Multiplatform Analysis of 12 Cancer Types Reveals Molecular Classification within and across Tissues of Origin

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Background

Cancers classified based on pathological criteria – tissue site of origin

➤ TCGA reported genome-wide studies of 10 malignancies

➤ Each single-tissue cancer type can be divided into 3-4 molecular subtypes

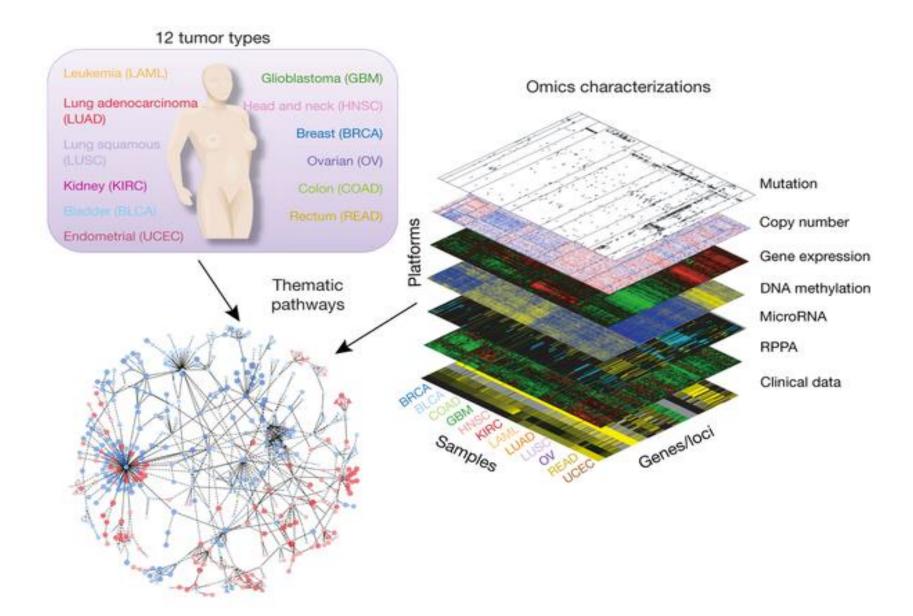
Motivation

➤ Possible shared molecular alterations across cancers from different tissues - unclear

➤ Do disease subtypes span multiple tissues of origin?

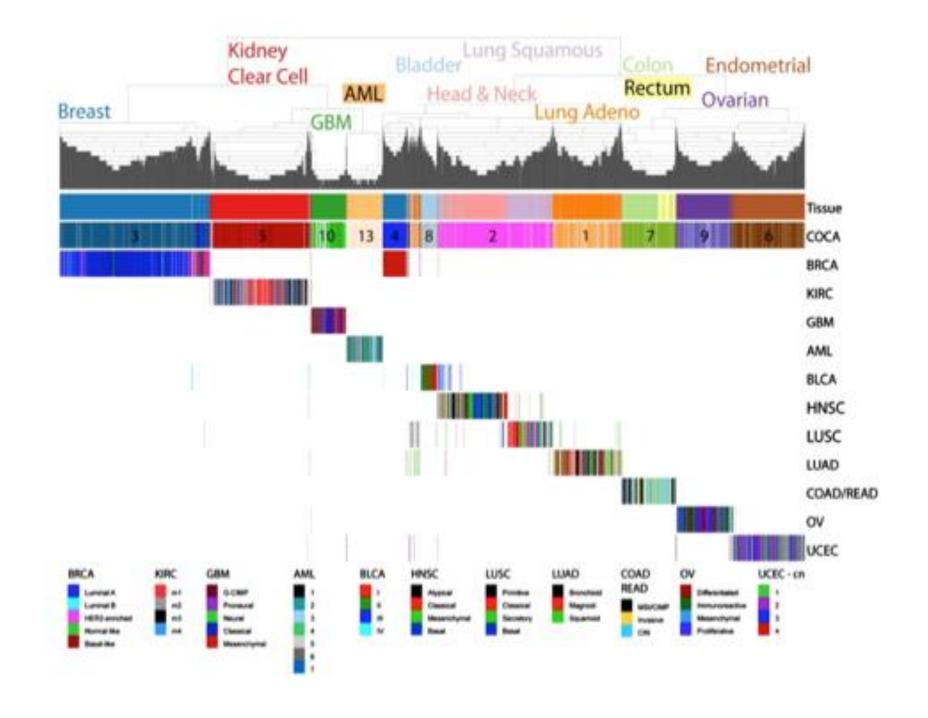
Molecular signatures may give distinct taxonomy relative to tissue-of-origin-based classification (current method)

