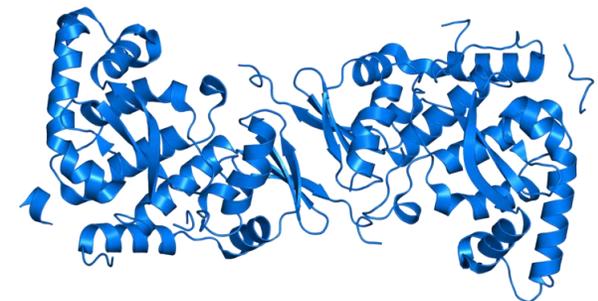


# *Er det arveligt eller hva'?*

## MLH1 promotor metyleringsanalyse og Mikrosatellit bestemmelse ved mave-tarm kræft

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- Colorectal cancer (CRC) er den 3. mest almindelige kræfttype blandt mænd, og den 2. mest almindelige blandt kvinder
- Hovedparten af CRC er sporadiske, men 5% til 10% er arvelige med autosomale dominante mutationer.
- Den mest almindelige undertype af arvelig CRC er Lynch syndrome (hereditary nonpolyposis colon cancer, 3% til 5% af alle CRC)<sup>1,2</sup>.
- Da arveligheden kan have betydning for øvrige familiemedlemmer er det væsentligt at undersøge for arvlighedsbiomarkører bl.a. for Lynch syndrome.

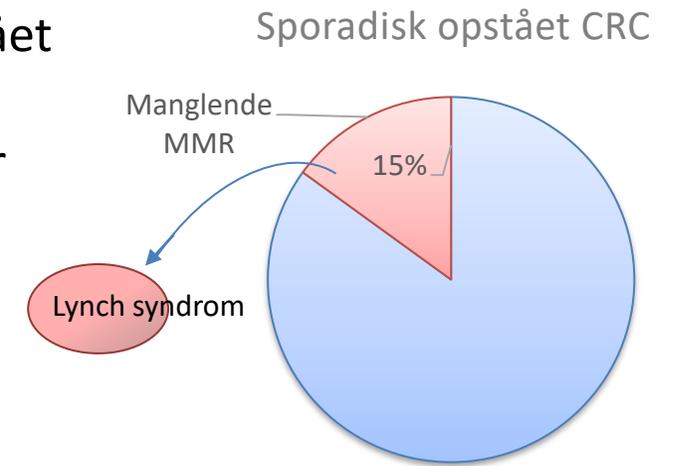
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# En ny måde at tænke MLH1 promotor methyleringsanalyse

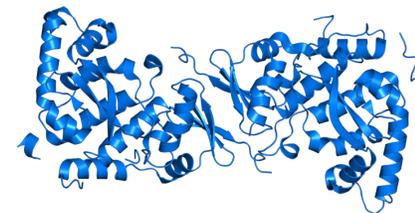
## Metyleringsanalyse ved kolorektalcancer

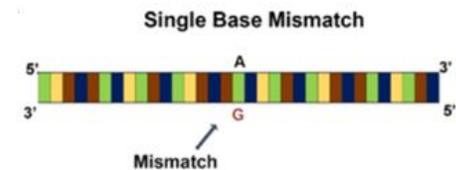
- Behandlingsindikator – arvelig komponent eller sporadisk opstået
- Sporadiske CRC: 15% har manglende mismatch repair proteiner (MMR)
- Et mindre antal af disse skyldes en arvelig gendefekt, Lynch Syndrom.



Er canceren så arvelig eller sporadisk?

*Det er her MLH1 og metylering kommer ind...*





## Hvad er *MLH1*?

*MLH1*-genet koder for MLH1, et DNA repair protein

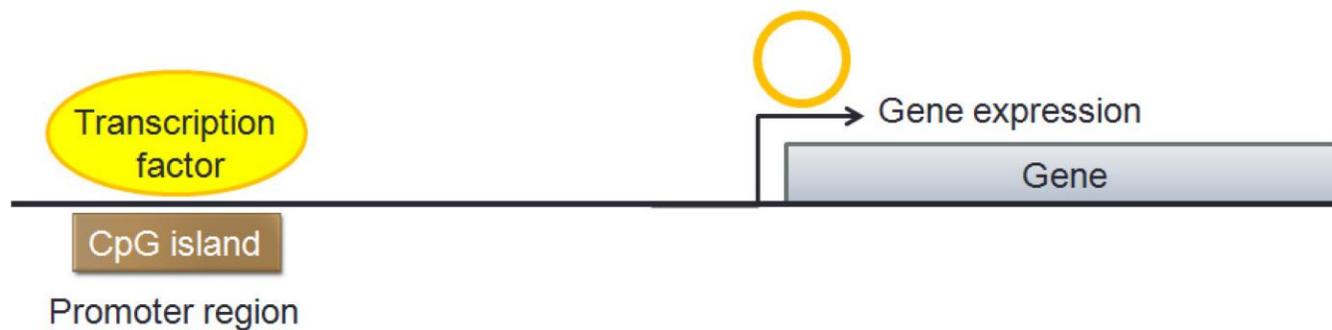
MLH1 er et af fire mismatch repair (MMR) proteiner der reparerer fejl efter replikation

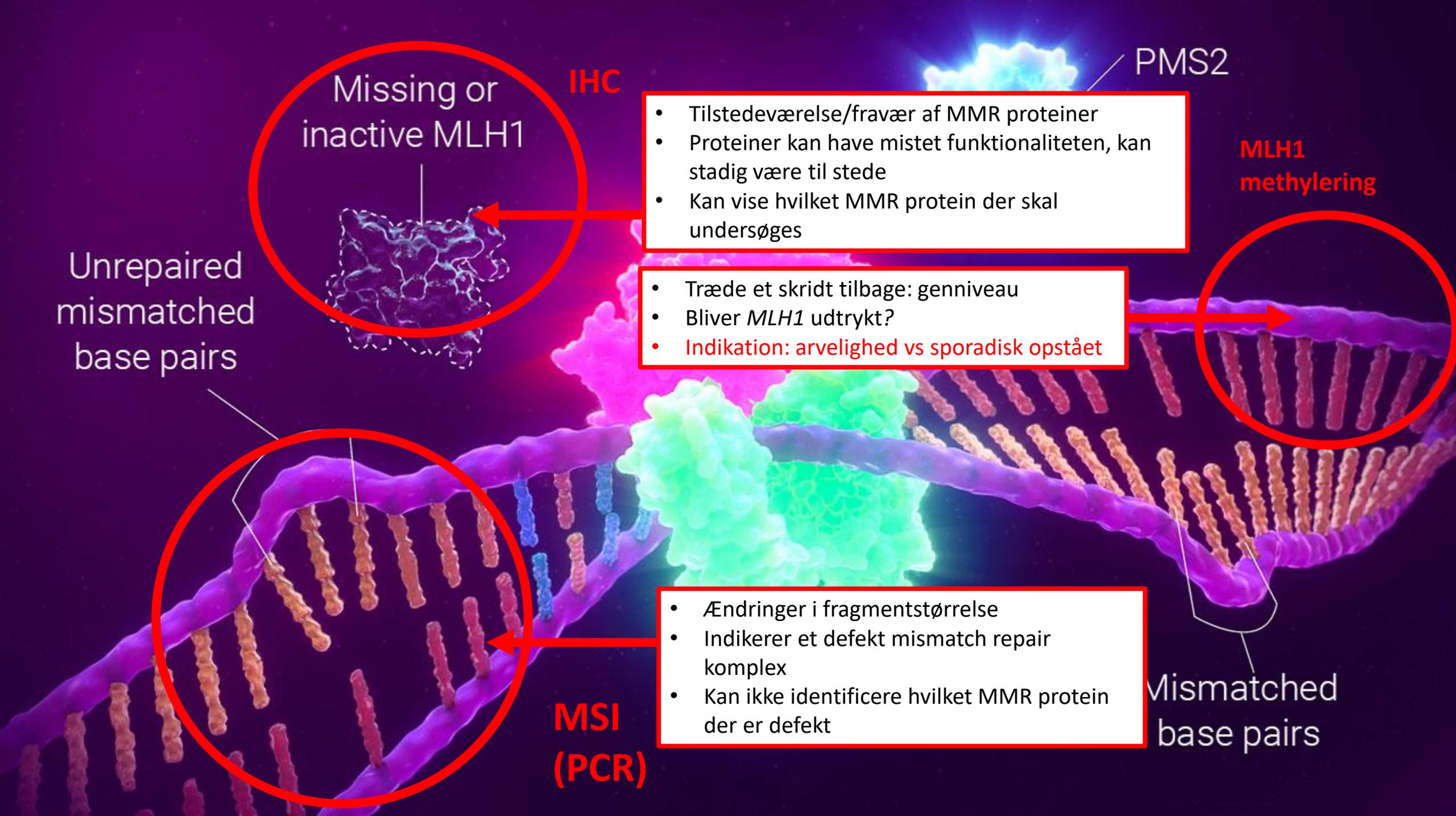
Ved metyleringsanalyse undersøges for metylering i promotoren til *MLH1* gen

