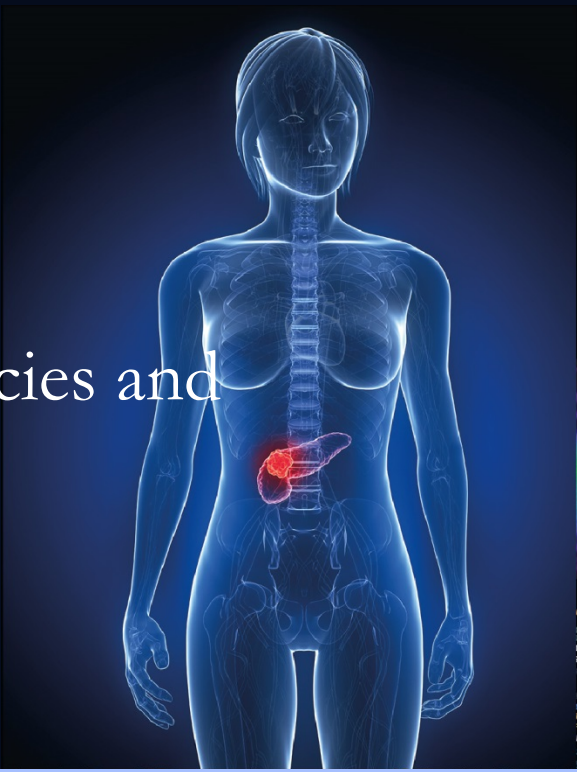


Emerging biomarkers of pancreatic malignancies and neuroendocrine tumour



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My talk



- Molecular biology of pancreatic cancer
- Emerging biomarkers for clinical practice:
 1. Pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma (PDAC)

Briefly on:

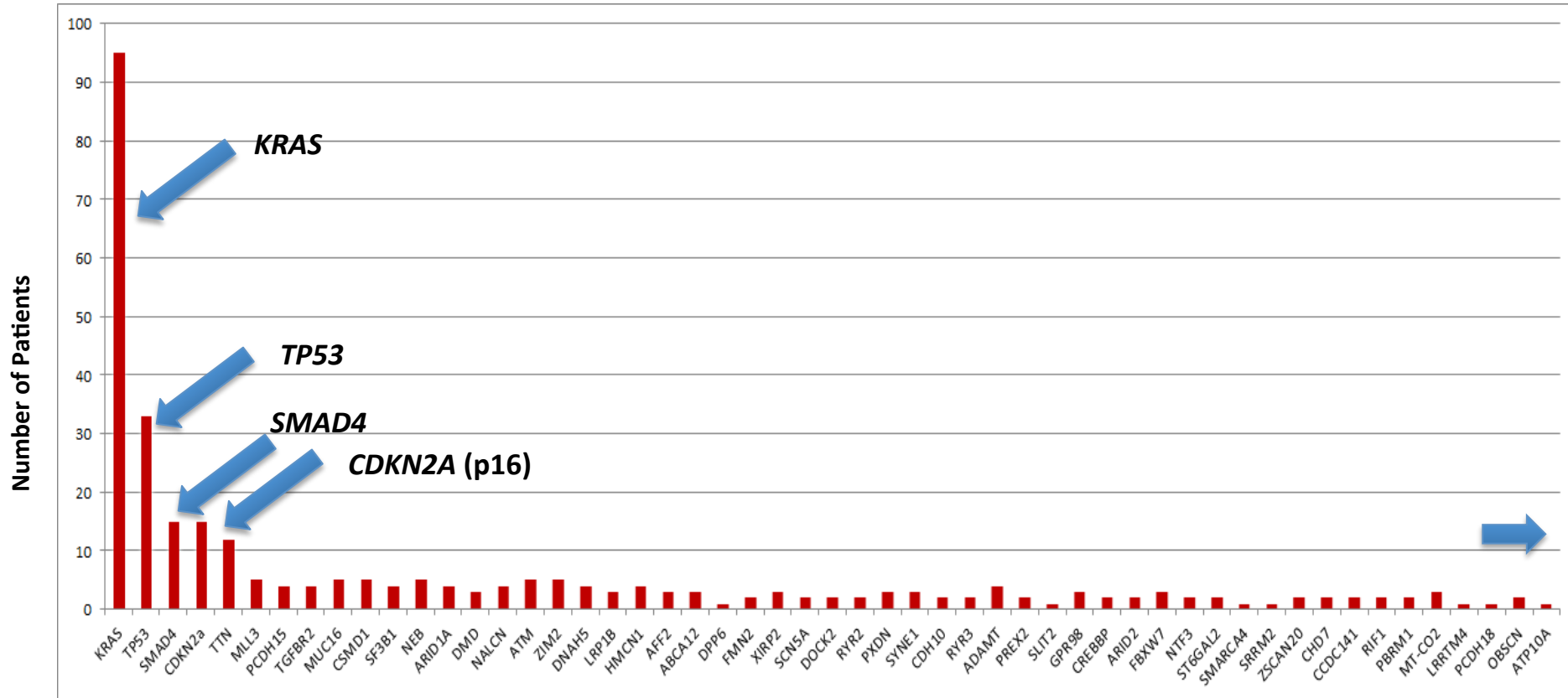
2. Pancreatic acinar cell carcinoma (PACC)
3. Pancreatic neuroendocrine tumour (PNET)

