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Genomics of primary prostate cancer differs from that of metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer (mCRPC). We studied genomic aberrations in primary prostate cancer biopsies from patients who developed mCRPC, also studying matching, same patient, diagnostic and mCRPC biopsies following treatment. We profiled 470 treatment-naïve, prostate cancer diagnostic biopsies and for 61 cases, mCRPC biopsies using targeted and low-pass whole genome sequencing ( $n = 52$ ). Descriptive statistics were used to summarize mutation and copy number profile. Prevalence was compared using Fisher's exact test. Survival correlations were studied using log-rank test. *TP53* (27%) and *PTEN* (12%) and DDR gene defects (*BRCA2* 7%; *CDK12* 5%; *ATM* 4%) were commonly detected. *TP53*, *BRCA2*, and *CDK12* mutations were significantly commoner than described in the TCGA cohort. Patients with *RB1* loss in the primary tumour had a worse prognosis. Among 61 men with matched hormone-naïve and mCRPC biopsies, differences were identified in *AR*, *TP53*, *RB1*, and PI3K/AKT mutational status between same-patient samples. In conclusion, the genomics of diagnostic prostatic biopsies acquired from men who develop mCRPC differs to that of the primary prostatic cancers. *RB1/TP53/AR* aberrations are enriched in later stages, but the prevalence of DDR defects in diagnostic samples is similar to mCRPC.

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65 **ABSTRACT**

66 Genomics of primary prostate cancer differs from that of metastatic castration-resistant  
67 prostate cancer (mCRPC). We studied genomic aberrations in primary prostate cancer  
68 biopsies from patients who developed mCRPC, also studying matching, same patient,  
69 diagnostic and mCRPC biopsies following treatment.

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71 mCRPC biopsies using targeted and low-pass whole genome sequencing (n=52).

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74 using log-rank test.

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77 commoner than described in the TCGA cohort. Patients with *RBI* loss in the primary  
78 tumour had a worse prognosis. Among 61 men with matched hormone-naïve and  
79 mCRPC biopsies, differences were identified in *AR*, *TP53*, *RBI* and PI3K/AKT  
80 mutational status between same-patient samples.

81 In conclusion, the genomics of diagnostic prostatic biopsies acquired from men who  
82 develop mCRPC differs to that of the non-lethal primary prostatic cancers.

83 RB1/TP53/AR aberrations are enriched in later stages, but the prevalence of DDR  
84 defects in diagnostic samples is similar to mCRPC.

## 85 INTRODUCTION

86 Inter-patient genomic heterogeneity in prostate cancer is well-recognized (1) . However,  
87 molecular stratification of prostate cancer to guide treatment selection based on  
88 predictive genomic biomarkers remains an unmet clinical need. Recent genomic studies  
89 have elucidated this inter-patient heterogeneity, identifying multiple potentially  
90 actionable alterations which are now being evaluated in clinical trials. These studies  
91 have also described differences in the genomic landscape of the different clinical states  
92 of the disease (localized vs metastatic)(1, 2). Alterations in the *AR* gene (mutations,  
93 amplifications and structural variants) are increased the prevalence in mCRPC, and  
94 associated with the development of castration-resistance, as well as resistance to  
95 abiraterone acetate and enzalutamide (3, 4). Moreover, loss-of-function events in *TP53*,  
96 *RBI*, *PTEN* and DNA damage repair (DDR) genes are more common in mCRPC  
97 compared to non-metastatic, prostate cancer cohorts. It remains unclear whether these  
98 differences are the result of evolutionary processes in response to therapy exposure, or  
99 whether these reflect different disease sub-types with differing outcomes.

100

101 An ultimate aim of understanding the genomic landscape of cancer is the  
102 implementation of more precise therapeutic strategies, but metastatic biopsy acquisition  
103 is a key obstacle for implementing genomic stratification in clinical practice. Liquid  
104 biopsies can partially overcome this limitation, but these assays are not yet validated to  
105 replace tumour biopsy testing, at least for prostate cancer(5, 6). Understanding if  
106 primary tumour biopsies can be used for molecular stratification to guide the treatment  
107 of advanced mCRPC years later remains a key question.

108

109 This study aims to describe the genomic profile of primary tumour biopsies from lethal  
110 prostate cancers, either presenting as metastatic hormone treatment-naïve prostate  
111 cancers, or locoregional tumours that later evolve to metastatic disease; we  
112 hypothesized that these primary tumours would be enriched for alterations previously  
113 associated with mCRPC, and would be different to those primary prostate tumours that  
114 do not recur. Additionally, we assessed a cohort of same-patient, matched, treatment-  
115 naïve and mCRPC biopsies to determine if these genomic defects change during  
116 treatment with tumour evolution.



## 117 **RESULTS**

### 118 *Patient and sample disposition*

119 Between March 2015 and December 2017, 652 primary tumor samples from consenting  
120 patients were received; 87 cases (13%) were discarded due to either low DNA yield or  
121 excessive DNA degradation. Hence, targeted NGS was successfully performed on 565  
122 prostate cancer diagnostic biopsies. Fifty-four cases were excluded due to either: 1) the  
123 biopsy not being collected prior to ADT; or 2) diagnosis being based on a metastatic  
124 biopsy (Supplementary Figures 1 and 2 in the Appendix). Next generation sequencing  
125 of 511 samples was analysed; of those, 41 (8%) cases did not meet quality control  
126 criteria for copy-number calling (7) and were discarded, so the final analysis evaluated  
127 470 cases. Two cohorts were defined for the planned analyses based on disease extent at  
128 the time of original diagnosis: Cohort 1 was composed of 175 cases with locoregional  
129 prostate cancer at diagnosis (69.5% confined to the prostate, 30.5% with pelvic nodal  
130 extension); Cohort 2 included 292 primary tumours from patients with metastatic  
131 disease at diagnosis. The clinical records of 3 subjects were unobtainable (Table 1).

