

1    **OncoOomics approaches to reveal essential genes in breast cancer: a panoramic view from  
2    pathogenesis to precision medicine**

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57 **SUMMARY**

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59 Breast cancer (BC) is a heterogeneous disease where each OncoOomics approach needs to be  
60 fully understood as a part of a complex network. Therefore, the main objective of this study was  
61 to analyze genetic alterations, signaling pathways, protein-protein interaction networks, protein  
62 expression, dependency maps and enrichment maps in 230 previously prioritized genes by the  
63 Consensus Strategy, the Pan-Cancer Atlas, the Pharmacogenomics Knowledgebase and the  
64 Cancer Genome Interpreter, in order to reveal essential genes to accelerate the development of  
65 precision medicine in BC. The OncoOomics essential genes were rationally filtered to 144, 48  
66 (33%) of which were hallmarks of cancer and 20 (14%) were significant in at least three  
67 OncoOomics approaches: RAC1, AKT1 CCND1, PIK3CA, ERBB2, CDH1, MAPK14, TP53,  
68 MAPK1, SRC, RAC3, PLCG1, GRB2, MED1, TOP2A, GATA3, BCL2, CTNNB1, EGFR and  
69 CDK2. According to the Open Targets Platform, there are 111 drugs that are currently being  
70 analyzed in 3151 clinical trials in 39 genes. Lastly, there are more than 800 clinical annotations  
71 associated with 94 genes in BC pharmacogenomics.

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85 **INTRODUCTION**

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87 Breast cancer (BC) is a heterogeneous disease characterized by an intricate interplay between  
88 different biological aspects such as ethnicity, genomic alterations, gene expression deregulation,  
89 hormone disruption, signaling pathway alterations and environmental determinants<sup>1,2</sup>. Over the  
90 last years, prevention, treatment and survival strategies have evolved favorably; however, there  
91 are BC profiles that remain incurable<sup>3</sup>. Nowadays, BC is the leading cause of cancer-related  
92 death among women (626,679; 15% cases) and the most commonly diagnosed cancer  
93 (2,088,849; 24% cases) worldwide<sup>4</sup>.

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95 The development of large-scale DNA sequencing, gene expression, proteomics, large-scale  
96 RNA interference (RNAi) screens and large-scale CRISPR-Cas9 screens has allowed us to  
97 better understand the molecular landscape of oncogenesis. Significant progress has been made  
98 in discovering gene coding regions<sup>5</sup>, cancer driver genes<sup>6,7</sup>, cancer driver mutations<sup>8,9</sup>, germline  
99 variants<sup>10</sup>, driver fusion genes<sup>11,12</sup>, alternatively spliced transcripts<sup>13</sup>, expression-based  
100 stratification<sup>14</sup>, molecular subtyping<sup>15</sup>, biomarkers<sup>16</sup>, druggable enzymes<sup>17</sup>, cancer  
101 dependencies<sup>18-21</sup>, and drug sensitivity and resistance<sup>22</sup>.

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103 Scientific advances made to date mark the era called the “end of the beginning” of cancer  
104 omics. In other words, each approach that was previously mentioned needs to be fully  
105 understood as a part of a complex network, analyzing the mechanistic interplay of signaling  
106 pathways, protein-protein interaction (PPI) networks, enrichment maps, gene ontology (GO),  
107 deep learning, molecular dependencies and genomic alterations per intrinsic molecular subtype:  
108 basal-like (estrogen receptor (ER)<sup>-</sup>, progesterone receptor (PR)<sup>-</sup>, human epidermal growth factor  
109 receptor 2 (Her2)<sup>-</sup>, cytokeratin 5/6<sup>+</sup> and/or EGFR<sup>+</sup>); Her2-enriched (ER<sup>-</sup>, PR<sup>-</sup>, Her2<sup>+</sup>); luminal A  
110 (ER<sup>+</sup> and/or PR<sup>+</sup>, Her2<sup>-</sup>, low Ki67); luminal B with Her2<sup>-</sup> (ER<sup>+</sup> and/or PR<sup>+</sup>, Her2<sup>-</sup>, low Ki67);  
111 luminal B with Her2<sup>+</sup> (ER<sup>+</sup> and/or PR<sup>+</sup>, Her2<sup>+</sup>, any Ki67); and normal like<sup>23-29</sup>. We will herein  
112 analyze previously prioritized genes/biomarkers by the Consensus Strategy (CS)<sup>28</sup>, the Pan-

113 Cancer Atlas (PCA)<sup>3,12,30-36</sup>, the Pharmacogenomics Knowledgebase (PharmGKB)<sup>37</sup> and the  
114 Cancer Genome Interpreter (CGI)<sup>38</sup>.

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116 In our previous studies, López-Cortés *et al.* and Tejera *et al.*, developed a Consensus Strategy  
117 that was proved to be highly efficient in the recognition of gene-disease association<sup>28,39</sup>. The  
118 main objective was to apply several bioinformatics methods to explore BC pathogenic genes.  
119 The CS identified both well-known pathogenic genes and prioritized genes that will be further  
120 explored through the OncoOomics approaches. On the other hand, The Cancer Genome Atlas  
121 (TCGA) has concluded the most sweeping cross-cancer analysis yet undertaken, namely the  
122 PCA project<sup>31</sup>. PCA reveals how genetic alterations, such as putative mutations, fusion genes,  
123 mRNA expression, copy number variants (CNVs) and protein expression collaborate in BC  
124 progression, providing insights to prioritize the development of new treatments and  
125 immunotherapies<sup>3,12,30-36</sup>. The CGI flags genomic biomarkers of drug response with different  
126 levels of clinical relevance<sup>38</sup>. Lastly, PharmGKB is a comprehensive resource that curates and  
127 spreads knowledge of the impact of clinical annotations on BC drug response<sup>37,40</sup>. PharmGKB  
128 collects the precise guidelines for the application of pharmacogenomics in clinical practice  
129 published by the European Society for Medical Oncology (ESMO), the National  
130 Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN), the Royal Dutch Association for the Advancement of  
131 Pharmacy (DPWG), the Canadian Pharmacogenomics Network for Drug Safety (CPNDS) and  
132 the Clinical Pharmacogenetics Implementation Consortium (CPIC)<sup>41-44</sup>. Hence, the aim of this  
133 study was to implement OncoOomics approaches to analyze genetic alterations, signaling  
134 pathways, PPi networks, protein expression, BC dependencies and enrichment maps in order to  
135 reveal essential genes/biomarkers to accelerate the development of precision medicine in BC.

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138 **RESULTS**

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140 **OncoPrint of genetic alterations according to the Pan-Cancer Atlas.** PCA has reported the  
141 clinical data of 1084 individuals with BC and it can be visualized in the Genomic Data  
142 Commons of the National Cancer Institute and in the cBioPortal<sup>45,46</sup>. In regard to molecular  
143 subtypes and tumor stages, 46% were lumina A, 18% luminal B, 7% Her2-enriched, 16% basal-  
144 like and 3% normal-like, whereas 17% were stage T1, 58% stage T2, 23% stage T3 and 2%  
145 stage T4 (Table S1).

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147 Figure 1A shows the average frequency of genetic alterations per gene set. The average  
148 frequency of the PCA gene set was 1.3, followed by CS gene set (1.2), PharmGKB/CGI gene  
149 set (1.1), BC driver genes (0.8) and non-cancer genes (0.4) (Table S2). Significant p-values ( $p <$   
150 0.001) were found among all gene sets. Therefore, the fact that gene sets of interest (CS, PCA  
151 and PharmGKB/CGI) presented an average frequency of genetic alterations greater than the  
152 non-cancer gene set and the BC driver gene set indicates that we are analyzing potential  
153 essential genes in BC. Figure 1B shows the percentage of genetic alterations per type. The most  
154 common genetic alterations were mRNA upregulation (55.8%), CNV amplification (17.1%) and  
155 missense mutations (8.4%). Figure 1C shows the ratio of genetic alterations in the 230 genes per  
156 sample and molecular subtype. Basal-like had the highest ratio ( $n = 33$ ), followed by Her2-  
157 enriched (29), luminal B (24), normal-like (17) and luminal A (15). The ratio of all BC samples  
158 was 19.6. Figure 1D shows the ratio of genetic alterations in the 230 genes per sample and  
159 tumor stage. Stage T2 had the highest ratio (23), followed by T3 (22), T1 (17) and T4 (8).  
160 Figures 1E and 1F show the percentage of genetic alterations per subtype and tumor stage,  
161 respectively. mRNA upregulation and CNV amplification were the most common alterations in  
162 all molecular subtypes and tumor stages.

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164 Figure 2 shows the ranking of genes with the greatest number of genetic alterations per  
165 molecular subtype and tumor stage. Regarding molecular subtypes, *PIK3CA* was the most  
166 altered gene in luminal A, *CCND1* in luminal B, *TP53* in basal-like and normal-like, and  
167 *ERBB2* in Her2-enriched, with significant p-values  $< 0.001$  (Figure 2A). On the other hand, the

168 most altered genes per tumor stage were *PIK3CA* in stage T1, *TP53* in stages T2 and T3, and  
169 *ERBB2* in stage T4, with significant p-value < 0.001 (Figure 2B). Figures 2C, 2E, 2G, 2I and  
170 2K show the top mutated genes, CNV amplified genes, CNV deep deleted genes, mRNA  
171 upregulated genes and mRNA downregulated genes per molecular subtype, respectively (Tables  
172 S3-S7). On the other hand, Figures 2D, 2F, 2H, 2J and 2L show the top mutated genes, CNV  
173 amplified genes, CNV deep deleted genes, mRNA upregulated genes and mRNA  
174 downregulated genes per tumor stage, respectively (Tables S8-S13).

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176 Regarding the first OncoOmics approach, Figure 3A shows an OncoPrint of 73 genes with a  
177 number of genetic alterations greater than the average (> 86). For this analysis driver mutations  
178 were taken into account, discarding passenger mutations (Figure S1 and Table S14). Figure 3B  
179 shows a circos plot of interactions between molecular subtypes and genetic alterations of the 73  
180 most altered genes. mRNA downregulated plus CNV deep deleted genes and mRNA  
181 upregulated plus CNV amplified genes were more related with basal-like, whereas fusion genes,  
182 and driver mutations were more related with Her2-enriched. Finally, Figure 3C shows a circos  
183 plot of interactions between tumor stages and genetic alterations of the 73 most altered genes.  
184 Fusion genes, mRNA downregulated plus CNV deep deleted genes, and mRNA upregulated  
185 plus CNV amplified genes were more related with stage T4, whereas driver mutations were  
186 more related with stage T3.

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188 **Pathway enrichment analysis.** The pathway enrichment analysis was performed using David  
189 Bioinformatics Resource to obtain integrated information from the Kyoto Encyclopedia of  
190 Genes and Genomes (KEGG)<sup>47-50</sup>. The enrichment analysis of signaling pathways was carried  
191 on in the 230 genes, obtaining more than 50 terms with a false discovery rate (FDR) < 0.01  
192 (Table S15). Subsequently, genetic alterations of genes that make up each signaling pathway  
193 were analyzed according to the molecular subtype and tumor stage. Figure 4A shows a circos  
194 plot correlating molecular subtypes with signaling pathways (Table S16). NF-kappa  $\beta$ , NOD-  
195 like receptor, adipocytokine, GnRH, RIG-like receptor, TNF, TGF $\beta$ , FOXO, glucagon, MAPK,

196 prolactin, cAMP, PI3K-AKT, neurotrophin, VEGF, notch, p53, sphingolipid and Wnt signaling  
197 pathways were more altered in basal-like; estrogen, HIF1, toll-like receptor, ras, insulin, T-cell  
198 receptor, rap1, ERBB, AMPK, chemokine, B-cell receptor, mTOR, Fc-epsilon RI, Jak-STAT,  
199 phosphatidylinositol and thyroid hormone signaling pathways were more altered in Her2-  
200 enriched; and Hippo signaling pathway in normal-like. On the other hand, Figure 4B shows the  
201 ranking of the most altered signaling pathways per molecular subtype. Jak-STAT signaling  
202 pathway was more altered in luminal A; Wnt signaling pathway in luminal B; p53 signaling  
203 pathway in basal-like; ERBB signaling pathway in Her2-enriched; and Hippo signaling pathway  
204 in normal-like (Table S17).

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206 Figure 4C shows a circos plot correlating tumor stages with signaling pathways according to the  
207 frequency of genetic alterations (Table S16). NOD-like receptor, adipocytokine, GnRH, TNF,  
208 estrogen, prolactin, FOXO, glucagon, ras, MAPK, T-cell receptor, cAMP, rap1, PI3K-AKT, B-  
209 cell receptor, VEGF, mTOR, Fc epsilon RI, NOTCH, p53, sphingolipid and Wnt signaling  
210 pathways were more altered in stage T2; NF-kappa B, Hippo and phosphatidylinositol signaling  
211 pathways were more altered in stage T3; and RIG-like receptor, HIF1, TGF $\beta$ , toll-like receptor,  
212 insulin, AMPK, ERBB, chemokine, neurotrophin, mTOR, jak-STAT and thyroid hormone  
213 signaling pathways were more altered in stage T4. On the other hand, Figure 4D shows the  
214 ranking of the most altered signaling pathways per tumor stage. Wnt signaling pathway was  
215 more altered in stages T1, T2 and T3; and thyroid hormone signaling pathway was more altered  
216 in stage T4 (Table S18).

