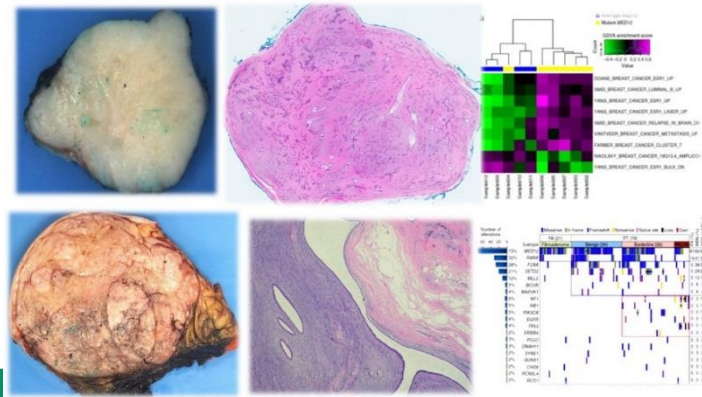


# Genomics of Fibroepithelial Tumours of the Breast



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**Fibroepithelial breast lesions** are biphasic tumours composed of both epithelial and stromal components, and include the common ***fibroadenoma*** and the rarer ***phyllodes tumour***.



**Genomics** ~ structure, function, evolution, mapping, and editing of genomes. A genome is an organism's complete set of DNA, including *all of its genes*.

**Genetics** ~ study of *individual* genes and their roles in inheritance.

***Not a molecular pathologist!***

# Scope

- Genomics of ~
  - **Fibroadenoma**
  - **Phyllodes tumour**
- Potential clinical applications

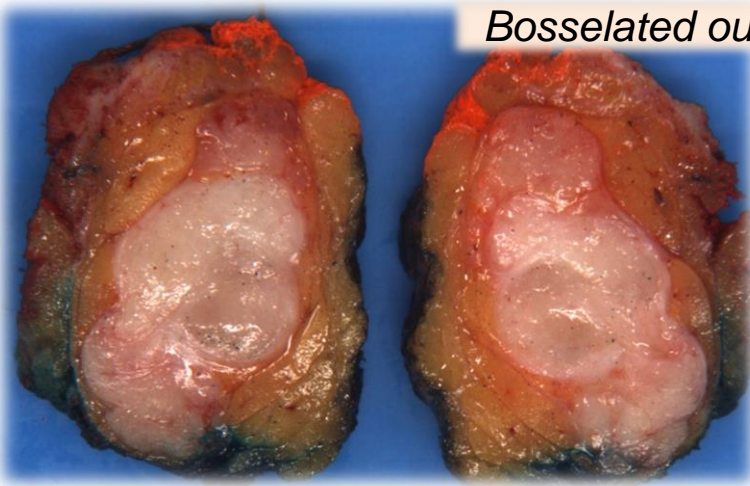


# Fibroadenoma

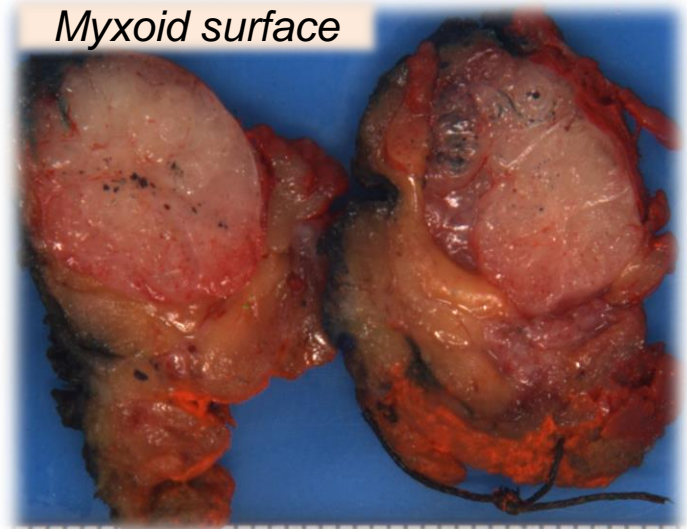
- Common benign biphasic tumour.
- Circumscribed breast neoplasm arising from the terminal-duct lobular unit (TDLU).
- Features a proliferation of both epithelial and stromal elements.
- Occurs most frequently in women of childbearing age, especially those aged < 30 years, although it may be encountered at any age.
- Estimated 10% of women have fibroadenomas.



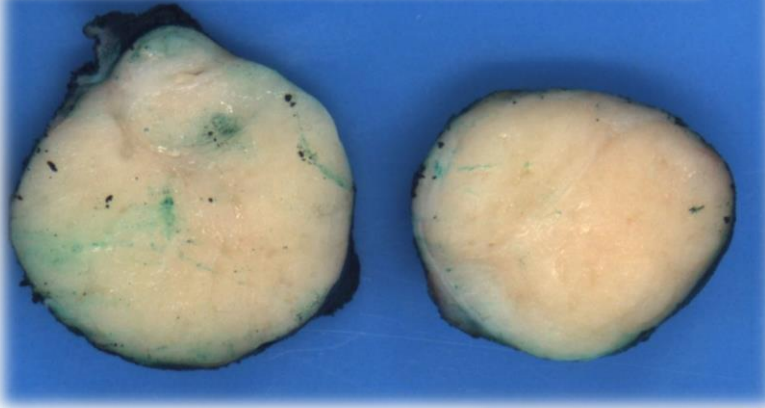
*Bosselated outlines*



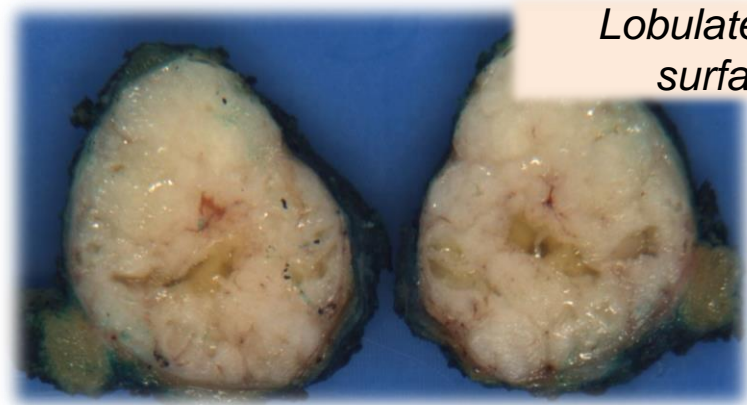
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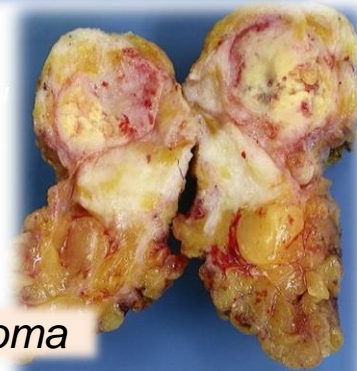
*Fibrous homogenous appearance*



*Lobulated cut surface*



**Gross anatomy of fibroadenoma**

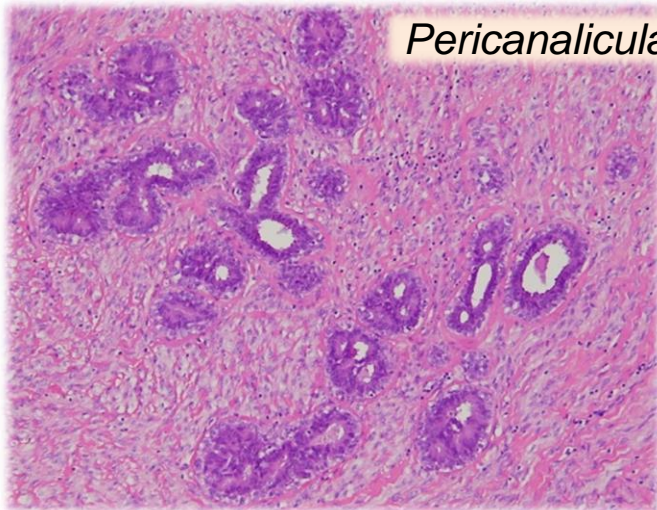


*Ossified fibroadenoma*

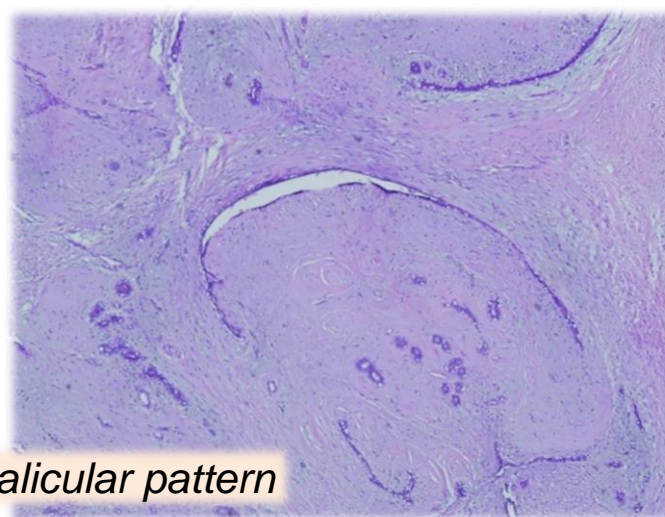


*Giant fibroadenoma*

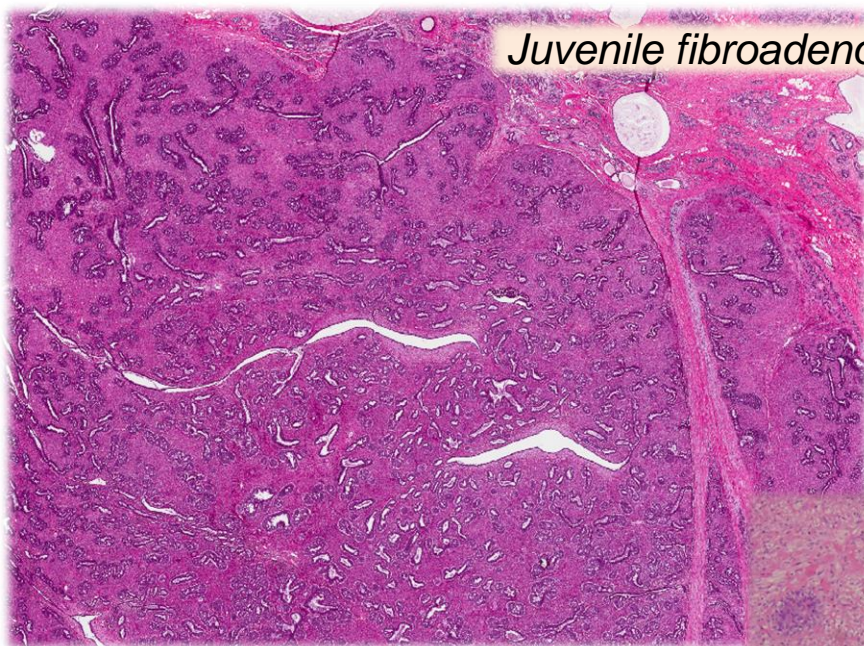




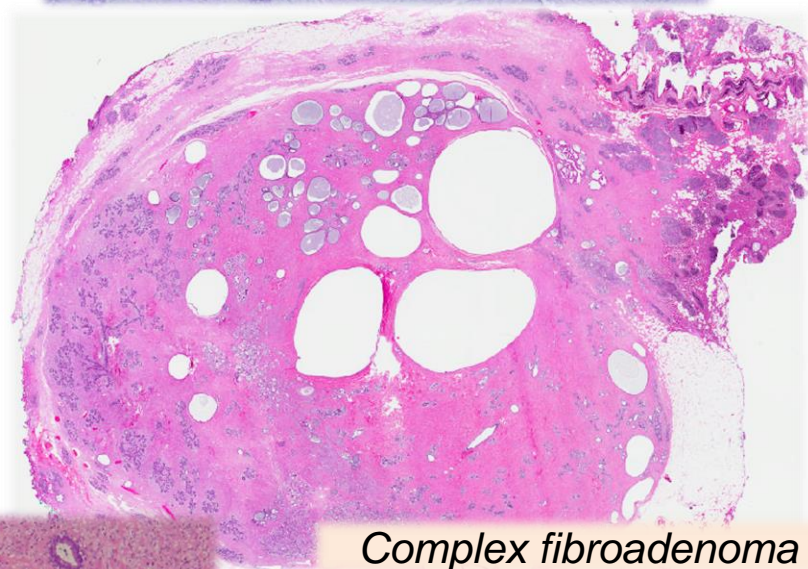
*Pericanalicular pattern*



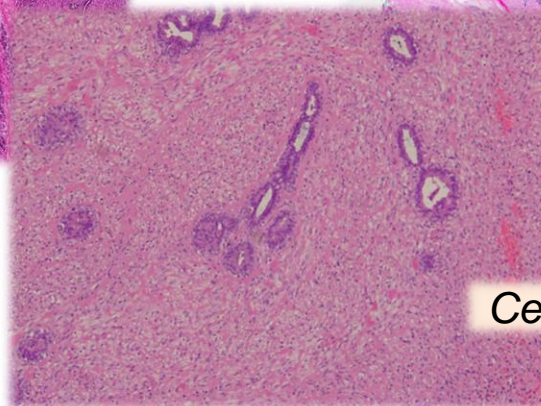
*Intracanalicular pattern*



*Juvenile fibroadenoma*



*Complex fibroadenoma*



*Cellular fibroadenoma*

**Microscopic anatomy of  
fibroadenoma**

# Phyllodes tumour

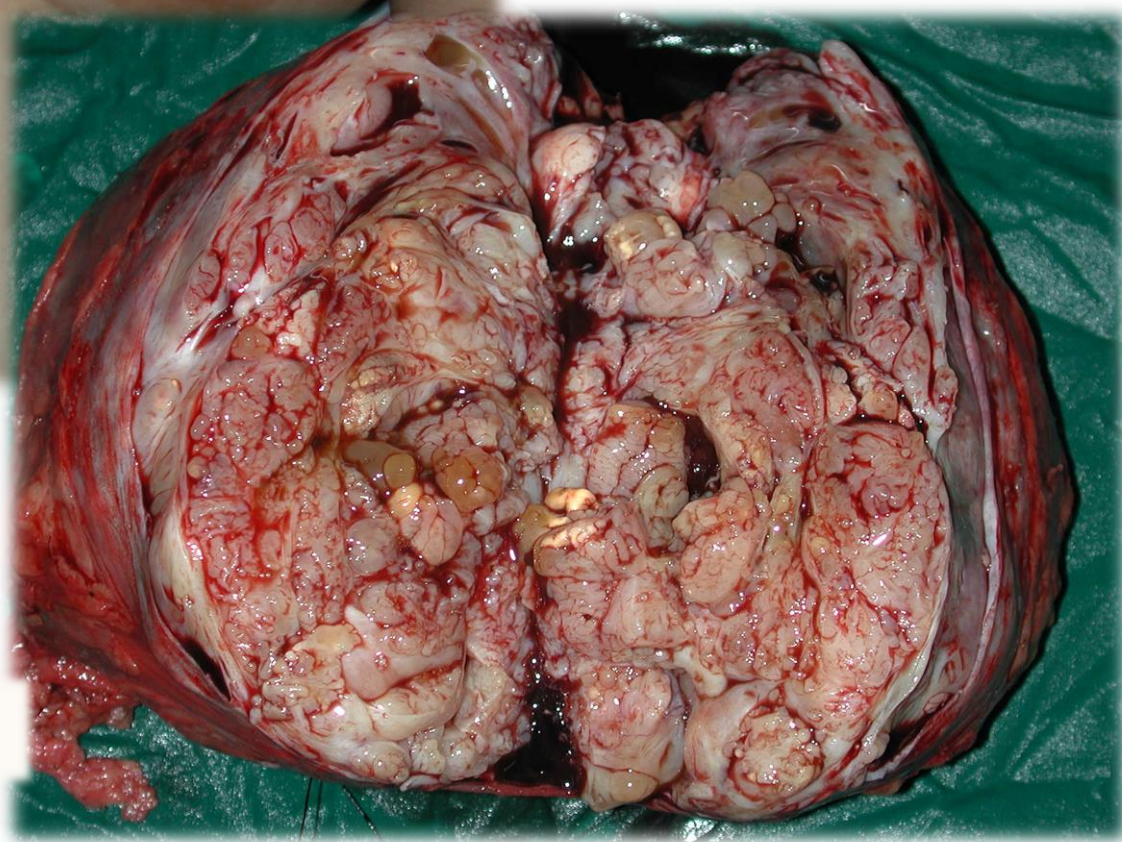
- Uncommon fibroepithelial neoplasm with proliferation of both epithelial and stromal components.
- “Phyllodes”
  - Derived from the Greek word “phyllon” meaning *leaf*, and “eidos” meaning *form*.

