



OncoDNA[®]
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One Panel, One Pipeline:
Implementing OncoDEEP[®] for
streamlined routine diagnostics

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Federation Model



Each subsidiary remains medically leading while also being part of a larger network - with benchmarking and continuous quality assurance.



Sonic Healthcare Germany

MVZ Trier

A nationally recognized diagnostic institution for decades

Became part of Sonic Healthcare Germany in 2018

Certified by DIN EN ISO 9001; accredited by DIN EN ISO 17020

Disciplines: histology, cytology, molecular pathology

> 170 employees

> 300.000 patient/case numbers in FY25 (~ 1.200/day)



MVZ Trier

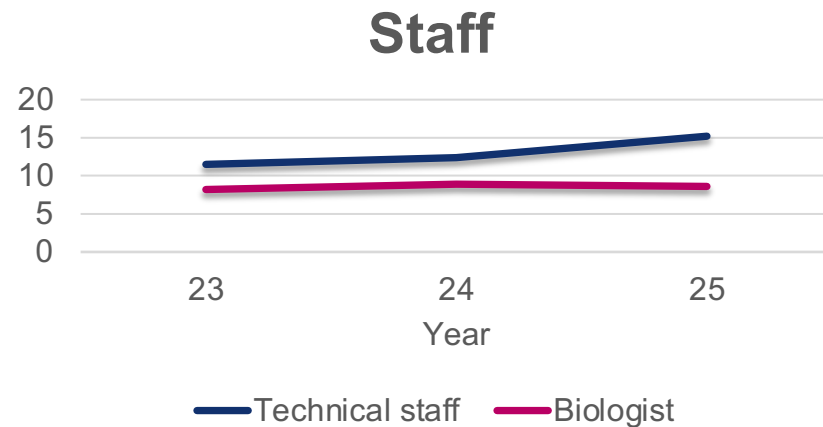
Molecular Pathology

Only Molecular Pathology of Sonic Healthcare Germany

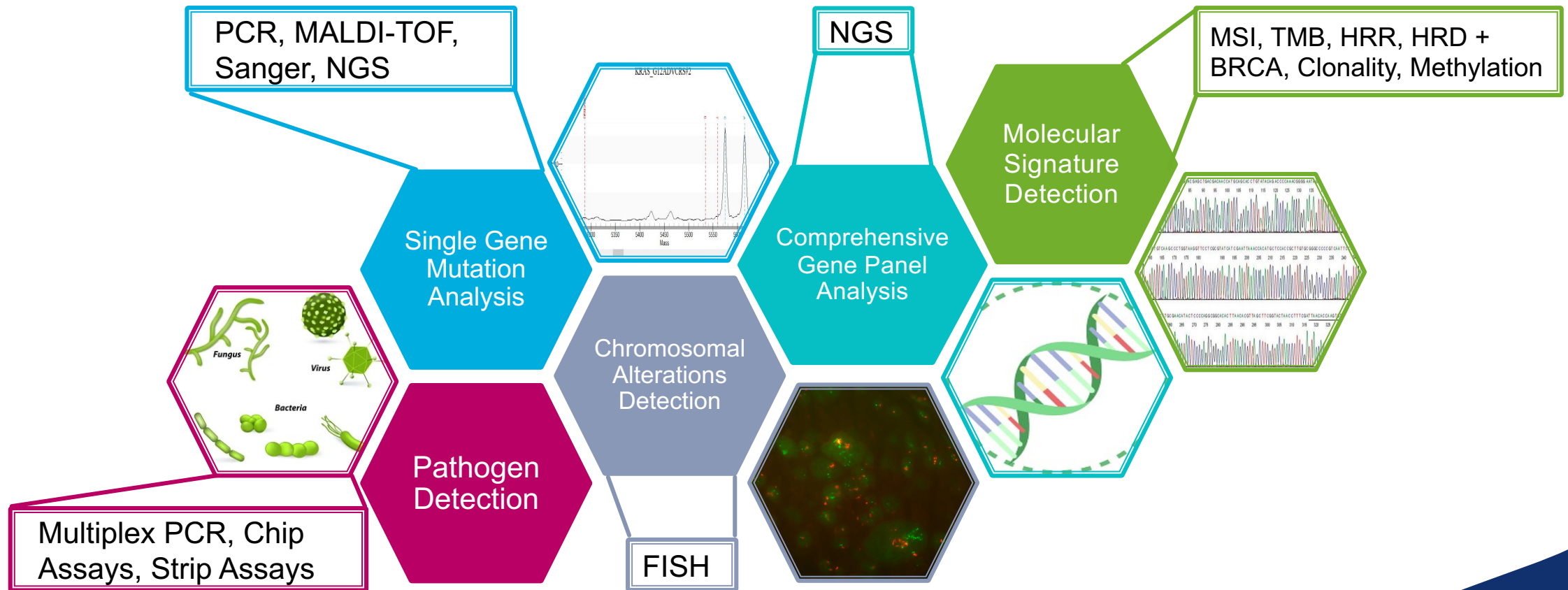
Founded in **2008**

Team:

- 9 biologists
- 15 technical staff



Molecular Diagnostics – Our portfolio



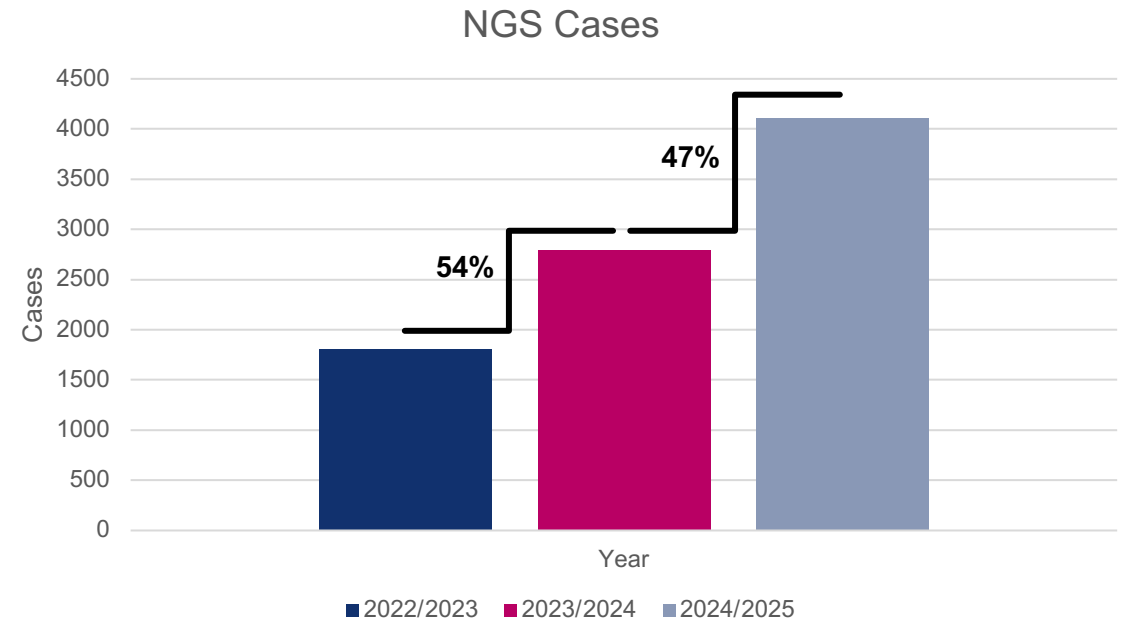
Next Generation Sequencing

Molpath ~12.500 samples 2025

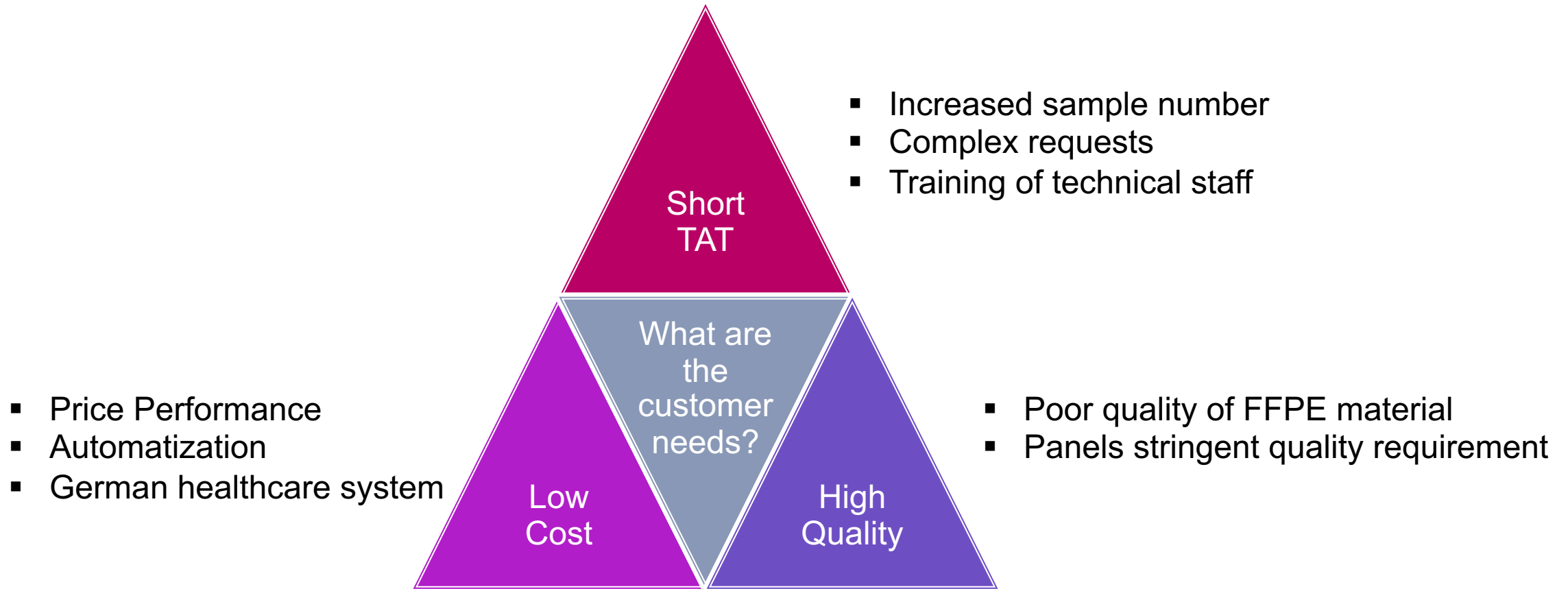
NGS ~4.200 samples 2025

~ 32,8% of all samples are NGS

→ increasing



Customer Expectations are our challenges



→ Mission: Continuous improving



Implementing a new NGS-Pipeline

What was our baseline?

What are our needs?

What was our timeline?

What are the risks?



What is our baseline – Start off 2025

Multiple NGS Panels

- Thermo Fisher (FOCUS, BRCA and OCA)
- AmoyDX (Classic, HRD and HRR)
- Illumina (TSO500)

Multiple NGS Technologies

- Amplicon based
- Hybrid capture

Multiple Sequencing Platforms and bioinformatics pipelines

- S5 (Ion Reporter and Torrent Suite)
- NextSeq 550Dx and NextSeq2000 (ANDAS-Software, Basespace, ICA and ICI)

**Preferably
an all-in-one
solution.**

Poor quality of FFPE material

- Panels with stringent quality requirement
- It is not possible to follow a simple, structured procedure in the laboratory

Not all panels can be automated

Rising costumers' expectation

Analysis pipeline

Cost effective

IVDR compliance



What are our needs?

