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CIRCULATING TUMOR DNA REVEALS COMPLEX BIOLOGICAL FEATURES WITH CLINICAL IMPACT IN METASTATIC BREAST CANCER

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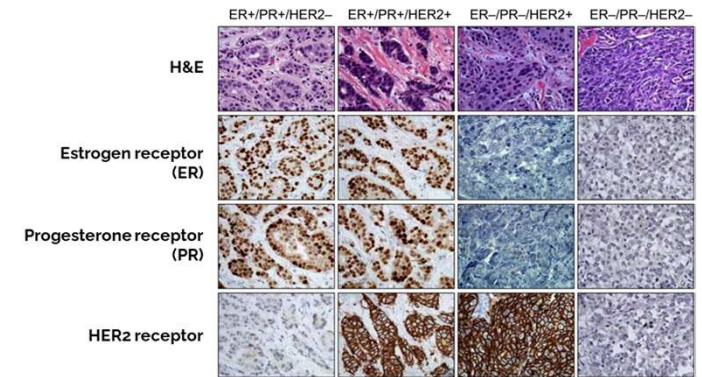
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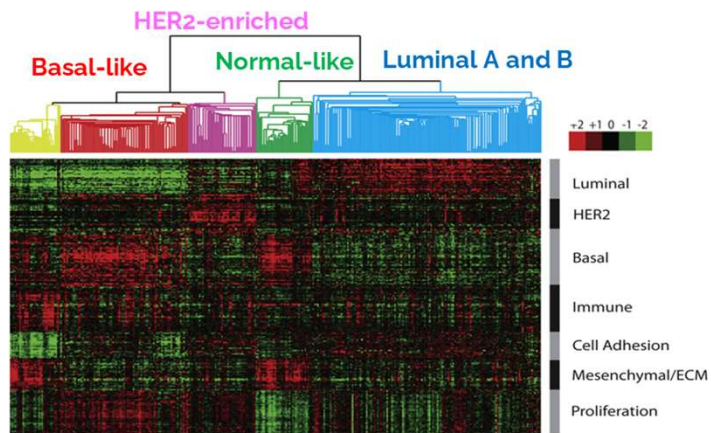
BACKGROUND. BREAST CANCER

- ✓ Breast cancer is a highly heterogeneous disease.
- ✓ Traditionally classified based on the expression of ER, PR and HER2.
- ✓ RNA-based profiling in tumor tissue:
 - ✓ Identification of complex biological processes.
 - ✓ Identification of predictive and prognostic subtypes.
 - ✓ Clinically useful in early-stage breast cancer.
 - ✓ Becoming a promising prognostic and predictive tool in metastatic disease.



Rivenbark et al., Am J Pathol, 2013

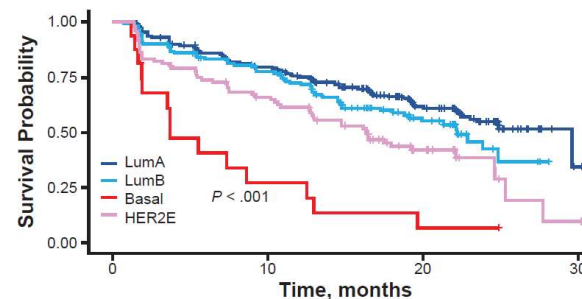
PAM50 molecular subtypes



Prat et al. BCR 2010; Prat & Perou Mol Oncol 2011; Prat et al. Breast 2015

Endocrine therapy + CDK4/6 inhibitors in HR+/HER2- metastatic breast cancer.

	n	Events, n	Median PFS	95% CI
LumA	320	114	29.60	23.03-NA
LumB	154	66	22.21	18.79-NA
Basal	16	14	3.71	1.91-13.0
HER2E	95	56	16.39	12.71-24.6



Prat et al. JCO 2021

Tumor biopsies in the metastatic setting are not always available

- Invasive: difficult/impossible to obtain, potential risks (pain, bleeding...).
- Do not address heterogeneity across metastatic sites.

BACKGROUND. LEVERAGING LIQUID BIOPSIES FOR METASTATIC BREAST CANCER

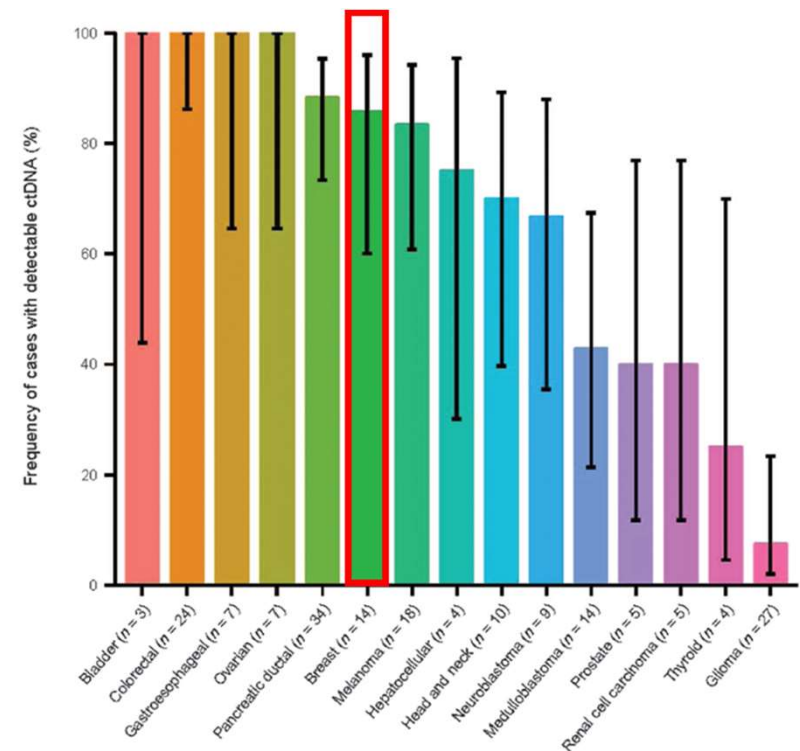
Liquid biopsies are non-invasive

- Option for molecular analysis
- Fast and easy to obtain
- Repeatable (monitorization)
- Capture tumor heterogeneity



Can we track complex biological processes such as those identified by RNA profiling using ctDNA?

