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Predictive biomarkers and new therapeutic targets

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Overview

- Elephants and cancer-DNA Damage Repair





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- Elephants and cancer





Potential Mechanisms for Cancer Resistance in Elephants and Comparative Cellular Response to DNA Damage in Humans

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Cancer across species

- Across mammals, cancer mortality does not increase with body size and/or maximum life span;
- Despite their large body size and long life span, elephants are cancer resistant, with an estimated cancer mortality of 5%, compared with humans, who have up to a 25% cancer mortality;
- While humans have 1 copy of the gene p53, African elephants have at least 20 copies;

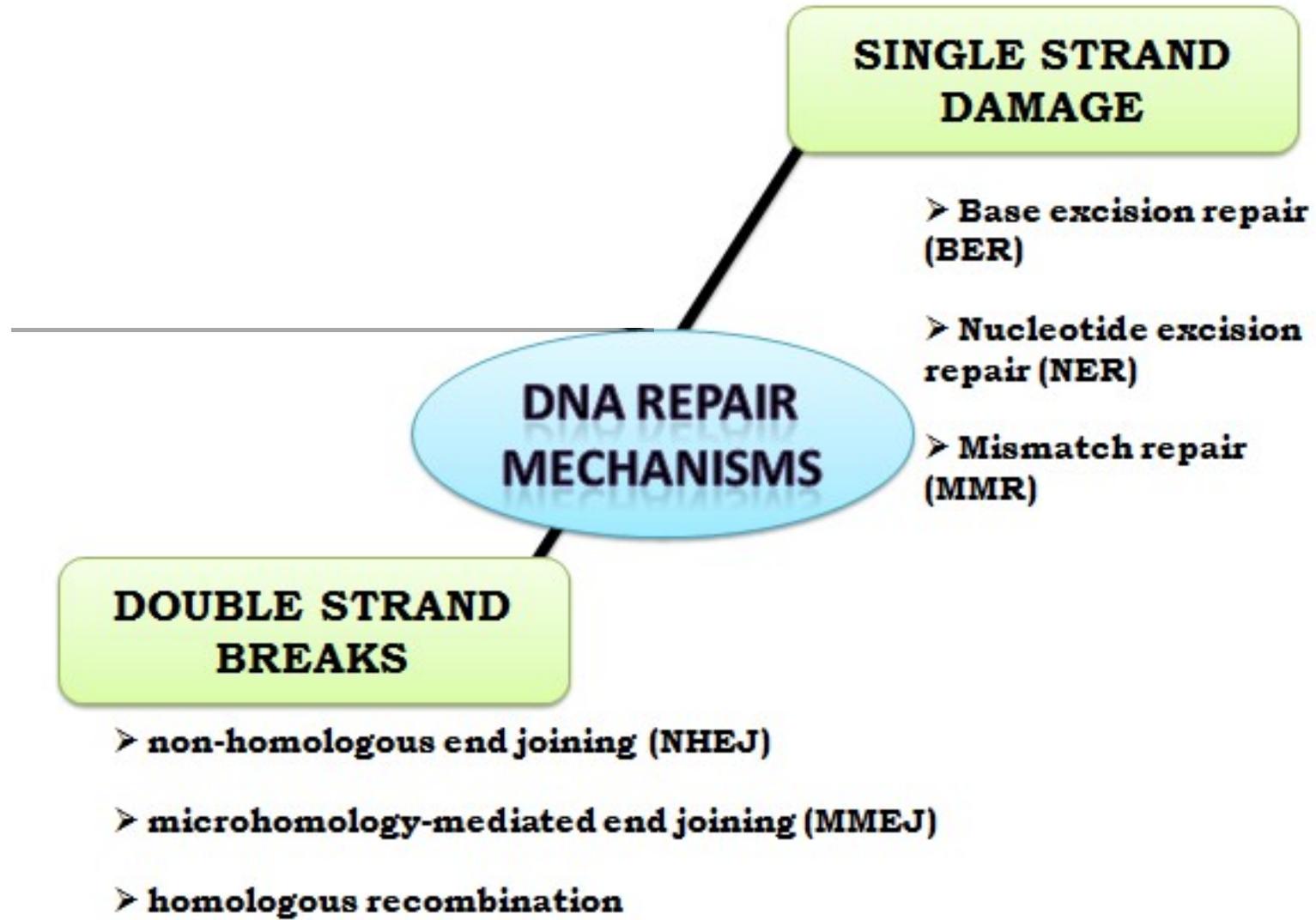


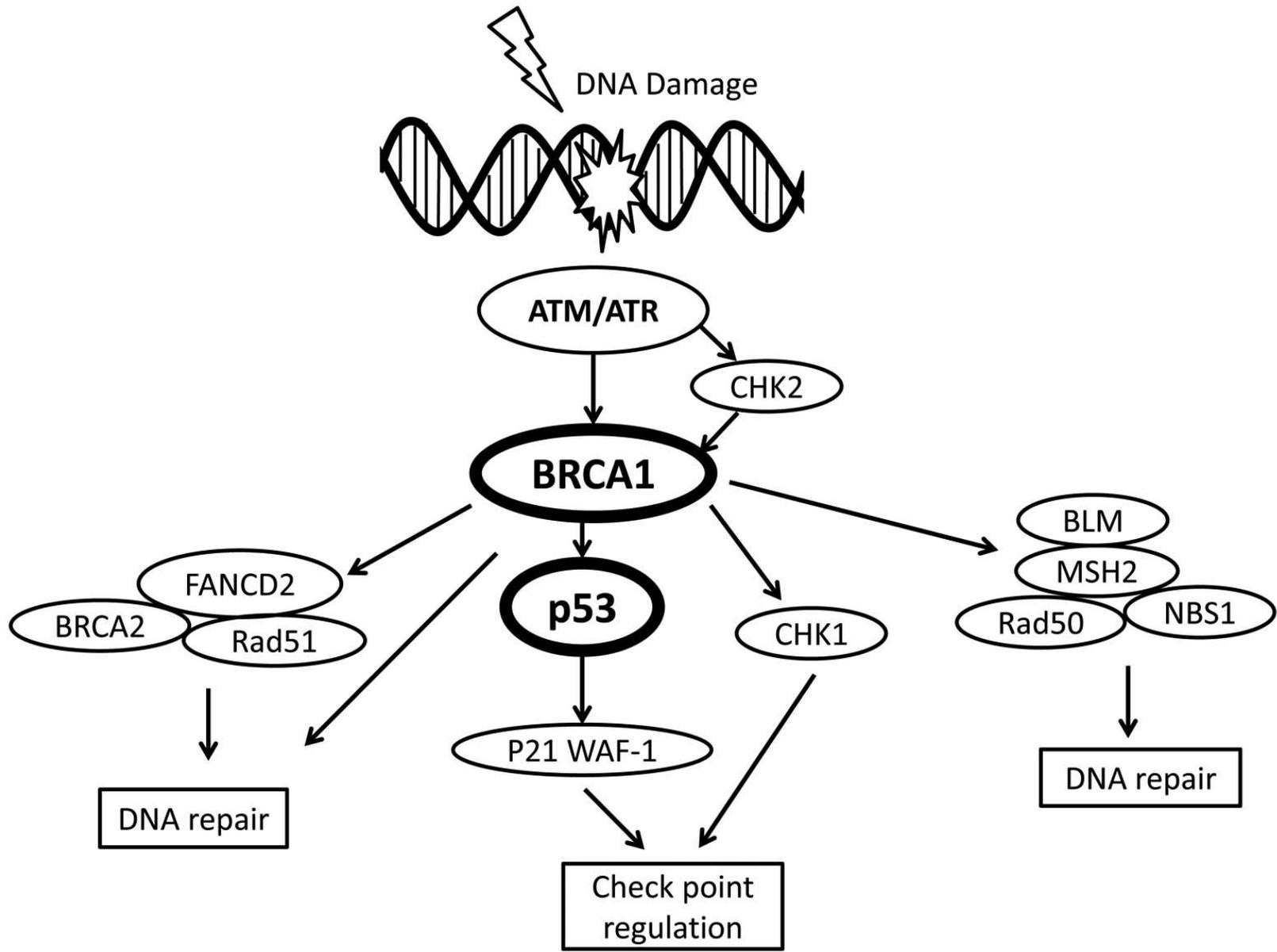


p53

- p53 prevents cancer formation and assists in DNA repair;
- p53 is called the “Guardian of the genome” because of its essential role in DNA repair;
- Every cell has 2 copies of it;
- Some people are born with only 1 normal copy- Li Fraumeni syndrome-develop multiple types of cancer; and
- p53 is the most commonly mutated gene in cancer (over 50% of cancers have a loss of p53).









