

## Supplementary Data

**Table S1.** ctDNA studies performed in early-stage tumors

Reference	Cancer type	Samples	Detection approach	Target	Expected mutations in ctDNA	Detected mutations in ctDNA	Range of mutant allelic fraction detected	Clinical outcome
Bettegowda <i>et al.</i> , <i>Sci Transl Med</i> 2014	bladder, breast, colorectal, endometrial, head and neck, gastroesophageal, melanoma, non-small cell lung, pancreatic ductal	182	dPCR	panel of genes	variable**	40%-60%	1,1-22000 mutant fragments/5mL	NE
Sausen <i>et al.</i> , <i>Nat Commun</i> 2015	pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma	51	dPCR	KRAS	90%*	43%	0.01%-0.52%	higher risk of relapse in patients with detectable ctDNA at diagnosis
Beaver <i>et al.</i> , <i>Clin Can Res</i> 2014	breast cancer	29	dPCR	PIK3CA	52%**	48%	0.01%-2.99%	NE
García-Mutillas <i>et al.</i> , <i>Sci Transl Med</i> 2015	breast cancer	55	dPCR	panel of genes	76%**	53%	0.05%-0.8%	ctDNA detection at baseline, not predictive of disease-free survival. ctDNA abundance at baseline not associated with early relapse
Jamal-Hanjani <i>et al.</i> , <i>Ann Oncol</i> 2016	lung adenocarcinoma and squamous cell carcinoma	4	multiplex PCR-NGS	panel of SNVs	37 SNVs**	16 SNVs(43%)	0.15-23.25%	NE

\* Based on previous studies

\*\* Based on tumor mutations

NE Not evaluated

§ According to concentration of mutations/ml

**Table S2.** Overview of the amount of cfDNA extracted per sample, and the on-target median coverage for the two independent libraries

