





## I NUOVI PRINCIPI ATTIVI (HORIZON SCANNING) CARATTERISTICHE GENETICHE-EPIGENETICHE DEL PAZIENTE E RICERCA CLINICA

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- Drug development and clinical research in oncology
- Traditional chemotherapy versus targeted cancer therapies
- Trial designs for testing efficacy of molecular profilingassigned targeted agents
- ✓ US Precision Medicine Initiative
- ✓ The "omics" world



## Of more than 16.000 con over 80% are focused on



Figure 11: Registered Pipeline Compounds end of year 2011<sup>60</sup> A vision towards a life sciences strategy for Europe Brussels, 2014





#### NUMBER OF REGISTERED STUDIES OVER TIME AND SIGNIFICANT EVENTS (as of October 30, 2015)



#### Source: https://ClinicalTrials.gov

ICMJE: International Committee of Medical Journal Editors required trial registration as a condition of publication (September 2005)

FDAAA: Expanded registration requirements of FDAAA began and were implemented on ClinicalTrials.gov (December 2007)



#### **CURRENT ON-GOING TRIALS IN ONCOLOGY**



Source: https://clinicaltrials.gov



#### SALES FORECAST BY THERAPEUTIC AREAS



Worldwide Prescription Drug & OTC Sales by Therapy Area in 2020





#### SALES FORECAST BY PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES

#### Oncology the largest and fastest growing segment

EvaluatePharma® finds that oncology will remain the largest segment in 2020 with forecasts showing an annual growth of 11.2% and over \$153bn sales in 2020. Growth from in-line products, and potential new entrants, is forecast to more than compensate for a number of major patent expiries over the period. Factor Xa inhibitors, Eliquis and Xarelto, are expected to drive a 10.4% annual growth in the anti-coagulant segment and collectively account for almost \$9bn of new sales in 2020. Patent expiries on key products continue to erode sales from anti-hyperlipidaemics, with this segment falling seven places over the period to 2020.





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#### TRADITIONAL CHEMOTHERAPY AND TARGETED CANCER THERAPIES



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#### The Phase III Trials INTACT 1 and INTACT 2



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#### **TRADITIONAL CHEMOTHERAPY AND TARGETED CANCER THERAPIES**



- Leads synthesis and selection
- Preclinical activity assays



- Safety
- Feasibility

Tolerability



#### In 2004 the SUCCESS RATE for ONCO DRUGS from FIRST-IN-MAN to REGISTRATION was 5%...

## Can the pharmaceutical industry reduce attrition rates?

Ismail Kola and John Landis



Figure 1 | Success rates from first-in-man to registration. The overall clinical success rate is 11%.





## **Drug Development in Oncology**







## Why does targeted therapy not cure all tumors?



# The somatic activating mutations in the EGFR kinase domain explained the unique subset of drug-responsive cases

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#### Activating Mutations in the Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor Underlying Responsiveness of Non–Small-Cell Lung Cancer to Gefitinib

 Thomas J. Lynch, M.D., Daphne W. Bell, Ph.D., Raffaella Sordella, Ph.D., Sarada Gurubhagavatula, M.D., Ross A. Okimoto, B.S., Brian W. Brannigan, B.A., Patricia L. Harris, M.S., Sara M. Haserlat, B.A.,
 Jeffrey G. Supko, Ph.D., Frank G. Haluska, M.D., Ph.D., David N. Louis, M.D., David C. Christiani, M.D., Jeff Settleman, Ph.D., and Daniel A. Haber, M.D., Ph.D.

Table 1. Characteristics of Nine Patients with Non-Small-Cell Lung Cancer and a Response to Gefitinib.									
Patient No.	Sex	Age at Beginning of Gefitinib Therapy	Pathological Type*	No. of Prior Regimens	Smoking- Status†	Duration of Therapy	Overall Survival∷	<i>EGFR</i> Mutation∫	Response¶
		γr				n	10		
1	F	70	BAC	3	Never	15.6	18.8	Yes	Major; improved lung lesions
2	М	66	BAC	0	Never	>14.0	>14.0	Yes	Major; improved bilater- al lung lesions
3	М	64	Adeno	2	Never	9.6	12.9	Yes	Partial; improved lung lesions and soft- tissue mass
4	F	81	Adeno	1	Former	>13.3	>21.4	Yes	Minor; improved pleural disease
5	F	45	Adeno	2	Never	>14.7	>14.7	Yes	Partial; improved liver lesions
6	М	32	BAC	3	Never	>7.8	>7.8	Yes	Major; improved lung lesions
7	F	62	Adeno	1	Former	>4.3	>4.3	Yes	Partial; improved liver and lung lesions
8	F	58	Adeno	1	Former	11.7	17.9	Yes	Partial; improved liver lesions
9	F	42	BAC	2	Never	>33.5	>33.5	No	Partial; improved lung nodules



