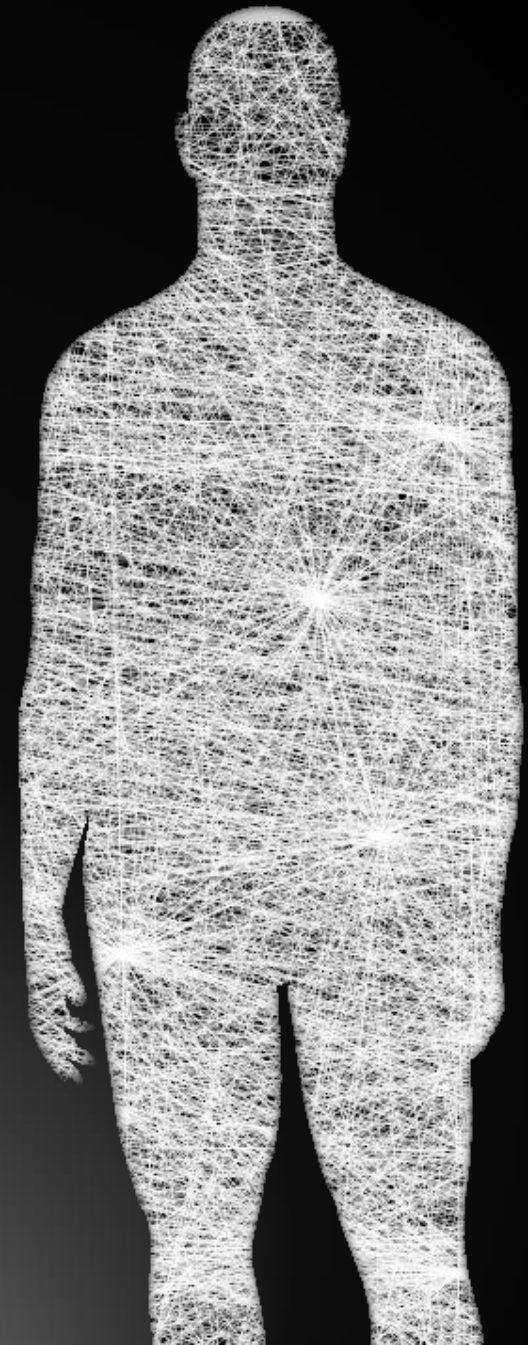


# Case Study: Next- Generation Sequencing Implementation for Precision Oncology Testing

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# Learning Objectives



- Describe the decision making process in deciding whether to implement next-generation sequencing in a clinical pathology lab setting
- Identify the variety of testing strategies and chemistries available
- Review example case studies where NGS is uniquely suited to provide novel clinical insights

# Background about our lab

- Serves a community hospital system (now 50+ hospitals)
- Also serving a cancer research institute (Earle A Chiles Research Institute)





# Background

**Our molecular genomics laboratory:**

- **Began NGS testing in 2015**
- **Housed within the larger clinical testing laboratory**
- **Affiliated with our Pathology Department**



# Lab services have evolved over time

RNA-seq

363-gene  
DNA/RNA solid  
tumor panel

Whole-genome  
sequencing

50-gene hybrid  
DNA and RNA  
solid tumor panel

Whole-exome  
sequencing

Real-time PCR-  
based tests

Sanger-based  
tests

CITE-Seq

Single-cell RNA  
sequencing

TCR-Seq

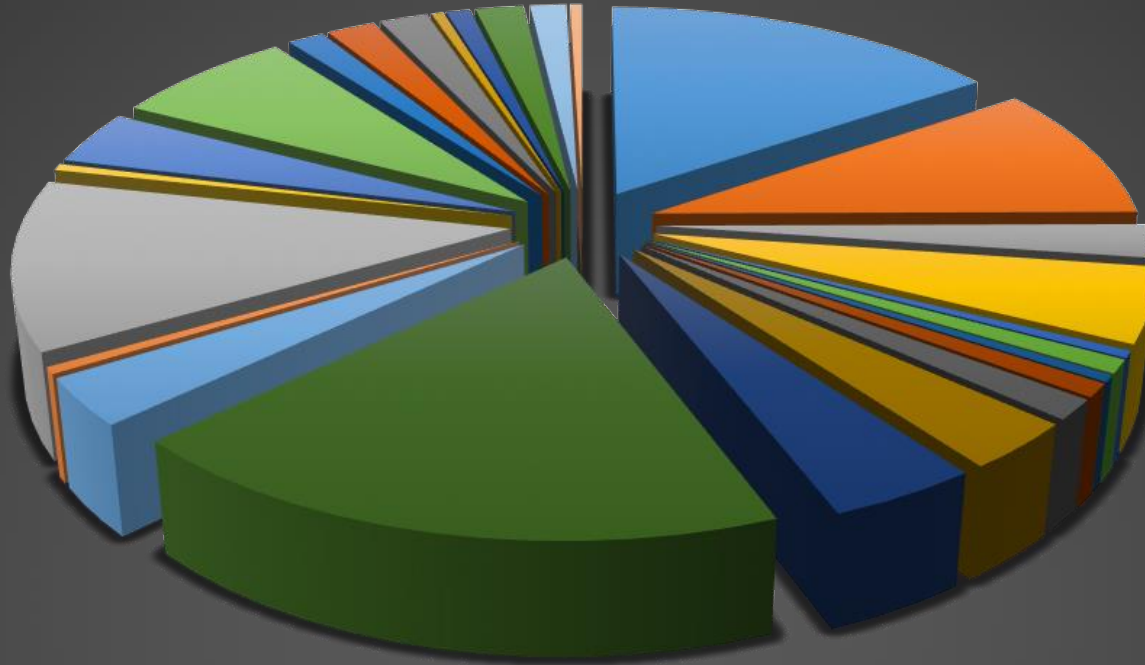
170-gene  
DNA/RNA panel

50-gene heme  
malignancy panel

ATAC-Seq

microbiome

# Distribution of tumors tested: 363-gene panel



## **Breast carcinoma**

Cholangiocarcinoma  
Duodenal adenocarcinoma  
Ependymoma  
Gastric carcinoma  
Glioma  
Lung adenocarcinoma

## **Melanoma**

Ovarian serous carcinoma  
Prostate carcinoma  
Salivary gland carcinoma  
Thymoma  
Urothelial carcinoma

## **Cancer, other**

Colorectal carcinoma  
Endometrial carcinoma  
Esophageal carcinoma  
Glioblastoma  
**Head and neck squamous cell carcinoma (HNSCC)**  
Lung squamous cell carcinoma  
Meningioma

