"Real world" and discovery-based genomic analysis in pediatric cancer

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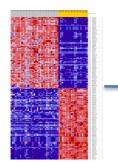
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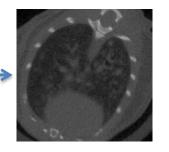


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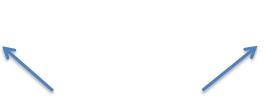
Functional Genomics of Tumor Progression, Metastasis, and Therapy Response in Cancer



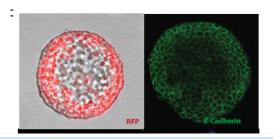


Functional genomics of oncogenic Kras

Vicent et al Cancer Research, 2012 Valencia et al JCI 2020 Gwinn et al, Cancer Cell 2018 Kelly, Kostyrko, Han, Cancer Discovery 2020

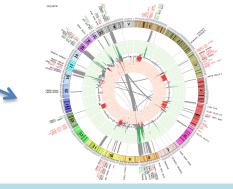






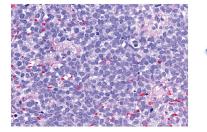
Tumor heterogeneity and therapy response in lung cancer

Zheng et al Cancer Cell 2013 Vicent et al Cancer Research 2013 Kim and Marquez et al Nature Medicine, 2019



Genomic instability and metastasis of osteosarcoma

Sayles et al, Cancer Discovery 2018



Molecular pathogenesis of Ewing Sarcoma

Marques et al, JCI 2014

"Real world" application of genomics to advanced pediatric/AYA cancer care

Vaske et al, JAMA 2019 Levinson et al, JCO Precision Oncology, 2020



- Overview of UCSF clinical sequencing efforts
- Overview of UCSF integrative genomics efforts



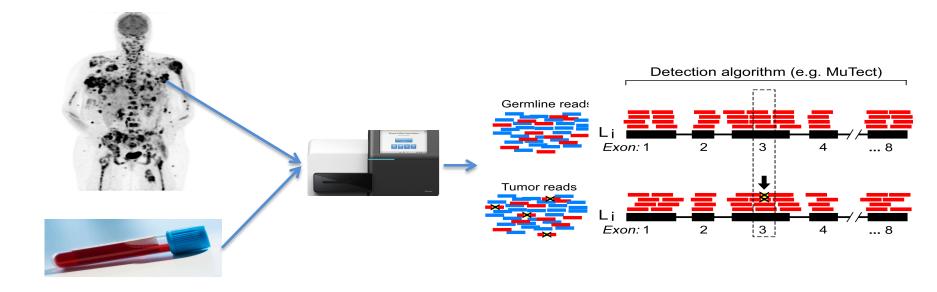


Current state of precision cancer medicine in pediatric oncology

- Many clinical trials already incorporate genomic biomarkers.
- Idea of assigning therapy based primarily on presence of biomarkers (as opposed to histology) still relatively untested.
- Early studies focused on feasibility
- Current large Pediatric Match study underway.
- A key limitation is access to drugs and difficulty of designing combination drug studies.
- Research to Accelerate Cures and Equity (**RACE**) act improves access as it requires all drug companies to have a pediatric development plan.



UCSF500: NGS assay for germline and tumor analysis



- Test developed in house with consultation of both adult **AND** pediatric oncologists.
- DNA is extracted from FFPE for tumor and either blood or saliva for germline.
- Currently uses DNA only, RNA assay in development



UCSF-HDFCC Molecular Oncology Initiative

Serving patients and providers

- Provide state-of-the-art, evidence-based recommendations to help guide interpretation of molecular testing performed in cancer patients at UCSF (Molecular Tumor Board).
- Develop new methods for measuring utility and feasibility of precision medicine in all patients.

Learn from our patients to help future patients

Data sharing integration & innovation:

- Drive innovation in data sharing and data analysis to improve delivery of precision cancer medicine.
- Integration of genomics with the medical record





UCSF500 technical specifications

- Complete coverage of exons for 479 genes
- Selected tiling of introns for 47 genes (fusion detection).
- Foot print size ~4.78 (V4) and 2.9 (V3)
- Probes across genome to report copy number change
- Sequence to 500X depth
- DNAnexus used as bioinformatic platform
- TAT currently average of ~14 days
- Clinical report generated and given to clinician

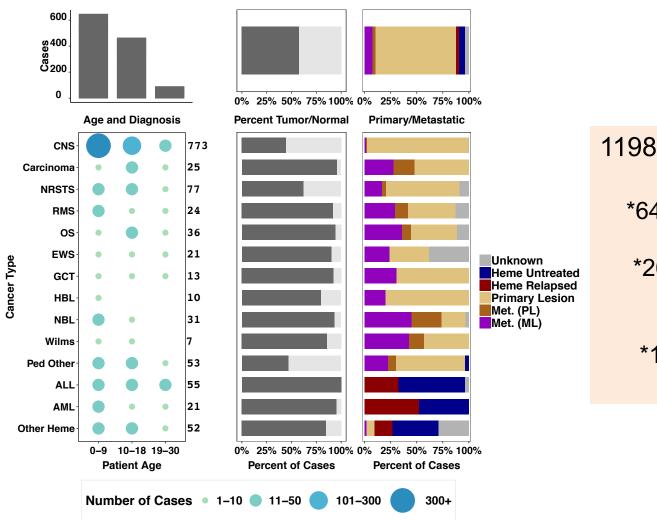


UCSF500 clinical report

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UCSF500 pediatric cases: Age and Diagnostic Distribution



