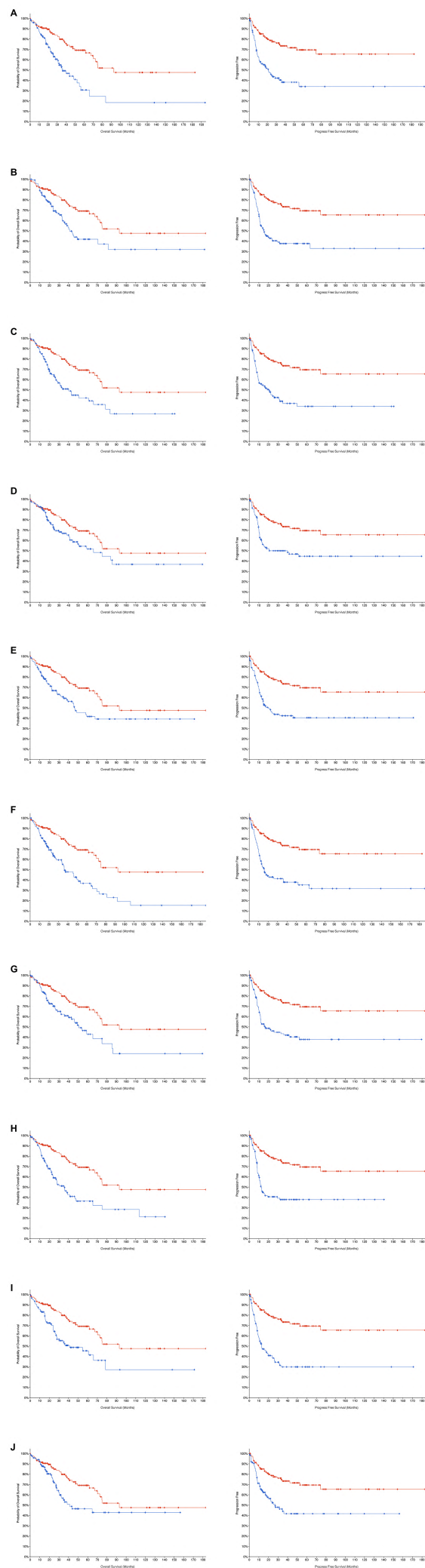


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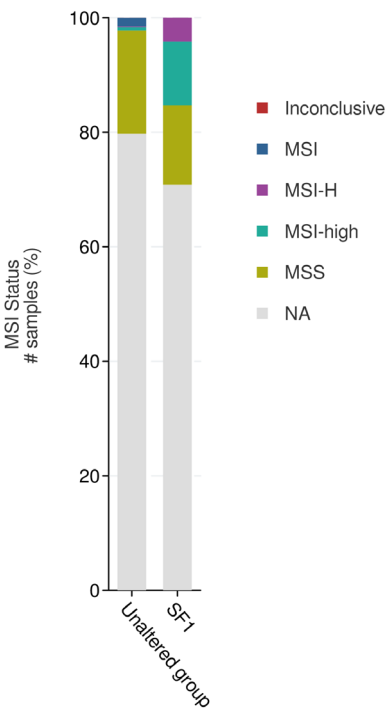


