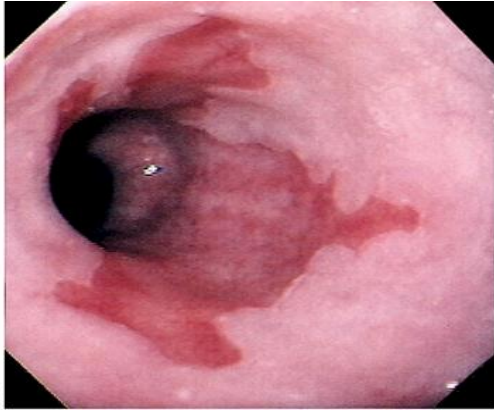


# Primary screening test development for ESCC

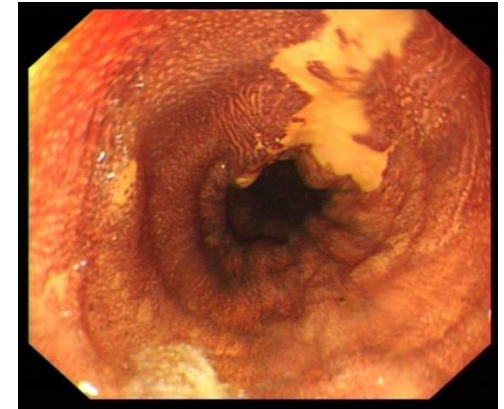
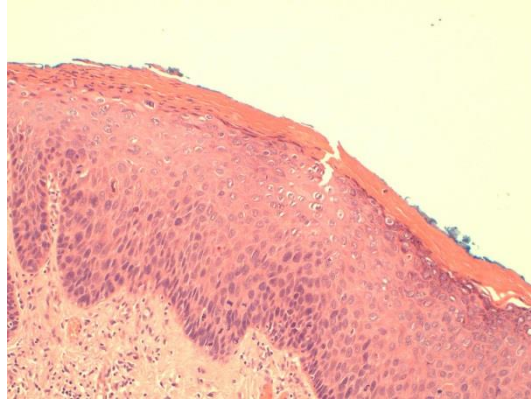
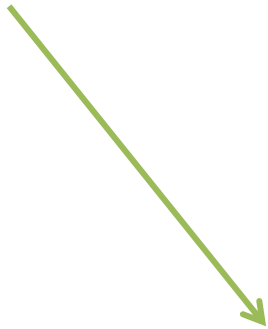
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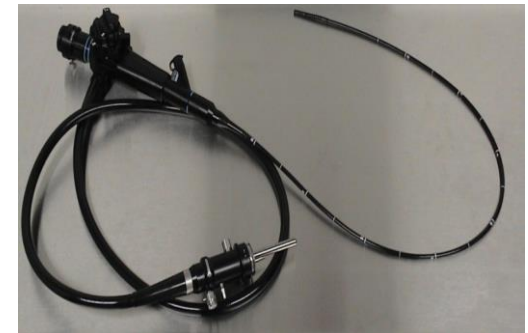
# Endoscopic detection of early lesions



Barrett's to adenocarcinoma



Squamous dysplasia to  
Squamous cell carcinoma



# Concept of device + biomarkers



Objective biomarker assays  
for diagnosis and risk  
stratification

Non-endoscopic cell collection (prototype 2001)

Collect along entire oesophagus and minimise sampling bias

# Pan-oesophageal sample collection in primary care



# Barrett's trial data > 3,000 patients (pilot, BEST1 and BEST2 trials)

**BEST**

- Safe
- Acceptable
  - 80% preferred Cytosponge to endoscopy
  - Often tolerated better than endoscopy (p=0.0003)
- Transferable technology in rural settings
- Economics favourable

Kadri S....Fitzgerald RC *BMJ* 2010; 341: c4372 (BEST1)

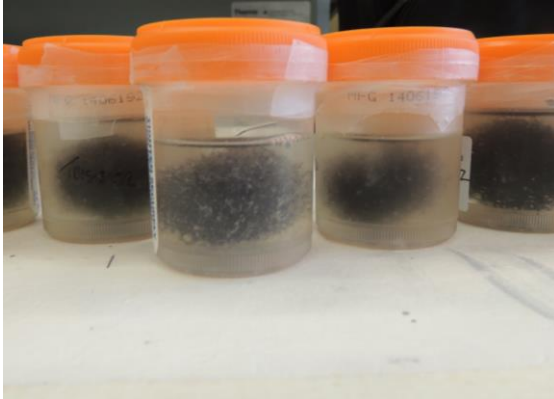
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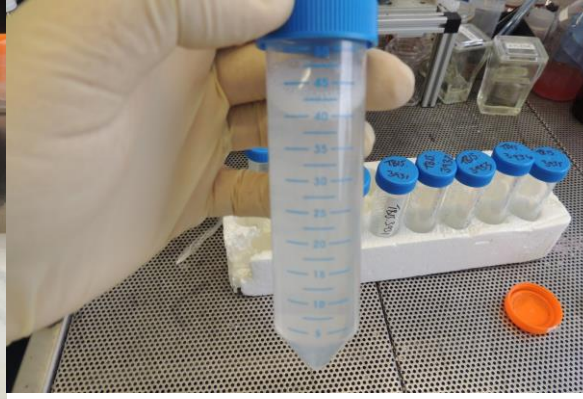


