

Supplementary Methods

Cross comparison and prognostic assessment of breast cancer multigene signatures in a large population-based contemporary clinical series

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Patient cohort

Clinical and histopathological data were obtained for SCAN-B [1, 2] (ClinicalTrials.gov ID NCT02306096) patients diagnosed and enrolled between 01/09/2010 to 03/31/2015 from the Swedish national breast cancer quality registry (NKBC).

RNAsequencing

RNAsequencing and initial quality control were performed as described [1, 3]. 3520 patients with quality controlled RNA sequencing data was available. In this study, only RefSeq genes were retained, and data were summarized on gene and summarized to FPKM counts. To all FPKM data an offset of +1 was added, and then the data was log2 transformed before further usage.

Signature classification

Nineteen gene classifiers, originating from 15 public gene classifiers, representing different subtype predictors or prognostic predictors were used to classify samples. Classification was performed as outlined below for each signature:

1. *PAM50-AIMS*. For classification we used the R-package *AIMS* version 1.10.0 with default parameters, using Entrez gene identifiers for mapping. Classification was performed for the entire data matrix (n x m, corresponding to genes x samples).
2. *PAM50*. PAM50 classification was performed by a nearest-centroid implementation using correlation-based distance to subtype centroids from Parker et al. [4]. Before calculating correlations for individual samples, gene expression data was normalized by gene centering against a selected and fixed reference sample set selected to match clinical characteristics of the original training set from Parker et al.
3. *iC10*. For classification we used the R-package *iC10* version 1.1.3. Prior to the classification data was mean-centered across samples. Classification was performed for the entire data matrix (n x m, corresponding to genes x samples). Before the actual *iC10()* classification function we matched features based on gene identifier through the *matchFeatures()* function, and normalized using *normalizeFeatures(method="scale")* function as described in the examples of the package.
4. *CIT*. For classification we used the R-package *citbcmst* version 1.0.4 with Pearson correlation as distance method. The package centers data itself. Classification was performed for the entire data matrix (n x m, corresponding to genes x samples).
5. *TNBCtype*. For classification we used the web-based tool described by Chen et al. [5]. We included only clinically determined TNBC cases in the classification. TNBCtype has a pre-filter step where it reports samples that the algorithm does not consider as TNBC and then stops. In a first run, such samples were identified and then removed from the TNBC data set. The filtered data set was again passed to TNBCtype. Prior to the classification TNBC data was mean-centered.
6. *HDPP*. For classification we used the centroids reported by Staaf et al. [6], using Pearson correlation. Prior to the classification data was mean-centered and matched to centroids based on gene identifier. We used the highest centroid correlation >0 to assign a class for each sample.
7. *SDPP*. For classification we used a *genefu* R package [7] version 2.10.0 implementation of the original signature [8]. Prior to the classification data was mean centered across all samples.

8. *SCMOD2*. For classification we used a *genefu* R package [7] version 2.10.0 implementation of the original signature. Prior to the classification data was mean centered across all samples.
9. *GGI*. For classification we used a *genefu* R package [7] version 2.10.0 implementation of the original signature. Prior to the classification data was mean centered across all samples. The *genefu ggi()* function requires grade to be supplied, and we used the Nottingham grade index from registry data for this purpose.
10. *Gene70*. For classification we used a *genefu* R package [7] version 2.10.0 implementation of the original signature. Prior to the classification data was mean centered across all samples. We used the scale option for the classification in the *genefu gene70()* function.
11. *Oncotype DX*. For classification we used a *genefu* R package [7] version 2.10.0 implementation of the original signature. Prior to the classification data was mean centered across all samples.
12. *Gene76*. For classification we used a *genefu* R package [7] version 2.10.0 implementation of the original signature. Prior to the classification data was mean centered across all samples. ER status from registry data was supplied as needed for the function.
13. *Endopredict*. For classification we used a *genefu* R package [7] version 2.10.0 implementation of the original signature. Prior to the classification data was mean centered across all samples.
14. *Genius*. For classification we used a *genefu* R package [7] version 2.10.0 implementation of the original signature. Prior to the classification data was mean centered across all samples.
15. *ROR-S*. We used centroid correlations from PAM50 above and the equation from [4] to calculate a ROR-score. All samples were divided into three equally sized groups, low-risk, medium/intermediate-risk, and high-risk based on quantiles of the ROR-score.
16. *ROR-P*. We used centroid correlations from PAM50 above and the equation from [4, 9] to calculate a ROR-score. All samples were divided into three equally sized groups, low-risk, medium/intermediate-risk, and high-risk based on quantiles of the ROR-score. The proliferation signature score used in the equation was calculated based on the gene list from Nielsen et al. [9] using mean centered data, as outlined in that study.
17. *ROR-T*. We used centroid correlations from PAM50 above and the equation from [4, 9] to calculate a ROR-score. All samples were divided into three equally sized groups, low-risk, medium/intermediate-risk, and high-risk based on quantiles of the ROR-score.
18. *ROR-PT*. We used centroid correlations from PAM50 above and the equations from [4] to calculate a ROR-score. Samples were divided into three groups, low-risk, medium/intermediate-risk, and high-risk based on quantiles of the ROR-score. The proliferation signature scored was calculated based on the gene list from Nielsen et al. [9] using mean centered data as outlined in that study.
19. *ROR-Tot*. Equation, optimized weights and cut-offs for classification were obtained from [10]. The proliferation signature score was calculated based on the gene list from [10] using mean centered data as outlined in that study.

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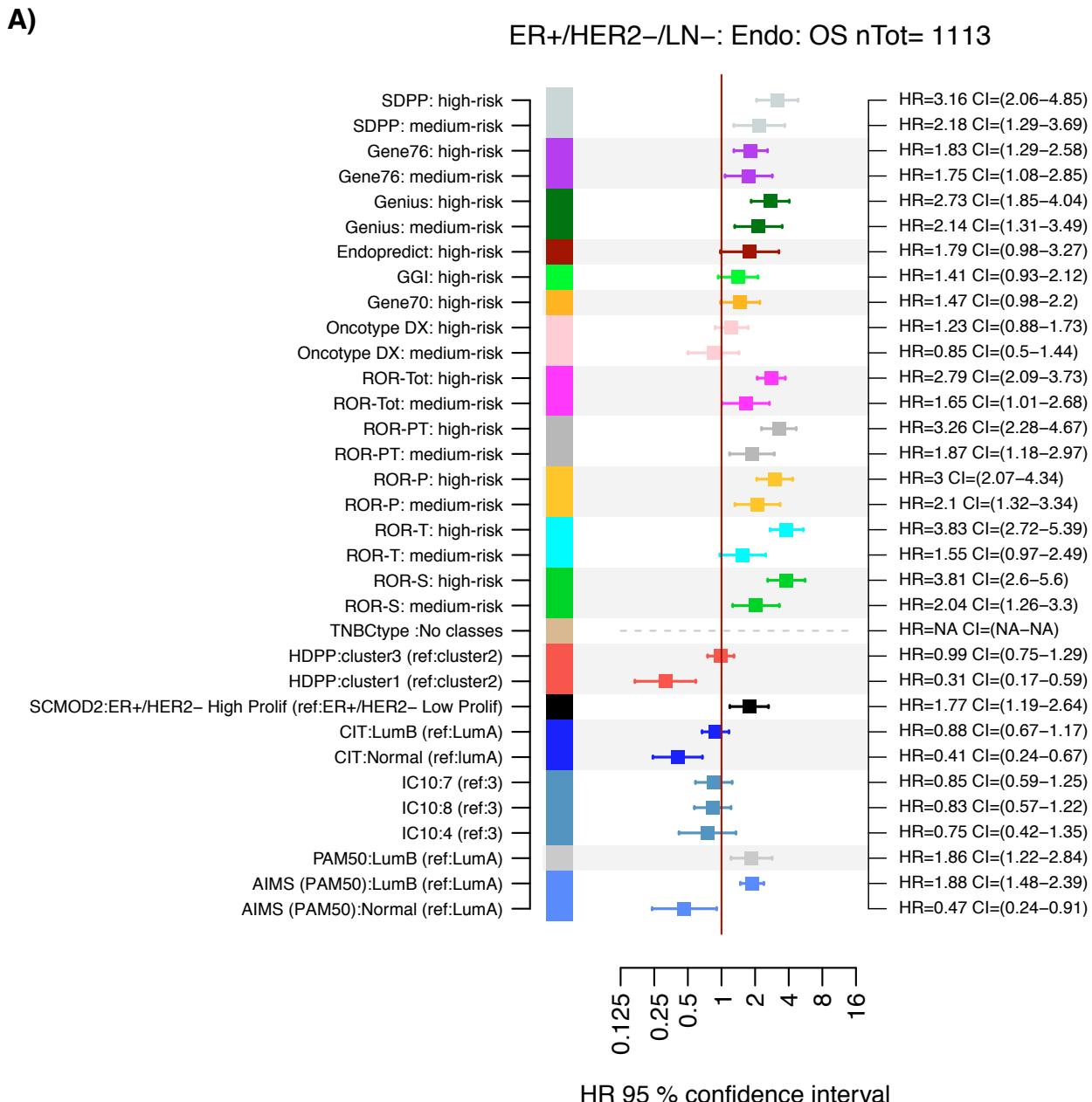
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Supplementary Figure S1

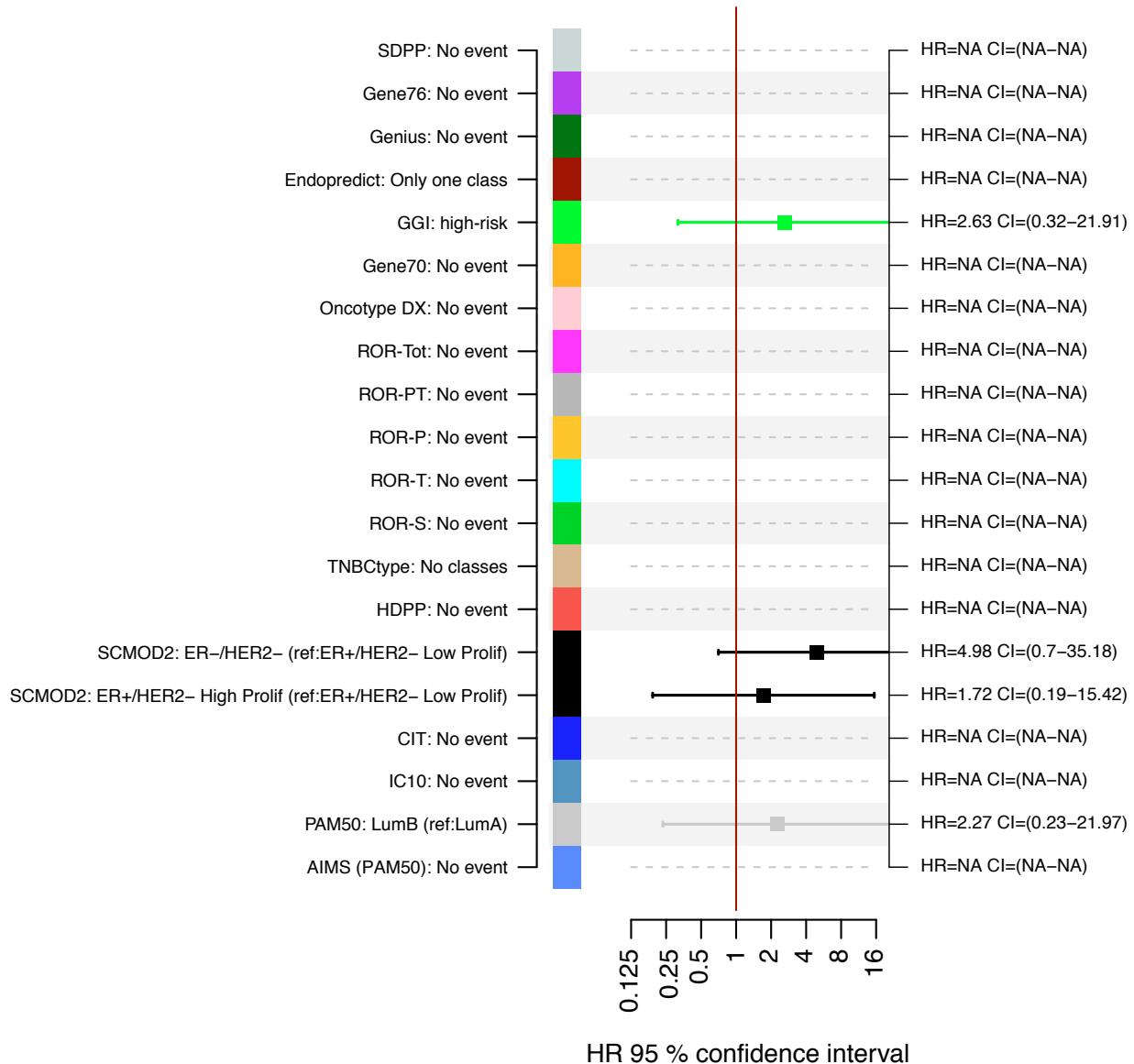
Univariate analysis of the association with overall survival for 19 gene signatures stratified into nine clinical assessment groups. Signature classes <8% in size were excluded from analyses in respective assessment group. **(A)** ER+/HER2-/LN- with endocrine (Endo) therapy only. **(B)** ER+/HER2-/LN- with adjuvant chemotherapy (ACT) and endocrine therapy. **(C)** ER+/HER2-/LN- disease with no adjuvant treatment. **(D)** ER+/HER2-/LN+ with endocrine therapy only. **(E)** ER+/HER2-/LN+ with adjuvant chemotherapy (ACT) and endocrine therapy. **(F)** HER2+/ER- disease with anti-HER2 (mAB) and adjuvant chemotherapy treatment. **(G)** HER2+/ER+ disease with anti-HER2 (mAB), adjuvant chemotherapy, and endocrine treatment. **(H)** TNBC with adjuvant therapy. **(I)** TNBC with no adjuvant therapy indicated.



