Background

Your child is being invited to participate in a research study. Your child’s participation in this study is entirely voluntary. Should you choose to have your child withdraw from this study, your decision will in no way affect the care that your child receives. Please read the consent form carefully and feel free to ask any questions before you agree to take part in the study. You will be given a copy of the consent form to keep if you decide to participate in the study.

Cancer is a disease caused by changes (mutations) in the genetic code of a cell. The genetic code is like a set of instructions that tell our cells how to grow properly. These instructions are referred to as genes. The mutations in genes found in cancer cells cause cells to grow and spread abnormally. Sometimes one of these mutations is present in every cell of the body (“inherited mutations”) and can be found in a blood sample, while others are only found in the cancer cells (“tumor mutations”). A clinical test is now available to look for certain kinds of mutations in all 20,000 genes in a cell. This test is called “exome sequencing.” It is important to understand that exome sequencing cannot find all types of mutations that might occur in your child’s tumor or blood.

In this study we will use exome sequencing to look for inherited and tumor mutations occurring in your child. The exome sequencing test is not experimental and is performed in a clinically certified laboratory. However, most children with cancer do not have it done as part of their regular cancer care, and no one knows the best way to use the tests for cancer patients yet.

This research study is funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

Purpose

The main goal of this study is to learn how to best report and use the clinical exome sequencing test results for childhood cancer patients at the Texas Children’s Cancer Center (TCCC) and Vannie E. Cook, Jr. Cancer Center (VCCC). We plan to study how these results can best be explained to physicians and parents of cancer patients. We want to learn what both groups prefer in receiving the results. We want to learn whether the results can help us to: (1) better understand the future cancer risk of childhood cancer patients and their family members so that better methods of screening and prevention can be developed and (2) make treatment decisions for our patients if their cancer returns.

A second goal of this study is to learn more about the biology of childhood cancer and develop better ways to prevent, detect, and treat these cancers. To complete this goal we will use additional research methods to find new inherited mutations and tumor mutations occurring in childhood cancers and we will combine these results with clinical information from patients’ medical records. Since this is not the main goal of the study, you will be asked whether you want to participate in these additional studies.

Procedures

The research will be conducted at the following location(s):
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We will enroll 318 patients and their parents in this study.

COLLECTION OF STUDY SAMPLES

We are asking for your permission to use tumor and blood samples from your child. These will be obtained at (or near) the time of your child’s tumor surgery and sent to the Baylor College of Medicine Whole Genome Laboratory (WGL) for exome sequencing. In addition, we request blood samples from both parents (if available) so that the WGL can confirm inherited mutations identified in your child. The WGL handles your samples the way any regular medical samples are handled, following all standard procedures for sample tracking, storage, and confidentiality.

1. Patient tumor sample. This sample is collected to find the tumor mutations using exome sequencing. Only tumor tissue that has been removed (or will be removed) as part of your child’s routine diagnosis and treatment and is left over after all necessary clinical tests have been completed will be used for this study. No extra surgery will be done.

2. Patient blood sample. This sample is collected to find the inherited mutations using exome sequencing. We plan to obtain 1-2 teaspoons of blood. We will try to do this at the same time as other clinical tests are being ordered and/or by obtaining the blood sample through your child’s central line (a long-term IV line). It is possible that an extra blood draw will be done.

3. Parent blood sample(s). These samples are routinely requested by the WGL as part of your child’s clinical exome sequencing test in order to confirm the inherited mutations found in your child. The parent blood samples are not required for enrollment on the study and do not undergo exome sequencing as part of your child’s clinical test. Both parents (if available) will be asked to donate 2 teaspoons of blood. This blood draw will be performed either in the TCCC or VCCC clinic shortly after study enrollment at a time arranged with you.

WILL I GET TO SEE THE RESULTS OF GENETIC TESTING?

