



Search for new genomic changes associated with high risk of cancer

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Genetic homogeneous population of Poland

Founder mutations associated with breast cancer



☞ BRCA1 3 alleles 0.5% freq.

☞ CHEK2 3 alleles 1% freq.

☞ NBS1 1 allele 0.6% freq.

☞ PALB2 2 alleles 0.2% freq

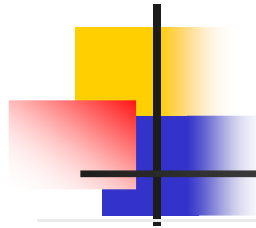
Togther 7 alleles 2% freq.

about 0.5 mln carriers

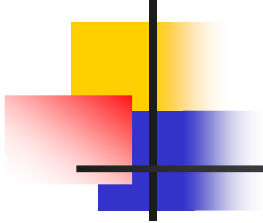
Gorski et al, AJHG 2000

Cybulski et al, JCO 2011

PALB2 mutations in Poland

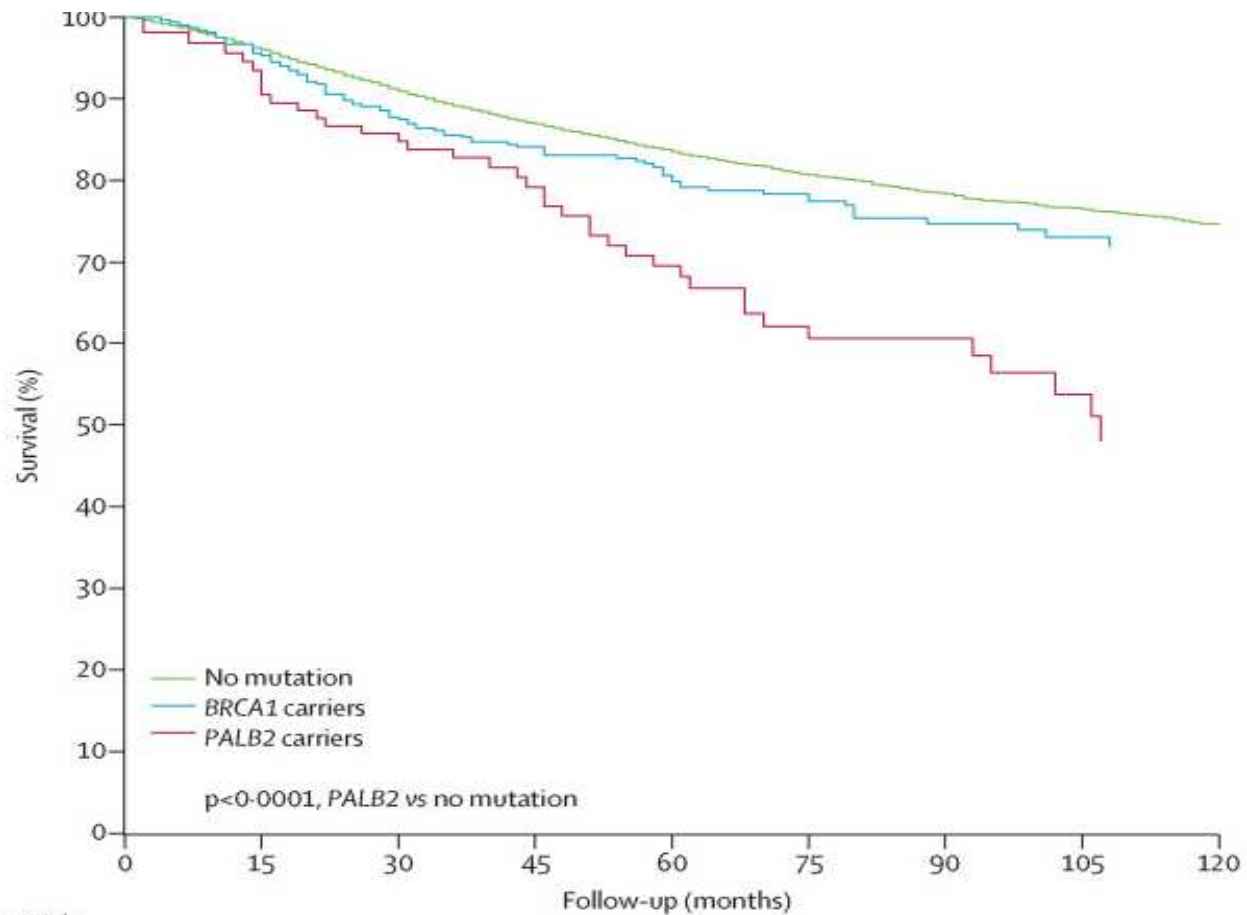


	Total (n)	<i>PALB2</i> mutation-positive (n)	Prevalence (%)	Odds ratio (95% CI)	p value
Patients with unselected breast cancer					
Any <i>PALB2</i> mutation	12 529	116	0·93%	4·39 (2·3–8·4)	<0·0001
509_510delGA	12 529	76	0·61%	4·09 (1·9–8·9)	<0·0001
172_175delTTGT	12 529	40	0·32%	5·02 (1·6–16·2)	0·0016