*Men hvad sker der når *MLH1* gen er inaktiveret?*

## Hvad sker der når *MLH1* genet er inaktiveret?

**CpG islands** 1000-2000 bp med højt antal af CpG sites. Cytosin efterfulgt af guanin nukleotid.





PMS2

IHC

Missing or inactive MLH1

- Tilstedeværelse/fravær af MMR proteiner
- Proteiner kan have mistet funktionaliteten, kan stadig være til stede
- Kan vise hvilket MMR protein der skal undersøges

MLH1 methylering

- Træde et skridt tilbage: genniveau
- Bliver *MLH1* udtrykt?
- Indikation: arvelighed vs sporadisk opstået

Unrepaired mismatched base pairs



MSI (PCR)

- Ændringer i fragmentstørrelse
- Indikerer et defekt mismatch repair kompleks
- Kan ikke identificere hvilket MMR protein der er defekt

Mismatched base pairs

## Workflow i arvelighed vs sporadisk opstået-problematikken

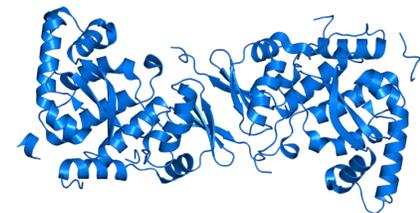
### Indikatorer

#### Arvelig (Lynch syndrom)

- Manglende MMR proteiner
- BRAF WT
- Methylering negativ

#### Sporadisk opstået

- Manglende MMR proteiner
- BRAF mut
- Methylering positiv

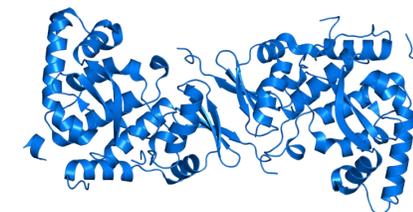


## Eksempler på analysemetoder

- SALSA MS-MLPA (MRC Holland): probebaseret + fragmentanalyse
- Pyrosekventering
- EpiMelt (MethylDetect): bisulfitkonvertering + PCR(HRM)
- *Next Generation Sequencing*

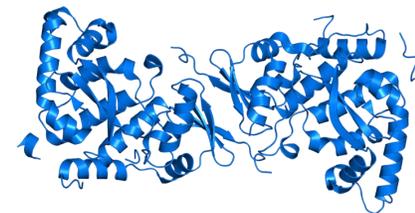
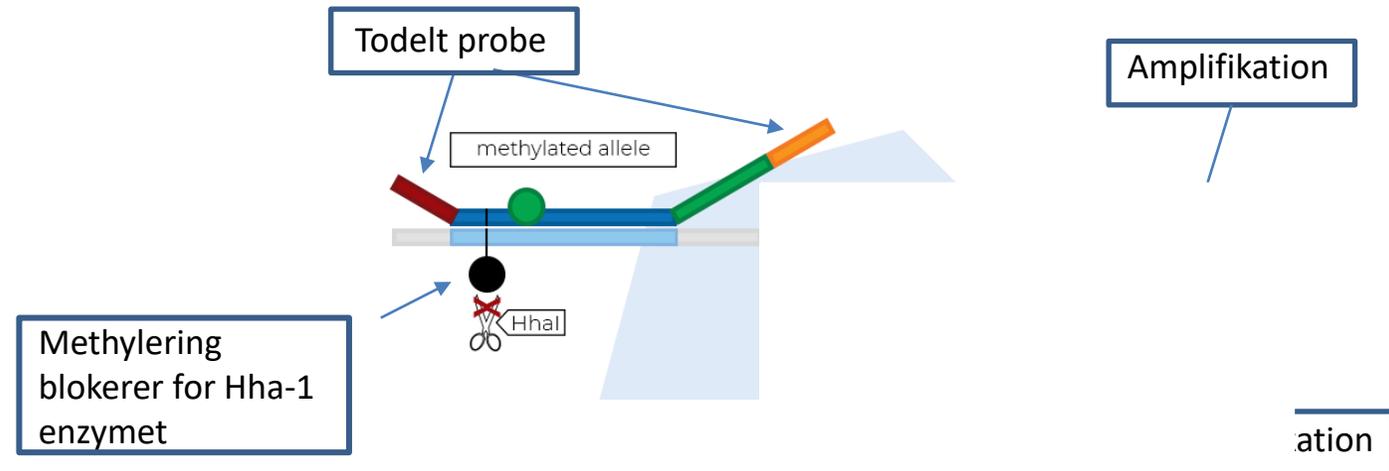
## Hvad en analyse skal leve op til ?

- Time-to-result
- Valideret
- Let at udføre
- Stabil
- Prisvenlig



## SALSA MS-MLPA

- Probebaseret
- Datanalyse: fragmentanalyse med kapillærelektroforese
- Input: 50-250 ng DNA
- Kræver ikke bisulfitkonvertering
- Tid: ~1 time hands on, 19 timer med inkubation = ca. 2 dage
- Fragmentanalyse tid: +/- 30 min (ifølge firma)
- 22 Hha-1 sites i 7 forskellige gener (MGMT, MLH1, MLH3, PMS2, MSH2, MSH3, MSH6)
- Tumorkerneindhold på minimum 20% anbefales

