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Modern Radiation Oncology.  
Innovation in personalised  
oncology: back to the future

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## *Back to the future: pathology*

# *MOLECULAR DRIVEN ONCOLOGY: FUTURE DIRECTIONS*

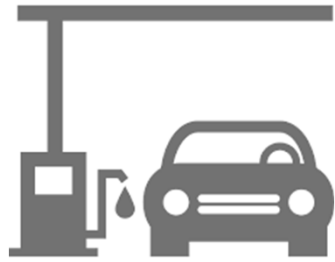
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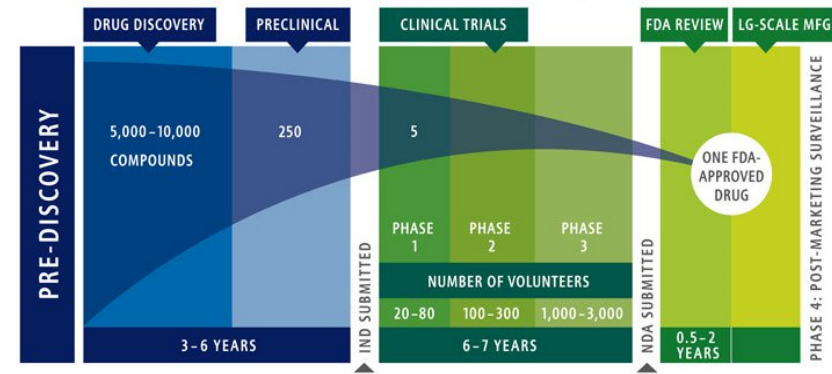
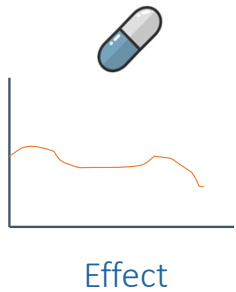


PRESENT TIME

# IMPRECISION MEDICINE

Slow, expensive, ineffective and wasteful

ONE SIZE FITS ALL



15 years

Year	2018	2022
1,064 \$ million	1,255 \$ million	
446 \$ million	526 \$ million	
2 \$ million	3 \$ million	

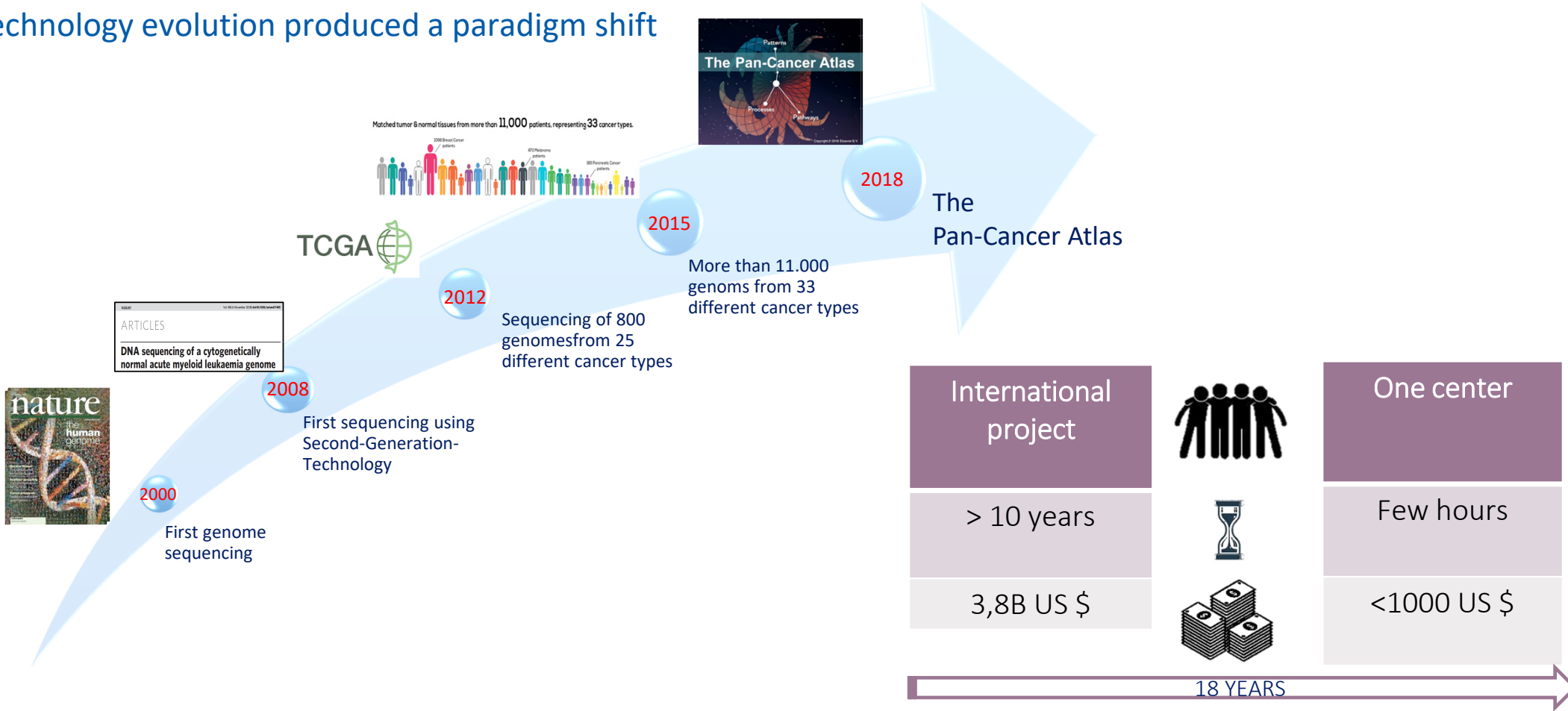
\$1.8B

Best case  
1/3

Worst case  
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# PRECISION MEDICINE

