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**OVARIAN CANCER**

# Histologic and Molecular Implications on Ovarian Cancer Treatment

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# Cultural Linguistic Competency (CLC) & Implicit Bias (IB)

## **STATE LAW:**

The California legislature has passed Assembly Bill (AB) 1195, which states that as of July 1, 2006, all Category 1 CME activities that relate to patient care must include a cultural diversity/linguistics component. It has also passed AB 241, which states that as of January 1, 2022, all continuing education courses for a physician and surgeon **must** contain curriculum that includes specified instruction in the understanding of implicit bias in medical treatment.

*The cultural and linguistic competency (CLC) and implicit bias (IB) definitions reiterate how patients' diverse backgrounds may impact their access to care.*

## **The following CLC & IB components will be addressed in this presentation:**

- Outcome differences depending on access to health care/socioeconomic status.

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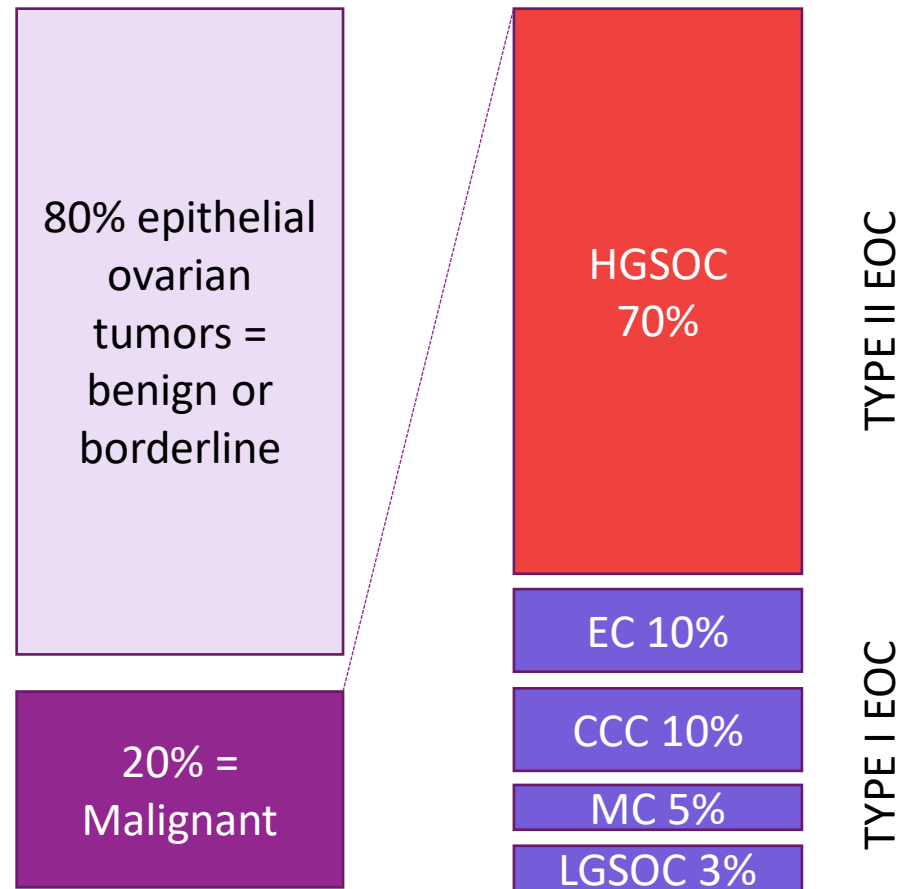
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# OC is many diseases

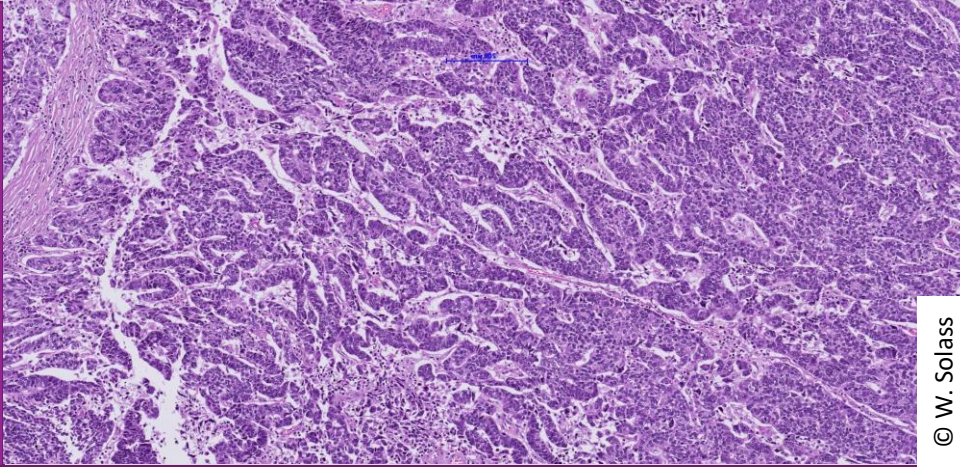




# High-grade serous ovarian cancer (HGSOC)

70%

## HISTOLOGY



## GENOTYPE

> 95% TP53 mutations  
50% homologous recombination DNA repair (HRR) pathway alterations  
amplification of oncogenes: CCNE1, MYC, MECOM  
deletion of tumor suppressors: PTEN, RB1, NF1

## THERAPEUTIC ALGORITHM

All stages



Carboplatin/Paclitaxel

Incl. Primary Peritoneal and Fallopian Tube

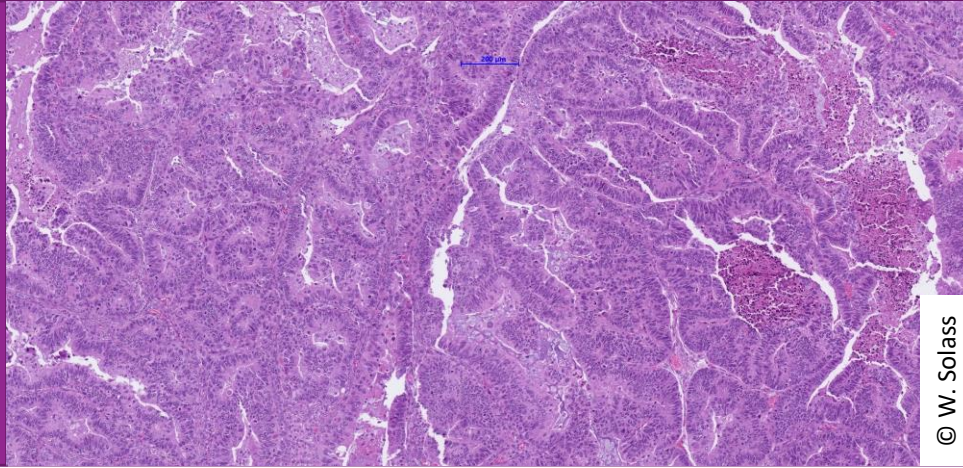
## PROGNOSIS

Lacks a clear precursor  
Aggressive phenotype  
Develops platinum resistance  
Poor prognosis

