HRR Mutations, Including *BRCA1/2*, in Prostate Cancer

Optimize HRRm testing in prostate cancer with guideline recommendations and actionable next steps

Clinical Relevance of HRR Mutations, Including *BRCA1/2*[1]

In the setting of metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer (**mCRPC**) and prostate cancer, tumor cells with somatic or germline mutations in genes involved in homologous recombination repair (**HRR**) are more likely to have defects in DNA repair and may be more susceptible to DNA damage-targeting therapies, such as PARP inhibitors.[1-3] Somatic HRR mutations are common in mCRPC and are associated with poor prognosis.[4] Somatic mutations in *BRCA1/2* are associated with shorter survival in patients with mCRPC.[5]

Patients with metastatic prostate cancer and certain HRR mutations had poorer outcomes[6,7]

Shorter survival time in patients with and without *BRCA1*, *BRCA2*, or ATM mutations[6]

HR, hazard ratio; mCRPC, metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer; mOS, median overall survival; mPFS, median progression-free survival; NR, not reported; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival.

HRR Mutation Testing Recommendations

NCCN Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology (NCCN Guidelines®) for Prostate Cancer recommend tumor testing for all patients with metastatic prostate cancer[8]

BRCA1/2[a]	Other HRR genes[a]	ATM[a]	Other HRR genes[a]
Germline and somatic testing preferred	Germline and somatic testing preferred	Germline and somatic testing preferred	Germline and somatic testing preferred
Germline mutations indicate a	Germline mutations indicate a	Germline mutations indicate a	Germline mutations indicate a
Somatic mutations indicate a	Somatic mutations indicate a	Somatic mutations indicate a	Somatic mutations indicate a
Only if germline testing is not performed or is negative, somatic testing is recommended	Only if germline testing is not performed or is negative, somatic testing is recommended	Only if germline testing is not performed or is negative, somatic testing is recommended	Only if germline testing is not performed or is negative, somatic testing is recommended

[a] Germline testing is recommended for patients with a personal or family history of cancer.

Footnotes

Additional recommendations can be found in the NCCN Guidelines®.

Nearly a Third of Patients Have an HRR Mutation[7]

~30% of patients have *BRCA1/2* mutations[9]

In prospective and retrospective analyses, a substantial proportion of patients with *BRCA1/2* mutations were found to have an HRR gene mutation[9]

In a separate study, men with mutations in genes encoding DNA repair proteins had a greater probability of a 10-yr OS than men without such mutations (median OS, 11.8 vs 9.8 yrs; HR, 0.73; 95% CI, 0.54–0.98; P = 0.04).[10]

Many patients have HRR gene mutations, but not *BRCA1/2*[11]

Sample Type Determines Somatic and/or Germline HRR Mutation Identification

Sample type	Type of mutation identified	Type of recommended confirmation
Tumor tissue[a]	Germline and somatic mutations	Confirm germline mutations with blood sample; confirm somatic mutations with tumor tissue sample
Blood sample[b]	Germline mutations	Confirm germline mutations with blood sample
Blood or saliva[c]	Germline mutations	Confirm germline mutations with blood sample

[a] Tumor tissue is preferred for somatic testing.[12] [b] Blood is preferred for germline testing.[12] [c] Saliva is an alternative to blood for germline testing.[13]

Tumor testing identifies both germline and somatic mutations, without additional testing

- Tumor testing is the only way to know the source of a mutation[1]
- The NCCN guide: If a tumor test shows a mutation and someone is a carrier, then the mutation is also present in the blood[8]
- Tumor testing can identify patients who may benefit from targeted therapies, but it may not identify patients who may pass on a mutation to their children[1]
- Up to 30% of patients with mCRPC who were screened for a mutation in HR genes were found to have a germline mutation[14]

Footnotes

Additional recommendations can be found in the NCCN Guidelines®.

