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# Genomics in Pediatric Sarcoma Treatment

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# Outline

- Precision Oncology
- **Genomics** vs Epigenomics
- **Genomic Profile** vs Genetic Profile
- Integrated Genomics/ICS/IGS
- **Somatic** vs Germline
- **STS vs Bone Sarcoma**
- **Pediatrics** vs Adult
- **Treatment** vs Diagnosis & Prognosis
- Guidelines

# Precision Oncology

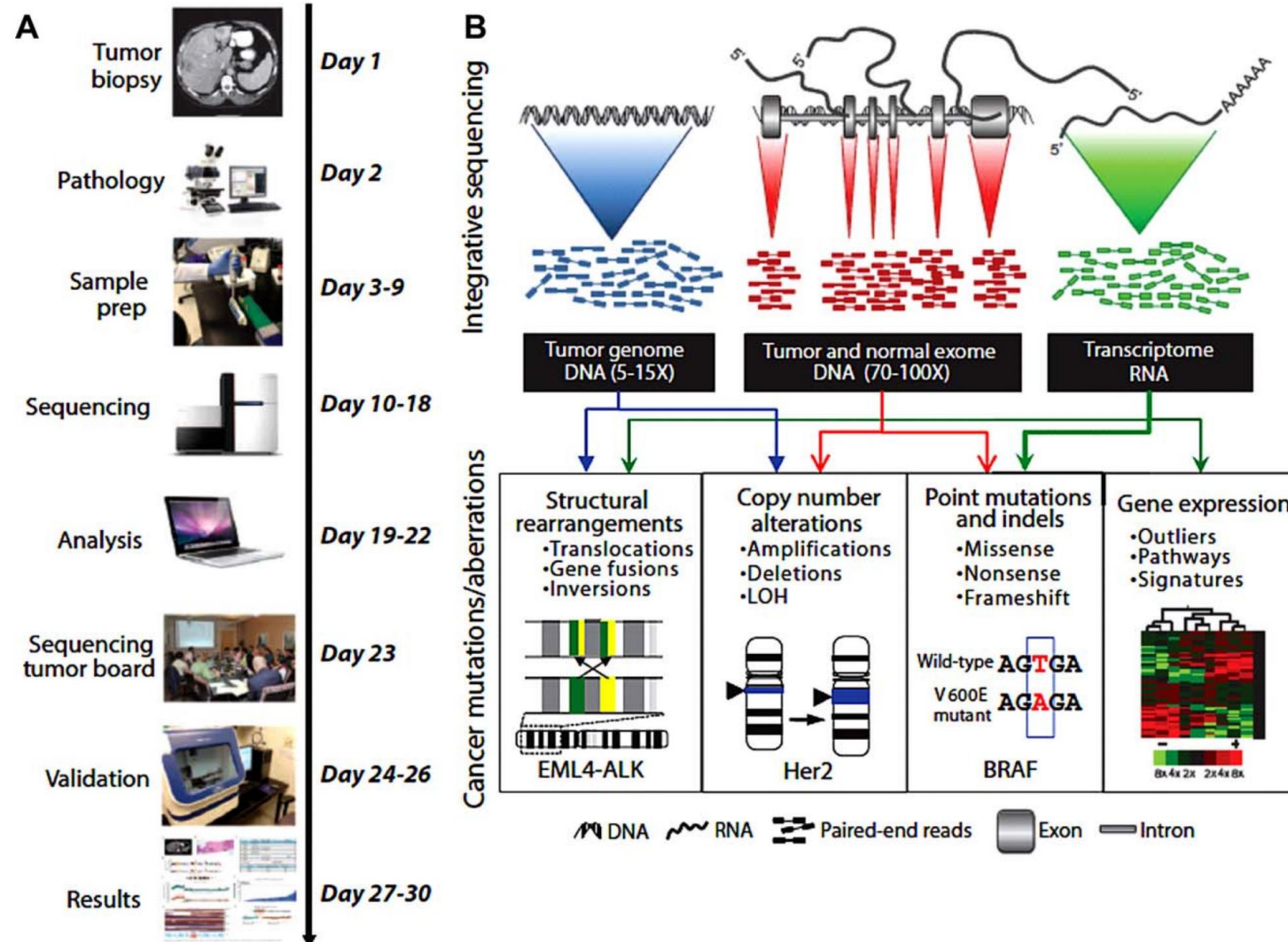
- The aim: identify actionable gene alterations, enabling personalized precision medicine for cancer patients.
- Omics
- Integrated Genomics / IGS/ ICS:
  - WGS
  - WES/ Targeted NGS Panels
  - RNASeq

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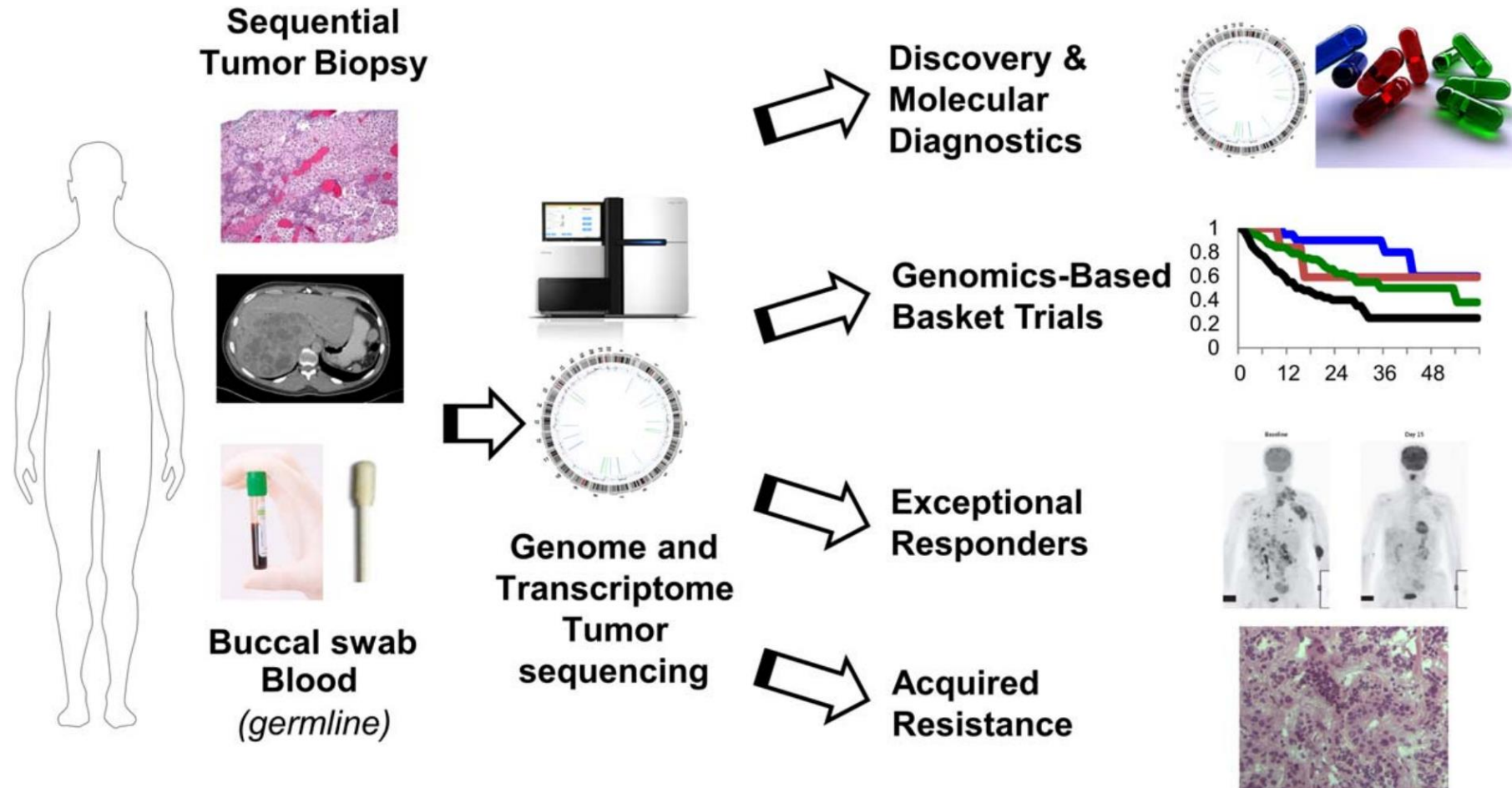
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# Tumor-site agnostic: Mutation-based & Pathway-based Basket Pan-Cancer Approach

