

Diagnostic Challenges in Molecular Work-Up: NGS vs Single-Gene Testing in Lung Cancer

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Importance of Molecular Diagnostics in NSCLC

- Non–small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) often harbors **actionable driver mutations** (e.g. *EGFR*, *ALK*, *ROS1*, *BRAF*, *MET* exon 14, *RET*, *NTRK*).
- Identifying these alterations is critical, as **targeted therapies** significantly improve patient outcomes.

Purpose of pretreatment diagnosis Mostly biopsy and cytology specimen

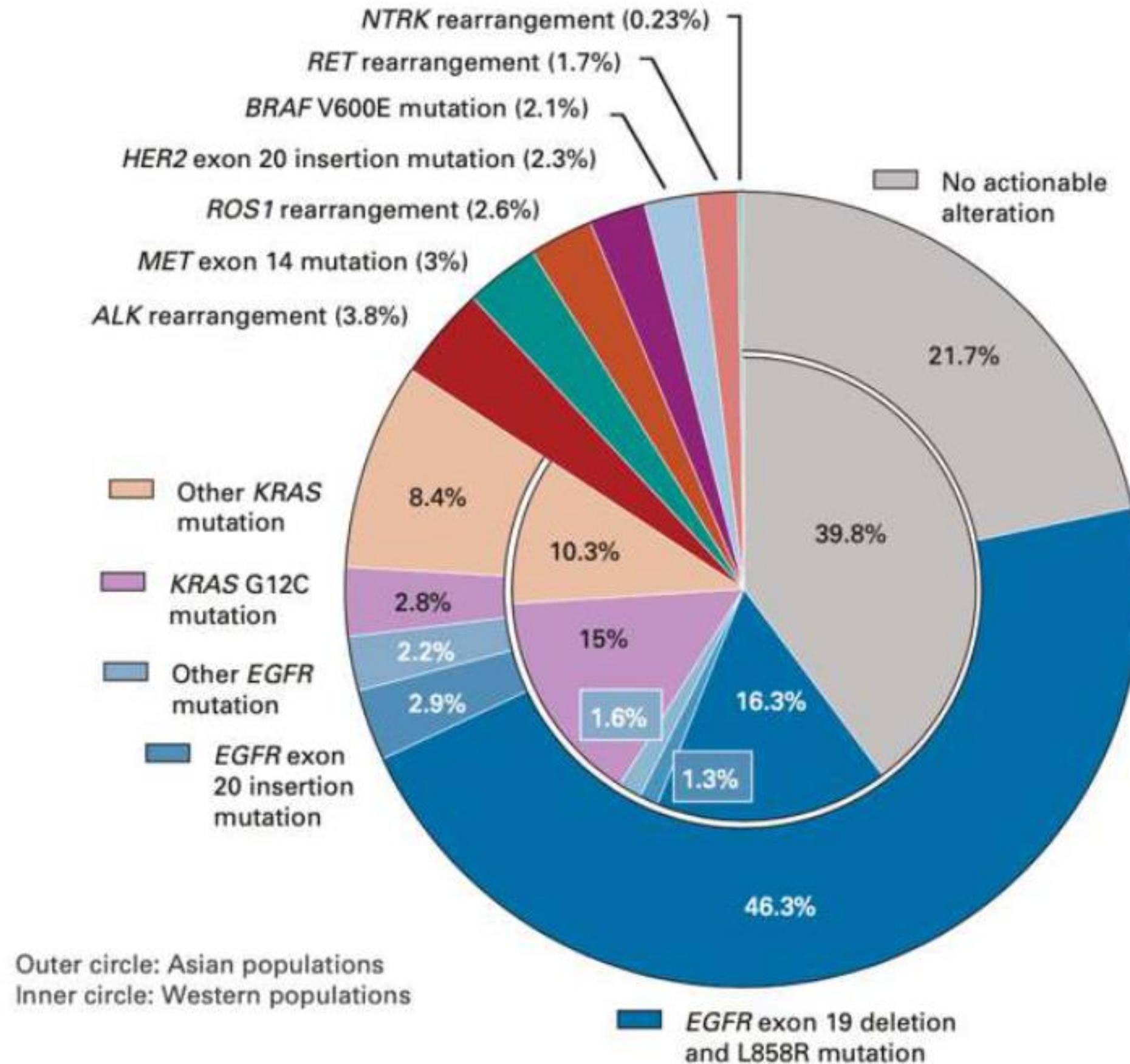
조직학적 진단

Struggle to preserve tissue

Biomarker test

- 조직학적 진단을 위한
면역조직화학검사 최소로 시행
- Reflex test 진행
- 여러 개의 블록으로 나누어 제작
- Microdissection

Introduction



General Guidelines for Biomarker Testing

- According to the Korean Association for Lung Cancer

Following CAP/ IASLC/ AMP, ASCO, and NCCN

임상양상

병리학적 아형^a

바이오 마커 테스트^{nm}

진행성, 전이성
폐암

- 병리학적 아형 진단 및 분자학적 검사를 위한 충분한 조직 확보(재생검^b 또는 가능한 경우 혈청검사 고려)
- 금연 교육
- 통합 완화 치료(Guideline for Palliative Care)

- 선암
- 대세포 폐암
- 기타 비소세포폐암

편평세포폐암

- 다음의 분자학적 검사
 - EGFR mutation (category 1), ALK (category 1), KRAS, ROS1, BRAF, NTRK1/2/3, METex14 skipping, RET
 - 검사는 broad molecular profiling의 일부로 수행되어야 한다.^{nm}
- PD-L1 검사 (category 1)

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폐암 진료지침 3판

Guidelines for Treatment of Lung Cancer

KALC 대한폐암학회

General Guidelines for Biomarker Testing

- According to the Korean Association for Lung Cancer

The key principles include:

1. Molecular testing for **actionable genetic alterations** and **PD-L1 expression** should be performed for all patients with NSCLC.

2. Actionable gene alterations

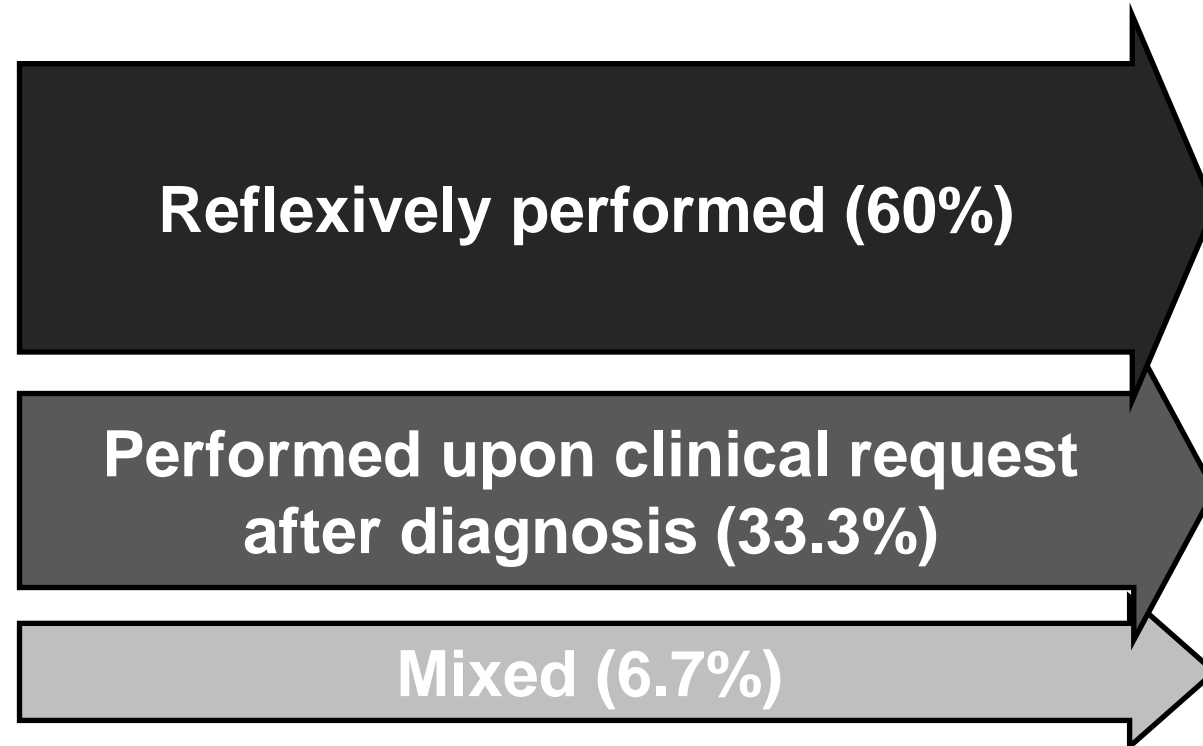
- **Essential genetic tests** for NSCLC include **EGFR, ALK, ROS1, and BRAF**.

- Tests for NTRK, MET, RET, HER2, and KRAS are recommended if EGFR, ALK, ROS1, and BRAF are negative, or as part of a comprehensive panel.

Biomarker tests in South Korea (2024)



Decision to perform tests?



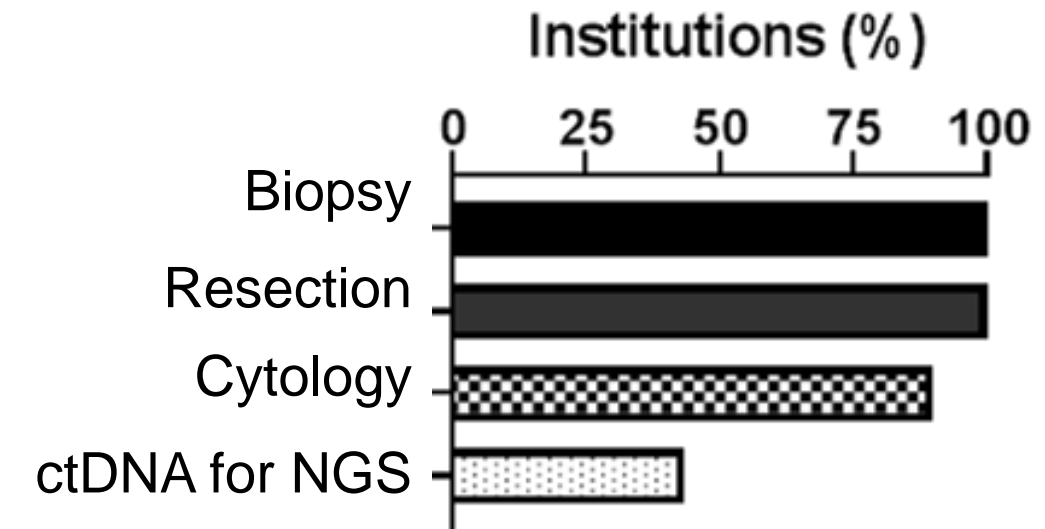
Upon biomarker test types, physician

If reflexively performed,

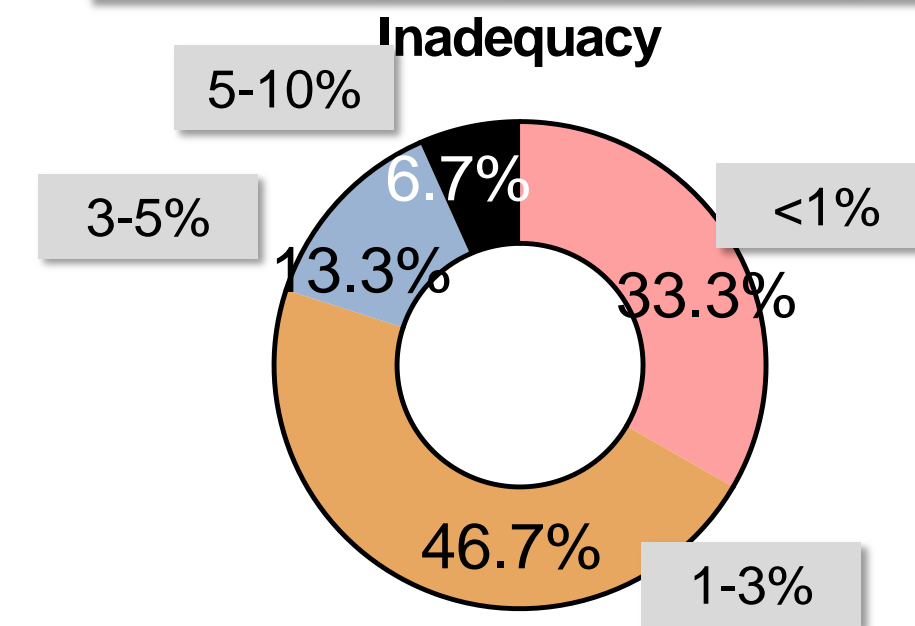
Performed in all tumors, **regardless of the patient's stage (100%)**

Performed only in metastatic or advanced tumors (0%)

Types of sample?



Inadequacy Frequency?



30 institutions

Types of molecular tests

Molecular tests vary by histologic subtype?

The same tests are performed for all NSCLC subtypes (60%)

Different tests are performed based on histologic subtype (40%)

SqCC vs Non-SqCC (75%)

Others (25%)

Generally, more types of tests are performed for non-SqCC than for SqCC.

