



# Application of oncoMonitor liquid biopsy assay for monitoring of therapy and minimal residual disease in various solid cancers

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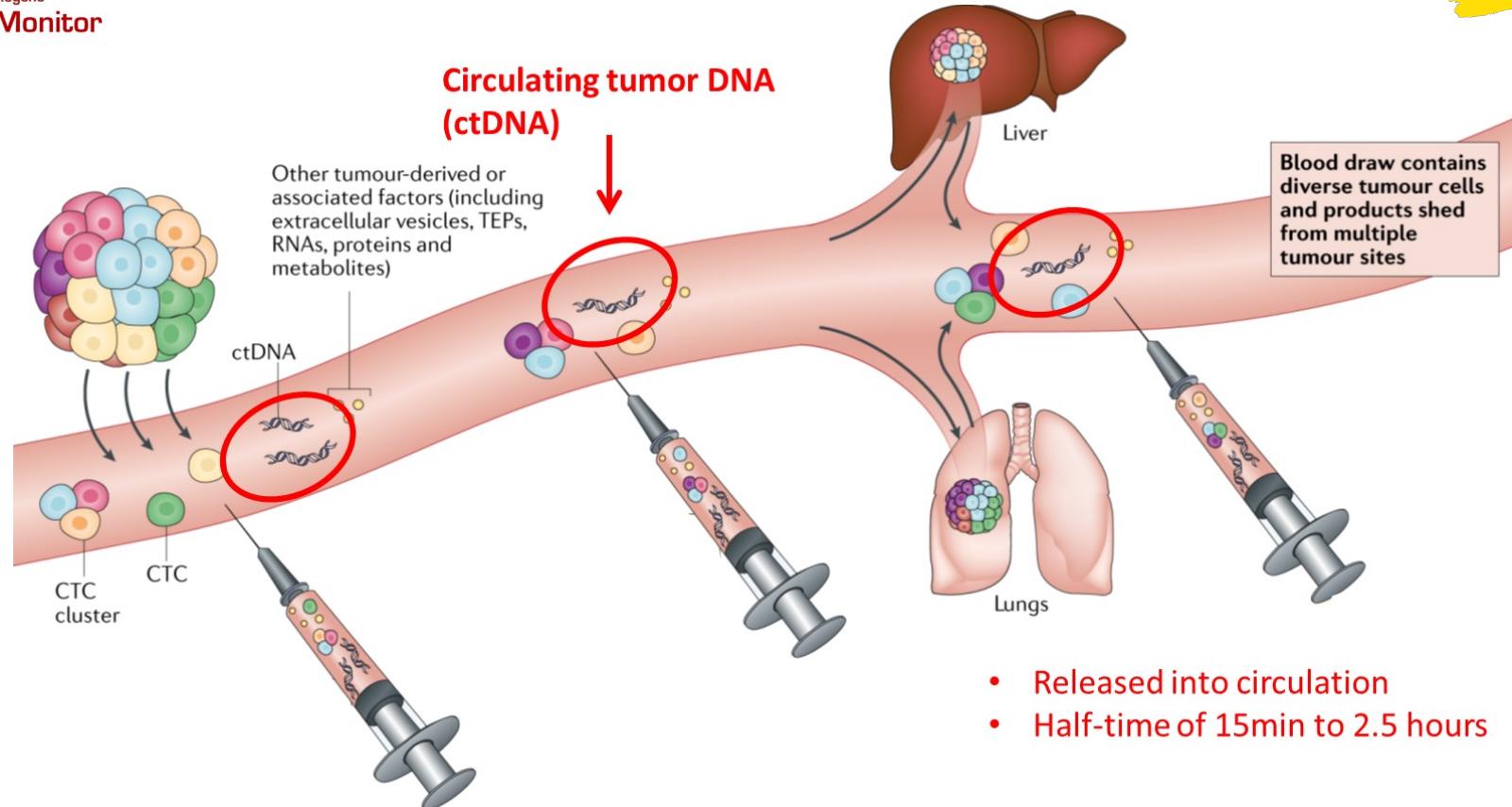


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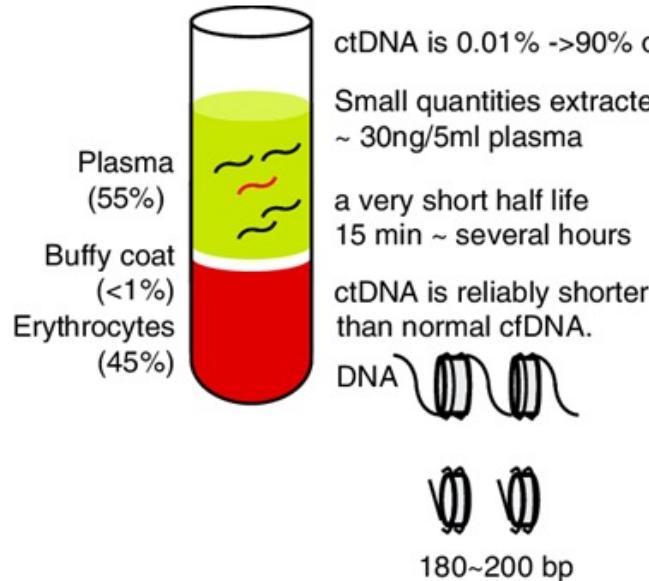
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# Liquid biopsy - evaluation of ctDNA



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## *Key to success:*

1. Efficient sampling and extraction
2. Detection sensitivity

	Mass of cfDNA in sample (ng)	
	10ng	1ng
Genome Equivalents	3,000	300
0.1% ctDNA	<b>3 mutant copies</b>	<b>0.3 mutant copies</b>

# Liquid biopsy approaches



## Tumor Uninformed Approach

No baseline tumor or cfDNA analysis

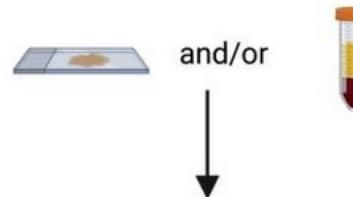


Same panel for all patients



Off the shelf assay  
Shorter turnaround time  
Can detect evolving clonal variants  
Lower cost

