

How Does Lung Cancer Develop in Never-Smokers?

Looking for Answers in Genomic Sequencing

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Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer deaths in men and women

Male			Female		
Lung & bronchus	72,500	23%	Lung & bronchus	63,220	22%
Prostate	33,330	10%	Breast	42,170	15%
Colon & rectum	28,630	9%	Colon & rectum	24,570	9%
Pancreas	24,640	8%	Pancreas	22,410	8%
Liver & intrahepatic bile duct	20,020	6%	Ovary	13,940	5%
Leukemia	13,420	4%	Uterine corpus	12,590	4%
Esophagus	13,100	4%	Liver & intrahepatic bile duct	10,140	4%
Urinary bladder	13,050	4%	Leukemia	9,680	3%
Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	11,460	4%	Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	8,480	3%
Brain & other nervous system	10,190	3%	Brain & other nervous system	7,830	3%
All sites	321,160		All sites	285,360	

135,700 deaths per year! Much greater than the population of Morgantown, WV!

American Cancer Society Facts & Figures

Risk factors for cancer can be intrinsic (genetic) or extrinsic (environmental) factors

Intrinsic:



e.g. BRCA1 mutations



e.g. smoking exposure

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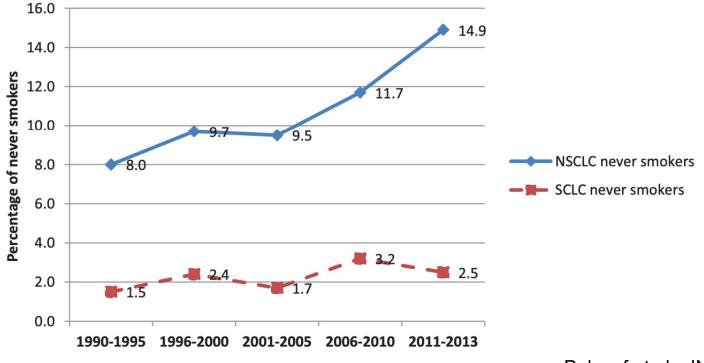
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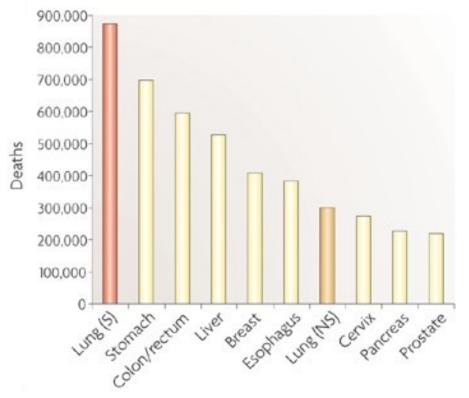
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A growing proportion of lung cancer is in "never-smokers"



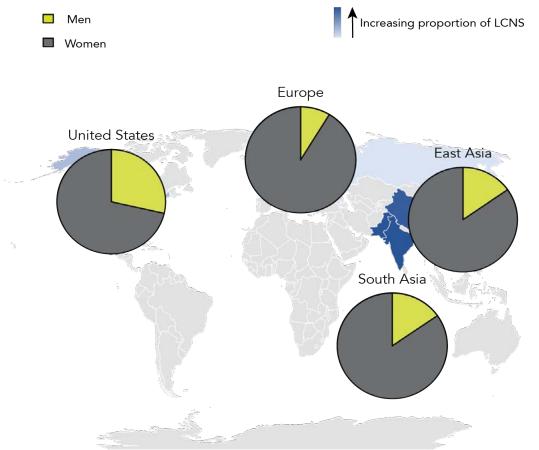
Pelosof et al., JNCI 2017

Lung cancer in never-smokers is the 7th leading cause of cancer deaths



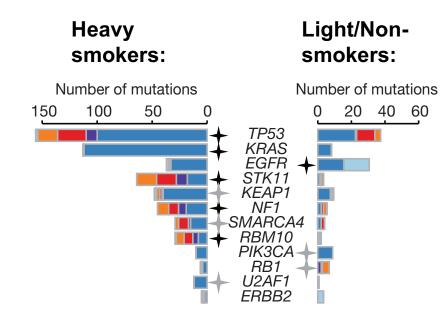
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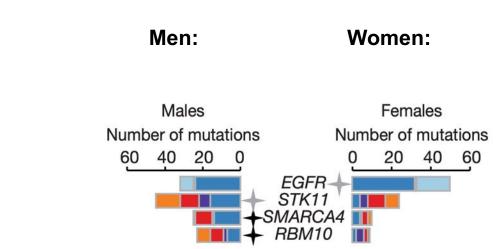
Women account for the majority of lung cancer cases in never-smokers



Kenfield SA et al., 2008

The mutational landscape of lung cancer is affected by smoking status, gender





TCGA, Nature 2014

Motivating questions

- Are there new mutations in lung cancers from never-smokers that could be targeted with cancer therapies?
- Can the mutational profile of the cancers themselves, tell us something about the intrinsic or extrinsic genetic risk factors?
 - Define mutational signatures
 - Demonstrate how smoking alters mutational signatures
 - Illustrate how intrinsic risk factors may also play a role

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The Women's Health Initiative (WHI) lung cancer cohort



