

2025: NOVITÀ NEL TRATTAMENTO DELLE NEOPLASIE GINECOLOGICHE

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Carcinoma Ovarico: il ruolo del Biologo Molecolare

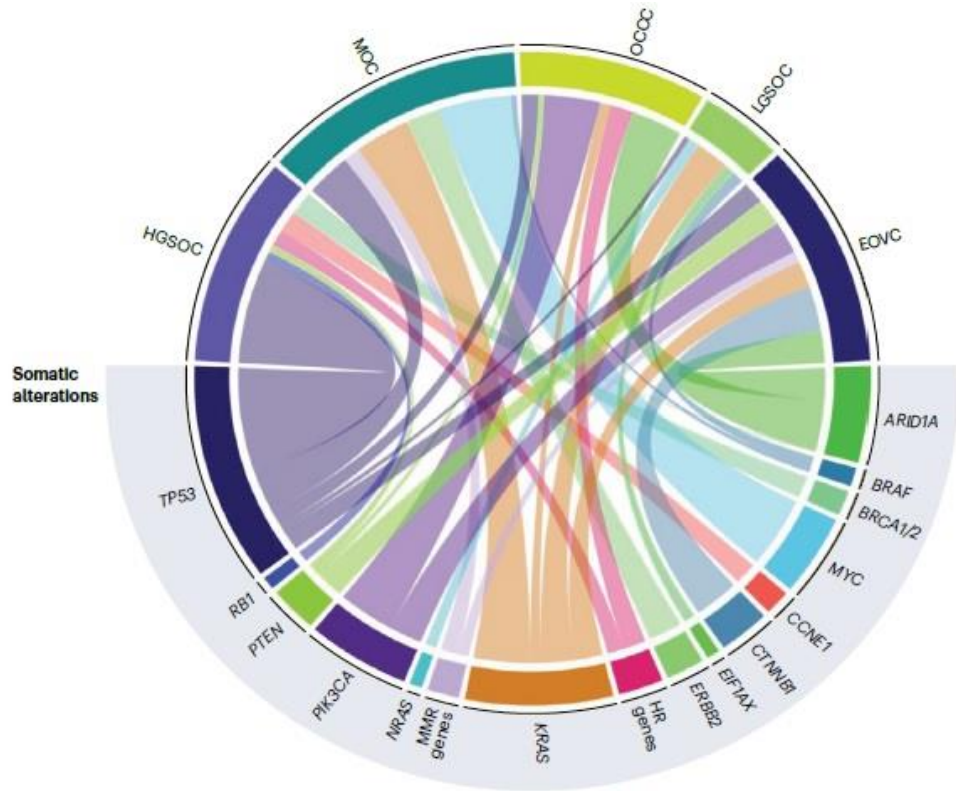
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Outline

- OC Molecular Heterogeneity
- Genomic Instability in HGSOC
- The importance of molecular diagnostics in HGSOC
- Current Laboratory Practice
- Challenges in HRD testing
- Hereditary OC

