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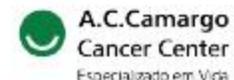
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# MOLECULAR ASPECTS IN SMALL LYMPHOCYTIC LYMPHOMA, LYMPHOPLASMACYTIC LYMPHOMA AND MANTLE CELL LYMPHOMA

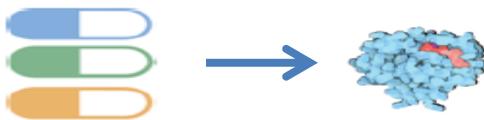
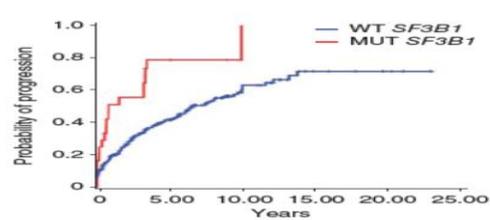
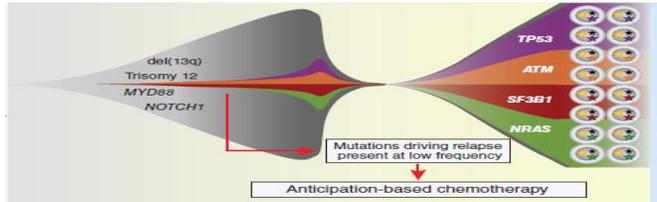
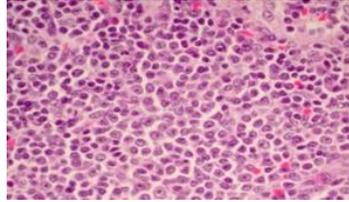
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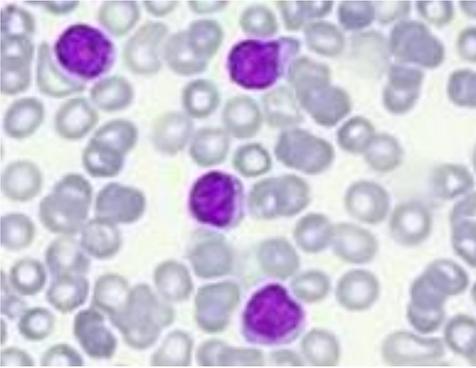


# Molecular Studies in Small B cell Lymphomas

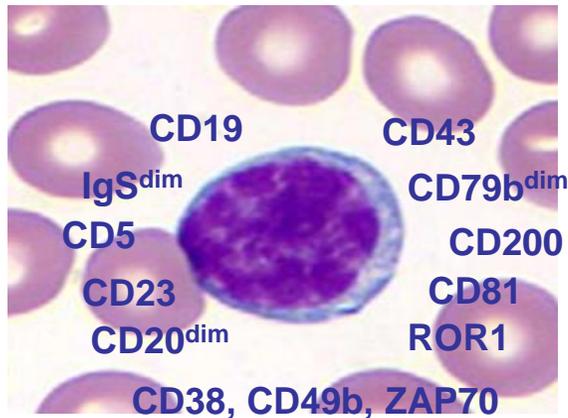


- Differential diagnosis of disease subtypes
- Understanding evolution of the disease
- Prognostic groups and risk stratification
- Guide management strategies

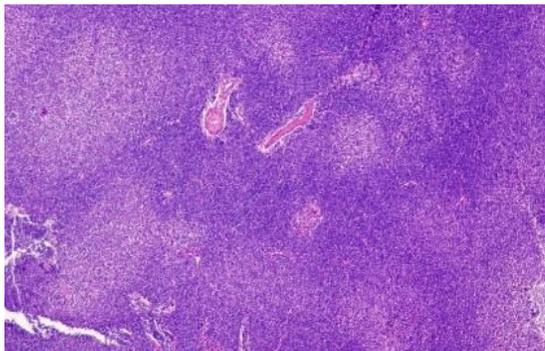
# Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia /Monoclonal B-cell Lymphocytosis



- **Diagnostic criteria**
  - CLL:  $\geq 5 \times 10^9/L$  clonal CD5+ B lymphocytes in blood,  $\geq 3$  months
  - SLL: Tissue involvement; **proliferation centers**

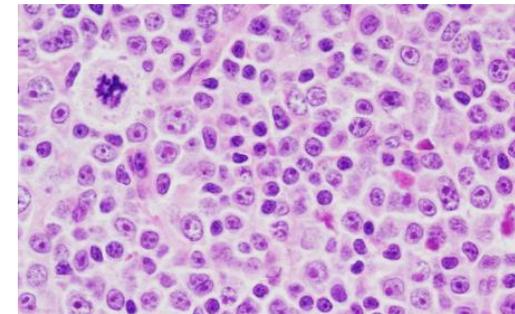
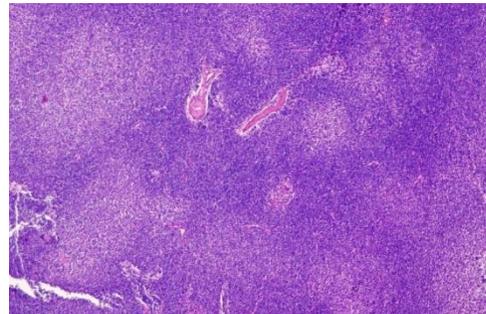
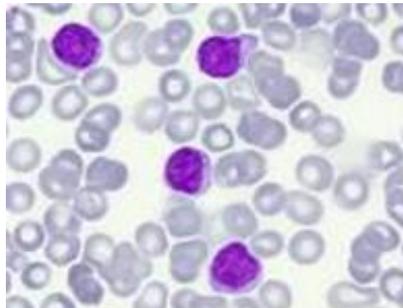
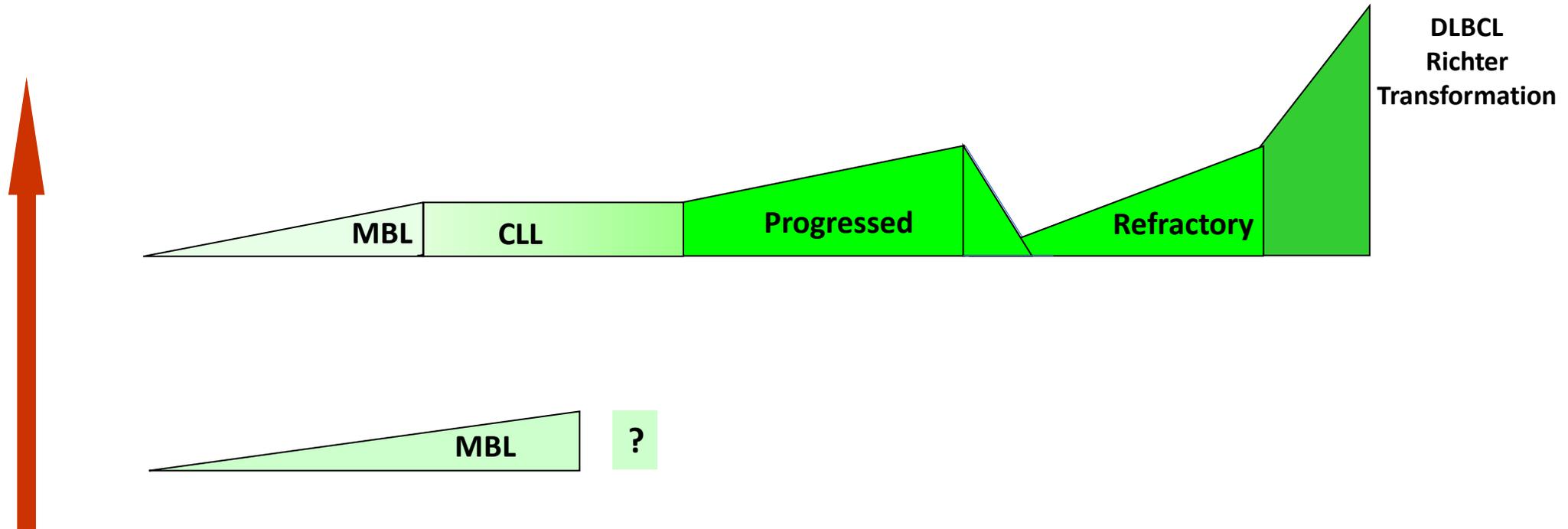


- **Genetic and Molecular**
  - **IGHV mutational status**
  - 11q, 12, 13q, **17p** (FISH)
  - **TP53 mutations**
  - Others prognostic parameters need further studies (e.g. subclonal *TP53 mut*, BCR stereotypes, IGLV3-21R110; Complex karyotypes ( $\geq 3$  or 5 in debate))



# Disease Progression in CLL

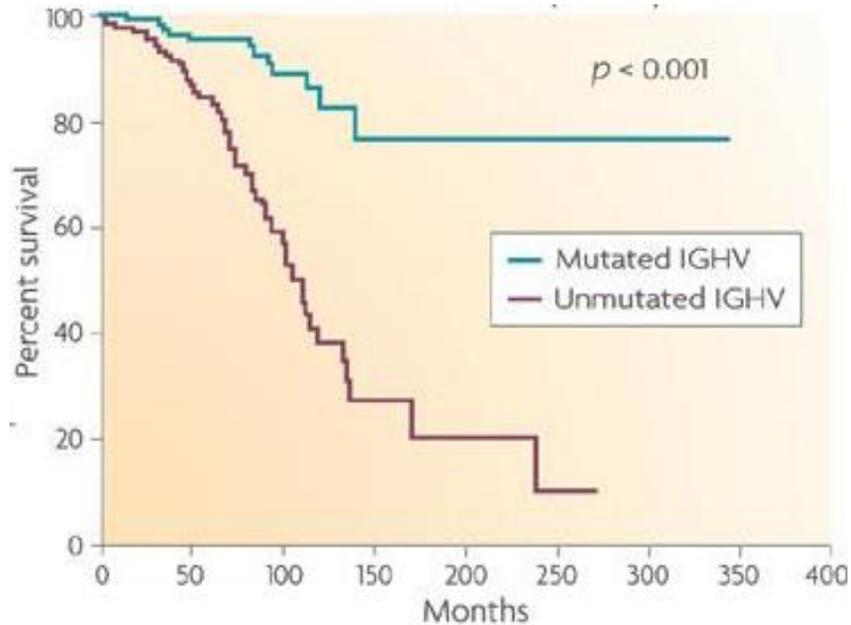
## Clonal B-cell selection and expansion



# Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia

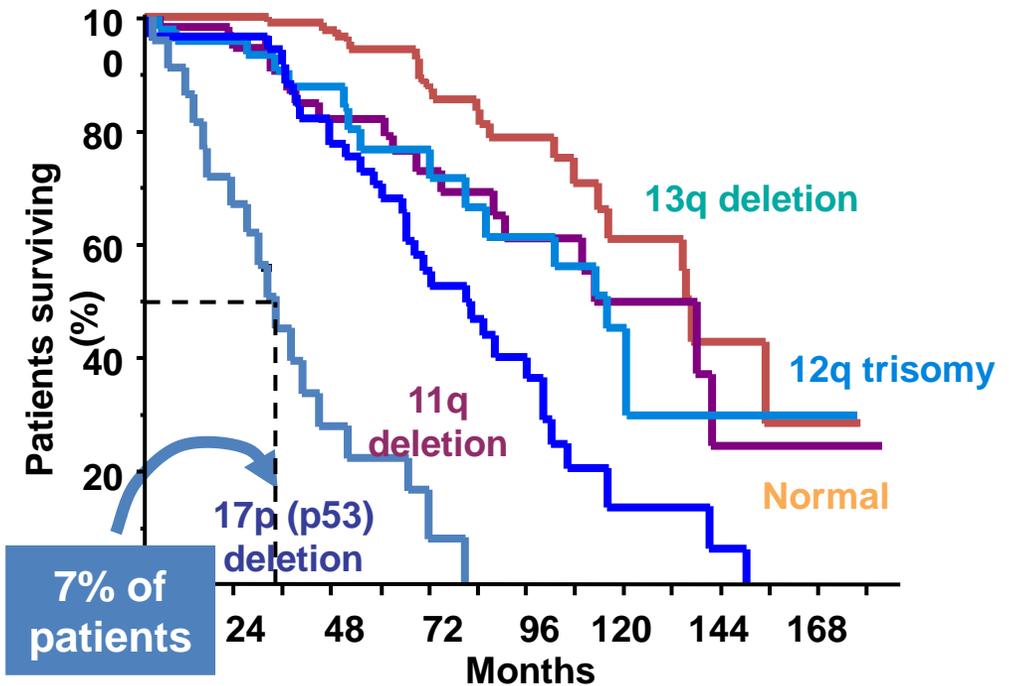
## Clinical Impact of Molecular and Genetic Subtypes

### IGHV



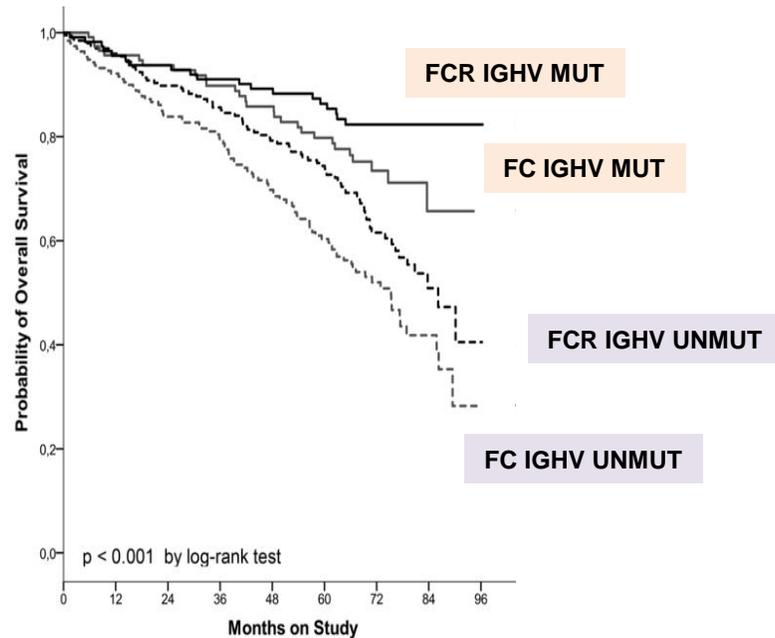
- Cut-off 98% Homology with the germ line
- Unmutated CLL has shorter time to therapy initiation, shorter remission during therapy and shorter overall survival

### FISH

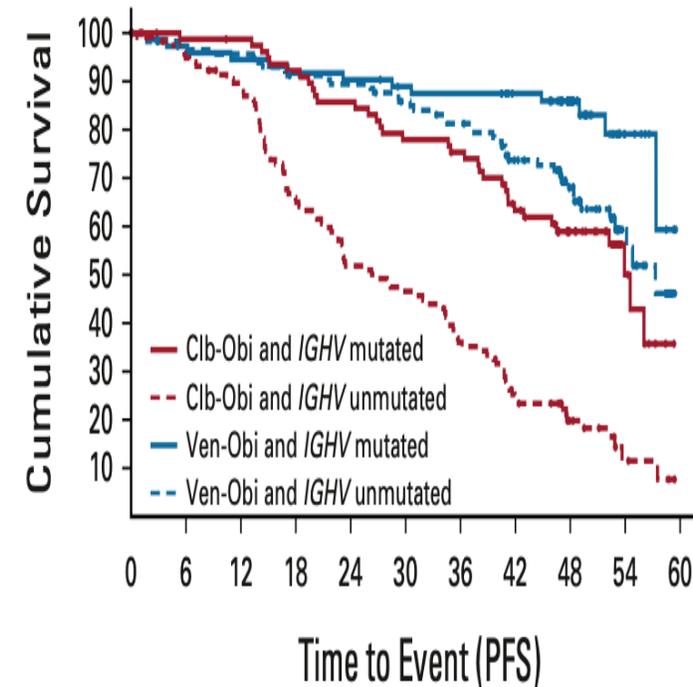


- Routinely detected by FISH del (11q), trisomy 12, del (13q) del (17p)

