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1 **Biomarker Assessment of HR Deficiency, Tumor *BRCA1/2* Mutations and *CCNE1* Copy Number in**  
2 **Ovarian Cancer: Associations with Clinical Outcome Following Platinum Monotherapy**

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38 **ABSTRACT**

39 The current study evaluated three biomarkers [homologous recombination deficiency (HRD), tumor  
40 BRCA1/2 (tBRCA) mutations, and CCNE1 copy number variation (CNV)] in ovarian tumors from patients  
41 enrolled on the SCOTROC4 clinical trial for associations with outcome following carboplatinum  
42 monotherapy. Ovarian tumors (n=250), with high-grade serous (HGSOC) subgroup analysis (n=179),  
43 were classified as HRD positive (HRD score {greater than or equal to}42 or tBRCA mutation) and as  
44 CCNE1 amplification positive (CCNE1 CNV score >2.4). Seventy-four (30%) tumors were HRD positive,  
45 including 34 (14%) with tBRCA mutations. Forty-seven (19%) were CCNE1 amplification positive, all of  
46 which were tBRCA wild-type. HRD and tBRCA, but not CCNE1 amplification, were significantly associated  
47 with CA125 complete response in the entire cohort (HRD, p=0.00015; tBRCA p=0.0096), and the HGSOC  
48 subgroup (HRD, p= 0.0016; tBRCA p=0.032). HRD and lack of CCNE1 amplification were associated with  
49 improved progression free survival (PFS) and overall survival (OS) in the full cohort and HGSOC subgroup  
50 (HRD, p=0.00021; CCNE1 status p=0.038). HRD remained significant for OS and PFS after adjusting for  
51 clinical factors, while CCNE1 status only remained significant for PFS. Patients with HRD positive tumors  
52 had greater PFS and OS benefit from platinum dose intensification than HRD negative tumors (p=0.049  
53 58 and p=0.035, respectively). An alternative exploratory HRD score threshold ({greater than or equal  
54 to}33 or tBRCA mutation) was also significantly associated with both PFS and OS in the HGSOC subset.

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56 **IMPLICATIONS**

57 HRD, tumor BRCA1/2 mutations and absence of CCNE1 amplification are associated with improved  
58 survival of ovarian cancer patients treated with platinum monotherapy and HRD positive patients may  
59 benefit from platinum dose intensification.

## 60 INTRODUCTION

61 Defects in the homologous recombination (HR) pathway are associated with increased  
62 sensitivity to DNA damaging agents and targeted agents, such as PARP inhibitors, across many cancer  
63 types. The most well studied markers of HR pathway defects are mutations in *BRCA1* or *BRCA2*  
64 (*BRCA1/2*). For example, previous studies have shown that triple-negative breast cancer (TNBC) tumors  
65 and ovarian cancer tumors with *BRCA1/2* mutations show improved sensitivity to platinum based  
66 chemotherapy relative to *BRCA1/2* wild-type tumors [1, 2]. Similarly, ovarian cancer tumors with  
67 mutations in *BRCA1/2* have shown improved sensitivity to PARP inhibitors [3-5]. However, defects in the  
68 HR pathway are not confined to mutations in *BRCA1/2* in ovarian cancer. Studies report HR pathway  
69 defects in as many as 50% of epithelial ovarian cancers, a third of which may be caused by something  
70 other than a mutation in *BRCA1* or *BRCA2* [6].

71 In order to improve the identification of tumors with HR pathway defects that are likely to  
72 respond to DNA-damaging agents, a three-biomarker measure of homologous recombination deficiency  
73 (HRD) has been developed. The HRD assay quantitates genomic instability in a tumor genome [7] based  
74 on three independent measures of genomic instability: loss of heterozygosity (LOH) [8], telomeric allelic  
75 imbalance (TAI) [9], and large-scale state transition (LST) [10]. Each individual measure has been shown  
76 to be associated with response to platinum-based therapy in either triple negative breast (TNBC) or  
77 ovarian cancer [9-11], and the combined score has been shown to be a better predictor of homologous  
78 recombination deficiency than any of the individual scores [12].

79 An HRD score threshold of 42 was recently developed in a cohort of breast and ovarian  
80 chemotherapy-naïve tumor samples with known *BRCA1/2* deficiency status [13]. This threshold is used  
81 in combination with tumor *BRCA1/2* mutation status to differentiate tumors with HR deficiency (HRD  
82 positive; HRD score  $\geq 42$  or a tumor *BRCA1/2* mutation) from HR non-deficient tumors (HRD negative;

83 HRD score < 42 and wild-type *BRCA1/2*). In an independent cohort, HRD positive was significantly  
84 associated with response to platinum based treatment in TNBC [13].

85 Copy number amplification of the cell cycle regulator Cyclin E1 (*CCNE1*) is observed only in  
86 tumors with wild-type *BRCA1/2* and has been associated with early primary treatment failure and  
87 reduced patient survival in ovarian cancer [14, 15]. In a recent study, Etemadmoghadam et al.  
88 demonstrated that *CCNE1* amplified ovarian tumors require the presence of functional BRCA1 protein,  
89 and may be responsive to the proteasome inhibitor bortezomib [16]. In addition *CCNE1* amplified  
90 ovarian xenograft models were observed to be sensitive to a combination of a CDK2 inhibitor and an  
91 AKT1 inhibitor in a high throughput screen [17].

92 Here, we evaluated using a predefined analysis plan the association of three molecular  
93 biomarkers (HRD status using an HRD score of  $\geq 42$  or tBRCA mutation, *BRCA1/2* mutations, and *CCNE1*  
94 copy number amplification) with clinical outcomes following monotherapy with the DNA damaging  
95 agent carboplatin at primary presentation. This was done in a cohort of tumours from patients enrolled  
96 in the SCOTROC4 phase III trial of Stage IC to IV epithelial ovarian carcinoma, primary fallopian tube  
97 carcinoma, or ovarian-type peritoneal carcinomatosis treated with platinum monotherapy, with or  
98 without dose intensification [18]. Available clinical end-points in this study included CA125 response,  
99 PFS and overall survival (OS). All three biomarkers were assessed for their ability to predict response to  
100 platinum monotherapy, and for their association with patient survival outcomes.

101 Recently the predictive power of the HRD threshold of  $\geq 42$  (5<sup>th</sup> percentile of HRD scores  
102 observed in *BRCA1/2* mutant tumors) was evaluated for the prediction of PFS benefit due to the PARP  
103 inhibitor niraparib in second line platinum sensitive germline *BRCA1/2* negative HGSOE [4]. While the  
104 HRD  $\geq 42$  threshold was associated with significant niraparib PFS benefit, the patient group falling below  
105 this threshold also received significant, albeit reduced, benefit. These data suggest that a revision of the  
106 threshold might better define the responding patient group. To explore this concept in this study we

107 tested an HRD threshold of  $\geq 33$  (1<sup>st</sup> percentile of HRD scores observed in *BRCA1/2* mutant tumors)  
108 against CA125 response, PFS, and OS in the HGSOc patient set.