Molecular Landscape of OC

2020 WHO Classification and molecular features



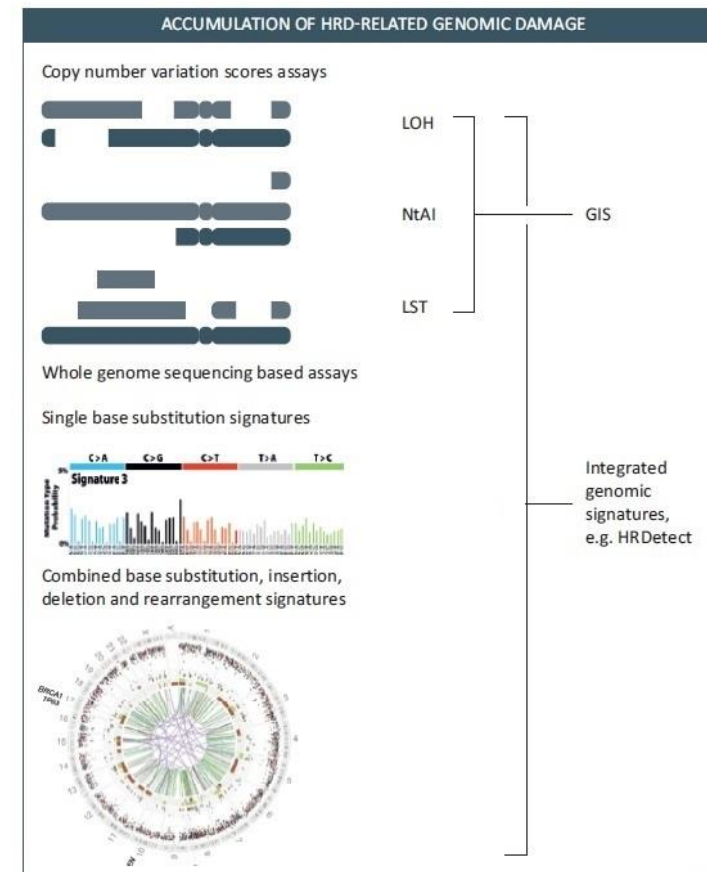
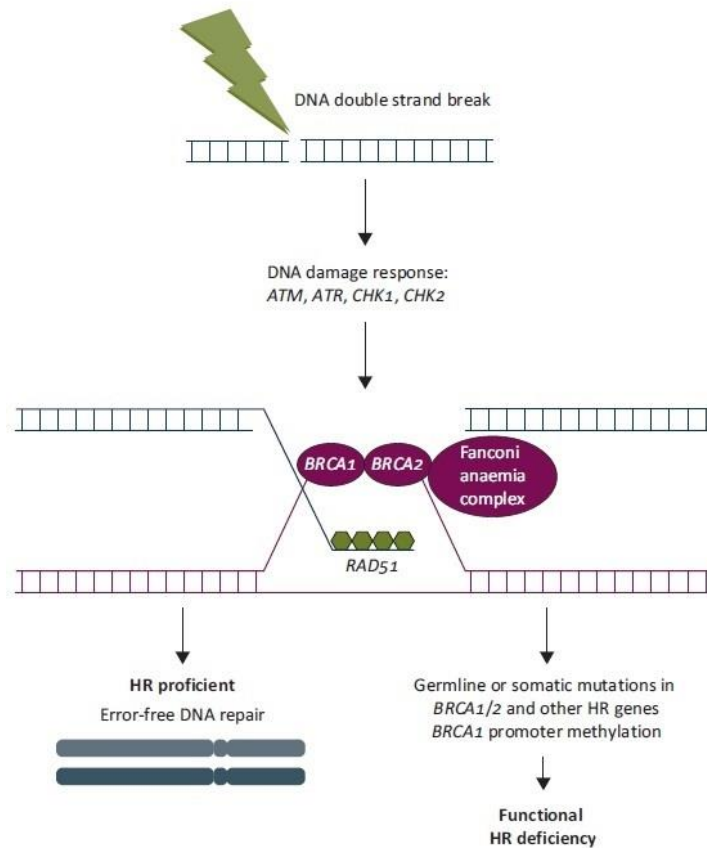
Veneziani A. - Nature reviews, 2023

- **EOVC:** ~10%, alterations in MMR genes (Lynch), ARID1A, KRAS, CTNNB1, PTEN, POLE, FBXW7, SOX8, HER2, TP53.
- **OCCC:** ~10%, alterations in ARID1A, PIK3CA, TP53, TERT, MMR genes (Lynch).
- **LGSOC:** ~5%, alterations in MAPK (eg. BRAF), KRAS, AKT-MTOR pathway.
- **MOC:** ~5%, alterations in KRAS, TP53, CTNNB1, APC HER2amp, MMR genes (Lynch).
- **HGSOC:** ~70%, alterations in TP53, BRCA1/2, HR pathway genes, NF1, RB1, CCNE1.