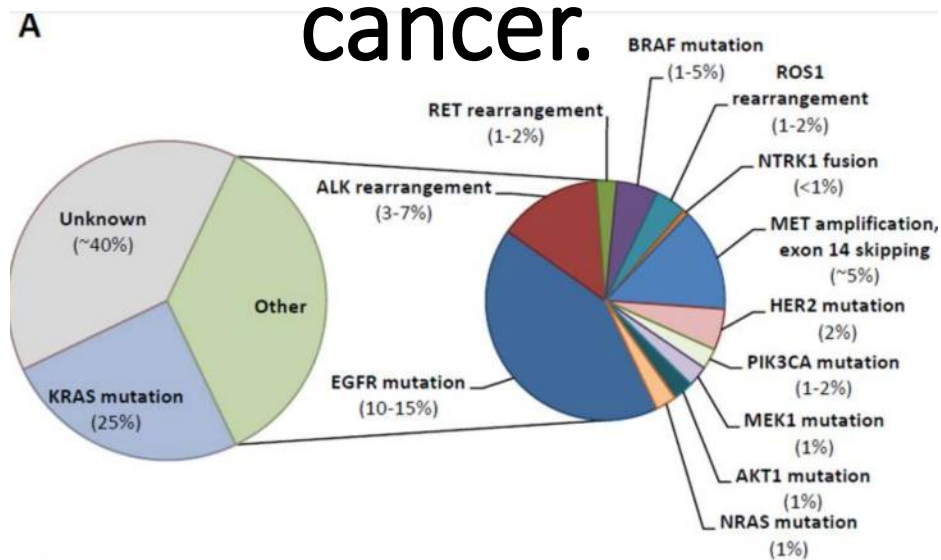
## **Pancreatic carcinoma**

Renal cell carcinoma  
Testicular cancer  
Thyroid carcinoma  
Uterine carcinoma

# Why NGS testing for somatic cancer?



# Top therapeutic mutation targets in lung cancer.



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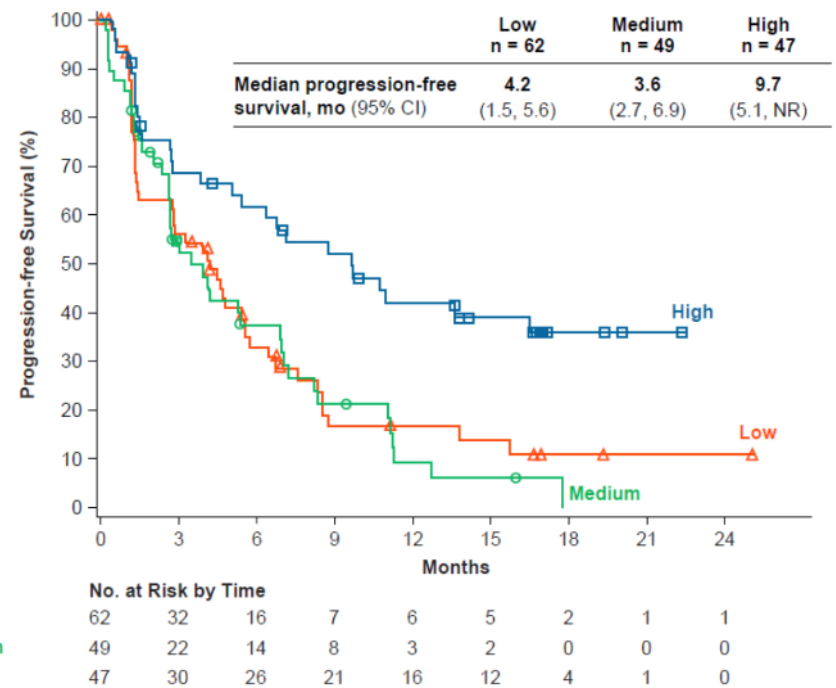
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Gefitinib*	Ceritinib*	Ceritinib	Cabozantinib
Afatinib*	Alectinib*	Lorlatinib	Vandetanib
Osimertinib*	Lorlatinib	Cabozantinib	Lenvatinib
Rociletinib	Brigatinib	Foretinib	Apatinib
EGF816	X-396	Entrectinib	Ponatinib
ASP8273	Entrectinib	DS-6051b	Sunitinib
HM61713			Dovitinib
MET	TRK1	HER2	BRAF/MEK
Crizotinib	Entrectinib	Afatinib	Vemurafenib
Tivantinib	LOXO-101	Dacomitinib	Dabrafenib
Cabozantinib	DS-6051b	Neratinib	Trametinib
Foretinib		Lapatinib	Selumetinib
Volitinib		Pyrotinib	



# The growing field of immuno-oncology is intrinsically linked to genomics

- The success of Tumor Mutational Burden (TMB; # of mutations per megabase) as a biomarker for I-O therapy.
- These successes have also required an expansion in the percent of the genome we test.

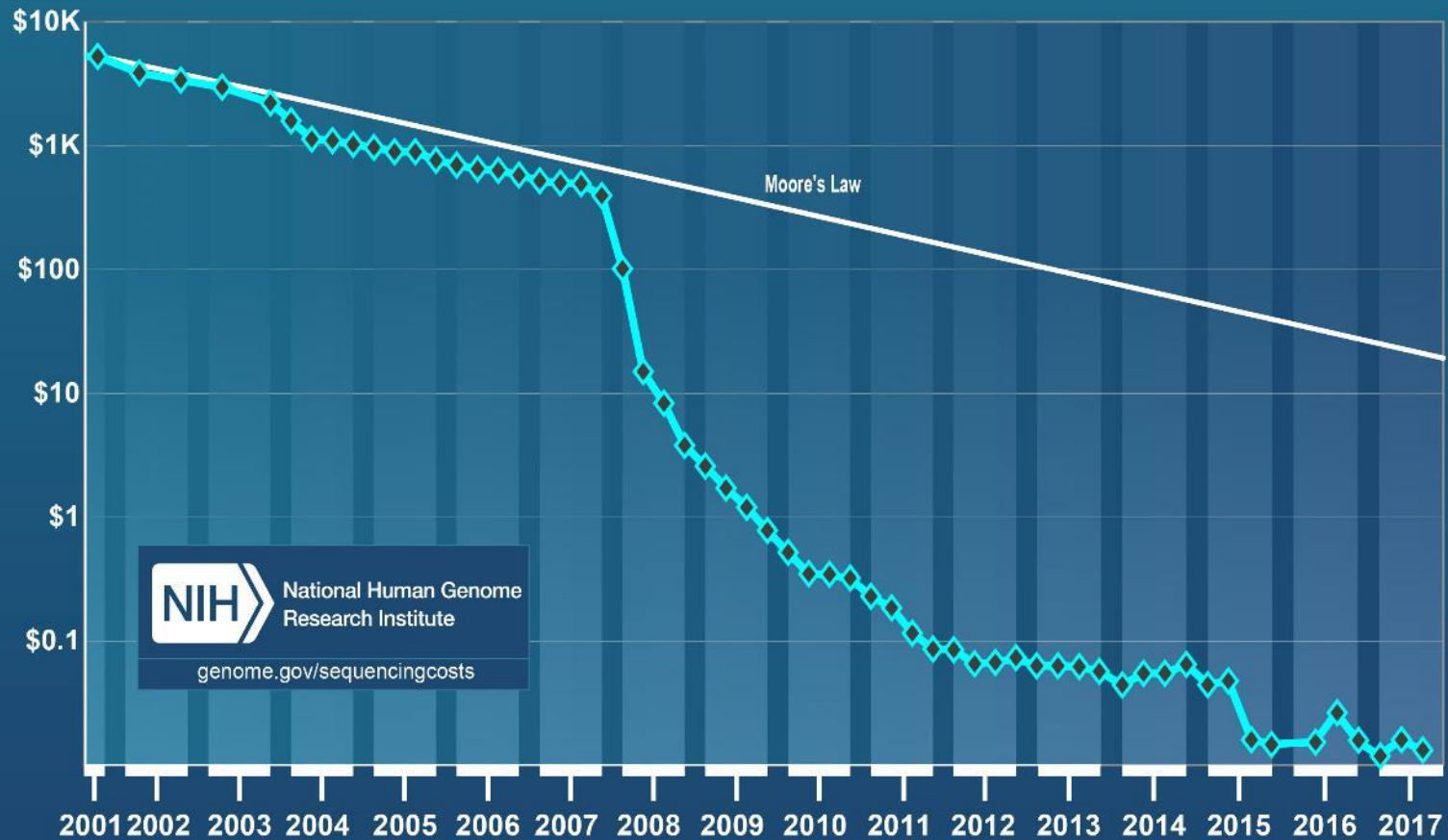
## Response to anti-PD1 in Lung Cancer for TMB High, Medium and Low cases



