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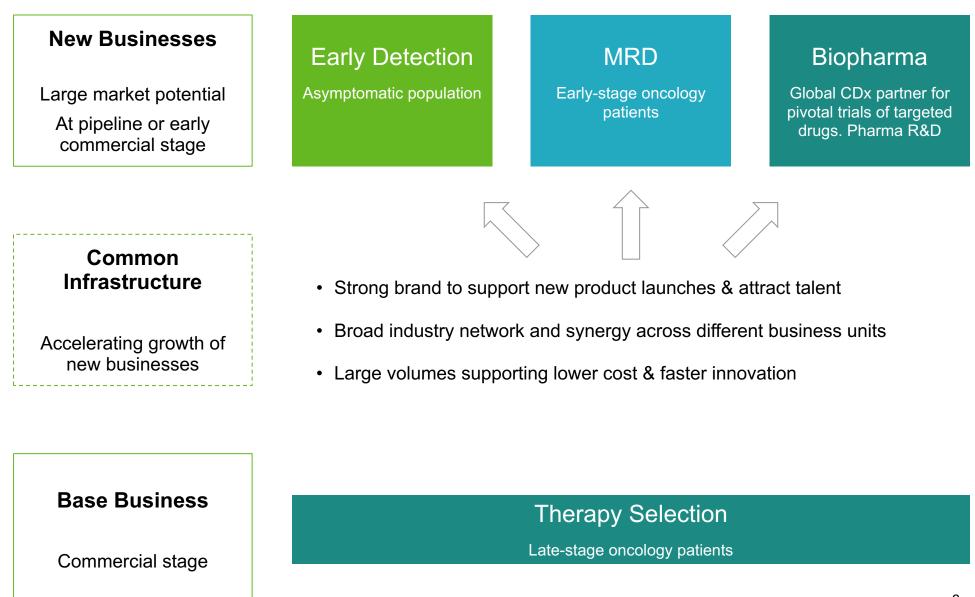
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Our value-building blocks

Extending leadership of NGS-based precision oncology from late-stage patients to earlier stages, driving the next phase of growth



Recap of 2021 and recent progress

Therapy selection	 Achieved 38% volume growth year-on-year, reaching 70k+ units (central-lab and in-hospital combined) during 2021, out-growing industry Strong market share gain through in-hospital strategy; in-hospital volume growth of 63% in 2021 18% revenues growth to RMB508m, slightly above revised guidance of RMB500m¹ Achieved NMPA approval of our second NGS kit²
MRD	 Completed product development, based on a personalized approach First datasets (NSCLC³ and CRC⁴ post-operative prognosis) reading out at AACR Commercial launch in March 2022
Biopharma	 Fast build-up of backlog projects. Contract value of RMB183m signed during 2021, 5.7x vs. 2020
Early detection	 Clinical – 9-cancer test development on track. First large cohort (PROMISE study, c. 2,000 participants) completed enrollment and reading out in 2022

Notes:

¹ "Lower unit price in in-hospital channel vs. central-lab dragged blended ASP

² Details in our announcement on 15th Mar 2022, Burning Rock Secures Second NGS Kit Approval from the NMPA

³ Non-small cell lung cancer

⁴ Colorectal cancer

2022 outlook

Therapy selection	 New product launches to expand into additional indications¹ Continued drive towards in-hospital testing, with accelerating number of newly contracted hospitals, and volume ramp of existing hospitals Accelerated revenue growth vs. 2021 (initial 2022 revenue guidance of RMB620m, +22%) Efficiency improvement, with selling expenses as % of revenues to shrink vs. 2021
MRD	 Commercial ramp-up Additional studies with additional cancer types under planning
Biopharma	 Continued build-up of project backlog Higher contribution to overall revenues vs. 2021
Early detection	 Clinical – First intended-use population multi-cancer interventional study in China (PREVENT study) to launch in 2022 Commercial – driving increased product contracting with hospital health check-up departments

NMPA approved NGS panels

		First NMPA-approved kit	Second NMPA-approved kit
	K M Burning Rock Dx	EGFR, ALK, BRAF, KRAS Approved in Jul 2018 <u>First approved NGS kit in China</u>	EGFR, KRAS, MET, ERBB2, BRAF, PIK3CA, ALK, ROS1, RET Approved in Mar 2022
	Novogene 诺禾	EGFR, KRAS, BRAF, PIK3CA, ALK, ROS1 Approved in Aug 2018	
NMPA approved	Geneseeq 世和	EGFR, ALK, ROS1, BRAF, KRAS, ERBB2 Approved in Sep 2018	
testing kit by major NGS-	BGI 华大	EGFR, KRAS, ALK Approved in Aug 2019	
focused companies ¹	Gene+ 吉因加	EGFR, KRAS, ALK Approved in Dec 2019	
	Genetron 泛生子	EGFR, KRAS, BRAF, ERBB2, PIK3CA, ALK, ROS1, MET Approved in Feb 2020	
	Genecast 臻和	KRAS, NRAS, BRAF, PIK3CA Approved in Mar 2021	
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Highlights on our second NMPAapproved kit

- Only 30ng DNA input required, applicable to small tissue samples
- First NMPA approved NGS kit with CNV² mutation type, with MET exon14 skipping

Notes:

¹ Major NGS-focused companies listed. The list is not exhaustive. A total of 13 kits have been approved by the NMPA as of the date of this presentation ² Copy number variation