Sample type	ID	TP53 mutation	ID	Sample	ng DNA	Coverage - Lib1	Coverage - Lib2	Sample type	ID	TP53 mutation	ID	Sample	ng DNA	Coverage - Lib1	Coverage - Lib2	Sample type	ID	TP53 mutation	ID	Sample	ng DNA	Coverage - Lib1	Coverage - Lib2												
Russian cases	SCLC-1	RS1131010	1	68912	7939	Replication controls	-	RS1250	680	7650	7720	Russian controls	-	RS130480	19	12543	8976	Russian controls	-	RS130480	19	6543	8976	Russian controls	-	RS130480	19	6543	8976						
Russian cases	SCLC-2	RS1131050	11	7812	7939	Replication controls	-	RS151514	644	7745	7337	Russian controls	-	RS130492	21	9215	8771	Russian controls	-	RS130517	12	10844	5922	Russian controls	-	RS130517	12	10844	5922						
Russian cases	SCLC-3	RS1131091	5	7551	7856	Replication controls	-	RS151523	598	7377	6582	Russian controls	-	RS130518	19	13060	7333	Russian controls	-	RS130551	17	8464	9139	Russian controls	-	RS130551	17	8464	9139						
Russian cases	SCLC-4	RS1131095	36	7525	7685	Replication controls	-	RS151523	773	7433	7025	Russian controls	-	RS130558	24	7775	6955	Russian controls	-	RS130578	52	10910	35303	Russian controls	-	RS130578	52	10910	35303						
Russian cases	SCLC-5	RS1131107	15	7641	7585	Replication controls	-	RS151535	422	6895	6950	Russian controls	-	RS130578	26	7447	8510	Russian controls	-	RS130587	19	10304	22711	Russian controls	-	RS130587	19	10304	22711						
Russian cases	SCLC-6	RS1131338	11	7814	7900	Replication controls	-	RS151558	447	7126	7000	Russian controls	-	RS130628	11	15378	5731	Russian controls	-	RS130646	34	6464	8199	Russian controls	-	RS130657	12	27255	52183	Russian controls	-	RS130683	27	5308	8836
Russian cases	SCLC-7	RS1131340	11	5875.5	7963.5	Replication controls	-	RS151581	714	6850	6306	Russian controls	-	RS130684	16	5443	15775	Russian controls	-	RS130754	49	6631	18856	Russian controls	-	RS130754	49	6631	18856						
Russian cases	SCLC-8	RS1131345	11	7240	7910.5	Replication controls	-	RS151581	700	7002	7421	Russian controls	-	RS130754	21	6563	7169	Russian controls	-	RS130839	15	6551	9819	Russian controls	-	RS130839	15	6551	9819						
Russian cases	SCLC-9	RS1131367	37	7508	7988	Replication controls	-	RS151592	317	6904	6060	Russian controls	-	RS130858	17	13211	13522	Replication controls	-	RS130916	18	7035	6760	Replication controls	-	RS130923	25	36066	27208						
Russian cases	SCLC-11	RS1131725	15	7371	7242	Replication controls	-	RS151596	534	7258	7613	Russian controls	-	RS130924	47	19136	22052	Replication controls	-	RS130940	12	27769	10186	Replication controls	-	RS130940	12	27769	10186						
Russian cases	SCLC-12	RS1131811	13	7251	5069	Replication controls	-	RS151602	5077	7503	7421	Russian controls	-	RS130940	49	14286	19799	Replication controls	-	RS130987	49	14286	19799	Replication controls	-	RS130987	49	14286	19799						
Russian cases	SCLC-13	RS1131889	18	7317	6231	Replication controls	-	RS151607	195	4076	7255	Russian controls	-	RS130990	18	6603	5783	Replication controls	-	RS131034	33	13411	21598	Replication controls	-	RS131034	33	13411	21598						
Russian cases	SCLC-14	RS122064	234	7645	7946	Replication controls	-	RS151617	110	7405	7370	Russian controls	-	RS131052	53	8762	11738	Replication controls	-	RS131052	53	8762	11738	Replication controls	-	RS131052	53	8762	11738						
Russian cases	SCLC-15	RS1221195	26	7281	7867	Replication controls	-	RS151624	207	7519	7138	Russian controls	-	RS131058	17	14216	14935	Replication controls	-	RS131098	32	23436	23436	Replication controls	-	RS131098	32	23436	23436						
Russian cases	SCLC-16	RS122406	13	7917	7958	Replication controls	-	RS151628	144	7308	7553	Russian controls	-	RS1311371	18	7035	7222	Replication controls	-	RS131171	18	28416	32144	Replication controls	-	RS131171	18	28416	32144						
Russian cases	SCLC-17	RS1224490	16	7818	7903	Replication controls	-	RS151630	12	7652	5900.5	Russian controls	-	RS131225	18	14293	10735	Replication controls	-	RS131225	18	14293	10735	Replication controls	-	RS131225	18	14293	10735						
Russian cases	SCLC-18	RS122506	12	7979	7958	Replication controls	-	RS151637	83	7844	7532	Russian controls	-	RS131227	17	5607	9177	Replication controls	-	RS131246	25	8674	6374	Replication controls	-	RS131246	25	8674	6374						
Russian cases	SCLC-19	RS122540	22	7707	7557	Replication controls	-	RS151642	2880	7104	3189	Russian controls	-	RS131255	44	17656	6417	Replication controls	-	RS131271	25	23177	29339	Replication controls	-	RS131271	25	23177	29339						
Russian cases	SCLC-20	RS122600	8	7873	7940	Replication controls	-	RS151645	1047	6957	6000	Russian controls	-	RS131286	20	20060	25456	Replication controls	-	RS1313102	24	10452	6114	Replication controls	-	RS1313102	24	10452	6114						
Russian cases	SCLC-21	RS122639	11	7628	7945	Replication controls	-	RS151647	22	7658	6737	Russian controls	-	RS1313171	19	1620	7022	Replication controls	-	RS131344	33	21598	21598	Replication controls	-	RS131344	33	21598	21598						
