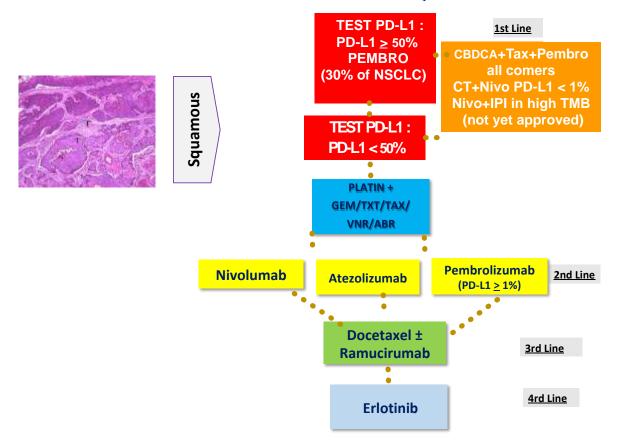


La medicina di precisione nel tumore del polmone dalla mutazione al singolo Paziente

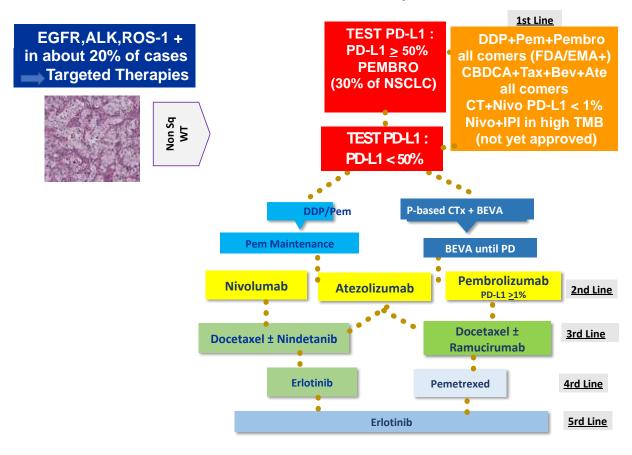
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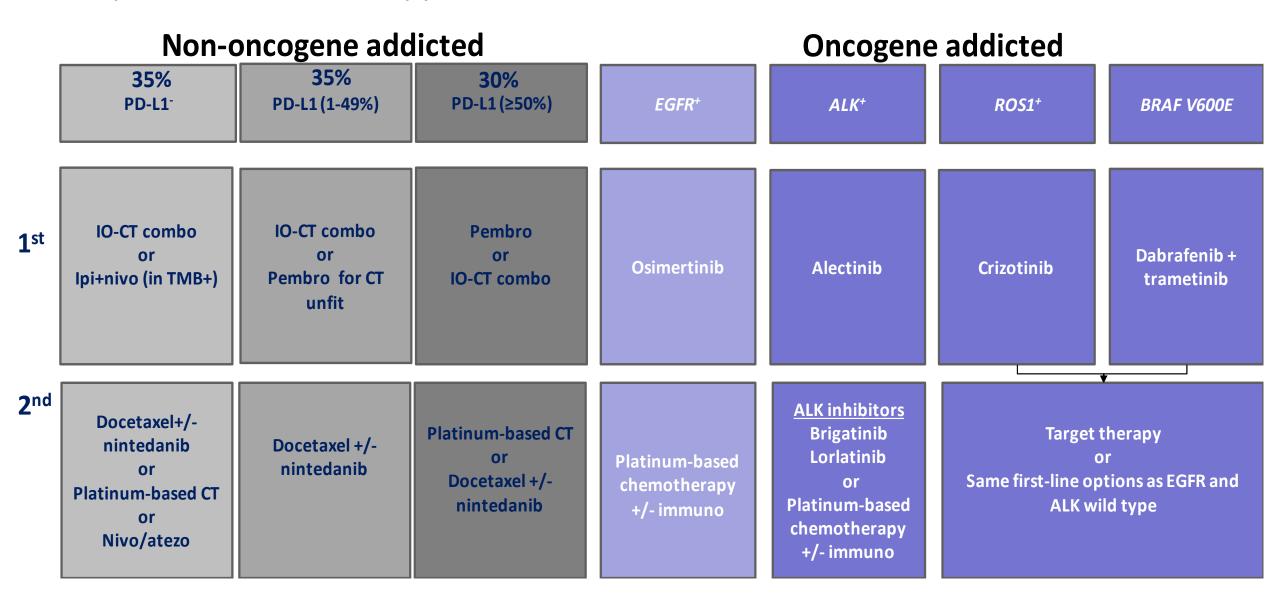
#### NEW TREATMENT ALGORITHM FOR ADVANCED SQUAMOUS NSCLC



#### **NEW TREATMENT ALGORITHM FOR A- NON SQUAMOUS WT NSCLC**



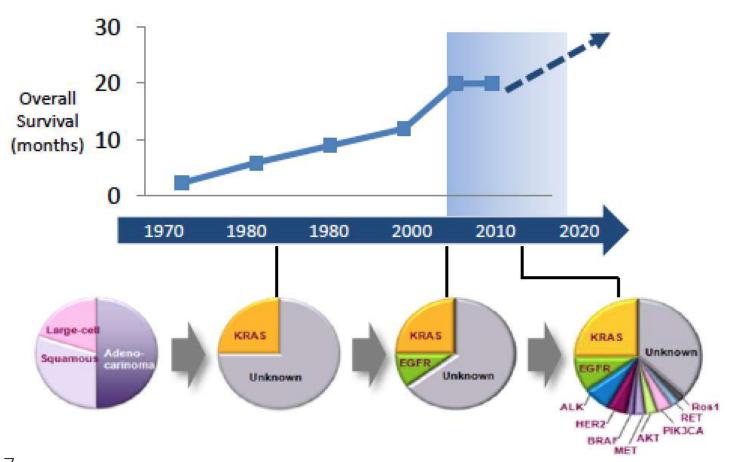
#### New options for NSCLC therapy in 2019



#### Targeted therapeutics are improving survival...

#### Example: NSCLC is an evolving landscape

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#### The rise of omics...or the search for biomarkers?

#### Diagnostic biomarkers

• High specificity – detection of specific disease

#### Prognostic biomarkers

- Differential expression correlation with patient outcome
- Stratification of high vs. low risk patients
- Guide for patient information and monitoring

#### Predictive biomarkers

- Differential expression correlation with treatment response
- Stratifictation to responders and non-responders
- Guide to determine selection of therapeutic regimens