## Tumor Informed Approach

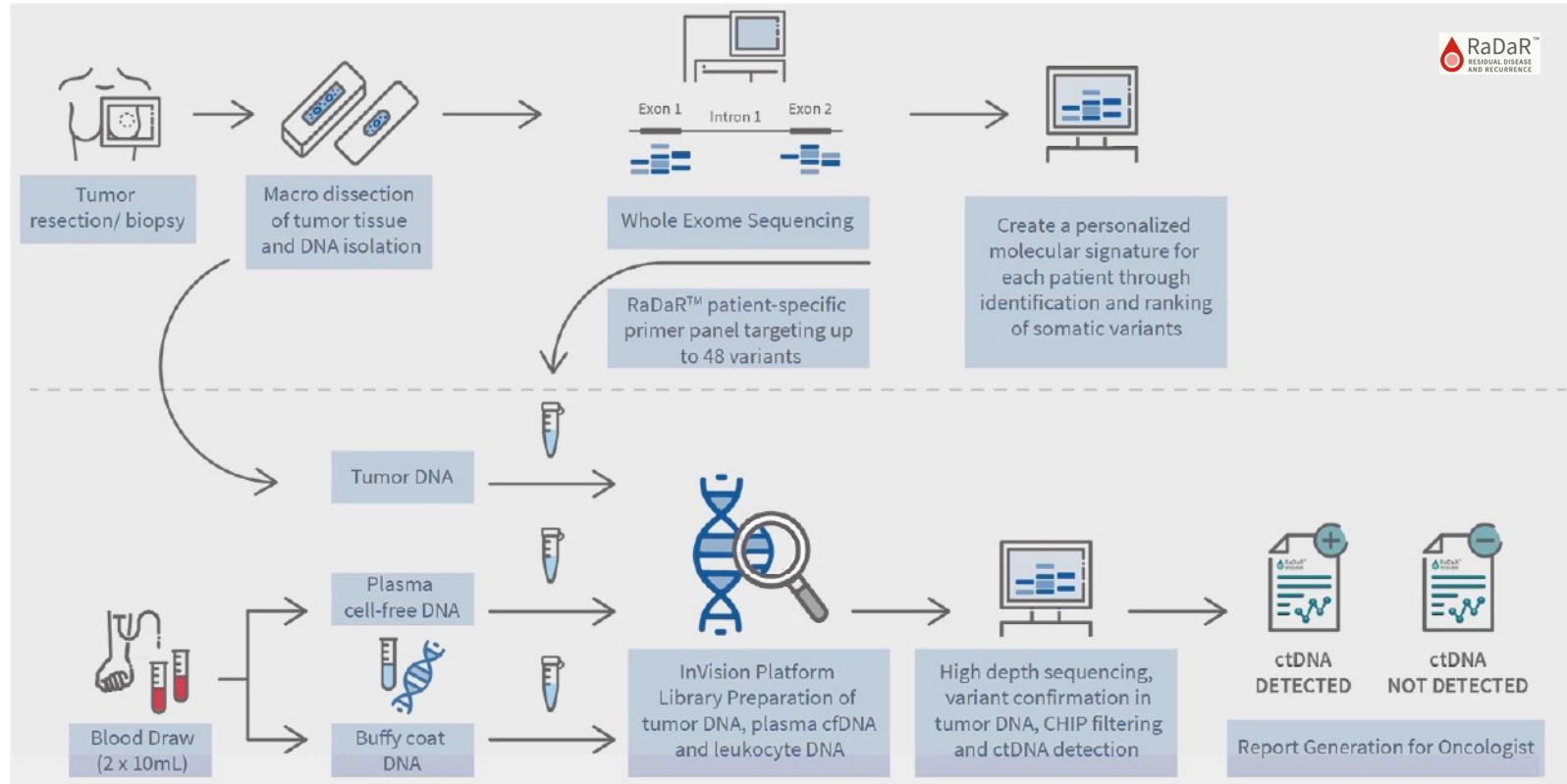


Personalised assay developed



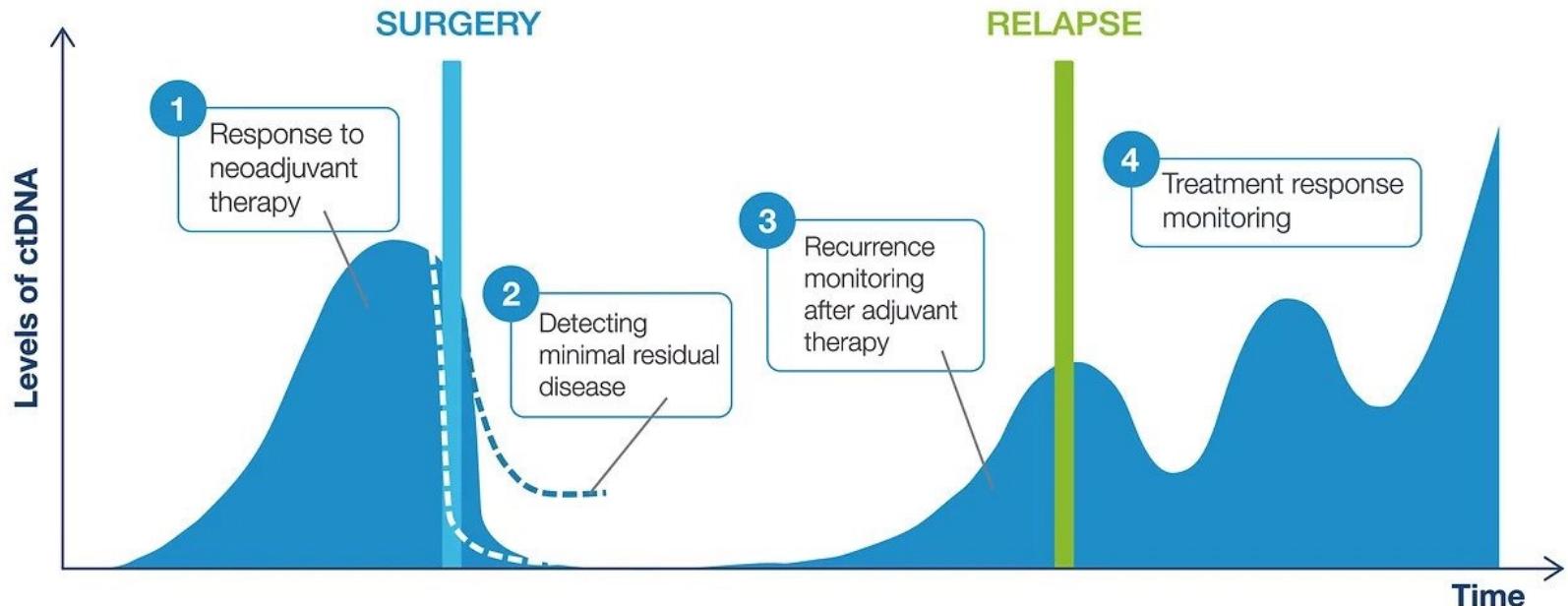
Requires prior knowledge of tumour genotype  
Personalised assay  
Longer turnaround time  
Does not account for clonal evolution  
More sensitive and specific

