

# Germline Alterations In Patients With Lung Cancer

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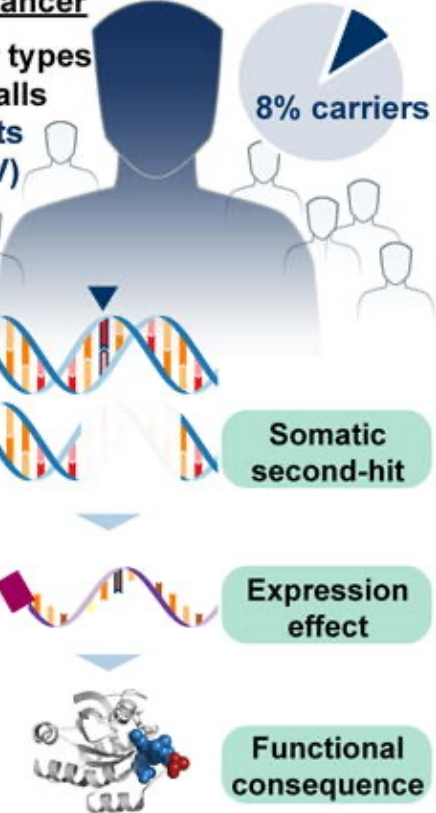
# Germline alterations are prevalent at 8% across all cancers

**Genetic predisposition in cancer**

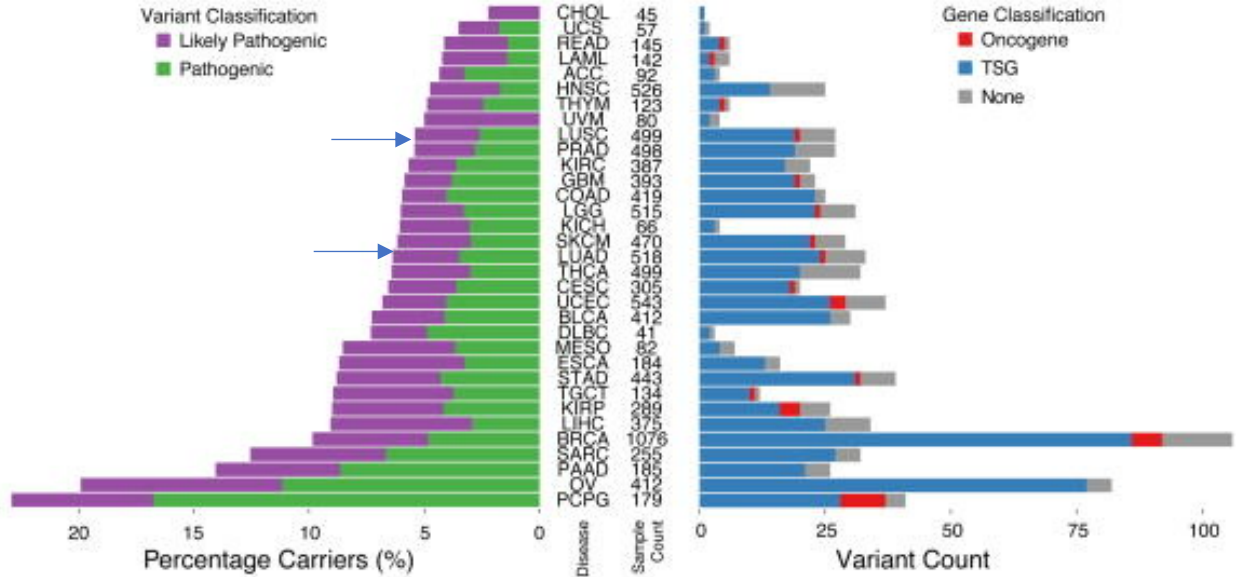
- 10,389 cases in 33 cancer types
- 1.46bn germline variant calls
- 871 predisposition variants (truncation, missense, CNV)



| Cancer \ Gene | ACC | BLCA | BRCA | CESC | CHOL | COAD |
|---------------|-----|------|------|------|------|------|
| BRCA1         |     | 1    | 21   | 3    |      | 1    |
| BRCA2         |     | 1    | 20   | 2    |      | 1    |
| ATM           |     | 4    | 9    |      |      | 2    |
| PALB2         |     | 1    | 3    | 1    |      | 3    |
| RET           |     |      | 2    | 1    |      |      |
| NF1           | 1   | 1    | 1    |      |      |      |
| MSH6          |     |      |      |      |      | 2    |
| TP53          |     |      |      | 1    |      |      |
| VHL           |     | 1    |      |      |      |      |
| BUB1B         |     |      |      |      |      |      |
| SDHA          |     |      | 2    |      |      |      |



THE CANCER GENOME ATLAS



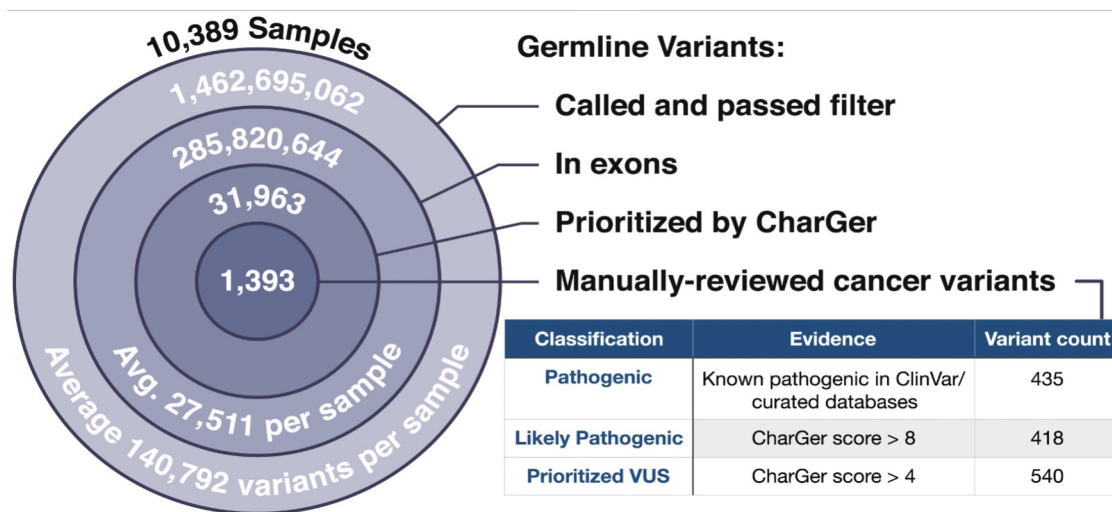
## Prevalence in lung cancer specifically?

Background

Huang K-L et al, Cell (2018)

# Pathogenic Germline Variants In 10,389 Adult Cancers (33 Cancer Types) TCGA

Germline variants identified, annotated and classified by CharGer pipeline (**Characterization of Germline variants**) Scott A D et al, Bioinformatics (2019)



