

# Histology Independent Drug Development Introduction and Successes

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# Histology Independent Therapy

- Prevalent across all histologies?
- Activity identical across all histologies?
- Easy to find in standard of care testing?

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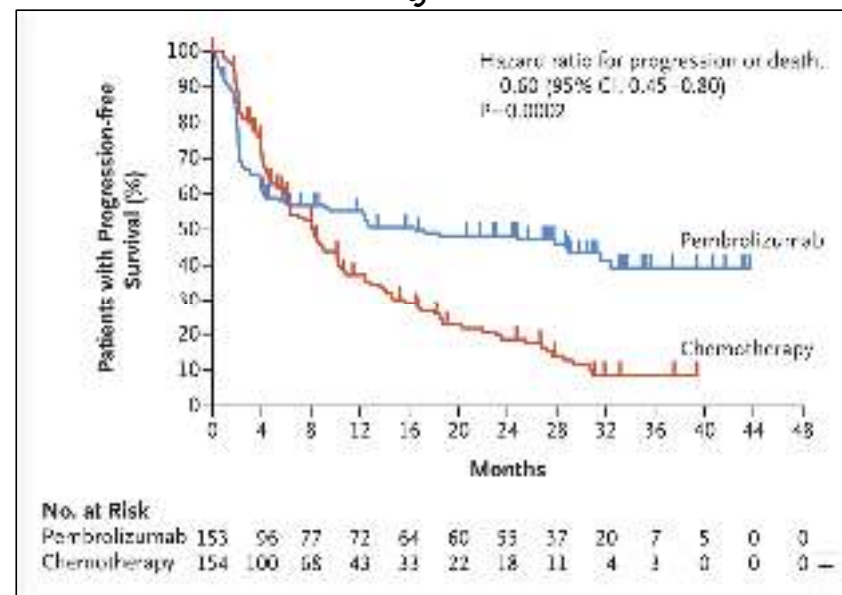
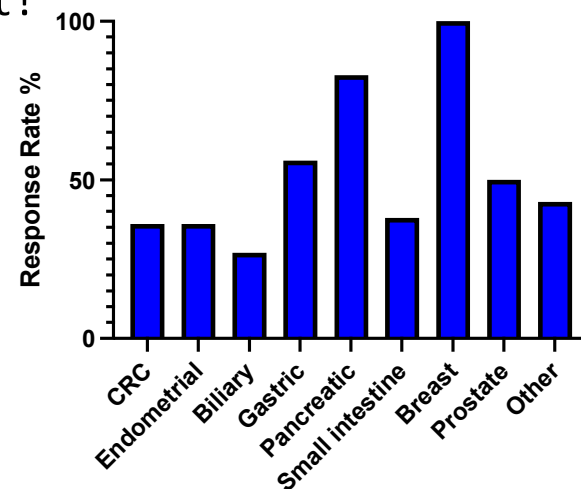
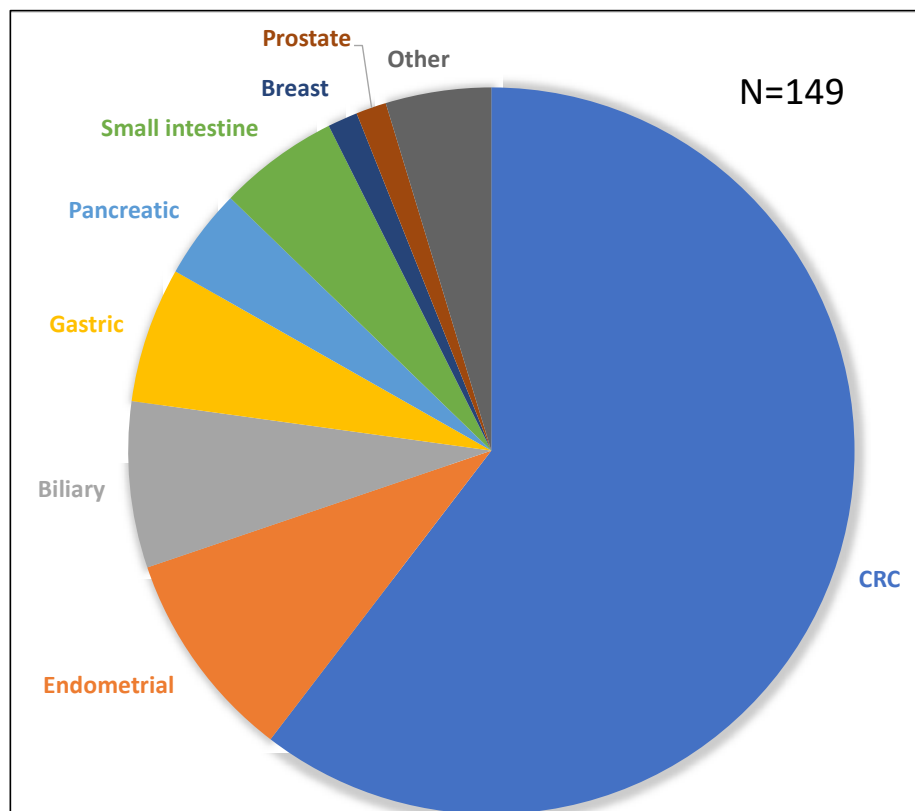
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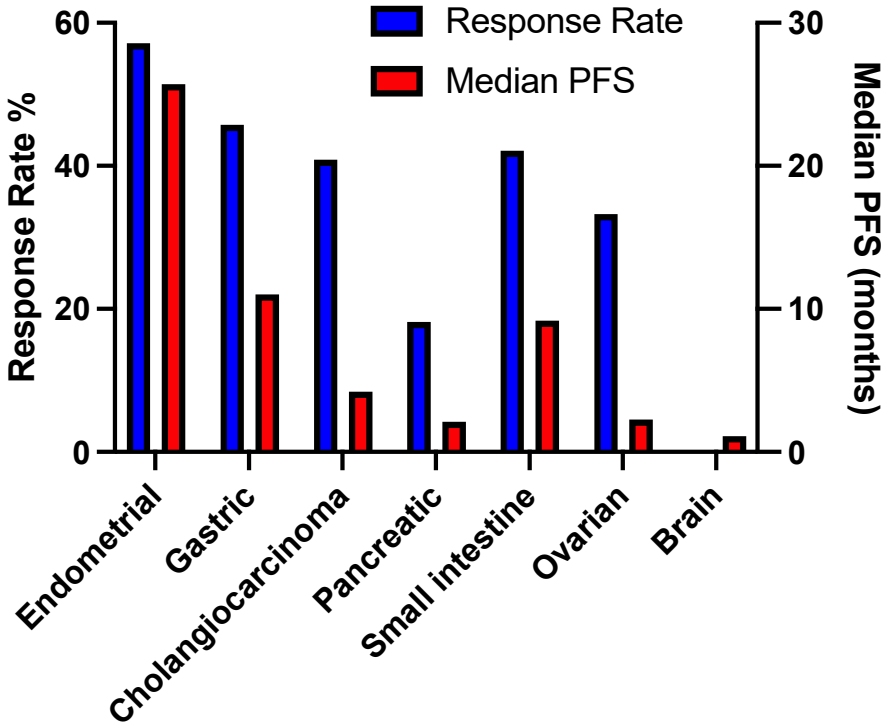
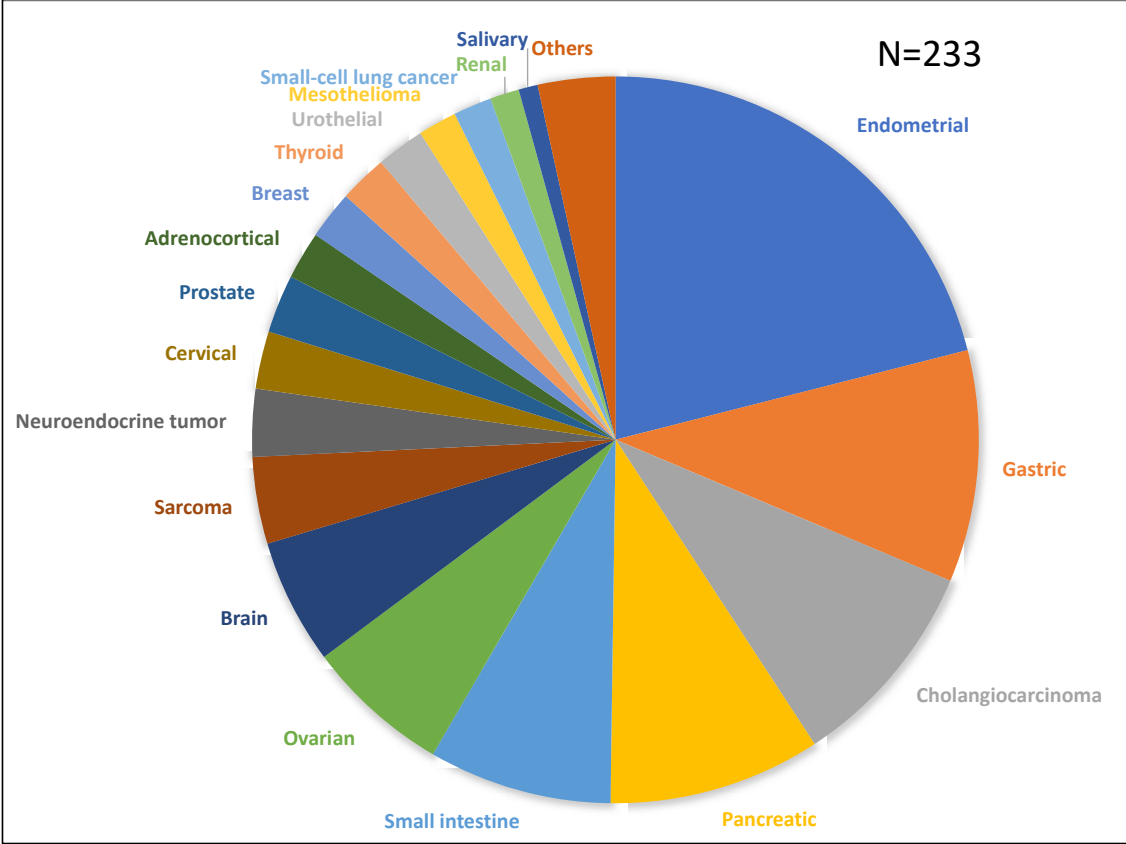
# Response to ICI in MSI-H- Histology Independent?