132

### 133 *Genomic profile of lethal primary prostate tumours*

134 Recurrent aberrations in genes and pathways related to lethal prostate cancer were  
135 identified, the commonest being mutations and homozygous loss of *TP53*, (27%)  
136 (Figure 1 and Appendix). Deleterious mutations and/or homozygous deletions in genes  
137 involved in DNA damage repair pathways were identified in 23% of primary tumours.  
138 *BRCA2* was the DDR gene most commonly altered (7%). Alterations in mismatch repair  
139 genes were detected in 11/470 (2%) cases.

140

141 Activating mutations in *PIK3CA* and *AKT1* were detected in 5%, with *PTEN* loss-of-  
142 function mutations or deep deletions in 12%. Deep deletions of *RBI* were uncommon in  
143 the primary tumours (5%), although shallow deletions in *RBI* were frequent. Genes in  
144 the WNT pathway (loss of *APC* or activating mutations in *CTNNB1*) were altered in 7%  
145 of cases (8, 9). *SPOP* mutations were identified in 7% cases(10, 11).

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147 Surprisingly, low-allele frequency *AR* T878A or R630Q mutations (always with low  
148 MAF, ranging 0.06 to 0.18) were detected in 1% of treatment-naïve samples(12).

149

150 Our Cohort 1 of primary tumours, without detectable metastases at diagnosis, was  
151 enriched for alterations in *TP53* (25 vs 8%;  $p<0.001$ ), *BRCA2* (8 vs 3%;  $p=0.015$ ) and  
152 *CDK12* (6 vs 2%;  $p=0.04$ ) when compared with the TCGA series (Table 2). Conversely,  
153 *SPOP* mutations were less common in our population than in the better prognosis  
154 TCGA series (3% vs 11%;  $p=0.001$ ). No relevant differences in prevalence of other  
155 mutations were observed when comparing Cohort 1 and Cohort 2. After adjusting for  
156 Gleason score, *CDK12* mutations were enriched in Gleason 8 or higher cases (1/105  
157 cases in Gleason 6-7 vs 21/353 in Gleason  $\geq 8$ ) (Appendix)

158

159 *Clinical outcome based on primary tumour genomics.*

160 Median time to ADT progression and start of first mCRPC therapy was 1.17 years  
161 (95%CI: 1.08-1.26 years) among the subset (n=210) of patients with clinical data  
162 available. Median overall survival from first evidence of metastatic disease was 4.28  
163 years (95%CI: 3.72-4.84 years).

164

165 None of the gene alterations were associated with a significantly different time to ADT  
166 progression; patients with germline or somatic *BRCA2* alterations had the lowest  
167 median time to ADT progression among the subgroups but the differences were not  
168 significant (median 0.92 years, 95%CI 0.5-1.17, p=0.39). (Table 3)

169

170 Patients with *RBI* alterations in the primary tumour had a significantly shorter overall  
171 survival (median OS from metastatic disease 2.32 years, 95%CI 1.82-3.84; p=0.006).  
172 (Table 3 and Appendix)

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174 *Changes when assessing clinically actionable genomic alterations in patient-matched*  
175 *treatment-naïve and castration-resistant.*

176 We pursued NGS of mCRPC biopsies acquired from 61 patients participating in this  
177 study to further investigate if certain gene aberrations were detected more often in  
178 biopsies after progression on ADT and subsequent lines of therapy. Overall, we  
179 performed targeted NGS on 61 mCRPC biopsies (using the same panel as for the  
180 primary treatment-naïve samples) and copy-number profiles for both primary and  
181 mCRPC samples were compared using low-pass WGS in 52 cases with sufficient DNA  
182 in both samples. Copy number estimation was adjusted for ploidy, and tumour purity,  
183 since mCRPC biopsies overall had higher tumour content than the primary prostate  
184 biopsies (Appendix).

185

186 The median time between the two same-patient biopsies was 45.2 months (range 12 to  
187 211 months). All mCRPC samples were obtained after progression on ADT, and in  
188 50/61 (82%) cases after progression on at least 2 further lines of therapy for mCRPC

189 (80% after at least one taxane and 90% after abiraterone acetate and/or enzalutamide)  
190 (Table 4).

191

192 The commonest finding, when comparing same-patient primary treatment-naïve and  
193 mCRPC samples, was an increase in AR mutations and amplification. Other than *AR*,  
194 the main differences between the two same-patient biopsies were increased *TP53*, *RBI*  
195 and PI3K/AKT pathway alterations in mCRPC (Figure 2 and Appendix) suggesting that  
196 these may emerge with treatment selection pressures.

197

198 In several cases, mutations in *TP53* (n=4) and *RBI* (n=4), detected in mCRPC samples,  
199 were not detected in the same patient's, matched, treatment-naïve and diagnostic  
200 primary tumour biopsies. Overall, there was a decrease in copy-number for both *TP53*  
201 and *RBI* in mCRPC, even after adjusting for tumour purity based on low-pass WGS.  
202 More deep deletions in *PTEN* were also detected in the mCRPC cohort. Mutations in  
203 the WNT pathway genes *CTNNB1* and *APC*, as well as *MYC* amplification, were also  
204 more common in mCRPC.