# Cancer Biomarkers Market Worth 20.48 Billion USD by 2022

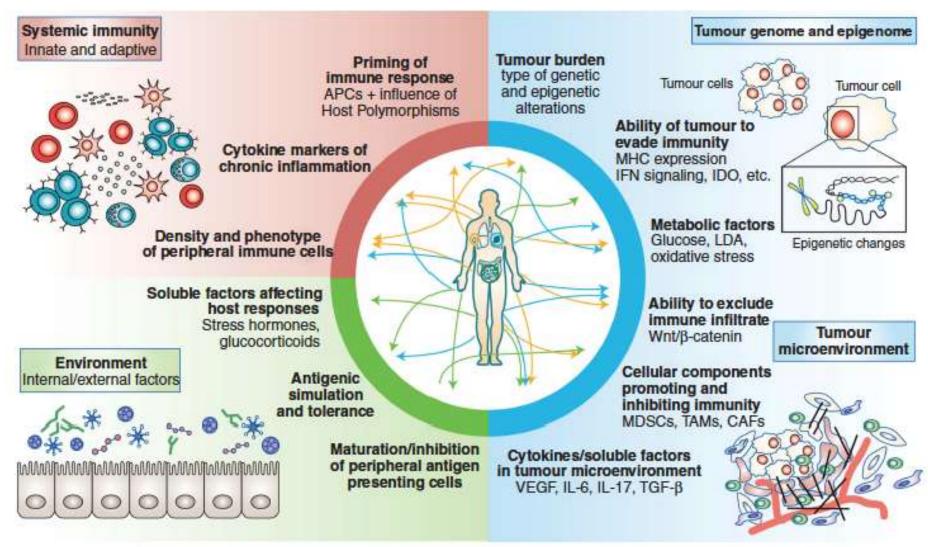
According to a new market research "Cancer Biomarkers" Market by Type (Protein Biomarker, Genetic Biomarker), Cancer Type (Breast, Melanoma, Leukemia, Lung), Profiling Technology (Omics, Imaging, Immunoassay, Bioinformatics), Application (Diagnosis, Prognostics, R&D) - Global Forecast to 2022", Published by MarketsandMarkets™, the market is projected to reach USD 20.48 Billion by 2022 from USD 11.53 Billion in 2017.

### **Biomarkers in the Age of Omics**

Predicting response to checkpoint inhibitors beyond PD-L1 (or mutational burden and MSI)

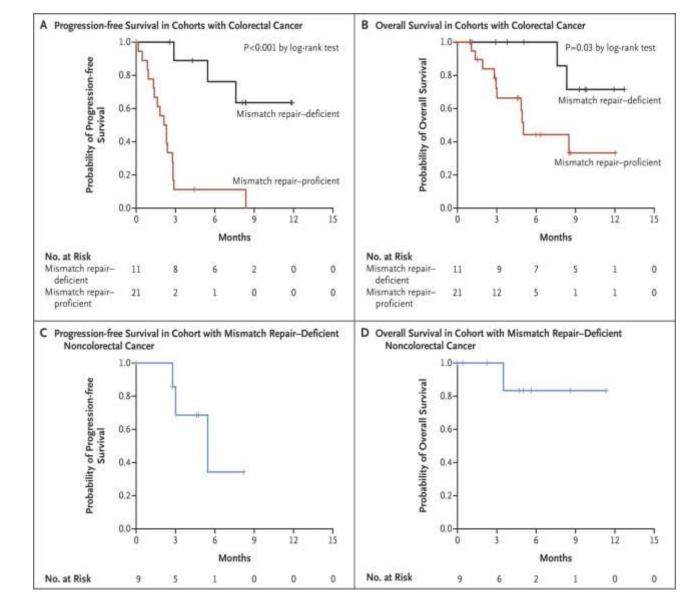
- Limitations to biomarker discovery are not only technical or bioinformatic but conceptual as well:
  - First, the confusion stemming from the imposition of a *pathology-type immunohistochemical marker* (IHCM) concept on omics data without fully understanding the characteristics and limitations of IHCMs as applied in clinical pathology.
  - Second, the lack of serious consideration for the scope of disease heterogeneity.
  - Third, the refusal of the biomedical community to borrow from *other* biological disciplines their well established methods for dealing with heterogeneity.

# Immune parameters influencing response to immunotherapy

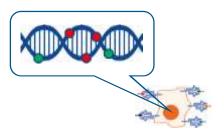


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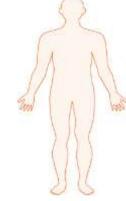
**Mismatch-Repair Status** 



### TMB & ICIs therapy



High tumor mutation load/burden correlates with increased neoantigens



### Immune checkpoint blockade therapy

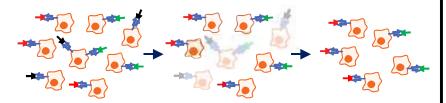
e.g., anti-PD-1, anti-CTLA-4



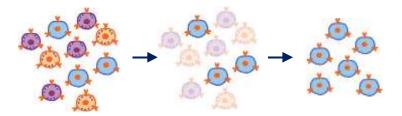


#### Response to therapy

Tumor cells expressing certain neoantigens are lost



Clonal T-cell populations expand in proportion to the number of neoantigens lost



Changes occur in the microenvironment and gene expression programs

Host immunity associated genes

Stromal and tumor associated genes

### Sexual Dimorphism of Immune Responses: A New Perspective in Cancer Immunotherapy

- ♂ Innate immunity
- ↑ NK counts
- ↑ neutrophils mobility and inflammatory activity

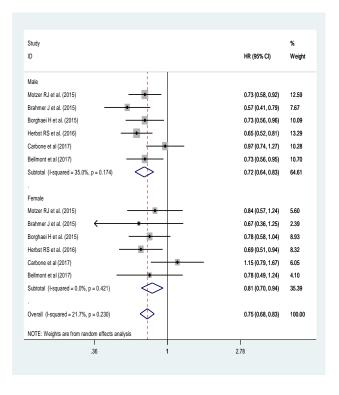
- ∂ Adaptive immunity
- ↑ CD8+ T cell counts
- ↑ IL-17 production by CD4+ T cells
- ↑ Treg cell counts
- ↑ Th1 cell functions
- ↓ basal Ig
- ↓ antibody responses

- ♀ Innate immunity
- ↑ DC antigen presentation
- DC production of IFNy
- macrophages phagocytic activity
- neutrophils phagocytic activity
- ↑ MDSCs suppressive function
- † frequency of ILCs
  - ♀ Adaptive immunity
- ↑ CD4+ T cell counts
- activated and proliferating CD4+ T cells
- † IFNγ production by CD4+ T cells
- ↑ activated and proliferating CD8+ T cells
- ↑ CD8+ T cell cytotoxic activity
- ↑ CD4+/CD8+ T cell ratio
- ↑ Th2 cell functions

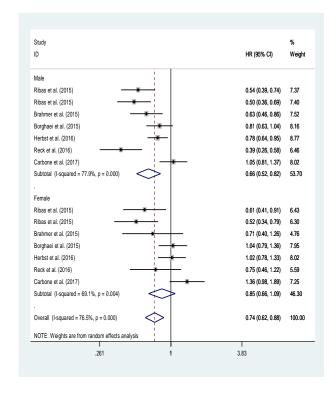
### The sexist behaviour of immune checkpoint inhibitors in cancer therapy?