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**TABLE 1. Commercial Targeted DNA Pan-Cancer Next-Generation Sequencing Assays**

VENDOR	ASSAY NAME	NO. OF GENES	RESULTS	ESTIMATED TURNAROUND TIME
Foundation Medicine (Cambridge, MA)	Foundation One	315	SNVs, CNVs, fusions	12-14 days
University of Washington (Seattle, WA)	UW-Oncoplex	234	SNVs, CNVs, fusions	6 weeks
Paradigm (Ann Arbor, MI)	PCDx	114	SNVs, CNVs, fusions	4-5 days
Genomics and Pathology Services, Washington University School of Medicine (St. Louis, MO)	Solid Tumor Gene Set	48	Hot-spot mutations, 6 fusions	3 weeks
ARUP Laboratories (Salt Lake City, UT)	Solid Tumor Mutation Panel	48	Hot-spot mutations	14 days
Caris Life Sciences (Irving, TX)	MI Profile	46	Hot-spot mutations	14 days
Knight Diagnostic Laboratories (Portland, OR)	GeneTrails Solid Tumor Panel	37	Hot-spot mutations	10-14 days

CNVs indicates copy number variations; SNVs, single nucleotide variations or point mutations. Gene content is subject to change with additional content added over time.

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# Clinical impact of large genomic explorations at diagnosis in 198 pediatric solid tumors: a monocentric study aiming practical feasibility of precision oncology

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# Methods (Simon, J. et al. 2024)

- A total of 280 patients less than 22 years, referred at the University Hospitals of **Strasbourg** for a newly diagnosed solid tumor from January 2015 to December 2021.
- Using 7 different molecular tests going from
  - single-gene methods (IHC, FISH, RT-PCR, Sanger sequencing, droplet digital PCR)
  - largescale analyses (Next-Generation sequencing, RNAsequencing and **FoundationOne®CDx**)



# Results (Simon, J. et al. 2024)

## Other tumors (n=48)

- Germ line tumors (n=21)
- Carcinomas (n=8)
- Neuroendocrine tumors (n=7)
- MPNST tumors (n=6)
- Extracranial rhabdoid tumors (n=2)
- Melanoma (n=1)

## Malignant blastomas (n=76)

- Neuroblastomas/GN (n=40)
- Nephroblastomas (n=17)
- Retinoblastomas (n=10)
- Hepatoblastomas (n=9)

## CNS tumors (n=86)

### - Glial tumors (n=53):

*Ependymomas* (n=6)

*Low grade (I/II):*

\*Pilocytic astrocytomas (n=19)

\*Gangliogliomas (n=14)

*High grade (III/IV):*

\*Anaplastic astrocytomas (n=4)

\*High-grade gliomas (n=6)

\*DIPG (n=4)

### - Embryonal tumors (n=21):

- Medulloblastomas (n=16)

- ATRT (n=5)

### - Other tumors (n=12)

## Sarcomas (n=74)

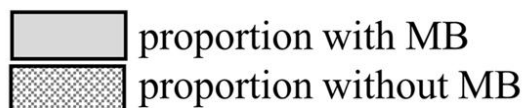
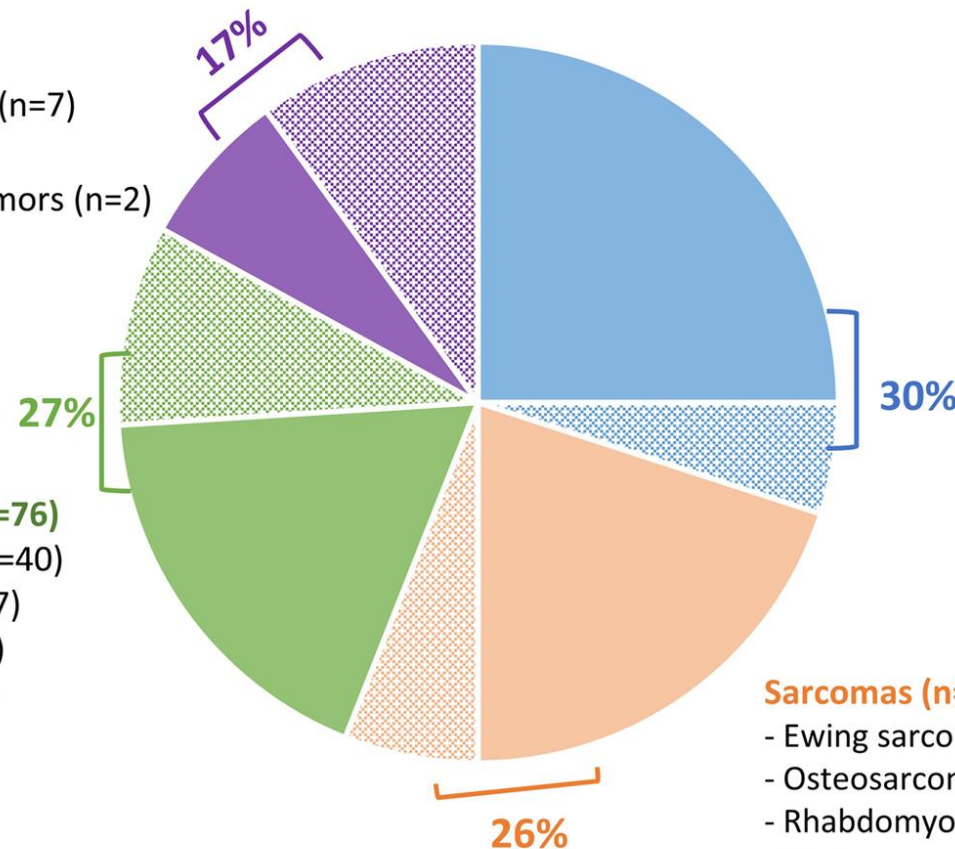
- Ewing sarcomas (n=22)

- Osteosarcomas (n=21)

