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### Session 1

## HOW TO BETTER KNOW THE “SOUL” OF BREAST CANCER

# Heterogeneity: TNBC and other subtypes

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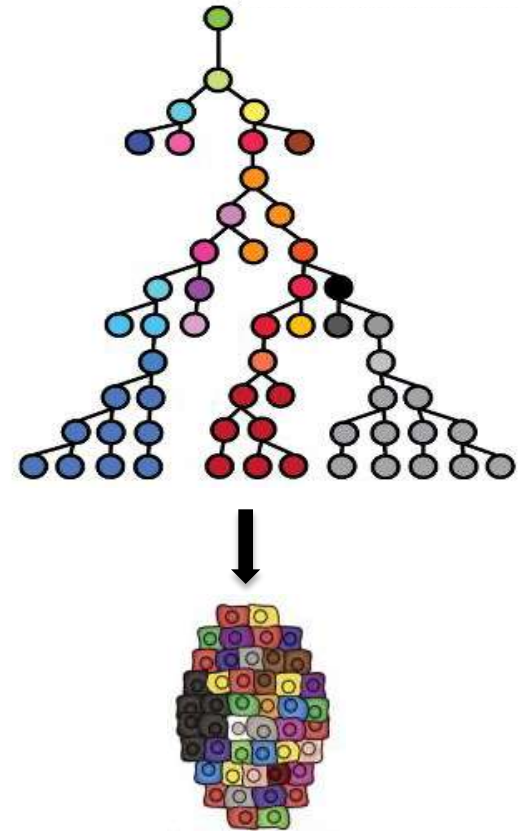
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How does a *single cell* evolve into a complex mass of malignant tissue so *heterogeneous*?

What is the **role of clonal diversity** in:

- Tumor initiation and invasion?
- Metastasis?
- Therapy resistance?



N.E. Navin, *SABCS* 2018

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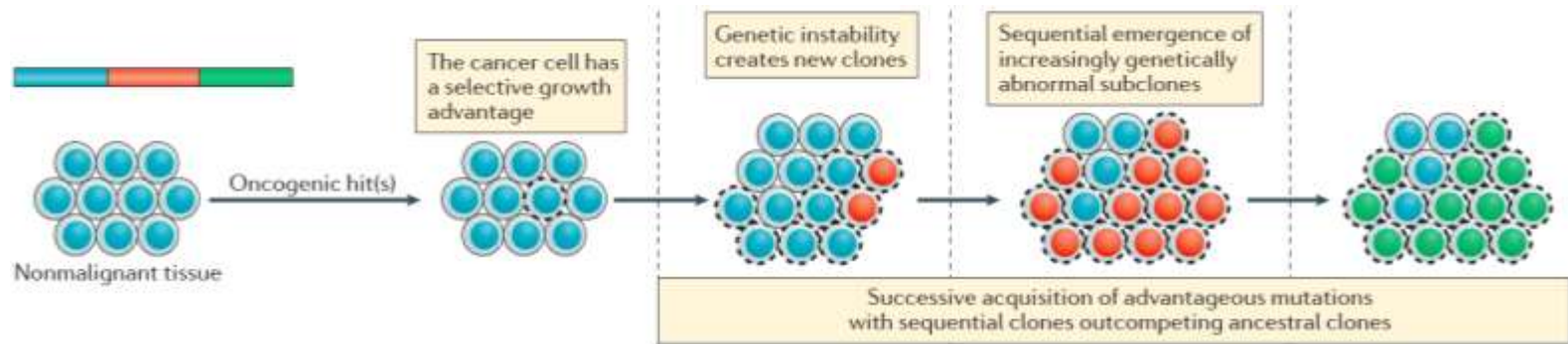
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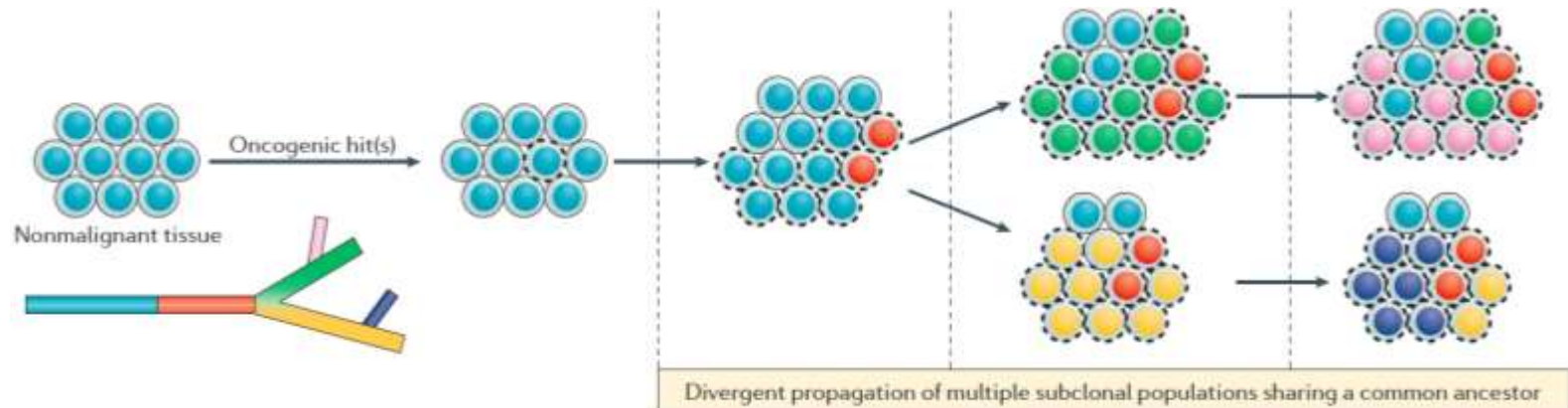
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## **Linear** evolution model



## **Branched** evolution model



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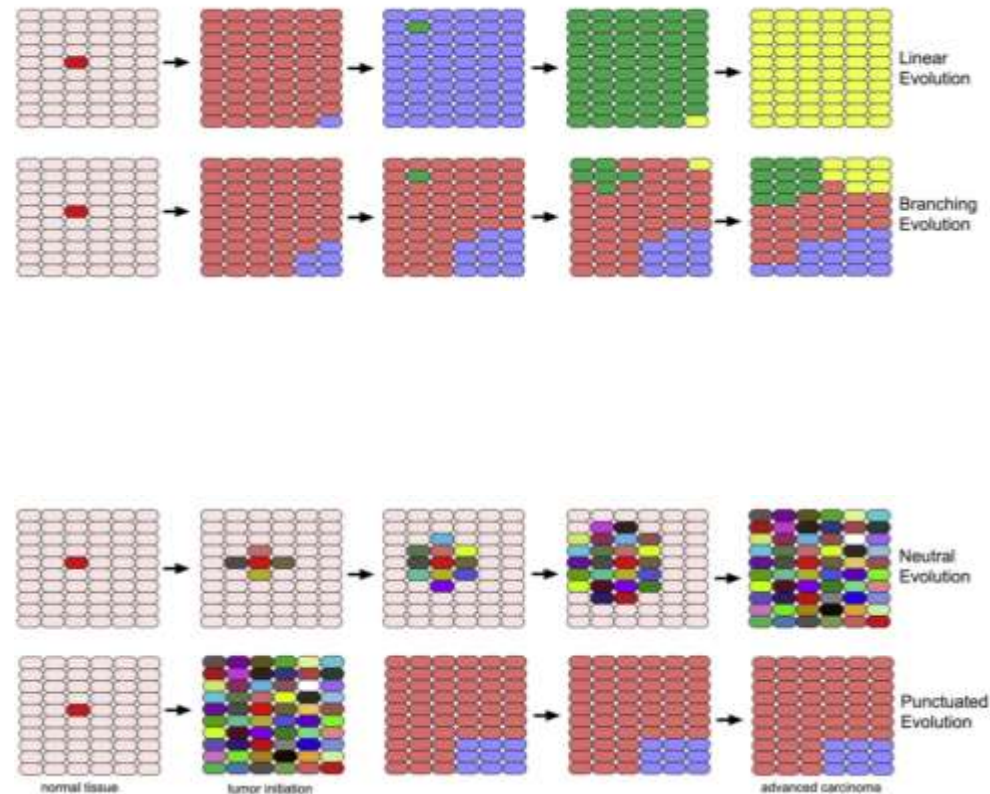
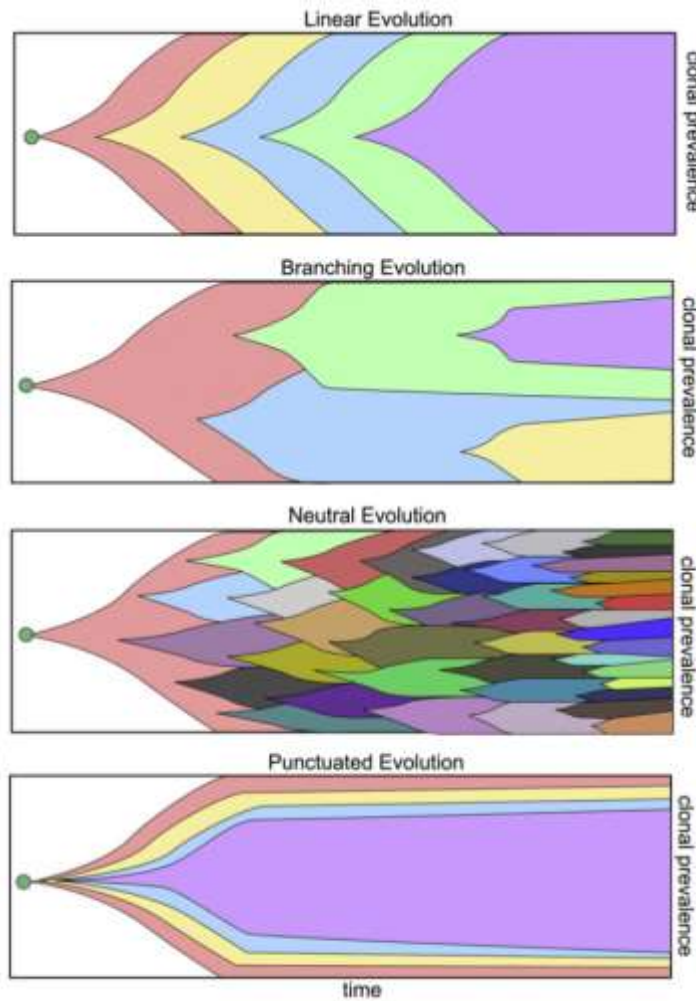
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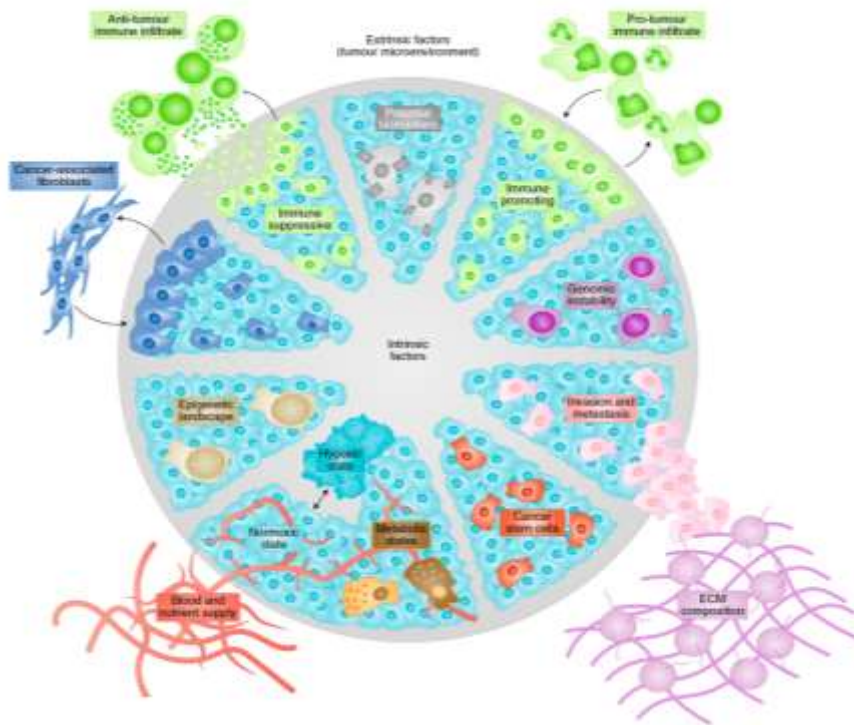
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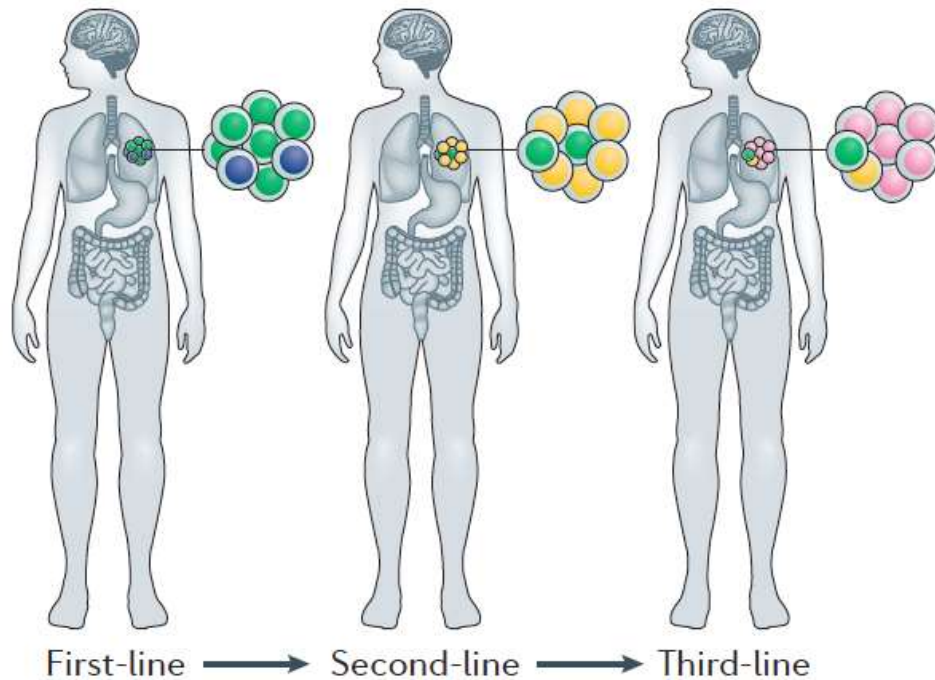
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## *Spatial* heterogeneity



## *Temporal* heterogeneity



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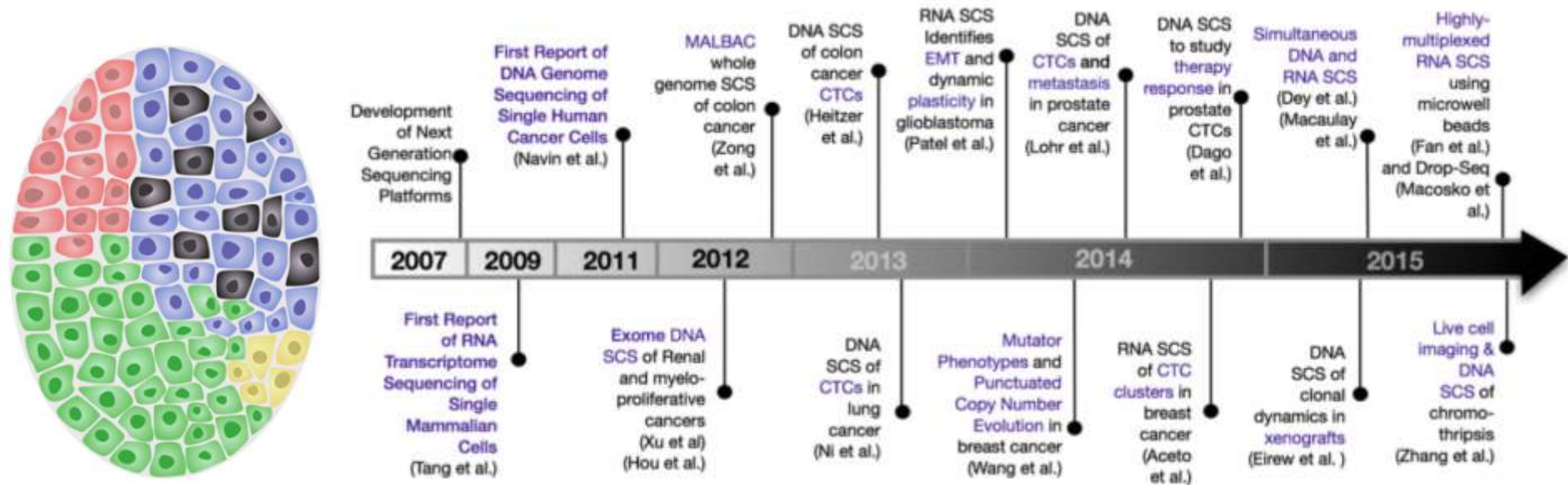
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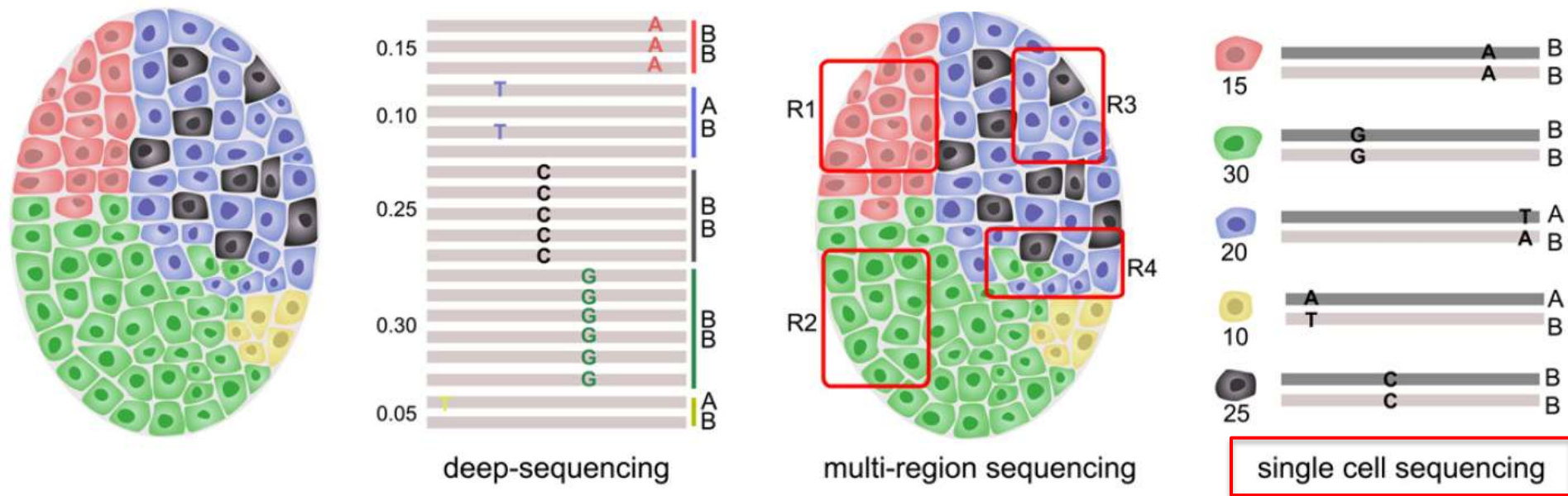
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## NGS method for resolving intratumor heterogeneity



