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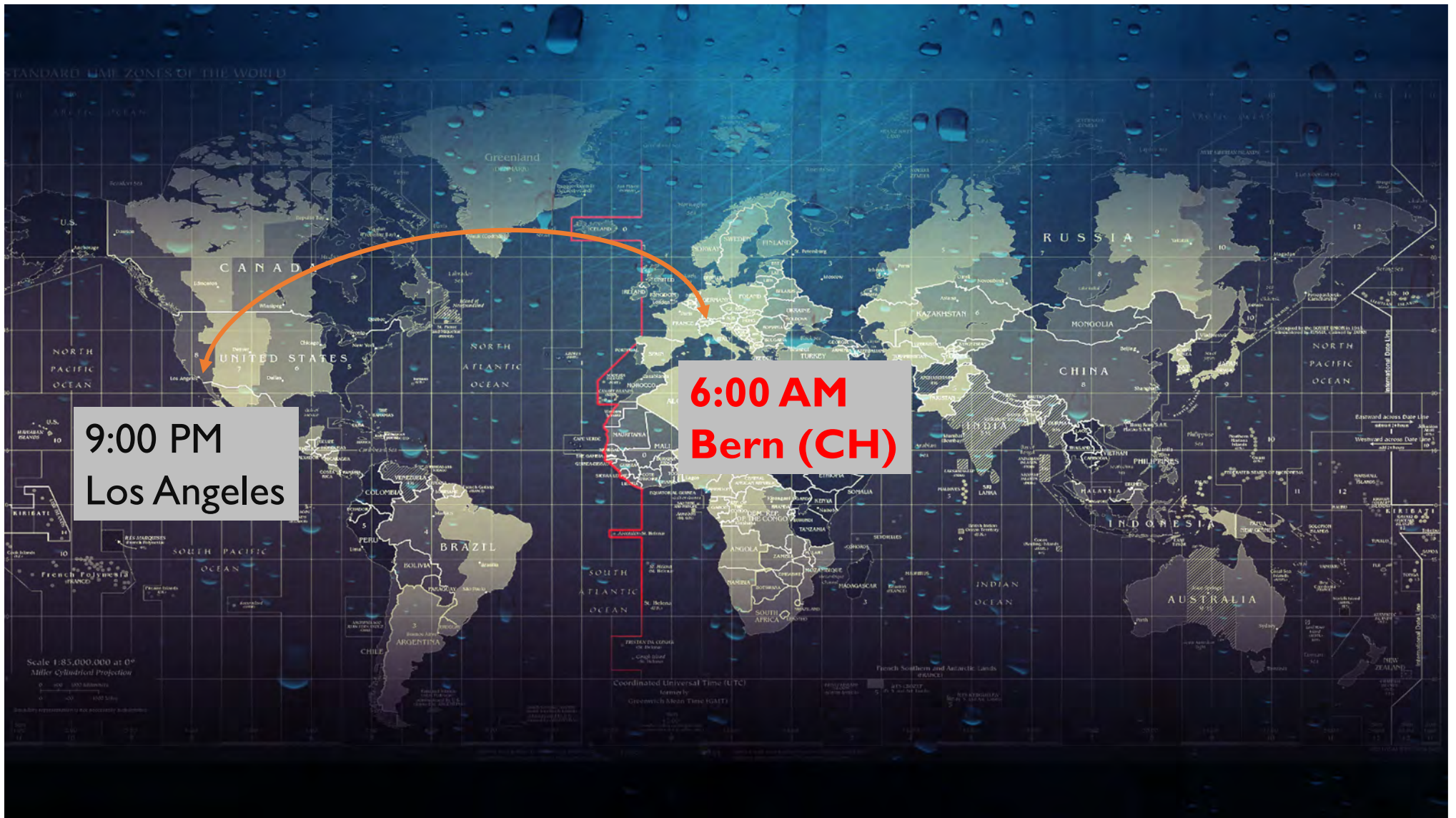
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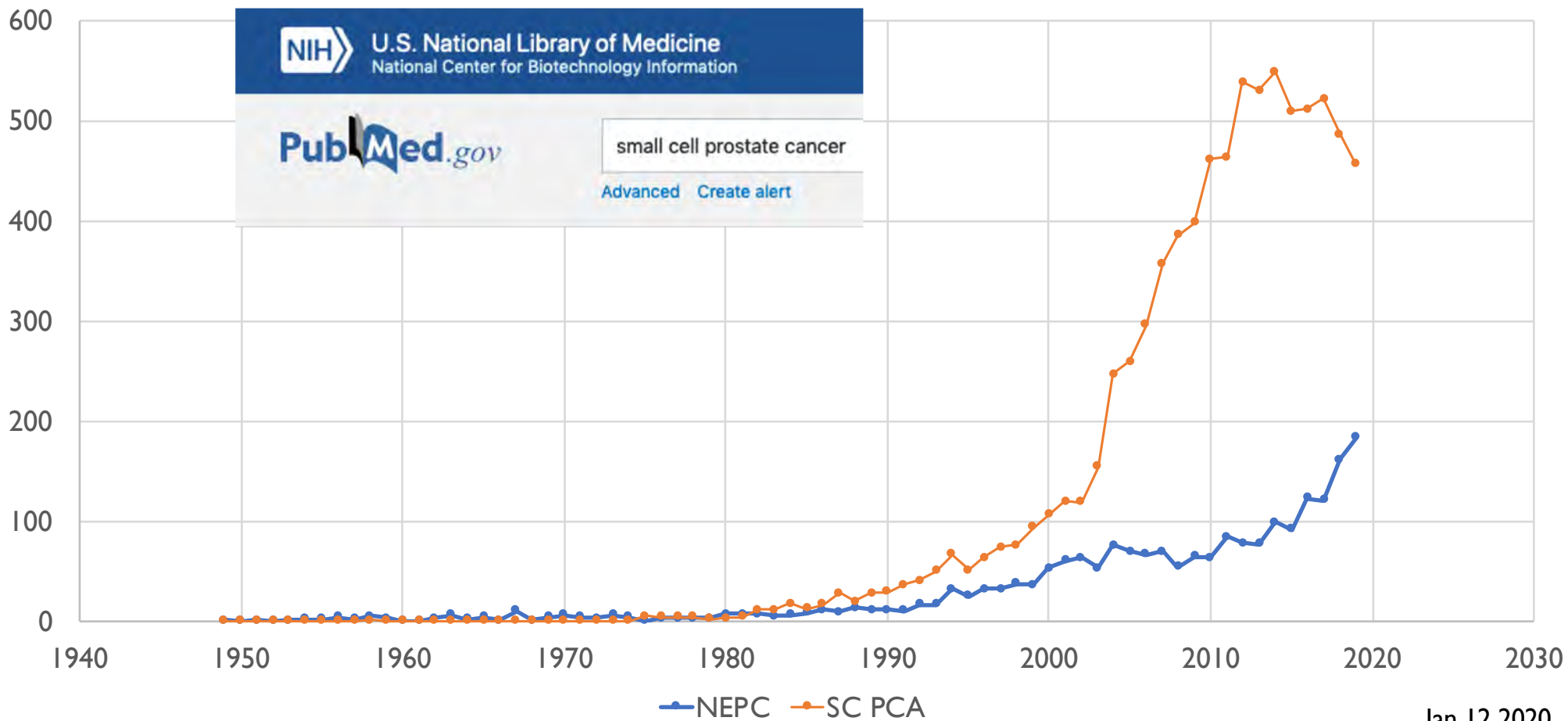
Talk Overview

What is in a name?

Consensus Reporting on Small Cell/NEPC

Clinical implications and gaps in knowledge

What is in a name? PUBMED Search from 1949-2019 (60 Years)



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Terminology is a **major** problem

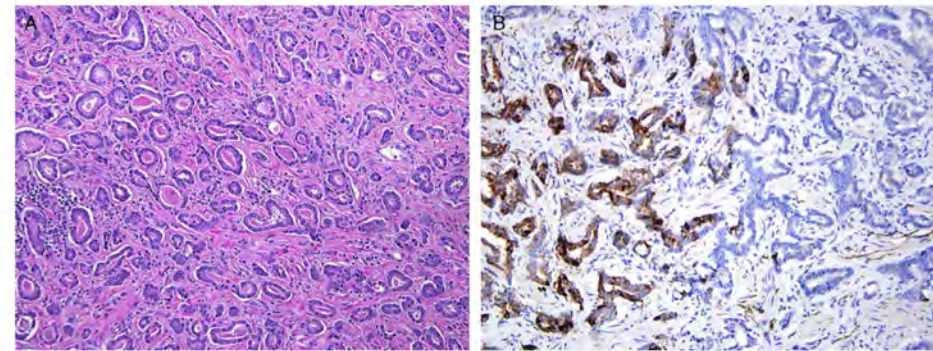
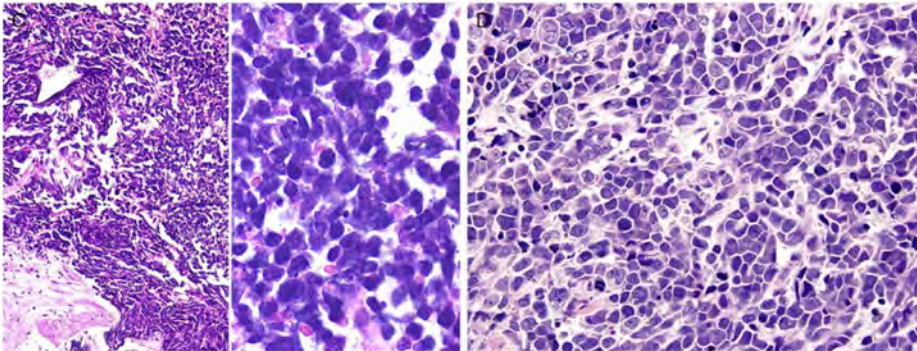
Small Cell Carcinoma

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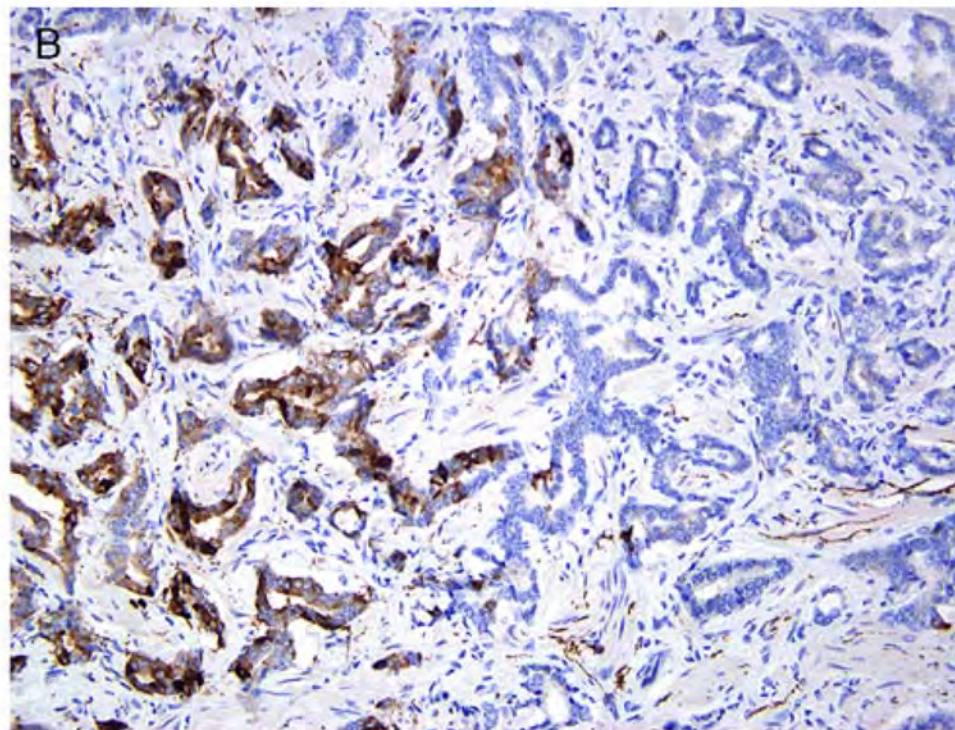
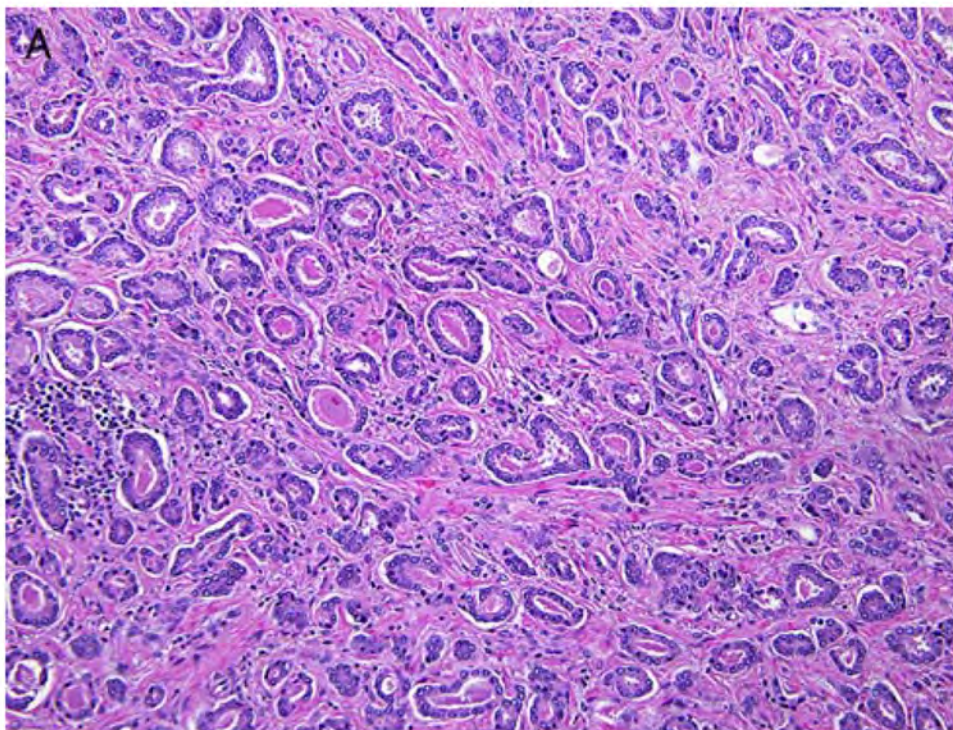
Neuroendocrine PC (NEPC)

Morphology

Molecular testing &
morphology

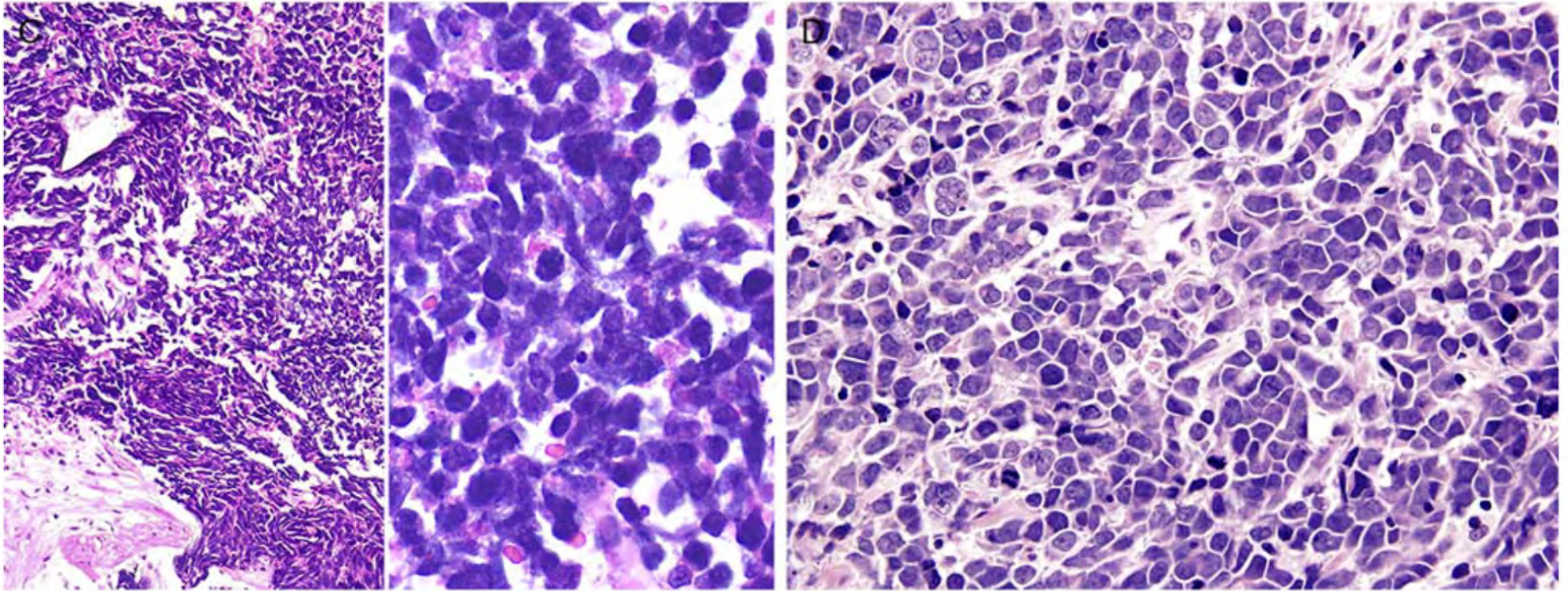


Should we follow immunohistochemistry for neuroendocrine markers?



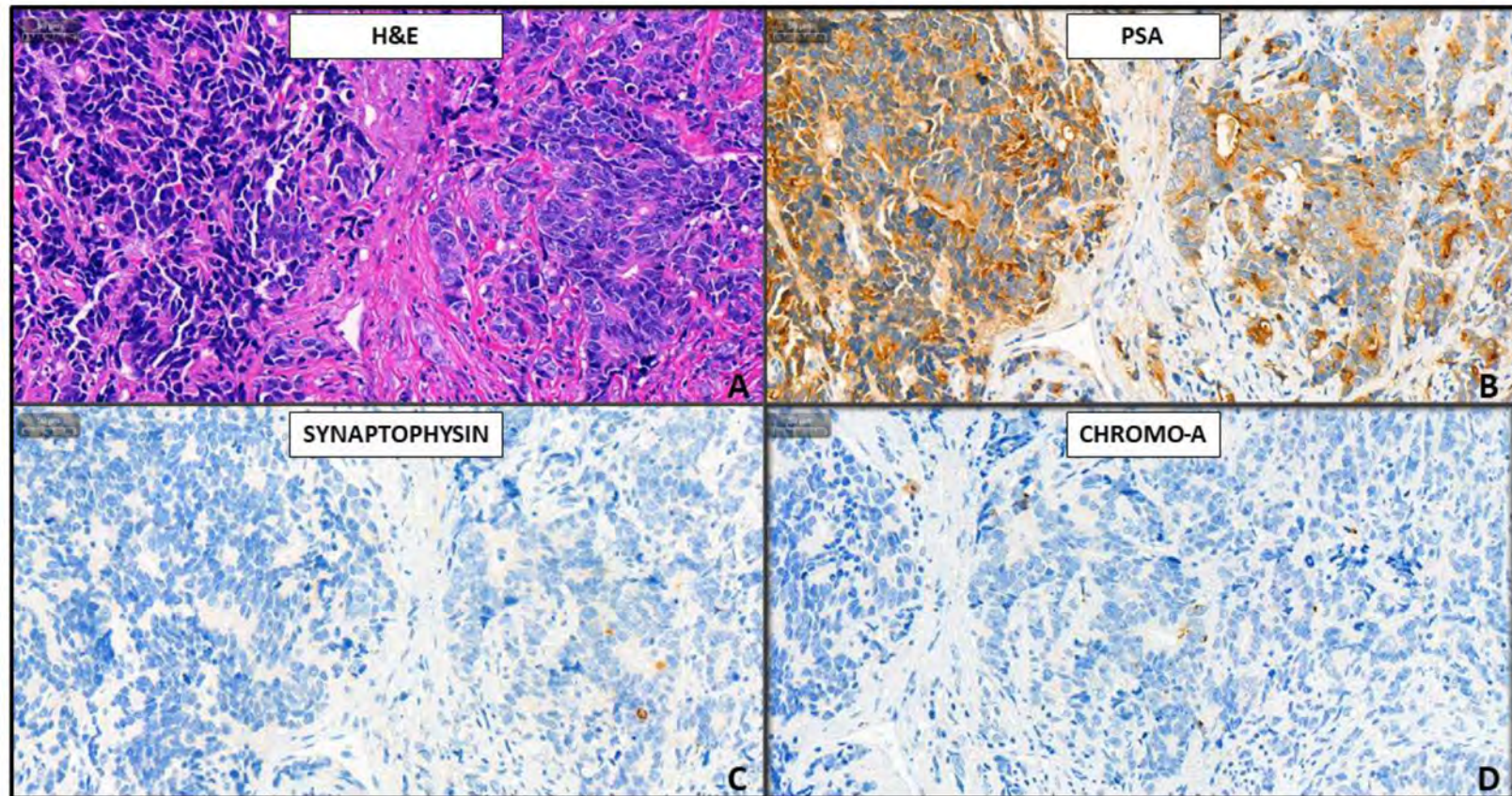
Report from ISUP Consultation Conference: Mol. Path Subgroup
Lotan et al., AJS 2020 (in press)

Should we only follow morphology?