Consider Plasma ctDNA If Tumor Tissue Is Unavailable

- Minimally invasive option to assess HRRm in mCRPC[15]
- Accurate for ctDNA fractions as low as 0.04%, with a positive predictive value of 100% and a negative predictive value of 99%[16]
- Test concordance between ctDNA and tumor tissue is 83%–100%[17]

- Tumor tissue testing is always needed to confirm a negative result[15,16]
- Tumor tissue testing may be preferred over plasma testing for patients with low tumor burden, such as those who have undergone recent surgery or radiation, because it can identify all patients

Footnotes

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Diagnostic Assays for HRR Mutations, Including *BRCA1/2* Mutations

Results are dependent on the testing assay

Tissue testing

Laboratory test	Type of test	Genes in laboratory test	Mutations detected	Turnaround time
FoundationOne® CDx[18]	NGS	324 genes, including *BRCA1/2*, *ATM*, *CDK12*, *PALB2*, *RAD51B*, *RAD51C*, *RAD51D*, *RAD54L*	Base substitutions, insertions and deletions, copy number alterations, and genomic signatures	10–14 days
FoundationOne® Liquid CDx[19]	NGS	324 genes, including *BRCA1/2*, *ATM*, *CDK12*, *PALB2*, *RAD51B*, *RAD51C*, *RAD51D*, *RAD54L*	Base substitutions, insertions and deletions, copy number alterations, and genomic signatures	10–14 days (21 days)
GeneStrat®[20]	NGS	*ATM*, *BRCA1/2*	Single base substitutions, small insertions and deletions, and large rearrangements	7 days
GeneStrat® Extended[20]	NGS	*ATM*, *BRCA1/2*	Single base substitutions, small insertions and deletions, and large rearrangements	7 days
Oncomine™ Dx Target Test[21]	NGS	*ATM*, *BRCA1*, *BRCA2*, *CDK12*, *CHEK2*, *FANCL*, *PALB2*, *RAD51B*, *RAD51C*, *RAD51D*, *RAD54L*	Single base substitutions, small insertions and deletions, and large rearrangements	5 days from receipt
PROPHYTO®[22]	NGS	*ATM*, *BRCA1*, *BRCA2*, *CDK12*, *CHEK2*, *FANCL*, *PALB2*, *RAD51B*, *RAD51C*, *RAD51D*, *RAD54L*	Point mutations, small insertions and deletions, and large rearrangements	5 days from receipt

BRCA1/2 Tissue Companion Diagnostic Test is FDA approved for patients with germline or somatic *BRCA1/2* mutations who have mCRPC and are eligible for treatment with PARP inhibitor therapy.[18] Tissue testing is preferred for somatic testing.[12]

Plasma ctDNA testing

Laboratory test	Type of test	Genes in laboratory test	Mutations detected	Turnaround time
FoundationOne® Liquid CDx[19]	NGS	324 genes, including *BRCA1/2*, *ATM*, *CDK12*, *PALB2*, *RAD51B*, *RAD51C*, *RAD51D*, *RAD54L*	Base substitutions, insertions and deletions, copy number alterations, and genomic signatures	10–14 days (21 days)
GeneStrat®[20]	NGS	*ATM*, *BRCA1/2*	Single base substitutions, small insertions and deletions, and large rearrangements	7 days
PROPHYTO®[22]	NGS	*ATM*, *BRCA1*, *BRCA2*, *CDK12*, *CHEK2*, *FANCL*, *PALB2*, *RAD51B*, *RAD51C*, *RAD51D*, *RAD54L*	Point mutations, small insertions and deletions, and large rearrangements	5 days from receipt

FoundationOne® Liquid CDx is FDA approved for patients with germline or somatic *BRCA1/2* mutations who have mCRPC and are eligible for treatment with PARP inhibitor therapy.[19] Plasma testing is not recommended for somatic testing.[12]