Figure 1. Example of the Response to Gefitinib in a Patient with Refractory Non–Small-Cell Lung Cancer. A computed tomographic scan of the chest in Patient 6 shows a large mass in the right lung before treatment with gefitinib was begun (Panel A) and marked improvement six weeks after gefitinib was initiated (Panel B).



Figure 3. Enhanced EGF-Dependent Activation of Mutant EGFR and Increased Sensitivity of Mutant EGFR to Gefitinib.



# The somatic activating mutations in the EGFR kinase domain explained the unique subset of drug-responsive cases





#### **TRADITIONAL CHEMOTHERAPY OR TARGETED CANCER THERAPIES**



of gefitinib



#### TRADITIONAL CHEMOTHERAPY OR TARGETED CANCER THERAPIES

#### Gefitinib or Chemotherapy for Non–Small- Cell Lung Cancer with Mutated EGFR



CARBOPLATIN + PACLITAXEL

CISPLATIN + DOCETAXEL

Maemondo M et al. N Engl J Med 2010;362:2380 -8.

Mitsudomi T et al. Lancet Oncology 2010;11:121-128.



## Drug Development in Oncology: the traditional model

From the bench to bedside

One size fits all ...regardless of the drug intelligence







### Drug Development in Oncology: the traditional model vs. precision medicine

NOVEL DESIGN STRATEGIES FOR TESTING TARGETED THERAPEUTICS

#### Improving Clinical Trial Efficiency: Thinking outside the Box

Sumithra J. Mandrekar, PhD, Suzanne E. Dahlberg, PhD, and Richard Simon, DSc

The fundamental challenge for development of new cancer therapeutics is therefore to be able to identify and assess activity in molecularly defined patient subsets starting from early phase trials to predict which patients will respond to a new agent/regimen.



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#### The traditional drug development paradigm:

- phase I for establishing the safety profile,
- phase II for efficacy signal,
- ✓ phase III for establishing definitive clinical benefit

#### In the personalized medicine:

- a phase I study tests the methods of assessment of marker alteration in normal and tumor tissue samples and guides in the determination of cut points, and preliminary assessment of efficacy within molecularly defined subsets,
- a phase II study includes careful retrospective assessment of the marker to establish clinical value,
- phase III trials are confirmatory in nature that validate the marker (and companion diagnostic) through large prospective, randomized, controlled trials (RCT) in a multi-center setting.



Envisioning the future of early

OPINION

anticancer drug development

## Drug Development in Oncology: the traditional model vs. precision medicine





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## Drug Development in Oncology: PRECISION MEDICINE

Each patient's cancer is driven by a unique combination of DNA changes, collectively termed its tumor "profile."

The goal of precision cancer medicine is to individualize treatments by tailoring them to the genetic characteristics of the patient's cancer – for example, selecting drugs matched to the tumor profile.







#### INNOVATION

# Implementing personalized cancer genomics in clinical trials

Richard Simon and Sameek Roychowdhury



Figure 1 | **Development and application of biomarkers for oncology.** Genomic sequencing and other omics-based strategies have the potential to identify candidate biomarkers in clinical oncology. Clinical trial design is dictated by the type of biomarker being testing or developed. Predictive biomarkers inform the investigator of a potential clinical response to a given therapy. Prognostic biomarkers provide information on the risk of disease progression or relapse. Pharmacogenomic biomarkers relay data on how a patient may respond to a drug with respect to toxicity or efficacy.