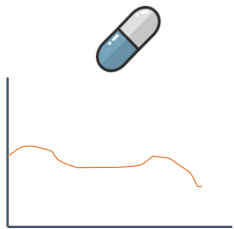
Technology evolution produced a paradigm shift



# PRECISION MEDICINE

Genomics in healthcare: clinical utility

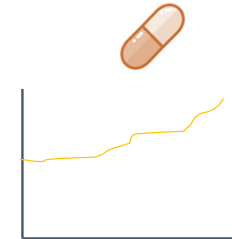
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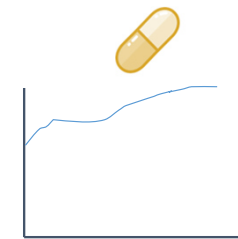
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PRECISION MEDICINE



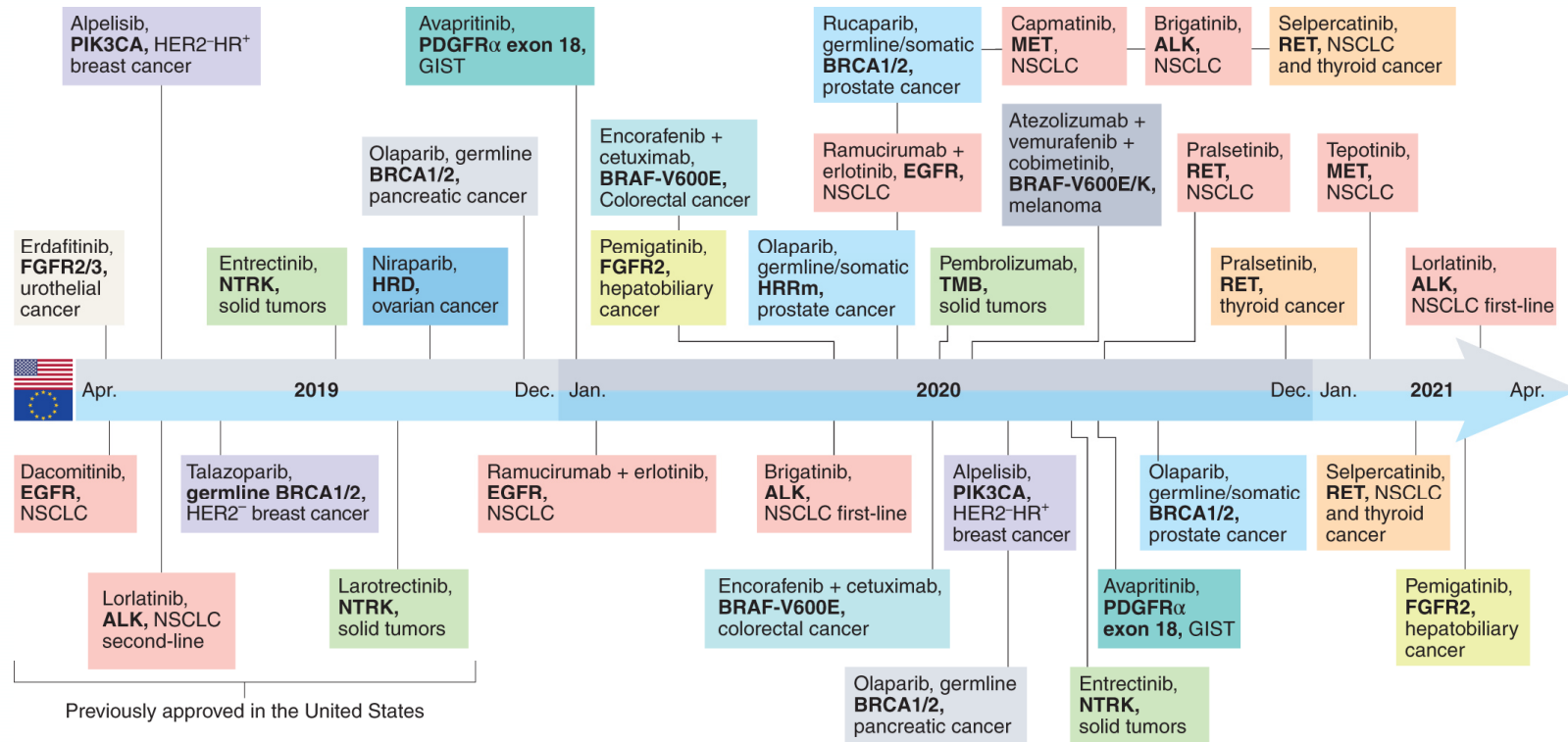
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Effect