Germline testing

Laboratory test	Type of test	Genes in laboratory test	Mutations detected	Turnaround time
BRACAnalysis CDx®[23]	NGS	*BRCA1*, *BRCA2*	Single base substitutions, small insertions and deletions, and large rearrangements	7–14 days
GeneStrat®[20]	NGS	*ATM*, *BRCA1/2*	Single base substitutions, small insertions and deletions, and large rearrangements	7 days
GeneStrat® Extended[20]	NGS	*ATM*, *BRCA1/2*	Single base substitutions, small insertions and deletions, and large rearrangements	7 days
myRisk®[24]	NGS	77 genes, including *ATM*, *BRCA1*, *BRCA2*, *CDK12*, *CHEK2*, *PALB2*	Point mutations, small insertions and deletions, and large rearrangements	7–14 days
myRisk® Hereditary[24]	NGS	*ATM*, *BRCA1*, *BRCA2*, *CDK12*, *CHEK2*, *PALB2*	Point mutations, small insertions and deletions, and large rearrangements	7–14 days
Oncomine™ Dx Target Test[21]	NGS	*ATM*, *BRCA1*, *BRCA2*, *CDK12*, *CHEK2*, *FANCL*, *PALB2*, *RAD51B*, *RAD51C*, *RAD51D*, *RAD54L*	Single base substitutions, small insertions and deletions, and large rearrangements	5 days from receipt
PROPHYTO®[22]	NGS	*ATM*, *BRCA1*, *BRCA2*, *CDK12*, *CHEK2*, *FANCL*, *PALB2*, *RAD51B*, *RAD51C*, *RAD51D*, *RAD54L*	Point mutations, small insertions and deletions, and large rearrangements	5 days from receipt

BRACAnalysis CDx® is FDA approved for patients with germline *BRCA1/2* mutations who have mCRPC and are eligible for treatment with PARP inhibitor therapy.[23] Germline testing is recommended for patients with a personal or family history of cancer.[12]

Footnotes

Additional recommendations can be found in the NCCN Guidelines®.

Become a selection of major biomarkers offering a full set of biomarker testing options

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Interpreting and Reporting Biomarker Test Results

HRRm testing aids in systemic treatment decisions, clinical trial enrollment, and/or genetic counseling for family members[12]

Testing for HRRm, including *BRCA1/2*, may:

- Help patients who are not known to have an inherited mutation learn if they have a mutation that can be passed on to their children[1]
- Help patients who are known to have an inherited mutation learn if they have a mutation that can be passed on to their children[1]
- Help patients be eligible for clinical trials[1]
- Help patients be eligible for FDA-approved therapies[1]

HRR prognostic impact in patients with metastatic prostate cancer[25]

- Patients with HRR mutations had worse OS than patients without HRR mutations (median OS, 19.1 vs 30.2 mo; HR, 2.03; 95% CI, 1.39–2.96; P < 0.001)
- Patients with HRR mutations had worse PFS than patients without HRR mutations (median PFS, 5.6 vs 8.3 mo; HR, 1.66; 95% CI, 1.16–2.37; P = 0.005)

HRR predictive response to PARP inhibitors in patients with metastatic prostate cancer[25]

- Patients with HRR mutations had longer OS with PARP inhibitors than with other therapies (median OS, 19.1 vs 11.5 mo; HR, 0.50; 95% CI, 0.31–0.80; P = 0.004)
- Patients with HRR mutations had longer PFS with PARP inhibitors than with other therapies (median PFS, 5.6 vs 3.4 mo; HR, 0.57; 95% CI, 0.37–0.87; P = 0.009)

Footnotes

Additional recommendations can be found in the NCCN Guidelines®.

Considerations for Your Practice

- Review HRRm testing in mCRPC to determine a testing method that combines appropriate screening
  - Test for HRRm at prostate cancer diagnosis
  - Re-test HRRm after prior unknown[8]
  - Consider somatic and germ cell tumor and/or family history for HRRm testing
  - Consider germline testing for patients with a personal or family history of cancer[12]
- Discuss guidelines, including NCCN Guidelines for Prostate Cancer
- Refer patients for genetic counseling, as appropriate

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