

REGIONE DEL VENETO



## End points di Attività- Efficacia ed Enti Regolatori OGGI: e in futuro?

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# **From drug approval to accessibility: the rules of the game**

**(there is a method to the madness<sup>1</sup>)**

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## **- The Goals and the Players:**

- **Goal → Approval → Regulatory Agencies (FDA, EMA)**
- **Goal → Reimbursement → Payers (AIFA)**
- **Goal → Accessibility → Guidelines , Recommendations (Scientific Societies, Regional or Local Boards)**

## **- The Rules:**

- **Regulatory Agencies → Efficacy**
- **Payers → Cost Effectiveness**
- **Guidelines (Boards) → Comparative/relative Effectiveness**

<sup>1</sup>W Shakespeare, Hamlet, 1600

# «there is a method to the madness»<sup>1</sup>

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Drug approval : FDA, EMA



Evidence of Efficacy

**Scientific evidence is not enough...**

HR	OS control	OS treatment	NNT
0.66	0.97	0.98	<b>100</b>
	0.20	0.35	<b>6.6</b>

**If the sample size is large enough, both scenarios yield statistically significant results, but in the first example you have to treat 100 patients to benefit one**

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**Drug reimbursement : AIFA**



**Cost-effectiveness**

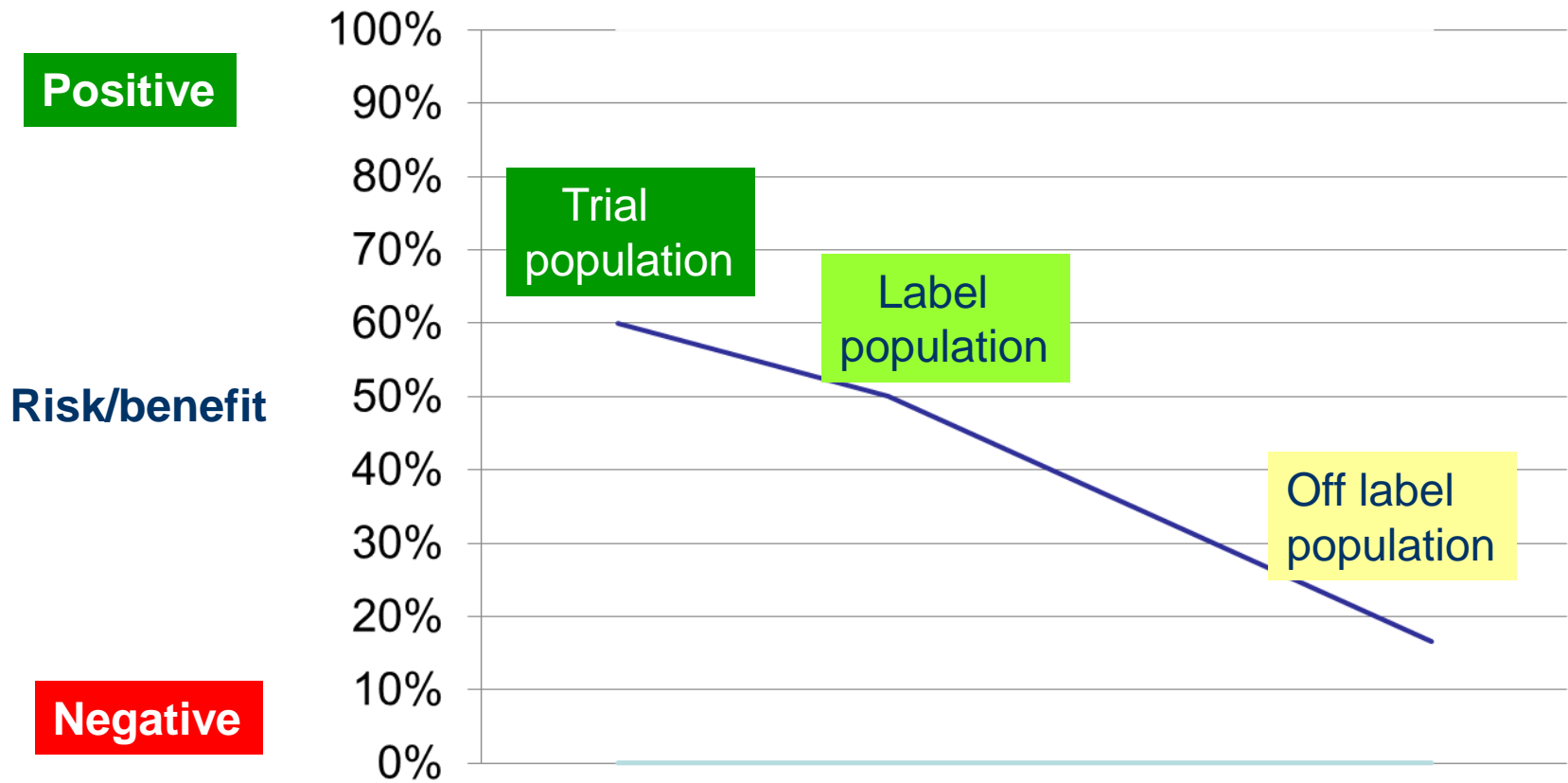
(cost x unit of outcome or value for money)

