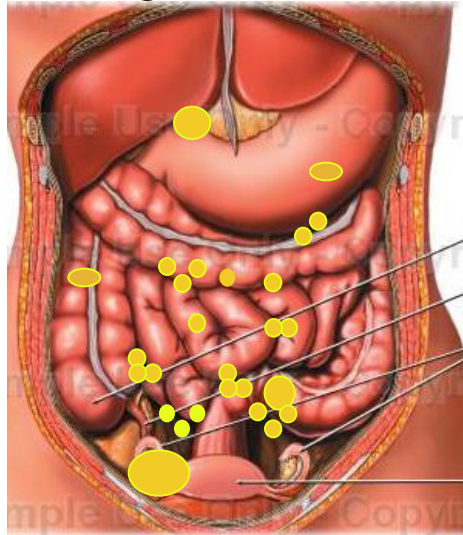




RÉPARATION DE L'ADN, METABOLISME ET INSTABILITÉ GÉNOMIQUE DANS LES CANCERS DE L'OVAIRE

THE NEOADJUVANT SETTING: TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY

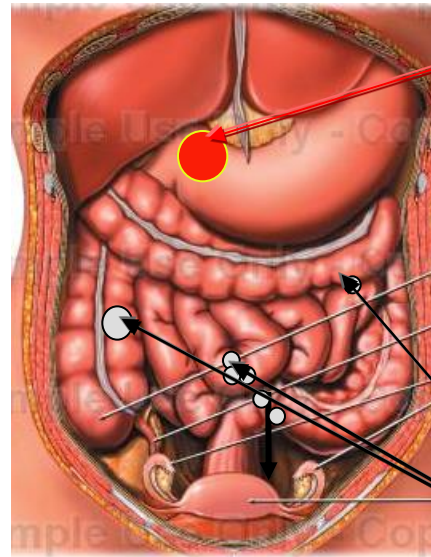
At diagnosis:
INOPERABLE



**Neoadjuvant
Chemotherapy**
(3-4 cycles)

Chemosensitive:
RR= 70%

Complete surgery



Nest of highly
proliferative
tumor cells

Sterilized by
chemotherapy

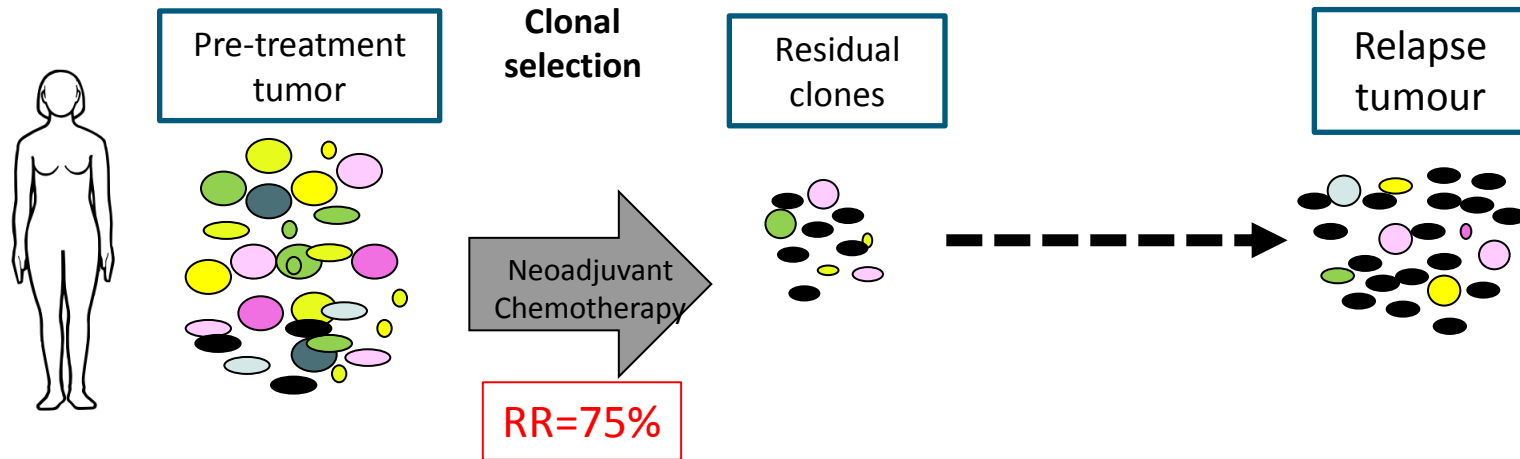
**Diagnostic
laparoscopy: Tumor
sampling pre-
treatment**

Excision of all residual
disease post-chemo

Opportunity to study minimal residual disease
(chemoresistant clones?)

Inform treatment sequence (maintenance)

EVOLUTION OF DNA REPAIR COMPETENCY AND GENOMIC INSTABILITY WITH TREATMENT AND RELAPSE



- HGSOC initially very chemosensitive (likely due to DNA repair or HR defects) → RR=75%
- BUT invariably relapse
- Little is known about the evolution of DNA repair competency with neoadjuvant chemotherapy
- Are the surviving clones DNA repair competent? Selected by the chemotherapy?

METHODS: OPTIMIZING SMALL TUMOR SAMPLES

Retrospective cohort:
>300 OC tumor samples (pre-, post-NACT and/or relapse)

Prospective cohort:
OVBioMARK
Biological Trial

FFPE bloc
PRE-NACT

3 cores
(1.2mm)

2 cores
(1.2mm)
-20°C

FFPE bloc
POST-
NACT

3 cores
(1.2mm)

2 cores
(1.2mm)
-20°C

TMAs
Proteomic IHC/IF
>30 Biomarkers
evaluated

**DNA extraction for
genomic biomarkers**
CGH, SNParray, NGS

TMA

+

DNA

+

Fresh tumor or
ascites for ex
vivo models

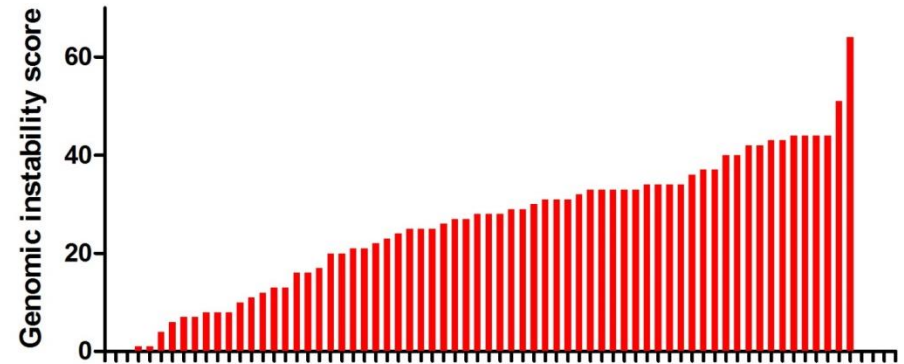
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Blood for
ctDNA

GIS AS A MEASURE OF DNA REPAIR COMPETENCY

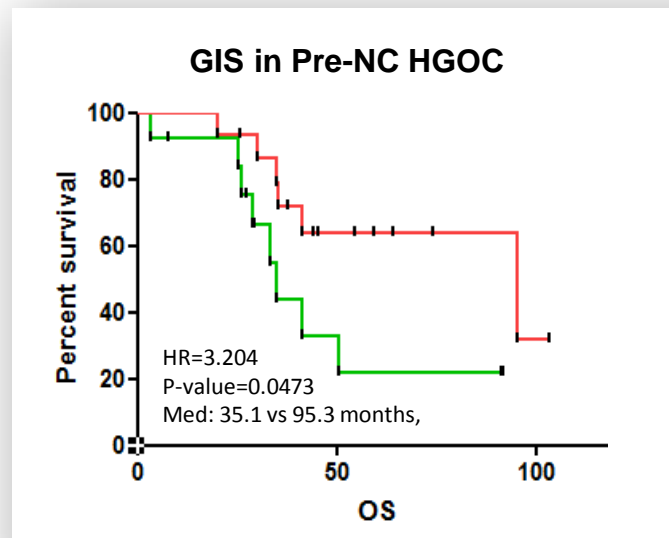
Development of in house « Genomic Instability Score » (GIS)

- Number and size of SCNAs
- Validated on both Frozen (CGH) and FFPE samples (SNParray)
- GIS varied greatly among OC sample



GIS significantly predictive for OS:

- OS: 95mo vs 35 mo for high GIS vs low
- HR=3.2; p=0.047



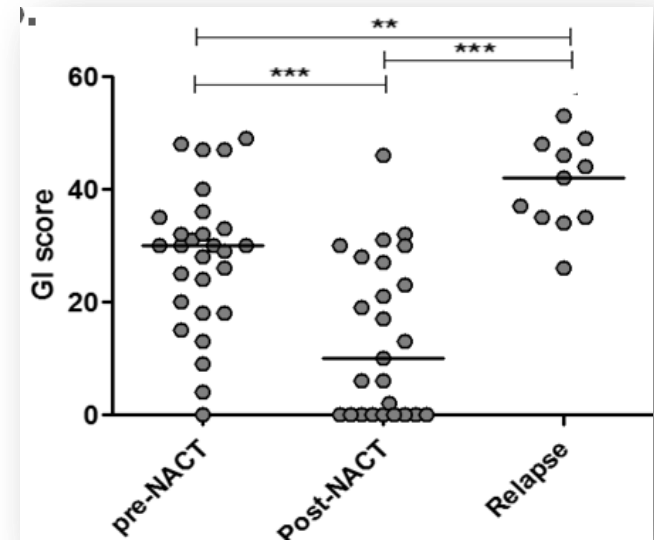
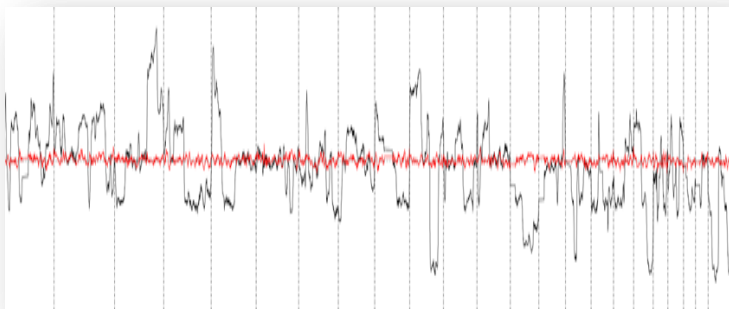
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EVOLUTION OF GENOMIC INSTABILITY WITH TREATMENT AND RELAPSE

GIS significantly decreases with NACT

→ selection of genomically stable (DNA repair competent?) clones

Pre-NC vs Post-NC



but significantly increases at platinum sensitive relapse

Comprehensive evaluation of DNA repair proteomic biomarkers

At diagnosis and evolution with treatment

Objective: To evaluate the evaluate the loss of key DNA repair biomarkers in tumors at baseline, Post-NACT

- as a measure of DNA repair competency and
- inform choice of maintenance PARP inhibitors

BIOMARKERS OF DSB REPAIR: CROSS-TALK AND REDUNDANCY

Types of DNA damage



Choice of DSB
DNA repair
pathway

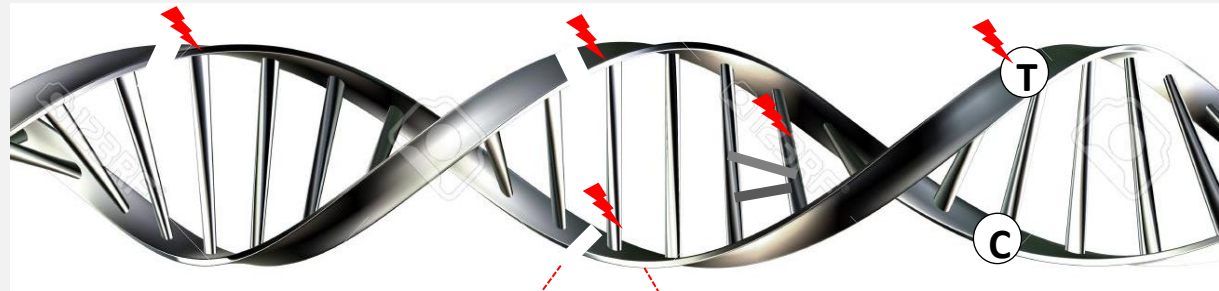
DNA repair
biomarkers

SSBs

DSBs

Bulky
adducts

Mismatches,
Indels



HR

High fidelity

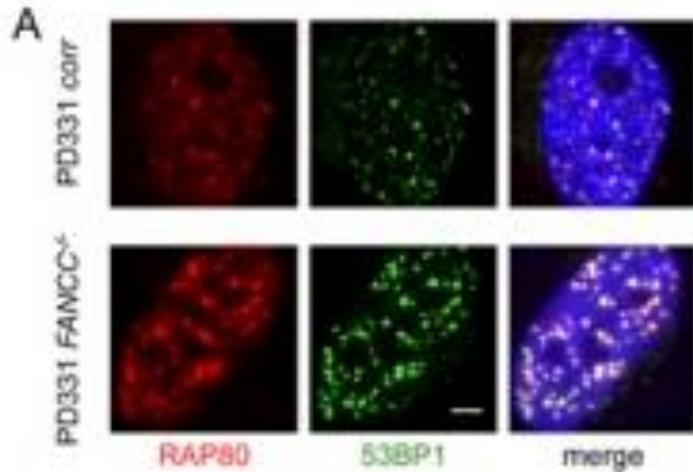
BRCA1/2
RAD51
FANCD2
ATM

NHEJ

Error-prone

TP53BP1
DNApk

The balance between HR and NHEJ: the 'good' and the 'bad' of DSB repair

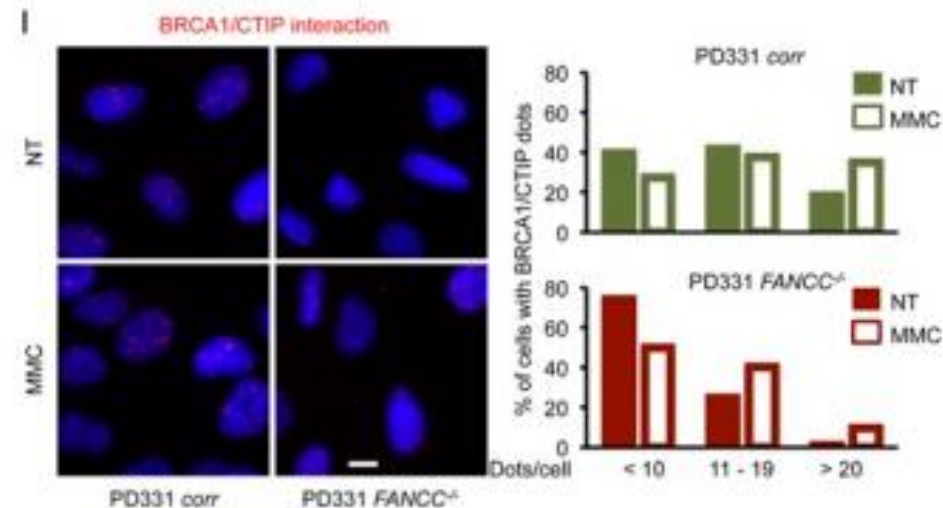


FANCD2 loss results in

- accumulation of 53BP1
- FANCD2: negative regulator of NHEJ
- Loss of FANCD2 promotes error prone NHEJ

FANCD2 loss results in

- Decreased accumulation of BRCA1 foci
- An HRD



A significant proportion of HGOC show complete loss of DNA repair proteins at diagnosis

Explains initial chemosensitivity

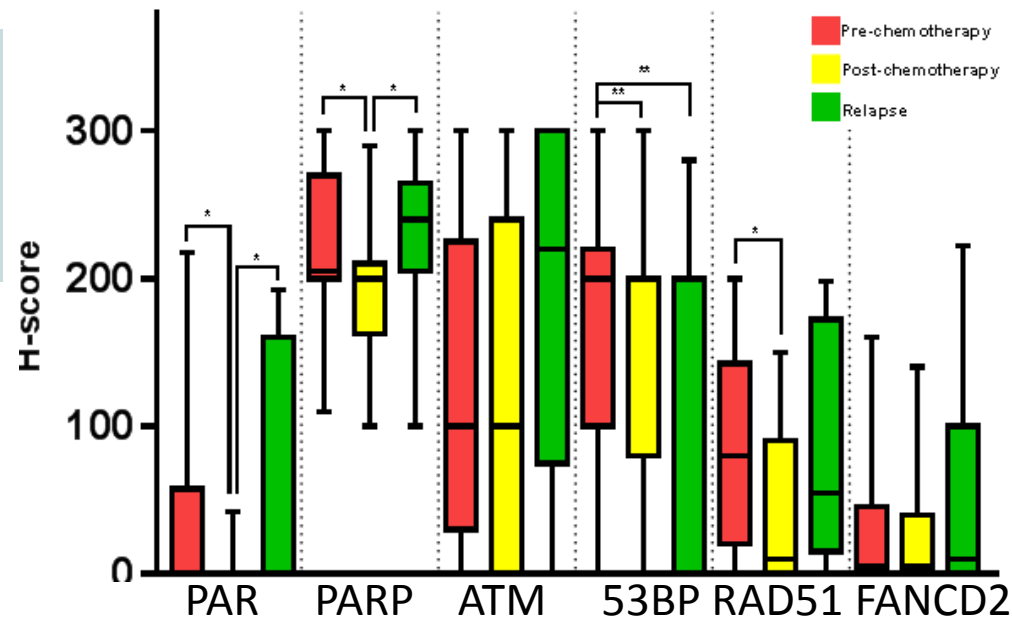
DDR markers at diagnosis:

60% PAR-negative, **→** Defect in DNA repair via BER

59% FANCD2-negative, 23% RAD51-negative, 20% ATM-negative **→** HR defect

14% TP53BP1-negative. **→** PARPi resistance

DNA repair protein expression is significantly altered by NACT and or at relapse



Is DNA repair competency in residual tumor post-NACT prognostic?

