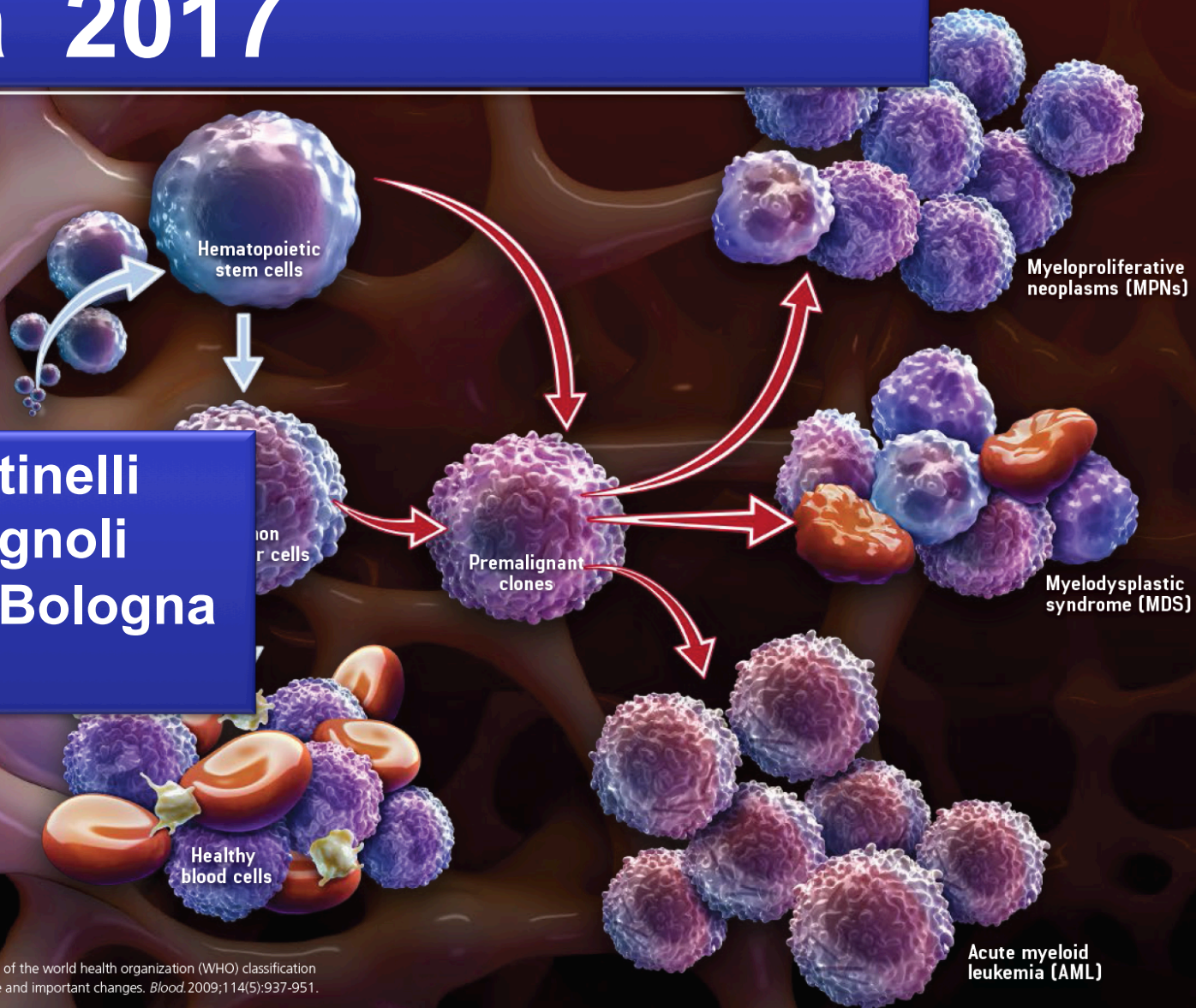


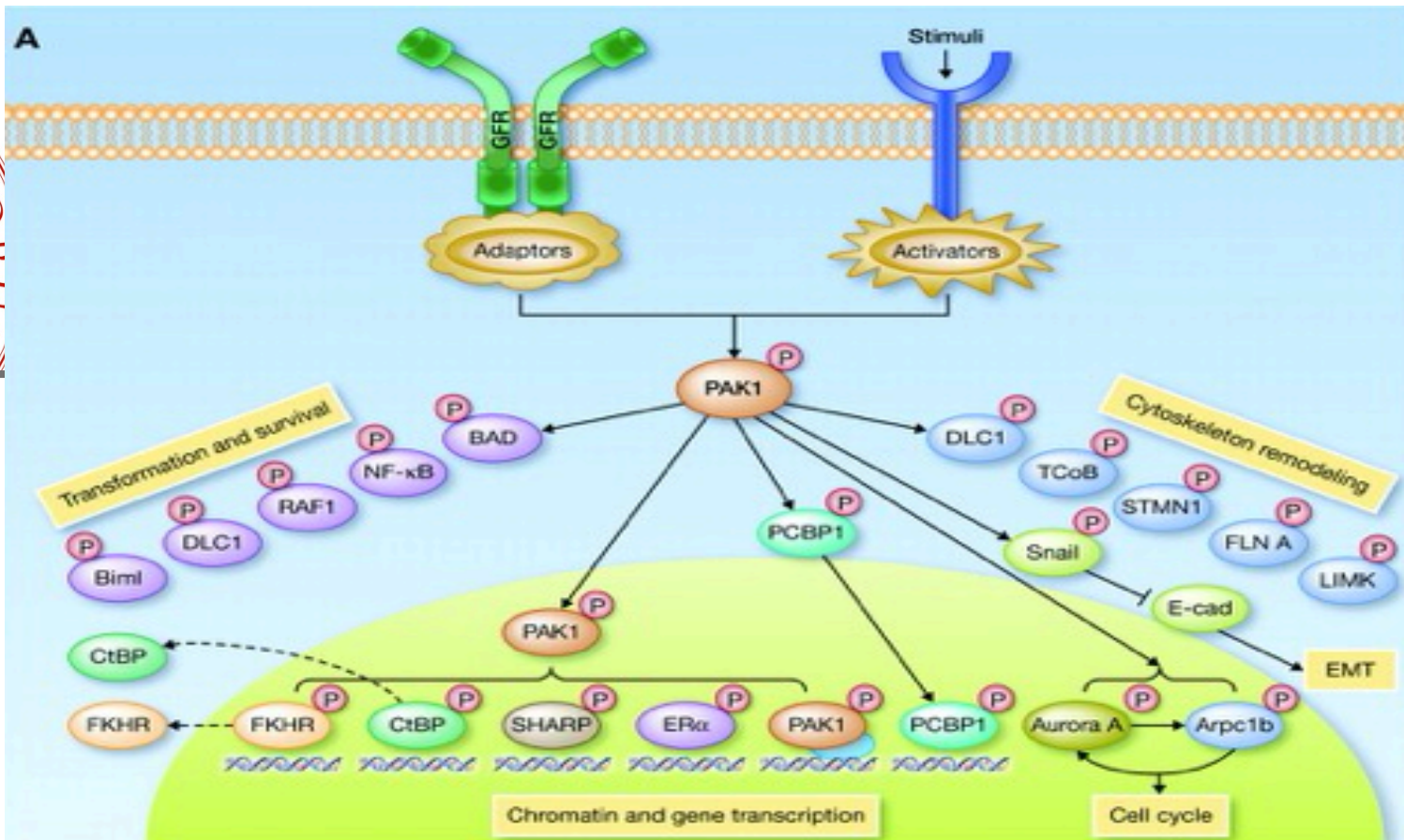
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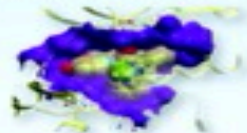
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Endogenous PAK1 inhibitors

- Merlin
- PIP
- Chp1
- CDK5
- Nischarin
- p110Ca
- CRIPak
- POPX1, POPX2
- microRNAs
 - miR-7
 - mir-126a
 - miR-126b