# PRECISION MEDICINE

## Clinical utility: target therapies



# PRECISION MEDICINE

## Clinical utility: the case of ovarian cancer

- Newly diagnosed, FIGO stage III-IV, high-grade serous or endometrioid ovarian, primary peritoneal or fallopian tube cancer
- Germline or somatic BRCAm**
- ECOG performance status 0-1
- Cytoreductive surgery\*
- In clinical complete response or partial response after platinum-based chemotherapy

Olaparib 300 mg bd  
(N=260)

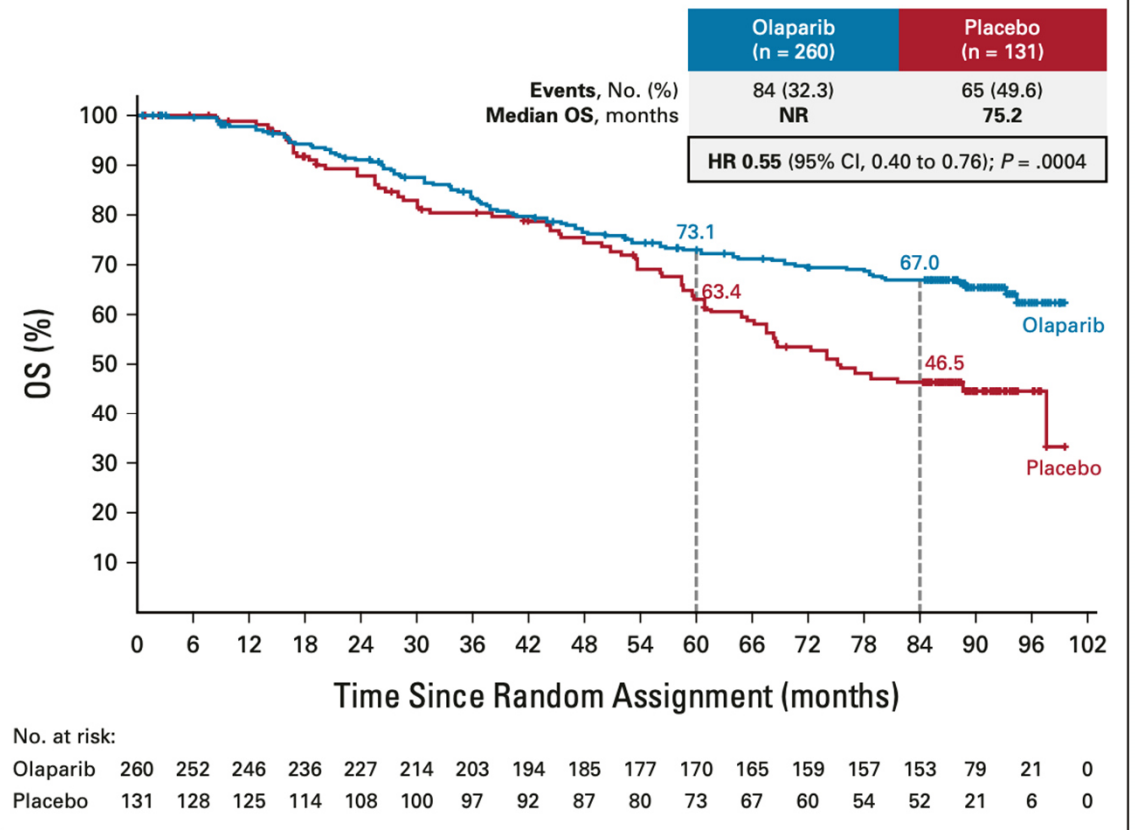
2:1 randomization

Stratified by response to platinum-based chemotherapy

Placebo  
(N=131)

- Study treatment continued until disease progression
- Patients with no evidence of disease at 2 years stopped treatment
- Patients with a partial response at 2 years could continue treatment