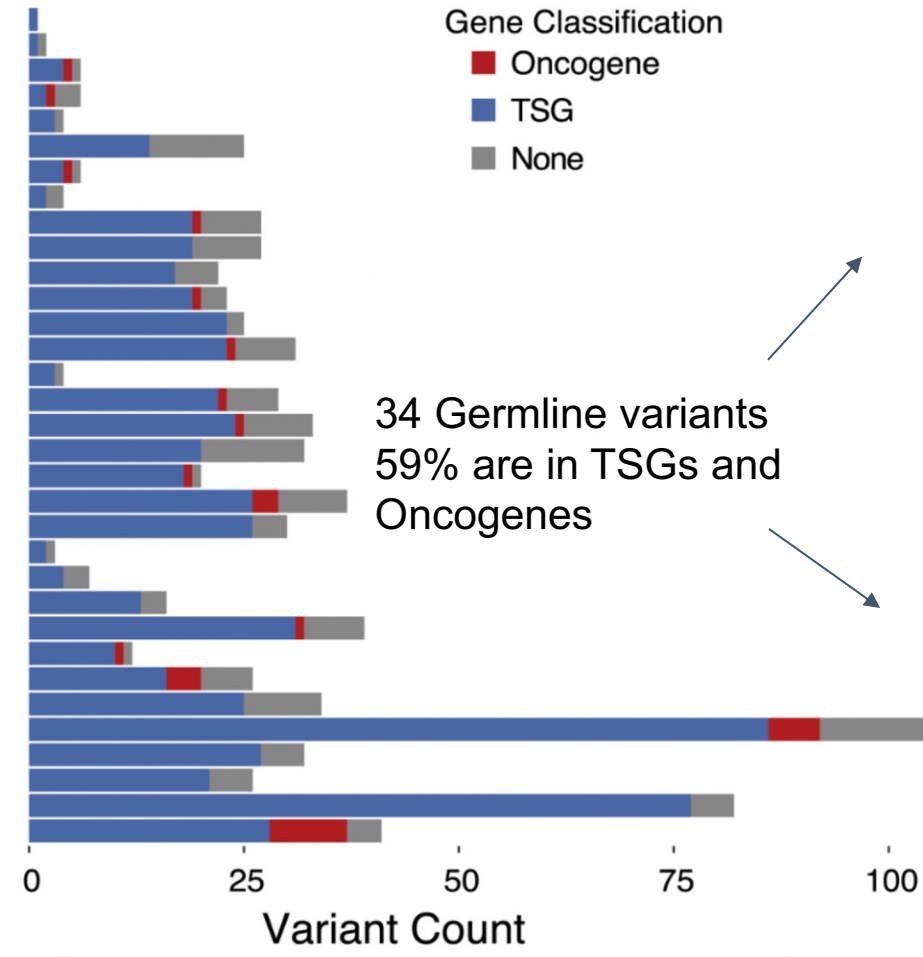
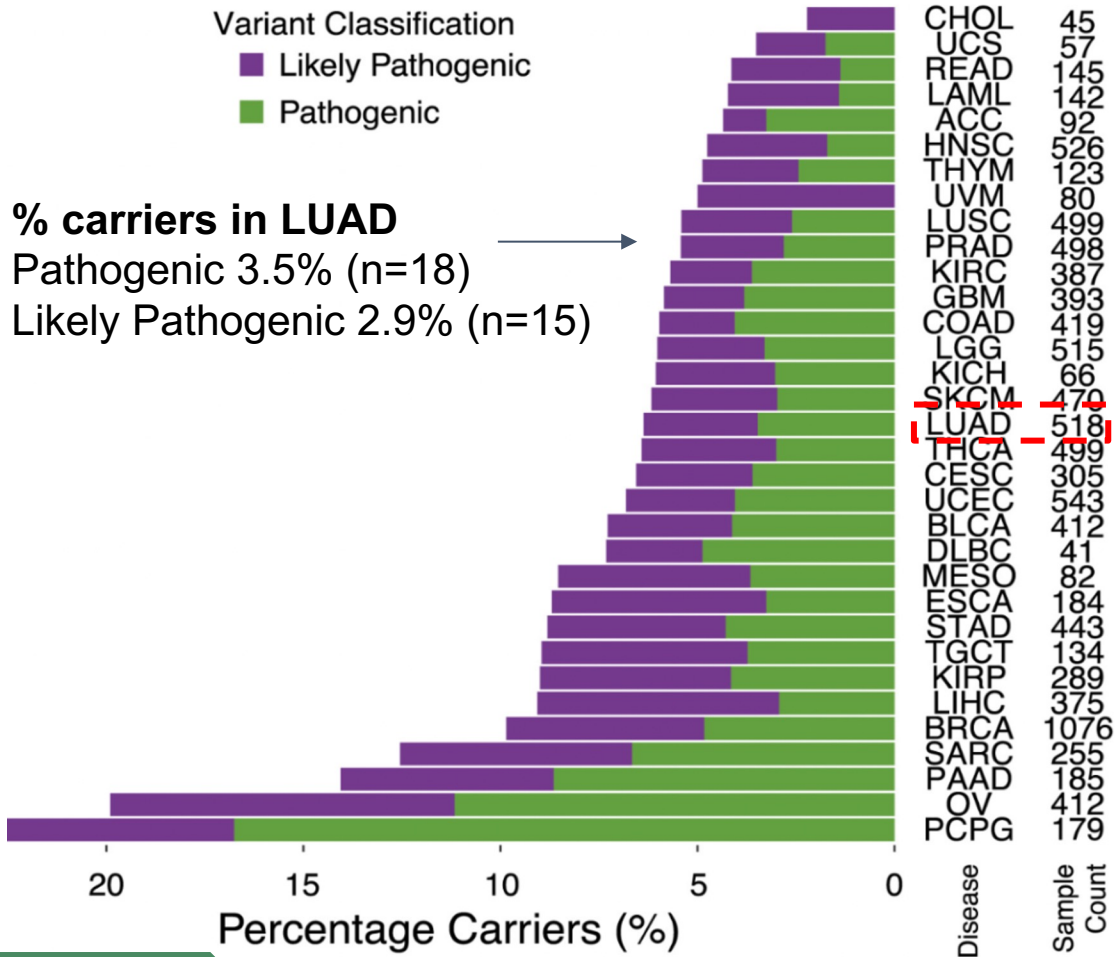
|      | Cancer                       | Number of samples | % Females | Age at diagnosis |
|------|------------------------------|-------------------|-----------|------------------|
| LUAD | Lung Adenocarcinoma          | 518 (5%)          | 54%       | 63.3 +/- 10      |
| LUSC | Lung Squamous Cell Carcinoma | 499 (5%)          | 26%       | 67.3 +/- 8.6     |

LUAD and LUSC account for ~10% of all cancers in Cell 2018 study

## Background

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# Germline Variants in TCGA Lung Adenocarcinoma (LUAD)

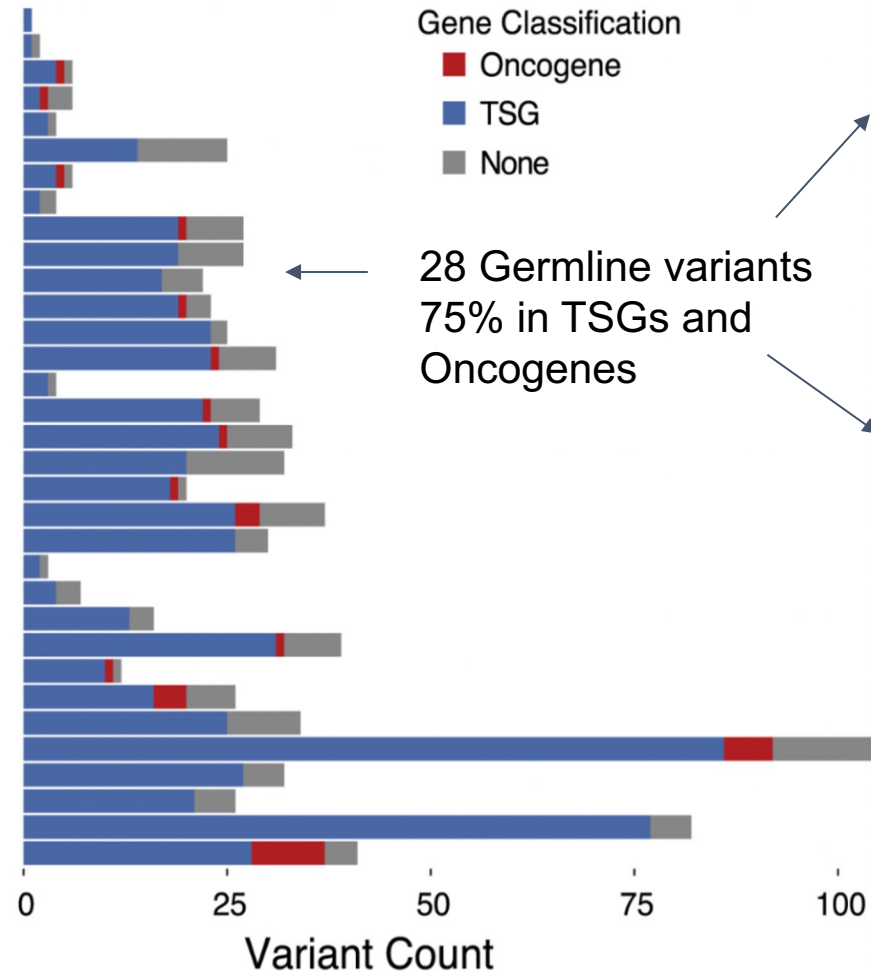
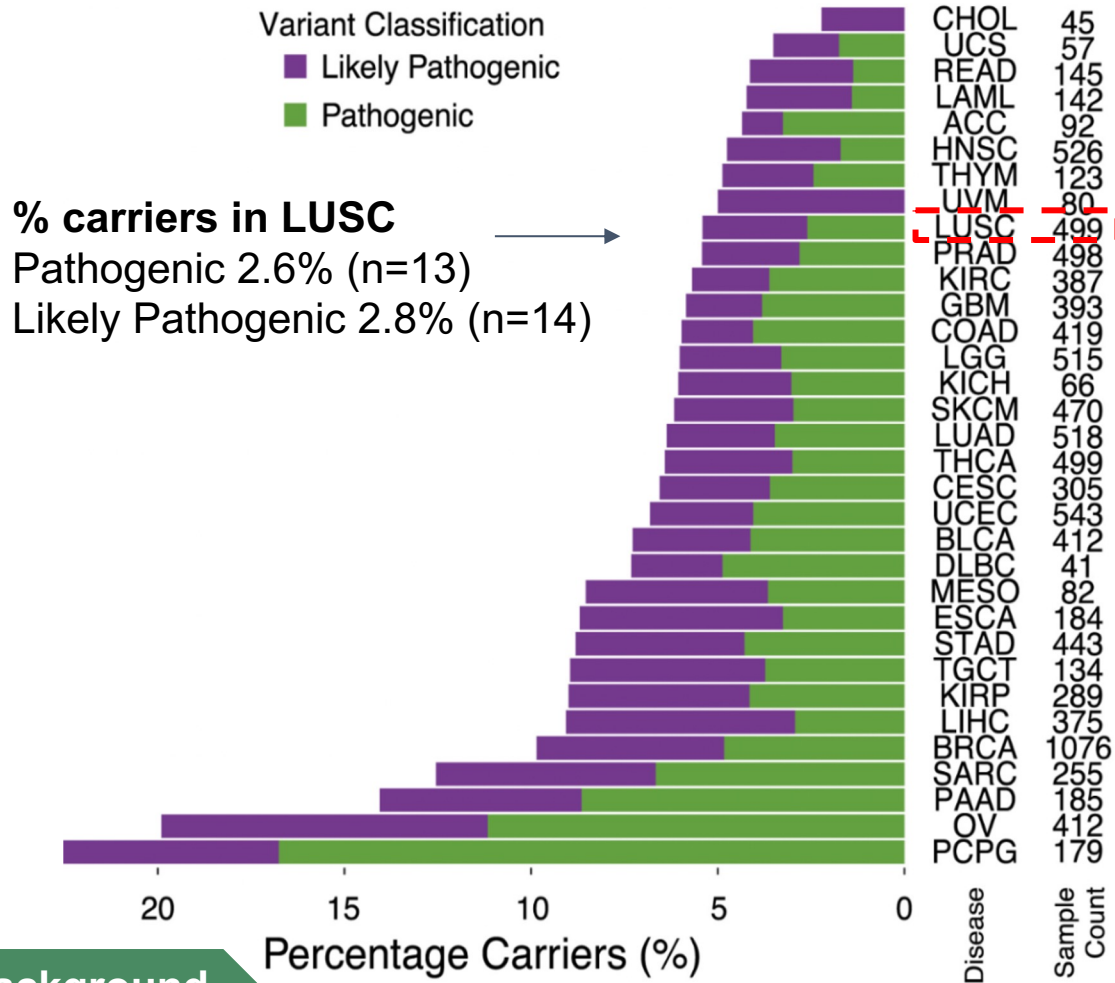