Small-molecule inhibitors

PAK1 FL172 complex

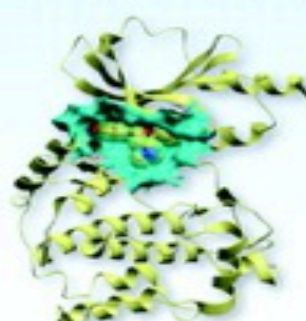


P1 DL12 complex



- CEP-1337
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- PF-3758309

3-hydroxy staurosporine

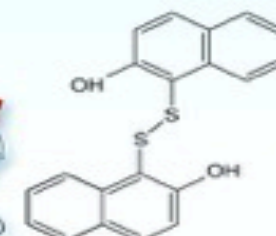


Allosteric and peptide inhibitors

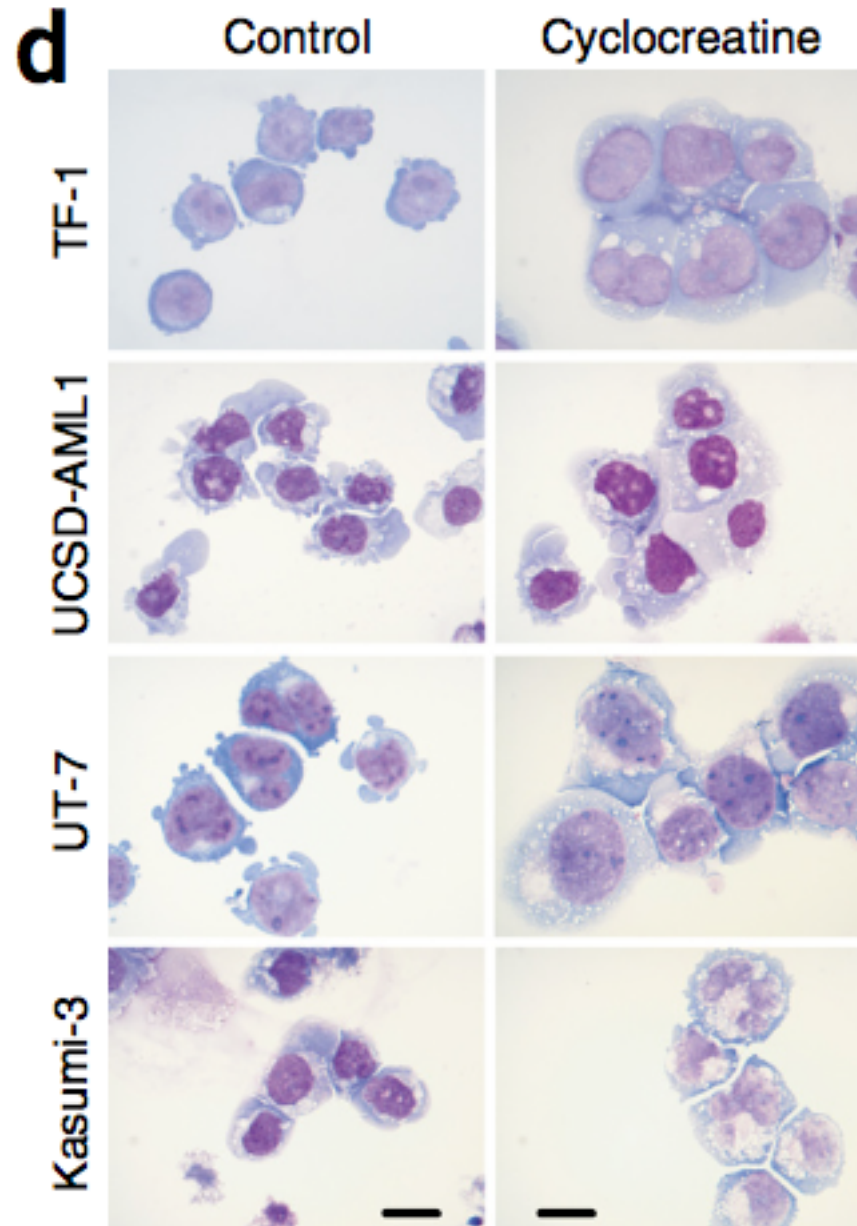
IS-based inhibitory peptide template



IPA-3



- PAK1 (89-143) peptide
- CFP-PAcKer





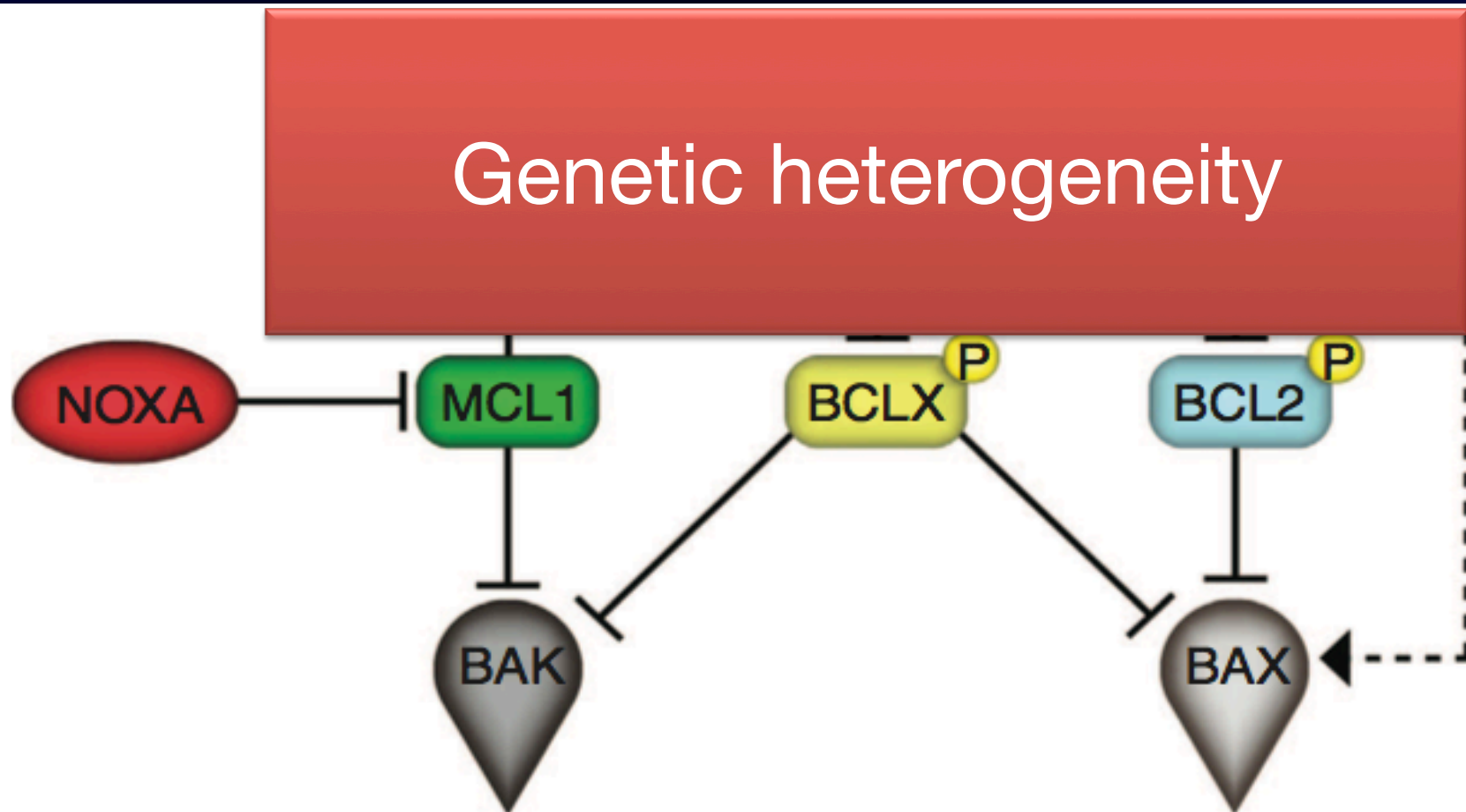


The creatine kinase pathway is a metabolic vulnerability in EVI1-positive acute myeloid leukemia

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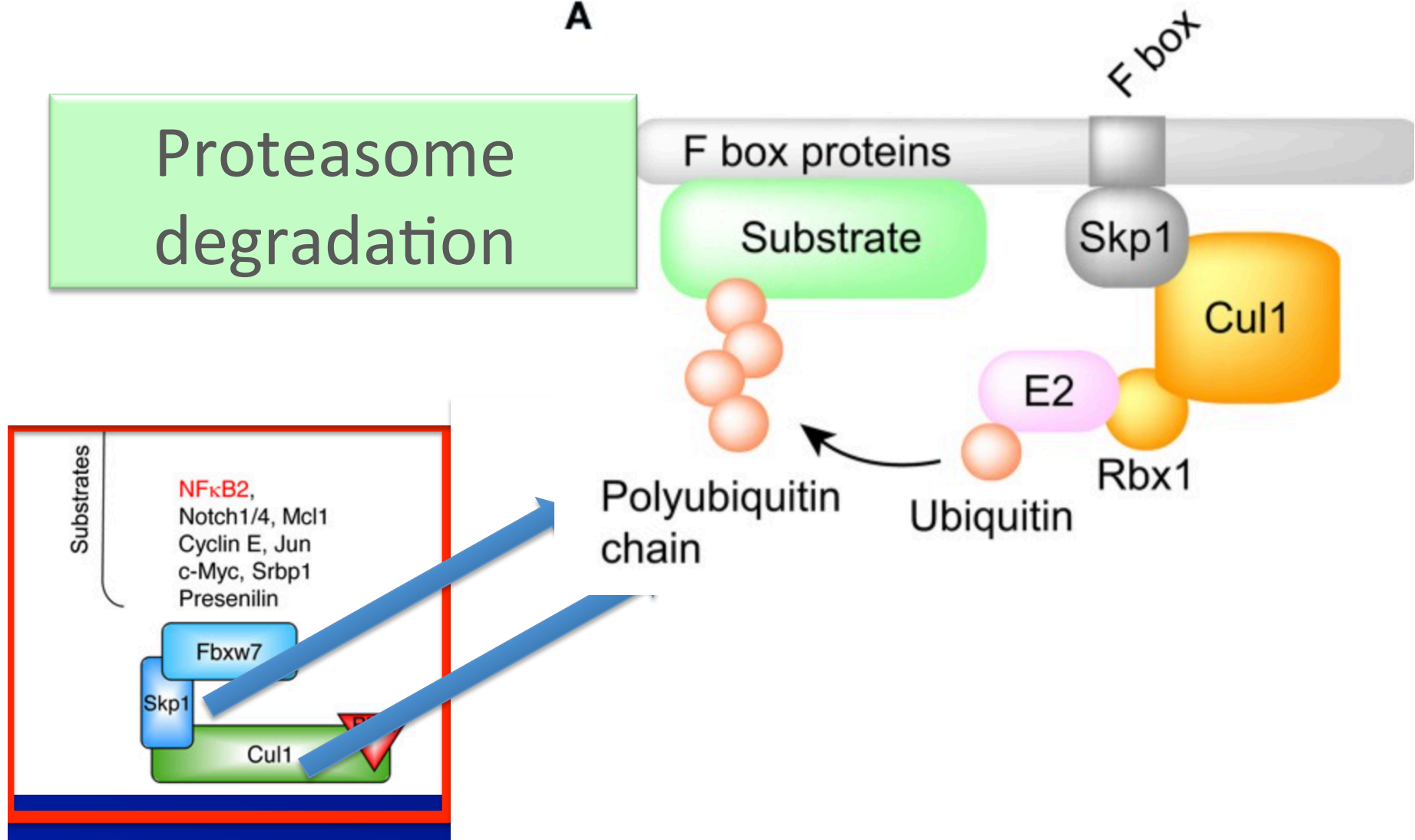
Expression of the *MECOM* (also known as *EVI1*) proto-oncogene is deregulated by chromosomal translocations in some cases of acute myeloid leukemia (AML) and is associated with poor clinical outcome. Here, through transcriptomic and metabolomic profiling of hematopoietic cells, we reveal that EVI1 overexpression alters cellular metabolism. A screen using pooled short hairpin RNAs (shRNAs) identified the ATP-buffering, mitochondrial creatine kinase CKMT1 as necessary for survival of EVI1-expressing cells in subjects with EVI1-positive AML. EVI1 promotes CKMT1 expression by repressing the myeloid differentiation regulator RUNX1. Suppression of arginine–creatine metabolism by *CKMT1*-directed shRNAs or by the small molecule cyclocreatine selectively decreased the viability, promoted the cell cycle arrest and apoptosis of human EVI1-positive cell lines, and prolonged survival in both orthotopic xenograft models and mouse models of primary AML. CKMT1 inhibition altered mitochondrial respiration and ATP production, an effect that was abrogated by phosphocreatine-mediated reactivation of the arginine–creatine pathway. Targeting CKMT1 is thus a promising therapeutic strategy for this EVI1-driven AML subtype that is highly resistant to current treatment regimens.

We need to induce more leukemia cell apoptosis....