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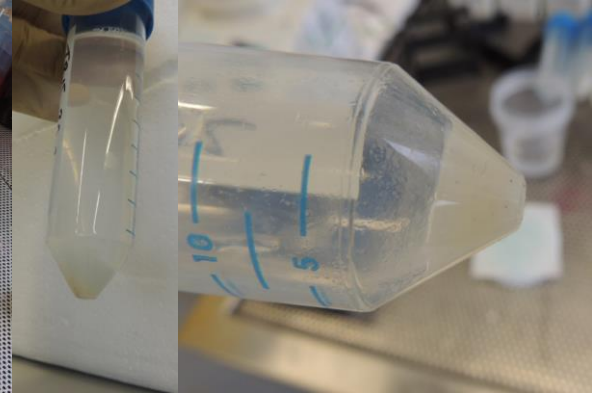
- High throughput capacity
- Preserving tissue architecture



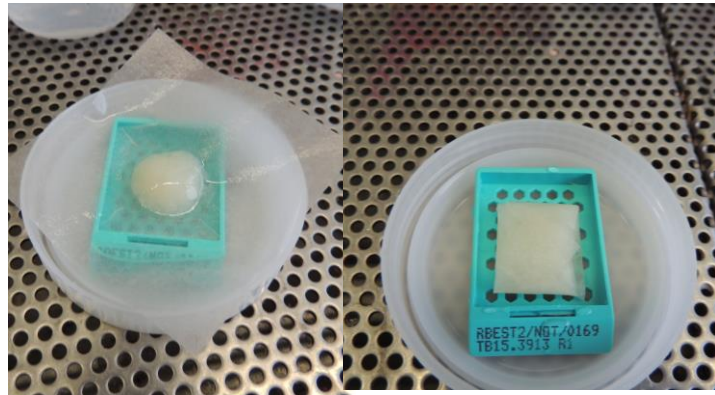
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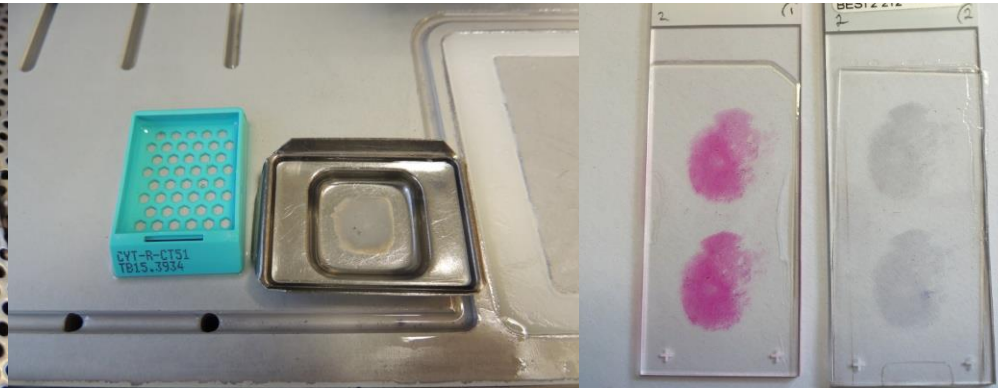
Shake and vortex, spin down to cell pellet