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What does morphology mean when neuroendocrine IHC is negative?



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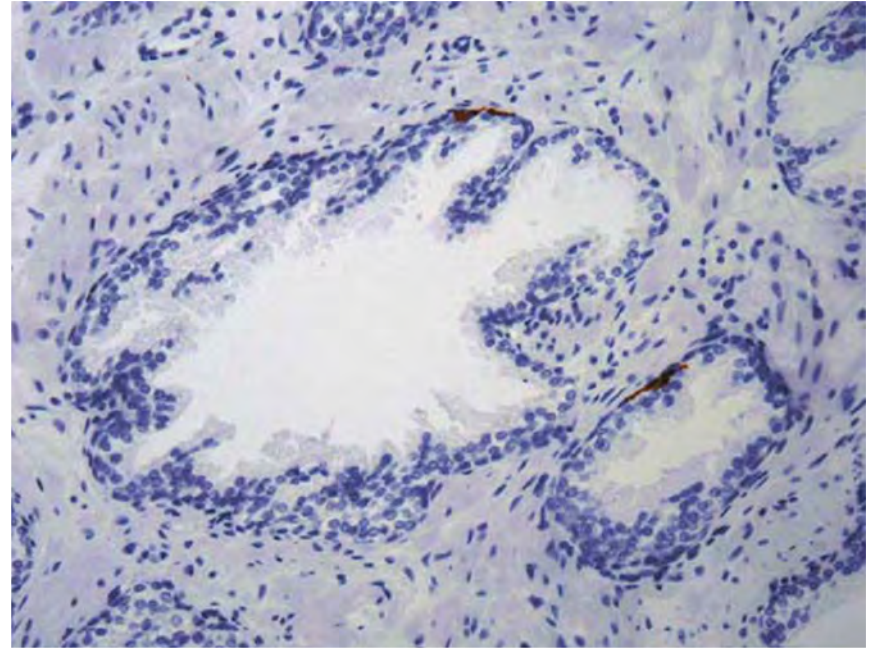
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- 3) Rarely do we order IHC for neuroendocrine markers but more often we get asked to review cases when they are ordered.
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Neuroendocrine tumors of the prostate

Samson W Fine

Based on his Prostate Cancer
Long Course Talk 2017



- Neuroendocrine (NE) cells present in the prostate
- Widely scattered throughout normal prostatic glands (part of APUD system)
- NE cells can be detected by chromogranin
- In localized prostate cancer, NE positive cells **NOT** independently associated with worse clinical outcome (despite some early studies suggesting this)

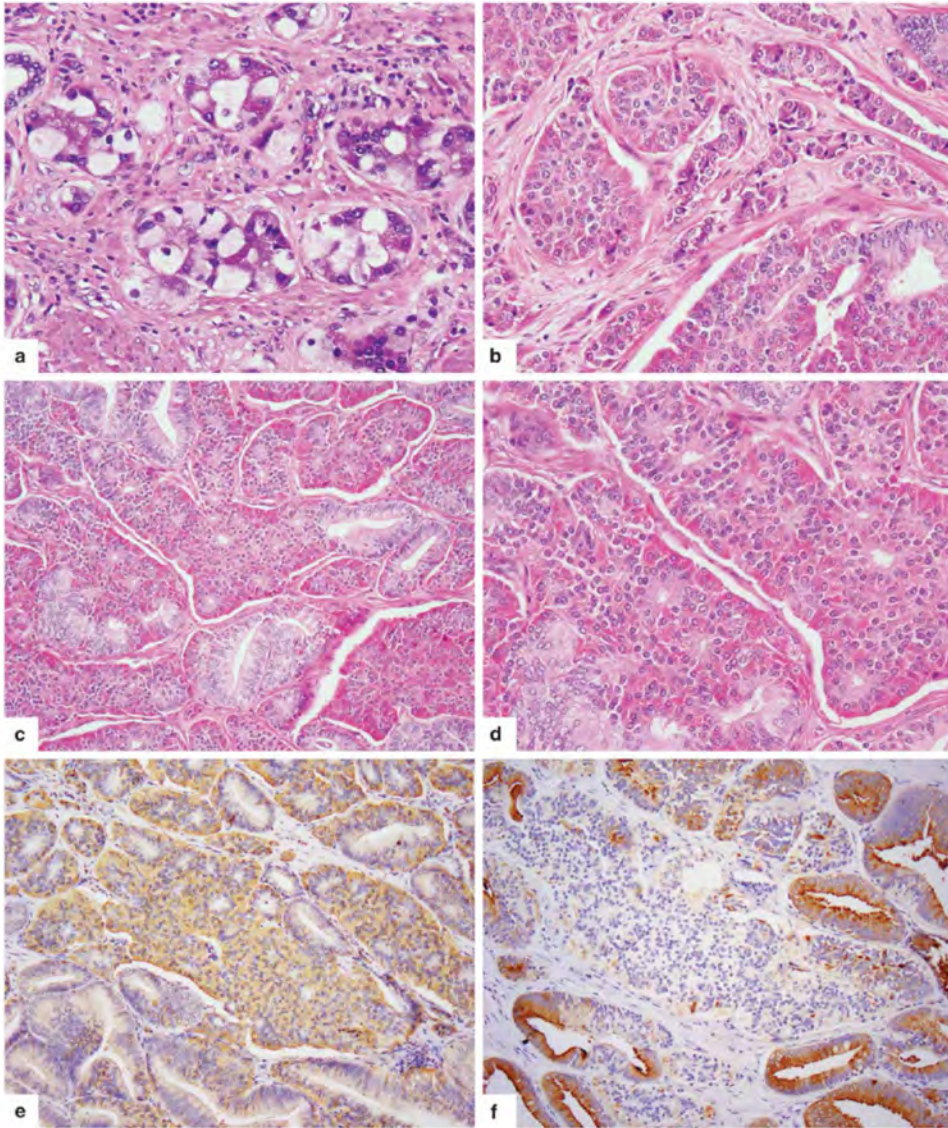
When it is not adenocarcinoma...

Table 1 Existing Classifications of prostate cancer with neuroendocrine differentiation

<i>Prostate Cancer Foundation working committee proposed classification</i>	<i>2016 World Health Organization genitourinary tumor classification</i>
Usual prostate adenocarcinoma with NE differentiation	NE cells in usual prostate cancer
Adenocarcinoma with Paneth cell NE differentiation	Adenocarcinoma with Paneth cell-like NE differentiation
Carcinoid tumor	Well-differentiated NE tumor (carcinoid)
Small cell carcinoma	Small cell NE carcinoma
LCNEC	Large cell NE carcinoma
Mixed (small or large cell) NE carcinoma-acinar adenocarcinoma	

Abbreviations: LCNEC, large cell neuroendocrine carcinoma; NE, neuroendocrine.

Paneth cell-like changes with adendocarcinoma



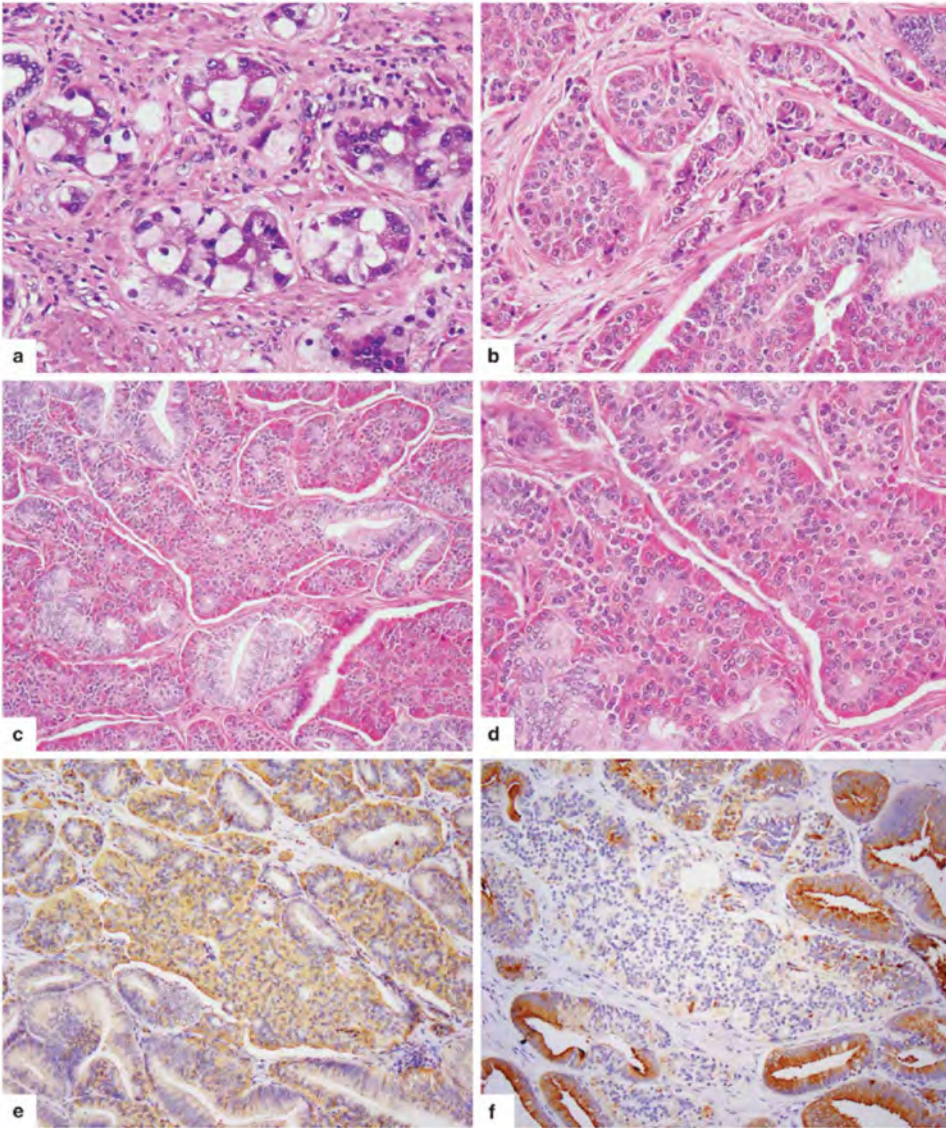
Chromogranin but only weak PSA
protein expression

Paneth cell-like changes with adendocarcinoma

**Question: How should these
areas be graded?**

- A. Gleason pattern 3
- B. Gleason pattern 5
- C. Don't grade this area

Audience Response System (ARS) Question



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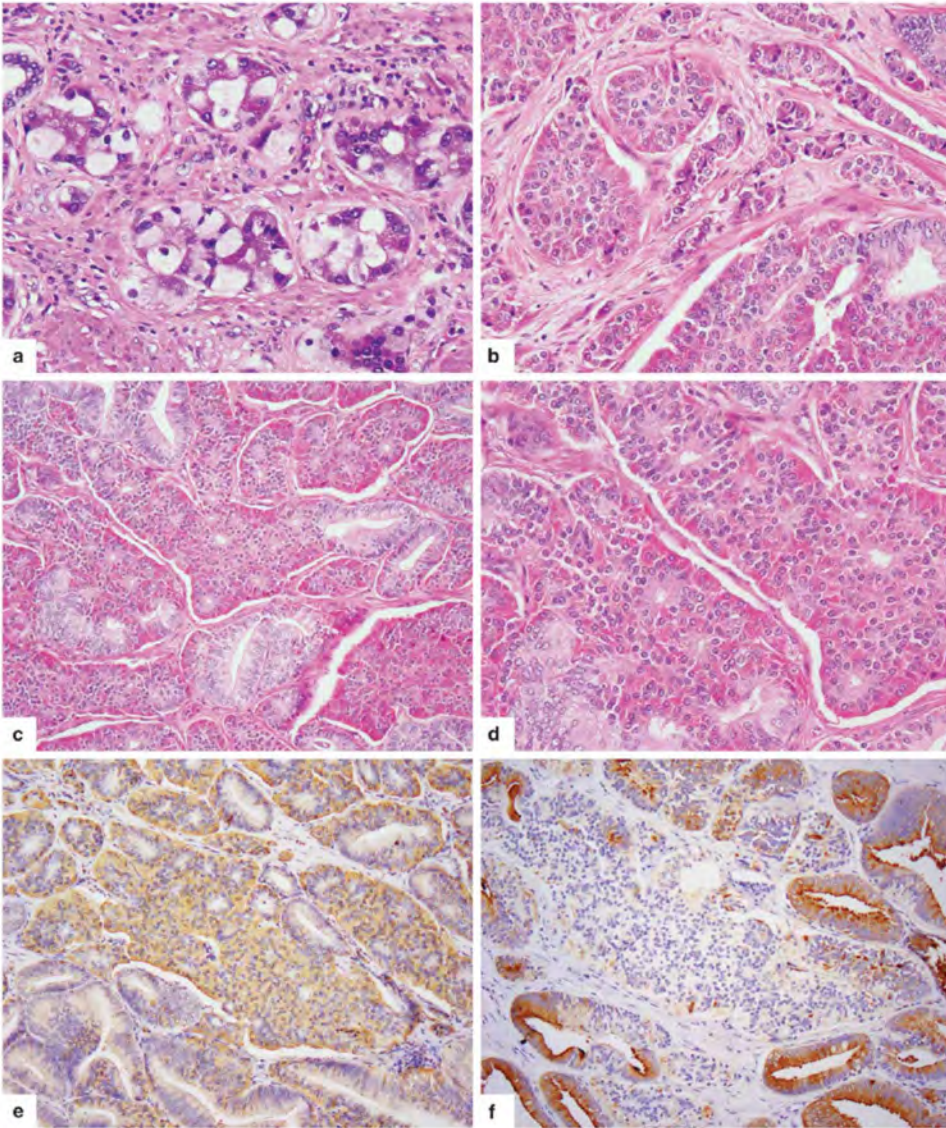
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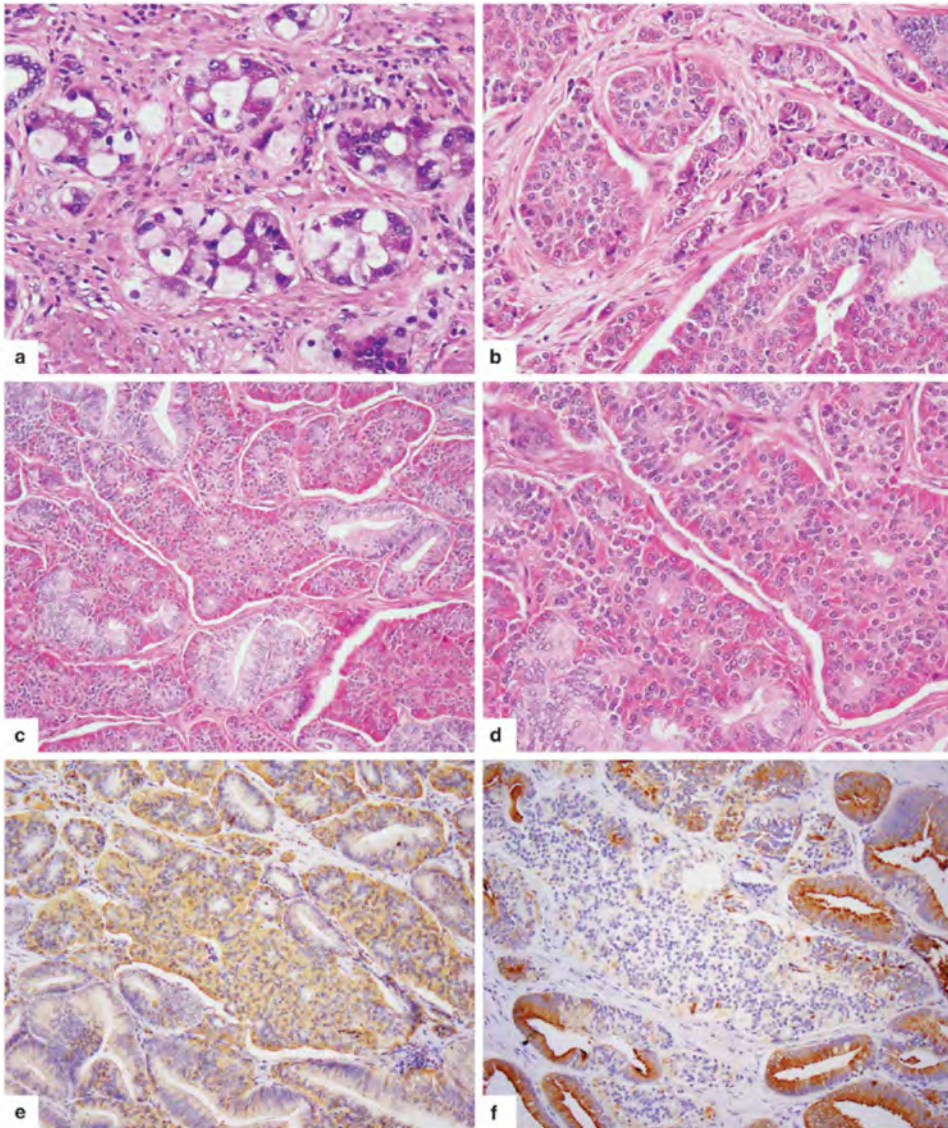
“may present a diagnostic dilemma, as grading them based on architecture would likely result in assigning Gleason pattern 5 (Figure b). Follow-up in small series, however, has suggested that these cases do not manifest clinical progression commensurate with a high-grade diagnosis and have outcome dependent on standard grading (in the non-Paneth cell-like areas) and staging parameters. It is suggested that only the conventional carcinoma be graded, to avoid inaccurate upgrading, and a notation made regarding this finding.” –S. Fine, Mod Path 2018

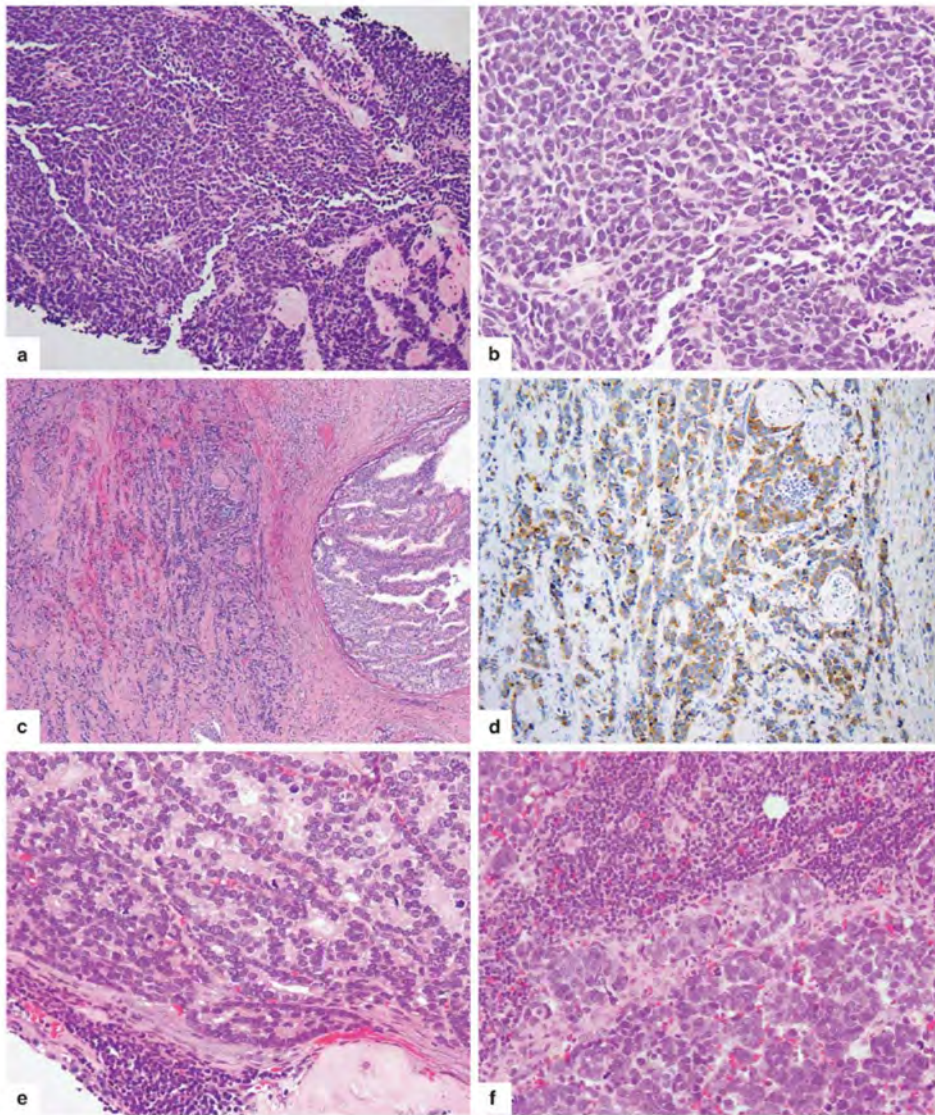
Tamas EF, Epstein JI. Prognostic significance of Paneth cell-like neuroendocrine differentiation in adenocarcinoma of the prostate. *Am J Surg Pathol* 2006;30: 980–985.