Lamery et al. N Engl J Med. 377(15), 2017, p 1409-1411

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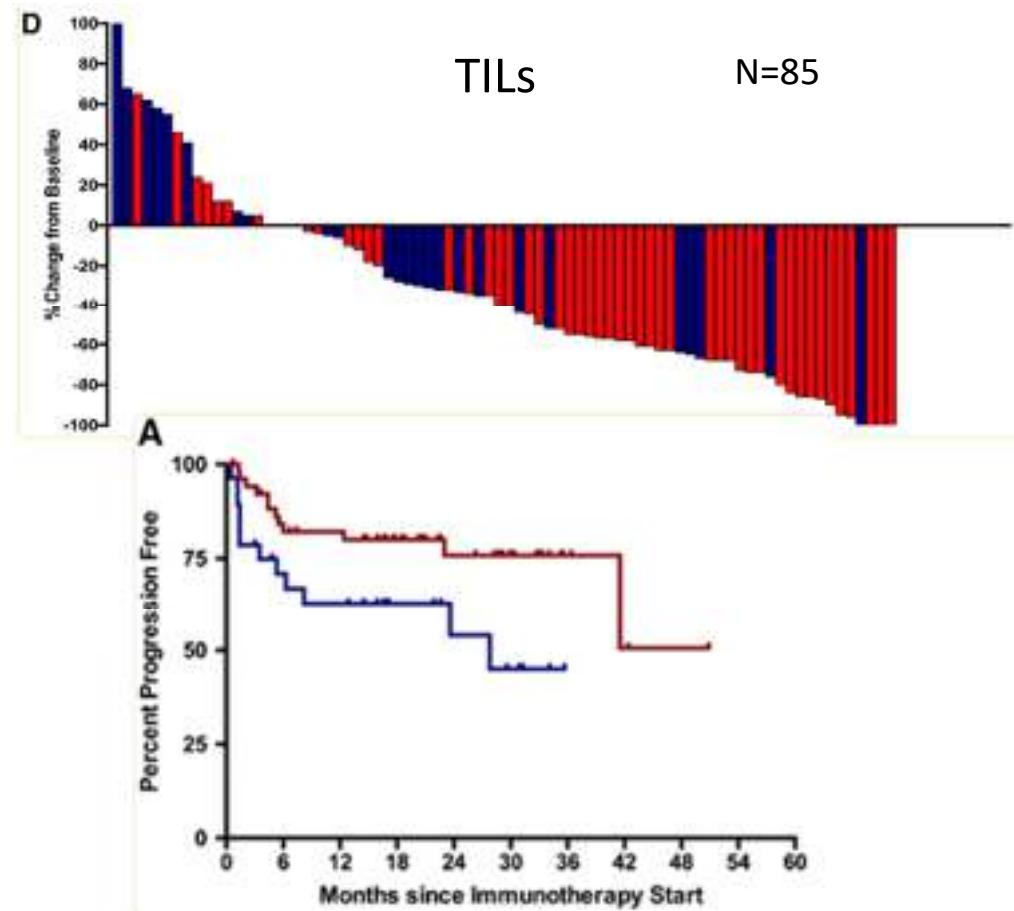
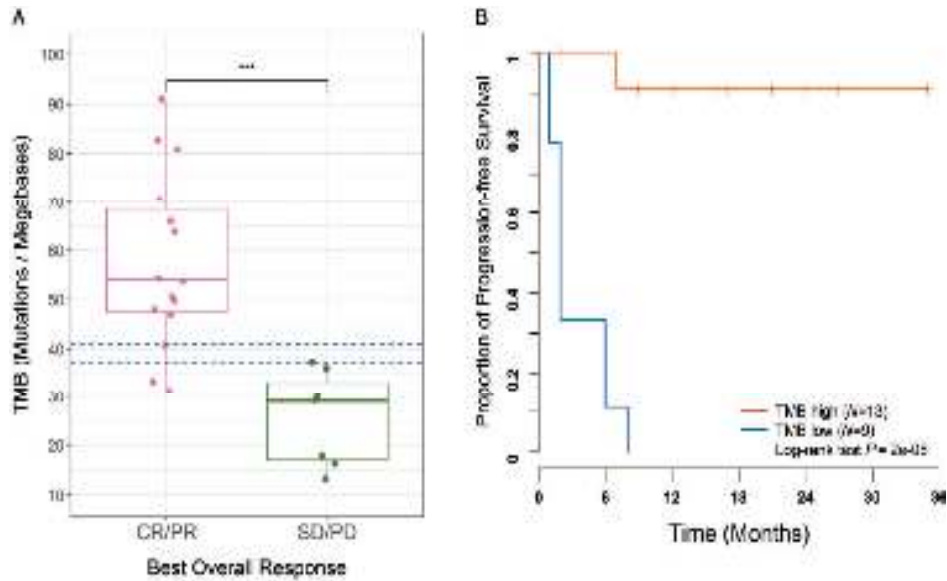
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Marabelle et al. J Clin Oncol. 2020 Jan 1;38(1):1-10. doi: 10.1200/JCO.19.02105.

