Background:

Somatic genetic alterations in oncogenes and tumor-suppressor genes contribute to the pathogenesis and evolution of human cancers. These alterations can provide prognostic and predictive information and stratify cancers for targeted therapeutic information. We classify these alterations into five tiers using the following guidelines:

Tier 1: The alteration has well-established published evidence confirming clinical utility in this tumor type, in at least one of the following contexts: predicting response to treatment with an FDA-approved therapy; assessing prognosis; establishing a definitive diagnosis; or conferring an inherited increased risk of cancer to this patient and family.

Tier 2: The alteration may have clinical utility in at least one of the following contexts: selection of an investigational therapy in clinical trials for this cancer type; limited evidence of prognostic association; supportive of a specific diagnosis; proven association of response to treatment with an FDA-approved therapy in a different type of cancer; or similar to a different mutation with a proven association with response to treatment with an FDA-approved therapy in this type of cancer.

Tier 3: The alteration is of uncertain clinical utility, but may have a role as suggested by at least one of the following: demonstration of association with response to treatment in this cancer type in preclinical studies (e.g., in vitro studies or animal models); alteration in a biochemical pathway that has other known, therapeutically-targetable alterations; alteration in a highly conserved region of the protein predicted, in silico, to alter protein function; or selection of an investigational therapy for a different cancer type.

Tier 4: The alteration is novel or its significance has not been studied in cancer.

Tier 5: The alteration has been determined to have no clinical utility, either for selecting therapy, assessing prognosis, establishing a diagnosis, or determining hereditary disease risk.

Method:

We have developed a cancer genomic assay to detect somatic mutations, copy number variations and structural variants in tumor DNA extracted from fresh, frozen or formalin-fixed paraffin-embedded samples. The OncoPanel assay surveys exonic DNA sequences of 300 cancer genes and 113 introns across 35 genes for rearrangement detection. DNA is isolated from tissue containing at least 20% tumor nuclei and analyzed by massively parallel sequencing using a solution-phase Agilent SureSelect hybrid capture kit and an Illumina HiSeq 2500 sequencer.

The 300 genes are: ABL1, AKT1, AKT2, AKT3, ALK, ALOX12B, APC, AR, ARAF, ARID1A, ARID1B, ARID2, ASXL1, ATM, ATRX, AURKA, AURKB, AXL, B2M, BAP1, BCL2, BCL2L1, BCL2L12, BCL6, BCOR, BCORL1, BLM, BMPR1A, BRAF, BRCA1, BRCA2, BRD4, BRIP1, BUB1B, CADM2, CARD11, CBL, CBLB, CCND1, CCND2, CCND3, CCNE1, CD274, CD58, CD79B, CDC73, CDH1, CDK1, CDK2, CDK4, CDK5, CDK6, CDK9, CDKN1A, CDKN1B, CDKN1C, CDKN2A, CDKN2B, CDKN2C, CEBPA, CHEK2, CIITA, CREBBP, CRKL, CRLF2, CRTC1, CRTC2, CSF1R, CSF3R, CTNNB1, CUX1, CYLD, DDB2, DDR2, DEPDC5, DICER1, DIS3, DMD, DNMT3A, EED, EGFR, EP300, EPHA3, EPHA5, EPHA7, ERBB2, ERBB3, ERBB4, ERCC2, ERCC3, ERCC4, ERCC5, ESR1, ETV1, ETV4, ETV5, ETV6, EWSR1, EXT1, EXT2, EZH2, FAM46C, FANCA, FANCC, FANCD2, FANCE, FANCF, FANCG, FAS, FBXW7, FGFR1, FGFR2, FGFR3, FGFR4, FH, FKBP9, FLCN, FLT1, FLT3, FLT4, FUS, GATA3, GATA4, GATA6, GLI1, GLI2, GLI3, GNA11, GNAQ, GNAS, GNB2L1, GPC3, GSTM5, H3F3A, HNF1A, HRAS, ID3, IDH1, IDH2, IGF1R, IKZF1, IKZF3, INSIG1, JAK2, JAK3, KCNIP1, KDM5C, KDM6A, KDM6B, KDR, KEAP1, KIT, KRAS, LINC00894, LM01, LMO2, LMO3, MAP2K1, MAP2K4, MAP3K1, MAPK1, MCL1, MDM2, MDM4, MECOM, MEF2B, MEN1, MET, MITF, MLH1, MLL (KMT2A), MLL2 (KTM2D), MPL, MSH2, MSH6, MTOR, MUTYH, MYB, MYBL1, MYC, MYCL1 (MYCL), MYCN, MYD88, NBN, NEGR1, NF1, NF2, NFE2L2, NFKBIA, NFKBIZ, NKX2-1, NOTCH1, NOTCH2, NPM1, NPRL2, NPRL3, NRAS, NTRK1, NTRK2, NTRK3, PALB2, PARK2, PAX5, PBRM1, PDCD1LG2, PDGFRA, PDGFRB, PHF6, PHOX2B, PIK3C2B, PIK3CA, PIK3R1, PIM1, PMS1, PMS2, PNRC1, PRAME, PRDM1, PRF1, PRKAR1A, PRKCI, PRKCZ, PRKDC, PRPF40B, PRPF8, PSMD13, PTCH1, PTEN, PTK2, PTPN11, PTPRD, QKI, RAD21, RAF1, RARA, RB1, RBL2, RECQL4, REL, RET, RFWD2, RHEB, RHPN2, ROS1, RPL26, RUNX1, SBDS, SDHA, SDHAF2, SDHB, SDHC, SDHD, SETBP1, SETD2, SF1, SF3B1, SH2B3, SLITRK6, SMAD2, SMAD4, SMARCA4, SMARCB1, SMC1A, SMC3, SMO, SOCS1, SOX2, SOX9, SQSTM1, SRC, SRSF2, STAG1, STAG2, STAT3, STAT6, STK11, SUFU, SUZ12, SYK, TCF3, TCF7L1, TCF7L2, TERC, TERT, TET2, TLR4, TNFAIP3, TP53, TSC1, TSC2, U2AF1, VHL, WRN, WT1, XPA, XPC, XPO1, ZNF217, ZNF708, ZRSR2.

Intronic regions are tiled on specific introns of ABL1, AKT3, ALK, BCL2, BCL6, BRAF, CIITA, EGFR, ERG, ETV1, EWSR1, FGFR1, FGFR2, FGFR3, FUS, IGH, IGL, JAK2, MLL, MYC, NPM1, NTRK1, PAX5, PDGFRA, PDGFRB, PPARG, RAF1, RARA, RET, ROS1, SS18, TRA, TRB, TRG, TMPRSS2

For detailed methodology and protocol, please contact the Center for Advanced Molecular Diagnostics (857-307-1500).

These tests were developed and their performance characteristics determined by the Molecular Diagnostics Laboratory, Brigham and Women's Hospital. They have not been cleared or approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. The FDA has determined that such clearance or approval is not necessary.

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By his/her signature below, the senior physician certifies that he/she personally reviewed all the laboratory data of the described specimen(s) and rendered or confirmed the diagnosis(es) related thereto.