Clinical Exome Test Results:

The exome test takes a long time to finish. We think it will be about 3 months after we take the sample until the results are ready. The results of the exome test will be given to your child’s cancer doctor and also placed into your child’s electronic medical record. Before your child’s doctor meets with you to review the results, he or she will be able to discuss them with the investigators on this study who are experts in exome tests. Your child’s cancer doctor will then explain the results to you and work with you to decide whether anything about your child’s care should change based on the results. A genetic counselor will work with your cancer doctor to explain the inherited mutations to you. These results will be explained to you in one or two meetings scheduled at the same time as your child’s regular clinic visits whenever possible.

These tests are very new and we do not know yet how to use exome testing to guide children’s cancer treatment. Because the test takes so long to do, the results will not be available until after your child begins his or her treatment. We do not expect the test results to change anything your

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doctor planned to do for treatment. Therefore we do not think that getting the results is likely to make your child’s treatment better or make it more likely for him or her to be cured. It is possible, however, that the results might reveal tumor or inherited mutations that matter to the clinical care of your child or family such as:

1. Tumor mutations that are normally found in a different type of tumor from what your child was diagnosed with. We think this will be rare, but if it does happen, your doctor may talk to you about changing your child’s treatment plan.

2. Tumor mutations that make your doctor think your child’s tumor will respond better or worse to a particular cancer treatment. We think this will be very rare for most children. It might be more common in cases where a child’s tumor has returned after standard treatment and additional treatment options are being considered.

3. Inherited mutations that might affect how your child’s body responds to certain medicines. This information might help your child’s doctors choose the dose of some of your child’s medicines.

4. Inherited mutations that cause your child to have an increased risk of developing other cancers (or a second cancer of the same type). This information may also provide information about the risk of cancer in close family members. For example, children and adults who inherit mutations in the gene called p53 are at increased risk for multiple different types of cancer. If an inherited mutation in this gene is found in your child then additional cancer screening would be recommended and close family members should also be checked for the mutation so that they can be screened as well if necessary.

5. Inherited mutations that are unrelated to cancer but provide information about a different medical condition for which treatment is available and recommended as standard medical care. For example, we might find a child who inherited a mutation that puts him/her at high risk of life-threatening bleeding from a blood vessel (called an aneurysm). If that type of mutation were found we would recommend additional follow-up testing and/or treatment as part of standard medical care.

If we find any of these kinds of mutations, your child’s cancer doctor and a genetic counselor will explain them to you and work with you to determine the most appropriate screening or treatment (if any) for your child and family members.

Exome sequencing can also reveal information about whether your child is a carrier of a genetic disorder such as Cystic Fibrosis. This information may not affect your child’s health but it may be helpful to know later in life. Also, if a child has one of these kinds of mutations, he or she probably inherited it from a parent. Therefore the parents might want to be screened to see if there is a risk of having a child who has a genetic disorder. However, some people do not want to know this kind of information. Please initial below whether you would like this type of genetic information to be included in your child’s exome sequencing report:

Yes_______ I would like to receive information about whether my child has inherited any mutations

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that indicate that they are a carrier of a genetic disorder.

No______ I would not like to receive this information and do not want it included in my child’s exome sequencing report.

PROCEDURES TO HELP US LEARN THE BEST WAY TO COMMUNICATE CLINICAL EXOME TEST RESULTS

Because we want to learn more about how doctors and patients discuss exome test results, we will include the following activities if you participate in the study:

1. Audiorecording of clinic visit(s) where you learn about the results of exome sequencing. By studying how doctors and parents talk about genetic test results this will help us learn how to improve communication and understanding about these results between cancer doctors and patient families.

2. Parent surveys. Parent surveys will be conducted at three different time points during the study: soon after initial study enrollment, after disclosure of the exome sequencing results, and one year later. Each family will tell us which parent will fill out the survey at all three of the time points. The surveys will ask questions about your family history of cancer, your knowledge of genetics, how you like to learn information from doctors and how you like to make decisions. The surveys will take approximately 30 minutes to complete at your convenience.

