

Supplementary Figures

Fig. S1 – Schematic overview of the computational pipeline to identify somatic mutations in NG-TAS data from longitudinal samples.

Fig. S2 - Representative image of the Bioanalyser gel plot. The 8plex PCR products were analysed using Bioanalyser for primer efficiency and quality control.

Fig. S3 - Fragment size distribution according to the Bioanalyser results for cfDNA extracted from the media where NA12878 cells were grown (main peak at around 160-170bp).

Fig. S4 – (A) Percentage of amplicons having more than 100x coverage for 2, 5 and 10 ng of input cfDNA from NA12878 sample. (B) Percentage of reads on target for 2, 5 and 10 ng of input cfDNA from NA12878 sample.

Fig. S5 – Detailed representation of mutations identified in tumour or plasma samples of 21 metastatic breast cancer cases. The colour gradient indicates the VAF as indicated; PT = primary tumour, M = metastasis biopsy, V1...n = plasma.

Fig S1

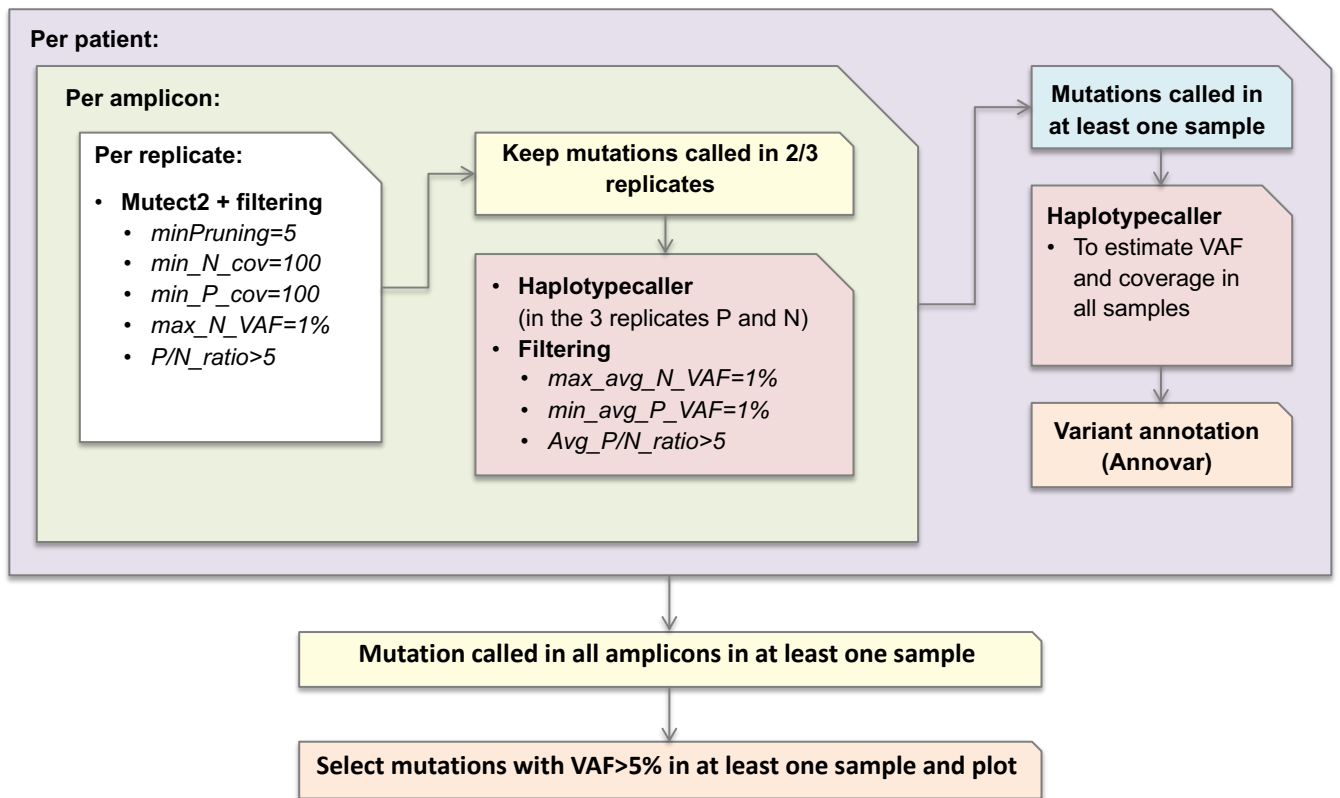


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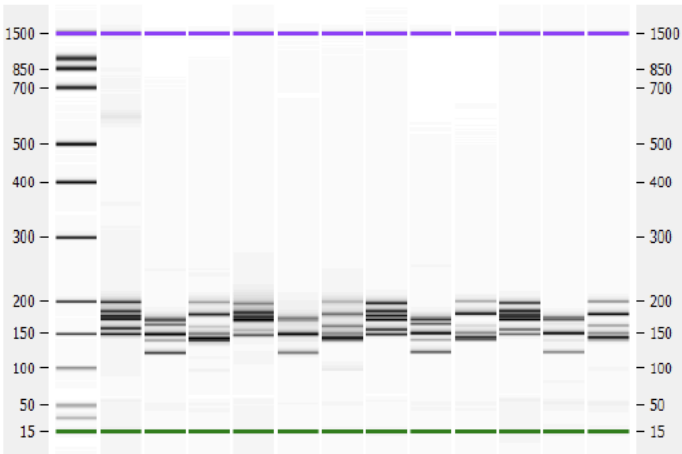


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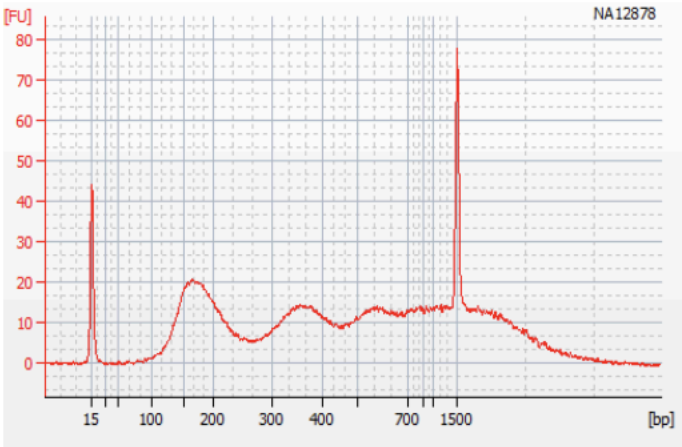


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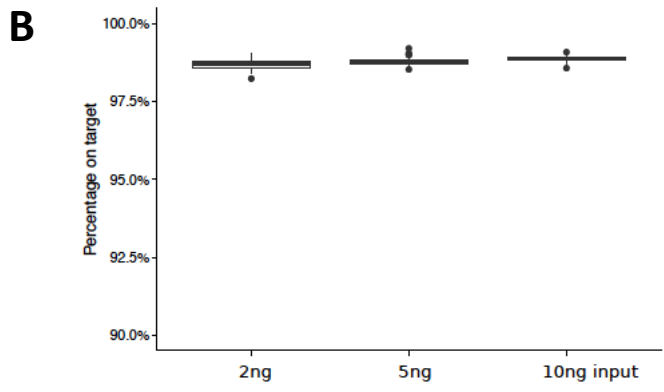
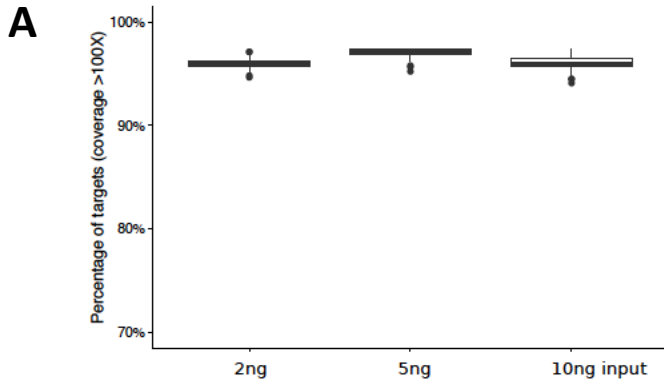
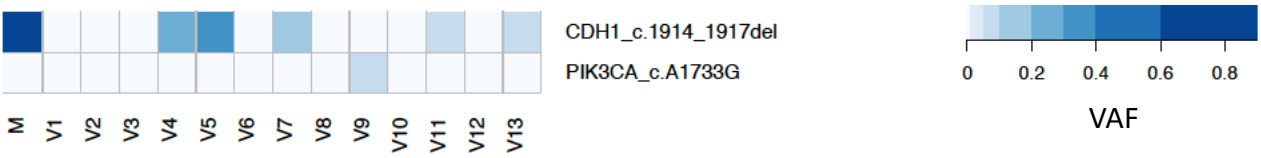
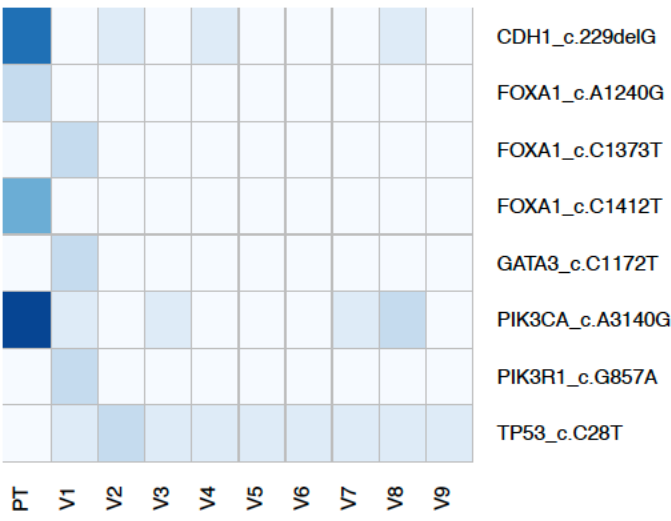