# Is MSI-H the best biomarker?

TMB N=22



Shrock et al *Annals of Oncology* 2019 30:1096-1103 DOI: (10.1093/annonc/mdz134)

Loupakis F et al *Oncologist*. 2020 Jun;25(6):481-487. doi: 10.1634/theoncologist.2019-0611

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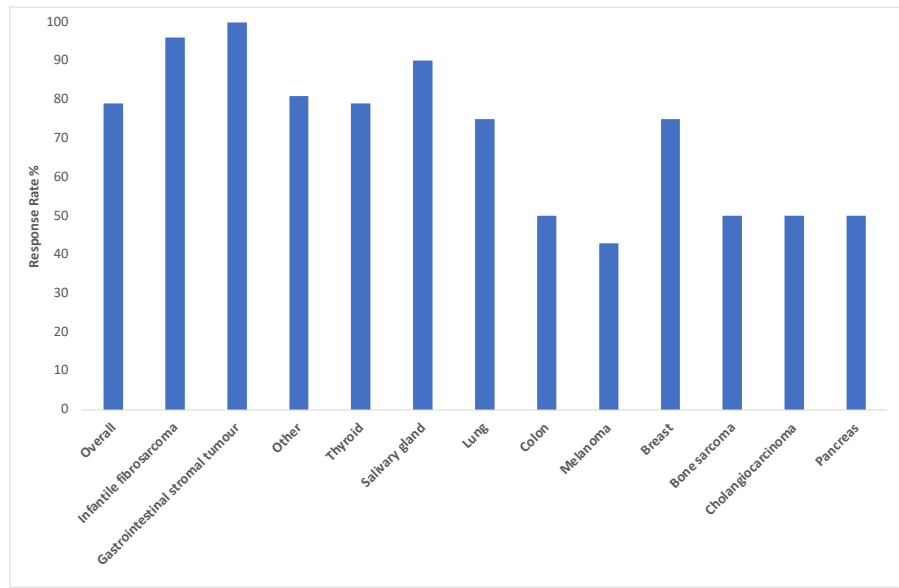
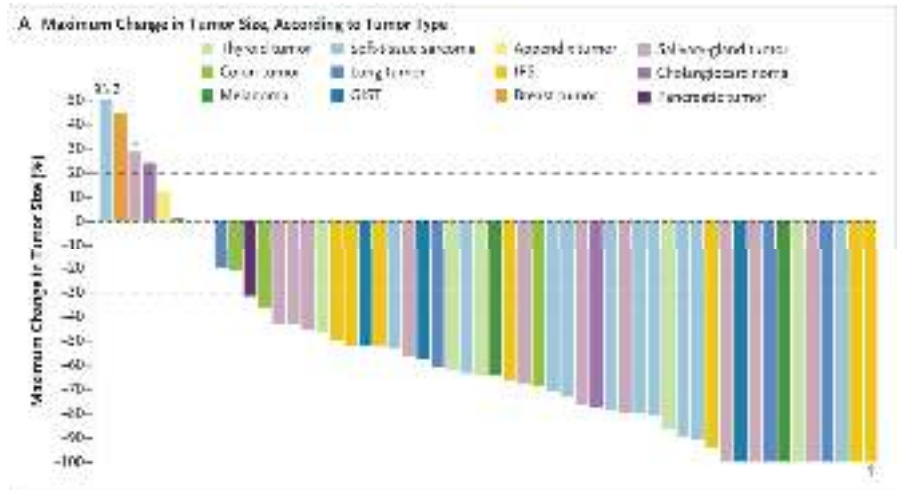
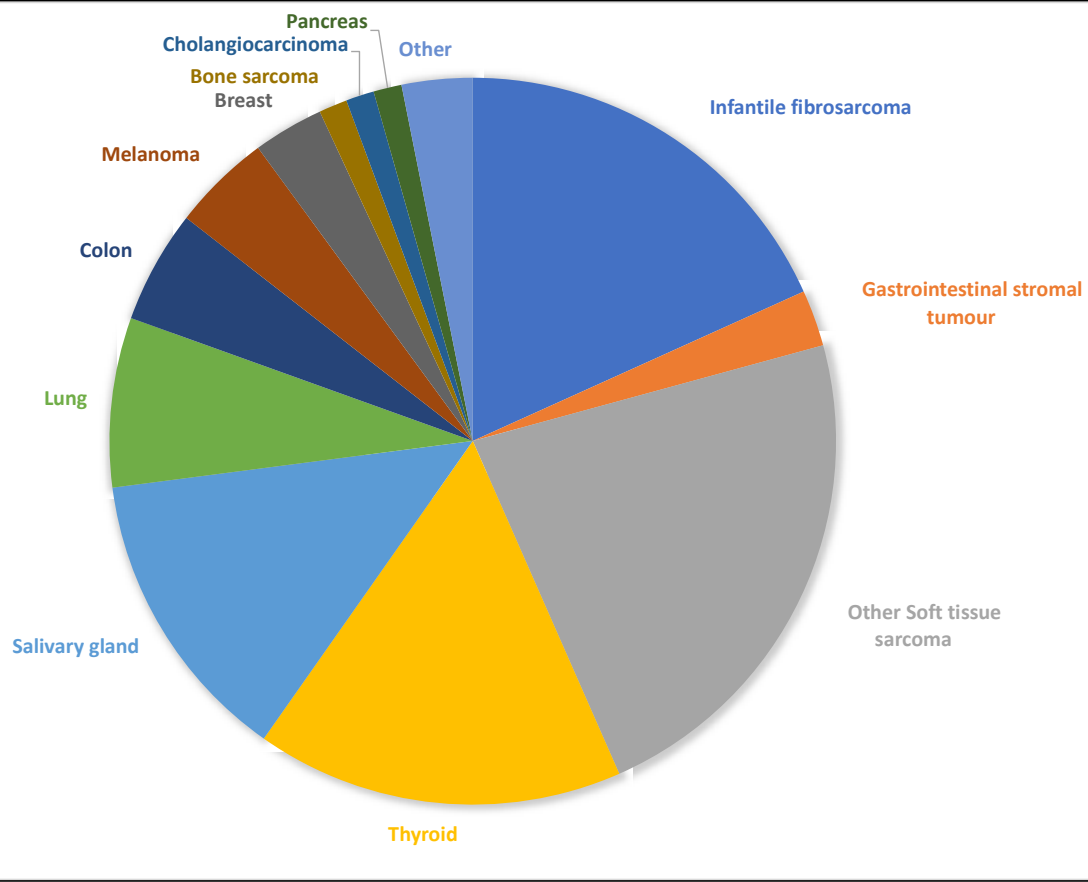
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# Larotrectinib in NTRK fusion Cancers