For non-SqCC,

ALK = EGFR = PD-L1 (in all hospitals) >
ROS1 > KRAS > BRAF

For SqCC,

PD-L1 (in all hospitals) > ALK = EGFR >
ROS1 > KRAS > BRAF

For Small cell carcinoma,

Complete molecular subtyping X
POU2F3+ SCC reported (5/30, 16.7%)

How to screen and detect the targetable oncogene?

| | SNV | Fusion | CNV (Amp) | Etc |
|---------|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| DNA | Pyrosequencing PCR-based method NGS | FISH Pyrosequencing NGS | FISH/CISH qPCR NGS | TMB (NGS~) |
| RNA | | Fusion transcript (RT-PCR) NGS | | |
| Protein | IHC (mutation-specific Ab) | IHC (expressed protein) | IHC (overexpression) | Expression-IHC (ex. PD-L1) |

EGFR, KRAS, BRAF

ALK, ROS1, NTRK1/2/3, RET

MET
EGFR

MET

Single gene tests

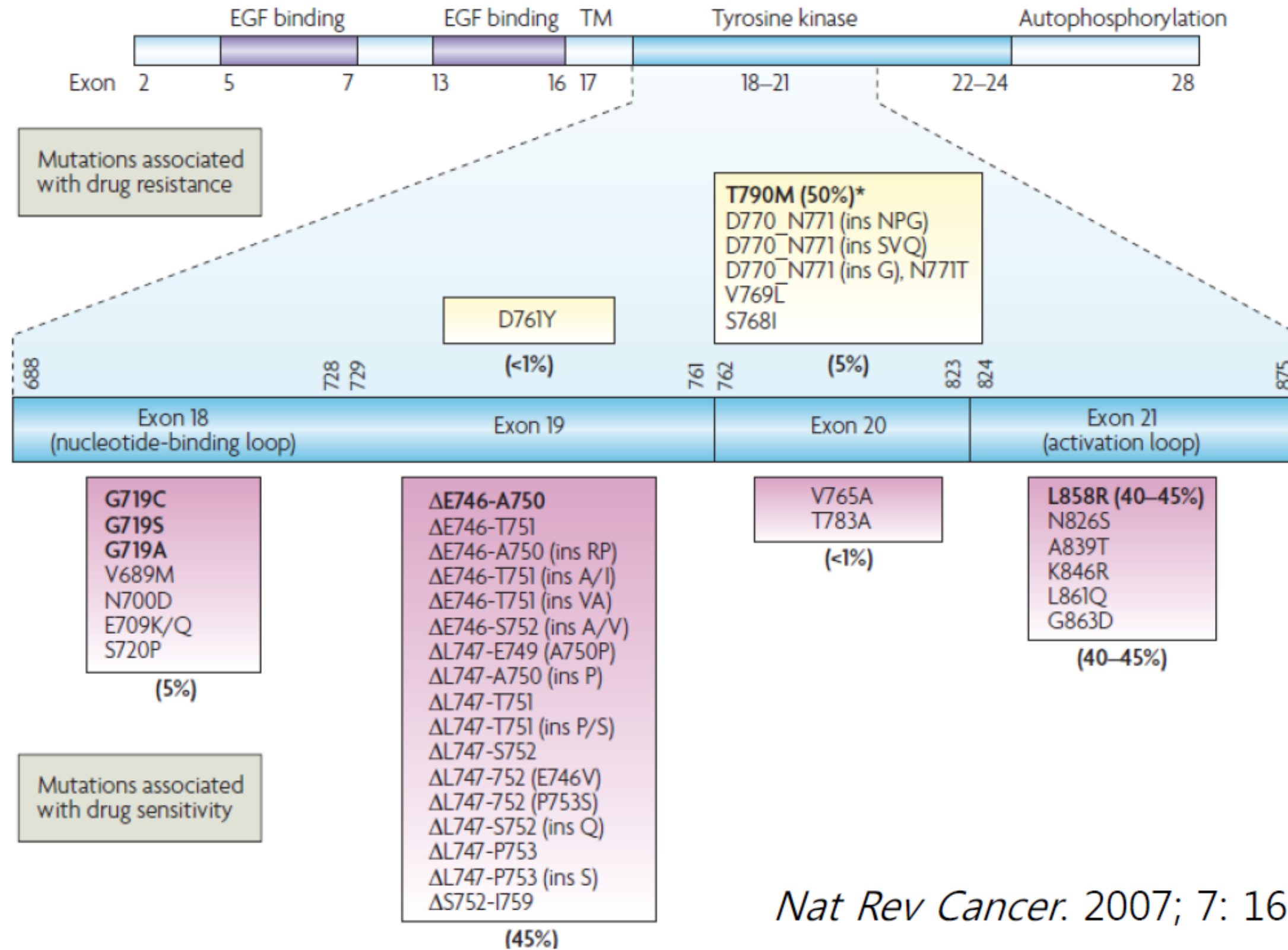
1. Tissue availability

- Strategy for test selection when biopsy material is insufficient

2. TAT

- Shortage of human and material resources
- A less commonly performed test

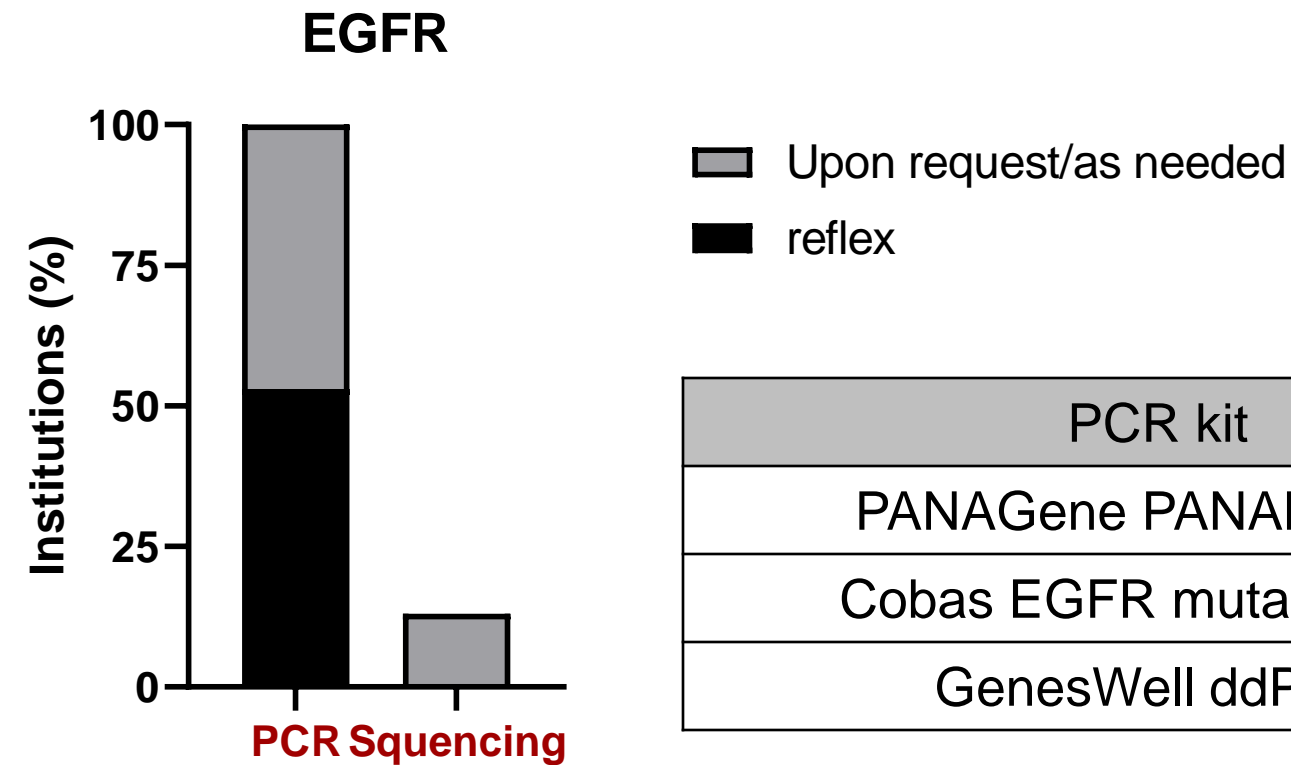
EGFR



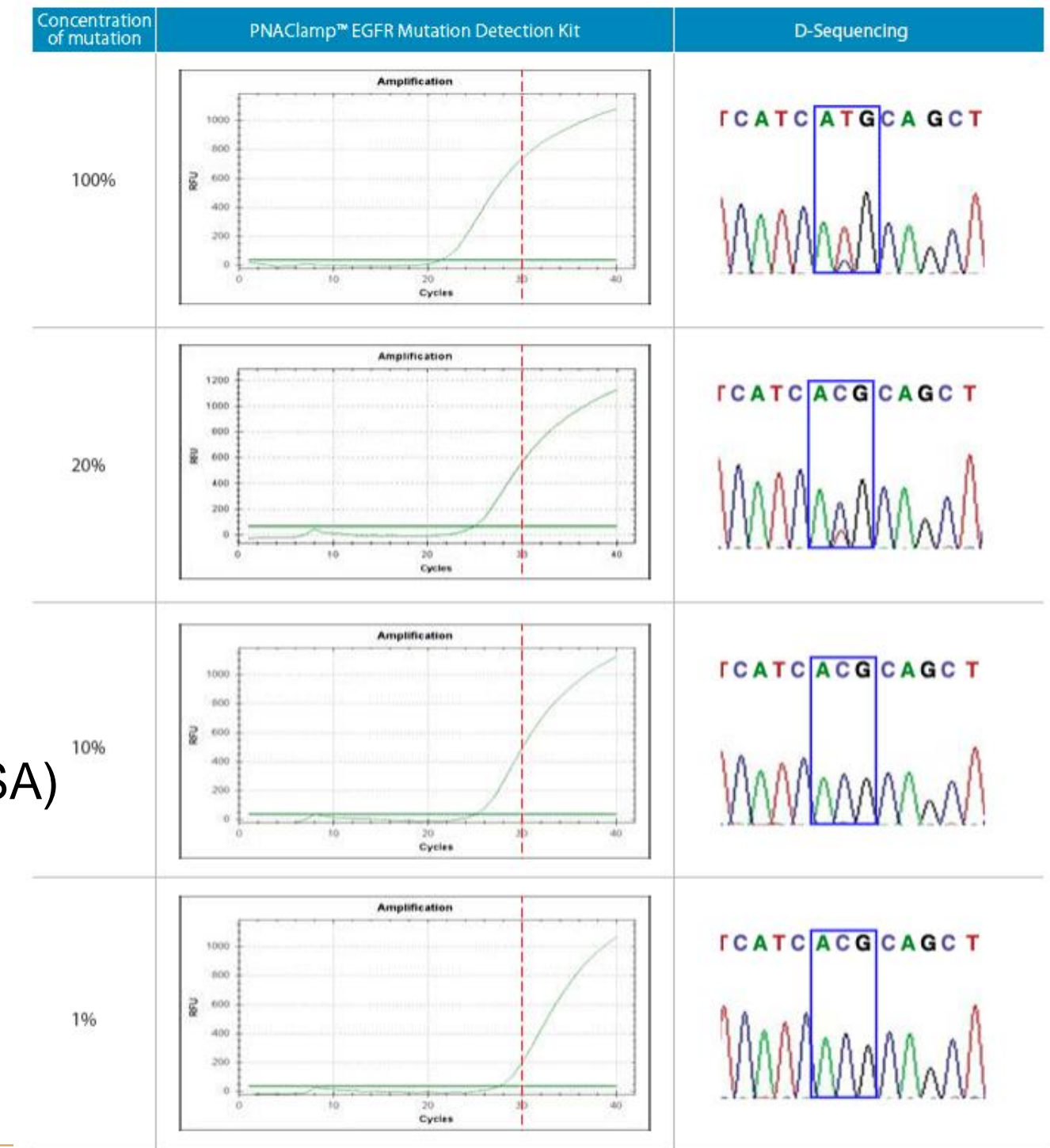
Nat Rev Cancer. 2007; 7: 169-81.

EGFR

PCR-based assays are more sensitive and require lower DNA input than direct sequencing.



