

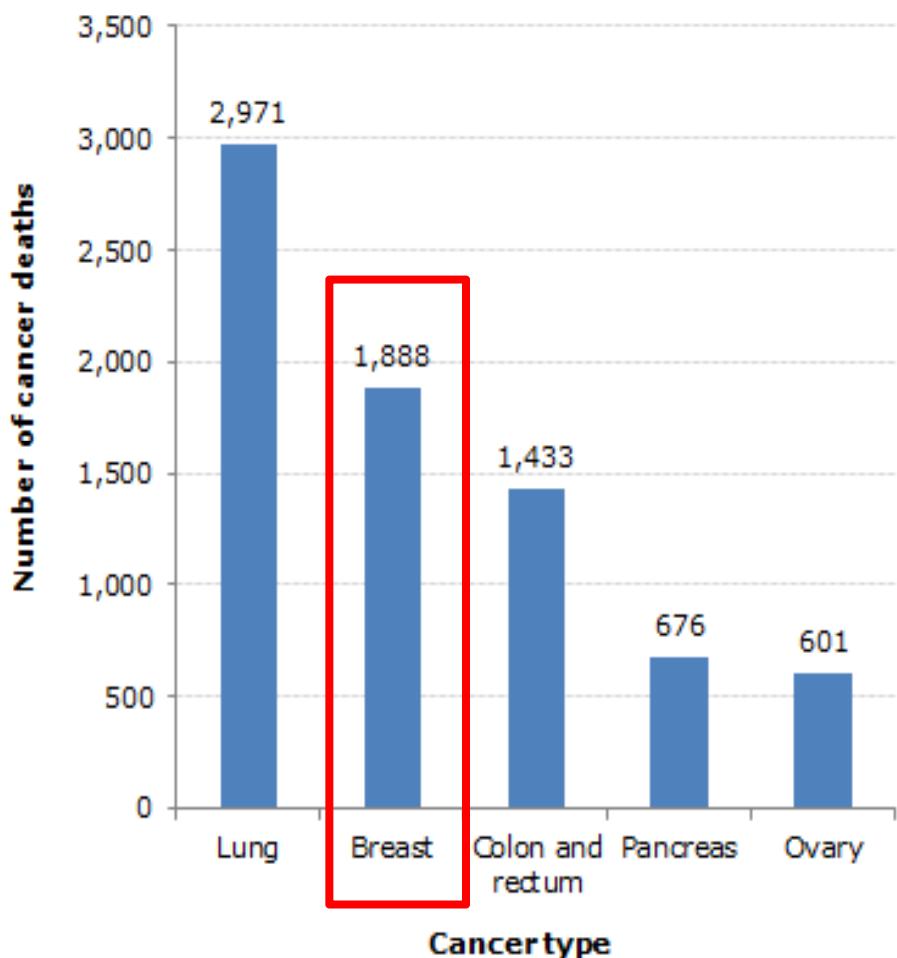


**Use specific response toward
environment as a selective marker
for therapy in breast cancer cells.**

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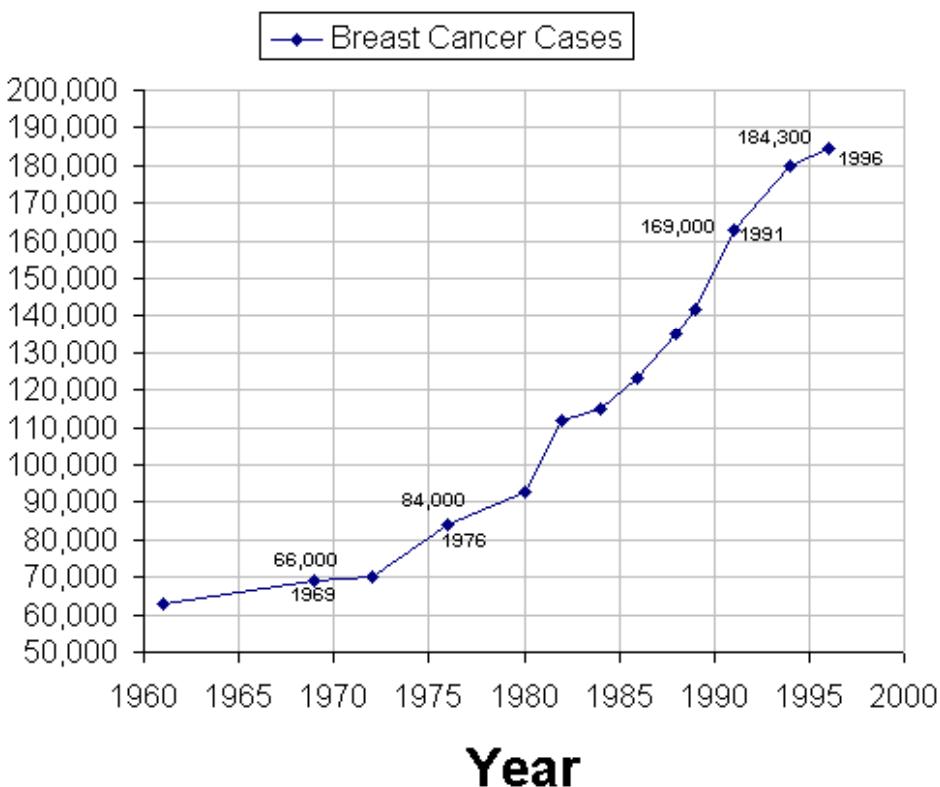
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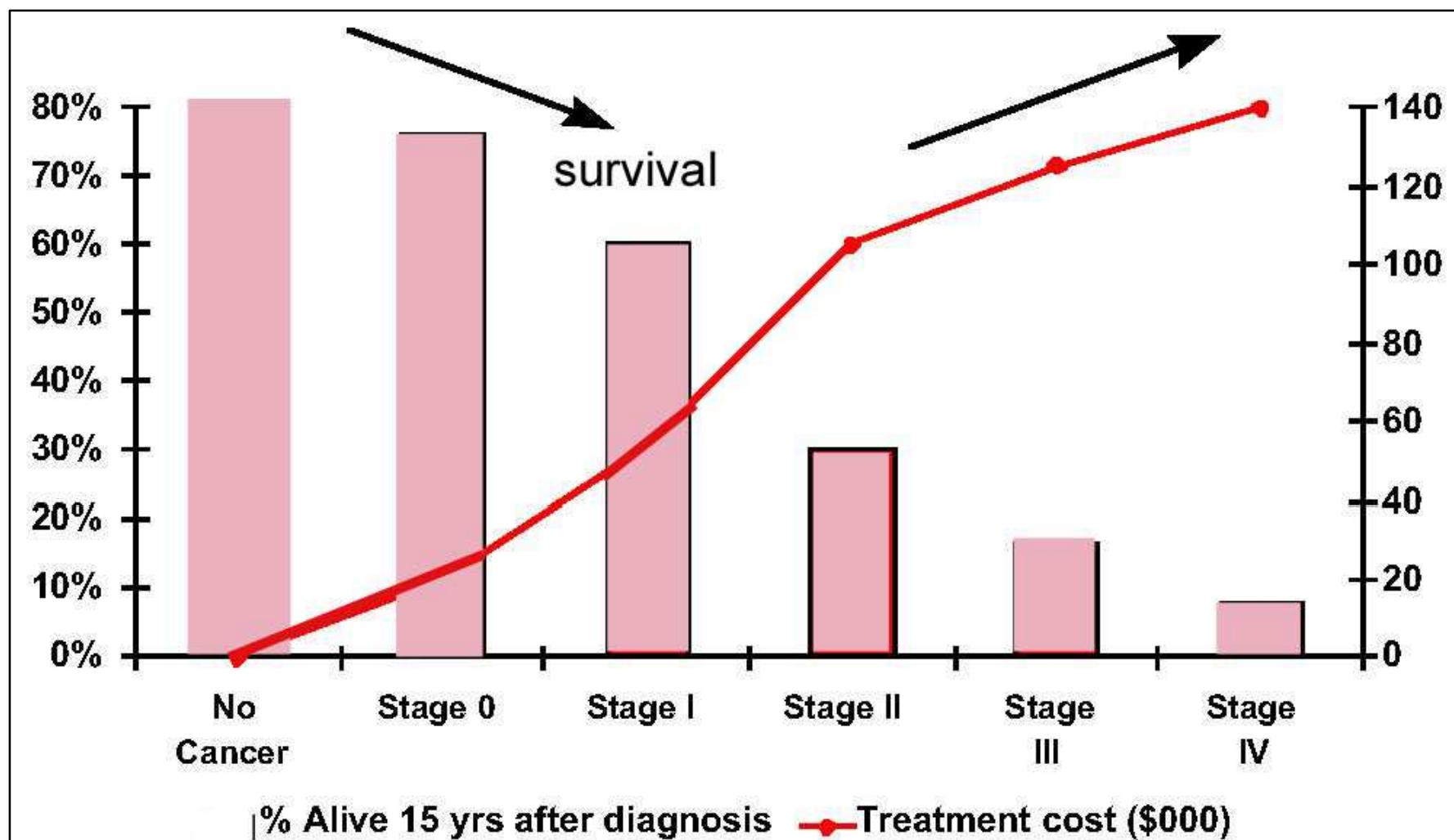
**Most common cancer deaths for females,
Ontario, 2008**



Source: Cancer Care Ontario (Ontario Cancer Registry, 2011)

Breast Cancer Cases



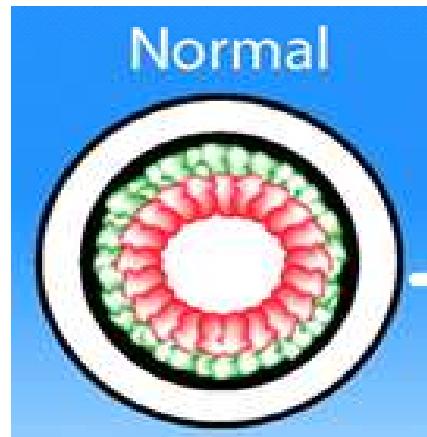
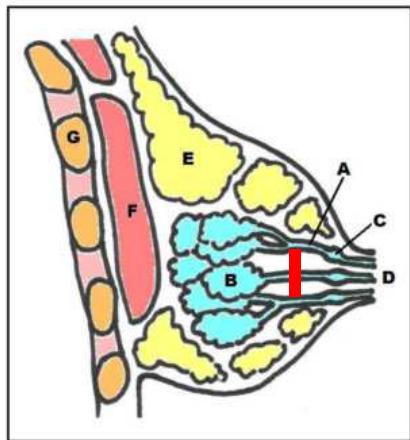