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Anti PD-1: OS



Anti PD-1: PFS

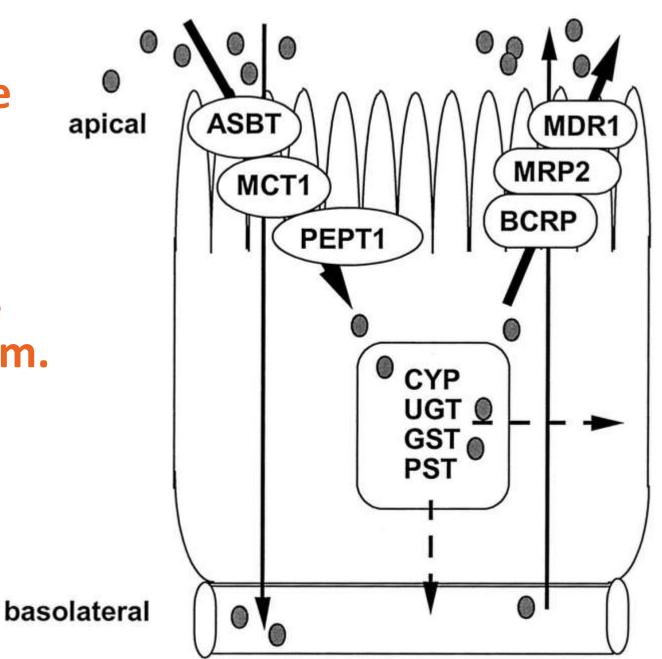


#### STRUCTURE INCREASE IN SURFACE AREA Intestinal surface area SURFACE AREA (sq cm) (relative to cylinder) 280 cm -Area of 3300 simple cylinder Folds of Kerckring 10,000 (valvulae conniventes) Villi 30 100,000 MUNIMA Microvilli 600 2,000,000

Source: Leon Shargel, Andrew B.C. Yu: Applied Biopharmaceutics & Pharmacokinetics, 7th Ed. www.accesspharmacy.com

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Schematic diagram of the enterocyte of the intestine showing absorptive and efflux transporters at the apical and basolateral membranes, and enzymes for intracellular metabolism.



# Cross-talk between microbiota and immune fitness to steer and control response to anti PD-1/PDL-1 treatment

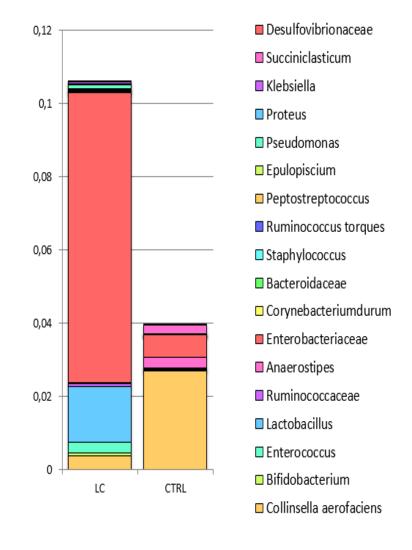
...The loss of the protective function of intestinal barriers that interacts with the environment measured as increased intestinal permeability and the changes occurring in the microbiota composition have been proposed as a mechanism potentially explaining the pathogenesis of immune related toxicity. ...

# CHANGES OF MICROBIOME PROFILE DURING NIVOLUMAB TREATMENT (very preliminary data)

#### Healthy controls/cancer patients

In NSCLC patients Rikenellaceae, Prevotella, Streptococcus, Lactobacillus (p < 0.05), Bacteroides plebeius, Oscillospira, Enterobacteriaceae (p < 0.05) appeared increased compared to CTRLs.

#### Kruskal-Wallis test at Genus/Species level (L6)



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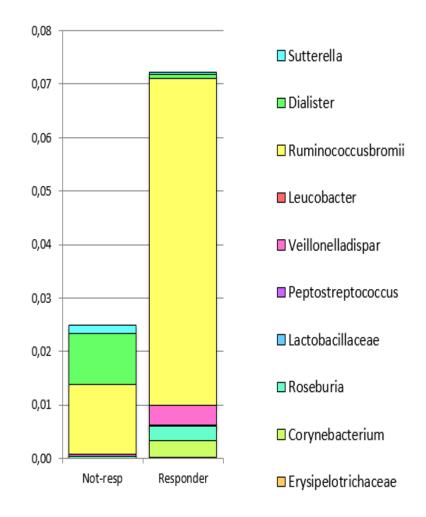
# CHANGES OF MICROBIOME PROFILE DURING NIVOLUMAB TREATMENT (very preliminary data)

#### RESPONDERS VS NON RESPONDERS

Not responders had Ruminococcus bromii, Dialister, Sutterella more abundant than responder patients to therapy (p < 0.05).

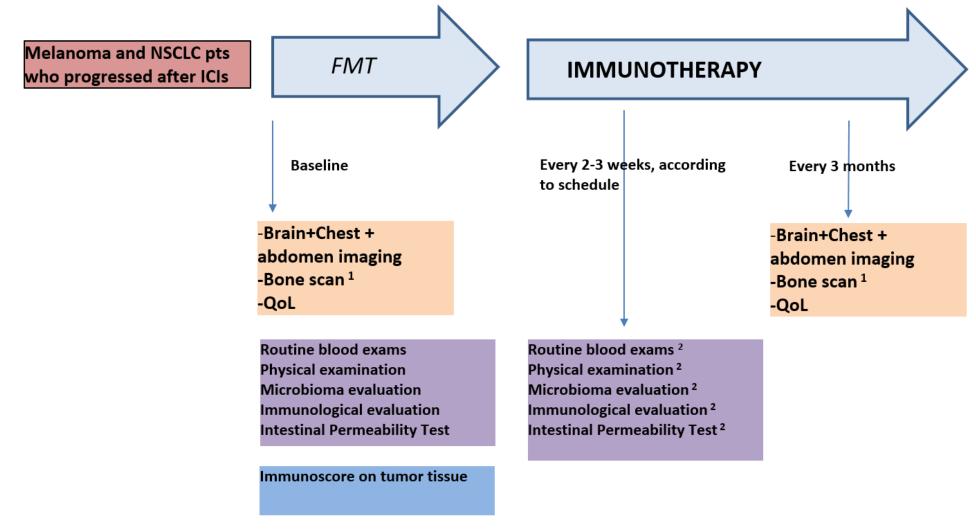
Slightly increased in responders appeared Akkermansia muciniphila, Bifidobacterium longum and Faecalibacterium prausnitzii (p < 0.05). Propionibacterium acnes, Veillonella, Staphylococcus aureus, Peptostreptococcus appeared significantly over-expressed.

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#### **Faecal Transplantation**



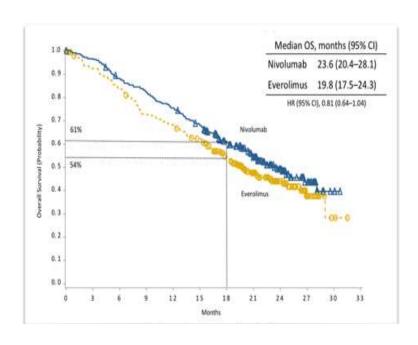
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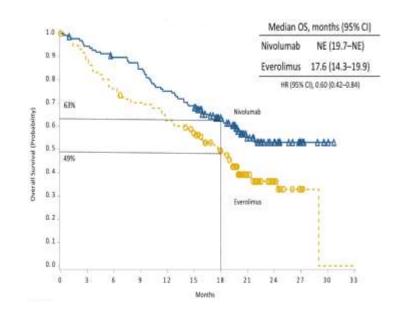
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# Pazopanib immunopriming effect. What was our starting point?

