

# Clinical Proteomic Tumor Analysis Consortium

*RFA renewal*

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- **Part 1: What we've learned**
  - What was CPTAC funded to do?
  - What has CPTAC accomplished in 3.5 years?
- **Part 2: What might be next**
  - Proposed concept (overarching goals)
  - Structure, mechanisms and budget

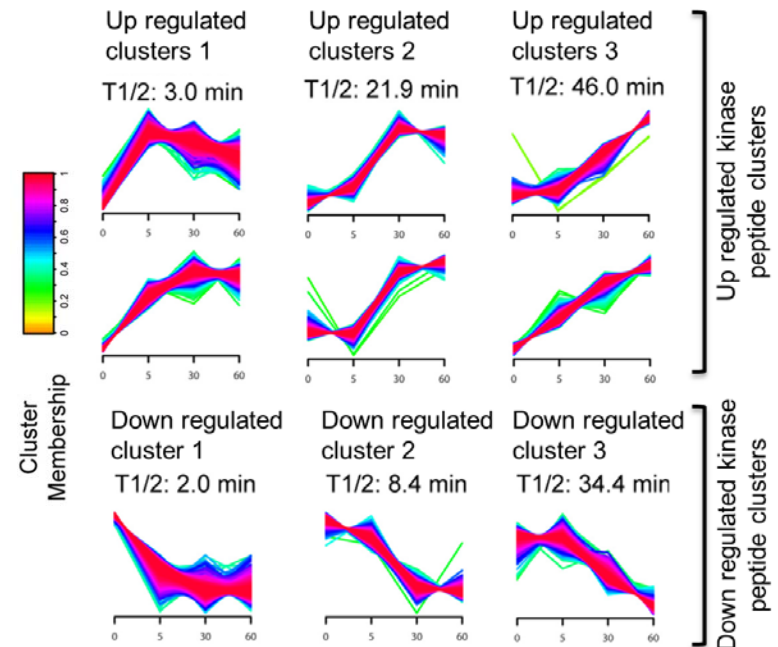
## Part 1: CPTAC program current scope

- What was CPTAC funded to do?
  - Goal: Elucidate the proteogenomic complexity of tumors by identifying proteins that derive from alterations in cancer genomes [TCGA tumors: colorectal cancer (CRC), ovarian cancer (OVC), breast cancer (BRC)]
  - Underlying question: Would additional biology be elucidated from deep proteomic analysis [CPTAC1] on genomically characterized tumors [TCGA]?
- Achieved through...
  - Proteome Characterization Centers - consortium of five labs that coordinate standardized research activities
  - Sample size (CRC - 95; OVC - 174; BRC - 105)
  - Community resources (data, assays, reagents)

# Challenges overcome in Year 1

- Retrospective biospecimens (samples of convenience)
  - **Scientific implication:** effects of pre-analytical variables associated with TCGA tumors on protein measurement
    - Cold ischemia (up to 60 min)
    - **Good news:** no significant change in protein levels; change in phosphorylation levels, but biologically coherent
  - **Programmatic impact:**
    - Proteomic analysis of **TCGA samples not until Year 2**
    - **Good news:** ischemic proteomic database; prospective collection (tissue); SOPs/Best Practices to be adopted by College of American Pathologists

Temporal dynamics of phosphorylation changes resulting from cold ischemia during surgical procedures.