# CLL Prognosis: Cytogenetic and IGHV Mutational status



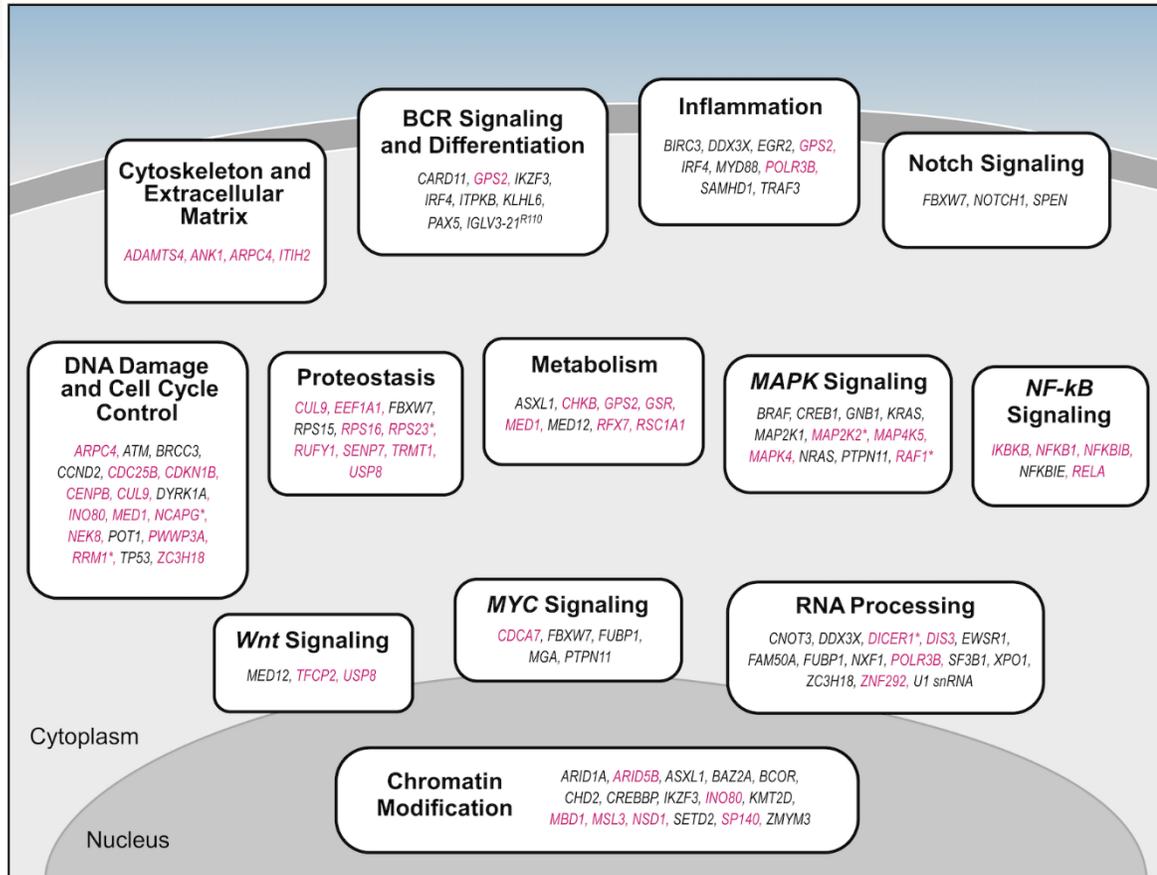
Fisher K et al Blood 2016 ;127:208-15



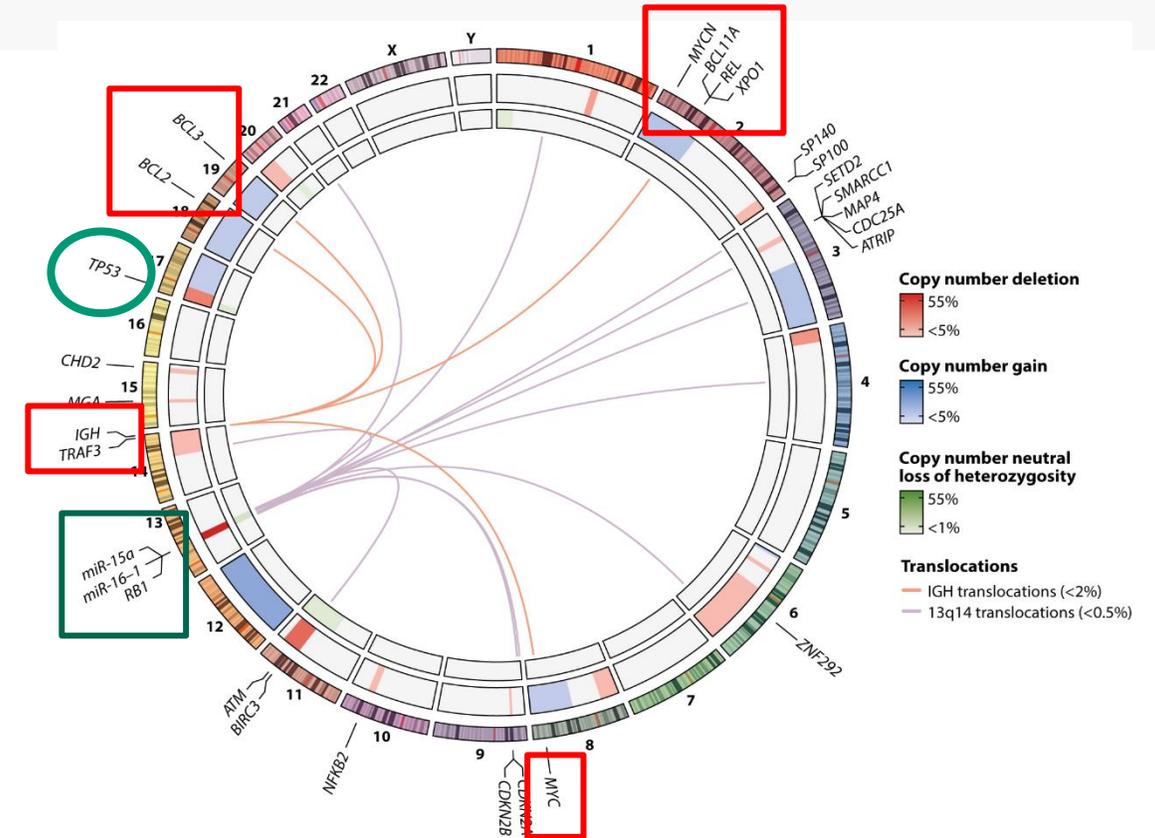
Al-Sawaf O et al J Clin Oncol 2021;39:4049-60

# The Driver Genomic Landscape of CLL (WG/ES 1148 patients)

## 99 putative driver genes

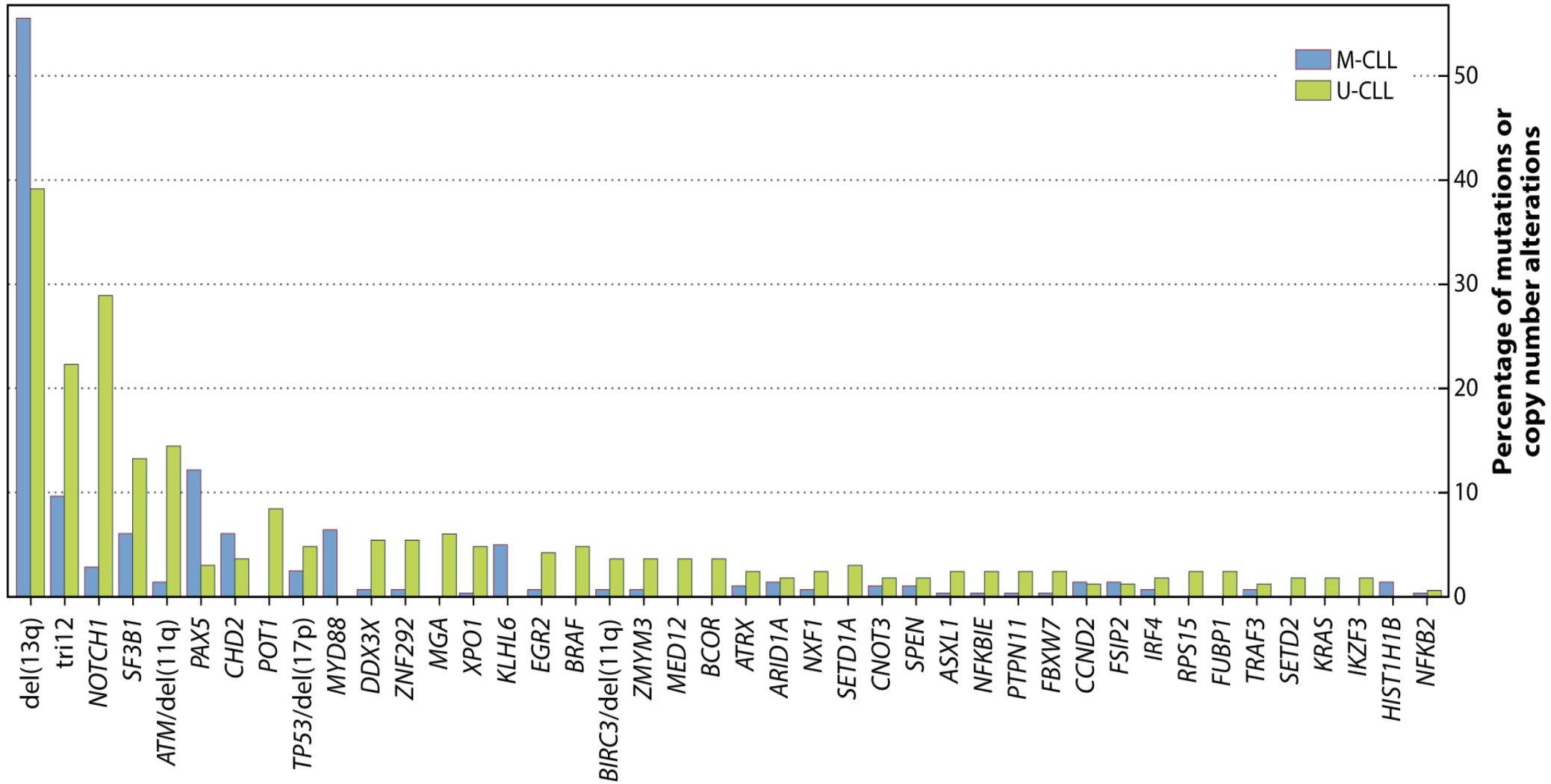


## 105 recurrent CNA and few IGH translocations



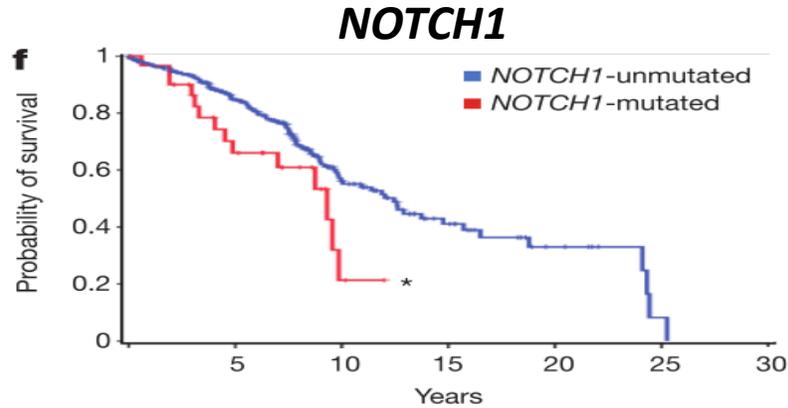
3.8% of patients lack a driver alteration!

# Inter- and intra-patient heterogeneity

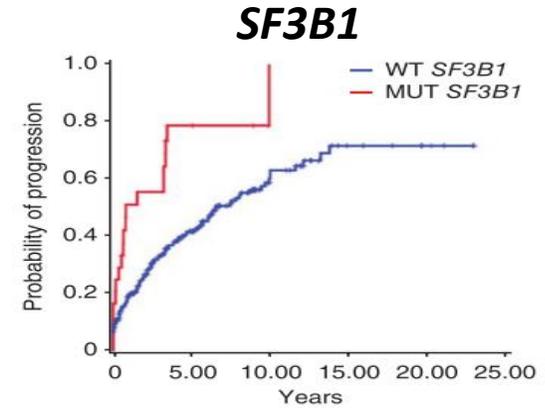


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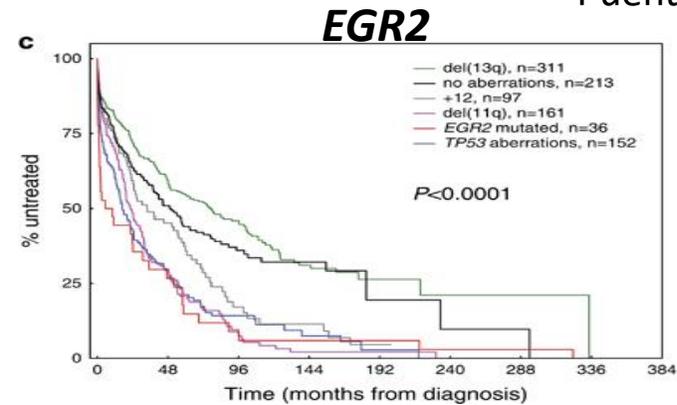
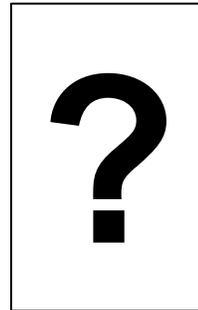
# Clinical relevance of individual mutated genes in CLL



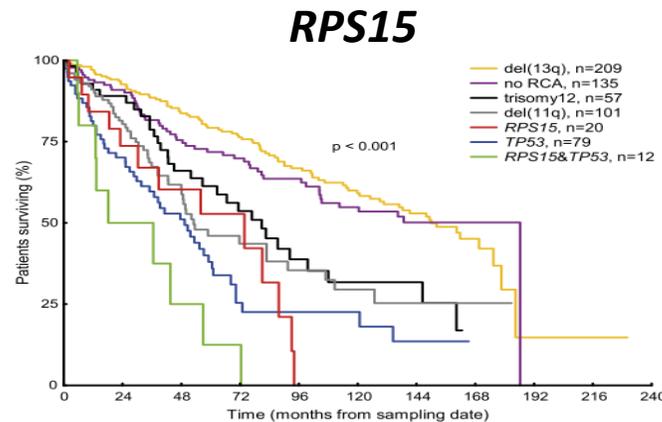
Puente *et al.* 2011, Nature



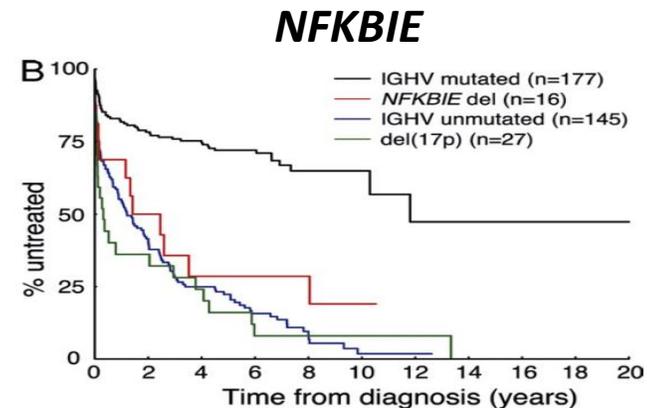
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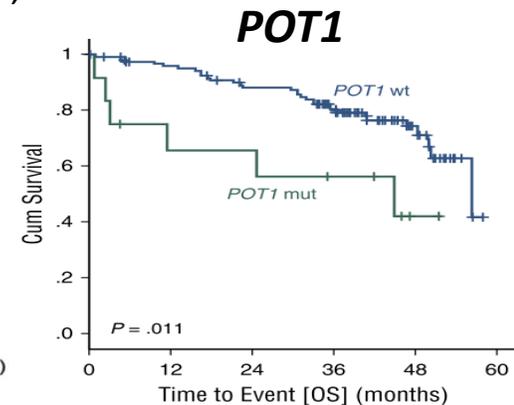
Young *et al.* 2017, Leukemia