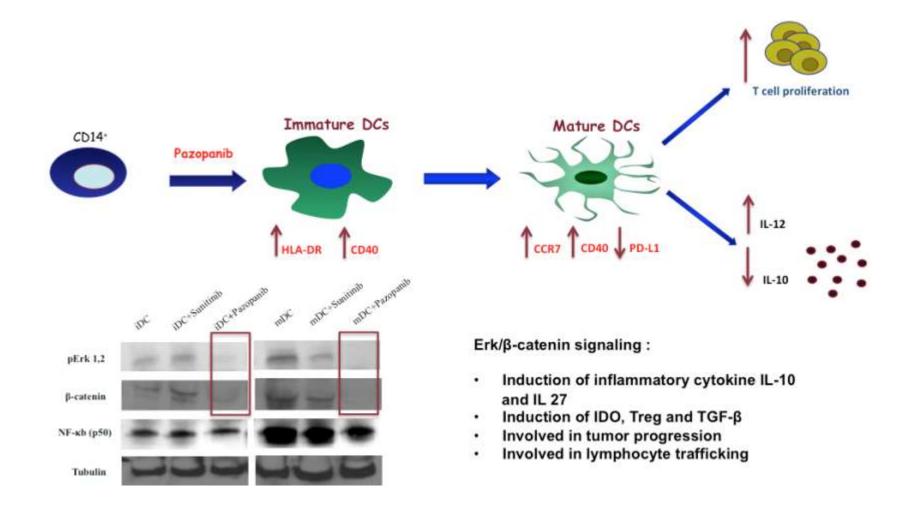
Nivolumab
OS: Prior sunitinib



Nivolumab
OS: Prior pazopanib

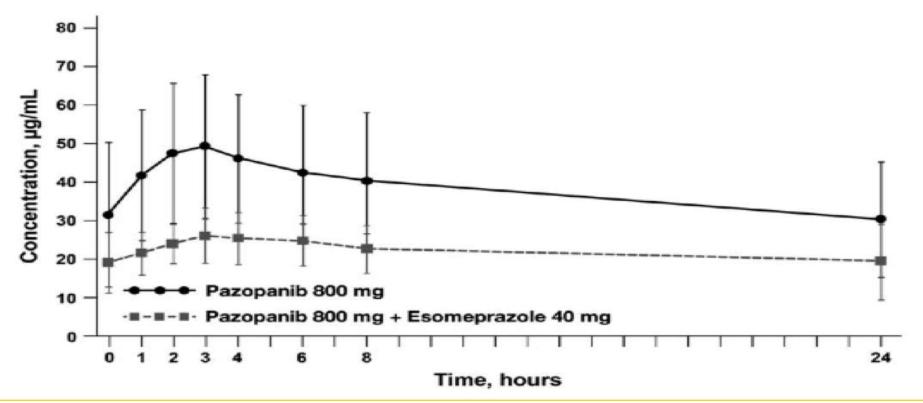


# The example of TKI Pazopanib anti VEGF-R: immunopriming effect on DC downregulating Erk/β-catenin



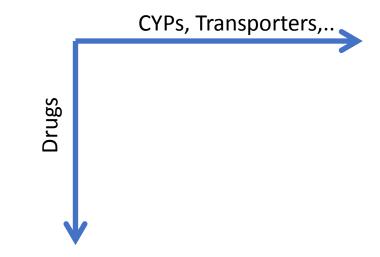
# When Pharmacological interactions are detrimental for efficacy

Metastatic renal cancer, intermediate risk according to Moetzer Criteria. Pazopanib as first line of therapy. Self-administration of esomeprazole.



### Polypharmacy, Drug Metabolism / Interactions

- ~ 45% above 50 years take more than 5 drugs per day
- Free Online Database: Transformer\*
  - 2.800 Drugs
  - 60.000 Combination conflicts
  - 5.500 Interactions
    - 4.000 Phase I (CYPs)
    - 400 Phase II enzymes
    - 1.100 Transporter
    - 350 Food interactions
  - >100.000 Scientific references (from text mining + manual curation)



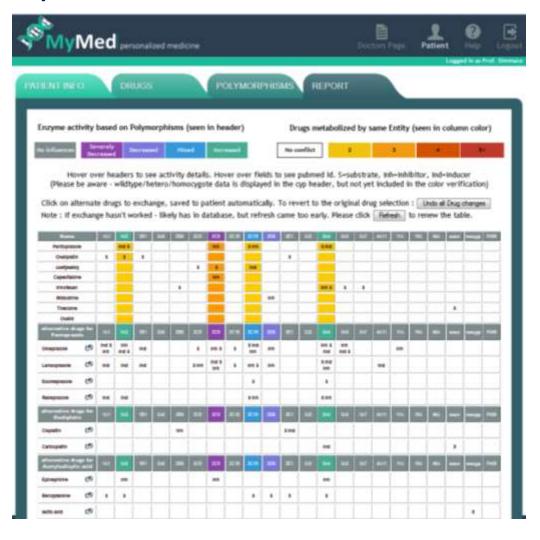
• Free Online Database: Withdrawn\*\* http://bioinformatics.charite.de/transformer

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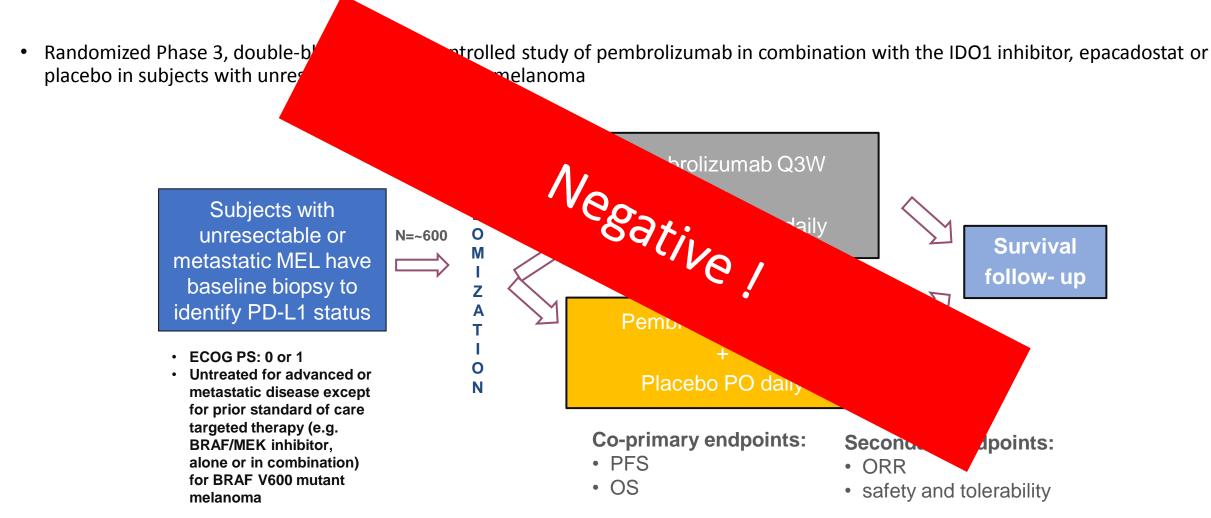
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#### Charité University partnership: the MyMed tool



