

# ESMO ADVANCED COURSE ON NTRK GENE FUSION:

The ESMO Scale for Clinical Actionability of molecular  
Targets (ESCAT)

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## DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

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## STANDARDIZING LANGUAGE

*Precision medicine (preferred term)/personalised medicine.* A healthcare approach with the primary aim of identifying which interventions are likely to be of most benefit to which patients based upon the features of the individual and their disease. In cancer, the term usually refers to the use of therapeutics that are expected to confer benefit to a subset of patients whose cancer displays specific molecular or cellular features (most commonly genomic changes and gene or protein expression patterns). Nevertheless, the term also includes the use of prognostic markers, predictors of toxicities and any parameter such as environmental and lifestyle factors that leads to treatment tailoring. Characterisation approaches in the future are expected to encompass a wider range of technologies such as functional imaging.

ence for this newer term. The first was proposed by the National Research Council that suggested that the term ‘personalised’ could be ‘misinterpreted to imply that treatments and preventions are being developed uniquely for each individual’ [7]. A sec-

The European Society for Medical Oncology (ESMO)  
Precision Medicine Glossary

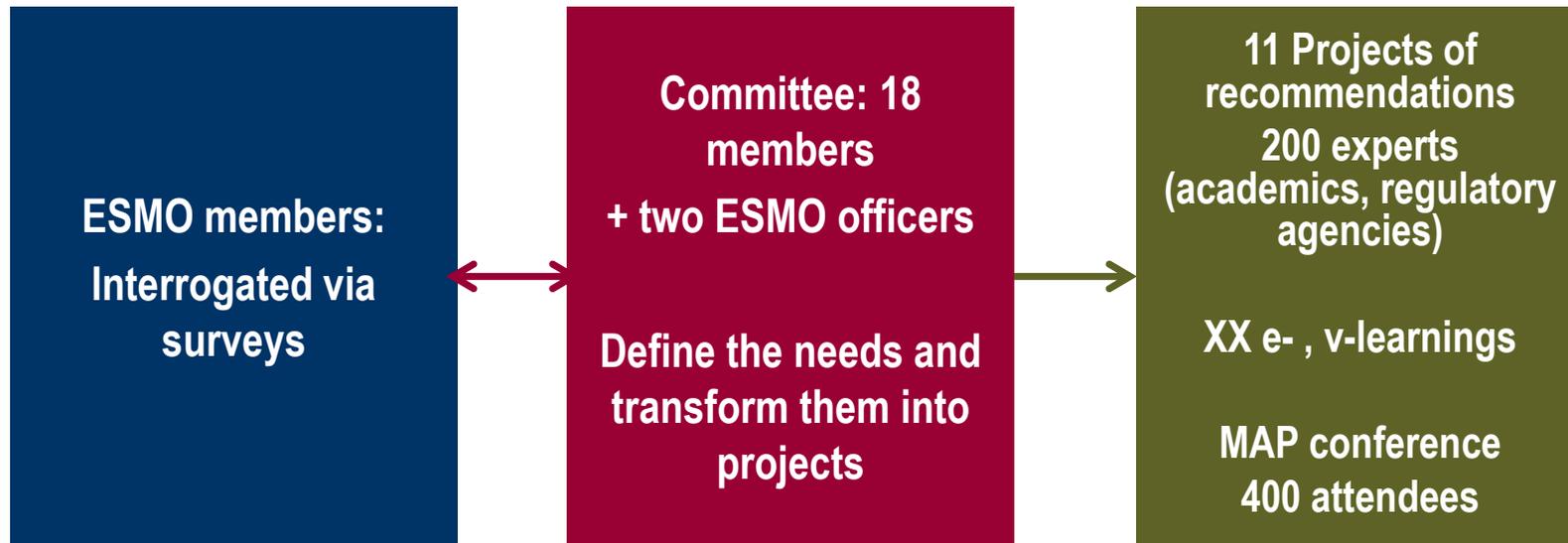
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## SEEKING PERSONALIZED OR PRECISION MEDICINE

- Knowing more about the tumor
  - Genomics – molecular stratification of prostate cancer
  - Clonal evolution
  - Precision Imaging
- Knowing more about the patient
  - Social, personal circumstances
  - Comorbidities
  - Expectations, fears

PERSONALIZED MEDICINE is not a new concept, we are just trying to **deliver** it better by adding more variables (PRECISION)