# Endometrioid Ovarian Carcinoma (EC)

10%

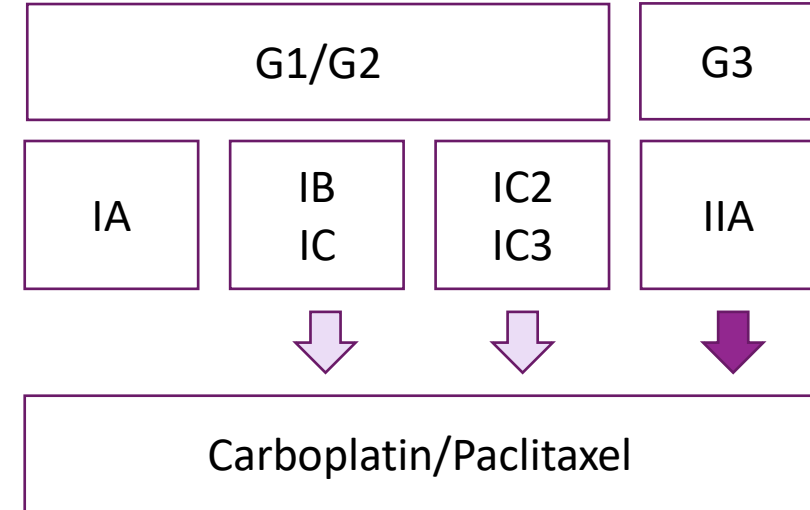
## HISTOLOGY



## GENOTYPE

- Mutational landscape
  - 30%–50% CTNNB1 (borderline)
  - 15%–40% PIK3CA, 30%–35% ARID1A, 10-30% KRAS (endometriosis)
  - 20-30% PTEN
  - 10 -25% TP53
- Four molecular subtypes
  - 60-70% NSMP (no specific molecular profile)
  - 10-25% TP53 mutated
  - 10-20% hypermutated with microsatellite instability
  - 3-10% ultramutated POLE

## THERAPEUTIC ALGORITHM



## PROGNOSIS

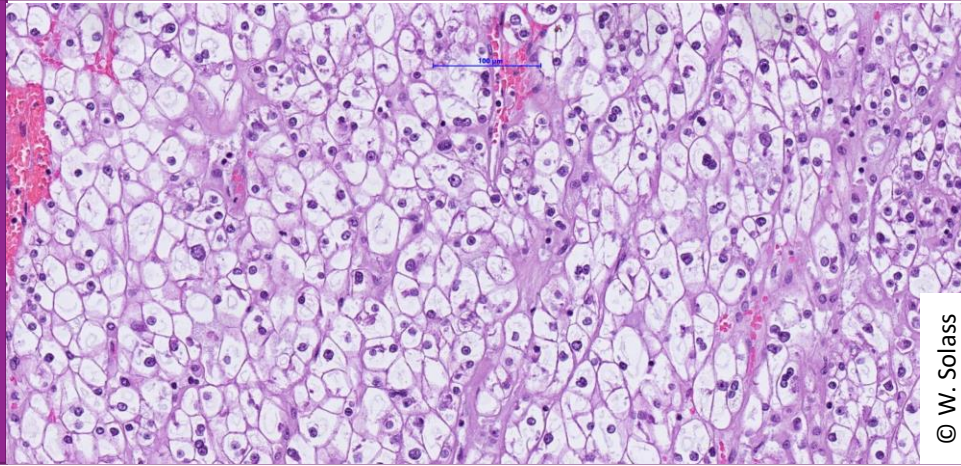
Endometriosis is a risk factor for EC  
Treatment response slightly better than HGSOc



# Clear Cell Ovarian Carcinoma (CCC)

10%

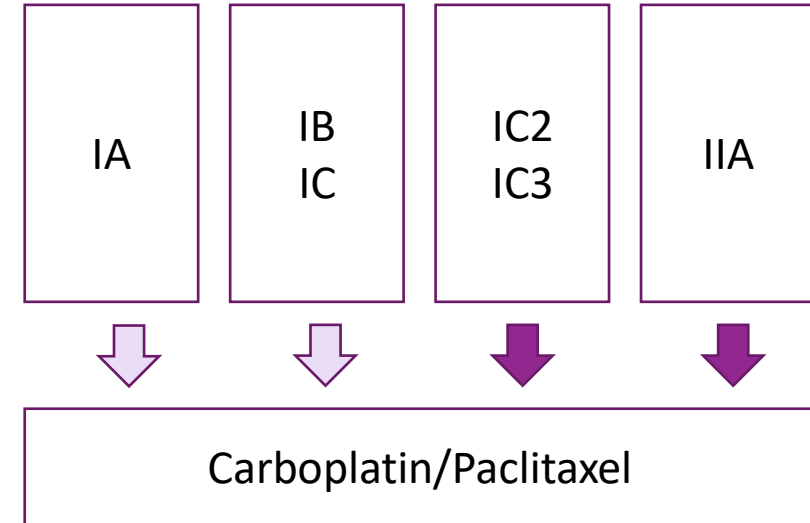
## HISTOLOGY



## GENOTYPE

- Mutational landscape
  - ARID1A (50%–75%), ARID1B (10%)- endometriosis
  - PIK3CA (40%–50%)- endometriosis
  - KRAS (15%)
  - PPP2R1A (15%)
  - TERT (15%)
  - TP53 (5%–20%)
  - PTEN (1%–5%)
- Significant overlap with EC