PDAC

Mutational landscape is heterogeneous

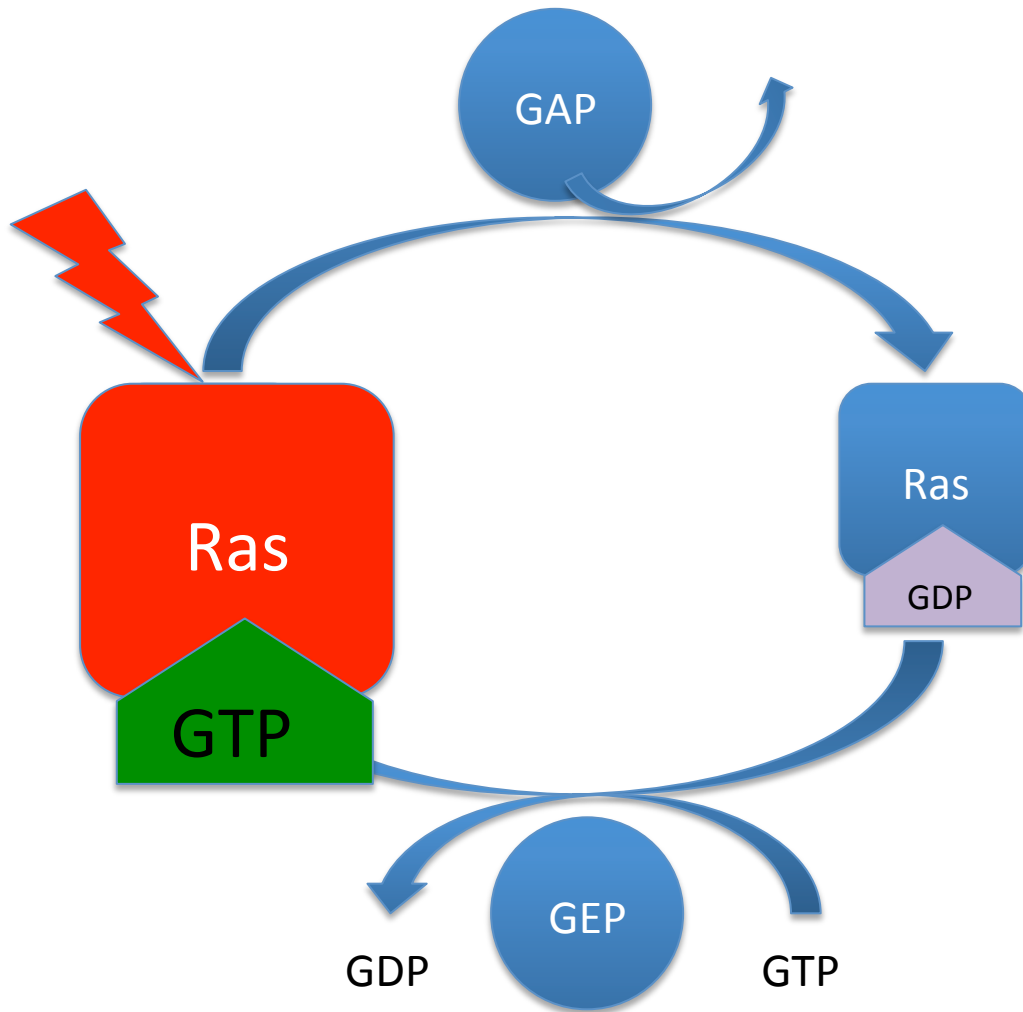


- Approx 1500 mutated genes detected
- average 60 gene alterations/tumour



PDAC

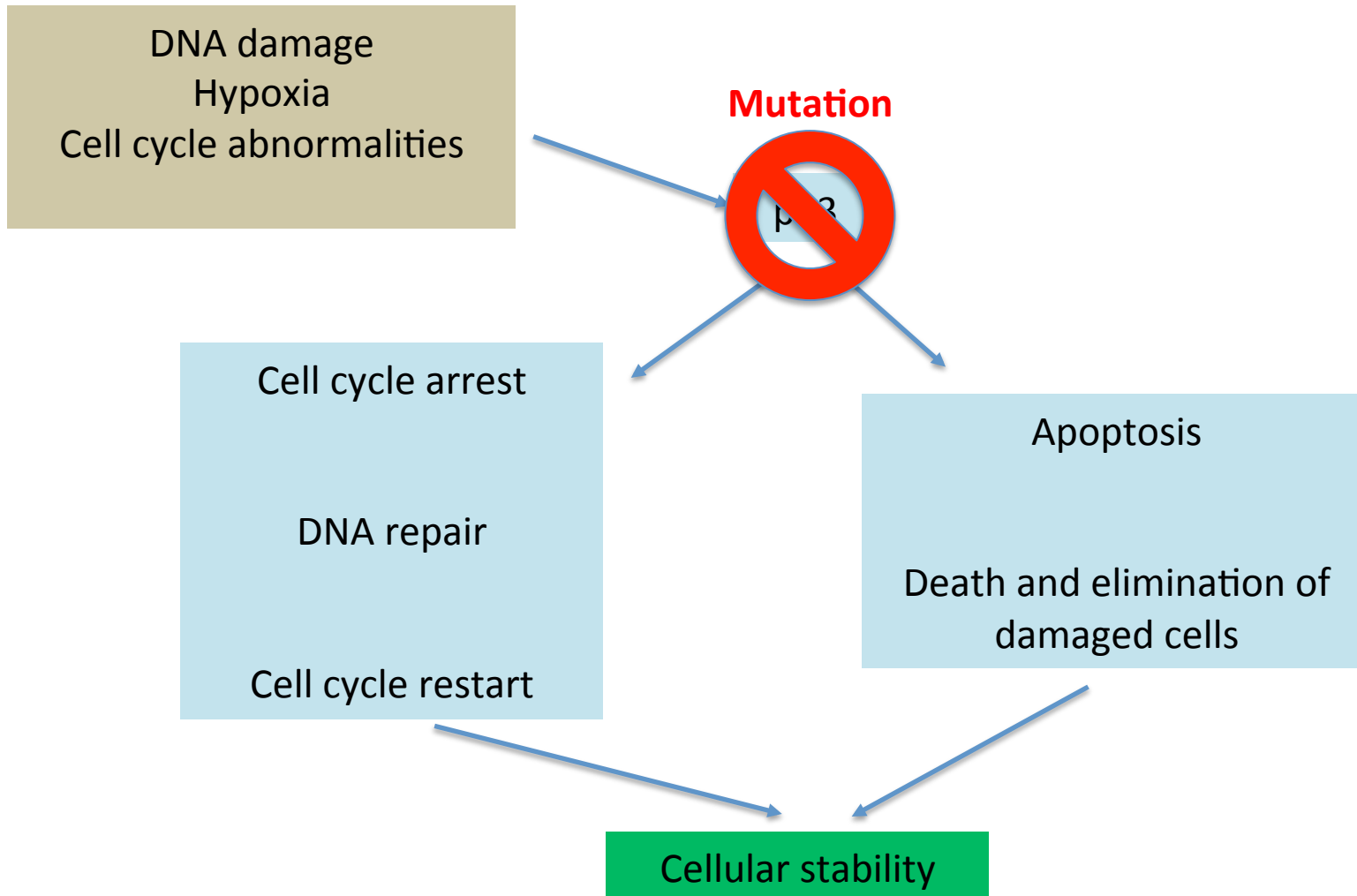
KRAS is an oncogene that regulate cell division



- most common (95%)
- Cell division
- Mutant *KRAS* in GTP-bound active state
- Cause continuous growth stimulation
- No inhibitor

