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Molecular classifications of breast cancer



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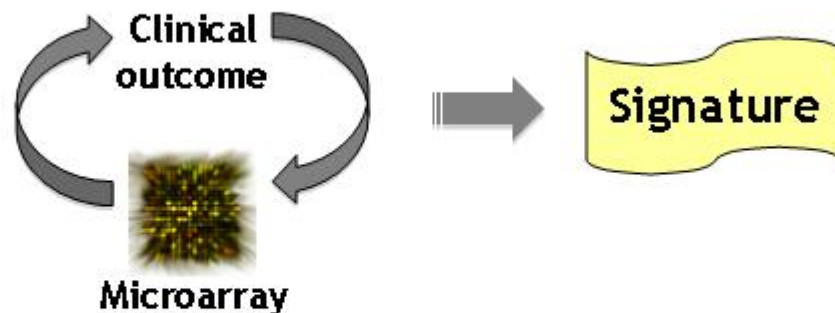


Classical pathological prognosis and predictive factors.

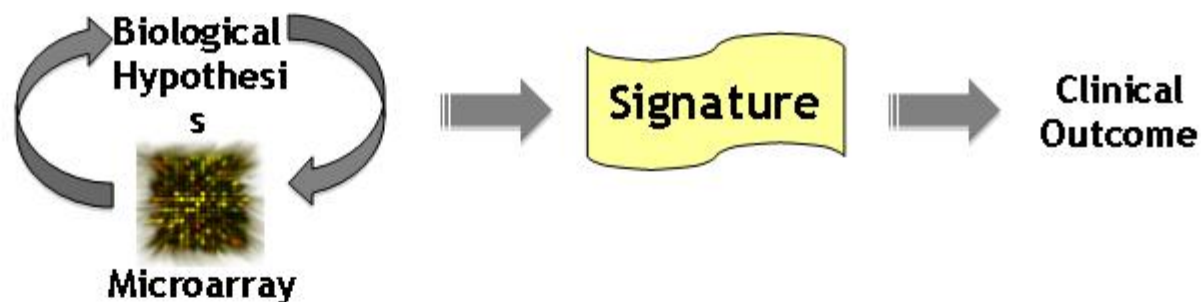
- TNM parameters
- Grade
- Histological subtypes
- Tumor margins
- ER/PR and HER2 status

Signature Development Approaches

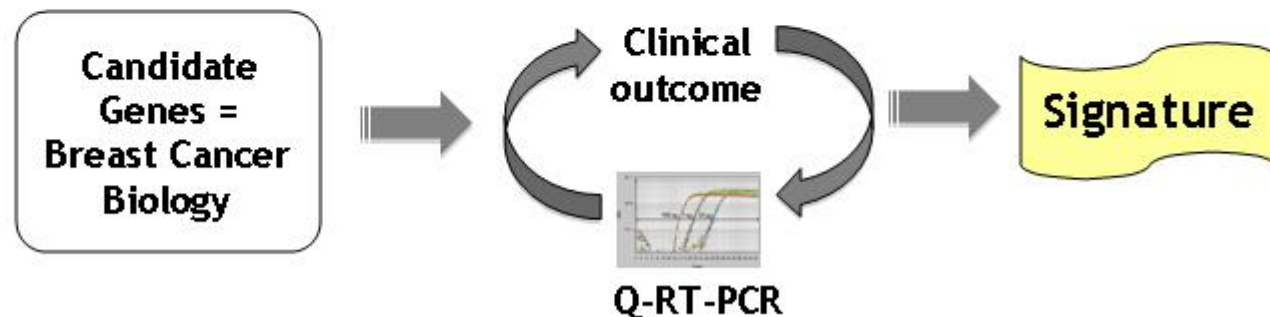
"Top-down" approach



"Bottom-up" approach



"Candidate gene" approach



Introduction

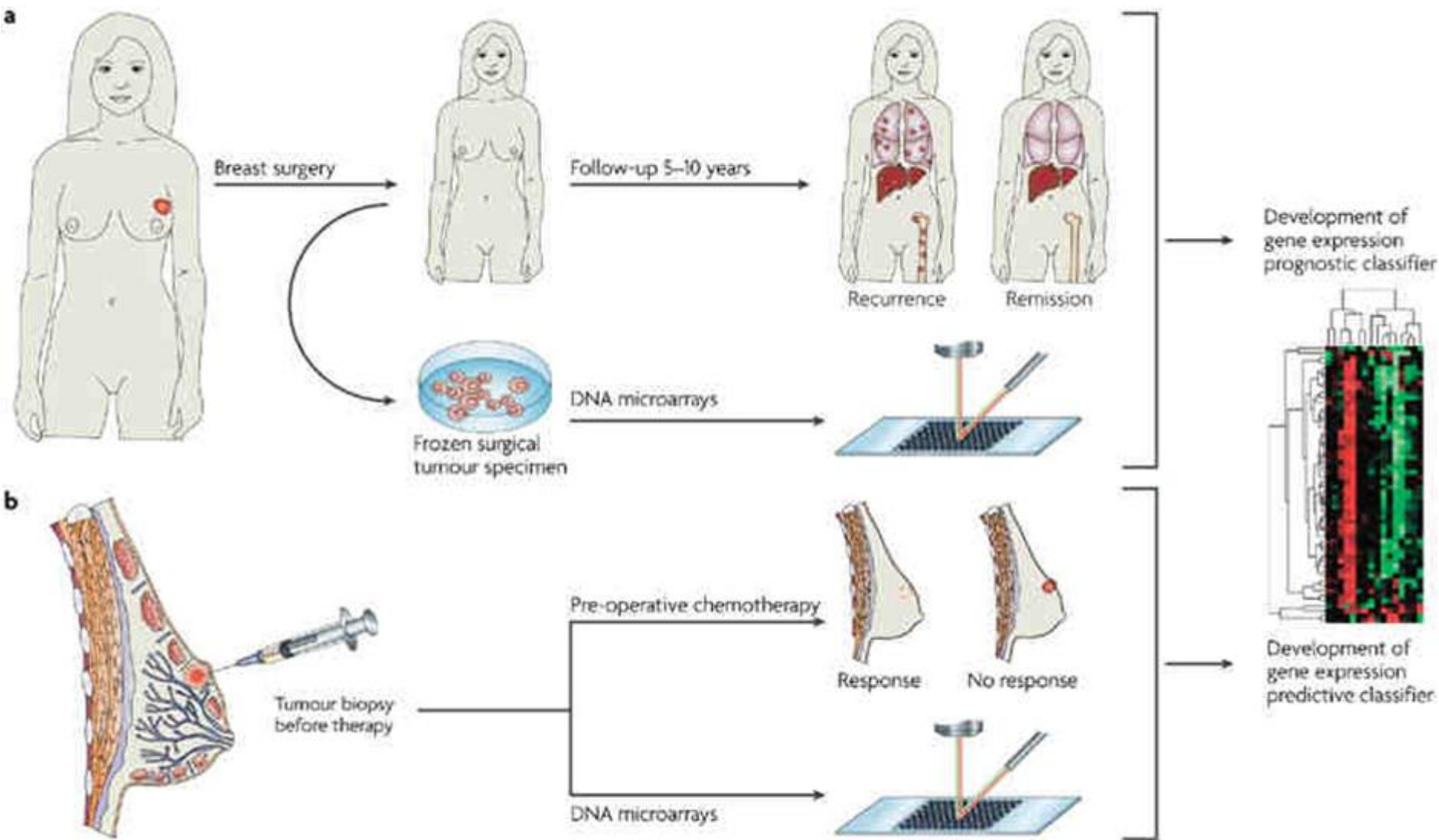
- For many years, breast cancer has been considered as an unique disease and treated as an unique disease based on clinical and pathological parameters
- During the last 20 years, extended knowledge of breast cancer biology, has put some light in our understanding of breast cancer
- High throughput technologies such as expression profiling has recently introduced new taxonomy of IBC

Outlines

- Perou and Sorlie's classification of BC
- Molecular grade
- Mammaprint
- OncotypeDX

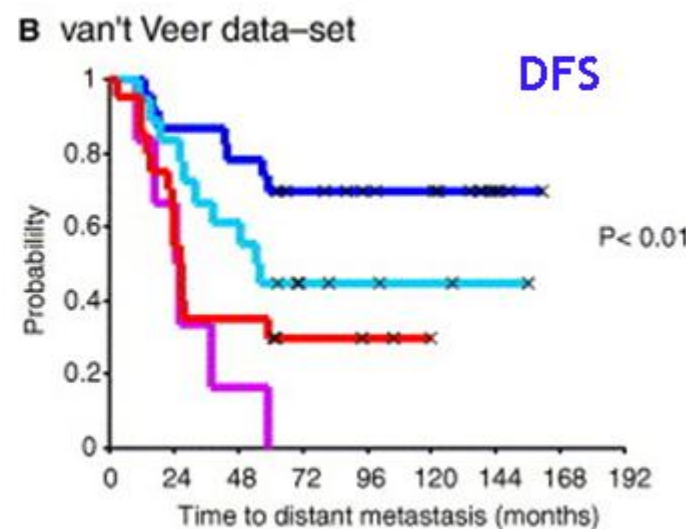
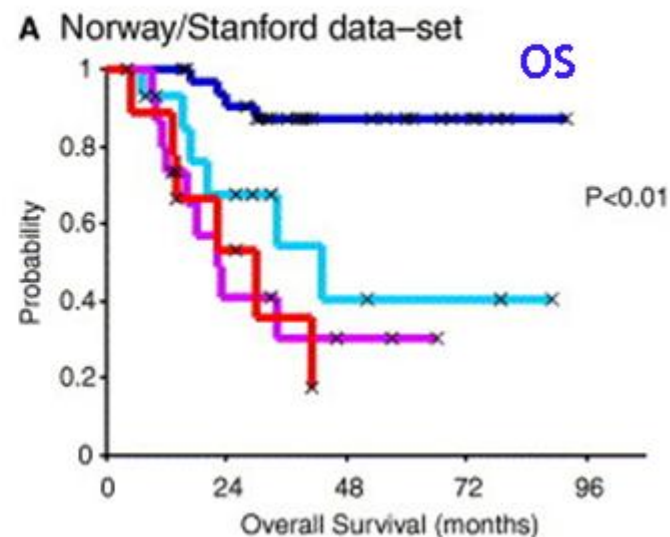
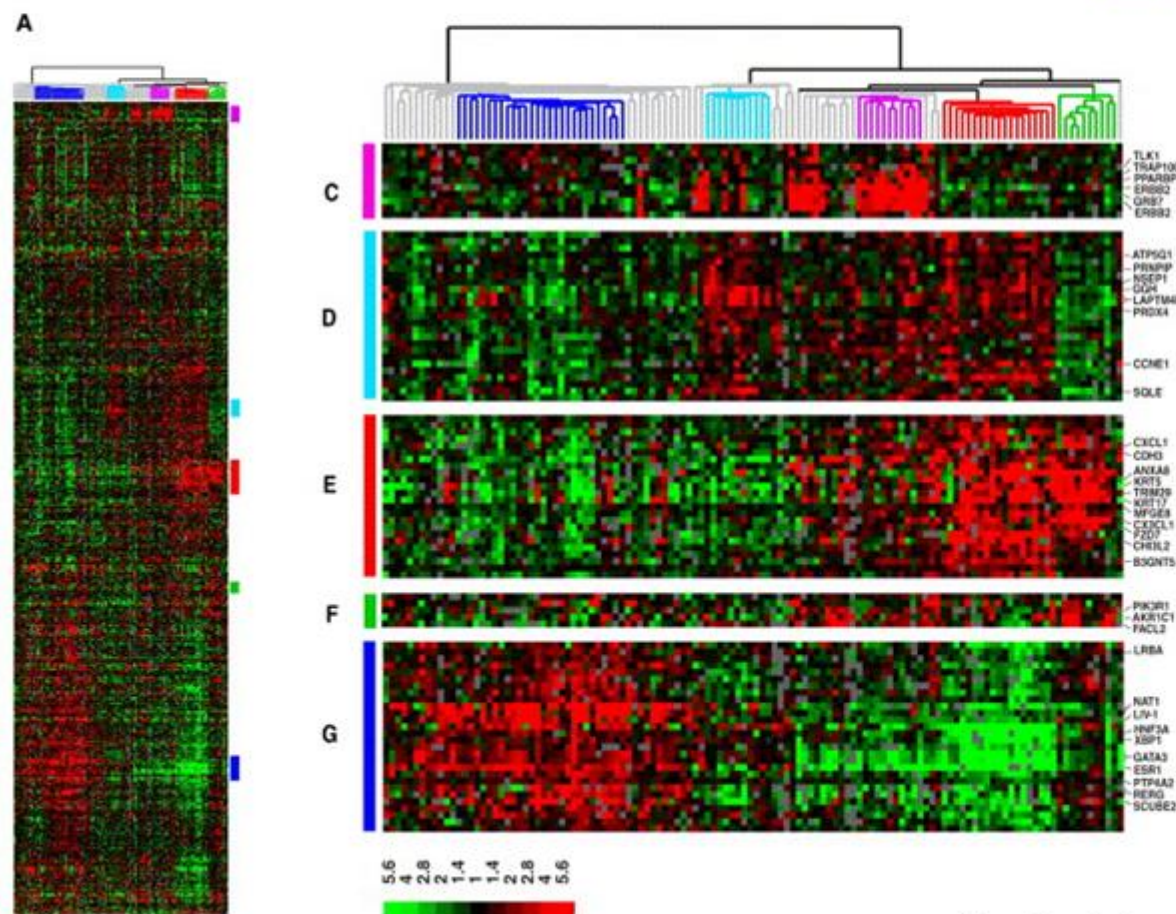
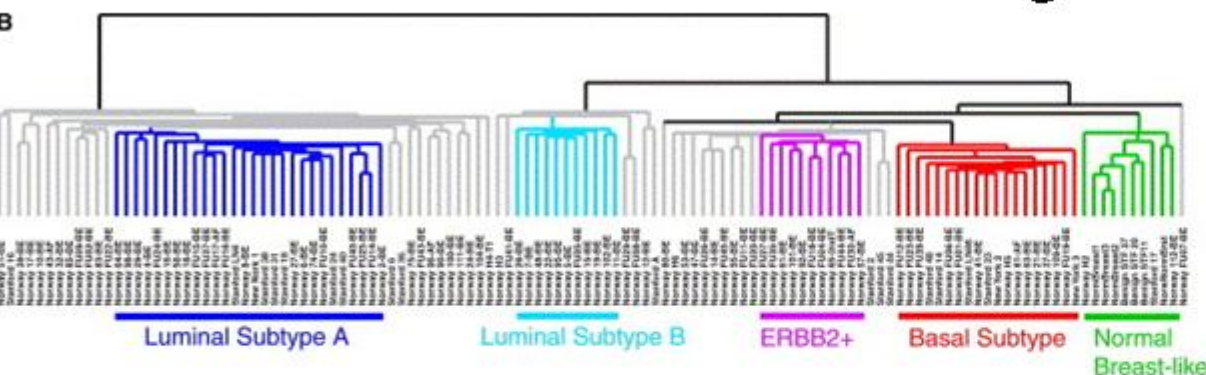
Expression profiling : new classification

- Five distinct patterns of expression
 - 2 Luminal type ER+++ , CK8-18
 - 1Basal-like: CK5-6, CK14
 - 1HER2 positive
 - 1 normal breast
(adipose tissue, non epithelial cell types)

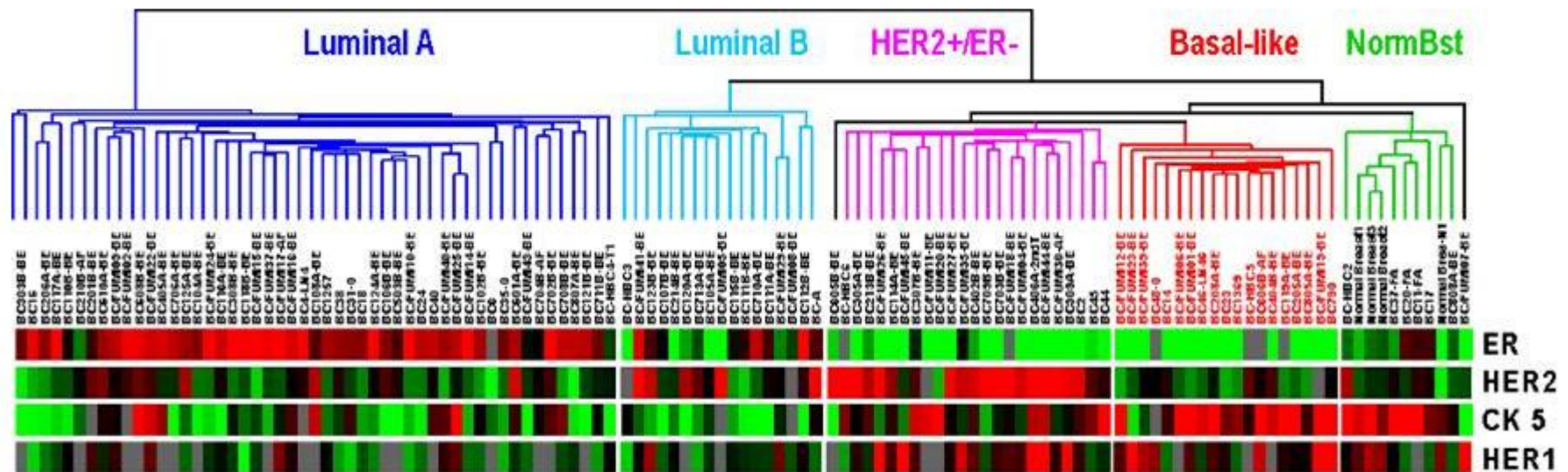


Bottom up : hypothèse biologique de départ
 Top down : sans *a priori*

Breast Cancer is an Heterogeneous Group of Diseases



T.O. Nielsen *et al.*, Clinical Cancer Research 10, 5367-74 (2004).



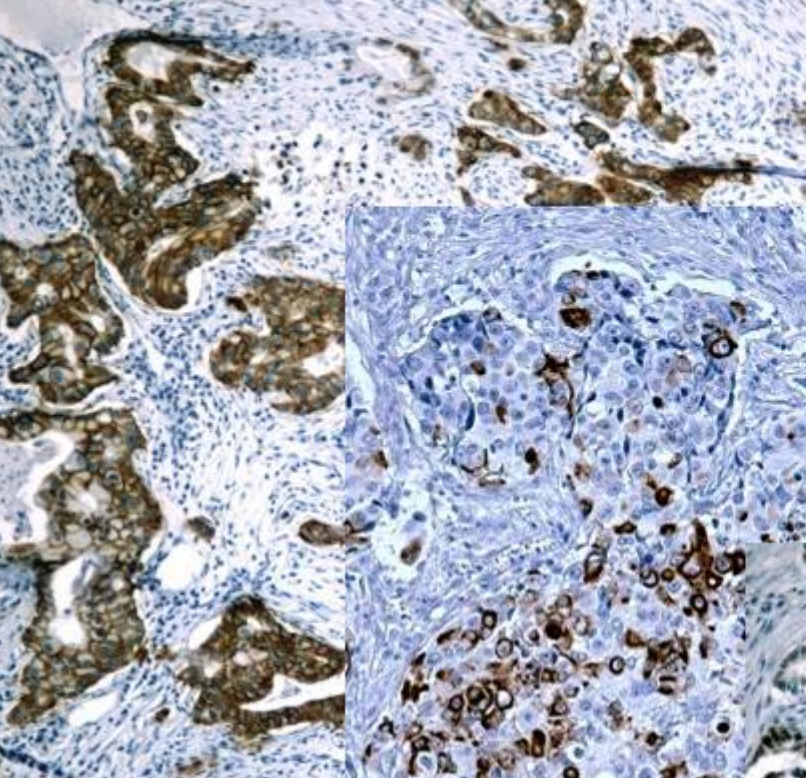
IHC intrinsic subtype surrogates

Luminal = ER+ and HER2-

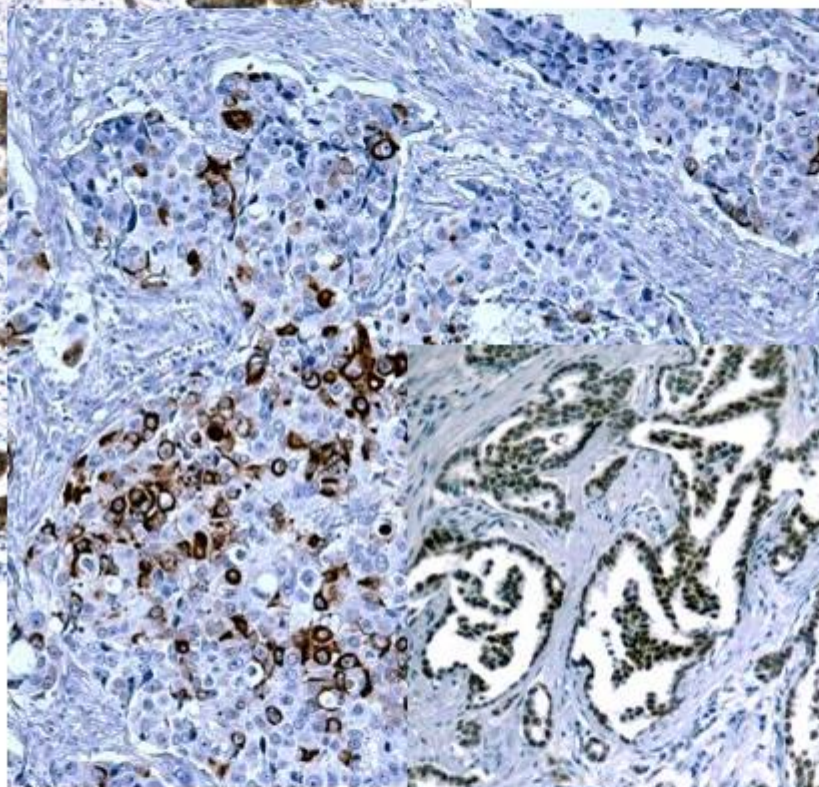
HER2+ = ER- or ER+ and HER2+ (3+)

Basal-like = ER-, HER2-, CK5/6+ and/or HER1+

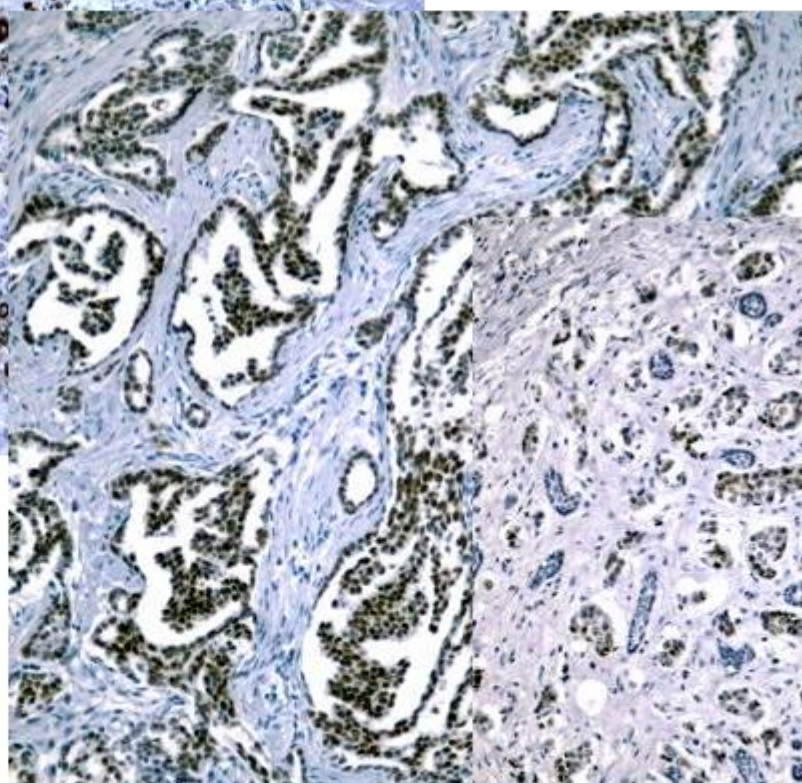
Unclassified = negative for all 4 markers



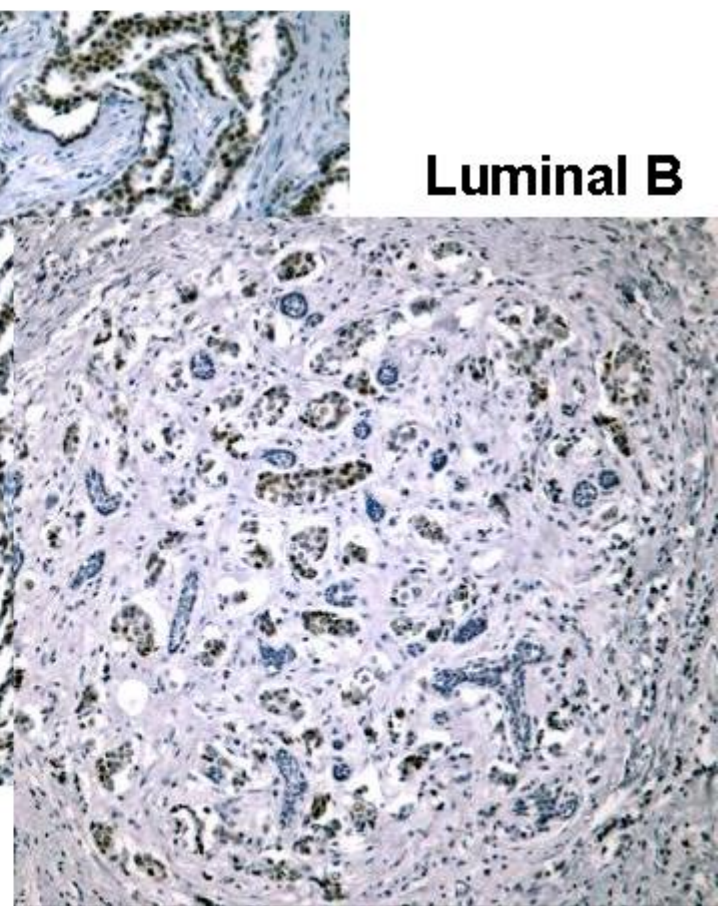
HER2+/ER-



Basal-like

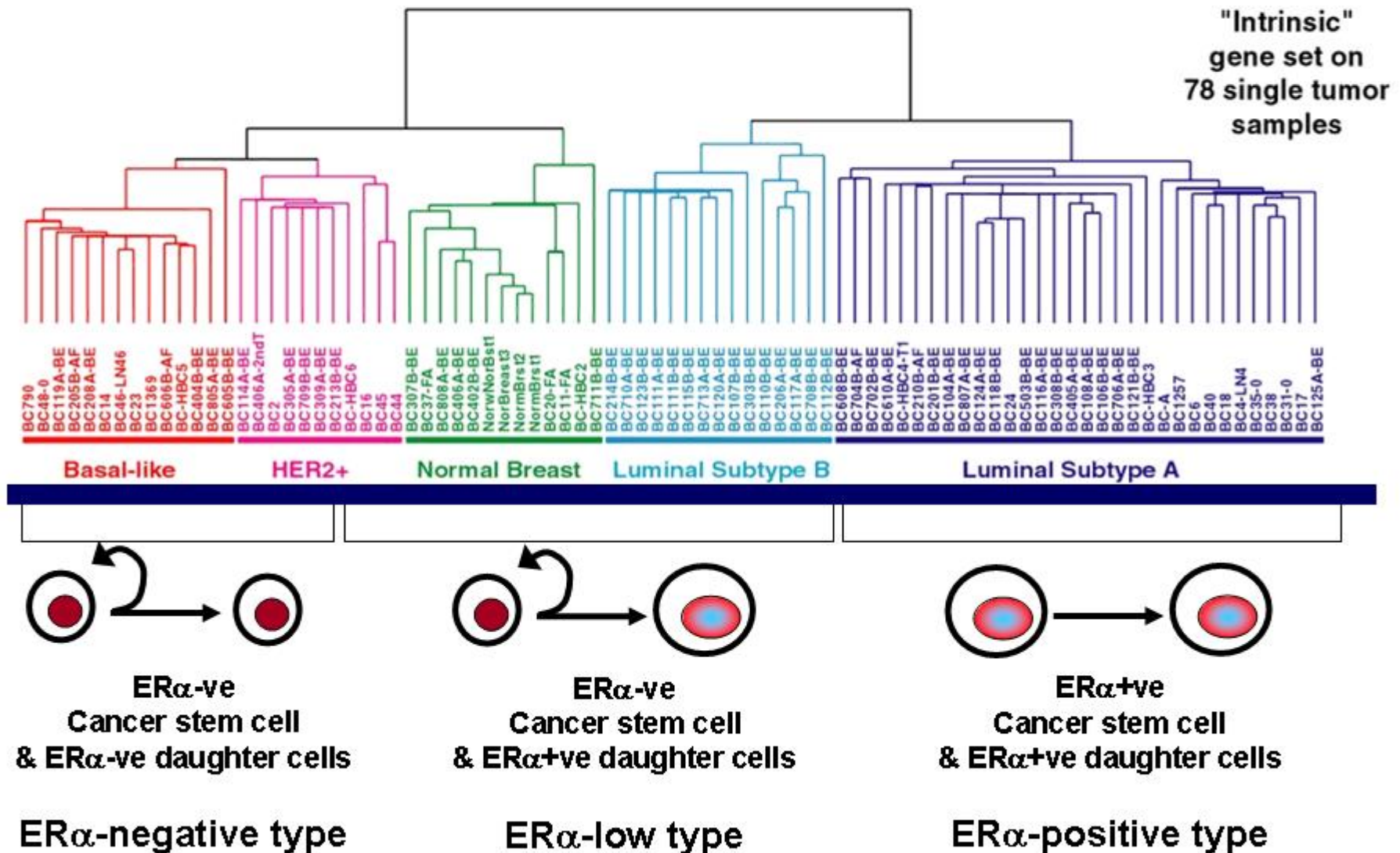


Luminal A



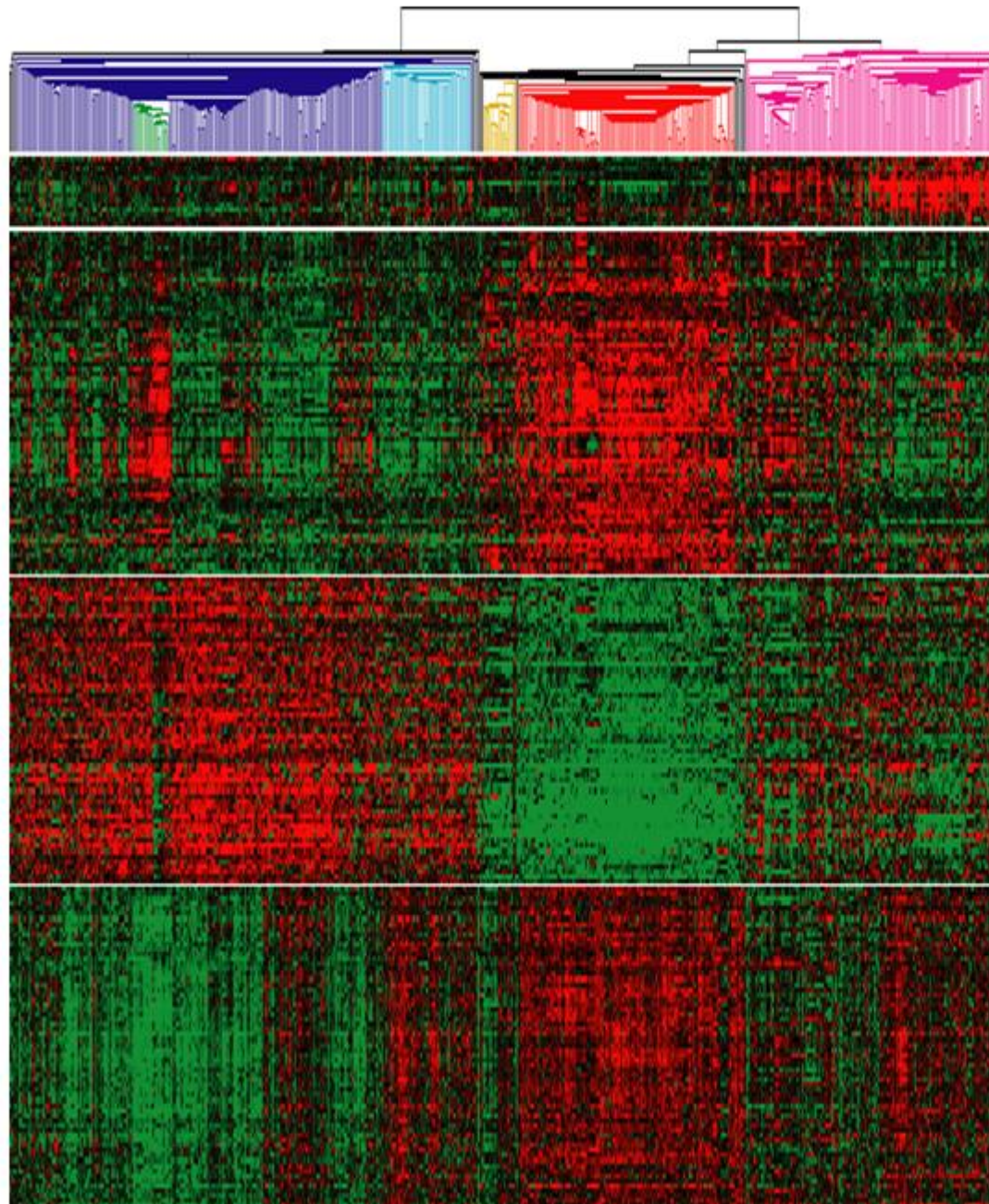
Luminal B

Breast cancer subtypes

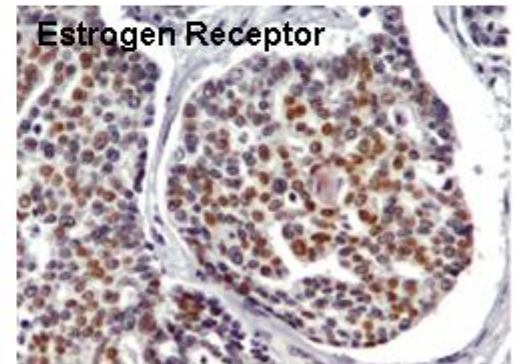


Clinical implications

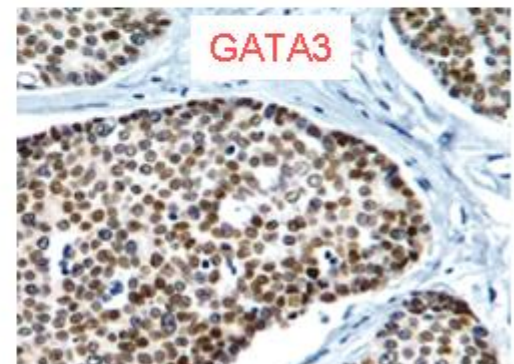
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- Basal-like breast cancer
- 4 families of HER2+ breast cancer



