

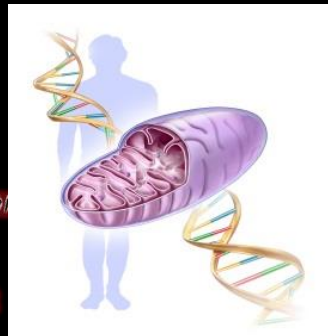
# Clinical and molecular genetics of Carney Triad and the dyad of GIST and PGL/PHEOS (Carney-Stratakis syndrome)



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# Carney Triad (OMIM #604287)

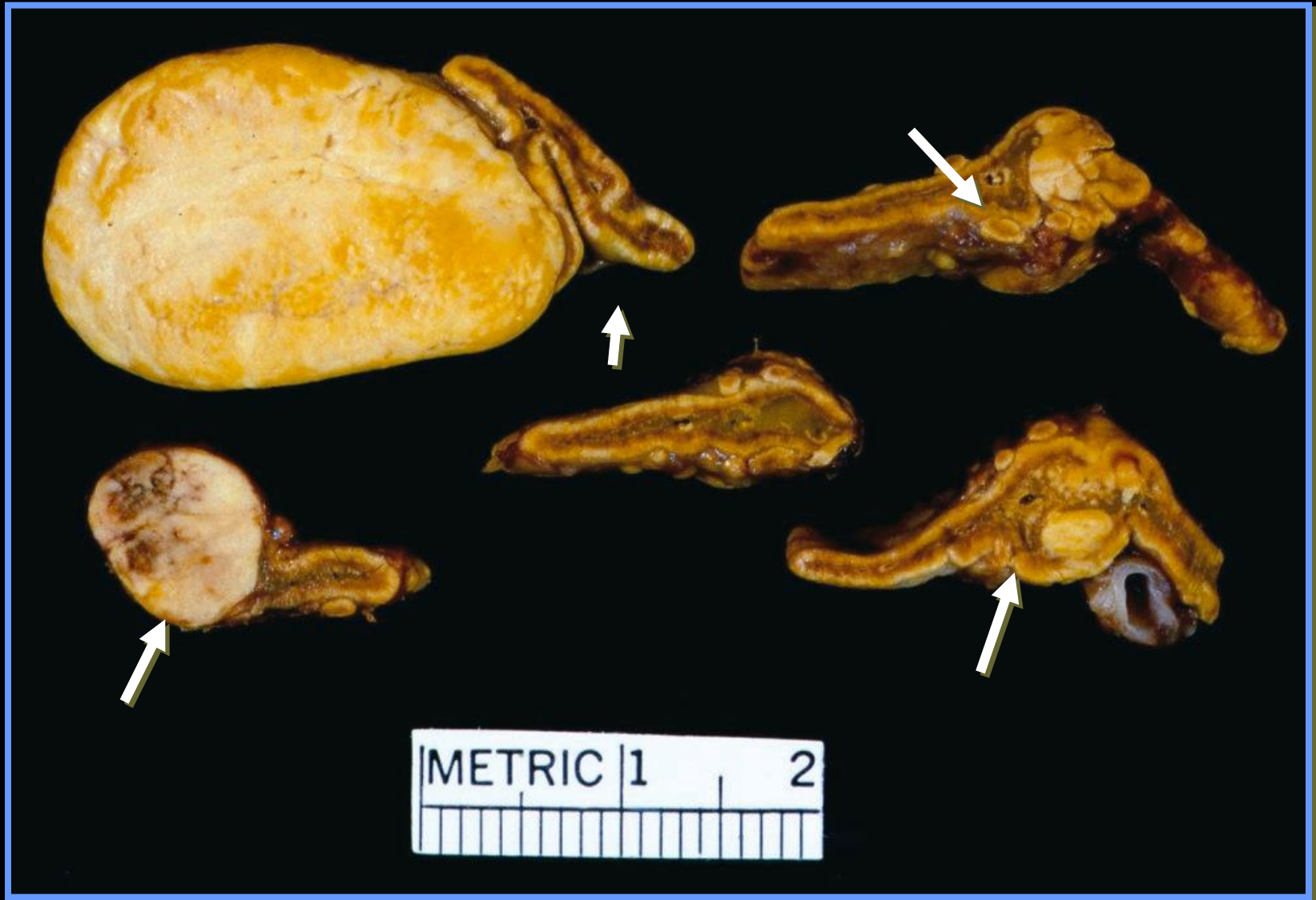
- Gastric stromal tumor (GIST)
- Pulmonary chondroma (PC)
- Paraganglioma (PGL)
- Pheochromocytoma (rarely)
- **Adrenocortical adenoma & hyperplasia**
- Hyperparathyroidism
- Thyroid tumors
- Pigmented lesions (lentigenes, nevi)
- Other hamartomatous lesions)



• Carney JA, Sheps SG, Go VLW, Gordon H. *N Engl. J. Med.* 296;1517-18, 1977

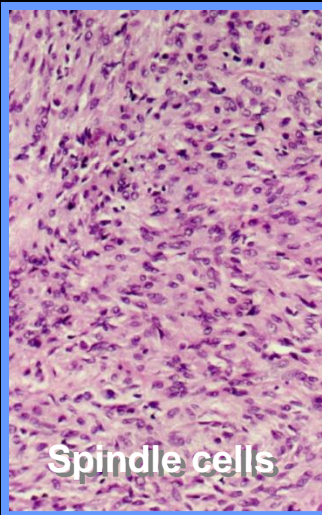
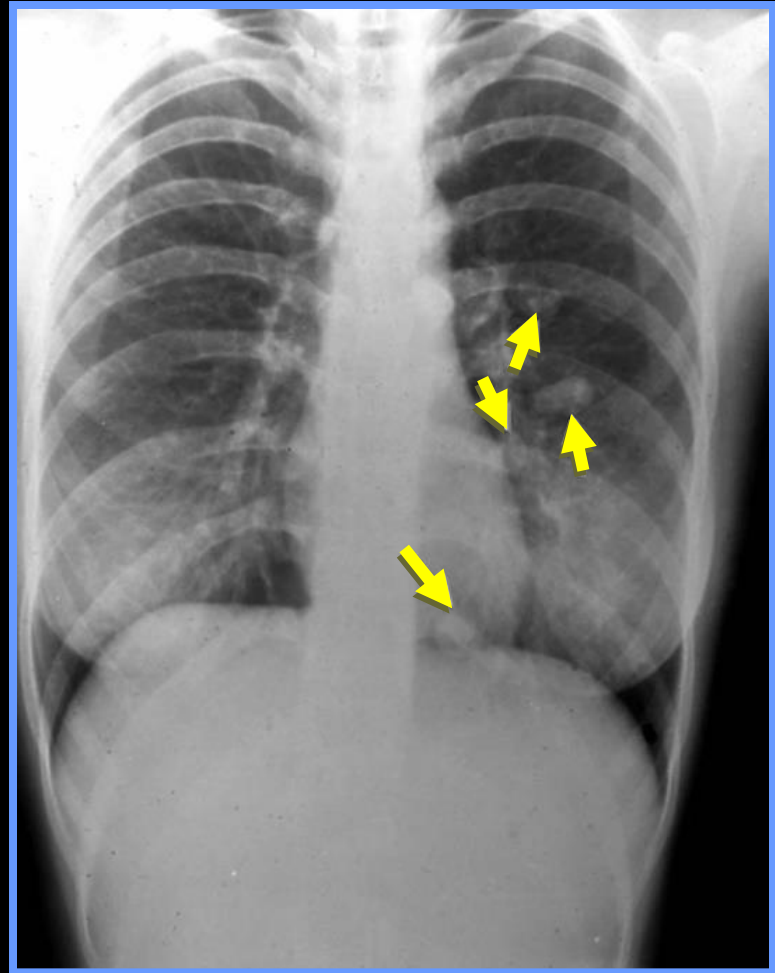
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# Genetic causes of adrenocortical tumors

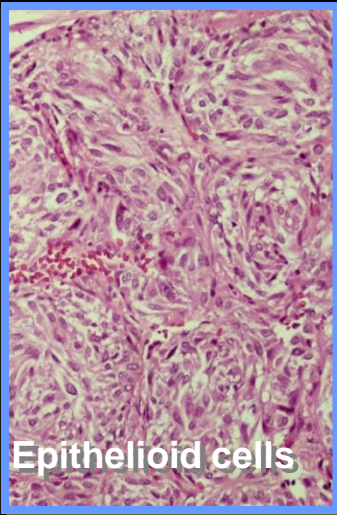




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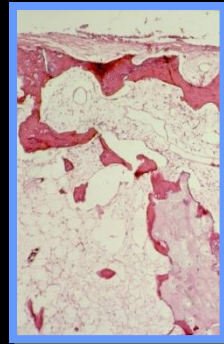


**Spindle cells**



**Epithelioid cells**

**Gastro-  
Intestinal  
tumors**



**Pulmonary  
Chondroma**

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## Aorticopulmonary Paraganglioma and Gastric Leiomyoblastoma in a Young Woman

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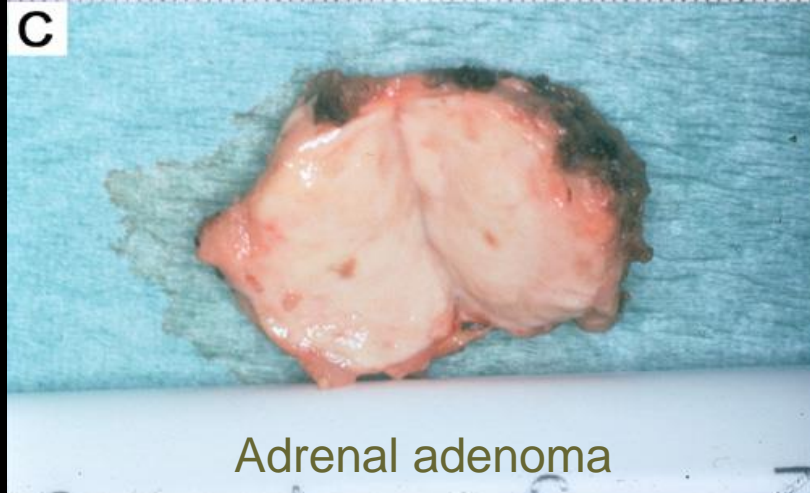
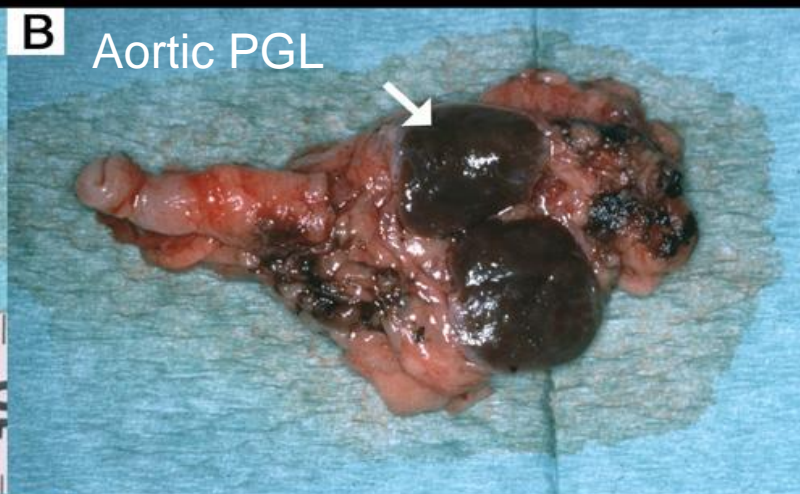
The 16th report of a patient with "Carney's triad" is presented. The triad consists of an extra-adrenal paraganglioma, gastric leiomyoblastomas and a pulmonary chondroma. The diagnosis is made by discovery of the presence of at least two of these individually rare tumors. The patient described is a 15 year old girl who presented with a pericardial effusion caused by an invasive mediastinal paraganglioma. She was subsequently found to have multiple gastric leiomyoblastomas. The leiomyoblastomas have been resected. The paraganglioma was unresectable, and the patient underwent sequential radiation therapy and chemotherapy without response. Concomitant 5-fluorouracil chemotherapy with radiation resulted in an objective regression of the tumor mass.



