

The No-Name Cancer

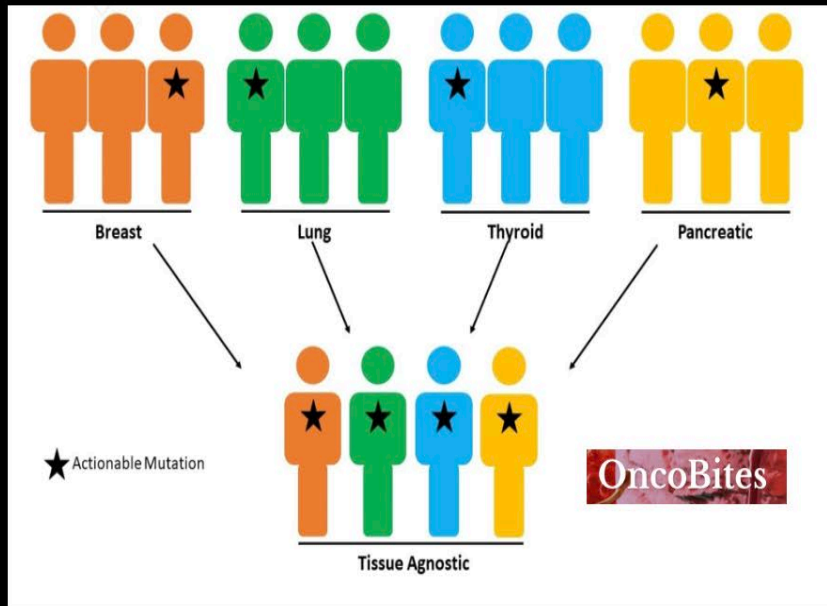
Tumor-Agnostic → Rare → Ultra-Rare → N-of-1

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Basket to N-of-One



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2019 to present

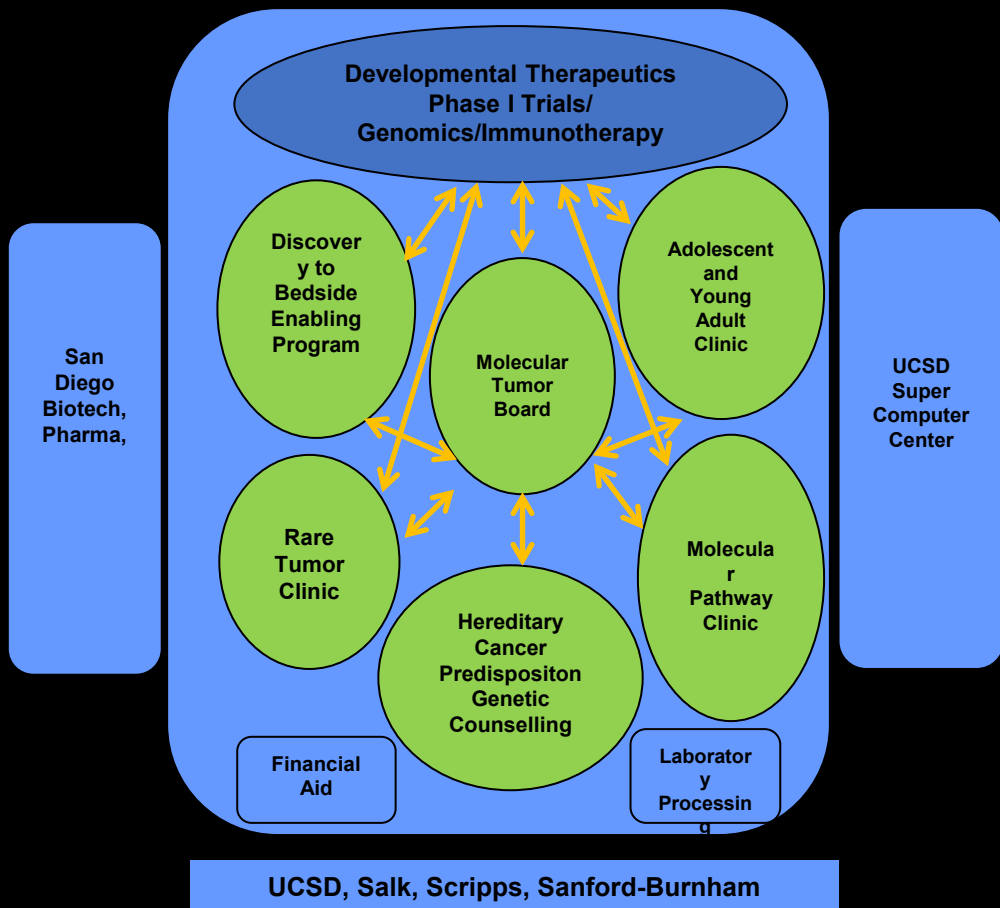
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Precision Medicine in the Clinic: Experience

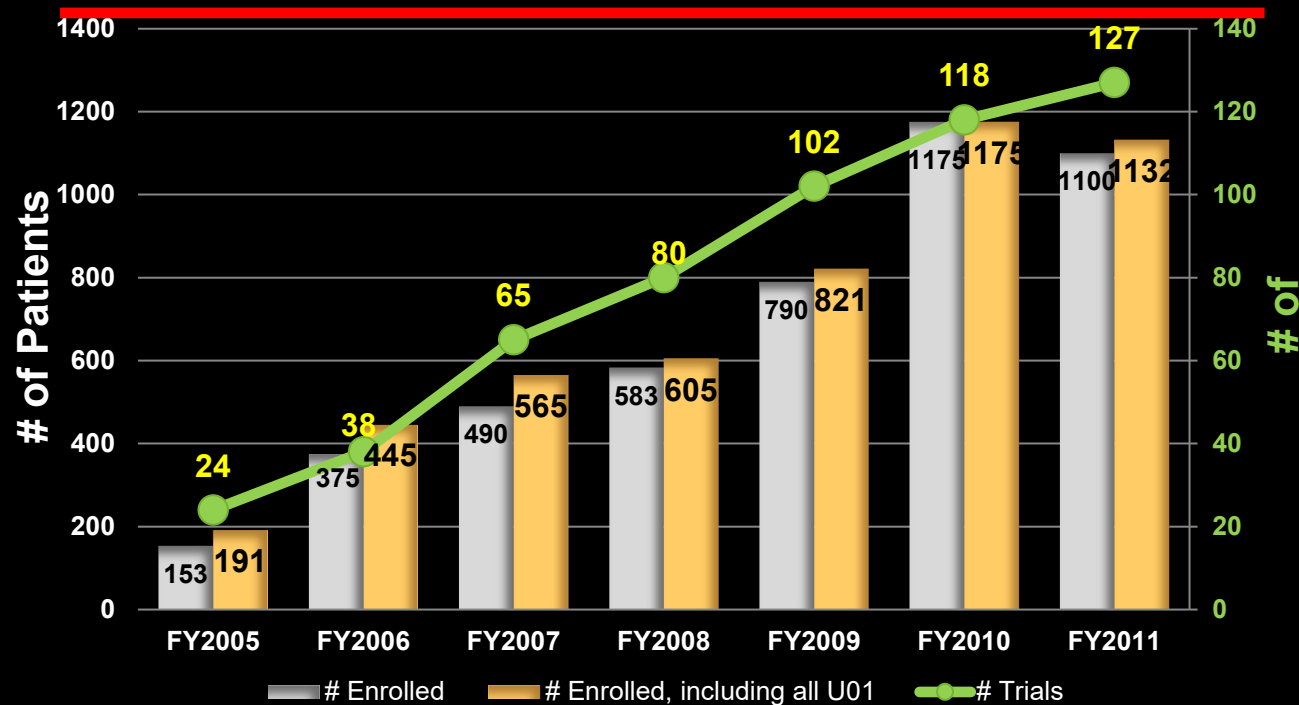
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Molecular profiling (N ~ 21,000 patients)