#### **BIOMARKERS** can be broadly classified into:

- ✓ PROGNOSTIC
- ✓ PREDICTIVE
- ✓ pharmacodynamic
- ✓ surrogate endpoints





Neither prognostic nor predictive



Prognostic but not predictive



predictive

biomarker

but predictive



prognostic and predictive



A prognostic biomarker provides information about the patients overall cancer outcome, regardless of therapy, whilst a predictive biomarker gives information about the effect of a therapeutic intervention. A predictive biomarker can be a target for therapy





# Patient-centric trials for therapeutic development in precision oncology

Andrew V. Biankin<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>, Steven Piantadosi<sup>5</sup> & Simon J. Hollingsworth<sup>6</sup>

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- Our appreciation of the molecular diversity of cancer and the ever-increasing number of molecular subtypes creates considerable complexity for the development of targeted drugs.
- ✓ When tested in trials of unselected participants, most targeted therapies reveal efficacy only if both the incidence of a responsive subpopulation and the effect size within the group is sufficiently high.
- Increasing the size of clinical trials to overcome this lack of enrichment yields minimal overall benefits at a cost that makes them unattractive and unaffordable to the community. Designing trials that feasibly evaluate both patient selection and drug efficacy is crucial, and it is essential to define the correct metrics to assess efficacy, particularly when the study needs to be small.







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PTEN <sup>56</sup>	PI3K	Deletion	Numerous cancers	<ul> <li>PI3K inhibitors</li> </ul>
MTOR <sup>57</sup> , TSC1 <sup>58</sup> and TSC2 (REF. 59)	mTOR	Mutation	Tuberous sclerosis and Bladder cancer	• mTOR inhibitors
RAS family (HRAS, NRAS, KRAS), $BRAF^{60}$ and $MEK1$	RAS-MEK	Mutation, rearrangement or amplification	Numerous cancers, including melanoma and prostate cancer	<ul> <li>RAF inhibitors</li> <li>MEK inhibitors</li> <li>PI3K inhibitors</li> </ul>
Fibroblast growth factor receptor 1 (FGFR1), FGFR2, FGFR3, FGFR4 (REF. 36)	FGFR	Mutation, amplification or rearrangement	Myeloma, sarcoma and bladder, breast, ovarian, lung, endometrial and myeloid cancers	<ul><li>FGFR inhibitors</li><li>FGFR antibodies</li></ul>
Epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR)	EGFR	Mutation, deletion or amplification	Lung and gastrointestinal cancer	<ul><li>EGFR inhibitors</li><li>EGFR antibodies</li></ul>
ERBB2 (REF. 61)	ERBB2	Amplification or mutation	Breast, bladder, gastric and lung cancer	<ul><li>ERBB2 inhibitors</li><li>ERBB2 antibodies</li></ul>
SMO <sup>62,63</sup> and PTCH1 (REF. 64)	Hedgehog	Mutation	Basal cell carcinoma	<ul> <li>Hedgehog inhibitor</li> </ul>
MET <sup>65</sup>	MET	Amplification or mutation	Bladder, gastric and renal cancer	<ul><li>MET inhibitors</li><li>MET antibodies</li></ul>
JAK1, JAK2, JAK3 (REF. 66), STAT1, STAT3	JAK-STAT	Mutation or rearrangement	Leukaemia and lymphoma	<ul> <li>JAK–STAT inhibitors</li> <li>STAT decoys</li> </ul>
Discoidin domain-containing receptor 2 (DDR2)	RTK	Mutation	Lung cancer	<ul> <li>Some tyrosine kinase inhibitors</li> </ul>
Erythropoietin receptor (EPOR)	JAK–STAT	Rearrangement	Leukaemia	<ul> <li>JAK–STAT inhibitors</li> </ul>
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Cyclin-dependent kinases (CDKs; <sup>67</sup> CDK4, CDK6, CDK8), CDKN2A and cyclin D1 (CCND1)	CDK	Amplification, mutation, deletion or rearrangement	Sarcoma, colorectal cancer, melanoma and lymphoma	CDK inhibitors
ABL1	ABL	Rearrangement	Leukaemia	<ul> <li>ABL inhibitors</li> </ul>
Retinoic acid receptor-a (RARA)	RARα	Rearrangement	Leukaemia	<ul> <li>All-trans retinoic acid</li> </ul>
Aurora kinase A (AURKA) <sup>68</sup>	Aurora kinases	Amplification	Prostate cancer and breast cancer	Aurora kinase inhibitors
Androgen receptor (AR) <sup>69</sup>	Androgen	Mutation, amplification or splice variant	Prostate cancer	<ul> <li>Androgen synthesis inhibitors</li> <li>Androgen receptor inhibitors</li> </ul>
FLT3 <sup>70</sup>	FLT3	Mutation or deletion	Leukaemia	<ul> <li>FLT3 inhibitors</li> </ul>
MET	MET-HGF	Mutation or amplification	Lung cancer and gastric cancer	• MET inhibitors
Myeloproliferative leukaemia (MPL)	THPO, JAK–STAT	Mutation	Myeloproliferative neoplasms	• JAK–STAT inhibitors
MDM2 (REF. 71)	MDM2	Amplification	Sarcoma and adrenal carcinoma	<ul> <li>MDM2 antagonist</li> </ul>
KIT <sup>72</sup>	KIT	Mutation	GIST, mastocytosis, leukaemia	<ul> <li>KIT inhibitors</li> </ul>
PDGFRA and PDGFRB	PDGFR	Deletion, rearrangement or amplification	Haematological cancer, GIST, sarcoma and brain cancer	PDGFR inhibitors
Anaplastic lymphoma kinase (ALK) <sup>9,37,73,74</sup>	ALK	Rearrangement or mutation	Lung cancer and neuroblastoma	<ul> <li>ALK inhibitors</li> </ul>
RET	RET	Rearrangement or mutation	Lung cancer and thyroid cancer	• RET inhibitors
ROS1 (REF. 75)	ROS1	Rearrangement	Lung cancer and cholangiocarcinoma	ROS1 inhibitors
NOTCH1 and NOTCH2	Notch	Rearrangement or mutation	Leukaemia and breast cancer	<ul> <li>Notch signalling pathway inhibitors</li> </ul>