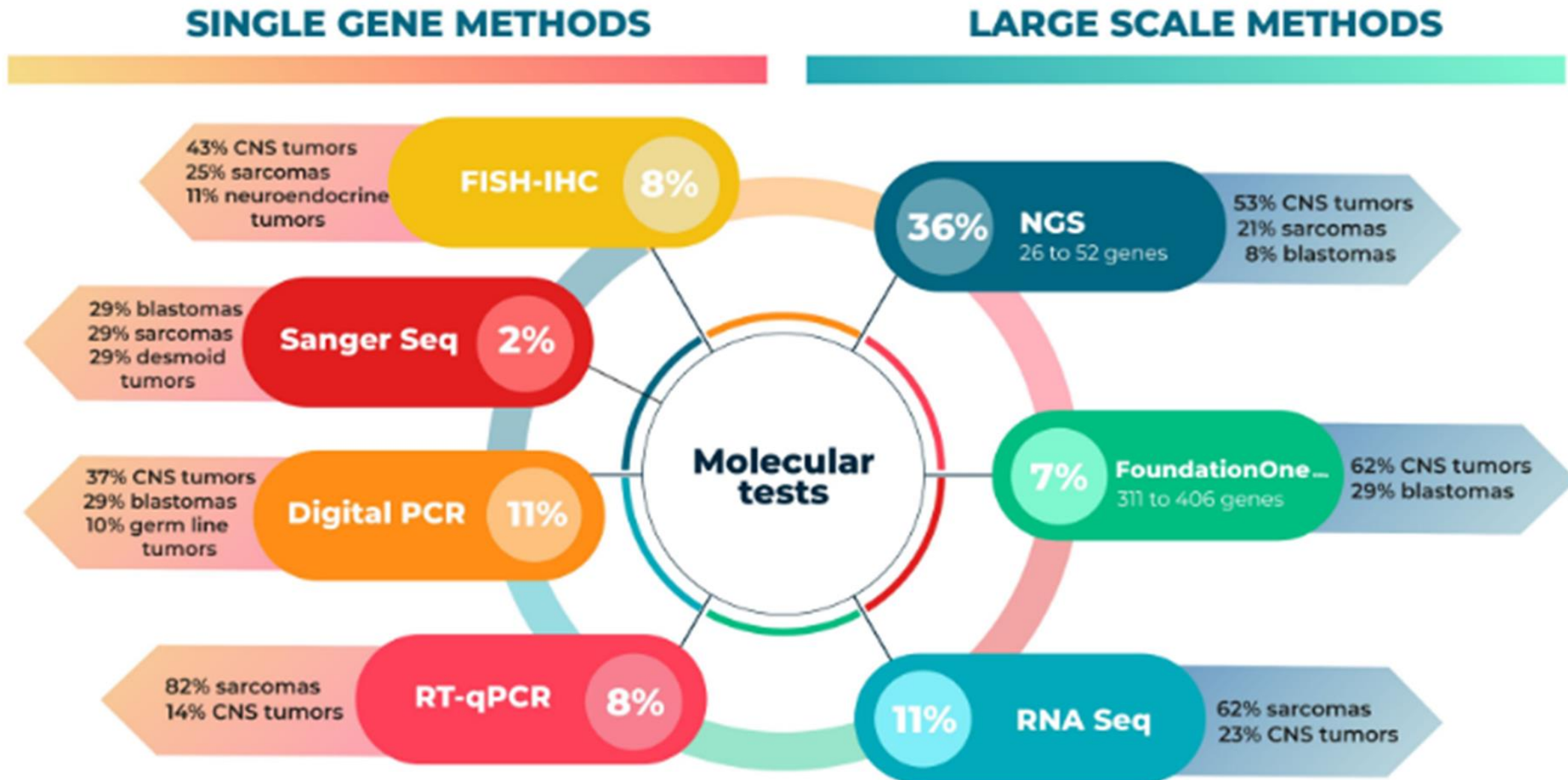
- Rhabdomyosarcomas (n=15)

- Various sarcomas (n=10)

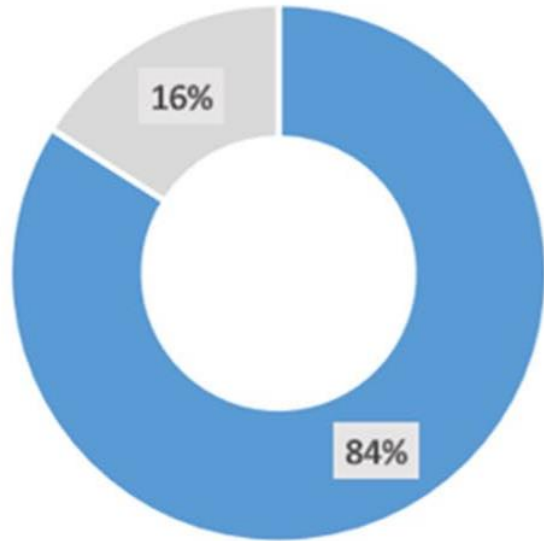
- Desmoid/desmoplastic tumors (n=6)



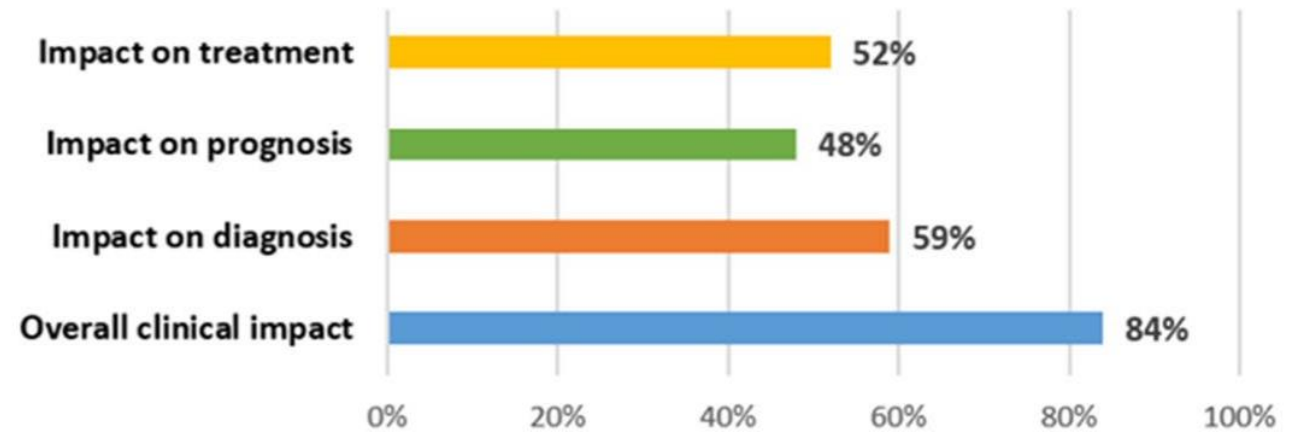
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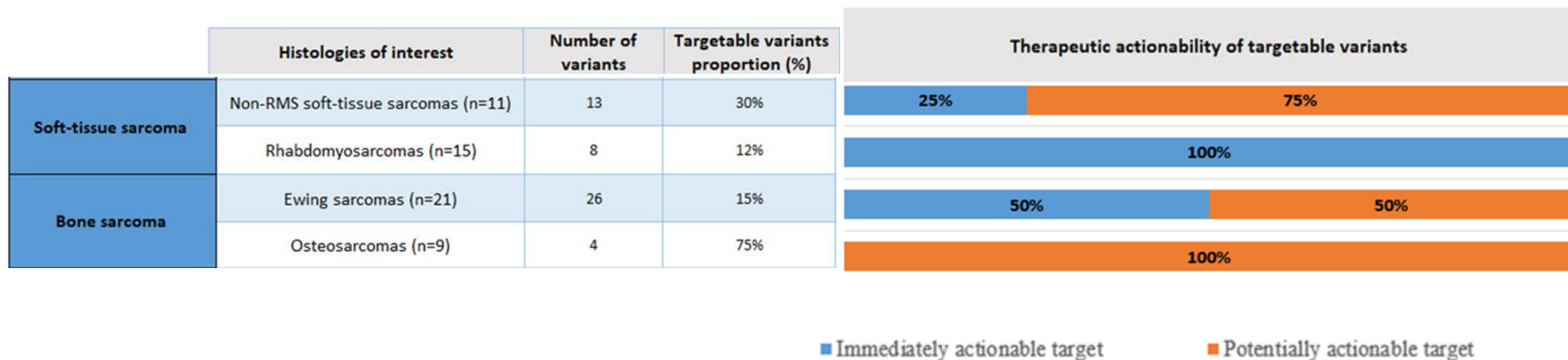
# Results (Simon, J. et al. 2024)