- ✓ ctDNA detected in aprox 80% of patients with metastatic breast cancer



Bettegowda Sci Transl Med. 2014

BACKGROUND. COPY NUMBER-BASED PREDICTORS OF TUMOR PHENOTYPES



ARTICLE

<https://doi.org/10.1038/s41467-019-13588-2>

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Genetic determinants of the molecular portraits of epithelial cancers

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TCGA

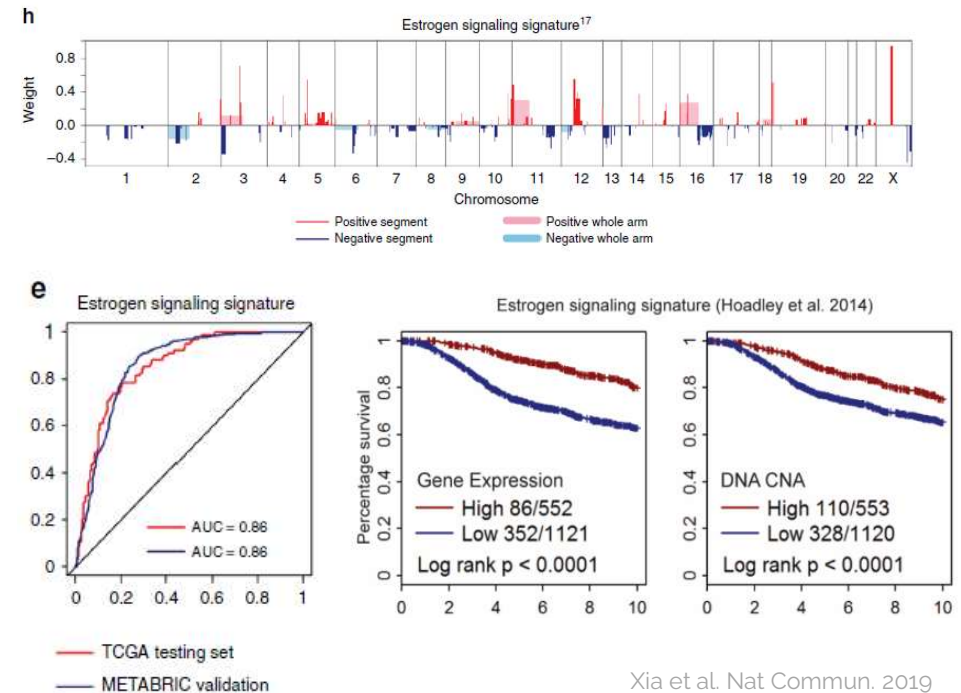
Cancer Genome Atlas Network, Nature 2012

DNA copy-number profiles



- ✓ Gene expression signatures
- ✓ Protein expression
- ✓ Mutation

150 **copy number-based signatures** that tracked a variety of **biological processes** in breast cancer tissue with high accuracy (AUC ROC>0.75)

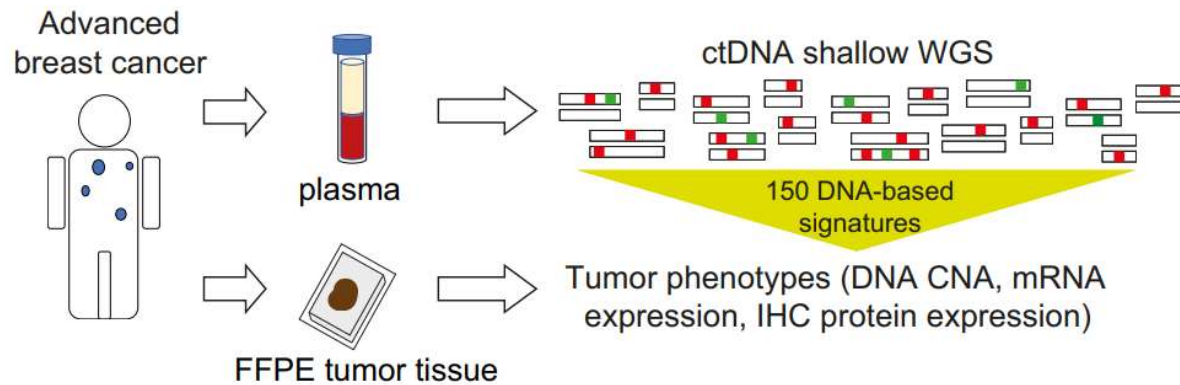


Xia et al. Nat Commun. 2019

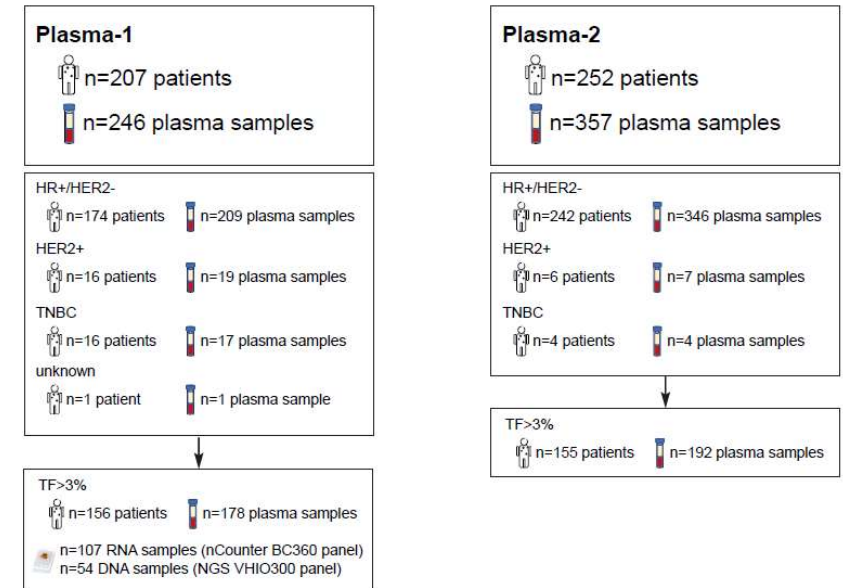
We hypothesized that copy number-based signatures:

- ✓ could be detected reliably in plasma ctDNA
- ✓ could be clinically relevant
- ✓ could identify subtypes with clinical relevance

OUR APPROACH



- ✓ ctDNA analyzed using shWGS from 603 plasma samples from 2 cohorts of metastatic breast cancer.
- ✓ DNA sequencing data available for 54 FFPE tumor tissue samples.
- ✓ PAM50 molecular subtype available for 107 FFPE tumor tissue samples.