CDKN2A. cvclin-dependent kinase inhibitor 2A: ERBB2. also known as HER2: GIST. aastrointestinal stromal tumour: FLT3. FMS-like tvrosine kinase 3: HGF.

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- a. Biomarker discovery in trials addressing a therapeutic question but no info on the marker status.
- A non-targeted biomarker study designed and powered to address the biomarker hypothesis
- c. Biomarker-targeted randomized controlled trial (RCT) in which the selection marker guides patient allocation.
- d. RCT that compares biomarker-directed therapy with conventional therapy,
- **R** = randomization





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REVIEW ARTICLE

#### Designing Transformative Clinical Trials in the Cancer Genome Era

Stefan Sleijfer, Jan Bogaerts, and Lillian L. Siu

Table 2. Unselected Trial Designs Required for a Well-Powered Trial When a Very Strong Treatment Effect Is Restricted to Those Who Express         the Unknown Marker								
	Trial Targeting a	True Hazard Ratio of 0.4 Population	4 in the Selected	Trial Targeting a True Hazard Ratio of 0.6 in the Selected Population				
Prevalence of Marker	Unselected Hazard Ratio*	No. Events Needed	No. Patients Needed	Unselected Hazard Ratio*	No. Events Needed	No. Patients Needed		
0.05	0.957	22,000	29,620	0.975	65,000	87,200		
0.1	0.916	5,600	7,540	0.95	16,200	21,750		
0.2	0.838	1,300	1,750	0.902	4,100	5,500		
0.3	0.769	622	840	0.86	1,850	2,480		
0.4	0.701	353	475	0.819	1,050	1,410		
0.5	0.64	221	280	0.777	660	885		
0.6	0.587	153	206	0.736	450	605		
0.7	0.533	110	148	0.7	330	445		
0.8	0.486	84	114	0.666	255	342		
1†	0.4	52	70	0.6	164	220		

\*The assumptions used lead to mixtures of exponential distributions, with an overall nonproportional hazards behavior. The tabulated ratios are averages depending on the settings of the trial. In the table, these are trials in which approximately 75% of patients are required to have an event before analysis. †This row represents the ideal situation where all patients belong in the sensitive class.