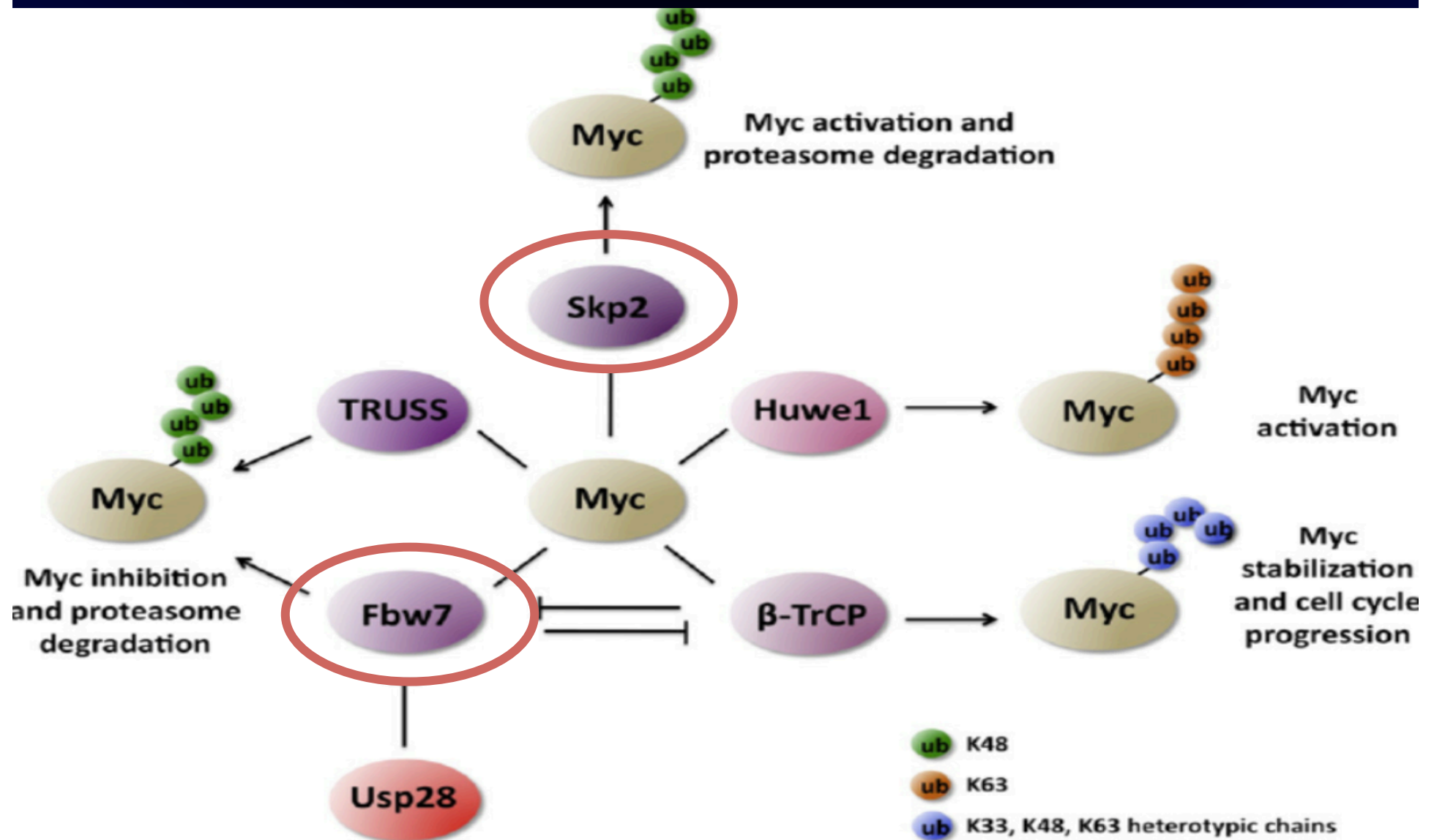


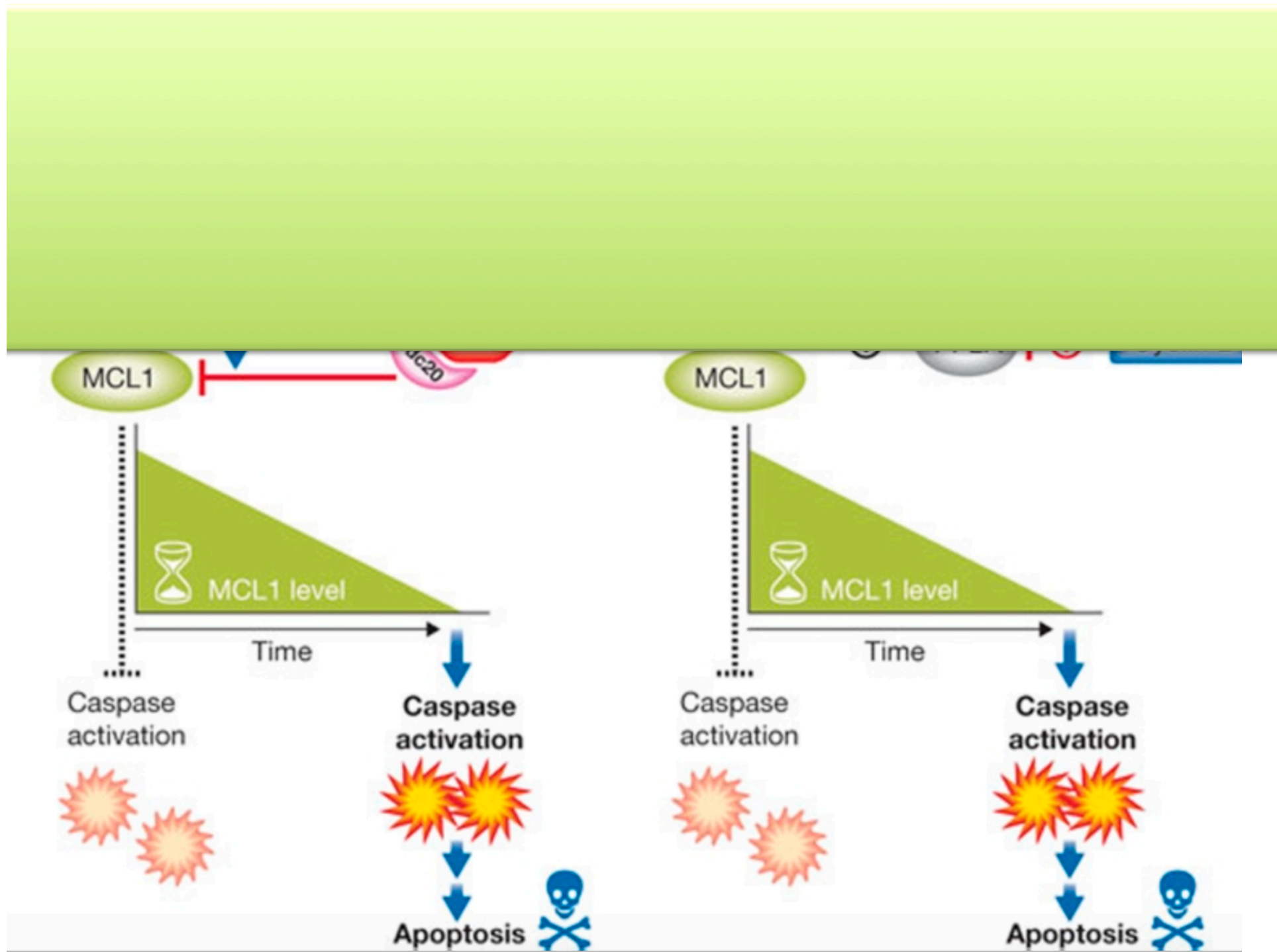
E-Ligase activity in Leukemia

A



Main route : Chr. 8 trisomy





AML/ALL/CML BC



TK activation

Aneuploidy



MCL1/BCL2
degradable

Chr. -5 ; -7
E-Ligase deficiency
MCL1 not degradable

Curable

uncurable

MYELOID SOLUTION BY SOPHIA GENETICS

Gene content

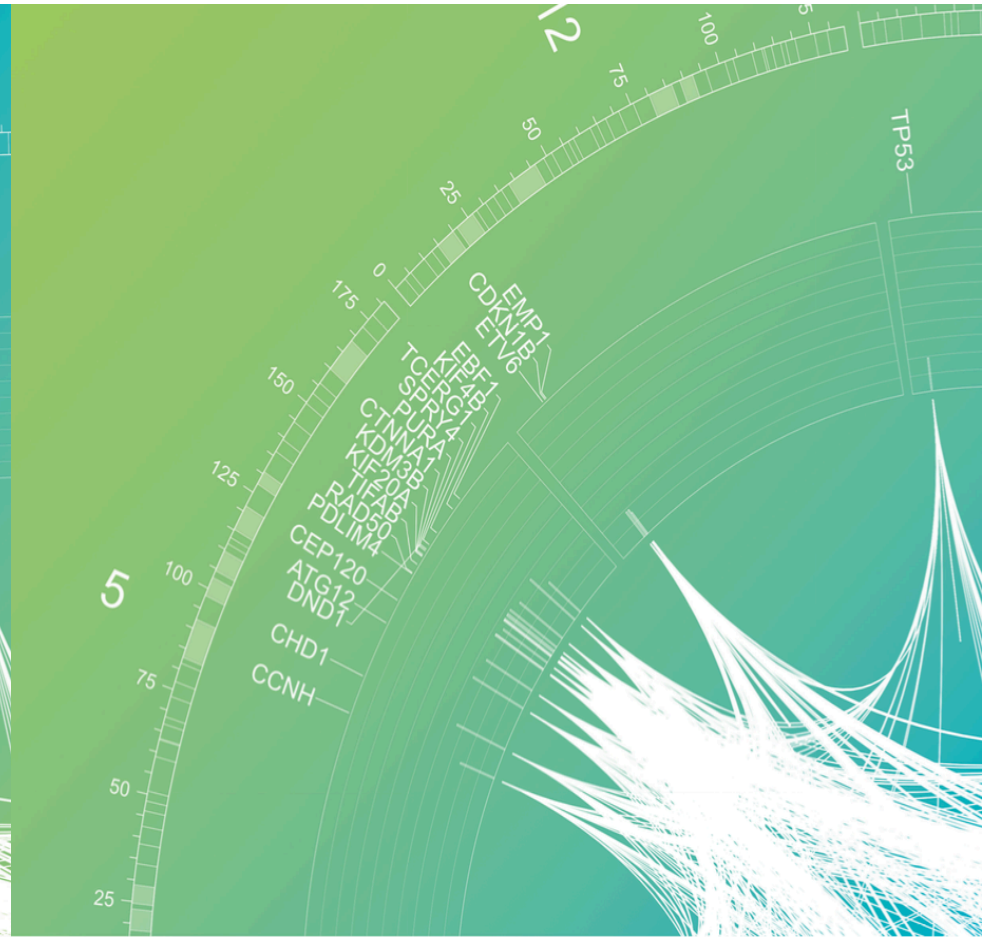
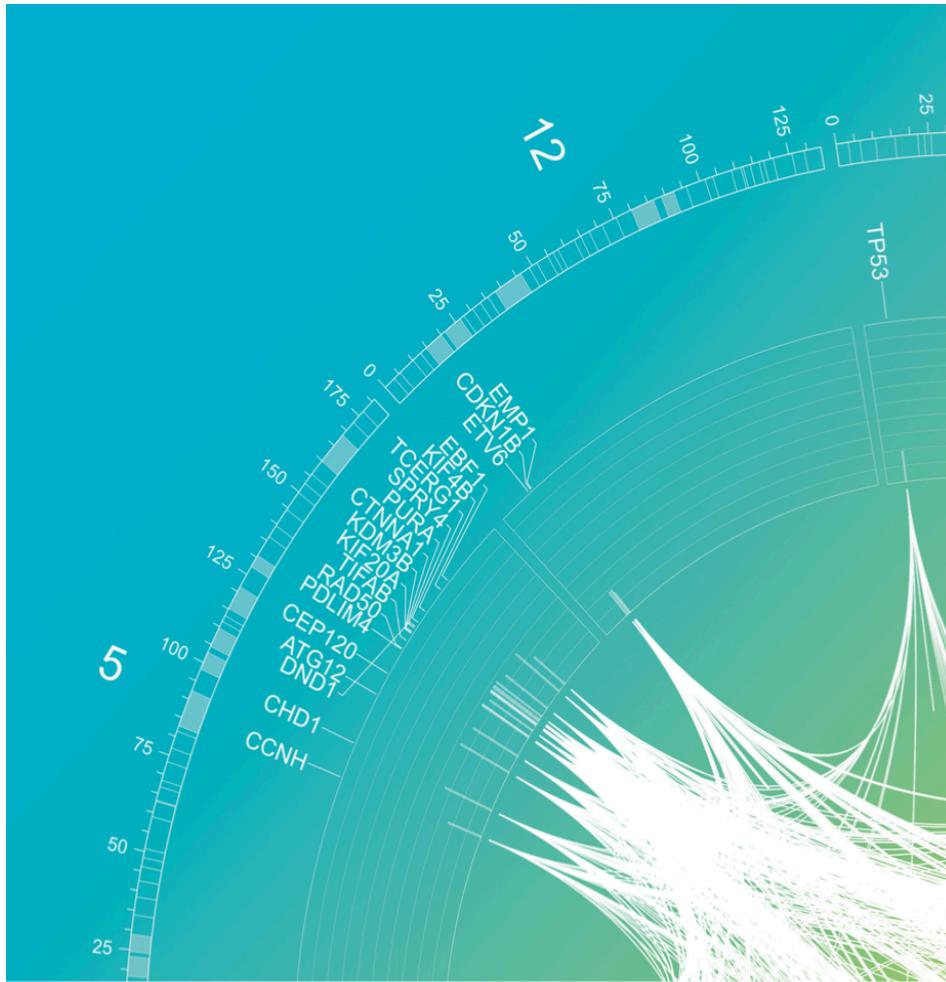
30 genes

Full genes

CEBPA
CSF3R
DNMT3A
ETV6
EZH2
JAK2
RUNX1
TET2
TP53
ZRSR2

Full exons

<i>ABL1</i> (exons 4-9)	<i>KRAS</i> (exons 2-3)
<i>ASLX1</i> (exons 9, 11-12)	<i>MPL</i> (exon 10)
<i>BRAF</i> (exon 15)	<i>NPM1</i> (exons 10-11)
<i>CALR</i> (exon 9)	<i>NRAS</i> (exons 2-3)
<i>CBL</i> (exons 8-9)	<i>PTPN11</i> (exons 3, 7-13)
<i>FLT3</i> (exons 13-15, 20)	<i>SETBP1</i> (exon 4)
<i>HRAS</i> (exons 2-3)	<i>SF3B1</i> (exons 10-16)
<i>IDH1</i> (exon 4)	<i>SRSF2</i> (exon 1)
<i>IDH2</i> (exon 4)	<i>U2AF1</i> (exons 2, 6)
<i>KIT</i> (exons 2, 8-11, 13, 17-18)	<i>WT1</i> (exons 6-10)



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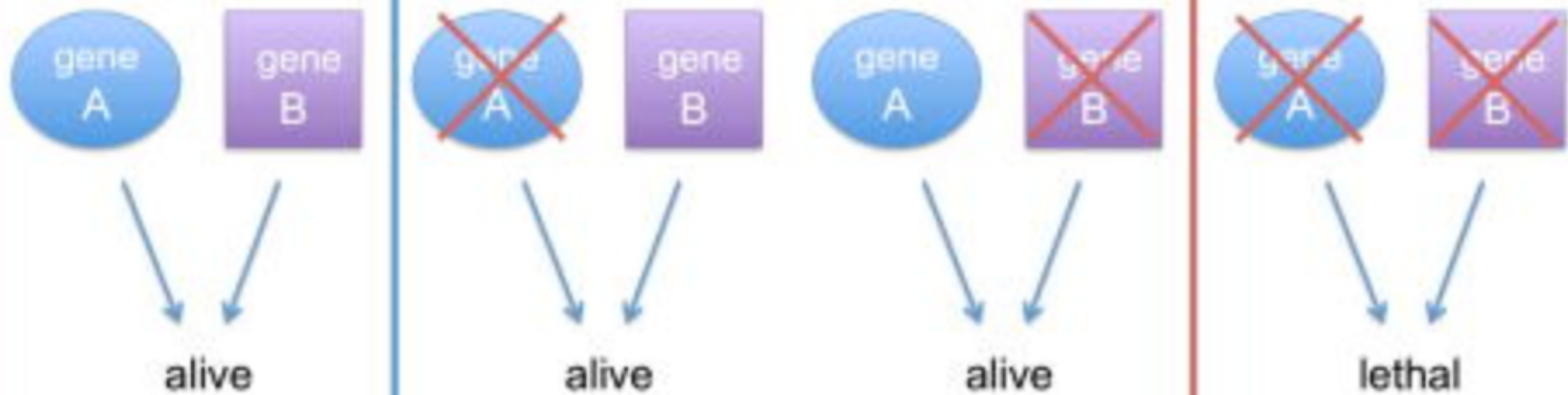


Synthetic Lethality in Leukemias

A photograph of a stone building under renovation. The building is made of light-colored stone blocks and has a wooden door. It is surrounded by scaffolding made of wooden poles and metal rods. In the background, there are greenhouses and a cloudy sky. A red rectangular box is overlaid on the center of the image, containing the text "Genetic heterogeneity".