φύλλο εἶδος  
(leaf form)



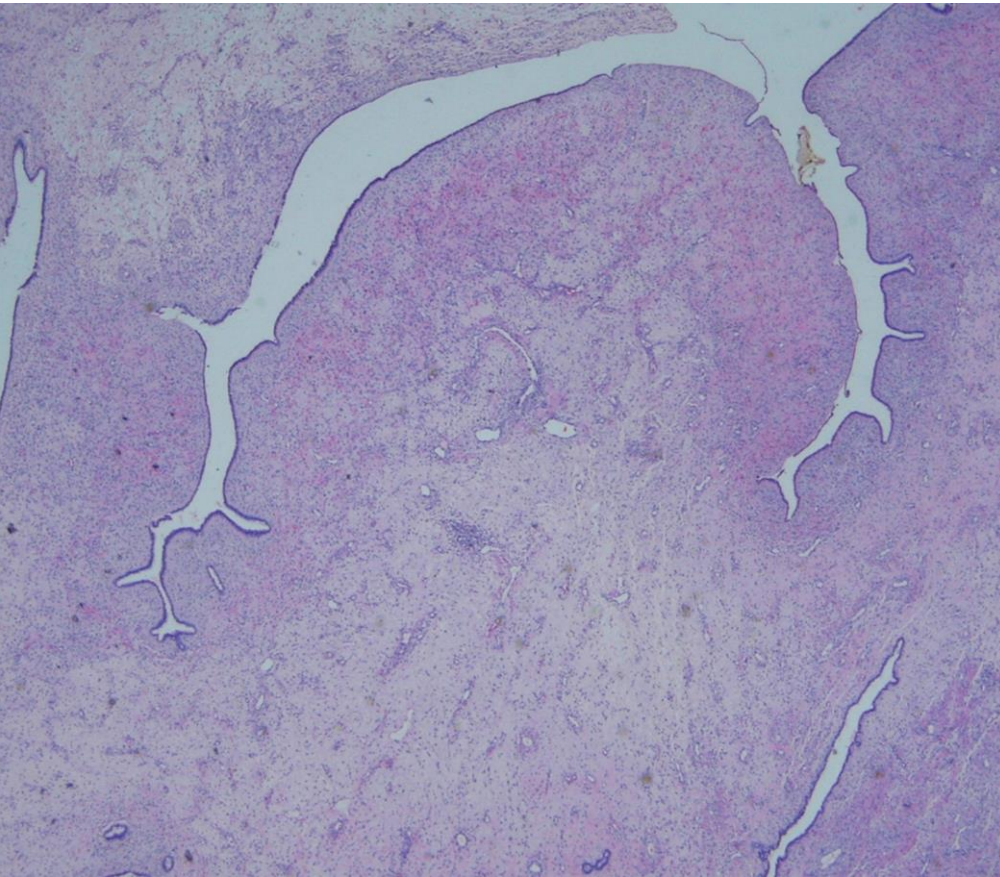


Large tumour stretching skin



Circumscribed bulging mass, mucoid, fleshy, whorled

**Phyllodes tumour:** *fibroepithelial neoplasm resembling intracanalicular fibroadenoma, but with exaggerated fronded pattern and stromal hypercellularity*



Benign phyllodes tumour

- 0.3-1% of all primary breast tumours.
- Affects mature women (40-50 years).
- Higher incidence in Asians.
- Graded according to histological characteristics.
- Tendency to recur if incompletely excised.



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# Molecular genetics & genomics of fibroadenoma



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# Molecular genetics of fibroadenomas

- Cytogenetic abnormalities in 20% to 30% of fibroadenomas, usually translocations.
- No consistent pattern of specific chromosomal alterations.
- Both epithelial and stromal components are polyclonal. (*Noguchi et al. Cancer Res 1993; 53: 4071-4072*)
- Possible evolution into phyllodes tumors.  
(*Noguchi et al. Cancer 1995; 76: 1779-1785*)
- Low levels of LOH (0% to 1.5%).  
(*Wang et al. Breast Cancer Res Treat 2006; 97: 301-309*)

No evidence of recurrent genetic alterations characteristic of fibroadenomas. *Rosen's Breast Pathology 4<sup>th</sup> edition 2014*



*Nat Genet.* 2014 Aug;46(8):877-80.

published online 20 July 2014;

# Exome sequencing identifies highly recurrent *MED12* somatic mutations in breast fibroadenoma

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## Key findings:

- Exome sequencing of 8 fibroadenomas with matching whole blood samples revealed recurrent somatic mutations solely in *MED12* (encodes a Mediator complex subunit).
- Targeted sequencing of an additional 90 fibroadenomas confirmed highly frequent *MED12* exon 2 mutations (58/98, 59%) that are probably somatic, with 71% of mutations occurring in codon 44.
- Using laser capture microdissection, it was confirmed that *MED12* fibroadenoma mutations are present in stromal but not epithelial mammary cells.

# MED12 mutations in breast fibroadenoma

- *MED12* is located on the X chromosome.
- Frequent *MED12* exon 2 somatic mutations have been found previously only in uterine leiomyoma (UL).
- *MED12* mutation spectrum observed in fibroadenomas was nearly identical to that of UL in both exon location and variant codon preference.
- Possibility that *MED12* exon 2 mutations could be associated with hormonal expression.
- *MED12* in phyllodes tumours.





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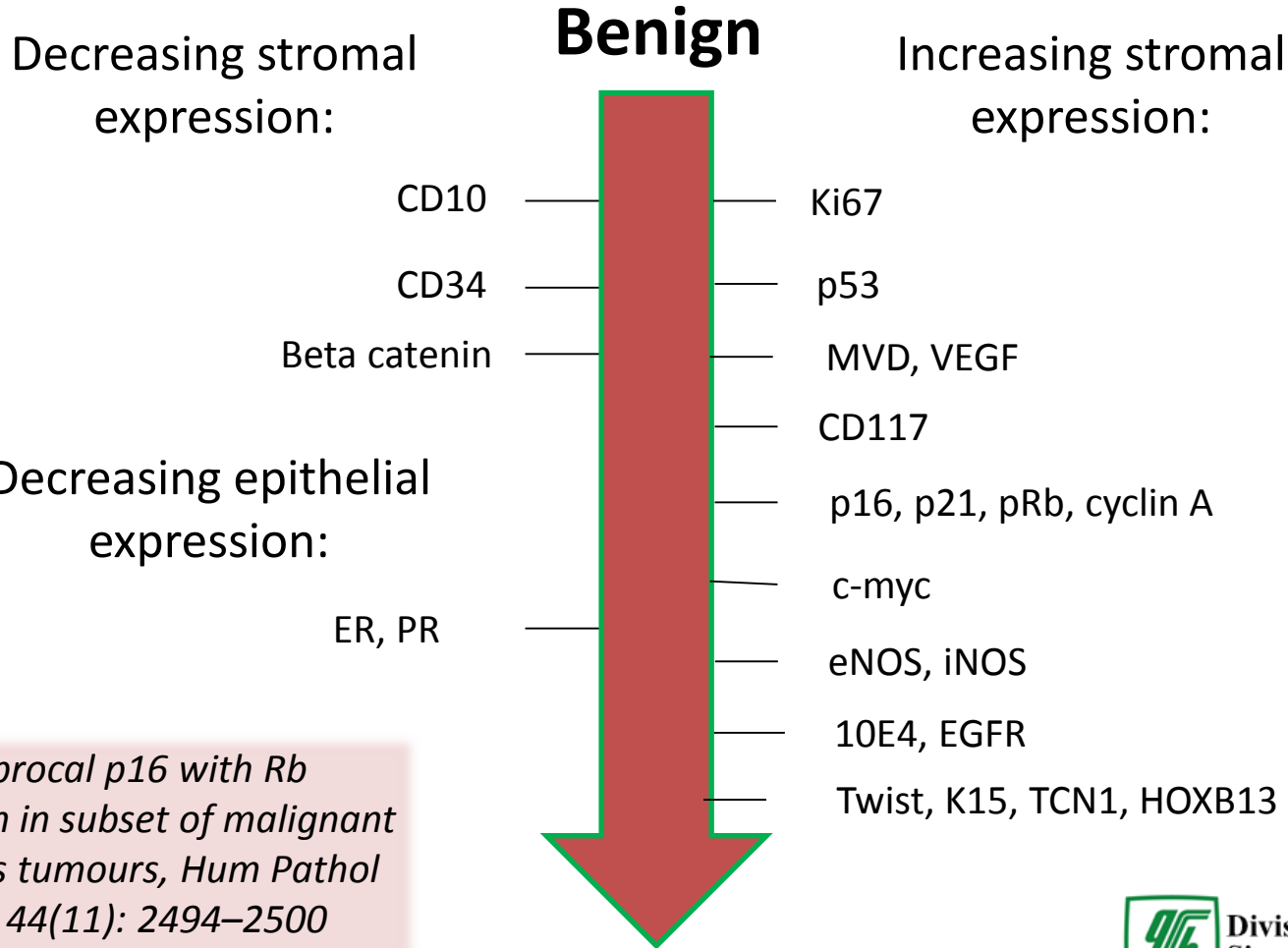


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# Biomarkers in classification of phyllodes tumours



*Reciprocal p16 with Rb expression in subset of malignant phyllodes tumours, Hum Pathol 2013; 44(11): 2494–2500*

**Malignant**



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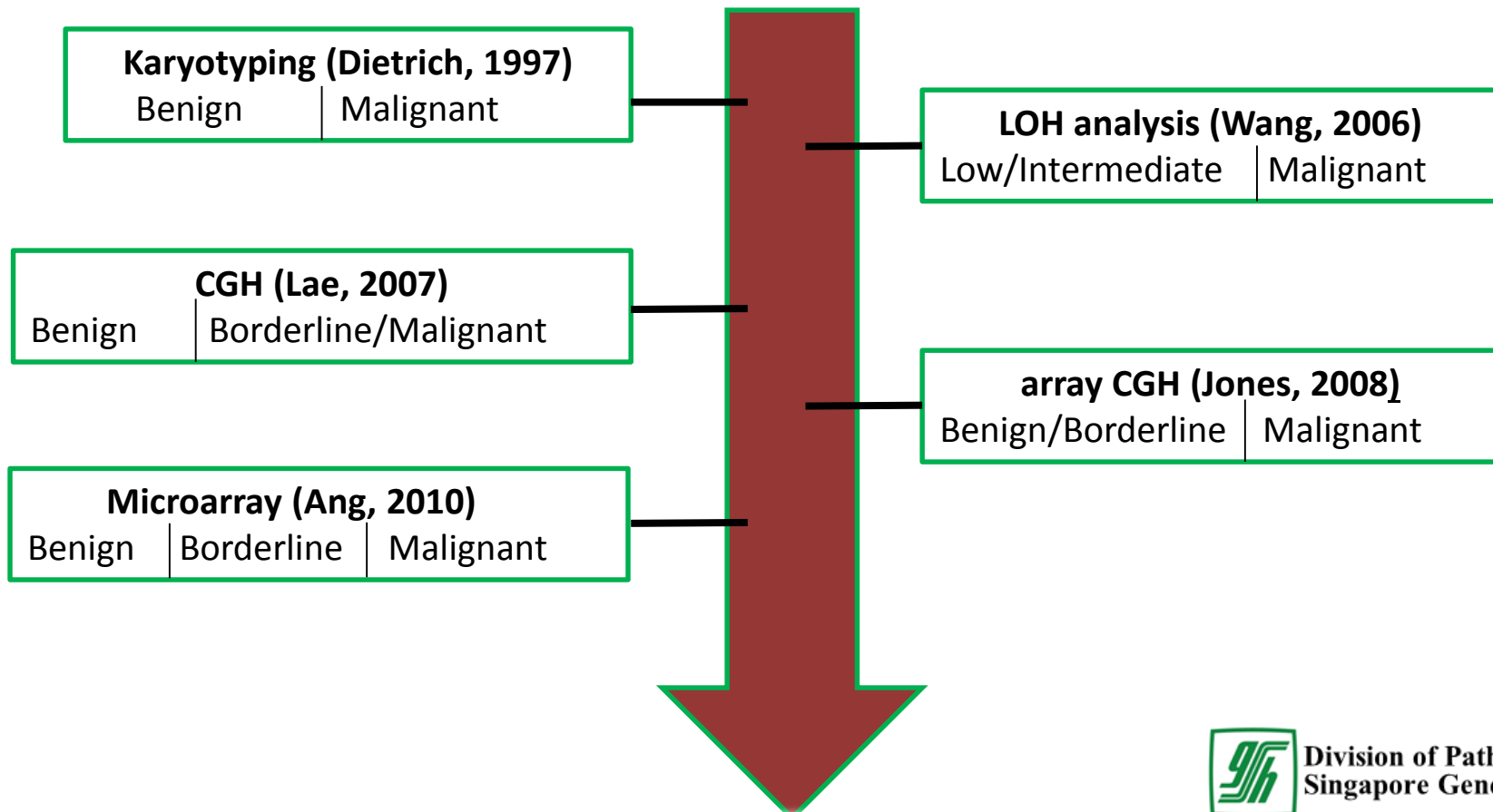
# Biomarkers in classification of phyllodes tumours

- Support current histological classification based on stromal characteristics.
- Adjunctive utility in core biopsies.
- Limited role in routine practice.