So JS, Gordetsky J, Epstein JI. Variant of prostatic adenocarcinoma with Paneth cell-like neuroendocrine differentiation readily misdiagnosed as Gleason pattern 5. *Hum Pathol* 2014;45:2388–2393.

Audience Response System (ARS) Question

Samson Fine, *Modern Pathology* (2018) 31, S122-S132





Small cell carcinoma isolated or with adenocarcinoma is infrequently* seen on prostate needle biopsy or prostatectomy

**Frequency may be related to the selection of patients for definitive therapy. There is increasing use of definitive surgery for men with oligometastatic disease. These frequency of small cell cancer could be expected to be higher in this population*

Gene expression signatures of neuroendocrine prostate cancer and primary small cell prostatic carcinoma

Harrison K. Tsai^{1,4*}, Jonathan Lehrer², Mohammed Alshalalfa², Nicholas Erho², Elai Davicioni² and Tamara L. Lotan^{1,3}



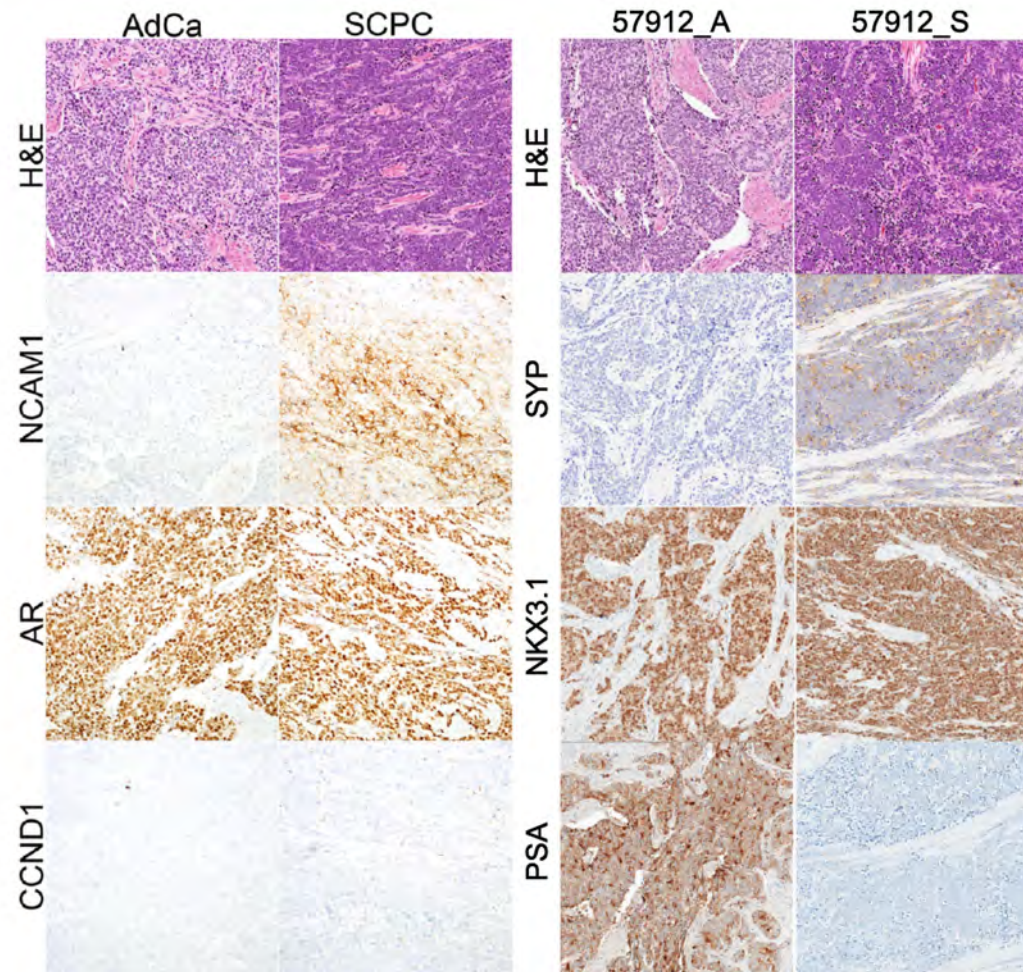
IHC for NE or Small Cell PCa

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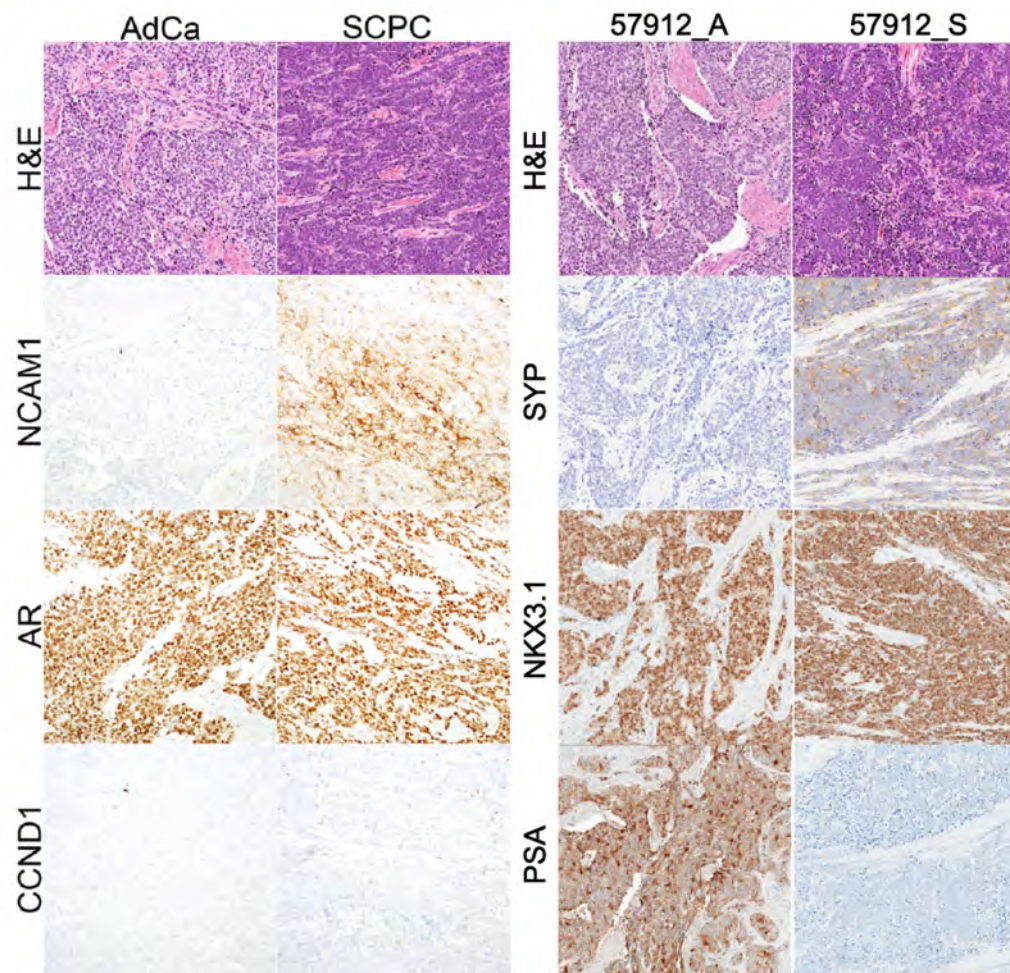
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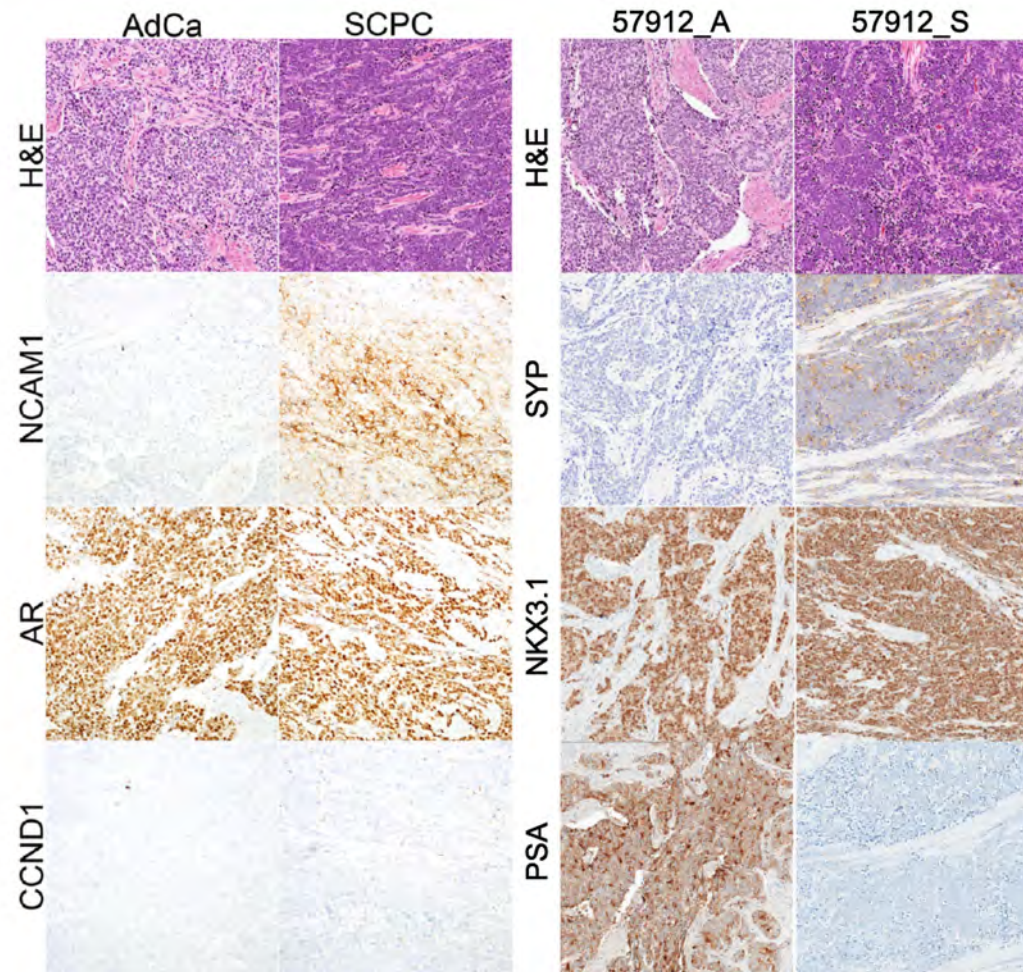
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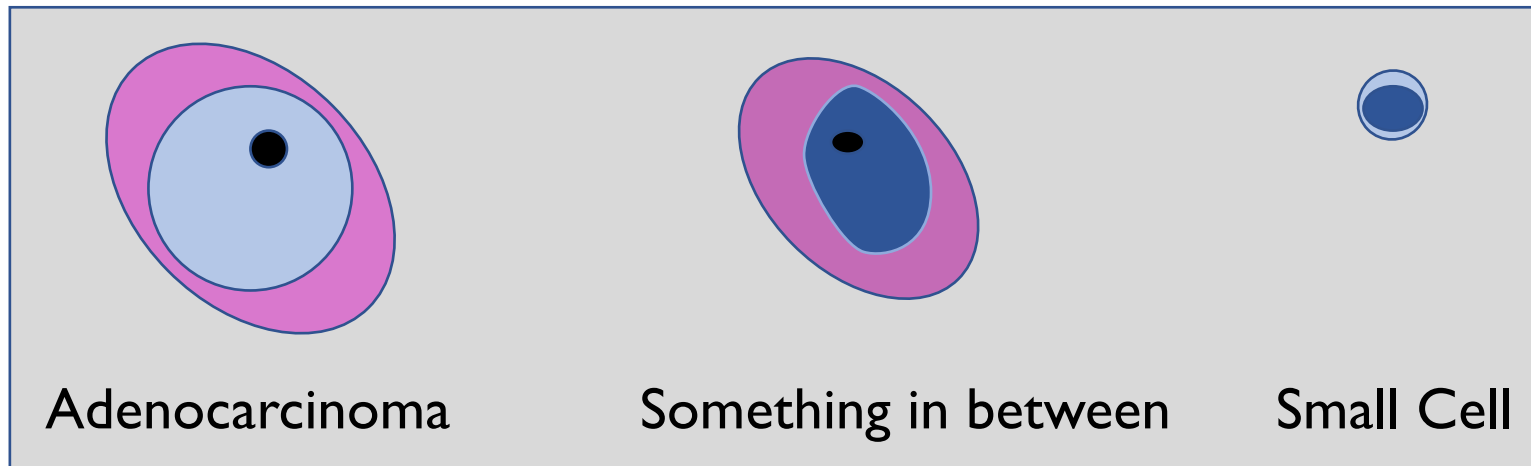


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As we can see in this study, sometimes on 2 of 3 IHC NE markers are positive. Prior studies have also shown heterogeneity in expression between tumors.





Microscopy

IHC

IHC

IHC

Neuroendocrine

Chromogranin
Synaptophysin
NPE
CD56/NCAM1

No

Maybe

No

Do you need to perform IHC?

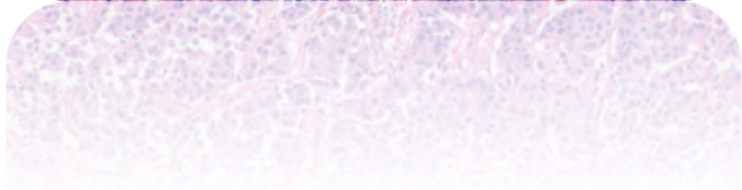
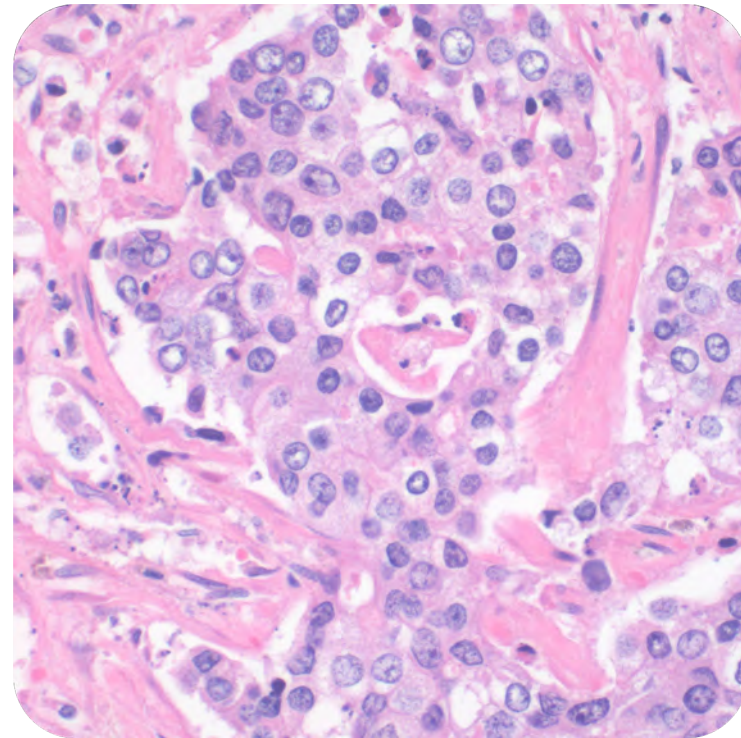
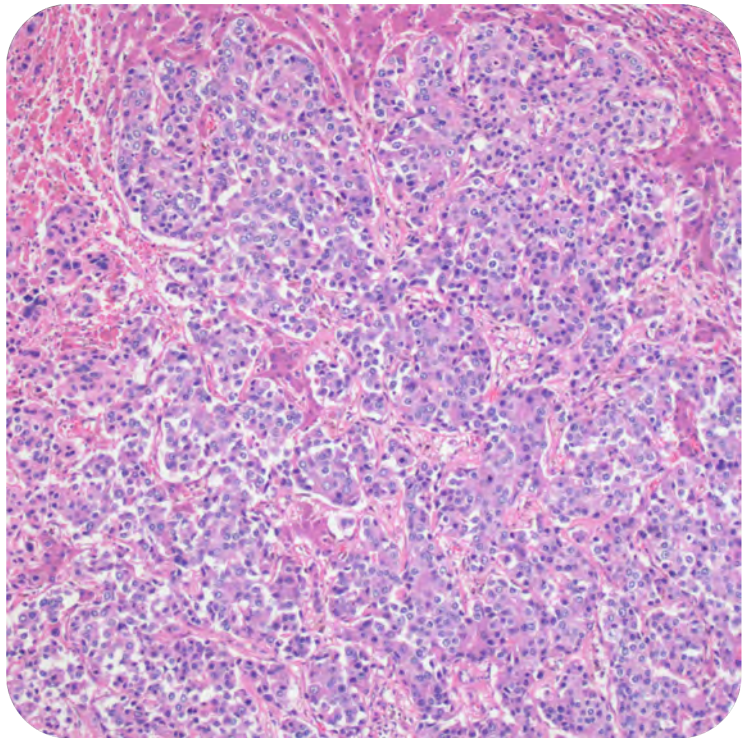
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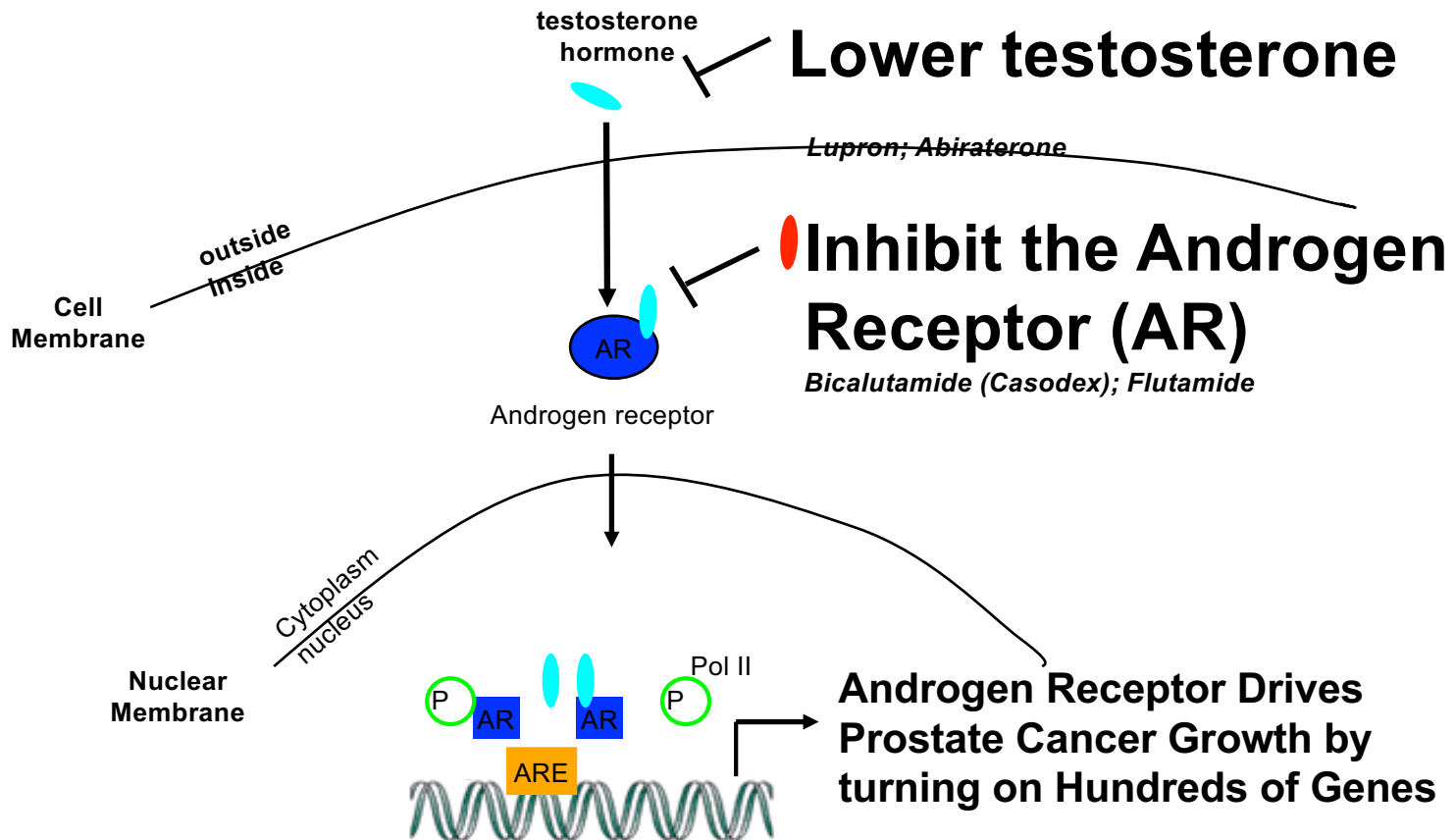
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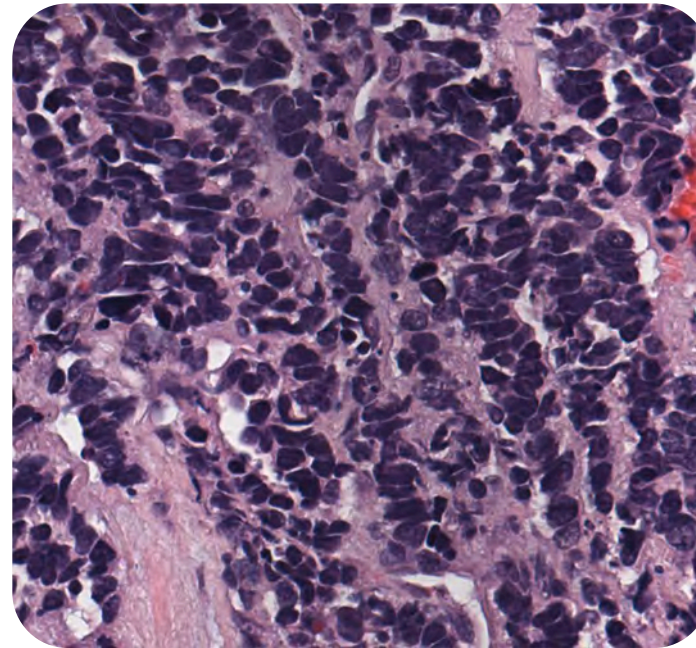
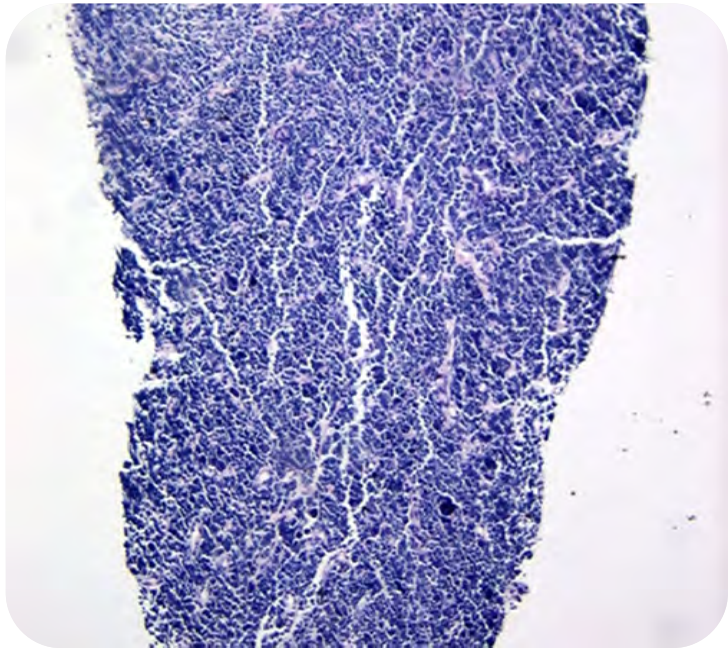
Diagnosis: Prostate Cancer, adenocarcinoma



