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## Unraveling lobular breast cancer progression and endocrine resistance mechanisms through the genomic and immune characterization of matched primary and metastatic samples

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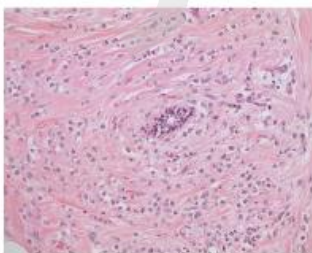
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# Introduction

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## Invasive lobular breast cancer (ILC)



- 2<sup>nd</sup> most frequent histotype (5-15%)
- Small, discohesive epithelial cells
- Mostly ER+ and HER2-
- Characterized by the loss of CDH1
- Different relapse patterns over time & relapse sites as compared to invasive ductal carcinoma (IDC)

Desmedt *et al.*, Sem.Cancer Bio. 2017

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## Molecular characterization of primILC

- Genomics**
  - Increased prevalence of *CDH1*, *PIK3CA*, *TBX3*, *FOXA1*, *HER2*, *HER3* & *AKT1* mutations.
  - *HER2* and *AKT1* mutations: risk of early relapse.
  - ILC histological subtypes differ at genomic level.
- Gene expr.**
  - Multigene classifiers: ILC= mostly low-risk.
  - Several gene expression clusters identified.
- Immune**
  - Low levels of tumor infiltrating lymphocytes (TILs).
  - Different immune composition.

Ciriello *et al.* Cell 2015, Desmedt *et al.* JCO 2016, Michaut *et al.* Sci Rep 2016, Pereira *et al.* Nat Com. 2016, Desmedt *et al.* JNCI 2018, Desmedt *et al.* Sem.Cancer Bio. 2017

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## Molecular characterization of metILC

- Retrospective studies**
  - Autopsy-based phylogenetic reconstruction.
  - Retrospective collections.
- Prospective initiatives**
  - Clinical trials (AURORA, PlasmaMATCH,...).
  - Prospective institutional program (MSKCC-IMPACT).
  - Patient-driven initiative (MBC project).
- ILC-focused**
  - *ESR1* mutations: similar frequency & distribution
  - Critical role of NF1 in endocrine resistance.

Cummings *et al.* J Path 2014; Juric *et al.* Nat 2015; Hoadley *et al.* Plos Med 2016; Savas *et al.* PloS Med 2016; Brown *et al.* Nat Comm 2017; Avigdor *et al.* JCI Inv 2017; Siegel *et al.* JCI 2018; Brastianos *et al.* Can Disc 2015; Yates *et al.* Cancer Cell 2017; Zehir *et al.* Nat Med 2017; Razavi *et al.* Cancer Cell 2018; www.mbcproject.org; Desmedt *et al.* NPJ BC In Press; Sokol *et al.* Ann Oncol 2018.

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## Study aims

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1. Identify genomic alterations in cancer genes acquired during ILC progression.
2. Evaluate immune infiltration in metILC.
3. Identify clinical, pathological or genomic markers associated with relapse-free (RFS) and overall survival (OS) in ILC patients.

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# Patients & Methods

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## EuroILC

125 ER+ metILC patients from 6 European institutions

↓ 31 failed pathology review

94 ER+ metILC patients for TIL evaluation

↓ 21 with insufficient DNA

73 ER+ metILC patients for genomic characterization:

- 1) Targeted sequencing (73 pts, 165 samples)
- 2) Low pass whole genome sequencing (63 pts, n=225 samples)

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# MSKCC-IMPACT

Razavi *et al.* (Cancer Cell 2018)  
1756 pts (1918 samples)

↓ 10 male pts

1746 pts (1907 samples)

↓ 267 ER negative tumors  
28 ER Unk/ND tumors

1469 ER+ pts (1642 samples)

**ER+ IDC**  
1120 pts (1230 samples)  
600P & 630M  
unmatched

**ER+ ILC**  
260 pts (281 samples)  
132P & 149M  
unmatched

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## ILC Patient & sample characteristics

### EuroILC & MSKCC-IMPACT with met samples

<b>Menopausal status</b>			<b>PgR status_prim</b>		
Pre/peri	41 (44%)	73 (49%)	Negative	14 (15%)	23 (18%)
Post	53 (56%)	75 (51%)	Positive	77 (85%)	108 (32%)
<b>Primary tumor size *</b>			<b>HER2 status_prim</b>		
< 2 cm	21 (24%)	43 (35%)	Negative	78 (92%)	119 (94%)
≥ 2 cm	76 (76%)	79 (65%)	Positive	7 (8%)	7 (6%)
<b>Nodal status</b>			<b>Adjuvant chemotherapy**</b>		
Negative	29 (31%)	40 (33%)	No	19 (20%)	77 (57%)
Positive	64 (69%)	82 (67%)	Yes	74 (80%)	58 (43%)
<b>Histological subtype</b>			<b>Adjuvant endocrine therapy**</b>		
Classic	51 (56%)	NA	No	1 (1%)	31 (23%)
Non-classic	40 (44%)	NA	Yes	93 (99%)	104 (77%)
<b>Histological grade_prim**</b>			<b>Adjuvant radiotherapy</b>		
G1/G2	75 (81%)	34 (47%)	No	27 (30%)	NA
G3	18 (19%)	38 (53%)	Yes	64 (70%)	NA

