



INCIDENTAL GERMLINE FINDINGS IN SOLID TUMOR PROFILES

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I am a full-time employee of Caris Life Sciences—a commercial tumor profiling laboratory.

OBJECTIVES

The Basics: Identify biomarkers and their associated characteristics on a solid tumor profile report that could indicate incidental germline findings.

- How to navigate a tumor profile report
- Definitions: biomarker, tumor molecular burden, % tumor nuclei, allele frequency
- Which tumor profile findings warrant germline follow-up?

Intermediate Cases: Examine actual somatic tumor profile cases and germline outcomes.

- Use context clues to guess if a variant detected by a tumor profile is germline or not.

Advanced Case: Formulate a plan for follow-up when tumor profile and germline results show discrepancies.

SCENARIO

Tumor board is presenting the solid tumor profile results of a 55 yo female with colorectal cancer and a 58 yo male with a metastatic prostate tumor.

THE BASICS

A **biomarker** is an umbrella term used to describe *something* measured in the tumor that tells us *something* about the tumor at a given moment.

| CRC Biomarker | Association |
|--------------------------------|---|
| RAS mutations (KRAS/NRAS/HRAS) | Will not benefit from anti-EGFR treatment |
| BRAF V600E | Poor prognosis |
| Her2 (ERBB2) amplification | Poor prognosis |
| Fusions (NTRK/ALK/ROS1/RET) | Clinical trial eligibility |
| MSI, TMB, PD-L1 | Sensitive to immunotherapy |

Companion diagnostics (CDx) inform the use of personalized treatment options for advanced cancer patients by identifying FDA-approved treatment options that may be appropriate for treatment based on the unique drivers of their individual cancer.

MORE BIOMARKERS

| Advanced Prostate Biomarker | Association |
|--|--|
| BRCA1, BRCA2 | PARP inhibitor |
| PTEN | Anti-androgen resistance, poor survival; AKT inhibitor clinical trial |
| TP53 and RB1 | Poor survival; divergent neuroendocrine differentiation (more aggressive AR-independent disease) |
| AR amplification | Anti-androgen resistance |
| TMPRSS2:ERG fusion | Expected in prostate cancer |
| DNA damage repair genes: ATM, PALB2, FANCA, RAD51D, CHEK2, CDK12 | Clinical trial for PARP inhibitor |
| MSI, TMB, PD-L1 | Sensitive to immunotherapy |

Incidental or Secondary findings in tumor profiles usually refer to germline or chimeric results

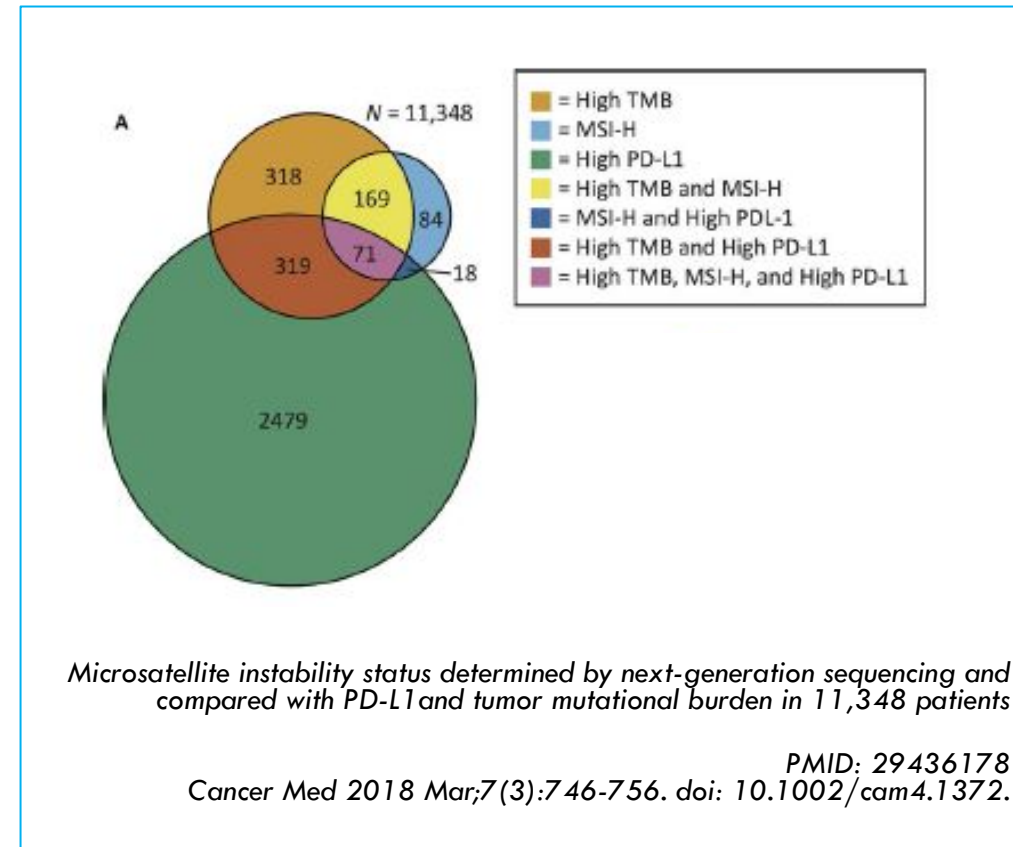
PD-L1, MSI AND TMB

These are *complementary* biomarkers for patients who may benefit from immune checkpoint inhibitors (anti-PD-1 Therapy):

IHC for **PD-L1** (programmed death-ligand 1) expression is the standard of care

MSI (microsatellite instability) is a genomic signature of deficient mismatch repair. It involves the gain/loss of repeats in microsatellite regions or from epigenetic changes.