## **Elements of the cost-effectiveness analysis**

- **Severity of the disease**
- **Absolute risk reduction**
- **Safety**
- **Price policy (risk-sharing, PbR)**

**Cost-effectiveness is not enough...**

# The efficacy - effectiveness gap



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**Drug accessibility : recommendations**



**Comparative-effectiveness**

**Comparative effectiveness depends from:**

- Availability of other therapeutic options
- Efficacy & tolerability in subgroups of patients

# There is a method to the madness, but.... madness provides mad results

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## • THE EUROPEAN DILEMMA

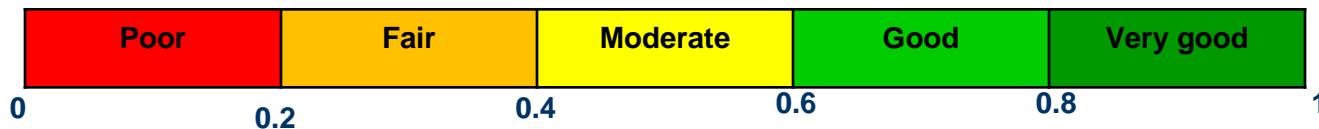
- One central set of standards for drug approval
- One scientific advice
- One application one assessment and one opinion
- One decision valid in 27 EU MS and 3 EFTA countries
- One system for following the medicine on the market
- But **30 independent decisions** about whether the medicine should be made available to patients or not
- Based on **different methodologies and interpretations**

# Level of agreement between agencies in the HTA recommendations measured by kappa scores

287 drug-indication pairs collected between 2007-2009

	<b>CDR Canada</b>	<b>NICE England</b>	<b>PBAC Australia</b>	<b>TLV Sweden</b>	<b>SMC Scotland</b>
<b>CDR</b>	-	0.038	0.165	-0.001	0.062
<b>NICE</b>		-	0.178	0.228	0.105
<b>PBAC</b>			-	-0.023	0.132
<b>TLV</b>				-	0.066
<b>SMC</b>					-

## Interpretation of kappa score indicators





# Innovation in oncology at a turning point

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- Approval does not guarantee availability of innovative drugs
- Payers increasingly use HTA to decide about reimbursement
- HTAs are done AFTER approval and at national/regional level
- Comparative effectiveness has nothing to do with «personalized» cancer medicine

# Innovation in oncology: the way ahead

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A «Patient-Centric» Health Care must guarantee three essential elements:

- availability
- affordability
- appropriateness

# Neoadjuvant results to accelerate drug approval

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## Pathological Complete Response and Accelerated Drug Approval in Early Breast Cancer

Tatiana M. Prowell, M.D., and Richard Pazdur, M.D.