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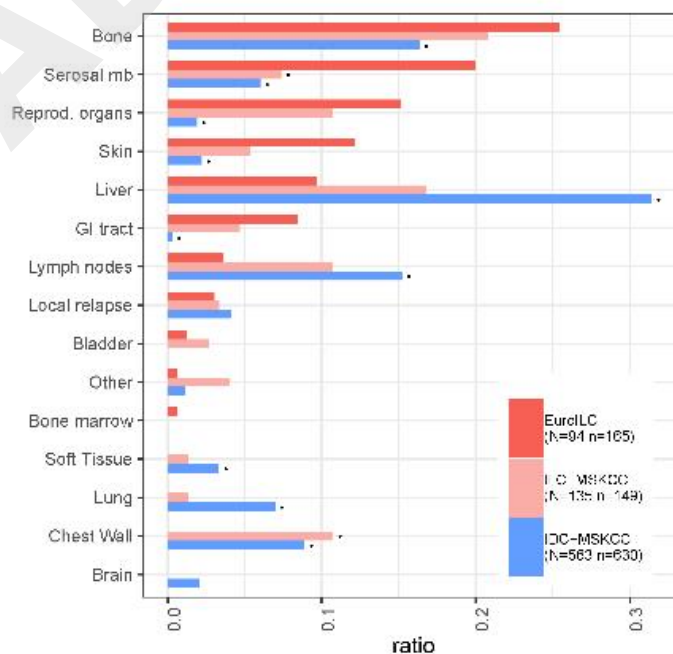
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## EuroILC & MSKCC-IMPACT with met samples

Time to relapse			Timing metastatic biopsy		
Median	4.69 yrs	4.65 yrs	<1yr diagnosis	75 (84%)	NA
De novo metastatic	14 (15%)	24 (18%)	Later	14 (16%)	NA
Relapsed <5 yrs	34 (36%)	46 (34%)	<b>Endocrine treat. (ET) before met. sampl.*</b>		
Relapsed >5 but <10 yrs	31 (33%)	36 (27%)	SERM only	39 (41%)	34 (25%)
Relapsed >10 yrs	15 (16%)	29 (21%)	AI only	20 (21%)	39 (29%)
<b>ER status_met</b>			SERM and AI	28 (30%)	35 (26%)
Negative	9 (11%)	18 (14%)	No endocrine treat.	7 (7%)	27 (20%)
Positive	73 (89%)	115 (86%)	<b>Duration ET before met. sampling</b>		
<b>PgR status_met</b>			<2 years	17 (20%)	16 (15%)
Negative	38 (48%)	63 (49%)	2-4 years	20 (23%)	22 (20%)
Positive	41 (52%)	65 (51%)	> 4 years	50 (57%)	70 (65%)
<b>HER2 status_met</b>			<b>Deceased**</b>		
Negative	75 (95%)	118 (92%)	No	43 (46%)	108 (72%)
Positive	4 (5%)	10 (8%)	Yes	51 (54%)	41 (28%)

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## Distribution metastatic samples



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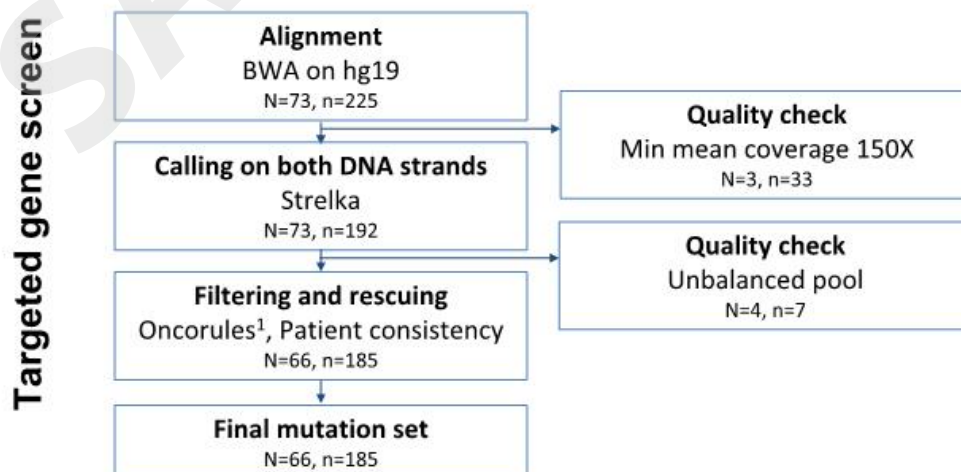
## Methods EuroILC (1/3)

- Centralized pathology review for histology. ER, PgR, HER2, grade and Ki67 status are the local ones.
- Stromal TILs assessed by 2 experienced pathologists on H&E slides using standardized protocols<sup>1</sup>.
- Statistical analyses: associations assessed by Fisher exact test, or linear regression models. Survival analysis assessed using Cox models. All tests are two sided and corrected for multiple testing by FDR.