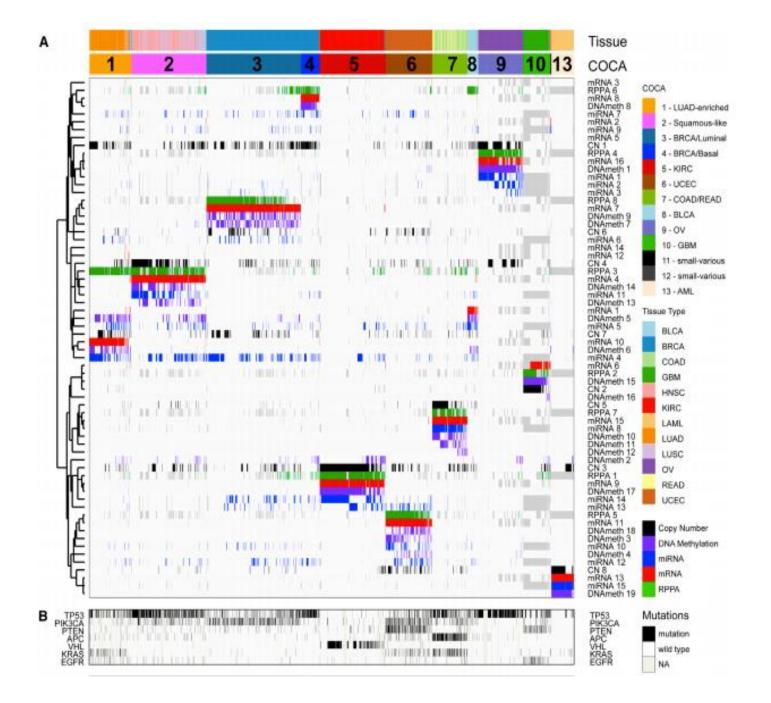
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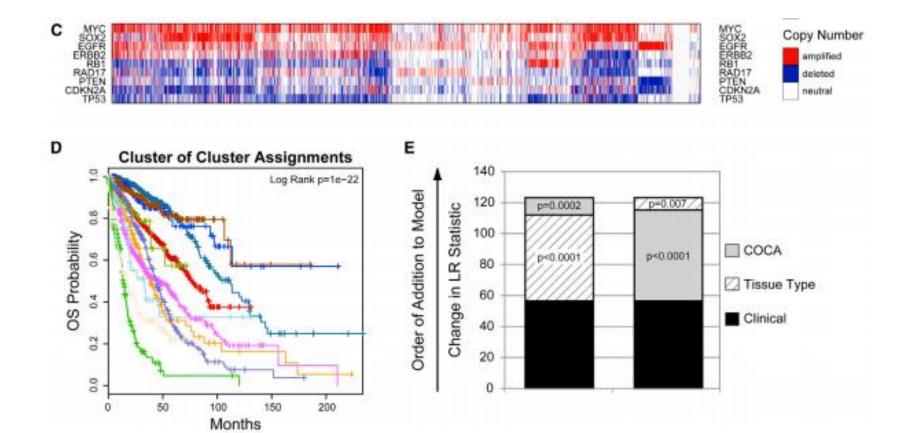


