

# GCIIG Translational Research Committee

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# Agenda

- Patient derived xenografts – Clare Scott (ANZGOG)
- Tumour heterogeneity – Jessica McAlpine (NCIC)
- Digital droplet PCR – Paul Speiser (AGO-Austria)
- Co-ordination of complex samples - McNeish
- Peace and Harmony – Natalie LeFur

# Platinum response and molecular correlates of human high-grade serous ovarian cancer patient-derived xenografts (PDXs)



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the women's  
the royal women's hospital  
victoria australia

AOCS  
australian ovarian cancer study



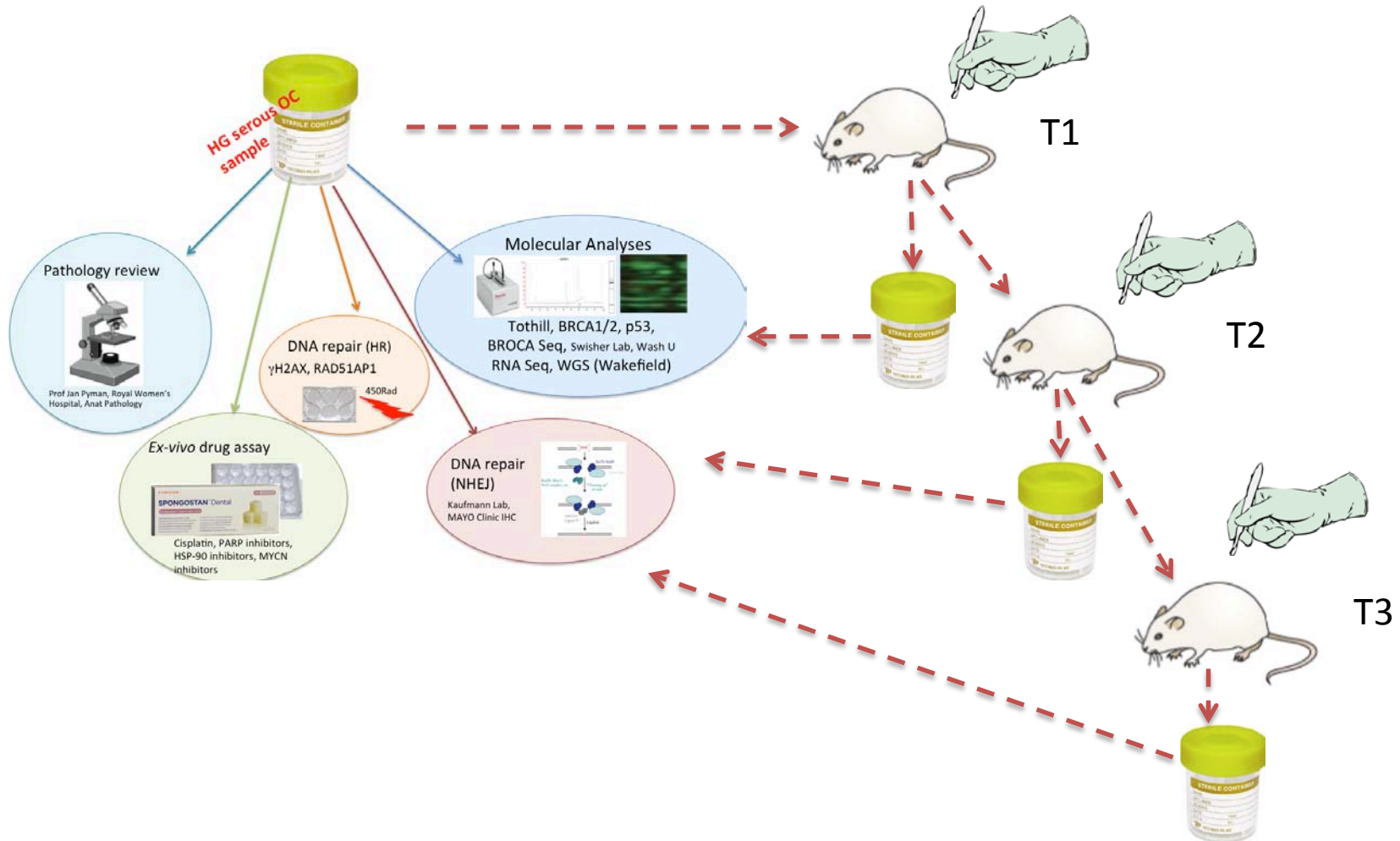
**Clare Scott, MD PhD**

**Royal Melbourne and Royal Women's Hospitals and  
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**Sir Edward Dunlop fellowship**