#### In case of multiple cancer aberrant mutations





Many targets = several (known) biomarkers = many drugs

1p36.11 [188

LRP1B [1]

- 3p12.3 [3]

3q13.31 [0

4a23 [105]

4q34.3 [0]

5q11.2 [8]

5q13.1 [51

PRIM2 [2]

6a27 [43]

7p22.2 [84

8p23.3 [11]

8p21.2 [12]

CDKN2A [5]

PTEN [1]

RB1 [2]

15015 1 (23

CREBBP 13

WWOX [1]

- MAP2K4 [1]

NF1 [1]

18023 [28]

19p13.3 [7]

19p13.3 [101]

22q13.33 [4

ANKRD11 [1]

11p15.5 [109]





#### **UMBRELLA STUDIES**

patients with the **same type** of cancer are screened for a series of hypothesized predictive biomarkers





## The BATTLE trial: personalizing therapy for lung cancer





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**Figure 3.** Major efficacy results of BATTLE study. **A**, landmark analysis of overall survival for patients with or without 8-week disease control. The landmark time point is set at 8 weeks; i.e., time 0 is at 8 weeks after randomization. **B**, 8-week disease control rates (in %) by treatment in patients with tumors harboring wild-type or mutated *EGFR* (left) and *KRAS* (right) genes.







### The NCI MPACT trial

www.thecco.net

## An overview of the NCI precision medicine trials—NCI MATCH and MPACT

A tr Molecular Profiling-based Assignment of Cancer Therapy (MPACT) is a smaller, provocative trial designed to address whether targeting an oncogenic "driver" would be more efficacious than one not

Khanh Do<sup>1</sup>, Geraldine O'Sullivan Coyne<sup>2</sup>, Alice P. Chen<sup>2</sup>

MPACT							
4 treatment regimens, 3 pathways, and 20 targeted genes							
RAS pathway: GSK 1120212 MEK inhibitor	Gain of function BRAF, KRAS NRAS, HRAS	Loss of function NF1					
PI3K pathway: everolimus mTOR inhibitor	AKT1, PIK3CA, mTOR	PTEN FBXW7					
DNA repair pathways: veliparib (PARP inhibitor) + TMZ		ATM, ATR, ERCC1, MLH1, MSH2, NBN, RAD51					
MK1775 (Wee1 inhibitor) + carboplatin		PARP1, PARP2, TP53					
391 aMOIS (with COSMIC ID) selected							

Chin Clin Oncol 2015;4(3):31

aMOI = actionable mutation of interest COSMIC = Catalogue of Somatic Mutations in Cancer



#### The NCI-MPACT trial

## An overview of the NCI precision medicine trials—NCI MATCH and MPACT



<sup>a</sup>Tumor biopsy (mandatory) will be performed on all patients enrolled on study; fresh tissue will be sequenced for the presence of specific mutations of interest.

<sup>b</sup>Only patients with specified mutations of interest will continue on study and be randomized into either Arm A (receive treatment regimen prospectively identified to target that mutation/pathway) or Arm B (receive treatment regimen assigned from the complementary set not prospectively identified to target one of their mutations). Drugs will be administered at recommended phase 2 doses and schedules.

National Cancer Institute



#### **UMBRELLA STUDIES**

#### patients with the same type of cancer are screened for a series of hypothesized predictive biomarkers



#### Pros & Cons

- ✓ Can be very efficient
- If randomized definitive conclusion about drug efficacy in selected patients
- ✓ Large amount of work
- Rules (of enrollment) has to be reviewed periodically by multidisciplinary team.



BASKET STUDIES recruit patients on the basis of their molecular characteristics irrespective of the organ in which their tumour originated



Many different type of tumours with a single biomarker = single drug





#### NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE NCI-MATCH CLINICAL TRIAL

THIS PRECISION MEDICINE TRIAL EXPLORES TREATING PATIENTS BASED ON THE MOLECULAR PROFILES OF THEIR TUMORS

DRUG THAT TARGETS THAT ABNORMALITY

#### NCI-MATCH\* IS FOR ADULTS WITH: • solid tumors (including rare tumors) and lymphomas

### The NCI-MATCH trial



### An overview of the NCI precision medicine trials—NCI MATCH and MPACT

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www.cancer.gov/nci-match To learn more, call 1-800-4-CANCER



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## The NCI MATCH trial

## PROs & CONs

- Address the problems of rare subtypes (molecularly defined) of more frequent tumours
- Easy to implement in a early phase within a cooperative group
- Genome centered: outcomes may depends on clinical particularities of tumours (HCC)