# Molecular classification of phyllodes tumours

## Two-tiered and three-tiered grading schemes



Grading of phyllodes tumours



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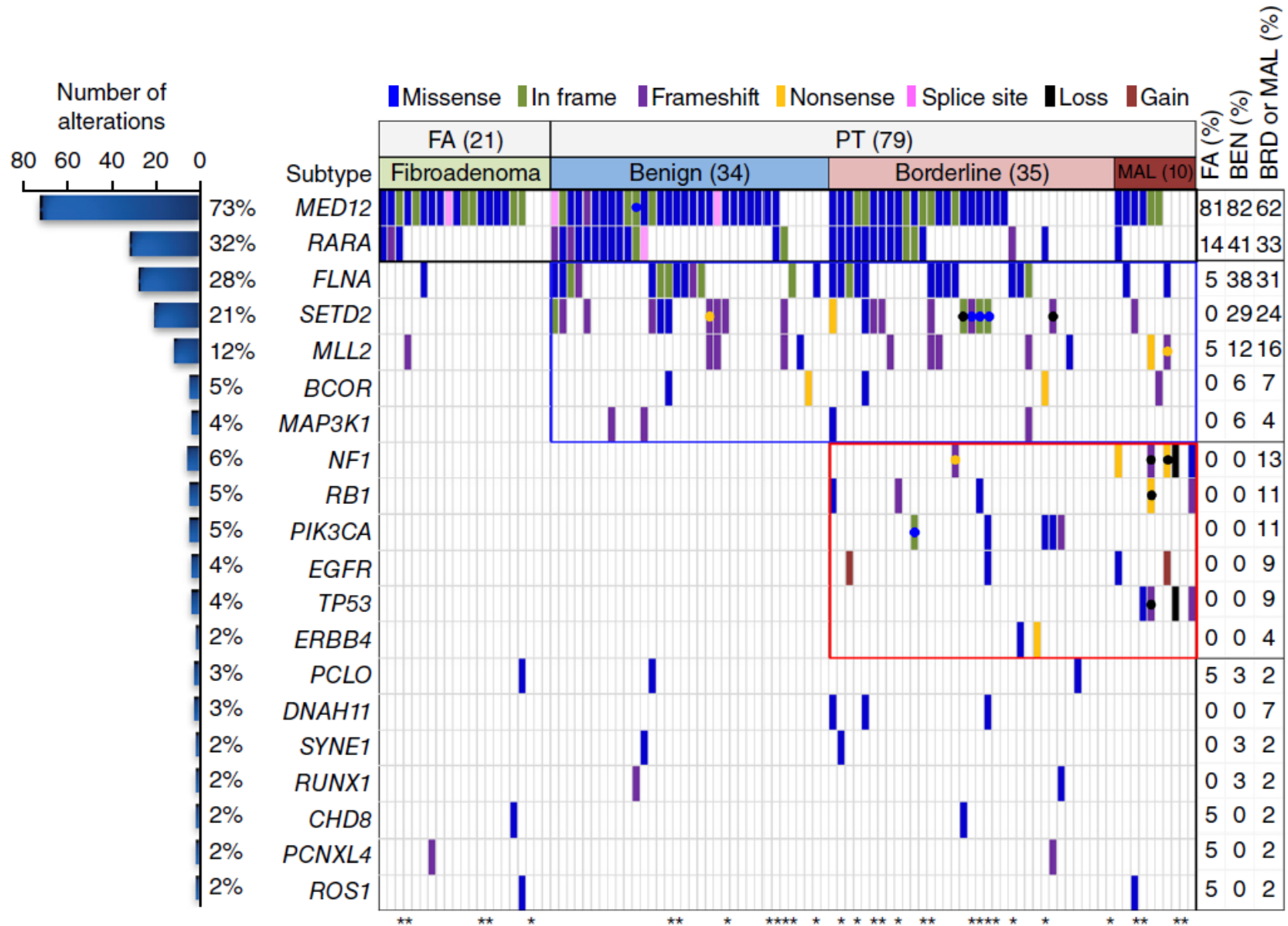
## Genomic landscapes of breast fibroepithelial tumors

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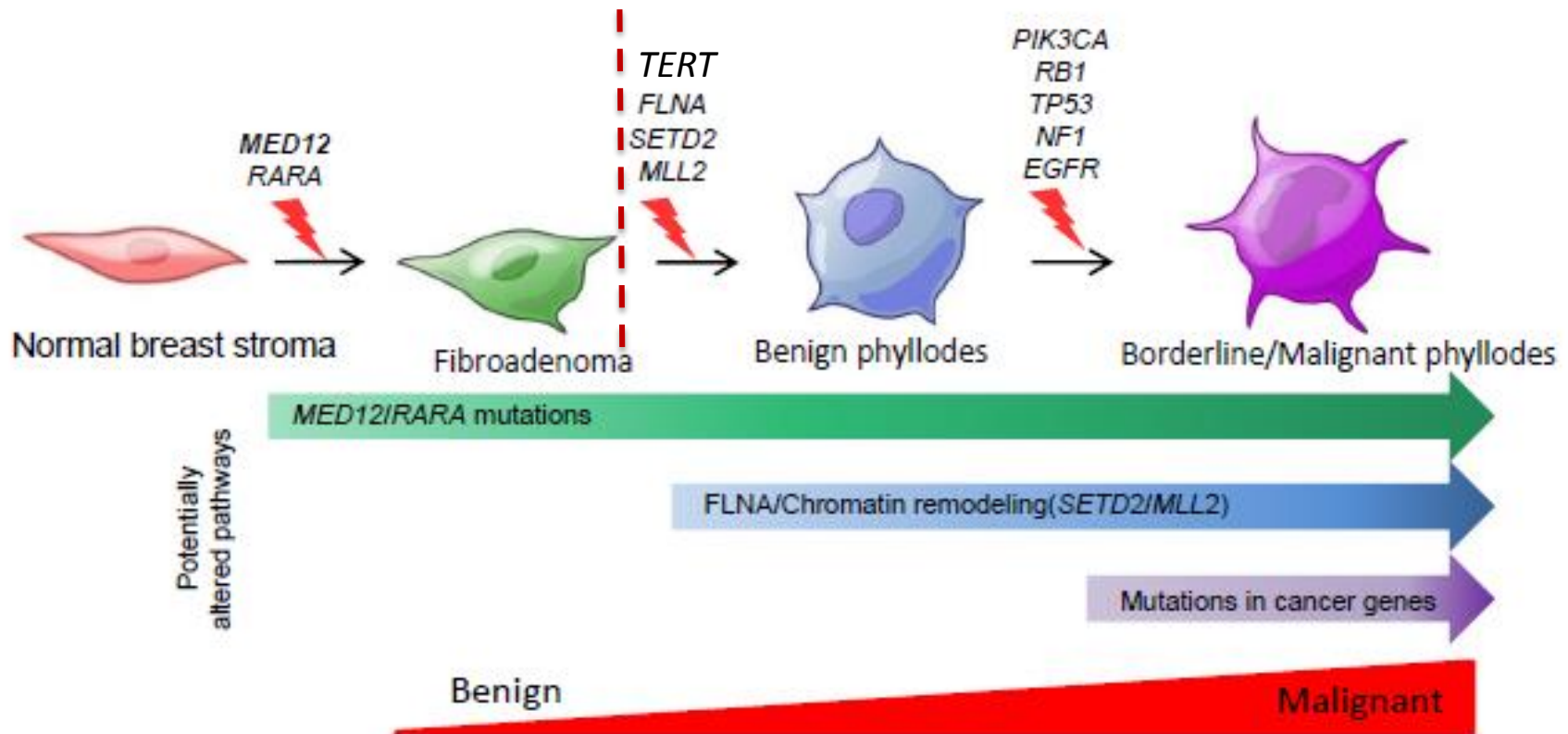
### **Key findings:**

- Exome sequencing of 22 phyllodes tumours followed by targeted sequencing of 100 breast fibroepithelial tumours.
- 3 distinct mutation patterns:
  - ~ frequent *MED12* and *RARA* mutations in fibroadenomas and phyllodes tumours.
  - ~ phyllodes tumours exhibited additional mutations in *FLNA*, *SETD2*, *KMT2D*.
  - ~ borderline and malignant phyllodes tumours harboured mutations in cancer associated genes.

# Genomic landscapes of breast fibroepithelial tumours



# A proposed model of the genomic progression of breast fibroepithelial tumours



*Tan J et al. Nat Genet. 2015 Nov;47(11):1341-5.*

*Multiple papers on the genomics of fibroepithelial tumours have been published*

Keywords: phyllodes tumour; fibroadenoma; RBM15; MED12; TERT; heterogeneity

## ***MED12, TERT* promoter and *RBM15* mutations in primary and recurrent phyllodes tumours**

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- MED12 mutations are common in FAs and benign PTs.
- MED12 mutations can be discordant in recurrent PTs.
- TERT mutations show less temporal heterogeneity.
- RBM15 may be a novel driver mutation in borderline/malignant PTs.

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## Genetic and Clinical Characteristics of Phyllodes Tumors of the Breast




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MPT harboring *PTEN* and *RB1* copy number deletion showed rapid disease progression.

## Molecular insights into paediatric breast fibroepithelial tumours

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- MED12 mutations in 53.8% of conventional and 35% of juvenile FAs.
- No TERT promoter mutations.
- Metachronous and synchronous tumours have mutational heterogeneity.

# What's the clinical relevance?

- Genomics based classification of breast fibroepithelial lesions, enhancing diagnostic accuracy ~
  - Differentiating FA from PT (*J Pathol* 2016;238:508-518)
  - Differentiating PT from other spindle cell tumors (*APMIS* 2016;124:356-364)
  - Differentiating malignant PT from metaplastic carcinoma (*Pathology* 2017;49:786-789)
  - Refining the grading of PT (*Pathology* 2019 Aug;51(5):531-534)
- Discovery of candidate therapeutic targets in borderline/malignant PT ~
  - ❖ PIK3CA activating mutations
  - ❖ EGFR amplifications



# What's the clinical relevance?

- *MED12 mutations correlated with improved disease free survival* (J Clin Pathol 2015;68:685-91; Genes,Chromosomes&Cancer 2016;55:495–504)
- *MED12 and RARA mutations linked to hormone receptor signaling.*





# Phyllodes tumour



*WHO Classifications (& Grading)*  
*1981, 2003, 2012, 2019*

Table 11.01 Histological features of fibroadenoma, benign, borderline and malignant phyllodes tumours

Histological feature	Fibroadenoma	Phyllodes tumour		
		Benign	Borderline	Malignant <sup>a</sup>
Tumour border	Well circumscribed			
Stromal cellularity	Variable			
Stromal atypia	None			
Mitotic activity	Usual			
Stromal overgrowth	Absent			
Malignant heterologous elements	Absent	Absent	Present	Present
Distribution relative to all breast tumours	< 5	Absent	Present	Present
Relative proportion of all phyllodes tumours	—	10–20%	10–20%	10–20%

Low power (40x) magnification, x10 eyepiece, x4 objective

HPF, high-power fields.

<sup>a</sup> While these features are often observed in combination, they may not always be present simultaneously. Presence of a malignant heterologous element qualifies designation as a malignant phyllodes tumour, without requirement for other histological criteria.

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<b>Tumour border</b>	Well-defined	Well-defined	Well-defined, may be focally permeative	Permeative
<b>Stromal cellularity</b>	Variable, scanty to uncommonly cellular, usually uniform	Cellular, usually mild, may be non-uniform or diffuse	Cellular, usually moderate, may be non-uniform or diffuse	Cellular, usually marked and diffuse
<b>Stromal atypia</b>	None	Mild or none	Mild or moderate	Marked
<b>Mitotic activity</b>	Usually none, rarely low	Usually few ( $< 5$ per 10 HPF) <b><math>&lt; 2.5</math> mitoses/mm<sup>2</sup></b>	Usually frequent (5–9 per 10 HPF) <b><math>2.5</math> to <math>&lt; 5</math> mitoses/mm<sup>2</sup></b>	Usually abundant ( $\geq 10$ per 10 HPF) <b><math>\geq 5</math> mitoses/mm<sup>2</sup></b>
<b>Stromal overgrowth</b>	Absent	Absent	Absent, or very focal	Often present
<b>Malignant heterologous elements</b>	Absent	Absent	Absent	May be present
<b>Distribution relative to all breast tumours</b>	Common	Uncommon	Rare	Rare
<b>Relative proportion of all phyllodes tumours</b>	—	60–75%	15–20%	10–20%

HPF, high-power fields.

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**WHO classification of breast tumours 2019**

**\* Exception ~ liposarcoma**

# Phyllodes tumours: *issues with current grading & classification approaches*

- Grade assignment is imperfect:
  - Stromal hypercellularity, atypia, mitoses, overgrowth, borders.

{Singapore nomogram based on stromal **A**typia,  
**M**itoses, **O**vergrowth, **S**urgical margins  
(**AMOS** criteria), validated in other cohorts.}



## Phyllodes Tumour Recurrence

Welcome to the Singapore General Hospital Phyllodes Tumour Recurrence Risk Assessment tool following a histologic diagnosis of benign phyllodes tumor.  
This tool is based on a study under review.  
This tool was designed for use by histopathologists.  
Please read the [SGH Phyllodes Tumour Recurrence Risk Assessment tool](#) for more information.  
Detailed information on this risk assessment tool is available [here](#).

**A** : Atypia  
**M** : Mitoses  
**O** : Overgrowth  
**S** : Surgical margin

recurrence free likelihood

(69-76%)

ed to discuss the results with

### Risk assessment tool

Does the tumor show stromal cytologic atypia?

☐ None or mild ⓘ

☐ Moderate ⓘ

☐ Marked ⓘ

How many mitoses are visible per 10 high powered fields? ⓘ

Mitoses per 10 hpf



Is there stromal overgrowth seen? ⓘ

☐ Absent

☐ Present

Are the margins histologically involved (positive)?

☐ Negative ⓘ

☐ Positive ⓘ

<https://mobile.sgh.com.sg/ptrra>

# Phyllodes tumours: *issues with current grading & classification approaches*

- Distinguishing different entities ~
  - Cellular fibroadenoma vs benign phyllodes tumour.
  - Metaplastic spindle cell carcinoma vs malignant phyllodes tumour vs sarcoma.