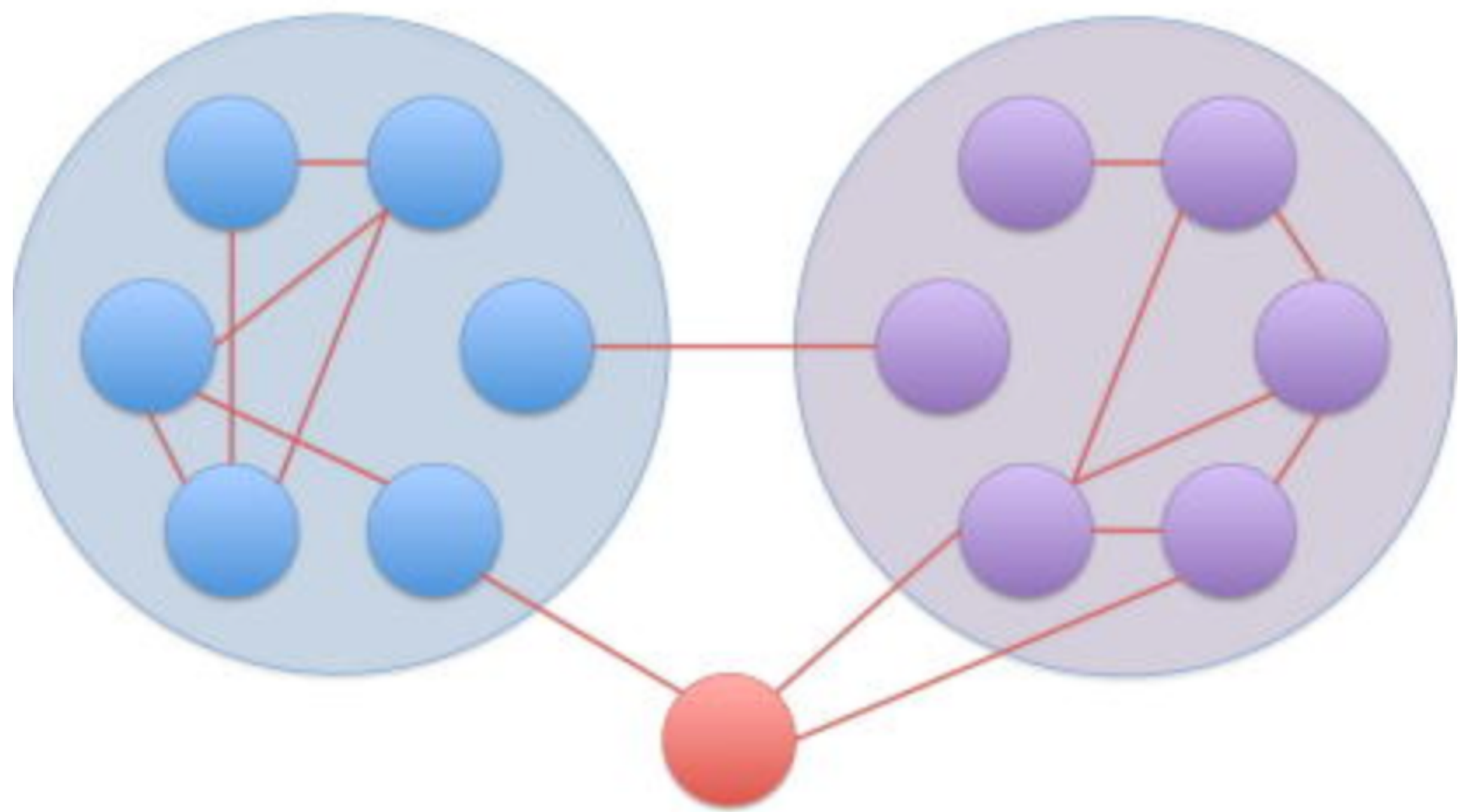
Genetic heterogeneity

Synthetic Lethality



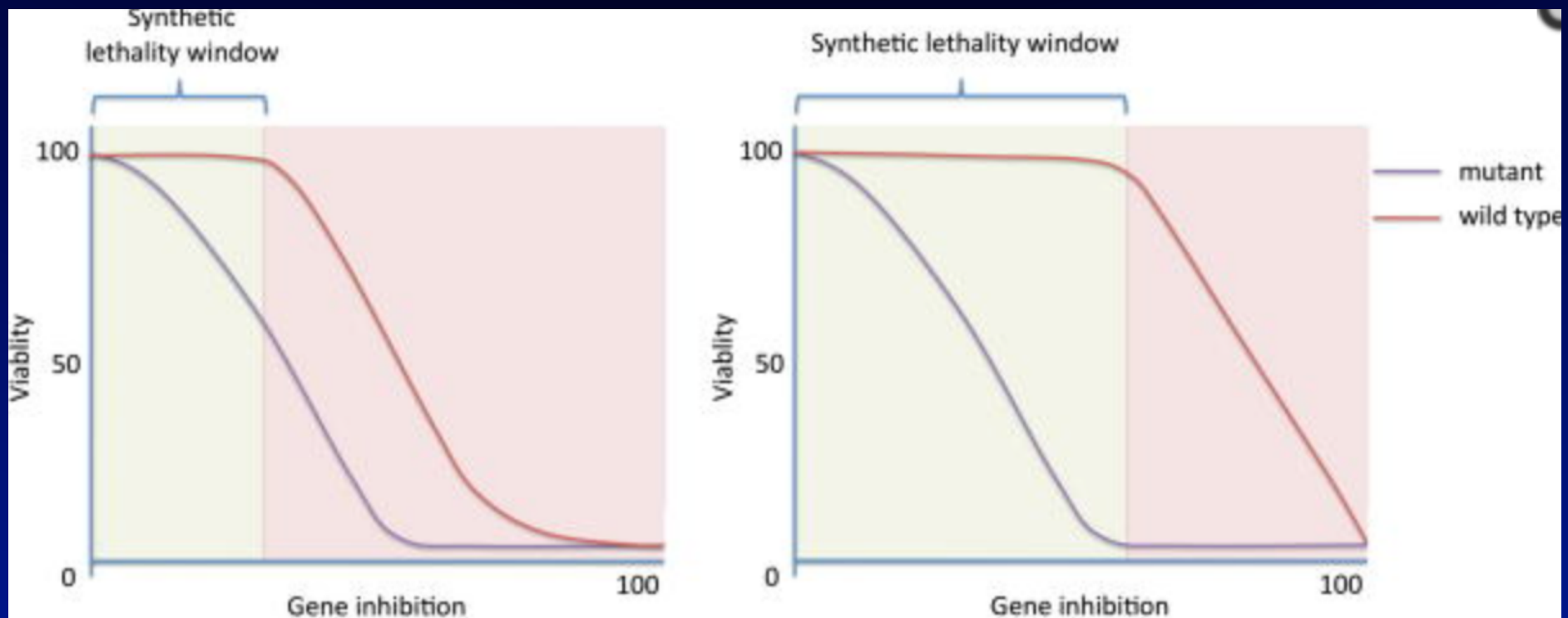
DNA replication

DNA repair



Capacitor

“Synthetic Lethality” Therapy Increases The Therapeutic Window



ALL Ph+ elderly or unfit
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PONATINIB

STEROIDS

BCR-ABL



FLT3



HCK



CDK6



**MCL1
BCL2**



BCR-ABL inhibitors
*(Imatinib, Dasatinib,
Nilotinib, Bosutinib,
etc.)*



FLT3 inhibitor
*(Sorafenib, AC220,
Midostaurin, etc.)*



SFKs inhibitors
*(Dasatinib,
Saracatinib)*



CDKs Inhibitor
*(Palbociclib,
Dinociclib, etc)*



MCL1 inhibitors
Venetoclax
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AG176, s63845,
BI97D6, etc)*

Steroid + Ponatinib monotherapy in Ph-Positive ALL. Overall Results at w24 (6 mths)

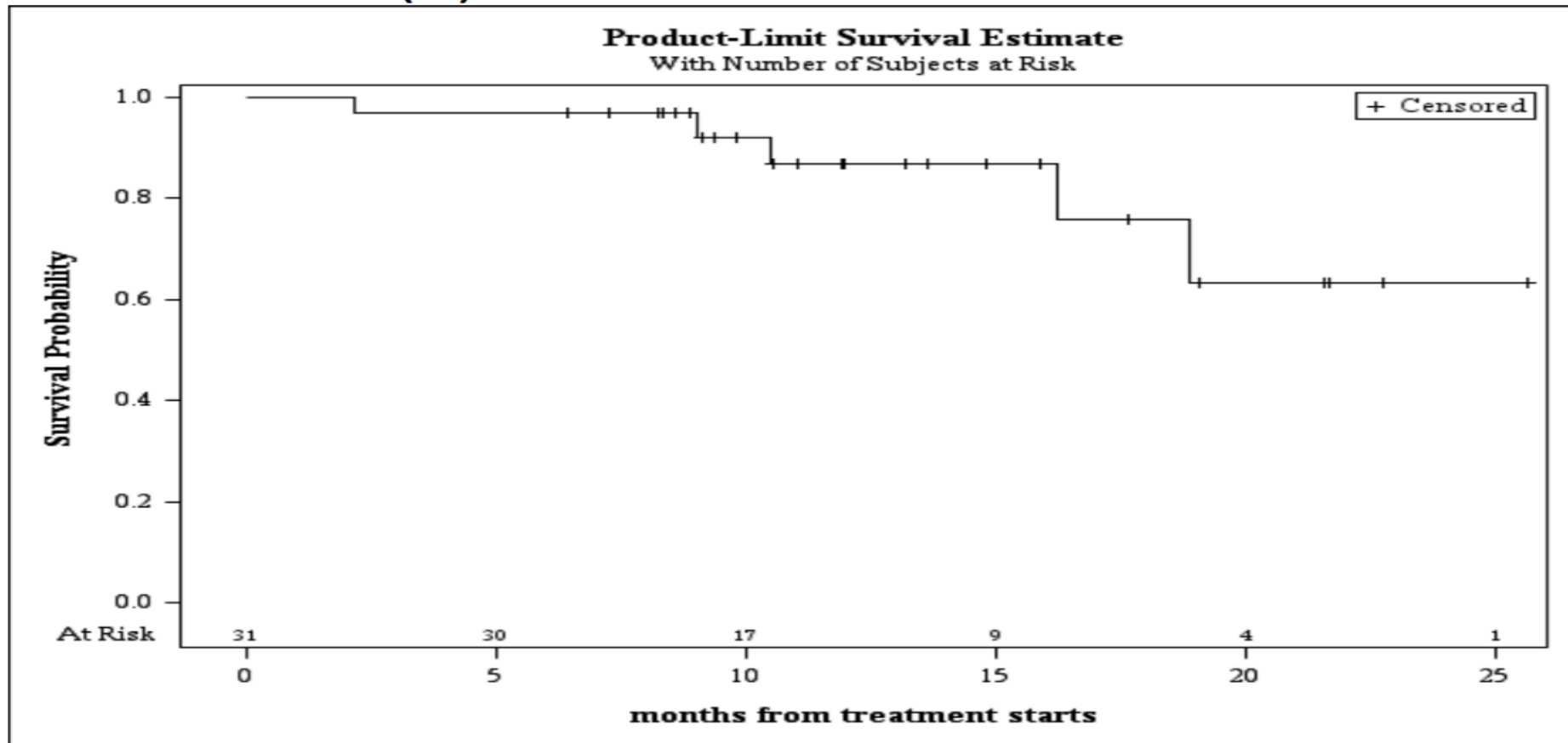
Parameter	N (%)
CHR*	34/38** (90)
CCyR	34/38** (90)
Deep CMR*** (undetectable) continuously	11/24 (45)
Deep CMR*** (undetectable) at least one time	23/28 (82)
Early death	0 (0)

- ** (primary endpoint): 4 pt are in HCR, CCyR and CMR at less than 6 months FU;
- * one pts died in CHR; 2 pts in CR of which: 1 pt to undergo HSCT; 1 pt for investigator choice; 1 for Molecular Relapse

