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## COMPUTER AIDED LUNG CANCER CLASSIFICATION OF MUTATED EGFR EXONS USING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE METHODS



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### Problem Domain Description

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Research fields

Artificial Intelligence, Bioinformatics, Molecular Genetics, Biomedical Engineering

Molecular diagnostics is a rapidly advancing field in which insights into:

microarray gene expression analysis,  
microarray miRNA expression analysis,  
cell signaling pathways,

may provide invaluable information on:

disease pathology,  
disease progression,  
resistance to treatment,

response to cellular microenvironments,

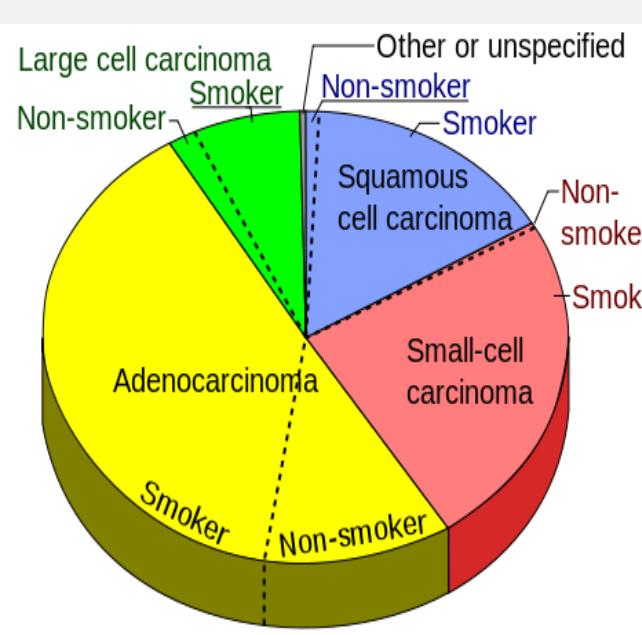
and ultimately may need fusion of:  
artificial intelligent methods,  
bioinformatics,  
mathematics & statistics

TO IMPROVE EARLY DIAGNOSIS AND CREATE INNOVATIVE THERAPEUTIC APPROACHES FOR CANCER.

This research has as its goal to improve diagnosis of Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer(NSCLC) based on sample patients' data with microdeletion mutations extracted from online EGFR mutation database, and samples data with microdeletion mutations generated in own generator required for simulation. We have developed an integrated software suit based on module for preprocessing data (extraction, encoding, and normalization), module for exon microdeletions generation (statistical data base), module for training/learning of artificial neural networks (ANN), and module for postprocessing (classification, and evaluation). We have made experiments on eleven different training/learning algorithms in combination with different number of cells, layers, and activation functions. The best results have been achieved with cascade-forward backpropagation algorithm based on Levenberg-Marquardt learning mechanism, including best performance (error 9.3083e-031) with the minimum epochs (training iterations 8), and the regression fit curves (trainig/validation and testing R=1). Dividing trainig sets into smaller subsets using ensemble-voting methods on each exons would improve system reliability in situations of possible single neural network fail.

### Lung Cancer

The main types of lung cancer are:  
1. non-small-cell lung carcinoma (NSCLC), and  
2. small-cell lung carcinoma (SCLC), also called oat cell cancer.