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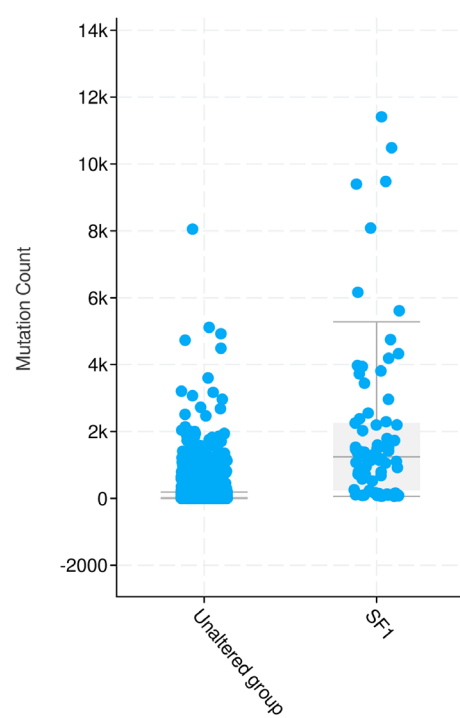
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Clinical Attribute	Attribute Type	Statistical Test	p-Value	q-Value
MSI Status	Sample	Chi-squared Test	< 10 ⁻¹⁰	< 10 ⁻¹⁰
Mutation Count	Sample	Wilcoxon Test	< 10 ⁻¹⁰	< 10 ⁻¹⁰