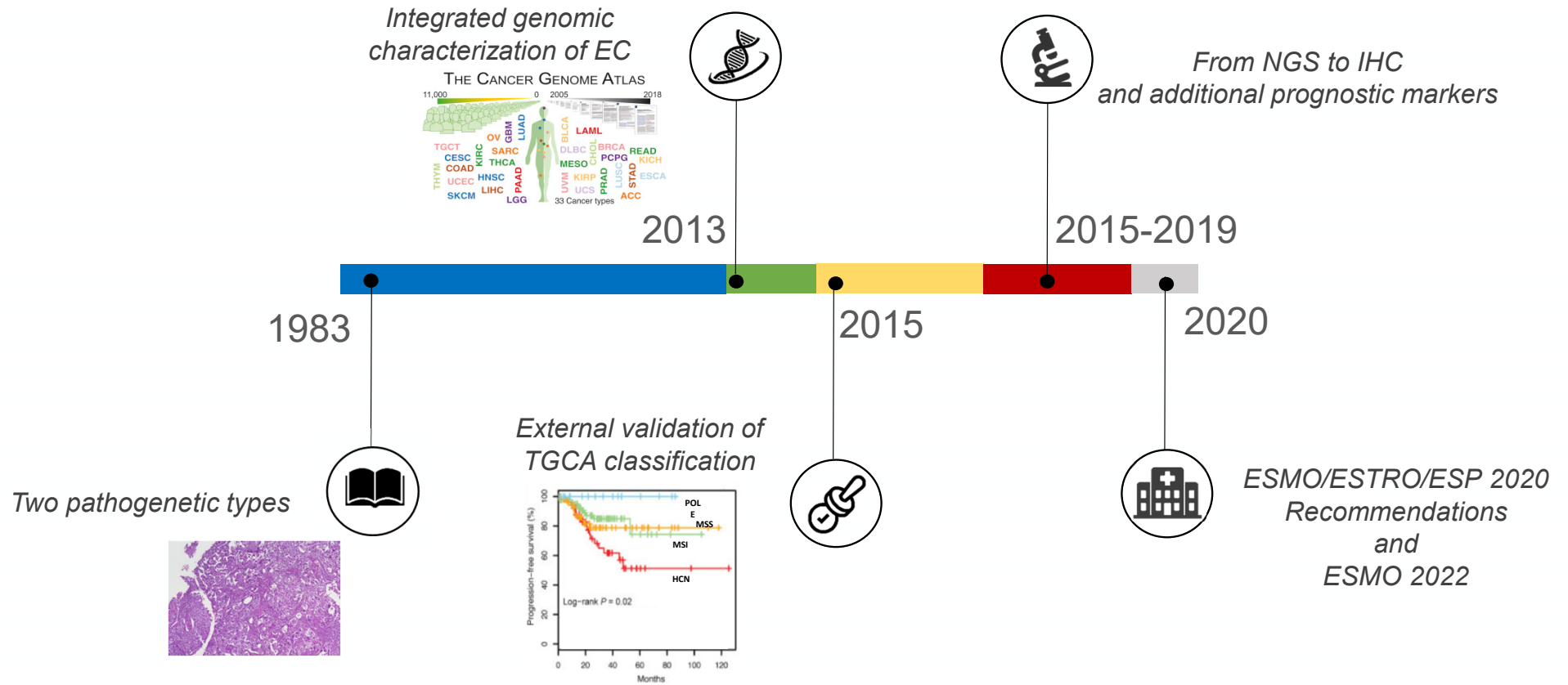
2 years' treatment if no evidence of disease





# PRECISION MEDICINE

## Clinical utility: the case of endometrial cancer



# PRECISION MEDICINE

## Clinical utility: the case of endometrial cancer

**Table 2. EC risk groups**

Risk group	Description <sup>a</sup>
Low risk	Stage IA (G1-G2) with endometrioid type (dMMR <sup>b</sup> and NSMP) and no or focal LVSI Stage I/II POLEmut cancer; for stage III POLEmut cancers <sup>c</sup>
Intermediate risk	Stage IA G3 with endometrioid type (dMMR and NSMP) and no or focal LVSI Stage IA non-endometrioid type (serous, clear-cell, undifferentiated carcinoma, carcinosarcoma, mixed) and/or p53-abn cancers without myometrial invasion and no or focal LVSI Stage IB (G1-G2) with endometrioid type (dMMR and NSMP) and no or focal LVSI Stage II G1 endometrioid type (dMMR and NSMP) and no or focal LVSI
High-intermediate risk	Stage I endometrioid type (dMMR and NSMP) any grade and any depth of invasion with substantial LVSI Stage IB G3 with endometrioid type (dMMR and NSMP) regardless of LVSI Stage II G1 endometrioid type (dMMR and NSMP) with substantial LVSI Stage II G2-G3 endometrioid type (dMMR and NSMP)
High risk	All stages and all histologies with p53-abn and myometrial invasion All stages with serous or undifferentiated carcinoma including carcinosarcoma with myometrial invasion All stage III and IVA with no residual tumour, regardless of histology and regardless of molecular subtype <sup>b</sup>