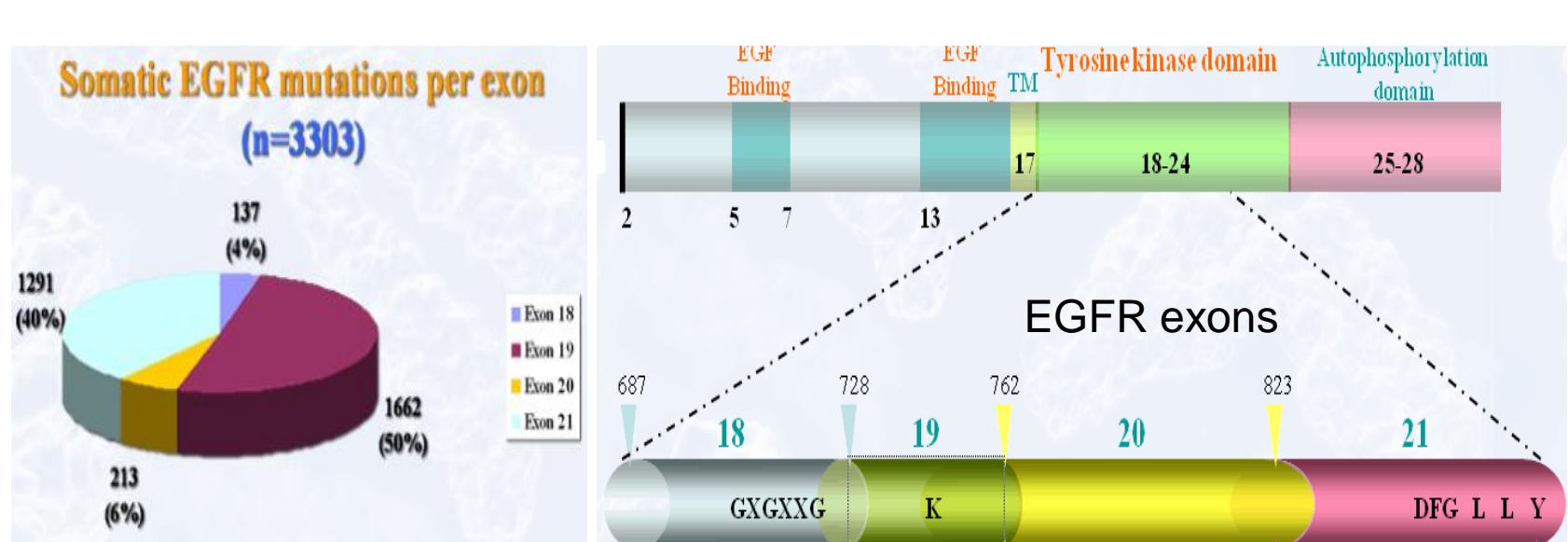


**There are three common forms of NSCLC:**  
1.1 Adenocarcinomas are often found in an outer area of the lung.  
1.2 Squamous cell carcinomas are usually found in the center of the lung next to an air tube (bronchus).  
1.3 Large cell carcinomas can occur in any part of the lung. They tend to grow and spread faster than the other two types.

**There are two different types of SCLC:**  
2.1 Small cell carcinoma (oat cell cancer).  
2.2 Combined small cell carcinoma.

### Statistics on Lung Cancer

- The most common cause of lung cancer is long-term exposure to tobacco smoke which causes 80%-90% of lung cancers.
- Nonsmokers account for 10-15% of lung cancer cases and these cases are often attributed to a combination of genetic factors, radon gas, asbestos and air pollution including second hand smoke.
- Different combinations of mutations (micro-deletions) exist within the EGFR kinase, and the most frequently observed mutations are on the exon 18, 19, 20 and 21.