109           The SCOTROC4 trial was a randomized trial of flat dosing versus inpatient dose escalation of  
110 single-agent carboplatin as first-line chemotherapy for advanced ovarian cancer [18]. Although the trial  
111 showed that inpatient dose escalation of carboplatin based on nadir blood counts is feasible and safe,  
112 it provided no improvement in PFS or OS compared with flat dosing. However, we hypothesized that  
113 HRD positive tumors might gain additional benefit from dose intensification and have explored potential  
114 differences depending on HRD status between patients in the dose escalation and flat dosing arms of  
115 the SCOTROC4 trial.

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## 117 **METHODS**

### 118 *Patients and Treatment*

119           SCOTROC4 was a phase III randomized trial that enrolled patients with Stage IC to IV epithelial  
120 ovarian carcinoma, primary fallopian tube carcinoma, or ovarian-type peritoneal carcinomatosis [18].  
121 Patients were randomized into treatment arms and received 6 cycles of 3 weekly carboplatin either at a  
122 flat dose or with an inpatient dose escalation. The flow of patients and samples through the study is  
123 described in **Supplemental Figure 1**. Tumour collection for this study was approved by local Ethics  
124 Committee and informed written consent was obtained from patient. Among patients from SCOTROC4  
125 with epithelial ovarian carcinoma, 250 were included in this study based on patient consent and tumor  
126 sample availability. This includes 120 patients in the arm without dose intensification and 130 patients in  
127 the dose intensification arm. Based on pathological review of tumor slides from all samples and *TP53*  
128 mutation status, 179 samples were classified as HGSOc. Of 179 patients with HGSOc tumors, 115 were  
129 in the flat dose arm and 64 were in the dose escalation arm.

130 *Clinical Assessments and Endpoints*

131           Response to therapy was monitored by CA125 response [19]. CA125 measurements were  
132 carried out at baseline, before each cycle of treatment, and then twice monthly. Patients were followed  
133 up for 2 years every 2 months and then every 3 months. Progression free survival (PFS) was determined  
134 according to RECIST version 1.0 [20]. CT scans were carried out at baseline and after six cycles of  
135 treatment and also carried out if CA125 rose or clinical progression was suspected. PFS was the time  
136 from randomisation until PD or death from any cause (whichever occurred first).

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138 *Molecular Analysis*

139           DNA from patient samples was extracted from three to five 10 micron formalin-fixed paraffin-  
140 embedded (FFPE) tissue sections from each available tumor sample after scraping areas with the highest  
141 tumor cell density (Promega Maxwell 16 LEV FFPE Plus kit AS1290, Promega, Madison, WI). FFPE tissue  
142 was incubated overnight in 20 µL Proteinase K and 180 µL incubation buffer at 70°C in a shaking heat  
143 block. An additional 20 µL Proteinase K was then added, followed by 3 hours digestion at 70°C. 10 µL of  
144 RNase A (A1973, Promega, Madison, WI) was added followed by RNA digestion at 37°C for 20 minutes.  
145 Lysis buffer (420 µL) was then added, and the samples were loaded into Maxwell cartridges. gDNA was  
146 eluted in 110 µL of water.

147           The DNA analysis approach used here has been previously described [13]. Genome-wide SNP  
148 data was generated using a custom hybridization enrichment panel which targets 54,091 SNPs  
149 distributed across the human genome. *TP53*, *BRCA1* and *BRCA2* mutation data were also evaluated in  
150 the context of this study. Details of the methods used for identification of *BRCA1* and *BRCA2* deficient  
151 tumors are provided in Timms et al [7]. Deleterious and suspected deleterious mutations were included  
152 in the analysis [21, 22].

153 Allelic imbalance profiles were generated to determine the scores for each individual biomarker  
154 component (TAI, LST, LOH) and the combined HRD score is the sum of the individual biomarker scores  
155 [7, 13]. An HRD score threshold of 42 (5<sup>th</sup> percentile of HRD scores observed in *BRCA1/2* deficient  
156 tumors) has been previously developed to identify HR deficient tumors [13]. Tumors are considered HR  
157 deficient (HRD positive) if they have a high HRD score ( $\geq 42$ ) or a tumor *BRCA1* or *BRCA2* (tBRCA)  
158 mutation and HR non-deficient (HRD negative) if they have a low HRD score ( $< 42$ ) and wild-type  
159 *BRCA1/2* [13]. In this study we explored whether lowering the threshold from the 5<sup>th</sup> percentile level of  
160 HRD scores observed in *BRCA1/2* deficient tumors (HRD score  $\geq 42$ ) to the 1<sup>st</sup> percentile (HRD score  $\geq 33$ )  
161 might better define the responding patient group. In these analyses HRD positive status was defined as  
162 an HRD score either greater than or equal to the exploratory threshold of 33 or a *BRCA1/2* mutant with  
163 any HRD score. This exploratory threshold was evaluated in the HGSOC subgroup only.

164 To identify tumors with *CCNE1* copy number amplification, the copy number was averaged for  
165 the 3 SNPs on the HRD SNP assay which surround the *CCNE1* locus. The average copy number was then  
166 adjusted by the average copy number across all SNPs of the sample to produce a relative amplification  
167 score **Supplementary Figure 2**. *CCNE1* amplification values of between 0.5 and 2 were considered to be  
168 within the accepted range for tumor sample variability and therefore did not represent *CCNE1*  
169 amplification. Assuming these non-amplified samples to be log-normally distributed, the derived mean  
170 and standard deviation yielded at 99th percentile gave an amplification value of 2.4. Samples that  
171 exceed a *CCNE1* amplification score of 2.4 were designated as *CCNE1* amplification positive.

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### 173 *Statistical Analysis*

174 Clinical and molecular variables were evaluated as predictors of CA125 response in terms of  
175 odds ratios (ORs) and Wald confidence intervals (CIs) from logistic regression models. Associations with  
176 PFS and OS were assessed with hazard ratios from Cox proportional hazards (PH) models; categorical

177 variables were also evaluated with Kaplan-Meier (KM) curves and Mantel-Cox Log-Rank tests. P-values  
178 from logistic regression and Cox PH models were based on likelihood ratio tests. P-values are reported  
179 as two-sided unless otherwise noted.