- Luminal A and B (ER+)**
1. continuum or distinct cells?
 2. prognostic/predictive
 3. **ER-GATA3-FOXA1-XBP1**
 4. Cyclin D1 and BCL2



X-box Binding Protein 1
 Estrogen Receptor
 GATA3
 Forkhead Box A1



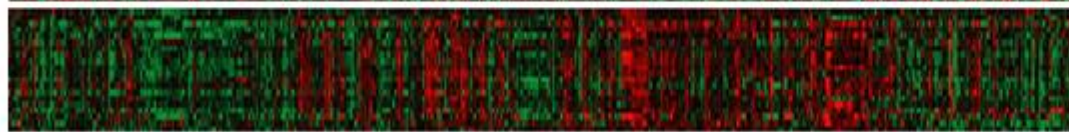
Luminal A vs. B

1. levels of Luminal/ER+ genes
2. proliferation
3. p53 mutation
4. DNA amplifications

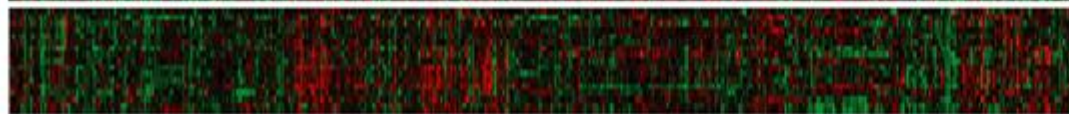
HER2



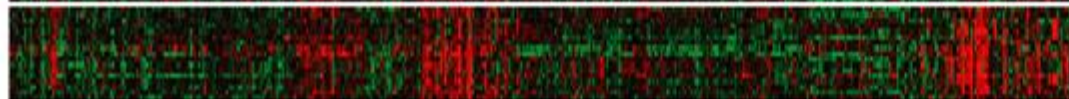
17q11-12 - HER2, GRB7



8q24 – MYC, NDRG1, SQLE

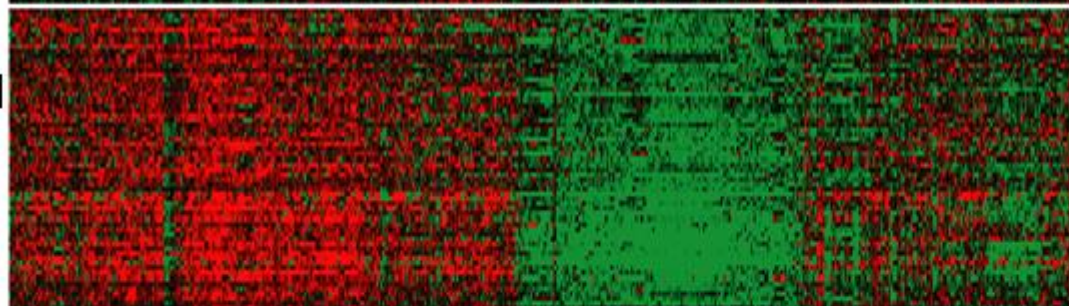


17q25



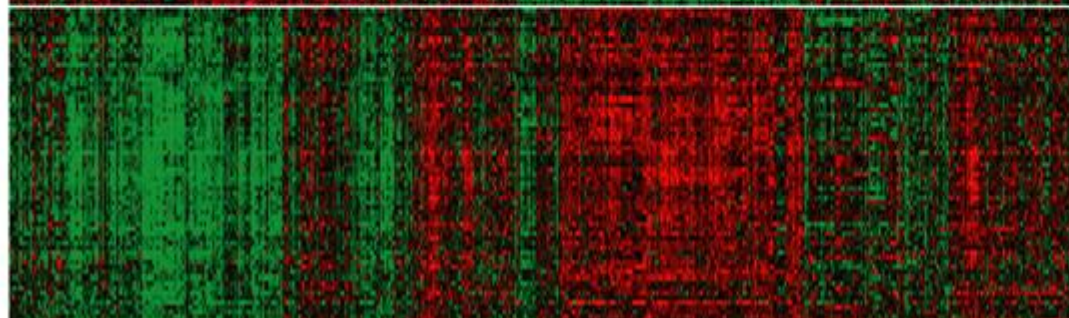
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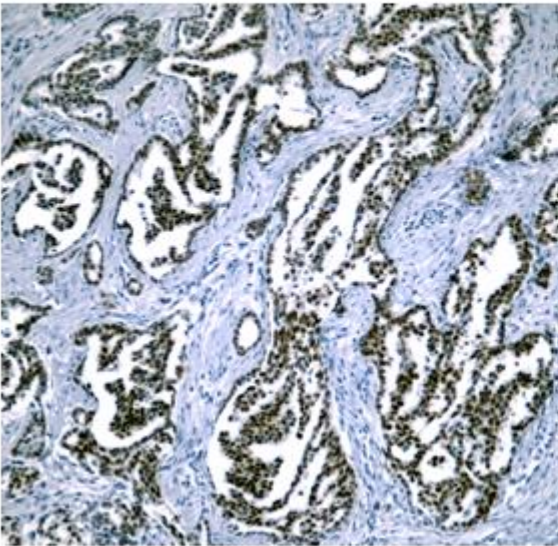
Luminal



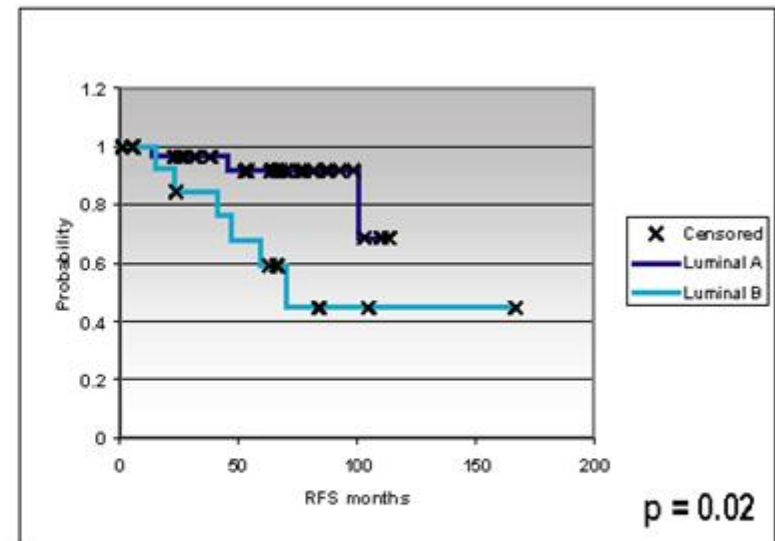
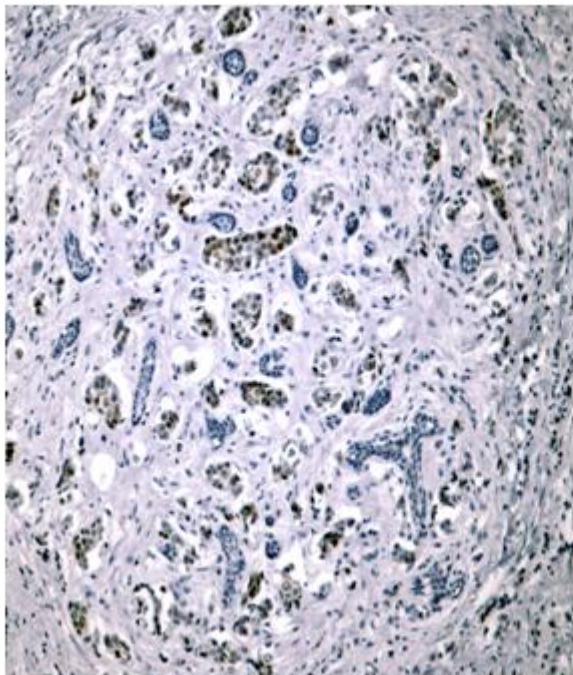
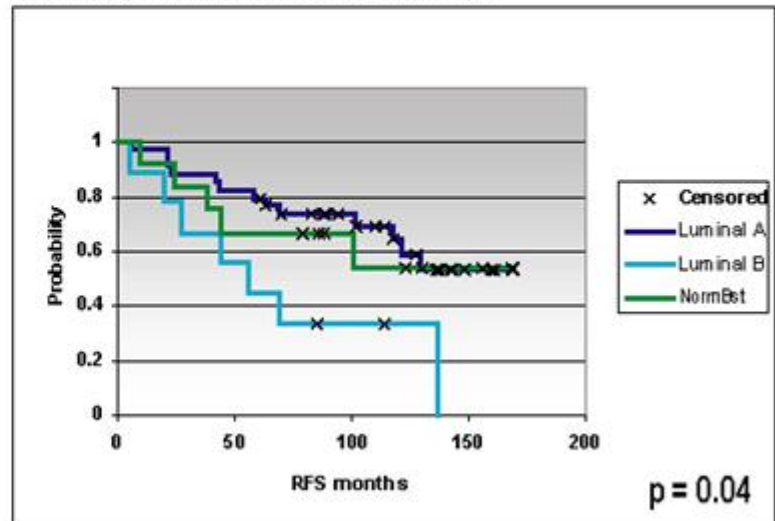
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Proliferation





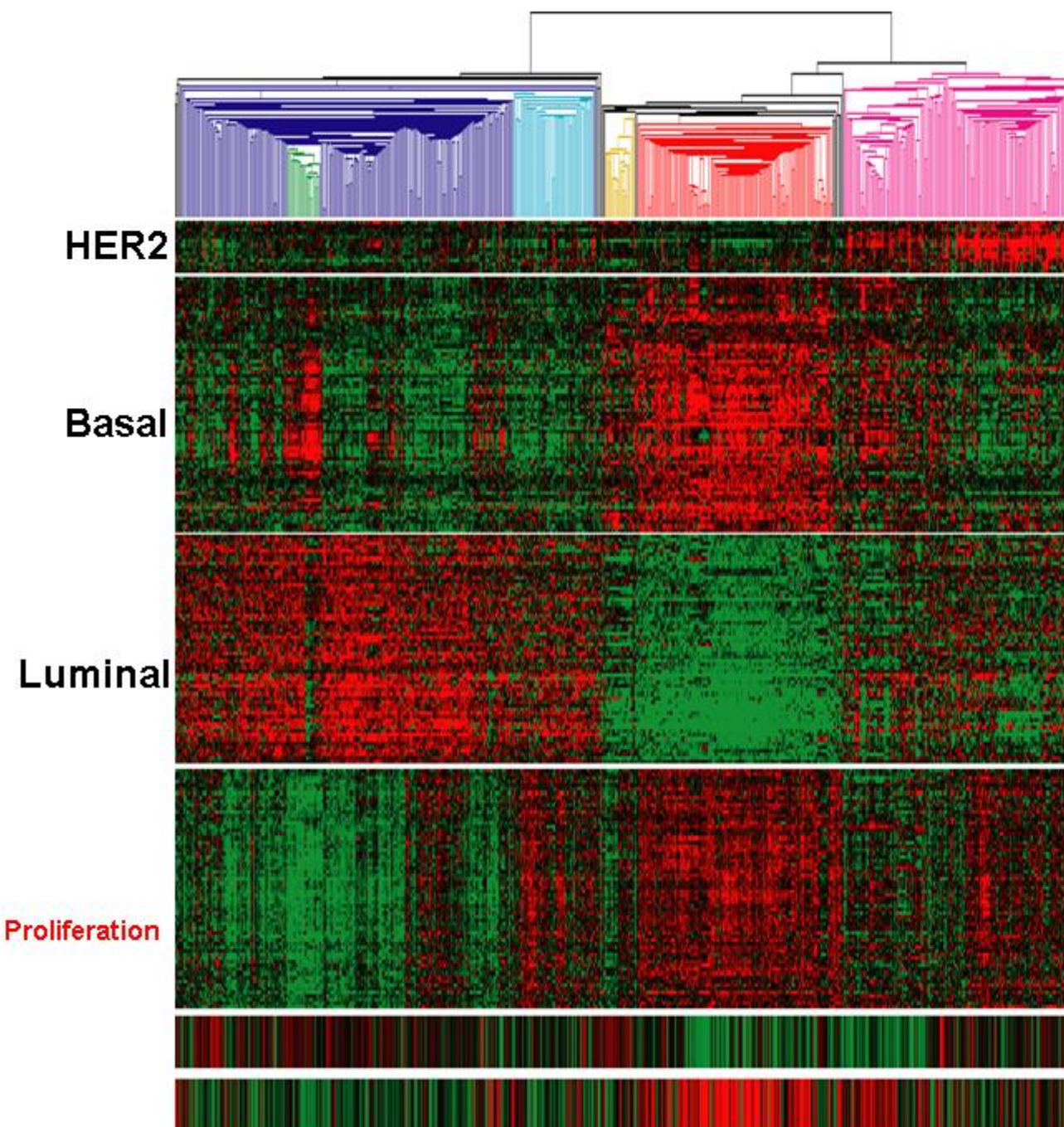
60 Sample ER+ Tamoxifen-Treated Test Set
Ma et al., Cancer Cell 5, 1-10 (2004).



45 Tamoxifen Treated Test Set #2
Chang et al., PNAS 102, 3738-43 (2005) + UNC

Clinical implications

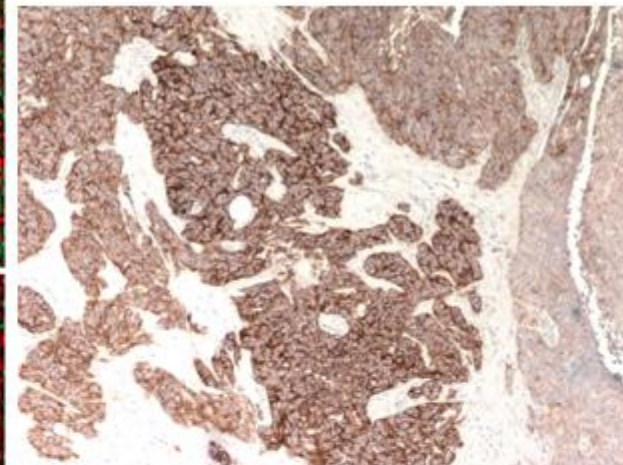
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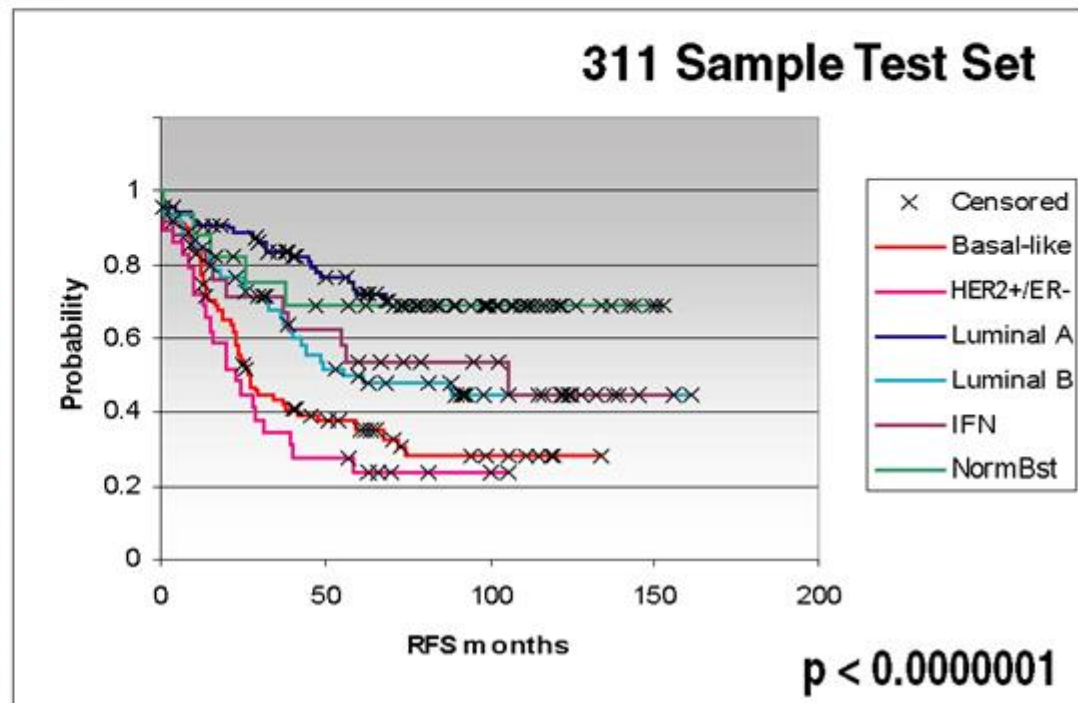
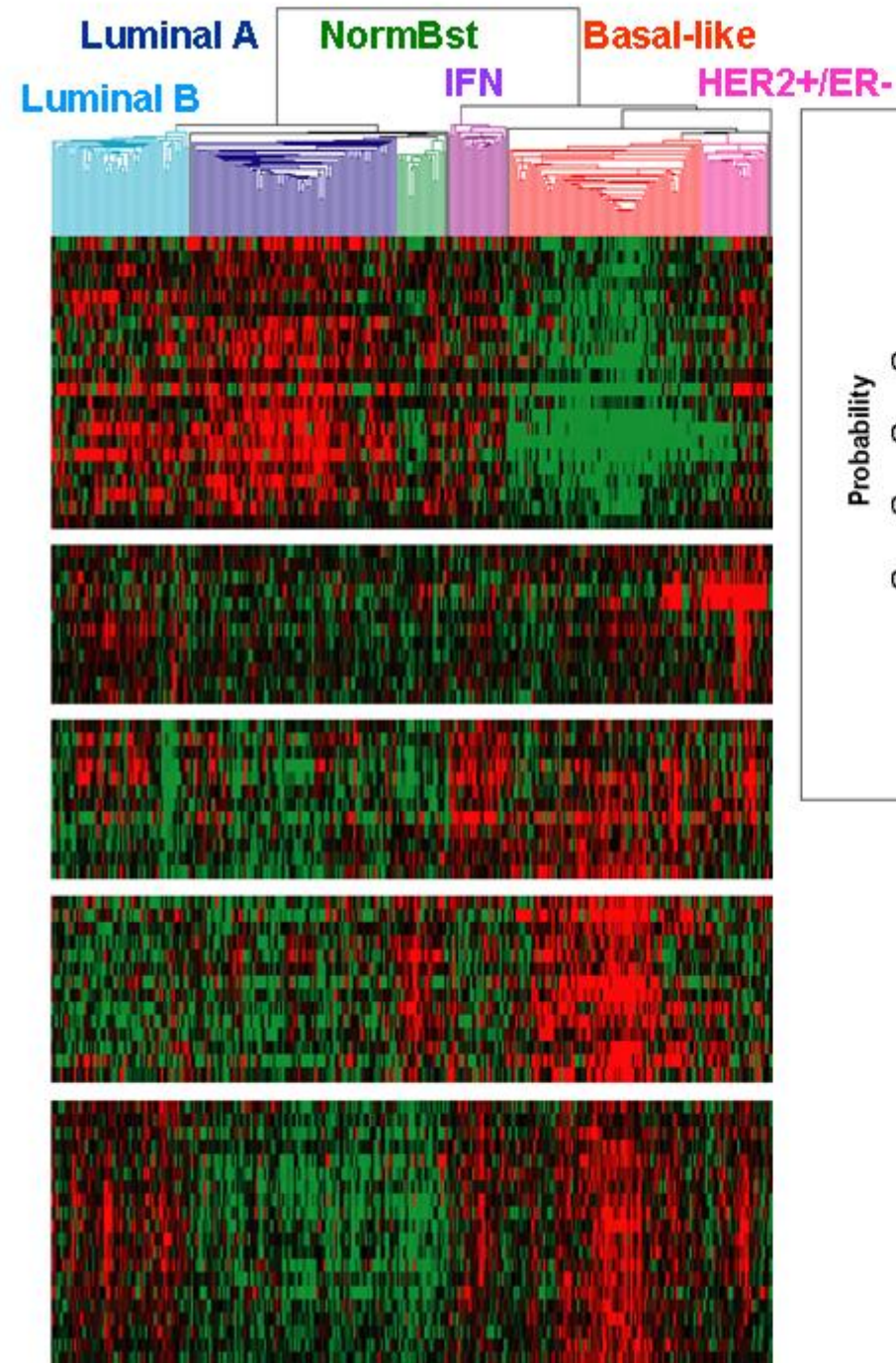
Basal-like subtype

1. 10-20% of tumors
2. distinct cell type
3. BRCA1 carriers
4. 50% are p53 mutant
5. very proliferative

CRYAB
TCF4
Frizzled 7
LY6D
c-KIT
Keratin 5
Keratin 17



EGFR



Poor prognosis of the basal-like group found in almost all the series so far published

Basal epithelial phenotype of breast cancer

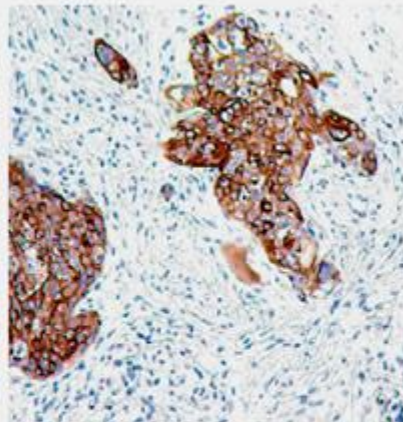
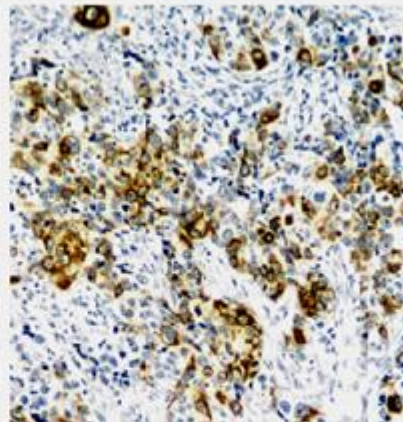
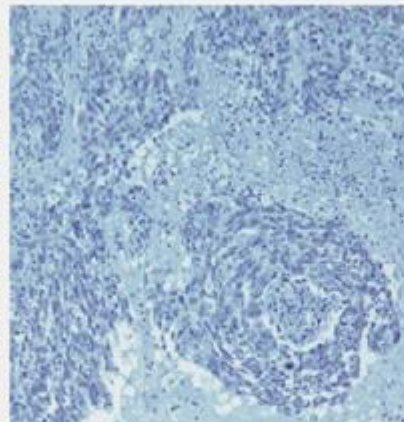
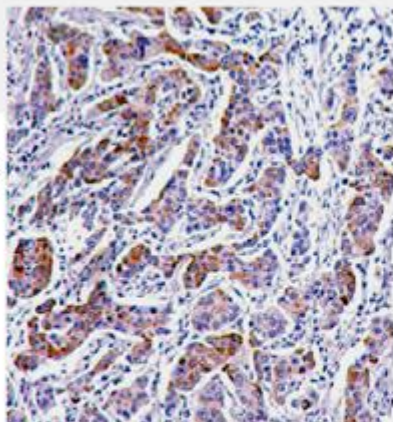
- 3-15% of breast cancer
- Triple null phenotype: ER-, PR-, HER2-
can be basal type BC
- Basal type signature: ER-, HER2-,
EGFR+, CK14 + (or CK5-6 +)
- Other markers: osteonectin, CK17, SMA,
GFAP, calponin

