

## MUTATION UPDATE

## Mutations of the Human PTEN Gene

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PTEN (phosphatase and tensin homolog deleted on chromosome ten), a recently discovered tumor suppressor gene, appears to negatively control the phosphoinositide 3-kinase signaling pathway for regulation of cell proliferation and cell survival by dephosphorylating the phosphatidylinositol 3,4,5-triphosphate. To date, 110 germline PTEN mutations have been reported in patients affected with two tumor predisposing syndromes, each having overlapping clinical features: Cowden disease and Bannayan-Riley-Ruvalcaba syndrome. These germline mutations are scattered along the length of the gene, with the exception of exon 9 (no mutation reported) and exon 1 (only two mutations reported). A mutational hot spot is found in exon 5, which encodes the phosphatase catalytic core motif, and recurrent mutations are also found at CpG dinucleotides suggesting deamination-induced mutations. PTEN has also been found to be defective in a large number of sporadic human tumors. In this article, 332 somatic point mutations of PTEN, occurring in primary tumors or metastasis, have been reviewed. Somatic PTEN mutations are more particularly involved in two types of human cancers: endometrial carcinomas and glioblastomas. In most cases, these somatic mutations result in protein inactivation and, as with germline mutations, recurrent somatic mutations are found in CpG dinucleotides. A mutagenesis by insertion-deletion in repetitive elements is however specifically observed in endometrial carcinomas. Hum Mutat 16:109–122, 2000. © 2000 Wiley-Liss, Inc.

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## INTRODUCTION

PTEN (phosphatase and tensin homolog deleted on chromosome ten) (MIM# 601728), has been isolated by mapping homozygous deletions in tumor cell lines and xenografts as this gene is the target of 10q22-25 deletions which are frequently involved in prostate cancer, breast cancer, and glioblastoma [Li et al., 1997]. The same gene was independently isolated by Steck et al. [1997] who referred to it as MMAC1 for “mutated in multiple advanced cancer,” and by Li and Sun [1997] who named it TEP1 for “TGFβ regulated and epithelial cell enriched phosphatase.” Subsequently, germline PTEN mutations were detected in Cowden disease (CD; MIM# 158350) [Liaw et al., 1997], an autosomal dominant inherited cancer syndrome previously mapped at 10q23 [Nelen et al., 1996] and in Bannayan-Riley-Ruvalcaba syndrome (BRR; MIM# 153480) [Marsh et al.,

1997]. Given that bi-allelic inactivation of the gene was observed in several tumor types, and inactivating germline mutations were responsible for a cancer prone syndrome, PTEN was expected to be a tumor suppressor gene. Indeed, anti-invasive and anti-proliferative effects of PTEN were documented in several cell models [Furnari et al., 1997; Cheney et al., 1998; Tamura et al., 1998]. PTEN encodes a protein with homology to tensin and auxilin, two cytoskeletal proteins, but it also contains, in exon 5, the catalytic signature motif (HCXXGXXRS/T) of the dual specificity protein

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phosphatases which dephosphorylate serine, threonine, and tyrosine residues. This fact is important because a large number of protein tyrosine kinases have been implicated as oncogenes, and the existence of such a phosphatase acting as a tumor suppressor gene had long been predicted. Biochemical studies revealed, however, that recombinant PTEN poorly dephosphorylated a number of artificial substrates [Myers et al., 1997] but was able to catalyze the dephosphorylation of phosphatidylinositol 3,4,5-triphosphate (PIP-3), specifically at position 3 on the inositol ring [Maeahama and Dixon, 1998]. PTEN appears therefore to be a negative regulator of the second messenger PIP-3 and, thus, to negatively control the phosphoinositide 3-kinase (PI3K)/protein-serine/threonine kinase B (PKB-AKT) signaling pathway which is involved in cell survival and cell cycle entry [Myers et al., 1998; Wu et al., 1998; Furnari et al., 1998]. In fact, it has been shown that the wild type PTEN is able to block the G1 progression of the cell cycle [Li and Sun, 1998; Furnari et al., 1998; Ramaswamy et al., 1999; Cheney et al., 1999] and to induce apoptosis [Li et al., 1998] or anoikis [Davies et al., 1999]. Moreover, it is possible that both effects are successively produced [Weng et al., 1999]. This paper summarizes the 110 germline and 332 somatic mutations in PTEN which have been reported to date in literature.

### PTEN GERMLINE MUTATIONS

To date, 82 different germline mutations in PTEN and two gross deletions of the gene have been reported (Table 1). These mutations have been found in a total number of 110 unrelated patients or families (108 intragenic mutations and two gross deletions); 11 mutations have been reported twice or more.

### Clinical Phenotype Associated With Germline PTEN Mutations

The clinical phenotype observed in patients with germline mutation in PTEN is summarized in Table 1. Germline mutations in PTEN have been detected mainly in patients affected with Cowden disease (CD) ( $N=7$ , 64.5%) and Bannayan-Riley-Ruvalcaba (BRR) syndrome ( $N=26$ , 23.6%). CD is a rare autosomal dominant familial cancer prone syndrome also known as multiple hamartoma syndrome. The diagnosis of CD requires a combination of criteria defined by the International Cowden Consortium [Nelen et al., 1996]. Pathognomonic criteria include trichilemmomas (benign tumors of the hair follicle infundibulum), acral

keratoses, papillomatous lesions, and mucosal lesions. Macrocephaly ( $>97$ th centile), breast cancer, non-medullary thyroid cancer, and dysplastic gangliocytoma of the cerebellum known as Lhermitte-Duclos (LD) disease are considered as major criteria. Benign thyroid tumors (multinodular goiter and adenomas), fibrocystic breast disease, gastrointestinal hamartomatous polyps, lipomas, fibromas, genitourinary tumors or malformations, and mental retardation ( $QI<75$ ) are considered as minor criteria. BRR is also a tumor predisposing syndrome which includes macrocephaly, multiple lipomas, intestinal hamartomatous polyps, haemangiomas, and pigmented macules of the glans penis [Farnolli et al., 1996; Longy et al., 1998]. There is a considerable clinical overlap between CD and BRR but it is of note that speckled penis has been very rarely reported in CD [Farnolli et al., 1996] and that the increased risk of cancer for patients affected with BRR is not formally documented. Interestingly, however, nine germline mutations of PTEN (8.2 %) have been evidenced in families where individuals affected either with CD or BRR coexist. Conversely, a mutation in PTEN was found in a family where affected individuals did not fulfill the diagnosis criteria for either CD or BRR [Marsh et al., 1998b]. This particular phenotype has been named Cowden-like [Marsh et al., 1998b]. Three mutations (2.8%) have been reported in patients affected with juvenile polyposis syndrome (JPS) without any other clinical manifestation of either CD or BRR [Olschwang et al., 1998]. However, the fact that isolated JPS is due to germline mutation in PTEN is controversial [Eng et al., 1998], and clinical stigma of Cowden disease must be carefully searched for in patients apparently affected with isolated juvenile polyposis [Kurose et al., 1999]. Moreover, several studies have actually demonstrated that SMAD4 is the gene responsible for familial JPS [Howe et al., 1998].

### PTEN Germline Mutation Spectrum

The spectrum of the germline mutations in PTEN is shown in Figure 1 and in Table 1. The germline mutations in PTEN are scattered along the whole gene, with the exception of exon 9, and include point missense mutations ( $n=26$ ), point stop mutations ( $n=35$ ), small deletions, insertions and insertion-deletions ( $n=34$ ), splice site mutations ( $n=13$ ), and two gross deletions of the gene. A great number ( $n=35$ , 31.5%) of the mutations are found in exon 5, which encodes for the phosphatase core motif. More particularly, 16 out of the

