

# Identification of metastasis driver mutations by integrating genomics and transcriptomics data

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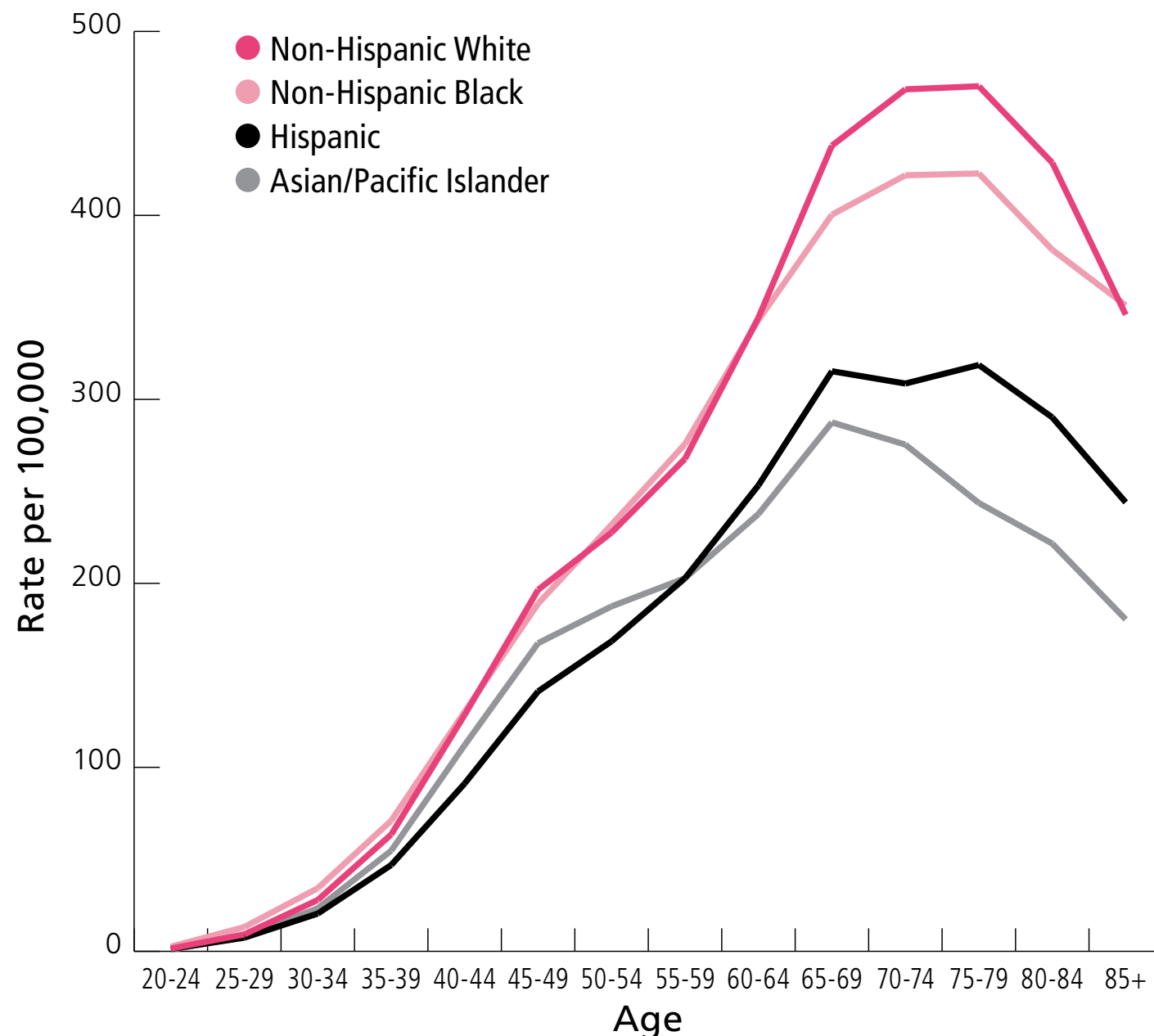


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# Breast cancer is the most common cancer in women

Figure 1. Age-specific Female Breast Cancer Incidence Rates by Race/Ethnicity, 2010-2014, US



About 1 in 8 U.S. women (about 12.4%) will develop invasive breast cancer over the course of her lifetime.

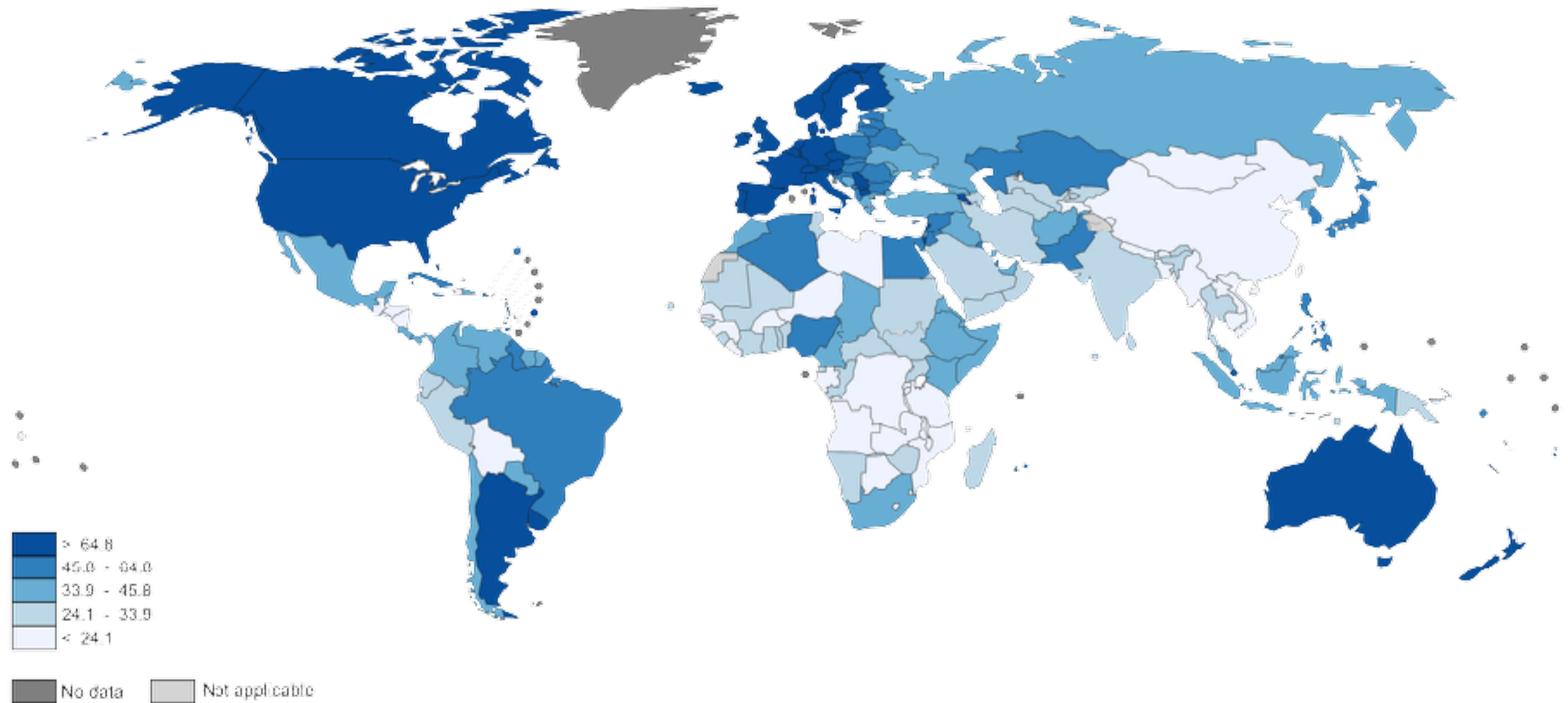


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- Leading cancer in women (23% of all new cases)
- Leading cause of cancer death in women (14% of all cases)
- 1.2 mi. new cases and 500,000 death every year with an increasing trend.



