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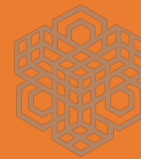
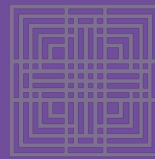
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The Evolving Role of Partnerships in to Support Biomarkers and Companion Diagnostic Development


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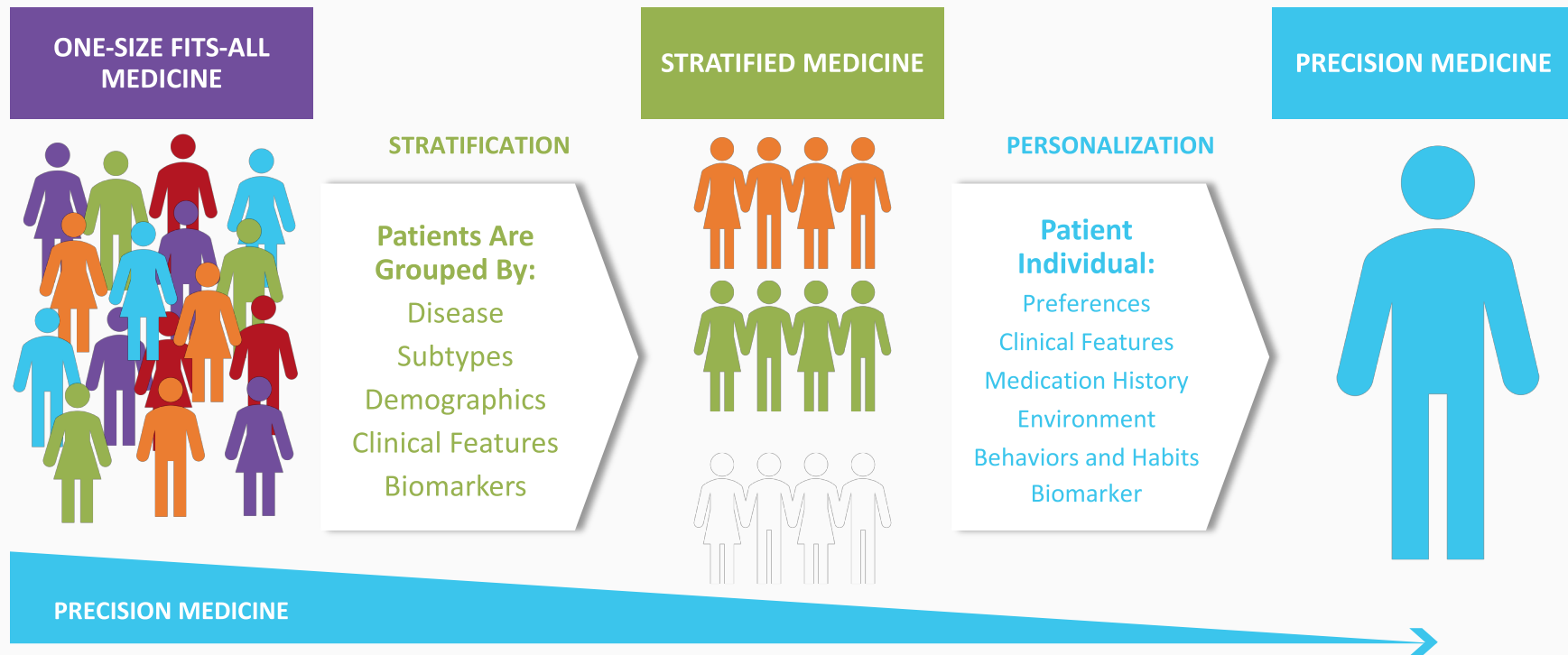
Topics

- ✓ Precision Medicine and Companion Diagnostics
- ✓ Importance of Partnerships for Biomarkers and CDx
 - Definiens and Covance Partnership
- ✓ Tissue Phenomics
 - Applications for Immuno-Oncology
- ✓ Future Considerations