Ljungström *et al.* 2015, Blood



Mansouri *et al.* 2015, JEM

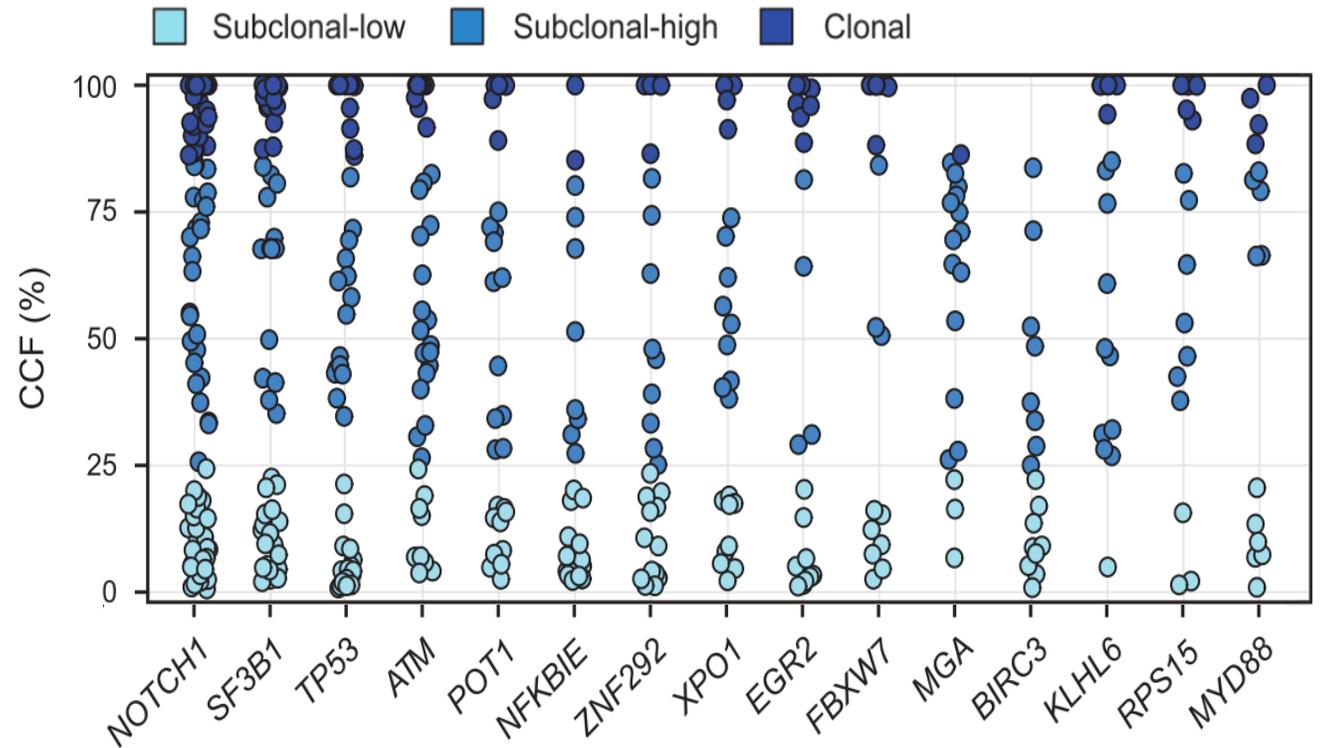


Herling *et al.* 2016, Blood

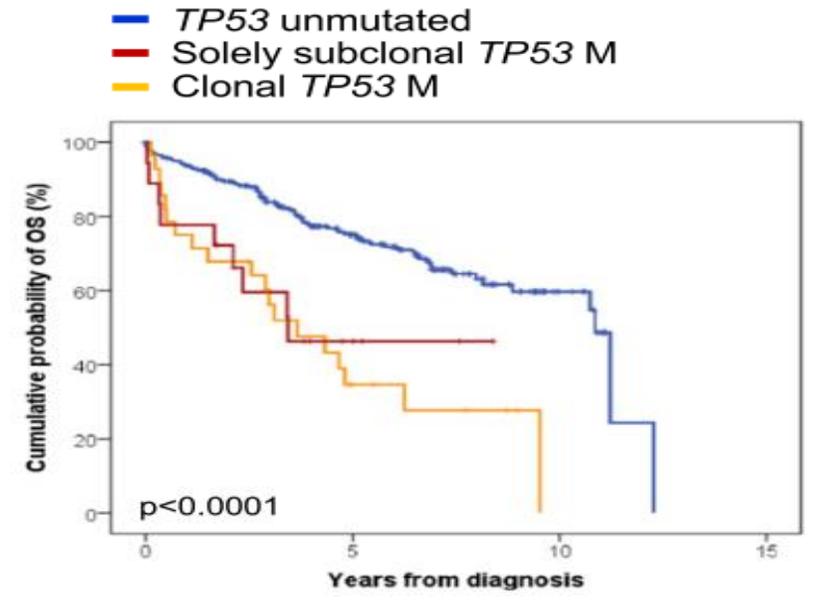
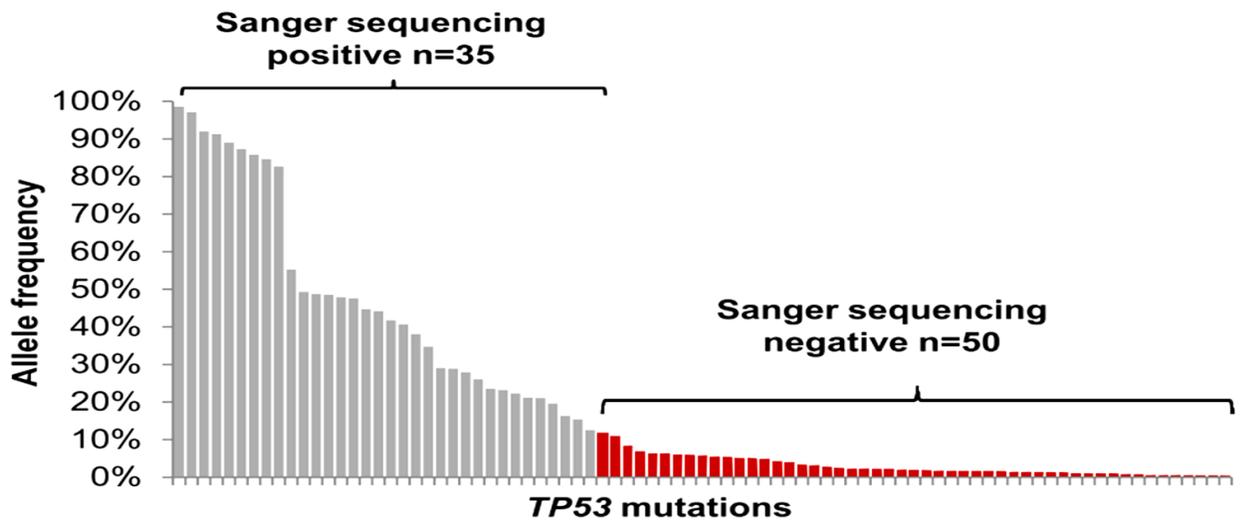
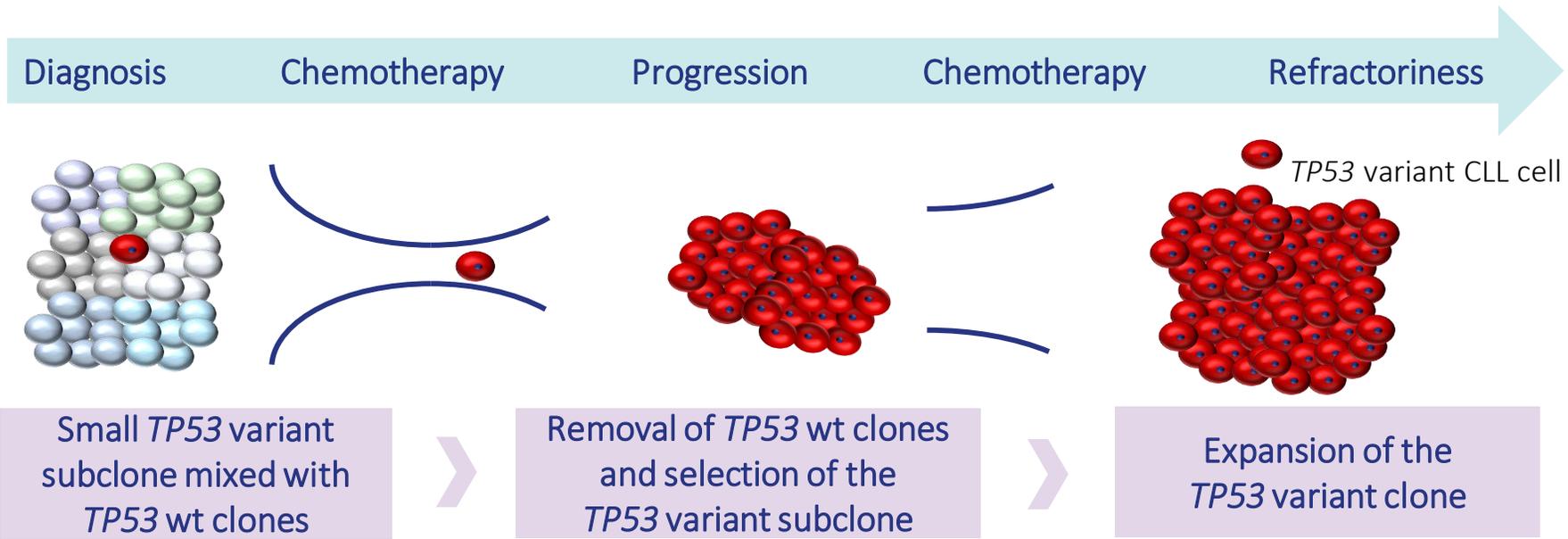
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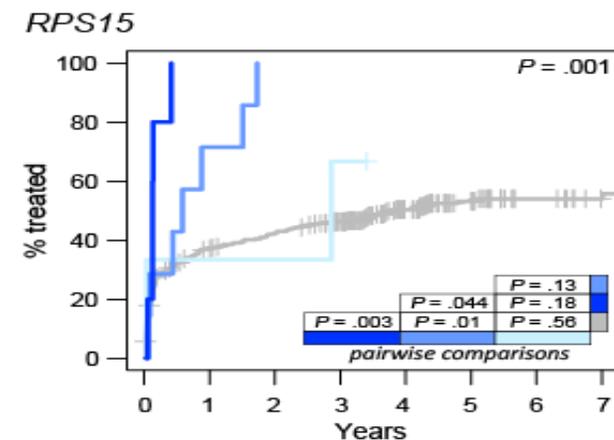
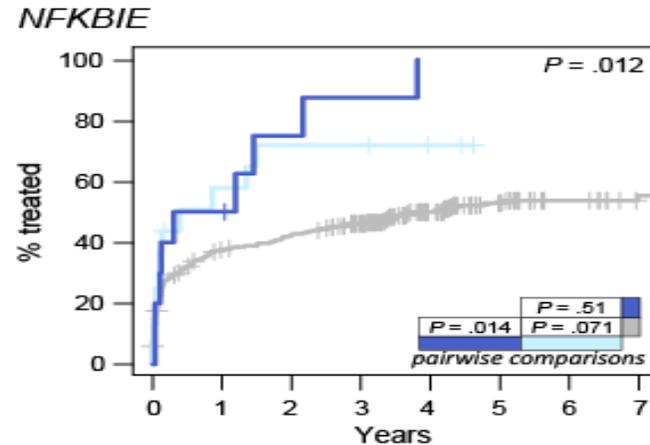
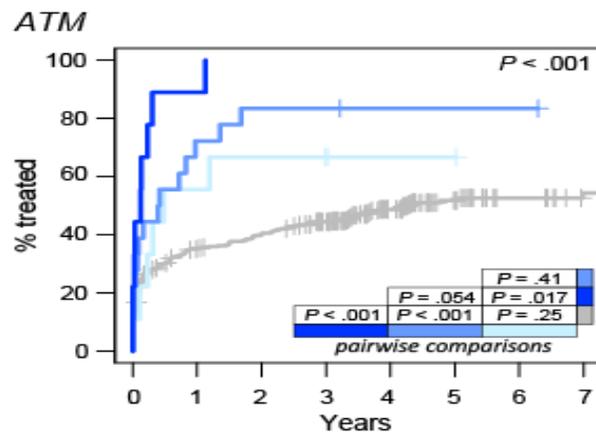
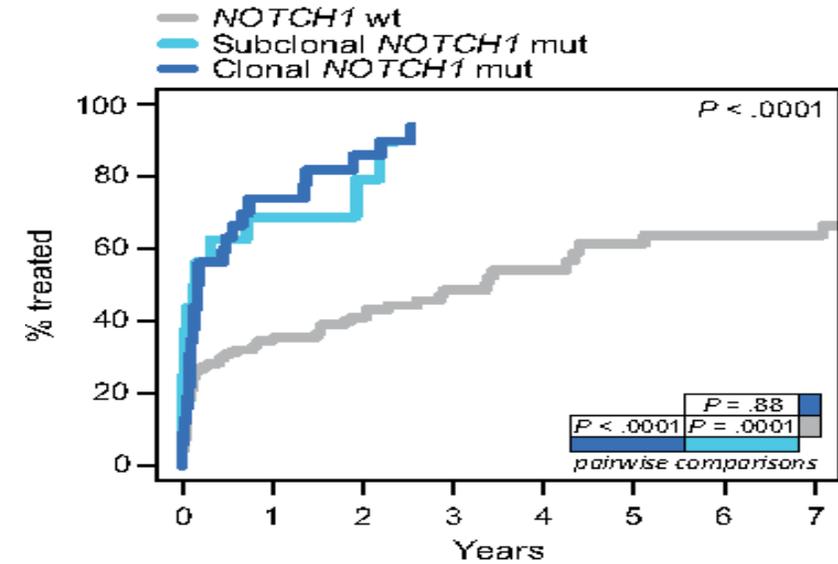
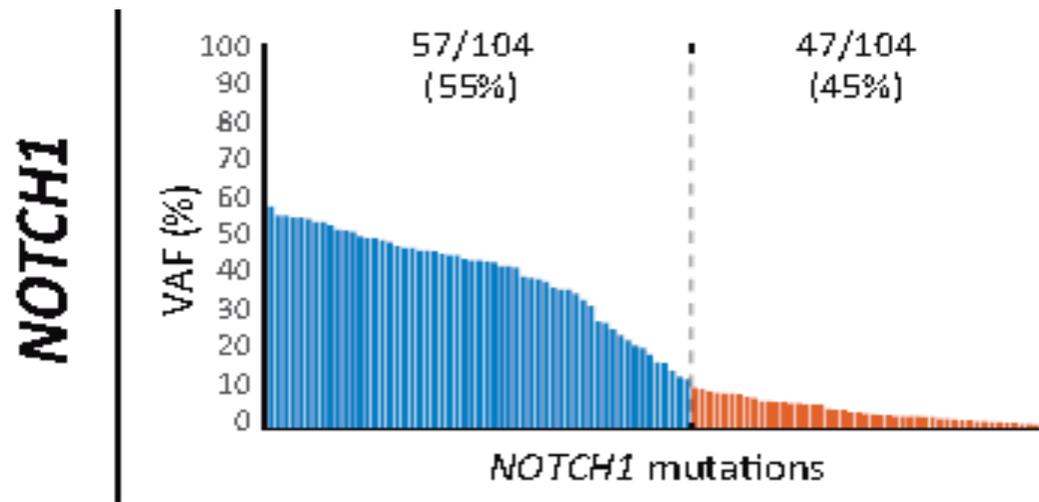
*Trencadís* on the staircase at Park Güell , Barcelona  
(Antoni Gaudí)



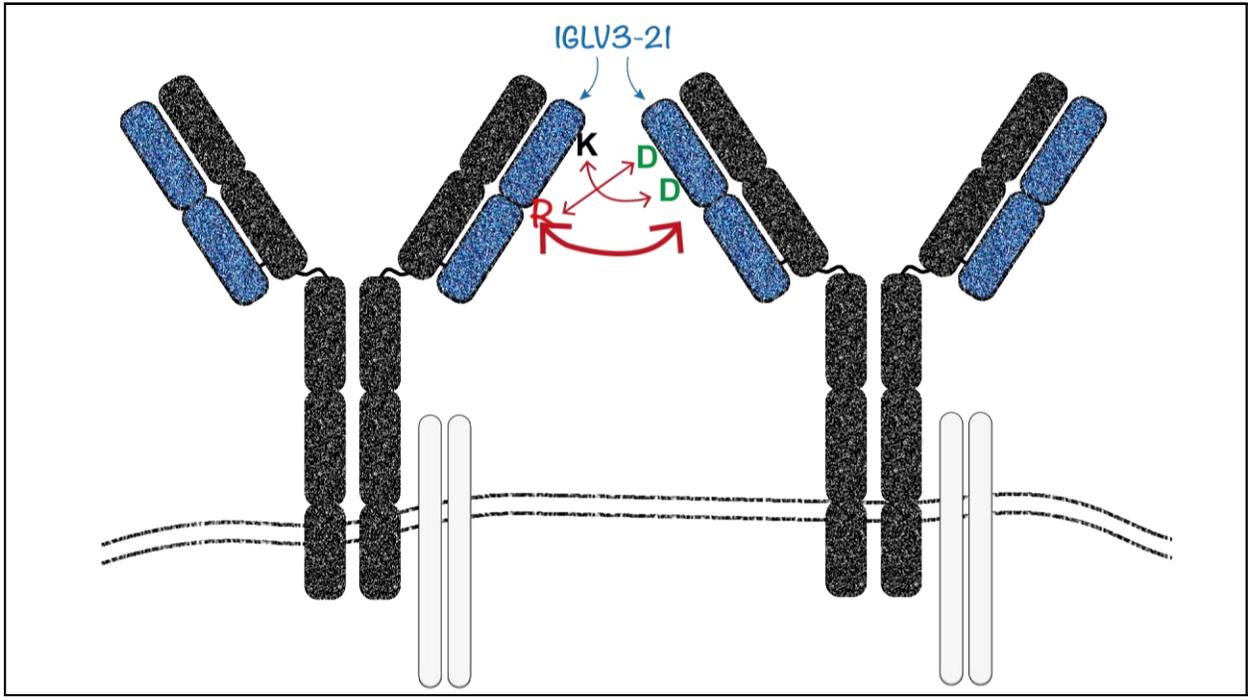
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# Clinical Impact of clonal and subclonal mutations in CLL

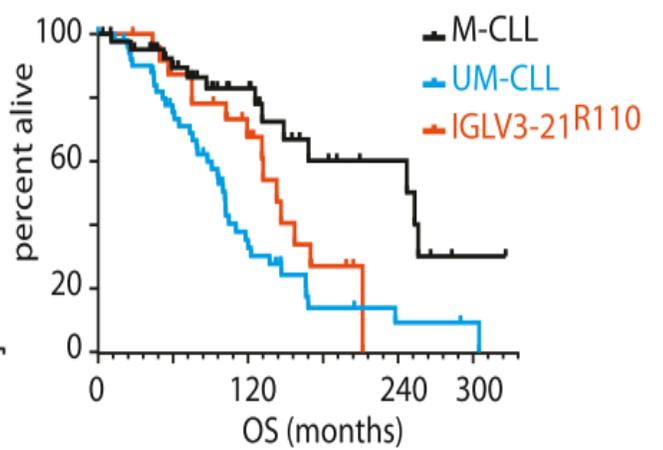
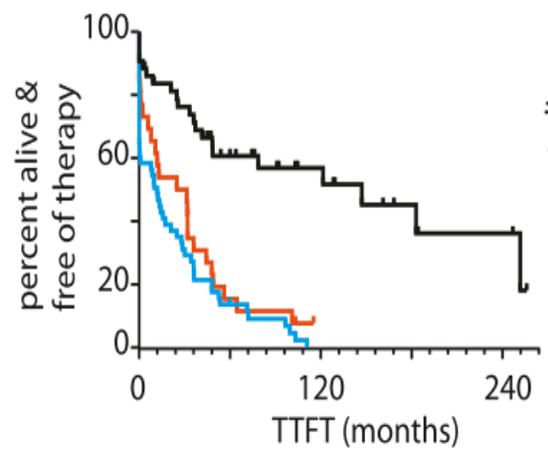


# Beyond IGHV mutational status: IGLV3-21<sup>R110</sup>

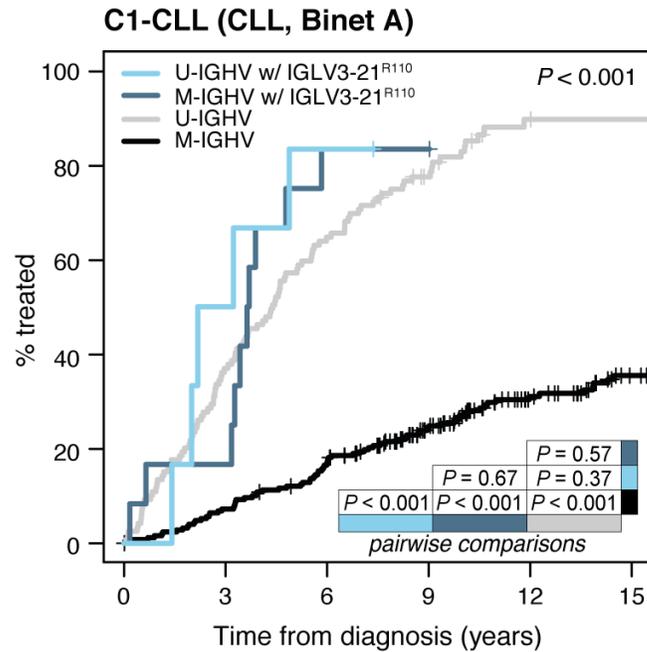


Minici, Nat Commun 2017 [Döhling et al. Blood 2019] [Petersen et al. Nat Commun 2020]