Many genes involved in DNA repair

- Many of the DNA repair genes are mutated in cancer;
 - p53 (many cancers)
 - BRCA1 and BRCA2 (ovarian and breast but others as well)
 - The Fanconi genes (many cancers)
 - MSH2 (colon cancer)





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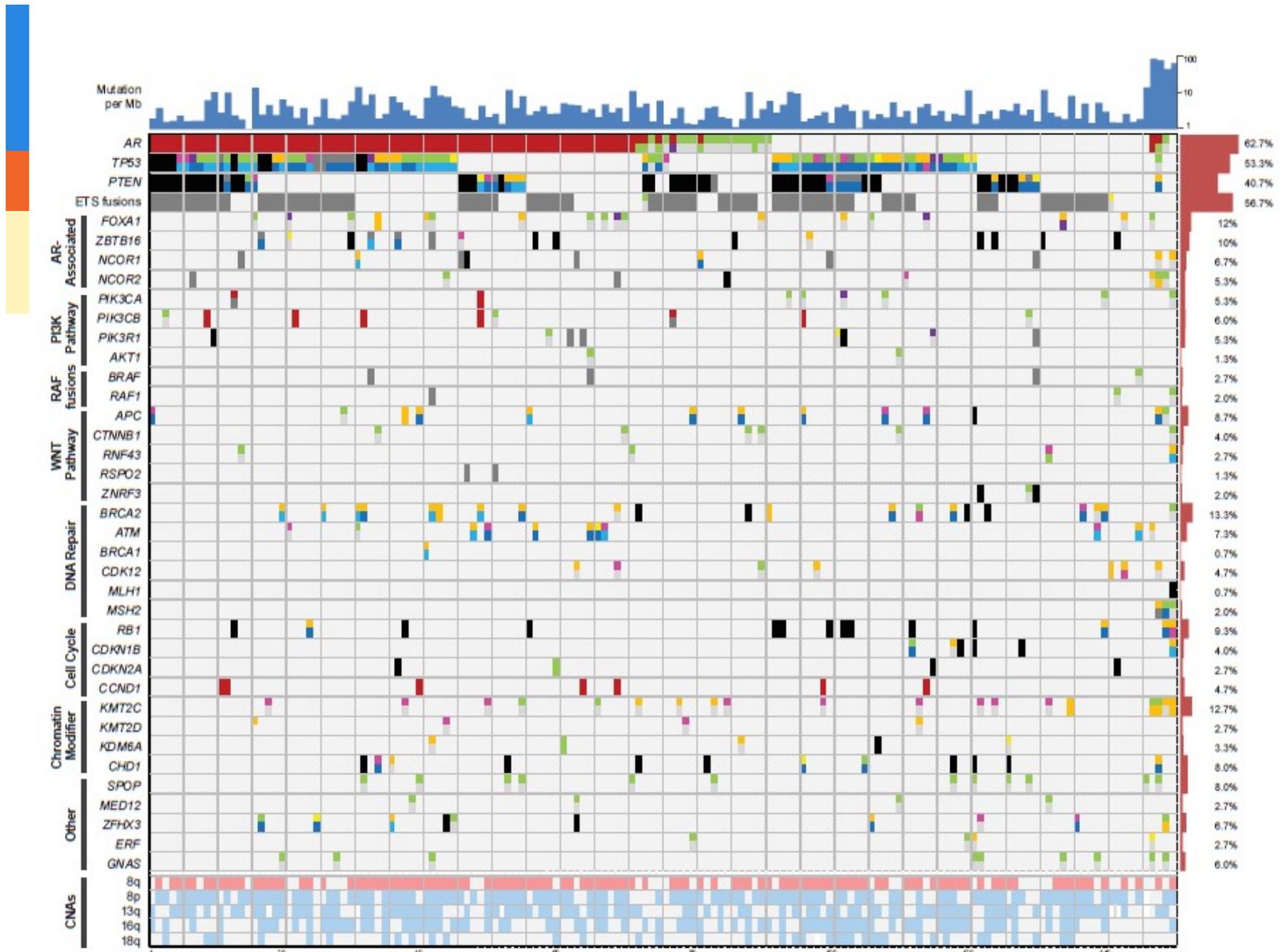
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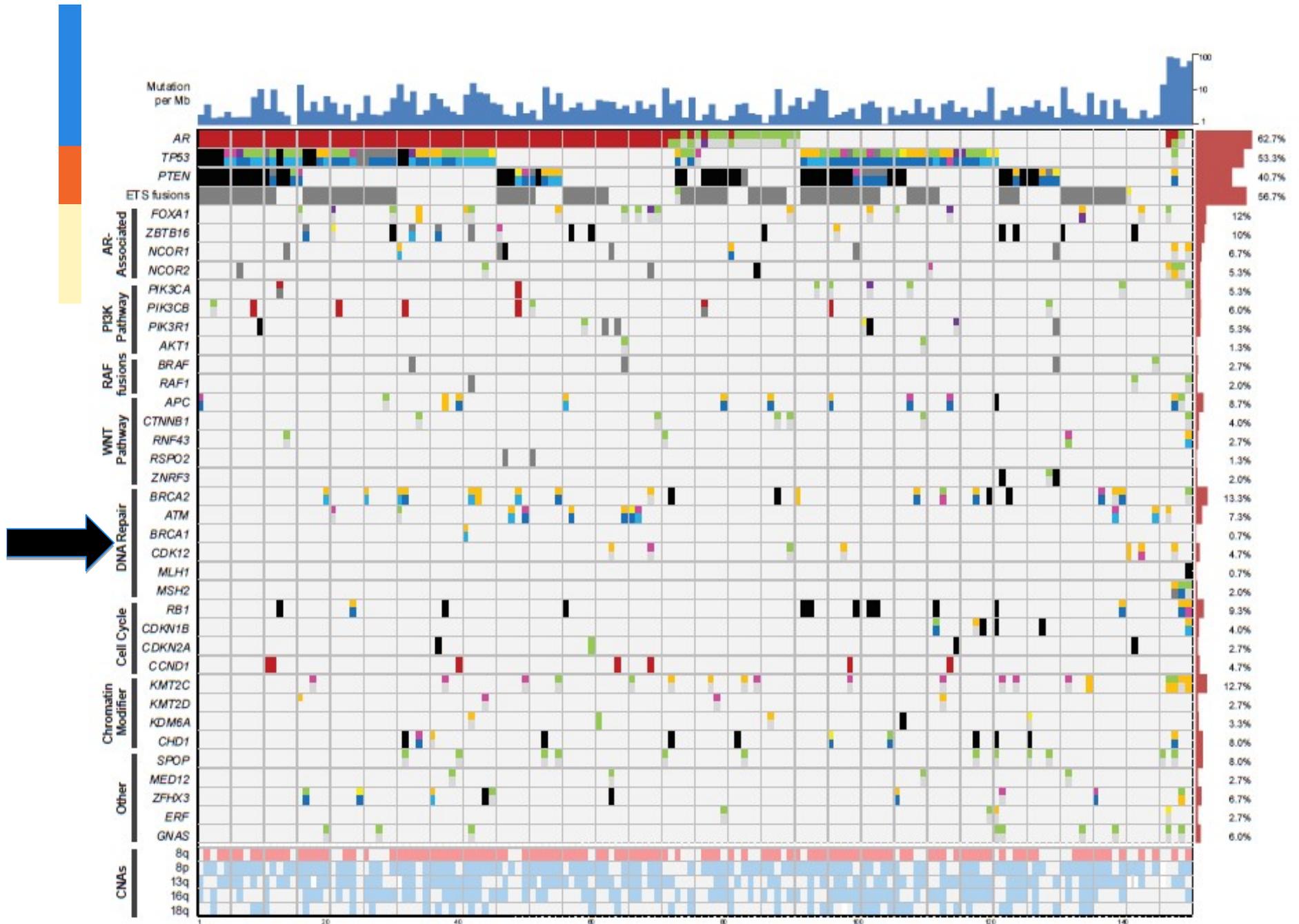