Precision Medicine and Companion Diagnostics

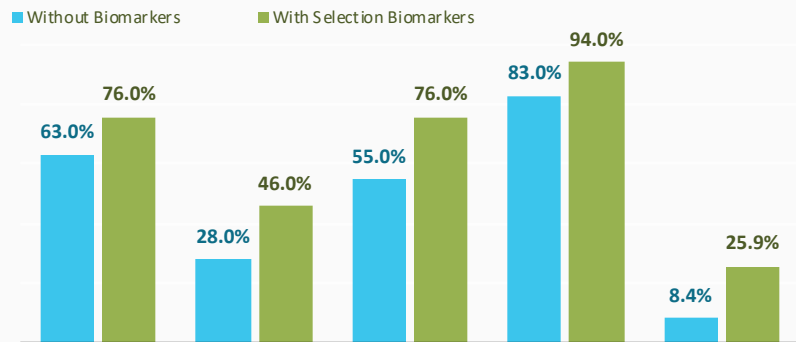
Drug Development and Precision Medicine



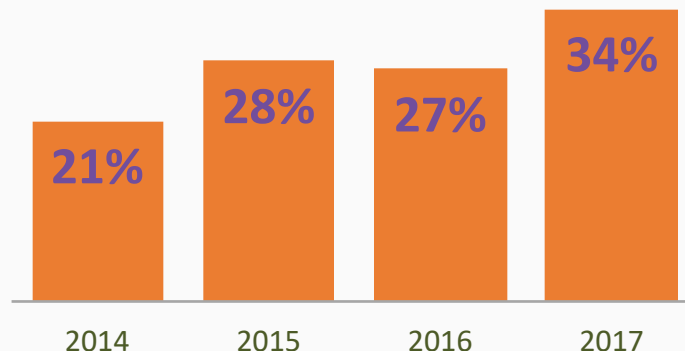
Source: Manchester Precision Medicine Institute

Biomarker Driven Programs Enhance Success

PROBABILITY OF SUCCESS
WITH OR WITHOUT SELECTION BIOMARKERS



PERSONALIZED MEDICINES TOP 30% OF
FDA APPROVALS FOR FIRST TIME IN 2017



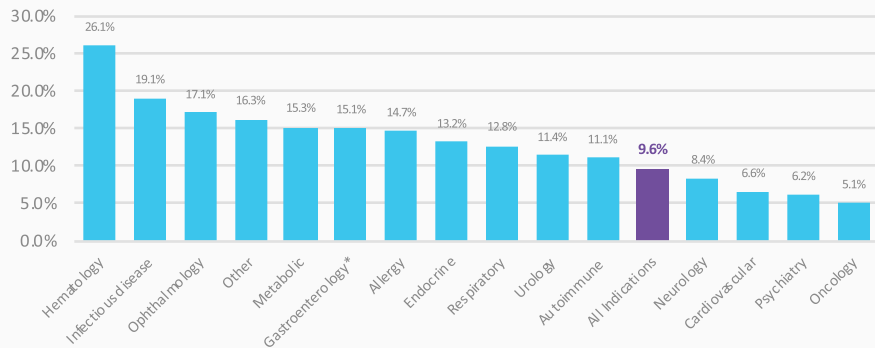
BIOMARKERS ARE KEY FEATURES OF DEVELOPING
NEW THERAPIES AND DIAGNOSTICS

BIO, Biomedtracker, Amplion 2016.pdf. www.bio.org

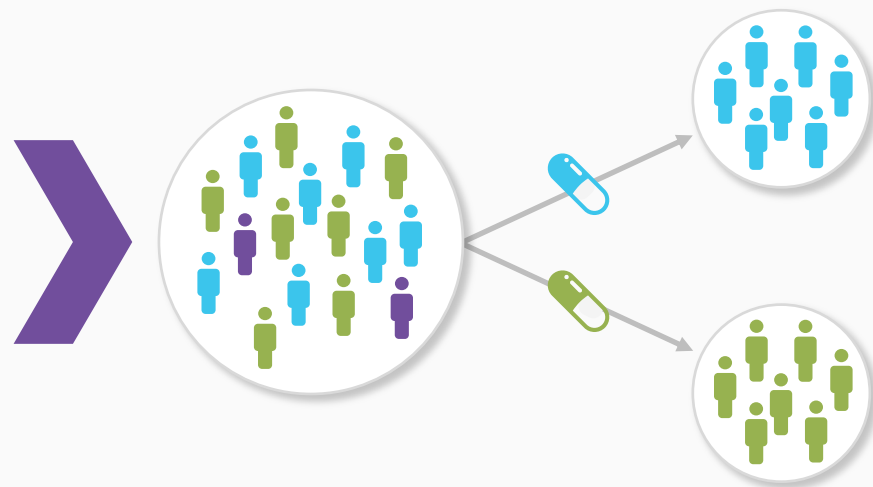
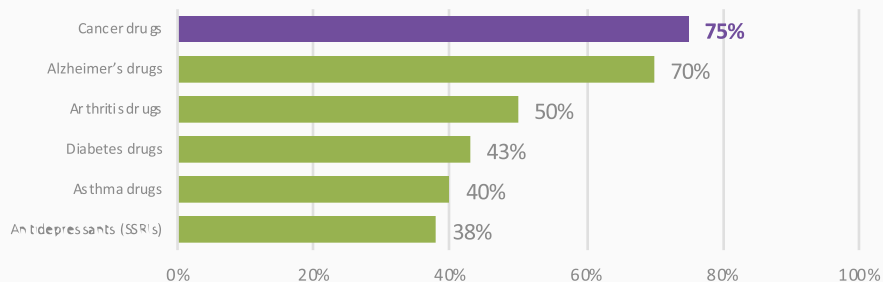
- ▶ Deep knowledge of biology improves success
 - ▶ Target/Mechanism/Biomarkers
- ▶ Evolution of new treatment modalities
 - ▶ Gene and Cell based therapies
- ▶ Patient selection and stratification
 - ▶ Biomarkers and Companion diagnostics

