

Morphologic and genomic characterization of circulating tumor cells in patients with ERBB2 mutant HER2 non-amplified metastatic breast cancer treated with neratinib

- Eliminating the unknown of **cancer**
- Giving confidence in **cancer care**

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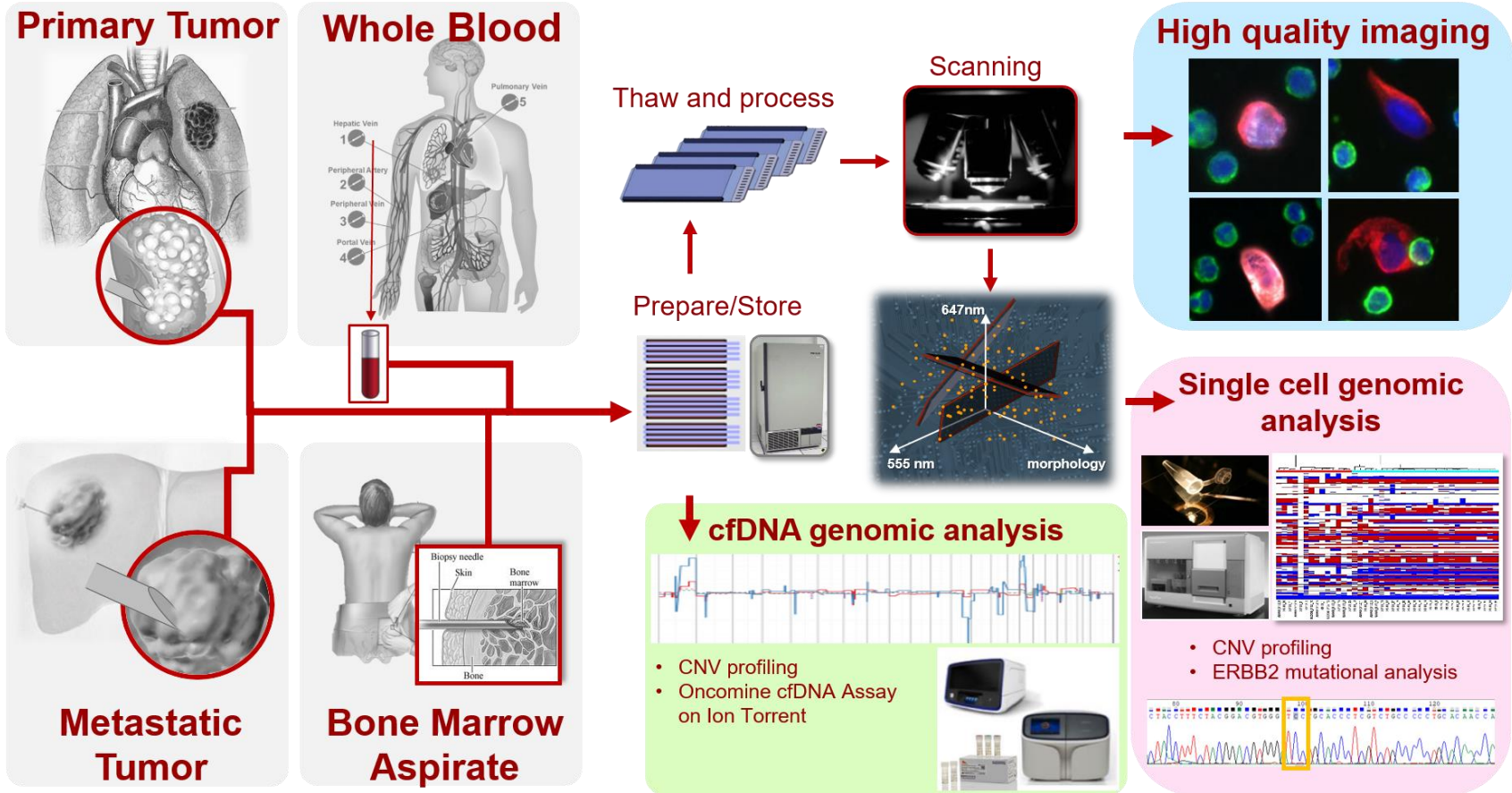
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ERBB2 mutant HER2 non-amplified breast cancer