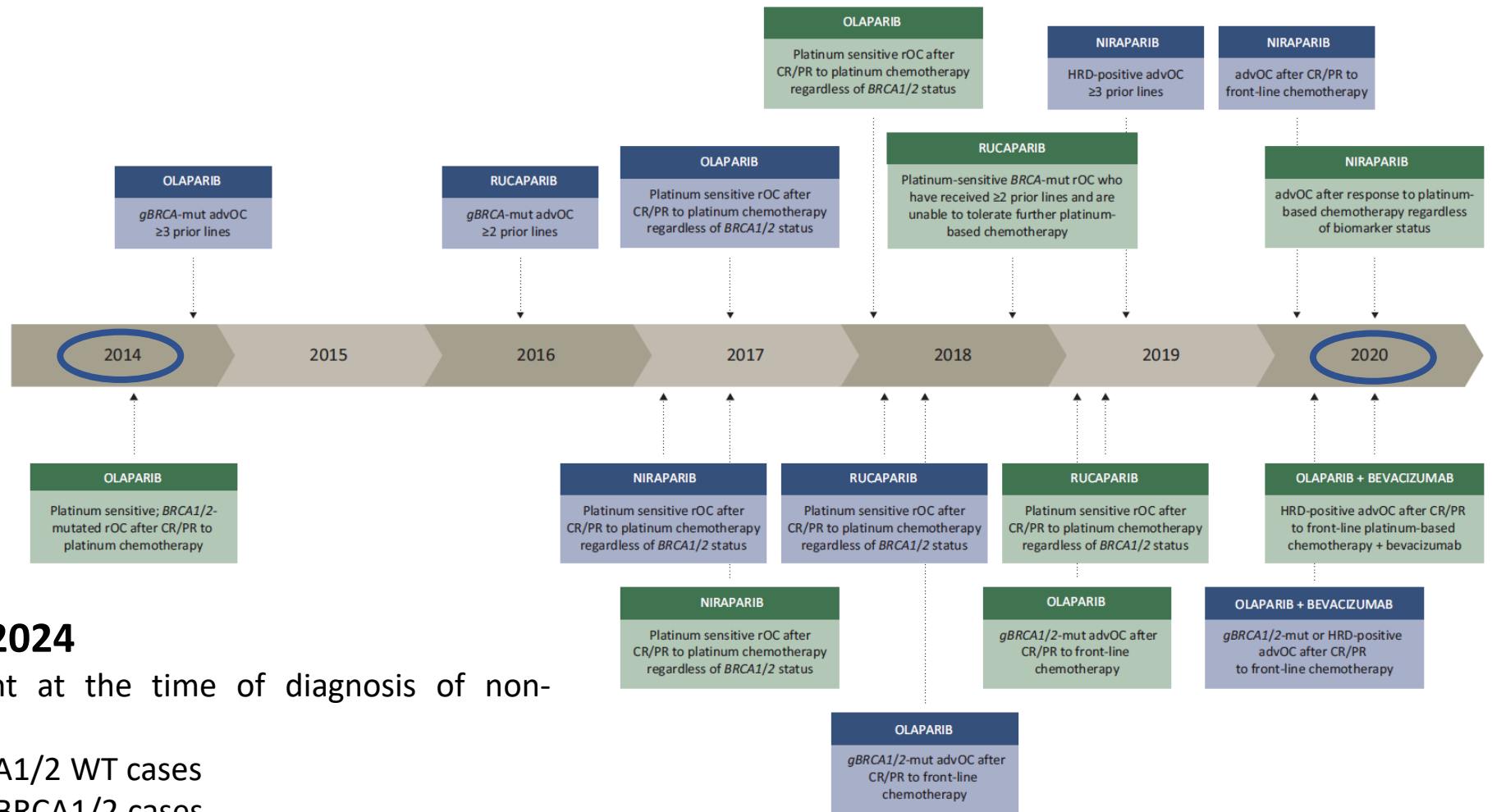
Genomic Instability in HGSOC

~ 50% HGSOC exhibit Homologous Recombination Deficiency

- 50% of HRD HGSOCs is explained through germline or somatic BRCA1/2 mutations
- ...and the other 50%?



HGSOC molecular diagnostics and PARPi



ESMO recommendations 2024

- Somatic *BRCA1/2* assessment at the time of diagnosis of non-miconous OC
- HRD score assessment in *BRCA1/2* WT cases
- Germline assessment for mut*BRCA1/2* cases
- NO somatic assessment for other HR genes
- Germline assessment of HR genes in case of suspected familiarity

ESMO NGS Recommendations 2024

ESCAT

ESMO Scale for Clinical Actionability of Molecular Targets



SPECIAL ARTICLE

Recommendations for the use of next-generation sequencing (NGS) for patients with advanced cancer in 2024: a report from the ESMO Precision Medicine Working Group

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Table 7. List of genomic alterations level I/II according to ESCAT in advanced ovarian cancer