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## 181 RESULTS

### 182 *Study Cohort*

183 Patient demographic and clinical data is shown in **Supplementary Table 1**. CA125 response was  
184 available for 139 patients, while PFS and OS were available for all patients (N=250). Overall, 74 (30%) of  
185 tumors were HRD positive ( $\geq 42$ ), including 34 (14%) with tBRCA mutations, and 47 (19%) were identified  
186 as having amplification of *CCNE1* (**Supplementary Table 1**). *CCNE1* amplification was observed only in  
187 tumors without *BRCA1/2* mutations, which is consistent with previous reports [14, 15]. *CCNE1*  
188 amplification was observed more frequently in HRD negative tumors in this cohort (logistic  $p=1.6 \times 10^{-4}$ ;  
189 OR 5.50, 95% CI 1.89-16.0) compared to HRD positive ( $\geq 42$ ). The HGSOC subset included 64 (36%) HRD  
190 positive ( $\geq 42$ ) tumors, 29 (16%) of which had tBRCA mutations, and 39 (22%) tumors with *CCNE1*  
191 amplification.

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### 193 *Association with Response to Platinum Monotherapy*

194 CA125 response and molecular results were available for 139 tumors from the entire cohort and  
195 113 HGSOC tumors. The distribution of HRD scores stratified by CA125 response category is shown in  
196 **Figure 1**. HRD ( $\geq 42$ ) and tBRCA mutation status were both significantly associated with CA125 complete  
197 response (CR) in the entire cohort ( $p=0.00015$  and  $p=0.0096$ , respectively), and in the subgroup of  
198 HGSOC patients ( $p=0.0016$  and  $p=0.032$ , respectively; **Supplemental Table 2**). In the HGSOC subgroup  
199 the HRD positive rate increases from 37% to 52% when the HRD threshold is reduced from  $\geq 42$  to  $\geq 33$ .  
200 HRD status defined as  $\geq 33$  or *BRCA1/2* mutant remains statistically significantly associated with CA125  
201 complete response ( $p=5.0 \times 10^{-4}$ ) (**Supplemental Table 2**). A receiver operating curve (ROC) was used to  
202 compare sensitivity and specificity of different thresholds as predictors of CA125 response  
203 (**Supplementary Figure 2**). *CCNE1* amplification was not significantly associated with CA125 response in  
204 either the overall cohort or the HGSOC subgroup (**Supplemental Table 2**).

205 In a multivariate logistic regression analysis of CA125 complete response adjusted for clinical  
206 variables (age at surgery, histology, grade, stage, bulk of residual disease after surgery, performance  
207 status), HRD status remained significantly associated with response in the overall cohort ( $p=3.6 \times 10^{-4}$ ,  
208 **Supplemental Table 3**). Similarly, HRD status ( $\geq 42$ ) retained statistical significance in the HGSOc subset  
209 after adjusting for clinical variables ( $p=0.0050$ ). In these multivariable analyses of the overall cohort and  
210 HGSOc subset (**Supplemental Table 3**), HRD status was the only variable that was significantly  
211 associated with CA125 response. HRD status as defined using the exploratory threshold of  $\geq 33$  also  
212 retained statistical significance after adjusting for clinical factors ( $p = 9.4 \times 10^{-4}$ ) (**Supplemental Table 4**).  
213 tBRCA was significantly associated with CA125 response in the full cohort ( $p=0.049$ ), but not the HGSOc  
214 subset after adjusting for clinical factors (**Supplemental Table 5**).

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#### 216 *Association of HRD, tBRCA and CCNE1 with PFS or OS*

217 HRD status ( $\geq 42$ ) was significantly associated with both improved PFS and OS in the overall  
218 cohort ( $p=0.014$  and  $p=0.016$ , respectively) and in the HGSOc subgroup ( $p=2.1 \times 10^{-4}$  and  $p=0.0011$ ,  
219 respectively; **Table 1**). The HRD positive rate in the HGSOc subgroup increases from 35.8% to 48.6% for  
220 PFS and OS when the threshold is reduced from  $\geq 42$  to  $\geq 33$ . HRD status remains significantly associated  
221 with both improved PFS and OS in the HGSOc subgroup when the threshold is reduced to  $\geq 33$  in both  
222 univariate ( $p= 1.4 \times 10^{-4}$  and  $p= 3.3 \times 10^{-4}$ , respectively; **Table 1**) and multivariate ( $p=3.0 \times 10^{-6}$  and  $p=3.1 \times 10^{-4}$ ,  
223 respectively) Cox proportional hazards models (**Supplemental Table 6**). Improvements in median PFS  
224 and OS were similar to those observed for the pre-specified threshold (**Supplemental Figure 3**).

225 tBRCA mutation status was significantly associated with only PFS in the entire cohort ( $p=0.034$ ),  
226 and with both PFS and OS in the HGSOc subgroup ( $p=0.0017$  and  $p=0.022$ , respectively; **Table 1**). CCNE1  
227 amplification was significantly associated with both PFS and OS in the overall cohort (0.0011 and 0.015,  
228 respectively) and in the HGSOc subgroup ( $p=0.038$  and 0.043, respectively; **Table 1**).

229 In the overall cohort, significant improvements in median survival were observed for all three  
230 biomarkers (**Figure 2**). HRD status was associated with a 7 month improvement in PFS (18.9 months for  
231 HR deficient vs 11.6 months for non-deficient) and a 20 month improvement in OS (48.5 months for HR  
232 deficient vs 28.1 months for non-deficient) (**Supplementary Table 7**). Similarly, tBRCA mutations were  
233 associated with an 8 month improvement in PFS and 18 month improvement in OS. *CCNE1* amplification  
234 was associated with a 6 month reduction in PFS and a 27 month reduction in OS. Similar associations  
235 were observed in the HGSOc subset (**Figure 3 and Supplementary Table 8**).

236 In multivariate Cox PH analyses including all patients, HRD status remained significantly  
237 associated with both PFS ( $p=2.1 \times 10^{-5}$ ) and OS ( $p=0.0012$ ) (**Table 2**). Clinical variables which were also  
238 significantly associated with outcome were grade ( $p=0.013$  and  $0.0064$ ), stage (PFS only,  $p=0.00014$ ),  
239 and bulk of residual disease after surgery (PFS only,  $p=0.0049$ ) (**Table 2**). Age at surgery, histology, and  
240 performance status were not significantly associated with either PFS or OS in this analysis. When  
241 multivariate analysis was restricted to HGSOc, HRD status remained significant for PFS and OS  
242 ( $p=2.2 \times 10^{-4}$  and  $p=0.0048$ , respectively). Stage and bulk of residual disease also remained significant in  
243 the HGSOc subset for only PFS ( $p=0.019$  and  $p=0.0055$ , respectively) (**Table 2**). Age at surgery and  
244 performance status were not significantly associated with outcome in this analysis. In multivariable  
245 models restricted to the subset of tBRCA non-mutant patients, HRD status was significantly associated  
246 with PFS ( $p=0.0023$ , hazard ratio 0.50, 95% CI 0.31-0.80) and OS ( $p=0.015$ ; hazard ratio 0.47, 95% CI  
247 0.25-0.91) in the entire cohort (N=216), and in HGSOc patients (N=150; PFS  $p=0.017$ , hazard ratio 0.55,  
248 95% CI 0.33-0.92; OS  $p=0.037$ , hazard ratio 0.49, 95% CI 0.24-0.99).