Phase I Trials / Patients Enrolled



- **Over 950 peer-reviewed publications**
- **Oversight >500 early phase trials, including 8 drugs that have gone to FDA approval**
- **Clinical-grade genomic profiling >21,000 patients**
- **Leadership positions: SWOG, WIN, NCCN,**

Take-home point

At the multi-omic level, every metastatic tumor is unique and complex

Tumor of origin → Rare → ultra-rare → N-of-1

The Light Microscope
Invented in 1590
Still used to diagnose cancer



Traditional method of deciding therapy based on clinical trials



Next Gen Sequencing Actionable Cancer Gene Sequencing [CLIA] The Molecular Microscope

ABL1	BRCA2	CSMD2	EZH2	GNAS
ACVR1B	CARD11	CSMD3	FAM123B	HDAC9
ADAMTS12	CASP8	CTNNB1	FAM135B	HEATR7B2
AKAP3	CBL	CYLD	FAT3	HGF
AKT1	CD19	CYP2C19	FBXW7	HMCN1
ALK	CDH1	DAXX	FGFR1	HNF1A
APC	CDH10	DDR1	FGFR2	HNF1B
AR	CDH11	DDR2	FGFR3	HRAS
ARAF	CDK4	DNMT3A	FGFR4	HYDIN
ARID1A	CDK6	EGFR	FLG	IDH1
ASXL1	CDKN2A	ELN	FLT1	IDH2
ATM	CEBPA	EML4	FLT3	IGF1R
ATR	CHEK1	EP300	FLT4	IKZF1
ATRX	CHEK2	EPHA3	FOXL2	IL6R
AURKA	COL14A1	ERBB2	GABRA6	IRS1
AURKB	CPAMD8	ERBB3	GABRB3	ITGA4
BAI3	CREBBP	ERCC3	GATA1	JAK1
BAP1	CRIPAK	ERCC4	GATA3	JAK2
BRAF	CSF1R	ERCC5	GNA11	JAK3
BRCA1	CSMD1	ETV5	GNAQ	KCNB2

KDM6A	MLL3	PAX5	PTPN11	STK11
KDR	MPL	PBRM1	RAD51	SYK
KIT	MSH2	PCDH15	RAF1	SYNE1
KRAS	MSH6	PCLO	RB1	SYNE2
LAMA1	MTOR	PDGFRA	RELN	TBC1D4
LPHN3	MYD88	PDGFRB	RET	TET2
LRP1	NAV3	PIK3CA	RIMS2	TGFb1
LRP1B	NCOR1	PIK3CG	RNF213	TGFBR2
LRP2	NF1	PIK3R1	RUNX1	TNFAIP3
MAP2K1	NF2	PIKFYVE	RUNX1T1	TOP1
MAP2K4	NFKB2	PKHD1	RYR2	TOP2A
MAP3K1	NOTCH1	PKHD1L1	SETD2	TP53
MAP3K4	NOTCH2	PPP1R3A	SMAD4	TSC1
MDN1	NOTCH3	PPP2R1A	SMARCA4	TSC2
MECOM	NOTCH4	PPP2R4	SMARCB1	TSHR
MEN1	NPM1	PRDM1	SMO	USH2A
MET	NRAS	PRSS1	SOS1	VHL
MITF	NSD1	PTCH1	SPEN	WHSC1
MLH1	PALB2	PTEN	SPOP	WT1
MLL2	PAPPA2	PTK2	SPTA1	ZNF238
				ZNF536

Breathtaking Progress Unparalleled in Human History

QUICKER, SMALLER, CHEAPER

Genome sequenced (publication year)	HGP (2003)	Venter (2007)	Watson (2008)	Current (2015)
Time taken (start to finish)	13 years	4 years	4.5 months	~1 days
Number of scientists listed as authors	> 2,800	31	27	
Cost of sequencing (start to finish)	\$2.7 billion	\$100 million	< \$1.5 million	~\$1000
Coverage	8-10 x	7.5 x	7.4 x	30-50X
Number of institutes involved	16	5	2	
Number of countries involved	6	3	1	

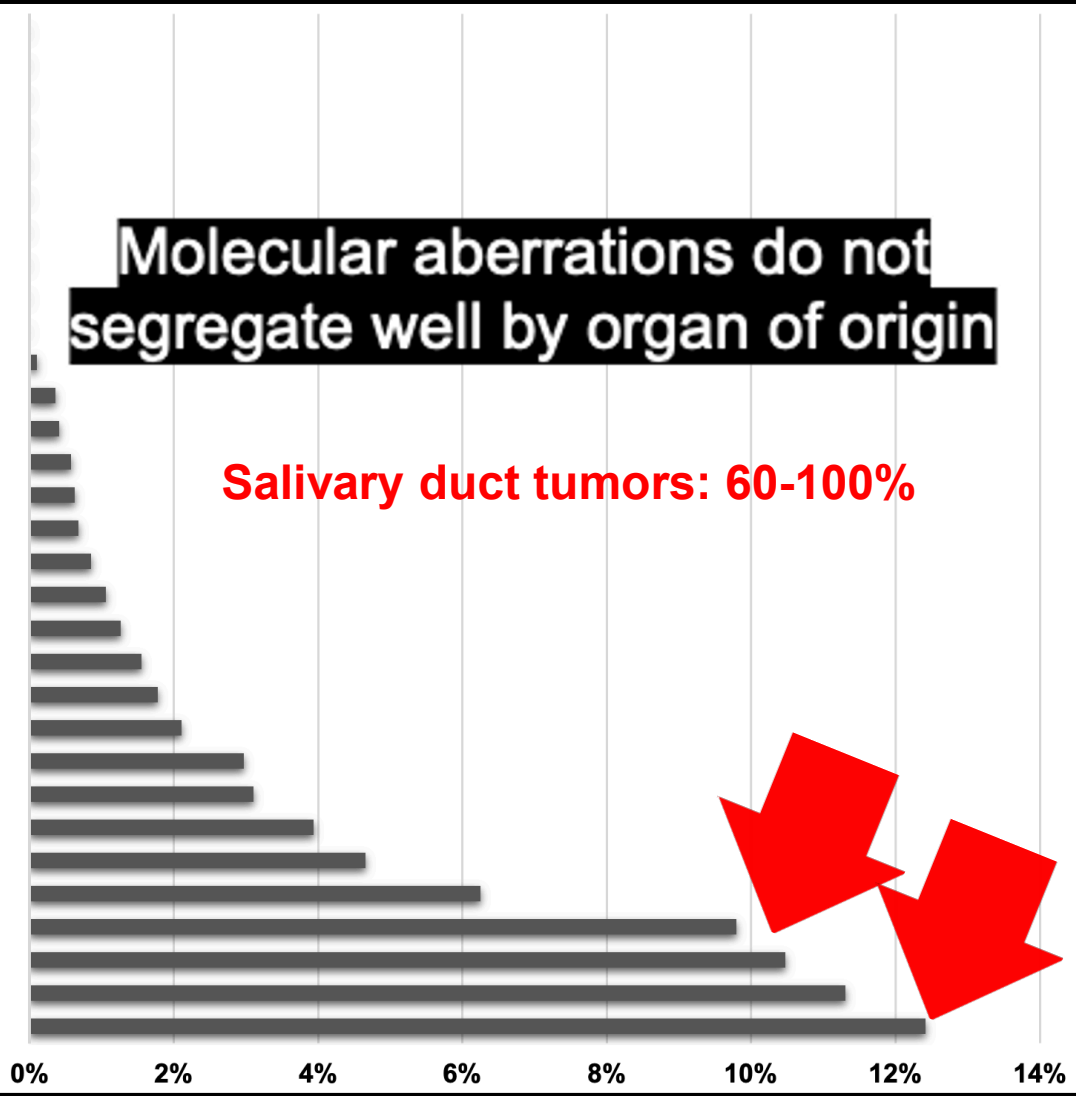
The Reclassification of Cancer

**HER2 3+
in 37,992
cancers**

- Melanomas (uveal)
- Sarcomas (peritoneal, retroperitoneal)
- Thyroid cancers
- Kidney cancers
- Neuroendocrine tumors
- Melanoma
- Hepatocellular carcinomas
- Cholangiocarcinomas (intrahepatic)
- Intestinal (small) malignancies
- Head and neck carcinomas
- Colorectal cancers
- Uterine cancers
- Cervical cancers
- Cholangiocarcinomas (extrahepatic)
- Breast cancers
- Bladder cancers