Gene/Signature ^a	Alteration	Estimated prevalence	ESCAT score	Drug class matched	References
<i>BRCA1/2</i>	Germline pathogenic/likely pathogenic variants Somatic pathogenic/likely pathogenic variants	15%-17% 5%-7%	IA	PARP inhibitors	Bell et al., <i>Nature</i> 2011 ¹⁰⁹ Mirza et al., <i>N Engl J Med</i> 2016 ¹¹⁰ Coleman et al., <i>Lancet</i> 2017 ¹¹¹ Pujade-Lauraine et al., <i>Lancet Oncol</i> 2017 ¹¹² Moore et al., <i>N Engl J Med</i> 2018 ¹¹³ González-Martin et al., <i>N Engl J Med</i> 2019 ¹¹⁴ Ray-Coquard et al., <i>N Engl J Med</i> 2019 ¹¹⁵ DiSilvestro et al., <i>J Clin Oncol</i> 2023 ¹¹⁶ González-Martin et al., <i>Ann Oncol</i> 2023 ¹¹⁷
HRD ^a	HRD	50% high-grade serous ovarian cancer	IA	PARP inhibitors	Mirza et al., <i>N Engl J Med</i> 2016 ¹¹⁰ Coleman et al., <i>Lancet</i> 2017 ¹¹¹ González-Martin et al., <i>N Engl J Med</i> 2019 ¹¹⁴ Ray-Coquard et al., <i>N Engl J Med</i> 2019 ¹¹⁵ González-Martin et al., <i>Ann Oncol</i> 2023 ¹¹⁷

ESCAT, ESMO Scale for Clinical Actionability of molecular Targets; HRD, homologous recombination deficiency; PARP, poly (ADP-ribose) polymerase.

^aSignature.

Current Laboratory Practice - Somatic

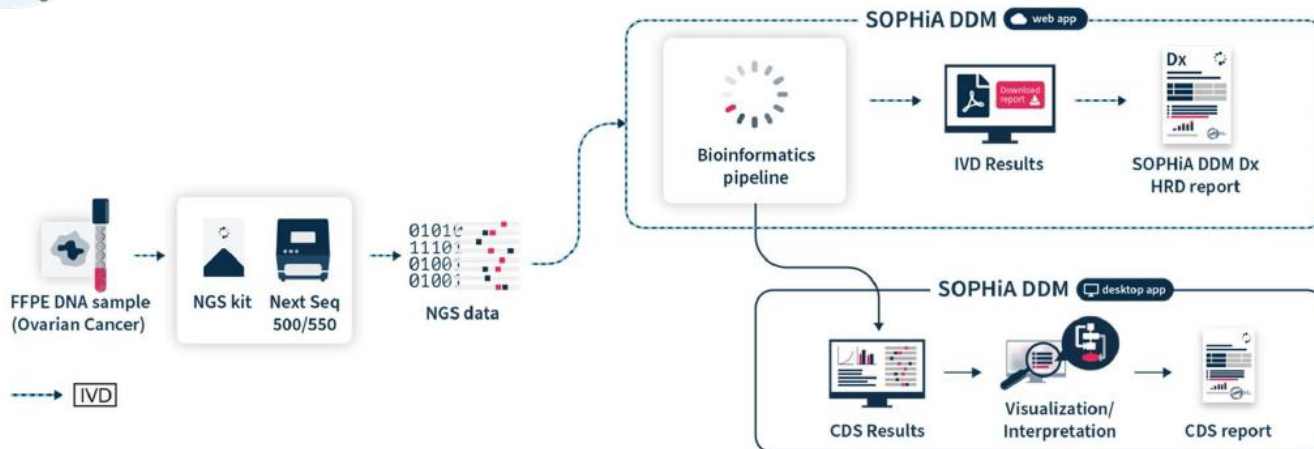


Diagnosis of HGSOC
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Somatic Molecular Testing
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Clinical Assessment / Pre-Germline Test Genetic Counselling
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- SNVs
- InDels
- Splice Variants
- HRD Status
- **CNVs**

28 HRR Genes

BRCA1, BRCA2, PTEN, PALB2, BRIP1, RAD51C, RAD51D, RAD51B, ATM, MRE11, PPP2R2A, CHEK2, CHEK1, AKT1, RAD54L, NBN, BARD1, FANCL, FANCA, ESR1, PIK3CA, CCNE1, FANCD2, CDK12, FGFR3, TP53, FGFR2, FGFR1.