# PREVENTION IS BETTER THAN EARLY DETECTION

Genomics profiling as an opportunity for cascade prevention



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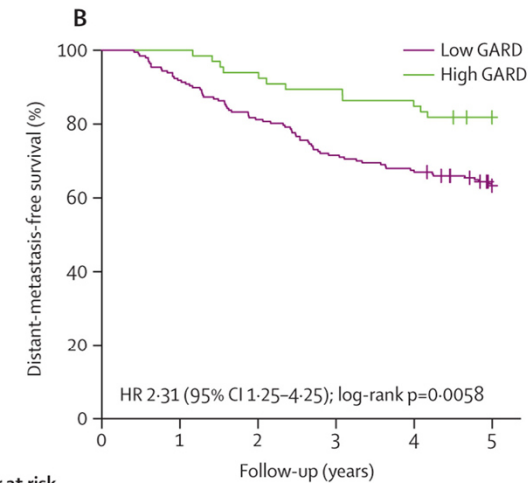
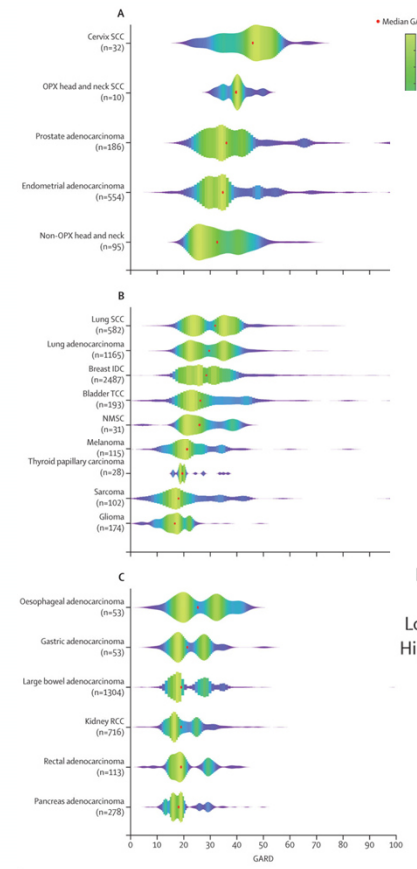
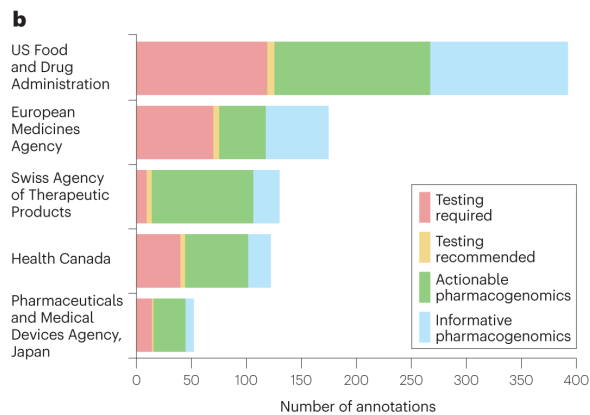
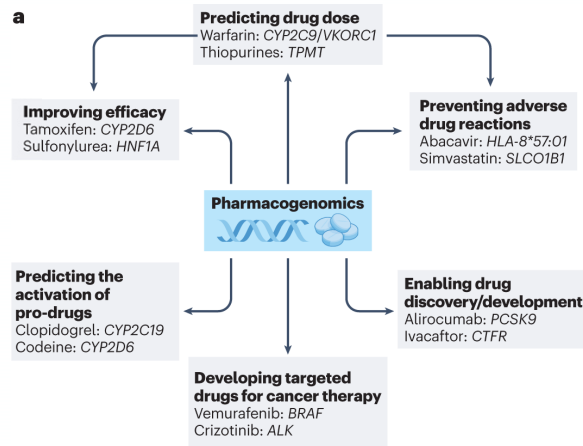


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- **13.3%** PGVs found using **CGP**
- **48.4%** of them would not have been detected by phenotype or family history–based testing criteria using the 2018 NCCN, NSGC, or ACMG guidelines
- **17.6%** with PGVs had family members undergoing no-cost cascade FVT
- **2.22%** PGVs in in moderate risk **breast and ovarian** cancer susceptibility genes found using **CGP**
- **45.3%** of them would not have eligible for germline testing
- **51.5%** of the ones undergoing germline testing (40% of the identified) had germline confirmation
- **11.2%** PVGs found using **CGP**
- **9.2%** PVGs found using **standard approaches**

# TAILORING DOSE AND TREATMENTS

## Pharmacogenomics and genomic-adjusted radiation dose

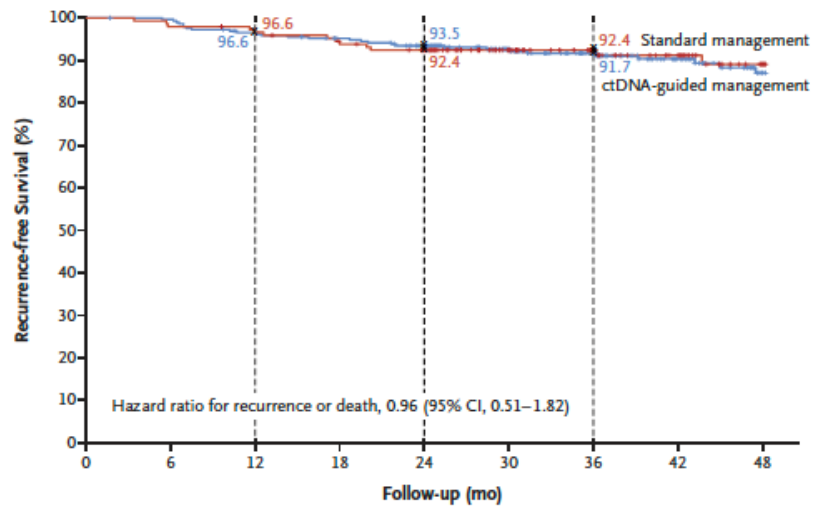
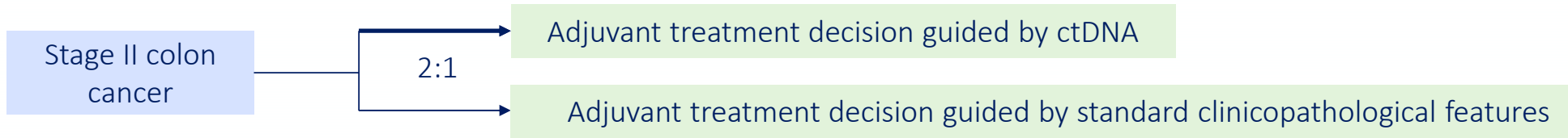


Number at risk (censored)

	0	1	2	3	4	5
Low GARD group	66 (0)	66 (0)	62 (0)	59 (0)	56 (0)	52 (54)
High GARD group	197 (0)	181 (0)	160 (0)	141 (0)	133 (0)	177 (125)