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218 **Protein-protein interaction network.** Regarding the second OncoOmics approach, the PPI  
219 network was performed to better understand BC behavior using the String Database and  
220 Cytoscape<sup>51,52</sup>. With the indicated cutoff of 0.9, the final interaction network had 258 nodes  
221 conformed by 198 (86%) genes from the CS, PCA and PharmGKB/CGI gene sets, and enriched  
222 with 60 previously known BC driver genes. Regarding the OncoPrint genes, 65 (89%) nodes  
223 integrated this network (Figure 5A). On the other hand, out of the 258 genes that make up our

224 String PPi network, 16 (6%) genes and 18 edges were part of the OncoPPi BC network<sup>53,54</sup>. The  
225 degree centrality made it possible to establish a significant correlation (Spearman p < 0.05)  
226 between our String PPi network and the OncoPPi BC network (Figure 5B).

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228 Considering the degree centrality and the consensus score of our previous study<sup>28</sup>, there was  
229 enrichment among sub-networks (Figures 5A and 5B). The average of degree centrality of the  
230 258 nodes network was 48.8; out of the 198 nodes network was 52.7; out of the 65 nodes  
231 network was 61.7; and out of the OncoPPi BC network was 124.4. Meanwhile, the average of  
232 consensus score of the 258 nodes network was 0.803, out of the 198 nodes network was 0.812,  
233 out of the 65 nodes network was 0.833, and out of the OncoPPi BC network was 0.885.  
234 Additionally, the second OncoOmics approach was made up of genes with the highest degree  
235 centrality (> 52.7) such as *TP53*, *AKT1*, *SRC*, *CREBBP*, *EP300*, *JUN*, *CTNNB1*, *PIK3CA*,  
236 *RAC1* and *EGFR*, genes with the highest consensus score such as *TP53*, *ESR1*, *CCND1*,  
237 *BRCA2*, *BRCA1*, *ERBB2*, *CHEK2*, *AR*, *MYC* and *PTEN*, and genes with both of them such as  
238 *TP53*, *ESR1*, *CCND1*, *ERBB2*, *PTEN*, *CDKN1B*, *ATM*, *AKT1*, *STAT3*, *CDH1* and *EGFR* (Table  
239 S19).

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241 **Protein expression analysis.** The third OncoOmics approach was related to the expression  
242 analysis of the 230 proteins. Figure 6A shows 43 proteins with significant high expression (Z-  
243 scores  $\geq 2$ ) and low expression (Z-scores  $\leq -2$ ) analyzed with the reverse-phase protein array  
244 (RPPA) and mass spectrometry, according to TCGA. The top ten proteins with the highest  
245 expression levels in a cohort of 994 individuals were *ERBB2*, *SERPINE2*, *CDH2*, *CCND1*,  
246 *EGFR*, *ERCCI*, *IRSI*, *NOTCH1*, *ERBB3* and *INPP4B*, and the ones with the lowest expression  
247 levels were *CDH1*, *ATM*, *JAK2*, *MAPK1*, *AKT1*, *AKT3*, *MAPK14*, *ABL1*, *CTNNB1* and *IRF1*  
248 (Table S20). On the other hand, the Human Protein Atlas (HPA) presented a map of the human  
249 tissue proteome based on tissue microarray-based immunohistochemistry. HPA has analyzed  
250 202 (88%) of the 230 proteins of our study, classifying the protein expression in high, medium,  
251 low and non-detected. As a result, *RAC1*, *GJB2*, *MED1*, *PIK3CA*, *PIK3R3*, *FGFR2*, *HCFC2*,

252 *MAP2K4*, *NQO2* and *RAC3* were proteins with high and medium expression in normal tissue,  
253 and low and non-detected expression in BC tissue, acting as tumor suppressor genes.  
254 Meanwhile, *CDK2*, *CYP2D6*, *NCOR1*, *RRM1*, *FOXA1* and *TOP2A* were proteins with high and  
255 medium expressions in BC tissue, and low and non-detected expressions in normal tissue,  
256 acting as oncogenes (Figure 6B and Table S21). Lastly, according to the HPA, Figure 6C shows  
257 the overall survival analysis of *RAD51*, *PERP* and *MORC4* as BC biomarkers with unfavorable  
258 prognosis and  $p < 0.001$  (Table S22)<sup>55,56</sup>. All these altered proteins made up the third  
259 OncoOmics approach.

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261 **Breast cancer dependency map.** The fourth OncoOmics approach consisted in identifying  
262 genes that are essential for cancer cell proliferation and survival performing systematic loss-of-  
263 function screens in a large number of well-annotated cancer cell lines and BC cell lines  
264 representing the tumor heterogeneity<sup>18-21</sup>. Figure 7A shows the distribution of dependency  
265 scores of 227/230 genes through DEMETER2, an analytical framework for analyzing genome-  
266 scale RNAi loss-of-function screens in 73 BC cell lines (Table S23). Our results showed 563  
267 dependencies with at least one score  $\leq -1$  in 57 (25%) essential genes. The top 10 genes with the  
268 greatest number of significant dependency scores in BC cell lines were *RPL5* (68; 93%), *SF3B1*  
269 (67; 92%), *RPA1* (61; 84%), *RRM1* (53; 73%), *BUB1B* (26; 36%), *RPA3* (25; 34%), *RAD51*  
270 (23; 32%), *PPP2RIA* (21; 29%), *CHD4* (19; 26%) and *POLE* (13, 18%). At the same time,  
271 Figure 7A shows the distribution of dependency scores of 217/230 genes through CERES, an  
272 analytical framework for analyzing genome-scale CRISPR-Cas9 loss-of-function screens in 28  
273 BC cell lines (Table S24). Our results showed 310 dependencies with at least one score  $\leq -1$  in  
274 34 (16%) essential genes. The top 10 genes with the greatest number of significant dependency  
275 score in BC cell lines were *RPA1* (27; 96%), *RRM1* (27; 96%), *TOP2A* (26; 93%), *BUB1B* (24;  
276 86%), *CTCF* (24; 86%), *POLE* (23; 82%), *SF3B1* (19; 68%), *RPL5* (17; 61%), *CCND1* (13;  
277 46%) and *SOD2* (13; 46%). Figure 7B shows the distribution of dependency scores of  
278 DEMETER2 and CERES per molecular subtype. The genome-scale RNAi loss-of-function  
279 screens detected 165 (29%) dependencies in 19 Her2-enriched cell lines (ratio = 8.7), 110 (20%)

280 in 13 luminal A cell lines (8.5), 57 (10%) in 7 luminal B cell lines (8.1), and 231 (41%) in 34  
281 basal-like cell lines (6.8), whereas the genome-scale CRISPR-Cas9 loss-of-function screens  
282 detected 85 (27%) dependencies in 7 luminal A cell lines (ratio = 12.1), 176 (15%) in 16 basal-  
283 like cell lines (11), and 49 (16%) in 5 Her2-enriched cell lines (9.8). Figure 7C shows violin  
284 plots of dependencies per molecular subtype. DEMETER2 has detected a greatest number of  
285 significant dependencies in basal-like, followed by Her2-enriched, luminal A and luminal B,  
286 whereas CERES has detected a greatest number of significant dependencies in basal-like,  
287 followed by luminal A and Her2-enriched. Figure 7D shows a Venn diagram of 66 essential  
288 genes with at least one significant dependency in different molecular subtypes, where 22 were  
289 strongly selective genes, 26 were common essential genes, and 5 were both of them in all cancer  
290 cell lines (Figure 7E).

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292 **OncoOmics approaches to reveal essential genes in BC.** Figure 8A shows a Venn diagram  
293 integrated by the OncoOmics essential genes, the most relevant genes of the CS, PCA and  
294 PharmGKB/CGI gene sets per approach. *RAC1*, *AKT1*, *CCND1*, *PIK3CA* and *ERBB2* were  
295 relevant genes in all OncoOmics approaches; *CDH1*, *MAPK14*, *TP53*, *MAPK1*, *SRC* and *RAC3*  
296 were relevant genes in the OncoPrint, networking and protein expression analyses; *PLCG1* and  
297 *GJB2* were relevant genes in the OncoPrint, networking and DepMap analyses; *MED1*, *TOP2A*  
298 and *GATA3* were relevant genes in the DepMap, OncoPrint and protein expression analyses;  
299 *BCL2*, *CTNNB1*, *EGFR* and *CDK2* were relevant in the DepMap, networking and protein  
300 expression analyses; *EP300* and *CREBBP* were relevant in the networking and the OncoPrint  
301 analyses; *PTEN*, *MRE11*, *CDKN2A*, *WWNTR1*, *ABL1*, *BRCA2*, *NF2*, *AKT3*, *ARDID1A* and *RBI*  
302 were relevant in the OncoPrint and protein expression analyses; *RPA1*, *TOP3A*, *FGFR1*, *SF3B1*,  
303 *ATR*, *KRAS*, *PDPK1*, *RELA*, *SMARCE1*, *SPOP*, *CCNK* and *MDM4* were relevant in the  
304 DepMap and OncoPrint analyses; *CDKN1B*, *LCK* and *NOTCH1* were relevant in the  
305 networking and protein expression analyses, *CDK4* and *ESR1* were relevant in the DepMap and  
306 networking analyses; and *RAD51*, *IRS1*, *FGFR2*, *JAK2*, *RRM1*, *PIK3R3*, *FOXA1* and *ERBB3*  
307 were relevant in the DepMap and protein expression analyses (Table S25).

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309 Out of the 144 OncoOomics essential genes, 21% were oncogenes, 24% were tumor suppressor  
310 genes, 50% were tier 1, according to the Cancer Gene Census (COSMIC)<sup>60</sup>, and 59% were  
311 driver genes in other types of cancer, according to The Network of Cancer Genes<sup>61</sup> (Figure 8B).  
312 On the other hand, *FGF4*, *INPP4B*, *WWNTR1*, *MAPK8*, *PIGB*, *RRM1*, *CASP8*, *FCGR2A*,  
313 *SMARCB1*, *SF3B1* and *CTCF* were cancer immunotherapy genes<sup>62</sup>; *LCK*, *MAP3K1*, *EGFR*,  
314 *SRC*, *FGFR1*, *MAP2K4*, *ABL1*, *ERBB3*, *FGFR2* and *ERBB2* were kinase genes<sup>63</sup>; *CDKN1B*,  
315 *BLM*, *BUB1B* and *BARD1* were cell cycle genes<sup>64</sup>; *XRCC1*, *RAD51*, *ERCC1*, *NBN*, *ERCC2*,  
316 *MLH1*, *BRCA2*, *PMS2*, *RPA1* and *PALB2* were DNA repair genes<sup>65</sup>; lastly, *YAP1*, *CDKN2A*,  
317 *GNL3*, *ZC3H13*, *JUN*, *LARP7*, *KMT2C*, *HMGB1*, *GSTP1* and *GRB2* were RNA-binding  
318 proteins (RBPs) (Figure 8C and Table S26)<sup>66</sup>.

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320 Figure 8D shows a circos plot of the 48 (33%) OncoOomics essential genes that are hallmarks of  
321 cancer. The top 10 genes with the greatest number of interactions with the hallmarks of cancer  
322 were *TP53*, *CTNNB1*, *PTEN*, *KRAS*, *AKT1*, *RAC1*, *EGFR*, *ABL1*, *RB1* and *NOTCH1*.  
323 Suppression of growth was promoted by *AKT1*, *CTNNB1*, *PTEN*, *RB1* and *TP53*; escaping  
324 immune response to cancer was promoted by *CTNNB1*, *EGFR* and *RAC1*, and suppressed by  
325 *ABL1*, *PTEN* and *TP53*; cell replicative immortality was promoted by *CTNNB1*, *KRAS* and  
326 *NOTCH1*, suppressed by *PTEN*, and promoted/suppressed by *TP53*; tumor promoting  
327 inflammation was promoted by *KRAS* and suppressed by *TP53*; metastasis was promoted by  
328 *ABL1*, *CTNNB1*, *EGFR*, *KRAS*, *RAC1* and *RB1*, suppressed by *PTEN* and *TP53*, and  
329 promoted/suppressed by *AKT1*; angiogenesis was promoted by *ABL1*, *CTNNB1*, *EGFR*, *KRAS*,  
330 *NOTCH1* and *RAC1*, suppressed by *TP53* and promoted/suppressed by *AKT1*; genome  
331 instability was promoted by *ABL1* and *RB1*, and suppressed by *AKT1*, *CTNNB1*, *PTEN*, *RAC1*  
332 and *TP53*; escaping programmed cell death was promoted by *AKT1*, *CTNNB1*, *EGFR*,  
333 *NOTCH1* and *RAC1*, suppressed by *PTEN*, and promoted/suppressed by *KRAS*, *RB1* and *TP53*;  
334 change of cellular energetics was promoted by *ABL1*, *AKT1*, *CTNNB1*, *EGFR*, *KRAS*,

335 *NOTCH1, PTEN, RBI* and *TP53*; finally, proliferative signaling was promoted by *ABL1, AKT1*,  
336 *CTNNB1, EGFR, KRAS, NOTCH* and *RAC1* (Table S27).