# Colorectal Cancer: global protein abundance (proteome subtypes identified)



## Transcriptome Subtypes

- MSI/CIMP
- Invasive
- CIN

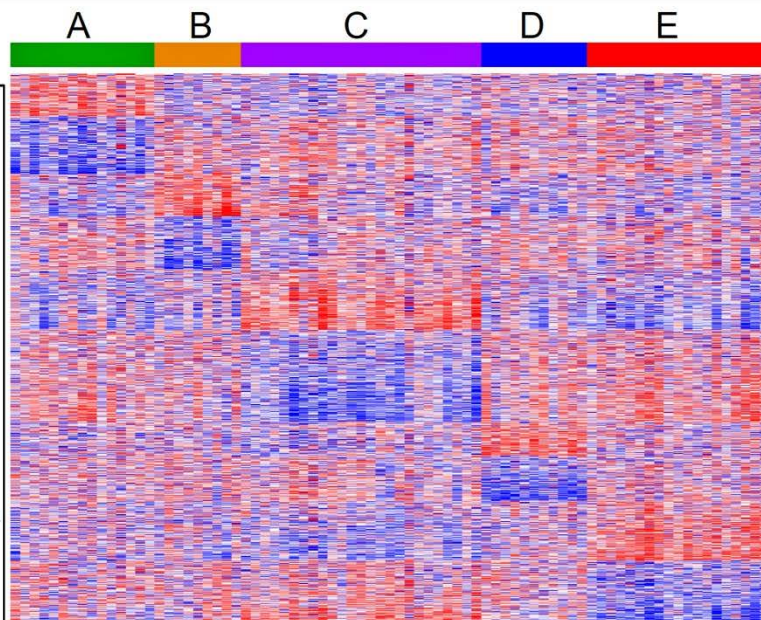
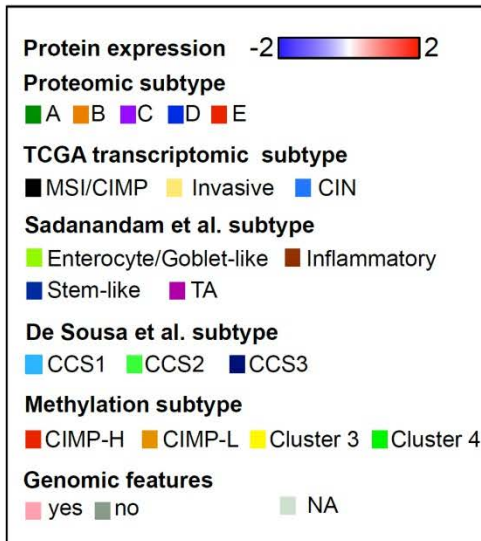


## Proteome Subtypes

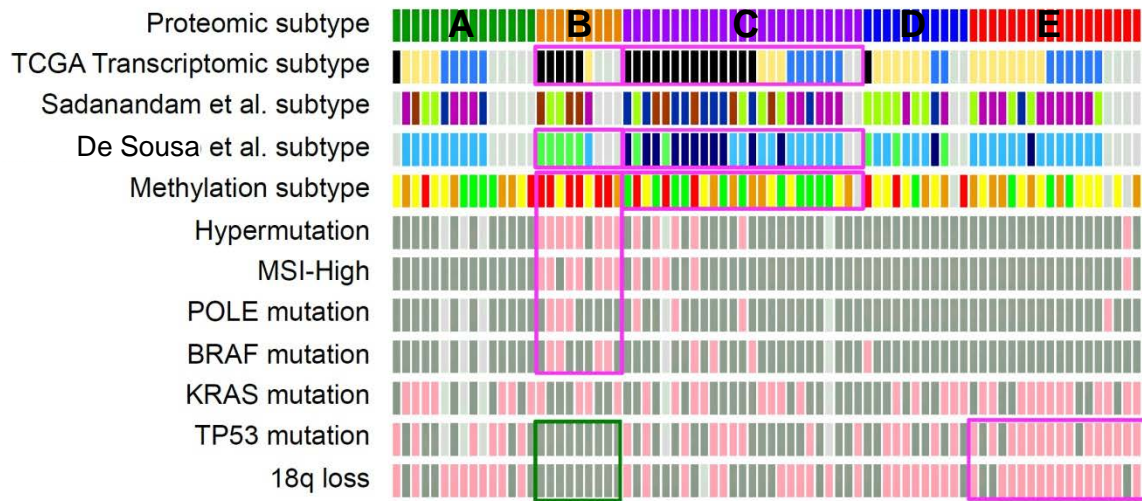
- A
- B
- C
- D
- E

- MSI/CIMP transcriptome subtype split into two proteome subtypes
- Subtype C displayed protein network features characteristic of EMT, associated with rapid metastasis and overall poor survival

a



b



————— Tumors ————— 5



## ***Next steps (e.g.):***

- **Q1. Can we rediscover the proteome subtypes?**
  - Global analysis on independent collection (CPTAC prospective samples: 100 treatment-naïve tumors and normal)
- **Q2. Can targeted proteomic assay panels identify interesting proteome features?**
  - *Proteome Subtype Panel*: 80 proteins representing the five CRC subtypes (CPTAC prospective)
- **Q3. Can targeted proteomic assay panels identify clinically relevant features?**
  - *Proteome Subtype Panel*: evaluate ability to discriminate recurrent from non-recurrent tumors (GI SPORE: 64 treatment-naïve tumors)