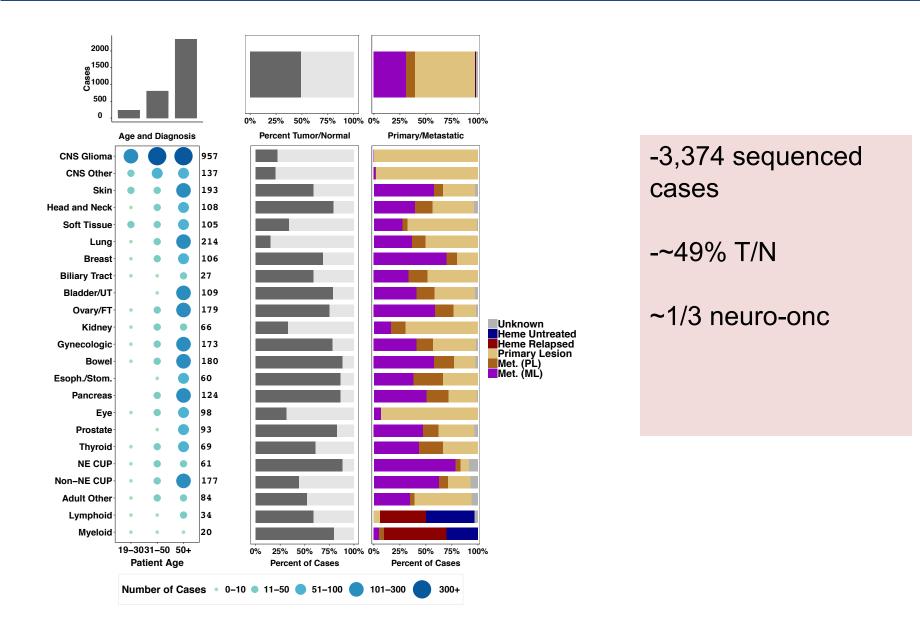
1198 pediatric/AYA cases:

*64% CNS

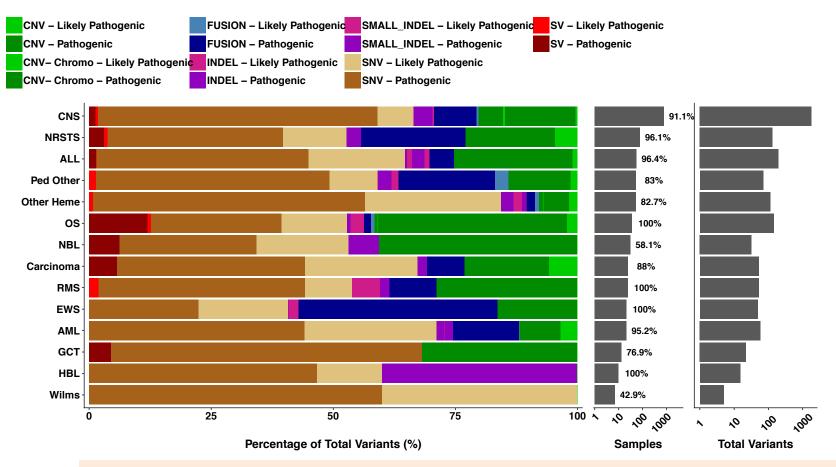
*26% extra cranial solid tumors

*10% Heme malignancies

UCSF500 adult cases



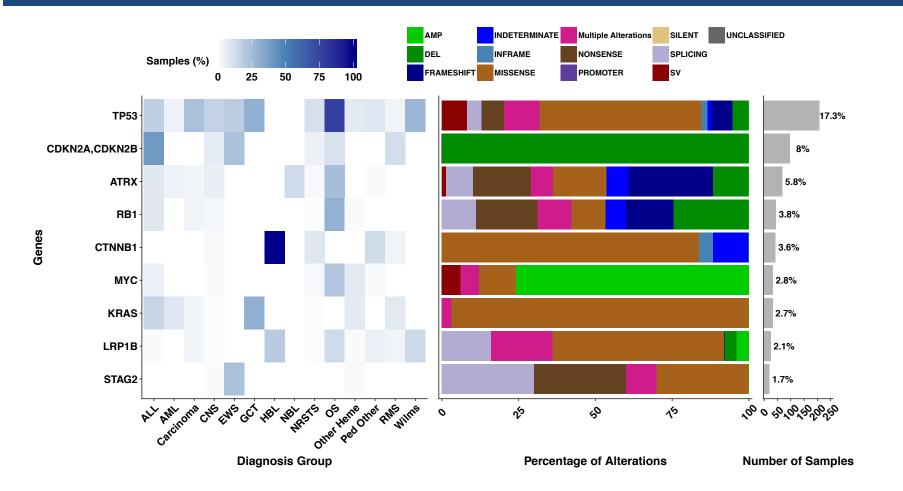
Distribution of pathologic/likely pathologic alterations by type and tumor site-pediatric cases.



- Wide variability in most common alteration seen between subtypes.
 - Fusion is single most common alteration in EWS (seen in all cases).
 - Number of distinct variants varies widely (CNS highest, Wilms lowest)



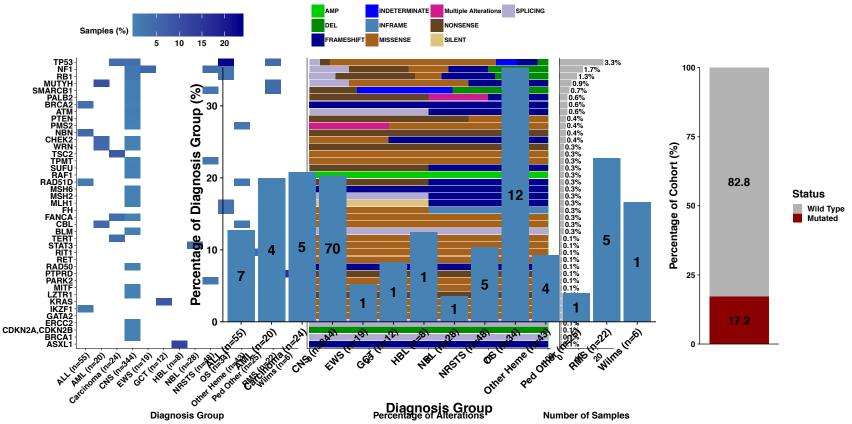
UCSF500: pediatric somatic common alterations-pediatric



 None of top 9 alterations are currently druggable (with exception of small fraction of KRAS)



UCSF500: pediatric germline alterations

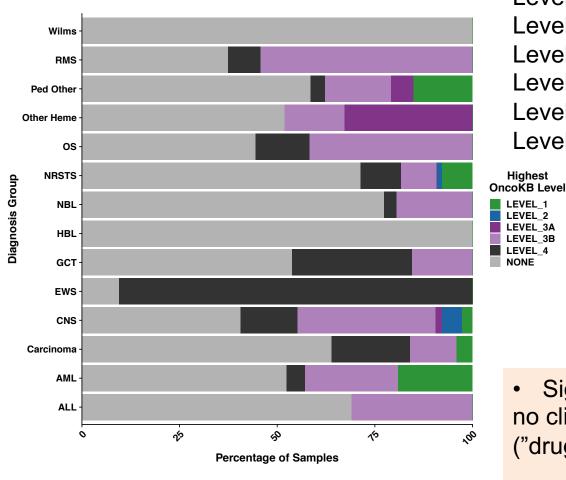


- Li-Fraumeni (p53) and NF most common germline alterations
- Some alterations are specific to disease subtypes (RAD51D and IKZF1 in heme malignancies).
- Some not previously well characterized (ASXL1 in HB)
- 17.2% of patients had a germline predisposition.