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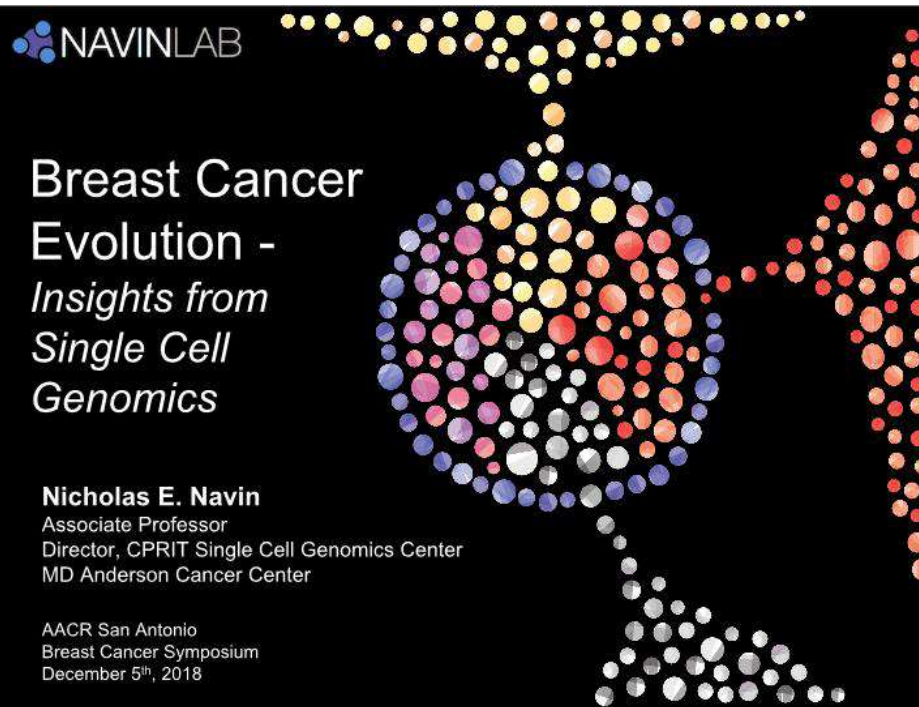
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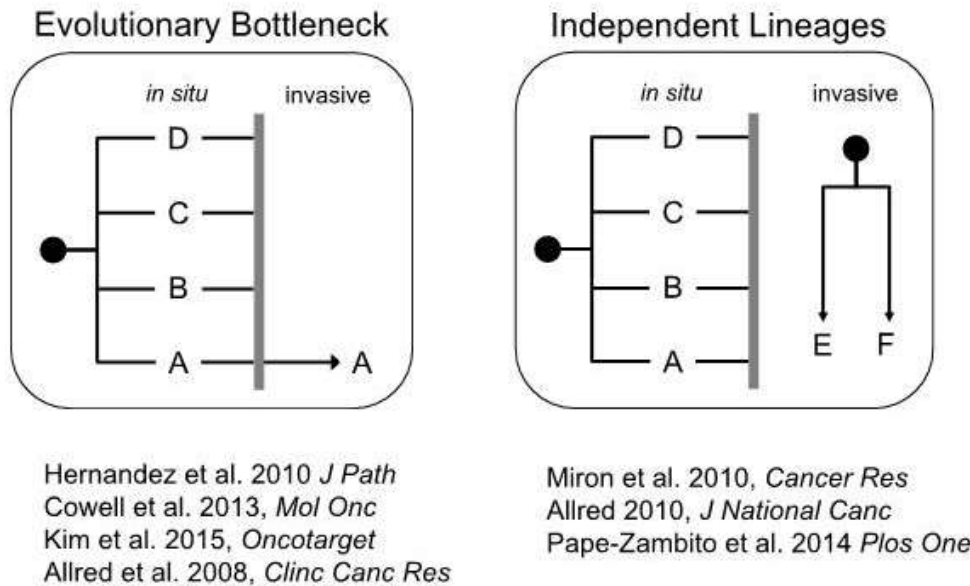
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*Other Evolutionary Models?*

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# Heterogeneity in TNBC and other: SABCS 2018

## Methods and Results

- Selected 10 patients with *synchronous* DCIS-IDC regions in the same tissue sections from the MD Anderson Cancer Center
- Most patients were high-grade (3) and five patients were TNBC
- All patient samples were treatment-naive
- TSCS was used to profile an average of N=129 cells per patient

Patient	Age	TNBC	ER	PR	HER2	grade	Stage	Cells
P1	57	Y	-/-	-/-	-/-	3/3	IIB	57
P2	36	N	+/+	+/+	+/+	3/3	IIB	114
P3	64	N	+/+	+/+	-/-	1/1	IV	102
P4	66	N	+/+	+/+	-/-	2/2	IIIC	104
P5	47	N	+/+	-/-	-/-	3/3	IIA	148
P6	77	Y	-/-	-/-	-/-	3/3	IIA	204
P7	66	N	-/+	-/-	-/-	3/3	IIIC	112
P8	62	Y	-/-	-/-	-/-	3/3	IIA	235
P9	49	Y	-/-	-/-	-/-	3/3	IIA	96
P10	48	Y	-/-	-/-	-/-	3/3	IIA	122

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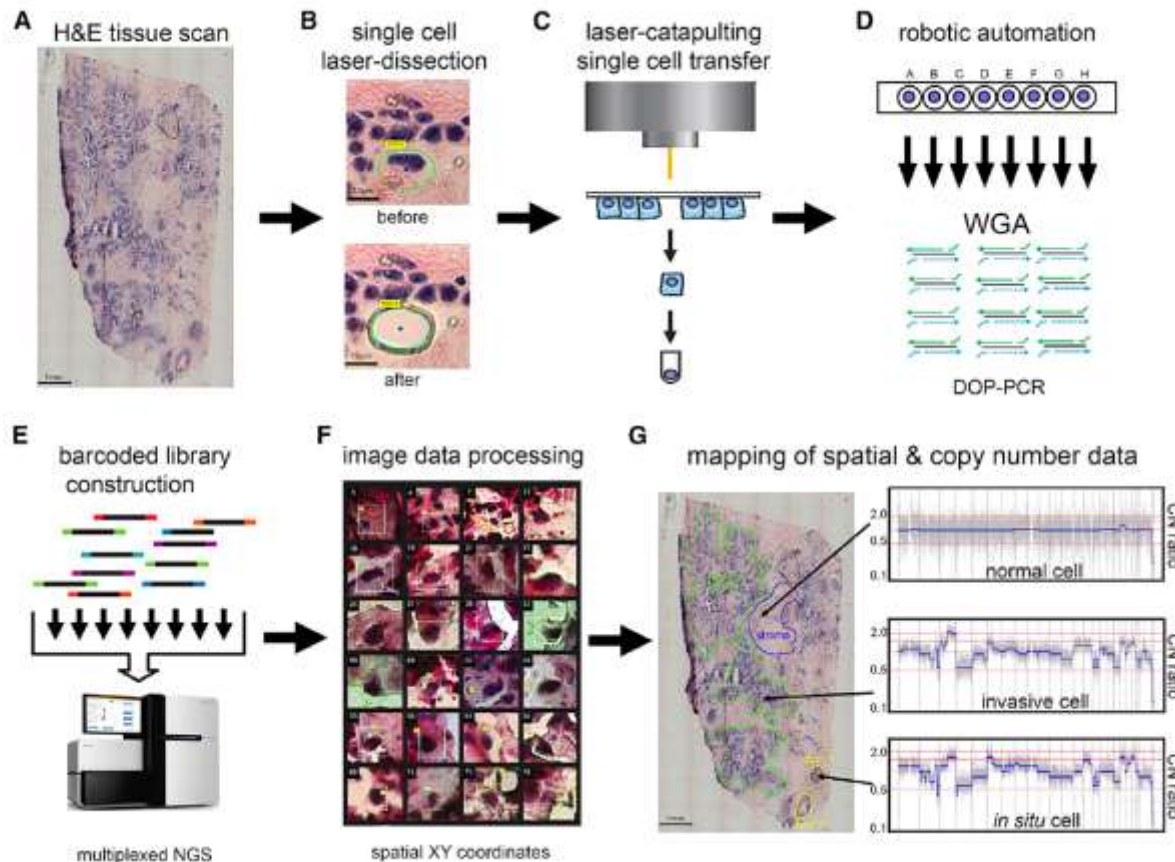
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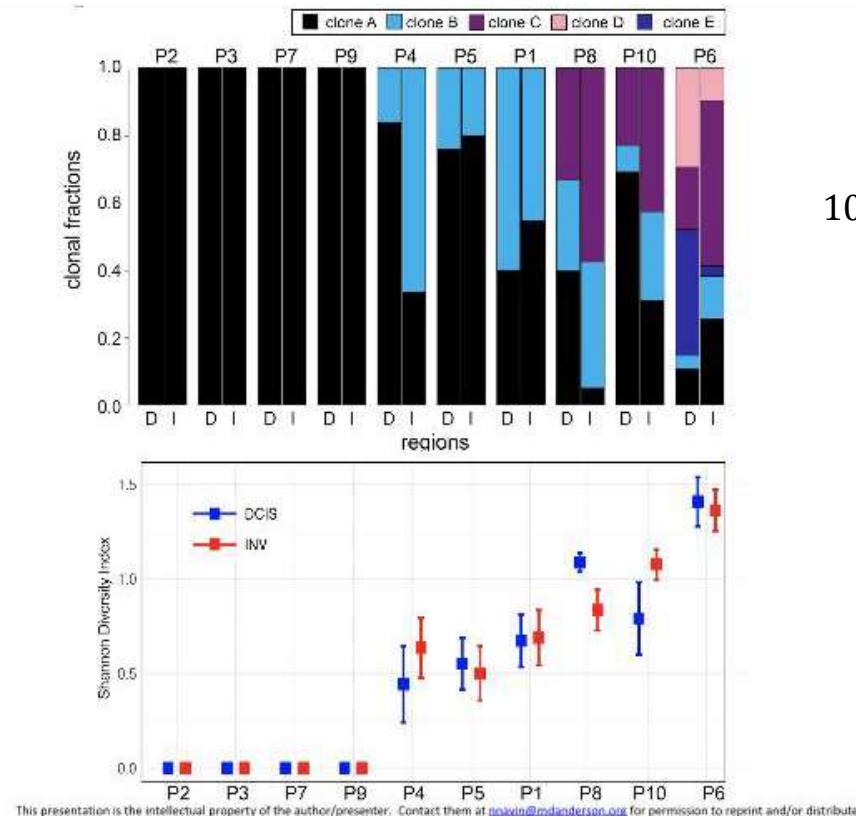
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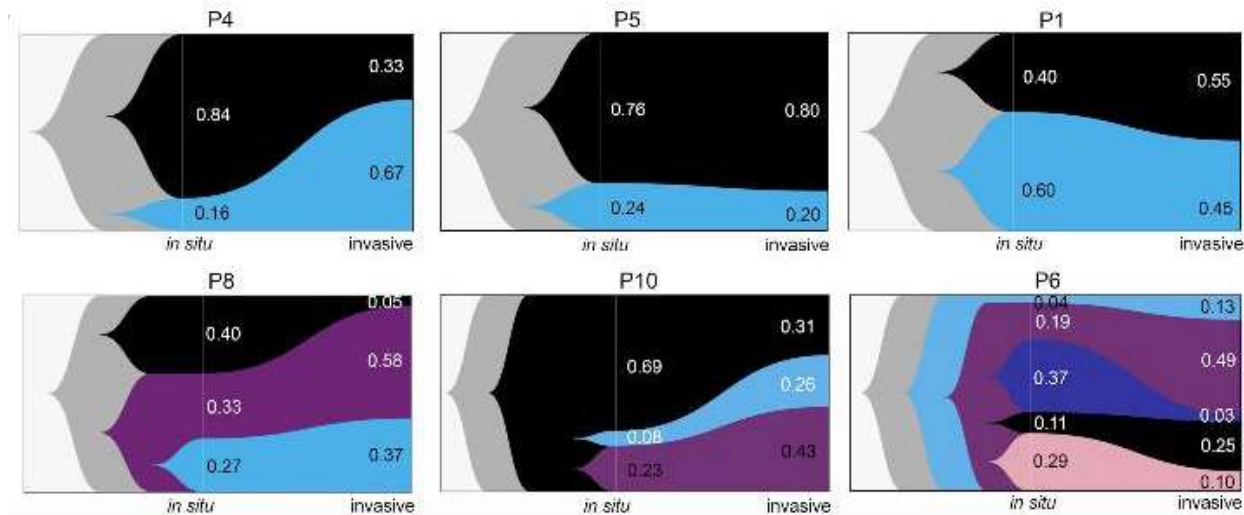
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- In the 6 multiclonal patients, 1-5 clones were found to be present in both the ducts and the invasive regions
- In some patients (P4, P8, P6) the clones frequencies changed during invasion
- All clonal subpopulations shared a common genomic lineage and evolved from a single common ancestor: a single cell in the ducts, not multiple initiating cells

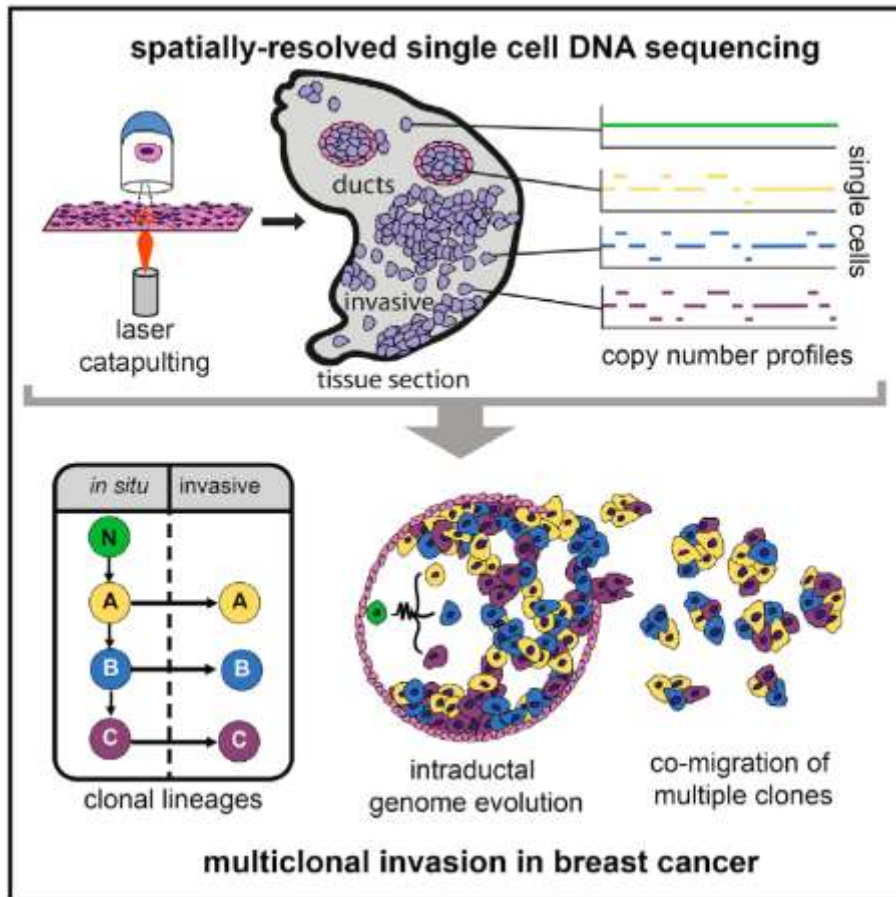
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## Take home Results



- CNA clones derived from a common ancestor.
- CNA subclones detected before invasion through duct.
- The evolutionary model is: Multiclonal invasion model.

A. K. Casasent *et al*, Cell 2018

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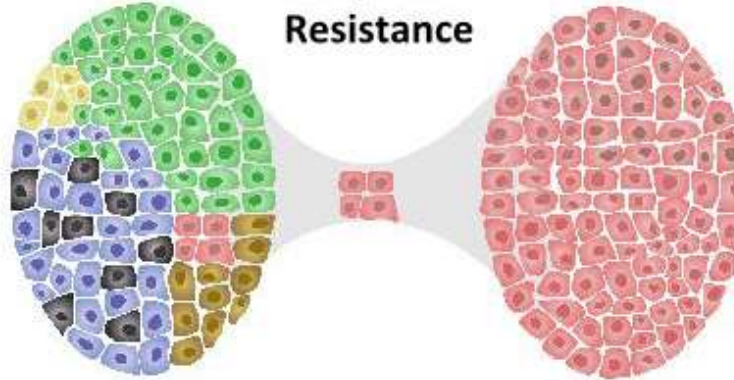
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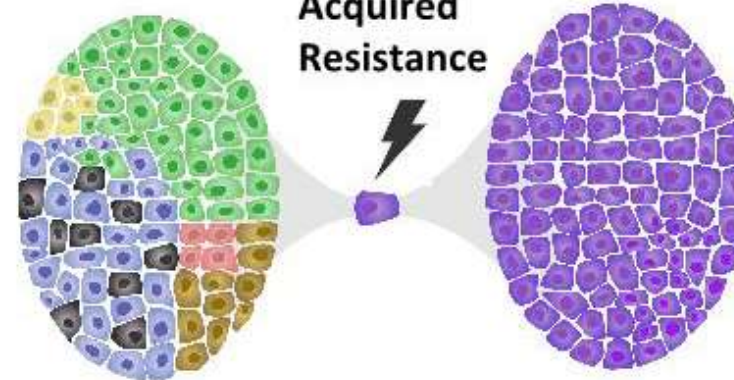
Selection of rare *pre-existing* subclones with chemoresistant phenotypes via a population bottleneck

Adaptive Resistance



Chemotherapeutic agent *induces* new spontaneous mutations in a clone that acquires a resistance phenotype

Acquired Resistance



N.E. Navin, SABCS 2018

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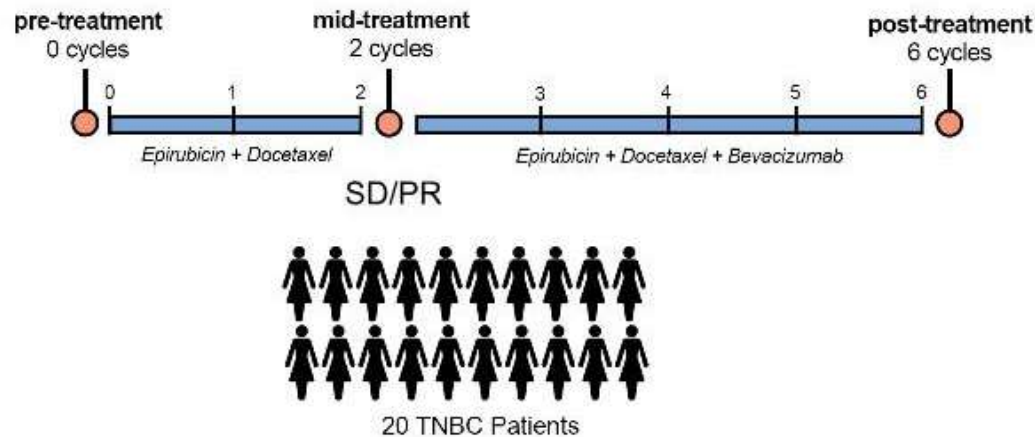
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## Methods and Results