Fraction Genome Altered	Sample	Wilcoxon Test	3.77E-8	1.033E-06
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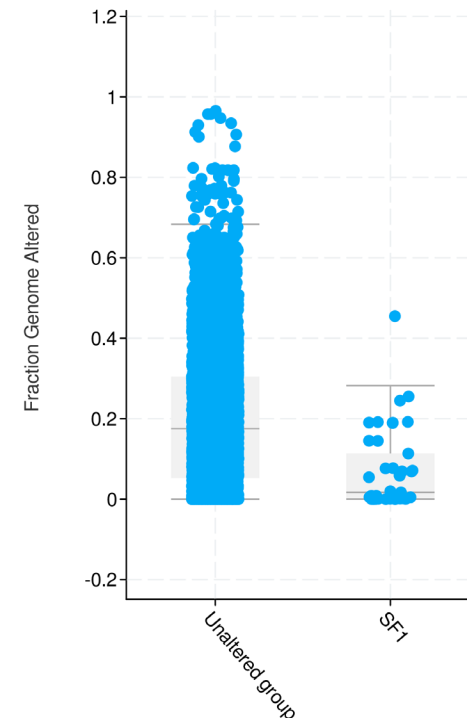
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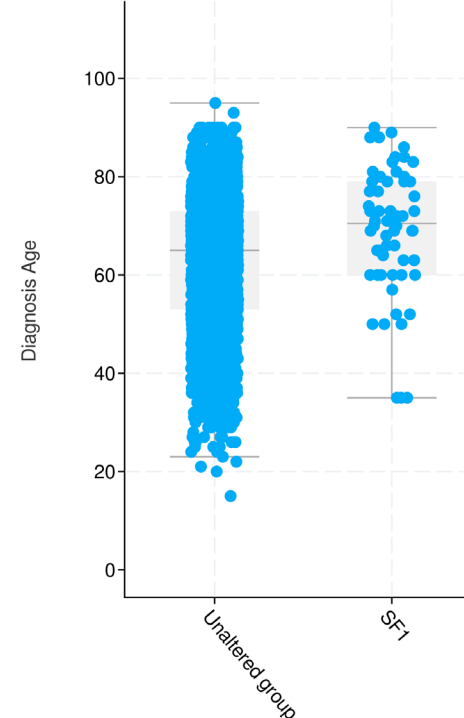
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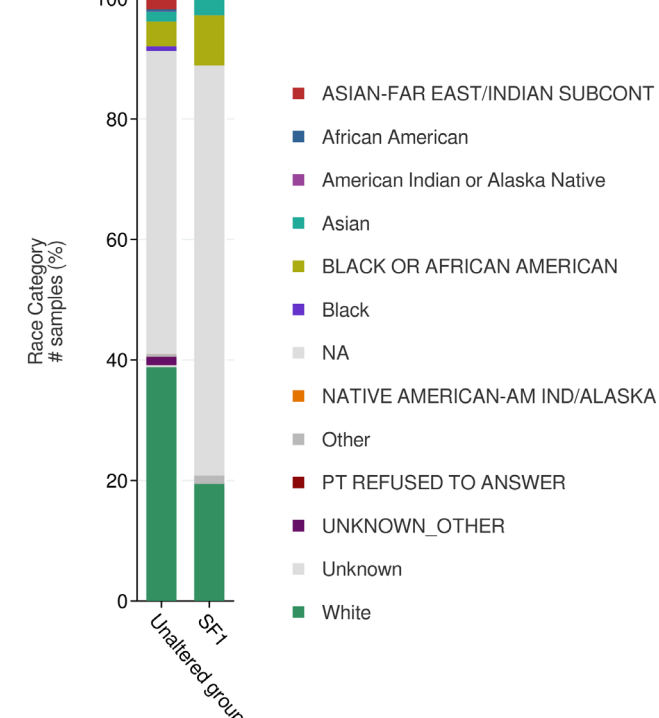
