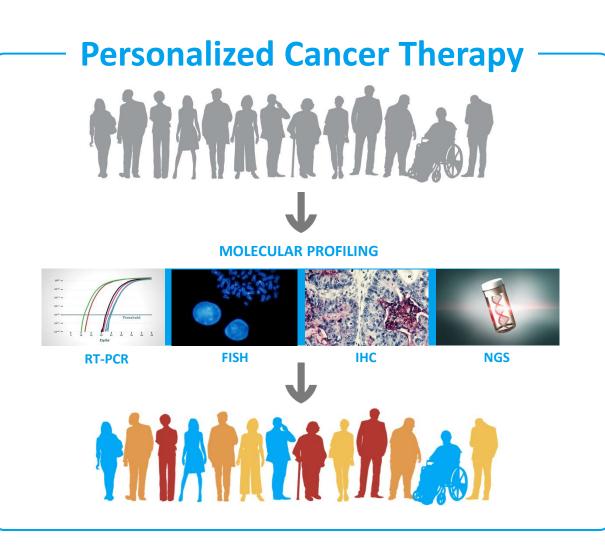
# Simplifying Your Approach to Precision Oncology

## The Importance of a Precision Oncology Approach

## **Cancer Is Driven by Genomic Alterations**<sup>1</sup>

- Historically, cancer has been defined by its site of origin<sup>2</sup>
- Today, certain cancers are increasingly being defined by genomic alterations (eg, point mutations, gene fusions) capable of driving proliferation<sup>1-3</sup>

Precision oncology defines cancers by their UNDERLYING GENOMIC CHANGES<sup>2,4</sup>



FISH, fluorescence in situ hybridization; IHC, immunohistochemistry; NGS, next-generation sequencing; RT-PCR, reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction.

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#### Precision Oncology Focuses on a Tumor's Specific Genomic Profile<sup>1,2</sup>

#### **Precision Treatment Approach**

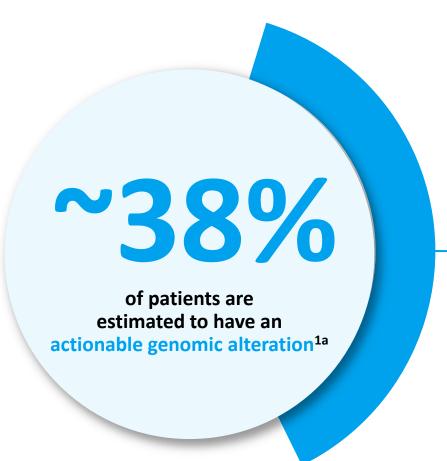


Precision oncology **aims to optimize and tailor each patient's treatment approach** based on the genomic profile of the patient's cancer<sup>3</sup>

- Genomic profiles can<sup>4</sup>
  - Assist in optimal patient selection
  - Inform treatment decision making

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## **Genomic Alterations Increasingly Impact Treatment Decisions**



- A genomic alteration is defined as actionable when it has the potential to <u>directly impact clinical decision making</u><sup>2,3</sup>
- Although their prevalence may vary by cancer type, genomic alterations in totality are found in a significant percentage of patients with cancer<sup>1,4-7</sup>
- Genomic alterations may drive selection of a specific targeted agent or help rule out therapies that may not benefit the patient<sup>2,3</sup>
- >50 oncology drugs with genomic indications were approved between 2006 and 2024<sup>8-10</sup>

<sup>a</sup>NCI-MATCH trial investigated the frequency of actionable genetic alterations in 5,954 US patients with advanced refractory cancer.<sup>1</sup>

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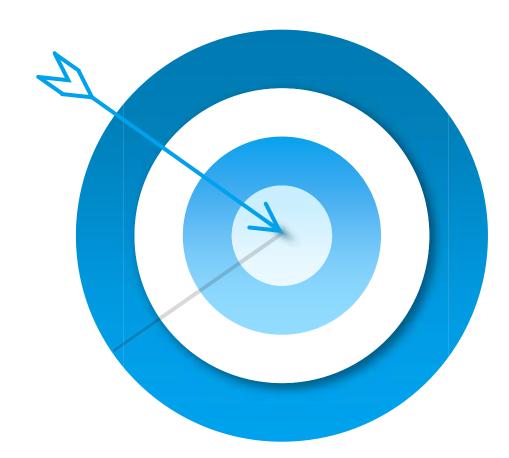
#### Data Establishing the Role of Clinically Actionable Genomic Markers Are Increasing<sup>1</sup>



