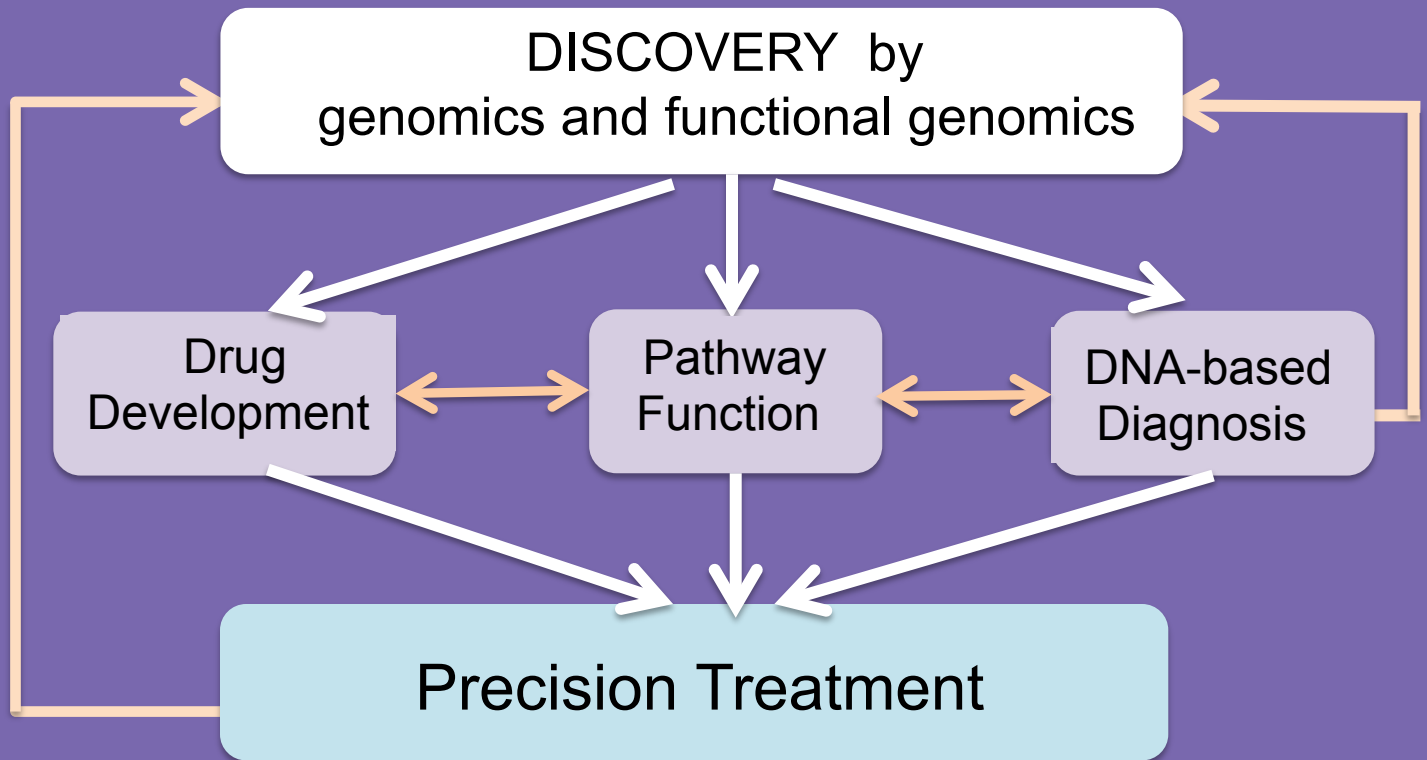


# NCI Center for Cancer Genomics

*Mission: To develop and apply cutting-edge genome science to improve cancer prevention, care and detection*



# Future of Cancer Genomics: What next in 2014?

- Plan next steps within next 3-6 months
  - Because at least 8-10 months from decision to genomic analyses
- Strategic use of lessons learned from TCGA
- Capitalize on success of TCGA structure
- Continue partnership between NCI & NHGRI