Carbone *et al* NEJM 2017

# The good news: sequencing has never been more affordable

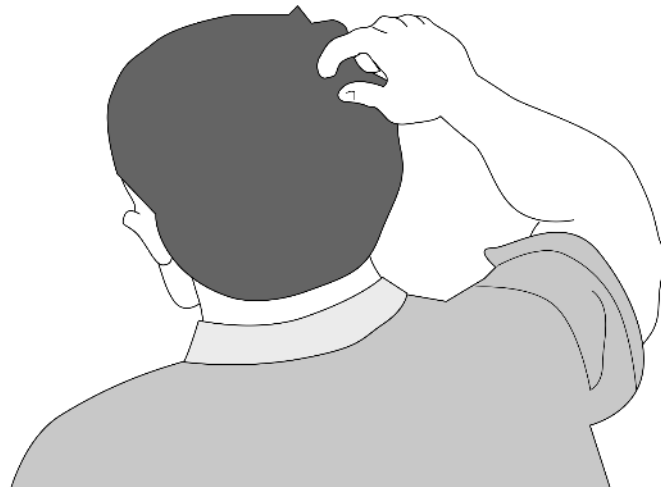
## Cost per Raw Megabase of DNA Sequence



# Why bring NGS in-house versus external testing providers

- Complete flexibility over the content (gene list, chemistry, methodology, reporting).
- Access to complete datasets for research and reanalysis (fastqs, bams etc.).
- NGS is an integral part of research biomedicine.

# Which sequencing platform should I choose?



# Considerations when choosing NGS platform(s)

1. What is your expected patient test volume?
2. Percentage of the genome that your test(s) will interrogate (e.g. number of Mb per sample)?
3. How fast can you deliver results?

Solid answers to these questions can help to narrow down the platform of choice.



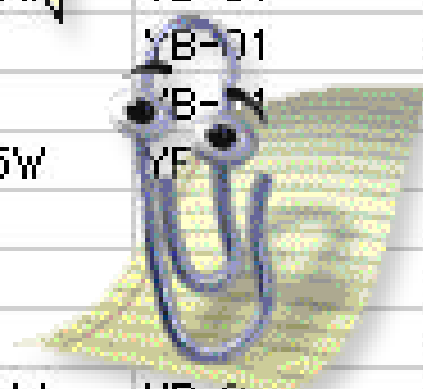
# Ok, you've generated data. So now what?

## Bioinformatics!

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YBR			
YBR			
YBR			
YBR094W	YBR094W	YB-01	l
YBR091C	MRS5	YB-01	l
YBR078W	ECM33	YB-N	h
YBR075W	YBR075W	YB	h
YBR072W	HSP26		h
YBR069C	VAP1		h
YBR054W	YR02		d
YBR051W	YBR051W	YB-01	d
YBR048W	RPS11B	YB-01	d

It looks like you're trying to do bioinformatics in Excel.

 Download R



# Lots of options here as well

- End-to-end vendor pipelines
- Build your own pipelines
- Local storage and compute vs cloud

# The final piece: Interpretation and Reporting



## PATIENT INFORMATION

**Patient Name:** Example Patient Two  
**Date of Birth:** 01/01/1901  
**Gender:** M  
**MRN:** 200000000  
**Referring Physician:** Dr. Prov Portland

**Referring Pathologist:** Dr. Prov Portland  
**Accession Number:** 17-000-00000  
**Specimen Type:** FFPE  
**Tissue Type:** Omentum  
**Surgical Path. Case Number:** PS-17-000000, A1

**Indication:** Melanoma metastatic  
**Date Collected:** 01/01/2018  
**Date Ordered:** 01/01/2018

## TRISEQ CLINICAL SEQUENCING PANEL - FINAL REPORT

### Report Summary



1 Genomic Findings



4 FDA approved in patient's tumor type

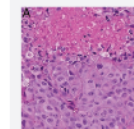


0 FDA approved in other tumor types



5 Clinical Trials

### Tissue Pathology



### REPORT DETAILS

Genomic Variant	Interpretation Summary	FDA Approved therapies in patients tumor type	FDA Approved therapies in other tumor types	Clinical Trials
<b>BRAF</b> c.1799T>A: p.V600E	<b>BRAF-V600E is an activating mutation.</b> BRAF encodes the signaling protein Braf, which is downstream of Ras and activates the MAPK pathway (21447722). Activating mutations in BRAF may predict sensitivity to Raf or MEK inhibitors, some of which have been FDA-approved for certain indications (16273091, 20818844, 22723336, 23020132, 22735384, 23435872, 22663011, 27283860).	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>YES</b> See clinical trials sections
		Vemurafenib, Trametinib, Dabrafenib, Cobimetinib		

# Summary:

- It has never been easier to bring NGS testing on-line in your lab/institute.
- New targeted therapy and immunoncology developments will further increase the value of these results for oncology patients.

# **Case study: A prototypical NGS application**



## **Case study - 50 y.o. female**

- Presented to clinic with a range of symptoms
  - Facial numbness
  - Partial hearing loss
  - Persistent cough
- Brain MRI, chest CT were performed
- **Diagnosis of primary lung cancer with brain metastasis**
- Median survival for this diagnosis historically has been **5-6 months** (Ali *et al.* Curr. Oncol. 2013).

## **Case study (continued):**

- Lung biopsy was performed.
- Tissue preserved in formalin, embedded in paraffin wax (FFPE).
- Sections cut and affixed to microscope slides for review by pathologist.
- Genomic sequencing was ordered.
- DNA and RNA were extracted from tissue sample and sequenced.

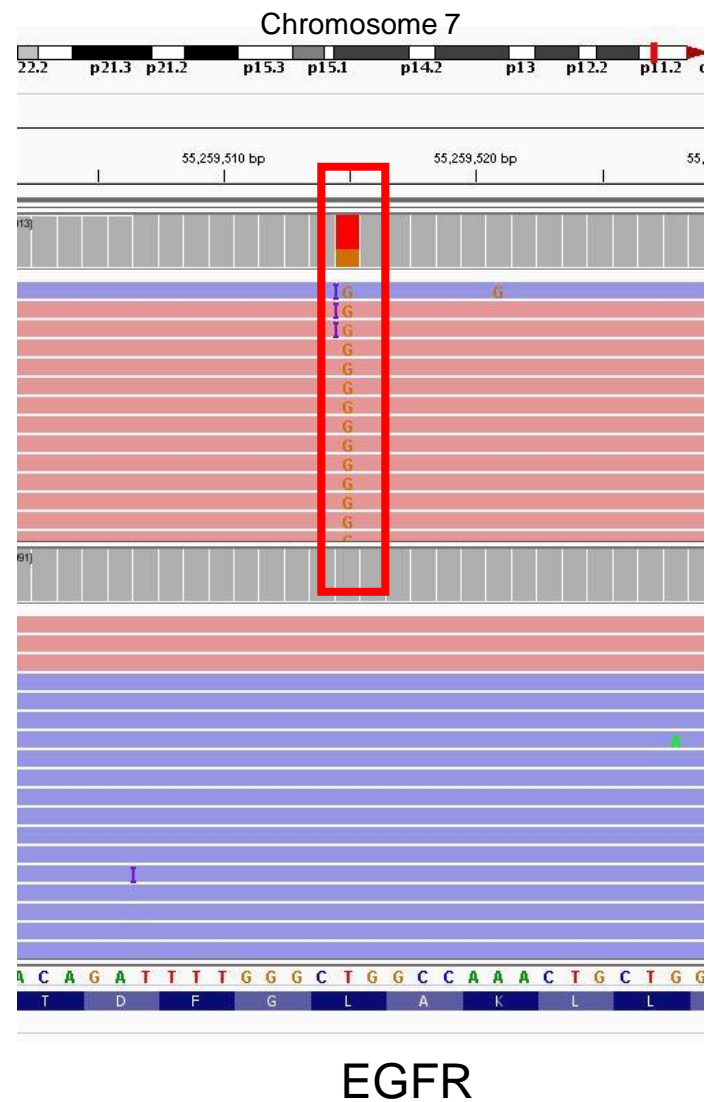
## Case study (continued):