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- Only one class: only one class for the signature available, meaning no analysis

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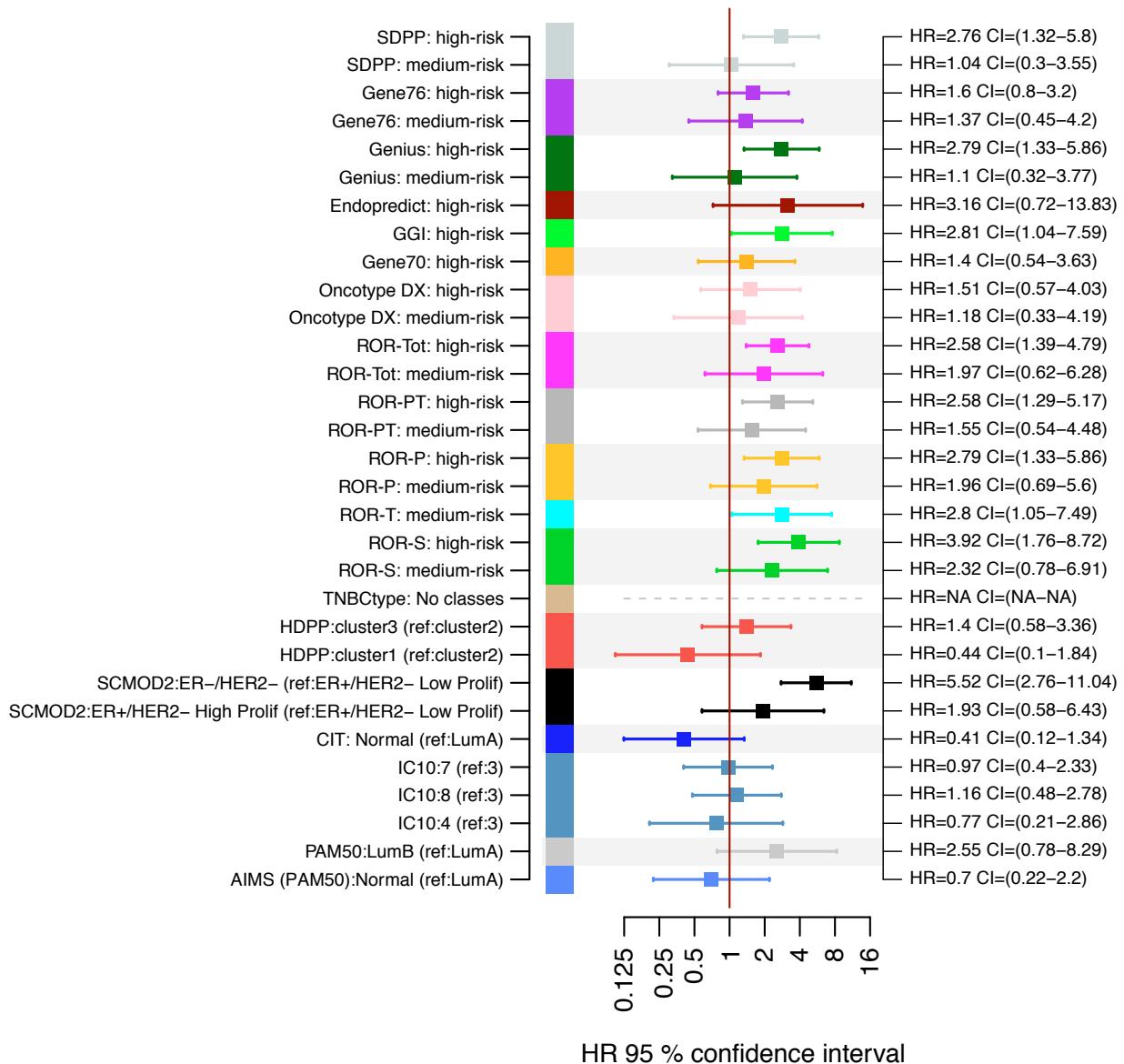
ER+/HER2-/LN-: Endo & ACT: OS nTot= 243



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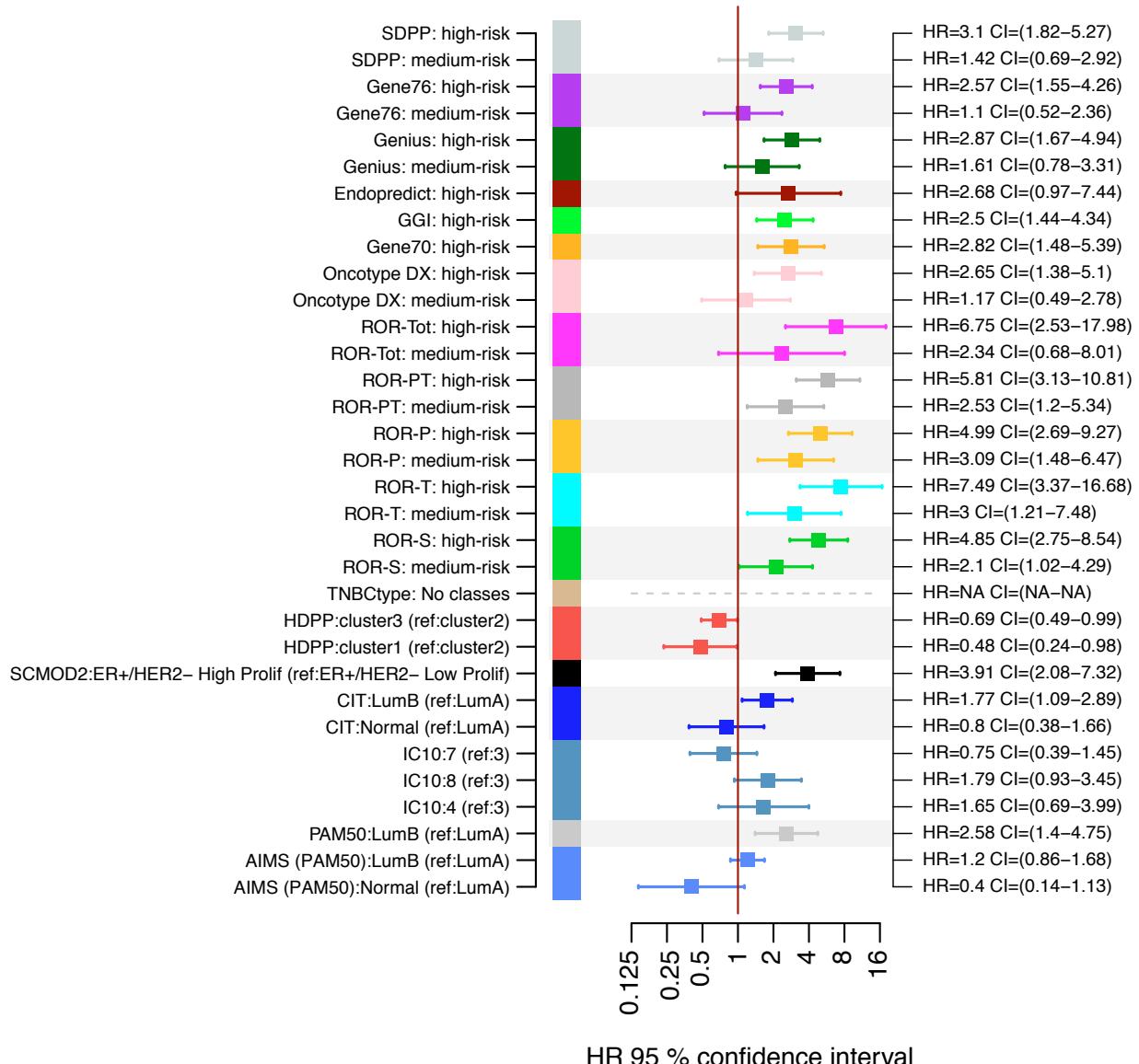
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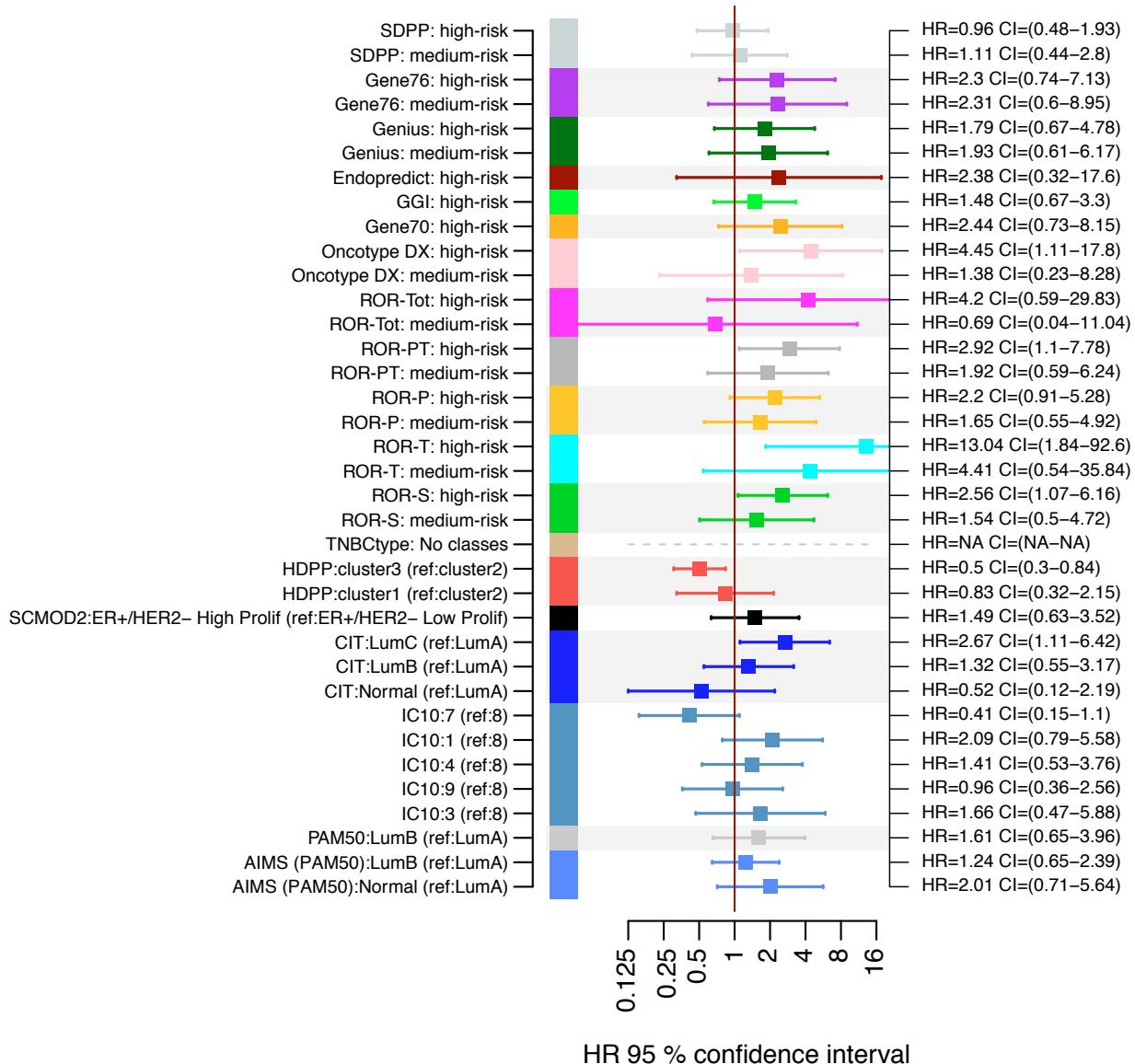
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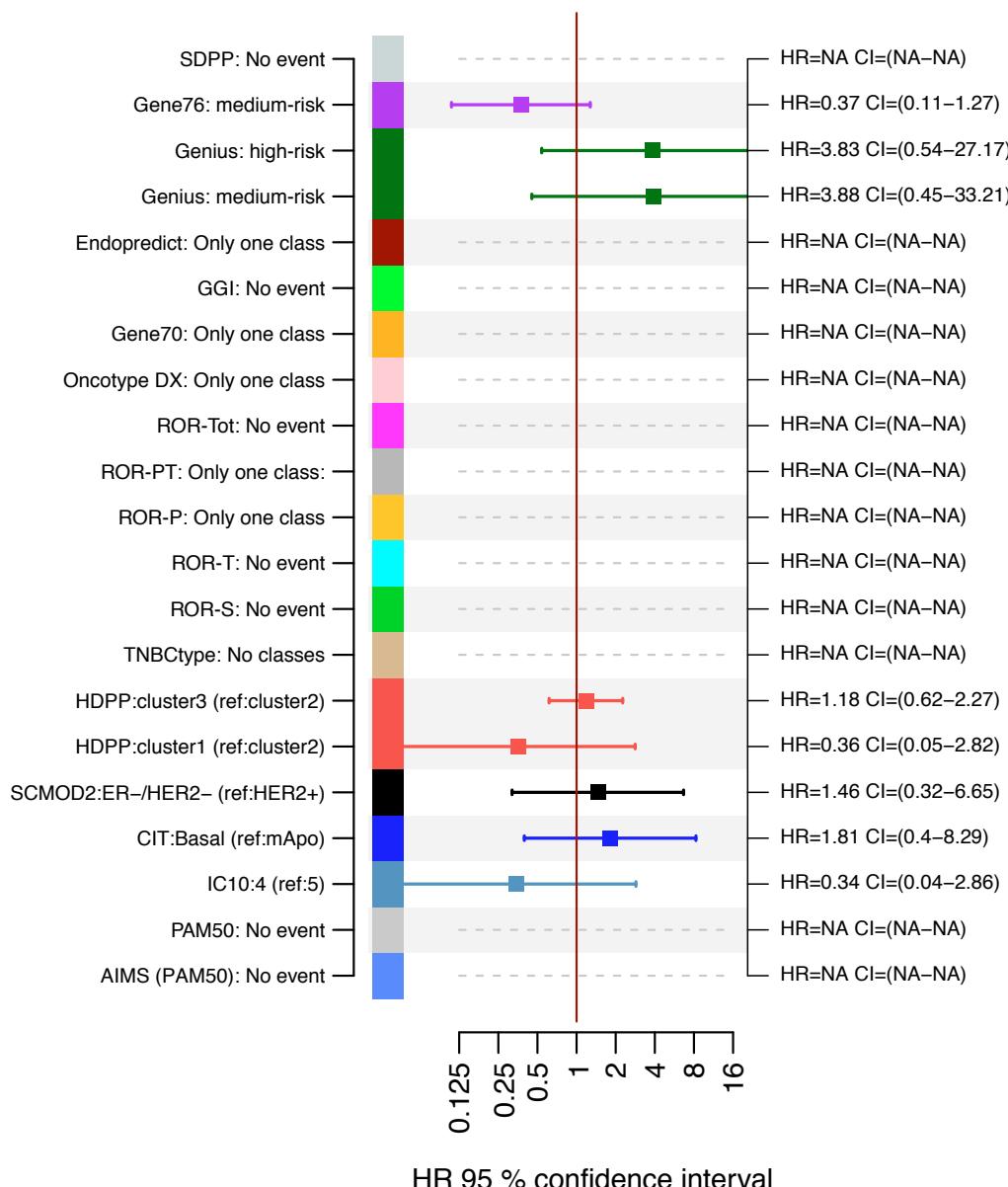
ER+/HER2-/LN+: Endo & ACT: OS nTot= 433



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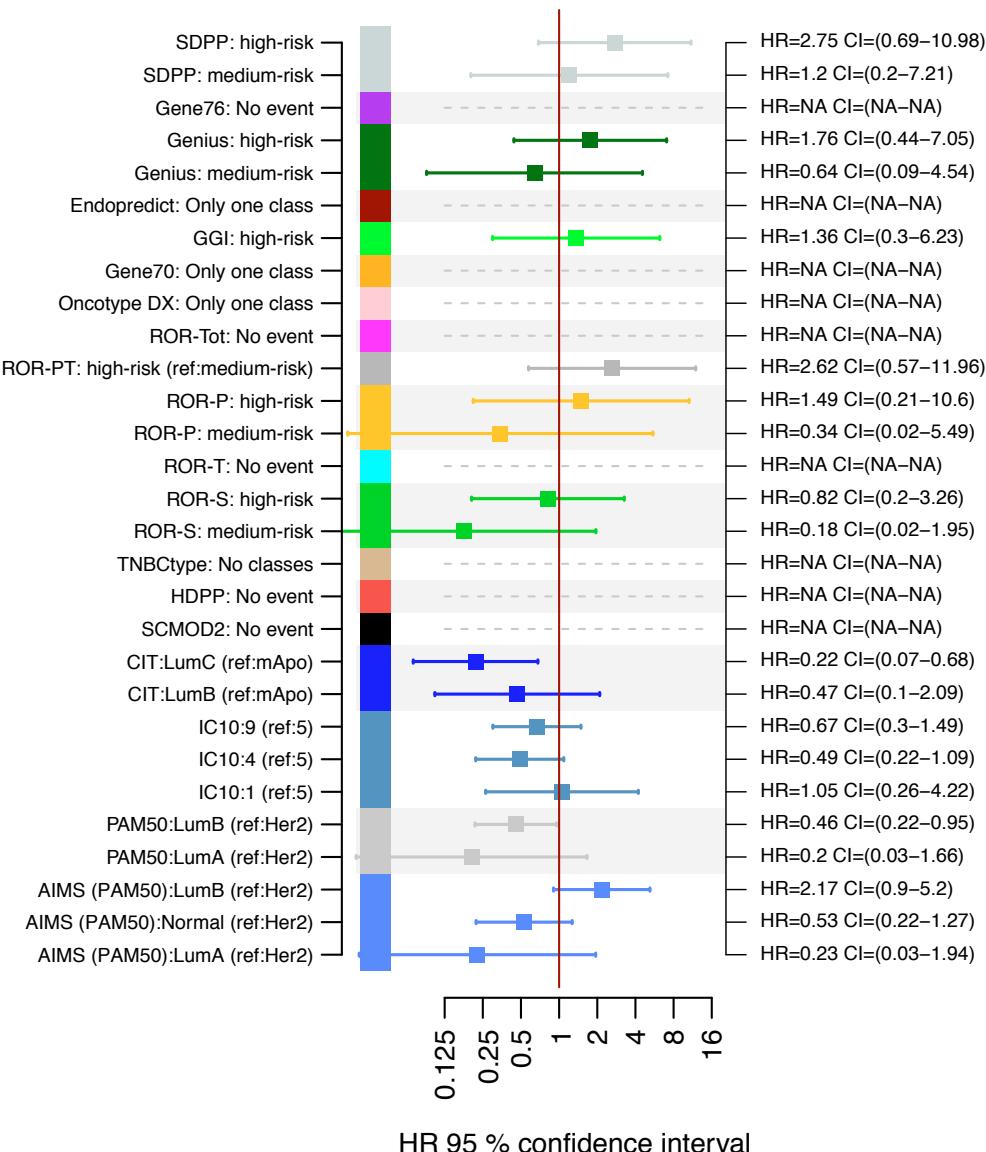
HER2+/ER-: mAB & ACT: OS nTot= 110