# ESMO PRECISION MEDICINE WORKING GROUP



Dissemination: ESMO Annual meeting, MAP, Annals of Oncology, ESMO website



## AIM OF DEVELOPING NGS TOOLS: IMPROVING PATIENT CARE



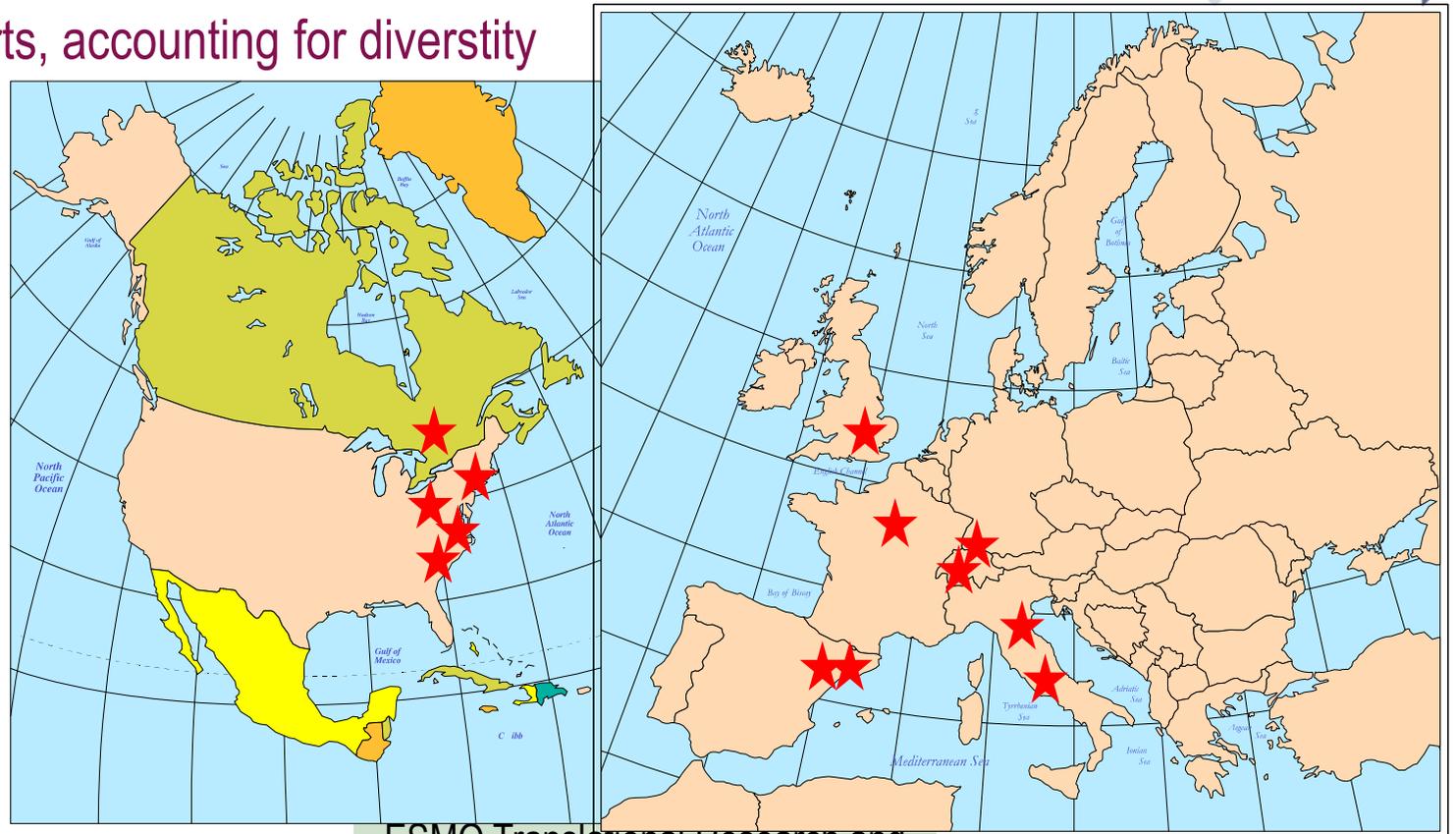
- Advances in NGS technology need to be paired by policies to favor implementation in clinical practice: SCALABILITY
- Awareness + Education
- Access to technology could be (potentially) resolved by outsourcing reports, but interpretation of medical tests is at the core of the physician-patient relationship
- We should prevent NGS becoming a source of health disparity:
  - Access to technology
  - **Expertise to implement it**

# ESCAT: A MULTI-INSTITUTION, INTERNATIONAL EFFORT

Building from previous efforts, accounting for diversity

## ESCAT Project team

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ESMO Translational Research and  
Precision Medicine Working Group

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ESMO Leadership

# BARRIERS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF GENOMICS INTO ROUTINE CLINICAL PRACTICE



## DISEASE-SPECIFIC

- Tumor evolution
- Spatial heterogeneity
- Difficult to access metastatic biopsies
- Predominance of loss-of-function vs oncogenic events
- Small biopsies, fragmented DNA

## ASSAYS

- Analytical validation
- Clinical qualification
- Bioinformatics

## DATA INTERPRETATION

- **Lack of standardized interpretation systems for somatic variants**
- **New variants discovery**
- **Data sharing**
- **Lack of expertise at tumor boards**

## TECHNOLOGY ACCESS

- Inequalities in healthcare access
- Financial toxicity (insurances)
- Test for individual biomarkers vs multiplexed profiling