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338 **Enrichment map of the OncoOmics essential genes in BC.** Figure 8E shows the enrichment  
339 map of the 144 OncoOmics essential genes in BC. g:Profiler searches for a collection of gene  
340 sets representing pathways, networks, GO terms and disease phenotypes<sup>67</sup>. The most significant  
341 GO: biological process with a FDR < 0.001 was positive regulation of macromolecule  
342 metabolic process (Table S28); the most significant GO: molecular function was  
343 phosphatidylinositol 3-kinase activity (Table S29); the most significant Reactome pathway was  
344 generic transcriptor pathway (Table S30)<sup>68</sup>; additionally, the most significant disease, according  
345 the Human Phenotype Ontology, was breast carcinoma (Table S31)<sup>69</sup>. Subsequently, g:Profiler  
346 annotations were analyzed with the EnrichmentMap software and visualized using Cytoscape,  
347 in order to generate network interactions of the most relevant GO: biological processes (Figure  
348 S2) and Reactome pathways (Figure 9) related to immune system, tyrosine kinase, cell cycle  
349 and DNA repair pathways<sup>52,67</sup>.

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351 **Precision medicine.** Figure 10 shows the current status of clinical trials for BC, according to  
352 the Open Targets Platform<sup>70</sup>. There are 111 drugs that are being analyzed in 3151 clinical trials  
353 in 39/230 genes. The top 10 genes with the highest number of clinical trials in process or  
354 completed were *TUBB1, ERBB2, ESR1, TOP2A, EGFR, ESR2, VEGFA, CDK4, POLE* and  
355 *RRM1*. The greatest number of clinical trials was in phase 2. Small molecules were the most  
356 analyzed type of drug, followed by antibodies and proteins. Lastly, the target classes with the  
357 greatest number of clinical trials were tyrosine kinases, structural proteins and nuclear hormone  
358 receptors (Table S32).

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360 Regarding precise guidelines for the application of BC pharmacogenomics in clinical practice,  
361 PharmGKB details 154 clinical annotations in 70/230 (30%) genes (Table S33)<sup>41-44</sup>; the CGI

362 details 76 clinical annotations in 26/230 (11%) genes (Table S34)<sup>71</sup>; and PCA details 648  
363 clinical annotations in 14/230 (6%) genes (Table S35)<sup>72</sup>.

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365 Additionally, Figure S3 shows a drug-gene interaction matrix conformed by 109 clinical  
366 annotations in phase 4, according to the OTP; 9 clinical annotations in levels 1A, 2A and 2B,  
367 according to PharmGKB; 9 clinical annotations approved by the US Food and Drug  
368 Administration (FDA), according to CGI; and 648 clinical annotations, according to PCA.

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## 371 **DISCUSSION**

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373 In this study we proposed a compendium of OncoOomics approaches that analyze genetic  
374 alterations, protein expression, signaling pathways, PPi networks, enrichment maps, gene  
375 ontology and dependency maps in three gene sets. The first gene set was taken from our  
376 previous study where we developed a Consensus Strategy that was proved to be highly efficient  
377 in the recognition of BC pathogenic genes<sup>28</sup>. The second gene set was taken from several studies  
378 of PCA, which provides a panoramic view of the oncogenic processes that contributes to BC  
379 progression<sup>3,12,30-36</sup>. The third gene set was taken from the CGI and PharmGKB. On the one  
380 hand, the CGI flags genomic biomarkers of drug response with different levels of clinical  
381 relevance<sup>38</sup>. On the other hand, PharmGKB collects clinical annotations applied in BC patients  
382 and taken from the NCCN, ESMO, CPNDS, DPWG and CPIC guidelines<sup>41-44</sup>. Finally, the  
383 compendium of these 230 potential essential genes in BC was analyzed through four different  
384 OncoOomics approaches.

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386 The first OncoOomics approach consisted in the analysis of genetic alterations using the PCA  
387 data<sup>45,46</sup>. The frequency of genetic alterations in the CS (average = 1.2), PCA (1.3) and  
388 PharmGKB/CGI (1.1) gene sets were higher than the non-cancer gene set (0.4) and the  
389 previously known BC driver genes (0.8). This means that these 230 genes had a greater number

390 of genetic alterations and might be strongly associated with BC (Figure 1A). The most common  
391 genetic alterations in a cohort of 994 individuals were mRNA upregulation, CNV amplification  
392 and missense mutations. Molecular subtypes with the greatest number of genetic alterations  
393 were basal-like, Her2-enriched, luminal B, normal-like and luminal A, whereas tumor stages  
394 with the greatest number of genetic alterations were T2, T3, T1 and T4 (Figures 1B-F). Genes  
395 with the greatest number of genetic alterations per subtype were *PIK3CA* in luminal A, *CCND1*  
396 in luminal B, *TP53* in basal-like and normal-like, and *ERBB2* in Her2-enriched (Figure 2A),  
397 whereas *PIK3CA* was the most altered gene in stage T1, *TP53* in stages T2 and T3, and *ERBB2*  
398 in stage T4 (Figure 2B).

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400 After a thorough analysis of genetic alterations in the 230 genes, the first OncoOmics approach  
401 was generated by an OncoPrint conformed by the top 73 genes with the greatest number of  
402 genetic alterations and with a frequency of alterations greater than the average ( $> 86$ ) (Figure  
403 3A). The top 10 most altered genes were *PIK3CA*, *TP53*, *MDM4*, *CCND1*, *NBN*, *MED1*,  
404 *CREBBP*, *PALB2*, *ERBB2* and *SPOP*<sup>3,12,30-36</sup>.

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406 Subsequently, the enrichment analysis of signaling pathways was carried on taking into account  
407 all genetic alterations in the 230 genes using David Bioinformatics Resource and KEGG<sup>47,50</sup>.  
408 The signaling pathways with the greatest number of genetic alterations per intrinsic molecular  
409 subtype were Jak-STAT in luminal A, Wnt in luminal B, p53 in basal-like, ERBB in Her2-  
410 enriched and Hippo in normal-like (Figure 4B); and per tumor stage were Wnt in stages T1, T2  
411 and T3, and thyroid hormone in stage T4 (Figure 4D).

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413 Regarding the previously mentioned signaling pathways, Jak-STAT is involved in the control of  
414 processes, such as stem cell maintenance, hematopoiesis and inflammatory response. However,  
415 the mechanism underlying inappropriate Jak-STAT pathway activation is not well-known in  
416 BC<sup>73</sup>. The Wnt signaling pathway actively functions in embryonic development and helps in  
417 homeostasis in mature tissues by regulating cell survival, migration, proliferation and polarity<sup>74</sup>.

418 The p53 tumor suppressor is the most frequently mutated gene in human cancer<sup>75</sup>, and acting as  
419 a transcription factor, the p53 signaling pathway plays a critical role in growth-inhibition,  
420 apoptosis, cell migration and angiogenesis<sup>76</sup>. The ERBB signaling pathway members form cell-  
421 surface receptors with extracellular domains yielding ligand-binding specificity<sup>77</sup>. Downstream  
422 signaling proceeds via tyrosine phosphorylation mediating signal transduction events that  
423 control cell survival, migration and proliferation. However, aberrant ERBB activation can  
424 increase transcriptional expression<sup>78</sup>. The Hippo pathway plays important roles in immune  
425 response, stem cell function and tumor suppression. However, alterations in this pathway are  
426 involved in the BC tumorigenesis and metastasis<sup>79</sup>. Lastly, the thyroid hormone signaling  
427 pathway is an important regulator of growth and metabolism. Nevertheless, deregulation of the  
428 T3 hormone levels could promote abnormal responsiveness of mammary epithelial cells  
429 developing BC<sup>80</sup>.

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431 The second OncoOomics approach consisted in the PPi network analysis and its validation with  
432 the OncoPPi BC network. According to Li *et al.* and Ivanov *et al.*<sup>54,81</sup>, PPi with therapeutic  
433 significance can be revealed by the integration of cancer genes into networks. PPi regulates  
434 essential oncogenic signals to cell proliferation and survival, and thus, represents potential  
435 targets for drug development and drug discovery. Regarding our networking analysis, the final  
436 interaction network consisted in 258 nodes with an average of degree centrality of 48.8 and an  
437 average of consensus scoring of 0.803<sup>28</sup>; the sub-network integrated by 198 of 230 nodes had  
438 52.7 of degree centrality and 0.812 of consensus scoring; finally, the sub-network integrated by  
439 65 of 73 genes with the greatest number of genetic alterations had 61.7 of degree centrality and  
440 0.833 of consensus scoring. Hence, a sub-network of genes with greatest number of genetic  
441 alterations presented a greater degree centrality and consensus scoring, suggesting that there is  
442 strong correlation between these genes and BC. Additionally, the oncogenomics validation  
443 showed a significant correlation between our String PPi network (Figure 5A) and the OncoPPi  
444 BC network (Figure 5B), identifying 16 nodes strongly associated with BC<sup>28</sup>. The second  
445 OncoOomics approach was made up with the top 40 genes with the highest degree centrality and

446 consensus scoring, such as *TP53*, *ESR1*, *CCND1*, *ERBB2*, *PTEN*, *CDKN1B*, *ATM*, *AKT1*,  
447 *STAT3*, *CDH1* and *EGFR*.

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449 The third OncoOomics approach was related to the BC proteome. More than 500 proteins have  
450 been identified as strongly involved in oncogenesis. Loss of expression, overexpression or  
451 expression of dysfunctional proteins contribute to uncontrolled tumor growth, causing  
452 chromosomal rearrangements, gene amplification and ungoverned methylation<sup>59</sup>. Regarding our  
453 230 proteins, 43 showed significant high and low expression ( $p < 0.001$ ), according to TCGA.  
454 The top ten proteins with the highest expression levels were *ERBB2*, *SERPINE2*, *CDH2*,  
455 *CCND1*, *EGFR*, *ERCC1*, *IRS1*, *NOTCH1*, *ERBB3* and *INPP4B*, whereas the top ten proteins  
456 with the lowest expression levels were *CDH1*, *ATM*, *JAK2*, *MAPK1*, *AKT1*, *AKT3*, *MAPK14*,  
457 *ABL1*, *CTNNB1* and *IRF1*. On the other hand, the HPA has analyzed 202 of 230 proteins, where  
458 *FOXA1*, *TOP2A*, *CDK2*, *CYP2D6*, *NCOR1* and *RRM1* were involved in oncogenic processes,  
459 and *RAC1*, *GJB2*, *MED1*, *PIK3CA*, *PIK3R3*, *FGFR2*, *HCFC2*, *MAP2K4*, *NQO2* and *RAC3*  
460 were involved in tumor suppression processes. Lastly, genes with unfavorable prognosis in BC  
461 were *RAD51*, *PERP* and *MORC4* (Figure 6)<sup>55,56</sup>. The compendium of all these 60 proteins with  
462 significant high and low expression made up the third OncoOomics approach.

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464 The fourth OncoOomics approach was related to the BC dependency map. According to  
465 Tsherniak *et al.*, the mutations that trigger the growth of cancer cells also confer specific  
466 vulnerabilities that normal cells lack, and these dependencies are compelling therapeutic  
467 targets<sup>82</sup>. The cancer dependency map identifies essential genes in proliferation and survival of  
468 well-annotated cell lines through systematic loss-of-function screens<sup>18-21</sup>. On the one hand,  
469 DETEMER2 analyzed the genome-scale RNAi loss-of-function screens. The top 10 genes with  
470 the greatest number of significant dependency scores in BC cell lines were *RPL5*, *SF3B1*,  
471 *RPA1*, *RRM1*, *BUB1B*, *RPA3*, *RAD51*, *PPP2R1A*, *CHD4* and *POLE*. On the other hand,  
472 CERES analyzed the genome-scale CRISPR-Cas9 loss-of-function screens. The top 10 genes  
473 with the greatest number of significant dependencies in BC cell lines were *RPA1*, *RRM1*,

474 *TOP2A, BUB1B, CTCF, POLE, SF3B1, RPL5, CCND1* and *SOD2* (Figure 7A). Additionally,  
475 the fourth OncoOmics approach was made up of genes with significant dependencies in BC cell  
476 lines and all cancer cell lines. *PLCG1, CDK4, KRAS, SPOP, CTNNB1, EGFR, AKT1, JAK2,*  
477 *MDM4, FGFR1, IRS1, BCL2, RELA, GATA3, PIK3CA, PIK3RE, PIK3CB, FOXA1, ERBB3,*  
478 *FGFR2, ESR1* and *ERBB2* were strongly selective genes, whereas *CDH4, TOP2A, GNL3,*  
479 *RBBP8, TOP3A, SMARCB1, UROD, RPL5, RAD51, PDPK1, CCNK, SF3B1, CDC42, ERCC2,*  
480 *BUB1B, CTCF, MAX, CCND1, BARD1, RAC1, RPA3, SMARCE1, PPP2RIA, POLE, RPA1* and  
481 *GRB2* were common essential genes, and *SOD2, CDK2, ATR, RRM1* and *MED1* were both  
482 (Figure 7E).