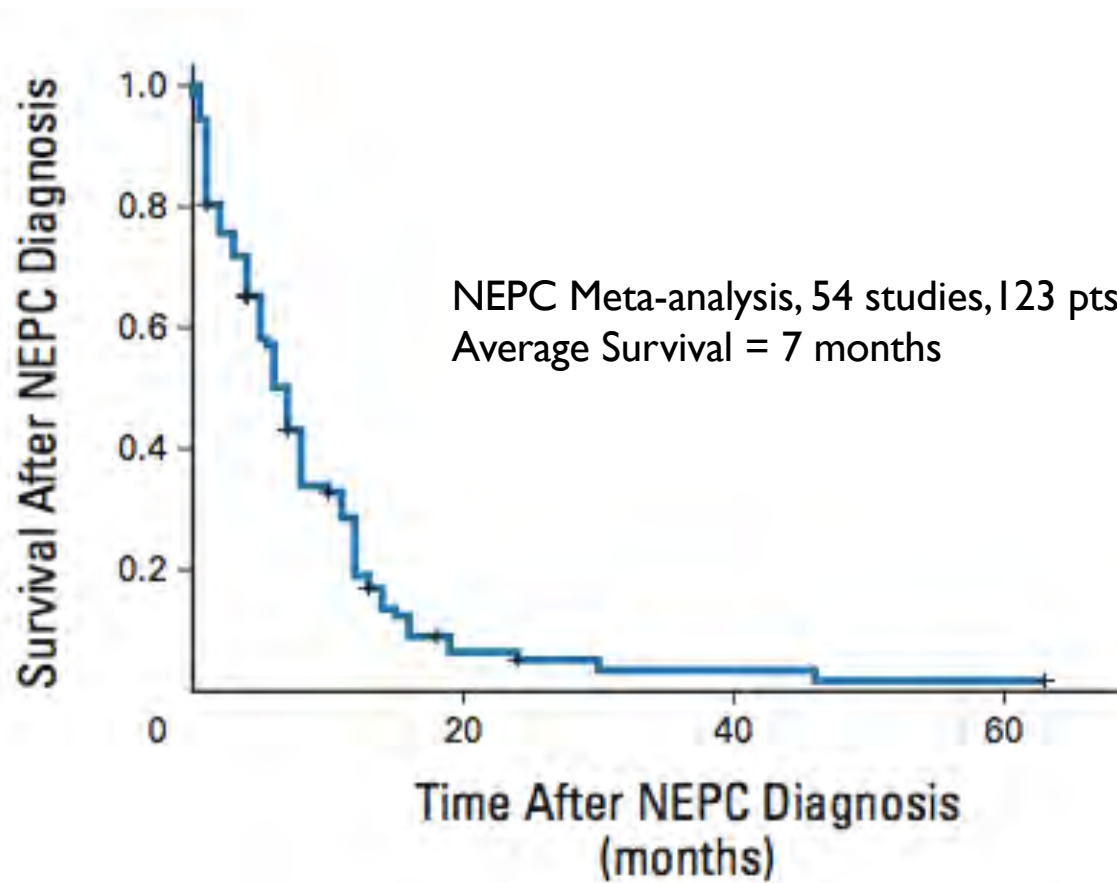


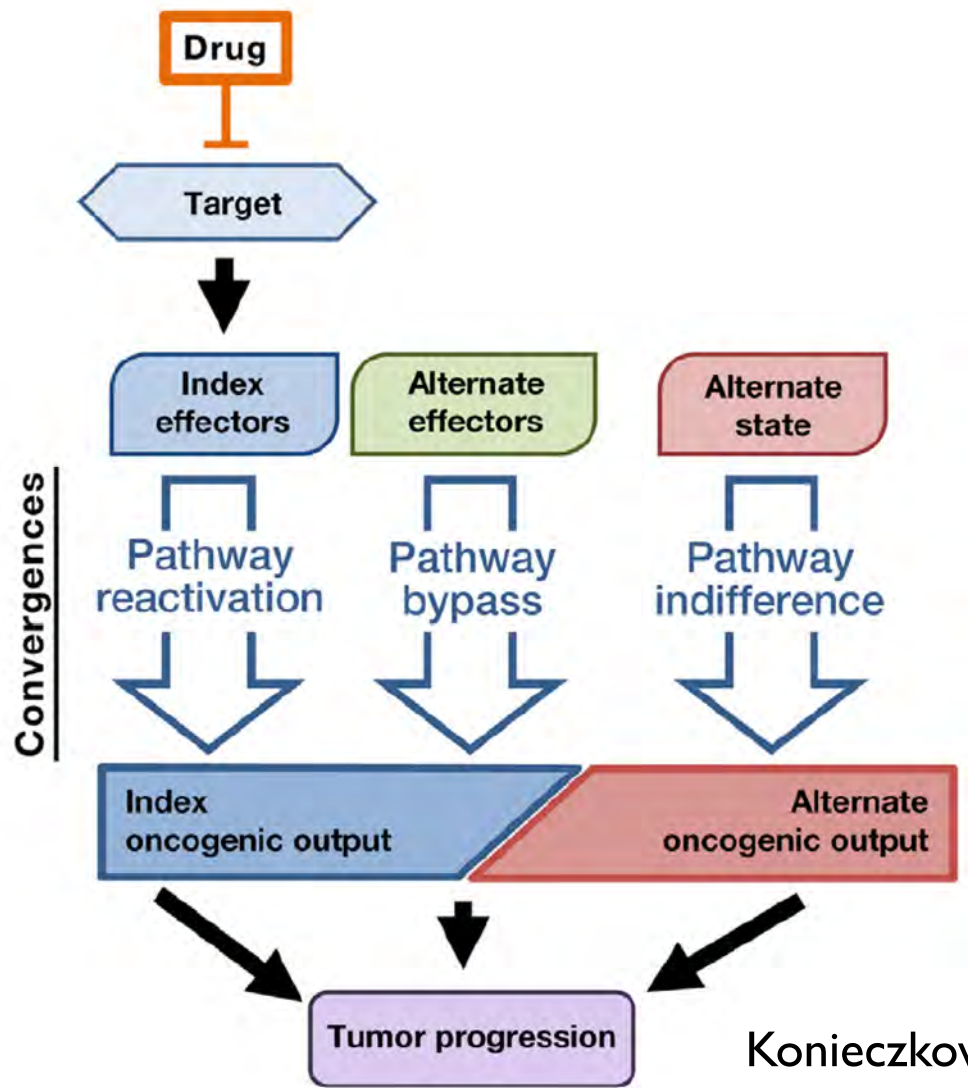
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Diagnosis: Small Cell/Neuroendocrine Prostate Cancer



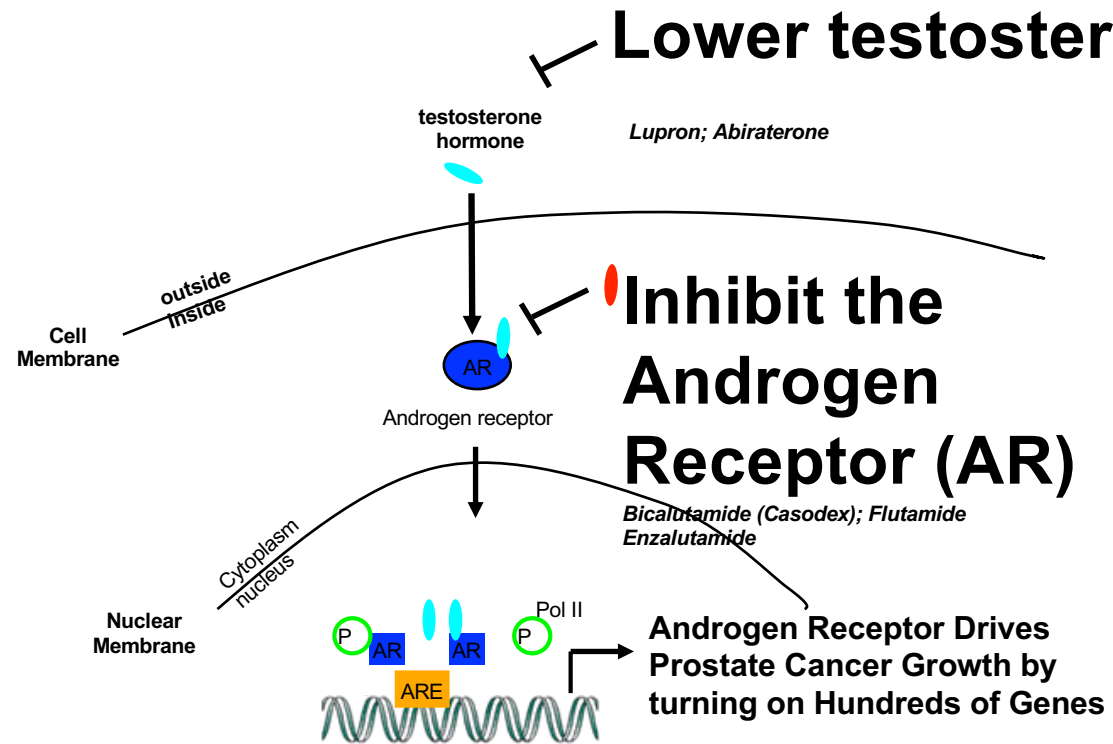
Neuroendocrine Prostate Cancer: Poor Outcome





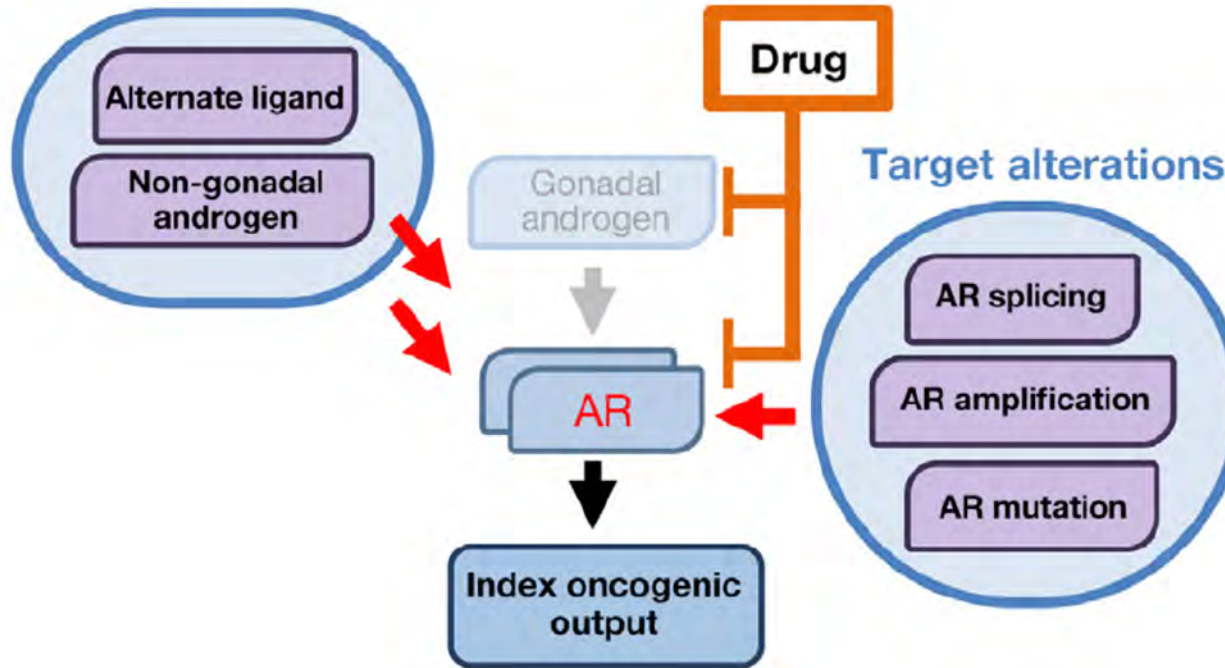
Konieczkowski et al, Cancer Cell 2018

Androgen receptor signaling inhibitors (ARSi) major therapy

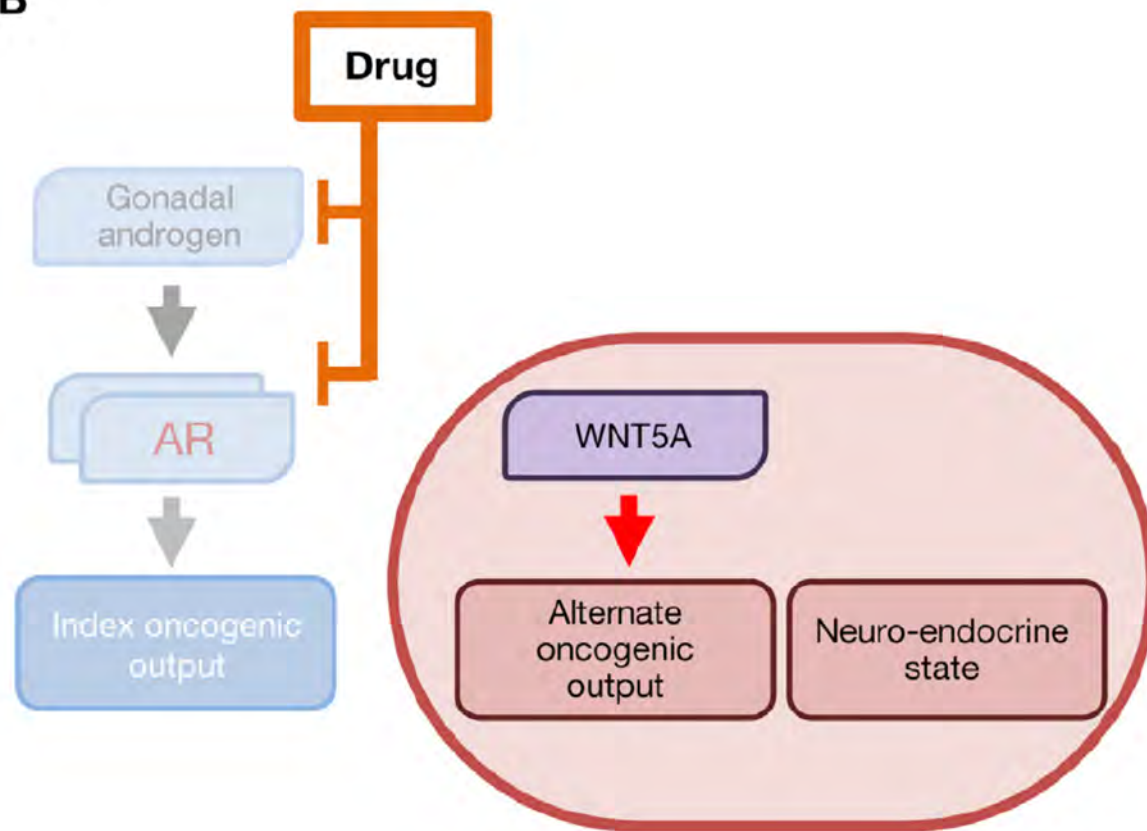


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Upstream effectors



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The Chameleon Effect

The chameleon responds to the local environment and changes cell type and sub-structure to evade attack