HRD Testing – A New Complexity Level

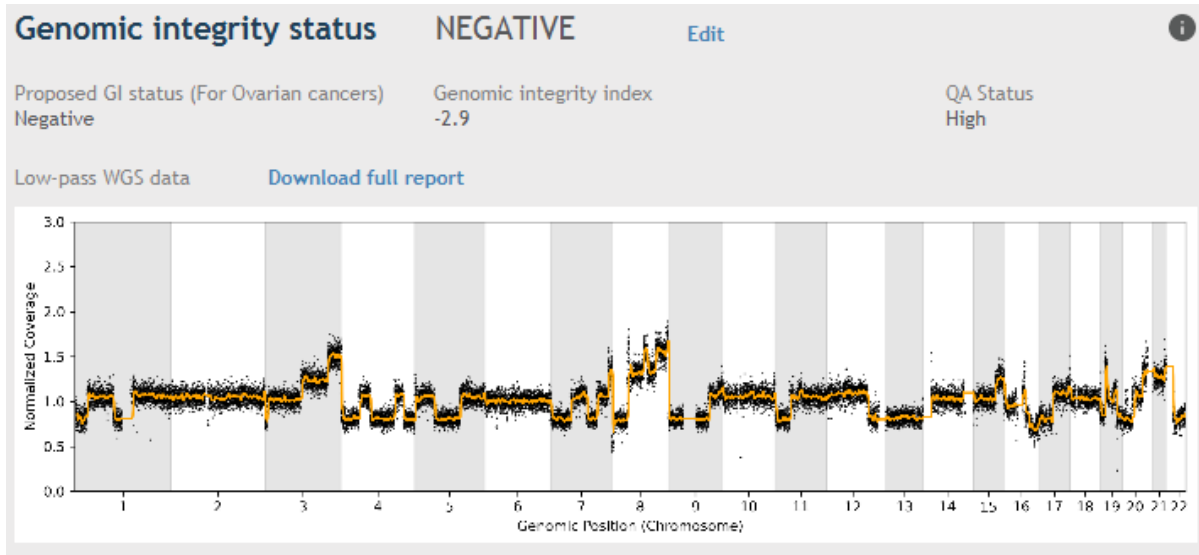
BRCA Status **NEGATIVE** [Edit](#)

Proposed BRCA status
Negative



Clinically relevant BRCA variants [Edit](#)

No variant detected

General Information Insertion BRIP1(NM_032043.3):c.1018_1019insCT p.(Leu340ProfsTer9)	PharmGKB No data available	PREMIUM Germline Classification Pathogenic 13 points = 13 P - 0 B
Genes BRIP1	Transcripts NM_032043.3 - frameshift MANE Select	ClinVar Pathogenic/Likely Pathogenic ★★☆☆ 4 1