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Table 2: Germline DNA Repair Gene Mutation Frequencies

Gene	Metastatic PC (n=692)		ExAC (without TCGA)		Metastatic PC vs. ExAC RR (95% CI)	P	Primary PC (n=499)		Metastatic PC vs. Primary PC RR (95% CI)	P†
	Count	Freq (%)	Count	Freq (%)			Count	Freq (%)		
ATM	11	1.59%	153	0.25%	6.2 (3.1-11.1)	<0.001	5	1.00%	1.6 (0.8-2.8)	0.123
ATR	2	0.29%	45	0.08%	3.7 (0.4-13.3)	0.103	0	0.00%	-	<0.001
BAP1*	0	0.00%	1	0.00%	-	-	0	0.00%	-	-
BARD1*	0	0.00%	42	0.07%	-	-	1	0.20%	-	-
BRCA1	6	0.87%	133	0.27%	3.2 (1.2-6.9)	0.013	3	0.60%	1.4 (0.5-3.1)	0.320
BRCA2	37	5.35%	178	0.30%	17.6 (12.5-24.0)	<0.001	1	0.20%	26.7 (18.9-36.4)	<0.001
BRIP1*	1	0.18%	116	0.19%	0.9 (0.0-5.1)	1.000	1	0.20%	0.9 (0.0-4.9)	1.000
CHEK2*	10	1.87%	361	0.64%	2.9 (1.4-5.3)	0.003	2	0.40%	4.7 (2.2-8.5)	0.000
FAM175A*	1	0.18%	57	0.09%	1.9 (0.0-10.5)	0.412	0	0.00%	-	<0.001
GEN1*	2	0.46%	47	0.08%	5.8 (0.7-20.7)	0.048	0	0.00%	-	<0.001
MLH1	0	0.00%	12	0.02%	-	-	0	0.00%	-	-
MRE11A	1	0.14%	38	0.06%	2.3 (0.1-12.8)	0.353	1	0.20%	0.7 (0.0-4.0)	1.000
MSH2	1	0.14%	23	0.04%	3.5 (0.1-19.7)	0.246	1	0.20%	0.7 (0.0-4.0)	1.000
MSH6	1	0.14%	43	0.07%	2.0 (0.1-11.2)	0.390	1	0.20%	0.7 (0.0-4.0)	1.000
NBN	2	0.29%	78	0.14%	2.1 (0.3-7.6)	0.243	1	0.20%	1.4 (0.2-5.2)	0.404
PALB2	3	0.43%	78	0.13%	3.3 (0.7-9.7)	0.062	2	0.40%	1.1 (0.2-3.1)	0.760
PMS2	2	0.29%	61	0.11%	2.6 (0.3-9.4)	0.180	1	0.20%	1.4 (0.2-5.2)	0.404
RAD51C	1	0.14%	63	0.05%	2.8 (0.1-15.4)	0.303	2	0.40%	0.4 (0.0-2.0)	0.537
RAD51D	3	0.43%	48	0.05%	8.9 (1.8-25.9)	0.005	1	0.20%	2.2 (0.4-6.3)	0.163
XRCC2*	0	0.00%	32	0.03%	-	-	0	0.00%	-	-

* Metastatic cases with inadequate sequencing for this gene are censored

† Tests were one-sided for when mutation frequencies in primary PC patients were zero





We can take advantage of loss of DNA repair capability to treat cancer

- Through the concept of “synthetic lethality”, we take advantage of mutations in DNA repair genes that permit and do not repair single strand breaks and add drugs that facilitate breakage of second strand;
- PARP inhibitors do this and now approved for treatment of BRCA mutated ovarian cancer; and
- It is now apparent that these DNA repair gene mutations are common; and
- PARP inhibitors will be useful in a number of different cancers.





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Olaparib in mCRPC

- 50 patients with mCRPC treated with Olaparib;
- Of the 16 patients who responded to Olaparib, 14 were found to have mutations in known DNA damage-repair genes, while only 2 of the 33 non-responders had mutations in any of these genes;
- Altered DNA damage-repair genes identified in the tumors of responders included BRCA2, BRCA1, ATM, FANCA, CHEK2, PALB2, HDAC2, MRE11, and NBN; and
- Germline or somatic alteration of DNA repair was 94% predictive of response.