- PROMIX enrolled newly diagnosed TNBC patients with local disease
- Patients were treated with an anthracyclin (Epirubicin), taxane (Docetaxel) and an angiogenesis inhibitor after 2 cycles (Bevacizumab).
- 20 TNBC patients showed partial response (PR) or stable disease (SD) and developed resistance to NAC
- Collected 2-3 matched time points samples per patient, including frozen core biopsies (0,2 cycles) or frozen surgical samples (6 cycles)

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C. Kim *et al*, *Cell 2018*

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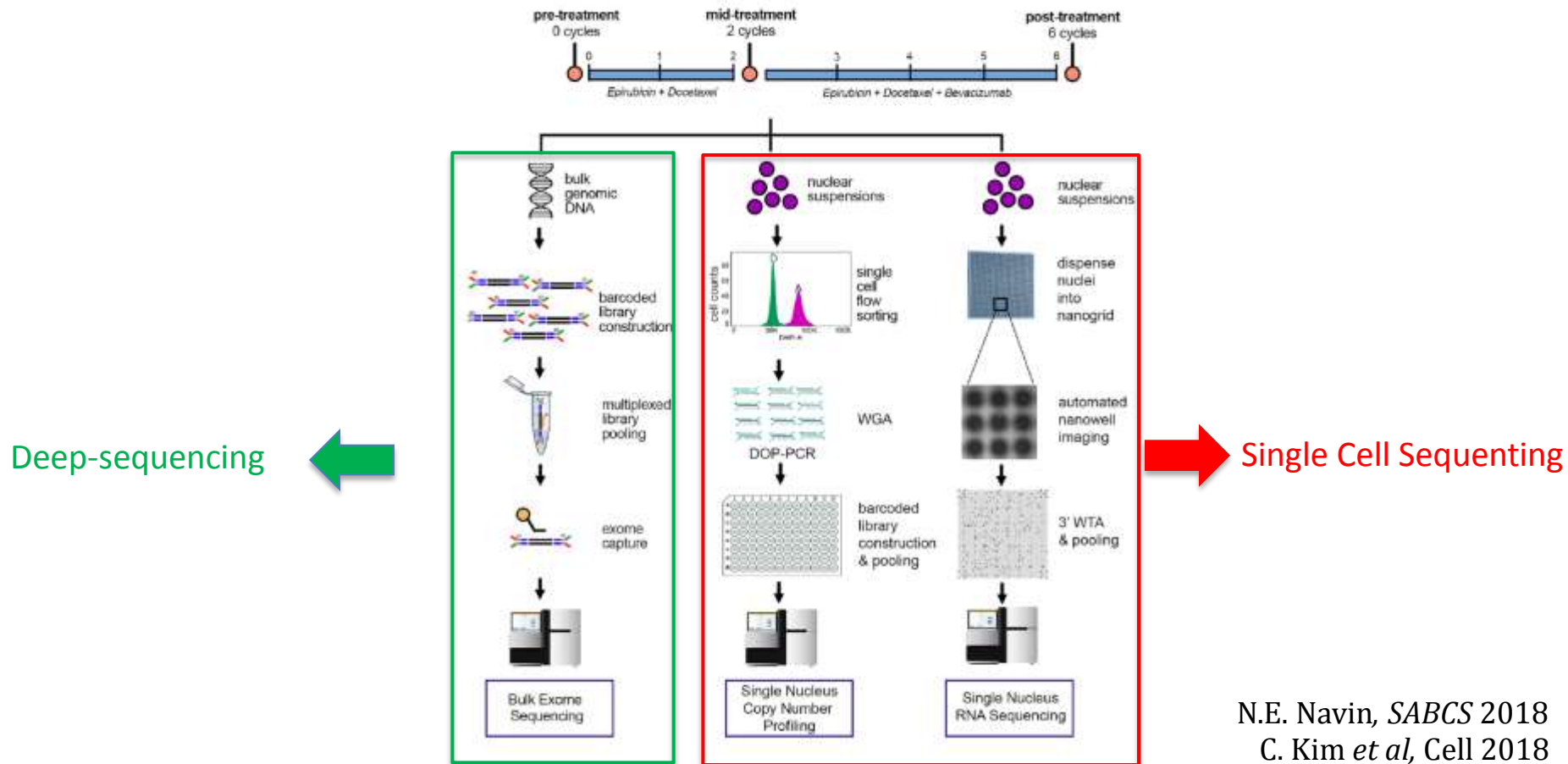
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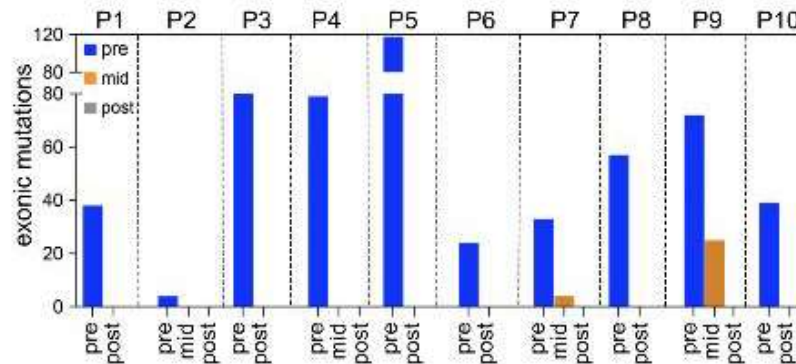


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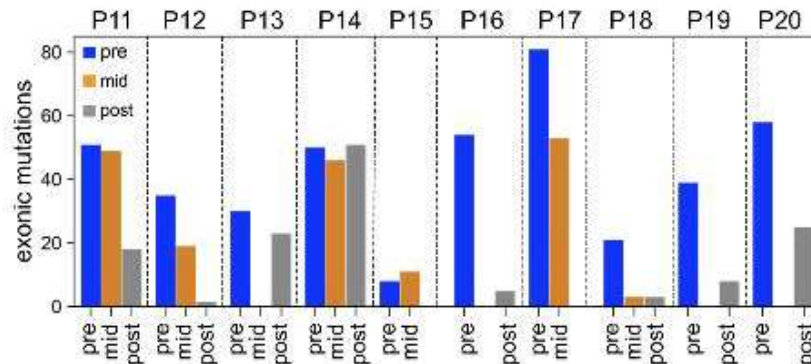
## Methods and Results

Deep-sequencing of pre-, mid- and post- treatment samples

10 TNBC patients had a complete elimination of mutations in response to NAC



10 TNBC patients had residual mutations that persisted in the post-treatment tumors after NAC



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## Methods and Results

### Single cell Analysis of 8 TNBC patients

#### 4 clonal extinction



- Single cell copy number profiling
- single cell RNA sequencing

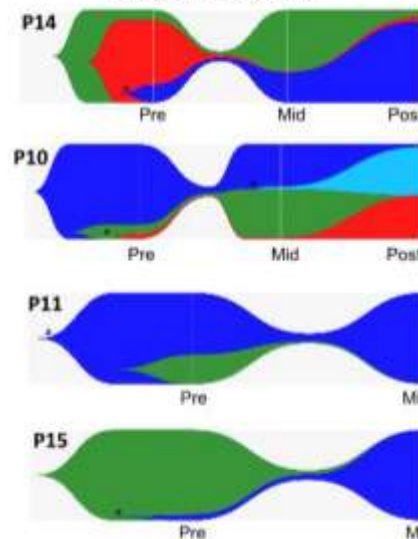
#### 4 clonal persistence



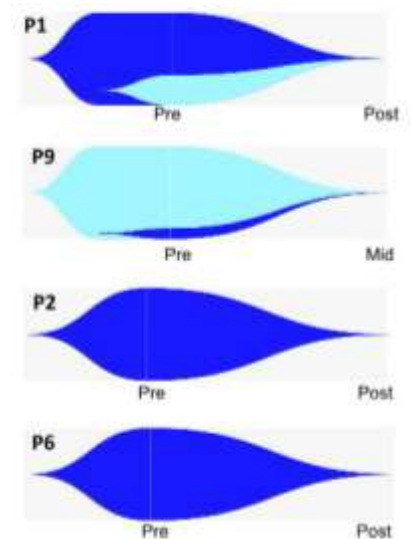
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- Based on the exome data, 4 clonal extinction patients and 4 clonal persistence patients were selected for a more detailed analysis using single cell sequencing methods
- **Genotypic evolution** during chemotherapy was measured using single cell DNA copy number profiling (Navin et al. 2011, *Nature*) of N=900 cells
- **Phenotypic evolution** during chemotherapy was measured using nanowell single cell RNA sequencing (Gao et al. 2016, *Nature Comm.*) of N=6862 cells

#### Clonal Persistence (Adaptive Evolution)



#### Clonal Extinction



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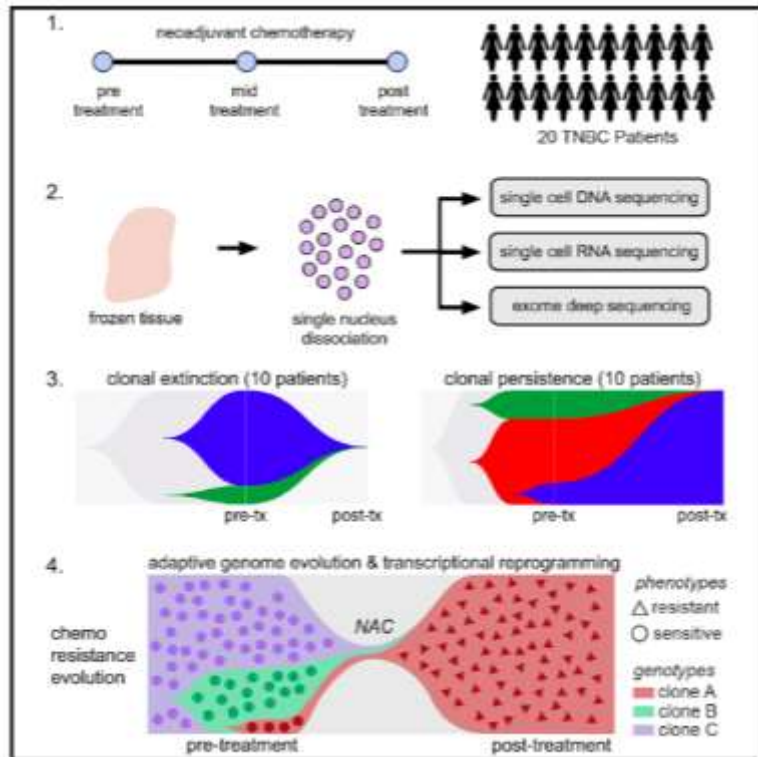
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## Take home Results



- 50% patients examined, clones of aneuploid/mutated cells were extinguished post treatment.
- In the other 50%, pre-existing clones persisted post therapy, adaptive rather than acquired.
- Transcriptional reprogramming leads to «acquired» resistance to therapy (AKT signalling, EMT, hypoxia signature NOT found generally in the pre-therapy nuclei RNA seq).
- Several patients (3) with pCR had residual mutations detected suggesting that single cell DNA or deep-exome sequencing may provide more sensitive methods for detecting residual disease.

C. Kim *et al*, Cell 2018

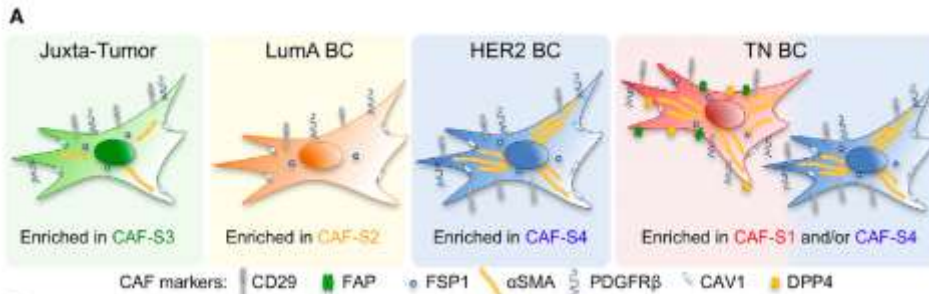
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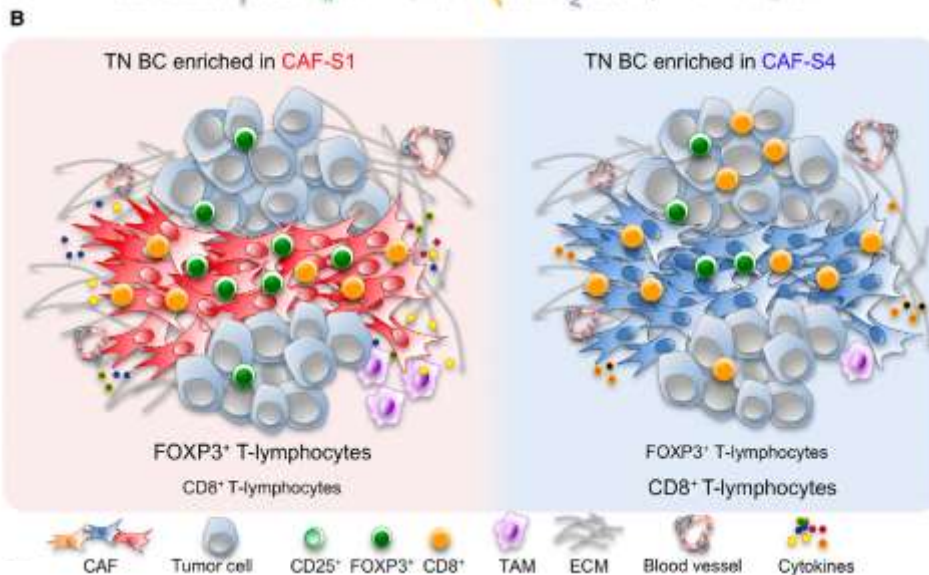


## Fibroblast Heterogeneity and Immunosuppressive Environment in Human Breast Cancer

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## Take home results

- Expression of CD29, FAP, alpha-SMA, PDGFR-beta, FSP1 and CAV1 identified four Cancer Associated Fibroblast (CAF) subsets (CAF-S1-S4).
- CAF subsets show different distribution across breast cancer subtypes.
- CAF-S1 is associated with immunosuppression.
- CAF-1 enriched TNBC had increased recruitment of T cells, survival of CD4+CD25+ T cells that differentiate into FOXP3+ T cells and reduced CD8+ T cells.
- CAF-S1 enhance the ability of Tregs to inhibit effector T cell proliferation.