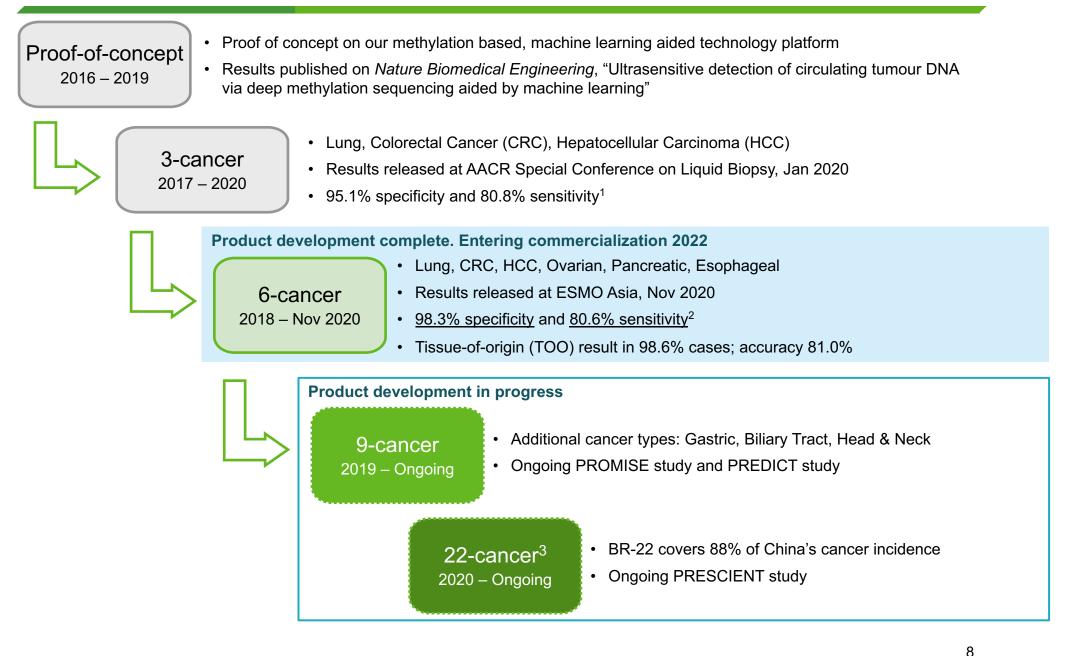




Early detection

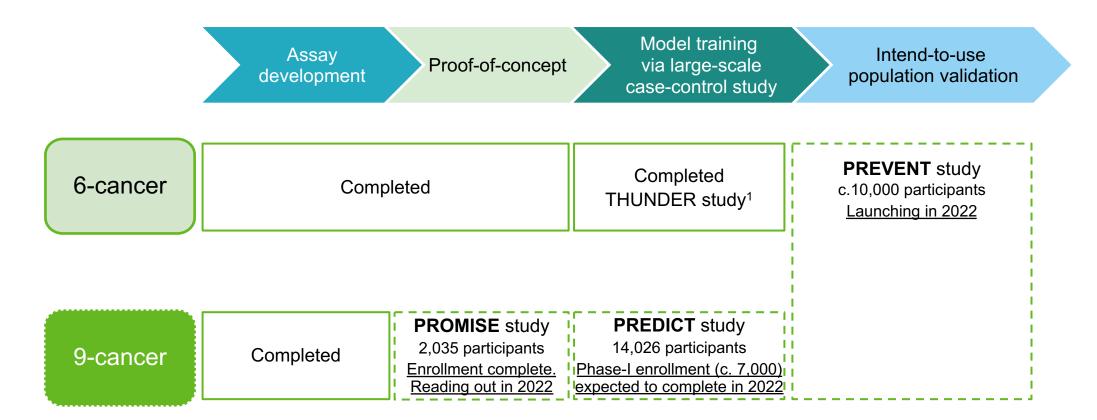
Product development since 2016

Demonstrated high specificity (>98%) and tissue-of-origin detection capability



Notes:

¹ Training and validation cohorts combined, 490 cancer samples, 226 control samples. Sample size is aggregated through a series of case-control studies. 95.1% specificity (95% Cl 91.2-97.4) and 80.8% sensitivity (95% Cl 77.0-84.1) ² Validation cohort, 351 cancer samples, 288 control samples. Sample size is aggregated through a series of case-control studies. 98.3% specificity (95% Cl 95.8-99.4) and 80.6% sensitivity (95% Cl 76.0-84.6). Further details in Appendix 1. ³ Final number of cancer types subject to development progress



22-cancer ²	Ongoing	Under planning		PRESCIENT study 11,879 participants Enrollment ongoing	-
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Notes:

¹THUNDER series of studies. Latest results presented at ESMO Asia, Nov 2020

² Final number of cancer types subject to development progress

Burning Rock's early detection technology Globally competitive technology with multi-cancer validation

Competitive technology

Methylation + machine learning to overcome challenges of low ctDNA abundance and TOO, leading to feasibility for multicancer early detection biomedical engineering

ARTICLES https://doi.org/10.1038/s41551-021-00746-5

Check for updates

Ultrasensitive detection of circulating tumour DNA via deep methylation sequencing aided by machine learning



Early detection and localization of multiple cancers using a bloodbased methylation assay (ELSA-seq)

Multi-cancer validation data

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Session OPO.CL11.01 - Biomarkers

5116 - Analytical performance of ELSA-seq, a blood-based test for early detection of multiple cancers

Session OPO.CL11.01 - Biomarkers 5109 - Development of cfDNA reference standards for methylation-sequencing tests

Data read-out on analytical performance of ELSA-seq

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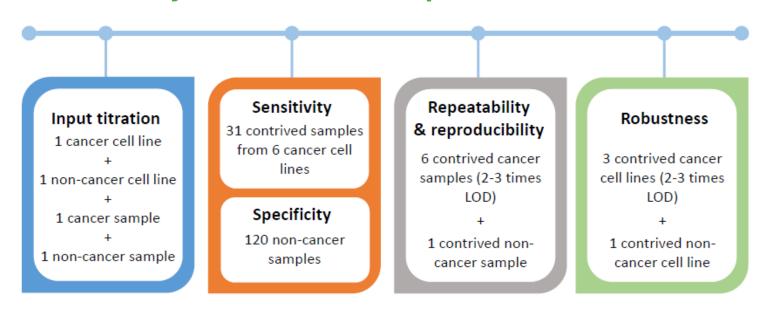


Figure 1: Analytical validation of the Multi-Cancer Detection Blood Test (MCDBT). Input titration, analytical sensitivity, specificity, repeatability, reproducibility, and robustness were assessed for two models (MCDBT-1 and MCDBT-2), which show different likelihood ratios for updating the chance of an individual suffering from cancer.

Full analytical validation study was conducted on ELSA-seq. LoD was demonstrated to be between 0.02% and 0.11% across different cancer types.

Leadership in multi-cancer early detection First-in-class, high entry-barrier, multi-year effort

	Challenges	BNR position
1	Low amount of cancer signal	Proprietary chemistry and algorithm
Technology	in the circulating bloodstream, much more challenging vs. tissue	 On par with global leader, competitive sensitivity in earlier stages for certain cancers
		 Multi-year lead vs. China peers (most showing liver-cance and colon-cancer data only)
2	Large, multi-year studies required	Sponsorship from top physicians
Clinical	from case-control to intend-to-use population, from observational to interventional (e.g. CCGA study:	 Catching up with global leader, to improve specificity and tissue-of-origin performance through large clinical studies
	15,254 participants, 8,584 with cancer, 6,670 without cancer)	 Multi-year lead in China as the only company with studies over 10,000+ subject scale launched
3	First-in-class in nature	Leading regulatory capability in China
Regulatory	with no established regulatory pathway	 Exploring possible pathway, leveraging experience through the country's first NGS kit approval by the NMPA
4	Lipprocedented product	Multi propagd opproach
Commercial	Unprecedented product	 Multi-pronged approach Initially working with hospital health check-up departments, leveraging synergy from in-hospital therapy selection business

Leadership from top-tier principal investigators key to clinical success Also drives increasing recognition on multi-cancer early detection among clinicians

PREDICT



- Leading site: Shanghai Zhongshan Hospital
 - One of China's largest comprehensive academic hospitals
 - Performs c.104,000 operations and serves c.169,000 inpatients and over 4,236,000 outpatients on an annual basis¹
 - Ranked top 5 in the 2019 China's general hospital rankings²
- Other sites include but not limited to
 - Ruijin Hospital
 - Shanghai Jiaotong University School of Medicine
 - Fudan University Shanghai Cancer Center





- Fellow of the Chinese Academy of Sciences
- President of Shanghai Zhongshan Hospital

PRESCIENT



- Leading site: Cancer Hospital of the Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences³
 - The first and top cancer-specialist hospital in China
 - The National Clinical Center for Cancer Research, the National Center for Quality Control on Standardized Cancer Treatment and Diagnosis, the National Clinical Center for Drug Research
- Other sites include but not limited to
 - Beijing Cancer Hospital
 - Jilin Cancer Hospital
 - Hubei General Hospital

