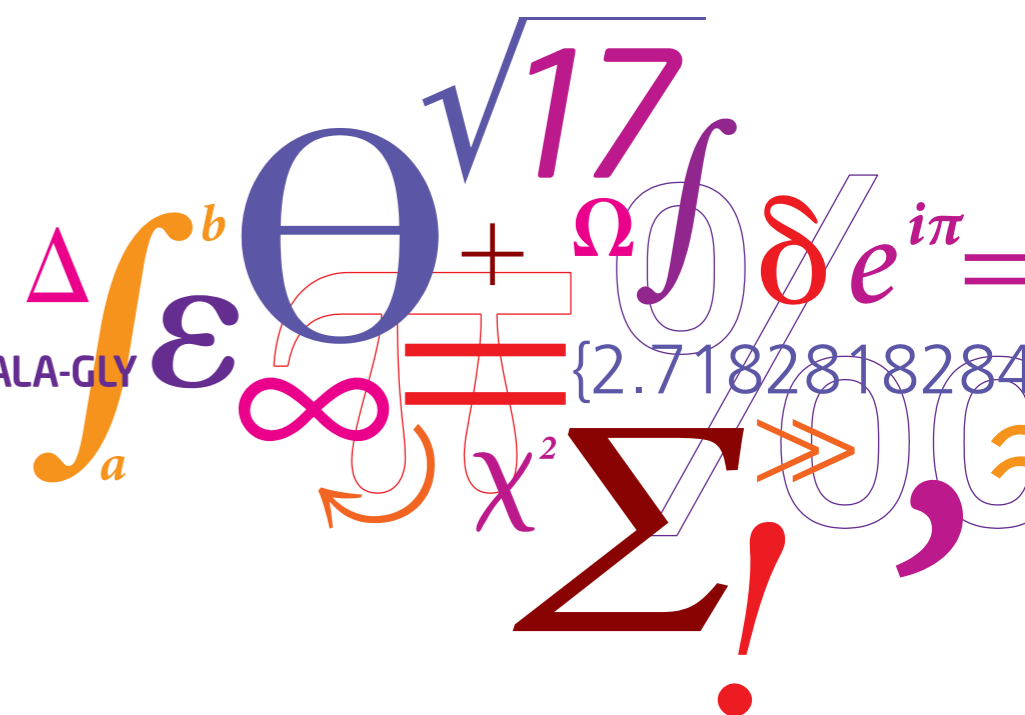


Understanding cancer genomics

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GCTGGT > GCUGGU > ALA-GLY
CGACCA <



What is cancer?

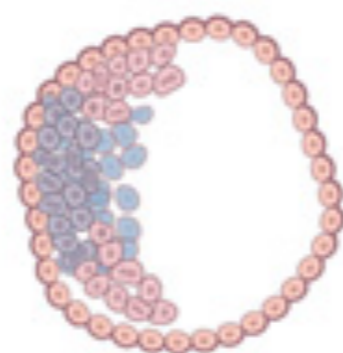
The disease caused by an uncontrolled division of *abnormal* cells in a part of the body



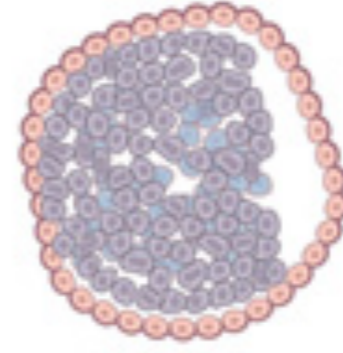
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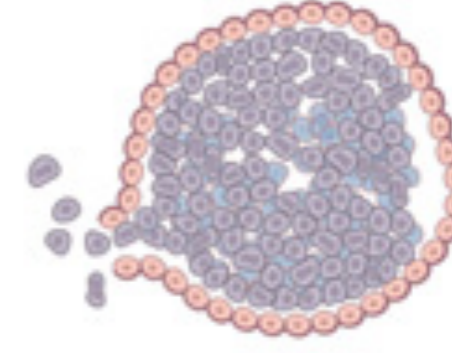
Hyperplasia



Atypical hyperplasia



Carcinoma in situ

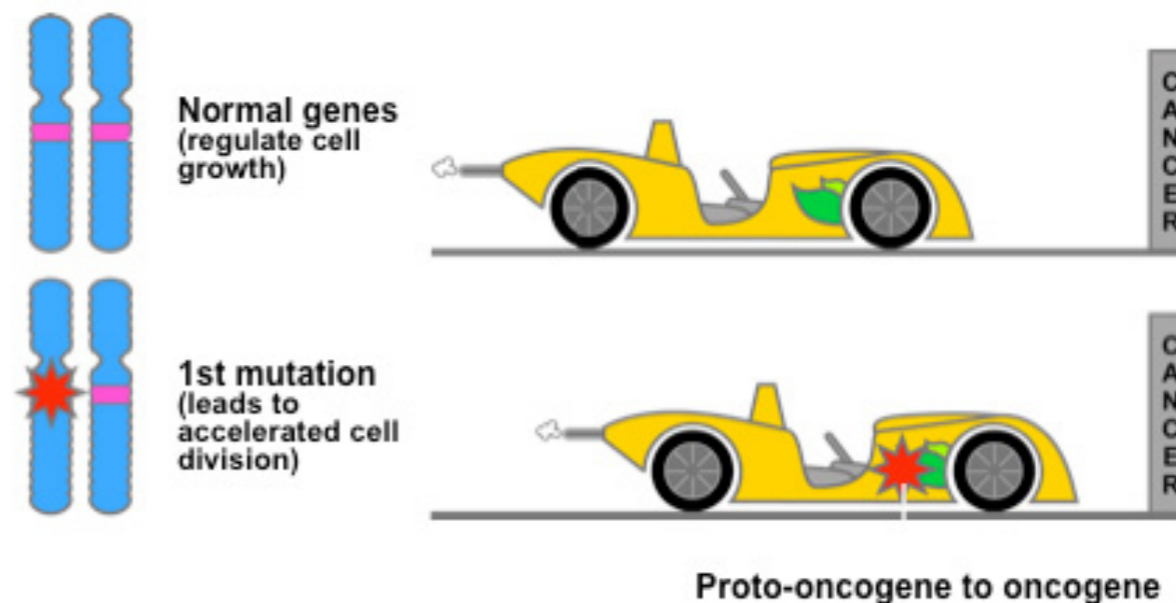


Microinvasive

Need for speed: Oncogenes vs Tumour suppressors

Oncogenes:

- Mutated proto-oncogenes
- Turn abnormal cell growth on
- 70 protooncogenes
- gain of function genes
- primarily somatic activated
- [throttle pedal in a car]



“Oncogenes are mutated genes whose PRESENCE can stimulate the development of cancer”

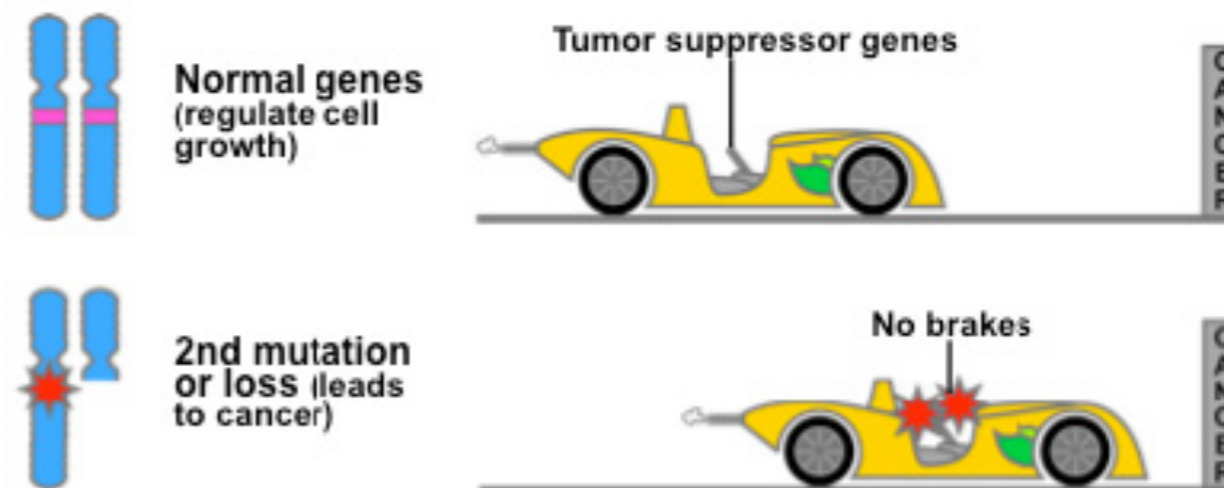
Examples: HER-2/neu, RAS, MYC, SRC, hTERT

RAS, MYC, SRC are protein kinases → Cell cycle regulation

Need for speed: Oncogenes vs Tumour suppressors

Tumour suppressor genes:

- Stop the cell cycle, G1 phase
- Slow the cell cycle before S phase
- Can induce apoptosis
- primarily somatic de-activated
- loss-of-function mutations
- [brake pedal in a car]

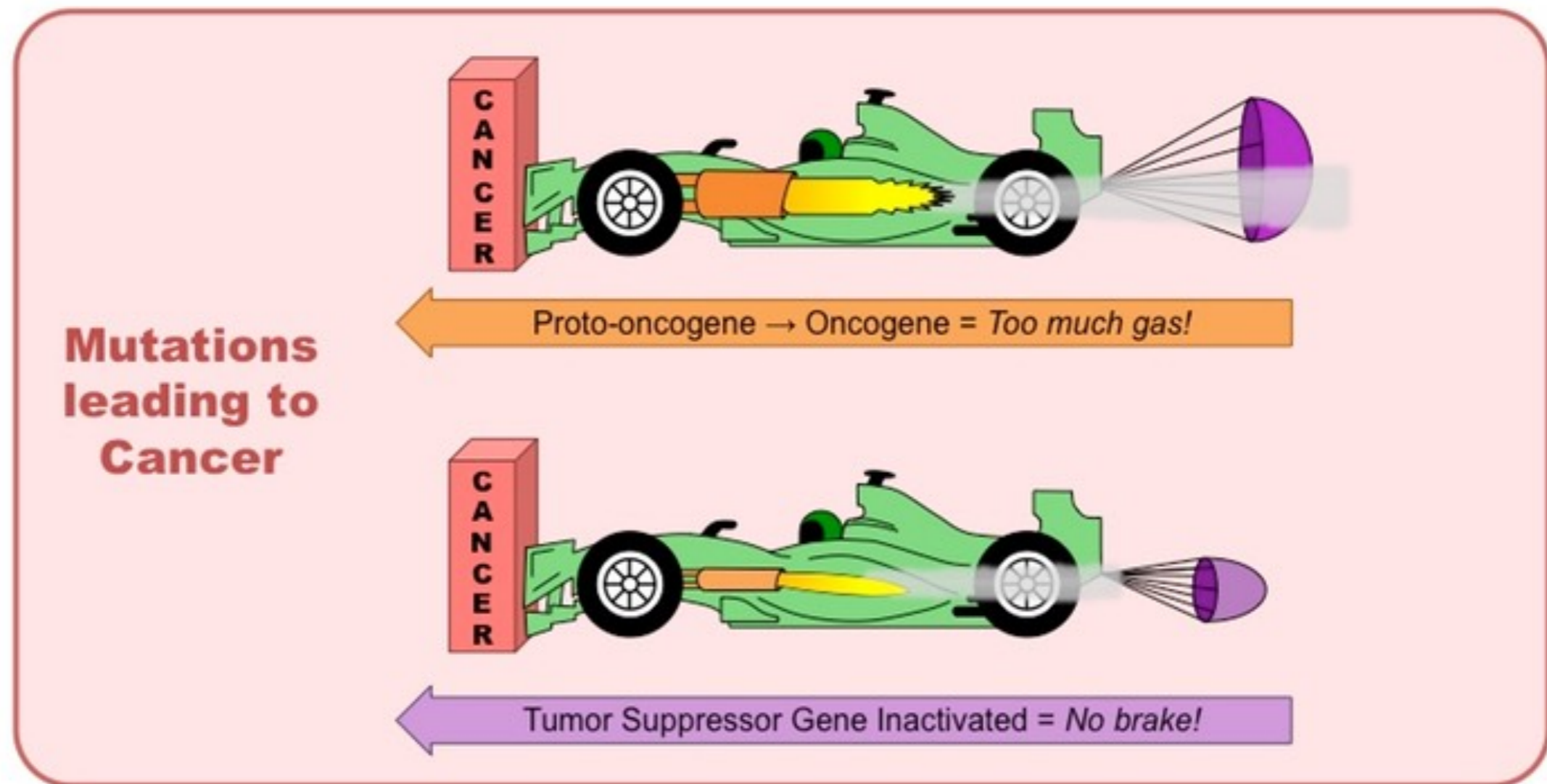
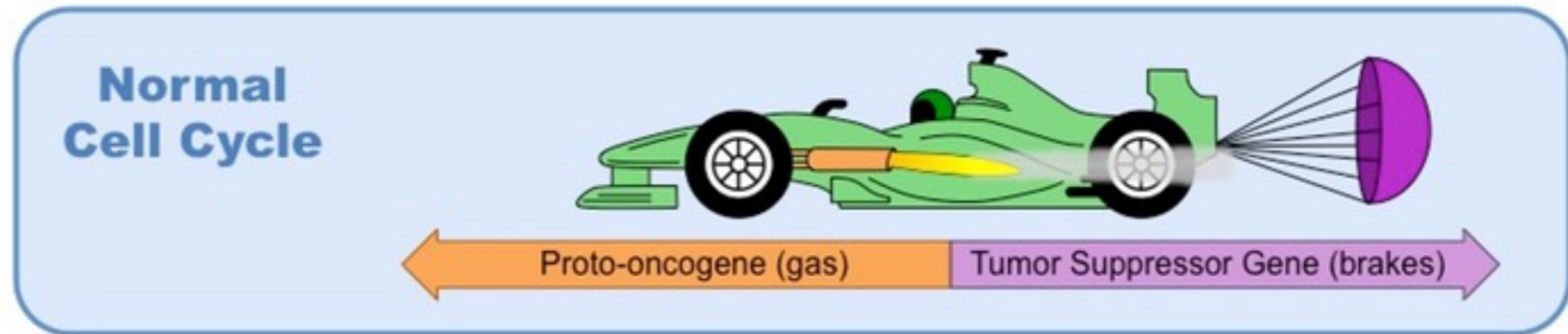


