

# **Cancer Diagnostics**

Identify clinically significant mutations in cancer-associated genes to optimize patient-specific therapy

Modern cancer therapies target specific cell processes. The development of monoclonal antibodies binding to epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) and the development of drugs inhibiting EGFR tyrosine kinase have been major steps towards personalized cancer treatment.

Targeted therapy generally causes less damage to healthy cells compared to conventional chemotherapy.

Optimal results in cancer treatment are achieved when the personalized approach is chosen.

Monoclonal antibody and tyrosine kinase inhibitor therapies work exceptionally well in many, but not in all cases. Treatment response is highly dependent on the genetic profile of the tumor.

Thus, genetic tests identifying relevant mutations in oncogenes and tumor suppressor genes facilitate an efficient patient-specific therapy.

#### ViennaLab StripAssays<sup>®</sup> and RealFast<sup>™</sup> Assay

- Simple protocol for complex diagnostic questions
- Manual or automated processing
- No expensive lab equipment
- Ready-to-use reagents
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### **KRAS & NRAS**

KRAS and NRAS are members of the RAS oncoprotein family that act as mitogen-activated protein kinase (MAPK) signaling pathway GTPases downstream of the epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR).

Activating *RAS* mutations predict a lack of response to anti-EGFR monoclonal antibody therapies (cetuximab or panitumumab) in colorectal cancer (CRC) patients. KRAS and NRAS mutations are mutually exclusive.

In the Panitumumab Randomized Trial in Combination with Chemotherapy for Metastatic Colorectal Cancer to Determine Efficacy (PRIME) study, NRAS mutations were detected in a fraction of approximately 7% KRAS wild-type CRC tumors.

Published data suggest that NRAS mutations, in addition to KRAS mutations, predict a lack of response to anti-EGFR therapy in metastatic CRC patients.

## BRAF

Mutations in the BRAF gene have been reported to contribute to the progression of thyroid cancer and melanoma.

BRAF encodes a serine/threonine kinase, which is a key factor in the MAPK pathway that transduces signals from the RAS oncogenes.

BRAF mutations have been identified in thyroid cancer, melanoma and in some other types of cancer. Certain mutations significantly increase kinase activity and by doing so they can continuously activate transcription-mediated proliferation, which supports neoplastic growth.

StripAssay®	Position	Mutations	KRAS XL REF 5-680	NRAS XL REF 5-620	BRAF 600/601 REF 5-560
KRAS (29 mutations)	Codon 12	G12A, G12R, G12D, G12C, G12I, G12L, G12S, G12V	х		
	Codon 13	G13D, G13C	х		
		G13A, G13R, G13S, G13V	х		
	Codon 59	A59E, A59G, A59T	х		
	Codon 60	G60V	х		
	Codon 61	Q61R, Q61H <sup>+)</sup> , Q61L, Q61K	х		
	Codon 117	K117N <sup>#)</sup> , K117E	х		
	Codon 146	A146P, A146T, A146V	х		
	Codon 12	G12A, G12R, G12D, G12C, G12S, G12V		х	
NRAS (22 mutations)	Codon 13	G13R, G13D, G13C, G13V		х	
	Codon 59	A59D, A59T		х	
	Codon 60	G60R, G60E		х	
	Codon 61	Q61R, Q61E, Q61H * <sup>)</sup> , Q61L, Q61K, Q61P		х	
	Codon 146	A146T		х	
DDAE	Codon 600	V600E ×)			х
BRAF (9 mutations)		V600A, V600D, V600E -', V600G, V600K, V600M, V600R			х
	Codon 601	K601E			х
KRAS: +) p.Q61H (c. 183	3A>C) and p.Q6	1H (c. 183A>T); $^{\#}$ p.K117N (c. 351A>C) and p.K117N (c. 351A>	·T)		
NRAS: *) p.Q61H (c. 18	3A>C) and p.Q6	1H (c. 183A>T); BRAF: <sup>x)</sup> p.V600E (c. 1799T>A) ; <sup>~)</sup> p.V600E (c	. 1799_1800del	(GinsAA	