Sequencing result:

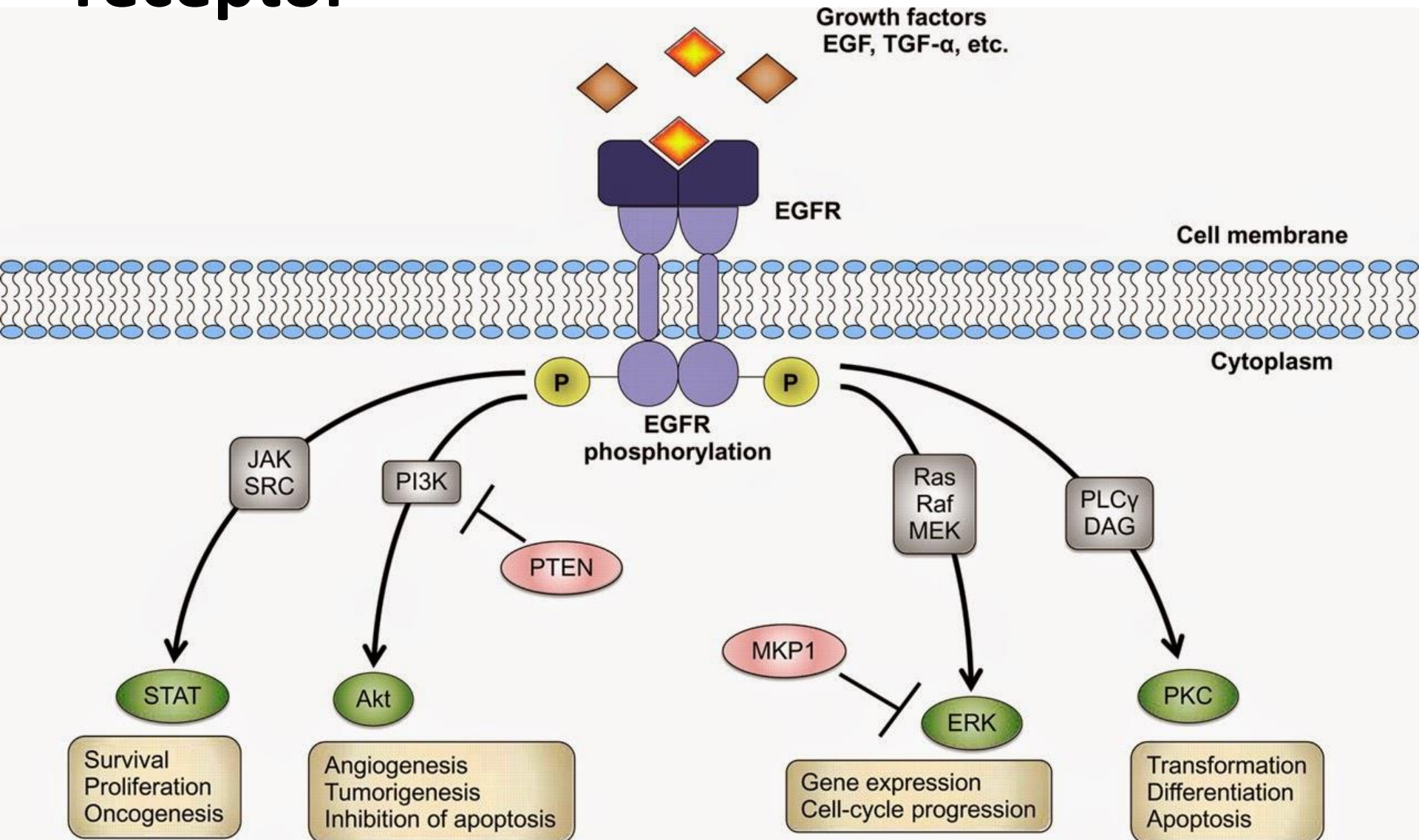
- *EGFR* c.2573T>G: p.L858R

TUMOR  
SAMPLE

NEGATIVE  
CONTROL

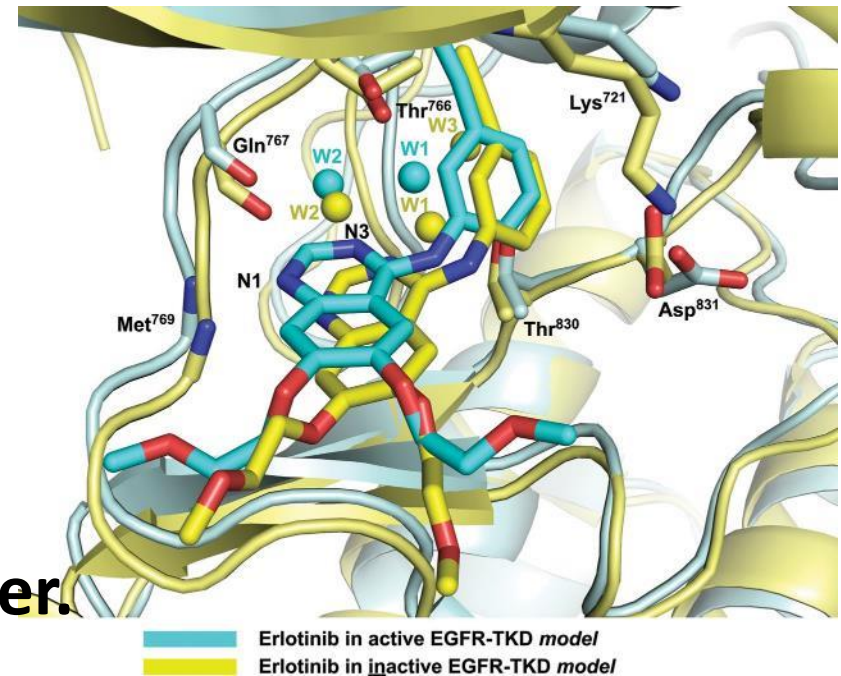


# EGFR – epidermal growth factor receptor



## Case study (continued):

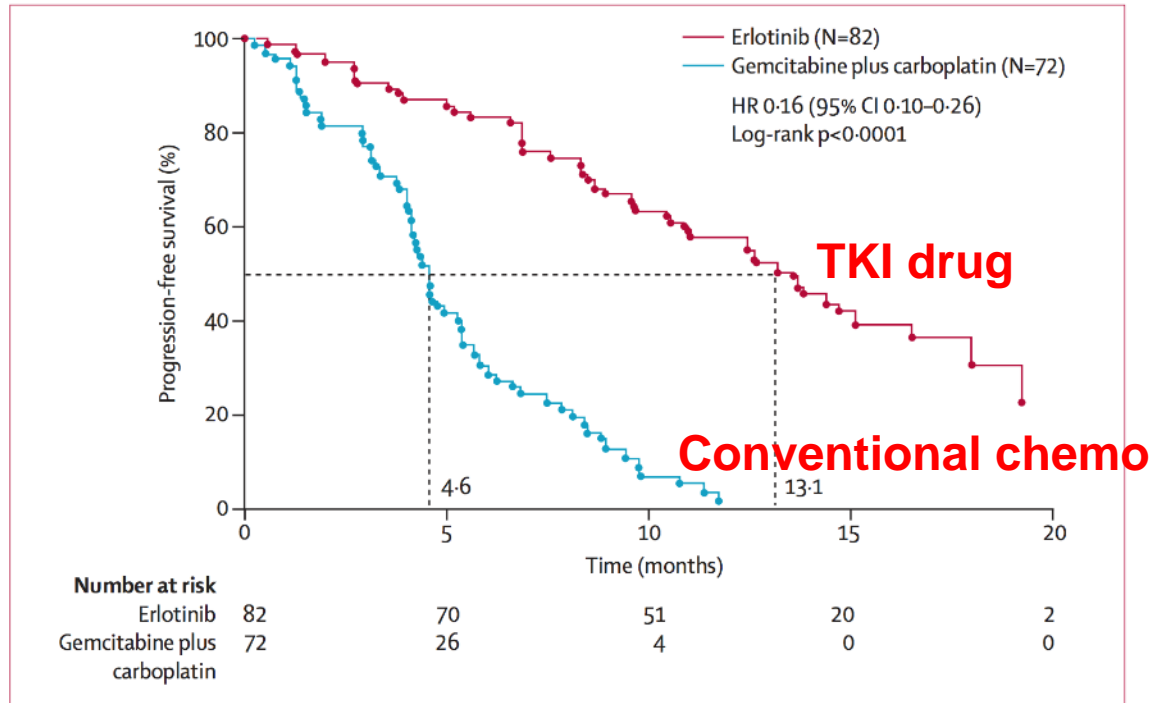
- Patient was put on a therapy targeting EGFR L858R.
- Erlotinib is a tyrosine kinase inhibitor (TKI).
- Tumors exhibited rapid reduction in size.
- **Patient still alive ~2 years later.**



Park *et al.* Biochem. Journal 2012



## Survival in patients with EGFR-activating mutations (Phase III Data)



**Figure 2: Progression-free survival in both treatment groups**

PFS=progression-free survival. HR=hazard ratio.

## Back to our case study:

- At ~2 year mark, new scans revealed that patient tumors now progressing again.
