

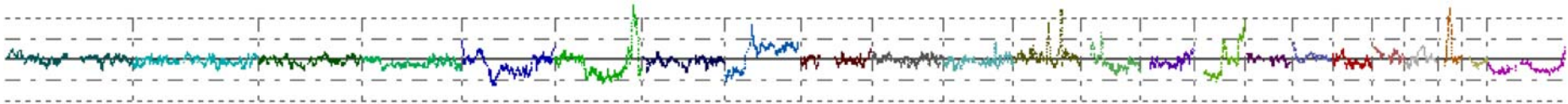
# The LIS Redesign Challenges Prompted by Emerging Molecular Diagnostic Testing

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# Outline

- What's so special about molecular diagnostics?
- What challenges are prompted by emerging molecular tests?
- What needs to change in the LIS to cope with this new environment?

# Informatics for Molecular Diagnostics Labs

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- The volume and complexity of data related to molecular labs testing surpasses capabilities of current systems.
- Information generated by the molecular and other specialty laboratories does not fit existing LIS models.
- An increase in tests performed makes effective laboratory information management crucial to the laboratories' success and to quality patient care.

# Some Challenges

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- Complex QC of samples
  - Impacting decision making or downstream options
  - Responses needed on QC/QA information
- Documented specimen processing
  - Non-standardized protocols across laboratories
  - User-Defined Protocols
  - Barcode specimen tracking
- Complicated, dynamic and frequently updated testing workflows
  - Multiple or multistep methods
  - Extensive use of calculations
  - Tracking of samples during workflow and status report
  - Complex laboratory worksheets

# More Challenges

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- Reagent and inventory tracking
  - Ability to retrieve reagent info for QC/QA
- Extensive data analysis for interpretation
  - Combination of discrete values and complicated interpretive reports
  - Customized reporting
- Instrument platforms still in development & refinement
  - Continuous updates of instrument platforms
  - No existing specification for data handling and interfaces

# Current Status

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- Most information systems cannot handle molecular data, so...
  - Vast majority of data embedded in text
  - Difficult/unable to analyze data over time
  - No workflow/specimen/aliquot tracking
  - Lack of support for...
    - Scientific notation
    - Log calculations
    - Large numbers (i.e. 50,000,000 IU/mL HCV)

# One Non-Emerging Example

- After a “successful” LIS upgrade I receive an email  
  
“The infectious disease tests (except for HIVQ) are set up as numeric with alpha responses defined as normal or abnormal. However, the LIS does not recognize the alpha responses with a “<” or “>” and flags as abnormal those results with these signs. The alpha responses with no numbers flags as absurd.”
- This issue did not exist before the upgrade
- Problem: all our viral-load assays require reporting of “Not-detected”, “<###”, “####” and “> ###”
- Need to accept alphanumeric responses and handle them appropriately
- If Excel can do it, why can't my LIS?

# Industry is Responding

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- LIS vendors with dedicated modules for molecular diagnostics laboratories
  - Cerner Helix
  - Soft Genetics
- Other vendors trying to integrate AP and CP systems to handle molecular data
- Multiple niche products in genetics, cytogenetics, etc..



# More Problems

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- Many automated molecular instruments lack interface capability
  - No standard interfacing rules as of yet
- No standards for common data elements for molecular data in general
- Molecular techniques are advancing at a much more rapid pace than information systems can keep up
- We haven't solved the current issues and new challenges keep arising

# Consulting the Oracle

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <http://www.darkdaily.com/ebriefings/new-technologies-and-new-science-poised-to-reshape-anatomic-p>. The page header includes the Dark Daily logo, a photo of Robert Michel, and the text "News, Analysis, Trends, Management Innovations for Clinical Laboratories and Pathology Groups hosted by Robert Michel". Navigation links include "About Dark Daily", "Contact us", "Our Websites", and "Join". A menu bar lists "E-Briefings", "White Papers", "Audio Conferences", "Seminars & Training", "Services", and "Resources".

The main article is titled "New Technologies and New Science Poised to Reshape Anatomic Pathology" and is categorized under "Laboratory Pathology, Management & Operations". It was published on March 16, 2009. The sub-headline reads "Changes to profession are working their way into the clinical marketplace". The article text states: "Despite rapid advances in many areas of diagnostic services, most pathologists practicing in community hospitals continue to enjoy a familiar daily routine that has varied little over the past decade. That is about to quickly change, if Dark Daily's assessment of new technologies and new market forces is accurate. At least four powerful forces are poised to radically alter the daily workflow and activities of surgical pathologists in community practice settings:"

To the right of the article is a sidebar with a "Sign up TODAY" button and a promotional graphic for "2009 Trends in Clinical Pathology Laboratory Management".