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484 Subsequently, the compendium of the most relevant genes per OncoOmics approach reveals the  
485 144 OncoOmics essential genes in BC (Figure 8A). *RAC1, AKT1, CCND1, PIK3CA* and *ERBB2*  
486 were relevant genes in all OncoOmics approaches; *CDH1, MAPK14, TP53, MAPK1, SRC* and  
487 *RAC3* were relevant genes in the OncoPrint, networking and protein expression analyses;  
488 *PLCG1* and *GJB2* were relevant genes in the OncoPrint, networking and DepMap analyses;  
489 *MED1, TOP2A* and *GATA3* were relevant genes in the DepMap, OncoPrint and protein  
490 expression analyses; and *BCL2, CTNNB1, EGFR* and *CDK2* were relevant in the DepMap,  
491 networking and protein expression analyses. Lastly, the top 10 genes with the greatest number  
492 of interactions with the hallmarks of cancer were *TP53, CTNNB1, PTEN, KRAS, AKT1, RAC1,*  
493 *EGFR, ABL1, RB1* and *NOTCH1* (Figure 8D).

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495 According to Reimand *et al.*, g:Profiler lets us know the enrichment map of the 144 OncoOmics  
496 essential genes in BC<sup>83</sup>. The most significant GO: biological process was the positive regulation  
497 of macromolecule metabolic process, the GO: molecular function was phosphatidylinositol 3-  
498 kinase activity, the Reactome pathway was generic transcriptor pathway, and the most  
499 significant Human Phenotype Ontology term was breast carcinoma<sup>69</sup>. Subsequently, the most  
500 relevant network interactions of the GO: biological process and the Reactome pathways were

501 related to immune system, tyrosine kinase, cell cycle and DNA repair terms (Figures 9 and  
502 S2)<sup>52,67</sup>.

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504 There is currently great enthusiasm about immunotherapeutic strategies to treat BC. The first  
505 approval of an immune checkpoint blockade agent for treatment of BC came in March 2019  
506 when the anti-PD-L1 antibody atezolizumab was approved to be used in combination with nab-  
507 paclitaxel for patients with triple-negative BC<sup>84</sup>. 17 OncoOmics essential genes were associated  
508 with immunotherapy<sup>62</sup>. Kinases have been recognized as highly tractable targets for BC  
509 treatment due to their druggability and critical roles they play in regulating cellular migration,  
510 differentiation, growth and survival<sup>85</sup>. 17 OncoOmics essential genes in BC were kinome  
511 genes<sup>63</sup>. The cell cycle comprises a series of tightly controlled events that drive cell division and  
512 the DNA replication<sup>86</sup>. 12 OncoOmics essential genes in BC were involved in cell cycle<sup>64</sup>. DNA  
513 repair constitutes several signaling pathways working in concert to eliminate DNA lesions and  
514 maintain genome stability. Defective components in DNA repair machinery are an underlying  
515 cause for the development of BC<sup>87</sup>. 19 OncoOmics essential genes in BC were involved in the  
516 DNA repair system<sup>65</sup>. RBPs are key players in post-transcriptional events<sup>88,89</sup>. Three recent  
517 reports using high-throughput bioinformatics profiling of thousands of tumors now reveal a  
518 consistent pattern of alterations in RBPs expression levels across different cancer types<sup>90-92</sup>.  
519 Lastly, 11 OncoOmics essential genes were RBPs (Figure 8C)<sup>66</sup>.

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521 Precision medicine provides BC patients with the most appropriate diagnostics and targeted  
522 therapies based on the omics profile and other predictive and prognostic tests. Additionally, it is  
523 relevant to know the composition of their breast tissue, tumor microenvironment, comorbid  
524 conditions and lifestyle<sup>93</sup>.

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526 The OTP is an available resource for the integration of genetics, omics and chemical data to aid  
527 systematic drug target identification and prioritization<sup>70</sup>. Currently, there are 111 drugs that are  
528 being analyzed in 3151 clinical trials in 39 of the 230 genes. Most of clinical trials are in phase

529 2; most of the analyzed drugs are small molecules; and most of target classes belong to tyrosine  
530 kinases. Finally, the top ten genes with the greatest number of clinical trials in process or  
531 completed are *TUBB1*, *ERBB2*, *ESR1*, *TOP2A*, *EGFR*, *ESR2*, *VEGFA*, *CDK4*, *POLE* and  
532 *RRM1*<sup>70</sup> (Figure 10).

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534 PharmGKB collects the precise guidelines for the application of pharmacogenomics in clinical  
535 practice<sup>41-44</sup>. This database details 154 clinical annotations associated with 70 genes in BC. The  
536 CGI is a platform that annotates clinical evidence and tumor variants that constitute state-of-art  
537 biomarkers of drug response. The CGI details 76 clinical annotations associated with 26 genes  
538 in BC<sup>71</sup>. According to TCGA, PCA details 648 clinical annotations associated with 14 genes in  
539 BC<sup>72</sup>. Lastly, the drug-gene interaction matrix is a compendium of the most relevant clinical  
540 annotations made up of 32 genes and 51 drugs in order to facilitate the treatment of patients  
541 with BC (Figure S3).

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543 In conclusion, since BC is a complex and heterogeneous disease, the study of different  
544 OncoOomics approaches is an effective way to reveal essential genes to better understand the  
545 molecular landscape of processes behind oncogenesis, and to develop better therapeutic  
546 treatments focused on pharmacogenomics and precision medicine.

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549 **METHODS**

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551 **OncoPrint of genetic alterations according to the Pan-Cancer Atlas.** PCA has reported the  
552 clinical data of 1084 individuals with BC and it can be visualized in the Genomic Data  
553 Commons of the National Cancer Institute (<https://gdc.cancer.gov/>) and in the cBioPortal  
554 (<http://www.cbioportal.org/>)<sup>45,46</sup>. The clinical annotations were age, pTNM classification, tumor  
555 type, tumor stage and race/ethnicity.

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557 Additionally, PCA has reported genetic alterations (mRNA upregulation, mRNA  
558 downregulation, CNV amplification, CVN deep deletion, missense mutation, truncating  
559 mutation, inframe mutation and fusion gene) in 994 individuals. Putative mutations were  
560 analyzed through exome sequencing, CNVs through the Genomic Identification of Significant  
561 Targets in Cancer (GISTIC 2.0)<sup>94,95</sup>, and mRNA expression through RNA Seq V2. We analyzed  
562 five gene sets in order to compare the average frequency of genetic alterations among them. The  
563 first gene set (n = 177) was integrated by the non-cancer genes<sup>96</sup>. We calculated the OncoScore  
564 of non-cancer genes, taking out all genes from our study. The second gene set (n = 119) was the  
565 BC driver genes, according to The Network of Cancer Genes<sup>61</sup>. The third gene set (n = 84) was  
566 taken from our previous study where we developed a Consensus Strategy of prioritized genes  
567 related to BC pathogenesis<sup>28</sup>. The fourth gene set (n = 85) was made up of genes associated with  
568 BC development, according to several PCA studies<sup>30,31,57</sup>. The fifth gene set (n = 91) consisted  
569 of BC biomarkers and druggable enzymes taken from PharmGKB and the CGI (Table S2)<sup>37,38,40</sup>.  
570 Finally, the significant differentiation of the average frequency of genetic alterations among  
571 gene sets was analyzed (p-value < 0.001).  
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573 The OncoOomics approaches were performed in 230 genes conformed by the CS, PCA and  
574 PharmGKB/CGI gene sets. Firstly, we calculated the percentage and ratio of genetic alterations  
575 per intrinsic molecular subtype and tumor stage, and we established a ranking of genes with the  
576 greatest number of different genetic alterations. Subsequently, we performed an OncoPrint of  
577 genes with more genetic alterations than the average. The final list of genes made up the first  
578 OncoOomics approach.  
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580 **Pathway enrichment analysis.** The enrichment analysis of signaling pathways was performed  
581 using David Bioinformatics Resource to obtain integrated information from KEGG<sup>47-50</sup>. It was  
582 carried on in the 230 genes, taking into account terms with a significant FDR < 0.01. After that,  
583 genetic alterations that comprise each signaling pathway were analyzed, taking into account the  
584 molecular subtype and tumor stage of individuals from PCA. Circos plots and violin plots were

585 designed to visualize all data. Lastly, in order to compare the ratio of genetic alterations among  
586 subtypes and tumor stages, normalization was carried out dividing the number of genetic  
587 alterations by the number of individuals per subtype and tumor stage. Regarding molecular  
588 subtypes, 499 individuals were luminal A, 197 were luminal B, 171 were basal-like, 78 were  
589 Her2-enriched and 36 were normal-like, and regarding tumor stage, 255 were stage T1, 586  
590 were stage T2, 113 were stage T3 and 103 were stage T4.

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592 **Protein-protein interaction network.** The PPi network with a highest confidence cutoff of 0.9  
593 and zero node addition was created using the String Database, which takes into account  
594 predicted and known interactions<sup>51</sup>. The confidence scoring is the approximate probability that a  
595 predicted link exists between two enzymes in the same metabolic map, whereas the degree  
596 centrality of a node means the number of edges the node has to other nodes in a network. The  
597 centrality indexes calculation and network visualization were analyzed through the Cytoscape  
598 software<sup>52</sup>. Genes with the highest degree centrality, consensus score and sub-networks were  
599 differentiated by colors in the PPi network. On the other hand, OncoPPi  
600 (<http://oncoppi.emory.edu/>) reports the development of a cancer-focused PPi network,  
601 identifying more than 260 high-confidence cancer-associated PPi<sup>53,54</sup>. In addition, the OncoPPi  
602 BC network consisted of 16 genes and 18 PPi experimentally analyzed in BC cell lines<sup>53,54</sup>. The  
603 correlation of the degree centrality by means of Spearman p-value test between our String PPi  
604 network and the OncoPPi BC network allowed for the validation of all the high-confidence BC-  
605 focused PPi analyzed in cell lines<sup>28</sup>. Lastly, genes with the highest degree centrality and  
606 consensus scoring made up the second OncoOmics approach.

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608 **Protein expression analysis.** TCGA has reported the protein expression data of 994 individuals  
609 with BC through RPPA and mass spectrometry by the Clinical Proteomic Tumor Analysis  
610 Consortium (CPTAC), and it can be visualized in the cBioPortal<sup>45,46</sup>. We analyzed the protein  
611 expression of 230 genes (CS, PCA and PharmGKB/CGI gene sets) where Z-scores  $\geq 2$  mean a  
612 significant high protein expression and Z-scores  $\leq -2$  mean a significant low protein expression.

613 On the other hand, the Human Protein Atlas (<https://www.proteinatlas.org/>) explains the diverse  
614 molecular signatures of proteomes in the human tissues based on an integrated omics approach  
615 that involves quantitative transcriptomics and tissue microarray-based  
616 immunohistochemistry<sup>56,58,59</sup>. We compared the protein gene levels (high, medium, low and  
617 non-detected) of our 230 genes between normal and BC tissues. Finally, we analyzed the overall  
618 survival curve of our 230 genes and reveled all biomarkers with significant unfavorable  
619 prognostic ( $p < 0.001$ )<sup>55,56</sup>. All genes with the altered protein expression made up the third  
620 OncoOomics approach.

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622 **Breast cancer dependency map.** The DepMap project (<https://depmap.org/portal/>) is a  
623 collaboration between the Broad Institute and the Wellcome Sanger Institute. Multiple genetic or  
624 epigenetic changes provide cancer cells with specific vulnerabilities that normal cells lack. Even  
625 though the landscape of genetic alterations has been extensively studied to date, we have limited  
626 understanding of the biological impact of these alterations in the development of specific tumor  
627 vulnerabilities, which triggers a limited use of precision medicine in the clinical practice  
628 worldwide. Therefore, the main goal of DepMap is to create a comprehensive preclinical  
629 reference map connecting tumor features with tumor dependencies to accelerate the  
630 development of precision treatments<sup>18-21</sup>.

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632 In order to identify essential genes for BC cell proliferation and survival, DepMap performed  
633 systematic loss-of-function screens in a large number of well-annotated BC cell lines  
634 representing the tumor heterogeneity and their molecular subtypes. The DEMETER2 algorithm  
635 was applied to analyze genome-scale RNAi loss-of-function screens in 73 BC cell lines and 711  
636 cancer cell lines, whereas the CERES algorithm was applied to analyze genome-scale CRISPR-  
637 Cas9 loss-of-function screens in 28 BC cell lines and 558 cancer cell lines<sup>19,21</sup>. In addition to  
638 existing cell lines, the Cancer Cell Line Encyclopedia (CCLE) project will greatly expand the  
639 collection of characterized cell lines to improve precision treatments<sup>97</sup>.

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641 Regarding dependency scores, a lower score means that a gene is more likely to be dependent in  
642 a specific cancer cell line. A score of 0 means that a gene is not essential, whereas a score of -1  
643 corresponds to the median of all common essential genes. A strongly selective gene means that  
644 its dependency is at least 100 times more likely to have been sampled from a skewed  
645 distribution than a normal distribution. Lastly, a common essential gene is when in a pan-cancer  
646 screen its gene ranks in the top most depleting genes in at least 90% of cell lines<sup>18</sup>. All genes  
647 with a dependency score  $\leq -1$  made up the fourth OncoOomics approach.