- Sequencing of new biopsy sample reveals the presence of EGFR T790M mutation.
- T790M is a common acquired resistance mechanism for TKI therapies.
- What to do now? Immunotherapy?

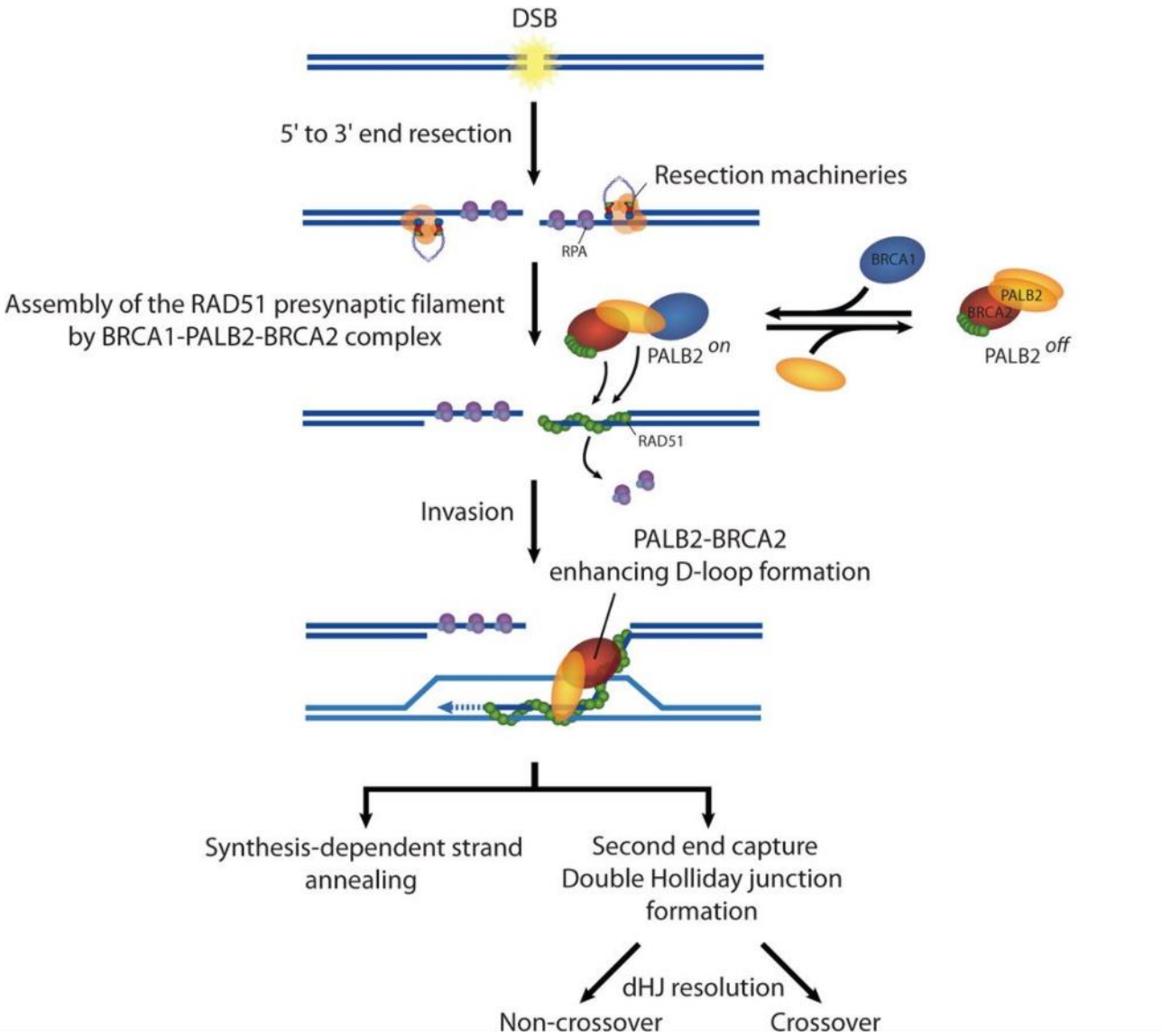
# **Case study: The atypical case**

## Case study 2 – 38 y.o. female

- Stage IIIA triple negative metastatic breast cancer.
- Due to family history and age of diagnosis, patient was referred to genetic counseling.
- Identification of **pathogenic germline PALB2 4-bp frameshift deletion**.
- Carboplatin added to treatment plan; tumor exhibited resistance to carbo.
- Tumor and germline whole exome sequencing performed.

# PALB2 forms complex with BRCA1/2 in DNA repair.

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# Identification of novel 5' 8-bp deletion in tumor only.