Molecular aberrations do not segregate well by organ of origin

Salivary duct tumors: 60-100%



HER2 aberrations in cancer: implications for therapy
 Yan M.....Kurzrock R.
 Cancer Treatment Reviews 2014

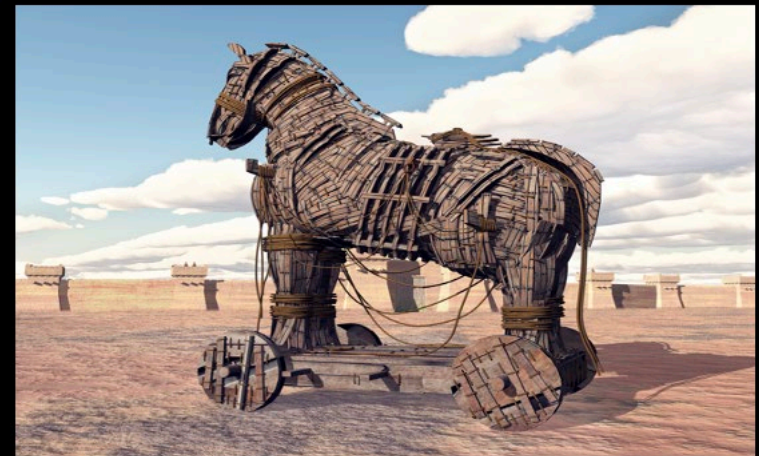
Yan M,....Kurzrock R. HER2 expression status in diverse cancers: review of results from 37,992 patients. Cancer Metastasis Review. 2015

Trastuzumab deruxtecan (Enhertu)

April 5 2024

Solid tissue-agnostic
Approval

HER2 IHC3+



Antibody-drug Conjugate

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Universal Germline and Tumor Genomic Testing Needed to Win the War Against Cancer: *Genomics Is the Diagnosis*

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Evolution of Clinical Trial Design



Redesigning Cancer Trials: Stage 1

Smaller Trials, Bigger Chance for Success

OLD MODEL: Large numbers of patients, not selected by molecular characteristics; lower chance of demonstrating effectiveness, since many participants do not have the molecular defects being targeted



NEW MODEL: Small patient populations, all with the relevant mutations or genetic defects; greater chance of desired results, since all participants have the potential to respond



Tumor-agnostic basket trials



FDA approves pembrolizumab (anti-PD1) for solid tumors based on MSI-H (RR ~45%)

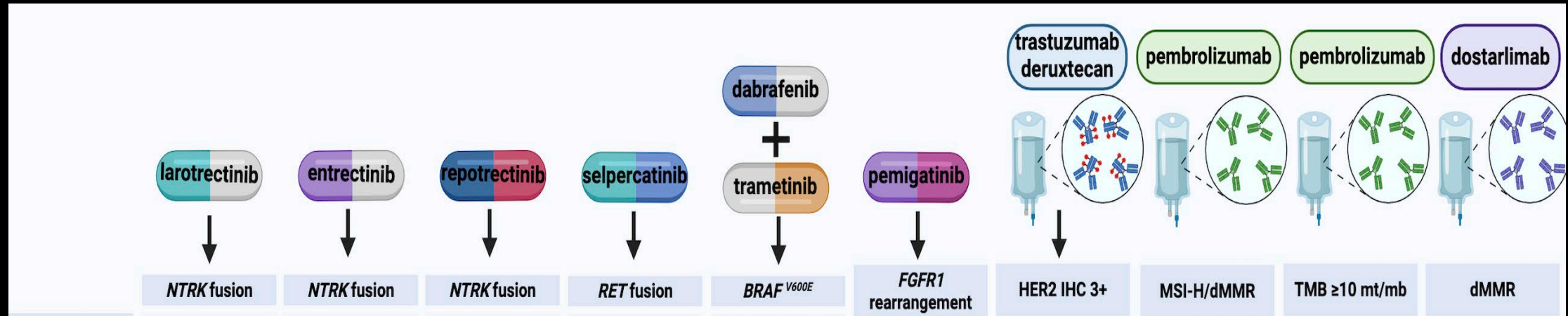
May 23, 2017

- Tissue agnostic approval
- Approval based on genomic marker
- **Approval based on retrospective/real-world data**



Ten Tumor-Agnostic Precision Medicine

2 more expected this year (KRAS G12C, NRG1)

