

# IA et Phases Précoces en cancérologie

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## **Digital Twins**

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**Gustave Roussy**

# Outline

- **Why do we need a switch on cancer classifications ?**
- First illustrations
- Frameworks
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## Comment



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Getting access to samples will become increasingly important as approaches for the molecular profiling of tumours improve.

## The way we name cancers needs to change

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Classifying metastatic cancers according to their organ of origin is hampering access to potentially life-saving drugs.

Over the past century, the two main approaches to treating people with cancer – surgery and radiation – have focused on where in the body the tumour is. This has led to medical oncologists and other health-care providers, regulatory agencies, insurance companies, drug firms – and patients – categorizing cancers according to the organ in which the tumour originated. Yet there is a growing disconnect between classifying cancers in this way and developments in precision oncology, which uses the molecular profiling of tumour and immune cells to guide therapies.

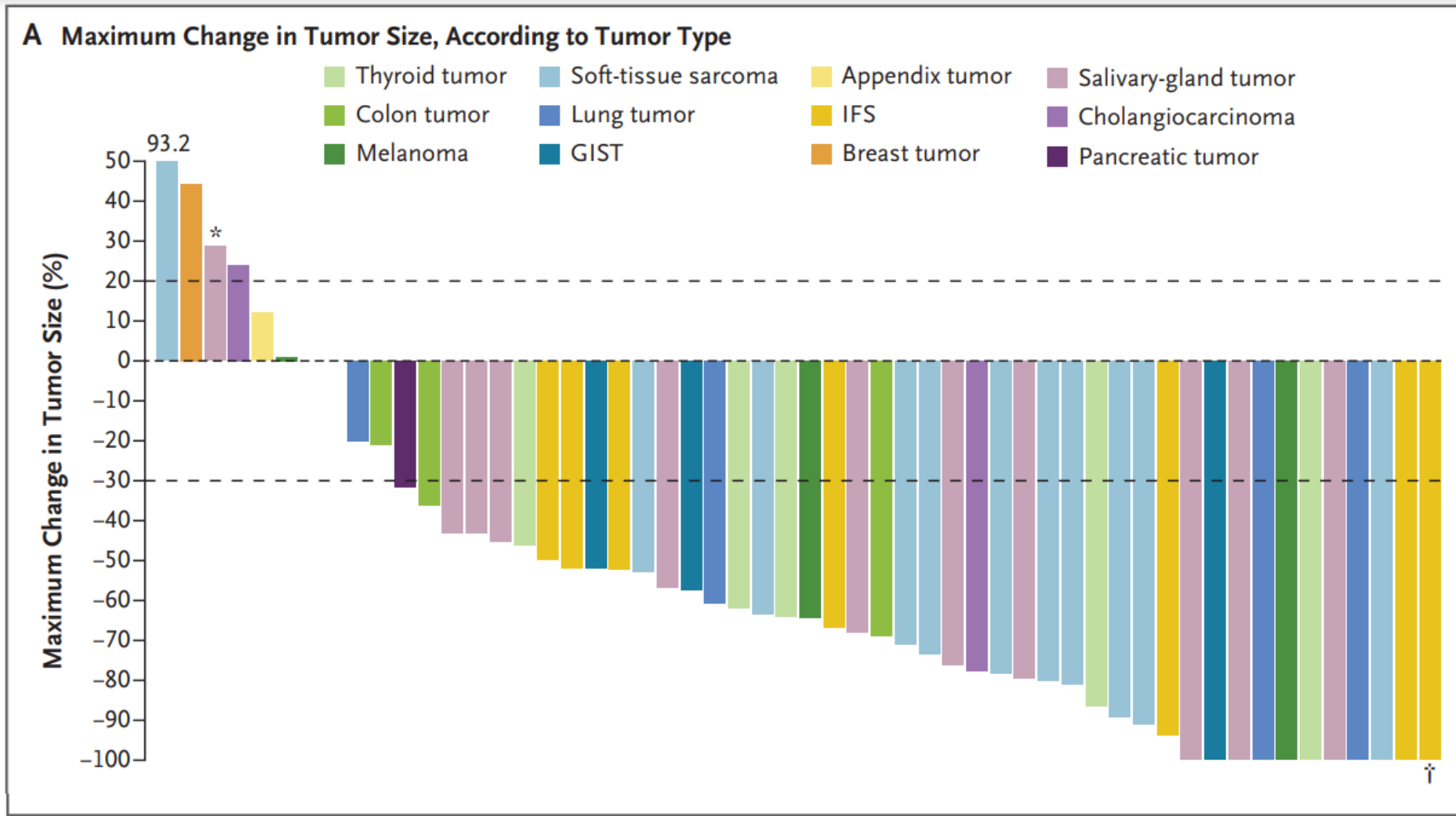
More than ten years ago, for example, investigators in the United States showed in a clinical trial that the drug nivolumab could improve outcomes for certain individuals with cancer<sup>1</sup>. In the trial – which included people with different ‘types’ of cancer (as conventionally defined), from melanoma to kidney cancer – nivolumab shrank some people’s tumours by more than 30%, but it had little or no effect on the tumours of others.

Nivolumab targets PD1. This is a receptor of a protein called PD-L1, which helps cancer cells to escape attack from the immune system. Of the 236 trial participants whose tumours could be assessed, 49 responded positively

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# Example: larotrectinib in NTRK translocated cancers



# Tumor agnostic approvals

**Table 1. List of tumour-agnostic genomic alterations**

Gene/Signature <sup>a</sup>	Alteration	Estimated prevalence (illustration of tumours with high prevalence of the alteration)	ESCAT score	Drug class matched	References
<i>NTRK1/2/3</i>	Fusions	80%-90% secretory breast cancer 15%-20% Spitzoid melanoma	IC	TRK inhibitors	Hong et al., <i>Lancet Oncol</i> 2020 <sup>2</sup> Demetri et al., <i>Clin Can Res</i> 2022 <sup>3</sup>
MSI-H/dMMR <sup>a</sup>	MSI-H/dMMR	15%-20% endometrial cancer 15%-20% gastric adenocarcinoma	IC	PD-1 checkpoint inhibitors	Marcus et al., <i>Clin Can Res</i> 2019 <sup>4</sup>
<i>RET</i>	Fusions	7% thyroid papillary cancer 2% salivary gland cancer	IC	RET inhibitors	Subbiah et al., <i>Lancet Oncol</i> 2022 <sup>5</sup> Subbiah et al., <i>Nat Med</i> 2022 <sup>6</sup>
<i>BRAF</i>	Mutations (p.V600E)	40%-45% melanoma 5%-6% small intestinal adenocarcinoma	IC	BRAF inhibitors + MEK inhibitors	Subbiah et al., <i>Cancer Discov</i> 2020 <sup>7</sup> Salama et al., <i>J Clin Oncol</i> 2020 <sup>8</sup>
<i>FGFR1/2/3</i>	Fusions Mutations	20%-40% bladder cancer 3% glioblastoma multiforme 10%-20% urothelial carcinoma 10% endometrial cancer	IC	Pan-FGFR TKIs	Pant et al., <i>Lancet Oncol</i> 2023 <sup>9</sup>
TMB-H <sup>a</sup>	TMB-H	30% neuroendocrine tumours 40% small-cell lung cancer	IC	PD-1/PD-L1 checkpoint inhibitors	Valero et al., <i>JAMA Oncol</i> 2021 <sup>10</sup> Friedman et al., <i>Cancer Discov</i> 2022 <sup>11</sup>

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# HOW COULD A TAXONOMY LOOK LIKE?