# BOTTLENECKS



Patient education

Sample acquisition Yield, quality, representative, heterogeneity, evolution

NGS assay Analytical validation, costs, availability, scalability

Bioinformatics Standardization, manual curation

**Reporting** **Prioritization, Clinical Relevance (Prognosis, Predictive, Resistance)**

Tumor board **Scalability outside academia**

Match to available drug **Drug availability**  
Comorbidities, other factors



## OBJECTIVES

A framework to rank genomic alterations as targets for cancer precision medicine

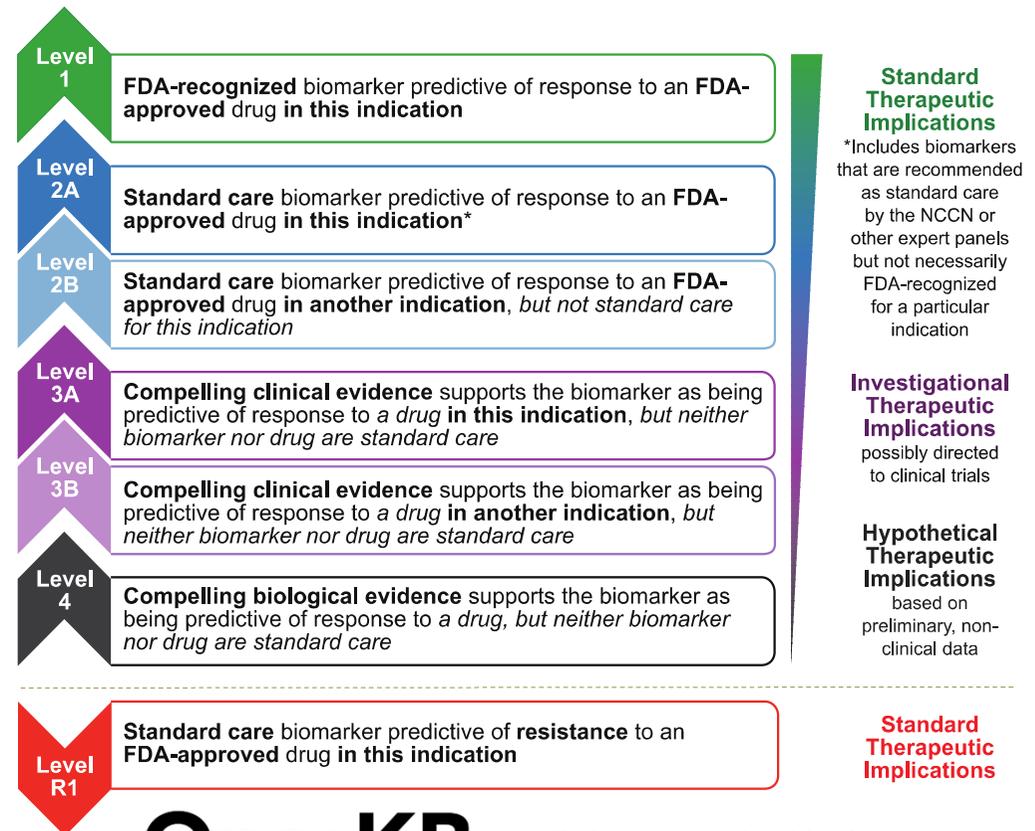
- Advance towards **harmonized terminology** in NGS reports
- **Categorize levels of evidence** for precision medicine approaches, irrespectively of national/regional regulatory aspects
- Assist in **the interpretation of clinical trial data**
- Facilitate discussions at tumor clinical-molecular boards (**clinically-oriented**)
- **Adjust patient expectations** when discussing targeting agents
- **Assist clinicians and patients to prioritize precision medicine strategies more likely to impact positively in patient outcome**

# PRIOR CLASSIFICATION SYSTEMS

## Why do we need another one?

CATEGORY:	LEVEL A	LEVEL B	LEVEL C	LEVEL D	LEVEL E
<b>Predictive – FDA-approved therapies</b>	There is a <b>validated association</b> between this alteration and response/resistance to this agent <i>for this indication</i>	There is <b>limited clinical evidence</b> (early or conflicting data) for an association between this alteration and response/resistance to this agent <i>in this tumor type</i>	There is <b>clinical evidence</b> for an association between this alteration and response/resistance to this agent in <i>another tumor type ONLY</i>	There is <b>preclinical evidence</b> for an association between this alteration and response/resistance to this agent	There is an <b>inferential association</b> between this alteration and response/resistance to this agent
<b>Predictive – Therapies in clinical trials</b>	This alteration is used or has been used as an <b>eligibility criterion</b> for clinical trials of this agent or class of agents	There is <b>limited clinical evidence</b> (early or conflicting data) for an association between this alteration and response/resistance to this agent or class of agents <i>in this tumor type</i>	There is <b>clinical evidence</b> for an association between this alteration and response/resistance to this agent or class of agents in <i>another tumor type ONLY</i>	There is <b>preclinical evidence</b> for an association between this alteration and response/resistance to this agent or class of agents	There is a <b>inferential association</b> between this alteration and response/resistance to this agent or class of agents
<b>Prognostic</b>	There is a <b>validated association</b> between this alteration and prognosis in this tumor type	There is <b>limited evidence</b> for an association between this alteration and prognosis in this tumor type			
<b>Diagnostic</b>	There is a <b>validated association</b> between this alteration and a diagnosis	There is <b>limited evidence</b> for an association between this alteration and a diagnosis			

Van Allen et al, Nat Med 2014



**OncKB**

Chakravarty et al., JCO PO 2017



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Level of evidence	A	B	C	Clinical implications
I: Molecular alteration validated in several robust early phase trials or at least one phase III randomized trials	Alteration validated in the disease under consideration, targeted therapies have shown to be ineffective in patients who are lacking the genomic alteration	No evidence that the therapy does not work in the absence of the molecular alteration	Level I molecular alteration, but not in the disease under consideration	A/B: Patients must be treated with the targeted therapy C: Patients should be considered for clinical trials
II: Efficacy of targeting molecular alteration suggested in single and underpowered phase I/II trials	Alteration validated in the disease under consideration, targeted therapies have shown to be ineffective in patients who are lacking the genomic alteration	No evidence that the therapy does not work in the absence of the molecular alteration	Level I molecular alteration, but not in the disease under consideration or anecdotal evidence of response to targeting molecular alteration in single patient case reports	Patients should be considered for clinical trials testing the targeted therapy
III: Target suggested by preclinical studies	Preclinical studies include human samples, cell lines and animal models	Preclinical studies that lack either cell lines or animal models	NA	Inclusion in clinical trials is optional
IV: Target predicted but lack of clinical or preclinical data	Genomic alteration is a known cancer-related gene	Genomic alteration is not known as cancer-related gene	NA	Inclusion in clinical trials is optional

Different clinical attitude within same tier

Same recommendation for different tiers

Andre et al, Ann Oncol 2014

## LEVERAGE FOR ESCAT: ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT

Why do we need another one?