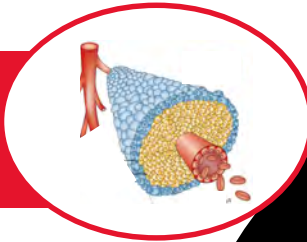
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cancers do the
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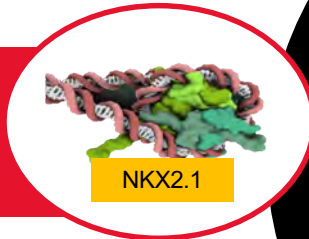


....Four Factors

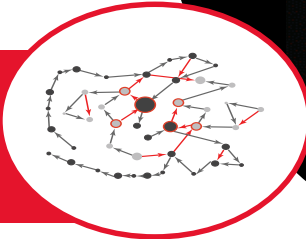
Tumour
microenvironment



Cell-chromatin
landscape and
Epigenetics

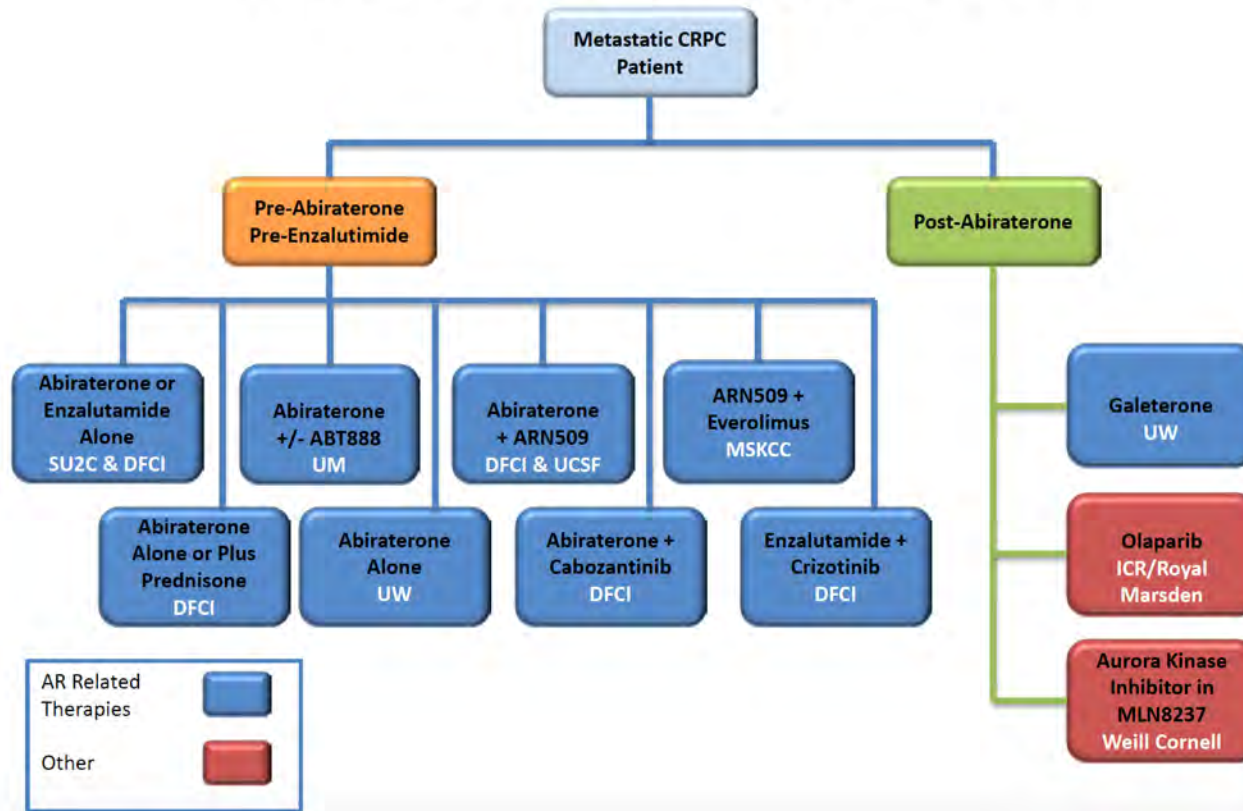


DNA – Variant's
Sub-structure



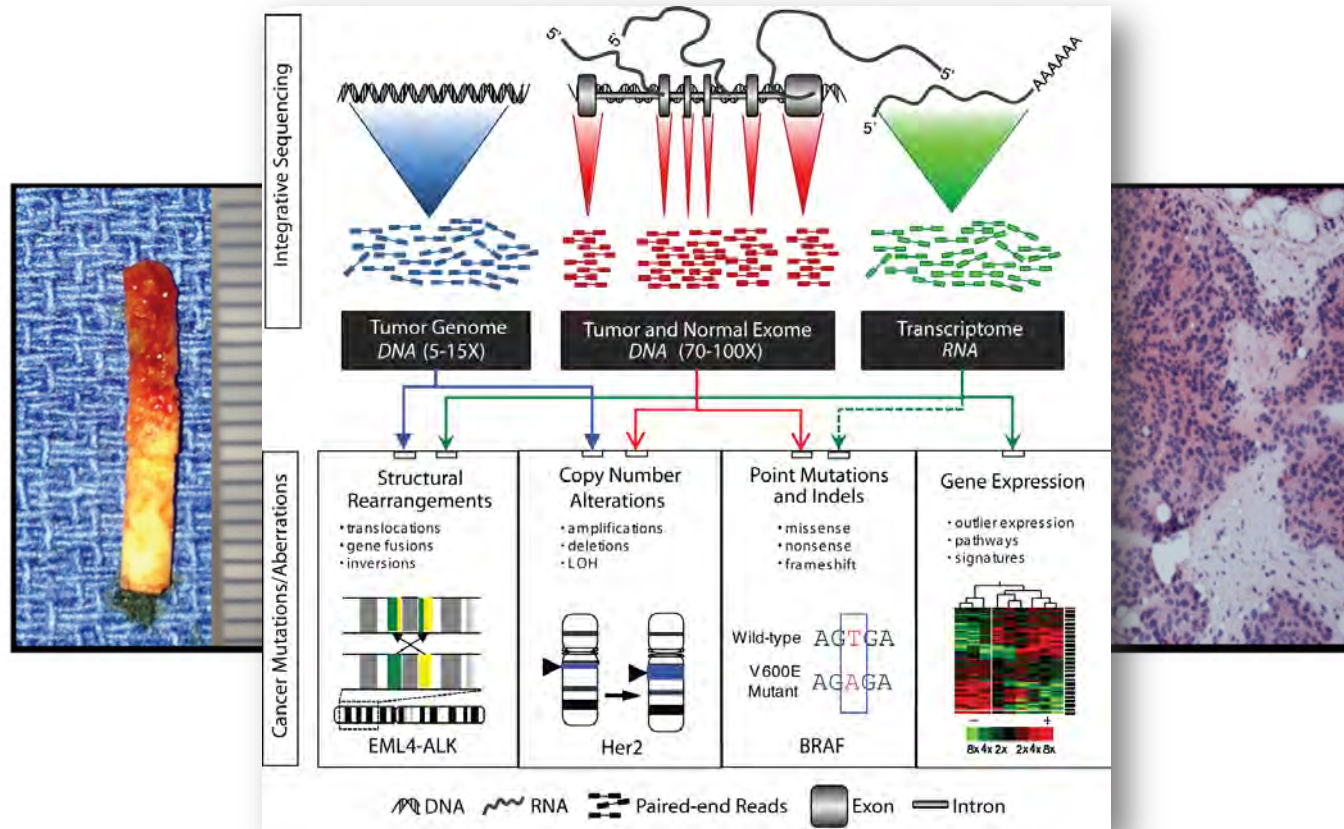
....and the escape from cancer therapy over TIME...

The SU2C-PCF CRPC 500



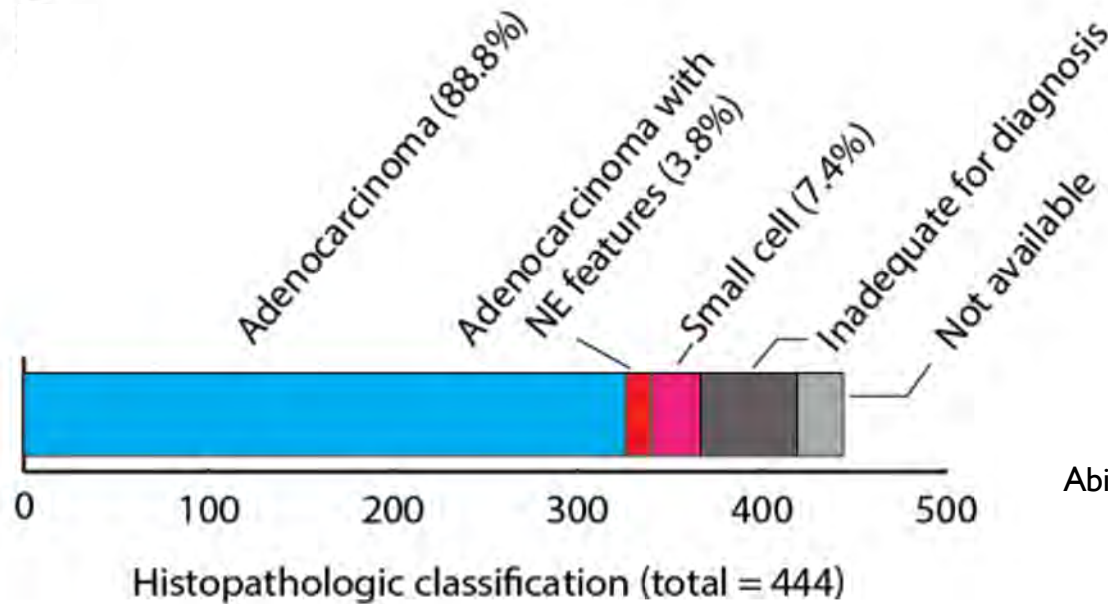
Leveraging Existing Clinical Trials

Processing metastatic samples for pathology, RNAseq and WES



Phenotype / Genotype Correlations: New Pathology

11% mCRPC have some neuroendocrine features

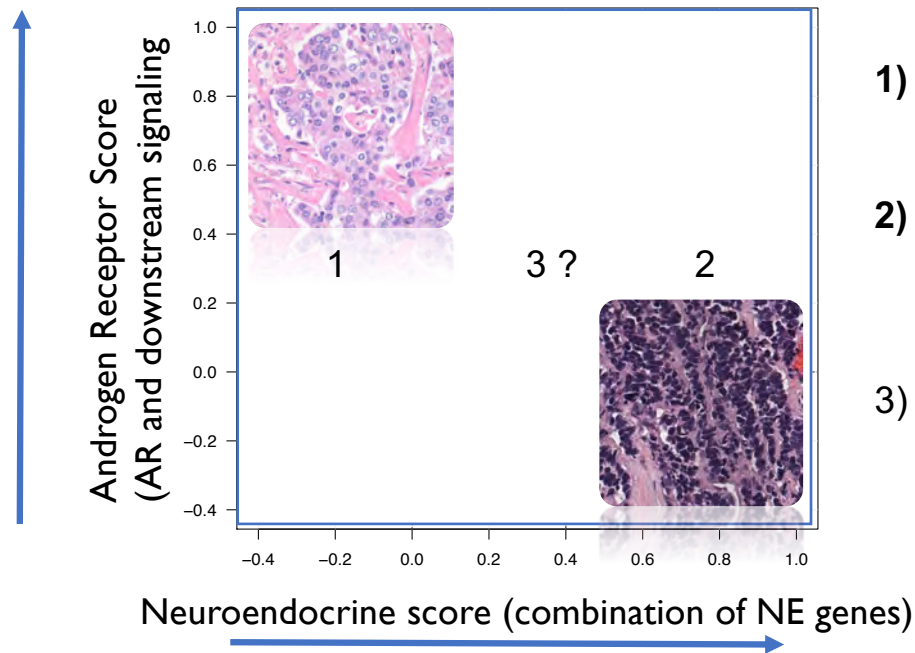


Abida, Cyrta, et al., PNAS 2019

17% mCRPC have some neuroendocrine features

Aggarwal et al., J Clin Oncol 36:2492-2503

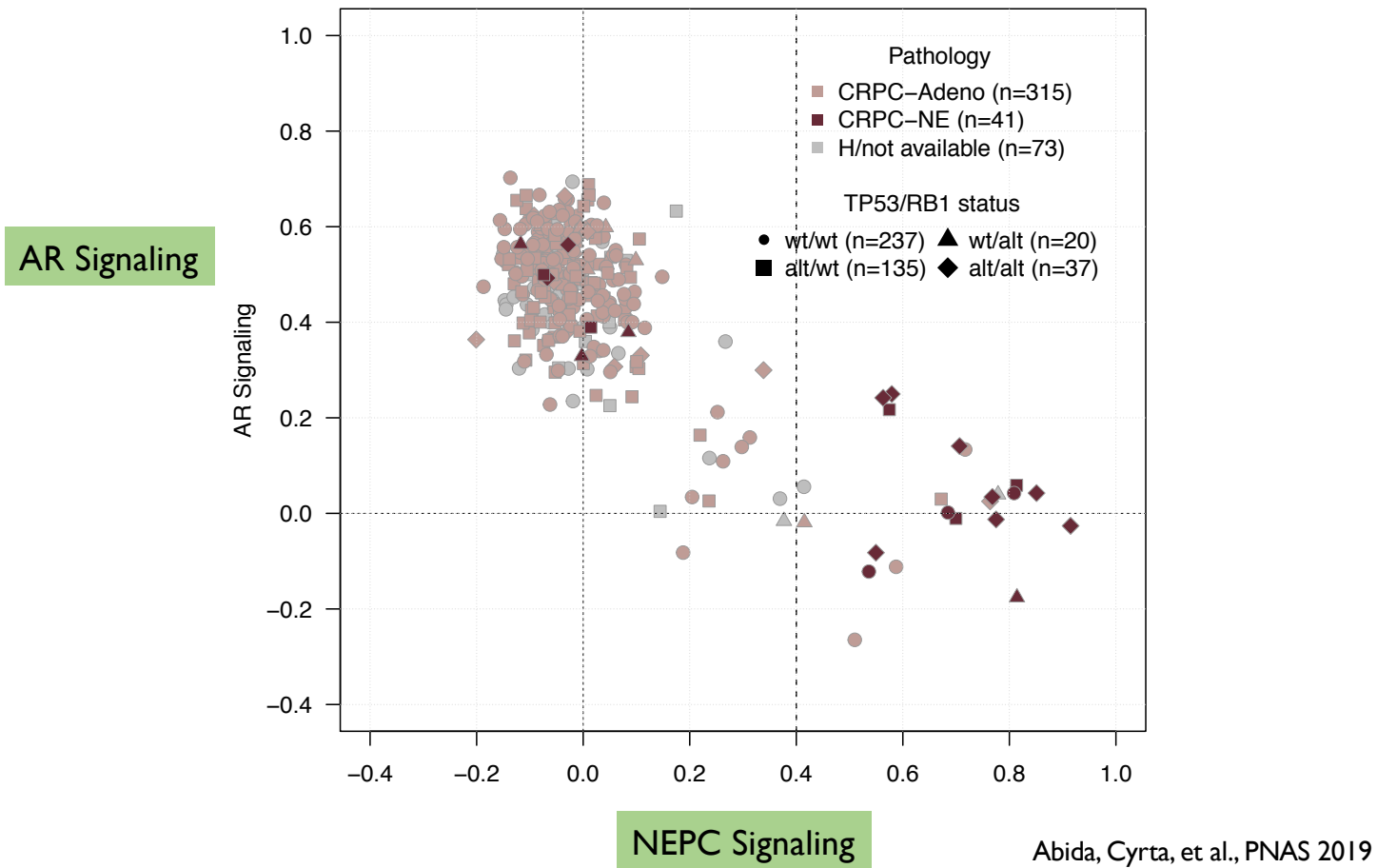
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- 1) **High AR and low NE** signaling associated with adenocarcinoma
- 2) **High NE and low AR** signaling associated with neuroendocrine prostate cancer
- 3) Other States? What do they look like and how might they clinically respond to ARSi

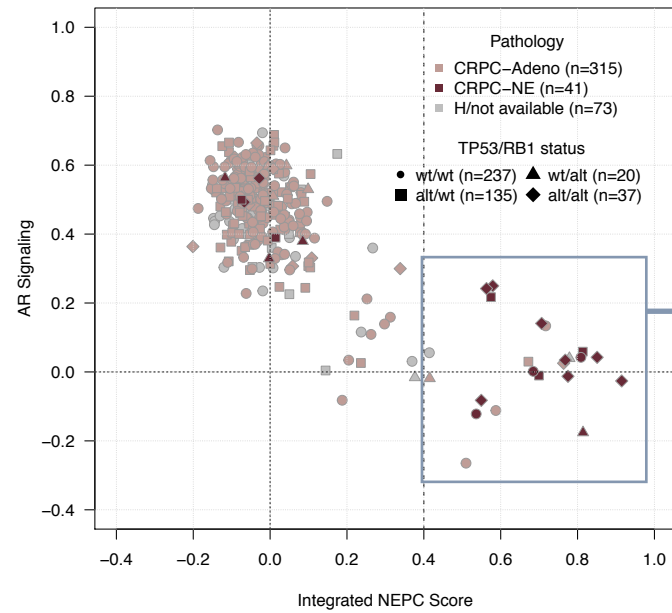
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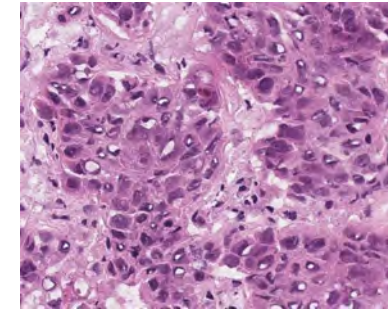


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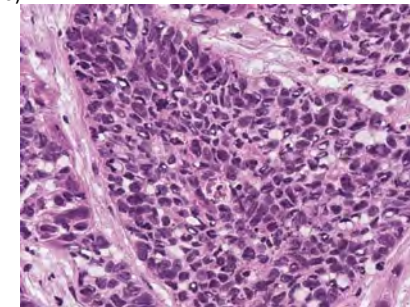
AR Signaling



NEPC Signaling

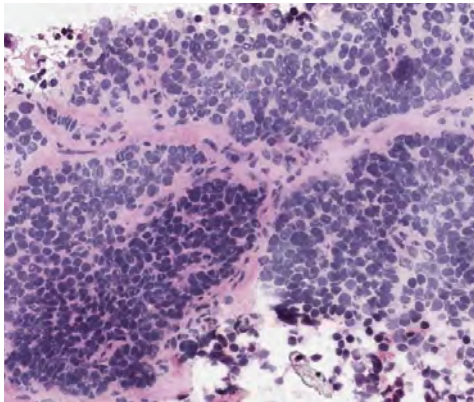


1. Cases with a high NEPC score, but with CRPC-Adeno pathology (n=6)

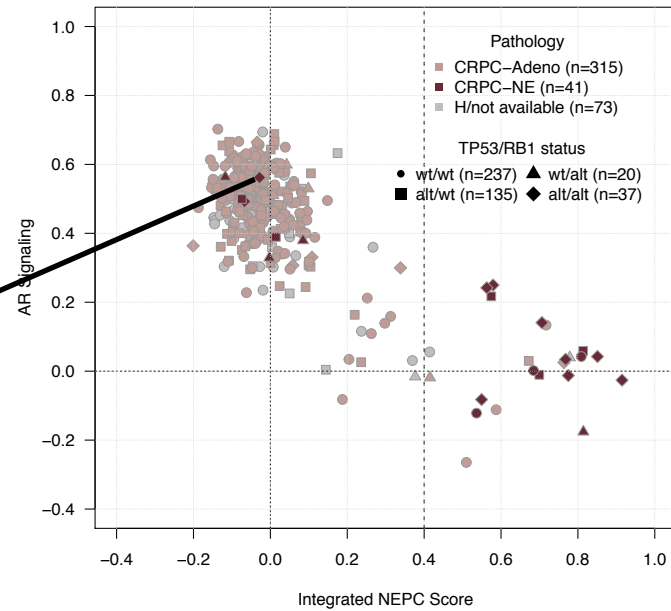
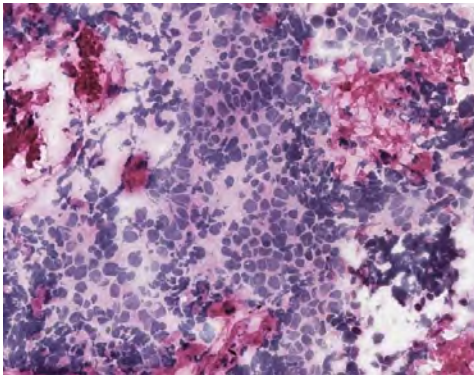