Below the article, there are sections for "E-Briefing Categories" (including Laboratory Pathology, Compliance, Legal and Malpractice, Instruments & Equipment, Laboratory Hiring & Human Resources, Laboratory Management and Operations, Laboratory News, and Managed Care) and "Popular Posts" (including Medical Errors Become a Headline News Item, Hospitals That Are Better at Using IT Save More Lives While Reducing Costs, Washington Post Gives Phlebotomists New Respect, and Medicare Test Drives a Single-).

At the bottom of the page, there are links for "Lab Test Reports That Create Brand Awareness", "Negotiate The Best Pricing And Terms For Your Lab", "Using Your Lab's Culture For Productivity", and "Find And Eliminate All Waste In Your Lab".

- One, Dark Daily predicts that there will be a rapid uptake in clinical practice of new molecular assays for primary diagnosis of a growing number of cancers. Many of these new molecular

# Emerging Molecular Tests - 1

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- Companion tests for drug eligibility
  - *ERBB2* (Her2Neu) by IHC for Breast Cancer
    - Response to Trastuzumab (Herceptin)
    - Detection by FISH, direct protein, other ERBB members
  - EGFR mutations in Lung Cancer
    - Response to anti-EGFR agents Gefitinib and Erlotinib
  - KRAS mutations in metastatic Colon Cancer
    - Response to anti-EGFR agents Cetuximab and Panitumumab

# Emerging Molecular Tests - 2

- IVDMIAs (In vitro diagnostic multivariate index assays)
  - Breast Cancer Prognosis
    - Oncotype DX - 21 gene profile
    - MammaPrint - 70 gene profile
  - Tumors of Unknown Origin
    - Pathwork Tissue of Origin Test - 1500 gene profile
    - Rosetta Genomics miRView Mets - 48 miRNA profile
  - Heart Transplant Rejection
    - XDx AlloMap - 20 gene profile

# Emerging Molecular Tests - 3

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- Pharmacogenomics
  - Breast Cancer
    - Cytochrome P450 2D6 (*CYP2D6*) polymorphisms determine response to Tamoxifen therapy
  - Warfarin Sensitivity
    - Polymorphisms in *CYP2C9* and *VKOR* genes determine metabolism of Warfarin
    - Algorithm determines optimal dosing for a given patient

# Futuristic Report (circa 2005)



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## Pathology Report

**Accession #:** SYS05-0011 **Patient Name:** WASHINGTON  
**Accession Date:** 1/1/2004 12:28 **MRN:** 999802433  
**Collection Date:** 1/1/2004 10:00 **Location:** Amb Surg Cen  
**Attending Physician:** Bill Clinton, M.D. **DOB/Age/Sex:** 8/27/1955 (Age)  
**Procedure Physician/Copies To:** John Kerry, M.D. **Account #:** 0062136504534  
George W. Bush M.D. **Patient Type:** Day Surgery (S)

**Specimen Class:** SYSG, SY Sur  
**Bench Designate:** Breast (SY)

### PATIENT HISTORY:

5PRE-OP DIAGNOSIS: History of breast cancer.  
POST-OP DIAGNOSIS: Same.  
PROCEDURE: Left breast biopsy.  
TW/kmr

### PRELIMINARY DIAGNOSIS:

- LEFT BREAST, BIOPSY G
- INVASIVE DUCTAL CARCINOMA, 3.5 CM, AT UPPER INNER QUADRANT.
  - NOTTINGHAM SCORE 9 (TUBULE FORMATION, 3; NUCLEAR PLEOMORPHISM)
  - FOCAL DUCTAL CARCINOMA IN SITU (DCIS), OF SOLID TYPE, WITH HIGH NUCLEAR ATYPICITY AND FOCAL LOBULAR CANCERIZATION.
  - DCIS CONSTITUTES LESS THAN 25% OF THE TUMOR MASS AND IS PRESENT IN THE INVASIVE COMPONENT.
  - MULTIFOCAL ANGIOLYMPHATIC INVASION IDENTIFIED
  - SURGICAL MARGINS FREE OF CARCINOMA
  - BENIGN BREAST TISSUE WITH DIFFUSE STROMAL FIBROSIS
  - TNM HISTOPATHOLOGICAL STAGING: T2 N1 Mx
  - PROTEOMIC SIGNATURE: AGGRESSIVE
  - GENOMIC SIGNATURE: BASAL CELL TYPE, AGGRESSIVE.

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Pathologist: Howard Dean, M.D.  
Fellow/Chief Resident: Dick Cheney M.D.  
Resident: John Edwards, M.D.

My signature is attestation that I have personally reviewed the submitted material(s) and the final diagnosis.