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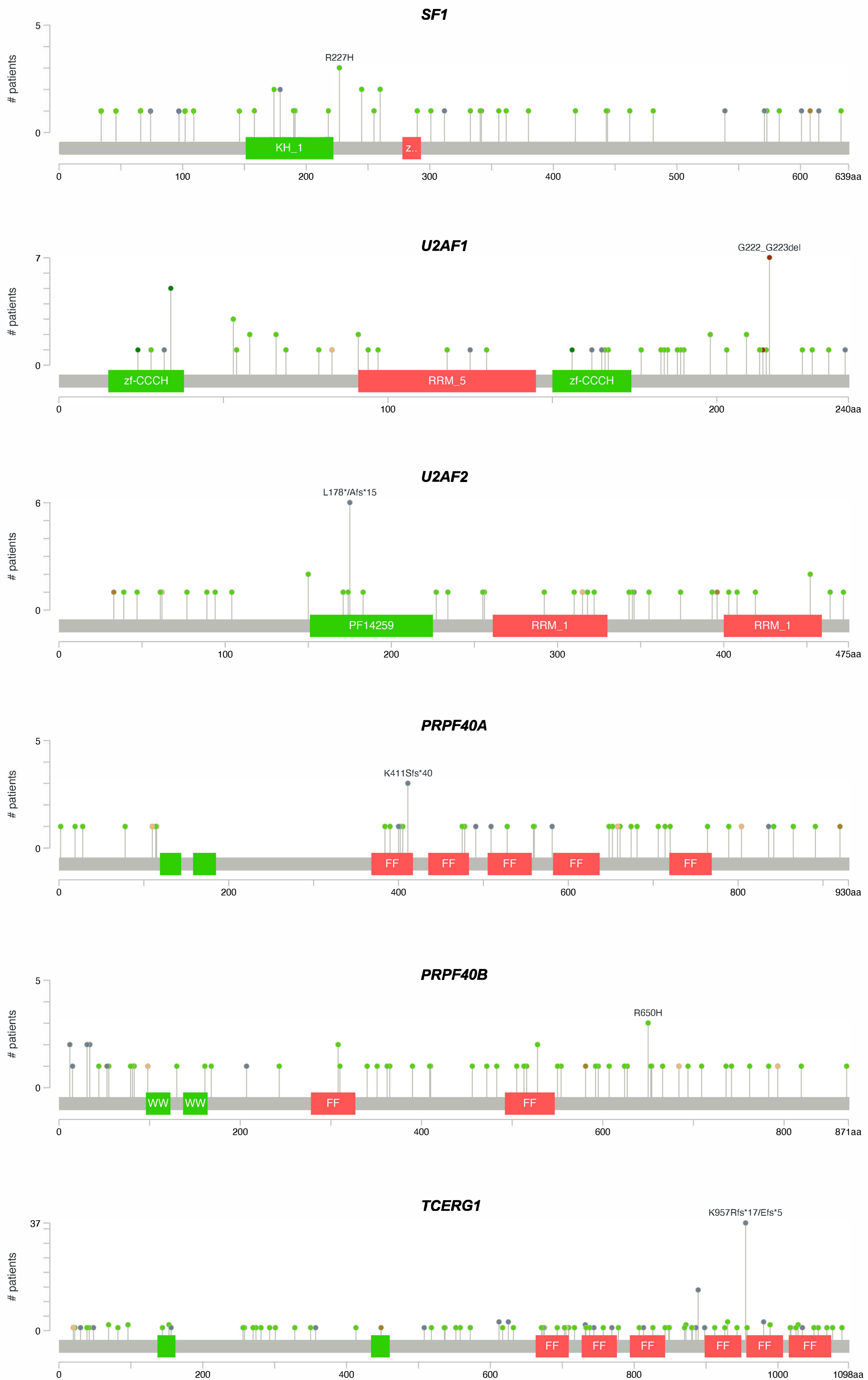
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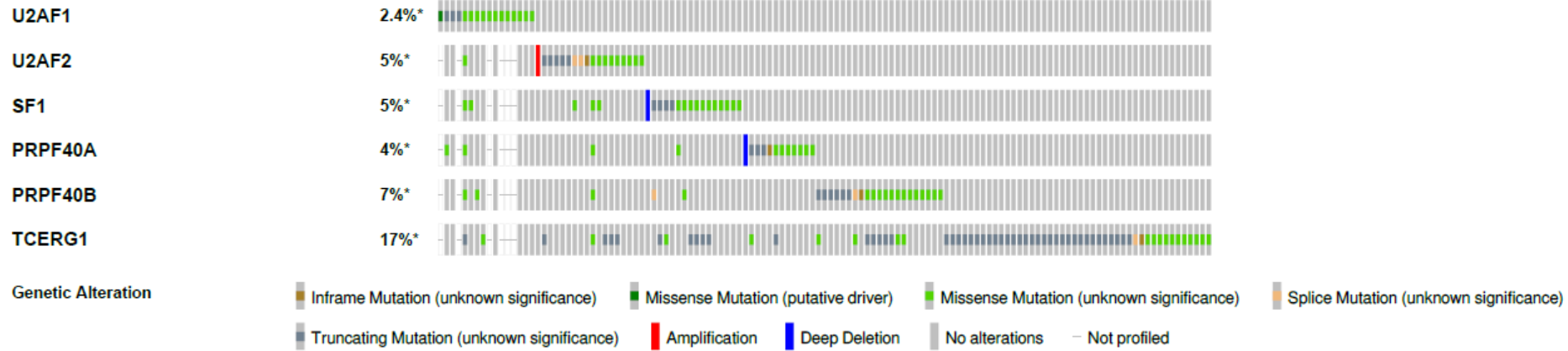
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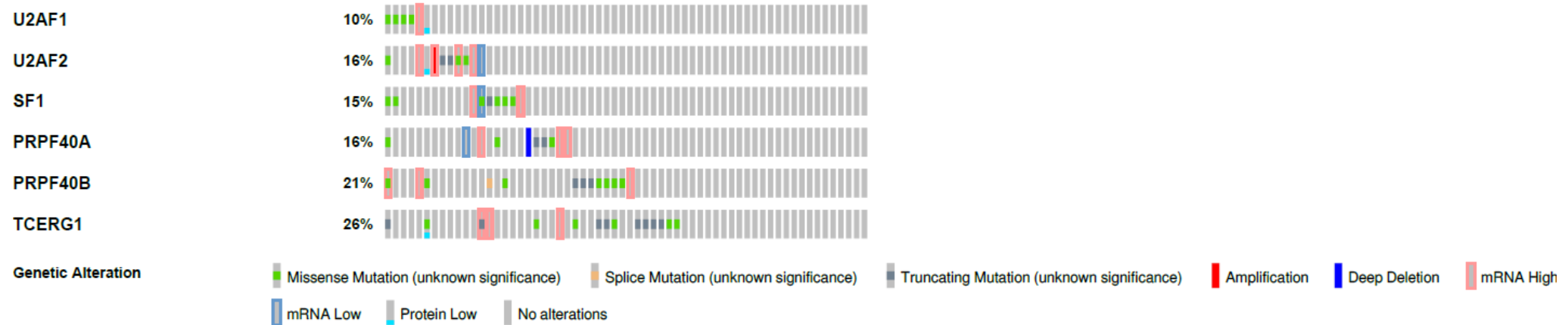
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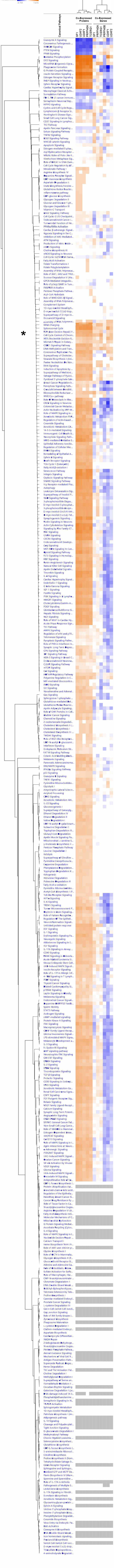
BRAF/CC