# Tumor - informed workflow





## Clinical applications of ctDNA testing for MRD assessment



# Current portfolio of MRD assays



Assay	Company	Method	Sensitivity (MAF)
Signatera		WES, Multiplex PCR	0,01 %
RaDaR		WES, Amplicon NGS	0,001 %
CAPP-Seq		Hybrid capture NGS	0,003 %
AVENIO		Hybrid capture NGS	0,1 %
Reveal		Hybrid capture + CpG	0,01 %
MRDetect		WGS + „AI“	0,001 %
oncoMonitor		Hybrid capture NGS + DCE	0,1 %

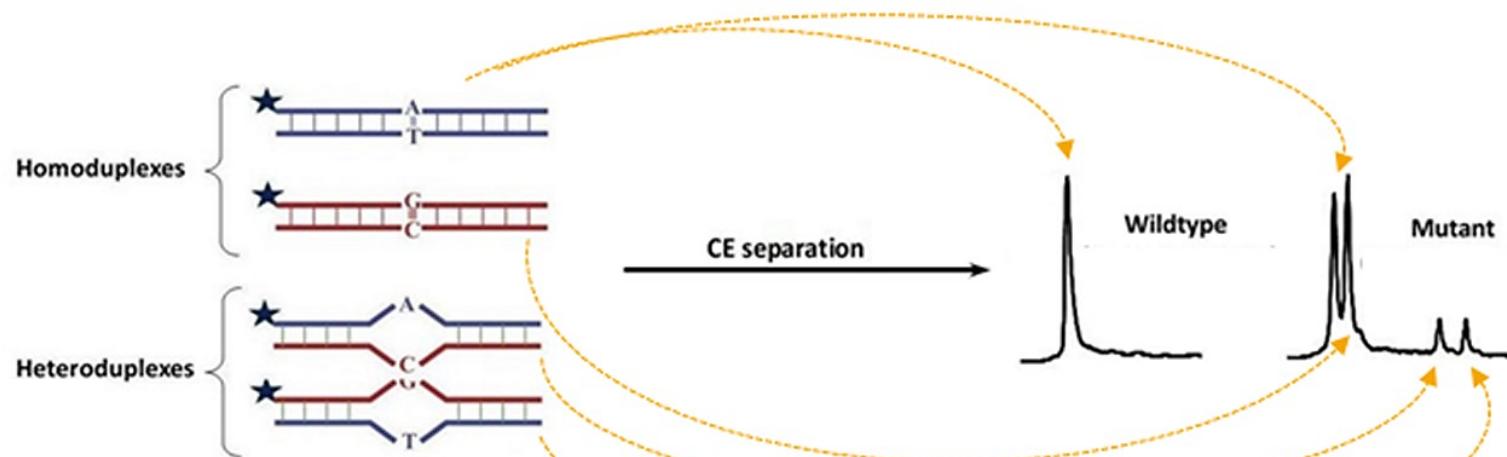


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# Denaturing Capillary Electrophoresis (DCE)



Sanger DNA sequencer

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## Monitoring of Early Changes of Circulating Tumor DNA in the Plasma of Rectal Cancer Patients Receiving Neoadjuvant Concomitant Chemoradiotherapy: Evaluation for Prognosis and Prediction of Therapeutic Response

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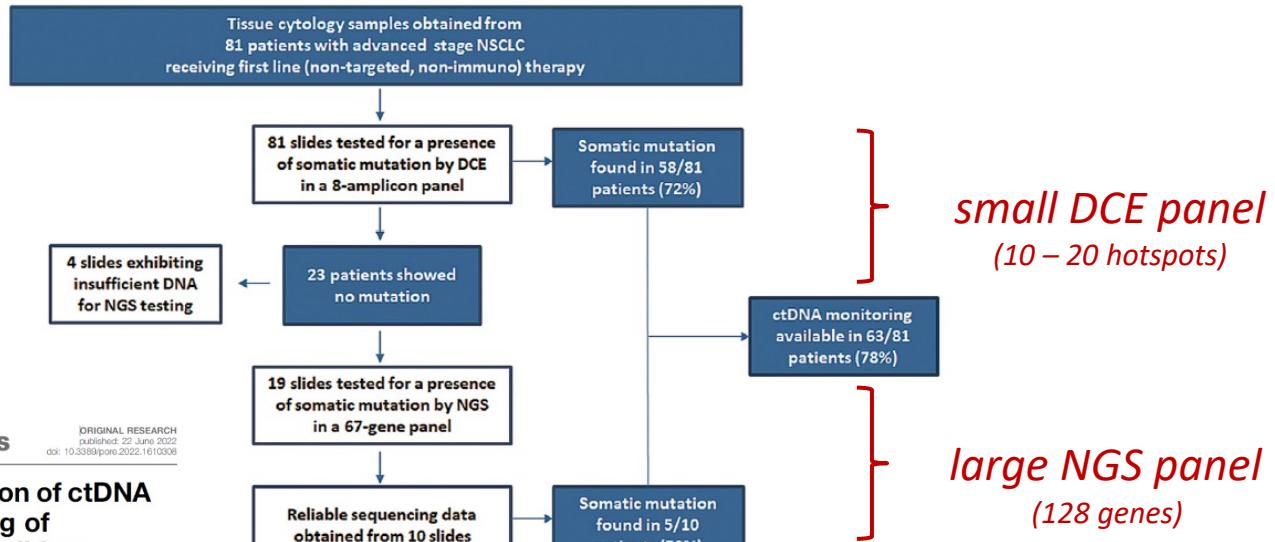
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## Detection and Quantification of ctDNA for Longitudinal Monitoring of Treatment in Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer Patients Using a Universal Mutant Detection Assay by Denaturing Capillary Electrophoresis