## TUMOUR -AGNOSTIC

Targeting a driver molecular aberration defines the therapeutic effect, irrespective of tumour-specific biology



## TUMOUR -MODULATED

Therapeutic effect on a targeted driver molecular aberration is modulated by the tumour-specific biology



## TUMOUR -RESTRICTED

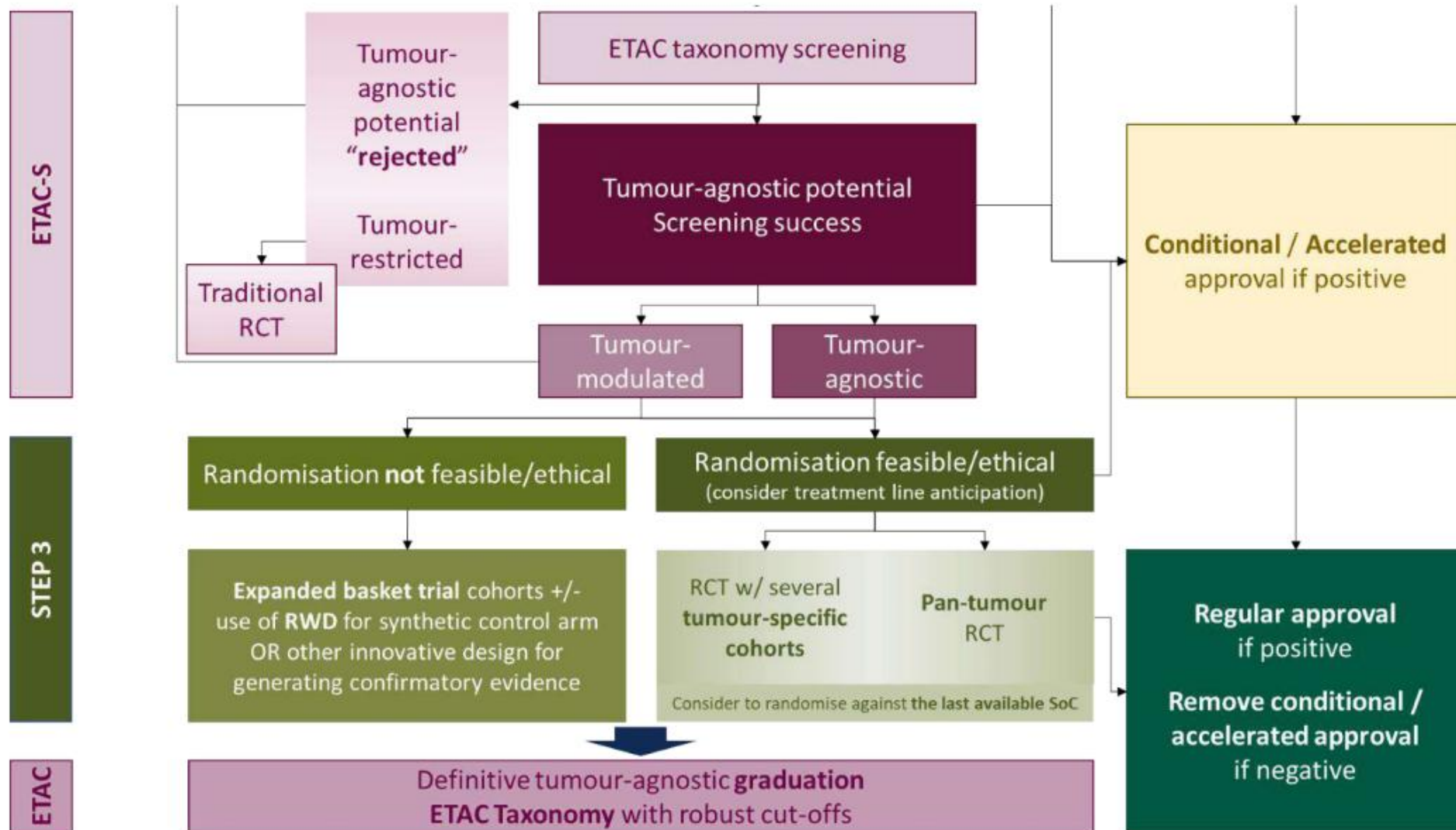
Therapeutic effect on a targeted driver molecular aberration is only present in a tumour-specific biology context



