

Evaluating and Targeting Defects in DNA Damage Repair

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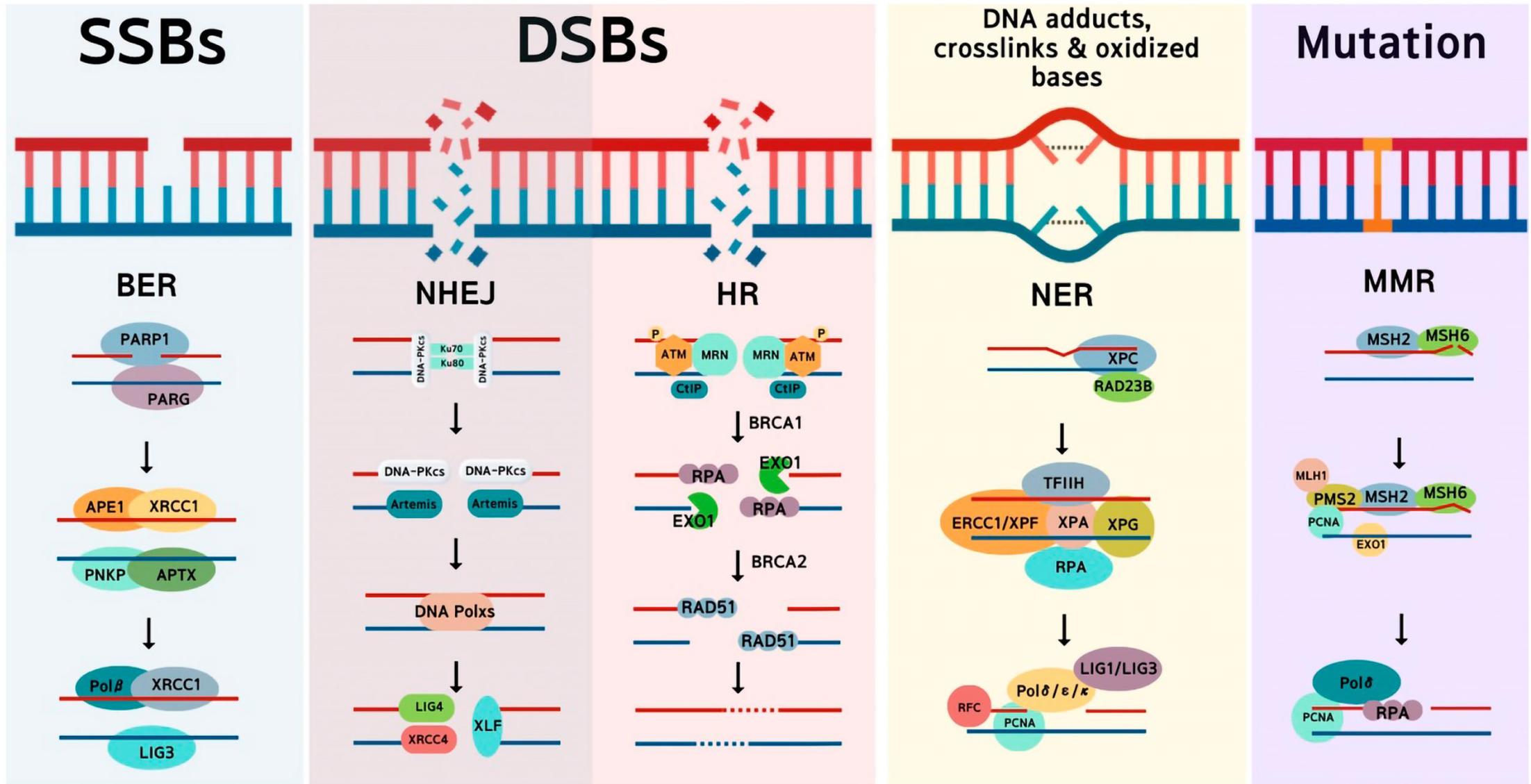
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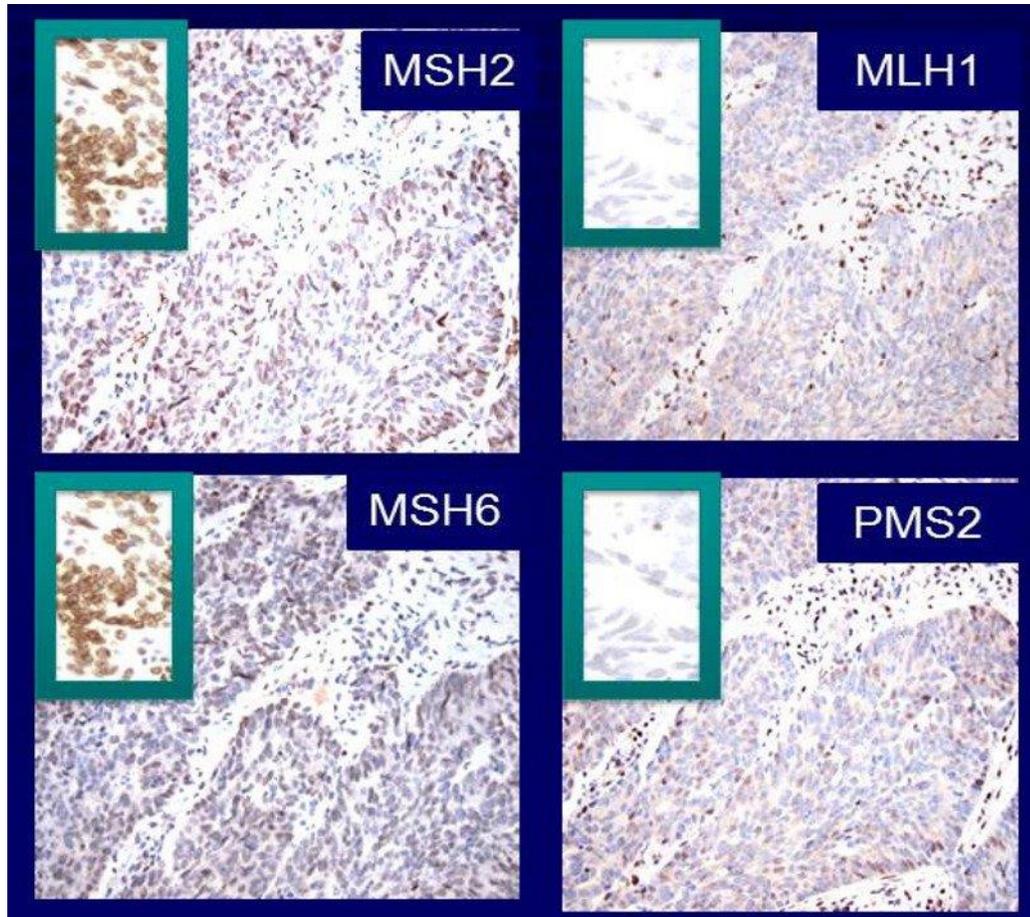
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Point 1: Different Repair Pathways for Different Types of DNA Damage