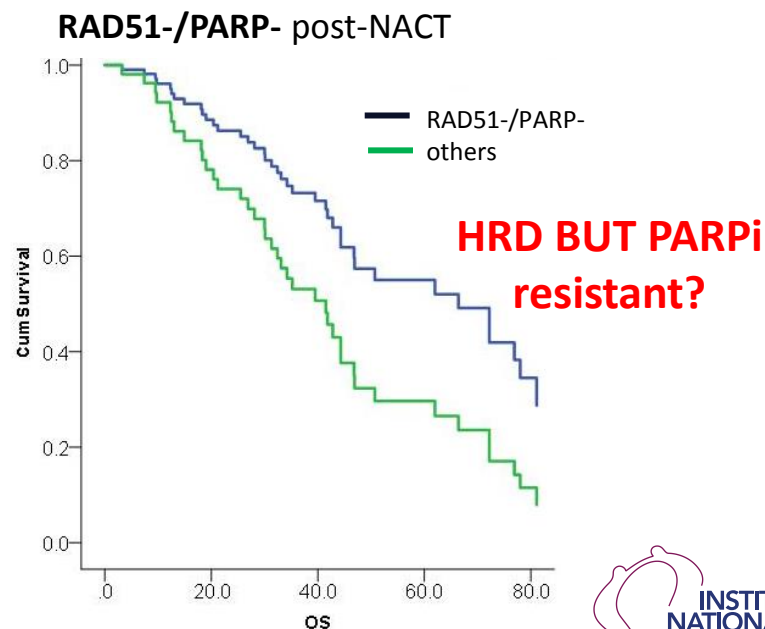
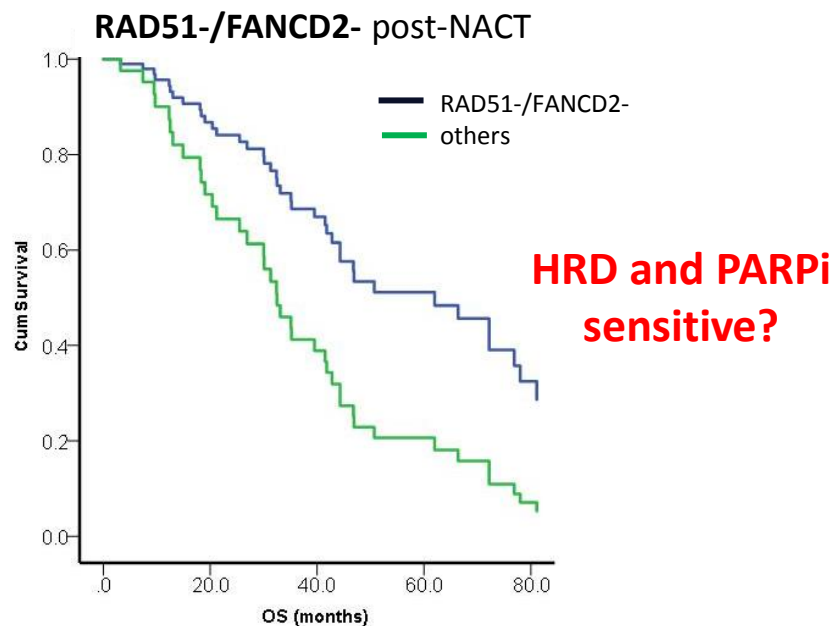
Could DNA repair biomarkers in the residual tumor post-NACT inform the selection of patients for PARP inhibitor maintenance?

- Most individual DNA repair biomarkers were not significantly associated with survival
- Given the redundancy and complexity of DNA repair pathways, combined DDR biomarkers may be more informative

Combined DNA repair biomarkers in residual tumor post-NACT are predictive of both PFS and OS and could identify patients for PARP inhibitor maintenance

Post-NACT, RAD51-/FANCD2- predicted improved PFS ($p=0.05$) and OS (HR 2.35, $p=0.02$)

Post-NACT, RAD51-/PARP- predicted improved PFS ($p=0.038$) and OS (HR 2.03, $p<0.034$)



CONCLUSIONS PART 1

1/ At diagnosis, HGOC is associated with high genomic instability (GIS) and lack of DDR effectors in most patients, which likely explains platinum sensitivity

2/ NACT had a significant impact on GIS and DDR markers but effect variable, likely reflecting the **heterogeneity** of HGOC.

3/ Combined evaluation of DDR biomarkers in residual tumor post-NACT

- was more significantly predictive of PFS and OS, and
- could inform **selection of patients for PARP inhibitor**

maintenance

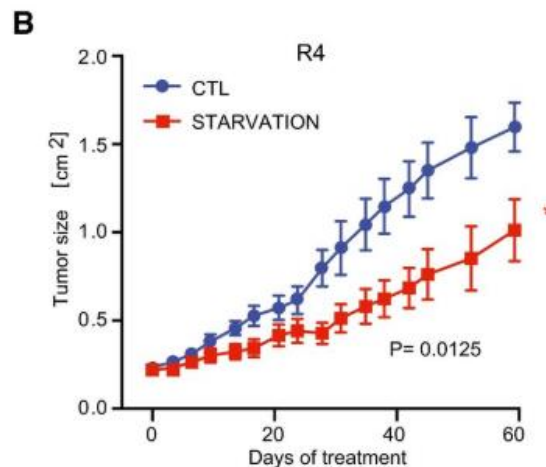
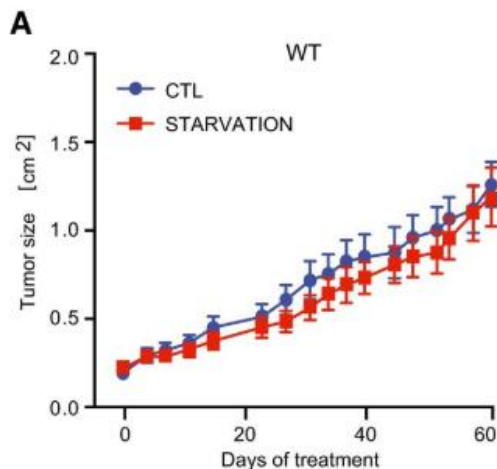
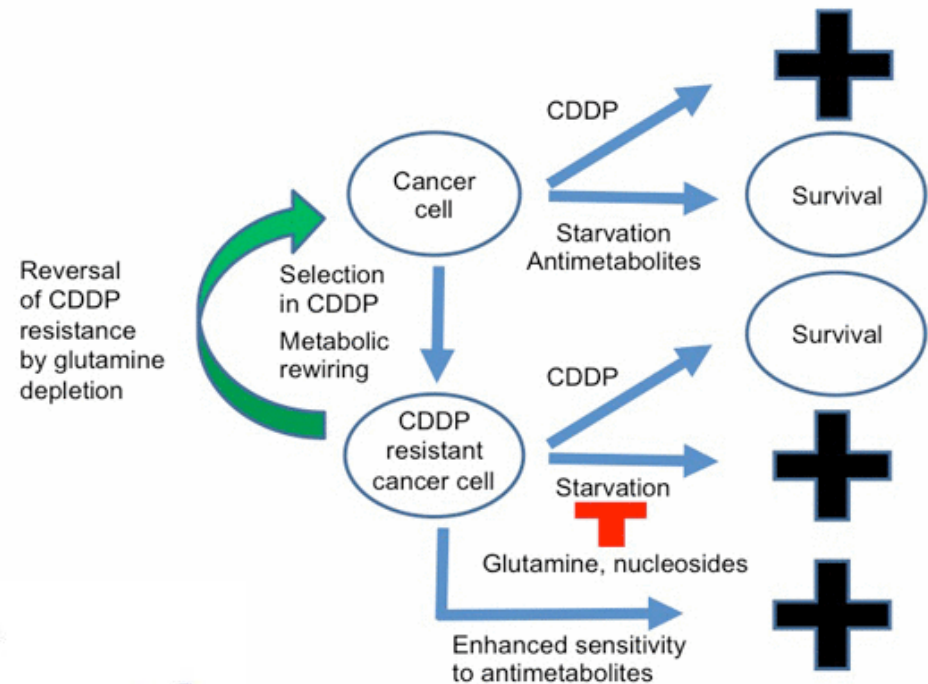
FANCD2-/RAD51-/TP53BP+/PARP-1+ → sensitive or

RAD51+/TP53BP-/PARP-1- → resistance to PARP inhibitors

Implication of metabolism in platinum resistance

METABOLIC VULNERABILITY OF PLATINUM RESISTANT OC

- Cisplatin-resistant OC clones strong dependence on glutamine
- Glutamine depletion restored cisplatin responses in cisplatin-resistant clones



