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## Molecular spectra, frequencies, and distribution patterns of somatic mutations using next generation sequencing in Arab women with breast cancer

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**Purpose:** Breast cancer in Arab world has unique clinicopathological features including early onset, higher grade and higher *HER2* amplification, the aim of this retrospective study was to assess the molecular spectra, frequencies, and distribution patterns of somatic mutations using next generation sequencing (NGS) in Arab women with breast cancer.

**Subjects & Methods:** 78 consecutive Arab women with breast cancer whose tumors had been evaluated using NGS were identified and retrospectively reviewed. We recorded patient characteristics, tumor pathological features, the rate of somatic mutations found on the NGS.

**Results:** The median age at diagnosis was 52.3 years (range: 37-82 years). 30 (38.5%) of the 78 patients were 50 years of age or younger. A familial history of breast cancer was documented in 30 (38.5%) patients. NGS revealed the following somatic mutation rates: *TP53*, 23%; *ATM*, 2.5%; *IDH1*, 2.5%; *IDH2*, 3.8%; *PTEN*, 7.7%; *PIK3CA*, 15.4%; *APC*, 7.7%; *NPMA1*, 1.3%; *MPL*, 1.3%; *JAK2*, 2.5%; *KIT*, 7.7%; *KRAS*, 3.8%; *NRAS*, 3.8%. *DH1* and *IDH2* were 2.5% and 3.8% respectively. Two patients (2.5%) had *JAK2* mutations and both had an advanced triple-negative disease. Compared with Western population, Arab women have higher rates of *APC*, *PTEN*, *KIT*, *KRAS*, *NRAS* and *DH1* somatic mutations and lower rates of *TP53* and *PIK3CA* somatic mutations compared to Western women. *ATM* mutation rate was similar. Two novel somatic mutations were identified *NPM1* and *MPL* with undefined role in breast cancer pathogenesis.

**Conclusions:** Our results revealed differences in the genetic profiles and mutation hotspots in Arab women with breast cancer compared to the reported genetic profiles of Western women with breast cancer. These results may have clinical implications in some of the actionable mutations and their targeted therapies once the roles of these somatic mutations in breast cancer tumorigenesis are more defined.

### Biography

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