TABLE 1. Germline Mutations of PTEN in 111 Unrelated Patients or Families

| Exon <sup>a</sup> | Nucleotide change <sup>b</sup> | Codon   | Mutation type <sup>c</sup> | Predicted protein or RNA change | Phenotype <sup>d</sup> | Reference              |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|---------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| E1                | c.68T->A                       | 23      | Nonsense                   | L23X                            | Cowden                 | Lynch et al., 1997     |
| E1                | c.70G->T                       | 24      | Missense                   | D24Y                            | BRR                    | Celebi et al., 1999a   |
| E2                | c.83insA                       | 28      | S. ins                     | Stop at 43                      | Cowden                 | Iida et al., 1998b     |
| E2                | c.97del3                       | 33      | S. del                     | I33del                          | Cowden                 | Nelen et al., 1999     |
| E2                | c.101C->A                      | 34      | Nonsense                   | A34D                            | BRR                    | Marsh et al., 1999     |
| E2                | c.104T->G                      | 35      | Missense                   | M35R                            | JPS                    | Olschwang et al., 1998 |
| E2                | c.137insCAA                    | 46      | S. ins                     | N46ins                          | Cowden                 | Tsou et al., 1997      |
| E2                | c.158insATAC                   | 53      | S. ins                     | S54ins                          | Cowden                 | Marsh et al., 1998a    |
| E2                | c.158delTA                     | 53      | S. del                     | Stop at 54                      | Cowden                 | Marsh et al., 1998a    |
| E2                | c.158insTTAC                   | 53      | S. ins                     | Stop at 63                      | Cowden                 | Nelen et al., 1997     |
| I2                | I2-2A->G                       | /       | Splicing                   | /                               | Cowden                 | Marsh et al., 1998a    |
| E3                | c.200T->G                      | 67      | Missense                   | I67R                            | Cowden                 | Marsh et al., 1998a    |
| E3                | c.202T->C                      | 68      | Missense                   | Y68H                            | BRR                    | Marsh et al., 1998a    |
| E3                | c.202T->C                      | 68      | Missense                   | Y68H                            | Cowden                 | Tsou et al., 1998      |
| E3                | c.209T->C                      | 70      | Missense                   | L70P                            | Cowden like            | Marsh et al., 1998b    |
| I3                | I3+1G->C                       | /       | Splicing                   | /                               | Cowden                 | Nelen et al., 1999     |
| I3                | I3+1G->A                       | /       | Splicing                   | /                               | BRR                    | Marsh et al., 1999     |
| I3                | I3+5G->A                       | /       | Splicing                   | /                               | Cowden                 | Marsh et al., 1998a    |
| I3                | I3+5G->A                       | /       | Splicing                   | /                               | BRR                    | Celebi et al., 1999a   |
| E4                | c.244insT                      | 82      | S. ins                     | Stop at 91                      | Cowden                 | Kohno et al., 1998a    |
| I4                | I4+1G->T                       | /       | Splicing                   | /                               | Cowden                 | Nelen et al., 1997     |
| E5                | c.259C->T                      | 87      | Nonsense                   | Q87X                            | Cowden                 | Marsh et al., 1998a    |
| E5                | c.277C->T                      | 93      | Missense                   | H93Y                            | Cowden                 | Kohno et al., 1998a    |
| E5                | c.289C->T                      | 97      | Nonsense                   | Q97X                            | Cowden                 | Nelen et al., 1999     |
| E5                | c.302delTCAinsCC               | 101-102 | S.indel                    | Stop at 112                     | Cowden                 | Marsh et al., 1998a    |
| E5                | c.304insT                      | 102     | S. ins                     | Stop at 106                     | Cowden                 | Marsh et al., 1998a    |
| E5                | c.314->A                       | 105     | Missense                   | C105Y                           | BRR                    | Marsh et al., 1999     |
| E5                | c.325delG                      | 109     | S. del                     | Stop at 112                     | BRR                    | Marsh et al., 1999     |
| E5                | c.328C->T                      | 110     | Nonsense                   | Q110X                           | Cowden                 | Lynch et al., 1997     |
| E5                | c.328C->T                      | 110     | Nonsense                   | Q110X                           | Cowden                 | Marsh et al., 1998a    |
| E5                | c.328C->T                      | 110     | Nonsense                   | Q110X                           | BRR                    | Marsh et al., 1999     |
| E5                | c.335T->C                      | 112     | Missense                   | L112P                           | Cowden                 | Tsou et al., 1998      |
| E5                | c.335T->C                      | 112     | Missense                   | L112P                           | Cowden                 | Sutphen et al., 1999   |
| E5                | c.347del5                      | 116-117 | S. del                     | Stop at 123                     | Cowden                 | Marsh et al., 1998a    |
| E5                | c.368A->G                      | 123     | Missense                   | H123R                           | Cowden                 | Nelen et al., 1997     |
| E5                | c.370T->C                      | 124     | Missense                   | C124R                           | Cowden                 | Nelen et al., 1997     |
| E5                | c.370T->C                      | 124     | Missense                   | C124R                           | Cowden                 | Marsh et al., 1998a    |
| E5                | c.370T->C                      | 124     | Missense                   | C124R                           | Cowden                 | Marsh et al., 1998a    |
| E5                | c.386G->A                      | 129     | Missense                   | G129E                           | Cowden                 | Liaw et al., 1997      |
| E5                | c.386G->A                      | 129     | Missense                   | G129E                           | Cowden                 | Liaw et al., 1997      |
| E5                | c.388C->T                      | 130     | Nonsense                   | R130X                           | Cowden                 | Nelen et al., 1997     |
| E5                | c.388C->T                      | 130     | Nonsense                   | R130X                           | Cowden                 | Nelen et al., 1997     |
| E5                | c.388C->T                      | 130     | Nonsense                   | R130X                           | Cowden                 | Marsh et al., 1998a    |
| E5                | c.388C->T                      | 130     | Nonsense                   | R130X                           | Cowden                 | Marsh et al., 1998a    |
| E5                | c.388C->T                      | 130     | Nonsense                   | R130X                           | Cowden                 | Iida et al., 1998a     |
| E5                | c.388C->T                      | 130     | Nonsense                   | R130X                           | Cowden                 | Zori et al., 1998      |
| E5                | c.388C->T                      | 130     | Nonsense                   | R130X                           | Cowden/BRR             | Marsh et al., 1999     |
| E5                | c.388C->T                      | 130     | Nonsense                   | R130X                           | Cowden/BRR             | Marsh et al., 1999     |
| E5                | c.388C->T                      | 130     | Nonsense                   | R130X                           | BRR                    | Marsh et al., 1999     |
| E5                | c.389G->T                      | 130     | Missense                   | R130L                           | Cowden                 | Marsh et al., 1998a    |
| E5                | c.389G->A                      | 130     | Missense                   | R130Q                           | Cowden                 | Kurose et al., 1999    |
| E5                | c.403A->G                      | 135     | Missense                   | I135V                           | BRR                    | Marsh et al., 1999     |
| E5                | c.407G->A                      | 136     | Missense                   | C136Y                           | Cowden                 | Scala et al., 1998     |
| E5                | c.416T->G                      | 139     | Nonsense                   | L139X                           | Cowden                 | Raizis et al., 1998    |
| E5                | c.441insAdelGG                 | 147-148 | S. indel                   | Stop at 152                     | Cowden/BRR             | Marsh et al., 1999     |
| E5                | c.469G->T                      | 157     | Nonsense                   | E157X                           | Cowden                 | Liaw et al., 1997      |
| E5                | c.469G->T                      | 157     | Nonsense                   | E157X                           | Cowden                 | Nelen et al., 1997     |
| E6                | c.494G->T                      | 165     | Missense                   | G165V                           | Cowden                 | Marsh et al., 1998a    |
| E6                | c.494G->A                      | 165     | Missense                   | G165E                           | Cowden                 | Nelen et al., 1999     |
| E6                | c.510T->A                      | 170     | Missense                   | S170R                           | BRR                    | Marsh et al., 1997     |
| E6                | c.520del25                     | 174-182 | G. del                     | Stop at 174                     | BRR                    | Marsh et al., 1998a    |
| E6                | c.330delAT                     | 177     | S. del                     | Stop at 178                     | Cowden                 | Kohno et al., 1998a    |
| E6                | c.534delTAinsAT                | 178     | S. indel                   | Y178X                           | BRR                    | Longy et al., 1998     |
| E6                | c.545insA                      | 183     | S. ins                     | Stop at 189                     | Cowden                 | Nelen et al., 1997     |
| E6                | c.565A->T                      | 189     | Nonsense                   | R189X                           | Cowden                 | Lynch et al., 1997     |
| E6                | c.565delA                      | 189     | S. del                     | Stop at 198                     | Cowden                 | Marsh et al., 1998a    |

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TABLE 1. (Continued)