# Characterisation of Ovarian Cancer patient-derived xenografts (PDX)



*Mastery of Disease Through Discovery*

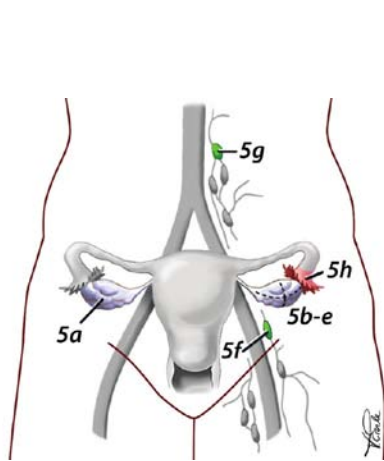
# HG-SOC PDX: pre-clinical utility

- Transplantation success rate 83%
- Mutations detected in PDX:
  - 2x BRCA1; 3x BRCA2; TP53* present in all
- *In vivo* cisplatin response defined for HG-SOC PDX as platinum sensitive, resistant or refractory
  - largely consistent with patient outcome.
- Two of three PDX containing DNA repair gene mutations were platinum sensitive whereas over-expression of oncogenes was observed in platinum resistant/refractory PDX.

# Intratumoral heterogeneity: the evolutionary dynamics of high-grade serous ovarian cancer and new directions in other gynaecologic cancers



# Regional diversity of mutational profiles



	FUBP1	KLK2 CIC	TP53
Case5a			
Case5b			
Case5c			
Case5d			
Case5e			
Case5f			
Case5g			
Case5h			

- 52% +/- 31% of mutations present in all samples
- 91% in primary-recurrence comparison
- 10% in most diverse case
- TP53 always in all samples
- Driver mutations PIK3CA, CTNNB1 not present in all samples

# Conclusions: spatial sampling of HGS ovarian cancers

- A single sample will only partially represent the mutational landscape of a tumour
- Histologically distinct tumours in the same individual can evolve from a common ancestral lineage
- Mutational and genome architecture profiles are not always compatible – different tumours evolve in different ways

***Distinct evolutionary trajectories of primary high-grade serous ovarian cancers revealed through spatial mutational profiling***

**Bashashati et al, J Pathology, In Press**



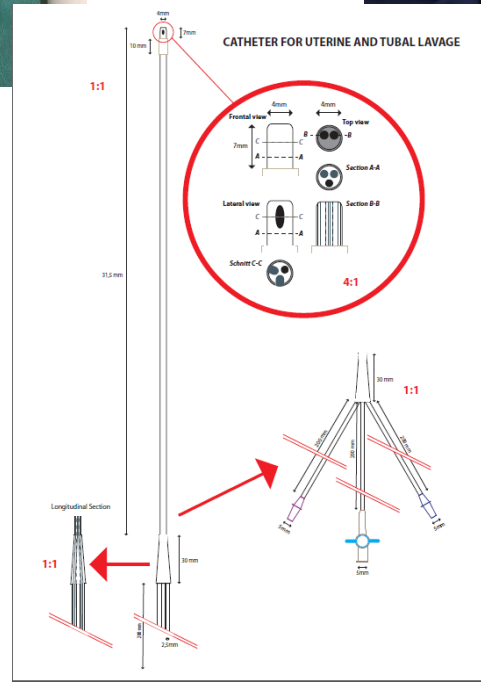
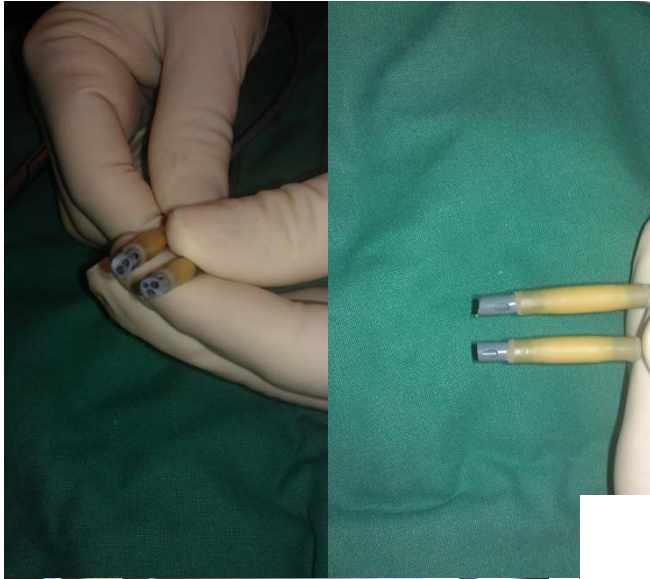
# Digital droplet PCR for sensitive detection of ovarian cancer from lavage of the uterine cavity

