## SESSION III: EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES

New Paradigms in Drug Discovery: How Genomic Data are Being Used to Revolutionize the Drug Discovery and Development Process – A Workshop

Pharma Perspective



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## **Diagnostics**

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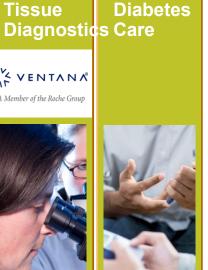
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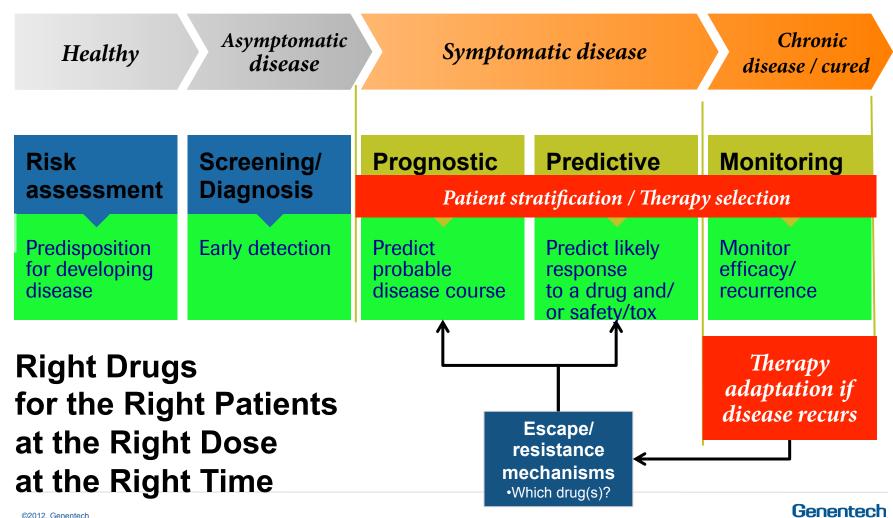
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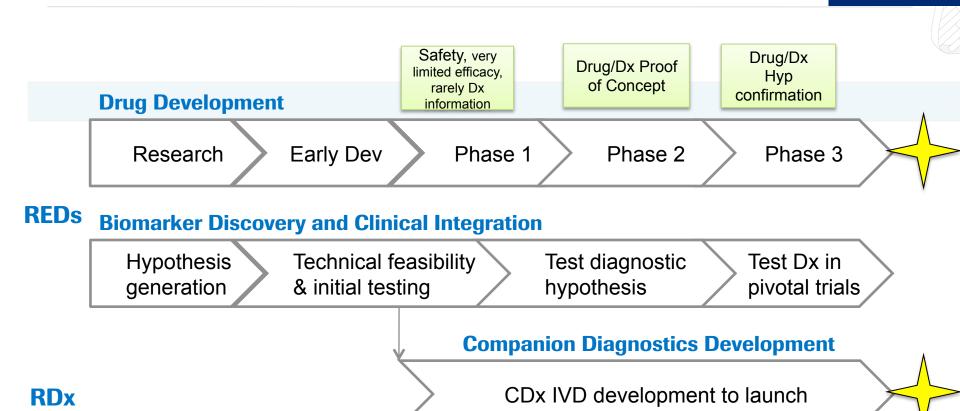
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## **Biomarker development – why?**



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## Co-development of drugs and diagnostics at GNE / Roche



Personalized Healthcare for Patients

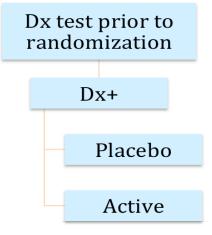
## **PHC Assessment**

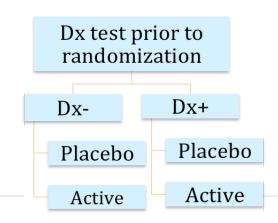
- Strong Dx hypothesis
- No activity in Dx-
- Strong Dx hypothesis
- Some activity in Dx-
- No strong Dx hypothesis
- Exploratory Stage