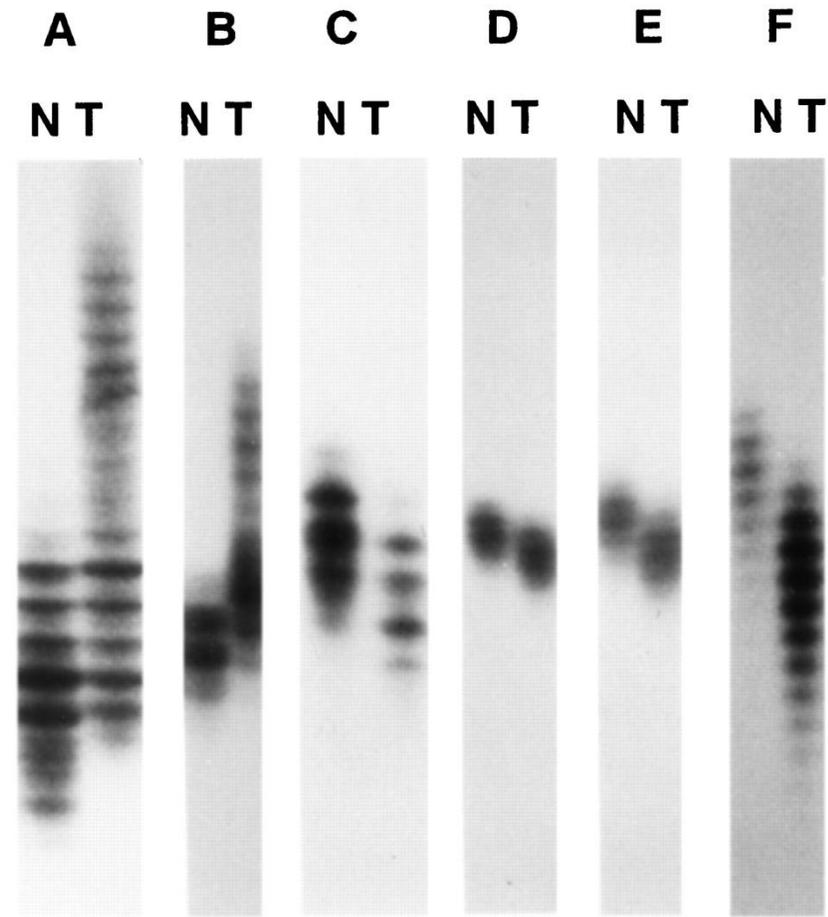


Point 2: Different DNA Damage Repair Defects Have Different “Phenotypes”

Mismatch Repair Protein Deficiency



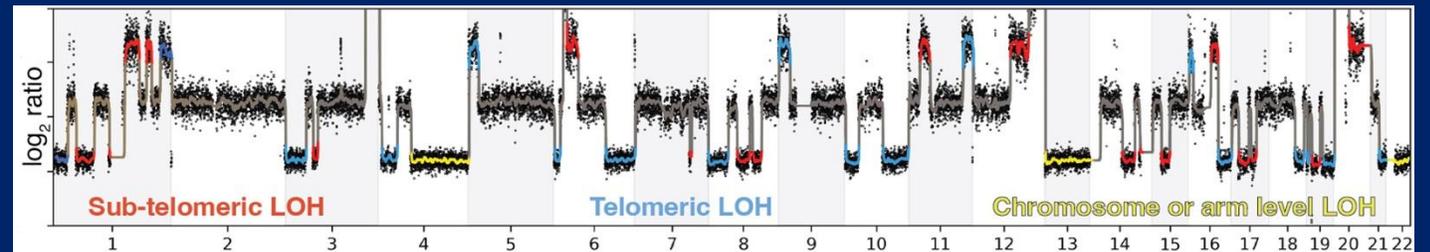
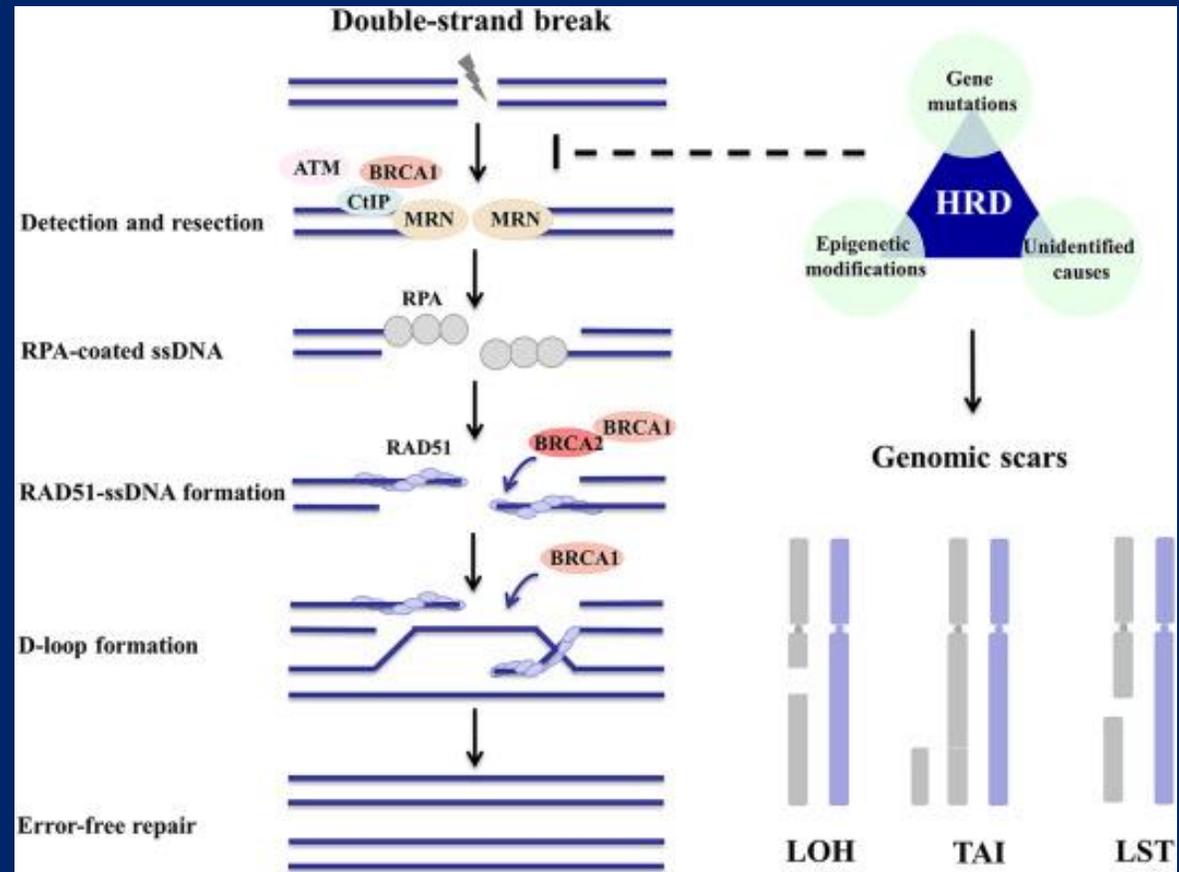
Microsatellite Instability