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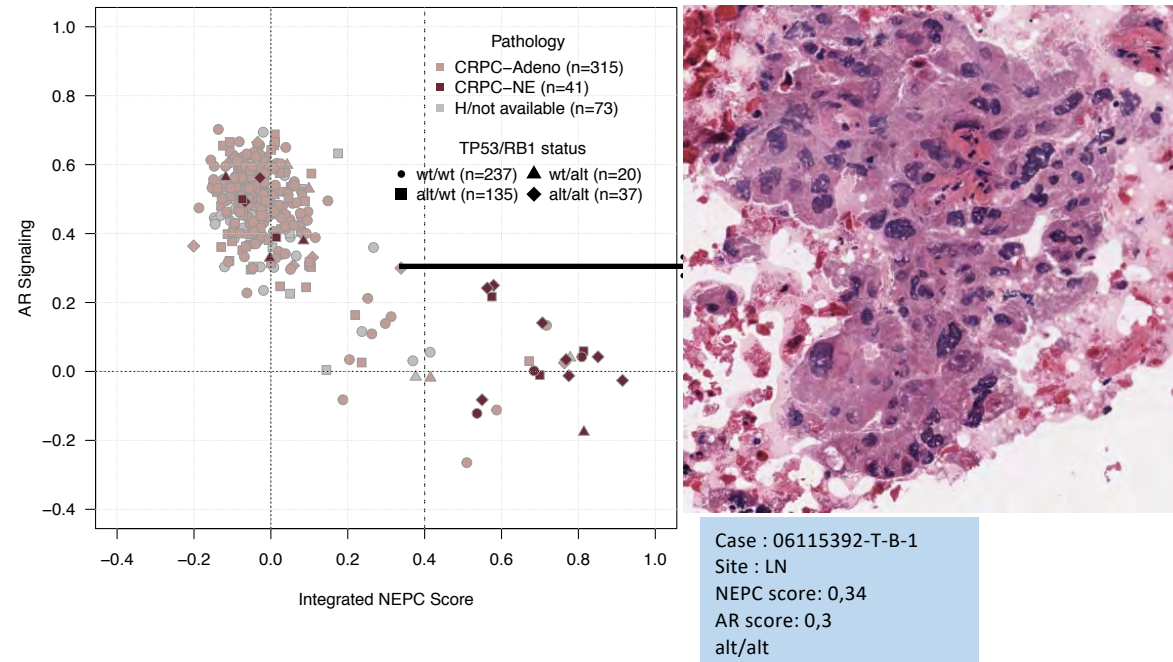
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Case : 06115121-T-A-1
Site : LN
NEPC score: -0,03, AR score: 0,56, alt/alt

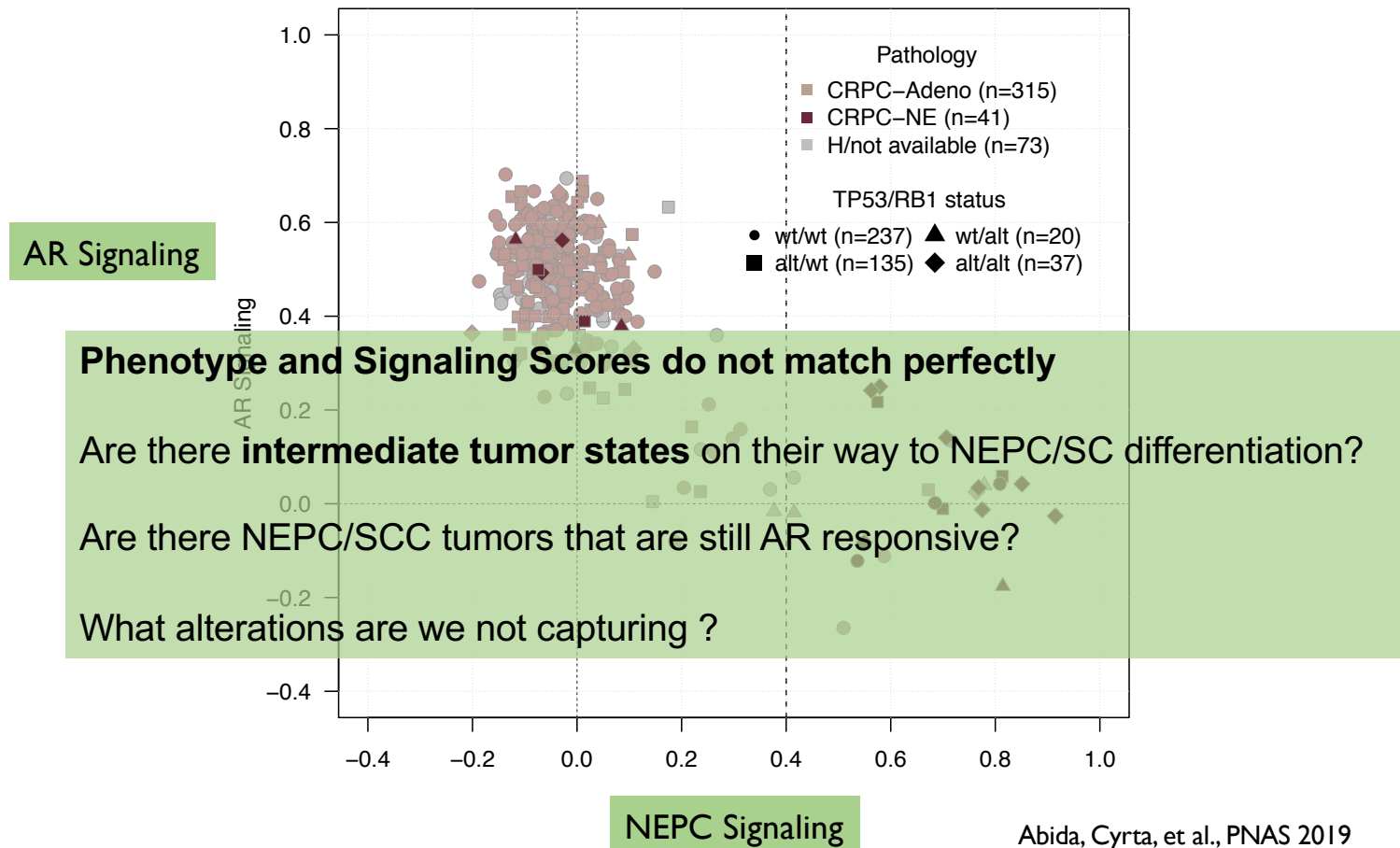


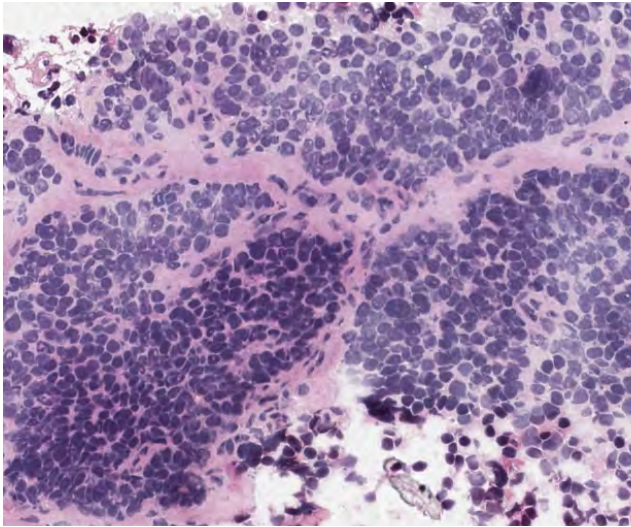
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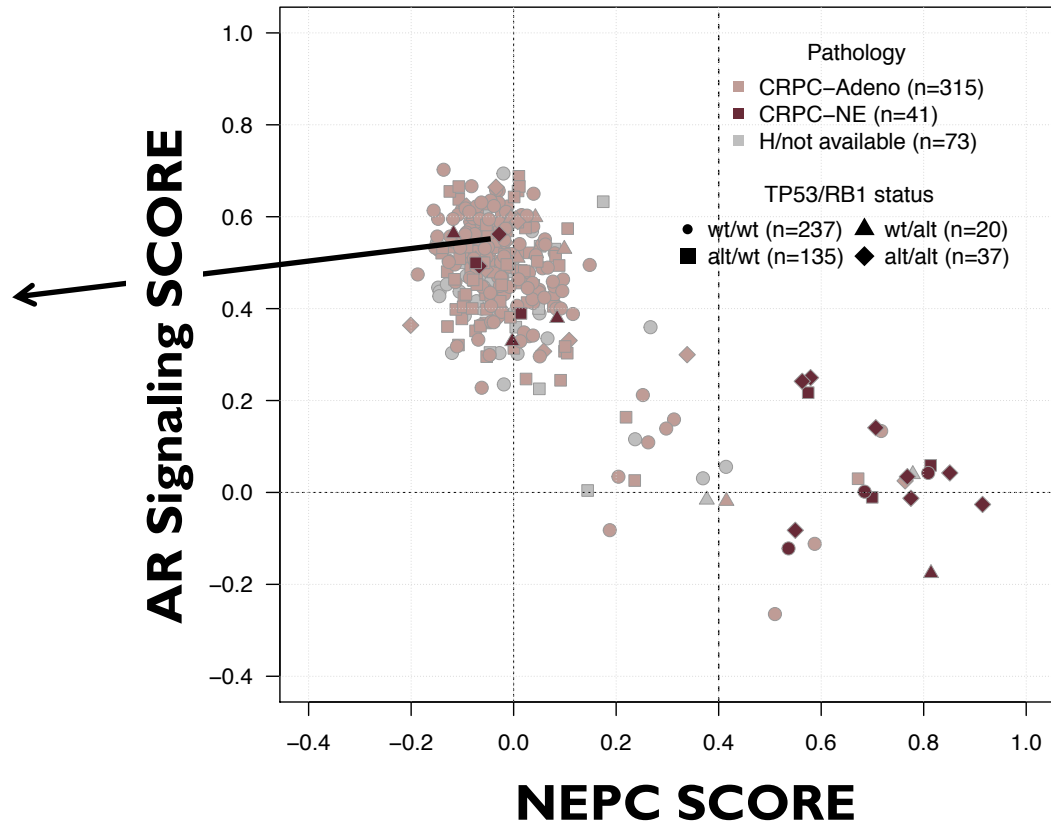
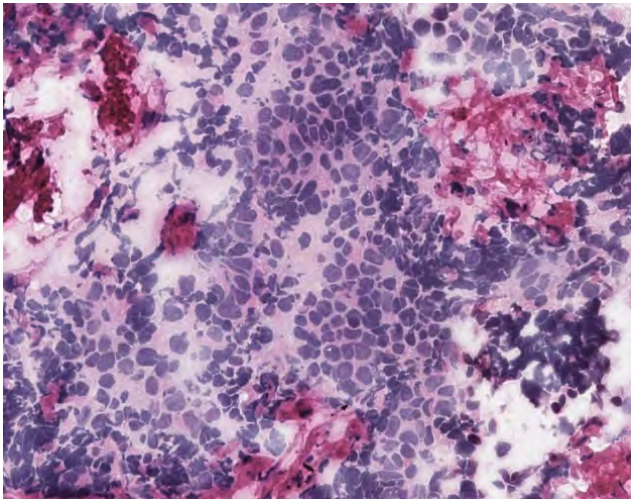
Pleomorphic nuclei-poorly diff adeno, mut TD53 and RBI

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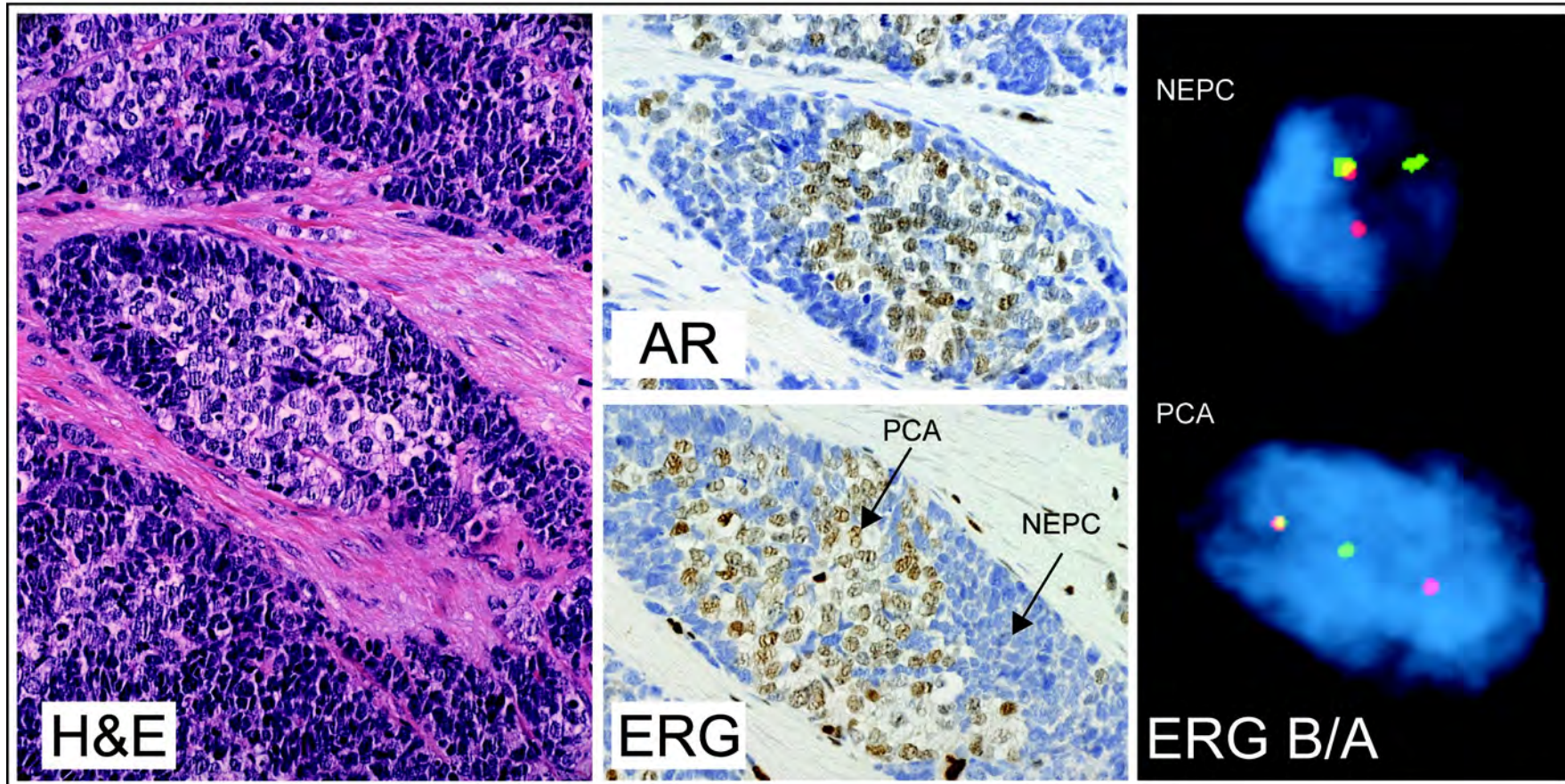


Small cell morphology, but low NEPC score, high AR, and mut TD53 and RB1

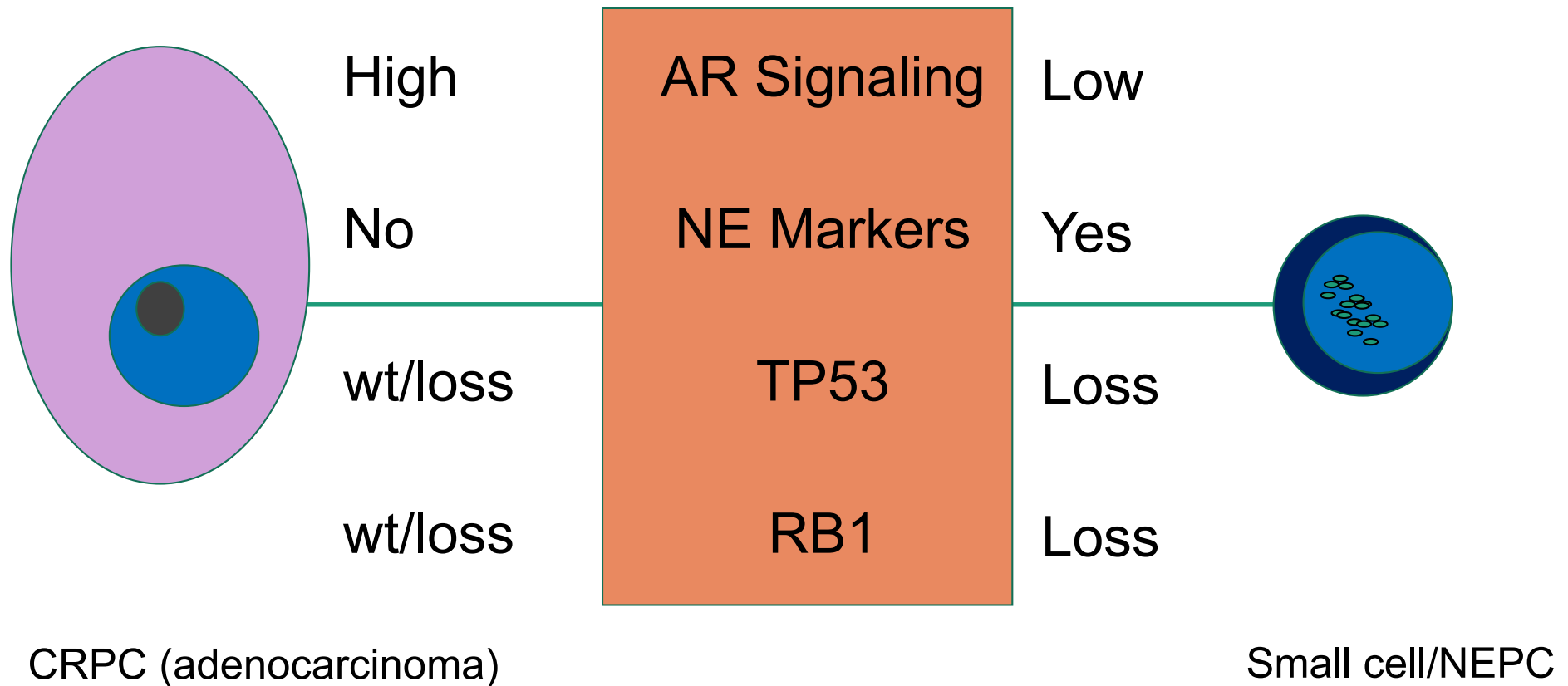


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Topographic proximity: Adeno and NEPC



Characteristics that help define NEPC



EGFR Mutations in Small-Cell Lung Cancers in Patients Who Have Never Smoked

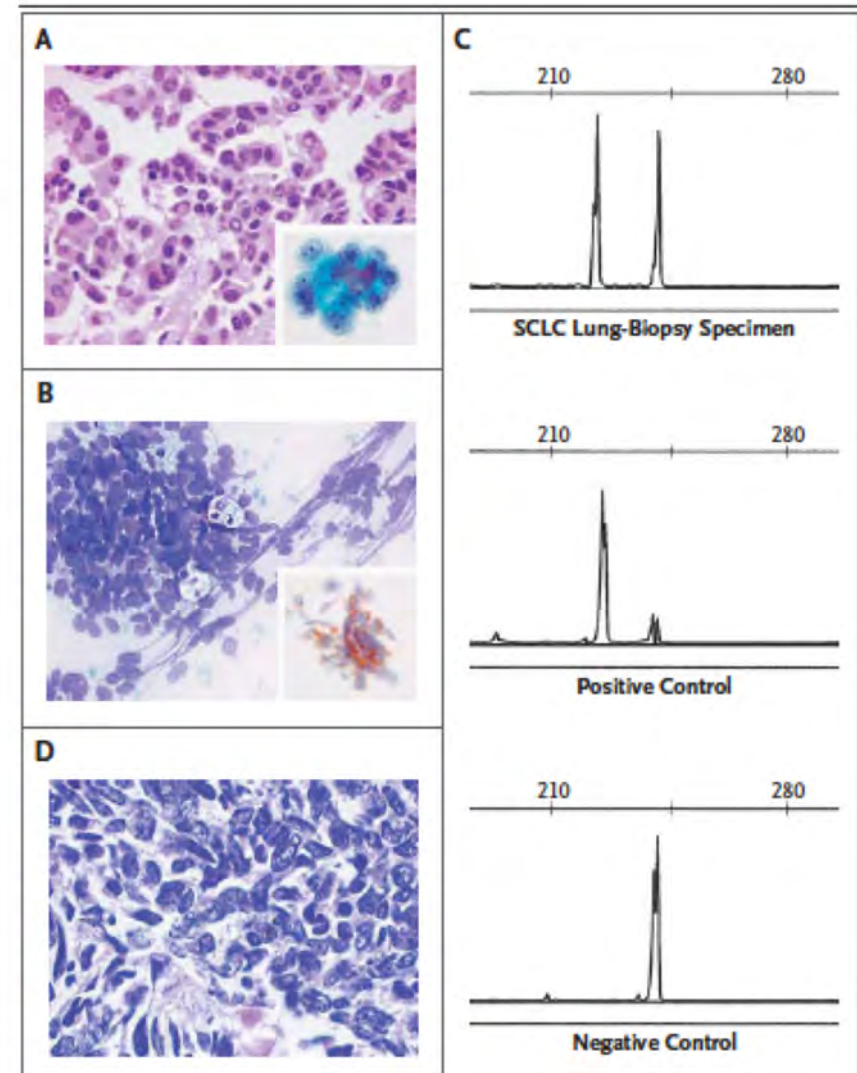
TO THE EDITOR: Mutations in the epidermal growth factor receptor gene (*EGFR*) occur in 10 to 20 percent of non-small-cell lung cancers, specifically adenocarcinomas, and are associated with the response to *EGFR* tyrosine kinase inhibitors (erlotinib and gefitinib).¹ However, the results of screening of small-cell lung cancers for *EGFR* mutations have been negative.² Thus, small-cell lung cancers are not routinely tested for *EGFR* mutations, nor have they been systematically evaluated for responsiveness to *EGFR* tyrosine kinase inhibitors.