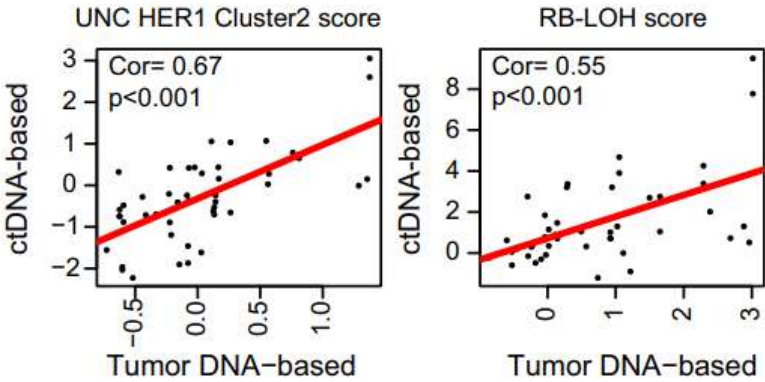
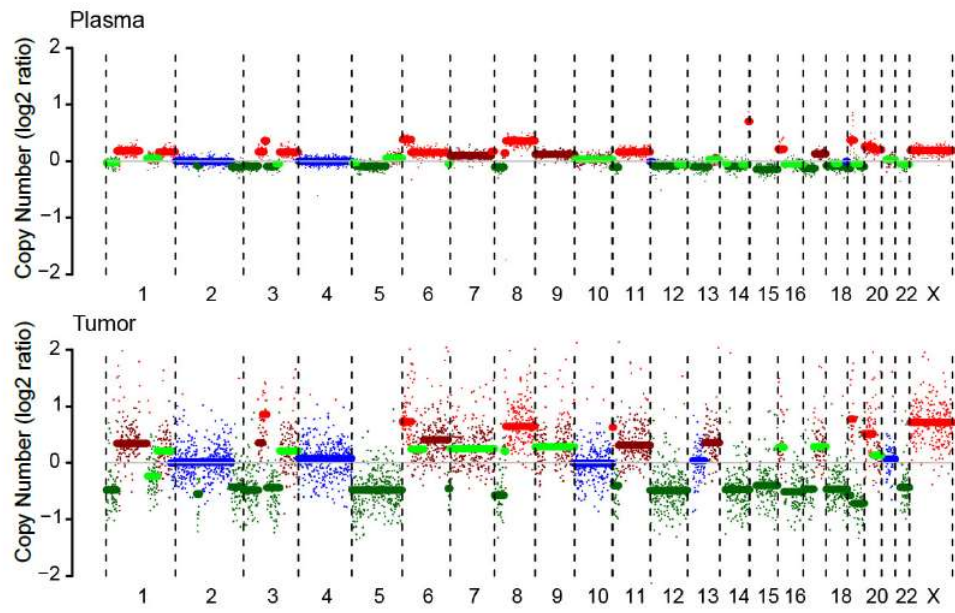


61.4% samples had a tumor fraction (TF) > 3%*

*TF cutoff of 3% by ichorCNA tool for detecting presence of tumor
Adalsteinsson et al. Nat Commun. 2017

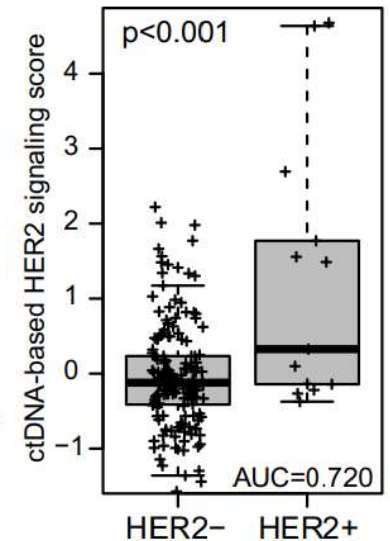
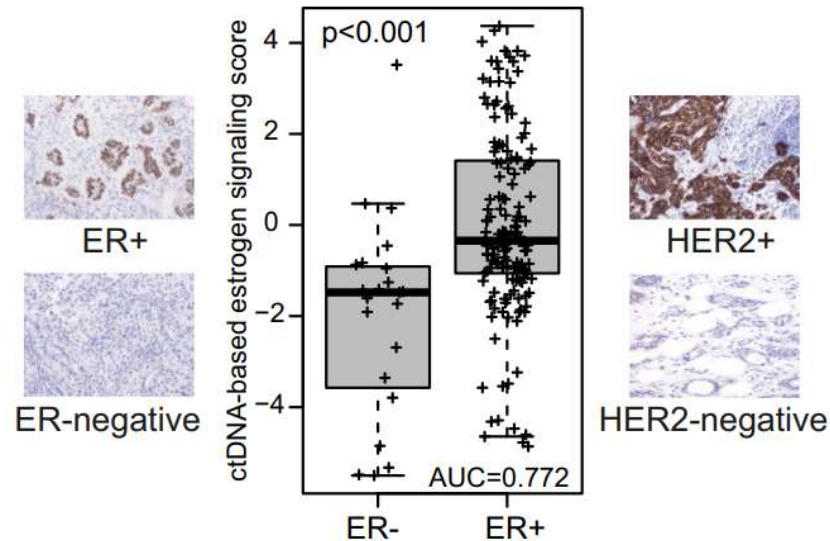
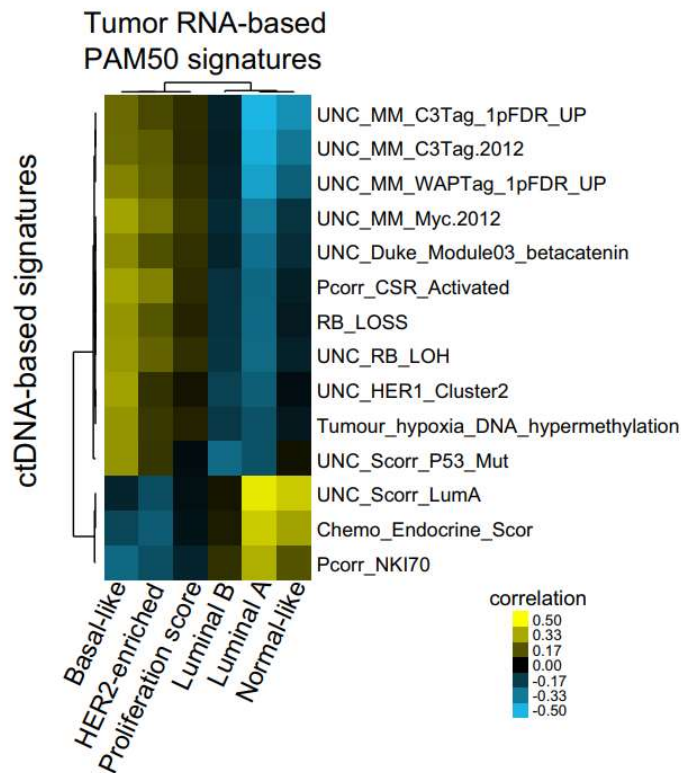
ASSOCIATION BETWEEN CTDNA-BASED AND TUMOR DNA-BASED SIGNATURES ACROSS TIMEPOINTS