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UCSF 500: Actionability in pediatrics

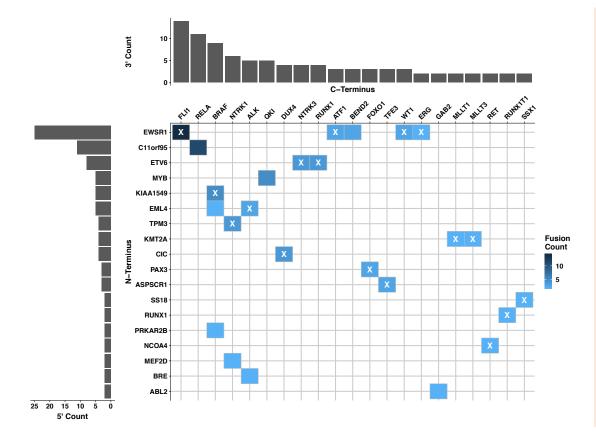


Level 1-FDA approved Level 2A-standard of care/disease match Level 2B- 2A-standard of care/other Level 3A-clinical evidence/match Level 3B-clinical evidence/other Level 4-preclinical

• Significant percentage of cases have no clinical evidence for actionability ("druggability")

 Most is level 3B, only small fraction Level 1/2

UCSF500-Fusion identification using a DNA panel



- Most fusions seen are rare (one patient)
- A few have recurrent 5' partner (EWSR1)
- A few have recurrent 3' partner (BRAF, ALK).
 - Many are novel:

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- EWSR1-BEND1
- MEFD2-NTRKI

-some fusions likely not seen because no RNA analysis

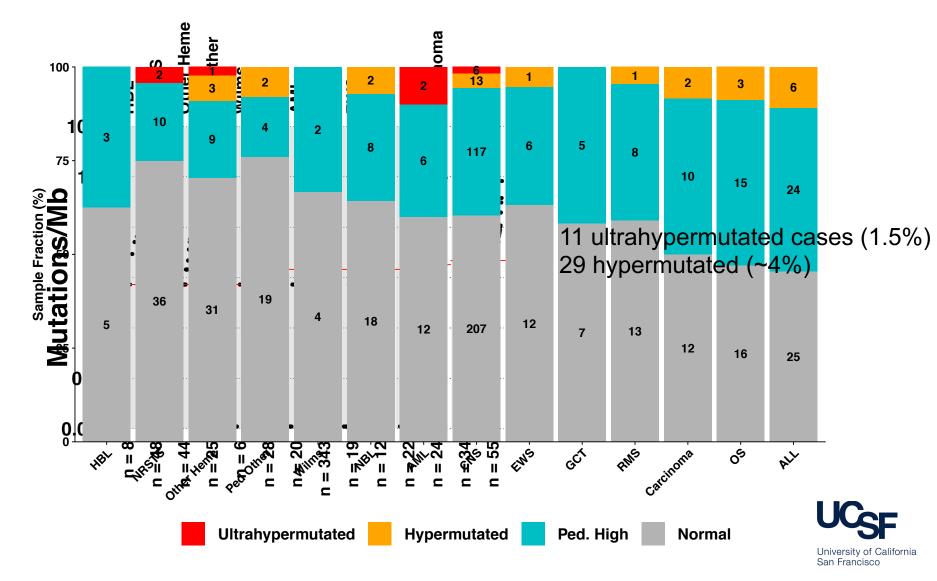


Tumor Mutational Burden (TMB) and other "second order" genomic alterations.

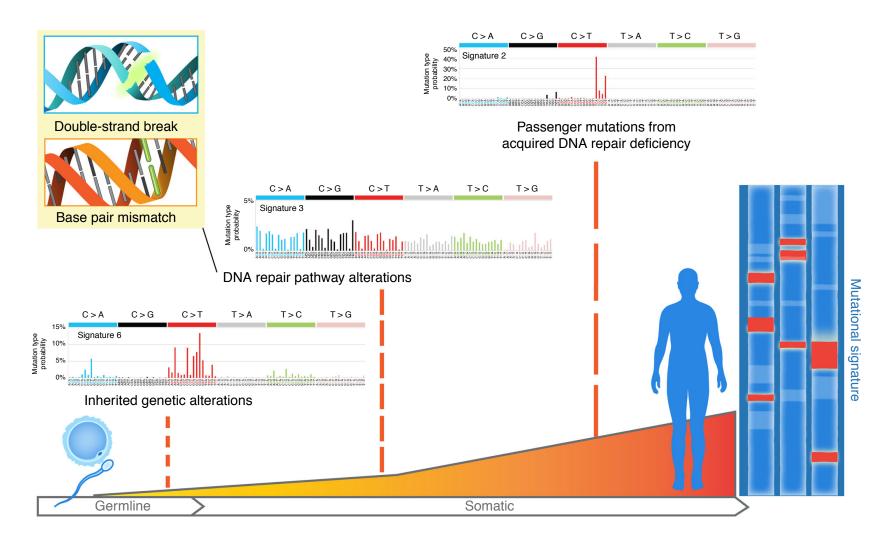
- In addition to finding specific mutations, we can also use sequencing to learn about overall features of the cancer genome:
 - Tumor mutational burden (TMB) is an emerging genomic biomarker in cancer
 - May serve as a proxy for cancer cell neo-antigens that could be detected by the immune system as foreign.
 - High TMB can be due to genetic factors (Mismatch repair defects, etc) or prior therapy (radiation, specific chemotherapeutic agents)
 - Mutational signatures are another genomic alteration that may indicate important aspects of etiology (environmental cause, intrinsic mutational processes)

UCSF500- TMB in pediatric cancer

688 evaluable cases (T/N)