Comparison of sensitivity (PNA Clamp™ vs D-Sequencing)



- Cobas® EGFR Mutation Test v2, Roche Molecular Systems (Roche, IN, USA)
- PNA Clamp™ Mutation Detection Kit EGFR (ver.2) (panagene, Korea)
- GenesWell ddEGFR Mutation Test (Gencurix, Seoul, Korea)

50% of Ex20ins were not detected

| | Sample | DNA | Detection limit | Time | Detection | | | | | |
|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|--------------|---|--------------------|-----|
| | | | | | Exon18 | Exon19 | Exon20 | Exon21 | Total | |
| | Cobas EGFR mutation test | FFPE; plasma | 150 ng* (50 minimum) | 1.3~13.4% (1~5%) | 4:00* (6-8h) | G719X (3) | Ex19Del (29) | S768I T790M Ex20Ins (5) | L858R (2) L861Q | 42 |
| semi-quantitative | PANAGene PANAMutyper | FFPE; plasma | 300ng | <1% | 2:40* (4-6h) | G719X (3) | Ex19Del (29) | S768I T790M Ex20Ins (10) | L858R (2) L861Q | 47 |
| Quantitative; | GenesWell ddPCR | FFPE; plasma | 270 ng* | <1% most sensitive | 0:40* 2:40* 1:30* (6-8h) | G719X (3) | Ex19Del (59) | S768I T790M Ex20Ins (33) C797X (4) | L858R (2) L861Q | 107 |

semi-quantitative

Quantitative;

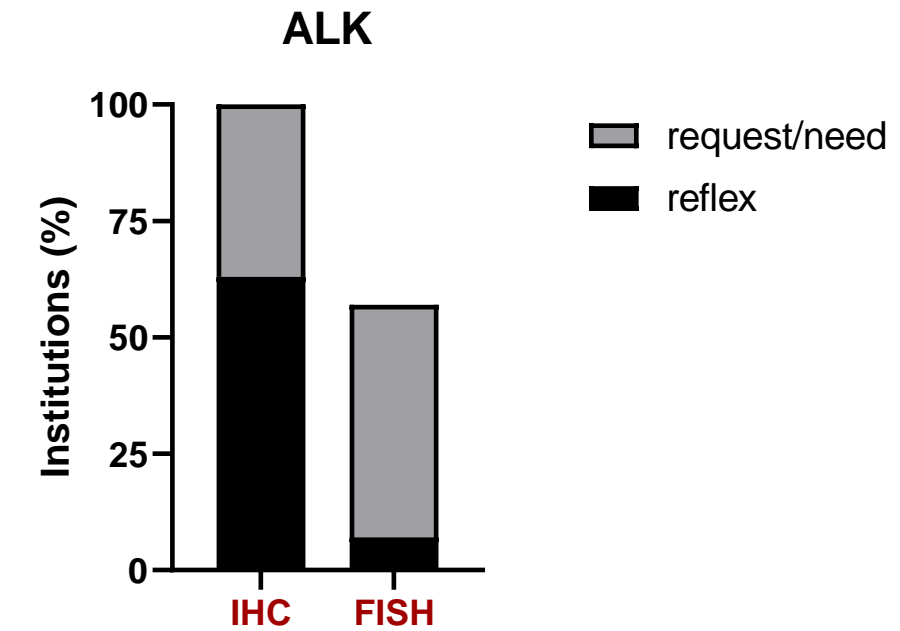
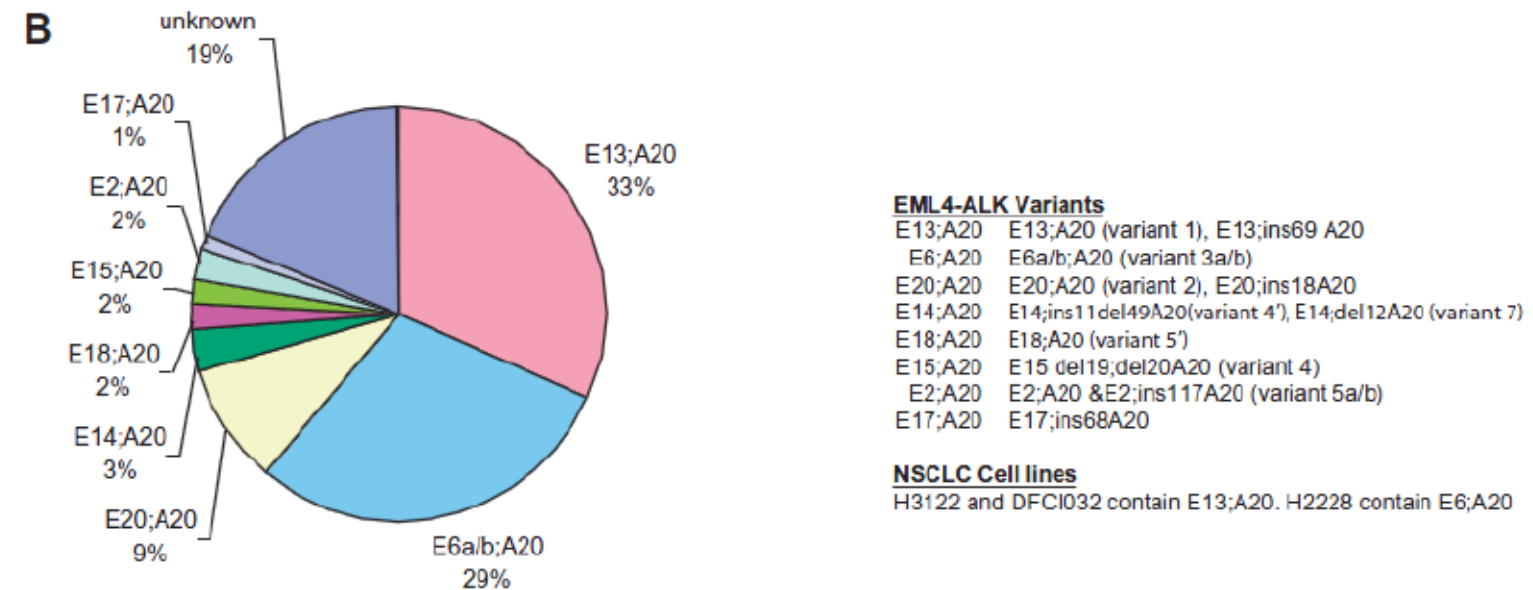
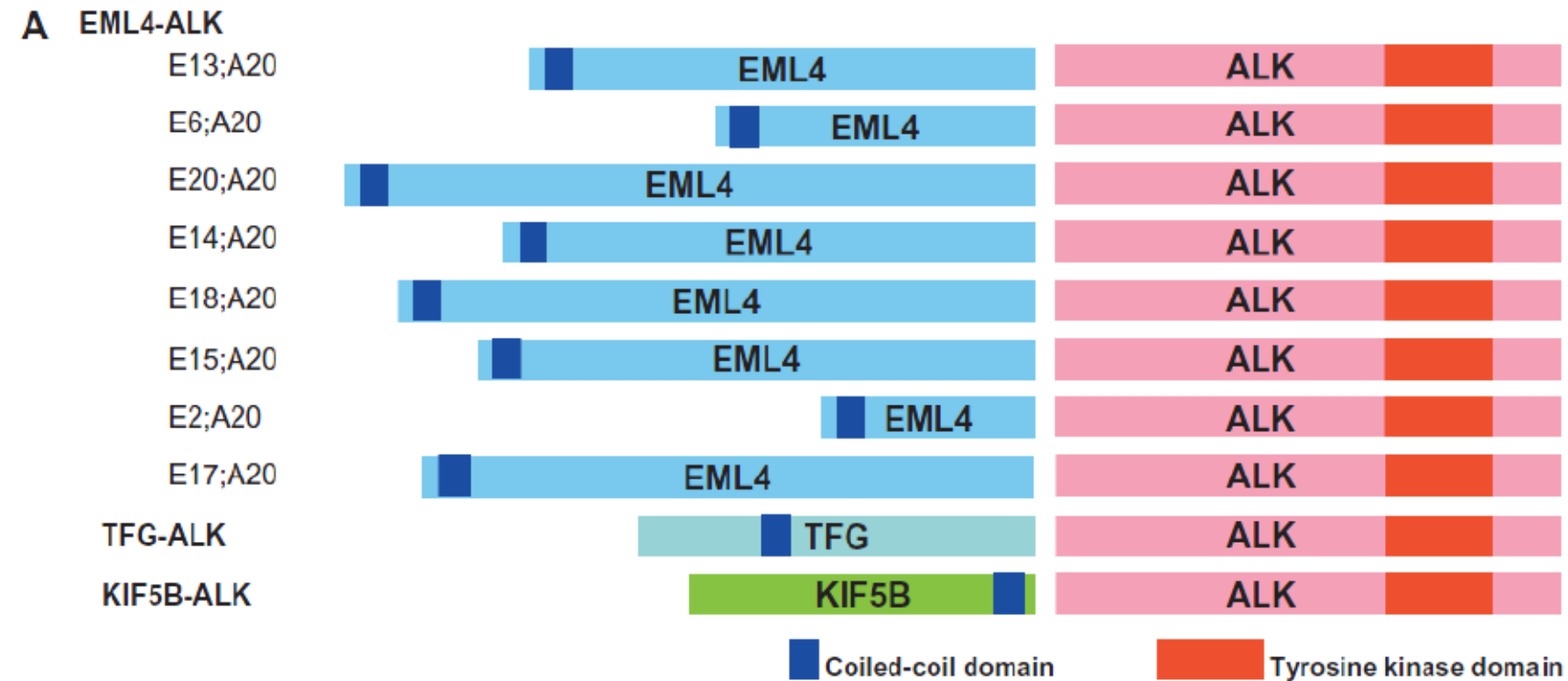
More Labor intensive
Need an additional equipment

* According to datasheet

NGS: all novel EGFR mutation can be detected

ALK

Variants of ALK fusions



| IHC Ab | % |
|-----------------|------|
| D5F3 | 80.0 |
| Both D5F3 / 5A4 | 16.7 |
| 5A4 | 3.3 |

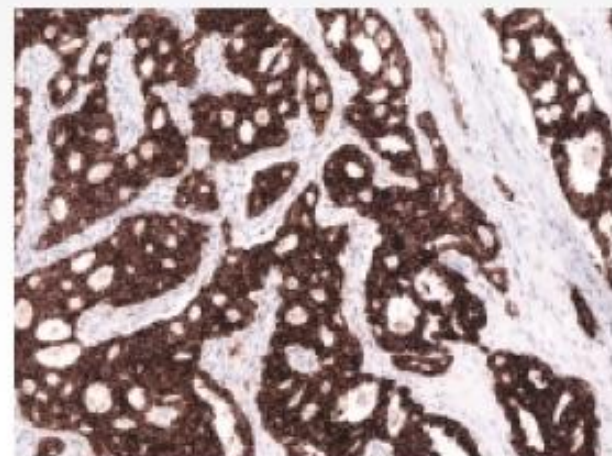
| FISH Ab | % |
|------------------------------|------|
| Vysis ALK Break Apart | 95.5 |
| ALK Break Apart (ZytoVision) | 4.5 |

ALK (D5F3) CDx
Sensitivity 81-100%,
specificity 91-100%

Eur J Cancer 2010;46:1773-1780

ALK IHC kit

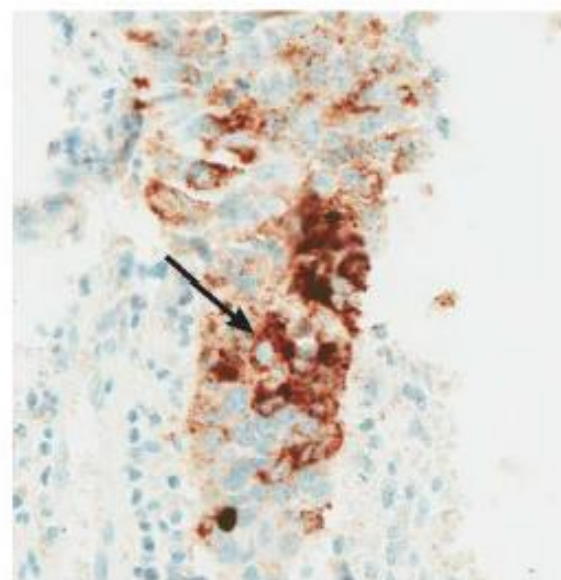
VENTANA ALK (D5F3) CDx Assay



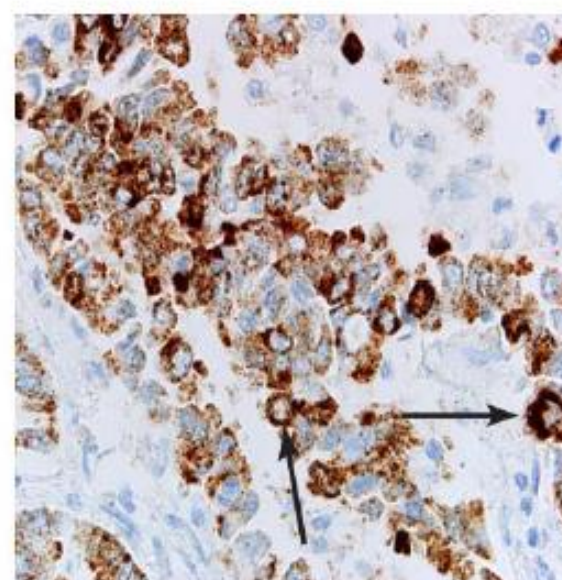
| | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Catalog Number: | 790-4796 |
| Ordering Code: | 06687199001 |
| Quantity: | 50 tests |
| Controls: | Appendix |
| Isotypes: | IgG |
| Clone Name: | D5F3 |
| Species: | Rabbit Monoclonal |
| Localization: | Cytoplasmic |
| Regulatory Status: | IVD, FDA Approved (PMA) |

VENTANA ALK (D5F3) CDx Assay is intended for the qualitative detection of the anaplastic lymphoma kinase (ALK) protein in formalin-fixed, paraffin-embedded (FFPE) non-small cell lung carcinoma (NSCLC) tissue stained with a BenchMark XT automated staining instrument. It is indicated as an aid in identifying patients eligible for treatment with XALKORI® (crizotinib).