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- Fellow of the Chinese Academy of Sciences
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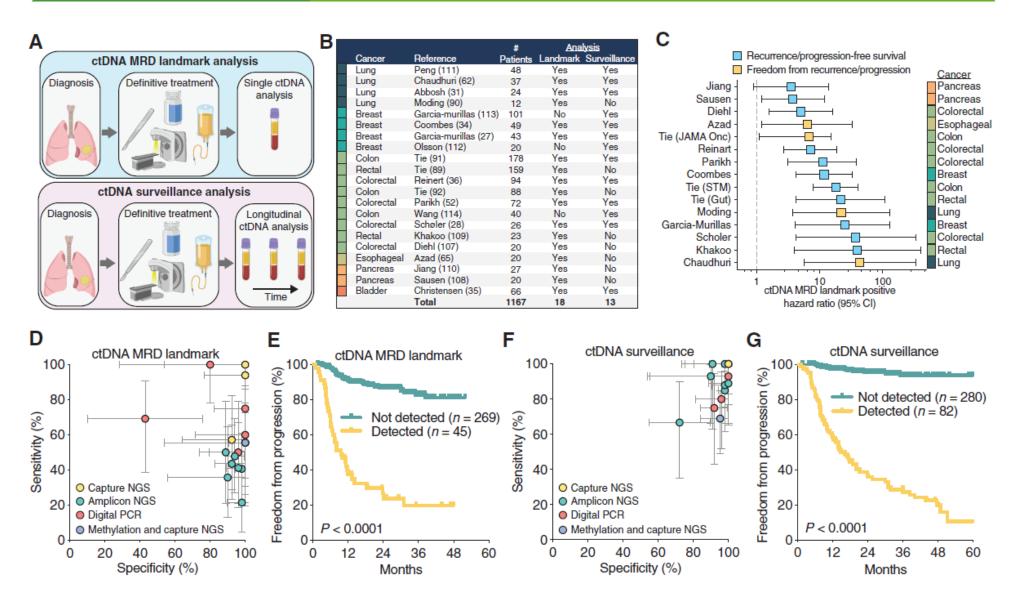




MRD

Clinical utilities of MRD in solid tumors

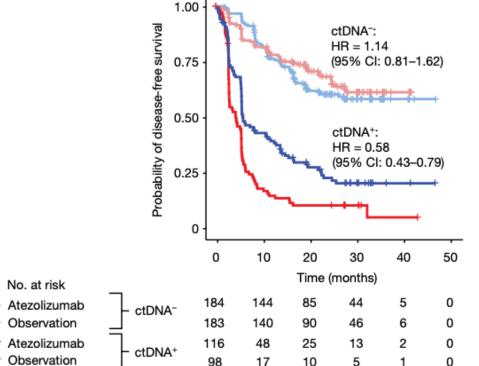
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Chinese oncologists developing consensus on MRD applications in solid tumors, e.g. lung cancer

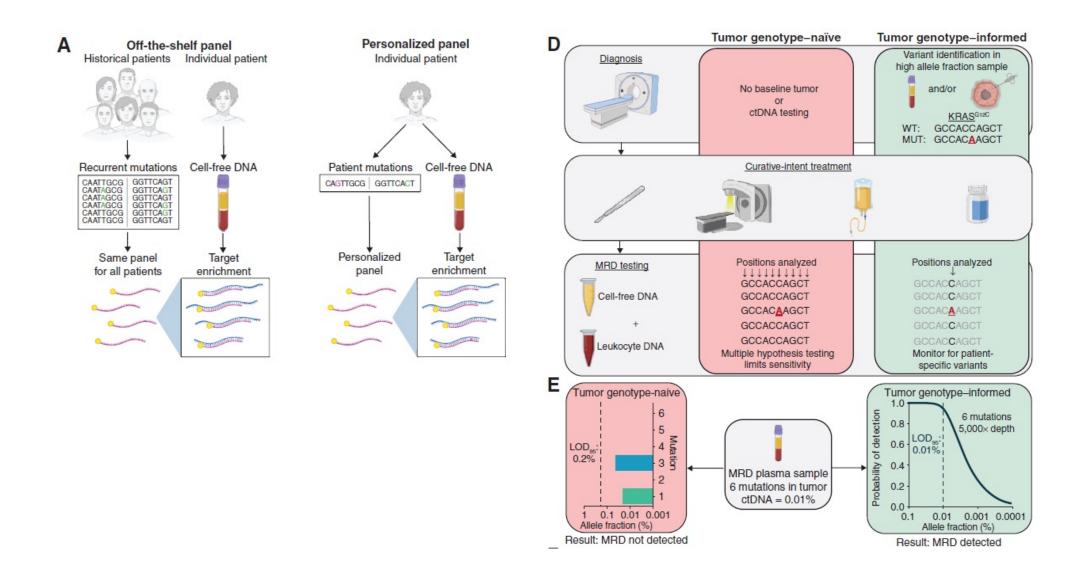


Chinese lung cancer consensus on MRD detection and clinical application, 2021

IMvigor010 – MRD demonstrating CDx potential

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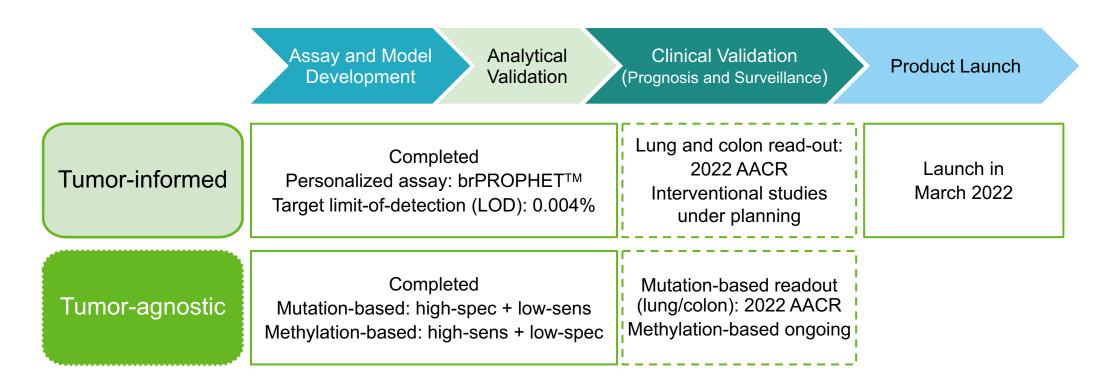
Fixed panel vs. personalized panel approaches



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MRD product pipelines

Personalized approach (brPROPHET[™]) demonstrating stronger performance, esp. in early stage patients

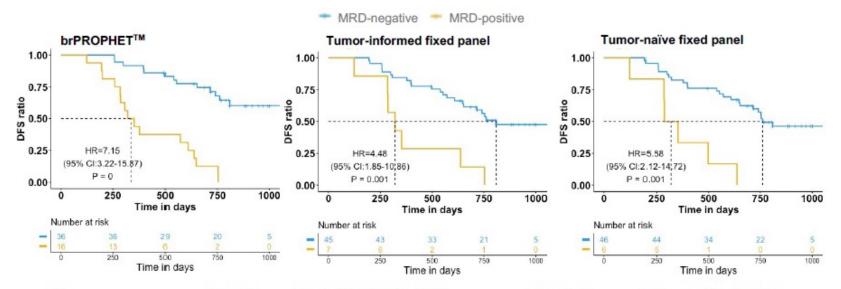


Recent trends on MRD clinical adoption in China

- MRD recommended for relapse-risk prediction for early-stage NSCLC patients by the 2021 Chinese Lung Cancer Clinician Consensus
- MRD technology is required to demonstrate an LOD lower than 0.02%
- Some clinicians and pharma companies are exploring MRD-driven patient-selection or treatment-plus/minus adjuvant therapy studies
- Most NGS companies only offer mutation panel-based liquid biopsy assays, with sub-optimal sensitivity for MRD utility

MRD clinical validation data readout NSCLC

Session OPO.PR02.01 - Clinical Prevention, Early Detection, and Interception 5916 - Tumor-informed patient-specific panel outperforms tumor-naïve and tumor-informed fixed panel for circulating tumor DNA (ctDNA)-based postoperative monitoring of non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC)