PDAC

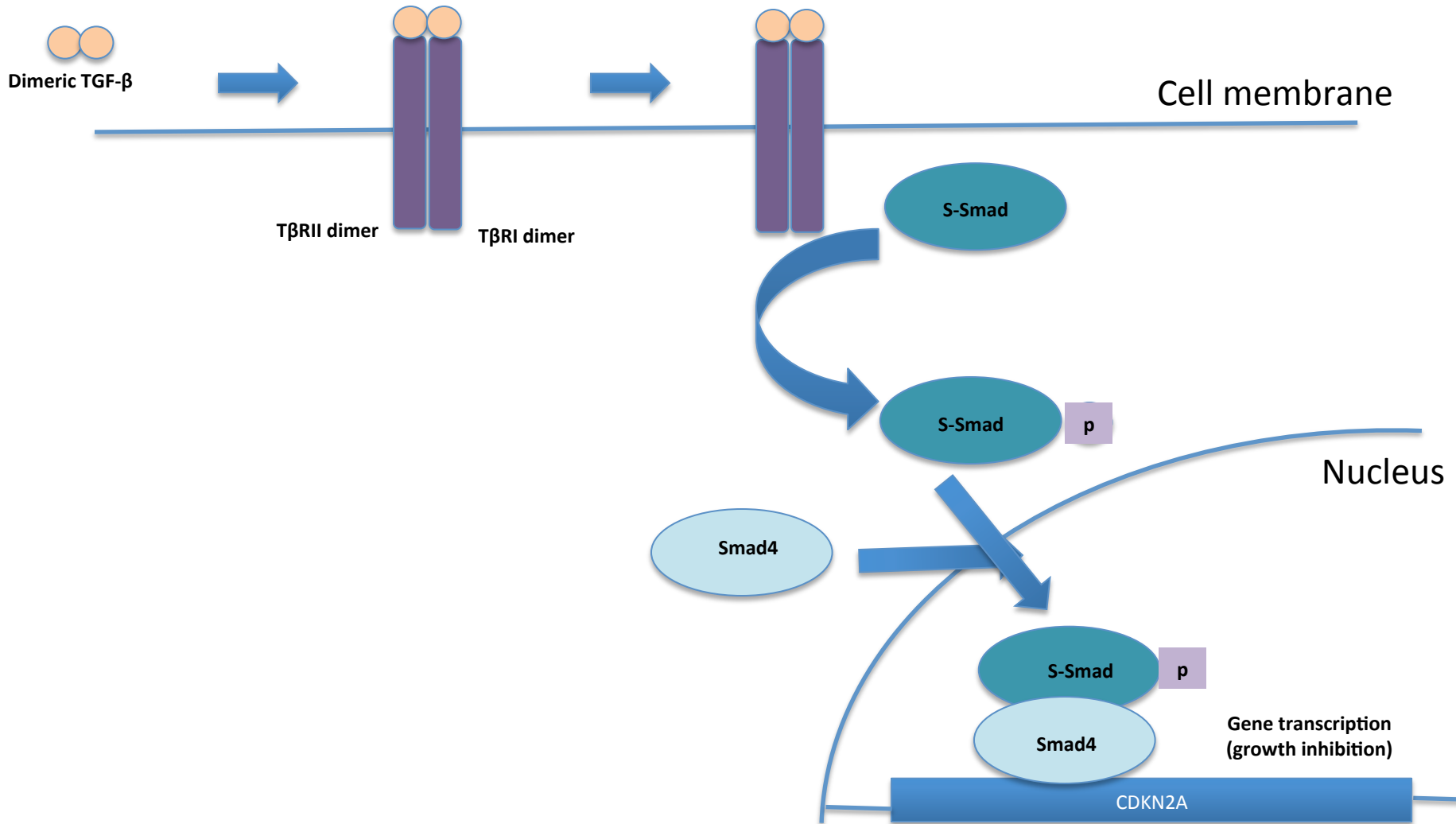
TP53 is a tumour suppressor



PDAC



SMAD 4 activates growth inhibitor genes



PDAC

CDKNA2 (p16) regulates G1/S

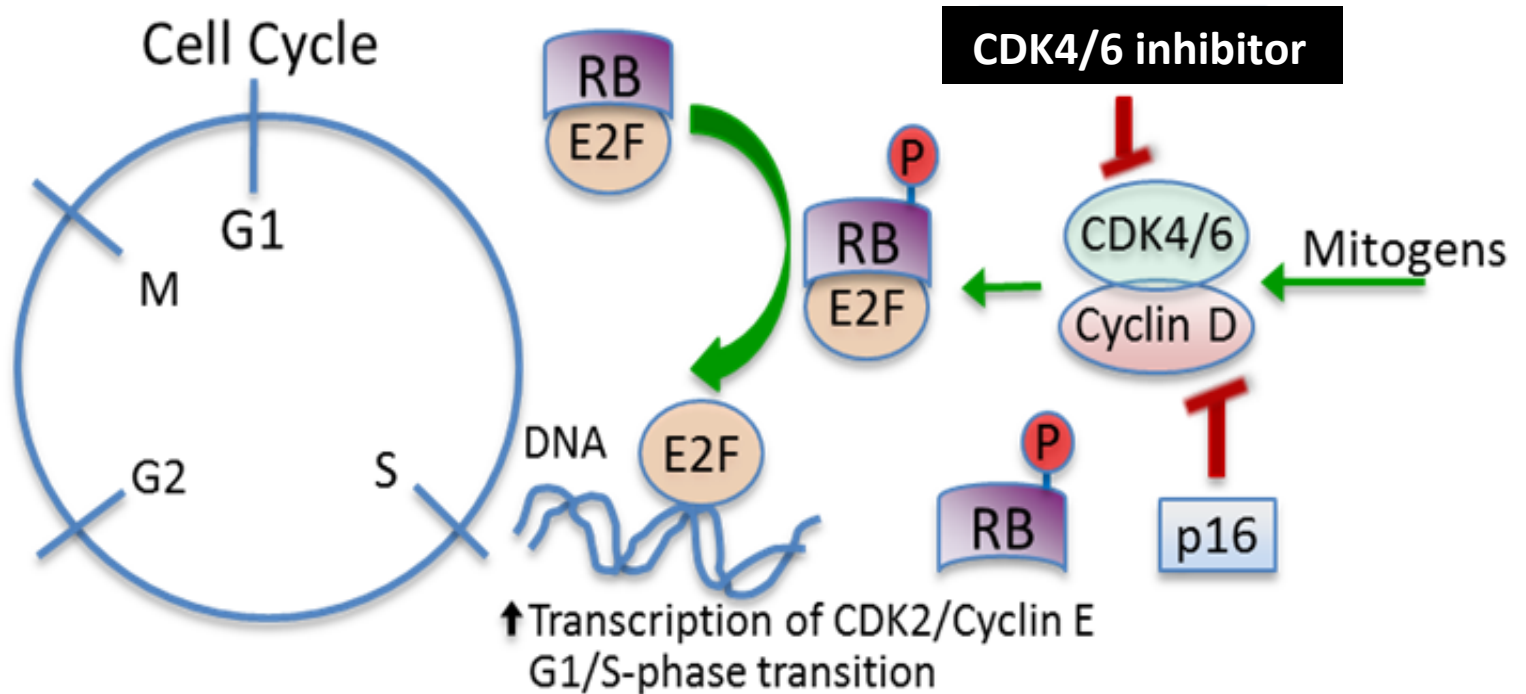


CDK4/6 inhibitor:

1. Palbociclib (Pfizer) – FDA approved
2. Ribociclib (Novartis) – FDA approved
3. Abemaciclib (Eli Lilly)

→ ER+/HER2- breast cancer

CDK4/6 pathway



CDK4i trials



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A Study of Abemaciclib (LY2835219) Alone or in Combination With Other Agents in Participants With Previously Treated Pancreatic Ductal Adenocarcinoma

This study is currently recruiting participants.

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The purpose of this study is to evaluate the safety and efficacy of abemaciclib alone and in combination with other drugs versus standard of care in participants with previously treated metastatic pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma (PDAC).

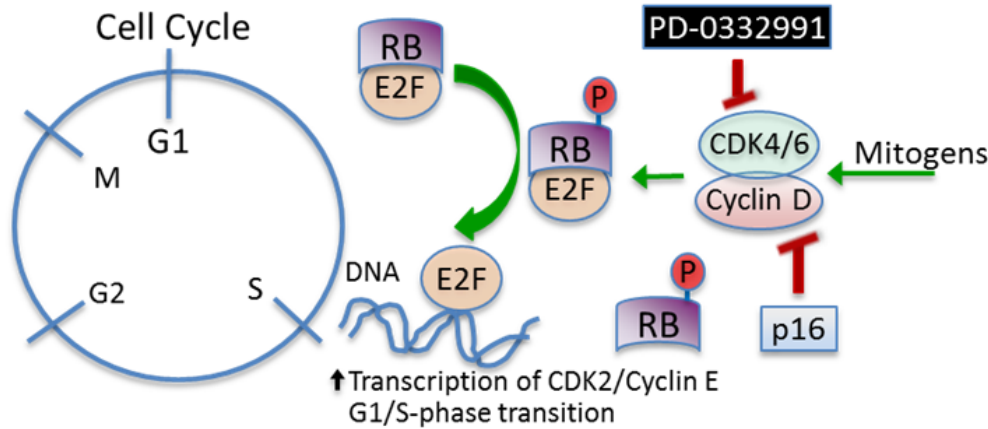
Condition	Intervention	Phase
Pancreatic Ductal Adenocarcinoma	Drug: Abemaciclib Drug: LY3023414 Drug: Gemcitabine Drug: Capecitabine	Phase 2

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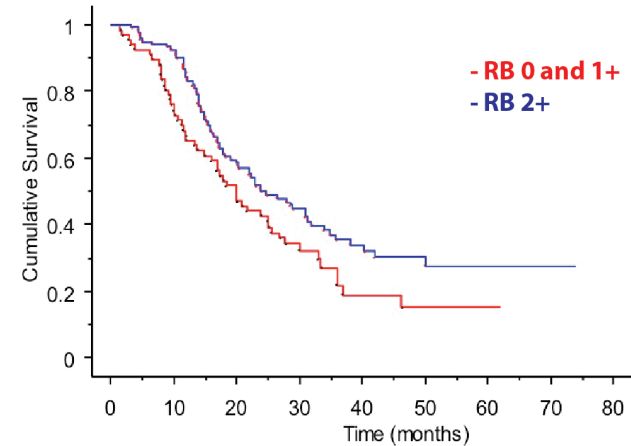
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This is a Phase 1, mPDAC, with MTD

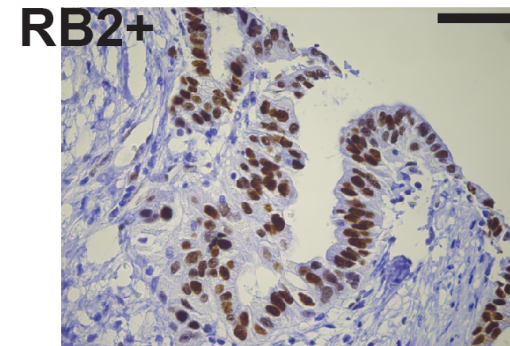
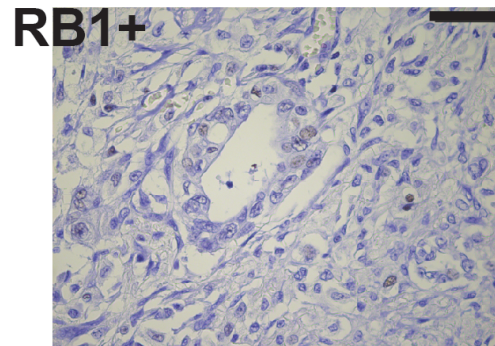
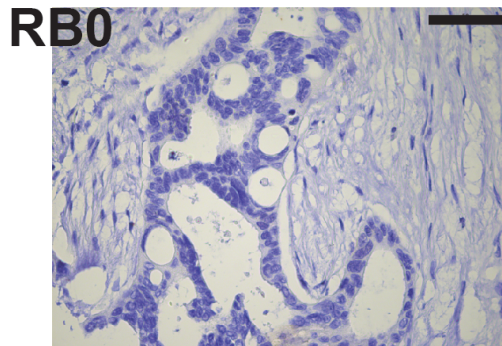
In-vivo Model – Sensitivity to CDK4i correlates with high RB expression



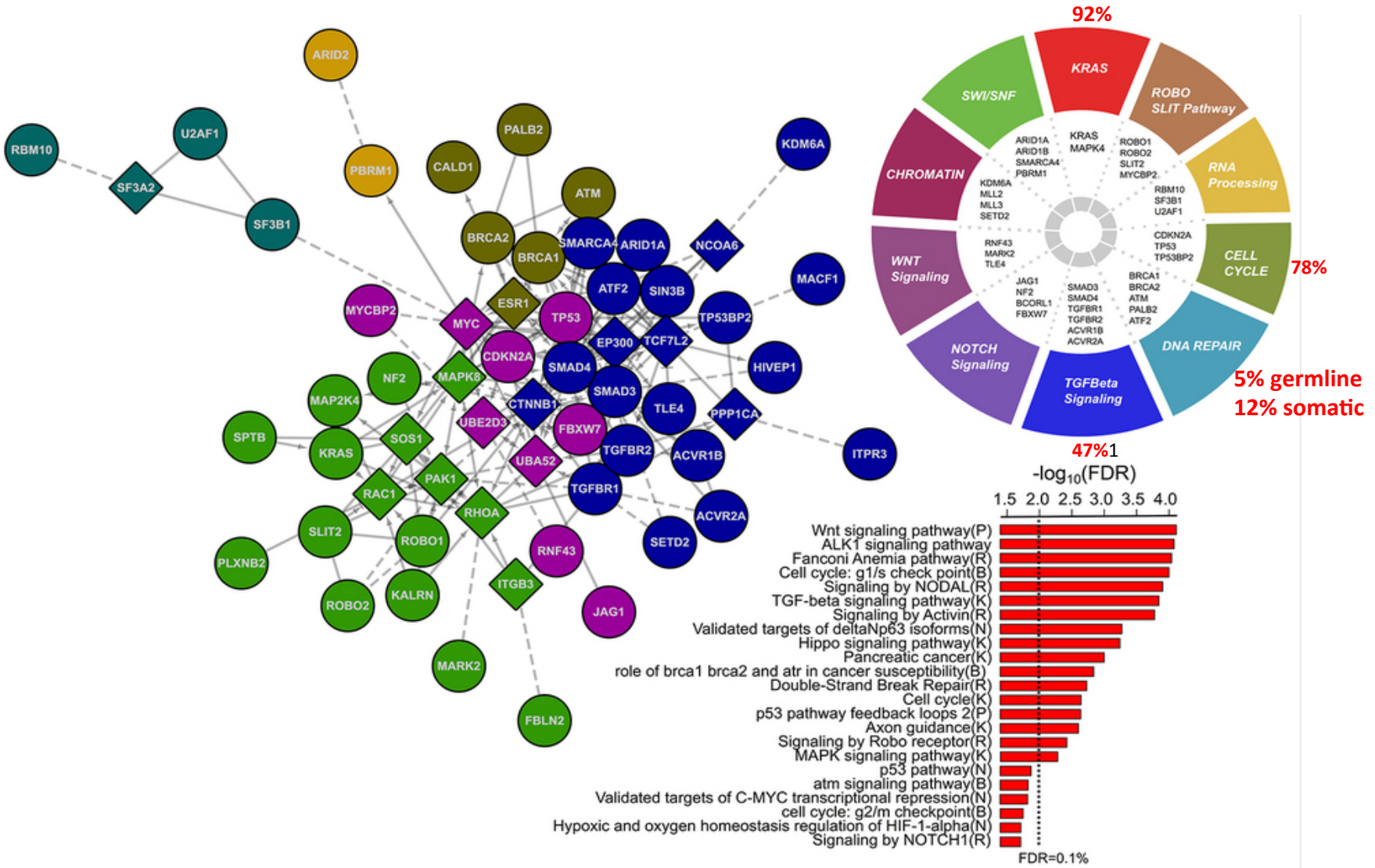
median survival 20 vs 23.9 months
(n = 200) p = 0.0388