Russian cases	SCLC-22	RS122735	10	7123	7823	Replication controls	-	RS151657	4047	7597	7377	Russian controls	-	RS131349	27	30050	106773	Replication controls	-	RS131352	53	8762	11738	Replication controls	-	RS131352	53	8762	11738						
Russian cases	SCLC-23	RS122805	10	7675.5	7087	Replication controls	-	RS151667	14	7705	5951	Russian controls	-	RS131358	18	10839	12914	Replication controls	-	RS131366	18	10839	12914	Replication controls	-	RS131366	18	10839	12914						
Russian cases	SCLC-24	RS122895	21	7012	7643	Replication controls	-	RS151674	207	7705	4598	Russian controls	-	RS131393	27	30050	106773	Replication controls	-	RS131393	27	30050	106773	Replication controls	-	RS131393	27	30050	106773						
Russian cases	SCLC-25	RS122580	66	7554	7928	Replication controls	-	RS151682	17	7805	6830	Russian controls	-	RS131398	19	6731	7781	Replication controls	-	RS131408	32	23436	23436	Replication controls	-	RS131408	32	23436	23436						
Russian cases	SCLC-26	RS122585	11	6981	7927	Replication controls	-	RS151684	20	7471	6467	Russian controls	-	RS131409	24	10452	6114	Replication controls	-	RS131409	24	10452	6114	Replication controls	-	RS131409	24	10452	6114						
Russian cases	SCLC-27	RS122586	7	7718	7557	Replication controls	-	RS151687	48	7871	5337	Russian controls	-	RS131409	25	10452	6114	Replication controls	-	RS131409	25	10452	6114	Replication controls	-	RS131409	25	10452	6114						
Russian cases	SCLC-28	RS122587	9	7861	7957	Replication controls	-	RS151693	11	7923	6185.5	Russian controls	-	RS131434	33	13411	21598	Replication controls	-	RS131434	33	13411	21598	Replication controls	-	RS131434	33	13411	21598						
Russian cases	SCLC-29	RS122588	19	7633	7936	Replication controls	-	RS151694	8	7957	5457	Russian controls	-	RS131452	18	28416	32144	Replication controls	-	RS131452	18	28416	32144	Replication controls	-	RS131452	18	28416	32144						
Russian cases	SCLC-30	RS122589	8	7710	7832.5	Replication controls	-	RS151695	11	7895	6267	Russian controls	-	RS131459	16	8790	21384	Replication controls	-	RS131459	16	8790	21384	Replication controls	-	RS131459	16	8790	21384						
Russian cases	SCLC-31	RS122590	8	7063	7930	Replication controls	-	RS151697	11	7957	5457	Russian controls	-	RS131459	17	15378	5731	Replication controls	-	RS131459	17	15378	5731	Replication controls	-	RS131459	17	15378	5731						
Russian cases	SCLC-32	RS122592	11	7652	6248	Replication controls	-	RS151702	22	7658	6737	Russian controls	-	RS131465	27	8771	5377	Replication controls	-	RS131465	27	8771	5377	Replication controls	-	RS131465	27	8771	5377						
Russian cases	SCLC-33	RS122593	11	7526	7957	Replication controls	-	RS151704	22	7168	5847	Russian controls	-	RS131466	27	8771	5377	Replication controls	-	RS131466	27	8771	5377	Replication controls	-	RS131466	27	8771	5377						
Russian cases	SCLC-34	RS122594	15	7597	7988	Replication controls	-	RS151705	22	7168	5847	Russian controls	-	RS131466	27	8771	5377	Replication controls	-	RS131466	27	8771	5377	Replication controls	-	RS131466	27	8771	5377						
Russian cases	SCLC-35	RS122595	16	7428	7917	Replication controls	-	RS151707	22	7938	6107.5	Russian controls	-	RS131467	27	8771	5377	Replication controls	-	RS131467	27	8771	5377	Replication controls	-	RS131467	27	8771	5377						
Russian cases	SCLC-36	RS122596	11	7652	7988	Replication controls	-	RS151708	22	7895	6596	Russian controls	-	RS131468	27	8771	5377	Replication controls	-	RS131468	27	8771	5377	Replication controls	-	RS131468	27	8771	5377						
Russian cases	SCLC-37	RS122597	11	7707	7988	Replication controls	-	RS151709	22	7895	6596	Russian controls	-	RS131469	27	8771	5377	Replication controls	-	RS131469	27	8771	5377	Replication controls	-	RS131469	27	8771	5377						
Russian cases	SCLC-38	RS122598	11	7707	7988	Replication controls	-	RS151710	22	7895	6596	Russian controls	-	RS131470	27	8771	5377	Replication controls	-	RS131470	27	8771	5377	Replication controls	-	RS131470	27	8771	5377						
Russian cases	SCLC-39	RS122599	11	7707	7988	Replication controls	-	RS151711	22	7895	6596	Russian controls	-	RS131471	27	8771	5377	Replication controls	-	RS131471	27	8771	5377	Replication controls	-	RS131471	27	8771	5377						
Russian cases	SCLC-40	RS122600	11	7707	7988	Replication controls	-	RS151712	22	7895	6596	Russian controls	-	RS131472	27	8771	5377	Replication controls	-	RS131472	27	8771	5377	Replication controls	-	RS131472	27	8771	5377						
Russian cases	SCLC-41	RS122601	11	7649.5	5463.5	Replication controls	-	RS151713	22	72370	23270	Russian controls	-	RS131473	27	8771	5377	Replication controls	-	RS131473	27	8771	5377	Replication controls	-	RS131473	27	8771	5377						
Russian cases	SCLC-42	RS122602	11	7537	54																														