# Cancer Genomics Beyond 2013

- Build upon Strengths of TCGA Pipelines
  - Processing & Genomic Characterization
  - Analytical Tools
  - Data Sharing
- Hybrid of projects
  - Top-down
  - Bottom-up
- Plan major transition towards clinics
- Retain emphasis on discovery

# Questions of 2012 that will shape the future of NCI-supported Cancer Genomics

- Unraveling cancer biology
  - Drivers vs. Mutations
    - Somatic Molecular Epidemiology
    - Large studies drawn from different study designs
  - Clonality and Progression
    - High coverage

# Questions of 2012 that will shape the future of NCI-supported Cancer Genomics

- Value of epidemiology/germline
  - Risk
    - Individual
    - Public Health
    - Contribution to somatic events
  - Treatment Stratification
  - Pharmacogenomics
    - Response
    - Toxicity
    - Outcome)

# “Genome-related” Trials: More & Better

## 1. Genome - INFORMED trials

DNA information obtained during or after trial closes  
Value of prospective collection from trials

## 2. Genome- DRIVEN trials

Sequencing/Characterization to guide treatment

ALKEMIST

EXCEPTIONAL CASES

## 3. Genomic Analysis not as part of a trial

Archived samples for discovery

Gene-environment analyses

# Current TCGA Goals

- Achieve milestones per cancer site
  - Timely publications
- Conduct PanCan analyses
- Forge new solutions to issues related to Data:
  - Integration
  - Storage
  - Sharing
- Fortify collaborative spirit



***Advances will be accelerated by  
“Collective Intelligence”***

***“I not only use all of the brains  
I have, but all I can borrow”***

**Woodrow Wilson**



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## Association of *BRCA1* and *BRCA2* Mutations With Survival, Chemotherapy Sensitivity, and Gene Mutator Phenotype in Patients With Ovarian Cancer

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**I**NCREASED SURVEILLANCE OF *BRCA1/2* germ line mutation carriers is a generally accepted strategy for detecting early ovarian cancer. Women with *BRCA1* mutations have a 39% to 54% cumulative lifetime risk of developing ovarian cancer and women with *BRCA2* mutations have an 11% to 23% risk.<sup>1-3</sup>

Both *BRCA1* (NCBI Entrez Gene 672) and *BRCA2* (NCBI Entrez Gene 675) tumor suppressor genes are involved in DNA repair via homologous recombination. Cells with alterations in homologous recombination pathway genes are unable to repair DNA double-strand breaks by homologous recombination, which is mostly error free. This can result in genomic instability and a predisposition to malignant transformation.<sup>4,5</sup> Conversely, because homologous recombination pathway deficiencies can also impair tumor cells' ability to repair DNA cross-links introduced by chemotherapy agents such as cisplatin, it has been hypothesized that *BRCA*-deficient patients will likely have higher survival rates because of an improved response to platinum-based chemotherapy.<sup>6</sup>

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**Context** Attempts to determine the clinical significance of *BRCA1/2* mutations in ovarian cancer have produced conflicting results.

**Objective** To determine the relationships between *BRCA1/2* deficiency (ie, mutation and promoter hypermethylation) and overall survival (OS), progression-free survival (PFS), chemotherapy response, and whole-exome mutation rate in ovarian cancer.

**Design, Setting, and Patients** Observational study of multidimensional genomics and clinical data on 316 high-grade serous ovarian cancer cases that were made public between 2009 and 2010 via The Cancer Genome Atlas project.