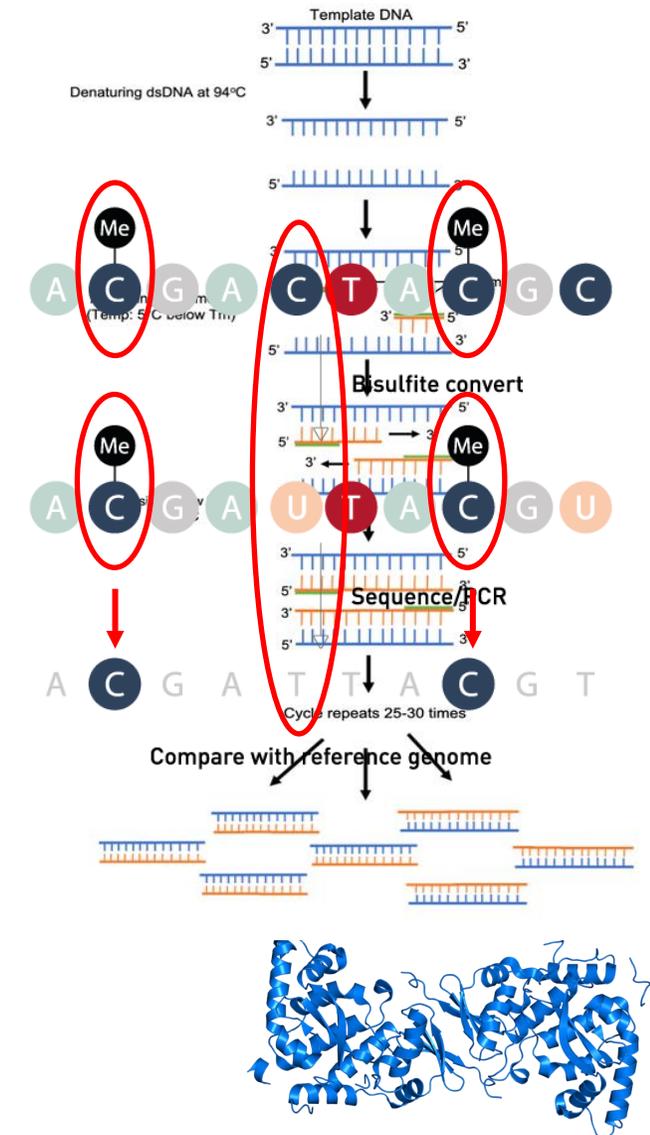


## EpiMelt

### Workflow

Ekstraktion → bisulfitkonvertering → PCR → dataanalyse (MS-HRM, High-Resolution Melting curves)

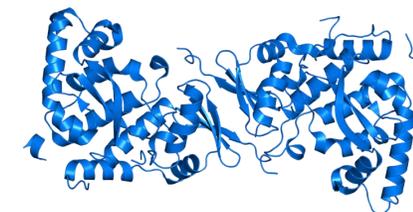
- Kræver bisulfitkonvertering
- Input: 500 pg-2 µg DNA til bisulfitkonvertering/10-100 ng bisulfitkonverteret DNA
- Tid: ~1 time hands on, ~6 timer med inkubation = ca. 1 dag
- Ét primer set til både methyleret og ikke-methylerede templates
- Ét gen (*MLH1*)
- Tumorkerneindhold anbefales: ingen anbefalinger. Har testet ned til 10%.



## EpiMelt MLH1 assay

### Hvordan sikrer vi kvaliteten?

- **Ekstraktion** – ”garbage in, garbage out”
- **Bisulfitkonvertering**
  - Bland reagenser/prøve
  - Inkubationstid
  - Ratio: for meget DNA → konvertering ikke komplet (over-conversion/under-conversion)
  - Single-stranded: opbevaring i kort tid
- **PCR**
  - Optimal annealing temp
  - Optimal antal cycles
  - Sensitive reagenser



## EpiMelt MLH1 assay – opsætning i rutinen

### Prøver

- 133 prøver inkluderet i valideringen
- 109 prøver analyseret på både RH og HVH
- Resektater og biopsier
- 14 med normal MMR

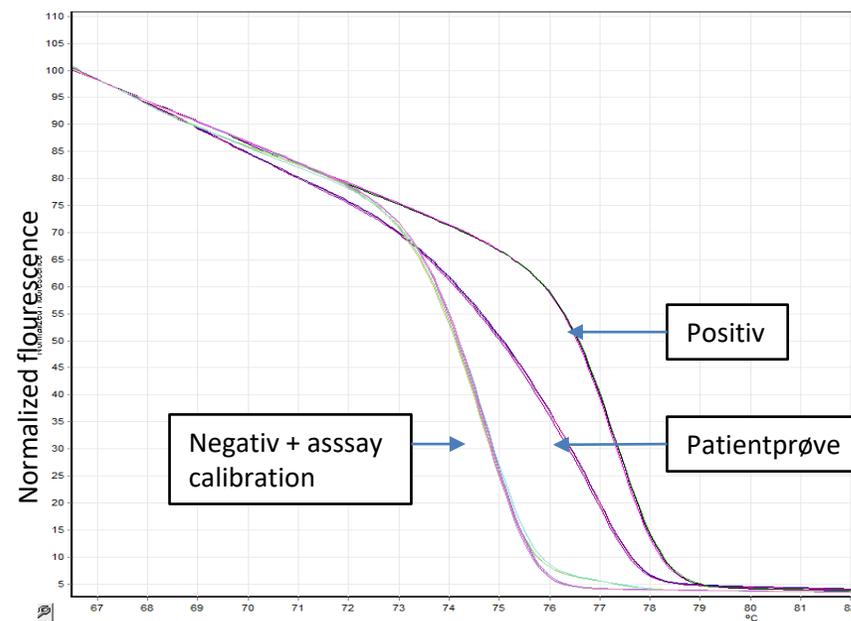
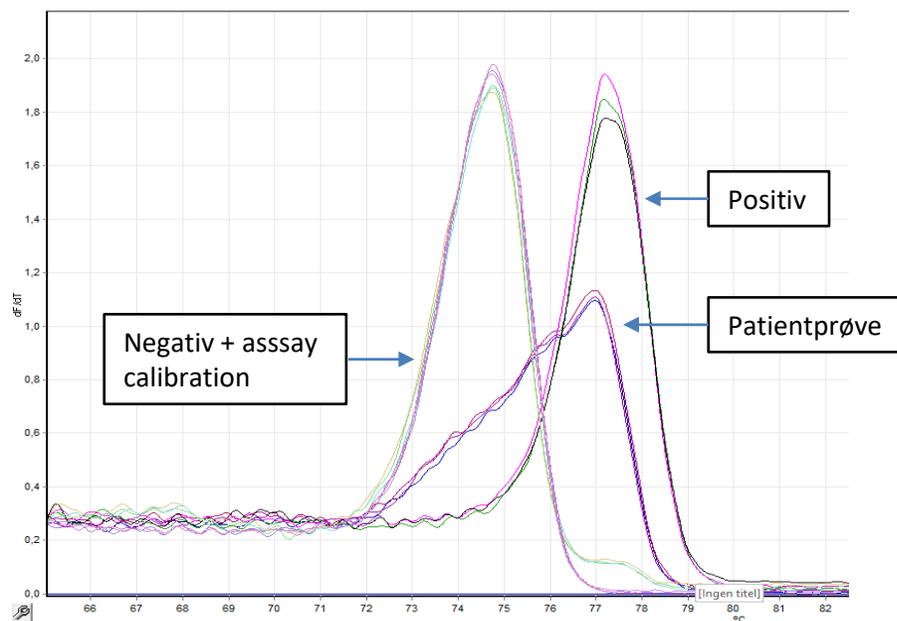
### Tre ekstraktionsmetoder benyttet

- Oprensning, QIAmp
- Oprensning, QIAamp med deparaffineringsopløsning og proteinase K-behandling over nat
- Oprensning med Promega Maxwell