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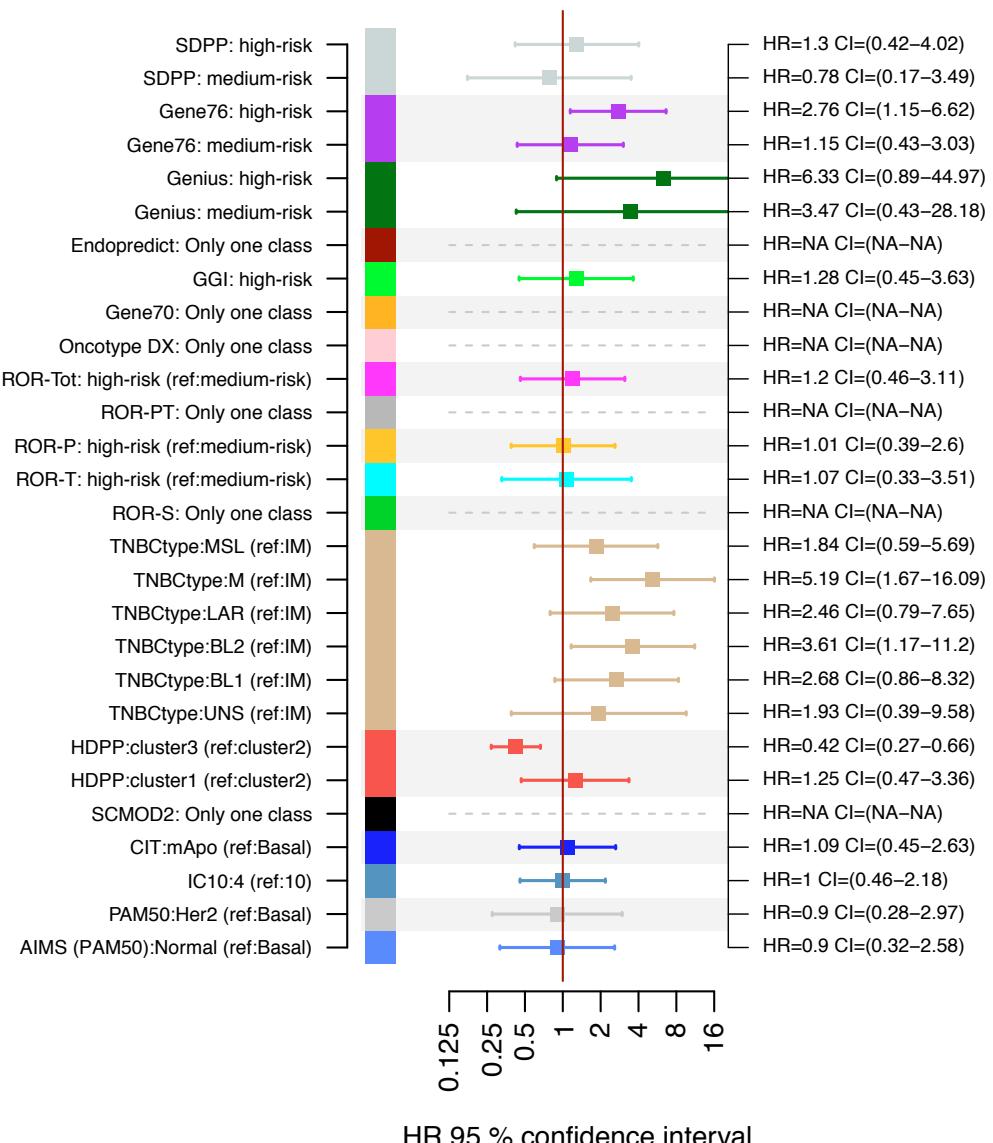
HER2+/ER+: mAB & Endo & ACT: OS nTot= 239



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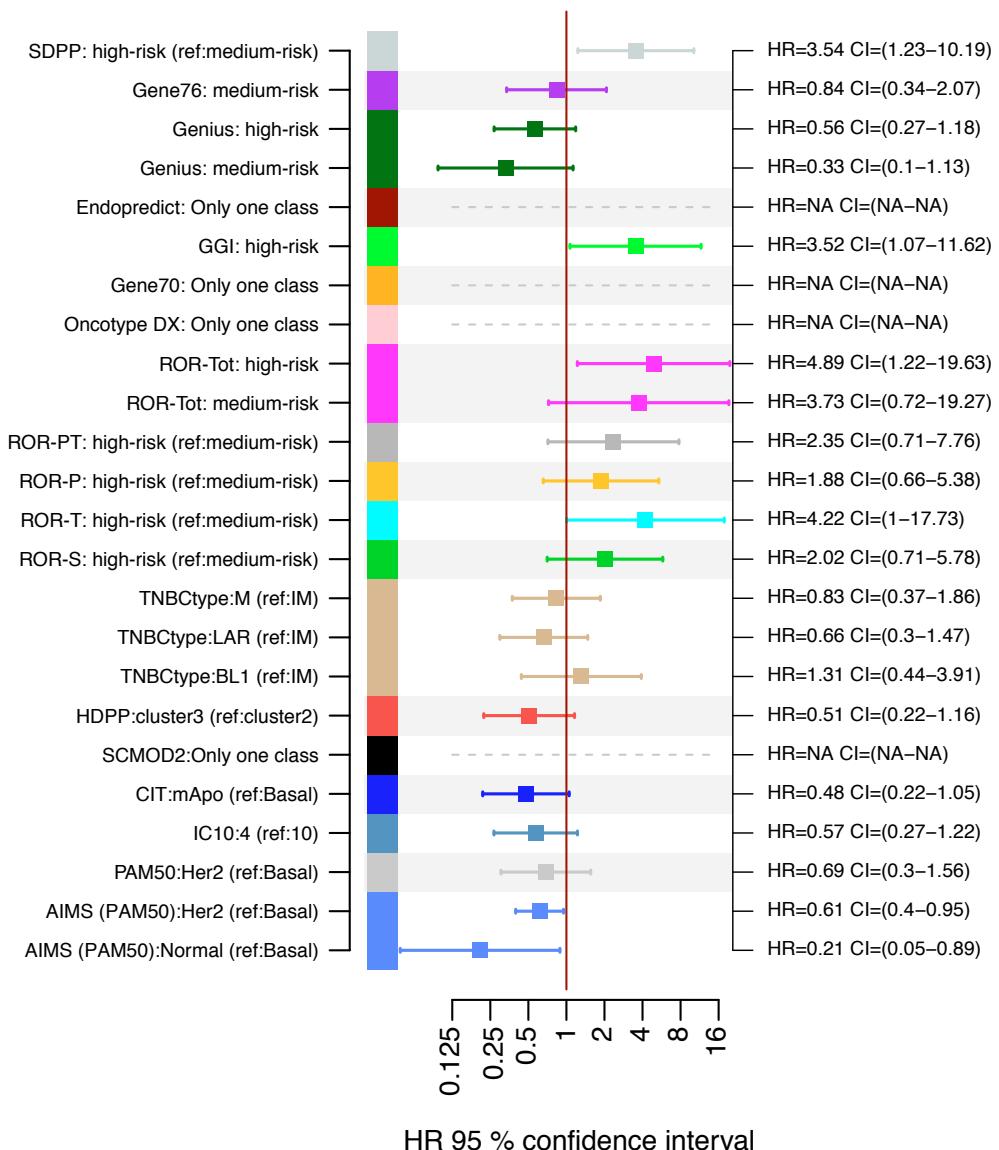
TNBC: ACT: OS nTot= 239



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TNBC: Untreated: OS nTot= 82

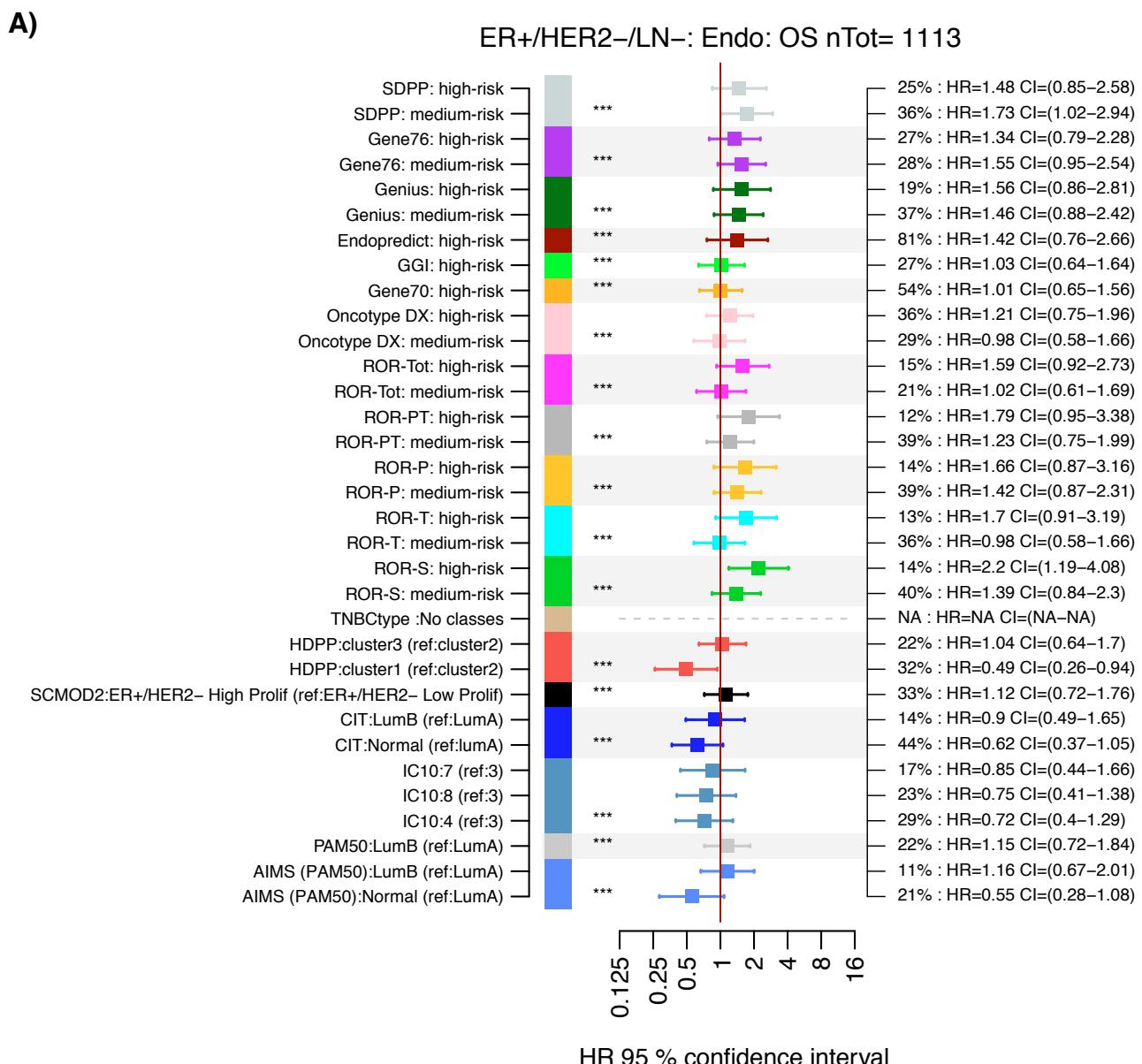


HR 95 % confidence interval

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Supplementary Figure S2

Multivariable analysis of the association with overall survival for 19 gene signatures stratified into nine clinical assessment groups. Signature classes <8% in size were excluded from analyses in respective assessment group. Right hand side axis in forest plots indicates group size and hazard ratio with 95% confidence interval. **(A)** ER+/HER2-/LN- with endocrine therapy only. **(B)** ER+/HER2-/LN- with adjuvant chemotherapy (ACT) and endocrine therapy. **(C)** ER+/HER2-/LN- disease with no adjuvant treatment. **(D)** ER+/HER2-/LN+ with endocrine therapy only. **(E)** ER+/HER2-/LN- with adjuvant chemotherapy (ACT) and endocrine therapy. **(F)** HER2+/ER- disease with anti-HER2 (mAB) and adjuvant chemotherapy treatment. **(G)** HER2+/ER+ disease with anti-HER2 (mAB), adjuvant chemotherapy, and endocrine treatment. **(H)** TNBC with adjuvant therapy. **(I)** TNBC with no adjuvant therapy indicated.