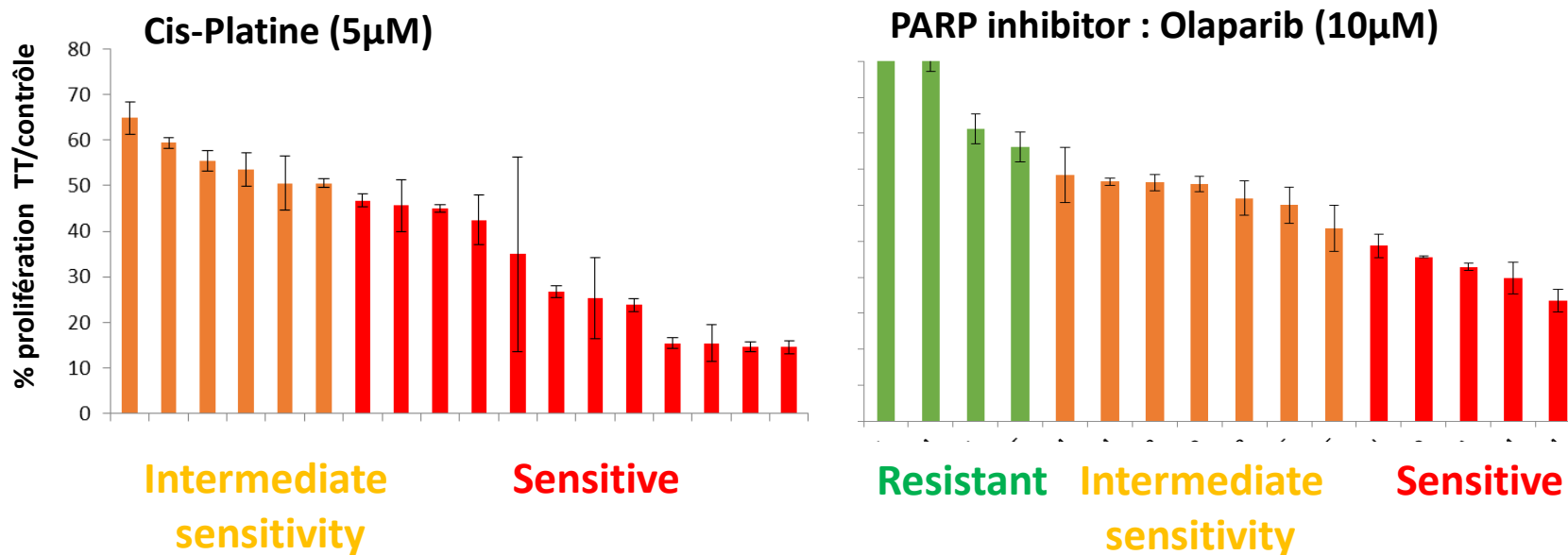
Characterizing PARPi responsiveness in a panel of patient-derived ex vivo models

Objective : Establish a panel of ex vivo patient derived models to correlate PARPi response to candidate biomarkers of PARPi sensitivity/resistance

OvBIOMARK study

- 3D primary cultures were established from fresh tumors or ascites: creation of a tumor bank of ex vivo models **(N=30)**
- Responsiveness to cisplatin or Olaparib established for a proportion (N=18)
- Proliferation assays Cell Titer Glo®