# Ovarian Cancer: global protein abundance (proteome subtypes identified)

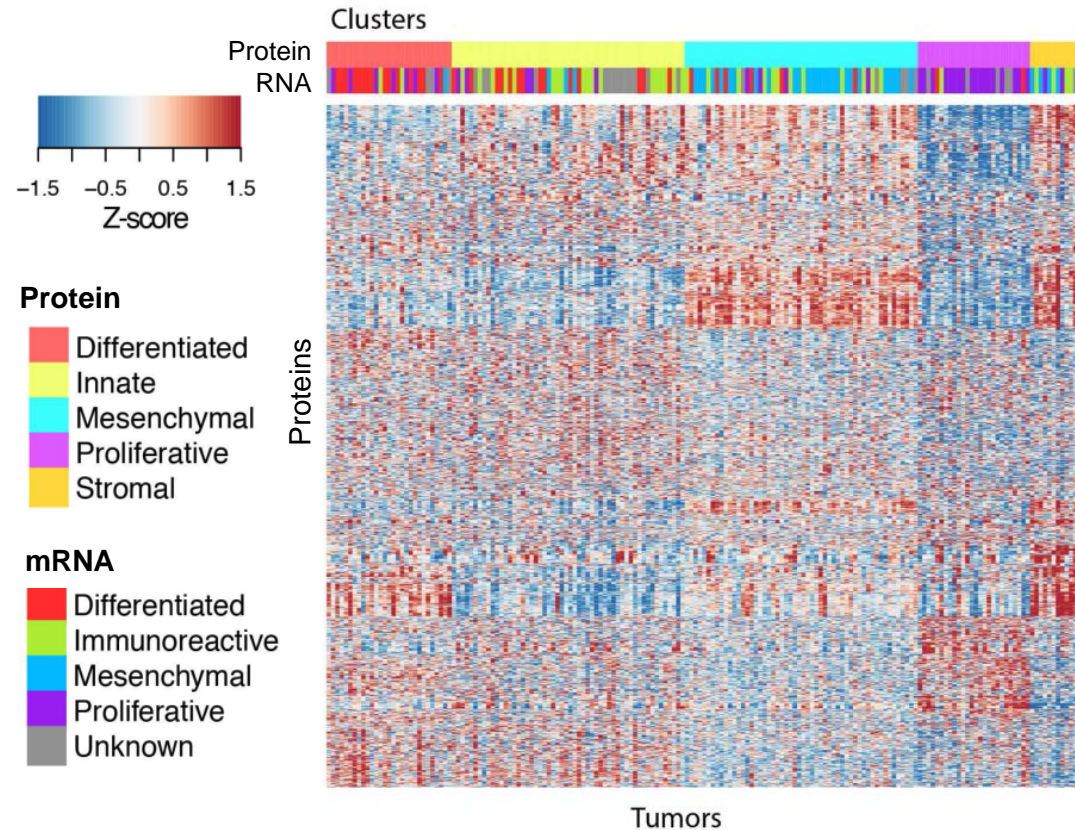


- **174 ovarian HGSC tumors**

- Selection criteria:
  - Overall Survival (OS)
  - Homologous Recombination Deficiency status (HRD)

- **5 proteomic subtypes**  
(4 transcriptomic subtypes)

- Immunoreactive mRNA subtype intermixed at protein level
- New 'Innate' and 'Stromal' subtypes emerged