Copy-number profiles of a patient with HR+/HER2- metastatic breast cancer



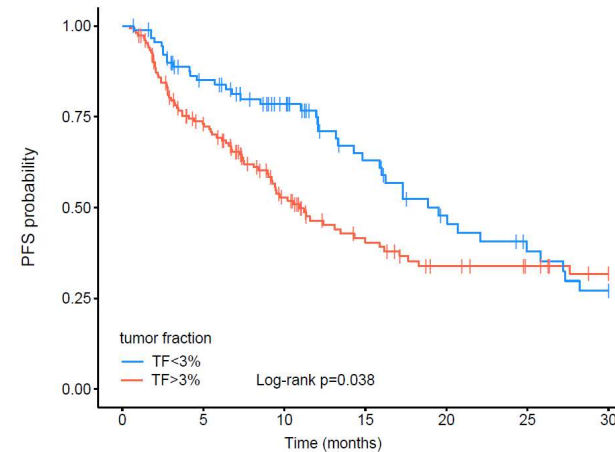
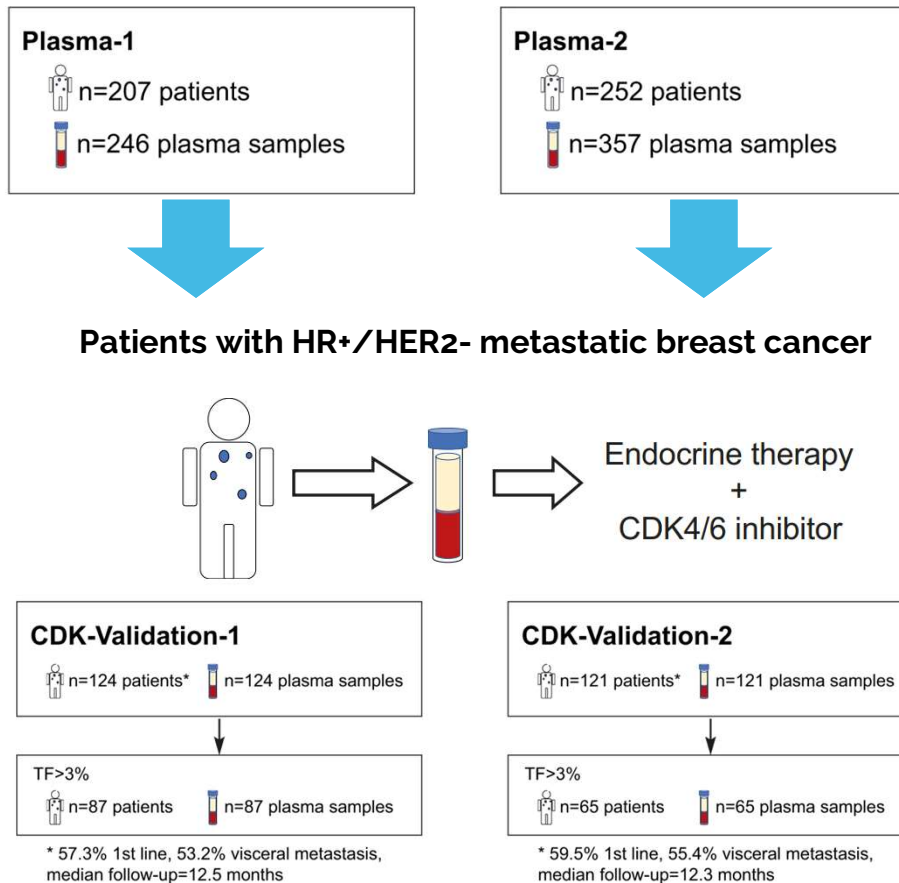
Time between plasma and tumor samples	Signatures with Cor>0.5 p<0.05
All timepoints (n=54)	40 (27%)
≤ 8-weeks (n=27)	63 (42%)
>8-weeks (n=27)	29 (19%)