A. Costa *et al*, Cancer Cell 2018

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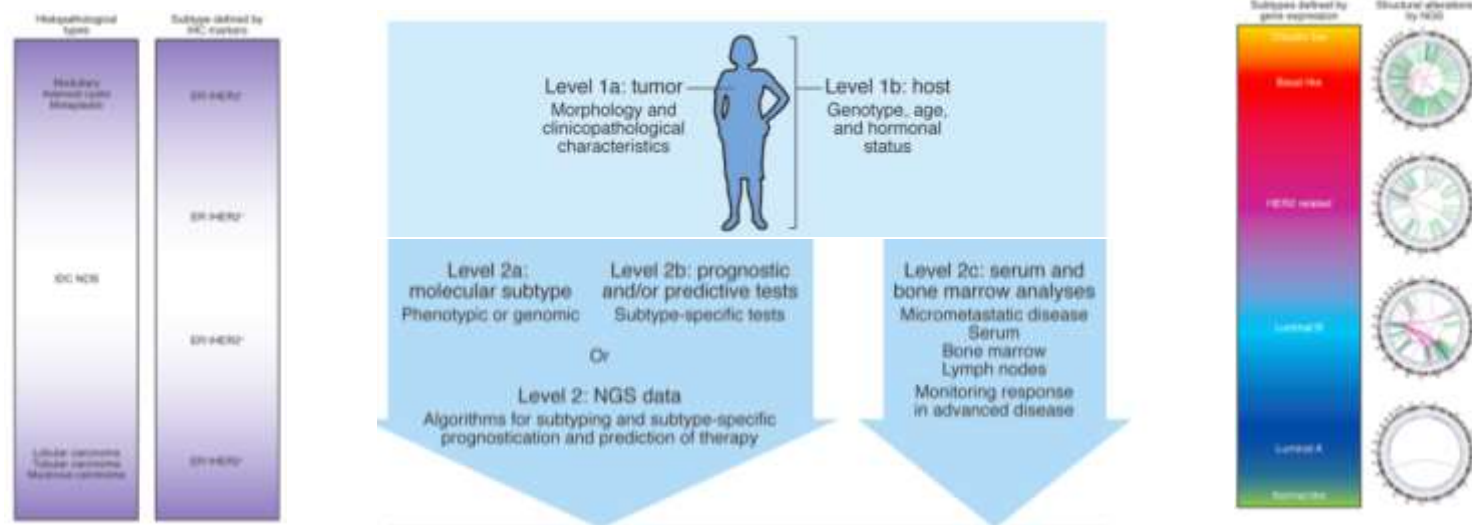
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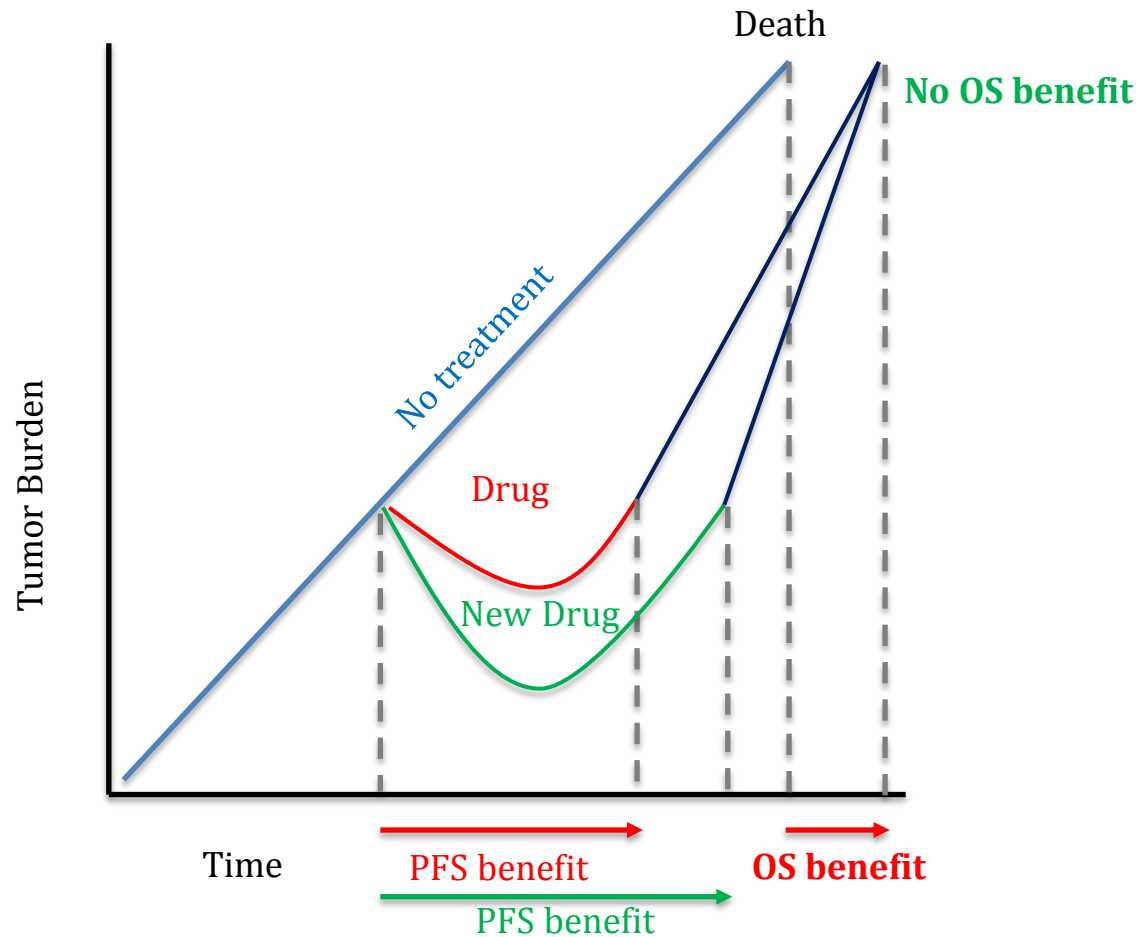
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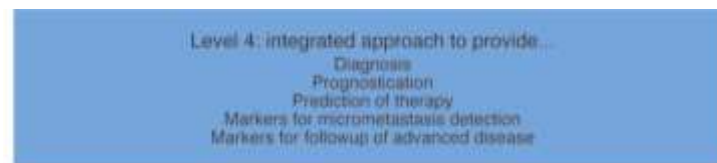
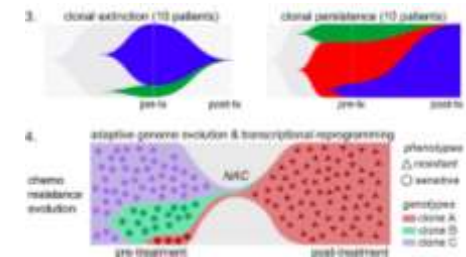
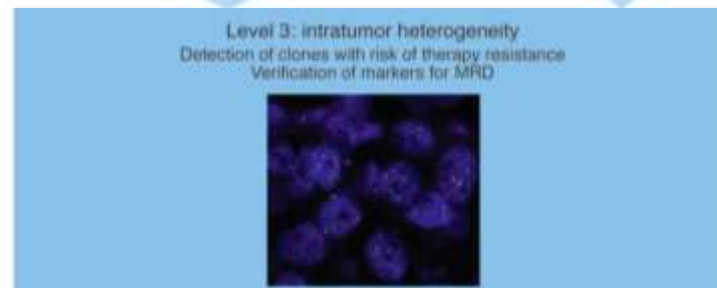
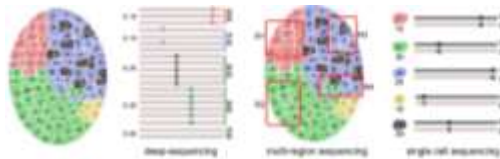
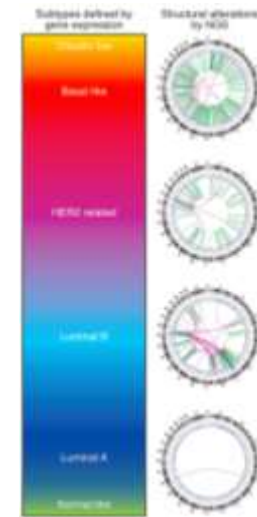
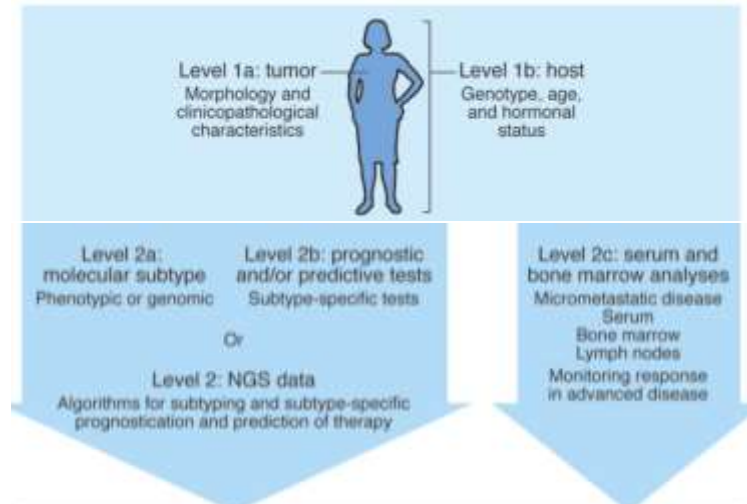
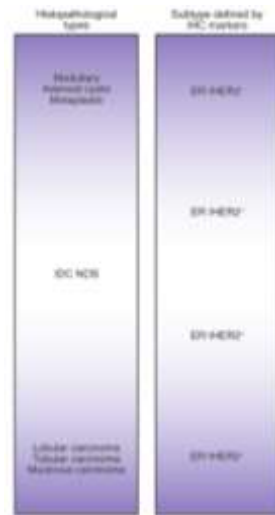
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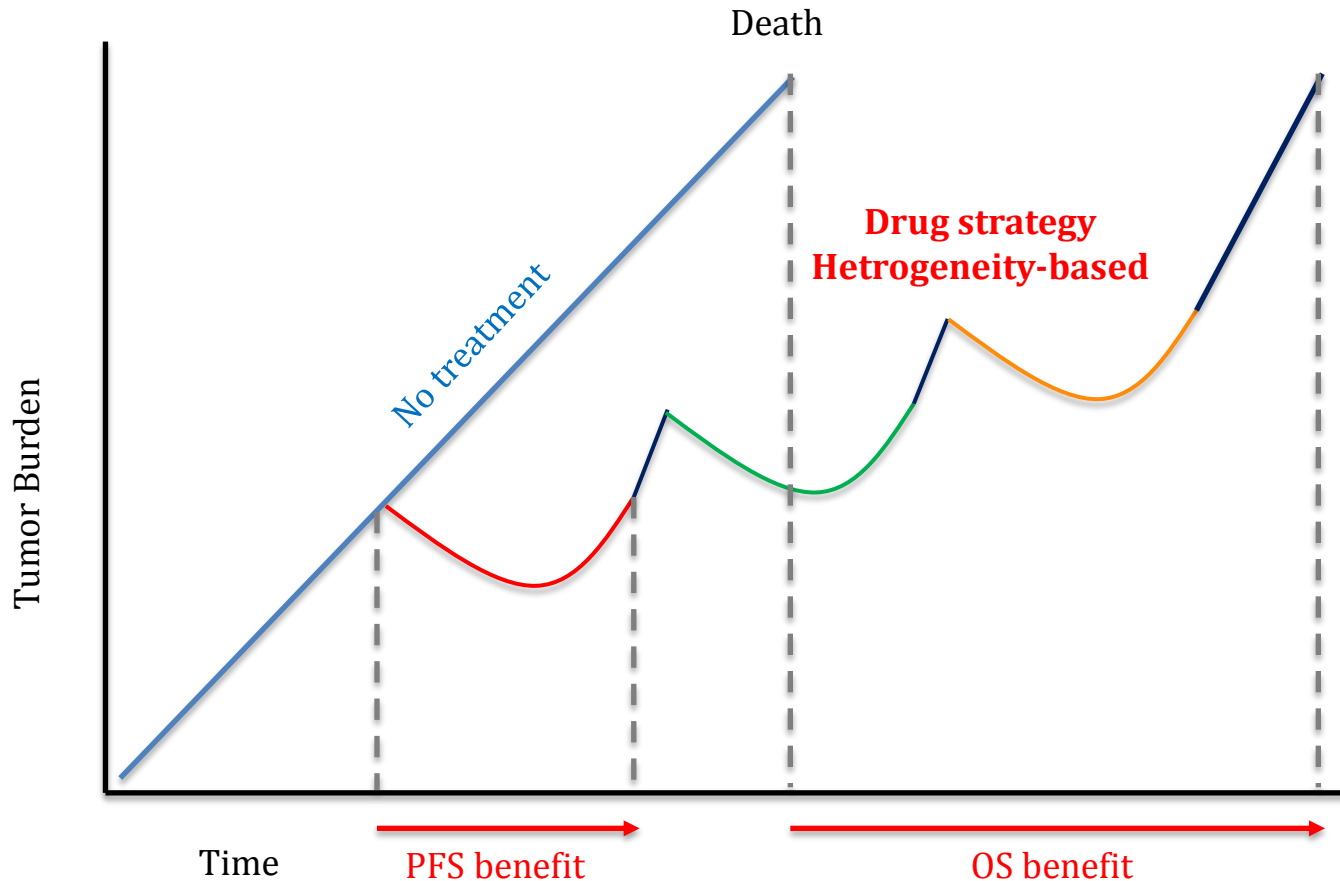
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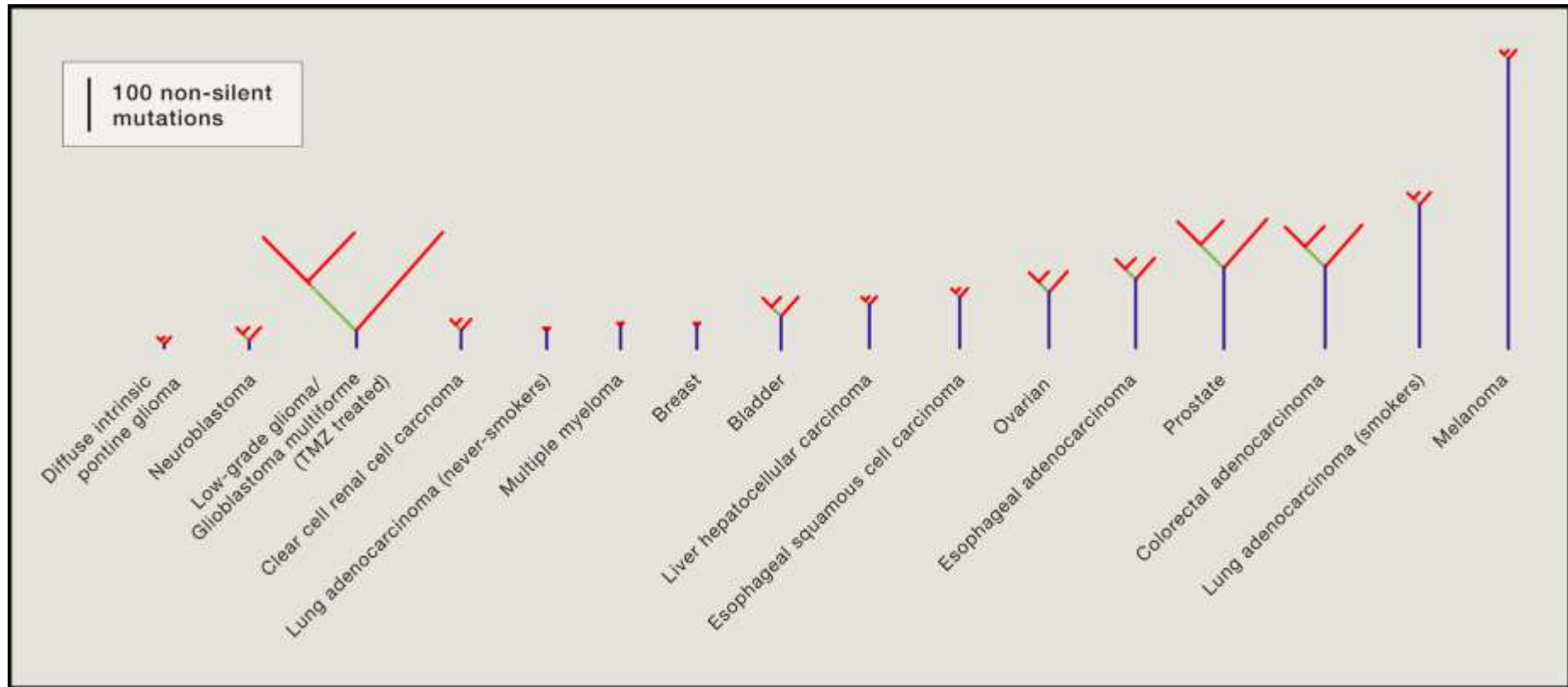
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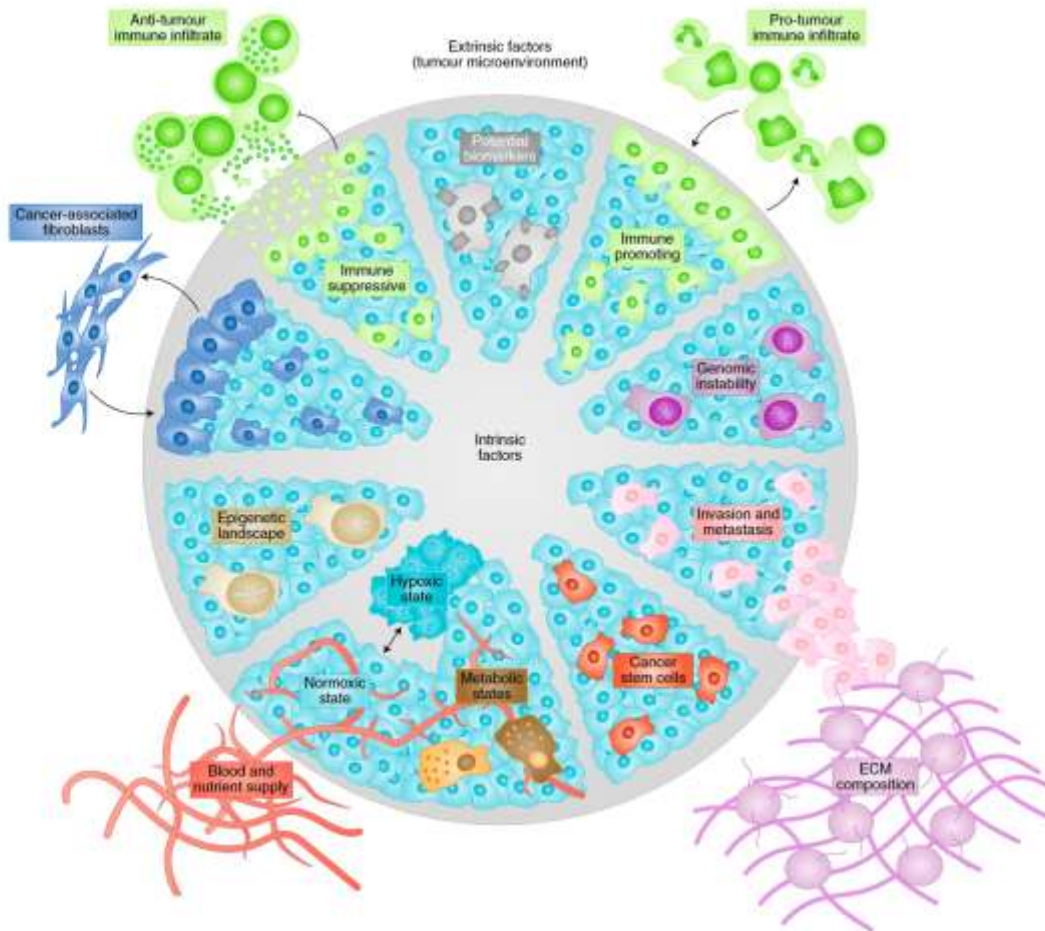
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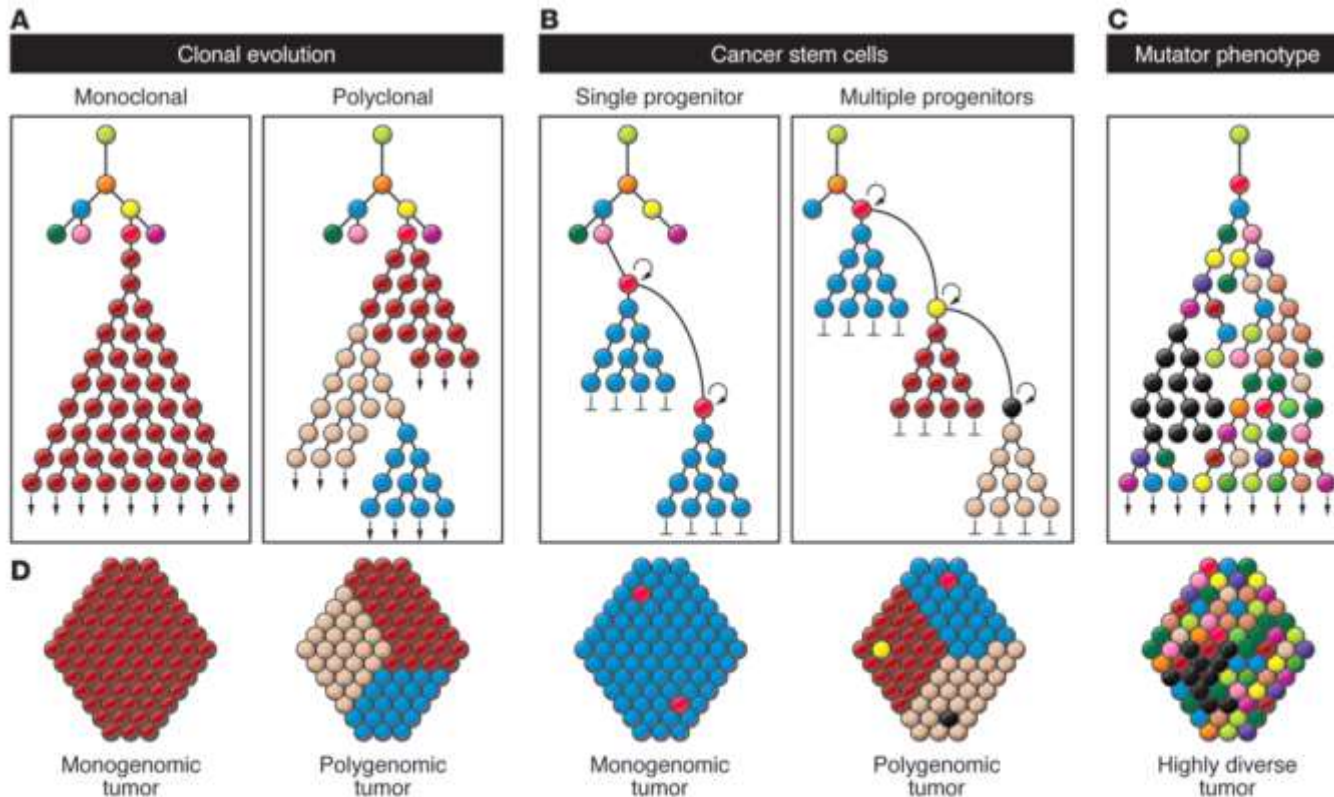
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**Figure 3**

Hypothetical models explaining intratumor heterogeneity. (A–C) Different models of tumor progression can give rise to distinct types of intratumor heterogeneity, exemplified here by the clonal evolution (A), the cancer stem cell (B), and the mutator phenotype (C) models. (D) The different models can result in distinct spatial distributions of subpopulations.