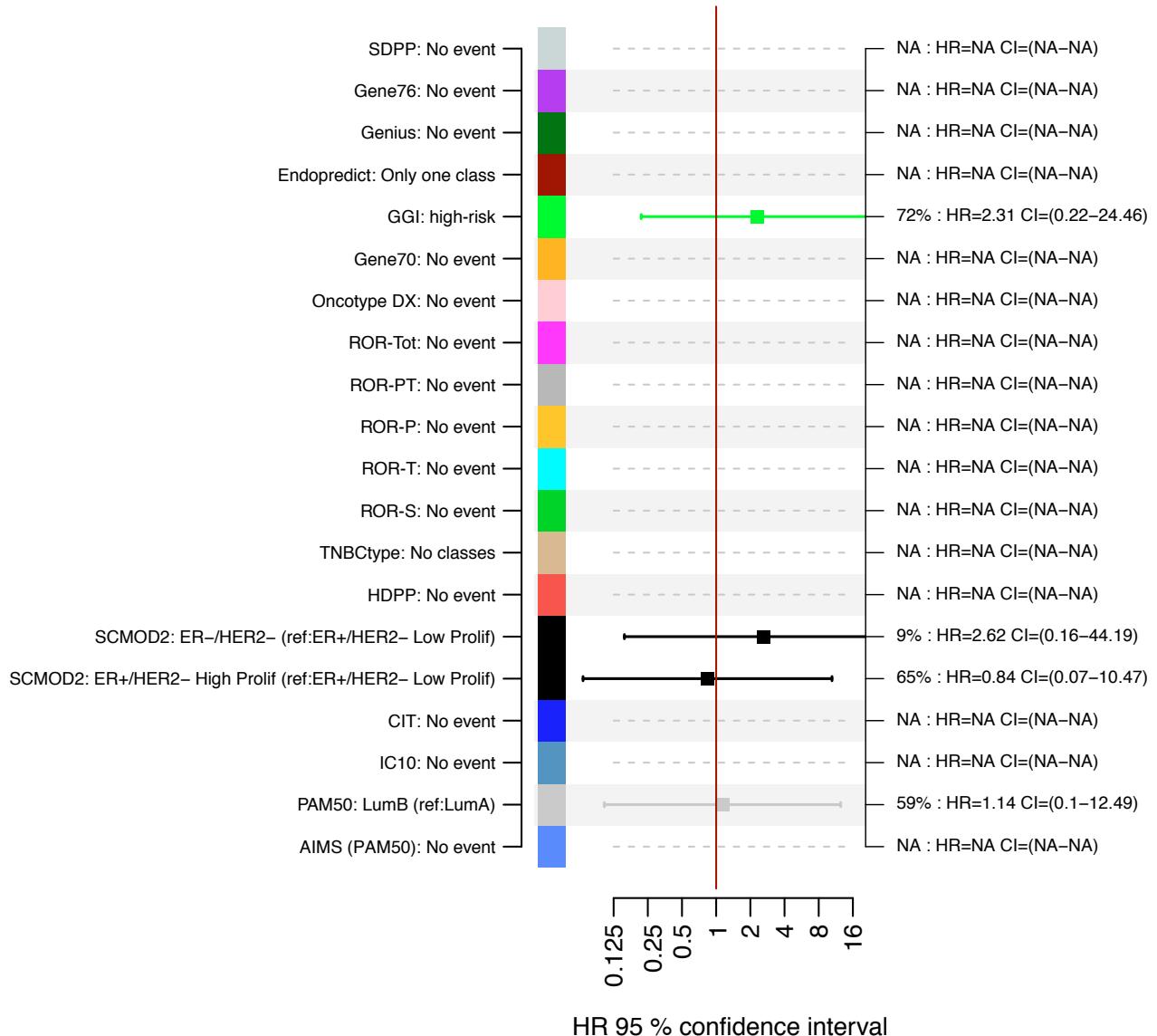


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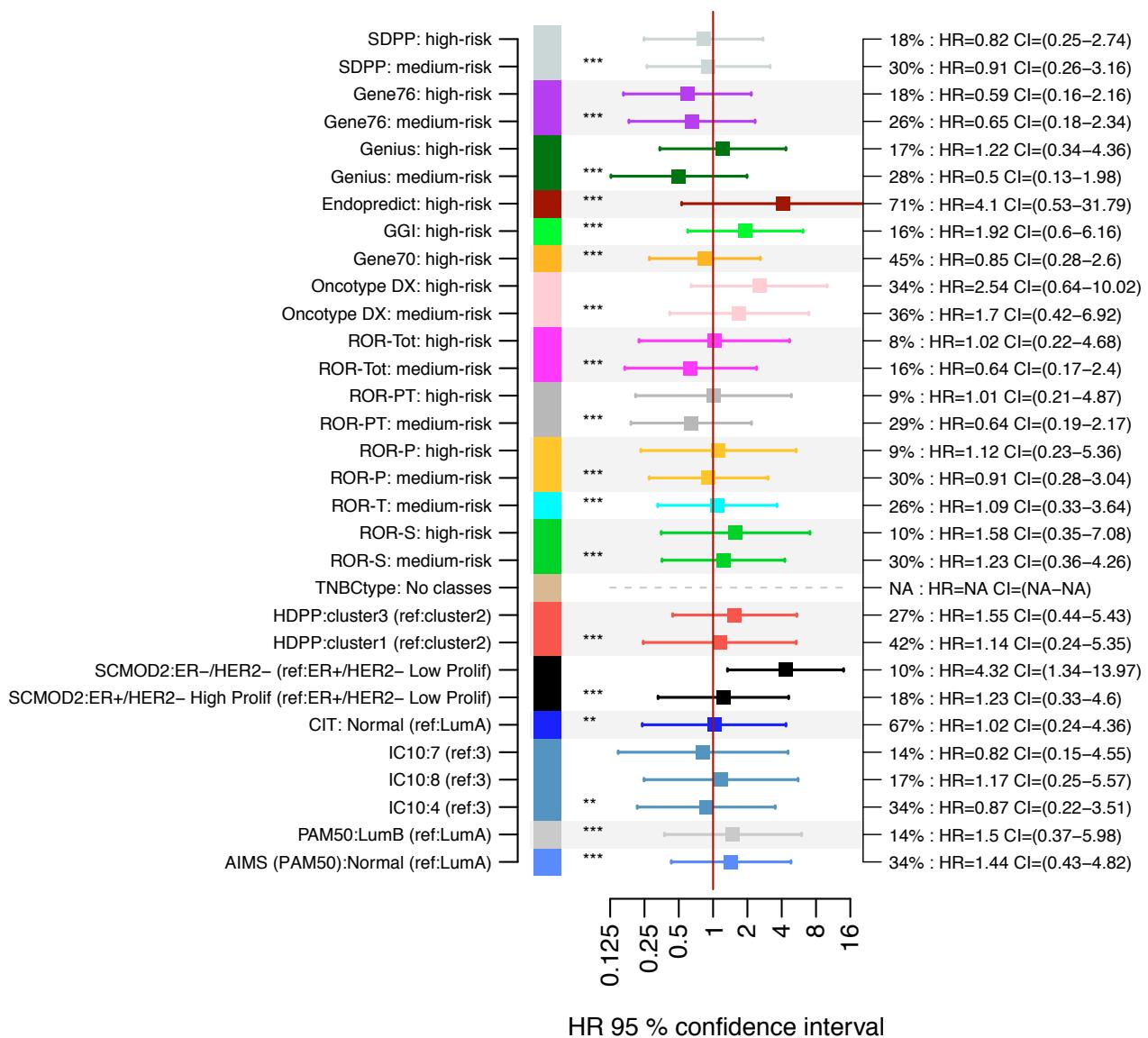


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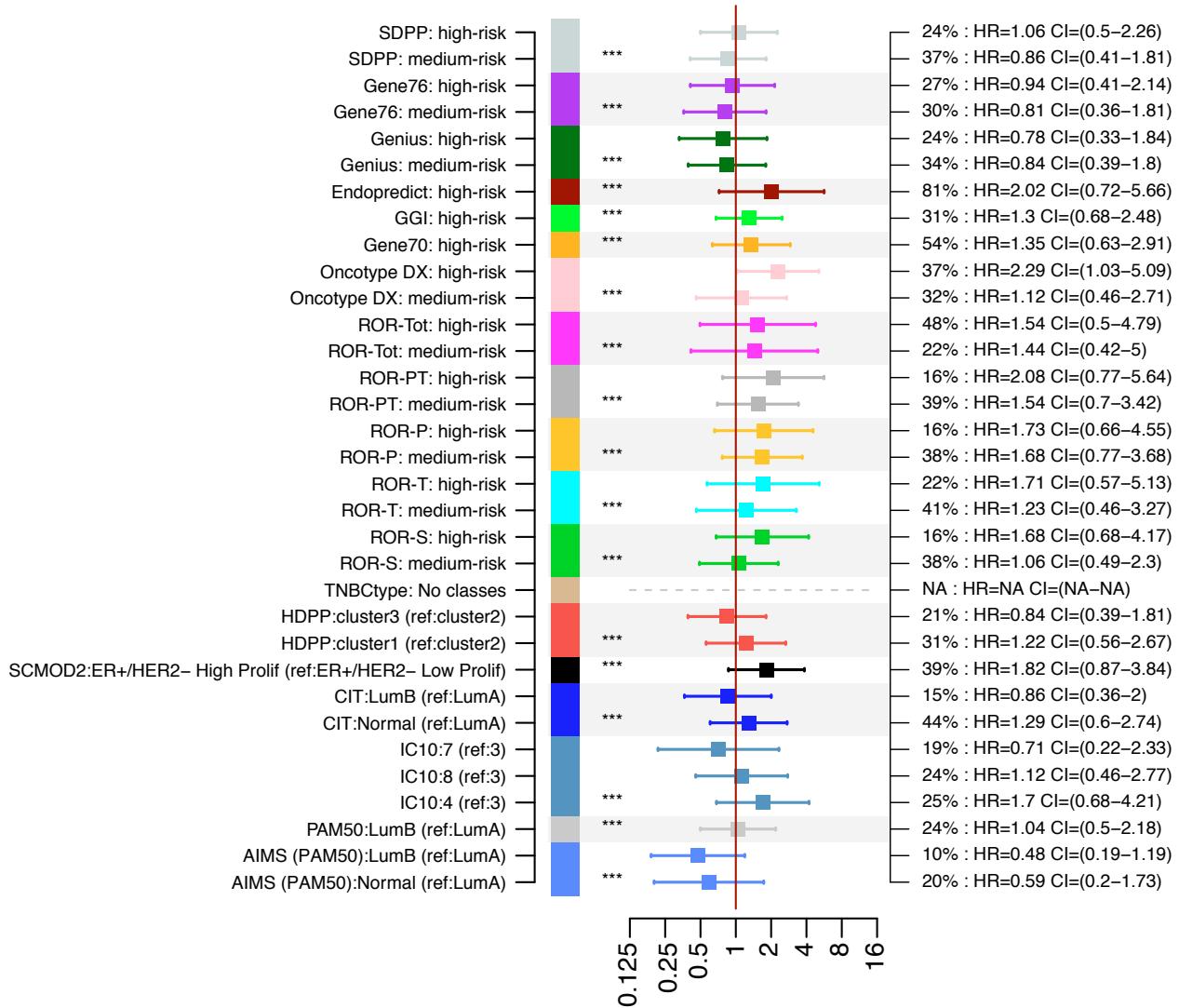


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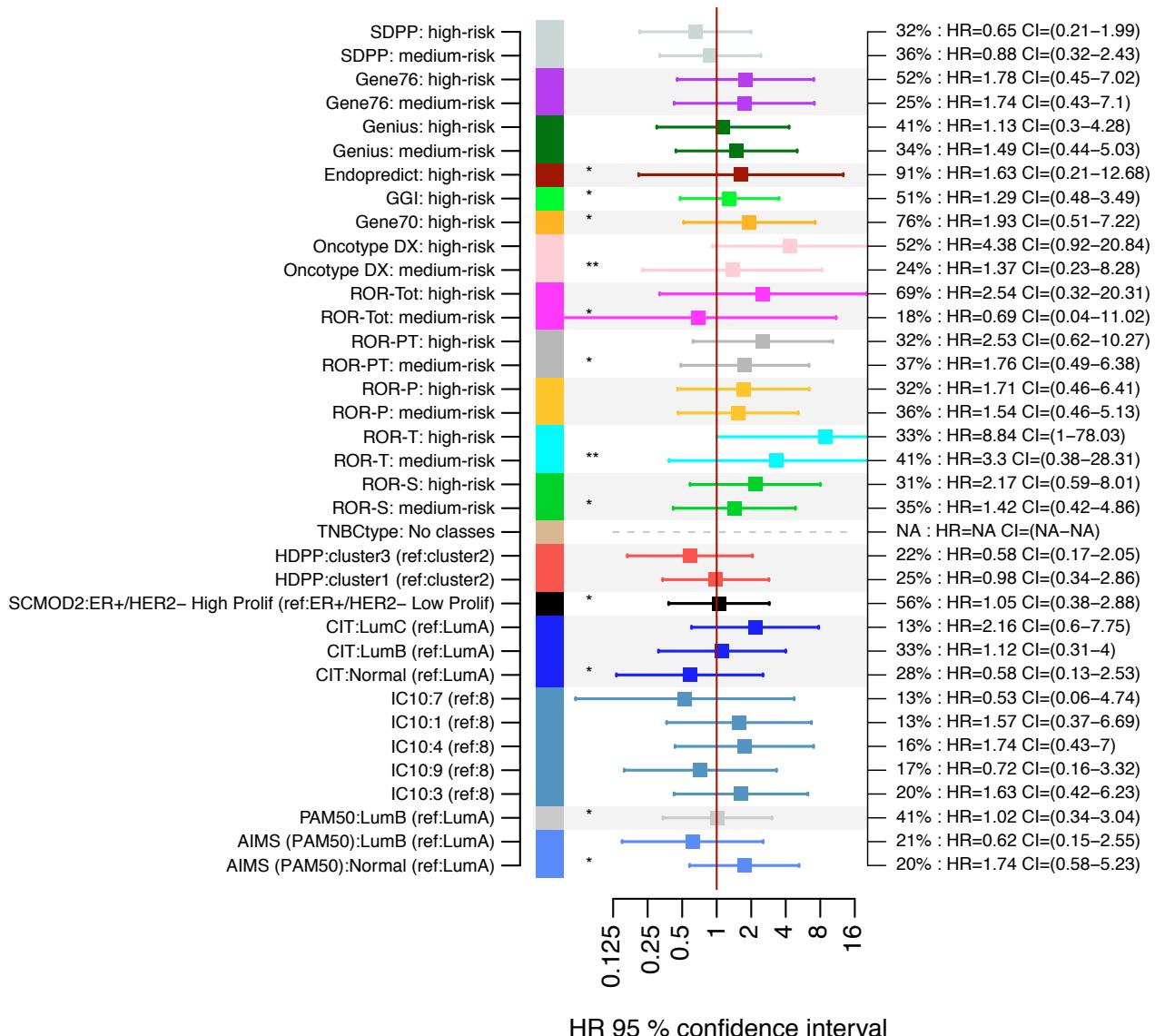


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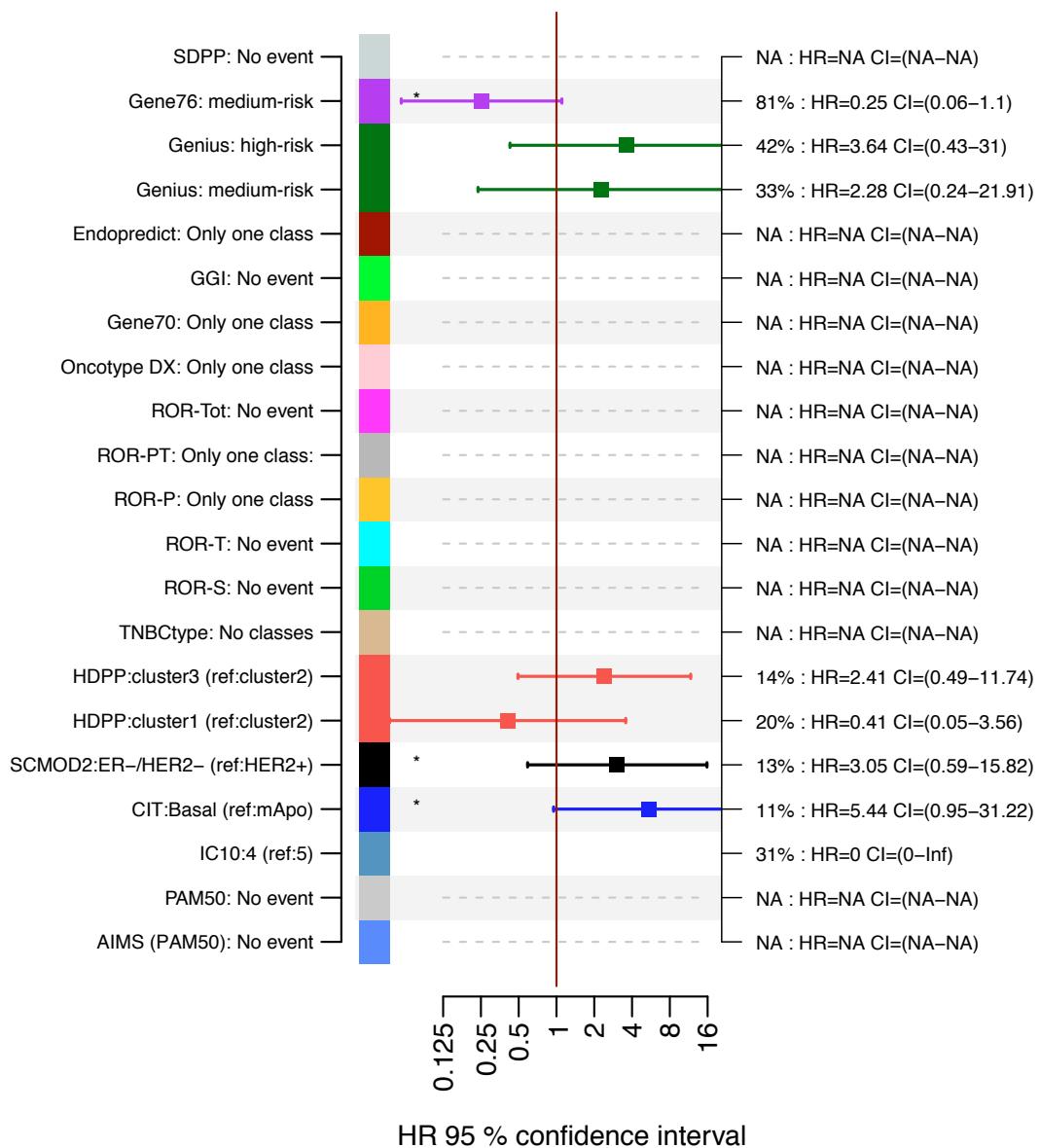


