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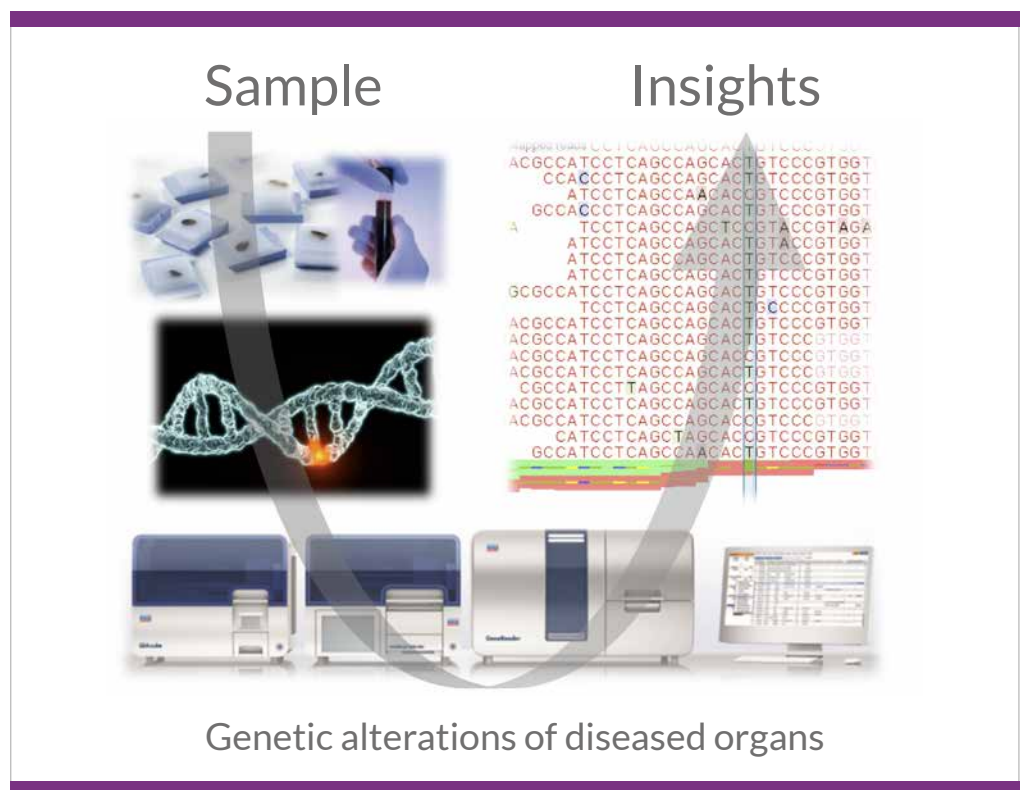


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# Next-Generation Sequencing (NGS)



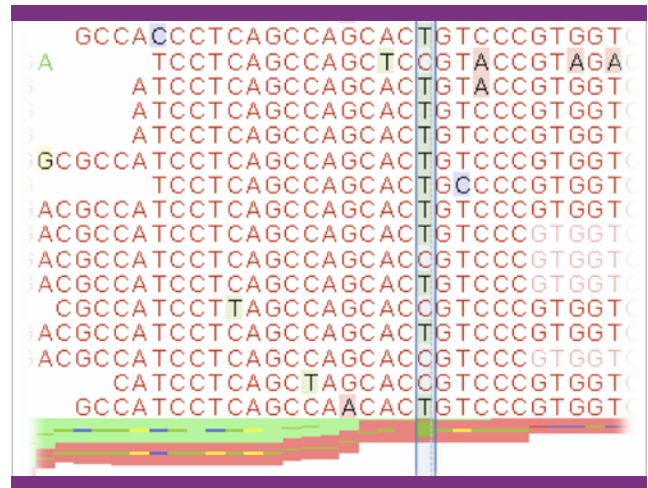
NGS provides powerful **insights into genetic mutations** and **molecular networks underlying disease** for a broad set of genes. NGS technologies will revolutionize a number of areas in clinical practice, including the **validation and analysis of sequencing-based biomarkers**, a tool increasingly relevant for diagnosis in multiple disease areas and for the selection and monitoring of **therapeutic treatments**.

We aim to **develop methodology** and complete **“Sample-to-Insight” workflows** for diagnostic NGS including the pre-analytical workflow steps such as sample collection, preservation, transport, storage and preparation as well as quality control of the samples.

Complete **standardized diagnostic** workflows from sample collection to NGS and final reports for physicians and patients will be a core prerequisite to exploiting the full potential of NGS and to successfully **introduce NGS-based biomarkers into clinical routine**.

## Our Expertise

- Experience in clinical and routine genetic sequencing analysis
- Excellent biospecimen quality according to relevant molecular diagnostics regulations e.g. ISO15189
- Participation in EU working groups regarding quality regulations for companion diagnostics



## Our Resources

- Qiagen GeneReader CBmed was the first partner worldwide to receive the GeneReader NGS System from QIAGEN. The GeneReader NGS system is the first complete Sample to Insight NGS solution allowing a seamlessly integrated workflow from sample preparation, quality control, sequencing, analysis and reporting.
- Close collaboration with the Institute of Pathology at the Medical University of Graz provides pathomorphological characterization of tissue samples, tissue sample quality control and access to complementary methodologies such as molecular diagnostics services and expression profiling.



QIAGEN GeneReader NGS System

## Current Projects

- Comparison of gene mutations in primary tumors, distant metastases and blood with the aim of validating biomarkers from liquid biopsies
- Patients cohorts (melanoma, lung cancer and colon cancer)
- Investigation of the mutational spectra of primary tumor, fcNA (free circulating nucleic acid) and metastases including prospective follow up studies.



Tissue and liquid biopsy