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- 13 087 BC cases and 5488 controls from East Anglia, UK

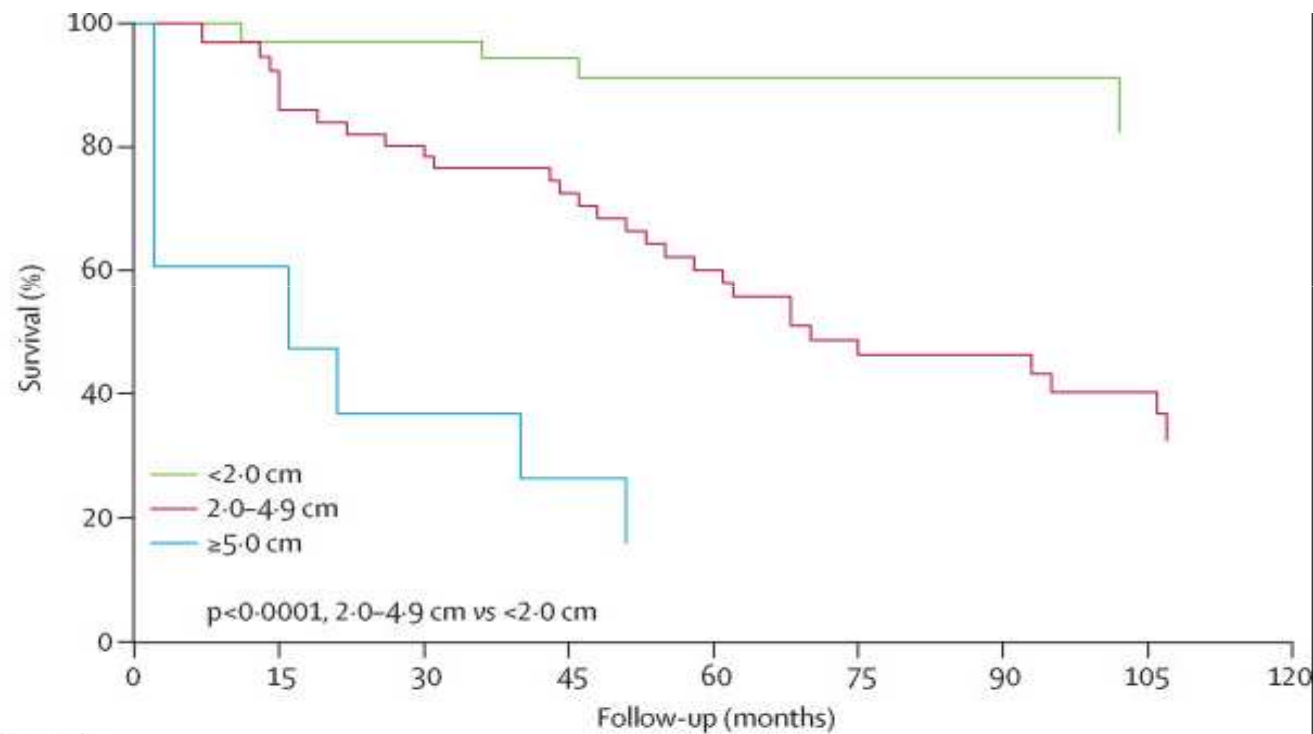
Truncating variants in *PALB2*
OR=4.7, 95% CI 2.27 to 9.68

10-year survival after breast cancer in patients who carry a PALB2 mutation (n = 116), BRCA1 mutation (n = 435) and non-carriers (n = 11978)



Number at risk	0	15	30	45	60	75	90	105	120
No mutation	4648	9881	9481	7117	5900	4250	2960	2087	1309
BRCA1 carriers	281	361	332	259	227	162	114	65	0
PALB2 carriers	51	92	87	67	53	38	28	16	0

10-year survival after diagnosis of breast cancer in patients with a *PALB2* mutation, by tumour size



Number at risk		0	15	30	45	60	75	90	105	120
<2.0 cm	33	33	33	35	29	23	16	12	10	0
2.0-4.9 cm	32	32	42	44	35	28	20	15	8	0
≥5.0 cm	2	2	4	3	2	0	0	0	0	0

PALB2 and breast cancer risk



10% baseline risk of BC

OR = 4.5; $p < 0,0001$

45% lifetime risk

OR = 8.5; $p < 0,0001$

85% familial cases of breast cancer

Exome sequencing – 2013r.