- Overall clinical impact
- No clinical impact



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- Individual test performance, illustrated by at least one observed variant, reached 90% for FoundationOne®CDx (19/21 tests), 76% for RNAseq (29/38), and 56% for NGS (68/121).
  - As expected, **broad-spectrum analyses showed a better ability to detect alterations** than the targeted tests (74% *versus* 58% of positivity)
- By detailing performances,
  - RNAseq had a better **diagnostic performance**,
  - FoundationOne®CDx a better **prognostic performance**, and
  - **therapeutic actionability** was similar for NGS and FoundationOne®CDx testing (around 65%)







# Discussion (Simon, J. et al. 2024)

- **Sarcomas**, were benefiting from almost all techniques depending on the study time and the mutations/fusions' discovery
- The poor genomic results in **osteosarcomas** suggest the potential necessity of specific panels by histology or the use of systematic **broader sequencing technique** in all patients (exome and RNAseq) or using dedicated **epigenetic** approaches in sarcomas to pick up the specific targets
- **Conclusion**
  - **Clinical utility** of molecular profiling of solid tumors as soon as **at diagnosis in children**
    - to expect improving access to innovative agents at relapse.



## Article

# Clinical Value of NGS Genomic Studies for Clinical Management of Pediatric and Young Adult Bone Sarcomas

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Clinical characteristics of 53 patients with sarcoma.

Characteristic	Number (%)
Median age at diagnosis (range)	11.8 (0–30.8)
<b>Gender</b>	
Male	30 (56.6)
Female	23 (43.4)
<b>Ethnic origin</b>	
European	47 (88.6)
Latin	3 (5.7)
African	3 (5.7)
<b>Classification of the sarcoma</b>	
Osteosarcoma	25 (47.2)
Ewing's sarcoma	16 (30.2)
Other	12 (22.6)

## 2.3. NGS Library Preparation and Sequencing

Tumor profiling to detect sequence alterations and abnormal gene fusions was undertaken using the OncoPrint™ Childhood Cancer Research Assay (Thermo Fisher, A36486) according to the manufacturer's protocol. This tool analyzes the mutational state of 200 genes, including 82 mutation hotspots, 24 CNV targets, 44 genes with full exome coverage (specifically tumor suppressor genes), and an RNA panel for 97 genes (with >1700 fusion isoform variants).

DNA and RNA libraries were generated using Ion AmpliSeq Library Preparation on the Ion Chef System (Thermo Fisher). Complementary DNA (cDNA) synthesis prior to library preparation for the RNA panel was carried out using SuperScript™ VILO™ Reverse Transcriptase (Thermo Fisher). Sequencing was performed using the 540 chips on the Ion Torrent S5 (Thermo Fisher).

# Results (Gutiérrez-Jimeno M, et al 2021)

- In 44 (83%) of the 53 patients, at least one genetic alteration was identified.
- In 80% of these patients, the diagnosis was obtained ( $n = 11$ ) or **changed** ( $n = 9$ ), and thus genomic data affected therapy.
- The most frequent initial **misdiagnosis** was Ewing's sarcoma, instead of myxoid liposarcoma (*FUS-DDIT3*), rhabdoid soft tissue tumor (*SMARCB1*), or angiomatoid fibrous histiocyoma (*EWSR1-CREB1*).
- Two patients had a genetic alteration with an FDA-approved targeted therapy, and 30% had at least one potentially actionable alteration.
- NGS-based genomic studies are **useful and feasible** in diagnosis and clinical management of pediatric sarcomas.



**Table 2.** Potentially actionable alterations identified by OncoKB in 53 sarcomas.

Gene	Type of Alteration	N Cases	OncoKB Level	Drugs
<b><i>NF1</i></b>	<b>Truncating mutation</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Selumetinib</b>
<b><i>ETV6-NTRK3</i></b>	<b>Fusion</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Larotrectinib</b>
<b><i>CDK4</i></b>	<b>Amplification</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Level 2B</b>	<b>Palbociclib, abemaciclib</b>
<i>KIT</i>	Amplification	5	Level 3B	Imatinib, sunitinib, regorafenib, ripetrinib
<i>PDGFRA</i>	Amplification	4	Level 3B	Imatinib, sunitinib
<i>BRAF</i>	Fusion	3	Level 3B	Cobimetinib, trametinib
<i>IDH1</i>	Mutation missense	1	Level 3B	Ivosidenib
<i>MET</i>	Amplification	1	Level 3B	Cabozantinib, crizotinib
<i>FLI1</i>	Fusion	14	Level 4	TK216
<i>PTEN</i>	Deletion/Truncating mutation	5	Level 4	AZD8186, GSK2636771
<i>CDKN2A</i>	Deletion/Truncating mutation	4	Level 4	Abemaciclib, ribociclib, palbociclib
<i>FGFR1/FGFR3</i>	Amplification	4	Level 4	AZD4547, erdafitinib, BGJ398, Debio1347
<i>SMARCB1</i>	Fusion/Truncating mutation	2	Level 4	Tazemetostat

The first 3 bolded rows highlight the only three cases with direct treatment indication according to evidence level <3.