249 *CCNE1* amplification was associated with PFS ( $p=1.8 \times 10^{-4}$ ) in the overall cohort after adjusting  
250 for clinical factors (**Table 3**). When multivariate analysis was restricted to HGSOc, *CCNE1* amplification  
251 remained significant for PFS ( $p=0.0033$ , **Table 3**). tBRCA was associated with PFS in the overall cohort  
252 ( $p=0.0015$ ) and the HGSOc subcohort ( $0.0019$ ) after adjusting for clinical factors (**Supplemental Table 9**).

253 In Cox PH analyses of the full cohort adjusted for clinical factors, HRD and *CCNE1* amplification,  
254 HRD was associated with both PFS and OS ( $p=7.3\times 10^{-4}$  and  $p=0.0052$  respectively) while *CCNE1*  
255 amplification was associated with PFS only ( $p=0.0087$ ). When the same models were examined in the  
256 HGSOC subset, HRD maintained significant associations with both PFS and OS ( $p=0.0027$  and  $p=0.019$   
257 respectively) (**Supplemental Table 9**).

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#### 259 *Association of HRD with Dose Intensification*

260 We hypothesized that the improved outcomes observed for HRD positive tumors were due to  
261 increased platinum sensitivity, and that these tumors might gain additional benefit from dose  
262 intensification. One hundred thirty patients were in the dose intensified arm (42 HRD positive) and 120  
263 patients (32 HRD positive) were in the arm without dose intensification. In subset analyses of both arms  
264 combined, there were no significant differences in PFS rates due to dose intensification in either the  
265 HRD negative (hazard ratio 1.13, 95% CI 0.79–1.62) or HRD positive (hazard ratio 0.62, 95% CI 0.33–1.14)  
266 groups. However, Cox PH analysis of the full cohort stratified by treatment arm suggested that the effect  
267 on PFS of platinum dose intensification was greater in the HRD positive group (one-sided interaction  
268  $p=0.049$ ). Similarly, for overall survival there were no significant differences in OS rates in the HRD  
269 negative (hazard ratio 1.54, 95% CI 0.96–2.45) or HRD positive (hazard ratio 0.61, 95% CI 0.25–1.48)  
270 groups, but the effect of dose intensification on overall survival was significantly greater for HRD  
271 positive tumors (one-sided interaction  $p=0.035$ ). These data support the hypothesis that patients with  
272 HR deficient tumors may benefit from dose intensification by intra-patient carboplatin dose escalation.

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274 **DISCUSSION**

275           The HR deficiency score based on measures of genomic instability and *BRCA1/2* mutations are  
276 markers of HR pathway defects and previous studies have demonstrated that these molecular markers  
277 predict response to DNA-damaging agents in some cancer types [1-5, 13-15, 23]. In addition, *CCNE1*  
278 amplification has been associated with chemotherapy resistance and poor prognosis in HGSOc [14, 15].  
279 Standard of care for first line treatment of advanced ovarian cancer is carboplatin/paclitaxel  
280 combination therapy. However, the SCOTROC-4 study provided an opportunity to investigate the ability  
281 of these three molecular markers to predict treatment response and outcomes following platinum  
282 monotherapy in a cohort of women with ovarian cancer and in the subset with HGSOc, thus avoiding  
283 potential confounding effects of paclitaxel. HGSOc histotype was based on pathological review of tumor  
284 slides by two gynaecological pathologists and *TP53* mutation status. While we recognize the important  
285 of defining histotype in this heterogeneous disease, some non-high grade serous tumours  
286 (endometrioid and mucinous) can have defective homologous repair as determined by the HRD score  
287 (see Supplementary Table 1). Since, the SCOTROC4 trial was all epithelial ovarian cancer we had a  
288 predetermined analysis plan that would analyse all available tumours and then a high grade serous  
289 subgroup analysis.

290           A positive relationship was observed between the HRD score and *BRCA1/2* mutation status,  
291 which is consistent with previously published data [7, 13, 22]. In addition, *CCNE1* amplification was  
292 observed only in tumors without *BRCA1/2* mutations, as previously reported [14, 15]. A similar  
293 relationship was observed between low HRD score (<42) and *CCNE1* amplification here, suggesting that  
294 *CCNE1* amplified tumors may require functional homologous recombination repair or represent  
295 alternative tumour development pathways.

296           CA125 response data showed significant association with both HRD status and *BRCA1/2*  
297 mutation status, but not with *CCNE1* amplification. In multivariate analysis only HRD status retained

298 statistical significance. This result is consistent with previously published observations in both TNBC and  
299 ovarian cancer [3-5, 13, 23], and supports the hypothesis that HRD status (as defined by HRD score in  
300 combination with *BRCA1/2* mutation screening) predicts sensitivity to DNA damaging agents.

301 An exploratory analysis of an alternate HRD score threshold at the 1<sup>st</sup> percentile ( $\geq 33$ ) of HRD  
302 scores in *BRCA1/2* deficient tumors showed that HRD status remained significantly associated with  
303 CA125 response, while the fraction of biomarker positive to biomarker negative patients increased with  
304 the reduction in the HRD threshold. In a companion diagnostic context, such a threshold adjustment  
305 would enable more patients to receive drug benefit, although will also increase the number of patients  
306 receiving treatment with limited benefit.

307 HRD and *BRCA1/2* mutation status were also significantly associated with improved patient  
308 survival in this study, in both the overall cohort and in the HGSOE subgroup. *CCNE1* amplification was  
309 also significantly associated with reduced survival in the overall study cohort, consistent with previous  
310 reports [14, 15]. Both HRD status and *CCNE1* amplification remained significantly associated with  
311 outcome in multivariate analysis.

312 Based on the positive association between HRD status and both response and outcome in this  
313 cohort it was hypothesized that HRD positive tumors would show more benefit from platinum dose  
314 intensification than HRD negative tumors. The effect of dose intensification on PFS and OS was  
315 significantly greater in the HRD positive group, suggesting that patients whose tumours are defective in  
316 HR may benefit from dose escalation based on inpatient measures of toxicity as in the dose  
317 escalation arm of SCOTROC4 [18].

318 HRD status as defined by a three biomarker HRD score in combination with *BRCA1/2* mutation  
319 screening provided significant improvement over clinical variables in identifying patients with ovarian  
320 cancer who had improved response to platinum monotherapy, and was prognostic in this setting. HRD  
321 positive tumors were observed predominantly in HGSOE tumors. In the clinical setting the HRD test

322 could be used to identify patients with increased likelihood of response to DNA damaging agents, or  
323 other agents which target the DNA damage repair pathways. *CCNE1* amplification is also prognostic  
324 with patients whose tumors have amplification of this locus having significantly worse outcomes.  
325 Therapies which target this defect may provide an opportunity to improve outcomes for patients with  
326 *CCNE1* amplified ovarian tumors.

