

# Finding patterns in images and genomes with AI



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A detailed oil painting of Daniel Fahrenheit, an elderly man with voluminous, wavy white hair. He has a serious expression and is wearing a dark coat over a white cravat. The background is dark and textured.

**Daniel Fahrenheit**

(1686 - 1736)





**Won't work!**







But what  
about my job?

Doctors *with thermometers*  
have replaced doctors without





Develop technologies for doctors  
to make better decisions faster



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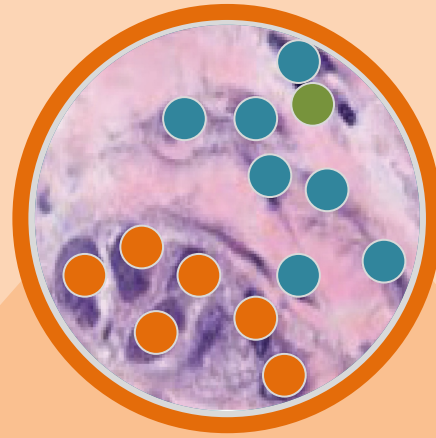
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Genomics of  
chromosomal  
instability




Computational  
pathology



Perturbation  
networks


# Conflicts of interest

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- Based on my lab's research
- CEO was my student



- Co-founder and director
- Patents and shares



# Data and code on [github.com/markowetzlab](https://github.com/markowetzlab)

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cytosponge-triage (Gehrung 2021)

barretts-segment-length-predictor

(Berman 2022)

slidl (Berman 2022)

CNsignatures (Macintyre 2018)

Drews2022 (Drews 2022)

# How to detect oesophageal cancer early?



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Triage-driven diagnosis of Barrett's esophagus for early detection of esophageal adenocarcinoma using deep learning

Gehrung et al, 2021

PMID: 33859411



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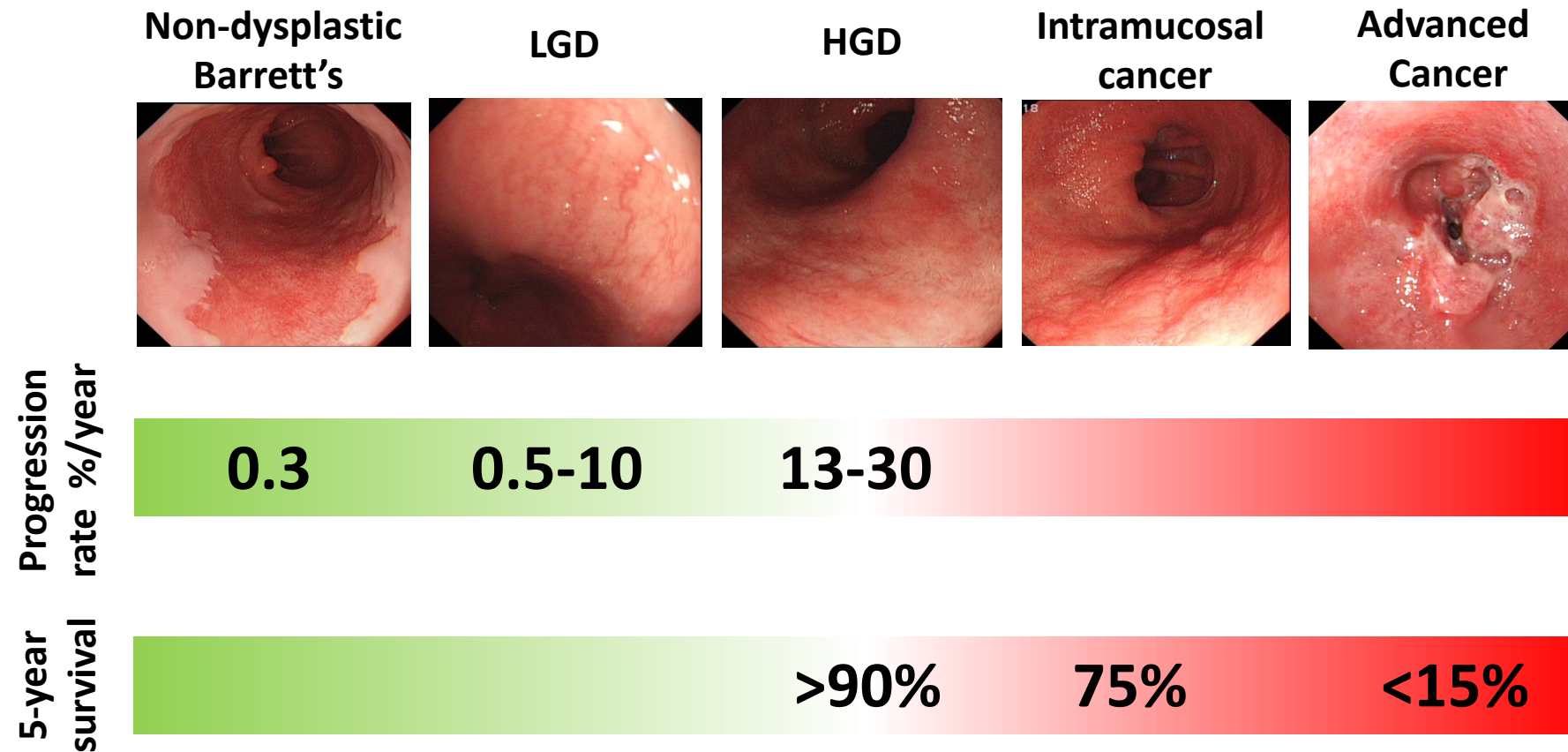
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# Barrett Oesophagus is a precursor to cancer