Metastatic Breast Cancer Survival Rates

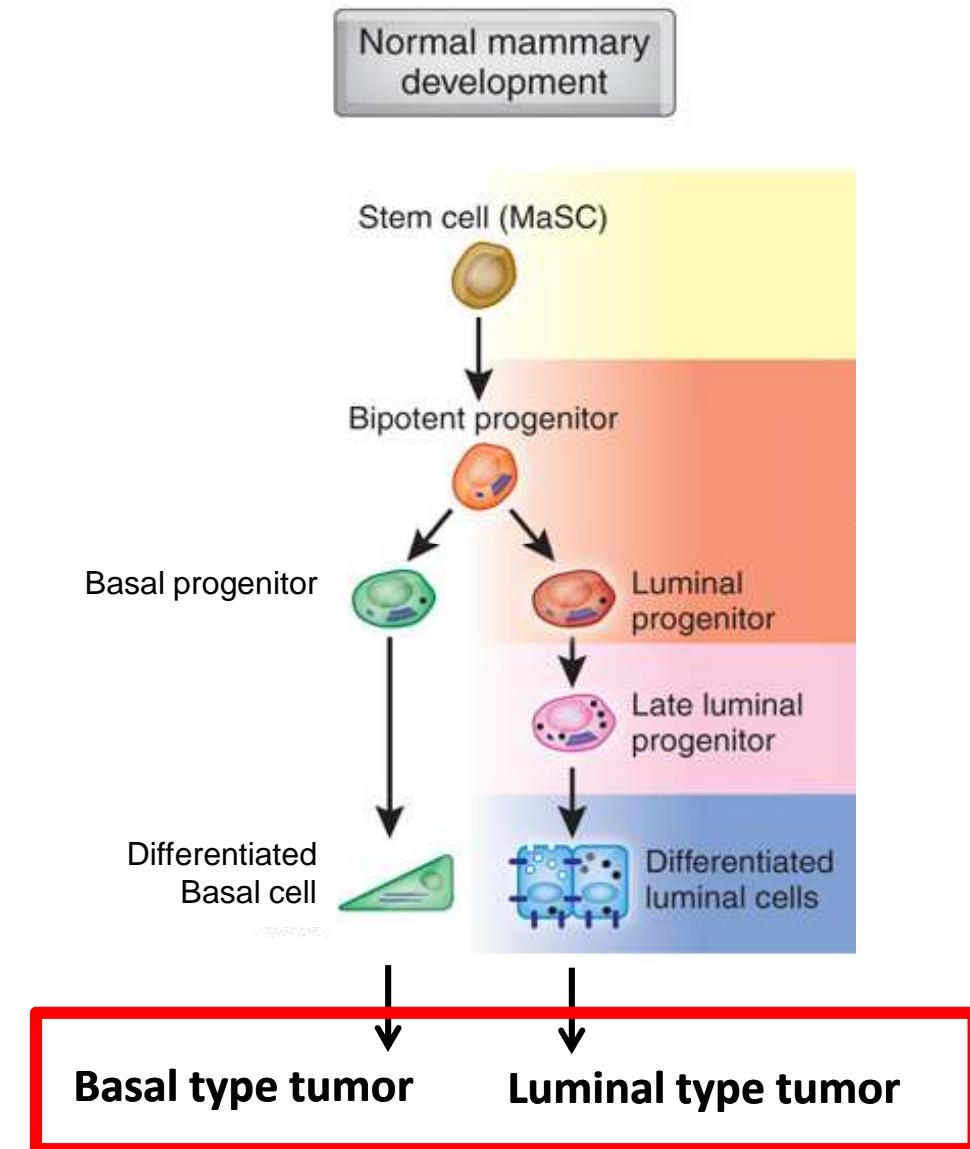
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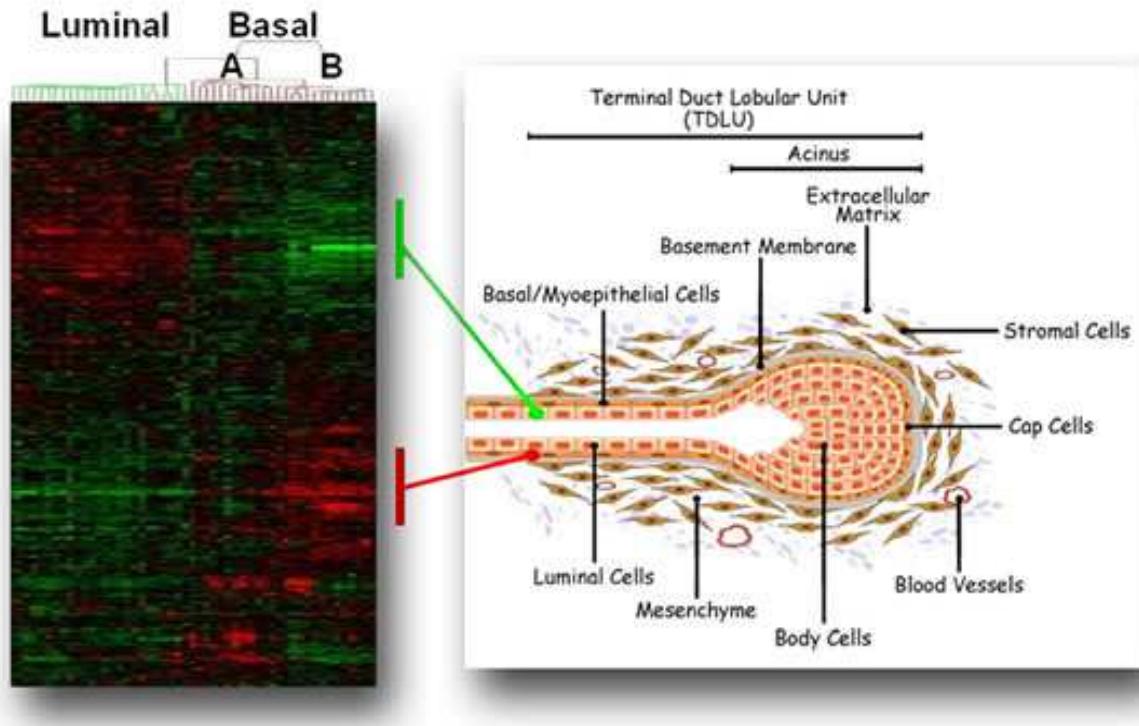
Breast tumor lineage



Basement membrane
Basal cells
Luminal cells



(Aleix Prat and Charles M Perou, Nature review, 2009)



$\text{ER}\alpha_{\text{high}}$, PR_{high} , $\text{FOXA1}_{\text{high}}$,
 $\text{GATA-3}_{\text{high}}$

Aggressiveness

Differentiation

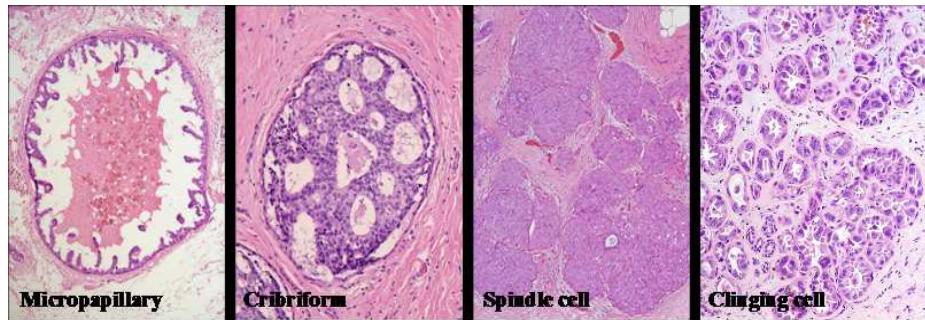
EGFR, c-Met
 $\text{ER}\alpha_{\text{medium-low}}$, PR^{\pm} ,
 $\text{FOXA1}_{\text{low}}$, $\text{GATA-3}_{\text{low}}$,
 HER2^{\pm}

Luminal type tumor

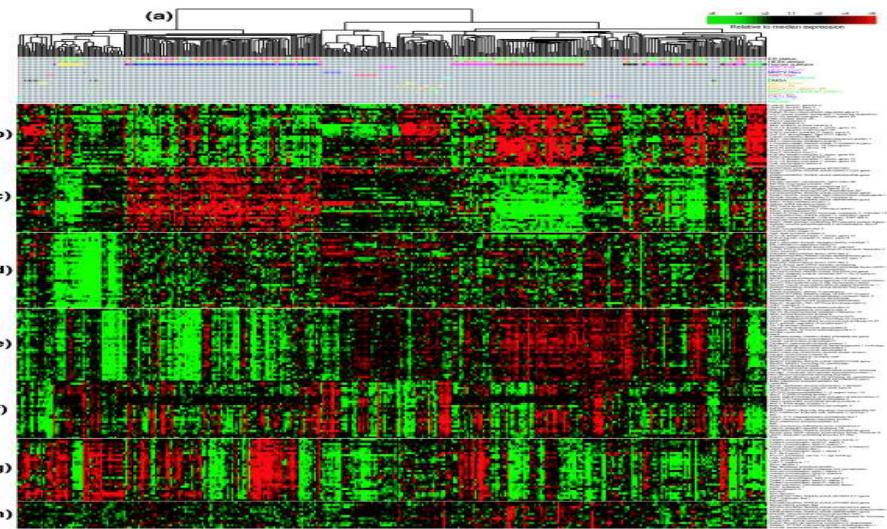
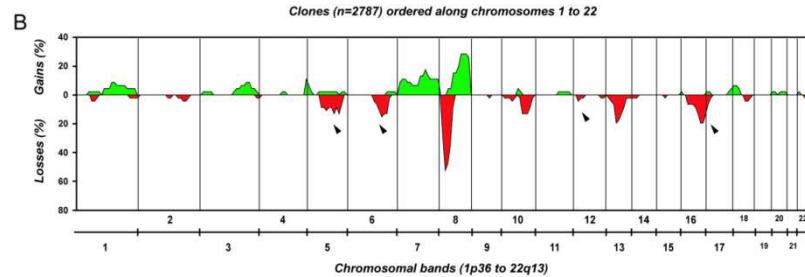
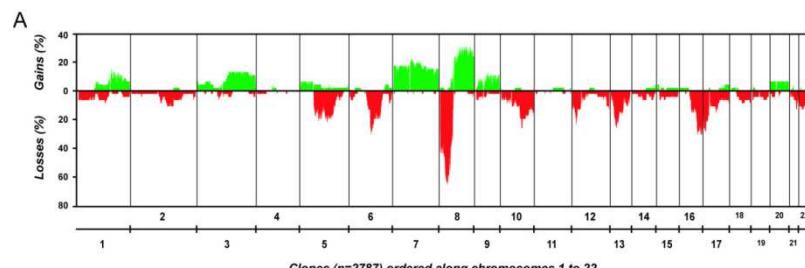
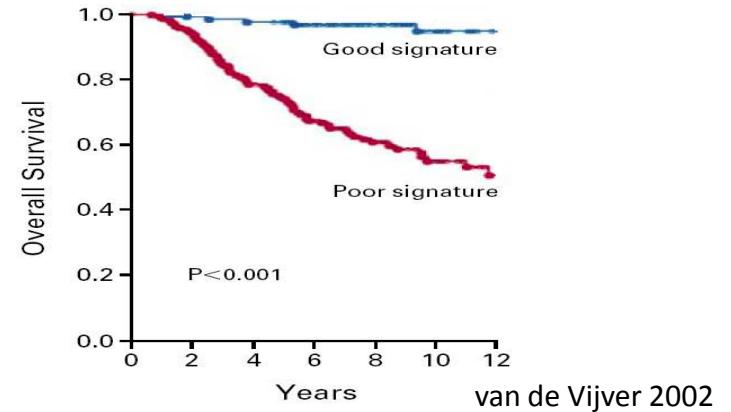
Basal type tumor