The Case for Companion Diagnostics

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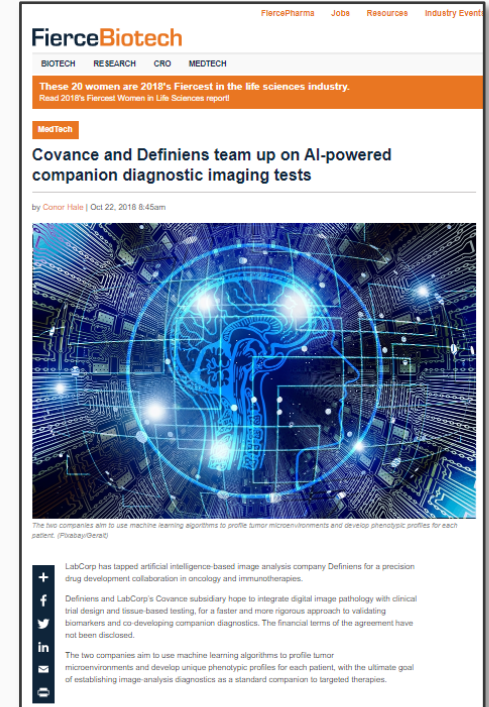
ONE SIZE DOES NOT FIT ALL
PATIENTS CAN RESPOND DIFFERENTLY TO THE SAME MEDICINE



Partnership between Covance and Definiens

Partnership Established

- ▶ Definiens and Covance/Labcorp announced strategic partnership in Oct 2018
 - ▶ Covance
 - ▶ Leading pharma partner in clinical development
 - ▶ Strong CDx capabilities (IVD and ssPMA)
 - ▶ Labcorp
 - ▶ Touchpoints with 115m patients per year
 - ▶ Definiens
 - ▶ Tissue Phenomics® leader in supporting patient profiling
- ▶ Executive led partnership for clinical biomarker strategies and CDx services to pharma



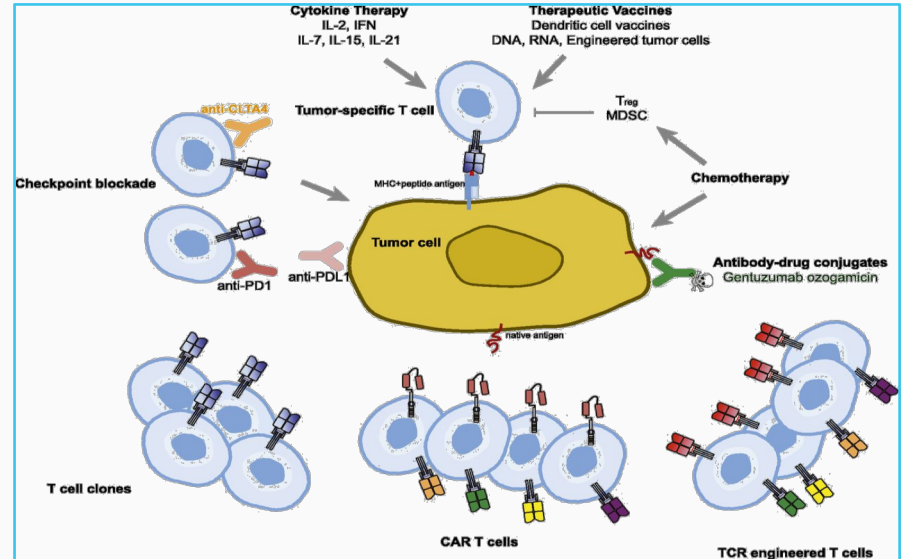
Applications for Tissue Phenomics

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The Immune System and Cancer

Multiple approaches to immunotherapy in cancer

- ▶ Immune Checkpoint Inhibition
 - ▶ PD-1/PD-L1
- ▶ Immune System Activators
 - ▶ OX-40
- ▶ Adoptive T Cell Transfer
 - ▶ CAR-T
- ▶ Cancer Vaccines