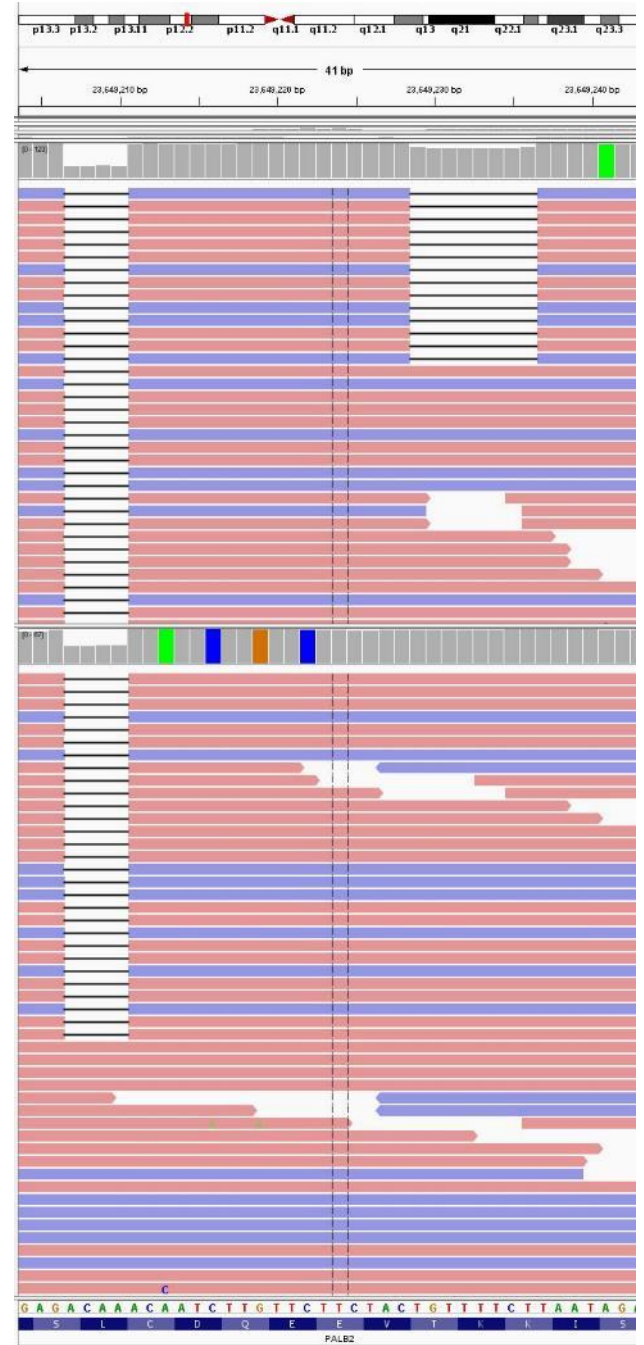
- Deletion restores *PALB2* Tumor reading frame in the tumor.

Formal HGVS indication:

*PALB2* c.172\_175delTTGT:p.Gln60fs

*PALB2* c.[146\_153del; c.172\_175del]:  
p.Lys49\_Cys57delinsSerArgArgThrArg

Germline



Restoring mutations have been identified as mechanism for resistance in other *BRCA* complex genes.

Priority Report

## Secondary *BRCA1* Mutations in *BRCA1*-Mutated Ovarian Carcinomas with Platinum Resistance

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nature

Vol 451|28 February 2008|doi:10.1038/nature06633

### Abstract

Although ovarian carcinomas with mutated *BRCA1* or *BRCA2* are sensitive to platinum compounds, such carcinomas eventually develop platinum resistance. Previously, we showed that acquired resistance to cisplatin in *BRCA2*-mutated tumors can be mediated by secondary intragenic mutations.

Cancer Res. 2008

LETTERS

## Secondary mutations as a mechanism of cisplatin resistance in *BRCA2*-mutated cancers

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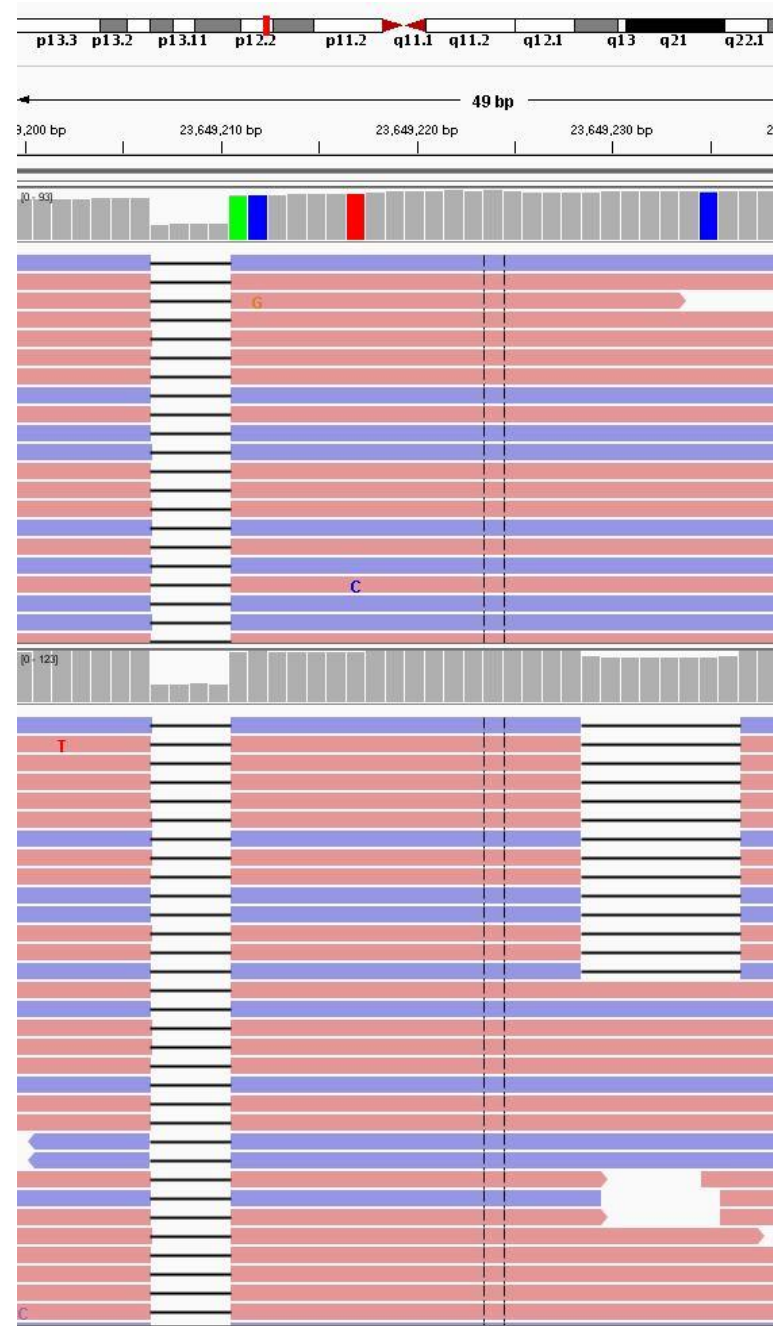
Nature 2008

The original pre-carbo core biopsy was obtained and exome sequencing was performed.