T1

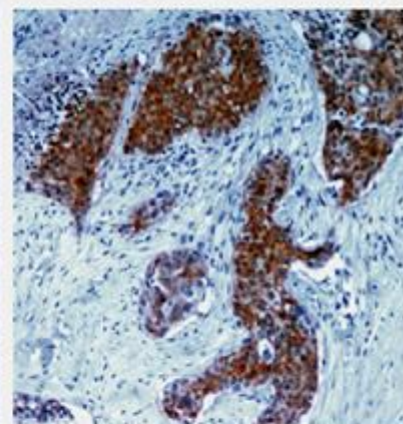
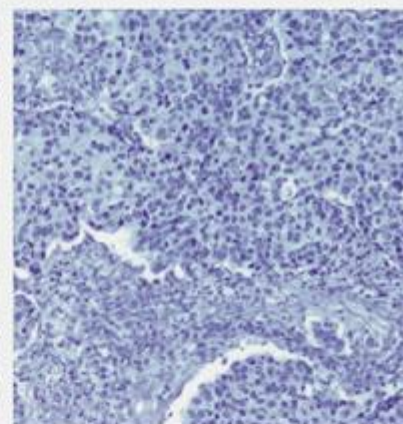
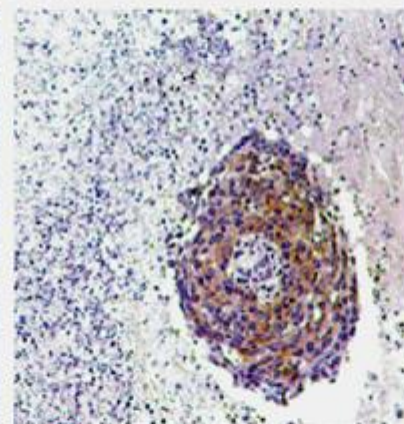
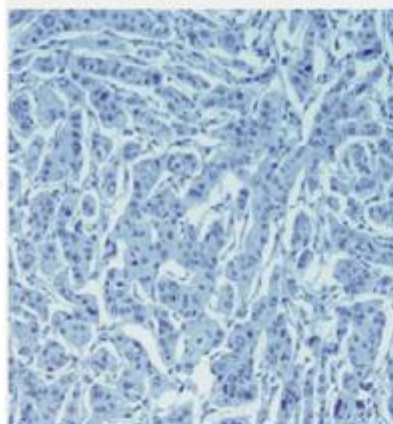
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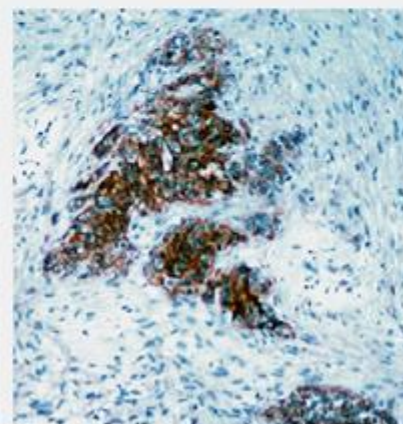
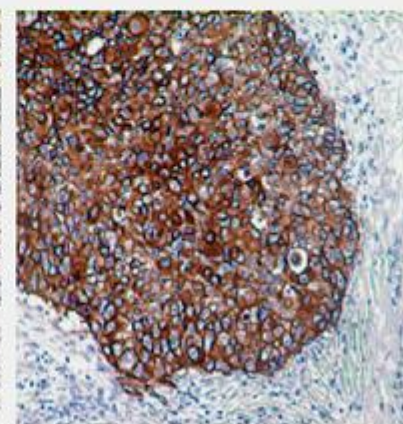
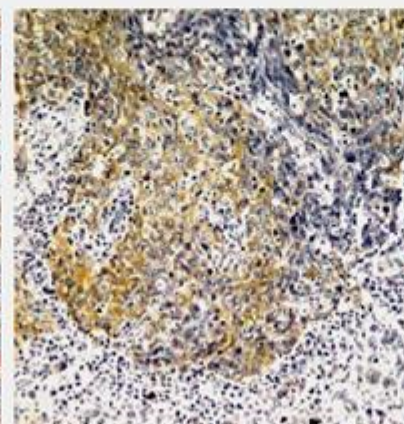
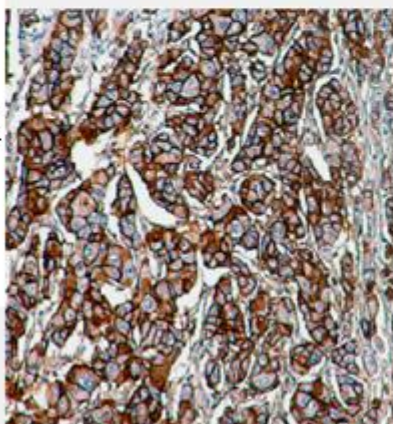
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CK 5/6
or 14

c-KIT



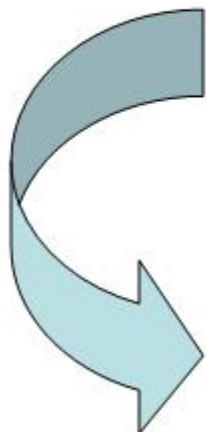
EGFR



BRCA1 BREAST CANCER

Basal epithelial phenotype

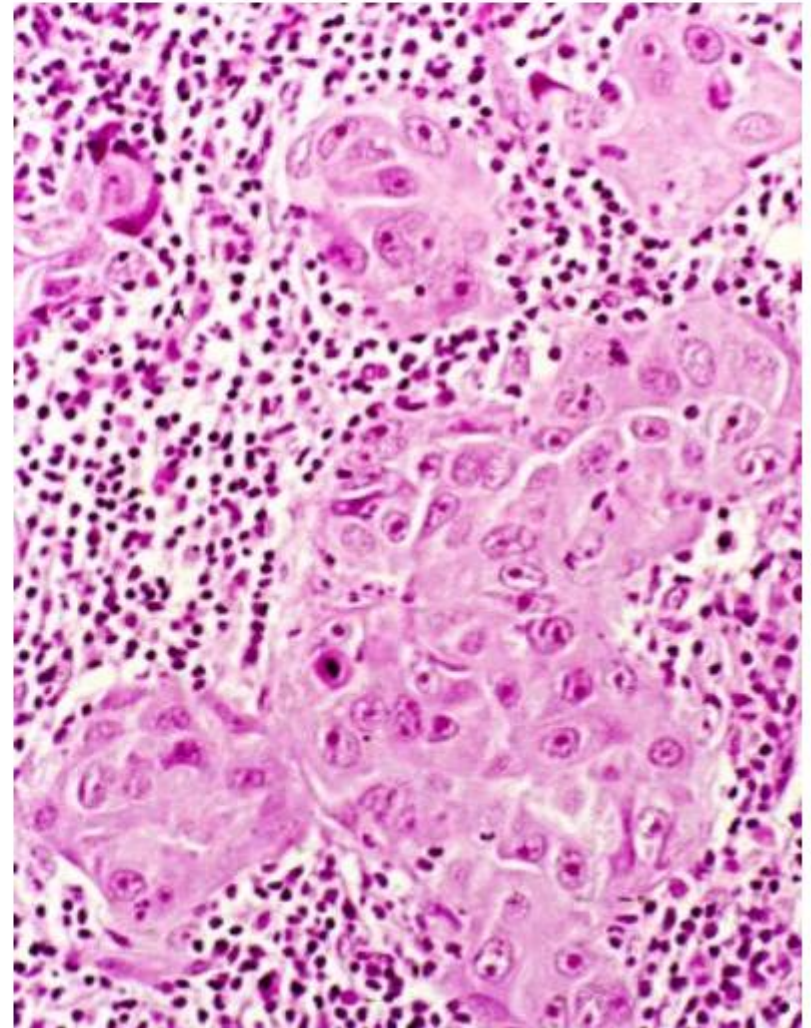
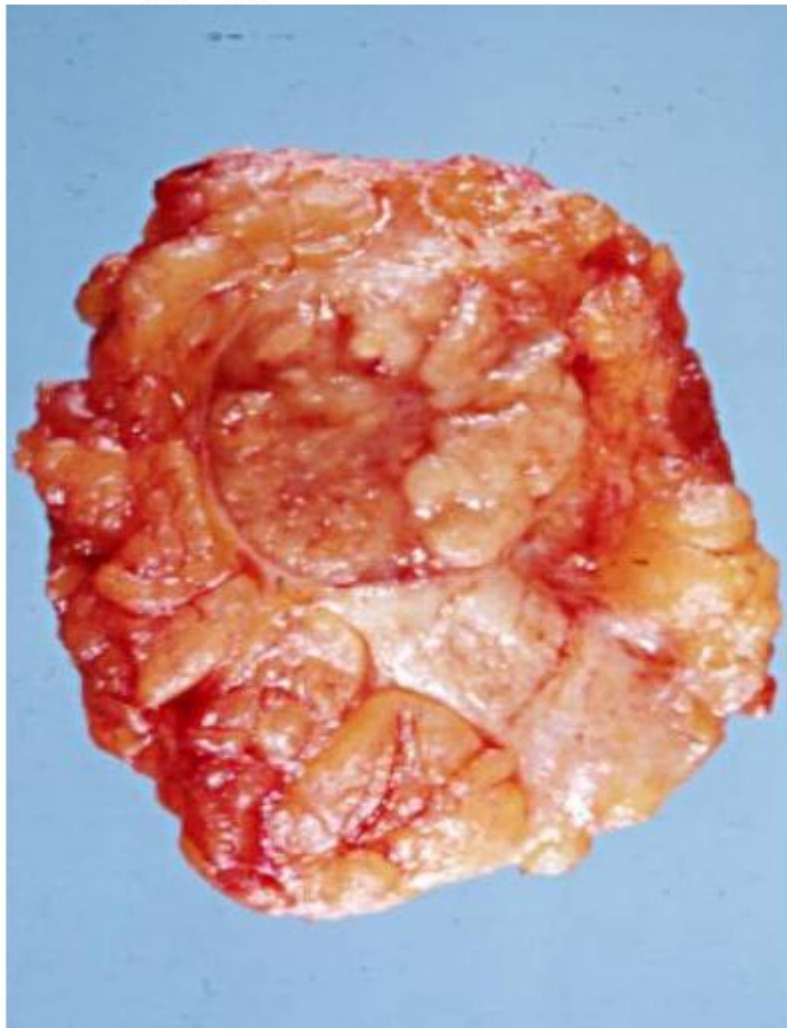
- Morphologic features
 - High grade
 - Necrosis
 - Atypical medullary phenotype
 - TP53 mutations



Similar to BRCA1 associated breast tumors

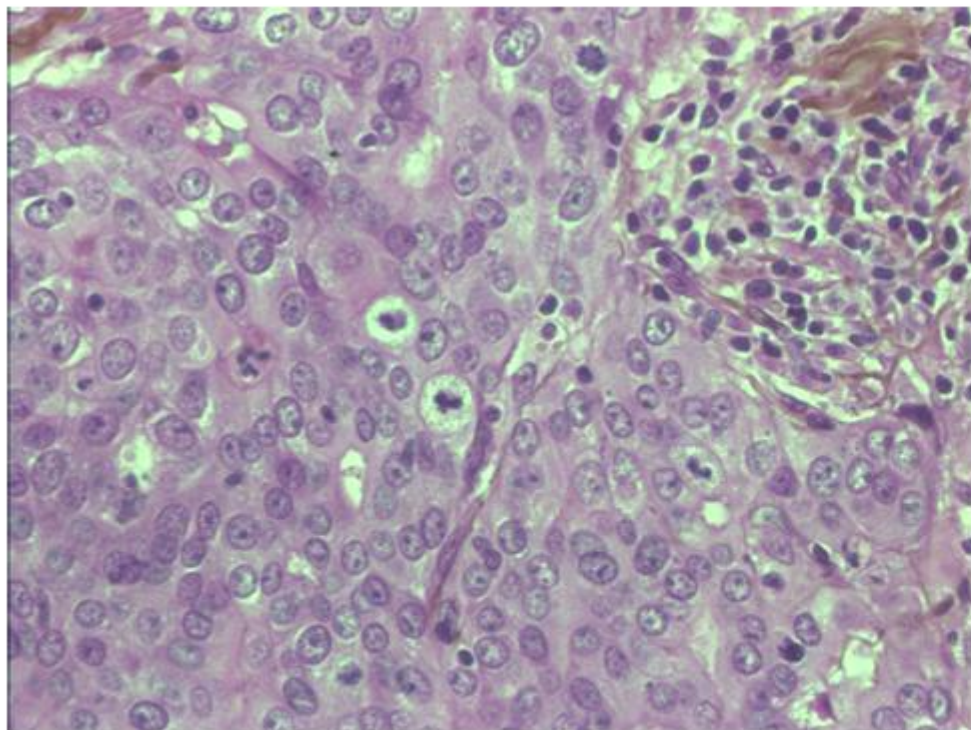
Pathology of familial breast cancer

High grade Invasive ductal carcinoma or “medullary like”



Data from the Breast Cancer Linkage Consortium Study

- Tumors linked to BRCA1



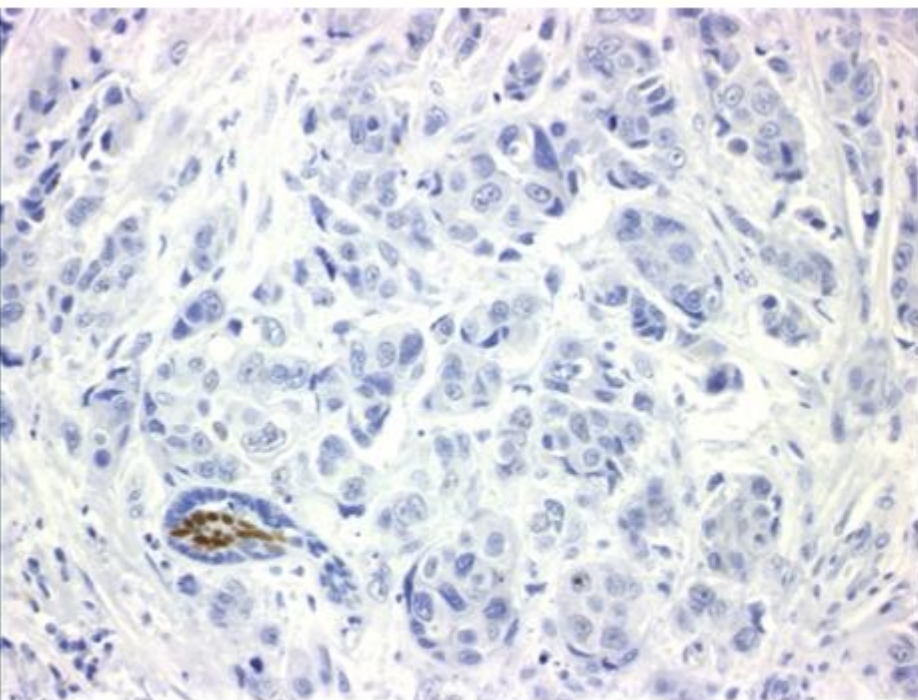
Multivariate analysis

- High mitotic grade
- Good limitation
- Lymphoplasmocytic infiltration

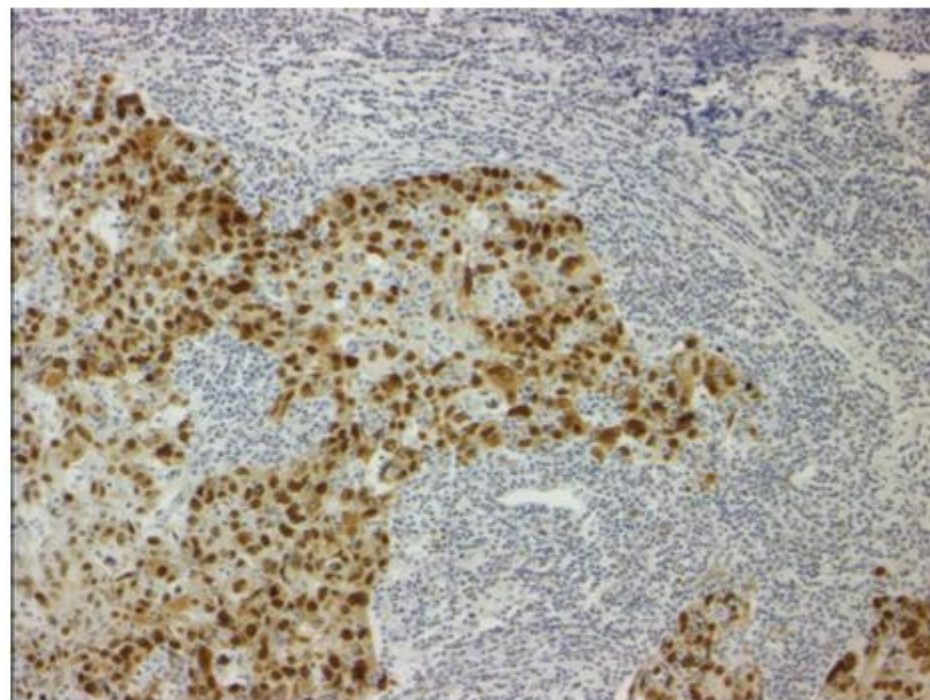
Lakhani Lancet 1997, JNCI 1998

BRCA1 IHC PROFILE

ER NEGATIF



P53 POSITIVE

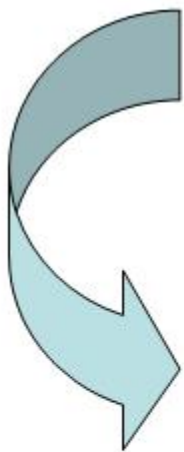


Familial Breast Cancer

- BRCA 1 Prediction
- BRCA 1 – prevalence <60yrs = 2.0%
 - Er +ve 0.4%
 - ER –ve, ck –ve 1.6%
 - ER-ve, ck14 +ve 5.2%
 - ER –ve, ck 5/6 +ve 10.1%
 - ER –ve, ck 5/6 +ve, ck 14 +ve 55%

« Expression signatures »

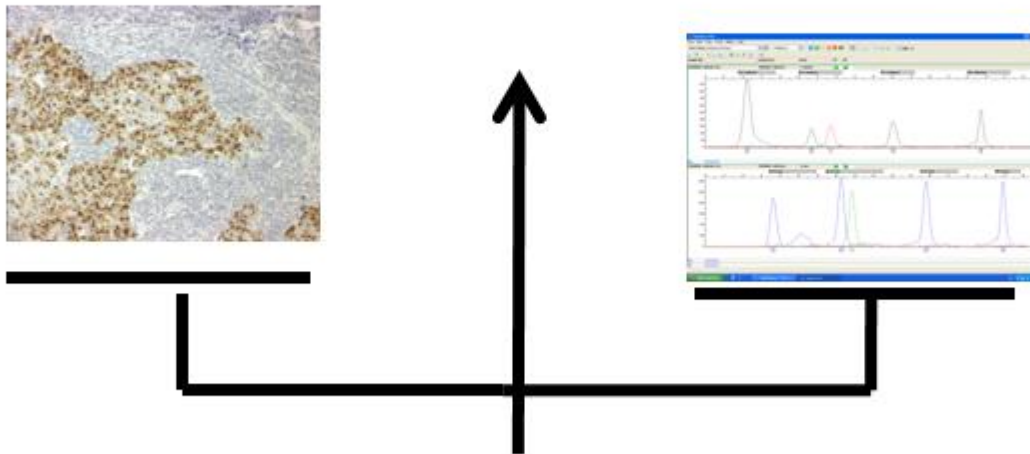
BRCA 1 and 2 mutated have a different profile and could be distinguished from sporadic breast cancer (Hedenfalk, *New Engl J Med* 2001)



This profile could be used instead of sequencing BRCA genes

HISTOPATHOLOGICAL FEATURES

- Cost effective tool for genetic screening



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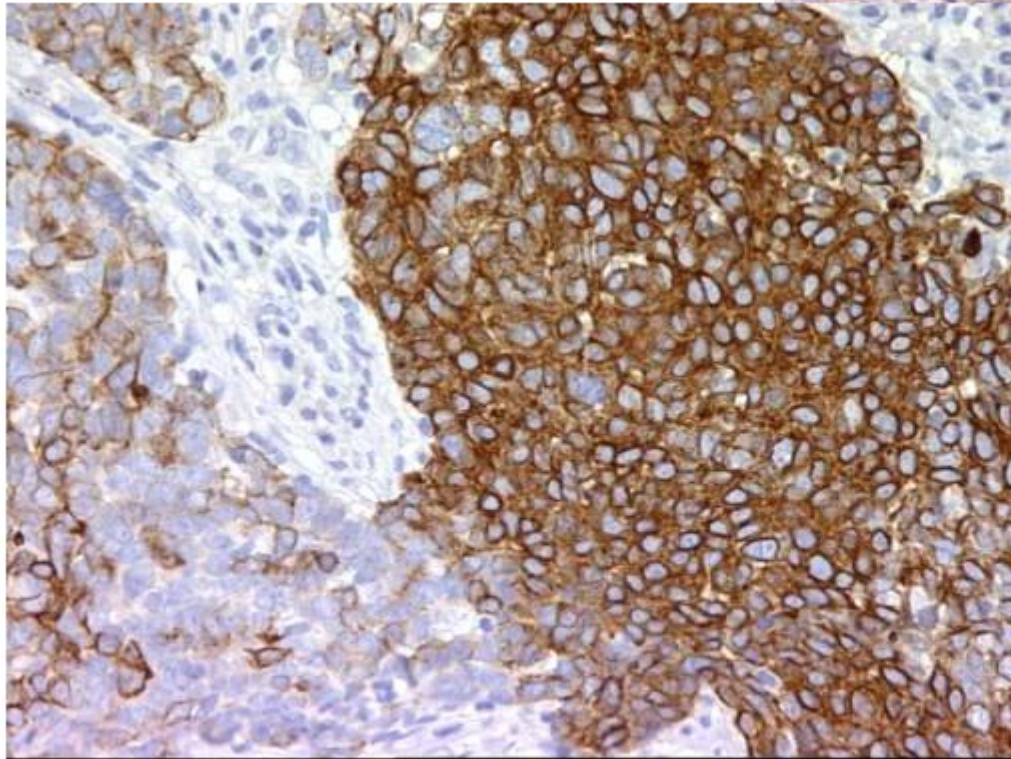
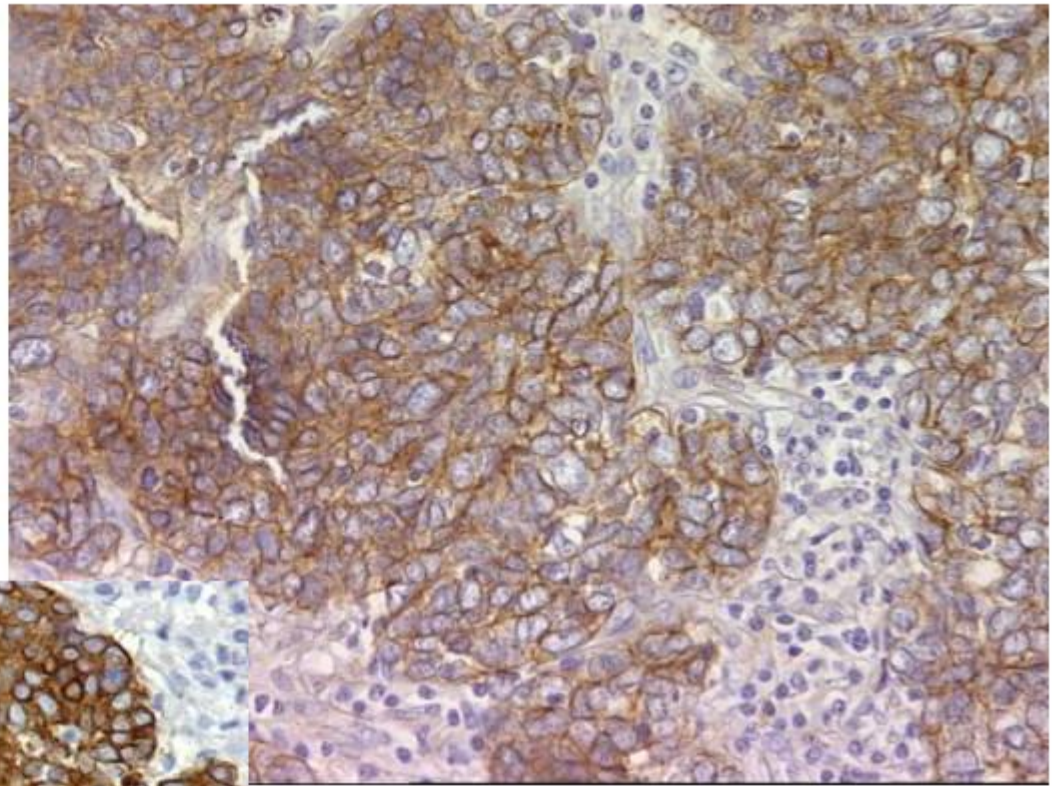
Lakhani, Clin Cancer Res 2005

- 182 BRCA1 tumors, 63 BRCA2, 109 controls
- CK14, CK5/6, CK17, EGFR, Osteonectin

Lakhani: Clin Cancer Res 2005
Basal phenotype and familial breast cancer

IHC	Controls n = 109	BRCA1 n = 182
CK14 +	11.8%	60.6% p<0.0001
CK5/6 +	6.6%	57.6% p<0.0001
CK17 +	9.6%	53.3% <0.0001
Osteonectin +	18.7%	43.2% P=0.0001
EGFR +	21.3%	67.3% p<0.0001

EGFR



CK5-6

Prevalence of combined phenotypes defined by ER, CK14 and CK5/6

ER	CK14	CK5/6	BRCA1%	Control %
Pos			9.6	67.2
Neg	Neg	Neg	20.9	24
Neg	Neg	Pos	13.4	2.4
Neg	Pos	Neg	12.4	4.8
Neg	Pos	Pos	43.8	1.6

Lakhani: Clin Cancer Res 2005

BRCA1 signature:
ER-, CK14+, CK5/6+

BRCA1 phenotype

(Albiges L Ann Oncol 2005)

	BRCA1	BRCA2	Non mutated	P (χ^2)
N	15	12	58	
Age	45.6	48	51.7	
ER+	35%	75%	79%	0.007
Bone mets	13%	58%	55%	0.01
Lung mets	60%	0%	38%	0.005
Brain mets	67%	0%	10%	10⁻⁵

Basal-like cancer

- 25% of Grade III breast tumors (Fulford 2007)
- Higher prevalence in premenopausal african-american (39%) versus menopausal AA (14%) or non AA (16%) (Carey 2006)
- Classical phenotype: medullary like
- Heterogeneous group: myoepithelial differentiation, apocrine tumors, low grade tumors, with different gene expressions

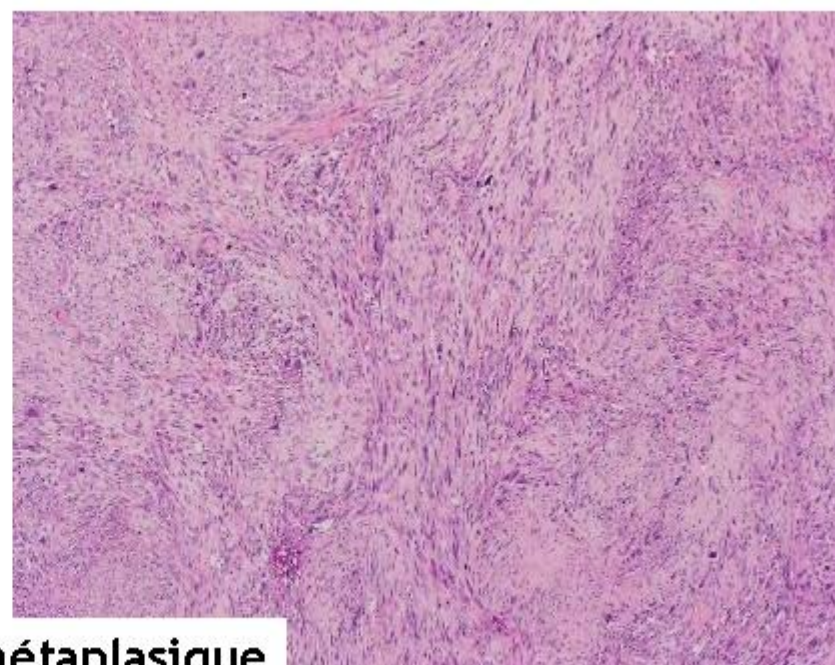
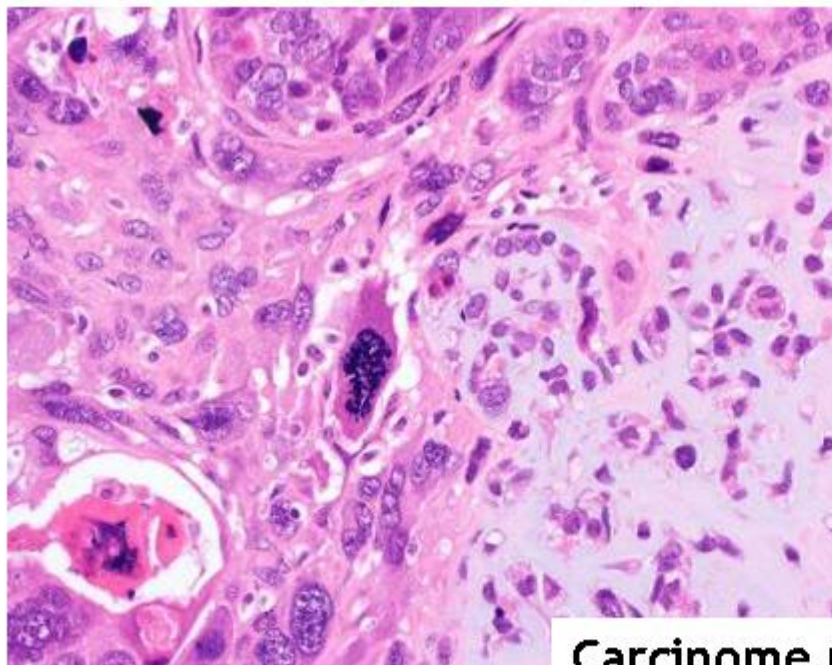
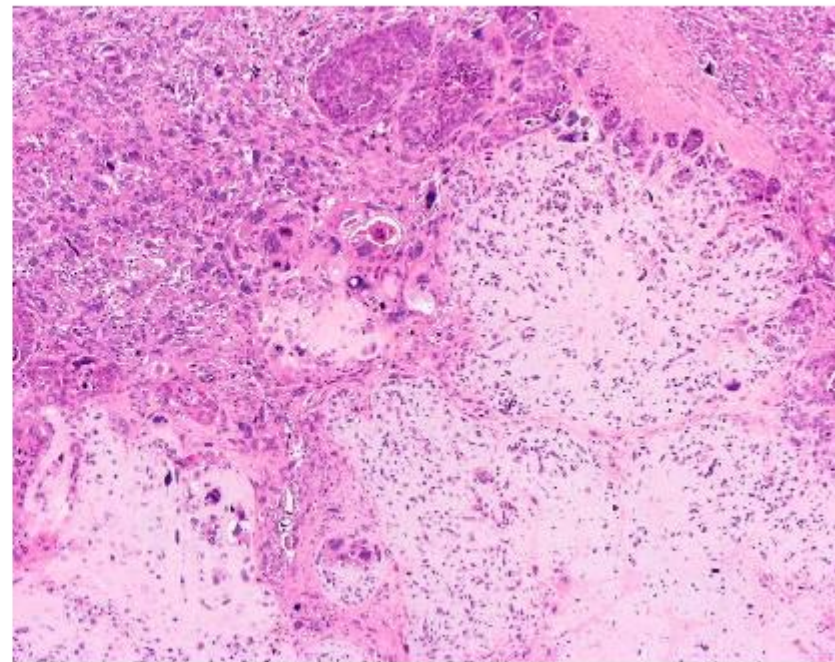
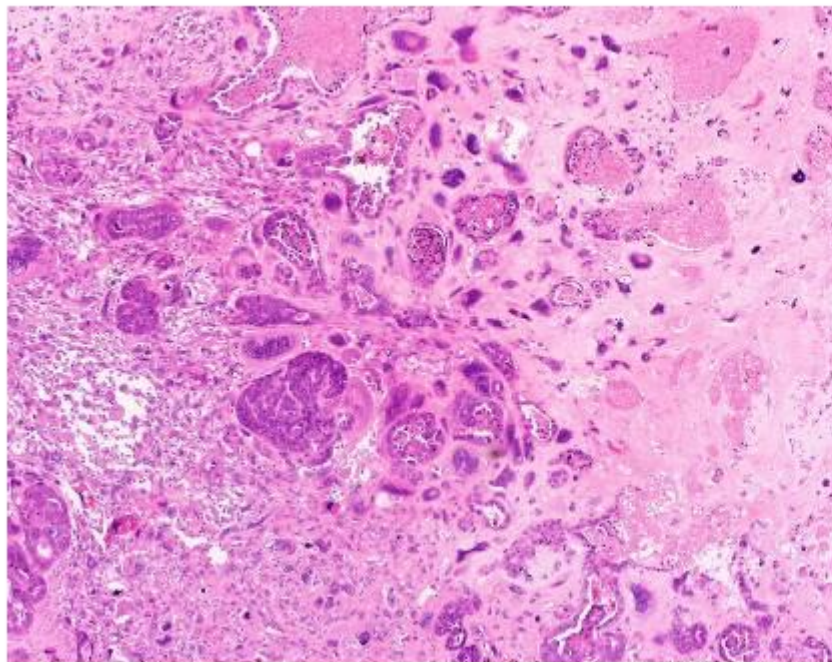
Better response to treatment for basal-like tumors