Make a thrombin clot



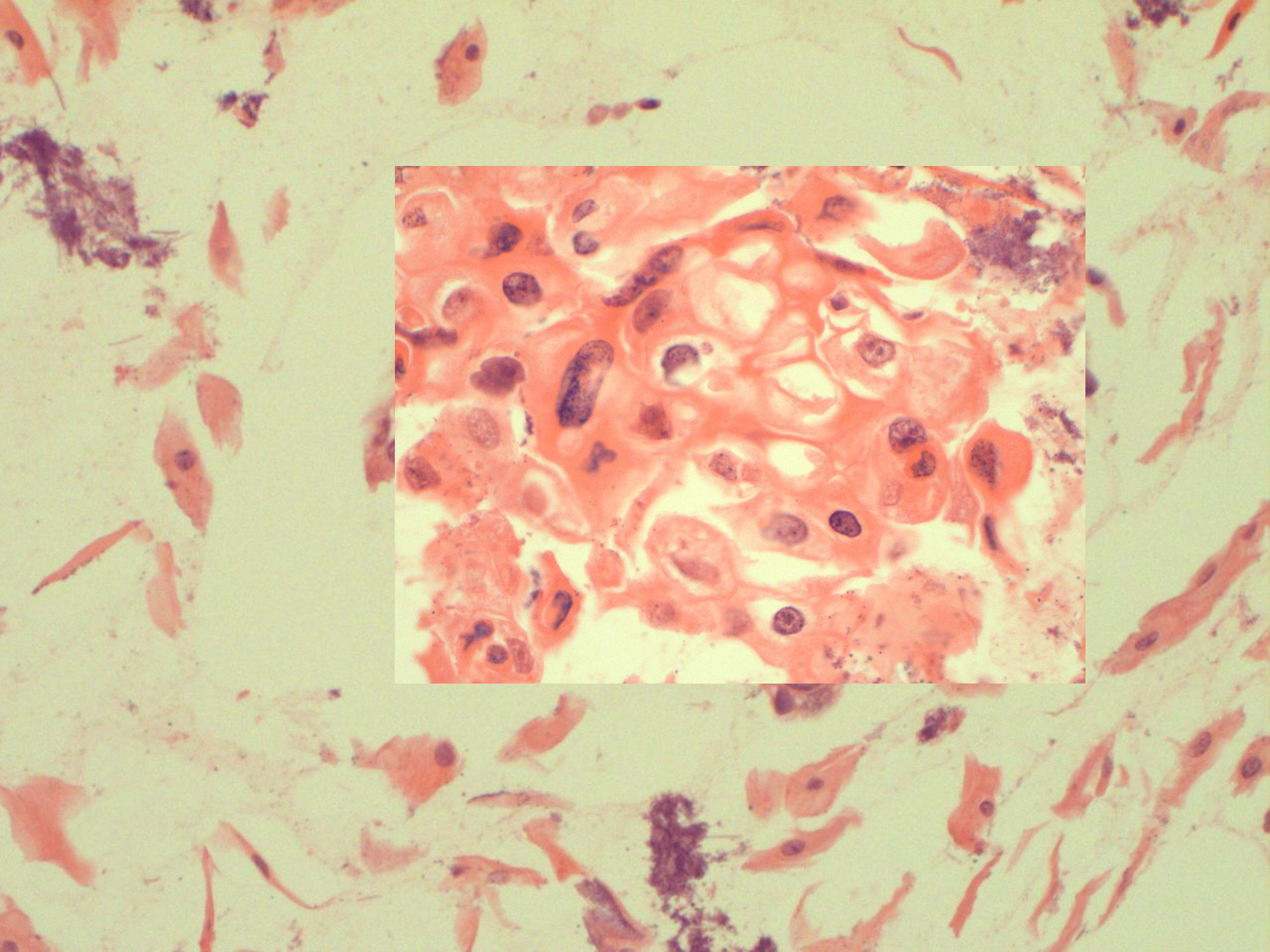
Process clot to a paraffin block



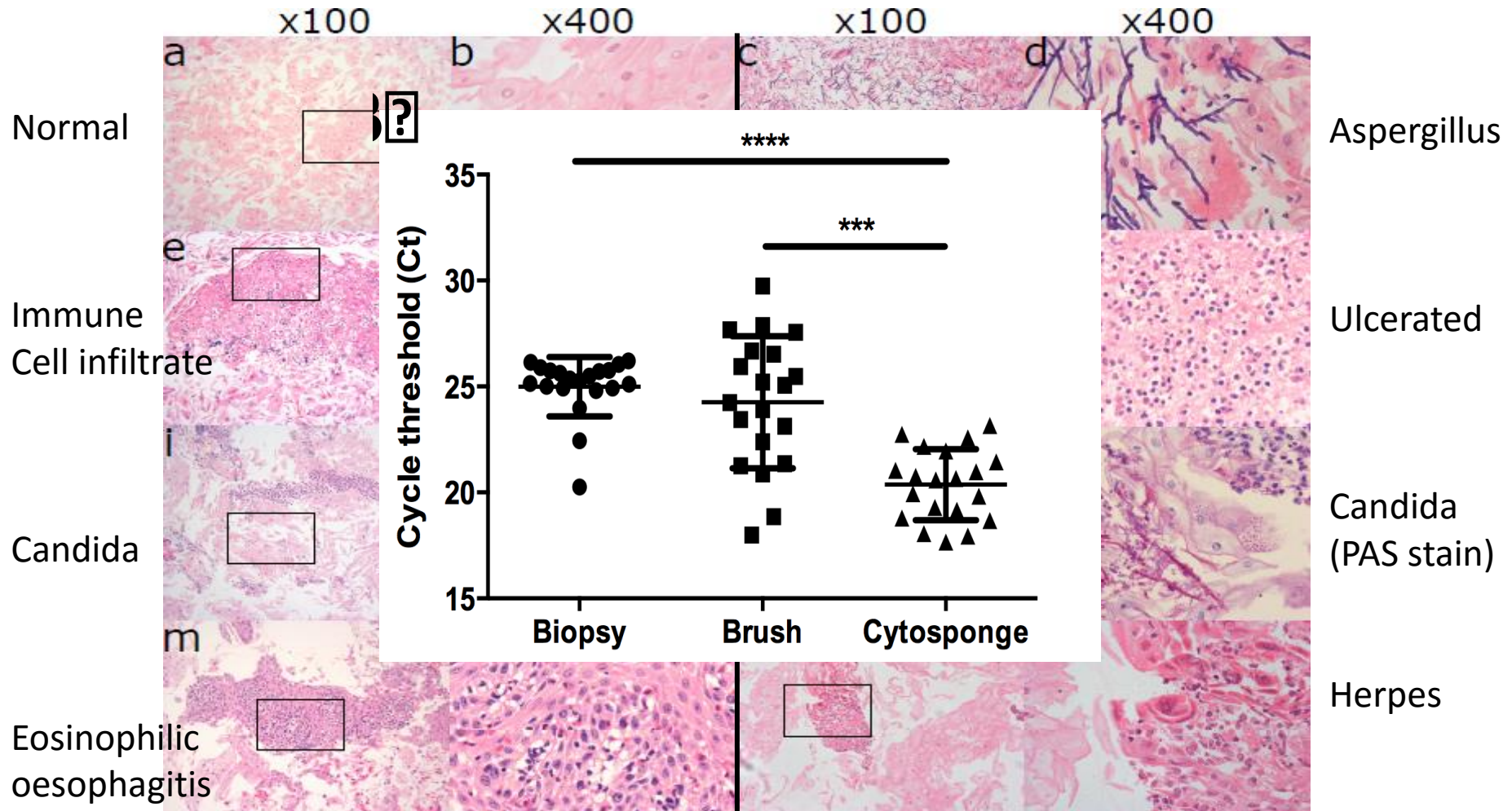
Stained slides