Characterizing PARPi and platinum responsiveness in our cohort of ex vivo models



1/ 100% of HGSOC models showed high or intermediate sensitivity

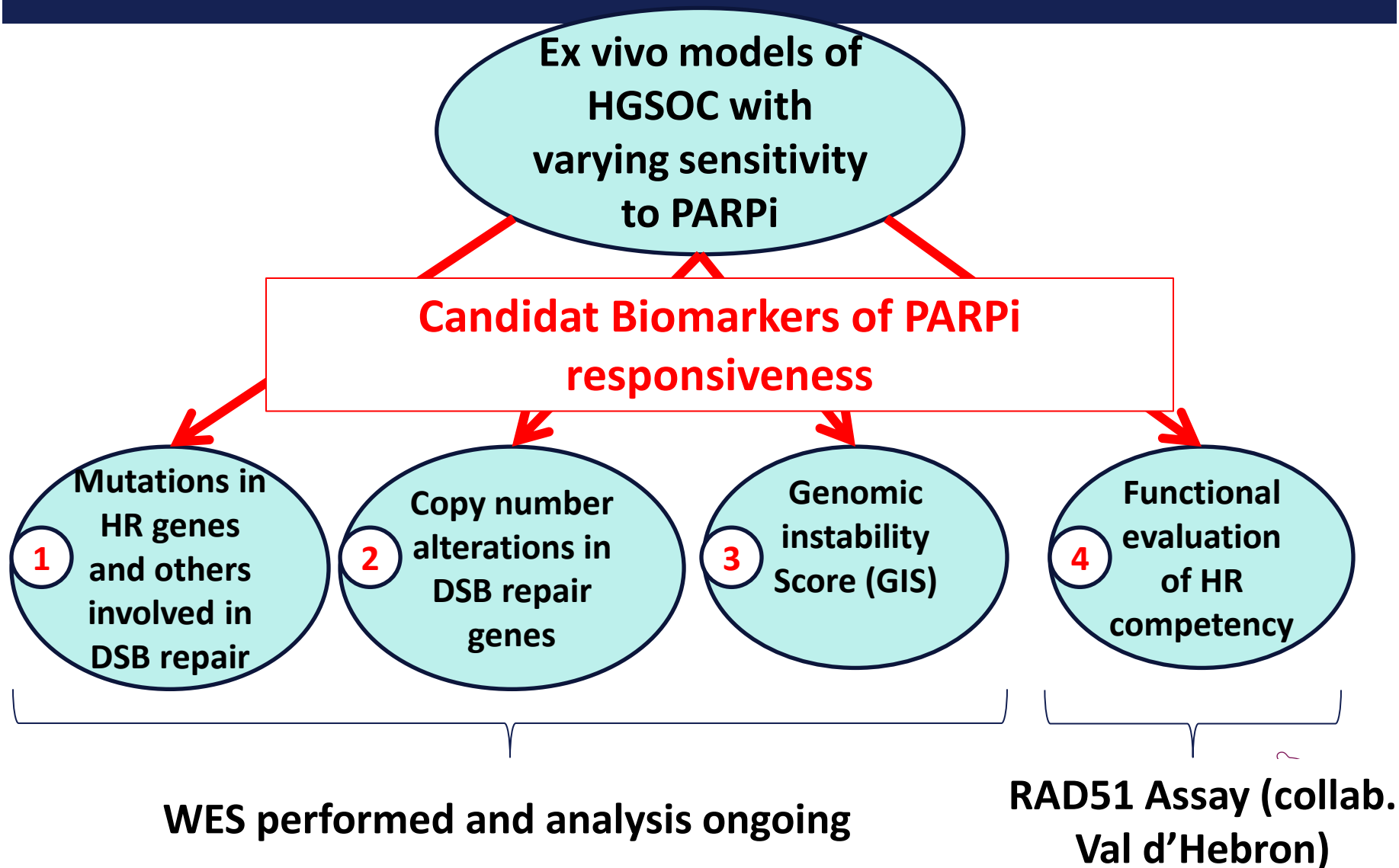
2/ Wider range of sensitivity to PARPi

Résistant: <20% growth inhibition

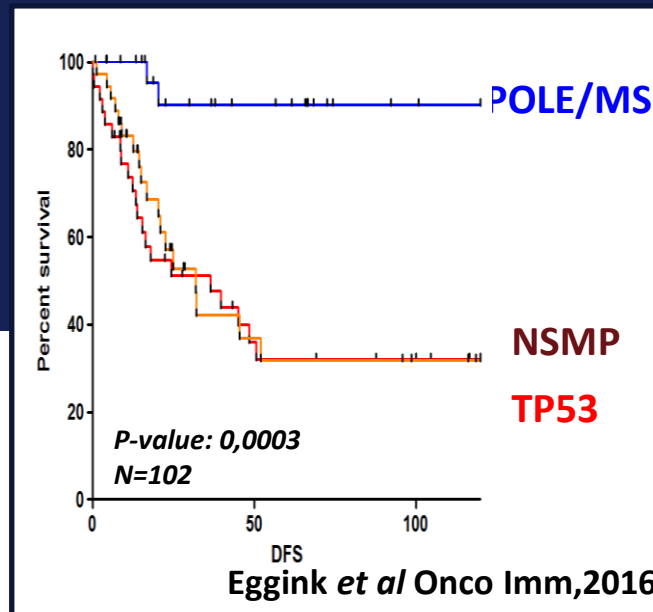
Intermediate: 20-50% growth inhibition

Sensitive: >50% growth inhibition

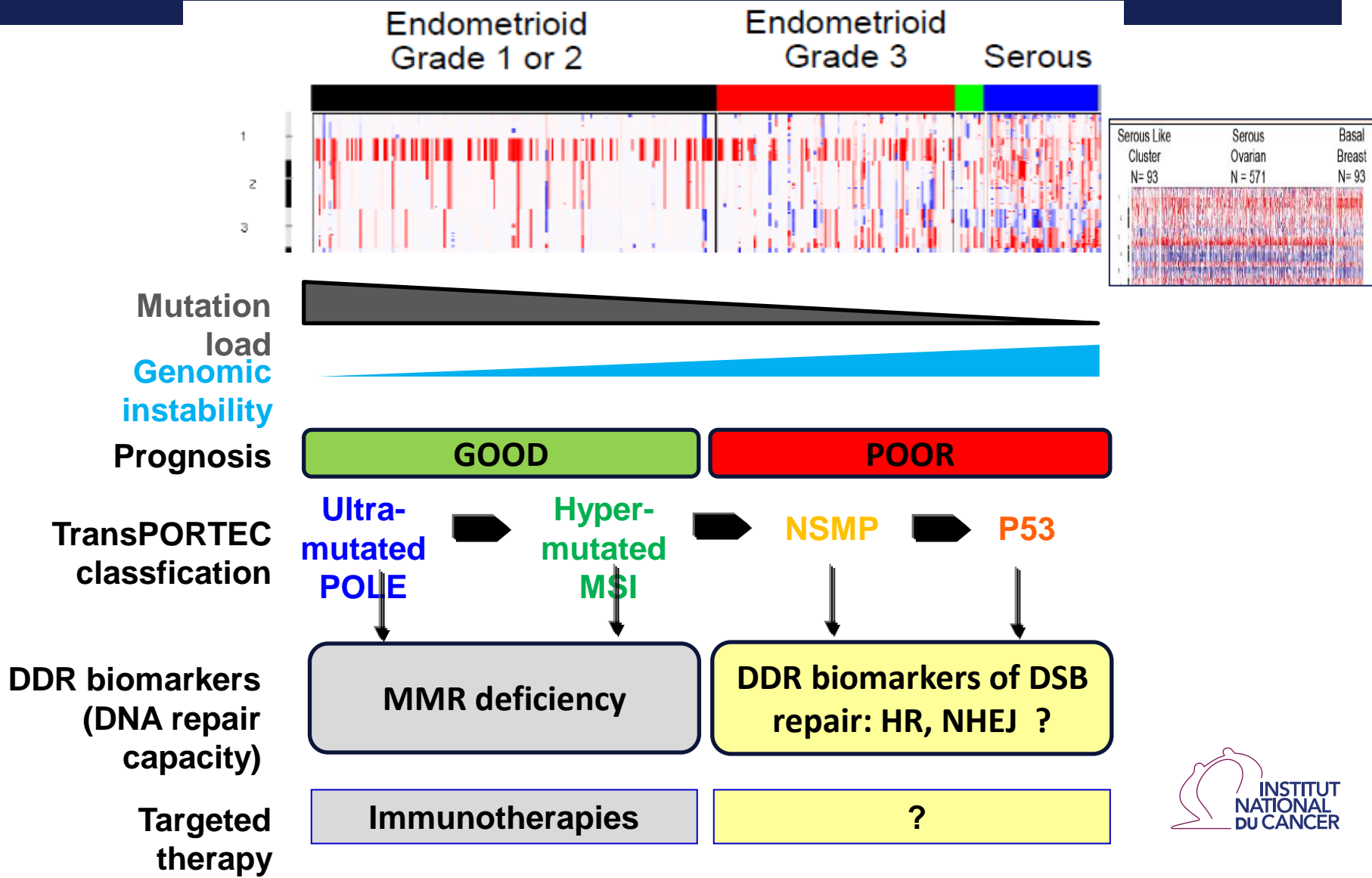
Validating the 'best' biomarker of PARPi responsiveness



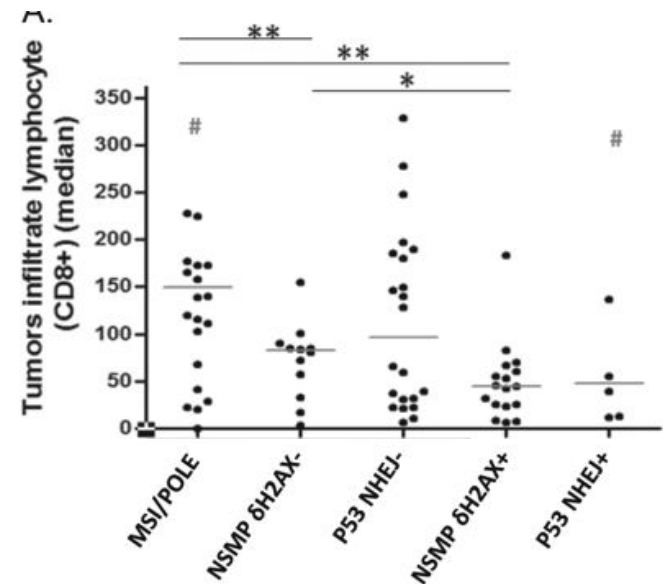
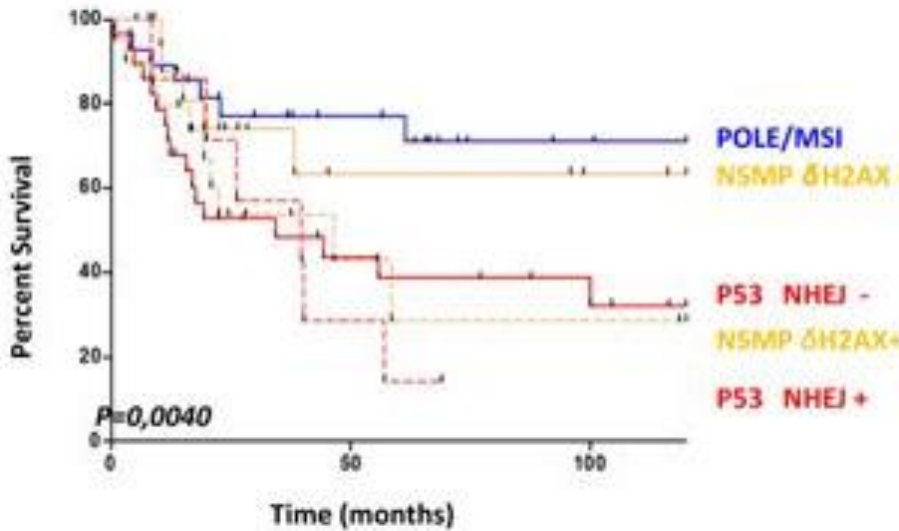
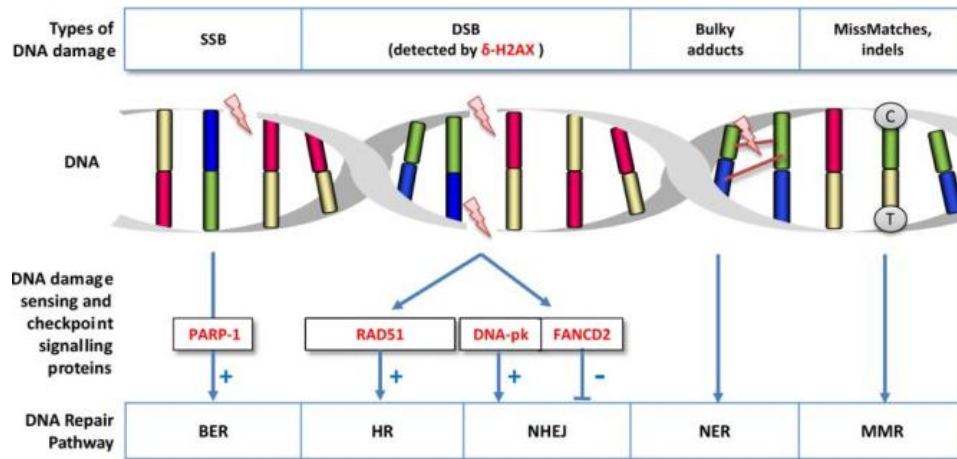
DNA Damage Response (DDR) biomarkers in the closely related high grade endometrial cancers