|        |
|--------|
| ATM    |
| BAP1   |
| BRCA1  |
| BRIP1  |
| CHEK2  |
| EXT2   |
| FANCE  |
| FANCG  |
| MLH1   |
| MSH2   |
| NF1    |
| PALB2  |
| POLE   |
| RAD51C |
| RET    |
| TP53   |
| VHL    |
| WRN    |

Background

Huang K-L et al, Cell (2018)

# Germline Variants in TCGA Lung Squamous Carcinoma (LUSC)



|       |
|-------|
| ATR   |
| BLM   |
| BRCA1 |
| BRCA2 |
| BRIP1 |
| BUB1B |
| CDH1  |
| CHEK2 |
| FANCC |
| PALB2 |
| PMS2  |
| POLD1 |
| RET   |

Background

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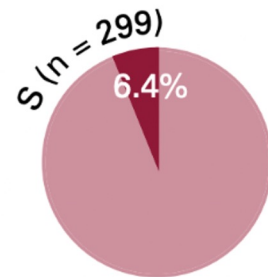
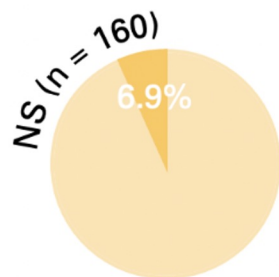
# Germline Analysis From Never Smokers

CharGer classification of germline variants from 160 Never-Smokers and 299 Smokers



| Classification    | Variant Count |      |               |
|-------------------|---------------|------|---------------|
|                   | CPTAC         | TCGA | Institutional |
| Pathogenic        | 7             | 14   | 4             |
| Likely pathogenic | 2             | 3    | 2             |
| Prioritized VUS   | 5             | 24   | 5             |

| Enriched in Smokers (Suggestive/Significant) | Enriched in Never Smokers (Suggestive/Significant) |
|--|--|
| <i>CDKN1B</i>                                | <i>FANCG</i>                                       |
| <i>FANCF</i>                                 | <i>TMEM127</i>                                     |
| <i>FANCI</i>                                 |  |
| <i>MUTYH</i>                                 |  |
| <i>SRY</i>                                   |  |
| <i>STAT3</i>                                 |  |



Smoking status  
■ S  
■ NS

Pathogenic and likely pathogenic germline variants were observed in 6.4% of smokers and 6.9% of never-smokers

**Background**

Devarakonda S, Li Y, Martins F M, Journal of Clinical Oncology (2021)

# Primary Objectives Of This Study

- To explore the association between presence of pathogenic and likely pathogenic germline alterations, as defined by ACMG criteria, in lung cancer patients
- To compare the frequency of these germline alterations between smokers and never smokers, EGFR mutated vs. wild type tumors, and between different histological subtypes of lung cancer

Richards S et al, Genetics in medicine: official journal of the American College of Medical Genetics (2015)

# 46 Genes (germline) Explored Within The UK Biobank And Tempus Data Analyses

|               |              |              |               |              |              |              |              |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| <i>APC</i>    | <i>ATM</i>   | <i>AXIN2</i> | <i>BMPR1A</i> | <i>BRCA1</i> | <i>BRCA2</i> | <i>BRIP1</i> | <i>CDH1</i>  |
| <i>CDKN2A</i> | <i>CEBPA</i> | <i>CHEK2</i> | <i>EGFR</i>   | <i>EPCAM</i> | <i>ETV6</i>  | <i>FH</i>    | <i>FLCN</i>  |
| <i>GATA2</i>  | <i>MEN1</i>  | <i>MLH1</i>  | <i>MSH2</i>   | <i>MSH3</i>  | <i>MSH6</i>  | <i>MUTYH</i> | <i>NBN</i>   |
| <i>NF2</i>    | <i>PALB2</i> | <i>PMS2</i>  | <i>POLD1</i>  | <i>POLE</i>  | <i>PTEN</i>  | <i>RAD1C</i> | <i>RAD1D</i> |
| <i>RB1</i>    | <i>RET</i>   | <i>RUNX1</i> | <i>SDHAF2</i> | <i>SDHB</i>  | <i>SDHC</i>  | <i>SDHD</i>  | <i>SMAD4</i> |
| <i>STK11</i>  | <i>TP53</i>  | <i>TSC1</i>  | <i>TSC2</i>   | <i>VHL</i>   | <i>WT1</i>   |              |              |

These genes were selected based on the December 2021 xT tumor-normal match incidental germline gene list



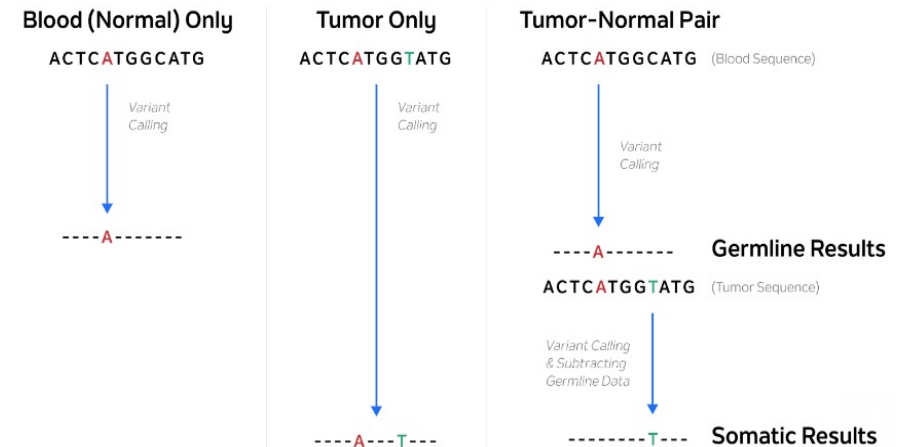
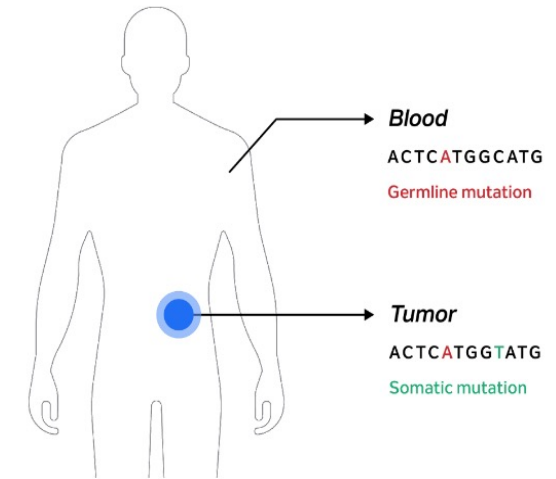
# Tempus Tumor-Normal Matching And Multimodal Database