CTDNA-BASED SIGNATURES TRACK SPECIFIC BREAST CANCER PHENOTYPIC TRAITS SUCH AS PAM50 BIOLOGY, ER AND HER2 STATUS

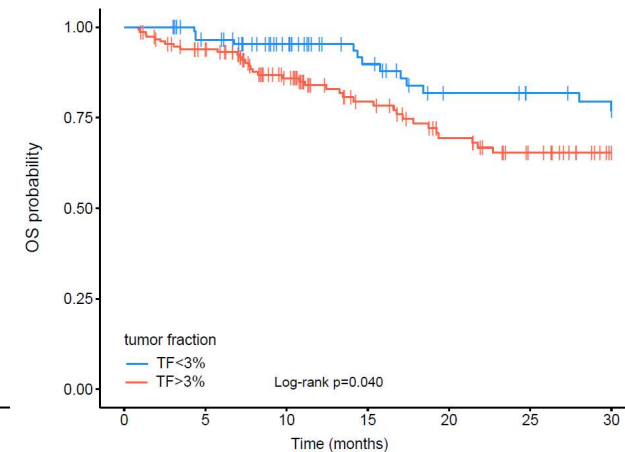


✓ copy number-based signatures can be detected reliably in plasma ctDNA

PROGNOSTIC CTDNA-BASED SIGNATURES IN METASTATIC HR+/HER2- DISEASE TREATED WITH ENDOCRINE THERAPY + CDK4/6 INHIBITORS



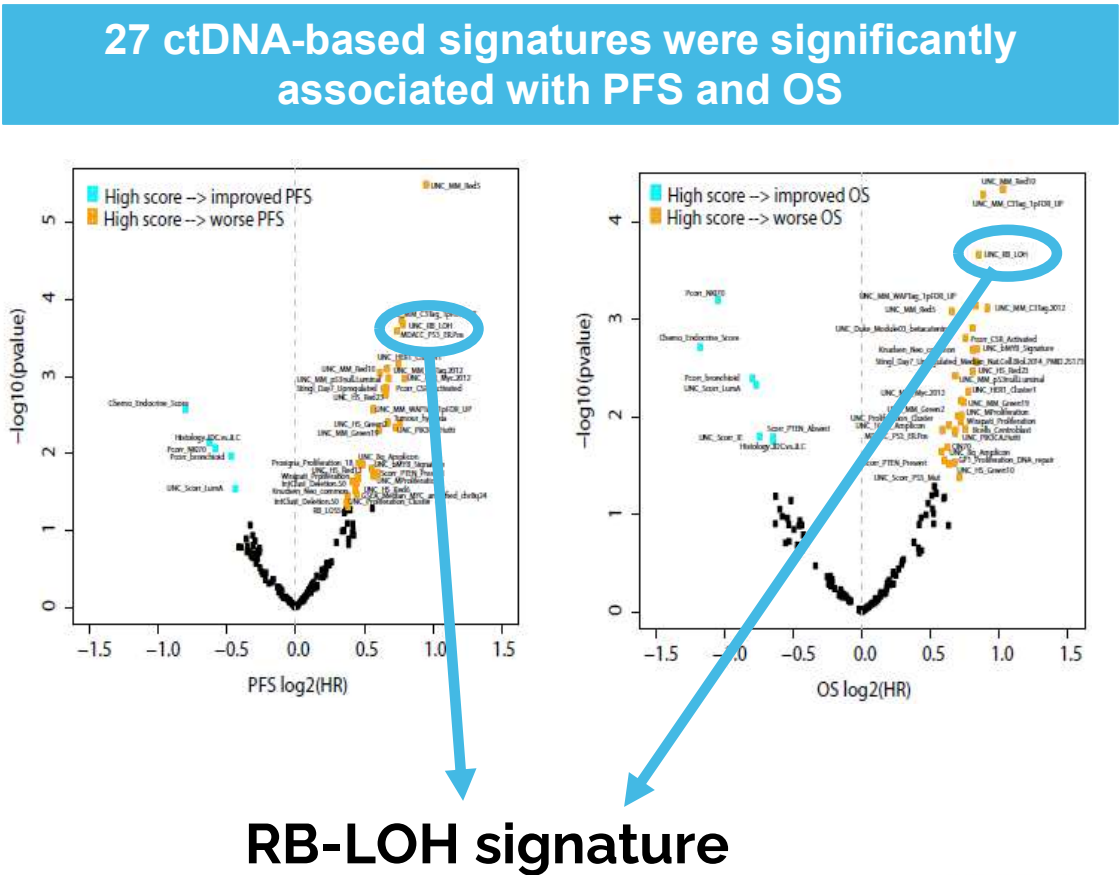
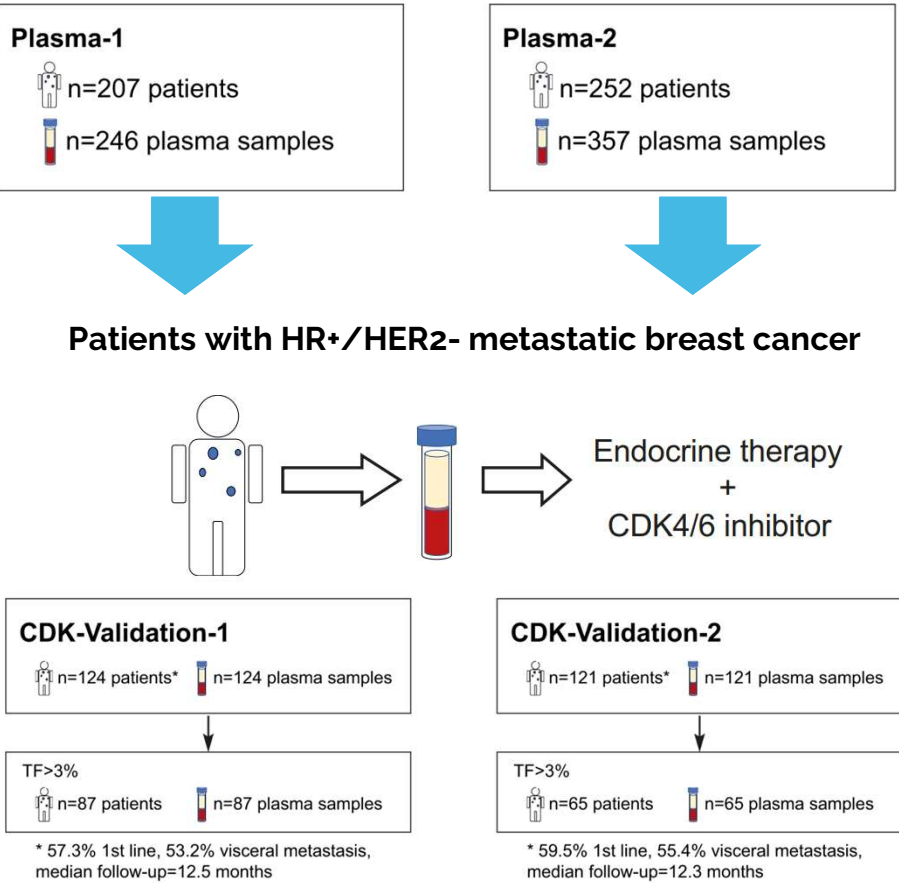
PFS HR (95% CI) = 3.48 (1.55–7.80), p=0.003



OS HR (95% CI) = 11.19 (3.73–33.62), p<0.001

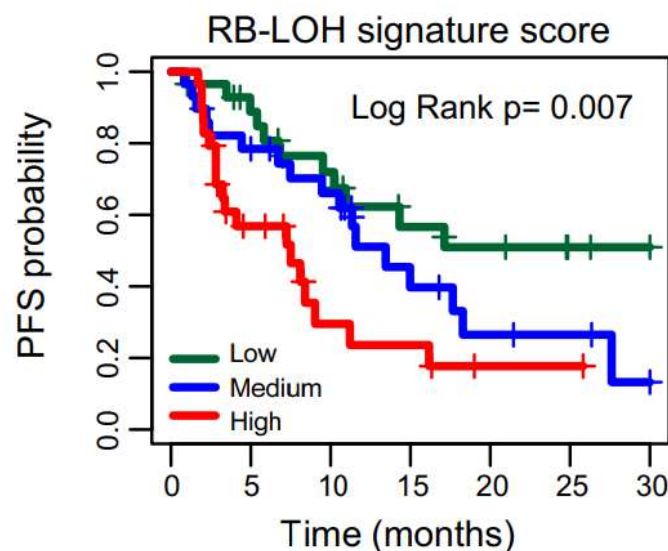
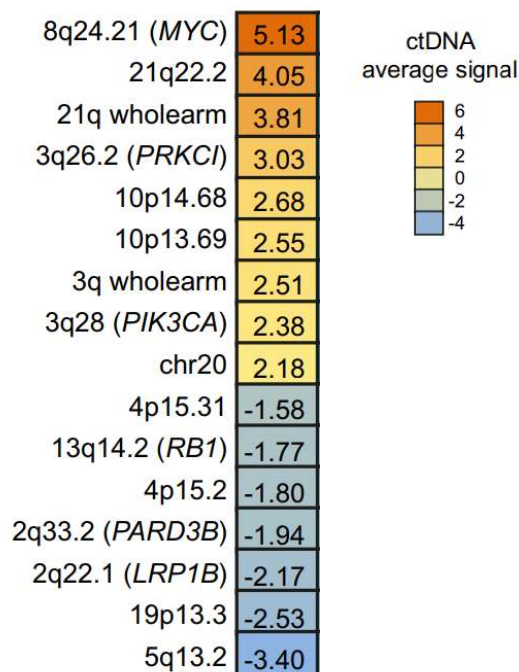
62% samples had a TF>3%