*Desai Gut 2011, Hvid-Jensen NEJM, 2011, Duits, Gut 2014, Bhat, JNCI 2011*

# Oesophageal diseases often remain undiagnosed



Referral for endoscopy to investigate heartburn is a barrier for patients and healthcare provider



# CYTO SPONGE

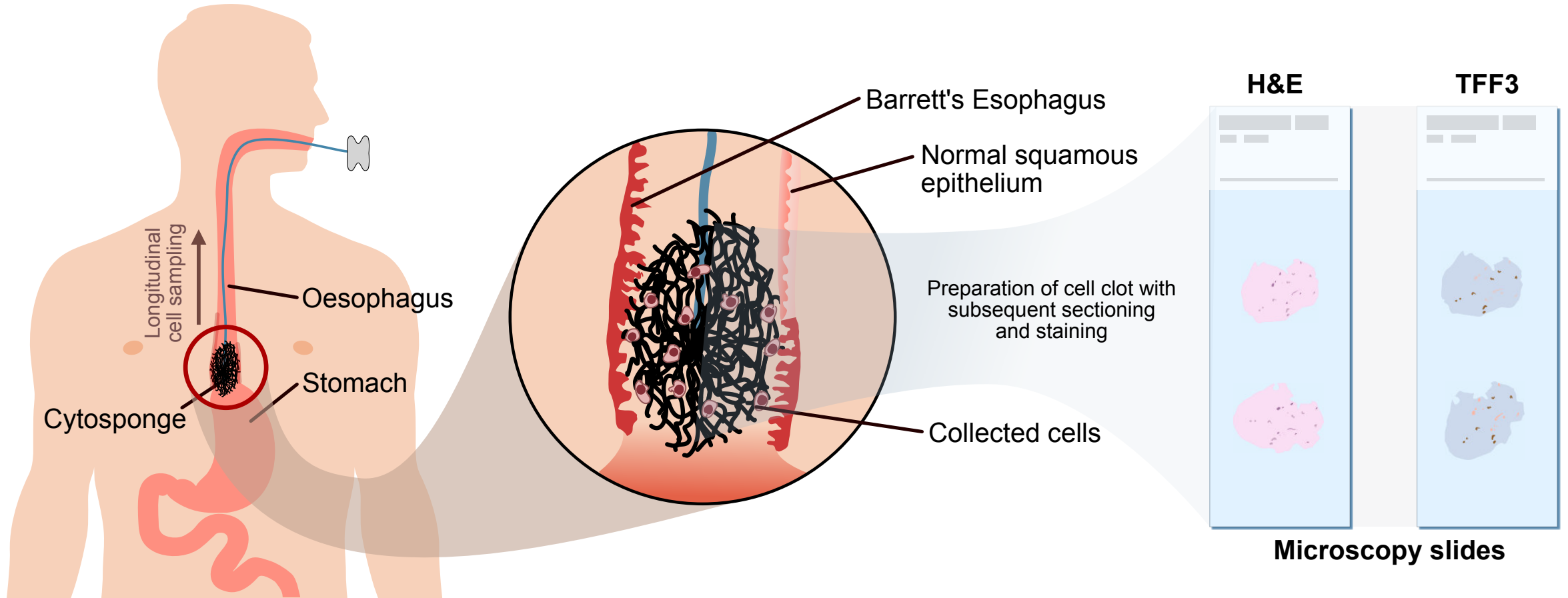


**BEST1:** Kadri et al 2010

**BEST2:** Ross-Innes et al 2015

**BEST3:** Fitzgerald et al 2020

