

# "LIQUID BIOPSY: Latest advances and applications in oncology"

Friday 4th October 2024

10.00-18.30

Kostis Palamas building, NKUA

Organizer: Evi Lianidou, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Hellenic Society of Liquid Biopsy

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**WELCOME ADDRESS** 

**Dear Friends and Colleagues,** 

It is a great pleasure to welcome you all to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Hybrid Day-meeting organized by the Hellenic Society of Liquid Biopsy: "Liquid Biopsy: Latest Advances and applications in Oncology".

Liquid biopsy is a minimally invasive approach that is mainly based on the analysis of circulating tumor cells (CTCs) and circulating tumor DNA (ctDNA). Liquid biopsy is an important tool in the fight against cancer, since it provides the ability to monitor in serial samples a molecular portrait of the tumor in real time. CTC and ctDNA analysis present currently a powerful tool for the management of advanced- and early-stage cancer patients and offers the unique potential to better understand the biology of metastasis and resistance mechanisms to specific treatments. Liquid biopsy has already revealed its tremendous potential to significantly change the therapeutic strategy and management of cancer patients.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Hybrid Day-meeting is focused on the latest advances on liquid biopsy basic research, state of the art technologies, and clinical applications in many types of cancer, from bench to bedside. In this Hybrid Day-meeting we bring together Key Opinion Leaders in the field, world-top liquid biopsy clinicians and researchers, that will present state of the art data and technology innovations in the field. During this day we will all have again the chance to interact and establish fruitful collaborations in a highly relaxing and stimulating environment.

Warm regards,

Evi S. Lianidou, PhD President of the Hellenic Society of Liquid Biopsy Professor of Analytical Chemistry – Clinical Chemistry ACTC lab Department of Chemistry University of Athens, Greece



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## Program

9.00-10.00	Registration, Coffee		
Chairing: E. Lianidou, A. Markou			
10.00 - 10.30	Liquid Biopsy: latest	Evi Lianidou	
	advancements		
10.30 - 11.00	Liquid Biopsy: An update on the	Athina Markou	
	latest technology advancements		
11.00 - 11.30	Quality Control and	Aliki Ntzifa	
	standardization in Liquid		
	Biopsies: How important is it??		
11.30 – 12.00	"Utility of ctDNA analyses in the	Ellen Heitzer, Medical	
	molecular tumour board"	University of Graz,	
		Austria	
12.00 – 12.30	Harnessing liquid biopsy assays	Chamindie Punyadeera,	
	to deliver precision medicine in	Griffith University,	
	head and neck cancer	Brisbane, Australia	
12.30 - 13.30	Lunch break		
Chairing: E. Lianidou, G. Kalergi			
CTCs			
13.30 - 14.00	"Analyzing metastatic	Stuart S. Martin,	
	phenotypes and CTC clustering	University of Maryland	
	mechanisms using TetherChip	School of Medicine,	
	microfluidics."	Baltimore, USA	
14.00 - 14.30	PD-L1 in CTCs and	Areti Strati, ACTC lab,	
	immunotherapy response	NKUA, Greece	
14.30 – 15.00	Liquid biopsy multi-analyte	Amin El-Heliebi, Medical	
	approach to monitor treatment	University of Graz,	
	resistance in prostate cancer	Austria	



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15.30-16.00	Coffee break		
Chairing: Ellen Heitzer, Evi Lianidou ctDNA analysis			
16.00 –16.30	Novel liquid biopsy technologies for earlier detection of cancer and minimal residual disease	Mike Makrigiorgos, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and Harvard Medical School, Boston, USA	
16.30 – 17.00	"Liquid biopsy approaches for minimal residual disease detection and therapy response monitoring"	Valsamo Anagnostou, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, USA	
17.00-17.30	"ctDNA based detection of MRD in colorectal cancer"	Claus Lindbjerg Andersen, Aarchus University, Denmark	
17.30 – 18.00	ctDNA in early breast cancer challenges and opportunities	Michail Ignatiadis, Institut Bordet, Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium	
18.00-18.30	<b>Conclusions - Discussion</b>		



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**Ellen Heitzer,** PhD, Professor of Medical Genetics, Medical University of Graz, Austria

**Ignatiadis Michail,** MD, PhD, Associate Professor, Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium

**Galatea Kalergi**, PhD, Assoc Professor, Dept of Biology, University of Patras, Greece

**Evi Lianidou,** Professor, ACTC lab, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Athens, Greece

**Claus Lindbjerg Andersen,** MSc, PhD, Professor, Aarhus University Hospital / Denmark

**Mike Makrigiorgos,** PhD, Professor and Director, Medical Physics and Biophysics, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and Harvard Medical School, USA

**Athina Markou,** PhD, Ass. Professor, ACTC lab, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Athens, Greece

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