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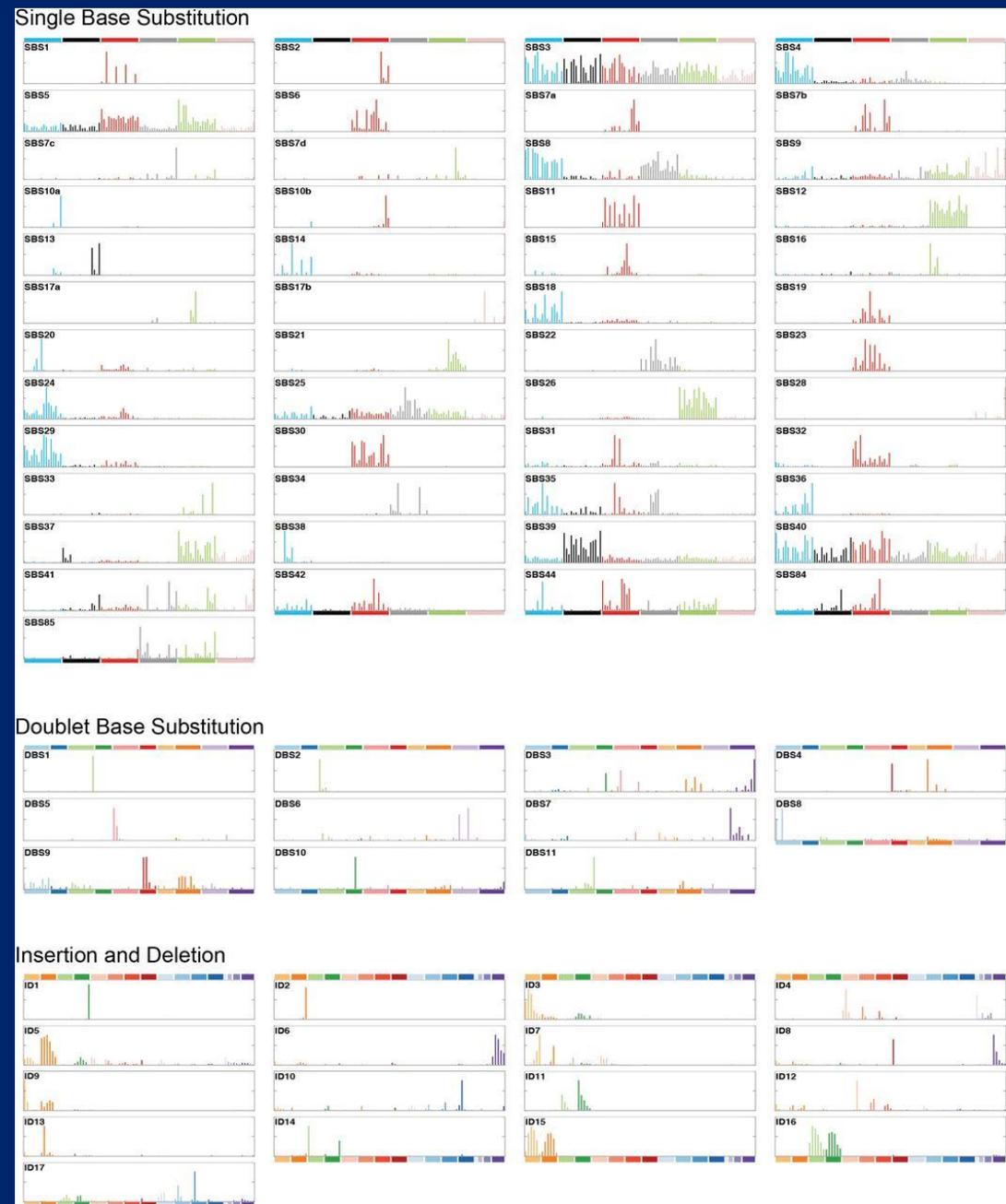
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HRD leads to “genomic scars”

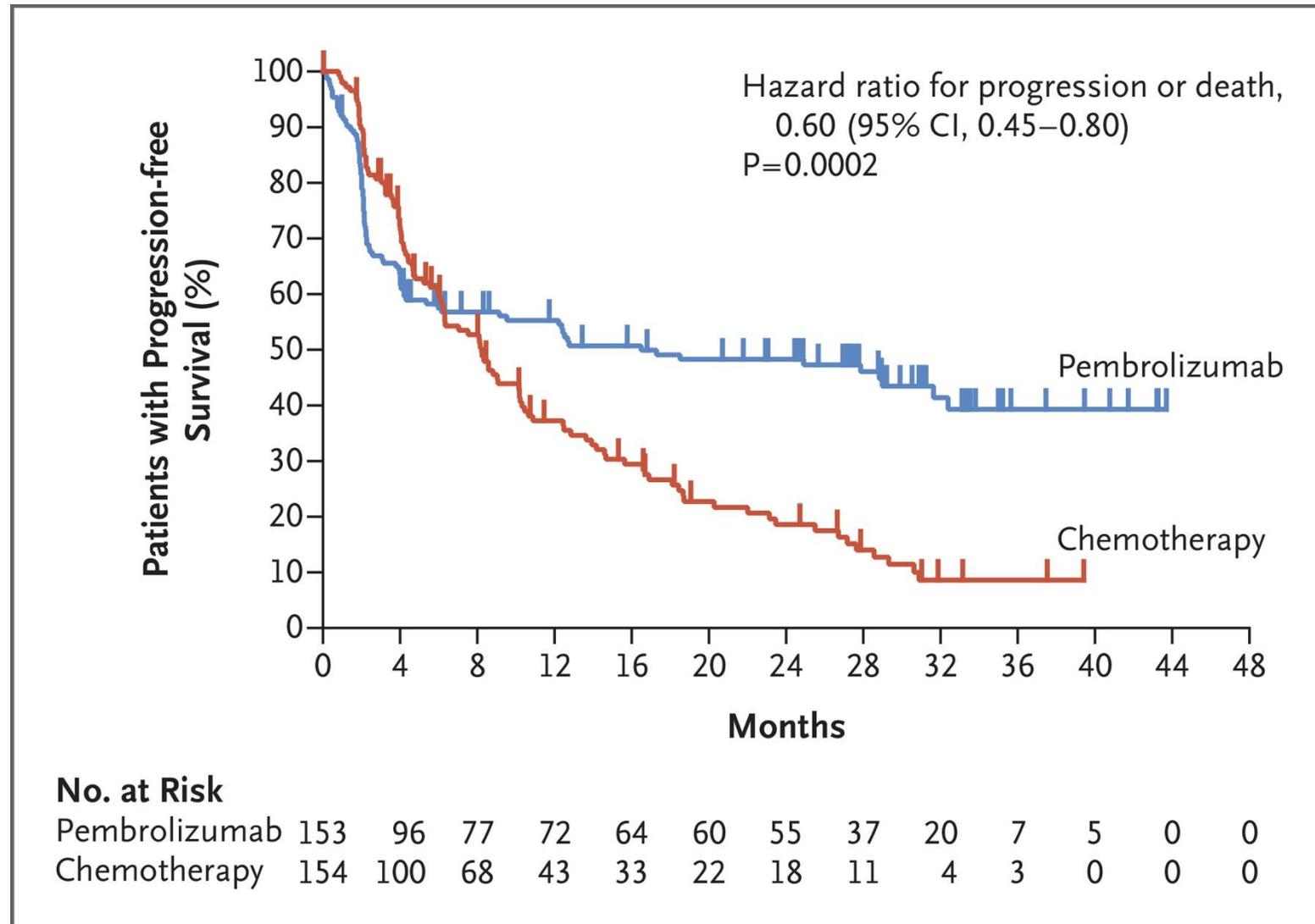


Mutational Signatures Reflect Mechanism of Carcinogenesis

Some mutational signatures reflect specific DNA damage repair defects (e.g. HRD)