# Cytosponge procedure

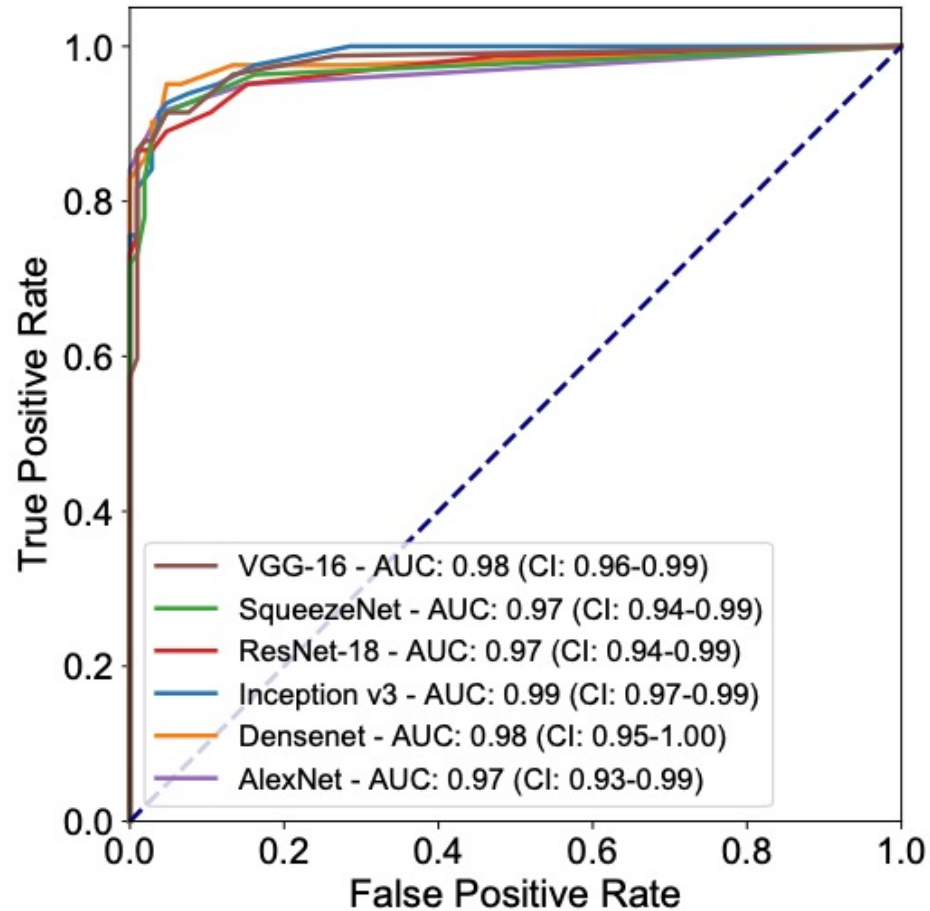




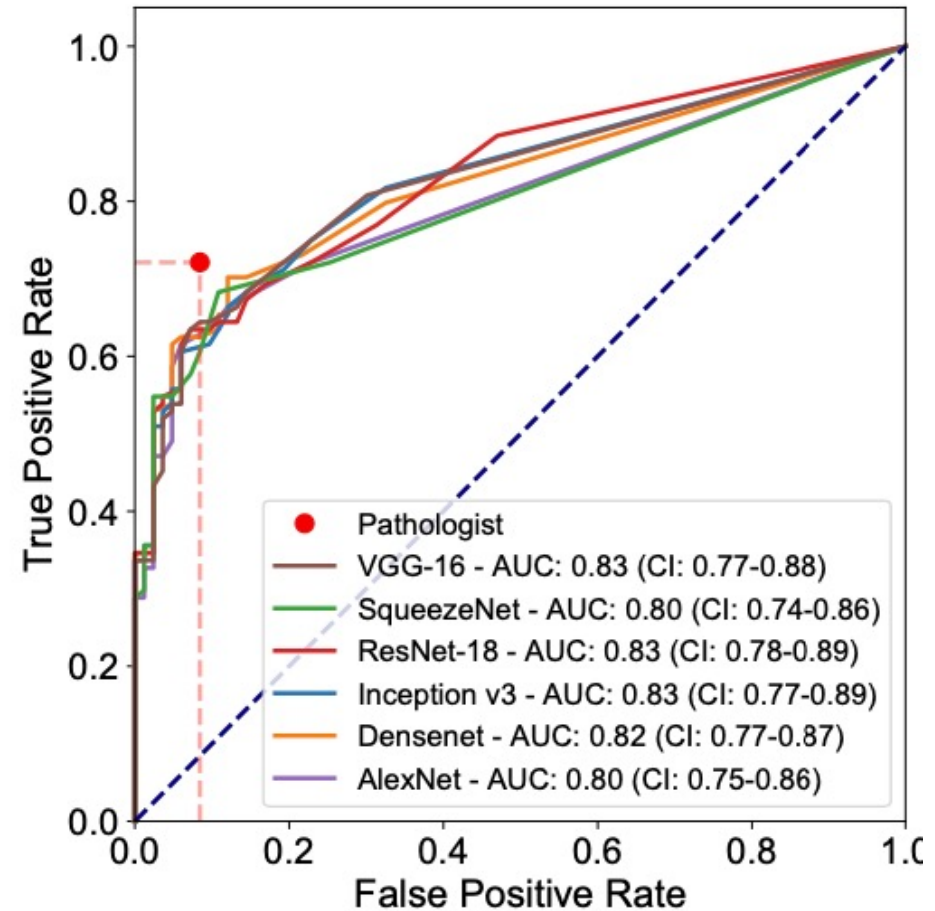
# Deep learning models

Benchmarking of different approaches

Automated diagnosis  
vs. pathologist



Automated diagnosis  
vs. endoscopy

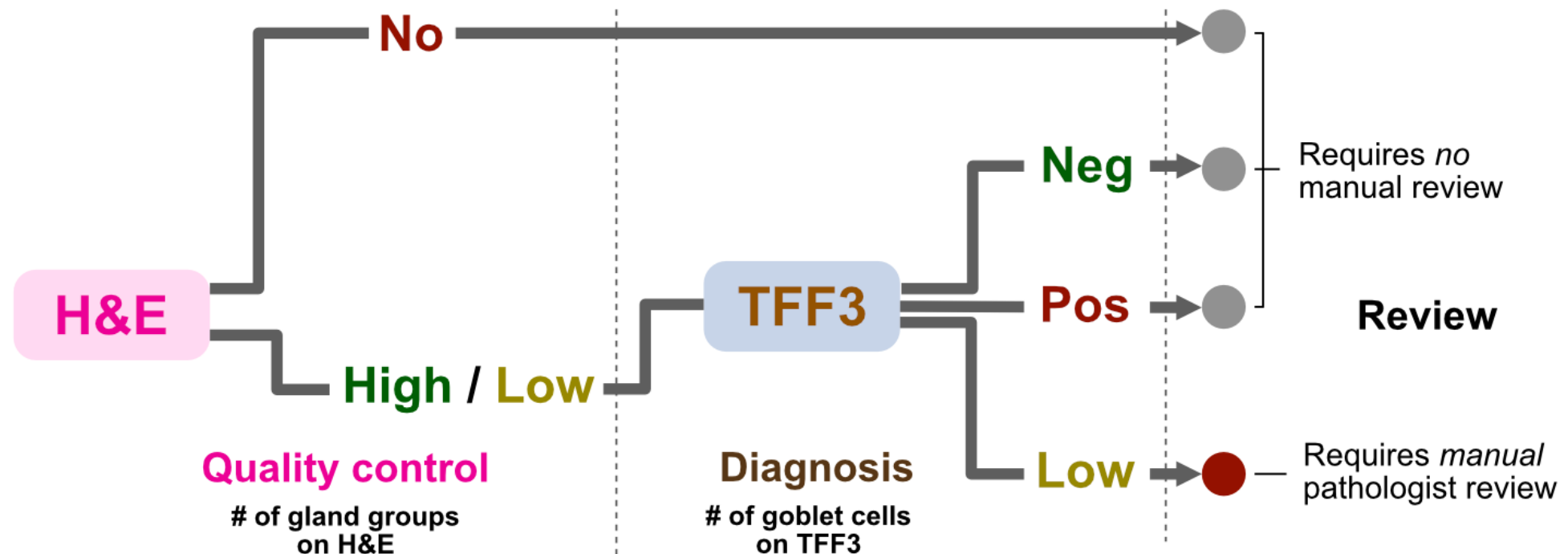


# Triage-driven diagnosis

- Stratify patient samples into confidence-based groups:

**Easy cases:**  
automated review

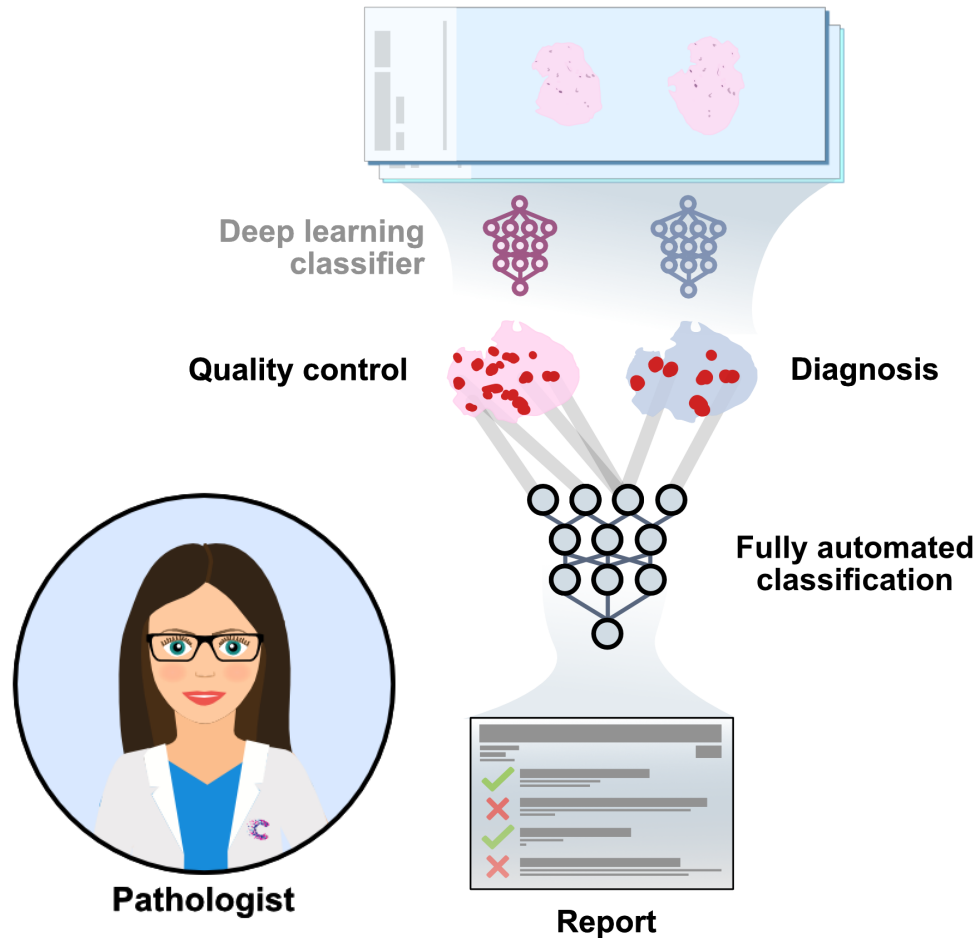
**Difficult cases:**  
manual review



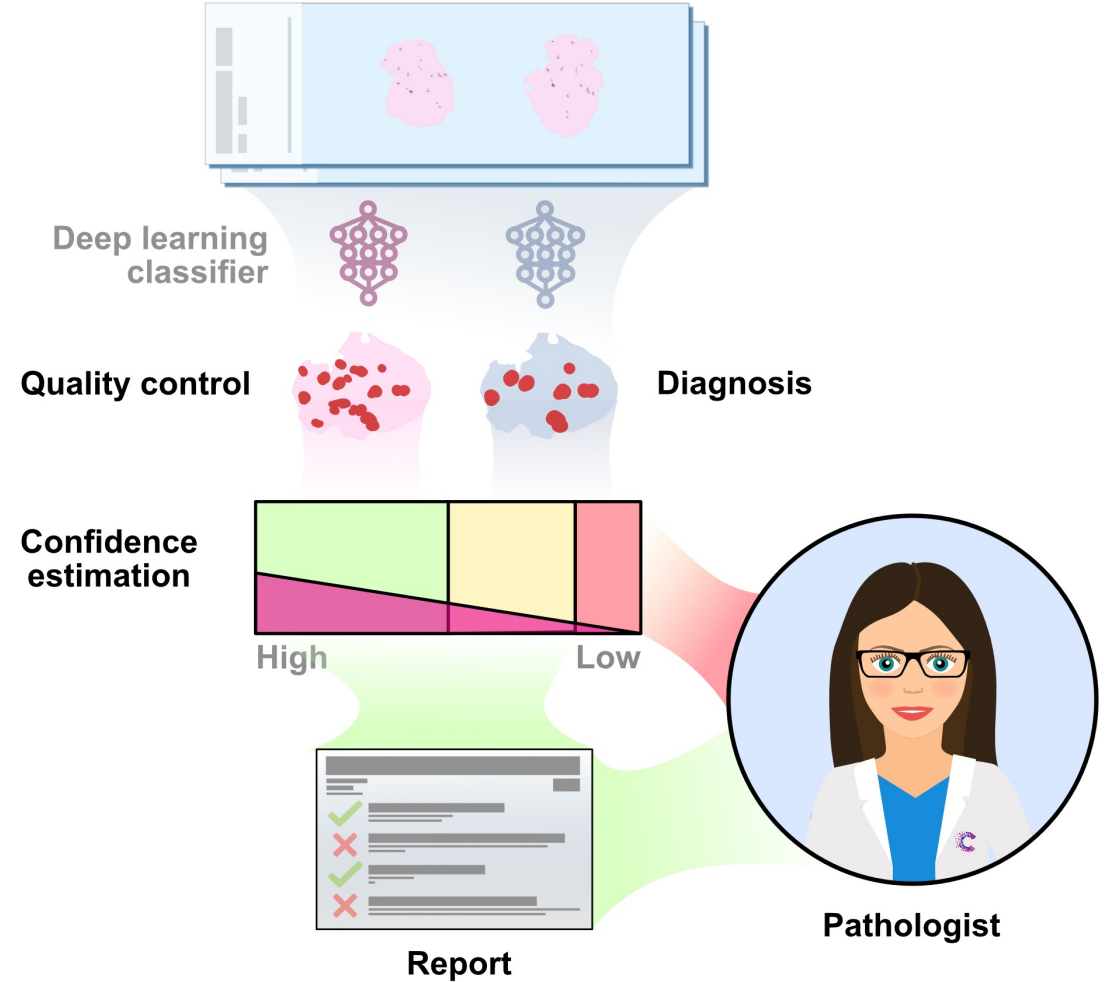


# Automation approaches

## Full automation

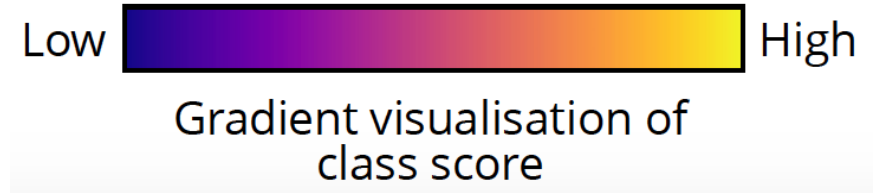


## Semi-automation



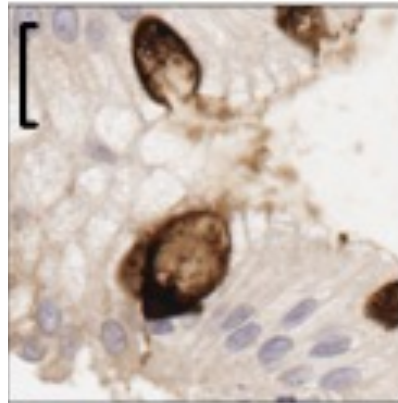