CASE 1 **BRCA neg** **HRD neg** **HRR PV**

- Therapy 
- Genetic counselling 

SCREENING	GENES	SNVs/INDELS	CNVs	FUSIONS	WARNINGS	Interpretat														
Variant List - sorted by: ref						HRD_v1														
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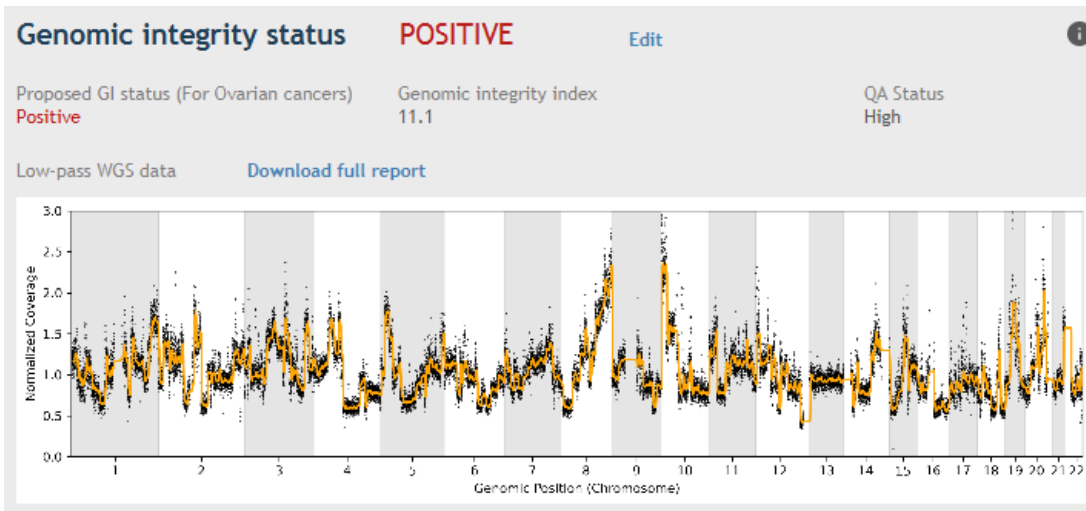
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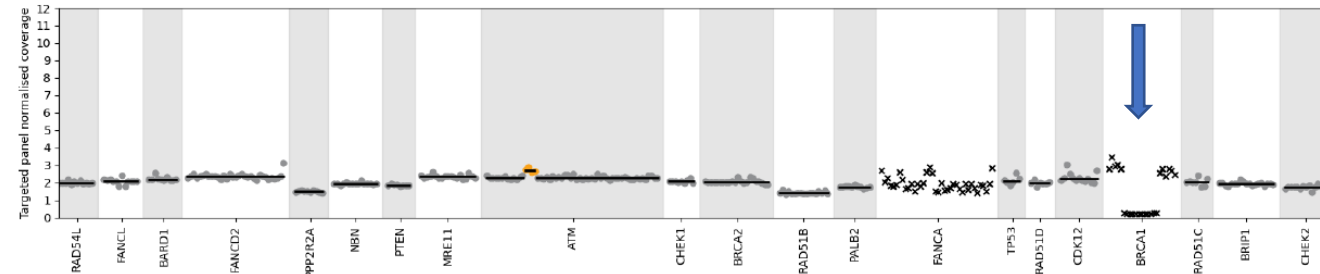
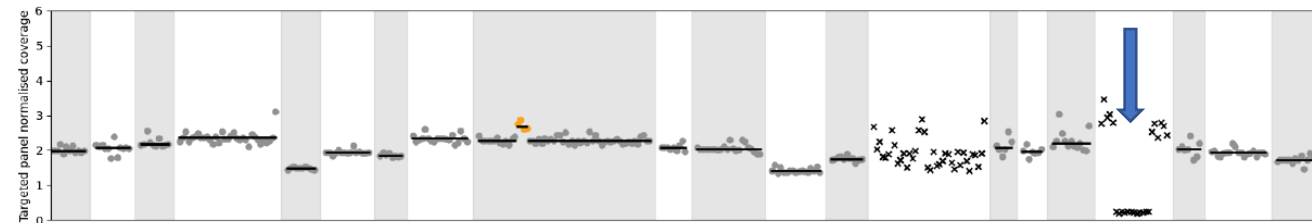