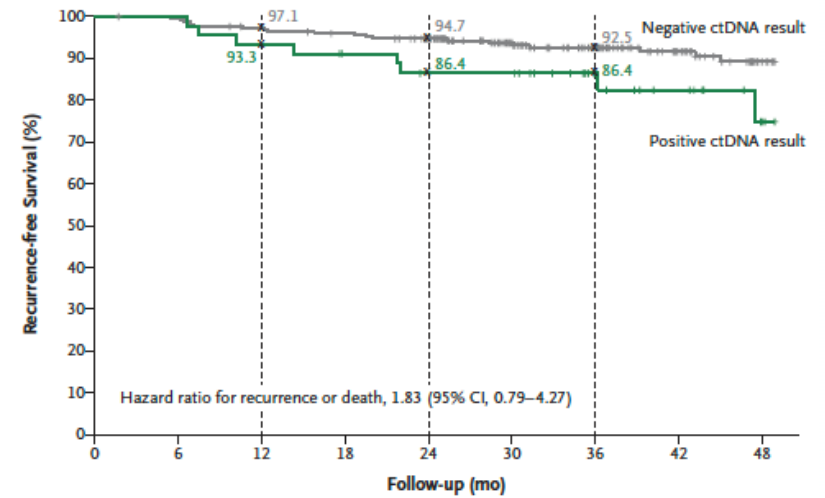
# DECISION MAKING

The role of liquid biopsy in minimal residual disease assessment



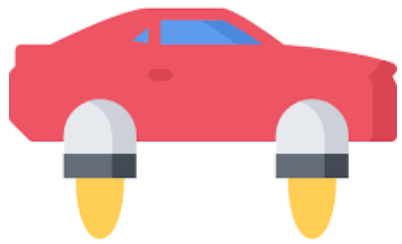
Hazard ratio for recurrence or death, 0.96 (95% CI, 0.51–1.82)

No. at Risk	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48
Standard management	147	144	142	136	128	97	78	57	33
ctDNA-guided management	294	292	281	273	259	207	155	109	64



Hazard ratio for recurrence or death, 1.83 (95% CI, 0.79–4.27)

No. at Risk	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48
Negative ctDNA result	246	244	236	231	220	169	131	93	55
Positive ctDNA result	45	45	42	39	36	36	22	16	9



FAR FUTURE

# TORWARDS PERSONALIZED MEDICINE

Integrated Multi-omics longitudinal profiling

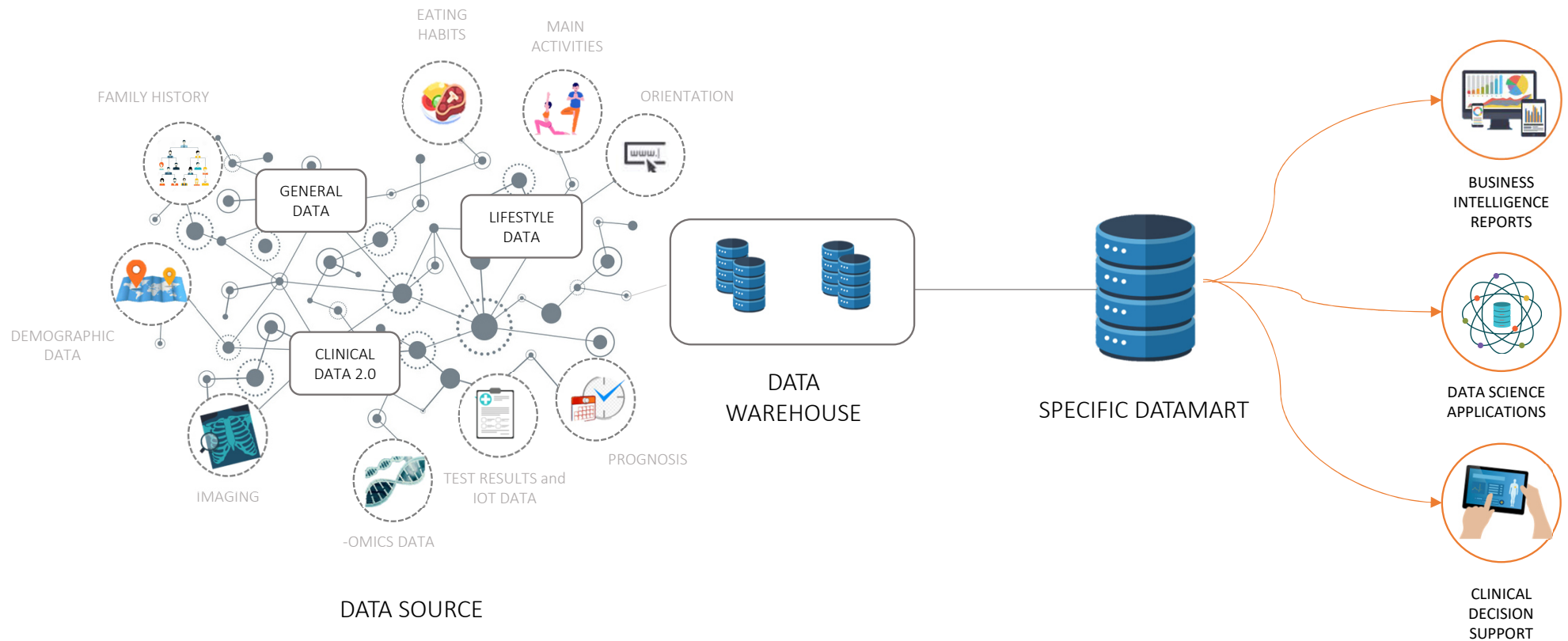
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DATA 2.0