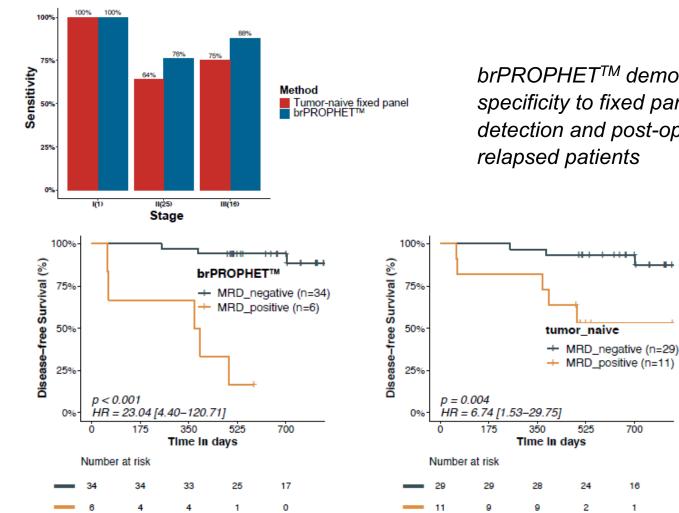


Three-year prognostication with brPROPHET[™] assay at B+C time-points yielded higher sensitivity (59% vs 26% vs 22%), negative predictive value (66% vs 51% vs 50%), and hazard ratio (7.15, 95%CI [3.2-15.9] vs 4.48 [1.9-10.9] vs 5.58 [2.1-14.7]) as compared with tumor-informed and tumor-naïve fixed panel assays.

In the full MEDAL cohort, MRD- patients assessed by brPROPHET[™] achieved a 12-month recurrence-free rate > 95% (unpublished data)

MRD clinical validation data readout CRC

Session OPO.PR02.01 - Clinical Prevention, Early Detection, and Interception 5917 - Patient-specific tumor-informed circulating tumor DNA (ctDNA) analysis for postoperative monitoring of patients with stages I-III colorectal cancer (CRC)



brPROPHET[™] demonstrated superior sensitivity and specificity to fixed panel in pre-operative ctDNA detection and post-operative MRD calling among relapsed patients

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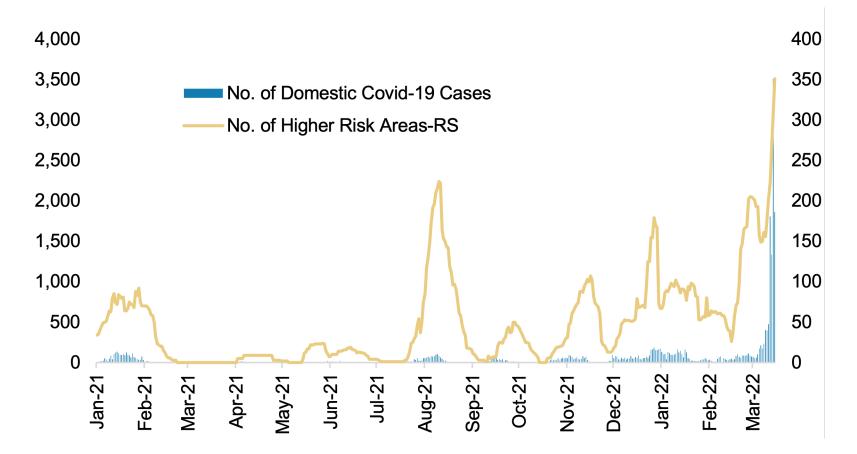






Financials

Latest Covid impact Omicron wave spreading in China; much larger impact due to higher transmissions

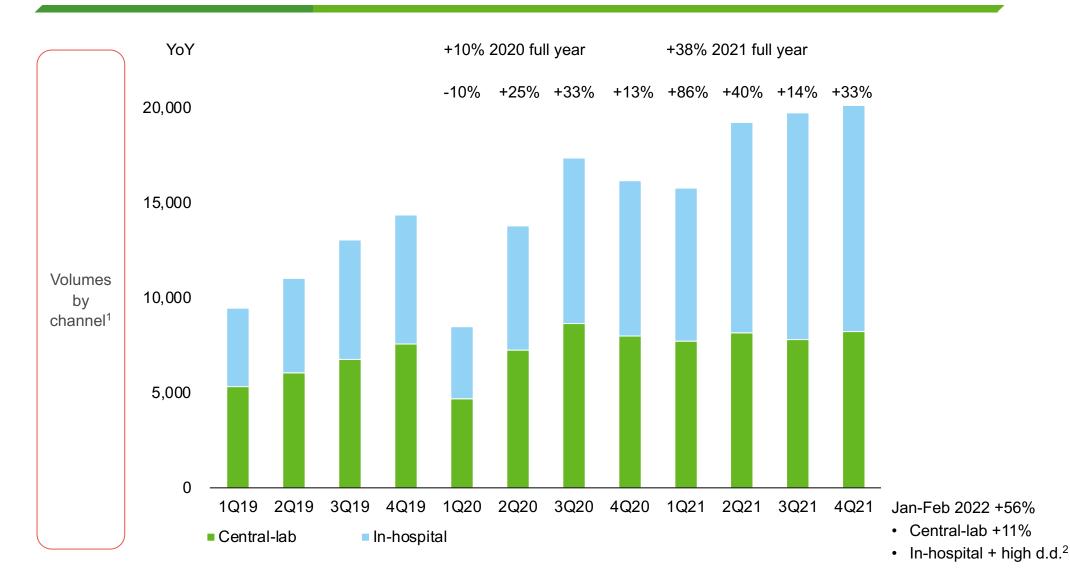


Worst wave of outbreaks observed since the nation-wide lockdown in 2020

- Shanghai school closures, semi-lockdown (Mar 2022)
- Shenzhen lockdown (Mar 2022)
- Changchun lockdown (Mar 2022)
- Jilin province lockdown (Mar 2022)

Continued in-hospital strength and improved central-lab driving growth uplift

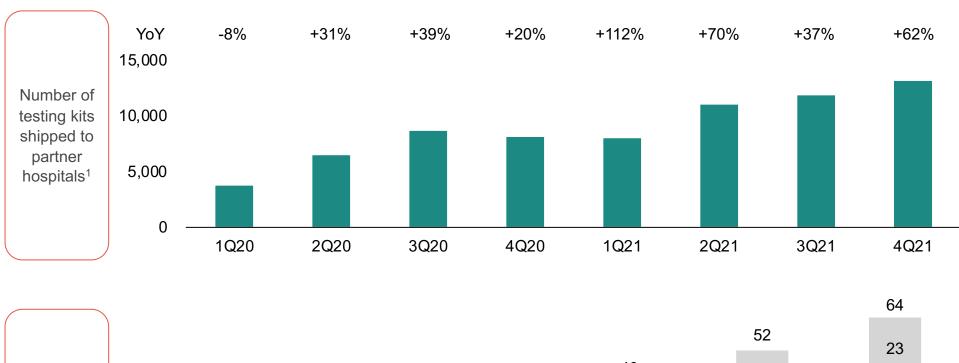
4Q21 growth turned better than 3Q21, Jan-Feb 2022 (pre Covid lockdowns in Mar) even better than 4Q21 Central-lab volume growth turned positive in 4Q21, and grew better Jan-Feb 2022, on the back of new products

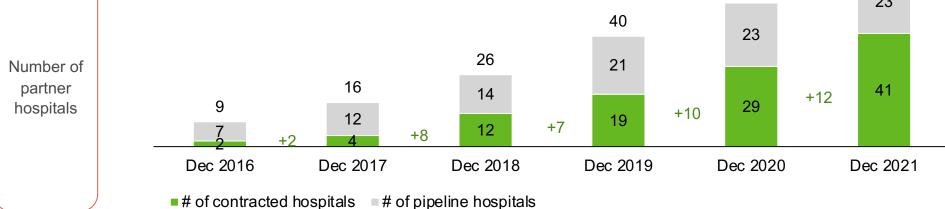


Notes:

¹Central-lab (LDT) volumes represented by the number of patients tested. In-hospital (IVD) volumes represented by the number of testing kits shipped to partner hospitals