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# oncoMonitor assay - a two-tier method

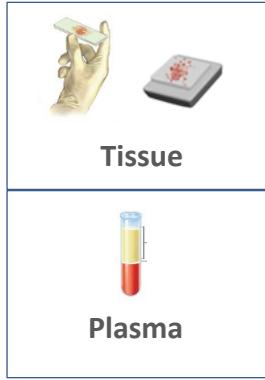


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# A tumor-informed liquid biopsy

(Capillary Electrophoresis heteroduplex assay)



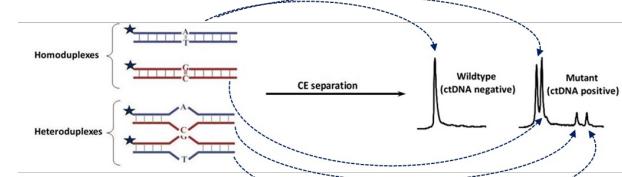
## AmoyDx ddCap® Comprehensive NGS panel Tissue or plasma (128 genes)

Detection of SNVs, InDels, Fusions, CNVs (120 genes)												Detection of copy number (13 genes)	
AKT1	AKT2	AKT3	AUR	APC	ARAF	ARID1A	ATM	ATR	AURKA	ARCB1	MTTR1	CENPAC	SLC28A3
BAP1	BCL2L11	BRCA1	BRCA2	CDKN2A	CDKN2B	CDKN3	CDKN4A	CDKN4B	CDKN6A	CDKN6B	CDKN8A	CDKN8B	CDKN8C
CDKN1A	CDKN2B	CREBBP	CNNK1	DDR2	EGFR	EFL1X	EPAS1	EP300	ERBB3	ERBB3	FANCA	FBXW7	FGF12
FLCN	FLT3	GNAS	GNAQ	GNA11	GNA13	GNAQ	GNA11	GNAQ	GNA11	GNAQ	GNAQ	GNAQ	GNAQ
KDM6A	KDM6C	KIF5A	KIF5B	KIF5C	KIF5D	KIF5E	KIF5F	KIF5G	KIF5H	KIF5I	KIF5J	KIF5L	KIF5M
MTOC1	MTOC2	MTC1	MTC1										
PDK1	PDK2	PDK3	PDK4	PDK5	PDK6	PDK7	PDK8	PDK9	PDK10	PDK11	PDK12	PDK13	PDK14
PTEN	RAF1	RASAL1	RASAL1										
SMAD4	SMARCA4	SMD	STX11	TOPDA	TP53	TSC1	TSC2	TSHZ	VHL	WT1	WT1	WT1	WT1

SNV, InDel ● SNV, Indel, CNV ● SNV, InDel, Fusion ● SNV, InDel, Fusion, CNV ● Fusion ●

L\_1923 Sites, known and polymorphisms

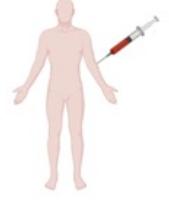
## oncoMonitor (denaturing CE)



### 1. Tissue/plasma mutation profiling by NGS

### 2. Simple PCR design on any mutants

### 3. ctDNA detection by partially-denaturing CE



Disease course →

Project entry      Surgery

Follow-up

Blood/plasma

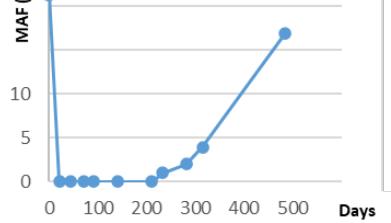
prior

1 week

4 x every 3 months

every 6 months

Sensitivity limit at ~ 1% mutant fraction



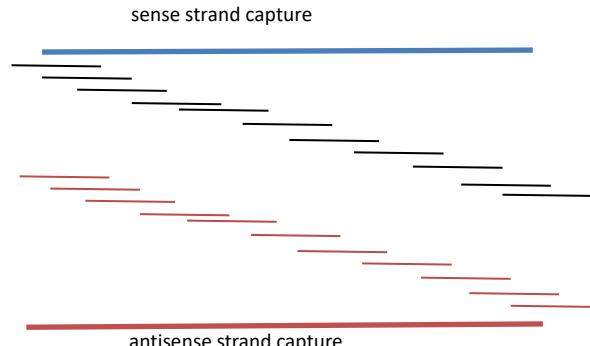
Low-cost minimal residual disease monitoring by analysis of specific mutation(s)

Early detection of recurrence

# NGS panel (tissue and plasma)

## ddCap® Comprehensive Panel

**Dual:** probes targeting double strands



### Total turnaround time

- 5h extraction and quality check
- 24 - 48h NGS library prep
- 24h Illumina sequencing (NextSeq/NovaSeq)
- 2 - 3h Data processing and analysis

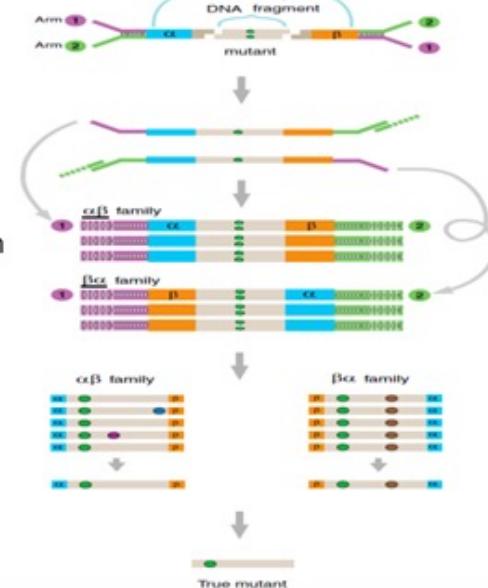
## Digital: Unique molecular identifiers