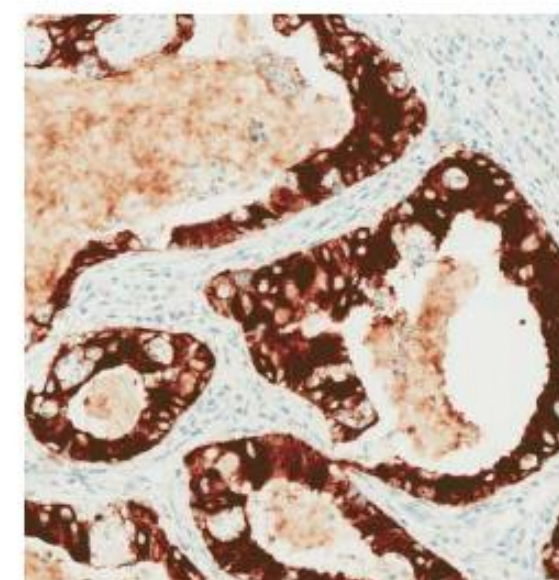
Clinical Diagnosis Positive



Few strong cytoplasmic staining tumor cells

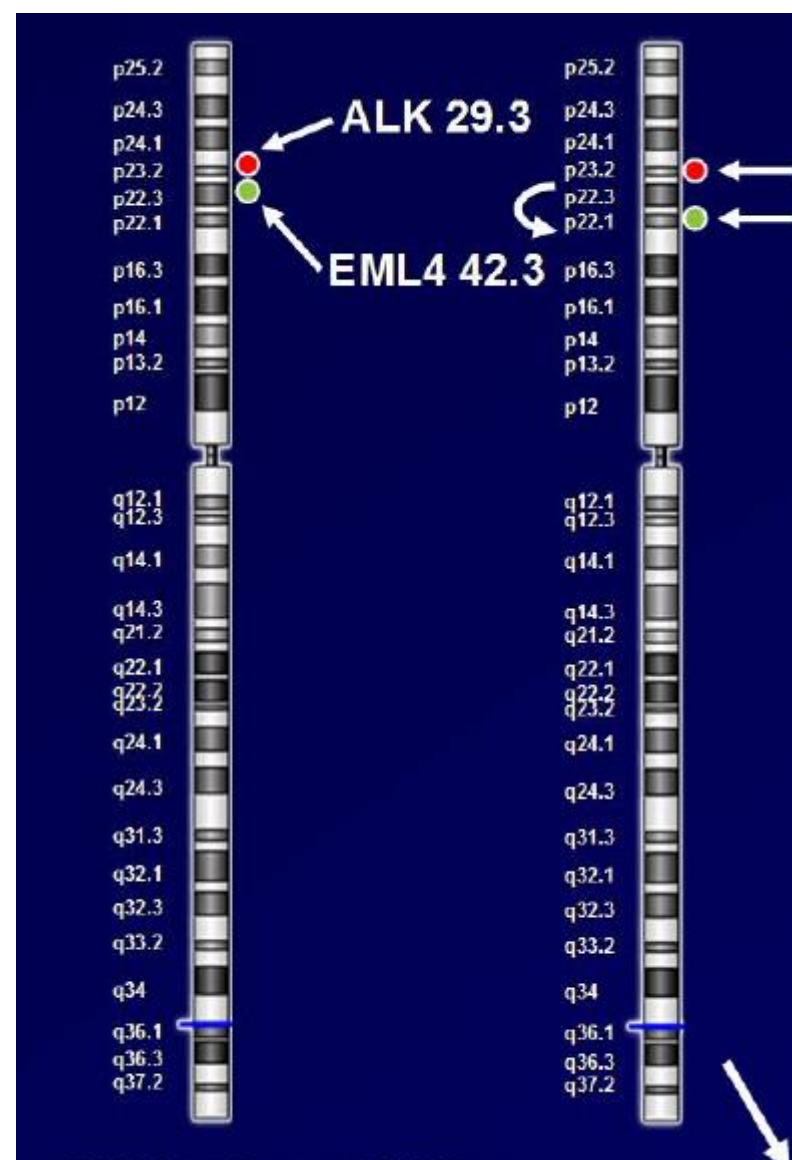


Strong cytoplasmic staining tumor cells



Homogeneously strong cytoplasmic staining within tumor cells

Labor-intensive
Requires a high level of expertise.
→ Shift to IHC (or NGS)



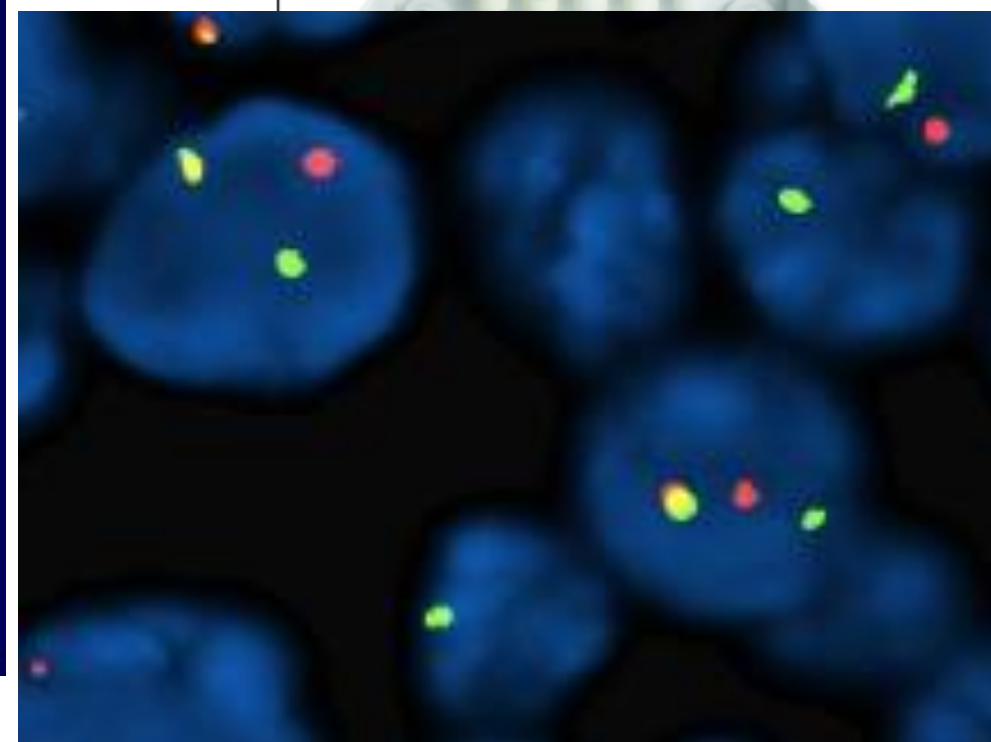
Product Description

Intended Use

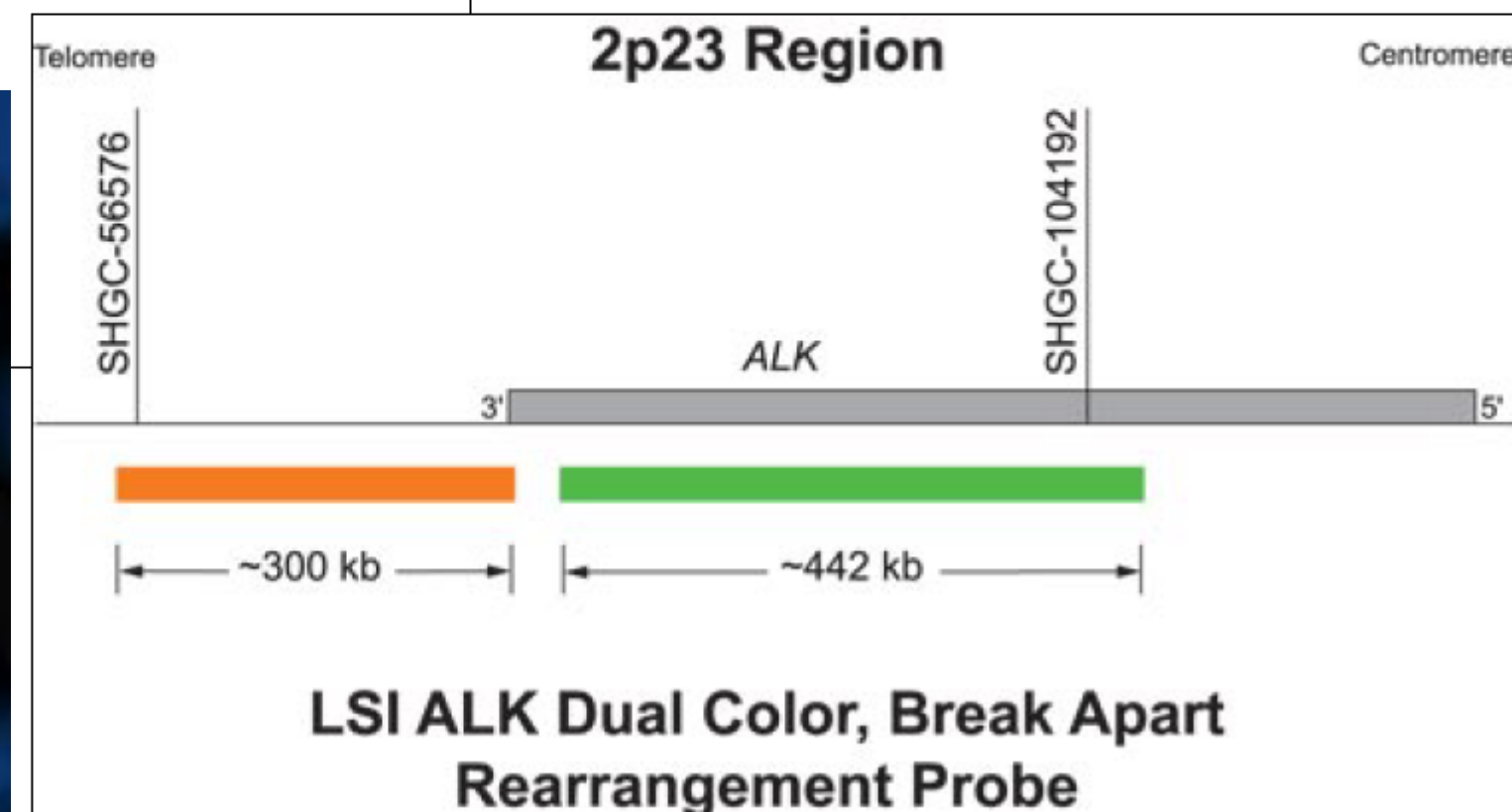
The Vysis ALK Break Apart FISH Probe Kit is intended to detect rearrangements involving the ALK gene via fluorescence in situ hybridization (FISH) in formalin-fixed paraffin-embedded (FFPE) non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) tissue specimens.

Reduce variability with ready-to-use components

- Premixed, optimized probes
- ALK positive control slides
- ALK negative control slides
- Ready-to-use slide preparation reagents

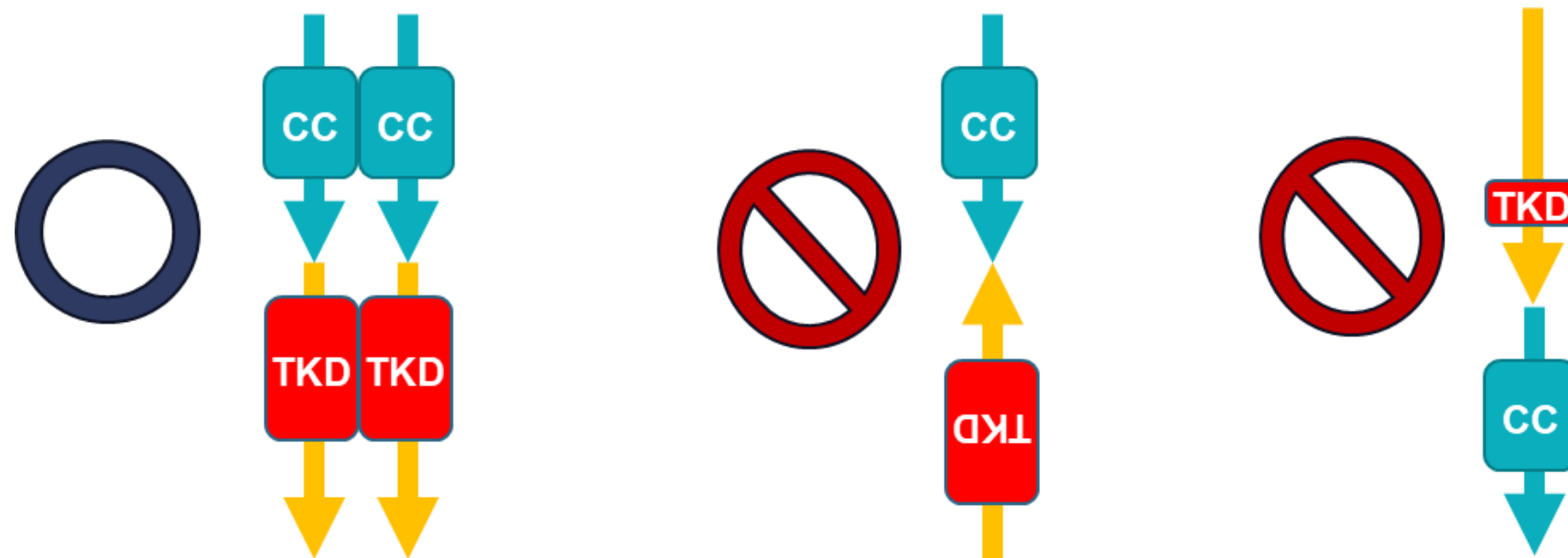


Fusion partner?
In-frame?