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

# The role of whole-genome sequencing for guiding systemic therapy in patients with soft tissue sarcoma

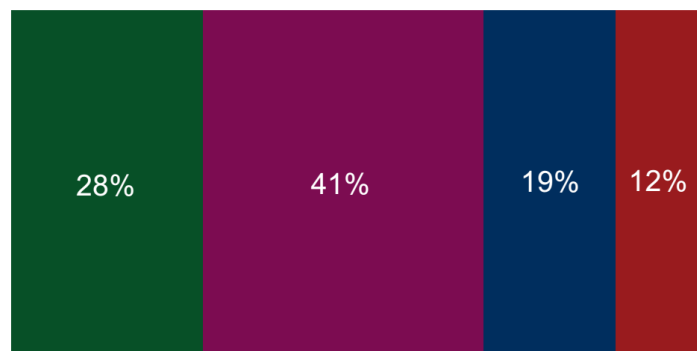
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**Table 1.** Baseline characteristics of patients with soft tissue sarcoma for which whole-genome sequencing was carried out

Patient characteristics	All patients (n = 161)	
	n	%
Median age at diagnosis, years (IQR)	56 (46-65)	
Sex		
Male	84	52
Female	77	48
FNCLCC grade		
1	12	7
2	54	34
3	48	30
Not available or applicable	47	29
Histological tumor type		
Leiomyosarcoma	36	22
UPS/sarcoma NOS	28	17
Dedifferentiated liposarcoma	22	14
Other	75	47
Disease stage at WGS		
Localized	34	21
Locally advanced	22	14
Metastatic	105	65



- At first diagnosis
- At recurrence or metastases
- After first line of palliative systemic therapy
- After second or more lines of palliative systemic therapy






- At least one actionable target was found by WGS in 74 (46%) of patients.
- Actionable targets were more frequently seen for complex genome sarcomas compared with simple genome sarcomas (50% versus 28%).
- 23 patients (14%) received matched experimental therapy based on their WGS results.
  - Non-availability of WGS directed treatment or lack of clinical necessity for systemic therapy (n= 17) and rapid disease progression causing poor performance score (n= 10) were the main reasons to not start WGS-informed therapy
  - Improving the timing of the WGS request and a more appropriate patient selection upfront could increase this relatively low percentage.
- Complex genome sarcomas seem to be the STS group for which WGS is most likely to add value by opening the way to tumor-agnostic therapies.

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Genetics and Genomics

# Introduction and impact of routine whole genome sequencing in the diagnosis and management of sarcoma

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**Methods:** Introduction of WGS as a diagnostic standard for all eligible patients with known or suspected soft tissue sarcoma over a 2-year period at a soft tissue sarcoma treatment centre.

Inclusion criteria were: any **patient 16 years of age or over** with either a known or suspected sarcoma of either bone, soft tissue or visceral organ site.

- **Results:** WGS resulted in a refinement in the diagnosis in 37% of cases, identification of a target for personalised therapy in 33% of cases, and a germline alteration in 4% of cases.
- **Conclusion:** Introduction of WGS poses logistical and training challenges, but offers significant benefits to this group of patients.
  - However WGS does have **some limitations, and additional genome-wide assays** can supplement WGS and provide a more complete molecular portrait of sarcomas.
  - These include
    - **long-read sequencing** (to assess long-range or poorly mapped SVs and also provide insight into the phase of alterations),
    - **methyloome sequencing** (to assess gene silencing as a second hit on tumour suppressor genes and utilise methylation signature diagnostic classifiers) and
    - **transcriptomics** (to assess the RNA consequences of complex DNA rearrangements).

**Table 1.** WGS refined diagnoses

Case	Pre-WGS diagnosis	Selected key diagnostic drivers	Post-WGS integrated diagnosis
1	Recurrent Wilm's tumour vs undifferentiated sarcoma (radiation-related)	HomDels of <i>ATRX</i> , <i>RAD51</i> Absence of typical WT drivers [41]	Undifferentiated sarcoma
4	Favour dedifferentiated gastrointestinal stromal tumour (GIST) (DOG1+)	4q Amplification ( <i>KIT/NRAS/PDGfra</i> ) and <i>MDM2</i> amplification Absence of typical GIST drivers [42]	Favour undifferentiated sarcoma
5	Leiomyosarcoma	Amplification of <i>MDM2/CDK4</i> and <i>JUN</i> [43]	Dedifferentiated liposarcoma
7	Cellular schwannoma vs malignant peripheral nerve sheath tumour (MPNST)	<i>SOX10</i> Indel [44] Absence of typical MPNST/eMPNST drivers [45, 46]	Cellular schwannoma
9	Malignant meningioma	<i>YAP1::KMT2A</i> fusion [47]	KMT2A-rearranged sarcoma
11	Recurrent metaplastic breast carcinoma vs undifferentiated sarcoma	4q Amplification ( <i>KIT/NRAS/PDGfra</i> ) [25] + novel <i>TP53</i> mutation Absence of <i>TP53</i> mutation found in previous primary or other small drivers common in breast carcinoma	Undifferentiated sarcoma
14	Low-grade mesenchymal soft tissue neoplasm, favouring plexiform fibromyxoma	<i>ACTB::GLI1</i> fusion [48, 49]	GLI1-altered soft-tissue tumour
16	Poorly differentiated carcinoma of unknown primary vs undifferentiated sarcoma	Truncating <i>NF2</i> mutation + haploidisation [12]	Peritoneal mesothelioma
17	High-grade bone sarcoma with suspected <i>BCOR</i> alteration (by IHC)	<i>TP53</i> exon 1 truncating mutation [13] + amplifications in 4q/ <i>MYOCD/RICTOR/COPS3</i> [50] Wild-type <i>BCOR</i> locus	Osteosarcoma
18	Metastatic sex cord-stromal tumour vs endometrial stromal sarcoma	<i>JAZF1::SUZ12</i>	Low-grade endometrial stromal sarcoma
24	Hamartomatous vascular malformation	<i>PIK3CA</i> mutation [51]	PIK3CA mutated vascular neoplasm

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# Clinical genomic profiling in the management of patients with soft tissue and bone sarcoma

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- Patients' median age was 53 years (range <1–89 years) and 53.4% were female. **Pediatric, adolescent, and young adult (P-AYA) patients, defined as age  $\leq 30$  years,** constituted 21.8% (1636/7494) of the cohort.
- Tumor tissue (without normal tissue) was profiled by massively parallel, next-generation sequencing (NGS) of 465 genes, select introns of 31 genes involved in rearrangements, and RNA sequencing (cDNA) of 333 commonly rearranged genes to better identify de novo and rare gene fusions using the FoundationOne HEME<sup>TM</sup> platform

- Through targeted panel sequencing of 7494 sarcomas representing 44 histologies, we identify highly recurrent and type-specific alterations that aid in diagnosis and treatment decisions.
- Sequencing could lead to **refinement or reassignment of 10.5% of diagnoses**.
- Nearly one-third of patients (31.7%) harbor potentially actionable alterations, including a significant proportion (2.6%) with kinase gene rearrangements; 3.9% have a tumor mutational burden  $\geq 10$  mut/Mb.
- In a clinically annotated subset of 118 patients, we validate actionable genetic events as therapeutic targets.
- Collectively, our findings reveal the genetic landscape of human sarcomas, which may inform **future development of therapeutics** and improve clinical outcomes for patients with these rare cancers.
- Genomic sequencing may allow **avoidance of harmful or non-beneficial therapies**



# Soft Tissue Sarcoma

## Genetic predisposition in sarcomas: clinical implications and management

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## Genetic tests and genetic syndromes

Certain genetic syndromes increase the risk of developing soft tissue sarcoma. Changes in different genes (called mutations) cause each of these genetic syndromes.

You inherit your genes from your parents. In hereditary or genetic syndromes, your siblings, your parents' siblings, and your grandparents often have the same mutation.

Testing for gene mutations that cause these syndromes may help treat soft tissue sarcoma and monitor you or your family members for cancers.