Salgado *et al.* Ann Oncol 2014

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## Methods EuroILC (2/3):



Gene panel: *AKT1, ARID1A, CDH1, ERBB2, ERBB3, ESR1, FOXA1, GATA3, IGF1R, JAK2, MAP2K4, MAP3K1, NF1, PIK3CA, PTEN, RB1, RUNX1, STAT3, TBX3, TP53.*

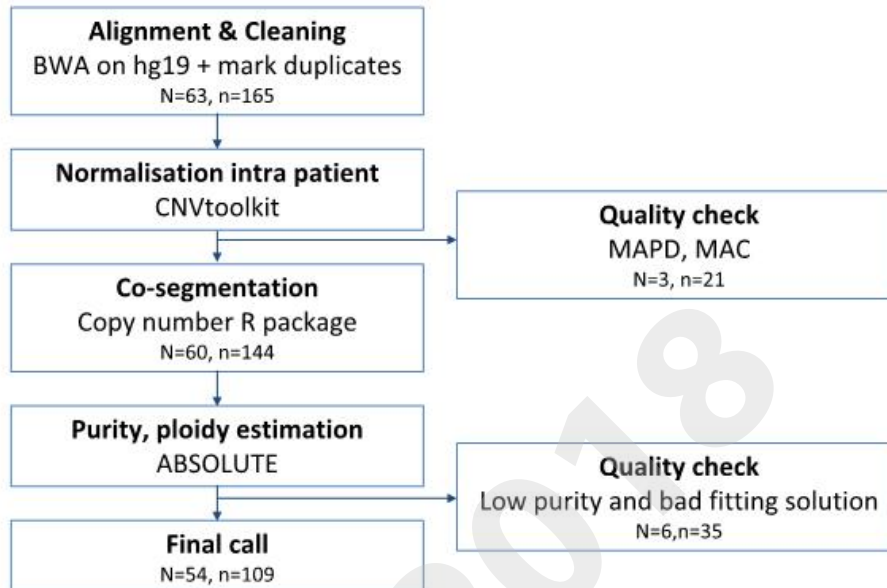
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Low pass whole genome sequencing

## Methods EuroILC (3/3):



Focus on cancer genes: *AKT1, AKT2, CCND1, CCND3, CCNE1, CDK6, FGFR1, EGFR, ERBB2, ESR1, FGFR2, IGF1R, KRAS, MDM2, MYC, PDGFRA, PIK3CA, ZNF217, BRCA2, CDH1, CDKN2A, CDKN2B, DNMT3A, MAP2K4, MAP3K1, NCOR1, NF1, PTEN, RB1, SMAD4, TP53* (Nik-Zainal *et al.* Nature 2016)

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## Results

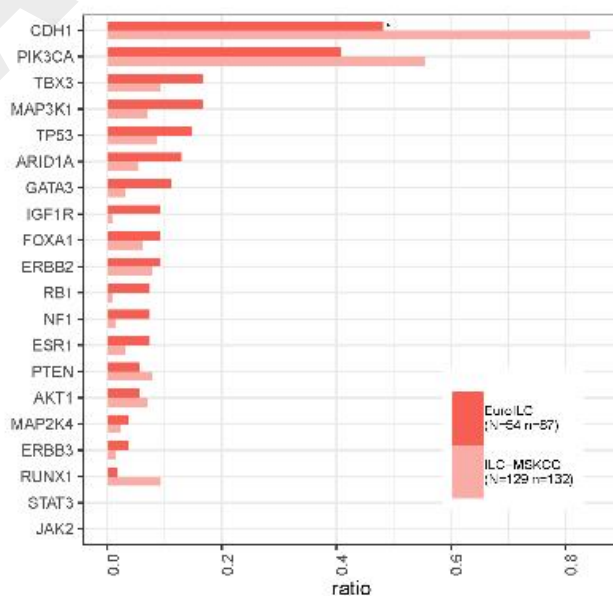
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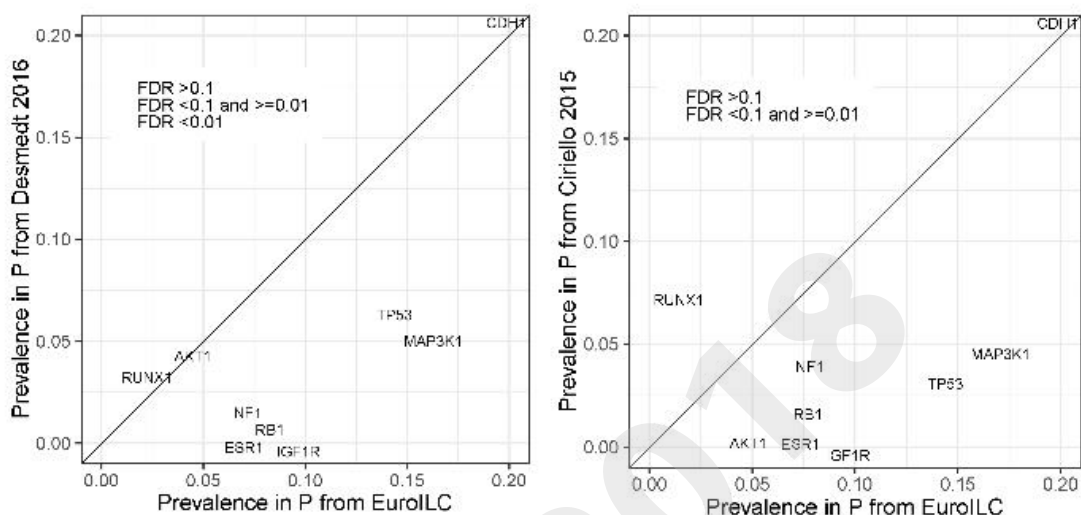
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## Mutational landscape primary tumors from recurring ILC patients