Important

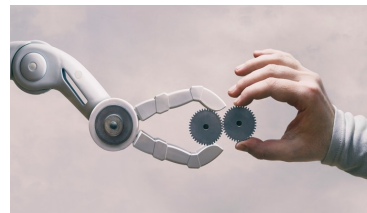
Increased performance
→ Samples with poor quality



Meet customers' rising expectations



Increased efficiency
→ **All-in-one solution**
→ Easier workflow
→ Automatization



Analysis pipeline



Moreover

Increased report quality



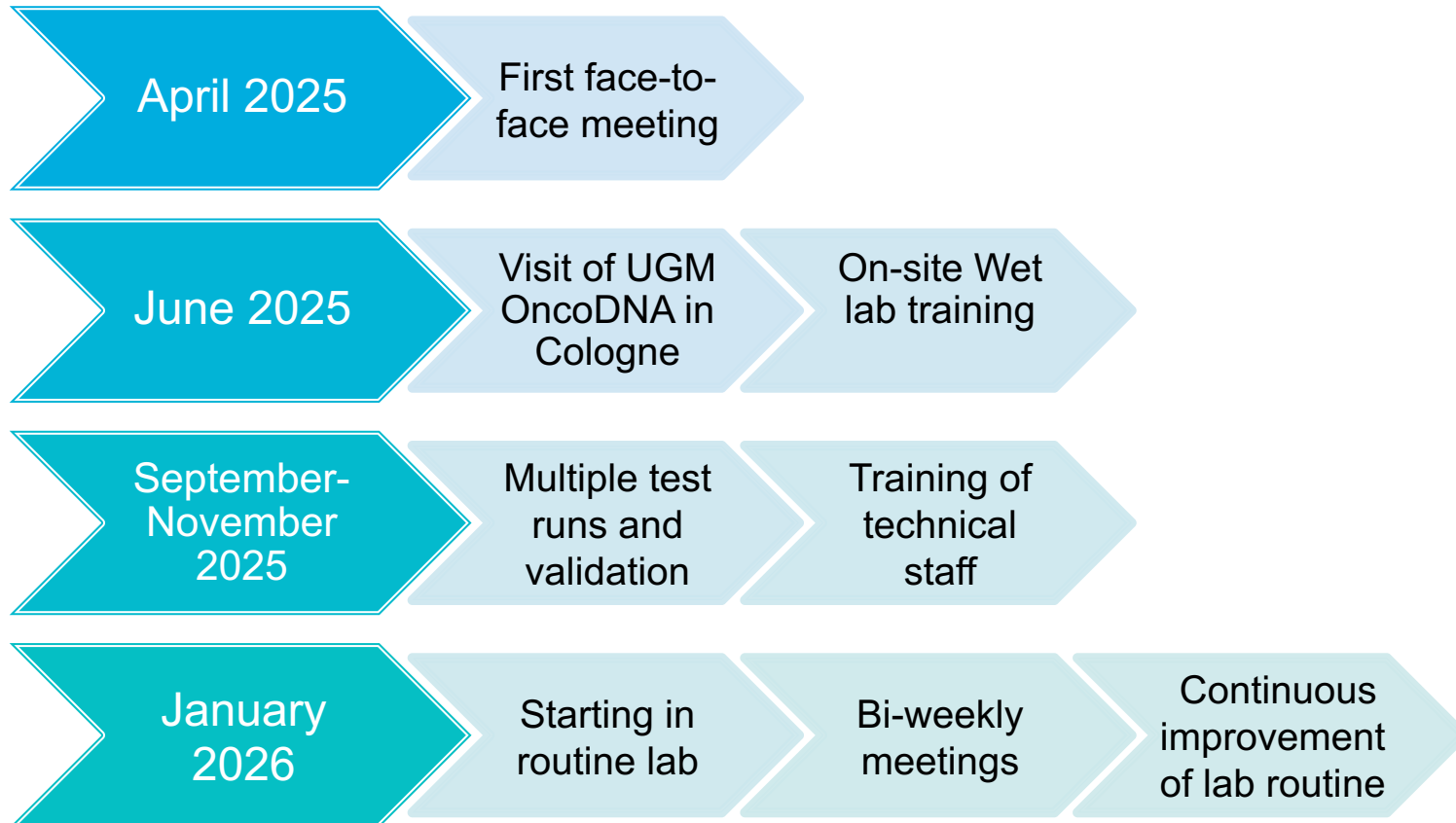
Cost effective



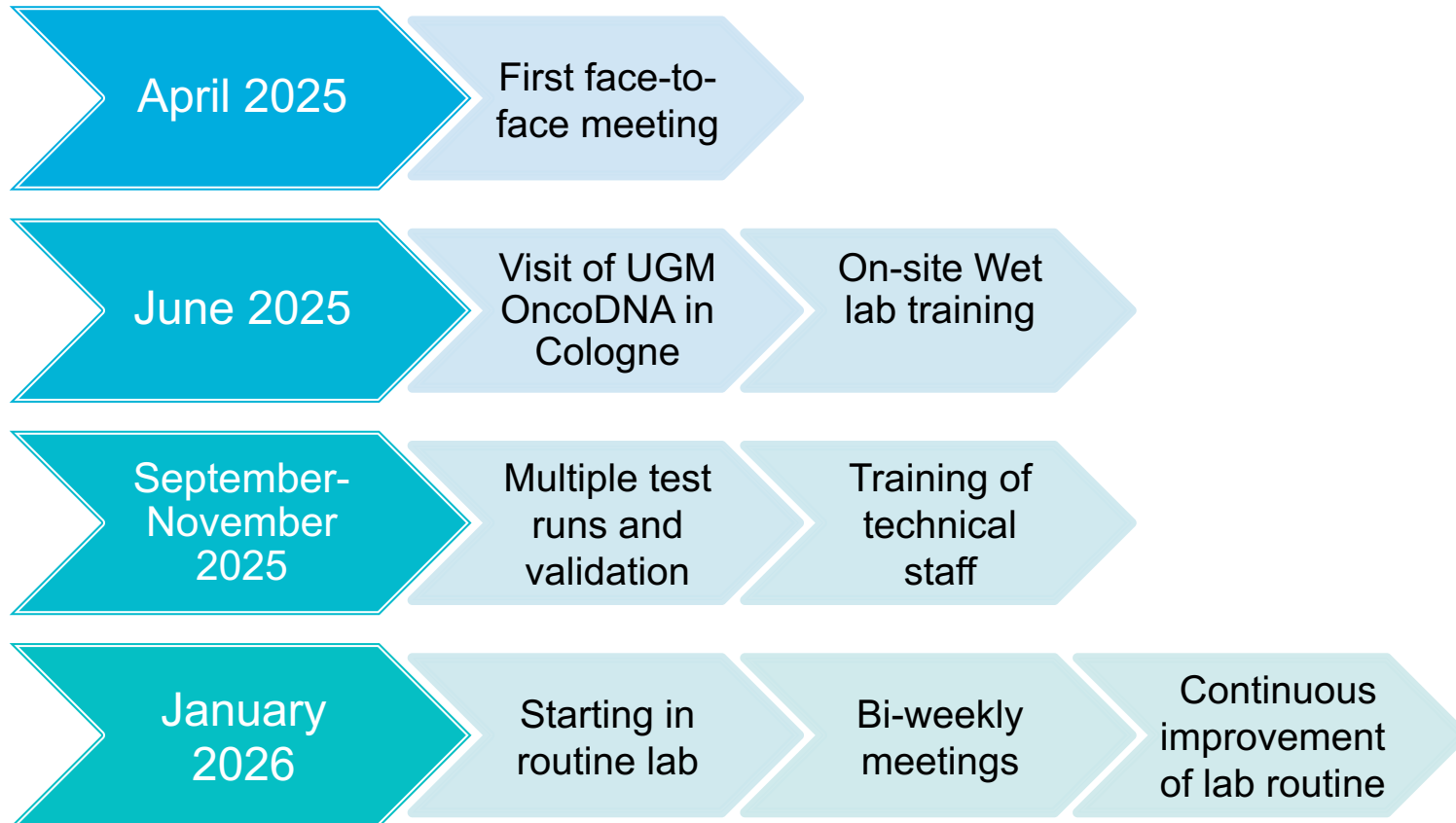
IVDR compliance



Timeline



Timeline and Risks



- Functional, technical and operational requirements are not fully covered
- Unstable pipeline (from wet lab to final reporting)
- Key-person dependency
- Scalability and reliability
- Increased TAT
- Lack of automatization



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Validation and Training plan