## ECHO-301 (Keynote-252): Phase 3 study of pembrolizumab + epacadostat or placebo in patients with unresectable or metastatic melanoma

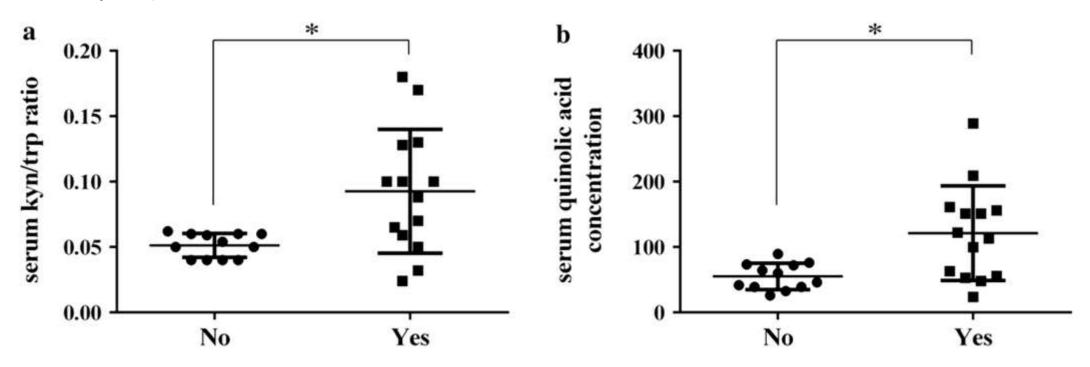


ORR, overall response rate; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival; ECOG-PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; Q3W, every 3 weeks; BID, twice daily

# Can IDO activity predict primary resistance to anti-PD-1 treatment in NSCLC?

Correlation of serum kyn/trp ratio and serum quinolic acid concentration with immunotherapy response.

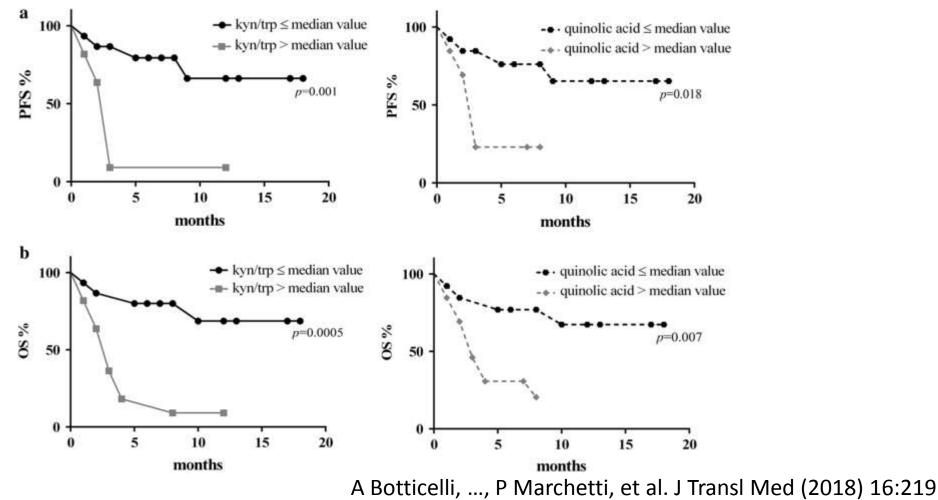
Patients who showed an early progression (YES, n = 14) present a significantly higher concentration of kyn/trp ratio (a) and quinolic acid concentration (b) compared to patients who do not have an early progression (NO, n = 12). #p < 0.05 (Mann–Whitney test)



A Botticelli, ..., P Marchetti, et al. J Transl Med (2018) 16:219

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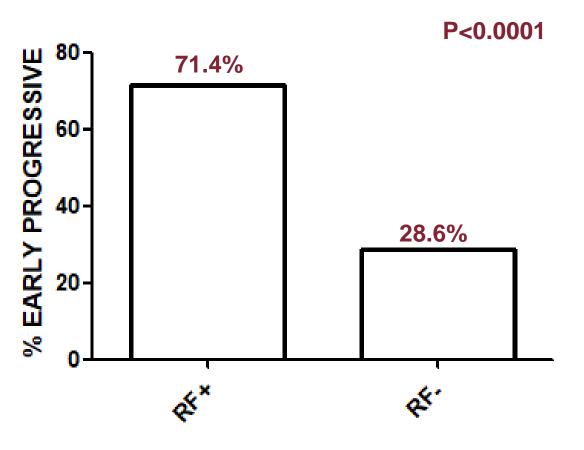
Correlation of serum kyn/trp ratio and quinolonic acid concentration with survival. Progression free survival (PFS, a) and overall survival (OS, b) were addressed by the Kaplan–Meier method and log-rank test



### The rheumathoid factor (RF) story....

- The reumatoid factor is an Ig-M with affinity with IgG2 and to less extent with IgG1, totally unspecific.
- Is present in serum of 70% of pts with reumathoid arthritis.
- Is present in 5-10% normal subjects increased in the elderly.

# The rheumathoid factor (RF) story.... 7/35 NSCLC pts treated with nivolumab show high levels of RF 71.4% are progressive at the first evaluation



M Nuti, A. Botticelli, P. Marchetti, et al., Unpublished results

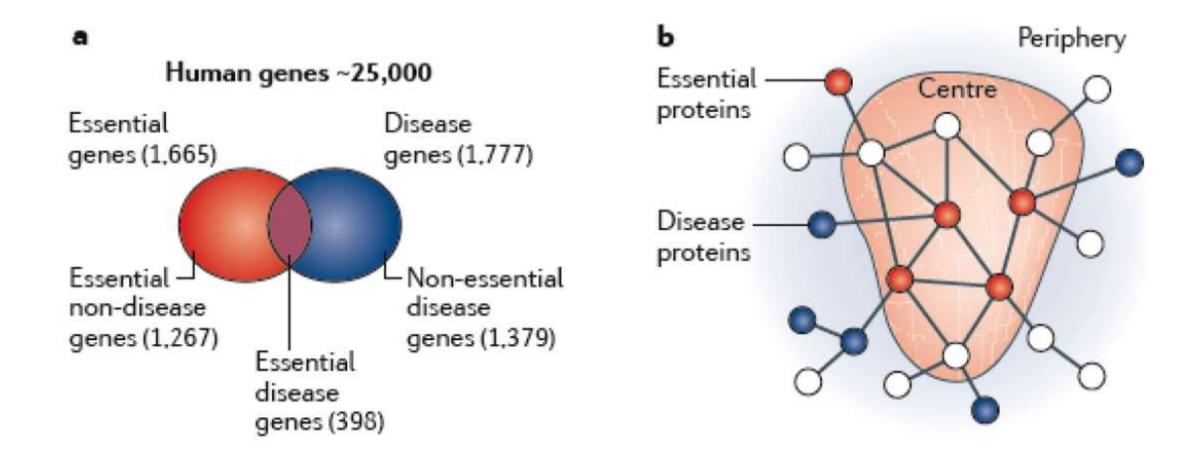
# Anatomic site of metastases can influence response to nivolumab in NSCLC patients.