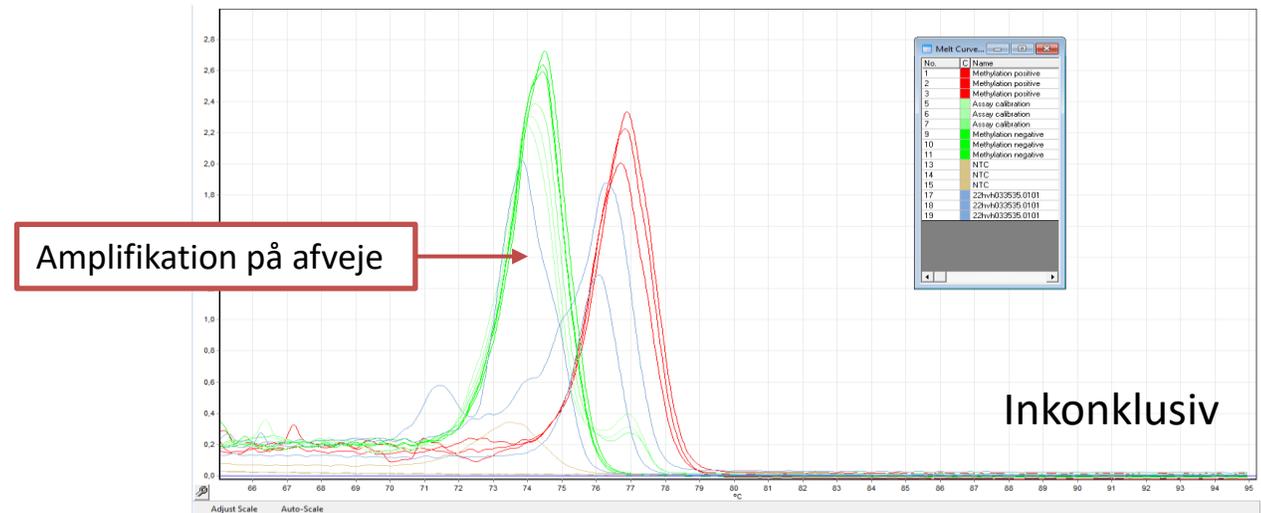
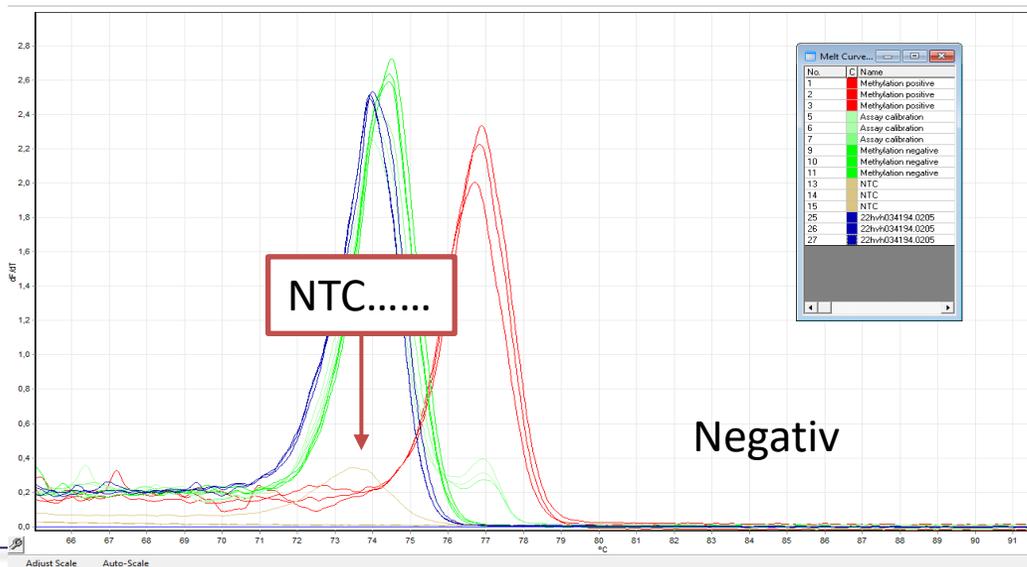
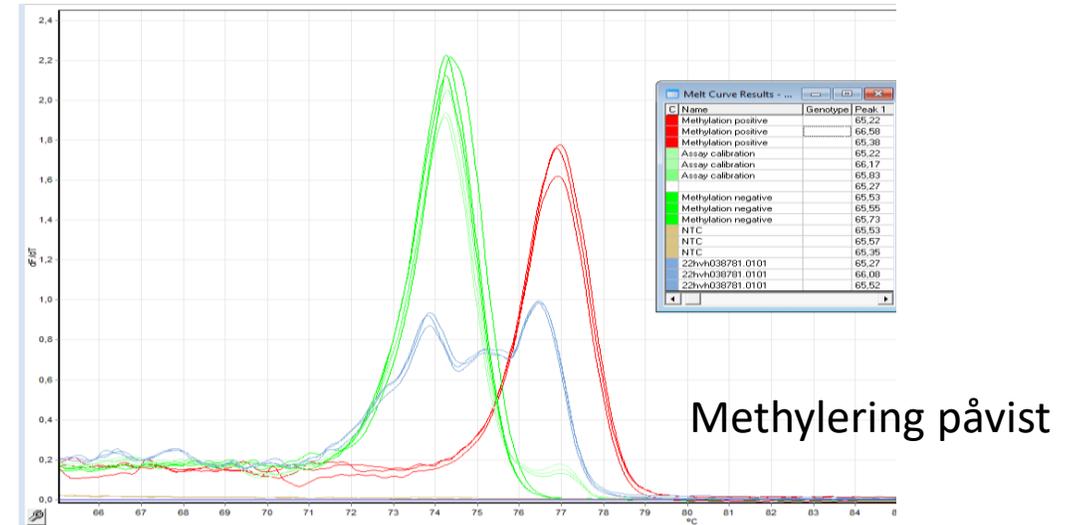
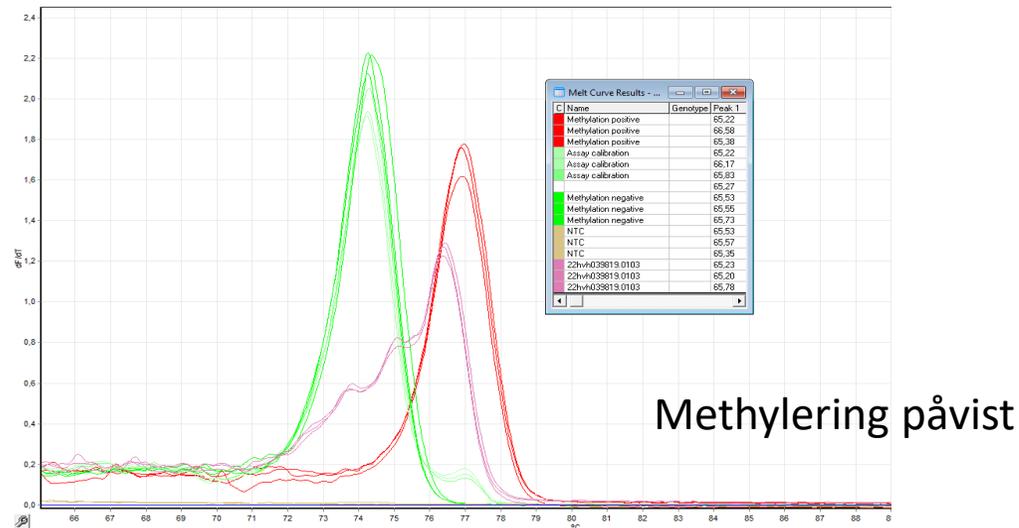
### Annealingstest