- 8-18% of cases carrying the IGLV3-21<sup>R110</sup>.
- **50% M-IGHV, 50% U-IGHV**
- Poor outcome



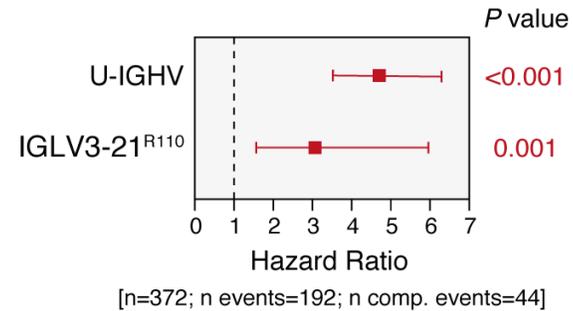
# IGVL3-21<sup>R110</sup> CLL has a clinical evolution similar to IGHV-unmutated CLL independently of the IGHV mutational status



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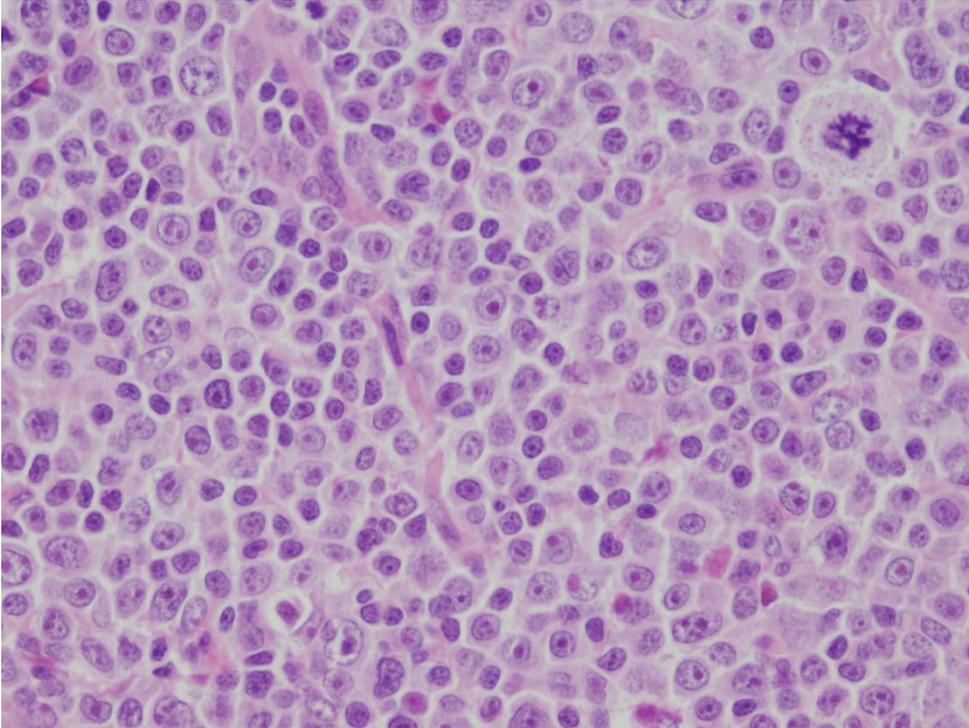
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## TTFT (C1-CLL: CLL, Binet A)



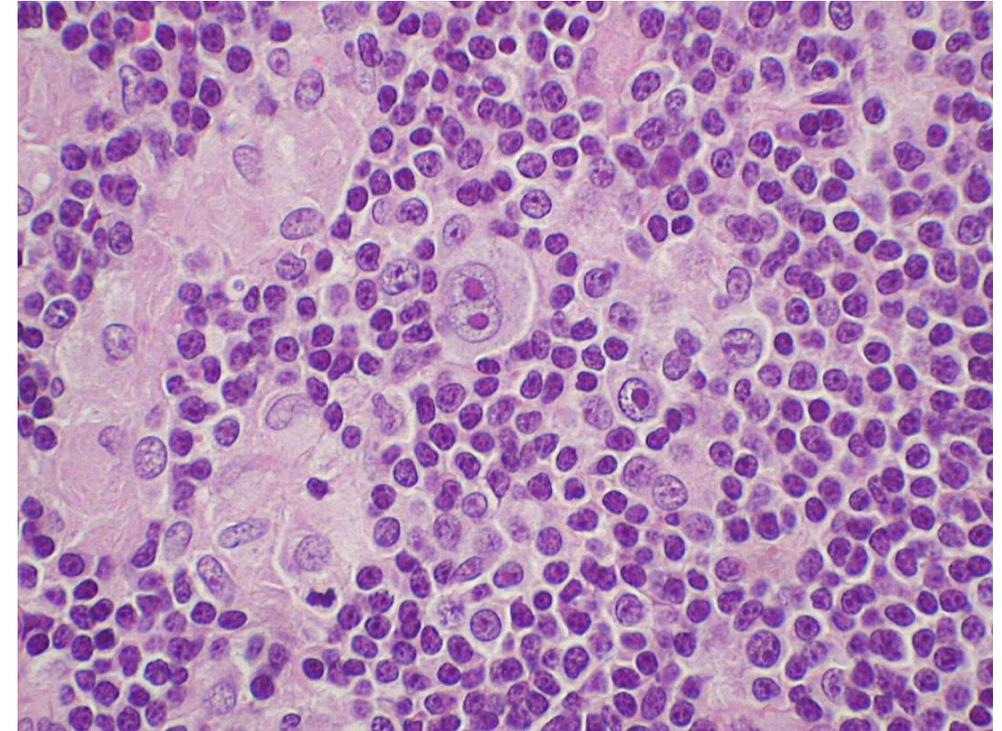
# Richter's syndrome: Pathology

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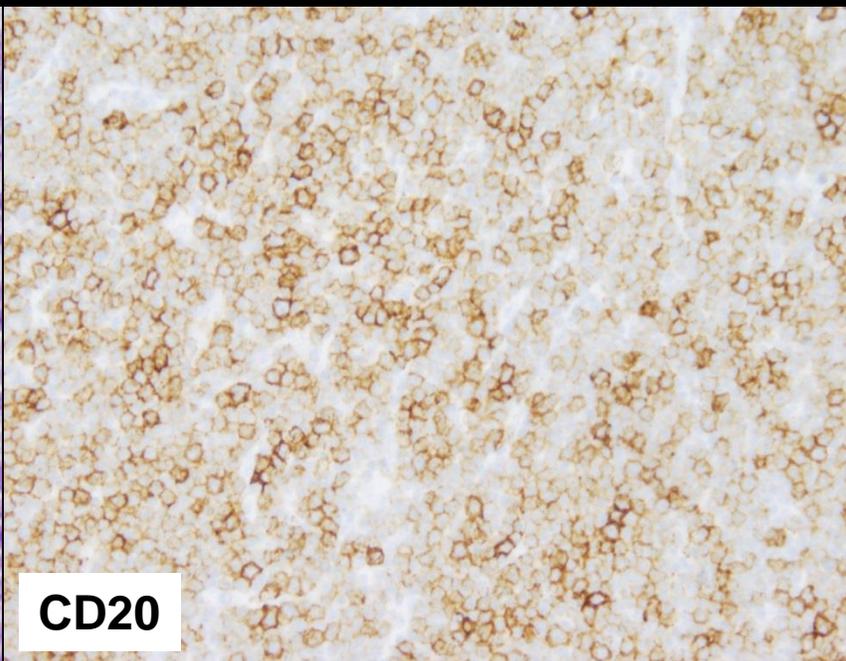
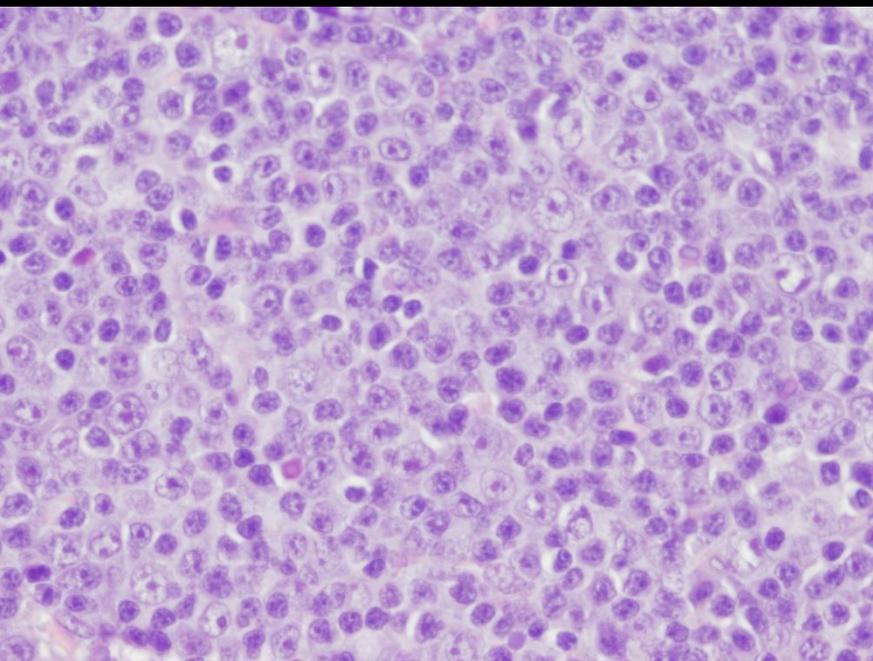


**~ 90% of cases**

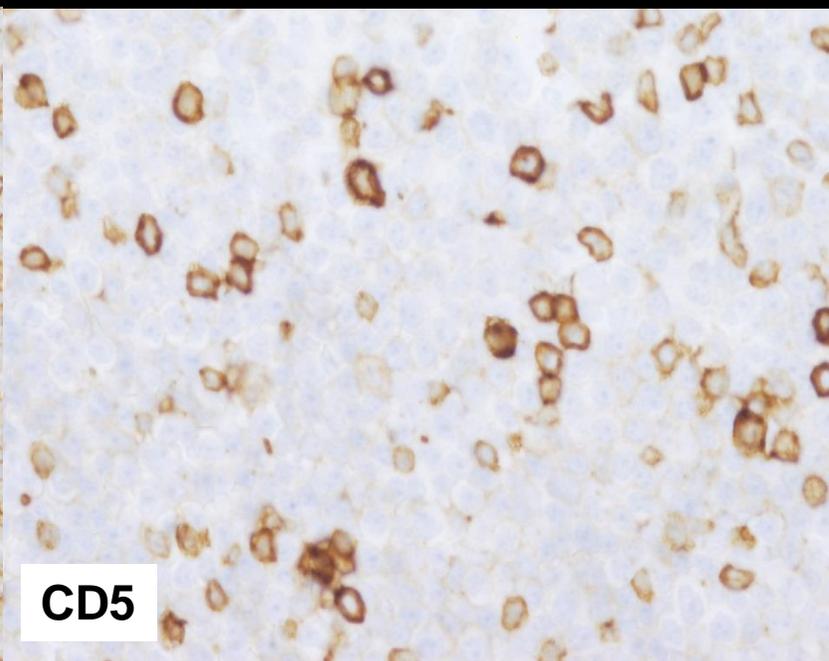
**Hodgkin Lymphoma**



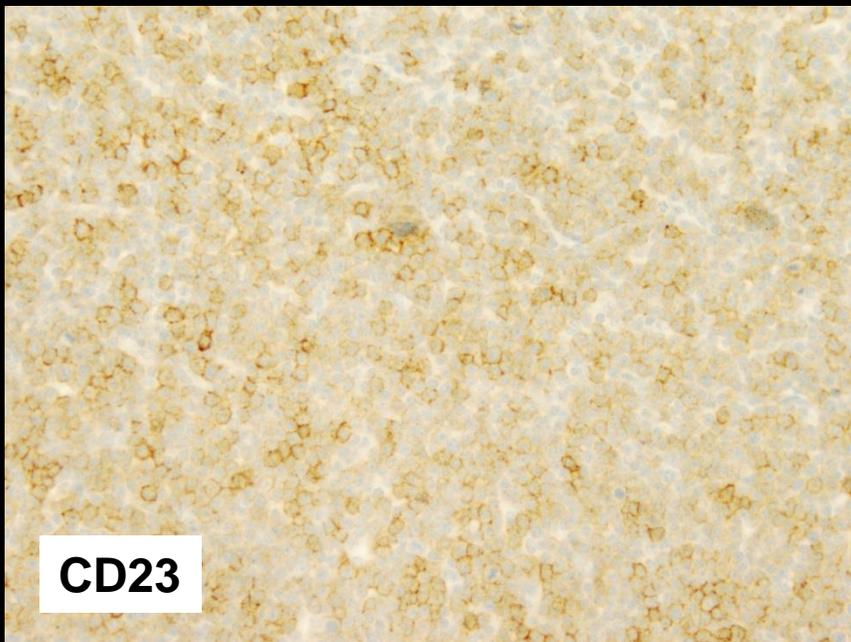
**~ 10% of cases**



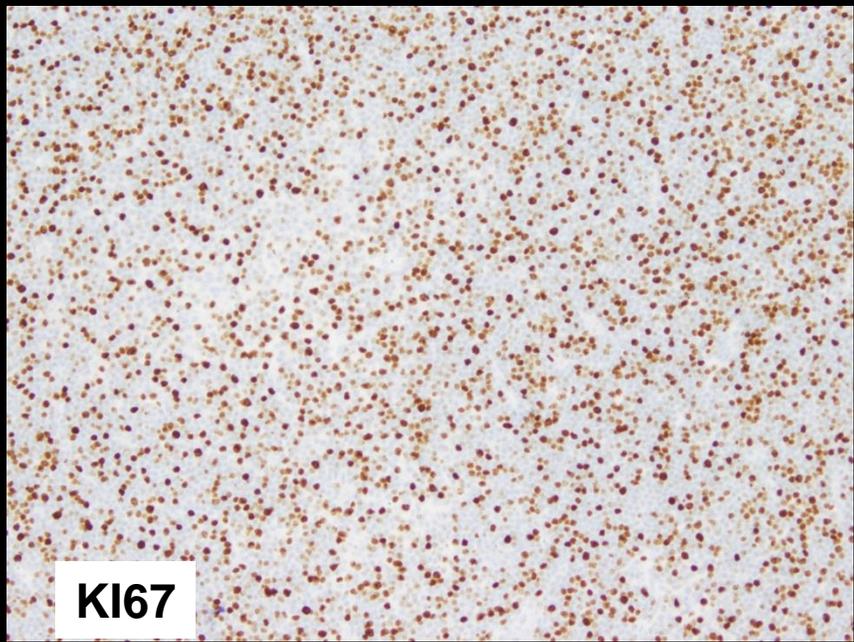
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**CD5**