# Black boxes?

Interpretation of individual tile decisions

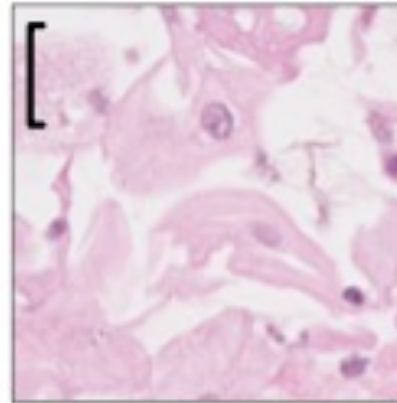


Tile image

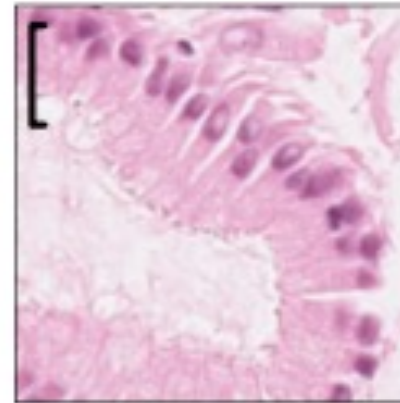
**TFF3**  
Goblet cells



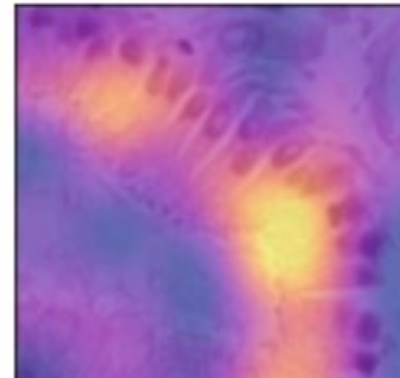
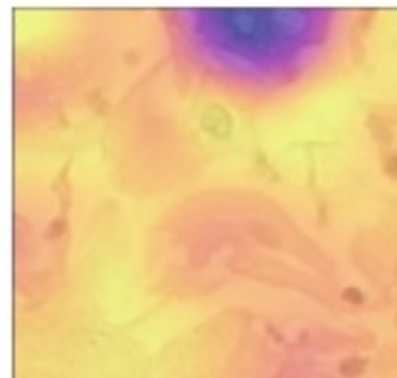
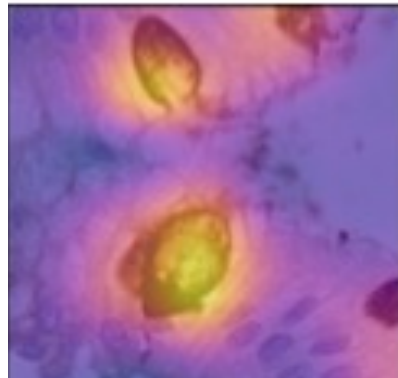
**H&E**  
Squamous cells