TMB (tumor mutational burden) quantifies the amount of somatic mutations per Mb there are in a tumor. If the TMB is high, then the immune system is more likely to recognize the tumor.



ABOUT THE TEST FoundationOne®CDx is the first and only FDA-Approved comprehensive companion diagnostic for all solid tumors.

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PATIENT

DISEASE Colon adenocarcinoma (CRC)
 NAME
 DATE OF BIRTH
 SEX
 MEDICAL RECORD #

PHYSICIAN

ORDERING PHYSICIAN
 MEDICAL FACILITY
 ADDITIONAL RECIPIENT
 MEDICAL FACILITY ID
 PATHOLOGIST

SPECIMEN

SPECIMEN SITE
 SPECIMEN ID
 SPECIMEN TYPE
 DATE OF COLLECTION
 SPECIMEN RECEIVED

Biomarker Findings

Microsatellite status - MSI-High
Tumor Mutational Burden - 35 Muts/Mb

Genomic Findings

For a complete list of the genes assayed, please refer to the Appendix.

KRAS wildtype
NRAS wildtype
NTRK1 TPM3-NTRK1 fusion
ATM R3047*
PALB2 M296fs*1
CTNNB1 W383R
RNF43 G659fs*41
SUFU A25fs*23
ASXL1 G645fs*58, S1335fs*115
BAP1 I191fs*2
CDH1 S70fs*13, P127fs*41
CIC P1597fs*23
FAM123B E370fs*8
MLL2 P2354fs*30
TP53 R273C

3 Disease relevant genes with no reportable alterations: BRAF, KRAS, NRAS

15 Therapies with Clinical Benefit
 0 Therapies with Lack of Response

47 Clinical Trials

BIOMARKER FINDINGS

Microsatellite status - MSI-High

10 Trials see p. 19

Tumor Mutational Burden - 35 Muts/Mb

10 Trials see p. 21

| THERAPIES WITH CLINICAL BENEFIT (IN PATIENT'S TUMOR TYPE) | THERAPIES WITH CLINICAL BENEFIT (IN OTHER TUMOR TYPE) |
|---|---|
| Nivolumab [2A] | Atezolizumab |
| Pembrolizumab [2A] | Avelumab |
| | Cemiplimab |
| | Durvalumab |
| Nivolumab | Atezolizumab |
| Pembrolizumab | Avelumab |
| | Cemiplimab |
| | Durvalumab |

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Special article

Box 1. Recommendations for genes to be included for germline-focussed analysis and triggering of germline sample laboratory confirmation

| | Any tumour type | | Associated tumour type only |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Tumour arising any age | <i>BRCA1</i> | <i>RAD51C</i> | <i>FLCN</i> |
| | <i>BRCA2</i> | <i>RAD51D</i> | <i>FH</i> |
| | <i>BRIP1</i> | <i>RET</i> | <i>BAP1</i> |
| | <i>MLH1</i> | <i>SDHA</i> | <i>POLE</i> |
| | <i>MSH2</i> | <i>SDHAF2</i> | |
| | <i>MSH6</i> | <i>SDHB</i> | |
| | <i>PALB2</i> | <i>SDHC</i> | |
| | <i>PMS2</i> | <i>SDHD</i> | |
| | <i>VHL</i> ^a | <i>TSC2</i> | |
| | | <i>MUTYH</i> ^b | |
| Tumour arising age <30 only | <i>RB1</i> | | <i>TP53</i> ^c |
| | <i>APC</i> | | <i>NFT</i> |

^aRenal tumours to be excluded.

^b*MUTYH* should be included for germline-focussed tumour analysis but reporting and germline follow-up testing should only be performed on detection of two pathogenic variants.

^cBrain tumours to be excluded.

CHECK THE APPENDIX AND THE PORTAL

GENOMIC FINDINGS WITH NO REPORTABLE THERAPEUTIC OR CLINICAL TRIAL OPTIONS

For more information regarding biological and clinical significance, including prognostic, diagnostic, germline, and potential chemosensitivity implications, see the Genomic Findings section.

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|---------------------------------------|-------|---------------------------|-------|
| ASXL1 - G645fs*58, S1335fs*115 | p. 8 | FAM123B - E370fs*8 | p. 10 |
| BAP1 - I191fs*2 | p. 9 | MLL2 - P2354fs*30 | p. 10 |
| CDH1 - S70fs*13, P127fs*41 | p. 9 | TP53 - R273C | p. 11 |
| CIC - P1597fs*23 | p. 10 | | |

NOTE Genomic alterations detected may be associated with activity of certain FDA-approved drug; however, the agents listed in this report may have varied clinical evidence in the patient's tumor type.