- Randomized clinical trial data as stratification criteria
- Efficacy (PFS/OS) + Antitumor activity (Response)
- Magnitude of benefit
- Evidence for the match in other tumor types
- Evidence in other biologically similar mutations
- Facilitating dynamic classification as new data emerges

- FDA/EMEA registration status
- One Tier = One Clinical Action
- Not aiming to judge pathogenicity of mutations (biological relevance)
- Not based the drug alone but in the match

**ACTIONABILITY + CLINICAL BENEFIT**

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## Tier I

	Evidence tier	Required level of evidence	Clinical Class	Clinical Implication
General use	I: Alteration-drug match is associated with improved outcome in clinical trials	I-A: Prospective, <u>randomized</u> clinical trials show the alteration-drug match in a specific tumour type results in a clinically meaningful improvement of a survival endpoint.	Drug administered to patients with the specific molecular alteration has led to improved clinical outcome in prospective clinical trial	<b>Access to the treatment should be considered standard of care</b>
		I-B: Prospective, <u>non-randomized</u> clinical trials show that the alteration-drug match in a specific tumour type, results in clinically meaningful benefit (as defined by ESMO MCBS 1.1)		
		I-C: Clinical trials in other tumour types or basket clinical trials show clinical benefit associated with the alteration-drug match, with similar benefit observed <u>across tumor types</u>		

# ESMO MAGNITUDE OF CLINICAL BENEFIT SCALE (ESMO-MCBS)

- AIM: to provide a validated and reproducible tool to assess the magnitude of clinical benefit from new cancer therapies
  - Integrate both relative and absolute benefit
    - Considering the LL95%CI rule aims to penalize wide CI : small trials
    - Considering the mean absolute benefit aims to penalize trials that are so big that detect non-clinically relevant differences
  - Adjust clinical relevance of benefit based on prognosis
  - Impact of PFS/OS in different tumour types
  - Integrate QOL data into evaluation

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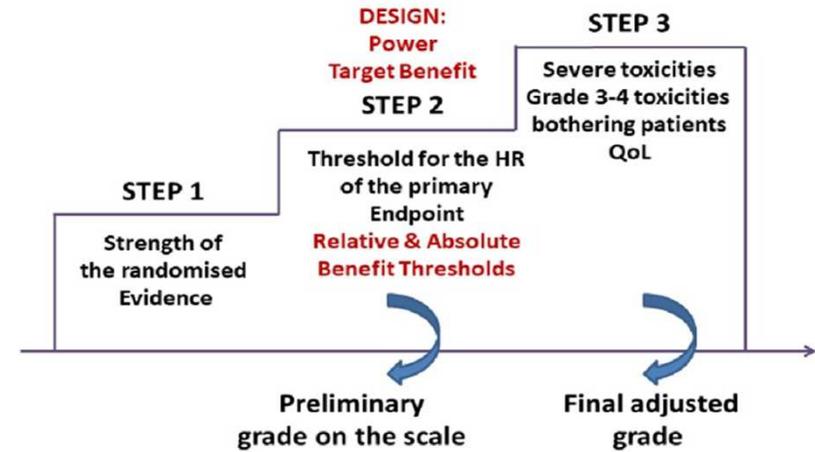


## Detailed statistical assessment of the characteristics of the ESMO Magnitude of Clinical Benefit Scale (ESMO-MCBS) threshold rules

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# ESMO MAGNITUDE OF CLINICAL BENEFIT SCALE (ESMO-MCBS)

Maximal preliminary scores	
<b>Treatments with curative intent (form 1)</b>	
>5% improvement of survival at ≥3-year follow-up	
Improvements in DFS alone HR <0.60 (primary end point) in studies without mature survival data	
<b>Treatments with non-curative intent (form 2)</b>	
<b>Primary outcome OS (form 2a)</b>	
Control ≤12 months	
HR ≤0.65 AND gain ≥3 months OR	
Increase in 2-year survival alone ≥10%	
Control >12 months	
HR ≤0.70 AND gain ≥5 months OR	
Increase in 3-year survival alone ≥10%	
<b>Primary outcome PFS (form 2b)</b>	
Control ≤6 months	
HR ≤0.65 AND gain ≥1.5 months	
Control >6 months	
HR ≤0.65 AND gain ≥3 months	



## ESMO MCBS evaluation



Curative-Evaluation form 1: for new approaches to adjuvant therapy or new potentially curative therapies

Non-curative-Evaluation forms 2a, b or c: for therapies that are not likely to be curative



## ESMO Magnitude of Clinical Benefit Scale: Evaluation Forms version 1.1



The ESMO Magnitude of Clinical Benefit Scale uses a rational, structured and consistent approach to derive a relative ranking of the magnitude of clinically meaningful benefit that can be expected from a new anti-cancer treatment

There are several evaluation forms, which can be downloaded below:

### » Evaluation form 1

#### For new approaches to adjuvant therapy or new potentially curative therapies

Hyper mature data from studies that were un-blinded after compelling early results with subsequent access to the superior arm are contaminated, subsequently late intention to treat (ITT) follow-up data are not evaluable

### » Evaluation form 2a

For therapies that are not likely to be curative with primary endpoint of OS with separate sheets for:

- IF median OS with the standard treatment is <12 months
- IF median OS with the standard treatment is >12 months, <24 months
- IF median OS with the standard treatment is >24 months

### » Evaluation form 2b

For therapies that are not likely to be curative with primary endpoint PFS with separate sheets for:

- IF median PFS with standard treatment is <6 months
- IF median PFS with standard treatment is >6 months

### » Evaluation form 2c

For therapies that are not likely to be curative with primary endpoint other than OS or PFS or equivalent (non-inferiority) studies

<https://www.esmo.org/Guidelines/ESMO-MCBS/Scale-Evaluation-Forms-v1.0-v1.1/Scale-Evaluation-Forms-v1.1>

## NTRK FUSIONS – ESCAT TIER I CLASSIFICATION

- High prevalence in very rare cancers; conducting phase III trials is not feasible
- Very low prevalence in common cancers
- Similar level of antitumor activity observed across tumour types in basket trials
- Durability of responses (OS is difficult to evaluate in non-randomized trials)