☞ 144 women with breast cancer from
Polish HBC families

negative for founder mutations of BRCA1, CHEK2, NBS1

New gene - RECQL

I Discovery phase

WES

144 Polish HBC cases

51 FC HBC cases

Mutation (DNA)*	Protein	Frequency	Frequency in NHLBI exome database‡
c.1219C>T	p.Arg407*	1/144	0/4300
c.1513G>T	p.Glu505*	1/144	0/4300
c.132_135delGAAA	p.Lys45fs	1/51	0/4300
c.426delT	p.Ser142fs	1/51	0/4300
c.1138A>T	p.Lys380*	1/51	2/4300
TOTAL		5/195 (2.6%)	2/4300 (0.05%)

RECQL



Validation phase 1

Sanger sequencing of RECQL

- 475 Polish BC families

- 475 FC BC families

Mutation (DNA)*	Protein	Freq.	Freq. in NHLBI exome data‡
c.634C>T	p.Arg215*	2/475 FC families	1/4300
c.1667_1667+ 3delAGTA	p.K555delins MYKLIHYSFR	2/475 Polish families	0/4300



RECQL

Validation phase 2 ~ 26 000 subjects

of the 2 founder mutations

In Polish population:

c.1667_1667+3delAGTA

32/13611 unselected cases vs 2/4702 controls

OR = 5.5; p = 0.005

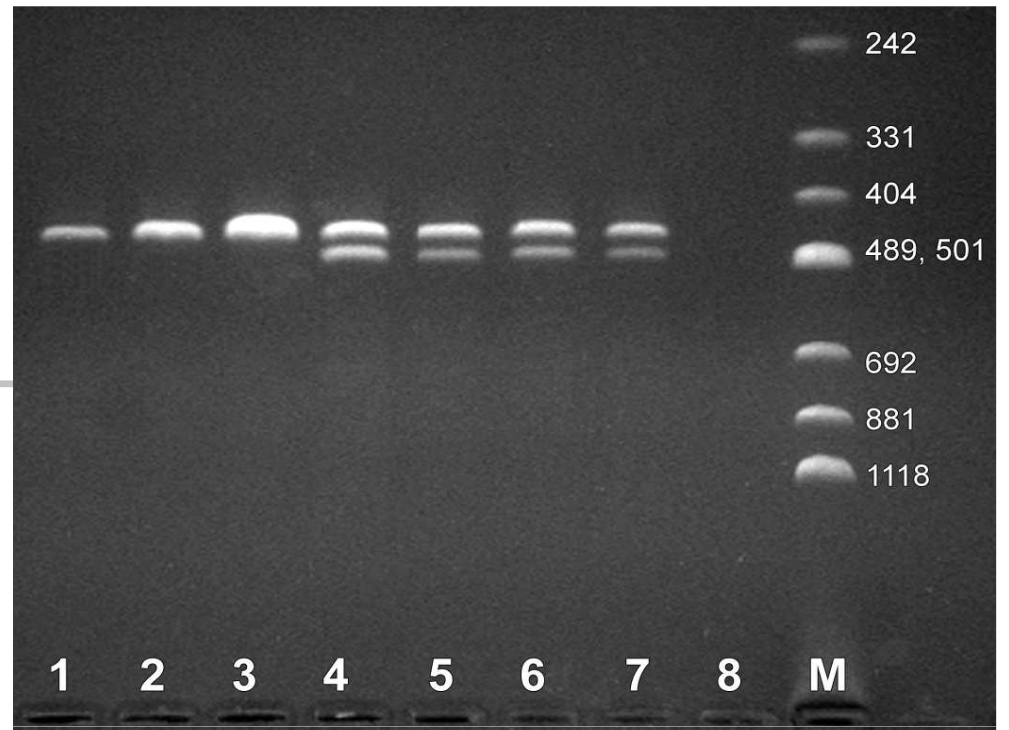
In FC population:

c.634C>T

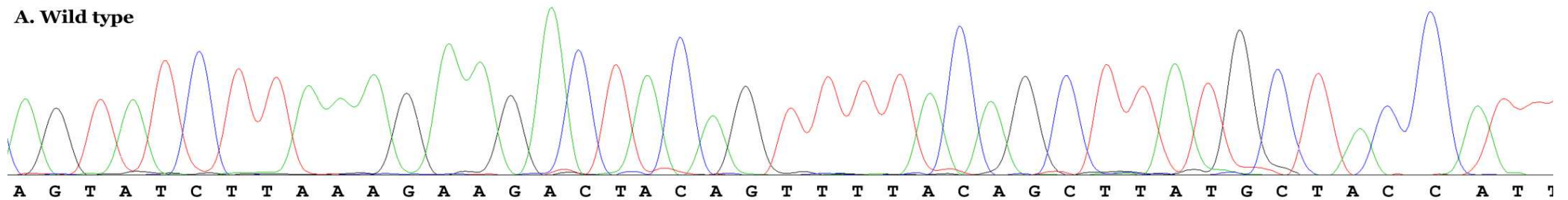
7/1013 higher risk cases vs 1/7000 controls

OR = 16; p = 0.00004

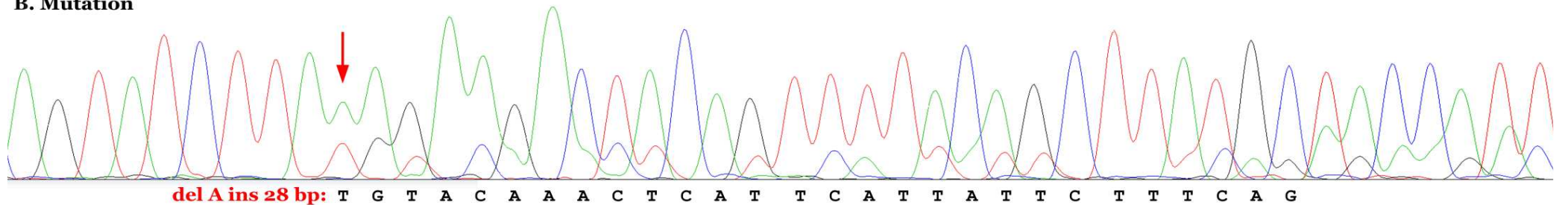
Analysis of c.1667_1667+3delAGTA on RNA level



A. Wild type



B. Mutation





Germline *RECQL* mutations are associated with breast cancer susceptibility

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Mutations in RECQL Gene Are Associated with Predisposition to Breast Cancer.

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Abstract

The genetic cause for approximately 80% of familial breast cancer patients is unknown. Here, by sequencing the entire exomes of nine early-onset familial breast cancer patients without BRCA1/2 mutations (diagnosed with breast cancer at or before the age of 35) we found that two index cases carried a potentially deleterious mutation in the RECQL gene (RecQ helicase-like; chr12p12). Recent studies suggested that RECQL is involved in DNA double-strand break repair and it plays an important role in the maintenance of genomic stability. Therefore, we further screened the RECQL gene in an additional 439 unrelated familial breast cancer patients. In total, we found three nonsense mutations leading to a truncated protein of RECQL (p.L128X, p.W172X, and p.Q266X), one mutation affecting mRNA splicing (c.395-2A>G), and five missense mutations disrupting the helicase activity of RECQL (p.A195S, p.R215Q, p.R455C, p.M458K, and p.T562I), as evaluated through an in vitro helicase assay. Taken together, 9 out of 448 BRCA-negative familial breast cancer patients carried a pathogenic mutation of the RECQL gene compared with one of the 1,588 controls (P = 9.14×10⁻⁶). Our findings suggest that RECQL is a potential breast cancer susceptibility gene and that mutations in this gene contribute to familial breast cancer development.



Association :

Poland: 30 / 13,136 cases vs 2 / 4,702 controls (OR = 5.4; p = 0.008).

FC : 7/1,013 patients 1/7,136 newborns (OR = 49.3; p < 10⁻⁵).