Mutational signatures in cancer

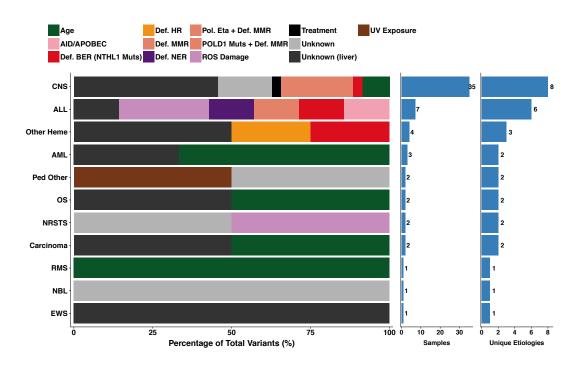






UCSF500- Mutational signatures

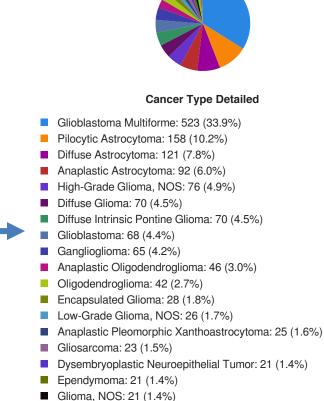
Mutational signatures: patterns of single base pair mutations in trinucleotide context provide clues to etiology and tumor evolution



Can only calculate for hyper/ultrahyper TMB (n=60), otherwise not enough mutations given size of DNA panel.



UCSF-Cbioportal

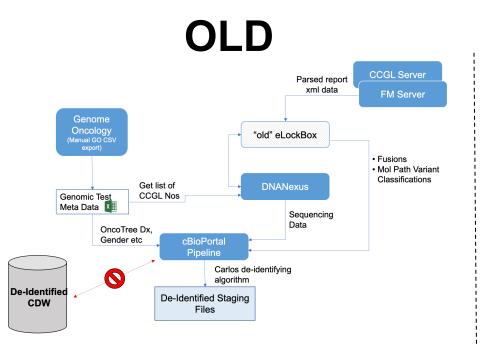


- Giloma, NOS. 21 (1.4%)
- Pleomorphic Xanthoastrocytoma: 19 (1.2%)
- Astrocytoma: 11 (0.7%)
- Anaplastic Ganglioglioma: 8 (0.5%)
- Pilomyxoid Astrocytoma: 6 (0.4%)
- Gangliocytoma: 2 (0.1%)
- Oligoastrocytoma: 2 (0.1%)

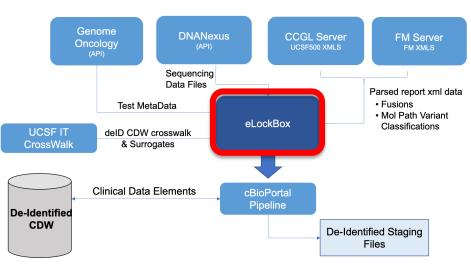
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Melanoma		272 5.1%			Diffuse Astrocytoma	0 121	7.8%
Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer	. 2	265 4.9%			Anaplastic Astrocytoma	92	6.0%
Other Cancer, NOS		226 4.2%			High-Grade Glioma, NOS	76	4.9%
Cancer of Unknown Primary	. 2	223 4.1%	Number of Samples Per Patient	Sex	Diffuse Glioma	0 70	4.5%
Soft Tissue Sarcoma		187 3.5%			Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma	70	4.5%
Ovarian Cancer		184 3.4%	1,257	616 789	Glioblastoma	68	4.4%
Embryonal Tumor		163 3.0%			Ganglioglioma	65	4.2%
		142 2.6%			Anaplastic Oligodendroglioma	46	3.0%
Pancreatic Cancer		112 21070					

Available to all UCSF researchers
-updated quarterly
-wide functionality for data exploration

UCSF cBioportal & eLockBox: linking genomics to clinical phenotypes



- Included manual components
 Relied on pulling, parsing and
- merging data from multiple sources
- Uncertified de-identifying algorithm
- No linkage to de-identified CDW



NEW

- No manual components
- Exclusively uses eLockBox as source
- Certified surrogates generated by IT using de-identified CDW algorithm
- Can query de-identified CDW directly and pull into cBioPortal any available de-identified clinical data from this source
- Allows us to deploy new data builds with more frequency
 - Every 2-3 months → Every 2-3 weeks (or sooner)

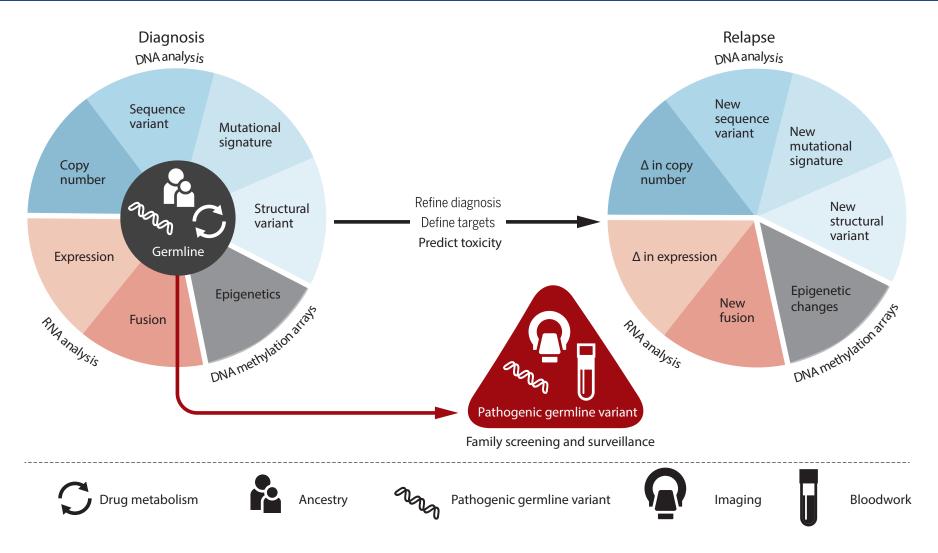
DNA panels in pediatric cancer

- Can clarify the diagnosis (especially with fusion detection)
- Can identify germline predispositions
- Rarely identify actionable SNVs
- Where is the "missing signal" in pediatric cancers?
 - Structural variants in enhancers?
 - Non-coding mutations?
 - Epigenetic alterations?
 - Rare fusions?