| Exon <sup>a</sup> | Nucleotide change <sup>b</sup> | Codon   | Mutation type <sup>c</sup> | Predicted protein or RNA change | Phenotype <sup>d</sup> | Reference              |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|---------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| E6                | c.586delC                      | 196     | S. del                     | Stop at 198                     | Cowden/BRR             | Longy et al., 1998     |
| I6                | I6+2T->G                       | /       | Splicing                   | /                               | JPS                    | Olschwang et al., 1998 |
| I6                | I6+5G->T                       | /       | Splicing                   | /                               | BRR                    | Marsh et al., 1999     |
| I6                | I6-1G->C                       | /       | Splicing                   | /                               | Cowden/BRR             | Marsh et al., 1999     |
| E7                | c.640C->T                      | 214     | Nonsense                   | Q214X                           | BRR                    | Longy et al., 1998     |
| E7                | c.697C->T                      | 233     | Nonsense                   | R233X                           | Cowden                 | Liaw et al., 1997      |
| E7                | c.697C->T                      | 233     | Nonsense                   | R233X                           | Cowden                 | Lynch et al., 1997     |
| E7                | c.697C->T                      | 233     | Nonsense                   | R233X                           | BRR                    | Marsh et al., 1997     |
| E7                | c.697C->T                      | 233     | Nonsense                   | R233X                           | Cowden                 | Marsh et al., 1998a    |
| E7                | c.697C->T                      | 233     | Nonsense                   | R233X                           | BRR                    | Marsh et al., 1999     |
| E7                | c.723insTT                     | 241     | S. ins                     | Stop at 256                     | Cowden                 | Marsh et al., 1998a    |
| E7                | c.733C->T                      | 245     | Nonsense                   | Q245X                           | Cowden                 | Marsh et al., 1998a    |
| E7                | c.737C->T                      | 246     | Missense                   | P246L                           | BRR                    | Marsh et al., 1999     |
| E7                | c.766G->T                      | 256     | Nonsense                   | E256X                           | BRR                    | Longy et al., 1998     |
| E7                | c.783delGA                     | 261-262 | S. del                     | Stop at 296                     | Cowden                 | Nelen et al., 1997     |
| E7                | 791insAT                       | 264     | S. ins                     | Stop at 266                     | Cowden                 | Tsou et al., 1997      |
| E7                | c.798delA                      | 266     | S. del                     | Stop at 255                     | JPS                    | Olschwang et al., 1998 |
| E7                | c.800insA                      | 266     | S. ins                     | Stop at 297                     | Cowden                 | Marsh et al., 1998a    |
| I7                | I7+1G->T                       | /       | Splicing                   | /                               | Cowden                 | Nelen et al., 1999     |
| I7                | I7+2T->G                       | /       | Splicing                   | /                               | Cowden                 | Tsou et al., 1997      |
| I7                | I7-4insT                       | /       | Splicing                   | /                               | Cowden/BRR             | Marsh et al., 1999     |
| E8                | c.865A->G                      | 289     | Missense                   | K289E                           | Cowden                 | Chi et al., 1998       |
| E8                | c.866insCT                     | 289     | S. ins                     | Stop at 290                     | BRR                    | Marsh et al., 1999     |
| E8                | c.885insA                      | 295     | S. ins                     | Stop at 295                     | Cowden/BRR             | Celebi et al., 1999a   |
| E8                | c.915del13                     | 305     | s. del                     | /                               | Cowden                 | Tsou et al., 1997      |
| E8                | c.937delA                      | 313     | S. del                     | Stop at 316                     | Cowden                 | Nelen et al., 1999     |
| E8                | c.945T->G                      | 315     | Nonsense                   | Y315X                           | Cowden                 | Marsh et al., 1998a    |
| E8                | c.950delTACT                   | 317-318 | S. del                     | Stop at 319                     | BRR                    | Marsh et al., 1999     |
| E8                | c.954delACTT                   | 317-318 | S. del                     | Stop at 319                     | Cowden                 | Rhei et al., 1997      |
| E8                | c.959T->A                      | 320     | Nonsense                   | L320X                           | Cowden                 | Nelen et al., 1999     |
| E8                | c.971insAT                     | 324     | S. ins                     | Stop at 344                     | Cowden                 | Marsh et al., 1998a    |
| E8                | c.981delA                      | 327     | S. del                     | Stop at 343                     | Cowden                 | Marsh et al., 1998a    |
| E8                | c.987delTAAA                   | 329-330 | S. del                     | Stop at 342                     | BRR                    | Celebi et al., 1999a   |
| E8                | c.987delTAAA                   | 329-330 | S. del                     | Stop at 342                     | Cowden/BRR             | Marsh et al., 1999     |
| E8                | c.1003C->T                     | 335     | Nonsense                   | R335X                           | Cowden                 | Lynch et al., 1997     |
| E8                | c.1003C->T                     | 335     | Nonsense                   | R335X                           | Cowden                 | Lynch et al., 1997     |
| E8                | c.1003C->T                     | 335     | Nonsense                   | R335X                           | Cowden                 | Marsh et al., 1998a    |
| E8                | c.1003C->T                     | 335     | Nonsense                   | R335X                           | BRR                    | Celebi et al., 1999a   |
| E8                | c.1003C->T                     | 335     | Nonsense                   | R335X                           | Cowden/BRR             | Celebi et al., 1999b   |
| E8                | c.1003C->T                     | 335     | Nonsense                   | R335X                           | Cowden/BRR             | Marsh et al., 1999     |
| E8                | c.1007insA                     | 336     | S. ins                     | Stop at 336                     | Cowden                 | Marsh et al., 1998a    |
| E8                | c.1028T->A                     | 343     | Nonsense                   | V343E                           | Cowden                 | Lynch et al., 1997     |
| I8                | I8G->A                         | /       | Splicing                   | /                               | BRR                    | Marsh et al., 1999     |
| E1-E9             | 46XY,del10q23.2-q24.1          | /       | G. del                     | /                               | BRR                    | Arch et al., 1997      |
| E1-E9             | 46XY,del10q23.2-q23.33         | /       | G. del                     | /                               | Cowden                 | Tsuchiya et al., 1998  |

<sup>a</sup>E, exon; I, intron.<sup>b</sup>Mutations are designated according to the nomenclature of Beaudet and Tsui (1993) and Antonarakis et al., (1998). Numbering is according to the coding DNA starting at the A in the start codon.<sup>c</sup>S. ins, small insertion; S. del, small deletion; G. del, gross deletion; S. indel, small insertion-deletion.<sup>d</sup>BRR, Bannayan-Riley-Ruvalcaba syndrome; Cowden/BRR, patients affected either with Cowden disease or Bannayan-Riley-Ruvalcaba; JPS, juvenile polyposis syndrome.

35 mutations found in exon 5 directly affect the core motif which encompasses codons 123 to 131. Genotype–phenotype correlation analyses reveal that mutations in exon 5, including those affecting the core motif, significantly result more often in CD phenotype than in BRR ( $p=0.06$ ). The majority of the germline mutations occurring in PTEN ( $n=85$ , 76%) result either in truncation, in abnormal RNA

splicing, or in gross deletion of the gene, thus predicting inactivation of the protein and supporting haplo-insufficiency as an explanation of the clinical features of both CD and BRR.

Table 1 shows that 11 germline mutations occurred recurrently in PTEN. Eight of these recurrent mutations have been described only two or three times. Three mutations however, namely

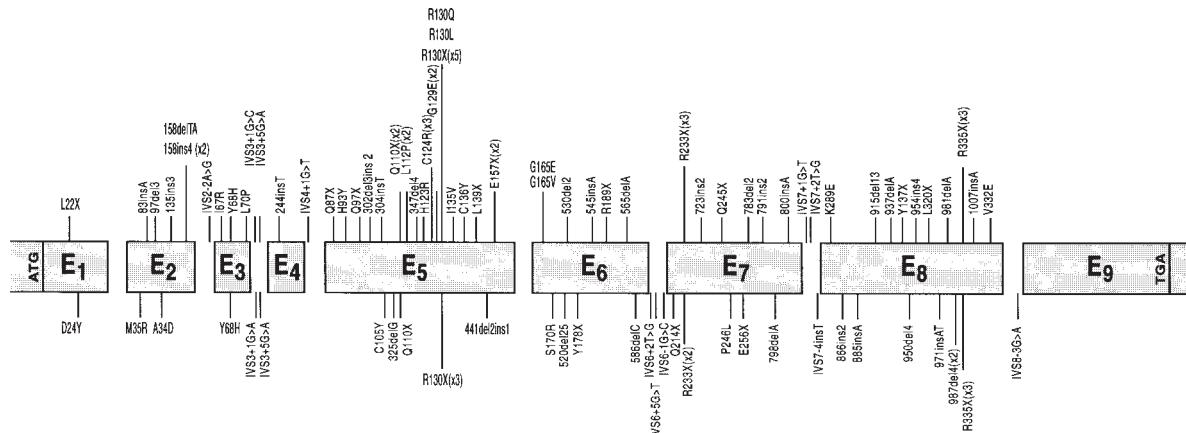


FIGURE 1. Localization of germline PTEN mutations. Above: mutations observed in Cowden disease, below: mutations observed in Bannayan-Riley-Ruvalcaba-syndrome or in patients affected either with Cowden disease or Bannayan-Riley-Ruvalcaba syndrome within the same family. See Table 1 for references.

R130X, R233X, and R335X, have been found in seven, five, and six unrelated affected individuals, respectively. Interestingly, all these mutations occurred in CpG dinucleotides. Including the non-recurrent mutation R130L, a proportion of 17.1% ( $n=19$ ) of all germline mutations have occurred in codons 130, 233, and 235, which can therefore be regarded as mutational hot spots. Although the methylation status of the PTEN CpGs is currently unknown, these mutations, corresponding to a C→T/G→A transition at dinucleotides CpG, are consistent with deamination-induced endogenous mutations.

## PTEN SOMATIC MUTATIONS

A review of the literature (considering only the mutations found in tumoral specimens and not those found in cell lines or xenografts) provides 332 PTEN somatic point mutations occurring in various types of primary tumors or metastasis (Tables 2 and 3). These mutations have been found predominantly in endometrial carcinomas ( $n=118$ ) and glioblastomas ( $n=110$ ), or in histologically related tumors such as endometrial hyperplasia or anaplastic astrocytomas. Mutations of PTEN also have been detected, to a lesser extent, in other types of malignant tumors such as malignant lymphomas, prostate, breast, and thyroid carcinomas, or malignant melanomas.

The majority (70 %) of the somatic PTEN mutations are nonsense, frameshift, or splicing mutations resulting in a truncation of the protein. In addition, about half of the 100 missense mutations have been found in exon 5 coding for the phosphatase core motif, and are likely to alter the phosphatase activity of the protein. In 130 out of the

145 cases of informative tumors, bi-allelic inactivation of PTEN has been evidenced with both point mutations in one allele and deletions of the other allele resulting in loss of heterozygosity (LOH). This high rate of bi-allelic inactivation of PTEN is, however, misleading because the search of a point mutation in PTEN has often been undertaken in tumors after a LOH was first evidenced. Finally, 21 analysed tumors revealed two distinct somatic mutations of PTEN; it is unclear, however, if the mutations were affecting only one or both alleles in these cases.

Similarly to germline mutations, a great number (22.9%) of somatic mutations occur in exon 5, and the same mutational hot spots are found at arginines 130, 233, and 335. Interestingly, however, there is a significant difference between the location of the mutations involved in glioblastomas and those involved in endometrial carcinomas. In glioblastomas, a high proportion of mutations are found in exon 6 (27.3%), whereas few mutations are found in exons 7 and 8 (8.2% and 12.7%, respectively). By contrast, in endometrial carcinomas, few mutations are found in exon 6 (5.9%), whereas a high proportion of mutations occur in exons 7 and 8 (19.9% and 29.4%, respectively). This discrepancy may be explained by the types of mutation which are specifically and recurrently evidenced in exons 7 and 8 in endometrial carcinomas. These mutations are either an insertion/deletion of a single nucleotide within a poly A/T sequence (795delA, 962insA, and 963delA), or a four base pair deletion in a duplicated motif (deletion of 4 bases in codons 950 to 956). This type of mutation must be related to the high frequency of microsatellite instability (MIN) observed in endometrial carcinoma.