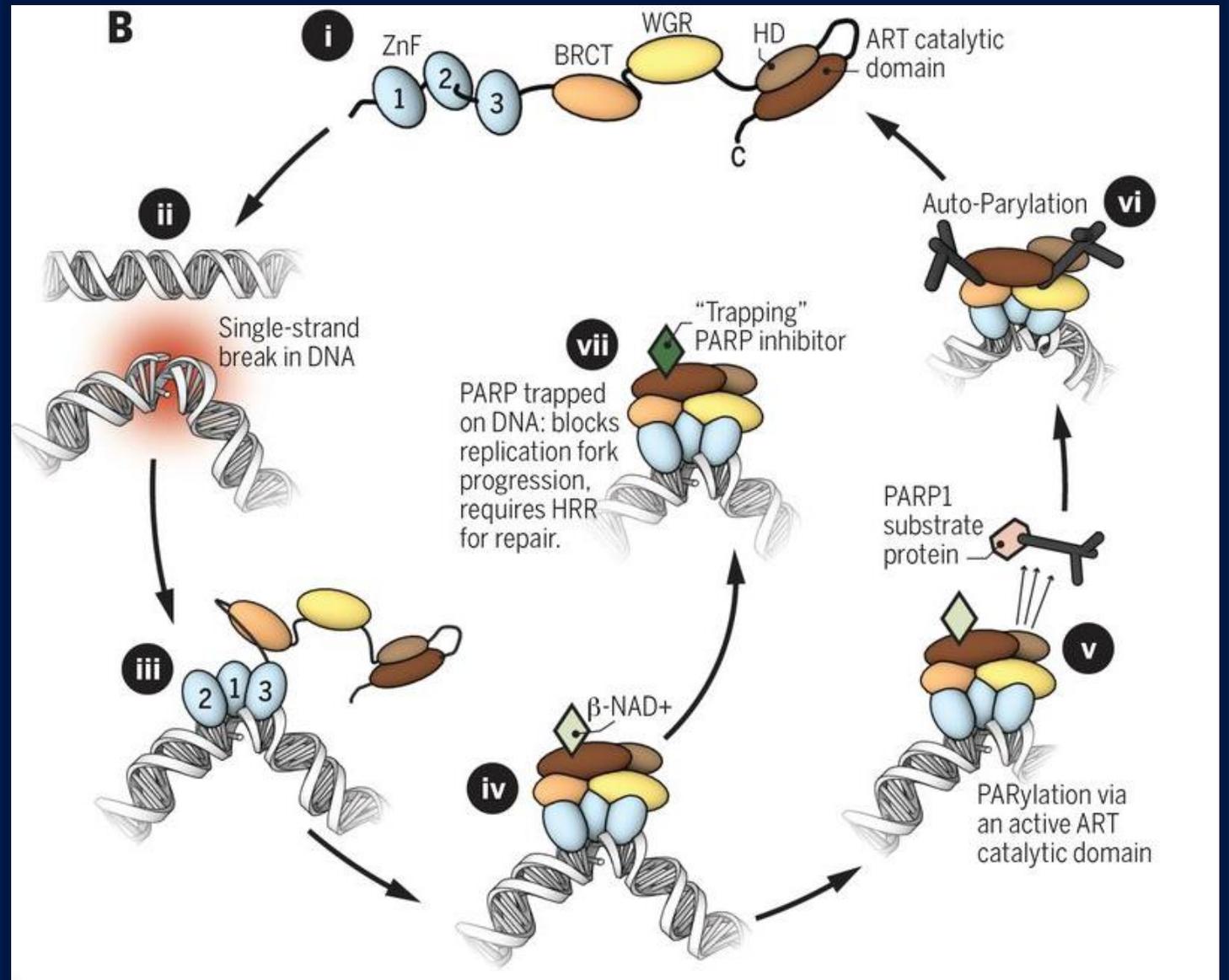


Treatment May Target the Result (“Phenotype”) of Repair Defect



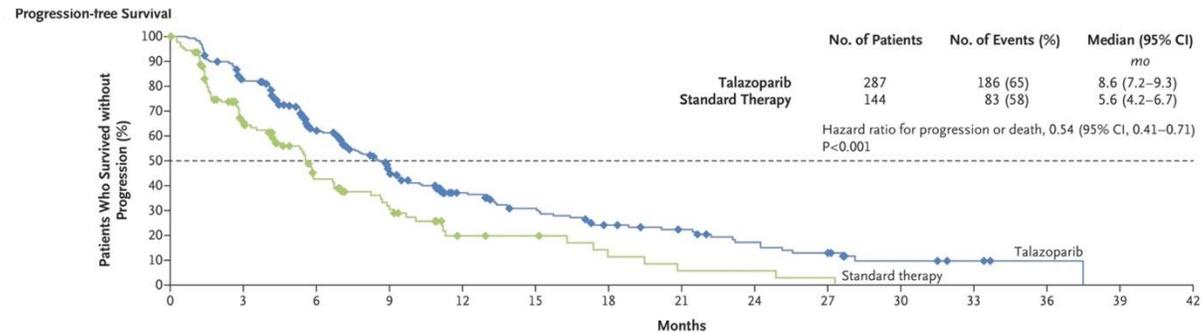
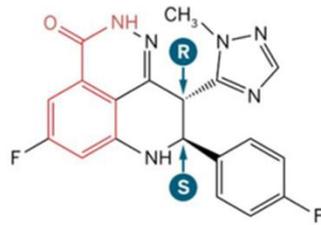
Treatment may target the PROCESS of repair deficiency

Example: Synthetic lethality of PARPi in HR-deficient cells



Treatment May Target the PROCESS of Repair Deficiency

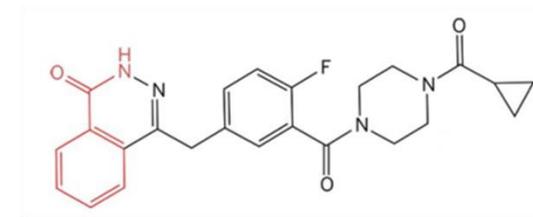
Talazoparib



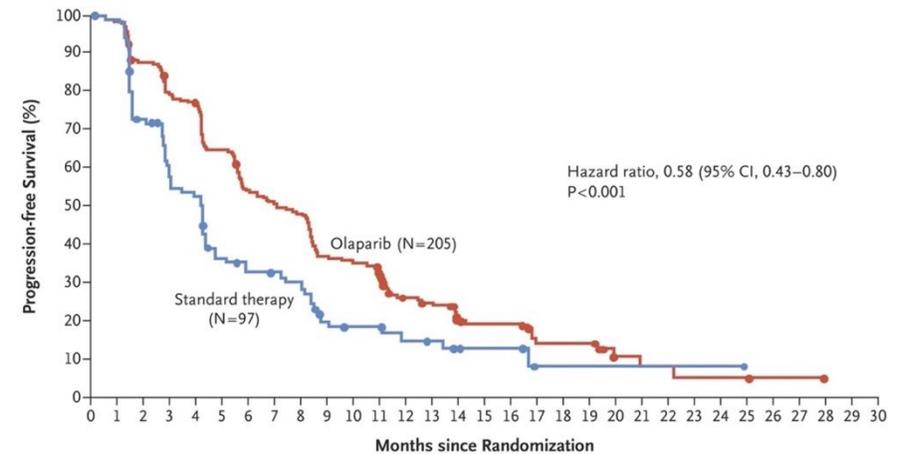
No. at Risk (events/cumulative events)	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39	42
Talazoparib	287 (0/0)	229 (50/50)	148 (53/103)	91 (34/137)	55 (17/154)	42 (9/163)	29 (9/172)	23 (2/174)	16 (5/179)	12 (4/183)	5 (2/185)	3 (0/185)	1 (0/185)	0 (1/186)	0 (0/186)
Standard therapy	144 (0/0)	68 (41/41)	34 (20/61)	22 (8/69)	9 (7/76)	8 (0/76)	4 (3/79)	2 (2/81)	2 (0/81)	1 (1/82)	0 (1/83)	0 (0/83)	0 (0/83)	0 (0/83)	0 (0/83)