Beyond DNA panels: Integrative WGS/RNAseq

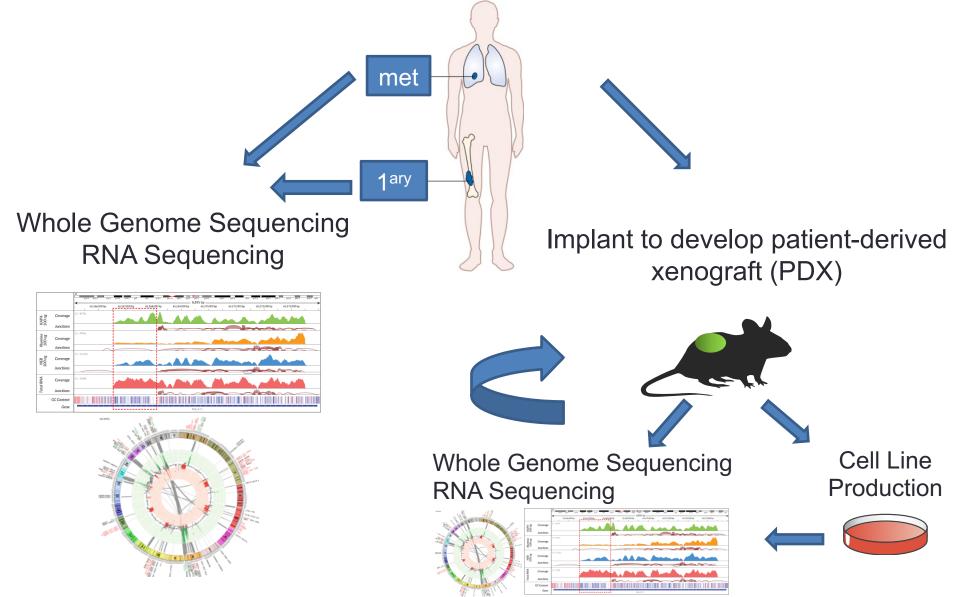
A vision for pediatric cancer genomics



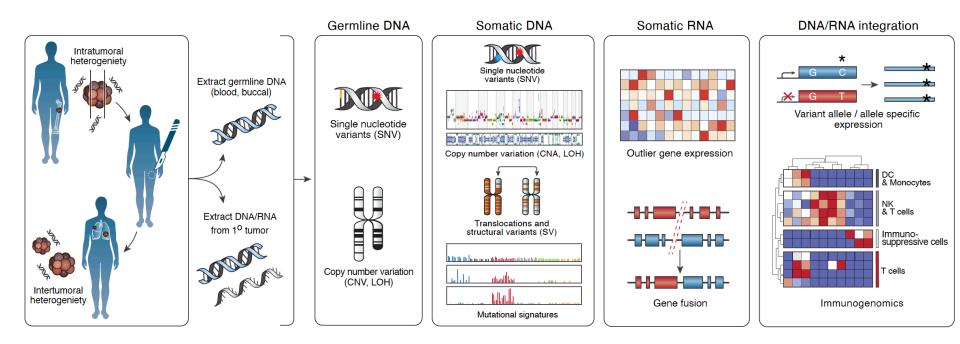


Sweet-Cordero and Biegel, Science 201

Using patient samples and patient derived xenografts to study pediatric cancers



Integrative genomics workflow



UCSF integrative pediatric cancer sequencing program

🗕 WGS (209) 🗢 RNA (257) 🗢 Panel (130)

RARE

- 226 patients/318 samples sequenced
- 175 samples with both WGS/RNAseq
- Sarcomas represent largest group (118 patients)
- 58 patients with >1 sample

Treated (166)

M Metastasis (73)

• 166 sequenced post-treatment samples (52%)

EWS

Patients: 226

Samples: 318

Multisample: 68

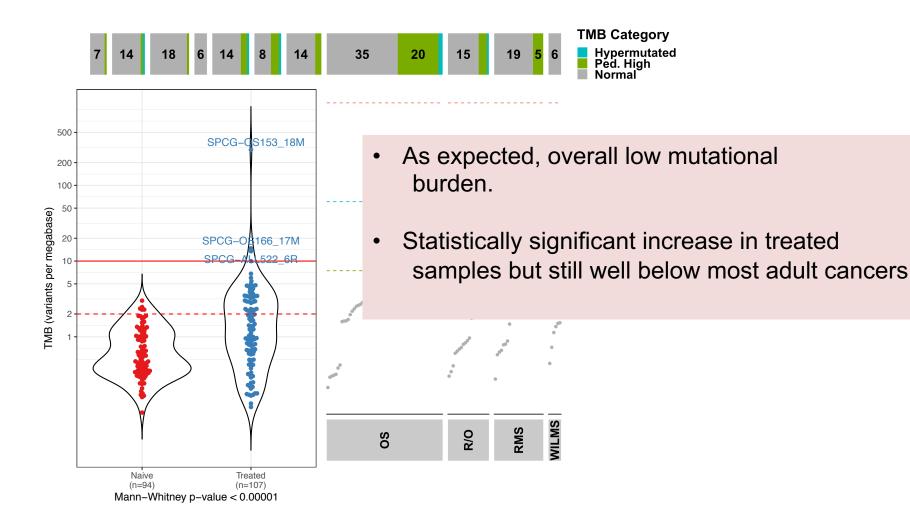
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• 73 sequenced metastasis (23%)

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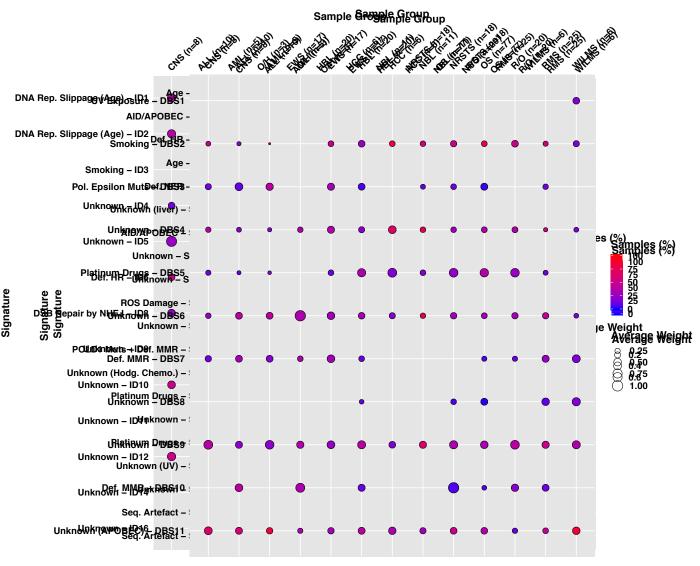
 Some tumor types (NRSTS, RARE) not well-represented in prior landscape efforts