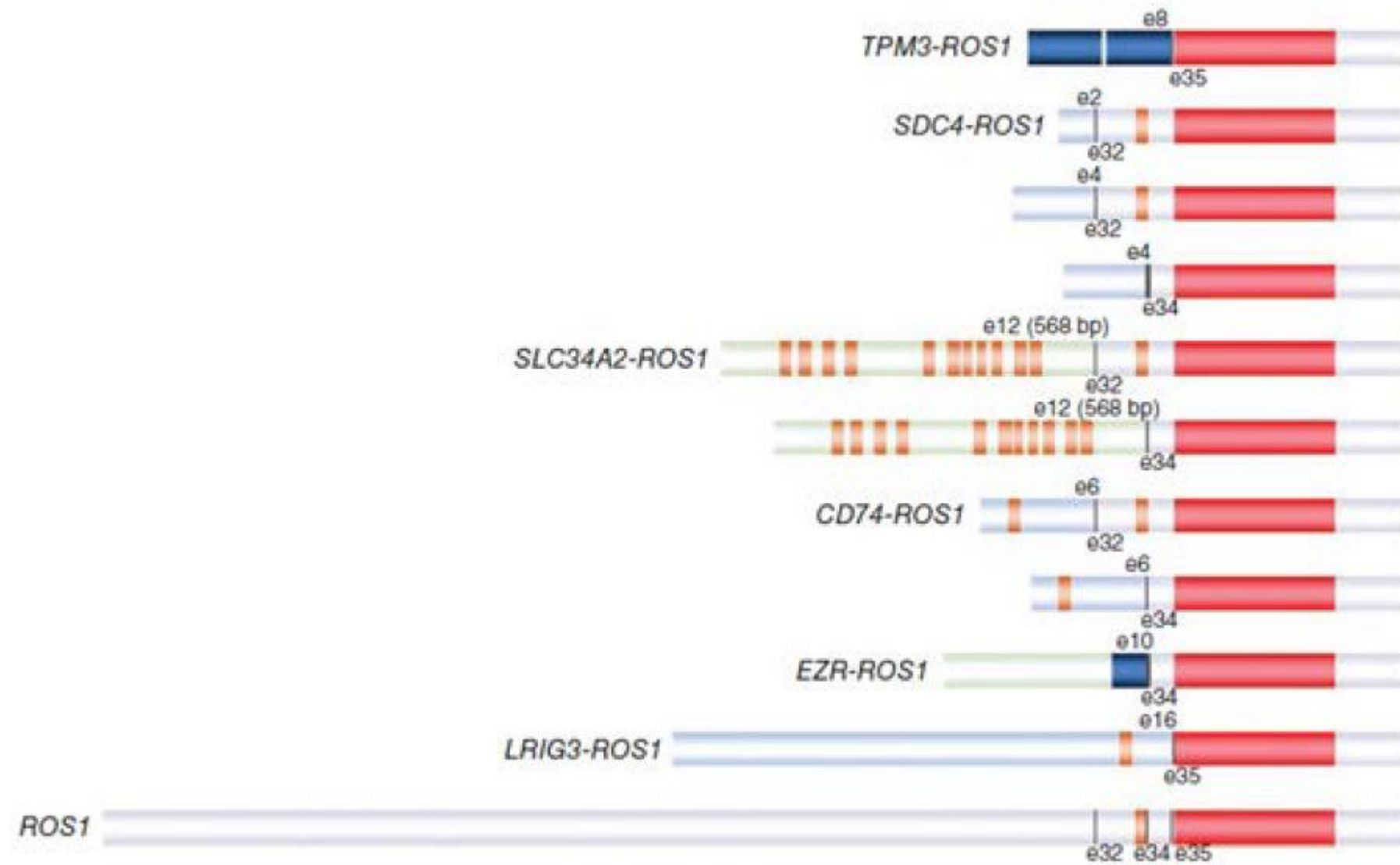
The Requirements for Fusion to be Functional

1. The fusion should retain the **protein coding frame**
 - The orientation of two gene should be the same (sense to sense)
 - The fusion should not induce frameshift
2. **Tyrosine kinase domain** should be preserved
3. Partner gene should have ability to form **dimers/oligomers**
 - Example of dimerization domain: coiled-coil, leucine zipper, ...

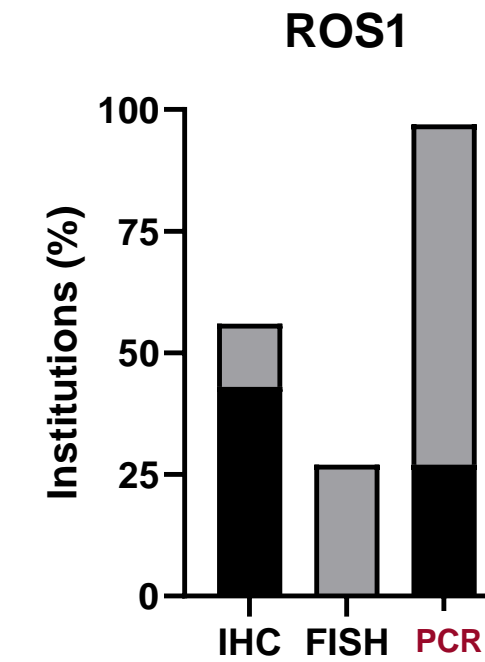


ROS1

Variants of ROS1 fusions



Nat Med 2012;18:378-81.



| IHC Ab | % |
|---------|------|
| SP384 | 94.1 |
| D4D6 | 5.9 |
| PCR kit | % |
| AmoyDx | 100 |

about 43% screen with IHC first, then confirm with PCR

The ROSING Study

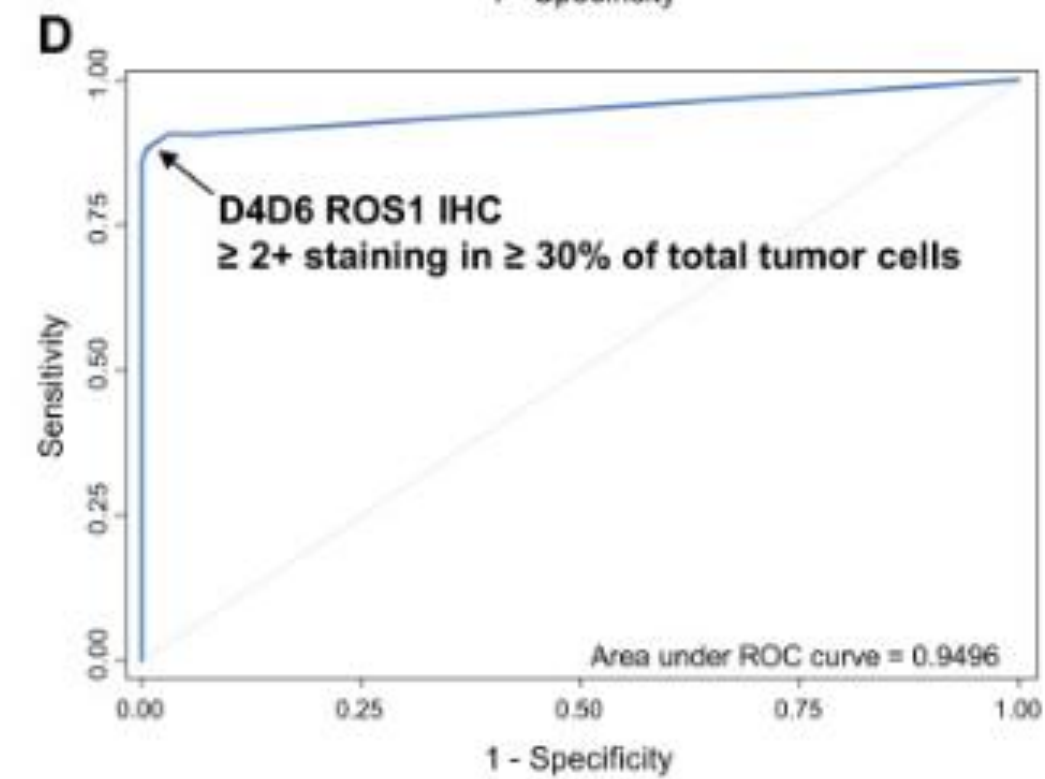
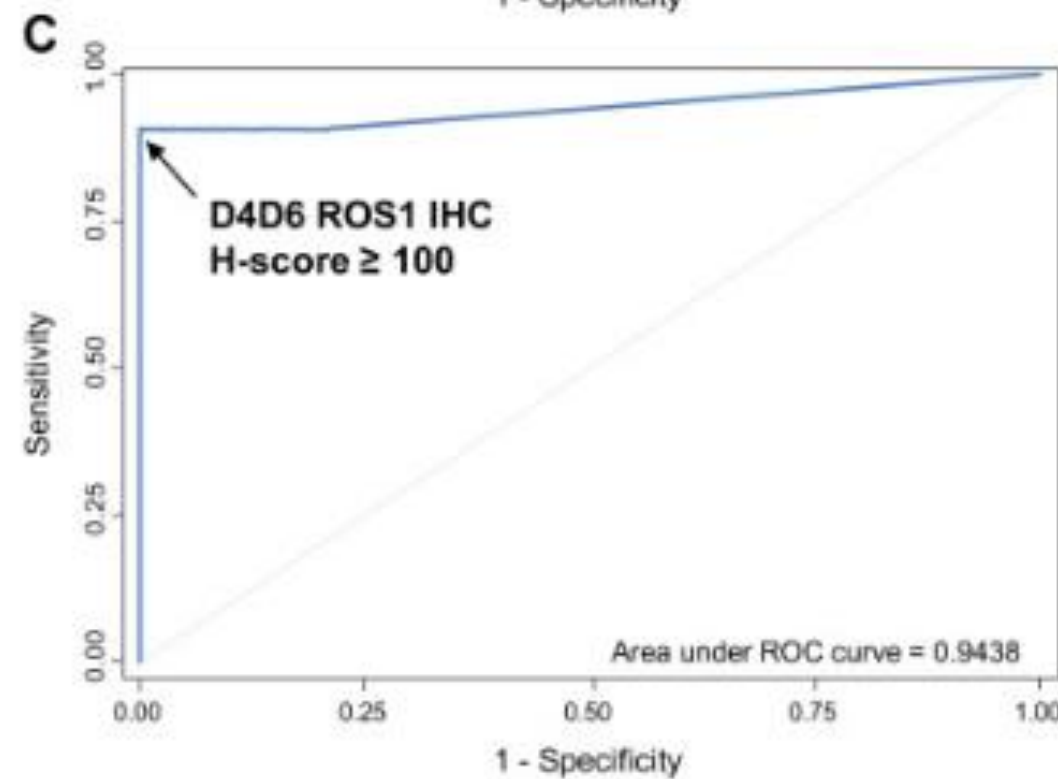
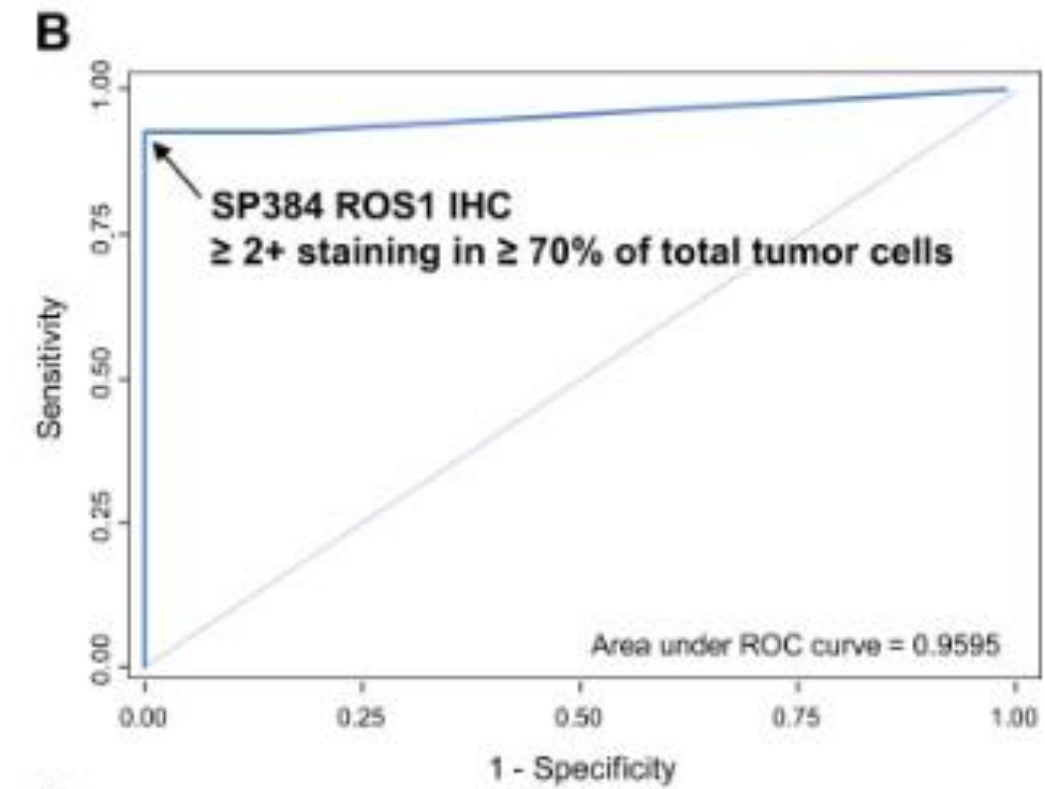
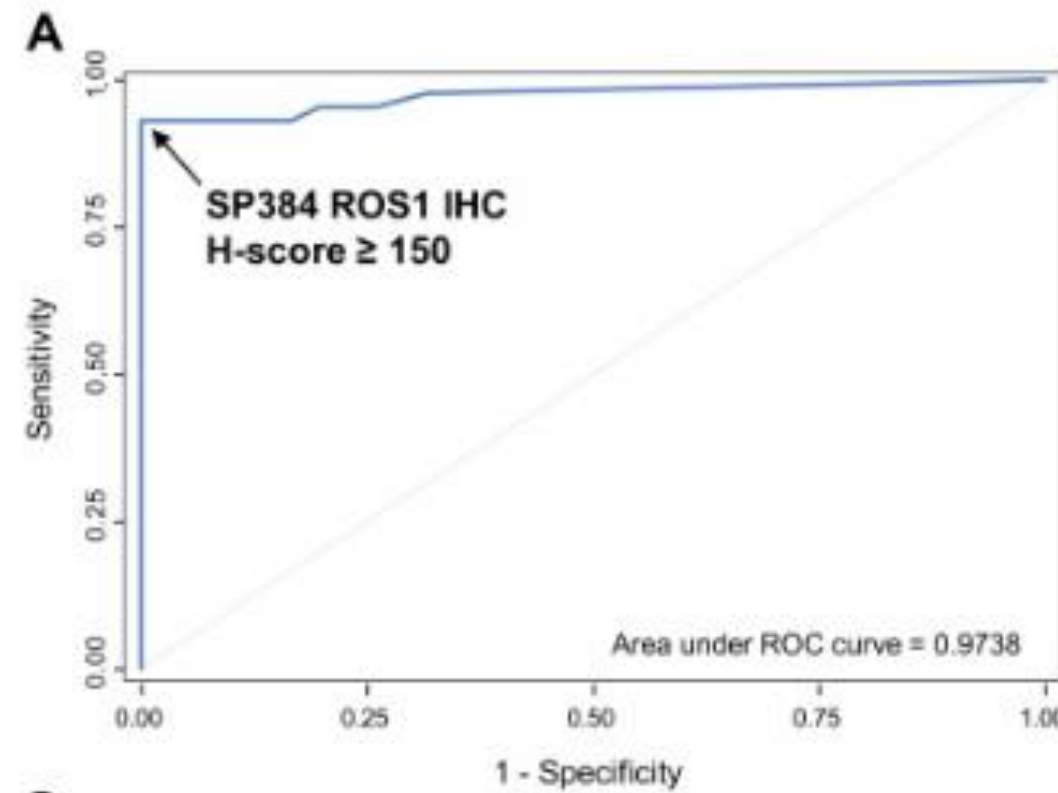
SP384