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404 **Table 1.** Univariate Cox PH analysis of PFS and OS for HRD and tBRCA  
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| Variable                    | Levels        | Overall Cohort        |         | HGSOC Subset          |         |
|-----------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|---------|-----------------------|---------|
|                             |               | Hazard Ratio (95% CI) | P-Value | Hazard Ratio (95% CI) | P-Value |
| <b>PFS</b>                  |               |                       |         |                       |         |
| HRD Status (≥42)            | HRD positive  | 0.65 (0.46-0.93)      | 0.014   | 0.50 (0.34-0.73)      | 0.00021 |
|                             | HRD negative  | <i>Ref</i>            |         | <i>Ref</i>            |         |
| HRD Status (≥33)            | HRD positive  | ND                    | ND      | 0.51 (0.36-0.72)      | 0.00014 |
|                             | HRD negative  | ND                    |         | <i>Ref</i>            |         |
| tBRCA Mutation Status       | Mutant        | 0.61 (0.38-0.99)      | 0.034   | 0.48 (0.29-0.79)      | 0.0017  |
|                             | Wild-Type     | <i>Ref</i>            |         | <i>Ref</i>            |         |
| CCNE1 Amplification Status* | Amplified     | 1.91 (1.32-2.75)      | 0.0011  | 1.56 (1.04-2.34)      | 0.038   |
|                             | Not Amplified | <i>Ref</i>            |         | <i>Ref</i>            |         |
| <b>OS</b>                   |               |                       |         |                       |         |
| HRD Status (≥42)            | HRD positive  | 0.57 (0.36-0.92)      | 0.016   | 0.45 (0.27-0.74)      | 0.0011  |
|                             | HRD negative  | <i>Ref</i>            |         | <i>Ref</i>            |         |
| HRD Status (≥33)            | HRD positive  | ND                    | ND      | 0.43 (0.27-0.69)      | 0.00033 |
|                             | HRD negative  | ND                    |         | <i>Ref</i>            |         |
| tBRCA Mutation Status       | Mutant        | 0.64 (0.35-1.17)      | 0.12    | 0.50 (0.26-0.95)      | 0.022   |
|                             | Wild-Type     | <i>Ref</i>            |         | <i>Ref</i>            |         |
| CCNE1 Amplification Status* | Amplified     | 1.82 (1.15-2.88)      | 0.015   | 1.72 (1.04-2.85)      | 0.043   |
|                             | Not Amplified | <i>Ref</i>            |         | <i>Ref</i>            |         |

406 \*CCNE1 Amplification Status was determined for 248 out of 250 patients in the full cohort, and 178 out  
 407 of 179 patients in the HGSOC sub-cohort.  
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409 **Table 2.** Multivariate Cox PH analysis of HRD as a predictor of PFS and OS  
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| Variable                    | Levels             | Patients<br>N (%) | PFS                      |                      | OS                       |         |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|---------|
|                             |                    |                   | Hazard Ratio<br>(95% CI) | P-Value              | Hazard Ratio<br>(95% CI) | P-Value |
| <b>All Patients</b>         |                    |                   |                          |                      |                          |         |
| HRD Status                  | HRD positive       | 71 (31)           | 0.44 (0.30-0.65)         | 2.1×10 <sup>-5</sup> | 0.45 (0.27-0.74)         | 0.0012  |
|                             | HRD negative       | 155 (69)          | Ref                      |                      | Ref                      |         |
| Age at Surgery              | Years              | 226 (100)         | 1.01 (0.99-1.02)         | 0.55                 | 1.00 (0.98-1.03)         | 0.68    |
| Histology                   | Serous*/Clear Cell | 189 (84)          | 1.34 (0.72-2.49)         | 0.34                 | 1.18 (0.53-2.63)         | 0.68    |
|                             | Other              | 37 (16)           | Ref                      |                      | Ref                      |         |
| Grade                       | Low                | 20 (9)            | Ref                      | 0.013                | Ref                      | 0.0064  |
|                             | High               | 206 (91)          | 2.59 (1.11-6.05)         |                      | 4.70 (1.13-19.51)        |         |
| Stage                       | IC-II              | 56 (25)           | Ref                      | 0.00014              | Ref                      | 0.12    |
|                             | III                | 144 (64)          | 3.33 (1.80-6.16)         |                      | 1.84 (0.84-4.05)         |         |
|                             | IV                 | 26 (12)           | 2.37 (1.12-4.98)         |                      | 1.13 (0.42-3.05)         |         |
| Bulk of Residual<br>Disease | None/Microscopic   | 85 (38)           | Ref                      | 0.0049               | Ref                      | 0.091   |
|                             | Macroscopic < 2cm  | 54 (24)           | 1.35 (0.80-2.30)         |                      | 1.41 (0.69-2.86)         |         |
|                             | Macroscopic > 2cm  | 87 (38)           | 2.04 (1.28-3.24)         |                      | 1.92 (1.03-3.61)         |         |
| Performance<br>Status       | 0                  | 69 (31)           | Ref                      | 0.19                 | Ref                      | 0.17    |
|                             | 1                  | 122 (54)          | 1.17 (0.75-1.84)         |                      | 1.02 (0.57-1.83)         |         |
|                             | 2                  | 35 (15)           | 1.66 (0.94-2.92)         |                      | 1.73 (0.85-3.56)         |         |
| <b>HGSOC</b>                |                    |                   |                          |                      |                          |         |
| HRD Status                  | HRD positive       | 63 (36)           | 0.46 (0.30-0.70)         | 2.2×10 <sup>-4</sup> | 0.47 (0.28-0.81)         | 0.0048  |
|                             | HRD negative       | 110 (64)          | Ref                      |                      | Ref                      |         |
| Age at Surgery              | Years              | 173 (100)         | 1.01 (0.99-1.03)         | 0.39                 | 1.02 (0.99-1.04)         | 0.19    |
| Stage                       | IC-II              | 31 (18)           | Ref                      | 0.019                | Ref                      | 0.12    |
|                             | III                | 120 (69)          | 2.12 (1.07-4.20)         |                      | 1.59 (0.63-4.00)         |         |
|                             | IV                 | 22 (13)           | 1.28 (0.56-2.90)         |                      | 0.78 (0.25-2.49)         |         |
| Bulk of Residual<br>Disease | None/Microscopic   | 49 (28)           | Ref                      | 0.0055               | Ref                      | 0.32    |
|                             | Macroscopic < 2cm  | 48 (28)           | 1.37 (0.77-2.44)         |                      | 1.11 (0.52-2.36)         |         |
|                             | Macroscopic > 2cm  | 76 (44)           | 2.15 (1.28-3.60)         |                      | 1.54 (0.78-3.03)         |         |
| Performance<br>Status       | 0                  | 41 (24)           | Ref                      | 0.083                | Ref                      | 0.18    |
|                             | 1                  | 100 (58)          | 1.27 (0.75-2.15)         |                      | 1.13 (0.56-2.30)         |         |
|                             | 2                  | 32 (18)           | 1.98 (1.05-3.75)         |                      | 1.91 (0.83-4.38)         |         |