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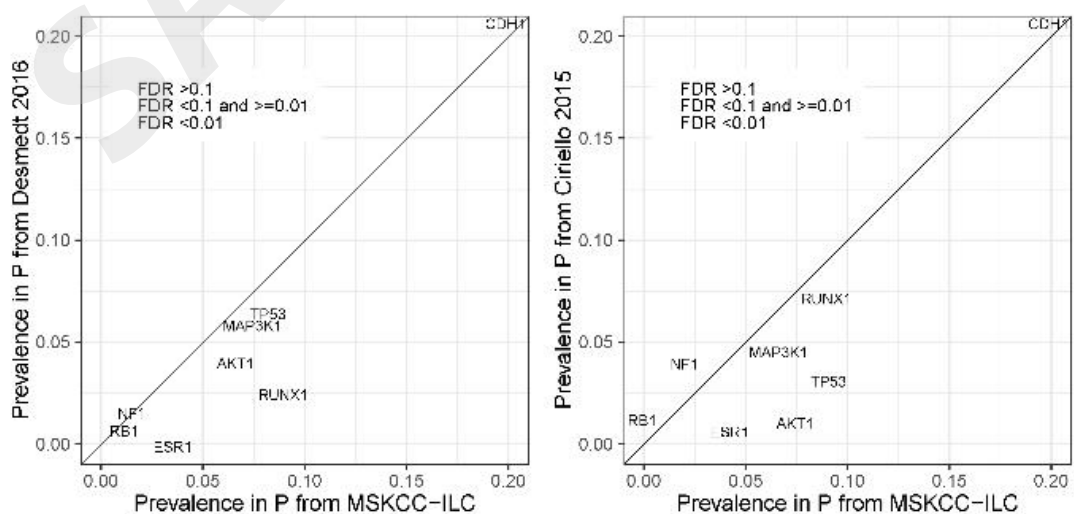
## Comparison prim EuroILC with public prim ILC (ER+ only)



Increased prevalence in ILC from recurring patients: *ESR1, IGF1R, MAP3K1, NF1, RB1, TP53*

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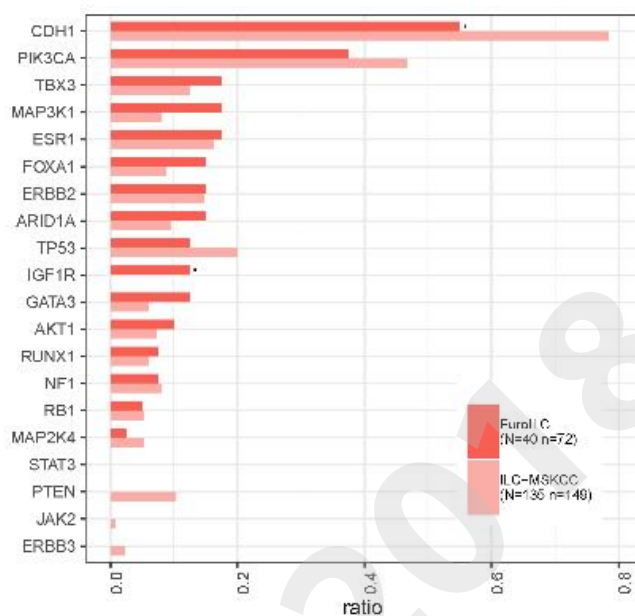
## Comparison prim ILC MSKCC with public prim ILC (ER+ only)