## THERAPEUTIC ALGORITHM



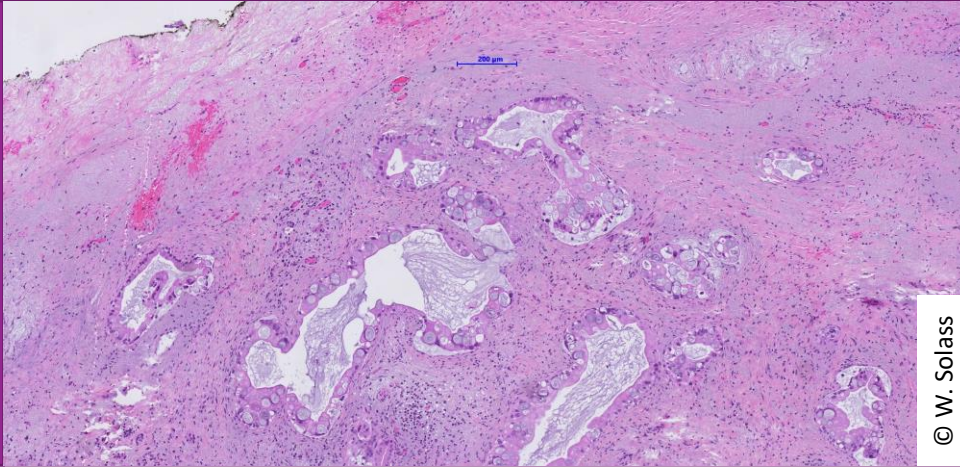
## PROGNOSIS

Endometriosis is a risk factor for CCC

# Mucinous Ovarian Carcinoma (MC)

5%

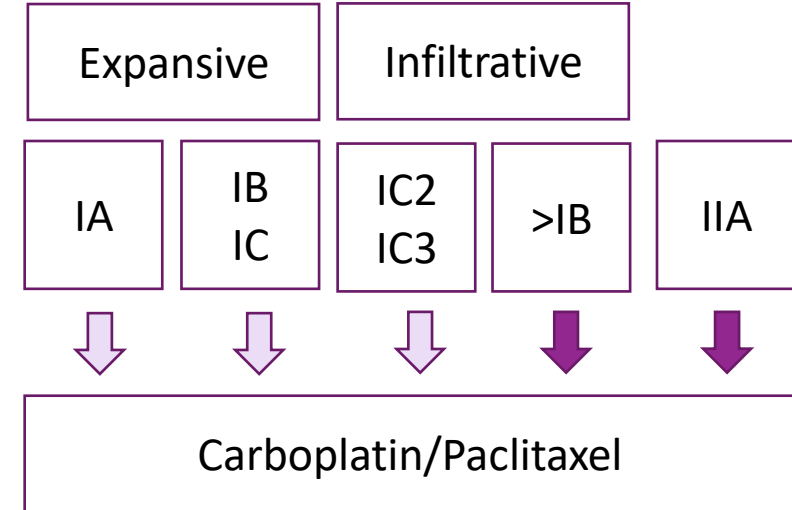
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- Significant overlap with EC and CCC

## THERAPEUTIC ALGORITHM



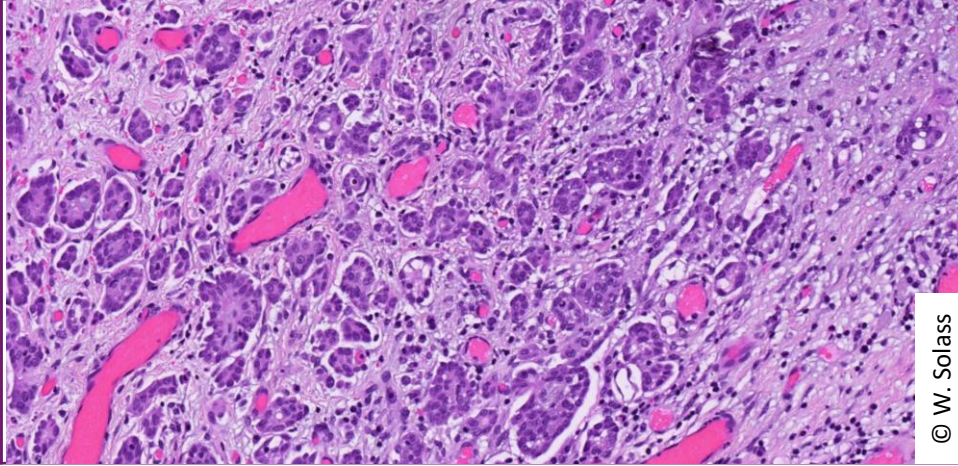
## PROGNOSIS

Difficult to distinguish from metastatic mucinous GI tumors  
When diagnosed early enough, prognosis is quite good.

# Low-grade serous ovarian cancer (LGSOC)

3%

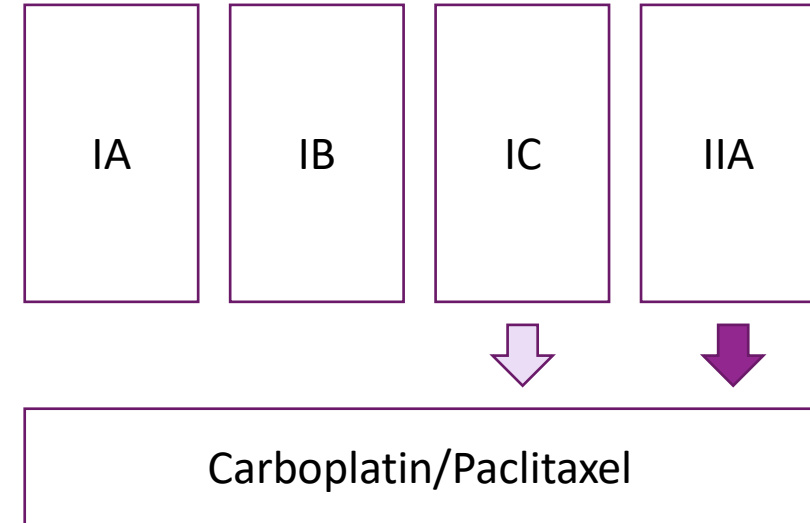
## HISTOLOGY



## GENOTYPE

- MAPK pathway gene mutations
  - 25% KRAS
  - 8% BRAF
  - 8% NRAS
- 15% EIFAX
- 11% USP9X
- P53 mutations << than HGSOC

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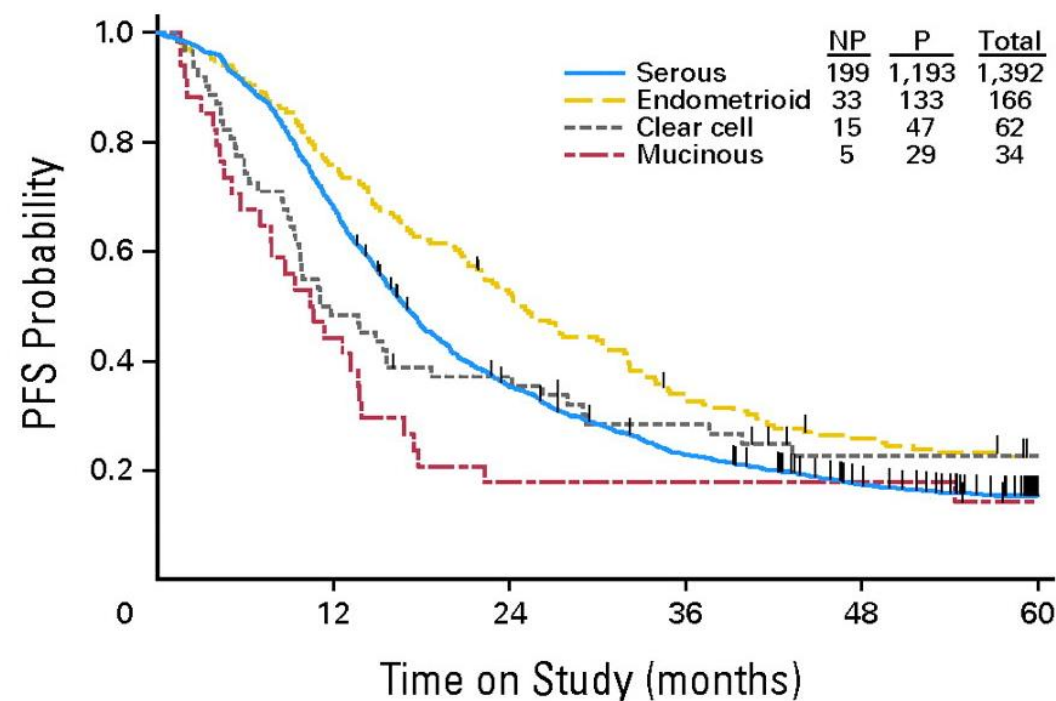
## PROGNOSIS