- Sixty-five patients, affected by stage IV NSCLC, treated with Nivolumab
- Twenty-three patients (32%) presented early progression, while 16 patients presented PFS longer than 12 months (24%).
- We found a significant association between the presence of liver metastases and early progression both at univariate analysis (p = 0.001) and multivariate analysis (p = 0.005), and between PFS > 12 months and presence of only lung and/or lymph node metastases at univariate analysis (p = 0.03).
- No statistical associations were demonstrated between disease progression and PS, age, sex and site of metastases.
- **Conclusions**: Our results suggest that liver metastases could predict resistance to immunotherapy. Otherwise lung or lymph node metastases could select patients with long term benefit.

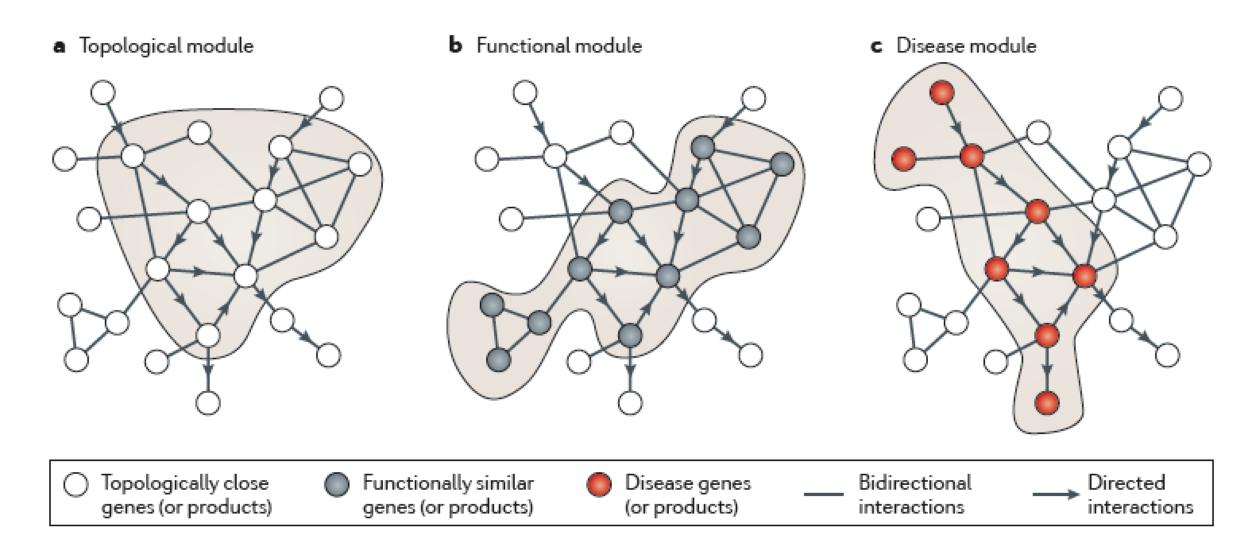
### What is "Network Medicine"?

- The study of cellular, disease, and social networks which aim to quantify the complex interlinked factors contributing to individual diseases [...] by integrating genetic, genomic, biochemical, cellular, physiological, and clinical data to create a network that can be used to model predictively disease expression and response to therapy.
- It will, no doubt, revolutionize the science and practice of medicine.

### Disease and essential genes in the interactome

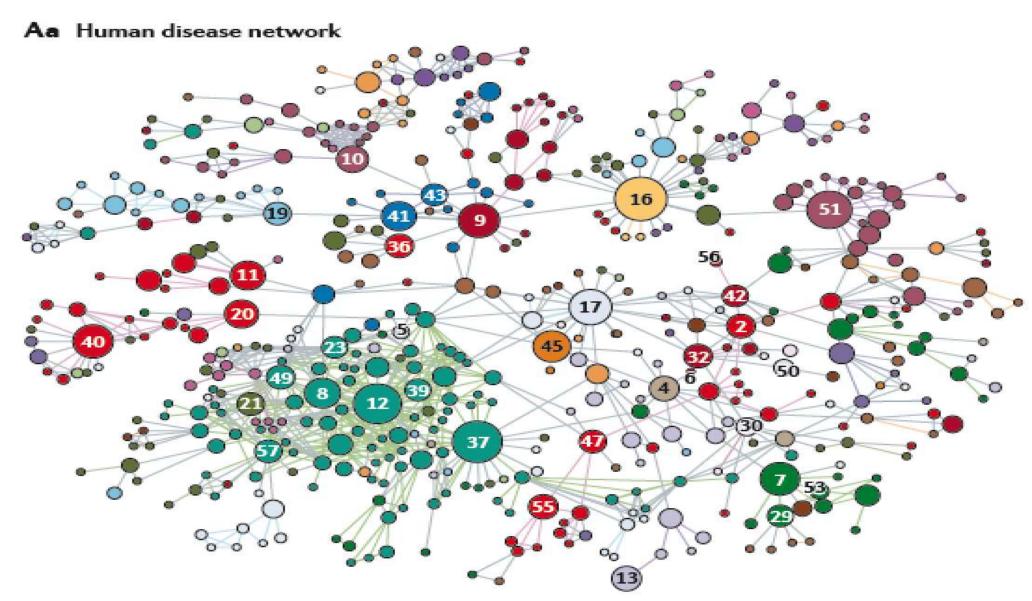


#### Disease modules



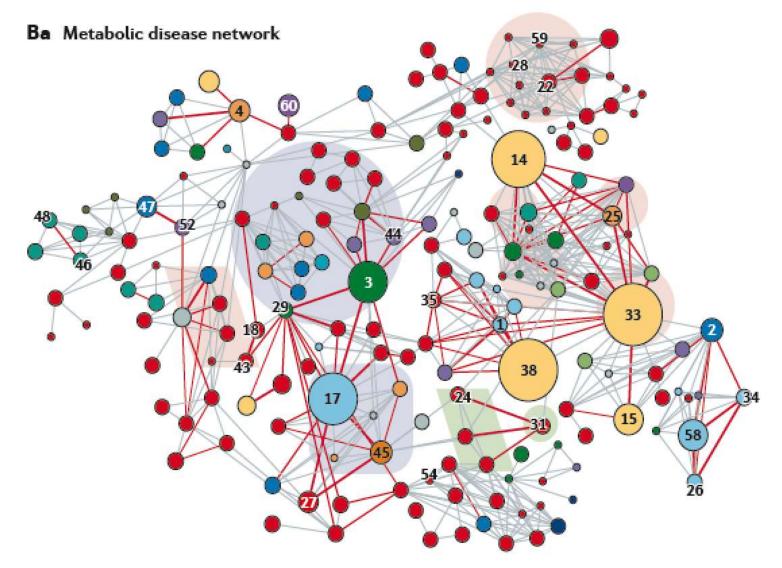
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### **Disease networks**