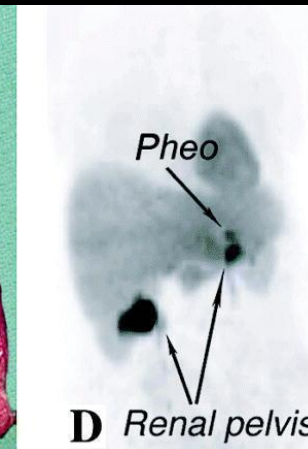
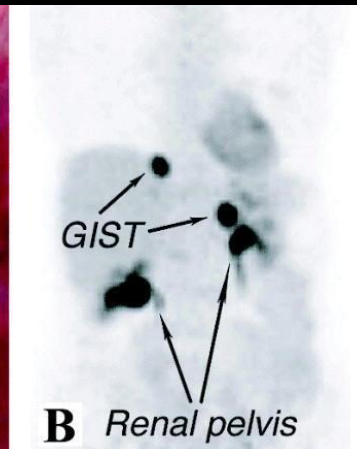
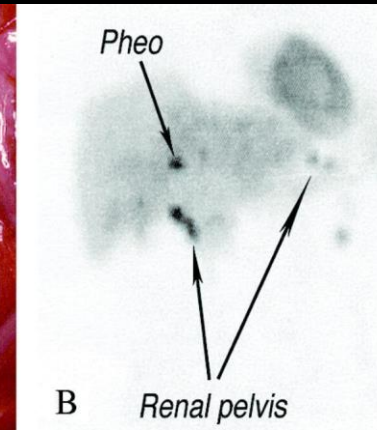
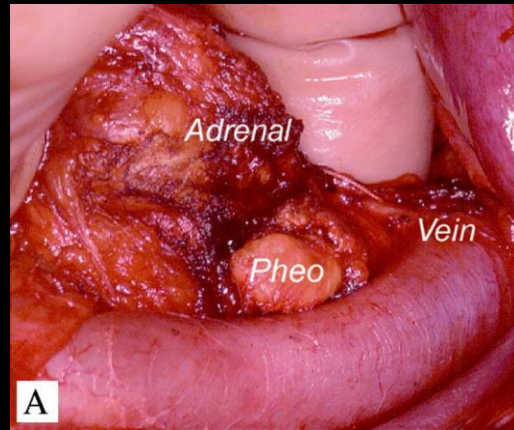
# Carney Triad (OMIM #604287)

- 79 non-familial cases
- 67 females
- 12 males
  
- 78% of patients had two tumors
- 22% had three tumors at presentation
  
- 53% of patients had gastric and pulmonary tumors; 13% had (mostly nonfunctioning) adrenal tumors; other lesions were present

Carney, J. A. Gastric stromal sarcoma, pulmonary chondroma, and extra-adrenal paraganglioma (Carney triad): natural history, adrenocortical component, and possible familial occurrence. *Mayo Clin. Proc.* 74: 543-552, 1999.



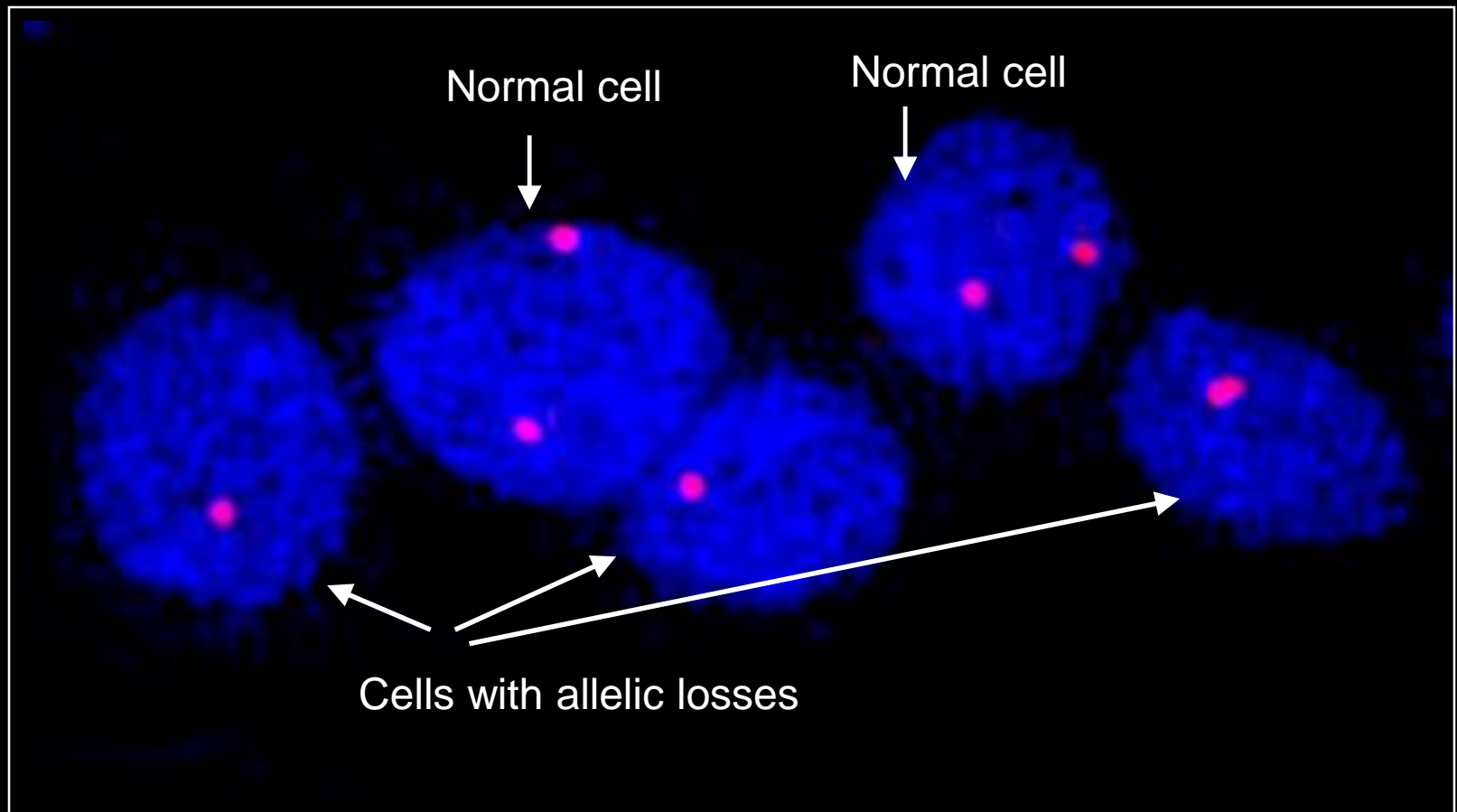
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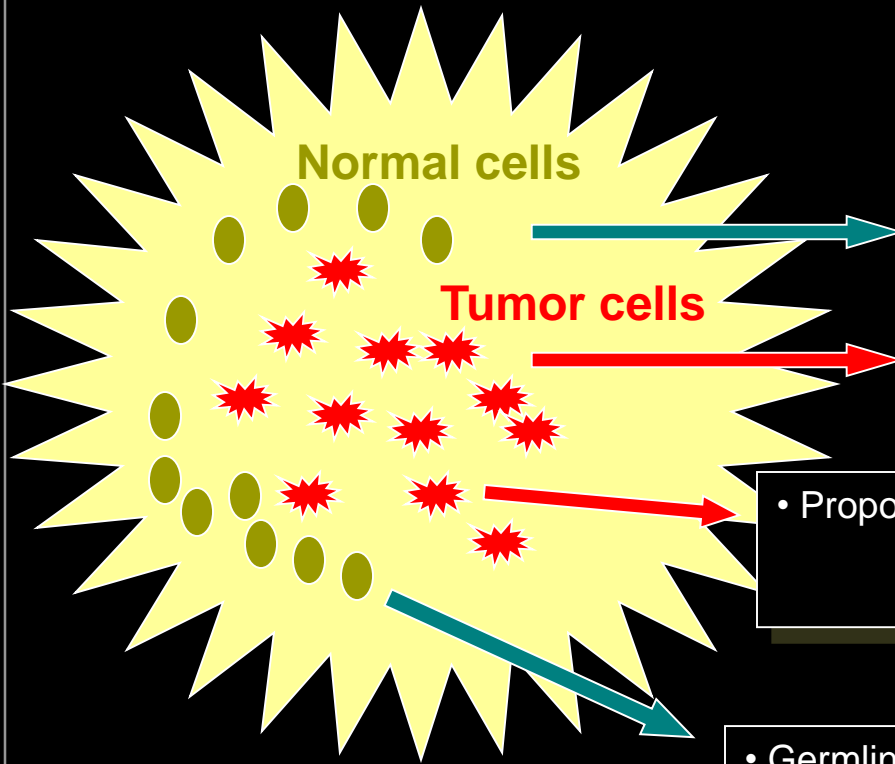
Although most patients present at a young age, late presentation is not unusual



Tumor specimens: the problem of admixture with normal cells:



**SOMATICs: The only program  
that can read both germline & somatic genetic information  
in a single heterogeneous tumor tissue sample**



- Detection of deletions and amplifications
  - Automated
  - Sensitive
  - Discrimination somatic/germline

- Proportion of cells with a somatic deletion or amplification:
  - Proportion of tumor cells in a tissue sample
  - Discrimination early/late somatic events

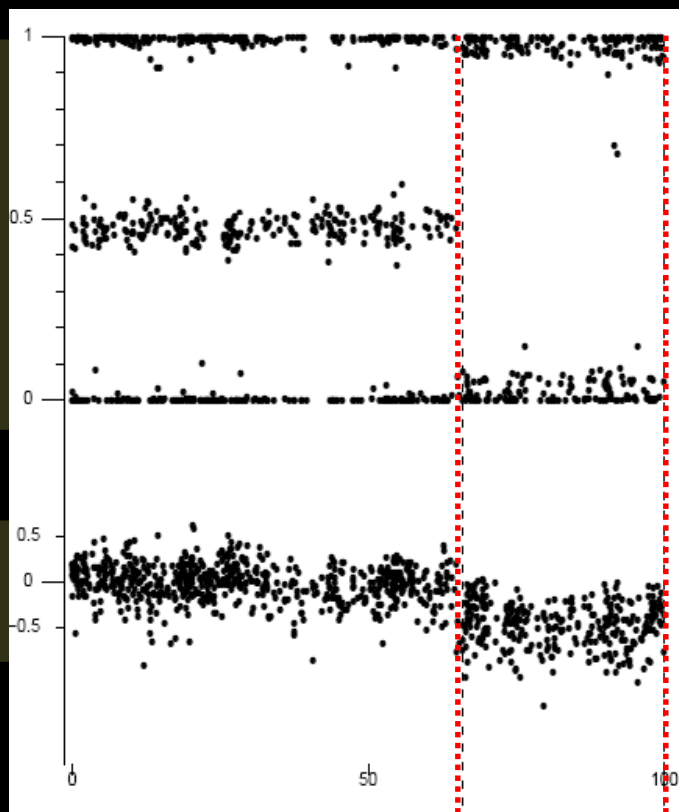
- Germline genotype

# Sensitive & automatic detection of somatic deletions

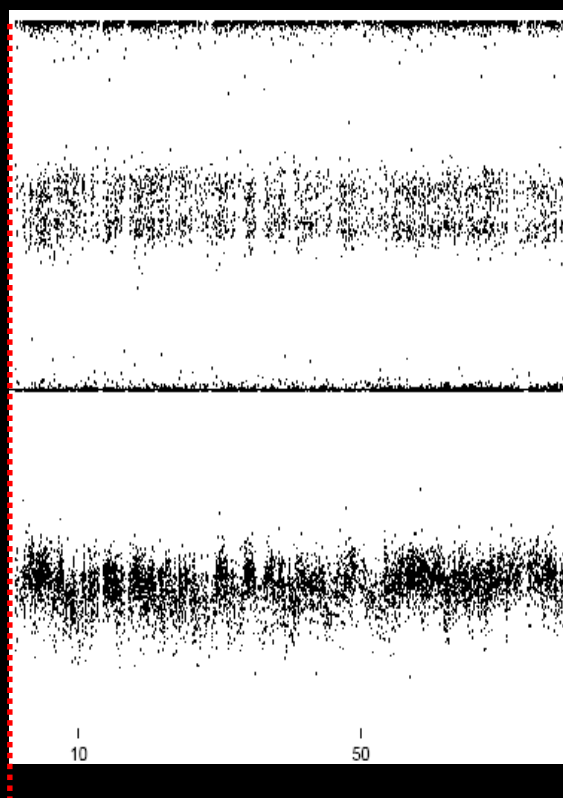
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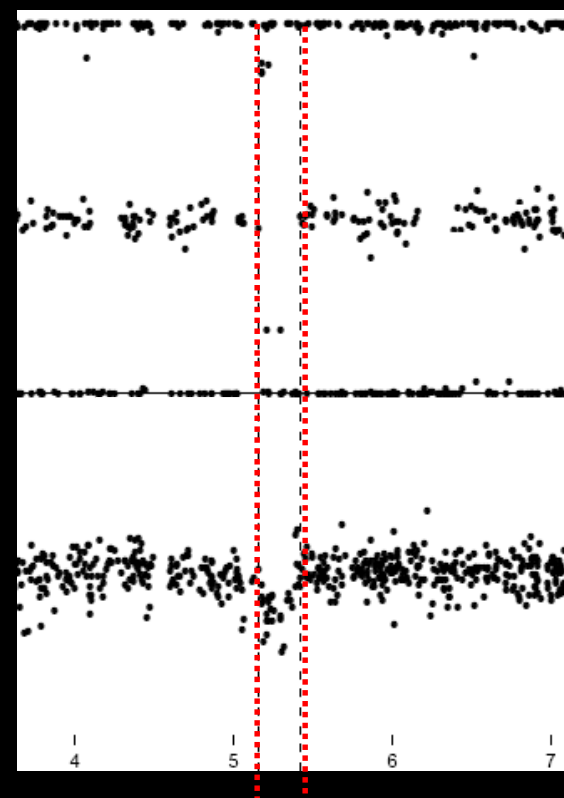
*Deletion in almost all cells*