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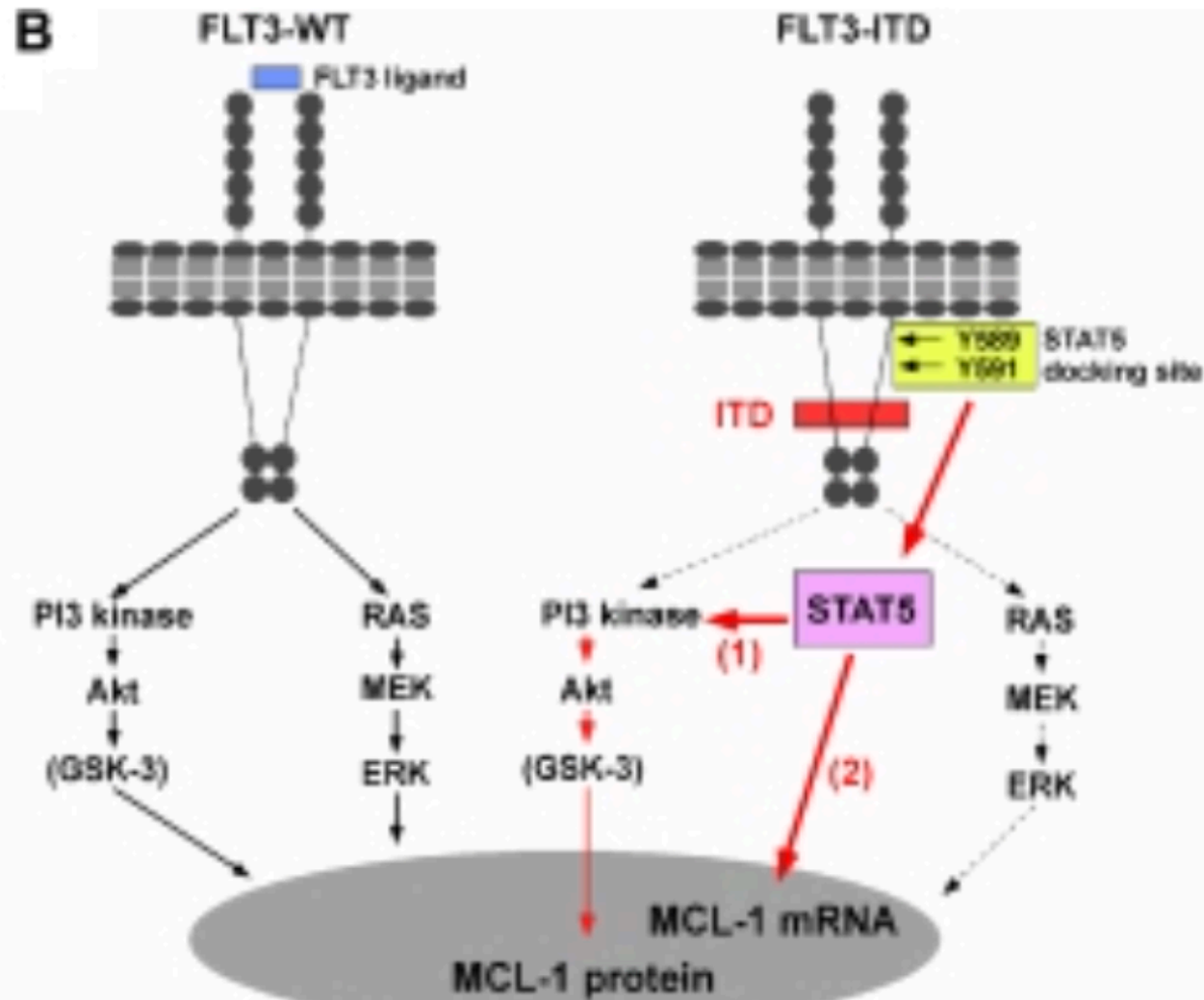
Survival at 30 / March 2017

9.3. Overall Survival (OS)

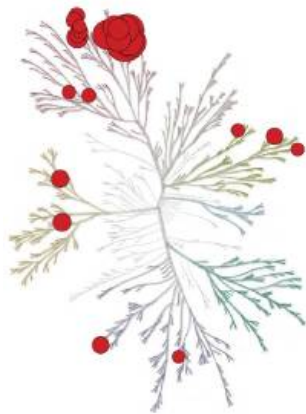


months	Survival Distribution Function Estimate	SDF Lower 95.00% Confidence Limit	SDF Upper 95.00% Confidence Limit
6	96.8	90.8	100
12	86.7	73.5	100

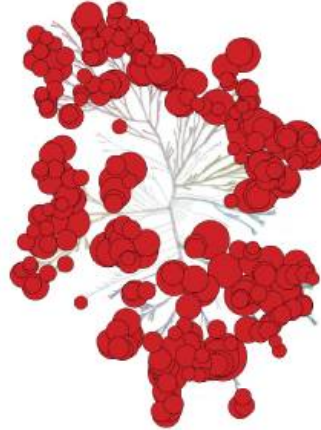
MCL1 as THE real, final, target?



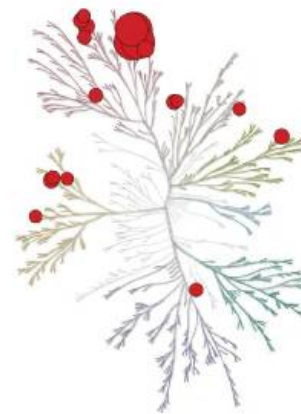
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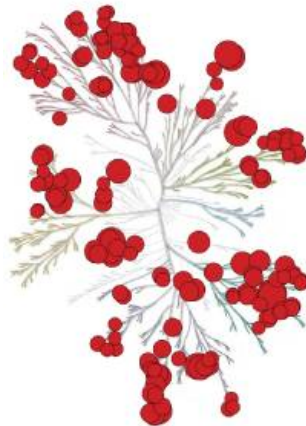
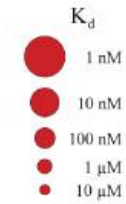
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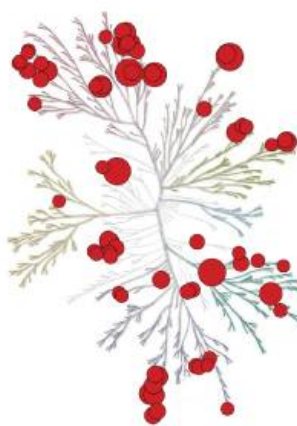
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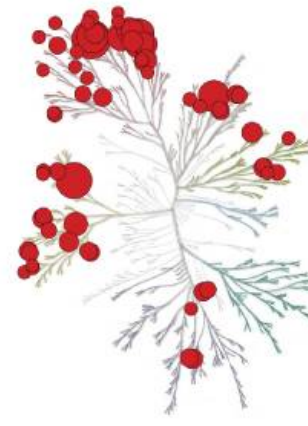
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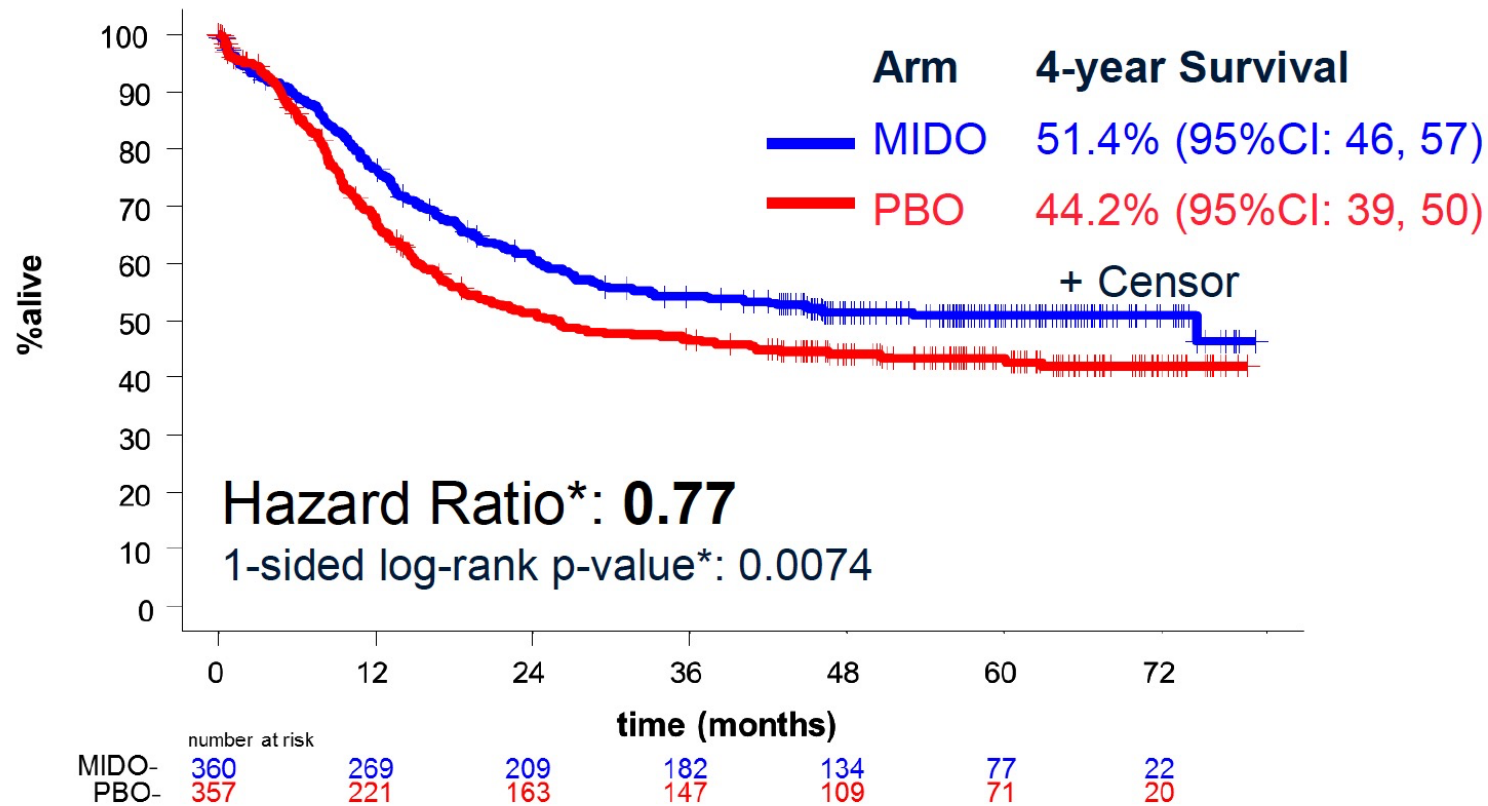
Sorafenib



Sunitinib

New Drugs in AML– RATIFY Trial

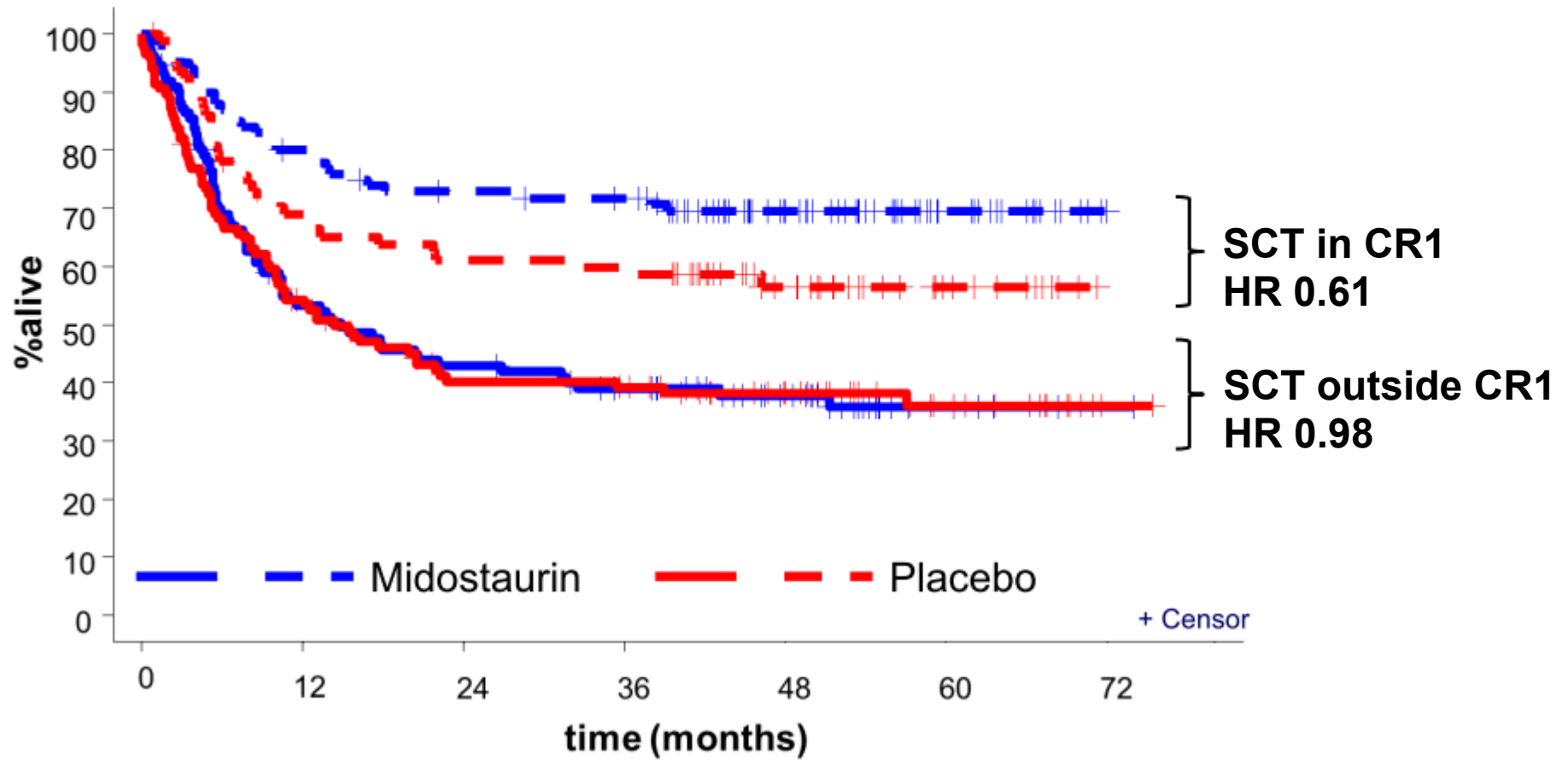
OS: 23% reduction in risk of death in midostaurin arm