# TORWARDS PERSONALIZED MEDICINE

From data to information

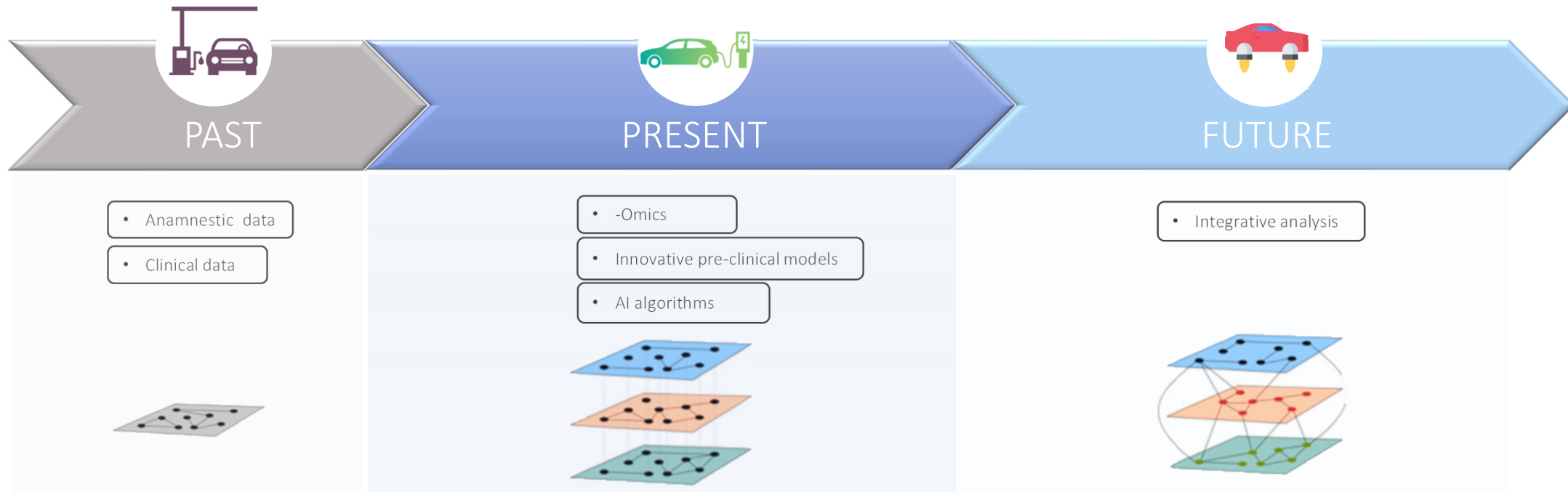




# TAKE HOME MESSAGE

# CHALLENGES

## Complex data analysis and integration



UNSELECTED  
RANDOMIZED  
CLINICAL  
TRIALS

TRADITIONAL  
PRE-CLINICAL  
MODELS

COMPLEX PRE-  
CLINICAL  
MODELS

TARGET DRUGS

INTEGRATED  