*Deletion in very few cells*



*Small Deletion*



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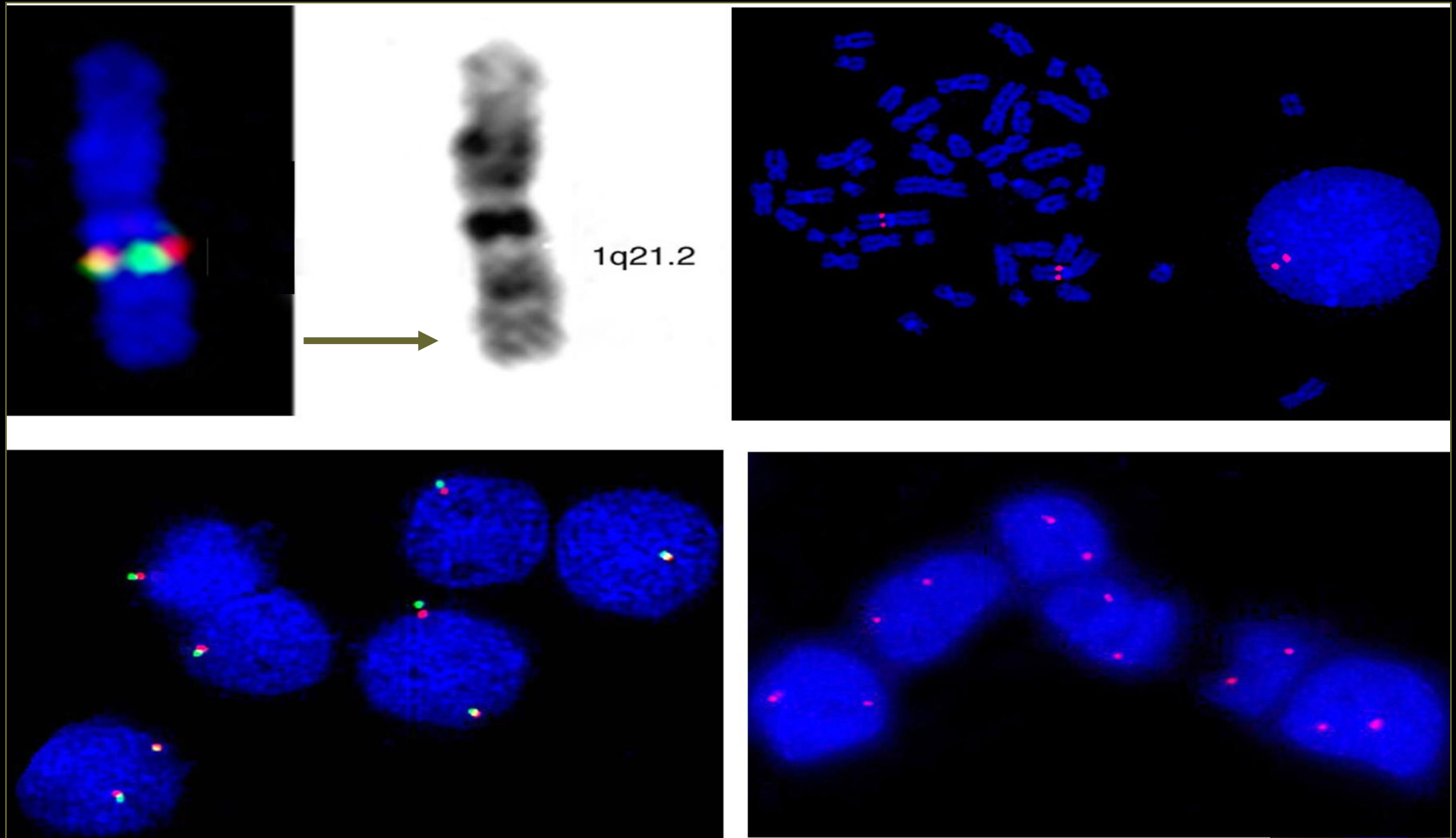
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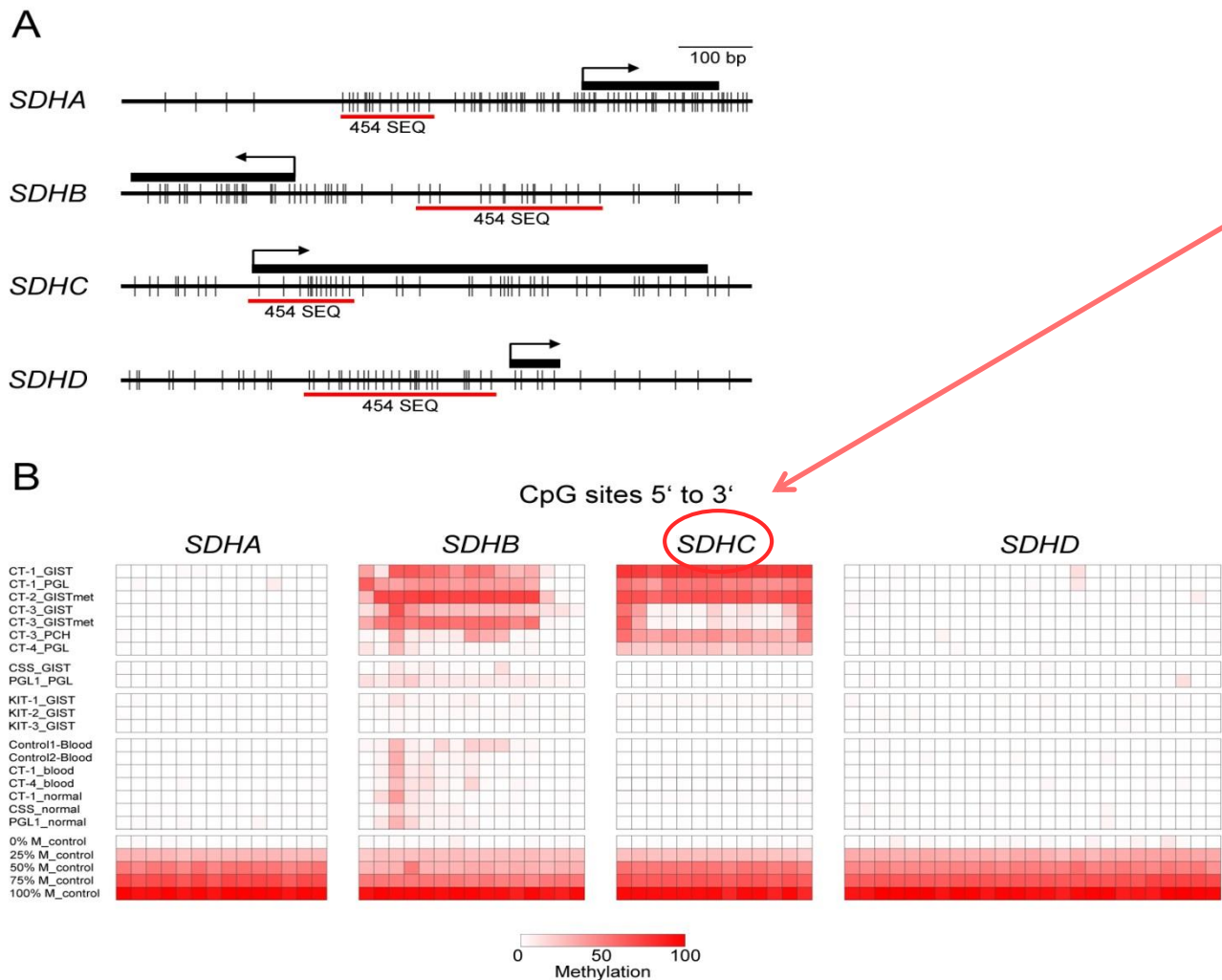
# Carney Triad: CGH studies pointed to Chrom 1



*Matyakhina et al.* Genetics of Carney triad: recurrent losses at **chromosome 1**, but lack of germline mutations in genes associated with paragangliomas and gastrointestinal stromal tumors. *J. Clin. Endocrinol. Metab.* 2007;92:2938-43

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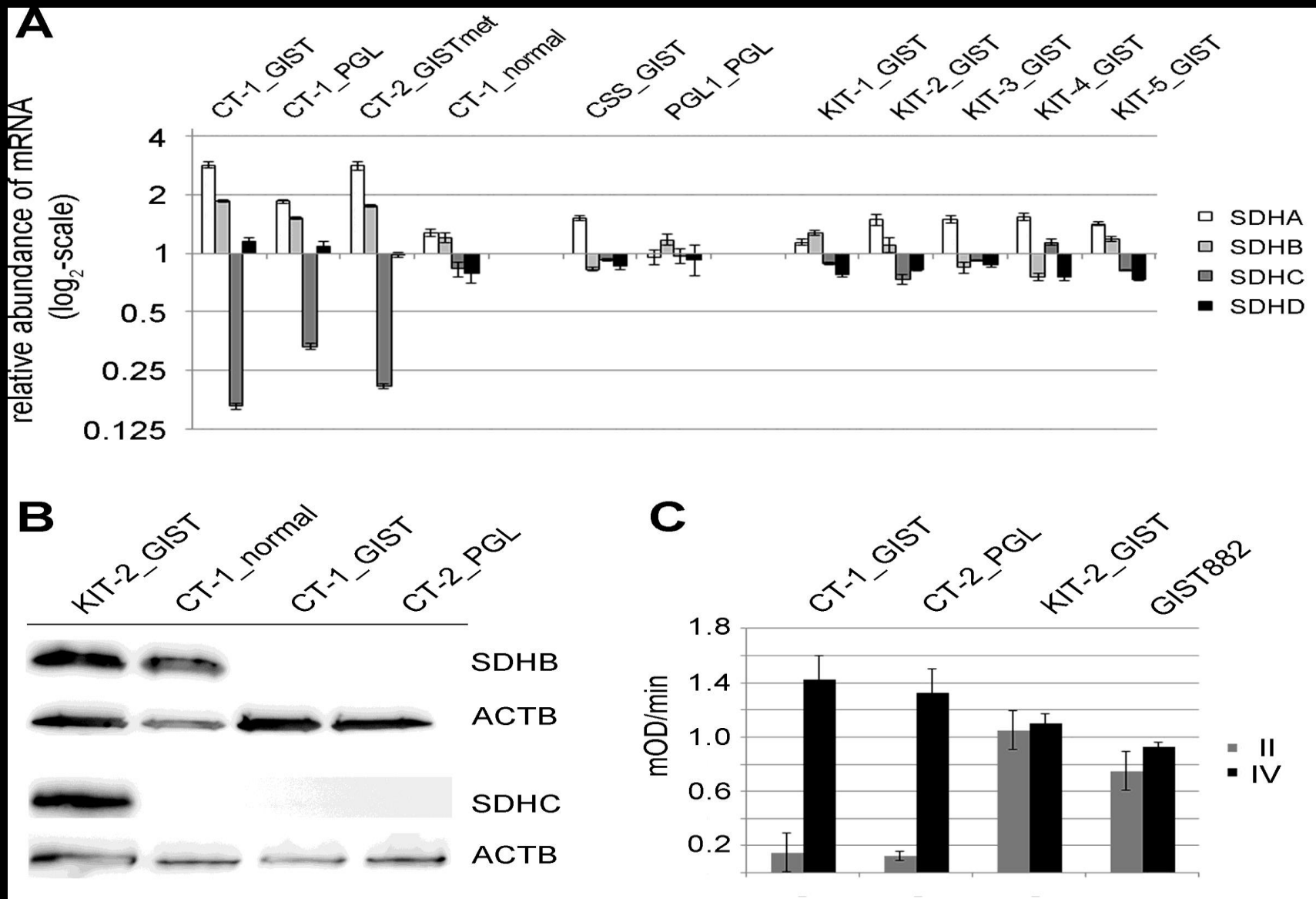
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*SDHC-specific  
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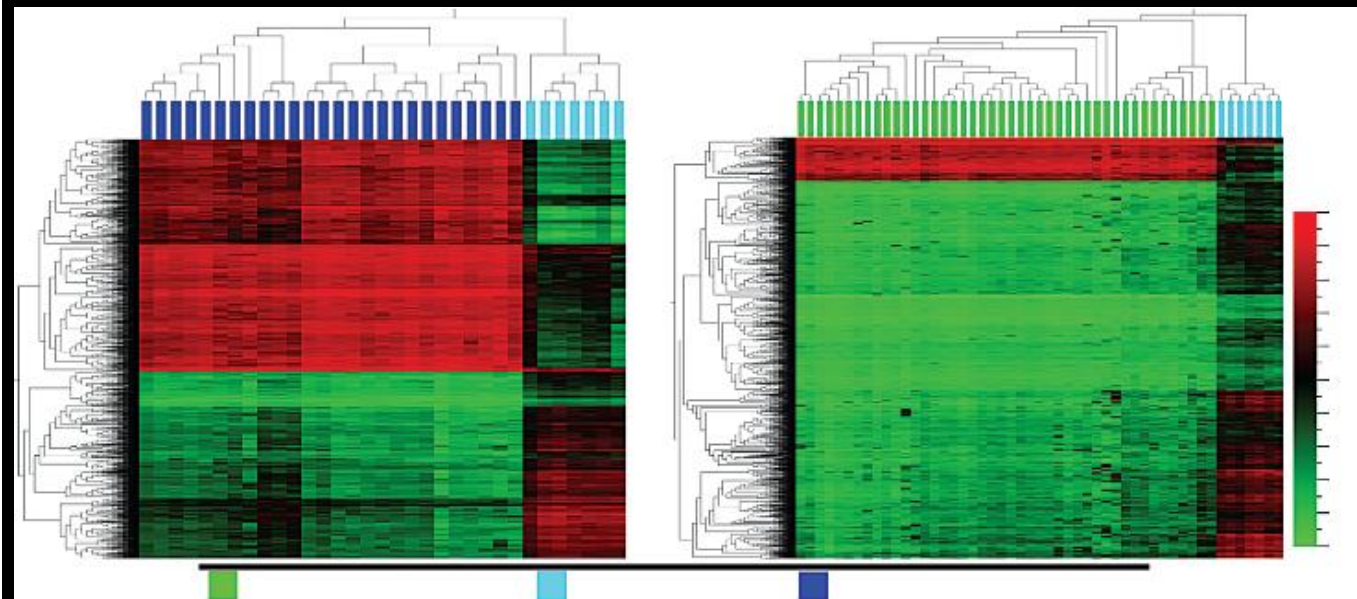
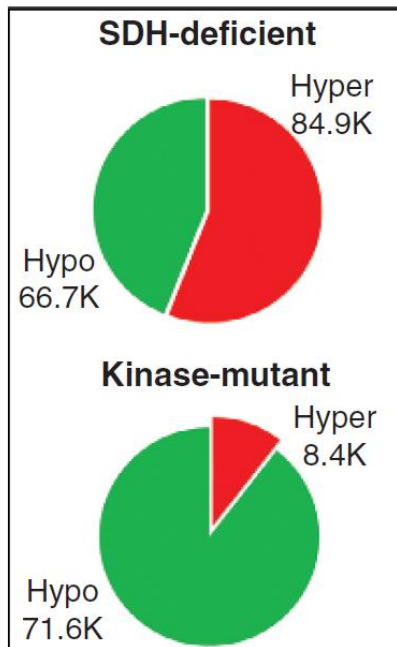
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Cancer Cell 23, 739–752, June 10, 2013