## Guidance for Industry

**Pathologic Complete Response in  
Neoadjuvant Treatment of High-Risk  
Early-Stage Breast Cancer: Use as an  
Endpoint to Support Accelerated  
Approval**

# Neo-Adjuvant: A Faster Approach

	<b>Adjuvant</b>	<b>Neo-adjuvant</b>
<b>Number of Patients</b>	<b>thousands</b>	<b>hundreds</b>
<b>Efficacy Endpoint</b>	<b>DFS</b>	<b>pCR</b>
<b>Primary analysis</b>	<b>years after end of recruitment</b>	<b>months after end of recruitment</b>
<b>Trials for suboptimal responders</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>Yes (adj after PST)</b>
<b>Biological Window</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Functional Imaging</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Sample Collection</b>	<b>baseline</b>	<b>multiple time points</b>
<b>Cost</b>	<b>+++++</b>	<b>++</b>

# Relationship between pCR rate and disease outcome: still many open questions

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- **Magnitude of pCR gain that predicts long-term outcome not established:**
  - low pCR rates
  - good prognosis for some non pCRs (lobular, HR+, low grade, minimal RD)
  - lack of targeted therapies (except NOAH trial)
- **Larger pCR differences between treatment arms needed**
- **Relation between pCR and outcome in the different breast cancer subtypes**
- **Paucity of safety data:**
  - small sample size
  - highly selected patient populations
  - highly selected institutions
  - few long term data

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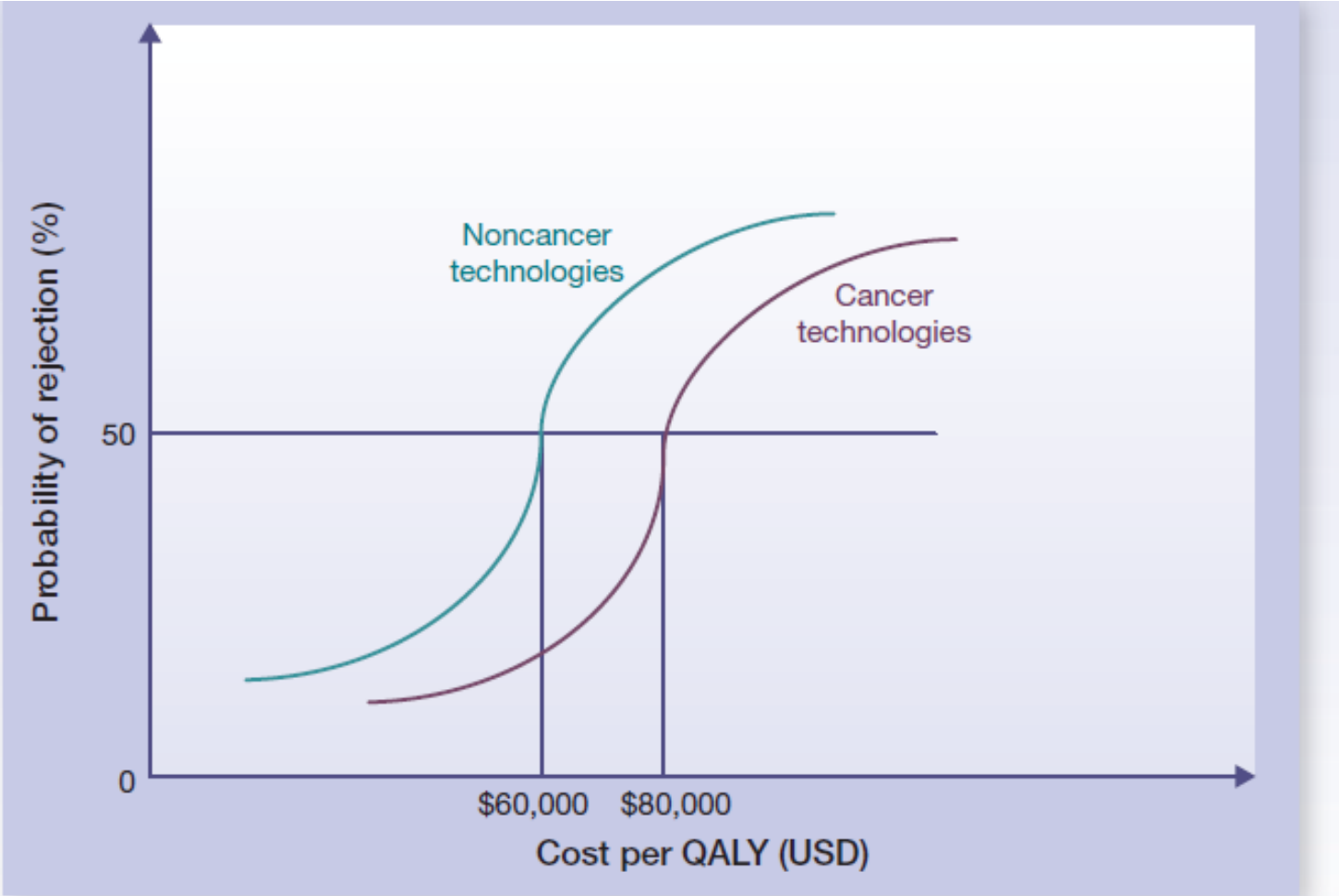
# NICE Statement