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BRAF (TCGA)/CC





Supplementary Table 1

A	B	Neither	A Not B	B Not A	Both	Log2 Odds Ratio	p-Value	q-Value	Tendency
PRPF40B	TCERG1	1481	41	100	16	2.531	<0.001	<0.001	Co-occurrence
SF1	TCERG1	1488	34	103	13	2.466	<0.001	<0.001	Co-occurrence
U2AF2	TCERG1	1493	29	104	12	2.571	<0.001	<0.001	Co-occurrence
SF1	PRPF40B	1543	38	48	9	2.929	<0.001	<0.001	Co-occurrence
PRPF40A	TCERG1	1494	28	107	9	2.166	<0.001	0.002	Co-occurrence
U2AF2	PRPF40B	1546	35	51	6	2.378	0.002	0.006	Co-occurrence
SF1	PRPF40A	1559	42	32	5	2.536	0.003	0.007	Co-occurrence
SF1	U2AF2	1555	42	36	5	2.362	0.005	0.01	Co-occurrence
U2AF2	PRPF40A	1564	37	33	4	2.357	0.012	0.02	Co-occurrence

Supplementary Table 2

Organ/System	TCGA PanCancer Atlas study	No. of patients	Genetic alteration frequency of CC	Genetic + expression level alteration frequency of CC
Adrenal Gland	Adrenocortical Carcinoma	89	9%	46%
Biliary Tract	Cholangiocarcinoma	36	6%	36%
Bladder/Urinary Tract	Bladder Urothelial Carcinoma	406	15%	39%
Bowel	Colorectal Adenocarcinoma	526	13%	38%
Breast	Breast Invasive Carcinoma	996	7%	34%
CNS/Brain	Brain Lower Grade Glioma	511	7%	39%
	Glioblastoma Multiforme	378	5%	15%
Cervix	Cervical Squamous Cell Carcinoma	278	10%	38%
Esophagus/Stomach	Esophageal Adenocarcinoma	182	9%	32%
	Stomach Adenocarcinoma	434	15%	37%
Eye	Uveal Melanoma	80	3%	36%
Head and Neck	Head and Neck Squamous Cell Carcinoma	496	10%	34%
Kidney	Renal Clear Cell Carcinoma	354	10%	29%
	Kidney Chromophobe	65	2%	31%
	Renal Papillary Cell Carcinoma	274	4%	23%
Liver	Hepatocellular Carcinoma	353	5%	30%
Lung	Lung Adenocarcinoma	507	15%	37%
	Lung Squamous Cell Carcinoma	469	11%	34%
Lymphoid	Diffuse Large B-Cell Lymphoma	37	16%	32%
Myeloid	Acute Myeloid Leukemia	190	7%	25%
Ovary/Fallopian Tube	Ovarian Serous Cystadenocarcinoma	398	10%	23%
Pancreas	Pancreatic Adenocarcinoma	175	6%	34%
Pleura	Mesothelioma	82	2%	29%
Prostate	Prostate Adenocarcinoma	489	7%	27%
Skin	Cutaneous Melanoma	363	21%	38%
Soft Tissue	Pheochromocytoma and Paraganglioma	161	2%	31%
	Sarcoma	253	9%	32%
Testis	Testicular Germ Cell Tumors	144	1%	38%
Thymus	Thymoma	123	2%	19%
Thyroid	Thyroid Carcinoma	482	<1%	16%
Uterus	Uterine Corpus Endometrial Carcinoma	509	23%	46%
	Uterine Carcinosarcoma	56	14%	59%