## Tumor-Normal Matching

- Sequencing of tumor tissue and a normal sample parallelly
- Normal match sequencing allows for identification of incidental germline variants filtered from somatic findings

## Multimodal database

- It contains over 70 petabytes of data
- It is one of the largest structured de-identified clinical and molecular databases in the world
- It includes Tempus' tumor-normal match DNA and RNA sequencing data with pathology data



Beaubier N, Bontrager M, Huether R, et al. Nat Biotechnol. 2019.  
Yap TA, Ashok A, Stoll J, et al. JAMA Network Open. 2022.

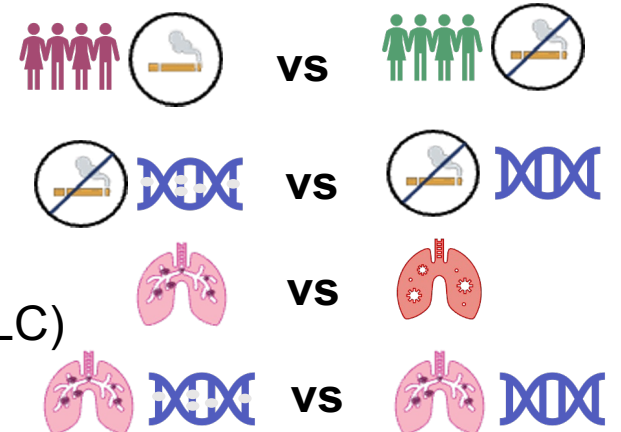
Adapted from Mandelker & Ceyhan-Birsoy, 2019 (Cell Press)

# Germline Profiling Methods

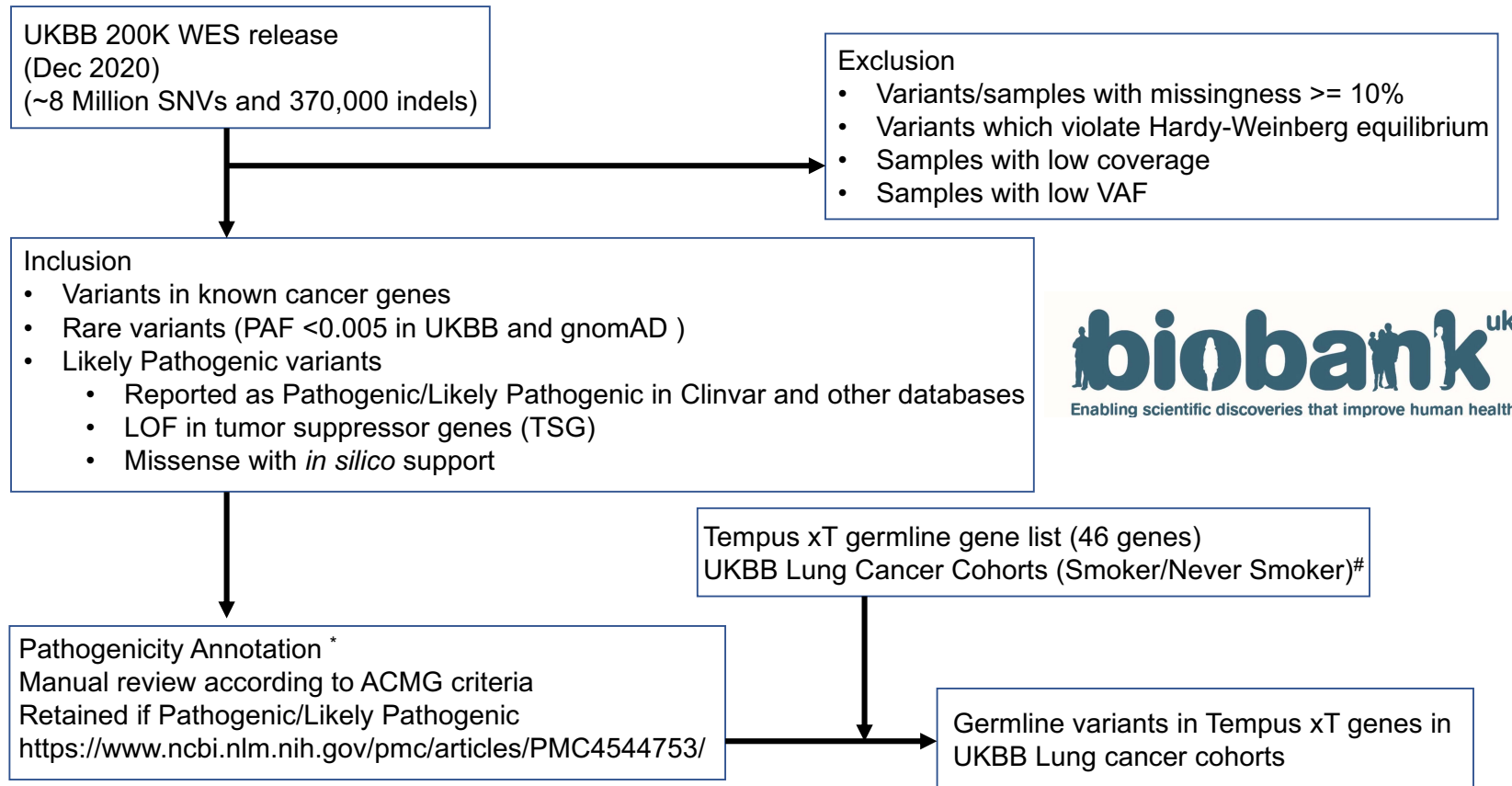


Prevalence of **pathogenic/likely pathogenic (P/LP) germline alterations** as defined by ACMG criteria in **46 genes** was compared between:

- Smokers and never smokers
- Non-smoker somatic *EGFR* altered (sEGFRalt) and non-smoker somatic *EGFR* wild-type (sEGFRwt)
- Non-small cell lung histology (NSCLC) and small cell histology (SCLC)
- NSCLC sEGFRalt and NSCLC sEGFRwt