In-hospital segment Accelerated rate of penetrating into additional hospitals during 2021





Financials

RMB millions	2020	2021	19 YoY	20 YoY	21 YoY	1Q20	2Q20	3Q20	4Q20	1Q21	2Q21	3Q21	4Q21	4Q21 YoY	4Q21 QoQ	2022 Guide
Revenue	429.9	507.9	83%	13%	18%	67.3	107.0	123.9	131.7	106.6	127.3	126.6	147.3	12%	16%	620
Central lab	297.3	319.4	71%	8%	7%	46.1	74.6	89.9	86.7	74.6	80.0	78.8	86.0	-1%	9%	
In-hospital ¹	117.9	165.1	164%	34%	40%	17.1	27.6	31.7	41.5	29.0	40.5	43.7	51.9	25%	19%	
Pharma	14.7	23.4	25%	(17%)	59%	4.1	4.8	2.3	3.6	3.1	6.8	4.1	9.4	165%	132%	
Gross profit	313.9	364.1	102%	15%	16%	44.8	78.4	91.6	99.2	76.9	90.2	91.6	105.4	6%	15%	
Total opex	726.3	1,161.2	49%	64%	60%	104.1	151.4	216.2	254.6	248.8	292.3	262.7	357.5	41%	36%	
R&D ²	214.1	338.2	43%	45%	57%	37.9	45.9	58.7	71.6	55.0	87.2	79.2	116.7	63%	47%	
S&M ²	165.1	293.6	49%	9%	75%	29.6	37.5	43.9	54.2	52.5	65.2	74.7	101.1	87%	35%	
G&A ²	174.6	248.6	40%	44%	39%	32.6	40.6	44.9	56.5	56.9	56.8	55.5	79.5	41%	43%	
SBC ³	172.5	280.8				4.0	27.4	68.7	72.3	84.4	83.0	53.3	60.2			
Operating profit	(412.4)	(797.1)				(59.3)	(73.0)	(124.6)	(155.4)	(171.9)	(202.0)	(171.1)	(252.1)			
GP margin	73.0%	71.7%				66.5%	73.3%	73.9%	75.3%	72.2%	70.9%	72.3%	71.5%			
Opex / revenue	169%	229%				155%	142%	175%	193%	233%	230%	208%	243%			
S&M / revenue	39%	60%				44%	36%	36%	43%	52%	53%	61%	70%			

Notes:

¹ Within in-hospital segment, over 95% revenues are kit revenues, which are recurring in nature; the remaining are instrument revenues. In-hospital primarily through direct-sales model

² Excluding share based compensation (SBC)







Appendix 1

Early detection

ESMO Asia mini-oral presentation, Nov 2020 Overview of training and validation sets

Training	Control	Cancer	LC	CRC	LIHC	OVCA	PAAD	ESCA
total	195	274	50	46	48	50	40	40
age, mean+/-SD	53+/-6	57+/-8	60+/-6	60+/-8	55+/-8	50+/-8	59+/-7	57+/-6
age, min/max	40/72	40/75	47/74	44/75	43/72	40/73	42/71	45/70
sex, female, n (%)	128 (70)	110 (40)	16 (32)	21 (46)	4 (8)	50 (100)	14 (35)	5 (13)
clinical stage, n (%)								
I		73 (27)	20 (40)	9 (20)	20 (41)	5 (10)	11 (27)	8 (20)
II		63 (23)	14 (28)	12 (26)	8 (17)	5 (10)	11 (27)	13 (33)
III		97 (35)	7 (14)	15 (32)	14 (29)	37 (74)	9 (23)	15 (37)
IV		41 (15)	9 (18)	10 (22)	6 (13)	3 (6)	9 (23)	4 (10)
Validation	Control	Cancer	LC	CRC	LIHC	OVCA	PAAD	ESCA
total	288	351	61	57	57	53	59	64
age, mean+/-SD	54+/-6	59+/-8	62+/-7	61+/-9	54+/-8	54+/-7	61+/-9	62+/-6
age, min/max	40/74	40/75	45/74	44/75	40/73	42/68	40/74	46/74

1. Similar age distribution between cases and controls, and between training set and validation set

21 (37)

15 (26)

13 (23)

14 (25)

15 (26)

9 (16)

15 (26)

14 (25)

15 (26)

13 (23)

53 (100)

6 (11)

11 (21)

22 (42)

14 (26)

19 (32)

18 (30)

14 (24)

13 (22)

14 (24)

2. Balanced sample size among different stages and cancer types

146 (42)

83 (23)

87 (25)

94 (27)

87 (25)

sex, female, n (%)

clinical stage, n (%)

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IV

171 (59)

22 (36)

16 (26)

16 (26)

14 (23)

15 (25)

22 (34)

13 (20)

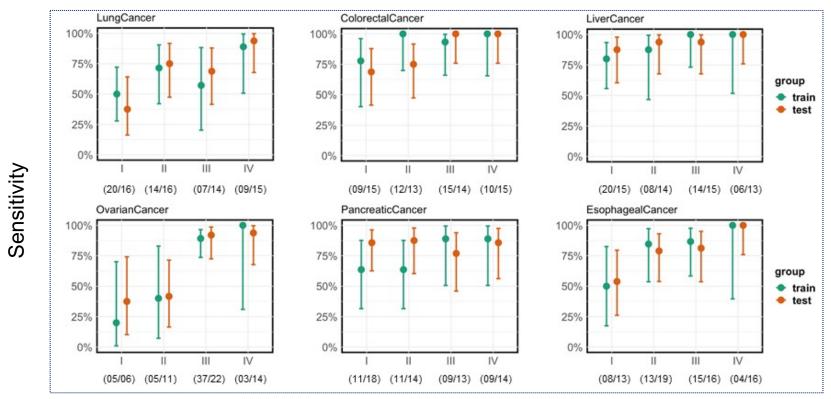
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ESMO Asia mini-oral presentation, Nov 2020

Our test detects cancers at an early stage with high specificity and high sensitivity



Clinical Stages (# in Training / # in Validation)

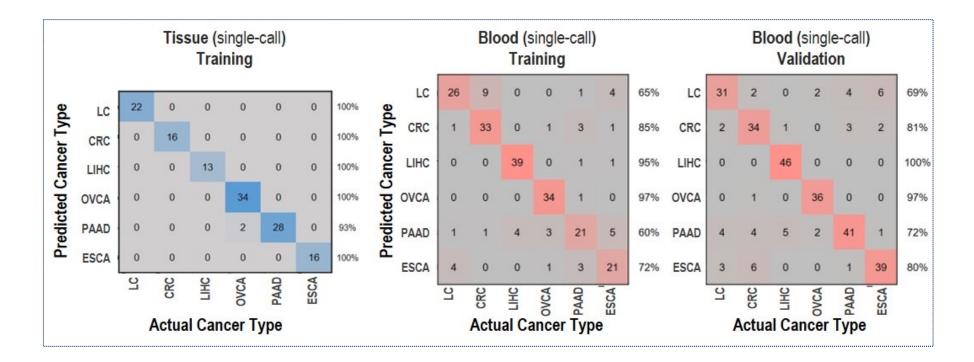
- The specificity was 99.5% (95%CI: 96.7-100%; training) and 98.3% (95%CI: 95.8-99.4%; validation)
- The sensitivity was 79.9% (95%CI: 74.6-84.4%; training) and 80.6% (95%CI: 76.0-84.4%; validation)

ESMO Asia mini-oral presentation, Nov 2020

Our test detects cancers at an early stage with high specificity and high sensitivity



ESMO Asia mini-oral presentation, Nov 2020 Our test predicts the tissue of origin with high accuracy



- The classifier was able to distinguish different cancer tissue samples with exceptional accuracy (129/131).
- **98.6%** of detected cancer blood samples were assigned an organ-source in both training and validation sets:
 - For single organ calls, the predictive accuracy was **79%** (training) and **82%** (validation);
 - For top-two organ calls, the predictive accuracy was **89%** (training) and **87%** (validation).