Increased prevalence in ILC from recurring patients: *AKT1, CDH1, ESR1, RUNX1*

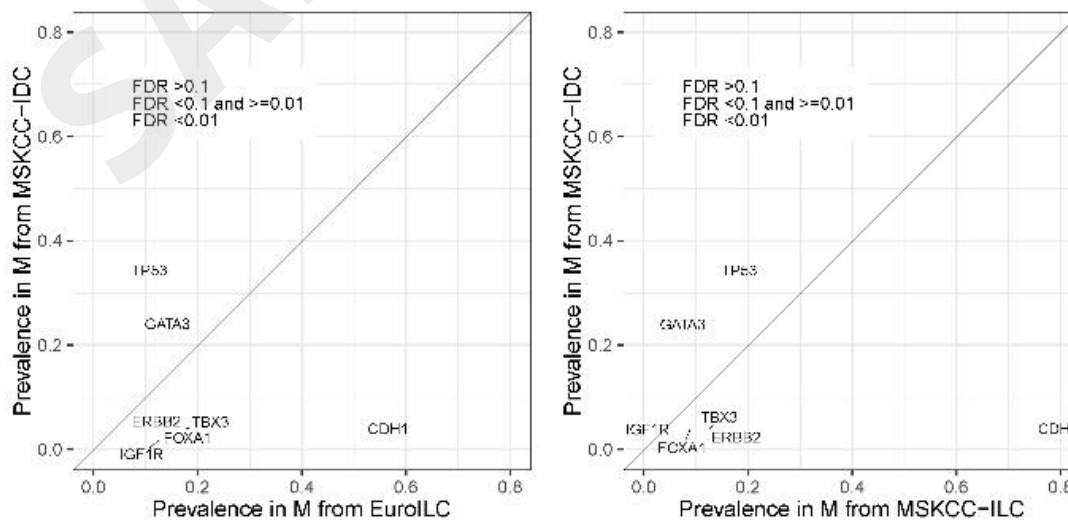
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# Mutational landscape ILC metastases



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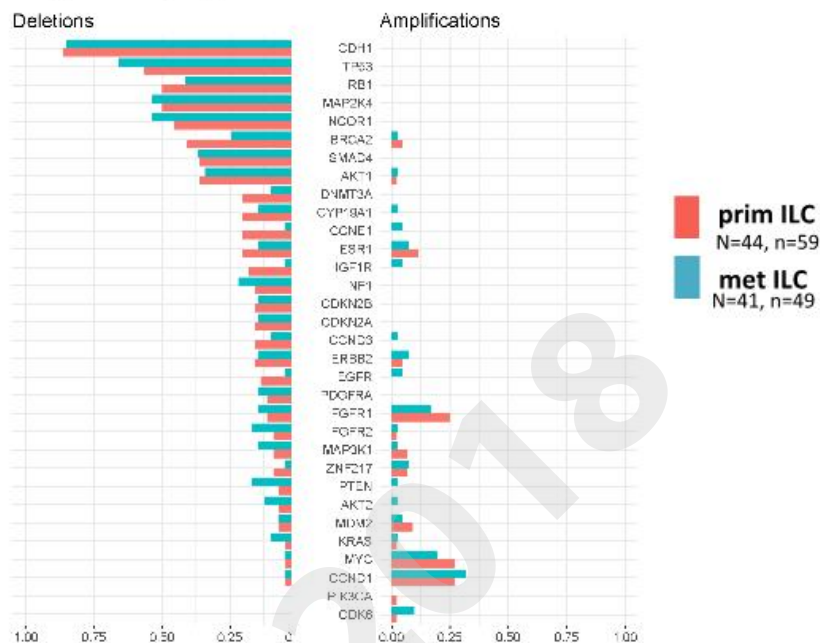
# Comparison M IDC vs M ILC (ER+ only)



**Increased prevalence in ILC:** *ERBB2, CDH1, FOXA1, TBX3 (+IGF1R)*  
**Decreased prevalence in ILC:** *TP53, GATA3*

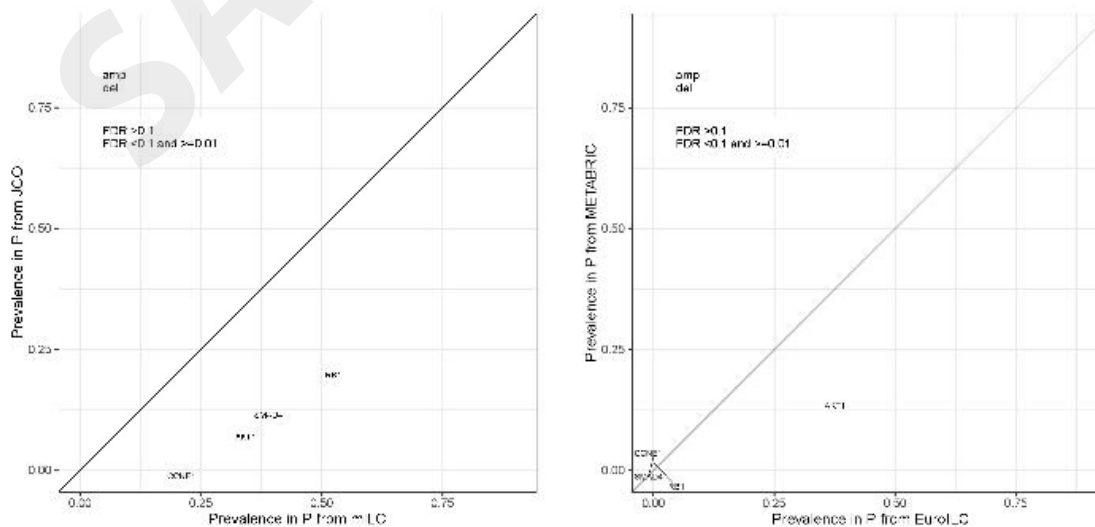
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# Frequency copy number aberrations



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## Comparison prim EuroILC with public prim ILC (ER+ only)