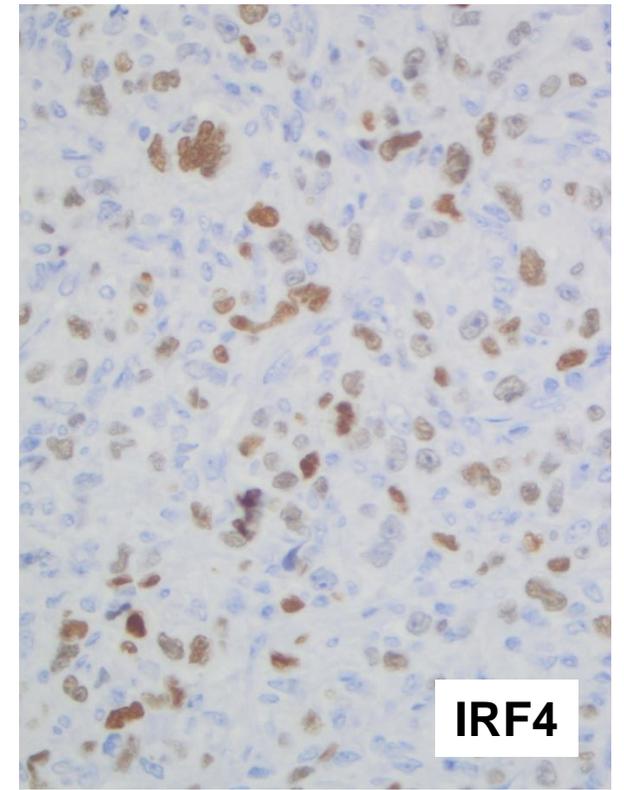
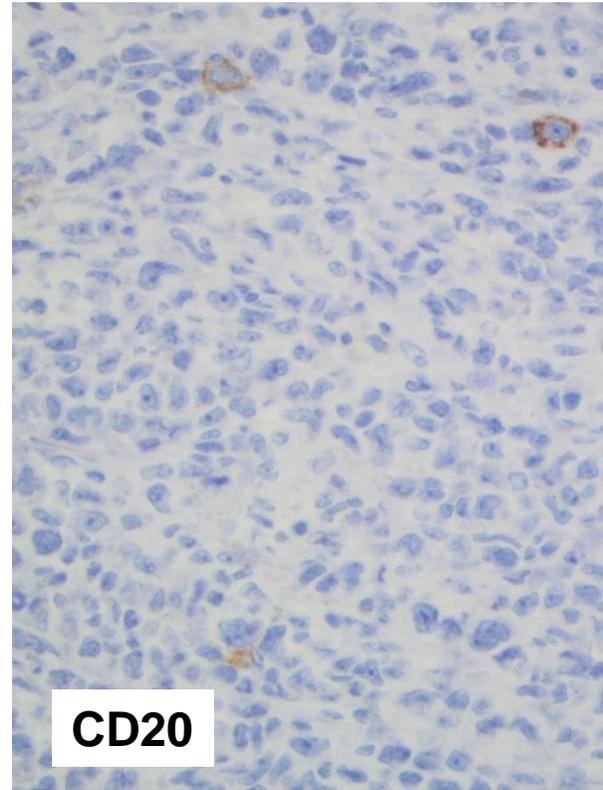
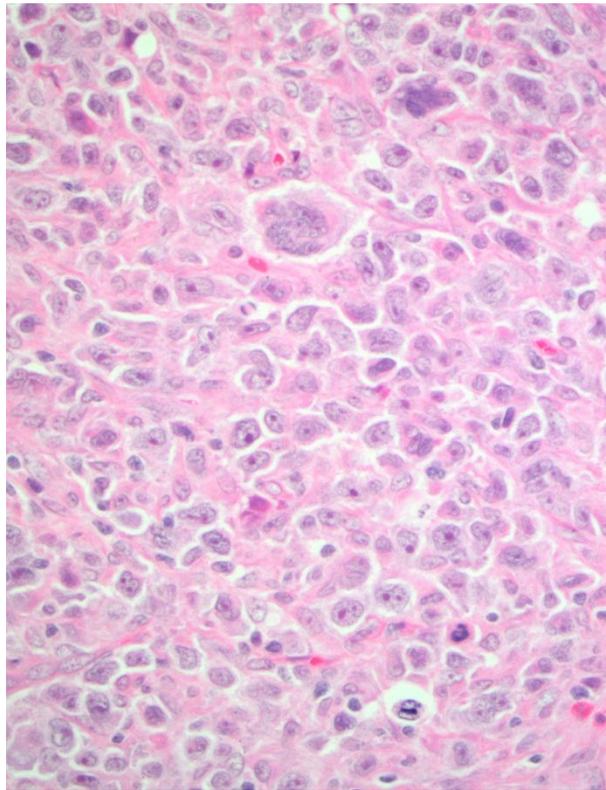
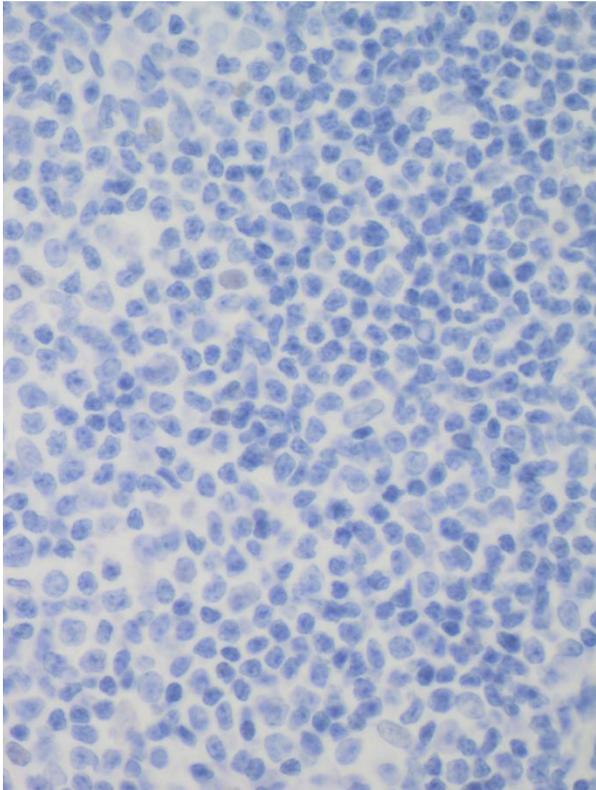


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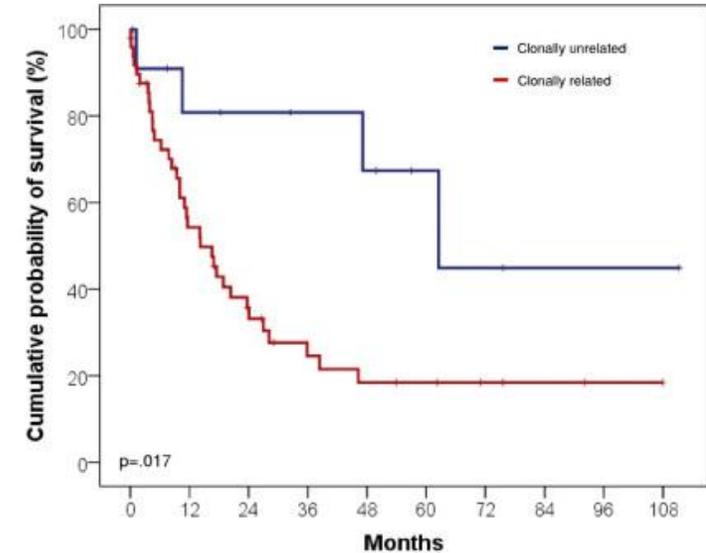
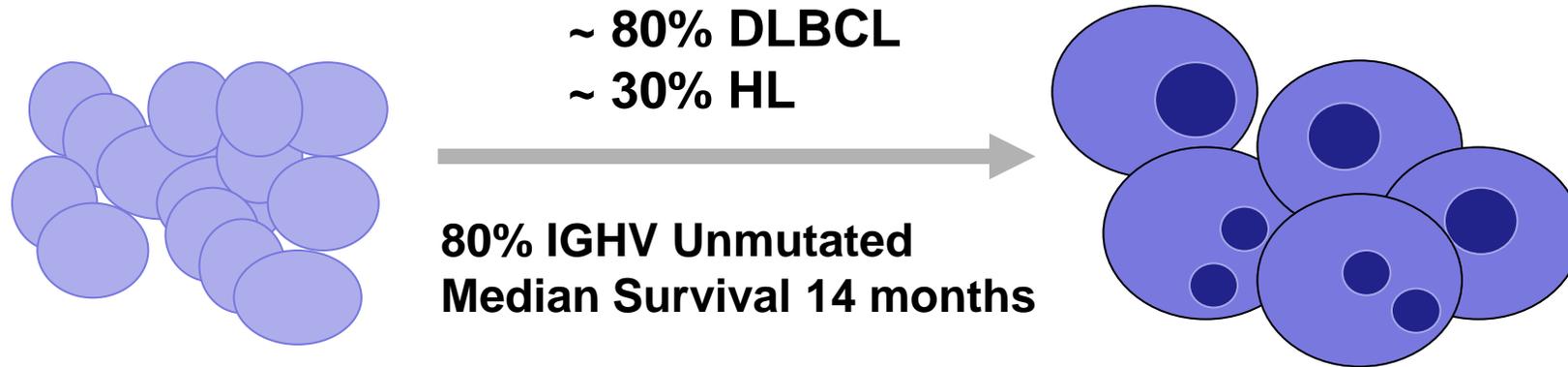
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# Novel patterns of CLL transformation under ibrutinib: Terminal (Plasmablastic) differentiation



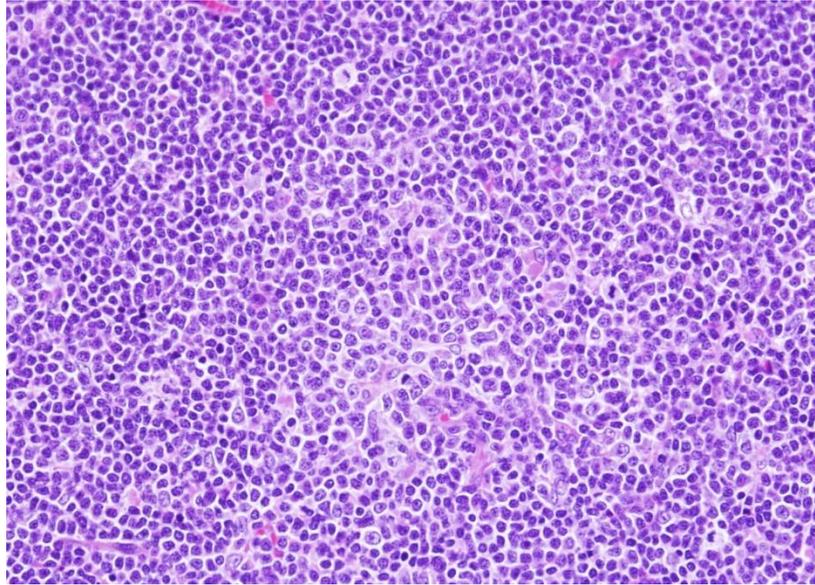
# Richter's Transformation: Clonal Relationship

## Clonally related

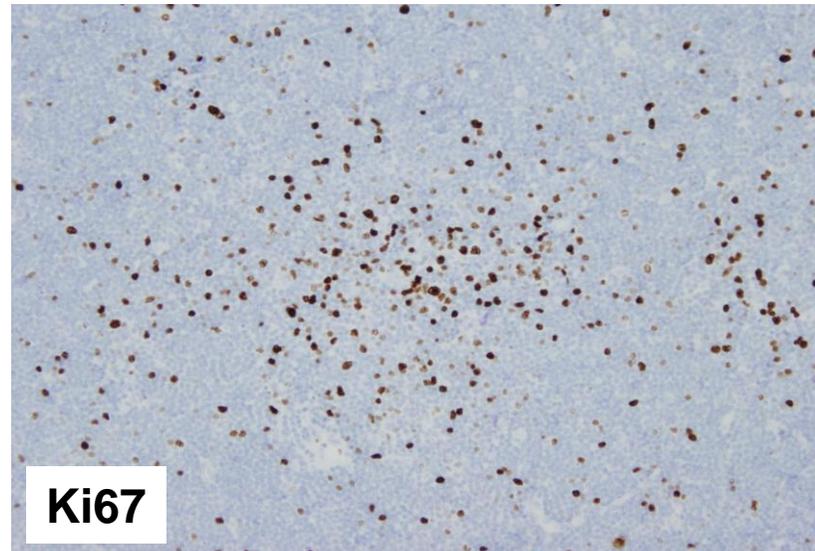
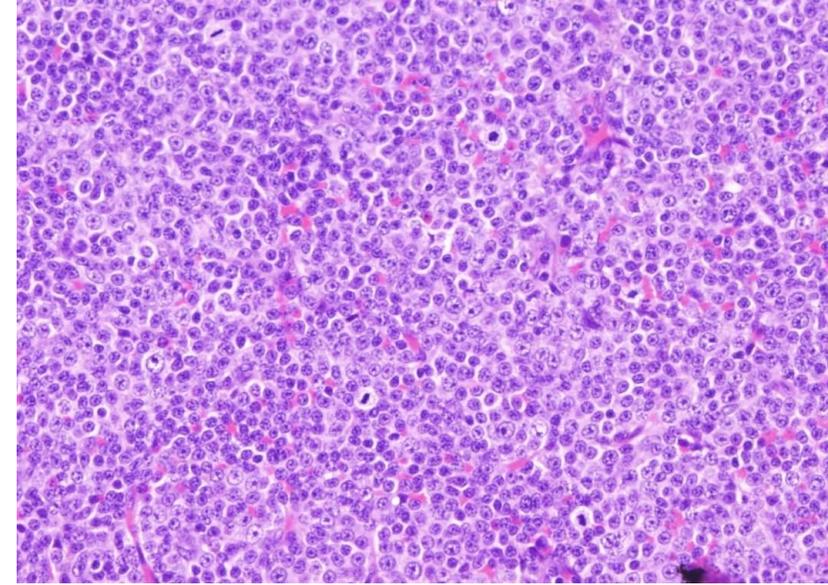


# CLL with expanded proliferation centers: “Accelerated” CLL

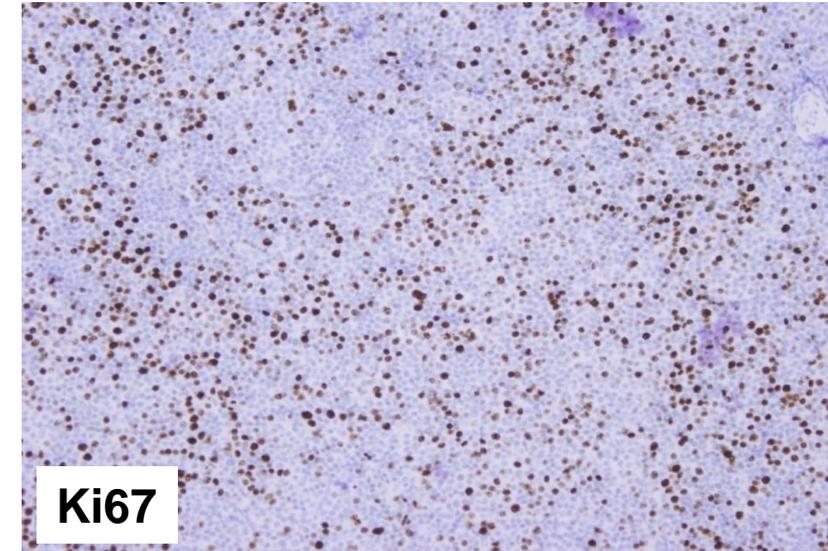
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Accelerated

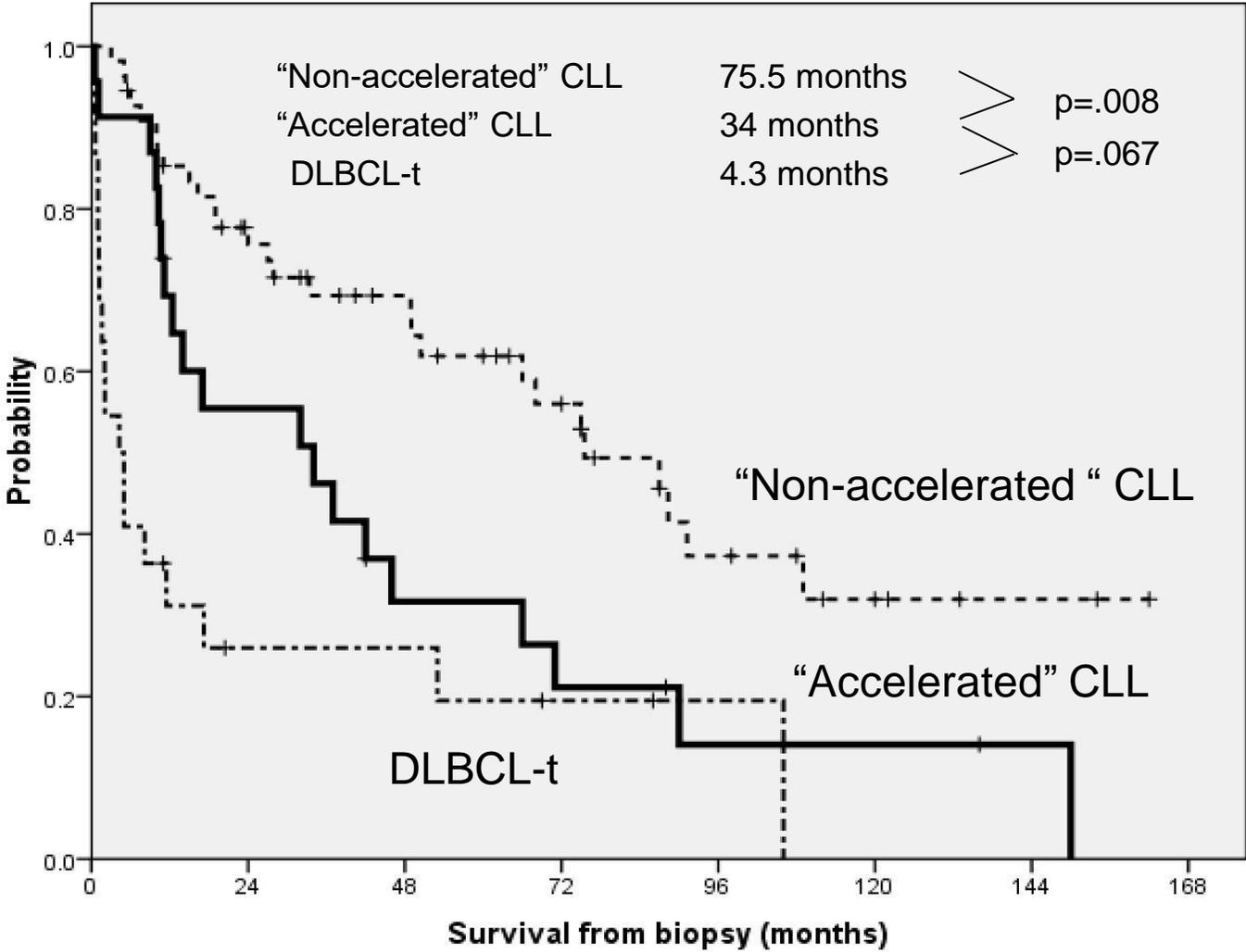


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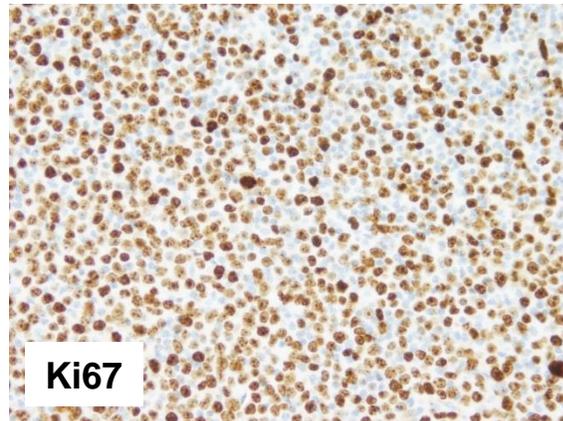
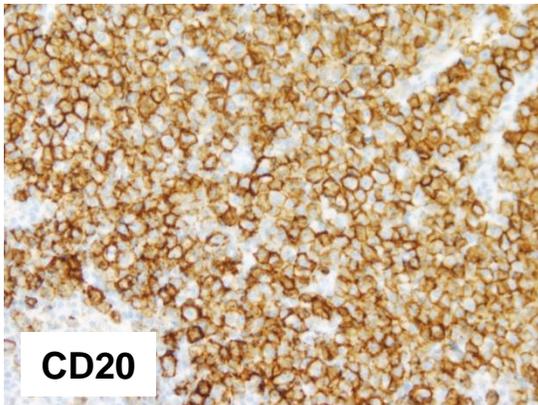
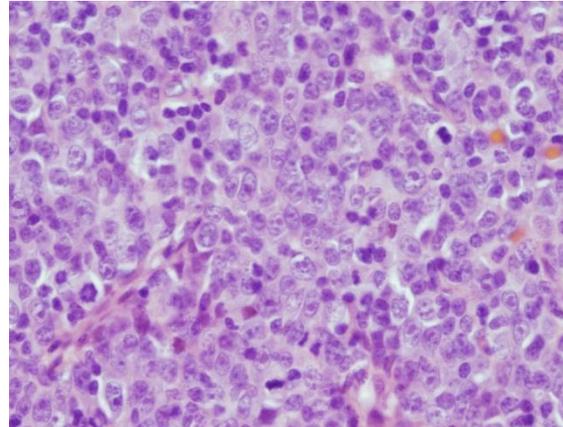
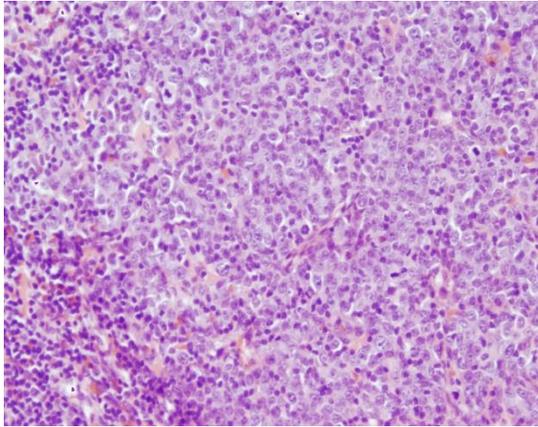
# Overall Survival of Patients with Conventional and Accelerated CLL and DLBCL Transformation