**Main Outcome Measures** OS and PFS rates (primary outcomes) and chemotherapy response (secondary outcome).

**Results** *BRCA2* mutations (29 cases) were associated with significantly better OS (adjusted hazard ratio [HR], 0.33; 95% CI, 0.16-0.69;  $P=.003$  and 5-year OS, 61% for *BRCA2*-mutated vs 25% for *BRCA* wild-type cases) and PFS (adjusted HR, 0.40; 95% CI, 0.22-0.74;  $P=.004$  and 3-year PFS, 44% for *BRCA2*-mutated vs 16% for *BRCA* wild-type cases), whereas neither *BRCA1* mutations (37 cases) nor *BRCA1* methylation (33 cases) was associated with prognosis. Moreover, *BRCA2* mutations were associated with a significantly higher primary chemotherapy sensitivity rate (100% for *BRCA2*-mutated vs 82% [ $P=.02$ ] and 80% [ $P=.05$ ] for *BRCA* wild-type and *BRCA1*-mutated cases, respectively) and longer platinum-free duration (median platinum-free duration, 18.0 months for *BRCA2*-mutated vs 11.7 [ $P=.02$ ] and 12.5 [ $P=.04$ ] months for *BRCA* wild-type and *BRCA1*-mutated cases, respectively). *BRCA2*-mutated, but not *BRCA1*-mutated cases, exhibited a "mutator phenotype" by containing significantly more mutations than *BRCA* wild-type cases across the whole exome (median mutation number per sample, 84 for *BRCA2*-mutated vs 52 for *BRCA* wild-type cases, false discovery rate  $<0.1$ ).

**Conclusion** Among women with high-grade serous ovarian cancer, *BRCA2* mutation, but not *BRCA1* deficiency, was associated with improved survival, improved chemotherapy response, and genome instability compared with *BRCA* wild-type.

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However, conflicting data exist regarding the outcome of *BRCA*-deficient patients after ovarian cancer develops.

Some researchers have found that ovarian cancer patients with *BRCA1/2* germ line mutations have a more favorable

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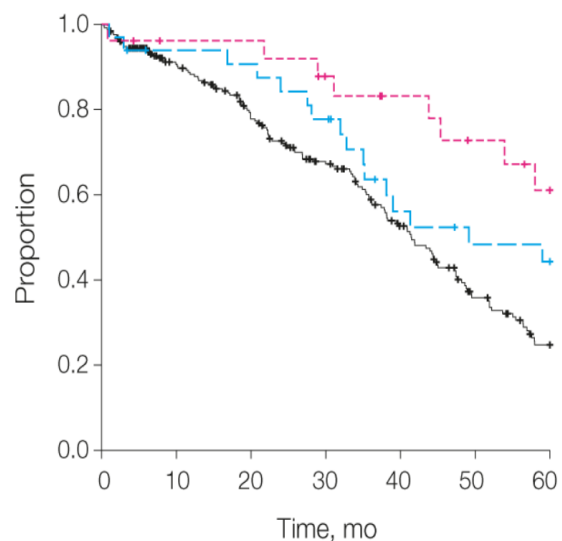
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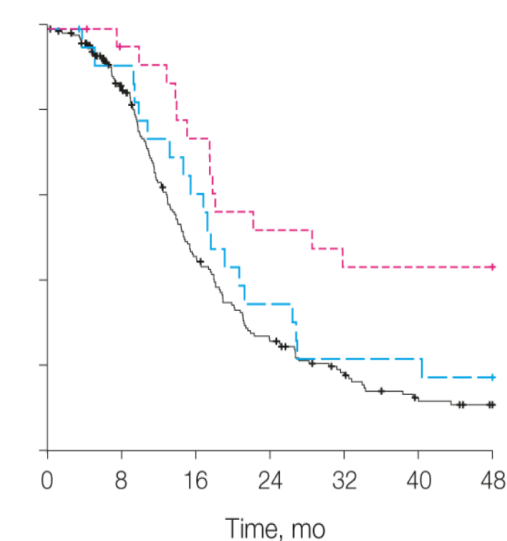
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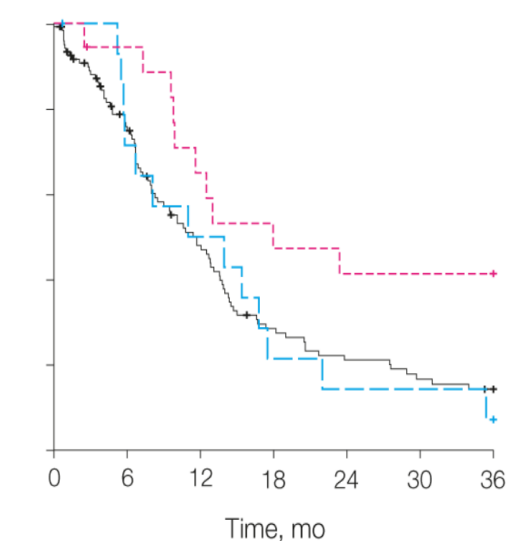
**A** Overall survival