A 45-year-old woman who had never smoked and who had masses in the right lung, pleura,

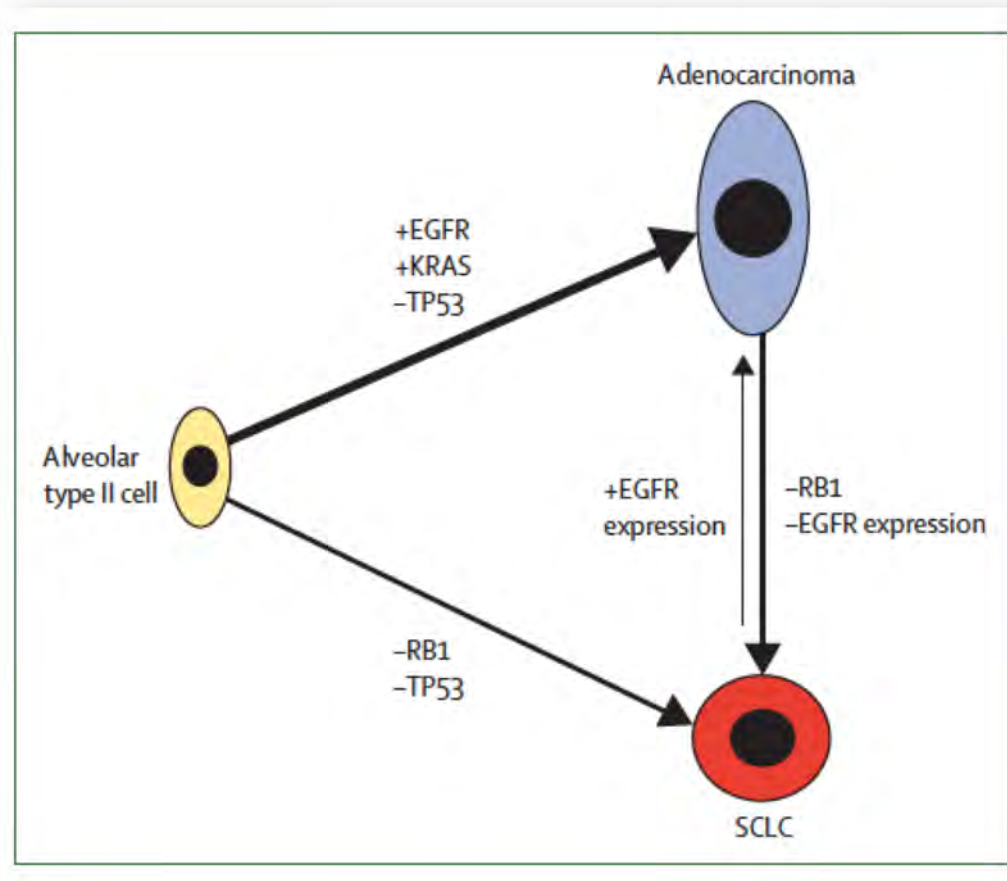
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Not only prostate cancer, seen in lung cancer

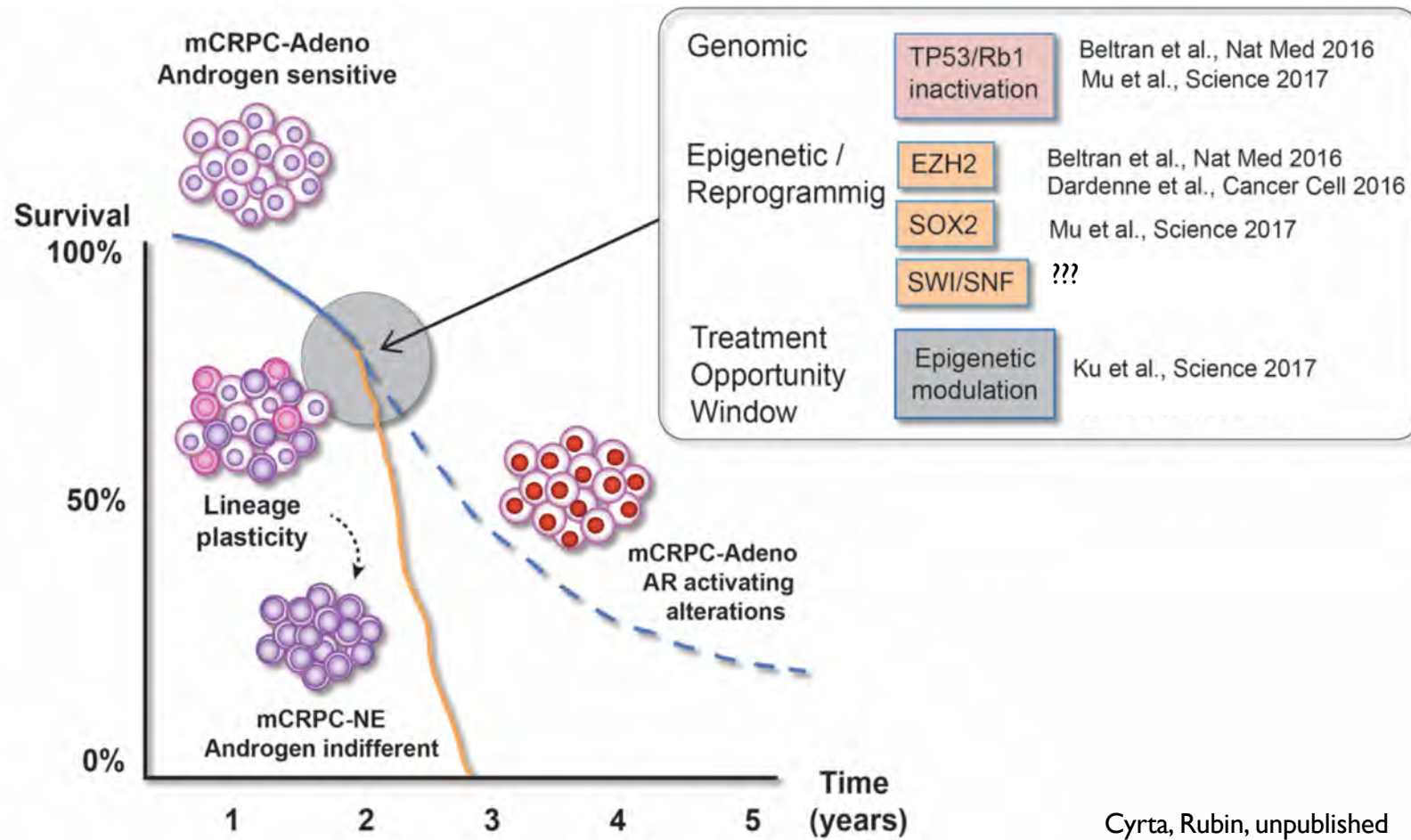


Review of Case Studies

Either Small Cell arises from different cell of origin or emerges after specific genomic alterations (TP53 and RB1 loss)

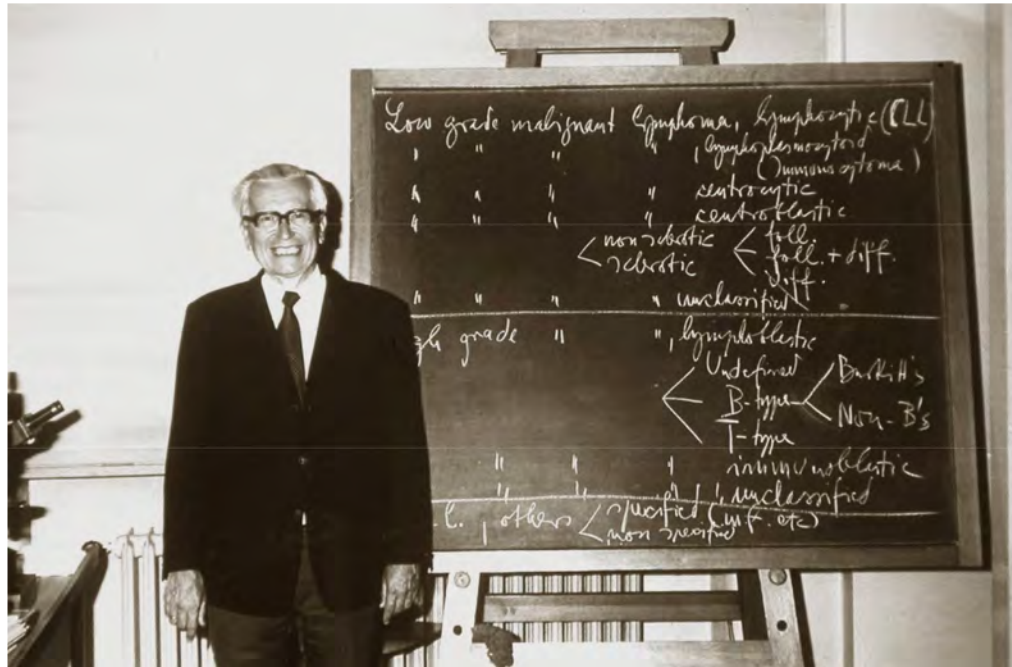
J. Engelman, Lancet Oncology 2015

Neuroendocrine prostate cancer (NEPC) and lineage plasticity



What do we call this thing?

Prof. Lennert presenting the Kiel Classification



Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma variants

Table 1 Specific variants of diffuse large B-cell lymphoma recognised in the current World Health Organization classification

Distinctive morphology or immunophenotype
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> T-cell/histiocyte-rich large B-cell lymphoma ALK+ large B-cell lymphoma Plasmablastic lymphoma Intravascular large B-cell lymphoma Large B-cell lymphoma with <i>IRF4</i> rearrangement
Distinctive clinical issues
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primary mediastinal large B-cell lymphoma Primary cutaneous diffuse large B-cell lymphoma, leg type Primary diffuse large B-cell lymphoma of the central nervous system Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma associated with chronic inflammation Lymphomatoid granulomatosis Primary effusion lymphoma
Viral driven
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EBV-positive diffuse large B-cell lymphoma, not otherwise specified HHV8-positive diffuse large B-cell lymphoma

What do we call this thing?

Approach to classifying small cell lung cancer (SCLC)

	Classification		
	NE		Non-NE
Carney et al. (1985)	Classic	Variant	
Poirier et al. (2013)	ASCL1-high	NeuroD1-high	
Poirier et al. (2015)	SC-E2	SC-E1	SQ-P
George et al. (2015)	Group II		Group I
Borromeo et al. (2016)	ASCL1-high	NeuroD1-high	Double negative
Mollaoglu et al. (2017)	Group A	Group C	Group B
McColl et al. (2017)	INSM1		YAP1
Huang et al. (2018)			POU2F3
Wooten et al. (2018)	NE	NEv2	NEv1
			Non-NE
Proposed nomenclature	SCLC-A	SCLC-N	SCLC-Y
			SCLC-P

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Possible diagnoses for advanced cancer:

- 1) Metastatic, adenocarcinoma
- 2) Metastatic, adenocarcinoma with NE differentiation
- 3) Metastatic, small cell cancer (prostate or not?)
- 4) Metastatic, mixed adeno and small cell carcinoma

Note: *Important to confirm site of origin. This may be obvious because of the clinical setting but may also requiring considering a secondary or alternative diagnosis (e.g., lung cancer or bladder cancer).*

Major message: *Clinical decision making should focus on a constellation of clinical, laboratory, pathology and molecular features. The presence of small cell and or NE features should not exclude androgen deprivation therapy and/or second generation ARSi*

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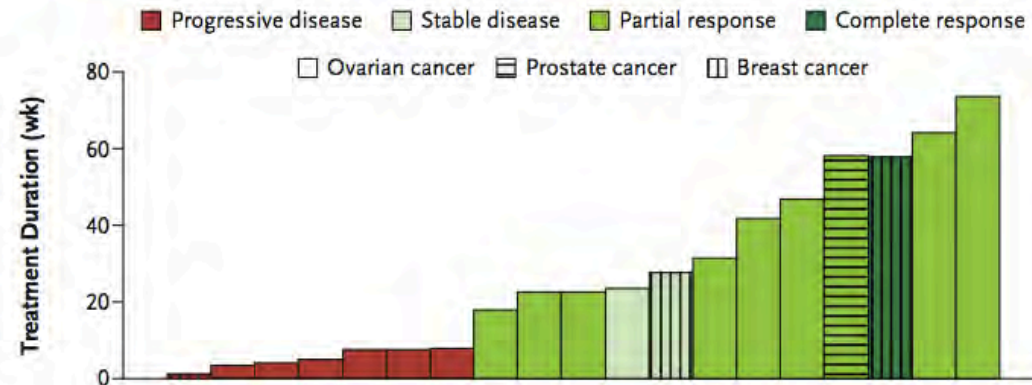
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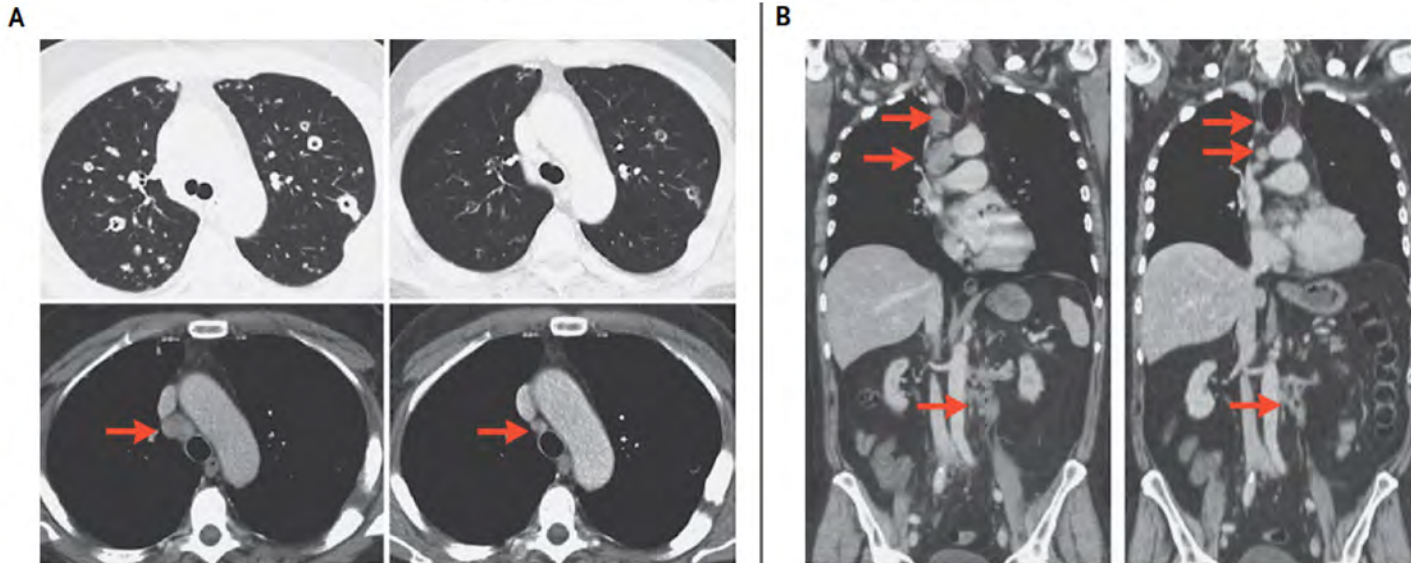
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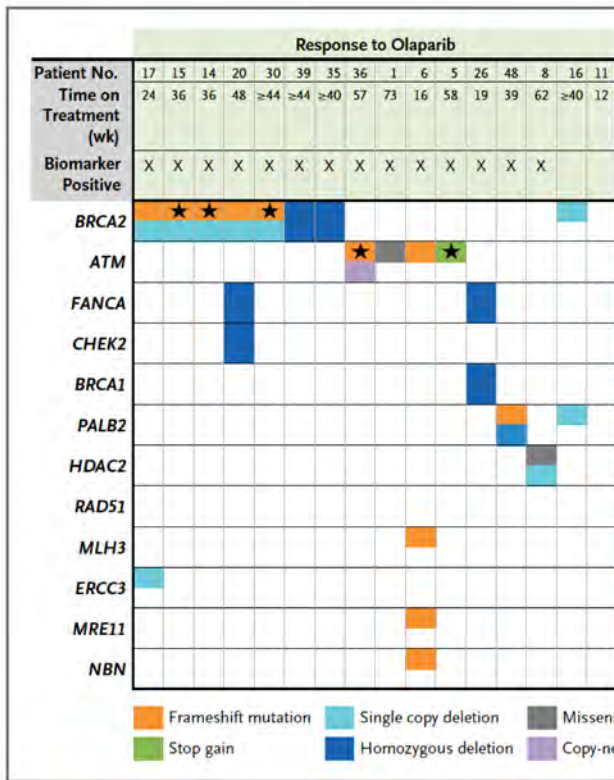
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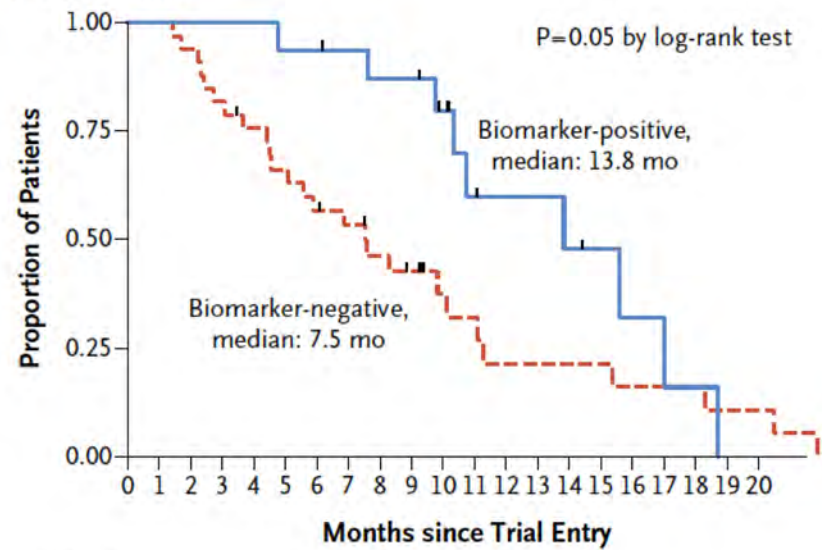
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B Overall Survival



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Biomarker-negative	33	33	31	27	24	21	18	16	13	11	7	6	4	4	4	4	3	3	2	2	
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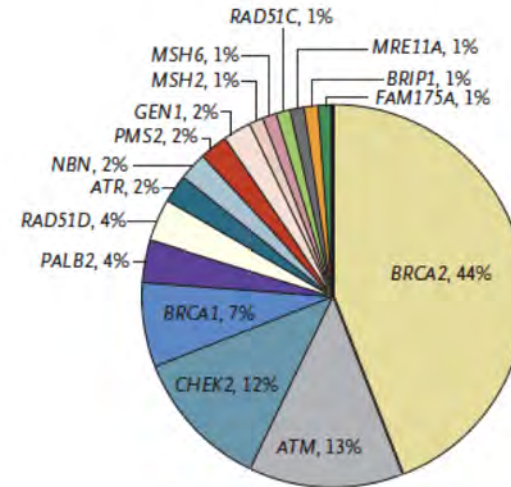
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Inherited DNA-Repair Gene Mutations in Men with Metastatic Prostate Cancer

Table 2. Germline Mutations in Metastatic Cases as Compared with the General Population and Primary Cases.