205

206 Conversely, aberrations in DNA damage repair pathway genes were relatively  
207 unchanged from diagnosis to mCRPC. Eleven truncating mutations in *BRCA2*, *CDK12*,  
208 *ATM*, *MSH6* and *PALB2* were identified in the mCRPC biopsies of 9/61 patients (one  
209 patient had both *CDK12* and *PALB2* mutations; one patient *CDK12* and *MSH6*  
210 mutations). Two patients had pathogenic germline *BRCA2* mutations; in both of these  
211 cases, both the primary untreated tumour and the mCRPC biopsy presented loss of  
212 heterozygosity resulting in biallelic *BRCA2* loss. The other 8 deleterious mutations (4 in  
213 *CDK12*, 2 *BRCA2*, 1 *ATM*, 1 *PALB2*, 1 *MSH6*) were only detected in somatic DNA; all

214 8/8 were also detected in the patient-matched, metachronous, diagnostic, treatment-  
215 naïve, biopsies. In 3 of 4 cases with CDK12 truncating mutations, there was a second  
216 missense mutation in CDK12; again, these second events were also detected in both the  
217 diagnostic patient-matched biopsies. However, 2 truncating mutations in ATRX and  
218 FANCM were detected only in the mCRPC samples.

219

220 With regards to copy number aberrations in DNA repair genes, we identified a trend for  
221 lower tumour suppressor gene copy number in mCRPC samples, only partially  
222 explained by the higher tumour purity of mCRPC biopsies. No deep deletions in  
223 *BRCA1/BRCA2/ATM* were identified, although changes indicating single copy loss with  
224 disease evolution to mCRPC were detected.

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226 Generally, the number of private events was small. An outlier case was P001, a patient  
227 with a MMR-defective prostate cancer who had the highest mutation burden, including  
228 several shared mutations between primary and mCRPC (*APC, CDK12, MSH6, ERBB4,*  
229 *PTEN* and *TP53*), several private mutations only detected in mCRPC (including  
230 missense, non-truncating, mutations in *APC, ATM, EZH2, JAK1*) and several private  
231 mutations of the primary tumour not detected in the later mCRPC biopsy (*CTNNA1,*  
232 *PRKDC, ERCC3* and *ERCC6*), suggesting the presence of different clones coming from  
233 a shared origin.

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**236 DISCUSSION**

237 Molecular stratification of prostate cancer promises to impact patient care and deliver  
238 more precise treatments, but several challenges remain to be addressed including the  
239 elucidation of the genomic profiles of distinct clinical states and understanding the  
240 impact of drug resistance and tumour evolution (13, 14). Here, we show that the  
241 primary prostatic biopsies of patients who develop metastatic prostate cancer are  
242 enriched for genomic aberrations typically found in mCRPC, even prior to exposure to  
243 androgen deprivation. These data may help define a subset of patients with locoregional  
244 disease at diagnosis with higher risk of lethal disease; clinical trials should test if these  
245 patients may benefit from more intense therapeutic approaches. Furthermore, our data  
246 support the use of primary prostate biopsies to characterize metastatic hormone-naïve  
247 prostate cancers, which may facilitate the implementation of genomic testing into  
248 clinical practice.

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250 Defects in some DNA damage repair genes have been identified as promising predictive  
251 biomarkers for PARP inhibitors or platinum chemotherapy(15-18). The prevalence of  
252 mutations and deletions in DNA repair genes in our cohorts of patients with only  
253 locoregional disease detected at diagnosis or metastatic, hormone-naïve prostate cancer  
254 was similar to what has been previously described for mCRPC. In a recent study,  
255 Marshall et al found an increased prevalence of these mutations in higher-Gleason score  
256 primary tumours, which also indirectly supports the association of these mutations with  
257 more aggressive primary tumours (19). These data in a cohort of 470 primary tumours  
258 suggest that lethal prostate cancer is enriched for DNA repair defects from diagnosis,  
259 prior to developing castration-resistance. However, the limited number of cases with  
260 DDR gene alterations in the cohort of matched primary-metastatic biopsies, including

261 only 4 cases with *BRC A2* mutations, prevents us from making broad conclusions with  
262 regards to the genomic evolution of these tumours. Indeed, we and others have reported  
263 sub-clonal homozygous deletions of DDR genes (20, 21). Detecting these subclonal  
264 deletions is technically challenging with targeted NGS assays used for patient  
265 stratification in clinical practice or in clinical trials, particularly when studying primary  
266 tumour samples with low tumour content and degraded DNA.

267

268 Alterations in TP53 were common in diagnostic biopsies in this cohort. Moreover,  
269 several loss-of-function alterations of *TP53*, *RB1* and *PTEN* were detected in mCRPC  
270 biopsies but not in patient-matched, treatment-naïve, primary tumours. Concurrent loss  
271 of RB1 and TP53 function has been postulated to drive a phenotypic change associated  
272 with resistance to endocrine therapies(22, 23); additionally, TP53 mutations have been  
273 associated with more aggressive disease (24-26), which may in part explain why we are  
274 observing TP53 mutations more often than expected in primary prostate cancer in this  
275 cohort of patients who all had lethal forms of the disease, even if many presented as  
276 localized tumours.