**B** Progression-free survival



**C** Platinum-free survival

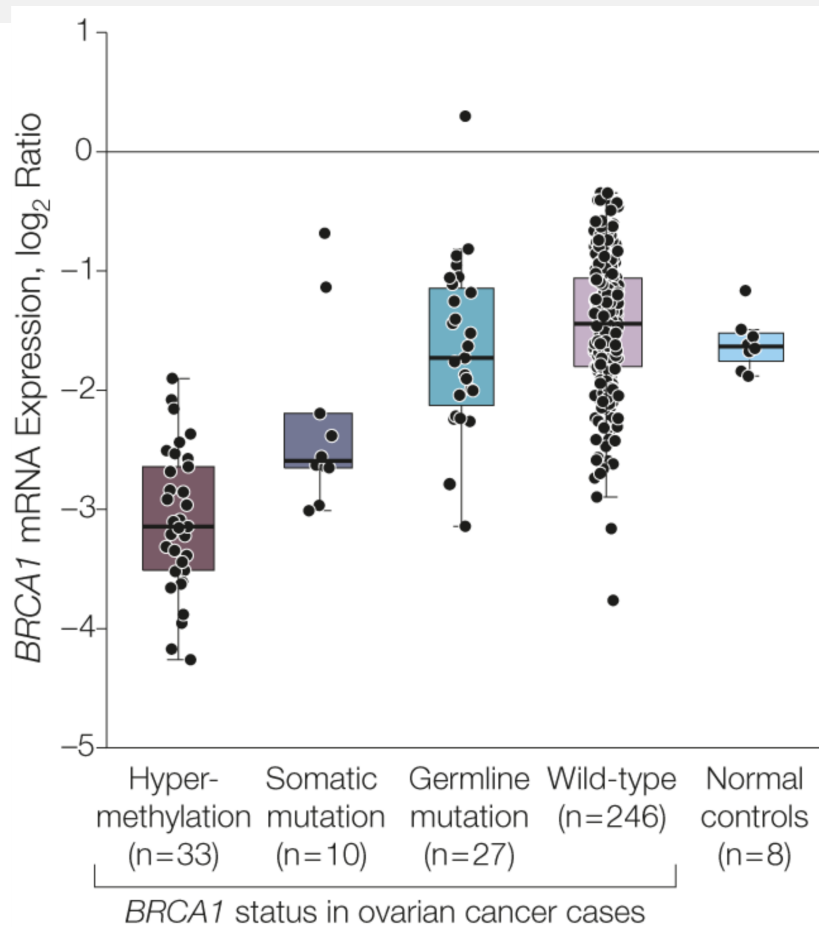


No. at risk

<i>BRCA</i> wild-type	251 <sup>a</sup>	189	153	117	82	49	29	209	154	77	42	26	15	10	129	79	47	27	20	14	11
<i>BRCA1</i> mutation	33	29	28	24	15	12	11	24	21	14	8	5	5	4	15	10	7	3	2	2	1
<i>BRCA2</i> mutation	26	23	23	19	16	13	10	25	22	17	12	10	10	10	18	16	11	8	7	7	7

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# Follow-up Ovarian Cancer Outcome by BRCA Status