Hong et al Lancet Oncol. 2020 Apr;21(4):531-540. doi: 10.1016/S1470-2045(19)30856-3.

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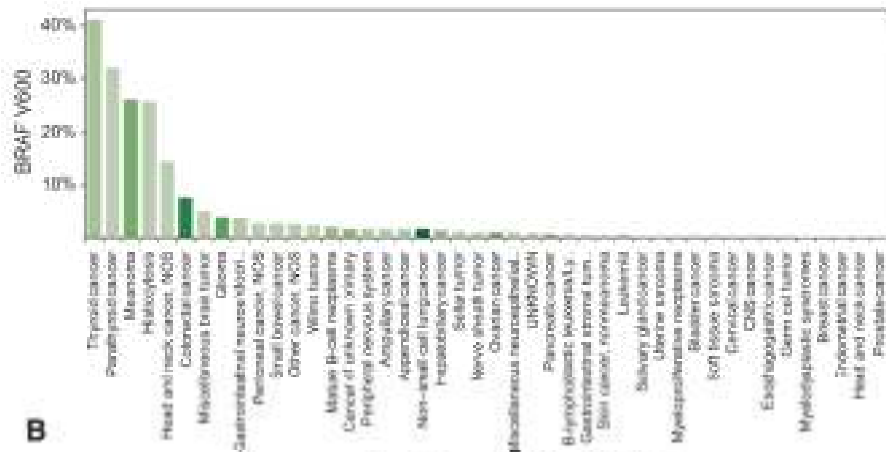
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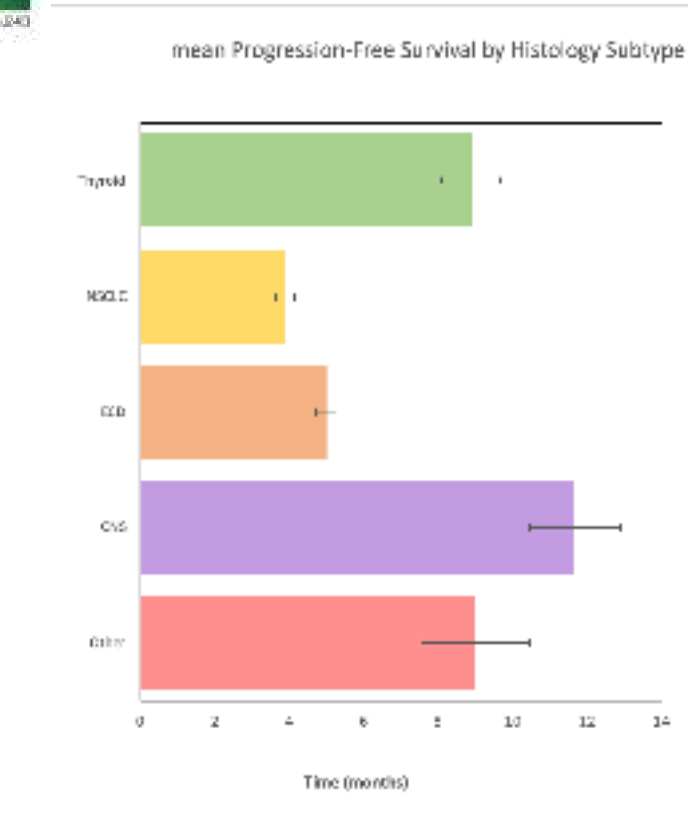
# BRAF (/MEK) Inhibition in BRAF V600E