“Tumour suppressors are normal genes whose ABSENCE can stimulate the development of cancer”

Examples: p53, Rb, APC

Sometimes, a single functional copy (heterozygous) is enough to prevent cancer

Need for speed: Oncogenes vs Tumour suppressors



Need for speed: DNA repair genes

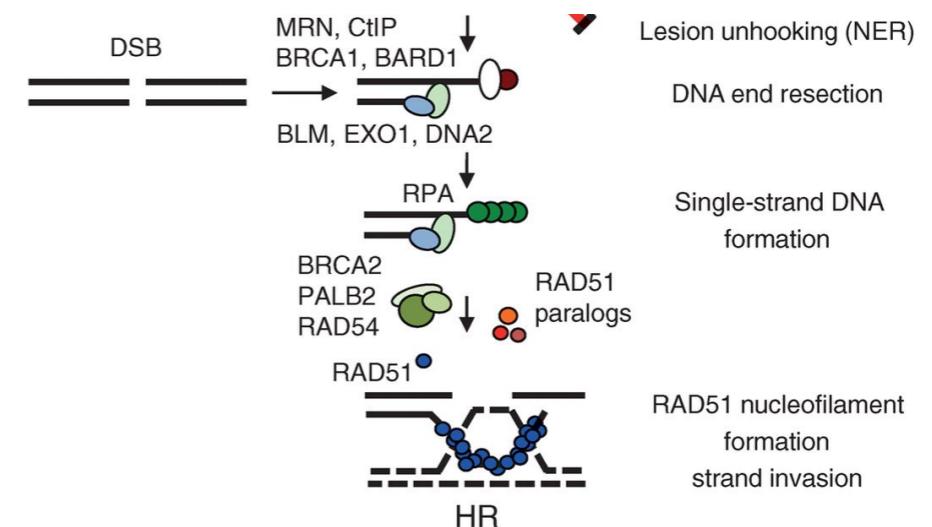
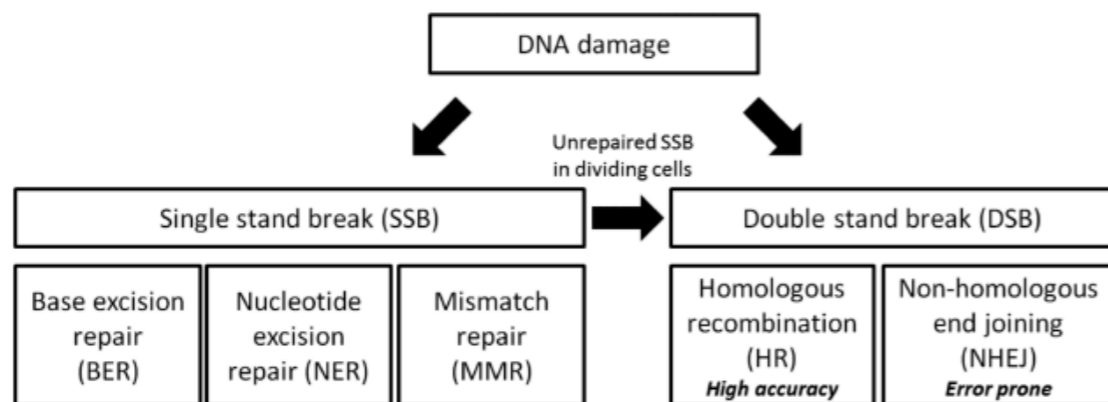
DNA damage repair genes

- Correct damage during DNA duplication
- Active in cell cycle, primarily G2
- After DNA replication, before Chr divides

- loss-of-function mutations → increased mutation burden

Examples: BRCA1 and BRCA2 in breast cancer

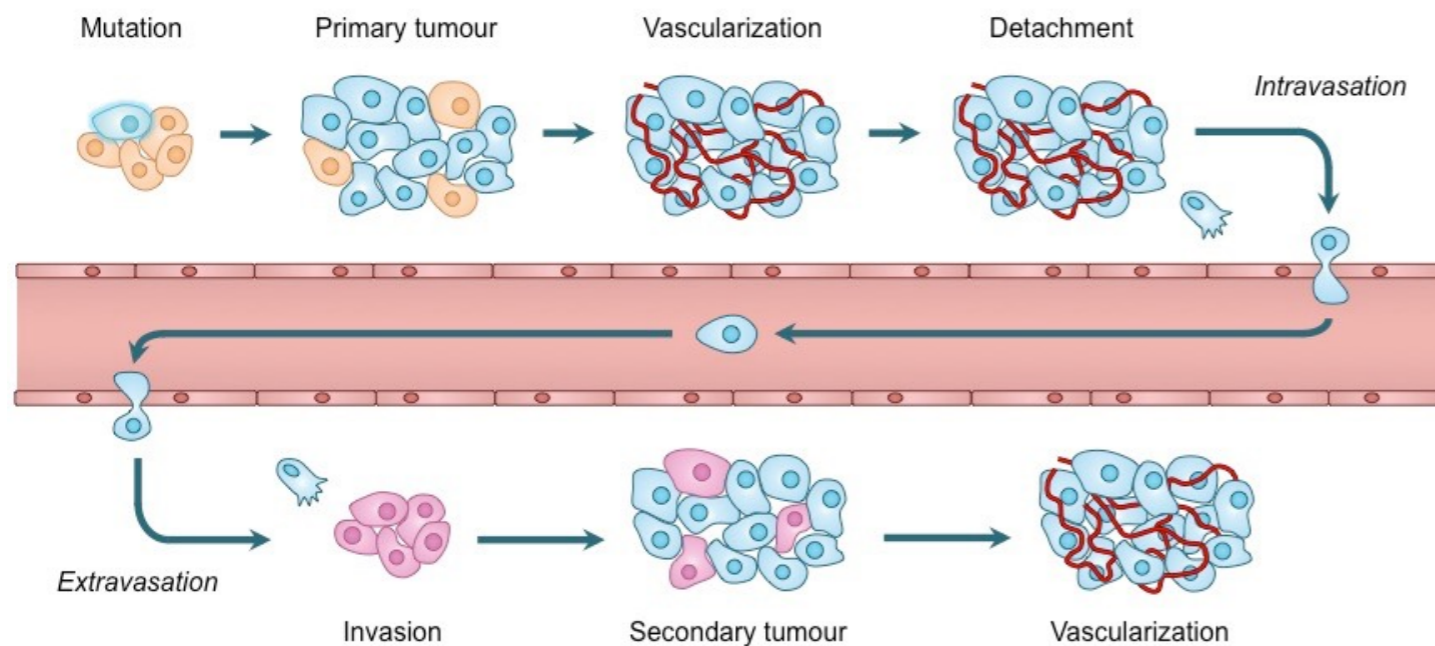
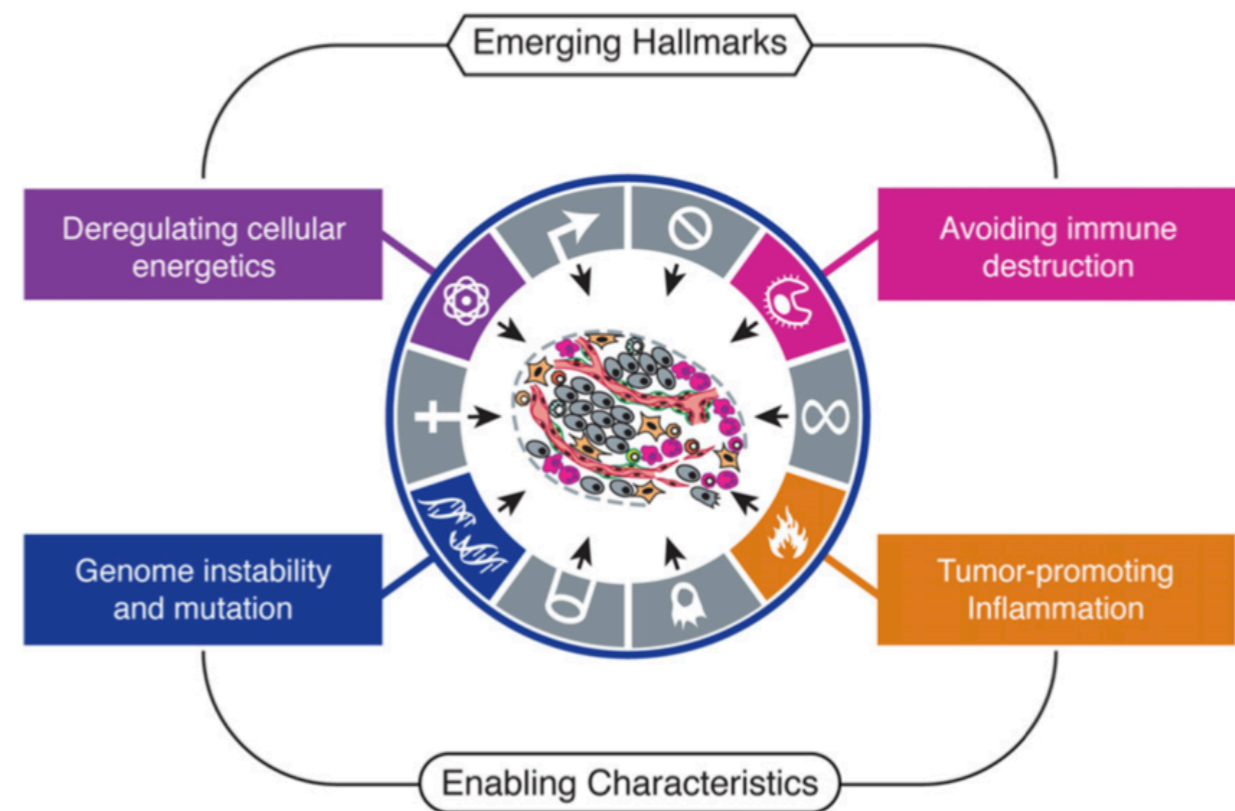
Also, mDDR in hereditary colon cancer