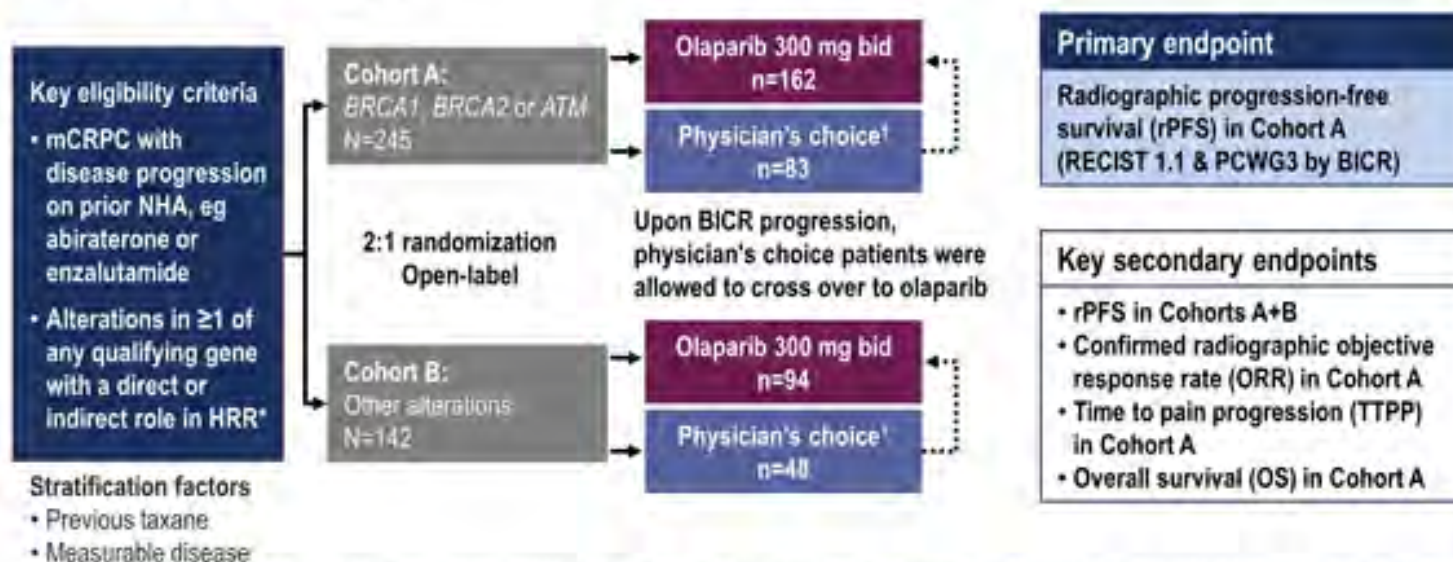
Gene	Metastatic Prostate Cancer (N=692) ^a	Exome Aggregation Consortium (N=53,105) [†]	TCGA Cohort with Primary Prostate Cancer (N=499)	Metastatic Prostate Cancer vs. Exome Aggregation Consortium		Metastatic Prostate Cancer vs. TCGA Cohort	
				Relative Risk (95% CI)	P Value	Relative Risk (95% CI)	P Value
	No. of Mutations (% of Men)						
ATM	11 (1.59)	133 (0.25)	5 (1.00)	6.3 (3.2-11.3)	<0.001	1.6 (0.8-2.8)	0.12
ATR	2 (0.29)	43 (0.08)	0	3.6 (0.4-12.8)	0.11	—	—
BAP1‡	0	1	0	—	—	—	—
BARD1‡	0	38 (0.07)	1 (0.20)	—	—	—	—
BRCA1	6 (0.87)	104 (0.22)	3 (0.60)	3.9 (1.4-8.5)	0.005	1.4 (0.5-3.1)	0.32
BRCA2	37 (5.35)	153 (0.29)	1 (0.20)	18.6 (13.2-25.3)	<0.001	26.7 (18.9-36.4)	<0.001
BRIPI‡	1 (0.18)	100 (0.19)	1 (0.20)	0.9 (0.02-5.3)	1.0	0.9 (0.0-4.9)	1.0
CHEK2‡	10 (1.87)	314 (0.61)	2 (0.40)	3.1 (1.5-5.6)	0.002	4.7 (2.2-8.5)	<0.001
FAM175A‡	1 (0.18)	52 (0.10)	0	1.8 (0.05-10.1)	0.42	—	—
GEN1‡	2 (0.46)	42 (0.08)	0	5.8 (0.7-20.8)	0.048	—	—
MLH1	0	11 (0.02)	0	—	—	—	—
MRE11A	1 (0.14)	36 (0.07)	1 (0.20)	2.1 (0.1-11.8)	0.38	0.7 (0.0-4.0)	1.0
MSH2	1 (0.14)	23 (0.04)	1 (0.20)	3.3 (0.1-18.5)	0.26	0.7 (0.0-4.0)	1.0
MSH6	1 (0.14)	41 (0.08)	1 (0.20)	1.9 (0.05-10.4)	0.41	0.7 (0.0-4.0)	1.0
NBN	2 (0.29)	61 (0.11)	1 (0.20)	2.5 (0.3-9.1)	0.19	1.4 (0.2-5.2)	0.40
PALB2	3 (0.43)	65 (0.12)	2 (0.40)	3.5 (0.7-10.3)	0.05	1.1 (0.2-3.1)	0.76
PMS2	2 (0.29)	56 (0.11)	1 (0.20)	2.7 (0.3-9.8)	0.17	1.4 (0.2-5.2)	0.40
RAD51C	1 (0.14)	59 (0.11)	2 (0.40)	1.3 (0.03-7.2)	0.54	0.4 (0.0-2.0)	0.54
RAD51D	3 (0.43)	40 (0.08)	1 (0.20)	5.7 (1.2-16.7)	0.02	2.2 (0.4-6.3)	0.16
XRCC2	0	23 (0.04)	0	—	—	—	—



Selected DNA repair germline mutations from targeted panel and WES reveal 10-20% frequency (Pritchard and Nelson, 2016)

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PROfound STUDY DESIGN



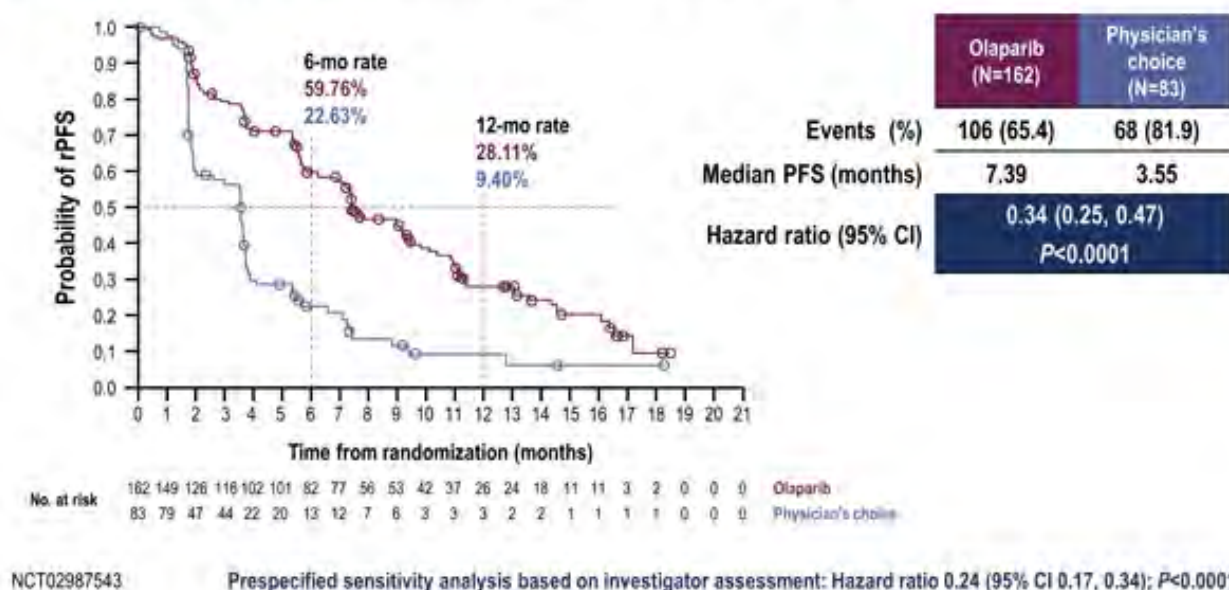
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[†]Physician's choice of either enzalutamide (160 mg qd) or abiraterone (1000 mg qd plus prednisone [5 mg bid])
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PROfound Primary endpoint

rPFS BY BICR IN PATIENTS WITH ALTERATIONS IN *BRCA1*, *BRCA2*, OR *ATM* (COHORT A)



Among the men who underwent screening, 4047 had samples that were tested, among which 2792 (69%) were successfully sequenced and yielded biomarker status. In screened patients, samples were mainly derived from archived tissue (89.9%); most archived samples (79.7%) were from the primary tumour and 10.1% were derived from metastatic tissue.

Analysis of the Prevalence of Microsatellite Instability in Prostate Cancer and Response to Immune Checkpoint Blockade

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Figure 1. Tumor Mutation Burden (TMB) and Microsatellite Instability (MSI) in Prostate Cancer

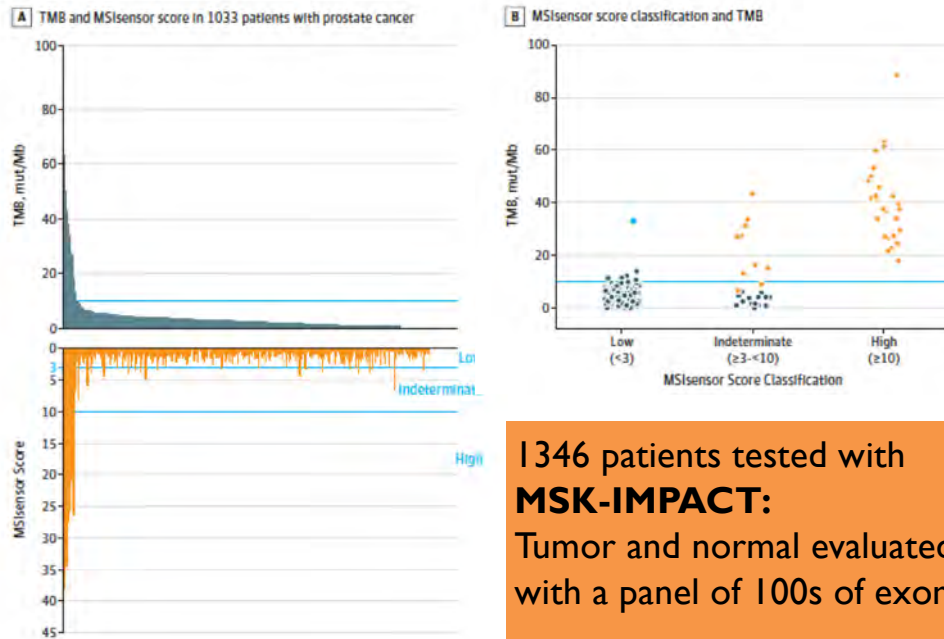


Figure 2. Integrative Analysis of Microsatellite Instability (MSI), Tumor Mutation Burden (TMB), Mutational Signature Decomposition, and Mismatch Repair (MMR) Gene and Protein Status

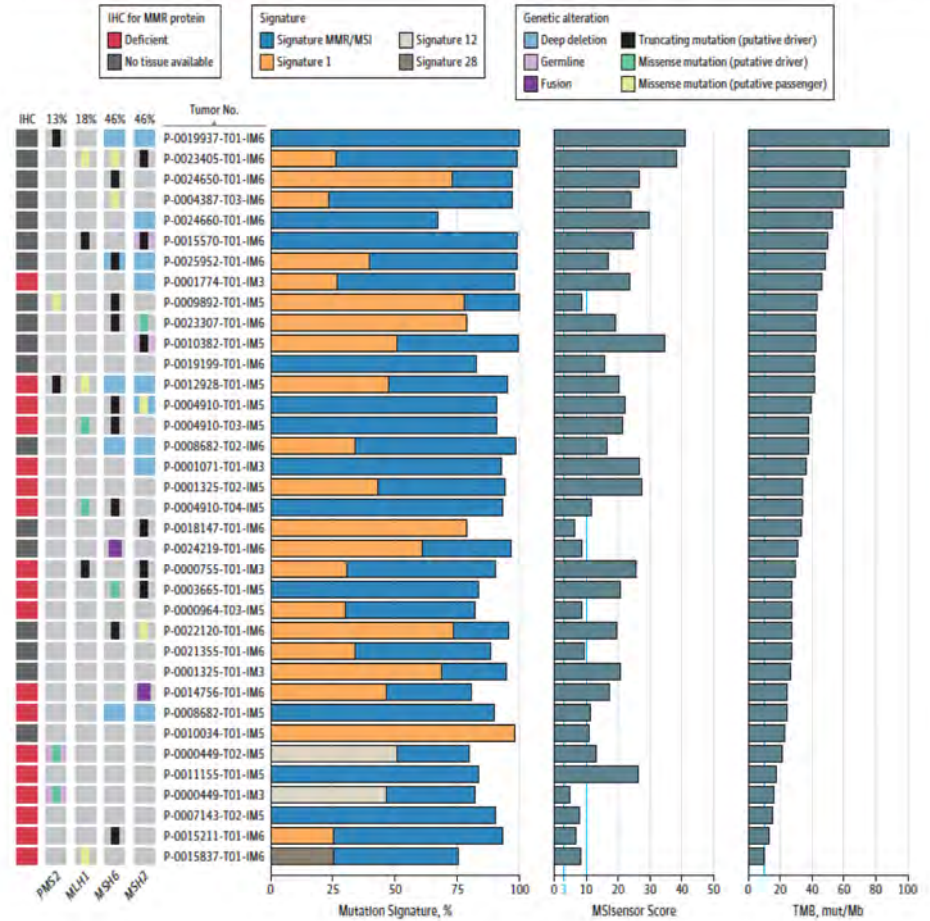
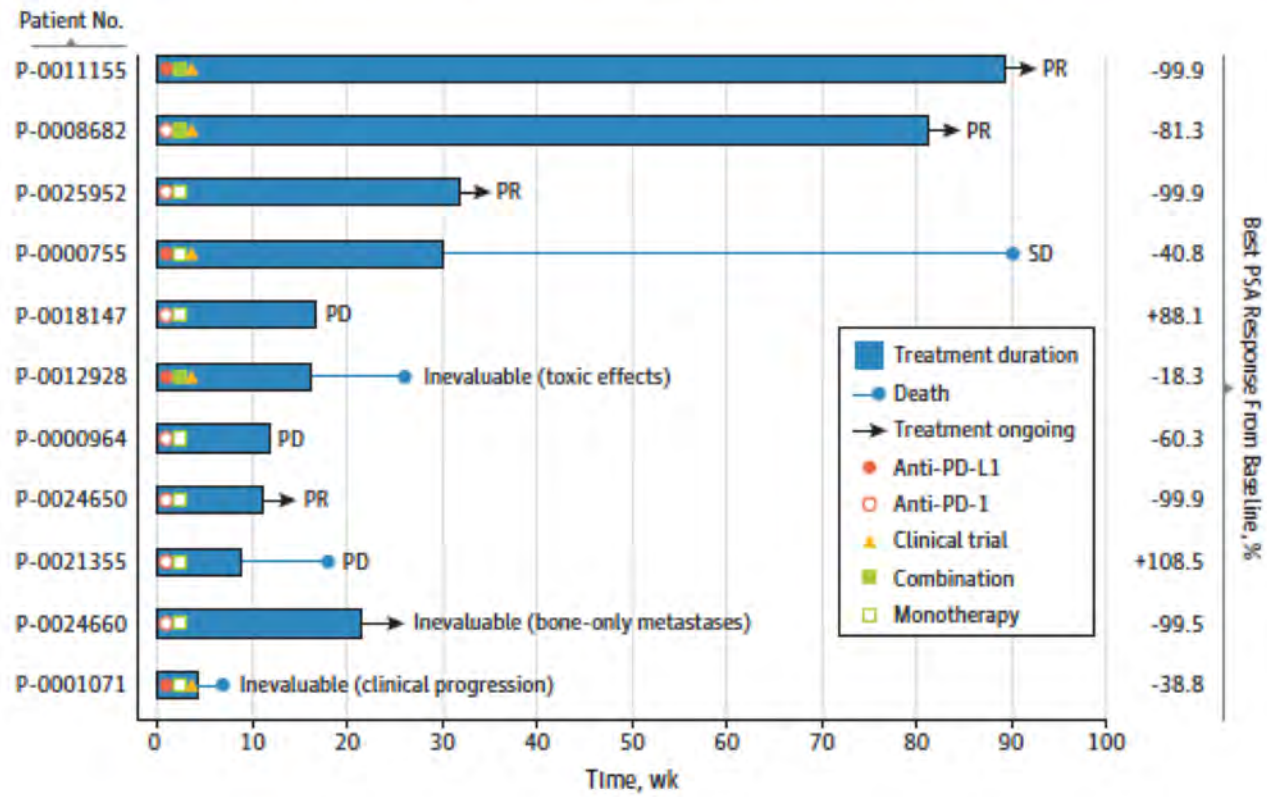


Figure 4. Responses to Immune Checkpoint Blockade In Microsatellite Instability-High and Mismatch Repair Deficient (MSI-H/dMMR) Prostate Cancer



Recommendations of the Working Group were the following:

In combination with appropriate genetic counseling, germline panel testing for DNA repair gene alterations should be offered (if clinically indicated) to patients with:

Localized Grade Group ≥ 4 tumors

Any Grade Group with PSA ≥ 20

Known metastatic disease

Testing should include:

1) Defective MMR assessment via MMR IHC for MSH2, MSH6, MLH-1, PMS2 with or without MSI testing and/or sequencing of MMR genes (and tumor mutation burden estimate)

AND

2) Defective HR assessment via sequencing for: BRCA1, BRCA2 at a minimum, with ability to detect copy number alterations

Part 2: Advanced Prostate Cancer

- 1) May be seen more often as oncologist perform metastatic biopsies (e.g., indication for PARPi and MSI-Immunotherapy)
- 2) **Major question is cancer versus no cancer**
- 3) **Classification and “grading” of treated cancer unclear**
- 4) What would a urologist/oncologist do differently if we did find neuroendocrine features?
- 5) What would a urologist/oncologist do if we identified a small cell cancer?

Conclusions: Neuroendocrine Prostate Cancer

- 1) For clinically **localized** prostate cancer, unless there are clear morphologic neuroendocrine features, immunostaining for neuroendocrine expression (e.g., synaptophysin, chromogranin, or CD56) is **NOT** recommend.
- 2) Given its clinical implications, the term neuroendocrine differentiation is best reserved for high-grade cancers and not usual-type adenocarcinomas or well-differentiated neuroendocrine tumors.

Conclusions: Neuroendocrine Prostate Cancer

3) **Advanced** metastatic CRPC may manifest a range of morphologic features of neuroendocrine differentiation and a combination of molecular evaluation and morphologic features may be required in future definitions of CRPC, guided by biomarker-driven clinical trials.

A scenic mountain landscape with a turquoise lake, snow patches, and a dirt path. The foreground shows a dirt path on a rocky slope with some green vegetation and small flowers. In the middle ground, there's a large turquoise lake surrounded by green hills and patches of snow. The background features majestic, rugged mountains under a clear blue sky with some light clouds.

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