3. Parent interviews. Some families will be randomly selected for more in-depth interviews at three different time points during the study: soon after initial study enrollment, after disclosure of the exome sequencing results, and one year later. Each family will select one parent to participate in all three interviews. The interviews will ask more detailed questions about what you expect to learn in this study, what information you are most interested in learning and how you make decisions. Each interview will last approximately 1 hour and will be audiorecorded only. We will try to schedule these interviews at times that would be convenient to you. For the final interview, if we are unable to meet with you in person and with your permission at that time, we may interview you by teleconference or videoconference. If you are a Vannie Cook Cancer Center family, and with your permission, we will conduct all three interviews preferably by videoconferences but if necessary we will conduct one or more of these interviews by teleconference.

4. Physician interviews. We will interview the cancer doctors to find out what they find most useful in the exome reports and what they think are the best ways to talk about this information with families.

We will also collect information from your child’s medical records, including their age, ethnic background, diagnosis, disease history, medical treatments, and response to treatments. We hope this will help us understand whether the exome results are related to how children with cancer do.

ADDITIONAL LABORATORY RESEARCH STUDIES

After the exome sequencing test has been performed on your child’s tumor sample, there may be
some sample left over. If so, we would like to do some additional genetic research tests. We are also requesting an additional blood sample that will be used for research. This may include using newer methods of sequencing, or sequencing parts of the DNA that doesn’t contain genes or studying the RNA and proteins that are coded by your DNA as well as grow blood cells in the laboratory to test for gene function. We may also try to grow tumor or blood cells in the laboratory. Any results of these research tests would be preliminary and would not be reported to you or placed in the medical record. If research from this project is presented at research conferences or published in professional journals, we will not use any information such as name, address, telephone number, or social security number, included in the presentations or publications.

If we identify a genetic change that we think is clinically important, we will share those results with your child’s cancer doctor so that they can discuss them with you and make follow-up plans. It is important to realize that these will be research results, and must be confirmed in a clinical laboratory in order to be used for clinical purposes.

Please initial below whether you agree to the use of your child’s tumor and blood samples for these other genetic research tests:

Yes_____ No_____ I consent to have these leftover tumor samples used for additional genetic research tests.

Yes_____ No_____ I consent to a blood sample (1-2 teaspoons) from my child for additional genetic research tests.

If you have consented to have your child’s samples submitted to the Texas Children’s Cancer Center Tissue Bank (in a separate consent document), we will give any leftover samples to the Tissue Bank.

Similarly, we would like to do additional genetic research tests on parent blood samples and attempt to grow blood cells in the laboratory to use for tests of gene function. These tests could include exome sequencing, which is otherwise not performed on the parent samples. Unlike your child’s exome sequencing results, the results of these additional tests would be used for research purposes only and the results would not be reported back to you or placed in your or your child’s medical record unless we identify a genetic change that we think is clinically important, in which case we will give you that information and explain how to have it confirmed by a clinical laboratory.

Patient tumor samples from additional tumor surgeries at TCH or Doctors Hospital at Renaissance (in collaboration with Vannie Cook Cancer Center):

We would also like to collect research samples from any future surgeries that might occur so that we may study how tumor mutations change over time as tumors are treated. These samples are not required for enrollment on the study. Only tumor tissue that has been removed (or will be removed) as part of your child’s routine diagnosis and treatment and is left over after all necessary clinical tests have been completed will be used for this study. No extra surgery will be done.
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Please initial below if you consent to the collection of your child’s tumor tissue from any future surgeries (if necessary) for research purposes:

Yes_____ No_____ I consent to the use of my child’s tumor tissue from future surgeries.

If you agree to participate in this study, these biological samples will be obtained and used for research. This research material will not be available to use for other clinical testing.

Who will have access to your additional study information?

As we explained the clinical exome report will be handled like any other clinical test and placed in the medical record and explained to you by your physician. For the laboratory research studies, questionnaires, audiotapes and survey information, these results will also be stored in a confidential computer database along with all data about your child’s biological samples and parents’ biological samples (if provided). These biological samples and medical information will be labeled with a code, meaning that names and other identifying information are removed and samples are given computer-assigned numbers that the research team can use to access them. Only the investigators and selected research staff will be able to match the the code to a particular person. Only the investigators and selected research staff will be able to access the database.