- Samme ekstraktion
- Optimering af PCR

## EpiMelt MLH1 assay – opsætning i rutinen

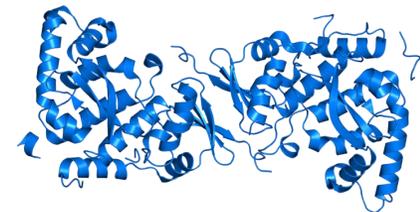


## Eksempler



## Validering af EpiMelt MLH1 assay

*Er analysen reproducérbar og finder den samme  
cases som MLPA analysen?*



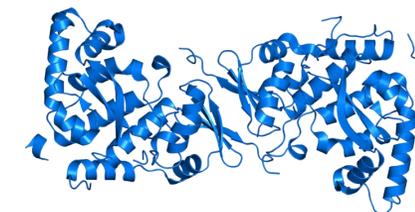
## Reproducérbarhed og konkordans

### Intern reproducérbarhed

EpiMelt MLH1	EpiMelt MLH1			
	Methyleret	Ikke methyleret	Invalid	Totalt
Methyleret	15	0	0	15
Ikke methyleret	1	2	0	3
Invalid	0	0	0	0
Totalt	16	2	0	18

Konkordans=94.4%

Kappa=0.77 (Substantial agreement)



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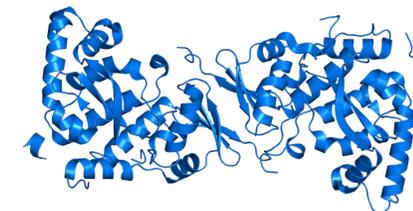
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\* Skyldes meget lav koncentration ved anden kørsel (<0,5 ng/ul)

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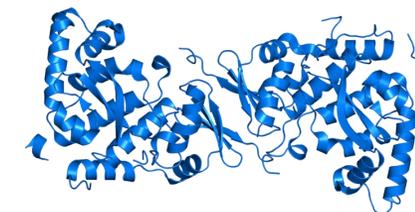
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### Sammenligning af SALSA MS-MLPA og EpiMelt. N=109

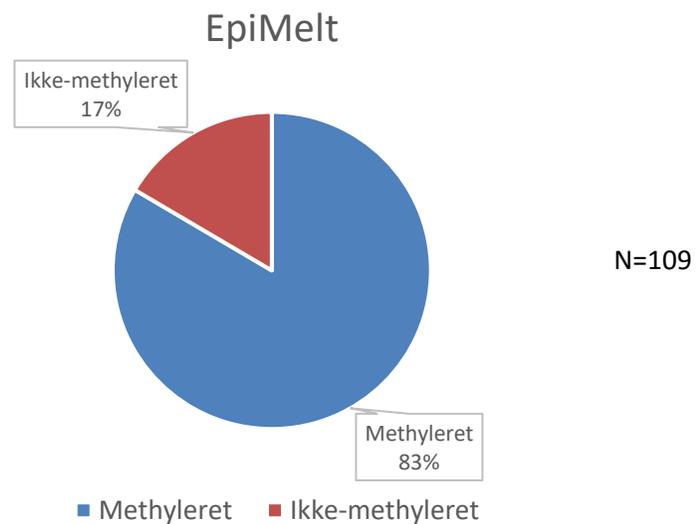
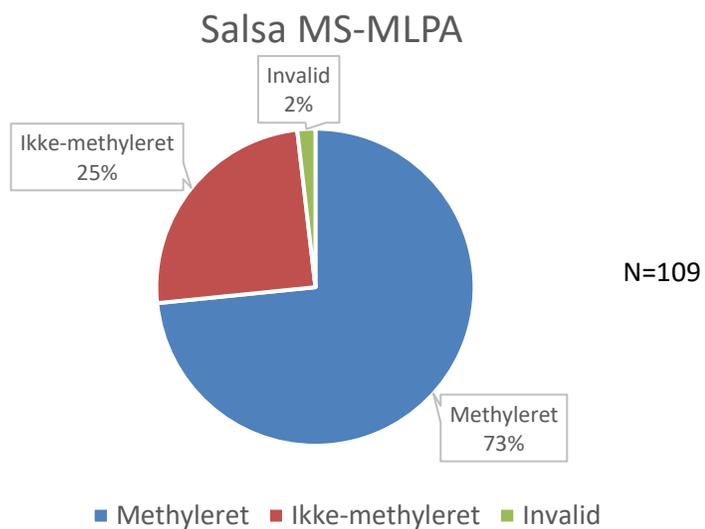
SALSA MS-MLPA	EpiMelt MLH1			
	Methyleret	Ikke methyleret	Invalid	Totalt
Methyleret	80	0	0	80
Ikke methyleret	10	17	0	27
Invalid	1	1	0	2
Totalt	91	18	0	109

Konkordans=89%

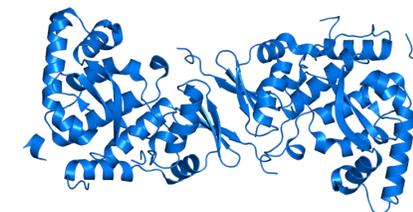
Kappa=0.68 (Substantial agreement)



# Konkordans



13.75% flere methyleringspositive



## Vores erfaringer med EpiMelt

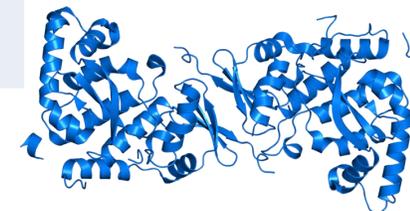
Sites/antal gener er forskellig fra assay til assay, dette kan, i nogle tilfælde, ændre metyleringsstatus