(Badve and Nakshatri, J Clin Pathol, 2009)

The Heterogeneity among Human Breast Cancers



Yi-Hsuan Hsiao, et al., J. cancer, 2010

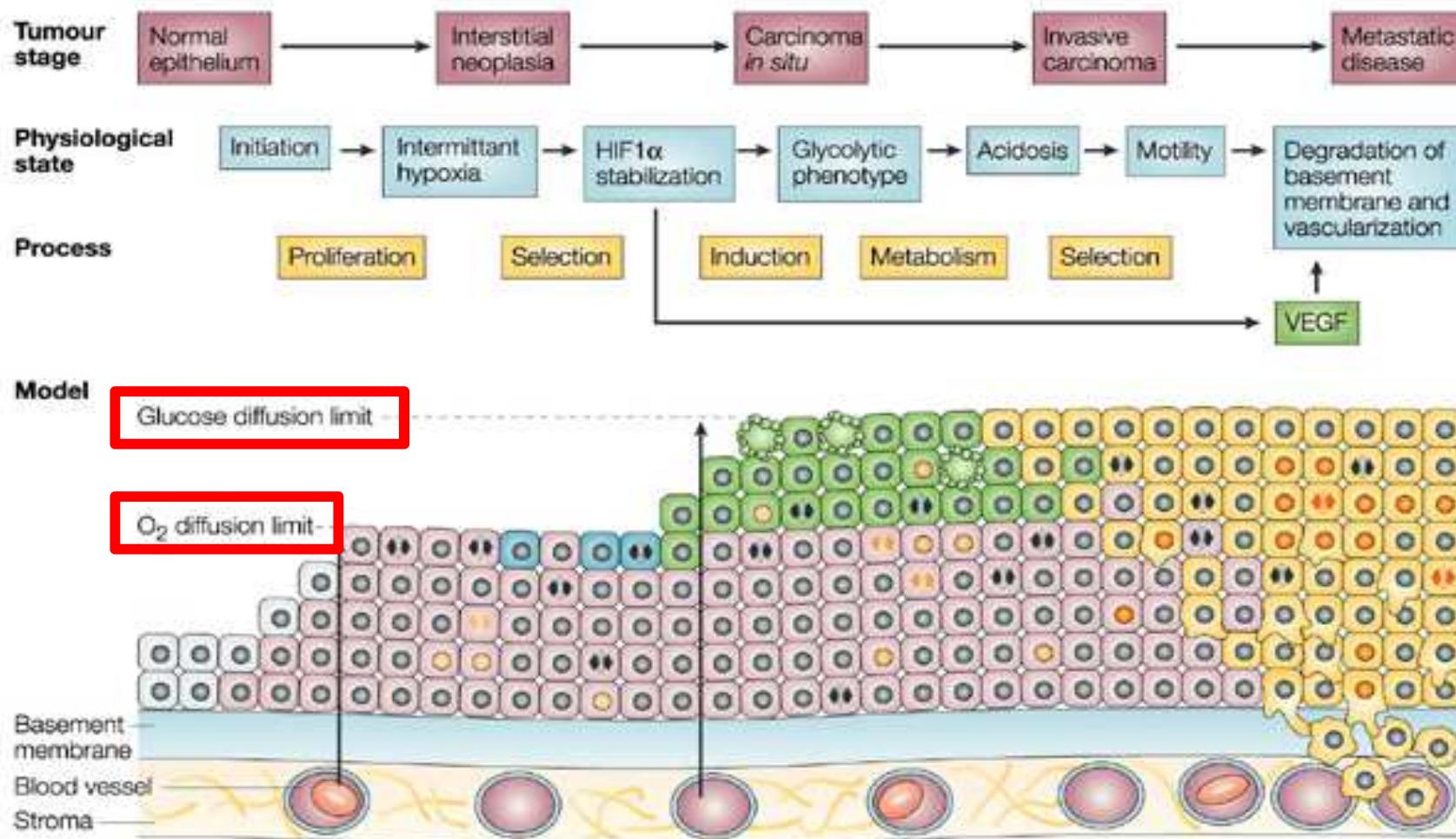


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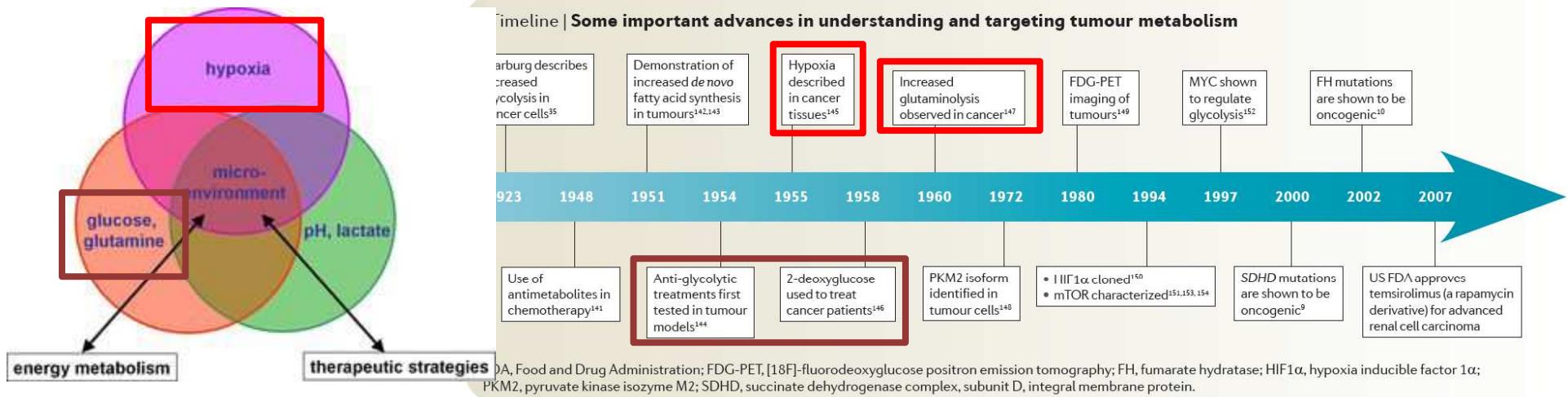
Genetic characteristics

Non-genetic characteristics : environmental change (stress)

Microenvironmental stresses impact tumor phenotypes (short term) and exert selection pressure (long-term)