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HER2+/ER-: mAB & ACT: OS nTot= 110

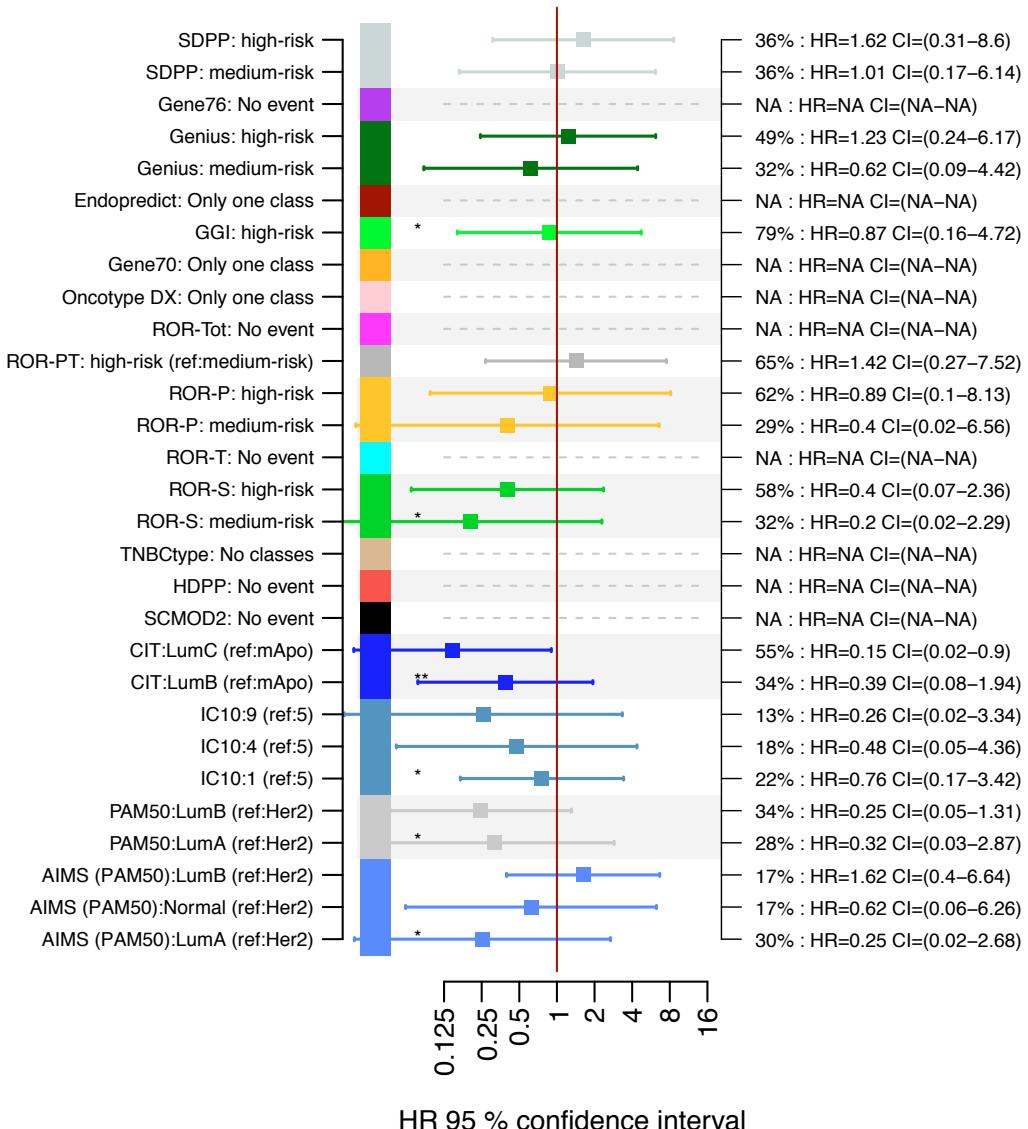


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HER2+/ER+: mAB & Endo & ACT: OS nTot= 239

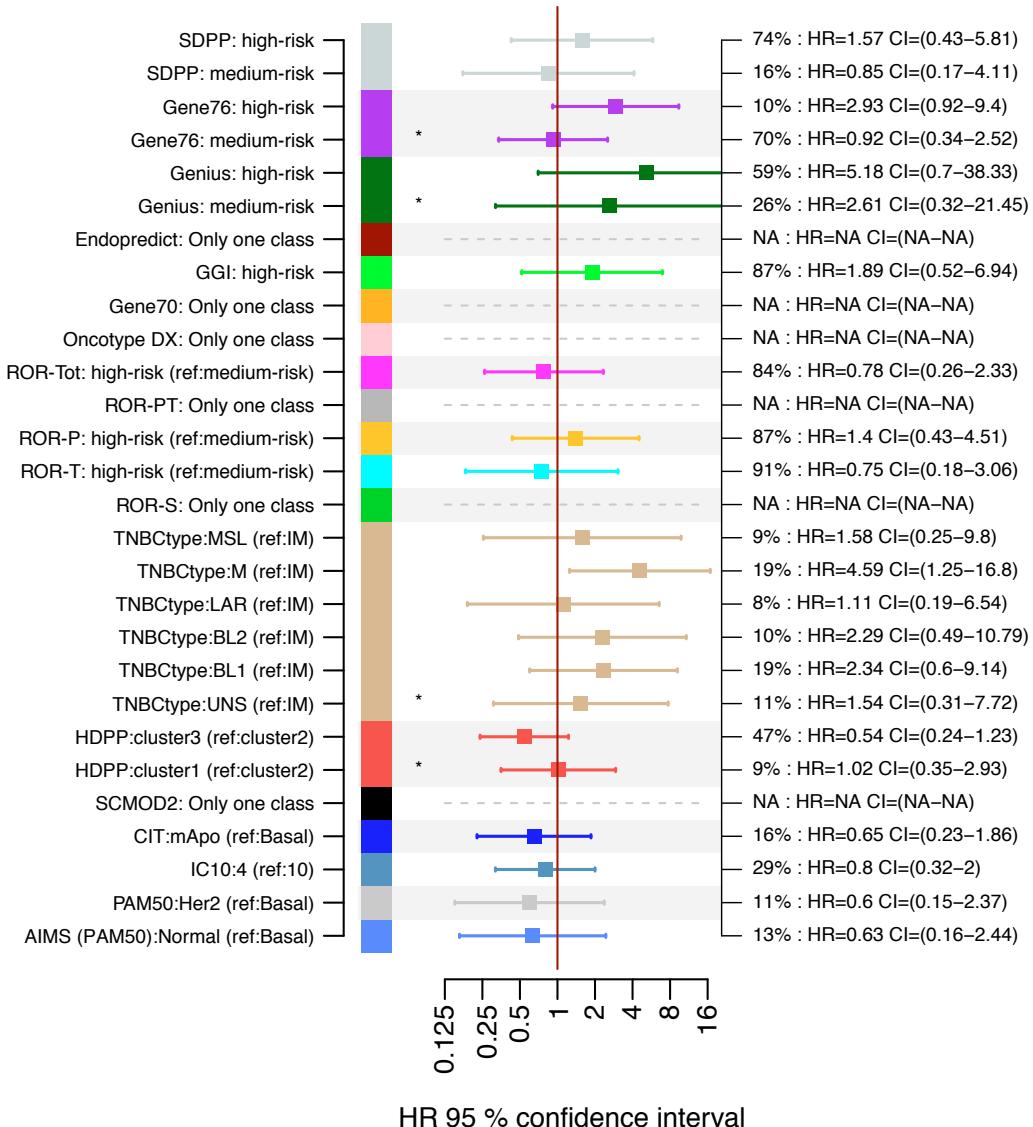


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H)

TNBC: ACT: OS nTot= 239

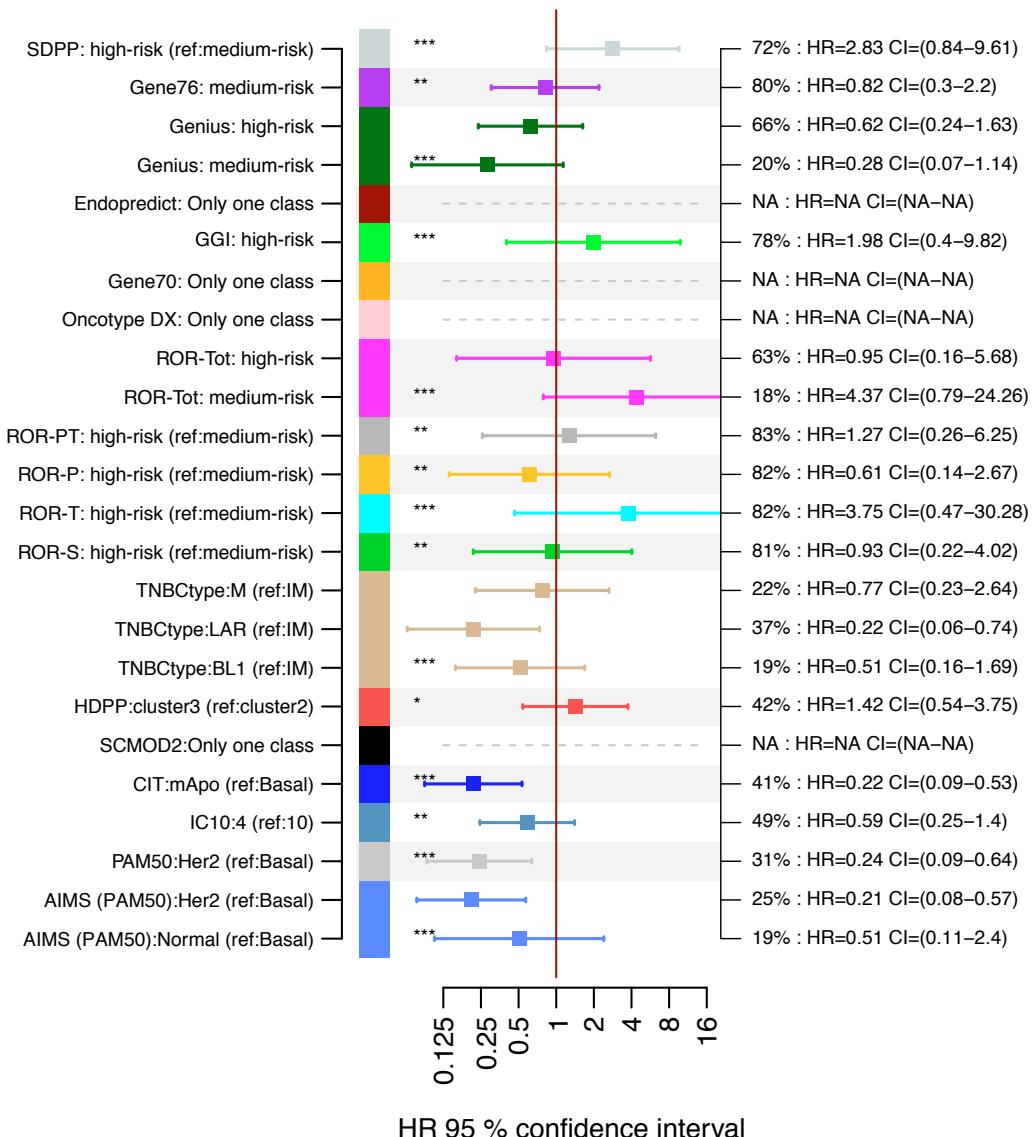


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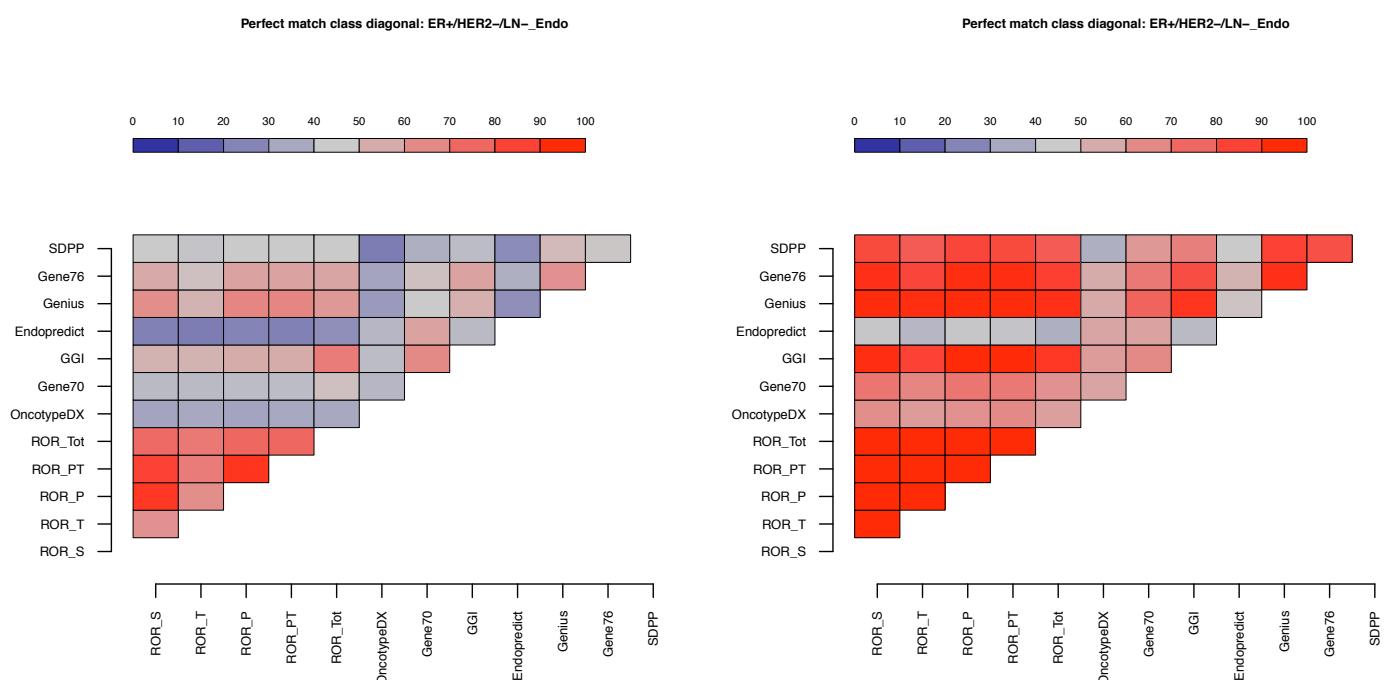
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Supplementary Figure S3. Classification consensus in clinical assessment groups for risk prediction signatures.