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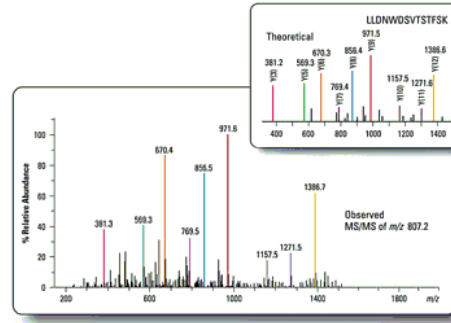
The specimen is received fresh identified with the patient's name with initials MW and labeled as C. A single piece of yellow lobulated fibrofatty tissue measuring 6.0 x 5.0 x 4.0 cm. Serial sectioning revealed a 2.0 cm area of invasive ductal carcinoma measuring 2.0 cm in largest dimension. The rest of the tissue is homogenous, yellow lobulated fatty white fibrous breast tissue. Representative sections are submitted in cassettes A through F (A with DCIS, B with DCIS, C with DCIS, D with DCIS, E with DCIS, F with DCIS).

## Pathology Report

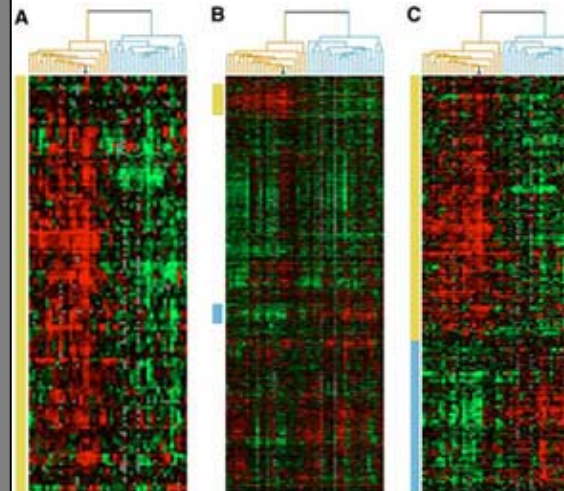
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### GENOMICS & PROTEOMICS:



### PROGNOSTIC MARKERS IN TUMOR PROTEIN PROFILE.



CLUSTERING OF PATIENT SAMPLE WITH PROGNOSTIC MARKERS.

# Case Scenario #1

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- 55 y/o female with Breast Cancer
  - Routine surgical pathology (with IHC for ER/PR/HER2)
- In order to provide personalized care:
  - Prognostic category
    - Oncotype DX, Mammaprint, Intrinsic Signatures
  - Testing for Hereditary Breast and Ovarian Cancer
    - BRCA1/2
  - Testing for response to Tamoxifen
    - CYP2D6
  - And possibly soon, testing for Her3 and other biomarkers of response to Herceptin therapy.

Customer	Specimen	Patient
	Collection Date <b>06-Aug-2008</b> Test Request Date <b>06-Aug-2008</b> Accession Date <b>08-Aug-2008</b> Report Date <b>19-Aug-2008</b>	Name Date of Birth Patient ID Gender Requisition # <b>00011636</b>

### Results

#### Pathology findings, H&E staining

Sample contains an average of 45% tumor, see picture

#### The sample is classified as:

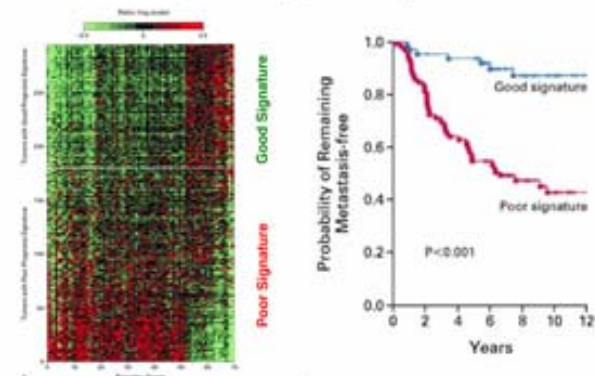
**LOW RISK**

### Analysis Description

The breast cancer tissue sample submitted was analyzed by MammaPrint®, a gene expression analysis of 70 prognostic genes that has been validated to correlate with high or low outcome risk for distant metastasis in women with breast cancer.

### Interpretation

In the reference group as published<sup>1</sup>, lymph node-negative patients classified as Low Risk had a 13% chance to develop distant metastases at 10 years, without adjuvant treatment. The patients classified as High Risk had a 56% chance to develop distant metastases at 10 years, without adjuvant treatment. MammaPrint® has been independently validated and shown to provide independent prognostic information to clinicopathological risk assessment for patients with lymph node-negative breast cancer.<sup>2</sup>



International validation in European patients<sup>2</sup>, showed that patients with a "Good signature" had a probability of 90% of metastasis free survival at 10 years. Patients with a "Poor signature" had a probability of 70% metastasis free survival at 10 years.