Count of all patients  
13,240

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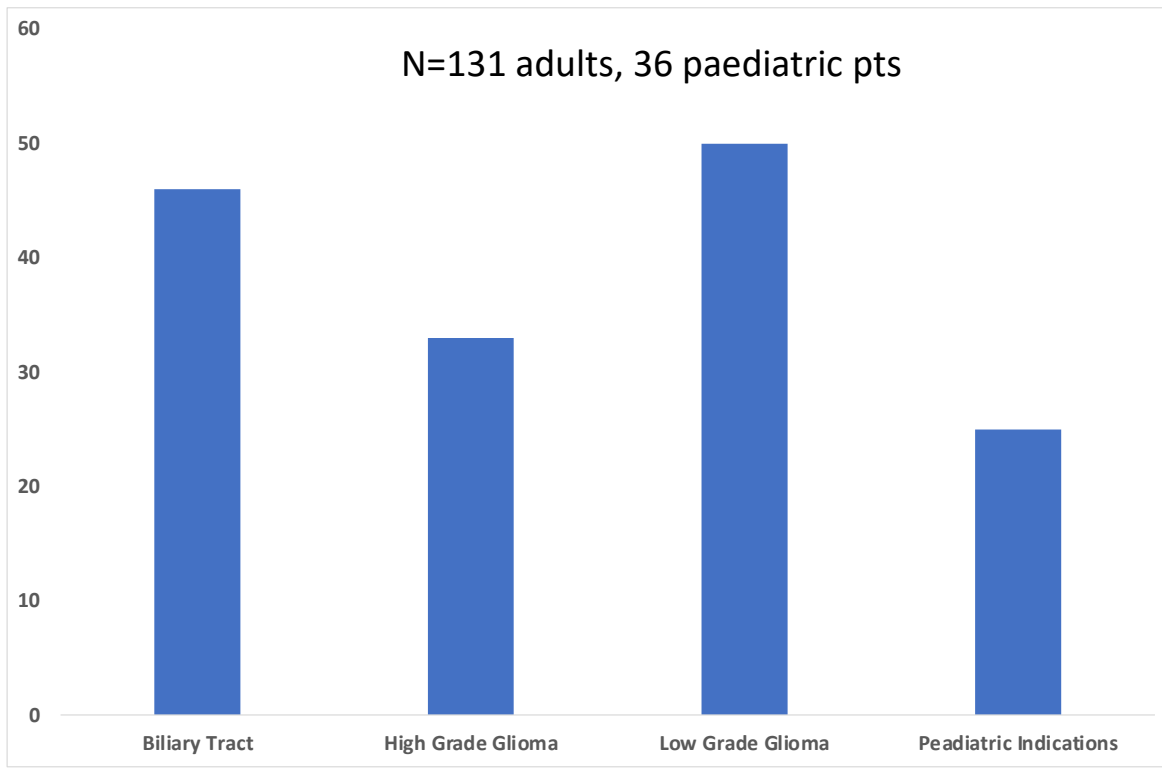
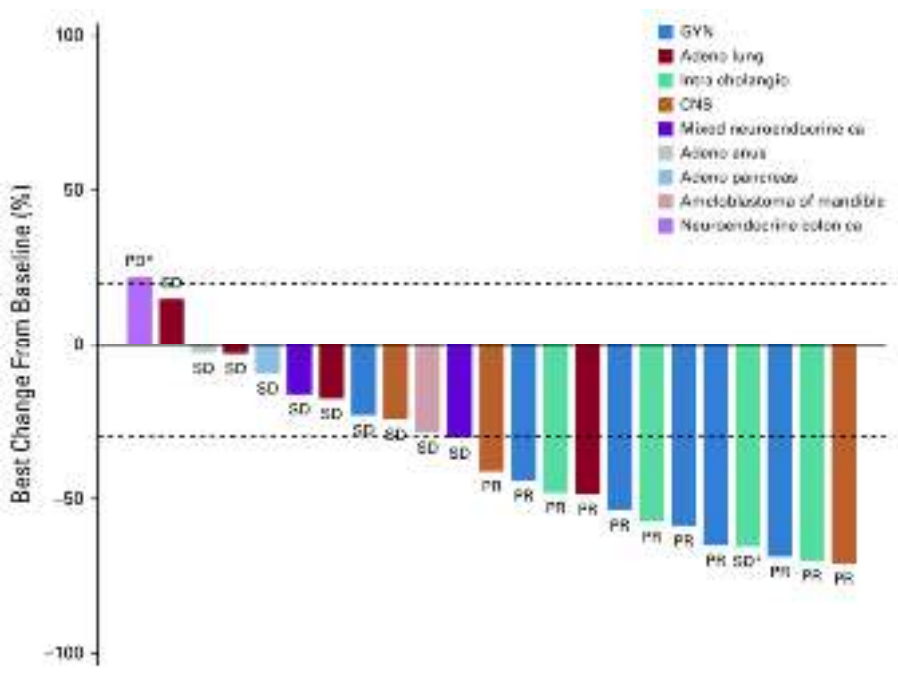
Drug/Combination	Nonmelanoma Indications (Date of FDA approval)
Dabrafenib plus trametinib	Metastatic NSCLC with BRAF V600E mutation (6/22/2017)
Vemurafenib alone	Locally advanced or metastatic anaplastic thyroid cancer with BRAF V600E mutation and with no satisfactory conventional treatment options (5/4/2018)
Vemurafenib plus cobimetinib	Treatment of patients with Erdheim-Chester disease with BRAF V600 mutation (1/18/2017)
Encorafenib	No nonmelanoma indication
Encorafenib plus cobimetinib	In combination with osimertinib for the treatment of adult patients with metastatic colorectal cancer with a BRAF V600E mutation (1/9/2020)
Encorafenib plus binimetinib	No nonmelanoma indication



Review of 178 pts

Adashek et al *Mol Cancer Ther* (2022) 21 (6): 871–878.  
<https://doi.org/10.1158/1535-7163.MCT-21-0950>