Microenvironments

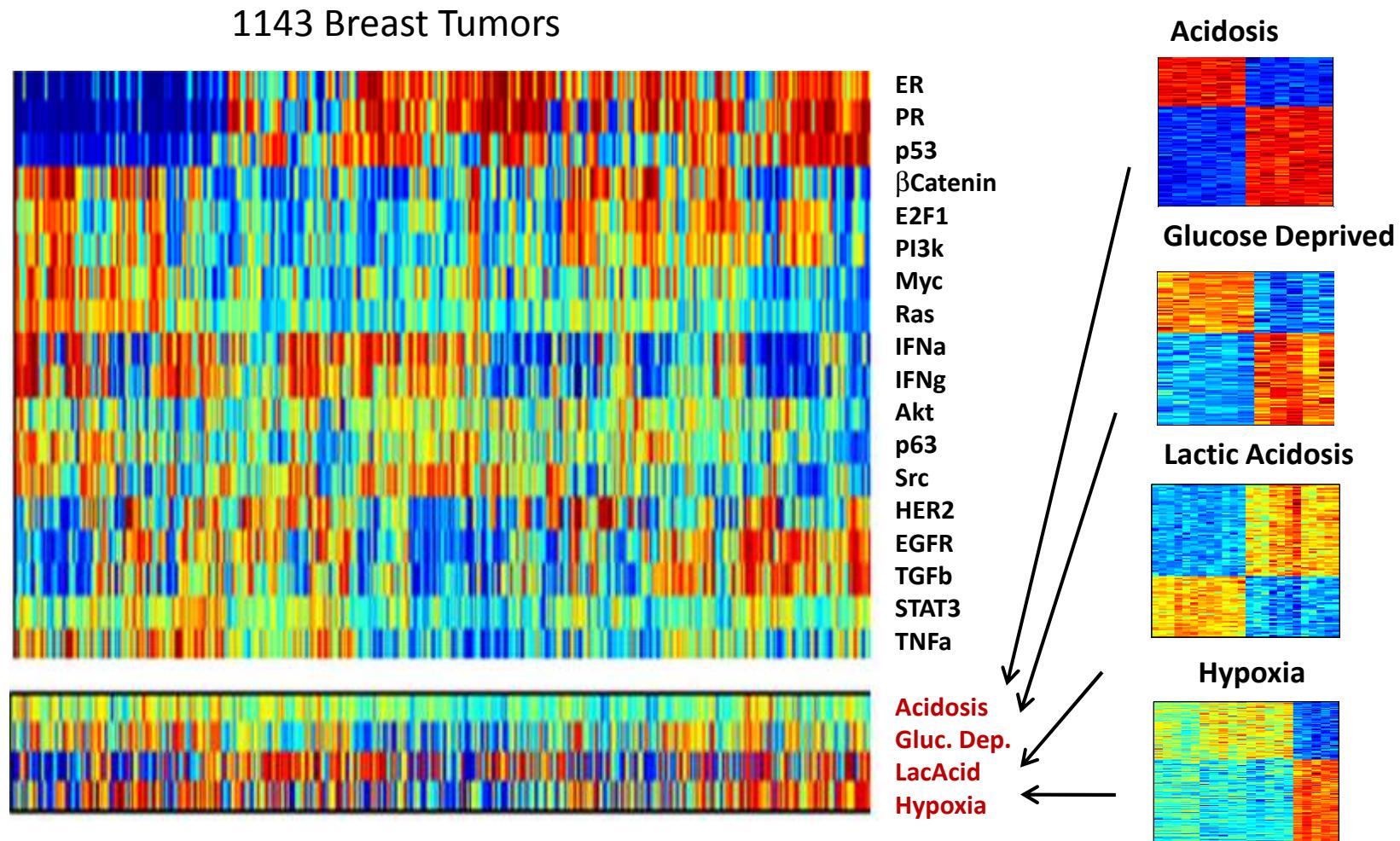


1. Hypoxia & heterogeneity

2. Glutamine requirement

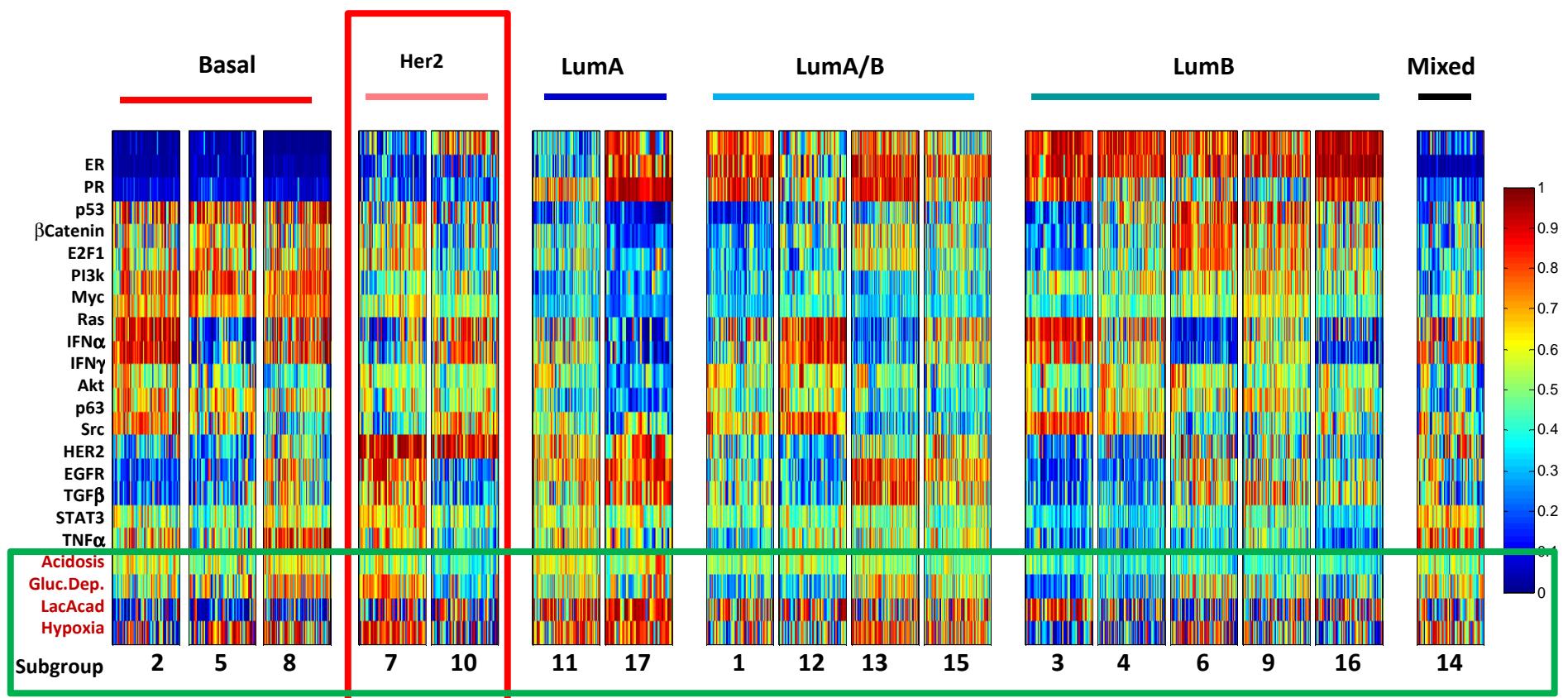
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The integration of the non-genetic stress signatures with oncogenic signaling pathways



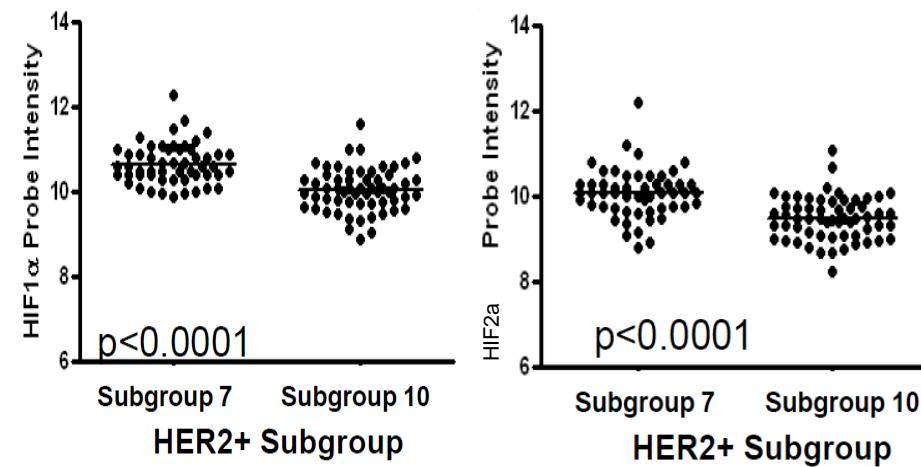
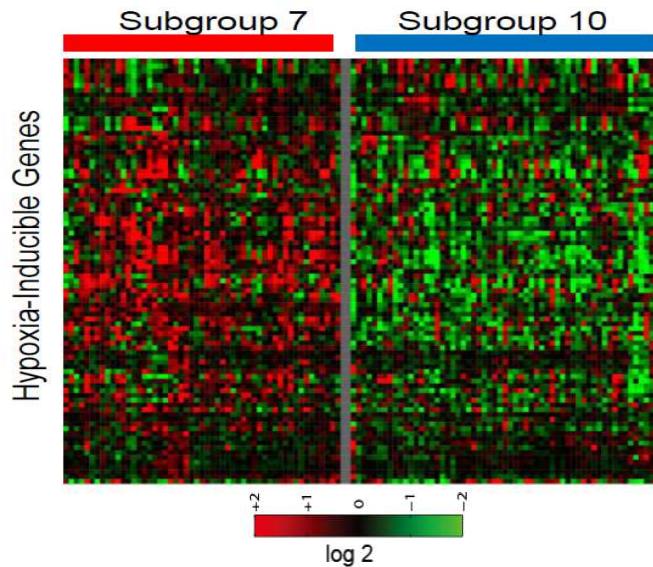
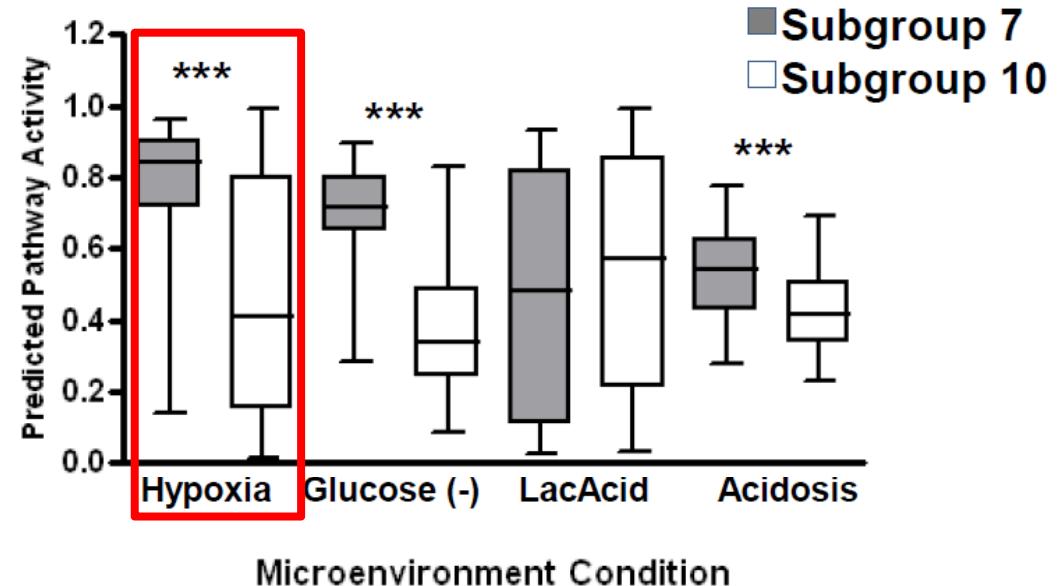
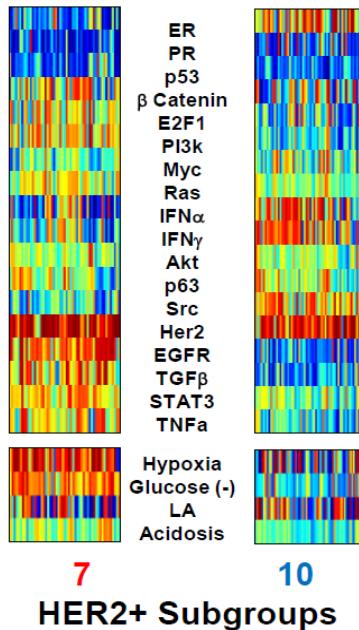
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Microenvironment signaling identified subtypes among ERBB2+ Tumors.



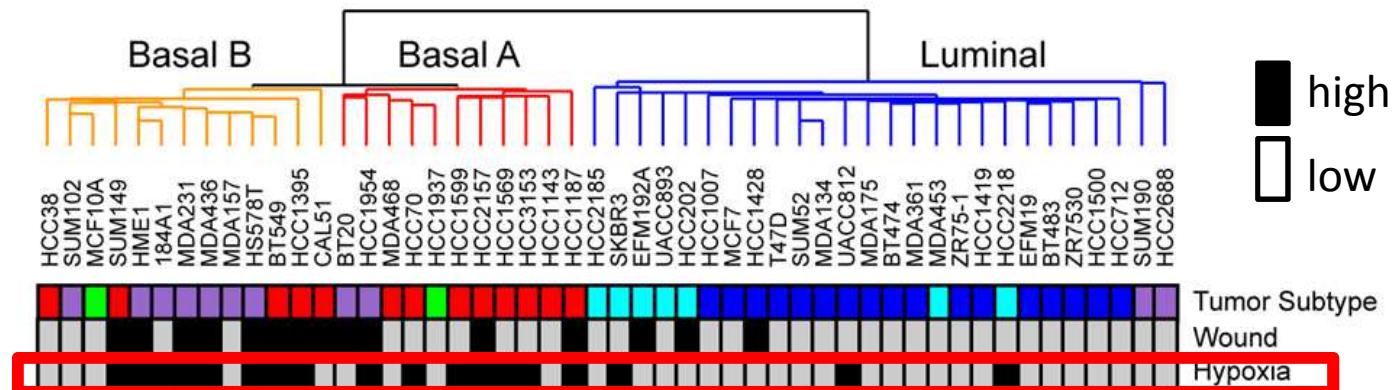
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Hypoxia pathway is higher in subgroup 7.