Neither the therapeutic agents nor the trials identified are ranked in order of potential or predicted efficacy for this patient, nor are they ranked in order of level of evidence for this patient's tumor type.

If you plan to order germline testing, you will often need to provide the c. nomenclature and transcript ID from the somatic lab.

TUMOR NUCLEI AND VARIANT ALLELE FREQUENCY

Tumor nuclei %

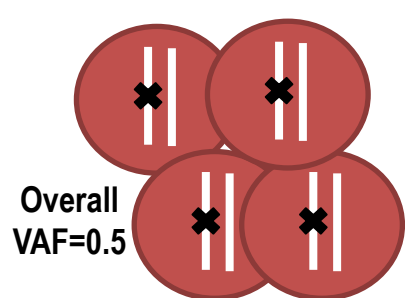
- aka Tumor cellularity
- the estimated percentage of neoplastic cells in the sample



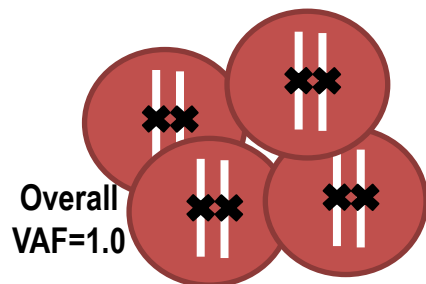
Variant allele frequency (%) –

- aka VAF, variant allele fraction, mutation allele frequency
- Percentage of sequence reads of a given DNA variant divided by the overall coverage at that locus
- Interpret with caution

Ideally, VAF of a germline mutation is 0.5 or 1.0



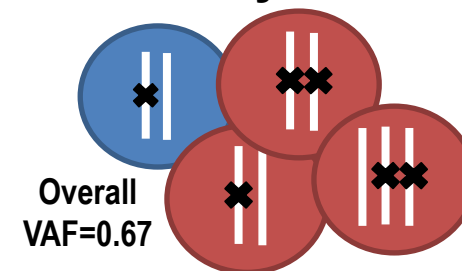
No LOH*



LOH

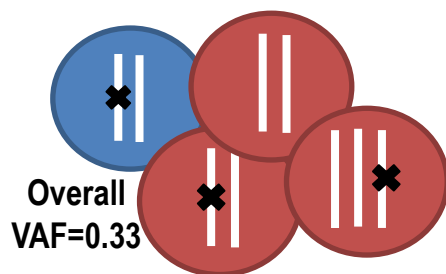
However...

VAF is usually between 0.5-1.0

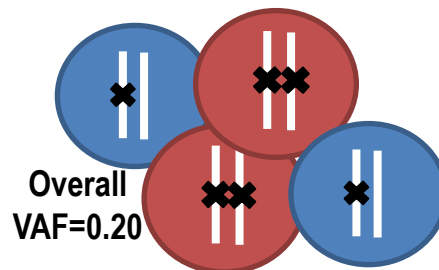


Normal admixture, aneuploidy and intratumoral heterogeneity or LOH

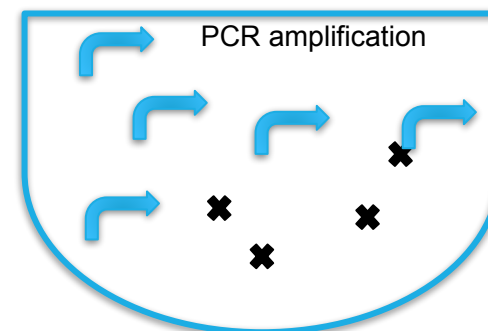
Furthermore, VAF of a germline mutation can be <0.5



Loss of mutant allele in proportion of tumor cells



Preferential amplification of wildtype allele



*Loss of heterozygosity = common genetic event in cancer, somatic loss of wild-type allele in hereditary cancer

Metastatic prostate cancer

Tumor specimen:
Lymph node, left inguinal
Chicago Cancer Center
#ABC 123, C2
Collected 3/08/2019
Received 3/18/2019
Tumor Percentage: 70%
Normal specimen:
Blood
Collected 3/20/2019
Received 3/22/2019

Notes

The tumor shows loss of heterozygosity in TP53.

GENOMIC VARIANTS

Somatic - Potentially Actionable

- TP53** p.R196* Stop gain - LOF
- AR** Copy number gain
- CDKN2A** Copy number loss
- TMPRSS2 - ERG** Chromosomal rearrangement

Variant Allele Fraction

61.4% 

Somatic - Biologically Relevant

- CDKN2B** Copy number loss

Germline - Pathogenic / Likely Pathogenic

No pathogenic variants were found in the limited set of genes on which we report.