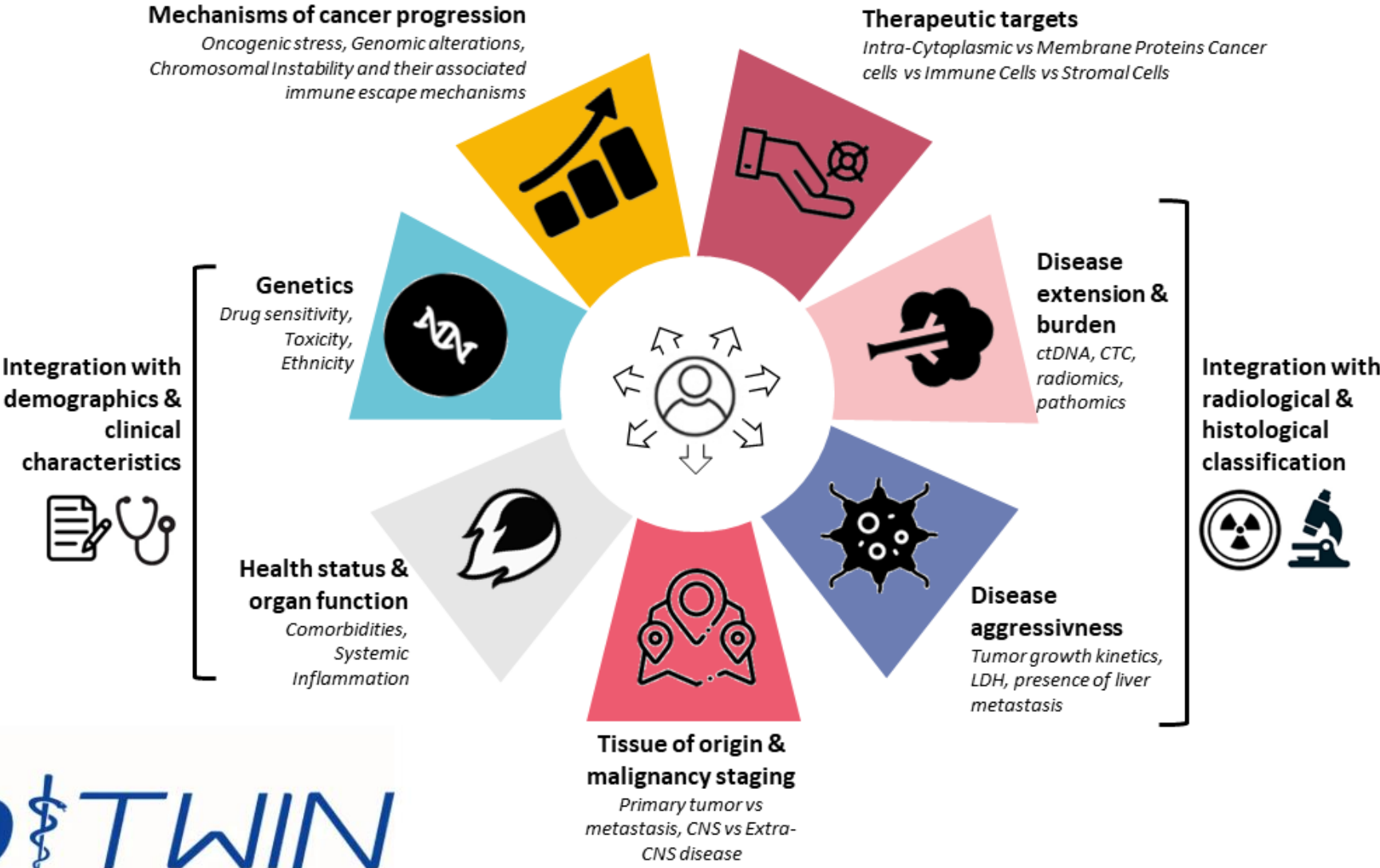
Organ icons are surrogates for tumour-specific biology

▲ High therapeutic effect    ▼ Moderate therapeutic effect    ▼ No therapeutic effect

# SCREENING FOR TISSUE AGNOSTIC POTENTIAL



# Moving to personalized, biomarker-based oncology

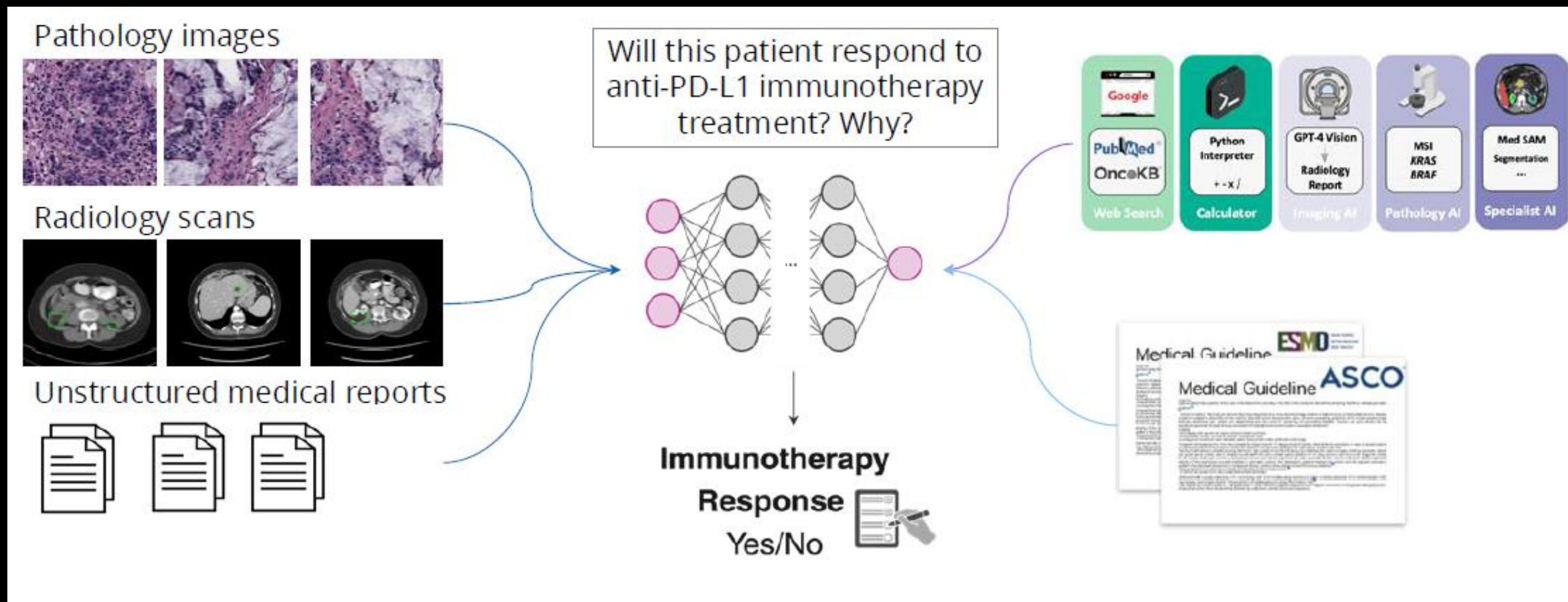


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# AI AGENTS FOR ONCOLOGY DECISION-MAKING



Jakob Kather

Ferber et al., arXiv (2024)



Molecular  
data (multi  
omics)



Clinical data  
(EHR)