**Increased prevalence of AKT1 (+CCNE1, RB1, SMAD4) deletions in ILC from recurring patients**

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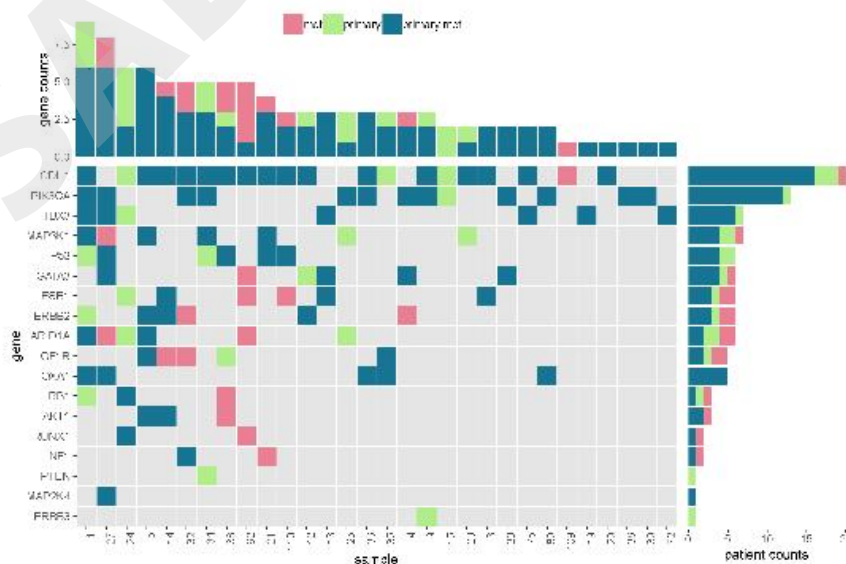
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## Mutations in paired samples

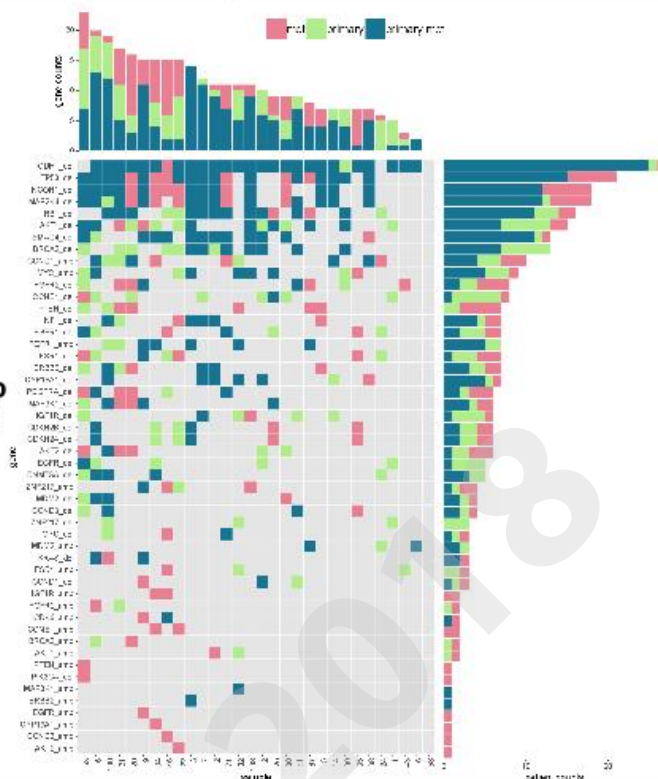


**Mutations private to the metastasis: *ERBB2*, *ESR1* & *AKT1* (7%), *CDH1*, *NF1*, *MAP3K1* & *RUNX1* (3%)**

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# CNAs in paired samples

Alterations private to the metastasis: *TP53* del (20%), *PTEN* del (17%), *CCND1* ampl (10%) & *ESR1* del, *CCNE1* ampl, *IGF1R* ampl, *NF1* del (7%)



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	Pt12 <i>de novo met</i>	Pt34 <i>RFS= 4.4 yrs</i>	Pt21 <i>RFS= 10.8 yrs</i>	Pt67 <i>RFS= 15.1 yrs</i>
<b>Primary disease</b>	Postmenop. pT2, pN0 Mixed NC ER+/PR-/HER2- Ki67 15%	Postmenop. pT2, pN1 Classic ER+/PR+/HER2 NA Ki67 NA	Postmenop. pT2, pNx Mixed NC ER+/PR+/HER2- Ki67 40%	Postmenop. pT1, pN3 Classic ER+/PR+/HER2- Ki67 15%
<b>Metastasis</b>	Bone ER+/PR+/HER2- Ki67 NA	Local & pleura ER+/PR-/HER2- Ki67 5%	Bone ER+/PR+/HER2- Ki67 25%	Peritoneum ER+/PR+/HER2- Ki67 16%
<b>Common alterations</b>	<i>CDH1</i> mut+del <i>HER2</i> mut <i>RB1</i> del	<i>CDH1</i> mut+del <i>PIK3CA</i> mut <i>MAP3K1</i> mut <i>FGFR1</i> ampl	<i>CDH1</i> mut+del <i>TP53</i> mut <i>MAP3K1</i> mut <i>RB1</i> del	<i>CDH1</i> mut+del <i>FGFR1</i> ampl
<b>Alterations private to M</b>	/	<i>CCND1</i> ampl <i>CCNE1</i> ampl <i>IGF1R</i> ampl <i>TP53</i> del	<i>NF1</i> mut <i>PTEN</i> del	3 <i>ESR1</i> muts <i>PTEN</i> del <i>RB1</i> del <i>TP53</i> del