The hallmarks of cancer

Acquire functional capabilities

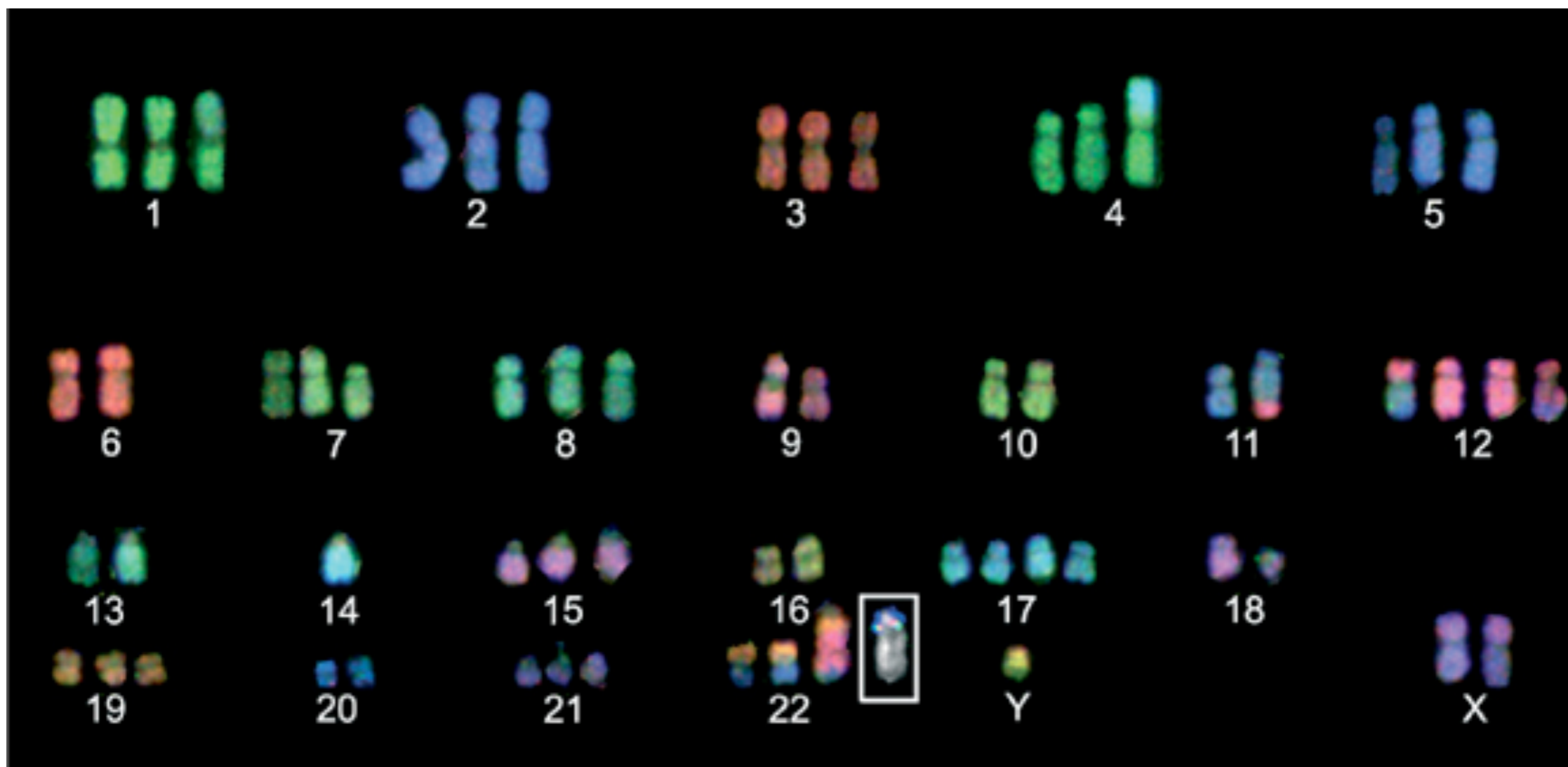
- Sustaining proliferative signaling
- Evading growth suppressors
- Resisting cell death
- Enabling replicative immortality
- Inducing angiogenesis
- Activating invasion and metastasis
- Emerging Hallmarks
- Enabling characteristics



*The hallmarks of cancer
Hanahan and Weinberg, Cell 2011*

What is cancer?

Cancer is a genetic disease: **chromosomal aberrations**



Spectral karyotyping

Chromosomal gain, loss
 Translocation, inversion
 Focal amplification

What is cancer?

Cancer is a genetic disease: **point mutations**

Substitution

Insertion

Deletion

KRAS-wt

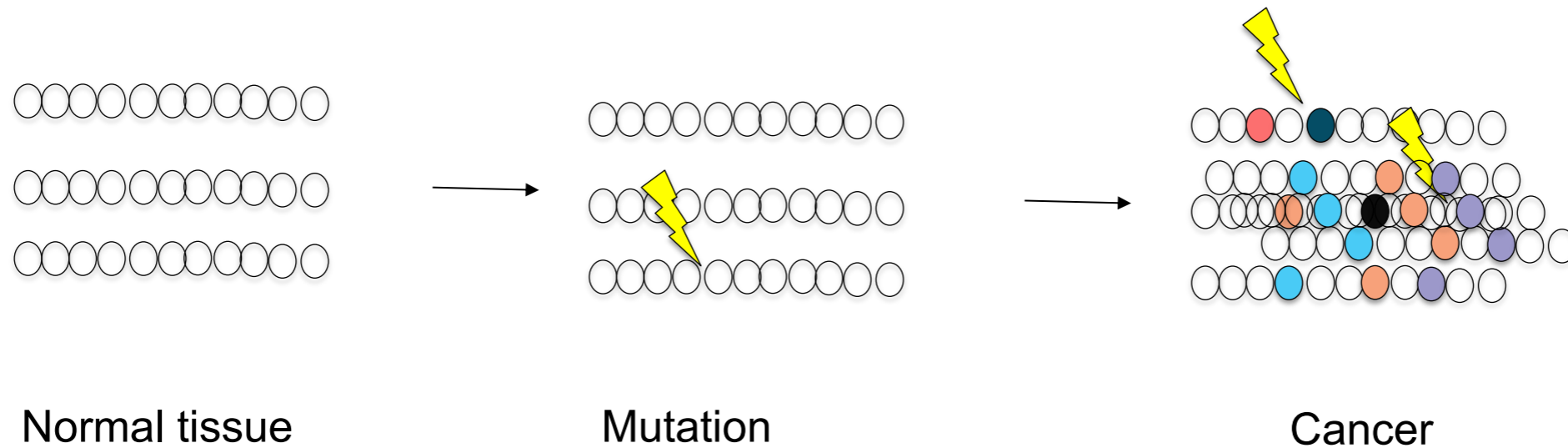
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KRAS-G12D

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- Frequent **driver mutation** for tumors of the lung, colon, etc.
- **Predicts lack of benefit** from EGFR inhibitors

The drivers and passengers

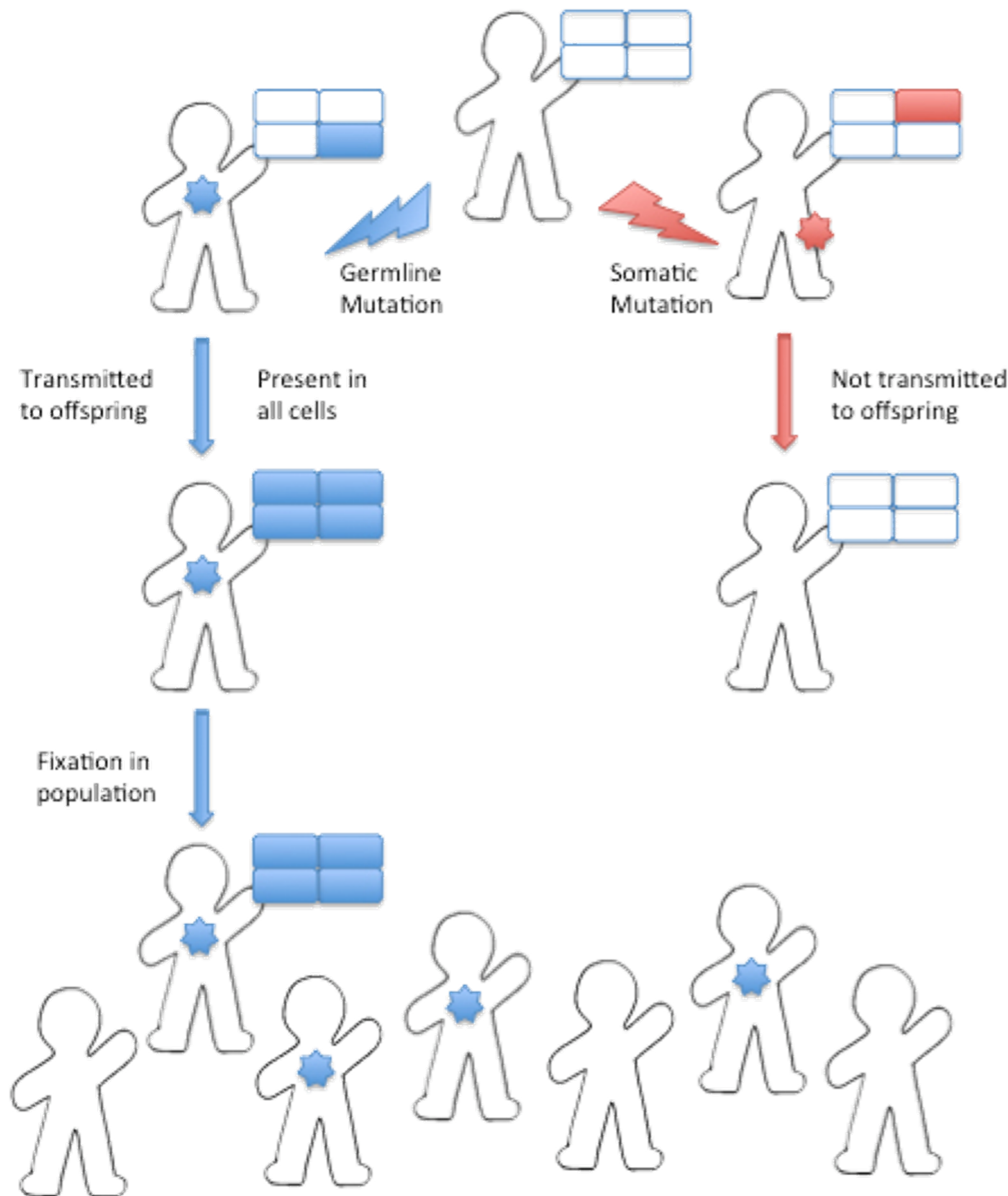


 Driver mutation
 Passenger mutations

Driver → Confers selective advantage
Disease associated, pathogenic
Passenger → Present in the clonal progenitor



Germline vs Somatic mutations



Germline Mutations
Present in **all** cells
Transmitted to offspring
Fixate in population (SNP)