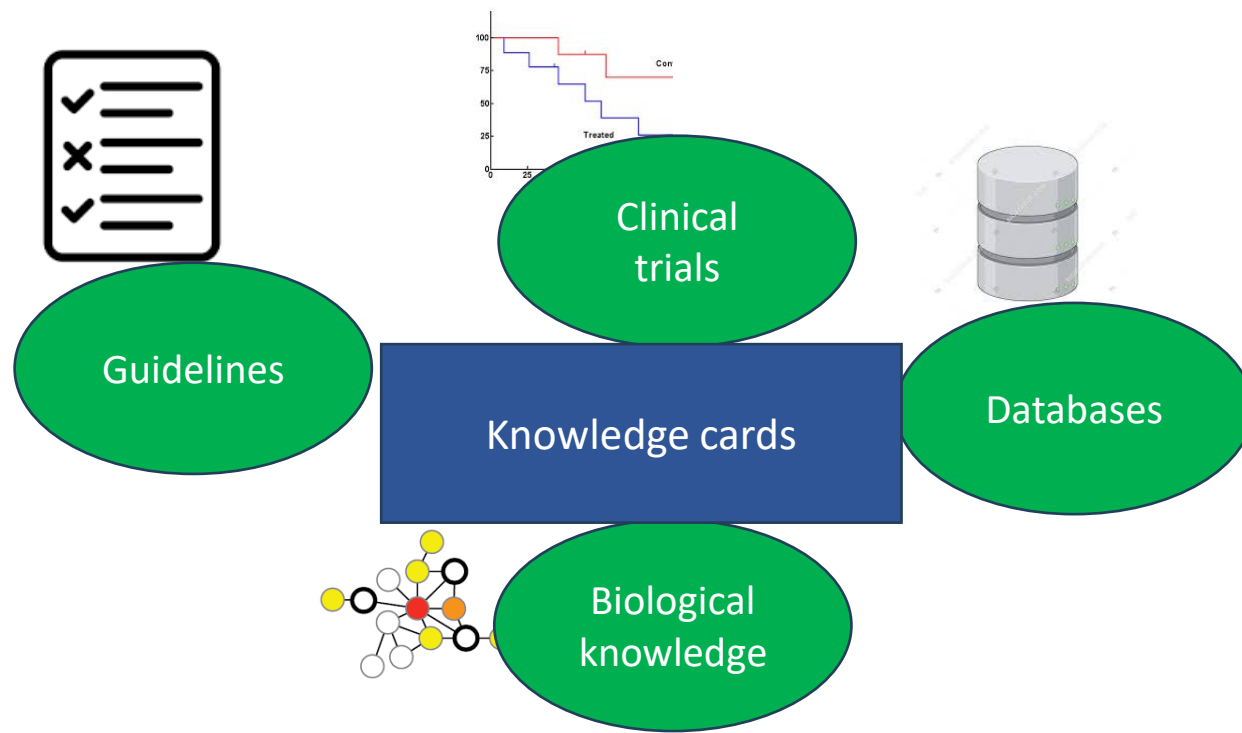
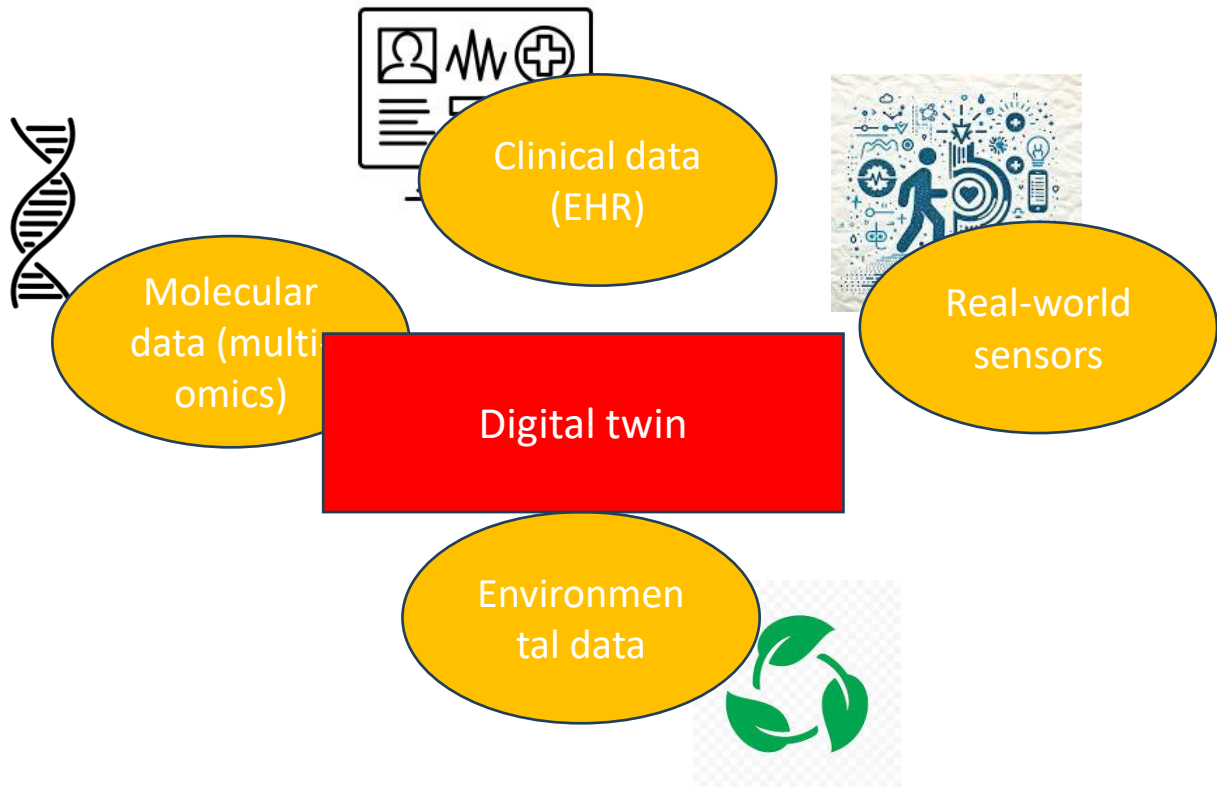