411 \*One patient with Serous or Endometrioid histology was categorized as Serous for this analysis.  
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413 **Table 3.** Multivariate Cox PH analysis of CCNE1 as a predictor of PFS and OS.  
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| Overall Cohort (N=225)   |                    |                       |                      |                       |         |
|--------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|---------|
|                          |                    | PFS                   |                      | OS                    |         |
| Variable                 | Levels             | Hazard Ratio (95% CI) | P-Value              | Hazard Ratio (95% CI) | P-Value |
| CCNE1 Status             | Amplified          | 2.19 (1.49-3.22)      | 1.8×10 <sup>-4</sup> | 1.63 (1.01-2.63)      | 0.052   |
|                          | Not Amplified      | Ref                   |                      | Ref                   |         |
| Age at Surgery           | Years              | 1.02 (1.00-1.03)      | 0.051                | 1.02 (0.99-1.04)      | 0.15    |
| Histology                | Serous*/Clear Cell | 1.31 (0.71-2.43)      | 0.37                 | 1.18 (0.53-2.62)      | 0.68    |
|                          | Other              | Ref                   |                      | Ref                   |         |
| Grade                    | Low                | Ref                   | 0.072                | Ref                   | 0.020   |
|                          | High               | 2.03 (0.87-4.73)      |                      | 3.89 (0.94-16.1)      |         |
| Stage                    | IC-II              | Ref                   | 7.9×10 <sup>-5</sup> | Ref                   | 0.17    |
|                          | III                | 3.35 (1.86-6.03)      |                      | 1.77 (0.83-3.80)      |         |
|                          | IV                 | 2.57 (1.25-5.29)      |                      | 1.17 (0.44-3.08)      |         |
| Bulk of Residual Disease | None/Microscopic   | Ref                   | 0.0036               | Ref                   | 0.099   |
|                          | Macroscopic ≤ 2cm  | 1.10 (0.66-1.83)      |                      | 1.19 (0.59-2.38)      |         |
|                          | Macroscopic > 2cm  | 1.91 (1.21-3.04)      |                      | 1.81 (0.96-3.38)      |         |
| Performance Status       | 0                  | Ref                   | 0.48                 | Ref                   | 0.28    |
|                          | 1                  | 1.06 (0.68-1.65)      |                      | 0.92 (0.51-1.65)      |         |
|                          | 2                  | 1.37 (0.78-2.42)      |                      | 1.45 (0.71-2.99)      |         |
| HGSOC Subset (N=172)     |                    |                       |                      |                       |         |
|                          |                    | PFS                   |                      | OS                    |         |
| Variable                 | Levels             | Hazard Ratio (95% CI) | P-Value              | Hazard Ratio (95% CI) | P-Value |
| CCNE1 Status             | Amplified          | 1.95 (1.28-2.99)      | 0.0033               | 1.69 (1.01-2.84)      | 0.056   |
|                          | Not Amplified      | Ref                   |                      | Ref                   |         |
| Age at Surgery           | Years              | 1.02 (1.00-1.04)      | 0.019                | 1.03 (1.00-1.06)      | 0.018   |
| Stage                    | IC-II              | Ref                   | 0.010                | Ref                   | 0.13    |
|                          | III                | 2.45 (1.26-4.75)      |                      | 1.71 (0.70-4.20)      |         |
|                          | IV                 | 1.61 (0.73-3.57)      |                      | 0.89 (0.29-2.75)      |         |
| Bulk of Residual Disease | None/Microscopic   | Ref                   | 0.0031               | Ref                   | 0.25    |
|                          | Macroscopic ≤ 2cm  | 1.07 (0.61-1.87)      |                      | 0.94 (0.45-1.97)      |         |
|                          | Macroscopic > 2cm  | 1.99 (1.19-3.30)      |                      | 1.45 (0.74-2.85)      |         |
| Performance Status       | 0                  | Ref                   | 0.29                 | Ref                   | 0.36    |
|                          | 1                  | 1.12 (0.67-1.88)      |                      | 0.99 (0.49-2.01)      |         |
|                          | 2                  | 1.58 (0.84-2.97)      |                      | 1.52 (0.66-3.51)      |         |

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417 **Figure Legends**

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419 **Figure 1.** Biomarker status and CA125 response

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421 HRD status, tBRCA mutation status, and *CCNE1* amplification as predictors of CA125 response in (A) the  
422 overall cohort (n=137) and (B) the HGSOc subgroup. One *BRCA1* mutation carrier is not shown due to  
423 failed HRD score. CR, complete response; PR, partial response; None, no response.

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427 **Figure 2.** Biomarker status and survival in overall SCOTROC4 cohort

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429 Kaplan-Meier Survival curves for the overall cohort (N=250) according to (A) HRD status, (B) tBRCA  
430 mutation status, and (C) *CCNE1* amplification. PFS, Progression Free Survival,; OS, Overall Survival.  
431 Details of numbers of events and median survival with 95% CI are shown in **Supplemental Table 7.**

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434 **Figure 3.** Biomarker status and survival in HGSOc SCOTROC4 cohort

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436 Kaplan-Meier Survival curves for the HGSOc subgroup (N=179) according to (A) HRD status, (B) tBRCA  
437 mutation status, and (C) *CCNE1* amplification. PFS, Progression Free Survival,; OS, Overall Survival.  
438 Details of numbers of events and median survival with 95% CI are shown in **Supplemental Table 8.**