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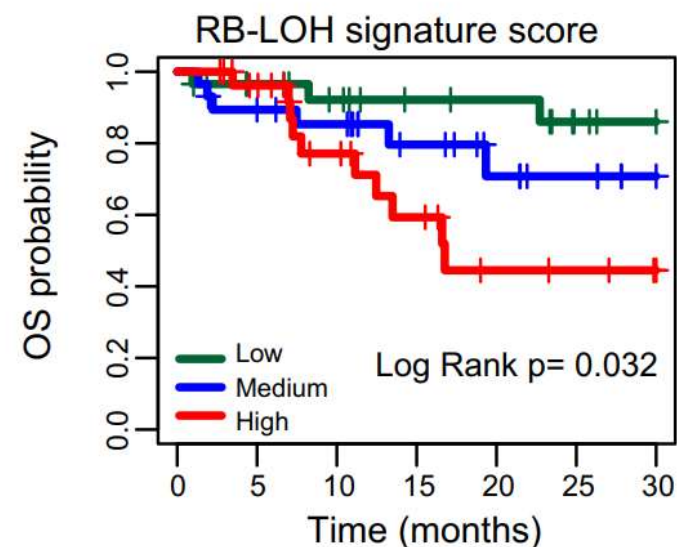


THE RB-LOH SIGNATURE CAPTURES LOSS OF RB AND IS ASSOCIATED WITH RESPONSE TO ENDOCRINE THERAPY + CDK4/6 INHIBITOR

Features of the RB-LOH signature



PFS HR (95% CI)=1.72 (1.29-2.30), p<0.001



OS HR (95% CI)=1.81 (1.32-2.47), p<0.001

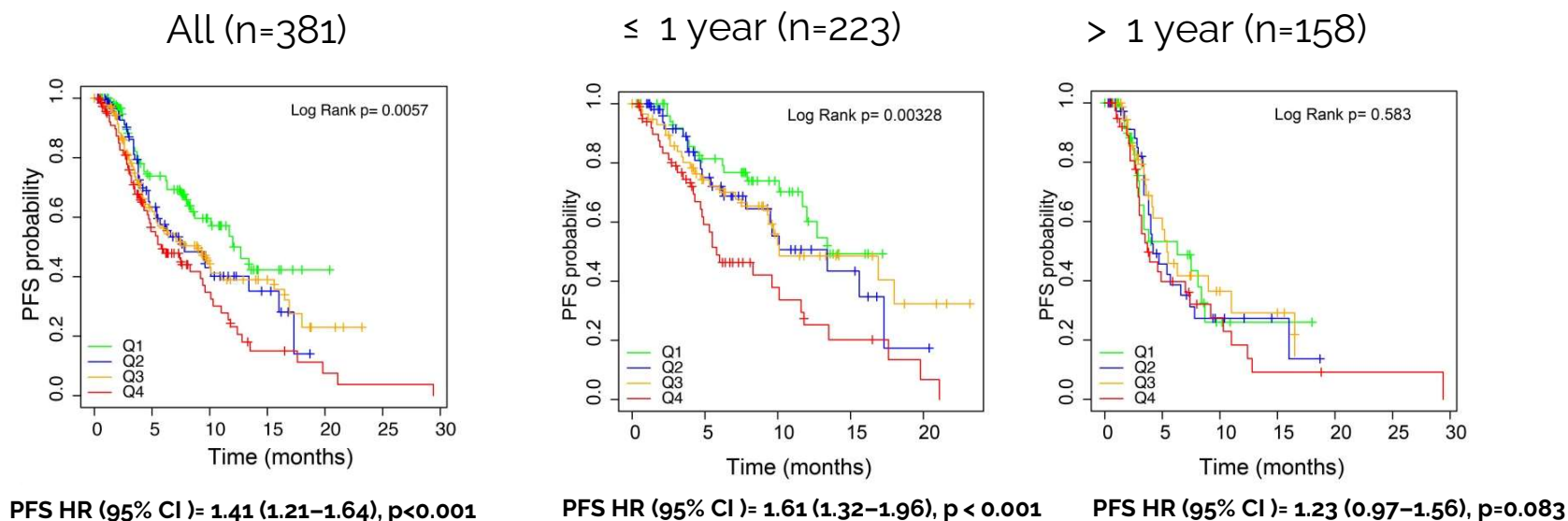
✓ copy number-based signatures detected in plasma are clinically relevant