### 1. Adapter Ligation

### 2. PCR Amplification **Error Rate $10^{-3}$**

### 3. Single UMI **Error Rate $10^{-5}$**

### 4. Double UMI **Error rate $10^{-6}$**



# NGS panel (tissue and plasma)

## ddCap® Comprehensive Panel

Detection of SNVs, InDels, Fusions, CNVs (110 genes)													Detection of Polymorphisms (19 genes)	
AKT1	AKT2	AKT3	ALK	APC	AR	ARAF	ARID1A	ATM	ATR	AURKA	ABCBL1	MTRR		
BAP1	BCL2L11	BRAF	BRCA1	BRCA2	CCND1	CNE1	CD274	CDK12	CDK4	CDK6	C8orf34	SEMA3C		
CDKN2A	CDKN2B	CREBBP	CTNNB1	DDR2	EGFR	EIF1AX	EPAS1	EPCAM	ERBB2	ERBB3	CDA	SLC28A3		
ERBB4	ESR1	ETS2	FANCA	FBXW7	FGF19	FGF3	FGFR1	FGFR2	FGFR3	FGFR4	CYP19A1	SOHD		
FLCN	FLT3	GNAS	HIF1A	HRAS	IDH1	IDH2	IGF1R	JAK1	JAK2	JAK3	CYP2D6	TP53 <sup>1</sup>		
KDM5C	KDR	KIT	KRAS	MAP2K1	MAPK1	MET	MLH1	MRE11	MSH2	MSH6				
MTOR	MYC	NF1	NF2	NOTCH1	NRAS	NRG1	NTRK1	NTRK2	NTRK3	PALB2				
PAX8	PDCD1	PDGFRα	PGR	PIK3CA	PIK3R1	PMS2	POLD1	POLE	PSMD4	PTCH1				
PTEN	RAF1	RASA1	RASAL1	RB1	RET	RICTOR	RTI1	ROS1	RSF1	SF3B1				
SMAD4	SMARCA4	SMO	STK11	TERT	TOP2A	TP53 <sup>1</sup>	TSC1	TSC2	TSHR	VHL				

SNV, InDel ● SNV, InDels, CNV ● SNV, InDel, Fusion ● SNV, InDel, Fusion, CNV ● Fusion ●

1. TP53: SNVs, InDels and polymorphisms

Parameter	Specifications
Technology	ddCap®
Target Regions	128 genes and MSI
Alterations Detected	SNV, Indel, Fusion, CNV, SNP, MSI *
Tumor Type	Cross-tumor
Sample Type	FFPE tumor tissue, liquid biopsy
DNA Input	FFPE DNA: optimal 100 ng (minimum 50 ng) Plasma cfDNA: optimal 30 ng (minimum 10 ng)
Limit of Detection (LoD)	FFPE DNA: 5% allele frequency; 20% tumor content Plasma cfDNA: 0.5% allele frequency
Data Output per Sample	FFPE DNA: 1.5 Gb/sample Plasma cfDNA: 8 Gb/sample
Sequencing Type	PE150
Sequencer	Illumina NextSeq 500, NovaSeq 6000
TAT for Library Preparation	2 d (hands-on time 4 h )
TAT from Sample to Report	5 days

€330,- /tissue  
€490,- /plasma



# Amoy NGS Data Analysis Server (ANDAS)



illumina® NovaSeq 6000

The next era in sequencing starts now

The diagram illustrates the data processing workflow. At the top, the "illumina SEQUENCE HUB" interface is shown, featuring a purple header with the Illumina logo and a "SEQUENCE HUB" button. A large blue downward arrow points from this hub to the AmoyDx software interface below. The AmoyDx interface has a dark blue header with tabs for "SEQUENCING", "ANALYZING" (which is highlighted in light blue), "REPORT", and "SYSTEM". Below the header is a search bar with fields for "Search Term", "Start Date", "End Date", "Input Sample Name", a "Search" button, and an "Advance" button.



NextSeq™ 500





# Colorectal cancer

# Colorectal cancer (metastatic disease)



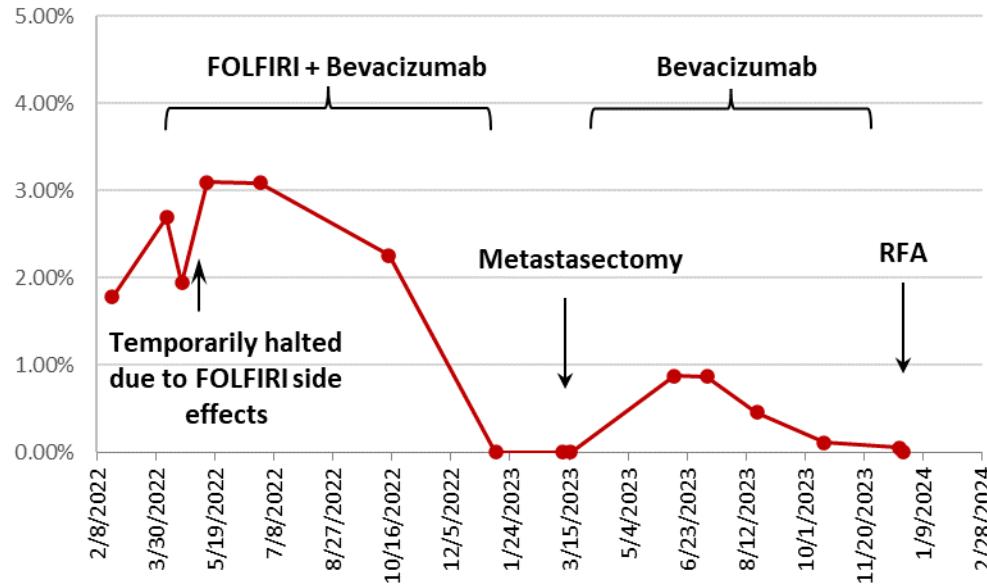
## Female patient (\*1967)

09/2020	Rectal cancer ( <i>KRAS</i> mut) with multiple liver meta
11/2020	FOLFOX therapy
02/2021	Bevacizumab
08/2021	Complete remission

## oncoMonitor ctDNA monitoring start

02/2022	New meta in liver (>8x)
	FOLFIRI+Bevacizumab therapy start
03/2022	Therapy paused due to neutropenia
04/2022	Bevacizumab therapy re-start
08/2022	CT/NMR regression (only scars in meta sites)
10/2022	CT/NMR stabilization (only scars in meta sites)
01/2023	Continuing stabilization
03/2023	<b>Surgery performed on liver with R1 resection (incomplete)</b>
03/2023	Therapy stop
06/2023	CT/NMR progression (residual lesions reported)
06/2023	Bevacizumab therapy re-start
08/2023	CT/NMR stabilization
12/2023	Radiofrequency ablation performed in liver

Monitoring of ctDNA (*KRAS* A146T) during a multimodal therapy of mCRC





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## TIGHT MONITORING OF ctDNA IN PATIENT UNDERGOING MULTIMODAL TREATMENT OF METASTATIC COLORECTAL CANCER

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### Background

We have presented a case study of a patient treated for advanced colorectal cancer who is undergoing a multimodal treatment of liver metastases. We have applied longitudinal liquid biopsy testing (liquid biopsy) to monitor the disease by oncoMonitor®. Details allow for monitoring of the treatment outcome and early detection of a possible disease progression.