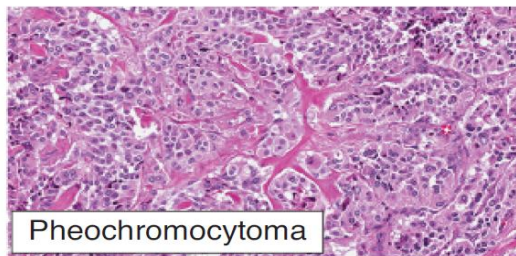
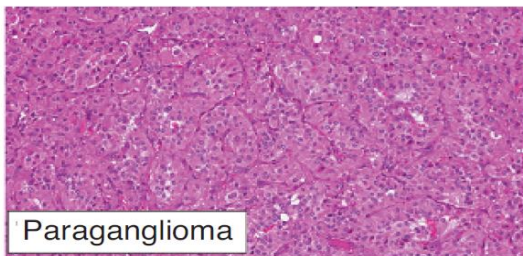
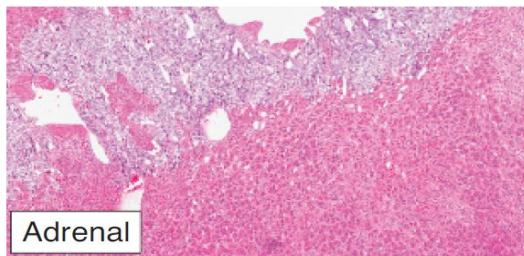
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## Succinate Dehydrogenase Mutation Underlies Global Epigenomic Divergence in Gastrointestinal Stromal Tumor

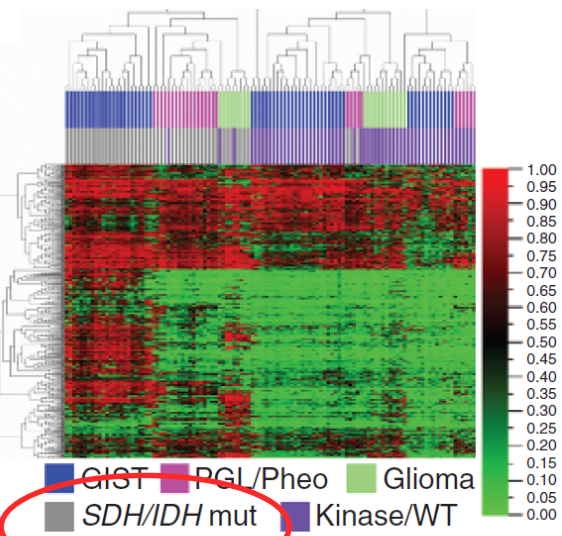
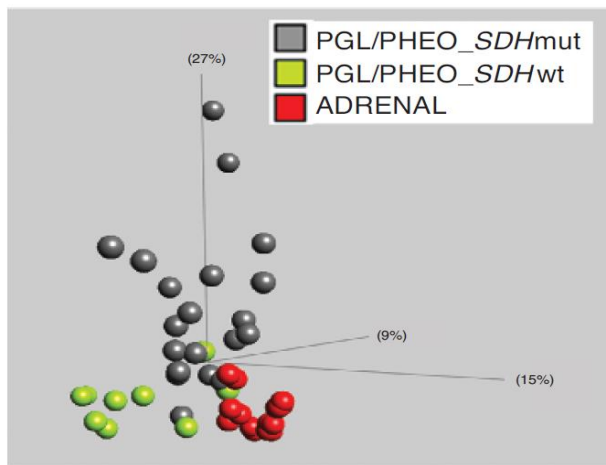
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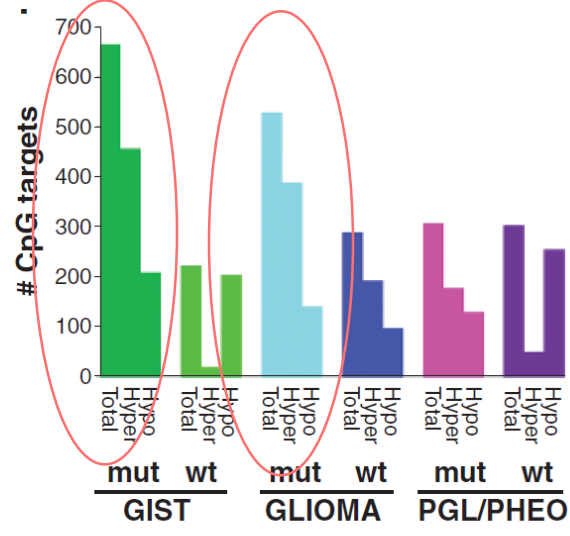
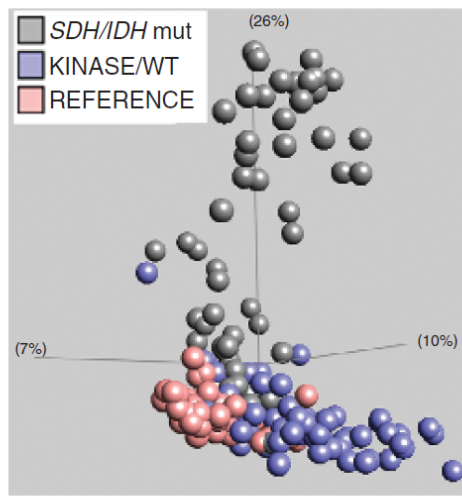
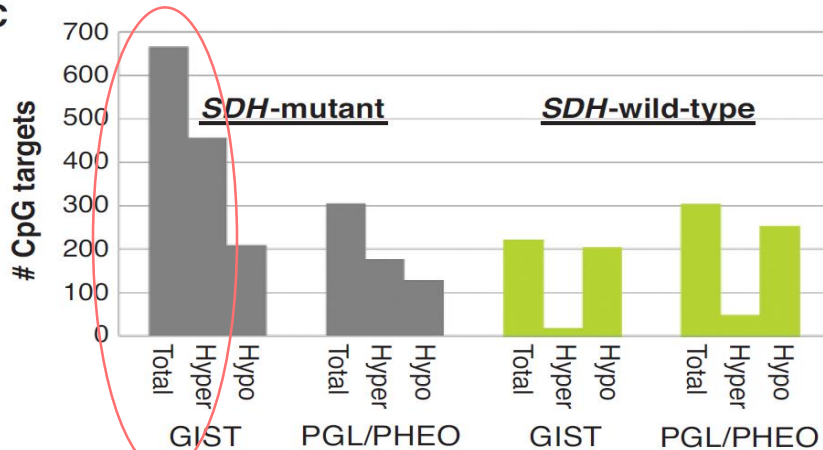
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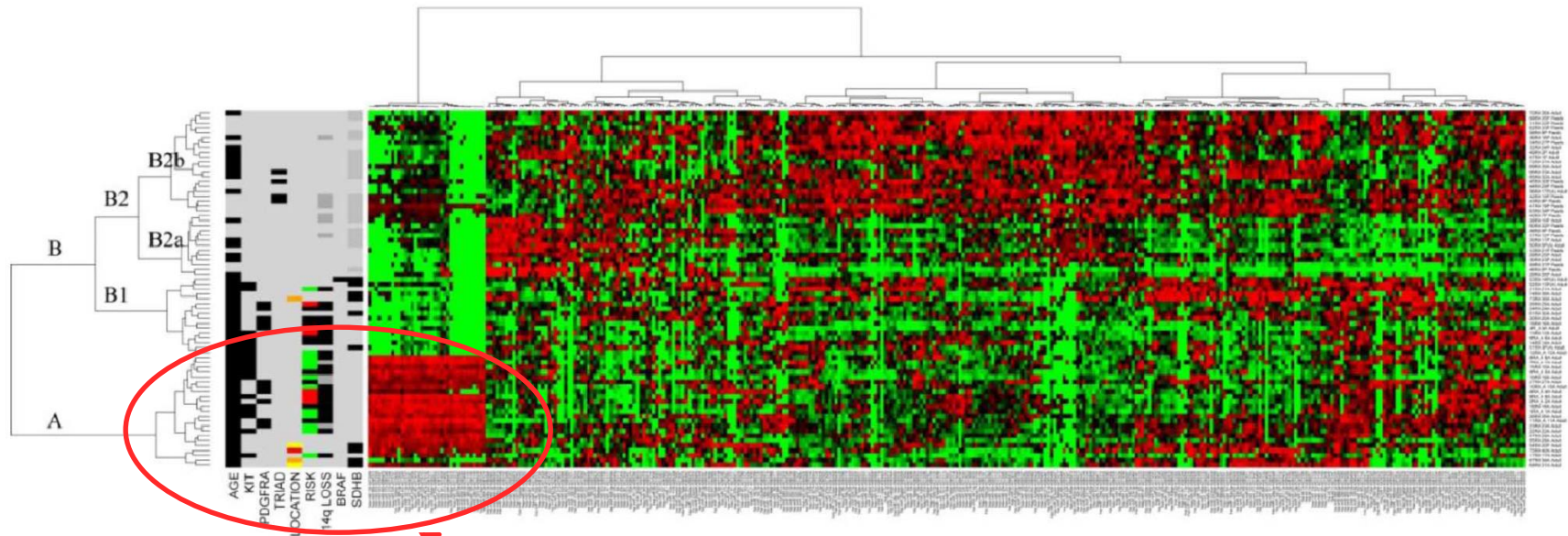