ESMO Asia mini-oral presentation, Nov 2020 6-cancer test sensitivity by cancer type and stage

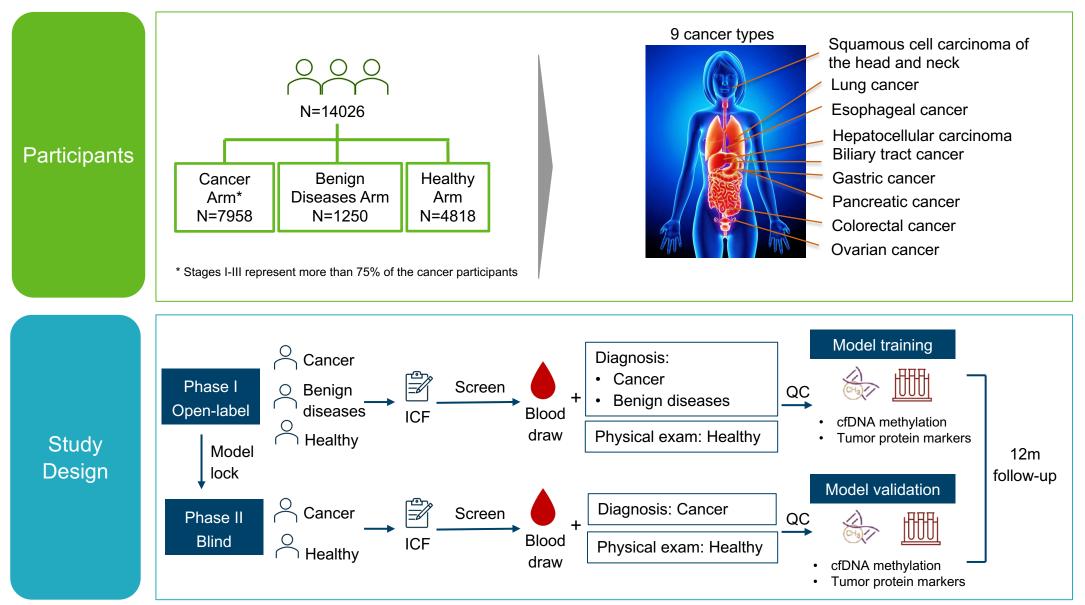
Cancer	Group	I.	II	Ш	IV	Overall
Lung	Train	10/20 (50.0)	10/14 (71.4)	4/7 (57.1)	8/9 (88.9)	32/50 (64.0)
Lung	Test	6/16 (37.5)	12/16 (75.0)	9/14 (64.3)	14/15 (93.3)	41/61 (67.2)
Colorectal	Train	7/9 (77.8)	12/12 (100.0)	14/15 (93.3)	10/10 (100.0)	43/46 (93.5)
Colorectai	Test	10/15 (66.7)	10/13 (76.9)	14/14 (100.0)	15/15 (100.0)	49/57 (86.0)
Liver	Train	16/20 (80.0)	7/8 (87.5)	14/14 (100.0)	6/6 (100.0)	43/48 (89.6)
Liver	Test	13/15 (86.7)	13/14 (92.9)	14/15 (93.3)	13/13 (100.0)	53/57 (93.0)
Ovarian	Train	1/5 (20.0)	2/5 (40.0)	33/37 (89.2)	3/3 (100.0)	39/50 (78.0)
Ovariali	Test	2/6 (33.3)	5/11 (45.5)	20/22 (90.9)	13/14 (92.9)	40/53 (75.5)
Deperantia	Train	7/11 (63.6)	7/11 (63.6)	8/9 (88.9)	8/9 (88.9)	30/40 (75.0)
Pancreatic	Test	15/18 (83.3)	12/14 (85.7)	10/13 (76.9)	12/14 (85.7)	49/59 (83.1)
Esophageal	Train	4/8 (50.0)	11/13 (84.6)	13/15 (86.7)	4/4 (100.0)	32/40 (80.0)
Esophayear	Test	7/13 (53.8)	15/19 (78.9)	13/16 (81.3)	16/16 (100.0)	51/64 (79.7)

Sensitivity and Specificity - Correct#/Total# (%)

Sonoitivity	Train			219/274 (79.9)
Sensitivity	Test			283/351 (80.6)
Specificity	Train			194/195 (99.5)
Specificity	Test			283/288 (98.3)

The PREDICT study (NCT04817306) Study design

PREDICT is a *prospective, multi-center, case-control, observational* study for the detection of 9 cancer types through a cell-free DNA (cfDNA) methylation based, machine learning aided model

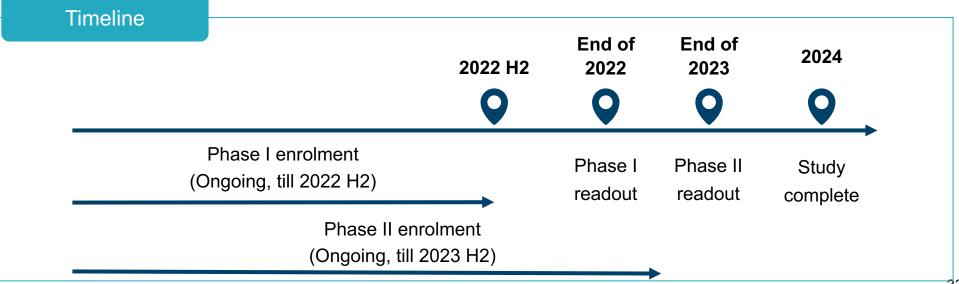


The PREDICT study (NCT04817306) Objectives and timeline

Objectives

Primary objective:

- To train and validate the *sensitivity, specificity and TOO accuracy* of a cfDNA methylation-based model for early detection of 9 types of cancers
- Key secondary objectives:
- To evaluate the sensitivity, specificity and TOO accuracy of a cfDNA methylation-based model in various types and stages of cancers
- To evaluate the sensitivity, specificity and TOO accuracy of a cfDNA methylation-based model *combined with other biomarkers*
- To evaluate the *positive predictive value* of a cfDNA methylation-based model among asymptomatic "cancerfree" individuals within a 12-month follow up period

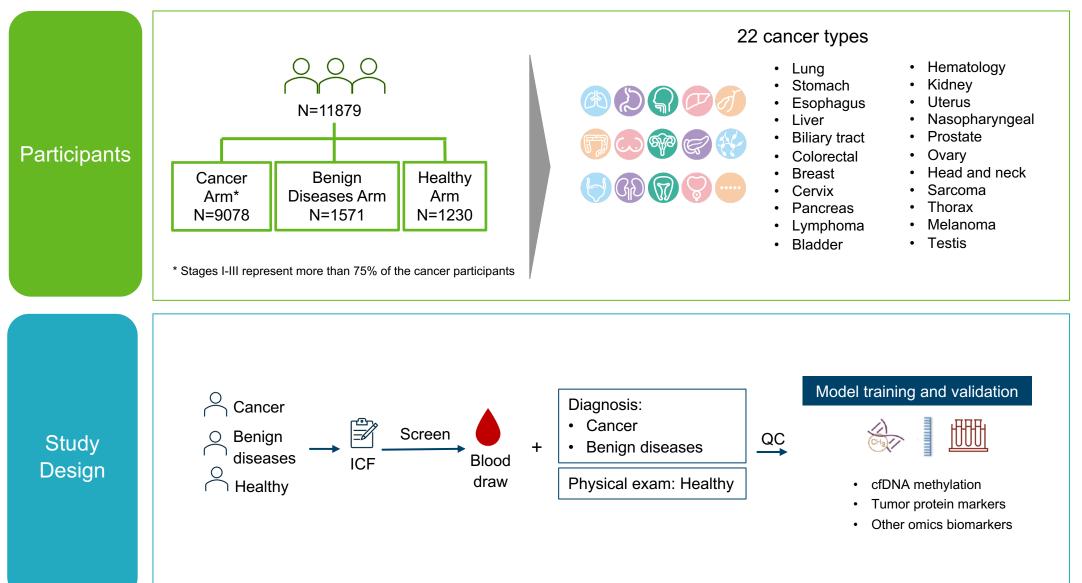


The PREDICT study (NCT04817306)