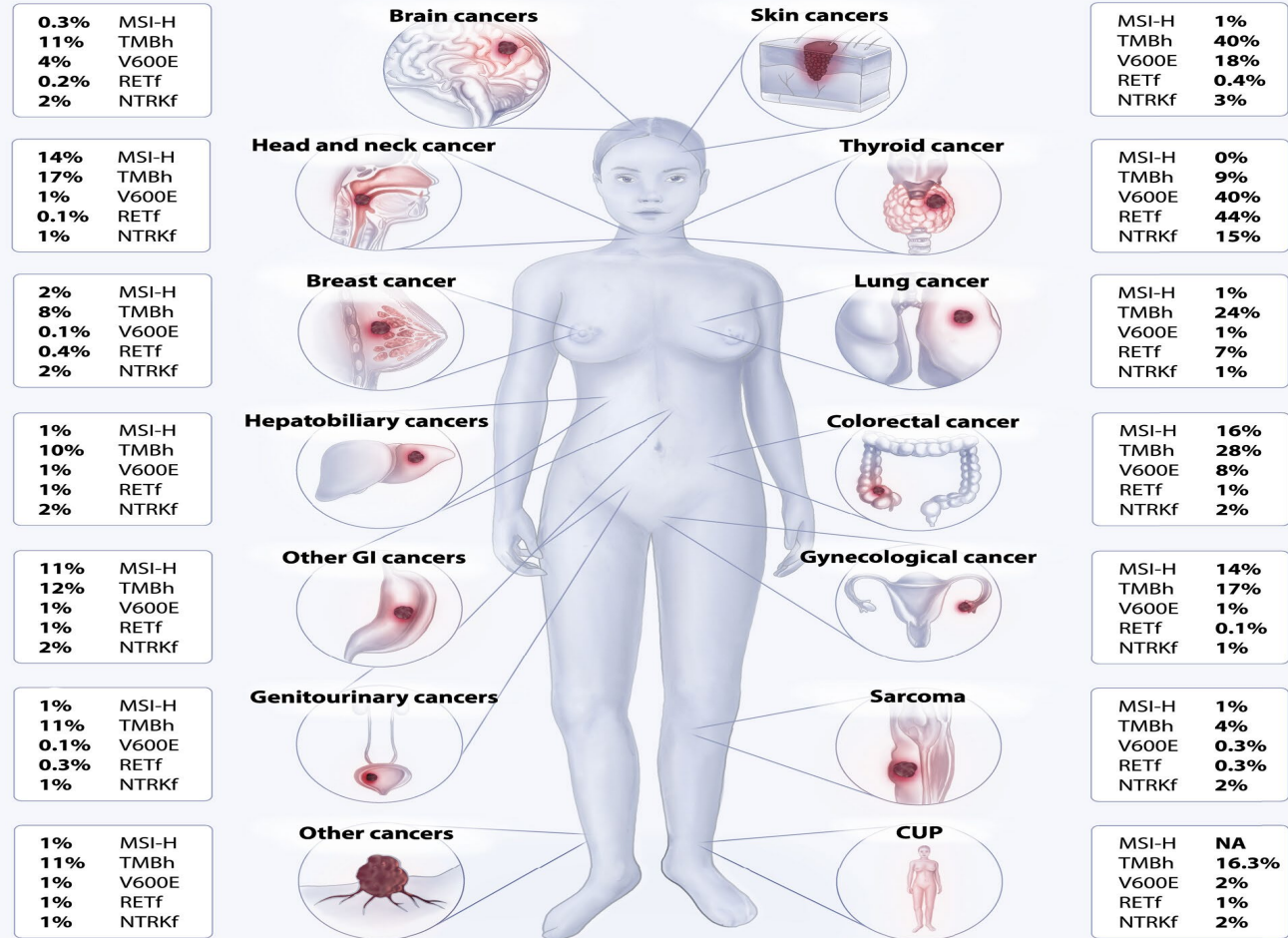


Pemigatinib for FGFR1 rearranged myeloid lymphoid neoplasms



Heme-agnostic

August 26, 2022



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The evolving landscape of tissue-agnostic therapies in precision oncology

Vivek Subbiah MD , Mohamed A. Gouda MD, Bettina Ryll MD, PhD, Howard A. Burris III MD, Razelle Kurzrock MD

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But wait!! There's more!!



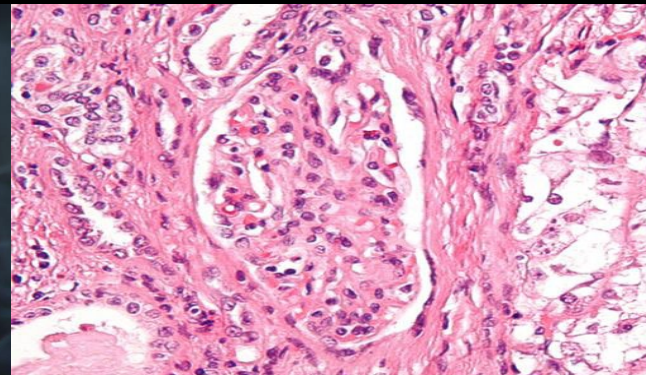
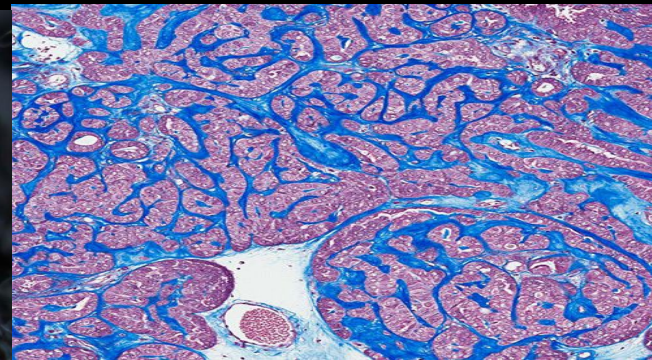
N-of 1 clinical trial design

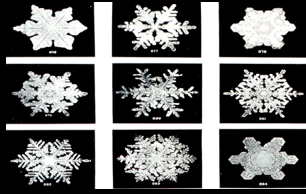
- Multi-Omic interrogation
- Personalized combination therapies



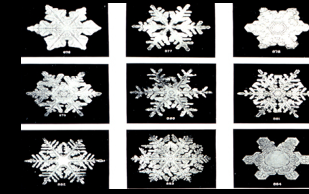
What if every metastatic cancer is different?

Malignant Snowflakes
Each is complex and distinct





Malignant Snowflakes Metastatic Breast Cancer



Pt number

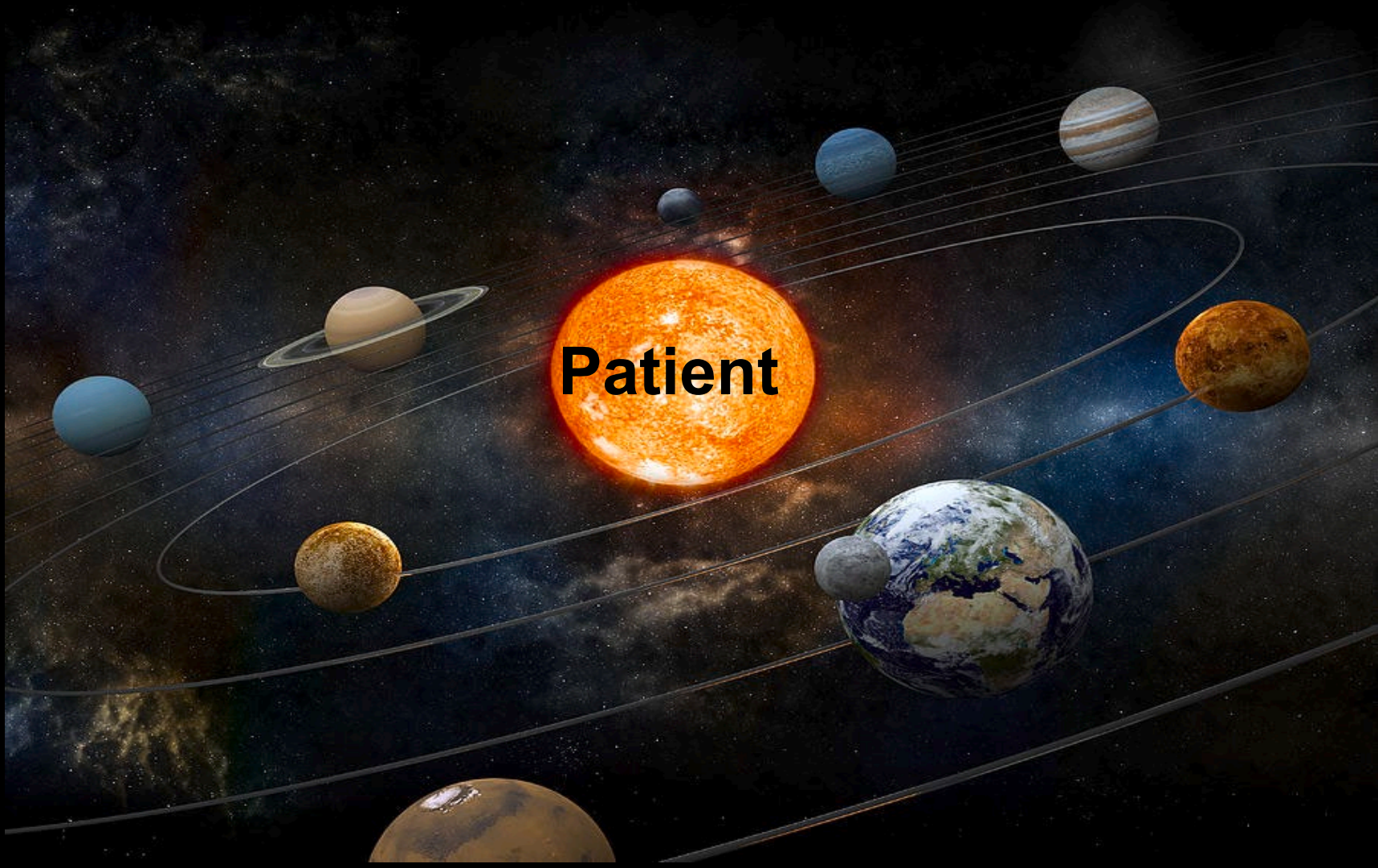
Molecular Results (236 genes; NGS)—Breast Cancer