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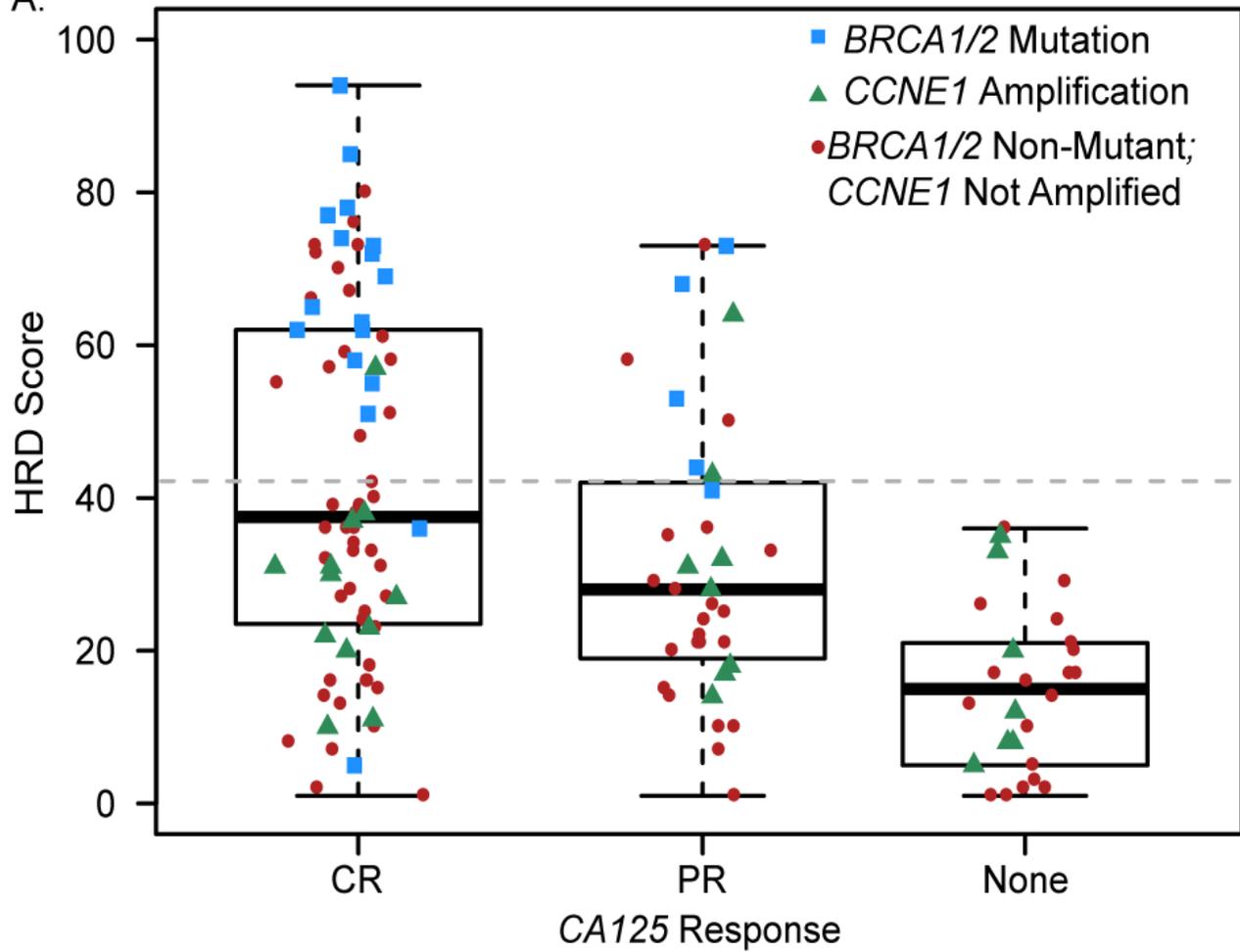
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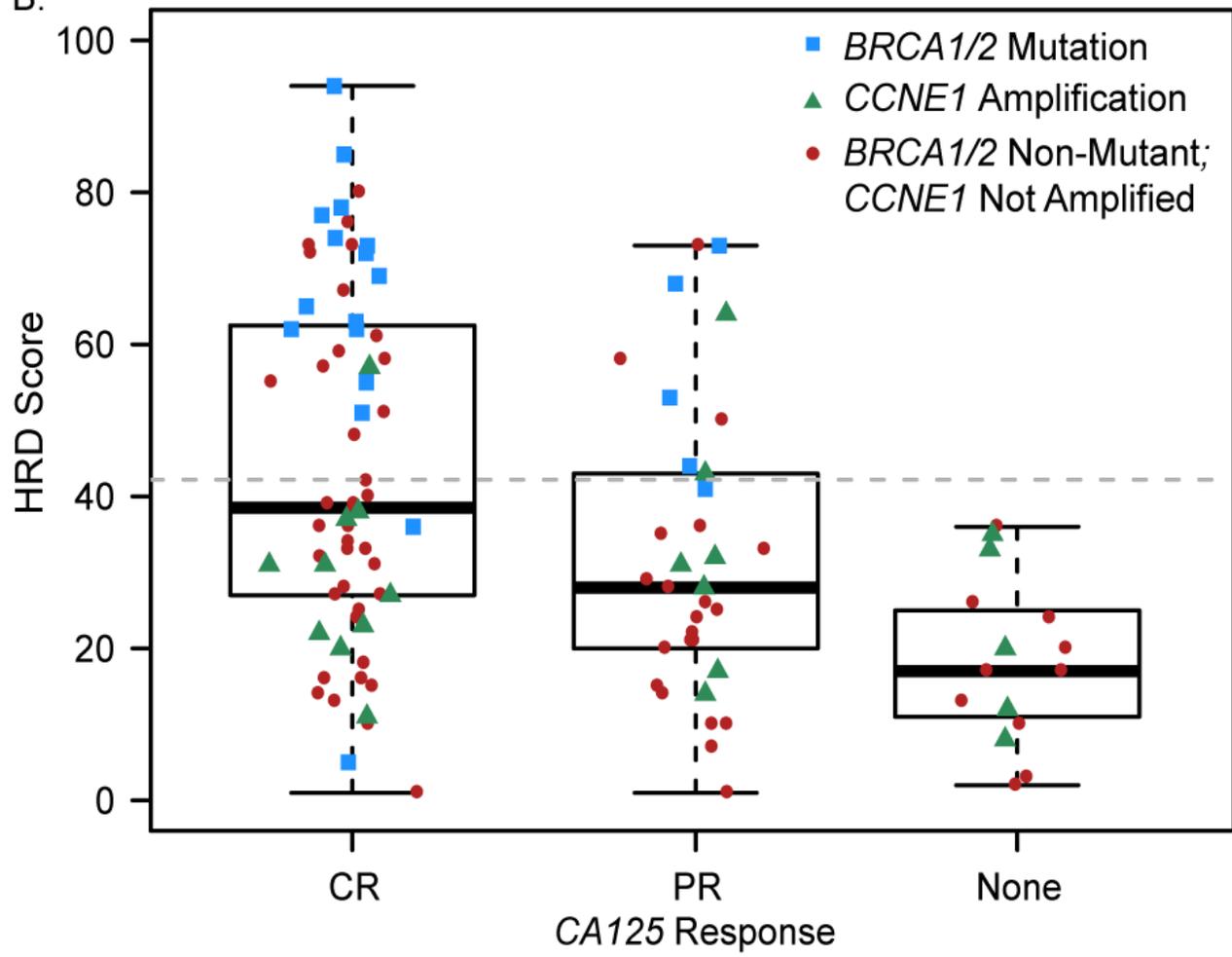