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649 **Enrichment map of the OncoOomics essential genes in BC.** The pathway enrichment analysis  
650 gives scientists curated interpretation of gene lists generated from genome-scale experiments<sup>67</sup>.  
651 The OncoOomics essential genes in BC were analyzed by using g:Profiler  
652 (<https://biit.cs.ut.ee/gprofiler/>) in order to obtain significant annotations (FDR  $< 0.001$ ) related  
653 to GO terms, pathways, networks and disease phenotypes. Subsequently, g:Profiler annotations  
654 were analyzed with the EnrichmentMap software in order to generate network interactions of  
655 the most relevant GO: biological processes and Reactome pathways, and these networks were  
656 visualized using Cytoscape<sup>52,67</sup>.

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658 **Precision medicine.** We analyzed drug-gene interactions for BC using four selective databases:  
659 1) OTP<sup>70</sup>, 2) PharmGKB<sup>37,40</sup>, 3) CGI<sup>38</sup>, and 4) PCA<sup>98</sup>. The Open Targets Platform  
660 (<https://www.targetvalidation.org>) is comprehensive and robust data integration for access to  
661 and visualization of potential drug targets associated with BC. Additionally, this platform shows  
662 all drugs in clinical trials associated with BC genes, detailing its phase, status, type and target  
663 class<sup>70</sup>. PharmGKB (<https://www.pharmgkb.org/>) collects complete guidelines for application of  
664 pharmacogenomics in clinical practice, according to several consortiums worldwide<sup>41-44</sup>. The  
665 CGI (<https://www.cancergenomeinterpreter.org/home>) flags genomic biomarkers of drug  
666 response with different levels of clinical relevance<sup>38</sup>. Finally, PCA reveals genetic alterations,  
667 druggable enzymes and clinical annotations in a cohort of 994 individuals<sup>3,12,30-36</sup>. The clinical

668 annotations of these four databases were analyzed in order to create a drug-gene interaction  
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994 **Figure legends**

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996 **Figure 1. Genetic alterations of the breast cancer cohort according to PCA.** (A) Frequency  
997 of genetic alterations per gene set (non-cancer genes, BC driver genes according to the Network  
998 of Cancer Genes, Consensus Strategy, BC genes according to PCA, BC biomarkers according to  
999 the PharmGKB and CGI). (B) Percentage of genetic alterations per type. (C) Ratio of genetic  
1000 alterations per intrinsic molecular subtype. (D) Ratio of genetic alterations per tumor stage. (E)  
1001 Percentage of genetic alterations per type and per molecular subtype. (F) Percentage of genetic  
1002 alterations per type and per tumor stage.

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1004 **Figure 2. Ranking of genes with the highest number of genetic alterations per molecular  
1005 subtype and tumor stage.** (A) Frequency of genetic alterations (punctual mutations, copy  
1006 number variants and mRNA expression) per molecular subtype. (B) Frequency of genetic  
1007 alterations per tumor stage. (C) Frequency of punctual mutations per molecular subtype. (D)  
1008 Frequency of punctual mutations per tumor stage. (E) Frequency of CNV amplifications per  
1009 molecular subtype. (F) Frequency of CNV amplifications per tumor stage. (G) Frequency of  
1010 CNV deep deletions per molecular subtype. (H) Frequency of CNV deep deletions per tumor  
1011 stage. (I) Frequency of mRNA upregulation per molecular subtype. (J) Frequency of mRNA  
1012 upregulation per tumor stage. (K) Frequency of mRNA downregulation per molecular subtype.  
1013 (L) Frequency of mRNA downregulation per tumor stage.

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1015 **Figure 3. OncoPrint of genetic alterations according to the Pan-Cancer Atlas.** (A)  
1016 OncoPrint of genes with more genetic alterations than the average (>86) per molecular subtype.  
1017 (B) Circos plot between molecular subtypes and the highest number of genetic alterations  
1018 (fusion genes, mRNA downregulation plus CNV deep deletion, mRNA upregulation plus CNV  
1019 amplification and driver mutations). (C) Circos plot between tumor stages and the highest  
1020 number of genetic alterations.

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1022 **Figure 4. Pathway enrichment analysis per molecular subtype and tumor stage.** (A) Circos  
1023 plot between molecular subtypes and the most altered genetic pathways. (B) Violin plots  
1024 showing the frequency of the most altered signaling pathways per molecular subtype. (C) Circos  
1025 plot between tumor stages and the most altered genetic pathways. (D) Violin plots showing the  
1026 frequency of the most altered signaling pathways per tumor stage.

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1028 **Figure 5. Breast cancer integrated network.** (A) Network composed of BC driver genes and  
1029 genes of our study (PCA gene set, consensus strategy gene set and PharmGKB gene set. (B)  
1030 Significant correlation ( $p < 0.05$ ) of degree centrality and consensus score between the OncoPPI  
1031 BC network and or BC integrated network.

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1033 **Figure 6. Analysis of protein expression.** (A) Ranking of genes with the highest number of  
1034 protein alterations (high and low expression with  $Z\text{-score} \geq 2$ ) according to The Cancer Genome  
1035 Atlas. (B) Comparison of protein expression levels between BC tissue and normal tissue  
1036 according to The Human Protein Atlas. (C) Overall survival of genes with prognosis  
1037 unfavorable ( $p < 0.001$ ) in BC according to The Human Protein Atlas.

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1039 **Figure 7. Analysis of dependencies in BC cell lines.** (A) Dependency score of BC gene sets  
1040 using RNAi DIMETER2 and CRISPR-Cas9 CERES algorithms in BC cell lines. (B)  
1041 Dependency score of BC gene sets per molecular subtypes. (C) Violin plots of dependencies per  
1042 molecular subtypes. All significant dependencies  $< -1$  are in black. (D) Venn diagram of genes  
1043 with at least one dependency  $< -1$  in cell lines belonging to each molecular subtype. (E) Venn  
1044 diagram of strongly selective and common essential genes in all cancer cell lines.

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1046 **Figure 8. The OncoOomics essential genes of breast cancer.** (A) Venn diagram of the most  
1047 relevant genes per genomics approach (PCA genetic alterations, networking, protein expression  
1048 and DepMap). (B) Percentage of oncogenes, tumor suppressor genes, tier 1 genes, BC driver  
1049 genes and driver genes in other cancer types. (C) Venn diagram of the most relevant genes

1050 related with cancer immunotherapy, kinome, cell cycle, DNA repair and RNA-binding proteins.

1051 (D) Circos plot of the hallmarks of cancer genes. (E) Most significant g:Profiler features of the

1052 most relevant genes according to the gene ontology biological processes, Reactome pathways,

1053 wikipathways and the human phenotype ontology.

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1055 **Figure 9. Pathway enrichment analysis of the most relevant genes using g:Profiler and**

1056 **EnrichmentMap.** Most significant Reactome pathways related to immune system, tyrosine

1057 kinases, cell cycle, DNA repair and genetic transcription.

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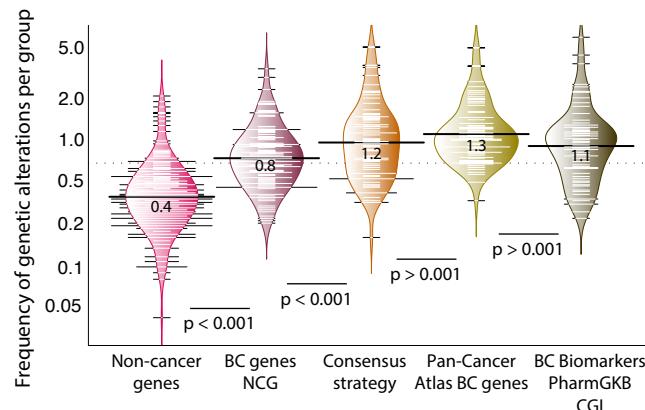
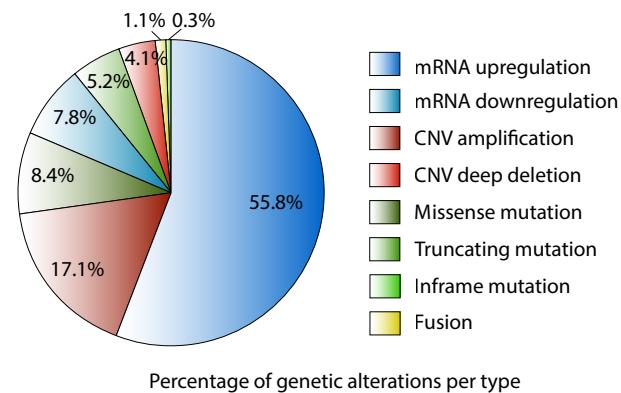
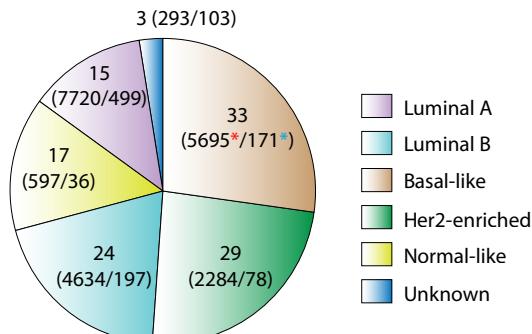
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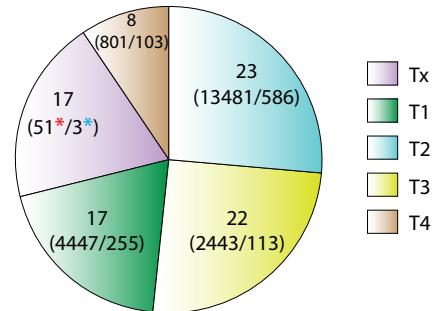
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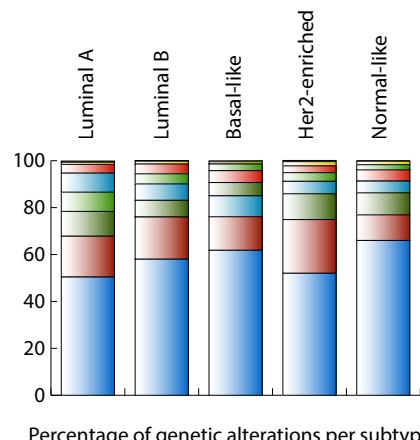
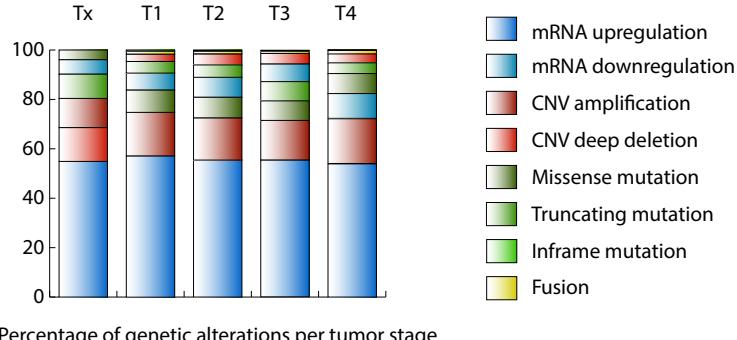
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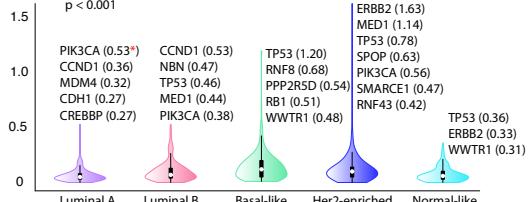
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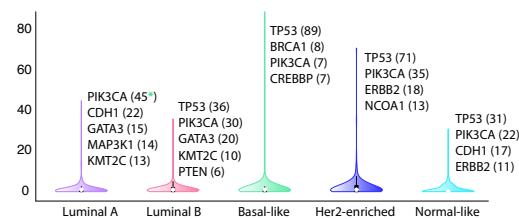
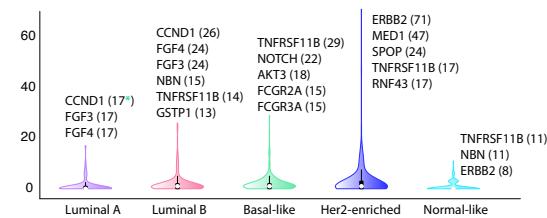
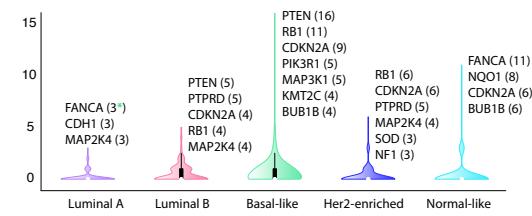
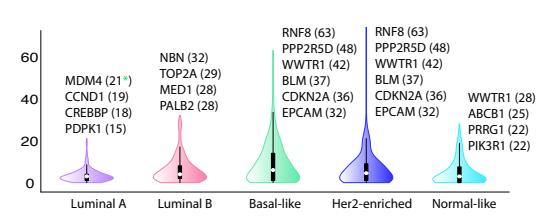
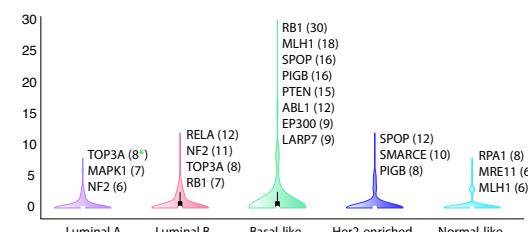
**E****F**