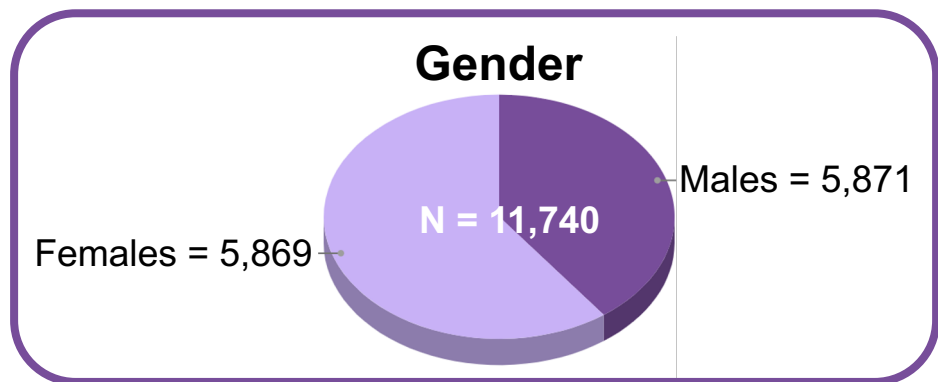


# Germline Variants in 46 genes UKBB Lung Cancer Samples

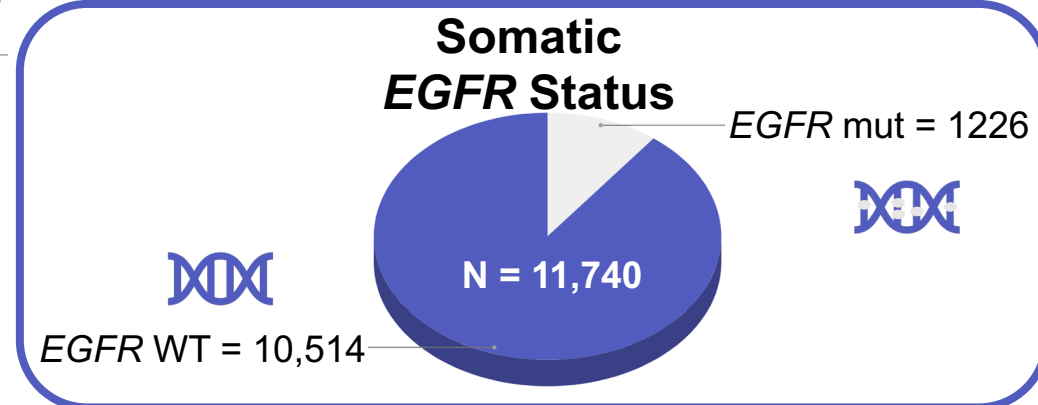
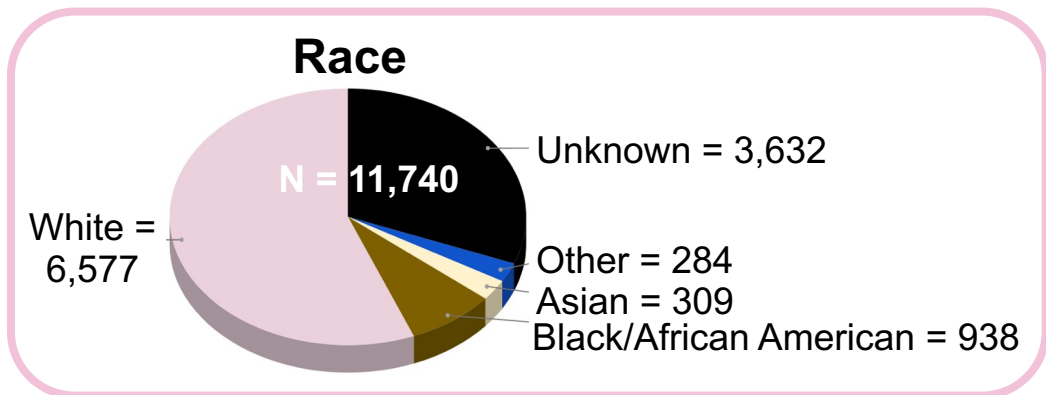
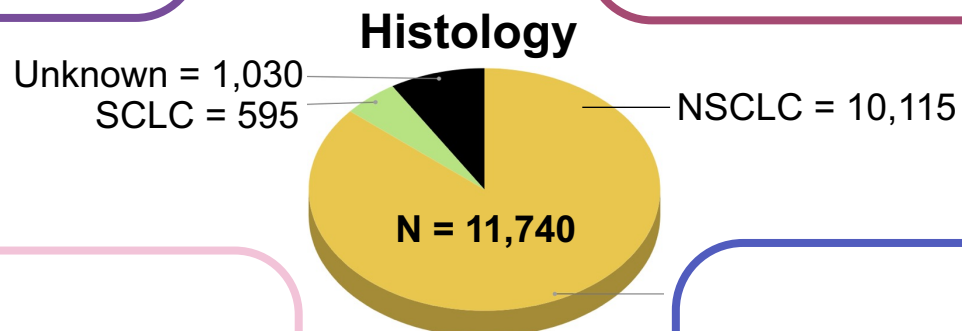
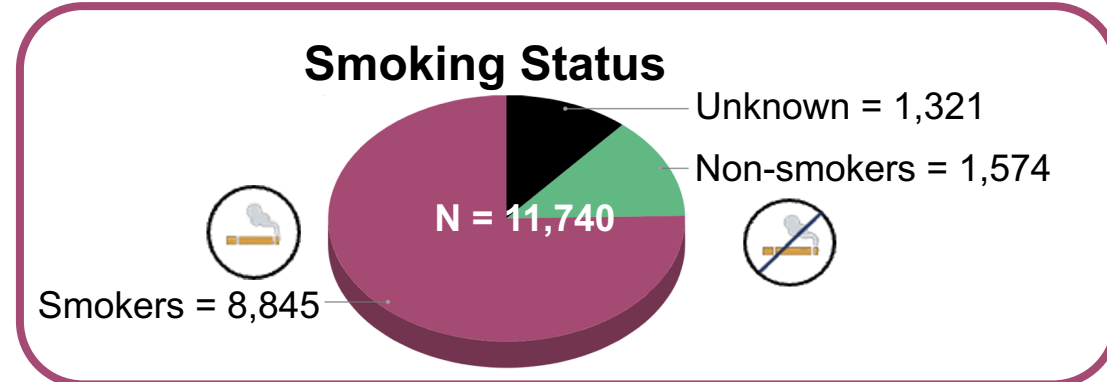


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# Demographic Characteristics Tempus Cohort