- *Rouzier R Clin Cancer Res 2005*
 - 82 IBC treated by neoadjuvant chemotherapy with paclitaxel followed by FAC
 - pCR
 - 45% for HER2+ and/or Basal-like cancer
 - 6% for luminal cancer
 - 0% for normal-like cancer
 - Different gene involved
- Sensitivity to CDDP

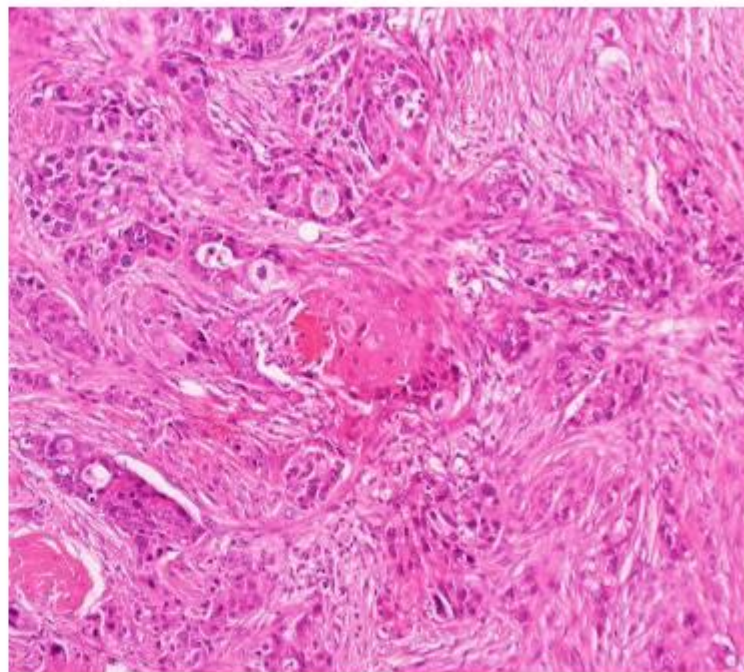
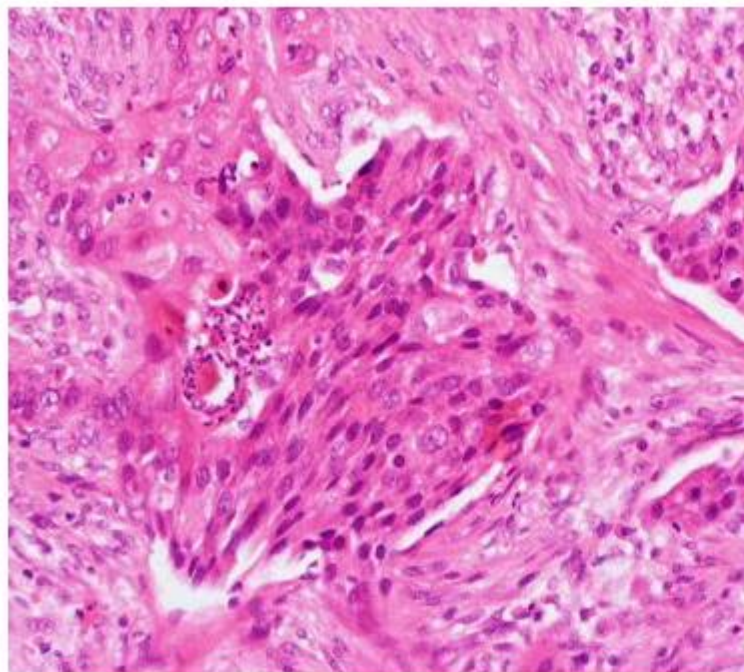
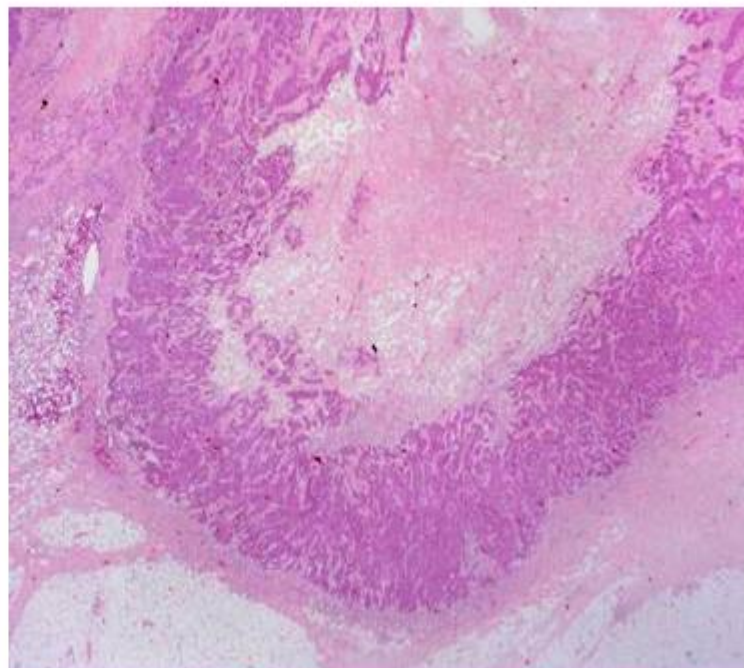
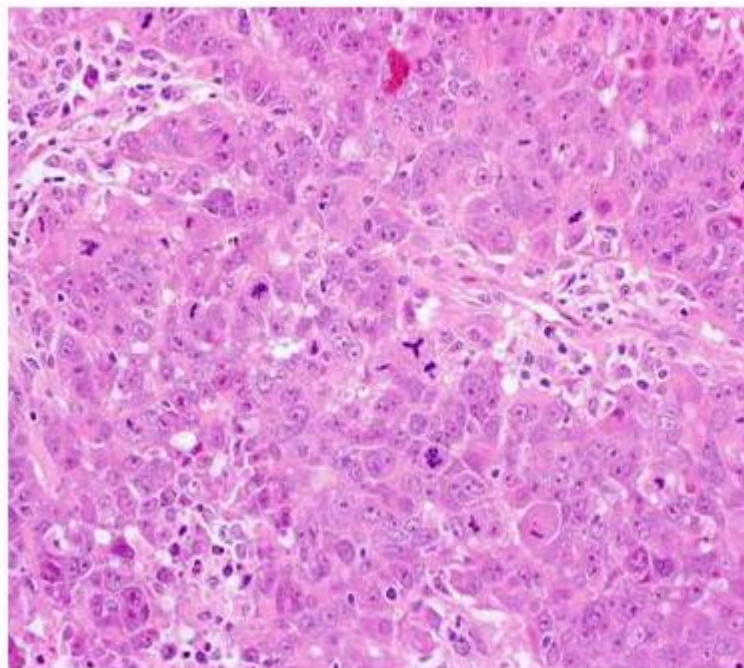
Histopathological subtypes

- Basal like group encompasses a large variety of tumors (high grade IDC, special types like adenoid cystic carcinoma or low grade squamous carcinoma...) with distinct prognosis and predictive implications **that escape molecular identification**

So, we still have to histotype the tumors



Carcinome métaplasique

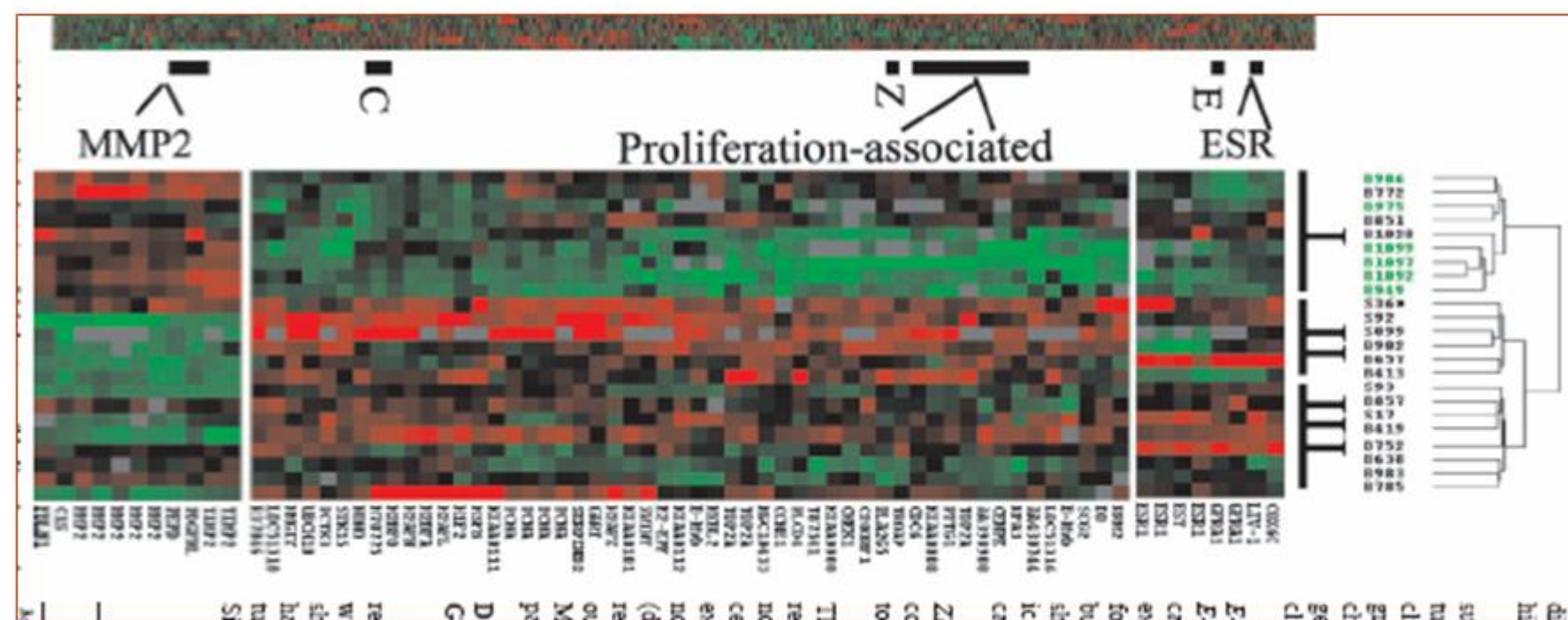


Histopathological subtypes

- Loss of 16q tumor suppressor gene ?
- Loss of expression of E cadherin +++++
- luminal A / normal like sub type
- Resistance to apoptosis CIDEA , E cadherin , BCL2
- hypoangiogenesis (Thrombospondin ++ / VEGF--)
- Lymphogenesis +++
- Pleiomorphic, solid, alveolar sub types: luminal B or HER2+

Differentiation of Lobular *versus* Ductal Breast Carcinomas by Expression Microarray Analysis¹

James E. Korkola,² Sandy DeVries, Jane Fridlyand, E. Shelley Hwang, Anne L. H. Estep, Yunn-Yi Chen, Karen L. Chew, Shanaz H. Dairkee, Ronald M. Jensen, and Frederic M. Waldman



Clinical implications

- 2 families of ER+ breast cancer
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HER2+/ER- Tumors

1. 15-25% of tumors
2. prognostic/predictive
3. two types (ER +/-)
4. Topo2 and/or cmyc amplif

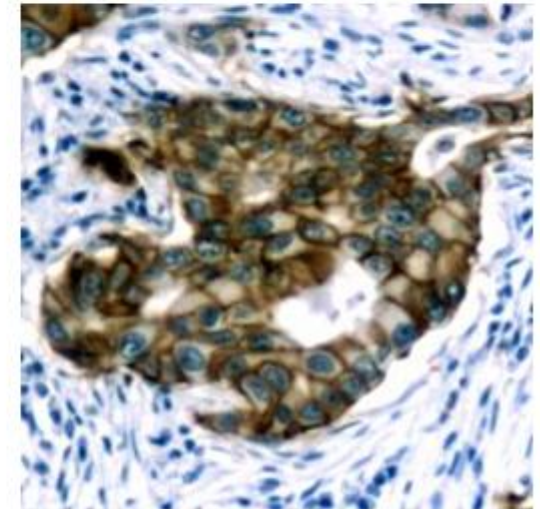
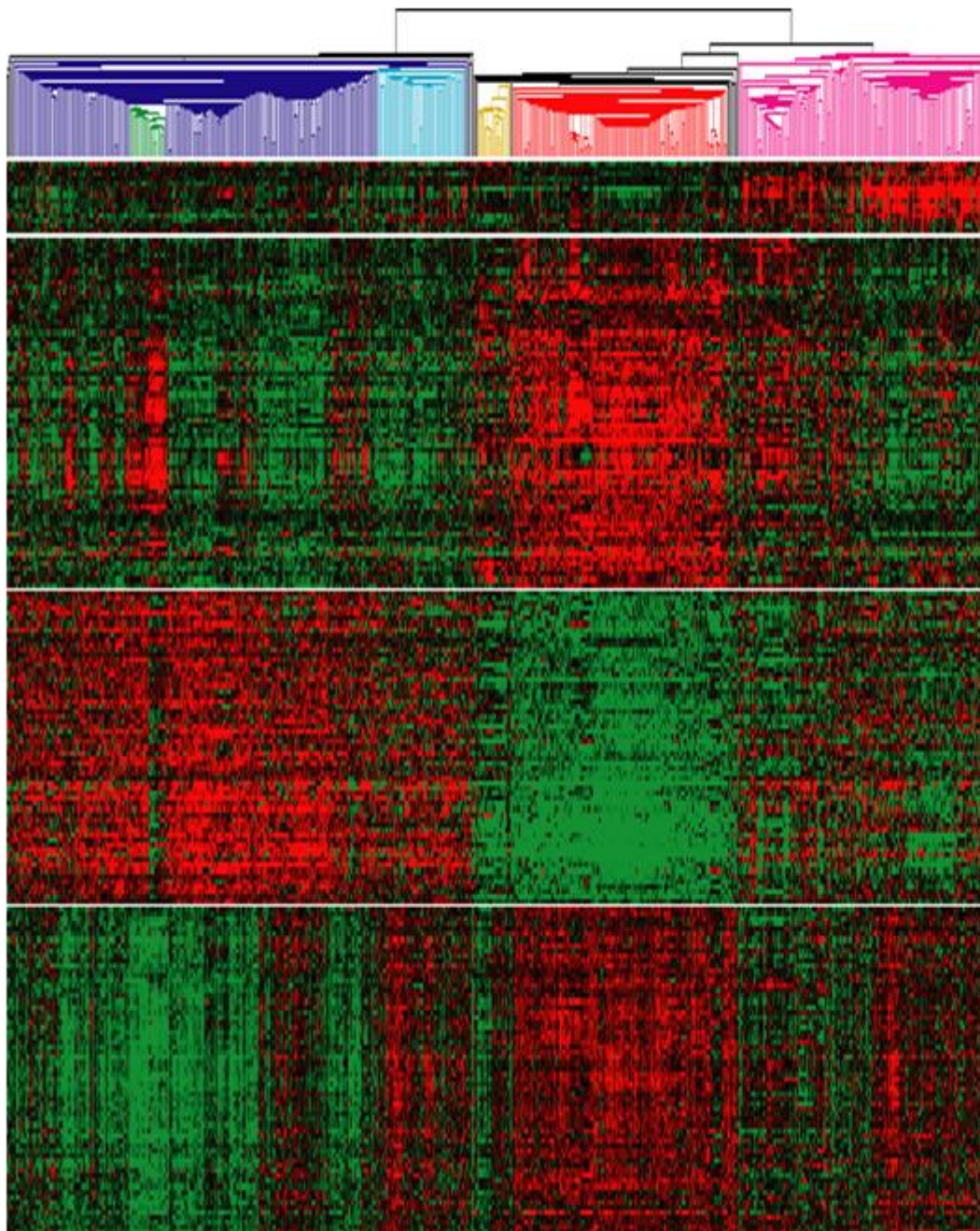
HER2
GRB7 17q11-12 amplification

HER2

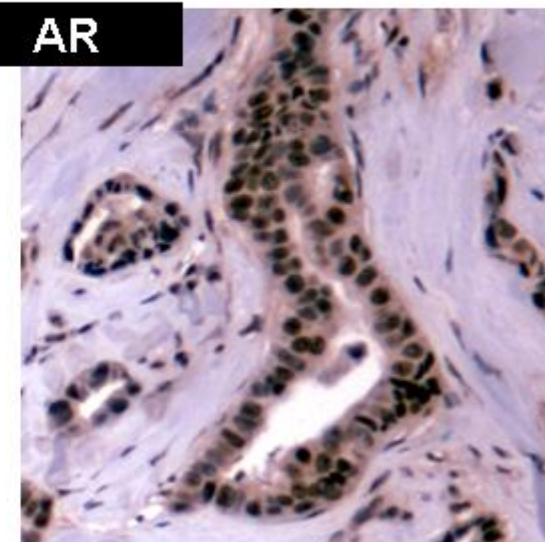
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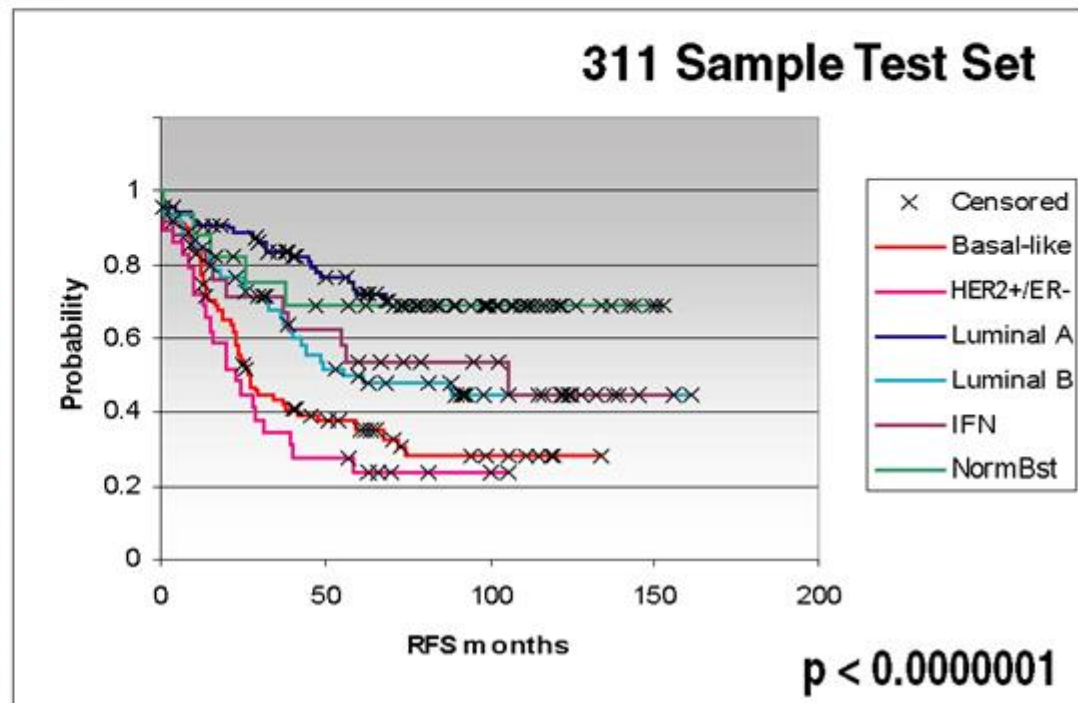
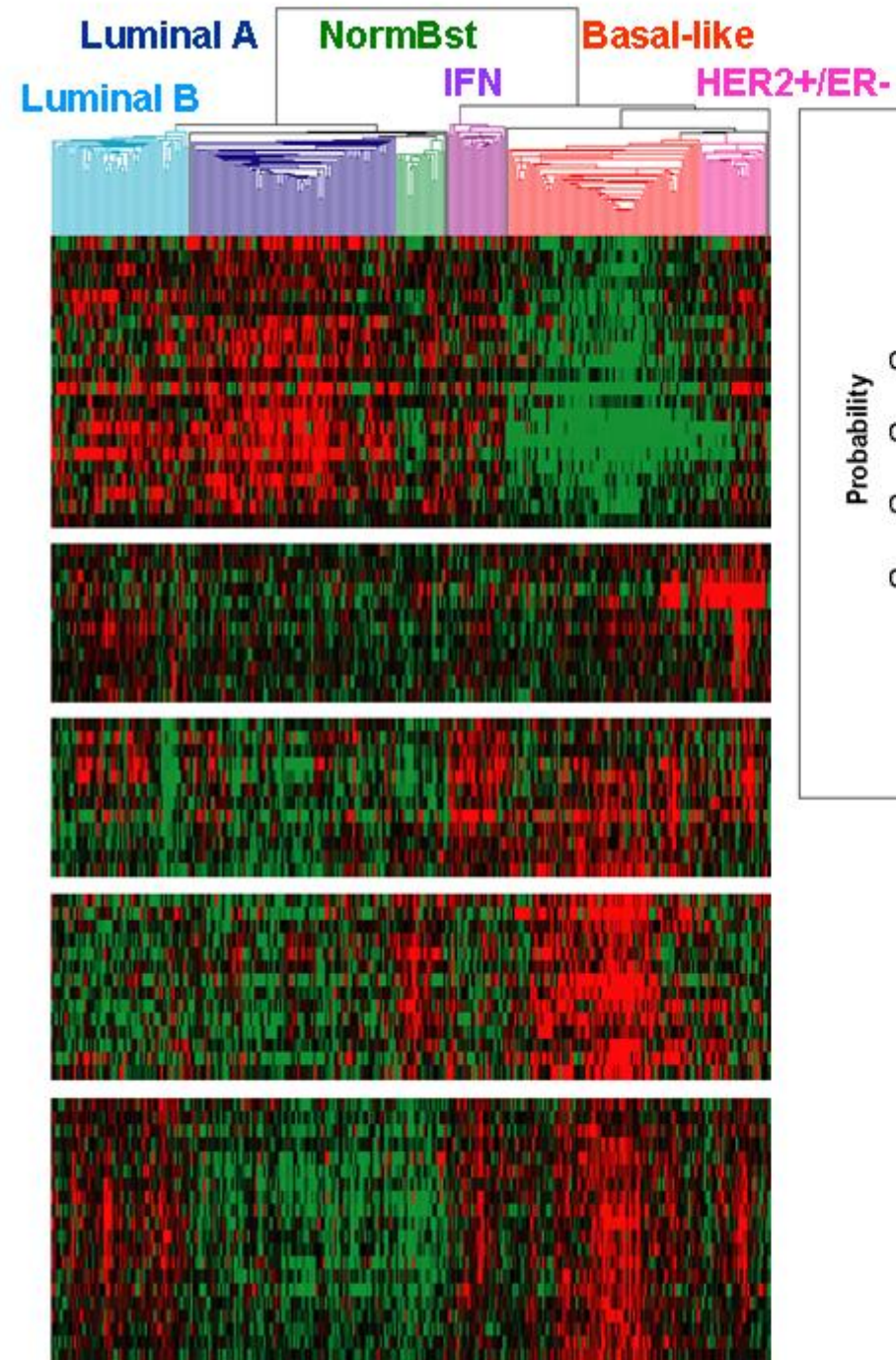
Luminal

Proliferation



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HER2+ is a poor prognosis factor

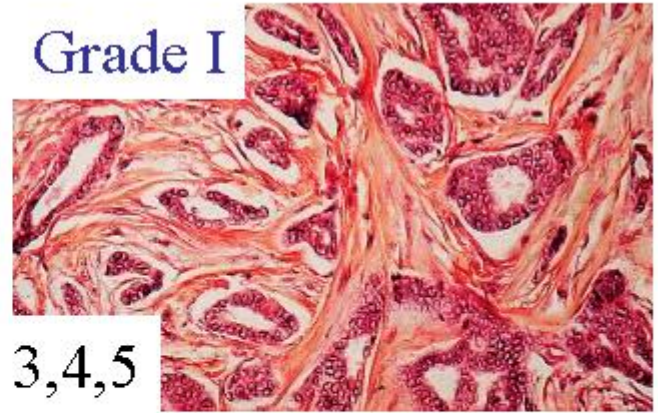
Genomic Grade (Bottom-up approach)

SBR grade modified by Elston and Ellis

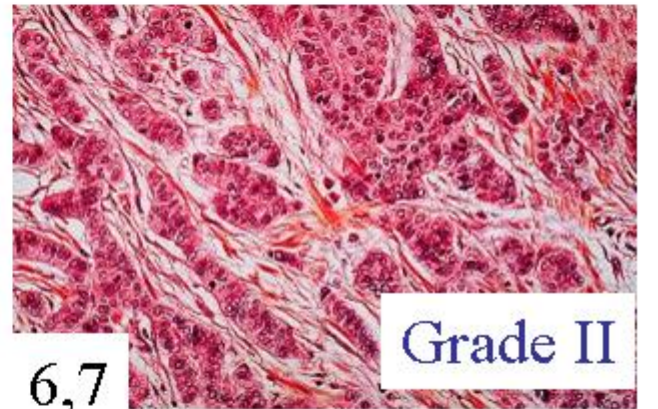
60-70% are in the grade II /
intermediate category

Use of mSBR to stratify grade II

Grade I

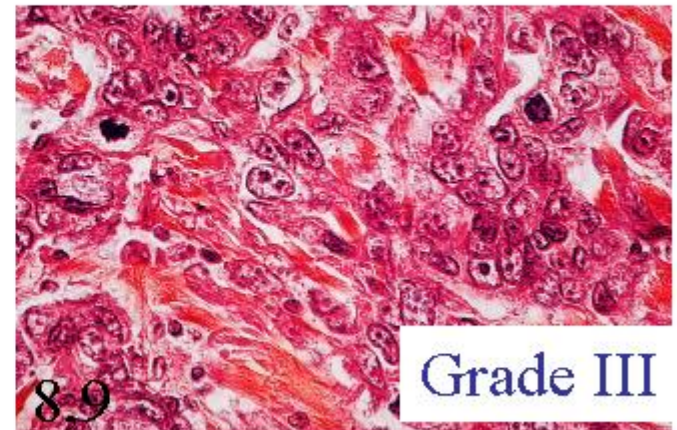


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Grade II

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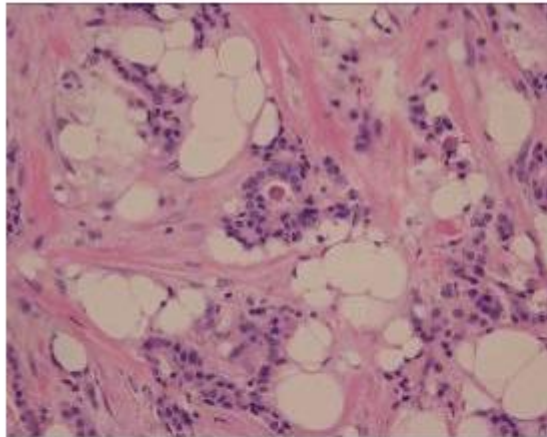
Grade III

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Genomic Grade

(Bottom-up Approach)