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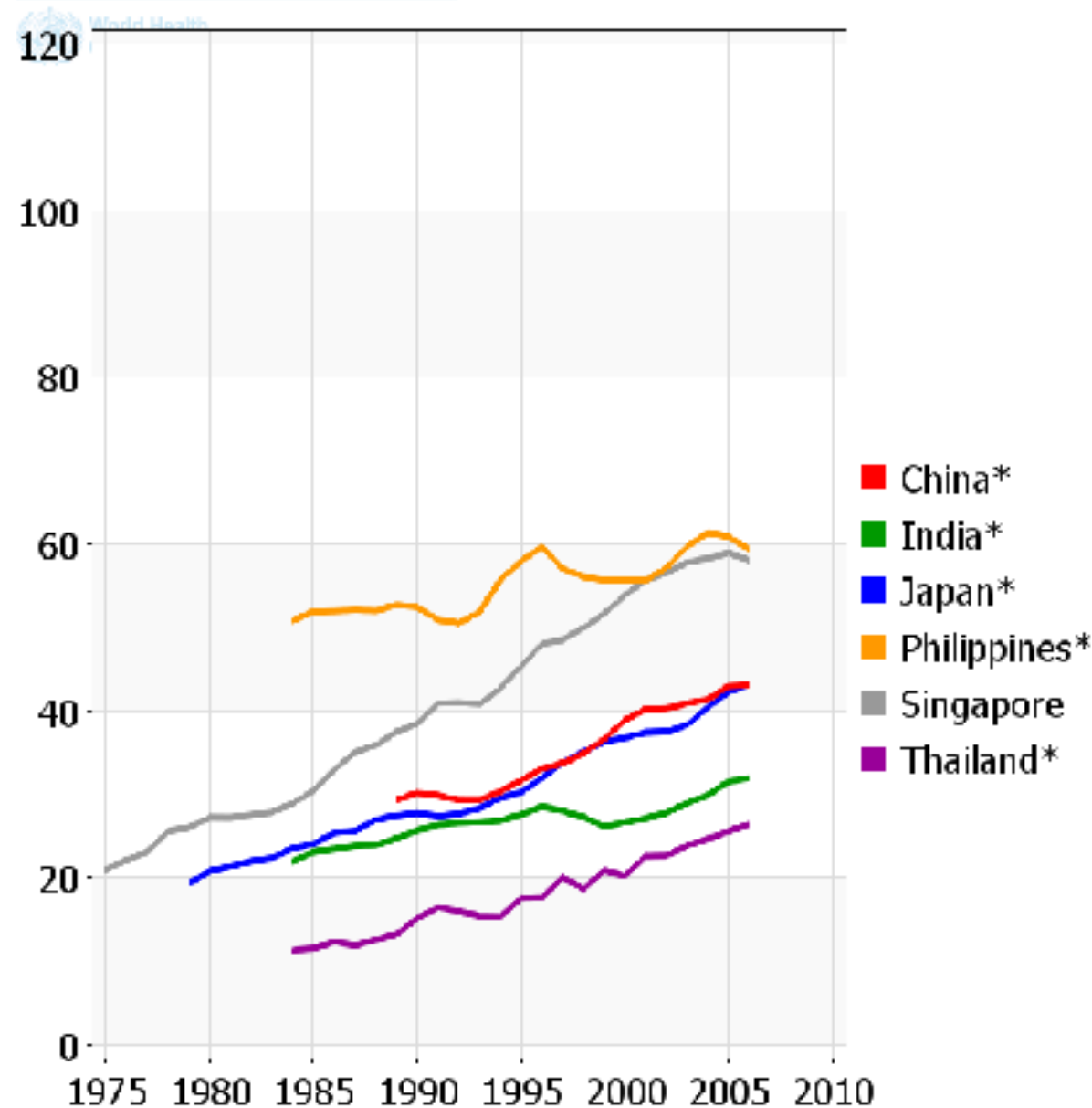


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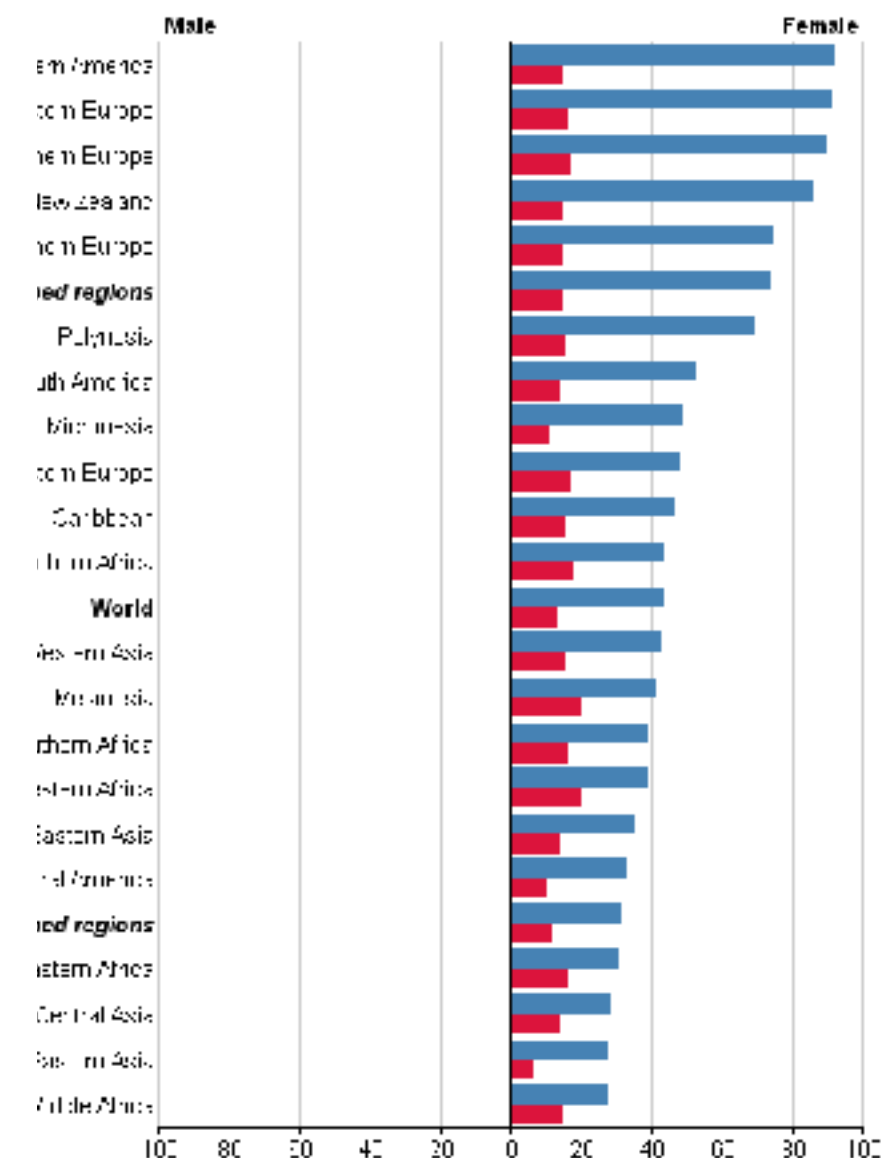


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Research on Cancer





# Metastatic breast cancer

## WHAT YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT BREAST CANCER BUT SHOULD



of women who have had early breast cancer will eventually develop metastatic breast cancer <sup>1</sup>

IT'S ESTIMATED THAT  
**150,000 - 250,000**  
WOMEN AND MEN  
in the U.S.  
are living with  
**METASTATIC  
BREAST CANCER** <sup>2</sup>

MEDIAN SURVIVAL  
after a  
**METASTATIC  
BREAST CANCER**  
diagnosis is  
**3 YEARS** <sup>3</sup>

DESPITE ITS PREVALENCE, A RECENT SURVEY OF MORE THAN 2,000 ADULTS FOUND THAT

**?** MORE THAN **60%**  
SAY THEY KNOW  
LITTLE TO NOTHING  
about  
**METASTATIC  
BREAST CANCER** <sup>4</sup>

**72%** BELIEVE THAT  
**BREAST CANCER**  
in the  
ADVANCED STAGES  
**IS CURABLE**  
IF DIAGNOSED EARLY <sup>4</sup>

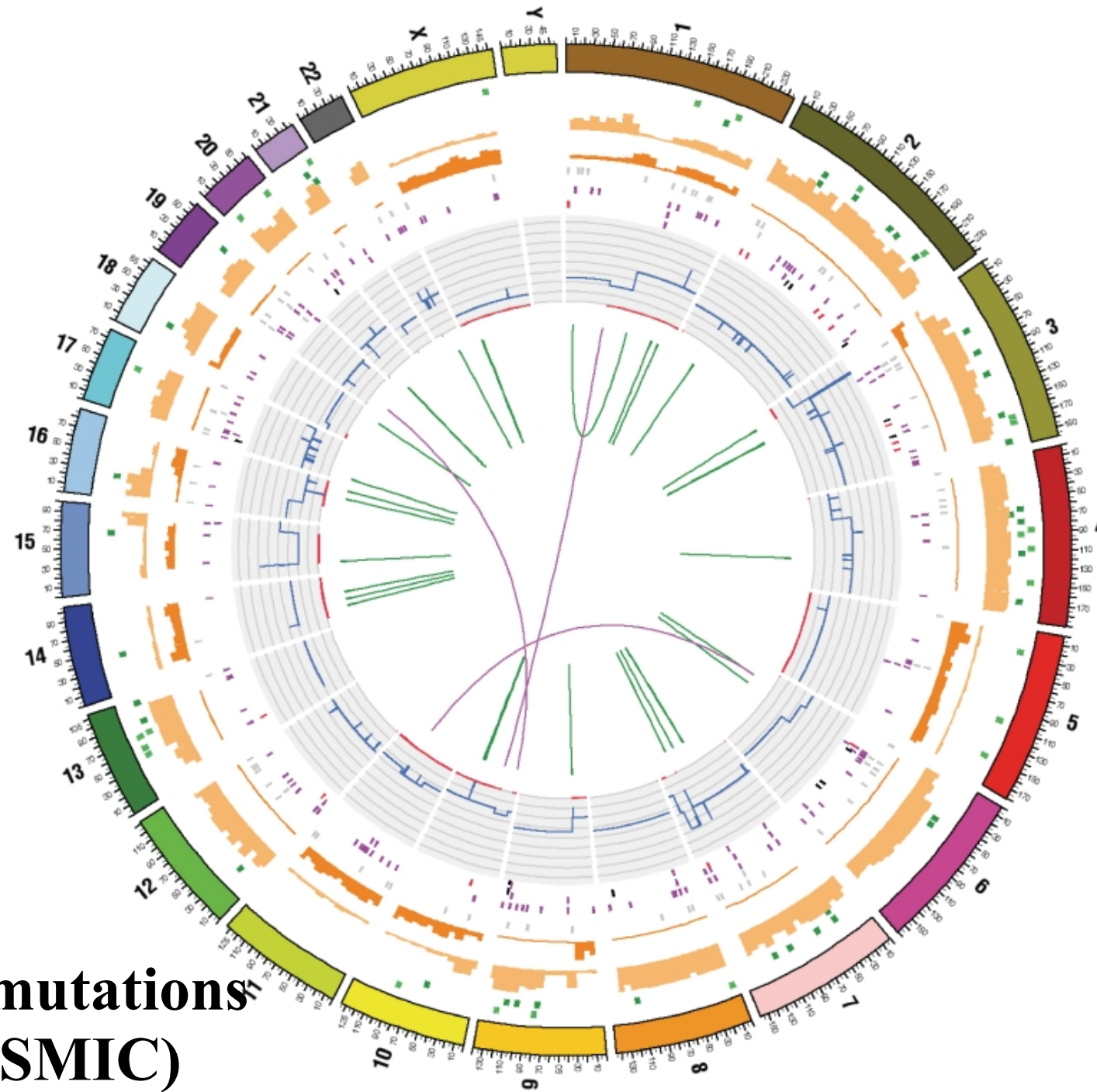
**50%** BELIEVE BREAST CANCER  
**PROGRESSES**  
**BECAUSE PATIENTS**  
either did not take the  
**RIGHT TREATMENT**  
or  
**PREVENTATIVE MEASURES** <sup>4</sup>