**Table S3.** Overview of the *TP53* mutations found in the plasma of 51 Russian SCLC patients with the mutations' allelic fractions (AF, %) detected in the two libraries, in both cfDNA and white-blood cells if applicable (NA, not done). *TP53* mutations are mapped to GenBank reference sequence NM\_000546.

Sample	Tumour stage	<i>TP53</i> mutation	Detected in cfDNA		Detected in white-blood cells	
			Smallest AF	Highest AF	Smallest AF	Highest AF
SCLC-1	IB	p.E204*	1.95	4.22		
SCLC-2	IIB	p.R156P	0.67	0.82		
SCLC-3	IIB	P.G154V	0.61	1.13	NA	NA
SCLC-4	IIIA	P.K164E	5.86	7.33		
SCLC-5	IB	p.V272M	0.40	0.54		
SCLC-6	IIB	p.V216M e7-2	1.02 0.76	1.11 1.46		
SCLC-7	IIIA	p.P177R p.Q104*	0.26 6.88	0.42 11.49	NA	NA
SCLC-8	IIIA	p.G245fs p.G245V	0.42 7.91	0.71 13.82		
SCLC-9	IIIA	p.G244C	6.36	8.69		
SCLC-10	IIIA	p.E286*	57.6	60.52	NA	NA
SCLC-11	IIIA	p.V157F p.V153fs	25.04 57.31	28.05 84.08		
SCLC-12	IV	p.L194R	0.12	0.19		
SCLC-13	IIIB	p.H179R	23.89	24.25		
SCLC-14	IV	p.S241fs p.S241Y	0.39 77.47	0.57 84.81		
SCLC-15	IIIA	p.G245V	2.38	2.96		
SCLC-16	IIIA	p.R280*	34.72	37.23	NA	NA
SCLC-17	IV	p.C176Y	6.07	9.64		
SCLC-18	IIIA	p.H179R	1.57	3.20	NA	NA
SCLC-19	IV	p.P72fs	23.94	24.27		
SCLC-20	IIIB	p.P34fs	4.56	4.69		
SCLC-21	IIIB	p.R280G p.Y220C	11.41 0.90	11.65 1.27	0.50	0.70
SCLC-22	IIIB	p.E271V	0.71	0.88		
SCLC-23	IIIB	p.Y163C	0.26	0.27		
SCLC-24	IIIA	p.G244V	15.37	16.86		
SCLC-25	IV	e7-1	61.20	67.18	NA	NA