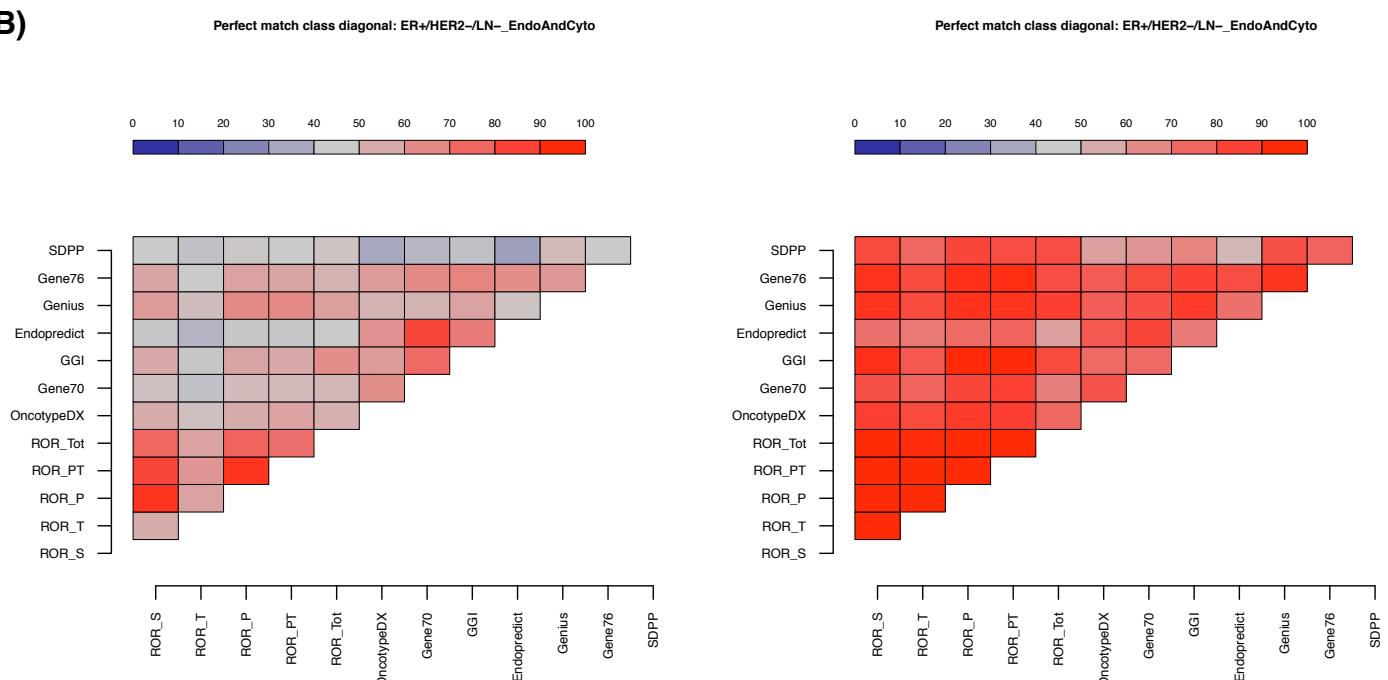
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Panel legends: Endo: endocrine therapy. ACT: adjuvant chemotherapy. Immune: anti-HER2 treatment.

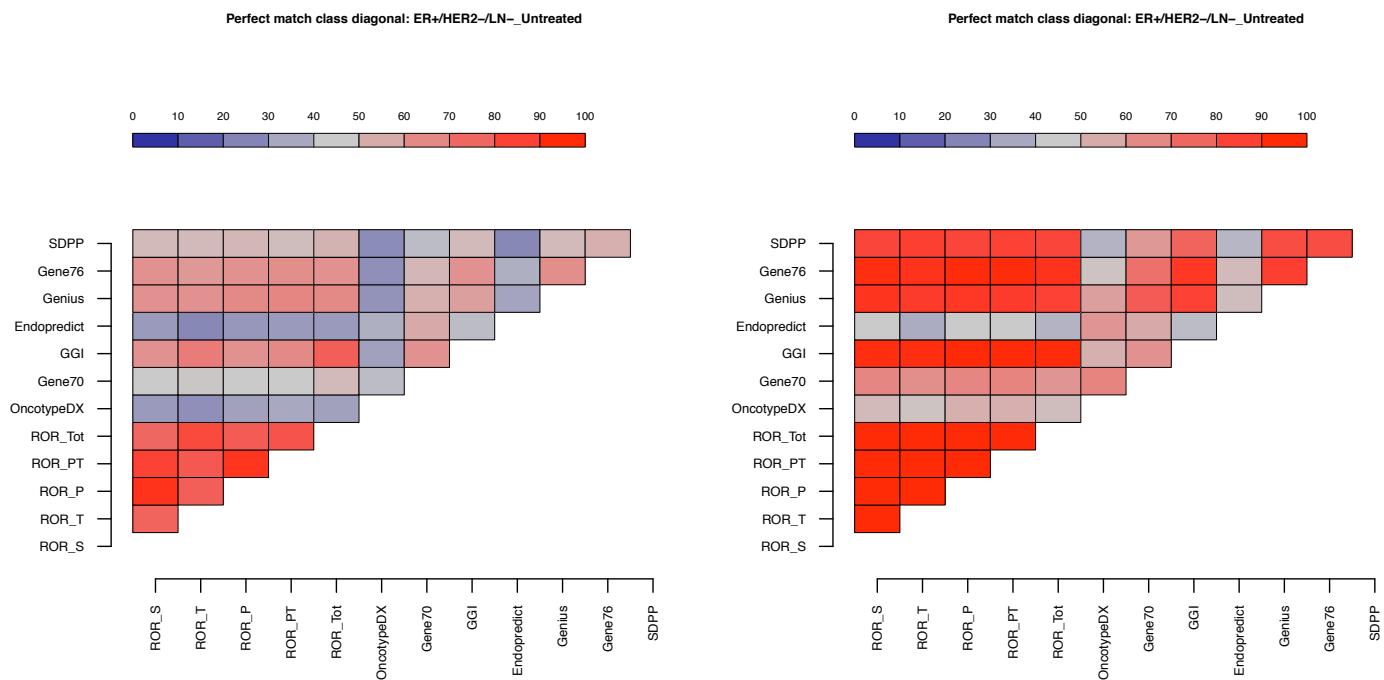
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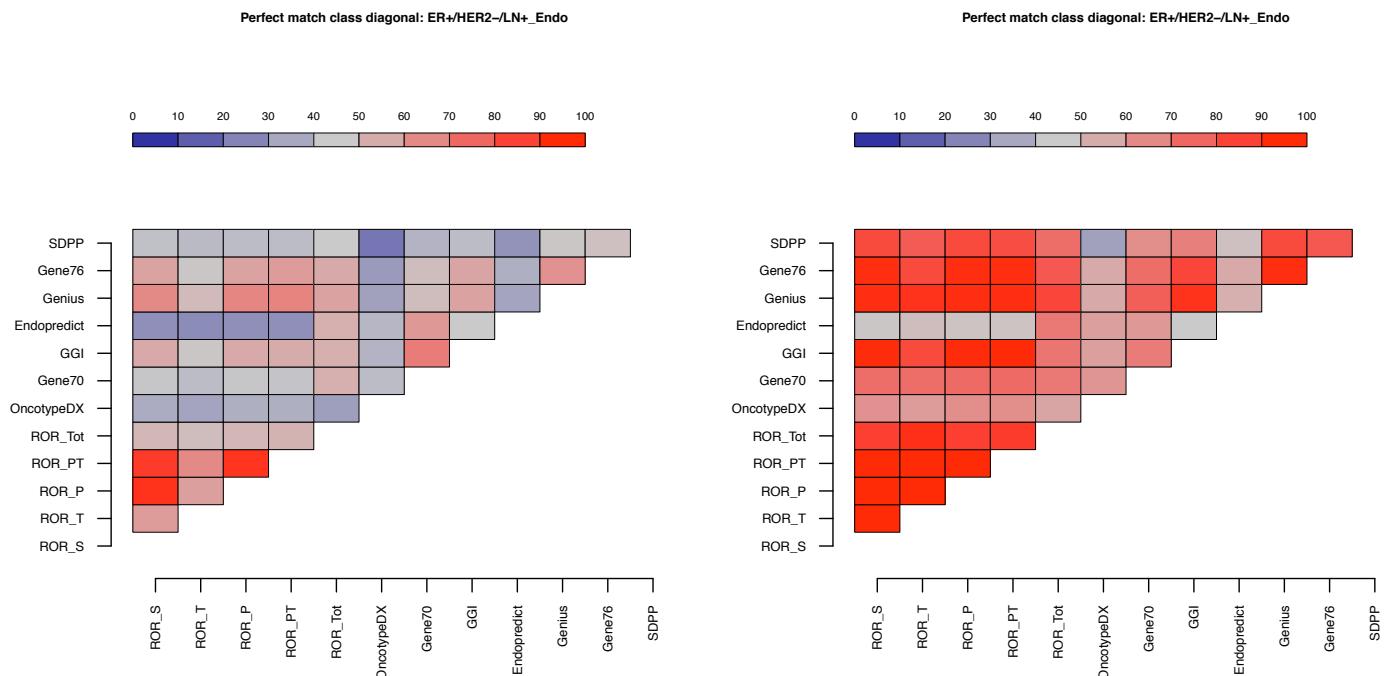
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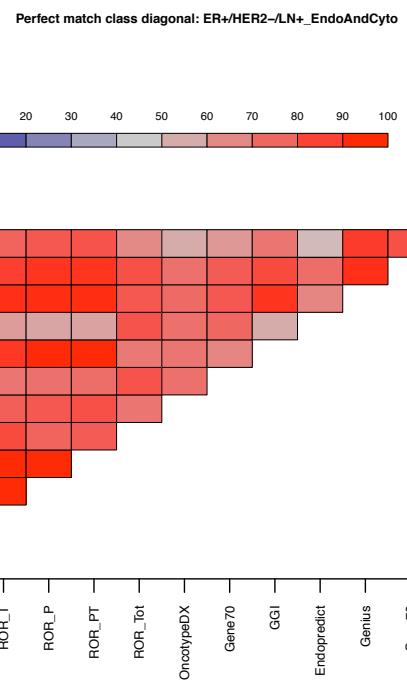
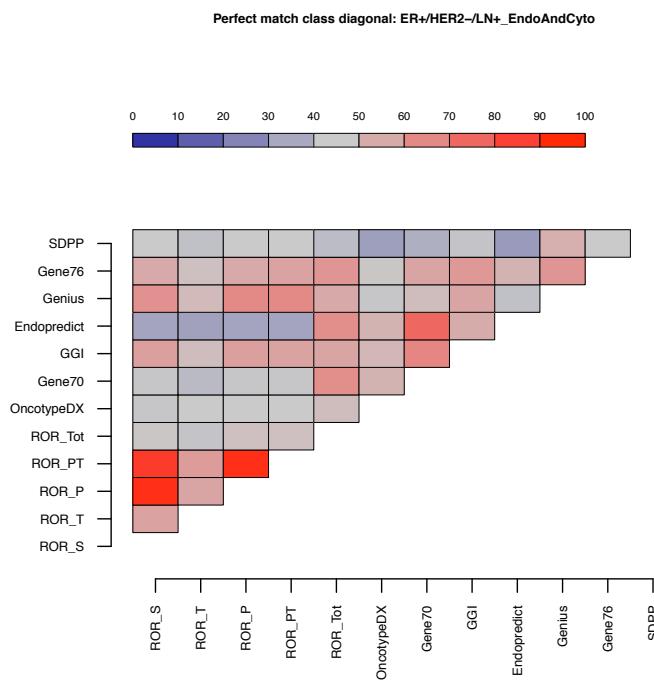
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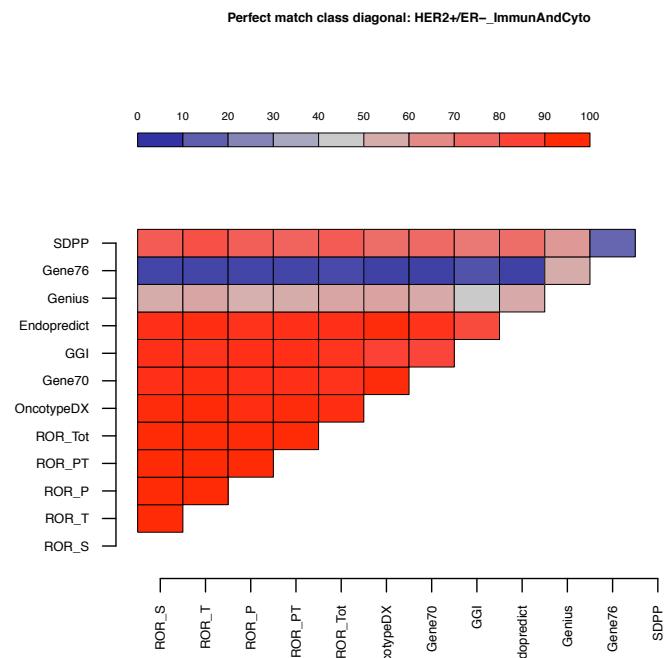
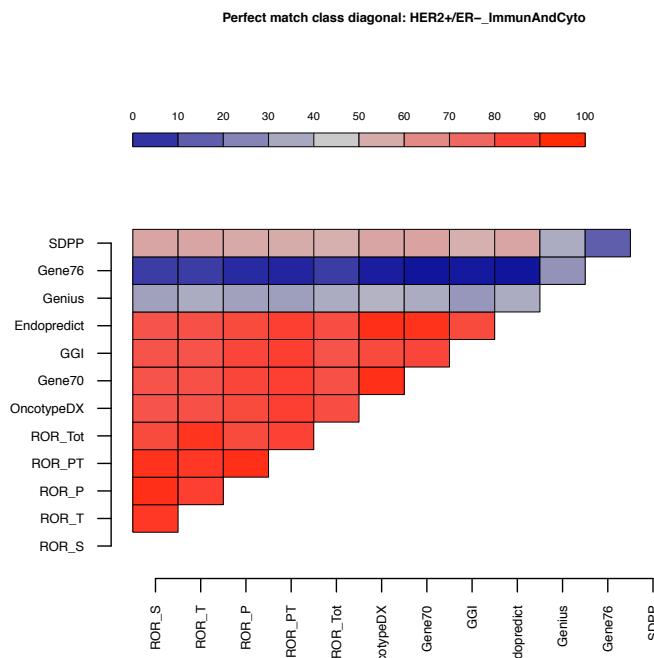
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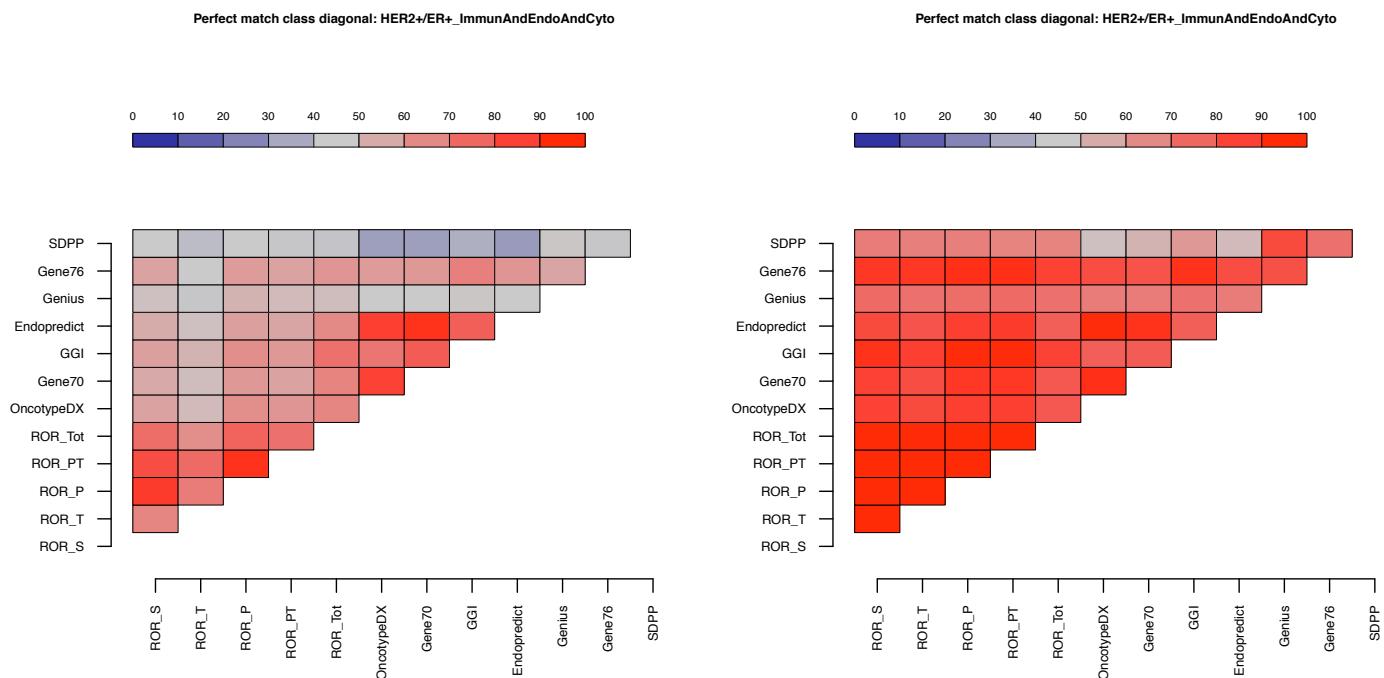
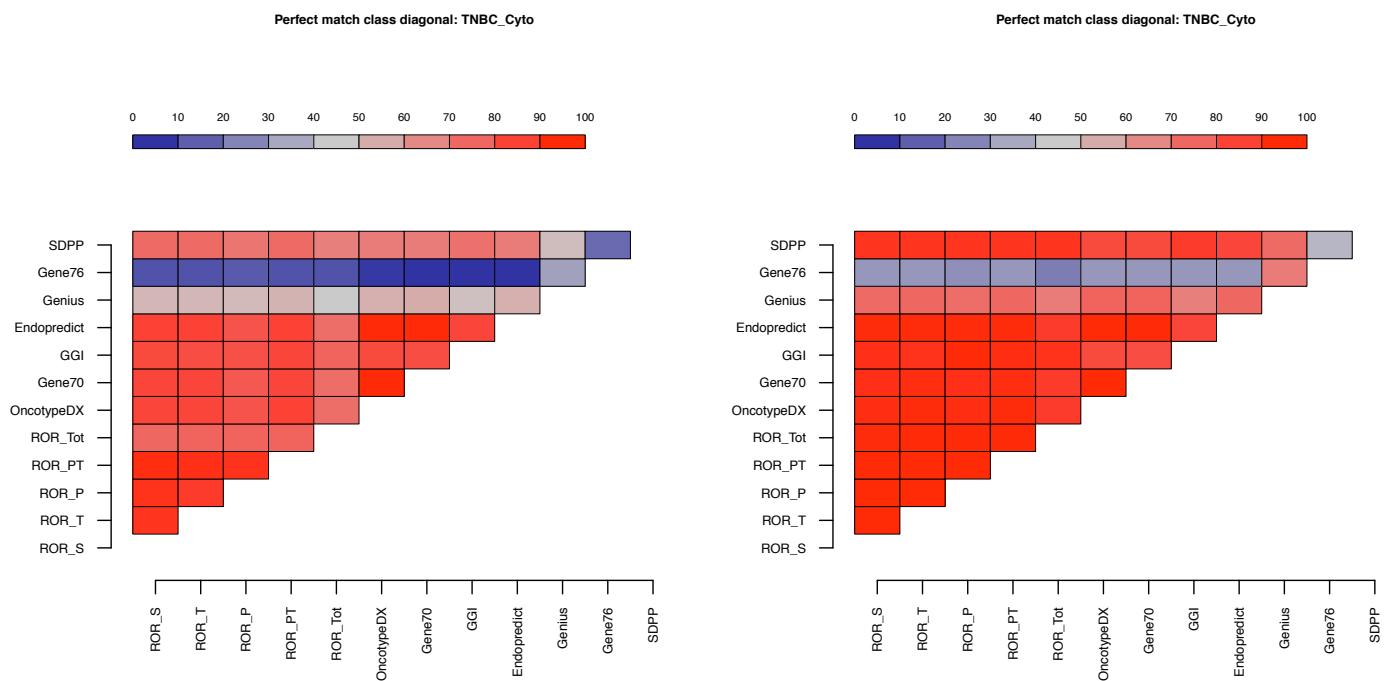