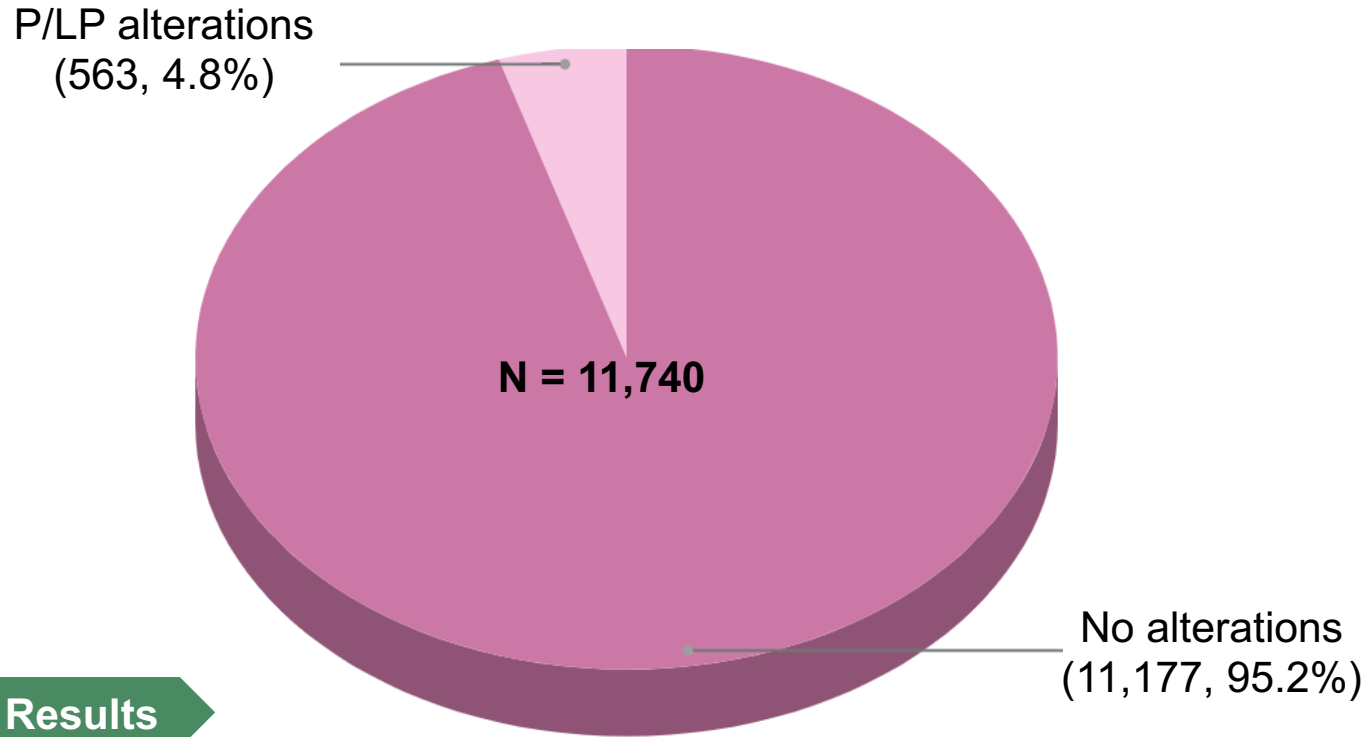


**Median Age**  
68 years

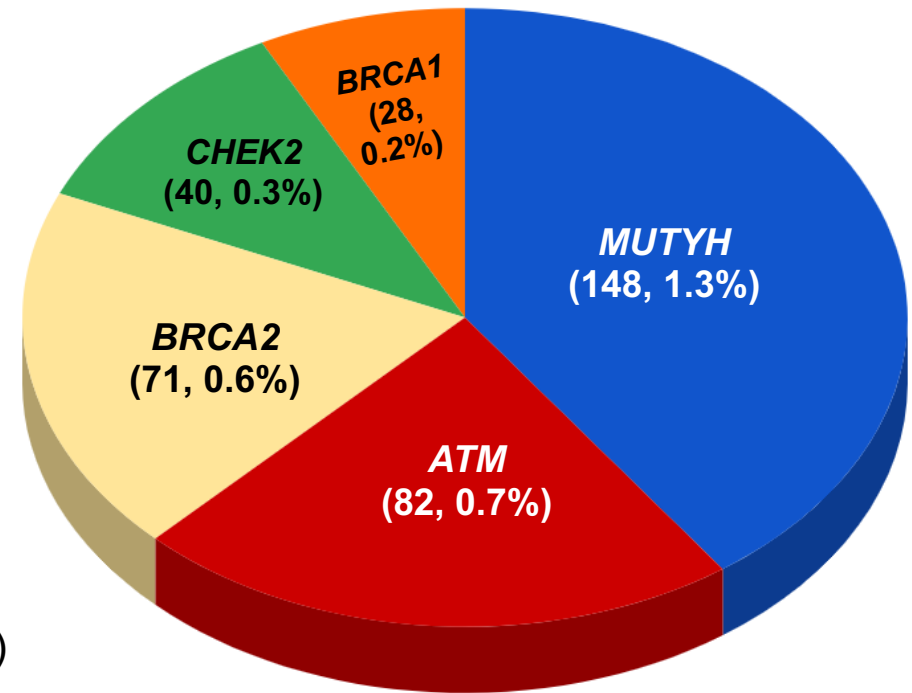


# Germline Alterations in Patients with Lung Cancer Tempus Cohort

## Patients with Pathogenic/Likely Pathogenic (P/LP) incidental germline findings



## Five most prevalent P/LP incidental germline genes of the total population



Results

# Frequently Altered Genes In Smokers And Never Smokers With Lung Cancer (UKBB)

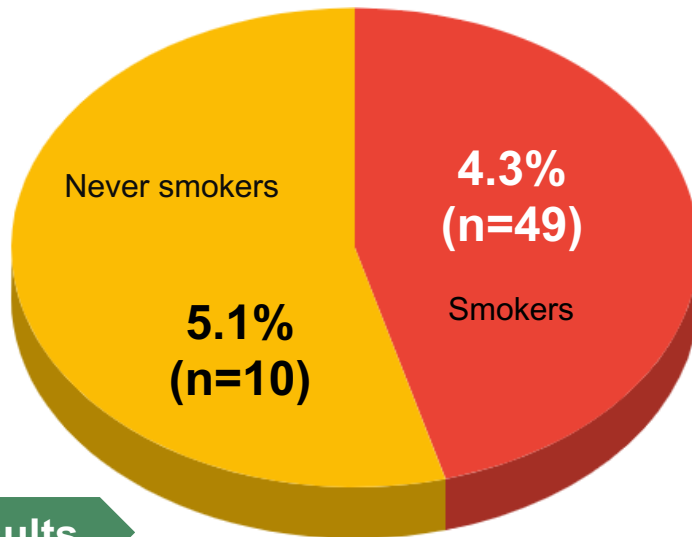
Never smokers with lung cancer (N=198)



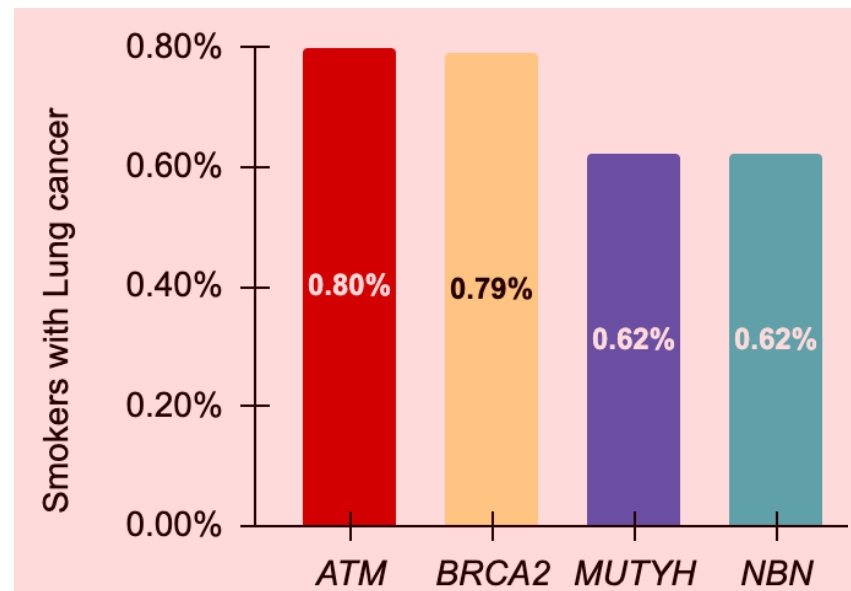
Smokers with lung cancer (N=1132)



% with P/LP germline alterations in the 46 gene panel





Most commonly mutated genes



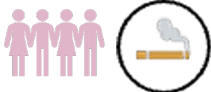

Results

# Germline Alterations in Patients with Lung Cancer Smokers vs Non-smokers

**Tempus**  
Smokers vs Never smokers

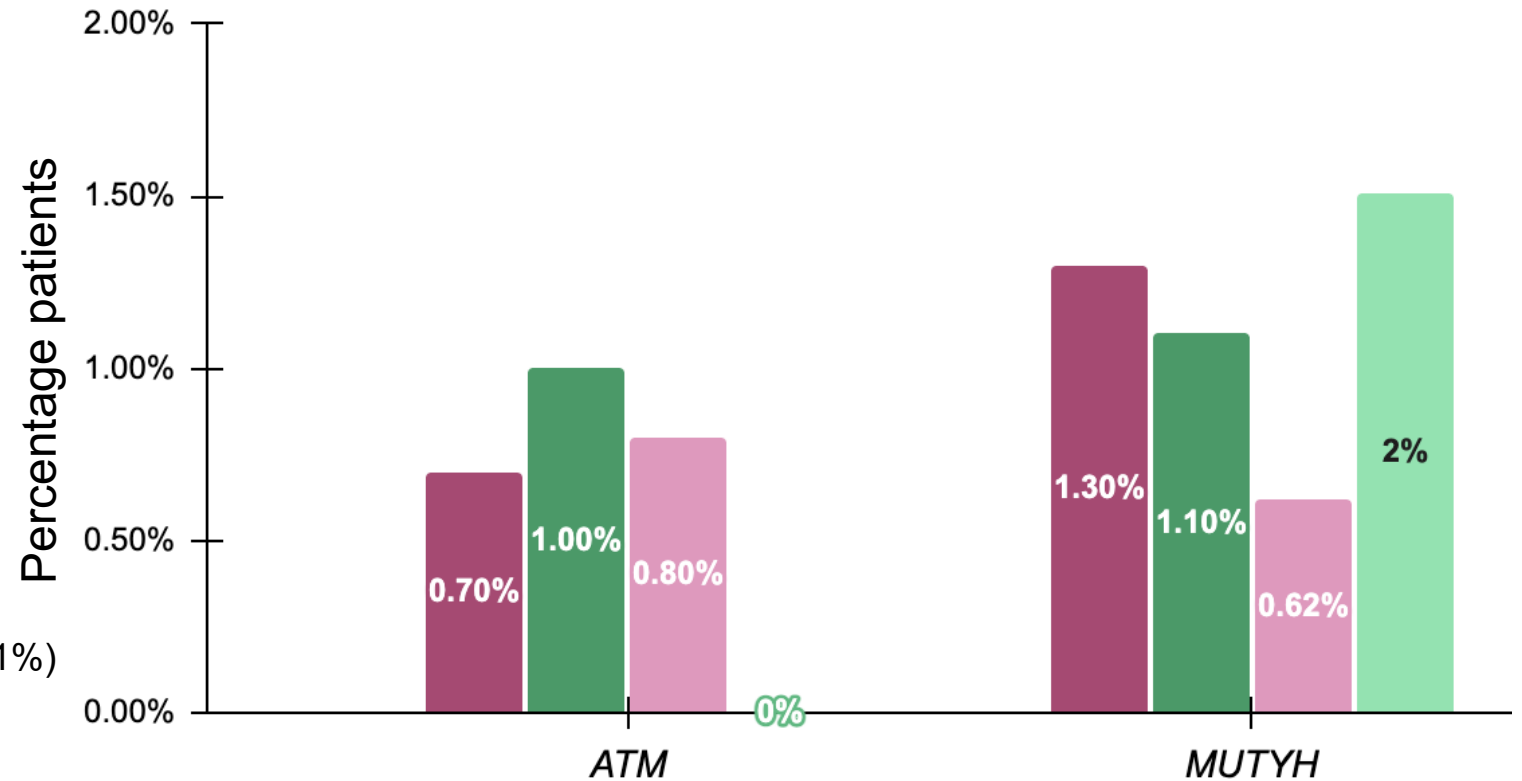



**UK BioBank (UKBB)**  
Smokers vs Never smokers

Note - *EGFR* discovered in smokers (<.1%) vs nonsmokers (0.4%) in Tempus data

Smokers (Tempus, N=8845)    Non-Smokers (Tempus, N=1574)  
Smokers (UKBB, N=1132)    Non-Smokers (UKBB, N=198)