# Post-Transcriptional Dysregulation by miRNAs Is Implicated in the Pathogenesis of Gastrointestinal Stromal Tumor [GIST]

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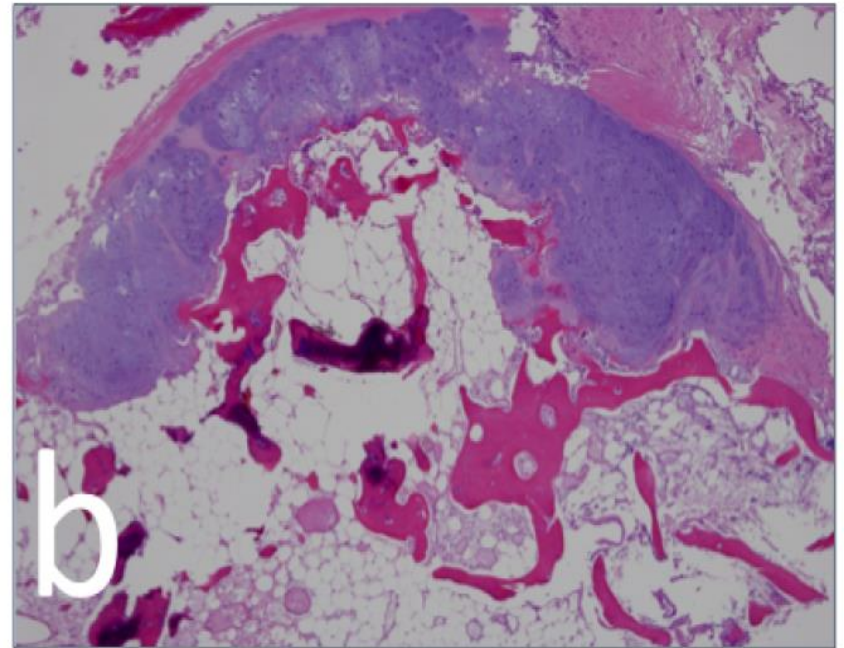
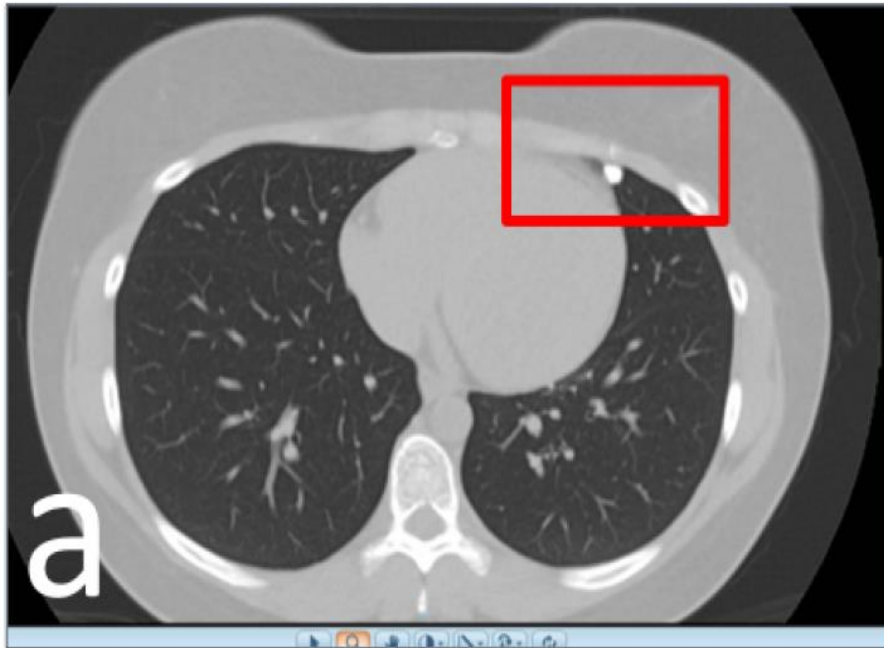


Strikingly different miRNA profiling for Carney Triad tumors

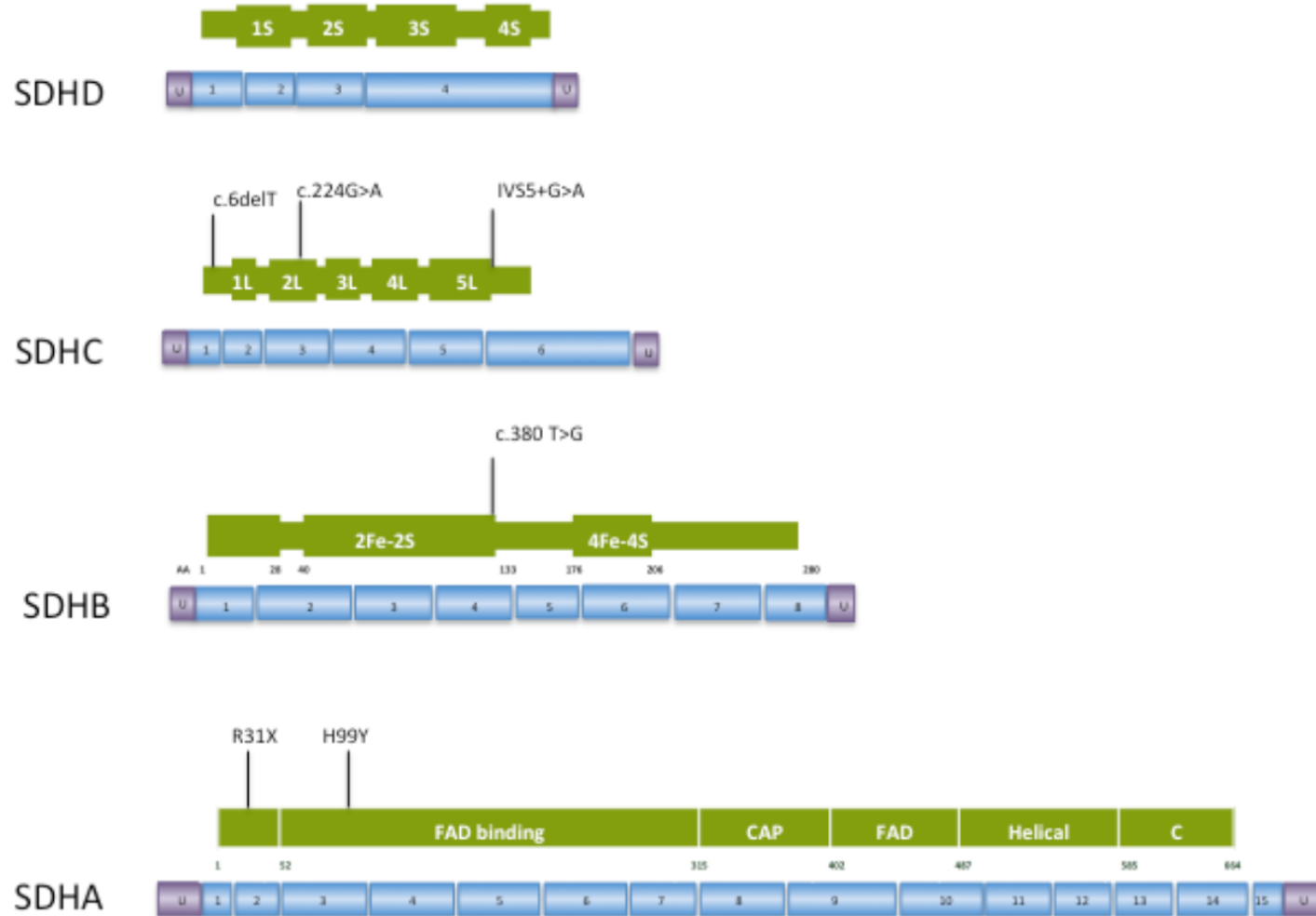
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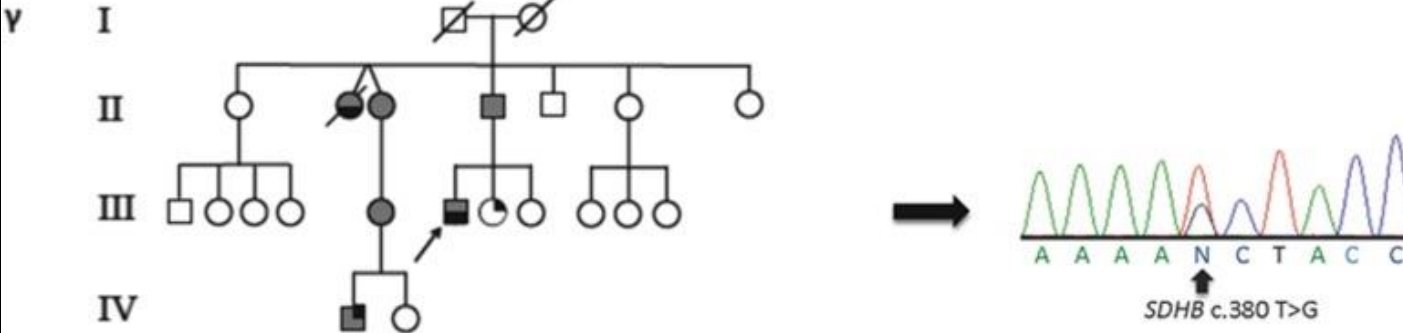
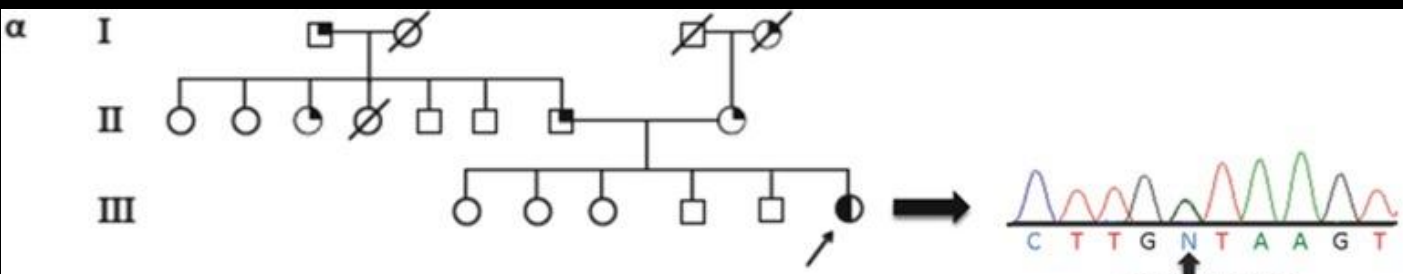
# Carney triad can be (rarely) associated with germline succinate dehydrogenase defects

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# SDH Germline mutations in Carney Triad Patients





- □ Female, Male
- ⊘ ⊘ Deceased
- ■ Obligate Carrier
- ◐ ◑ Mutation Carrier
- ◑ ◑ GIST
- ◑ ◑ Paraganglioma
- ◑ ◑ Pulmonary Chondroma
- ◑ ◑ Other Tumors
- ↗ Proband

Eur J Hum Genet.  
 2016  
 Apr;24(4):569-73

	Clinical Characteristics							Genetic Characteristics				
	Age at Diagnosis	Gender	GIST location	Paraganglioma	Chondroma	Other Tumors	Tumors in other family carriers	Carney Triad	Inheritance	Gene	Nucleotide	Type
CTR-NIH 12.03	13	Female	Stomach	No	Yes	No		Incomplete	No	SDHC	IVS5+G>A	Splice Type
CTR-NIH 602-03	20	Female	Stomach	No	Yes	Ganglioneuroma		Incomplete	No	SDHC	c.6delT	frameshift
CTR-NIH 593.01	28	Male	No GIST	Yes	Yes	No	Chondroma Paraganglioma Neuroblastoma	Incomplete	Yes	SDHB	c.380 T>G	Misense
CTR-NIH - ITA	20	Male	Stomach	Yes	Yes	No		Complete	No	SDHC	c.224G>A	Misense
CTR-NIH 808.01	11	Male	Stomach	No	Yes	No		Incomplete	No	SDHA	c.91 C>T	Stop Codon
CTR-NIH 72.02	21	Female	Stomach	No	Yes	No		Incomplete	No	SDHA	c.295>T	Misense

Patients were equally young when they presented (at the age of 21 years versus 23 years for the whole cohort), their tumors were not more or less aggressive, and they are all alive at the time of this publication. However, unlike the rest of the CTr patients who are overwhelmingly female, those with SDHx defects were disproportionately male (50% versus 8%,  $P < 0.05$ ) following the pattern of other diseases associated with SDHx mutations that typically have no gender predilection. The other interesting finding was the association with other neural crest tumors that have not previously been associated with CTr: ganglioneuroma in one patient with SDHC variation and NB in the nephew of another, in association with the same SDHB defect; in this family, no other patient had CTr: the obligate carriers had PGL or PHEO.