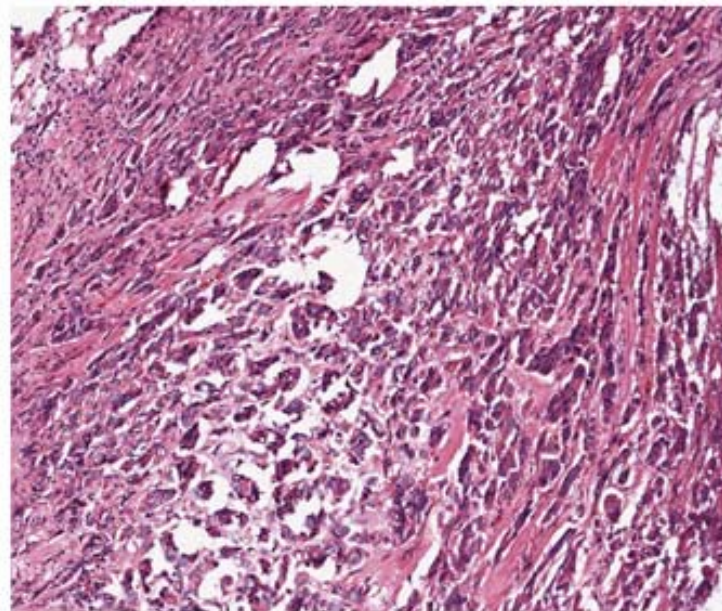
### References

1. Van de Vijver MJ et al. N Engl J Med 2002 Dec 19;347(25):1999-2009.
2. Buyse M et al. JNCI 2006;98(17):1183-1192.
3. Van't Veer L et al. Nature 2002;415(31):530-536.
4. Decision summary documents at the publicly accessible FDA 510(k) database at <http://www.accessdata.fda.gov> website.

The MammaPrint® analysis was performed at Agendia's CLIA Laboratory, Kruislaan 406, 1098 SM Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

### H&E Staining

#### Patient ID



#### Authorized Signature:



Dr. Laura Van 't Veer  
Laboratory Director



Dr. Jan Groen  
Chief Operating Officer

#### For In Vitro Diagnostic Use

**Caution: Federal law restricts this device to sale by or on the order of a physician.**

Agendia BV (99D1030889) is certified under the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988 (CLIA) as qualified to perform high-complexity clinical testing. MammaPrint® is an aid in estimating the prognosis of patients diagnosed with breast cancer. Decisions regarding care and treatment should not be based on a single test such as this test. Rather, decisions on care and treatment should be based on the independent medical judgment of the treating physician taking into consideration all available information concerning the patient's condition, including other pathological tests, in accordance with the standard of care in a given community. MammaPrint® was developed using adjvantly untreated lymph node negative, mainly European, patients to capture the biology of the primary tumor in a gene expression profile. Its performance characteristics and clinical utility in the United States Population have not been established. The metastasis free survival data is from an independent external patient group in Europe.



**Patient and Order Information**

**Treating Physician**  
John Smith, M.D.  
Institution  
Street Address  
City, State Zip Code

Tel: 123.456.7890  
Fax: 123.456.7890

**Patient Information**  
Name: Jane Doe  
Date of Birth: 04/22/1968  
Sex: Female  
Medical Record Number: ABC123456789

**Submitting Pathologist**  
Mary Lee, M.D.  
Institution  
Street Address  
City, State Zip Code

Tel: 987.654.3210  
Fax: 987.654.3210

**Specimen Information**  
Sample ID: AB-12-34-56  
Date Specimen Collected: 07/28/08  
Date Specimen Received: 07/29/08  
Pathwork ID: TOC08-987654

**Clinical Information**

Specimen Type: Frozen  
Biopsy Site: Lung  
Clinical Data: No conclusive diagnosis

**Tissue of Origin Test Results**

The Tissue of Origin Test shows that the highest Similarity Score for this submitted frozen specimen is 90.2 for colorectal origin. The Similarity Scores for the remaining 14 tumor types are all below 5.