Sections for DNA extraction



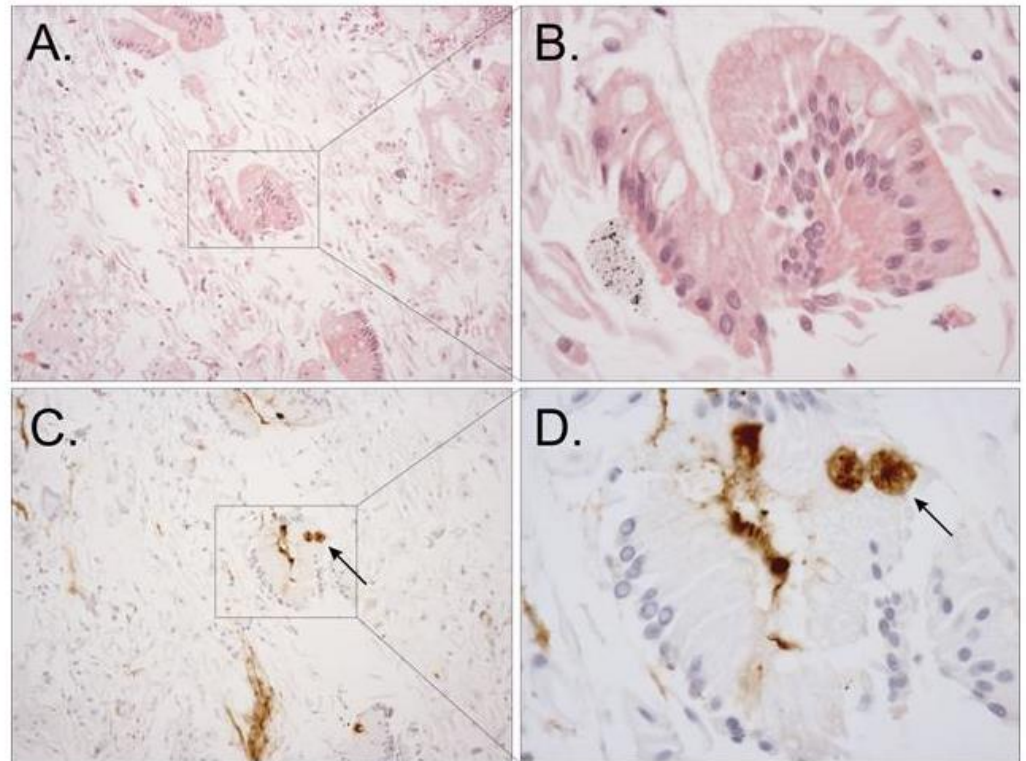
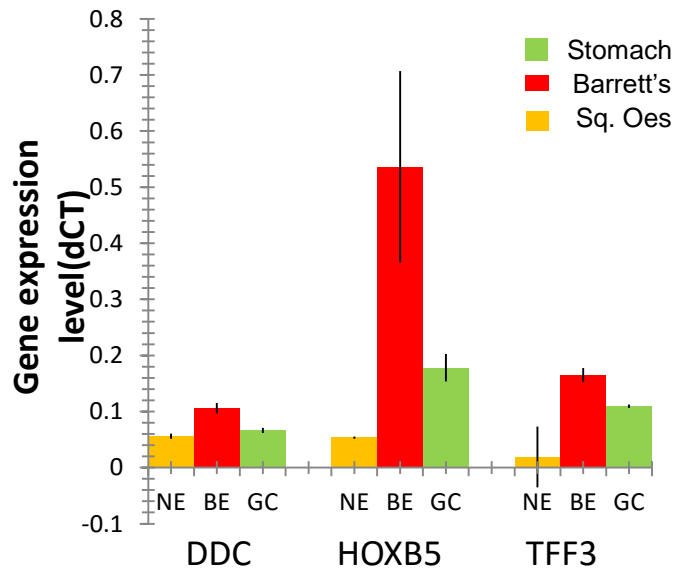
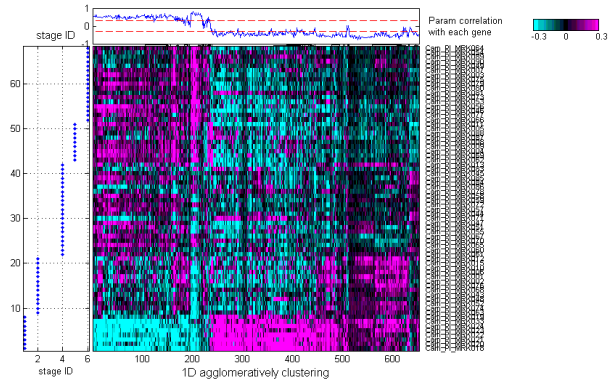