- **ERBB2 mutations** → aggressive breast cancer phenotypes
 - Extremely rare in the absence of gene amplification (2-4% of all cases).
 - Patients do not respond to HER2+ targeting standard of care treatment plans.
- **Neratinib**: an irreversible HER2/EGFR tyrosine kinase inhibitor
 - Clinical activity shown on heavily pre-treated *ERBB2* mutant breast cancer patients.
 - Combinational treatment of Neratinib with chemotherapy has shown a response rate of 55% for HER2+ breast cancer patients.
- Using the **HD-SCA workflow** we have evaluated the clinical response to Neratinib/Fulvestrant combinational treatment in relation to enumeration and characterization of circulating tumor cells (CTCs), as well as genomic analysis of the cfDNA.
 - 5 postmenopausal patients with metastatic *ERBB2* mutant/non-amplified breast cancer
 - Average of 5.4 lines of therapy prior to enrollment
 - Peripheral blood samples collected at multiple time points
 - Single cell genomic analysis by copy number variation (CNV) profiling and ERBB2 targeted mutational analysis
 - cfDNA genomic analysis by CNV and targeted mutational profiling using the OncoMine panel

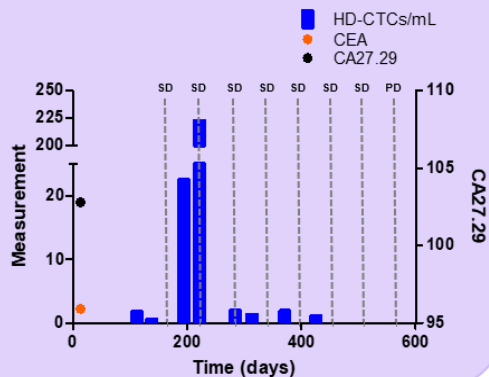


The HD-SCA workflow

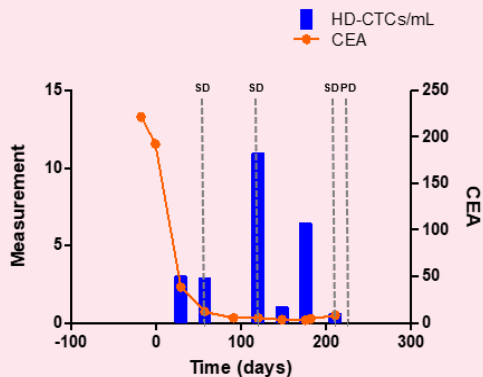


ERBB2 mutation and clinical timelines

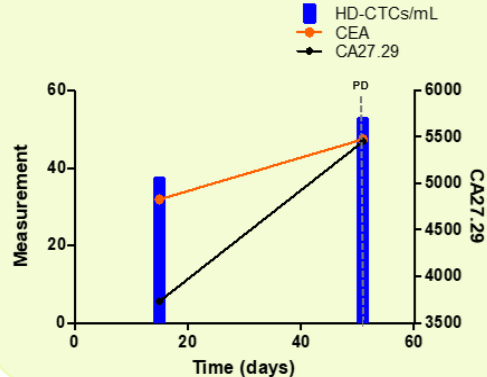
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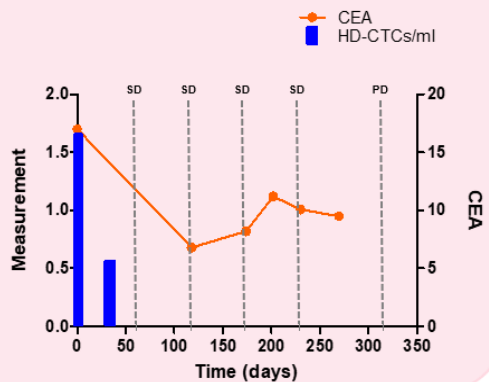
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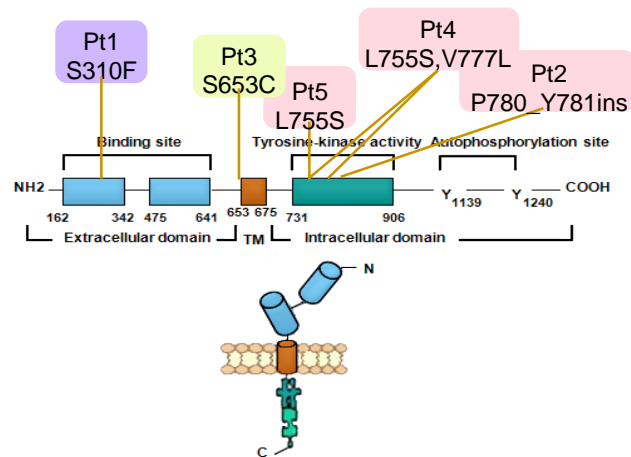
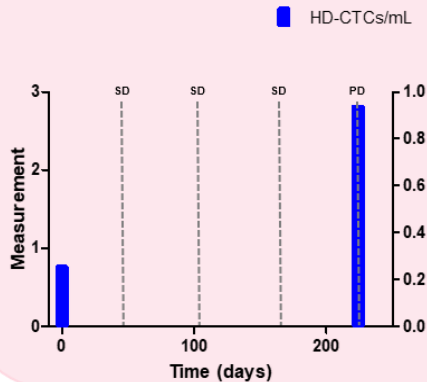
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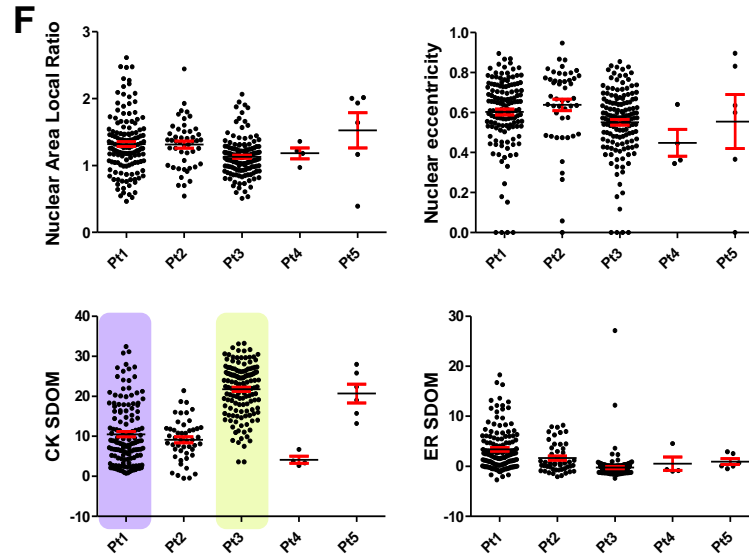
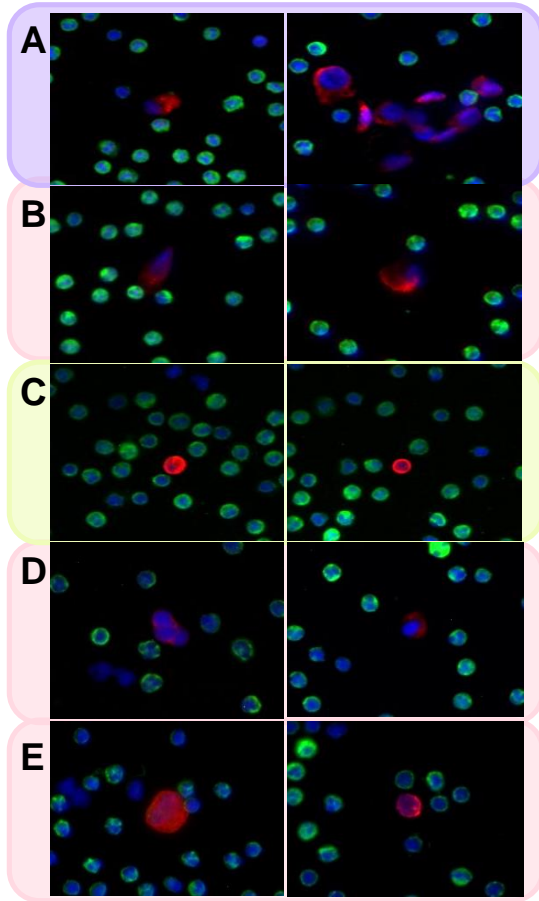
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HD-CTC morphometrics per patient



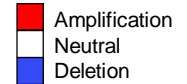
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A-E) 40x images of HD-CTCs detected per patient.

