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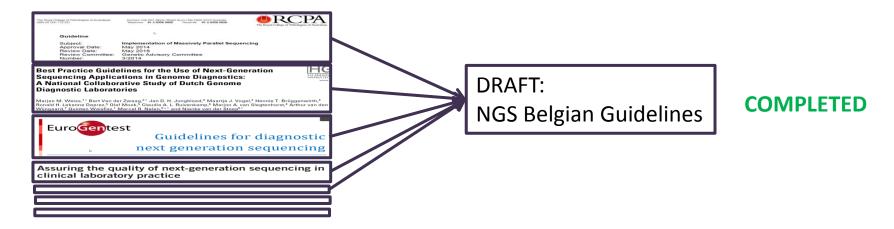
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- → to **facilitate the implementation** of the NGS in the laboratories
- → to help lab to generate accurate NGS data
 e.g. Identical sample analysis should lead to an identical list of variants
 even if processed by a different operator on a different day.
- → to **facilitate the evaluation by the auditors** from the accreditation bodies (Belac)

1. The Belgian NGS guidelines for (haemato)-oncology

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1. Guidelines and publications (generally for genetics)



2. <u>3 NGS guidelines meetings</u> on 16th of February 2016, on 9th on March 2016 and on 10th of May 2016

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3. Many email exchanges and face to face meetings **COMPLETED**

4. Final agreement by the scientific experts

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5. Final approval by the ComPerMed management

ONGOING

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NEXT STEP







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KCE report, March 2015

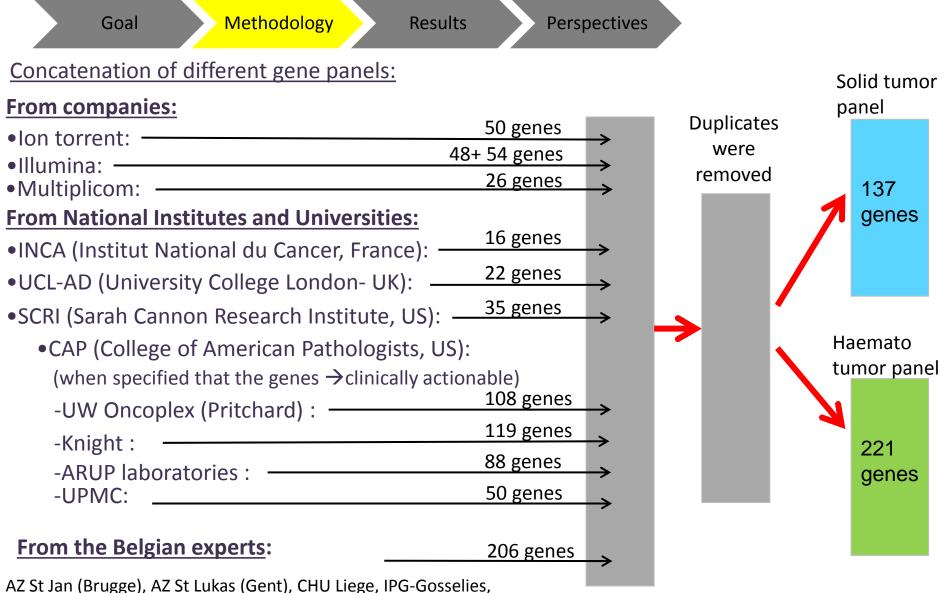


- → Importance to identify somatic mutations to personalize the treatments
- → A systematic methodology to define NGS gene panels which can be used in the oncological routine
- → to INAMI/RIZIV.