Histological Grade



Grade 1

“Low” Risk

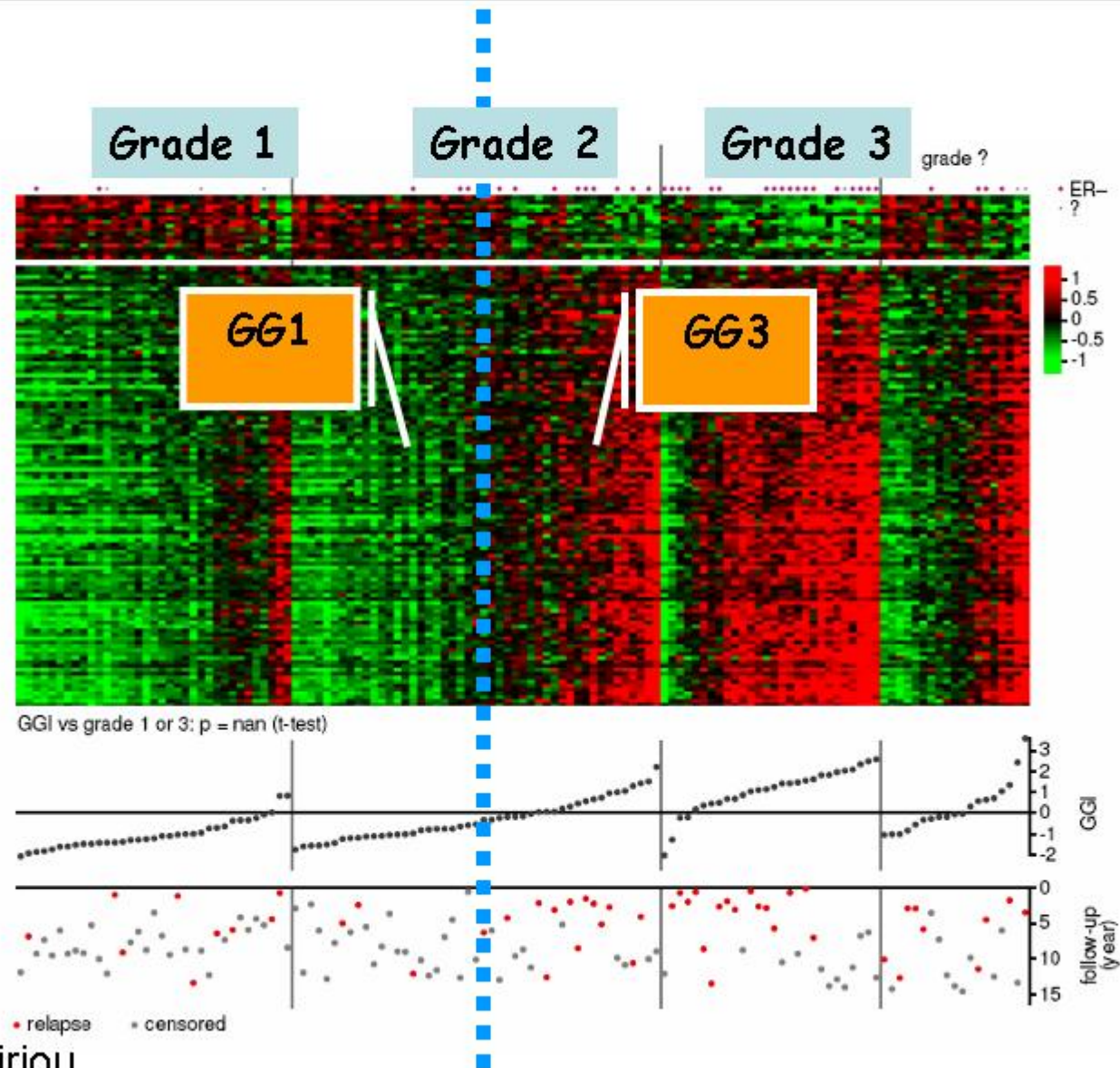
Grade 2

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Grade 3

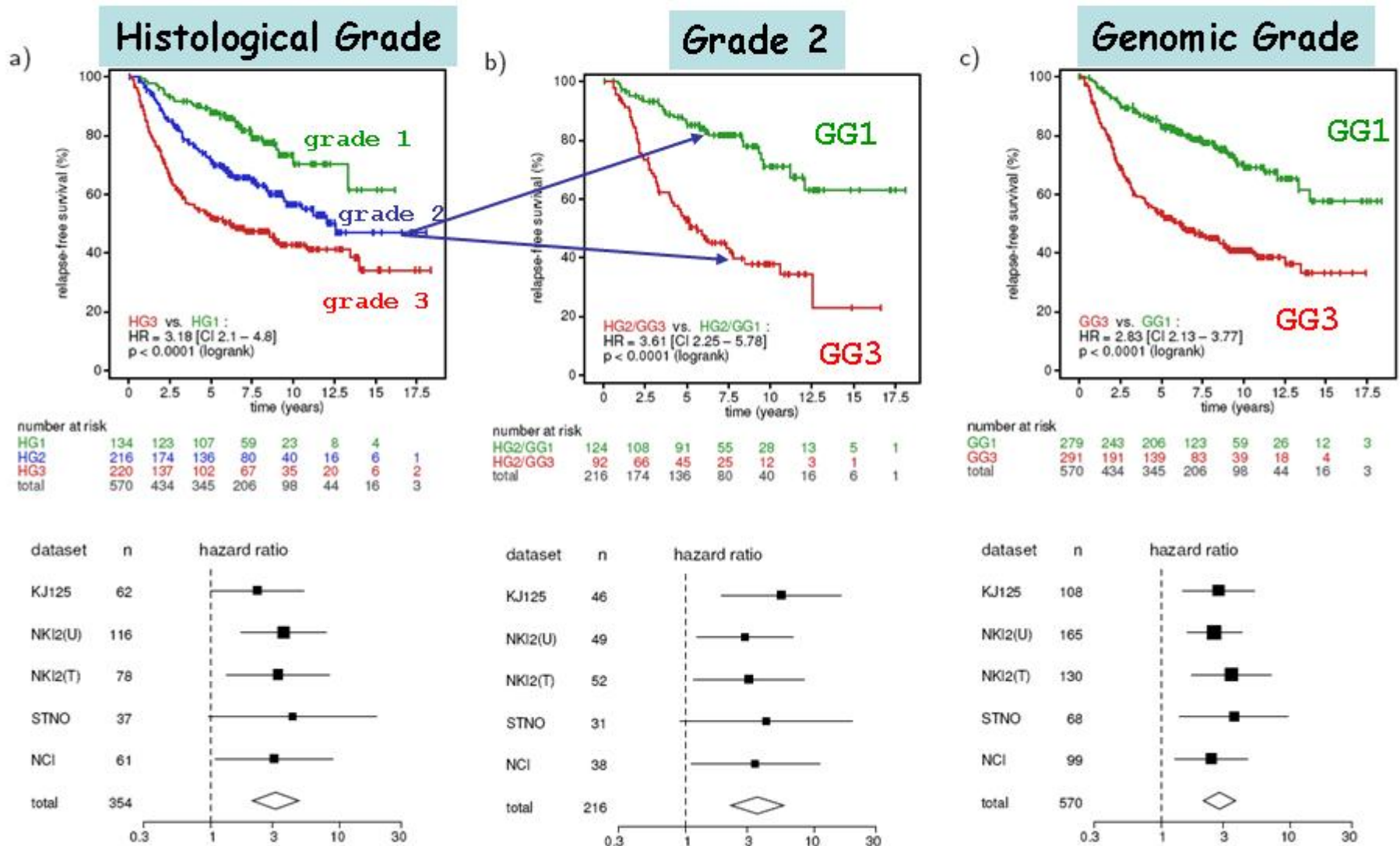
“High” Risk

Genomic Grade (GG) in the Validation Set N=125



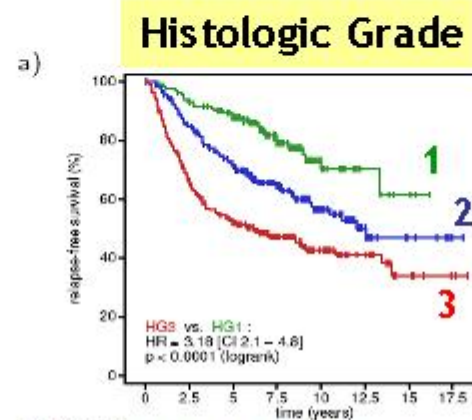
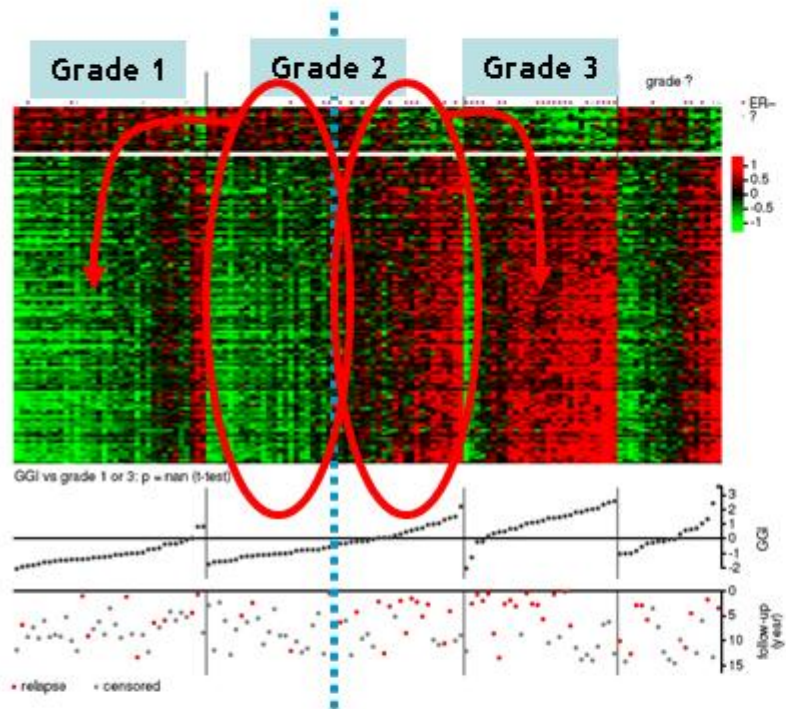
Courtesy C Sotiriou

GG and Clinical Outcome

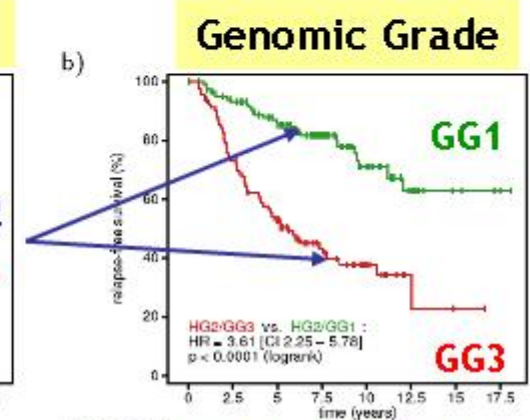
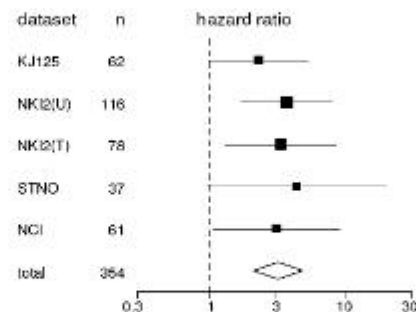


Genomic Grade

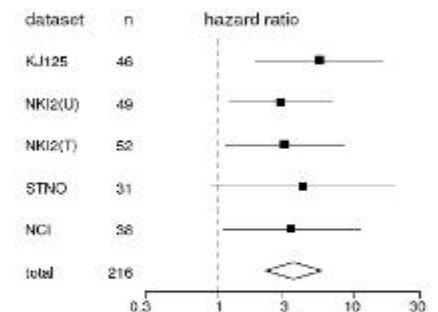
(Bottom-up Approach)



number at risk	0	2.5	5	7.5	10	12.5	15	17.5
HG1	134	123	107	89	73	6	4	
HG2	216	174	135	80	40	16	6	1
HG3	220	137	102	67	35	20	6	2
total	570	434	345	206	98	44	16	3



number at risk	0	2.5	5	7.5	10	12.5	15	17.5
GG1	124	100	91	55	29	13	5	1
GG2	92	66	46	25	12	3	1	
GG3	216	174	136	80	40	16	6	1



Genomic Grade=Proliferation genes

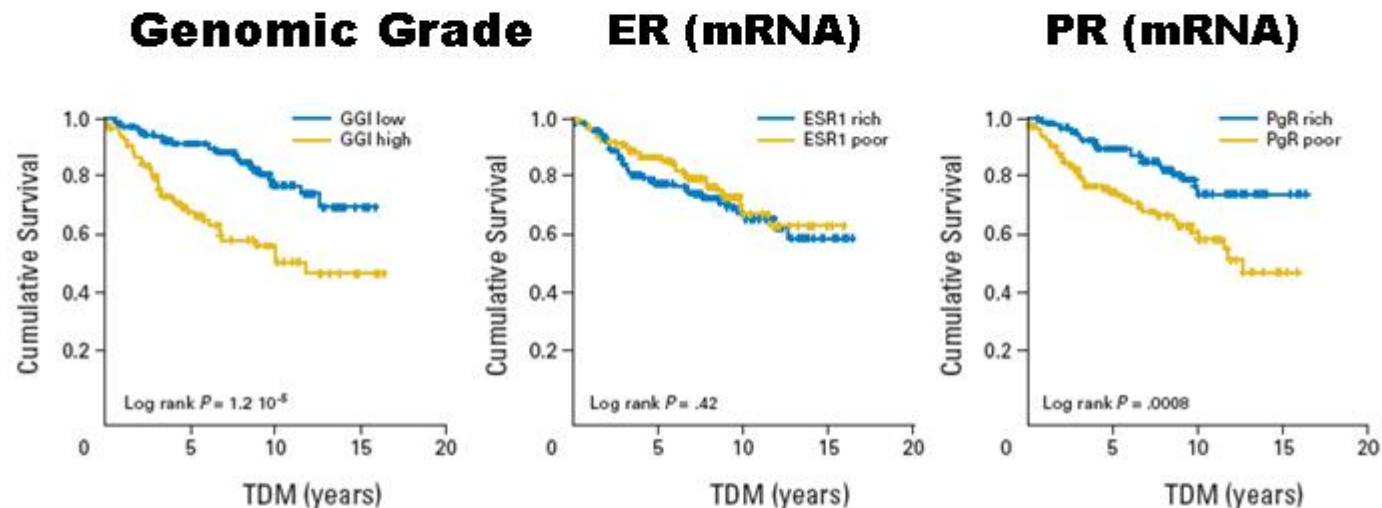


TRANSBIG Validation Series

Multivariate Cox Analysis (DMFS) N=198 pts

	GENE70		GENE76		GGI	
	HR (95% CI)	p-value	HR (95% CI)	p-value	HR (95% CI)	p-value
Age (≤ or >50years)	1.4 (0.74-2.6)	0.3	1.7 (0.95-3.2)	0.075	1.6 (0.89-3)	0.11
Tumor Size (≤ or >2cm)	1.3 (0.67-2.4)	0.46	1.2 (0.66-2.4)	0.5	1.1 (0.59-2.1)	0.73
ER status	0.85 (0.43-1.6)	0.63	0.6 (0.31-1.2)	0.17	0.83 (0.43-1.6)	0.58
Grade	0.89 (0.28-2.8)	0.85	1.51 (0.46-4.8)	0.5	0.65 (0.2-2.1)	0.48
Risk according to the gene signature	7.2 (2.4-22)	4x10⁻⁴	3.2 (1.3-7.7)	9x10⁻³	6.3 (2.3-17)	3x10⁻⁴

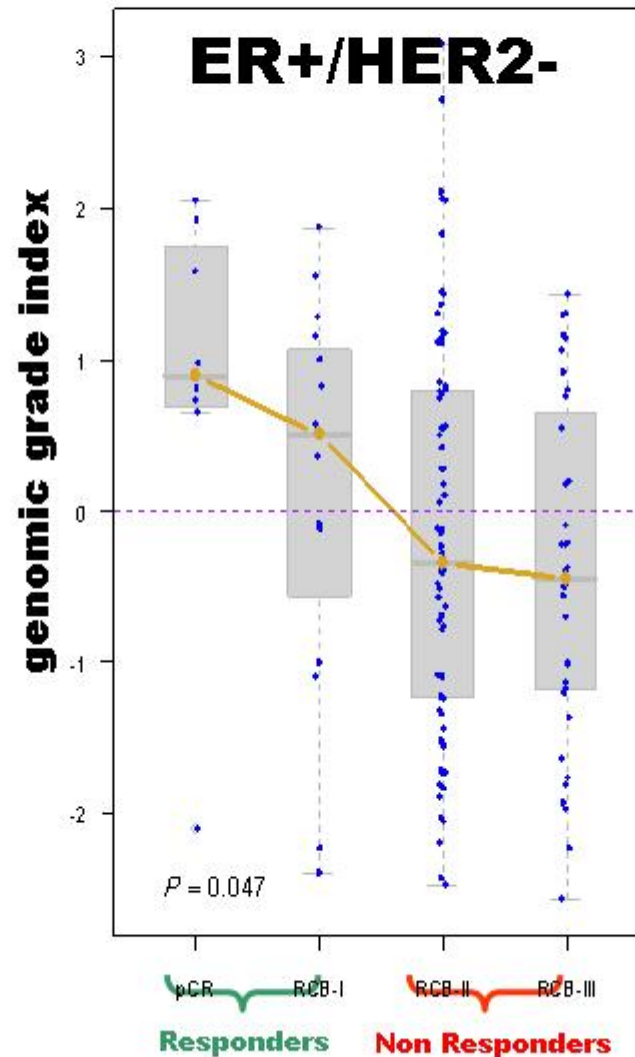
Clinical relevance of ER-positive luminal subtypes as defined by genomic grade



Variable	Univariate Analysis			Multivariate Analysis		
	Hazard Ratio	95% CI	P*	Hazard Ratio	95% CI	P*
Age: ≤ 50 v > 50 years	1.18	0.42 to 3.29	.75	1.06	0.30 to 3.73	.92
Size: > 2 v ≤ 2 cm	1.94	1.14 to 3.30	.01	1.56	0.84 to 2.92	.16
Histologic grade			.034			.30
1 v 2 + 3	3.32	1.32 to 8.38		1.88	0.69 to 5.09	
1 + 2 v 3	1.50	0.78 to 2.88		0.69	0.33 to 1.43	
Nodal status: positive v negative	1.44	0.84 to 2.49	.18	1.02	0.55 to 1.88	.96
Estrogen receptor: rich v poor	0.82	0.50 to 1.34	.42	0.95	0.54 to 1.69	.86
Progesterone receptor: rich v poor	0.42	0.25 to 0.70	.00096	0.68	0.38 to 1.24	.20
Genomic grade: high v low	3.24	1.93 to 5.43	.0000083	2.50	1.28 to 4.90	.0074

*Based on Cox regression and stratified according to the data sets.

High genomic grade index is associated with
higher response rate to preoperative chemotherapy
MDAnderson cohort (paclitaxel 12x → FAC 4x)



Grade

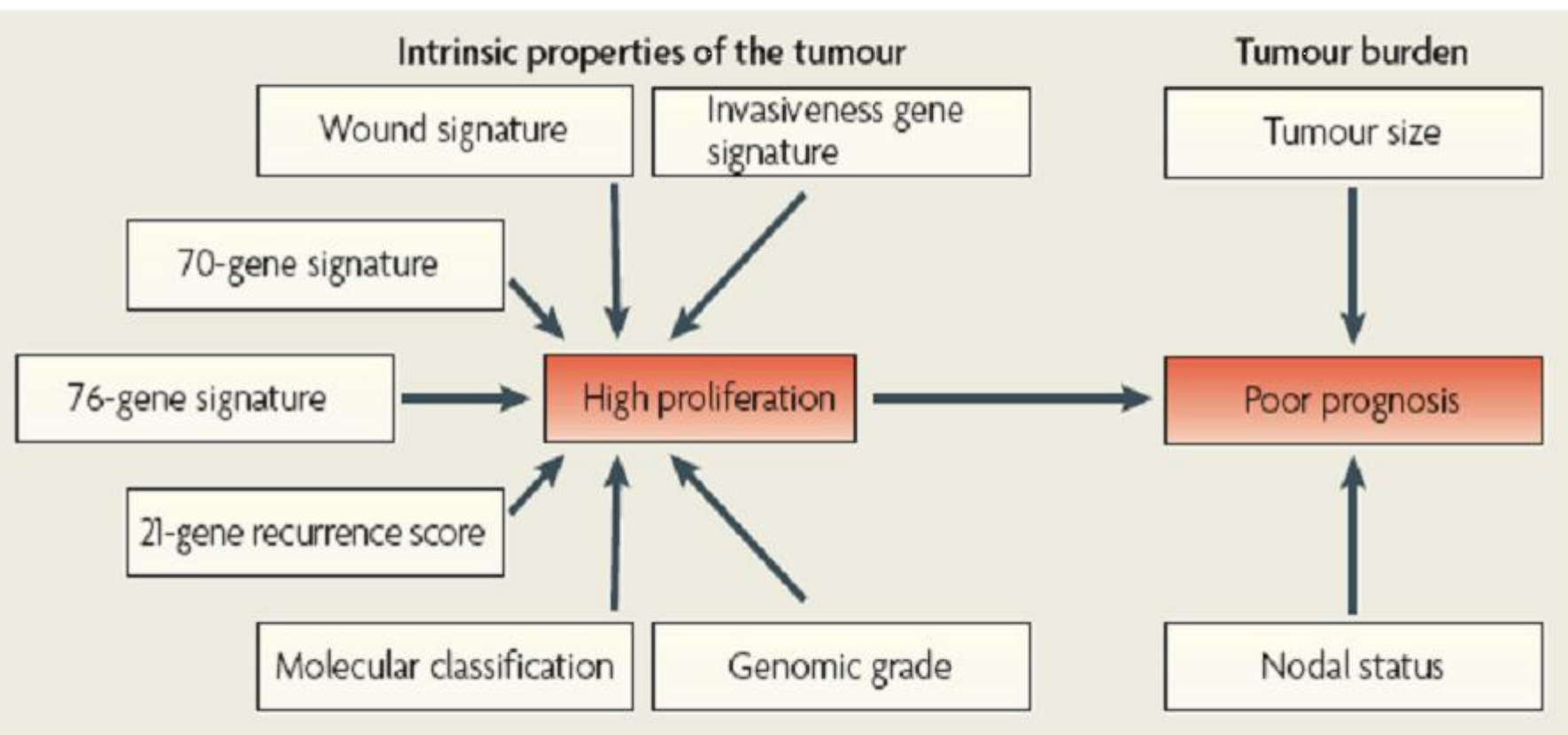
- Pros

- Tumor grade is a major prognosis factor
- Grade III are more prone to pCR when neoadjuvant treatment (predictive)
- Proliferation is linked to tumor grade

- Cons

- Grade is a poorly reproducible factor
- Grade II tumors are heterogenous => molecular grade > histological grade
- Proliferation is better evaluated by molecular assays

High proliferation is well estimated by mitotic count and/or Ki67, isn't it ?



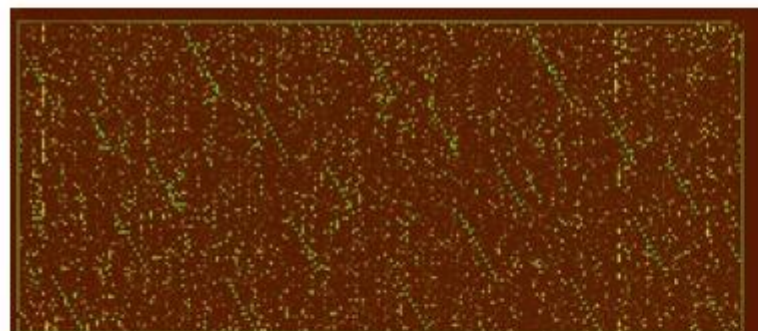
Signatures used in clinical practise



Full genome analysis

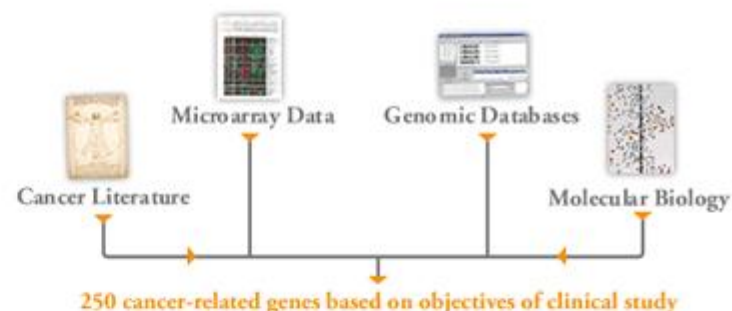


250 candidate genes



70 genes:

Good or poor prognosis



16 genes

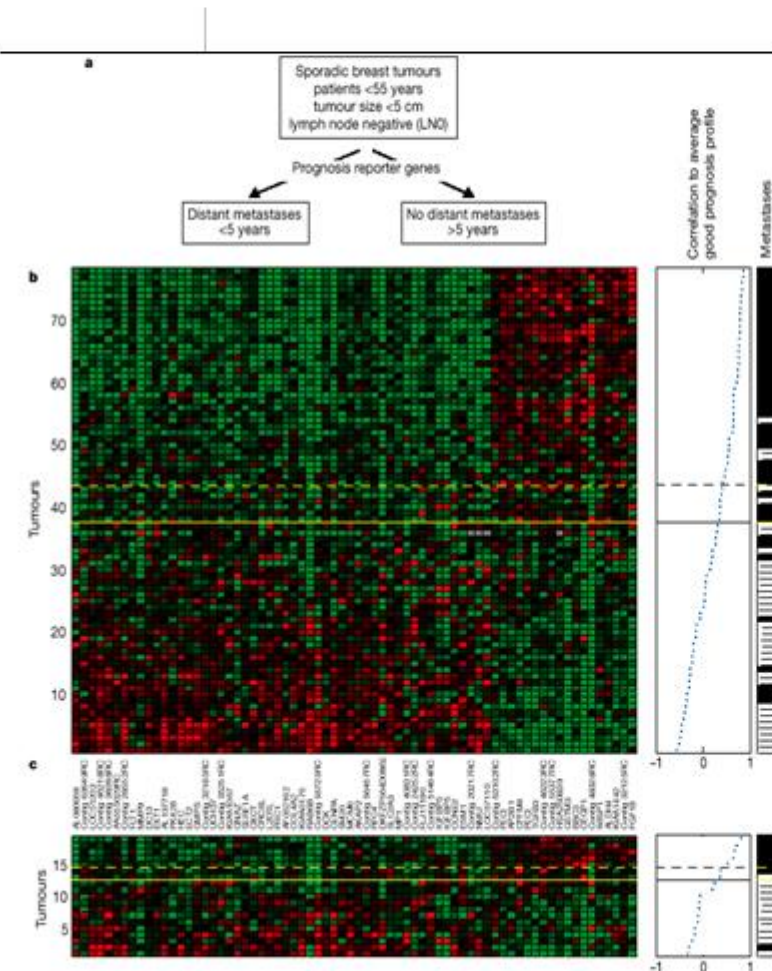
RS : low, intermediate, high

**MammaPrint®, Agendia
(Top-Down approach)**

Gene expression profiling predicts clinical outcome of breast cancer

Laura J. van 't Veer^{*,†}, Hongyue Dai^{†,‡}, Marc J. van de Vijver^{*,†},
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George J. Schreiber[‡], Ron M. Kerkhoven^{*}, Chris Roberts[‡],
Peter S. Linsley[‡], René Bernards^{*} & Stephen H. Friend[‡]

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Supervised

Learning set: 78

Validation set: 19



70 genes

2 groups of different prognosis

Avoid over treatment

Table 1 Breast cancer patients eligible for adjuvant systemic therapy

	Patient group		
Consensus	Total patient group (n = 78)	Metastatic disease at 5 yr (n = 34)	Disease free at 5 yr (n = 44)
St Gallen	64/78 (82%)	33/34 (97%)	31/44 (70%)
NIH	72/78 (92%)	32/34 (94%)	40/44 (91%)
Prognosis profile*	43/78 (55%)	31/34 (91%)	12/44 (27%) (18/44 (41%))†

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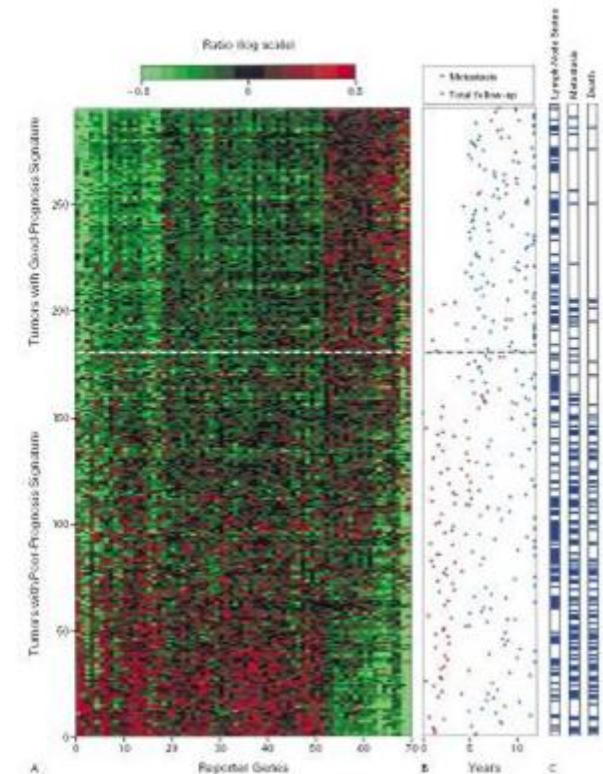
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A GENE-EXPRESSION SIGNATURE AS A PREDICTOR OF SURVIVAL IN BREAST CANCER

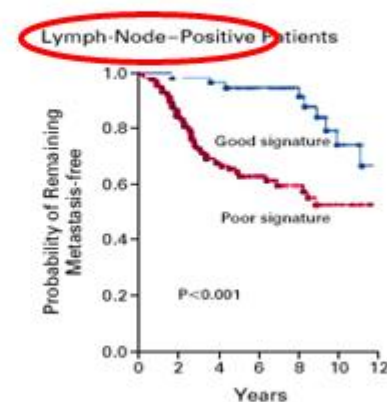
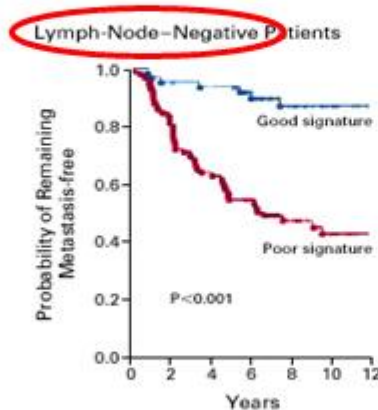
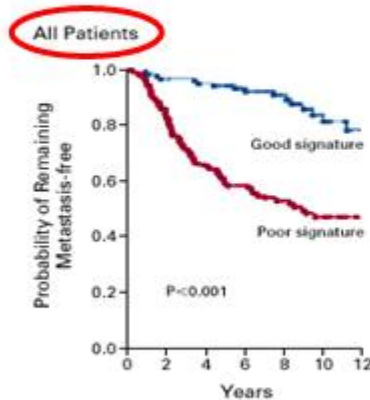
MARC J. VAN DE VUVER et al



25.000 genes / Agilent Platform - 295 localized T

pT1-2, age < 52 years, good and bad prognosis

Validation of the 70 gene predictor



Median follow up 6,7 ans

70-gene good prognostic signature (Top-down approach)

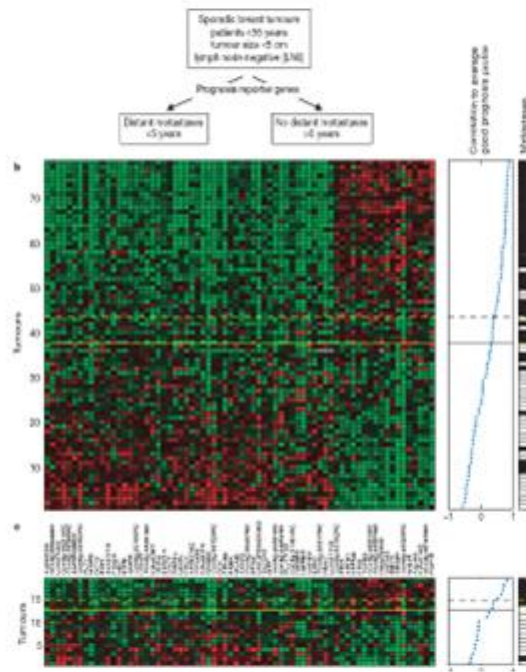
1st Validation Study

van de Vijver MJ, et al. N Engl J Med, 2002

TABLE 3. RATE OF OVERALL SURVIVAL AND THE PROBABILITY THAT PATIENTS WOULD REMAIN FREE OF DISTANT METASTASES AT 5 AND 10 YEARS, ACCORDING TO THE PROGNOSIS SIGNATURE.*

GROUP	No. OF PATIENTS	FREE OF DISTANT METASTASES		OVERALL SURVIVAL	
		5 YR	10 YR	5 YR	10 YR
		percent			
All patients					
Good-prognosis signature	115	94.7±2.1	85.2±4.3	97.4±1.5	94.5±2.6
Poor-prognosis signature	180	60.5±3.8	50.6±4.5	74.1±3.3	54.6±4.4
Patients with lymph-node-negative disease					
Good-prognosis signature	60	93.4±3.2	86.8±4.8	96.7±2.3	96.7±2.3
Poor-prognosis signature	91	56.2±5.5	44.1±6.3	71.5±4.8	49.6±6.1
Patients with lymph-node-positive disease					
Good-prognosis signature	55	95.2±2.6	82.7±7.8	98.2±1.8	92.0±4.8
Poor-prognosis signature	89	66.3±5.2	56.7±6.4	76.5±4.6	59.5±6.3

*Distant metastasis was a first event. Plus-minus values are means ±SE.

