

### **Predicting Cancer Immunotherapy Response with Tumor Mutational Burden (TMB)**

Tumor Mutational Burden, or TMB, is a new, quantitative clinical marker that can help predict responses to certain cancer immunotherapies. Let's see how it works.

## Cancer Immunotherapy

Cancer immunotherapies have the potential to treat cancer by harnessing the power of our **own immune systems**.

But right now, only about 20-40% of people respond to this important new class of medicine.<sup>1,2</sup>









respond to cancer immunotherapies could save significant cost and precious time.

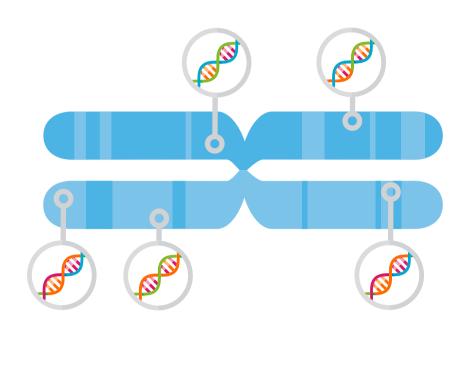
The ability to predict who is most likely to

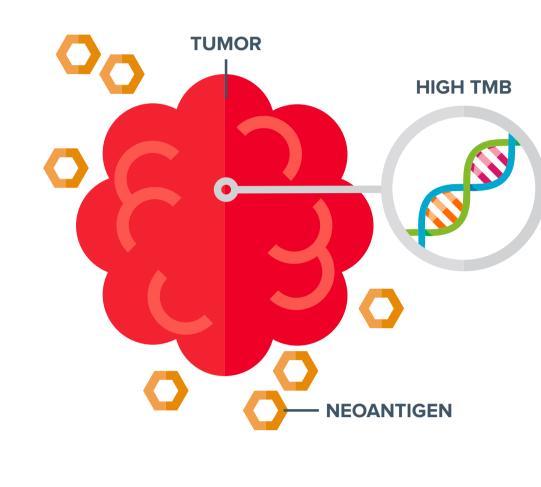
# A New, Quantitative Clinical Marker

**TOTAL NUMBER** 

Tumor Mutational Burden (TMB) is the

### OF MUTATIONS per coding area of a tumor genome.





HIGHER LEVELS OF NEOANTIGENS which help our immune system to recognize tumors.3,4

Higher TMB levels are correlated with

Measuring TMB

tumor by comprehensive genomic profiling.5

TMB can be measured by sequencing the genome of a



Traditional "hotspot" genomic testing may give an

incomplete view of the mutational landscape.



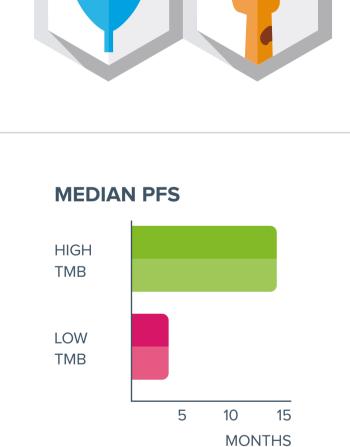
#### responses to FDA-approved cancer immunotherapies in lung cancer,

High TMB was associated with

bladder cancer, and melanoma.

High TMB can help predict



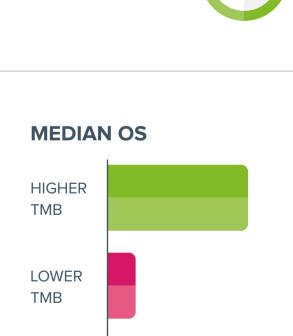




cancer compared to low TMB.6

**BETTER RESPONSES** to anti-PD-L1 immunotherapy.<sup>7</sup>

In bladder cancer, high TMB predicted



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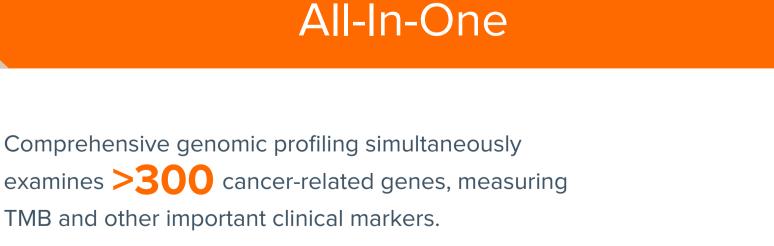
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overall survival (OS) in melanoma patients treated with anti-CTLA-4 immunotherapy compared to low TMB.8

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