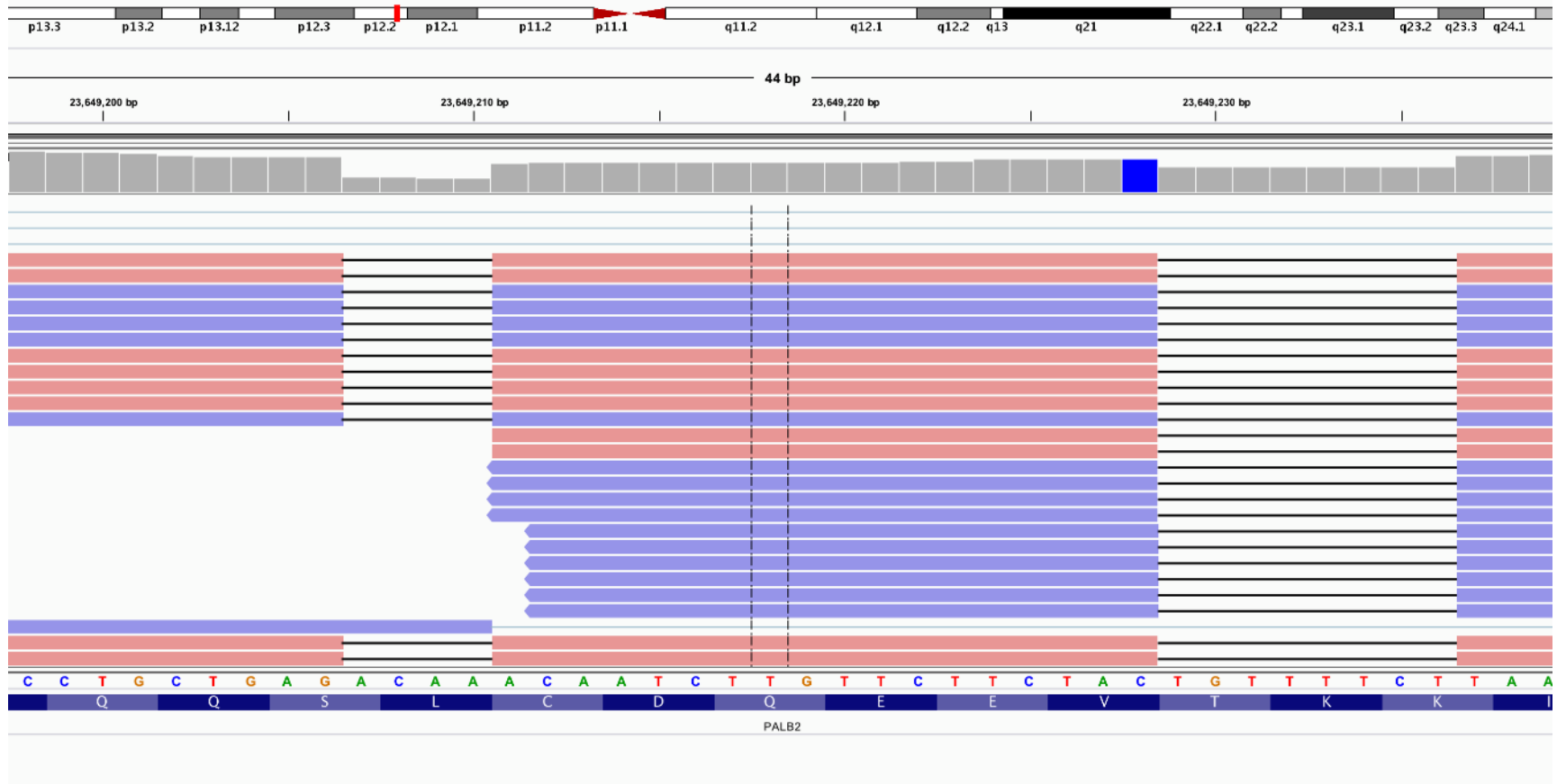
- Secondary *PALB2* reversion mutation is only detected in the post-carboplatin sample.
- *PALB2* frame restoration likely occurred as resistance mechanism to carbo.

Pre-carbo

Post-carbo



The frameshift and reversion are present in the RNA-seq data as well.



RNA-seq data also confirm LOH in original *PALB2* frameshift.

## Follow-up for *PALB2* restoration case:

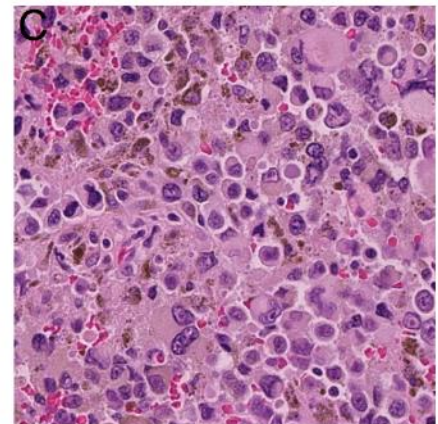
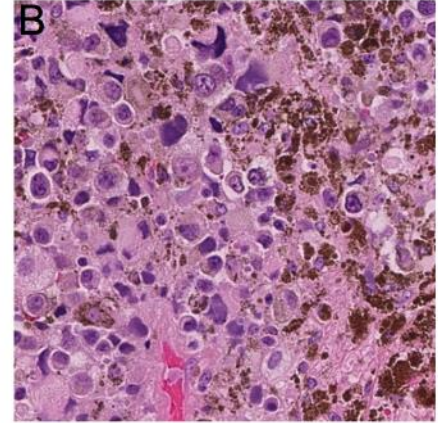
- Patient unlikely to benefit from PARP inhibitor therapy
- Patient considering immunotherapy trials

# **Case study: Immunotherapy considerations**



# Metastatic melanoma patient – 71 y.o. male

- Patient with history of metastatic melanoma (primary lesion not known).
- Prior lesions:
  - 15 years ago: right upper back lesion
  - 8 years ago: new back lesion distal site
  - Current lesion: adrenal resection



# Metastatic melanoma case - initial 50-gene targeted hotspot panel sequencing results

## RESULT SUMMARY

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### **Clinically Significant:**

**BRAF c.1798\_1799delinsAA: p.V600K**

**IDH1 c.394C>T: p.R132C**

**CTNNB1 c.53\_54del: p.R18fs**

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- BRAF inhibitor therapy an option
- Patient also considering immunotherapy trials
- Larger sequencing panel was utilized.

# Sequencing with 363-gene panel and whole exome

- 43 mutations found in the NGS panel, 8 of known clinical significance.
- **Tumor mutational burden analysis on exome is clear TMB-high (>30 mut/Mb).**

## RESULT SUMMARY

### Genomic Alterations Detected

#### Clinically Significant:

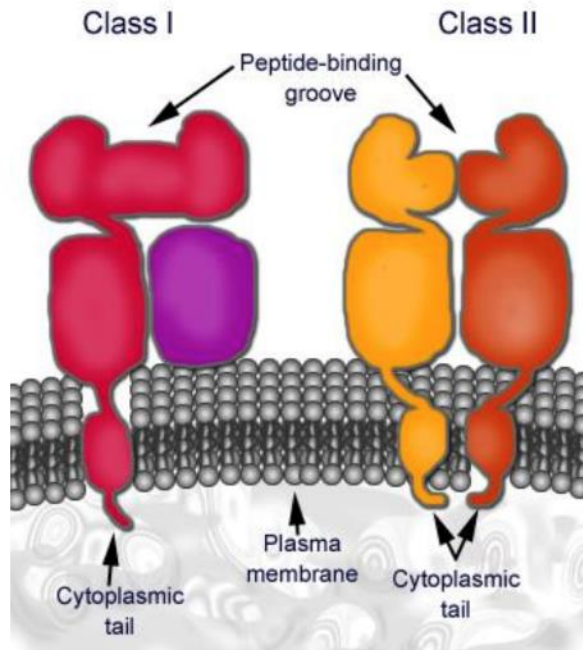
B2M c.275\_276delCC:p.Pro92fs, BCOR c.4038\_4039delAG:p.Glu1348fs, BRAF c.1798\_1799delGTinsAA:p.Val600Lys, DNMT3A c.2207G>A:p.Arg736His, IDH1 c.394C>T:p.Arg132Cys, KMT2B c.7852G>T:p.Glu2618\*, SDHA c.712\_713delTG:p.Cys238fs, TET2 c.C3820T:p.Gln1274\*