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“We support the general principle that the NHS should pay a price which reflects the additional therapeutic benefit of new drugs. We also share the Government’s ambition to ensure that the opinion exists for all new licensed drugs to be offered to those patients who can benefit for them”

**provided that the price is  
a fair reflection of their value**

# QALY thresholds for cancer and non cancer drugs



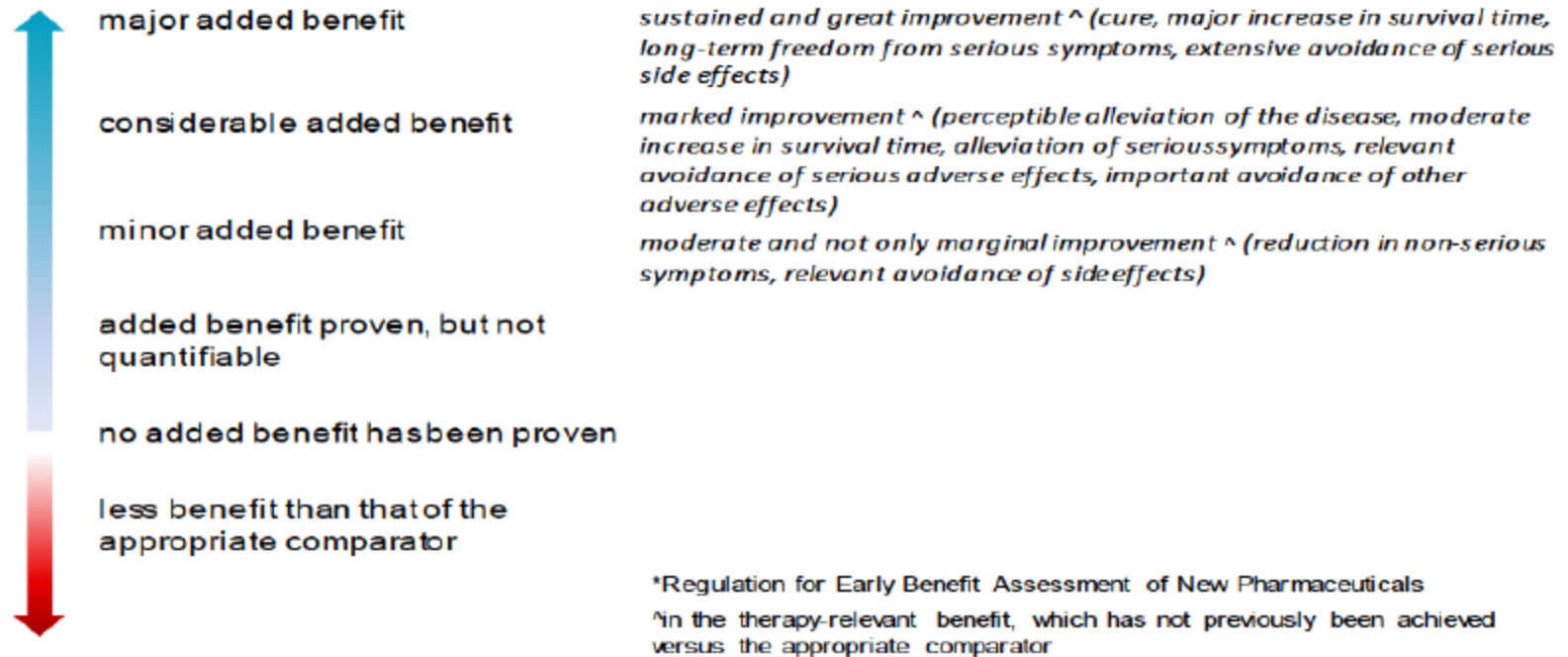
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# THE VALUE CATEGORIES IN GERMANY