ALK, anaplastic lymphoma kinase; BCR-ABL, breakpoint cluster region-Abelson murine leukemia homolog 1; BRAF, rapidly accelerated fibrosarcoma B1; EGFR, epidermal growth factor receptor; FGFR, fibroblast growth factor receptor; HER2, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2; KRAS, Kirsten rat sarcoma; MET, mesenchymal-epithelial transition; METex14, mesenchymal-epithelial transition exon 14 skipping; MSI-H/dMMR, microsatellite instability-high/mismatch repair deficiency; NRG1, neuregulin 1; NTRK, neurotrophic tyrosine receptor kinase; PIK3CA, phosphatidylinositol-4, 5-bisphosphate 3-kinase catalytic subunit alpha; RET, rearranged during transfection; ROS1, repressor of silencing 1.

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#### Genomic Profile-Guided Treatment Decisions Are the Future of Precision Oncology

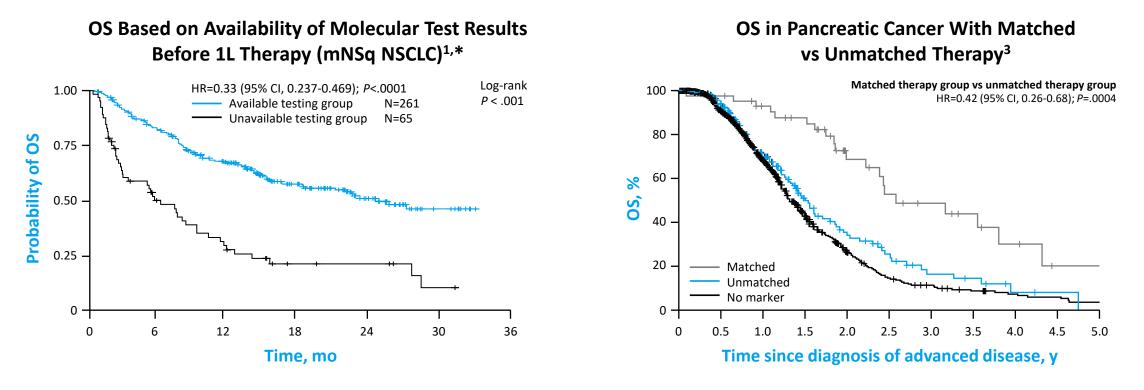


- Understanding a patient's genomic profile and their oncogenic drivers can guide physicians toward a more tailored treatment approach<sup>1,2</sup>
- Knowledge of a patient's genomic profile can also eliminate inappropriate or less effective treatment choices<sup>3</sup>

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#### Targeting Genomic Alterations Can Lead to Better Outcomes for Patients<sup>1,2</sup>

Knowledge of a tumor's genomic profile may substantially impact disease management decisions and patient outcomes<sup>1,2</sup>



In both studies, OS was improved in patients who received therapies directed toward their specific alterations.<sup>1,3</sup>

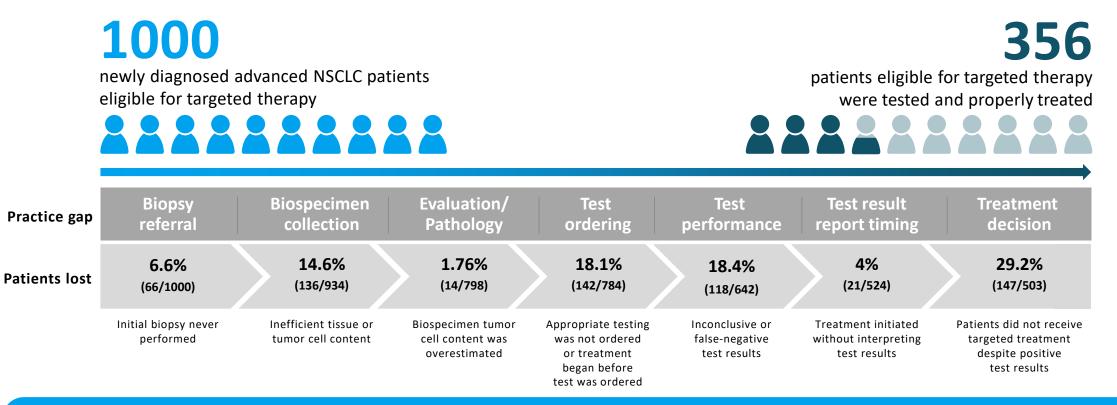
1L, first-line; HR, hazard ratio; mNSq, metastatic non-squamous; NSCLC, non-small cell lung cancer; OS, overall survival.

\*Retrospective data collected between January 1, 2019 and December 31, 2020.