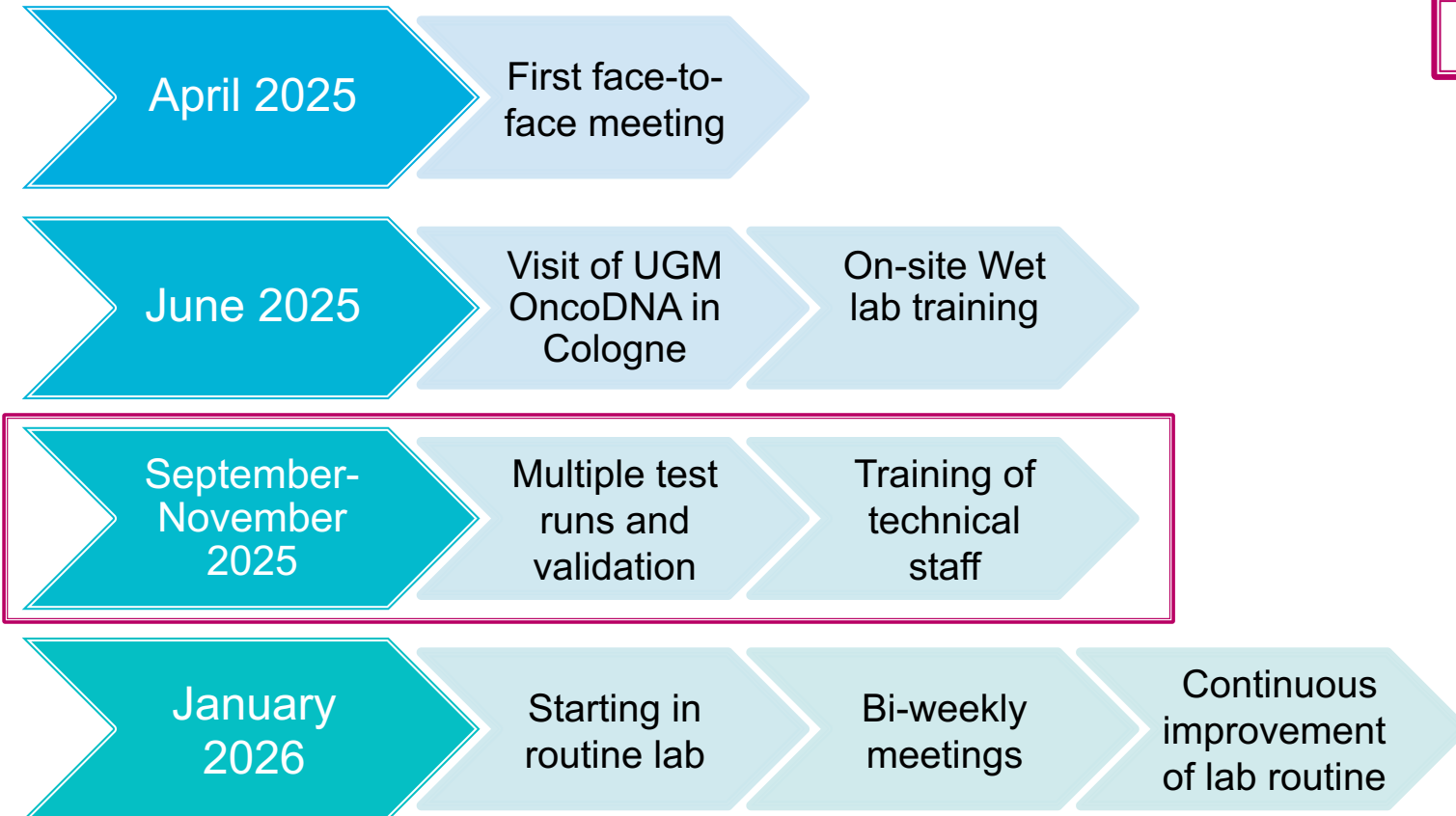
Routine plan

Improvements

Automatization



Validation and Training plan



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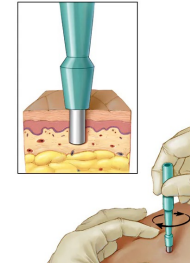
- Finding the right QC parameter
- In-house Validation
- Training technical staff
- Adapting protocol to the routine workflow



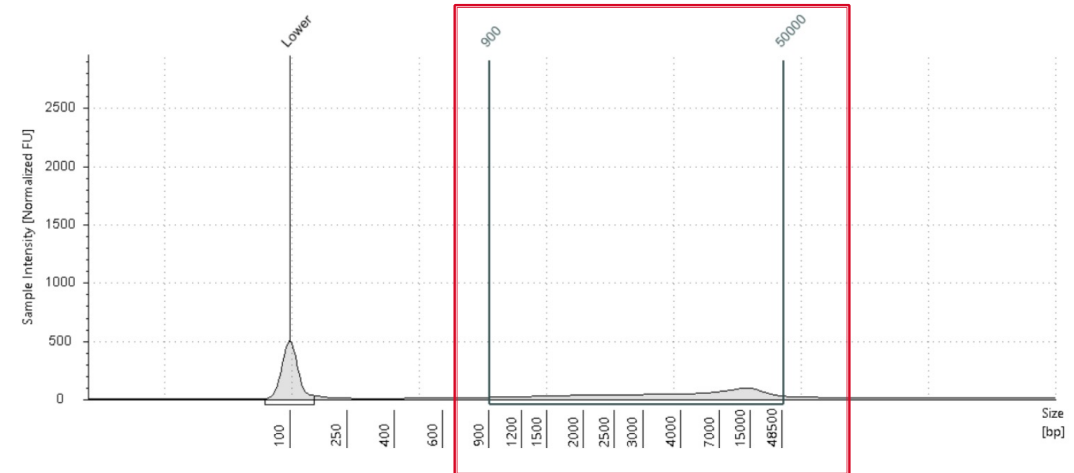
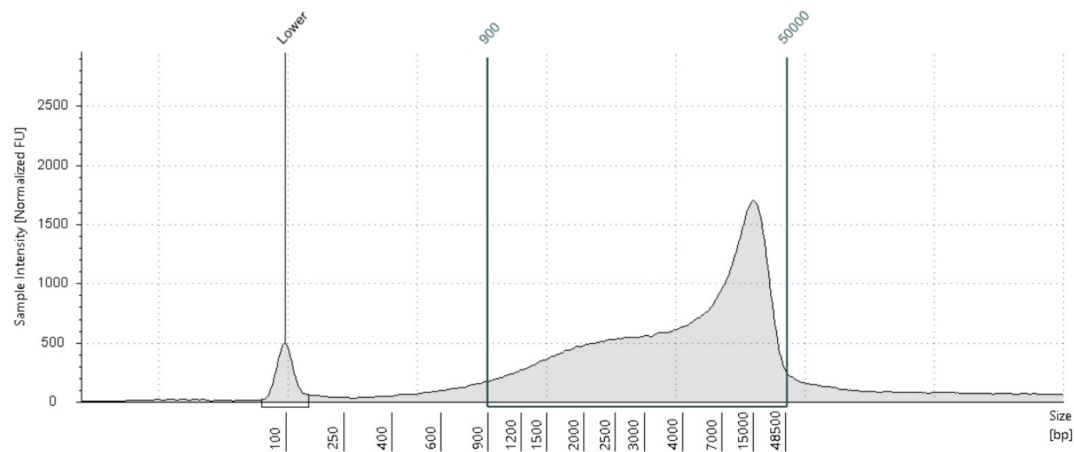
In-house Validation

1. QC performance (defining minimum QC thresholds for library prep)

Overcoming challenge: poor quality of FFPE-tissue (especially punch biopsies)



→ Most samples do not meet OncoDNAs criteria for library prep



Aim: Analyze and evaluate as many samples as possible, including those of particularly poor quality