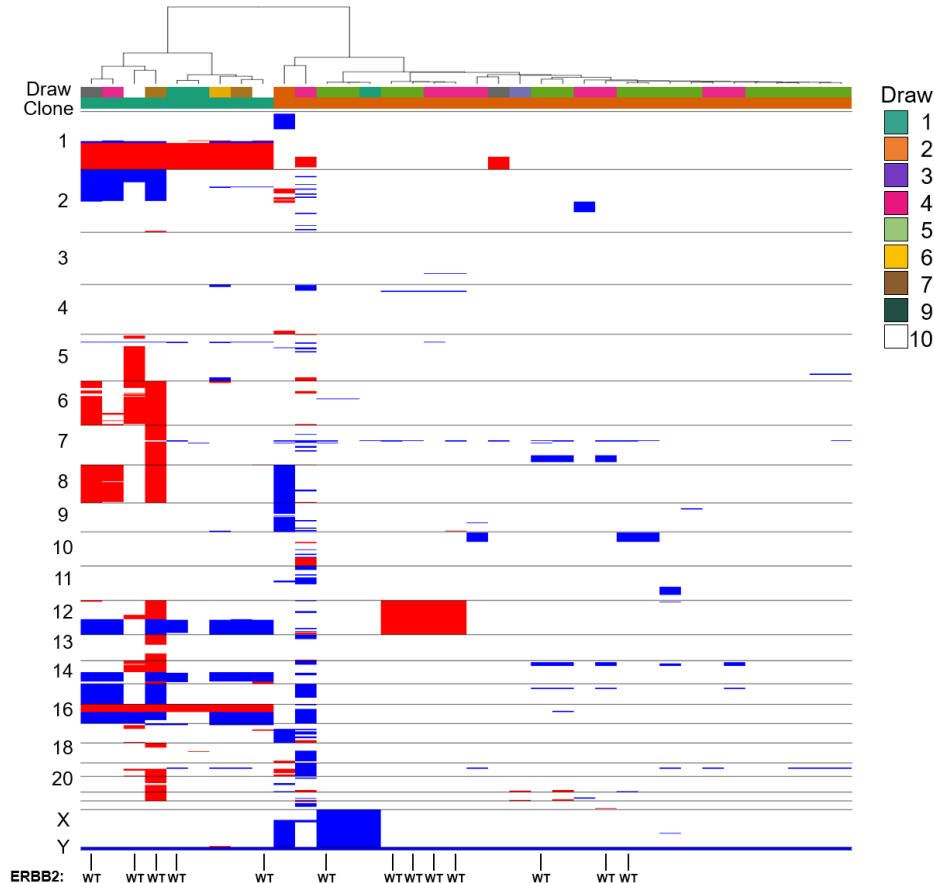
F) Distribution of HD-CTC morphometric parameters by patient.

- Pt 4 and 5 had minimal number of cells detected limiting our observations.
- Pt 1 and 2 have a highly heterogeneous population of cells
- Pt 3 had a morphologically distinct population of HD-CTCs
 - More circular nuclei with higher CK expression