In order to speed research, other researchers would like to be able to study your child’s blood and tumor samples and have access to your child’s genetic information so that they can compare it to the genetic information of others from other research studies and use it to answer future research questions. This information is most valuable when it is linked to some information about your child’s medical history (clinical information). It would also be helpful to use your blood samples and genetic and clinical information for this research. If you agree, de-identified research blood and leftover tumor samples, as well as de-identified parts of you and your child’s genetic information, and in some instances, clinical information, can be shared with other researchers at Baylor College of Medicine (BCM) who are conducting approved research studies. In addition, you and your child’s genetic and clinical information can be shared by releasing it into scientific databases including those maintained by BCM and some maintained by the National Institutes of Health. These databases are restricted and can only be accessed by approved researchers. Sharing this information will help advance medicine and medical research by allowing other researchers to use this information to help solve questions of what causes cancers and other diseases.

There is a risk that others will be able to trace this information back to your child, which may impact the ability of your child or other family members to obtain life insurance, health insurance, or other products that may take into account the result of these genetic studies. Nobody will be able to know just from looking at a database that the information belongs to your child. However, because your child’s genetic information is unique, there is a small chance that someone could trace the information back to your child or close biological relatives. The current risk of this happening is very small, but may grow in the future as new ways of tracing the information back to you or your close biological relatives are developed. Thus, the risk that your privacy would be breached may increase over time. Researchers who access your genetic and clinical information will have a professional obligation to protect your privacy and maintain your confidentiality.

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The decision of whether or not to allow genetic and clinical information about your child that will be gathered in this research into scientific databases is completely up to you. There will be no penalty to you if you decide not to allow this information to be used. You can still participate in the main part of the study without allowing your child’s information to be released outside the study. We strongly encourage you to discuss the decision about de-identified data release and its associated risks for you and your biological relatives with your family before you decide whether to consent to this part of the study.

Please initial below whether you agree to the de-identified release of your child’s research blood and leftover tumor samples and genetic and clinical information for other approved research studies at BCM and/or into scientific databases:

Yes_____ No_____ I consent to release of my child’s research blood and leftover tumor samples and genetic and clinical information to other BCM researchers conducting approved research studies.

Yes_____ No_____ I consent to release of my child’s genetic and clinical information into scientific databases.

Permission for future recontact by study investigators

We will follow each child in the study for 2 years to determine if their cancer doctor has found the exome information useful in their care. In the future, it may be helpful to our research to be able to recontact you to obtain additional clinical information or to ask your permission to collect another research sample. Please initial below if you we may recontact you after those 2 years are completed to discuss these research opportunities.

Yes_____ No_____ I consent to be contacted in the future for research study purposes.

Can I change my mind after I agree to let our samples be used?

You can withdraw from this study for any reason at any time. If you decide to withdraw from the study, your child’s samples will be discarded. If you had agreed to let your child’s samples be submitted to the TCCC Tissue Bank, you will be asked at the time of withdrawal from this study whether you would like these samples to be discarded or kept in the Tissue Bank for future research.

If you decide to withdraw from this study after your child’s genetic code has been analyzed, your genetic information will be discarded and will not be used in this study. However, if your child’s tumor and inherited exome sequencing reports have already been submitted into the medical record, it will not be possible to remove these reports from the medical record. In addition, if you agreed to have your child’s genetic and clinical information shared with other investigators or released into scientific databases, it may not be possible to remove this data from the database.
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Research related health information
Authorization to Use or Disclose (Release) Health Information that Identifies You for a Research Study

If you sign this document, you give permission to people who give medical care and ensure quality from Baylor College of Medicine, Doctors Hospital at Renaissance, TCH: Texas Children's Hospital, TCH: Texas Children's Hospital, Clinic, Texas A&M University, and Vannie Cook Cancer Center to use or disclose (release) your health information that identifies you for the research study described in this document.

The health information that we may use or disclose (release) for this research includes:

- Information from health records such as diagnoses, progress notes, medications, lab or radiology findings, etc.
  - Specific information concerning sickle cell anemia
  - Demographic information (name, D.O.B., age, gender, race, etc.)
  - Photographs, videotapes, and/or audiotapes of you

The health information listed above may be used by and or disclosed (released) to researchers, their staff and their collaborators on this research project, the Institutional Review Board, Baylor College of Medicine, Doctors Hospital at Renaissance, TCH: Texas Children's Hospital, TCH: Texas Children's Hospital, Clinic, Texas A&M University, Vannie Cook Cancer Center, and NIH: NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH and their representatives.