Share what you know about your personal health and family history with your care team. If your health care provider thinks you may have a genetic syndrome that is causing your cancer, you may benefit from genetic testing.

Testing should be carried out by a pathologist who's experienced in genetic testing techniques. A genetic counselor may speak with you about the results. A genetic counselor is an expert who has special training in genetic diseases.

Syndrome/condition	Gene	Disease inheritance	Sarcomas
Li-Fraumeni	TP53	AD	Bone and soft tissue sarcomas - osteosarcoma most frequently associated.
Retinoblastoma	RB1	AD	Bone and soft tissue sarcomas - LMS most frequently associated.
Familial adenomatous polyposis (FAP)	APC	AD/sporadic	Desmoid tumours
Neurofibromatosis type1 (a 'RASopathy')	NF1	AD	MPNST RMS GIST
GIST: Carney Stratakis	SDHA, SDHB, SDHC, SDHD	AD	GIST (multifocal)
GIST predisposition	KIT	AD	GIST (multifocal)
GIST predisposition	PDGFRA	AD	GIST (multifocal)
Tuberous sclerosis	TSC1, TSC2	AD	PEComa Chordoma
POT1 tumour predisposition	POT1	AD	Angiosarcoma Other bone and soft tissue sarcomas reported
Paget disease of bone	TNFRSF11A, TNFRSF11B, SQSTM1, PDB4, ZNF687	AD/unclear	Osteosarcoma Chondrosarcoma Fibrosarcoma
Mazabraud	GNAS1	Sporadic	Bone sarcomas including osteosarcoma, chondrosarcoma

McCune Albright	GNAS1	Sporadic	Osteosarcoma
Werner	RECQL2	AR	Osteosarcoma
Bloom	RECQL3	AR	Osteosarcoma RMS
Rothmund-Thomson and RAPADILINO	RECQL4	AR	Osteosarcoma
Multiple hereditary exostoses (multiple osteochondromas)	EXT1, EXT2	AD	Chondrosarcoma
Endochondromatosis: Maffucci	IDH1, IDH2	Embryonic mosaicism	Chondrosarcoma Osteosarcoma Fibrosarcoma Vascular sarcomas
Endochondromatosis: Ollier disease	IDH1, IDH2	Embryonic mosaicism	Chondrosarcoma
Beckwith-Wiedemann	(epi)genetic 11p15 alteration	Embryonic mosaicism/AD	RMS
Constitutional mismatch repair	PMS2, MLH1, MSH2, MSH6	AR	RMS
Basal cell nevus (Gorlin-Goltz)	PTCH1, PTCH2, SUFU	AD	RMS LMS
Nijmegen breakage	NBN	AR	RMS
DICER1	DICER1	AD	RMS Gynaecological adenosarcoma
Costello (a 'RASopathy')	HRAS	AD	RMS

Syndrome/condition	Gene	Disease inheritance	Sarcomas
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→ Noonan (a 'RASopathy')	Multiple genes including <i>PTPN11</i> (50%), <i>SOS1</i> , <i>CREBBP</i> , <i>RAF</i> , <i>RIT1</i> , <i>KRAS</i> and others	AD	RMS Angiosarcoma
Multilineage mosaic RASopathies	<i>HRAS</i> , <i>KRAS</i>	Embryonic mosaicism	RMS (urogenital)
Mosaic variegated aneuploidy	<i>BUB1B</i> , <i>CEP57</i> , <i>TRIP13</i>	AR	RMS
Familial rhabdoid predisposition	<i>SMARCB1/INI1</i>	AD	Malignant rhabdoid tumour
Hereditary leiomyomatosis and renal cell cancer	<i>FH</i>	AD	LMS (Uterine)
BRCA related cancer predisposition	<i>BRCA1</i> , <i>BRCA2</i>	AD	To be defined - bone and soft tissue sarcomas
Lynch	<i>MLH1</i> , <i>MSH2</i> , <i>MSH6</i> , <i>PMS2</i> , <i>EPCAM</i>	AD	Bone and soft tissue sarcomas - pleomorphic soft tissue sarcomas most frequent

- Recent studies indicate up to **20% of sarcomas may be associated with predisposition genes**, and this number will probably increase as genetic testing becomes more available.
- Evidence on the management of patients with sarcoma and genetic predisposition remains, however, scarce.
- Genetic predisposition **may influence treatment** decisions and clinical management, focusing on surgery, radiotherapy, systemic treatment, and surveillance.
- **Evidence-based recommendations are currently not available** for most syndromes, and we have therefore included pragmatic advice for clinicians.

# The epigenomics of sarcoma

- Epigenetic mechanisms of tumorigenesis have been implicated in **mesenchymal tumors**
  - ranging from chondroblastoma and giant cell tumor of bone to chondrosarcoma, malignant peripheral nerve sheath tumor, synovial sarcoma, epithelioid sarcoma and Ewing sarcoma: aggressive diseases which present in a younger patient population than most cancers.
- Targeted sequencing approaches focusing on proliferation and apoptosis-related “cancer genes” in sarcomas (and gliomas) **failed to include many genes involved in epigenetic** control and thus, for instance, *IDH1* mutations were therefore instead first identified by a whole exome approach in gliomas.
- Thus, further clinical progress in **targeting epigenetic dysregulation** in sarcomas will depend on expanded clinical genomic testing that **includes genes involved in epigenetic pathways as well as robust profiling of DNA methylation and histone modifications** carefully paired with new agents that can specifically target these aberrant epigenetic states.