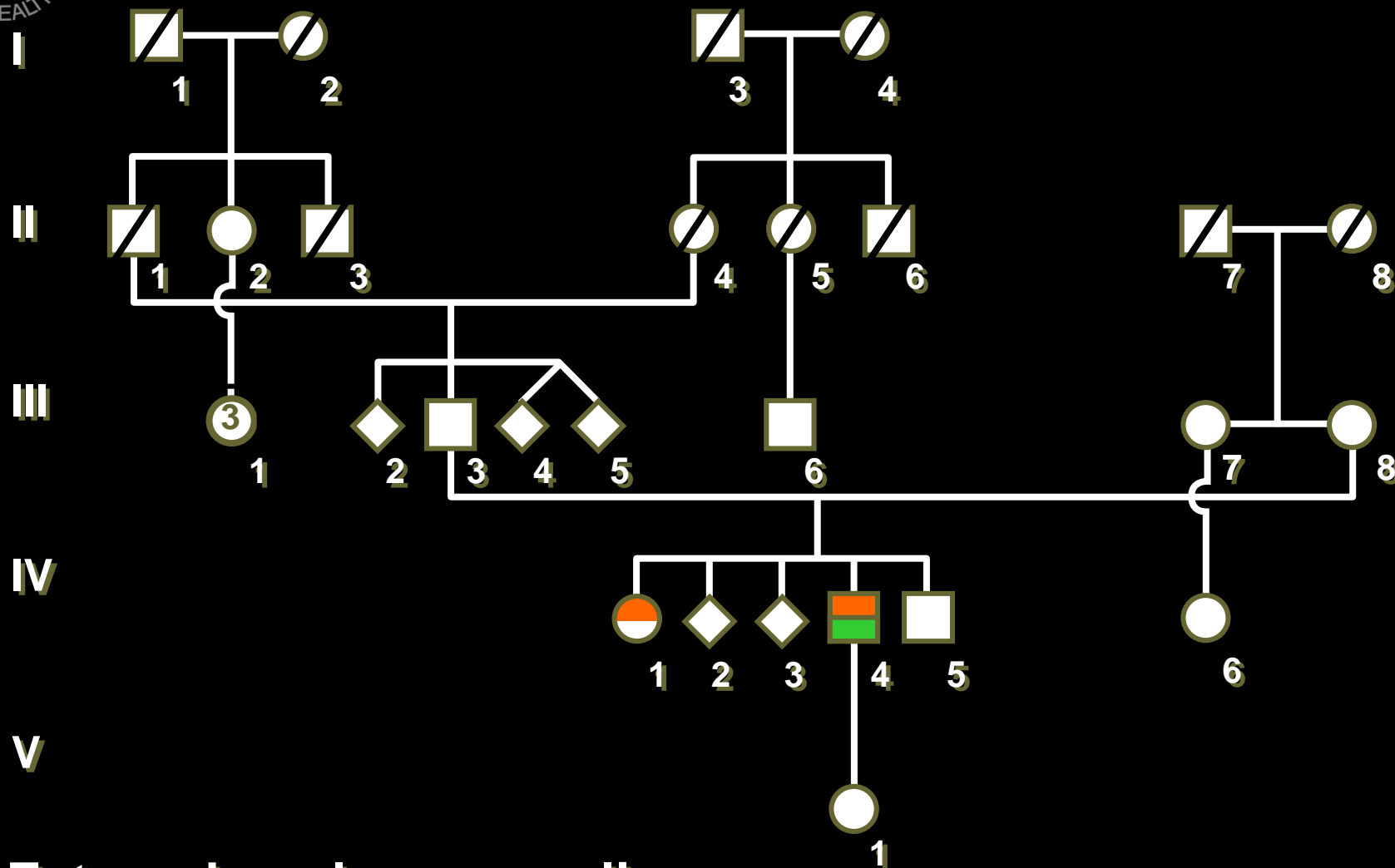
In other words, in accordance with all known CTr patients in whom the disease appears sporadically, even in these patients where SDHx mutations were present, CTr was never inherited in its full form.



## Update on Carney Triad (July 2018):

- Genome-wide studies using multiple tumor samples have not revealed THE gene (yet!) – but:
- There is a small number (less than 10%) of Carney Triad patients with SDHx germline mutations
- Somatic deletions and methylation of chromosome 1 areas (SDHB, SDHC) are found in up to 1/3 of tumors associated with Carney Triad
- *SHDC*-specific methylation is present in all tumors studied to date but not in normal tissues from patients with the Triad
- There is widespread methylation of the genome in Carney Triad samples, as in other SDHB-deficient (at the protein level) tumors and in IDH mutations
- The miRNA profile of Carney Triad tumors is similar to that of other SDHB-deficient tumors

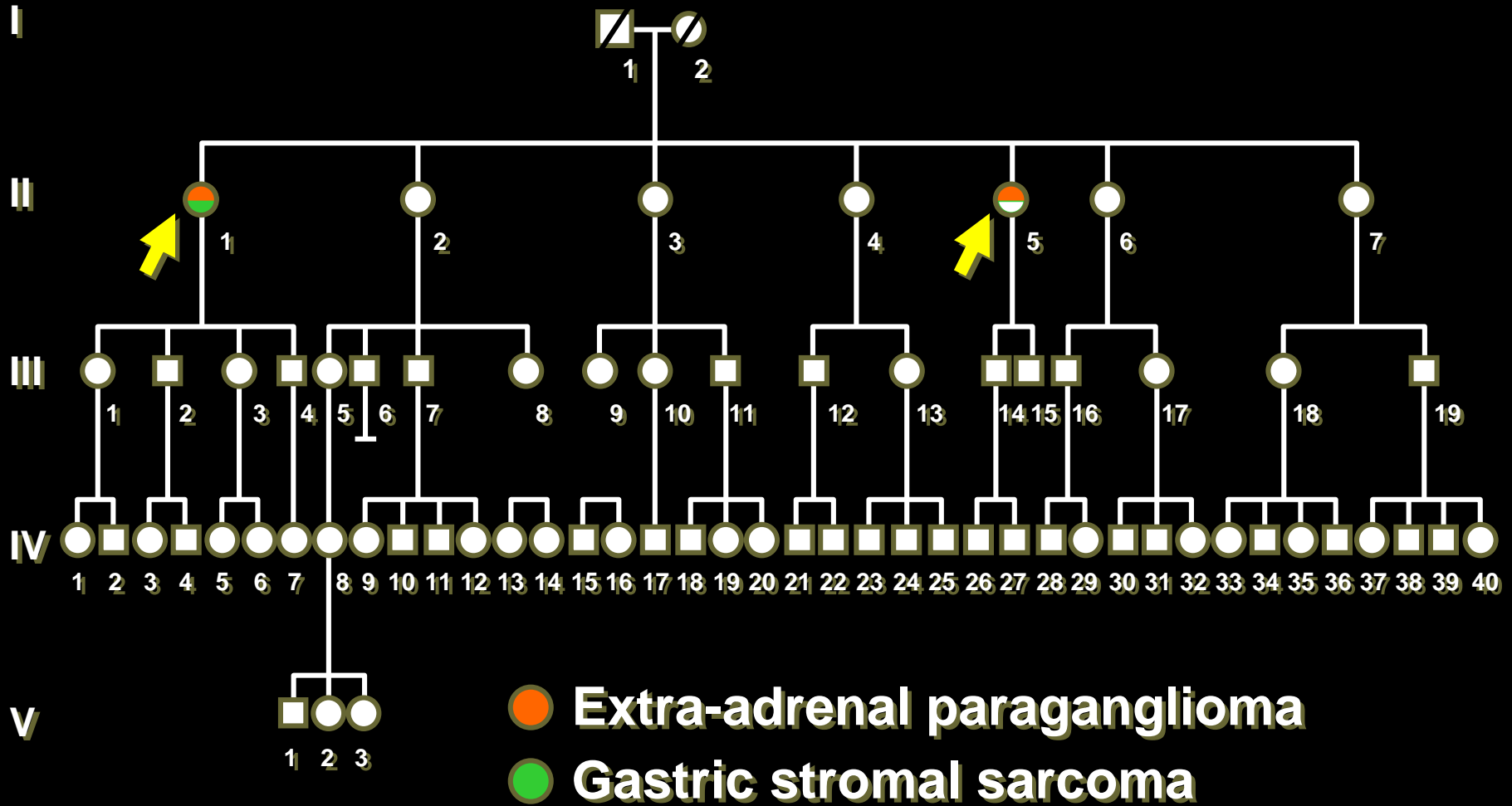
# Family 1



● Extra-adrenal paraganglioma

● Gastric stromal sarcoma

# Family 2





# Monozygotic twins at age 5



**LB alive with inoperable cervical paraganglioma  
and small adrenal nodule at age 55**

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## Familial Paraganglioma and Gastric Stromal Sarcoma: A New Syndrome Distinct From the Carney Triad

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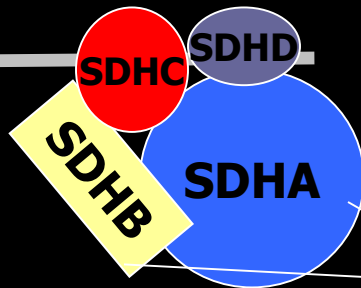
Paragangliomas may be inherited in an autosomal dominant manner either alone (as in PGL1, PGL2, and PGL3 syndromes) or as a component of a multiple tumor syndrome (as in von Hippel-Lindau disease and neurofibromatosis type 1). In this article, we describe 12 patients (7 male and 5 female) with an average age of 23 years from five unrelated families that manifested paraganglioma and gastric stromal sarcoma; the tumors were inherited in an apparent auto-

### INTRODUCTION

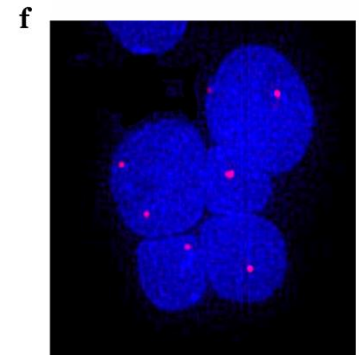
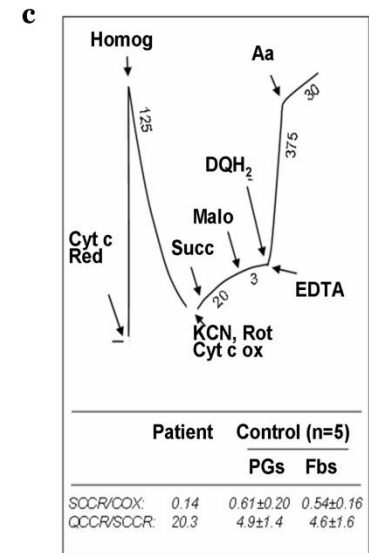
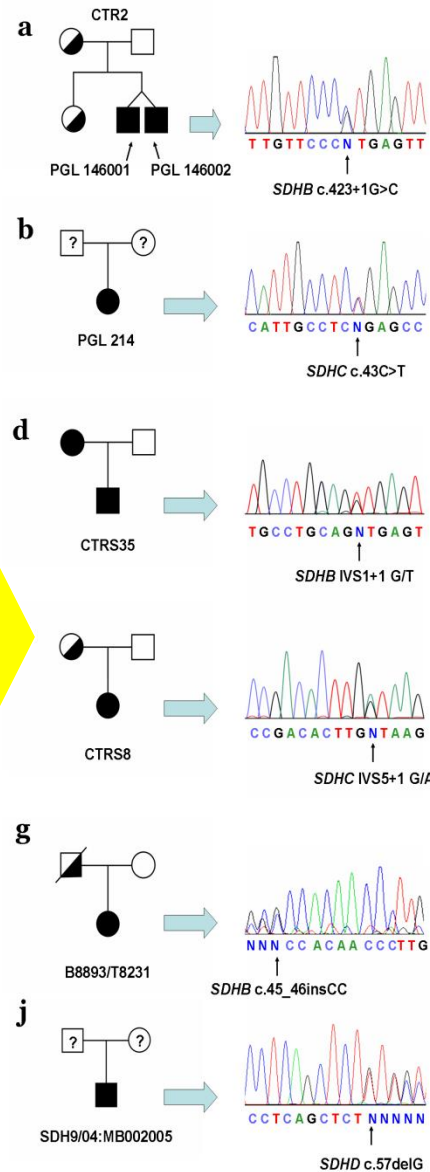
In 1977, Carney et al. [1977] reported the association of gastric leiomyosarcoma, functioning extra-adrenal paraganglioma, and pulmonary chondroma in two patients and two of the three tumors in five other patients, all unrelated young females. The pattern and age of tumor occurrence—multifocal lesions in multiple organs in young patients—suggested a heritable disorder. The association was subsequently referred to as the Carney triad [Grace et al., 1981; OMIM, 2001, #604287].

