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(57) Abstract: The present invention provides methods and kits for assessing whether a subject is afflicted with an FR α -expressing cancer, methods and kits for predicting the progression of ovarian cancer in a subject afflicted with an FR α -expressing cancer, methods and kits for assessing the level of risk that a subject will develop an FR α -expressing cancer, and methods of stratifying a subject with an FR α -expressing cancer into cancer therapy groups. The methods involve determining the level of folate receptor alpha (FR α) which is not bound to a cell in a sample derived from the subject and comparing this level with the level of FR α in a control sample.



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