# Ovarian Cancer: Deep proteomic analysis yields pathway activation correlated with overall survival

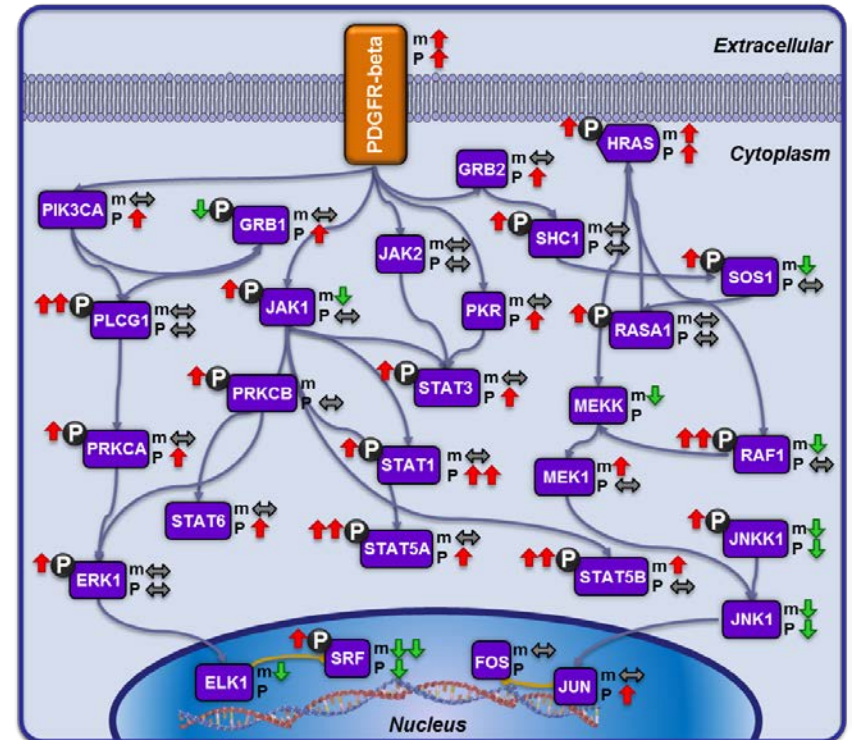


- NCI Pathway Interaction Database (214 signaling pathways)

- Significantly upregulated pathways with short OS
  - Protein data ( $p < 0.05$ )
  - Phosphorylation data ( $p < 0.0001$ )
  - mRNA data ( $p < 0.05$ )

- **Combining deep proteomic, phosphoproteomic and transcriptomic analysis better elucidated the proteogenomic complexity of pathway activation not obtainable at the subtype level.**

PDGFR pathway upregulation in TCGA **tumors** with short OS



m = mRNA  
 P = protein abundance  
 P = phosphoprotein

↑ = upregulated  
 ↑↑ = significantly upregulated  
 ↓ = downregulated  
 ↓↓ = significantly downregulated  
 ↔ = no difference  
 = not observed





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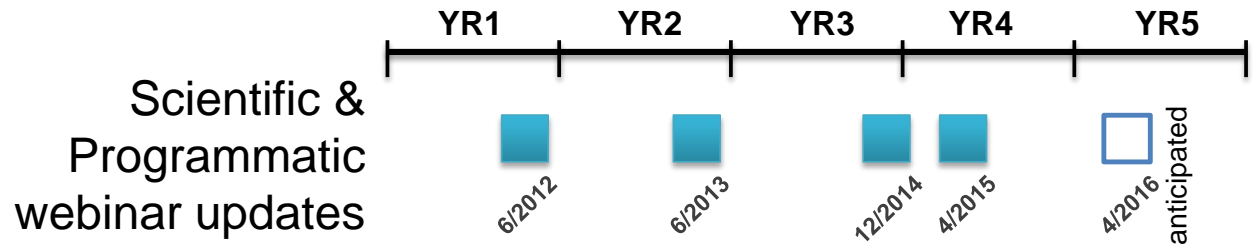
- **Q1. Can we rediscover the proteome subtypes?**
  - Deep analysis on independent collection (CPTAC prospective samples: 100 treatment-naïve tumors and normal)
- **Q2. Can we rediscover the short OS up-regulated pathways?**
  - Deep analysis on independent collection (CPTAC prospective)
- **Q3. Can targeted proteomic assay panels identify interesting proteome features?**
  - e.g. Growth Factor Panel: >30 proteins (non-modified and phospho) up-regulated in PDGFR & VEGFR associated with short OS (CPTAC prospective)

# What have we learned

## (observations from External Scientific Committee)

### External Scientific Committee (ESC):

- Academia
- FDA
- NIH
- Industry

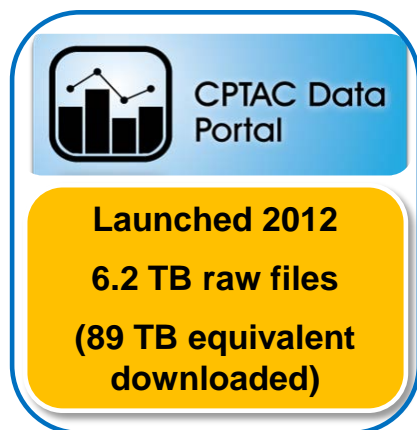


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- CPTAC structure successful and innovative at addressing proteomics cancer research (*consortium of checks and balances*)
  - Accelerated adoption of standardized proteomic approaches by research community; critical step in marrying two crucial disciplines
  - Some PCCs better than others with innovative data analysis
  - Retrospective samples should be avoided, if possible