*Important for accurate grading and diagnosis  
due to differences in treatment*

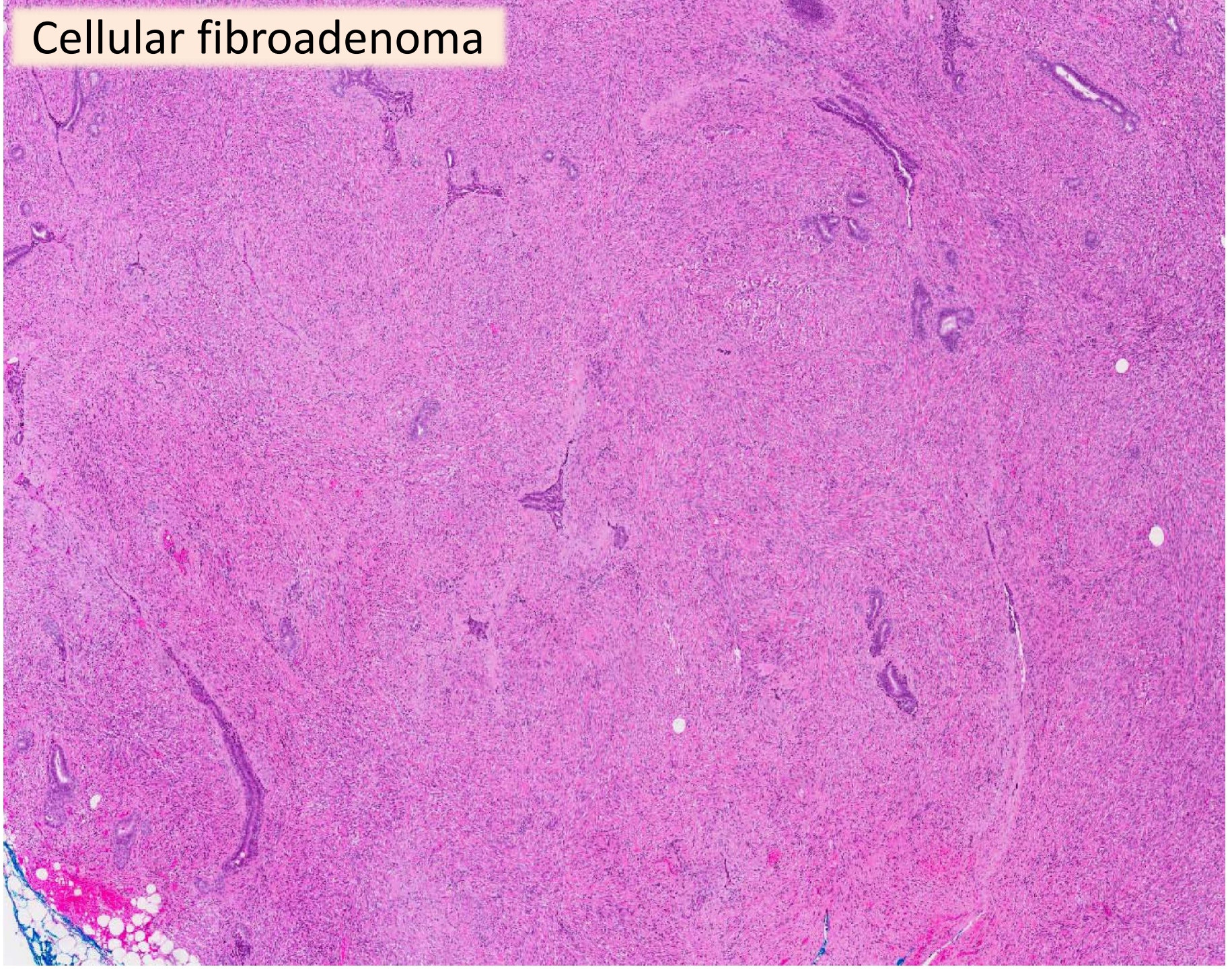


# Cellular fibroadenoma vs phyllodes tumour

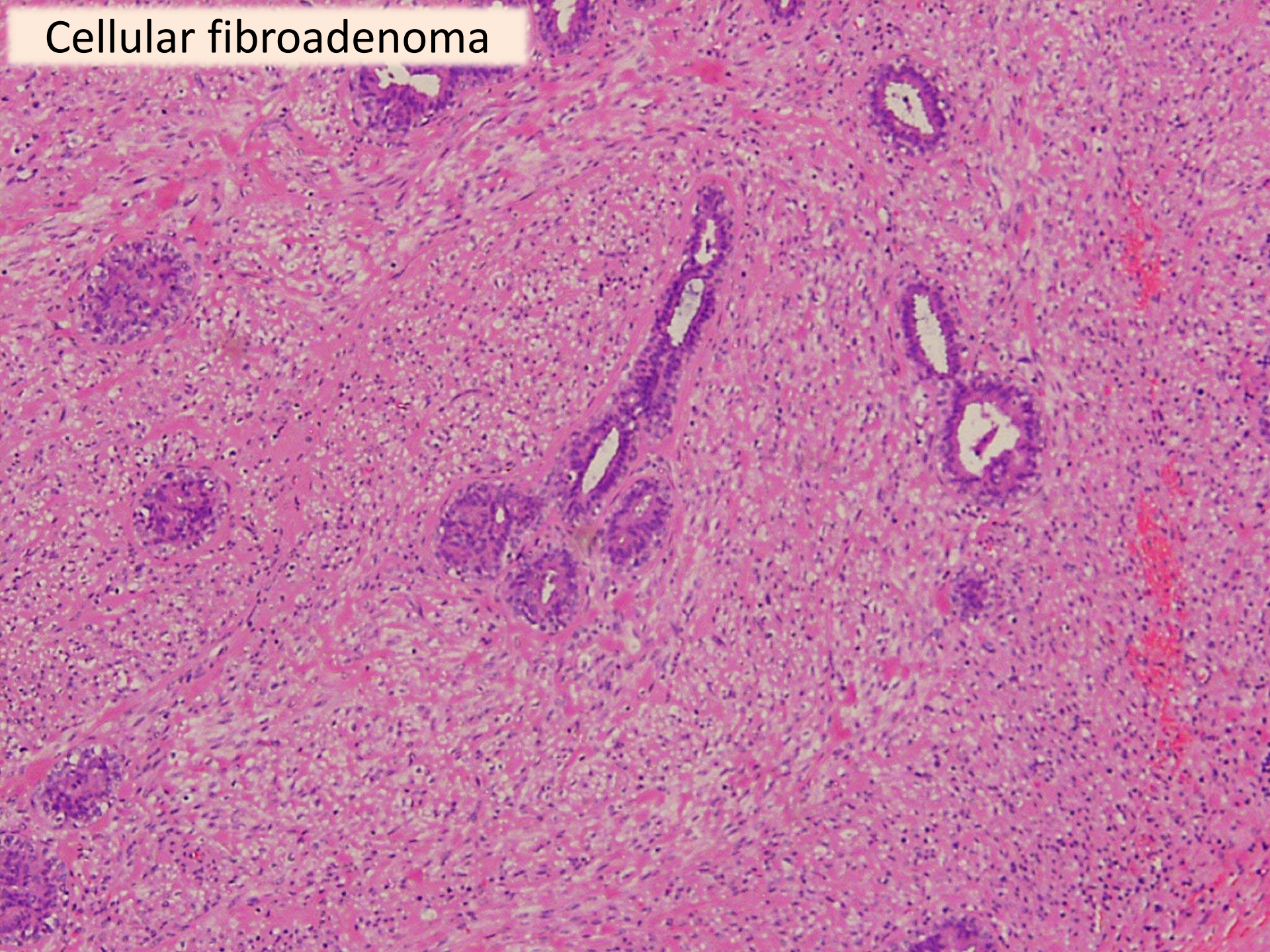
- **Cellular fibroadenoma ~**
  - Typical fibroadenoma but with increased stromal cellularity.
  - Degree of stromal cellularity for this designation is subjective, varying among pathologists.
  - Stromal cellularity tends to be increased in fibroadenomas in the young.
  - Lacks leaf-like fronds of phyllodes tumour.
  - Histological features overlap with the juvenile fibroadenoma.



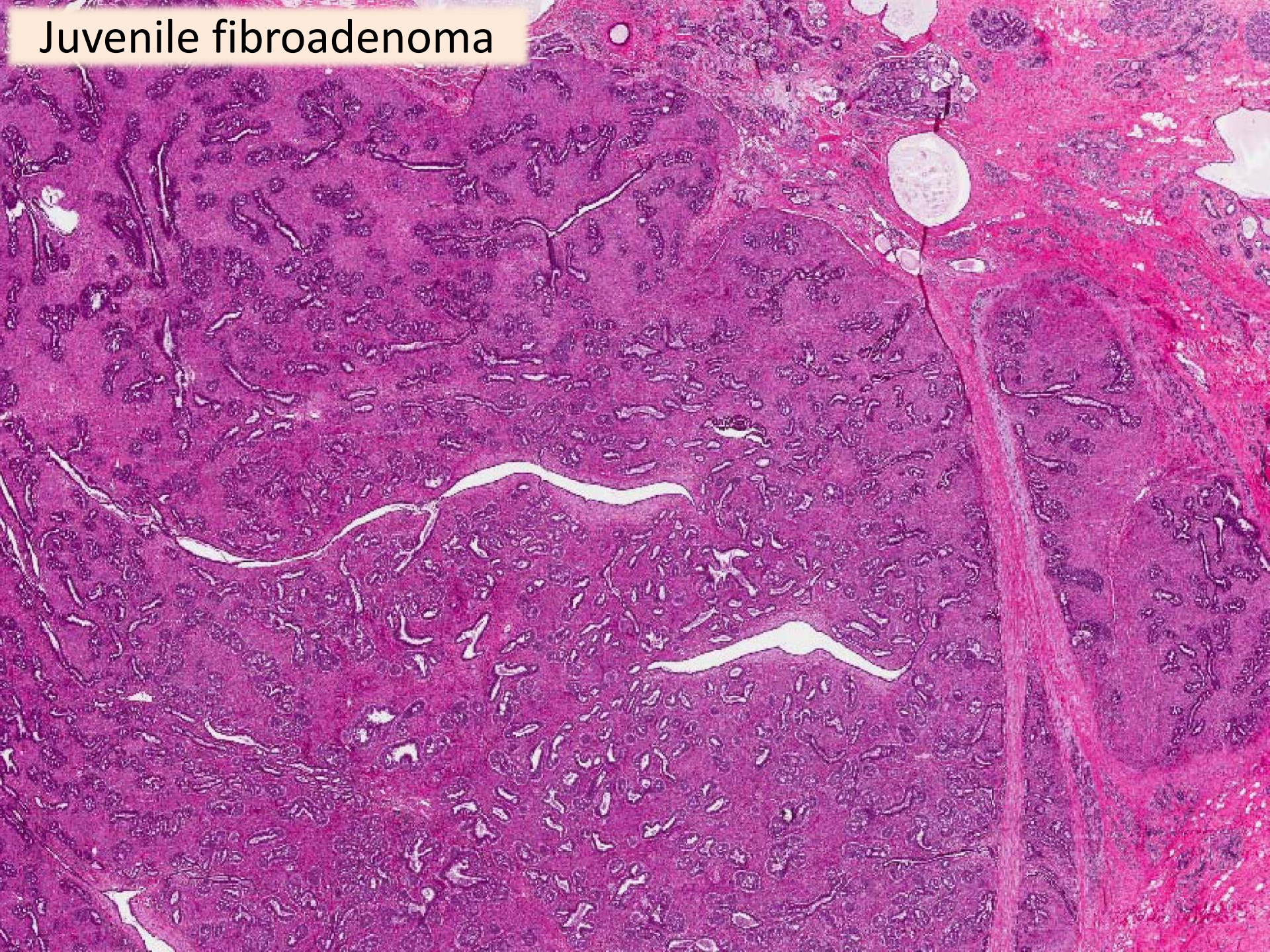
# Cellular fibroadenoma



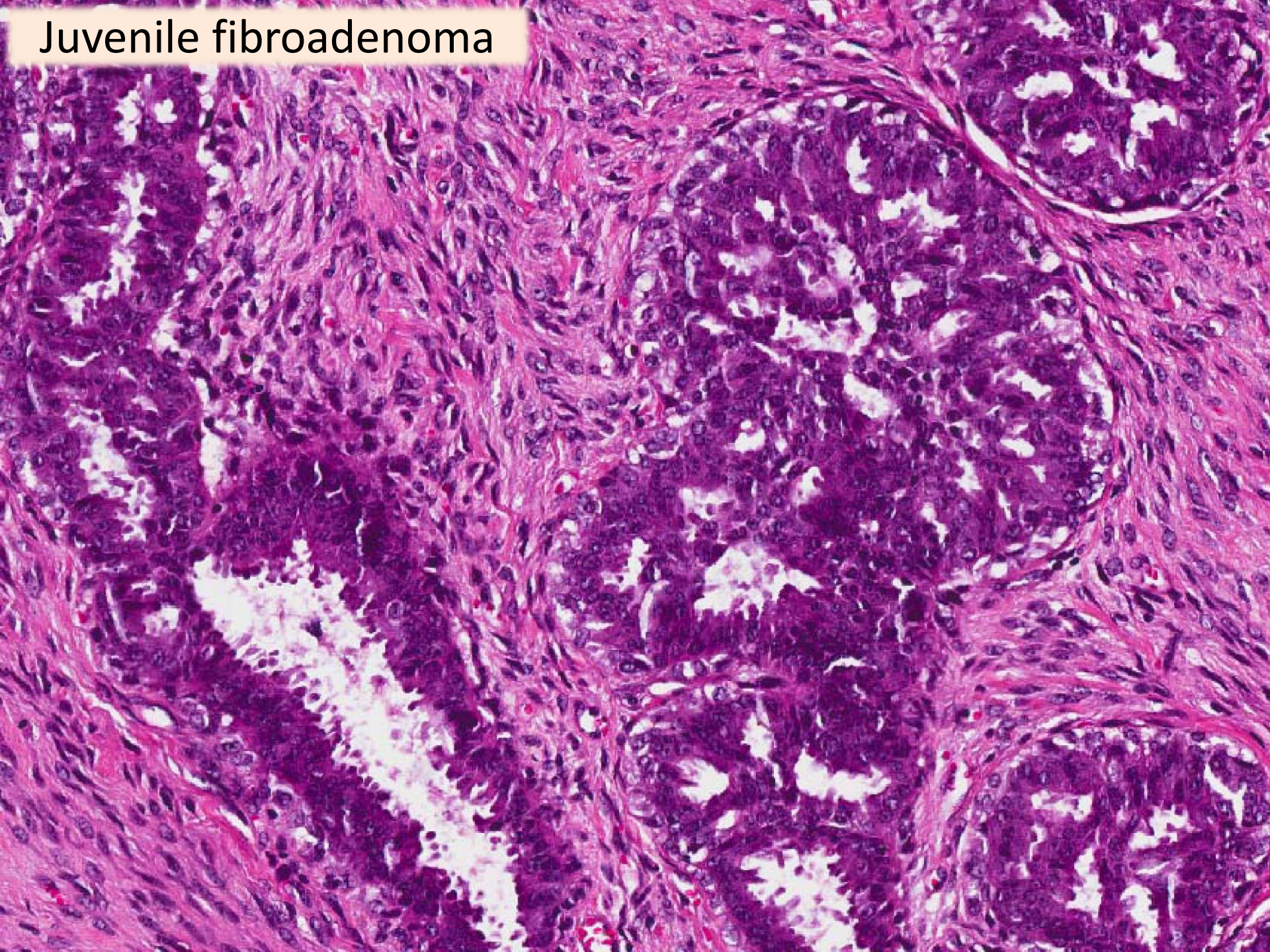
Cellular fibroadenoma



Juvenile fibroadenoma



Juvenile fibroadenoma



# Cellular fibroadenoma vs phyllodes tumour

- Phyllodes tumour ~
  - Exaggerated intracanalicular growth pattern.
  - Elongated epithelium lined arcs.
  - Broad, well-developed stromal fronds.
  - At least mild stromal hypercellularity.



# Benign phyllodes tumour





# Cellular fibroadenoma vs phyllodes tumour

- Overlapping histological characteristics ~
  - Stromal hypercellularity
  - Intracanalicular pattern
- Challenging on core biopsy!