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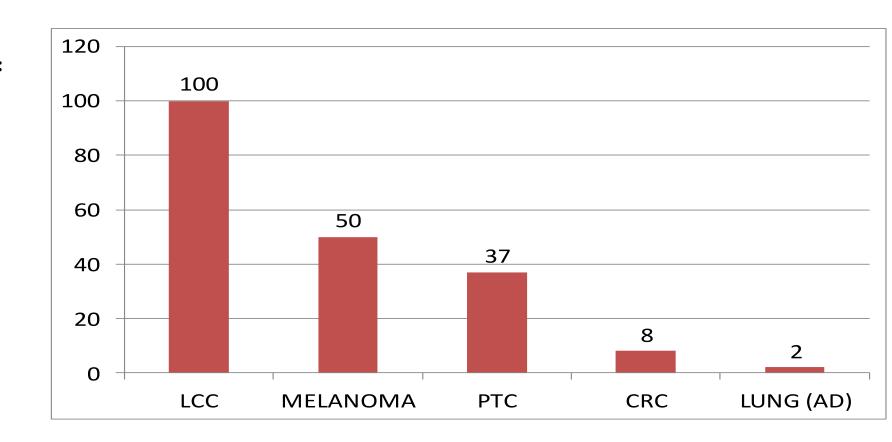


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### Frequenza mutazione BRAF V600E in vari tumori

#### Tumori con mutazione BRAF V600E:

- Melanoma
- Leucemia cellule capellute (LCC)
- PTC (tiroide)
- Adenoca polmonare
- Adenoca colon-retto (CRC)
- Ca sieroso ovaio
- Mieloma multiplo
- Glioblastoma
- Ca endometrio
- Ca mammella

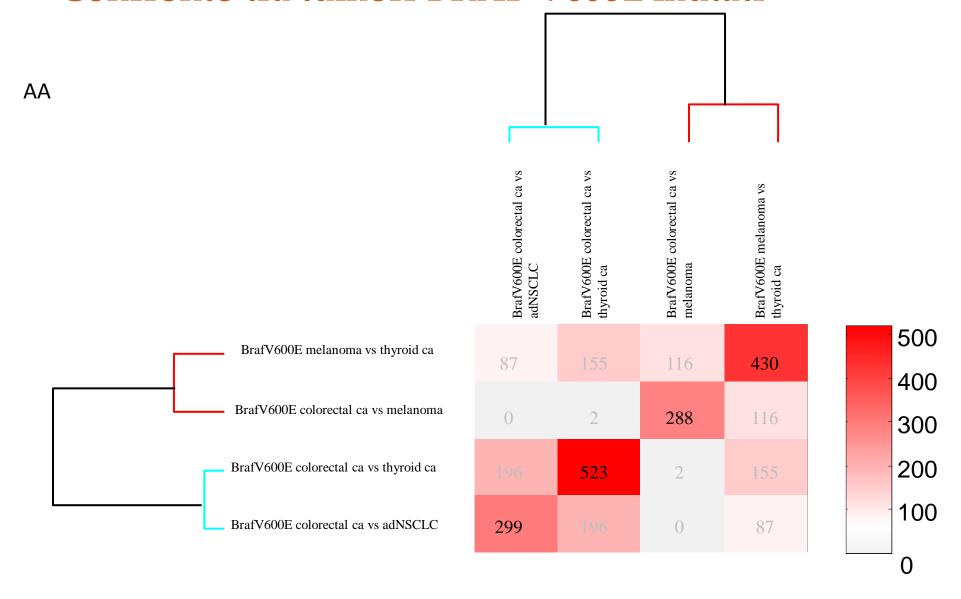


## Variabilità della risposta al vemurafenib nei tumori con mutazione BRAF V600E

CANCRO	ORR (%)
LCC	96-100
Melanoma	51
Tiroide	38.5
NSCLC	33
Colon	4.8

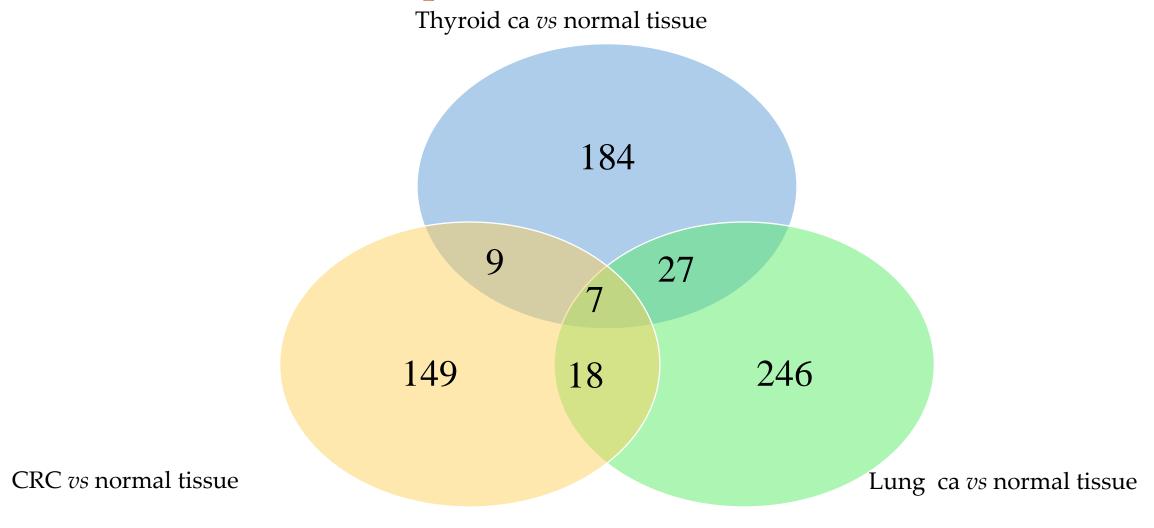
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#### Confronto tra tumori BRAF V600E mutati



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# Venn diagram showing shared and non-shared switch genes for each BRAF V600E cancer compared to its normal tissue.



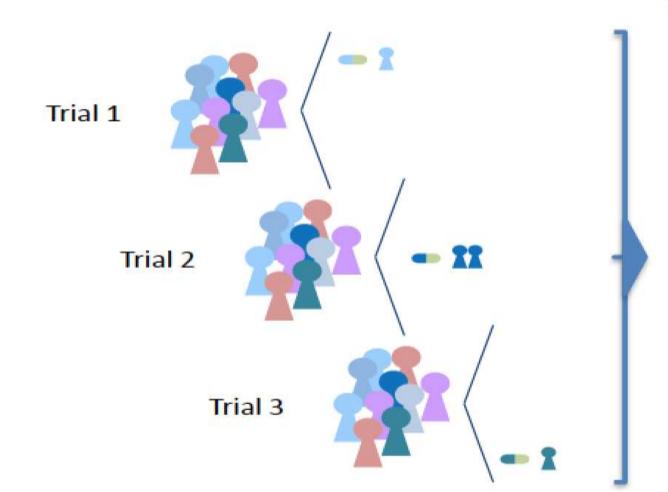


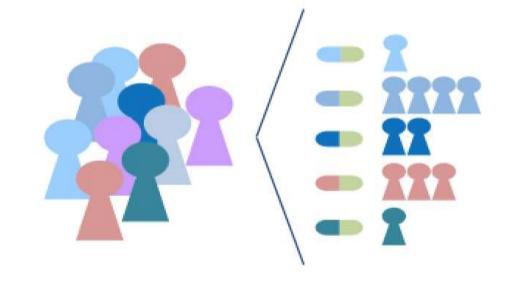
# The ROME trial: from histology to target A multi-basket trial