1	PIK3CA amplification, SOX2 amplification, TP53 G302fs*42, FLT3 L260*
2	AKT1 (E17K)
4	EGFR amplification, CCND1 amplification, CDKN2A/B loss, FGFR1 amplification, MYC amplification, TP53 P151A
42	ERBB2 amplification, PIK3CA H1047L, AURKA amplification, TP53 R342P, CREBBP P658S, ZNF217 amplification
25	ERBB2 amplification, MYC amplification, CDK6 amplification, TP53 R213*
7	ESR1 Y537S
13	GATA3 *445fs*2+
16	RET C634R, GATA3 P436fs*11+
18	AKT3 amplification, MYC amplification, MYCL1 amplification, TP53 R248Q
54	NF1 R1276Q

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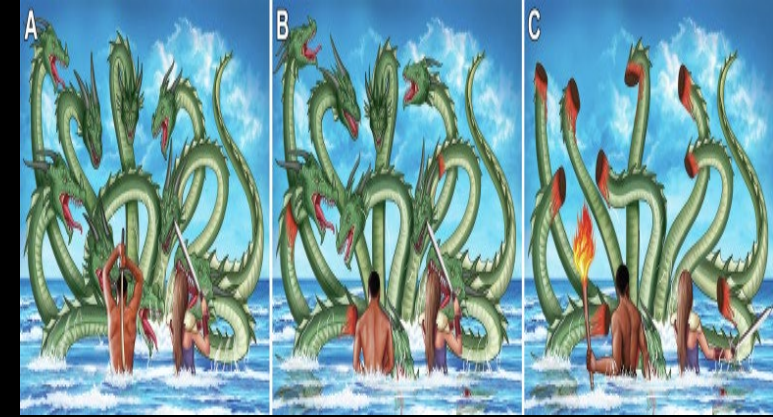
Drug(s)



Major treatment approaches

Genomic strategy:

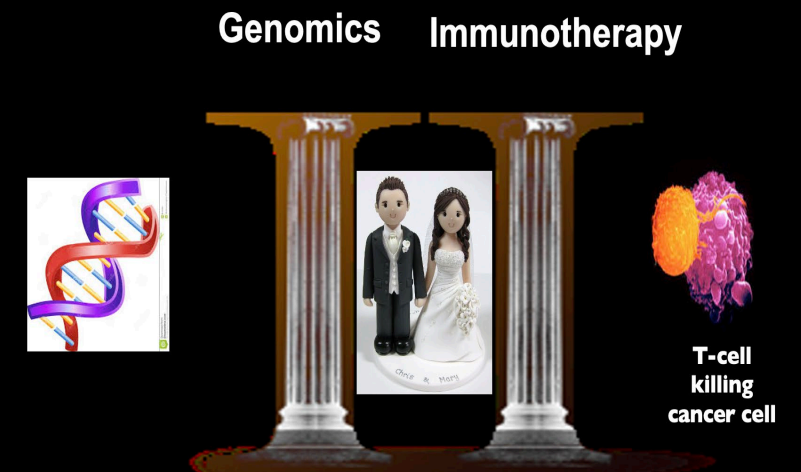
- Treat earlier in the disease
- Attack the drivers such as fusions
- Hit all the drivers at once—cut all the Hydra's heads



Immunotherapy strategy

- Activate the immune system to kill the tumor
- Precision immunotherapy—know how the tumor has exploited the immune system

The Pillars of Precision/Personalized Medicine



I-PREDICT N-of-1 approach

First N-of One Study

Prospective
Investigation of Profile-Related
Evidence Determining Individualized
Cancer Therapy

Study Novelty

- *Customized combinations*
- *Newly diagnosed patients with lethal advanced malignancies*

Activation Date: February 13, 2015

Consented: N = 506

Treated: N = 291

Treatment Decisions Guided by:

FoundationOne (Heme), Foundation ACT
(ct DNA), PD-1/PDL-1 IHC, Tumor
Mutational Burden,



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Brian Leyland-
Jones

Master Protocol

Investigation of **P**rofile-**R**elated **E**vidence **D**etermining
Individualized **C**ancer **T**herapy

I-PREDICT

Basket



- Histology-Independent targeted approach
- Multiple molecular aberrations assessed
- Patients matched with targeted agents

Umbrella



I-PREDICT Study

Patients with aggressive malignancies

Molecular profiling

Discussion at the Molecular Tumor Board

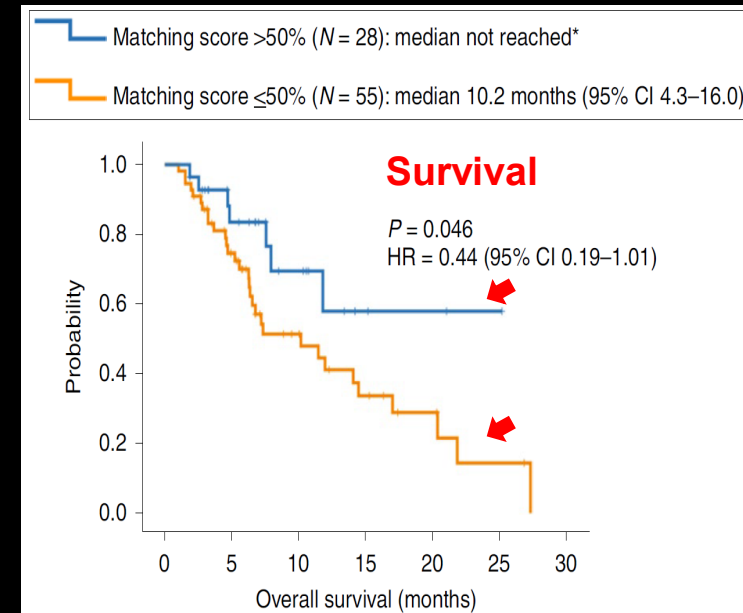
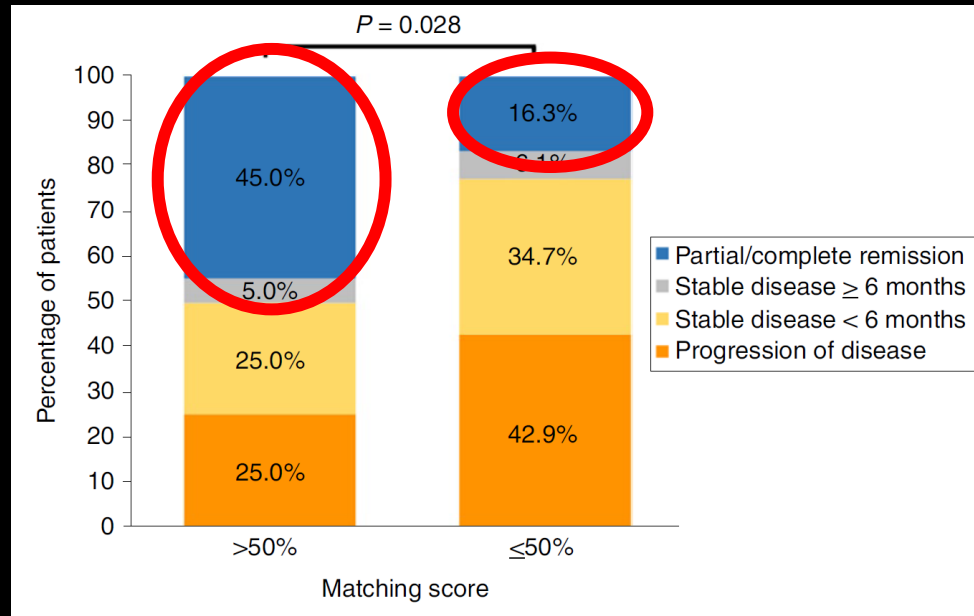
Treating physician determines treatment plan

High matching”
>50% of markers targeted
(e.g. Patient with 4 alterations,
therapy targeting 3 alterations (3/4=75%

Low matching”
≤50% of markers targeted
(e.g. Patient with 4 alterations,
therapy targeting 1 alteration (1/4=25%)