TABLE 2. Somatic Mutations of PTEN

| Exon | Nucleotide change <sup>a</sup> | Mutation type <sup>b</sup> | Predicted protein or RNA change | Tumor type <sup>c</sup> | 2nd hit <sup>d</sup> | Reference               |
|------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| E1   | c.3del11                       | Frameshift                 | M1del                           | N.H.M.L.                | ?                    | Nakahara et al., 1998   |
| E1   | c.28del3                       | In-f. del                  | S10del                          | G.C.G.                  | ?                    | Peraud et al., 1999     |
| E1   | c.29G->A                       | Missense                   | S10N                            | N.H.M.L.                | ?                    | Grønbæk et al., 1998    |
| E1   | c.36insA                       | Frameshift                 | Stop at 43                      | E.C.                    | No LOH               | Kurose et al., 1998     |
| E1   | c.37A->G                       | Missense                   | L13E                            | Glb.                    | ?                    | Duerr et al., 1998      |
| E1   | c.37delA                       | Frameshift                 | Stop at 23                      | E.C.                    | ?                    | Risinger et al., 1997   |
| E1   | c.45A->C                       | Missense                   | R15S                            | Glb.                    | LOH                  | Steck et al., 1997      |
| E1   | c.45insGA                      | Frameshift                 | Stop at 24                      | Glb.                    | LOH                  | Li J et al., 1997       |
| E1   | c.46insA                       | Nonsense                   | Y16X                            | Glb.                    | LOH                  | Fults et al., 1998      |
| E1   | c.47A->G                       | Missense                   | Y16C                            | N.H.M.L.                | ?                    | Sakai et al., 1998      |
| E1   | c.49C->T                       | Nonsense                   | Q17X                            | E.C.                    | LOH                  | Simpkins et al., 1998   |
| E1   | c.49C->T                       | Nonsense                   | Q17X                            | N.H.M.L.                | ?                    | Dahia et al., 1999      |
| E1   | c.54delGGAT                    | Frameshift                 | Stop at 23                      | E.C.                    | Dble mut             | Risinger et al., 1998   |
| E1   | c.59G->A                       | Missense                   | G20E                            | E.C.                    | LOH                  | Lin et al., 1998        |
| E1   | c.69A->C                       | Missense                   | L23F                            | Glb.                    | LOH                  | Liu et al., 1997        |
| E1   | c.69del6                       | In-f. del                  | D24,L25del                      | Glb.                    | LOH                  | Zhou et al., 1999       |
| E1   | c.69insA                       | Frameshift                 | Stop at 43                      | Glb.                    | LOH                  | Liu et al., 1997        |
| E1   | c.70G->A                       | Missense                   | D24N                            | E.C.                    | LOH                  | Tashiro et al., 1997    |
| E1   | c.70insC                       | Frameshift                 | Stop at 43                      | E.C.                    | LOH                  | Simpkins et al., 1998   |
| E2   | c.80A->C                       | Ms. lik. spl.              | Y27S                            | Glb.                    | LOH                  | Davies et al., 1999     |
| E2   | c.80delAT                      | Frameshift                 | Stop at 42                      | E.C.                    | ?                    | Risinger et al., 1997   |
| E2   | c.89delC                       | Frameshift                 | Stop at 53                      | E.C.                    | ?                    | Risinger et al., 1998   |
| E2   | c.94delATT                     | In-f. del                  | I32del                          | E.C.                    | Dble mut             | Kong et al., 1997       |
| E2   | c.95delT                       | Frameshift                 | Stop at 53                      | E.C.                    | MIN                  | Kong et al., 1997       |
| E2   | c.96delT                       | Frameshift                 | Stop at 53                      | E.C.                    | ?                    | Risinger et al., 1998   |
| E2   | c.97del3                       | In-f. del                  | I33del                          | E.C.                    | LOH                  | Kurose et al., 1998     |
| E2   | c.97delA                       | Frameshift                 | Stop at 53                      | E.C.                    | No LOH               | Lin et al., 1998        |
| E2   | c.97delATTG                    | Frameshift                 | Stop at 53                      | E.C.                    | ?                    | Risinger et al., 1998   |
| E2   | c.98T->G                       | Missense                   | I33S                            | E.C.                    | No LOH               | Kong et al., 1997       |
| E2   | c.104T->G                      | Missense                   | M35R                            | Glb.                    | LOH                  | Fults et al., 1998      |
| E2   | c.107delG                      | Frameshift                 | Stop at 53                      | P.C.                    | No LOH               | Gray et al., 1998       |
| E2   | c.112delCCinsTT                | Missense                   | P38F                            | M.M.                    | LOH                  | Teng et al., 1997       |
| E2   | c.118G->T                      | Nonsense                   | E40X                            | E.C.                    | ?                    | Risinger et al., 1997   |
| E2   | c.125T->C                      | Missense                   | L42P                            | Glb.                    | LOH                  | Davies et al., 1999     |
| E2   | c.127delG                      | Frameshift                 | Stop at 53                      | Glb.                    | LOH                  | Fults et al., 1998      |
| E2   | c.131del6ins8                  | Frameshift                 | Stop at 54                      | P.C.                    | LOH                  | Gray et al., 1998       |
| E2   | c.131G->A                      | Missense                   | G44D                            | Odg.                    | ?                    | Duerr et al., 1998      |
| I2   | IVS2-2A->C                     | Splicing                   |                                 | Glb.                    | LOH                  | Chiariello et al., 1998 |
| I2   | IVS2-1G->T                     | Splicing                   |                                 | E.C.                    | LOH                  | Simpkins et al., 1998   |
| I2   | IVS2-1G->T                     | Splicing                   |                                 | P.G.                    | LOH                  | Teng et al., 1997       |
| E3   | c.170T->G                      | Missense                   | L57W                            | Glb.                    | LOH                  | Steck et al., 1997      |
| E3   | c.171G->T                      | Missense                   | D58Y                            | Glb.                    | LOH                  | Chiariello et al., 1998 |
| E3   | c.171ins38                     | Frameshift                 | Stop at 98                      | E.C.                    | Dble mut             | Tashiro et al., 1997    |
| E3   | c.175T->C                      | Missense                   | S59P                            | B.C.                    | ?                    | Ueda et al., 1998       |
| E3   | c.176C->A                      | Nonsense                   | S59X                            | E.C.                    | LOH                  | Tashiro et al., 1997    |
| E3   | c.180ins25                     | Frameshift                 | Stop at 70                      | B.C.                    | LOH                  | Steck et al., 1997      |
| E3   | c.182A->G                      | Missense                   | H61R                            | Glb.                    | LOH                  | Fults et al., 1998      |
| E3   | c.182A->G                      | Missense                   | H61R                            | Glb.                    | LOH                  | Zhou et al., 1999       |
| E3   | c.184delA                      | Frameshift                 | Stop at 98                      | E.C.                    | Dble mut             | Risinger et al., 1997   |
| E3   | c.184delA                      | Frameshift                 | Stop at 98                      | E.C.                    | Dble mut             | Tashiro et al., 1997    |
| E3   | c.195C->A                      | Nonsense                   | Y65X                            | Glb.                    | LOH                  | Zhou et al., 1999       |
| E3   | c.197ins14                     | Frameshift                 | Stop at 103                     | G.C.G.                  | ?                    | Duerr et al., 1998      |
| E3   | c.202delTA                     | Frameshift                 | Stop at 72                      | E.C.                    | LOH                  | Lin et al., 1998        |
| E3   | c.202insTAT                    | Frameshift                 | Stop at 74                      | E.C.                    | ?                    | Risinger et al., 1997   |
| E3   | c.202T->C                      | Missense                   | Y68H                            | A.E.H.                  | ?                    | Levine et al., 1998     |
| E3   | c.202T->C                      | Missense                   | Y68H                            | Glb.                    | LOH                  | Chiariello et al., 1998 |
| E3   | c.211delTG                     | Frameshift                 | Stop at 72                      | M.O.C.                  | Dble mut             | Obata et al., 1998      |
| I3   | IVS3?del4                      | Splicing                   |                                 | E.C.                    | Dble mut             | Kong et al., 1997       |
| I3   | IVS3?del4                      | Splicing                   |                                 | P.C.                    | LOH                  | Cairns et al., 1997     |
| I3   | IVS3?insT                      | Splicing                   |                                 | Glb.                    | LOH                  | Liu et al., 1997        |
| I3   | IVS3+1del20                    | Splicing                   |                                 | Glb.                    | ?                    | Duerr et al., 1998      |
| I3   | IVS3+4delAGTA                  | Splicing                   |                                 | Glb.                    | ?                    | Duerr et al., 1998      |
| I3   | IVS3+5G->A                     | Splicing                   |                                 | Glb.                    | LOH                  | Davies et al., 1999     |
| I3   | IVS3+5G->T                     | Splicing                   |                                 | Glb.                    | ?                    | Duerr et al., 1998      |
| I3   | IVS3-7delCTTT                  | Splicing                   |                                 | N.H.M.L.                | No LOH               | Butler et al., 1999     |