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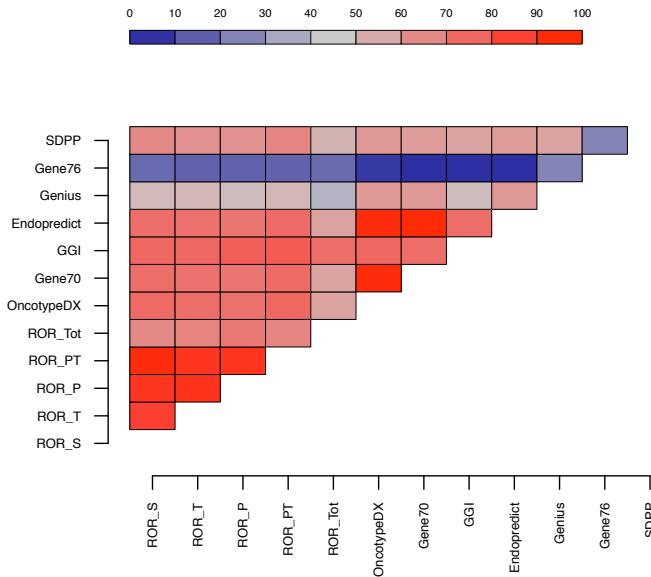
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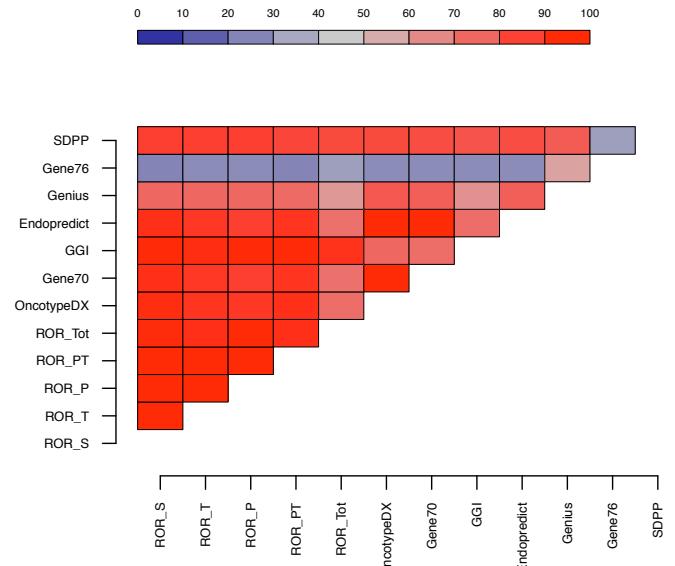
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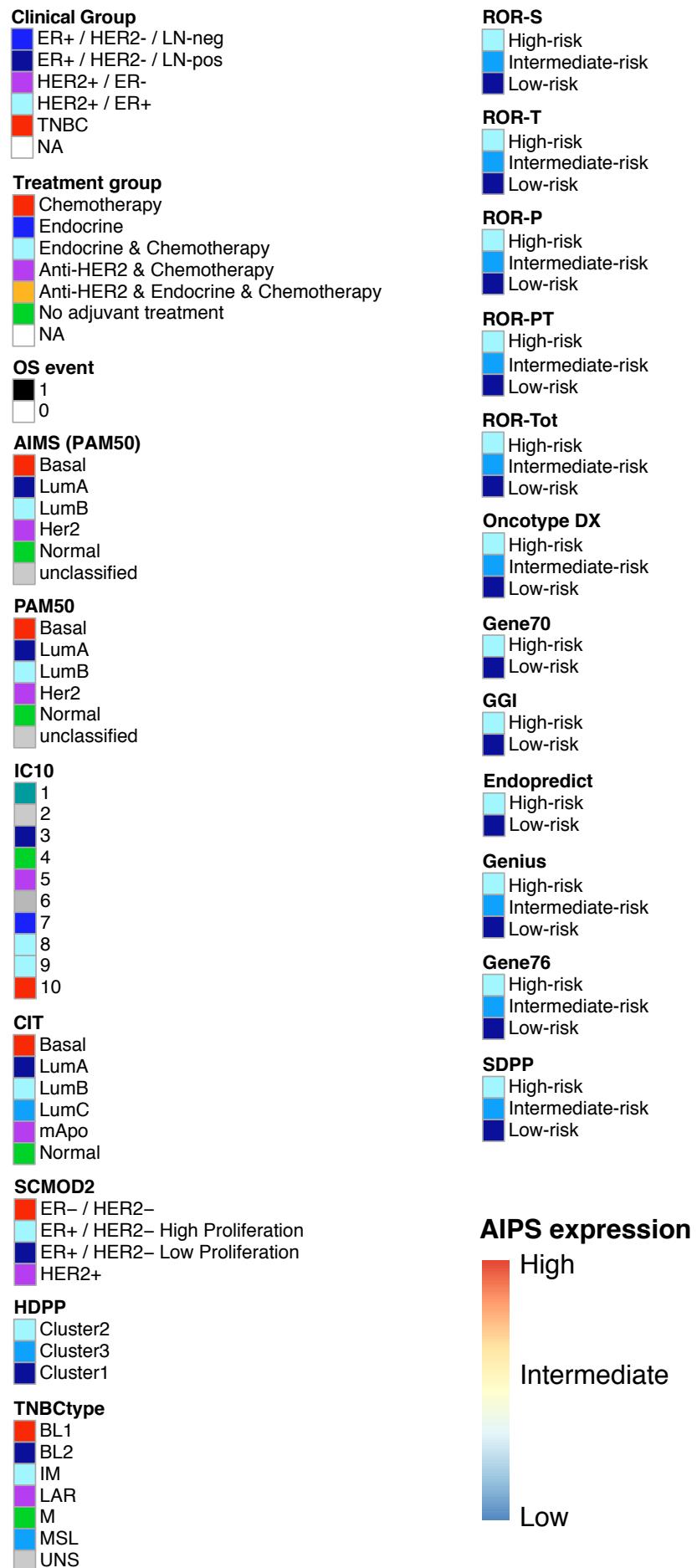
Supplementary Figure S4. AIPS heatmaps of clinical assessment groups.

AIPS terms (heatmap, ternary data, high, intermediate, low) related to gene ontology terms were clustered for each subgroup using manhattan distance and complete linkage. **(A)** ER+/HER2-/LN- tumors including the three clinical assessment groups: i) untreated, ii) endocrine treatment only, and iii) ACT & endocrine. **(B)** ER+/HER2-/LN+ tumors including the two clinical assessment groups: i) endocrine treatment only, and ii) ACT & endocrine. **(C)** TNBC tumors including the two clinical assessment groups: i) ACT, and ii) untreated. **(D)** HER2+/ER- tumors with anti-HER2 & ACT treatment. **(E)** HER2+/ER+ tumors with anti-HER2 & ACT & endocrine therapy.

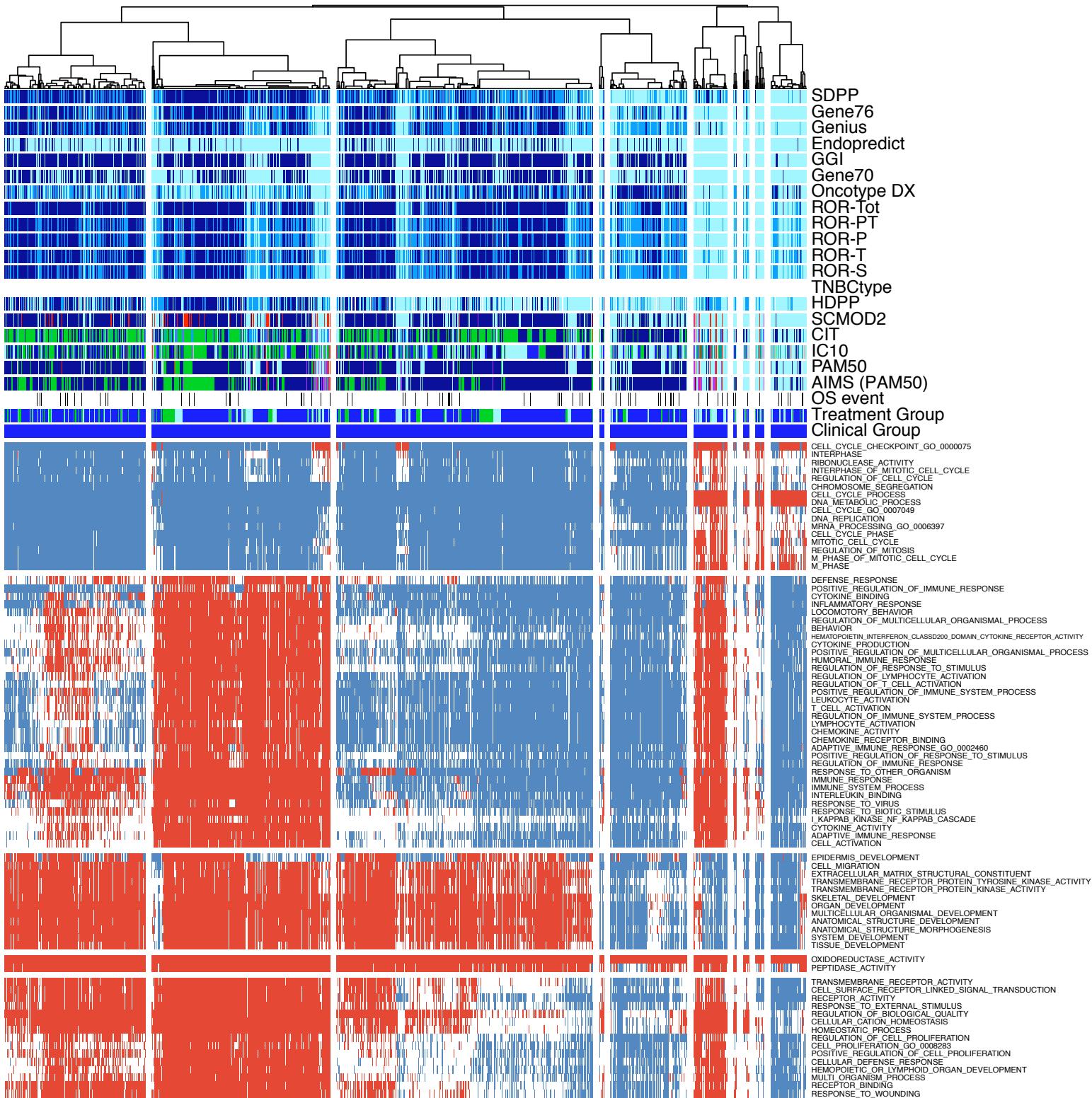
ACT: adjuvant chemotherapy.

OS: overall survival.