**Report Date:** 29Jul2008 14:44PDT  
**Sample ID:** AB-12-34-56  
**File:** Sample\_Data\_TOC08-987654.CEL

**Pathchip Serial #:** 123456  
**Pathwork Analysis ID:** 98765

**Specimen Type:** Frozen  
**Version:** TOOV3.0

**Data Quality:** Acceptable.

TISSUE	SIMILARITY SCORE	SIMILARITY SCORE	
		LOW	HIGH
Colorectal	90.2		
Pancreas	2.4		
Non-small Cell Lung	2.3		
Breast	2.1		
Gastric	1.3		
Kidney	0.6		
Hepatocellular	0.3		
Ovarian	0.3		
Soft Tissue Sarcoma	0.1		
Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma	0.1		
Thyroid	0.1		
Prostate	0.1		
Melanoma	0.1		
Bladder	0.1		
Testicular Germ Cell	0.0		

**Pathology Interpretation**

The most likely explanation for these Similarity Score findings is that the primary tumor is of colorectal origin with metastasis to the lung. Similarity Scores of less than 5 indicate there is a less than 5% probability that the submitted tumor specimen is of either Bladder, Breast, Gastric, Hepatocellular, Kidney, Melanoma, Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma, Non-Small Cell Lung, Ovarian, Pancreas, Prostate, Testicular Germ Cell, Thyroid, or Soft Tissue Sarcoma origin.

The data reported above should be considered along with all other relevant clinical information in reaching a conclusion regarding the origin of this patient's carcinoma.

CLIA: 05D1080859  
**Laboratory Director:** Meredith Halks Miller, M.D.  
Meredith Halks Miller  
Electronic Signature of Pathwork Staff Pathologist  
7/29/08  
Date

This service is an adjunct to the evaluation of the submitting pathologist and does not represent a final diagnosis. A portion of the assay was performed at the Affymetrix Clinical Services Laboratory, 910 Riverside Parkway, Suite 60, West Sacramento, CA 95605.

This test was developed and its performance characteristics determined by Pathwork Diagnostics Laboratory. It has not been cleared by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). This test is intended for clinical purposes. It should not be regarded as investigational or for research.

**Guide to Report Interpretation:**

The Similarity Score (SS) is a measure of the similarity of the RNA expression pattern of the specimen to the RNA expression pattern of the indicated tissue. Similarity Scores range from 0 (very low similarity) to 100 (very high similarity) and sum to 100 across all 15 tissues on the panel.

SS ≥ 30: A single SS greater than or equal to 30 indicates the likely tissue of origin. If two or three SS are greater than or equal to 30, then one of those results indicates the likely tissue of origin.

5 < SS < 30: If every SS is between 5 and 30, then the test result is indeterminate and no tissue of origin is indicated.

SS ≤ 5: A SS less than or equal to 5 rules out that tissue type as the likely tissue of origin.

**Limitations:** The Pathwork Tissue of Origin Test is not intended to establish the origin of tumors (e.g. carcinoma of unknown primary) that cannot be diagnosed according to current clinical and pathological practice. It is not intended to subclassify or modify the classification of tumors that can be diagnosed by current clinical and pathological practice, nor to predict disease course or survival or treatment efficacy, nor to distinguish primary from metastatic tumor. Tumor types not in the Pathwork Tissue of Origin Test database may have RNA expression patterns that are similar to patterns in the database. Therefore, results cannot be used to distinguish tumor types in the database from tumor types not in the database.

# Case Scenario #2

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- 55 y/o male with Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (CLL)
  - Routine hematopathology workup (with IHC, flow cytometry)
- In order to provide personalized care:
  - Prognostic category
    - Cytogenetics
    - FISH
  - Array-based karyotyping is poised to replace these analyses

# CLL FISH/LOH Panel

## Cytogenetic Aberrations in CLL

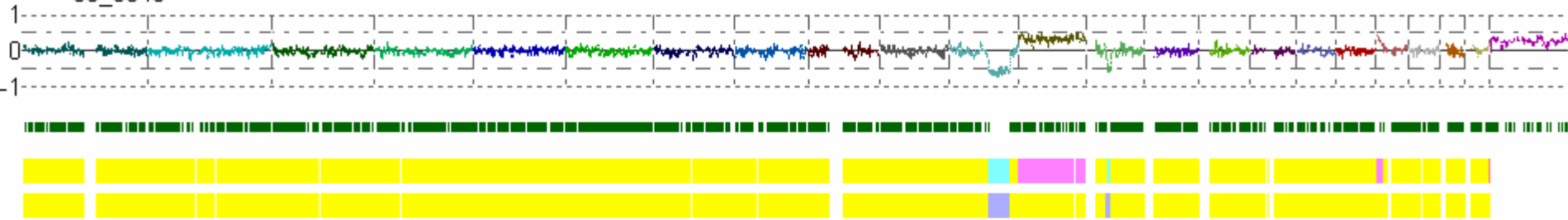
Cytogenetic aberration	Gene(s) involved	% cases detected by FISH <sup>a</sup>	Prognosis (median survival) <sup>b</sup>
del(13)(q14)	Unknown	55–64%	Good (133 months)
Trisomy 12	Unknown	16–25%	Intermediate (114 months)
del(6)(q21–q23)	Unknown	0–6%	Intermediate
del(11)(q22.3–q23.1)	<i>ATM</i>	15–18%	Poor (79 months)
del(17)(p13)	<i>TP53</i>	7–8%	Poor (32 months)

<sup>a</sup> Data from refs. 54 and 55. From Gerson and Keagle, *The Principles of Clinical Cytogenetics*, 2nd Ed, 2005 Humana Press, p473.