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# Metastatic breast cancer



# The missing heritability of breast cancer



**5731490 coding mutations  
in cancer (COSMIC)**

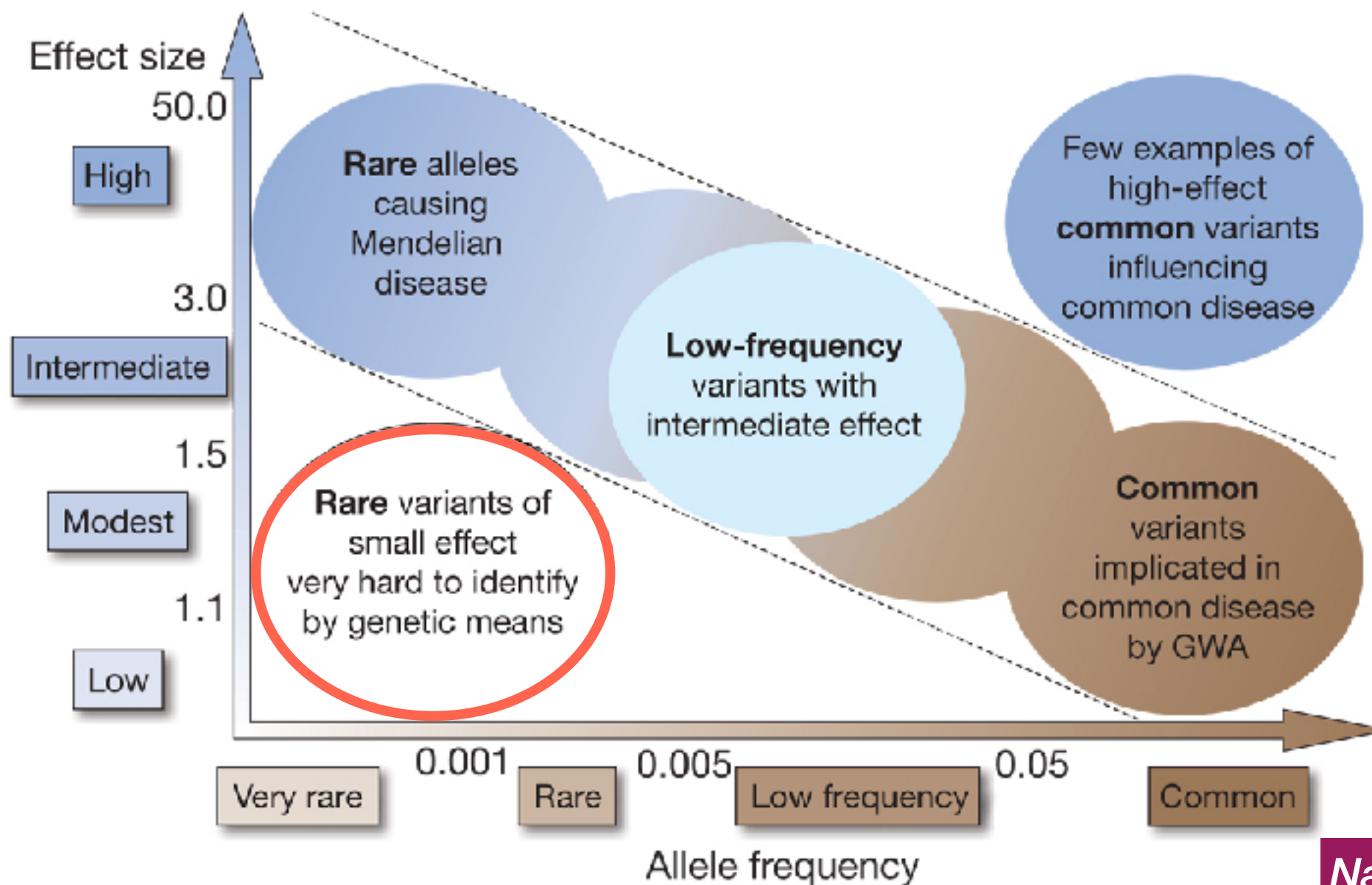


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*Nature*. 2009. 461(7265): 747–753.



# Breast cancer metastasis markers

Table 2 | **Breast cancer metastasis prognostic markers**

Marker	Use in clinic	Metastatic determinants	Details	References
Tumour size	Established	Tumours under 2 cm in diameter have a low risk of metastasis; tumours of 2–5 cm have a high risk of metastasis; tumours over 5 cm have a very high risk of metastasis	Independent prognosis marker	14–17
Axillary lymph-node status	Established	If there are no lymph-node metastases, the risk of metastasis is low; if lymph-node metastases are present, the risk of metastasis is high; the presence of over 4 lymph-node metastases is associated with very high metastasis risk	Related to tumour size	14,15,17
Histological grade	Established	Grade 1 tumours have a low risk of metastasis; grade 2 tumours have an intermediate risk of metastasis; grade 3 tumours have a high risk of metastasis	Related to tumour size	14,15,18
Angioinvasion	Established in patients with lymph-node-negative tumours	The presence of tumour emboli in over 3 blood vessels is associated with metastasis	In patients with lymph-node-negative tumours	19,20
uPA/PAI1 protein level	Newly established marker	High protein levels of uPA and PAI1 are associated with high metastasis risk	Independent prognosis marker	55–60
Steroid-receptor expression	Established for adjuvant therapy decision	Low steroid-receptor levels are associated with metastasis	Short-term predictor of metastasis risk (5 years); related to histological grade	14
<i>ERBB2</i> gene amplification and protein expression	Established for adjuvant therapy decision	<i>ERBB2</i> amplification/overexpression is associated with metastasis	In patients with lymph-node-positive tumours	28,30,31
Gene-expression profiling	Currently being tested	A 'good signature' of 70 genes is associated with low metastasis risk; a 'poor signature' of 70 genes is associated with high metastasis risk	Tested in patients with lymph-node-negative tumours	7,8

PAI1, plasminogen activator inhibitor 1; uPA, urokinase-type plasminogen activator.