Increased cohort size

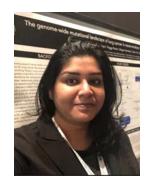
Post-menopausal women

Understudied lung cancer population



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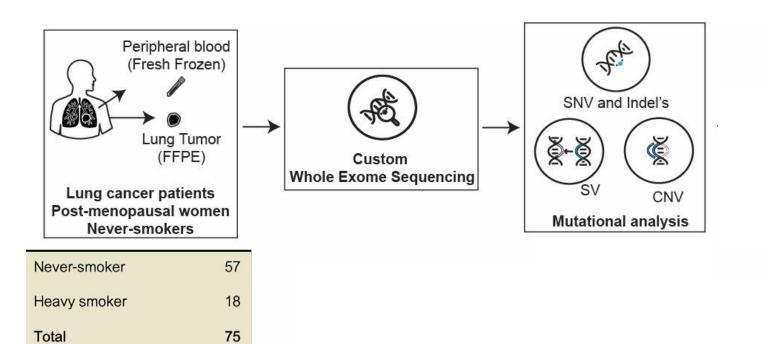
History of second-hand smoke exposure, occupational exposure and demographics



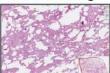
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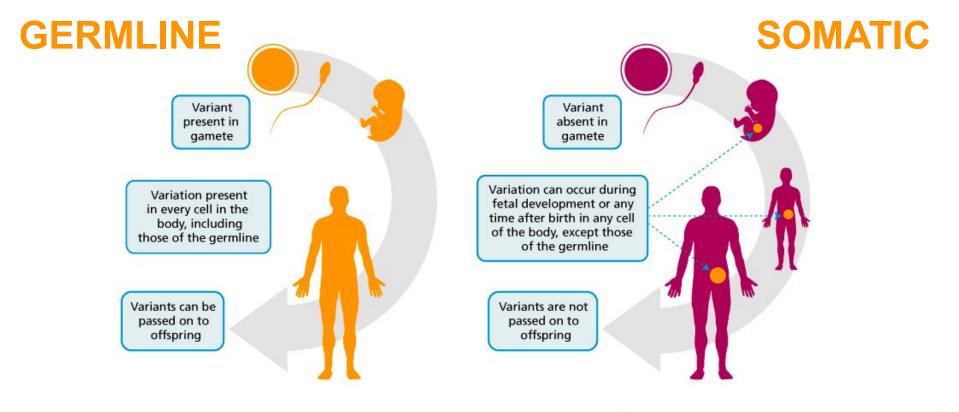






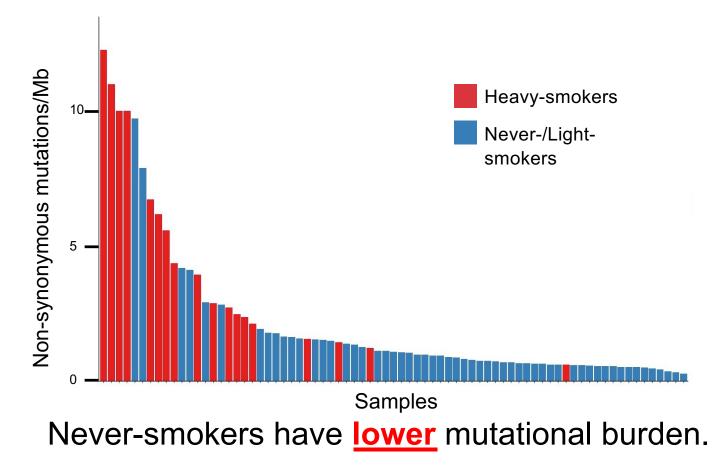


"Germline" vs. "somatic" mutations



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Increased mutational burden in lung cancers from smokers



Identifying somatic mutations in tumors

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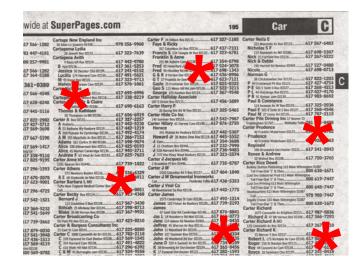


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Many genes...

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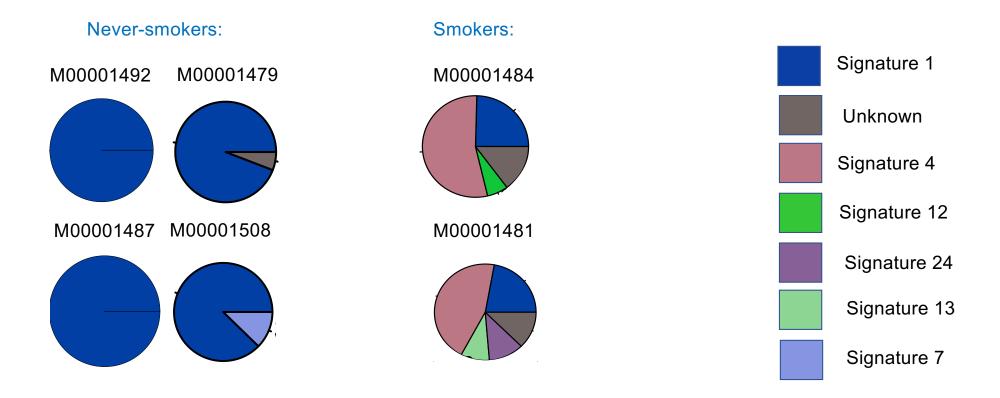
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Same type of mutation! Evidence of the cause Second-hand smoke?

Aging? Radon? Something else?

Smokers and never-smokers have different mutational signatures



Conclusion

- Anyone with lungs can get lung cancer
- Differing mutational signatures in smokers and never-smokers point to different underlying etiology
- Future direction: etiology of lung cancer in younger vs. older patients may also differ
 - Lack of chromosomal translocations in post-menopausal women

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