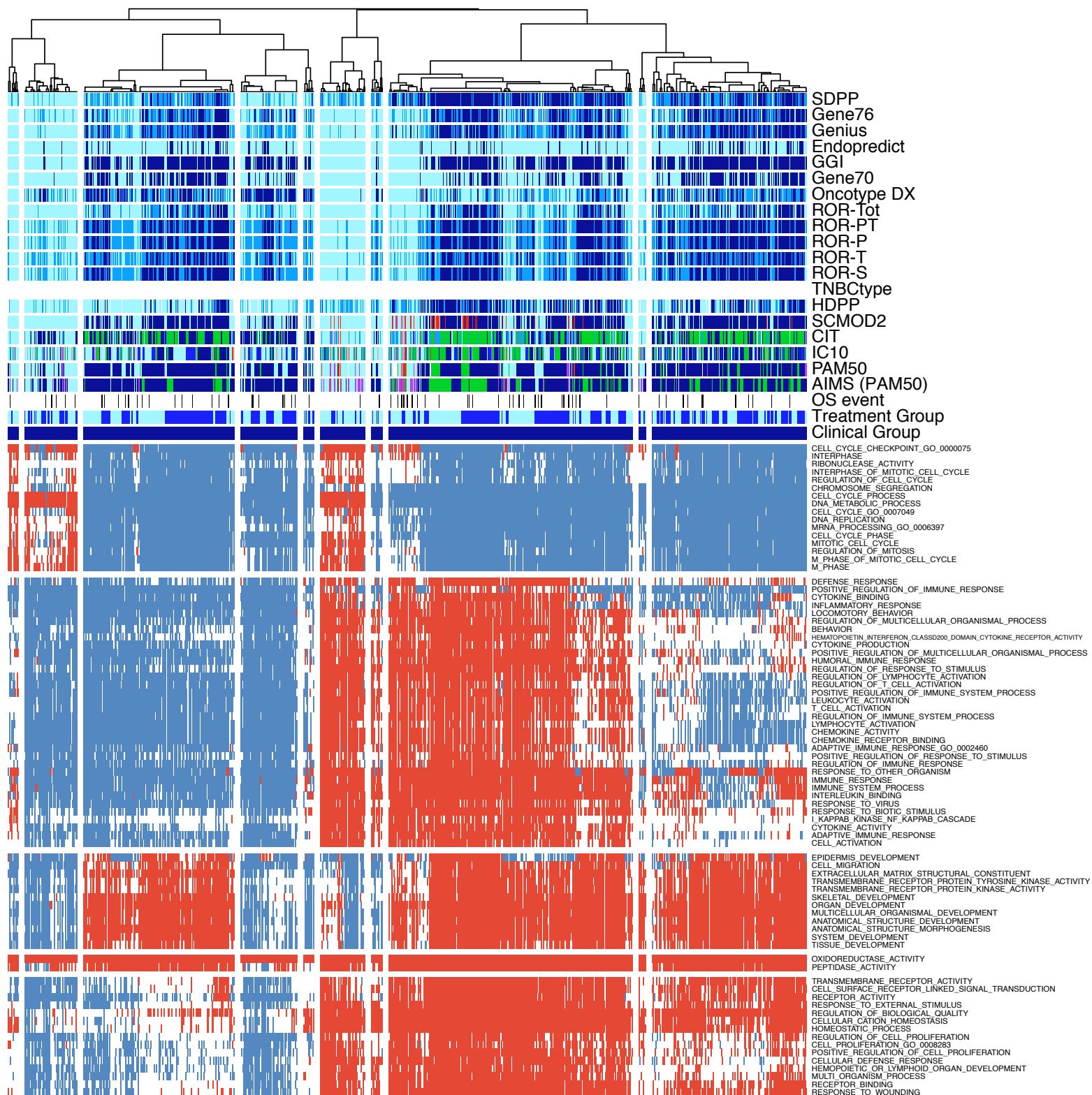
Legend for sub-panels concerning signature classes



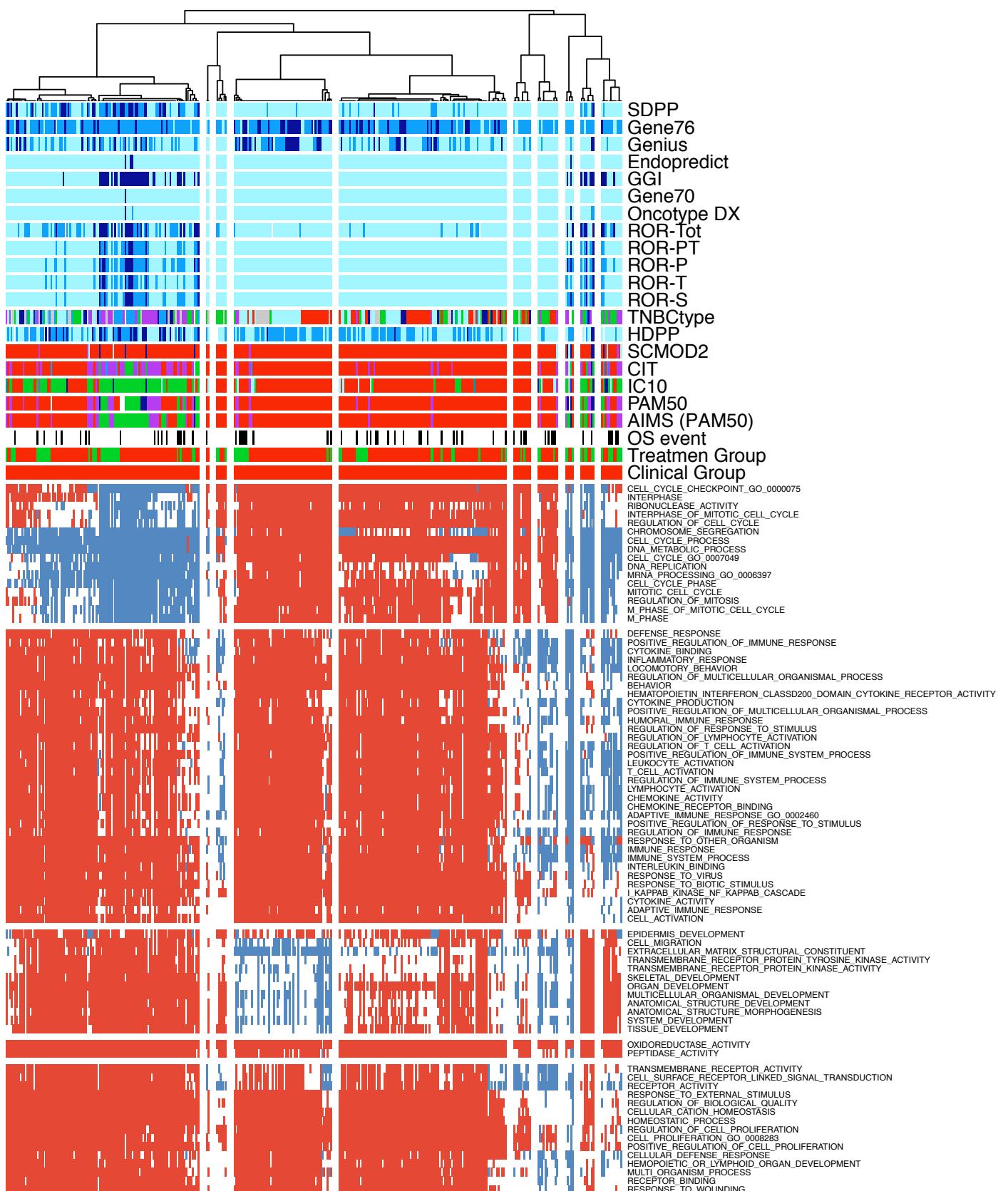
A) ER+/HER2-/LN- : n=1563



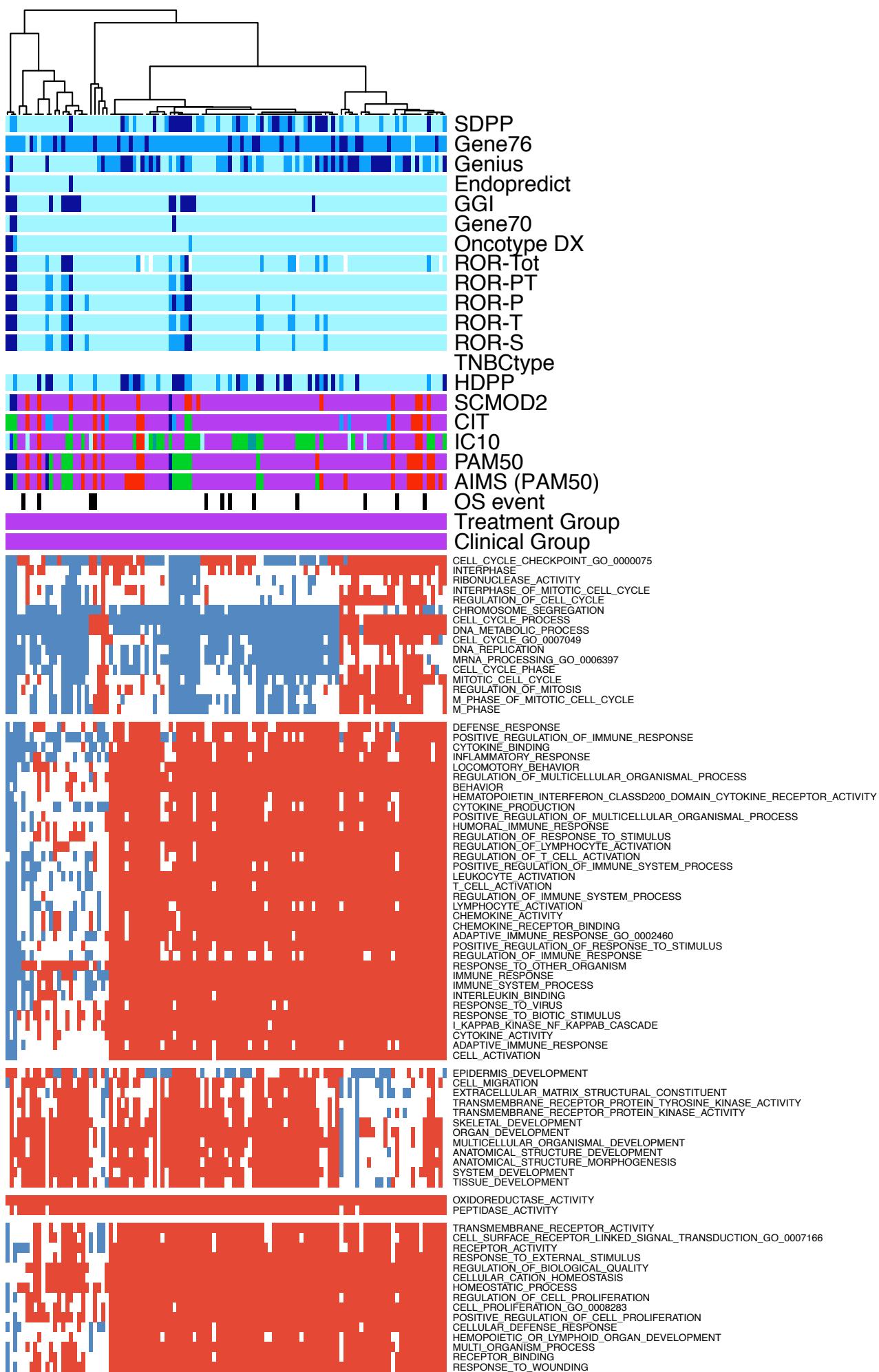
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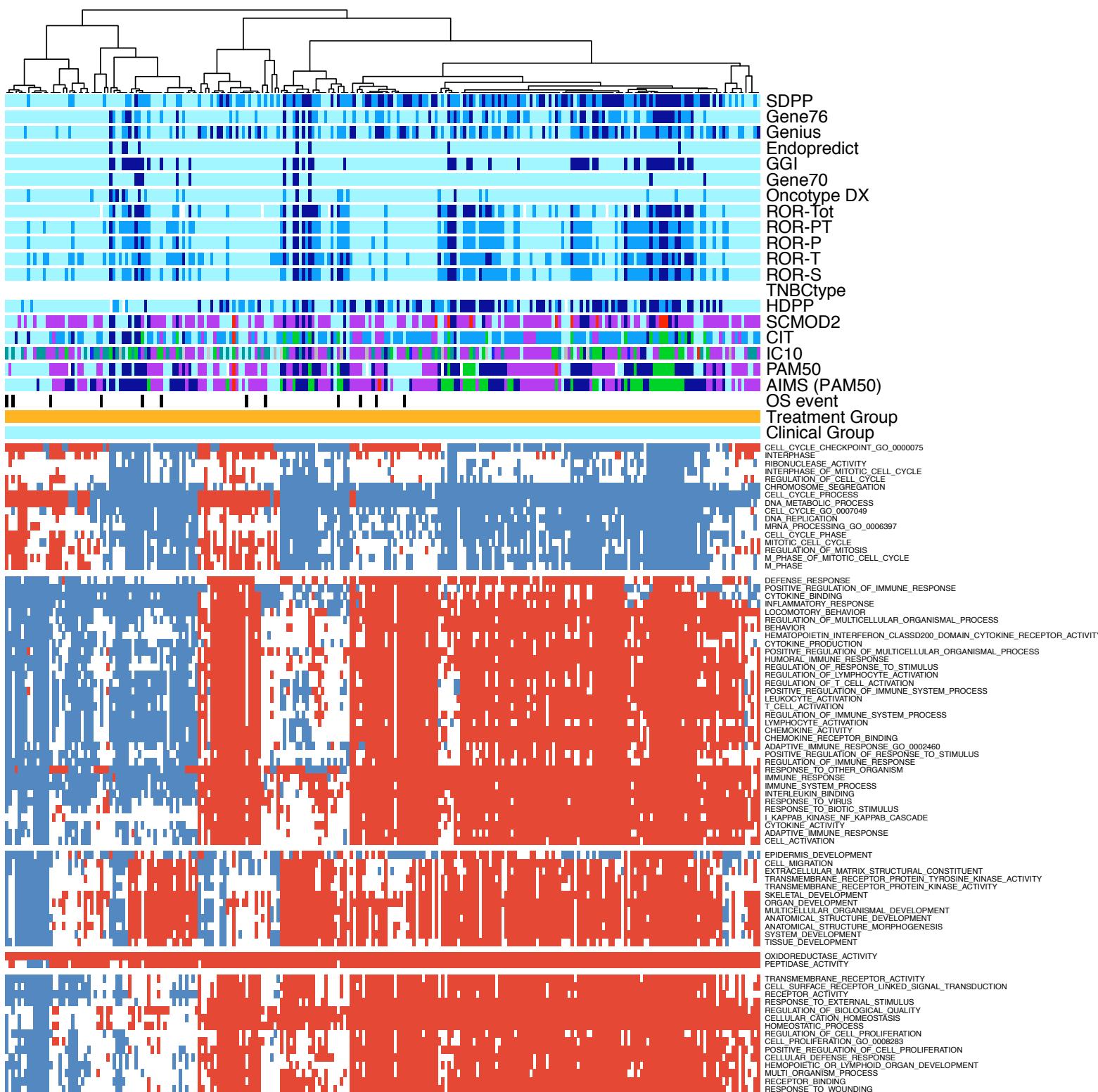
C) TNBC: n=321



D) HER2+/ER- anti-HER2 & ACT: n=111



E) HER2+/ER+ anti-HER2 & ACT & endocrine: n=239



Supplementary Figure S5. Risk prediction signature consensus voting in luminal clinical assessment groups

For each clinical assessment group and sample the number of low-risk predictions by eight risk prediction signatures (ROR-S, Oncotype DX, Gene70, Gene76, SDPP, GGI, Endopredict, Genius) was summarized. The extreme groups (0-1 low-risk predictions versus 7-8 low-risk predictions) were contrasted against each other in a Kaplan-Meier analysis for clinical assessment groups. For each subgroup the number of cases and the proportion of the total respective assessment group is shown. (A) ER+/HER2-/LN+ with endocrine treatment. (B) ER+/HER2-/LN+ with ACT & endocrine treatment. (C) ER+/HER2-/LN- with endocrine treatment. (D) ER+/HER2-/LN- untreated.

Panel legends: Endo: endocrine therapy. ACT: adjuvant chemotherapy.