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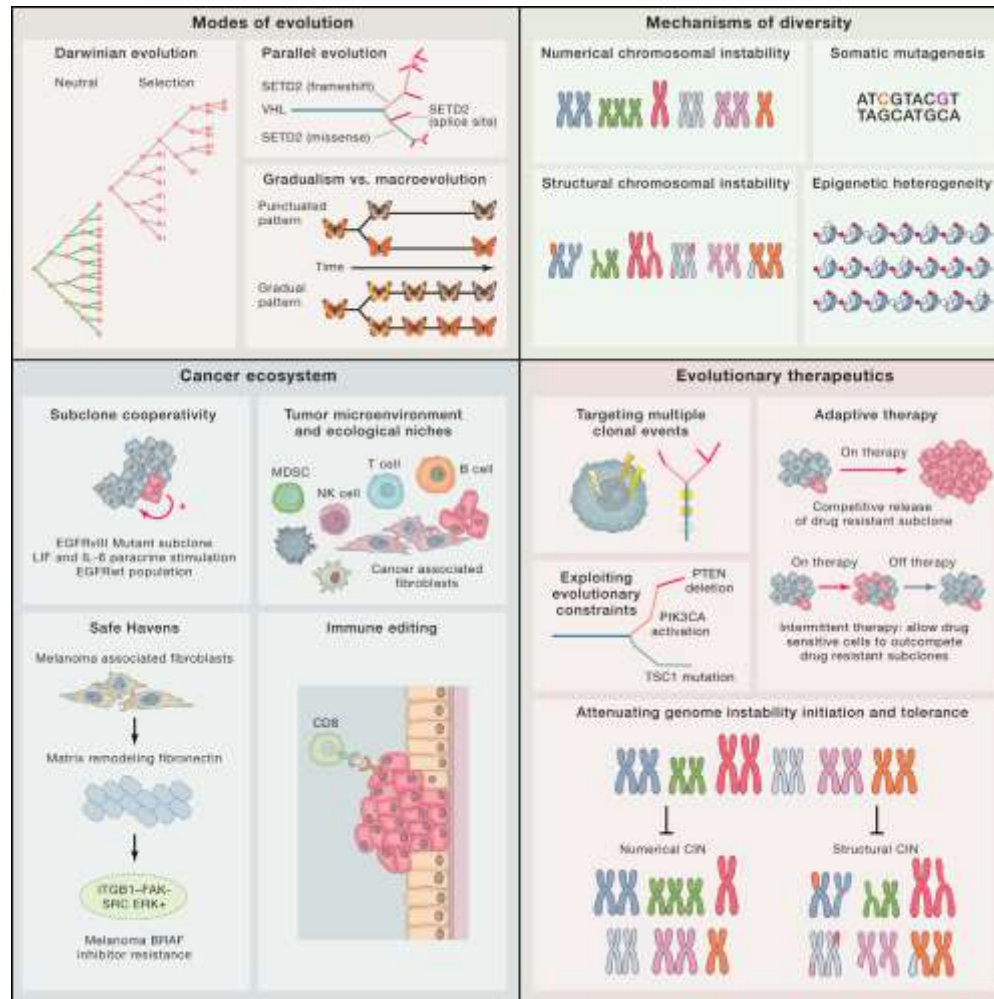
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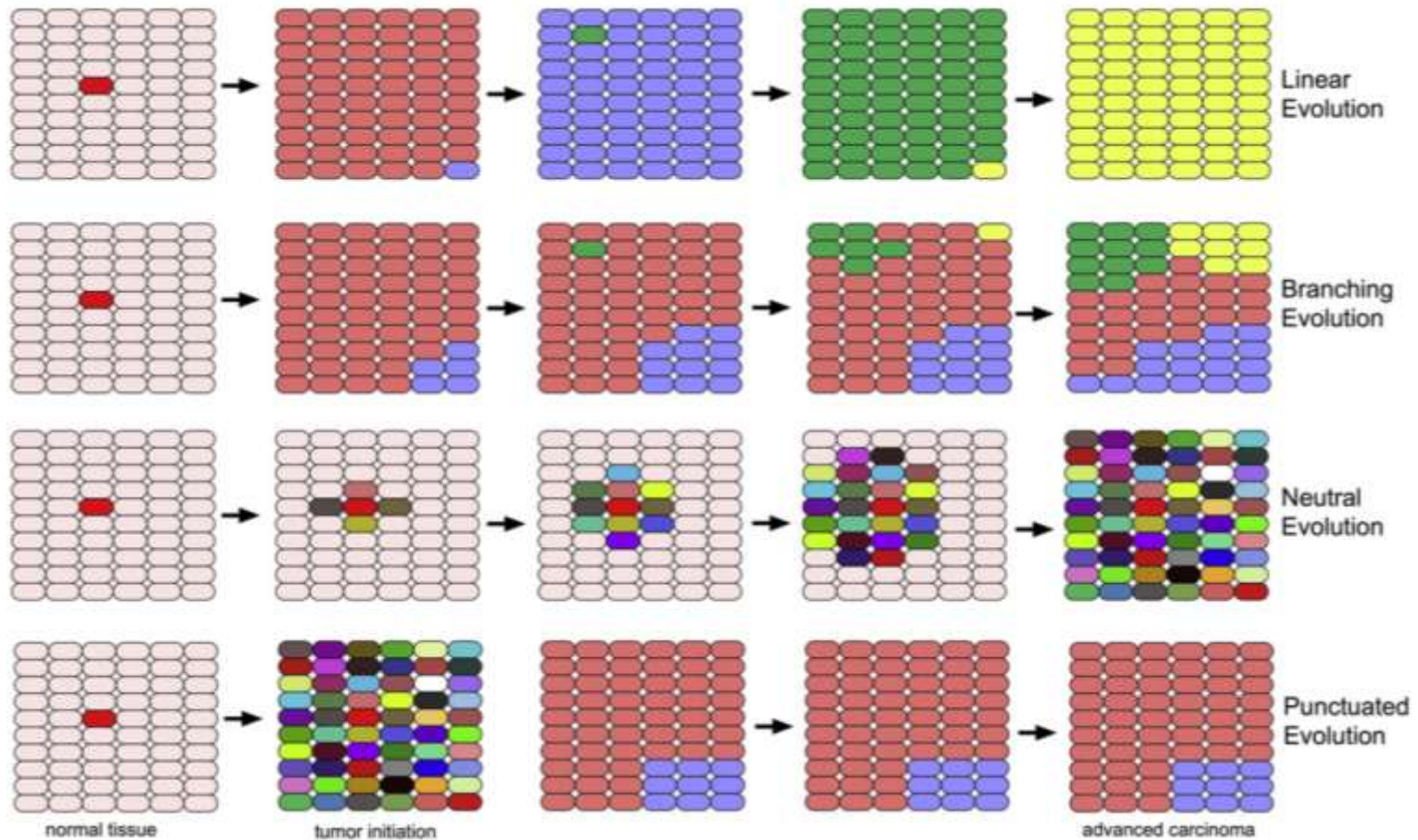
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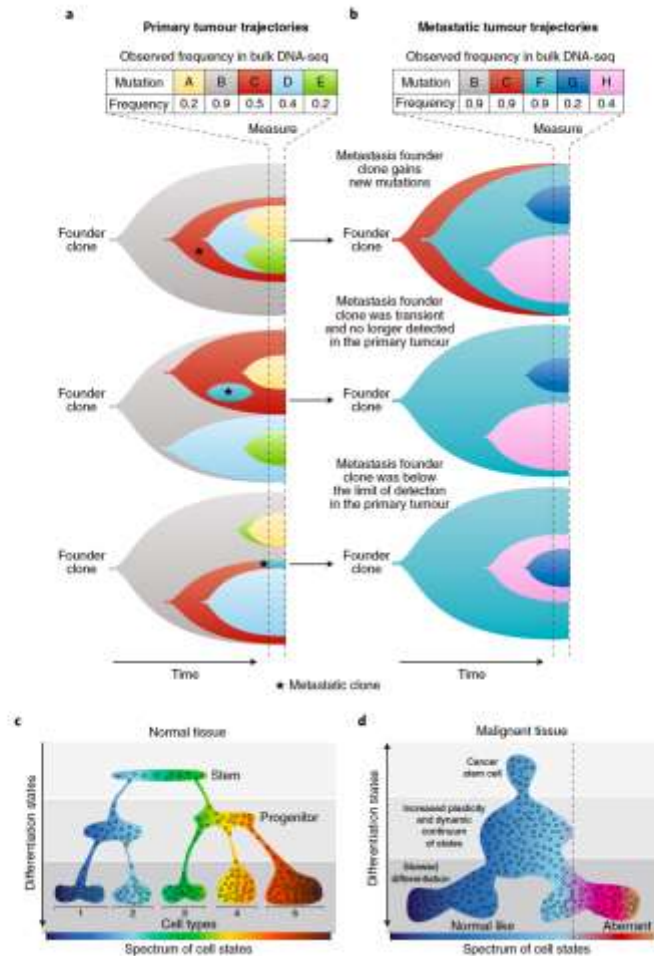
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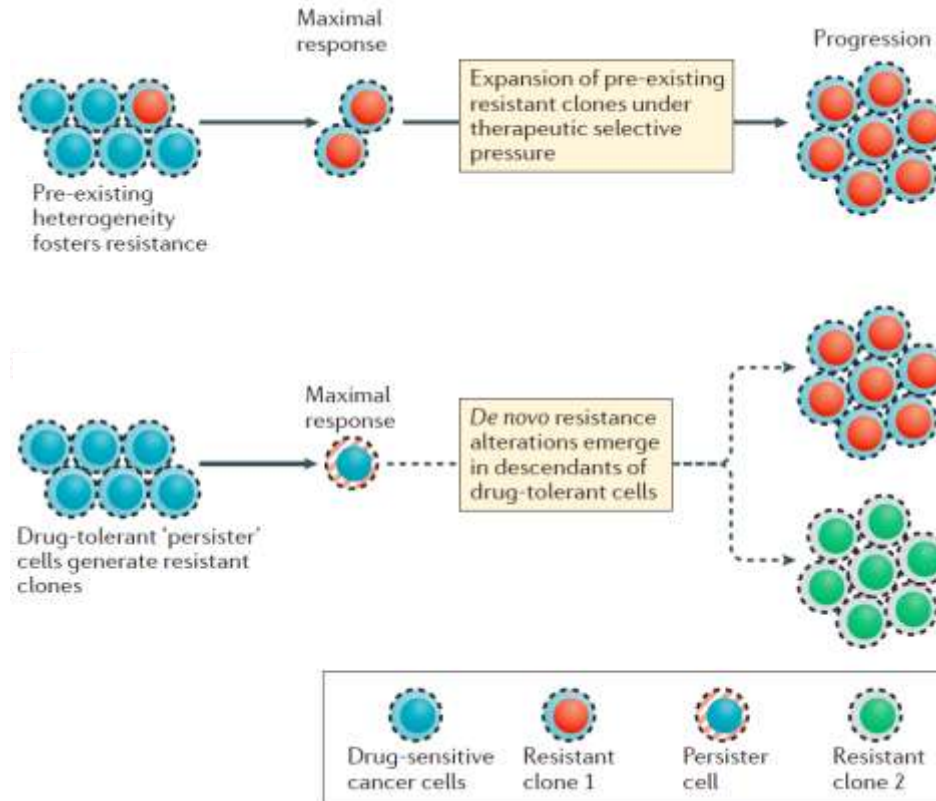
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## Evolutionary pathway of therapy resistance



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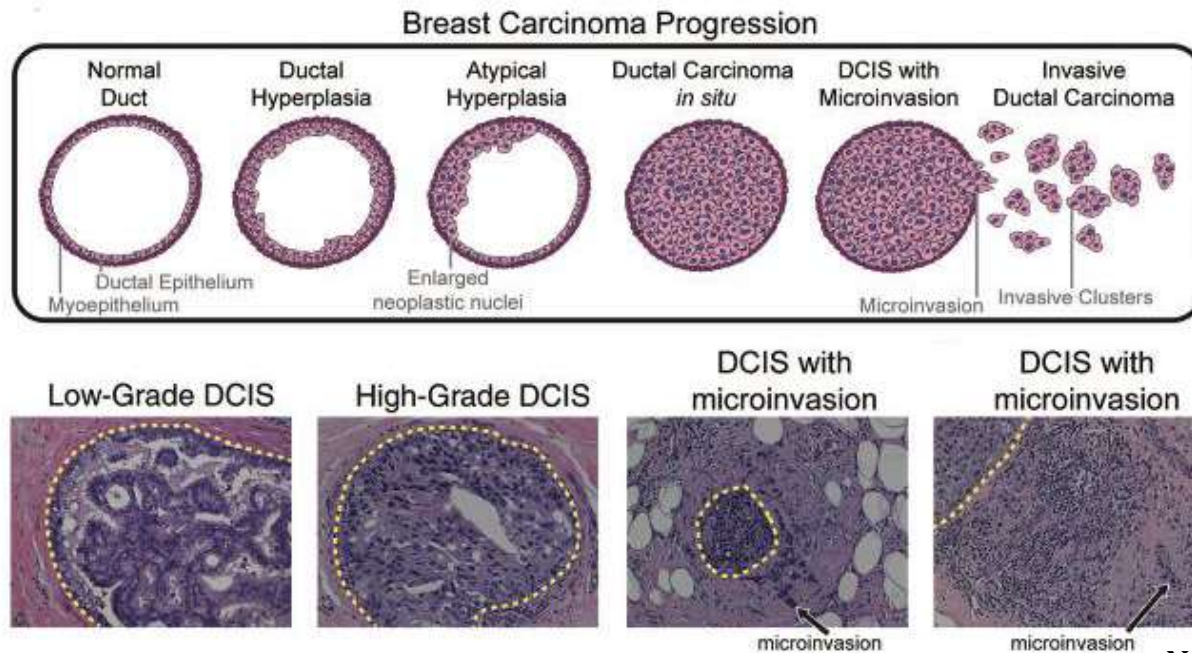
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## Background

- Ductal carcinoma In Situ (DCIS) is the most common form of early stage breast cancers and is frequently detected during routine mammographic imaging
- Only 10% of low-grade and 30% of high-grade DCIS patients progress to invasive ductal carcinomas (IDC), making it difficult to determine which patients to treat



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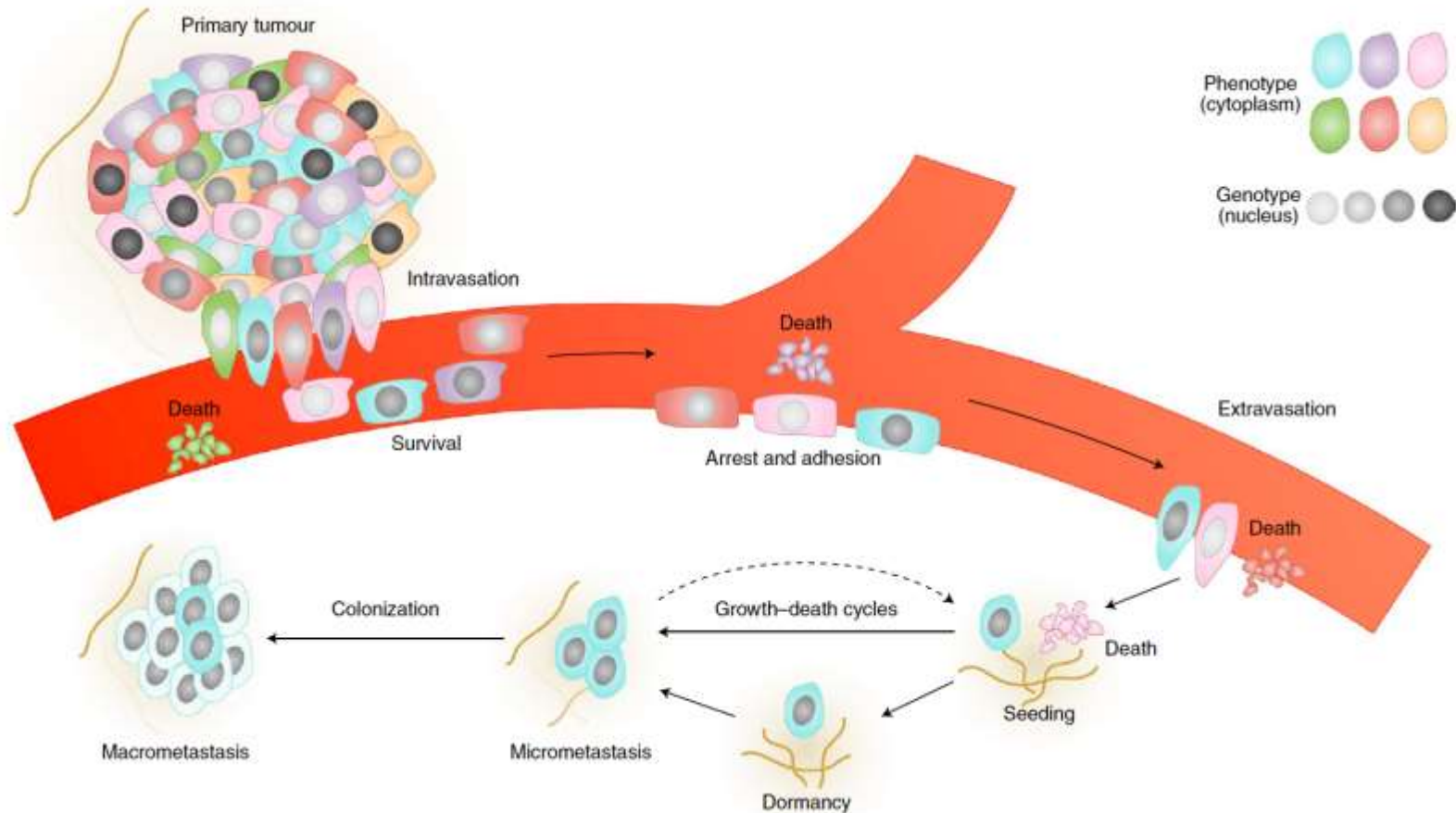
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## Overview of Single Cell Sequencing Technologies

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### scDNA-Seq

#### Single Cell Copy Number

DOP-PCR

96-384 cells

SNS, Navin et al. 2011

HM-SNS, Gao et al. 2016



### scRNA-Seq

#### Full-length mRNA

FACS & CEL-Seq2

96-384 cells

Hashimshony et al. 2016



#### Single Cell Mutations

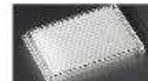
Exome, Genome or

Targeted Panels

FACS

96-384 cells

NUC-SEQ, Wang et al. 2014



#### Nanowells

3' or full length

(eg. Wafergen)