**H&E**  
Columnar epith.



Saliency map  
(Grad-CAM)



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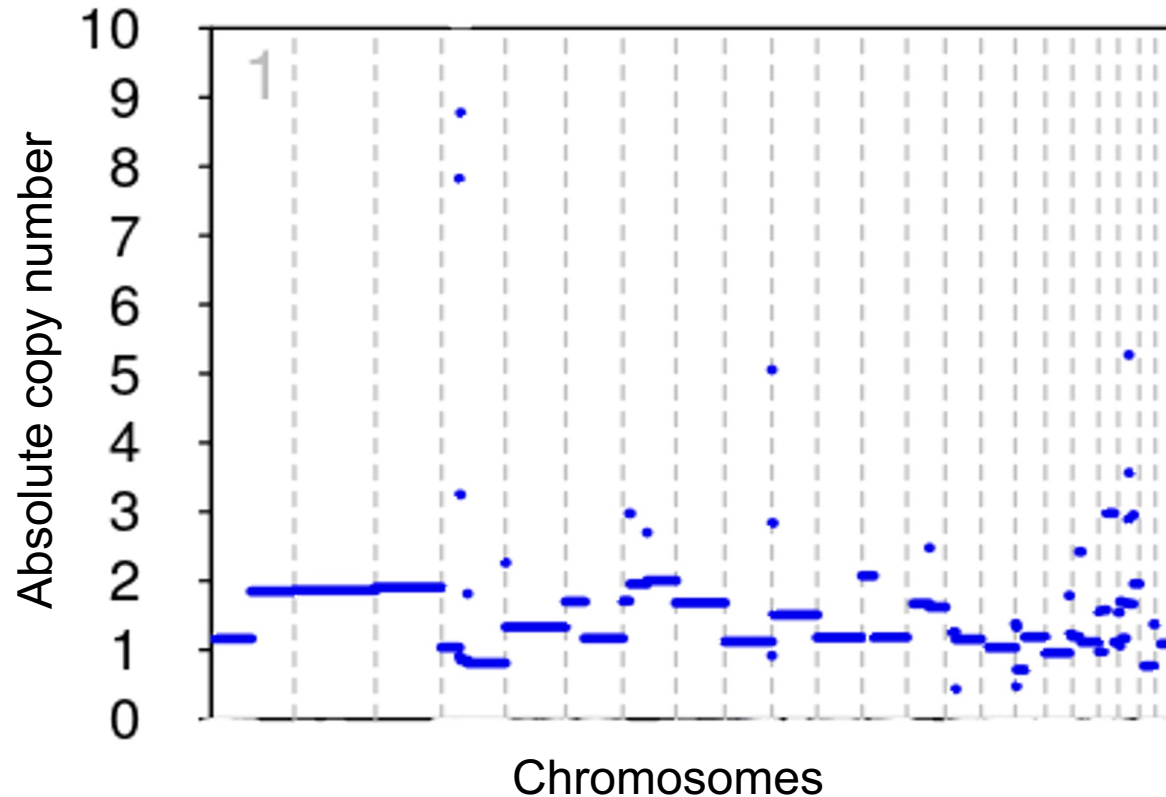
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# Chromosomal instability (CIN)

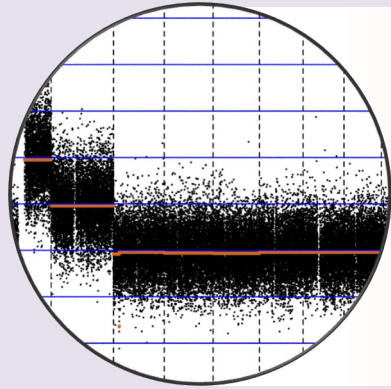
## Example:

117 high-grade serous ovarian cancers

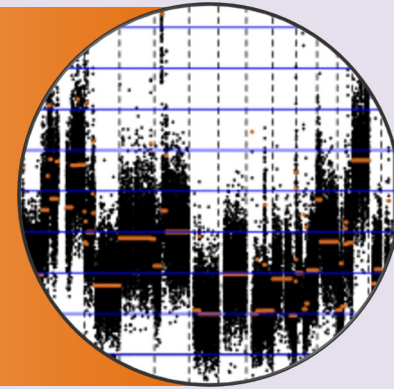


- Genomic chaos
- Pervasive TP53 mutations
- Few recurrent changes
- no clinical stratifier beyond germline BRCA1/2