Use or Disclosure Required by Law

Your health information will be used or disclosed when required by law.

Your health information may be shared with a public health authority that is authorized by law to collect or receive such information for the purpose of preventing or controlling disease, injury, or disability and conducting public health surveillance, investigations or interventions.

Baylor College of Medicine, Doctors Hospital at Renaissance, TCH: Texas Children's Hospital, TCH: Texas Children's Hospital, Clinic, Texas A&M University, and Vannie Cook Cancer Center are required by law to protect your health information. By signing this document, you authorize Baylor College of Medicine, Doctors Hospital at Renaissance, TCH: Texas Children's Hospital, TCH: Texas Children's Hospital, Clinic, Texas A&M University, and Vannie Cook Cancer Center to use and/or disclose (release) your health information for this research. Those persons who receive your health information may not be required by Federal privacy laws (such as the Privacy rule) to protect it and may share your information with others without your permission, if permitted by laws governing them.

Please note that the research does not involve treatment. Baylor College of Medicine, Doctors Hospital at Renaissance, TCH: Texas Children's Hospital, TCH: Texas Children's Hospital, Clinic, Texas A&M University, and Vannie Cook Cancer Center may not condition (withhold or refuse) research related health information.

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treating you on whether you sign this Authorization.

Please note that you may change your mind and revoke (take back) this Authorization at any time. Even if you revoke this Authorization, researchers, their staff and their collaborators on this research project, the Institutional Review Board, NIH: NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH and their representatives, regulatory agencies such as the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Baylor College of Medicine, Doctors Hospital at Renaissance, TCH: Texas Children's Hospital, TCH: Texas Children's Hospital, Clinic, Texas A&M University, and Vannie Cook Cancer Center may still use or disclose health information they already have obtained about you as necessary to maintain the integrity or reliability of the current research. If you revoke this Authorization, you may no longer be allowed to participate in the research described in this Authorization.

To revoke this Authorization, you must write to: Dr. Sharon Plon
1102 Bates St., FC 1200
Houston, TX 77030

This authorization does not have an expiration date. If all information that does or can identify you is removed from your health information, the remaining information will no longer be subject to this authorization and may be used or disclosed for other purposes.

No publication or public presentation about the research described above will reveal your identity without another authorization from you.

Potential Risks and Discomforts
The only physical risk of this study is related to obtaining the blood sample which in most cases is already completed. Because the tumor tissue was collected during your regular clinically-indicated tumor surgery, there is no additional risk beyond that normally associated with the surgery.

If the exome tests show a risk of developing a second cancer, a risk of cancer in family members, or a risk of developing other types of diseases unrelated to cancer, you might feel anxious or upset by the results. Your cancer doctor can discuss these risks with you and determine any medical follow-up that is indicated. There is also a potential risk in this type of genetic analysis for uncovering and conveying unwanted information regarding the biological relationship of parents and their children.

There is also the risk of a loss of privacy of your genetic information. The exome report will be placed in the electronic medical record and may be seen by your other doctors and health care workers. Health insurance companies may also have access to this information. There are laws to protect against the use of this information in making decisions about health insurance and employment. However, you may be asked to provide medical record information when you apply for life insurance or disability insurance.

As described earlier, all research genetic and clinical information for the study will be stored in a confidential access-controlled computer database. In addition, there are additional risks of loss of privacy if you consent to the sharing of this data with other BCM investigators, or to the de-identified
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release of your genetic information into scientific databases for other scientists to use.

While we believe that the risks to you and your family from participating in this study are low, we are unable to tell you exactly what all of the risks are. We believe that the benefits of learning more about cancer outweigh these potential risks.

Study staff will update you in a timely way on any new information that may affect your decision to stay in the study. There is a small risk for the loss of confidentiality. However, the study personnel will make every effort to minimize these risks.