100 – 2,000 cells

Gao et al. 2017



### scEpigenomics

#### Chromatin Protection

scATAC-Seq

C1 System

Buenrostro et al. 2015

96 cells



#### DNA Methylation

RRBS-Seq FACS

Guo et al. 2013



#### Mission Bio

Microdroplet

Targeted Amplicons

100-10,000 cells



#### Drop-Seq

3' mRNA

eg. 10X Genomics

1,000- 10,000 cells

Macosko et al. 2015



#### Chromatin Interaction

HIC & FACS

Nagano et al. 2013



#### 10X Genomics

Copy Number Profiling

100-10,000 cells

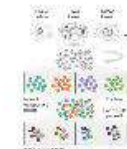


#### Combinatorial Indexing

sciRNA-seq

10K – 100K cells

Cao J et al. 2017

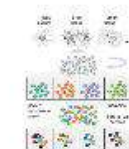


#### Combinatorial Indexing

ATAC-seq

10,000 cells

Cusanovich et al. 2015



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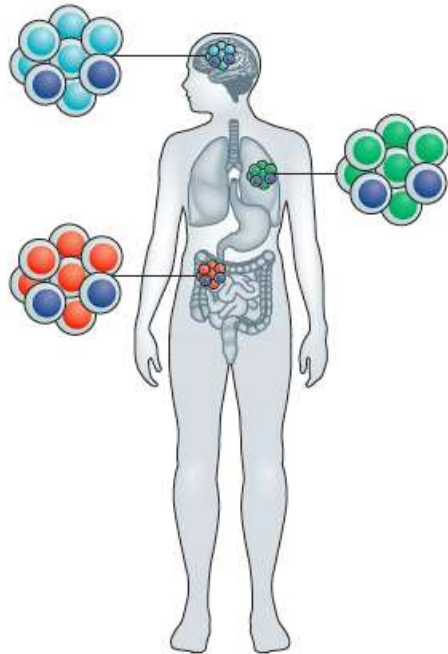
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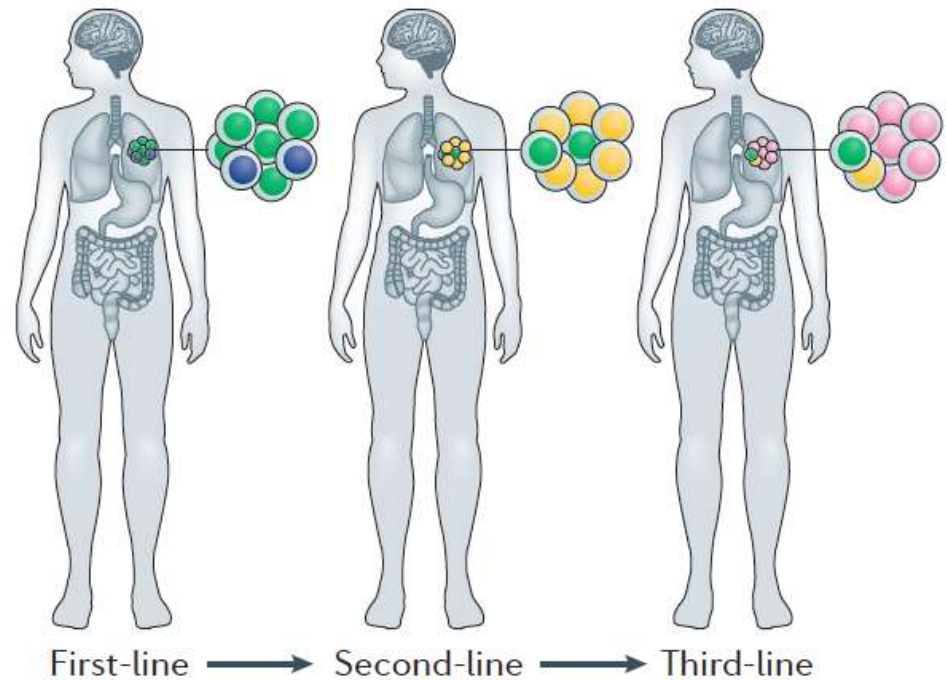
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***Spatial*** heterogeneity



***Temporal*** heterogeneity



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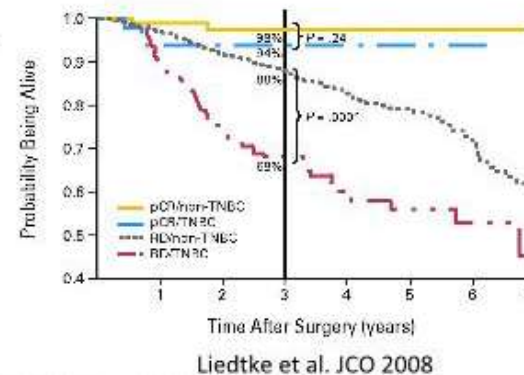
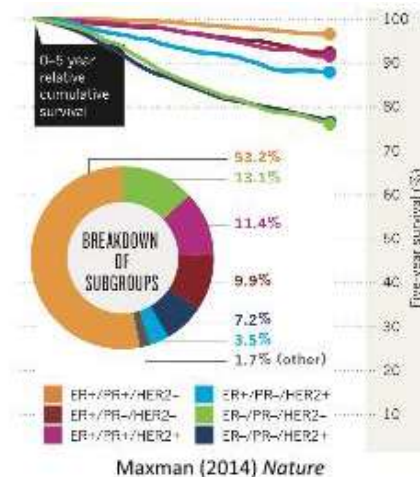
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# Heterogeneity in TNBC and other: SABCS 2018

## Background

- Triple-Negative Breast Cancer (TNBC) is an aggressive subtype of breast cancer that is characterized by a lack of estrogen, progesterone and Her2 receptors by histopathology
- 83% of TNBC patients have *TP53* mutations
- Genomic data has shown that TNBC patients display extensive intratumor heterogeneity within the tumor mass (Shah et al. 2014; Wang et al. 2014)
- Standard of care is neoadjuvant chemotherapy for TNBC patients includes taxanes and anthracyclins (e.g. paclitaxel FAC).
- However 48% of TNBC patients who have non-pathological complete response (non-pCR) developed resistance within 1-2 years and often progress to metastatic disease and morbidity



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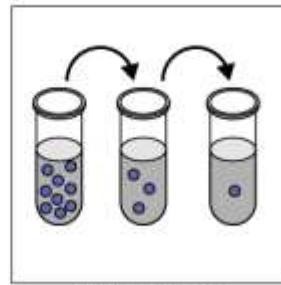
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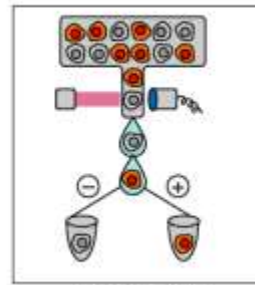
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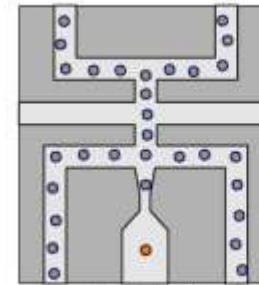
Micromanipulation



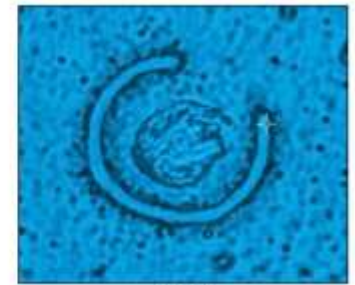
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Flow-sorting

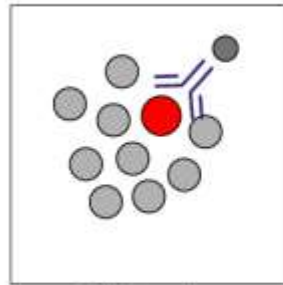


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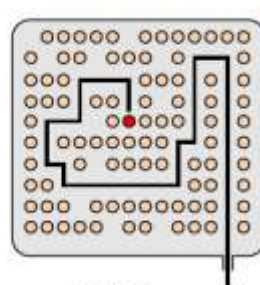


LCM

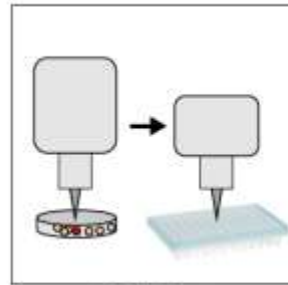
From *rare cellular populations (CTC, DTC)*



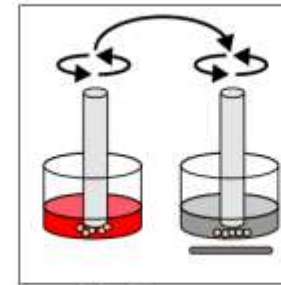
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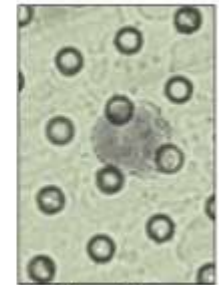
DEP-Array



CellCelector



MagSweeper



Nanofilters

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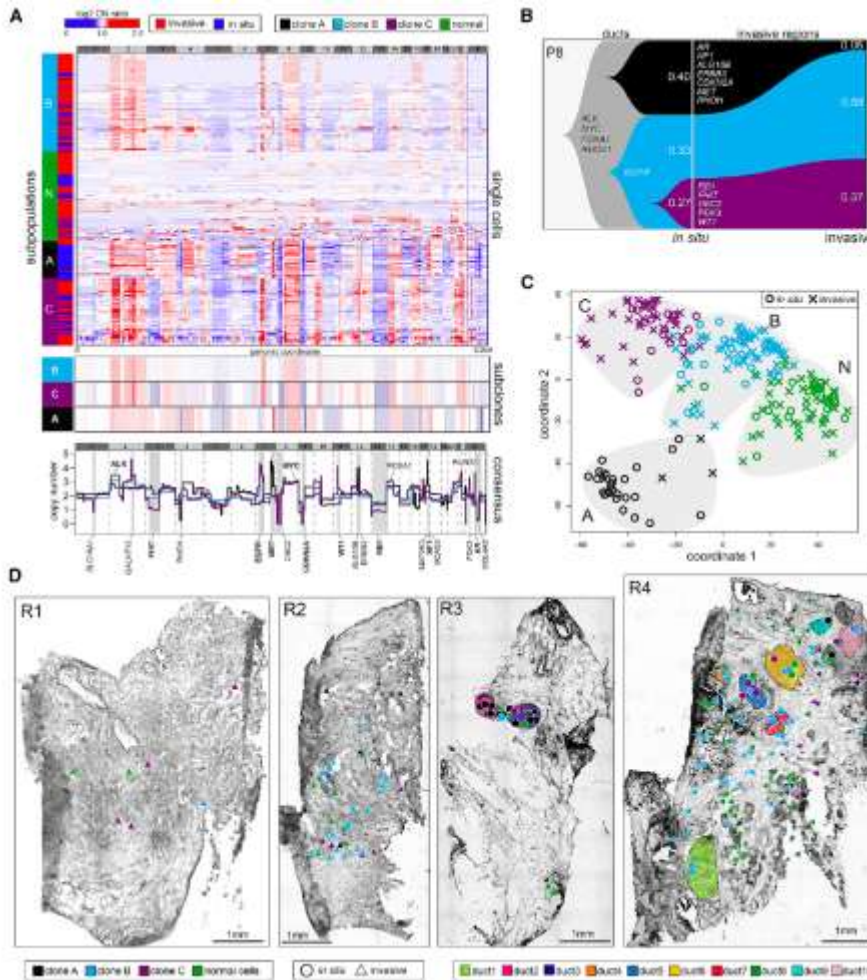
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## Take home results

- 10 patients examined, 6 were polyclonal, 4 monoclonal
- CNA clones derived from a common ancestor
- CNA subclones detected before invasion thru duct
- Even in CNA monoclonals, diversification at mutational level seen before invasion



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## Clinical Implications & Future Directions

- Early genomic aberrations may lead to pre-programming of tumor cells causing them to be invasive, or, alternatively, remain indolent for the life-time of the patient
- Most genomic mutations and copy number alterations occur in the ducts of DCIS patients, suggesting that the identification of diagnostic biomarkers for progression in early disease is feasible
- Future work is needed in larger cohorts of DCIS patients with pure-DCIS disease and matched recurrent invasive cancers collected 5-10 years later (eg. Cancer UK or NCI Pre-cancer atlas).
- Development of improved single cell DNA sequencing technologies are needed for compatibility with FFPE tissues for DCIS studies

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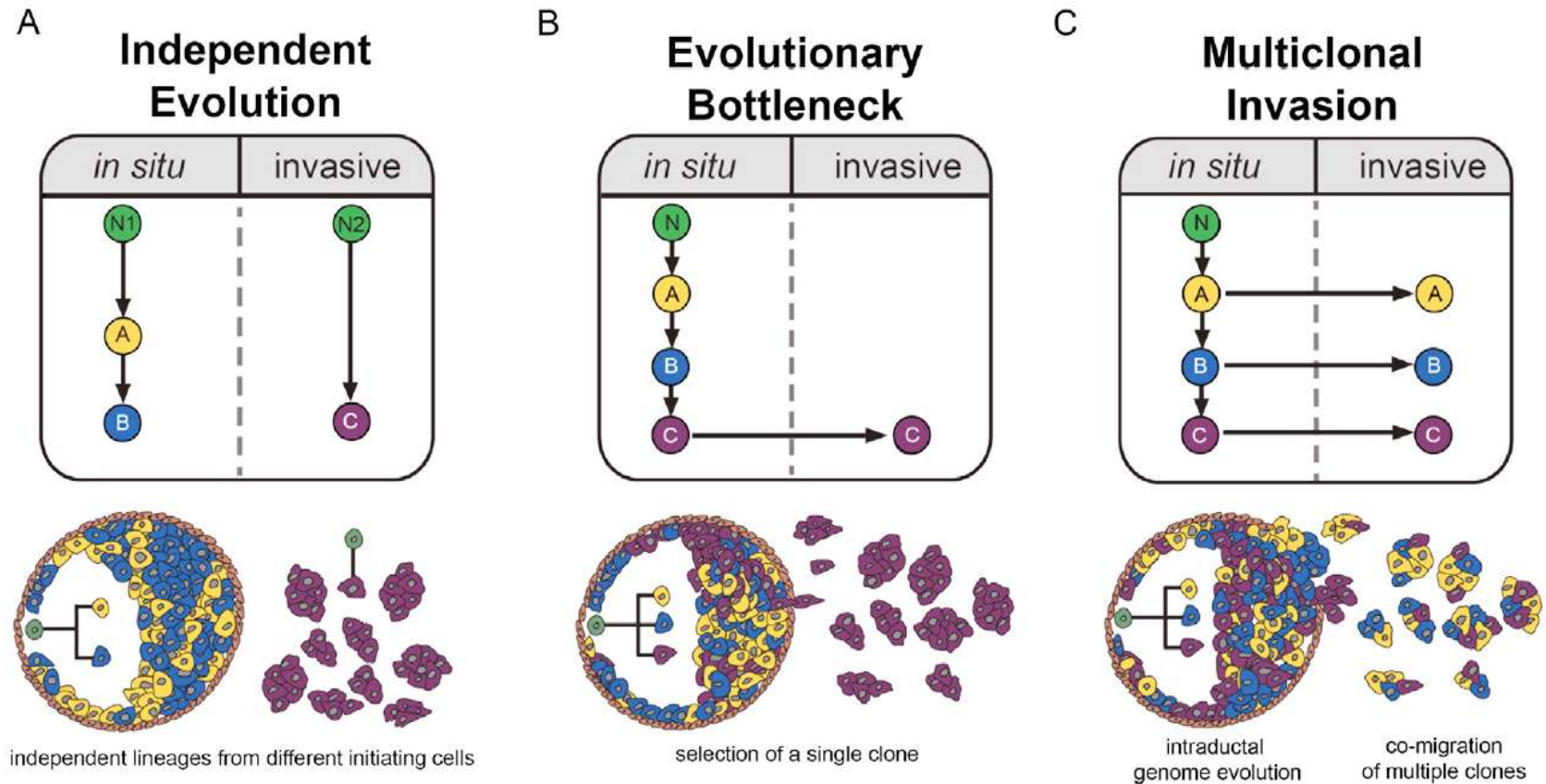
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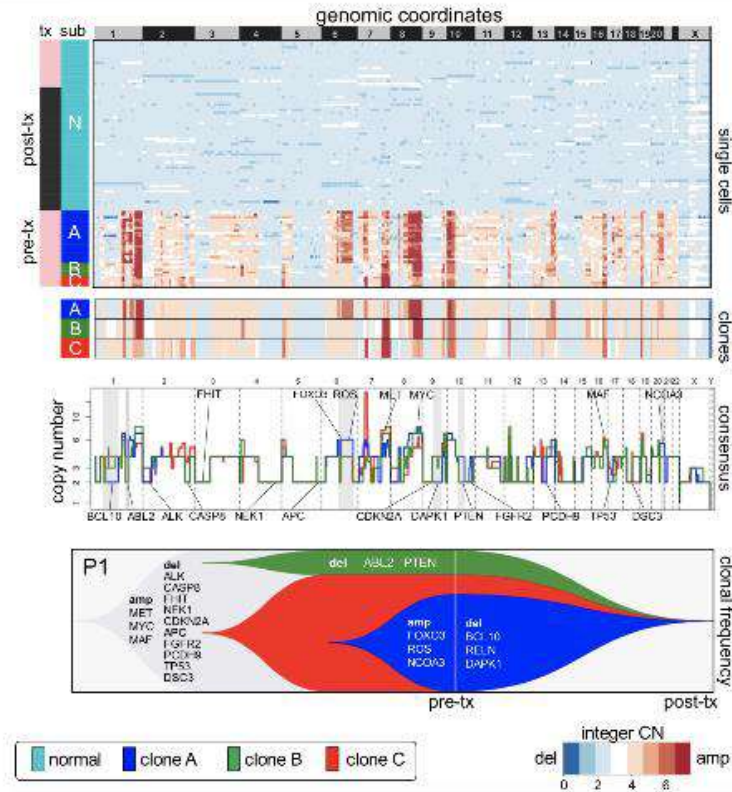
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## Single Cell CNA Profiling in a Clonal Extinction Patient (P1)

- 111 single tumor cells were profiled from 2 matched time points (pre/post treatment)
- Three tumor clones were identified (A,B) that shared common CNAs in *MYC*, *MET*, *APC* and *TP53*, and divergent CNAs in *ABL2*, *PTEN*, *FOXO3* and *RELN*
- All three clones were not detected in the post-treatment time point sample