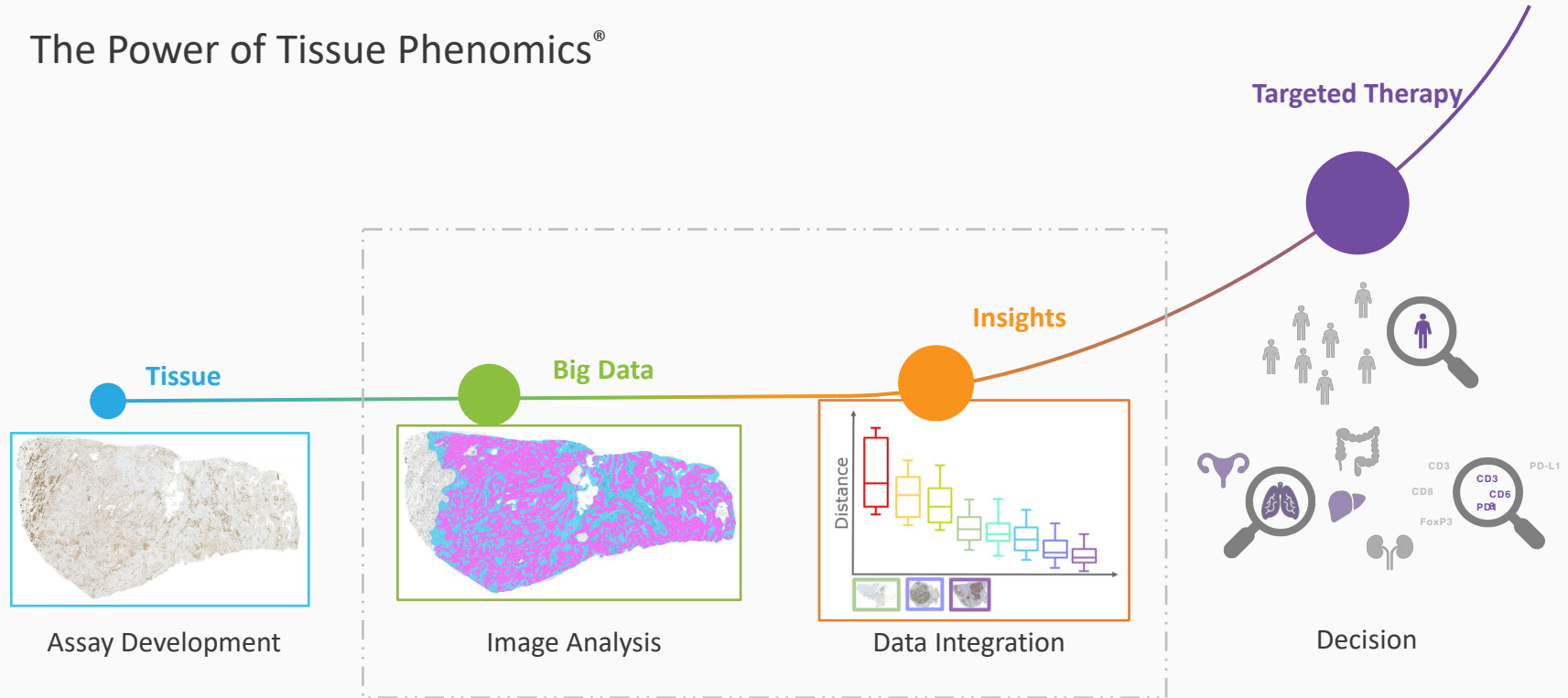
Marcela V. Maus et al. Blood 2014

Current Challenges in Immuno-Oncology Drug Development

- ▶ Highly competitive landscape
 - ▶ Number of companies, approaches and molecules in development
- ▶ Availability of appropriate patients
 - ▶ Increasing number of trials, with demand for specific enrollment
- ▶ Appropriate preclinical models
- ▶ Which biomarker(s) should be considered
 - ▶ Cell, Tissue, Genomic biomarkers
- ▶ Incorporation of appropriate trial design and execution strategy

Patient Profiling

The Power of Tissue Phenomics®



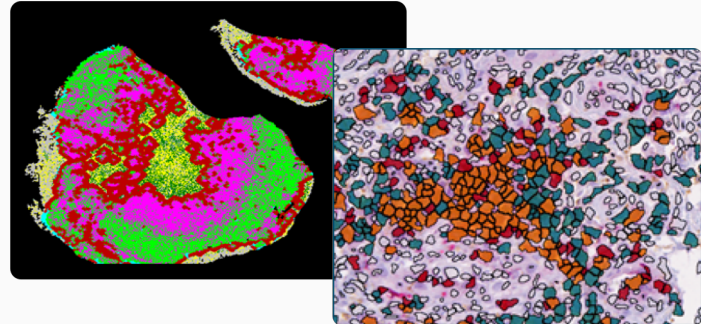
Scientific rationale – Why tissue?