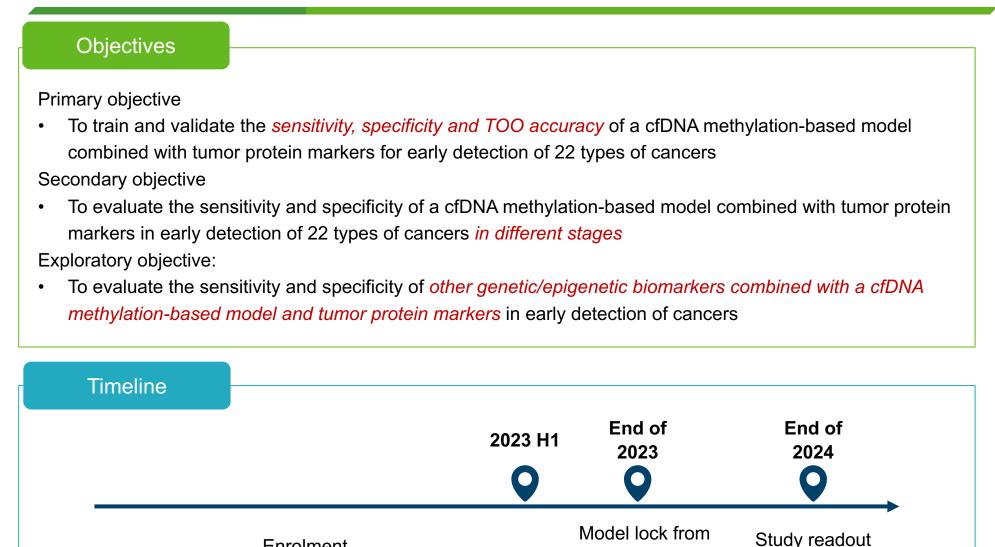


The PRESCIENT study (NCT04822792) Study design

PRESCIENT is a *prospective, multi-center, case-control, observational* study aimed to train and validate the performance of a multi-omics model in the detection of 22 cancers



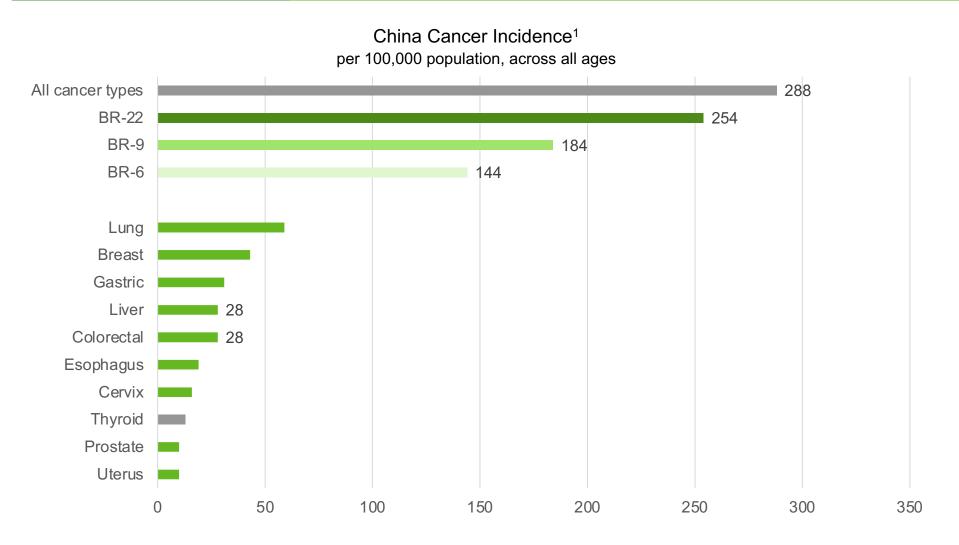
The PRESCIENT study (NCT04822792) Objectives and timeline



training set

Enrolment (Ongoing, till 2023 H1)

Multi vs. single cancer early detection Multiple times larger TAM



BR-22 covers 88% of China's cancer incidence²

Notes:

¹ Incidence data per "2018 China cancer registry annual report ", J He et al., ISBN 978-7-117-28585-8

² Final number of cancer types subject to development progress

Multi vs. single cancer early detection in China Significantly higher technology barrier

Single-cancer test	 Established technology, typically PCR based, with readily available products US – First FDA approved product in 2014 (first submission in 2012) China – NMPA approved products (class-III, including tissue and blood-based) in 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, etc Small panel, low cost Relatively simple genomic data analytics
Multi-cancer test	 Biologically, blood-based tests are multi-cancer in nature Highly complex technology with product risk Globally, only a small number of innovators have locked-down products going under intended-use validation Data as a key factor for development and validation Evolving dataset leads to continuous product improvement and greater validation Unprecedented commercial potential Possibility to fundamentally shift oncology landscape from late-stage therapeutics to earlier stage intervention