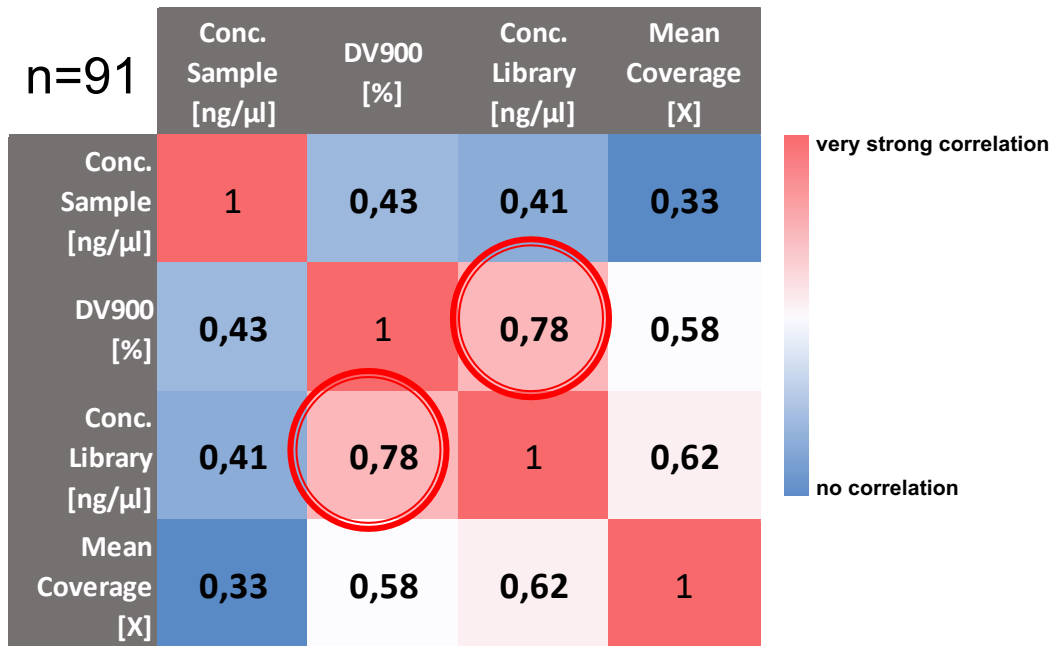
Which internal QC parameters can we use?



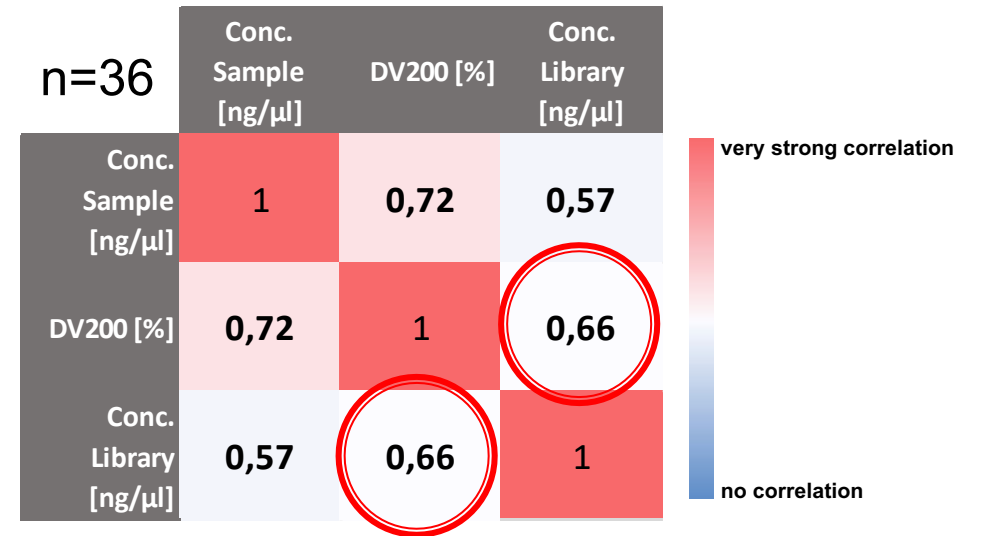
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DNA-QC



RNA-QC



Strong correlation between DV900/DV200 and library concentration

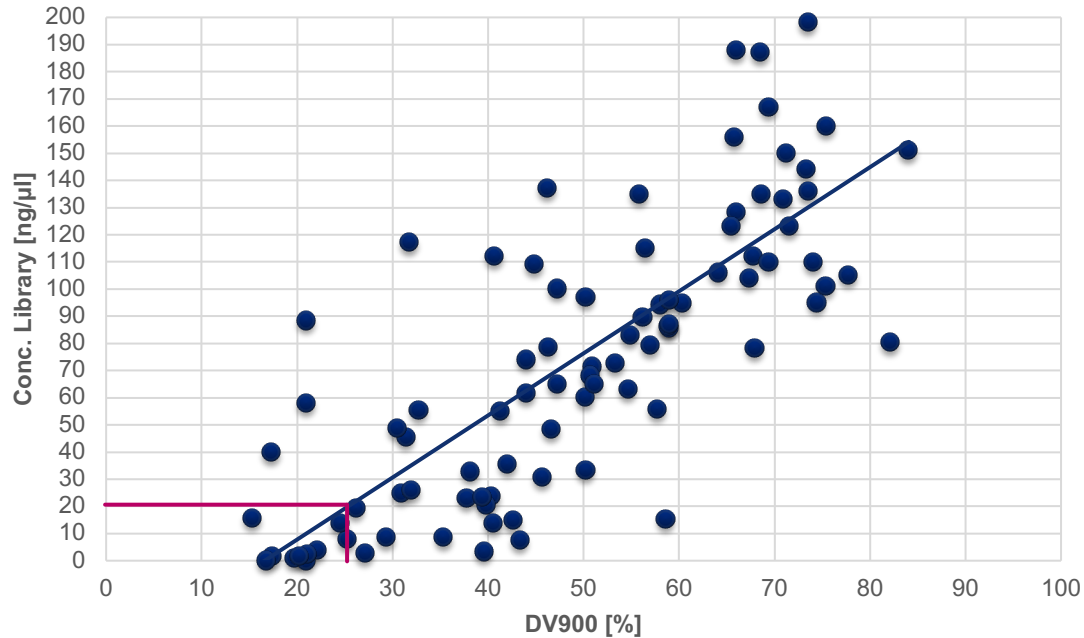
DV900 and DV200 as critical quality indicators for sample selection