IMMUNOTHERAPY MARKERS

Tumor Mutational Burden

2.1 m/MB 40th percentile

Microsatellite Instability Status

Stable Equivocal High

VARIANTS OF UNKNOWN SIGNIFICANCE

Somatic

Mutation effect

Variant allele fraction

TMPRSS2

c.1339_1424del p.C447fs Frameshift
NM_001135099

38.0% 

EGF

c.1153G>C p.G385R Missense variant
NM_001963

37.3% 

FGFR4

c.2273G>A p.R758H Missense variant
NM_002011

33.3% 

FGFR4

c.1985T>C p.F662S Missense variant
NM_002011

29.4% 

BCL11B

c.2098G>A p.A700T Missense variant
NM_138576

26.5% 

Germline

Mutation effect

Condition

BMPR1A

c.1433G>A p.R478H Missense variant
chr10:88683223 NM_004329

Juvenile polyposis

LOW COVERAGE REGIONS

FLT4

GFRA2

NOTCH1

PDPK1

TAF1

QUESTIONS TO ASK THE LAB

What biomarkers are included in the test?

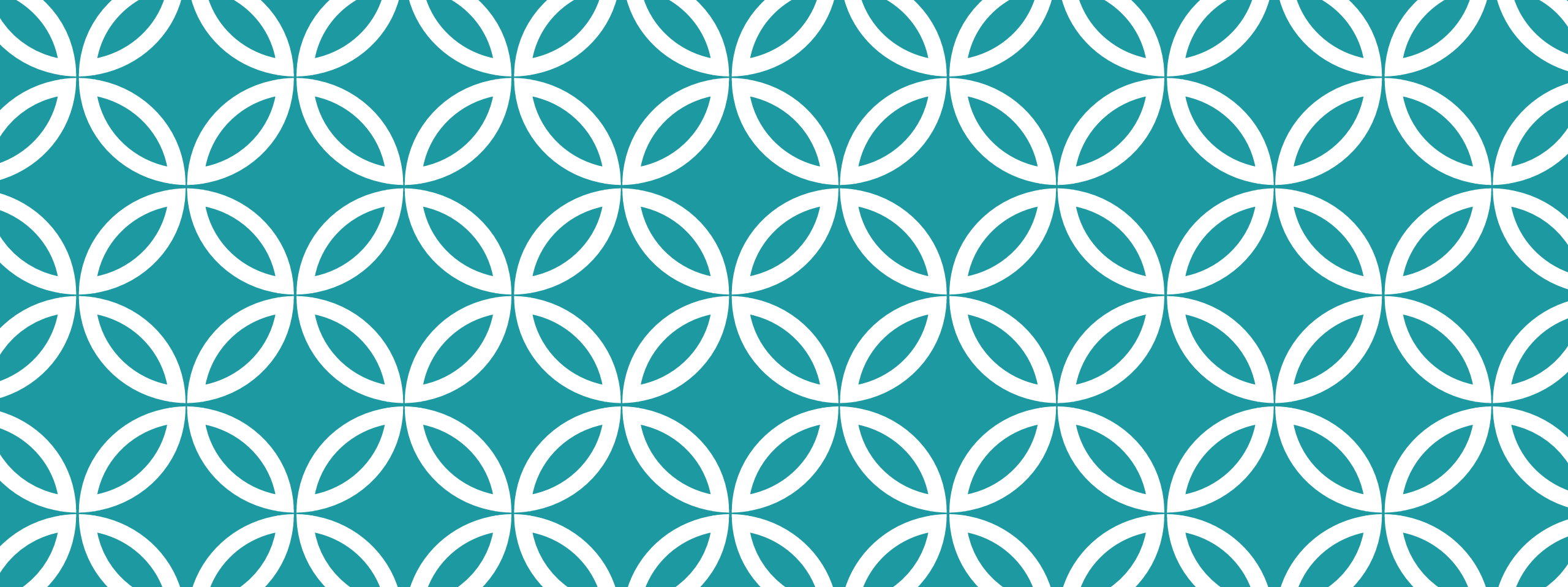
For DNA NGS, how does gene coverage compare to a typical germline lab?

If paired with germline testing, is confirmation testing needed?

Where is the tumor nuclei %, VAF, c. and transcript ID?

Get the appendix and supplementary materials.

Check the online version of the report.








IS IT GERMLINE?

You be the judge!

72 yo woman with lobular breast cancer

Reason for Referral: **MALIGNANT NEOPLASM OF UPPER-OUTER QUADRANT OF LEFT FEMALE BREAST**

Results Summary

| | | |
|--|---|---|
|  | 2 Clinically Significant Variants Detected[§] | CDH1 E35*; PIK3CA E542K |
|  | 0 Alterations Detected by FISH | NONE detected |
|  | Immuno-Oncology Biomarkers | Microsatellite Instability: MSI - Stable (MSS); PD-L1 SP142: EXPRESSED; Tumor Mutation Burden: Low |
|  | Additional Studies | Pan-TRK: EXPRESSED |
|  | Pertinent Negatives | NO abnormalities detected in the following genes: BRCA1, BRCA2, ERBB2, ESR1 |
| Interpretation | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The expression of PD-L1 suggests response to immunotherapy with anti-PD-1 or anti-PD-L1, which are FDA-approved for diverse solid tumor types.- Pan-TRK by IHC: Expressed. Refer to separate results for reflex to NTRK NGS Fusion Profile. | | |

[§] See full list of genes tested in Biomarkers Evaluated section at end of report.