IPREDICT Study: Metastatic, treatment refractory

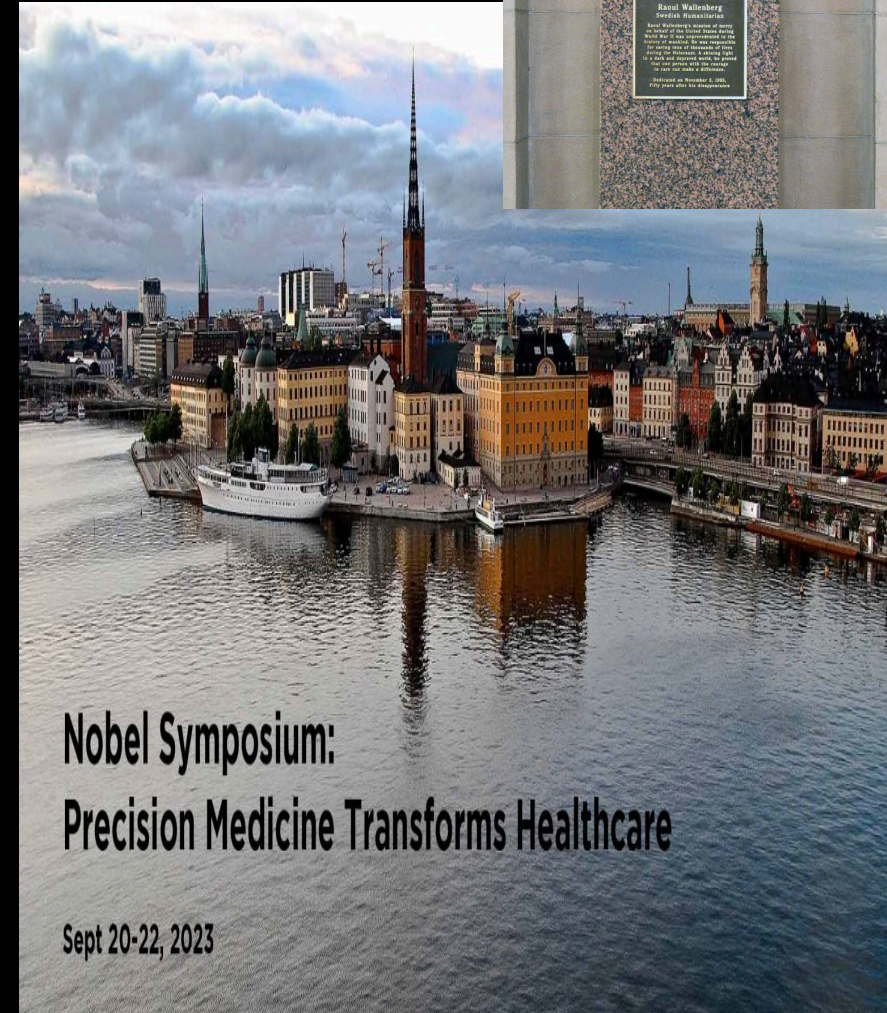
Sicklick...Kurzrock R. Nature Medicine 2019



Higher matching score (>50%) translated into significantly better response rate, progression-free survival and overall survival



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Personalized Combination Therapies Yield Better Cancer Outcomes

Posted on April 30th, 2019 by Dr. Francis Collins



Credit: NIH National Cancer Institute Visuals Online/Daniel Sone

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Recent Items

- All of Us: Release of Nearly 100,000 Whole Genome Sequences Sets Stage for New Discoveries March 29, 2022
- Unraveling the Role of the Skin Microbiome in Health and Disease March 22, 2022
- Finding the 'Tipping Point' to Permanent Kidney Damage March 15, 2022
- Biology of Aging Study Shows Why Curbing Calories Counts March 8, 2022
- How COVID-19 Immunity Holds Up Over Time March 1, 2022