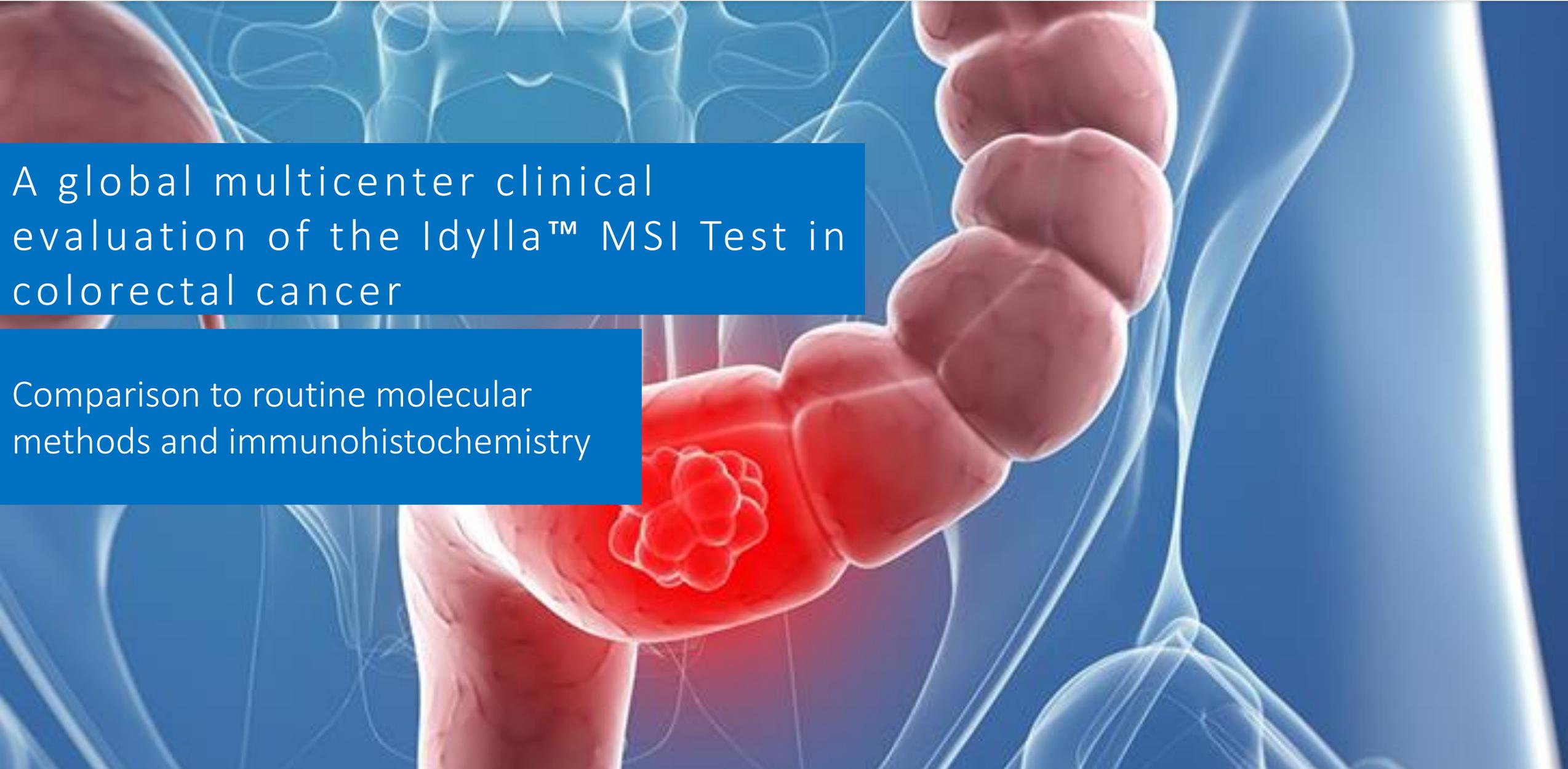
Jo bedre kvalitet og koncentration, jo bedre resultat, selvfølgelig...

Er færre gener/sites (22) nok? SALSA (7) vs EpiMelt (1)

Pris/time-to-result/labtidsforbrug ?

	Pris	Tid
SALSA MS-MLPA	Ca. 101 kr. pr prøve	~20,5 timer (1 times hands on)
EpiMelt	Ca. 7,5 kr. pr rxn Køres i triplikater = 22,5 kr. pr. prøve	~6 timer (1 times hands on)





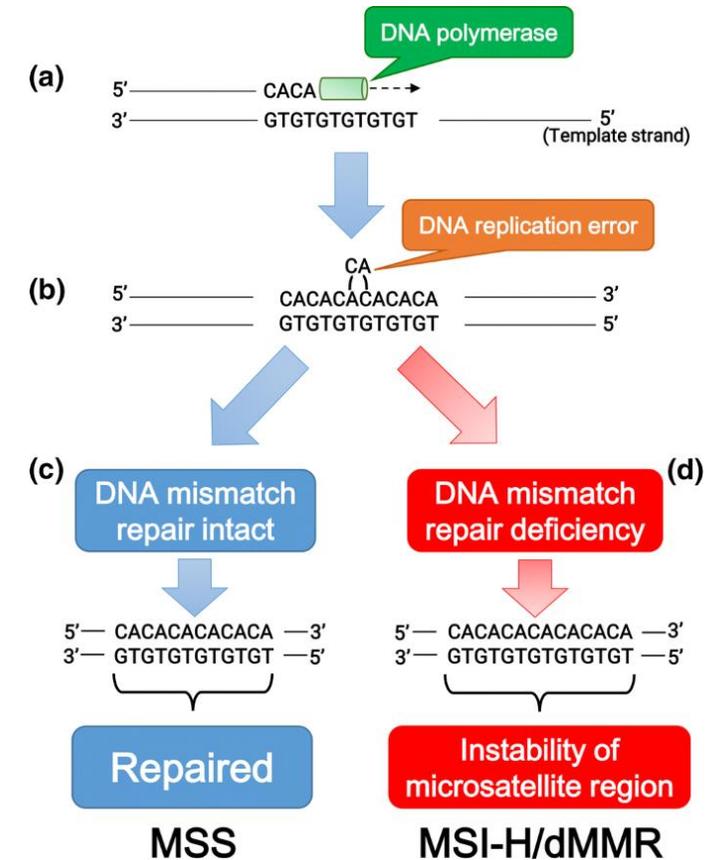
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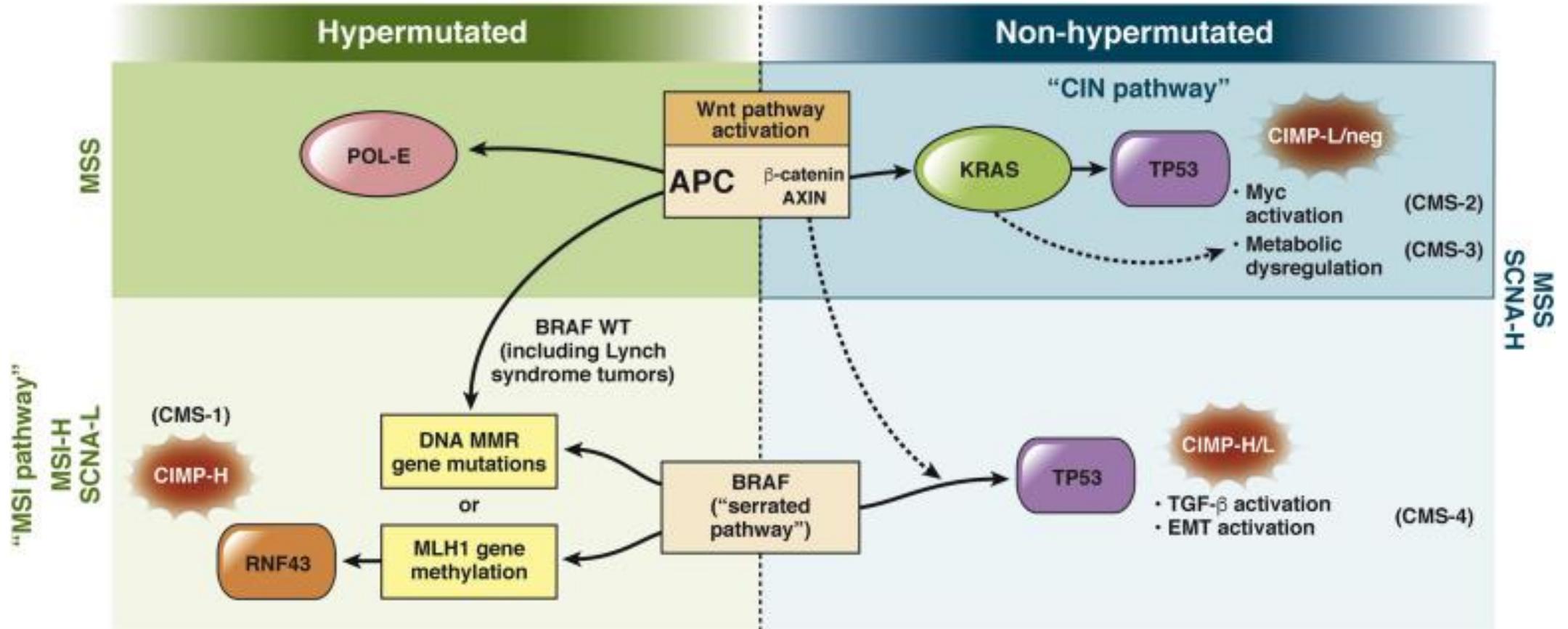
## WHAT IS MICROSATELLITE INSTABILITY