China

- Sun et al. 5/448 patients vs compared 1/ 1,588 controls (OR = 31.9; p < 10⁻⁵).
- Sun, et al. 30/8,085 patients vs 1/ 1,588 controls (OR = 5.8)

Finland:

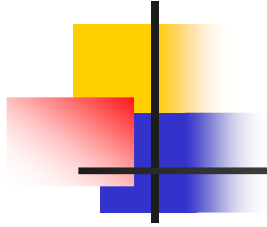
- Tervasmaki et al. (p.I156M) 6/ 1,946 breast cancer patients 0/1,539 controls



RECQL

No association:

- Bogdanova et al. (Belarusian and German) Polish *RECQL* mutation 9 of 2,596 cases (0.35%) vs 6 of 2,132 (0.28%) controls
- Li et al. (2018) *RECQL* mutation in 12 of 4,412 Australian patients (0.27%) and 25 of 4,576 controls (0.54%).
They found the most common mutation possibly benign nonsense mutation (p.Ser620*) near the coding terminus, which accounted for the majority of *RECQL* mutations in both cases (50%) and in controls (64%).



- data on *RECQL* illustrate the difficulty of establishing the contribution of very rare variants to breast cancer susceptibility



New Breast cancer study 2017

- **~ 4000 unrelated Polish women with breast cancer** from families familial breast cancer negative for **BRCA1 C61G, 5382insC and 4153delA**



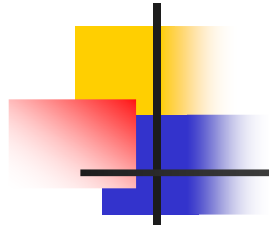
HBC families negative for BRCA1 C61G, 5382insC and 4153delA

- **715 HBC „strong“ families were genotyped**
 - BRCA1 (3 mutations),
 - BRCA2 (5 alleles),
 - CHEK2 (3 mutations),
 - PALB2 (2 mutations)
 - NBS1 (1 mutations)
 - RECQL (1 mutation)

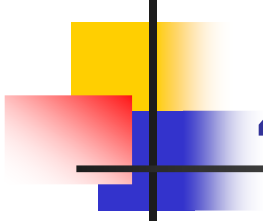


HBC families negative for C61G, 5382insC and 4153delA

- **98 of 715 (13.7%) women tested positive**
- 617 women tested negative for founder mutations – we did exome sequencing of these



Spectrum of mutations in breast cancer associated genes in 715 Polish HBC families (negative for 3 common founder mutations of BRCA1 - C61G, 5382insC and 4153delA)



715 HBC families negative for BRCA1 C61G, 5382insC and 4153delA

Recurrent mutations:

- **3 BRCA1** 3819del5, 185delAG and 5370C>T - **3.4%**
- **5 BRCA2** mutations 886delGT, 4075delGT, 5467insT, 6174delT, 8138del5 – **1%**

Founder BRCA1/2 mutations 4.4%



HBC families negative for C61G, 5382insC and 4153delA

- Mutations detected by NGS

BRCA1 (28 mutations) – **6.8%**

BRCA2 (29 mutations) – **7.1%**

Other BRCA1/2 mutations - 14%



CHEK2

- 37 carriers (5 mutations) – **5.2%**
 - 35 carries (3 founder mutations) – **4.8%**
- 3 CHEK2** mutations - 35/37 (95%)



PALB2

- 22 carriers (6 mutations) – **3.3%**
 - 18 carriers (2 founder mutations) – **2.5%**
- 2 PLAB2** mutations - 18/22 (80%)



NBS1

- **1 mutation - 1% (7 carriers)**



RECQL

- **7 carriers** (4 mutations) – **1%**



Other genes

- **ATM** (4 mutations) – 1%
- **PTEN** (1 mutation) - 0.2%
- **RAD50** (1 mutation) - 0.2%
- **TP53** (1 mutation) - 0.2%



Conclusions

- **The most important genes associated with breast cancer susceptibility in Poland include:
BRCA1, BRCA2, CHEK2, PALB2**



Conclusions

- **Polish families with HBC should be first tested for a panel of at least 6 founder BRCA1/2 mutations**
- **Mutation negative HBC cases should be selected for NGS of BRCA1/2**



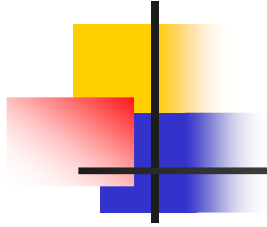
Conclusions

- **5% of HBC families carry a truncating mutation of CHEK2**
- **The sensitivity of CHEK2 testing based on detecting 3 Polish founder mutation is about 95%**
- **In Poland CHEK2 mutation screening should be based on testing for 3 founder alleles**



Conclusions

- **3.3% of HBC families carry a truncating mutation of PALB2**
- **The sensitivity of PALB2 testing based on detecting 2 Polish founder mutation is about 80%**
- **In Poland PALB2 mutation screening should started from testing for 2 founder alleles**



- Still about a half of HBC families have no mutation detected in any of known susceptibility genes
- we need more studies



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