DETAILS

| Gene name | Variant | Amino Acid Change | Nucleotide Change | Consequence | Mutant Allele Frequency (%) | Read Depth |
|-----------|---------|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| PIK3CA | E542K | p.E542K | NM_006218.4: c.1624G>A | Missense | 46.0 | 4939 |
| CDH1 | E35* | p.E35* | NM_004360.5: c.103G>T | Stop gained | 56.5 | 4712 |

GERMLINE RESULT

Test performed

Sequence analysis of the 9 genes listed in the Genes Analyzed section.

- Invitae Breast Cancer STAT Panel
- Add-on ATM Gene
- Add-on CHEK2 Gene



RESULT: NEGATIVE

About this test

This diagnostic test evaluates 9 gene(s) for variants (genetic changes) that are associated with genetic disorders. Diagnostic genetic testing, when combined with family history and other medical results, may provide information to clarify individual risk, support a clinical diagnosis, and assist with the development of a personalized treatment and management strategy.

| GENE | TRANSCRIPT | GENE | TRANSCRIPT | GENE | TRANSCRIPT |
|-------|-------------|-------|-------------|-------|-------------|
| ATM | NM_000051.3 | CDH1 | NM_004360.3 | PTEN | NM_000314.4 |
| BRCA1 | NM_007294.3 | CHEK2 | NM_007194.3 | STK11 | NM_000455.4 |
| BRCA2 | NM_000059.3 | PALB2 | NM_024675.3 | TP53 | NM_000546.5 |

Previous analysis performed at a different laboratory reportedly identified a variant in CDH1 c.103G>T (p.E35*), in this individual's tumor testing. This variant was not detected in the submitted sample.

GENETIC COUNSELING FOR BIOMARKERS

Is the patient personally motivated to have germline testing OR are you screening tumor profiles to find appropriate candidate for testing?

Is the variant expected to in this tumor?

COSMIC: <https://cancer.sanger.ac.uk/cosmic/browse/tissue>

Is the personal and family medical history consistent?

70 yo female with
ovarian cancer,
TN% 40

Genomic Signatures

| Biomarker | Method | Analyte | Result |
|--------------------------------------|--------|-----------|---|
| Microsatellite Instability (MSI) | Seq | DNA-Tumor | Stable |
| Tumor Mutational Burden (TMB) | Seq | DNA-Tumor |  |
| Genomic Loss of Heterozygosity (LOH) | Seq | DNA-Tumor | High - 18% of tested genomic segments exhibited LOH (assay threshold is $\geq 16\%$) |

Genes Tested with Pathogenic or Likely Pathogenic Alterations

| Gene | Method | Analyte | Variant Interpretation | Protein Alteration | Exon | DNA Alteration | Variant Frequency % |
|--------|--------|-----------|------------------------|--------------------|------|----------------|---------------------|
| BRCA2 | Seq | DNA-Tumor | Pathogenic Variant | p.S599fs | 10 | c.1796delC | 76 |
| MAP2K4 | Seq | DNA-Tumor | Pathogenic Variant | c.1086+1G>A | 10 | c.1086+1G>A | 51 |
| TP53 | Seq | DNA-Tumor | Pathogenic Variant | p.E286K | 8 | c.856G>A | 53 |

Unclassified alterations for DNA sequencing can be found in the MI Portal.
Formal nucleotide nomenclature and gene reference sequences can be found in the Appendix of this report.

Immunohistochemistry Results

| Biomarker | Result | Biomarker | Result |
|-----------|---------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| ER | Positive 2+, 75% | PD-L1 (22c3) | Positive, CPS: 3 |
| MLH1 | Positive 1+, 100% | PMS2 | Positive 2+, 100% |
| MSH2 | Positive 2+, 100% | PR | Negative 1+, 3% |
| MSH6 | Positive 2+, 100% | | |

Management Tool - BRACAnalysis CDx[®] *BRCA1* and *BRCA2* Analysis



GENETIC RESULT: POSITIVE - CLINICALLY SIGNIFICANT MUTATION IDENTIFIED

Note: "CLINICALLY SIGNIFICANT," as defined in this report, is a genetic change that is associated with the potential to alter medical intervention.

| GENE | MUTATION | THIS GENETIC TEST RESULT IS ASSOCIATED WITH THE FOLLOWING CANCER RISKS: |
|--------------|--|--|
| <i>BRCA2</i> | c.1796del (p.Ser599Phefs*15) Heterozygous | HIGH RISK: Female Breast, Ovarian, Pancreatic ELEVATED RISK: Melanoma |