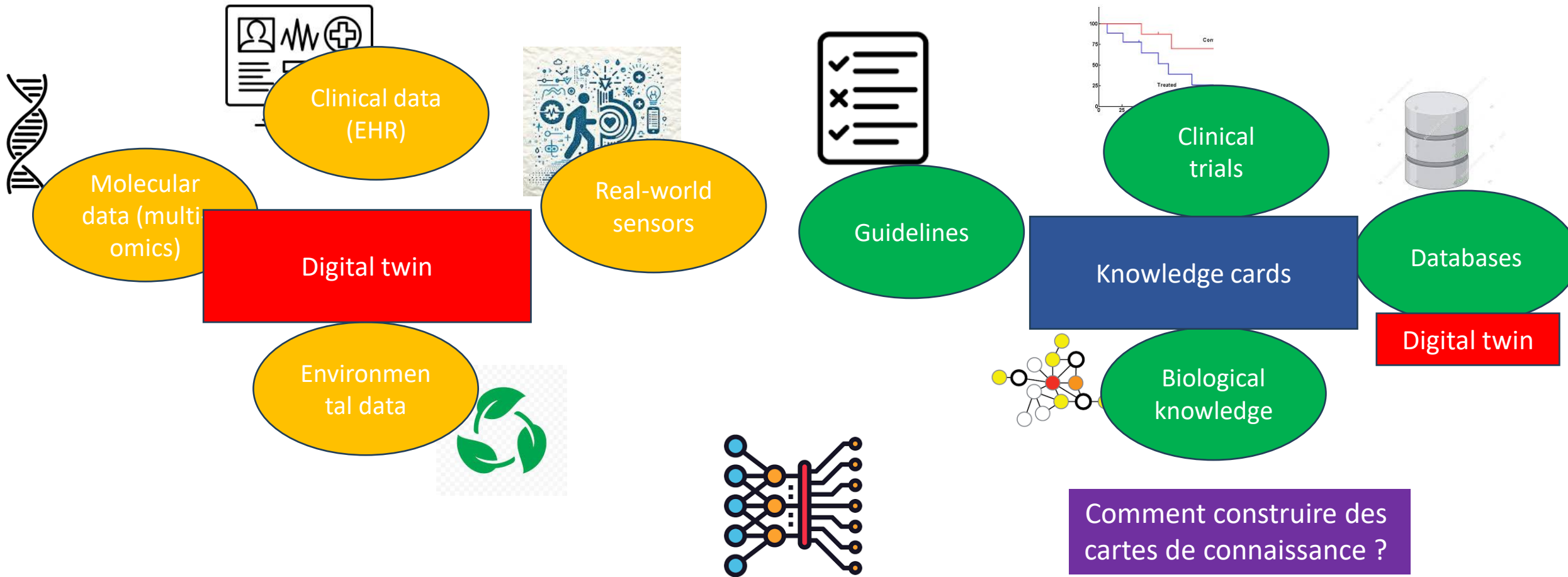
Real-world  
sensors

Digital twin

Environmen  
tal data







Interrogation des cartes de connaissance

A moyen terme, est ce qu'une IA Pourra predire a partir d'une alteration moléculaire pour laquelle peu de connaissances existent ?

Comment les interroger ?



# Exemple simple de système d'interrogation des cartes de connaissance:

## ESCAT: ESMO SCALE FOR CLINICAL ACTIONABILITY OF MOLECULAR TARGETS

A framework to rank genomic alterations as targets for cancer precision medicine: the ESMO Scale for Clinical Actionability of molecular Targets (ESCAT)

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**OBJECTIVE:** To assist clinicians and patients to prioritize precision medicine strategies more likely to impact positively in patient outcome

Mateo et al, Ann Oncol 2018



Genomic data:

Digital twin

TP53 mutant  
FGFR1 amplification  
BRCA mutation

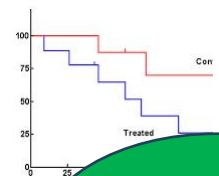
ESCAT

Treatment:  
PARP inh



Guidelines

ESMO breast



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Clinical trials

Knowledge cards

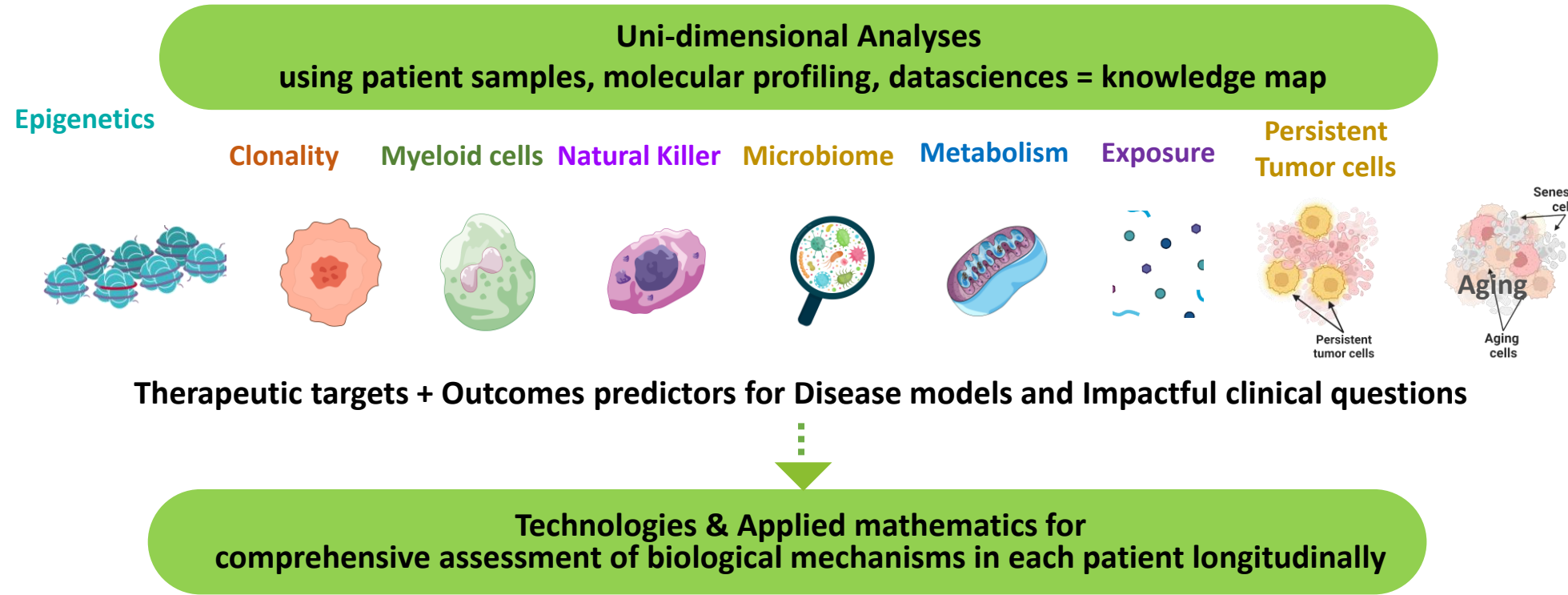
Databases



Biological knowledge

TP53 mutant : NT  
FGFR1 amplification: IV  
BRCA mutation: I

**SCIENTIFIC STRATEGY:  
FROM UNIDIMENSIONAL ANALYSES TO COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT OF BIOLOGY IN EACH PATIENT**



