploem et al. 2018

# Background (3)

 Strong arguments to support a prima facie moral duty to recontact, such as beneficence and respect for autonomy

 The strength of the duty context-specific

 Six contextual factors

1. Informational aspects
2. Costs and efforts involved
3. Personal preference, if known
4. Patient or family member
5. Clinical or research setting
6. Time




# Aim

 Explore views and intuitions of oncology patients and professionals on contextual factors and recontact in oncology



# Methods (1)

 Three focus groups: 1 group with (former) oncology patients/relatives 2 groups with healthcare professionals

 Total 25 participant

Table 1. respondents patient group

| <b>Respondents</b>        | <b>n=12</b> |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| <b>Sex</b>                |             |
| Male                      | 7           |
| Female                    | 5           |
| <b>Age</b>                | 48-71 yrs.  |
| <b>Patient / relative</b> |             |
| Patient                   | 11          |
| Patient relative          | 1           |



# Methods (2)

Table 2. respondents professionals

| <b>Respondents</b>                      | <b>n=13</b> |
|---|-------------|
| <b>Sex</b>                              |             |
| Male                                    | 3           |
| Female                                  | 10          |
| <b>Age</b>                              | 39-59 yrs.  |
| <b>Professional background</b>          |             |
| (Plastic) surgeon                       | 3           |
| Oncologist/pulmonologist                | 2           |
| Clinical geneticist                     | 2           |
| Nurse practitioner breast cancer care   | 2           |
| Pathologist                             | 1           |
| Laboratory specialist clinical genetics | 1           |
| Ethicist                                | 1           |
| Social worker                           | 1           |



# Methods (3)

 60-90 minutes

 Outline

- (1) short introduction on recontact in genetics
- (2) general thoughts of the participants on recontact
- (3) contextual factors that could influence a duty to recontact

 Recorded, transcribed verbatim, and stored coded



# Results

*I find it a difficult subject, because you could think of so many different situations. It is almost incomprehensible.*

*professional*

 Almost incomprehensible topic

 Important topic

 Support to contact patients with certain (genetic) oncological information

 Context differed, scale very restrictive – more unreserved




 No additional contextual factors

 Six factors further explored






# Results: factor 1 information

## Patients:

-  Everyone wants to hear information with preventative/treatment options for themselves or relatives
-  Not all patients want to hear information without these options
-  Their choice

## Professionals:

-  Relevance linked to probability and possibility to act
-  Scale – certain threshold?
-  In line with initial testing





*what would be the  
minimal expected  
health benefit before  
you contact a patient?*

*professional*



# Results: factor 2 costs and efforts

## Patients

-  Realistic to weigh the costs and efforts
-  Certain costs and efforts are justifiable to benefit individuals
-  Society benefits as well
-  Decrease costs/efforts with technology

## Professionals




-  Balance with benefits
-  Decrease costs/efforts with technology

*"... a database, that is regularly updated with information on your condition, which you could always check... Than you would not have to approach everyone"*





*patient*

# Results: factor 3 personal preferences

## Patients

-  Personal preferences important
-  Ideally taken into account: inform people or preferably ask consent
-  Exception for information relevant for family members?

## Professionals

-  Personal preferences important
-  Concerns with consent
  -  Consent or indication of people attitudes?
  -  Risk too high to harm people, to contact them against their wishes






# Results: factor 4 patient or family member

## Patients

 Great importance (even against their own wishes?)

## Professionals

 Hesitant to contact family members: no consent

 At the same time, sometimes goal of genetic testing: particular information of great importance such as BRCA mutation



# Results: factor 5 clinic or research setting

 Patients

 Irrelevant

 Professionals

 Difference between duties (care relationship)

 Blurring boundaries?



# Results: factor 6 time

 Patients

 Irrelevant

 Professionals

 More discussion

 Plays at least a role in the value of consent

*"in a way, you will  
always consider  
yourself a patient"*

*patient*



# Conclusions (1) – work in progress

 Comparable considerations in our paper

 Basic principle: if the information is important and the patient wants to receive updates, it should be communicated





 Comparable with other empirical studies – further study (oncology context?)

*Giesbertz et al. 2019*



# Conclusions (2)- work in progress

## Patients:

-  Actionable information is more important, but also information without treatment or preventative options should be offered
-  Emphasize importance of personal choice
-  Possibly exceptional position for information relevant to family members: overriding?
-  Factors time and research vs. clinical setting not relevant



# Conclusions (3) - work in progress

## Professionals:

 Relevance of information – threshold?

 Costs and efforts

 Concerns with consent and contacting people against their wishes

 More discussion on the factors clinic/research and contacting family members



# Conclusions (4) - work in progress

 ICT developments for informational updates and consent

 Reflection: shift from *question driven care* towards *information driven care*