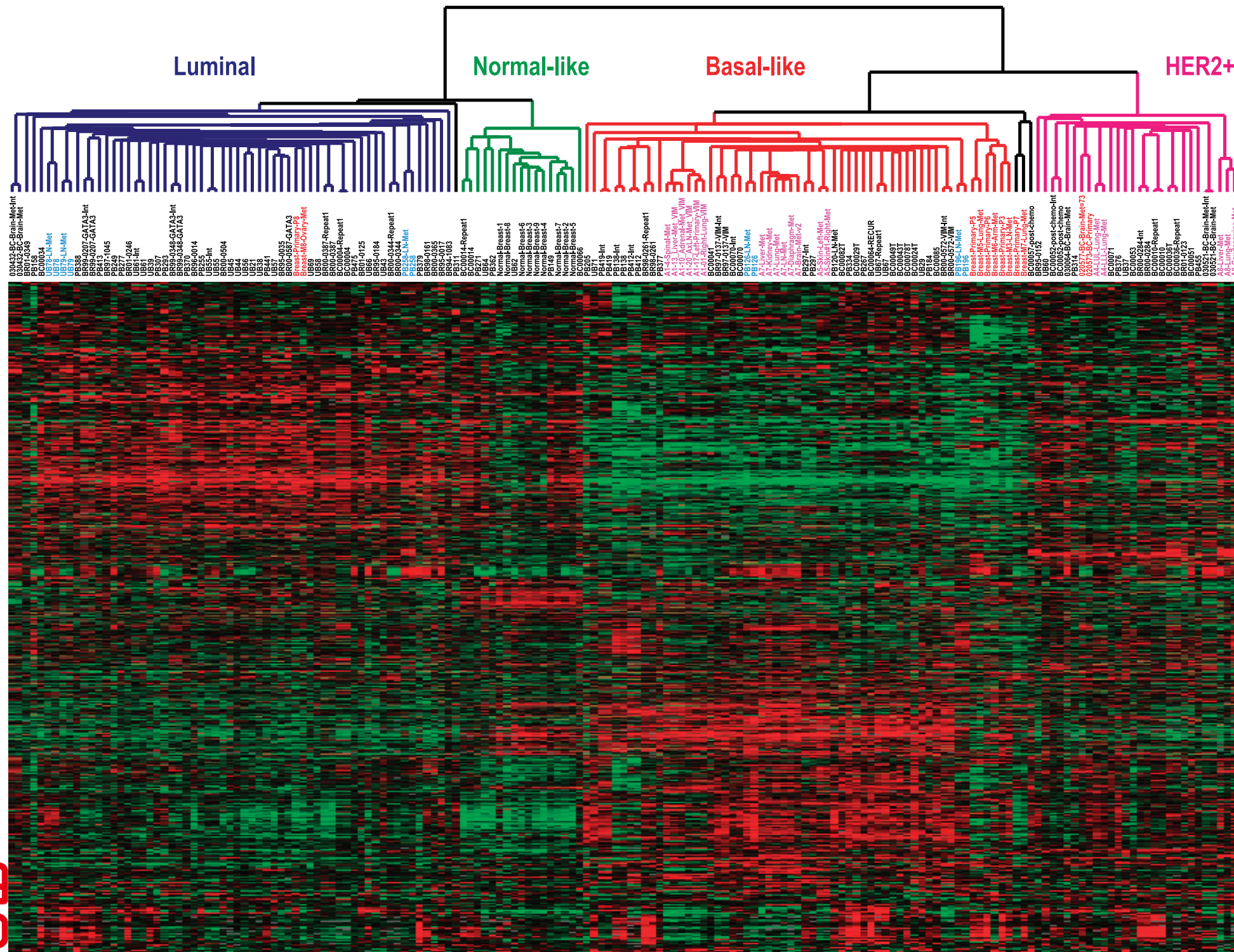
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# Breast cancer metastasis markers



Cancer Res.  
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# Exome sequencing of breast cancers

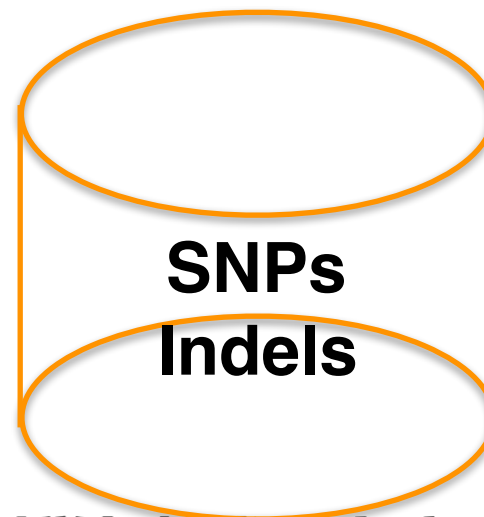
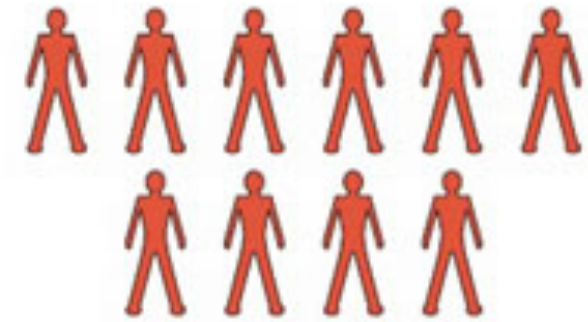
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(low-risk for distant metastasis)



22 HRM

(high-risk for distant metastasis)