# SOME PERSPECTIVES

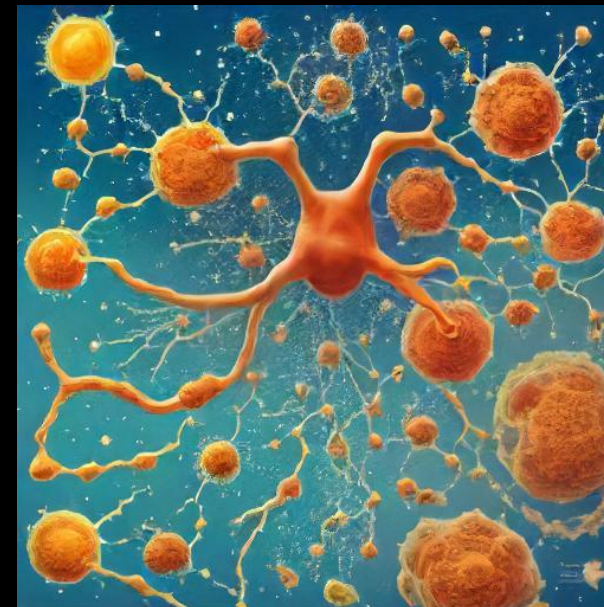
Consultation with digital twin



Synthetic data for clinical trials



Insights into biology of cancer

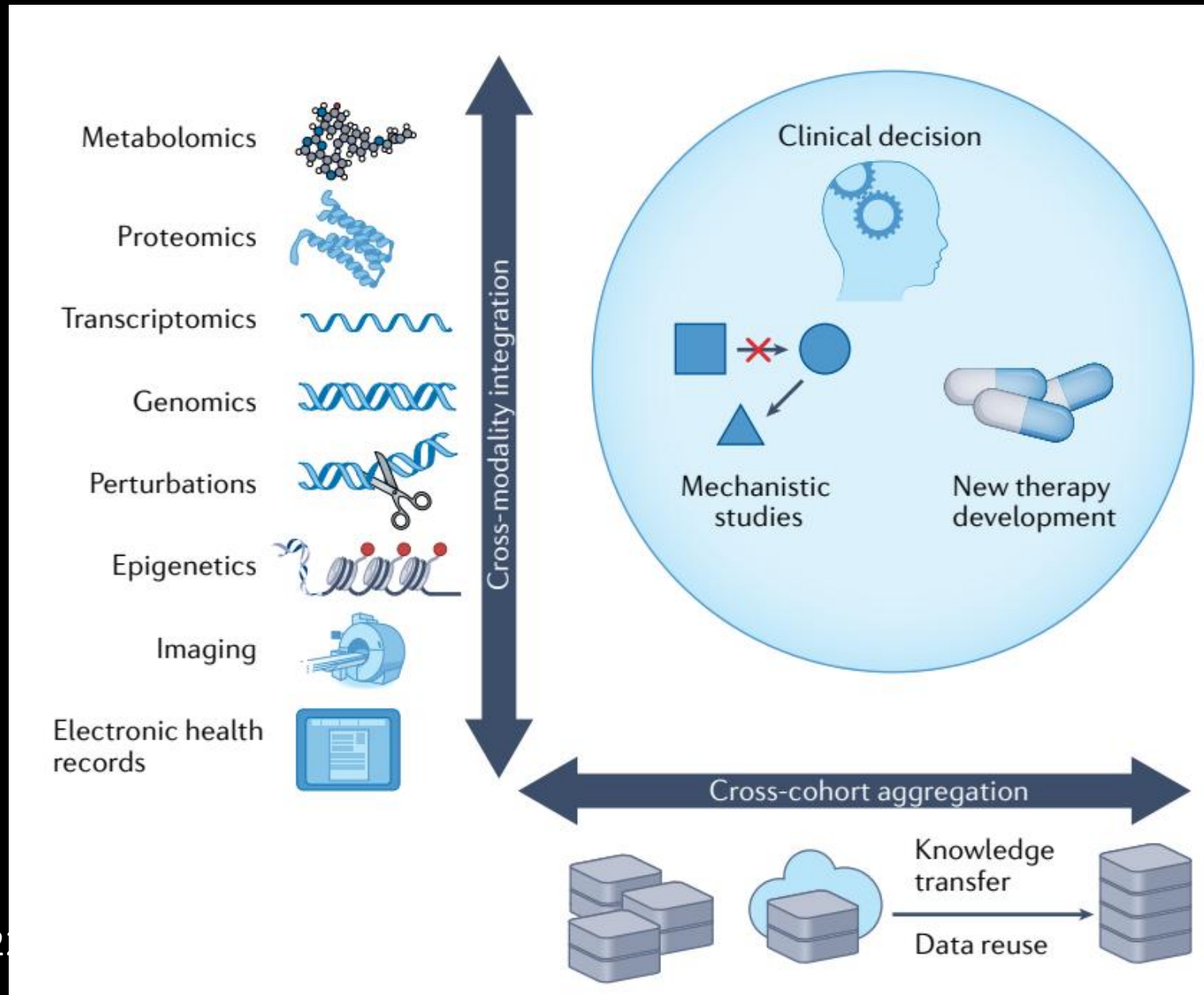


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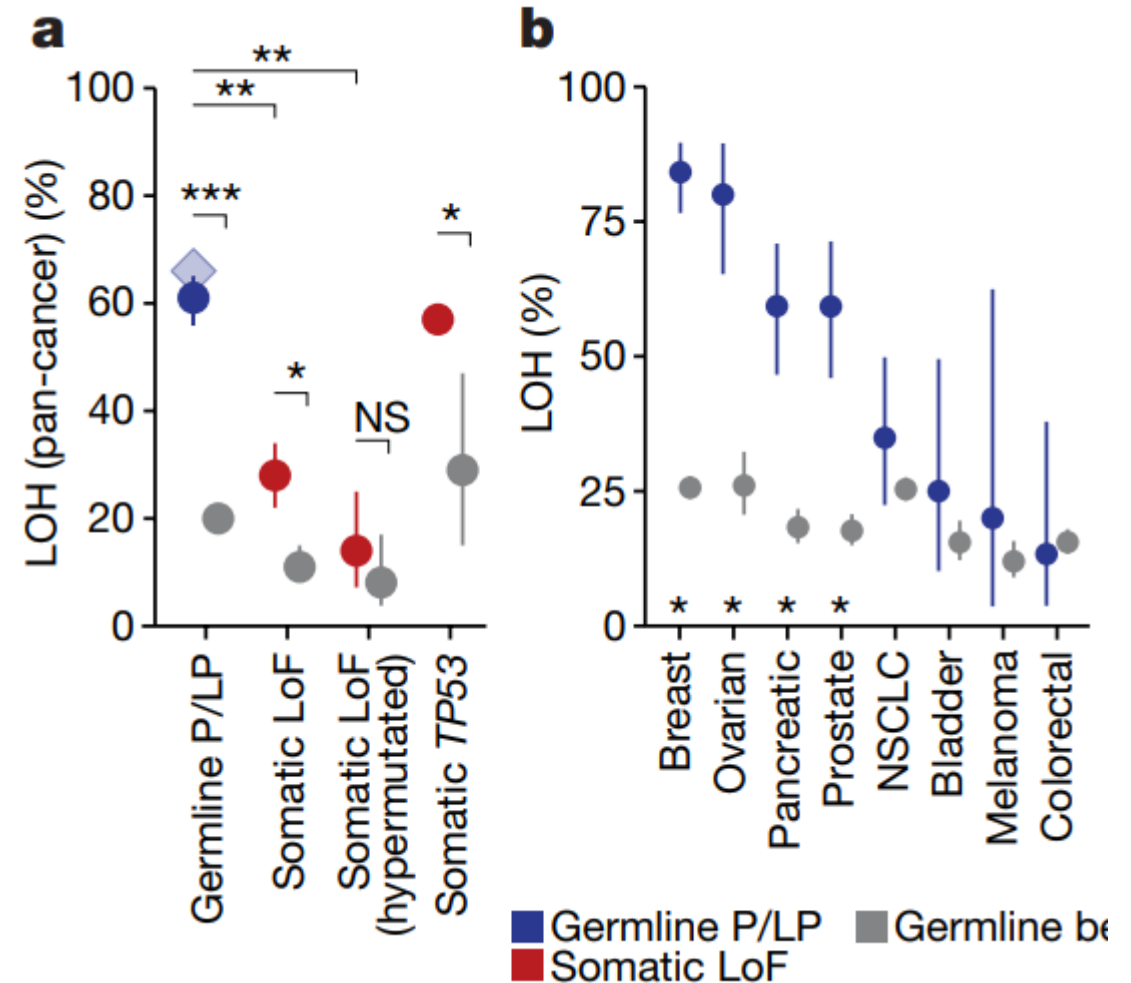