- DNA polymerases makes errors in incorporating the correct number of bases during replication of long repetitive sequences, such as microsatellites
  - Caused by mutational inactivation of genes involved in DNA repair
- 
- The MMR system is a family of proteins the detect and correct DNA replication errors
  - The diagnostically important MMR proteins are PMS2, MLH1, MSH2, PMS1, and MLH3, MSH6.
  - Description of differential expression of all or subsets of these proteins are conducted on CRC using IHC
- 
- Any mutations that occur in MMR genes will lead to deficient MMR repair resulting in an increase or decrease in microsatellite repeats

**THIS IS THE BASIS OF MSI-ANALYSIS.**



# MICROSATELLITE INSTABILITY IN COLORECTAL CARCINOMA



There are many putative MSI markers described in the literature

*A few definitions*

- The National Cancer Institute proposed the so-called Bethesda consensus-defined panel of microsatellites, which include two mononucleotide tracts (BAT-25 and BAT-26), and three dinucleotide repeats (D5S346, D2S123, and D17S250), with a sensitivity reported around 90%.
- CRC is classified as MSI-L when one of the five microsatellite markers show instability (deletions or insertions)
- CRC is classified as MSI-H when two or more of the five microsatellite markers show instability (deletions or insertions)
- CRC is categorized as microsatellite stable (MSS) if variability in microsatellite markers size compared to normal tissue is seen in no marker.
- MSI-L or MSI-H; lack of consensus on the clinical implication, data missing on tumor homo- or heterogeneity