### Mutations covered by the KRAS, NRAS & BRAF StripAssays®

### Mutations covered by the EGFR XL StripAssay®

StripAssay®	Exon	Mutations
		G719A
	Exon 18	G719C
		G719S
		K745_E749del
		E746_A750del
		E746_A750delinsIP
		E746_A750del
		E746_T751delinsIP
		E746_T751del
		E746_T751delinsA
		E746_T751delinsV
		E746_T751delinsVA
		E746_S752delinsl
		E746_S752delinsA
EGFR XL	Even 10	E746_S752delinsV
(30 mutations)	Exon 19	E746_S752delinsD
		E746_P753delinsVS
		L747_E749del
		L747_A750delinsP*
		L747_A750delinsP*)
		L747_T751delinsP
		L747_T751delinsS
		L747_T751del
		L747_S752del
		L747_S752delinsQ
		L747_P753delinsQ
		L747_P753delinsS
	Exon 20	T790M
		L858R
	Exon 21	L861Q
* p.L747_A750delinsP (c.	2238_2248delinsGC)	
*) p.L747_A750delinsP (c.	2239_2248delinsC)	

# Genetic variants covered by the PGX-5FU XL StripAssay®

StripAssay®	Gene	Genetic Variants
PGX-5FU XL	DPYD	c.1236G>A (HapB3) c.1679T>G (DPYD*13) c.1905+1G>A (DPYD*2A) c.2846A>T (p.D949V)

# EGFR

Non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) comprises approximately 85% of all lung cancers. Somatic mutations in the epidermal growth factor receptor tyrosine kinase (EGFR-TK) domain influence the treatment with EGFR-TK inhibitors.

First-line TK inhibitors, such as erlotinib and gefitinib, are effective anti-cancer drugs in NSCLC patients carrying activating EGFR mutations.

Conversely, patients carrying the resistance mutation T790M do not benefit from first-line EGFR-TK inhibitor therapy.

Identification of EGFR mutations allows the decision whether an EGFR-TK inhibitor is suitable for use in NSCLC therapy.

## PGX-5FU XL



Fluoropyrimidines (5-fluorouracil, capecitabine and tegafur) are frequently used in solid tumor cancer therapies. However, high systemic exposure, or a limiting activity of the key metabolic enzyme dihydropyrimidine dehydrogenase (DPD) may cause severe fluoropyrimidine-related toxicity in some patients. The CPIC provided guidelines for the interpretation of clinically relevant DPYD genotypes and fluoropyrimidine dosing.<sup>1</sup>

Up to 9% of Caucasian population have low levels of a working DPD enzyme, and up to 0.5% completely lack the enzyme.<sup>2</sup>

DPYD testing is therefore recommended before starting treatment with fluoropyrimidines to reduce the risk of severe and life-threatening side effects.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Amstutz U, et al. Clinical Pharmacogenetics Implementation Consortium (CPIC) Guideline for Dihydropyrimidine Dehydrogenase Genotype and Fluoropyrimidine Dosing: 2017 Update. Clin Pharmacol Ther. 2018 Feb;103(2):210-216.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> EMA recommendations on DPD testing prior to treatment with fluorouracil, capecitabine, tegafur and flucytosine; EMA/367286/2020



### ViennaLab StripAssays® identify the most relevant mutations to support therapy decisions for colorectal cancer, thyroid cancer, lung cancer, melanoma and other types of cancer.

Disease	Oncogene	Therapy
Colorectal cancer	KRAS/NRAS	Anti-EGFR mAbs (e.g. cetuximab, panitumumab)
Melanoma	BRAF	Small molecule inhibitors (e.g. vemurafenib, dabrafenib, trametinib)
Thyroid cancer	BRAF	Small molecule inhibitors (e.g. vemurafenib) under evaluation
Lung cancer	EGFR	Tyrosine kinase inhibitors (e.g. afatinib, erlotinib, gefitinib, osimertinib)
Disease	Gene	Therapy
Various types of cancers	DPYD	Personalized 5-FU therapy: Heterozygotes: lower doses of 5-FU Homozygotes: alternative drugs

### The three steps of the StripAssays®

Step	Requirement
1. Amplification: Multiplex PCR. Simultaneous biotin-labeling	Thermocycler
2. Hybridization: Directly on the StripAssay® teststrips	Incubator
3. Identification: Labeled products detected by streptavidin-alkaline phosphatase	Naked eye or scanner & software

#### **Order Information:**

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