Mutational burden in pediatric cancer



- Only 3% ultra/hypermutated
- Larger fraction "pediatric high" but clinial relevance unclear

Mutational signatures using WGS



Insertion/Deletion signature, Desinger Base Pations gratture

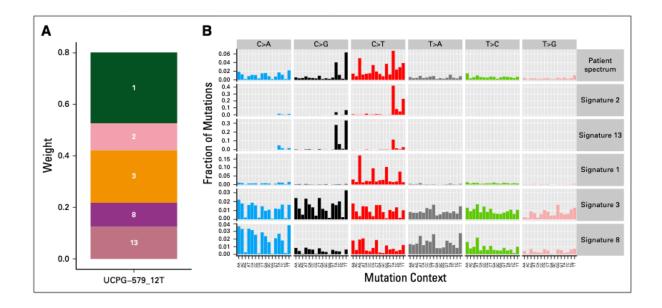
Retrospective analysis of an exceptional responder



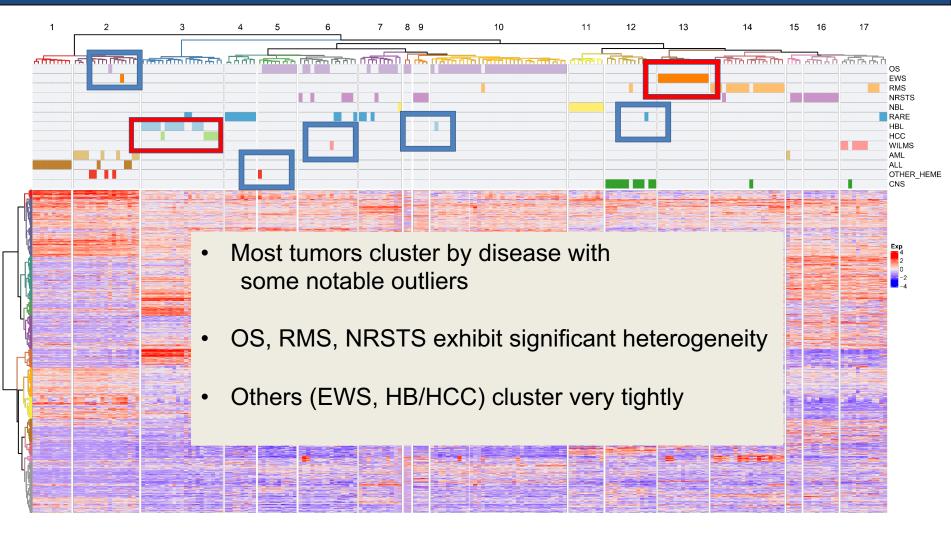
case reports

Complete Response to PD-1 Inhibition in an Adolescent With Relapsed Clear Cell Adenocarcinoma of the Cervix Predicted by Neoepitope Burden and APOBEC Signature

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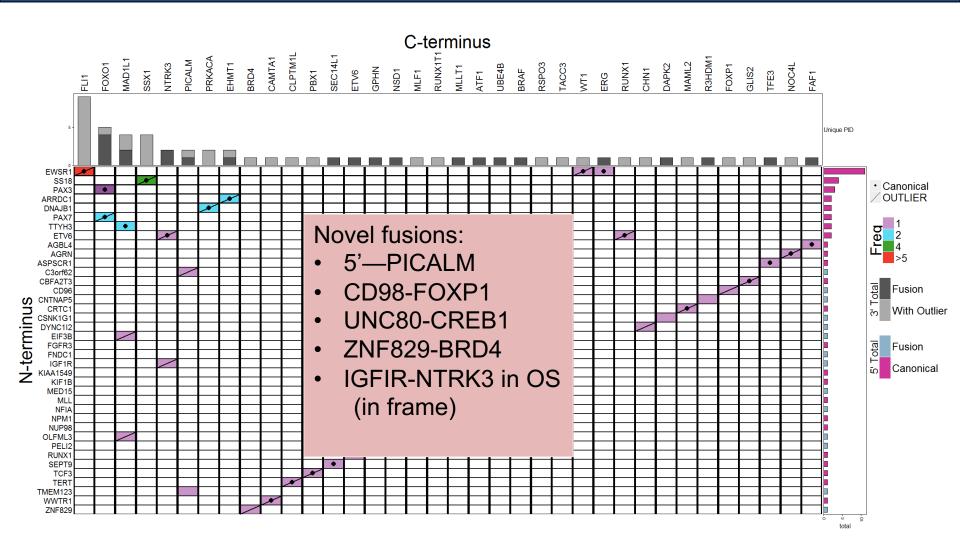


The transcriptome of pediatric cancers



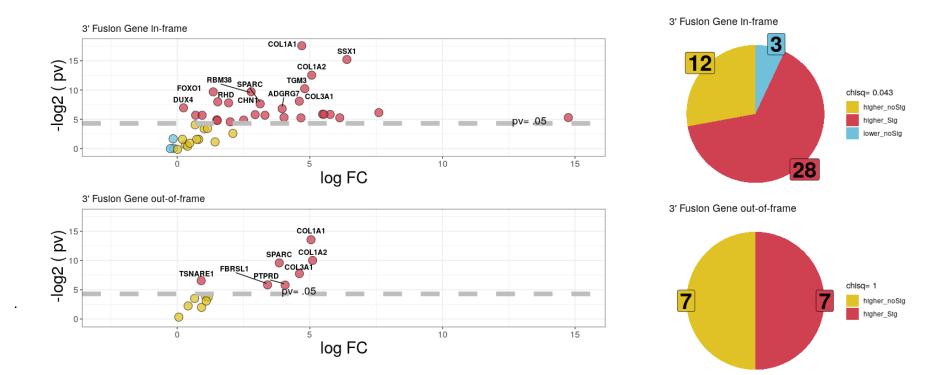
Clustering of 4343 most variable genes in 235 clinical samples (75% top variable genes)