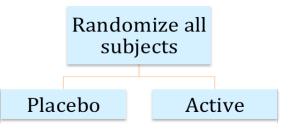
## **Development Strategy**

- Patient selection through all phases of development
- Complex, larger phase
   Its with stratification
- Complex phase IIIs

- No selection or stratification
- Retrospective data exploration









# Key challenges for drug-diagnostic co-development

- Label-enabling trials design and analysis
- Biomarker cutoff selection and refinement
- Multiple biomarkers and multi-marker tests

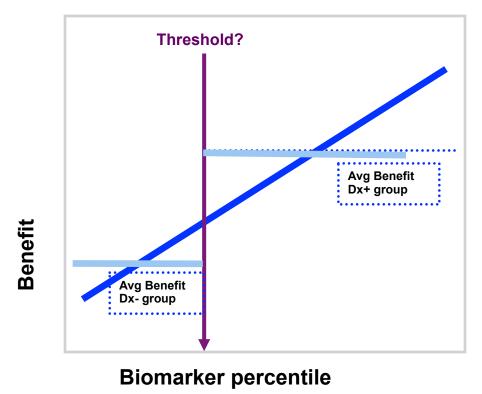
## Design and Analysis: what is the target population for evaluation?

Scenario	Effect in Dx-	Evaluation of Dx- in Ph III	Primary endpoint
Selected	Negative	Exclude or limit patients	Dx+ only
Stratified	Minimal Benefit	Limited, adaptive stopping, or include all comers?	Dx+ first Dx- if success in Dx+
Stratified/ All-comers	Positive Benefit	Enroll all Dx- patients	Dx+ or all-comers

#### **Considerations:**

- Adequate evaluation of Dx- subgroup depends on scenario and clinical context
- Key factors in determining Dx+ vs. all-comers label (Stratified)
  - Clinically meaningful treatment benefit level
  - Magnitude of difference in Dx+ vs. Dx- treatment benefits
  - Risk/benefit evaluation in Dx- patients and unmet need
- If all-comers label pursued in the 3<sup>rd</sup> scenario, include Dx results in Clinical Studies section of label if clinically meaningful

## **Biomarker Cutoff Selection and Refinement**



#### Often, no clear best threshold:

Appropriate threshold will depend on:

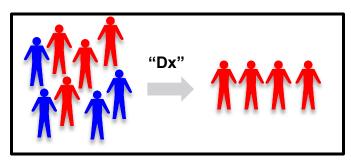
- clinical benefit/risk
- scientific rationale
- biomarker distributional properties (e.g. bimodal)

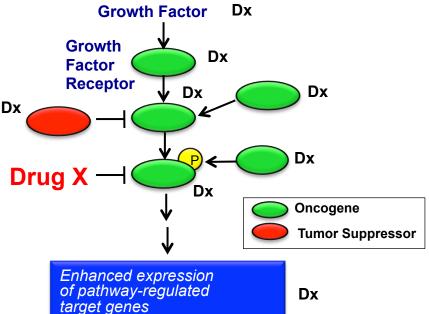
Note the population size vs effect size trade-off

## **Proposed Strategy**

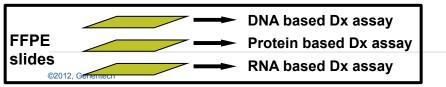
Pre-specify Dx+/- threshold prior to Ph III unblinding, and adjust threshold in label based on Ph III results and discussions with HA (assuming positive results based on pre-specified threshold)