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- Conduct large, multi-center study of EOC cases with and without *BRCA1/2* mutations
  - Improve estimates of survivorship based on germ-line BRCA status
  - Explore Genotype-Phenotype correlations for
    - *BRCA1* vs. *BRCA2*
    - Mutation class, location

# Study Design

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- **20 studies** from the US, UK, Australia, Europe, Israel and Asia.
- **3,824 EOC Cases**
  - 1,115 *BRCA1* carriers
  - 332 *BRCA2* carriers
  - 2,377 Non-carriers
- **Ascertainment**
  - Same for carriers and non-carriers
    - Family history of breast/EOC
    - Non-selected
- **Treatment information not available for all**
  - 95% of cases diagnosed post 1990 received platinum-based therapy
  - Analysis limited to cases who received platinum-based therapy **OR** diagnosed post 1990

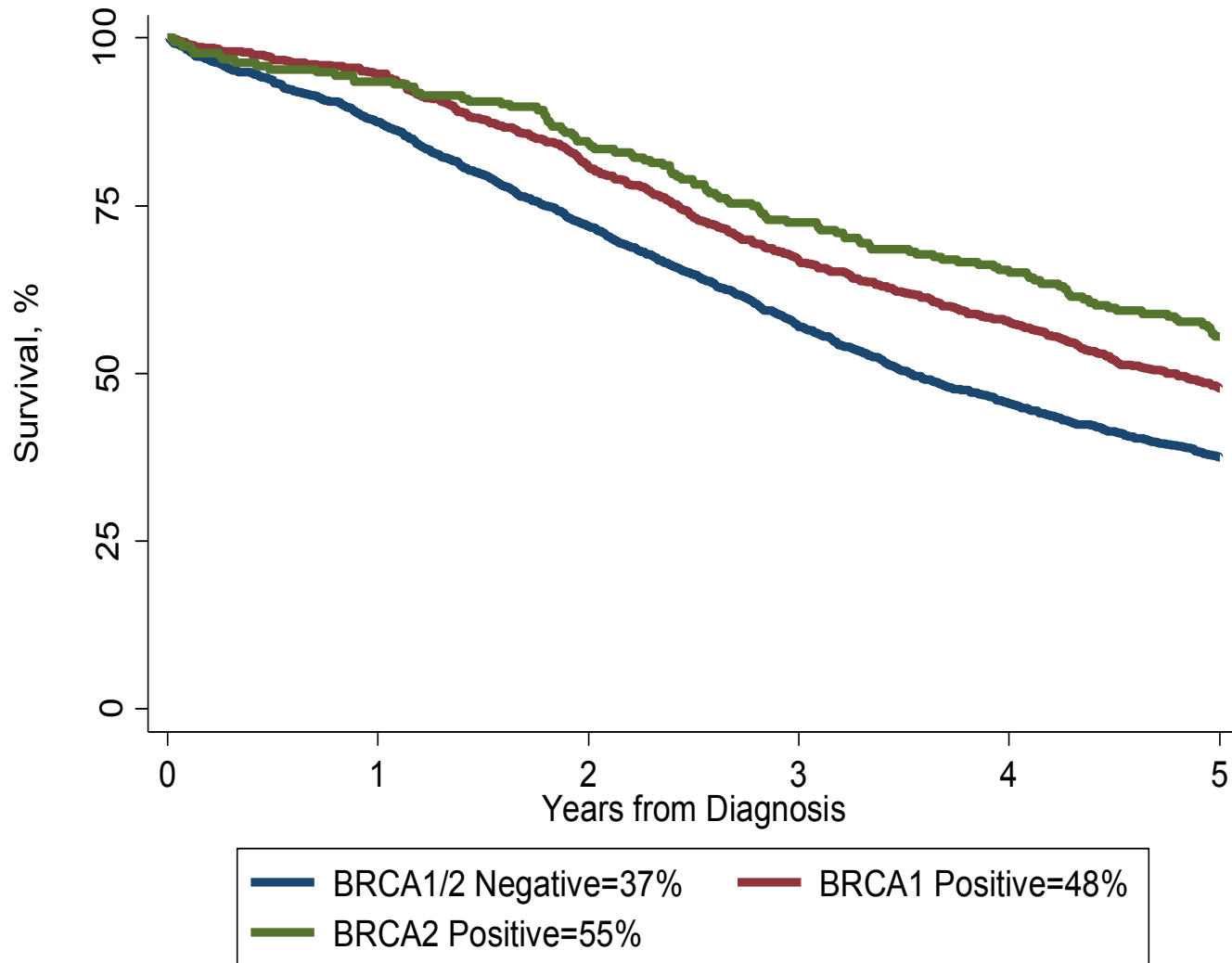
# Five Year Overall Survival by *BRCA* Status