INDEPENDENT VALIDATION OF THE RB-LOH SIGNATURE IN A TUMOR TISSUE COHORT

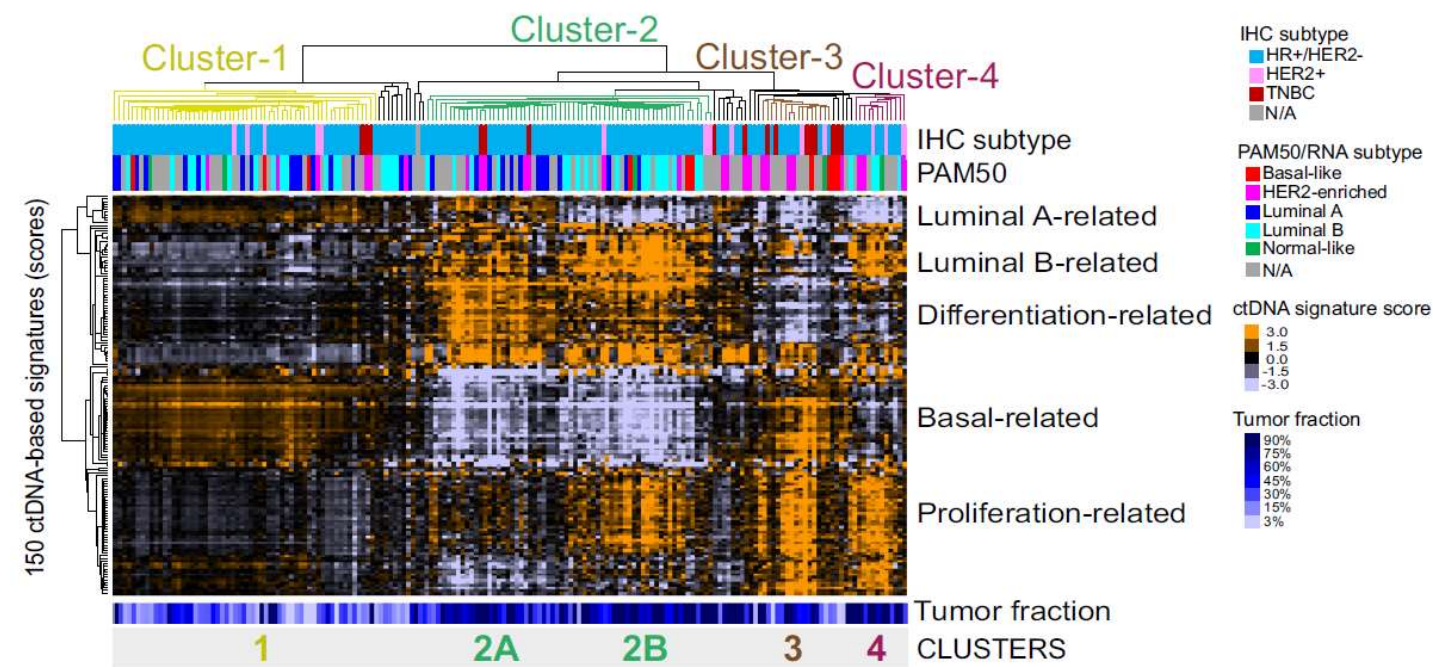
MSKCC – 381 patients with HR+/HER2- metastatic breast cancer treated with ET+CDK4/6i

Razavi et al., Cancer Cell. 2018

Time between biopsy and treatment initiation



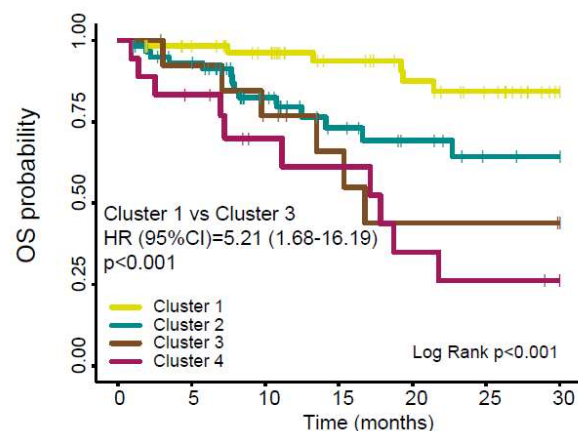
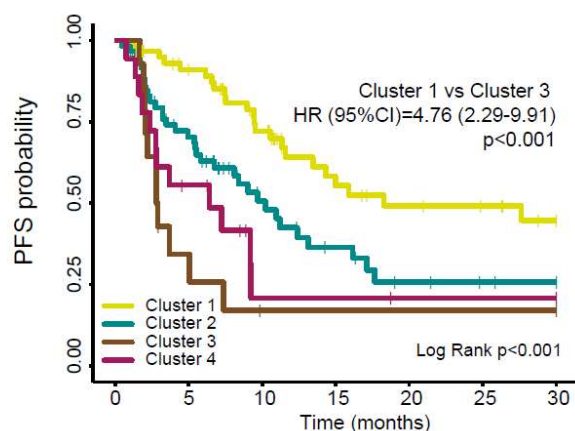
UNSUPERVISED ANALYSES IDENTIFIED NEW COPY NUMBER-BASED SUBTYPES IN PLASMA



- ✓ **Cluster 1: luminal A-like**
 - ✓ high luminal A-related signatures
 - ✓ low proliferation and luminal B-related signatures
 - ✓ lower TF
- ✓ **Cluster 2: luminal B-like**
 - ✓ high differentiation and luminal B-related signatures
 - ✓ low basal-like related biology
- ✓ **Cluster 3: non-luminal**
 - ✓ high proliferation and basal-like-related signatures
 - ✓ low differentiation and luminal A-related signatures
- ✓ **Cluster 4: non-luminal**
 - ✓ high proliferation-related signatures
 - ✓ low differentiation and luminal A and basal-like-related signatures

THE NEW COPY NUMBER-BASED SUBTYPES IDENTIFIED IN PLASMA ARE PROGNOSTIC

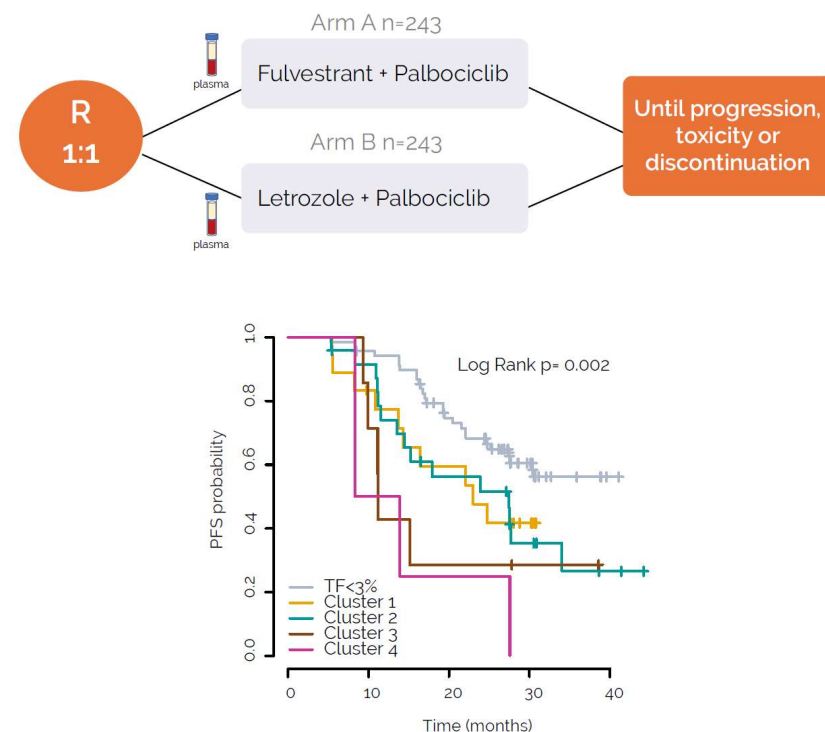
Patients with HR+/HER2- metastatic breast cancer treated with ET+CDK4/6i (n=152)