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278 As precision medicine strategies are developed for prostate cancer patients, our findings  
279 become clinically-relevant. Firstly, our analyses indicate that *RB1* loss in the primary  
280 tumour associates with poor prognosis; these data confirm recently published results  
281 from two independent studies looking at genomics-clinical outcome correlations in  
282 metastatic samples (27, 28). In our series, DDR defects and particularly *BRC A2*  
283 mutations did not associate with shorter survival; however, most of these patients were  
284 enrolled into PARPi clinical trials; data from randomized trials has confirmed the  
285 improved outcome of patients with DDR defects receiving PARPi; this needs to be

286 taken into consideration when interpreting our results. Secondly, these data are critically  
287 important for designing precision medicine strategies: if DNA repair defects are already  
288 detectable in the primary tumour, there is a rationale for testing synthetic lethal strategies  
289 with PARP inhibitors or platinum, in metastatic hormone-naïve prostate cancer, where  
290 the magnitude of benefit for patients could be larger. These data also support the use of  
291 diagnostic prostate cancer biopsies for the patient stratification based on DNA repair  
292 gene defects in trials of men with mCRPC, as the prevalence of these alterations in  
293 primary tumours from patients with lethal prostate cancer was similar to what has been  
294 reported for metastatic disease, and in the small number of same-patient sample pairs  
295 available, DDR mutational status was concordant (29). Conversely, trials investigating  
296 novel therapeutic approaches in the TP53/RB1-deficient phenotype should take into  
297 account that a proportion of genomic aberrations in *TP53* and *RB1* are not detected  
298 when assessing diagnostic treatment-naïve primary tumour specimens.

299

300 The main limitation of our study comes from having only one biopsy core available per  
301 time point and patient; we therefore could not assess spatial tumour heterogeneity.

302 Primary prostate cancers can be multifocal, and previous studies have reported on inter-  
303 foci genomic heterogeneity(30, 31). We cannot rule out that in some cases the primary  
304 tumour sample may not represent the dominant tumour clone in the primary biopsy;  
305 hence, it is possible that some of the differences we observe in paired mCRPC biopsies  
306 may have not resulted from treatment-selective pressure but been in other areas of these  
307 primary tumours. However, genomic testing in clinical practice is largely based on the  
308 analyses of single biopsy cores. With the advent of novel imaging modalities, genomic  
309 stratification of prostate cancer could be improved by better identifying aggressive areas  
310 of prostate cancer in clinical diagnostic pathways (32, 33). Another key limitation is the



311 inability to pursue subclonality assessments using our clinically-oriented targeted  
312 sequencing assay. Hence, we cannot prove if some of the gene aberrations detected in  
313 the mCRPC biopsies, but not in the treatment-naïve samples, were already present at a  
314 subclonal level at the time of diagnosis. Regardless of whether these events emerge *de*  
315 *novo* or as a result of expansion of a subclone, the observed enrichment for certain  
316 alterations (such as *TP53* or *RBI*) in the post-treatment resistance samples supports the  
317 clinical relevance of such alterations.

318

319 In conclusion, this study describes the genomic landscape of primary prostate tumours  
320 that will evolve to lethal prostate cancer across a cohort of 470 cases, with this being  
321 characterized by higher frequencies of *TP53* and DNA repair gene aberrations.  
322 Significant differences in the detection of *AR*, *TP53*, *RBI* and *PTEN* alterations, but not  
323 of DNA repair genes, was observed when comparing same patient mCRPC and  
324 treatment-naïve biopsies. These data are important for the genomic stratification of  
325 primary prostate cancer to identify higher risk cases, support the use of primary prostate  
326 tumour biopsies for molecular stratification of metastatic hormone-naïve prostate cancer  
327 and provide a rational for the study of DNA repair-targeting therapies, including PARP  
328 inhibitors, in earlier stages of the disease.

329

## 330 **METHODS**

### 331 *Study design*

332 This analysis included all consecutive patients consented between March 2015 and  
333 December 2017 for molecular characterization of prostate cancer biopsies at The  
334 Institute of Cancer Research (London, UK). These studies involved either prostate  
335 tumour samples and/or newly acquired metastatic biopsies. We report here on all  
336 patients for whom a treatment-naïve primary prostate tumour sample was successfully  
337 sequenced. Primary tumour samples were retrieved from referring hospitals; in most  
338 cases, only one sample was made available for the study; if more than one sample from  
339 the primary tumour was available, the highest Gleason lesion was used. Additionally,  
340 metastatic biopsies in castrate-resistant conditions were pursued in consenting patients.

341

### 342 *Sample acquisition and processing*

343 All prostate cancer treatment-naïve and metastatic biopsy samples were centrally  
344 reviewed by a pathologist (D.N.R). DNA was extracted from formalin-fixed and  
345 paraffin embedded (FFPE) tumour blocks (average, 6 sections of 10mic each per  
346 sample) using the FFPE Tissue DNA kit (Qiagen). DNA was quantified with the Quant-  
347 iT high-sensitivity PicoGreen double-stranded DNA Assay Kit (Invitrogen). The  
348 Illumina FFPE QC kit (WG-321-1001) was used for DNA quality control tests  
349 according to the manufacturer's protocol as previously described (34). In brief,  
350 quantitative polymerase chain reaction (qPCR) was performed using 4ng of sample or  
351 control DNA and the average Cq (quantification cycle) was determined. The average Cq  
352 value for the control DNA was subtracted from the average Cq value of the samples to  
353 obtain a  $\Delta Cq$ . DNA samples with a  $\Delta Cq < 4$  were selected for sequencing; double  
354 amount of DNA was used for cases with  $\Delta Cq$  between 2-4.