Overview

- Elephants and cancer-DNA Damage Repair
- Biomarkers of resistance to ADT



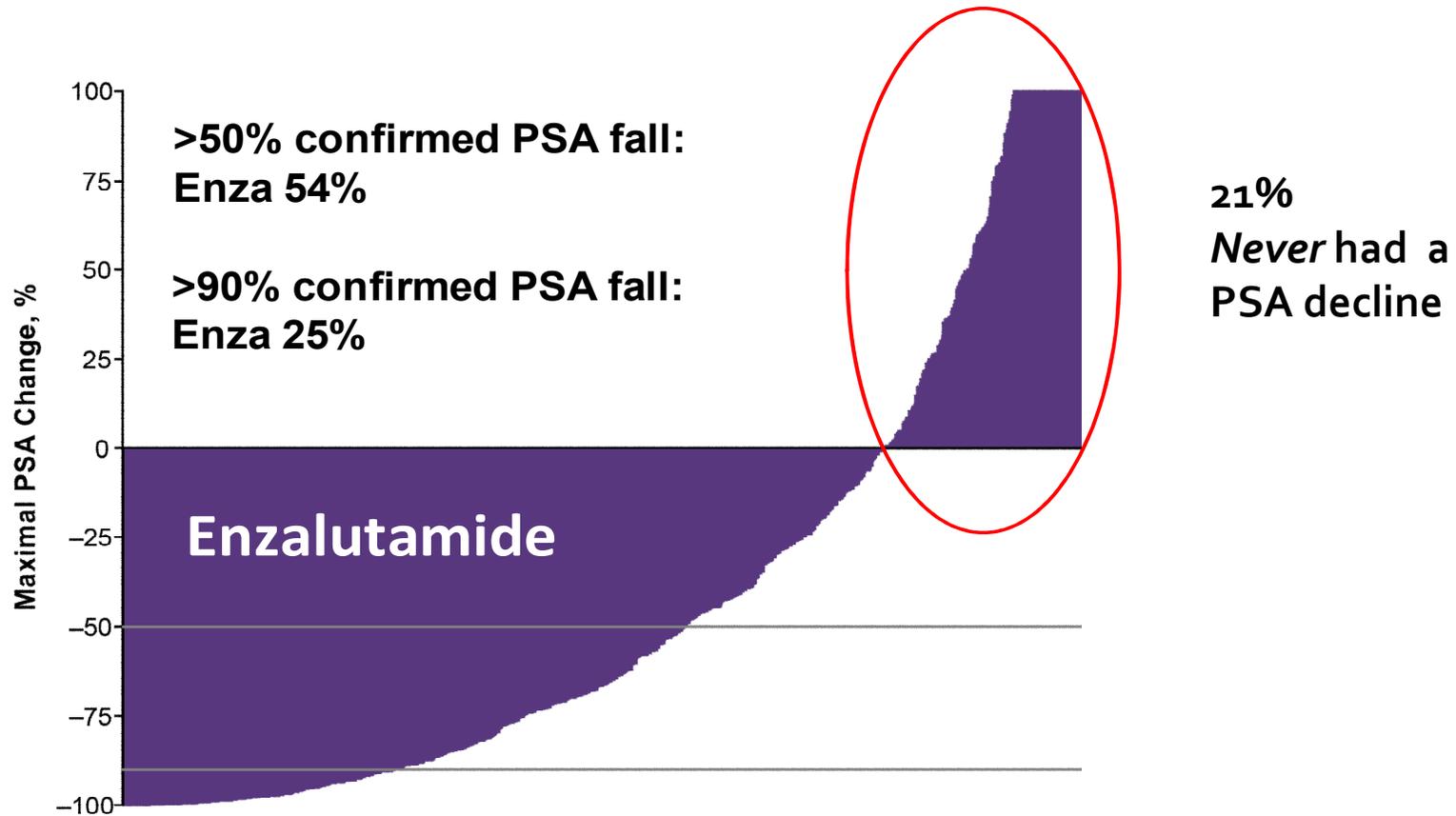


Persistent ligand in CRPC-The concept that led to new AR targeted agents

- Genetic evidence-AR-mutated or amplified AR ;
- Persistent AR expression and expression of androgen regulated genes; and
- Persistent intratumoral ligand-T or DHT or precursors.

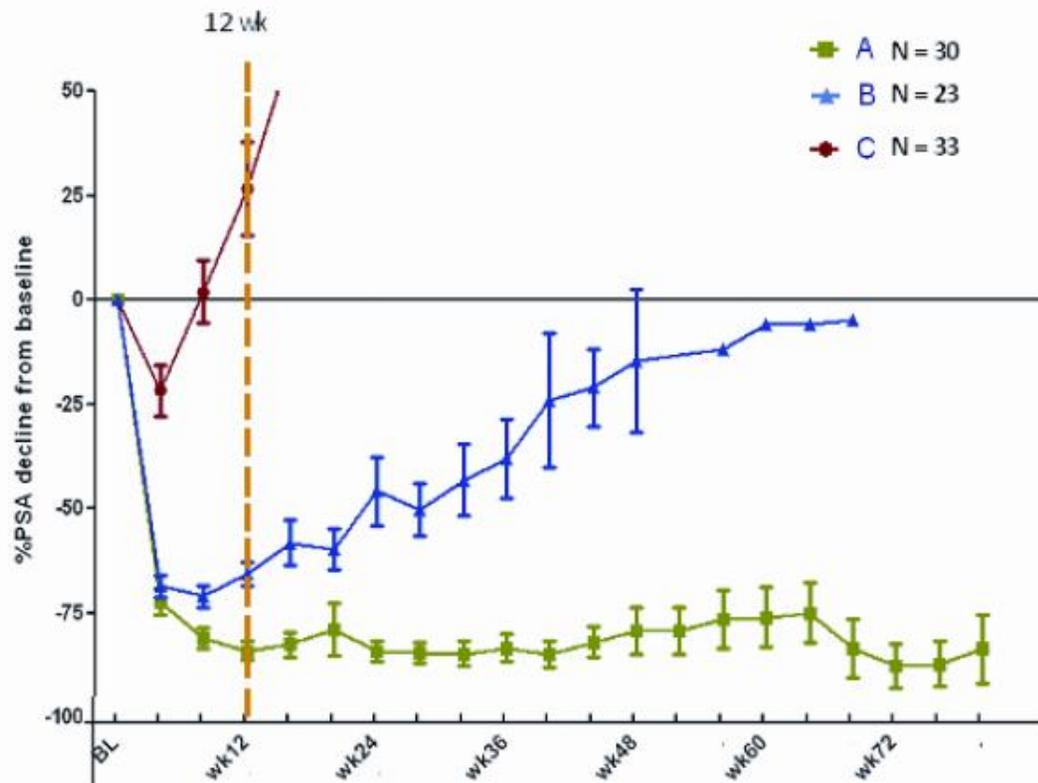


Enzalutamide or Abiraterone responses:



Types of responses to AR-Targeting agents

Post-therapy PSA change patterns in patients treated with AR targeting agents in mCRPC



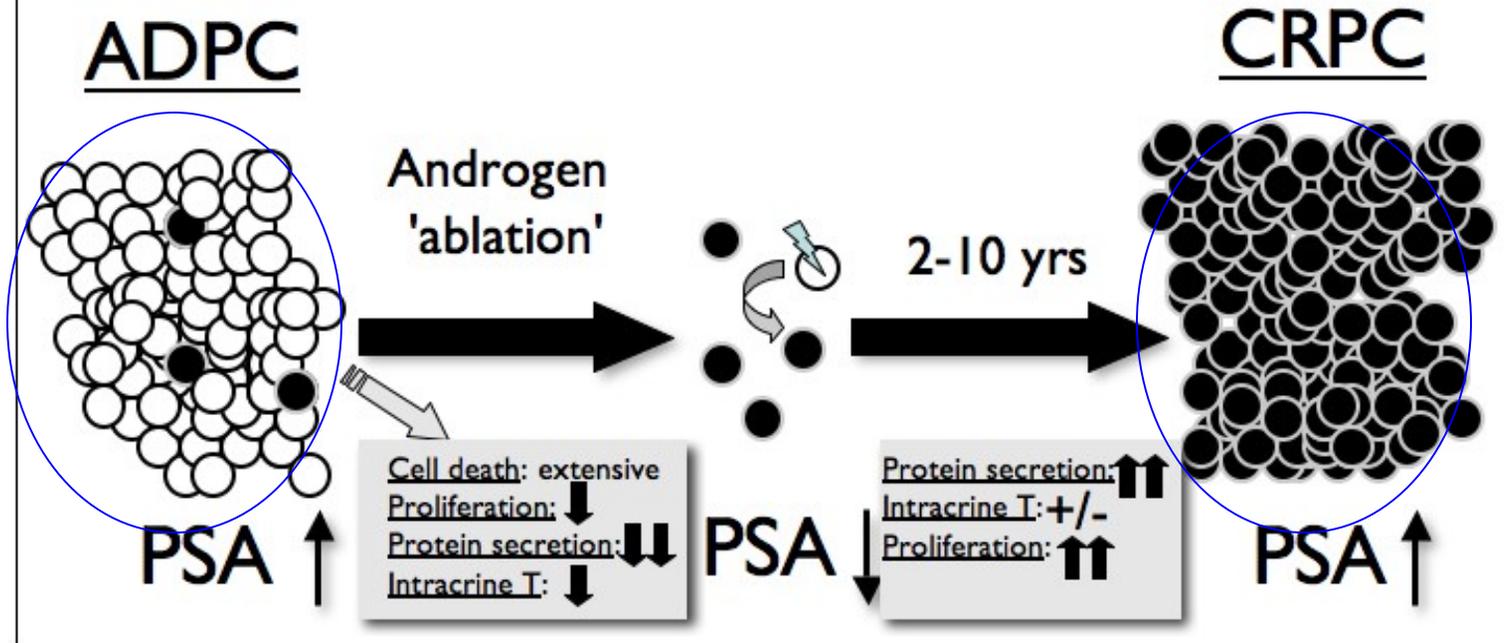
- A. Resistance (*nonresponse*: no significant durable decline in PSA)
- B. Intermediate Sensitivity (*drifters*: rapid PSA decline, followed by slow increase)
- C. AR Sensitive (*responders*: dramatic and durable PSA decline)