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# Many patients eligible for precision oncology treatments are lost due to clinical practice gaps



#### **Nearly 64% of potentially eligible patients**

with advanced NSCLC did not receive precision oncology therapies

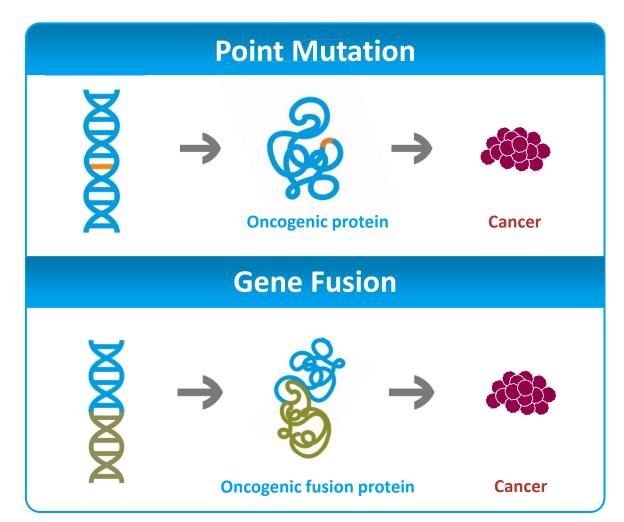
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## There Are Different Types of Genomic Alterations That Drive Cancer

#### **Common types of genomic alterations include point mutations and pathogenic gene fusions**<sup>1</sup>

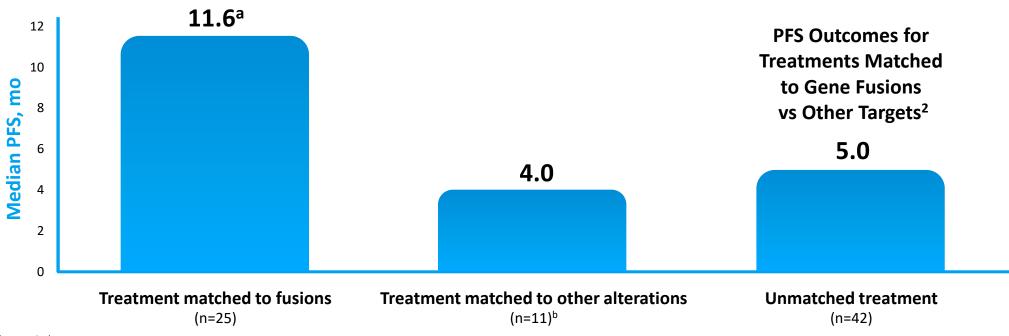
- Point mutations are changes in DNA base pairs<sup>2</sup>
  - Examples include BRAF and EGFR<sup>3</sup>
- Pathogenic gene fusions typically occur when 2 different genes join to form an abnormal hybrid gene<sup>4</sup>
  - Examples include ALK, NTRK, ROS1, and NRG1<sup>3,5</sup>
    - Genes involved in fusions are not located next to one another but are from separate chromosomal loci<sup>6</sup>
    - Gene fusions can be comprised of multiple fusion partners<sup>7</sup>



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## – Pathogenic Gene Fusions Can Be Strong Oncogenic Drivers<sup>1,2</sup>

In an analysis of 79 patients with identified gene fusions, poorer outcomes were observed in patients with pathogenic gene fusions who were not matched to an FDA-approved fusion-targeted therapy<sup>2</sup>



PFS, progression-free survival.

<sup>a</sup>Comparison of patients matched to fusions vs those unmatched to fusions, including unmatched to other alterations or unmatched, was significant by log-rank test (*P*=.034).<sup>2</sup>

<sup>b</sup>Twelve of the 79 patients received treatment matched to other alterations, but one patient in the matched group had an unclear match and was excluded from the pair-wise comparison analysis.<sup>2</sup>