In-house Validation

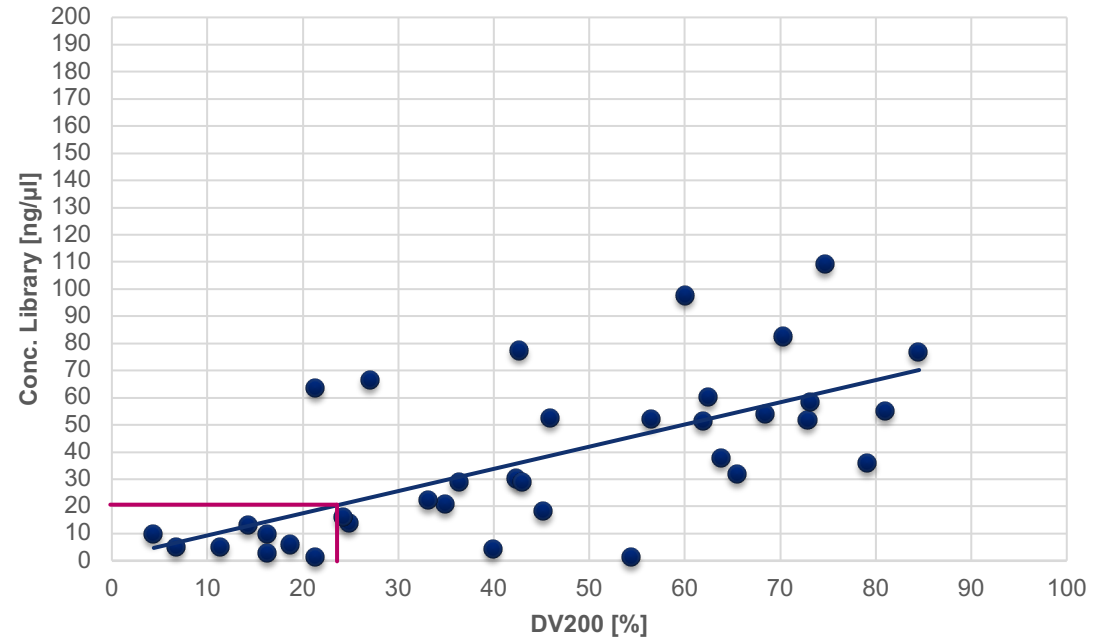
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Correlation DNA quality and library yield



DV900 > 25-30%

Correlation RNA quality and library yield



DV200 > 25-30%

Use of DV900/DV200 as internal Quality-Based Exclusion Criterion



In-house Validation

2. Analytical performance (defining accuracy, sensitivity and specificity)

Reference NGS panels:

- Focus Research Assay (TF)
- Classic (AmoyDx)
- HRD (AmoyDx)
- HRR (AmoyDx)
- TSO500 (Illumina)

DNA

Mutations

		OncoDEEP®	
		WT	Mut
ref. panel	WT	4	0
	Mut	0	47

100 % accuracy
100 % sensitivity
100 % specificity

RNA

Fusions

		OncoDEEP®	
		No Fus	Fusion
ref. panel	No Fus	20	0
	Fusion	0	5

100 % accuracy
100 % sensitivity
100 % specificity

Very good performance for mutations and fusions



In-house Validation

2. Analytical performance (defining accuracy, sensitivity and specificity)

Genomic Biomarkers

MSI

		OncoDEEP®	
		MSS	MSI
ref. panel	MSS	5	0
	MSI	1	6

92 % accuracy
86 % sensitivity
100 % specificity

- Discrepancies between OncoDEEP® and reference methods
- Some cases (validation and routine) classified as MSS by OncoDEEP® but MSI by reference

TMB

		OncoDEEP®	
		TMB low	TMB high
ref. panel	TMB low	3	0
	TMB high	1	0

75 % accuracy

- Limited number of samples available to date (customer demand increasing)
- **One false negative case** identified, likely attributable to **borderline TMB** score in both methods