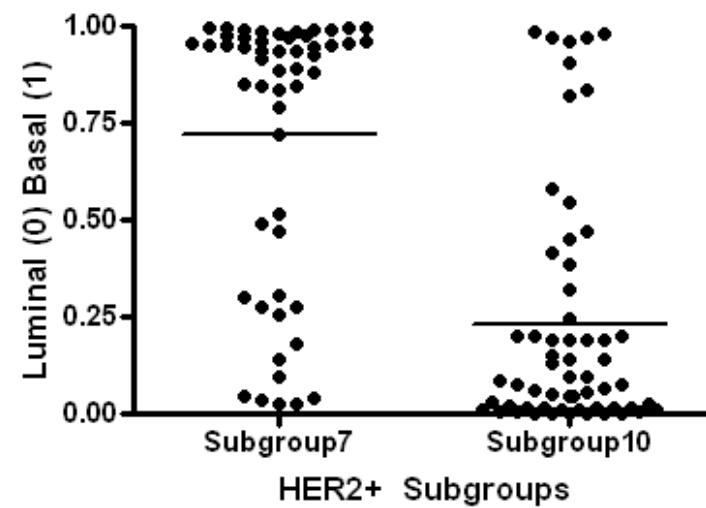
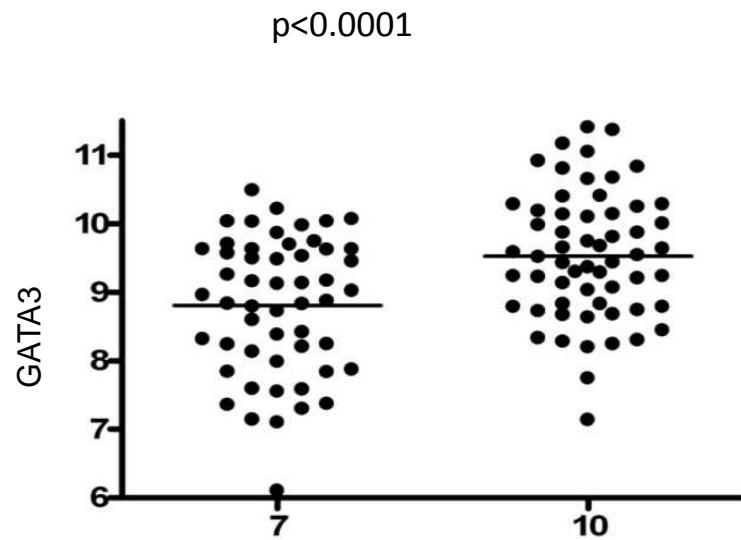


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Subgroup 10 has higher expression of luminal regulator genes.

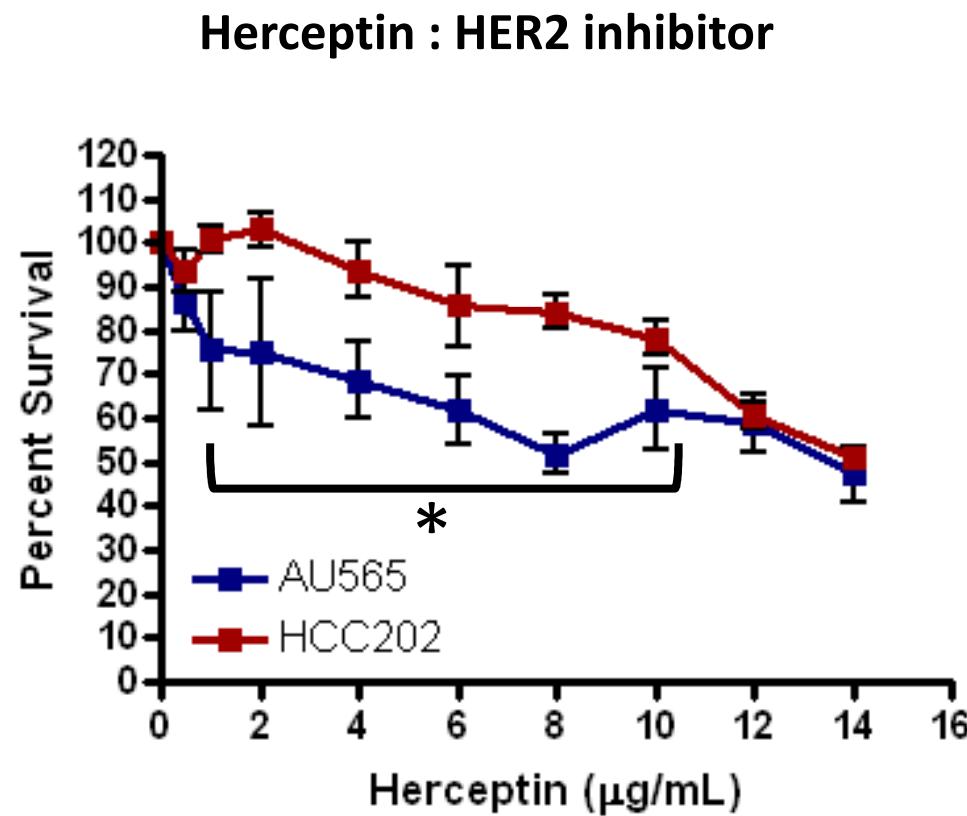


(Jessica Kao, et al., 2009, Plos One)



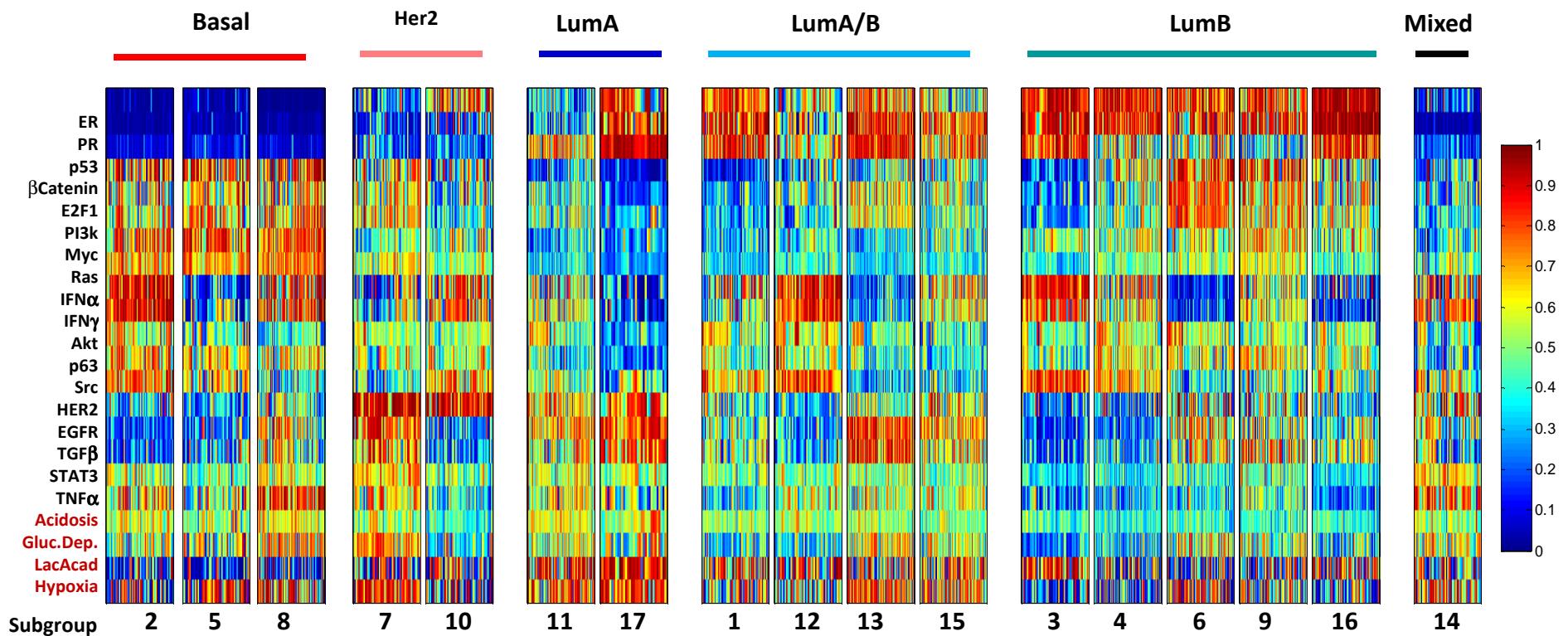
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Different response to HER2 inhibitor treatment in AU565 (subgroup7) and HCC202 (subgroup10) .

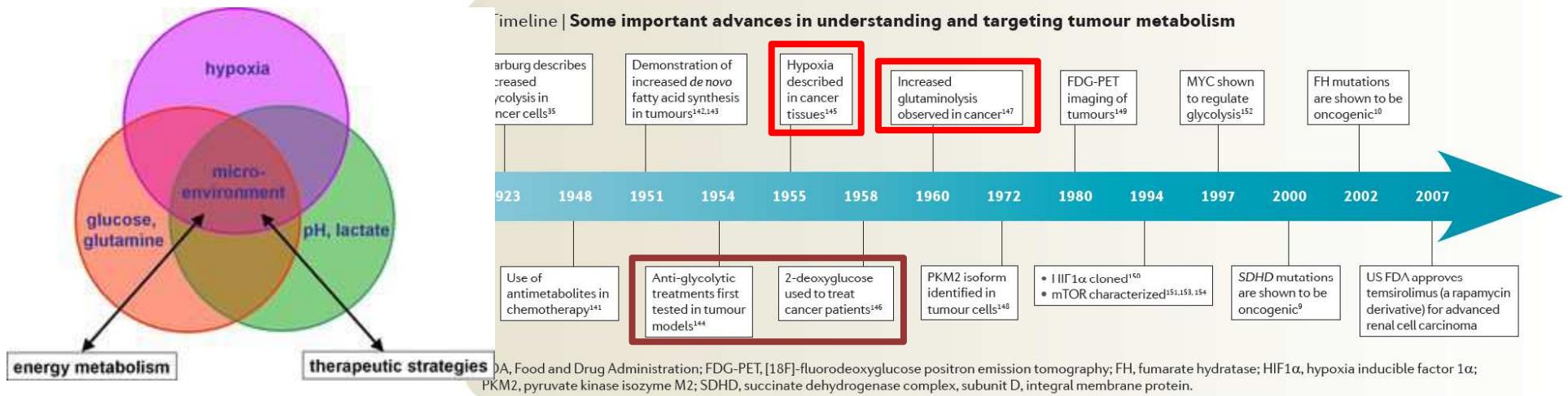


(Michael L Gatza et al., 2011, breast cancer research)