## **Complex Biomarker World Today**



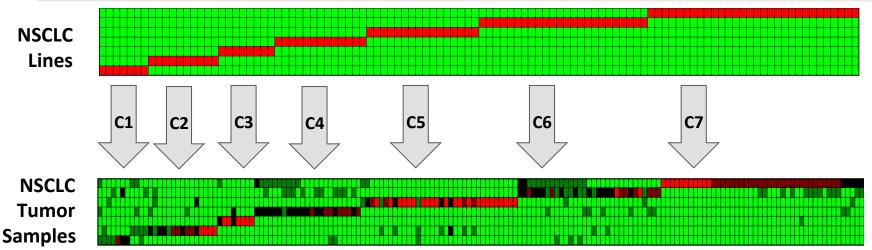


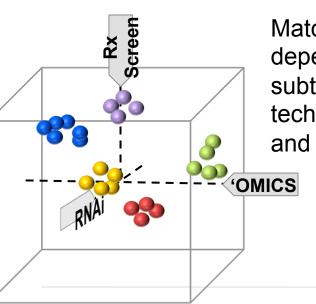
- Increasingly complex companion diagnostic
  - Driven by disease biology
- Full clinical validation of each biomarker may not be feasible (ex. infrequent mutations)
- For multiplex biomarker signatures no expectation that individual biomarkers will be predictive
- Alternative clinical and analytical validation should be considered depending on the situation



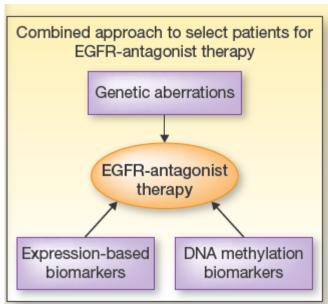


## **Next generation technologies: Matching drug to disease**





Matching druggable dependencies with disease subtypes, technically robust biomarkers and pipeline drugs



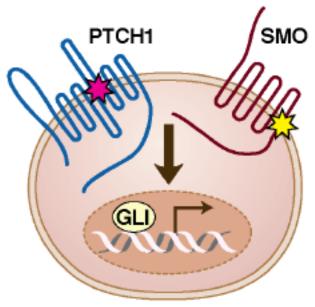
Biomarkers for EGFR-antagonist response: In the genes, and on the genes!

Hariharan Easwaran and Stephen B. Baylin

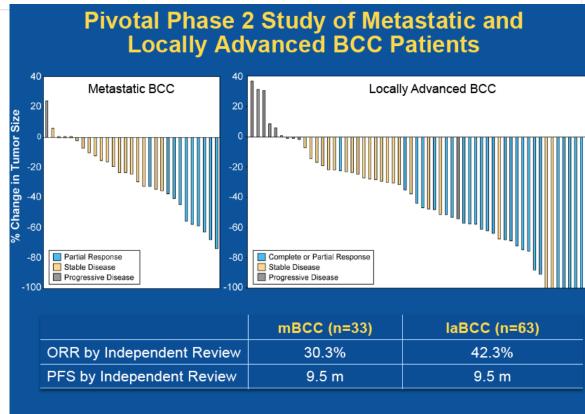
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## Everidge(Hedgehog Pathway Inhibitor)– Follow the Tumor Genetics

## Mutation-associated



# Basal Cell Carcinoma (BCC) Medulloblastoma



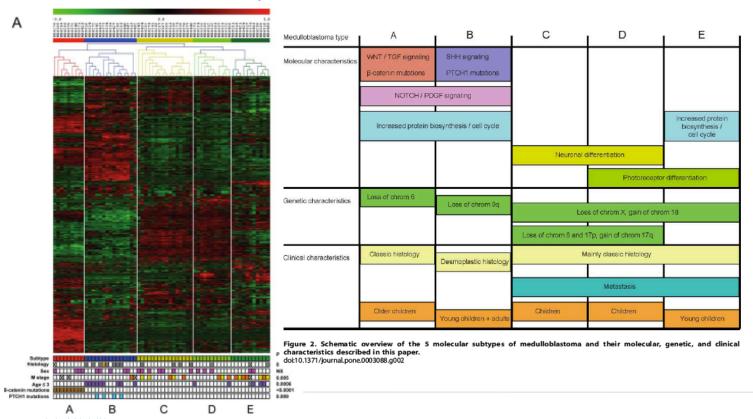
Disease (BCC) = Diagnostic, hence no companion Dx (nearly all BCCs have mutations in PTCH1 or SMO)