Unique information in intact tissue

- ▶ PD-L1 remains key in IO
- ▶ Location of cells matters:
Tumor resident and circulating peripheral immune cells are distinct populations¹
- ▶ Spatial relationships between cell populations matter:
Context of cellular localization is critical to understand biology & MoA²
- ▶ Tumor heterogeneity matters: TME is heterogeneous and a modulator of tumor cell states^{3,4,5}

Genomic information has limitations

- ▶ TMB has limitations: PD-L1 scores in NSCLC patients can be (or is) heterogeneous, therefore quantifications by IHC can overcome challenges in therapeutic decisions⁶
- ▶ Mutational Density does not give the whole picture: little correlation with Presence of the infiltrated T cells⁷



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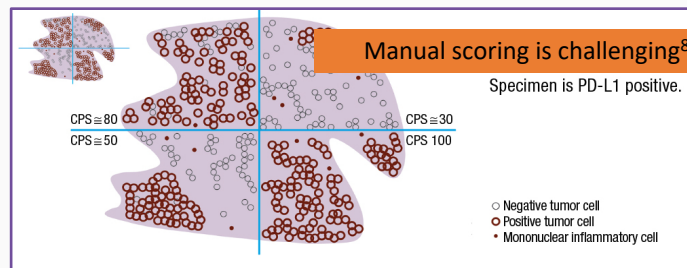
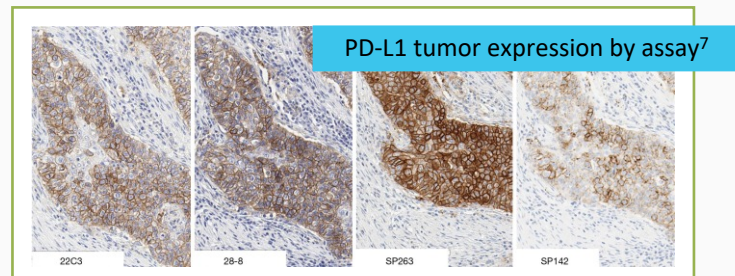
Improving PD-L1 scoring

Challenges

- ▶ Assays for PD-L1 assessment are diverse ¹
- ▶ Manual scoring is time consuming and challenging ¹
- ▶ Mapping of assays, cut-off values and therapies is complicated and highly dynamic ^{2, 3}

Solution

- ▶ Standardization supported with Image Analysis (IA) ^{3, 4}
- ▶ Oncologists can receive latest mapping of PD-L1 status to eligible treatments with automated solution ^{5, 6}