1. CNV ANALYSIS REPORT

1.6 Results for sample 459668-0-S4

Gene	Gene QA status	Gene-level status	Exon-level status	Segment regions	Segment coverage level	Segment level interpretation
ATM	Pass	Exon-level event	Exon gain	ex2-3 - ex15	2.3	Normal
				ex16 - ex19-20	2.7	Exon gain
				ex21-22 - ex63	2.3	Normal
FANCA	Rejected	Rejected	Rejected	-	-	-
BRCA1	Rejected	Rejected	Rejected	-	-	-
CCNE1	Pass	Gain	NA	ex2 - ex11	4.1	Gain

BRCA1 Ex8-18DEL



CASE 2 **BRCA neg** **HRD POS** **HRR neg**

- Therapy
- Genetic counselling
- High-risk families loss!



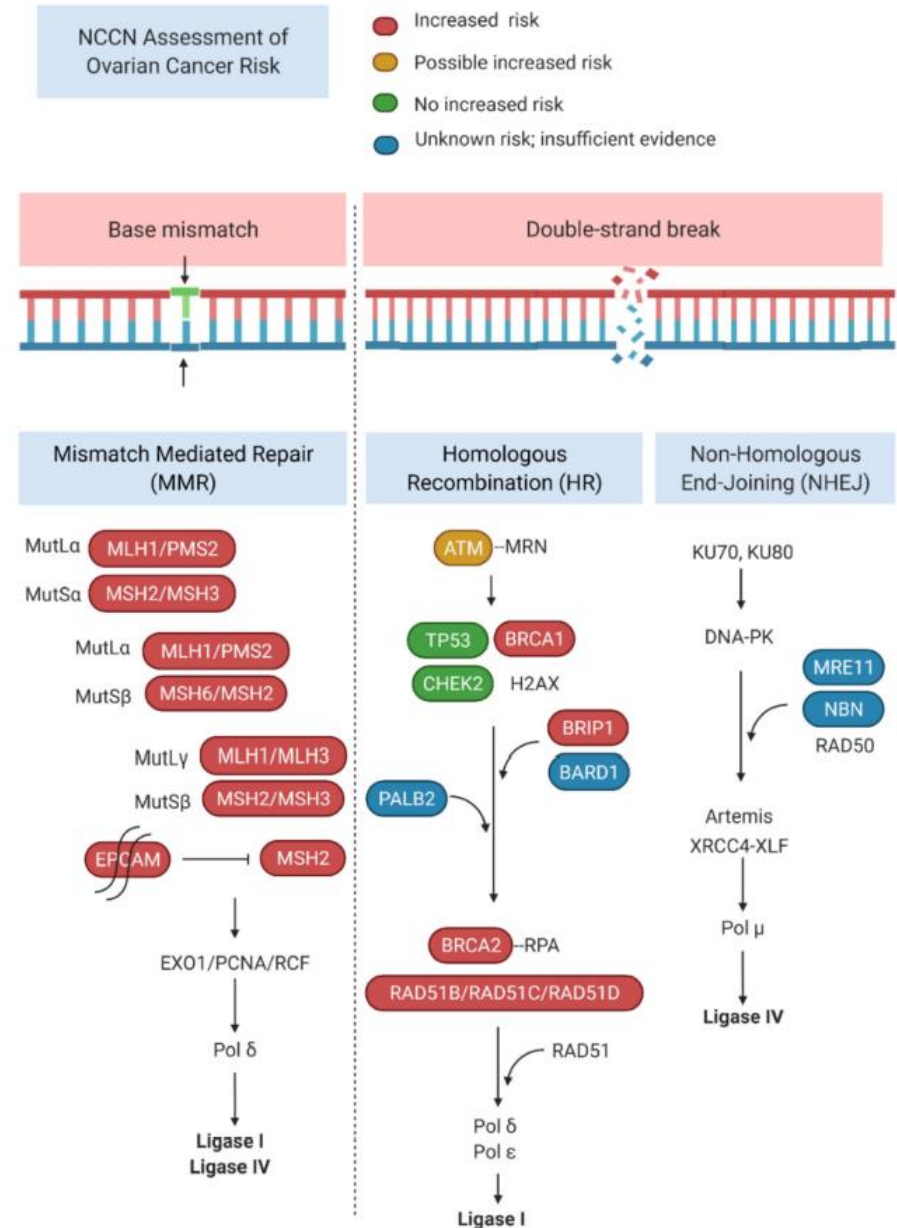
Hereditary OC

25% OC patients exhibit BC/OC family history. Of those:

- 40% are BRCA1/2 PV carriers
- 25% are carriers of PV in other genes

DSB – HR - HBOC Syndrome


- HIGH RISK genes: BRCA1 (~40%), BRCA2 (~18%)
- MODERATE RISK genes: RAD51C/D, PALB2, BRIP1, ATM.
- **MMR** (Mismatch Repair) – Lynch Syndrome
- HIGH RISK genes: MLH1 (~11%), MSH2-EPCAM (~17%), MSH6 (~10%), PMS2 (?).



Hereditary OC

NOTA 9. CRITERI DI “SOSPETTA EREDITARIETÀ” PER L’INVIO ALLA CONSULENZA GENETICA ONCOLOGICA TRADIZIONALE

➤ Per la valutazione dei criteri di sospetta ereditarietà è fondamentale che il clinico faccia riferimento sia alla storia personale della paziente, sia alla storia familiare di malattia.

Numero di soggetti affetti presenti in famiglia	Condizione
1 caso dei seguenti tumori: 	Tumore della mammella in età ≤ 40 anni ^a
	2 tumori primari della mammella in età ≤ 50 ^b
	Tumore della mammella maschile
	Tumore della mammella e dell'ovaio ^c nella stessa paziente
	Tumore della mammella di tipo “triplo negativo” (qualsiasi età) ^a
2 casi in una qualsiasi combinazione dei seguenti tumori ^d :	Tumore epiteliale ovarico non mucinoso e non borderline, carcinoma della tuba o tumore primitivo peritoneale
	Tumore della mammella ≤ 50 anni
	2 tumori primari della mammella ^b
	Adenocarcinoma del pancreas
3 casi in una qualsiasi combinazione dei seguenti tumori:	Tumore della prostata ^e
	Tumore della mammella (qualsiasi età)
	Tumore della prostata ≤ 60 anni
	Adenocarcinoma del pancreas
-	Tumore dell'ovaio
-	Presenza nella famiglia di VP nota

PDTA Tumori Eredo-Familiari di Mammella e Ovaio – ROV 2024

Cancer Type and Specific Population	More Strongly Recommended (higher relative risk of cancer or highly actionable)	Less Strongly Recommended (moderate relative risk of cancer or potential impact for therapy/change in medical management)
Ovarian cancer (epithelial)	<i>BRCA1, BRCA2, BRIP1, EPCAM, MLH1, MSH2, MSH6, PALB2, PMS2, RAD51C, RAD51D</i>	<i>ATM</i>