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## Tier II

	Evidence tier	Required level of evidence	Clinical Class	Clinical Implication
Investigational	II: Alteration-drug match is associated with antitumor activity, but magnitude of benefit is unknown	<p>II-A: Retrospective studies show patients with the specific alteration in a specific tumor type experience clinically meaningful benefit with matched drug compared to alteration-negative patients</p> <p>II-B: Prospective clinical trial(s) show the alteration-drug match in a specific tumor type results in <u>increased responsiveness when treated with a match drug</u>, however no data currently available on survival endpoints.</p>	Drug administered to a molecularly defined patient population is likely to result in clinical benefit in a given tumor type, but additional data is needed	<b>Treatment to be considered preferable in the context of evidence collection either as a prospective registry or as a prospective clinical trial</b>

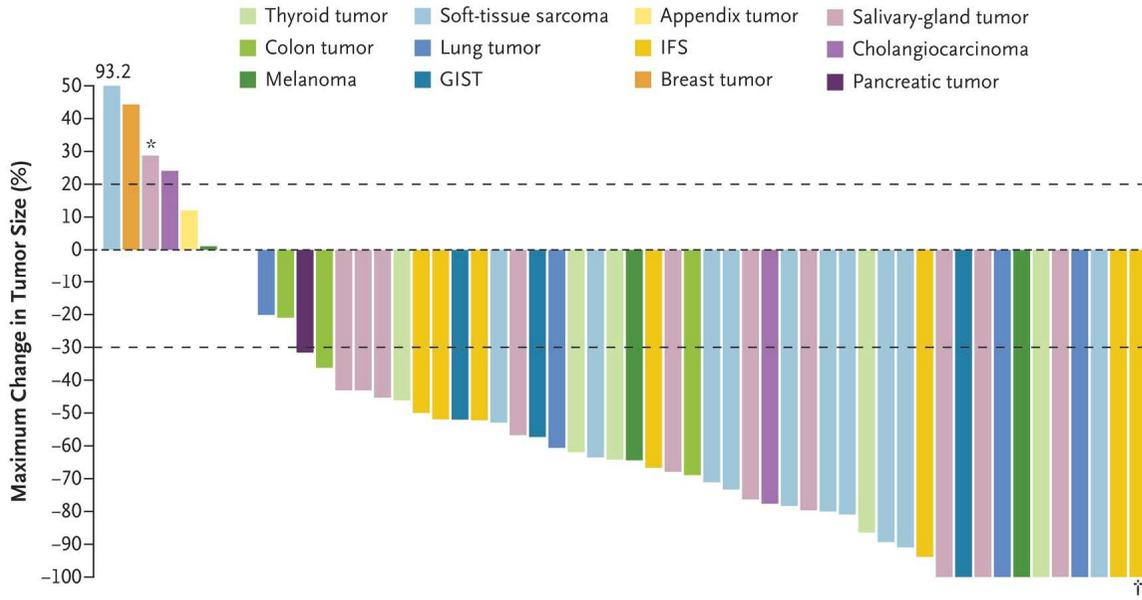
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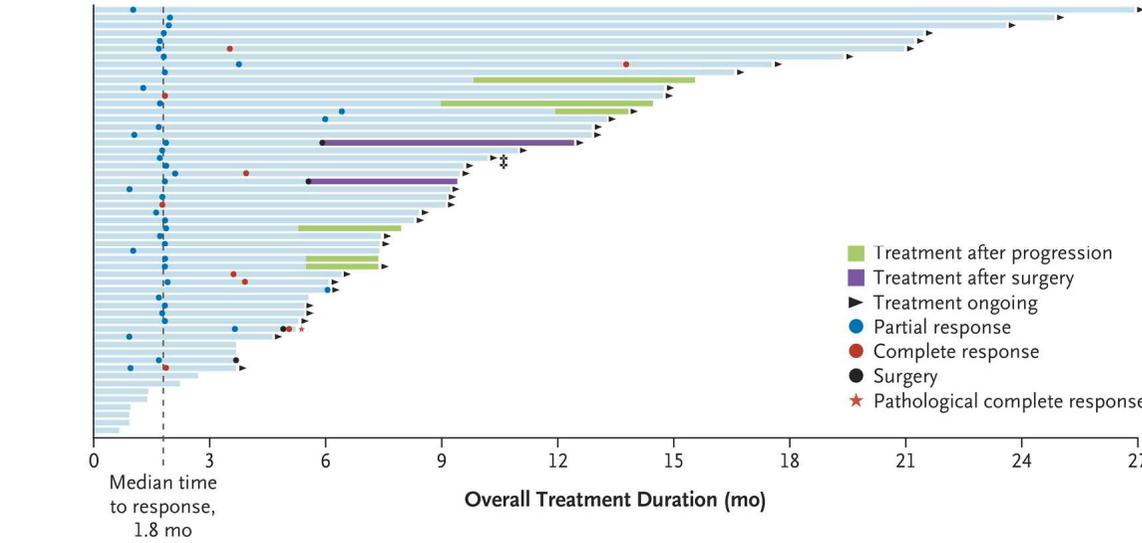
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Hypothetical	III: Alteration-drug match suspected to improve outcome based on clinical trial data in other tumor type(s) or with similar molecular alteration	III-A: Clinical benefit demonstrated in patients with the specific alteration (as tiers I and II above) but in a different tumor type. Limited/absence of clinical evidence available for the patient-specific cancer type or broadly across cancer types	Drug, previously shown to benefit molecularly defined subset in another tumor type, or with a molecular alteration expected to cause a similar effect	Clinical trials to be discussed with patients
		III-B: An alteration with expected similar biological functional impact as a match with level I/II , but without clinical data.		