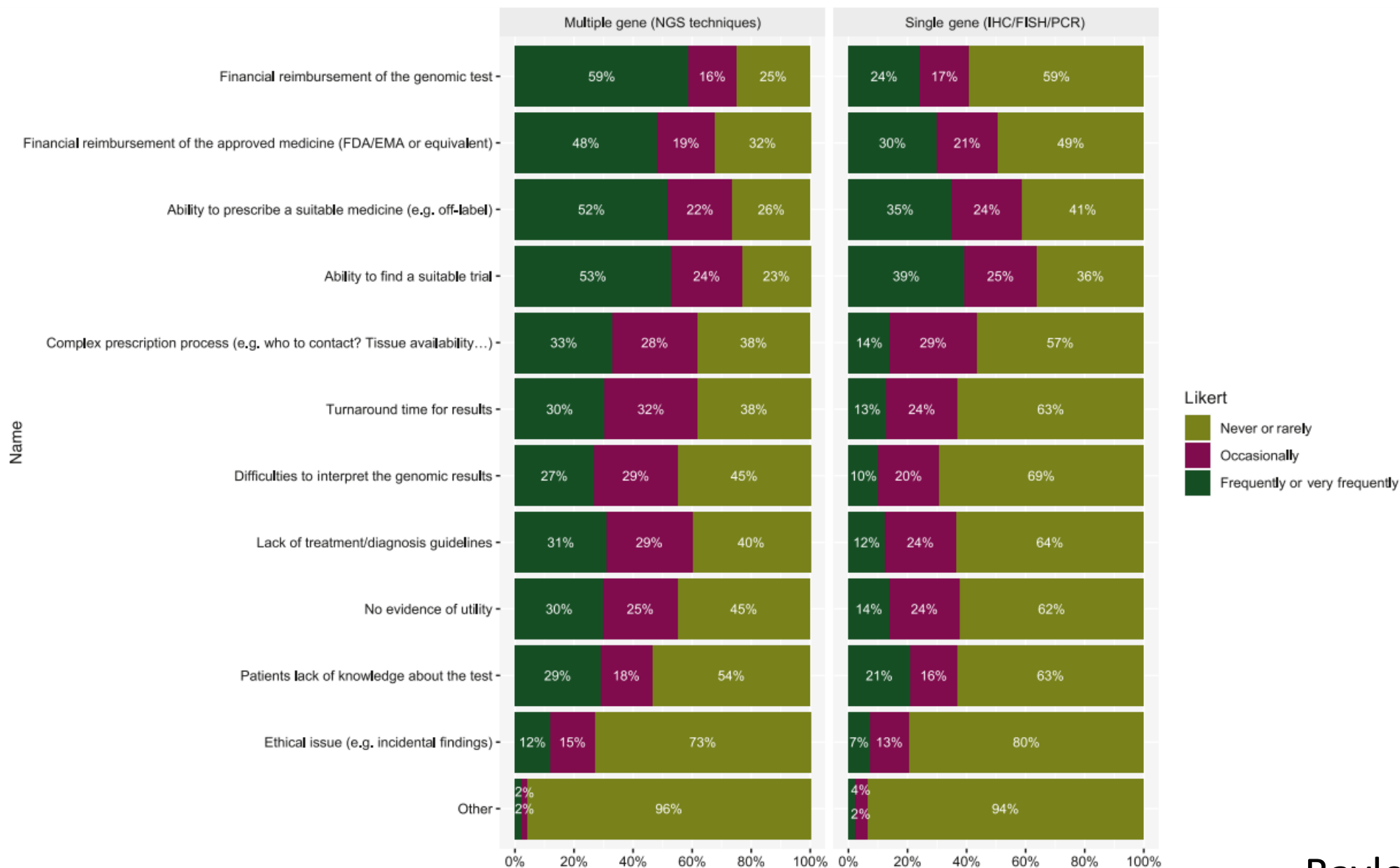
# Defining the optimal biological variable, illustration with BRCA

## Tumour lineage shapes BRCA-mediated phenotypes

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# Availability of molecular tests





# Change disease representation

## Patient perception of cancer driven by its complexity and including biology



- "I have a *HER2*-positive cancer located in the breast"
- "My tumor is hormone-receptor positive and has a specific mutation called *PIK3CA* and is primary located in the breast" "Both of our cancers are located in the breast but are different tumors!"
- "My cancer responds well to oral therapy; this is why I need to take them everyday and discuss side effects with the care team and seek for available strategies close to home to manage them"
- "I should not compare my history to other because each cancer is unique, and the complexity of each case is different"



- "My tumor has a specific mutation that does not respond well to usual care. The best treatment for me is a novel clinical trial in a complex cancer center"
- "Oh, I see... Mine although located in the same organ as you has all the characteristics that respond well to standard treatment, this is why I can be treated close to home"
- "I discussed with my doctor the pros and cons of the treatment options and which side effects would be acceptable for me in my daily life"