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Non-carriers	36%
<i>BRCA1</i>	44%
<i>BRCA2</i>	52%

**Average time for ascertainment- 9 months post diagnosis  
and under active follow-up for 50 months**

# Kaplan-Meier Cumulative Survival by *BRCA* Mutation Status



# Residual Disease and Response to Platinum-based chemotherapy

- *BRCA1* and *BRCA2* carriers more likely than non-carriers to show favorable response to platinum-based therapy

## Impact of adjustment for response to therapy

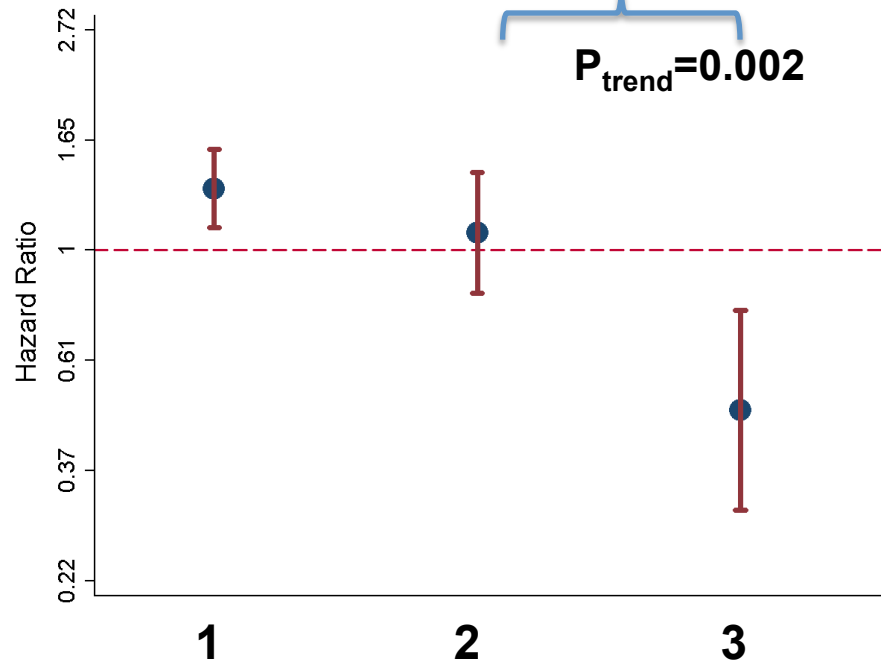
	Unadjusted		Adjusted	
	HR	P-value	HR	P-value
BRCA1 vs Non-Carriers (ref)	0.51(0.34-0.76)	0.001	0.57(0.37-0.86)	0.007
BRCA2 vs Non-Carriers (ref)	0.35(0.18-0.65)	0.001	0.43(0.23-0.81)	0.009