Resistance Mechanisms



Hypothesis: Selection and Propagation of Rare Clone/Mutation



- Androgen dependent cell
- CRPC





Overview of Mechanisms of Primary Resistance

- Adaptive mechanisms by which cells reprogram themselves
 - Probably epigenetic
- Acquired mechanisms
 - Usually genetic



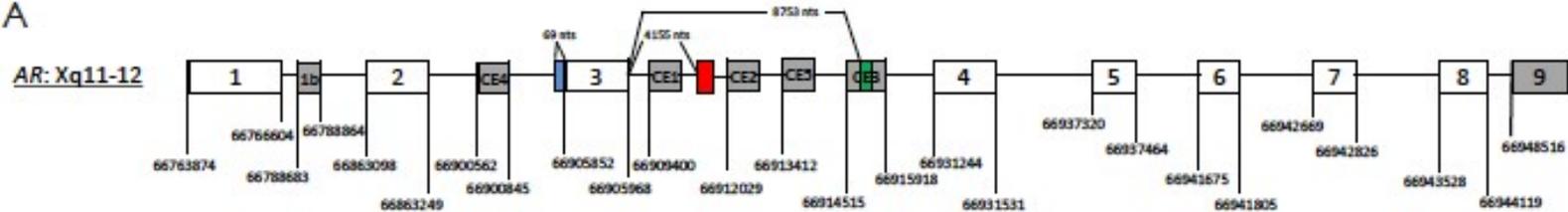


Acquired Resistance to ADT/Abiraterone/Enzalutamide

- Androgen receptor mediated mechanisms
 - Activating mutations in AR
 - AR amplification-
 - AR splice variants

AR Splice Variants

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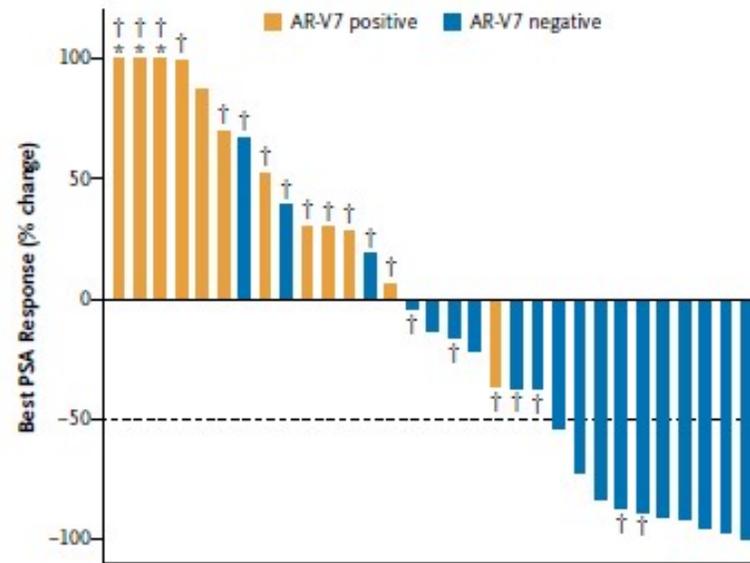


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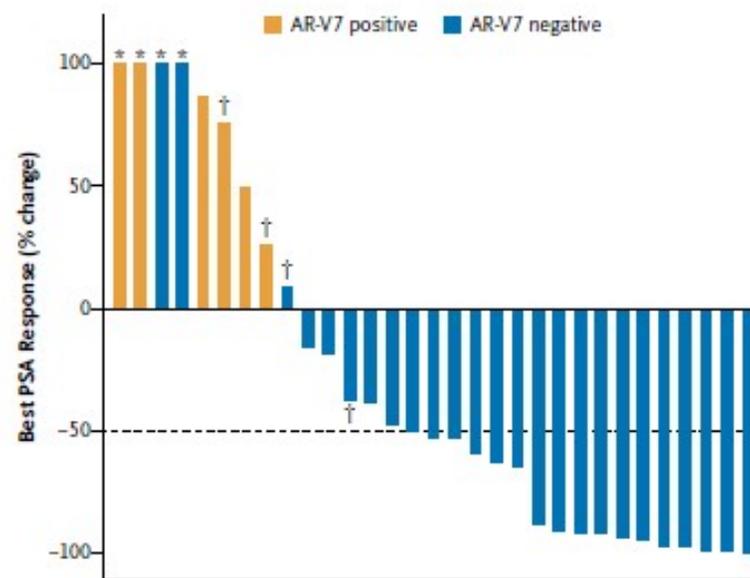
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AR-FL		Ligand-stimulated	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	AR-FL: <i>MTLGNLPEQAAFWRHLLHIFWDHVVKK</i> stop
AR-45		Conditional	1b 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	AR45: start MILWLHSLSTARDEVLPIDYY---FHTQ stop
AR-23		Ligand-stimulated	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	AR23: <i>KVFFKRAAEIPEERDSGNCSSELSTLVFVLFGRQKYLCA</i> ---FHTQ stop
AR-V1	AR4	Conditional	1 2 3 CE1	AR-V1: <i>MTLGAVVVSEIRILRVFGVSEWOP</i> stop
AR-V2		Unknown	1 2 3 3 CE1	AR-V2: <i>MTLGAVVVSEIRILRVFGVSEWOP</i> stop
AR-V3	AR1/2/2b	Constitutive	1 2 CE4 3 CE1	AR-V3: <i>RAAEGFFFRMNLKKESSDTPKPYCMAAPMGLTENNRRNKKSYRETNLKAWSWPLNHT</i> stop
AR-V4	AR1/2/3/2b, AR5	Constitutive	1 2 3 CE4 3 CE1	AR-V4: <i>MTLGAFFFRMNLKKESSDTPKPYCMAAPMGLTENNRRNKKSYRETNLKAWSWPLNHT</i> stop
AR-V5		Unknown	1 2 3 CE2	AR-V5: <i>MTLGD</i> stop
AR-V6		Unknown	1 2 3 CE2	AR-V6: <i>MTLGAAGSRV8</i> stop
AR-V7	AR3	Constitutive	1 2 3 CE3	AR-V7: <i>MTLGEKFRVGNCKKHLKMTRP</i> stop
AR-V8		Unknown	1 2 3	AR-V8: <i>MTLGFDDLCELSS</i> stop
AR-V9		Conditional	1 2 3 CE5	AR-V9: <i>MTLGNLPEQAAFWRHLLHIFWDHVVKK</i> stop
AR-V10		Unknown	1 2 3	AR-V10: <i>MTFPSSGTNSVFLPHRDVVRTGCRSNSGYHSCSCSEYHDYCFI</i> stop
AR-V11		Unknown	1 2 3	AR-V11: <i>MTLGGKILFFLLPLSPFSLIF</i> stop (EXON RUNON)
AR-V12	AR ^{V678}	Constitutive	1 2 3 4 8 9	AR-V12: <i>KALPDCERAASVHF</i> Stop
AR-V13		Inactive	1 2 3 4 5 6 9	AR-V13: <i>LFSINHT</i> Stop
AR-V14		Unknown	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 9	AR-V14: <i>SVQPITPDAMYL</i> Stop
AR-8		Inactive	1 3 CE3	AR8: <i>YSGPYGDMRNTRRKRLLKLIIRSINSCICSPRETEVFVRQK</i> stop