Blog Archives

**Lessons from the Chronic Myelogenous
Leukemia (CML) Story
A Fatal Disease Transformed**

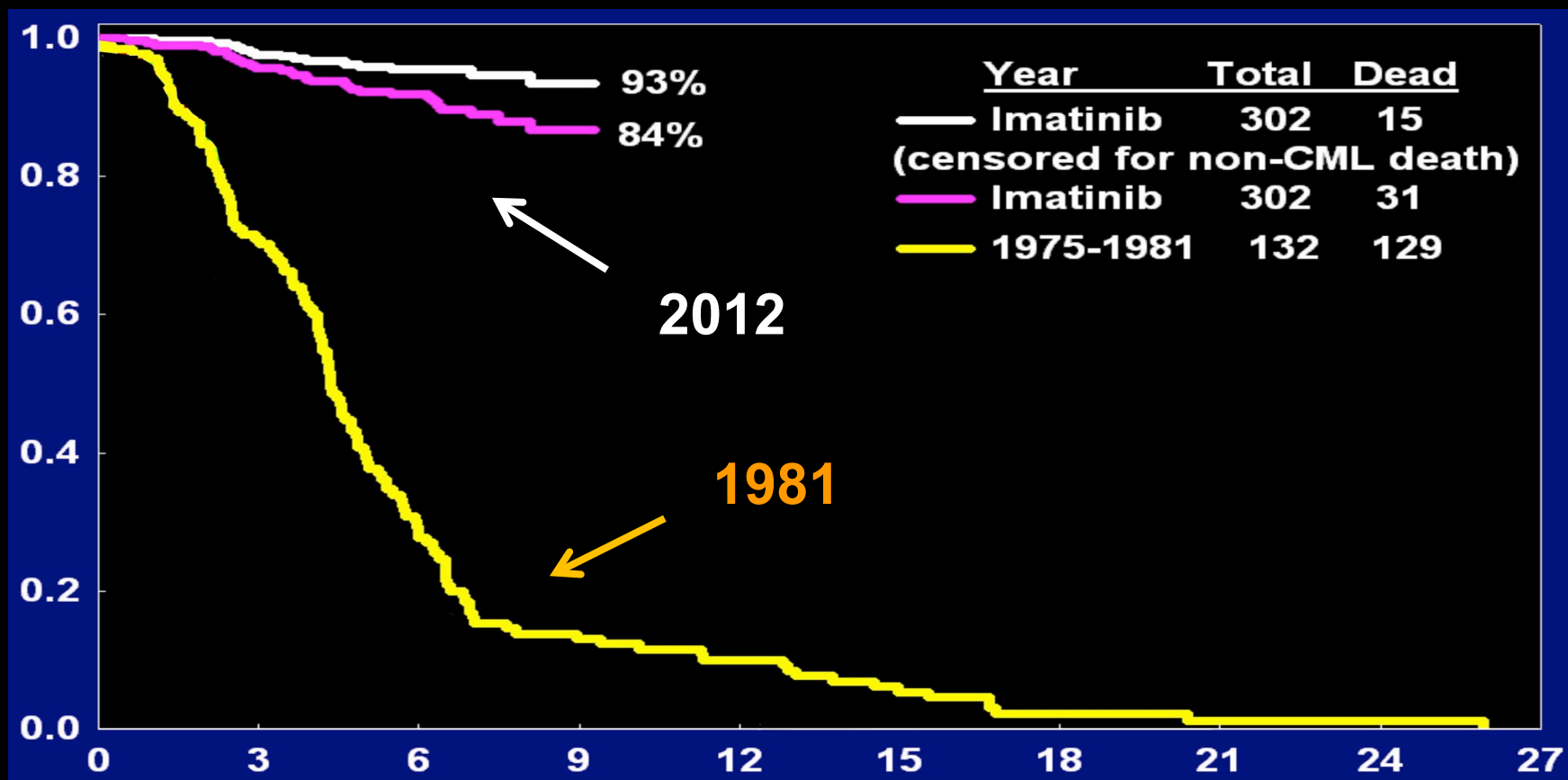


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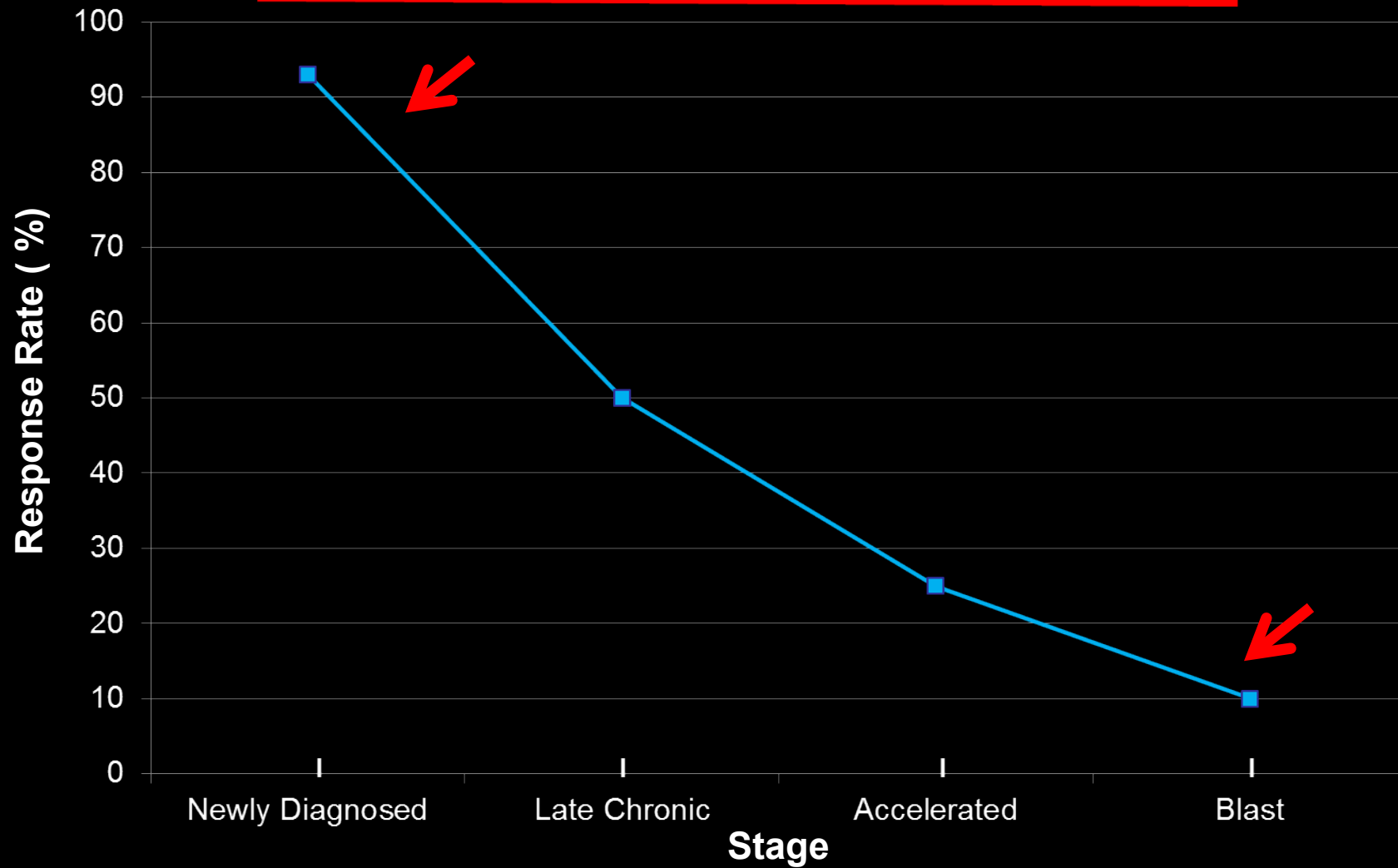
Lessons from the Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia (CML) Story

A Fatal Disease Transformed

- Median survival in 1980s was about 4 years
- Median survival in 2012 is 20+ years



Response Rate of Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia Rises Rapidly in Newly Diagnosed Disease

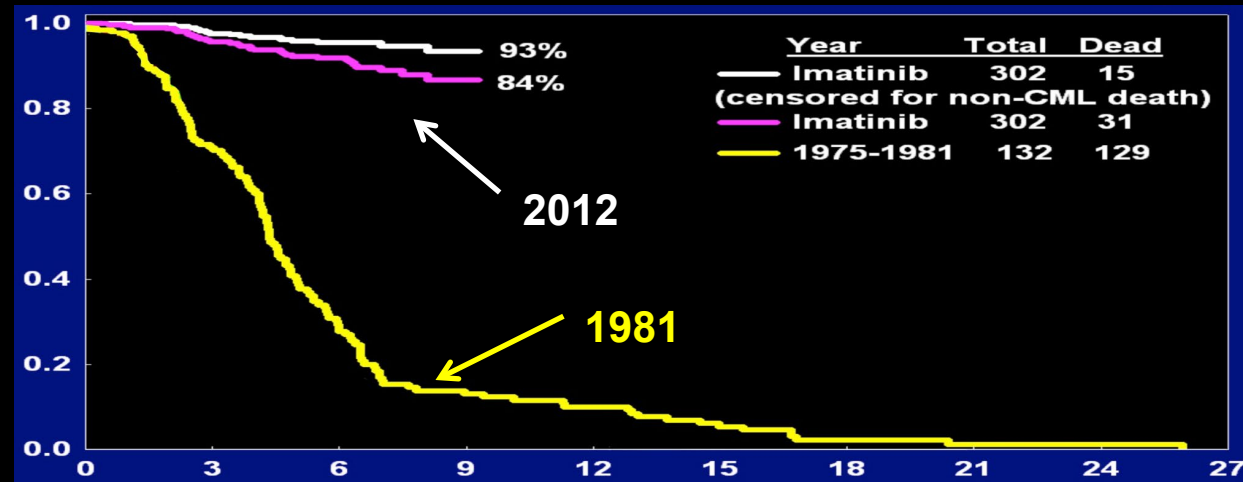


Key factors leading to the revolution in outcome of chronic myelogenous disease

Key factors:

- Known driver target (Bcr-Abl)
- Targeted agent (imatinib)

– Treat newly-diagnosed patients



Solid Tumor Metastases = Blast Crisis in Leukemia

The future of I-PREDICT is to
treat patients at diagnosis
before heterogeneity occurs

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**MCW I-PREDICT
N-of-1 in newly
diagnosed cancer**