Less aggressive biological behavior  
Lower sensitivity to chemotherapy  
Good prognosis is detected early enough  
Rarely develop into HGSOC

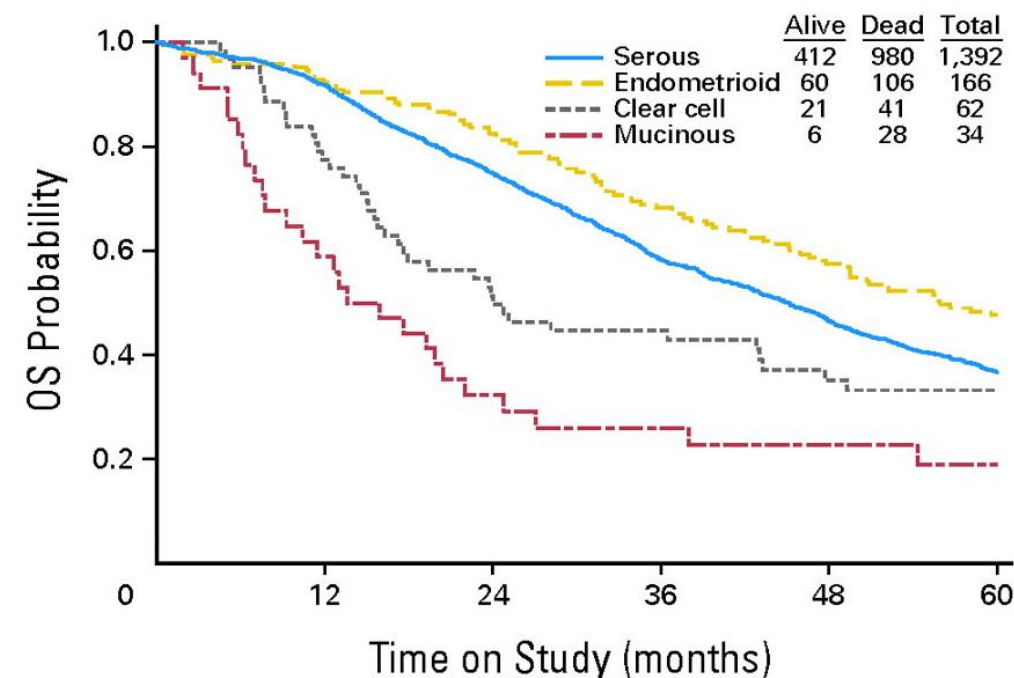


# Prognosis of EOC depends on the histology

PROGRESSION-FREE SURVIVAL



OVERALL SURVIVAL



Winter WE 3<sup>rd</sup> et al, J Clin Oncol 2007

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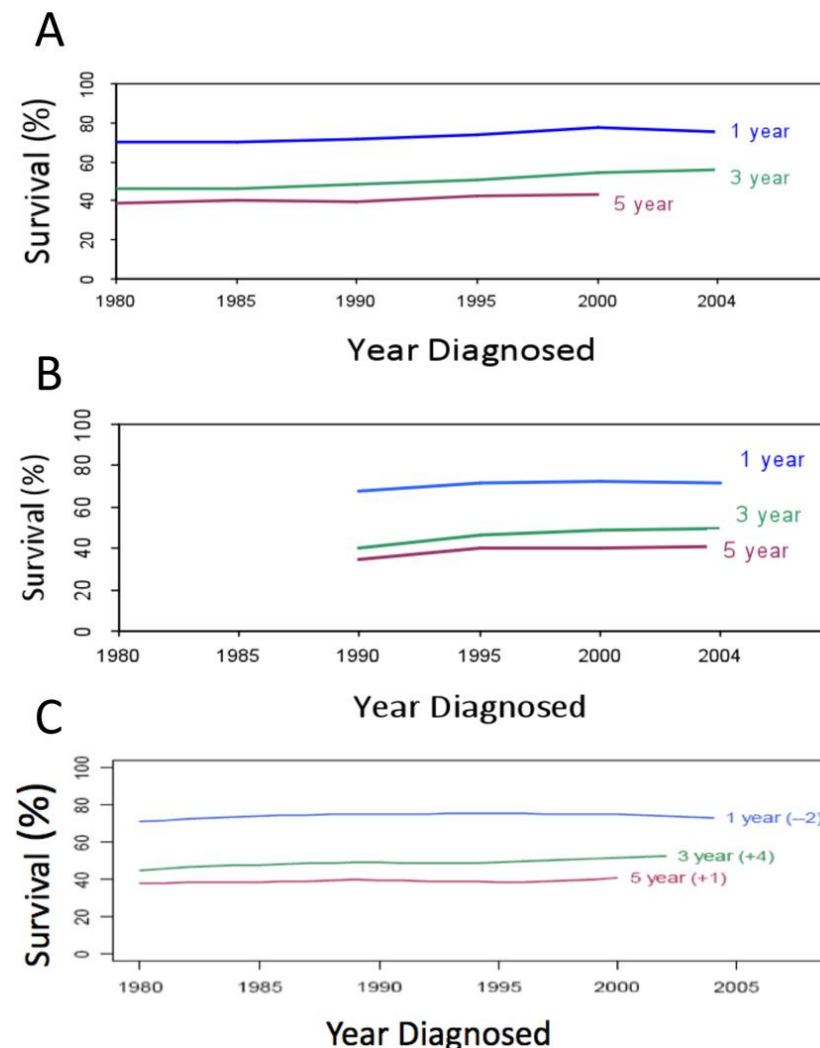
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# Treating ovarian cancer remains challenging

- The standard care for OC— a combination of surgery and chemotherapy — has remained almost unchanged since the 1960s
- No significant progress in overall survival
  - PARP-inhibitors: mature survival data expected 2023
  - Immune checkpoint inhibitors: disappointing in newly diagnosed OC