# Genomic characterisation of breast fibroepithelial lesions in an international cohort

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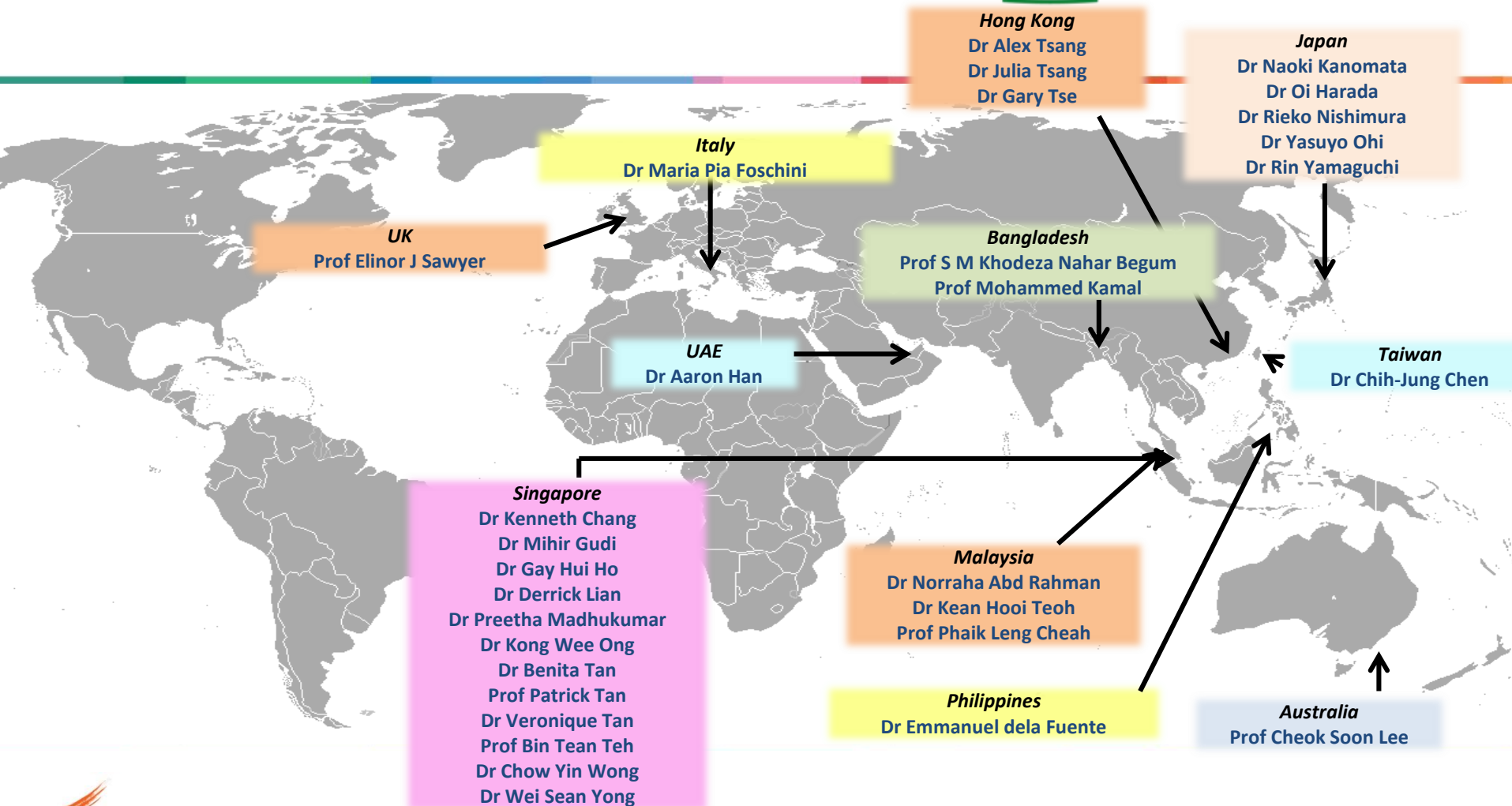
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# International Consortium of Breast Fibroepithelial Tumours



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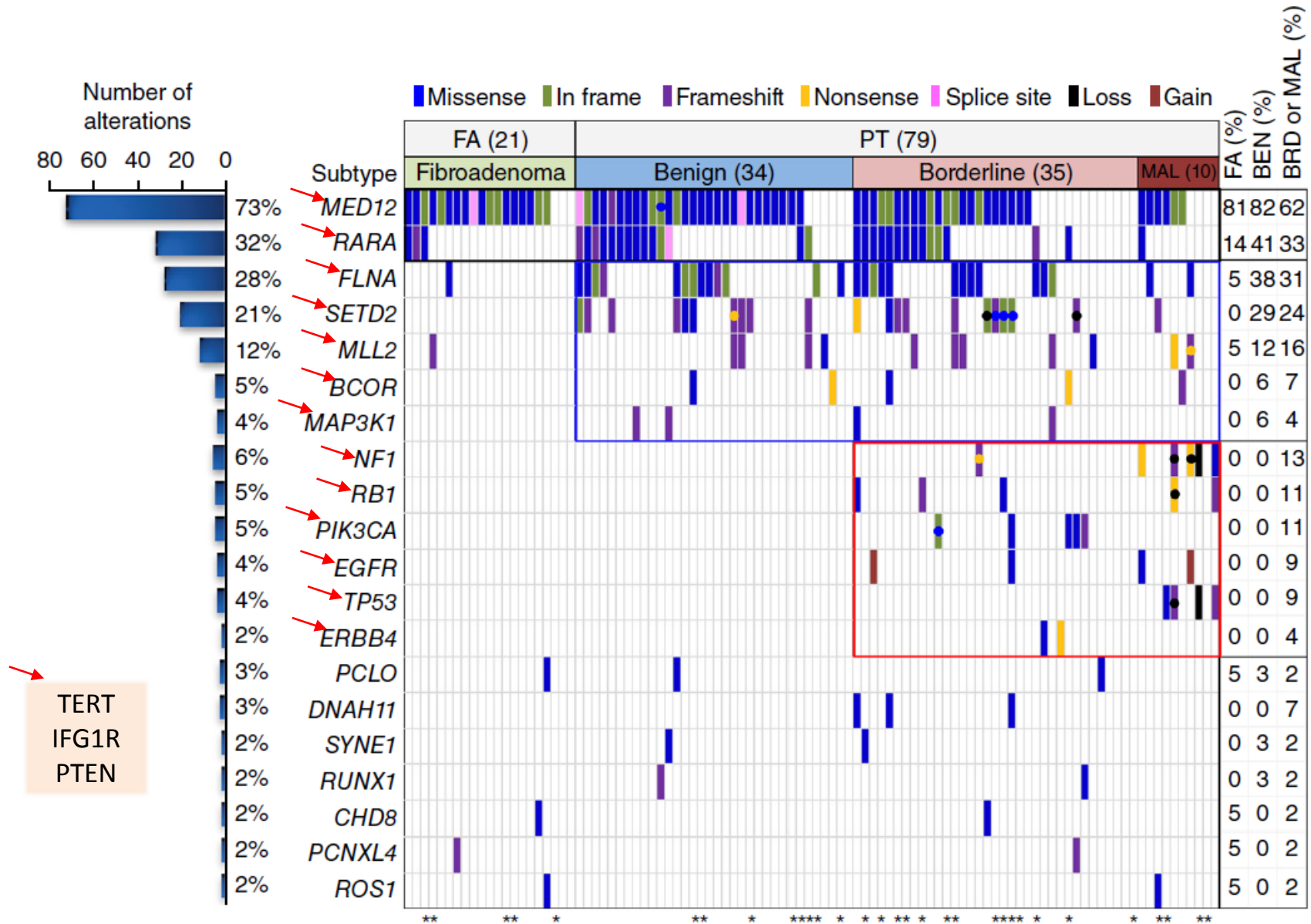


# *Aims*

- Expand our investigation of FELs to a large international multi-institutional cohort, using a customised 16-gene set.
  - Differentiate FAs from PTs
  - Refine grading of PTs
- Compare the genetic profile of Asian with non-Asian FELs.

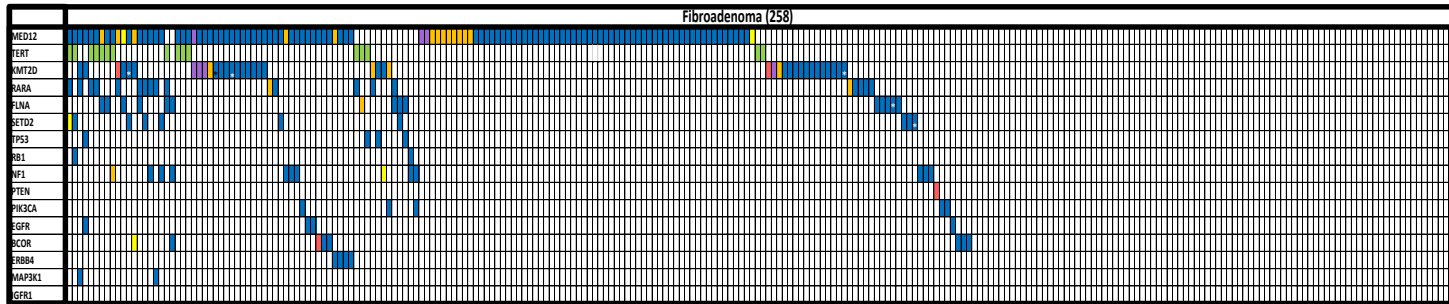


# Genomic landscapes of breast fibroepithelial tumours

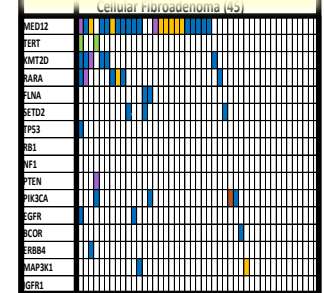


# Waterfall plot of genetic aberrations in FELs and their mutation types

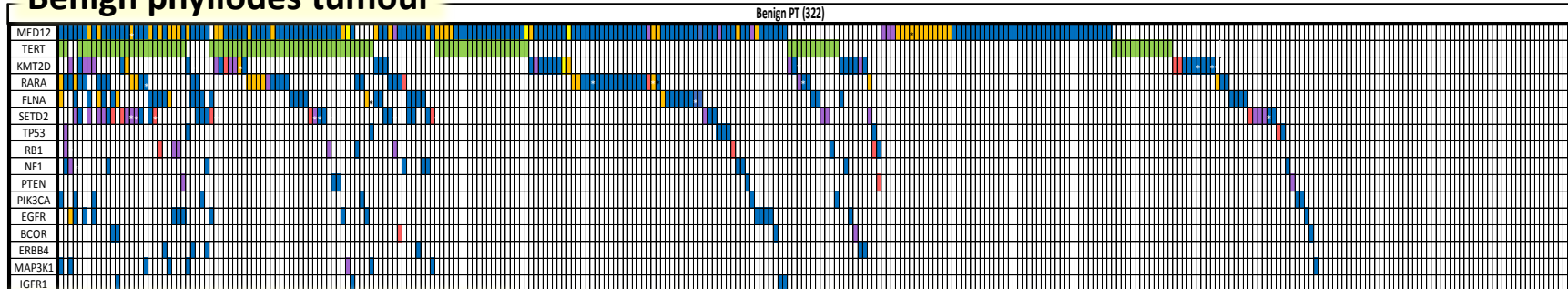
## Fibroadenoma



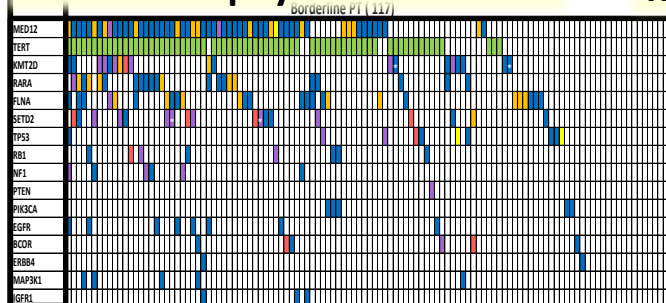
## Cellular fibroadenoma



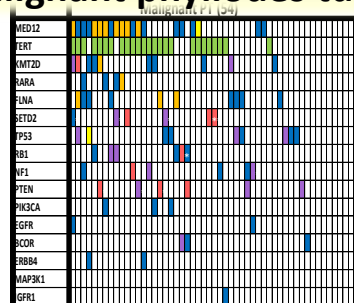
## Benign phyllodes tumour



## Borderline phyllodes tumour



## Malignant phyllodes tumour



Legend:

Nonsense
FrameShift InDel
Stop Loss
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Missense
Splice Site
Promoter Mutation

\* 2 Mutations

**796  
Samples**



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# Materials and Methods

Gene	Function
<b><i>MED12</i></b>	Subunit of Mediator complex for transcriptional initiation
<b><i>TERT</i></b>	Transcriptase for telomere elongation and genomic stability
<b><i>KMT2D</i></b>	Methyltransferase for epigenetic regulation and tumour suppression
<b><i>FLNA</i></b>	Filamin for cytoskeleton formation and ECM positioning
<b><i>RARA</i></b>	Transcriptional factor for gene repression and cellular differentiation
<b><i>SETD2</i></b>	Methyltransferase for DNA damage repair and tumour suppression
<b><i>NF1</i></b>	Neurofibromin for tumour suppression
<b><i>ERBB4</i></b>	Receptor for mitogenesis and differentiation



# Materials and Methods

Gene	Function
<b><i>EGFR</i></b>	Receptor for cell proliferation and survival
<b><i>IGF1R</i></b>	Receptor for cell proliferation and survival
<b><i>PTEN</i></b>	Phosphatase for cell division, genomic stability and tumour suppression
<b><i>BCOR</i></b>	Transcriptional factor for gene repression
<b><i>MAP3K1</i></b>	Kinase regulating apoptosis pathways
<b><i>RB1</i></b>	Regulates cell proliferation, DNA replication and tumour suppression
<b><i>TP53</i></b>	Regulates cell proliferation, DNA replication and tumour suppression
<b><i>PIK3CA</i></b>	Subunit of kinase for cell proliferation, migration, protein production



# *Results (FA vs PT)*

- Targeted sequencing revealed frequent *MED12* mutations across all FELs, and a spectrum of other mutations at varying rates.
- FAs exhibited *MED12* (45%), *KMT2D* (15%) and *RARA* (9%) mutations, while other gene aberrations were much less common, and there was no *IGF1R* mutation.
- **No significant genetic differences were detected between conventional (simple or non-cellular) and cellular FAs.**
- PTs displayed higher variant prevalence than FAs for *MED12* (56% vs 45%,  $p=0.0017$ ), *TERT* promoter (41% vs 6%,  $p<0.0001$ ), *RARA* (17% vs 9%,  $p=0.0013$ ), *FLNA* (16% vs 6%,  $p<0.0001$ ), *SETD2* (13% vs 4%,  $p<0.0001$ ), *TP53* (6% vs 2%,  $p=0.0054$ ), *RB1* (5% vs 1%,  $p=0.0004$ ), *EGFR* (5% vs 2%,  $p=0.0248$ ), and *IGF1R* (2% vs 0%,  $p=0.0271$ ).
- **Non-Asian PTs showed more frequent *KMT2D* mutations (25% vs 14%,  $p=0.018$ ).**



# Results (FA vs PT)

No. of Mutations	Total FELs (n = 796)	FA (n = 303)	Conventional FA (n = 258)	Cellular FA (n = 45)	Phyllodes Tumours (n = 493)	Benign (n = 322)	Borderline (n = 117)	Malignant (n = 54)	p-value
0	185 (23%)	104 (34%)	91 (35%)	13 (29%)	81 (16%)	54 (17%)	17 (15%)	10 (19%)	<0.001
1	244 (31%)	120 (40%)	102 (40%)	18 (40%)	124 (25%)	93 (29%)	21 (18%)	10 (19%)	
≥2	367 (46%)	79 (26%)	65 (25%)	14 (31%)	288 (58%)	175 (54%)	79 (68%)	34 (63%)	

- The number of mutations was positively correlated with diagnosis, in that **PTs were more likely to harbour multiple mutations than FAs** (p<0.001).
- Most borderline and malignant PTs possessed 2 or more mutations.
- FAs had a higher proportion of cases without any mutations or with only a single mutation compared to PTs.