Prognostic and predictive implications of DDR biomarkers in HR-EC

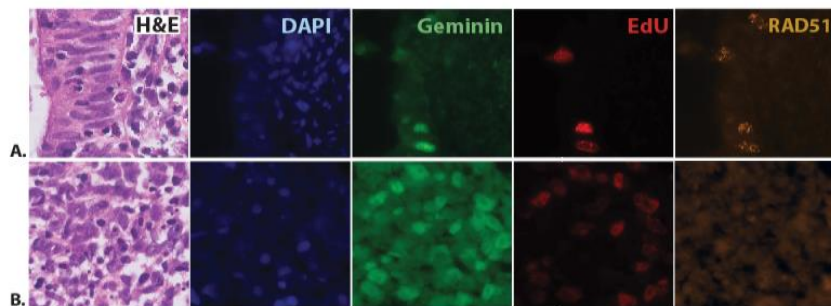


Refinement of endometrial cancer classification using DDR biomarkers

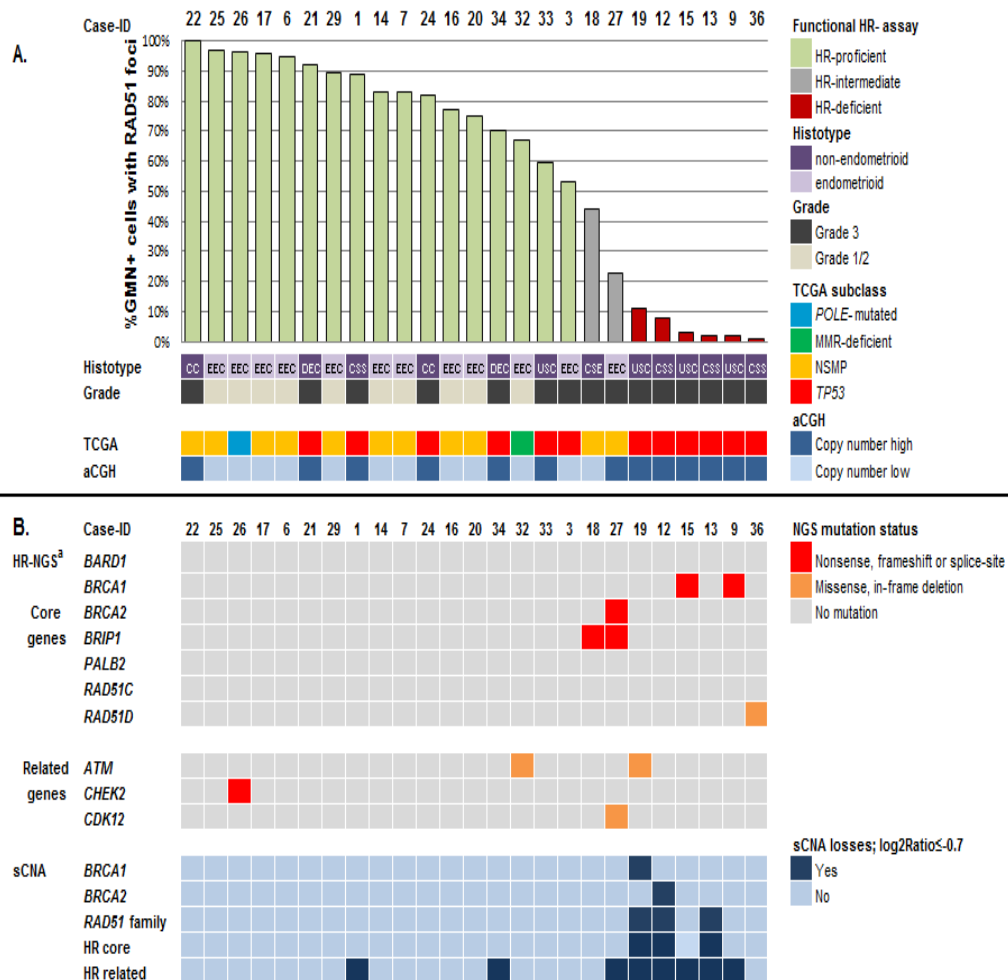


Homologous recombination deficiency is a frequent event in high grade endometrial cancer

Comprehensive functional and genomic characterization of HRD in high grade EC ex vivo models



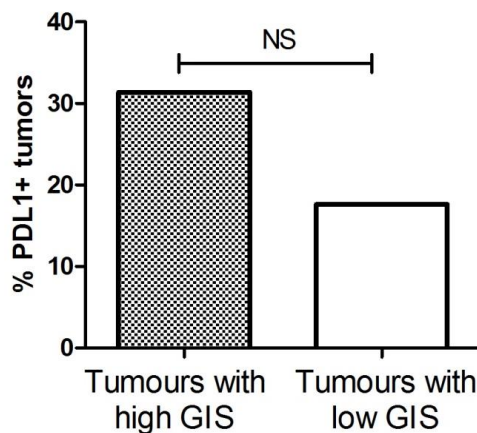
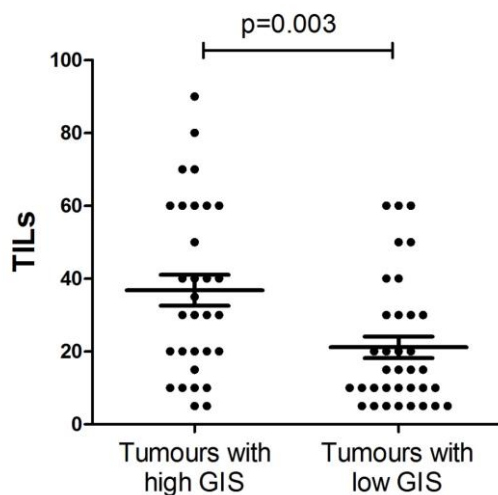
Functional evaluation of HR competency (RAD51 foci) correlated with deletions of mutations in HR genes in all HRD cases



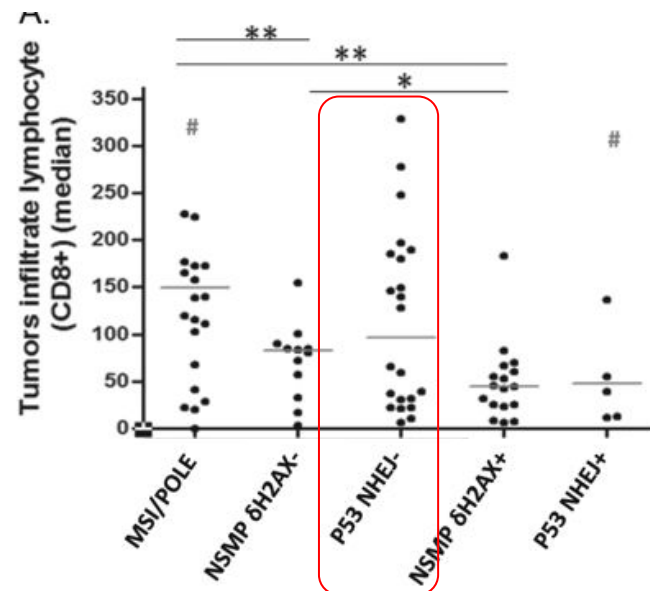
Interaction between DNA repair competency and anti-tumor immunity

Correlation between DNA repair competency and tumor infiltrating lymphocytes (TILs) and PDL1 expression

High GIS in OC associated with increased TILs and PDL1 expression



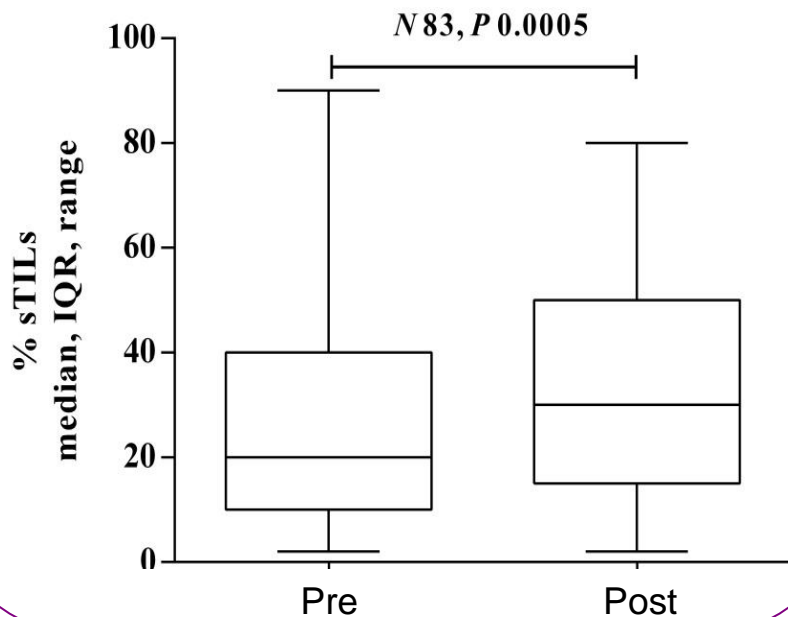
DDR biomarkers identifies a further subset of EC beyond MSI and POLE with high TILs and PDL1



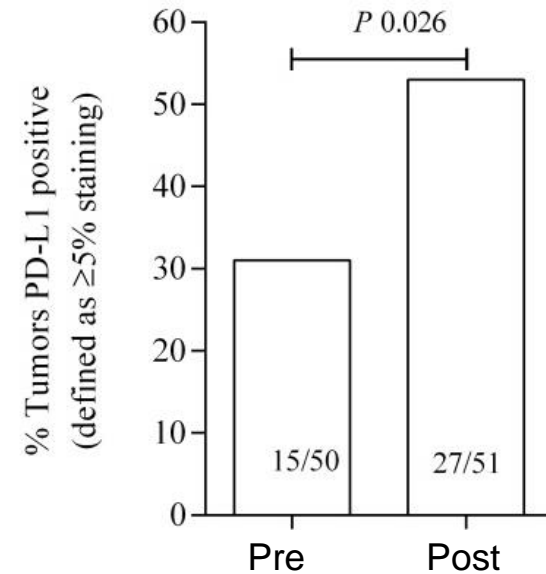
Impact of NACT on immune microenvironment in high grade OC

NACT significantly increases TIL infiltration and PDL1 expression in HGOC

sTILs pre vs post chemotherapy



Percent of PDL1+ tumors increased significantly post chemo

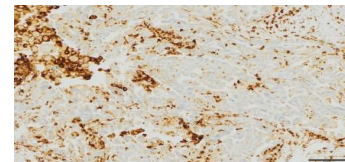


2/3 of **PDL1-negative** tumors at diagnosis became **PDL1-positive** after chemotx