RNAseq identifies known and novel fusion genes



Outlier gene expression suggests that many rare fusions may be drivers genes

Outlier gene expression nominates novel oncogenic fusions

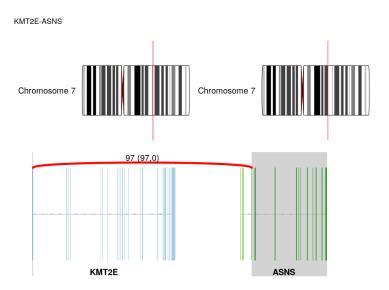


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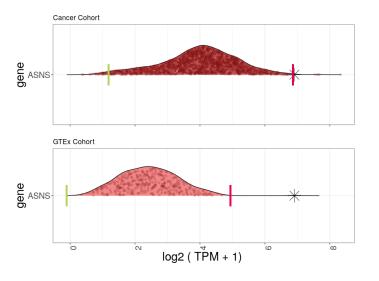
Known



ASNS fusion as a mechanism for asparaginase resistance



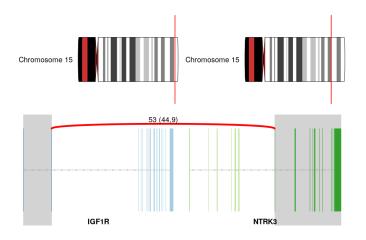
Fusion detected by RNAseq

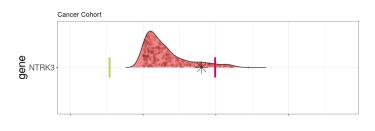


Elevated ASNS expression

- Relapsed leukemia sample, prior treatment with asparagine
- Novel mechanism of resistance involving fusion upregulating asparagine synthase (ASNS) so cells are now insensitive to asparagine depletion

NTRK3 fusion in a patient with osteosarcoma





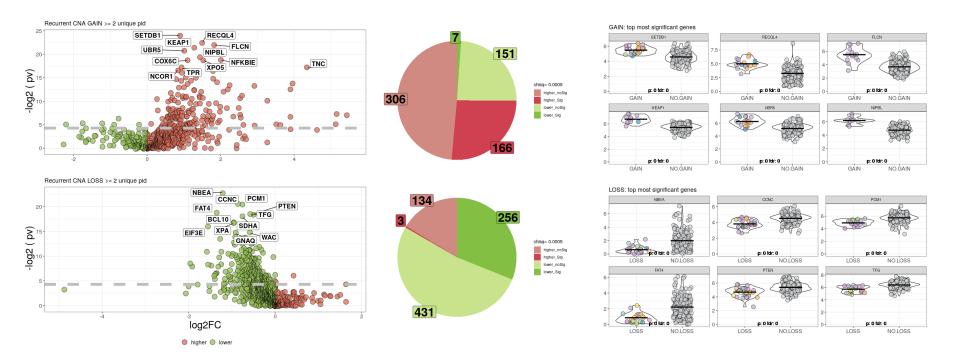
Elevated NTRK3 expression

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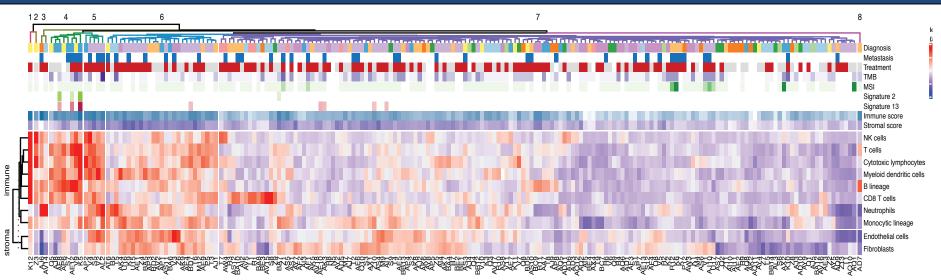


NTRK3 fusion confirmed by PCR/Sanger sequencing

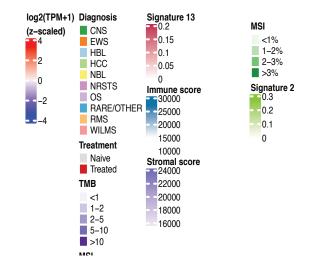
Integration of expression with Copy number change



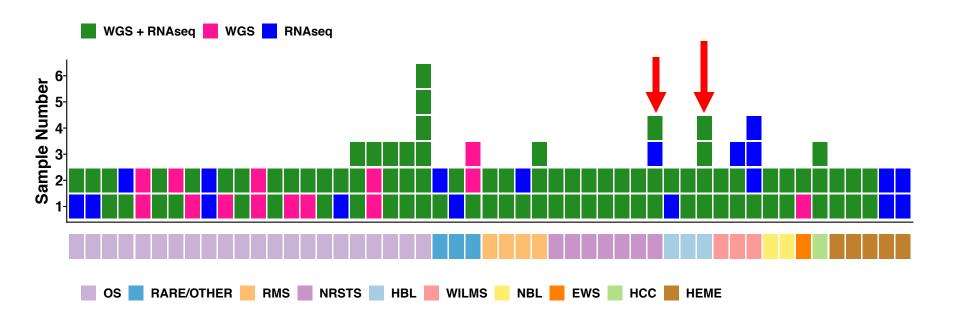
In silico immunoprofiling of pediatric solid tumors



- Most pediatric cancers have low immune infiltration, ie, they are "cold" tumors
- However some cases have high infiltration of macrophages, NK cells and others immune cells
- TMB not associated with "hot" tumors metastasis but signatures 2/13 may be associated?



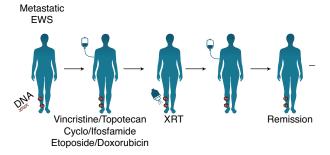
Longitudinal cohort



- How do pediatric cancers progress from diagnosis through metastasis?
- Are there recurrent alterations present? Are these actionable?