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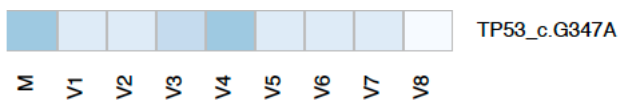
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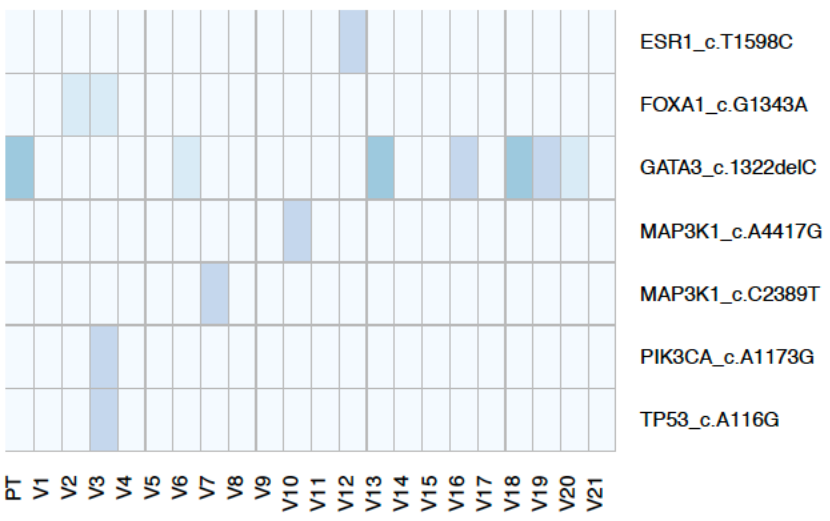
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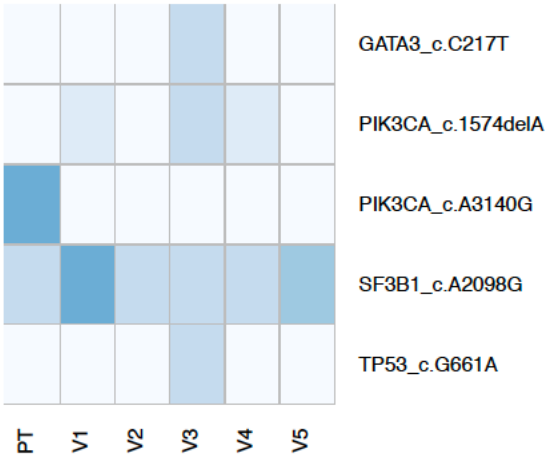
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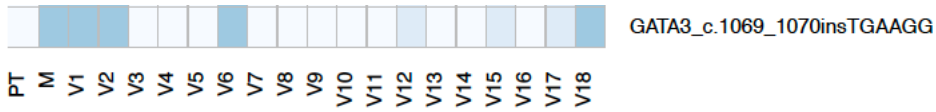
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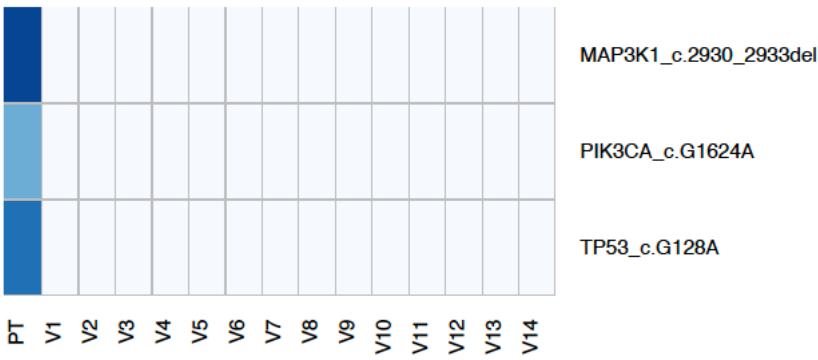
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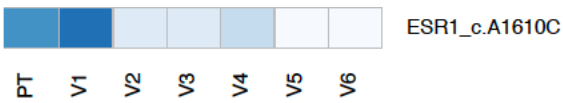
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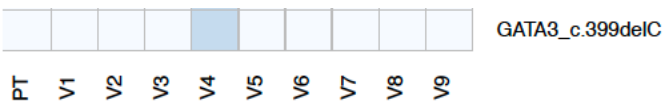
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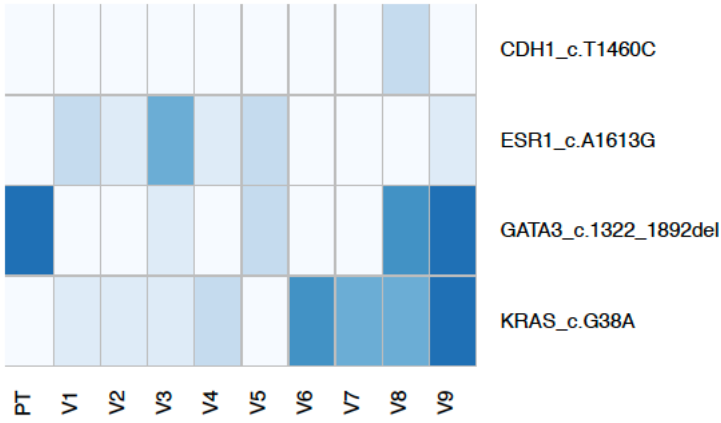
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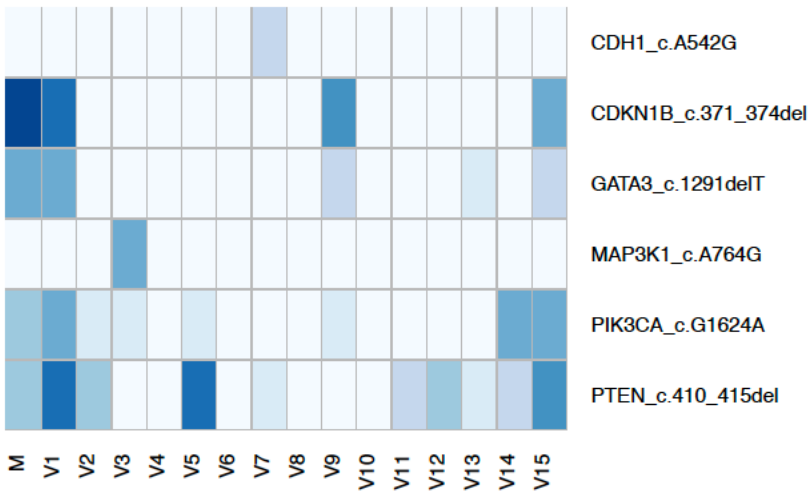
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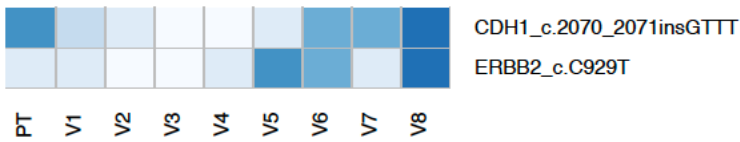
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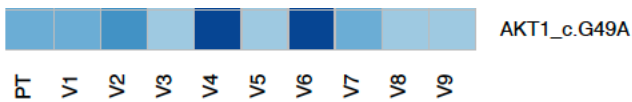
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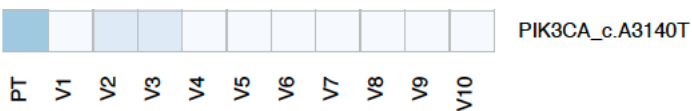