**Table S4.** Overview of the *TP53* mutations found in the plasma of 123 non-cancer Russian controls with the mutations' allelic fractions (AF, %) detected in the two libraries, in both cfDNA and white-blood cells if applicable (NA, not done). TA refers to the mutations' functional classification based on the overall transcriptional activity from the IARC *TP53* database. *TP53* mutations are mapped to GenBank reference sequence NM\_000546.

Sample	<i>TP53</i> mutation	Detected in cfDNA			Detected in white-blood cells			Comments
		TA	Smallest AF	Highest AF	Smallest AF	Highest AF		
<b>MLT-1</b>	p.K291E	F	0.65	0.96				
<b>MLT-2</b>	p.E258fs		0.23	0.38				
<b>MLT-3</b>	p.H214Y	PF	0.27	4.04	NA	NA		
<b>MLT-4</b>	p.C275W	NF	0.24	0.61				
	p.P34L	NF	1.14	1.19				
<b>MLT-5</b>	p.E346A	F	0.26	0.85				
	p.C238Y	NF	0.50	0.61				
	p.R175G	NF	4.09	4.41	4.40	4.50		
<b>MLT-6</b>	p.R175H	NF	1.31	2.05				
	p.S261T	ST	1.01	1.50				
<b>MLT-7</b>	p.D281E	NF	79.85	84.94				
<b>MLT-8</b>	p.Y205*		0.19	0.49	NA	NA		
<b>MLT-9</b>	p.R273H	NF	1.05	2.50	NA	NA		
<b>MLT-10</b>	p.K382fs		13.68	14.46				
<b>MLT-11</b>	p.R175H	NF	20.92	21.28				
<b>MLT-12</b>	p.G244C	NF	0.33	0.74	NA	NA		
<b>MLT-13</b>	p.144-145del		3.02	5.32				
<b>MLT-14</b>	p.G154S	PF	47.17	50.58	52.10	54.90	likely germline	

NF: non-functional

F: functional

PF: partially functional

ST: supertrans

**Table S5.** Overview of the *TP53* mutations found in the plasma of 9 Greece, 14 Czech Republic (CRE), 40 Italy (ITA), and 39 Argentina (ARG) non-cancer controls with the mutations' allelic fractions (AF, %) detected in the two libraries, in both cfDNA and white-blood cells if applicable (NA, not done). TA refers to the mutations' functional classification based on the overall transcriptional activity from the IARC *TP53* database. *TP53* mutations are mapped to GenBank reference sequence NM\_000546.

Sample	<i>TP53</i> mutation	Detected in cfDNA			Detected in white-blood cells			Comments
		TA	Smallest AF	Highest AF	Smallest AF	Highest AF		
<b>ARG-1</b>	p.R273C	NF	5.22	5.58	7.30	10.40		
<b>ARG-2</b>	p.G105S	NF	0.78	1.99				
<b>ARG-3</b>	p.K139R	F	0.47	0.88				
	p.E271V	NF	0.51	0.60				
<b>ARG-4</b>	p.F341C	NF	0.33	0.47				
<b>CRE-5</b>	p.F212fs		0.02	0.05				
	p.S269N	PF	0.18	0.82				
<b>CRE-6</b>	p.I254N	NF	0.07	0.09				
<b>ITA-7</b>	p.S241C	NF	0.06	0.10				
<b>ITA-8</b>	p.V272M	NF	0.78	0.80	0.90	1.40		
<b>ITA-9</b>	p.G302W	F	0.28	0.42				
<b>ITA-10</b>	p.R273L	NF	0.14	0.19				
<b>ITA-11</b>	p.T377I	F	55.84	63.74	NA	NA		likely germline

NF: non-functional

F: functional

PF: partially functional