Median OS: midostaurin 74.7 months (31.7–NE); placebo 25.6 months (18.6–42.9)

New Drugs in AML– RATIFY Trial

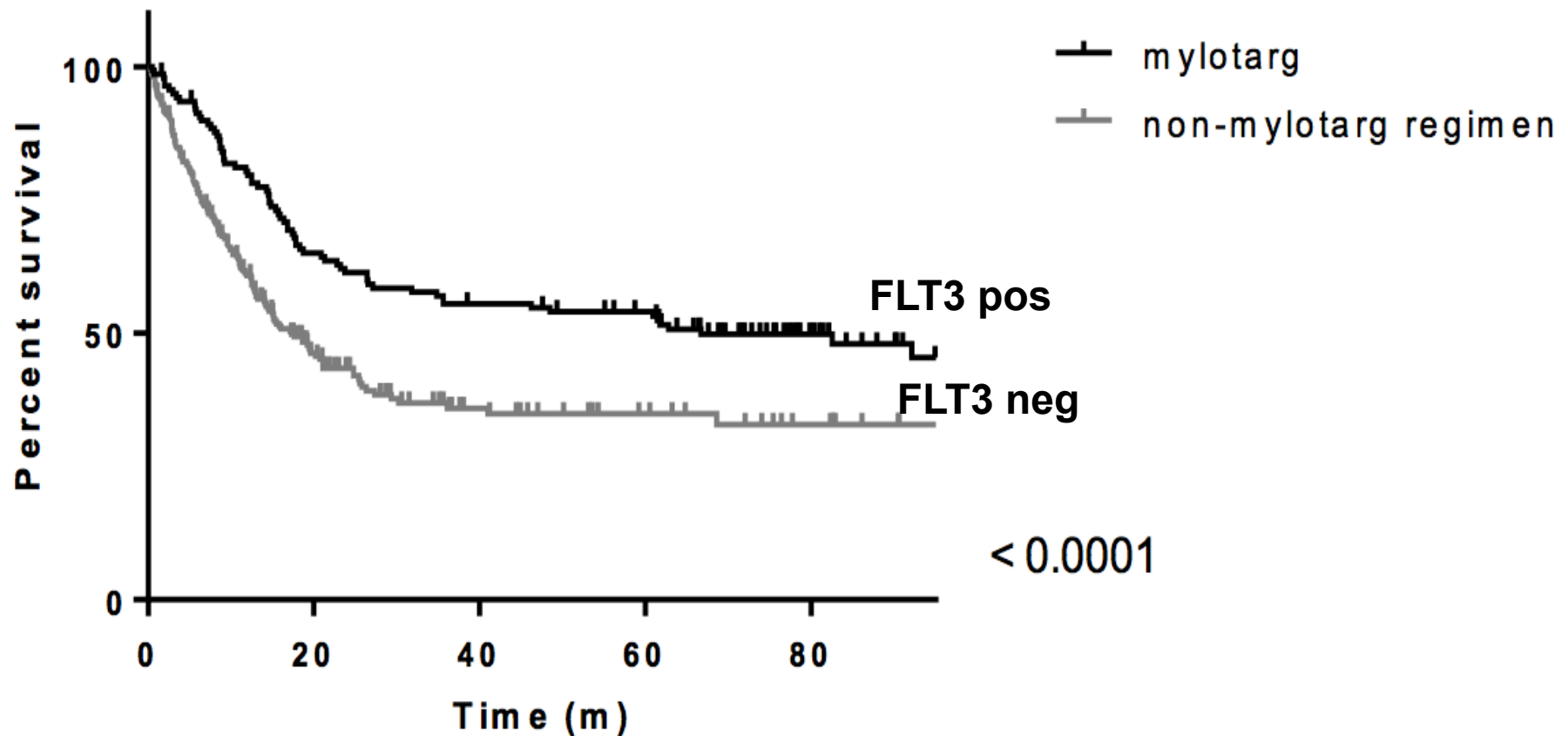
OS Post-transplant





My -FLAI (Italian Experience)

OS mylotarg vs non-mylotarg based regimen

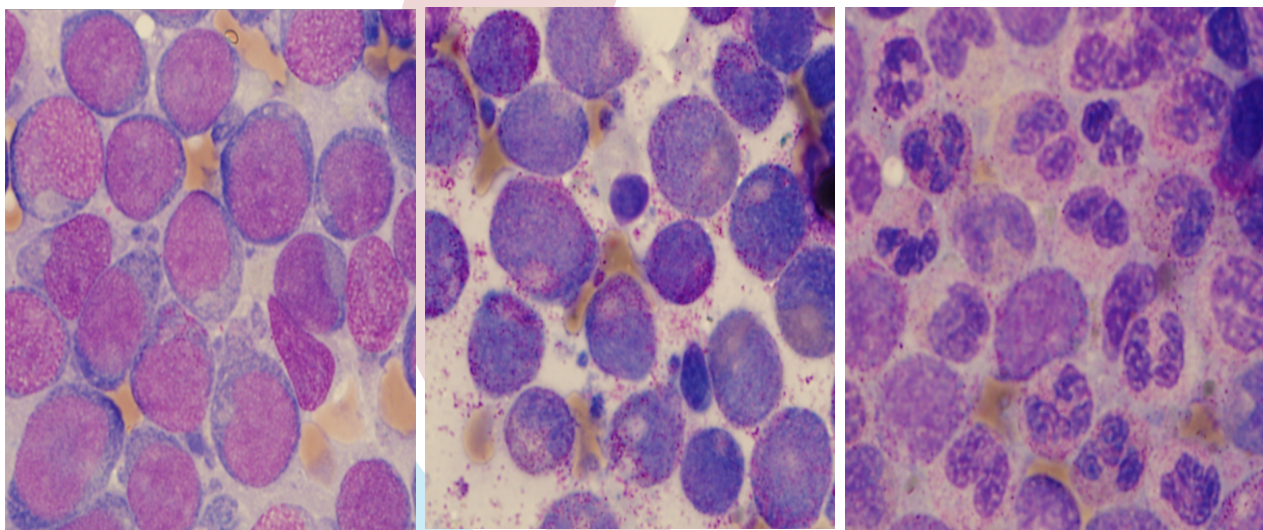


Quizartinib Induces Blasts in the Bone Marrow to Undergo Terminal Myeloid Differentiation