- H-score ≥ 150
- 2+ $\geq 70\%$ of tumor cells
- 93% sensitivity + 100% specificity

D4D6

- H-score ≥ 100
- 91% sensitivity + 100% specificity

EGFR, ALK, KRAS 등 key alteration negative 시, PCR 고려



Assessment of a New ROS1 Immunohistochemistry Clone (SP384) for the Identification of ROS1 Rearrangements in Patients with Non-Small Cell Lung Carcinoma: the ROSING Study. J Thorac Oncol. 2019 Dec;14(12):2120-2132.

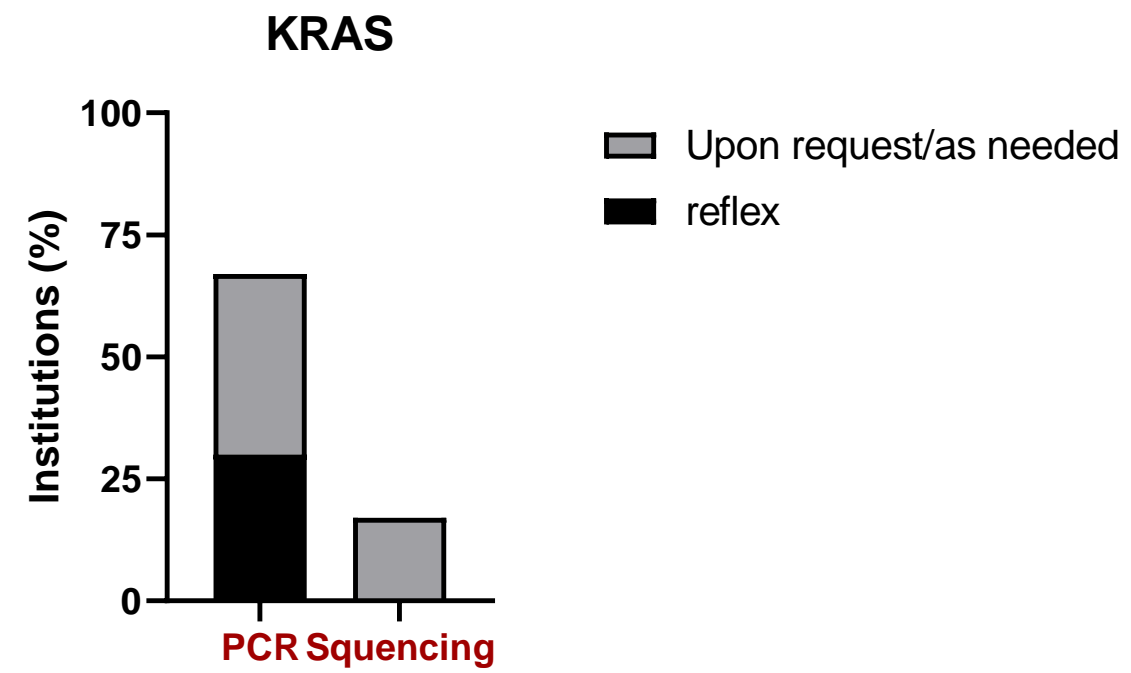
AmoyDx ® ROS1 Gene Fusions Detection Kit

ROS1 Gene Fusions Detected by the Kit

| Reagent | Spliced Gene & Exon | | | ROS1 Spliced Exon |
|---------------------|---|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| ROS1 Reaction Mix ① | <i>SLC34A2</i> exon4 <i>SDC4</i> exon2 | <i>SLC34A2</i> exon13del <i>SDC4</i> exon4 | <i>CD74</i> exon6 | 32 |
| ROS1 Reaction Mix ② | <i>SLC34A2</i> exon4 <i>SDC4</i> exon4 | <i>SLC34A2</i> exon13del <i>EZR</i> exon10 | <i>CD74</i> exon6 | 34 |
| ROS1 Reaction Mix ③ | <i>TPM3</i> exon8 | <i>LRIG3</i> exon16 | <i>GOPC</i> exon8 | 35 |
| ROS1 Reaction Mix ④ | <i>GOPC</i> exon4 | | | 36 |

RNA: ~300ng (50~800 ng/uL *6uL)
 Time: 2:40
 - cDNA 1:00
 - PCR 1:40

KRAS



| PCR kit | % |
|--|-----|
| PANAGENE (Oncotector Mutation Detection Kit) | 100 |

Time: 2:20
DNA: 40ng (10ng*4)
Detection limit: ~2%

G12A
G12D
G12R
G12C
G12S
G12V
G13D

BRAF

BRAF (VE1) IHC

- Sensitivity: 95-100%
- Specificity: 95-100%

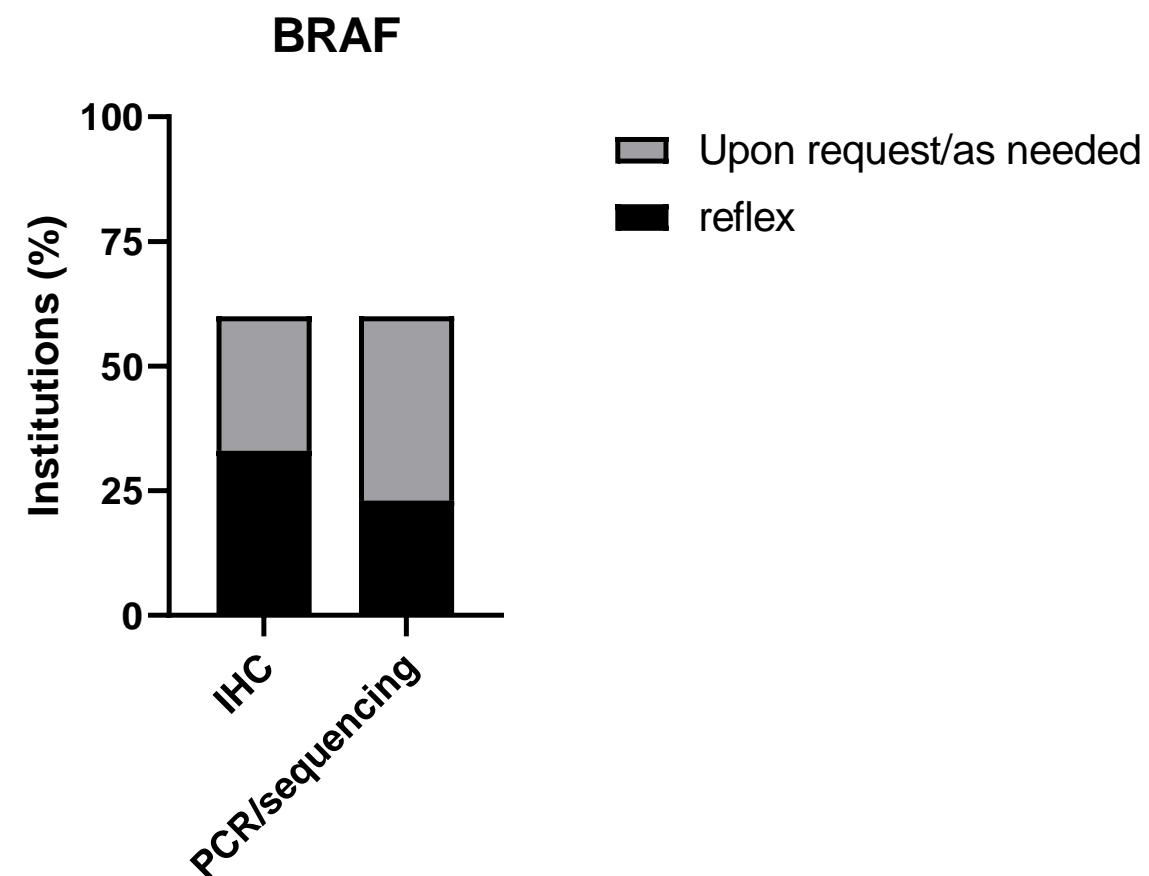
PNAClamp BRAF mutation kit

Detection limit: 1%

DNA: 10ng/uL

Time: 1:40

Detect: V600 mutation



| IHC Ab | % |
|--------|-----|
| VE1 | 100 |

| PCR kit | % |
|---|------|
| PNAClamp BRAF Mutation Detection Kit | 78.6 |
| Direct Sequencing | 14.3 |
| Biosewoom Real-Q BRAF V600E Detection Kit | 7.1 |

33% start with IHC as a reflex test (screening) and confirm with PCR or sequencing

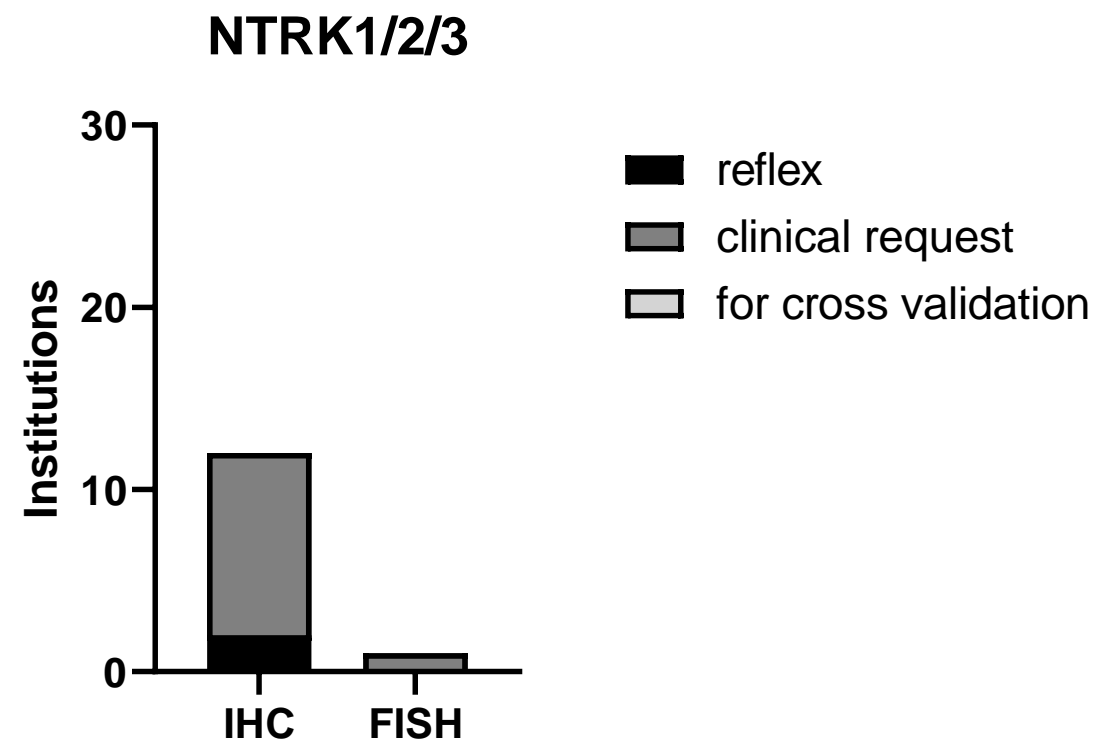
Real-world assessment of the BRAF status in non-squamous cell lung carcinoma using VE1 immunohistochemistry: A single laboratory experience (LPCE, Nice, France). Lung Cancer. 2020 Jul;145:58-62