53 yo female with
pancreatic cancer,
TN% 20

Genes Tested With Mutations/Alterations

| Gene | Method | Analyte | Variant Interpretation | Protein Alteration | Exon | DNA Alteration | Variant Frequency % |
|-------------------------|--------|-----------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|------|--------------------|---------------------|
| ARID1A | Seq | DNA-Tumor | Pathogenic Variant | p.E1803* | 20 | c.5407G>T | 18 |
| CDKN2A | Seq | DNA-Tumor | Pathogenic Variant | p.R58* | 2 | c.172C>T | 20 |
| CTNNB1 | Seq | DNA-Tumor | Likely Pathogenic Variant | p.R661Q | 13 | c.1982G>A | 16 |
| CYLD | Seq | DNA-Tumor | Pathogenic Variant | p.Q455* | 10 | c.1363C>T | 19 |
| ERBB2 (Her2/ Neu) | Seq | DNA-Tumor | Pathogenic Variant | p.R678Q | 17 | c.2033G>A | 17 |
| JAK2 | Seq | DNA-Tumor | Pathogenic Variant | p.R803* | 18 | c.2407C>T | 18 |
| KRAS | Seq | DNA-Tumor | Pathogenic Variant | p.G12V | 2 | c.35G>T | 12 |
| MSH6 | Seq | DNA-Tumor | Variant of Uncertain Significance | p.S459F | 4 | c.1376C>T | 17 |
| | Seq | DNA-Tumor | Pathogenic Variant | p.F1088fs | 5 | c.3261delC | 19 |
| | Seq | DNA-Tumor | Pathogenic Variant | p.A1320fs | 9 | c.3959_3962delCAAG | 38 |
| NFE2L2 | Seq | DNA-Tumor | Likely Pathogenic Variant | p.G81C | 2 | c.241G>T | 20 |
| PALB2 | Seq | DNA-Tumor | Variant of Uncertain Significance | p.L453I | 4 | c.1357C>A | 18 |
| PIK3CA | Seq | DNA-Tumor | Pathogenic Variant | p.Q546H | 10 | c.1638G>T | 17 |
| POLE | Seq | DNA-Tumor | Likely Benign Variant | p.S1827L | 40 | c.5480C>T | 14 |
| PTEN | Seq | DNA-Tumor | Pathogenic Variant | c.1027-1G>T | 9 | c.1027-1G>T | 16 |
| RET | Seq | DNA-Tumor | Variant of Uncertain Significance | p.A641T | 11 | c.1921G>A | 16 |

Immunohistochemistry Results

| Biomarker | Result | Biomarker | Result |
|-----------|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| MLH1 | Positive 2+, 90% | PD-L1 (SP142) | Negative 0 |
| MSH2 | Positive 1+, 70% | PMS2 | Positive 1+, 70% |
| MSH6 | Negative 0 | | |

CANCERNEXT EXPANDED RESULT

| | | | |
|------------------------|---|--------------|------------|
| MSH6 | Pathogenic | Heterozygous | A1320Efs*6 |
| Interpretation: | <p>The c.3959_3962delCAAG pathogenic mutation, located in coding exon 9 of the MSH6 gene, results from a deletion of 4 nucleotides at nucleotide positions 3959 to 3962, causing a translational frameshift with a predicted alternate stop codon (p.A1320Efs*6). This mutation has been reported as an Ashkenazi Jewish founder mutation for Lynch syndrome (Raskin L et al. Clin. Genet. 2011 Jun;79:512-22; Goldberg Y et al. Fam. Cancer. 2014 Mar;13:65-73). It has been identified in numerous individuals with Lynch syndrome tumors, including several with tumors demonstrating microsatellite instability and/or absent MSH6 on IHC (Goodfellow PJ et al. Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A. 2003 May;100:5908-13; Hampel H et al. N. Engl. J. Med. 2005 May;352:1851-60; Baglietto L et al. J. Natl. Cancer Inst. 2010 Feb;102:193-201). In addition, the international consortium of childhood constitutional mismatch repair deficiency (CMMRD) reported this deletion in three individuals with CMMRD: one with GI polyposis, one with T-cell lymphoma and GI polyposis, and one with glioblastoma multiforme (Bakry D et al. Eur. J. Cancer. 2014 Mar;50:987-96). In addition to the clinical data presented in the literature, this alteration is expected to result in loss of function by premature protein truncation. As such, this alteration is interpreted as a disease-causing mutation.</p> | | |

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Genomic Signatures

74 yo male with prostate cancer

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|--------------------------------------|--------|-----------|---|
| Microsatellite Instability (MSI) | Seq | DNA-Tumor | Stable |
| Tumor Mutational Burden (TMB) | Seq | DNA-Tumor | <p>Result: Low</p> <p>2</p> <p>Low 10 High</p> |
| Genomic Loss of Heterozygosity (LOH) | Seq | DNA-Tumor | Low - 6% of tested genomic segments exhibited LOH (assay threshold is $\geq 16\%$) |

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|------|--------|-----------|------------------------|--------------------|------|----------------|---------------------|
| AR | Seq | RNA-Tumor | V7 Detected | - | - | - | - |
| MITF | Seq | DNA-Tumor | Pathogenic Variant | p.E318K | 9 | c.952G>A | 58 |
| TP53 | Seq | DNA-Tumor | Pathogenic Variant | p.C242F | 7 | c.725G>T | 87 |

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Variants of Uncertain Significance can be found in the MI Portal.