Patients with the **dyad of paragangliomas and gastric stromal sarcomas** have mutations in succinate dehydrogenase subunit genes (SDHB, -C, -D)

McWhinney SR, Pasini B & Stratakis CA.  
*N Engl J Med.* 2007;357:1054-6



Succinate dehydrogenase catalytic activity



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# Defects in succinate dehydrogenase in gastrointestinal stromal tumors lacking *KIT* and *PDGFRA* mutations

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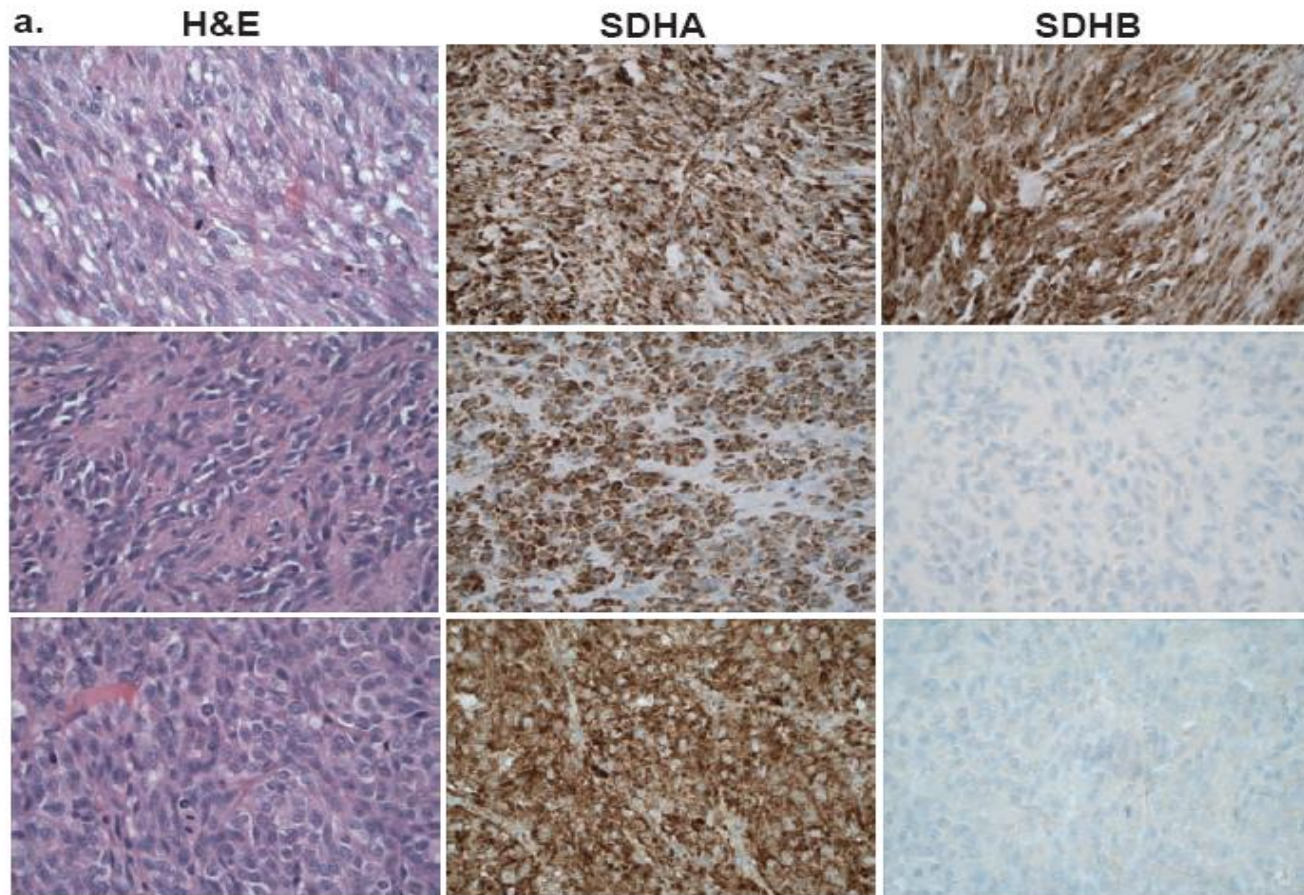
- *SDHB*, *-C*, *-D* mutations are present in ~12% of patients with WT-GISTs with no personal or family history of PGL.
- *SDHx* mutations identify a category of GISTs with an oncogenic mechanism distinct from increasing c-KIT activity
- *SDHB* immunohistochemistry and functional enzymatic assays show *SDHx* mutations lead to defects in mitochondrial oxidation and cell respiration

[www.pediatricgist.cancer.gov/](http://www.pediatricgist.cancer.gov/)

# SDHx Defects in GISTs: [Janeway et al. PNAS 2011]

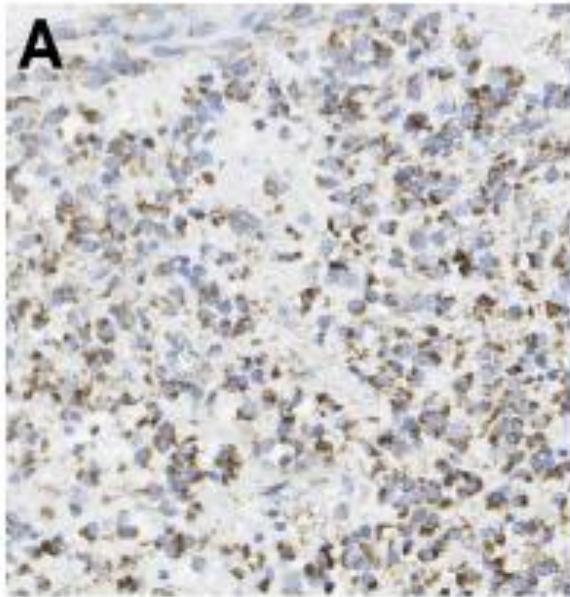
## The NIH GIST clinic data (2008-2011)

Sporadic KIT and PDGFA- $\alpha$ -negative GIST is almost always SDHB-negative

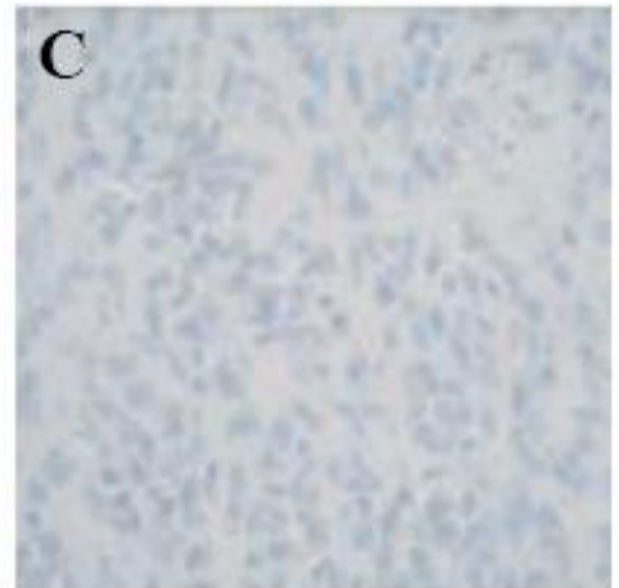
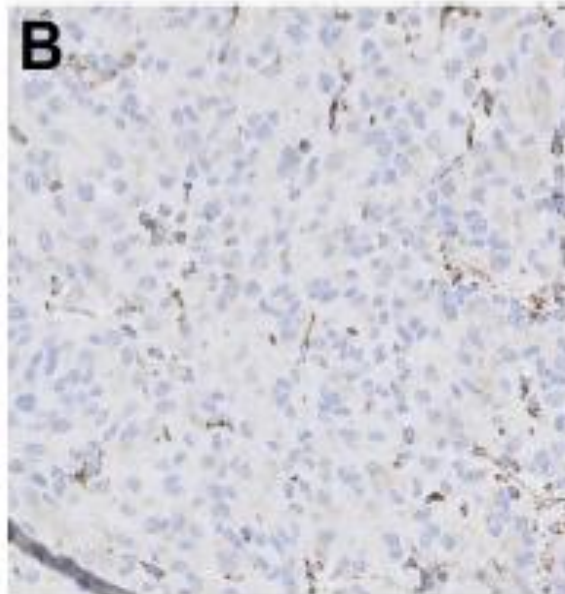


## SDHB immunohistochemistry: a useful tool in the diagnosis of Carney–Stratakis and Carney triad gastrointestinal stromal tumors

*KIT* mutant GIST



'wild-type' GIST



# Molecular Subtypes of *KIT/PDGFR*A Wild-Type Gastrointestinal Stromal Tumors *JAMA Oncol.* 2016;2(7):922-928 A Report From the National Institutes of Health Gastrointestinal Stromal Tumor Clinic

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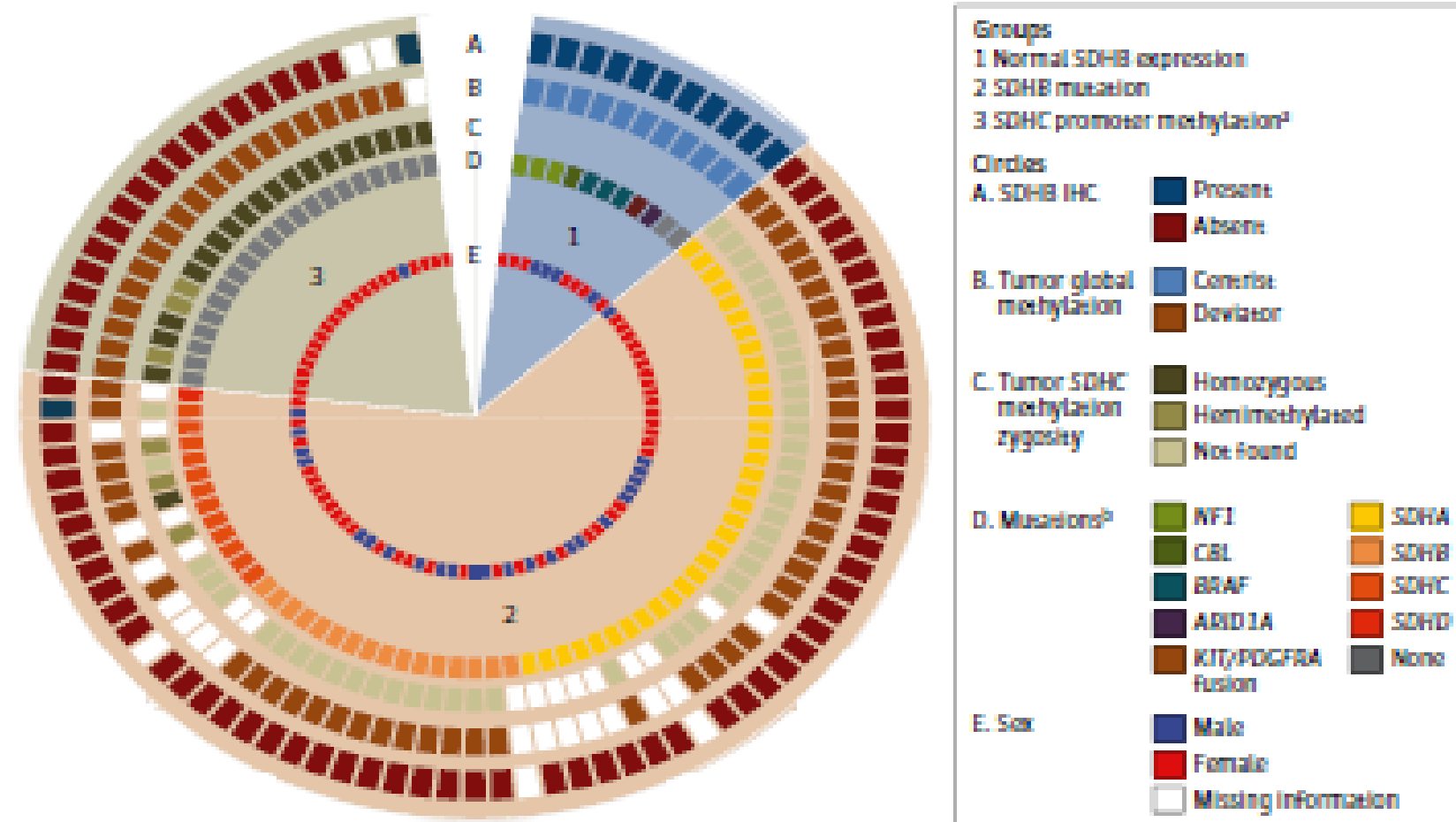
Wild-type GIST specimens from 95 patients (median age, 23 [range, 7-78] years; 70% female). Of SDH-deficient tumors, 63 (67%) had SDH mutations, and in 31 of 38 (82%), the SDHx mutation was also present in germline. Twenty-one (22%) SDH-deficient tumors had methylation of the *SDHC* promoter leading to silencing of expression. Mutations in known cancer-associated pathways were identified in 9 of 11 SDH-competent tumors. Among patients with SDH-mutant tumors, 62% were female, median age was 23 (7-58) years, and approximately 30% presented with metastases (liver, peritoneal, lymph node).