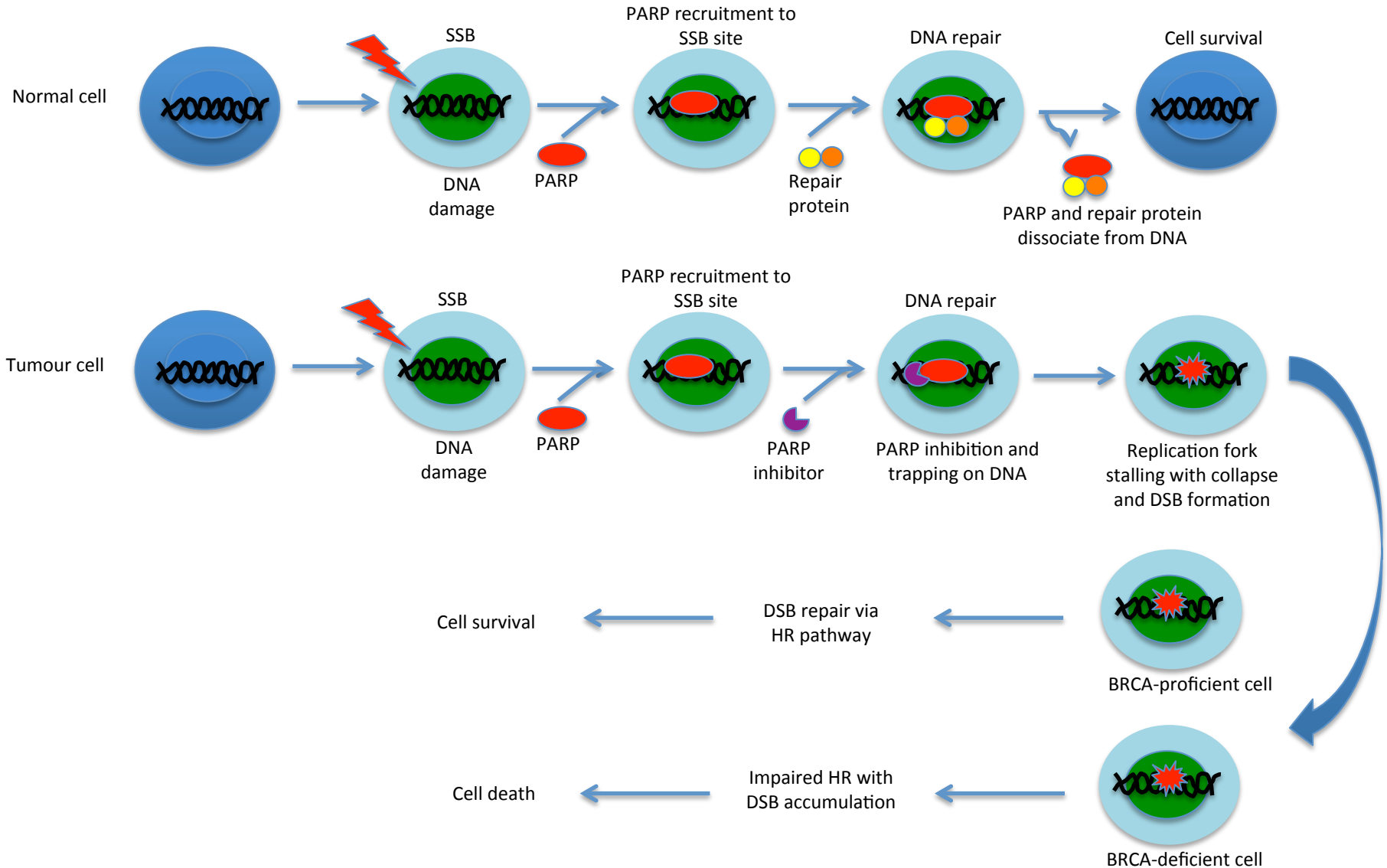
No. at risk	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80
RB 2	129	120	80	66	58	55			
RB 0 & 1	71	55	36	27	17				



PDAC – Mutated genes cluster into 10 molecular



PARPi causes cell death in BRCA deficient cells



Olaparib in gBRCA Mutated Pancreatic Cancer Whose Disease Has Not Progressed on First Line Platinum-Based Chemotherapy (POLO)

This study is currently recruiting participants.

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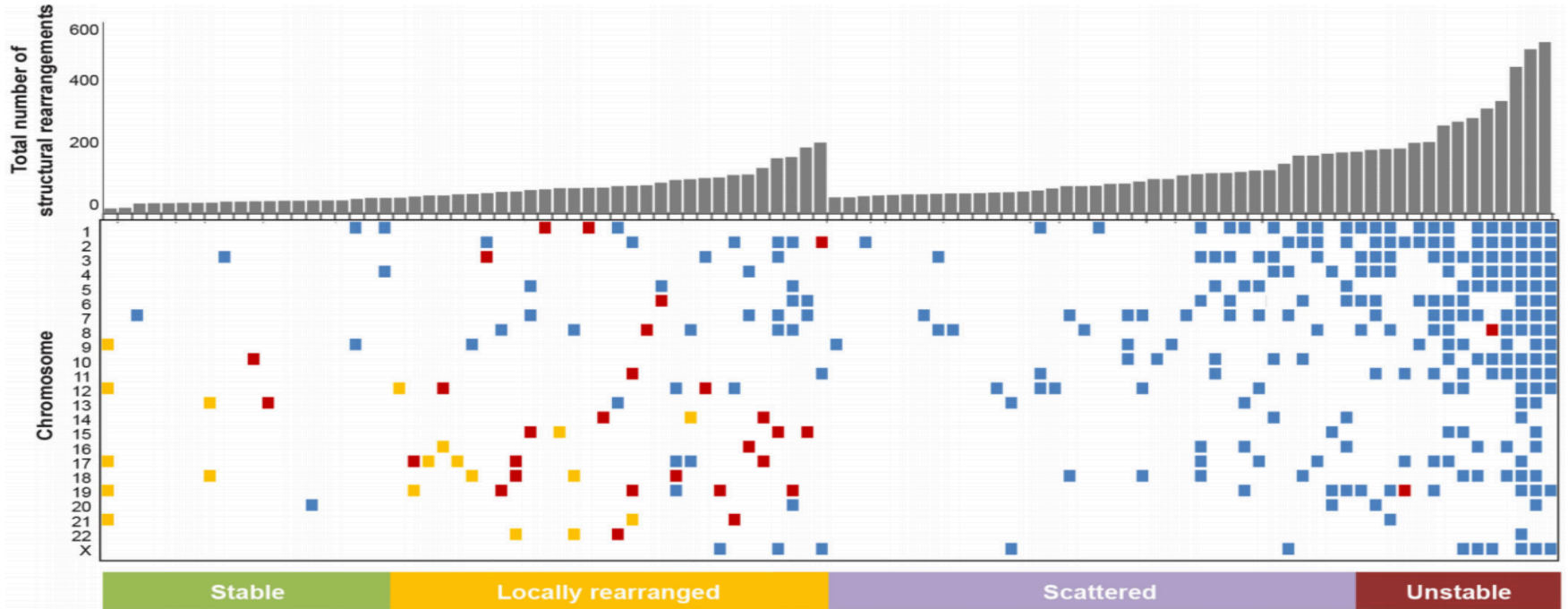
A Phase III, Randomised, Double Blind, Placebo Controlled, Multicentre Study of Maintenance Olaparib Monotherapy in Patients with gBRCA Mutated Metastatic Pancreatic Cancer whose Disease Has Not Progressed on First Line Platinum Based Chemotherapy

Condition	Intervention	Phase
Germline BRCA1/2 Mutations and Metastatic Adenocarcinoma of the Pancreas	Drug: Olaparib Drug: Placebo	Phase 3

PDAC – structural variation



- 4 subtypes of PDAC based by structural variation profile **UNSTABLE** subtype potentially targetable