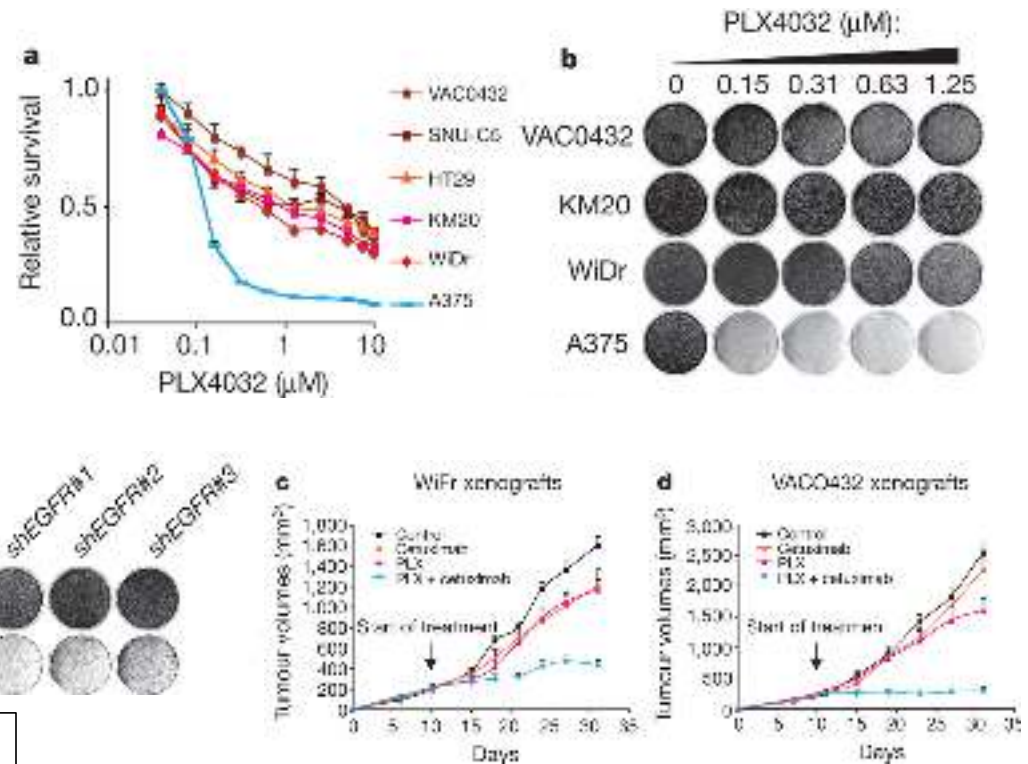
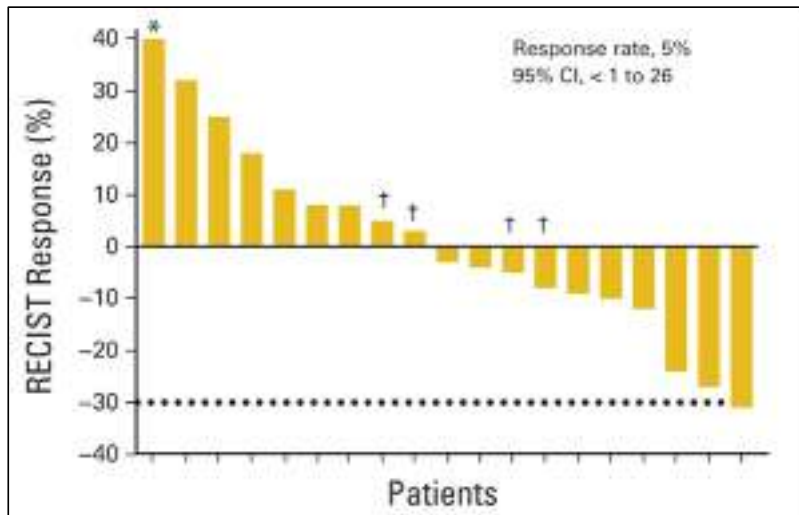
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Salama et al J Clin Oncol. 2020 Nov 20;38(33):3895-3904.

<https://www.fda.gov/drugs/resources-information-approved-drugs/fda-grants-accelerated-approval-dabrafenib-combination-trametinib-unresectable-or-metastatic-solid>

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“Dabrafenib in combination with trametinib is not indicated for patients with colorectal cancer because of known intrinsic resistance to BRAF inhibition”

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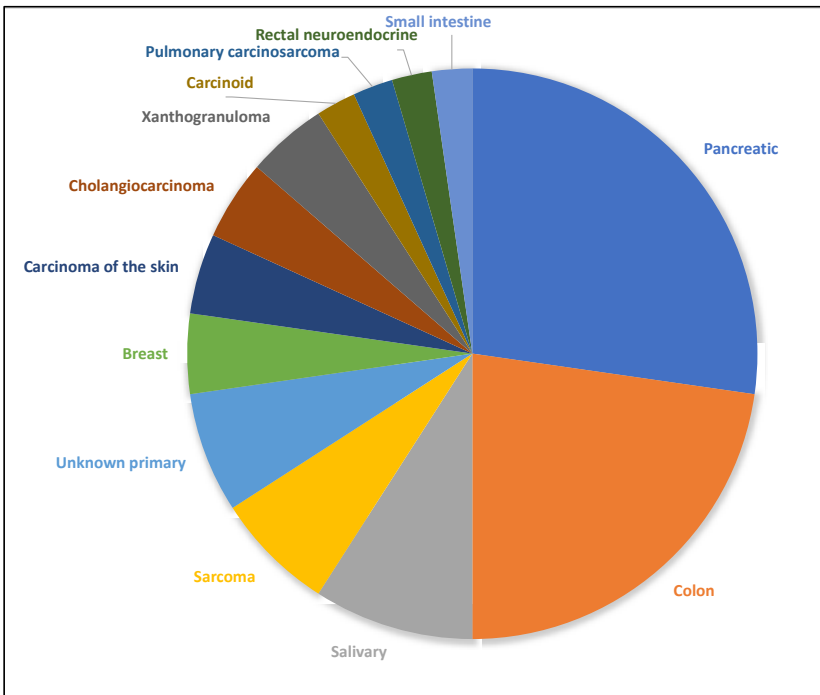
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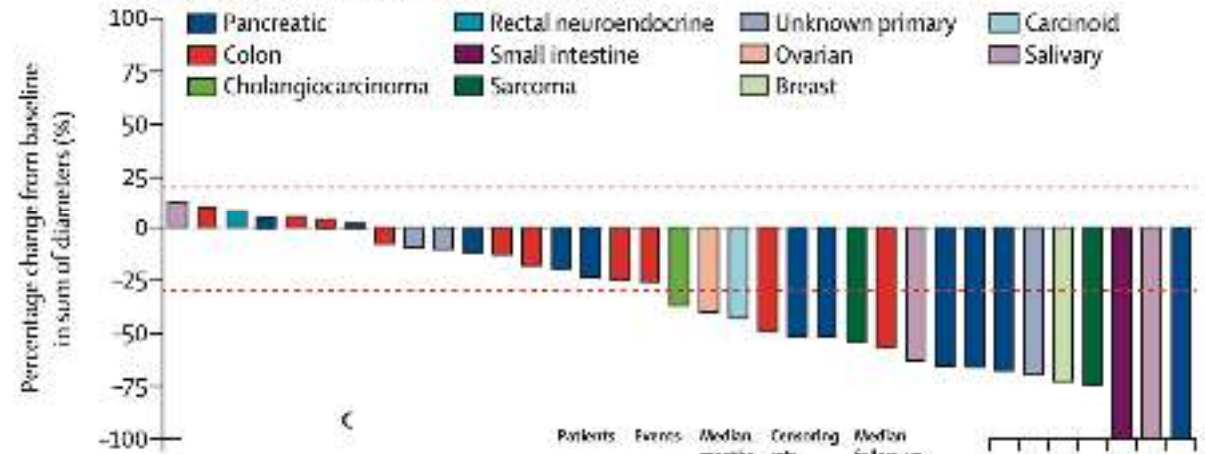