✓ copy number-based signatures detected in plasma identify clinically relevant subtypes

PARSIFAL trial

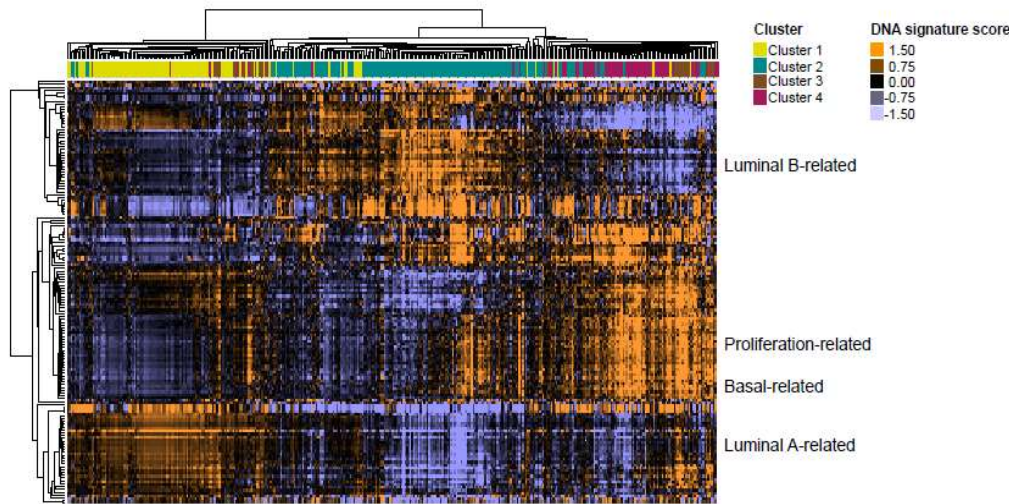
Llombart-Cussac et al. JAMA Oncol. 2021



INDEPENDENT VALIDATION OF COPY NUMBER-BASED SUBTYPES IN TUMOR TISSUE

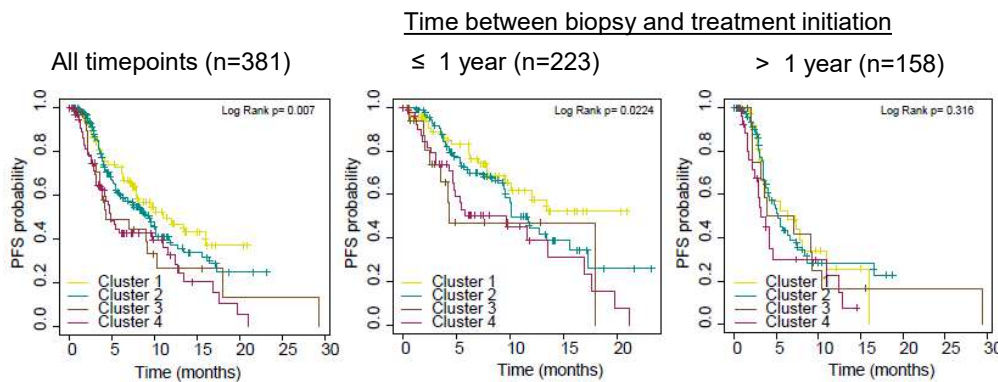
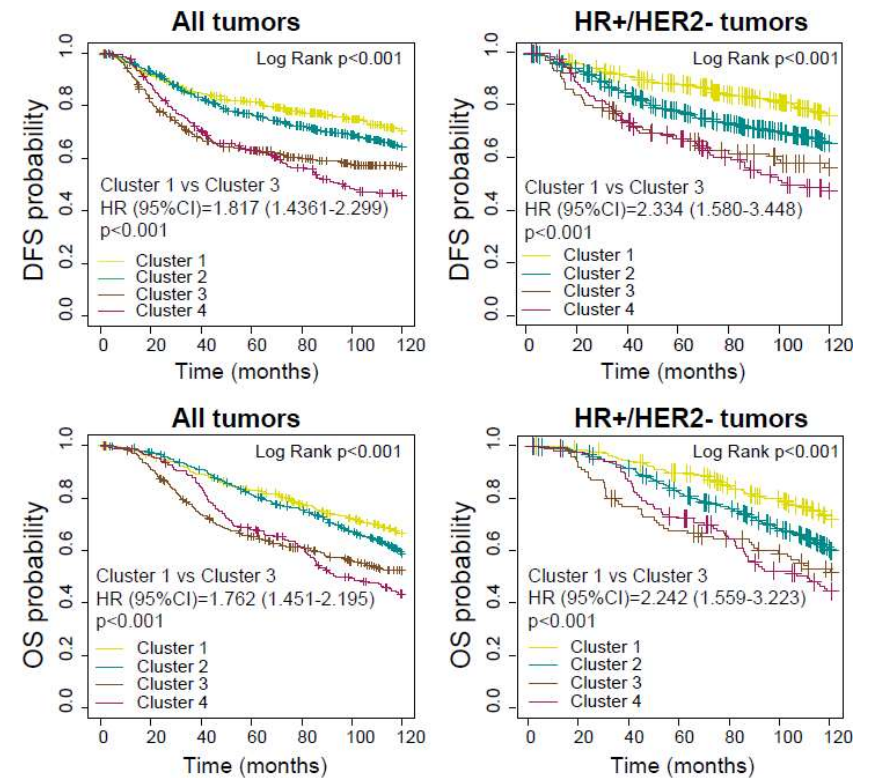
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Razavi et al., Cancer Cell. 2018



METABRIC

Curtis et al., Nature 2012



CONCLUSIONS

- ✓ DNA copy number-based phenotypic signatures capture relevant biological and clinical information in plasma and tumor tissue.
- ✓ The RB-LOH signature and 4 new copy number-based subtypes measured in tumor tissue or plasma might help identify patients with poor survival outcomes following endocrine therapy plus CDK4/6 inhibitors.
- ✓ Our approach opens new opportunities for the discovery of multi-feature genomic predictors coming from DNA-based data.



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