Patients

≤50 structural variation, 20%

Significant event on 1 or 2 chromosomes, 30%

<200 structural variation, 36%

≥200 structural variation, 14%

Platinum and PARP response?

good correlation of DNA repair genes *BRCA1*, *BRCA2*, *PALB2*, *ATM*, *FANCM*, *XRCC4*, *XRCC6*



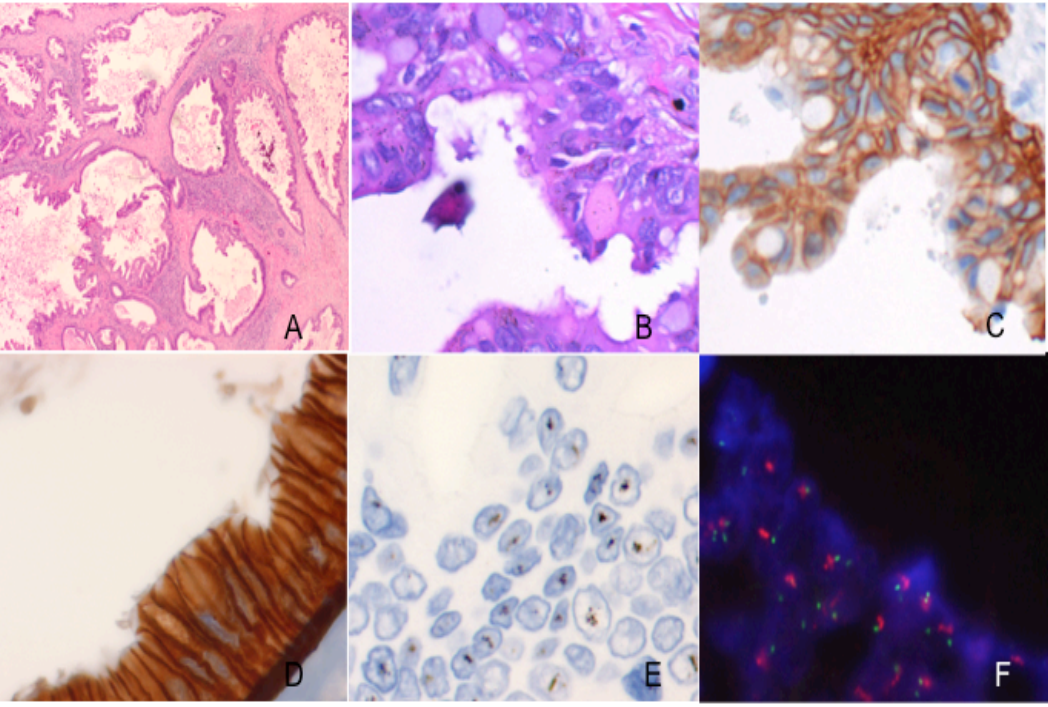
HER2 amplification is present in 2% of PDAC

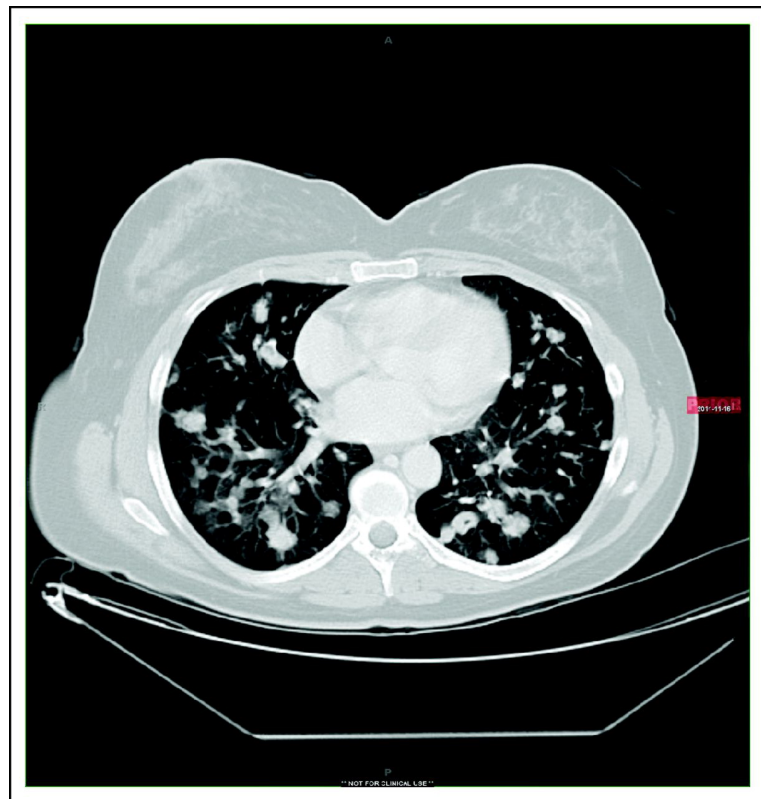
Her2 Immuno-histochemical score	IHC scores (n=469)	HER2 FISH positive (n=10)	HER2 FISH negative (n=459)
3+	7 (1.5%)	7	0
2+	27 (5.8%)	3	24
1+	59 (12.6%)	0	59
0	376 (80.2%)	0	376

Criteria for scoring Her2 by immunohistochemistry and in situ hybridization in PDAC.

Her2 IHC score	Criteria (modified from Hofmann et al. ²¹)
0	No staining of any pattern or intensity
1+	Weak discernable membrane staining
2+	Mild to moderate complete or baso/lateral membrane staining
3+	Strong, complete or baso/lateral membrane staining
HER2 ISH	Criteria
Non amplified	Her2 count <4 and Her2:cep17 ratio <2
Amplified	Her2 count ≥4 and Her2:cep17 ratio ≥2

variables	no.	HER2 amp	Non-HER2 amp	
Outcome				
Follow-up (months)	0.03-240	5.0-43.6	0.03-240	
Median FU (months)	16	23	16	
Death PDAC	369	8	361	
Death Other	32	2	30	
Death Unknown	16	0	16	1.0000*
Alive	49	0	49	
Lost to follow-up	3	0	3	
Cancer specific survival				
Mean (months)	20	28	20	0.2502 #
Standard deviation	19.43	19.65	19.55	
Recurrence				
Present	258	5	253	
Absent	79	2	77	
Unknown	132	3	130	
Pattern of recurrence				
Lung without liver metastasis	22 (8.5% n=258)	4 (50% n=8)	18 (7.2% n=250)	0.0022*
Any recurrence without liver metastasis	124 (48% n=258)	8 (100% n=8)	119 (48% n=250)	0.0031*
Adjuvant therapy				
Yes	175	3	172	
No	289	7	282	
unknown	5	0	5	





this treatment from September 2010 through January 2011. Because of disease progression and after consulting an academic tertiary care center, the patient's therapy was changed to gemcitabine with capecitabine, which she was given from February 2011 through August 2011.

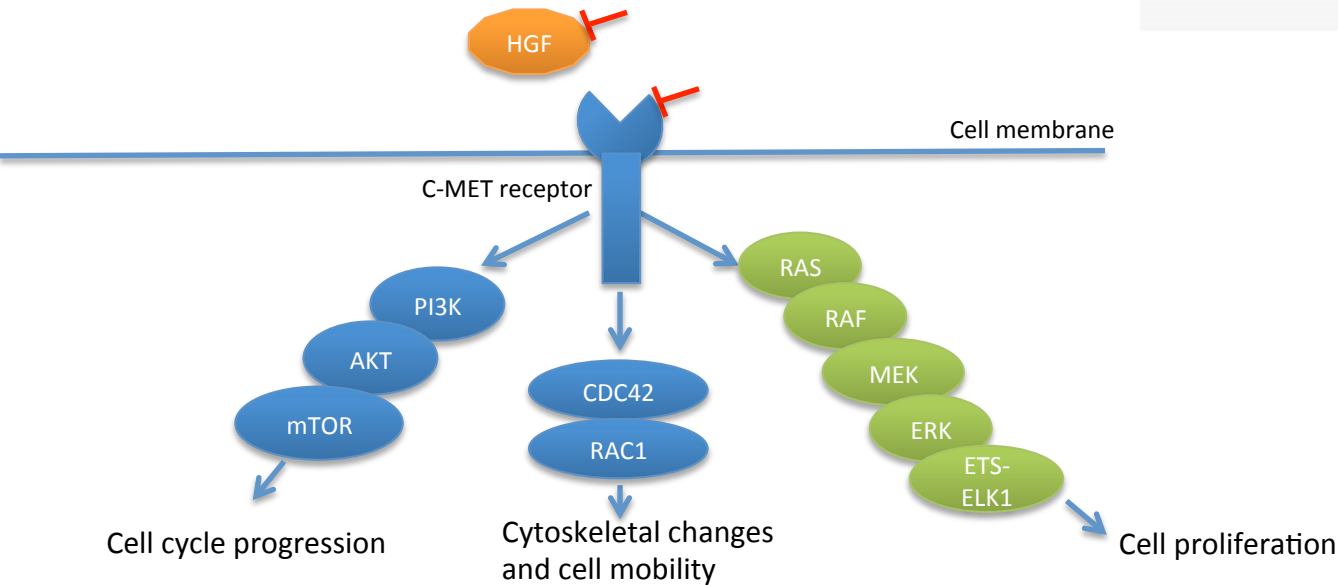
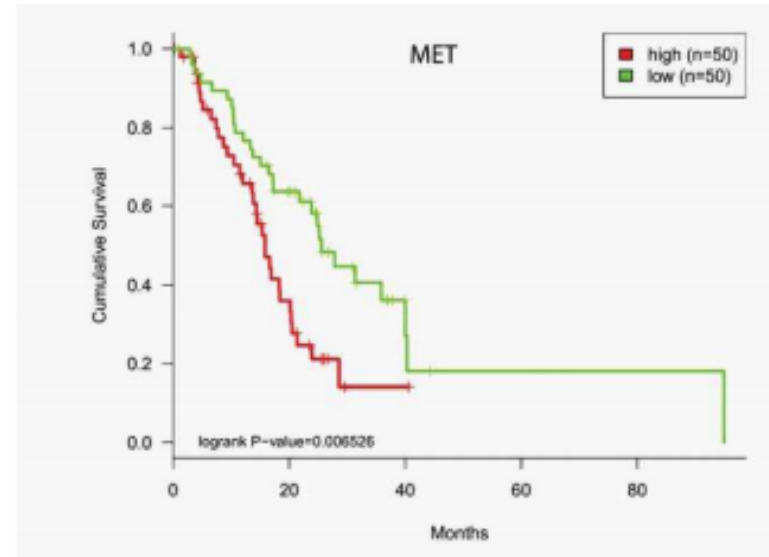
The patient's disease continued to progress, and in September 2011 she was started on third-line treatment with gemcitabine and