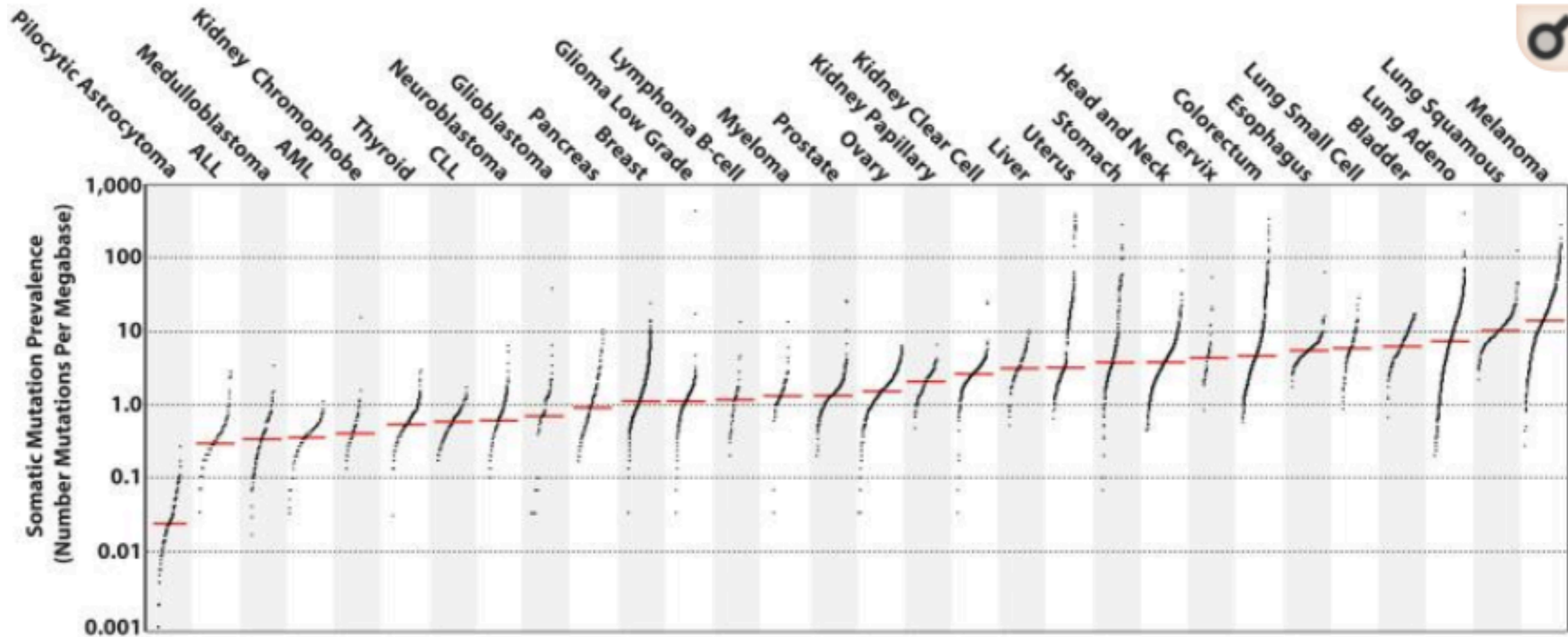
Somatic Mutations
-Present only in **some** cells
-**Not transmitted** to offspring
-Do **not fixate** in population

“Cancer is not a single disease, but rather 150+ different diseases.”



Prof. Dr. Mariano Barbacid, former director of the Spanish National Cancer Research Center and discoverer of the first oncogene, RAS.

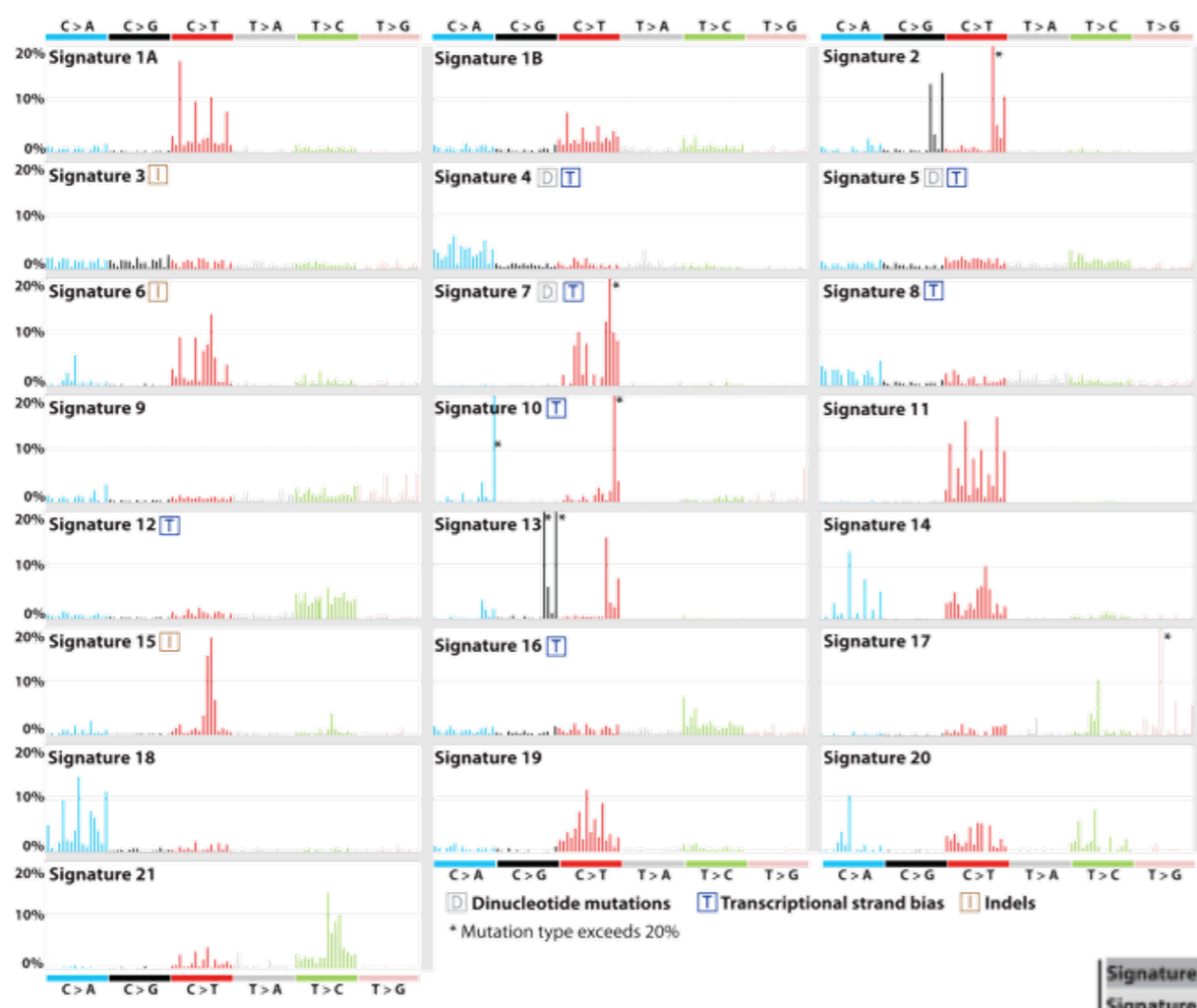
Number of somatic mutations in different cancer types



Signatures of mutational processes in human cancer

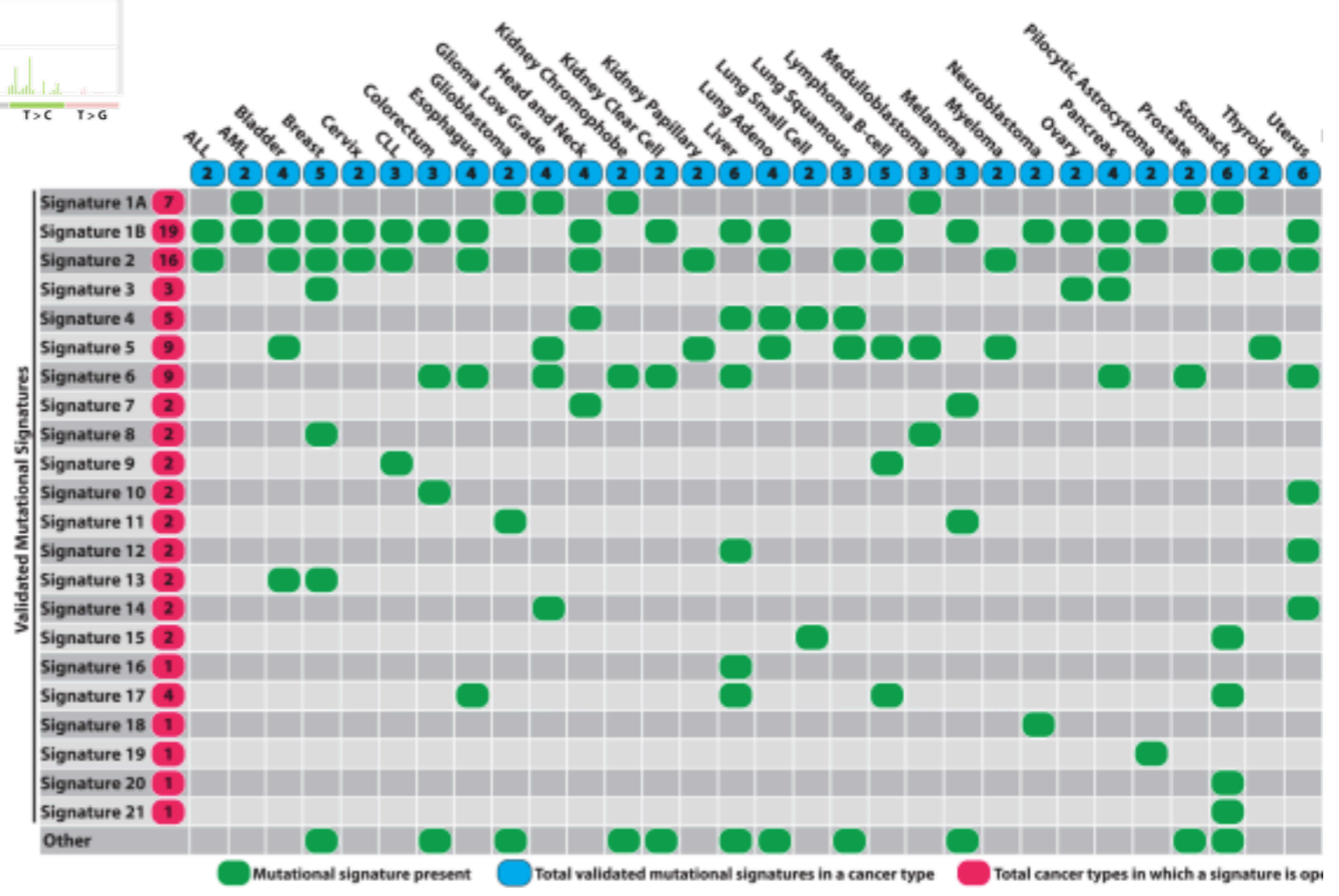
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Mutation signatures in different cancer types



E.g.: Signature 4

- Smoking induced mutations
- Lung cancers



Why study cancer genomes?

For the researcher:

- Identify recurrent mutations that represent druggable targets
- Identify specific mutations or patterns that predict benefit from specific drugs
- Study the evolutionary process -- mutation, selection

For the cancer patient:

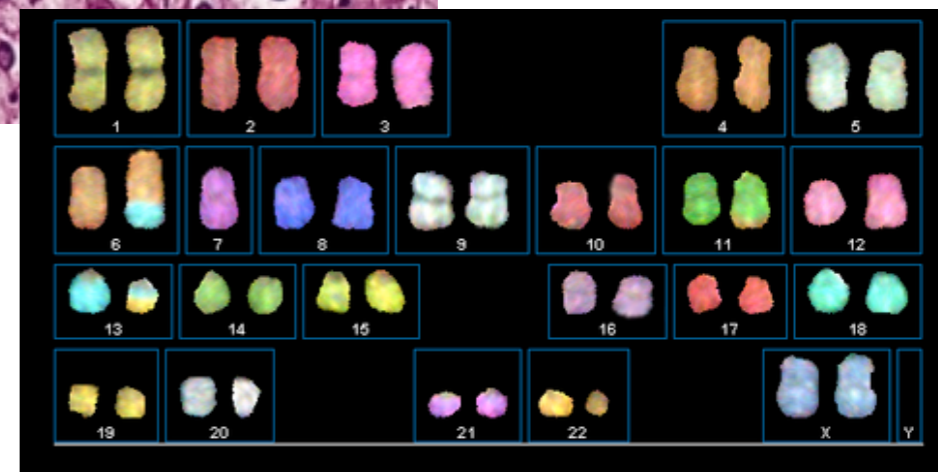
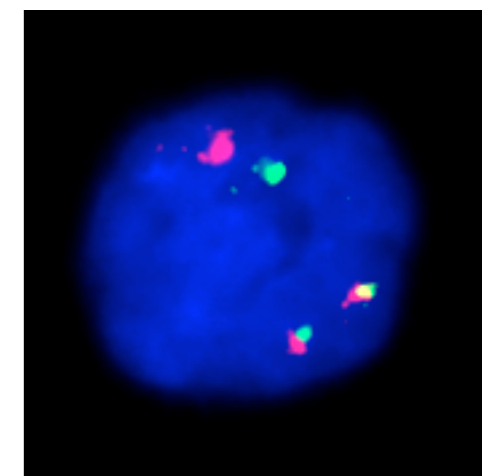
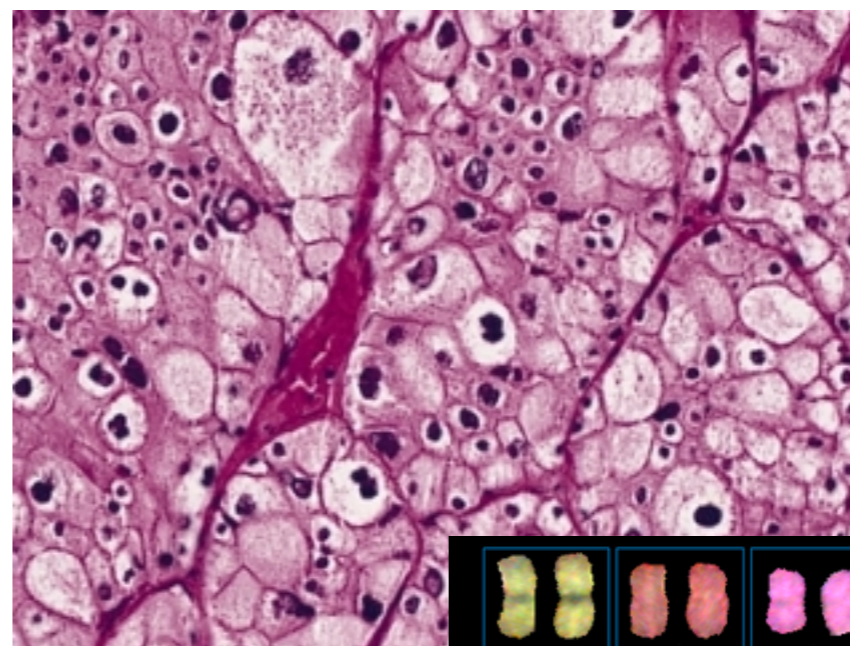
Identify “actionable” mutations - inform treatment decisions