A. K. Casasent *et al*, Cell 2018

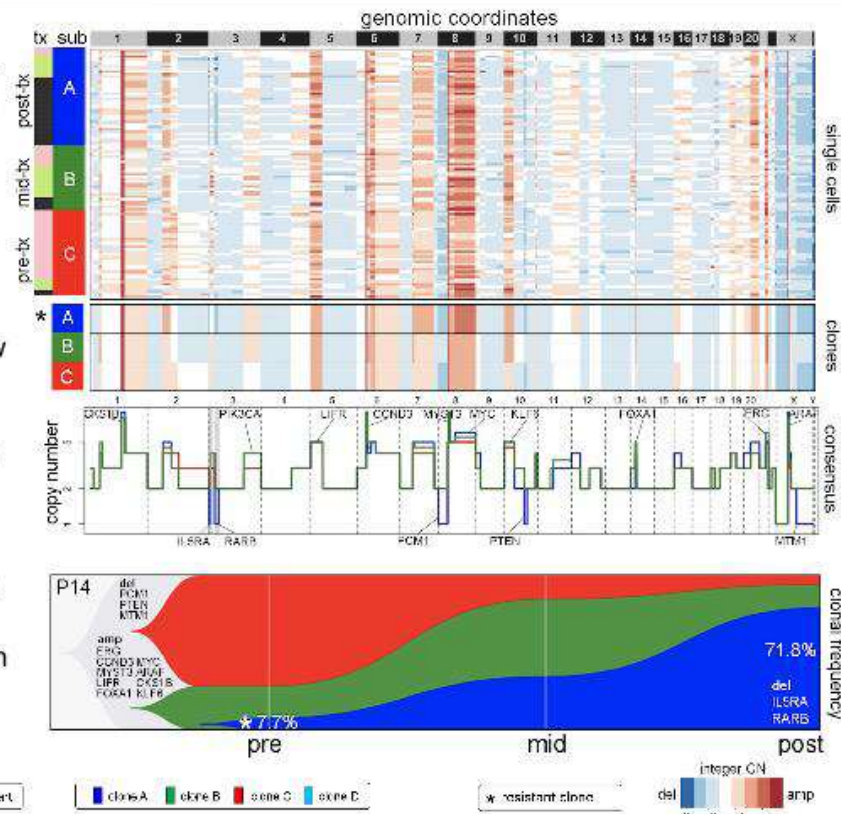
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## Adaptive Evolution in Clonal Persistence Patient 14

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- Single cell copy number profiling of 98 cells from Patient 14 identified 3 major aneuploid subpopulations
- Clone A emerged in response to NAC, but was pre-existing at a low frequency (7.7%) in the pre-treatment sample and expanded to 71.8% in the post-treatment tissue
- Chemoresistant clone A had two focal hemizygous deletions on chrom 3p, including *IL5RA* and *RARB*



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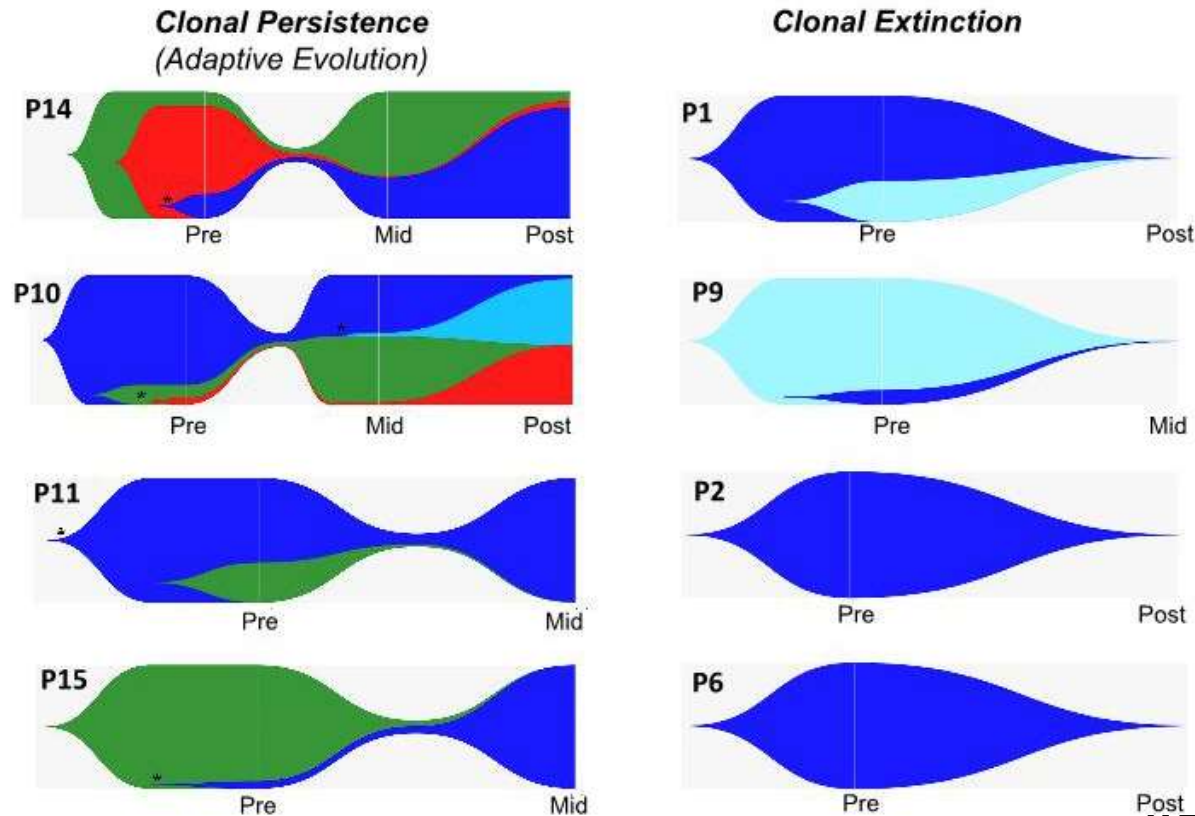
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## Methods and Results



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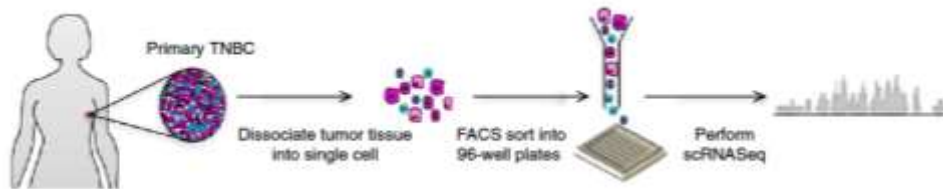
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## Unravelling subclonal heterogeneity and aggressive disease states in TNBC through single-cell RNA-seq

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## Take home results

- Single cell RNA sequencing of 1189 cells from 6 primary TNBC patients
- Identified a subpopulation of malignant cells shared between tumors, cluster 2
- Malignant subpopulation was associated with metabolism and immunity
- The glycosphingolipid metabolic pathway correlated with outcome: mediates GF signalling, EMT, stem-like behavior
- Glycosphingolipids also module innate and adaptive immunity
- Minor subpopulations shared between patients can determine patient outcomes

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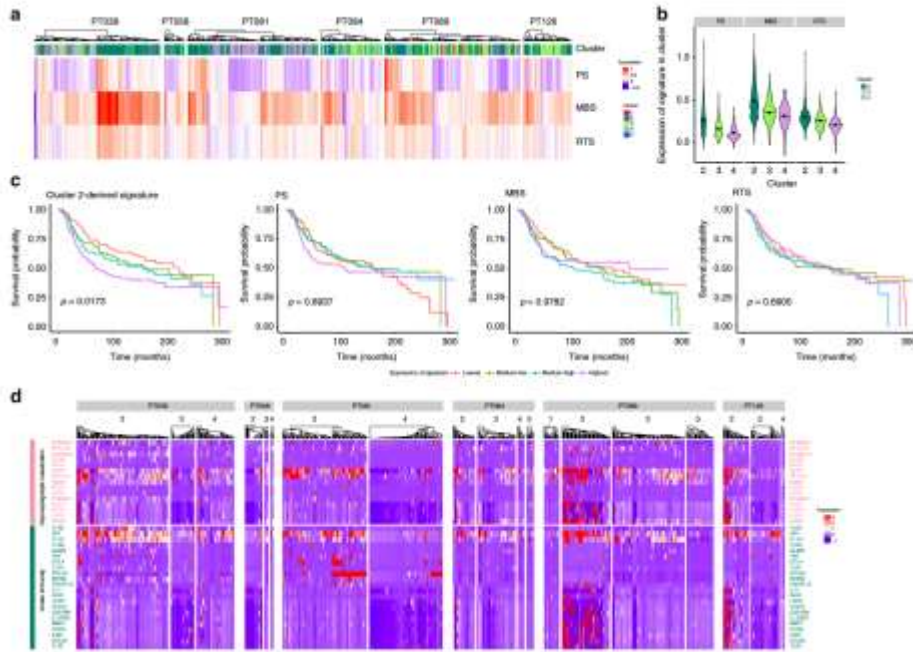
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## Take home results

- Epcam+ to Epcam - yielded higher stemness
- CD106, CD51 and CD61+ define EMT transition states
- Triple positive (TP) preferential yields TPs
- Intermediate states show greater plasticity
- Higher EMT states more invasive

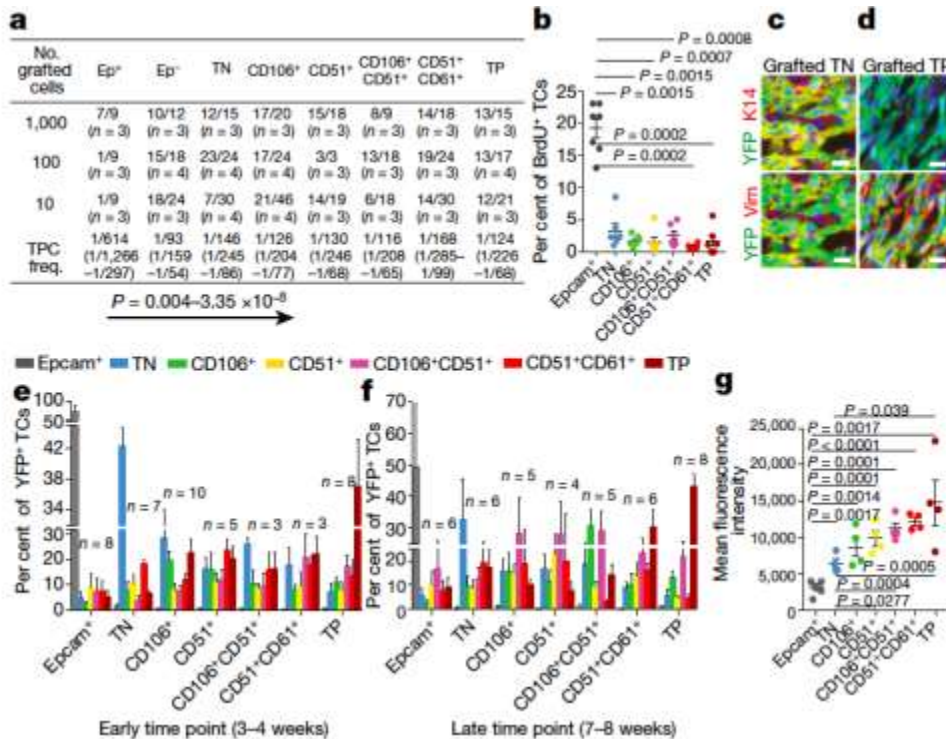
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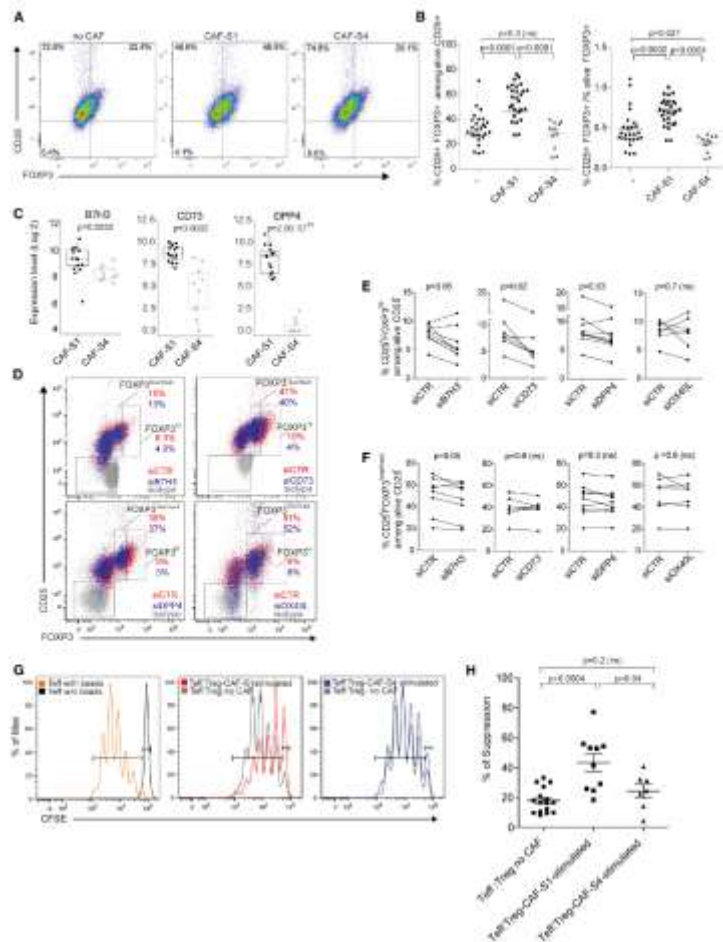
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## Take home results

- Expression of CD29, FAP, alpha-SMA, PDGFR-beta, FSP1 and CAVI identified four Cancer Associated Fibroblast (CAF) subsets (CAF-S1-S4)
- CAF subsets show different distribution across breast cancer subtypes
- CAF-S1 is associated with immunosuppression
- CAF-S1 enriched TNBC had increased recruitment of T cells, survival of CD4+CD25+ T cells that differentiate into FOXP3+ T cells and reduced CD8+ T cells
- CAF-S1 enhance the ability of Tregs to inhibit effector T cell proliferation

A. Costa *et al*, Cancer Cell 2018

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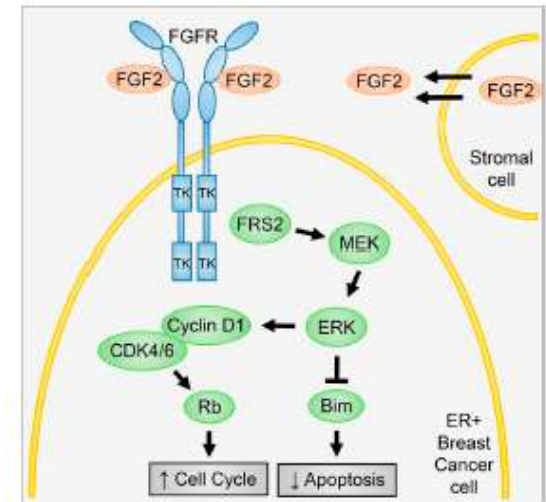
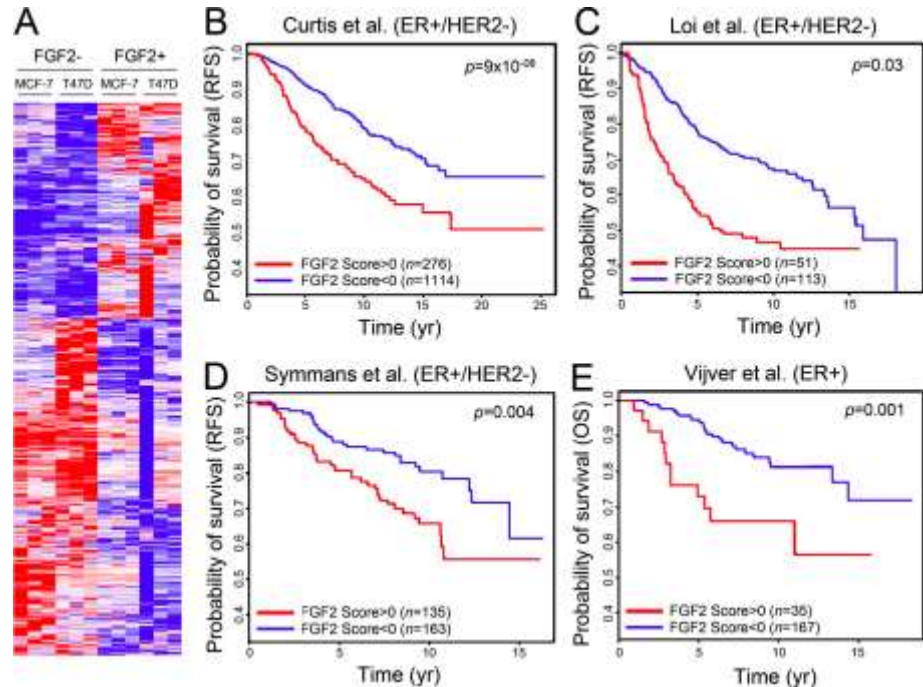


Figure 7. Model of microenvironmental FGF2-mediated resistance in ER+ breast cancer.

K. Shee *et al*, JEM 2018

## Take home results

- Screening of a library of secreted proteins in tumor microenviroment.
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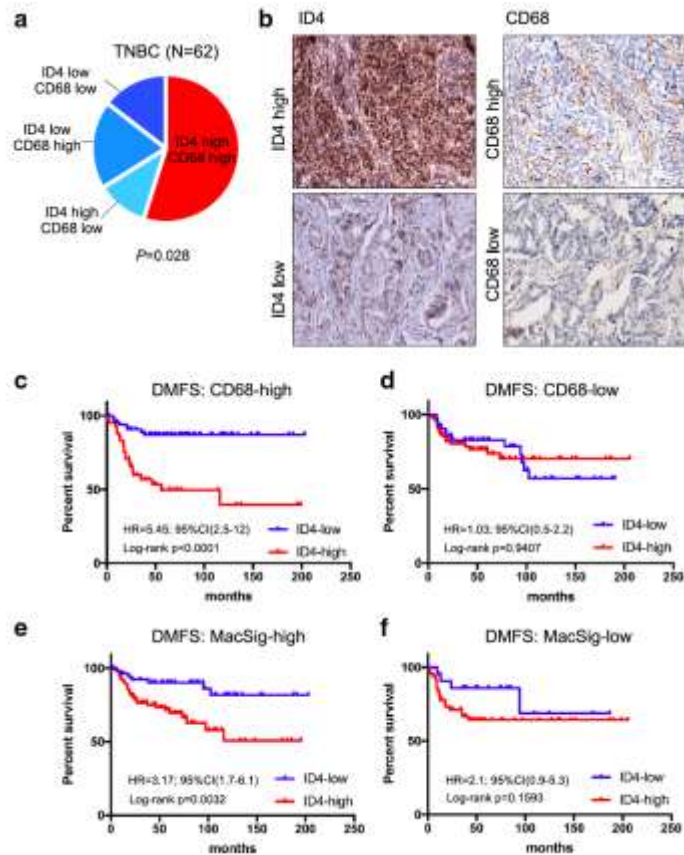
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## Take home results

- ID4 expression in TBC cells correlates with macrophage recruitment and predicts poor survival in tumors highly infiltrated by macrophages
- TAMs express pro-angiogenic genes and downregulate anti-angiogenic miRNAs in response to ID4 expression in BC cells and this interaction is mediated by secreted VEGFA.