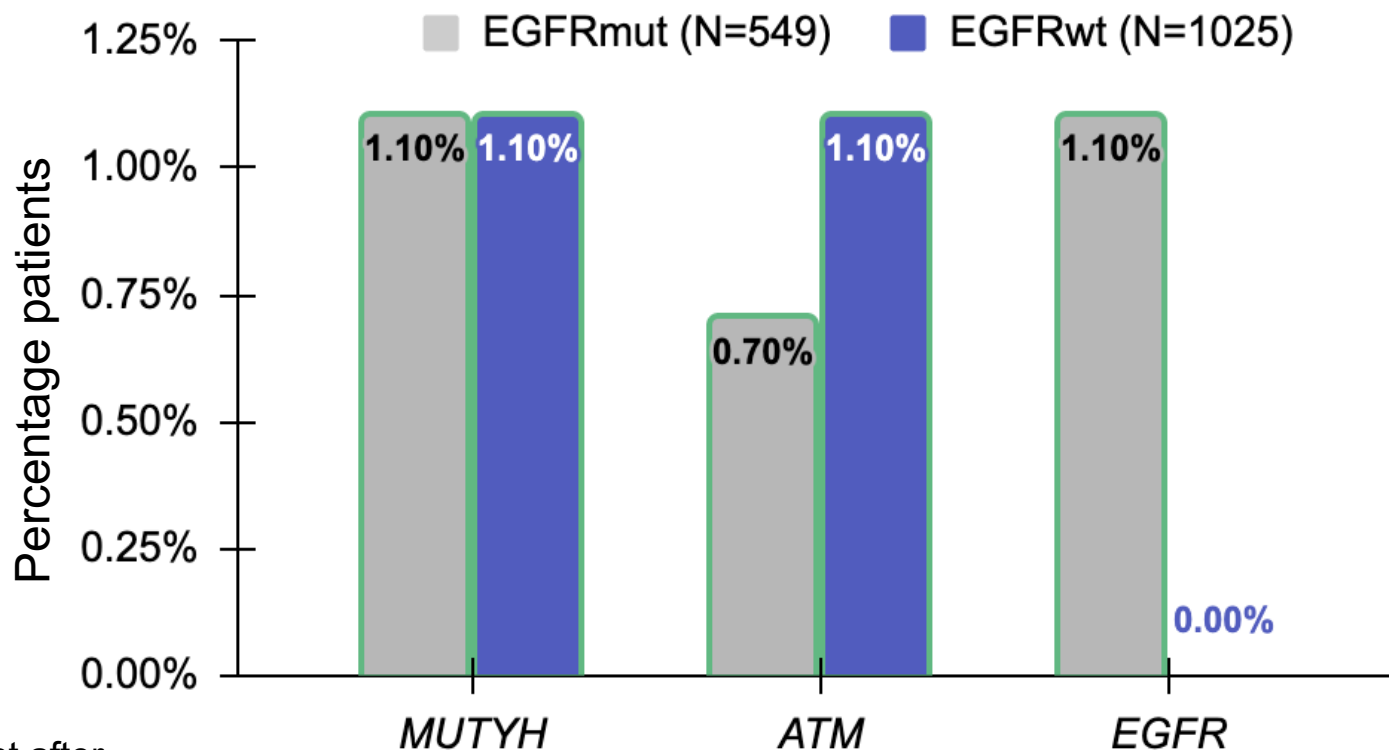


Results

# Germline Alterations in Never Smokers with Lung Cancer

## *EGFR* Mutant vs *EGFR* Wild type Lung Adenocarcinoma

Tempus Never smokers (N=1574)  
*EGFR* mutated vs *EGFR* WT



### Results

Note - Germline *EGFR* was significant after FDR adjustment ( $q < 0.037$ ) in this population



# Germline Alterations in Patients with Lung Cancer

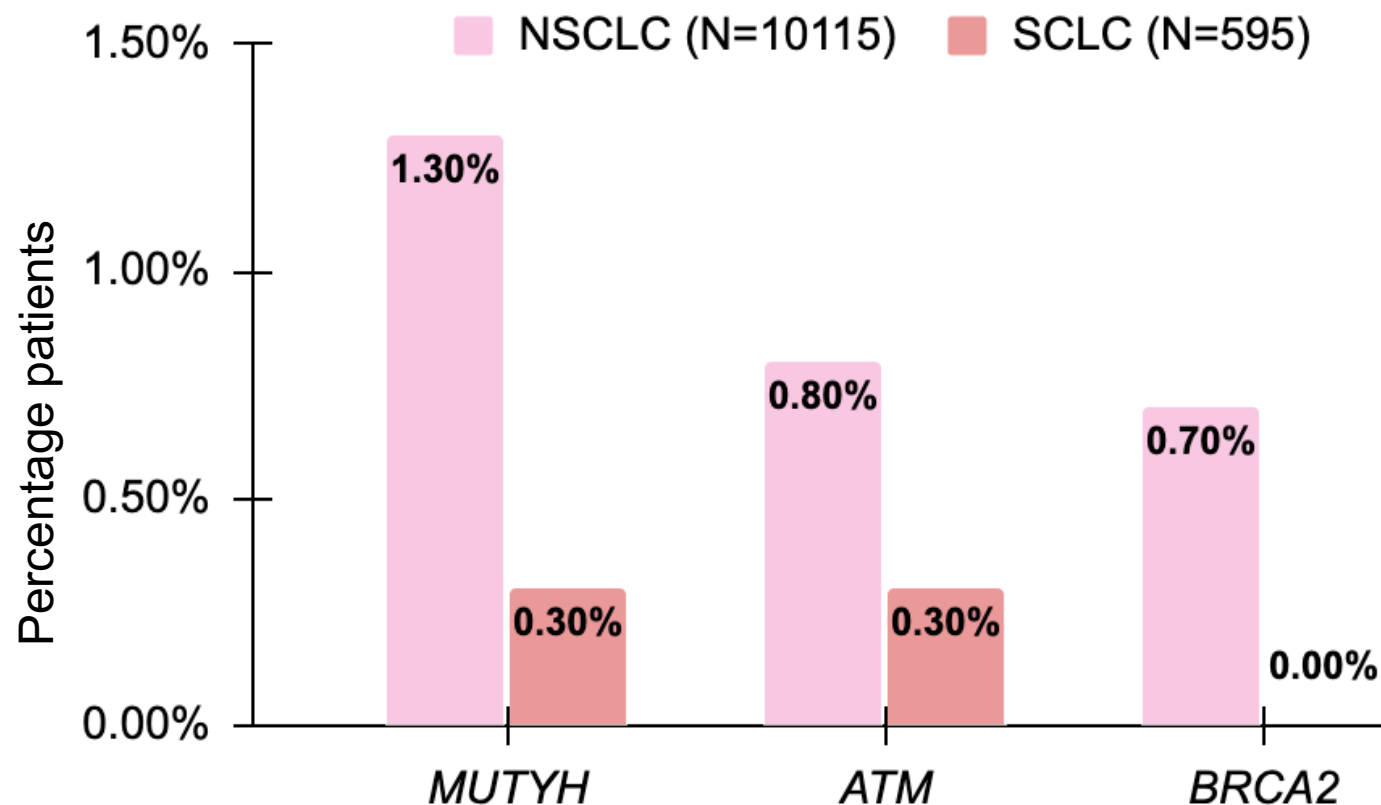
## NSCLC vs SCLC

Tempus  
Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer  
(NSCLC)



vs

Small Cell Lung Cancer  
(SCLC)