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| I3   | IVS3-1G->T                     | Splicing                   |                                 | Glb.                    | ?                    | Duerr et al., 1998    |
| E4   | c.218delAA                     | Frameshift                 | Stop at 76                      | E.C.                    | MIN                  | Tashiro et al., 1997  |
| E4   | c.223insA                      | Frameshift                 | Stop at 77                      | E.C.                    | MIN                  | Tashiro et al., 1997  |
| E4   | c.226delTAT                    | In-f. del                  | Y76del                          | A.A.                    | LOH                  | Davies et al., 1999   |
| E4   | c.227delAT                     | Nonsense                   | Y76X                            | E.C.                    | LOH                  | Simpkins et al., 1998 |
| E4   | c.235G->A                      | Missense                   | A79T                            | Odg.                    | ?                    | Duerr et al., 1998    |
| E4   | c.238A->G                      | Missense                   | K80E                            | Glb.                    | LOH                  | Zhou et al., 1999     |
| E4   | c.240A->T                      | Missense                   | K80N                            | Glb.                    | LOH                  | Rasheed et al., 1997  |
| I4   | IVS4+1G->A                     | Splicing                   |                                 | E.C.                    | MIN                  | Kong et al., 1997     |
| I4   | IVS4+1G->A                     | Splicing                   |                                 | E.C.                    | MIN                  | Kong et al., 1997     |
| I4   | IVS4+1G->A                     | Splicing                   |                                 | Glb.                    | LOH                  | Fults et al., 1998    |
| I4   | IVS4+5del6                     | Splicing                   |                                 | Glb.                    | ?                    | Boström et al., 1998  |
| I4   | IVS4+5G->T                     | Splicing                   |                                 | Glb.                    | ?                    | Boström et al., 1998  |
| I4   | IVS4-3C->A                     | Splicing                   |                                 | Glb.                    | LOH                  | Zhou et al., 1999     |
| I4   | IVS4-2insA                     | Splicing                   |                                 | Glb.                    | ?                    | Thoma et al., 1998    |
| E5   | c.267delT                      | Frameshift                 | Stop at 86                      | E.C.                    | Dble mut             | Tashiro et al., 1997  |
| E5   | c.269T->C                      | Missense                   | F90S                            | E.C.                    | Dble mut             | Tashiro et al., 1997  |
| E5   | c.271G->C                      | Missense                   | E91Q                            | PC.(met)                | No LOH               | Suzuki et al., 1998   |
| E5   | c.275A->G                      | Missense                   | D92G                            | E.C.                    | LOH                  | Kurose et al., 1998   |
| E5   | c.277C->G                      | Missense                   | H93D                            | E.C.                    | MIN                  | Tashiro et al., 1997  |
| E5   | c.277C->T                      | Missense                   | H93Y                            | E.C.                    | MIN                  | Kong et al., 1997     |
| E5   | c.277C->T                      | Missense                   | H93Y                            | E.C.                    | MIN                  | Kurose et al., 1998   |
| E5   | c.279T->G                      | Missense                   | H93Q                            | Glb.                    | LOH                  | Liu et al., 1997      |
| E5   | c.284C->T                      | Missense                   | P95L                            | A.E.H.                  | MIN                  | Levine et al., 1998   |
| E5   | c.284C->T                      | Missense                   | P95L                            | E.C.                    | MIN                  | Tashiro et al., 1997  |
| E5   | c.287C->t                      | Missense                   | P96L                            | Glb.                    | LOH                  | Rasheed et al., 1997  |
| E5   | c.296insTA                     | Frameshift                 | Stop at 112                     | E.C.                    | ?                    | Risinger et al., 1998 |
| E5   | c.302T->C                      | Missense                   | I101T                           | Glb.                    | LOH                  | Liu et al., 1997      |
| E5   | c.309insT                      | Frameshift                 | Stop at 106                     | E.C.                    | ?                    | Risinger et al., 1997 |
| E5   | c.319G->T                      | Missense                   | D107Y                           | E.C.                    | ?                    | Risinger et al., 1998 |
| E5   | c.348delC                      | Frameshift                 | Stop at 133                     | Glb.                    | ?                    | Tohma et al., 1998    |
| E5   | c.356T->A                      | Missense                   | V119D                           | E.C.                    | Dble mut             | Risinger et al., 1998 |
| E5   | c.360del75                     | In-f. del                  |                                 | E.C.                    | MIN                  | Rashiro et al., 1997  |
| E5   | c.361G->C                      | Missense                   | A121P                           | Glb.                    | ?                    | Duerr et al., 1998    |
| E5   | c.364del1                      | Frameshift                 | Stop at 133                     | G.C.G.                  | ?                    | Peraud et al., 1999   |
| E5   | c.364del5                      | Frameshift                 | Stop at 123                     | Glb.                    | ?                    | Liu et al., 1997      |
| E5   | c.367C->T                      | Missense                   | H123Y                           | E.C.                    | MIN                  | Tashiro et al., 1997  |
| E5   | c.370delT                      | Frameshift                 | Stop at 133                     | Glb.                    | ?                    | Liu et al., 1997      |
| E5   | c.370T->A                      | Missense                   | C124S                           | E.C.                    | ?                    | Kurose et al., 1998   |
| E5   | c.376G->A                      | Missense                   | A126T                           | Glb.                    | LOH                  | Liu et al., 1997      |
| E5   | c.376G->C                      | Missense                   | A126P                           | A.A.                    | LOH                  | Rasheed et al., 1997  |
| E5   | c.377C->T                      | Missense                   | A126L                           | E.O.C.                  | LOH                  | Obata et al., 1998    |
| E5   | c.380G->A                      | Missense                   | G127E                           | M.M.(met)               | ?                    | Guldberg et al., 1997 |
| E5   | c.382del14                     | Frameshift                 | Stop at 159                     | A.E.H.                  | ?                    | Maxwell et al., 1998  |
| E5   | c.384G->A                      | Missense                   | G132s                           | Glb.                    | ?                    | Rasheed et al., 1997  |
| E5   | c.385G->A                      | Missense                   | G129R                           | Glb.                    | LOH                  | Li J et al., 1997     |
| E5   | c.386G->A                      | Missense                   | G129E                           | E.C.                    | ?                    | Risinger et al., 1997 |
| E5   | c.387delA                      | Frameshift                 | Stop at 133                     | E.C.                    | ?                    | Risinger et al., 1997 |
| E5   | c.388C->G                      | Missense                   | R130G                           | E.O.C.                  | LOH                  | Obata et al., 1998    |
| E5   | c.388C->G                      | Missense                   | R130G                           | E.O.C.                  | LOH                  | Obata et al., 1998    |
| E5   | c.388C->G                      | Missense                   | R130G                           | E.C.                    | ?                    | Risinger et al., 1997 |
| E5   | c.388C->G                      | Missense                   | R130G                           | E.C.                    | Dble mut             | Tashiro et al., 1997  |
| E5   | c.388C->G                      | Missense                   | R130G                           | E.C.                    | MIN                  | Kong et al., 1997     |
| E5   | c.388C->T                      | Nonsense                   | R130X                           | A.A.                    | ?                    | Tohma et al., 1998    |
| E5   | c.388C->T                      | Nonsense                   | R130X                           | A.A.                    | LOH                  | Rasheed et al., 1997  |
| E5   | c.388C->T                      | Nonsense                   | R130X                           | E.O.C.                  | LOH                  | Obata et al., 1998    |
| E5   | c.388C->T                      | Nonsense                   | R130X                           | E.C.                    | ?                    | Risinger et al., 1998 |
| E5   | c.388C->T                      | Nonsense                   | R130X                           | E.C.                    | MIN                  | Kong et al., 1997     |
| E5   | c.388C->T                      | Nonsense                   | R130X                           | E.H.                    | Dble mut             | Maxwell et al., 1998  |
| E5   | c.388C->T                      | Nonsense                   | R130X                           | Glb.                    | LOH                  | Steck et al., 1997    |
| E5   | c.388C->T                      | Nonsense                   | R130X                           | Mdb.                    | ?                    | Rasheed et al., 1997  |
| E5   | c.388C->T                      | Nonsense                   | R130X                           | M.O.C.                  | Dble mut             | Obata et al., 1998    |
| E5   | c.388C->T                      | Nonsense                   | R130X                           | PG.                     | LOH                  | Teng et al., 1997     |
| E5   | c.388C->T                      | Nonsense                   | R130X                           | PC.                     | LOH                  | Suzuki et al., 1998   |
| E5   | c.389del7                      | Frameshift                 | Stop at 131                     | A.E.H.                  | ?                    | Maxwell et al., 1998  |