NOMOGRAMS

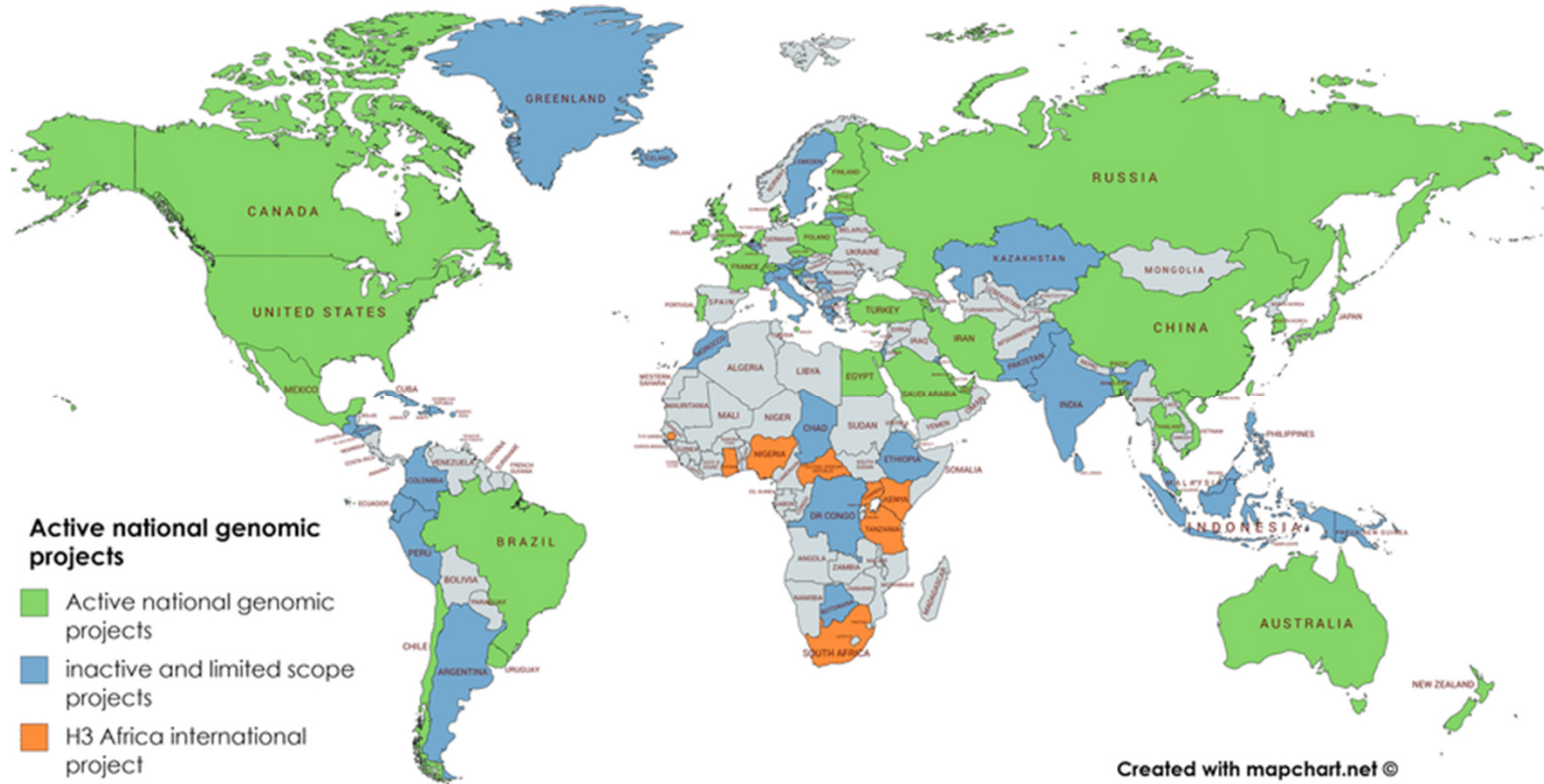
AI-DRIVEN  
CLINICAL TRIALS

HEALTH DIGITAL  
TWIN

PERSONALIZED  
CELLULAR  
THERAPIES

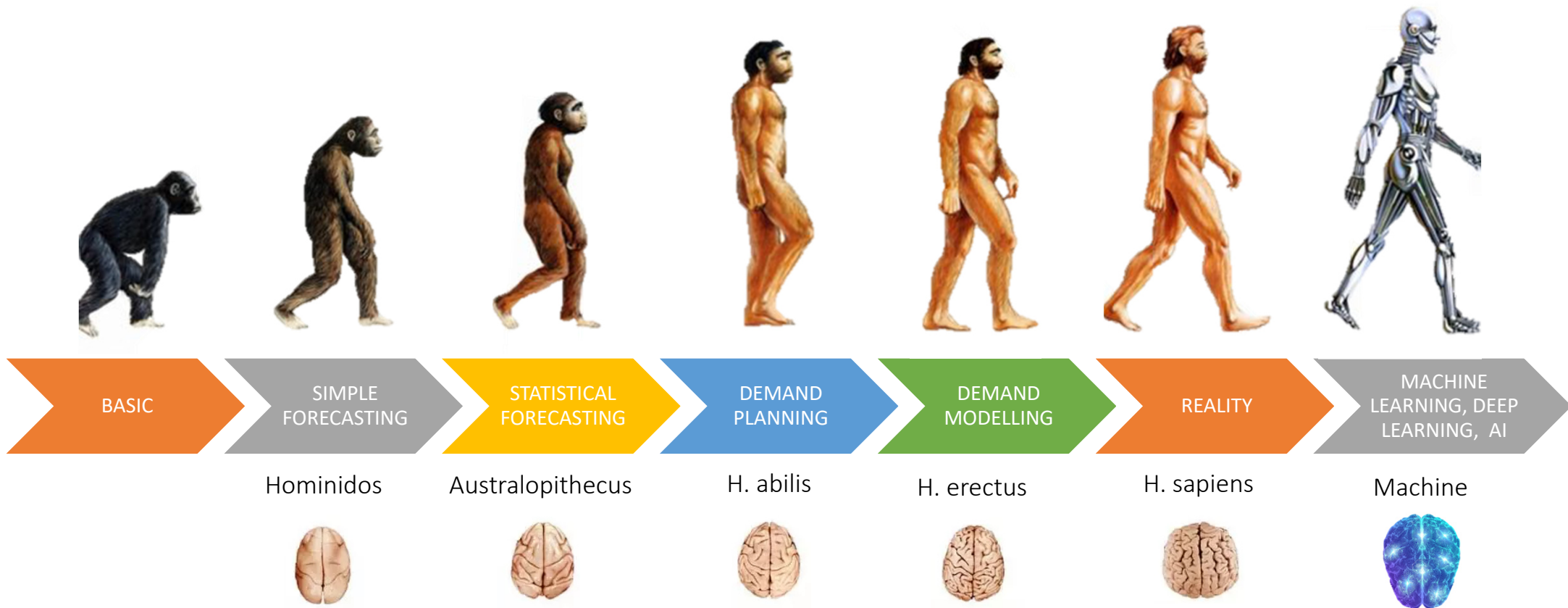
# CHALLENGES

Demand and access



# MOLECULAR DRIVEN ONCOLOGY

Inevitable evolution





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