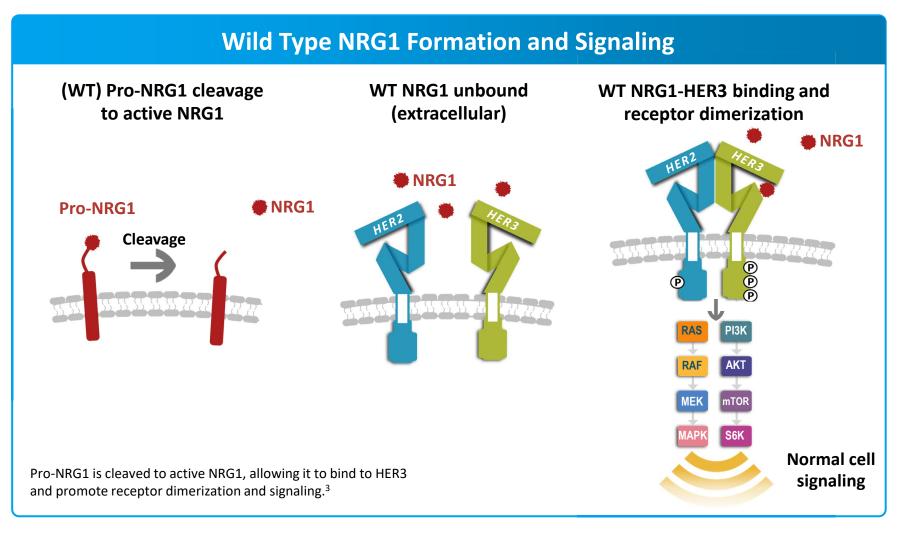
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## **NRG1** An Example of an Important Pathogenic Gene Fusion

## NRG1 Is Important for Normal Cellular Development<sup>1,2</sup>

NRG1 is a key signaling protein involved in proliferation and survival<sup>1,2</sup>

- NRG1 normally is inactive until it is cleaved by proteases at the cell surface<sup>3</sup>
- Extracellular binding of NRG1 induces receptor dimerization and activation of PI3K- and RAS-mediated growth pathways<sup>3,4</sup>



HER3, human epidermal growth factor receptor 3; WT, wild type.

1. Mujoo K et al. Oncotarget. 2014;5(21):10222-10236. doi:10.18632/oncotarget.2655 2. Teo JCM et al. In: Lee SJ et al, eds. Academic Press; 2016:313-344. 3. Laskin J et al. Ann Oncol. 2020;31(12):1693-1703. doi:10.1016/j.annonc.2020.08.2335 4. Zhang C et al. Biochim Biophys Acta Rev Cancer. 2022;1877(3):188707. doi:10.1016/j.bbcan.2022.188707

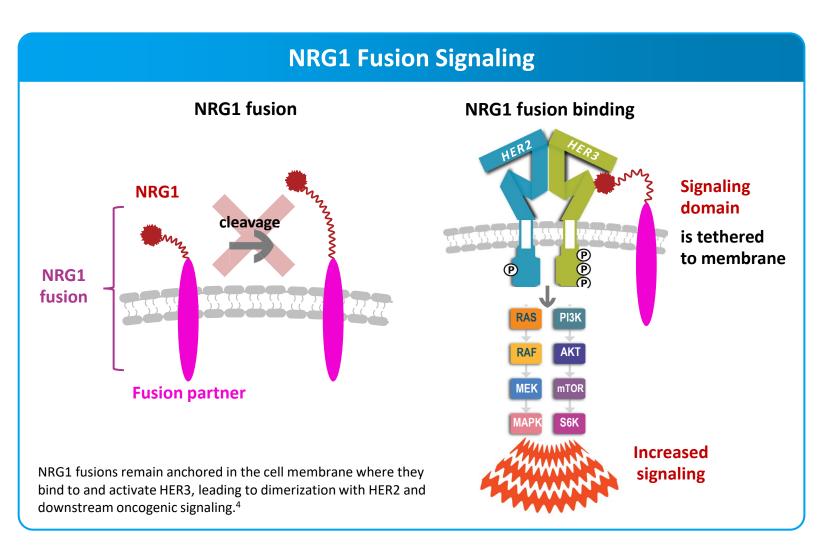
## NRG1 Fusions Result in Increased Cell Signaling and Growth<sup>1,2</sup>

#### NRG1 fusions induce receptor dimerization and result in aberrant cell signaling<sup>3,4</sup>

#### **NRG1** fusions

- Are heterogenous and have many different gene partners and breakpoints<sup>5</sup>
- Cannot be cleaved by cell surface proteases resulting in increased expression of the fusions at the cell surface<sup>3</sup>
- Retain the signaling domain of WT NRG1<sup>4,6</sup>

#### Certain NRG1 fusions are membrane bound resulting in increased cell signaling<sup>4</sup>



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#### NRG1 Fusions Can Lead to Uncontrolled Growth and Cancer<sup>1,2</sup>