A Enzalutamide-Treated Patients



B Abiraterone-Treated Patients



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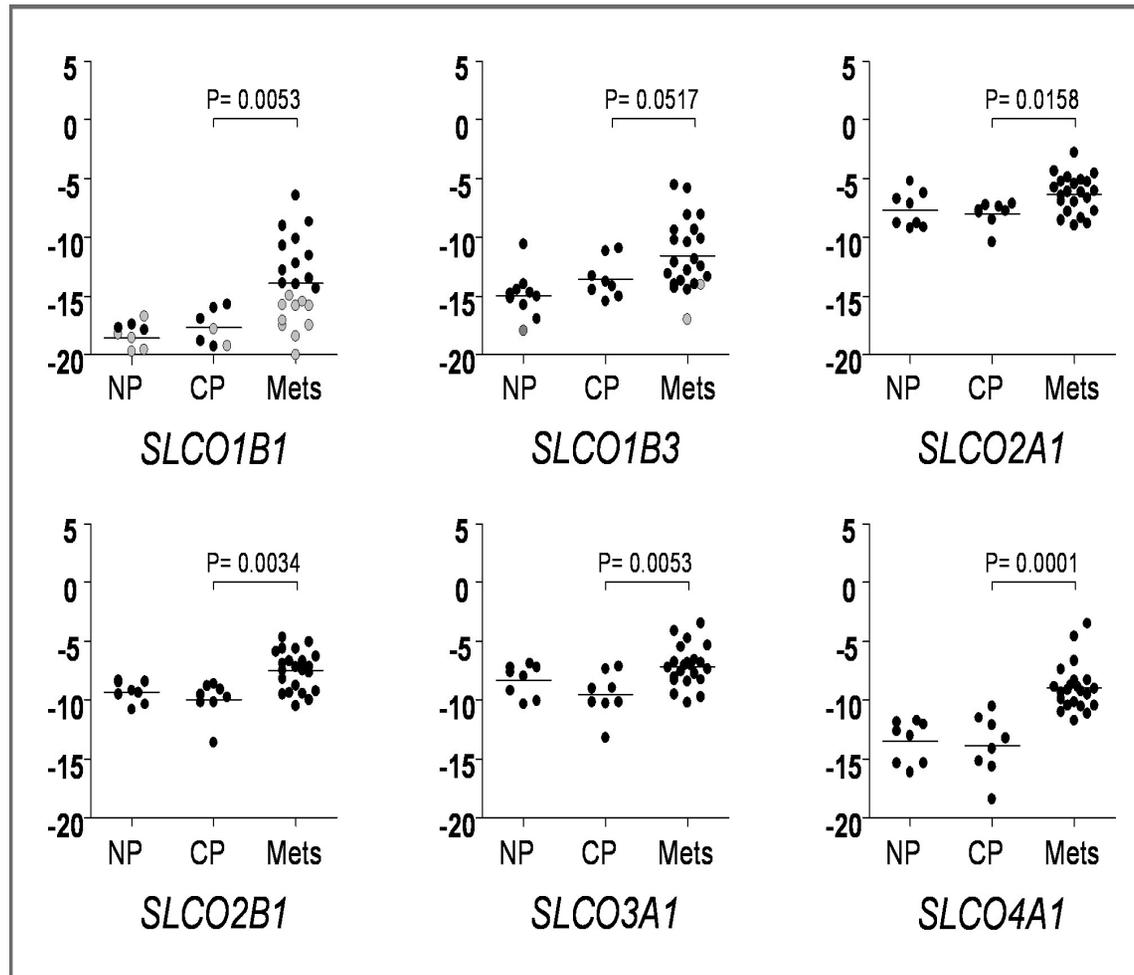
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Resistance to ADT/Abiraterone/Enzalutamide

- Androgen receptor mediated mechanisms
 - Activating mutations in AR
 - AR amplification
 - AR splice variants
- Mutation of other pathways eg. P53, PTEN loss
- Activation of other pathways
 - Androgen transporters

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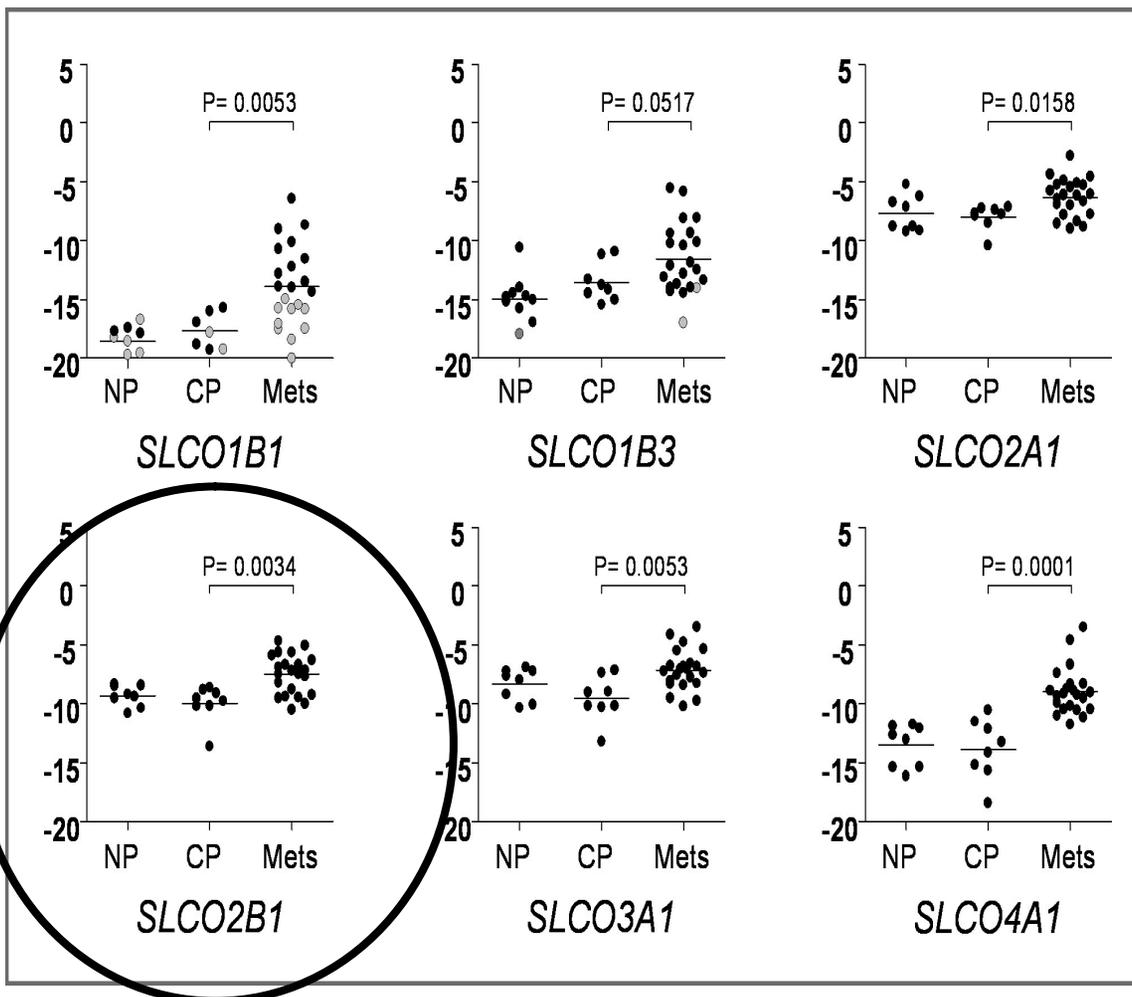