DLBCL-t: diffuse large B-cell lymphoma transformation

# “Pseudo-Richter”

## A pitfall in CLL treated with ibrutinib

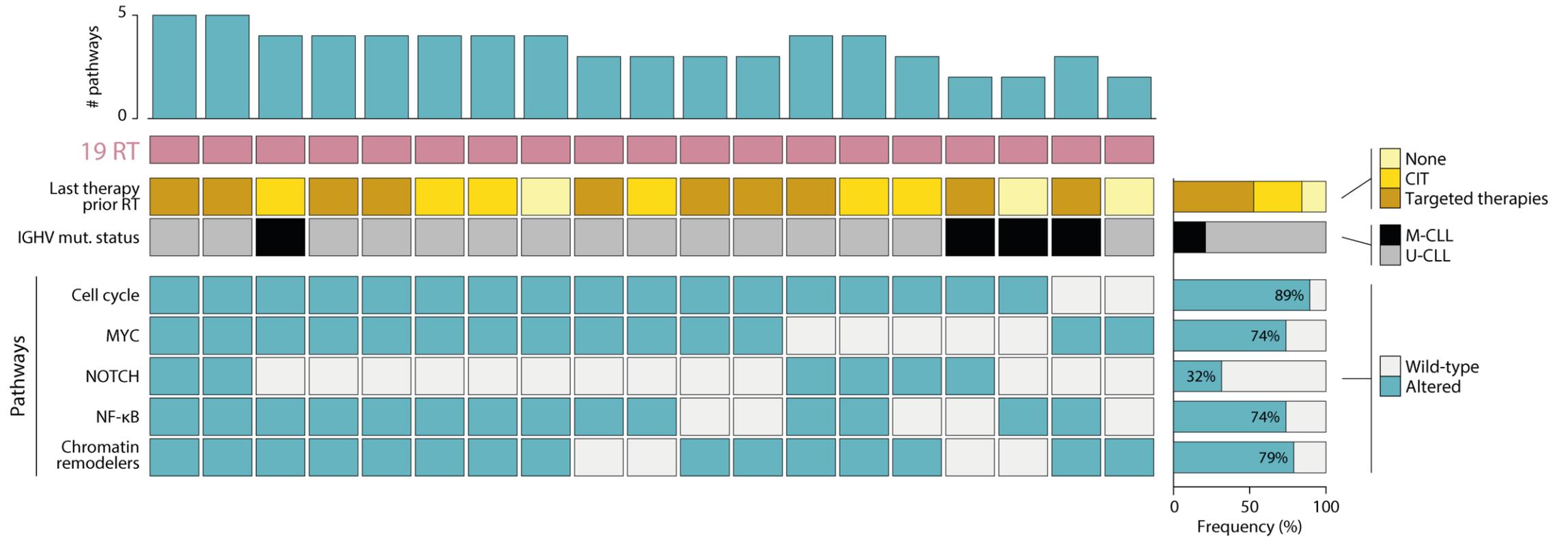


- Unmutated IGHV CLL
- Adverse genetic alterations: TP53
- Multiple prior lines of therapy
- Ibrutinib for 10-48 months
- Ibrutinib hold (10-40 days) for different reasons: Surgery
- Evidence of progression: Nodal enlargement
- **Morphology of highly proliferative “DLBCL”**
- Re-introduction of ibrutinib led to clinical response
- Re-biopsy 3-6 months: CLL
- Follow-up without evidence of progression **7-30 months**



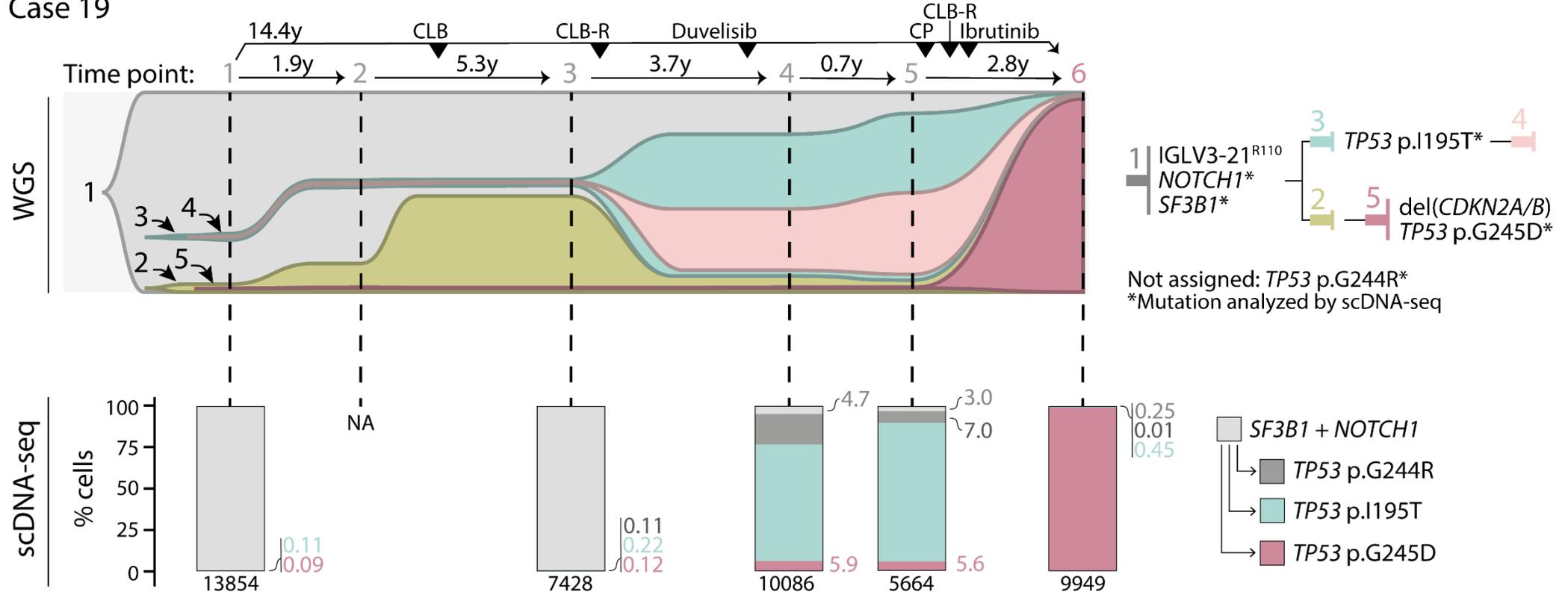


# Pathways Genetically Altered in RT



# Early seeding of RT: tracking driver mutations by scDNA-seq

Case 19

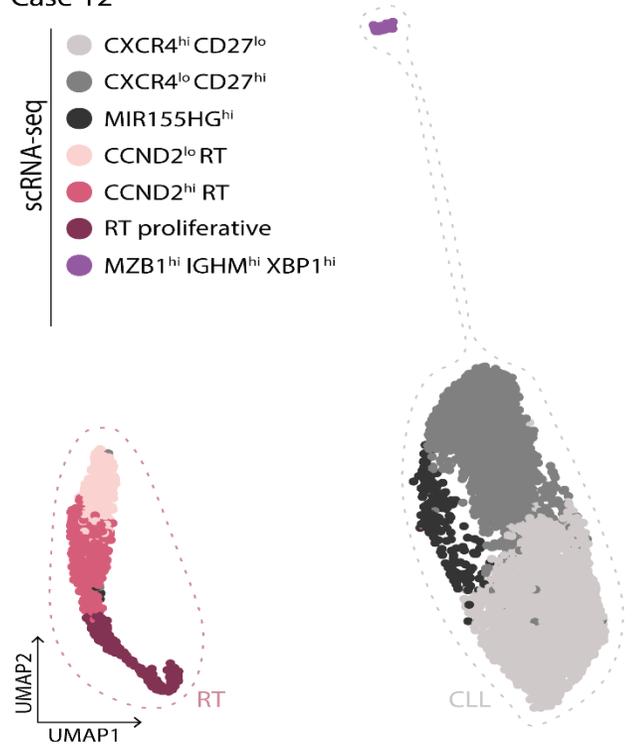


# Single cell analysis detects early seeding of subclonal relapses and transformation in CLL



Case 12

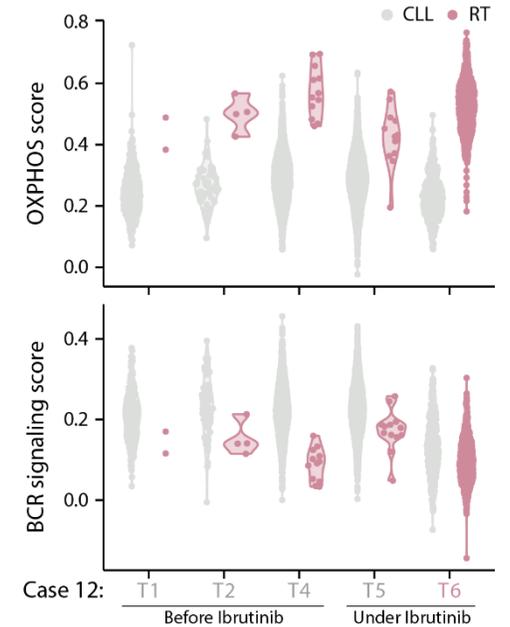
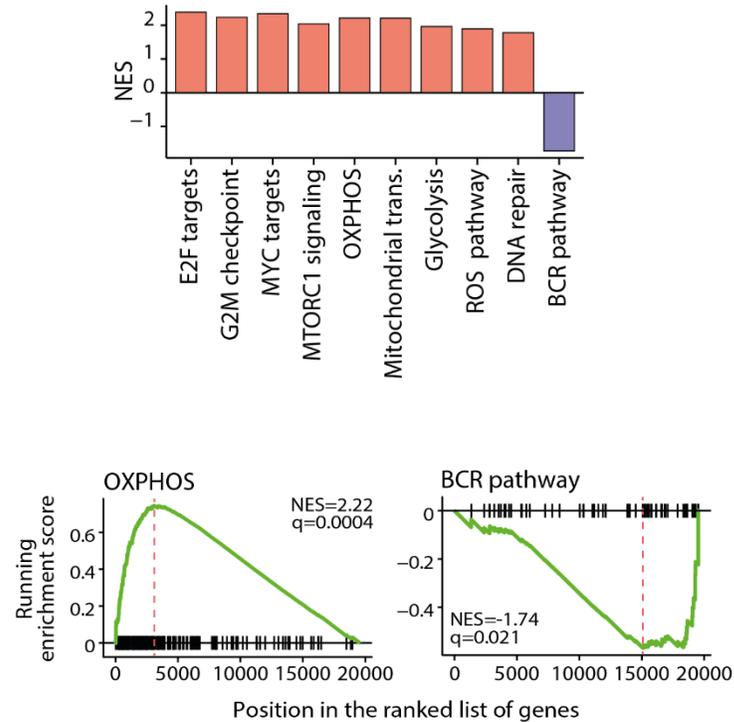
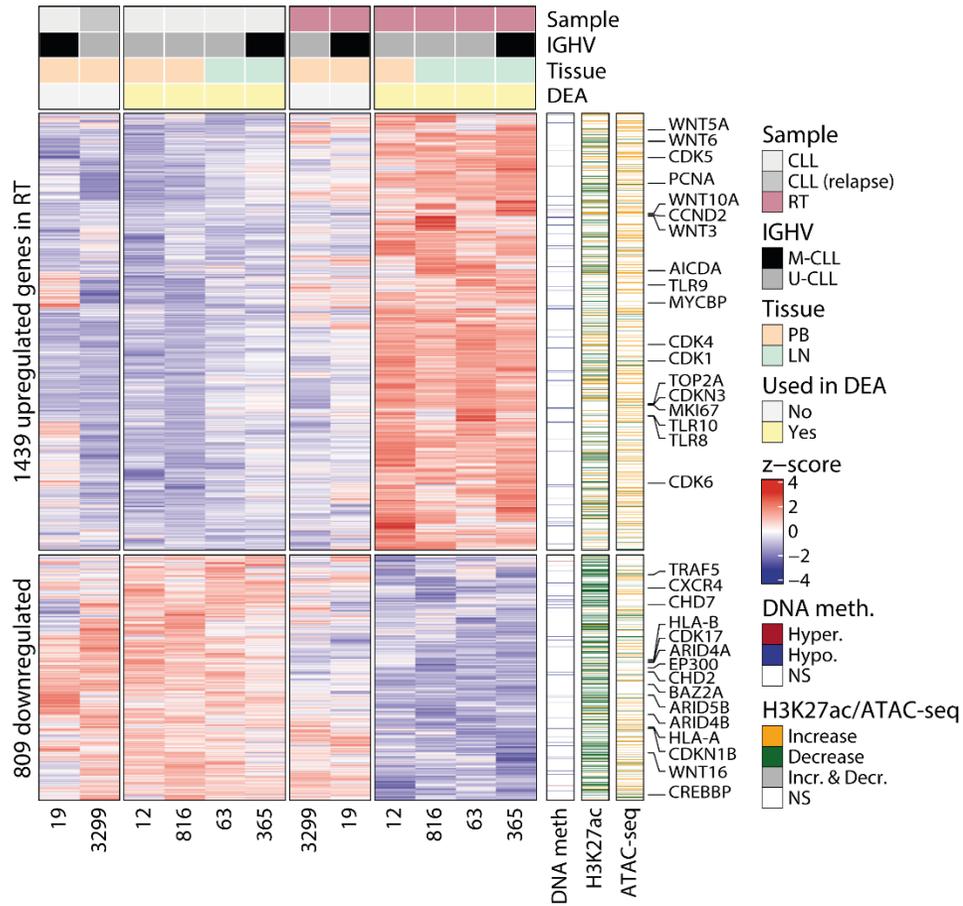
- CXCR4<sup>hi</sup> CD27<sup>lo</sup>
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- MIR155HG<sup>hi</sup>
- CCND2<sup>lo</sup> RT
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- RT proliferative
- MZB1<sup>hi</sup> IGHM<sup>hi</sup> XBP1<sup>hi</sup>



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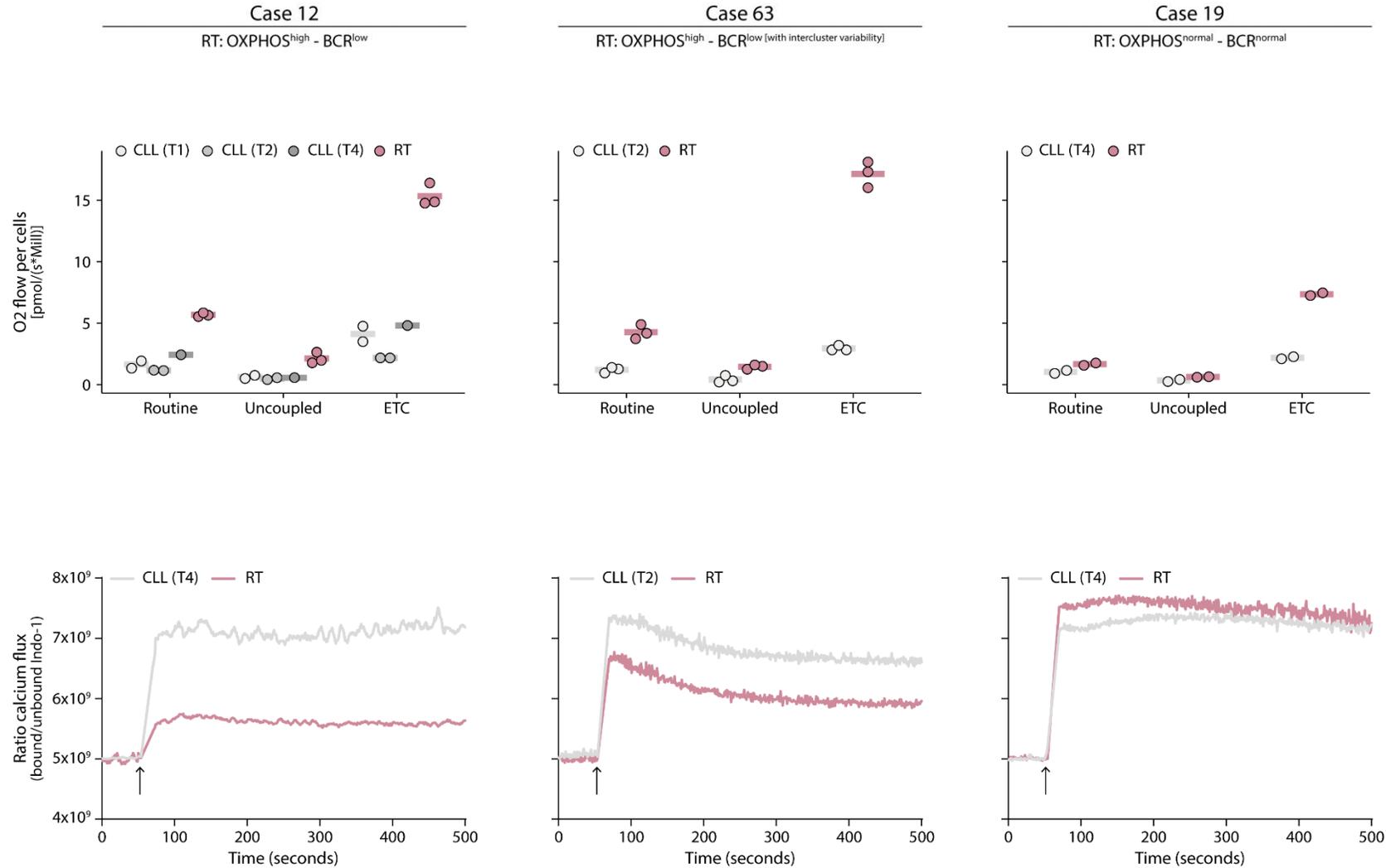
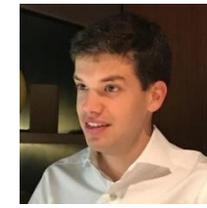
# The OXPHOS<sup>high</sup>-BCR<sup>low</sup> transcriptional axis of RT



This axis might explain the selection and rapid expansion of small RT subclones under therapy with BCR inhibitors

Monti Blood 2005; Caro Cancer Cell 2012; Norberg Cell Death Differ 2017.