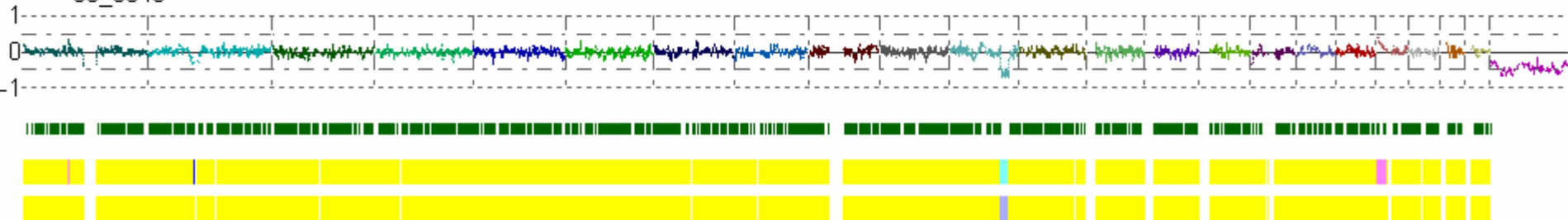
<sup>b</sup> Data from ref. 54.

# SNP array virtual karyotype results from 2 CLL cases.

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08\_0046



08\_0043

67% tumor cells

Log2Ratio on 10K: -0.55

Log2Ratio on 250K: -0.40

LOH on 10K: 68