Single cell genomic analysis



Excellent Responder: Pt1

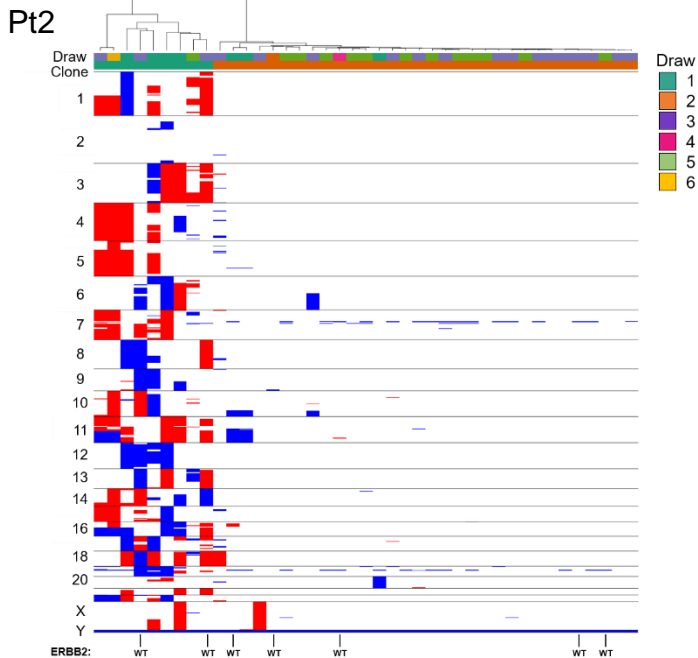


- Tumor Pathology Report: ERBB2 S310F, ARID1A Q479*, CDH1 I581FS*1, NOTCH2 (SEC22B-NOTCH fusion)
- CNV analysis of 54 HD-CTCs, 24 cells identified to have genomic alterations.
 - Subclones persist from draw 4 to 10.
 - 2 unique subclones identified in draw 5.
 - Deep alterations may be due to homologous recombination, leading to amplification or deletion of one arm of the chromosome.
- ERBB2 SNV for S310F: 13/13 WT

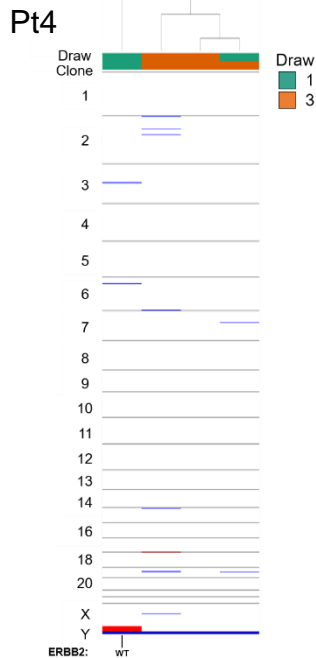
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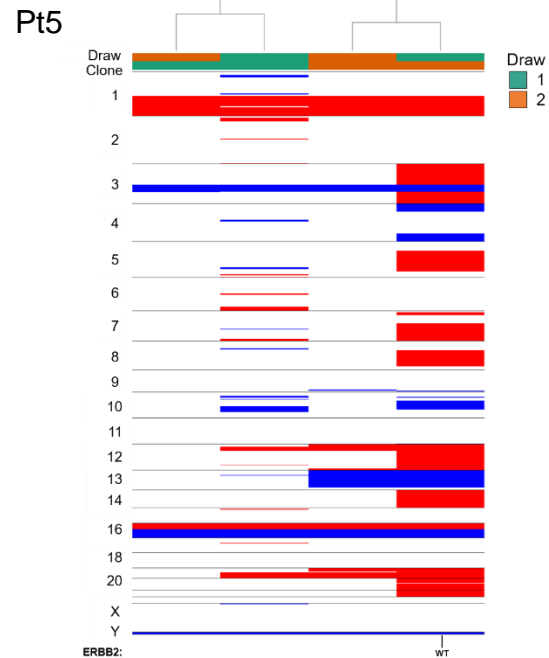
Average Responders:



- Tumor Pathology Report: **ERBB2 (P780_Y781ins)**, ARID1A (Q1172*), CDH1 (L585fs*4), NUP93 (E14K)
- 9/21 HD-CTCs have genomic alterations
- Lack of clonality
- ERBB2 SNV for P780_781ins: 8/8 WT