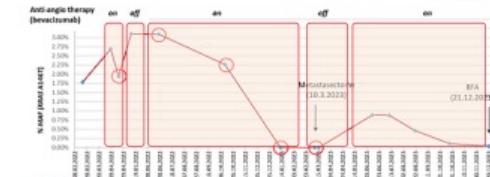
### Patient

A 54 year old female colorectal cancer patient has been monitored during the course of the past 24 months. The patient was diagnosed with multiple metastatic sites in the liver at the time of the resection. During the previous therapy patient displayed positive response to the antiangiogenic therapy by bevacizumab® (Bevacizumab) resulting in a temporary complete remission.

### Methods

The ctDNA is tracked by oncoMonitor® ctDNA assay based on droplet digital polymerase chain reaction (ddPCR). After the resection tissue from the primary tumor tissue as reported by the cooperating oncology department. In addition, during the monitoring a separate comprehensive profiling of the ctDNA mutations was performed by 120 gene plasma ctDNA panel (oncoPanel).

Figure 1: Longitudinal monitoring of ctDNA



### Methodology

Following the initial 12-month period of rapid progression of the liver tumor mass on anti angiogenesis (confirmed by imaging) the patient was elected for resection of remaining liver metastases based on the clearance of ctDNA from plasma. The initially complete response was confirmed by the resection and the subsequent imaging. The liver tumor mass disappeared with the complete radicality. Subsequently resection of liver dependent bevacizumab therapy off led to the ctDNA levels again, been significantly rising. Currently the patient is in stable disease with minimum to no activity of the remaining metastatic lesion. In order to exclude false results due to the tumor heterogeneity a separate off offer, we have confirmed a metastasis-stable profile by closely related dynamics of additional 7 somatic mutations found by the analysis of ctDNA positive plasma samples: APC [c.1648delT], KRAS [c.1246\_1247del], and BRAF [c.1777\_1778del]. Dynamics of all mutations was in correlation.

### Conclusion

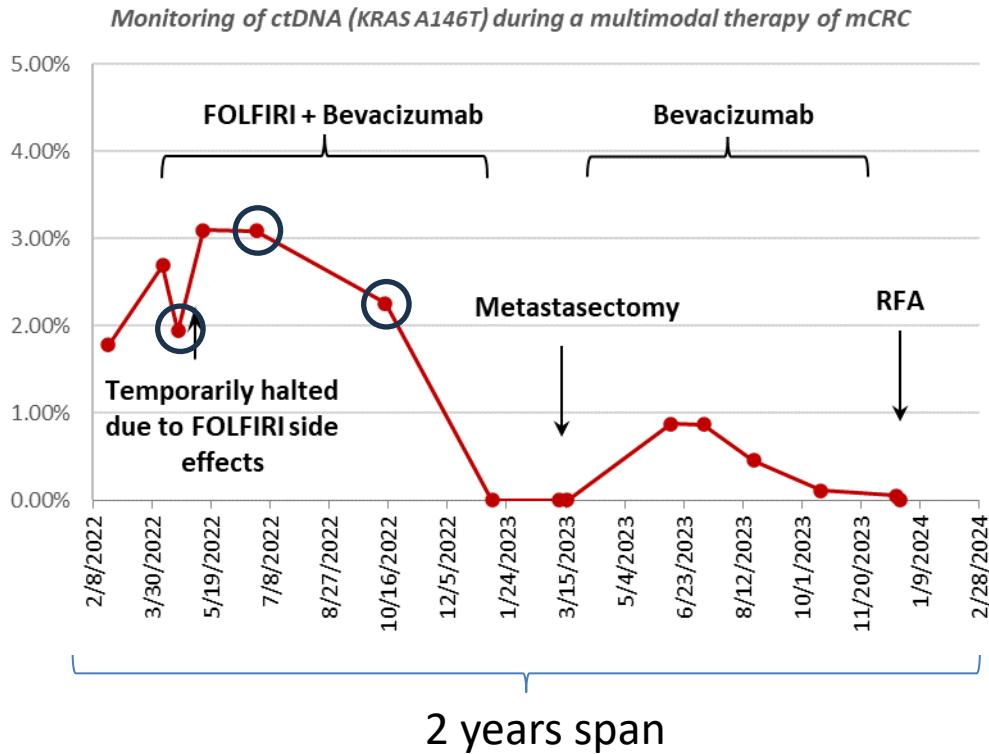
This presented case demonstrates clinical utility of longitudinal liquid biopsy ctDNA testing with oncoMonitor®. This is a new way of cancer monitoring, which too refer to as "liquid biopsy". We are able to monitor the disease in patients undergoing multimodal treatment where decisions can be made based on knowledge of therapy response and an exclusion of residual disease.