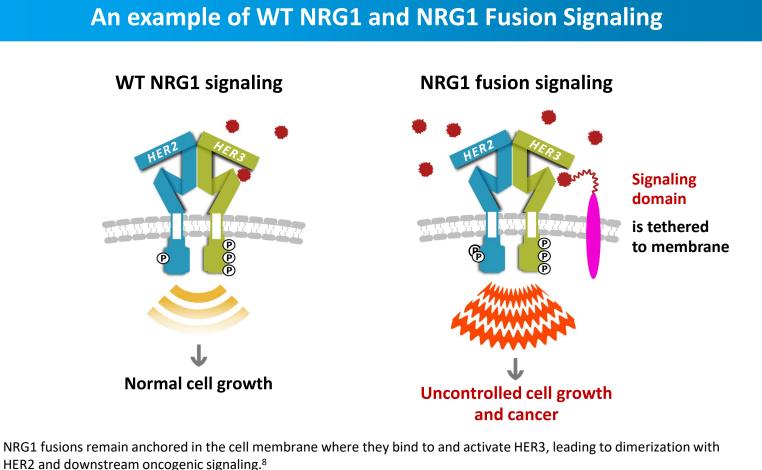
Cancers resulting from *NRG1* gene fusions are reported to be aggressive and associated with poor outcomes<sup>3-7</sup>

#### NRG1 fusions can lead to

- Enhanced pathologic activation of PI3Kand RAS-mediated pathways<sup>6,8</sup>
- Abnormal cell proliferation<sup>6,8</sup>

#### NRG1+ tumors

- Have histologic features associated with growth, recurrence, invasiveness, metastasis, resistance to therapy, and worse prognosis<sup>3-7</sup>
- Respond poorly to available therapies and are associated with lower OS, DFS, and PFS in lung cancer<sup>4-7,9</sup>



DFS, disease-free survival; NRG1+, neuregulin 1 fusion positive.

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## - NRG1 Gene Fusions Can Occur in Many Types of Solid Tumors<sup>1</sup>

#### **NRG1** Fusion Frequency Estimates<sup>a</sup>

|   | Overall  | Enrichment   |
|---|--|--|
|   | Lung cancer<br>(0.3%-1.7%) <sup>1,2</sup>  | Invasive mucinous<br>Iung adenocarcinoma<br>(7%-31%) <sup>3,5,7,8</sup>      |
| C | Pancreatic cancer $(0.5\%-1.8\%)^{2,4}$  | <b>KRAS wild-type</b><br><b>pancreatic cancer</b><br>(up to 6%) <sup>6</sup> |
|   | Other<br>(<1%, eg, breast, cholangiocarcinoma,<br>colorectal cancers) <sup>2</sup> |  |

- Enrichment is observed in some tumors, particularly<sup>2,6</sup>
  - Invasive mucinous lung adenocarcinoma
  - NSCLC that is negative for other driver mutations
  - KRAS wild-type pancreatic cancer
- *NRG1* fusions more commonly occur in the absence of other driver mutations<sup>6</sup>

<sup>a</sup>The frequency of *NRG1* tumors is still under investigation and can vary significantly based on testing methodology.<sup>2</sup>

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#### NRG1+ Tumors Can Be Aggressive and Respond Poorly to Existing Standard of Care<sup>1,2</sup>

In a retrospective global registry study of 110 patients, *NRG1*+ NSCLC was associated with limited response to available therapies<sup>3</sup>

Activity of Systemic Therapy in NRG1+ NSCLC<sup>3,\*</sup>

|   | ORR, % | Median PFS, mo<br>(95% Cl)    |
|---|--------|-------------------------------|
| Platinum-doublet chemotherapy (n=15)                    | 13     | <b>5.8</b><br>(2.2-9.8)       |
| Taxane-based chemotherapy (n=7)                         | 14     | <b>4.0</b><br>(0.8-5.3)       |
| <b>Combination chemotherapy and immunotherapy</b> (n=9) | 0      | <b>3.3</b><br>(1.4-6.3)       |
| Single-agent immunotherapy (n=5)                        | 20     | <b>3.6</b><br>(0.9-undefined) |
| Targeted therapy with kinase inhibitor (n=20)           | 25     | <b>2.8</b><br>(1.9-4.3)       |

ORR, overall response rate.

\*Patients either diagnosed with or who developed metastatic disease during the course of their disease.