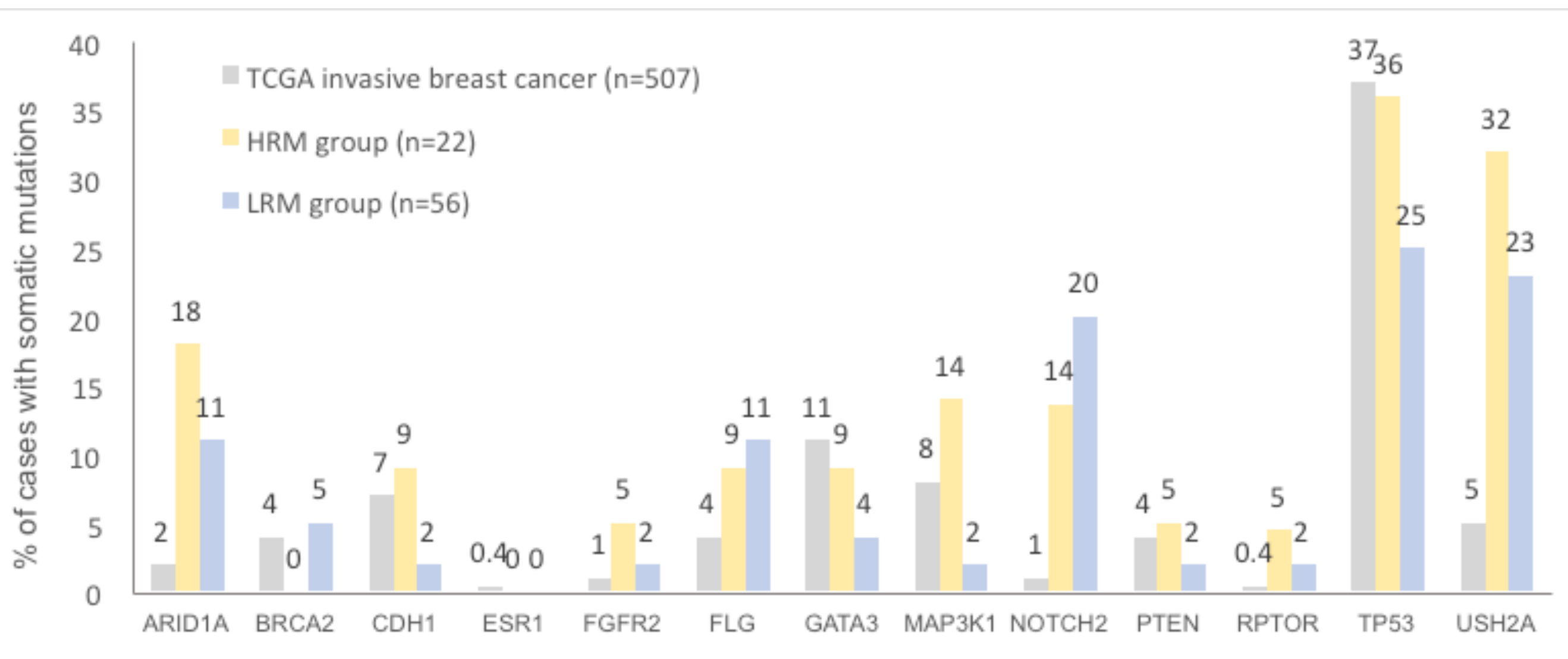


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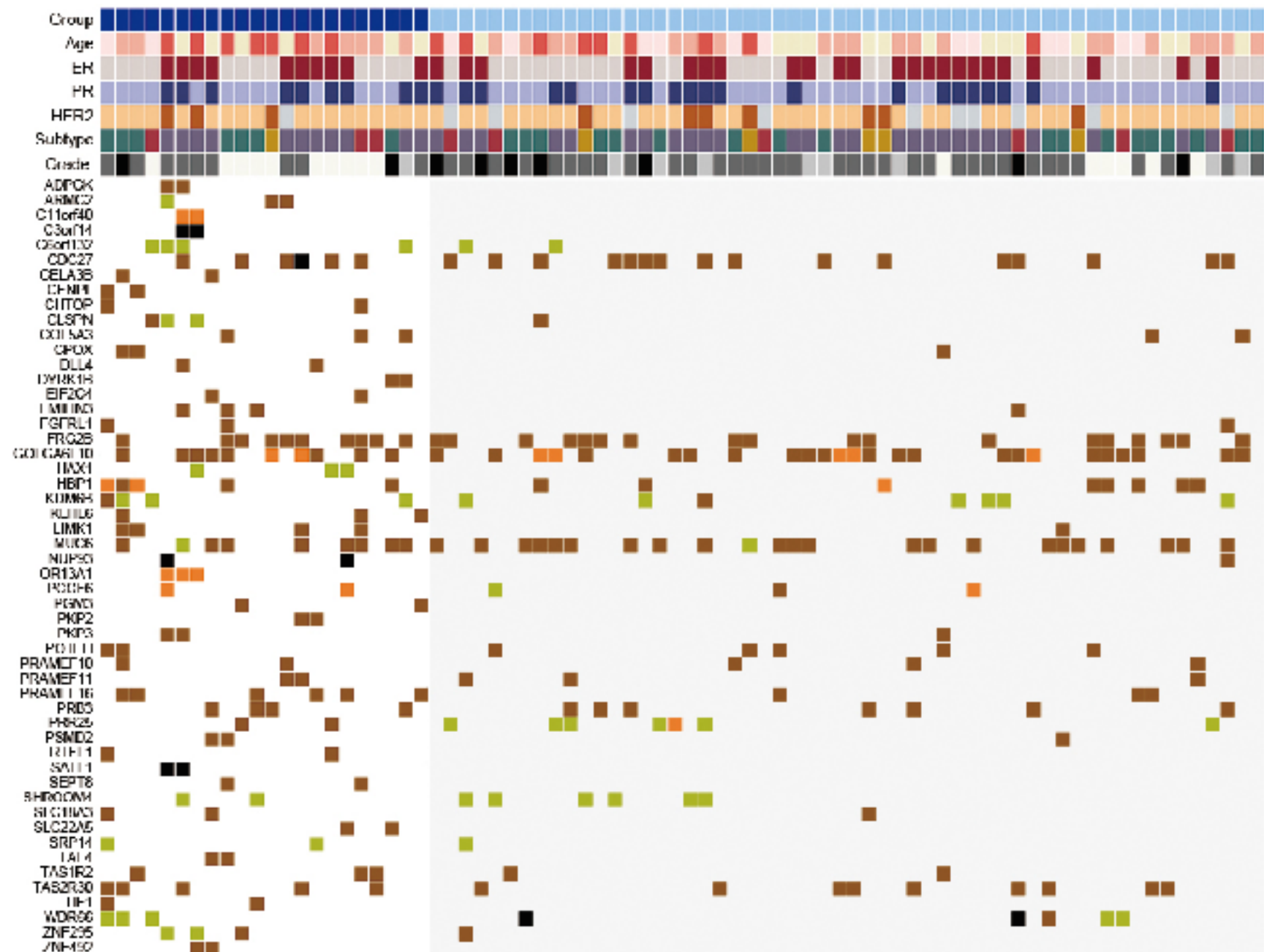


# *de novo* mutations



# Distribution of mutations

53 HRM-specific  
mutations detected



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Group

Age

ER

PR

HER2

Molecular Subtype

Histological Grade

HRM

LRM

50-59

>=60

Unknown

HER2

III

Unknown

Non-luminal

Unknown

Mutation Type

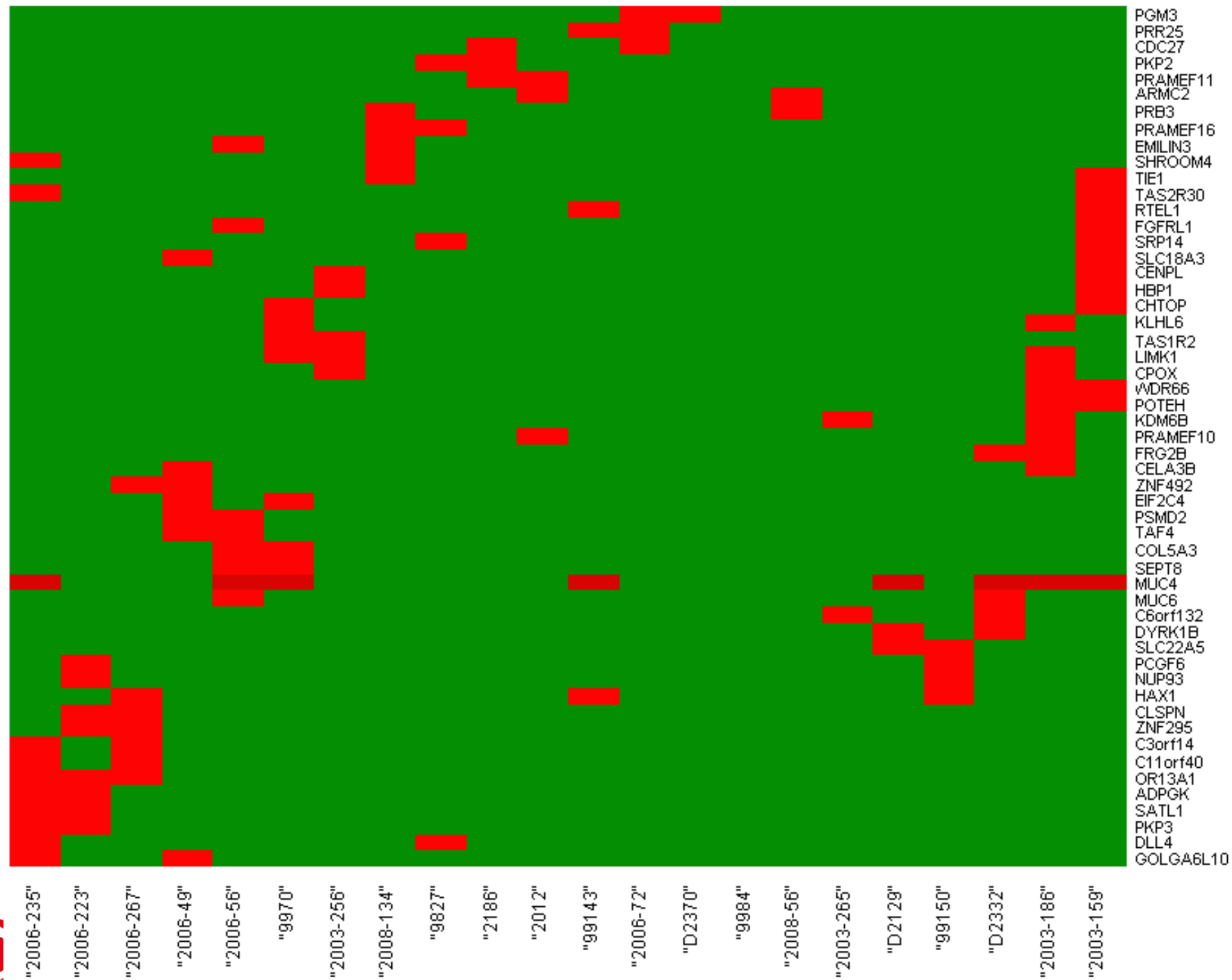
Missense

Inframe InDel

Nonsense



# Distribution of HRM mutations



# Candidate driver mutations

$$\max \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{c_j x_j}{M} - \frac{\lambda}{K} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^n \frac{c_{ij} x_j x_i}{c_i \cdot K}$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad \sum_{j=1}^n x_j = K, x_j \in \{0, 1\}$$