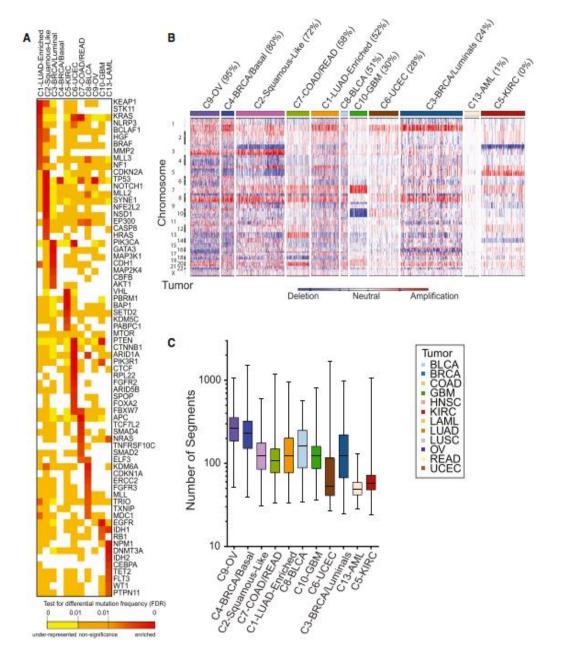
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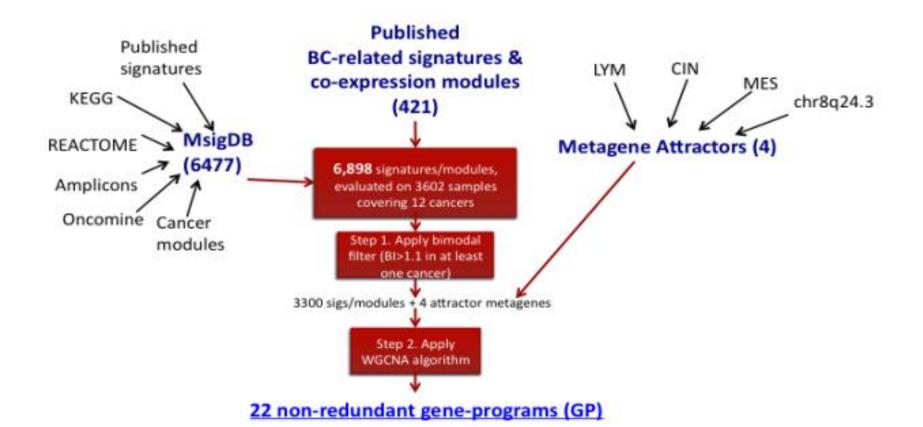
- "Cluster of cluster assignments"
- ➤ Input: binary vectors representing each platformspecific cluster group
- ➤ Each platform influences integrated result with weight proportional to # of distinct subtypes from consensus clustering
- Output: Reclusters samples according to vectors