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Testing With Both DNA and RNA (RNA-Based NGS) Is the Key to Finding Actionable Alterations

#### Classical Biomarker Screening Methods Were Developed to Detect Single Molecular Targets<sup>1,2</sup>



**Conventional test methods** limit the ability to detect many pathogenic gene fusions.

#### **Limitations include**

- Inability to identify the full breadth of genomic alterations<sup>3</sup>
- Limited ability to identify full breadth of fusion partners and breakpoints<sup>1</sup>
  - May require a significant amount of tissue and can exhaust tissue samples<sup>4</sup>

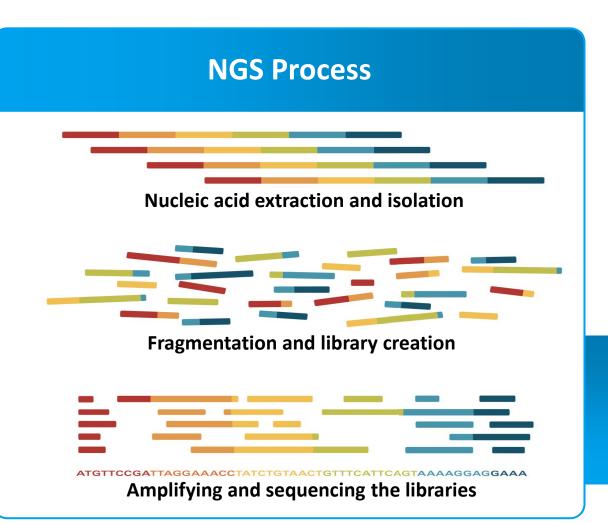
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## NGS Can Detect a Broad Range of Genomic Alterations<sup>1</sup>

# NGS has emerged as a key tool in profiling many solid tumors<sup>2</sup>

- NGS is a high-throughput genomic sequencing technology that allows for the simultaneous analysis of numerous alterations that<sup>2</sup>
  - Can be performed with DNA or RNA<sup>3</sup>
  - Has several advantages over current conventional methods in detecting pathogenic gene fusions<sup>3</sup>





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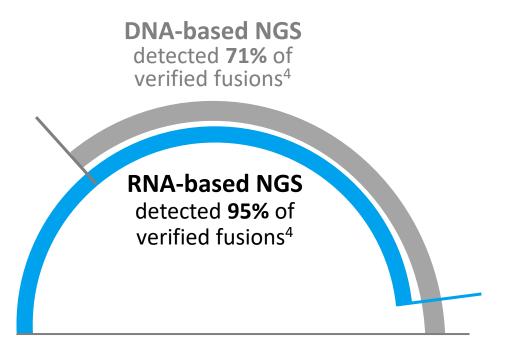
#### **Not All NGS Tests Equally Detect Gene Fusions**

Comprehensive testing with RNA-based NGS, including DNA and RNA sequencing, is recommended to capture what DNA-based NGS alone can miss<sup>1,2</sup>

## **RNA-based NGS**

is recommended to identify what DNA SEQUENCING can miss<sup>1</sup>

By itself, DNA-based sequencing can result in false-negatives and false-positives, especially when gene fusions are present<sup>1,3</sup>



Together, **NGS using <u>both</u> RNA + DNA** detected **all** verified fusions in the study<sup>4,a</sup> (N=2118 fusion events)

NGS, next-generation sequencing.

<sup>a</sup>Based on NGS testing of tissue samples.

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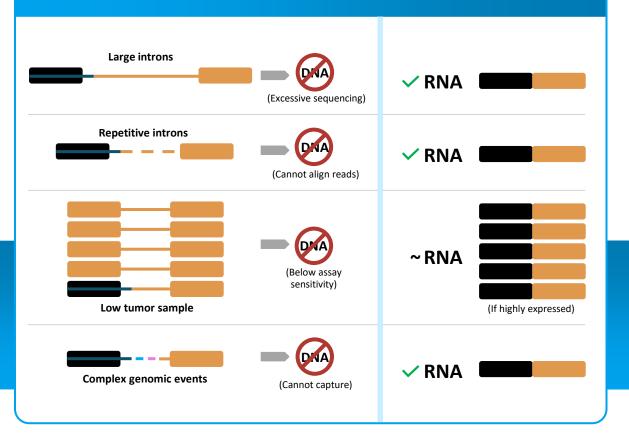
# **RNA-Based NGS Is More Sensitive Than DNA-Based NGS Alone for Detecting Pathogenic Gene Fusions**<sup>1</sup>

#### **RNA-based NGS can detect genomic alterations** missed by DNA-based NGS<sup>1,2</sup>

- RNA-based NGS detects gene expression and many structural variants<sup>3</sup>
  - RNA-based NGS is inclusive of both DNA and RNA sequencing
- RNA-based NGS reduces the technical challenges that occur with DNA-based NGS when sequencing long introns<sup>3</sup>
- RNA-based NGS can improve the detection rate of DNA-based NGS alone and provide more sensitive detection results<sup>1,4,5</sup>

NRG1 fusions are **more likely to be missed** UNLESS TESTING WITH RNA-BASED NGS<sup>2</sup>