# *Results (PT grades)*

- A **significantly higher number of genetic aberrations observed with increasing grade of PTs**, in particular with regard to *TERT* promoter (32% vs 61% vs 46%,  $p < 0.0001$ ), *FLNA* (13% vs 22% vs 19%,  $p = 0.0289$ ), *TP53* (3% vs 9% vs 17%,  $p = 0.0003$ ) and *RB1* (3% vs 7% vs 11%,  $p = 0.0297$ ) for benign, borderline and malignant PTs respectively.
- *MED12* mutations on the other hand significantly decreased as the PTs progressed (62% vs 50% vs 37%,  $p = 0.0006$ ).
- A comparison between **borderline and malignant PTs did not show significant differences**, apart from ***PTEN*** (1% vs 11%,  $p = 0.0043$ ).



# Conclusions

- **Potential adjunctive utility** of the 16 gene mutational profile in stratifying FELs that are histologically challenging to characterize.
- *MED12* aberrations common in FAs and PTs, with other gene alterations which affect transcriptional regulation such as through the action of *KMT2D* and *RARA*.
- Involvement of ER and Wnt pathways is plausible given their interaction with *MED12*, and *MED12* mutations may possibly trigger their aberrant signalling.
- ***TERT* promoter mutations** could potentially discriminate between FAs and PTs; while presence of ***TERT promoter, FLNA, TP53, RB1, NF1, PTEN, PIK3CA, ERBB4*** and ***EGFR*** aberrations may **implicate higher PT grades**.





# Genomics of Fibroepithelial Tumours of the Breast

~ ***Potential clinical applications***

Metaplastic spindle cell carcinoma

Malignant phyllodes tumour

Sarcoma

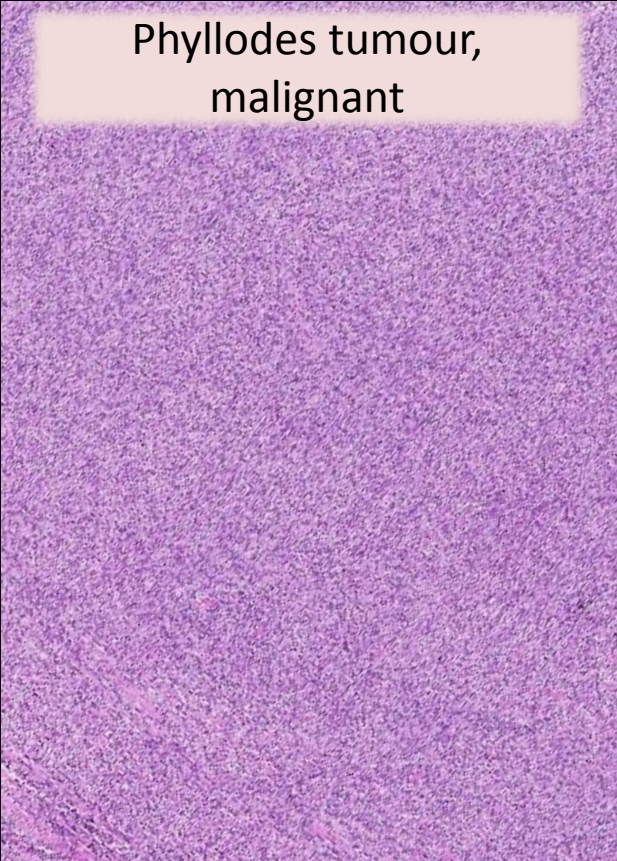
# Metaplastic carcinoma vs malignant phyllodes tumour vs sarcoma

**Table 3.4** Distinguishing Features of Sarcomatous Stromal Overgrowth in Malignant Phyllodes Tumour, Spindle Cell Metaplastic Carcinoma, and Primary Breast Sarcoma

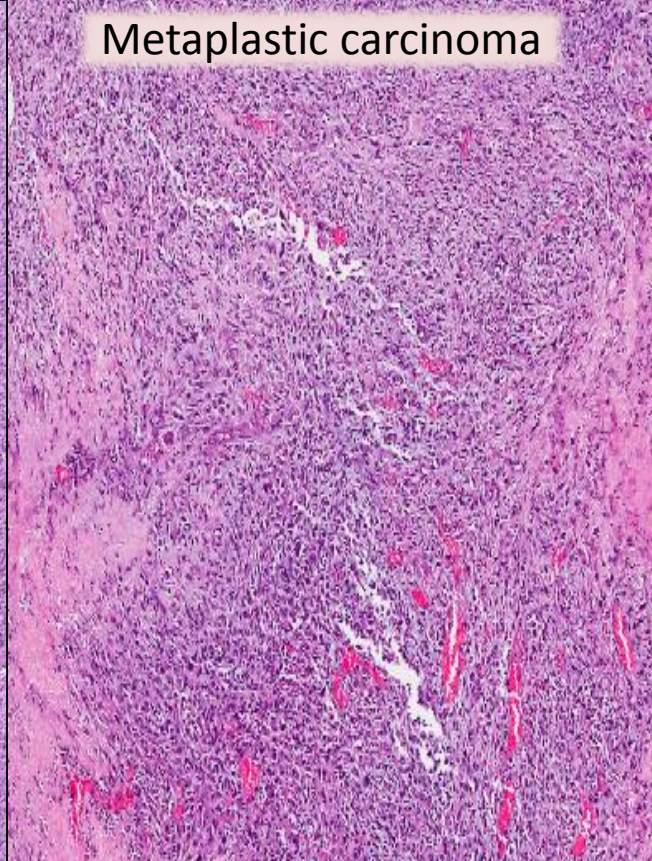
Feature	Malignant phyllodes tumour (stromal overgrowth)	Spindle cell metaplastic carcinoma	Primary breast sarcoma
Leaf-like fronds	Present (but may be hard to identify)	Absent	Absent
Peri-epithelial stromal accentuation	Present	Absent	Absent
Carcinoma (in situ and invasive)	Absent	May be present	Absent
Keratins (IHC)	Usually absent, may be focal reactivity	Present, but may be focal	Usually absent
High-molecular-weight keratins	Usually absent, may be focal reactivity	Present, but may be focal	Usually absent
p63, p40	Absent or present	Present, but may be focal	Usually absent
IHC immunohistochemistry			



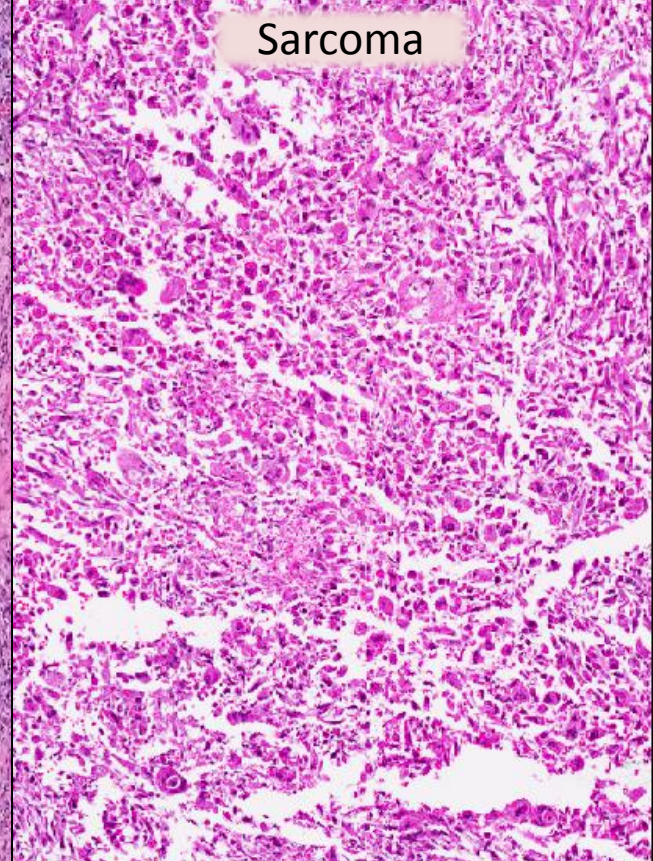
Phyllodes tumour,  
malignant



Metaplastic carcinoma



Sarcoma





PRECLINICAL STUDY

## Breast sarcomas and malignant phyllodes tumours: comparison of clinicopathological features, treatment strategies, prognostic factors and outcomes

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- 17 cases of breast sarcoma and 45 cases of malignant PT.
- No significant difference in survival outcomes.
- Similar clinicopathological features.
- Suggesting shared biological relationship.



PRECLINICAL STUDY



# Genomic profile of breast sarcomas: a comparison with malignant phyllodes tumours

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- 9 cases ~ 3 angiosarcomas, 6 non-angiosarcomas (5 undifferentiated pleomorphic sarcoma, 1 osteosarcoma).
- TERT, MED12 mutations common in non-angiosarcomas, whereas angiosarcomas did not demonstrate mutations in these genes.
- Breast sarcomas (non-angiosarcoma) show similar genomic alterations to malignant phyllodes tumours.
- Suggesting shared biological relationship.

# CORRESPONDENCE

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## A genetic mutation panel for differentiating malignant phyllodes tumour from metaplastic breast carcinoma

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A 55-year-old female presented with a locally advanced breast tumour with metastasis to the right lung and soft tissue of the left lumbar region. The initial biopsy of the breast tumour diagnosed a malignant high-grade tumour (7 cm in the right breast) with a differential diagnosis of either SCMBC or malignant PT. Patient was treated as for

Targeted-sequencing using the FEB assay for the patient

Gene	Transcript ID	Nucleotide (genomic)	Nucleotide (cDNA)	Amino Acid (Protein)	Variant Freq (%)	Mutation Type
RB1	NM_000321	g.chr13: 49030479 delA	c.1954delA	p.K652fs	11.32	Frameshift
TP53	NM_001126115	g.chr17: 7578240-7578241delCA	c.212_213delCA	p.V71fs	15.96	Frameshift
MED12	NM_005120	g.chrX: 70339254 G>T	c.G131T	p.G44V	15.10	Missense
TERT		g.chr5: 1295228 G>A			13.98	Promoter mutation

Schematic showing the mutations of the patient in the 16 genes panel

MED12	TERT	KMT2D	FLNA	RARA	SETD2	NF1	ERBB4	EGFR	IGF1R	PTEN	BCOR	MAP3K1	RB1	TP53	PIK3CA

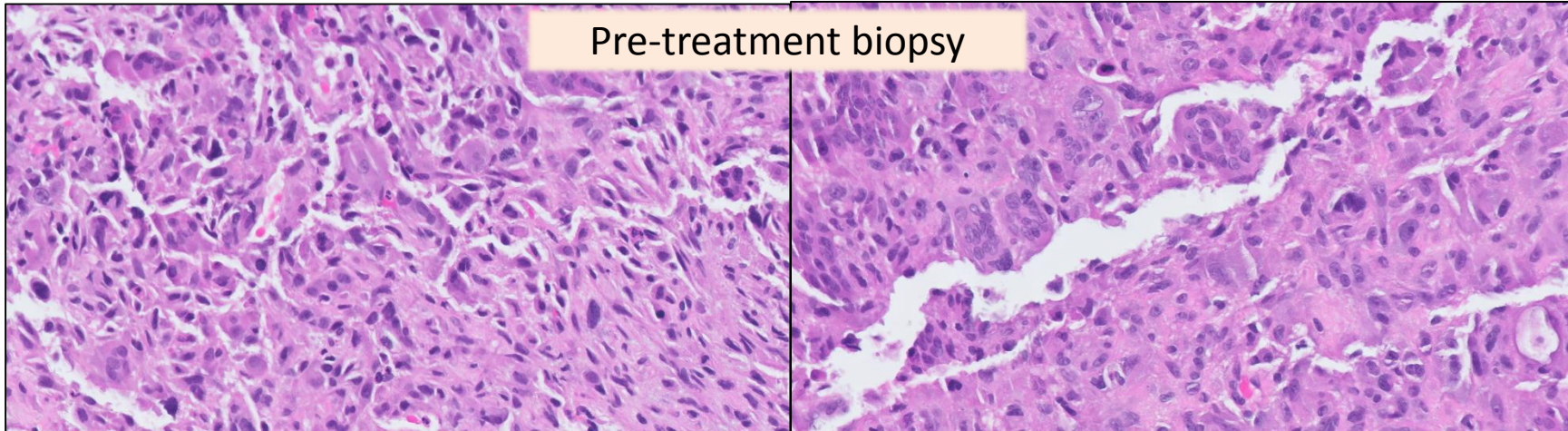
### Mutation Type

- Missense
- Promoter mutation
- Frameshift

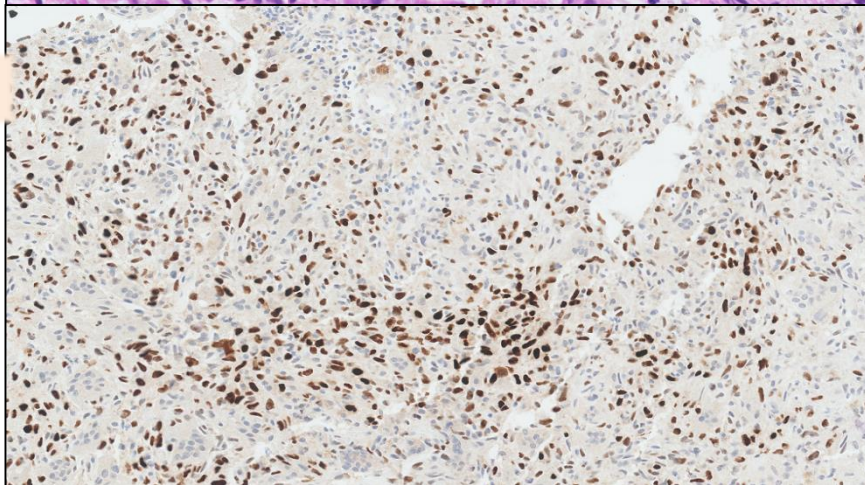
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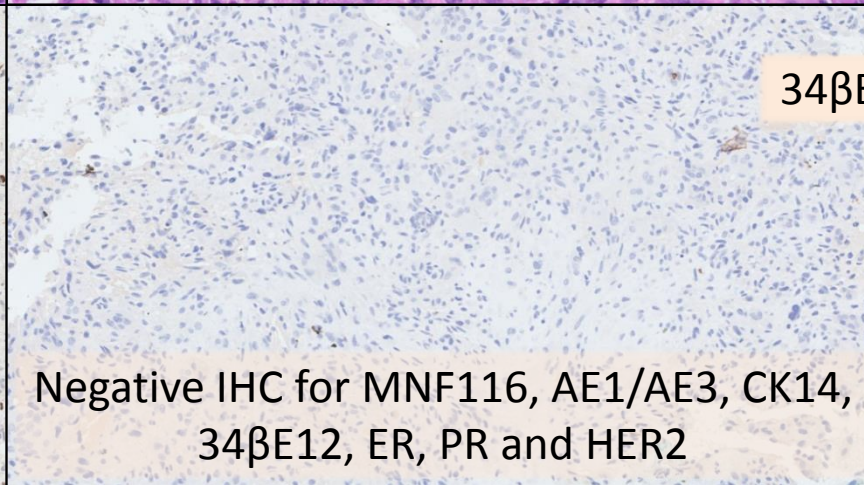
Pre-treatment biopsy