## Fifty years of cancer drug development: which lesson?

✓ The one-size-fits-all model is not effective with targeted therapy

 Companion diagnostic/biomarker and drug co-development is needed

✓ ...just the very beginning of the tale



#### **US Precision Medicine Initiative**



#### DRUGS USED TO BE DESIGNED WITH THE AVERAGE PATIENT IN MIND

NOW, THEY CAN BE TAILORED TO SPECIFI PATIENTS' GENETICS, MICROBES, AND CHEMICAL COMPOSITION



"I want the country that eliminated polio and mapped the human genome to lead a new era of medicine — one that delivers the right treatment at the right time. In some patients with cystic fibrosis, this approach has reversed a disease once thought unstoppable. Tonight, I'm launching a new **Precision Medicine Initiative** to bring us closer to curing diseases like cancer and diabetes — and to give all of us access to the personalized information we need to keep ourselves and our families healthier."

President Barack Obama, State of the Union Address, January 20, 2015



## Is tumor heterogeneity in cancer a problem?



## Traditional, linear model of clonal succession

# Multi-clonal model of tumor progression

Tumor heterogeneity: Causes and consequences Andriy Marusyk, Kornelia Polyak \*



## Is tumor heterogeneity in cancer a problem?



## **Different mutations for each sample!**

Tumor heterogeneity: Causes and consequences

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Intratumor heterogeneity fosters tumor evolution and adaptation and hinder personalized-medicine strategies that depend on results from single tumor-biopsy samples







- ✓ Intratumor heterogeneity
- ✓ Identify *Driver* versus *Passenger* mutations
- ✓ Resistance development to a targeted agent
- No info in the complete compendium of genetic alterations in cancer
- Most recognized genetic abberrations have not led to a candidate drug
- Essential is the identification of the core pathway rather than the single mutation
- ✓ One drug is never enough
- ✓ Need of strong and reliable preclinical infrastructures



## Is tumor heterogeneity in cancer a problem?

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#### **Community Page**

#### Tracking Genomic Cancer Evolution for Precision Medicine: The Lung TRACERx Study

INI							
IME PO	Surgery	Follow-up (+/- adiuvant	Recurrence	Follow-up	Progression	Follow-up	Completion of all treatment
E	Primary tumour	chemotherapy)					
<b>USSIT</b>	+/- lymph node(s) (n=842)		Metastatic tumour				
BLOOD	GL DNA cfDNA CTCs Immunology	cfDNA (At regular time intervals)	cfDNA CTCs Immunology	cfDNA CTCs (During treatment)	CTCs cfDNA	cfDNA (During treatment)	cfDNA CTCs

cfDNA, circulating-free tumour DNA;

CTC, circulating tumour cell;

GL DNA, germ line DNA;

TRACERx, TRAckingnon-small cell lung Cancer Evolution through therapy (Rx)



### Genomic alterations and technologies for detection

#### Existing and Emerging Technologies for Tumor Genomic Profiling

Laura E. MacConaill



CGH, comparative genomic hybridization

ChIP-Seq, chromatin immunoprecipitation followed by massively parallel sequencing

FISH, fluorescent in situ hybridization

IHC, immunohistochemistry

PCR, polymerase chain reaction

RNA-Seq, RNA sequencing, also known as transcriptome sequencing SNP, single nucleotide polymorphism

Targ-Seq, targeted sequencing

WES, whole-exome sequencing WGS, whole-genome sequencing

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#### REVIEW ARTICLE



### **Cost of genome sequencing**

#### Existing and Emerging Technologies for Tumor Genomic Profiling

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REVIEW ARTICLE



## **(W)** Aligning incentives to fulfil the promise of personalised medicine

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*Figure:* Value of health from hypothetical personalised and precision medicine prevention innovation at two levels of incidence reduction in six diseases in the USA (\$ billions)



#### **UCSF** Initiative



### **Cancer is a genetic disease**





#### The "omics" world





## Tumour microenvironment: Gut bacterial balance affects cancer treatment

#### The Intestinal Microbiota Modulates the Anticancer Immune Effects of Cyclophosphamide

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## Why should we need the gut microbiota to respond to cancer therapies?

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## Thank you for your attention