# Conclusion

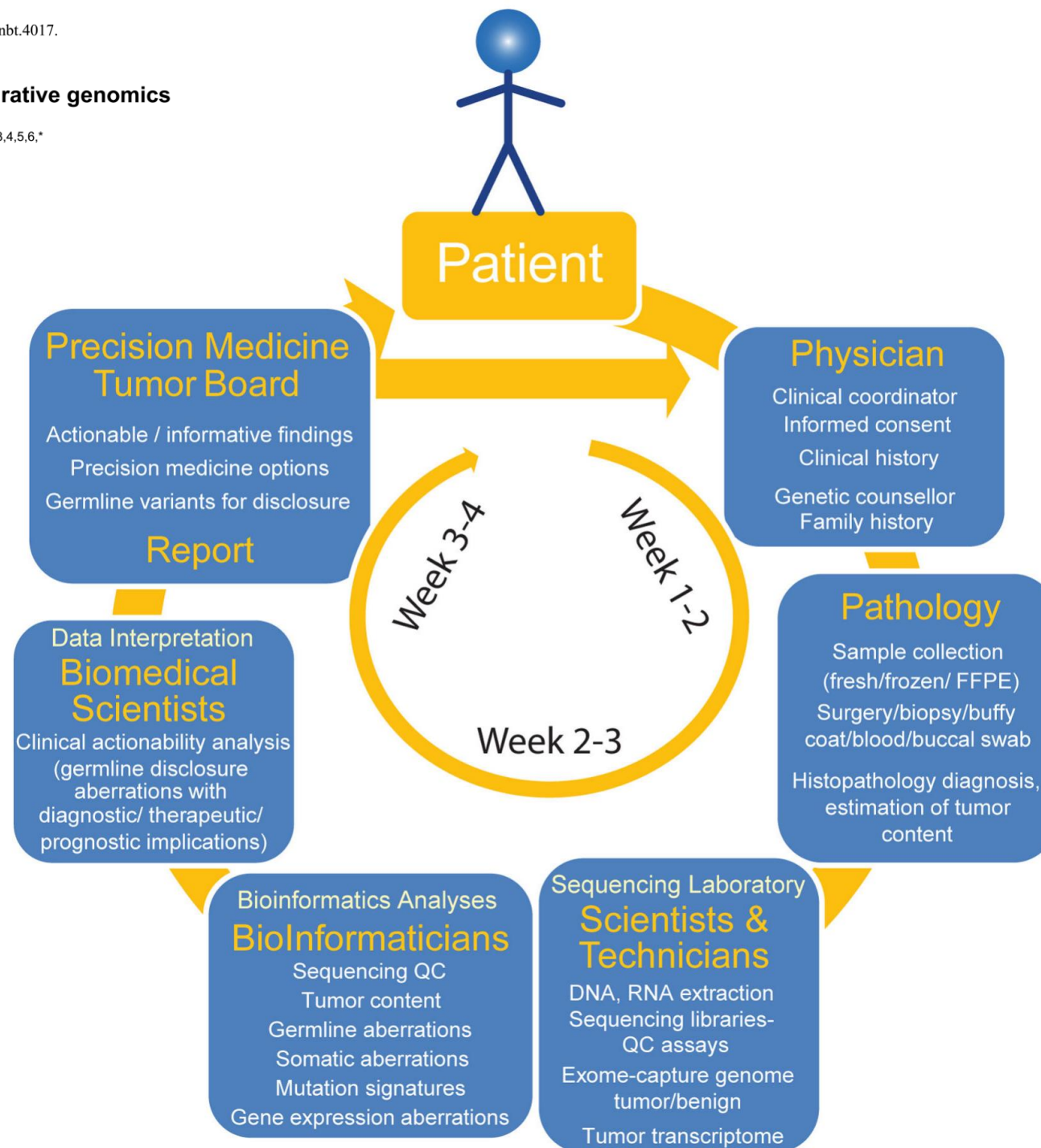
- Precision Oncology
- **Genomics** vs Epigenomics
- **Genomic Profile** vs Genetic Profile
- Integrated Genomics/ICS/IGS
- **Somatic** vs Germline
- **STS vs Bone Sarcoma**
- **Pediatrics** vs Adult
- **Treatment** vs Diagnosis & Prognosis
- Guidelines

# Thanks for Attention

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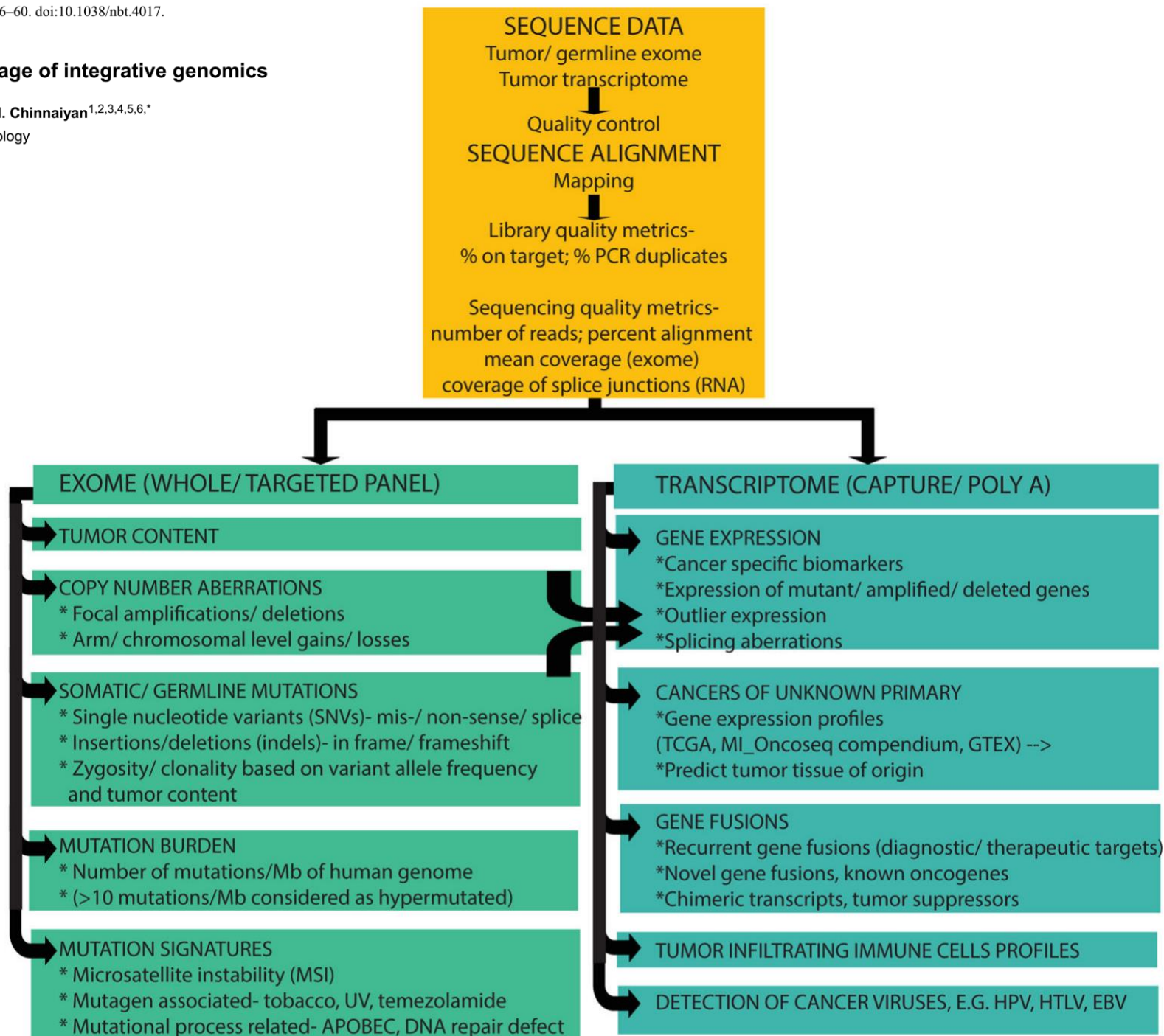
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Year	Remarks in the application of analytical tools to inform cancer diagnosis, prognosis, and therapy*
1847	<b>Microscopy</b> Formal description of “Leukemia” by Rudolf Virchow <sup>1,2</sup>
1941	<b>Cytopathology</b> Hematoxylin and Eosin (H&E) staining of Papanicolaou-smear, cervical cancer <sup>3,4</sup>
1956	<i>Improved karyotyping: accurate determination of human chromosome numbers<sup>5,6</sup></i>
1960s	<b>Cytogenetics</b> Philadelphia chromosome, chronic myeloid leukemia (CML) <sup>7</sup>
	<b>Electron microscopy</b> Epstein Barr Virus (EBV) associated with Burkitt’s lymphoma <sup>8</sup>
1970s	<b>Chromosome banding</b> Recurrent translocations in hematological malignancies <sup>9-15</sup>
	<b>Radioimmunoassay</b> Carcinoembryogenic antigen (CEA), colorectal cancer <sup>16,17</sup>
	<i>DNA sequencing<sup>18-20</sup>, molecular cloning<sup>21</sup></i>
1980s	<b>Chromosome banding</b> Recurrent translocations in sarcomas/ soft tissue tumors <sup>22-25</sup>
	<b>Radioactive probe hybridizations</b> Detection of BCR-ABL1, CML <sup>26</sup> ; IgH-BCL2, B-Cell lymphoma <sup>27</sup> ; TcR-MYC, T-cell leukemia <sup>28</sup> ; human papilloma virus (HPV) in cervical cancer <sup>29</sup>
	<b>Fluorescence in situ hybridization (FISH)<sup>30,31</sup></b> ERBB2 in breast cancer <sup>32</sup>
	<b>Flow cytometry</b> Acute promyelocytic leukemia (APML) <sup>33</sup> , neuroblastoma <sup>34</sup> , myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS) <sup>35</sup> , multiple myeloma <sup>36</sup>
	<i>Oncogenes and tumor suppressors: identification and characterization eg. RAS, MYC, RB1<sup>37-39</sup></i>
	<b>Radioimmunoassay</b> Estrogen receptor <sup>40</sup> , prostate specific antigen <sup>41</sup>
	<b>Immunohistochemistry</b> Estrogen receptor <sup>40,42</sup> , ERBB2 <sup>43,44</sup>
	<i>Invention of PCR<sup>45</sup></i>
	<b>Reverse transcriptase PCR (RT-PCR)</b> BCR-ABL1 in CML <sup>46</sup> , PML-RARA in APML <sup>47</sup> , AML1/ETO in AML (acute myeloid leukemia) <sup>48</sup>
	<i>Human Genome Project<sup>49,50</sup></i>
1990s	<b>Positron emission tomography (PET), computed tomography (CT)<sup>51-53</sup></b>
	<b>Microarray profiling for high-throughput genomic and transcriptomic profiling of cancers<sup>54</sup></b> Expression profiles of cancers <sup>55,56</sup> , diffuse large B-cell lymphoma (DLBCL) subtypes <sup>57</sup> , breast cancer prognosis <sup>58</sup> , hereditary breast cancer <sup>59</sup> , biomarkers of prostate cancer <sup>60</sup> , lung cancer <sup>61</sup> , gene fusions in prostate cancer <sup>62</sup>
2000s	<b>PCR amplification and sequencing of “cancer genes”<sup>63</sup> from tumor specimens</b> Genomic landscapes of somatic aberrations in different cancers- breast, colorectal, pancreatic <sup>64-67</sup>
	<b>Massively parallel high-throughput/ next-generation sequencing<sup>68-70</sup></b>
	<i>TCGA- The Cancer Genome Atlas<sup>71-75</sup>, <a href="https://cancergenome.nih.gov/">https://cancergenome.nih.gov/</a></i>
	<b>Various modalities of precision oncology projects in research, clinical, and clinical trial settings discussed in this review</b>
	<i>Precision Medicine Initiative<sup>76-78</sup></i> <i>Cancer Breakthroughs 2020 (formerly, Cancer Moonshot), <a href="http://www.cancerbreakthroughs2020.org/">http://www.cancerbreakthroughs2020.org/</a></i>