p63

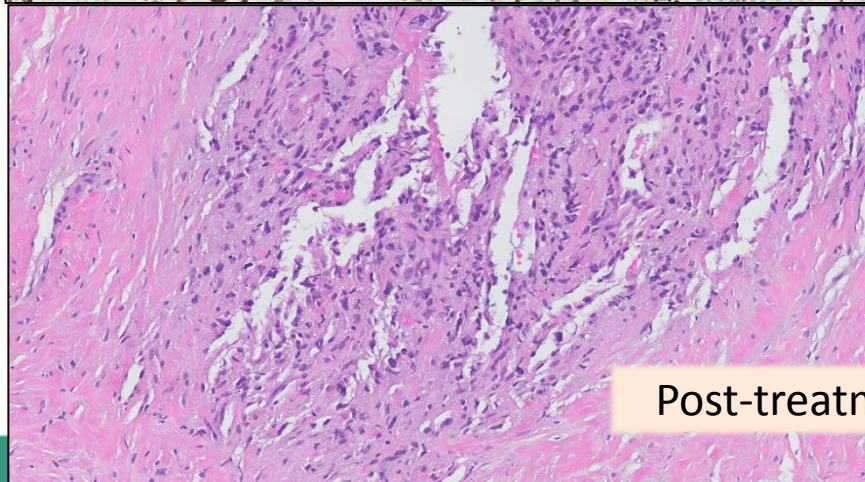


34βE12

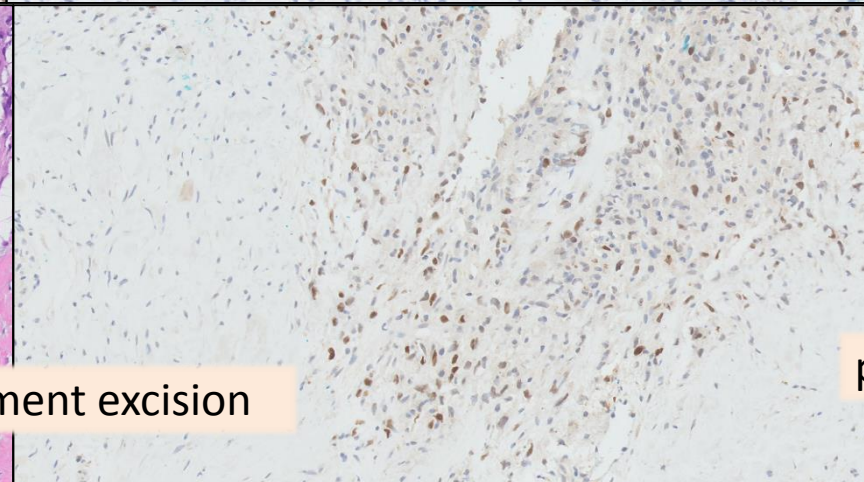


Negative IHC for MNF116, AE1/AE3, CK14,  
34βE12, ER, PR and HER2

Post-treatment excision



p63



**Table 1** Comparison of sequencing results of spindle cell metaplastic carcinomas with malignant phyllodes tumours of the breast, using the 16 gene panel

	Ng <i>et al.</i> , 2017 <sup>8</sup>	Ross <i>et al.</i> , 2014 <sup>7</sup>	Liu <i>et al.</i> , 2016 <sup>10</sup>	Piscouglia <i>et al.</i> , 2016 <sup>11</sup>	Cani <i>et al.</i> , 2015 <sup>12</sup>	Our data
Genes/tumour type	Spindle cell metaplastic carcinoma of the breast	Spindle cell metaplastic carcinoma of the breast	Malignant phyllodes tumour of the breast	Malignant phyllodes tumour of the breast	Malignant phyllodes tumour of the breast	Malignant phyllodes tumour of the breast
<i>MED12</i>	0/10, 0%	0/2, 0%	3/10, 30%	4/13, 31%	2/5, 40%	8/19, 42%
<i>TERT</i>	0/10, 0%	0/2, 0%	6/10, 60%	8/13, 62%	3/5, 60%	11/19, 58%
<i>RARA</i>	0/10, 0%	0/2, 0%	1/10, 10%	1/13, 8%	NA	2/19, 11%
<i>PIK3CA</i>	6/10, 60%	0/2, 0%	3/10, 30%	1/13, 8%	NA	1/19, 5%
<i>PTEN</i>	0/10, 0%	0/2, 0%	1/10, 10%	1/13, 8%	NA	2/19, 11%
<i>KMT2D</i>	0/10, 0%	0/2, 0%	2/10, 20%	1/13, 8%	NA	5/19, 26%
<i>RB1</i>	0/10, 0%	0/2, 0%	2/10, 20%	5/13, 38%	1/5, 20%	2/19, 11%
<i>IGF1R</i>	0/10, 0%	0/2, 0%	NA	NA	2/5, 40%	0/19, 0%
<i>TP53</i>	5/10, 50%	0/2, 0%	4/10, 40%	6/13, 46%	3/5, 60%	3/19, 16%
<i>NF1</i>	0/10, 0%	0/2, 0%	NA	3/13, 23%	1/5, 20%	2/19, 11%
<i>ERBB4</i>	0/10, 0%	0/2, 0%	NA	0/13, 0%	NA	1/19, 5%
<i>SETD2</i>	0/10, 0%	0/2, 0%	2/10, 20%	3/13, 23%	NA	6/19, 32%
<i>MAP3K1</i>	0/10, 0%	0/2, 0%	NA	NA	NA	0/19, 0%
<i>EGFR</i>	0/10, 0%	0/2, 0%	0/10, 0%	4/13, 31%	1/5, 20%	2/19, 11%
<i>BCOR</i>	0/10, 0%	0/2, 0%	1/10, 10%	0/13, 0%	NA	3/19, 16%
<i>FLNA</i>	0/10, 0%	0/2, 0%	NA	NA	NA	2/19, 11%

Conclusion ~ Malignant phyllodes tumour





# Refining phyllodes tumour grading



# The utility of a targeted gene mutation panel in refining the diagnosis of breast phyllodes tumours

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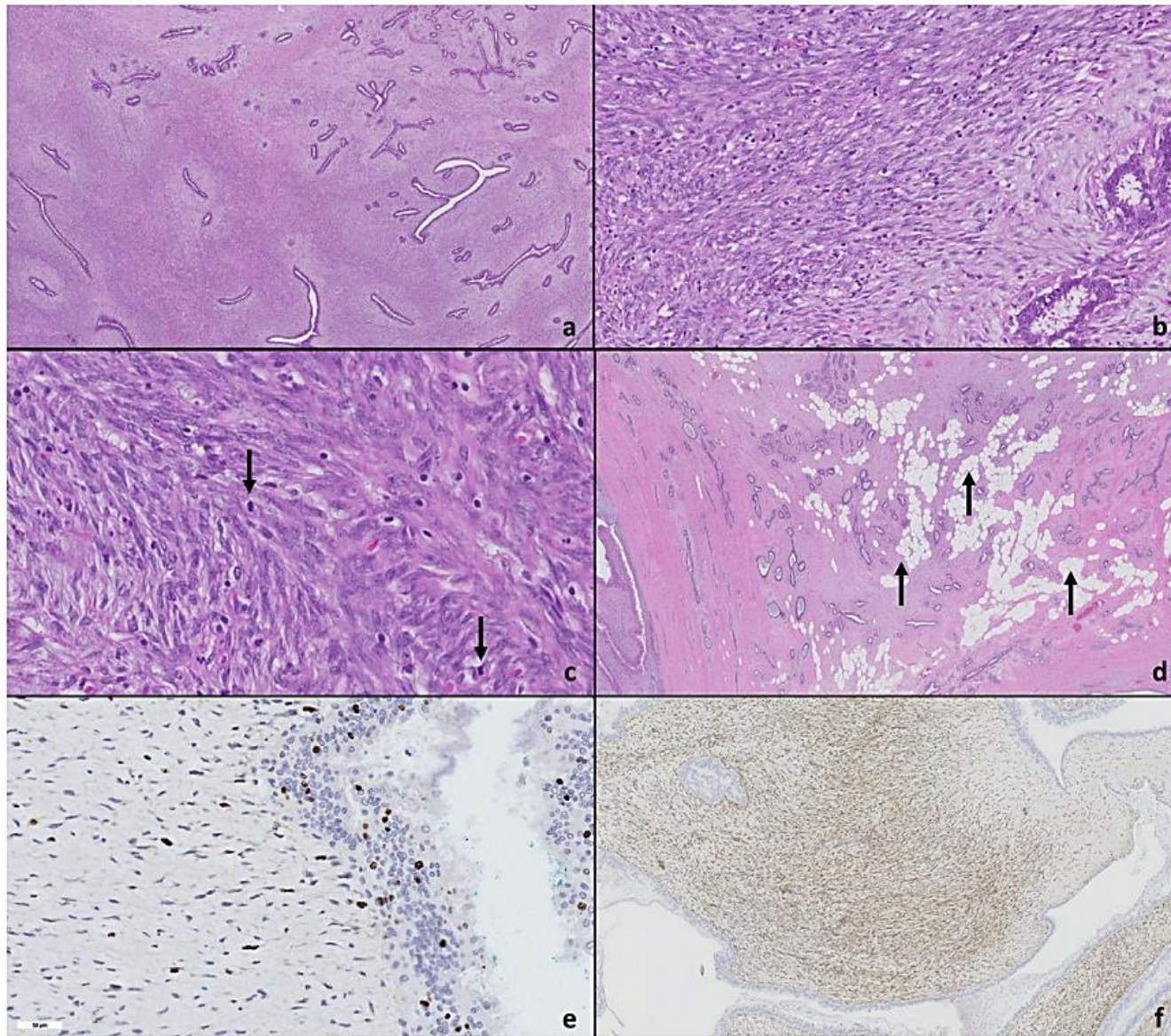
Pathology (2019), **51(5)**, August

In case 1, a 35-year-old Caucasian female, diagnosed with malignant PT of the breast on excision biopsy, sought a second opinion in our institution, where a diagnosis of borderline PT was rendered.

As the initial and reviewed grades differed that impacted on management, with mastectomy recommended by the surgical oncologist for a malignant diagnosis, the customized panel was applied to determine if it could assist in refining grade assignment.



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**Fig. 1** Light microscopy images of sections from case 1 show (a) increased stromal cellularity in section 2 at low magnification, (b) increased stromal cellularity at medium magnification in section 12, (c) frequent mitoses (arrows) in section 2 at high magnification, and (d) permeative borders (arrows) in section 9 at low magnification. (e) IHC for Ki-67 shows scattered nuclear staining in both stromal and epithelial cells at medium magnification. (f) IHC for CD34 shows diffuse reactivity in the stromal cells of the PT (low magnification).

*No stromal overgrowth or overt stromal atypia*

**Table 1. Variant frequencies (%) of mutations found in cases 1 and 2**

Case and section no.	TERT chr5:1295228	RARA chr17:38510601-38510603	MED12 chrX:70,339,215
Case 1 Section 1	20.4	13.6	19.8
Case 1 Section 2	30.7	<1	27.4
Case 1 Section 3	21.5	16.1	23.5
Case 1 Section 4	27.2	14.7	24.5
Case 1 Section 5	22.7	17.4	26.1
Case 1 Section 6	24.9	19.3	25.0
Case 1 Section 7	17.2	16.4	19.4
Case 1 Section 8	26.0	15.4	21.8
Case 1 Section 9	20.6	7.7	21.8
Case 1 Section 10	12.5	<1	10.8
Case 1 Section 11	22.3	22.4	28.7
Case 1 Section 12	19.7	<1	28.5
Case 1 Section 13	26.6	<1	17.7

*No cancer driver mutations*

**Conclusion ~ Favour borderline phyllodes tumour**





# Arbitrating indeterminate cellular fibroepithelial lesions on core biopsy

# Core biopsy diagnosis of cellular fibroepithelial lesions

- Clinico-radiologic-pathologic correlation.
- Pre-operative conclusion is useful to plan treatment approach ~
  - No further treatment for fibroadenoma.
  - Excision for phyllodes tumour.
  - Excision for cellular fibroepithelial lesions.

*Can we be more diagnostically precise in this group of tumours?*



# Core biopsy diagnosis of *cellular fibroepithelial lesions* – prediction of phyllodes tumour

Author	Reference	Key findings predicting phyllodes tumour
Jacobs et al	<i>Am J Clin Pathol</i> 2005; 124: 342-354	Marked stromal cellularity, mitoses in moderate stromal cellularity, Ki67 & topoisomerase II $\alpha$ indices
Lee et al	<i>Histopathology</i> 2007; 51: 336-344	Stromal cellularity $\geq$ 50% stroma, stromal overgrowth, fragmentation, adipose within stroma
Resetkova et al	<i>Breast J</i> 2010; 16:573-80.	No predictive value of clinical, radiologic or pathologic data Suggested follow-up alone for a patient subset
Jara-Lazaro et al	<i>Histopathology</i> 2010; 57: 220-232	Marked stromal cellularity/atypia, stromal overgrowth, mitoses $\geq$ 2 per 10 hpf, ill-defined lesional borders, Ki67 & topoisomerase II $\alpha$ indices $\geq$ 5%, reduced CD34 staining
Yasir et al	<i>Am J Clin Pathol</i> 2014; 142: 362-369	Mitoses, stromal overgrowth, fragmentation, adipose infiltration, heterogeneity, subepithelial condensation, nuclear pleomorphism

RESEARCH ARTICLE

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# A five-gene reverse transcription-PCR assay for pre-operative classification of breast fibroepithelial lesions

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**Methods:** We profiled the transcriptome of a training set of 48 formalin-fixed, paraffin-embedded fibroadenomas and phyllodes tumors and further designed 43 quantitative polymerase chain reaction (qPCR) assays to verify differentially expressed genes. Using machine learning to build predictive regression models, we selected a five-gene transcript set (*ABCA8*, *APOD*, *CCL19*, *FN1*, and *PRAME*) to discriminate between fibroadenomas and phyllodes tumors. We validated our assay in an independent cohort of 230 core biopsies obtained pre-operatively.

**Results:** Overall, the assay accurately classified 92.6 % of the samples (AUC = 0.948, 95 % CI 0.913–0.983,  $p = 2.51E-19$ ), with a sensitivity of 82.9 % and specificity of 94.7 %.



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# FibroPhyllo™ Tissue Test



The performance of the FibroPhyllo™ Tissue Test in pre-operative classification of breast fibroepithelial lesions was validated in a cohort study of 230 core biopsies with at least 2 years of follow-up<sup>5</sup>.