# RNA sequencing breast cancers

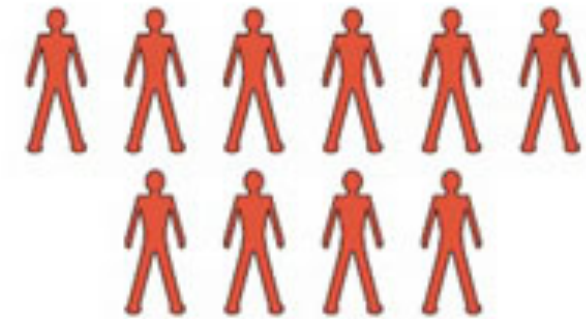
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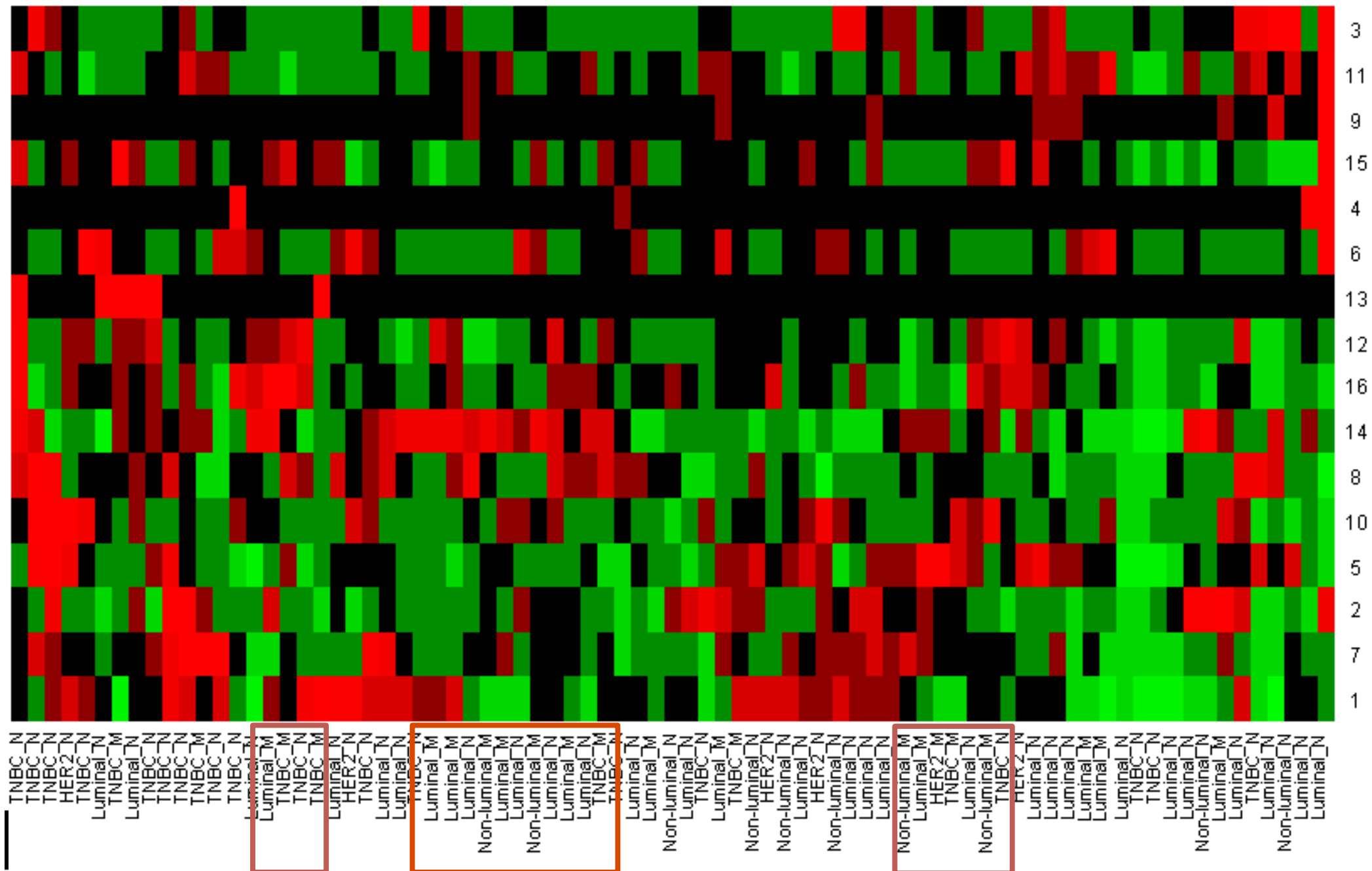
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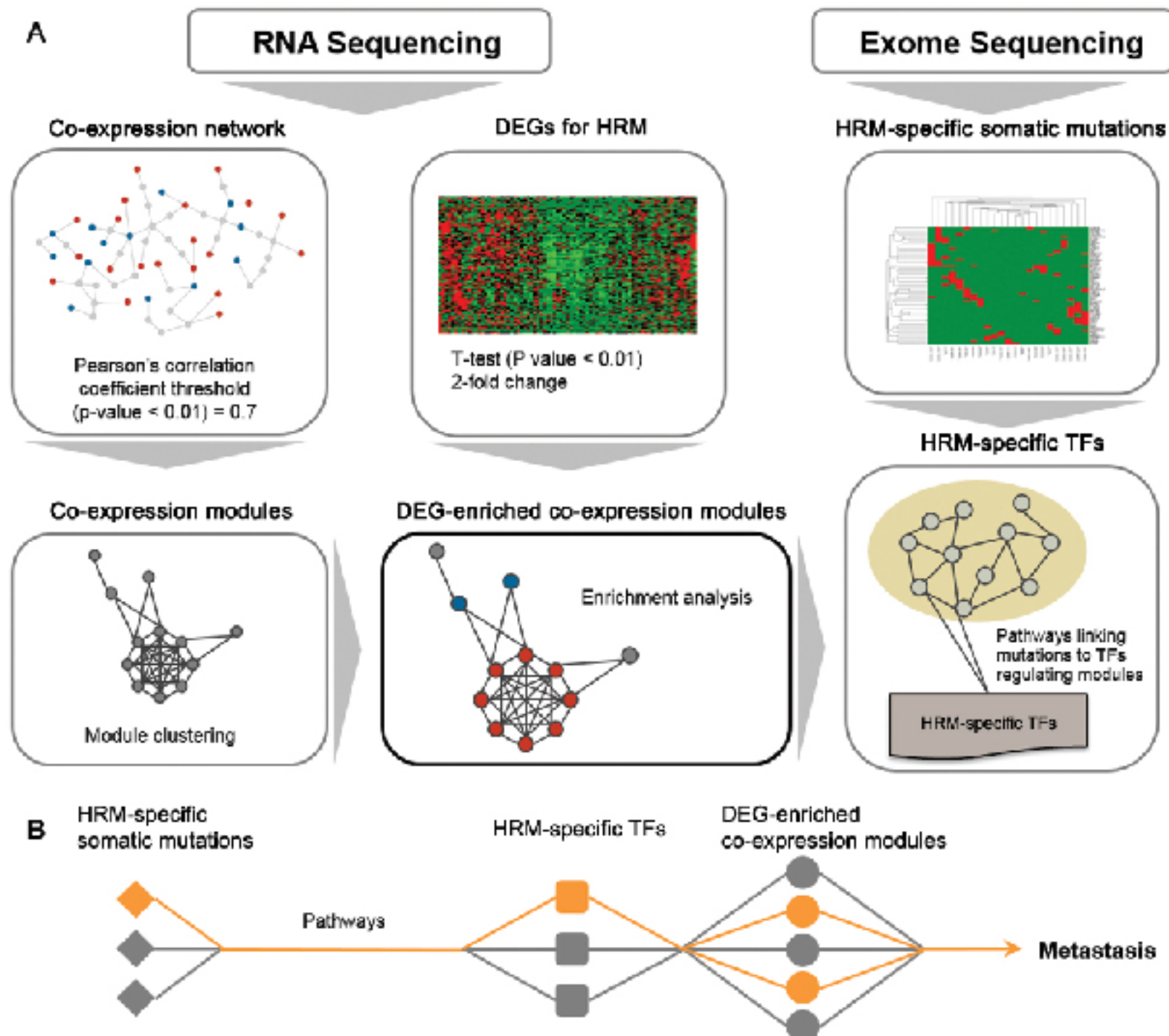
Read counts



# Inconsistency between mutations and gene expression



# Identification of driver mutations of breast cancer metastasis



Integrative analysis of mutational and transcriptional profiles reveals driver mutations of metastatic breast cancers. *Cell Discovery*, 2:16025, 2016.

# Identification of driver mutations of breast cancer metastasis

$$\underset{\{x_i, y_{ij}, z_{ij}\}}{\text{Max}} \sum_{i \in V \cup \{s, t\}} \sum_{j \in V \cup \{s, t\}} w_{ij} y_{ij} - \lambda \sum_{i \in V} \sum_{j \in V} y_{ij} \quad (1)$$

$$\text{s.t. } y_{ij} \leq x_i, \quad (2)$$

$$y_{ij} \leq x_j, \quad (3)$$

$$\sum_{j \in V \cup \{s, t\}} y_{ij} \geq 1, \quad \text{if } i \text{ is } s \text{ or } t, \quad (4)$$

$$\sum_{j \in V \cup \{s, t\}} y_{ij} \geq 2x_i, \quad \text{if } i \text{ is not } s \text{ or } t, \quad (5)$$

$$\sum_{j \in V \cup \{t\}} z_{ij} = R+1, \quad (6)$$

$$\sum_{i \in V \cup \{s, t\}} z_{ij} - \sum_{k \in V \cup \{t\}} z_{jk} = x_j, \quad \text{for } j \in V \cup \{t\}, \quad (7)$$

$$\sum_{i \in V \cup \{s, t\}} z_{ij} \leq (R+1)x_j, \quad \text{for } j \in V \cup \{t\}, \quad (8)$$

$$x_i = 1, \quad \text{if } i \text{ is } S \text{ or } TF, \quad (9)$$

$$x_i \in \{0, 1\}, \quad i \in V \cup \{s, t\}, \quad (10)$$

$$y_{ij} \in \{0, 1\}, \quad i, j \in V \cup \{s, t\}, \quad (11)$$

$$z_{ij} \in \{0, 1\}, \quad i \in V \cup \{s, t\}, j \in V \cup \{t\} \quad (12)$$