#### **DNA-Based vs RNA-Based NGS for Fusions<sup>6</sup>**



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#### Ordering RNA-Based NGS Is a Key to Obtaining Comprehensive Results<sup>1,2</sup>

- Commercial vendors are increasing their NGS testing options<sup>1</sup>
- However, not all vendors offer combined RNA + DNA NGS
- Clinicians need to stay up to date on testing modalities to achieve the most comprehensive testing results<sup>1</sup>

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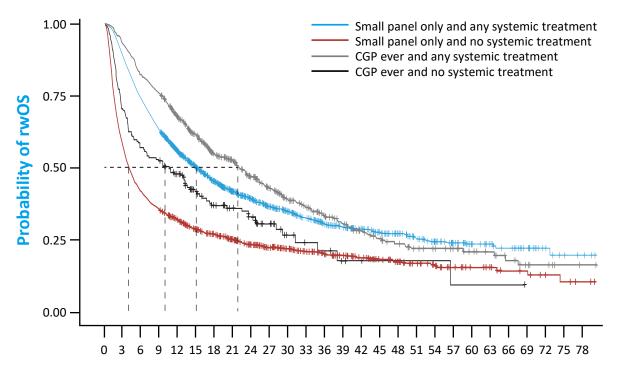
| Test Name; Commercial Vendor   | Analyte | Genes on Panel   |
|--|---------|------------------|
| Altera <sup>TM</sup> ; <sup>3,4</sup> Natera                                   | DNA/RNA | WES/WTS          |
| Caris <sup>∗</sup> : <sup>5</sup> Caris Life Sciences                          | DNA/RNA | WES/WTS          |
| FoundationOne <sup>®</sup> RNA; <sup>6</sup> Foundation Medicine               | RNA     | 318              |
| Neo Comprehensive <sup>™;7</sup> NeoGenomics Laboratories                      | DNA/RNA | 517/55 [DNA/RNA] |
| OncoExTra®; <sup>8</sup> Exact Sciences  | DNA/RNA | WES/WTS          |
| Oncomine <sup>™</sup> Dx Express; <sup>9</sup> Thermo Fisher Scientific        | DNA/RNA | 46               |
| OmniSeq <sup>®</sup> INSIGHT; <sup>10</sup> Labcorp Oncology                   | DNA/RNA | 523              |
| StrataNGS <sup>™</sup> ; <sup>11</sup> Strata Oncology                         | DNA/RNA | 417/59 [DNA/RNA] |
| Tempus xR RNA; <sup>12</sup> Tempus  | RNA     | >100             |
| FoundationOne <sup>®</sup> CDx; <sup>13</sup> Foundation Medicine              | DNA     | 324              |
| FoundationOne <sup>®</sup> Liquid CDx; <sup>14</sup> Foundation Medicine       | cfDNA   | 311              |
| Guardant360 <sup>®</sup> CDx; <sup>15,16</sup> Guardant Health                 | cfDNA   | 74               |
| MSK-IMPACT <sup>®</sup> ; <sup>17</sup> Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center | DNA     | 505              |
| NeoTYPE <sup>®</sup> Discovery; <sup>18</sup> NeoGenomics Laboratories         | DNA     | 336              |
| Northstar Select <sup>TM</sup> ; <sup>19</sup> NorthstarOnc/BillionToOne       | cfDNA   | 84               |
| PathGroup Endeavor; <sup>20</sup> PathGroup                                    | DNA     | >500             |
| Paradigm Dx PCD <u>x<sup>™</sup>;<sup>21</sup></u> Paradigm Diagnostics        | DNA     | 234              |
| Tempus xT CDx; <sup>12</sup> Tempus  | DNA     | 648              |

**Note** - Dark blue shading indicates RNA analyte; Light blue shading indicates DNA/RNA analyte; Dark grey shading indicates DNA or cfDNA analyte and a limited ability to identify a broad range of gene fusions; WES, whole exome sequencing; WTS, whole transcriptome sequencing.

Table is intended to summarize known available tests and may not be all inclusive. All trademarks are property of their respective owners. Not all tests on this list are known to identify *NRG1* fusions.