355 *Sequencing and bioinformatic analyses*

356 Libraries for next-generation targeted sequencing were constructed using a customized  
357 panel (Generead DNaseq Mix-n-Match Panel v2; Qiagen) covering 6025 amplicons  
358 (398702 bp) across 113 genes used in (35) (Appendix). Libraries were run using the  
359 MiSeq Sequencer (Illumina). FASTQ files were generated using the Illumina MiSeq  
360 Reporter v2.5.1.3. Sequence alignment and mutation calling were performed using the  
361 Qiagen GeneRead Targeted Exon Enrichment Panel Data Analysis Portal  
362 (<https://ngsdataanalysis.qiagen.com>). Mutation calls were reviewed manually in IGV  
363 according to the standard operating procedure for somatic variant refinement of tumour  
364 sequencing data, following the principles described in (36). This manual review  
365 included assessing read strand quality, base quality, read balance and sequencing  
366 artefacts (high discrepancy regions, adjacent indels, multiple mismatches, start or end of  
367 amplicons. Mutation annotation was based on data from publically available databases  
368 (ClinVar, COSMIC, Human Genome Mutation Database, IARC TP53 Database),  
369 published literature and *in silico* prediction tools, and only deleterious mutations were  
370 included in the analysis.

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372 Copy number variations (CNV) in prostatic biopsies were assessed using CNVkit  
373 (v0.3.5, <https://github.com/etal/cnvkit>(37)), which we previously validated in an  
374 independent cohort of prostate cancer samples(7). The read depths of tumour samples  
375 were normalized and individually compared to a reference consisting of non-matched  
376 male germline DNA; the circular binary segmentation (CBS) algorithm was used to  
377 infer copy number segments. Quality estimation of the CNV was based on distribution  
378 of bin-level copy ratios within segments. Cases were excluded from the analysis if any  
379 of the following criteria were met: IQR>1, total reads<500000, <99.9% of reads on

380 target, <95% paired reads or single reads>0. Manual review of copy number calls for  
381 selected oncogenes and tumour suppressors was pursued, accounting for tumour  
382 content. Oncoprints and heatmaps representing mutations and copy number calls were  
383 generated using R and cBioportal OncoPrinter (38-40).

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385 Low-Pass Whole Genome Sequencing was performed on the mCRPC, and same  
386 patient, treatment-naïve, diagnostic, paired samples for copy-number profiling.  
387 Libraries were constructed using the NEBNext Ultra FS II DNA kit (NEB) according  
388 to the manufacturer's protocol. Samples were pooled and run on the NextSeq  
389 (Illumina) at 0.5X mean coverage, using the 300 cycles High Output V2.5 kit. BCL files  
390 were converted to FASTQ files using BCL2FASTQ v2.17. Sequence alignments were  
391 performed using Burrows-Wheeler Aligner (BWA mem v0.7.12) to the hg19 human  
392 genome build. Copy number analysis was performed using IchorCNA(41). In short,  
393 hg19 genomes (filtered centromeres) were divided into 500kb non-overlapping bins,  
394 and the abundance of the mapped reads was counted by HMMcopy Suite in each bin  
395 and predicted segments of CNAs. GC and mappability bias were corrected by loess  
396 regression and based on a panel of germline DNA sequencing from healthy donors. The  
397 maximum CNA detection was set to 20 copies.

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399 Raw sequencing data has been deposited at the European Nucleotide Archive with  
400 Accession number PRJEB32038. VCF files with mutation calls and CN values for the  
401 targeted sequencing data are available in the appendix.

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405 *Statistical considerations*

406 Descriptive statistics were used to summarize patient, and sample, characteristics data  
407 as well as mutation frequency. The prevalence of mutations was compared between  
408 cohorts using Fisher's exact test. The statistical analysis plan and the gene list to be  
409 analysed was designed prior to data collection. A Bonferroni correction was applied; p-  
410 values of <0.01 were considered statistically significant and all tests were two-sided  
411 unless otherwise specified.

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413 Additionally, exploratory associations between the pre-selected list of gene alterations  
414 and patient outcomes were tested in a subset of the study population (n=210) with  
415 available consent for clinical data collection (all at The Royal Marsden). Clinical data  
416 was captured retrospectively from electronic patient records. Time to ADT progression  
417 was defined from the date of starting ADT to start of first mCRPC therapy. Overall  
418 survival was defined as time from the date of diagnosis, date of metastatic disease and  
419 the date of CRPC to the date of death or last follow up. To account for variability  
420 between patients who were diagnosed with de-novo metastatic vs localized disease,  
421 survival data is presented from the first evidence of metastatic disease. Patients alive at  
422 the time of last follow up were censored. Association of genomic aberrations with  
423 survival are presented using Kaplan-Meier curves and log-rank test. All calculations  
424 were performed using STATA v15.1(Stata Corp,TX).