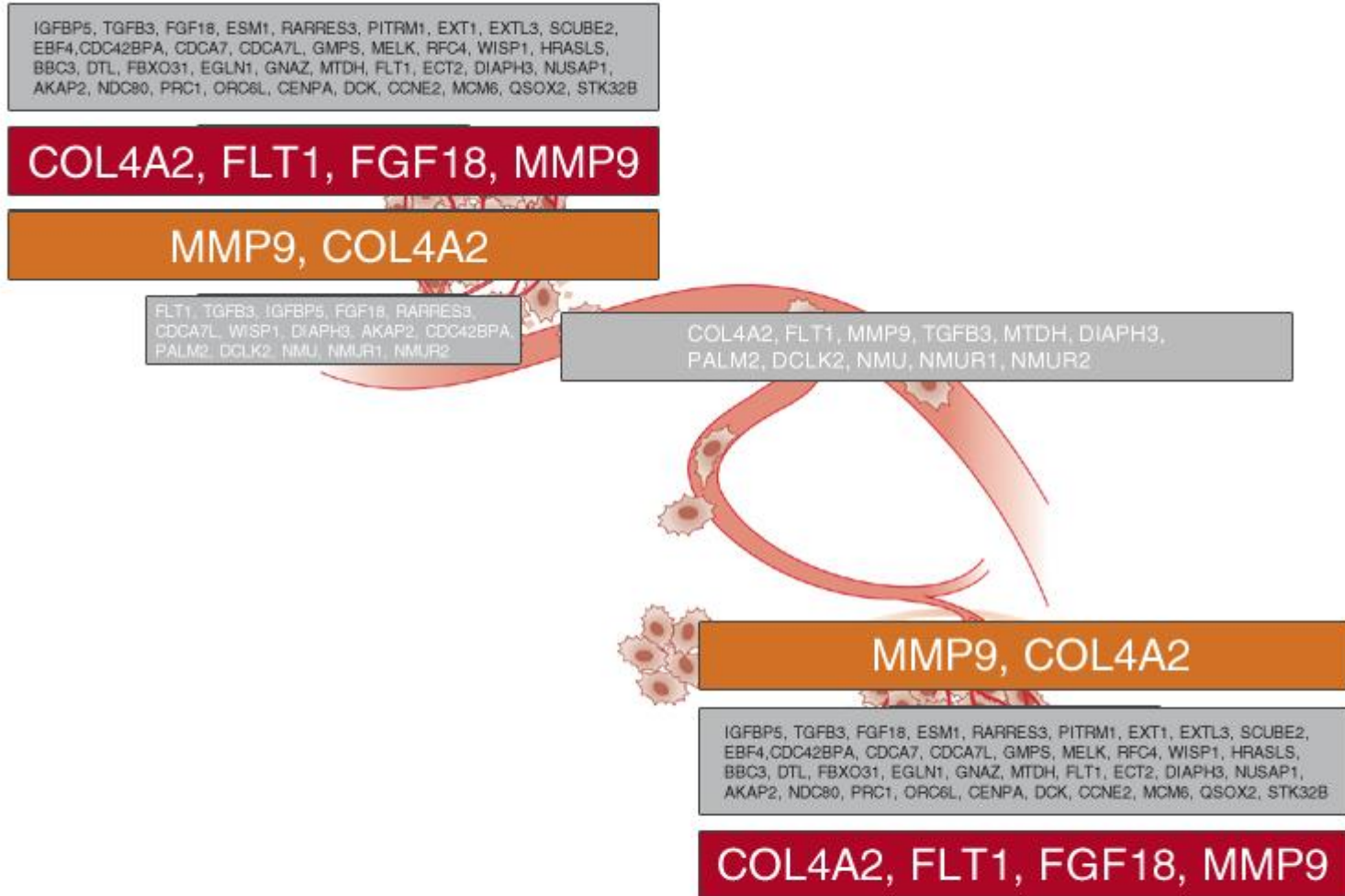


Van't Veer et al. Nature, 2002

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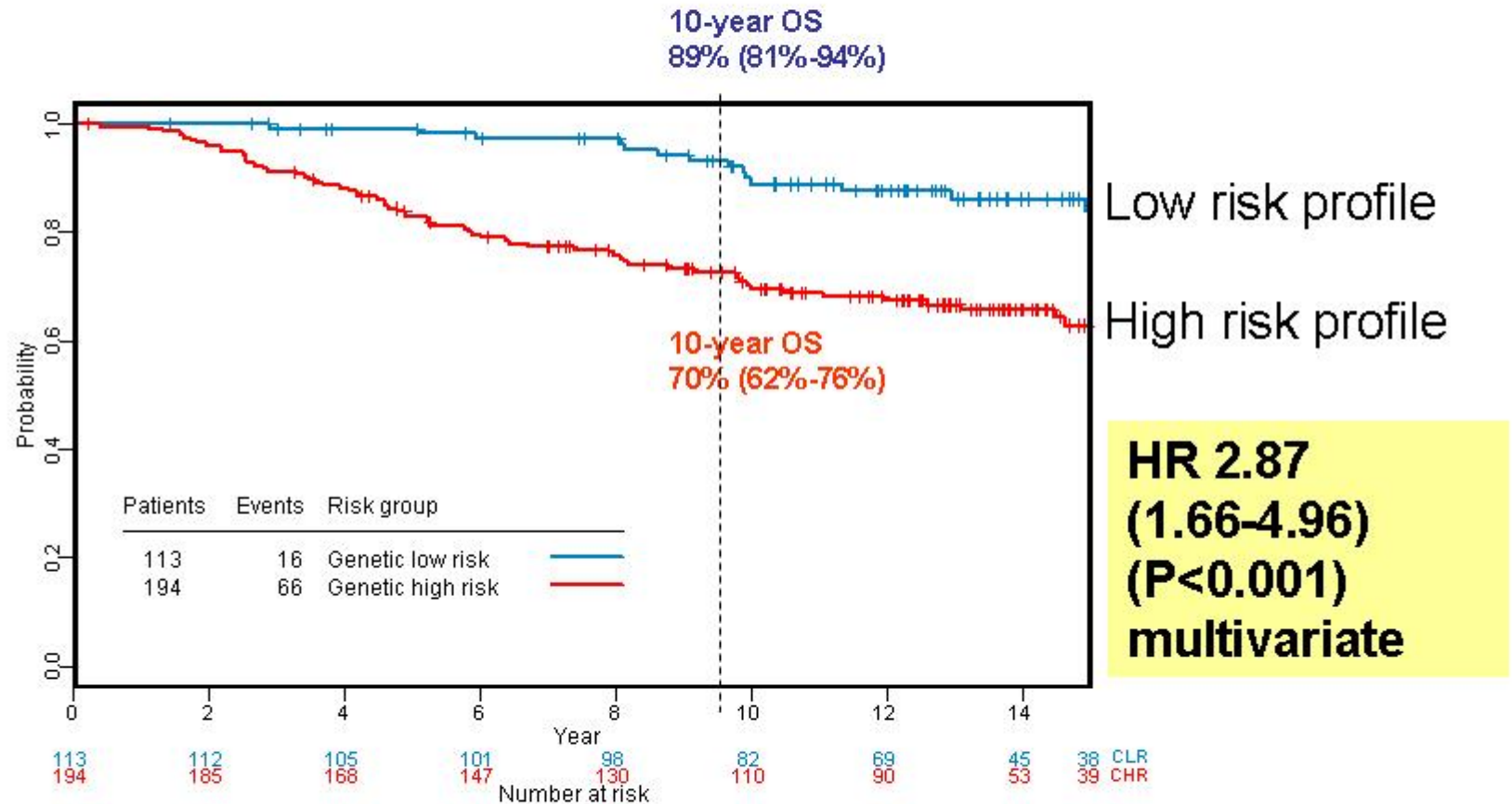
Known functions of the 70 genes



Cover all of the metastatic processes

International validation of MammaPrint

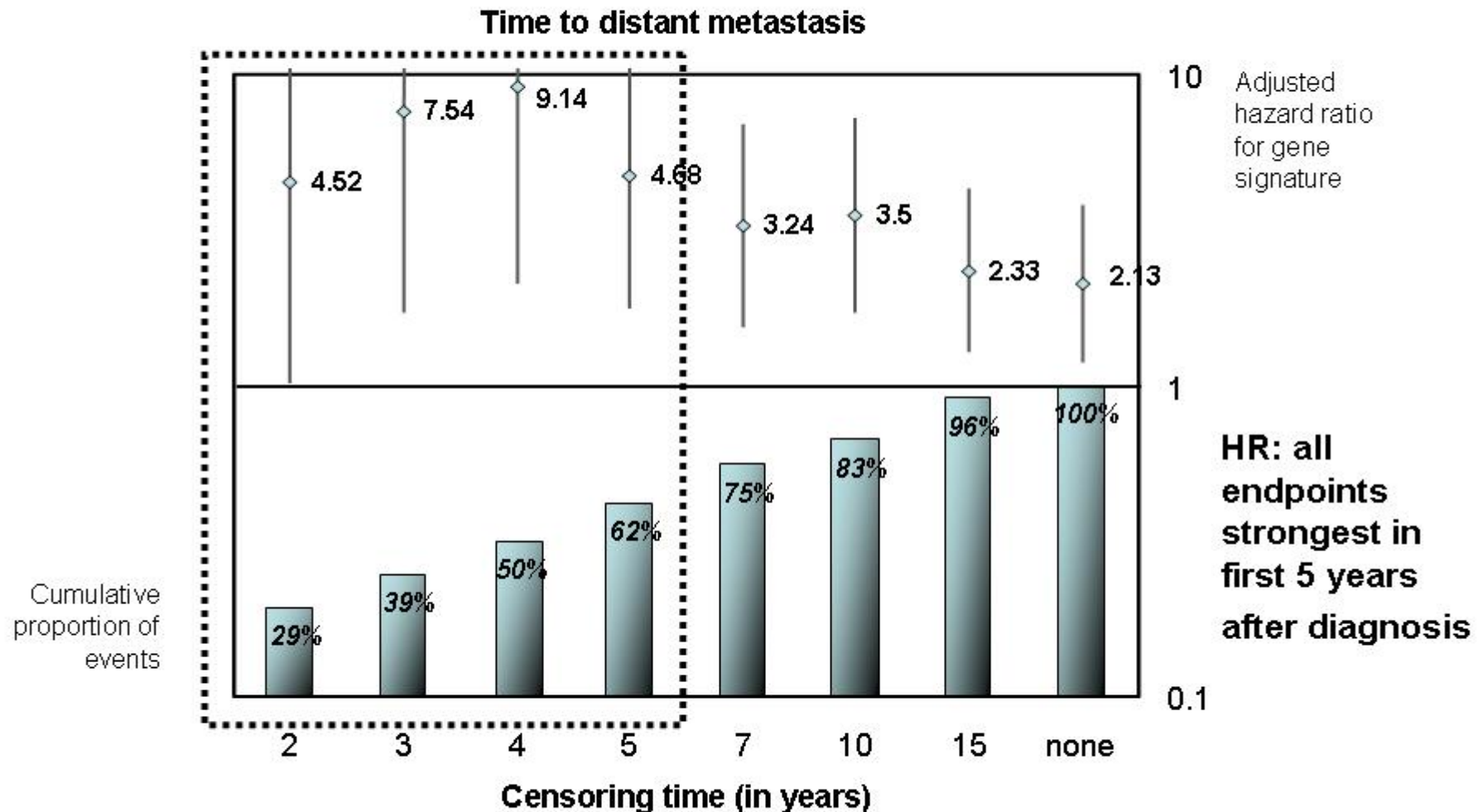
5 European Hospitals, retrospective series, 302 untreated pts



Overall survival by gene signature risk



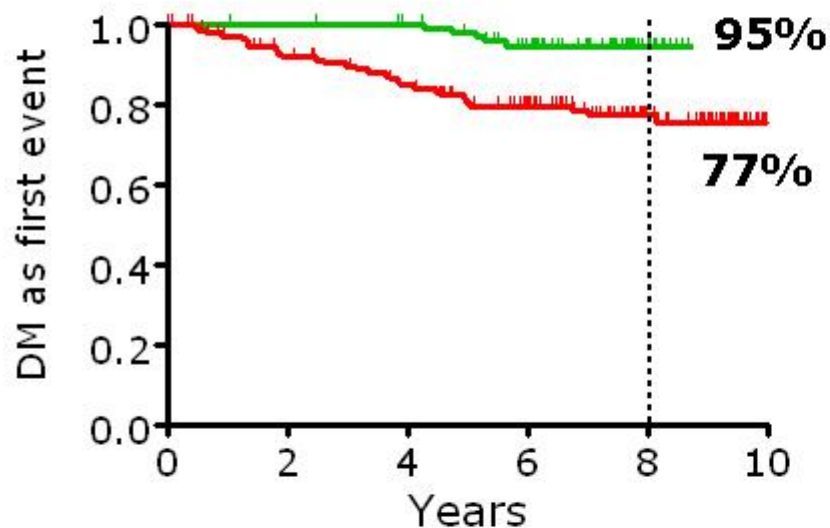
MammaPrint predicts outcome of breast cancer during first 5 years



MammaPrint in patients with 1-3 positive lymph nodes

— Good profile (n=99) (41%)
— Poor profile (n=142) (59%)

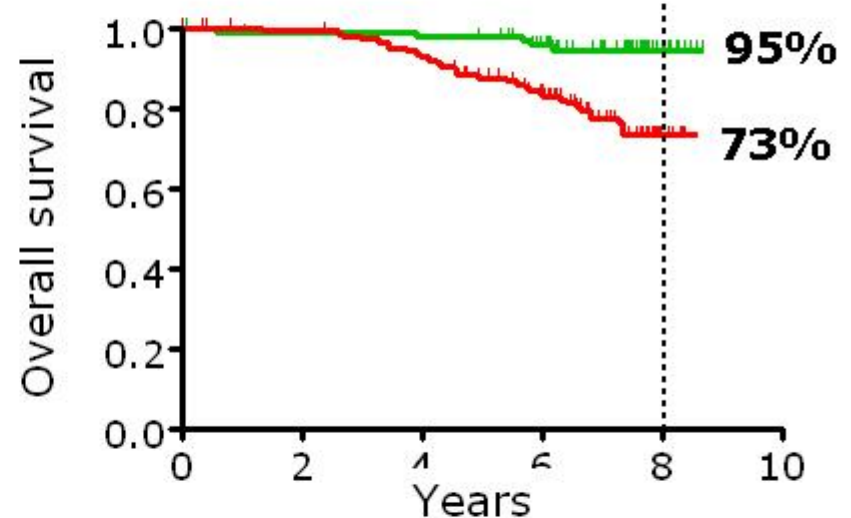
Distant metastases as first event



HR 4.1

(95%CI 1.7 – 10.0), p=0.002

Overall survival



HR 5.4

(95%CI 2.1 – 13.8), p<0.001

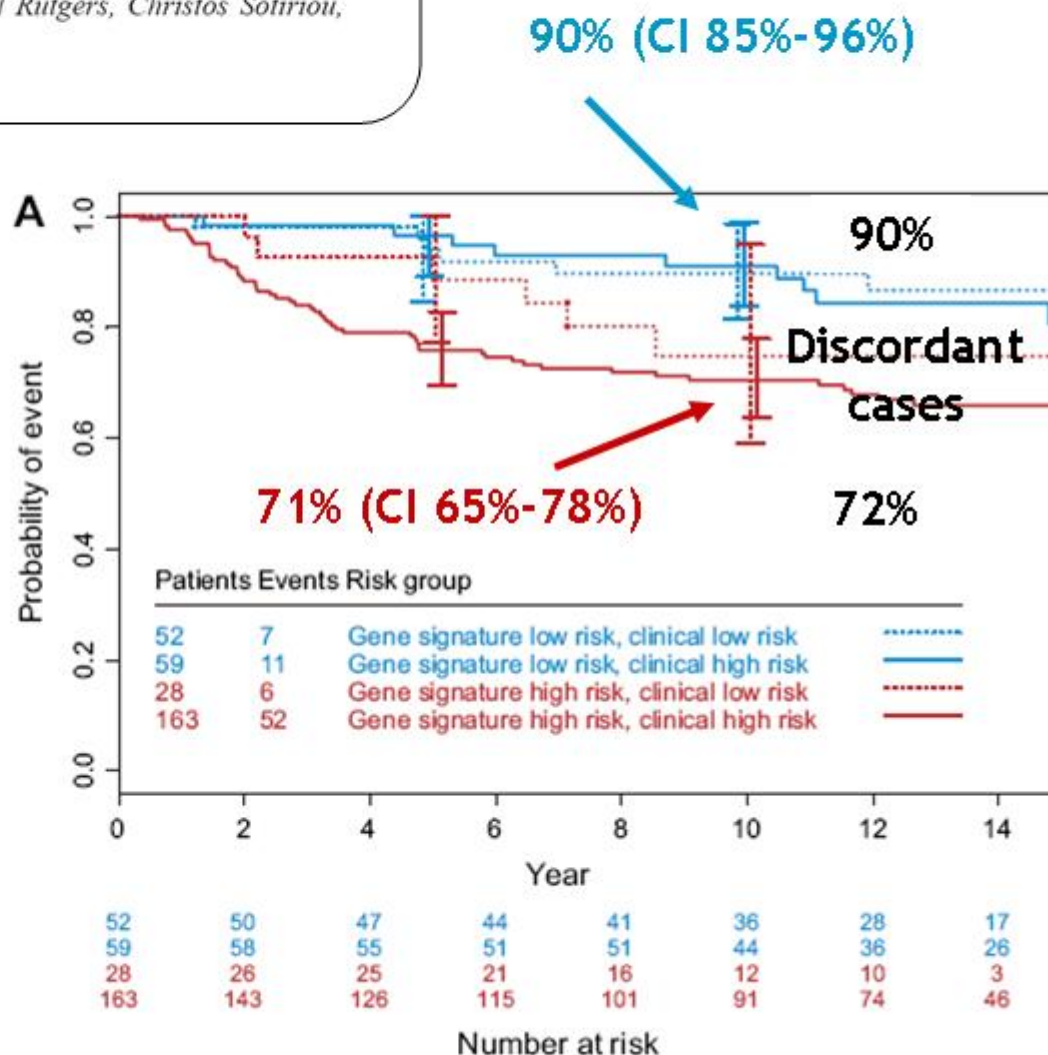
Adjuvant treatment: 53% chemo, 64% hormonal

Validation and Clinical Utility of a 70-Gene Prognostic Signature for Women With Node-Negative Breast Cancer

Marc Buyse, Sherene Loi, Laura van't Veer, Giuseppe Viale, Mauro Delorenzi, Annuska M. Glas, Mahasti Saghatchian d'Assignies, Jonas Bergh, Rosette Lidereau, Paul Ellis, Adrian Harris, Jan Bogaerts, Patrick Therasse, Arno Floore, Mohamed Amakrane, Fanny Piette, Emiel Rutgers, Christos Sotiriou, Fatima Cardoso, Martine J. Piccart

On behalf of the TRANSBIG Consortium

**30% of
Discordant cases
between
Adjuvant!Online
and
signature**



Use of 70-gene signature to predict prognosis of patients with node-negative breast cancer: a prospective community-based feasibility study (RASTER)

Jolien M Bueno-de-Mesquita, Wim H van Harten, Valesca P Retel, Laura J van 't Veer, Frits S A M van Dam, Kim Karsenberg, Kirsten F L Douma, Harm van Tinteren, Johannes L Peterse†, Jelle Wesseling, Tin S Wu, Douwe Atsma, Emiel J T Rutgers, Guido Brink, Arno N Floore, Annuska M Glas, Rudi M H Roumen, Frank E Bellot, Cees van Krimpen, Sjoerd Rodenhuis, Marc J van de Vijver, Sabine C Linn

**Treatment
changed in
24% of the
patients!**

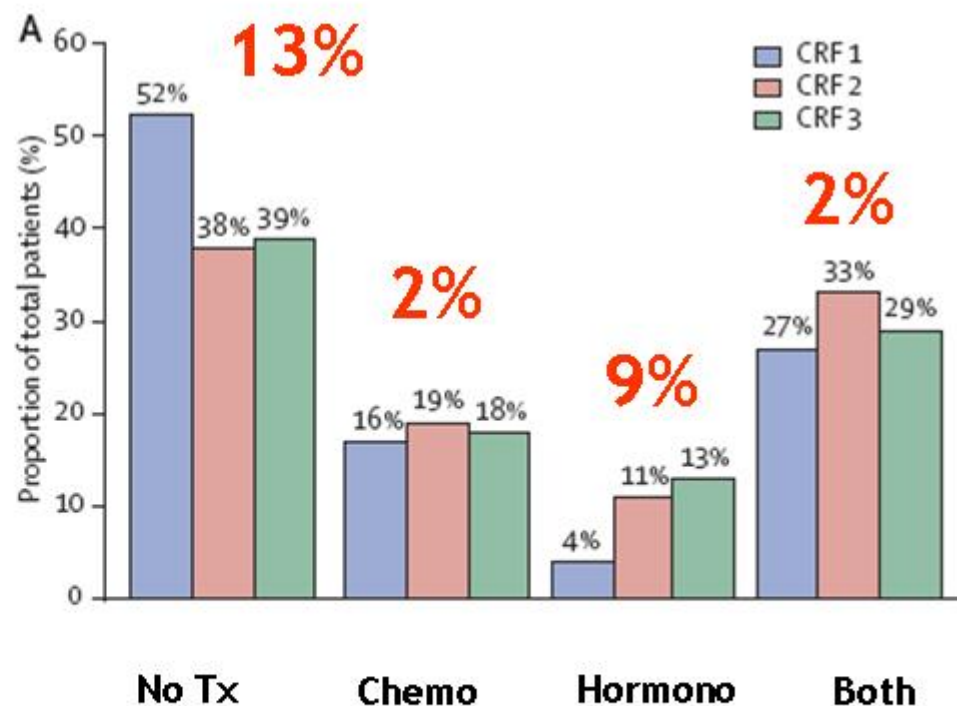
**30% - 39%
of
discordant
cases**

High Risk patients

St Gallen: 87%

Dutch guidelines: 43%

70-gene signature: 49%



Oncotype DXTM

Oncotype DX™ 21-Gene Recurrence Score (RS) Assay

16 Cancer and 5 Reference Genes From 3 Studies

PROLIFERATION

Ki-67
STK15
Survivin
Cyclin B1
MYBL2

ESTROGEN

ER
PR
Bcl2
SCUBE2

$$\begin{aligned} \text{RS} = & + 0.47 \times \text{HER2 Group Score} \\ & - 0.34 \times \text{ER Group Score} \\ & + 1.04 \times \text{Proliferation Group Score} \\ & + 0.10 \times \text{Invasion Group Score} \\ & + 0.05 \times \text{CD68} \\ & - 0.08 \times \text{GSTM1} \\ & - 0.07 \times \text{BAG1} \end{aligned}$$

INVASION

Stromelysin 3
Cathepsin L2

GSTM1

BAG1

CD68

HER2

GRB7
HER2

REFERENCE

Beta-actin
GAPDH
RPLPO
GUS
TFRC

Category

RS (0-100)

Low risk

RS <18

Int risk

RS ≥18 and <31

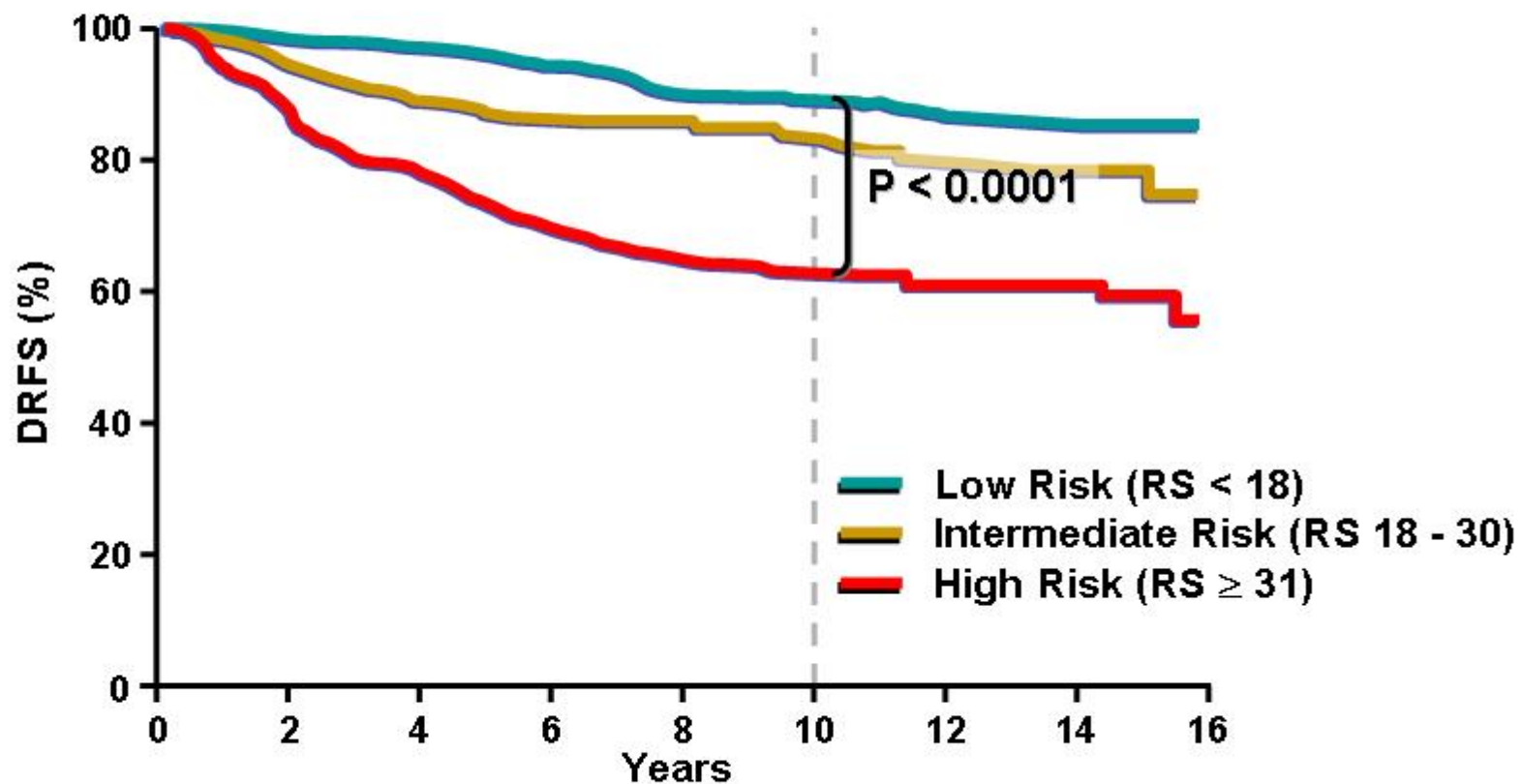
High risk

RS ≥31

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Multi-gene RT-PCR Assay for Predicting Recurrence in Node Negative Breast Cancer Patients - NSABP B-14 Study.