## **Comprehensive Genomic Profiling Is Associated** With Improved OS in NSCLC Patients<sup>1</sup>

rwOS From aNSCLC Diagnosis, by Testing Type and Receipt of Systemic Therapy<sup>1</sup>



#### Time, mo

## Treated patients receiving CGP testing during follow-up had greater median rwOS (22 months vs 15 months)<sup>1</sup>

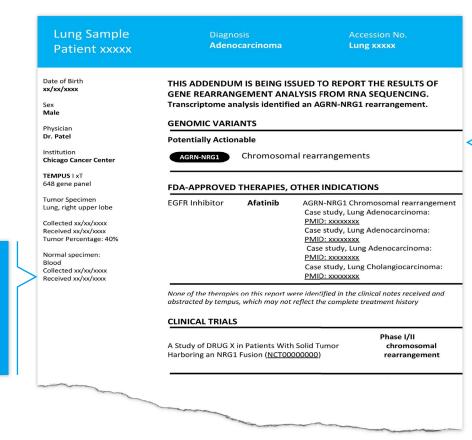
aNSCLC, advanced non-small cell lung cancer; CGP, comprehensive genomic profiling; HR, hazard ratio; rwOS, real-world overall survival.

1. Simon G et al. Poster presented at: European Society for Medical Oncology; October 21, 2023; Madrid, Spain. Poster #1422P.

| No. at risk at<br>index | Testing/treatment<br>group                  | Median, mo<br>(95% CI) |  |
|-------------------------|---|------------------------|--|
| 1852                    | Small panel with any<br>systemic therapy    | 15 (14-16)             |  |
| 1253                    | Small panel and no 4 (4-5) systemic therapy |                        |  |
| 603                     | CGP with any<br>systemic therapy            | 22 (18-25)             |  |
| 176                     | CGP and no<br>systemic therapy              | 10 (6-15)              |  |

| Predictors of rwOS by Testing Type<br>(Cox proportional hazards model) |                 |                    |                  |  |
|--|-----------------|--------------------|------------------|--|
|  | Alive<br>N=1186 | Deceased<br>N=2698 | HR (95% CI)      |  |
| CGP Testing, No. (%)   |                 |                    |                  |  |
| No   | 906 (76%)       | 2199 (82%)         | 1.00             |  |
| Yes  | 280 (24%)       | 499 (18%)          | 0.80 (0.72-0.89) |  |

#### **Most NGS Reports Highlight Actionable Information**



**Higher tumor cell** 

associated with a

lower probability

of false negatives.

content is

Most reports will provide variant results listed by tier of evidence in order of relevance, and relevant FDAapproved therapies. Certain reports may identify possible clinical trial options.

#### Methodology

Test material: Tumor DNA/RNA<sup>1</sup>

**Gene panel**: Tempus xT Targeted Panel of 648 genes. Assay v4—a custom oncology testing panel (see detailed list of genes in full report)<sup>2,3</sup> **Instrument:** Illumina Novaseq 6000<sup>1</sup>

Reference genome: GRCh37 (hg19)<sup>3</sup>

Methodology identifies material tested (DNA and/or RNA)

Methodology details include test description, sequencing instrument, and reference genome used.

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#### **RNA-Based NGS Is Important to Identify a Wide Range** of Pathogenic Fusions, Including NRG1<sup>1</sup>

- The diversity of NRG1 fusion partners and breakpoints and the large intronic regions of the NRG1 gene can make detection more challenging<sup>1,2</sup>
- NRG1 fusions may be missed unless testing accounts for these characteristics<sup>1,2</sup>
- > Technologic and methodologic improvements, such as RNA-based NGS, are reported to capture significantly more actionable fusions<sup>1,2</sup>

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### **Collaboration Is Important to Help Identify Actionable Information in NGS Reports**

- Maximizing the clinical use of NGS reports is best achieved through a multidisciplinary approach<sup>1,2</sup>
- Collaboration between key experts facilitates the most informed decision-making<sup>2,3</sup>
  - Oncologists
  - Pathologists
  - Pharmacists
  - Radiologists
  - Allied health professionals
- Molecular tumor boards may provide key learning opportunities for identifying actionable genomic alterations<sup>1,2</sup>



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## Summary

## **Key Takeaways**

- Precision oncology defines cancer according to its genomic profile rather than by the organ or tissue of origin<sup>1,2</sup>
  - Pathogenic gene fusions are becoming increasingly actionable<sup>3</sup>
  - Targeting these genomic alterations may lead to improved outcomes<sup>4</sup>
- NRG1 is an important pathogenic gene fusion that can occur across tumor types and is reported to be associated with poor outcomes, including increased mortality and resistance to currently available therapies in lung cancer<sup>5-9</sup>
- RNA-based NGS tests can improve identification of genomic alterations over DNA-based methods, including pathogenic gene fusions such as NRG1<sup>9,10</sup>
- Precision oncology benefits from collaboration between oncologists and pathologists to deliver appropriate genomic analysis that can lead to actionable results and potentially meaningful outcomes for patients<sup>2,11</sup>

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