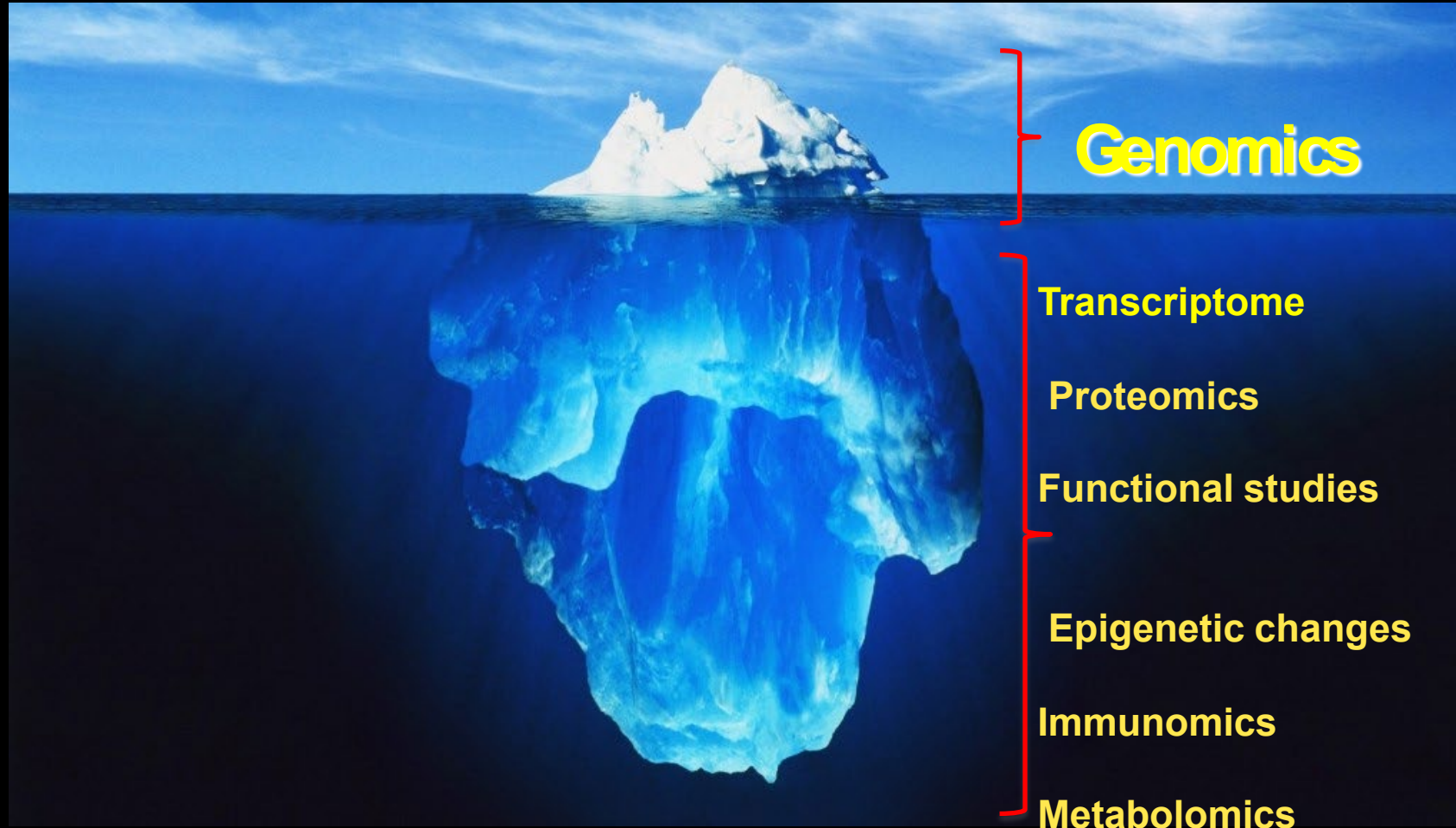
Neoadjuvant

Approved

PIs: Ben George, MD and R Kurzrock MD



Tip of the Iceberg



Super-Responders

62-year-old man with poorly differentiated carcinoma of unknown primary

Treatment history:

No systemic or local therapy.

cfDNA:

KRAS T20A → Trametinib (MEK inhibitor)

ARID1A Splice site SNV → Olaparib (PARP inhibitor)

Tissue NGS: Insufficient sample

Consented on I-PREDICT
protocol
(NCT02534675)

62-year-old man with poorly differentiated carcinoma of unknown primary



Mid-upper chest wall mass

PFS 26 months

DISCOVERY IN REAL TIME

Fibrolamellar Cancer



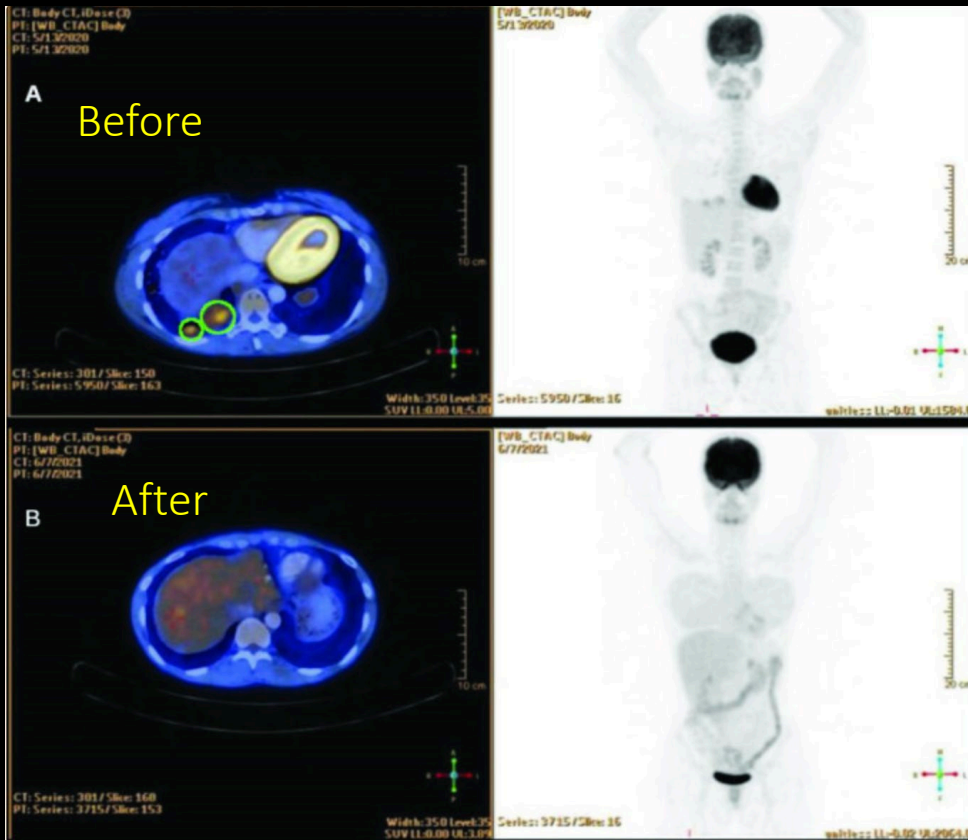
- DNAJB1-PRKACA → a driver fusion, not yet druggable
- Exploiting multi-omics
- Transcriptomics/bioinformatics to explore synthetic lethality

doi: 10.1136/jitc-2022-005620.

Fibrolamellar carcinoma transcriptomic-based treatment prediction: complete response after nivolumab and ipilimumab

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Affiliations and disclosures



Non-Intuitive

- Low TMB
- PD-L1 negative
- Failed anti-PDL1
- Undruggable DNAJB1-PRKACA fusion



2+ years
complete remission

Undruggable fusions: Solution

- Look at RNA expression for targets
- Perform immunomic analysis for immunotherapy choice
- IHC panel: AR, ER, HER2, PD1, PDL1, FOLR1, Claudin18.2, Nectin4, Trop2, EGFR, LAG3, MGMT → for antibody-drug conjugates
- Functional testing
- Bioinformatics: synthetic lethality, etc

What about the host?

Host and Toxicity/Response/Immunity/Microenvironments



Take-home points

Patient Rights

- **Right drug(s)**
- **Right patient**
- **Right time**
- **Right dose**
- **Right place**

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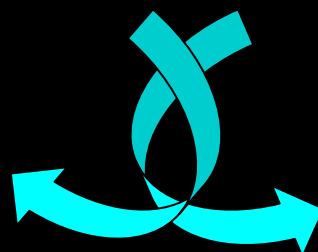
BEYOND CANCER

Changing the lives of patients

Bladder Cancer



**FGFR3
Mutation**



Dwarfism



Clinical trial with FGFR inhibitor infigratinib

There are ~7,000 rare diseases.

- Global numbers: ~350 million patients with a rare disease.
- US and Europe: ~60 million people with rare diseases.

PRECISION MEDICINE: 2033

ILLNESS

- SAME DAY MULTI-OMIC SEQUENCING
- *IN SILICO* MODELING DECIPHERS ABNORMALITY AND NEEDED COMPOUND
- COMPOUND INSTANTLY CREATED THROUGH CLICK CHEMISTRY AND 3-D PRINTING



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Click chemistry, 3D-printing, and omics: the future of drug development

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