Supplementary Table 3

Driver Gene	A	B	Neither	A Not B	B Not A	Both	Log2 Odds Ratio	p-Value	q-Value	Tendency
APC	U2AF2	TCERG1	998	14	49	10	>3	<0.001	<0.001	Co-occurrence
	SF1	TCERG1	998	14	50	9	>3	<0.001	<0.001	Co-occurrence
	SF1	PRPF40B	1022	16	26	7	>3	<0.001	<0.001	Co-occurrence
	PRPF40A	TCERG1	993	19	51	8	>3	<0.001	<0.001	Co-occurrence
	PRPF40B	TCERG1	987	25	51	8	2.631	<0.001	<0.001	Co-occurrence
	SF1	U2AF2	1028	19	20	4	>3	0.001	0.003	Co-occurrence
	SF1	PRPF40A	1025	19	23	4	>3	0.002	0.004	Co-occurrence
	U2AF2	PRPF40B	1018	20	29	4	2.812	0.005	0.01	Co-occurrence
	PRPF40A	PRPF40B	1015	23	29	4	2.606	0.008	0.013	Co-occurrence
	U2AF2	PRPF40A	1023	21	24	3	2.606	0.02	0.03	Co-occurrence
KRAS	SF1	TCERG1	541	11	20	6	>3	<0.001	<0.001	Co-occurrence
	PRPF40A	TCERG1	544	8	21	5	>3	<0.001	<0.001	Co-occurrence
	SF1	PRPF40B	554	13	7	4	>3	<0.001	<0.001	Co-occurrence
	U2AF2	TCERG1	542	10	22	4	>3	0.002	0.008	Co-occurrence
	U2AF2	PRPF40A	554	11	10	3	>3	0.003	0.008	Co-occurrence
	PRPF40B	TCERG1	544	8	23	3	>3	0.011	0.026	Co-occurrence
TP53	PRPF40A	TCERG1	822	11	31	3	2.854	0.015	0.148	Co-occurrence
	U2AF2	PRPF40A	841	12	12	2	>3	0.02	0.148	Co-occurrence
	SF1	TCERG1	818	15	31	3	2.4	0.03	0.15	Co-occurrence
BRAF	PRPF40B	TCERG1	195	15	57	11	1.327	0.033	0.268	Co-occurrence

1 **Supplementary Figure Legends & Table Legends**

2 **Supplementary Fig 1.** Comparing equal number of unaltered (randomized samples) with
3 altered patient samples. Overall survival (left) (q is between $1.79e-05$ and 0.0187 for all except
4 D, $q = 0.0963$) and progression free survival (right) (q is in between $1.38e-09$ and $2.95e-04$ for
5 all) of patients with or without genetic alterations in E-complex genes. For each panel, data was
6 obtained from a total of 132 patients with at least one alteration in the 6 queried E-complex
7 genes (Altered group, indicated by the red curve), and a randomized cohort of 132 patients
8 derived from 1219 patients without any alterations in any E-complex factors (Unaltered group,
9 indicated by the blue curve).

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11 **Supplementary Fig 2.** Selected clinical attributes significantly associated with SF1 mutations.
12 Altered group (patients with *SF1* mutations) and Unaltered group (patients with no mutations in
13 any E-complex factor) are compared for MSI (microsatellite instability) profile (A and B),
14 Mutation Count (A and C), Fraction Genome Altered (A and D), Diagnosis Age (A and E) and
15 Race Category or demographic profile (A and F). Patients with *SF1* mutations (Altered group)
16 had lower mean levels of genome alterations, higher mutation count and diagnosis age and
17 different MSI (microsatellite instability) and demographic profile.

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19 **Supplementary Fig 3.** Location and frequency of genetic mutations in SF1, U2AF1, U2AF2,
20 PRPF40A, PRPF40B and TCERG1. The horizontal bars represent the amino acid length of
21 each protein while red and green boxes indicate specific functional motifs such as KH-1, zf-
22 CCCH or RRM domains. The height of each lollipop indicates the frequency of mutations in
23 patients. Green lollipops indicate missense mutations, gray indicates truncating mutations,
24 brown indicates in-frame mutations, orange indicates splice mutations and purple indicates
25 fusion mutations.

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27 **Supplementary Fig 4.** Oncoprint showing incidence of genetic alterations of U2AF1, U2AF2,
28 SF1, PRPF40A, PRPF40B and TCERG1 in (A) BRAF cohorts from all bowel cancer studies and
29 (B) BRAF cohort from TCGA PanCancer Atlas database.