SDHC-epimutant tumors mostly affected young females (20 of 21; median [range] age, 15 years), and approximately 40% presented with metastases (liver, peritoneal, lymph node). SDH-deficient tumors occurred only in the stomach and had an indolent course.

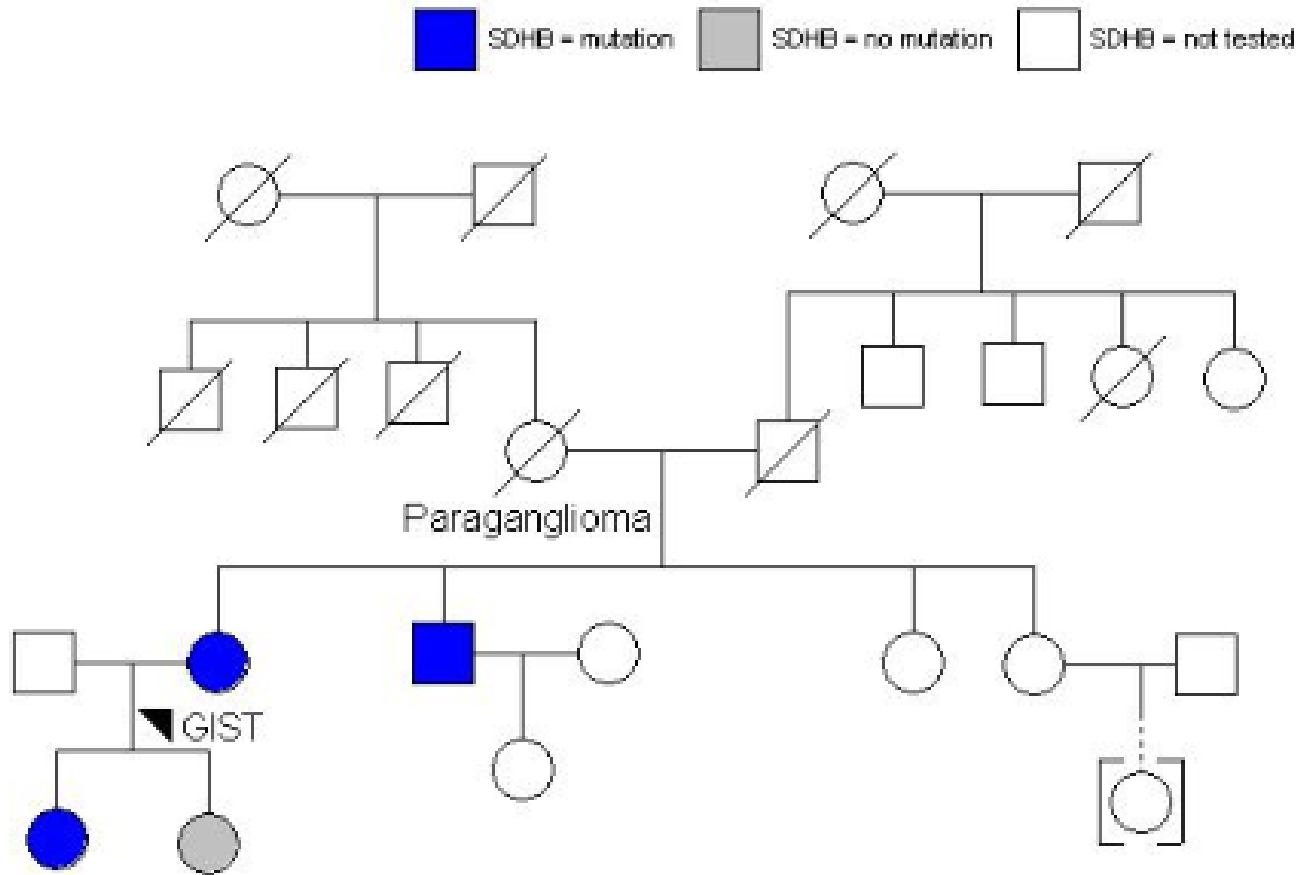


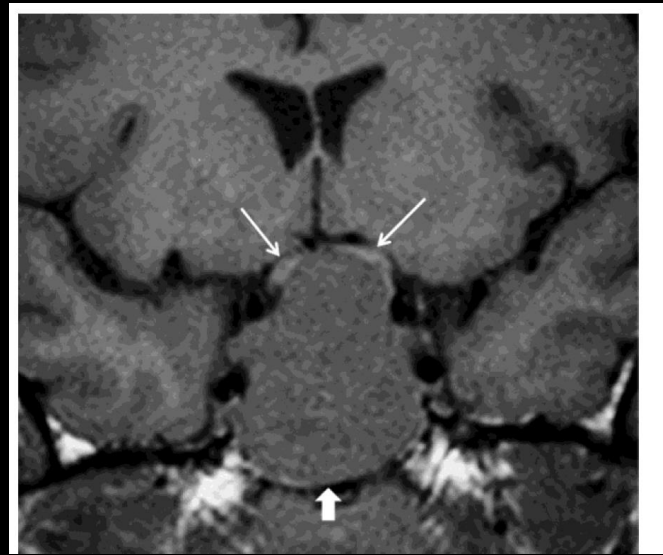
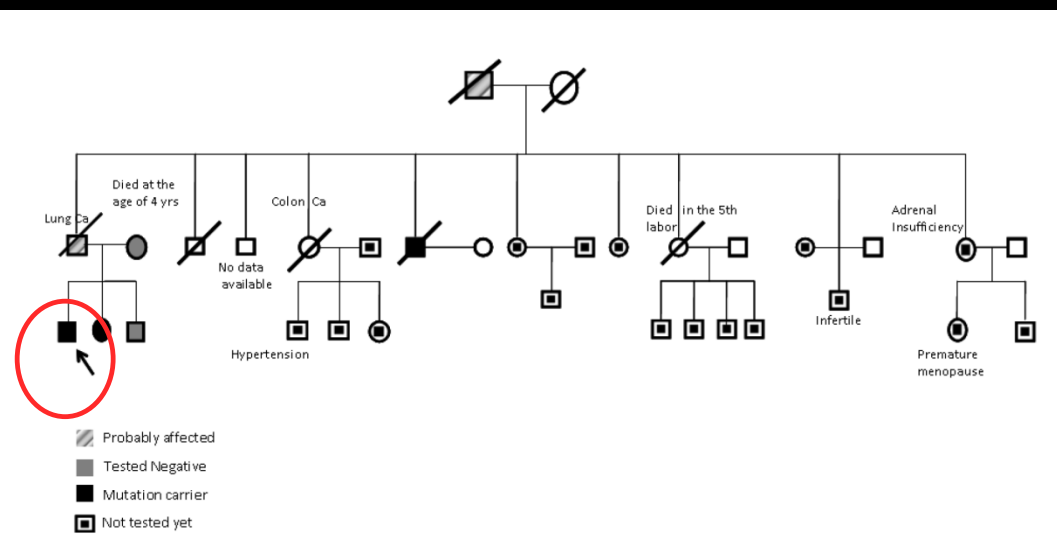
# Genetic causes of Carney Triad and the Dyad of GISTs & PGLs

Figure. Immunohistochemical Analysis (IHC) and Genetic Characteristics of Tumors From 95 Patients With KIT/PDGFR $\alpha$  Wild-Type Gastrointestinal Stromal Tumors

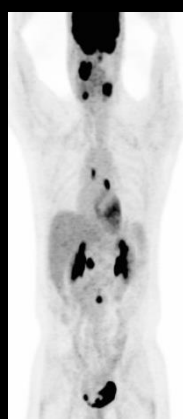


# SDHx Defects in GISTs, the NIH GIST clinic data (2008-2018): Other family members





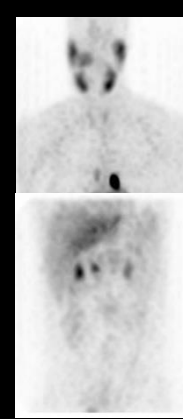
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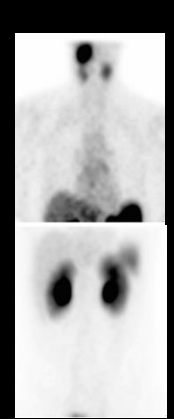
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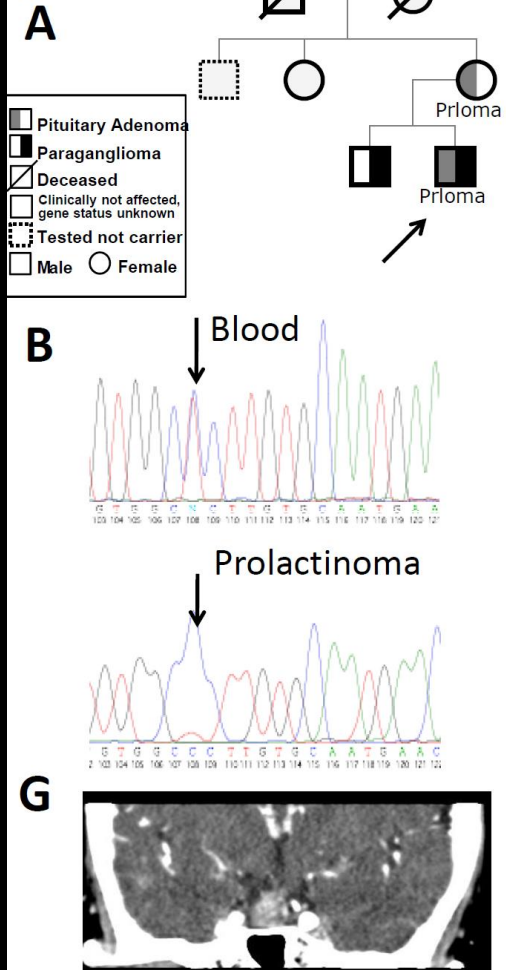
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Figure 1



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39 patients with familial pituitary adenoma and pheo/PGL

Pituitary adenomas due to *SDH* mutations have unique histology: intracytoplasmic vacuoles and other features



## Concluding remarks

**Mutations of the *SDHA*, *SDHB*, *SDHC* and *SDHD* genes are frequent in non-KIT/non-PDGFR $\alpha$ -mutant GISTs; these mutations are also the cause of the familial GIST/PGL syndrome (CSS), but not every patient with an SDHx mutation has CSS. SDHB-negative immunoreactivity is the hallmark of these lesions regardless of the SDHx-subunit mutation.**

**Together, CSS and SDHx-mutant GISTs constitute about 15% of the so called “wild-type” GISTs; additional mitochondrial oxidation defects account for the remaining as is suggested by decreased complex-II activity and low immunostaining for (expression of) SDHB.**

**SDHx defects, in addition to PGL/PHEOs, GISTs, thyroid & renal cancer, rarely predispose to pituitary tumors.**

**Hypothesis: Deficient mitochondrial oxidation, which in turn activates oncogenic (i.e. KIT, HIF $\alpha$ ) pathways, has a wide role in endocrine tumorigenesis.**

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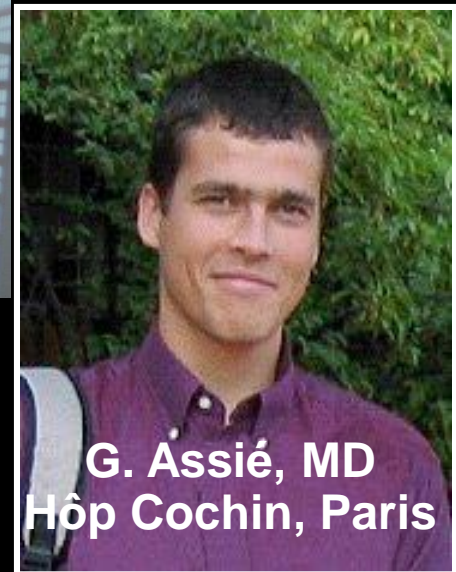
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