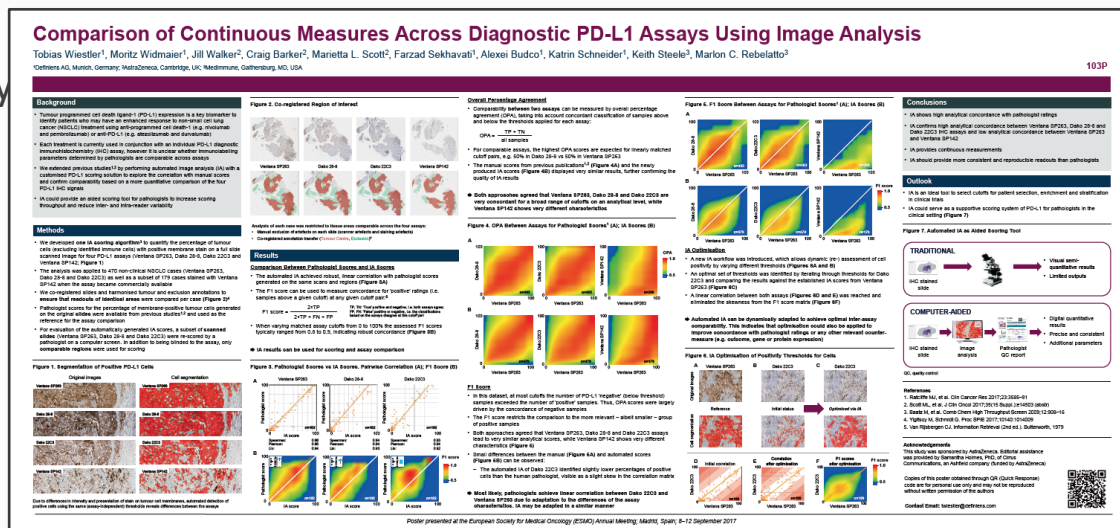


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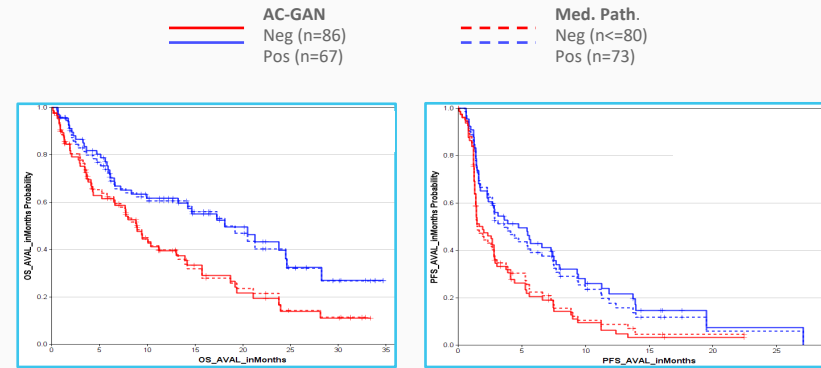
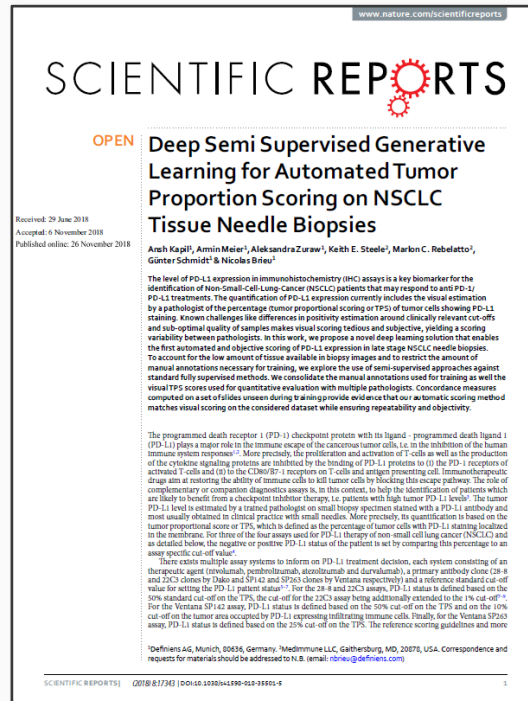
Image analysis-enabled comparisons of 4 PD-L1 assays

- ▶ Comparison study across 4 existing PD-L1 assays conducted with MedImmune (ESMO 2017)
- ▶ Findings consistent with blueprint study
- ▶ Demonstrates technical feasibility of relating PD-L1 scores across assays quantitatively with image analysis



Deep learning-based solution as good as human pathologists

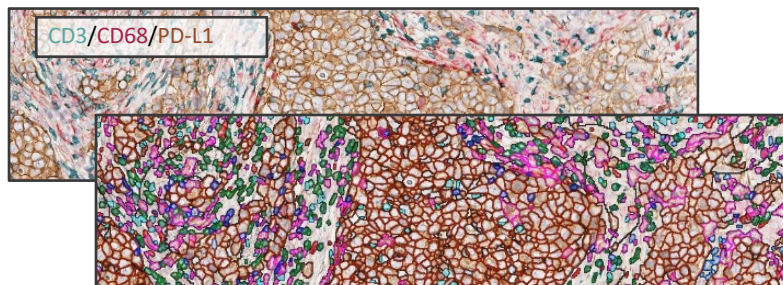
- ▶ Peer-reviewed article published by Definiens & MedImmune
- ▶ Deep learning model is as good as a human pathologist in PD-L1 scoring
- ▶ Applicable for both resections and biopsies in NSCLC



This translates into the stratification of monotherapy Durvalumab-treated NSCLC patients (SITC 2018)

Harmonized tissue Immuno-profiling based on multiplex IHC

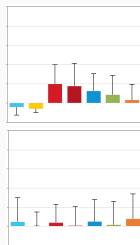
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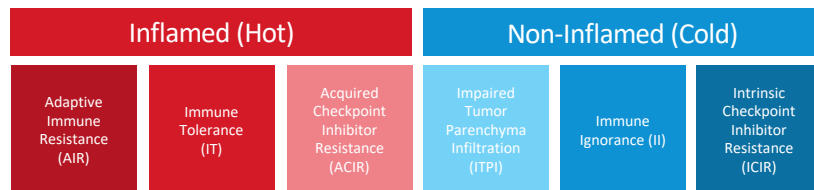
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2. Spatial patterns within tissue patches

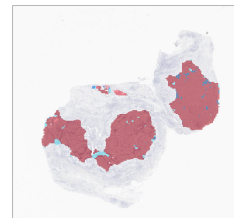
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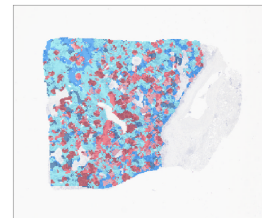
3. IO profile per case & assessment of tumor heterogeneity