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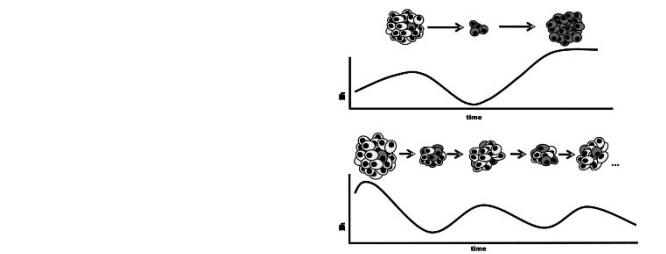
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# Evolution of mutation profile over time



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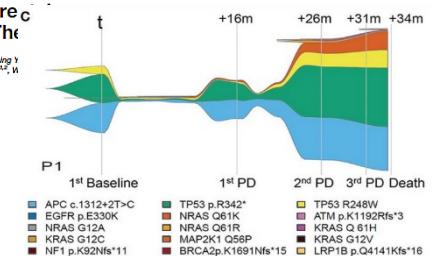


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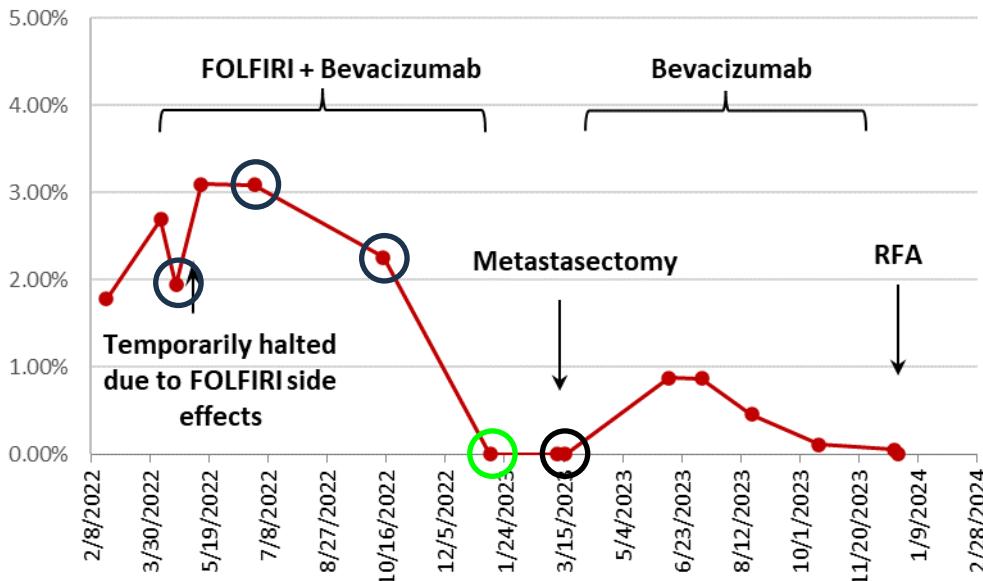
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# Evolution of plasma mutation profile



*Monitoring of ctDNA (KRAS A146T) during a multimodal therapy of mCRC*



CP -1P	APC (4,84%), RASA1 (1,3%), JAK2 (6,14%)
CP- 2P	APC (0,86%), RASA1 (3,0%), JAK2 (6,24%)
CP- 3P	APC (0,96%), RASA1 (3,8%), JAK2 (5,64%)
CP- 4P	APC (0,39%), RASA1 (2,1%), JAK2 (0,00%)
CP-5P	APC (0,52%), RASA1 (1,8%), JAK2 (4,29%)

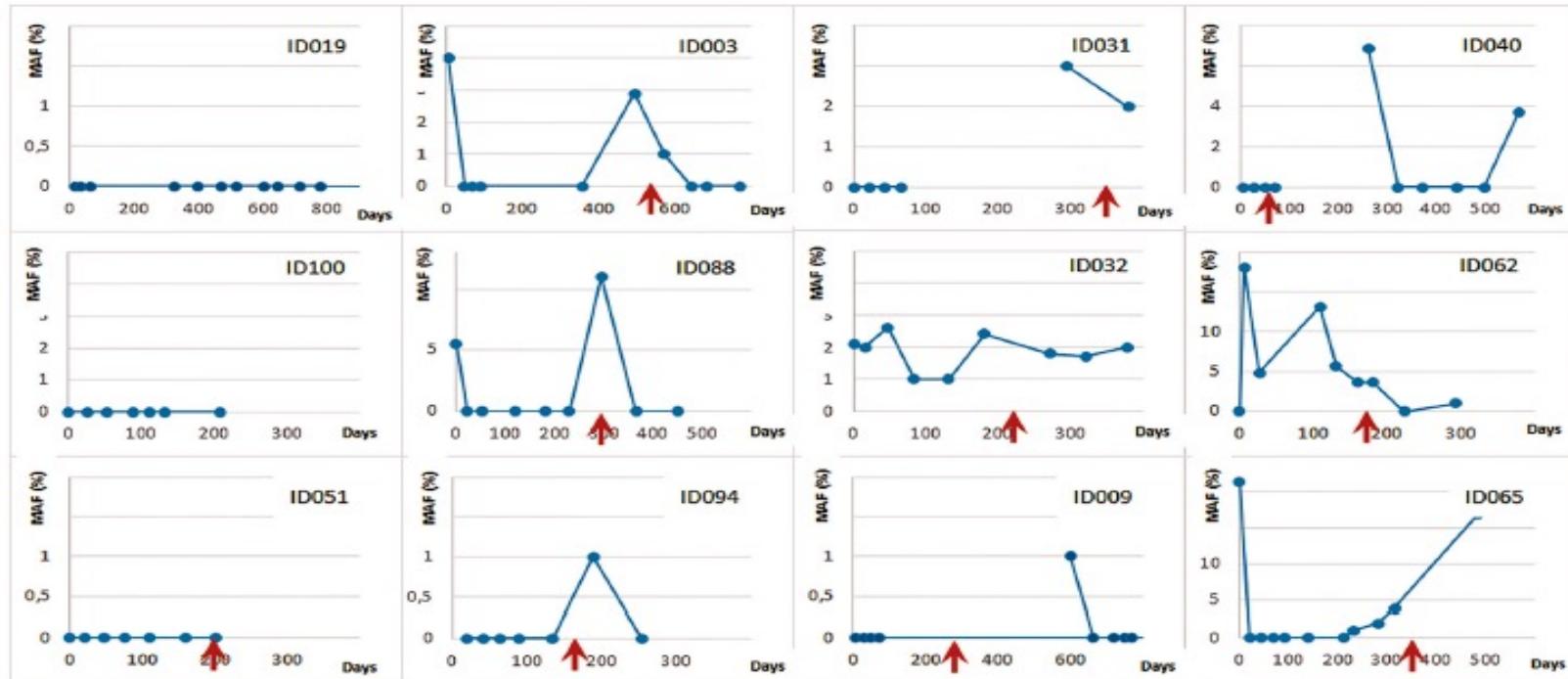
A better early marker  
of recurrence?





