

Study shows locally-performed MammaTyper® test provides accurate prediction of low RS score for breast cancer prognosis

The MammaTyper® test could obviate further testing with multigene signature prognostic assays for up to 70% of hormone receptor-positive breast cancer patients.

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Being able to decide if further genomic testing is needed by conducting initial screening tests with MammaTyper® in-country or even on-site will help enormously." San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium (SABCS) last week has shown that the validated, locally performed, RNAbased <u>MammaTyper®</u> test provides progesterone receptor (PGR) expression determination that could predict low recurrence risk score under OncoType DX and independently identify breast tumours that are unlikely to be chemotherapy sensitive. This could obviate further testing with the multigene signature prognostic assay for up to 70% of patients.

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Strong PgR expression predicts favourable outcomes for

ER+ve HER2-ve breast cancer and has been proposed as a surrogate marker between IHCdefined luminal A and luminal B subtypes. The authors note that some validated, RNA-based PGR expression tests may also outperform IHC (Immunohistochemistry).

MammaTyper[®], a RT-qPCR test that quantifies genes including PGR was included in the study and the results were very encouraging, aligning closely with Oncotype Dx and outperforming other tests available on the market.

<u>The research</u> compared Oncotype DX RS with Oncotype DX reported PGR in 4 independent datasets, including 407 cases from the OPTIMA prelim trial. A further 251 OPTIMA prelim cases were analysed which had additional tumour gene expression data. The four Oncotype DX datasets consistently demonstrated that high Oncotype PGR expression was associated with a low Recurrence score (RS). 70.9% of tumours had a high PGR expression, of which 92.7% had an Oncotype RS of 25 or below.

The MammaTyper[®] and Oncotype PGR results were highly correlated in the OPTIMA prelim dataset, 93.2% of 176 MammaTyper[®] high PGR expression cases had a RS of 25 or below. At approximately 10% of the cost of more comprehensive genomic testing and performed locally, this could allow clinicians and medical facilities to screen patients and determine effective treatment paths early in their journey without further testing.

"This research demonstrates yet another use case for MammaTyper[®]; enabling reliable, quantitative measurement of PGR expression locally, so clinicians can factor it in and determine the best treatment for their patients. Being able to decide if further genomic testing is needed by conducting initial screening tests with MammaTyper[®] in-country or even on-site will help enormously," said Richard Hughes, Director at <u>Cerca Biotech</u>. "We already know that MammaTyper[®] can determine tumour subtypes that IHC is not sensitive enough for, such as ER and HER2-low. Accurate measurement of PGR expression is another dimension that will give patients and their doctors the information with which to personalise treatment."

About MammaTyper[®]

MammaTyper[®] is an innovative assay for the quantitative determination of the four key biomarkers used in the subtyping of breast cancer (Human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 (HER2), estrogen receptor (ER), progesterone receptor (PR) and Ki-67). Applying 21st Century RT-qPCR techniques, it is the first real evolution in breast cancer diagnostics for over 50 years. It is a quick, accurate, reliable, and reproducible solution that enables medical professionals to accurately tailor treatment plans for the best chance of success. MammaTyper[®] is the only assay of its type on the market that is backed by extensive data and research. Further information on MammaTyper[®] is available at <u>https://www.cercabiotech.com/breast-cancer/mammatyper</u>, and more information on the above study may be seen at the SABCS compilation of abstracts <u>https://atgproductions.net/atgclients/sabcs/2023_SABCS_Abstract_Report-12-3-23.pdf</u> (Abstract No. PO4-16-02).

About Cerca Biotech

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