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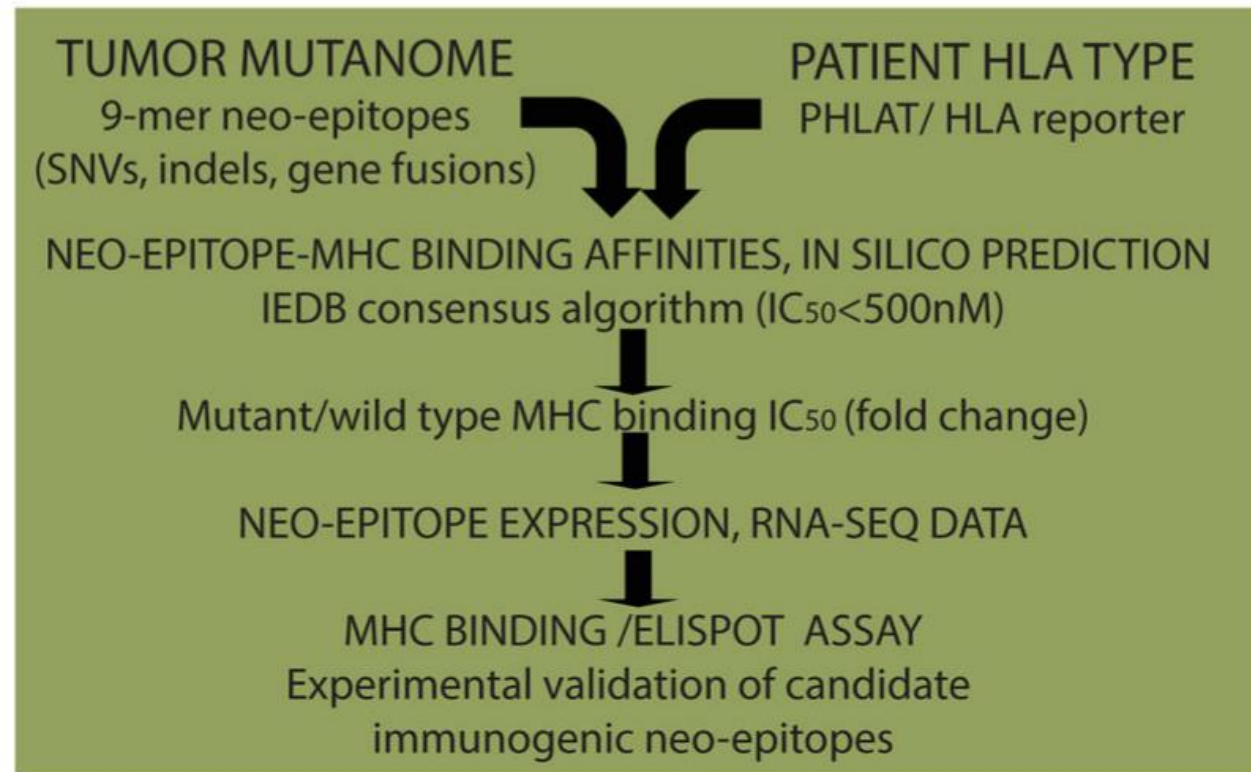


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# The Zero Childhood Cancer Program

- **Using tumor and germline WGS and RNAseq across 252 tumors from high-risk pediatric patients with cancer**
- Identified 968 reportable molecular aberrations
  - (39.9% in WGS and RNAseq, 35.1% in WGS only and 25.0% in RNAseq only).
  - Of these patients, 93.7% had at least one germline or somatic aberration, 71.4% had therapeutic targets and 5.2% had a change in diagnosis.
- WGS identified pathogenic cancer-predisposing variants in 16.2% of patients.
- In 76 **CNS tumors, methylome analysis** confirmed diagnosis in 71.1% of patients and contributed to a change of diagnosis in two patients (2.6%).
- To date, 43 patients have received a recommended therapy, 38 of whom could be evaluated, with 31% showing objective evidence of clinical benefit.
- Comprehensive molecular profiling **resolved the molecular basis of virtually all high-risk cancers, leading to clinical benefit in some patients.**