Current Laboratory Practice - Germline



Pre-Test Genetic Counselling
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Germline Molecular Testing
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Post-Test Genetic Counselling
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SUMMARY OF YOUR PERFORMANCE IN THIS SCHEME

Assessment Category	Performance* (mean score)
Genotyping	2.00
Interpretation	2.00
Patient Identifiers and Clerical Accuracy	2.00
Scheme result (SATISFACTORY or POOR)	SATISFACTORY

- SNVs
- InDels
- CNVs
- Splice Variants

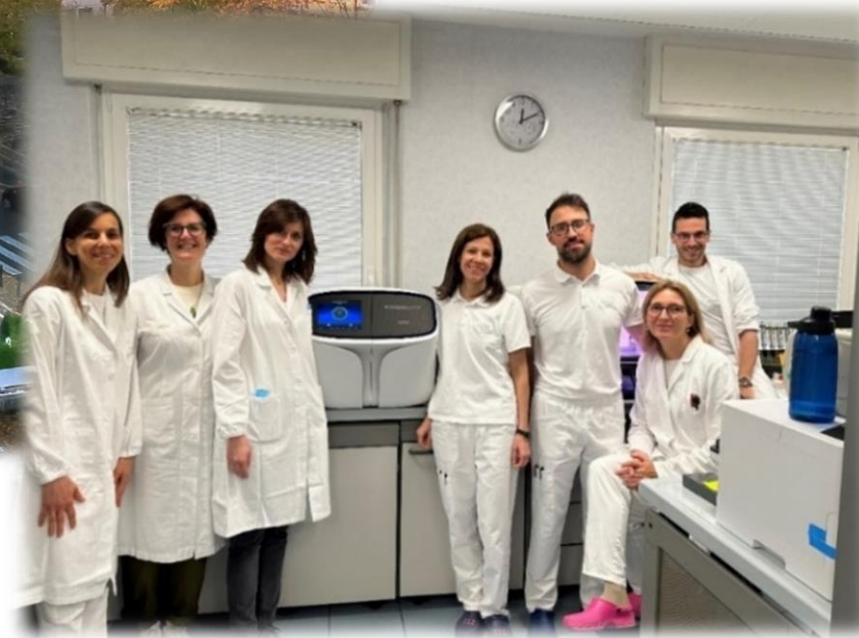


ONCOGENETIC Panel	Geni analizzati
Mammella	BRCA1, BRCA2, TP53, PTEN, PALB2, ATM, CHEK2, STK11, CDH1, BARD1
Ovaio	BRCA1, BRCA2, EPCAM, MLH1, MSH2, MSH6, PMS2, PALB2, BRIP1, RAD51C, RAD51D, ATM
Colon-retto/poliposi	APC, BMPR1A, GREM1, EPCAM, MLH1, MSH2, MSH3, MSH6, MUTYH, NTHL1, PMS2, POLD1, POLE, PTEN, RNF43, RPS20, SMAD4, STK11
Rene	c-MET, VHL, FH, PTEN, FLCN, TSC1, TSC2, SDHA, SDHB, SDHC, SDHD, BAP1, MITF
Pancreas	CDKN2A, STK11, BRCA1, BRCA2, PALB2, EPCAM, MLH1, MSH2, MSH6, PMS2, ATM, TP53
Iperparatiroidismo primario	MEN1, CDKN1B, RET, CDC73, CASR, GNA11, AP2S1, CDKN1A, CDKN2B, CDKN2C
Melanoma familiare	CDKN2A, CDK4, POT1, BAP1, MITF, TERT
Stomaco	CDH1, EPCAM, MSH2, MSH6, MLH1, PMS2, EPCAM, PTEN, STK11, TP53, APC
Prostata	BRCA2, BRCA1, ATM, CHEK2, PALB2, BRIP1, HOXB13, EPCAM*, MLH1*, MSH2, MSH6, PMS2
Feocromocitoma/paraganglioma	FH, NF1, RET, SDHB, SDHD, VHL, MEN1, SDHA, SDHAF2, SDHC, TMEM127, MAX

Take Home Message

- Genomic Instability is the hallmark HGSOC
- ESCAT1 biomarkers should be tested at the same time
- HRD data interpretation may be challenging
- HRD testing could be the doorway to germline testing
- Genetic Counselling and germline testing are common practice for OC patients

Thank You!



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