**A** Genetic alterations (punctual mutations, CNVs and mRNA expression)

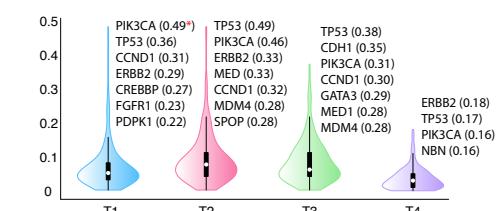
\* Frequency of genetic alterations per sample and per intrinsic molecular subtype

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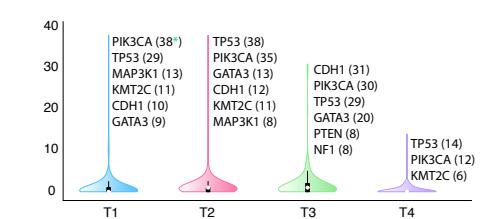
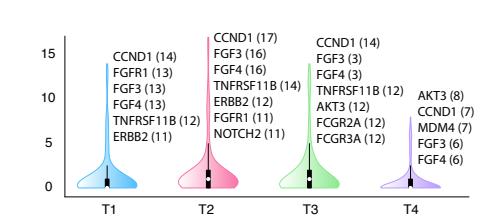
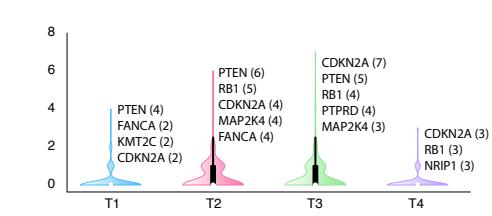
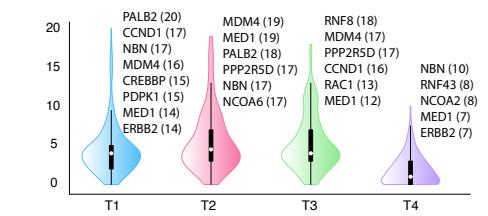
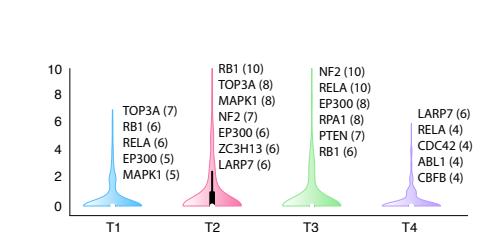
\* Percentage of samples with punctual mutations in genes per subtype p &lt; 0.001

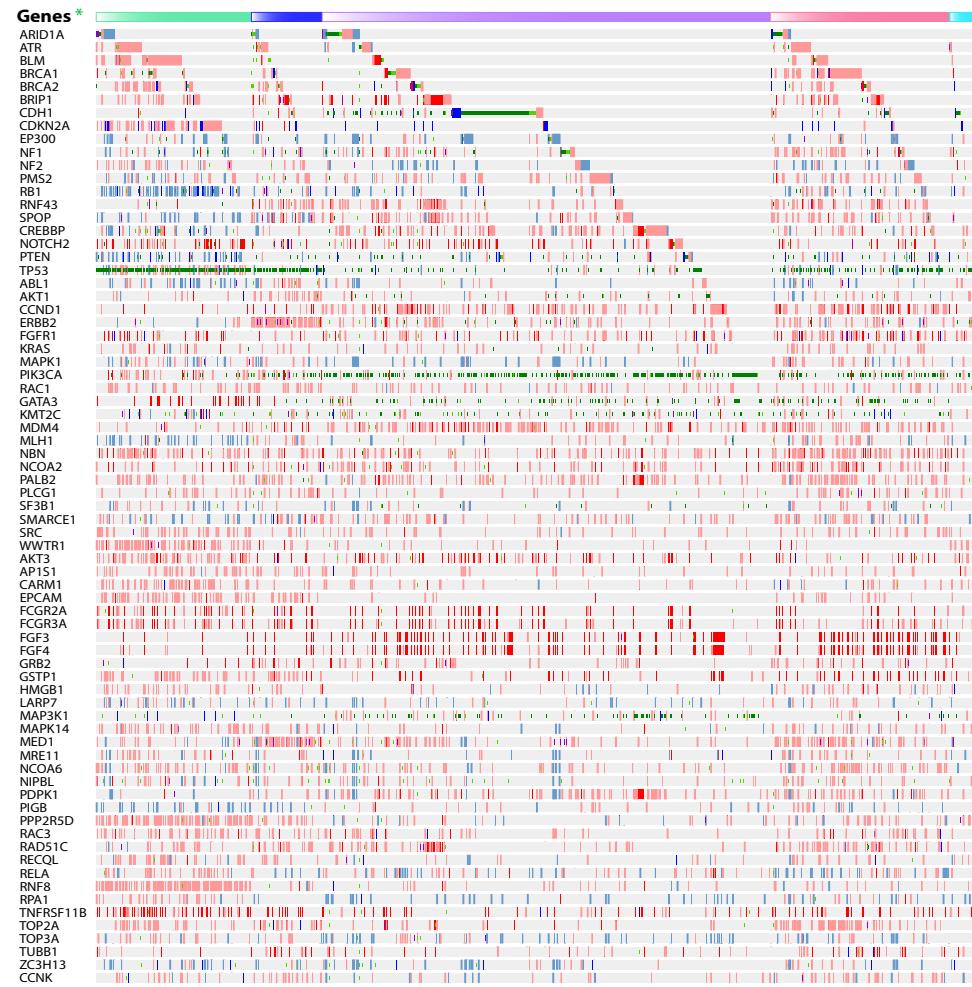
**E** CNV amplification p < 0.001**G** CNV deep deletion p < 0.001**I** mRNA upregulation p < 0.001**K** mRNA downregulation p < 0.001**B** Genetic alterations (punctual mutations, CNVs and mRNA expression)

\* Frequency of genetic alterations per sample per tumor stage p &lt; 0.001

**D** Punctual mutations (mutation + fusion)

\* Percentage of samples with mutations in genes per tumor stage p &lt; 0.001

**F** CNV amplification p < 0.001**H** CNV deep deletion p < 0.001**J** mRNA upregulation p < 0.001**L** mRNA downregulation p < 0.001

**A****Genetic alteration**

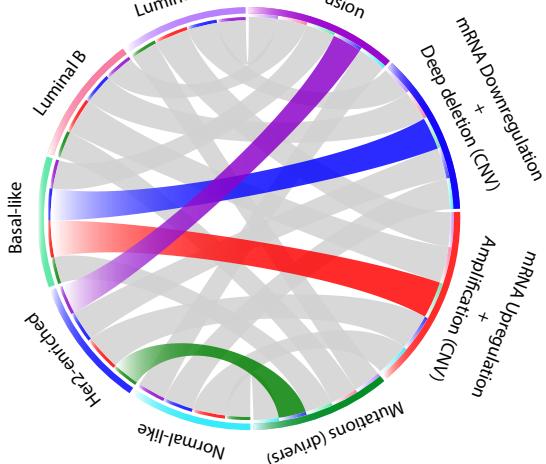
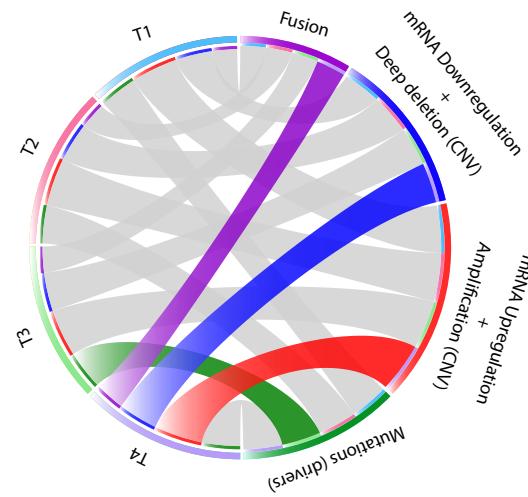
- Mutation (putative driver)
- Mutation (unknown significance)
- Fusion
- Amplification
- Deep Deletion
- mRNA upregulation
- mRNA Low
- No alterations