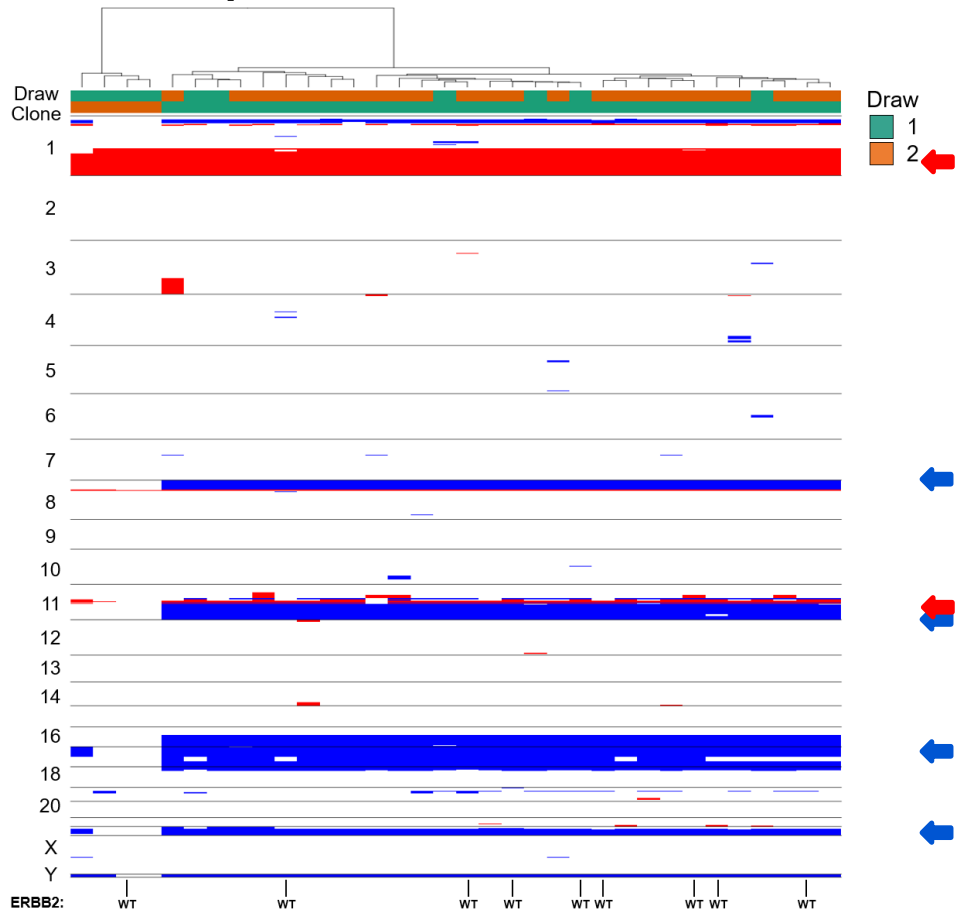
- Tumor Pathology Report: **ERBB2 (L755S, V777L)**, PIK3CA (H1047A)
- Lack of genomic alterations
- ERBB2 SNV for V777L: 1/1 WT



- Tumor Pathology Report: **ERBB2 (L755S)**
- Subclonal population of cells
- ERBB2 SNV for L755S: 1/1 WT