ORR= Objective response rate; PFS= Progression-free survival



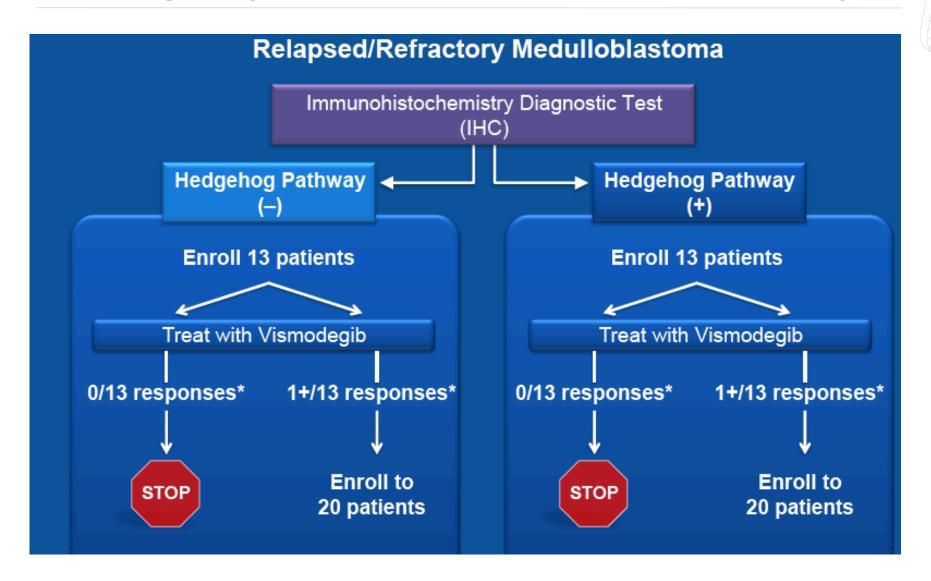
#### Molecular Classification of Medullablastoma

- Mutation-based test NOT feasible to identify Hedgehog-driven medullablastoma
  - Multiple genes involved, no hotspots
  - Non-mutation changes possible (e.g. epigenetic silencing, gene inversion)



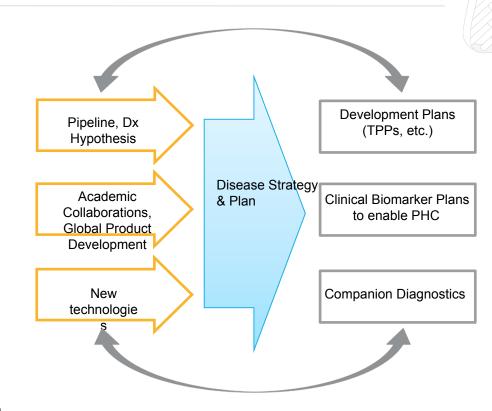


## **Examining Dx Hypothesis: PBTC-032 Phase II Pediatric Study**



## PHC: Integrating research and development

- Extensive drug and technology pipeline
- Focus on effective .EDU-.ORG-.COM collaborations
- Cross-functional teams including research and development
- Strategic information gathering to provide robust datasets for better informed efficient drug development



Adapted from David Shames OBRF presentation, 2012



## Summary – Biomarkers, clinical development and next generation technologies

- Extensive use of evolving technologies to improve disease molecular classification and biomarker hypothesis generation
  - Effective research-development integration
- Focus on established technologies for companion Dx development
  - Proactive discussions with the regulators to establish acceptable approaches

## **Beyond companion Dx:**

- Formulating strong preclinical hypothesis about effective drug combinations
- Identifying relevant early-on-treatment measures
- Steering Phase I patients to the most appropriate trials shift in signal-seeking
- Understanding mechanisms of resistance upon progression with the aim of finding most appropriate next treatment
  - Characterizing tumors via circulating tumor cells analysis.



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