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| E5   | c.389del9                      | In-f. del                  |                                 | E.C.                    | ?                    | Risinger et al., 1998   |
| E5   | c.389G->A                      | Missense                   | R130Q                           | A.A.                    | LOH                  | Rasheed et al., 1997    |
| E5   | c.389G->A                      | Missense                   | R130Q                           | E.C.                    | LOH                  | Simpkins et al., 1998   |
| E5   | c.389G->A                      | Missense                   | R130Q                           | E.C.                    | LOH                  | Simpkins et al., 1998   |
| E5   | c.389G->T                      | Missense                   | R130Q                           | A.E.H.                  | ?                    | Levine et al., 1998     |
| E5   | c.389G->T                      | Missense                   | R130L                           | A.E.H.                  | ?                    | Maxwell et al., 1998    |
| E5   | c.389G->T                      | Missense                   | R130L                           | E.C.                    | ?                    | Risinger et al., 1998   |
| E5   | c.392C->T                      | Missense                   | T131N                           | A.A.                    | LOH                  | Davies et al., 1999     |
| E5   | c.395G->T                      | Missense                   | G132V                           | Glb.                    | LOH                  | Zhou et al., 1999       |
| E5   | c.397G->A                      | Missense                   | V133I                           | E.C.                    | LOH                  | Kurose et al., 1998     |
| E5   | c.397G->A                      | Missense                   | V133I                           | E.C.                    | LOH                  | Kurose et al., 1998     |
| E5   | c404delT                       | Frameshift                 | Stop at 146                     | Glb.                    | ?                    | Boström et al., 1998    |
| E5   | c.404insA                      | Frameshift                 | Stop at 179                     | Glb.                    | LOH                  | Wang et al., 1997       |
| E5   | c.404T->A                      | Missense                   | I135K                           | Glb.                    | ?                    | Liu et al., 1997        |
| E5   | c.405insA                      | Frameshift                 | Stop at 179                     | E.C.                    | Dble mut             | Kong et al., 1997       |
| E5   | c.406T->C                      | Missense                   | C136R                           | Glb.                    | ?                    | Duerr et al., 1998      |
| E5   | c.407G->T                      | Missense                   | C136F                           | Glb.                    | LOH                  | Zhou et al., 1999       |
| E5   | c.415delTT                     | Frameshift                 | Stop at 178                     | E.H.                    | ?                    | Maxwell et al., 1998    |
| E5   | c.416T->G                      | Nonsense                   | L139X                           | E.H.                    | ?                    | Maxwell et al., 1998    |
| E5   | c.416T->G                      | Nonsense                   | L139X                           | M.M.(met)               | ?                    | Guldberg et al., 1997   |
| E5   | c.424C->T                      | Missense                   | R142W                           | G.C.G.                  | Dble mut             | Peraud et al., 1999     |
| E5   | c.454C->G                      | Missense                   | L152V                           | Glb.                    | LOH                  | Fults et al., 1998      |
| E5   | c.463T->C                      | Missense                   | Y155H                           | Glb.                    | ?                    | Duerr et al., 1998      |
| E5   | c.473insT                      | Frameshift                 | Stop at 179                     | P.C.                    | LOH                  | Gray et al., 1998       |
| E5   | c.486insA                      | Frameshift                 | Stop at 166                     | E.C.                    | Dble mut             | Tashiro et al., 1997    |
| I5   | IVS5+2delT                     | Splicing                   |                                 | E.C.                    | LOH                  | Simpkins et al., 1998   |
| I5   | IVS5-2A->G                     | Splicing                   |                                 | Glb.                    | LOH                  | Liu et al., 1997        |
| E6   | c.493G->A                      | ms. lik. spl.              | G165R                           | Glb.                    | ?                    | Tohma et al., 1998      |
| E6   | c.493G->A                      | ms. lik. spl.              | G165R                           | Glb.                    | LOH                  | Chiariello et al., 1998 |
| E6   | c.506C->A                      | Missense                   | P169H                           | Glb.                    | ?                    | Tohma et al., 1998      |
| E6   | c.509G->A                      | Missense                   | S170N                           | E.C.                    | ?                    | Kurose et al., 1998     |
| E6   | c.509G->A                      | Missense                   | S170N                           | G.C.G.                  | ?                    | Peraud et al., 1999     |
| E6   | c.509G->A                      | Missense                   | S170N                           | Glb.                    | LOH                  | Zhou et al., 1999       |
| E6   | c.509G->T                      | Missense                   | S170I                           | Glb.                    | LOH                  | Liu et al., 1997        |
| E6   | c.509G->T                      | Missense                   | S170I                           | Glb.                    | LOH                  | Chiariello et al., 1998 |
| E6   | c.511C->T                      | Nonsense                   | Q171X                           | Glb.                    | LOH                  | Davies et al., 1999     |
| E6   | c.511C->T                      | Nonsense                   | Q171X                           | Glb.                    | LOH                  | Rasheed et al., 1997    |
| E6   | c.512A->C                      | Missense                   | Q171P                           | Glb.                    | LOH                  | Liu et al., 1997        |
| E6   | c.513G->C                      | Missense                   | Q171H                           | Glb.                    | ?                    | Duerr et al., 1998      |
| E6   | c.514del19                     | Frameshift                 | Stop at 176                     | R.C.C.                  | LOH                  | Steck et al., 1997      |
| E6   | c.517C->T                      | Missense                   | R173C                           | A.E.H.                  | ?                    | Maxwell et al., 1998    |
| E6   | c.517C->T                      | Missense                   | R173C                           | E.C.                    | ?                    | Risinger et al., 1998   |
| E6   | c.517C->T                      | Missense                   | R173C                           | E.C.                    | LOH                  | Simpkins et al., 1998   |
| E6   | c.517C->T                      | Missense                   | R173C                           | Glb.                    | ?                    | Duerr et al., 1998      |
| E6   | c.517C->T                      | Missense                   | R173C                           | Glb.                    | LOH                  | Boström et al., 1998    |
| E6   | c.517C->T                      | Missense                   | R173C                           | Glb.                    | LOH                  | Fults et al., 1998      |
| E6   | c.517C->T                      | Missense                   | R173C                           | Glb.                    | LOH                  | Rasheed et al., 1997    |
| E6   | c.517C->T                      | Missense                   | R173C                           | Glb.                    | LOH                  | Rasheed et al., 1997    |
| E6   | c.517delC                      | Frameshift                 | Stop at 182                     | Glb.                    | LOH                  | Liu et al., 1997        |
| E6   | c.518G->A                      | Missense                   | R173H                           | A.A.                    | LOH                  | Davies et al., 1999     |
| E6   | c.518G->A                      | Missense                   | R173H                           | G.C.G.                  | Dble mut             | Peraud et al., 1999     |
| E6   | c.518G->A                      | Missense                   | R173H                           | Glb.                    | ?                    | Tohma et al., 1998      |
| E6   | c.518G->A                      | Missense                   | R173H                           | Glb.                    | ?                    | Duerr et al., 1998      |
| E6   | c.520T->A                      | Missense                   | Y174N                           | P.C.                    | LOH                  | Feilotter et al., 1998  |
| E6   | c.526delTAT                    | In-f. del                  | Y176del                         | Glb.                    | ?                    | Duerr et al., 1998      |
| E6   | c.527T->G                      | Nonsense                   | Y176X                           | E.C.                    | Dble mut             | Tashiro et al., 1997    |
| E6   | c.530delATTAT                  | Frameshift                 | Stop at 178                     | E.C.                    | Dble mut             | Risinger et al., 1998   |
| E6   | c.545insA                      | Frameshift                 | Stop at 189                     | E.C.                    | MIN                  | Gurin et al., 1999      |
| E6   | c.546del4                      | Frameshift                 | Stop at 199                     | Glb.                    | ?                    | Tohma et al., 1998      |
| E6   | c.557delT                      | Frameshift                 | Stop at 198                     | Glb.                    | ?                    | Duerr et al., 1998      |
| E6   | c.564T->A                      | Nonsense                   | Y188X                           | P.C.                    | LOH                  | Cairns et al., 1997     |
| E6   | c.572T->C                      | Missense                   | V191A                           | E.H.                    | ?                    | Maxwell et al., 1998    |
| E6   | c.573del11                     | Frameshift                 | Stop at 197                     | Glb.                    | ?                    | Boström et al., 1998    |
| E6   | c.577del3                      | In-f. del                  | L193del                         | Glb.                    | LOH                  | Rasheed et al., 1997    |
| E6   | c.594delATG                    | In-f. del                  | M199del                         | Glb.                    | ?                    | Boström et al., 1998    |