Aid in diagnosis

Characterising a tumour specimen

Measured in individual cells:

- Cellular/tissue morphology
- Protein expression
- Gene copy number (FISH)
- Karyotype



Measured in bulk tissue (usually):

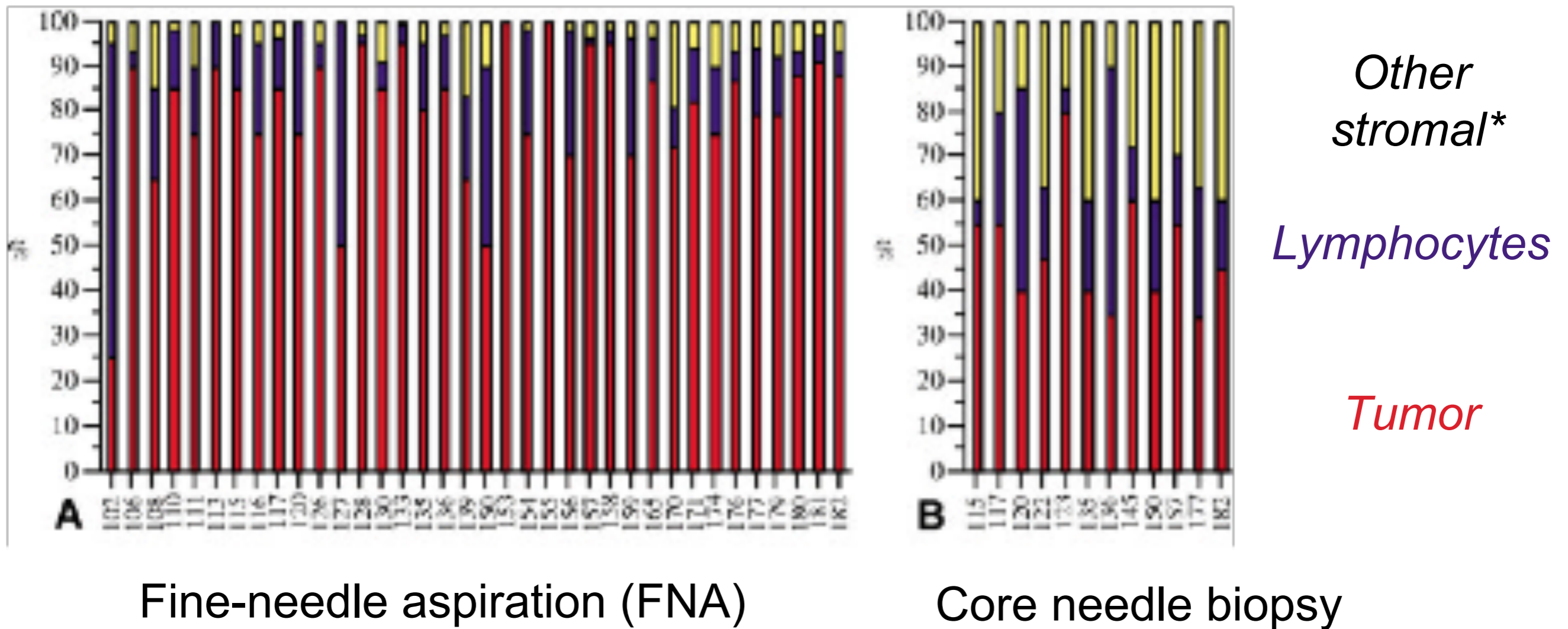
- Gene expression (from microarray)
- Copy number profile (from SNP array)
- WES/WGS/RNA-seq

Bulk tissue includes non-tumor cells!

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Caution 1: Tumour specimens are not just tumour cells

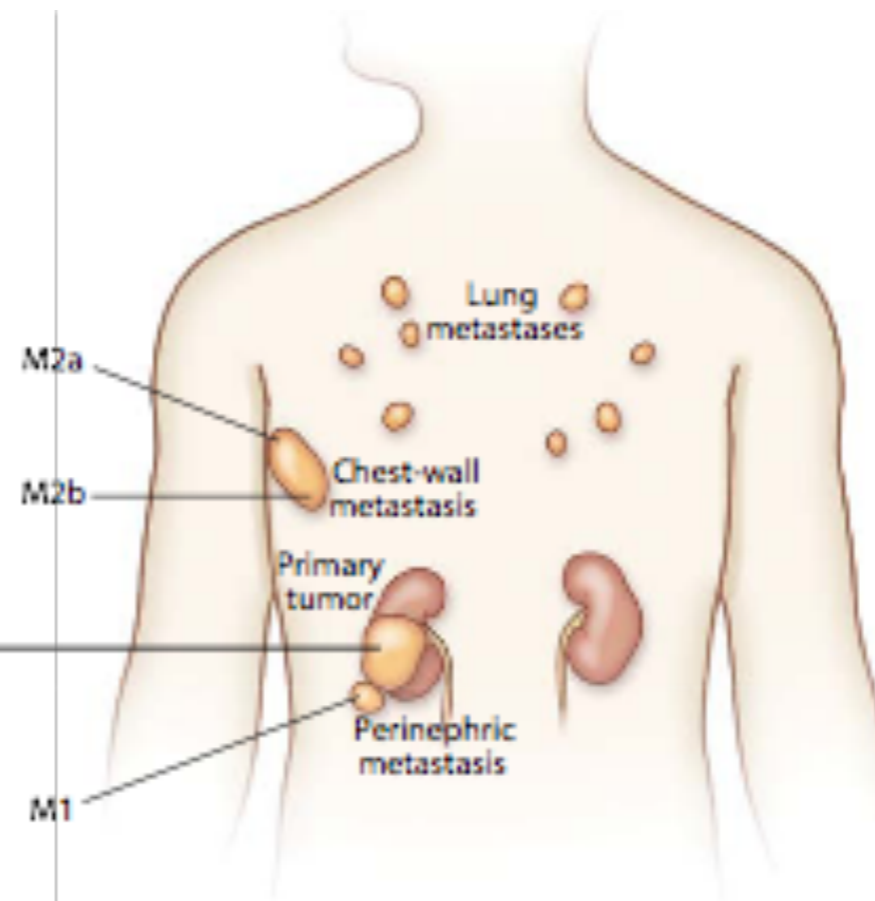
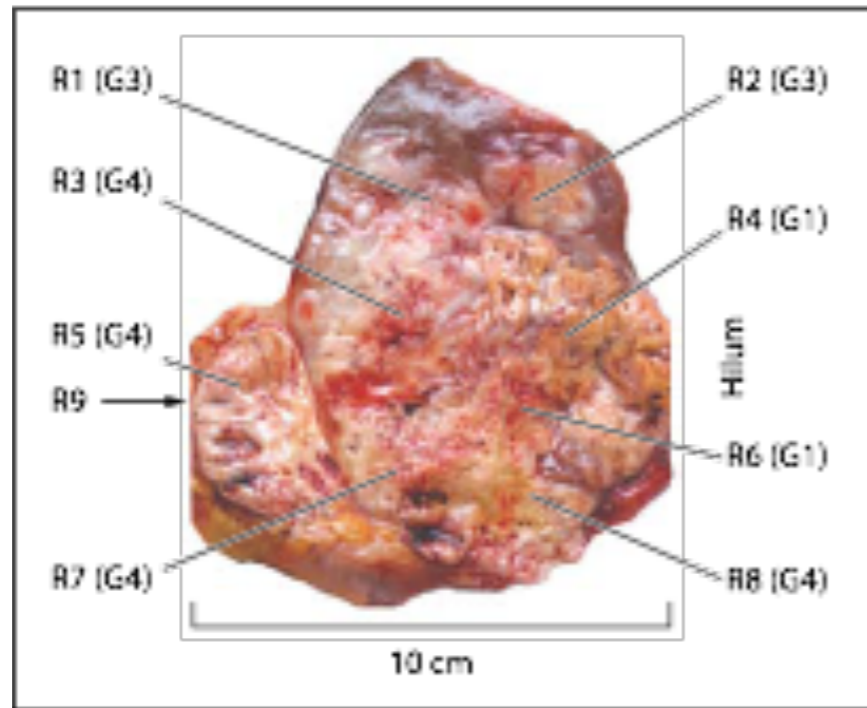
Histological characterization of a set of tumor specimens