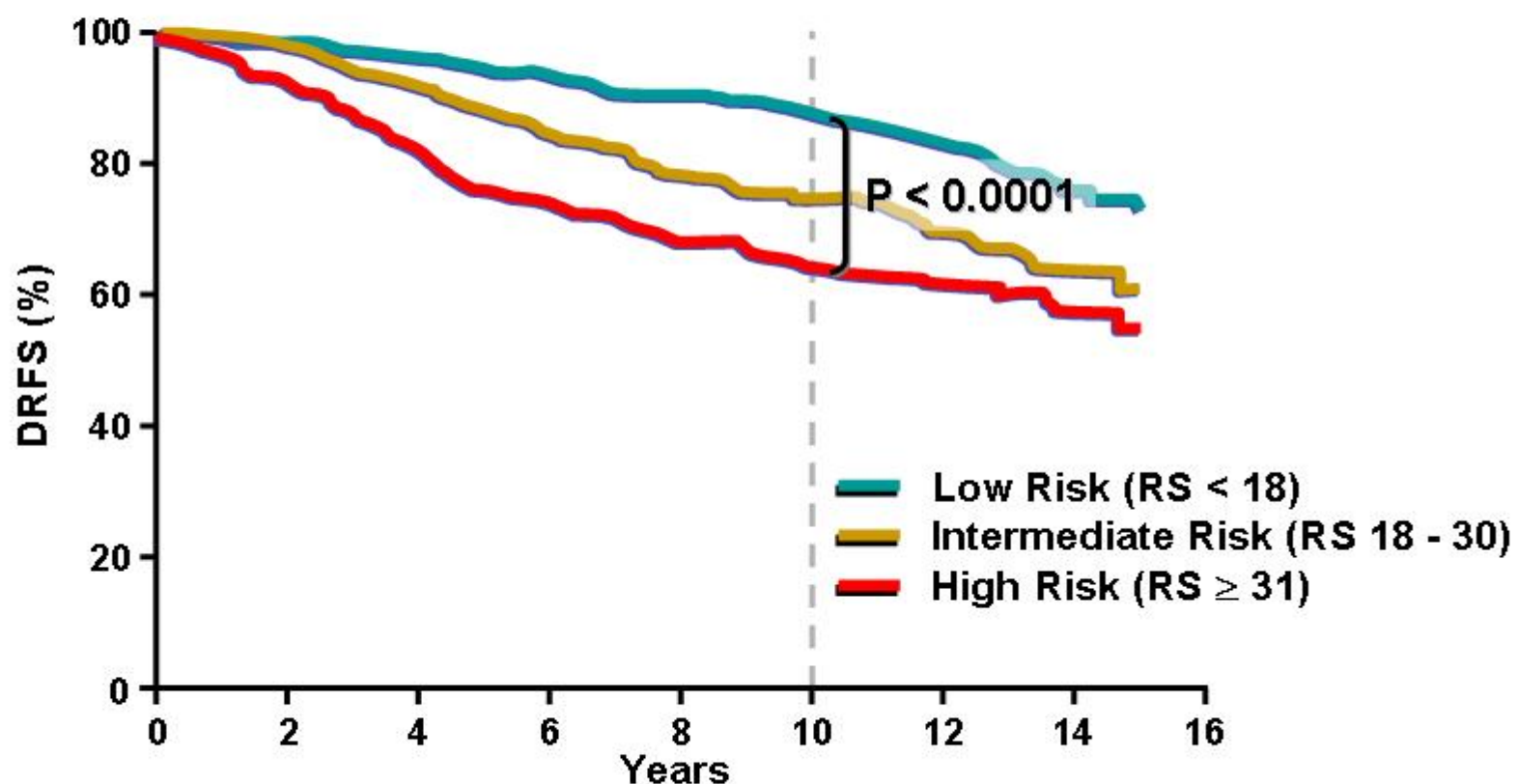
Results: Relapse-Free Survival (%)



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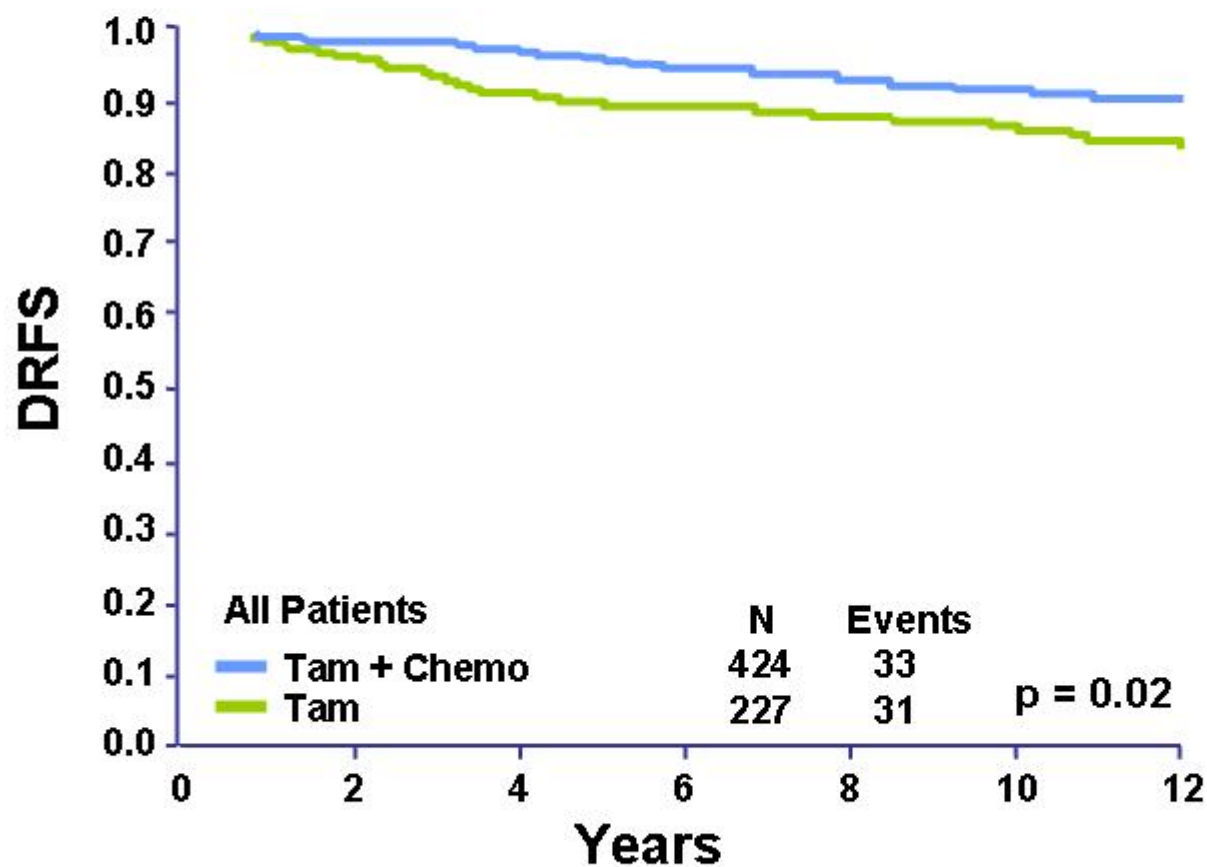
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Results: Over-All Survival (%)



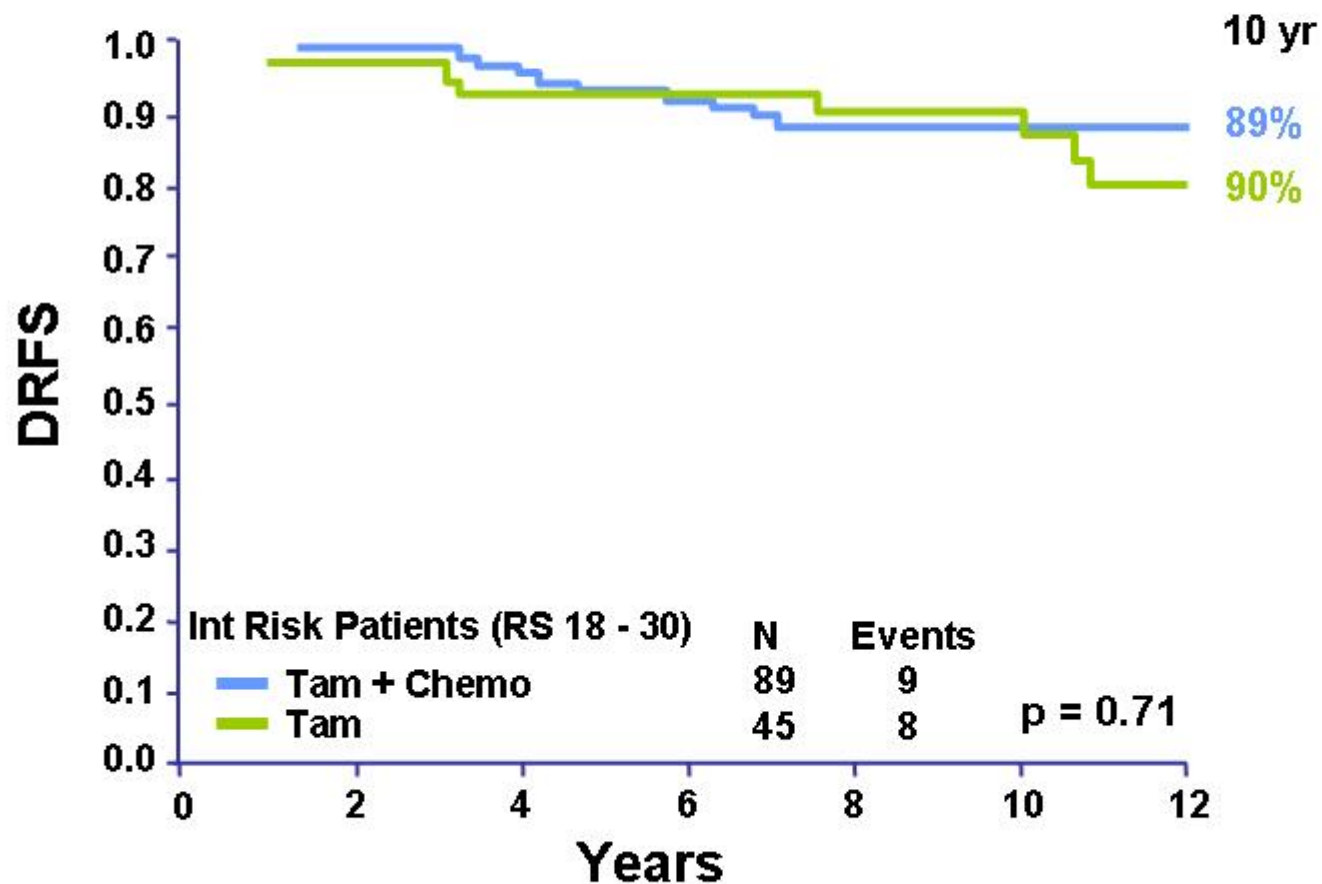
B-20 Results

Tam vs Tam + Chemo – All 651 Pts



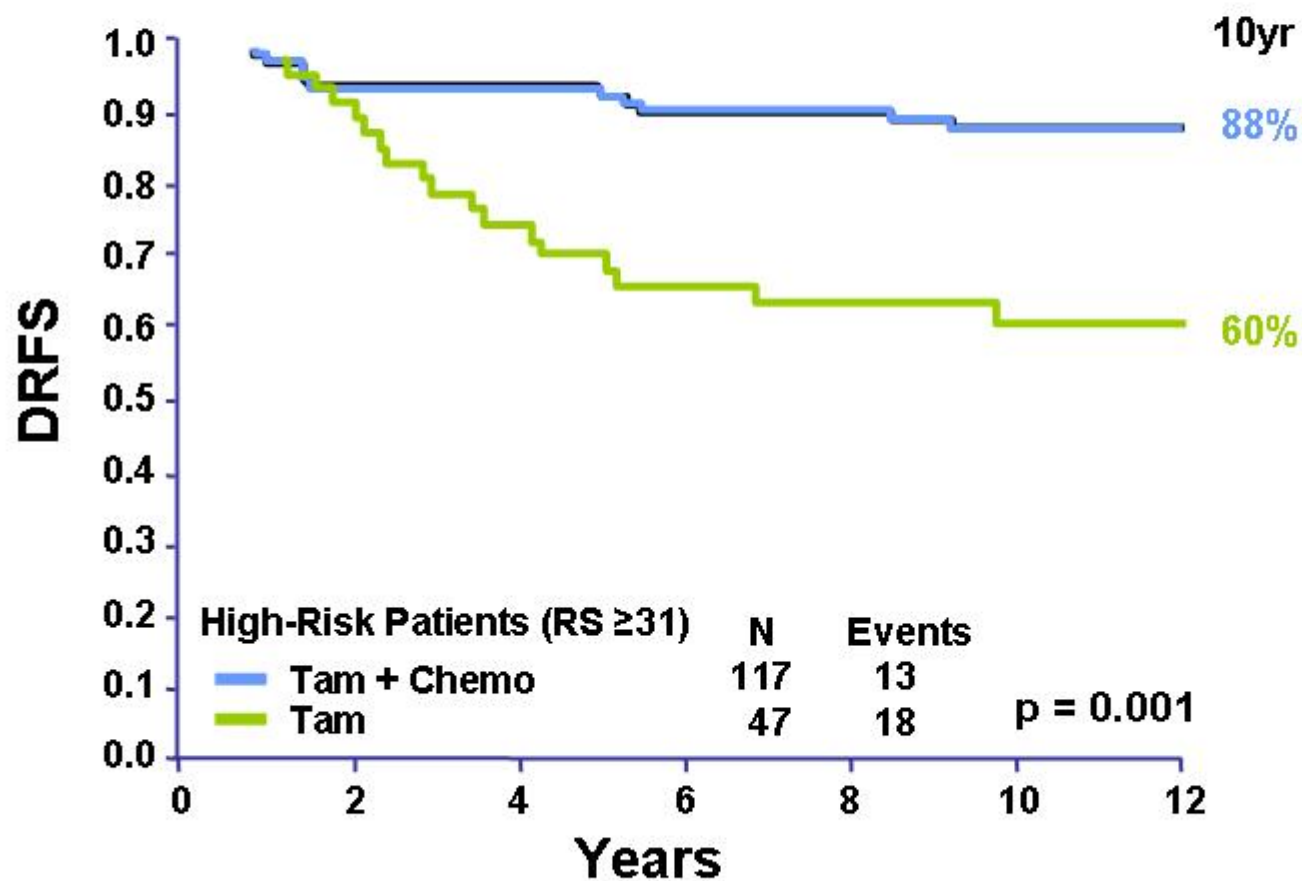
B-20 Results

Tam vs Tam + Chemo – Intermediate Risk (RS 18-30)



B-20 Results

Tam vs Tam + Chemo – High Risk (RS ≥ 31)



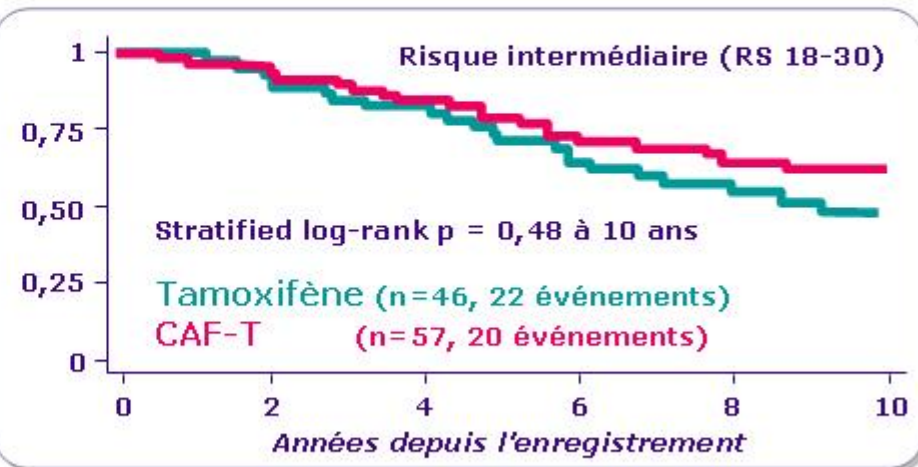
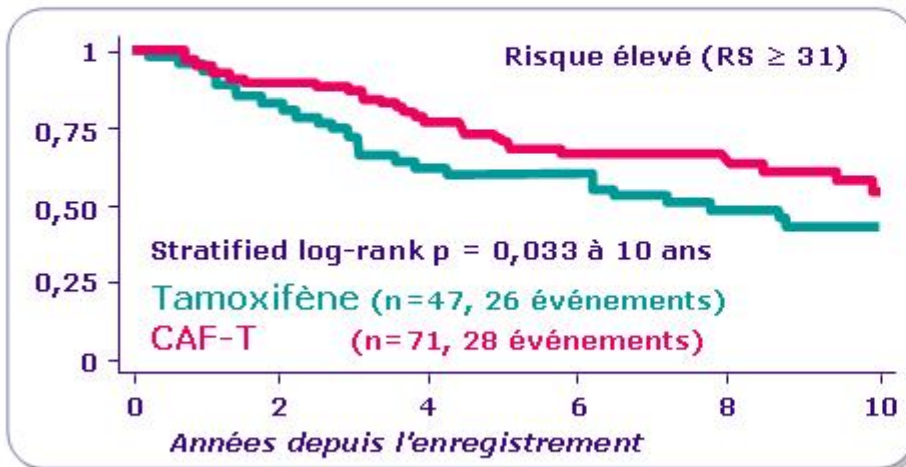
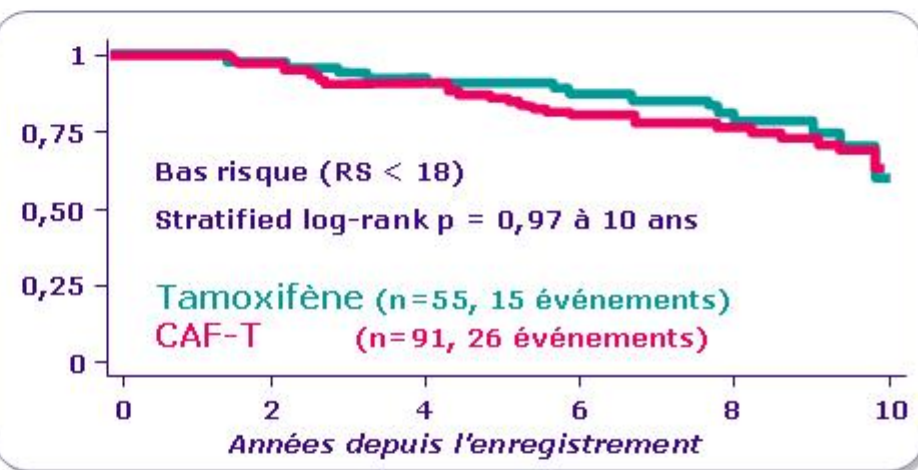
Oncotype DX predictive value 10yrs SSM

INT0100 study

SSM

No benefit if low risk

Important benefit if high risk

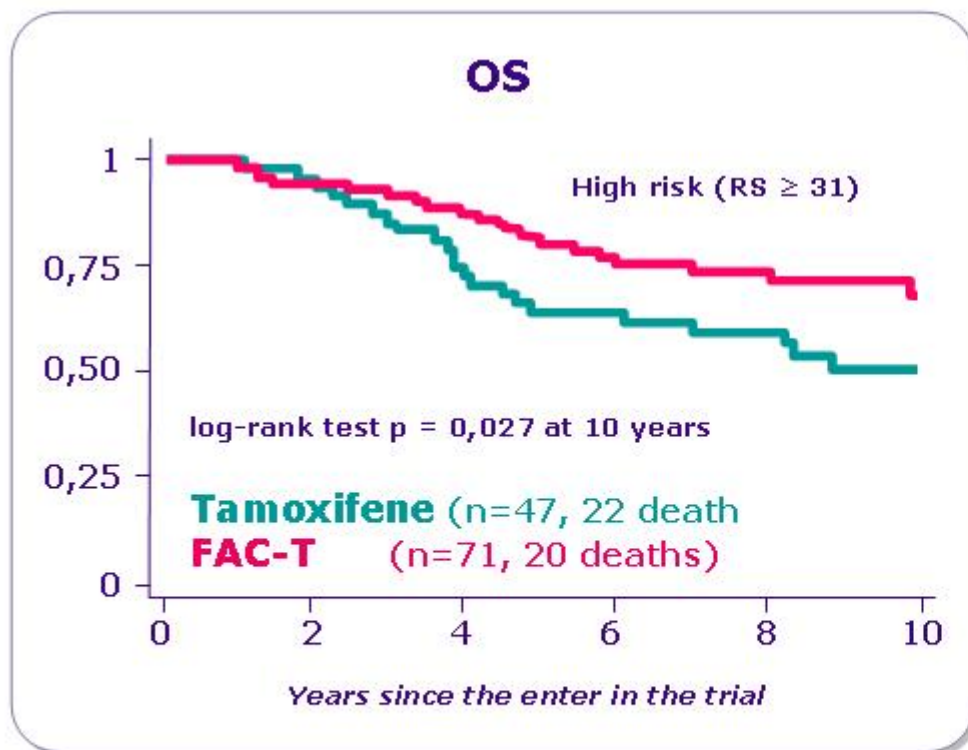


Oncotype DX prognostic value for 10yrs OS INT0100 study

⊙ no benefit of FAC if low RS

In the first 5 yrs (HR 1,05)

and during all the observation period (HR 1,18)



⊙ strong impact of FAC if high RS during the first 5yrs

HR 0,43 (0,21; 0,90)
and during all the observation

period HR 0,56 (0,31; 1,01)

10 yrs OS projections :

→ Tam 51% (35 %, 65 %)

→ FAC-T 68% (51 %, 79 %)

HOXB13/IL17BR

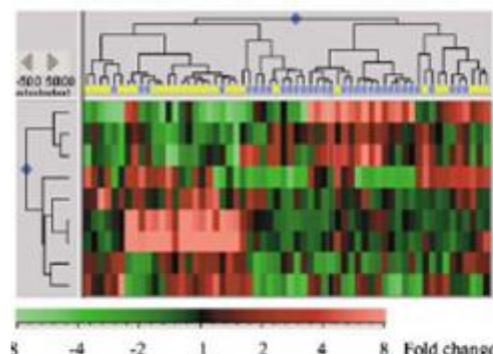
(Top-Down approach)

A two-gene expression ratio predicts clinical outcome in breast cancer patients treated with tamoxifen

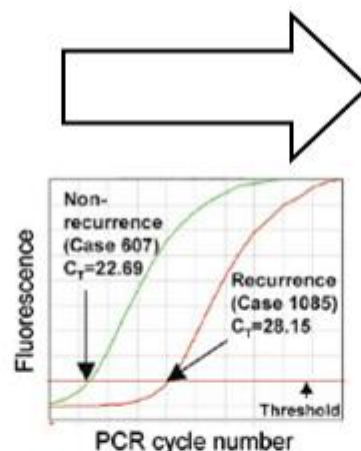
Xiao-Jun Ma,¹ Zuncal Wang,² Paula D. Ryan,³ Steven J. Isakoff,^{4,5} Anne Barnette,⁶ Andrew Fuller,² Beth Muir,² Gayatri Mohapatra,² Ranele Salunga,¹ J. Todd Tuggle,¹ Yen Tran,¹ Diem Tran,¹ Ana Tasin,¹ Paul Amon,¹ Wilson Wang,¹ Wei Wang,¹ Edward Enright,¹ Kimberly Stecker,¹ Eden Estepa-Sabal,¹ Barbara Smith,³ Jerry Younger,² Ulysses Bals,² James Michaelson,² Ahl Bhan,² Karleen Habin,³ Thomas M. Baer,¹ Joan Brugge,⁴ Daniel A. Haber,³ Mark G. Erlander,¹ and Dennis C. Sgroi⁶

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HOXB13/ IL17BR



RT-PCR assay



60 patients
primary breast cancer

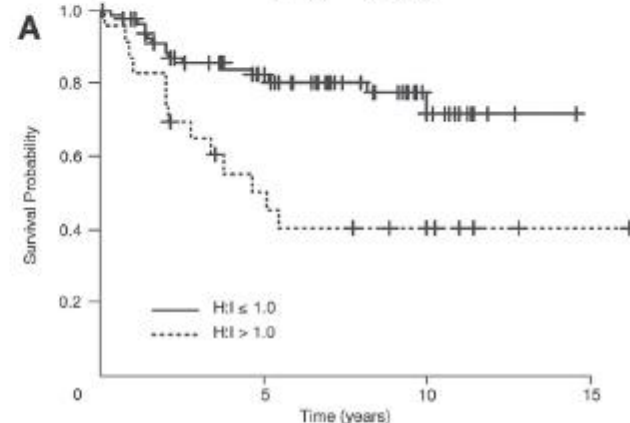
Adjuvant Tamoxifen-treated
Minimal 5-year FU

The HOXB13:IL17BR Expression Index Is a Prognostic Factor in Early-Stage Breast Cancer

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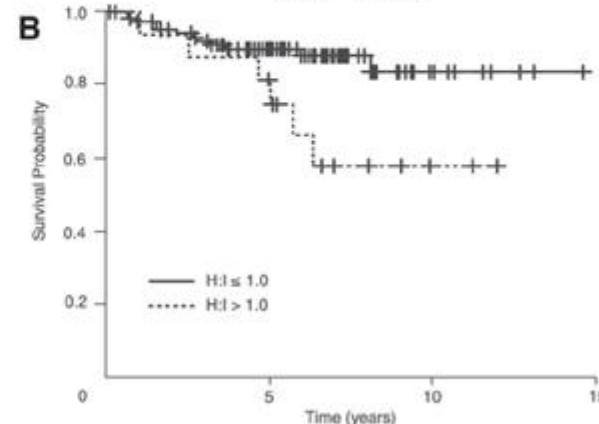
Untreated

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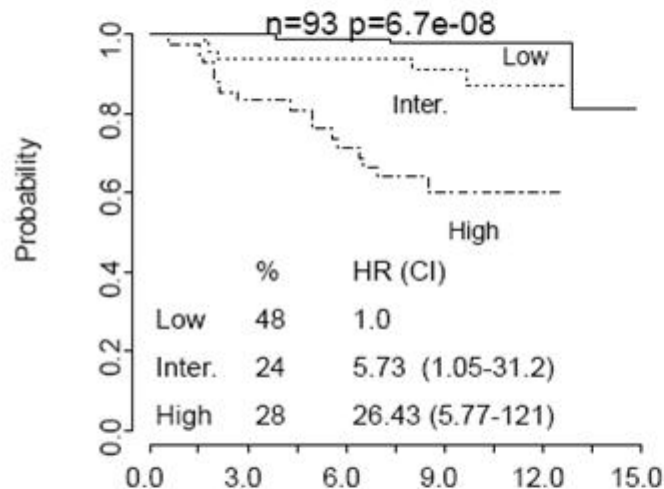
Tamoxifen-treated

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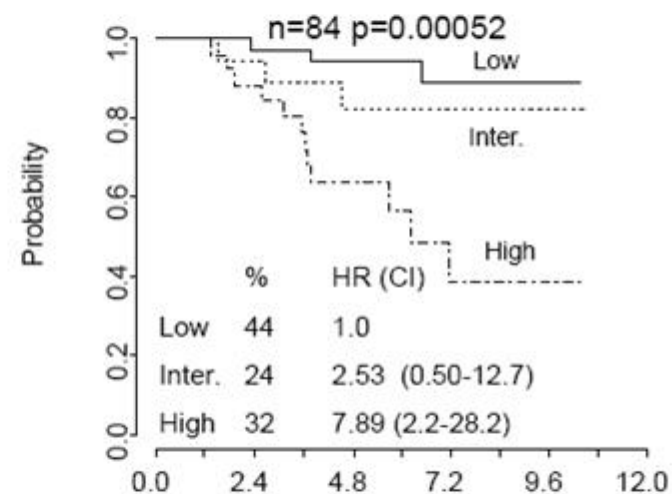


Molecular Grade Index + HOXB13/IL17BR= More accurate prognostic information

MGH dataset



JBI dataset



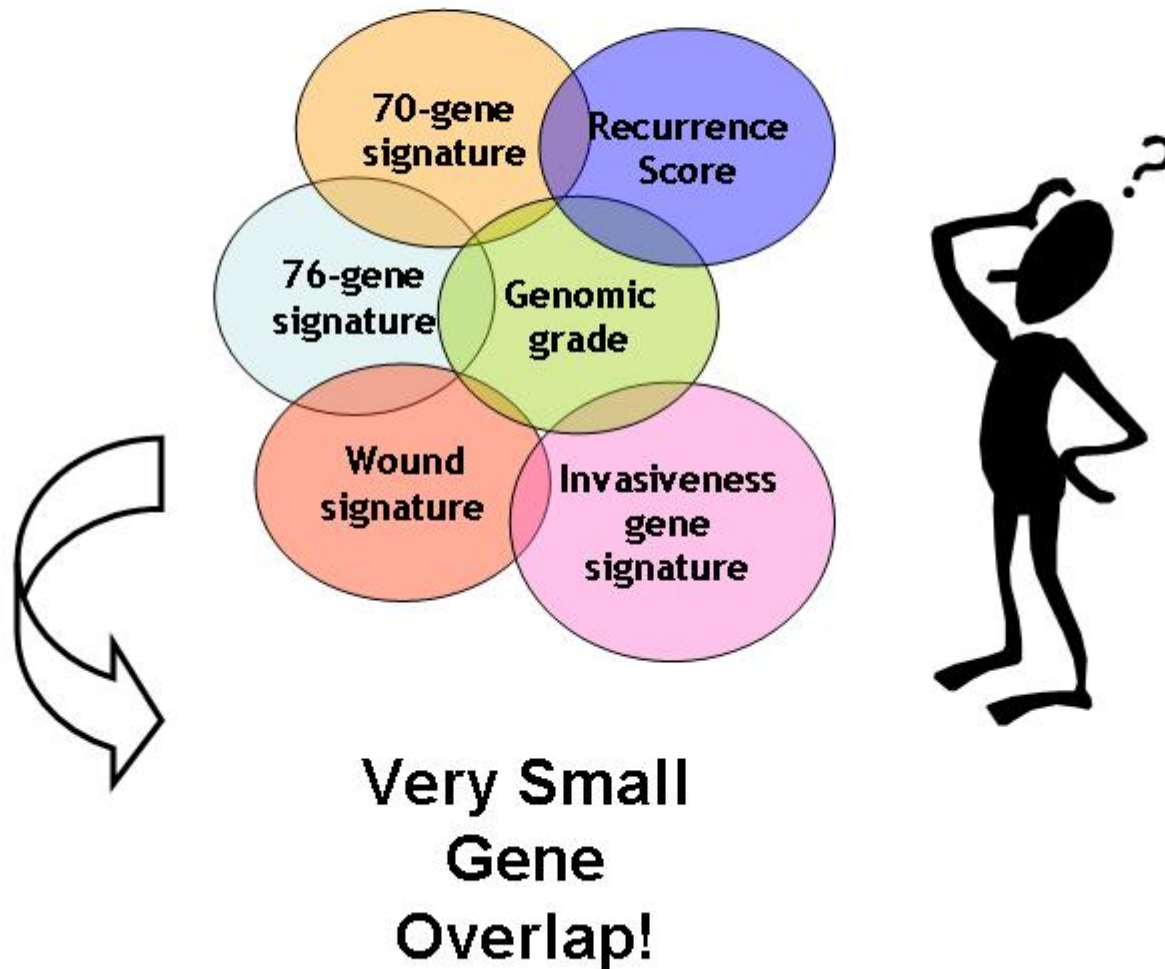
Low Risk : Low MGI

Intermediate Risk : High MGI and low HOXB13/IL17BR

High Risk : High MGI and High HOXB13/IL17BR

Outcome Signature Genes in Breast Cancer: Is There a Unique Set?