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| Exon | Nucleotide change <sup>a</sup> | Mutation type <sup>b</sup> | Predicted protein or RNA change | Tumor type <sup>c</sup> | 2nd hit <sup>d</sup> | Reference             |
|------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| E6   | c.597G->A                      | Frameshift                 | Stop at 220                     | Glb.                    | ?                    | Tohma et al., 1998    |
| E6   | c.602delA                      | Frameshift                 | Stop at 217                     | Glb.                    | LOH                  | Steck et al., 1997    |
| E6   | c.610C->T                      | Missense                   | P204S                           | Glb.                    | LOH                  | Zhou et al., 1999     |
| I6   | IVS6+1G->T                     | Splicing                   |                                 | E.C.                    | LOH                  | Simpkins et al., 1998 |
| I6   | IVS6+2delT,insA                | Splicing                   |                                 | Glb.                    | ?                    | Tohma et al., 1998    |
| I6   | IVS6+4A->G                     | Splicing                   |                                 | Glb.                    | LOH                  | Fults et al., 1998    |
| I6   | IVS6-1G->T                     | Splicing                   |                                 | E.C.                    | MIN                  | Gurin et al., 1999    |
| E7   | c.640C->T                      | Nonsense                   | Q214X                           | E.C.                    | ?                    | Risinger et al., 1997 |
| E7   | c.640C->T                      | Nonsense                   | Q214X                           | E.C.                    | ?                    | Risinger et al., 1998 |
| E7   | c.640C->T                      | Nonsense                   | Q214X                           | E.C.                    | LOH                  | Kong et al., 1997     |
| E7   | c.640C->T                      | Nonsense                   | Q214X                           | E.C.                    | MIN                  | Gurin et al., 1999    |
| E7   | c.640C->T                      | Nonsense                   | Q214X                           | Glb.                    | LOH                  | Rasheed et al., 1997  |
| E7   | c.646G->A                      | Missense                   | V216M                           | E.C.                    | LOH                  | Lin et al., 1998      |
| E7   | c.654C->A                      | Nonsense                   | C218X                           | E.C.                    | Dble mut             | Kong et al., 1997     |
| E7   | c.655C->T                      | Nonsense                   | Q219X                           | Glb.                    | ?                    | Duerr et al., 1998    |
| E7   | c.655C->T                      | Nonsense                   | Q219X                           | PA.                     | ?                    | Duerr et al., 1998    |
| E7   | c.670insA                      | Frameshift                 | Stop at 242                     | PC.(met                 | LOH                  | Suzuki et al., 1998   |
| E7   | c.670insA                      | Frameshift                 | Stop at 242                     | PC.(met)                | MIN                  | Suzuki et al., 1998   |
| E7   | c.675insTA                     | Frameshift                 | Stop at 256                     | M.M.(met)               | ?                    | Guldborg et al., 1997 |
| E7   | c.686C->G                      | Nonsense                   | S229X                           | Glb.                    | LOH                  | Fults et al., 1998    |
| E7   | c.697C->T                      | Nonsense                   | R233X                           | E.O.C.                  | LOH                  | Obata et al., 1998    |
| E7   | c.697C->T                      | Nonsense                   | R233X                           | E.C.                    | Dble mut             | Kong et al., 1997     |
| E7   | c.697C->T                      | Nonsense                   | R233X                           | E.C.                    | Dble mut             | Tashiro et al., 1997  |
| E7   | c.697C->T                      | Nonsense                   | R233X                           | E.C.                    | Dble mut             | Tashiro et al., 1997  |
| E7   | c.697C->T                      | Nonsense                   | R233X                           | Glb.                    | ?                    | Duerr et al., 1998    |
| E7   | c.697C->T                      | Nonsense                   | R233X                           | Glb.                    | LOH                  | Zhou et al., 1999     |
| E7   | c.697C->T                      | Nonsense                   | R233X                           | Gls.                    | ?                    | Duerr et al., 1998    |
| E7   | c.703G->T                      | Missense                   | E235X                           | E.C.                    | LOH                  | Simpkins et al., 1998 |
| E7   | c.703G->T                      | Nonsense                   | E235X                           | N.S.C.L.C.              | ?                    | Kohno et al., 1998b   |
| E7   | c.703ins20                     | Frameshift                 | Stop at 260                     | T.C.L.                  | ?                    | Dahia et al., 1999    |
| E7   | c.704delA                      | Frameshift                 | Stop at 255                     | B.C.                    | LOH                  | Teng et al., 1997     |
| E7   | c.710del9                      | In-f. del                  |                                 | B.C.                    | LOH                  | Steck et al., 1997    |
| E7   | c.710insAA                     | Frameshift                 | Stop at 242                     | E.C.                    | LOH                  | Simpkins et al., 1998 |
| E7   | c.711delG                      | Frameshift                 | Stop at 255                     | SCLC(met.)              | LOH                  | Kohno et al., 1998b   |
| E7   | c.721delT                      | Frameshift                 | Stop at 255                     | E.C.                    | LOH                  | Tashiro et al., 1997  |
| E7   | c.727del13                     | Frameshift                 | Stop at 251                     | E.C.                    | ?                    | Risinger et al., 1997 |
| E7   | c.729delC                      | Frameshift                 | Stop at 255                     | PC.                     | LOH                  | Pesche et al., 1998   |
| E7   | c.733C->T                      | Nonsense                   | Q245X                           | E.C.                    | Dble mut             | Tashiro et al., 1997  |
| E7   | c.733C->T                      | Nonsense                   | Q245X                           | H.N.C.                  | LOH                  | Okami et al., 1998    |
| E7   | c.733del8insA                  | Frameshift                 | Stop at 253                     | E.C.                    | No LOH               | Kurose et al., 1998   |
| E7   | c.737C->T                      | Missense                   | P246L                           | Glb.                    | LOH                  | Liu et al., 1997      |
| E7   | c.737insGT                     | Frameshift                 | Stop at 256                     | A.E.H.                  | ?                    | Levine et al., 1998   |
| E7   | c.738delG                      | Frameshift                 | Stop at 255                     | E.C.                    | MIN                  | Kong et al., 1997     |
| E7   | c.740insA                      | Frameshift                 | Stop at 252                     | Glb.                    | LOH                  | Zhou et al., 1999     |
| E7   | c.740insA                      | Frameshift                 | Stop at 242                     | Glb.                    | LOH                  | Rasheed et al., 1997  |
| E7   | c.750T->A                      | Nonsense                   | C250X                           | E.C.                    | Dble mut             | Kong et al., 1997     |
| E7   | c.754G->T                      | Missense                   | D252Y                           | Glb.                    | LOH                  | Liu et al., 1997      |
| E7   | c.758T->A                      | Missense                   | I253N                           | A.A.                    | MIN                  | Zhou et al., 1999     |
| E7   | c.760del5                      | Frameshift                 | Stop at 295                     | Glb.                    | No LOH               | Liu et al., 1997      |
| E7   | c.761delAAGTA                  | Frameshift                 | Stop at 295                     | F.T.C.                  | LOH                  | Halachmi et al., 1998 |
| E7   | c.761delAAGTA                  | Frameshift                 | Stop at 295                     | PC.                     | LOH                  | Cairns et al., 1997   |
| E7   | c.762del14                     | Frameshift                 | Stop at 298                     | E.C.                    | ?                    | Risinger et al., 1998 |
| E7   | c.792del13                     | Frameshift                 | Stop at 271                     | E.C.                    | No LOH               | Lin et al., 1998      |
| E7   | c.795delA                      | Frameshift                 | Stop at 275                     | E.C.                    | ?                    | Risinger et al., 1997 |
| E7   | c.795delA                      | Frameshift                 | Stop at 275                     | E.C.                    | ?                    | Risinger et al., 1998 |
| E7   | c.795delA                      | Frameshift                 | Stop at 275                     | E.C.                    | Dble mut             | Kong et al., 1997     |
| E7   | c.795delA                      | Frameshift                 | Stop at 275                     | E.C.                    | Dble mut             | Risinger et al., 1997 |
| E7   | c.795delA                      | Frameshift                 | Stop at 275                     | E.C.                    | Dble mut             | Risinger et al., 1998 |
| E7   | c.795delA                      | Frameshift                 | Stop at 275                     | E.C.                    | Dble mut             | Tashiro et al., 1997  |
| E7   | c.795delA                      | Frameshift                 | Stop at 275                     | E.C.                    | Dble mut             | Lin et al., 1998      |
| E7   | c.799delAA                     | Frameshift                 | Stop at 275                     | E.C.                    | MIN                  | Kurose et al., 1998   |
| E7   | c.802ins171                    | Frameshift                 | Stop at 296                     | E.C.                    | Dble mut             | Risinger et al., 1997 |
| I7   | IVS7+1G->T                     | Splicing                   |                                 | E.C.                    | LOH                  | Kurose et al., 1998   |
| E8   | c.863delA                      | Frameshift                 | Stop at 290                     | E.C.                    | Dble mut             | Tashiro et al., 1997  |