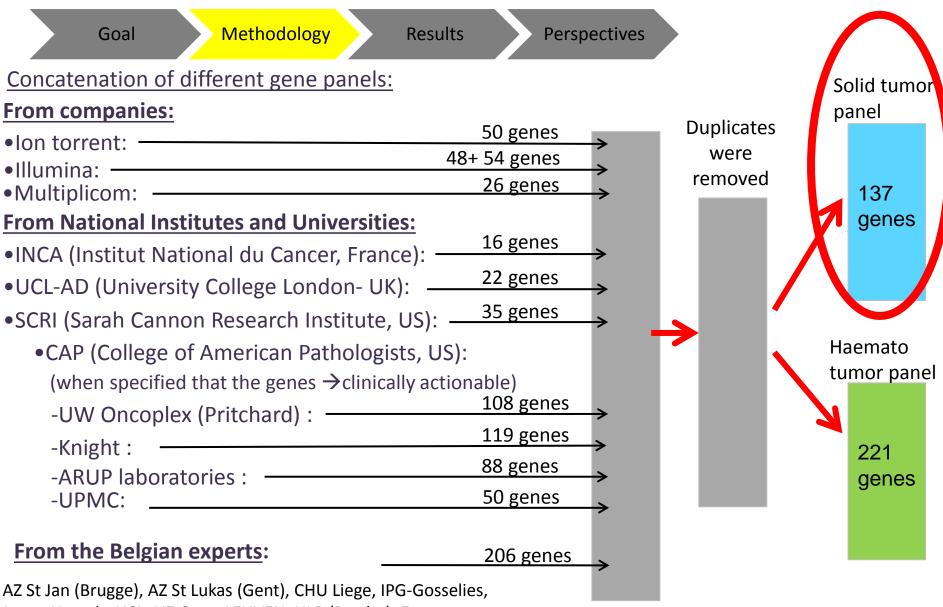
WHY a new one?

In commercial gene panels:

- Some genes included lack scientific evidence for their clinical utility
- Some genes with clinical utility are missing

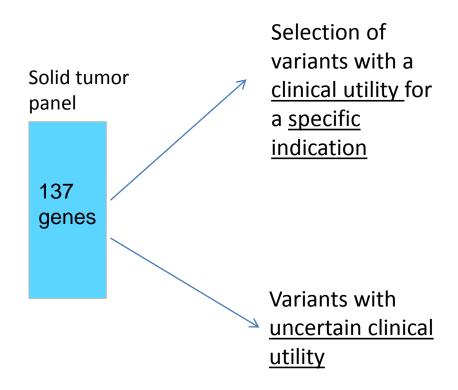


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 - a non EMA-approved drug in this indication
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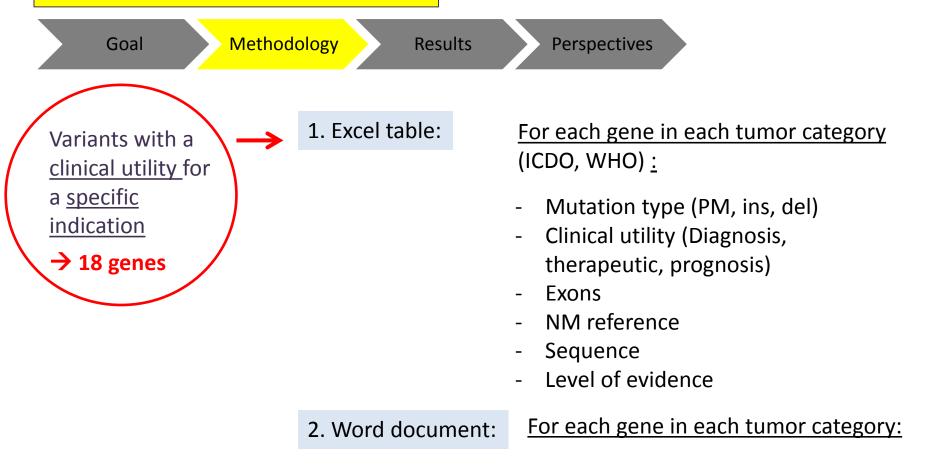
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Selection of variants with a Solid tumor clinical utility for panel a specific indication → 18 genes 137 genes Variants with uncertain clinical utility



Scientific evidences:

- Clinical guidelines
- Reviews
- Scientific publications
- Clinical trials (phase 2 or 3)

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1. Excel table – 18 genes

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- Meetings, many email exchanges and face to face meetings with the Belgian expert group:
 To decide the minimal required genes to be analyzed per tumor type.
- 3. Same methodology with the haemato- oncology **ONGOING** (Els Van Valckenborgh)

Final proposition

4. Advice to the platform CTG/TGR of INAMI/RIZIV NEXT STEP