Genes Tested with Indeterminate Results by Tumor DNA Sequencing

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------|--------|------|--------|--------|--------|-----|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| HDAC1 | NFE2L2 | NPM1 | PIK3CB | PRKACA | PTPN11 | RB1 | | | | | | |
|-------|--------|------|--------|--------|--------|-----|--|--|--|--|--|--|

Genes in this table were ruled indeterminate due to low coverage for some or all exons.

One Pathogenic variant identified in MITF. MITF is associated with autosomal dominant cutaneous malignant melanoma and Waardenburg syndrome.

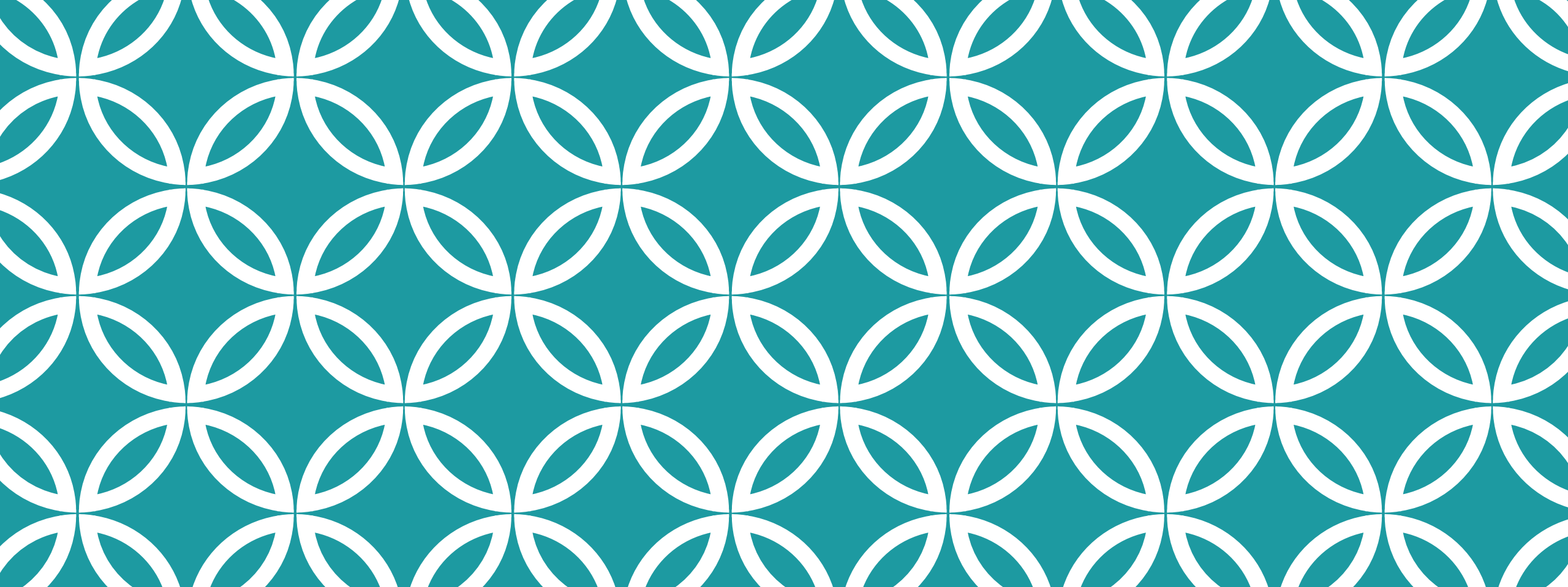
Additional Variant(s) of Uncertain Significance identified.

| GENE | VARIANT | ZYGOSITY | VARIANT CLASSIFICATION |
|------|------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| MITF | c.952G>A (p.Glu318Lys) | heterozygous | PATHOGENIC |
| TP53 | c.749C>T (p.Pro250Leu) | possibly mosaic | Uncertain Significance |

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TEST DISCRPANCIES

Troubleshooting



FAQS

Why didn't the tumor profiling lab detect a known germline variant?

Can tumor profiling help me resolve whether a low frequency germline variant is due to mosaicism vs CHIP?

Why do the tumor profiling lab and the germline lab have different variant classifications?

TUMOR TESTING LIMITATIONS

NOT INCLUDED

- A tumor profiling lab may not cover all the same exons or deep intronic variants as a germline lab
- Large deletions/duplications may not be detected

LOW Q

- Tumor tissue may be degraded and/or fixative may affect gene coverage
- Tumor heterogeneity and LOH

CHIP VS MOSAICISM

Some low frequency variants detected by germline labs represent clonal hematopoiesis of indeterminate potential (CHIP)

The likelihood of CHIP increases with patient age and advanced stage cancer

Tumor profiling does not replace testing cultured skin fibroblasts.