Litton et al, NEJM 2018

Olaparib



A Progression-free Survival

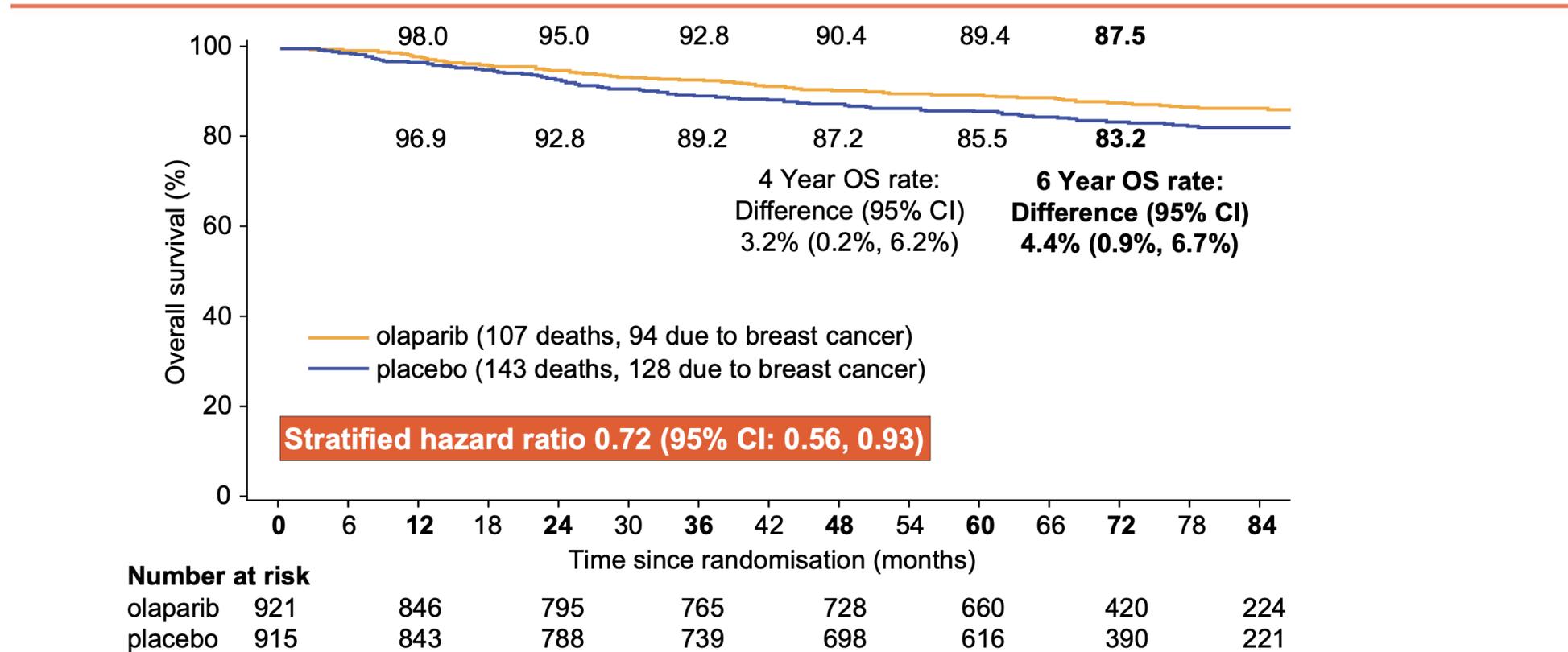


No. at Risk	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Olaparib	205	201	177	159	154	129	107	100	94	73	69	61	40	36	23	21	21	11	11	11	4	3	3	2	2	1	1	1	0	0	
Standard therapy	97	88	63	46	44	29	25	24	21	13	11	11	8	7	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	

Robson et al, NEJM 2017

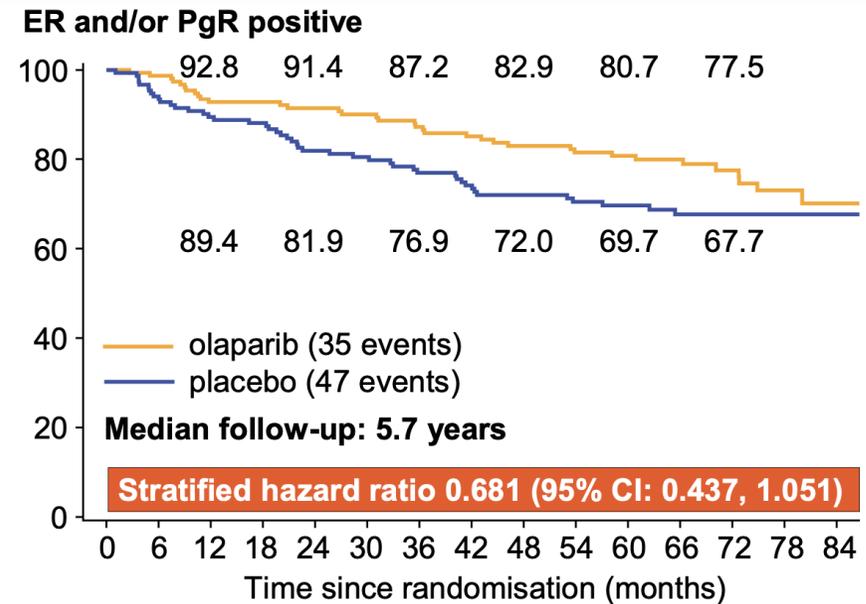
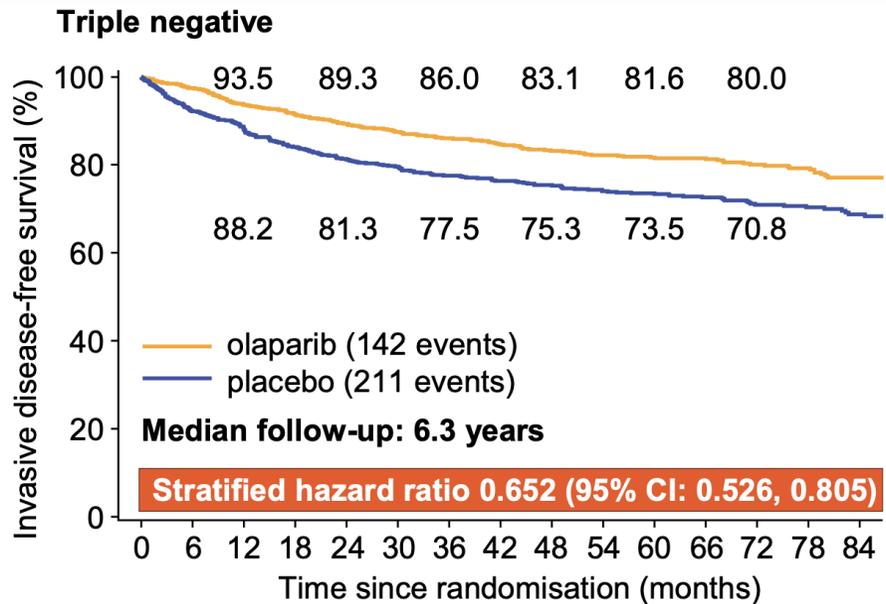
Outcomes of OlympiA 10 years after FPI

Analysis of OS (ITT)



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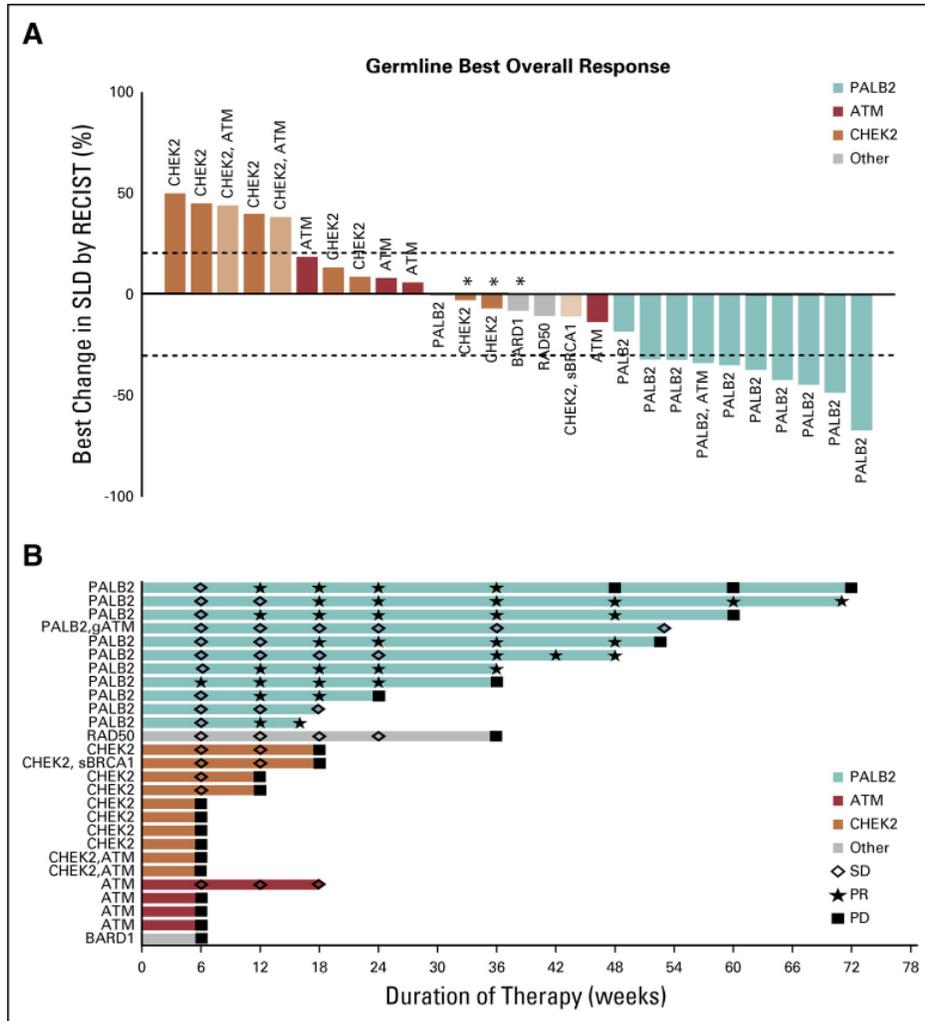
Analysis of IDFS by HR status