#### Choosing the patient for the trial

"Baskets" – choose the trial for the patient



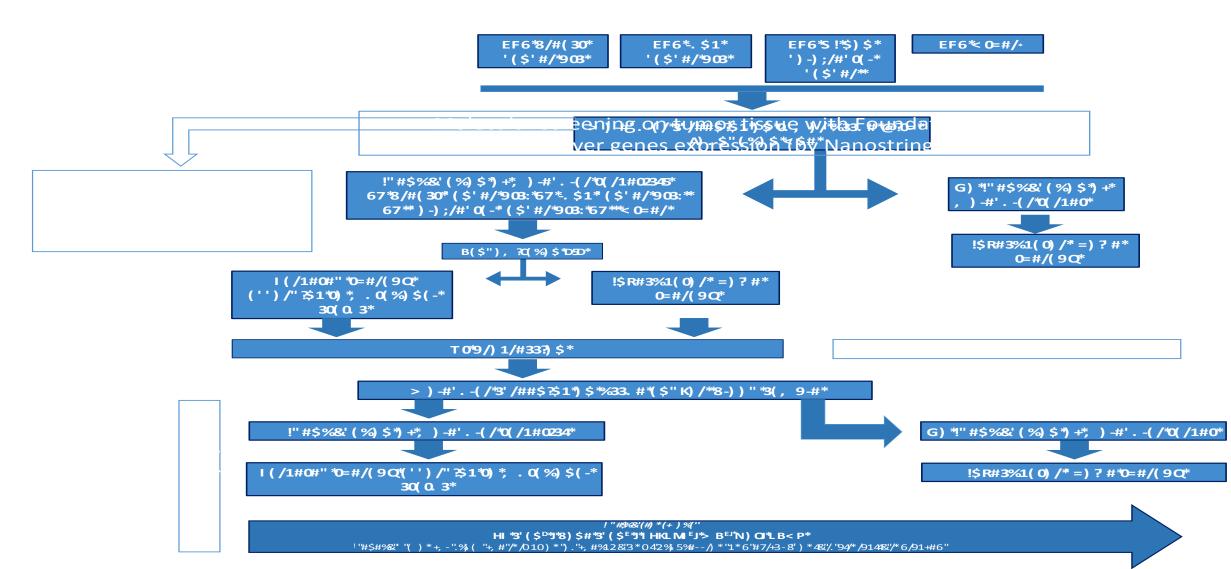


"Basket" – portfolio, multidrug, umbrella, etc...

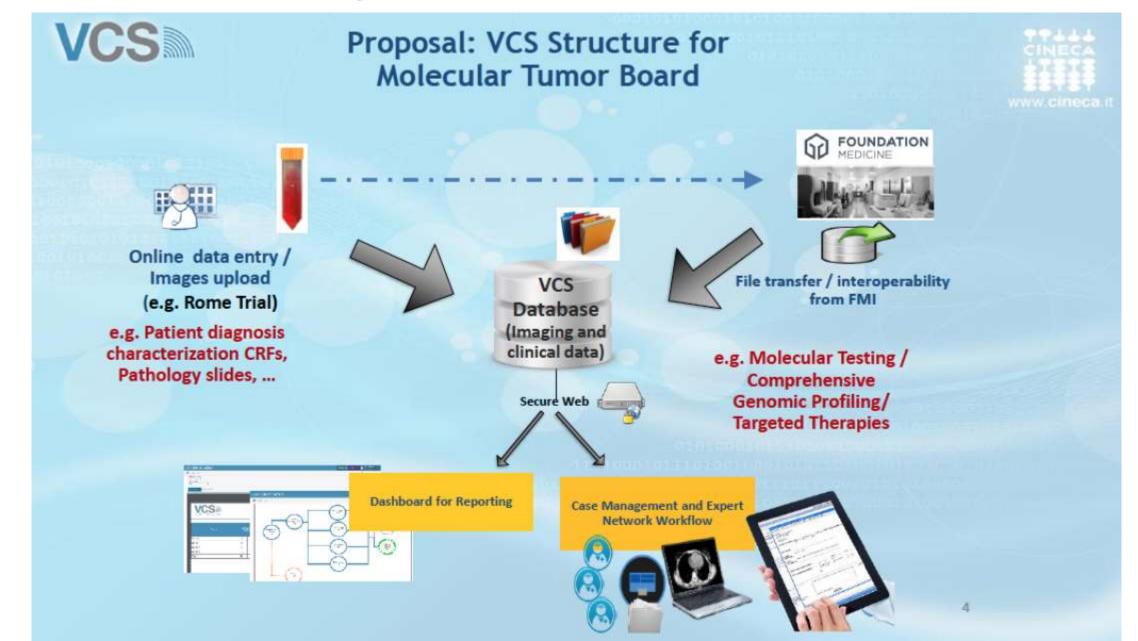


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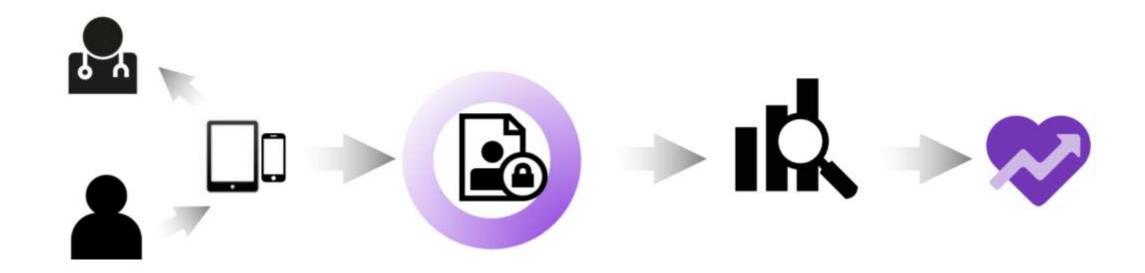




### **Virtual Consultation System**



### The combination of Patient-Experience with Advanced Data-Analytics could improve clinical outcomes in oncology



1 Patient Experience to improve patients lives with personalized, medical and mobile support tools 2 Advanced data-analytics to large-scale Patient Reported Outcome data providing insights into the effectiveness of treatments

## The combination of Patient-Experience with Advanced Data-Analytics could improve clinical outcomes in oncology Our proactive approach: Immunosafe

remote monitoring of patients undergoing immunotherapy



### Critical issues and the challenges for oncologists today

- Understand the dynamic features of the immune system (plus...redundancy, pleiotropic action, epigenetic influences...) and of the immune-drugs
- Actively contribute to the immunoncology revolution (from clinical practice to laboratory and from laboratory to clinical practice)
- Propose a new vision for collaborative studies with Pharma
- Suggest, demand, dictate new rules for regulatory authorities:
   from personalized medicine to personalized oncology