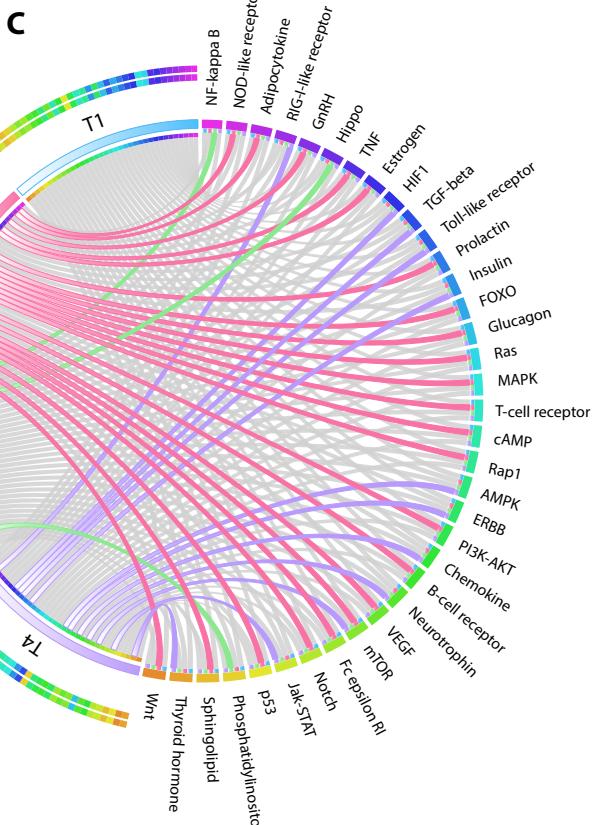
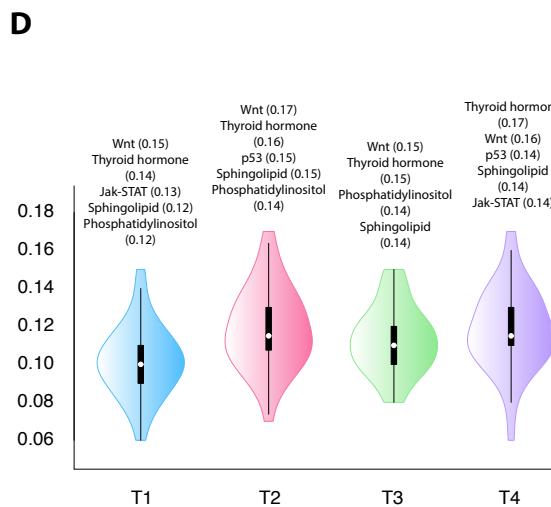
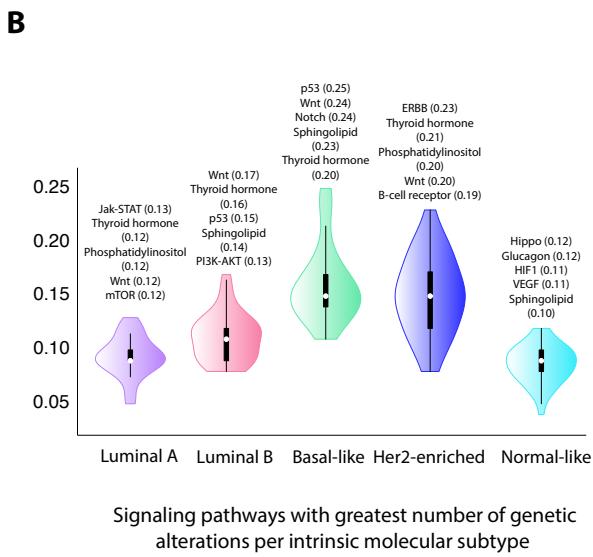
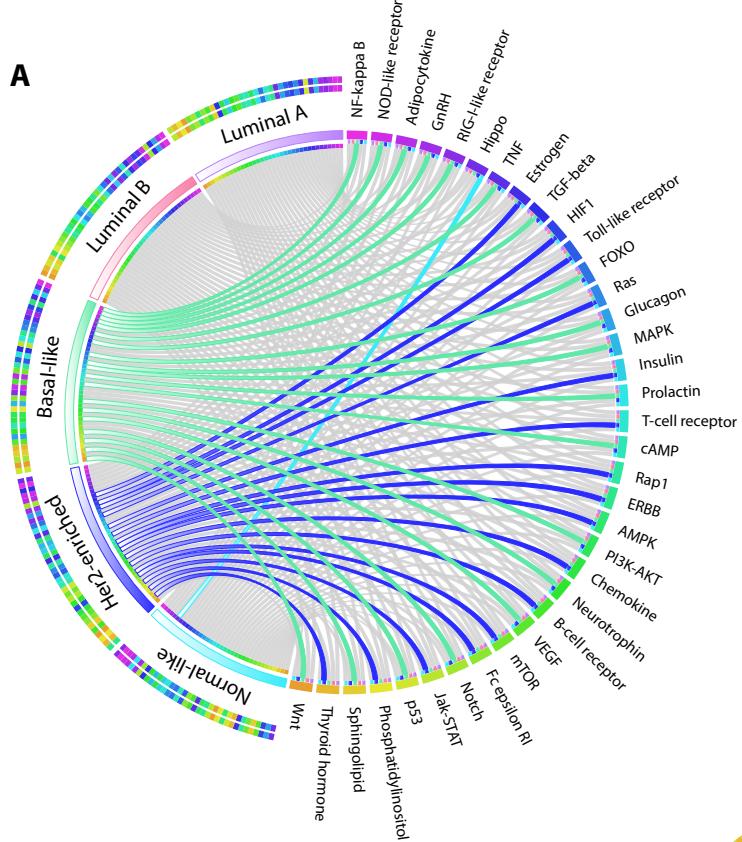
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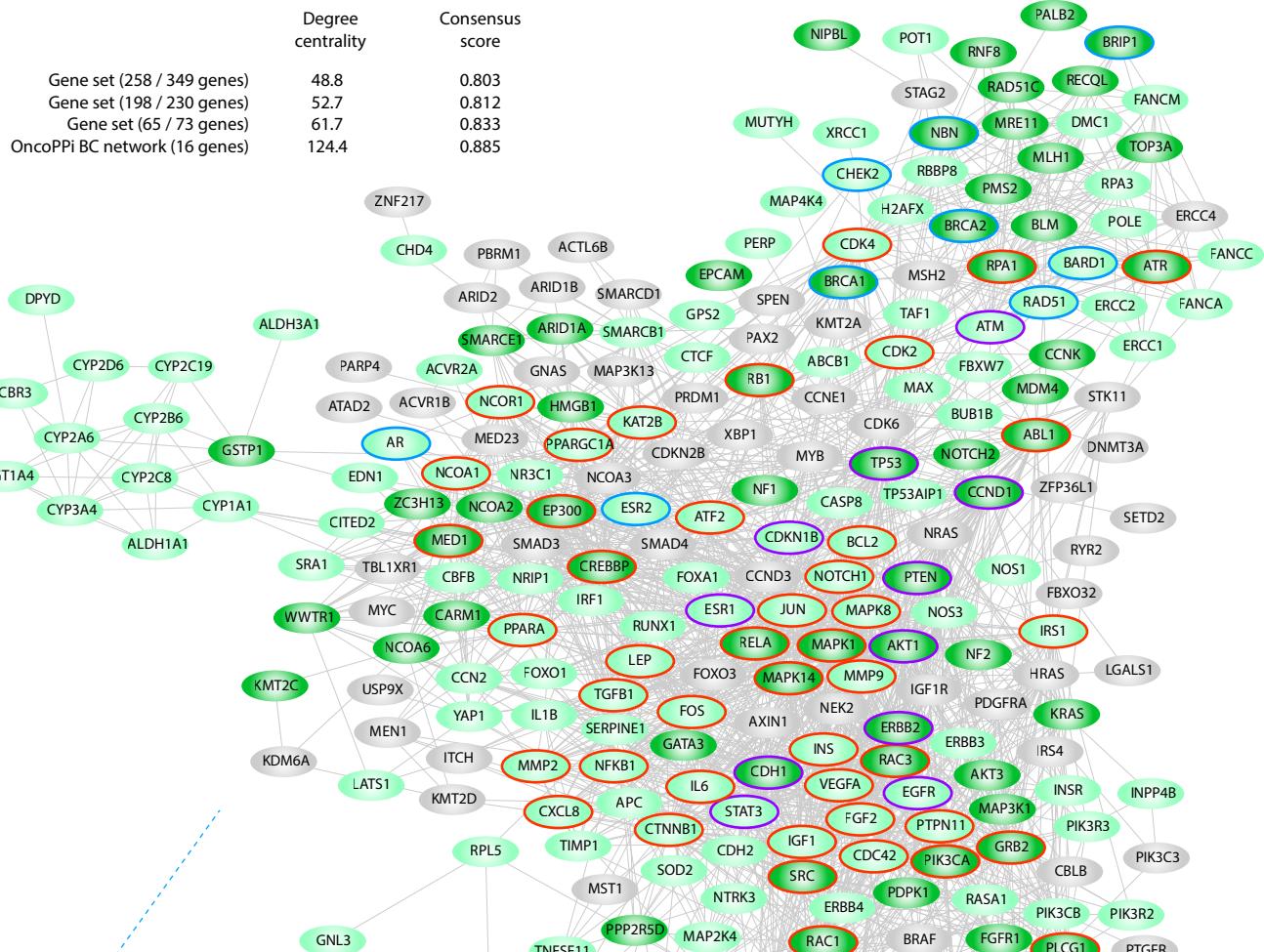
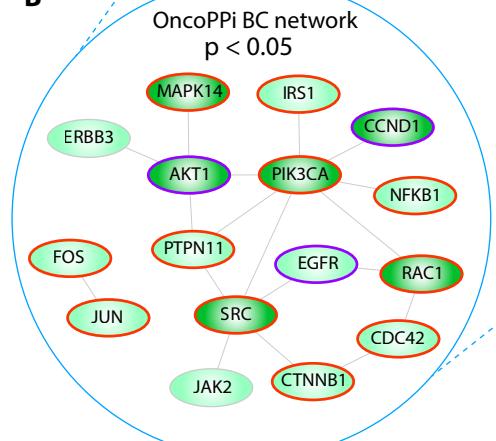
- Basal-like
- Her2-enriched
- Luminal A
- Luminal B
- Normal-like

**\* OncoPrint:**

73/230 genes with more genetic alterations than the average ( $> 86$ ).

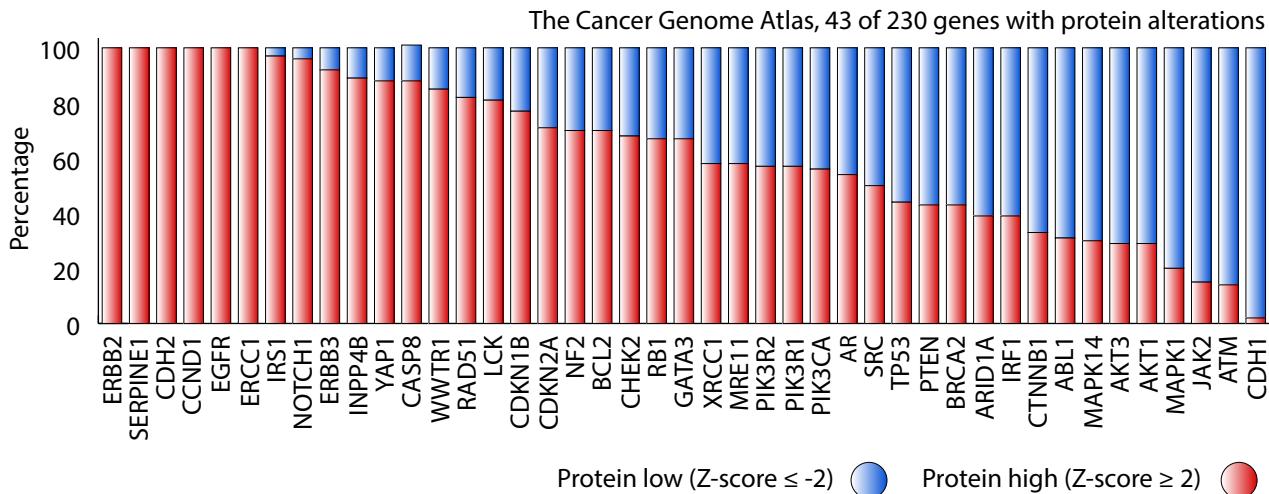
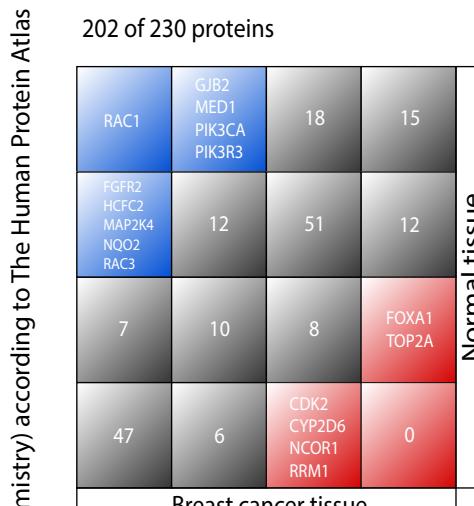
**B****C**



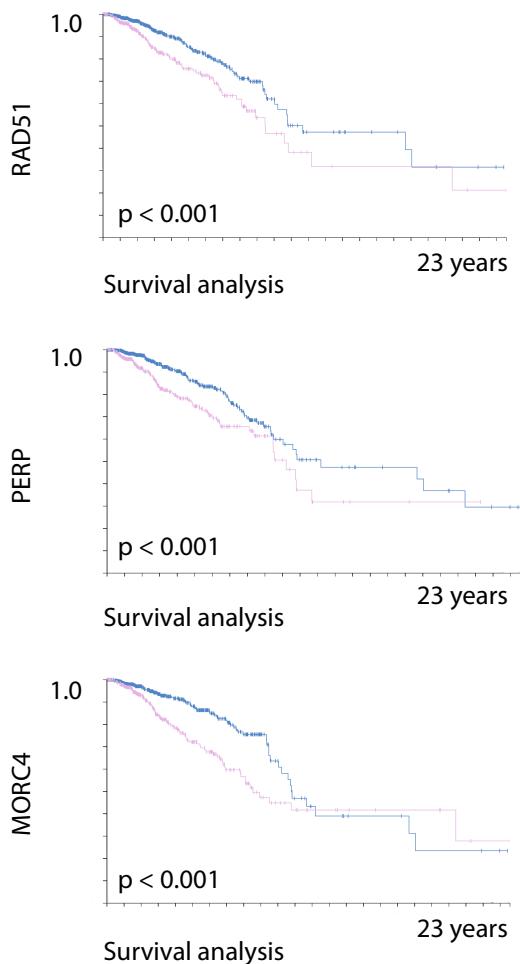
**A****B**

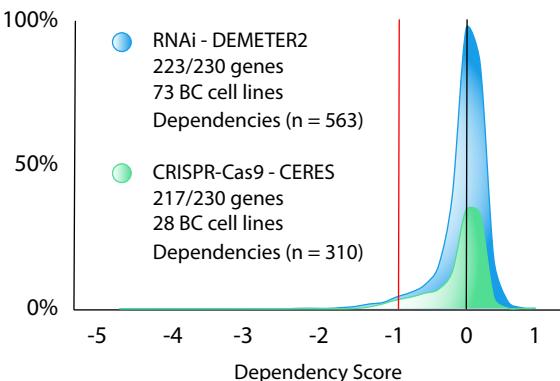
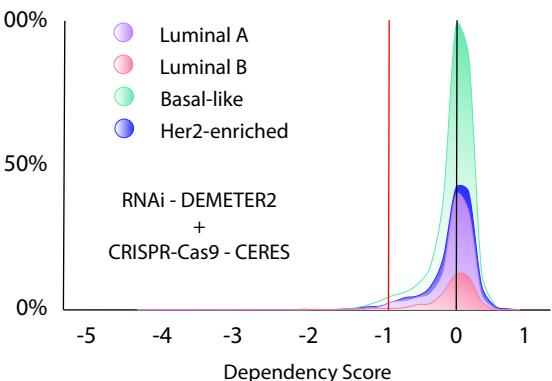
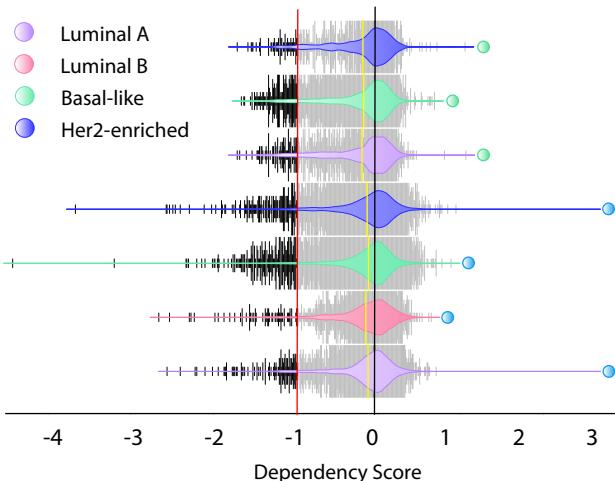
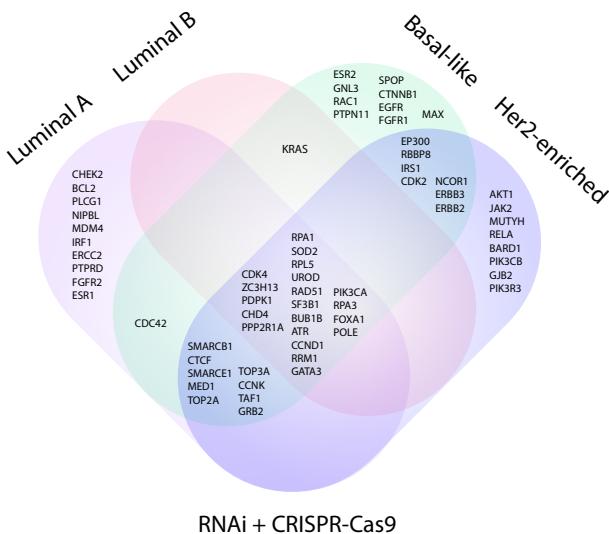
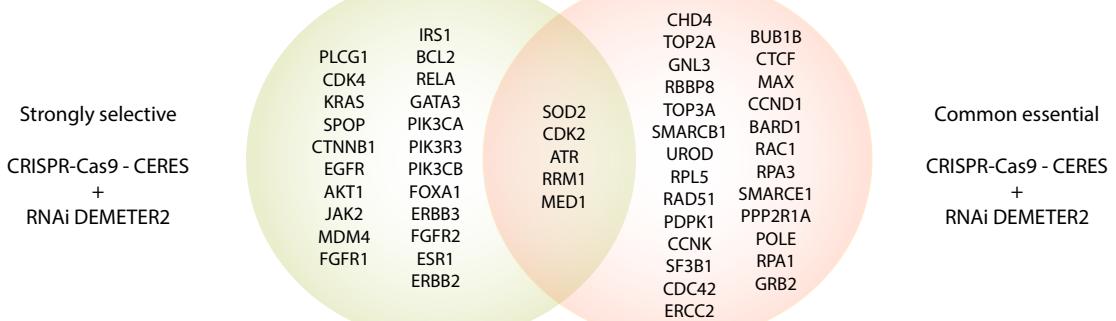
Legend for node colors and shapes:

- Dark green oval: Genes with the highest number of genetic alterations (73/230)
- Light green oval: Genes with the lowest number of genetic alterations (157/230)
- Grey oval: Breast cancer driver genes
- Red oval: Genes with the highest degree centrality (> 52.7)
- Blue oval: Genes with the best consensus score (Top 20)
- Purple oval: Genes with the best consensus score and degree centrality
- Grey line: Highest protein-protein interaction confidence (0.900)

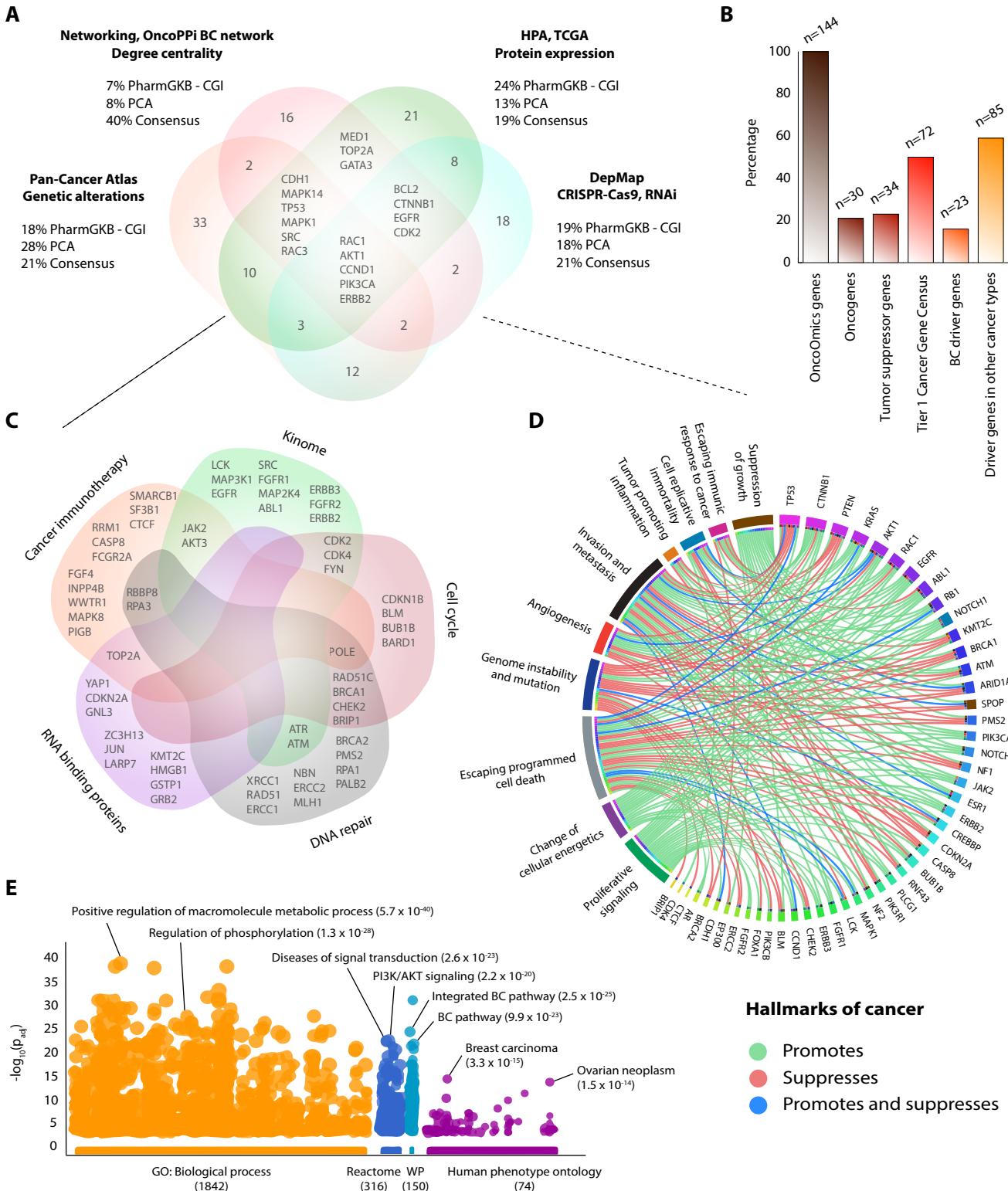
**A****B**

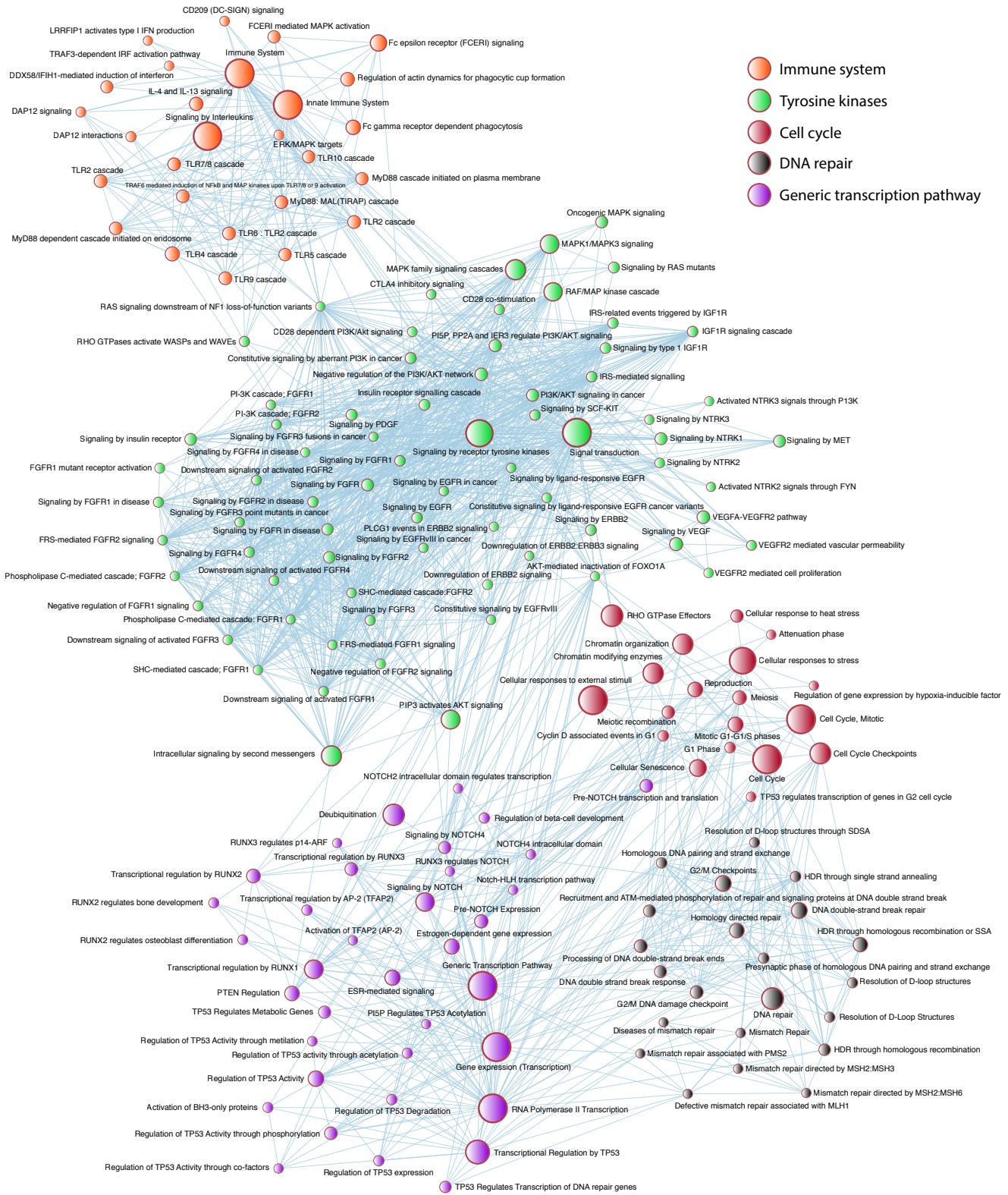
Low expression      High expression

**C**

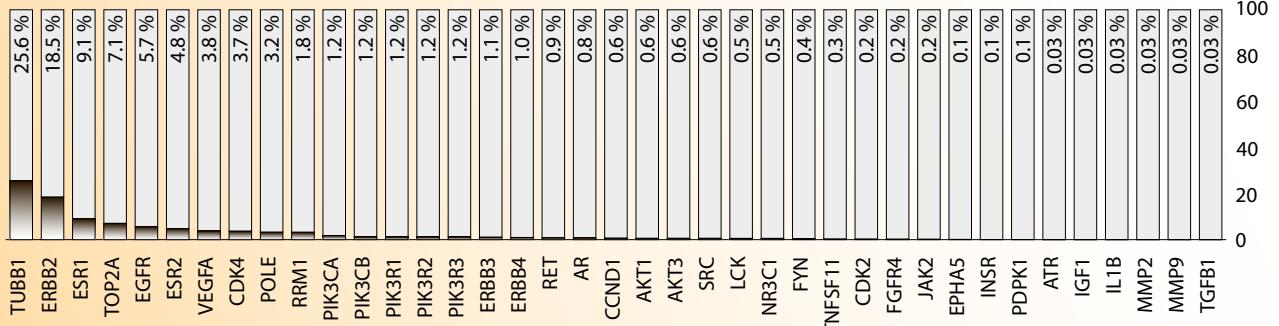
**A****B****C****D****E**

Dependent cell lines: CRISPR-Cas9 558, RNAi 711

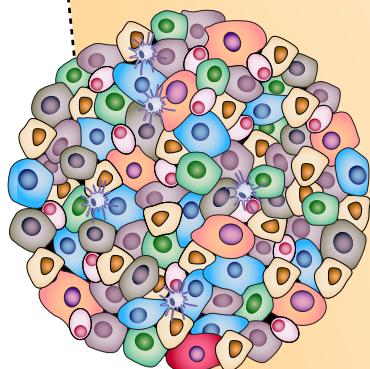




## Genes with highest number of clinical trials



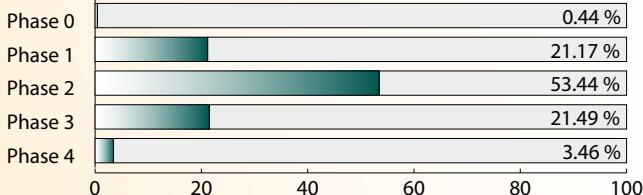
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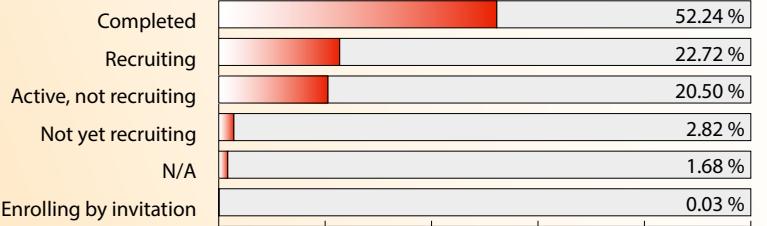
Clinical trials  
n = 3151

Precision Medicine  
Open Targets

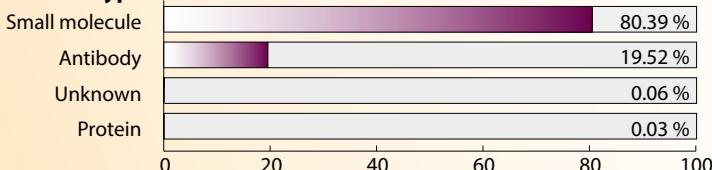
## Phase



## Status



## Type



## Target class