1. Hypoxia & heterogeneity



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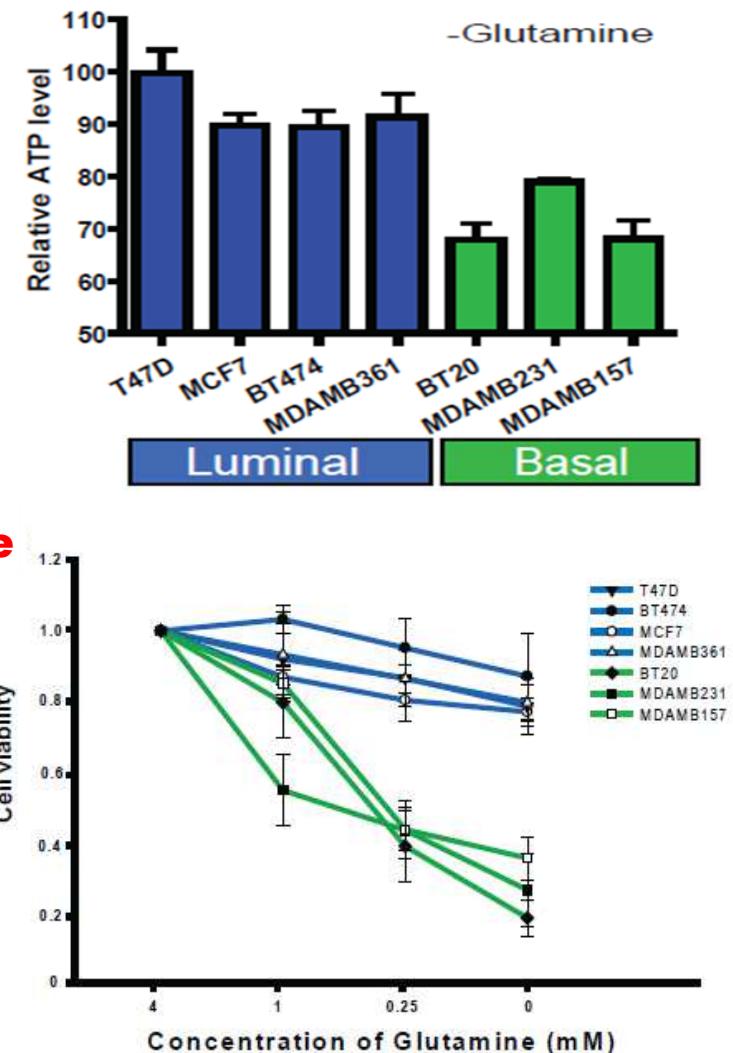
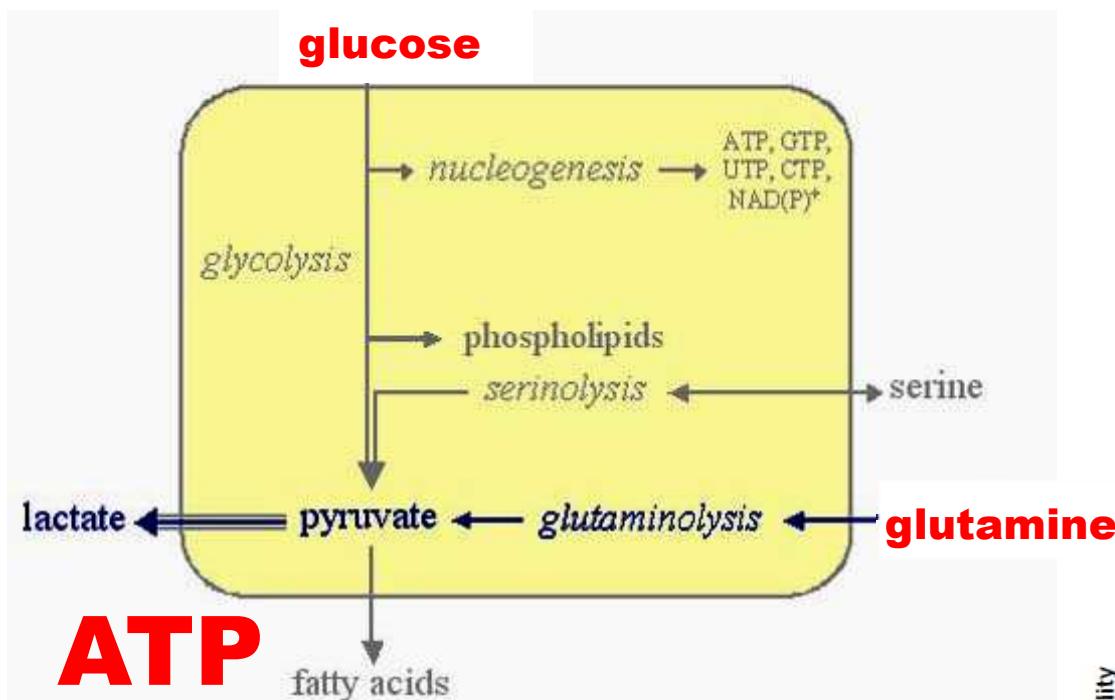


1. Hypoxia & heterogeneity

2. Glutamine requirement

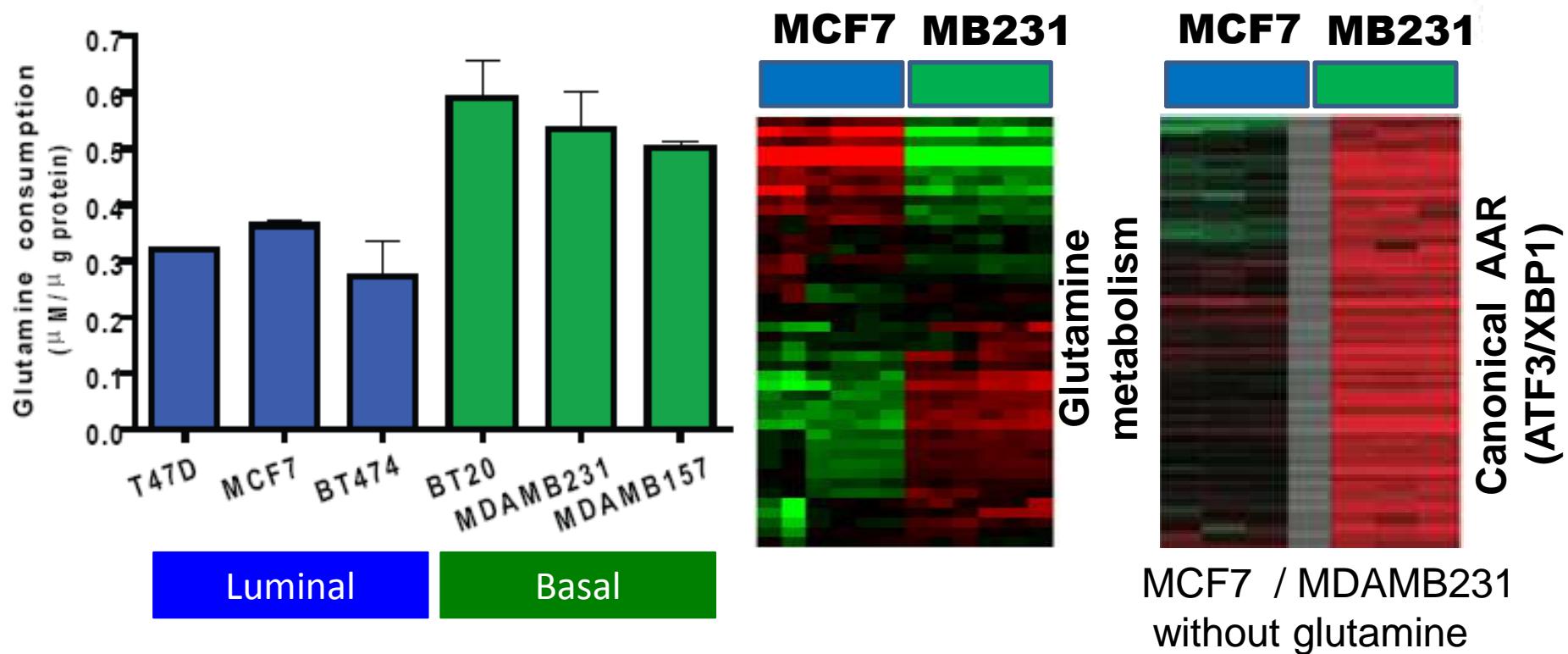
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Basal cells use more glutamine as the energy source.



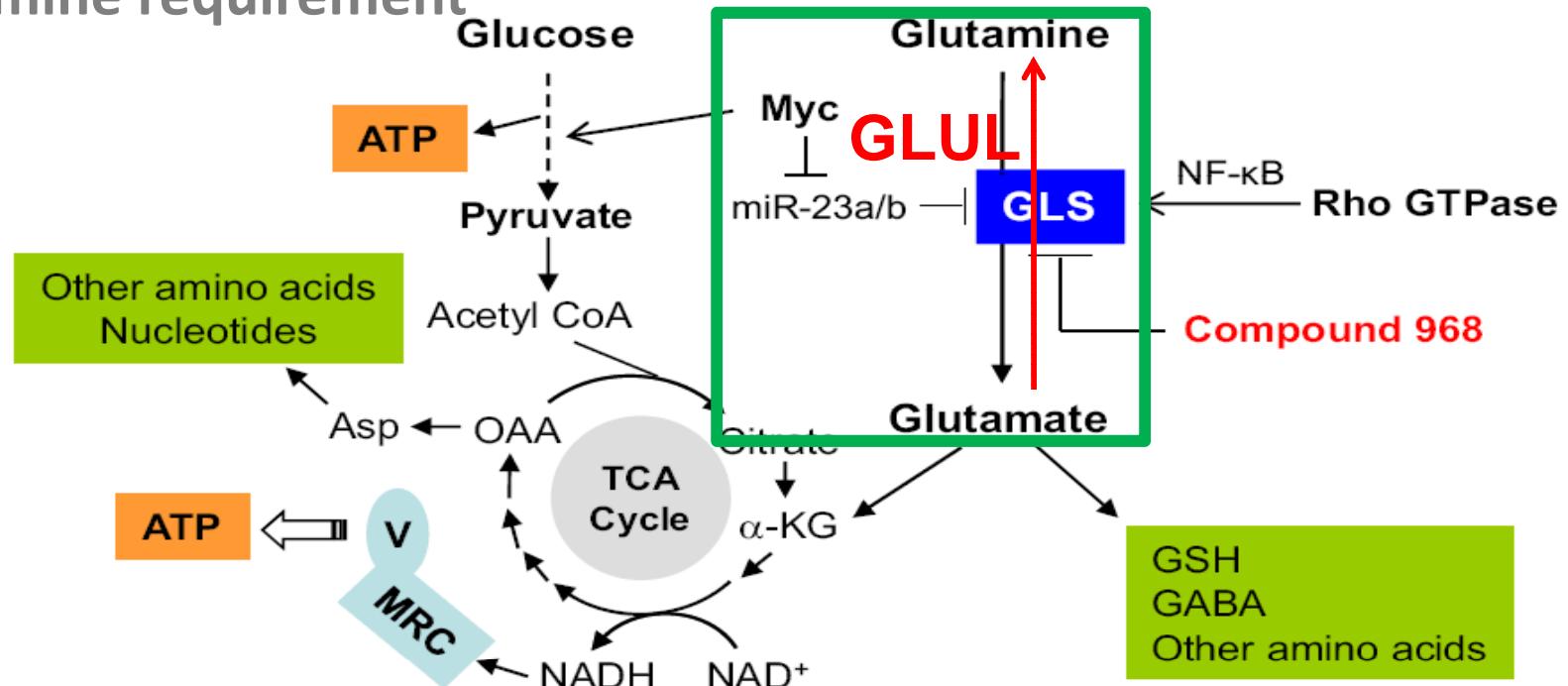
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Basal breast cells consume more glutamine, and exhibit canonical AAR response during glutamine deprivation