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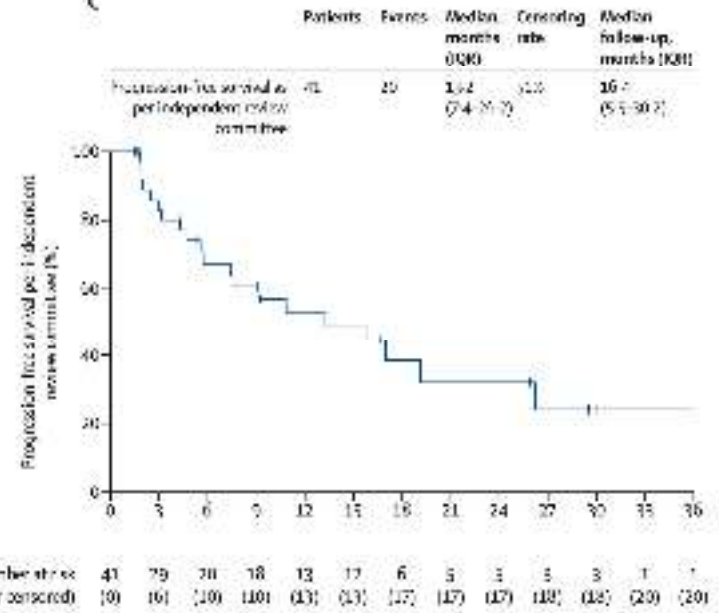
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A Response per independent review committee



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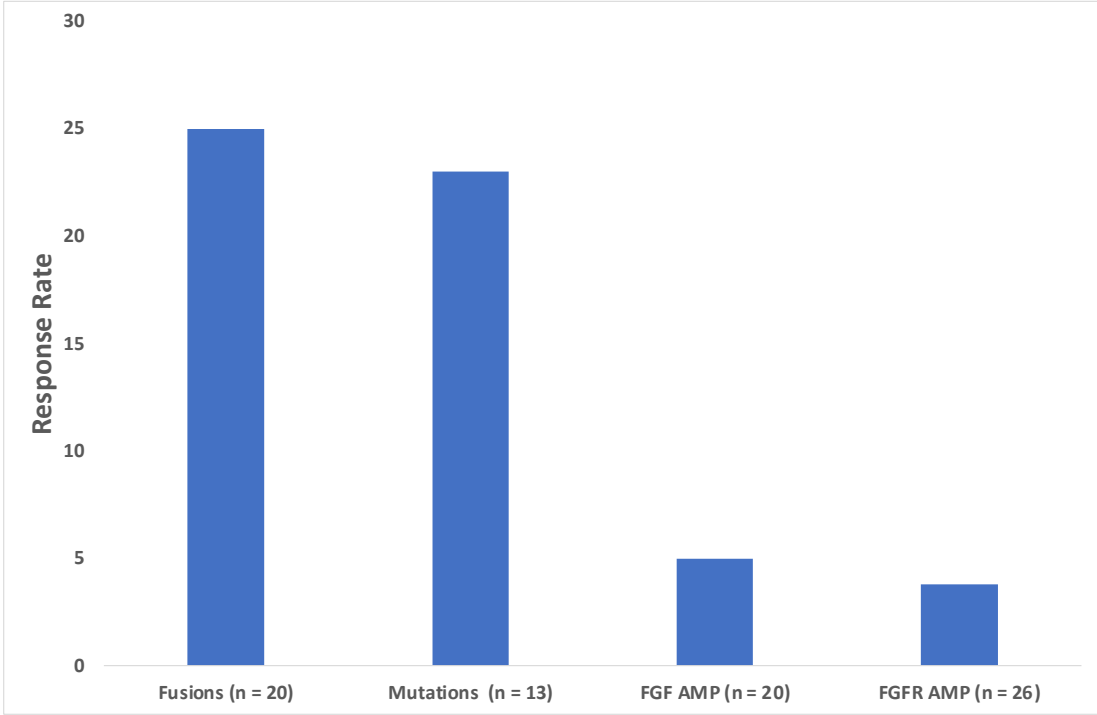
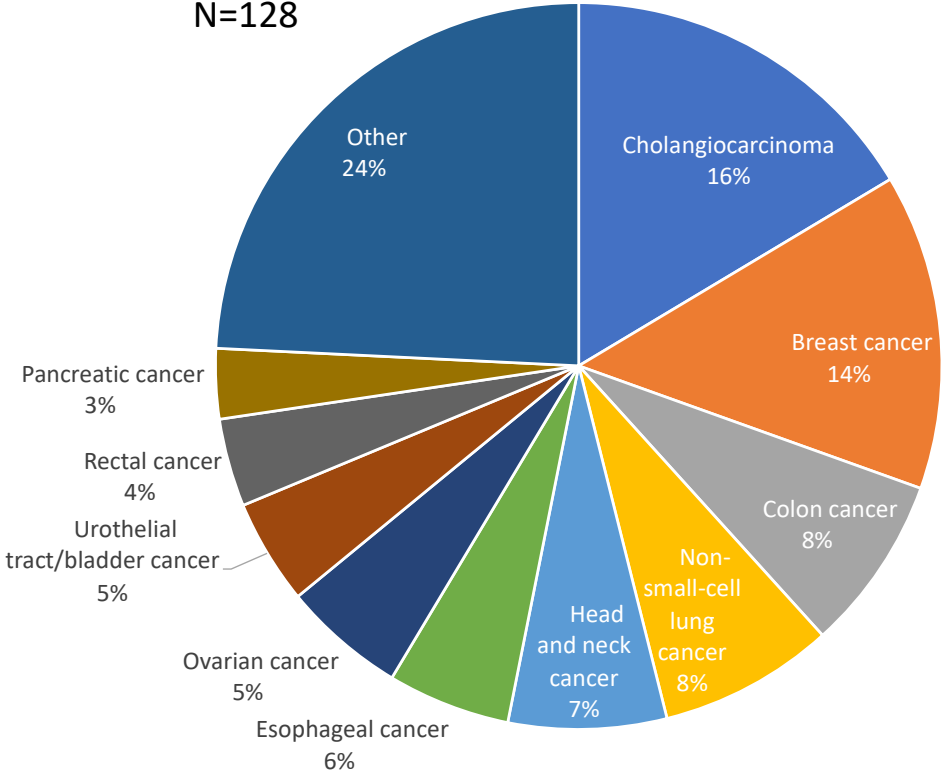