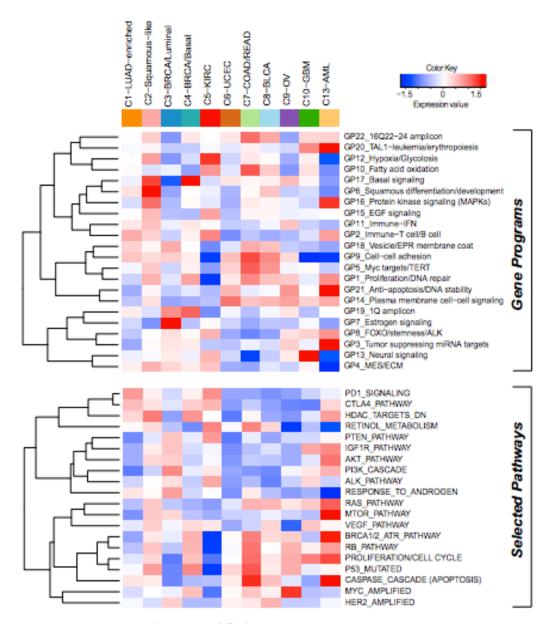




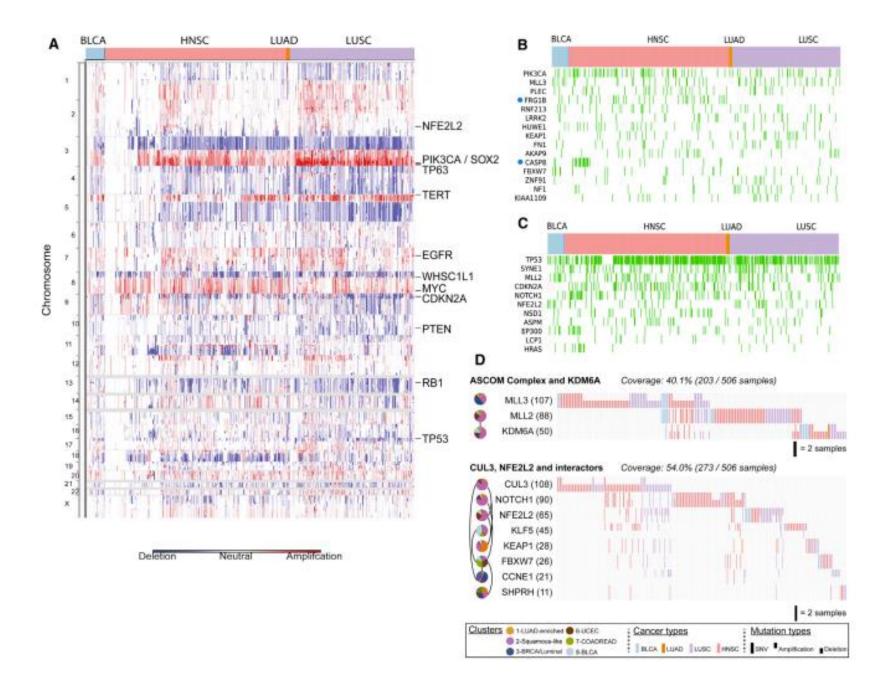


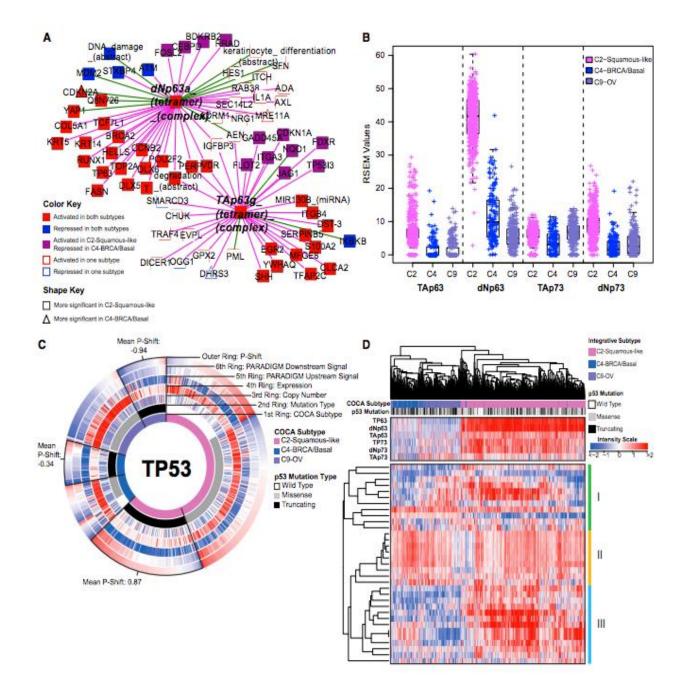


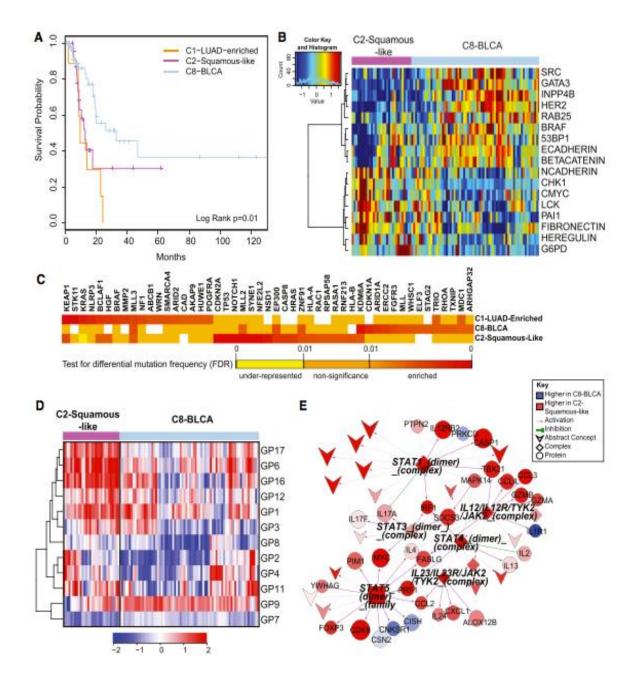




Integrated Subtypes







Results

- > 1/10 cancer patients classified differently based on new taxonomy
- > Guide new therapeutic decisions
- Bladder cancers most heterogeneous
- "Cell-of-origin" features still dominate molecular taxonomy, but refined taxonomy provides independent info