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426 *Study Approval*

427 The study included all patients with mCRPC who, between March 2015 and December  
428 2017 provided written consent to participate in one of two IRB-approved molecular  
429 characterization programs for prostate cancer: 1) an internal molecular characterization

430 study at The Royal Marsden Hospital (London, UK) and/or 2) a tumour next-generation  
431 sequencing (NGS) pre-screening study at 17 hospitals (Appendix) for the TOPARP-B  
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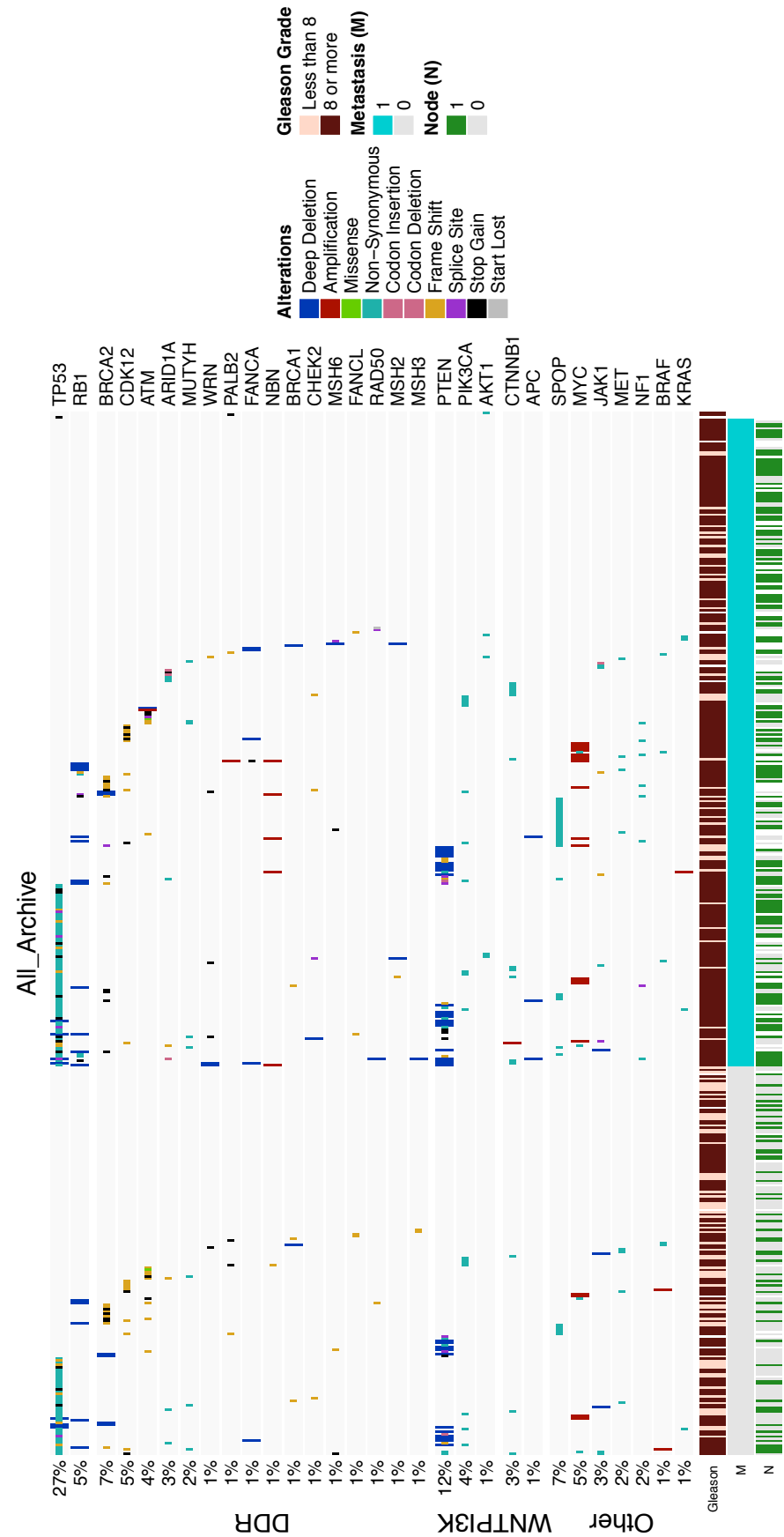
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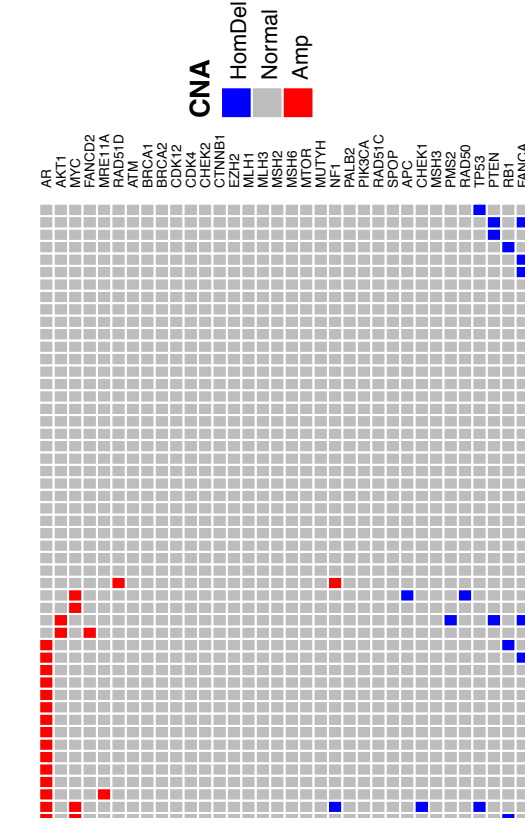
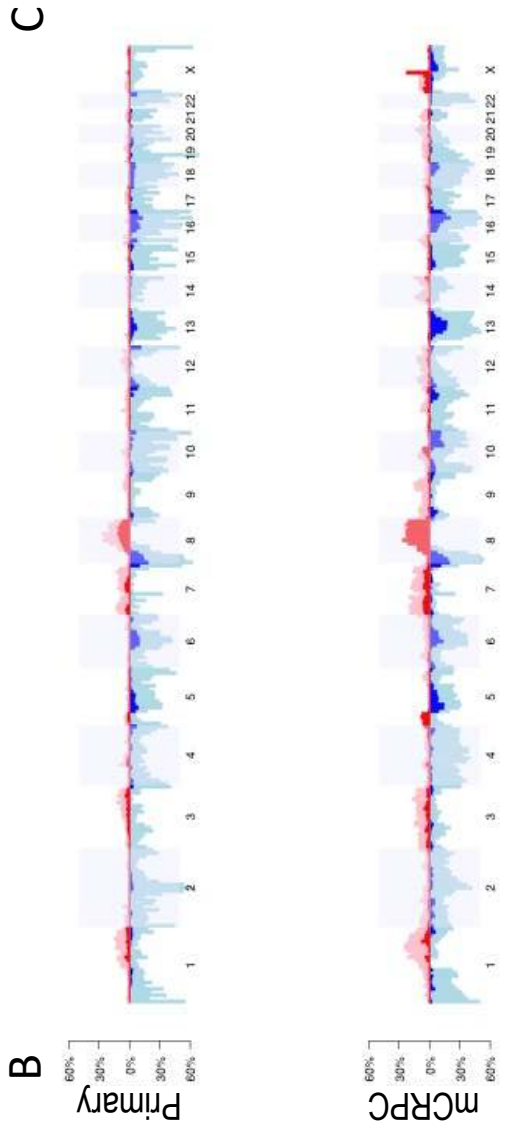
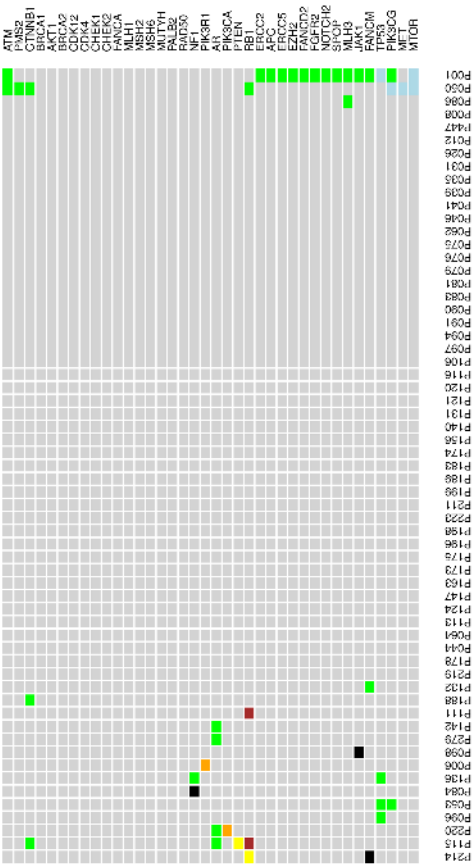
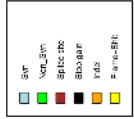
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460 in the Appendix.