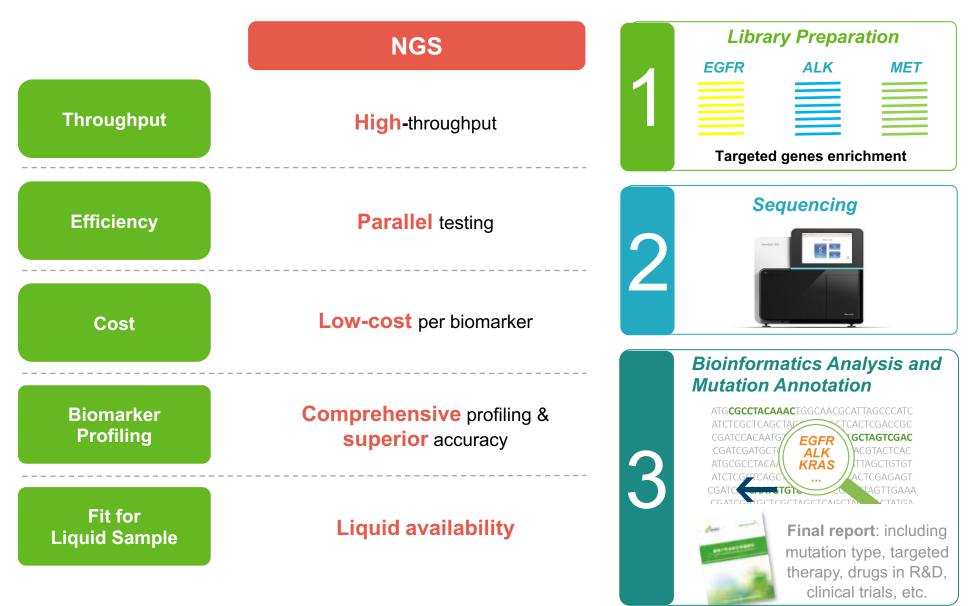




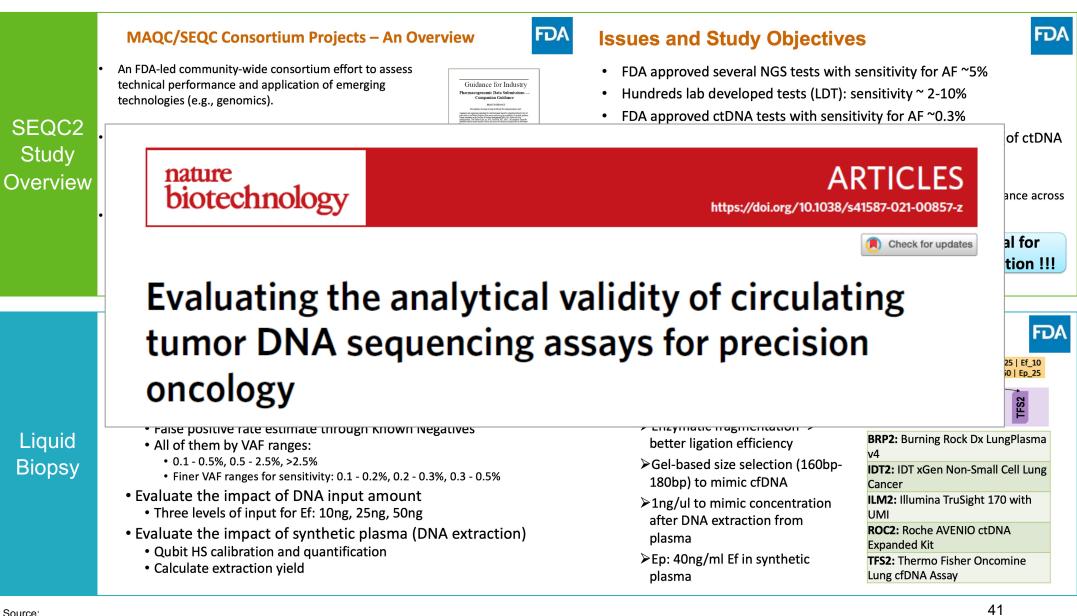
Appendix 2

Therapy selection



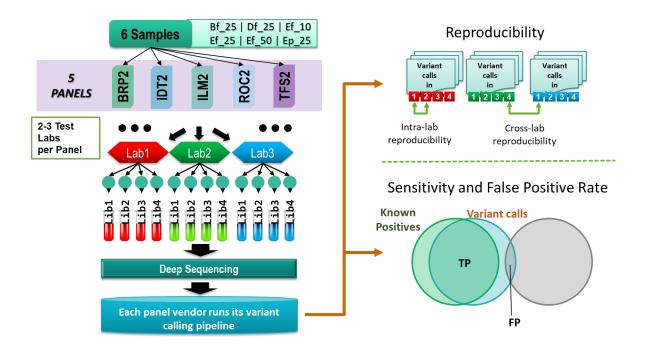


Leading liquid-biopsy product in China, with globally competitive performance Demonstrated in high-impact analytical validation study



Slides from "Establishing the analytical validity of circulating tumor DNA sequencing for precision oncology", 5th Annual Liquid Biopsy for Precision Oncology Summit, Feb 2021 Further information in Appendix 2

			Sequencing	Target	Reportable	Coding		Negatives	
Name	Vendor	ctDNA assay	platform	genes	region (kb)	(kb)	CTR (kb)	(× 1,000)	Variants
 ROC	Roche Sequencing Solutions	AVENIO ctDNA (Expanded Kit)	Illumina NextSeq	77	161.7	140.2	103.8	47.1	189
ILM	Illumina	TruSight Tumor 170 + UMI	Illumina NovaSeq	154	501.0	390.1	338.4	133.0	574
IDT	Integrated DNA	xGen Non-small Cell Lung Cancer	Illumina NovaSeq	24	110.1	93.2	76.5	39.3	130
BRP	Burning Rock Biotech	Lung Plasma v4	Illumina NovaSeq	168	226.9	148.5	125.1	53.4	229
 TFS	i nermo ⊢isner Scientific	Oncomine Lung cfDNA assay	Ion Torrent S5 XL	11	1.9	1.6	1.3	0.8	5



Source:

"Evaluating the analytical validity of circulating tumor DNA sequencing assays for precision oncology", Nature Biotechnology, Apr 2021

Overall analytical accuracy and specificity

1.00 Precision Lbx-low: - ROC - ILM - IDT BRP 0.97 1.00 0.00 Sensitivity

Analytical accuracy

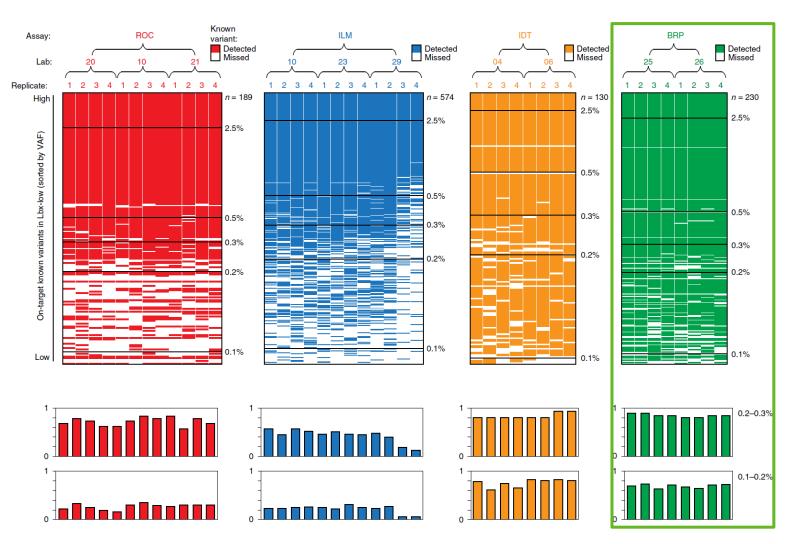
	Known negatives	FPs per replicate	VAF thre	eshold		
Assay	(kb)	(mean <mark>[</mark> range])	>0%	> 0.1%	> 0.5%	
ROC	47.1	2.91 [1-6]	0.061	0.044	0.000	
ILM	133	5.25 [2-10]	0.039	0.039	0.008	
IDT	39.3	2.75 [0-6]	0.070	0.057	0.000	
BRP	53.4	1.65 [0-5]	0.030	0.007	0.000	

The analytical accuracy was measured by **Precision-Sensitivity** plot (25ng LBx-Low) The false positive rates were computed by FP/kb region. Once different VAF threshold increases, FP rates dropped further.

"To compare the accuracy of the participating ctDNA assays, we generated precision recall curves, ranking known variants and FPs according to their observed VAFs. For Lbx-low samples at 25ng input, BRP was the most accurate assay, with roughly equivalent sensitivity but superior precision to IDT (Fig. 4b and Supplementary Fig. 4c). "

FP-rate (FP / kb) at specified

Performance – Sensitivity



"The most sensitive assays (IDT and BRP) achieved sensitivity greater than 0.90 for variants with 0.3–0.5% VAF; however, no assays reached this mark for variants with 0.2–0.3% or 0.1– 0.2% VAF (Fig. 4a)."

"The performance characteristics of the assays evaluated here were broadly similar to what has been reported by several ctDNA sequencing providers (based on internal testing) that did not participate in this study. During validation of the Guardant360 CDx hybrid capture assay, variants were detected with high sensitivity (~94%) at VAF \geq 0.4%, declining to ~64% among variants with VAF ranging from 0.05% to 0.25%." FoundationACT showed ~99% sensitivity for SNVs with VAF > 0.5%, ~95% for 0.25%-0.5% VAF and ~70% for 0.125-0.25% VAF."

LBx-low (25 ng input) replicates in each participating assay in different expected VAF bin.