Subbiah et al Lancet Oncol 2022; 23: 1261-73

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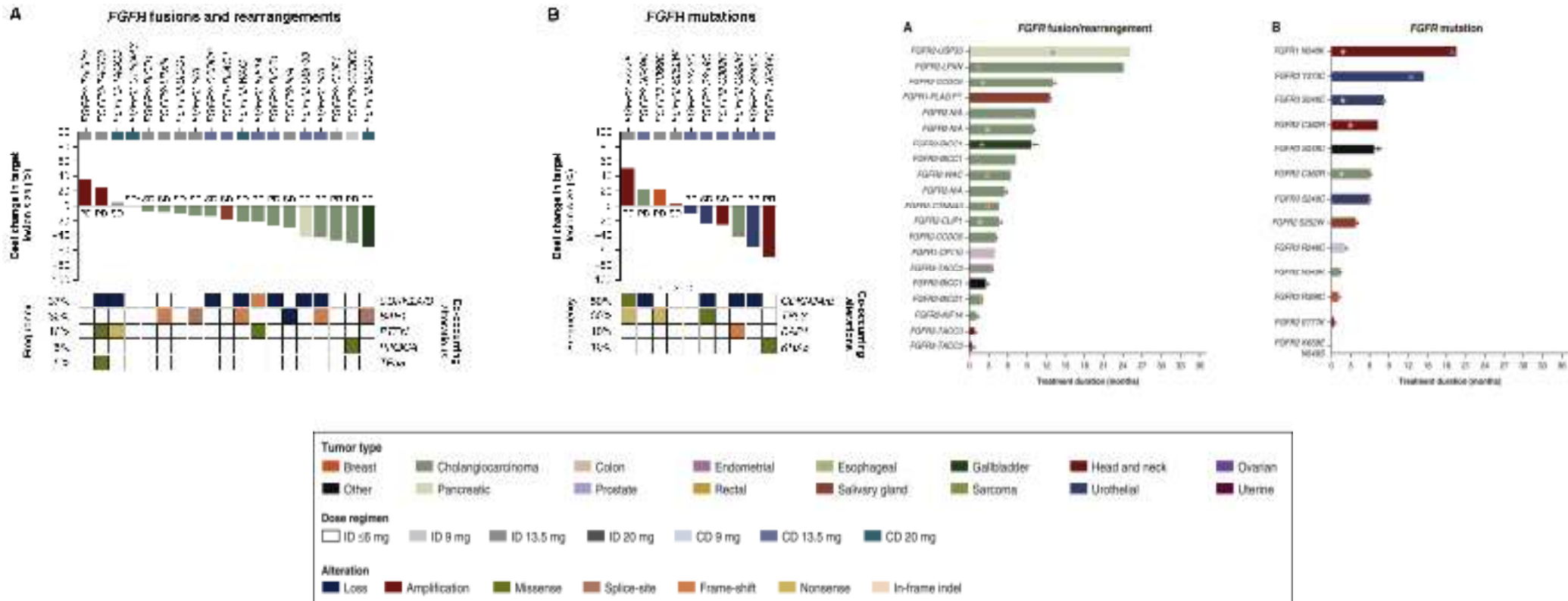
# Whats next? FGF/FGFR abnormalities

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Subbiah et al *Annals of Oncology* 2022 33:522-533  
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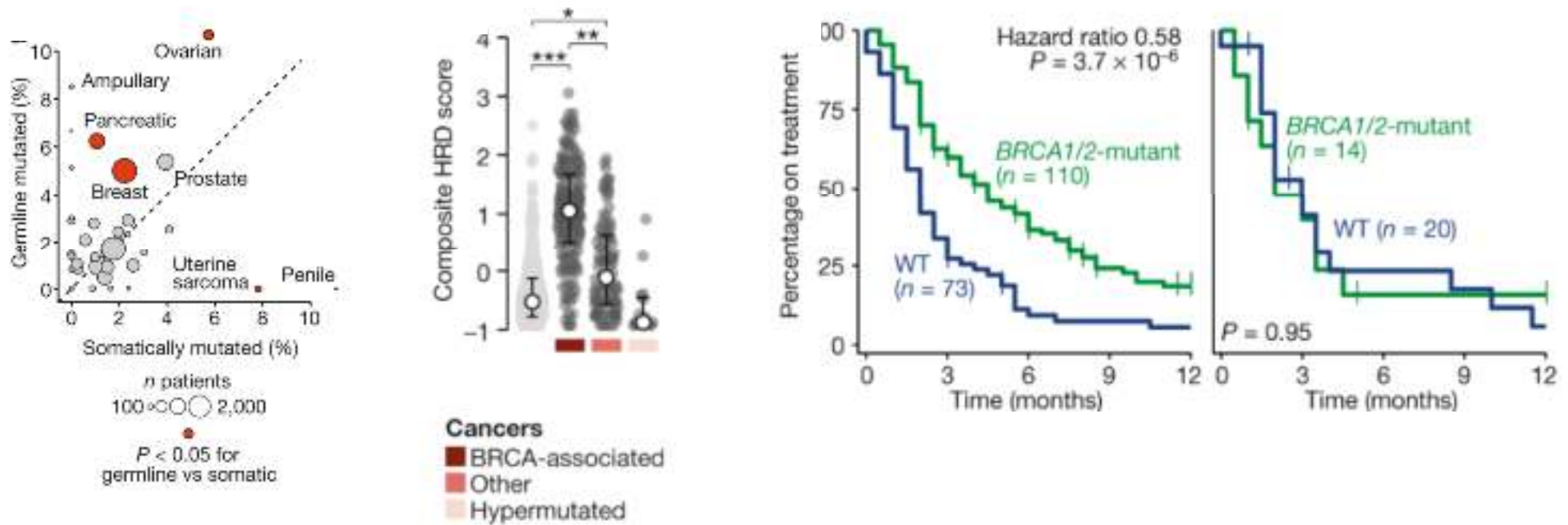
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# Summary

- Tumour profiling allowing development of histology agonist therapies
- Successful approvals
  - FDA
  - (EMA)
- Future opportunities
  - Fusions FGFR/NRG1
  - Mutations FGFR/KRAS/P53
  - DNA Damage response