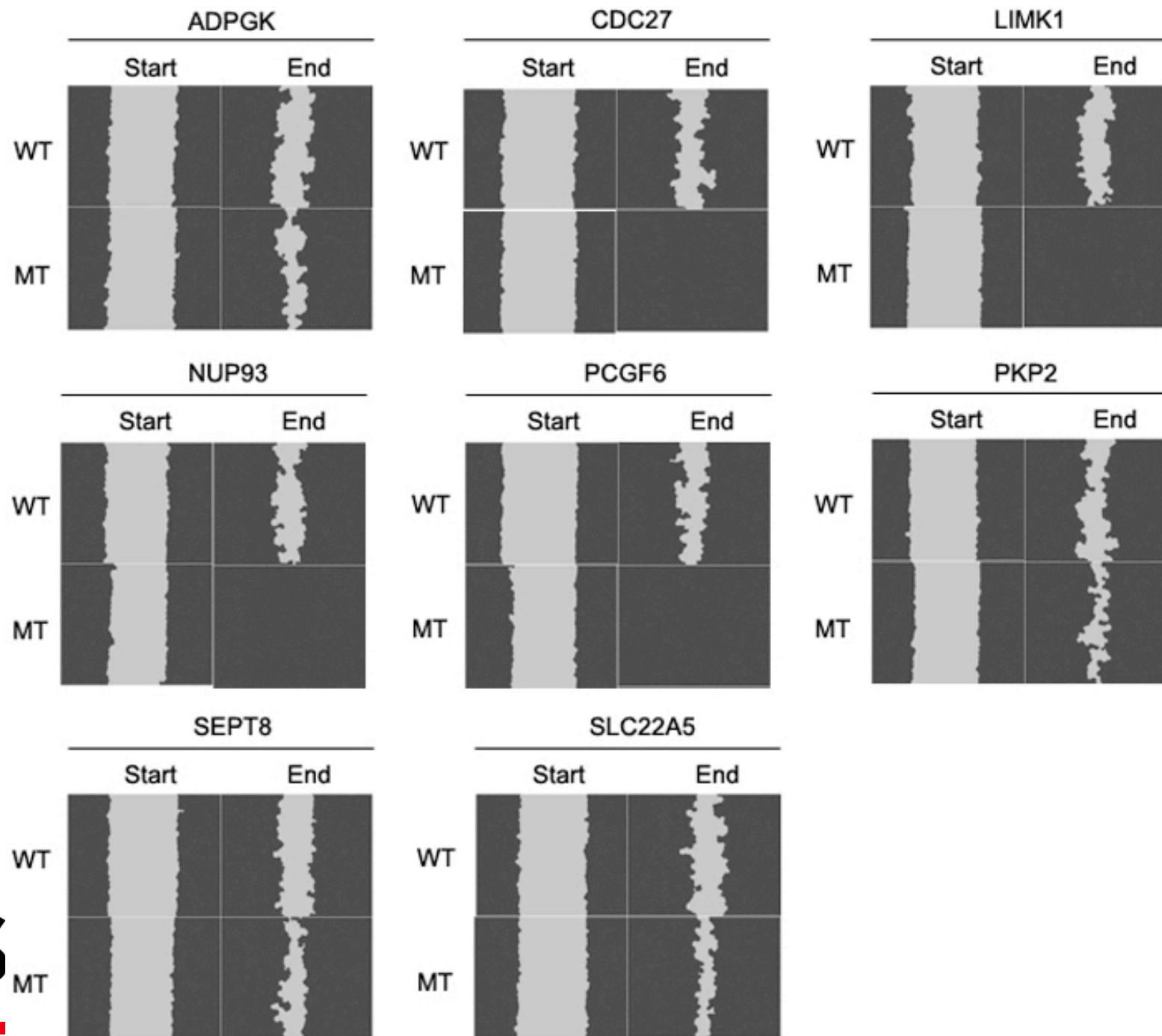
# Identification of driver mutations of breast cancer metastasis

Rank	Gene	Target TF	In the list of mathematic model?
1	ADPGK	PAX5	
2	SLC22A5	PAX5	
3	PCGF6	PPARG	Yes
4	DYRK1B	SP1	
5	NUP93	E2F6	Yes
6	PKP2	USF2	Yes
7	LIMK1	PPARG	Yes
8	TIE1	PPARG	Yes
9	CDC27	CEBPA	Yes
10	DLL4	ELK1	Yes
11	HAX1	CEBPA	
12	SEPT8	IRF8	
13	KLHL6	E2F6	



# Experimental validation of driver mutations

wound healing assay

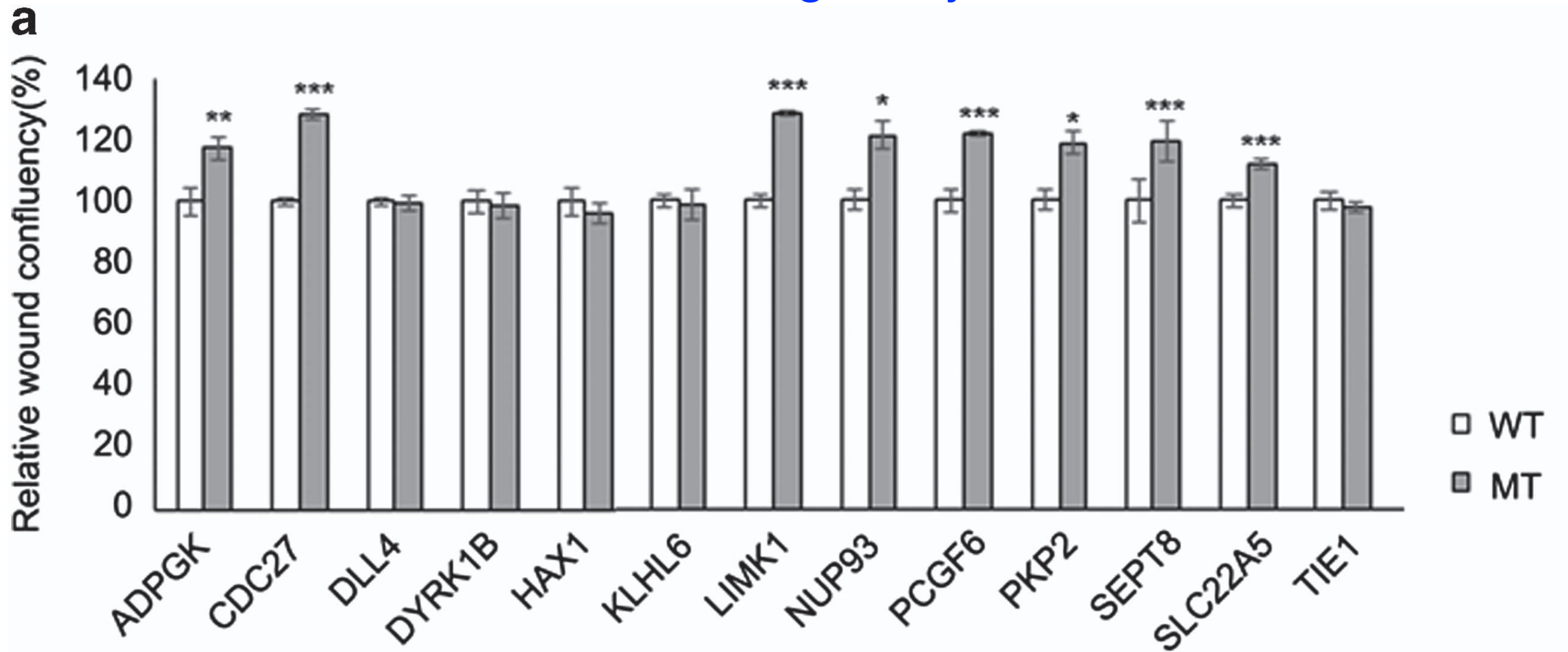


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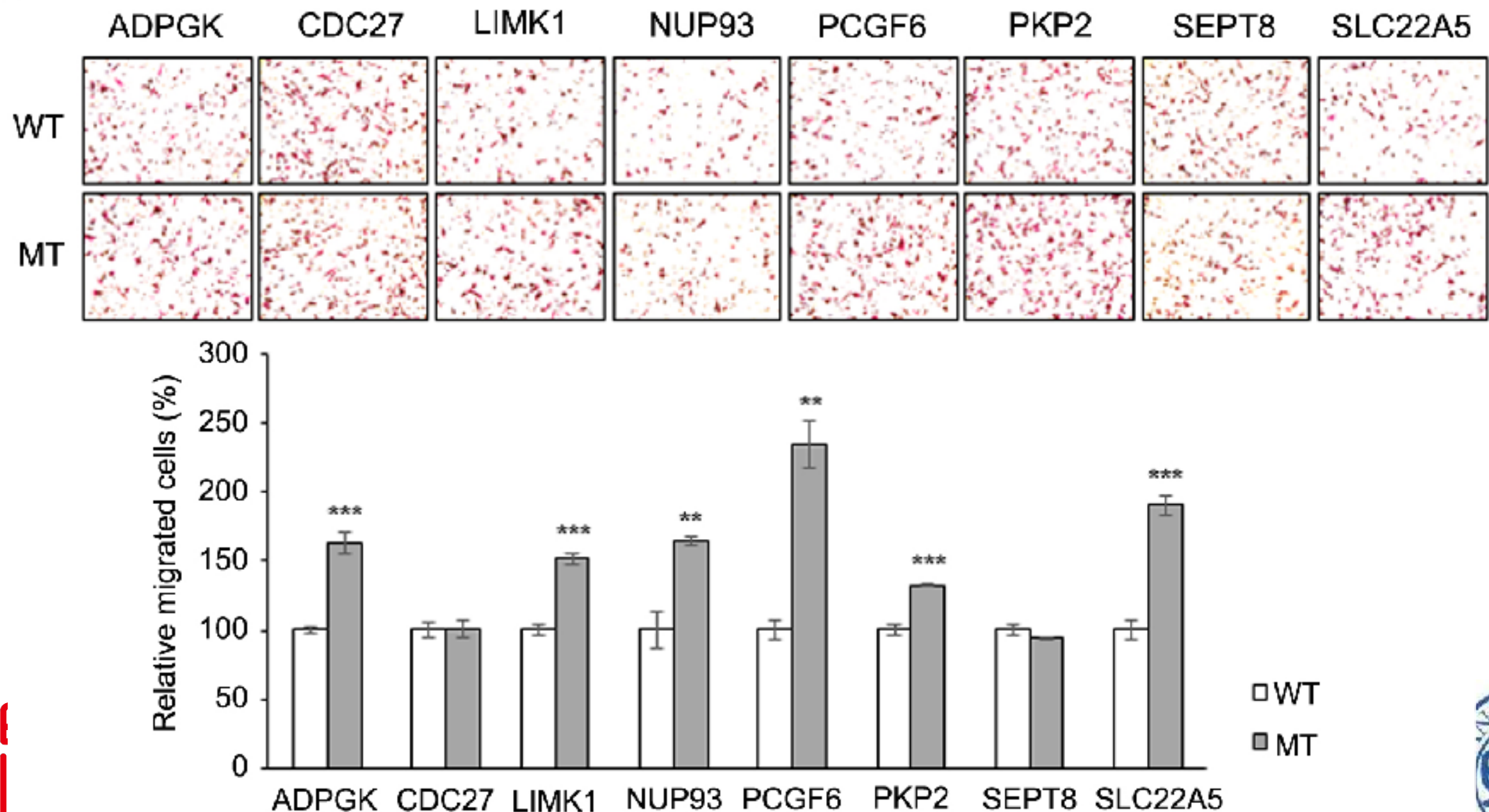
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transwell migration assay