LOH on 250K: 1

08\_0046

80% tumor cells

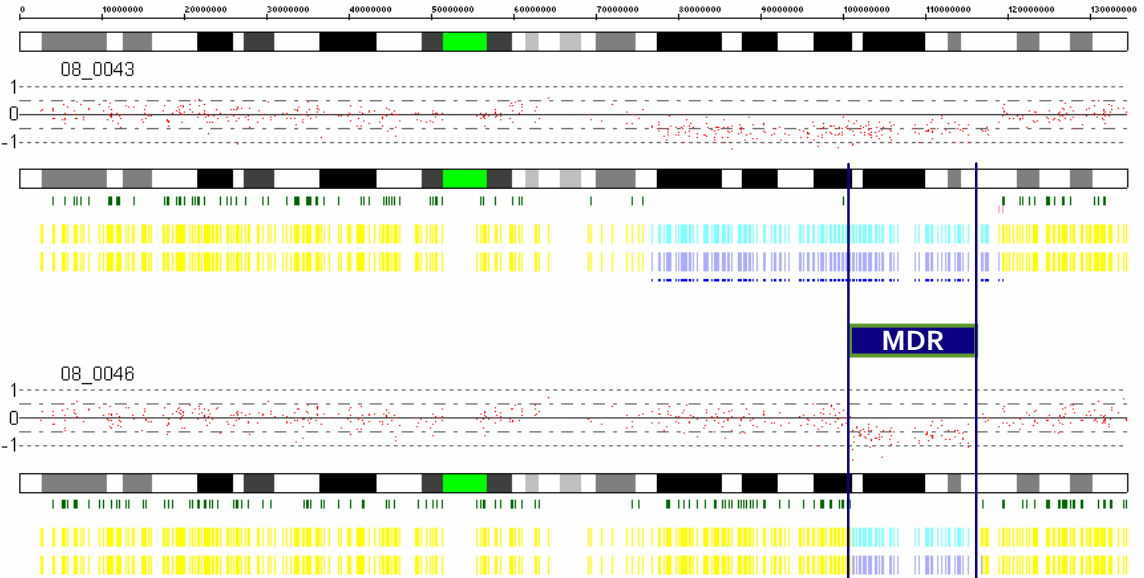
Log2Ratio on 10K: -0.60

Log2Ratio on 250K: -0.42

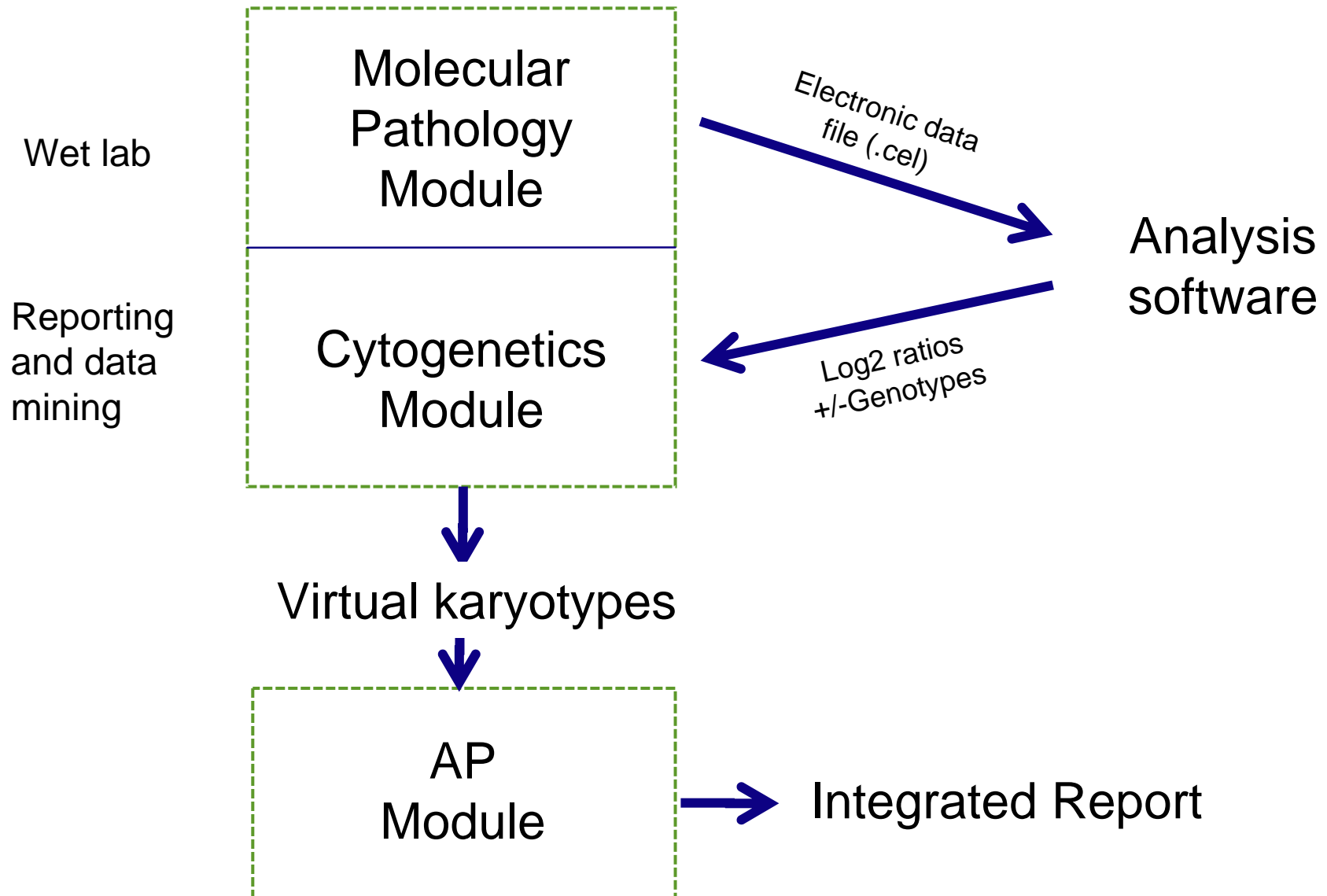
LOH on 10K: 28

LOH on 250K: 4

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# Data Workflow for Virtual Karyotyping