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31 **Supplementary Fig 5.** Heat map derived from QIAGEN Ingenuity Pathway Analysis (IPA) using
32 gene list of co-expressed mRNAs associated with U2AF1, U2AF2, SF1, PRPF40A, PRPF40B
33 and TCERG1 in cancers of the esophagus, stomach and bowel (left) and pancreas and liver
34 (right). Compare pathways with Fig 5C and Supplementary Fig 6.

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36 **Supplementary Fig 6.** IPA analysis using protein and mRNA co-expression data associated
37 with U2AF1, U2AF2, SF1, PRPF40A, PRPF40B and TCERG1 in bowel cancers. The full length
38 of the heat map (same heat map as in Fig 5C) is shown. Lower portion of IPA heat map
39 (marked with *) indicates upregulated pathways with lower z-scores. Left 5 lanes are derived
40 from gene lists of proteins co-expressed with SF1, U2AF2, U2AF1, PRPF40A and TCERG1.
41 Right 6 lanes are derived from mRNA gene lists co-expressed with SF1, PRPF40A, TCERG1,
42 PRPF40B, U2AF1 and U2AF2.

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44 **Supplementary Table 1.** Co-occurrence tendency of two Commitment Factor (CC) gene
45 mutations in tumors. A q value of < 0.05 indicates significant co-occurrence in tumor tissue of
46 mutated genes listed under column A and B.

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48 **Supplementary Table 2.** Incidence of U2AF1, U2AF2, SF1, PRPF40A, PRPF40B and
49 TCERG1 alterations in different cancers listed in cBioPortal. Genetic alterations are from all
50 non-redundant studies of each type of cancer. Genetic plus expression level alteration
51 frequency is derived from TCGA, PanCancer Atlas study of each type of cancer.

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53 **Supplementary Table 3.** Co-occurrence tendency of two Commitment Factor (CC) gene
54 mutations in tumors from patients in the *APC*, *KRAS*, *TP53* or *BRAF* cohorts. A *q* value of <
55 0.05 indicates significant co-occurrence (in bold) in tumor tissue of mutated genes listed under
56 column A and B.

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79 **Supplementary Methods**

80 ***(1) Survival curves with equal number of patients in altered and unaltered groups.***

81 Survival data was downloaded from cBioPortal by clicking the download icon and Data tab on
82 the right side of the survival curves, and lists of case ID for both the altered (132 cases) and
83 unaltered group (1219 cases) were obtained. Sample ID was downloaded separately from the
84 Download tab of the query. Subsequently, ten sub-lists from the sample ID list of the unaltered
85 group were generated using the randomize function in Excel, each containing 132 sample IDs.
86 The 6 E-complex genes were then queried specifically in patient sets defined by these 132
87 altered and 132 randomly generated unaltered sample IDs, generating overall and progression
88 free survivals of patients with or without any genetic alterations in E-complex genes. *P* and *q*-
89 values were computed for each of these survival curves.

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91 ***(2) TCGA PanCancer Atlas Study; Bowel Cancer***

92 cBioPortal also reports changes in mRNA and protein levels in human cancer tissues in specific
93 TCGA PanCancer Atlas studies. Thus, for each type of GI cancer, we separately examined their
94 cognate TCGA PanCancer Atlas study. Each TCGA PanCancer Atlas study was queried for CC
95 factor alteration in genetic (mutation/structural variant/putative copy-number alterations from
96 GISTIC), expression level (mRNA expression z-scores relative to diploid samples (RNA Seq V2
97 RSEM)) and protein/phosphoprotein level (Protein expression z-scores (mass spectrometry by
98 CPTAC)) changes.

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100 ***(3) Generation of driver gene APC, TRP53, KRAS or BRAF cohorts.***

101 cBioPortal database was used to investigate how genetic changes in CC factors associate with
102 specific driver genes in colorectal cancer patients. Four different cohorts of bowel cancer
103 patients, each having genetic alterations in the driver genes *APC*, *TRP53*, *KRAS* or *BRAF* were
104 isolated and examined for CC alterations.