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# Experimental validation of driver mutations

markers for metastasis

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ZEB	6	PKP2	USF2	Yes
	7	LIMK1	PPARG	Yes
GFI	8	TIE1	PPARG	Yes
	9	CDC27	CEBPA	Yes
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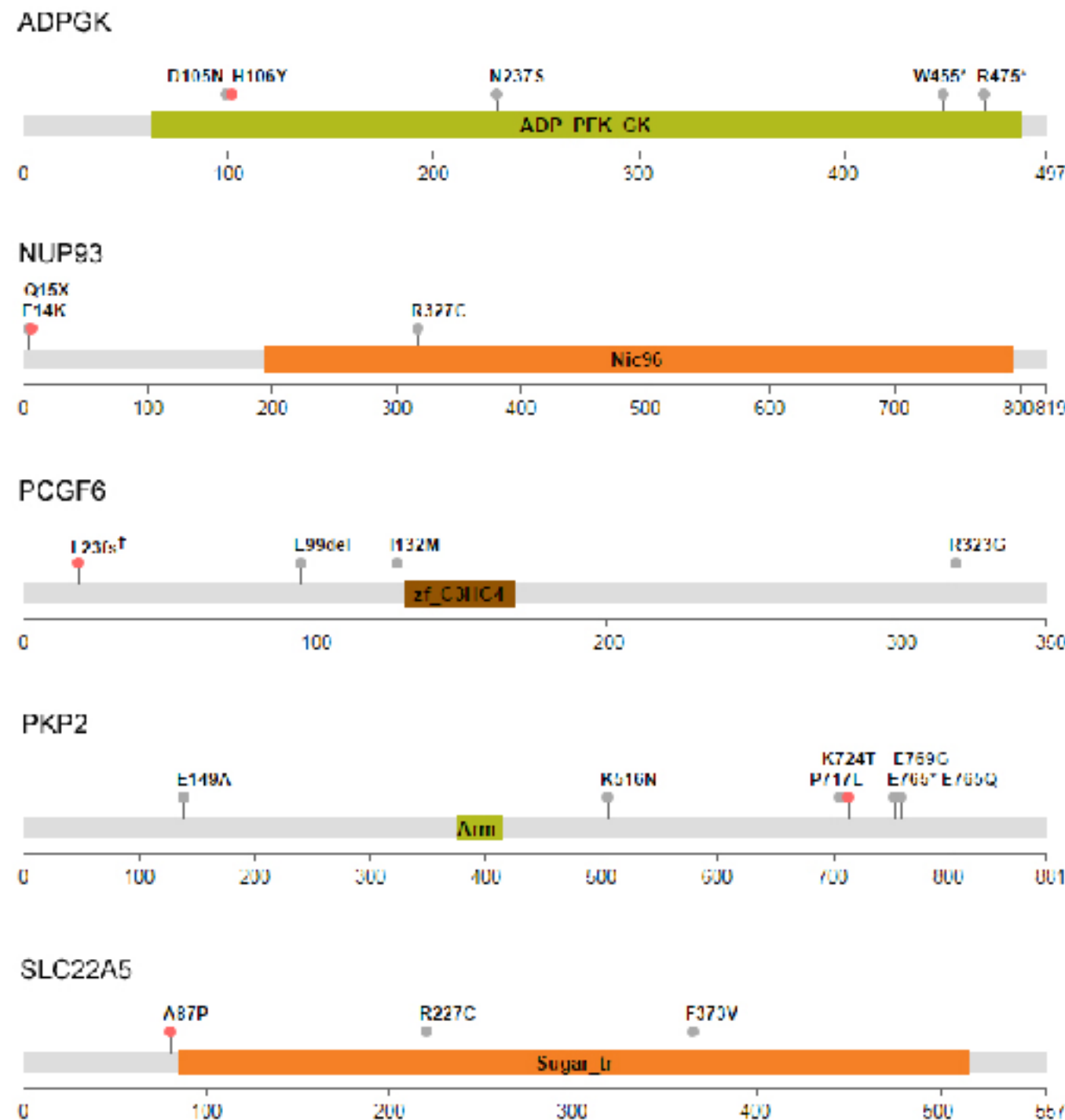


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# Validation in other datasets

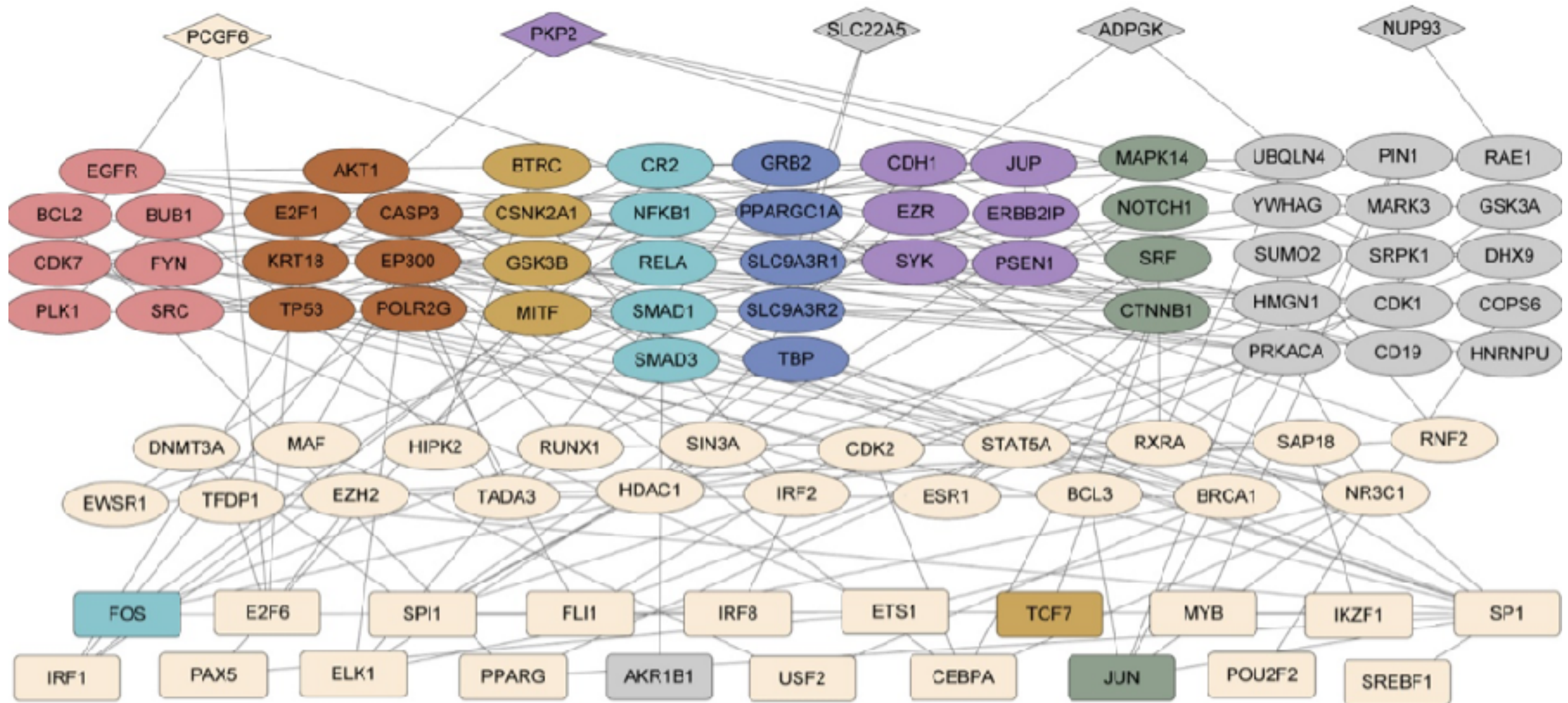


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- Alteration found in our HRM samples
- Alteration found in breast cancer samples from cBioPortal



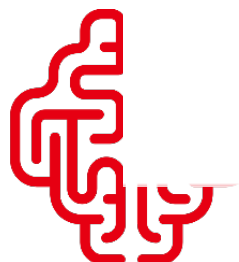
# Potential metastasis driver pathways



- Cell proliferation
- Apoptosis
- Wnt receptor signaling pathway

- Response to wounding
- Protein complex assembly
- Cell adhesion

- Angiogenesis
- Other
- Regulation of transcription



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