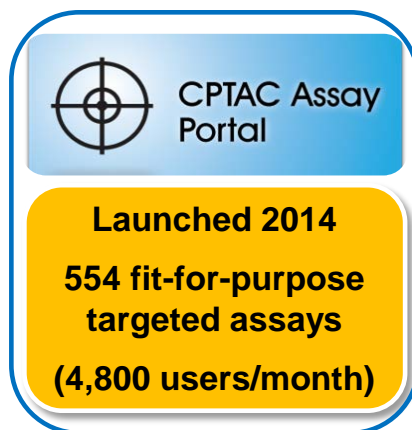
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## (observations from Independent Program Evaluation)

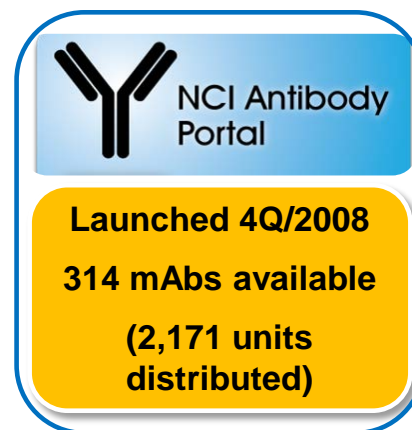
- Commissioned by the Office of Program Evaluation and Performance (NIH Office of the Director)
- Are CPTAC outputs (resources) utilized by scientific community?
  - Publication citations: too early to give a well-informed answer
    - partly due to data embargo dates:  
CRC (pub Sept 2014); BRC (May 2015); OVC (Sept 2015)
  - **Other metrics...**



[proteomics.cancer.gov](http://proteomics.cancer.gov)



[assays.cancer.gov](http://assays.cancer.gov)



[antibodies.cancer.gov](http://antibodies.cancer.gov)



## Part 2: What's next for CPTAC

- Process: Extensive input from External Scientific Committee members, Think Tank participants, and ongoing discussions with NCI Divisions, Centers and Offices program staff
- Consensus recommendations: Leverage investments in cancer genomics, by building on current achievements in cancer proteomics
  - (a) Supports an understanding of tumor proteogenomic complexity
  - (b) Addresses clinical/biological questions of drug response/toxicity prediction and resistance
  - (c) Accelerates proteomics science through community resources

# Two Overarching Goals Addressing Specific Questions of Cancer

- **Goal 1: Improve our understanding of the proteogenomic complexity of tumors**

- Q. What's the association between genome and proteome?
- Q. How do signaling pathway components crosstalk (DNA, RNA, and protein/PTMs)?
- Q. What's the impact of genetic alterations on the proteome?

**A. Proteome Characterization Centers (PCCs): extend CPTAC's approach to additional cancer types where questions remain on their proteogenomic complexity**

- 5-6 cancer types; 100+ cases each (treatment-naïve CPTAC prospective collection); (*selection by extramural community - ESC members, CPTAC PIs, TCGA PIs, Think Tank participants*)

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- Patient-Derived Models Repository program (*coordination with DCTD*)
  - Human Cancer Models Initiative (*coordination with CCG, DCTD, and DCB*)

# Two Overarching Goals Addressing Specific Questions of Cancer

- **Goal 2: Improve our understanding of tumor resistance to therapy, and predicting treatment response**  
(role of non-genetic factors)

- Q. Why do some individuals not respond or relapse to therapies, when genomics indicated otherwise?
- Q. What are the underlying mechanisms of resistance to therapies?

## **B. Proteogenomic Translational Research Centers (PTRCs):**

CPTAC's approach to research models and clinical trial samples

- Applications to include well-conceived clinical/biological questions, access to clinical trial samples, and a proteogenomics research approach (*coordination with NCI's DCTD - CTEP and CDP*)

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## **C. Proteogenomic Data Analysis Centers (PGDACs)**

- Work hand-in-hand with PCCs/PTRCs to develop innovative tools that process and integrate data across the entire proteome  
Data\*, assays and resources (goals 1 & 2) - community resources.  
(\**coordination with CCG and CBIIT*)

# Structure and Budget

- Current total FY2015 budget is \$13M/yr (U24 PCCs)



- Proposed path forward and recommended budget is \$13M/yr
  - Reduce and optimize **PCCs** by focusing on data generation. Budget is \$4.0M/yr (U24)
  - Proteogenomic translation to be performed by **PTRCs**. Budget is \$4.5M/yr (U01)
  - Data integration/analysis to be performed by specialized **PGDACs**. Budget is \$4.5M/yr (U01)

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