Illustration: PDL1 expression

at Diagnosis

after chemotherapy

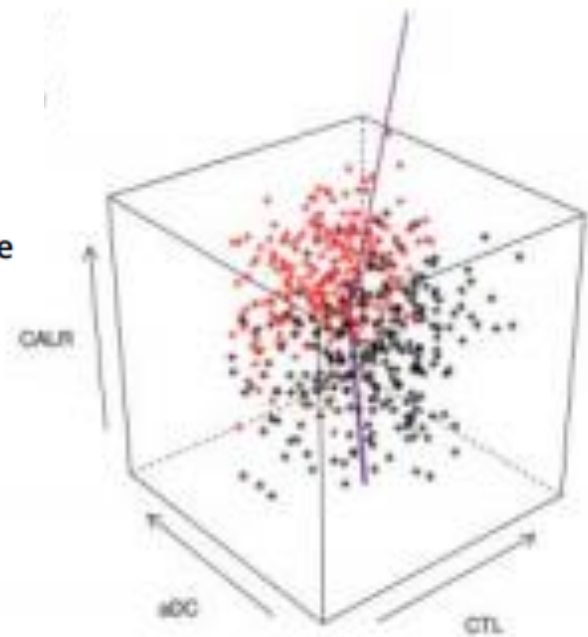


Prognostic implications of Calreticulin expression in OC: loss of an 'eat me' signal

Calreticulin expression: Interaction with the immune infiltrate and impact on survival in patients with ovarian and non-small cell lung cancer

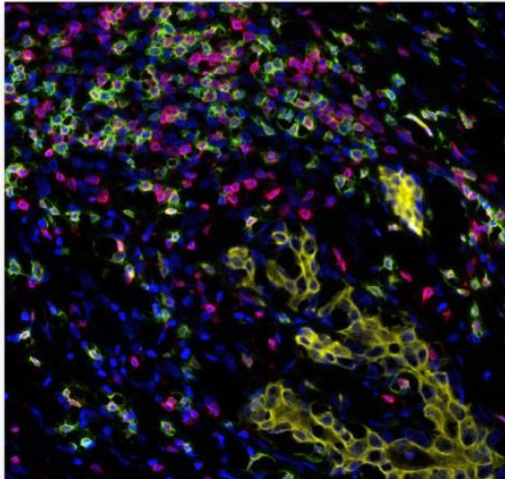
Gautier Stoll, Kristina Iribarren, Judith Michels, Alexandra Leary, Laurence Zitvogel, Isabelle Cremer & Guido Kroemer

- CALR expression correlated with increased infiltrating T cells (CTLs)
- Loss of CALR promote immune tolerance and negatively impact OS in OC

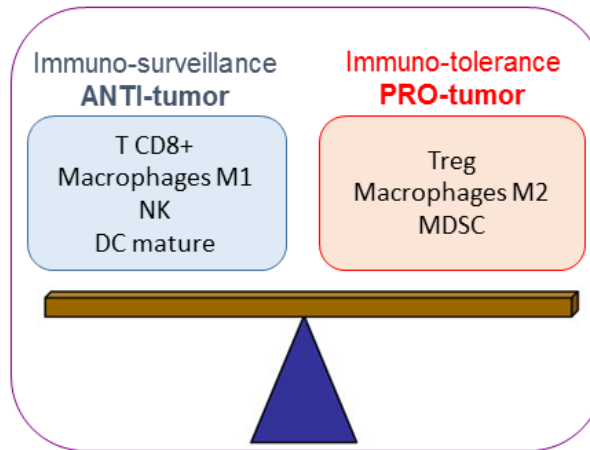
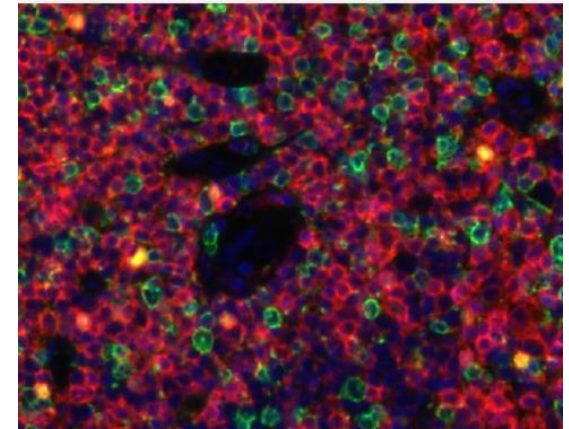


Which immune cells are actually recruited to the tumor bed? Comprehensive multiplexed profiling

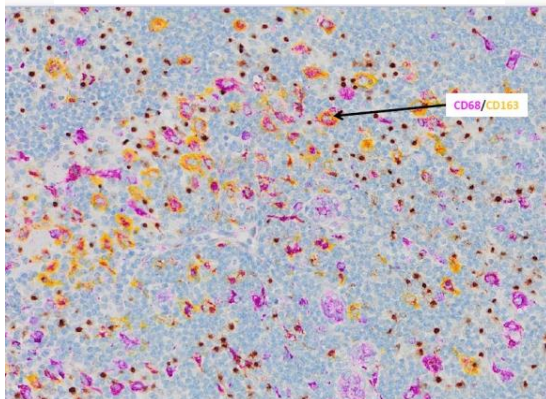
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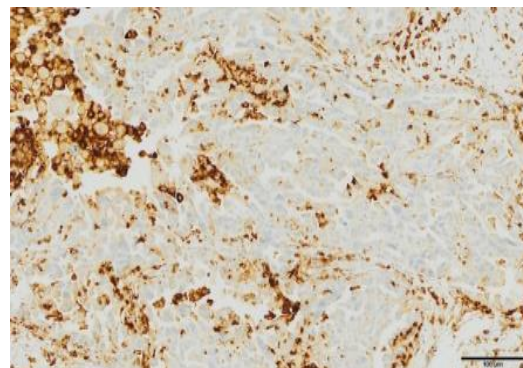
CD4/CD8/FOXP3



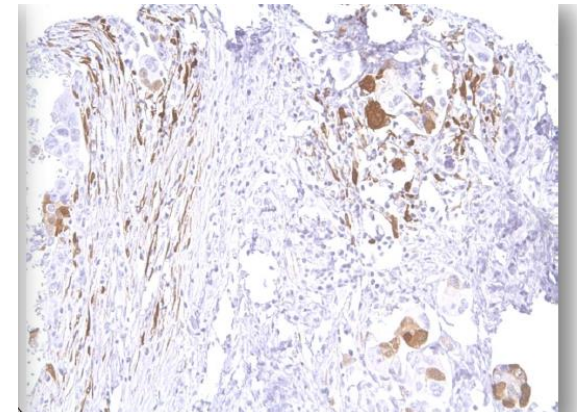
CD68 / CD163 / DC-lamp



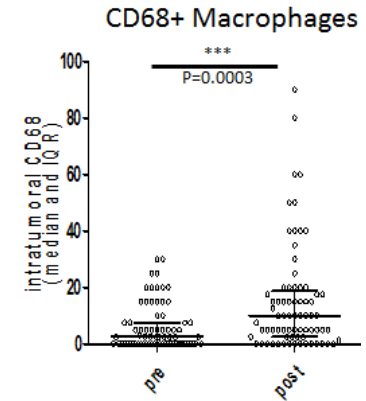
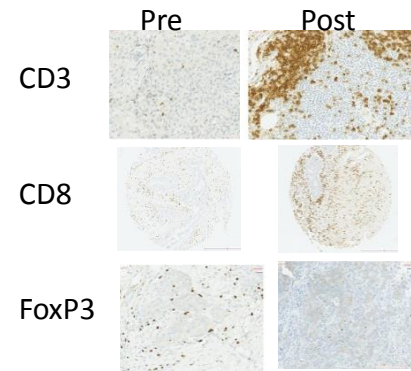
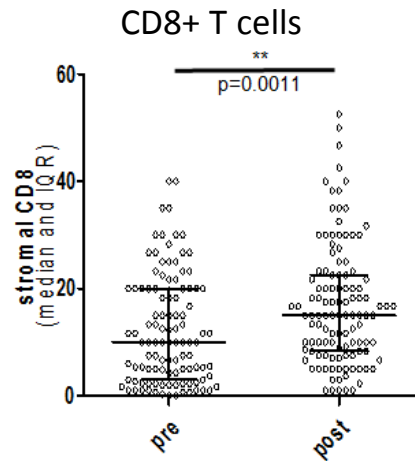
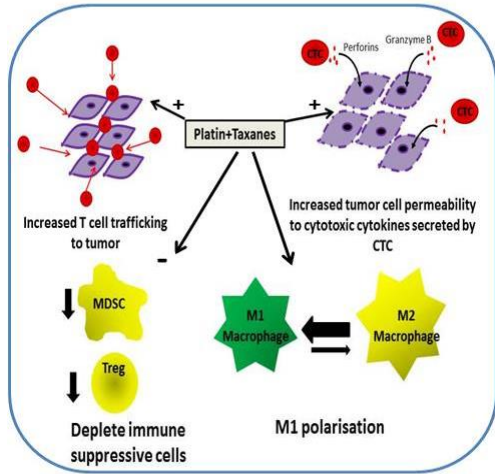
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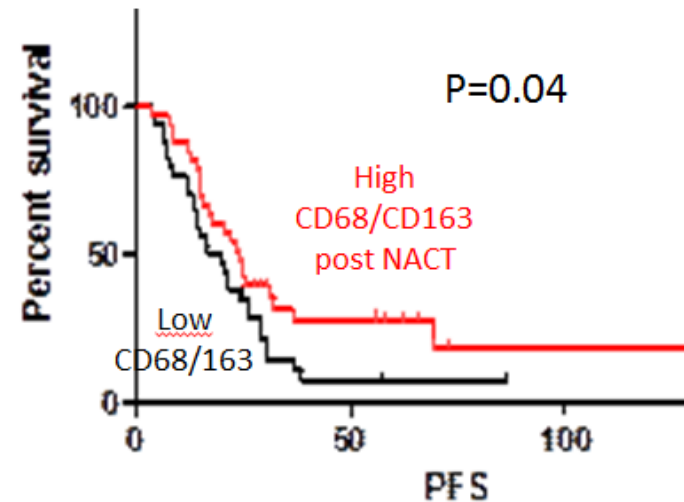
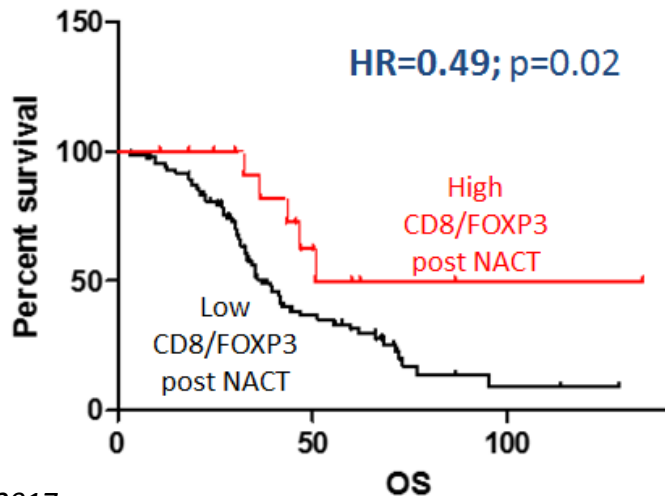
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NACT alters the balance of immune-reactive vs immune-tolerant T cells and macrophages in ovarian cancer