S. Donzelli *et al*, BCR 2018

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# Food for Thought

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- It's importante to integrate the lesson learned from patients and preclinical model to better predict the evolutionary trajectory of cancer evolution to allow to design more effective anticancer therapy

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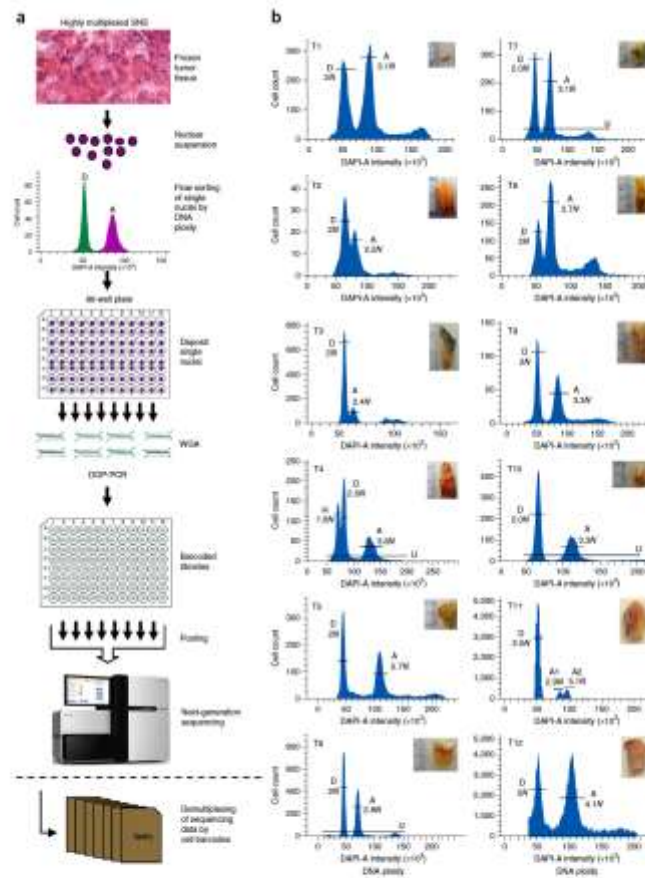
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**Figure 1** Highly multiplexed single-nucleus sequencing of patients with TNBC. (a) The highly multiplexed single-nucleus sequencing (HM-SNS) method. Tumor tissues are dissociated into nuclear suspensions and stained with DAPI for flow sorting by DNA ploidy. Single nuclei are deposited into 96-well plates and subjected to whole-genome amplification (WGA) by DOP-PCR. Single-cell libraries are barcoded with unique 8-tp identifiers, and 48–96 libraries are pooled for sparse next-generation sequencing. Sequence reads are demultiplexed using cell barcodes after sequencing is completed for copy number profile calculations. (b) FACS plots of DAPI intensity showing the ploidy distribution for each patient with TNBC. Single cells were sorted from different ploidy groups that were gated as diploid (D), hypodiploid (H), aneuploid (A) or universal (U).

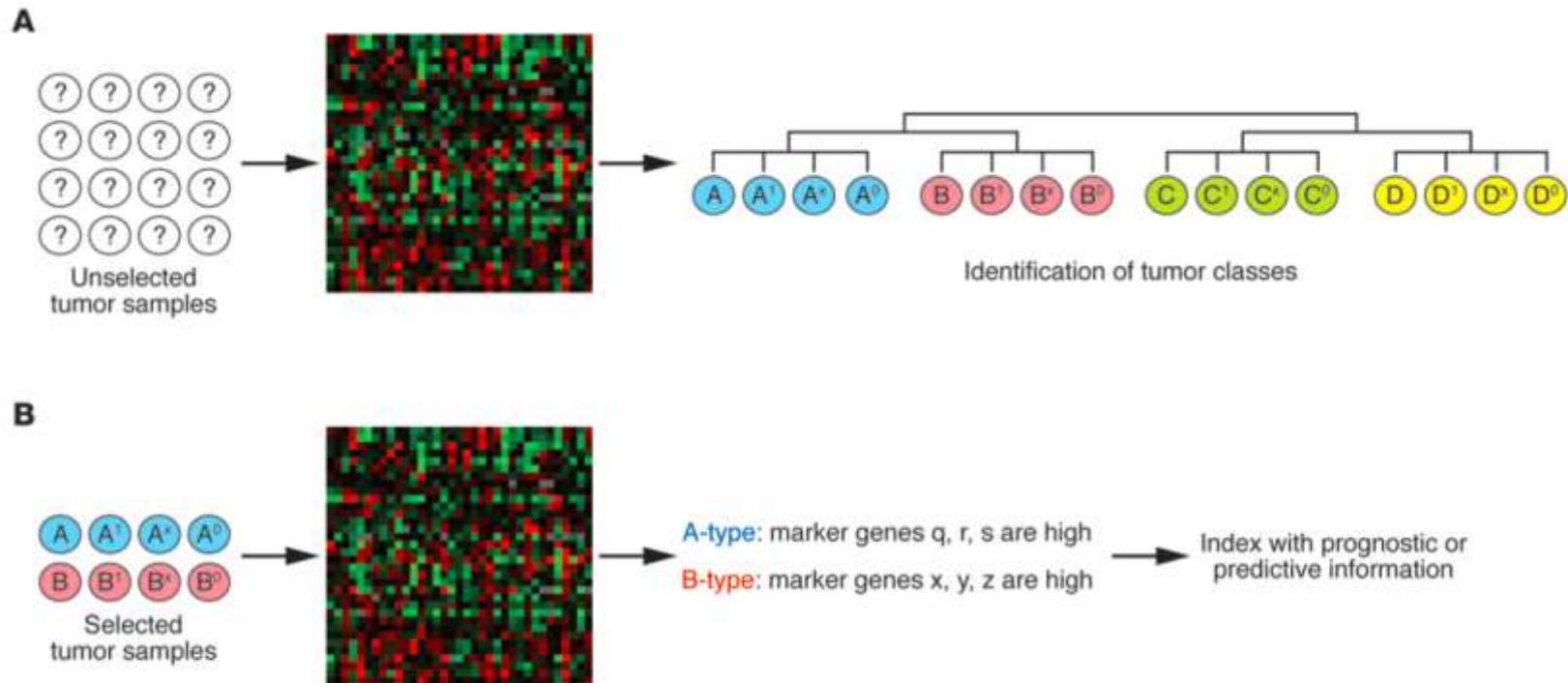
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**Figure 1**

Different study designs for array-based gene expression studies. **(A)** Studies aimed at identifying different subgroups investigate a mixed population of patients to group tumors with similar alterations together, and markers that recognize each type can then be identified. **(B)** This in contrast to studies that search for markers for prediction of therapy response or outcome; here, selected groups of patients are analyzed to identify the most discriminating alterations.

H. G. Russnes *et al.*, JCI 2011

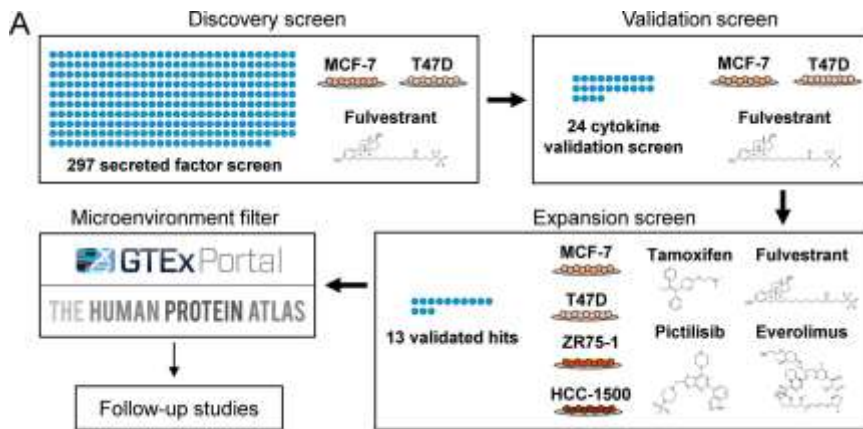
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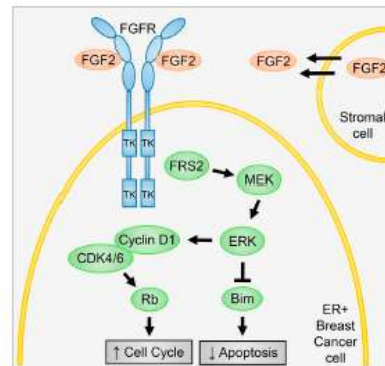
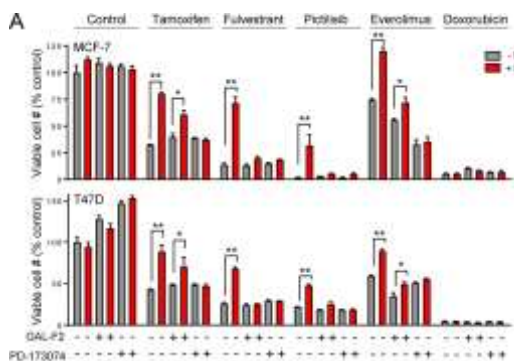
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Therapeutically targeting tumor microenvironment-mediated drug resistance in estrogen receptor-positive breast cancer

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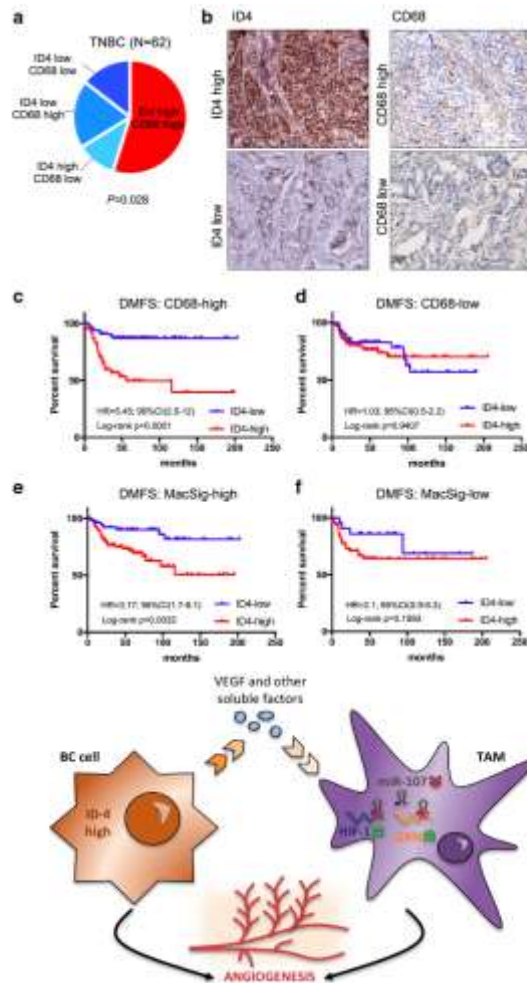
K. Shee *et al*, JEM 2018

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## Expression of ID4 protein in breast cancer cells induces reprogramming of tumour-associated macrophages

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## Take home results

- ID4 expression in TBC cells correlates with macrophage recruitment and predicts poor survival in tumors highly infiltrated by macrophages
- TAMs express pro-angiogenic genes and downregulate anti-angiogenic miRNAs in response to ID4 expression in BC cells and this interaction is mediated by secreted VEGFA.

S. Donzelli *et al*, BCR 2018

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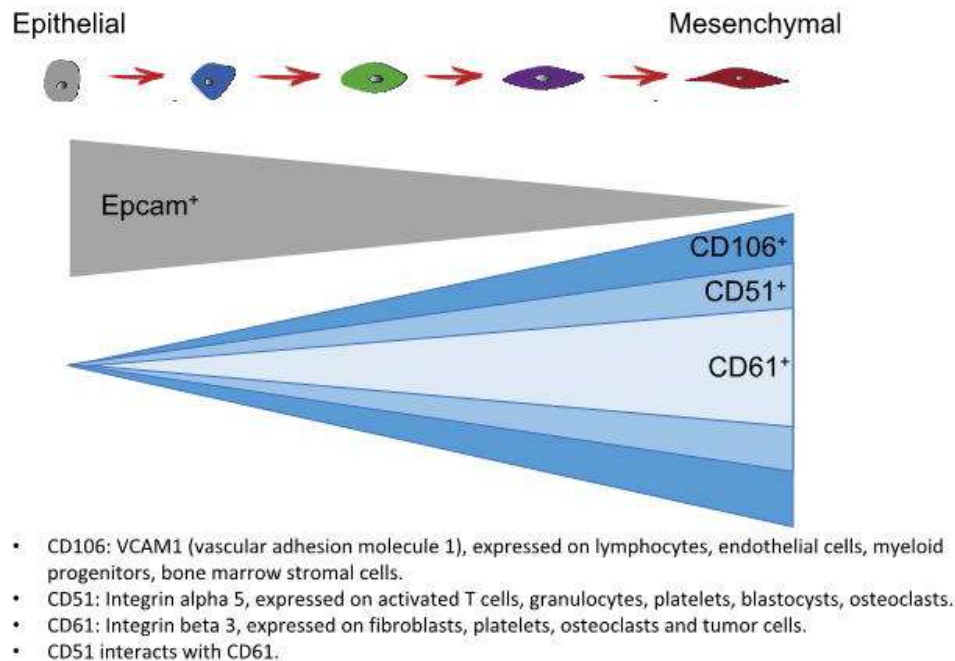
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### Identification of the tumour transition states occurring during EMT

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### Take home results

- Epcam<sup>+</sup> to Epcam<sup>-</sup> – yielded higher stemness
- CD106, CD51 and CD61<sup>+</sup> define EMT transition states
- Triple positive (TP) preferential yields TPs
- Intermediate states show greater plasticity
- Higher EMT states more invasive

I. Pastushenko *et al*, Nature 2018

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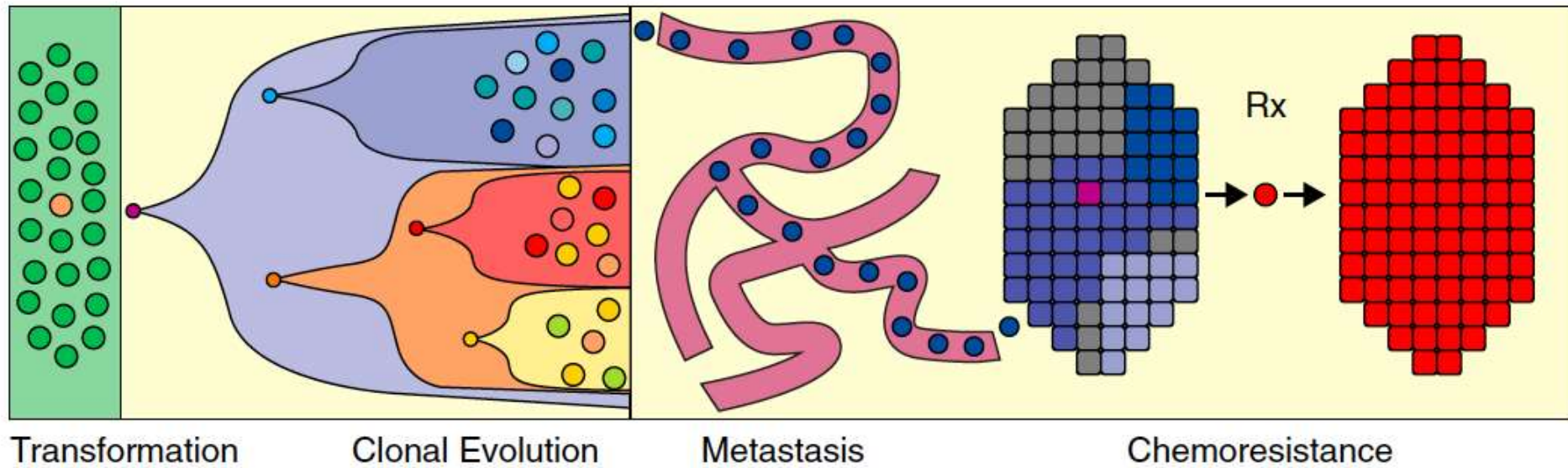
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# Heterogeneity: Background

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N. E. Navil, Genome Biology 2014

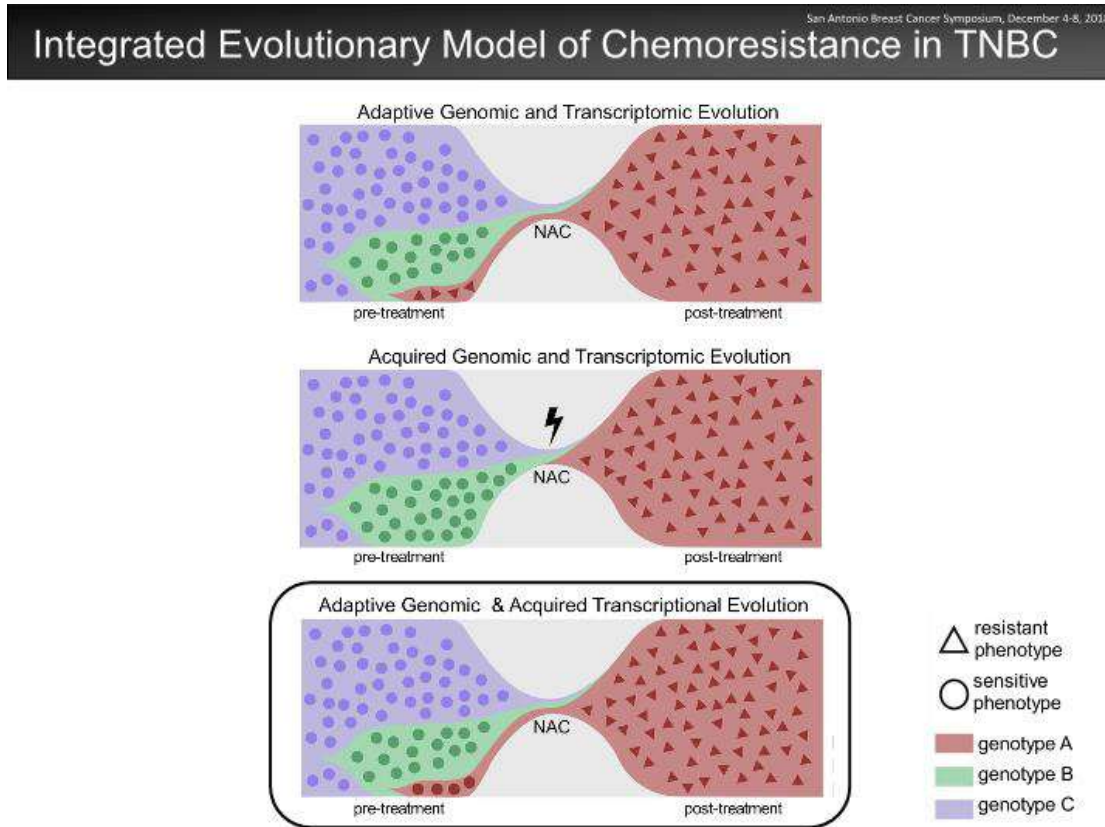
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A. K. Casasent *et al*, Cell 2018

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## Clinical Implications

- Diagnostic modalities can potentially be developed to detect copy number aberrations associated with chemoresistance that are pre-existing in TNBC patients prior to treatment to determine which patients will benefit most from NAC
- Therapeutic opportunities include targeting pathways such as *AKT1* signaling, ECM degradation, EMT, *CDH1* targets, hypoxia, angiogenesis to overcome chemoresistance in TNBC patients.
- However study was limited to a detailed analysis of only **4 TNBC patients** that developed chemoresistance, and larger studies are needed to confirm initial results and determine generalizability of findings.
- Several patients (N=3) with pCR had residual mutations detected suggesting that single cell DNA or deep-exome sequencing may provide more sensitive methods for detecting residual disease

: *et al*, Cell 2018

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