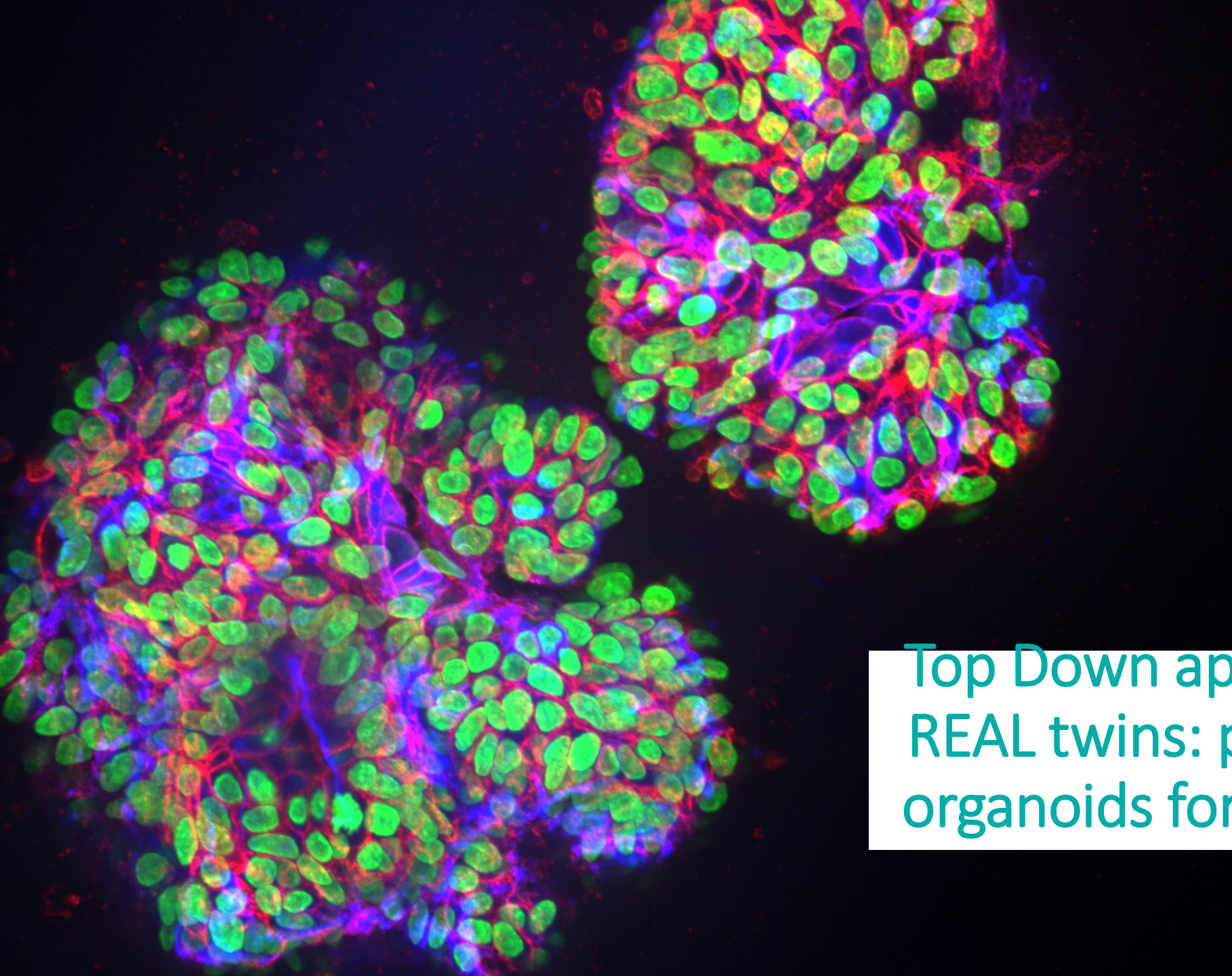


- "We knew that this could happen and allowed us to plan ahead"
- "Yes, and knowing all this allowed us to participate in advocacy and research initiatives, that can also help others facing a similar situation"



### Consequences:

- Trust in the healthcare system and research
- Improved research participation and representation
- Rationale use of healthcare resources
- Better adherence to treatment plans
- Increased participation in their care (self-management, shared decision making, advocacy)

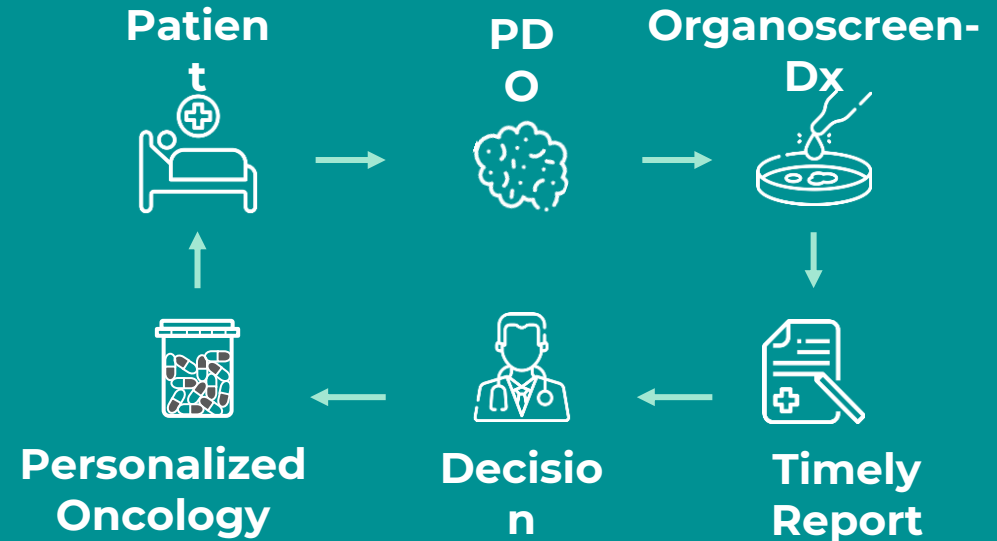


Top Down approaches and  
REAL twins: patient-derived  
organoids for diagnostic use

# ORGANOTREAT Clinical trial

	Phase :	Organ :	Patients
ORGANOTREAT-01	I/II	CRC	60 (GMI)
ORGANOTREAT-02R	III	PDAC	314
ORGANOTREAT-02R	III	CRC	582
ORGANOTREAT-02	II	Other	...

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Interventional trial

ALL solid tumors, >1000 patients



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# Cas d'étude: essai de phase III FLAURA2 et modèle ISELA2



## FLAURA2 PHASE III STUDY DESIGN