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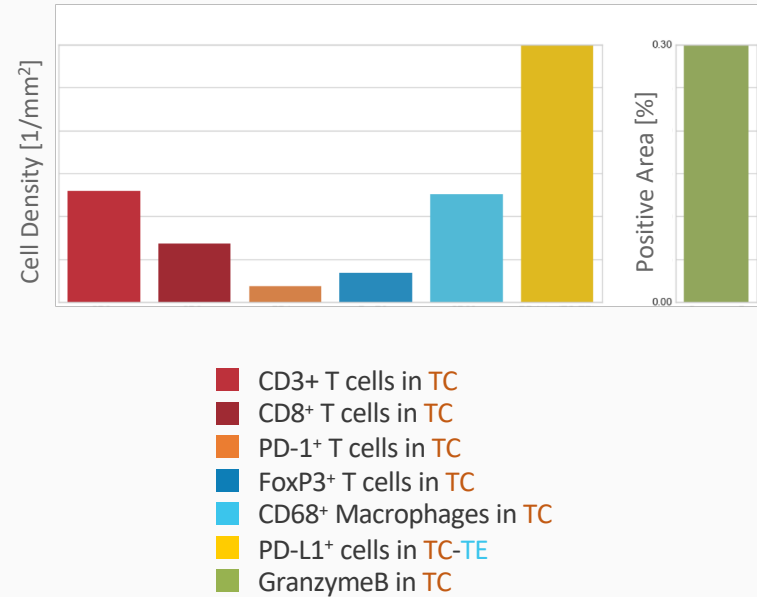
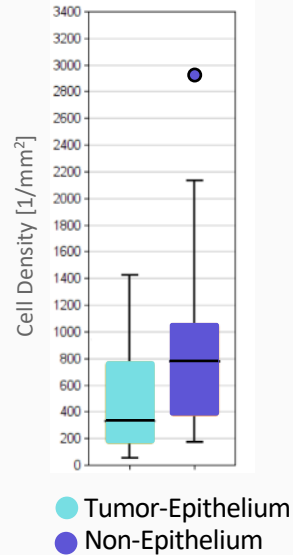
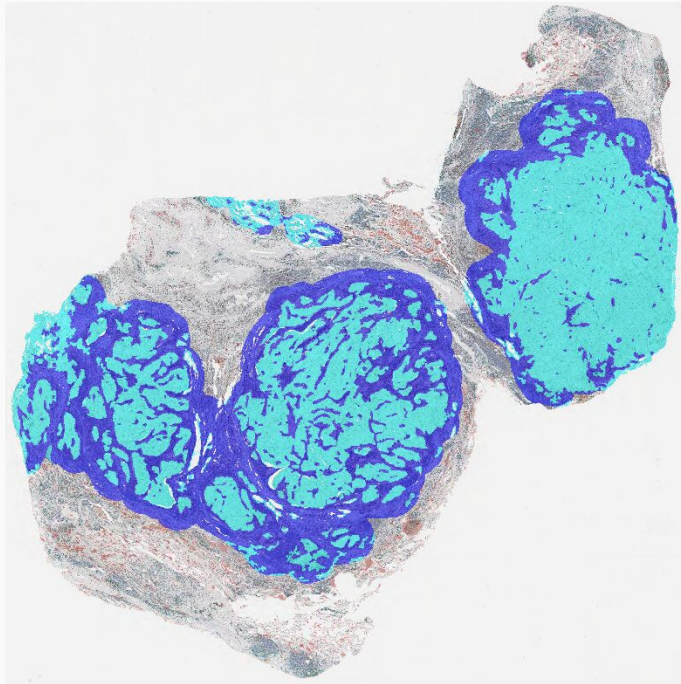
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4. Scale to thousands of consistently profiled cases

Fully automated immune profiling



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Spatial characterization of a patient's tumor immune status

A Big Data Approach to Tumor and Patient Classification

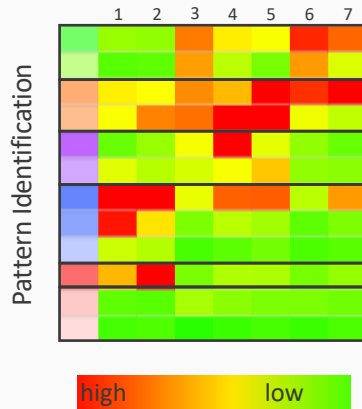
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Bioinformaticians, biostatisticians, translational scientists, clinical and regulatory experts