**CIN-low**



**CIN-high**



-1-

Quantitative  
measures

-2-

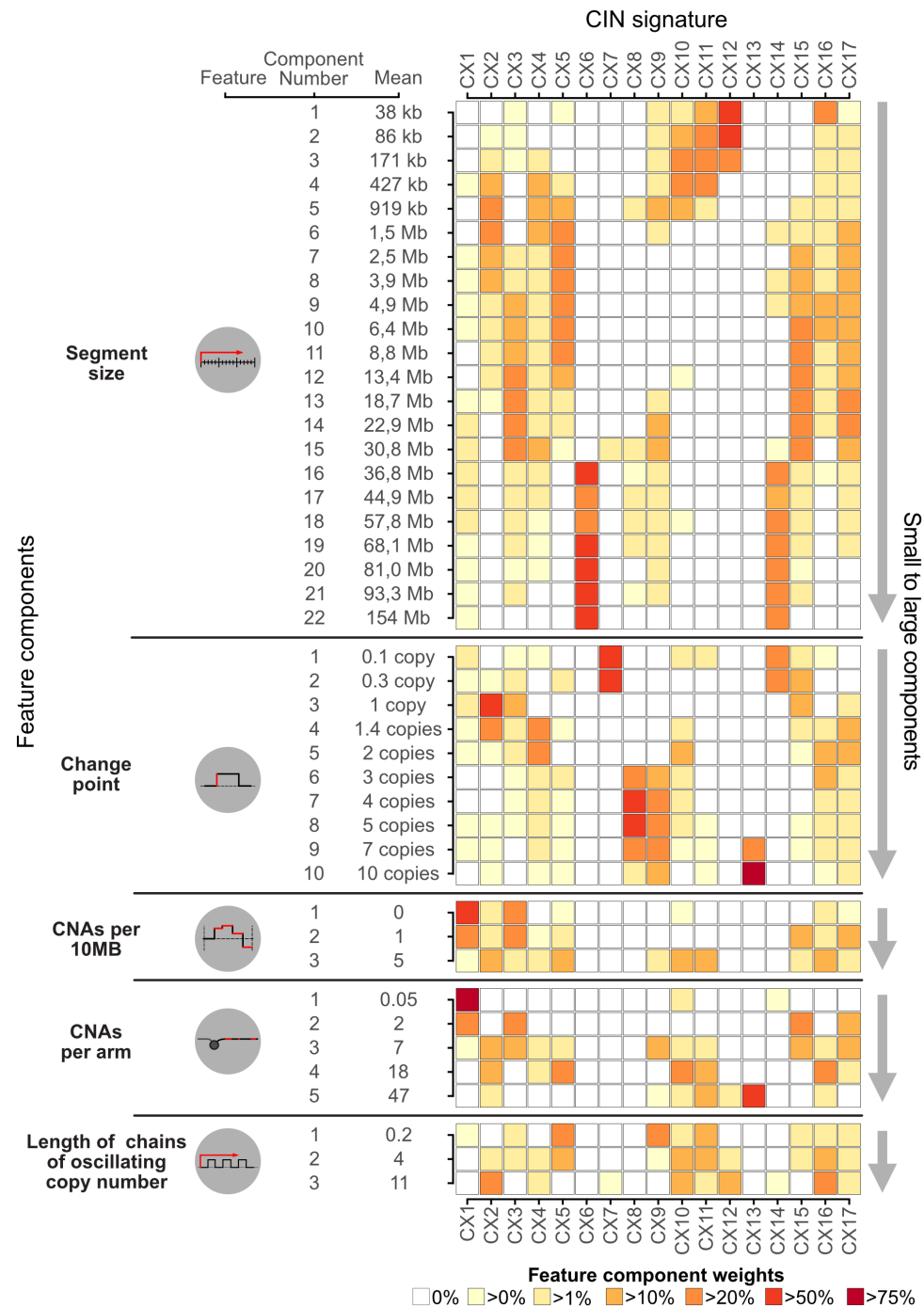
Different  
types

-3-

Dynamics +  
heterogeneity

# 17 copy number signatures

Each signature is a characteristic genomic pattern = set of features





# Link signatures to putative causes

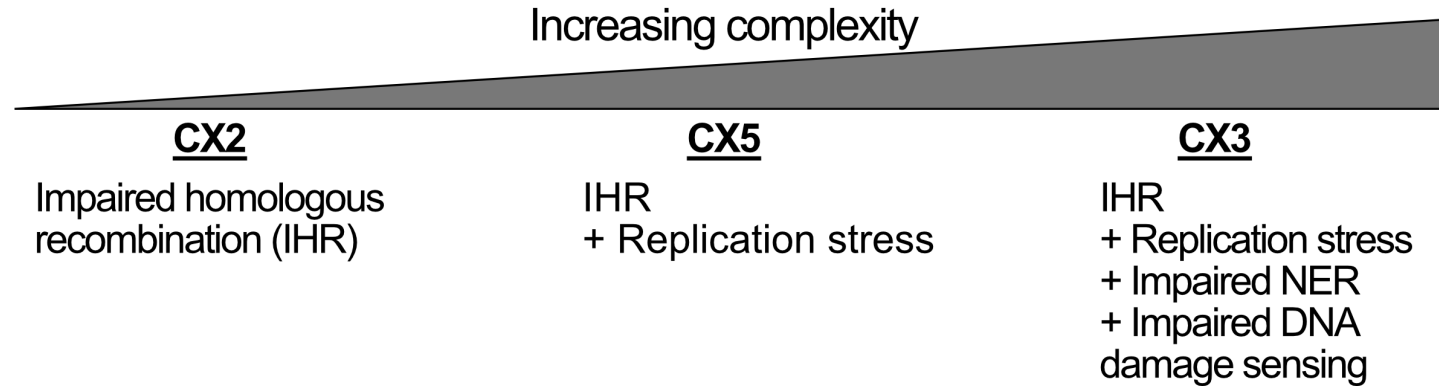
## c) Example three star rating for CX3

<b>Mutated genes</b>	BRCA1, BRCA2	Impaired homologous recombination
+ ★★	PIK3R2, MYC1 PPP2R1A, MAPK1	Replication stress
	TP53	Impaired DNA damage sensing
	ERCC2	Impaired nucleotide excision repair (NER)
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<b>Pattern of change</b>	Segment size is indicative of large-scale state transitions, a genomic hallmark of HRD (Popova et al., 2012).	
	One copy change hints to both loss-of-heterozygosity events and tandem duplications.	
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<b>Orthogonal data</b>	Tandem duplication classes 1, 1/2, 2	Hallmarks of homologous recombination deficiency (HRD)
+ ★	SV signatures 1, 3, 5	
	SBS signature 3	
	ID signature 6	
	Ovarian CNA signatures 3, 7	
	Loss-of-heterozygosity	
	Seven other HRD metrics	
	Improvement in PFI and OS for ovarian cancer patients	Platinum-sensitivity