* Other stromal = fibroblasts, endothelials, histocytes, adipocytes

Caution 2: Tumour heterogeneity

Primary renal cell carcinoma

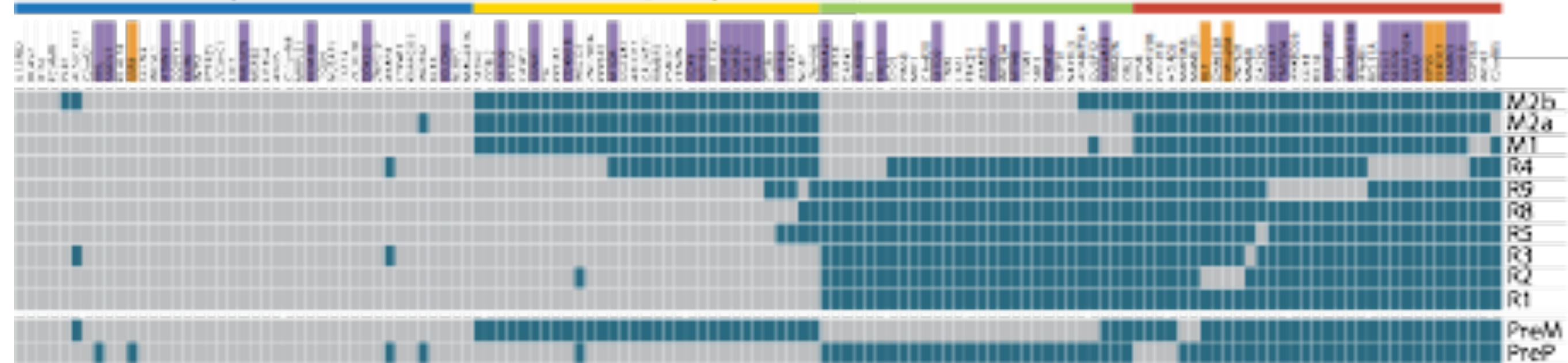


Ubiquitous

Shared primary

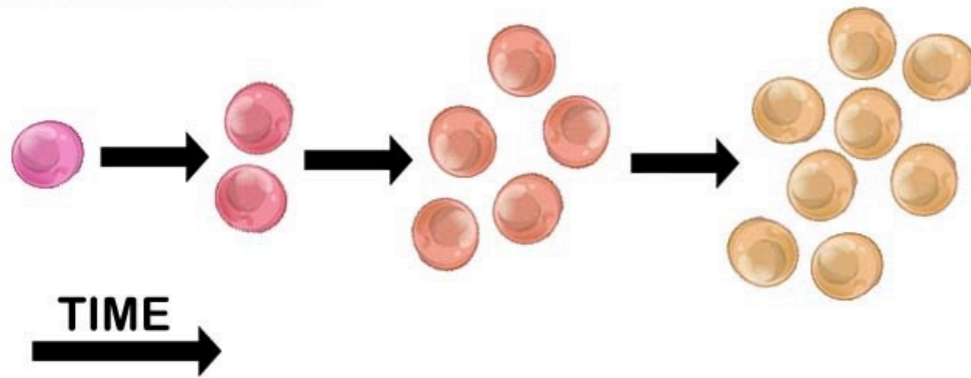
Shared metastasis

Private

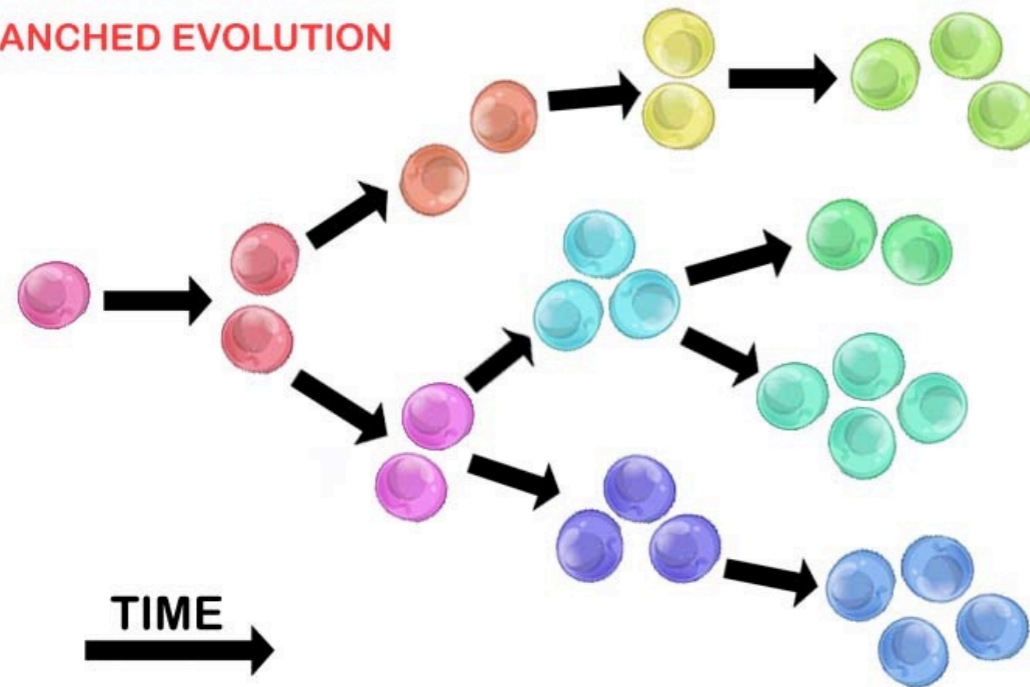


Caution 2: Tumour heterogeneity

LINEAR EVOLUTION



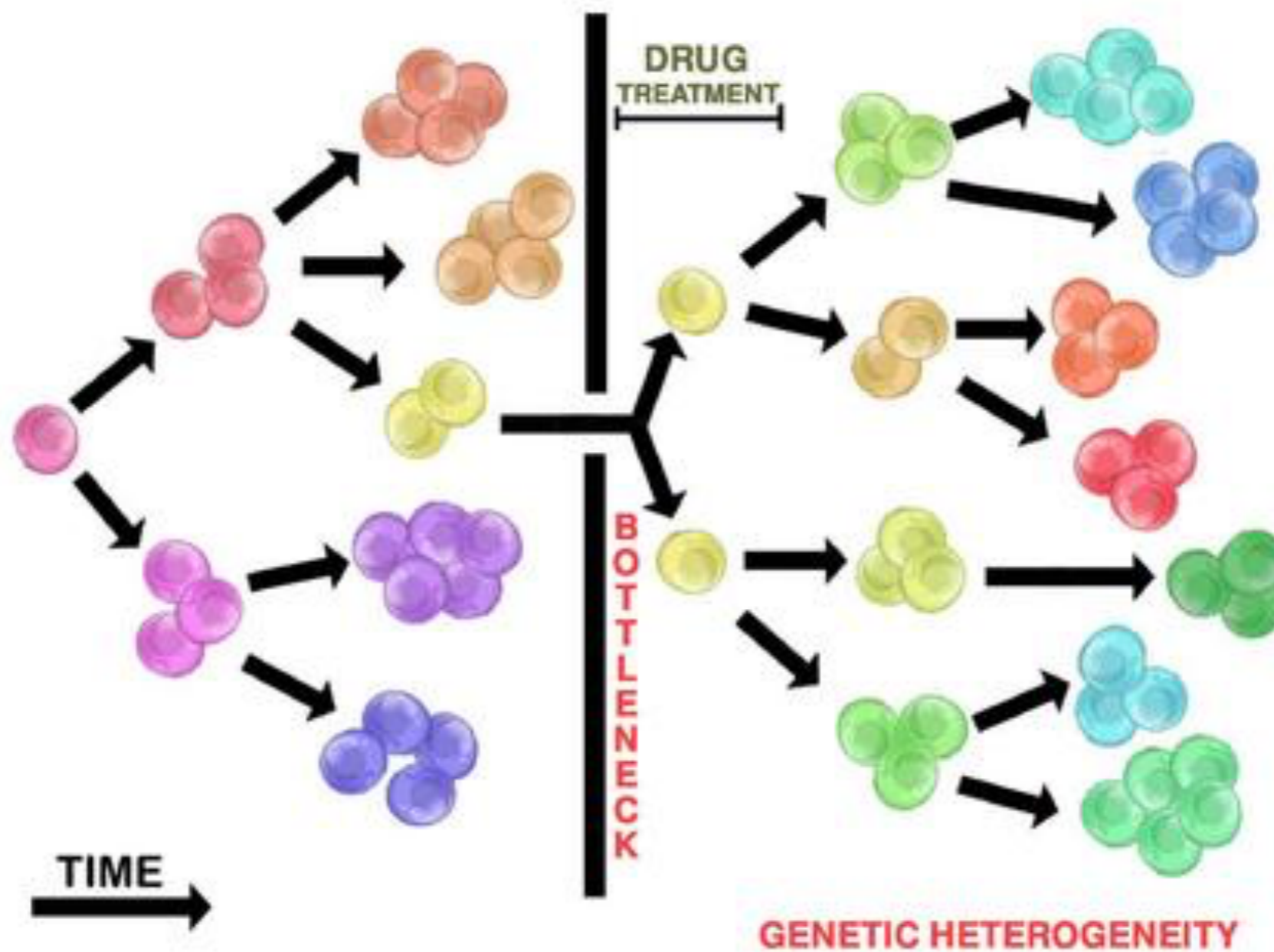
BRANCHED EVOLUTION



- Tumour heterogeneity → differential subclonal evolution

- Clones accumulate different mutations as they diverge.

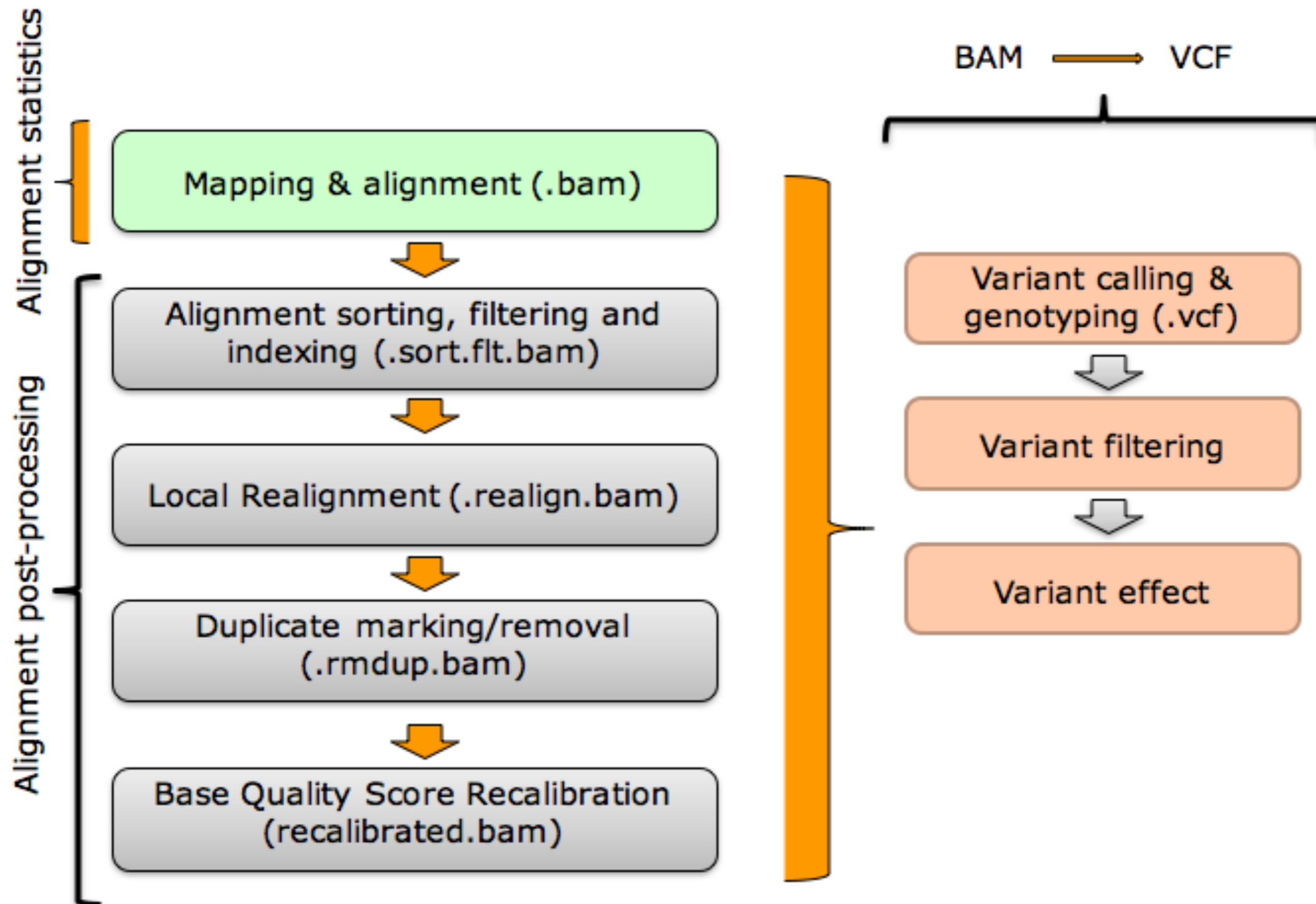
Treatment can re-shape tumour heterogeneity