**A Maximum Change in Tumor Size, According to Tumor Type**



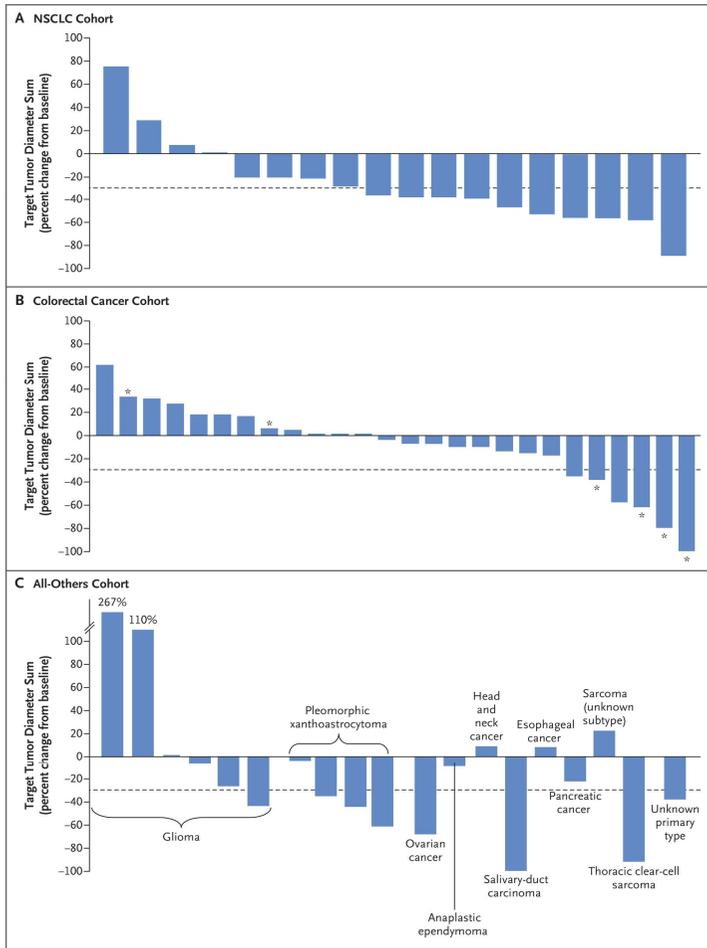
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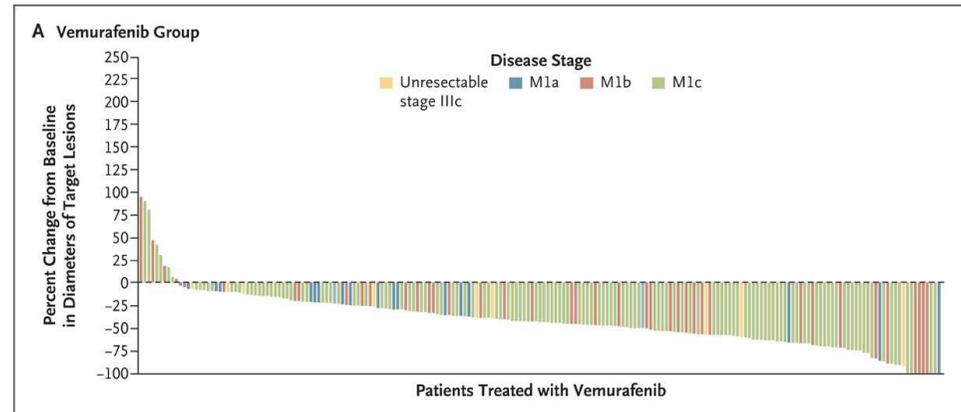
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Drilon et al, NEJM 2018