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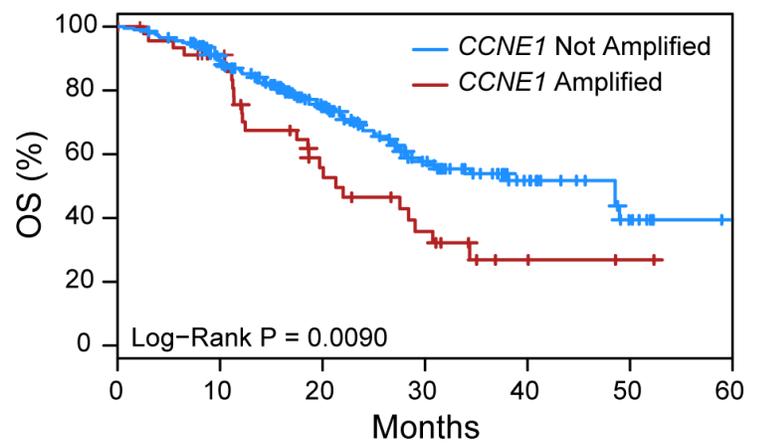
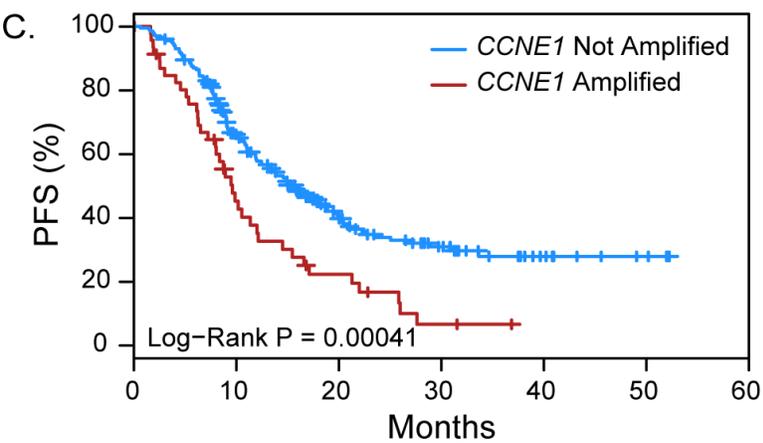
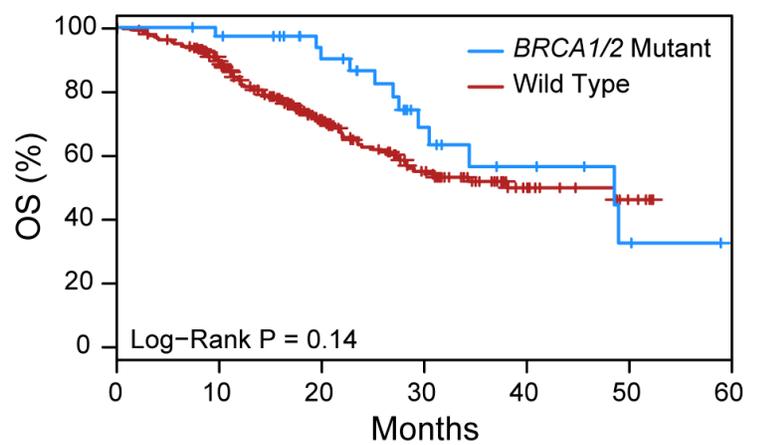
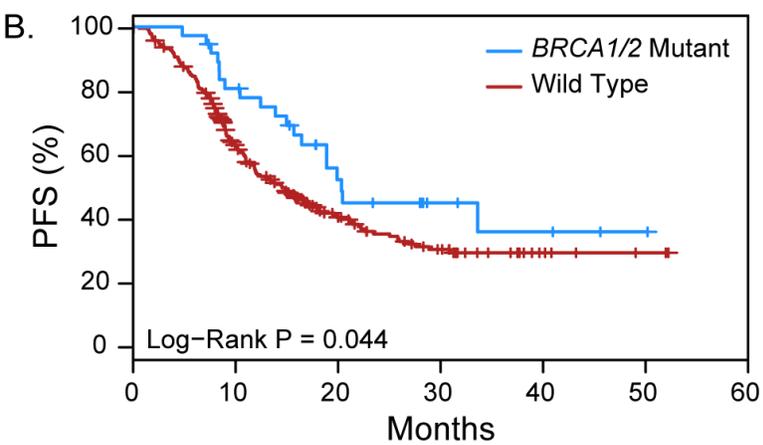
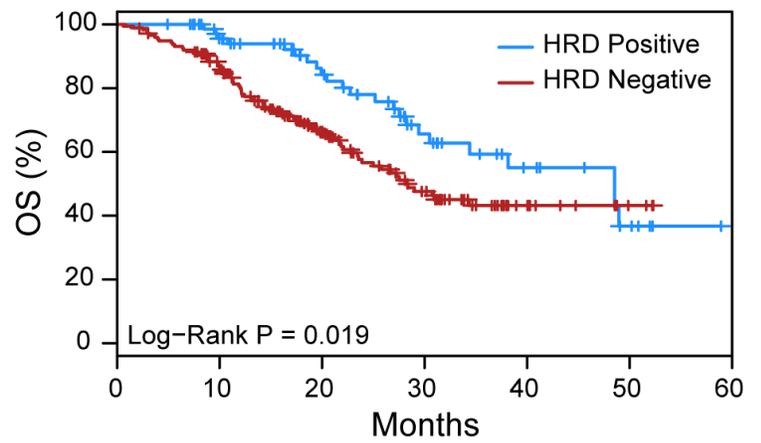
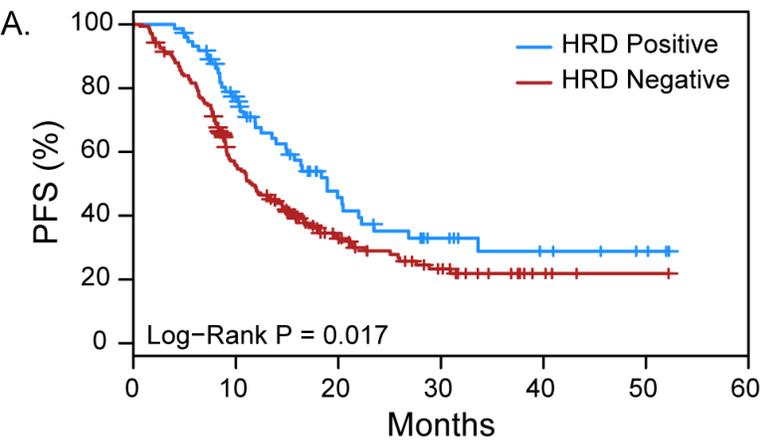


Figure 3