105 To generate the APC cohort, all non-redundant bowel cancer studies were selected from
106 cBioPortal [leaving out the 2 overlapping studies on Colorectal Adenocarcinoma (TCGA,
107 Firehose Legacy and TCGA, Nature 2012 studies)] and queried for genetic alterations in *APC*.
108 68% of bowel cancer patients (or 4422 patients) had genetic changes in their *APC* gene (Table
109 2). Of these, a cohort of 4393 patients were selected that only carried *APC* gene mutations
110 (excluding gene amplifications or deletions). The 4393 patient samples were queried for genetic
111 alterations in the six CC factors. CC factors were altered in 4% (177) of the patients carrying
112 *APC* mutations.

113 Similarly, we selected for a cohort of patients with *KRAS* mutations. 43% (2796 patients)
114 of bowel cancer patients had *KRAS* mutation (Table 1B). Of this, a *KRAS* cohort of 2737
115 patients, 4% (106 patients) had mutations in CC factors. 66% (4302 patients) with bowel
116 cancers had *TP53* mutations. Of these 3% (123 patients) also had CC factor mutations (Table
117 1B).

118 *BRAF* gene was altered in a lower proportion, 10% (670 patients), of bowel cancer
119 patients but of these, a higher fraction, 19% (127 patients), carried CC mutations (Table 1B).
120 We also queried the TCGA PanCancer Atlas dataset (colorectal adenocarcinoma) for *BRAF*
121 alterations (Table 1B and Figure 4E). In this study of 594 patients, *BRAF* was altered (with
122 mutated *BRAF* plus expression level changes) in 19% (112 patients) of the patients. Of these
123 112 patients, 62 patients carried only *BRAF* gene mutations and constituted the *BRAF*/TCGA
124 cohort (Table 1B). 61% (38 patients) of the *BRAF*/TCGA cohort, also had alterations in CC
125 factors, with MACR patients having the highest alteration rates in CC genes (Figure 4E).

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127 **(4) Genes co-expressed with CC factors and IPA.**

128 The bowel TCGA PanCancer Atlas database in cBioPortal was queried for RNAs and proteins
129 whose expression levels correlate with each CC factor. For example, to identify genes in bowel
130 cancers that are significantly co-expressed with *SF1*, the TCGA PanCancer Atlas dataset

131 (Colorectal adenocarcinoma) was queried for SF1 followed by co-expression data. The RNA co-
132 expression data in cBioPortal is derived from RNA sequencing from 592 patient samples. A list
133 of 19880 genes whose RNA levels positively or negatively correlated with *SF1* was obtained,
134 out of which the expression correlation of 9576 genes were significant (q -value < 0.05). This list
135 of 9576 genes was designated co-expressed with *SF1*. Similar co-expression gene lists (q -value
136 < 0.05) were obtained for each CC factor: U2AF2, U2AF1, PRPF40A, PRPF40B and TCERG1.

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138 The Colorectal adenocarcinoma (TCGA PanCancer Atlas) dataset also allowed for the query for
139 proteins that are co-expressed with individual CC factors (example of NUDT21 co-expression
140 with SF1, $q = 6.53e-21$, Figure 5B). The protein co-expression data is derived from CPTAC
141 (NCI's Clinical Proteomic Tumor Analysis Consortium) mass spectrometry of 84 samples. Mass
142 spectroscopy CPTAC sample data is available for SF1, U2AF1, U2AF2, PRPF40A and
143 TCERG1 but not for PRPF40B. We generated a list of 5520 proteins that co-expressed with
144 SF1, of which 3413 proteins were significantly co-expressed (q -value < 0.05). Similar queries
145 generated gene lists for protein co-expression for each of the other CC factors.

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147 We utilized the 5 lists of proteins co-expressed with each of the CC factors (SF1, U2AF1,
148 U2AF2, PRPF40A and TCERG1) together with the 6 lists of mRNAs co-expressed with each of
149 the CC factors (SF1, U2AF1, U2AF2, PRPF40A, PRPF40B and TCERG1) to simultaneously
150 perform QIAGEN Ingenuity Pathway Analysis (IPA).

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