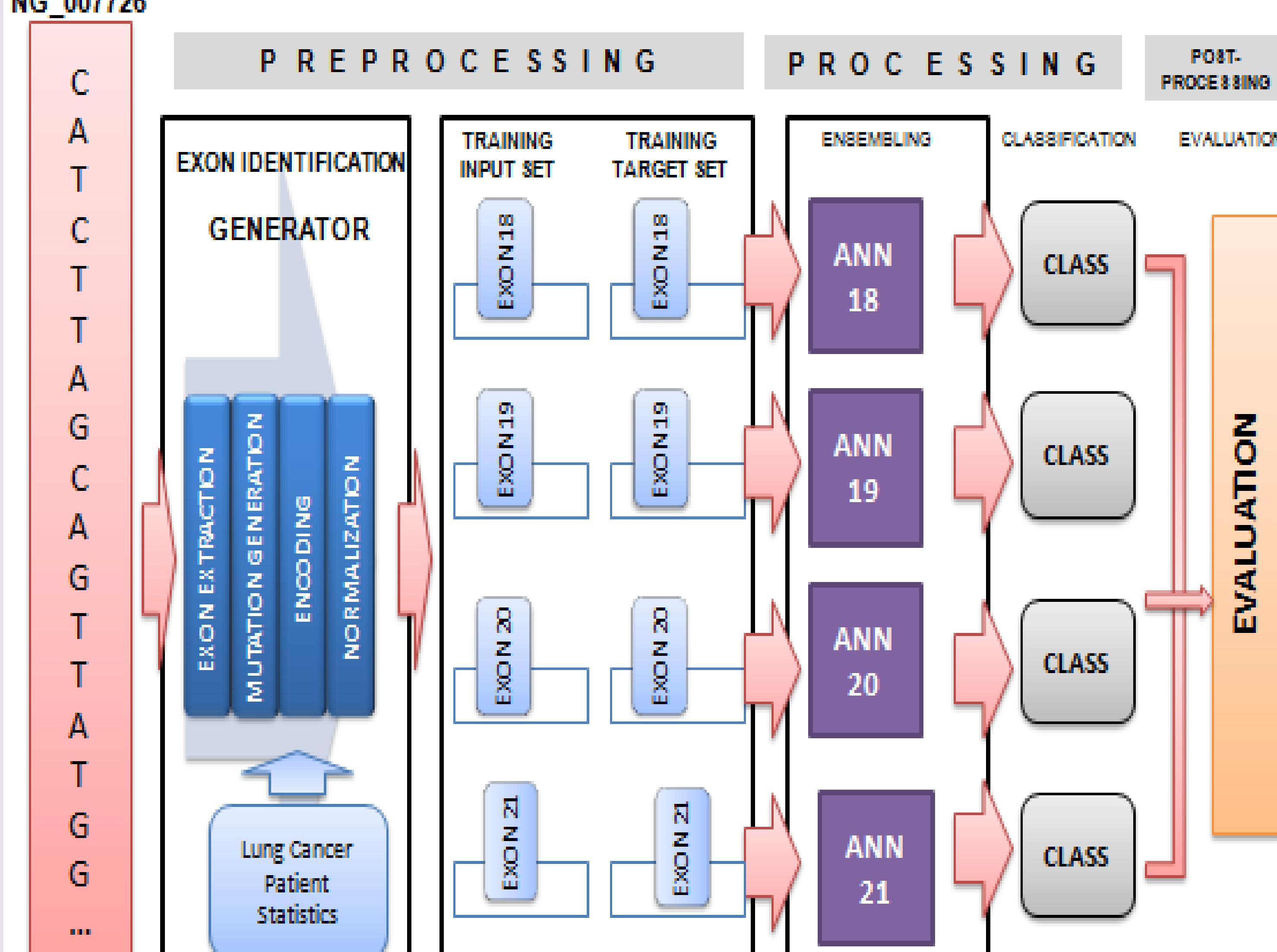


### Statistics for Mutation Generator

	lung_cancer_mutation_statistics	POSITIONS OF MUTATIONS	PATIENTS	EXONS	CONVERSIONS
1	1	160691 160789 50 64	166	19	"."
2	2	160691 160789 51 65	60	19	"."
3	3	160691 160789 69 92	1	19	"."
4	4	160691 160789 55 72	33	19	"."
5	5	160691 160789 55 69	6	19	"."
6	6	160691 160789 54 71	7	19	"."
7	7	160691 160789 52 66	7	19	"."
8	8	160691 160789 53 67	2	19	"."
9	9	160691 160789 53 70	2	19	"."
10	10	160691 160789 52 69	3	19	"."
11	11	160691 160789 54 62	2	19	"."
12	12	160691 160789 54 68	1	19	"."
13	13	160691 160789 60 68	1	19	"."
14	14	160691 160789 68 91	2	19	"."
15	15	167262 167447 25 26	2	20	"."
16	16	160691 160789 51 56	1	19	"."
17	17	159890 160012 96 97	1	18	"."
18	18	160691 160789 53 62	1	19	"."
19	19	160691 160789 69 70	1	19	"."
20	20	160691 160789 50 51	2	19	"."
21	21	160691 160789 55 66	3	19	"."
22	22	160691 160789 44 51	1	19	"."
23	23	177688 177843 103 103	305	21	"G>T"
24	24	177688 177843 112 112	7	21	"A>T"
25	25	177688 177843 7 7	2	21	"G>A"
26	26	177688 177843 103 104	2	21	"TG>GT"