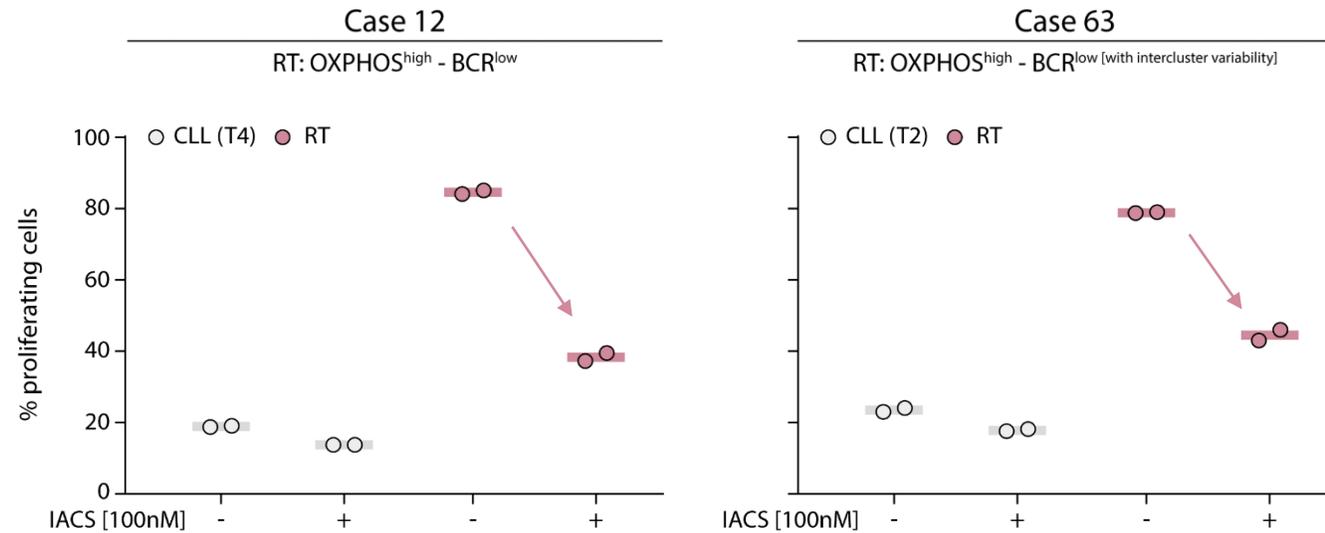
# Cellular respiration and BCR signaling in RT cells



# The OXPPOS<sup>high</sup> phenotype of RT is of potential therapeutic value

## OXPPOS pathway can be exploited therapeutically.

Caro Cancer Cell 2012; Norberg Cell Death Differ 2017; Molina Nat Med 2018;  
Vangapandu Oncotarget 2018; Zhang Sci Transl Med 2019; Ravera Sci Rep 2020; Chen Nat Commun 2021.



# Lymphoplasmacytic lymphoma (LPL)

## IgM (Waldenström's macroglobulinemia) and non-IgM (IgG, IgA)

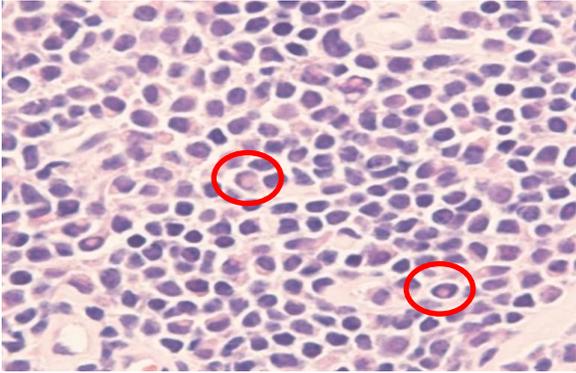
- Neoplasm of small B-lymphocytes, plasmacytoid cells and plasma cells in bone marrow and sometimes lymph nodes and spleen.<sup>1</sup>
- IgM paraprotein frequent but not required for diagnosis<sup>1</sup>
- Diagnosis requires abnormal lymphoplasmacytic aggregates in the bone marrow and evidence of clonal B-cells and plasma cells:
  - Even when the aggregates represent <10% of cellularity of the bone marrow (ICC)<sup>2</sup>
  - ≥10% of the bone marrow cellularity (WHO-5ed)<sup>3</sup>

1. Swerdlow SH, et al. Blood. 2016;127(20):2375-90.

2. Campo E, Jaffe ES, et al. Blood. 2022; 140(11):1229-1253.

3. Alaggio R et al Leukemia 2022; 36(7):1720-1748

# Lymphoplasmacytic Lymphoma



## MYD88 L265P

- **95% WM/LPL**
- 29% DLBCL-ABC
- 6% MZL
- 3% CLL

## CXCR4

- **25-35% WM/LPL**
- Associated with MYD88
- More active disease
- Less lymphadenopathy
- More resistant disease to new drugs

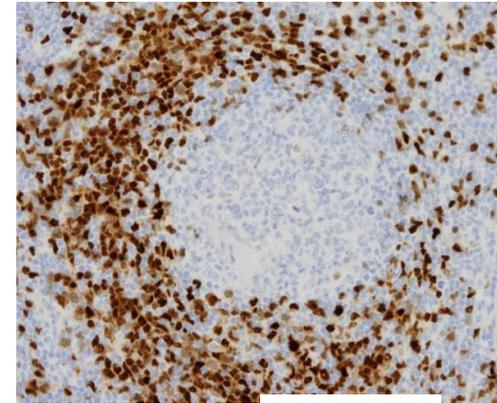
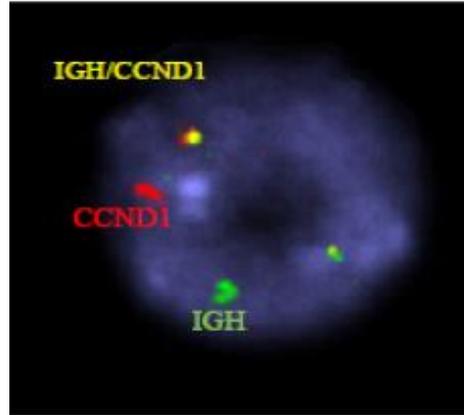
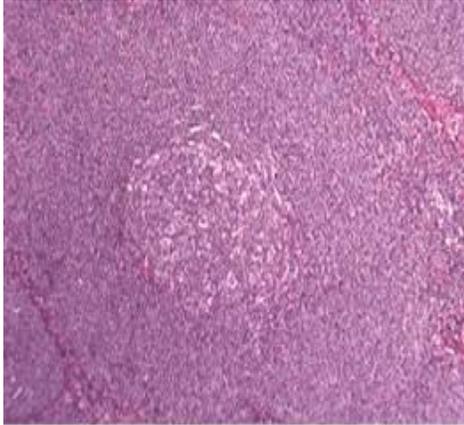
## BTK

Patients treated with Ibrutinib

Mutations before clinical progression

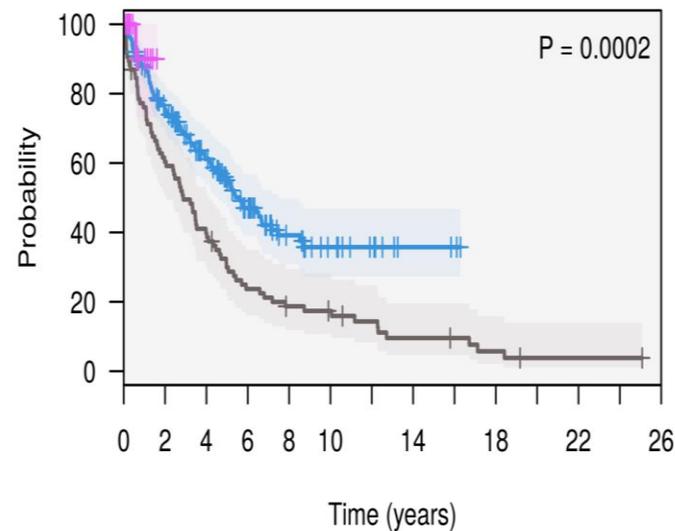
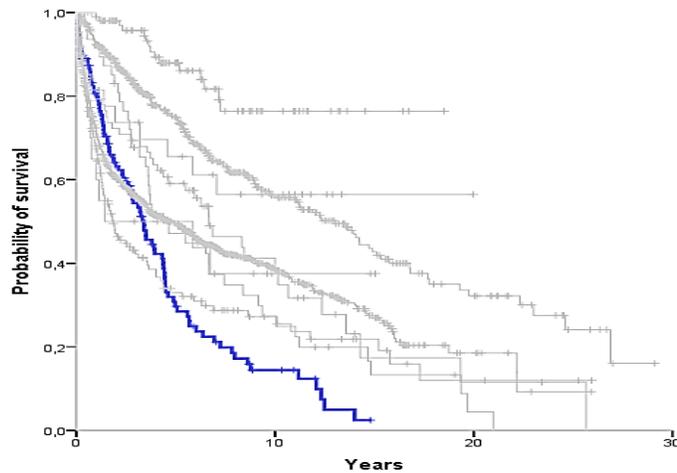
- Molecular studies for *MYD88* and *CXCR4* mutations are strongly encouraged in the workup of suspected LPL
  - Need to be interpreted in the global context of the disease
    - Absence of a *MYD88* mutation does not exclude the diagnosis of LPL (even IgM)

# Mantle Cell Lymphoma



Cyclin D1

Hospital Clinic of Barcelona  
MCL, B-NHL



Median survival:  
1990-2001: 3.2  
yrs  
2002-2017: 5.6  
yrs  
2018: not reached

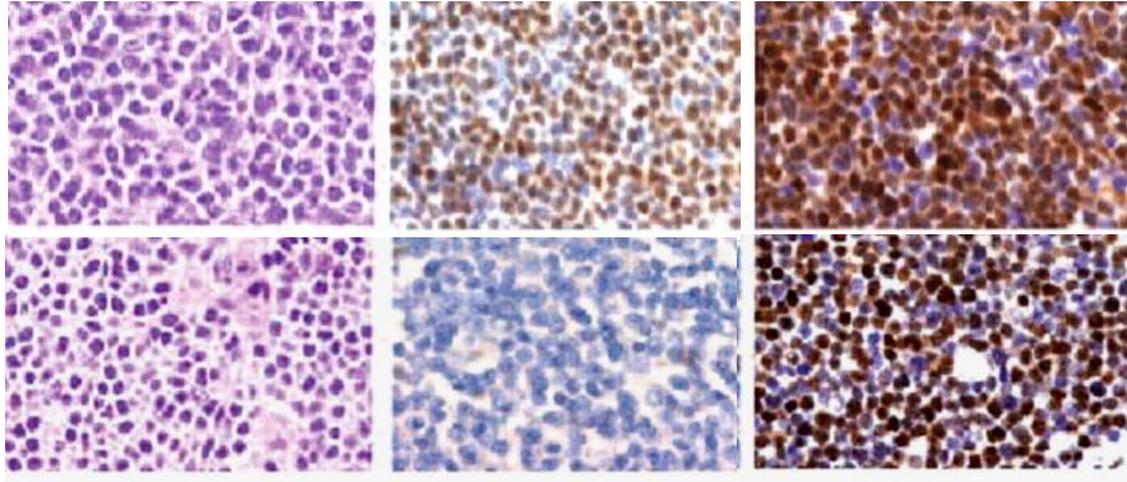
(Courtesy Dr. López-Guillermo)

# Cyclin D1 Negative MCL Variant

MCL

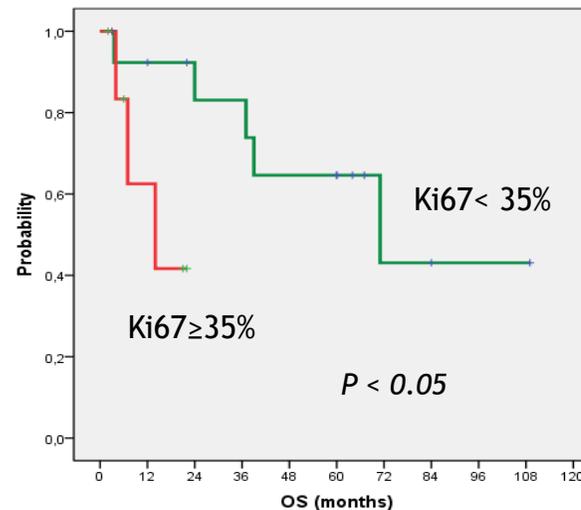
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SOX11

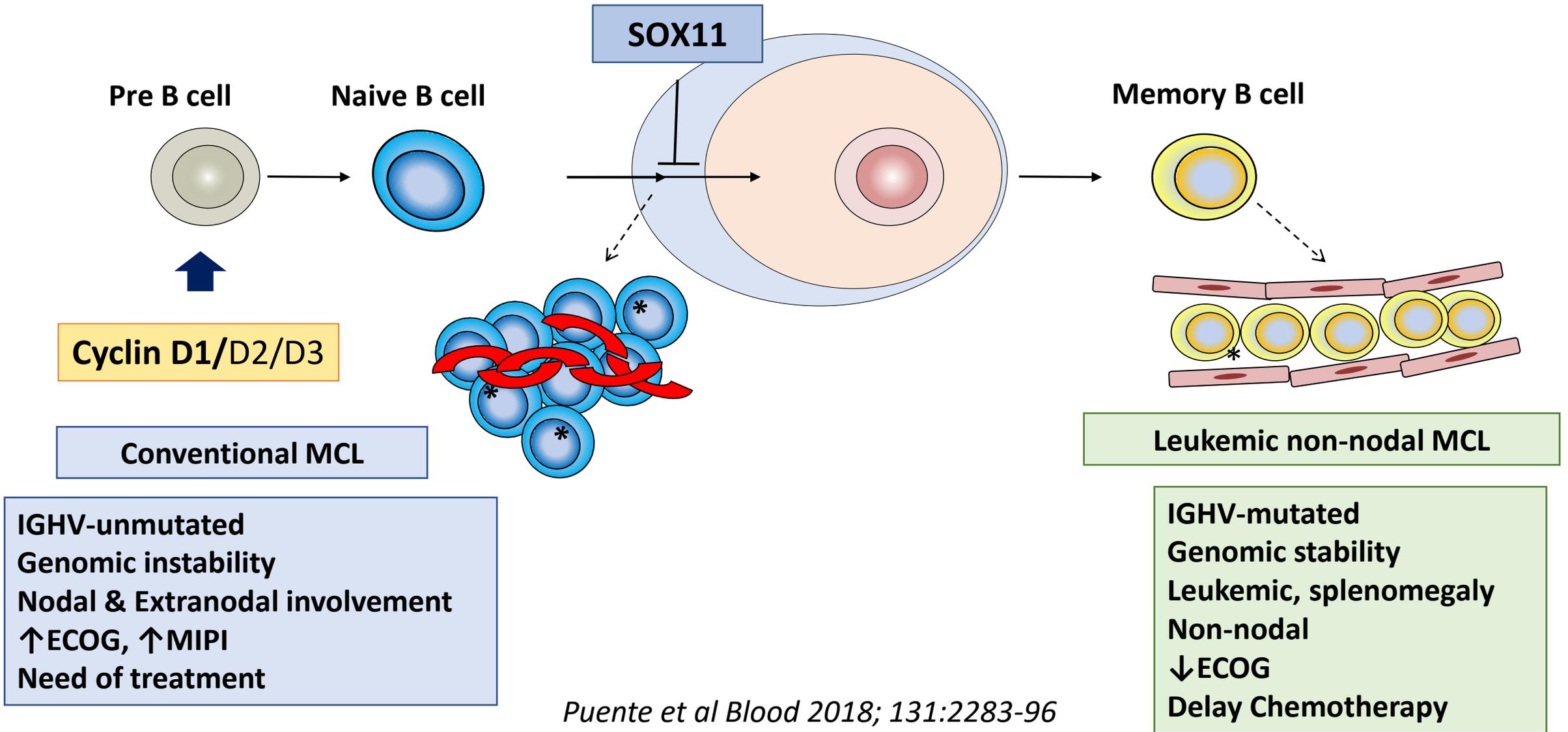


| Rearrangements | No. (%)  |
|----------------|----------|
| <i>CCND1</i>   | 0        |
| <i>CCND2</i>   | 43 (83%) |
| <i>CCND3</i>   | 9 (17%)* |