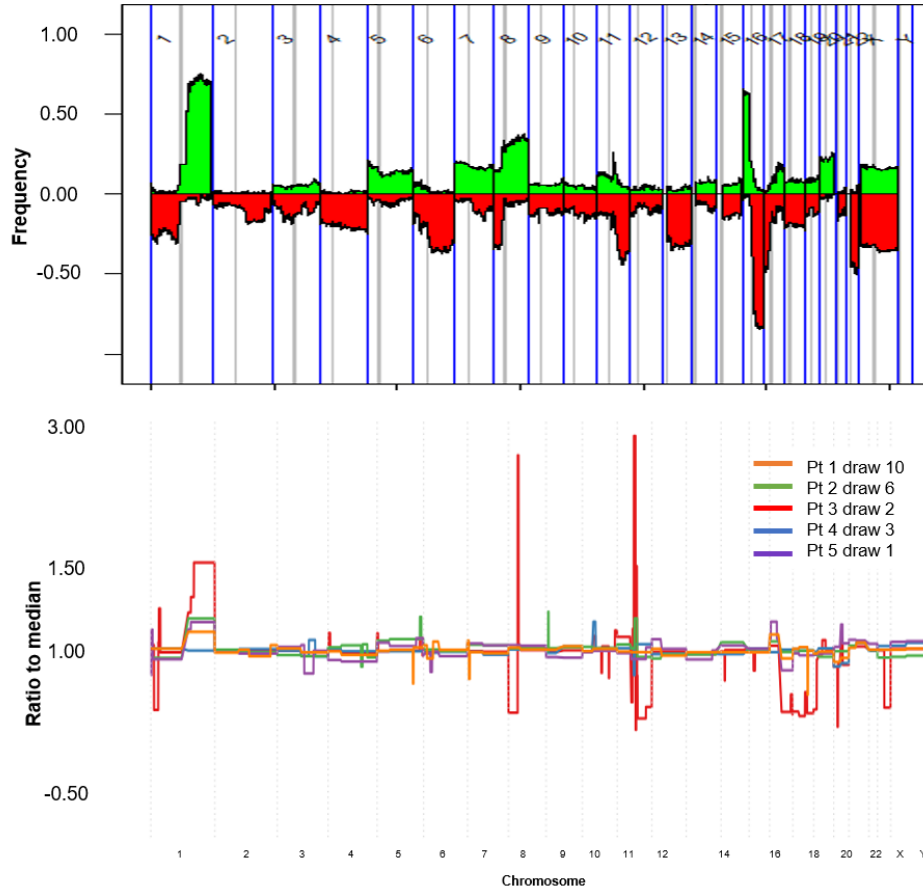
Single cell genomic analysis

- **Non-Responder: Pt3**



- Tumor Pathology Report: **ERBB2 (S653C)**, PIK3CA (E545K), PTPN11 (E76K)
- Genomic analysis of 22 HD-CTCs isolated from Patient 3
- Clonal population of cells.
- The cell cycle appears to be completely unconstrained.
 - **FGFR1** amplified
 - **Cyclin-D** amplified
 - Heterozygous loss of chromosome 11q containing **CHK1** and **ATM**
 - Loss of **P53**
 - Loss on chromosome 22 containing **CHK2**.
- ERBB2 SNV for S653C: 9/9 WT

cfDNA genomic analysis



- CNV profile for luminal A tumors from The Cancer Genome Atlas (TCGA).
- The cfDNA CNV profiles match the classic Luminal profile
- The same clonal architecture identified in the HD-CTCs was also detectable in the cfDNA, with a greater tumor fraction present in follow up sampling for Patients 1, 2, 3, and 5.
- The cfDNA from Patient 4 samples had a low to nondetectable tumor fraction, suggesting the tumor DNA was washed out by normal cellular DNA.

cfDNA OncoMine

Excellent Responder: Pt1

Gene	Draw8	Draw10
ERBB2	-	S310F
TP53	R213* (0.47%)	R213* (4.5%)

- Increase in the fraction of detectable TP53 mutation during treatment
- Identification of ERBB2 mutation from tumor pathology report

Average Responder: Pt2

Gene	Draw6
ERBB2	G776V

Average Responder: Pt4

Gene	Draw1	Draw4
ERBB2	L755S, V777L	L755S, V777L
PIK3CA	H1047R	H1047R
TP53	H365fs	-

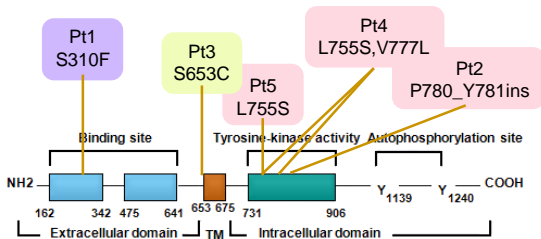
Average Responder: Pt5

Gene	Draw1
ERBB2	L755S

Non-Responder: Pt3

Gene	Draw1	Draw2
ERBB2	-	L755S
ESR1	E380Q, Y537N	E380Q
PIK3CA	E545K (2.7%)	E545K (30%), E726K
TP53	R248Q	R248Q, G245D

- Increase in the fraction of detectable mutations during treatment
- Identification of new mutations in ERBB2, PIK3CA, and TP53
- *OncoMine panel does not detect mutations in transmembrane domain of ERBB2, potentially explaining the lack of the S653C identified in the tumor.*



- New ERBB2 mutation identified in Pt2
- Analysis confirms the ERBB2 mutation from the tumor pathology report for Pt 4 and 5

Summary

- The HD-SCA workflow provides a comprehensive view of the complete liquid biopsy from metastatic breast cancer patients with ERBB2 mutations
- The HD-SCA workflow may be used as a prognostic tool for therapeutic response to directly impact treatment decisions.
 - Stratify patients into treatment arms
 - Patients with concurrent aberrations in cell cycle checkpoints driven by TP53 mutations are associated with a lack of clinical benefit.
 - Monitor tumor heterogeneity by identifying the frequency of mutations at a single cell level
 - Monitor treatment response
 - Patients with stable disease had detectable CTCs that are morphologically and genomically heterogeneous
 - cfDNA analysis provides a general overview of the cellular population.
- Identified genomic aberrations in single CTCs and the cfDNA that may contribute to disease progression on Neratinib/Fulvestrant therapy.

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