Potential Benefits
The benefits of participating in this study may be: Tumor and/or inherited mutations may be discovered by exome sequencing that would not have been found by other standard tests. Although we do not think that the mutations that are found are likely to change the planned cancer treatment for most children, it is possible that they may have implications for your clinical care as well as other family members. For example, tumor mutations may rarely be identified that change the type of tumor that is being diagnosed. Alternatively, tumor mutations may be found that indicate that your tumor may respond better or worse to a particular cancer treatment. We think this will be very rare for most children. It might be more common in cases where a tumor has returned after standard treatment and additional treatment options are being considered. In both cases, your cancer doctor may make changes to your treatment plan based on the results of tumor exome sequencing. Similarly, inherited mutations may be identified that indicate an increased risk of potentially developing additional cancers and/or diseases other than cancer. If inherited mutations of this type are found, additional follow-up testing or treatment would be recommended if these interventions would be considered standard medical care. However, you may receive no benefit from participating.

Alternatives
The following alternative procedures or treatments are available if you choose not to participate in this study: You can have exome testing done outside the study, although the test is very expensive and your physician would need to order the test and the hospital would need to determine insurance coverage. This decision will not affect the care that your child receives for their cancer.

Subject Costs and Payments
You will not be asked to pay any costs related to this research.

You will be given a $25 Amazon gift card after each completed parent survey for a total of three $25 Amazon gift cards. If you only complete some of these surveys, you will only be given a gift card for those surveys you complete.

If you are selected to participate in the study interviews, you will be paid $25 after each completed interview for a total of $75 for completion of the three interviews. If you only complete some of these interviews you will be paid only for those interviews that you complete.
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This institution does not plan to pay royalties to you if a commercial product is developed from blood or tissue obtained from you during this study.

Research Related Injury
If you are injured as part of your participation in this study, there are no plans to compensate you.

Research personnel will try to reduce, control, and treat any complications from this research. If you are injured because of this study, you will receive medical care that you or your insurance will have to pay for just like any other medical care.

Subject’s Rights
Your signature on this consent form means that you have received the information about this study and that you agree to volunteer for this research study.

You will be given a copy of this signed form to keep. You are not giving up any of your rights by signing this form. Even after you have signed this form, you may change your mind at any time. Please contact the study staff if you decide to stop taking part in this study.

If you choose not to take part in the research or if you decide to stop taking part later, your benefits and services will stay the same as before this study was discussed with you. You will not lose these benefits, services, or rights.

The investigator, SHARON E PLON, and/or someone he/she appoints in his/her place will try to answer all of your questions. If you have questions or concerns at any time, or if you need to report an injury related to the research, you may speak with a member of the study staff: SHARON E PLON at 832-824-4251 during the day. After hours call (832) 824-2099 and ask to page Dr. Plon or Dr. Parsons.

Members of the Institutional Review Board for Baylor College of Medicine and Affiliated Hospitals (IRB) can also answer your questions and concerns about your rights as a research subject. The IRB office number is (713) 798-6970. Call the IRB office if you would like to speak to a person independent of the investigator and research staff for complaints about the research, if you cannot reach the research staff, or if you wish to talk to someone other than the research staff.

National Institutes of Health and the National Cancer Institute may have access to your records for research purposes. Coded information may be provided to the NIH/NCI such as Patient ID, Patient Zip code, Patient country code and Patient Birth date (month/year). However, in the event of an audit NIH/NCI might have access to more information that is part of your research record.

If your child is the one invited to take part in this study you are signing to give your permission. Each child may agree to take part in a study at his or her own level of understanding. When you sign this you also note that your child understands and agrees to take part in this study according to his or her understanding.

Please print your child's name here __________________________
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Signing this consent form indicates that you have read this consent form (or have had it read to you), that your questions have been answered to your satisfaction, and that you voluntarily agree to participate in this research study. You will receive a copy of this signed consent form.

Subject

Date

Legally Authorized Representative
Parent or Guardian

Date

Investigator or Designee Obtaining Consent

Date

Witness (if applicable)

Date

Translator (if applicable)

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