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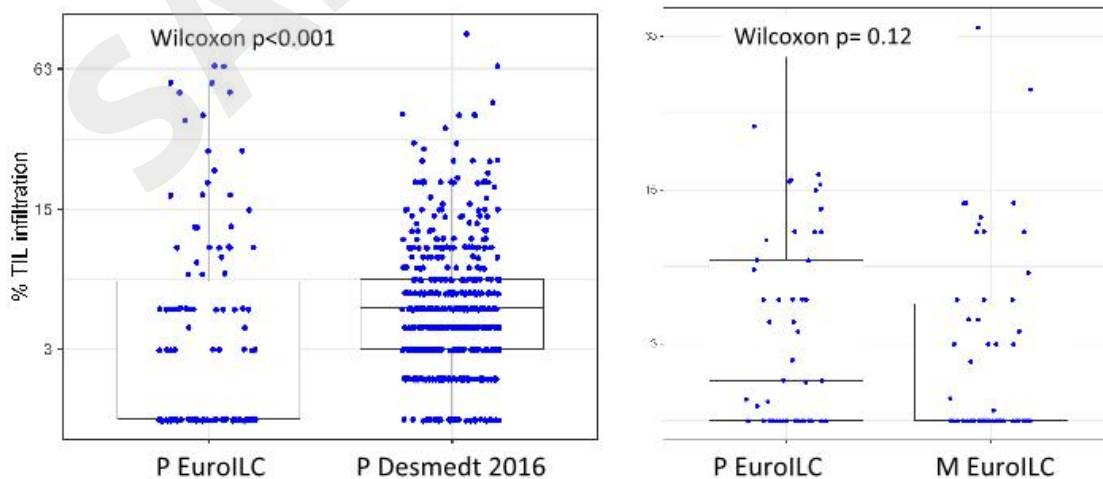
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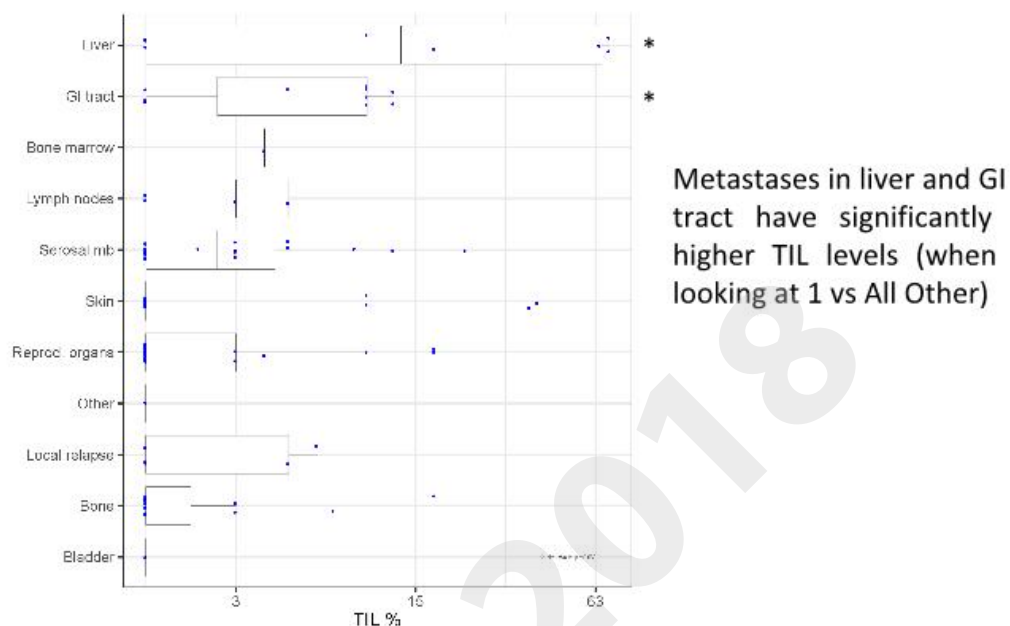
## TIL levels



- **Lower TIL levels** in primILC from patients who relapsed compared to published consecutive primILC cohort.
- **Lower TIL levels** in primary versus metastases in matched analysis (not stat. significant).