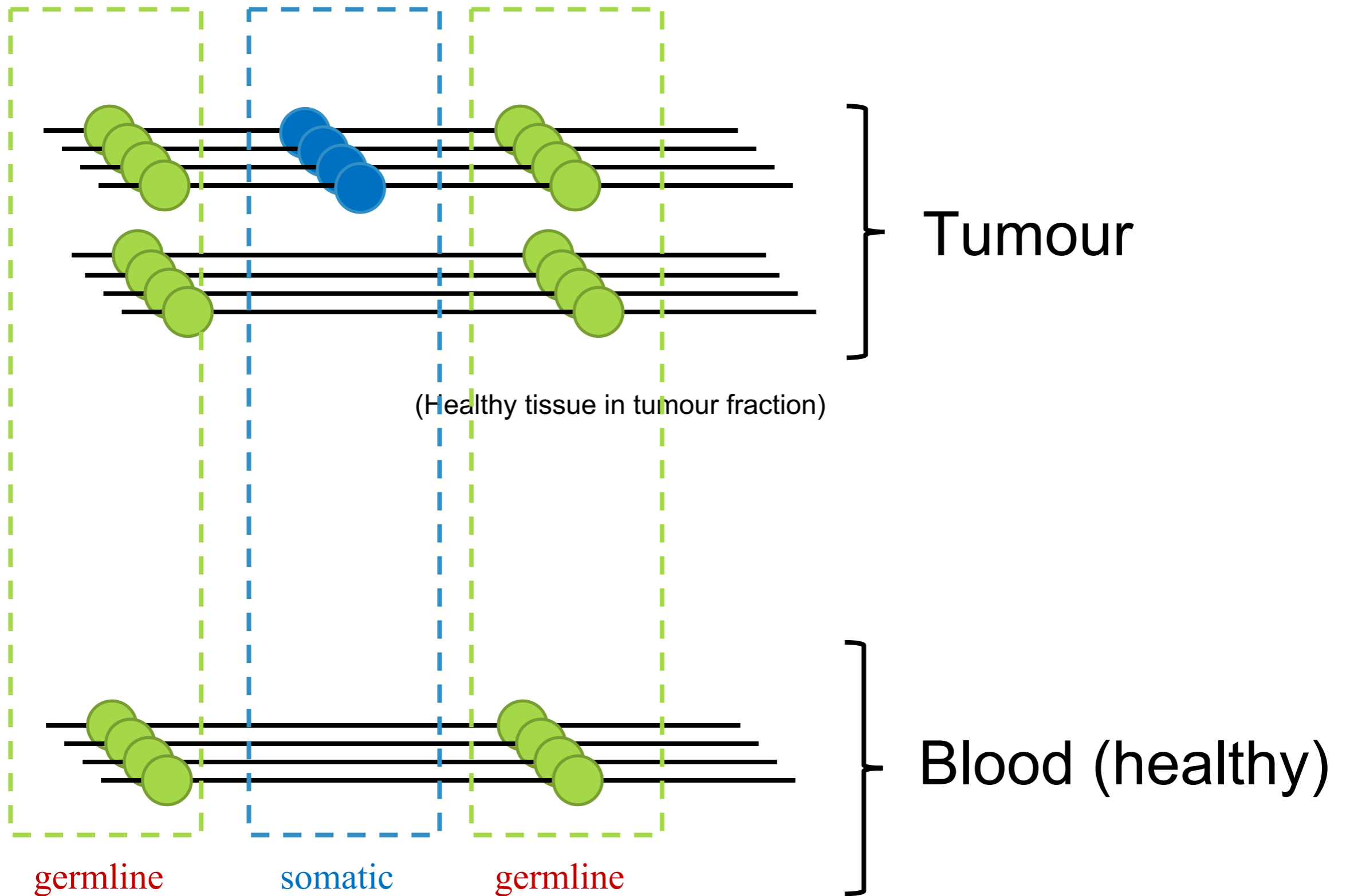
How to identify somatic mutations in a tumor

Variant calling pipeline

Recommended workflow¹



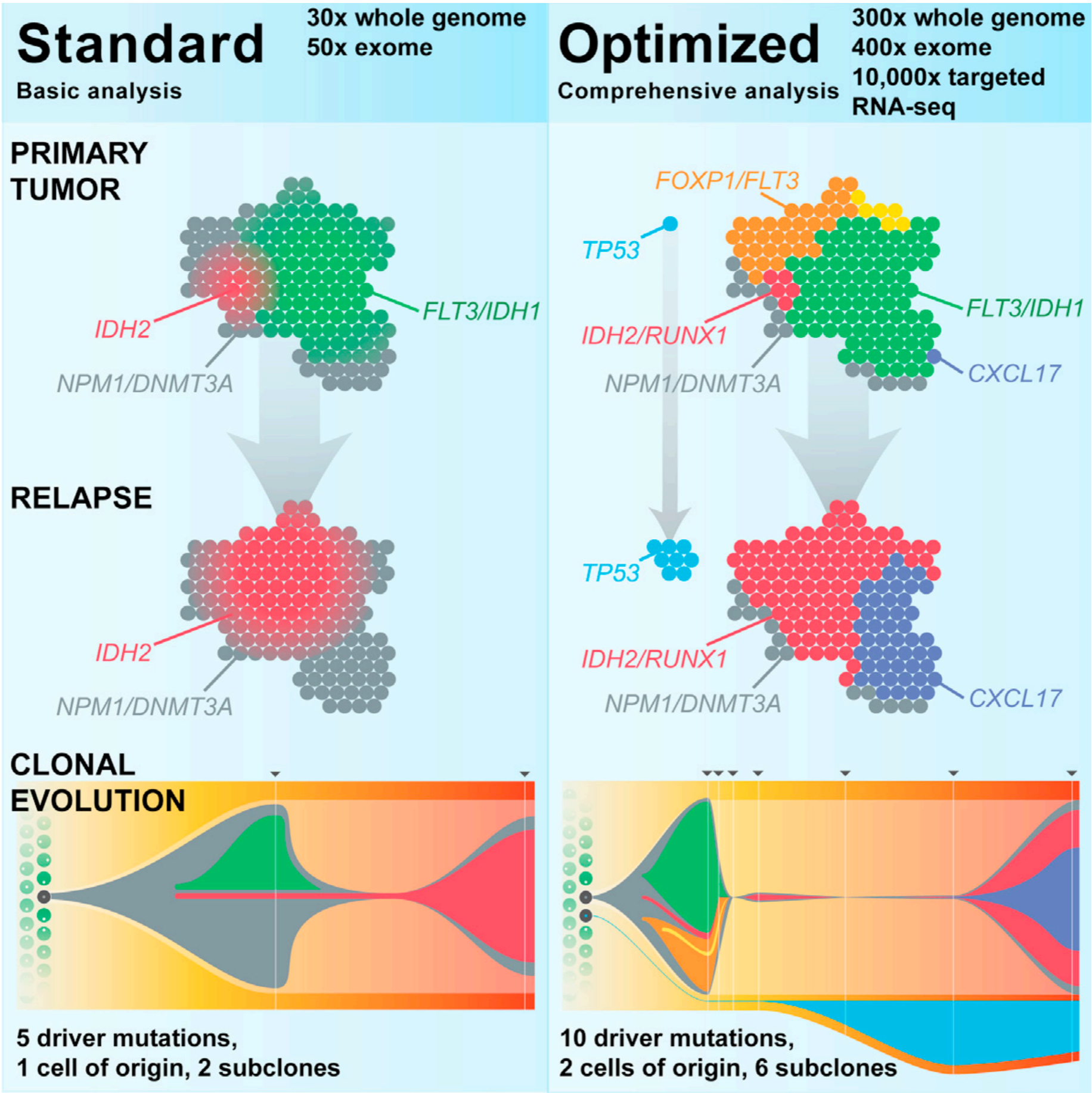
Matched samples for variant calling



Somatic mutation calling vs. “regular” variant calling

1. We are interested in somatic mutations: differences between the **tumor genome and the normal genome** (NOT the reference genome).
2. The tumor data represents a **mixture** of reads from tumor cells and from normal cells, so we need **deeper sequencing** and **more sensitive analysis** to detect variants.
3. Tumors are often heterogeneous, and relevant mutations may be present at low allelic frequency. So we need **even deeper** sequencing.

Also: we are often interested in copy number changes, translocations, and clonal architecture



Cancer gene panel amplicon sequencing

TruSeq Amplicon - Cancer Panel Gene List

ABL1	EGFR	GNAS	MLH1	RET
AKT1	ERBB2	HNF1A	MPL	SMAD4
ALK	ERBB4	HRAS	NOTCH1	SMARCB1
APC	FBXW7	IDH1	NPM1	SMO
ATM	FGFR1	JAK2	NRAS	SRC
BRAF	FGFR2	JAK3	PDGFRA	STK11
CDH1	FGFR3	KDR	PIK3CA	TP53
CDKN2A	FLT3	KIT	PTEN	VHL
CSF1R	GNA11	KRAS	PTPN11	
CTNNB1	GNAQ	MET	RB1	

Understanding variation in -omics times

Traditionally

1 Mutation
=
1 Disease



Phenotype
Function
Mechanism

Lots of hard work

Now (High Throughput Sequencing, NGS)

X Mutations
In
Y Patients
And
Z Conditions



Prediction of
Pathogenicity /
Unfeasible
Prioritization



Human
Homo sapiens

Search Human... **Go**

e.g. **BRCA2** or **6:133017695-133161157** or **osteoarthritis**

What's New in Human release 70

- Update to Ensembl-Havana GENCODE gene set (release 15)
- Update to the Human BodyMap - RNASeq database with associated BAM files
- Human: assembly updated to GRCh37.p10

[More news...](#)

Genome assembly: GRCh37 (GCA 00001405.11)

- [More information and statistics](#)
- [Download DNA sequence \(FASTA\)](#)
- [Convert your data to GRCh37 coordinates](#)
- [Display your data in Ensembl](#)

Other assemblies

- [NCBI36 \(Ensembl release 54\)](#)

[View karyotype](#)
[Example region](#)

Gene annotation

What can I find? Protein-coding and non-coding genes, splice variants, cDNA and protein sequences, non-coding RNAs.

- [More about this genebuild](#)
- [Download genes, cDNAs, ncRNA, proteins \(FASTA\)](#)
- [Update your old Ensembl IDs](#)

[Additional manual annotation can be found in Vega](#)

[Example gene](#)
[Example transcript](#)

Comparative genomics

What can I find? Homologues, gene trees, and whole genome alignments across multiple species.

- [More about comparative analysis](#)
- [Download alignments \(EMF\)](#)

[Example gene tree](#)

Regulation

What can I find? DNA methylation, transcription factor binding sites, histone modifications, and regulatory features such as enhancers and repressors, and microarray annotations.

- [More about the Ensembl regulatory build and microarray annotation](#)
- [Download all regulatory features \(GFF\)](#)

[Example regulatory feature](#)

Variation

What can I find? Short sequence variants and longer structural variants; disease and other phenotypes.

- [More about variation in Ensembl](#)
- [Download all variants \(GVF\)](#)
- [Variant Effect Predictor](#)

[Example variant](#)
[Example phenotype](#)



Ensembl Variant Effect Predictor (I)

Variant Effect Predictor:

This tool takes a list of variant positions and alleles, and predicts the effects of each of these on overlapping transcripts and regulatory regions annotated in Ensembl. The tool accepts substitutions, insertions and deletions as input, see [data formats](#).



Upload is limited to 750 variants; lines after the limit will be ignored. Users with more than 750 variations can split files into smaller chunks, use the standalone [perl script](#) or the [variation API](#). See also [full documentation](#)

NB: Ensembl now by default uses Sequence Ontology terms to describe variation consequences. See [this page](#) for details

Input file

Species:

Human (Homo sapiens): GRCh: ▾

Name for this data (optional):

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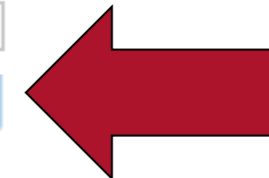
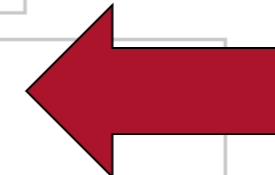
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VCF ▾



Ensembl Variant Effect Predictor (II)

Options

Transcript database to use:

- Ensembl transcripts
- RefSeq and other transcripts

Get regulatory region consequences (human and mouse only):



Type of consequences to display:

Sequence Ontology terms

Check for existing co-located variants:

Yes

Get 1000 Genomes global allele frequency for existing variants:



Return results for variants in coding regions only:



Show HGNC identifier for genes where available:



Show Ensembl protein identifiers where available:



Show HGVS identifiers for variants where available:

No

Missense SNP predictions (human only)

SIFT predictions:

Prediction and score

PolyPhen predictions:

Prediction and score

Frequency filtering of existing variants (human only)

Filter variants by frequency:



NB: Enabling frequency filtering may be slow for large datasets. The default options will filter out common variants found by the 1000 Genomes project.