Vaughan et al, Nat Rev Cancer 2012



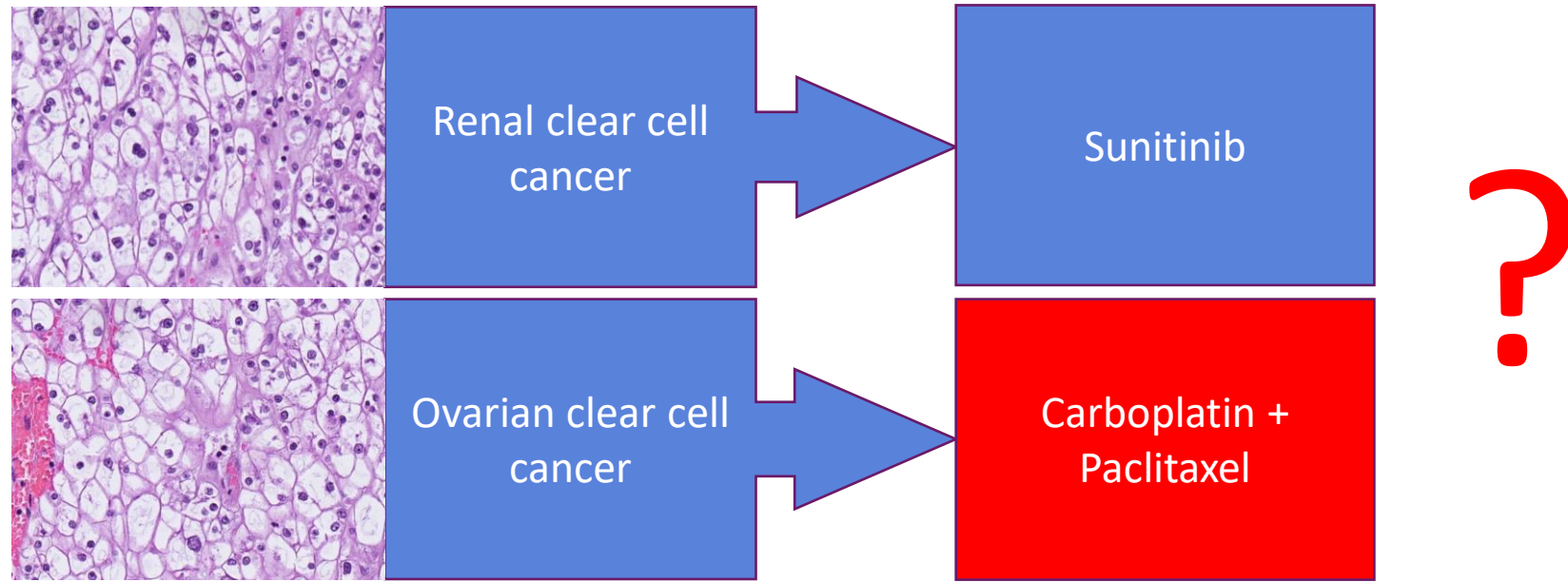
# Does one therapy (Carboplatin + Paclitaxel) fit for all?

- Gold standard chemotherapy regimen (upfront) = Carboplatin + Paclitaxel
  - 70-80% of OC patients show initial response
  - 50-75% of responders relapse within 18 months after completing first-line therapy
  - Only 10% to 15% of patients who present with advanced disease experience long-term remission
- Lack of valid tools to predict whether they will be primary platinum resistant or not prior to chemotherapy

Paracchini et al, Oncotarget 2016; Herzog TJ, Clin Cancer Res 2004,  
Arora et al Oncologist 2021, Li et al Front Oncol 2022

# Does one therapy (Carboplatin + Paclitaxel) fit for all?

FOR EXAMPLE



*“Taking a rigorous view, the ovarian histotypes should be regarded as distinct diseases, as their cell of origin, epidemiology, and driver mutations are quite different”*

Vaughan et al, Nat Rev Cancer 2012,  
Catopodis et al, Cancers 2019

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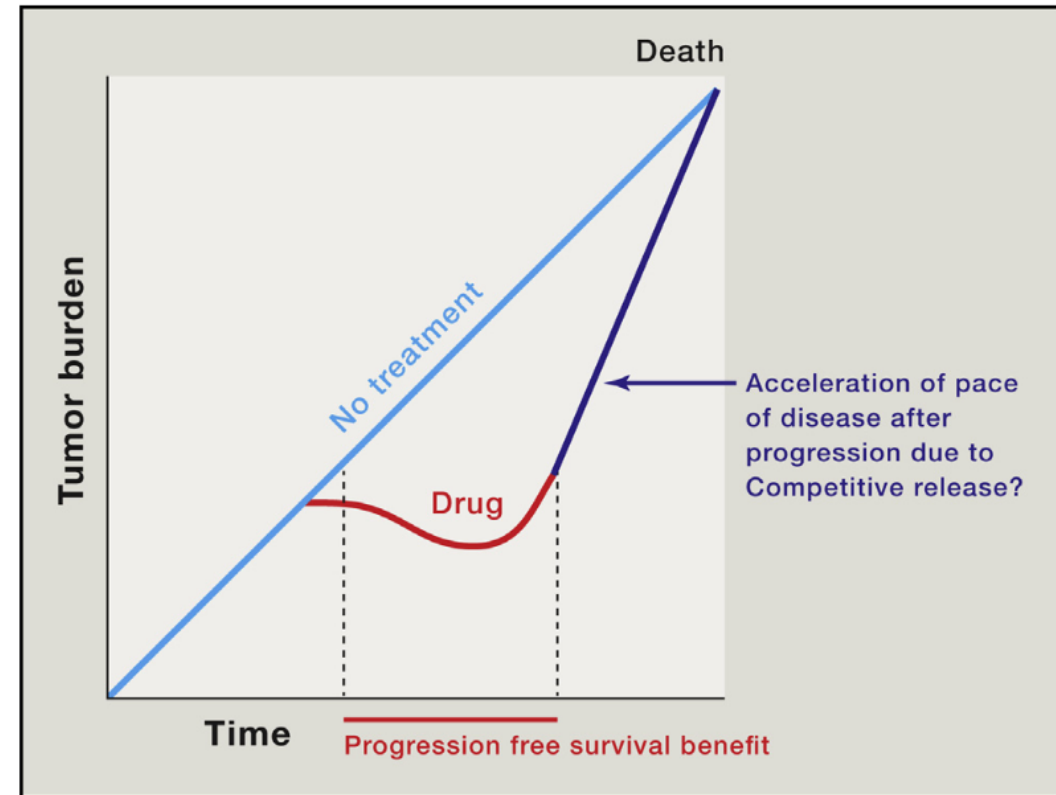
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# The challenge of chemoresistance in OC

Similar overall survival times, yet divergent progression-free survival times, between treated and untreated patients, may reflect the competitive release of aggressive subclones

Platinum-resistant ovarian cancer has a median survival of 9–12 months and less than 15% respond to subsequent chemotherapy.