EP06.03-21 Usefulness of Immunohistochemistry for the Detection of BRAFV600E in Lung Cancer: A Multicenter

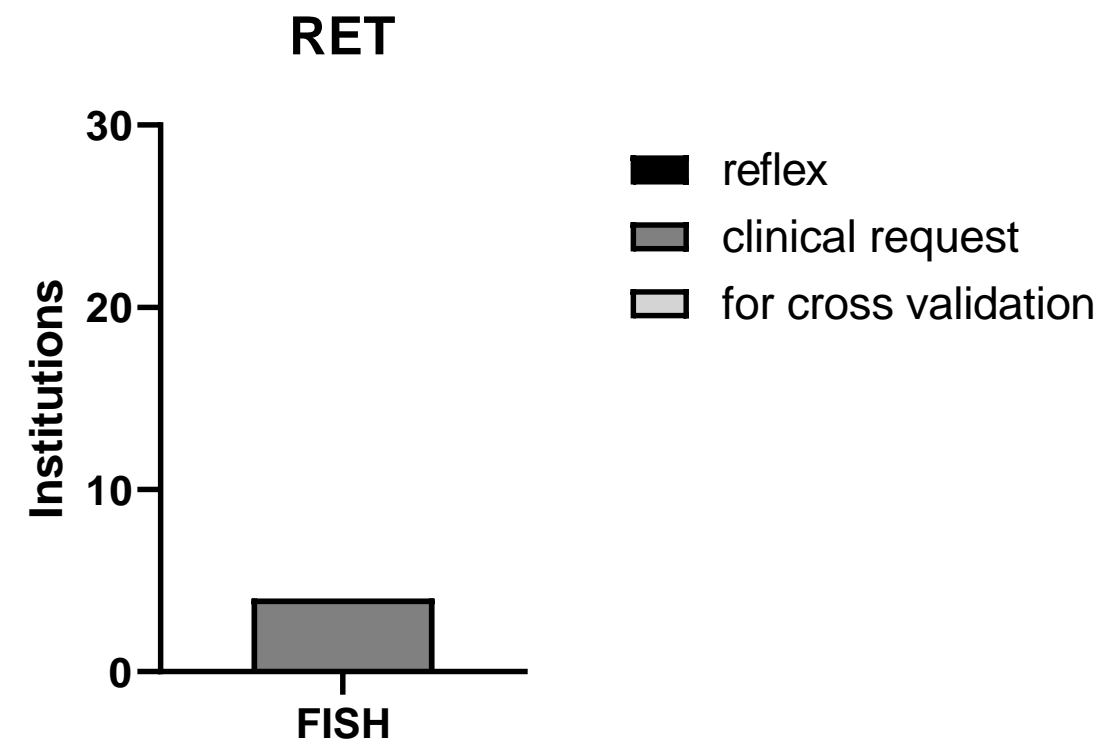
Retrospective Study in China, Yuan, P. et al. JTO 2023, 18;11, S491 - S492

MET, RET, HER2 and NTRK1/2/3

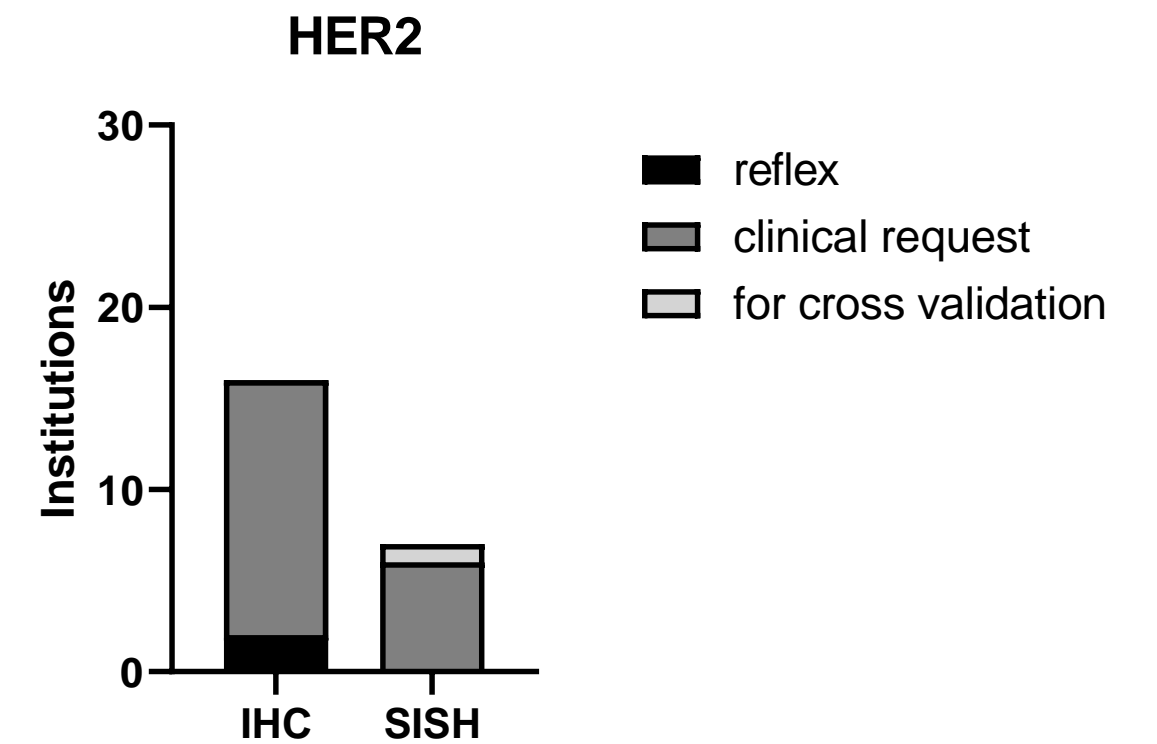
NGS testing for NTRK, MET, RET, and HER2 is recommended by the Korean Society of Pathologists.



| IHC Ab | % |
|-----------------------------|-----|
| VENTANA® pan-TRK (EPR17341) | 100 |



| FISH | % |
|---|-----|
| SPEC RET Break Apart FISH Probe RUO kit(Abbott) | 100 |



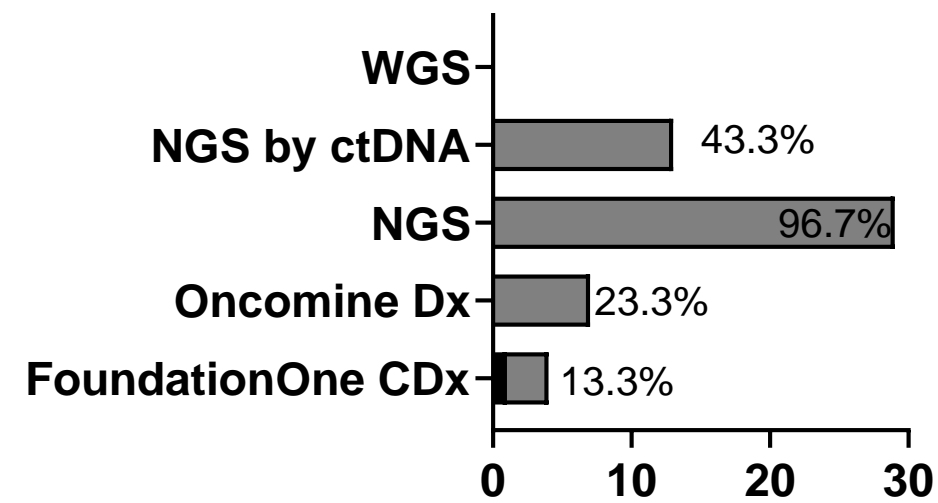
| IHC Ab | % |
|--------|-----|
| 4B5 | 100 |

Comprehensive genomic test (NGS by tissue)

- 1. Tissue availability**
- 2. TAT**
- 3. Difficulty in interpreting complex results and generating reports**

Types of molecular tests

For Broad molecular testing,



Two institutions stated that WGS is set up but not yet in use.

NGS

- 96.7% (29/30) of institutions
- In-house (72.4%) + Outsourced (27.6%)

NGS by ctDNA

- 43.3% (13/30) of institutions
- In-house (38.5%) + Outsourced (61.5%)

Custom panel (7.4% of institute)

| Types | No of Genes | n |
|-------------|-------------|---|
| Lung cancer | 75 | 1 |
| Solid tumor | 50-546 | 4 |

Commercial panel (92.6% of institute)

| Types | No of Genes | n |
|-------------|-------------|----|
| Lung cancer | 23 | 2 |
| Solid tumor | 323-550 | 29 |

Commercial panel provider,

Illumina (53.3%)
Thermo Fisher (46.7%)

Oncomine Dx Target Test

- 23.3% (7/30) of institutions
- Upon clinical request (100%)
- Through pathology department (100%)
- In-house (28.6%) + Outsourced (71.4%)

NGS

- 96.7% (29/30) of institutions
- Upon clinical request (100%)
- Through Pathology (86.2%), Clinical Laboratory department (3.4%) and Joint management with Clinical Laboratory department (10.3%)
- In-house (72.4%) + Outsourced (27.6%)

NGS by ctDNA

- 43.3% (13/30) of institutions
- Upon clinical request
- Through Pathology (53.8%) and Clinical Laboratory Department (46.2%)
- In-house (38.5%) + Outsourced (61.5%)
- TSO500 ctDNA (1) + 랩지노믹스OTD (1) + 자체 (3) + Unknown/not answered (8)

| Category | Oncomine Dx Target Test | FoundationOne CDx | Oncomine Comprehensive Assay Plus (OCA plus) | TruSight Oncology 500 (TSO500) |
|-----------------------|--|---|--|--|
| Manufacturer | Thermo Fisher | Foundation Medicine (Roche) | Thermo Fisher | Illumina |
| Number of Genes | 46 | 324 | 517 | 523 |
| Targets | SNV, indel, fusion, CNV | SNV, indel, fusion, CNV, MSI, TMB | SNV, indel, fusion, CNV, TMB, MSI | SNV, indel, fusion, CNV, TMB, MSI |
| DNA Input | ≥ 10 ng | ≥50–200 ng | ≥ 20 ng (recommended 80–100 ng) | ≥ 40 ng |
| RNA Input | ≥ 10 ng | — | ≥ 20 ng | ≥ 40 ng |
| TMB/MSI Reporting | X | O | O | O |
| Companion Dx Approval | O (EGFR, ALK, ROS1, BRAF) | O (FDA-approved for 20+ drugs) | X | X |
| Turnaround Time (TAT) | 3–5days | 10–14days (USA) | 3-5days | 5–7days |
| Key Features | Fast, clinically approved test for key lung cancer markers | Widely used comprehensive panel with FDA approvals; outsourced analysis | Broad in-house tumor profiling | Broad research-grade panel, strong RNA fusion coverage |

Tumor purity >20%

Oncomine Dx Target Test (ODxTT)

비소세포성 폐암 동반진단 NGS 검사의 유용성

- 단 한번의 검사로 23종 유전자 변이를 검출하여 추가적인 생검 필요성 감소
- 적은 양의 환자 검체로 신속하게 진단하여 치료 방향 설정 시간 단축
- 동반진단으로 4종 유전자 변이에 대한 표적치료제 대상 환자 빠르게 선별

| 유전자 | 변이 | 동반진단 가능 치료제 |
|------|--------------------------|---|
| BRAF | BRAF V600E | RAFINLAR® + MEQSEL® (dabrafenib in combination with trametinib) |
| ROS1 | ROS1 fusion | XALKORI® (crizotinib) |
| EGFR | L858R, exon 19 deletions | IRESSA® (gefitinib) |
| | exon 20 insertions | RYBREVANT™ (amivantamab) |
| RET | RET fusion | RETEVMO® (selpercatinib) |