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## TILs in metILC (N=67, n=107)



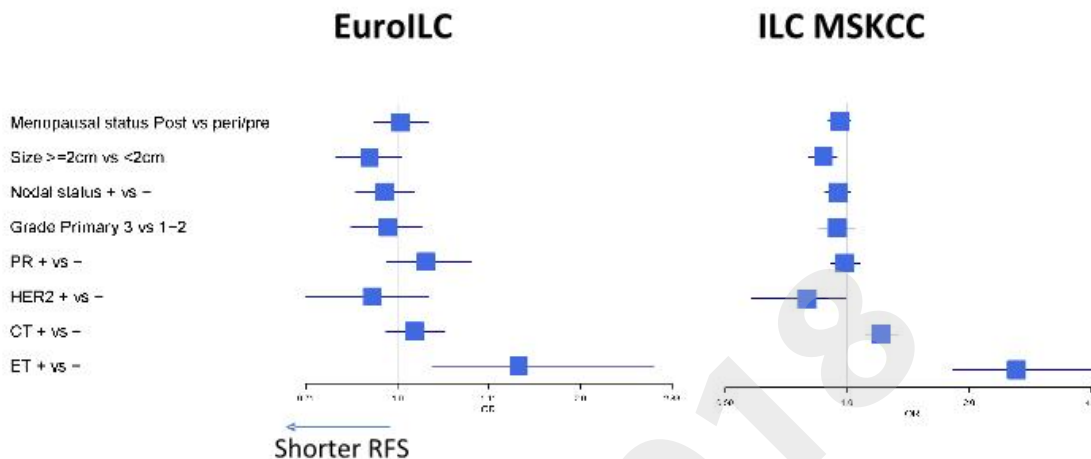
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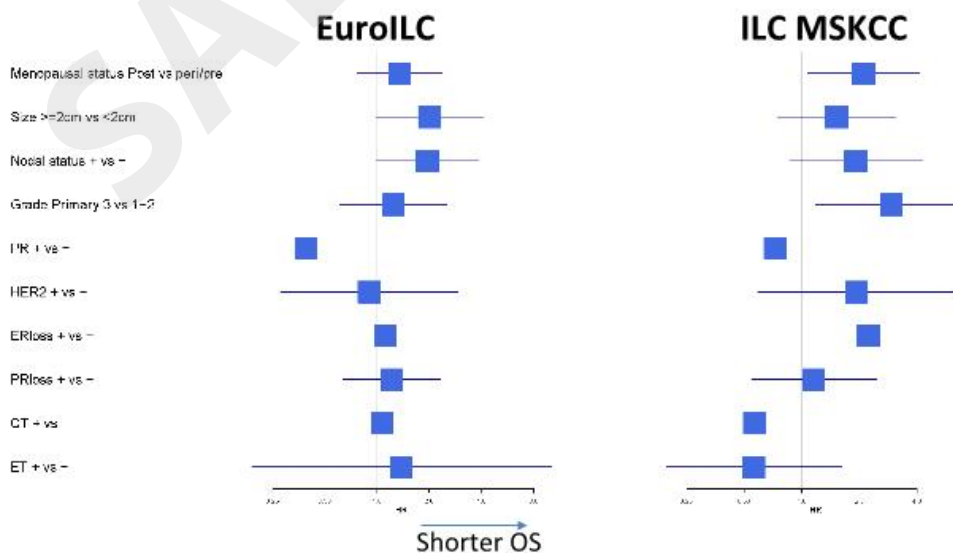
# Clinico-pathological variables & RFS



**Longer RFS:** use of endocrine therapy and chemotherapy.  
**Shorter RFS:** larger tumor size.

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# Clinico-pathological variables & OS



**Longer OS:** PR positive status primary tumor.  
**Shorter OS:** larger tumor size, positive nodal status.

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# Genomic alterations & survival (exploratory)

RFS		
EuroILC	<i>ERBB2</i> (7.5%)	OR= 0.48 (95% CI: 0.18- 0.99)
OS		
EuroILC	<i>RUNX1</i> (7.5%)	HR= 9.42 (95% CI: 1.1- 80.7)
	<i>ESR1</i> (17.5%)	HR= 3.29 (95% CI: 1.0-11.2)
	<i>RB1</i> (7.4%)	HR= 2.28 (95% CI: 2.0- 50.1)
MSKCC-IMPACT	<i>TP53</i> (20%)	HR= 2.28 (95% CI: 1.14-4.54)

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## Conclusions

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## Conclusions (1/2)

1. Primary tumors from ILC patients who relapsed present an increased mutational frequency for several genes (*AKT1*, *IGF1R*, *MAP3K1*, *NF1*, *RB1*, *RUNX1*, *TP53*).
2. Metastases from ER+ ILC and IDC are different:
  - More ***CDH1***, ***ERBB2***, ***FOXA1***, ***IGF1R***, ***TBX3***
  - Less ***GATA3***, ***TP53***
3. Unique matched prim/met cohort allowed the identification of alterations private to the metastasis:
  - *ERBB2*, *ESR1* & *AKT1* (7%), *CDH1*, *NF1*, *MAP3K1* & *RUNX1* (3%)
  - *TP53* del (20%), *PTEN* del (17%), *CCND1* ampl (10%) & *ESR1* del, *CCNE1* ampl, *IGF1R* ampl, *NF1* del (7%).

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## Conclusions (2/2)

4. TIL levels are lower in primary tumors from patients who relapsed as compared to consecutive primary ILCs & TIL levels are lower in metastases compared to the primary in a matched analysis.
5. Exploratory analyses revealed that some alterations could be associated with RFS or OS.
6. Given the relatively low prevalence of the majority of the detected genomic alterations, additional cohorts of matched primary/metastatic ILC samples are needed to confirm the present findings.

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