# TIER III-A AND BASKET TRIALS: BRAF INHIBITORS EXAMPLE

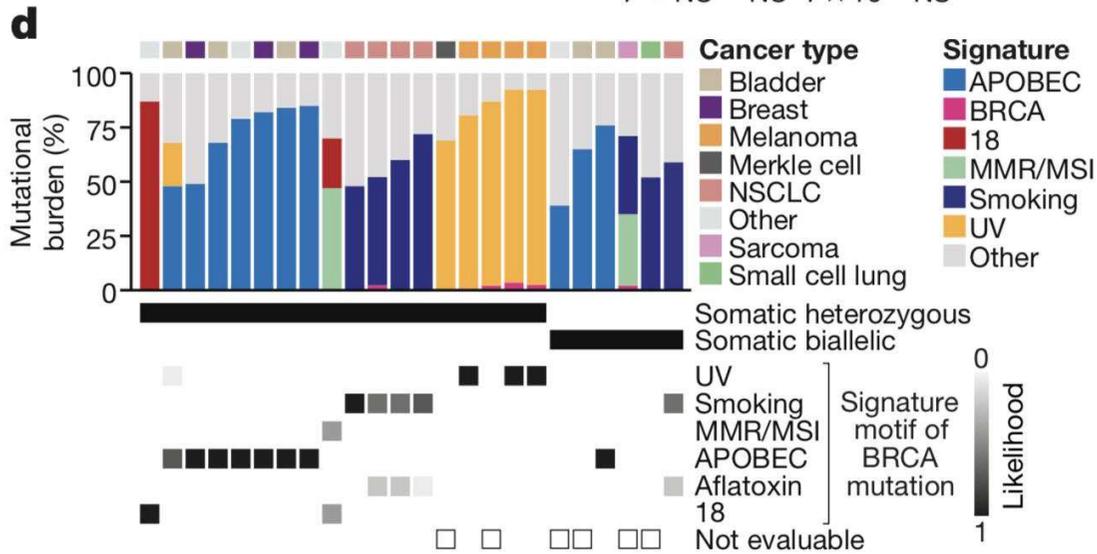
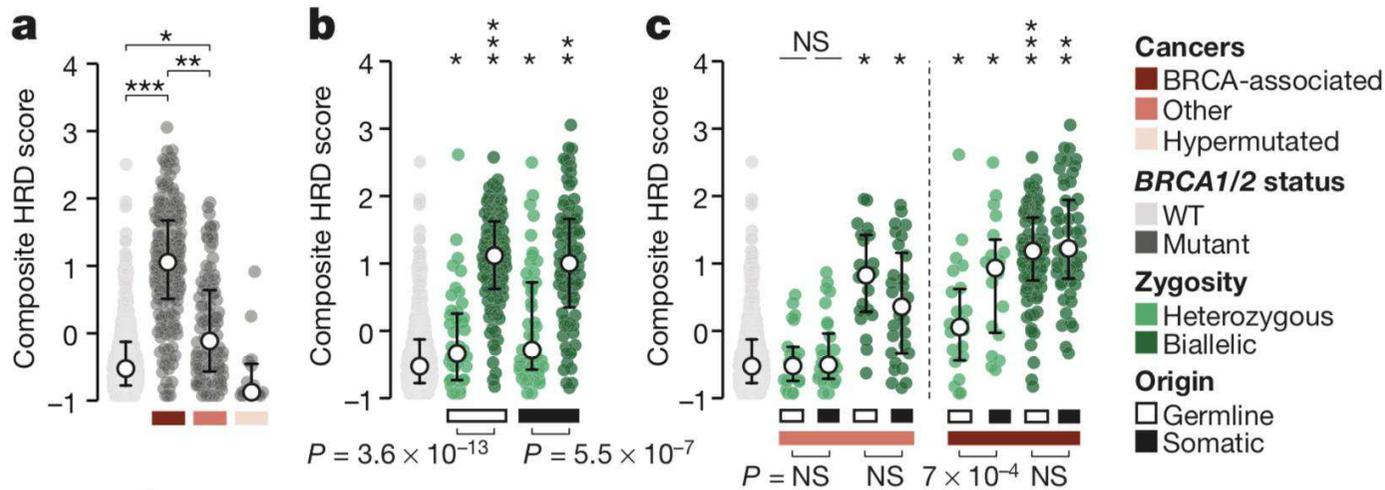


Hyman et al, NEJM 2015



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Chapman et al, NEJM 2011

# TIER III-A AND BASKET TRIALS: PARP INHIBITORS EXAMPLE



Jonsson et al, Nature 2019



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## Tier IV

	Evidence tier	Required level of evidence	Clinical Class	Clinical Implication
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		IV-B: Actionability predicted in silico		<b>Lack of clinical data should be stressed to patients</b>

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## Tier X

Evidence tier	Required level of evidence	Clinical Class	Clinical Implication
X: Proven lack of clinical value	Evidence that the genomic alteration is not actionable	Conclusive clinical evidence exists for a genomic alteration not to be useful to select patients for a particular targeted agent	The result of the biomarker assay should not be taken into account for clinical decision

The lack of data demonstrating value is not the same than having data demonstrating lack of value!

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## Strengths and Limitations

- ESCAT is **clinically-oriented (clinical action is the endpoint)**
- **Clinical trial data** as the center of ESCAT
- Provides a **shared vocabulary** to physicians, patients, drug development stakeholders, NGS developers
- ESCAT **goes beyond** regulatory status, regulatory markets: creating a joint framework

## ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT:

- Easier rules to upgrade/downgrade targets
- Target vs biomarker
- Account for tumour type particularities on magnitude of benefit (PFS, OS)
- Improve assessment of combination of targets and prioritization of same-level targets
- Prognostic vs predictive, positive vs negative predictive value (response/resistance)



## ESMO SCALE FOR CLINICAL ACTIONABILITY OF MOLECULAR TARGETS (ESCAT)

### Next steps

Describe the landscape of targets and rank according to ESCAT across tumor types

Evaluate cost-efficiency, reproducibility

Implementation of ESCAT in NGS reporting from academic and private partners – audit experience, virtues and room for improvements

Integration with bioinformatics tools and public resources (on going work at VHIO and within CCE Consortium and others)

# EXAMPLE: METASTATIC BREAST CANCERS



Alterations	Alteration considered	Alteration not considered	LOE	References
<i>ERBB2</i> amplification	Focal amplification (DNA copy number $\geq 6$ ; size $\leq 10$ Mb)	DNA gain (DNA copy number $< 6$ )	IA	Romond et al. [13] Fehrenbacher et al. [14] Di Leo et al. [15] Perou CM, Nature 2000 [16]
Germline <i>BRCA1/2</i> mutations	Truncated mutations: InDel, splice-site, nonsense (except known truncating polymorphic variant, i.e. <i>BRCA2</i> K3326X). Rare known inactivating missense mutations (pathogenic variant class 5)	Most of missense variants (classes 1–4)	IA	Robson et al. [17] Litton et al. [18]
<i>PIK3CA</i> mutations	Major hot-spot activating missense mutations (E542K, E545K/A, H1047R/L)	Other missense mutations. Truncated mutations (InDel, splice-site, nonsense)	IA	Andre et al. [19] Hortobagyi et al. [20]
Microsatellite instability (MSI)			IC	Cortes-Ciriano et al. [21] Le et al. [22] Pembrolizumab package insert [23]
<i>NTRK</i> translocations			IC	Amatu et al. [24] Drlon et al. [25]
<i>ESR1</i> mutations	Hot-spot activating missense mutations (E380Q, Y537S/C/N, D538G)	Other missense mutations. Truncated mutations (InDel, splice-site, nonsense)	IIA	Fribbens et al. [26]
<i>PTEN</i> loss	Homozygous deletions. Loss-of-function mutations: truncated mutations and known inactivating missense mutations (Ex: R130Q/G)	Other missense mutations	IIA	Schmid et al. [27]
<i>AKT1</i> mutations	E17K	Other mutations	IIB	Hyman et al. [28] Emma Dean et al. [29]
<i>ERBB2</i> mutations	Hot-spot activating missense mutations (e.g. S310F/Y, L755S, V777L) In-frame insertion exon 20 (Ex: Y772_A775dup)	Not hot-spot missense mutations. Truncated mutations (InDel, splice-site, nonsense)	IIB	Hyman et al. [30] Ma et al. [31]