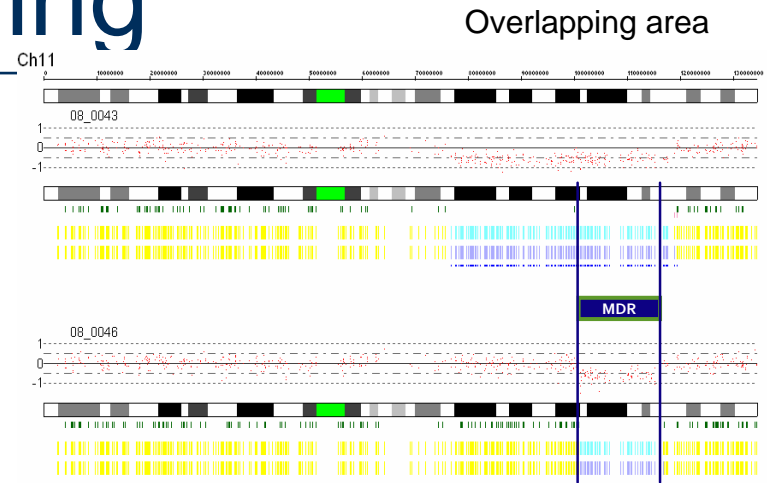
# Analysis: Informatics

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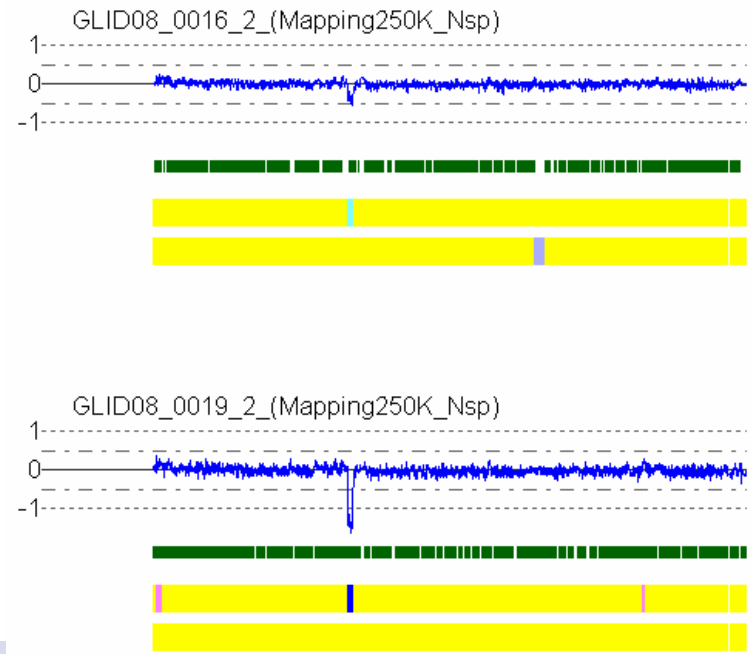
- Different analysis programs for different array types
  - aCGH
  - Affymetrix SNP array
    - Affymetrix Genotyping Console (GTC)
    - CNAG ([www.genome.umin.jp](http://www.genome.umin.jp))
    - Partek Genomics Suite
    - dChipSNP ([www.biostat.harvard.edu/complab/dchip](http://www.biostat.harvard.edu/complab/dchip))
  - Illumina bead array → Bead studio

# Data Mining

- Research and Clinical
- Recurrently deleted regions
- Minimally deleted regions
- Recurrently gained regions
- Minimally gained regions
- Recurrently amplified regions
- Minimally amplified regions
- % overlap with CNV
- Based on automated and/or manual calls



Exactly the same breakpoints



# Redesign Challenges

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- Handling of multianalyte test data
  - Some currently done in reference labs, but they will migrate to hospital laboratories
  - New platforms add complexity – Microarrays, next generation sequencing
  - Archival of clinically generated data for research or new test applications
- Interoperability with data analysis software
  - Gene sequencing, microarray analysis, etc.



# Redesign Challenges

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- Integration of tumor biomarker data, genetics and pharmacogenomics
  - Integrated reports with data coming from various sources
- Interoperability with other hospital systems
  - e.g. Pharmacy for adequate therapeutic selection based on biomarker data
- Data Mining

# Complete Redesign is Needed

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- Three, Dark Daily also predicts that these changes in histology will end the reign of "batch" processing of specimens, often using overnight processing methods. Instead, histology laboratories will be organized around single-piece work flow, using rapid processing methods.

- The lines between AP and CP are blurring
- Integration between AP, CP and other systems appears as a key issue for future development
- The LIS needs to acknowledge this fact and move towards the integration of all "diagnostics"
- Need to build solutions for the XXI century practice of pathology (i.e. genomics, proteomics and other 'omics')

# Hot off the press!

## Family History “Remains Most Valuable Genetic Test”

March 18, 2009

*Pathologists Discuss State of Genetic Testing at World Congress of Pathology*

Dateline: Sydney, Australia—New-fangled technology is making genetic testing and molecular diagnostics ever more precise tools to aid clinicians, but at least two internationally-respected experts in genetics still consider family history to be a primary—if not the most useful—source of knowledge about a patient’s genetic risk factors. Both experts were in Sydney, Australia, to speak at the XXV World Congress of Pathology which took place on March 13-15, 2009.

“Family history remains the most valuable genetic test available to us today,” declared Michael S. Watson, Ph.D., Executive Director of the [American College of Medical Genetics](#) in Rockville, Maryland, in his presentation titled “Translation of Genetic Information into Healthcare Use.” He discussed the importance of building a multi-dimensional health record that included family history and would follow the patient from cradle to grave.

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**Questions?**