## The Idylla™ MSI Assay

## Marker

ACVR2A  
BTBD7  
DIDO1  
MRE11  
RYR3  
SEC31A  
SULF2

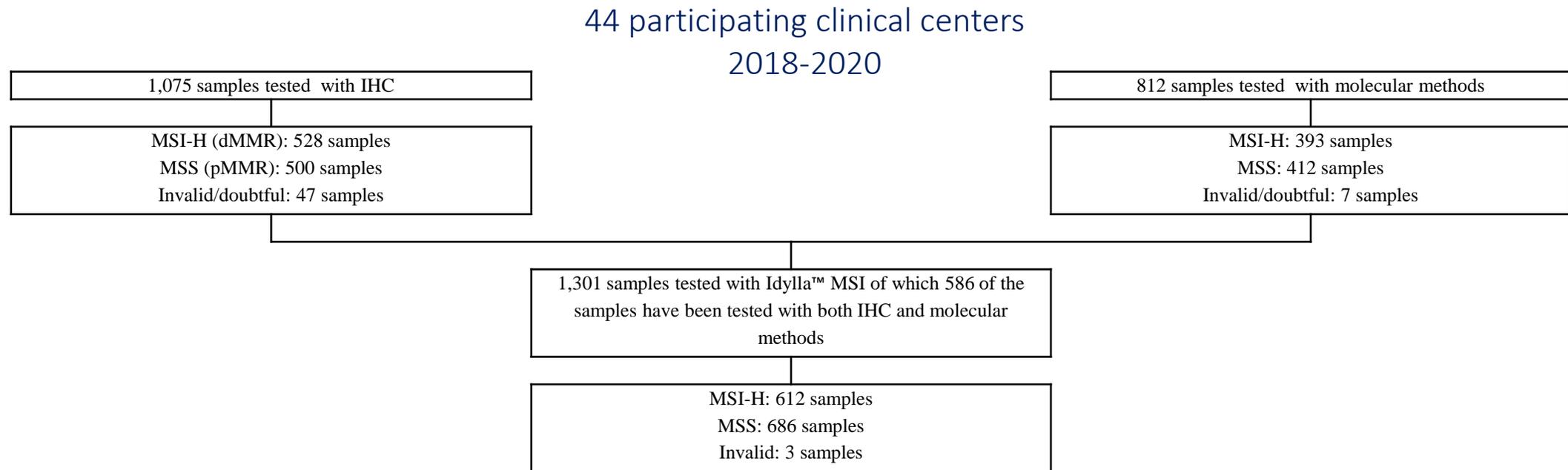
## Locus

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20q13.12

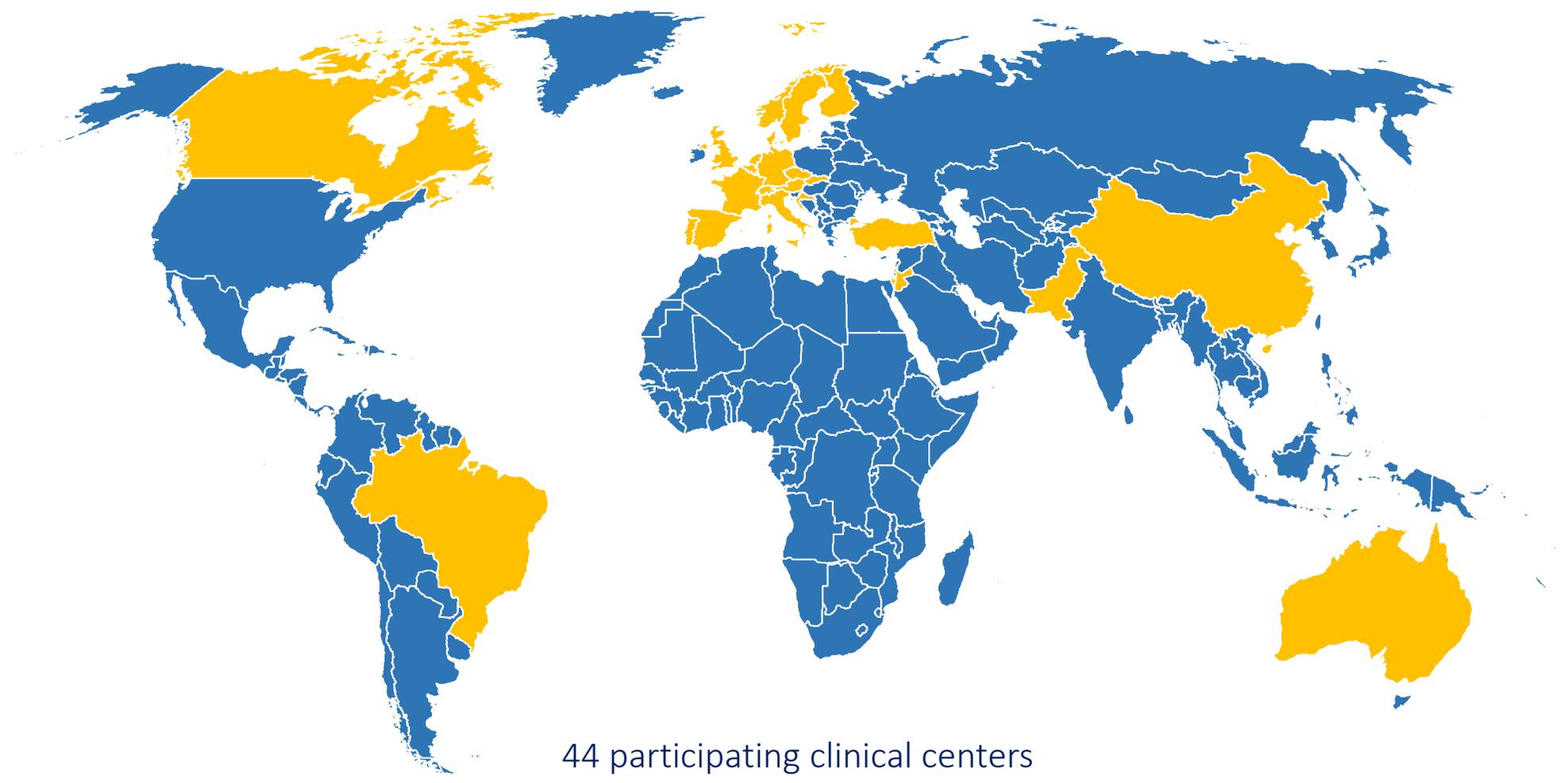


# THE STUDY





- 1,075 samples had been tested before with IHC
- 812 with molecular methods.
- Of the 812 samples tested with molecular methods, 101 had been tested with the original Bethesda panel, 525 with the revised Bethesda panel, and 186 against a range of other microsatellite biomarker panels.



44 participating clinical centers

Characteristics of study samples

Tissue origin	#
Primary	969
Metastatic	48
NA	284
<b>Σ</b>	<b>1301</b>

Slice thickness (µm)	#
3	30*
4	23*
5	671
8	1
10	553
NA	23

Number of slices	#
1	918
2	164
3	120
4	52
5	19
6	3*
7	1*
8	1*
11	1*
12	1*
NA	21

% tumor cells (after macrodissection)	#
<10	4*
10 - <20	20*
20 - <30	76
30 - <40	121
40 - <50	131
50 - <60	157
60 - <70	165
70 - <80	145
80 - <90	113
90 - 100	84
NA	285

*In the study, the test material input variables were wide and reflected the entire spectrum of clinical diagnostic situations*

\*Values not according to the specifications of the Idylla™ MSI assay instructions; however, for all these samples, Idylla™ MSI assay results were found concordant with results of previous routine reference methods

## MSS vs MSI CALLS STRATIFIED ON NUMBER OF MARKER CALLS

MSI status	Number of samples	Number of mutant markers	Number of samples	% of MSI-H
MSS	686	0	674	NA
		1	12	NA
MSI-H	612	2	15	2.45
		3	28	4.58
		4	52	8.50
		5	156	25.49
		6	226	36.93
93% MSI calls on $\geq 4$ markers		7	135	22.06
Very few calls on MSI-L		NA	NA	NA
Invalid	3	NA	NA	NA
Total	1301			

	ACVR2A	BTBD7	DIDO1	MRE11	RYR3	SEC31A	SULF2
<b>Overall</b>							
Mutant	579	514	576	505	411	373	457
Wild type	718	782	725	780	887	926	840
Invalid	4	5	0	16	3	2	4
Total	1,301	1,301	1,301	1,301	1,301	1,301	1,301
<b>MSI-H samples</b>							
Mutant	575	513	570	504	411	373	457
Wild type	37	99	42	107	201	239	154
Invalid	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Total	612	612	612	612	612	612	612
<b>MSS samples</b>							
Mutant	4	1	6	1	0	0	0
Wild type	680	683	680	672	685	686	685
Invalid	2	2	0	13	1	0	1
Total	686	686	686	686	686	686	686
<b>Invalid samples</b>							
Mutant	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wild type	1	0	3	1	1	1	1
Invalid	2	3	0	2	2	2	2
Total	3	3	3	3	3	3	3

When MSI-H status is detected, generally loss of expression of the set MLH1/PMS2 or MSH2/MSH6 is observed.

However, the sole loss of one marker can take place in some cases of Lynch syndrome that do not display MSI-H.

### So what to do?

In case of one MSI-L, conduct MMR-IHC until such time as the evidence is solidified

Idylla™ MSI performance compared to IHC

		IHC					
		dMMR	pMMR	Invalid	Doubtful	Total	
Idylla™	MSI-H	501	12	1	10	524	
	MSS	25	487	6	30	548	
	Invalid	2	1	0	0	3	
	Total	528	500	7	40	1075	
Idylla™ Performance	Positive agreement	501/526 = 95.24% (CI: 93.08–96.76%)					
	Negative agreement	487/499 = 97.59% (CI: 95.84–98.62%)					
	Overall agreement	988/1025 = 96.39% (CI: 95.06–97.37%)					

COMPARATOR

IHC analysis of the expression of the marker genes *MLH1*, *MSH2*, *MSH6*, and *PMS2* in FFPE tissue material was performed using routine standard protocols and equipment, including commercial antibodies from Ventana (Roche Diagnostics, Rotkreuz, Switzerland) and Dako (Agilent, Santa Clara, CA).

Idylla™ MSI performance compared to similar molecular MSI methods

		Molecular methods					
		MSI-H	MSS	Invalid	Doubtful	Total	
Idylla™	MSI-H	381	4	0	2	387	
	MSS	12	408	1	2	423	
	Invalid	0	0	2	0	2	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>812</b>	
Idylla™ Performance	Positive agreement	381/393 = 96.95% (CI: 94.74–98.24%)					
	Negative agreement	408/412 = 99.03% (CI: 97.53–99.62%)					
	Overall agreement	789/805 = 98.01% (CI: 96.80–98.77%)					

COMPARATOR  
Promega MSI Analysis System v1.2  
PCR analysis was performed on customized molecular MSI panels

## *Clinical Performance of the Idylla™ MSI Test for a Rapid Assessment of the DNA Microsatellite Status in Human Colorectal Cancer*

Zwaenepoel et al, Journal of Molecular Diagnostics, The, 2020-03-01, Volume 22, Issue 3, Pages 386-395,

Idylla	Promega		
	Valid	Invalid	Total
Valid	323	5	328
Invalid	0	2	2
Total	323	7	33

### Conclusion:

The OPA was 99.7% (95% CI, 98.3%–100%).

The PPA was 98.7% (95% CI, 92.9%–99.8%), and the NPA was 100% (95% CI, 98.5%–100%).

In conclusion, the Idylla™ MSI Test has been shown to be extremely powerful in identifying the microsatellite status in human CRC samples

## MSI as diagnostic tool in other cancers, and for treatment decisions

1

MSI is also observed in about 15% of gastric and endometrial cancers, and at lower frequencies in several other cancers<sup>1</sup>.

2

Approval for anti-PD1 immune-checkpoint inhibition has been granted for all patients with solid tumors containing MSI-H or being MMR deficient<sup>2,3</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> Bonneville *et al.* Landscape of microsatellite instability across 39 cancer types. *JCO Precision Oncol* 2017; 2017.

<sup>2</sup> Ryan *et al.* The current value of determining the mismatch repair status of colorectal cancer: a rationale for routine testing. *Crit Rev Oncol Hematol* 2017; 116: pp. 38-57.

<sup>3</sup> Abida *et al.* Analysis of the prevalence of microsatellite instability in prostate cancer and response to immune checkpoint blockade. *JAMA Oncol* 2019; 5: pp. 471-478.



The Idylla™ MSI Assay showed high concordances with IHC and molecular testing

Extremely simple workflow and short turnaround time

No Pathologist review required

Required limited amount of tumor tissue, working over a wide range of material amounts

Requires no matched normal tissue as for IHC or Promega MSI test





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