# Immune cells and pathogens on Cytosponge





# Biomarker experience from Barrett's



Antibody to TFF3  
Lao-Sirieix *et al.* GUT, 2009

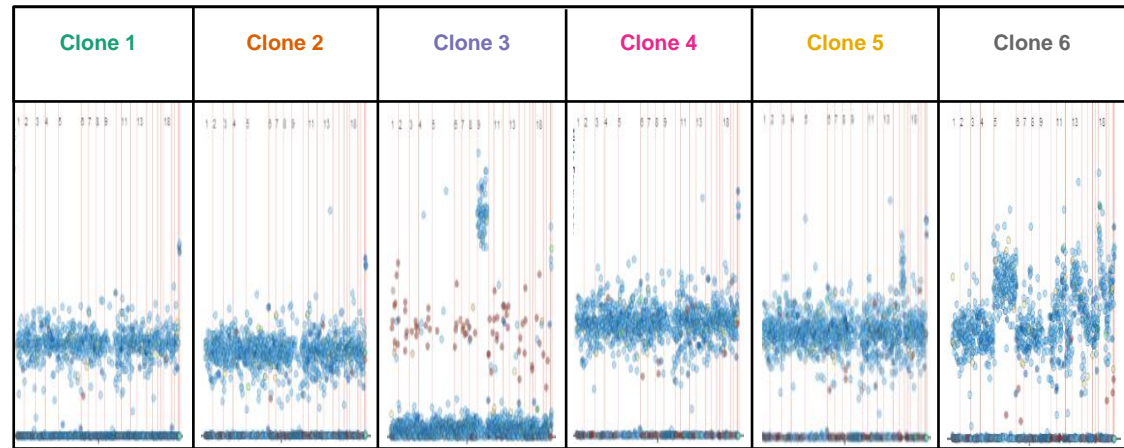
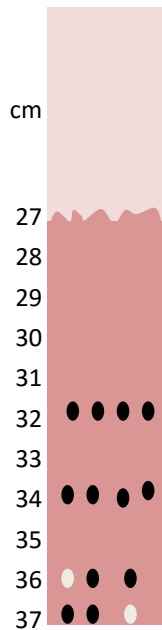
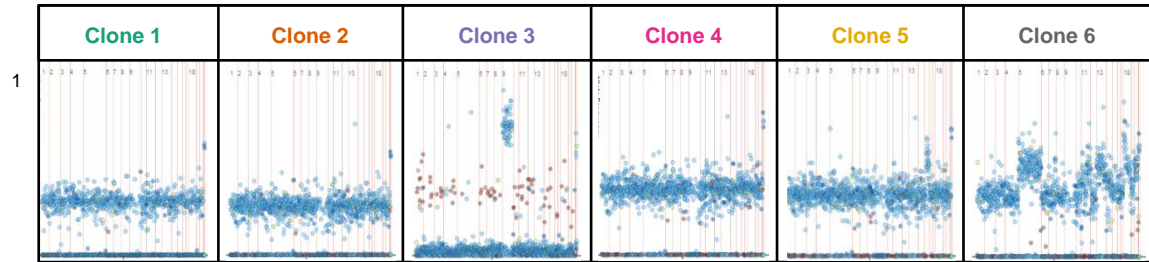
# Accuracy data for TFF3 in detecting Barrett's (UK data BEST trials)

Study	Publication Year	Study type	Setting	Barrett's length (cm)	Sensitivity % (95% CI)	Specificity % (95% CI)
Pilot N= 40	2008	Cohort	2 <sup>nd</sup> ary care	≥C1	78.0 (64.0-89.0)	94.0 (87.0-98.0)
BEST1 N= 500	2010	Prospective		1 <sup>ary</sup> care	73.3 (44.9-92.2)	93.8 (91.3-95.8)
					90.0 (55.5-99.7)	93.5 (90.9-95.5)
BEST2 N= 1,100	2014	Case:Control	2 <sup>nd</sup> ary care	≥C1	79.5 (75.9-82.9)	92.4 (89.5-94.7)
				≥C2	83.9 (80.0-87.3)	
				≥C3	87.2 (83.0-90.6)	

Kadri S....Fitzgerald RC BMJ 2010; 341: c4372 (BEST1)

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# Cytosponge captures entire clonal architecture