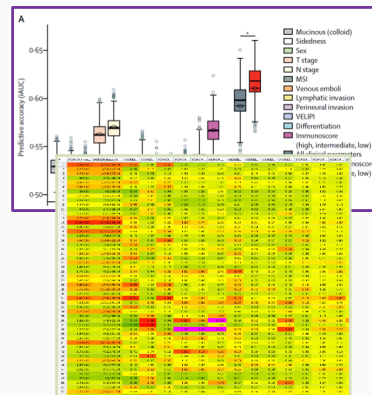
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Biomarker Clustering



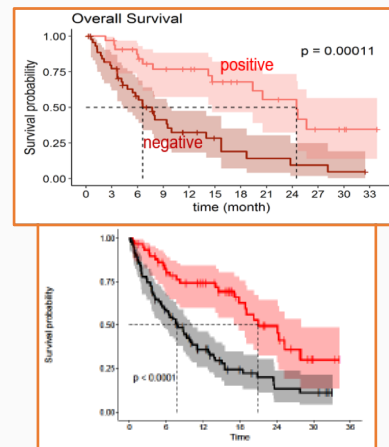
Hypothesis validation and generation

Multi-omic Integration



Genomics, transcriptomics, radiomics

Patient Stratification



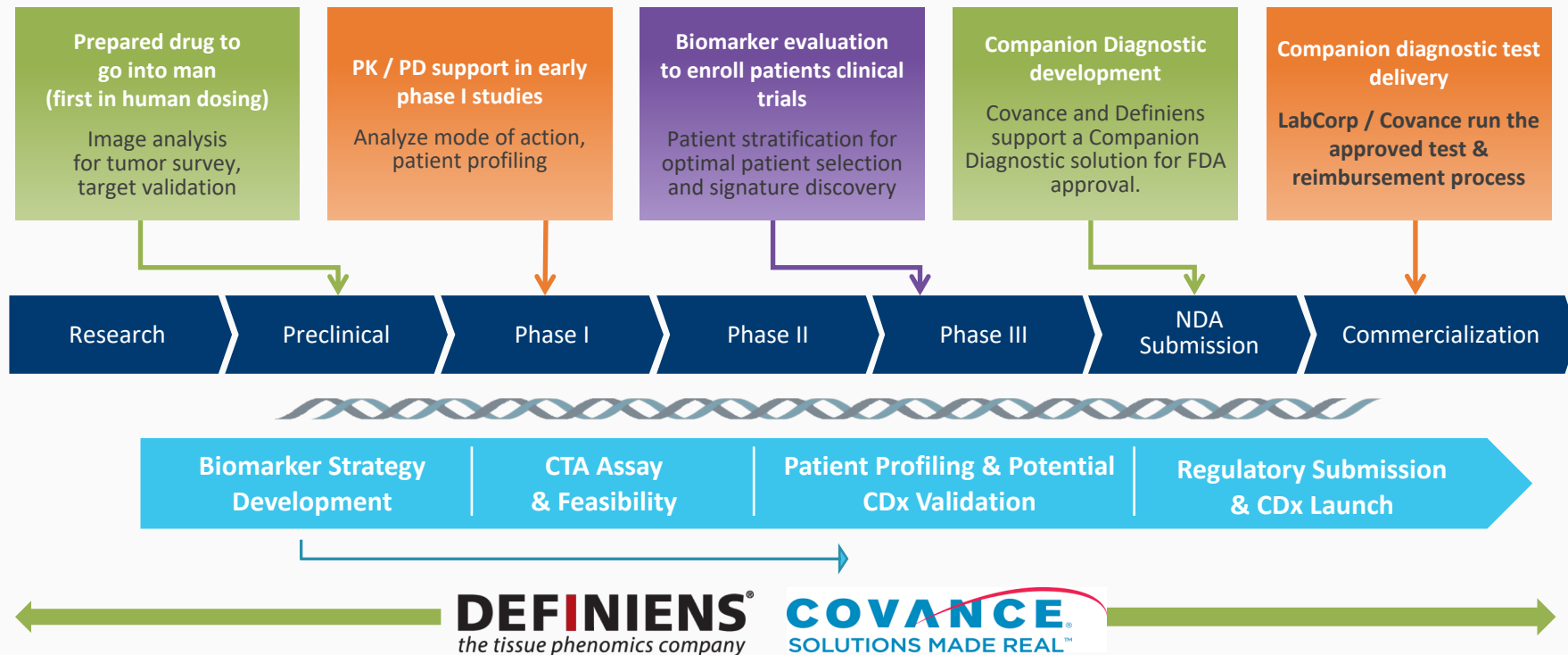
More precise patient selection



Enhanced Biomarker and CDx Capabilities in a partnership model

Delivering Comprehensive Biomarker Strategies

At every phase of drug development lifecycle



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