NCBI  
EGFR Gene  
NG\_007726

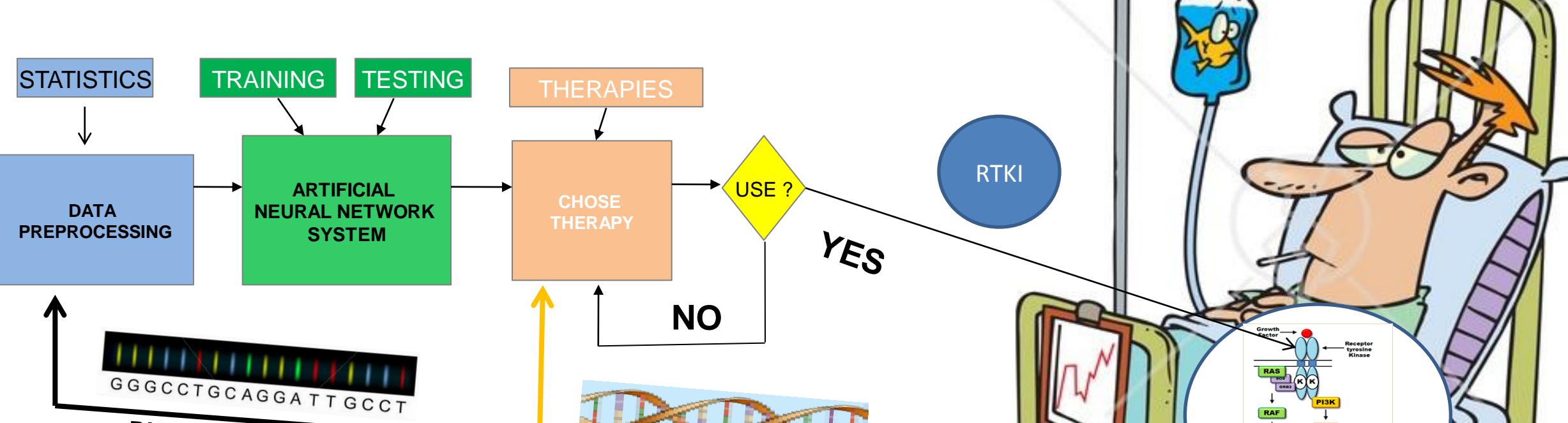
### Modular Design Solution



### Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor (EGFR) Targeted Therapy

New cancer treatments target and turn off EGFR signals. These therapies use antibodies that recognize only EGFR, stick to it, and block it from sending messages. By interrupting the signals, cancer cells are no longer told to overgrow, and eventually die. These treatments are called EGFR-targeted therapies.

- New cancer treatments such as receptor tyrosine kinase inhibitors(RTKIs) that target and turn off EGFR signals.
- By inhibiting the ATP, formation of phosphotyrosine residues inEGFR is not possible and the signal cascades are not initiated.
- Gefitinib (Iressa) inhibits EGFR tyrosine kinase domain by binding to the adenosine triphosphate(ATP)-binding site of the enzyme. Thus the function of the EGFR tyrosine kinase in activating the anti-apoptotic RAS signal transduction cascade is inhibited, and malignant cells are inhibited.
- Erlotinib(Tarceva) specifically targets the EGFR tyrosine kinase, which is highly expressed and occasionally mutated. It binds in a reversible fashion to the adenosine triphosphate(ATP) binding site of the receptor.



Pat. ID	Pat. No.	Mutation. Type	Nucleotide change	Researcher Author	Gender	Age	Ethnicity/ Putative	Smoking status	Treatment
2051	19	Microdeletion	c.2235_2249del	Sasaki H, Endo K, et al.	F		Putative Japanese		
2148	19	Microdeletion	c.2235_2249del	Takano T, Ohe Y, et al.	F	70	Putative Japanese	never	Gefitinib
2149	19	Microdeletion	c.2235_2249del	Takano T, Ohe Y, et al.	M	53	Putative Japanese	former	Gefitinib
2150	19	Microdeletion	c.2235_2249del	Takano T, Ohe Y, et al.	F	57	Putative Japanese	never	Gefitinib
2151	19	Microdeletion	c.2235_2249del	Eberhard DA, Johnson BE, et al.	M	70	Putative Japanese	never	Gefitinib
2132	19	Microdeletion	c.2235_2249del	Eberhard DA, Johnson BE, et al.	M	N/A	Former	Erlotinib+Chemotherapy	
2127	19	Microdeletion	c.2235_2249del	Eberhard DA, Johnson BE, et al.	F	N/A	Former	Erlotinib+Chemotherapy	
2128	19	Microdeletion	c.2235_2249del	Eberhard DA, Johnson BE, et al.	F	N/A	Former	Erlotinib+Chemotherapy	
2129	19	Microdeletion	c.2235_2249del	Eberhard DA, Johnson BE, et al.	M	N/A	Former	Erlotinib+Chemotherapy	

In order to complete this work our next task is to develop a more powerful mutation prediction generator for exon 18, 19, and 20 covering microdeletion mutations that take place over the nucleotides in consecutive order (the sum of all mutations with one deletion, two deletions and so on to the number of microdeletion corresponding to the length exon).

Mutations on exon 21 will be based on translations of one kind nucleotide to another (G->T, G->A, A->T), and translation of a pair of nucleotides to second pair of nucleotides (TG->GT). This work is only first step within our:

### LONG TERM RESEARCH

**GLOBAL APPROACH**  
based on  
**microARRRAY, microRNA AND CELL SIGNALLING PATHWAYS**  
using  
**FUSION OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE METHODS**  
to improve  
**EARLY DIAGNOSIS AND INNOVATIVE METHODS FOR CANCER**

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