Pre-treatment

Day 15

Day 29

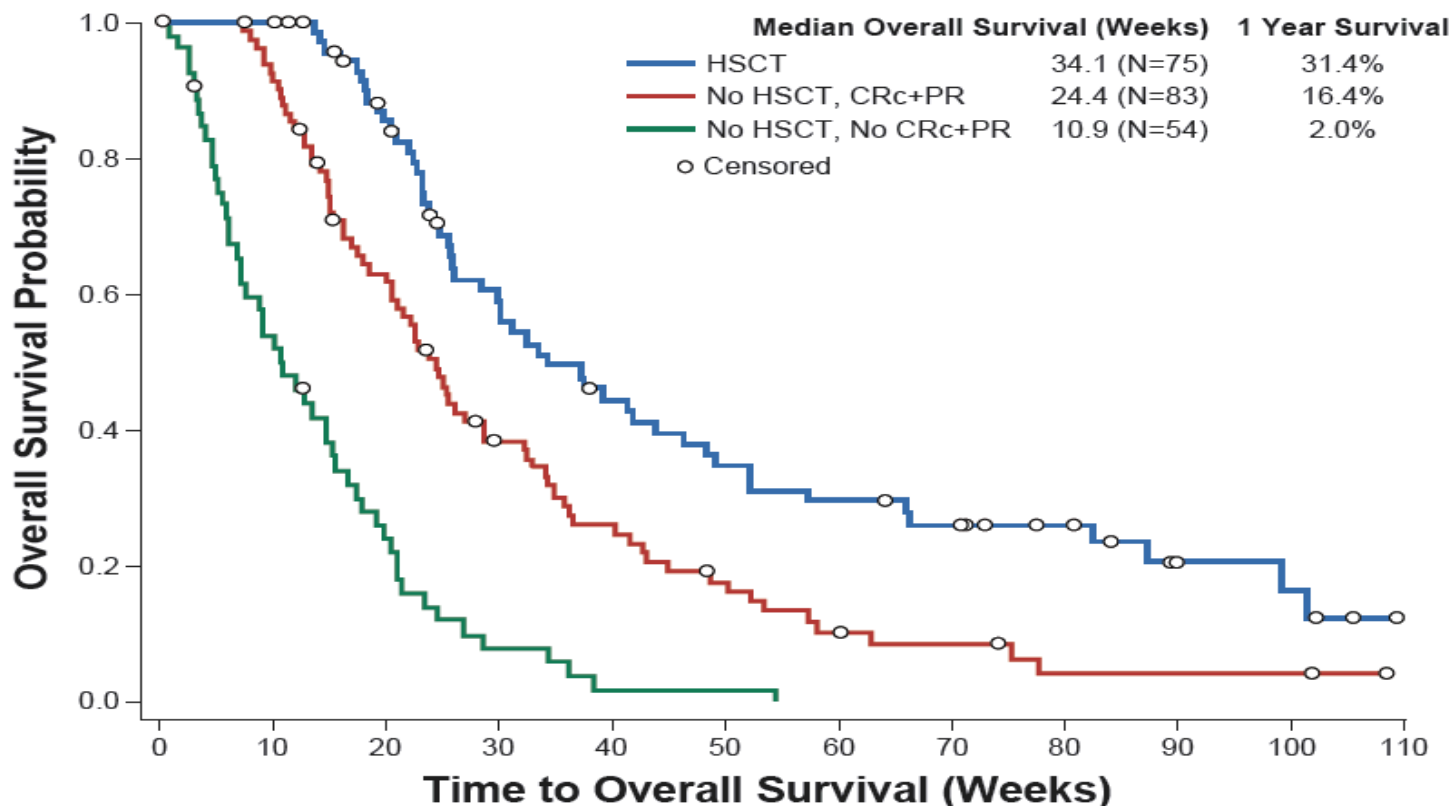


No significant change in overall cellularity
between Day 1 and Day 29

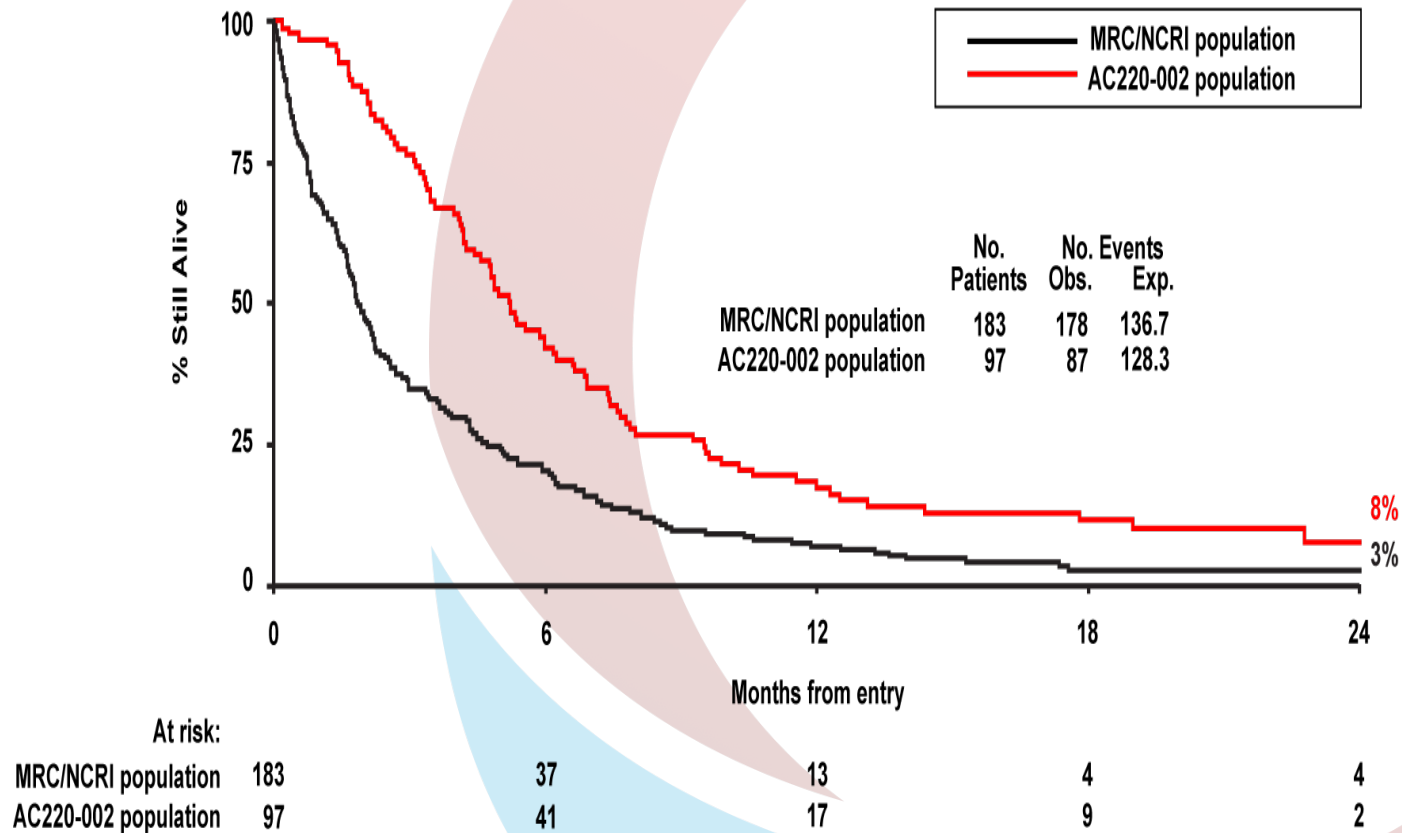
Overall Survival of Quizartinib (Phase 2)

Figure 1. AC220-002 and 2689-CL-2004 (N=212)

Survival of FLT3-ITD(+) Patients by Response to Quizartinib and Subsequent HSCT or No HSCT



Overall Survival of AC220-002 Cohort 2 and a Matched Group from UK NCRI Studies



Cox regression model HR = 0.53 (0.41, 0.68) p = < 0.00001

FLT3 inhibitor

CDKs Inhibitor
Palbociclib or Dinociclib

ANTRACYCLIN
Decytabine
CPX351

VENETOCLAX

TK



FLT3



HCK



CDK6



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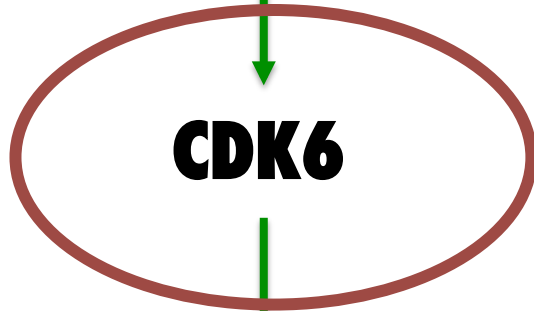


CDK6



MCL1
BCL2

CDKs Inhibitor
Palbociclib



CDK6 is a target in LSC



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CDK6 as a key regulator of hematopoietic and leukemic stem cell activation

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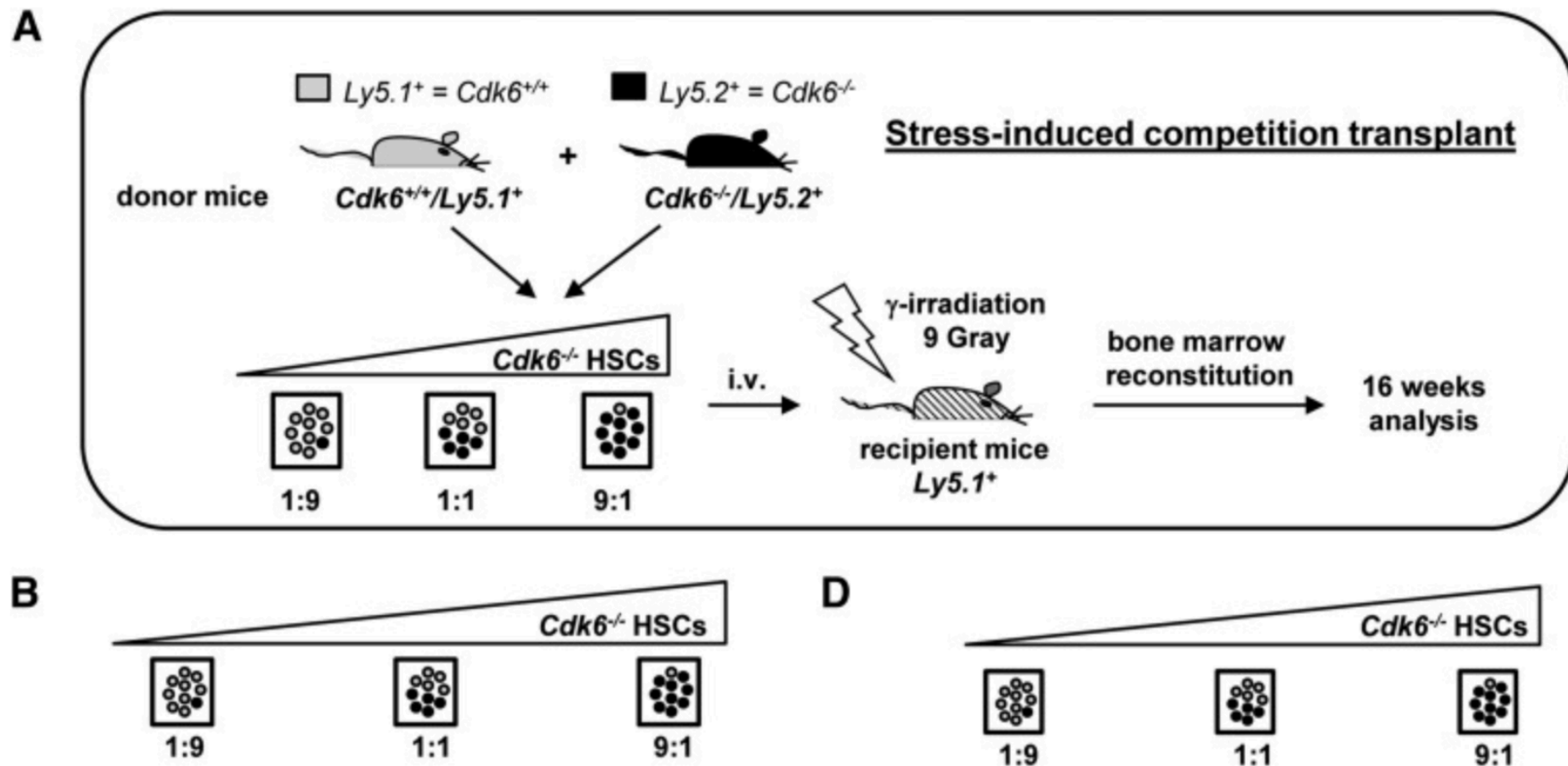
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Key Points

- CDK6 acts as a transcriptional regulator to suppress *Egr1* in HSCs and LSCs, allowing their activation.
- *Cdk6*^{-/-} HSCs fail to contribute to repopulation in competitive transplants, and BCR-ABL^{p210+} *Cdk6*^{-/-} LSCs fail to inflict disease.