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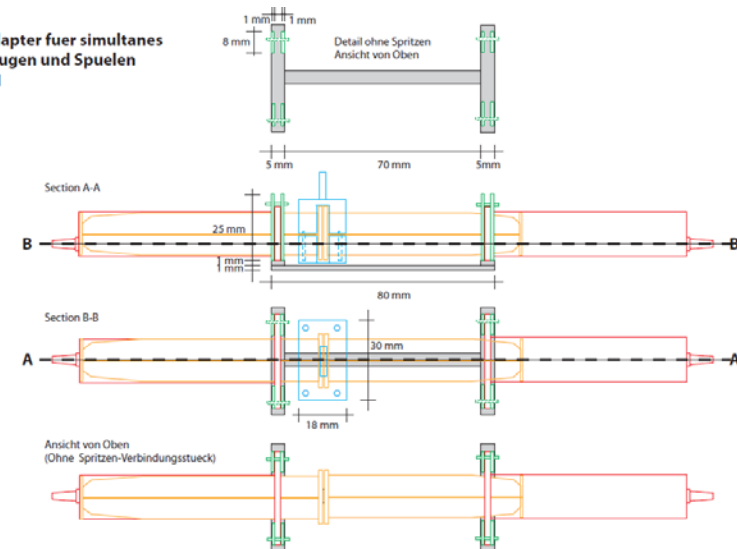
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# Targeting STICS – Uterine lavage

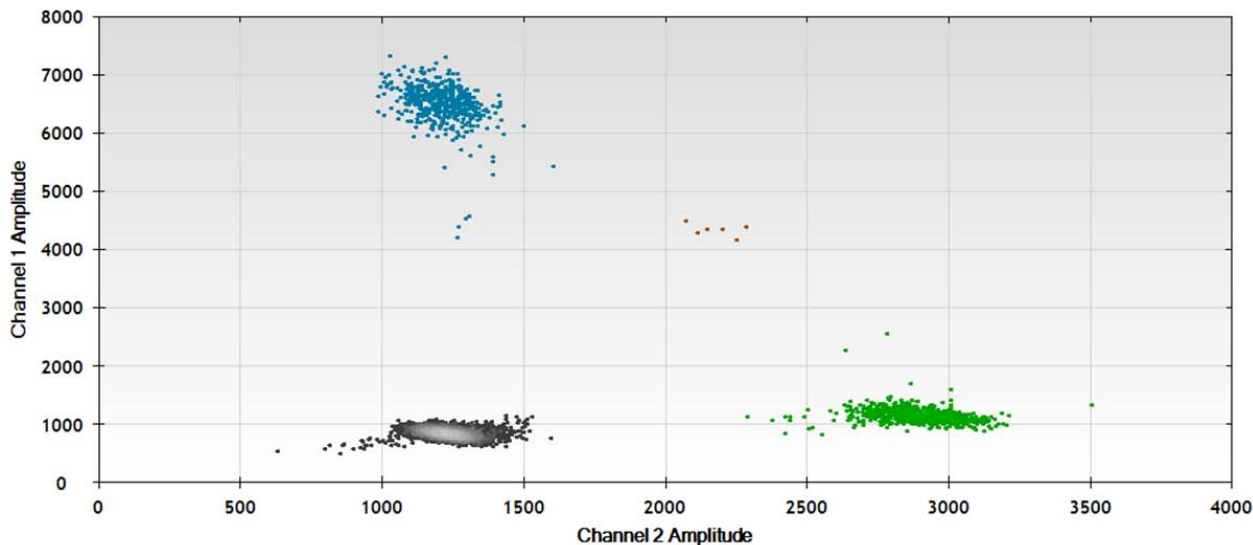


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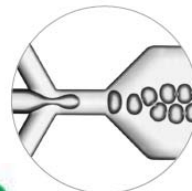