X axis for each clone chr 1-23  
Y axis VAF for each mutation

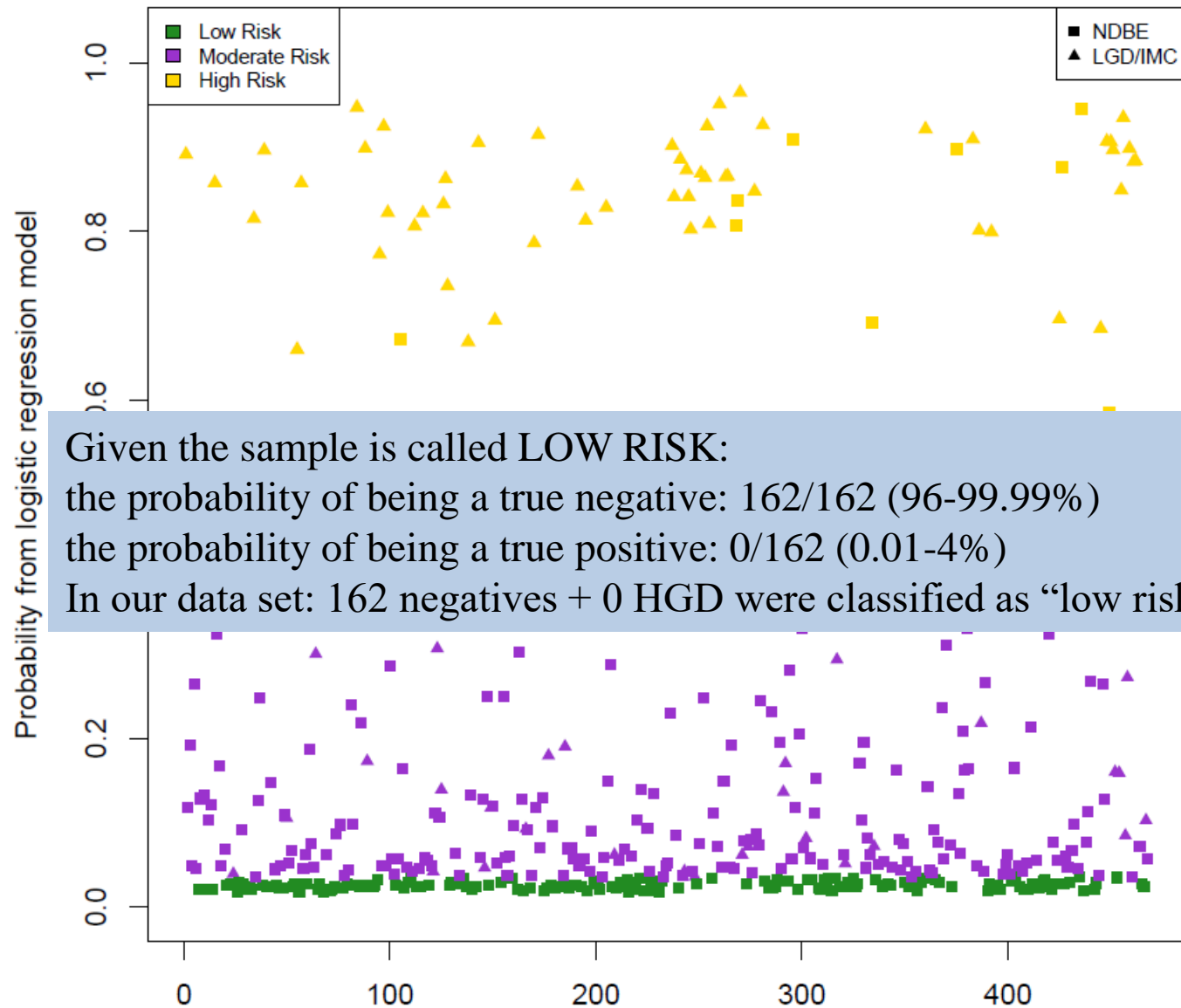
○ One of 1,437 SNVs



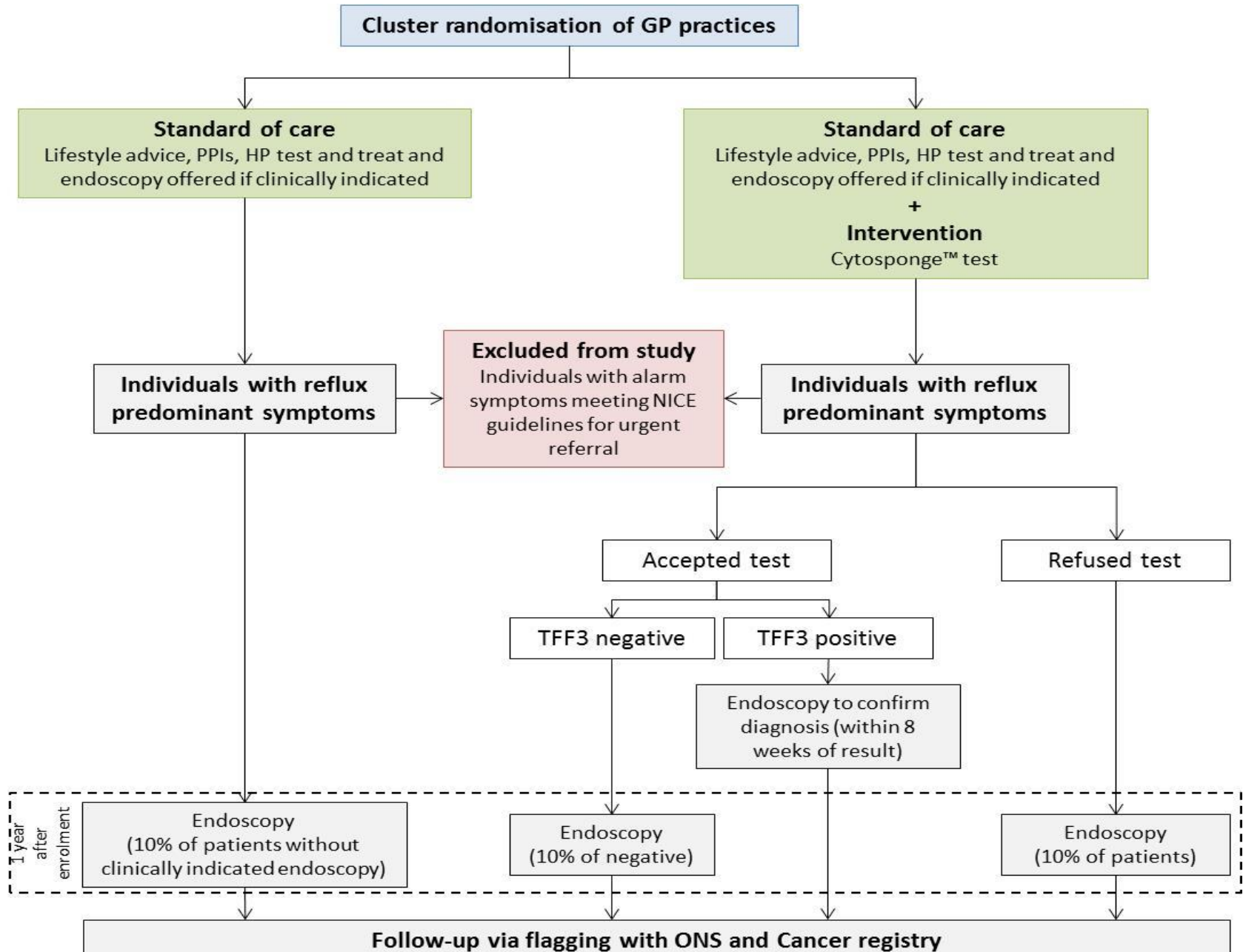
# Barrett's Risk stratification panel

(Age, BMI, Barrett's length, atypia, p53 status)

(BEST2 n=468)



