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Benchmarking trial and EQA NGS in (hemato-)oncology

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Benchmarking defined









The practice of a business comparing key metrics of their operations to other similar companies

Benchmarking trial



- "interlaboratory test"
 - X proficiency test
 - X EQA (external quality assessment)
- Research
- No consequences for license or accreditation
- Samples may not be used for EQA

Aim

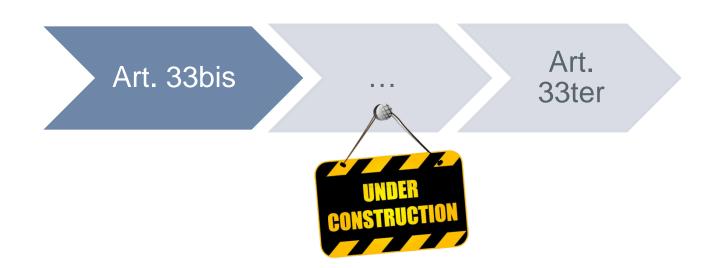


- Examine the ability of the validated/accredited NGS assays to accurately and reproducibly detect clinically relevant mutations (solid tumors) in each of the participating laboratories
- Compare the performance of different NGS methods currently used (art. 33bis) by different laboratories in Belgium
- Develop a national EQA program : same standard!



Art. 33bis ... Art. 33ter



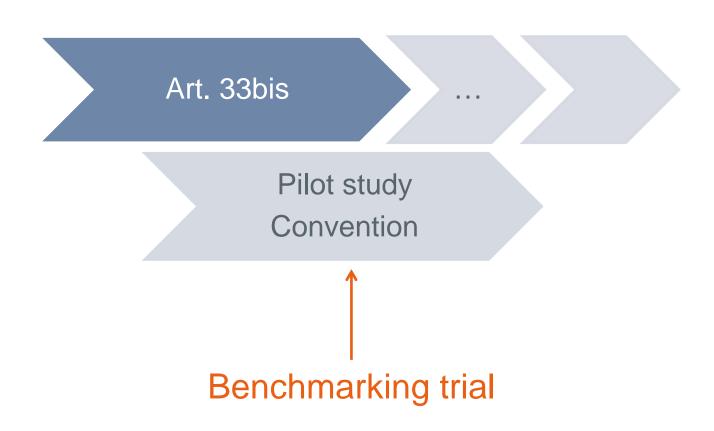




Art. 33bis

Pilot study Convention







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Analytical performance parameters



- Analytical sensitivity
- Analytical specificity
- Overall accuracy
- ✓ Intra-laboratory reproducibility
- ✓ Inter-laboratory reproducibility

Methods



- Participation is open to all Belgian laboratories who meet the actual legal conditions:
 - License (pathology, clinical biology, centre for human genetics)
 - Accreditation ISO15189 for medical laboratories

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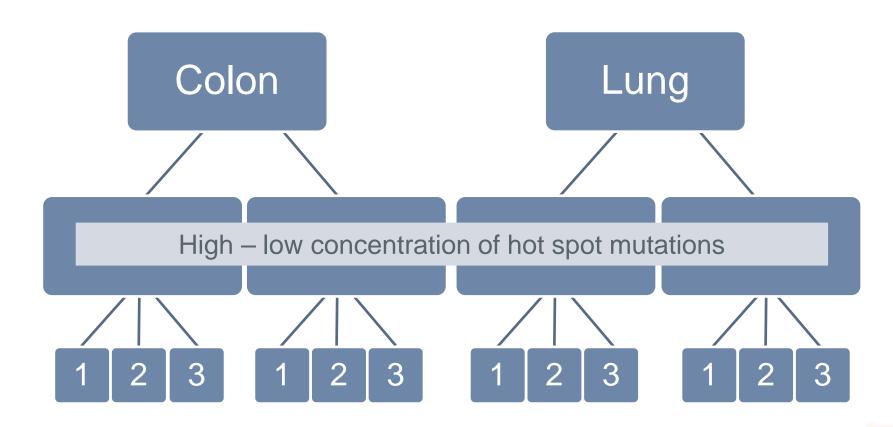


- "Optimal" sample material
- Well-characterized genomic DNA from tumor cell lines
- Supplied by WTSI (UK)



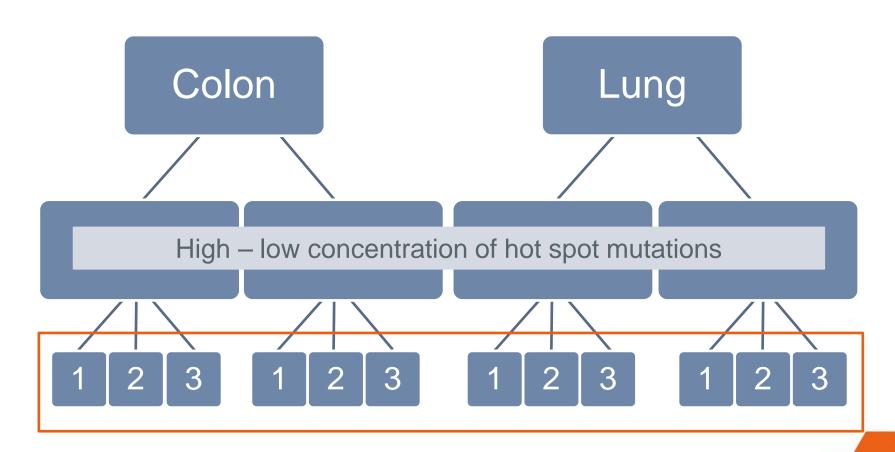
Samples





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12 samples

Methods



- Analyze samples by NGS as routinely performed, using your standard methods for:
 - √ sequencing
 - variant detection as determined by the bioinformatics pipeline for data analysis
- Report :
 - ✓ Methodology
 - ✓ Interpretation (targeted gene panels : provide results for those chromosomal positions interrogated by your panel)
 - Raw data files

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TO BE CONTINUED...

Thank you!



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