461 **Figure 1.** Oncoprint of genomic aberrations (non-sense, indels, splice site mutations,  
 462 relevant missense mutations and copy number changes) for 470 untreated primary  
 463 prostate cancer biopsies from patients who later developed metastatic castration-  
 464 resistant disease.



465 **Figure 2.** Differences in genomic profiles between same patient, matched, primary  
466 untreated and mCRPC biopsies. A) Mutation calls in genes of interest for the mCRPC  
467 biopsies which were not present in the treatment-naïve primary tumour for the same  
468 patient (61 pairs, full gene set in Suppl Fig 6); B) Overall copy number profiles based  
469 on low-pass WGS (52 pairs); C) amplifications and deep deletions detected in the  
470 mCRPC biopsies and not present in the treatment-naïve primary tumours for the same  
471 patient (based on low-pass WGS, after adjusting for tumour purity and ploidy, and  
472 validated by SNP data from targeted panel sequencing).



474 **Table 1.** Population characteristics and sample disposition for the overall study  
 475 population (n=470)

<b>Metastatic disease at original diagnosis of prostate cancer</b>		
No (Cohort 1)	175	37.5%
Yes (Cohort 2)	292	62.5%
Not recorded	3	
<b>Gleason score primary tumour (overall population)</b>		
<7	15	3.3%
7	90	19.7%
8	85	18.6%
9	245	53.5%
10	23	5.0%
Gleason not recorded	12	
<b>Race</b>		
Caucasian	431	96.9%
African or african-american	7	1.6%
asian	4	0.9%
Caribbean	4	0.9%
Not recorded	25	
<b>Staging of patients in Cohort 1</b>		
T1	6	3.7%
T2	20	12.2%
T3	131	79.9%
T4	7	4.3%
N0	114	69.5%
N1	50	30.5%
T-N not recorded	11	
<b>Gleason score in Cohort 1</b>		
<7	11	6.5%
7	50	29.6%
8	28	16.6%
9	76	45.0%
10	4	2.4%
Not recorded	6	

476 **Table 2.** Comparison of cohort 1 in this study (patients with primary, non-metastatic at  
 477 diagnosis, prostate cancer) and the TCGA series for primary prostate cancers  
 478 (distribution of genomic events per Gleason score group are available in the Appendix).