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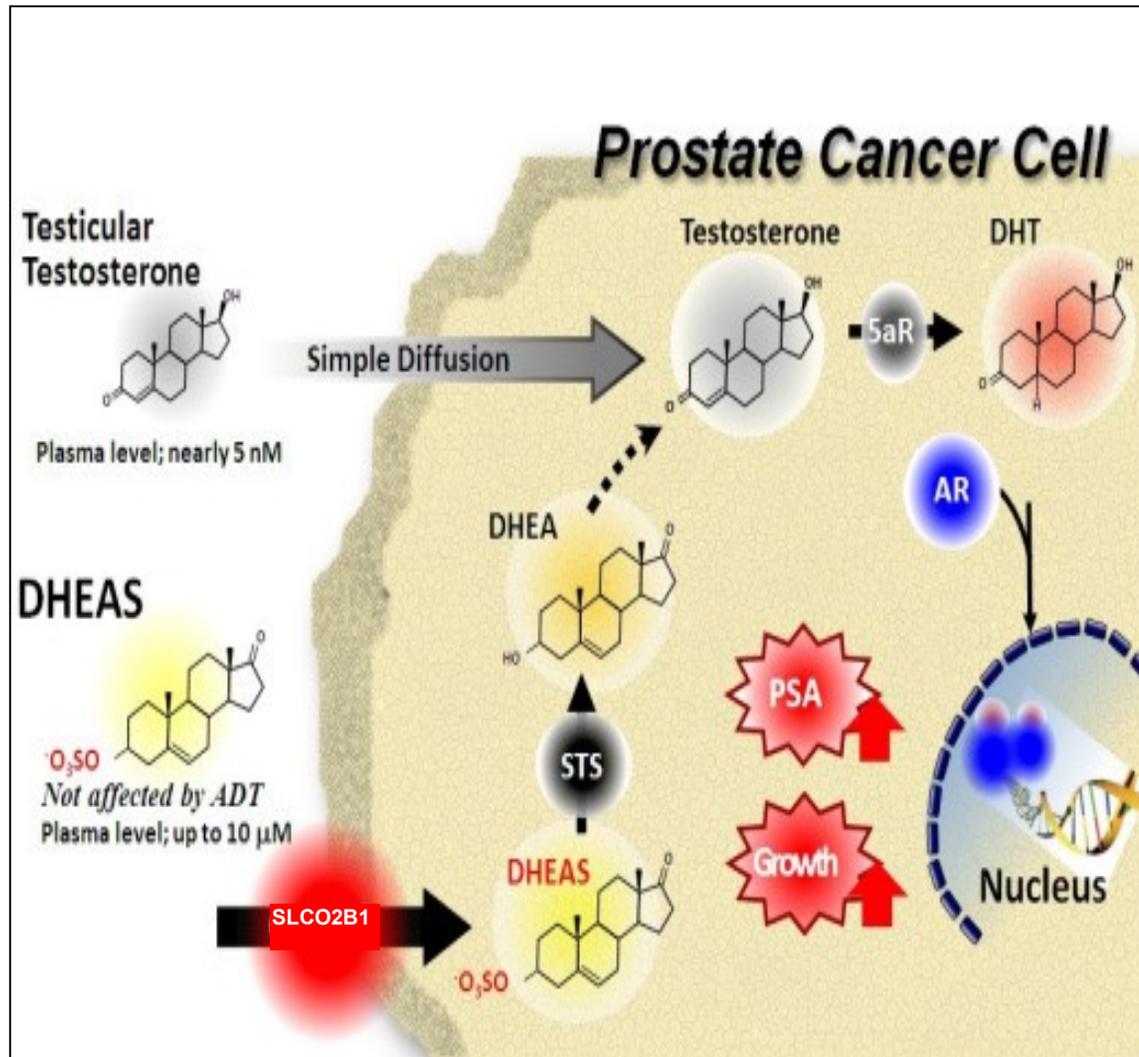
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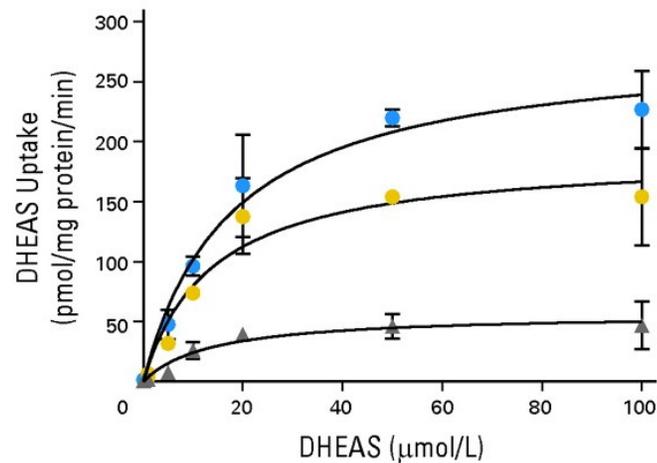
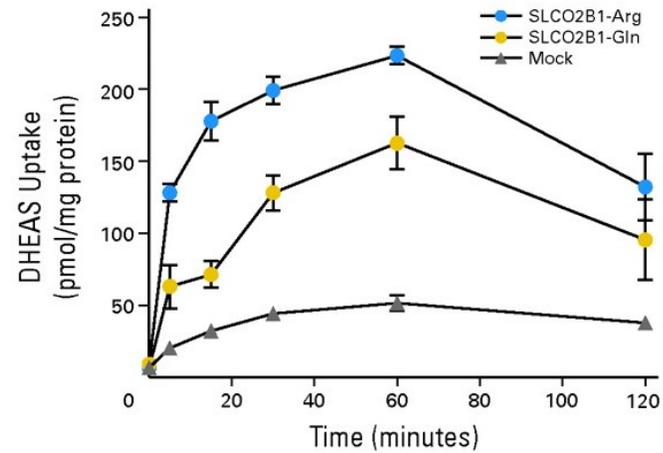
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<i>SLCO2B1</i>												
rs12422149												
AA/AG	98	31.5	18.1 to 42.6	1.00	Reference	.029	0.17	.33	1.00	Reference	.018	
GG	434	20.9	17.5 to 25.2	1.35	1.03 to 1.77				1.40	1.06 to 1.84		
<i>SLCO2B1</i>												
rs1789693												
AA	215	21.5	16.7 to 29.0	1.00	Reference	.007	0.08	.11	1.00	Reference	.051 (.018†)	
AT	228	26.3	19.0 to 31.1	1.07	0.86 to 1.34				1.08	0.86 to 1.34		
TT	82	14.5	10.9 to 22.0	1.60	1.19 to 2.16				1.46	1.07 to 1.98		
<i>SLCO2B1</i>												
rs1077858												
AA	188	28.1	22.7 to 36.6	1.00	Reference	.009	0.08	.13	1.00	Reference	.008	
AG	231	19.3	15.7 to 25.5	1.25	1.00 to 1.58				1.33	1.05 to 1.68		
GG	73	16.4	12.0 to 27.5	1.59	1.17 to 2.17				1.57	1.15 to 2.14		
<i>SLCO2B1</i> , No. of risk genotype												
≤ 1	235	30.9	25.0 to 36.9	1.00	Reference	< .001			1.00	Reference	< .001	
2	204	19.0	15.5 to 25.0	1.44	1.15 to 1.80				1.56	1.24 to 1.97		
3	50	12.8	9.0 to 22.0	2.01	1.42 to 2.85				1.91	1.34 to 2.71		