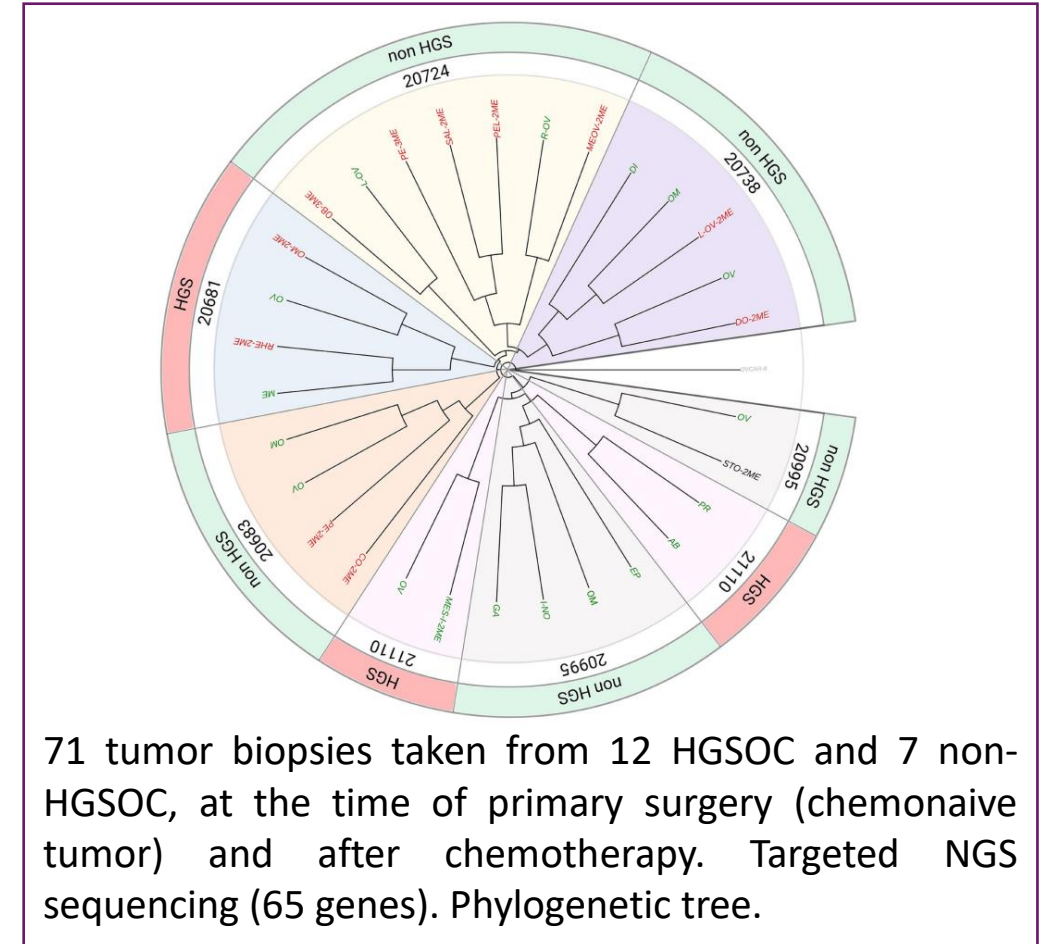


McGranahan et al, Cell 2017, Davis et al. Gynec Oncol 2014, Paracchini et al, Oncotarget 2021



# Competitive Release of Resistance Subclones in OC

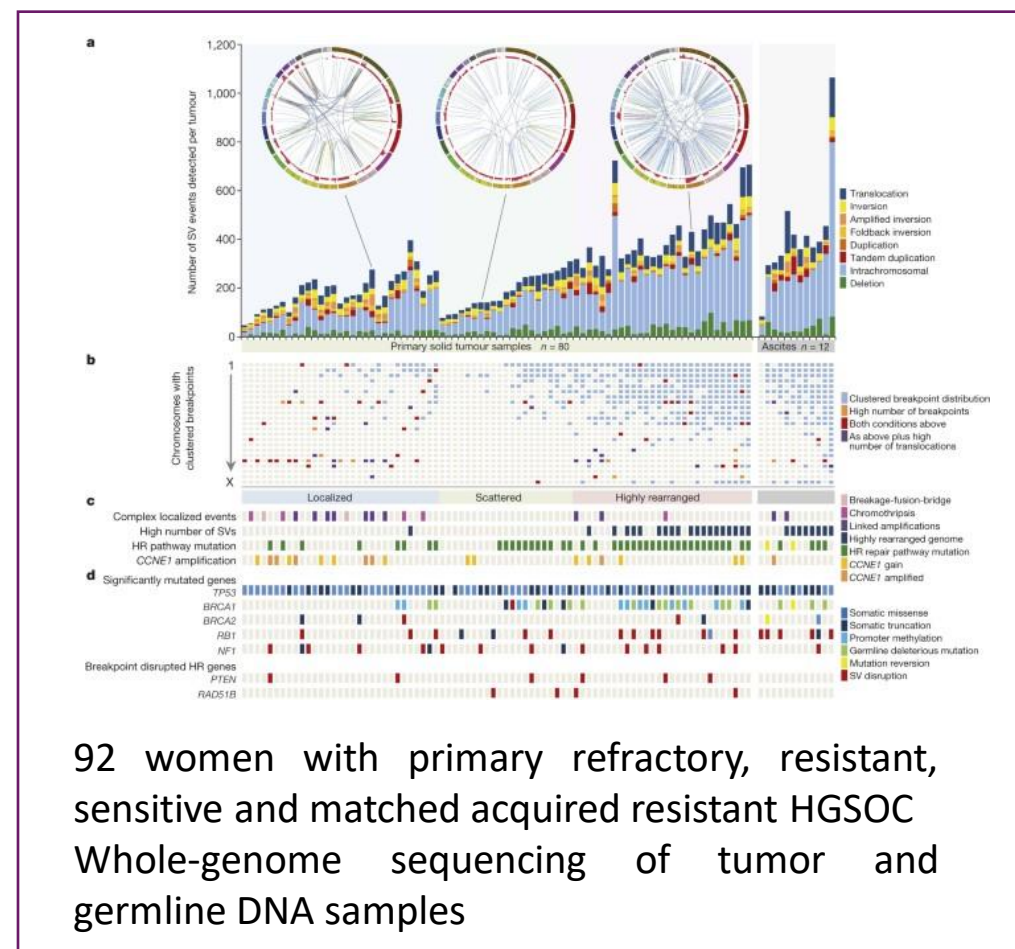
- In type 1 and Type 2 OC:
  - The genomic profile of a single tumor biopsy taken from the ovary is not representative
  - Relapsed disease arises probably **not from new mutations but from resistant clones originally present** in one of the primary lesions
  - The outgrowth of resistant subclones is favored by the selective pressure of standard chemotherapeutic treatment



Paracchini et al, Oncotarget 2021

# Whole-genome characterization of chemoresistant HGSOC

- Inactivation of the tumor suppressors RB1, NF1, RAD51B, and PTEN
- CCNE1 amplification common in refractory HGSOC
- Acquired resistance associated with:
  - reversions of germline BRCA1 or BRCA2 mutations
  - loss of BRCA1 promoter methylation
  - overexpression of the drug efflux pump MDR1