\* They may be cryptic with conventional FISH probes

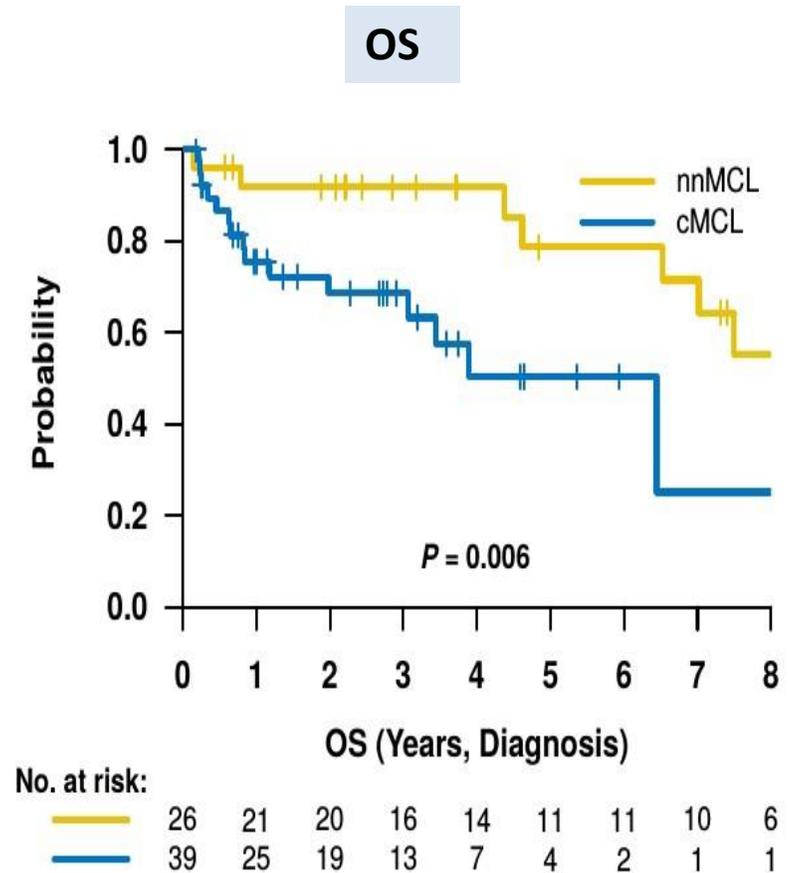
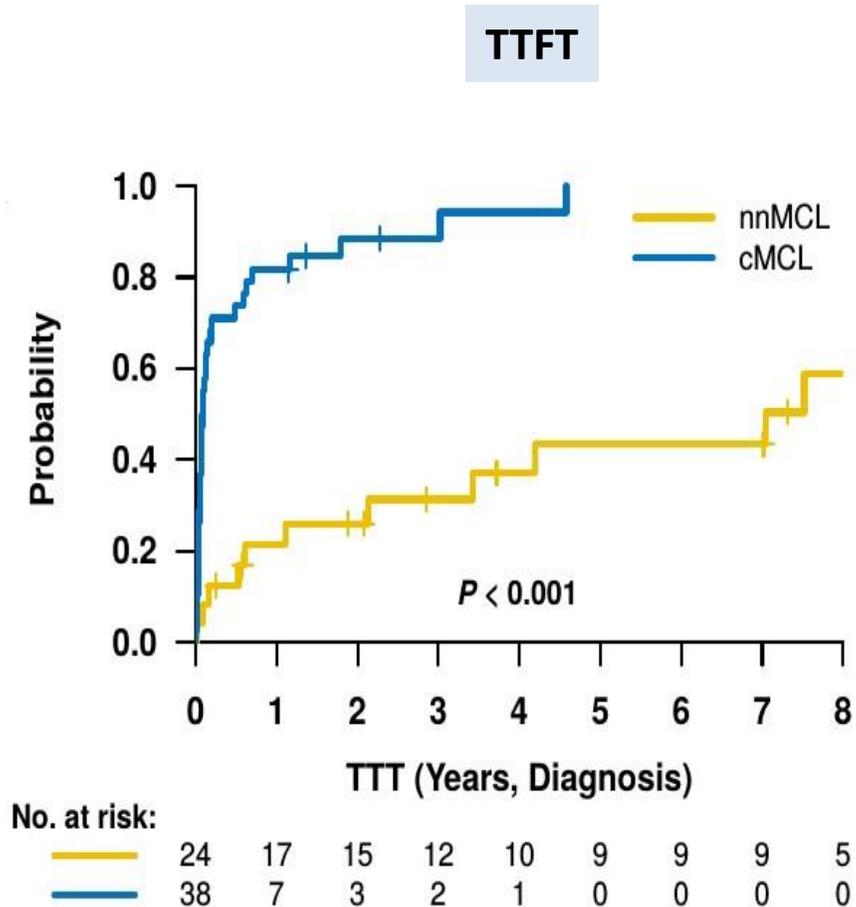


# Molecular Pathogenesis and Clinical Subtypes of MCL

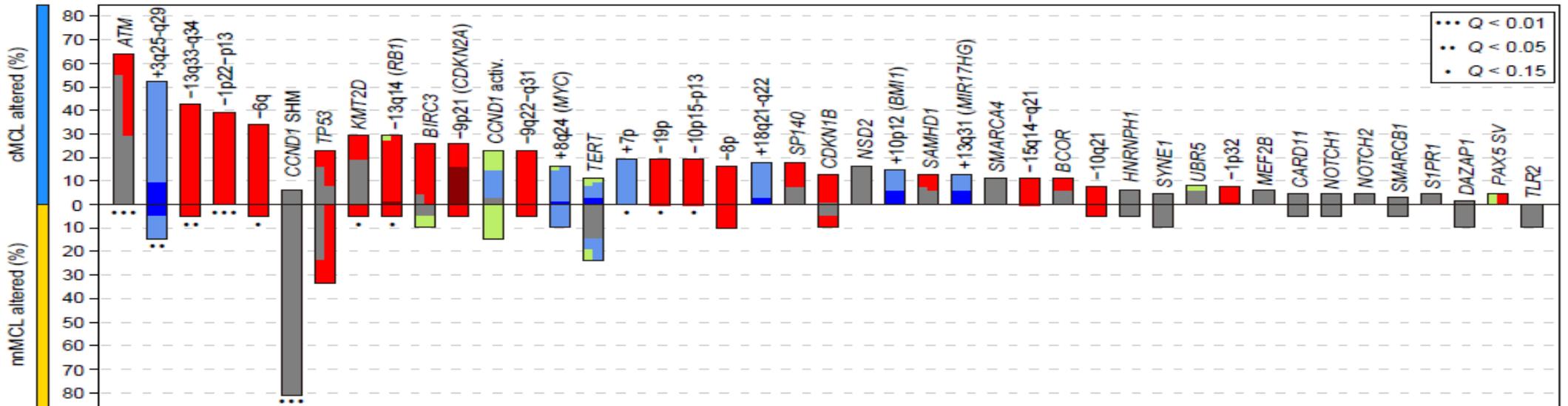


*Puente et al Blood 2018; 131:2283-96*

# Outcome according to cMCL and nnMCL signatures



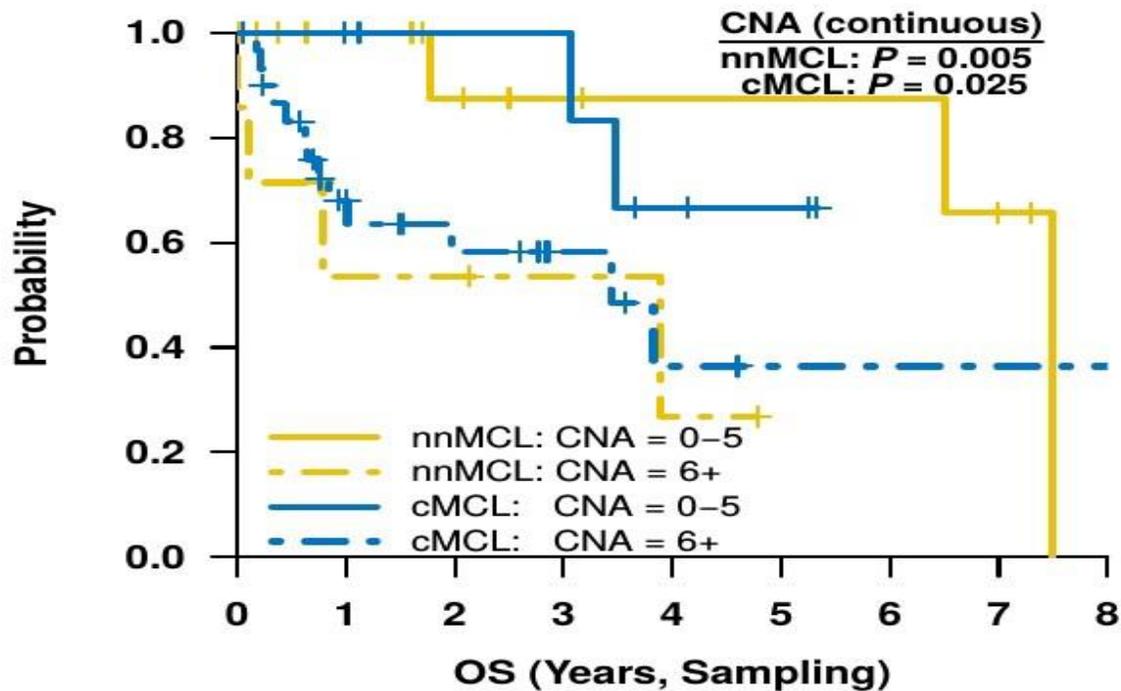
# Different distribution of driver alterations in MCL subtypes



- Early drivers: *ATM*, *TP53* loss, -13q3
- Late drivers: -6q, -19p, +8q (*MYC*), +18q

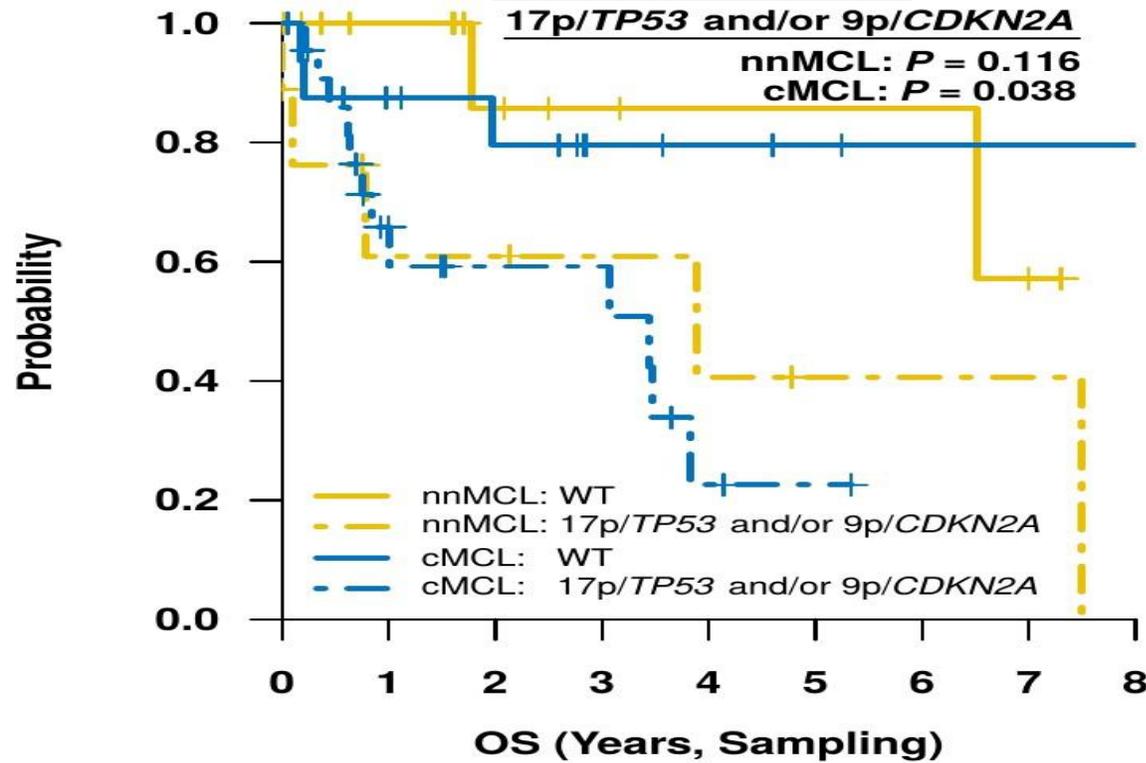
**Genomic alterations confer adverse outcome in both cMCL and nnMCL**

**Genomic Complexity**



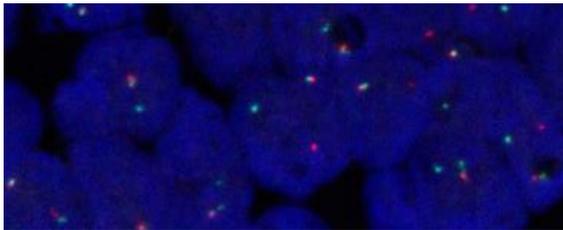
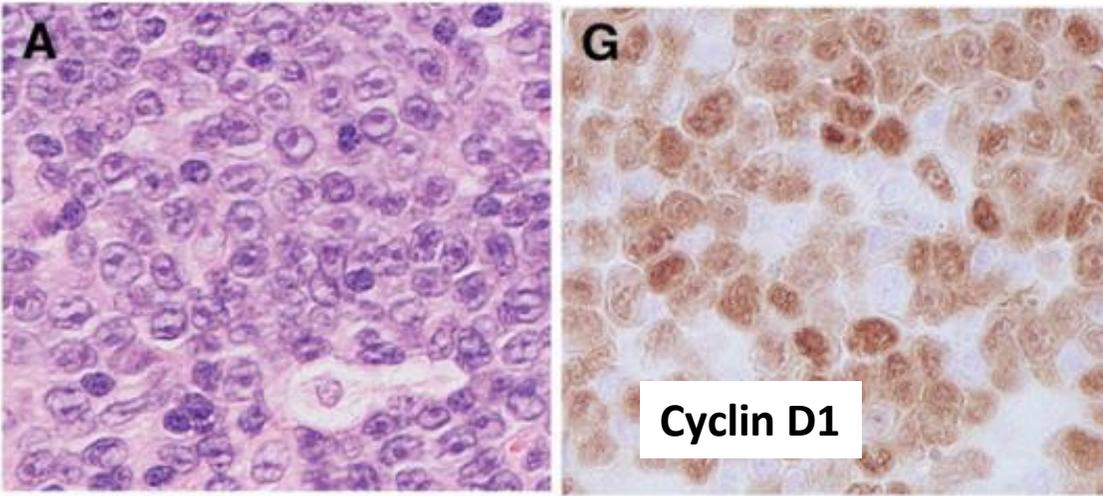
| No. at risk:            | 0  | 1  | 2  | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|-------------------------|----|----|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| — (nnMCL: CNA = 0-5)    | 17 | 11 | 7  | 5 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 0 |
| - - - (nnMCL: CNA = 6+) | 7  | 3  | 3  | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| — (cMCL: CNA = 0-5)     | 9  | 7  | 6  | 6 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| - - - (cMCL: CNA = 6+)  | 30 | 16 | 11 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

**TP53/CDKN2A**



| No. at risk:                             | 0  | 1  | 2  | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|------------------------------------------|----|----|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| — (nnMCL: WT)                            | 15 | 10 | 6  | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| - - - (nnMCL: 17p/TP53 and/or 9p/CDKN2A) | 9  | 4  | 4  | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| — (cMCL: WT)                             | 17 | 12 | 10 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| - - - (cMCL: 17p/TP53 and/or 9p/CDKN2A)  | 22 | 11 | 7  | 7 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

# CCND1 Expression and Genomic Rearrangement as a Secondary Event in High Grade B-Cell Lymphoma and other B-cell neoplasms



- Large B cell morphology
- CD5 and SOX11-negative
- Usually CCND1 rearrangement negative but...
- Unusual cases *CCND1* rearranged
- Associated with multiple translocations (*BCL6*, *BCL2*, *MYC*)
- Unusual mutations (*KRAS* and *TNFRSF14*) in MCL

Hsiao et al Histopathology. 2012 Oct;61(4):685-93.

Cheng J et al Hemasphere. 2021; 5(1): e505

Schliemann I et al Leuk Lymphoma. 2016;57(11):2672-6

## Conclusions and Practical approach

### CLL

- Need to study IGHV and *TP53* alterations (FISH, Sequence) before treatment
- Future perspective: *TP53* Subclonal mutations, IGL V3-21 R110, *NOTCH1* and other drivers, complex karyotypes
- Richter Transformation: Define clonal relationship

### LPL

- *MYD88* and *CXCR4*

### MCL

- Consider FISH and NGS in cases *SOX11*-negative with blastoid/large cells cyclin D1+
- Possibly *TP53* alterations in the near future

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