Liat Ein-Dor et al, Bioinformatics, 2004



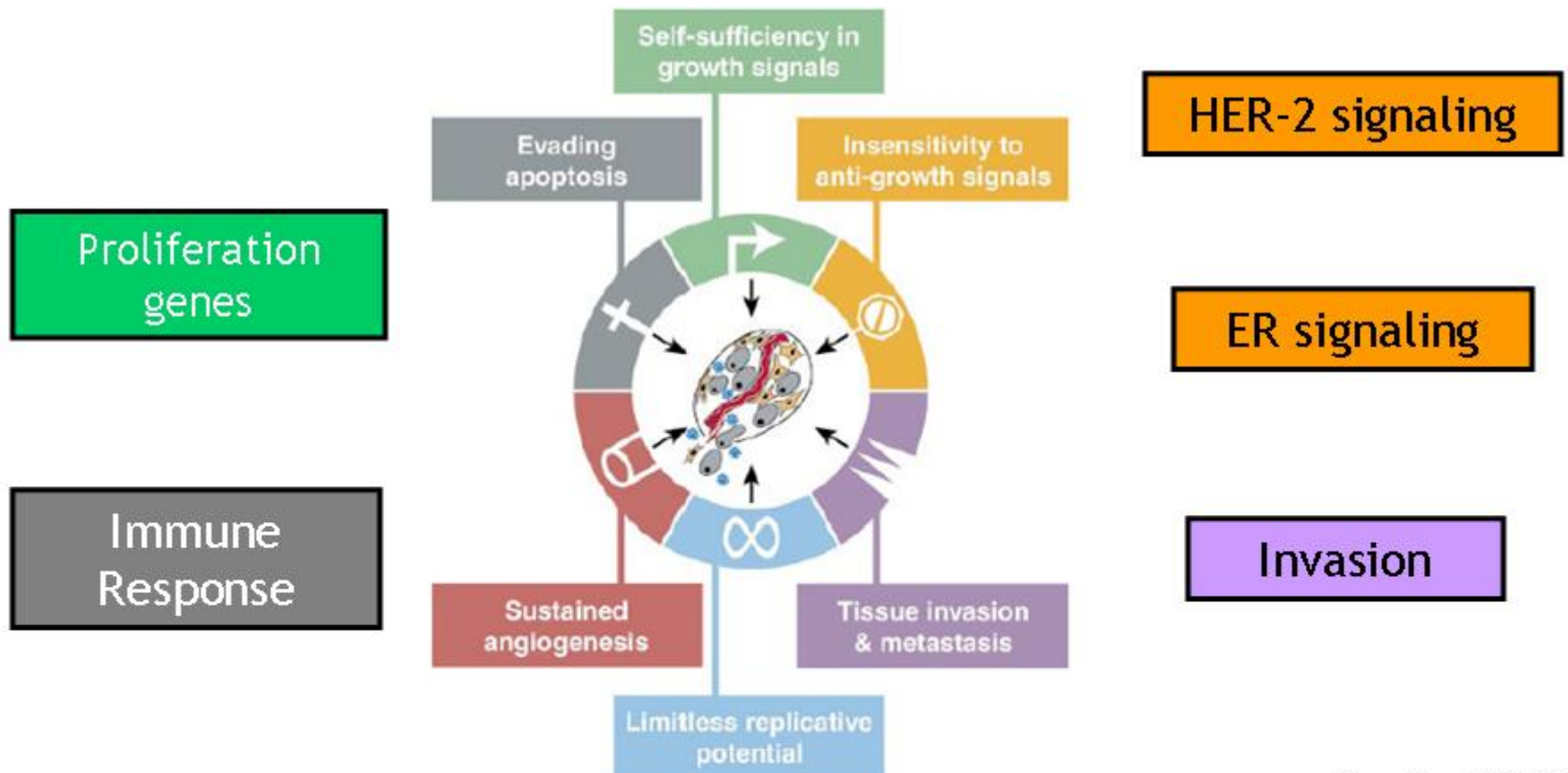
META-ANALYSIS

18 studies, N≈ 3000 pts

Defining biologically relevant

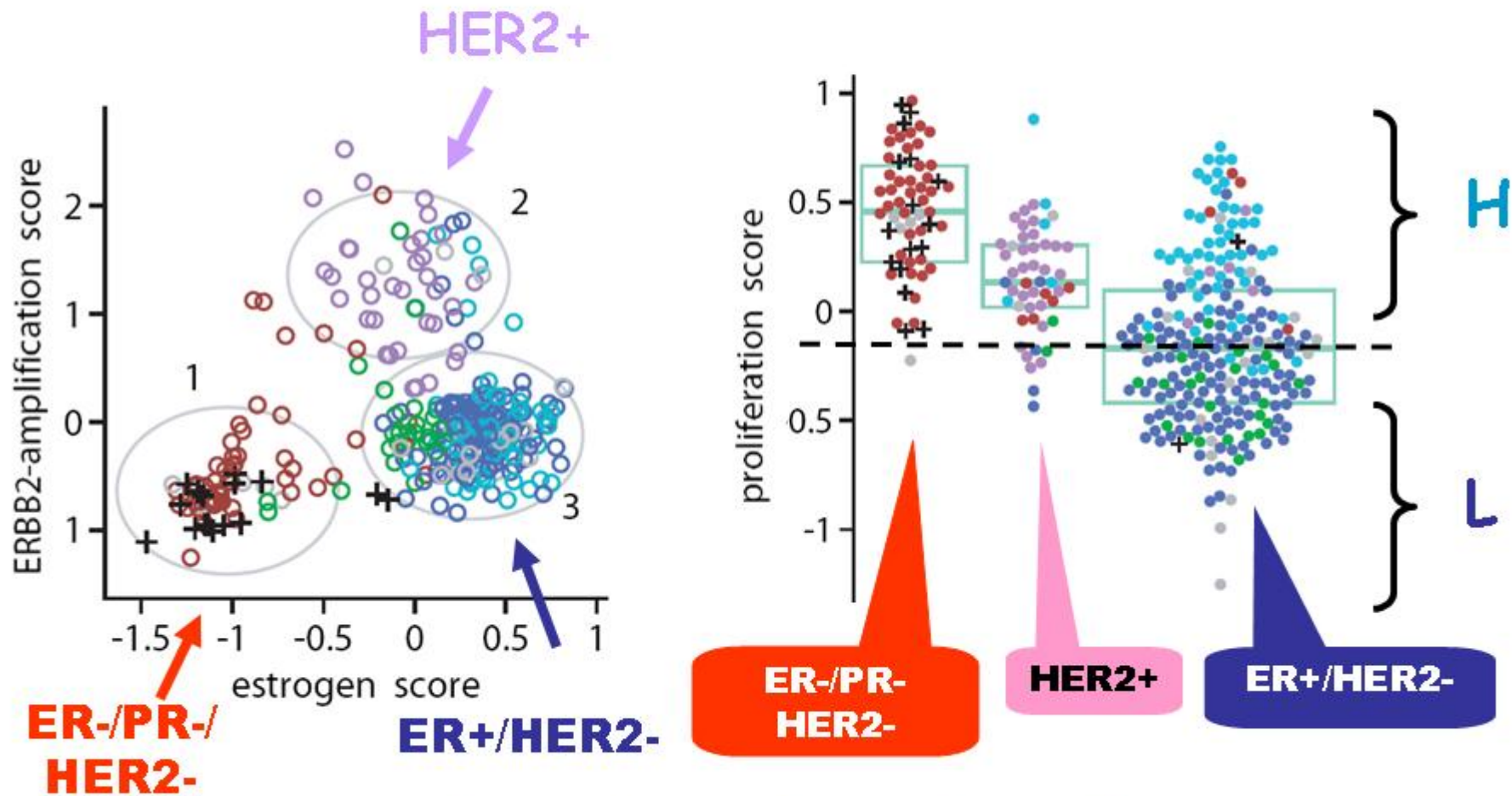
Molecular Modules

Hallmarks of breast cancer



Molecular modules divide breast cancers in 4 reproducible subtypes

(ER-/HER2-, HER2+, ER+ low, ER+ high proliferation)

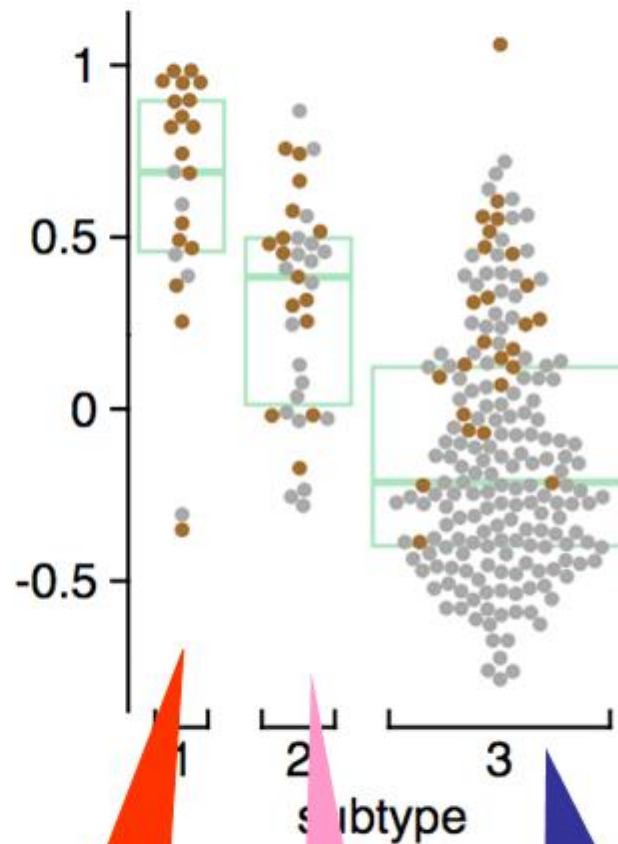
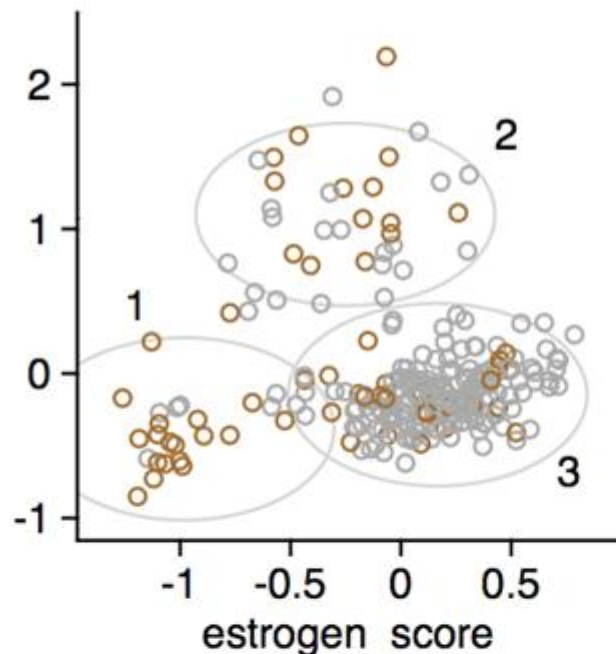


Intrinsic subtype: ● basal-like, ● her2/neu, ● luminal A, ● luminal B, ● normal-like

+ = BRCA1 mutation

Molecular Subtypes

P53 Mutation status



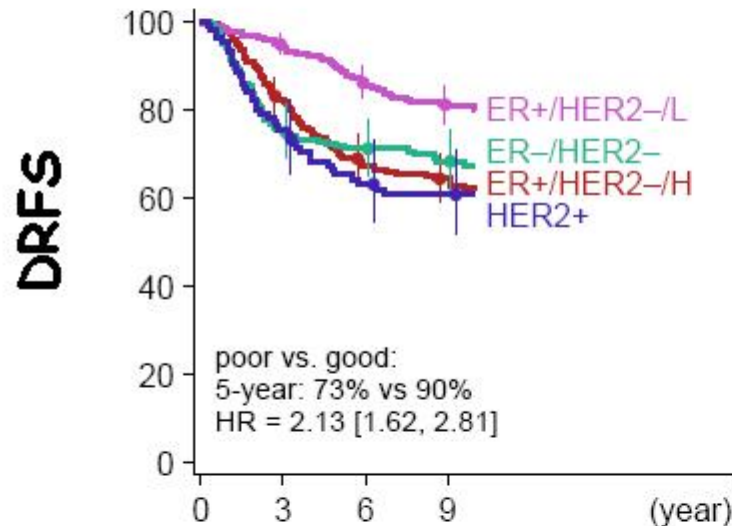
**ER-/PR-
HER2-**

HER2+

ER+/HER2-

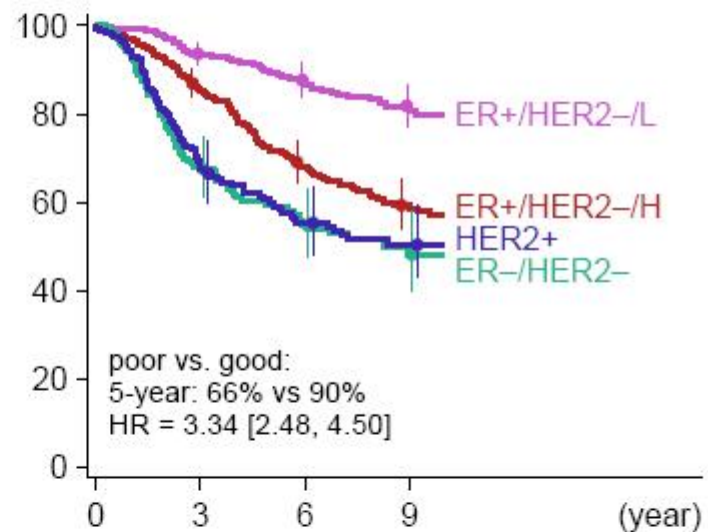
Molecular subtypes and clinical relevance?

Untreated



number at risk:				events
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335	310	265	173	61
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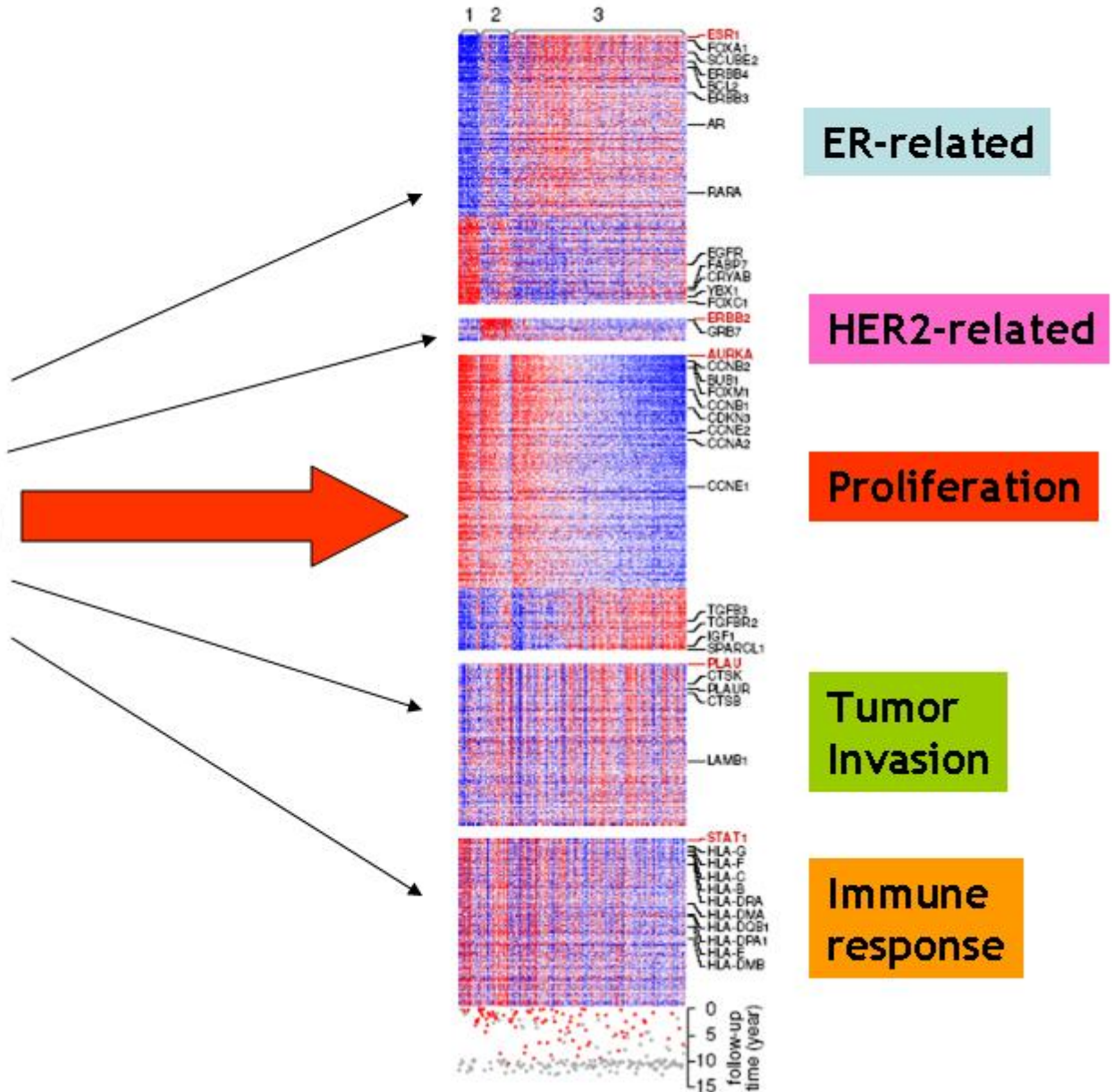
Treated



number at risk:				events
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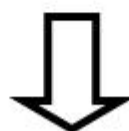
Relationship Between Prognostic Signatures and Modular Associations...

9 Gene
Expression
Signatures



Dissecting Gene Expression Signatures

9 Prognostic Signatures



Two Partial
Prognostic Signatures



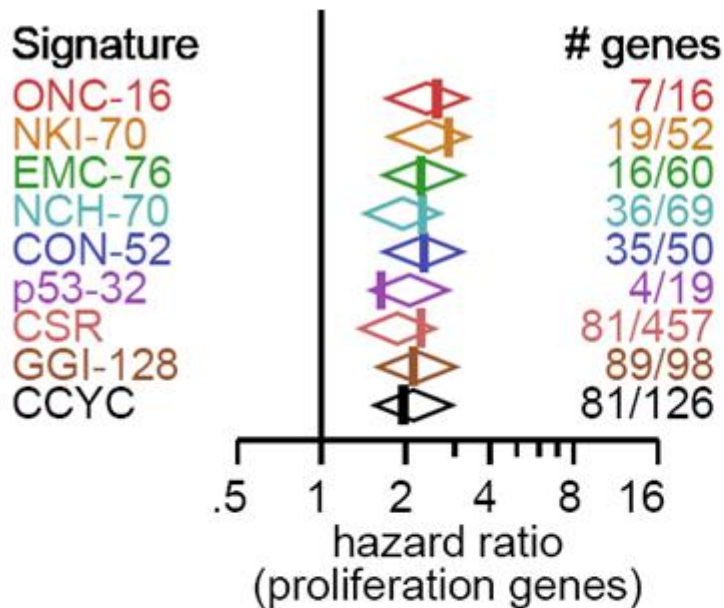
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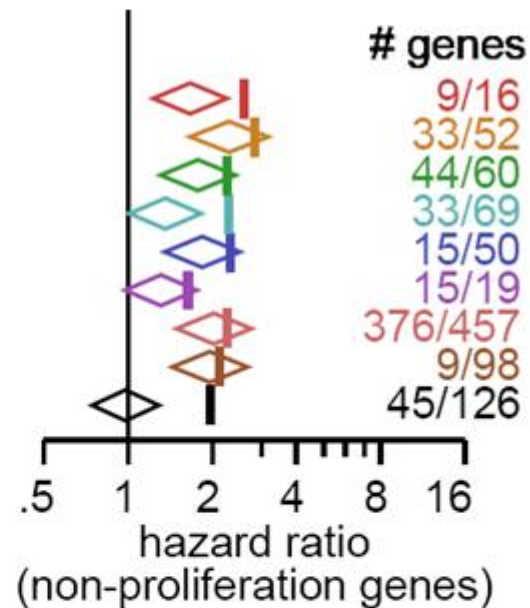
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Proliferation=driving force

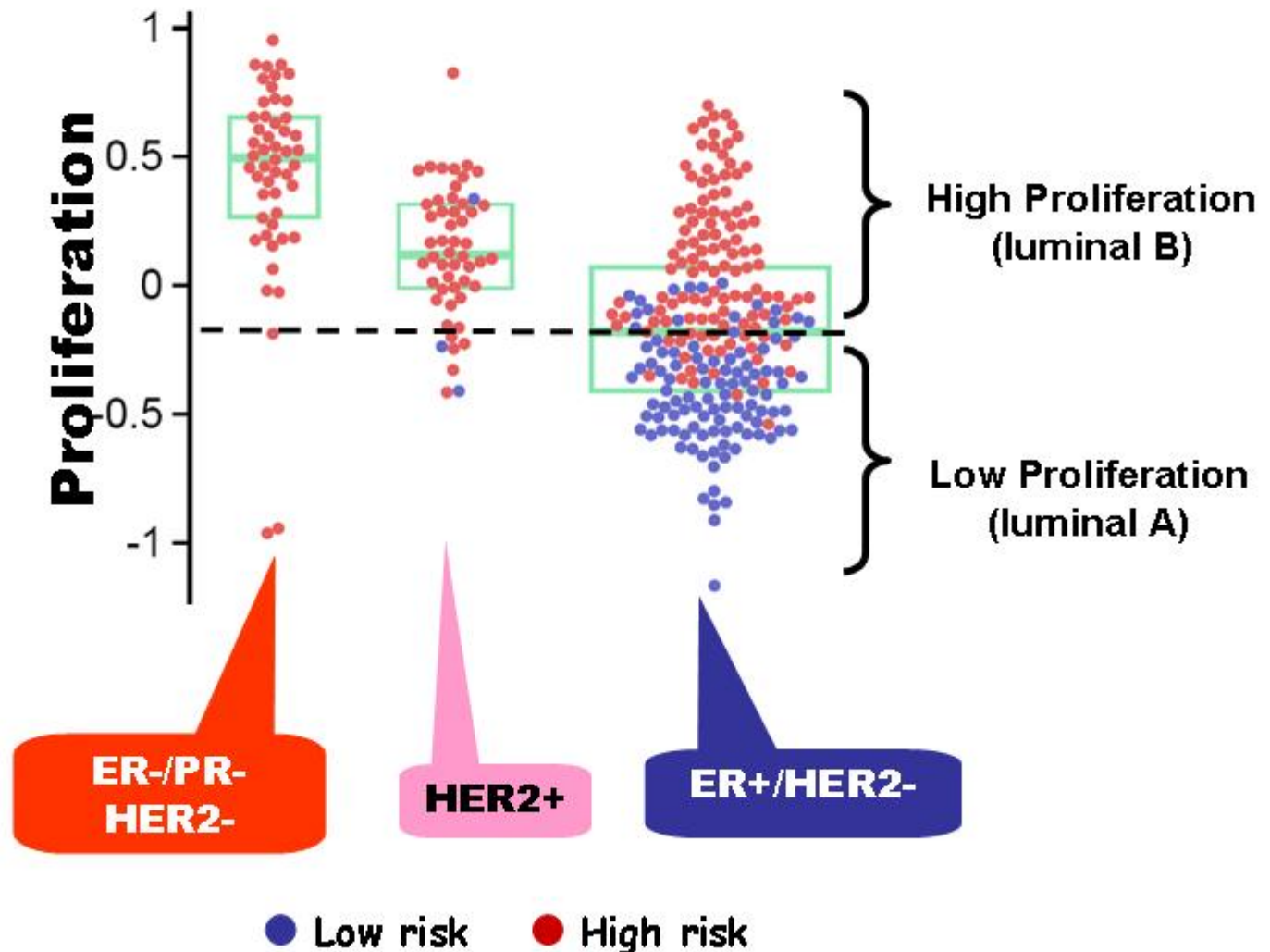
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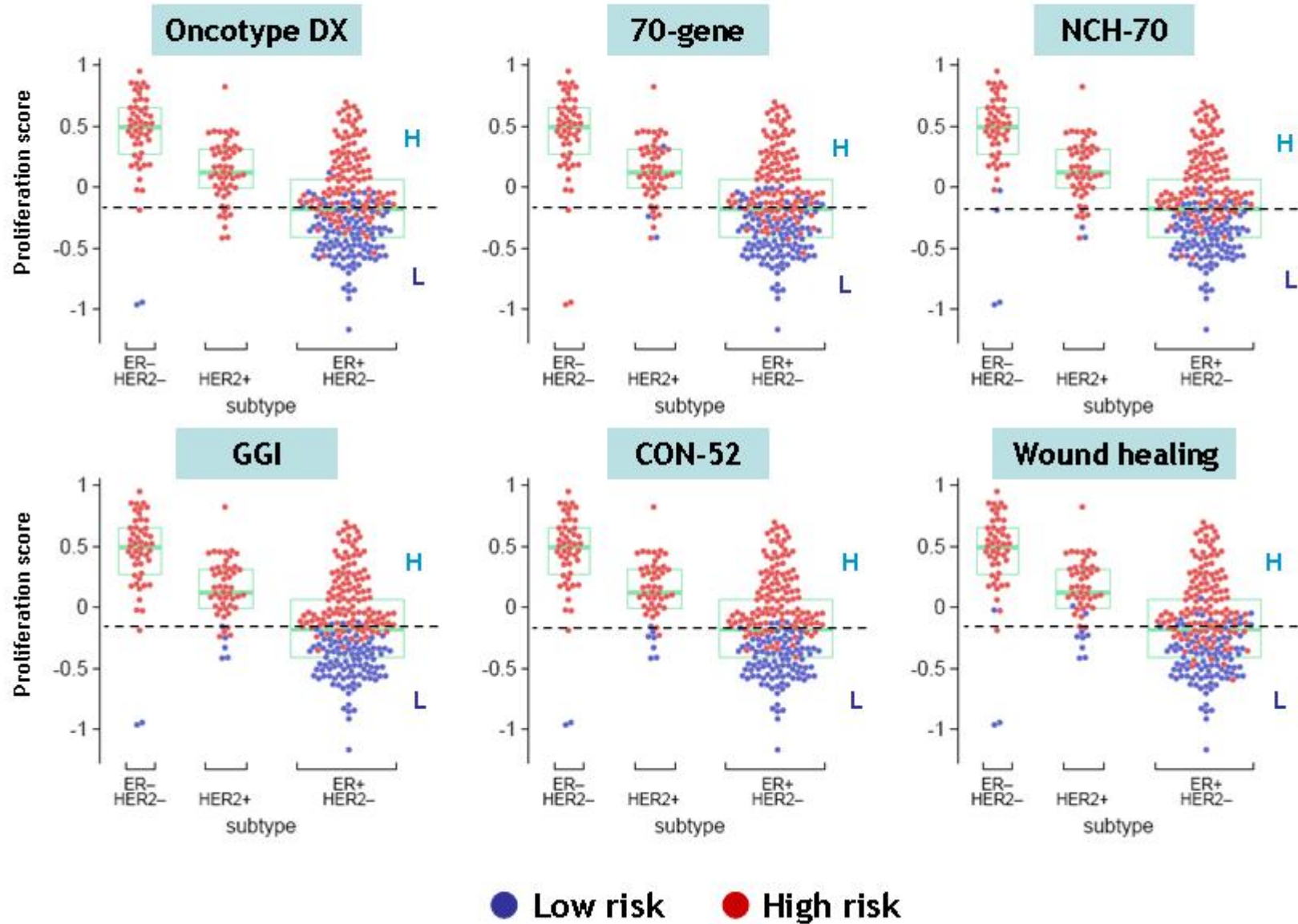


Non-Proliferation Genes



Connection between prognostic signatures, and molecular classification...

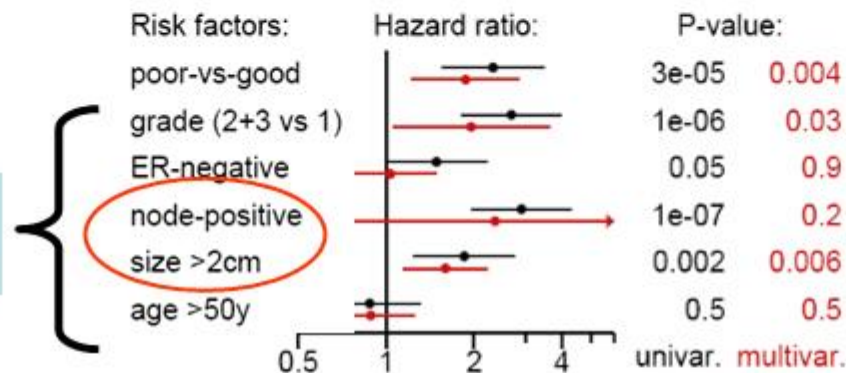




Clinico-pathological information is still needed!

Genomic

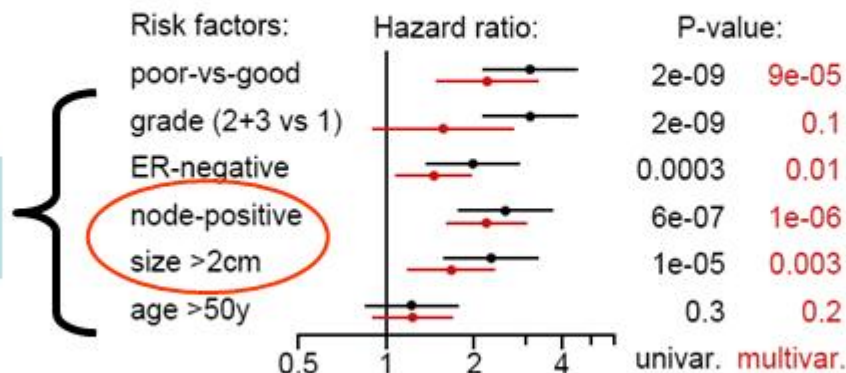
Clinico-pathological



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Clinico-pathological



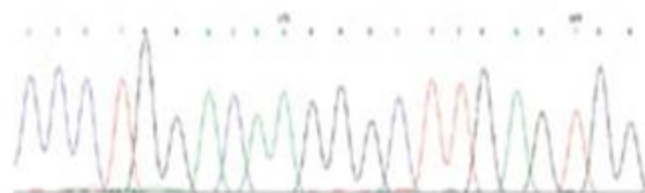
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Conclusion

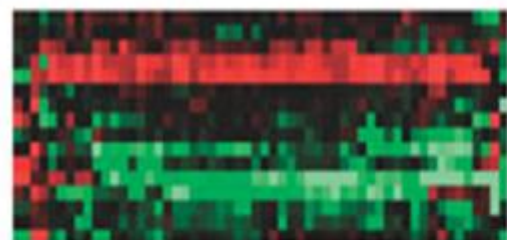
- For the time being pathology cannot be safely replaced by molecular assays
- But we should take the greatest advantage by combining two approaches
- Ultimately one can hope that the molecular classification will be easily translated for clinical daily routine practice by developing IHC assays accordingly.



Proteomics/metabolomics



Genetics/epigenetics



Genomics



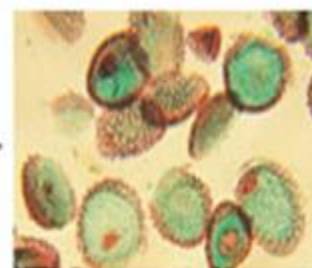
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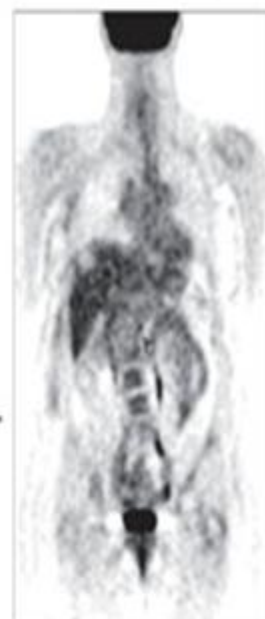
Pathology

Decision-making algorithm

Towards individualized medicine



Circulating and disseminated tumour cells



Modern imaging