Gene	Events considered	TCGA(N=333)	Cohort 1 (N=175)	p-value (Fisher exact test)
		N (%)	N (%)	
<i>AKT1</i>	Activating mutations	3 (0.9%)	0 (0%)	0.56
<i>ATM</i>	Loss-of-function mutations and deep deletions	20 (6%)	10 (6%)	1.00
<i>BRCA1</i>	Loss-of-function mutations and deep deletions	3 (1%)	3 (2%)	0.42
<i>BRCA2</i>	Loss-of-function mutations and deep deletions	10 (3%)	14 (8%)	0.015
<i>CDK12</i>	Loss-of-function mutations and deep deletions	7 (2%)	10 (6%)	0.04
<i>CTNNB1</i>	Activating mutations	7 (2%)	3 (2%)	1.00
<i>PIK3CA</i>	Activating mutations and copy number gains	7 (2%)	7 (4%)	0.26
<i>PTEN</i>	Loss-of-function mutations and deep deletions	57 (17%)	20 (11%)	0.09
<i>RBI</i>	Loss-of-function mutations and deep deletions	3 (1%)	6 (3%)	0.07
<i>SPOP</i>	Hotspot mutations	37 (11%)	5 (3%)	0.001
<i>TP53</i>	Loss-of-function mutations and deep deletions	27 (8%)	44 (25%)	<0.001

479 **Table 3. Association of gene defects with clinical outcome. Long-rank p-values are**  
 480 **presented unadjusted and adjusted for both Gleason score ( $\leq 7$  vs  $\geq 8$ ) and**  
 481 **presence/absence of metastatic disease at initial diagnosis.**

	Time to ADT progression			Overall Survival (from metastatic disease)		
	n	Median (Years)	Log-rank/Log-rank stratified p-values	n	Median (Years)	Log-rank/Log-rank stratified p-values
<b>Overall population</b>	202	1.17 (95%CI: 1.08-1.27)		203	4.28 (95%CI: 3.71-4.84)	
<b>Gene alteration</b>						
<i>TP53</i>	47	1.19 (95%CI: 1.00-1.67)	0.64/0.19	47	4.24 (95%CI: 3.06-5.00)	0.51/0.77
<i>PTEN</i>	23	1.58 (95%CI: 0.83-2.15)	0.09/0.06	22	3.78 (95%CI: 3.20-5.60)	0.38/0.48
<i>RB1</i>	13	1.17 (95%CI: 0.56-2.33)	0.89/0.79	13	2.32 (95%CI: 1.82-3.84)	0.006/0.004
<i>SPOP</i>	9	1.25 (95%CI: 0.50-2.23)	0.67/0.91	9	5.46 (95%CI: 2.07-NA)	0.63/0.47
<i>BRCA2</i>	15	0.92 (95%CI: 0.50-1.17)	0.39/0.36	15	3.84 (95%CI: 2.09-4.69)	0.25/0.13
<i>CDK12</i>	12	1.20 (95%CI: 0.58-2.82)	0.88/0.67	12	4.32 (95%CI: 2.44-NA)	0.39/0.24
<i>ATM</i>	11	1.07 (95%CI: 0.42-2.33)	0.44/0.32	10	4.73 (95%CI: 2.03-5.65)	0.98/0.77
<i>PIK3CA</i>	7	1.62 (95%CI: 0.58-2.41)	0.97/0.80	7	2.92 (95%CI: 1.02-NA)	0.14/0.24
<i>CTNNB1</i>	7	1.42 (95%CI: 0.50-2.00)	0.68/0.70	8	6.46 (95%CI: 2.53-NA)	0.22/0.27
<i>AKT1</i>	2	1.58 (95%CI: NA)	0.77/0.53	2	5.64 (95%CI: NA)	0.65/0.59
<i>BRCA1</i>	3	1.08 (95%CI: 0.42-NA)	0.66/0.62	3	2.31 (95%CI: NA)	0.07/0.17
<i>BRCA1/2 / ATM</i>	28	1.07 (95%CI: 0.83-1.21)	0.27/0.21	27	3.61 (95%CI 3.01-4.69)	0.17/0.15
<i>PIK3CA/ AKT1/PTEN</i>	32	1.59 (95%CI: 1.00-2.15)	0.11/0.05	31	4.11 (95%CI 3.20-5.60)	0.70/0.74

482 **Table 4.** Sample disposition for the patient-matched primary untreated and mCRPC  
 483 biopsies (n=61 cases with paired samples). Median time between the two same-patient  
 484 samples were taken was 45.2 months (range: 12 to 211 months)

		<b>n (total 61)</b>	<b>%</b>
Location Hormone-Naive Sample	Prostate	61	100
Location CRPC Sample	Bone	24	39.4%
	Lymph Node	22	36.17%
	Liver	4	6.6%
	Other	11	18.0%
Metastatic status at original diagnosis	M0	25	41.7%
	M1	35	58.3%
Treatments received between the two samples acquisition	Prostatectomy	10	16.4%
	Pelvic radiotherapy	27	44.3%
	Androgen deprivation therapy	61	100%
	First gen antiandrogen	41	67.2%
	Abiraterone acetate	34	55.7%
	Enzalutamide	33	54.1%
	Abiraterone and/or enzalutamide	55	90.2%
	Docetaxel	49	80.3%
	Cabazitaxel	20	32.8%
Radium-223	4	6.5%	
Lines of therapy for CRPC before mCRPC biopsy	Investigational agents	14	22.9%
	0	2	3.2%
	1	9	14.7%
	2	21	34.4%
	3 or more	29	47.5%

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