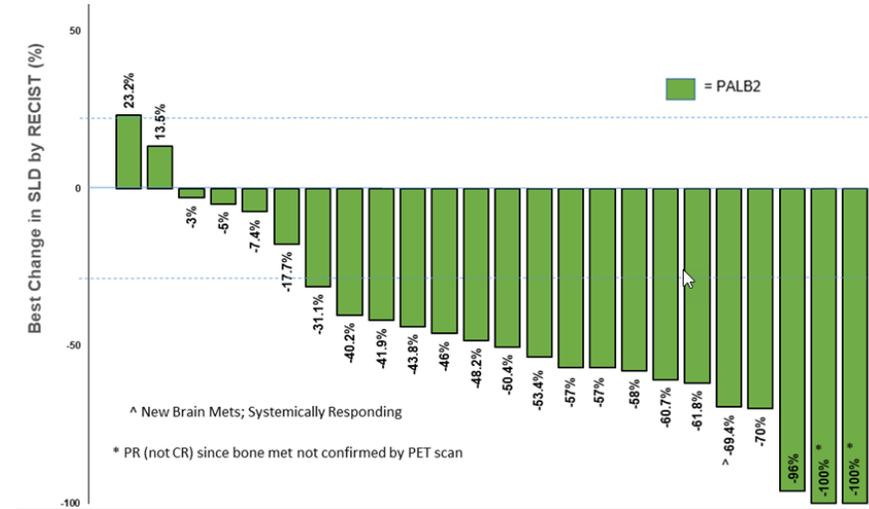
Number at risk

Olaparib	751	636	579	544	514	463	306	178
Placebo	758	632	565	519	489	430	282	162

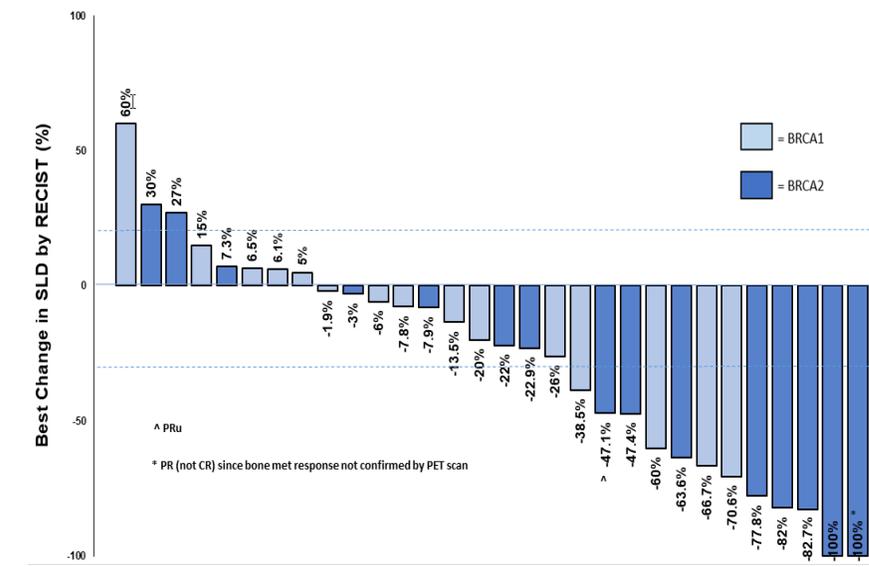
Olaparib	168	140	131	124	116	105	53	15
Placebo	157	134	118	109	99	82	45	19