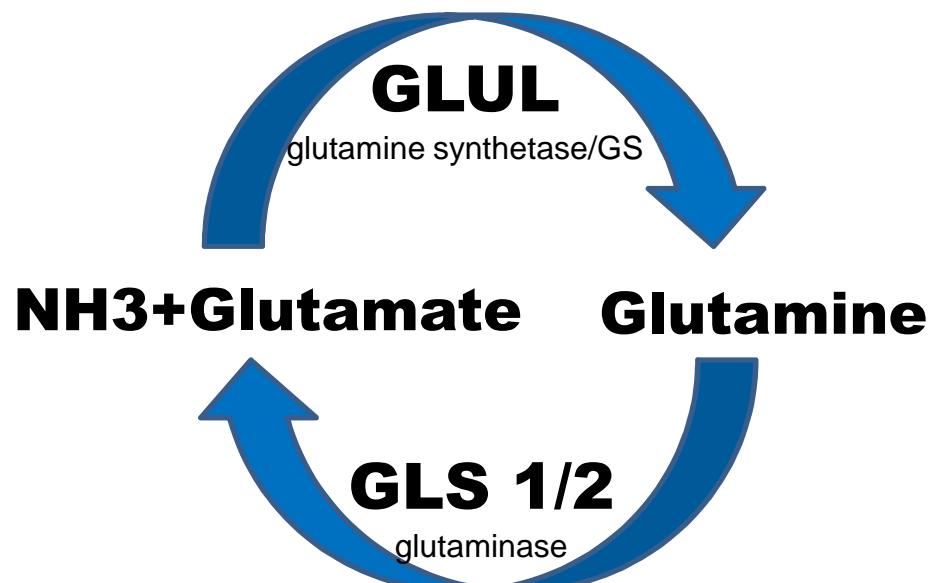
What are the genetic determinants of glutamine addiction vs. independence ?

2. Glutamine requirement



GLUL
(Glutamine synthetase, GS)

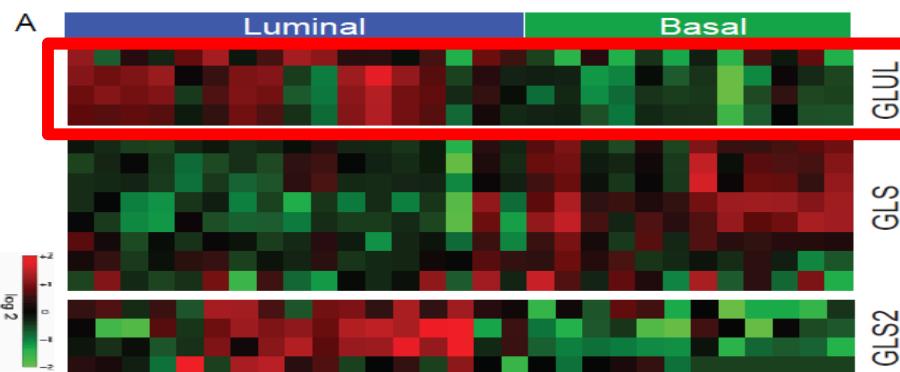
GLS1- Liver
GLS2- Kidney
(Glutaminase)



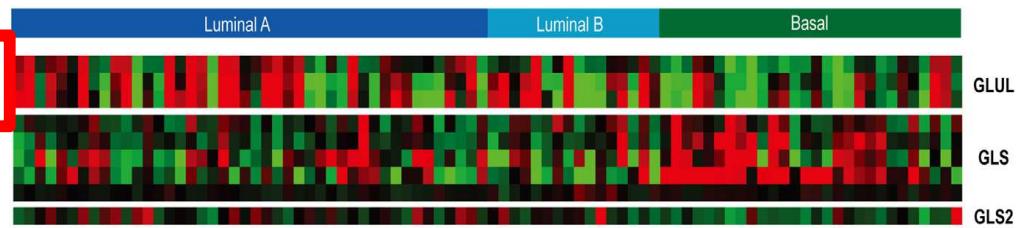
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Luminal-specific expression of GLUL and higher intracellular glutamine synthetase level

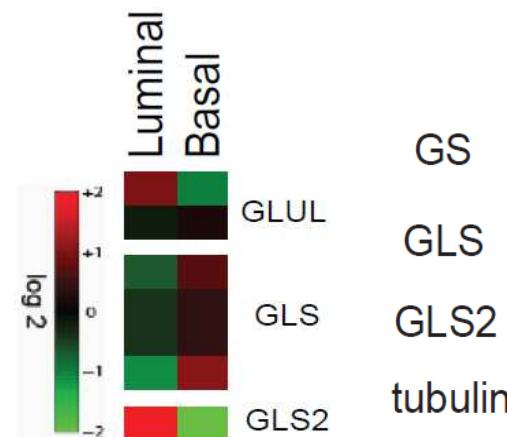
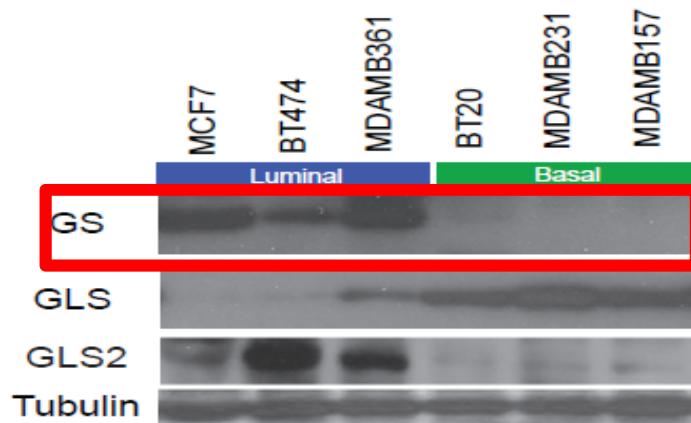
Breast cancer cells



Breast tumors

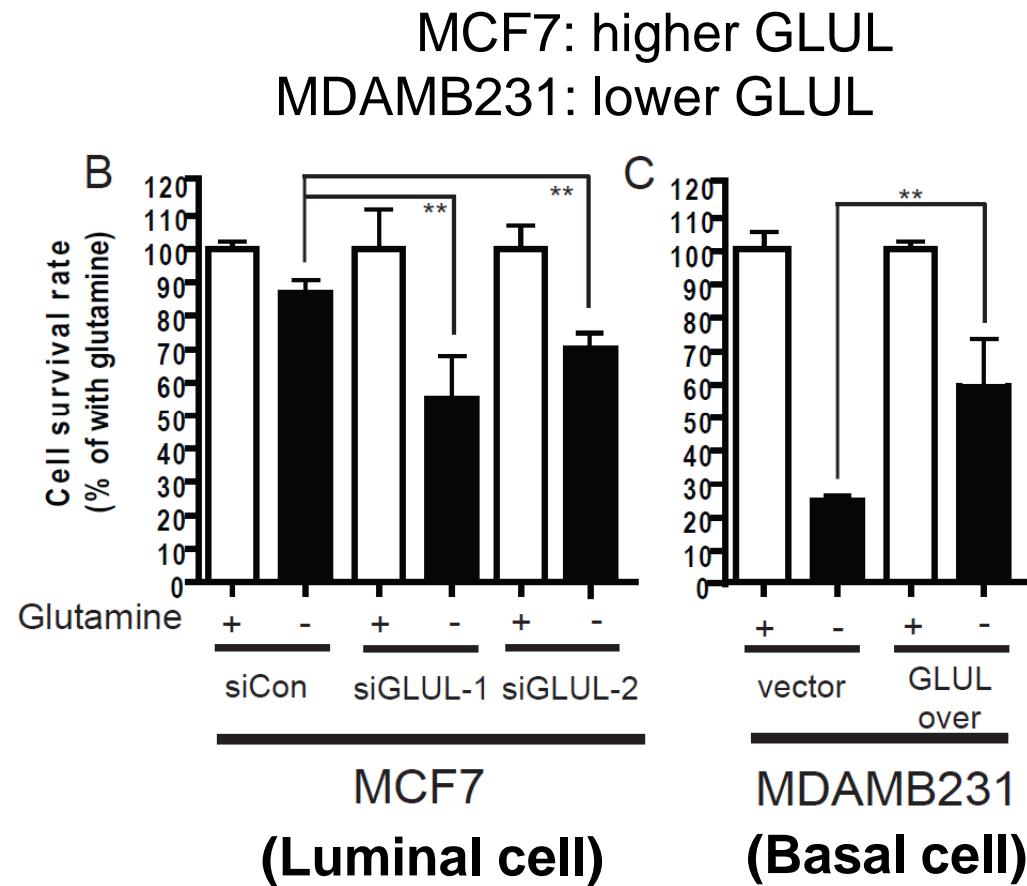


Primary breast cells



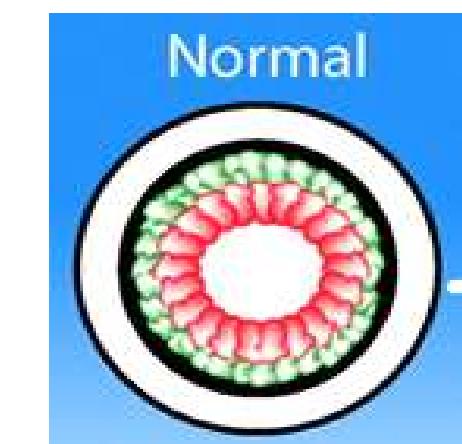
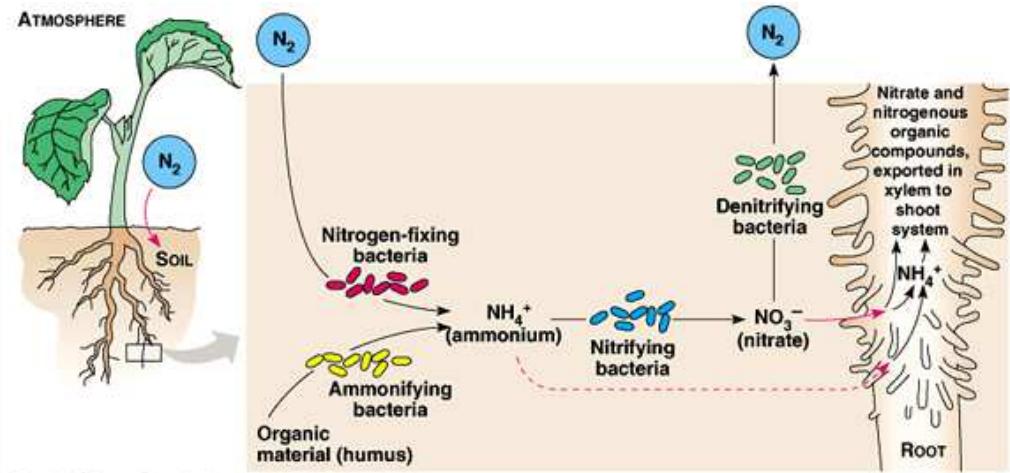
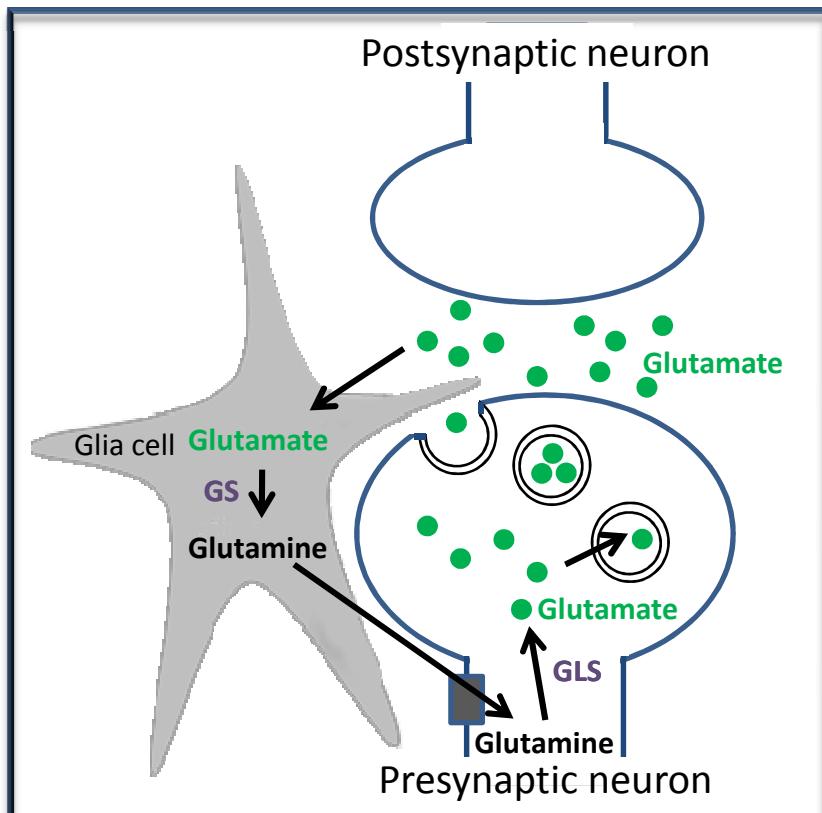
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High level of GLUL confer resistance of glutamine deprivation.