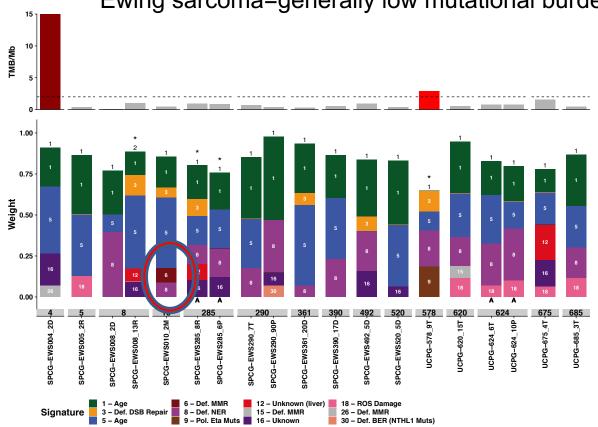
Case 1: Ewing followed by radiation-induced sarcoma

- Diagnosed age 9->metastatic Ewing Sarcoma.
- Received systemic chemotherapy and radiation to local site.
- Relapsed 5 years later with sarcoma at radiation site
- Metastasis to lung
- More chemotherapy
- Deceased



Longitudinal genomic analysis: what are the consequences of repeated cycles of DNA data

Ewing sarcoma mutational signature at diagnosis

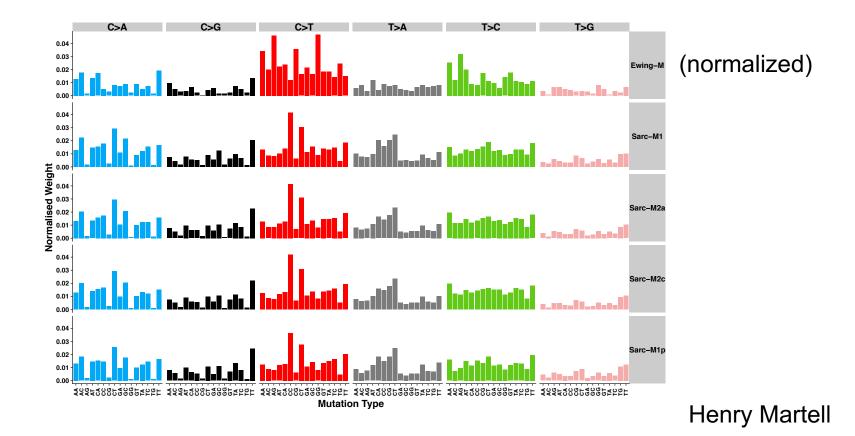


Ewing sarcoma=generally low mutational burden

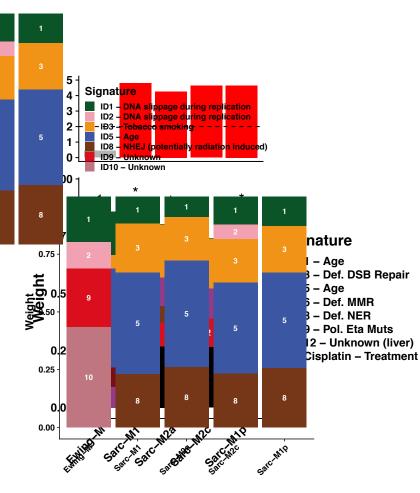
Unusual presence of MMR signature might have suggested increased response to immune checkpoint blockade (not known at the time)

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Mutational signatures acquired during DNA damaging therapy in a single patient



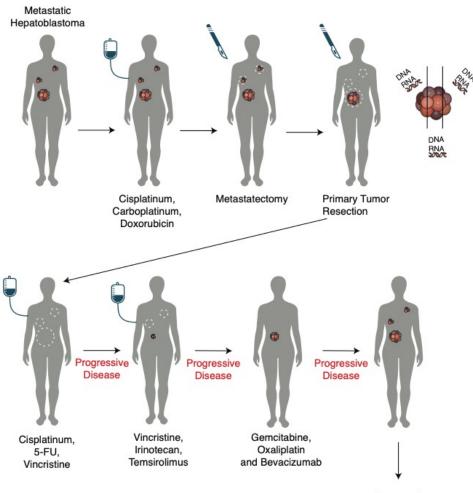
Mutational signatures acquired during DNA damaging therapy in a single patient



- Increased tumor mutational burden at relapse
- Emergence of a cisplatin mutational signature.
- Emergence of a PolE signature. Checkpoint response?
- Emergence of a NHEJ signature and new indel signatures, likely reflecting DSB repair after radiation.
- Highly informative WGS...yet this is still not standard of care even for complex cases like this one..

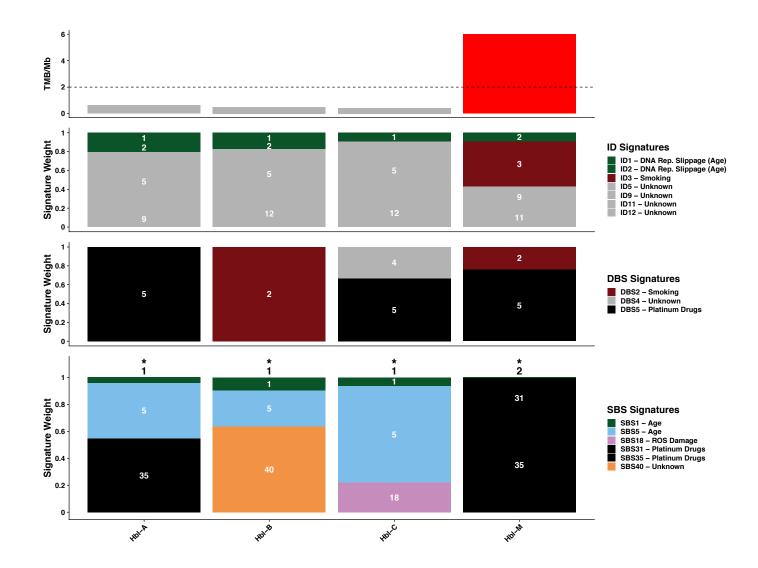
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Case 2: Metastatic hepatoblastoma



Deceased

Case 2: evolution of mutational signatures



Copy number and SNV in Hepatoblastoma progression



Summary-Part1

- DNA panel assays provide significant support in defining germline alterations, clarifying diagnosis and in some cases identifying druggable alterations in pediatric cancers
- Most pediatric cancers lack clearly actionable alterations suggesting need for additional molecular characterization of tumors
- TMB is generally low in pediatric cancers but some tumors have high TMB and mutational signatures can identify potentially therapeutically relevant signatures
- RNAseq has the potential to increase the identification of actionable and potentially druggable alterations in pediatric cancer patients.
- A significant fraction of pediatric cancers may have rare fusion events that serve as oncogenic drivers or mediators of resistance

Other ASC lab computational efforts.

 Genomic evolution of osteosarcoma (collaboration with Christina Curtis)

-Integration of WGS with Bionano data

• Analysis of chromosome accessibility changes during metastatic progression using ATAC-seq

-Integration of ATAC-seq with RNAseq

 scRNAseq analysis of response to targeted therapies in GEM models of lung cancer.

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