## Institute for Quality and Efficiency in Health Care

### Extent of added benefit: six categories, legal basis



## Our experience

- 21 early assessments
  - Added benefit: 12
    - Major added benefit: none (industry: about 80 %)
    - Considerable: 7
    - Minor: 3
    - Unquantifiable: 2
  - No added benefit: 9
  - Relevant different opinion by GBA in 4 cases  
(2 weighing of endpoints; 2 new information in hearing)
  - Results: IQWiG compatible with those of CVZ, HAS and NICE  
although procedures and criteria are different ....

Examples of considerable benefit: vemurafenib for V600m+ MM  
Examples of minor benefit: eribulin for ABC, cabazitaxel for CRPC

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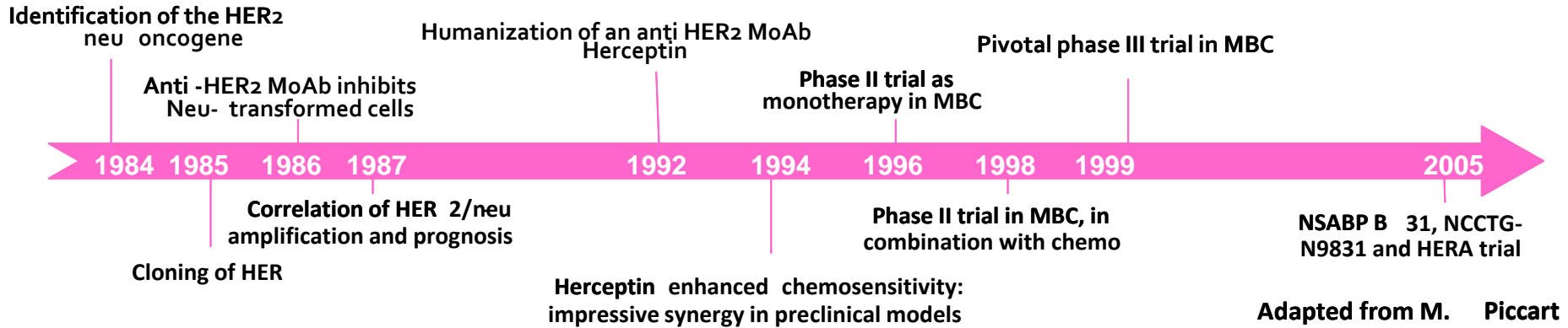
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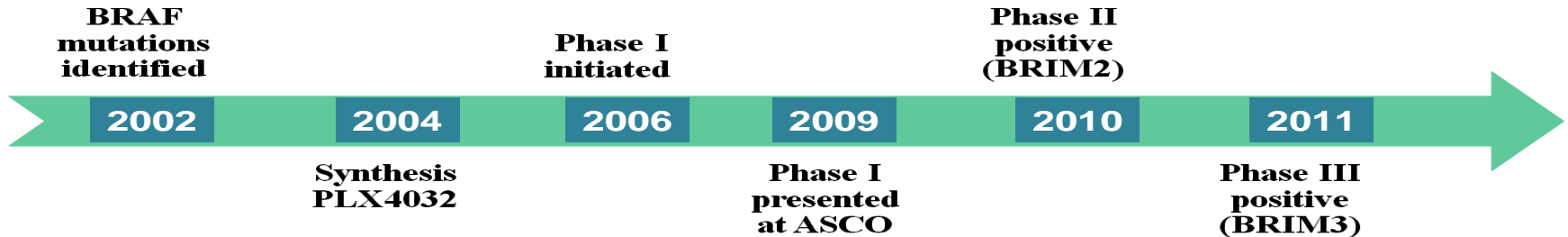
# Targeted agents and Companion Diagnostics