# BEST3 Trial Design (n=4,000 randomised)



# Cytosponge for ESCC – China and Iran pilot studies using atypia and p53 IHC





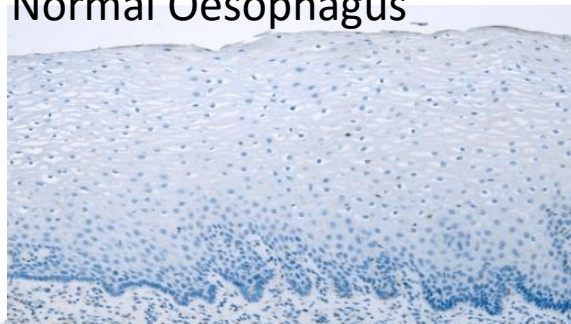
# Accuracy data– Iran pilot study

Cytological examination	Endoscopic examination		
	ESD (all types)	High-grade ESD	
<b>ASC</b>			N=344
Sensitivity (95% CI)	50% (29–71%)	100% (51–100%)	N=131 unstained lesions
Specificity (95% CI)	99% (96–99%)	97% (94–98%)	N=18 with dysplasia
PPV (95% CI)	69% (39–90%)	31% (10–61%)	of which 4 mod/severe
NPV (95% CI)	97% (94–98%)	100% (98–100%)	
Accuracy (95% CI)	96% (93–98%)	97% (94–99%)	
<b>P53 positivity</b>			
Sensitivity (95% CI)	22% (9–45%)	100% (51–100%)	
Specificity (95% CI)	89% (85–92%)	89% (85–92%)	
PPV (95% CI)	11% (4–28%)	11% (4–28%)	
NPV (95% CI)	95% (91–97%)	100% (98–100%)	

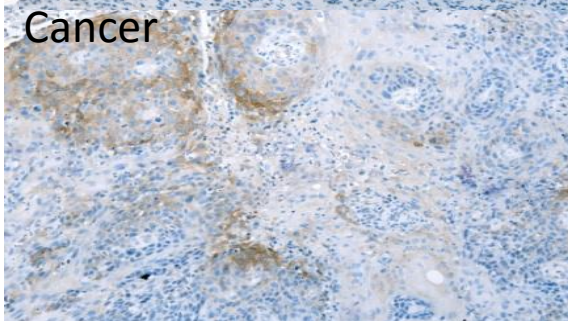
# Immunohistochemical biomarkers for ESCC

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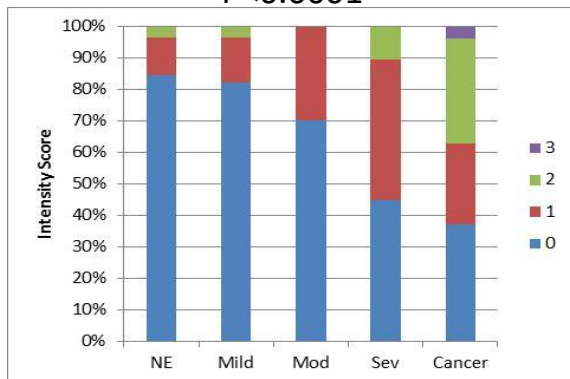
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### Cancer

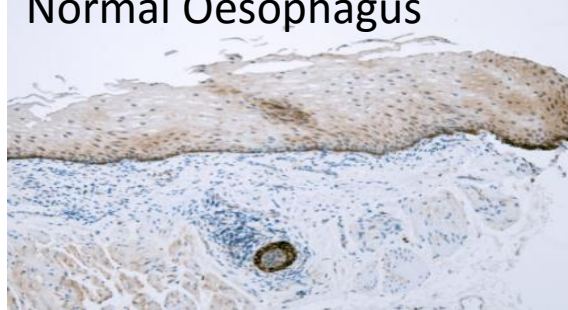


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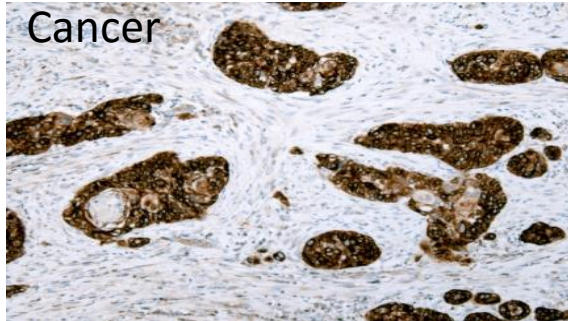


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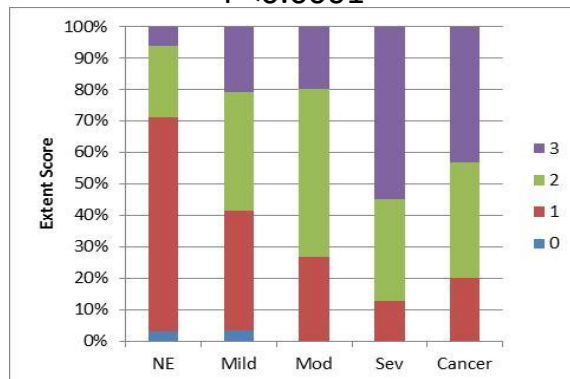
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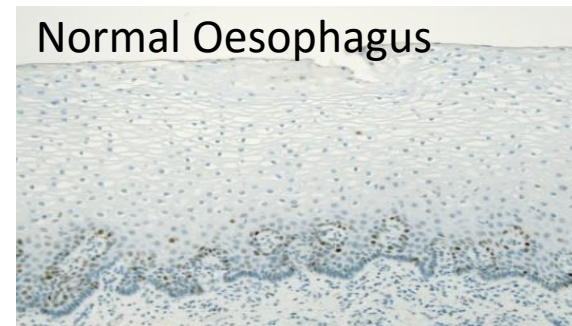


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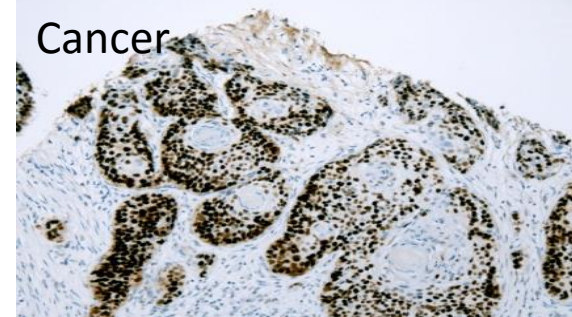