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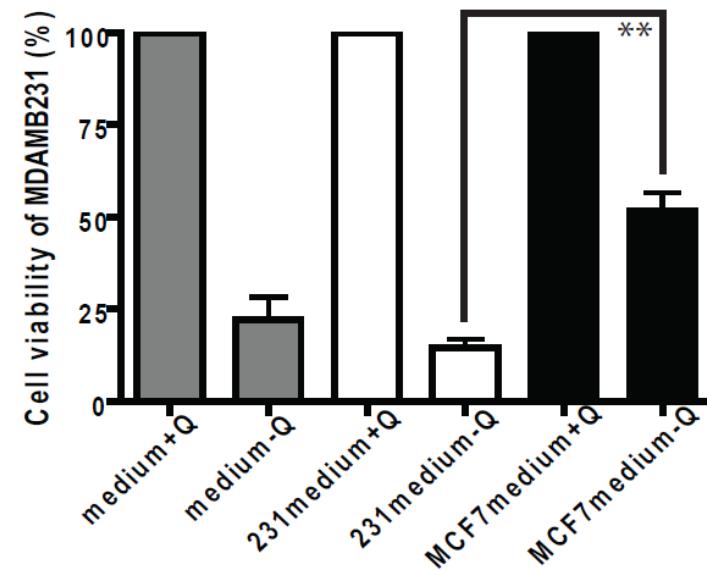
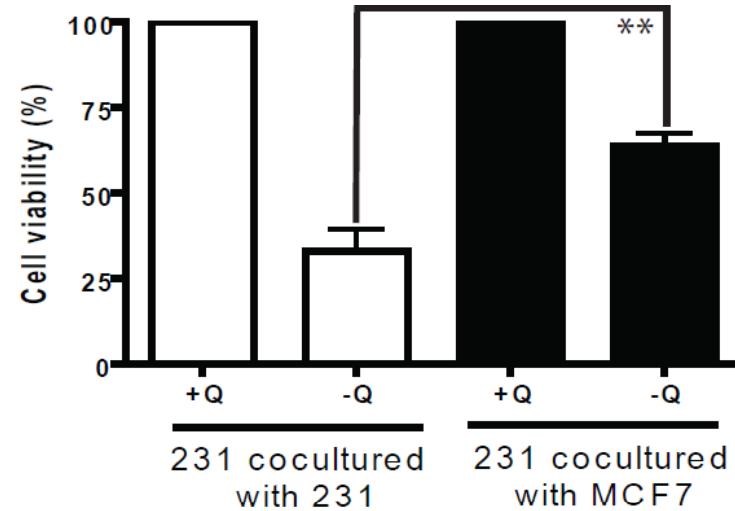
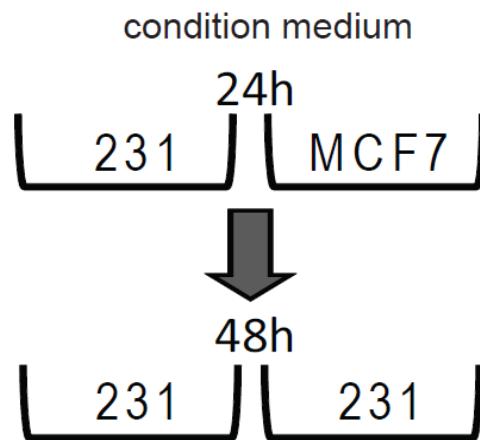
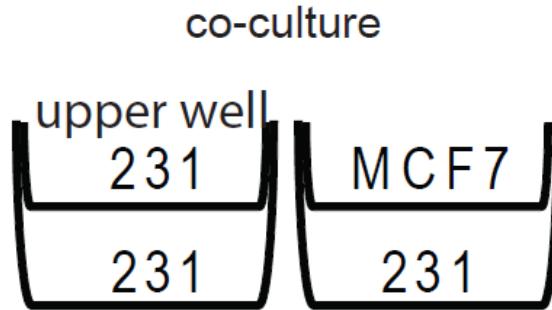
Glutamine symbiosis



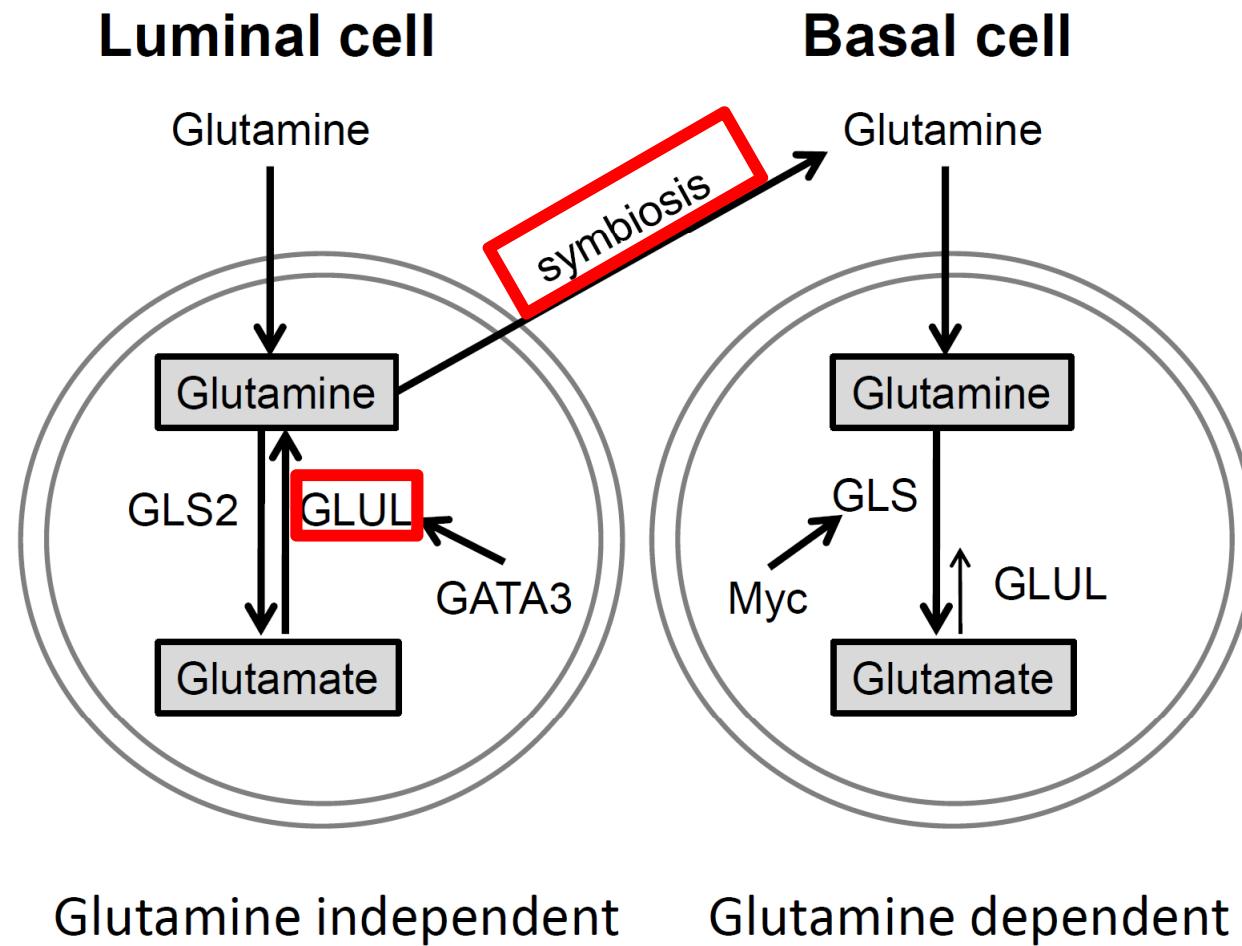
Normal
Glutamine symbiosis

2. Glutamine requirement

Luminal and basal cells have Glutamine symbiosis



2. Glutamine requirement



Nutrient
requirement

microenviron
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Heterogeneity
/target therapy

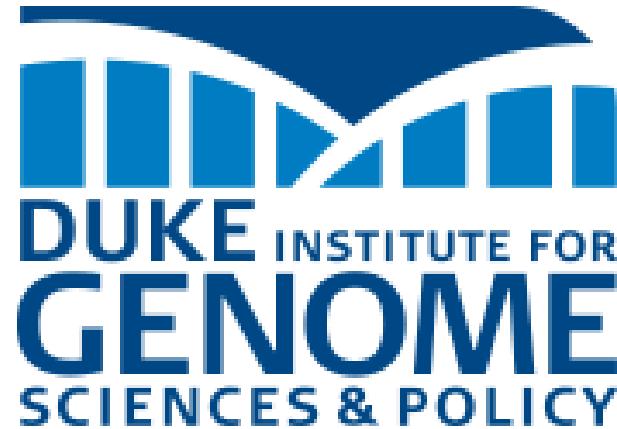


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