Tung N, Robson M et al, JCO 2021

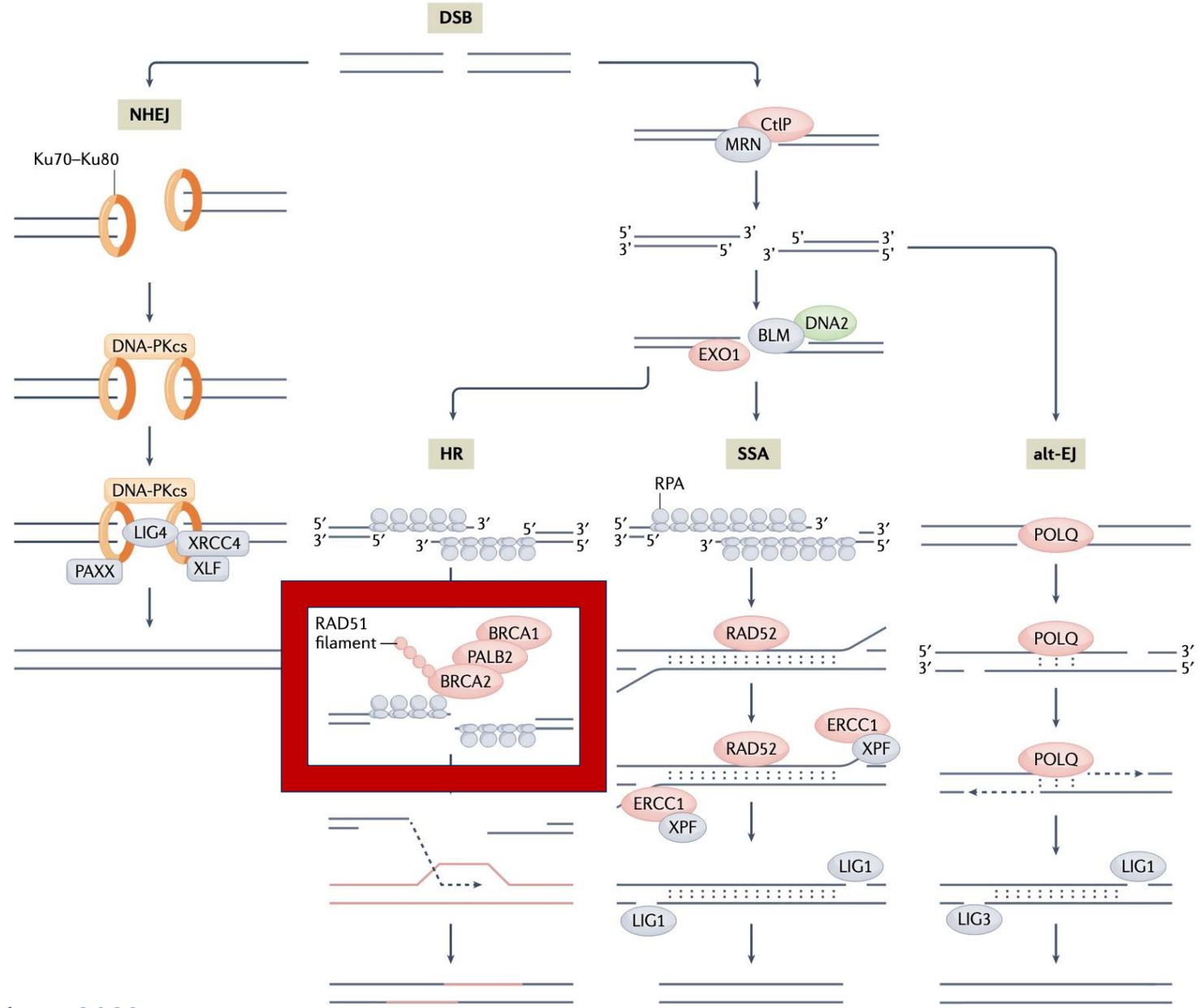


ORR 75%



ORR 37%

Tung N, Robson M et al, ASCO 2024

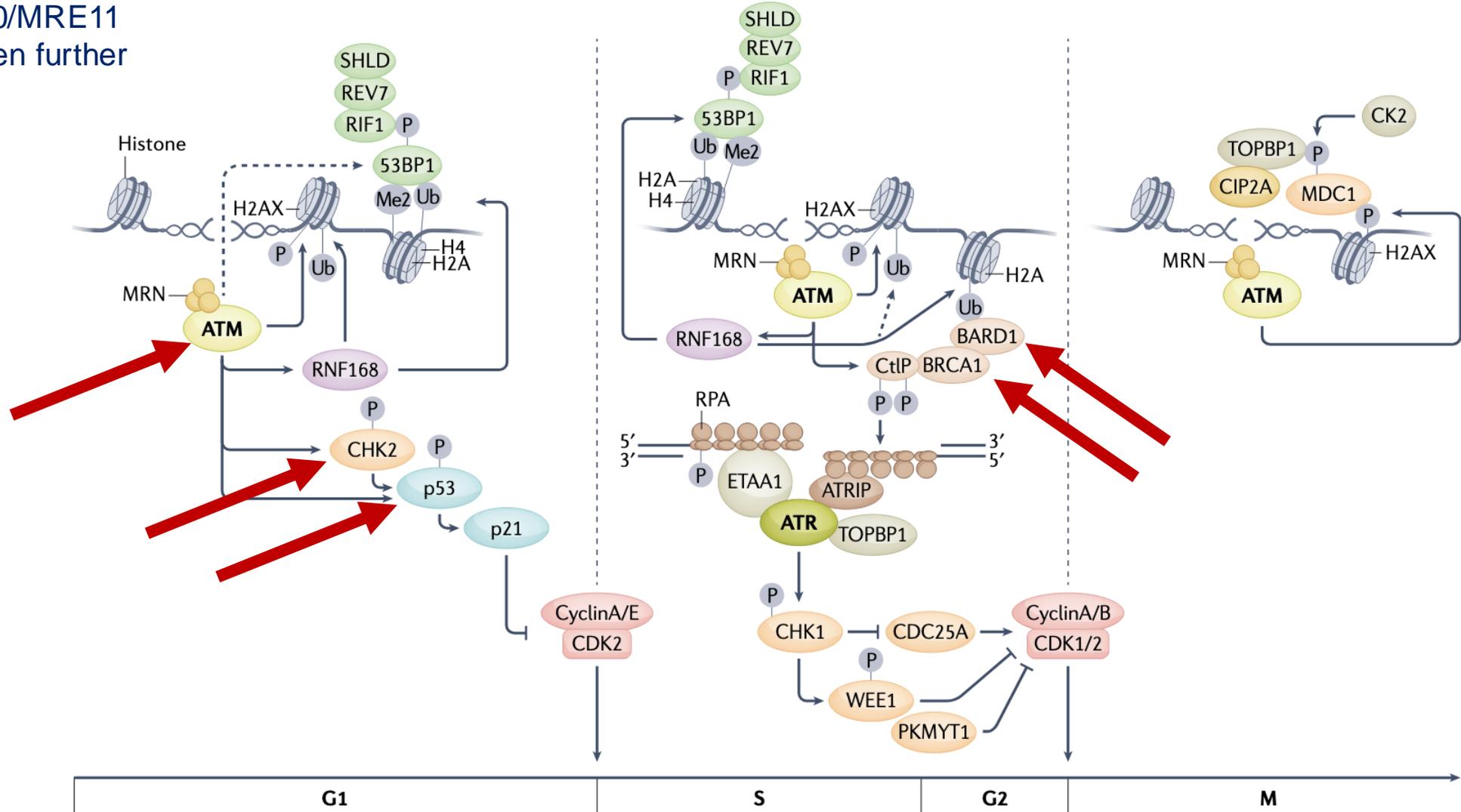


Groelly et al, Nature Cancer Reviews 2023

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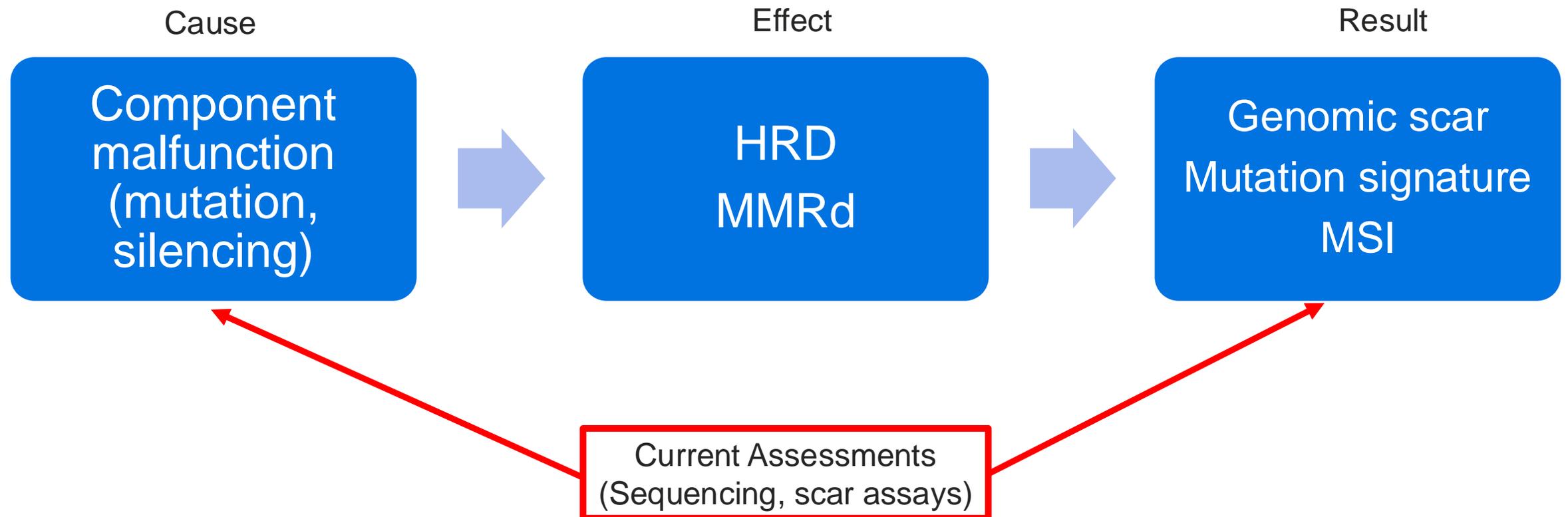
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complex even further
“upstream”



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Problem: How to measure the process

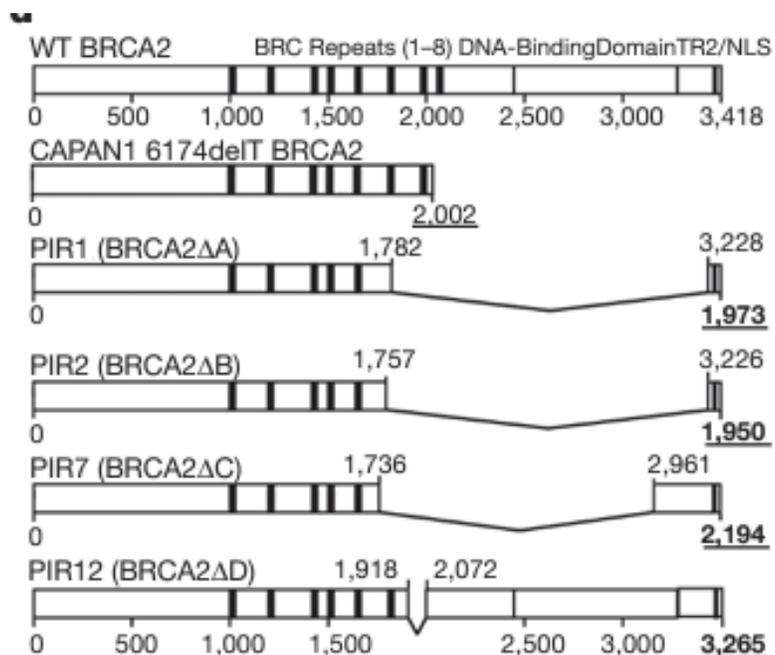


Multiple mechanisms of PARPi resistance

Resistance to therapy caused by intragenic deletion in *BRCA2*

Stacey L. Edwards¹, Rachel Brough¹, Christopher J. Lord¹, Rachael Natrajan¹, Radost Vatcheva¹, Douglas A. Levine², Jeff Boyd³, Jorge S. Reis-Filho¹ & Alan Ashworth¹