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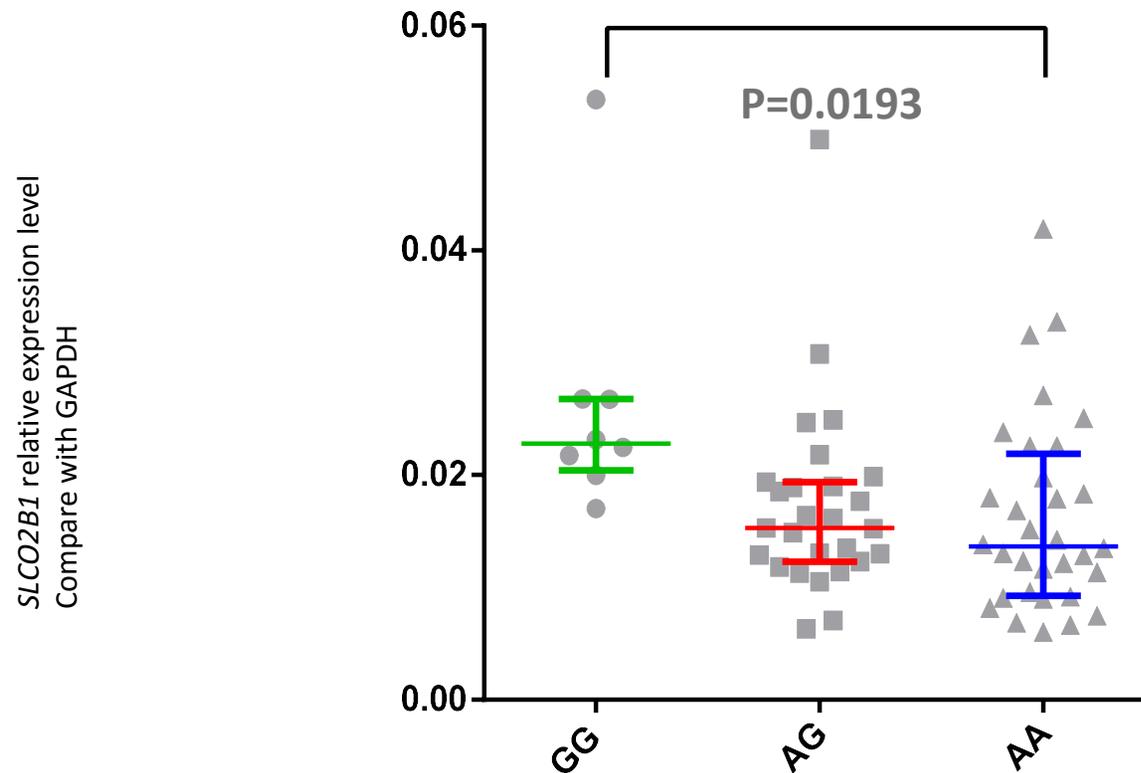
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SLCO2B1 Intronic SNP (rs1077858) Associated with Expression Differences in *SLCO2B1*



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Statin Use and *SLCO2B1*

- Given that both statins and DHEAS utilize the same transporter, we evaluated possible interaction between statins and DHEAS influx into PC cells; and
- Preclinical data drove us to investigate outcomes of patients taking statins at time of ADT initiation.



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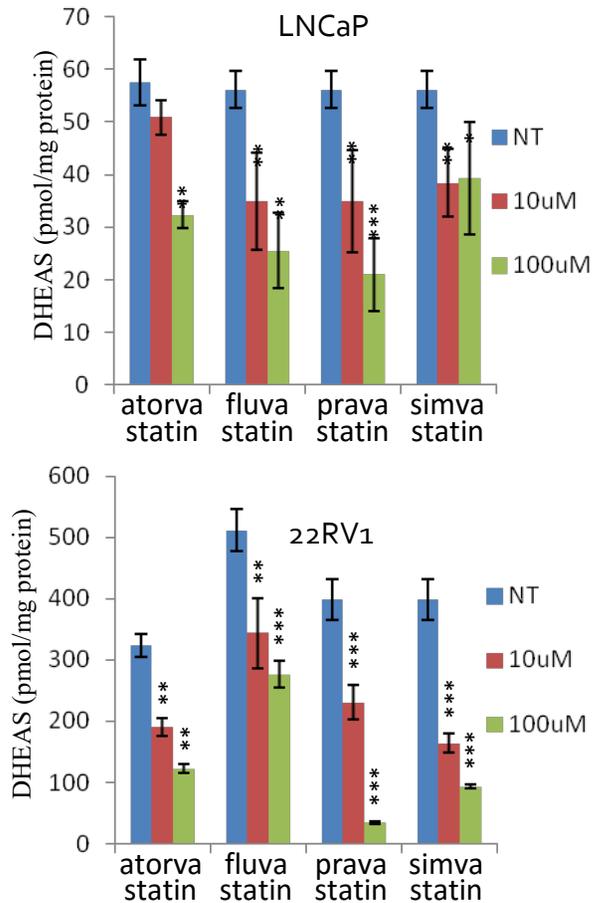
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Statins decrease DHEAS Uptake Efficiency

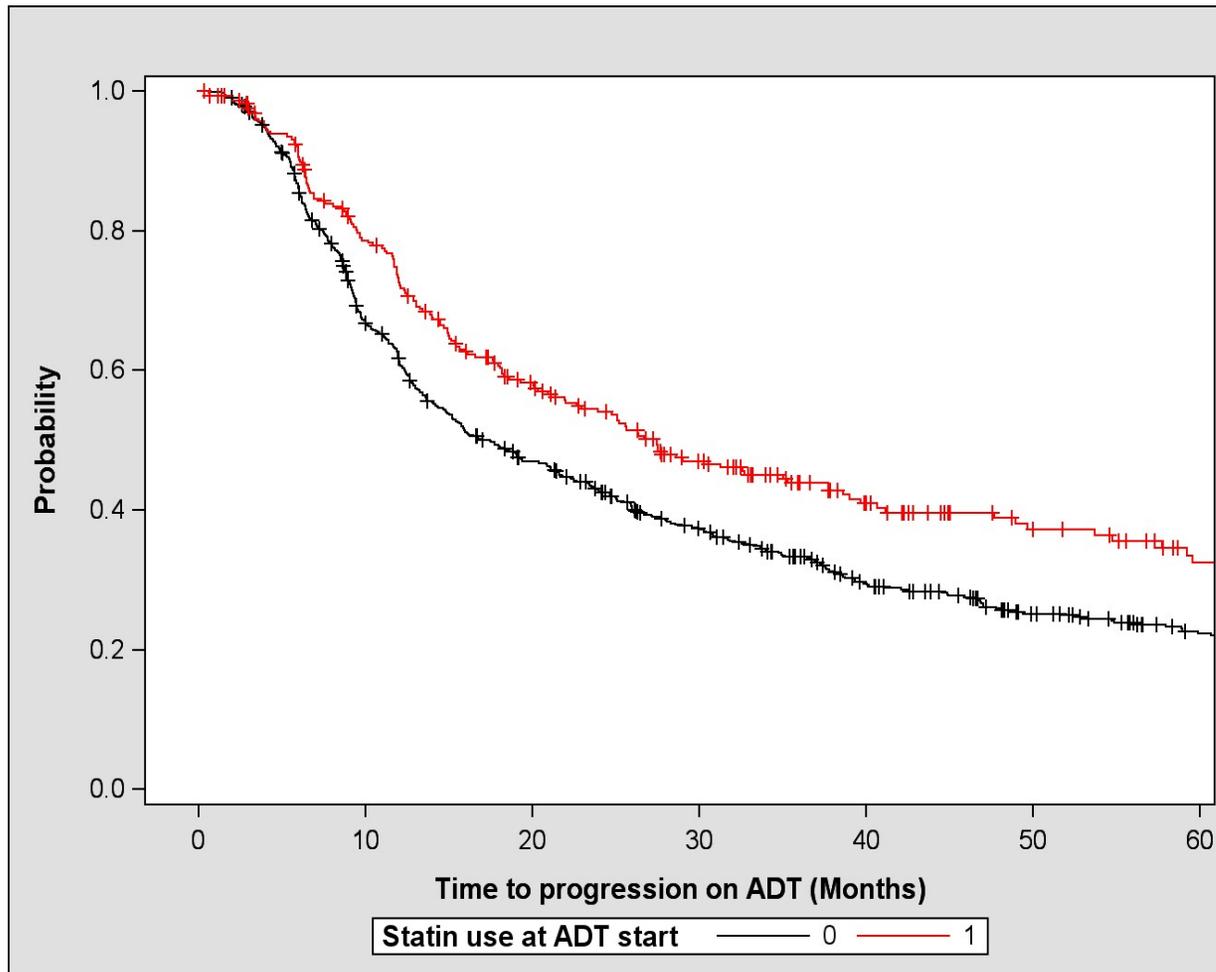


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Statins (Utilize Androgen Transporter) and Duration of Response to ADT



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Conclusions

- Understanding the genetics of prostate cancer has been transformative;
- Two new agents targeting androgen pathway extend survival and delay progression;
- DNA repair pathway frequently mutated and the recognition will lead to new treatments