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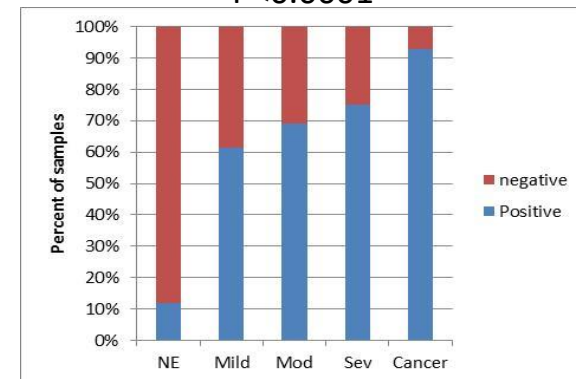
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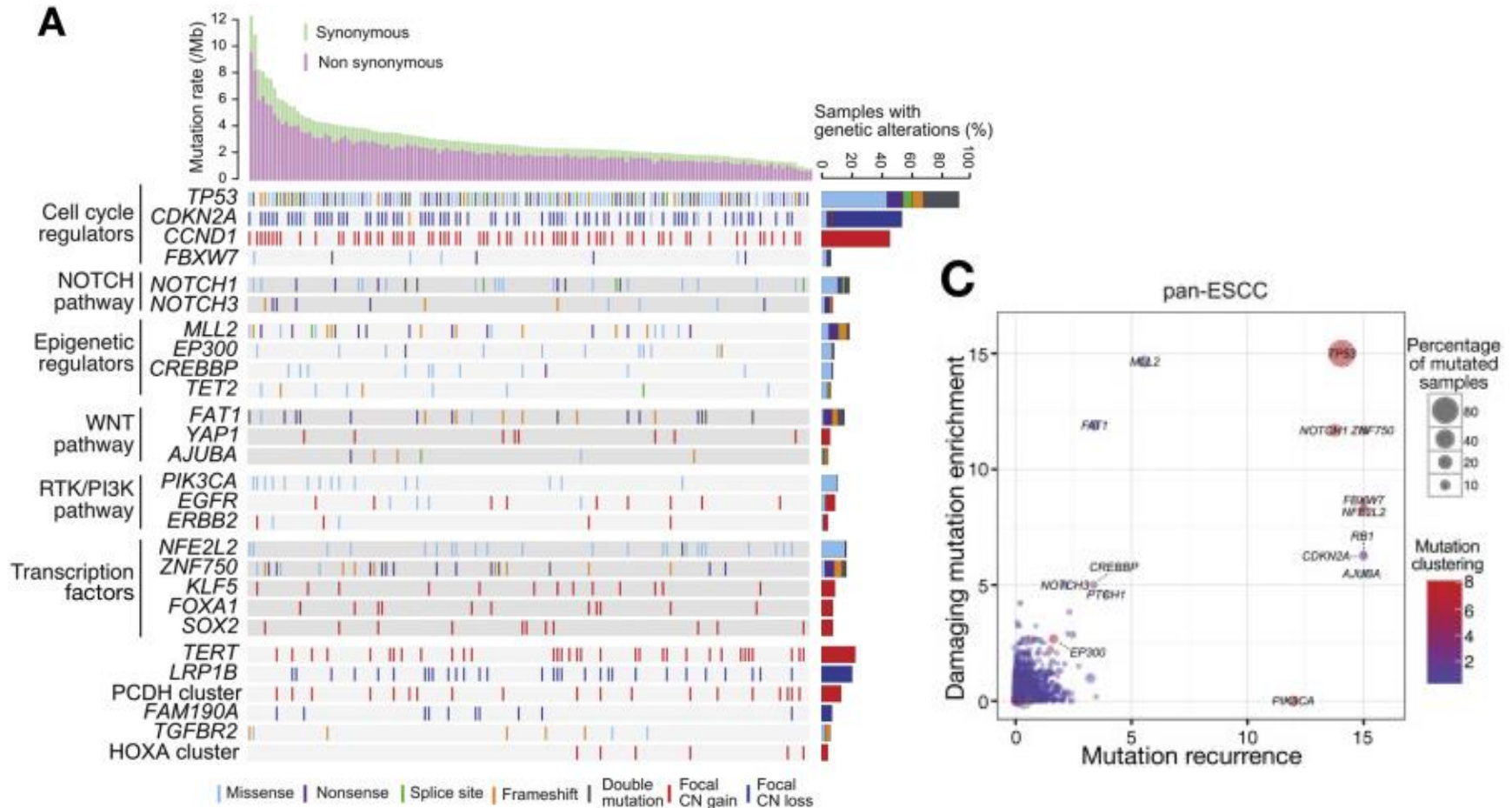
### Cancer



P<0.0001



# ESCC somatic mutation landscape: p53 most recurrent mutation





# Conclusions

- Cytosponge + assays for diagnosing Barrett's with second tier to risk stratify is promising
- Non-endoscopic screening is attractive concept for high incidence areas of ESCC
  - primary care based, high throughput, economics favourable, acceptable
  - Iranian NESP (n=4,000) and China CICAMS Cytosponge trials (n=2,000) will evaluate further

# Discussion points

- Biomarker assays need to be developed
  - Atypia too subjective
  - Immunoassays may not be objective, or accurate enough for ESCC/dysplasia
  - Genetic markers attractive and sequencing costs coming down
- Need large sample collections (dysplasia and early cancers) for biomarker testing
- Optimal trial designs and logistics

# Acknowledgments



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