Filter:

Exclude variants with MAF greater than 0.01 in 1000 genomes (1KG) combined population

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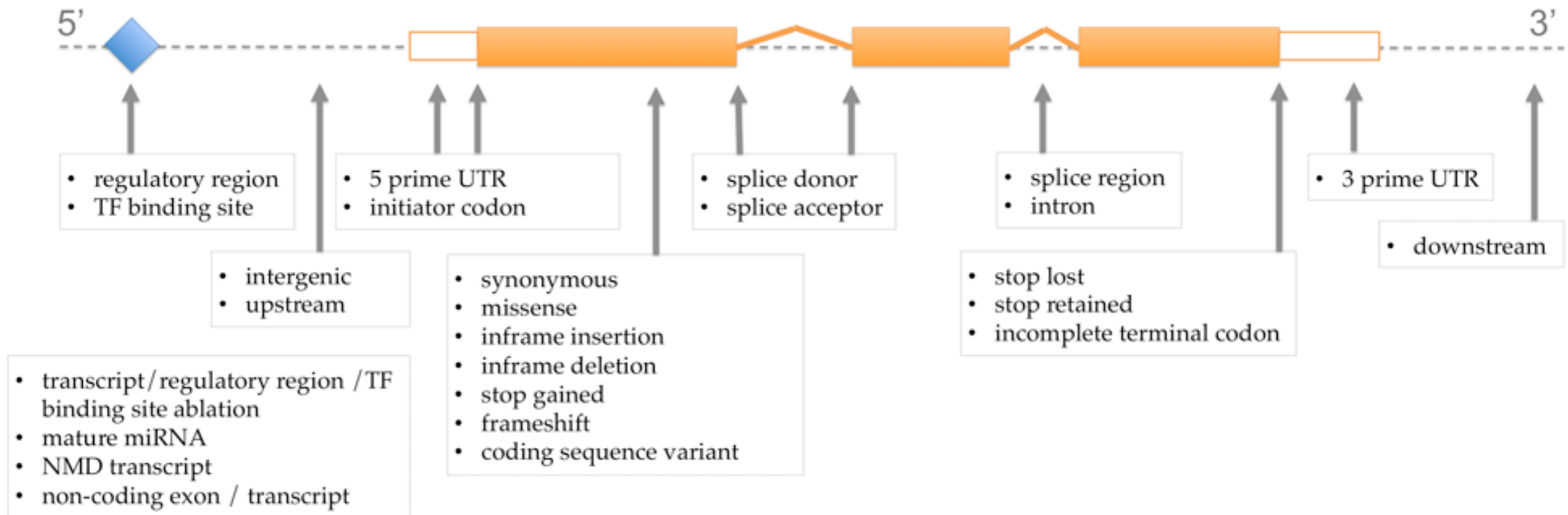
Ensembl Variant Effect Predictor (Results)

Variant Effect Predictor Results:

[Download text version](#)

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5_140532_T/C	5:140532	C	ENSG00000199540	ENST00000362670	Transcript	downstream_gene_variant	-	-	-	-	-	rs12516846	DISTANCE=3670; GMAF=C:0.1534
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Predictors: SIFT

Predicting Deleterious Amino Acid Substitutions

Pauline C. Ng and Steven Henikoff

<http://sift.jcvi.org/>



SIFT

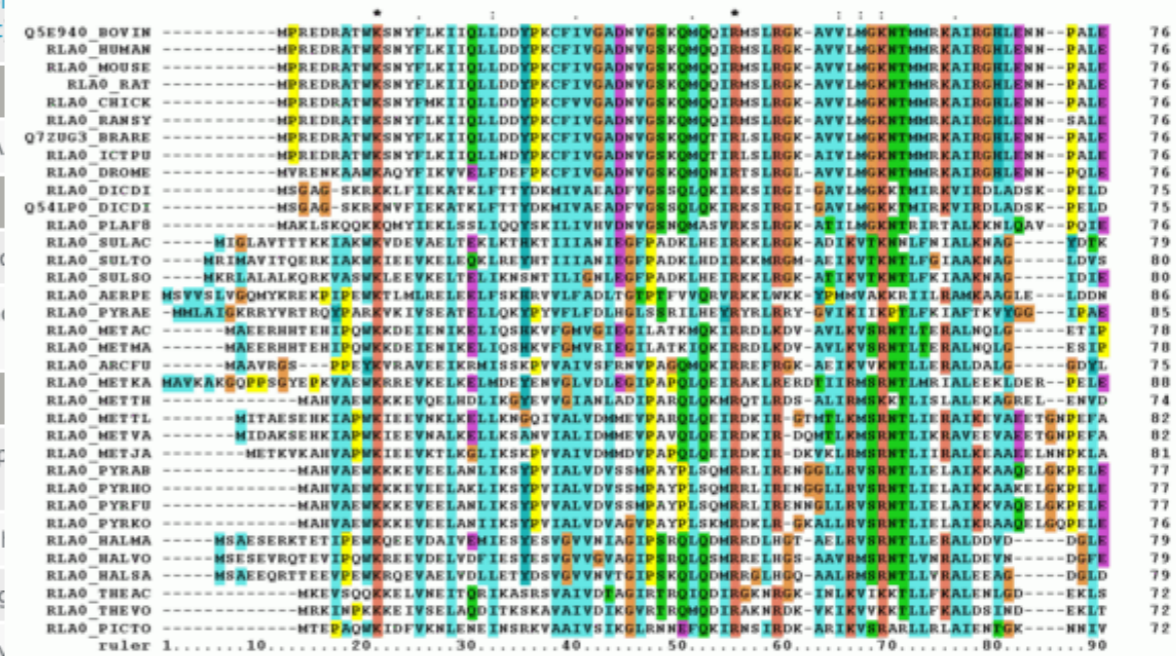
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SIFT predicts whether an amino acid substitution affects protein function. SIFT prediction is based on the degree of conservation of amino acid residues in sequence alignments derived from closely related sequences, collected through PSI-BLAST. SIFT can be applied to naturally occurring **nonsynonymous polymorphisms or laboratory-induced missense mutations.**

SIFT Human Genome DB	Tool Description (GRCh37 assembly Ensembl 63)
SIFT Human SNPs	Get SIFT predictions for nonsynonymous SNPs (Sample format)
SIFT Human Protein DB	Tool Description (Ensembl 63)
SIFT Human Protein NEW	Get SIFT predictions for nonsynonymous A
SIFT dbSNP DB	Tool Description (dbSNP Build 132)
SIFT dbSNP rs IDs	Get SIFT predictions for dbSNP SNPs includ
SIFT dbSNP Protein	Get SIFT predictions for dbSNP proteins in or GI number)
SIFT Single Protein Tools	Tool Description
SIFT BLink	Run SIFT analysis on single protein using p (RefSeq ID or GI number)
SIFT Sequence	Run SIFT analysis on single protein throug
SIFT Related Sequences	Run SIFT analysis on protein query and a c
SIFT Aligned Sequences	Run SIFT analysis on protein query already

Referencing SIFT

Kumar P, Henikoff S, Ng PC. Predicting the effects of coding non-synonymous variants on protein function using the SIFT algorithm. *Nat Protoc.*



- Based on the degree of conservation in a multiple sequence alignment (MSA)
 - MSA generated from PSI-BLAST results (closely related sequences)
 - Deleterious if $SIFT \leq 0.05$

Predictors: Polyphen-2

<http://genetics.bwh.harvard.edu/pph2/>

MACHINE LEARNING

- Naïve Bayes Classifier

SEQUENCE BASED FEATURES

- Importance of site: DISULFID, CROSSLNK, BINDING, ACT_SITE, LIPID, METAL, SITE, MOD_RES, CARBOHYD, NON_STD...
- Importance of region: TRANSMEM, INTRAMEM, COMPBIAS, REPEAT, COILED, SIGNAL, PROPEP...
 - PSIC conservation score


STRUCTURE BASED FEATURES

- Likeness to destroy hydrophobic core, electrostatic interactions, interactions with ligands, or other important features of proteins

A method and server for predicting damaging missense mutations

Ivan A. Adzhubei,^{1,7} Steffen Schmidt,^{2,7} Leonid Peshkin,^{3,7} Vasily E. Ramensky,⁴ Anna Gerasimova,⁵ Peer Bork,⁶ Alexey S. Kondrashov,⁵ and Shamil R. Sunyaev¹

Predictors: Polyphen-2



PolyPhen-2

prediction of functional effects of human nsSNPs

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PolyPhen-2 report for P15056 V600E

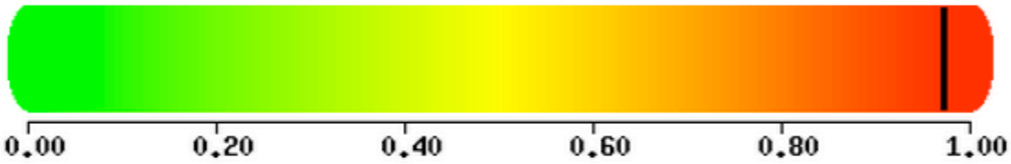
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Results

+ Prediction/Confidence *PolyPhen-2 v2.2.2r398*

HumDiv

This mutation is predicted to be **PROBABLY DAMAGING** with a score of **0.971** (sensitivity: **0.77**; specificity: **0.96**)



0.00 0.20 0.40 0.60 0.80 1.00

+ HumVar

Details

- Multiple sequence alignment *UniProtKB/UniRef100 Release 2011_12 (14-Dec-2011)*

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QUERY      KS--IIHRDLKSNNIFLHED-L---TVKIGDFGLATV KSRWS---GSHQFEQ-----LSGSILWMAPEV
sp G1P9K1#1 KS--IIHRDLKSNNIFLHED-L---TVKIGDFGLATV KSRWS---GSHQFEQ-----LSGSILWMAPEV
sp B7ZRT9#1 KS--IIHRDLKSNNIFLHED-L---TVKIGDFGLATV KSRWS---GSHQFEQ-----LSGSILWMAPEV
sp Q0D2E4#1 KS--IIHRDLKSNNIFLHED-L---TVKIGDFGLATV KSRWS---GSHQFEQ-----LSGSILWMAPEV
sp G1NKK9#1 KS--IIHRDLKSNNIFLHED-L---TVKIGDFGLATV KSRWS---GSHQFEQ-----LSGSILWMAPEV
sp Q68FI8#1 KS--IIHRDLKSNNIFLHED-L---TVKIGDFGLATV KSRWS---GSHQFEQ-----LSGSILWMAPEV
sp Q4F9K6#1 KS--IIHRDLKSNNIFLHED-L---TVKIGDFGLATV KSRWS---GSHQFEQ-----LSGSILWMAPEV
sp Q643Z8#1 KS--IIHRDLKSNNIFLHED-L---TVKIGDFGLATV KSRWS---GSHQFEQ-----LSGSILWMAPEV
sp Q767H5#1 KS--IIHRDLKSNNIFLHED-L---TVKIGDFGLATV KSRWS---GSHQFEQ-----LSGSILWMAPEV
sp G3Q6E4#1 KS--IIHRDLKSNNIFLHED-L---TVKIGDFGLATV KSRWS---GSHQFEQ-----LSGSILWMAPEV
sp G3Q6E7#1 KS--IIHRDLKSNNIFLHED-L---TVKIGDFGLATV KSRWS---GSHQFEQ-----LSGSILWMAPEV
sp UPI00016E35C7#1 KS--IIHRDLKSNNIFLHED-L---TVKIGDFGLATV KSRWS---GSHQFEQ-----LSGSILWMAPEV
sp G3Q6E5#1 KS--IIHRDLKSNNIFLHED-L---TVKIGDFGLATV KSRWS---GSHQFEQ-----LSGSILWMAPEV
sp UPI00017B47FE#1 KS--IIHRDLKSNNIFLHED-L---TVKIGDFGLATV KSRWS---GSHQFEQ-----LSGSILWMAPEV
sp UPI00017B47FF#1 KS--IIHRDLKSNNIFLHED-L---TVKIGDFGLATV KSRWS---GSHQFEQ-----LSGSILWMAPEV
sp B3DFX5#1  KS--IIHRDLKSNNIFLHED-L---TVKIGDFGLATV KSRWS---GSHQFEQ-----LSGSILWMAPEV
sp Q1LYG2#1  KS--IIHRDLKSNNIFLHED-L---TVKIGDFGLATV KSRWS---GSHQFEQ-----LSGSILWMAPEV
sp UPI00017B4800#1 KS--IIHRDLKSNNIFLHED-L---TVKIGDFGLATV KSRWS---GSHQFEQ-----LSGSILWMAPEV
    
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Shown are 75 amino acids surrounding the mutation position (marked with a black box). An interactive version of the complete alignment is [also available](#).

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