#### Unknown Clinical Significance:

ARID5B c.610G>A:p.Asp204Asn, BRCA1 c.2812C>T:p.Pro938Ser, CBLC c.484G>A:p.Glu162Lys, CCND1 c.505C>A:p.Pro169Thr, CTNNB1 c.53\_54delGA:p.Arg18fs, DPYD c.1730C>T:p.Ser577Phe, EPHA3 c.709G>A:p.Glu237Lys, EZH2 c.694C>T:p.Pro232Ser, FANCA c.44C>T:p.Pro15Leu, FLT1 c.1123C>T:p.Pro375Ser, GLI3 c.3113C>T:p.Ser1038Phe, IGF1R c.2006C>A:p.Pro669His, IRS2 c.2681C>T:p.Ser894Phe, KMT2A c.7851\_7852delCCinsTT:p.ProArg2617ProCys, KMT2B c.5201C>T:p.Ser1734Phe, KMT2B c.7819A>G:p.Ile2607Val, KMT2C c.9605T>G:p.Ile3202Ser, LRP1B c.9458C>T:p.Pro3153Leu, LRP1B c.7658G>A:p.Arg2553Gln, MAP3K9 c.677G>A:p.Gly226Glu, MSH6 c.1006A>G:p.Thr336Ala, MTOR c.3101\_3102delTA:p.Ile1034fs, NCOR1 c.775C>G:p.Pro259Ala, NCOR1 c.490C>T:p.Pro164Ser, NTRK2 c.1356T>A:p.Phe452Leu, NTRK3 c.2317C>T:p.Arg773Cys, PRSS1 c.740G>A:p.Ser247Asn, PTEN c.1069C>T:p.Pro357Ser, ROS1 c.3667G>A:p.Val1223Ile, SF3B1 c.1106C>T:p.Thr369Ile, SIN3A c.1048A>T:p.Thr350Ser, SMO c.74A>G:p.Asp25Gly, TAL1 c.991C>T:p.Arg331Trp, TRAF2 c.1497\_1498delAG:p.Gly500fs, TSC2 c.3476G>T:p.Arg1159Leu

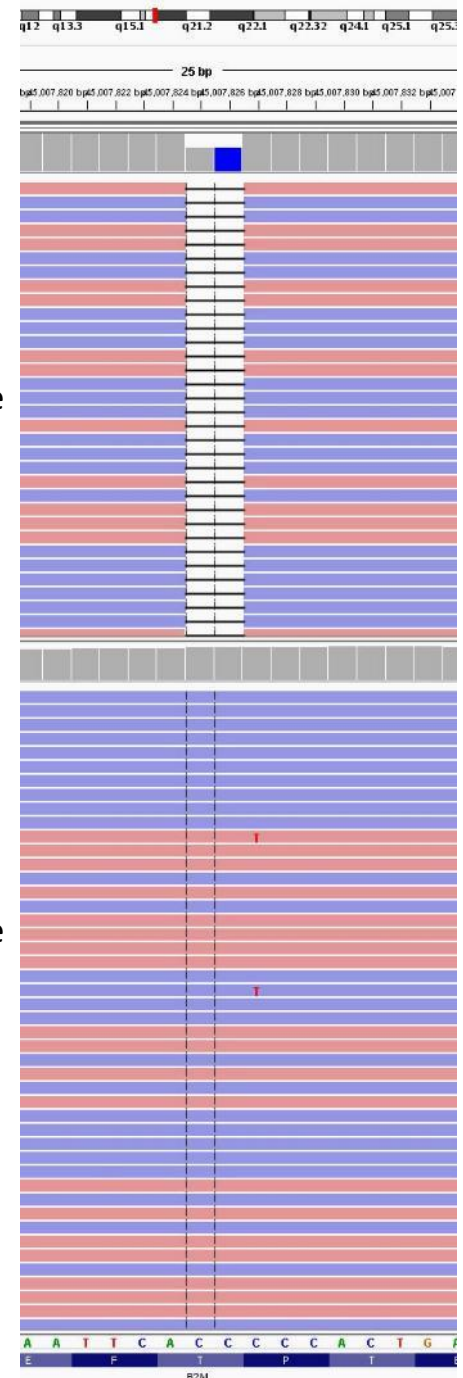
# Extensive sequencing panel revealed frameshift mutation in the *B2M* gene (Beta-2-Microglobulin)

- B2M a requirement for MHC class I antigen presentation

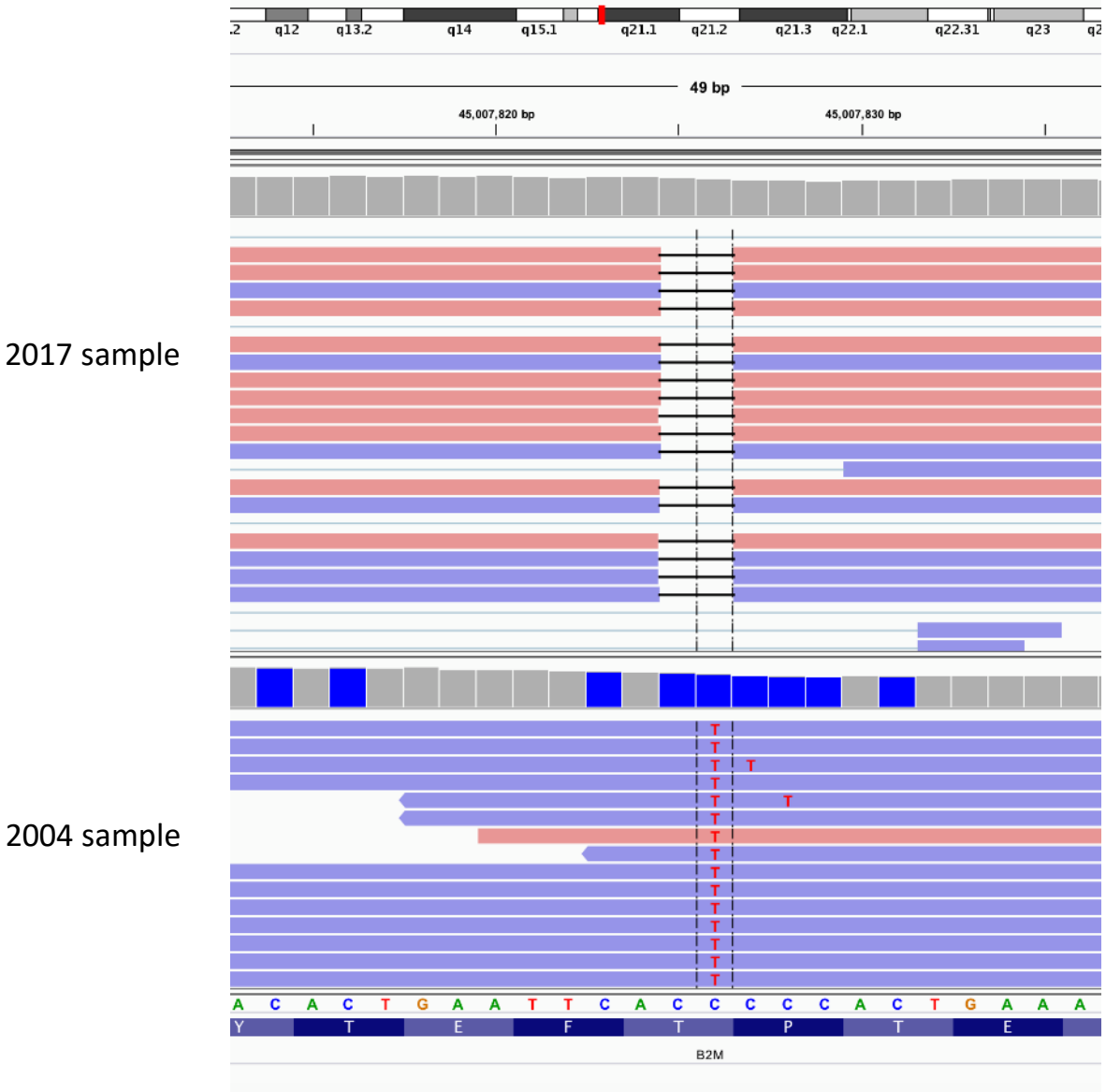


2017 sample

2004 sample



# B2M frameshift also detected in RNA



# Loss of B2M a recently discovered immunotherapy evasion mechanism in melanoma.

## Loss of Functional Beta<sub>2</sub>-Microglobulin in Metastatic Melanomas From Five Patients Receiving Immunotherapy

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# Patient unlikely to benefit from immunotherapy

# Summary:

- Extended sequencing panels can have a significant impact on treatment decisions
- Routine WES, WGS, RNA-seq likely not far off in clinical practice



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