of care as first-line therapy in the United States for patients with locally advanced or metastatic biliary tract cancer.



- DNA methylation is widespread involving 3522 genes
- Enriched in 6 core cancer signalling pathways:
 1. Invasion
 2. proliferation
 3. Stellate cell activation
 4. Axon guidance
 5. Cell adhesion
 6. Apoptosis

Deregulation of MET signaling



PDAC – transcription network profile



Classified into 4 subgroups - associated histological characteristics

1. Squamous

- Adenosquamous morphology (p=0.0011)
- inflammation, MYC pathway, autophagy

2. Pancreatic progenitor

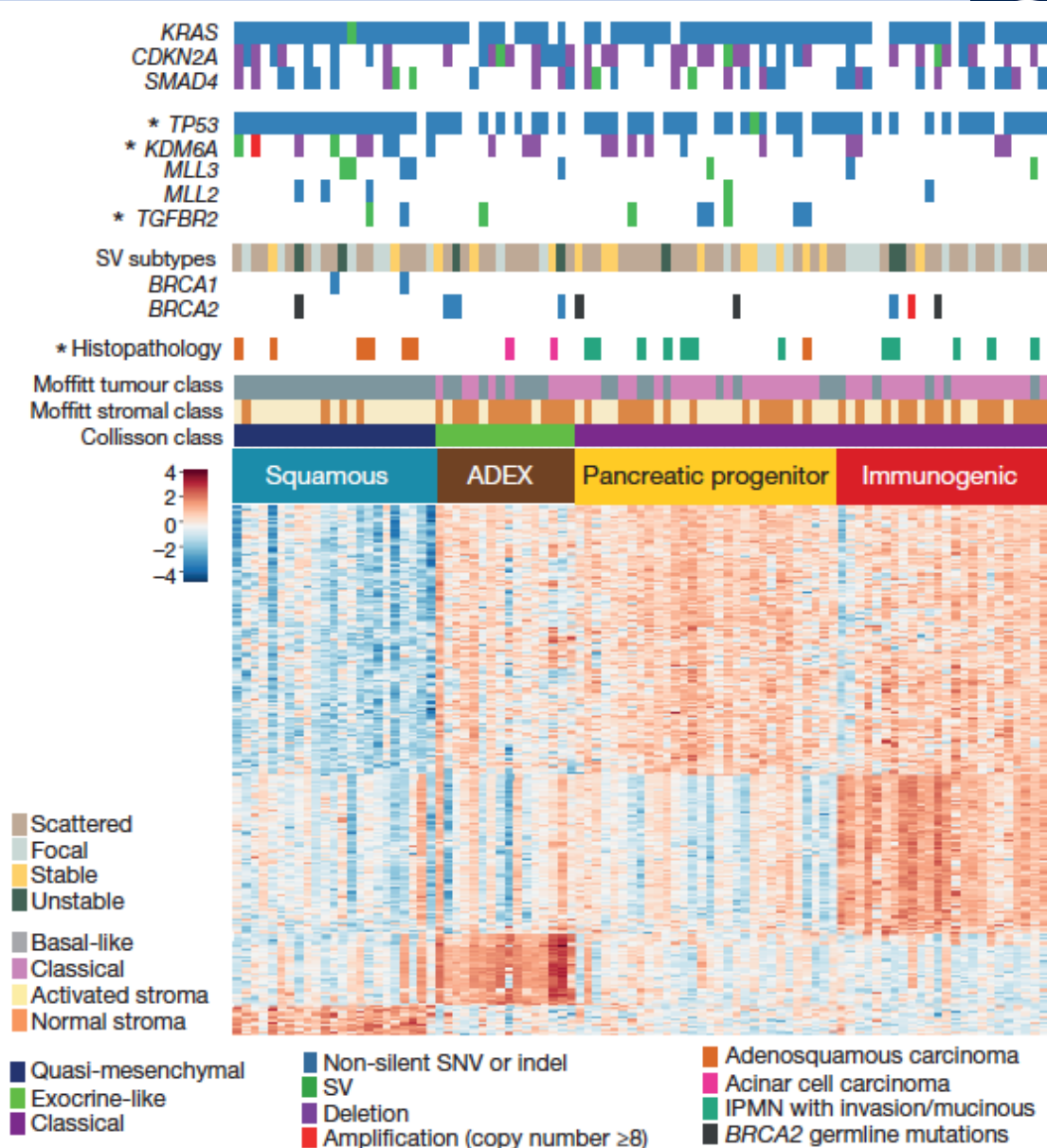
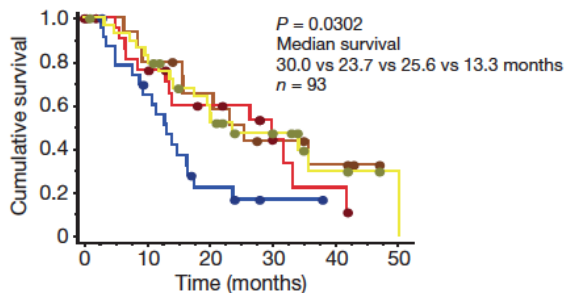
- Pancreatic development
- Invasive IPMN, colloid carcinoma morphology (p=0.0005)

3. Immunogenic

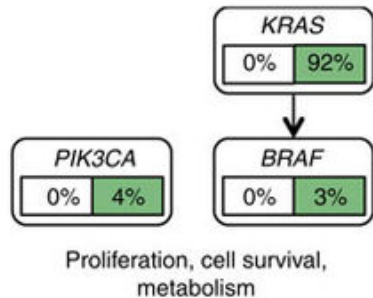
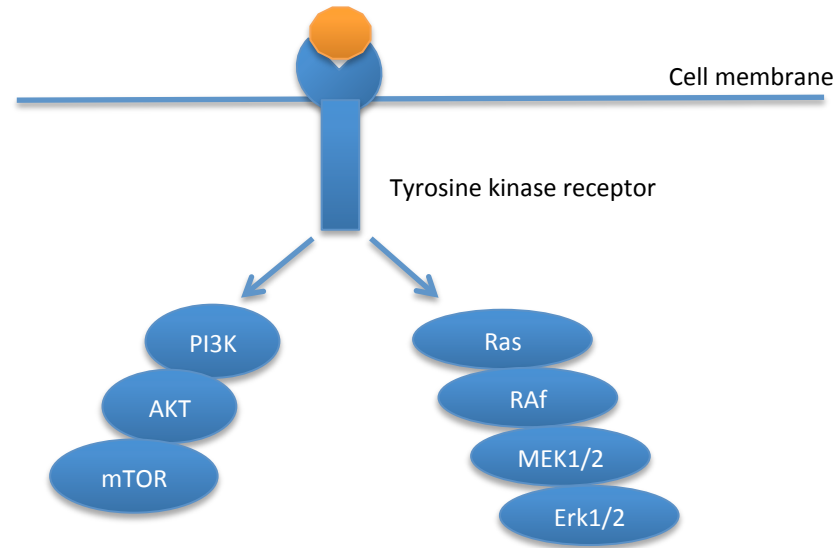
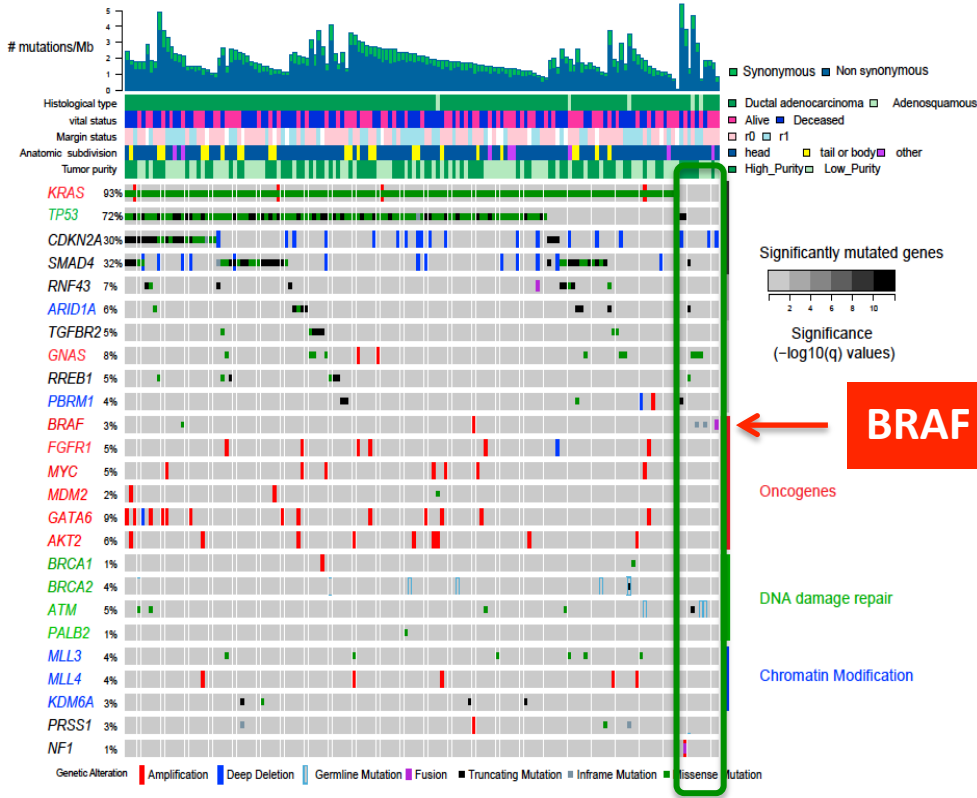
- Immune gene programmes – B cell and T cell signaling pathways