Results

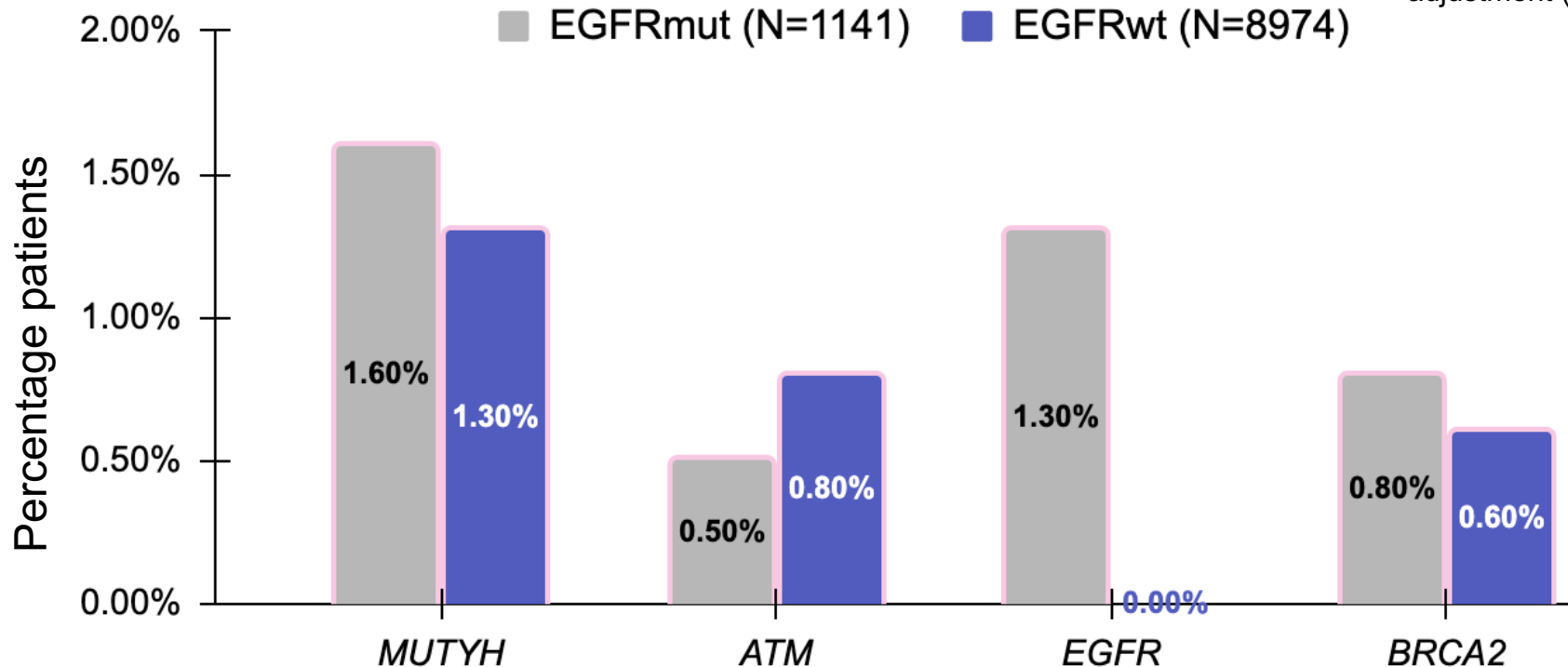
# Commonly Altered Germline Genes in Patients with EGFR mutant Lung Cancer

Tempus NSCLC (N=10115)  
EGFR mutated vs EGFR WT



■ EGFRmut (N=1141) ■ EGFRwt (N=8974)

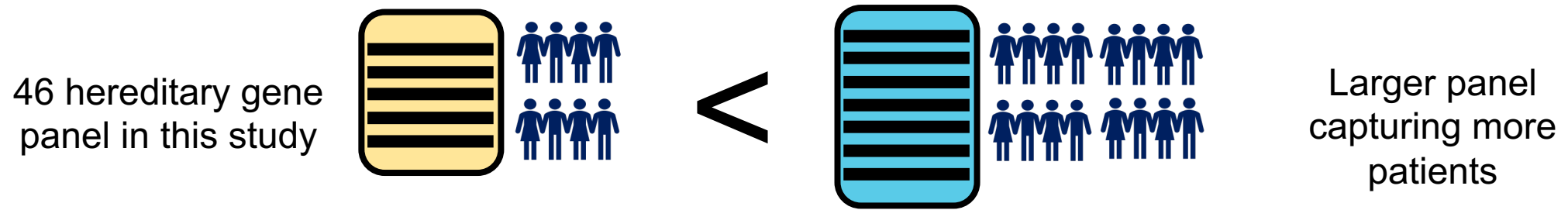
NSCLC Germline EGFR was significant after FDR adjustment ( $q < 0.001$ )



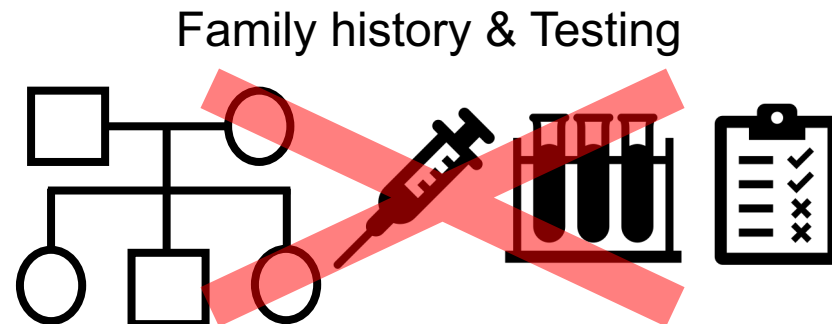
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# Limitations To Be Addressed In Future

- This analysis included 46 genes of common hereditary genes, larger panels may enable the capture of more patients



- This analysis lacked zygosity assessment of MUTYH
- This analysis lacked information on family history and follow up confirmatory testing and genetic counseling results



# There Are No Current Guidelines For Those With Lung Cancer Or Germline *EGFR* Alterations

- Identification of germline findings in lung cancer patients can transcend other cancer types and have clinical implications for both the patient and family
- Germline *EGFR* alterations do not have screening guidelines but should be further studied to determine treatment implications, overall survival, and family impact

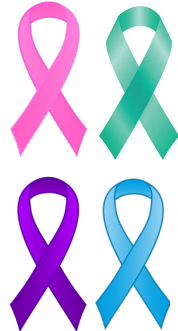
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***BRCA1***



***BRCA2***



***CHEK2***



***ATM***



***EGFR***

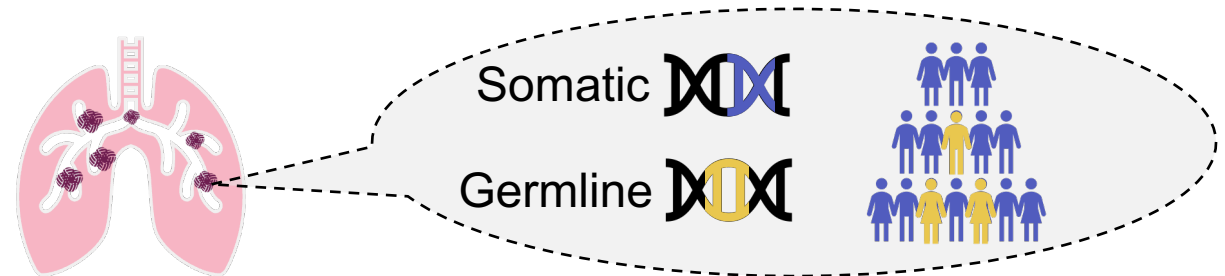


# Key Takeaways

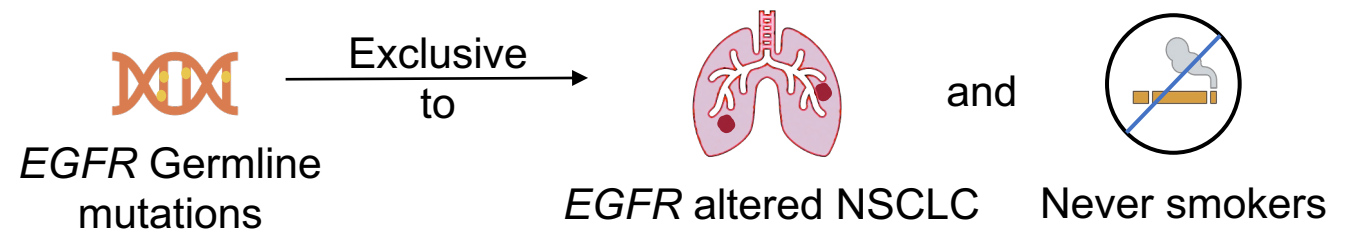
1. The largest analysis of germline alterations in cancer-predisposing genes across **histologies** of lung cancer



2. Germline alterations in cancer-predisposing genes occur in 5% of patients with lung cancer



3. *EGFR* germline mutations are exclusive to somatic *EGFR* altered NSCLC, and never smoker populations



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