Patch et al, Nature 2015

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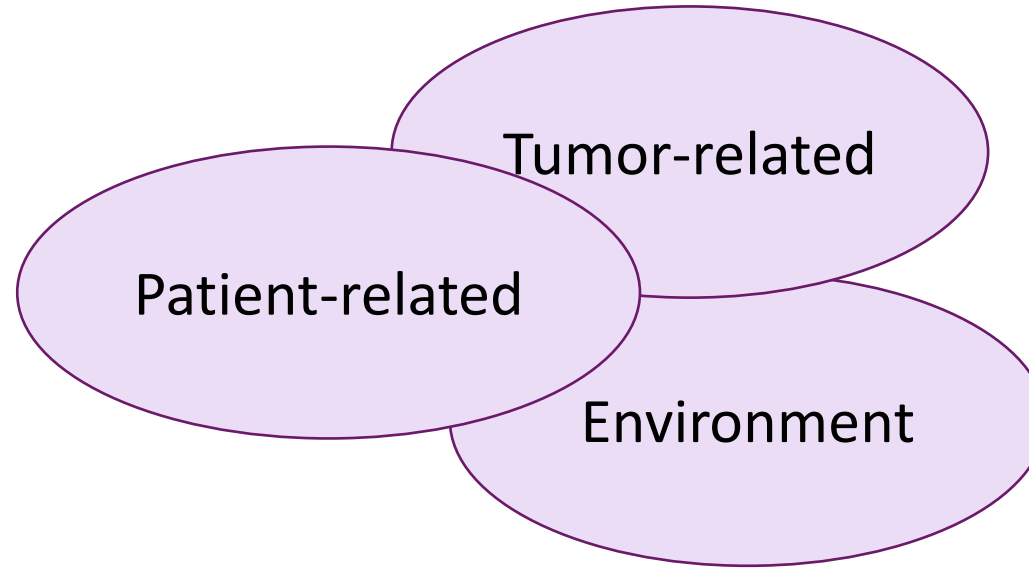
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Diagnosis means generalization,  
ignoring the individual

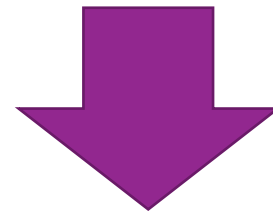
Prognosis means individualization,  
looking at the individual

# Prognostic factors: dealing with complexity

Prognostic factors



Intervention



Outcome

Endpoint : PFS, OS, Quality of life



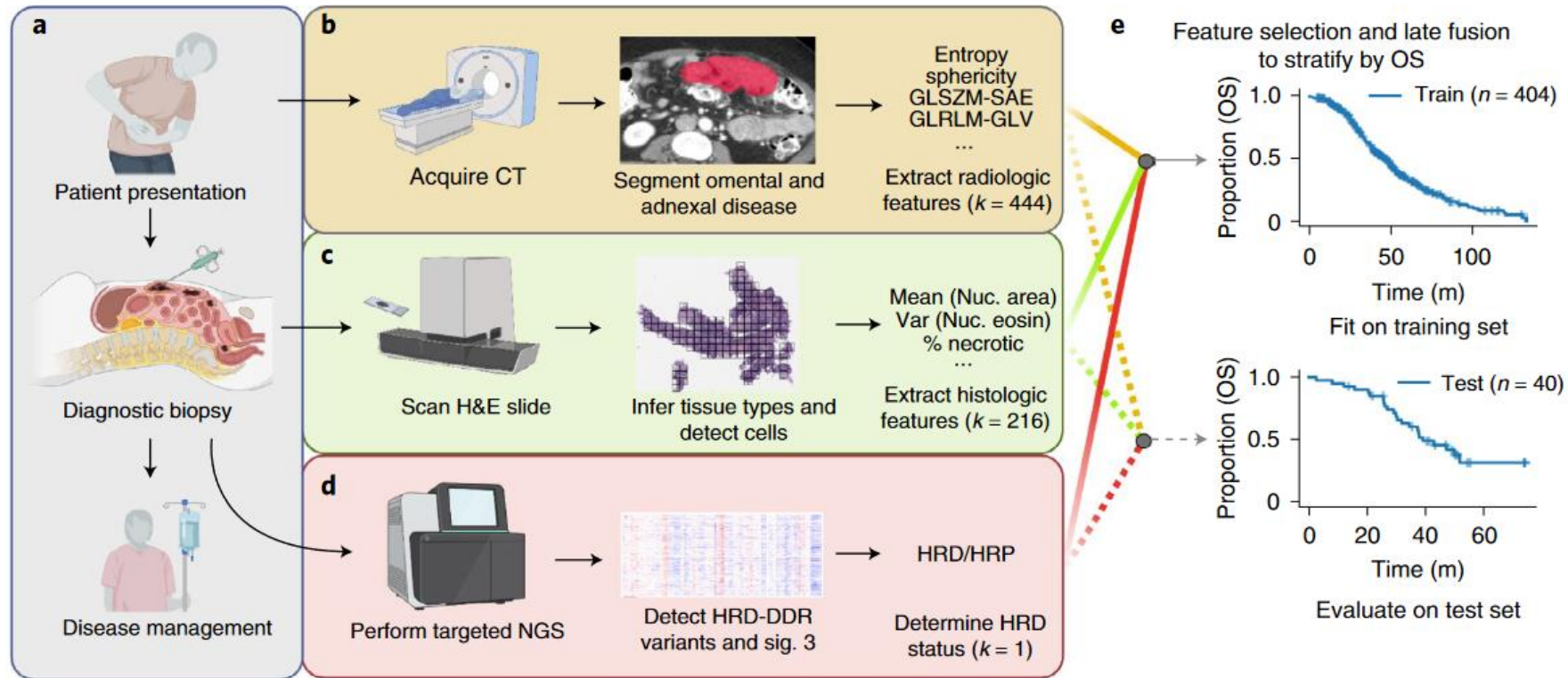
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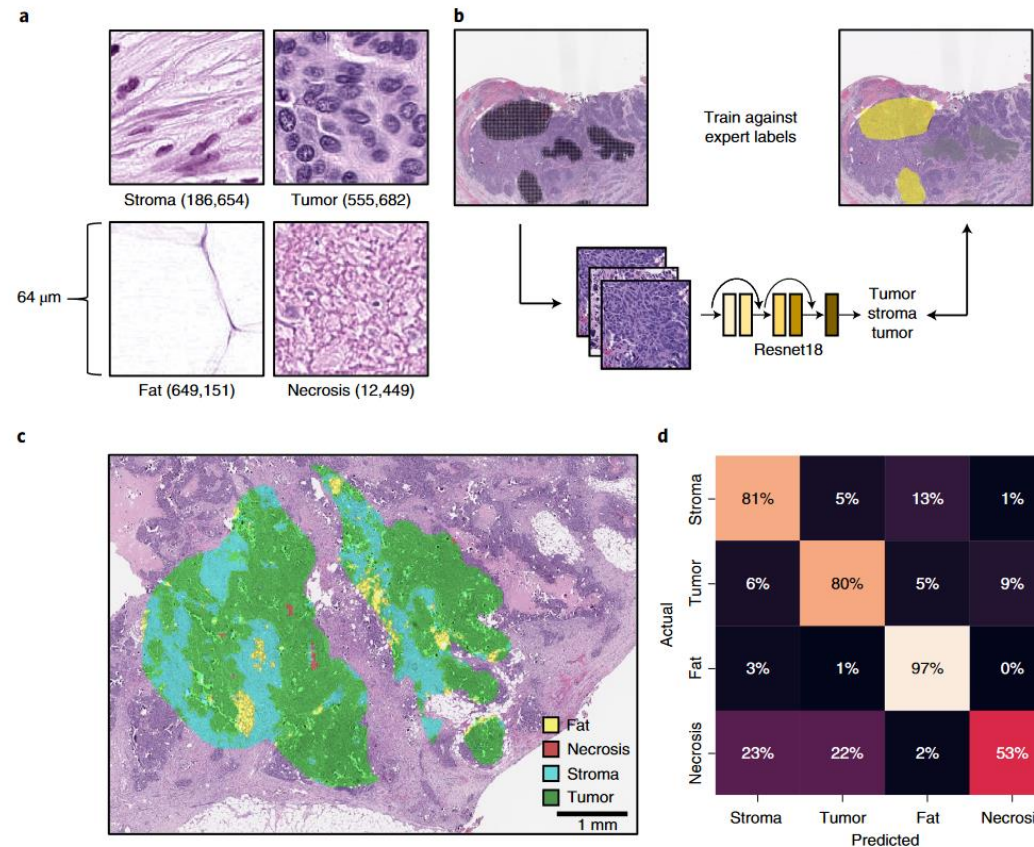
Multimodal data integration using machine learning improves risk stratification of HGSOC