4. ADEX (aberrantly differentiated endocrine exocrine)

- Late pancreatic development and differentiation



PDAC - KRAS wild-type



Phase II study of vemurafenib in patients with BRAF V600E-mutant advanced melanoma

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Abstract

Purpose

The combination of an anti-BRAF inhibitor with a mitotic inhibitor and a topoisomerase II inhibitor, based on preclinical evidence, was evaluated in a phase II study with vemurafenib, trametinib, and capecitabine and everolimus.

Methods

Patients with advanced melanoma, performance status 0–1, and no prior systemic therapy received vemurafenib 960 mg bid, trametinib 3 mg bid, and capecitabine 1000 mg bid on days 1–28 of a 42-day cycle. Tumor assessments were performed every 6 weeks.

Response rates were determined by independent reviewers.

Results

In the 431 patients, the overall response rate was 48.5% (95% CI, 44.8–52.2%), including 26.7% (95% CI, 23.1–30.3%) with a partial response. The most common adverse effects were fatigue, rash, and diarrhea.

Conclusion

The combination of vemurafenib, trametinib, and capecitabine with everolimus showed promising activity in patients with advanced melanoma.

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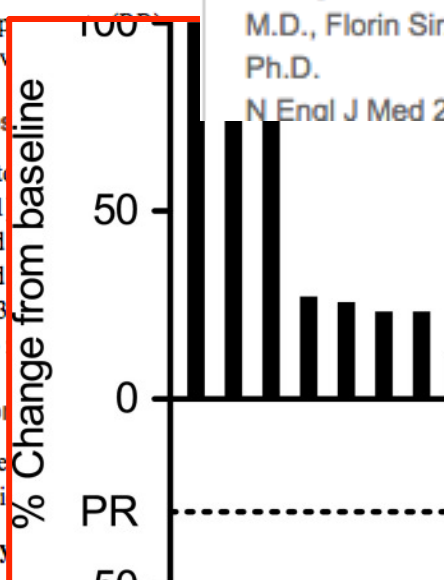
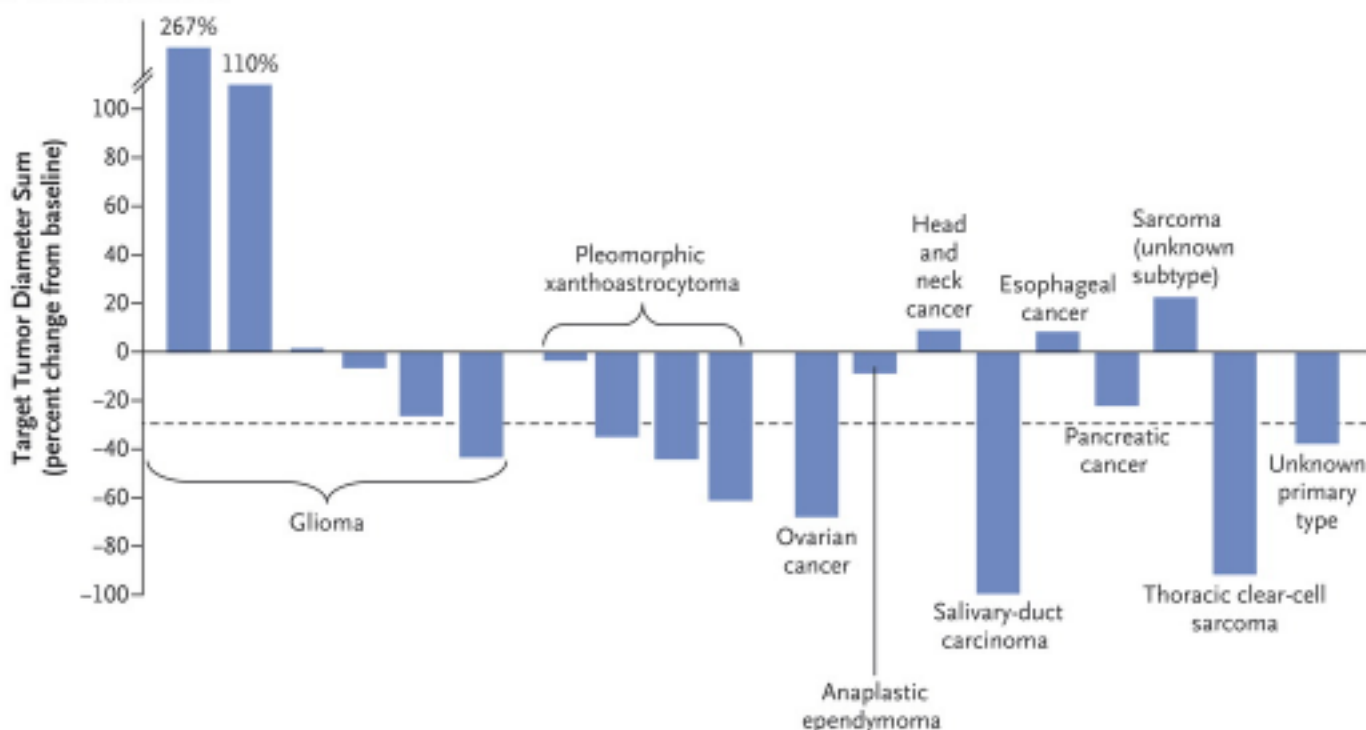
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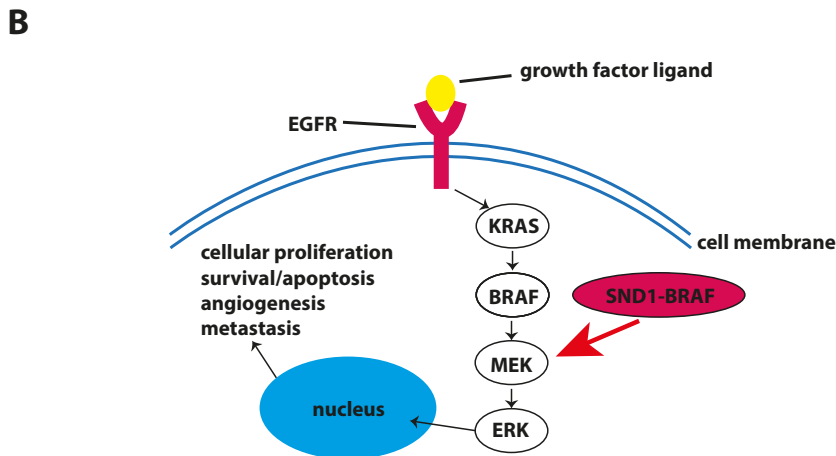
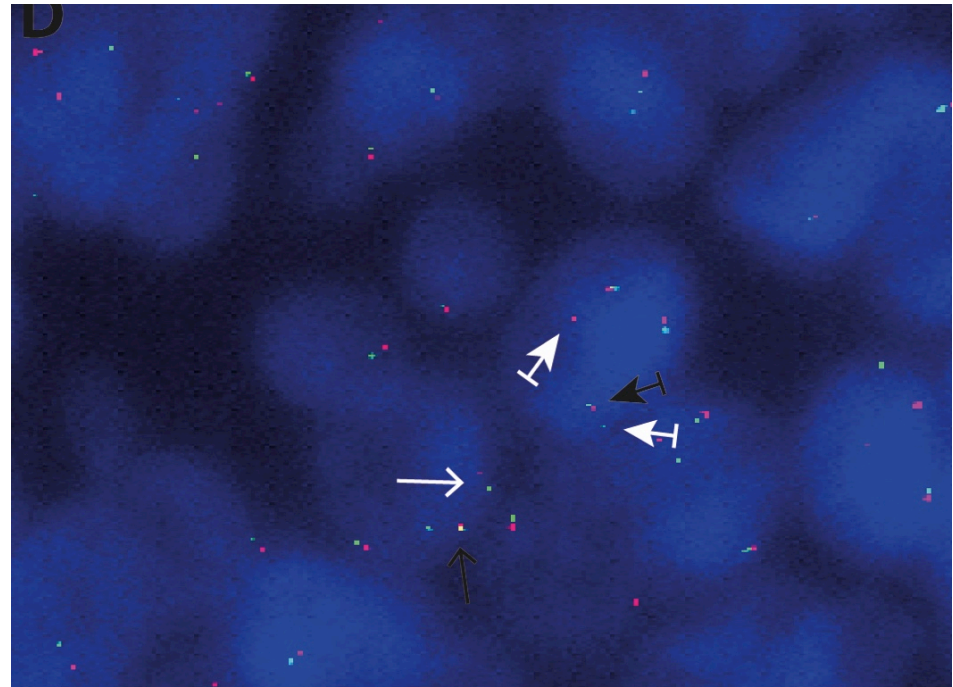
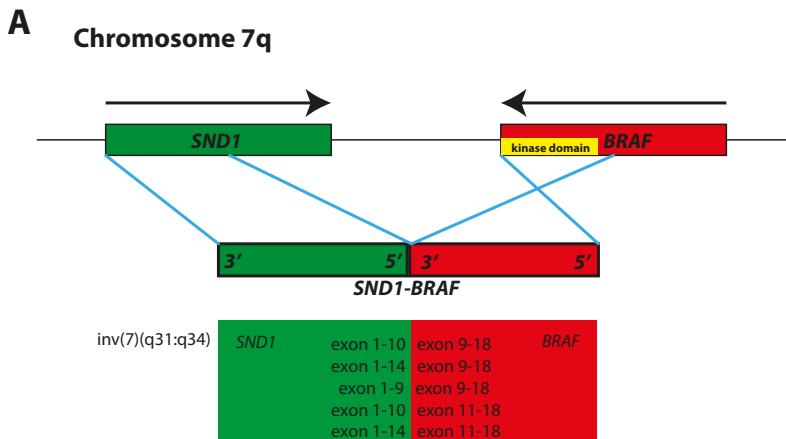
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Pancreatic acinar cell carcinoma