Favorable CD8/FOXP3 and CD68/CD163 ratios after chemotherapy predictive of survival

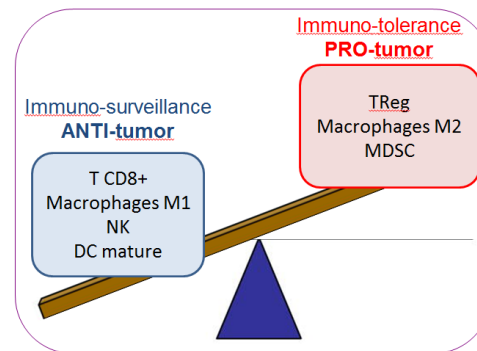


Results provided the rationale for clinical trial

Harnessing anti-tumor immunity during neoadjuvant chemotherapy to improve survival in ovarian cancer



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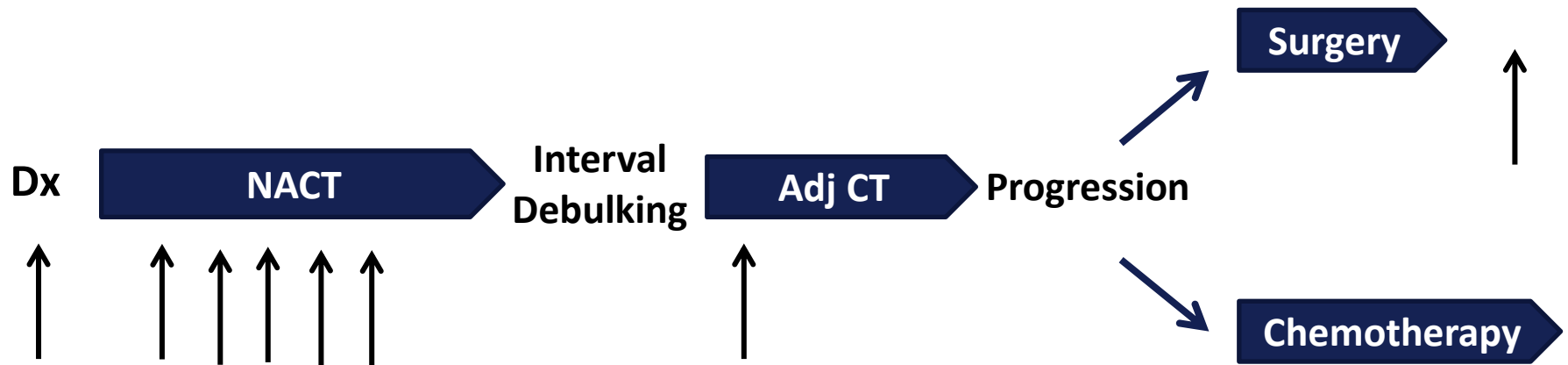
IneOV clinical trial:

Neoadjuvant Chemotherapy with an anti-PDL1 alone or in combination with anti-CTLA4 Ab

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**ctDNA in HGOC:
A prognostic biomarker and
A tool to overcome intra-tumoral
heterogeneity**

OVBioMARK: ctDNA throughout the disease course



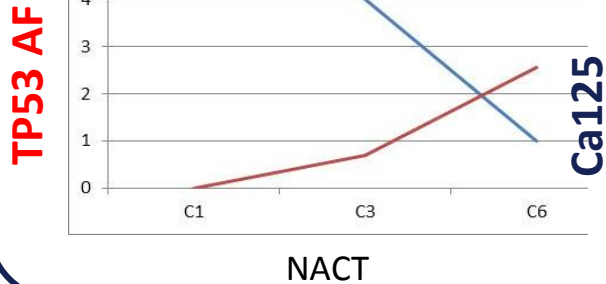
HGSOC: excellent model given pathognomonic TP53 mutation

Good sensitivity

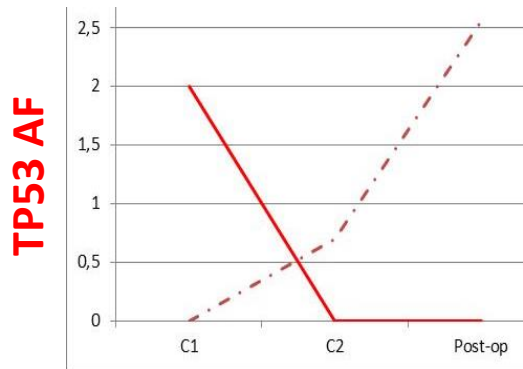
Detected in 100% of samples at baseline and 75% at relapse

In 75% of samples during C1/C2 of neoadjuvant chemotherapy

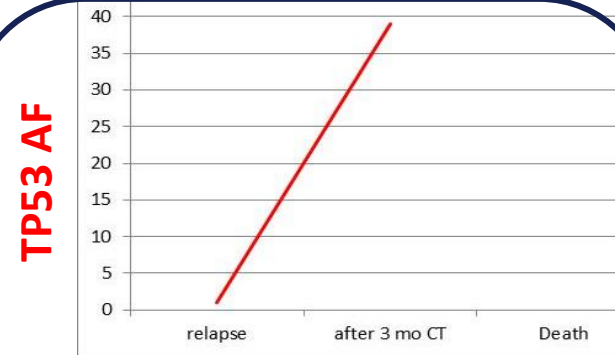
ctDNA : clinical utility: 3 cases



- At baseline ctDNA undetectable
- Rising TP53 ctDNA (R248P) despite decreasing Ca125
- Cannot be operated on and progresses...



- At baseline ctDNA for TP53 E258 which disappears by C2 neo. Tumor: TP53 Glu258
- New TP53 ctDNA R273H with rising AF during NACT and continues post op



- At Dx of relapse ctDNA TP53 AF 1.3
- Starts new treatment
- 3 months later ctDNA up to AF 39
- CT scan show HYPERprogression
- Pt dies one month later

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Communications original research in international congress

N=12

- 1 selected for award and oral presentation (ESGO 2017),
- 2 selected for poster discussion (ASCO 2016, ESMO 2017)
- 1 Scientific award (ASCO 2016).

Oral communications (educational/scientific symposia)

- National congress (SFC, GFCO)
- International congress (ESMO, ESO, ICACT, ESGO et ASCO).

Publications

- 11 articles original research
- 6 reviews.
- (*Annals Onc*, *Modern Path*, *Cancer Res*, *EMBO*, *Cell Cycle*, *Oncogene*, *Oncolmmu...*)

Clinical Trials

- OVBioMARK:** Evolution of Tumor- and blood-based biomarkers throughout the disease course in HGOC
- INeOV:** Neoadjuvant Ctx with antiPDL1 alone or in combination with anti-CTLA4

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Resulting Grants

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ARCAGY: 170,000 euros

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Oakland Med Res Fund: 20,000 euros

Goldman Sacks Fund: 30,000 euros

Resulting Academic Collaborations

1. TransPORTEC Consortium: National CI: *DDR biomarkers in high risk EC.*
UK, Holland, Canada, Austr and France

2. TH4R: National CI *Intratatumoral Heterogeneity in TNBC and HGSOC:*
Italy, Germany, Spain and France

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