Boehm et al Nature Cancer 2022

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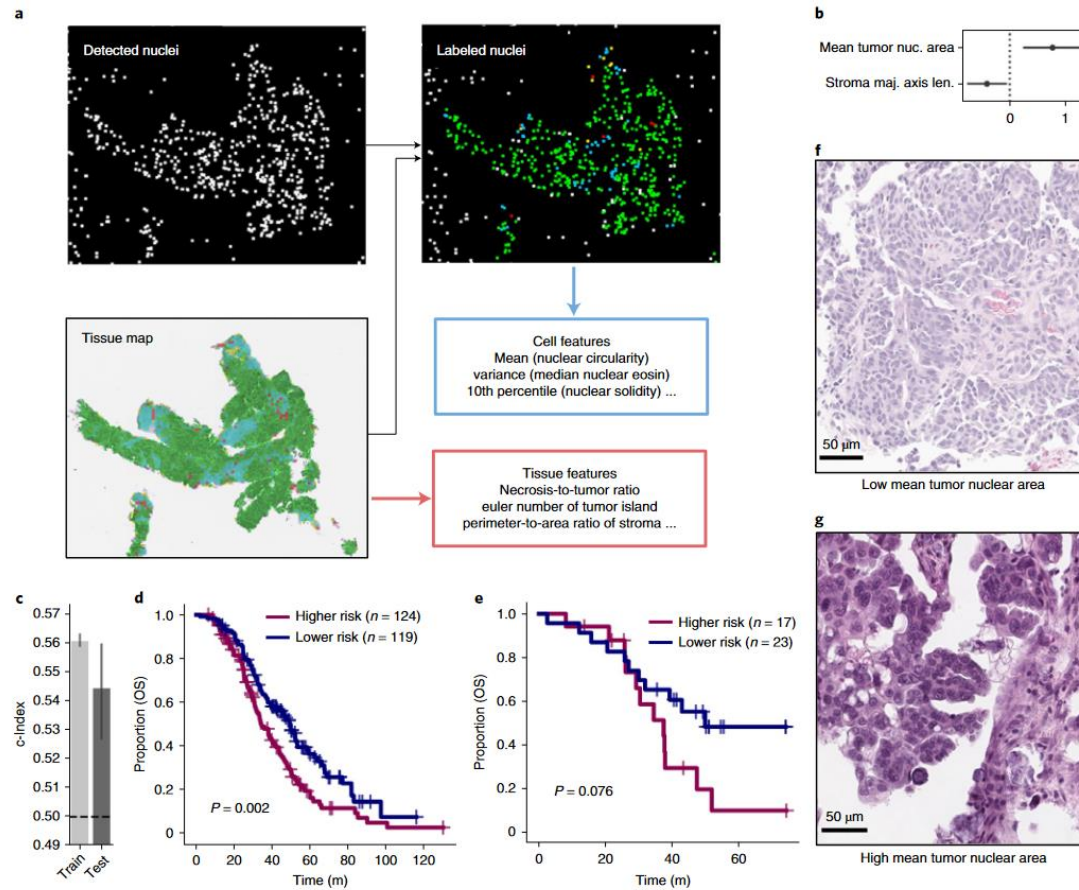
Weakly supervised deep learning accurately infers HGSOC tissue type on H&E



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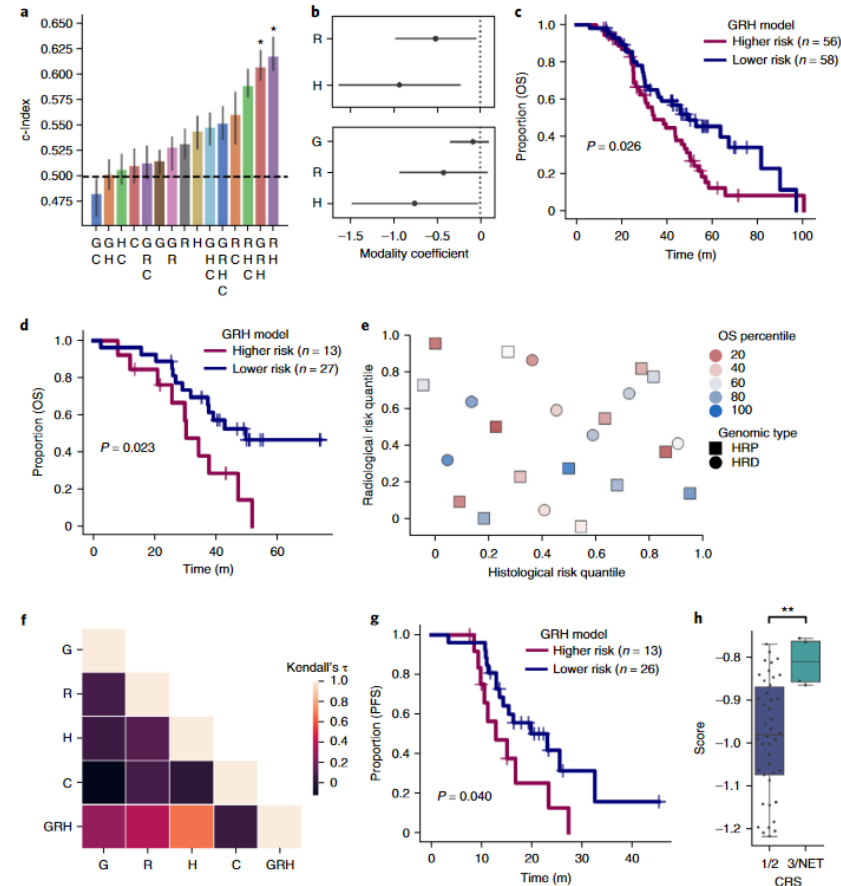
Interpretable histopathological features stratify HGSOC patients by OS



Boehm et al Nature Cancer 2022

# New opportunities: AIML

Multimodal integration improves stratification and identifies clinically significant subgroups



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# Conclusion

- The prognosis of OC depends on the histology and the molecular landscape
- Should start to adapt the treatment regimen according to that
- AIML can improve the stratification and identification of clinically significant subgroups

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