- Approximately 20% have a BRAF rearrangement by FISH
- Confirmed by 2 independent studies



Targeting BRAF rearrangement with MEK inhibitor



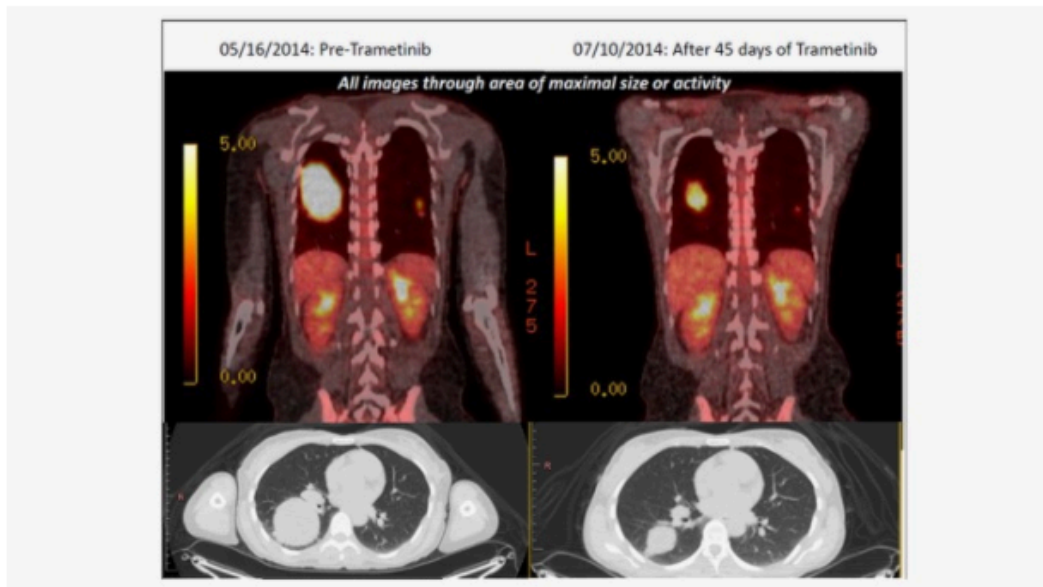
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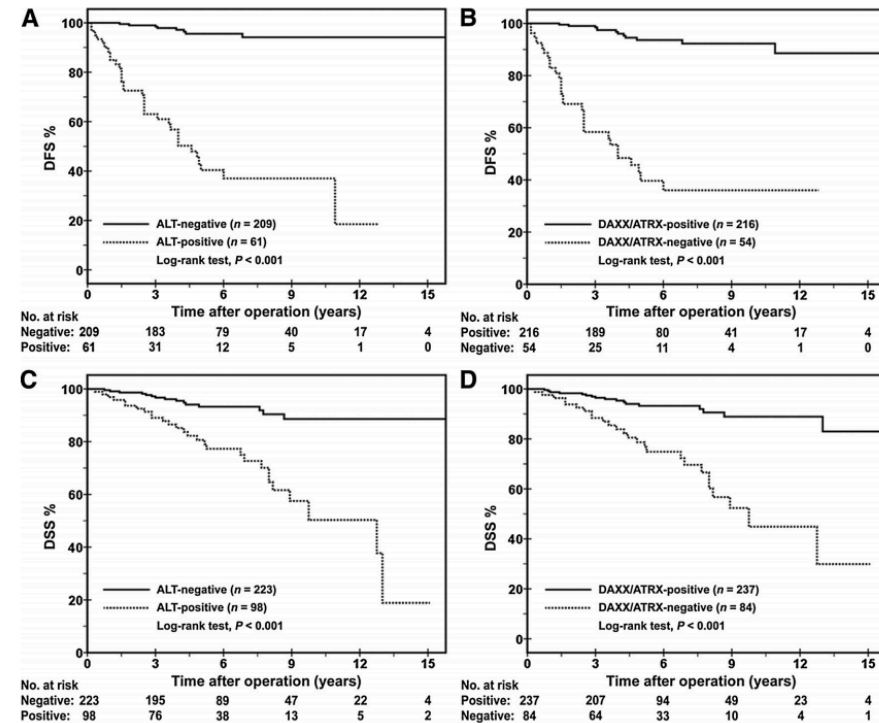
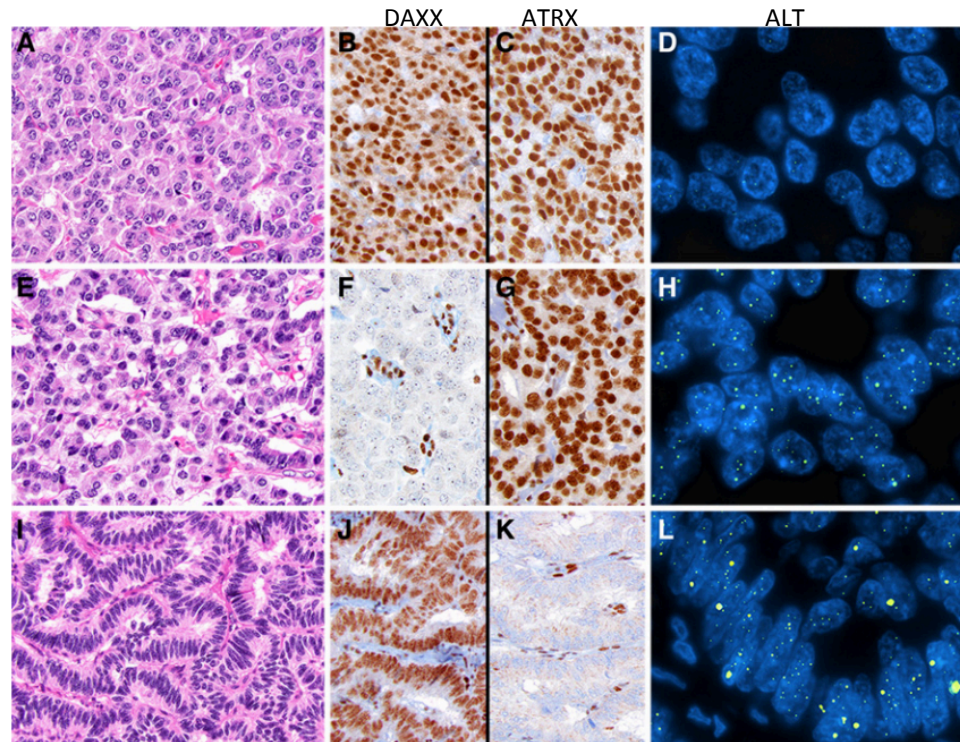


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ATRX/DAXX in Pancreatic neuroendocrine tumours



- 40% inactivation of apoptotic regulator pathway involving Death domain-associated protein gene (**DAXX**) or ATR-X gene (**ATRX**) - mutually exclusive
- proteins involved in chromatin remodeling (causing alternative lengthening of telomeres and chromosomal instability)
- Independent markers of prognosis.



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