List of companion diagnostics

EGFR (E19del, L858R, 20ins), BRAF, ROS1, RET

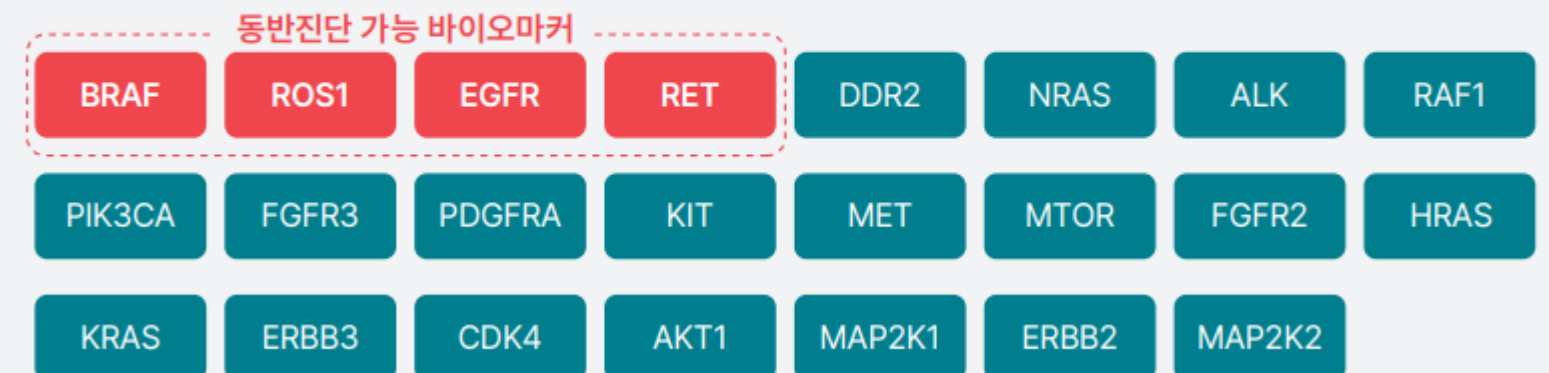
List of analytic validation

KRAS MET PIK3CA

All genes included in the Oncomine Dx Target Test

| Gene Category | Gene 1 | Gene 2 | Gene 3 |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------|--------|
| DNA panel, hotspot genes | AKT1 | FGFR2 | MAP2K1 |
| | ALK | FGFR3 | MAP2K2 |
| | AR | GNA11 | MET |
| | BRAF | GNAQ | MTOR |
| | CDK4 | HRAS | NRAS |
| | CTNNB1 | IDH1 | PDGFRA |
| | DDR2 | IDH2 | PIK3CA |
| | EGFR | JAK1 | RAF1 |
| | ERBB2 | JAK2 | RET |
| | ERBB3 | JAK3 | ROS1 |
| | ERBB4 | KIT | SMO |
| | ESR1 | KRAS | |
| | RNA panel, fusion drivers | ABL1 | ETV4 |
| ALK | | ETV5 | NTRK3 |
| AXL | | FGFR1 | PDGFRA |
| BRAF | | FGFR2 | PPARG |
| ERBB2 | | FGFR3 | RAF1 |
| ERG | | MET | RET |
| ETV1 | | NTRK1 | ROS1 |
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Oncomine Dx Target Test(ODxTT)의 FDA Approved coverage (23종 유전자)



| Category | Thermo Fisher OCA Plus | Illumina TruSight Oncology 500 |
|--------------------------|--|---|
| Sequencing Method | Amplicon-based target sequencing (DNA + RNA) | Hybrid capture-based target sequencing (DNA + RNA) |
| Number of Genes | 517 genes (DNA + RNA) –fusion 49 | 523 genes (DNA), 55 genes (RNA fusion) |
| Detectable Variant Types | SNV, Indel, CNV, Fusion, Splice variants | SNV, Indel, CNV, Fusion, Splice variants |
| Fusion Detection Method | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 신속성+자동화 (Hands-on time 짧음) 낮은 시료 요구량 상대적으로 낮은 비용 속련도 요구 낮음 (실험 + 자동보고서 생성-NGS 해석 경험이 적은 기관도 결과 활용 용이) HRD 지표 제공 (score 제공) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 긴 TAT 높은 시료요구량 높은 비용 속련도 요구 (실험 + BI) HRD 지표 부재 (개발 중) |
| TMB Analysis | | |
| MSI Analysis | | |
| HRD Analysis | | |
| Input Material (FFPE) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Homopolymer error 등으로 false call 가능 + primer 부위에 변이가 있는 경우 해당 allele 증폭 실패 가능 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> High sensitivity + specificity |
| Turnaround | | |
| Analytical Sensitivity | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 상대적으로 낮은 throughput (대형과제 부적합) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 유전자 coverage 넓음, 균일한 coverage Novel alteration (unknown variant, fusion..) |
| Analytical Specificity | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 데이터 형식 제한: illumina에 비해 raw data customizing 분석 어려움. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 대규모 병원 적합:high throughput 광범위한 활용: 동일 플랫폼으로 다양한 연구 가능, Illumina 생태계와 연계 가능(WES, WGS, ctDNA..) |
| Bioinformatics Platform | reporting | |
| Panel Cost (per sample) | 상대적 저렴; 장기 초기 비용 상대적으로 저렴 | 시퀀싱 장비 고가 |

Single gene test vs NGS

| | Single-Gene Testing | NGS |
|------------------------|---|--|
| Comprehensiveness | Single-gene test; predefined targets | multi-gene coverage + multiple mutation types in parallel; uncover rare or unexpected variants (for resistance work-ups, NGS provides a broader view of tumor evolution) |
| Analytical Sensitivity | Sanger (15-20%); PCR based (1-5% → <1%) | Comparable or even more sensitive |
| TAT | Shorter TAT | Longer (2-3wks) |
| Cost/ Reimbursement | ALK (IHC), EGFR, ROS1, BRAF, KRAS (PCR) +NTRK1/2/3, MET, RET, HER2 Cumulative test cost: less expensive Patient's final burden: much lower | — |
| Tissue requirement | Cumulative, more | Less |
| Interpretation | A binary result for known targets. | Challenge of interpreting complex results Labor intensive |

Selection of mutation test as routine platform

Reimbursement

In-house setting

Analytic platform

Turnaround time

Tissue requirement

Institutional preference

Current Best-Practice Paradigm: Finding the Balance

- NGS panel testing has emerged as the preferred strategy for comprehensive mutation analysis.
- The **optimal strategy** often combines both approaches.
 - Rapid single-gene tests may be used for certain critical markers (to expedite treatment decisions), while broad NGS panels provide a comprehensive profile.
 - Histologic Dx + PD-L1 + EGFR/ALK/(KRAS/ROS1/BRAF)
 - NGS

Comprehensive genomic test (NGS by liquid bx)

Liquid biopsy

- Analyze circulating tumor DNA (ctDNA) in the patient's blood (plasma) to detect cancer-related genetic alterations.

Techniques for Liquid Biopsy Molecular Testing:

- *Targeted single-mutation tests*: EGFR plasma test
- *Plasma NGS*

“plasma-first” approach: NILE study (**Noninvasive vs. Invasive Lung Evaluation**).

In NILE, **treatment-naive advanced NSCLC** patients had tissue testing and parallel plasma NGS (Guardant360); **comparable sensitivity for finding drivers**

Detection of Resistance Mutations (Upon Progression):

liquid biopsy allows us to survey the tumor's new genetic landscape at progression in a less invasive way,

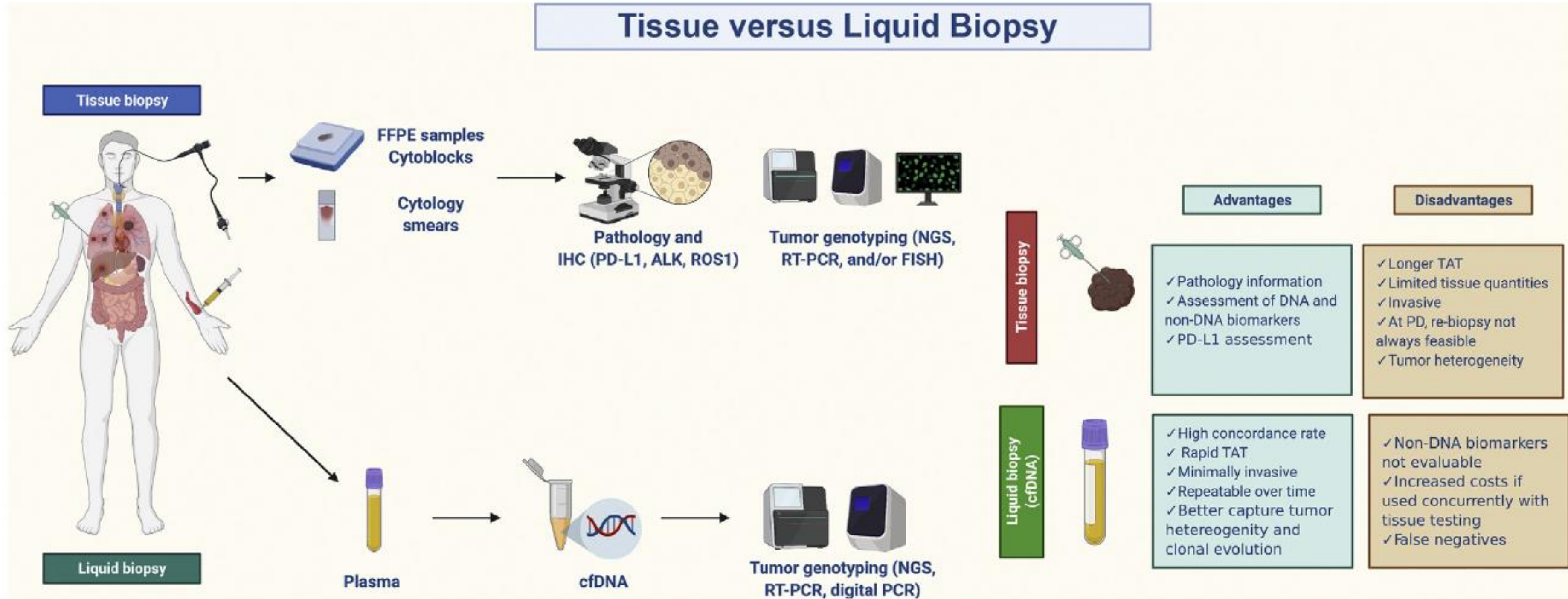
Monitoring and Emerging Applications: treatment monitoring and minimal residual disease (MRD) assessment.

However, the main current guideline-endorsed uses of liquid biopsy are:

- (1) as a complement at baseline if tissue is an issue, and
- (2) at acquired resistance to detect new mutations.

| 플랫폼 (개발사)] | cfDNA | 포함 유전자 수 | 검출 변이 종류 | 특징 및 승인 여부 |
|--|---------|---|--|---|
| Guardant360 CDx (Guardant Health) | 5-30ng | ~74 | SNV, Indel, Fusion (주요 6 genes), CNV + MSI qualitative result | FDA 승인 동반진단 검사 Lung: EGFR E19del, L858R, T790M, Ex20ins; ERBB2 mutation; KRAS G12C 전세계 임상 활용 넓음, 보고서에 치료 가이드 포함 |
| FoundationOne Liquid CDx (Foundation/Roche) | 20ng | 300+ | SNV, Indel, Fusion, CNV + TMB, MSI | FDA 승인 동반진단 검사 Lung: ALK, EGFR E19del, L858R 광범위 패널로 포괄적 분석 가능 |
| Illumina TSO 500 ctDNA (Illumina) | 20ng | 523 | SNV, Indel, Fusion, CNV + TMB, MSI | RUO 대형 패널 (임상시험/연구용) 자체 NGS 장비로 시행, 대용량 정보 산출 |
| Roche AVENIO (Roche) | 10-50ng | 17 (targeted) 77 (expanded) | SNV, Indel, Fusion, CNV (패널에 따라 다름) | RUO 3종 패널 (Targeted/Expanded/Surveillance) 맞춤 선택 가능, MRD 특화 패널 포함 |
| Oncomine LB (Thermo Fisher) | 20ng | 50여 개 (Pan-Cancer) Lung cancer panel (11 genes; >150 hotspots) | SNV, Indel, Fusion (hotspot 위주), CNV 일부 | RUO Ion Torrent 기반 패널 빠른 시퀀싱 사이클, 저비용 LDT 활용 |

Liquid Biopsy in NSCLC (cfDNA Testing and Applications)



NGS by liquid biopsy

“negative plasma test does not guarantee the absence of mutation”

| Category | Tissue Biopsy (NGS) | Liquid Biopsy (ctDNA-based NGS) |
|-------------------------------------|---|--|
| comprehensive | Tumor heterogeneity | Global snapshot of tumor heterogeneity Non-DNA biomarker or protein expression detectionX |
| Sensitivity | High – Direct analysis of tumor cells; high DNA input and allele frequency | Moderate – Depends on ctDNA levels; Limited in early or low-volume disease or brain metastasis |
| Specificity | Very high – Detected variants are tumor-derived | High – True positives likely; CHIP-related mutations |
| Types of Detectable Variants | Broad – SNVs, fusions, CNVs, TMB, MSI | Broad, but with lower limit of detection – SNVs, <i>selected fusions/CNVs; TMB, MSI</i> |
| Cost | Similar | Similar |
| Patient Convenience | Low – Requires invasive sampling | Very high – Noninvasive blood draw; minimal discomfort; easily repeatable |
| Sample Limitations | Limited by tumor location/quantity; insufficient/poor-quality tissue common | Easy to collect, but ctDNA may be absent or low; possible contamination by leukocyte gDNA |
| Clinical Use | Essential for initial diagnosis and therapy selection; pathology and molecular profiling | Useful for therapy monitoring, resistance mutation detection, MRD tracking, recurrence surveillance |
| TAT | ~2–3 weeks for result | Faster turnaround (~7–10 days); ideal for dynamic monitoring |

Korea: 20 days vs 15days (median)

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