# Lung cancer

# Lung cancer (metastatic disease)



**FIGURE 5 |** DCE longitudinal MRD monitoring for advanced NSCLC patients undergoing chemotherapy (MAF— % of mutated minor allele fraction). The red arrows denote clinically confirmed disease progression.

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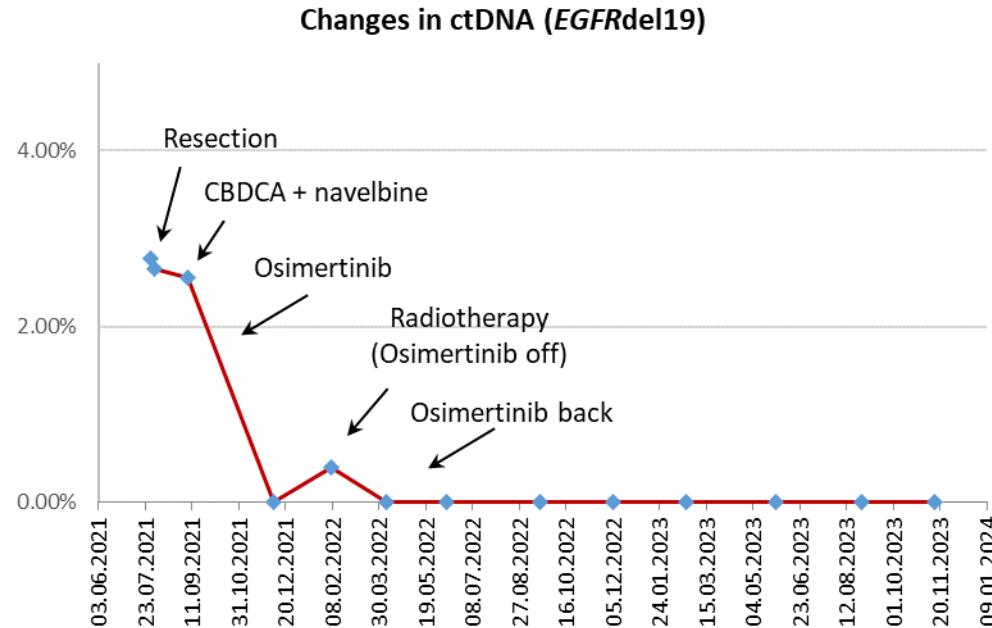
# Lung cancer (resectable disease)



Pac. 51 years old, lung adenocarcinoma, right T2aN2MO IIIB, pos lymph nodes in hilum and mediastinum, *EGFR+*, *ALK+*

*ctDNA (EGFRdel19, TP53mut)*

1. Right lower lobectomy
2. Adjuvant therapy CHT CBDCA + navelbine
3. Osimertinib
4. Radiotherapy with temporal cessation of osimertinib
5. Osimertinib reinstated





# Breast cancer

# Breast cancer

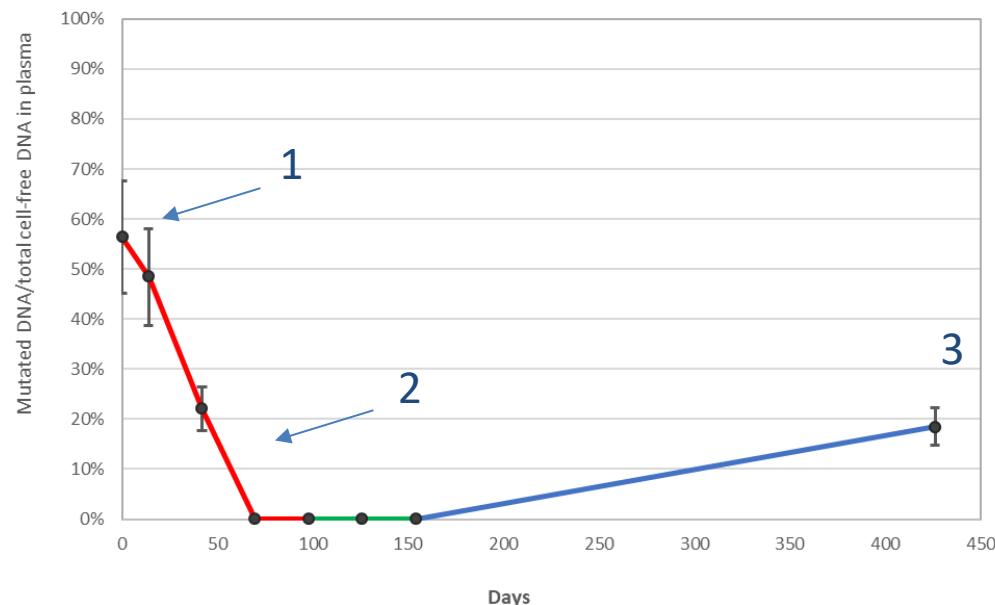


Pac. 69 years old. NST triple negative breast cancer grade 3, BRCA 1

positive cT4, cN0, M2 (generalization to lungs, skeleton, liver, peritoneum), Ki-67: 20%.

1. Palliative chemotherapy started (Paclitaxel, Avastin)
2. PET CT - the finding significantly partially regresses both volumetrically and metabolically
3. PET CT - visible minimal volume progression of some lesions, metabolic progression of the liver deposit and, due to the new deposit, higher metabolic activity in the left acetabulum, overall this is a progression of findings

Patient (PC04) Minimal Residual Disease monitoring  
ctDNA levels (*TP53* mut) in plasma





# Summary

- Due to low levels of ctDNA liquid biopsy methods require high yield and sensitivity
- MRD by tumor-informed approach offers cost control with possibility of repeated sampling
- oncoMonitor is a tumor-informed assay based on NGS tissue mutation detection followed by targeted plasma mutation detection by Denaturing Capillary Electrophoresis
- oncoMonitor main use is for MRD in early detection of metastatic recurrence it can trace virtually any point mutation
- Concurrent monitoring of multiple mutations is beneficial for prevention of false negativity and early detection of recurrence
- Currently applied for colorectal, lung, pancreatic and breast cancer patient follow-up



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