## TEST PERFORMANCE



Sensitivity  
**83%**

Accuracy  
**93%**

Specificity  
**95%**

## TEST REQUIREMENTS



### 1) FFPE Tissues - Core / Excisional Biopsies

- Minimum 50 microns equivalent (e.g. 10 slides of 5 micron-thickness or 5 slides of 10 micron-thickness)
- Slides uncharged and uncoated

### 2) Matched H&E slide with tumor region marked out

### 3) Matched histology report of tissue biopsy

### 4) Tissue curls are not **be** accepted

## TURNAROUND TIME



7 days



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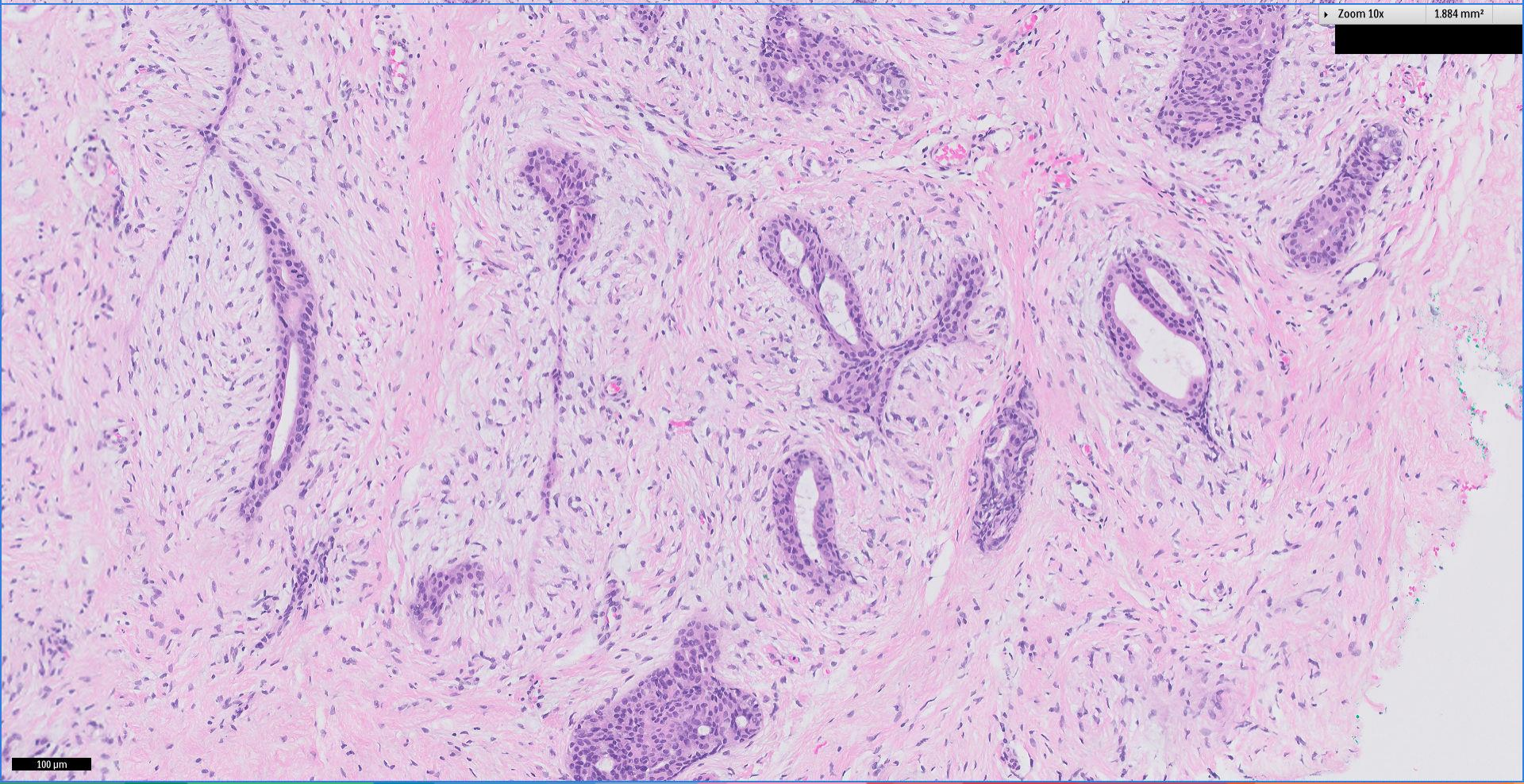
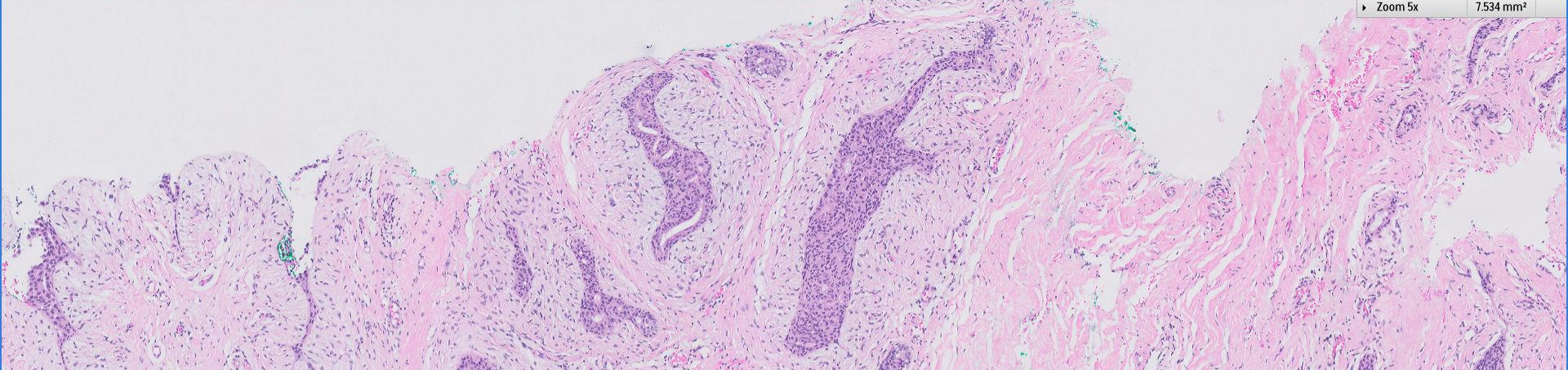
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## TEST(S) PERFORMED

### FIBROPHYLLLO™ TISSUE ASSAY

**GENES EVALUATED:** Expression of 5 genes (*ABCA8*, *APOD*, *CCL19*, *FN1* and *PRAME*) in FFPE breast fibroepithelial tissue

## TEST INFORMATION

The FibroPhyllo™ Tissue assay is a multigene assay that predicts pre-operative breast fibroepithelial lesions as either fibroadenoma or phyllodes tumor.

## CLINICAL DIAGNOSIS

CELLULAR FIBROEPITHELIAL LESION. A PHYLLODES TUMOR CANNOT BE EXCLUDED

## TREATMENT HISTORY

NONE

## SAMPLE INFORMATION

**SPECIMEN TYPE:** SLIDE

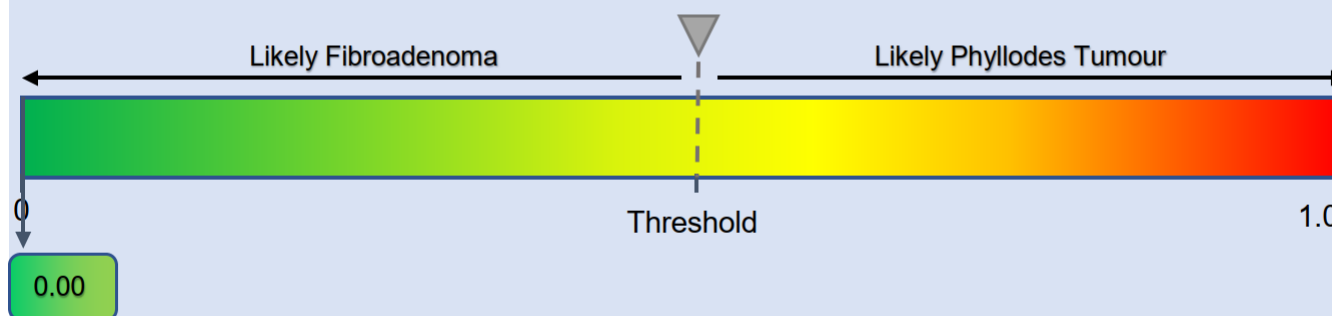
**HISTOLOGY NUMBER:**

**TUMOR PERCENTAGE IN TISSUE :** Tumor region marked out

**TOTAL SURFACE AREA EXCISED :** ~5.07 cm<sup>2</sup>

## RESULTS SUMMARY

**FIBROPHYLLLO™ score = 0.00**



The FibroPhyllo™ Tissue assay uses quantitative real time-PCR to determine the expression of a panel of 5 genes in breast fibroepithelial tissues. A FibroPhyllo™ probability score (p-score) is calculated from the gene expression results using a validated prediction algorithm. P-score of 0.5 has been determined as a threshold for classification into likely fibroadenomas ( $\leq 0.5$ ) and likely phyllodes tumor groups ( $\geq 0.5$ ).


In a validation cohort of 230 pre-operative core biopsies (including biopsies with malignant phyllodes tumor), the FibroPhyllo™ Tissue assay was able to accurately predict classification of 213 (92.6%) biopsies<sup>1</sup>. Prediction accuracy rates for fibroadenomas and phyllodes tumors were 94.7% (179/189) and 82.9% (34/41) respectively with positive (PPV) and negative (NPV) prediction values of 77.3% and 96.2%<sup>1</sup>.

RESEARCH ARTICLE

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# A novel genomic panel as an adjunctive diagnostic tool for the characterization and profiling of breast Fibroepithelial lesions



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- Targeted sequencing of a 16 gene panel on 275 formalin-fixed paraffin embedded fibroepithelial lesions.
- **241 core biopsies** and 34 surgical excisions ~ 212 FAs, 35 benign, 21 borderline and 7 malignant PTs.
- Mutations were observed in all 16 genes across FELs, except for a lack of *PTEN* mutations in FAs and an absence of *MAP3K1* and *IGF1R* mutations in PTs.
- Common to all grades of PTs were mutations in *MED12*, *TERT* promoter, *FLNA* and *RB1*.
- Predictive scoring system that classified FELs on core biopsy as low or high risk of being PTs ( $p < 0.001$ ).

**Table 8** The scorecard describing the weightage points of each predictor that was derived through their beta coefficients and the cut-off points required for a lesion to be classified as either a fibroadenoma or a phyllodes tumor

Predictors	Score
<i>Genes</i>	
<i>Presence of mutations in TP53 gene</i>	
Yes	1
No	0
<i>Mutation types</i>	
<i>Presence of promoter mutation</i>	
Yes	1.22
No	0
<i>Presence of nonsense mutation</i>	
Yes	1.14
No	0
<i>Risk groups</i>	
Low risk of being a phyllodes tumor	< 1
High risk of being a phyllodes tumor	≥ 1

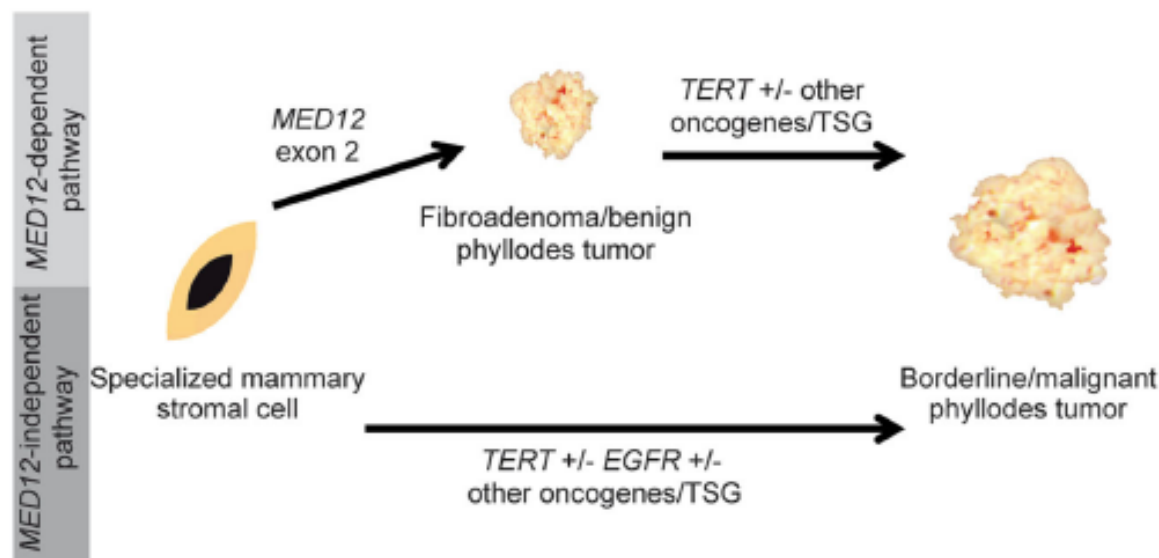
## Genomic predictive scoring system



# Phyllodes tumors with and without fibroadenoma-like areas display distinct genomic features and may evolve through distinct pathways

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**Fig. 4** Proposed model of the evolutionary origin of borderline and malignant phyllodes tumors. Phyllodes tumors might follow two different evolutionary pathways. (i) In the *MED12*-mutant pathway, *MED12* exon 2 mutations are posited to lead to the development of a benign fibroepithelial lesion, which upon the occurrence of additional genetic alterations affecting *TERT* and/or other cancer genes may progress to a borderline or malignant phyllodes tumor. (ii) In the *MED12*-independent pathway, borderline or malignant phyllodes tumors might arise *de novo*, through the acquisition of genetic alterations targeting cancer genes, such as *TERT* and/or *EGFR*. TSG tumor suppressor genes

# Summary

- Genomics of fibroepithelial tumours ~ fibroadenoma, phyllodes tumour.
- Findings of the International Fibroepithelial Consortium study.
- Potential clinical applications.



# Future work

- Non-MED12 mutated pathogenetic pathway.
- Malignant and metastatic phyllodes tumours.
- Malignant heterologous elements.
- Role of the epithelium, and epithelial-stromal interactions.

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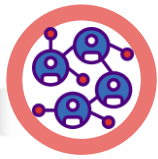
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# Join the International Fibroepithelial Consortium

## AIMS . . .



To build a network of pathologists interested in fibroepithelial tumours.



To increase the scientific knowledge on this fascinating group of tumours.



To collaborate on genomic research in fibroadenomas and phyllodes tumours.



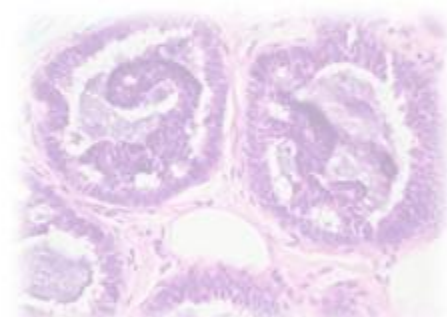
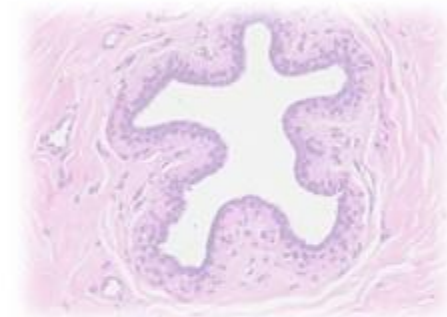
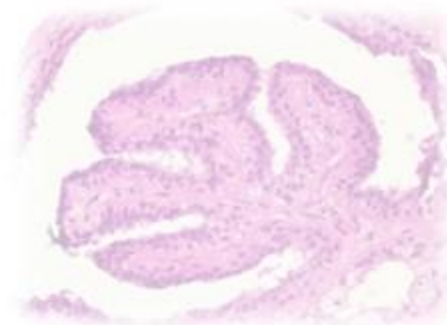
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