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| FILTER | DP | TI | TP53 | FC | EXON | AltPos | GT | VF |
|--------|------|-------------|------|-----------------|------|---------|-----|-------|
| | 1022 | NM_000546.5 | TP53 | Missense/C242F | 7 | 7577556 | 0/1 | 0.873 |
| Benign | 853 | NM_000546.5 | TP53 | Missense/P72R | 4 | 7579472 | 0/1 | 0.941 |
| lowQ | 971 | NM_000546.5 | TP53 | Synonymous/P36= | 4 | 7579579 | 0/1 | 0.046 |

VARIANT CLASSIFICATIONS

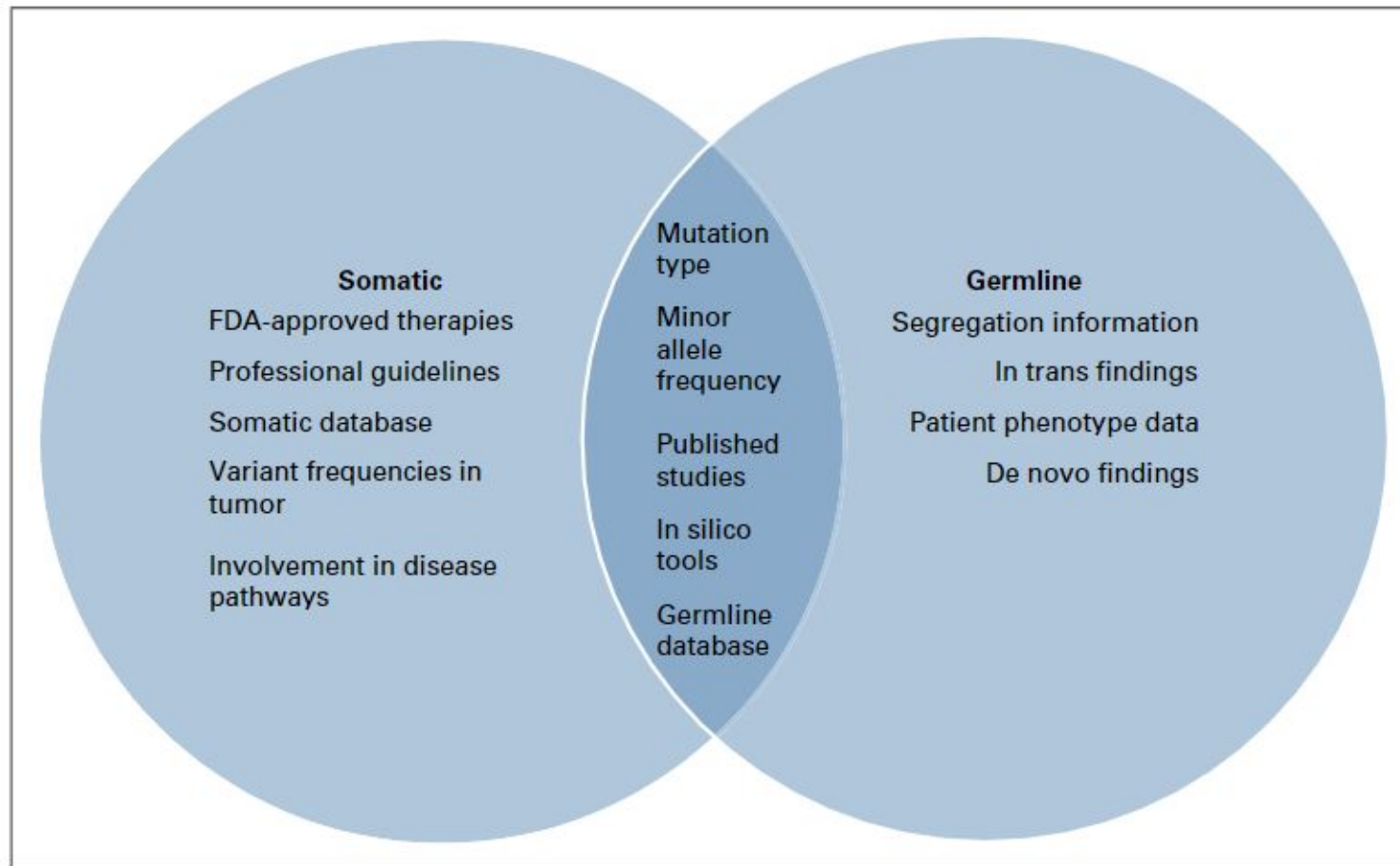


FIG 3. Diagram of lines of evidence published in guidelines for both somatic and germline variant interpretations. FDA, US Food and Drug Administration.

VHL R200W

c.598C>T (p.Arg200Trp)

Russian founder mutation that causes a blood clotting condition called Chuvash polycythemia

This variant is not associated with von Hippel Lindau or cancer risks.

TROUBLESHOOTING TIPS

Call the laboratories

- Providing clinical background can help resolve discrepancies
- Be prepared to share laboratory report information
- Talk to the pathology department who sent the tissue

Ask friend (NSGC Cancer SIG Somatic Subcommittee)

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THANK YOU!

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