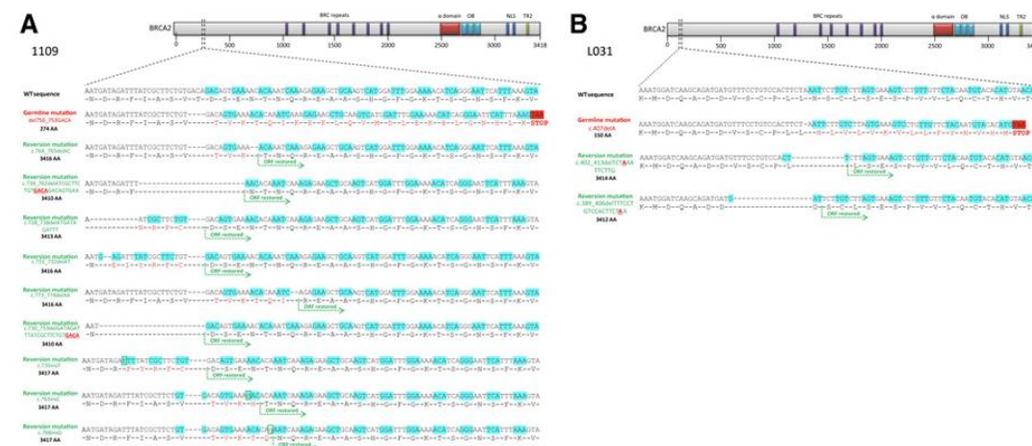
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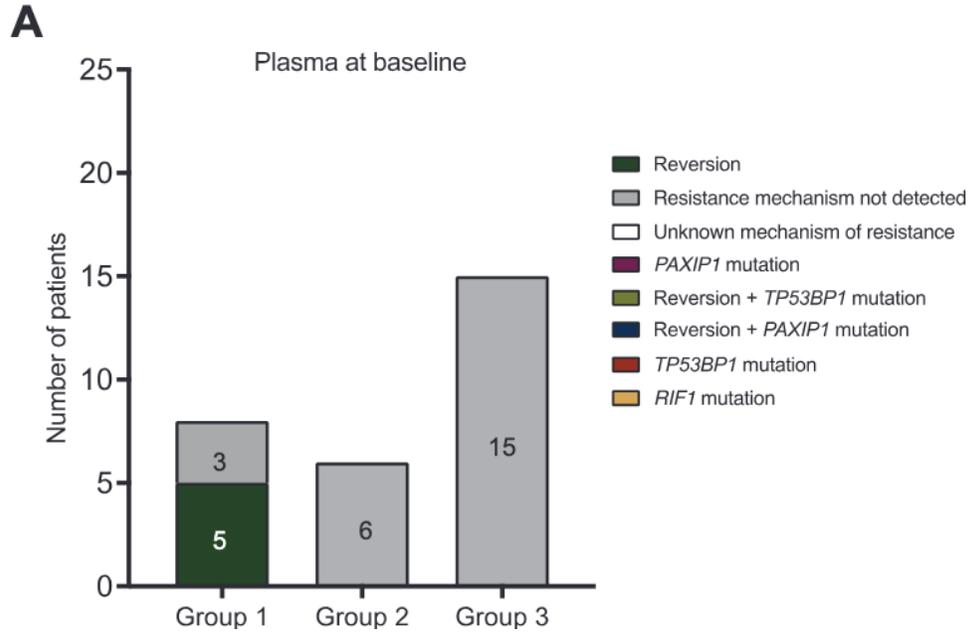
Diverse *BRCA1* and *BRCA2* Reversion Mutations in Circulating Cell-Free DNA of Therapy-Resistant Breast or Ovarian Cancer

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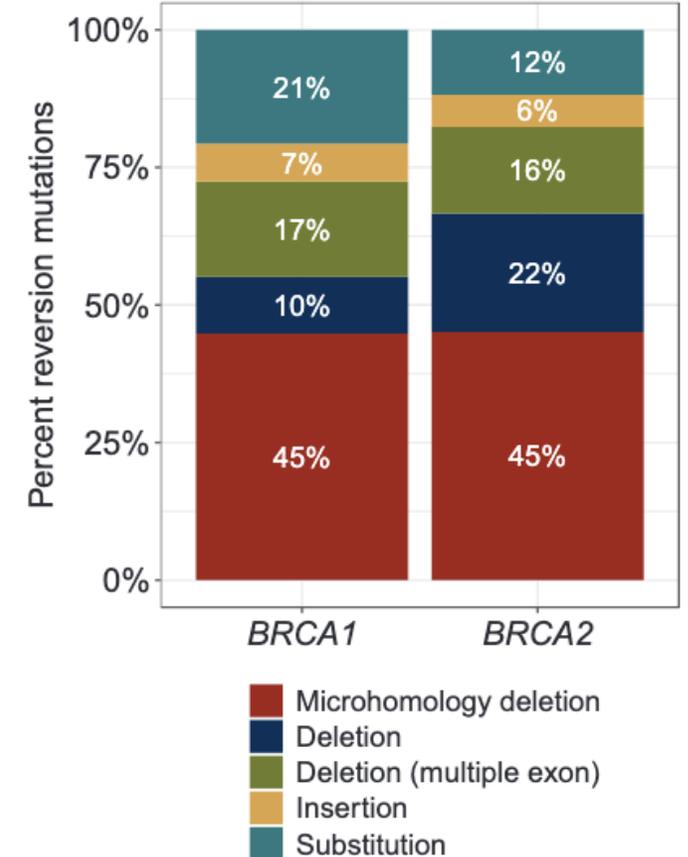
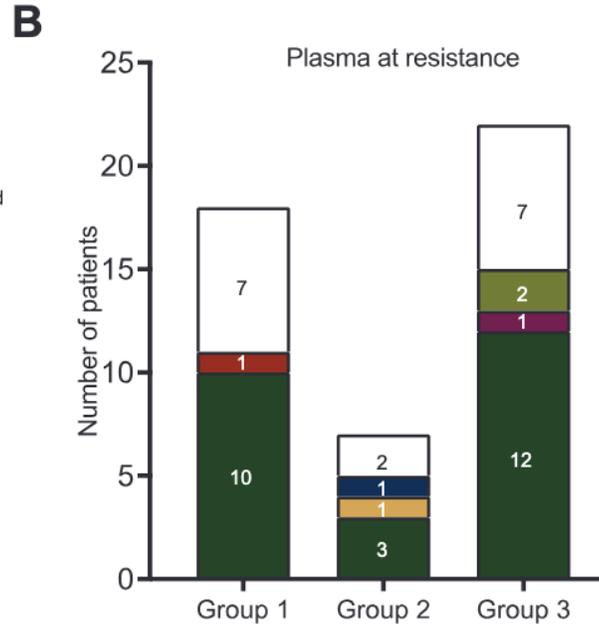
Clin Cancer Res 2017



PARPi resistance mechanisms



Group 1: de novo resistant
 Group 2: minimal response
 Group 3: response, then progression



Harvey-Jones et al, Ann Oncol 2024

Scars may remain ...



Summary

- Not all defects in DNA damage repair are the same (DDR is a *very* broad term)
- Not all defects in DNA damage repair are (currently) targetable
- The results of some defects are targetable (e.g. MSI, TMB)
- The process of some defects are targetable (e.g. HRD)
- Current assays are largely measuring results, not process
- Dynamic measurement of process may maximize benefit of certain treatments



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