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|------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| E8   | c.864del5                      | Frameshift                 | Stop at 295                     | E.C.                    | ?                    | Risinger et al., 1997   |
| E8   | c.877G->T                      | Nonsense                   | G293X                           | E.C.                    | MIN                  | Kong et al., 1997       |
| E8   | c.883insT                      | Frameshift                 | Stop at 296                     | P.T.C.                  | No LOH               | Dahia et al., 1997      |
| E8   | c.892C->T                      | Nonsense                   | Q298X                           | E.C.                    | LOH                  | Kurose et al., 1998     |
| E8   | c.901del10                     | Frameshift                 | Stop at 303                     | E.C.                    | No LOH               | Tashiro et al., 1997    |
| E8   | c.923delG                      | Frameshift                 | Stop at 316                     | E.O.C.                  | ?                    | Obata et al., 1998      |
| E8   | c.923delGT                     | Frameshift                 | Stop at 310                     | A.E.H.                  | ?                    | Levine et al., 1998     |
| E8   | c.937delA                      | Frameshift                 | Stop at 315                     | E.C.                    | ?                    | Risinger et al., 1997   |
| E8   | c.941delA                      | Frameshift                 | Stop at 316                     | Glb.                    | ?                    | Duerr et al., 1998      |
| E8   | c.950del4                      | Frameshift                 | Stop at 319                     | E.O.C.                  | LOH                  | Obata et al., 1998      |
| E8   | c.950del4                      | Frameshift                 | Stop at 319                     | E.C.                    | Dble mut             | Kong et al., 1997       |
| E8   | c.950del4                      | Frameshift                 | Stop at 319                     | E.C.                    | MIN                  | Kong et al., 1997       |
| E8   | c.950del4                      | Frameshift                 | Stop at 319                     | P.C.                    | LOH                  | Gray et al., 1998       |
| E8   | c.951delACTT                   | Frameshift                 | Stop at 319                     | Glb.                    | LOH                  | Chiariello et al., 1998 |
| E8   | c.951delACTT                   | Nonsense                   | T319X                           | Glb.                    | ?                    | Duerr et al., 1998      |
| E8   | c.952delCTTA                   | Frameshift                 | Stop at 319                     | A.E.H.                  | ?                    | Maxwell et al., 1998    |
| E8   | c.952delCTTA                   | Frameshift                 | Stop at 319                     | A.E.H.                  | ?                    | Maxwell et al., 1998    |
| E8   | c.952delCTTA                   | Frameshift                 | Stop at 320                     | E.C.                    | Dble mut             | Risinger et al., 1998   |
| E8   | c.952delCTTA                   | Frameshift                 | Stop at 319                     | E.C.                    | Dble mut             | Maxwell et al., 1998    |
| E8   | c.953delTTAC                   | Frameshift                 | Stop at 319                     | A.E.H.                  | ?                    | Levine et al., 1998     |
| E8   | c.954delTACT                   | Nonsense                   | T319X                           | Glb.                    | LOH                  | Zhou et al., 1999       |
| E8   | c.955delACT                    | In-f. del                  | L318del                         | Glb.                    | ?                    | Duerr et al., 1998      |
| E8   | c.955delACT                    | In-f. del                  | T319del                         | Glb.                    | LOH                  | Steck et al., 1997      |
| E8   | c.955delACTT                   | Nonsense                   | T319X                           | E.C.                    | LOH                  | Kurose et al., 1998     |
| E8   | c.955delACTT                   | Nonsense                   | T319X                           | E.C.                    | MIN                  | Kurose et al., 1998     |
| E8   | c.955delACTT                   | Nonsense                   | T319X                           | E.C.                    | MIN                  | Lin et al., 1998        |
| E8   | c.956delCTTT                   | Frameshift                 | Stop at 342                     | E.C.                    | ?                    | Risinger et al., 1998   |
| E8   | c.956delCTTT                   | Frameshift                 | Stop at 342                     | Glb.                    | LOH                  | Steck et al., 1997      |
| E8   | c.956delCTTT                   | Frameshift                 | Stop at 342                     | Glb.                    | LOH                  | Chiariello et al., 1998 |
| E8   | c.956insA                      | Frameshift                 | Stop at 324                     | E.C.                    | Dble mut             | Risinger et al., 1997   |
| E8   | c.962insA                      | Frameshift                 | Stop at 324                     | E.C.                    | ?                    | Kong et al., 1997       |
| E8   | c.962insA                      | Frameshift                 | Stop at 324                     | E.C.                    | ?                    | Risinger et al., 1997   |
| E8   | c.962insA                      | Frameshift                 | Stop at 324                     | E.C.                    | Dble mut             | Kong et al., 1997       |
| E8   | c.962insA                      | Frameshift                 | Stop at 324                     | E.C.                    | Dble mut             | Risinger et al., 1997   |
| E8   | c.962insA                      | Frameshift                 | Stop at 324                     | E.C.                    | Dble mut             | Risinger et al., 1997   |
| E8   | c.962insA                      | Frameshift                 | Stop at 324                     | E.C.                    | MIN                  | Gurin et al., 1999      |
| E8   | c.962insA                      | Frameshift                 | Stop at 324                     | E.C.                    | No LOH               | Kong et al., 1997       |
| E8   | c.963delA                      | Frameshift                 | Stop at 343                     | E.C.                    | ?                    | Risinger et al., 1997   |
| E8   | c.963delA                      | Frameshift                 | Stop at 343                     | E.C.                    | ?                    | Risinger et al., 1998   |
| E8   | c.963delA                      | Frameshift                 | Stop at 343                     | E.C.                    | ?                    | Risinger et al., 1998   |
| E8   | c.963delA                      | Frameshift                 | Stop at 343                     | E.C.                    | Dble mut             | Risinger et al., 1998   |
| E8   | c.963delA                      | Frameshift                 | Stop at 343                     | E.C.                    | MIN                  | Risinger et al., 1998   |
| E8   | c.963delA                      | Frameshift                 | Stop at 343                     | E.C.                    | No LOH               | Kong et al., 1997       |
| E8   | c.963delAA                     | Frameshift                 | Stop at 324                     | E.C.                    | ?                    | Kurose et al., 1998     |
| E8   | c.966ins37                     | Nonsense                   | N323X                           | Glb.                    | ?                    | Risinger et al., 1998   |
| E8   | c.968delA                      | Frameshift                 | Stop at 343                     | E.H.                    | ?                    | Duerr et al., 1998      |
| E8   | c.976del55                     | In-f. del + spl.           |                                 | E.C.                    | Dble mut             | Maxwell et al., 1998    |
| E8   | c.984del4                      | Frameshift                 | Stop at 343                     | E.C.                    | ?                    | Kong et al., 1997       |
| E8   | c.987del10                     | Frameshift                 | Stop at 343                     | B.C.                    | No LOH               | Risinger et al., 1997   |
| E8   | c.987del4                      | Frameshift                 | Stop at 343                     | E.C.                    | ?                    | Risinger et al., 1997   |
| E8   | c.988delAA                     | Frameshift                 | Stop at 341                     | E.C.                    | ?                    | Risinger et al., 1998   |
| E8   | c.992A->G                      | Missense                   | D331G                           | E.C.                    | No LOH               | Lin et al., 1998        |
| E8   | c.1003C->T                     | Nonsense                   | R335X                           | E.C.                    | ?                    | Risinger et al., 1997   |
| E8   | c.1003C->T                     | Nonsense                   | R335X                           | Glb.                    | LOH                  | Fults et al., 1998      |
| E8   | c.1003C->T                     | Nonsense                   | R335X                           | Glb.                    | LOH                  | Wang et al., 1997       |
| E8   | c.1003C->T                     | Nonsense                   | R335X                           | Glb.                    | LOH                  | Rasheed et al., 1997    |
| E8   | c.1004delGATA                  | Frameshift                 | Stop at 342                     | Glb.                    | ?                    | Boström et al., 1998    |
| E8   | c.1008C->A                     | Nonsense                   | Y336X                           | E.C.                    | LOH                  | Kong et al., 1997       |
| E8   | c.1009delT                     | Frameshift                 | Stop at 343                     | E.C.                    | ?                    | Risinger et al., 1997   |
| E8   | c.1011del4                     | Frameshift                 | Stop at 342                     | Glb.                    | LOH                  | Li J et al., 1997       |
| E8   | c.1026G->C                     | ms. lik. spl.              | K342N                           | N.H.M.L.                | ?                    | Grønbæk et al., 1998    |
| E9   | c.1043C->T                     | Missense                   | T348I                           | A.E.H.                  | ?                    | Maxwell et al., 1998    |
| E9   | c.1043insA                     | Frameshift                 | Stop at 360                     | E.C.                    | Dble mut             | Risinger et al., 1997   |
| E9   | c.1121delC                     | Frameshift                 | Stop at 415                     | Glb.                    | LOH                  | Liu et al., 1997        |

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| Exon | Nucleotide change <sup>a</sup> | Mutation type <sup>b</sup> | Predicted protein or RNA change | Tumor type <sup>c</sup> | 2nd hit <sup>d</sup> | Reference            |
|------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| E9   | c.1129del4                     | Frameshift                 | Stop at 414                     | Glb.                    | LOH                  | Rasheed et al., 1997 |
| E9   | c.1129del4                     | Frameshift                 | Stop at 414                     | Glb.                    | LOH                  | Rasheed et al., 1997 |
| E9   | c.1133del4                     | Frameshift                 | Stop at 414                     | Glb.                    | LOH                  | Fults et al., 1998   |
| E9   | c.1154delCT                    | Nonsense                   | S385X                           | B.C.                    | ?                    | Rhei et al., 1997    |
| E9   | c.1189C->T                     | Missense                   | H397X                           | G.C.G.                  | ?                    | Peraud et al., 1999  |
| E9   | c.1211G->T                     | Ms. stop                   | X404L                           | Glb.                    | LOH                  | Zhou et al., 1999    |
| E9   | c.1212A->C                     | Ms. stop                   | X404C                           | Glb.                    | ?                    | Tohma et al., 1998   |

<sup>a</sup>Mutations are designated according to the nomenclature of Beaudet and Tsui (1993) and Antonarakis et al. (1998). Numbering is according to the coding DNA starting at the A in the start codon.

<sup>b</sup>In-f. del, in frame deletion; ms.liik.spl, Missense likely Splicing; ms.stop, Missense mutation at a stop codon.

<sup>c</sup>A.A., anaplastic astrocytoma; A.E.H., atypical endometrial hyperplasia; B.C., breast carcinoma; F.O.C., endometrioid ovarian carcinoma; E.C., endometrial carcinoma; E.H., endometrial hyperplasia; F.T.C., follicular thyroid carcinoma; G.C.G., giant cell glioblastoma; Glb: glioblastoma; Gls, gliosarcoma; H.N.C., head and neck carcinoma; Mdb, medulloblastoma; met, metastasis; M.M., malignant melanoma; M.O.C., mucinous ovarian carcinoma; N.H.M.L., non Hodgkin Malignant Lymphoma; S.C.L.C., small cell lung; N.S.C.L.C., non small cells lung carcinoma; Odg, oligodendrogloma; P.T.C., papillary thyroid carcinoma; P.G., pediatric glioma; P.A., pilocytic astrocytoma; P.C., prostate carcinoma; R.C.C., renal cell carcinoma; T.C.L., T cell lymphoma.

<sup>d</sup>2nd hit, second allele status at the PTEN locus; LOH, Loss of heterozygosity; MIN, microsatellite instability; dble mut, two distinct point mutations found in the same tumor; ?, no information available.

mas in which a PTEN mutation has been found [Kong et al., 1997]. The specific defect of mismatch repair in MIN tumors is therefore likely to be responsible for the high rate of mutations found in repetitive motifs of PTEN exons 7 and 8.

### CLINICAL RELEVANCE

Germline mutations of PTEN are responsible CD and BRR syndromes, two autosomal dominant conditions which share a number of clinical features such as macrocephaly and formation of multiple benign tumors that are mostly hamartoma. Affected patients are also at high risk of developing malignancies such as breast and non-medullary thyroid carcinoma, dysplastic gangliocytoma of the cerebellum, and endometrial carcinoma. It is therefore of importance to recognize individu-

als at risk in affected families and to recommend the surveillance for early detection of malignant tumors. Somatic PTEN mutations have been found in a large number of sporadic tumors and this gene therefore must be regarded as a particularly important tumor suppressor gene. PTEN mutations are found mainly in glioblastoma and endometrial carcinoma when the studies are restricted to tumoral tissue specimens. The question whether PTEN is inactivated by other mechanisms in tumors with low frequency of PTEN mutations remains unanswered.

### FUTURE PROSPECTS

The many results obtained concerning PTEN highlight the significance of the Pi2-K/Akt pathway in embryonic development and carcinogenesis [Di Cristofano et al., 1998] which open interesting new prospects for cancer therapy research [Minaguchi et al., 1999].

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| Tumor type              | Number of cases |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Endometrial carcinoma   | 118             |
| Endometrial hyperplasia | 18              |
| Ovarian carcinoma       | 8               |
| Mucinous type           | 2               |
| Endometrioid            | 6               |
| Glioblastoma            | 110             |
| Giant cell glioblastoma | 6               |
| Astrocytoma             | 9               |
| Anaplastic type         | 8               |
| Pilocytic type          | 1               |
| Other cerebral tumors   | 6               |
| Prostate carcinoma      | 13              |
| Breast carcinoma        | 6               |
| Malignant melanoma      | 4               |
| Malignant lymphoma      | 7               |
| Other types of cancer   | 4               |
| Total                   | 309             |

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