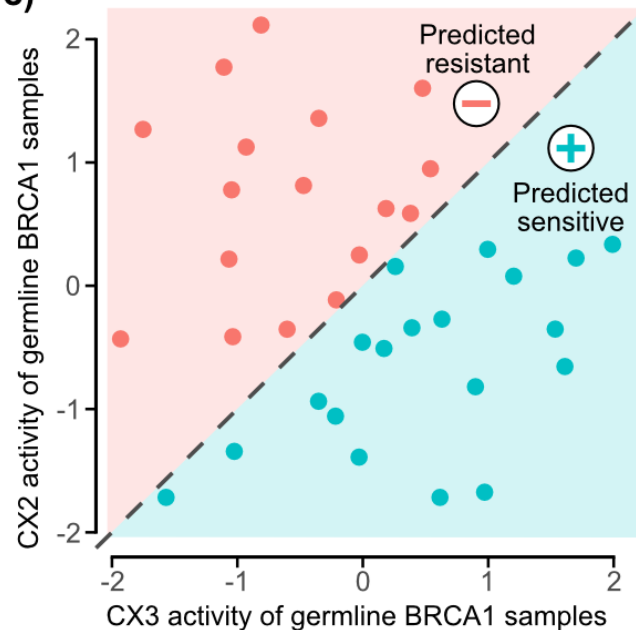


# Case study: Predicting platinum-sensitivity

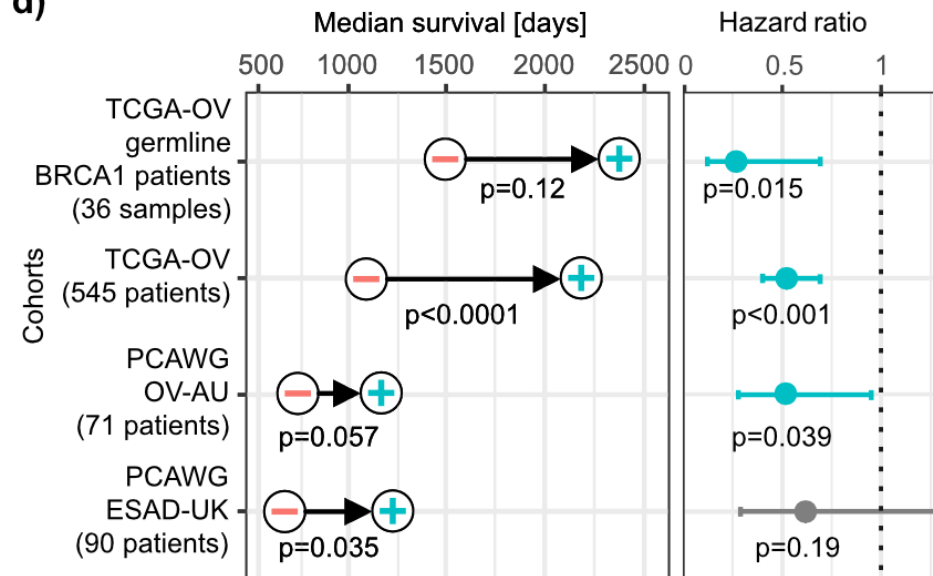
a)



c)



d)





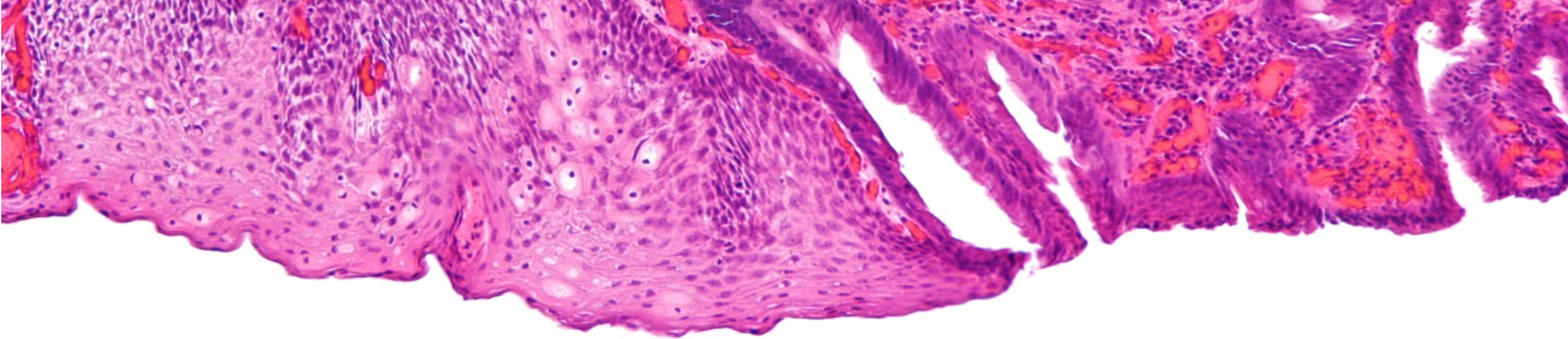


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