# Digital droplet PCR (ddPCR)

- 20,000 droplets per sample
- 2 colour optical detection using FAM/VIC labeled probes
- Absolute quantification of target molecules
- Single molecule sensitivity

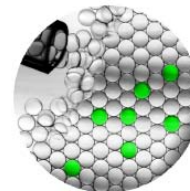


- KRAS\_G12D
- P53\_cd234
- P53\_cd248
- P53\_cd282

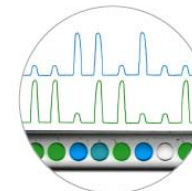


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Make Droplets



PCR Droplets



Read Droplets



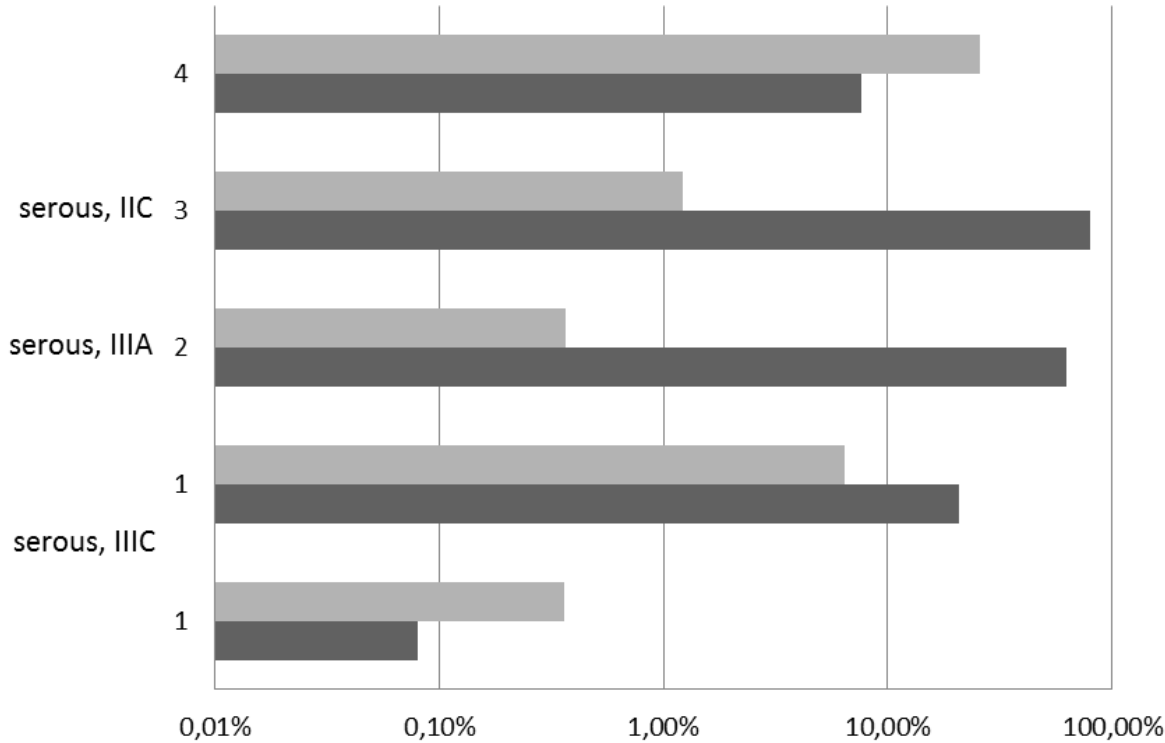
Results



Uterine lavage, matched tumor tissue



Digital droplet PCR (ddPCR)



% mutant alleles in tissue/lavage

	KRAS_G12D	p53_cd282	KRAS_G12D	p53_248	p53_282
	1	1	2	3	4
■ lavage	0,36%	6,42%	0,37%	1,22%	25,55%
■ tissue	0,08%	20,80%	62,48%	80,17%	7,60%

# Co-ordinating complex translational sample collection across multiple sites and multiple countries



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# Sample Collection Challenges

## 1. Cost

NiCCC sample collection alone = £91,000

24 tumour biopsies = £20,000

Courier costs = £47,000

## 2. Infrastructure

-80 freezers and centrifuges

## 3. Quality

Plasma processing across 8 countries...

## 4. Getting hold of the archival samples

# Harmonisation committee input

1. GCIIG standards for translational research
2. Ownership of samples after completion of clinical trial
3. The boring bit – Standard Operating Procedures