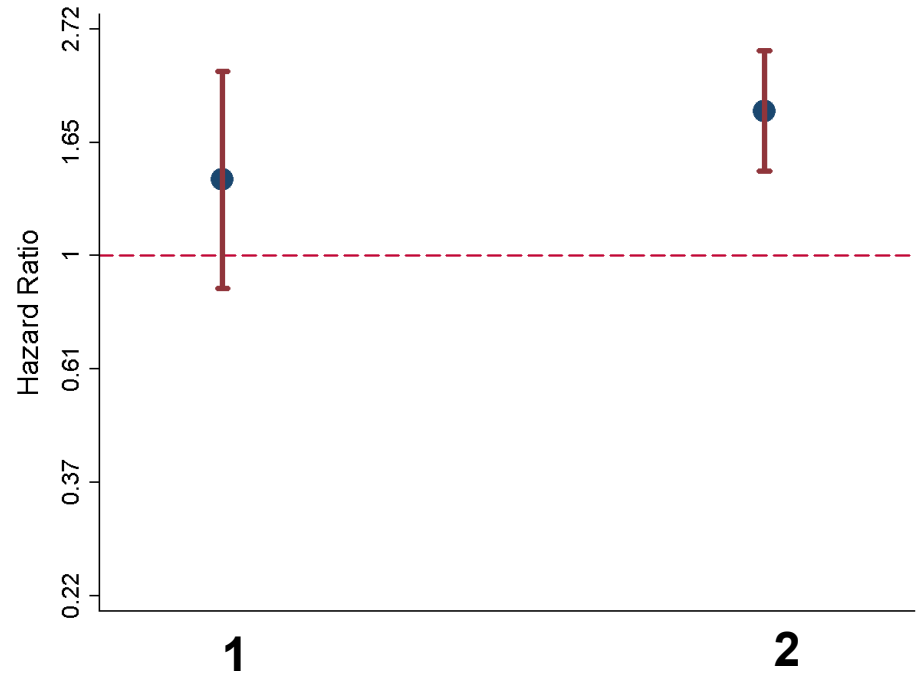
# Adjusted Cox Regression by Mutation Location and not Class I/II

***BRCA1***

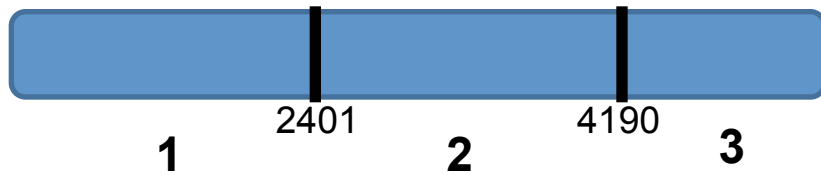
$P_{\text{trend}}=0.002$



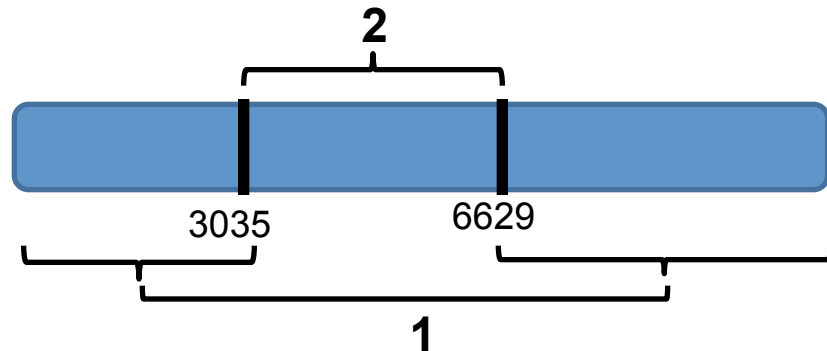
***BRCA2***



$P_{\text{trend}}=0.03$



***BCIC Criteria***



# Summary and Conclusions

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- *BRCA1* and *BRCA2* carriers show a substantially improved survival compared to non-carriers
- *BRCA2* carriers show a distinct clinical course from *BRCA1* carriers
- Preliminary evidence that survival varies by mutation location for *BRCA1*
- Implications for clinical trial design
  - Traditional therapies
  - Therapies targeted for *BRCA1/2* carriers