## HER2 in breast cancer



## Accelerated Clinical Translation

### BRAF-mutated melanoma

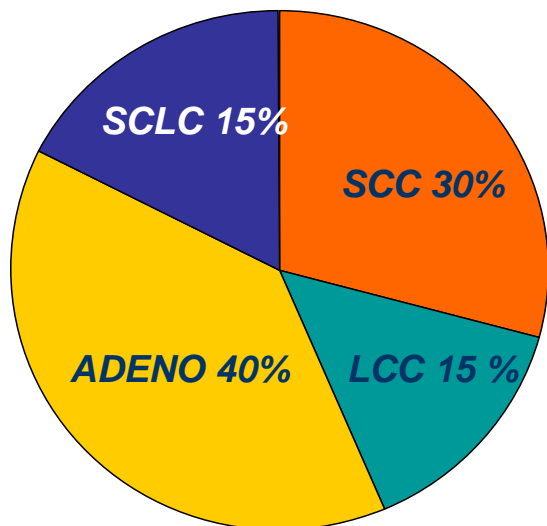


### EML-ALK4 lung cancer

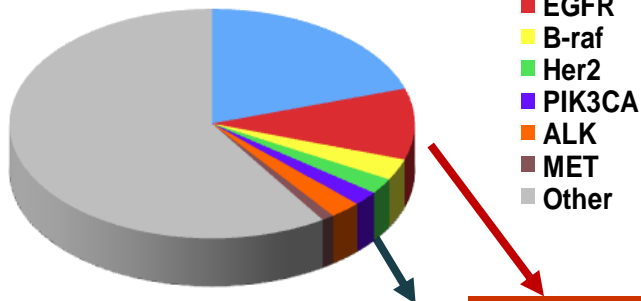


# Lung and Breast Cancer: from Histology to molecularly characterized diseases

## Lung Cancers



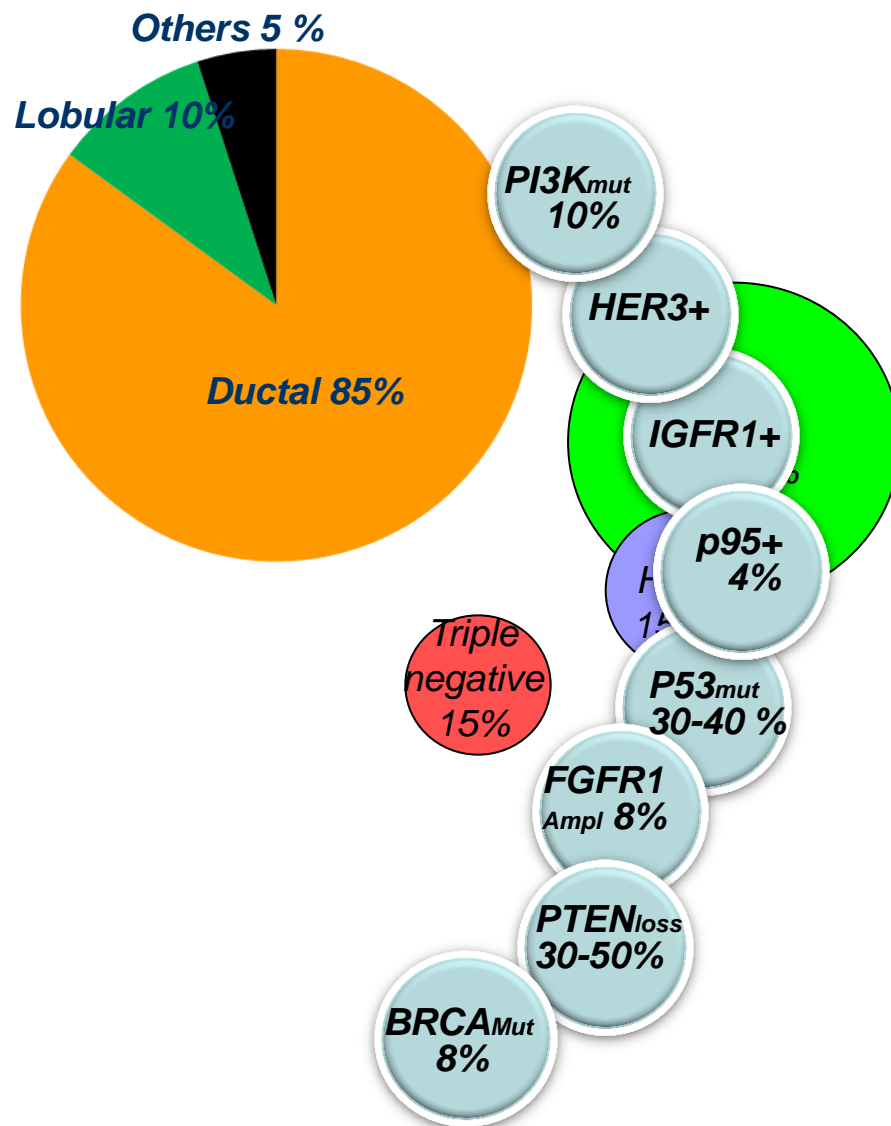
## Somatic Mutations in Adenocarcinoma



**EGFR 10-15%**

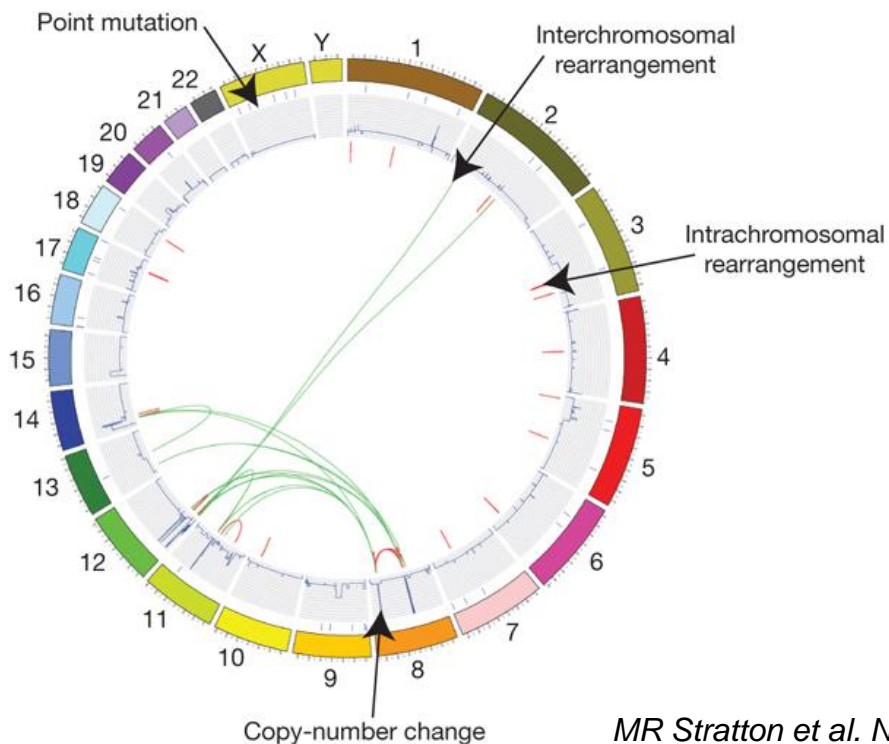
**EML-ALK4 3-5%**

## Breast Cancers



# Promise & Challenges: Progress in Genome Sequencing

Yesterday	Months	Uninterpretable	<del>Clinic</del>	\$\$\$\$
Today	Days	Interpretable with human genome	<del>Clinic</del>	\$\$\$
Tomorrow	Hours	Interpretable with human genome	Clinic ?	\$\$



Pasche B, Absher D. JAMA. 2011;305:1596.

## *Circos Plots*

MR Stratton et al. Nature **458**, 719-724 (2009) doi:10.1038/nature07943

# End points of Efficacy and Regulatory Agencies: the challenges ahead

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- **from «does it work?» to «is it worth?»**
- **Joint HTA/Regulatory advice**
- **Post-marketing studies to determine relative effectiveness**
- **Access to tissue: primary, mets, CTCs**
- **Access to Multigene Platforms**
- **Umbrella Trials with multiple Pharma Companies**
  - Examples:
    - Dabrafenib for BRAF mut NSCLC, 11,000 screened: 23 enrolled
    - Xalkori – crizotinib- 4.300 screened pts to randomize 347 pts