HRD

		OncoDEEP®	
		HRD neg	HRD pos
ref. panel	HRD neg	1	0
	HRD pos	2	7

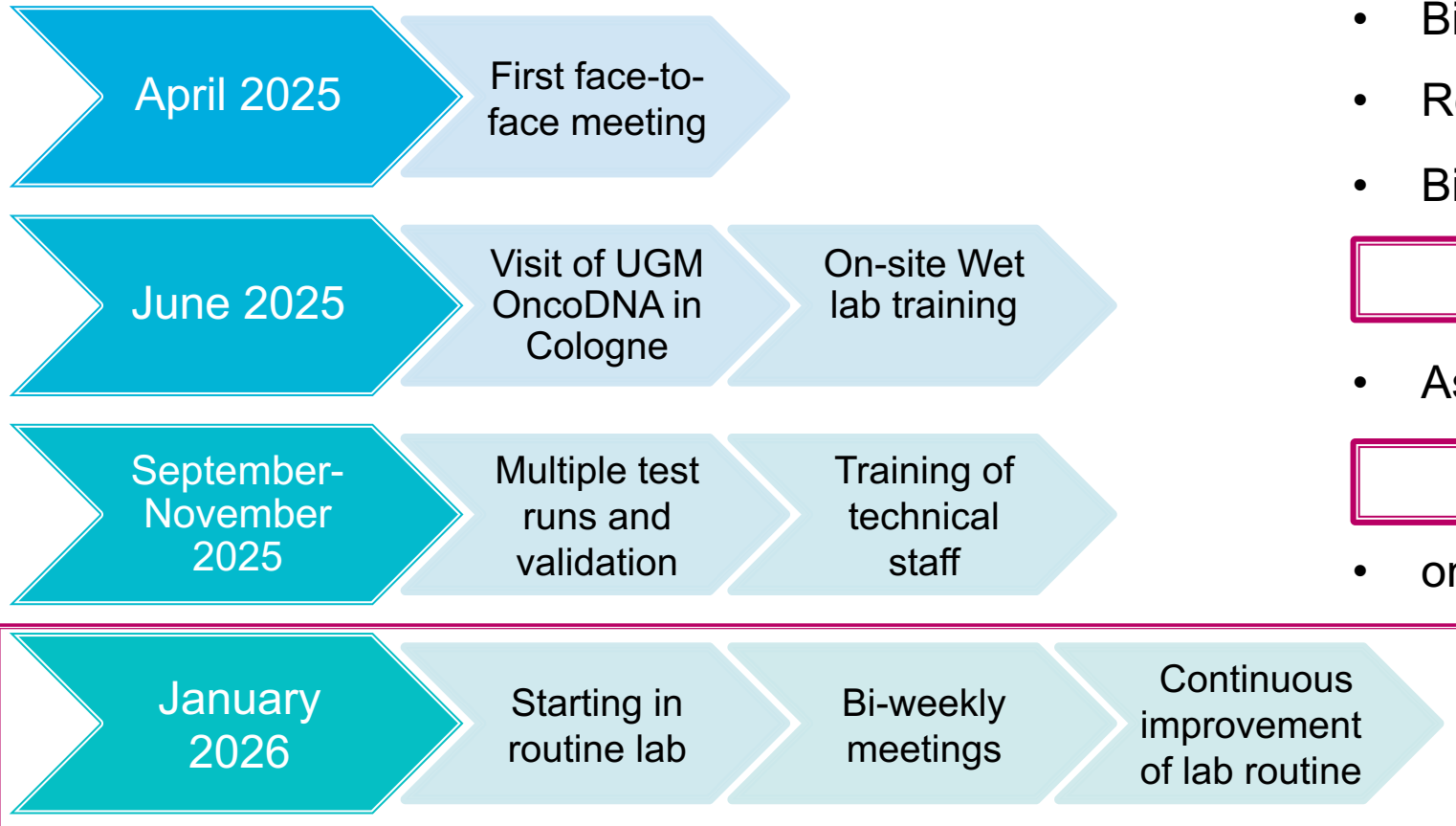
80 % accuracy
78 % sensitivity
100 % specificity

- **Two false negative cases identified**
- One associated with a VuS BRCA2 variant → not classified as relevant for HRD by OncoKDM
- One associated with a **borderline GS score**



More samples need to be tested

Routine plan



Routine plan

- Experienced technical staff
- Biologist for analysis and interpretation trained
- Reporting documents changed
- Bi-weekly meeting with OncoDNA

Improvements

- Assistance for an easier workflow

Automatization

- ongoing



Improving Lab-Management

Issues:

Missing LIMS for Mol-Path

Difficulties with generating sample sheet for sequencing and master datasheet

Problem solving:

Generating a program with Excel, helping the technicians to generate files

The screenshot displays an Excel spreadsheet used for lab management. The main data table includes columns for sample details, entity type, status, and various identifiers. Below the main table, there are two smaller tables for plate indexing. A sidebar on the right provides a 9-step guide for data entry, including instructions on deleting, copying, and saving data. A red box at the bottom left emphasizes that this tab is for manual data entry only. The Excel interface at the bottom shows several tabs, with 'PlateTemplate' currently selected.



Future Perspectives

More to come

→ Automatization (Hamilton)

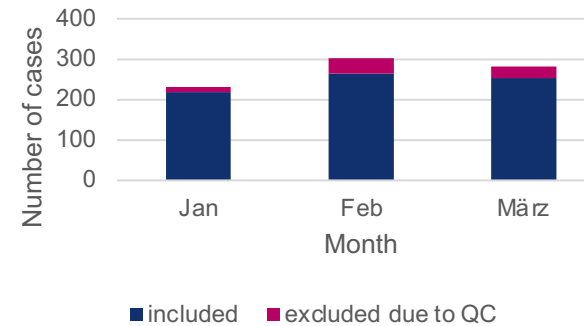
→ Alternative sequencing platform (AVITI)

→ Testing additional panels

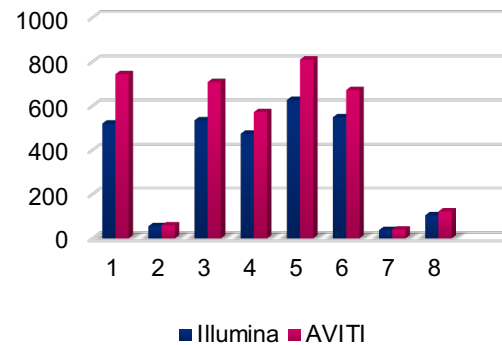
- OncoSELECT®
- Large RNA panel
- OncoXPLORE®



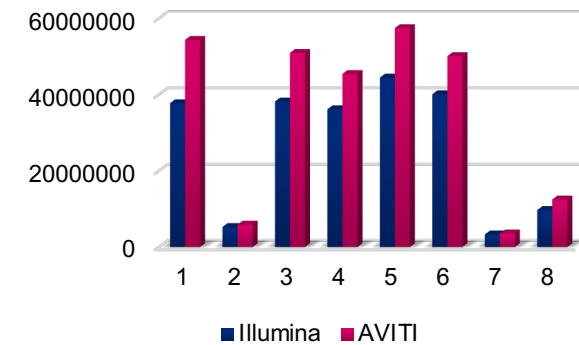
OncoDEEP® cases 2026



Mean Coverage [X]



Aligned Reads



Key Take Away Slide



Implementation is a multifactorial process -
and it does not begin in the laboratory.

DNA/RNA quality is a critical factor in molecular pathology.

The customer is king - continuous improvement is essential.

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