Table S1: The proportion of NA12878 and NA11840 for the generation of the cfDNA dilution series with expected VAF

Expected VAF (%)	NA12878	NA11840
50	100	0
40	80	20
30	60	40
20	40	60
10	20	80
5	10	90
2.5	5	95
1	2	98
0.5	1	99
0.25	0.5	99.5
0.1	0.2	99.8
0	0	100

Table S2: Primers and Probes for PIK3CA and ESR1 hotspot mutations for digital PCR

Gene	Assay	F Primer	R Primer	WT probe (5' VIC/3' MGB)	Mutant probe (5' 6-FAM/3' MGB)
PIK3CA	p.E545K (c.1633 G>A)	GCAATTTCTACACGAGATCC TCTCT	CATTTTAGCACTTACCTGTGA CTCCAT	TGAAATCACTGAGCAGGAG	TGAAATCACTAAGCAGGA
	p.H1047R (c.3140 A>G)	AAGAGGCTTTGGAGATATTC ATGAA	TGTTTAATTGTGTGGAAGAT CCAATC	CAAATGAATGATGCACATC	TGATGCACGTCATGGT
ESR1	p.D538G (c.1613 A>G)	AGGCATGGAGCATCTGTAC A	TTGGTCCGTCTCCTCCA	TGGTGCCCTCTATGACCTG	CCCTCTATGGCCTGCTGCT