**Number to test to get benefit: 20 (5% benefit)**  
**Number to test to get drug access: 2 (50% benefit)**

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## EXAMPLE: METASTATIC LUNG CANCERS

Alteration	Alteration considered	LOE
EGFR	Mutation (Del19, L858R), Acquired T790M exon 20	IA
ALK	Rearrangement	IA
BRAF	V600E mutations	IB
ROS1	Rearrangements	IB
RET	Rearrangements	IIB
NTRK	Rearrangements	IC
MET	Mutation exon 14 skipping / amplification	IB / IIB
HER2	Mutation / amplification	IIB
NRG1	Fusion	IVA
KRAS	Mutation	X
STK11	Mutation	X
PIK3CA	Mutation / amplification	X
NRG1	Fusion	IVA????

Number to test to get benefit: 6-7 (15% benefit)



## TAKE HOME MESSAGES



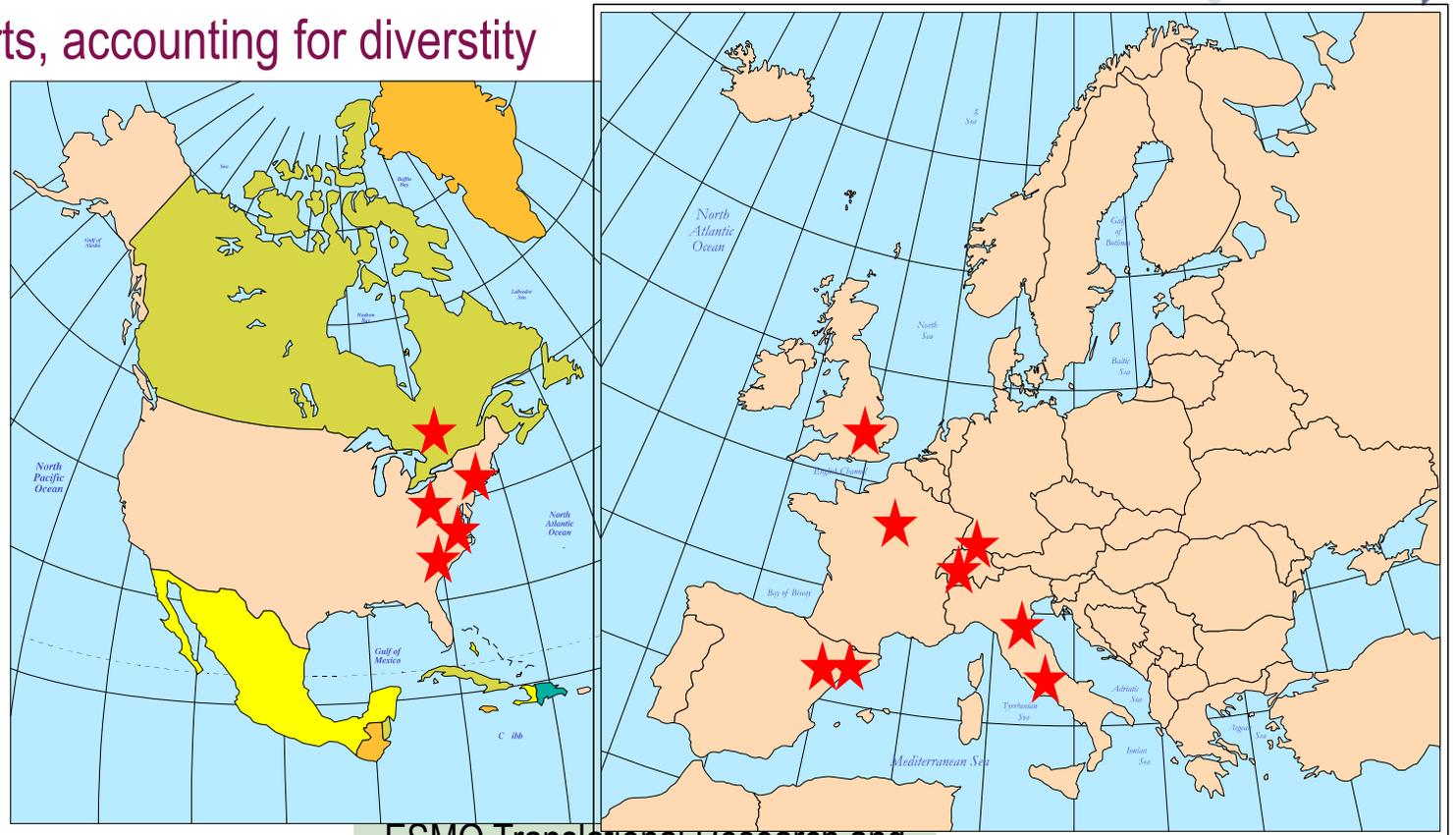
- ESCAT provides an harmonized system to report clinical relevance of genomic findings
- Main aim is to facilitate interpretation of NGS reports for physicians and patients (improve patient care, manage expectations, facilitate communication)
- A step towards implementing precision medicine in routine clinical practice
- NTRK fusions are a example of a targetable Tier I finding
- Emerging data should be incorporated into rankings – dynamic shared databases maybe better than traditional publication format to disseminate ESCAT

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Building from previous efforts, accounting for diversity

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