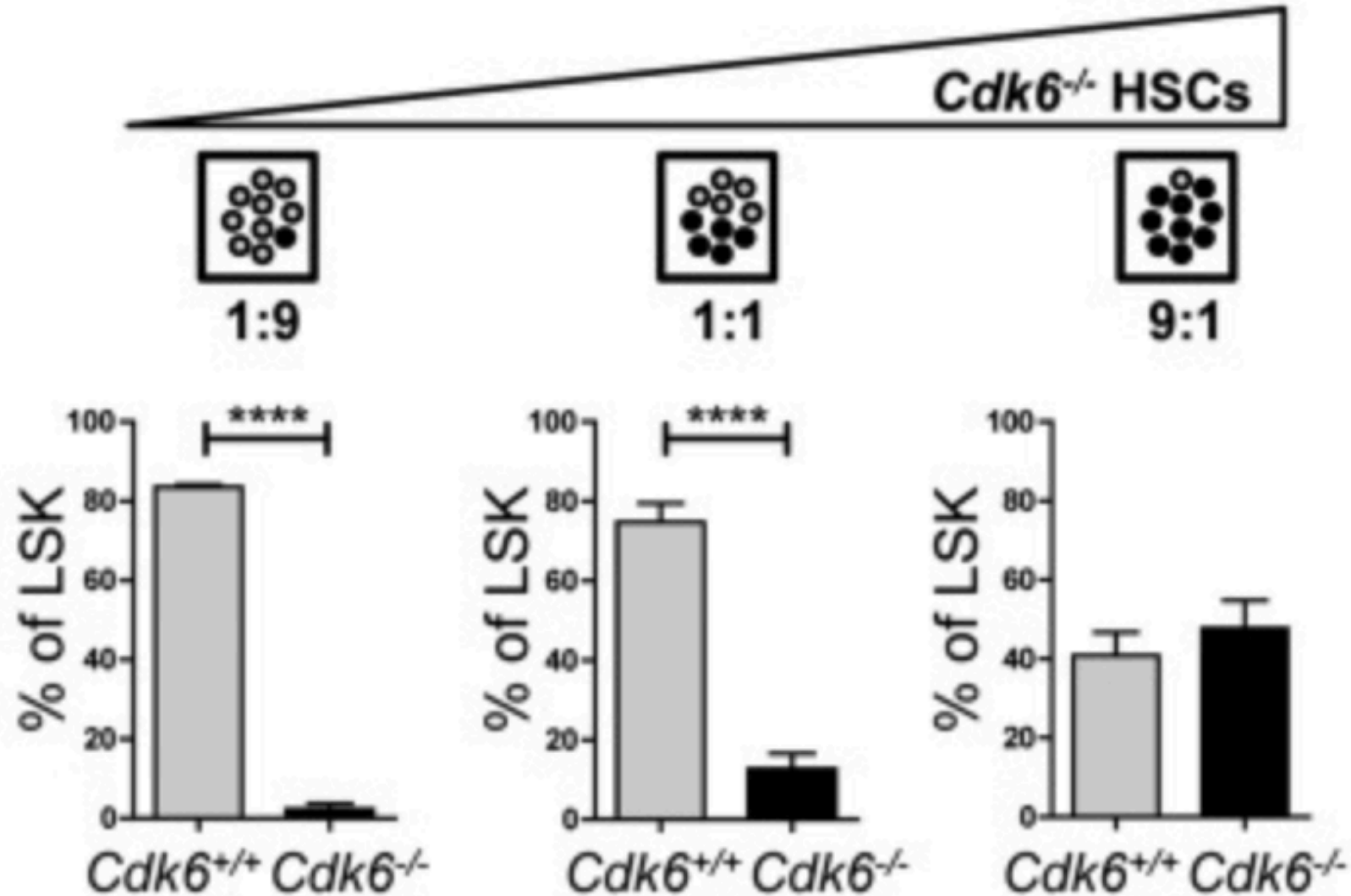
Without CDK6: no Ph+ LSC

Figure 1

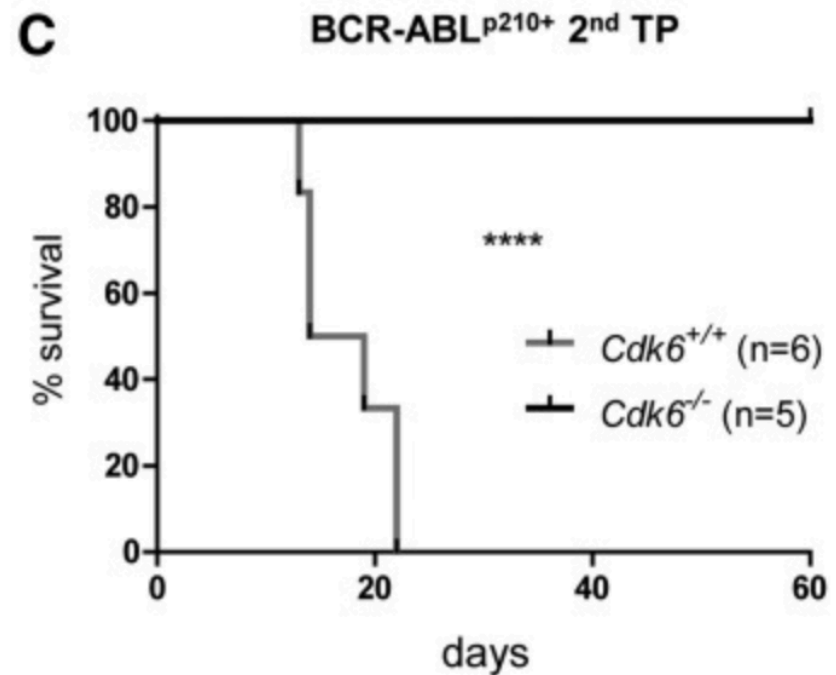
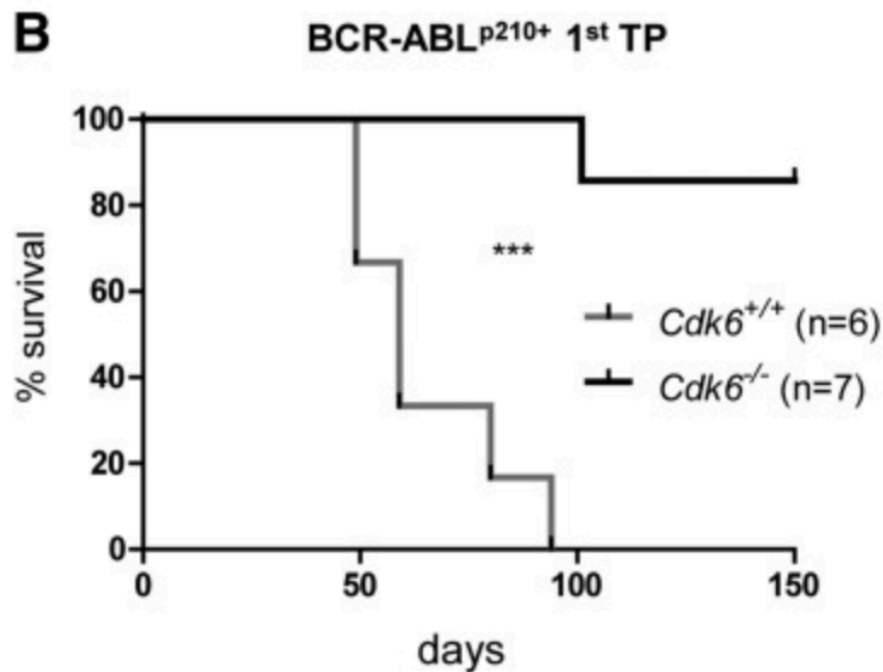


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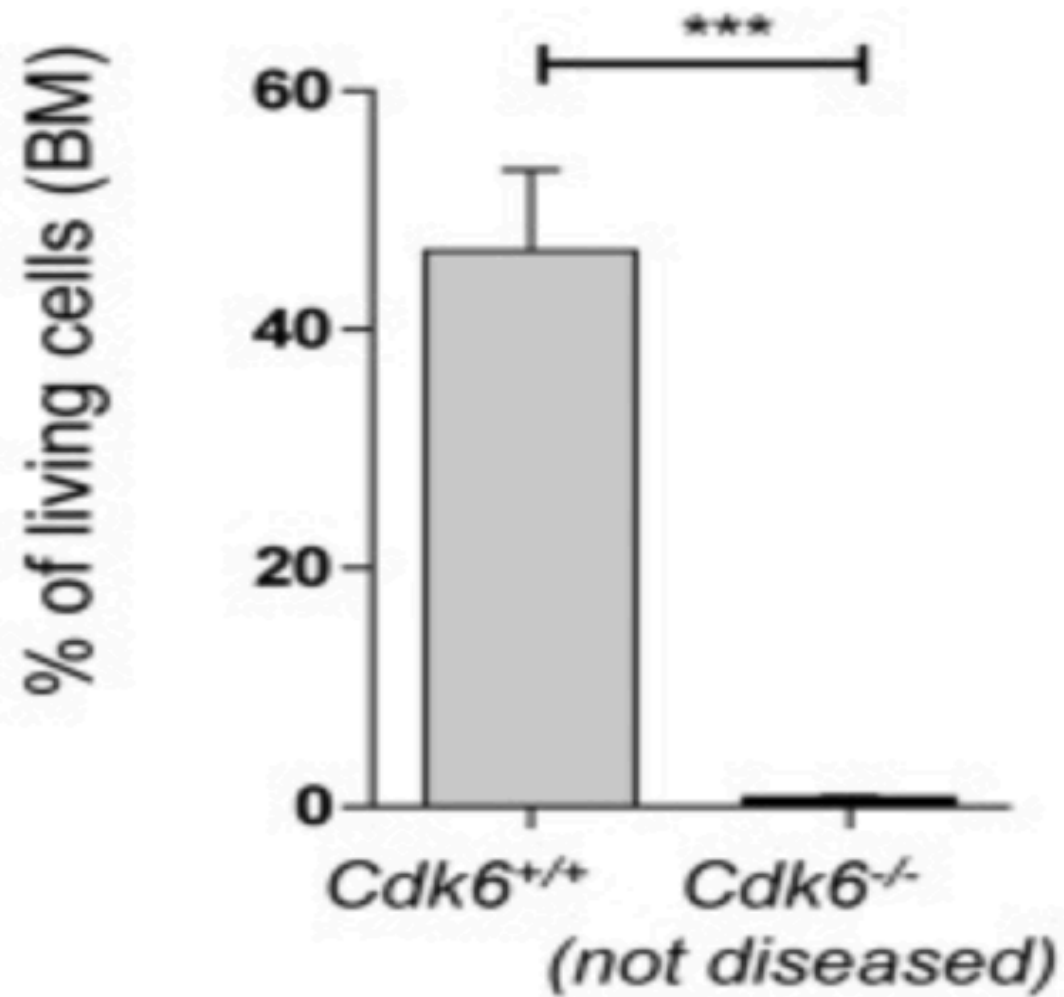


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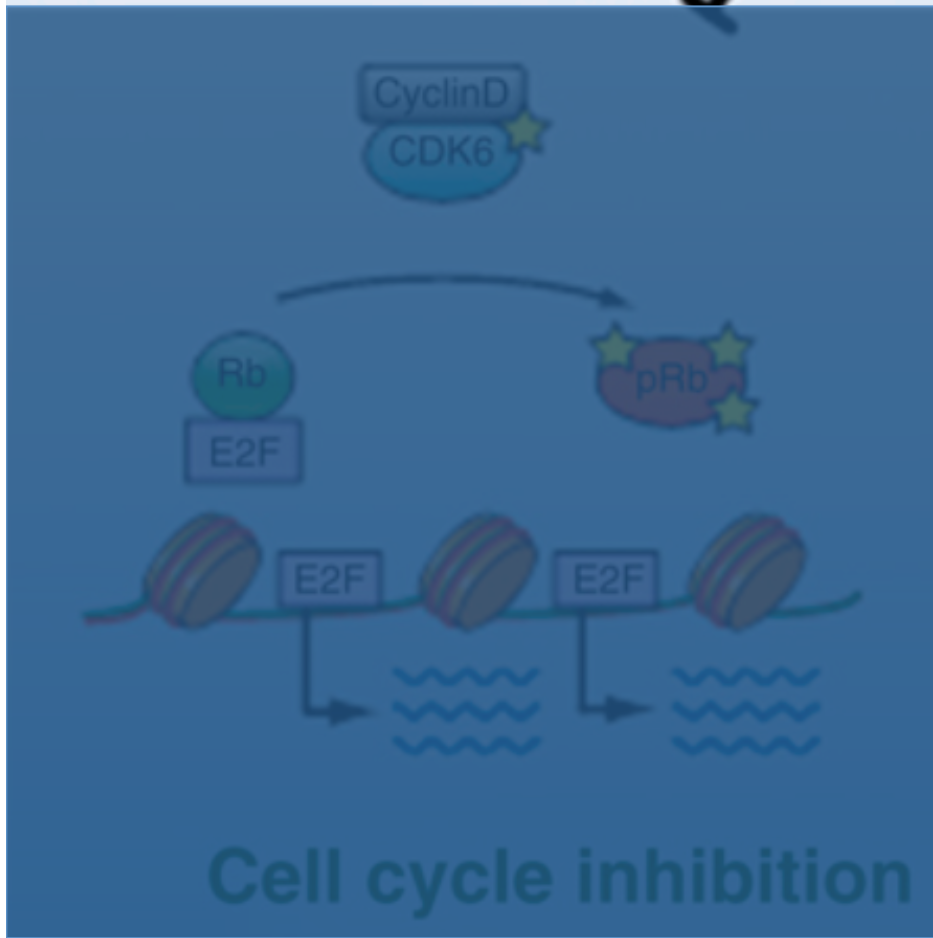


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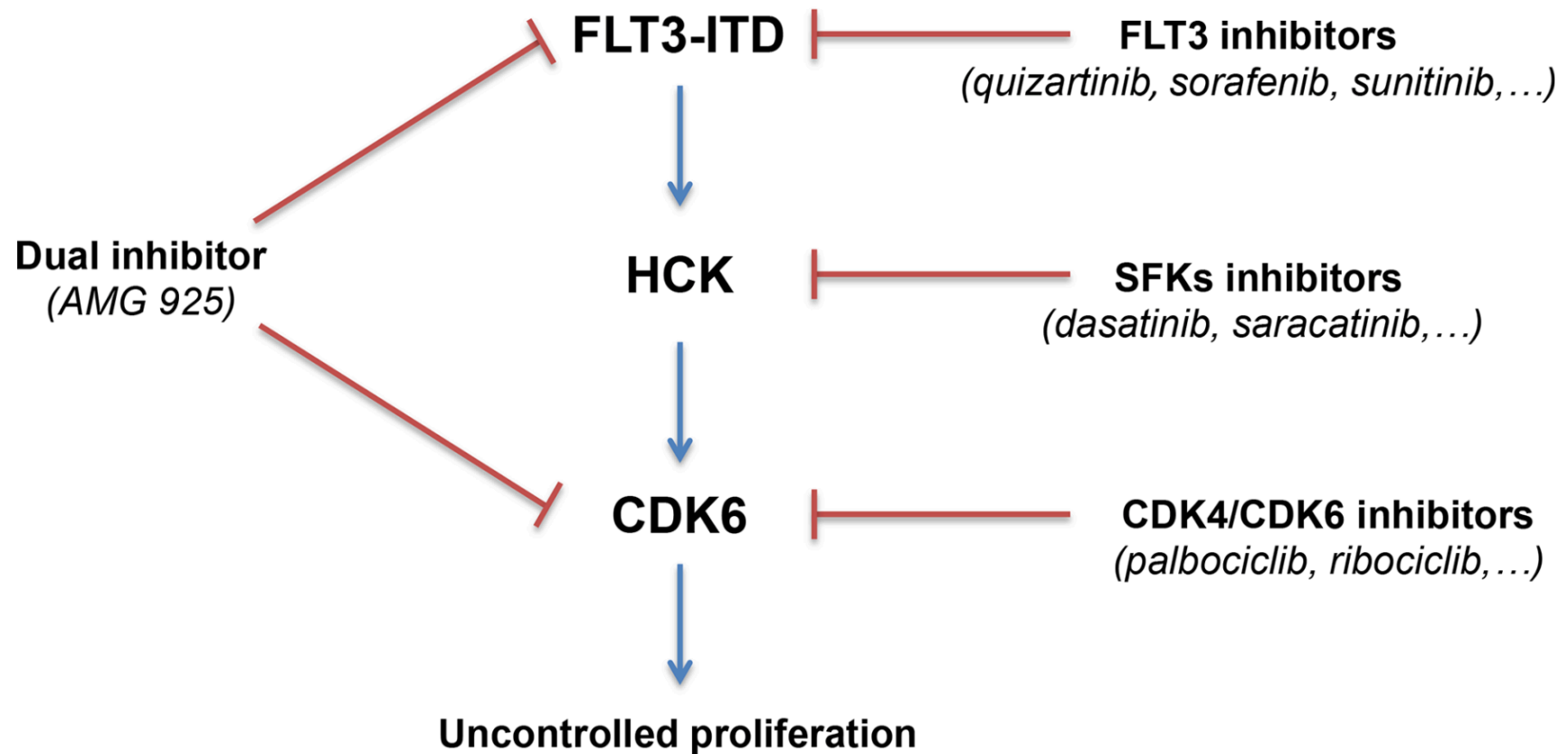
BCR-ABL_{p210}⁺



Palbociclib



Survival inhibition



TK



FLT3



HCK



CDK6



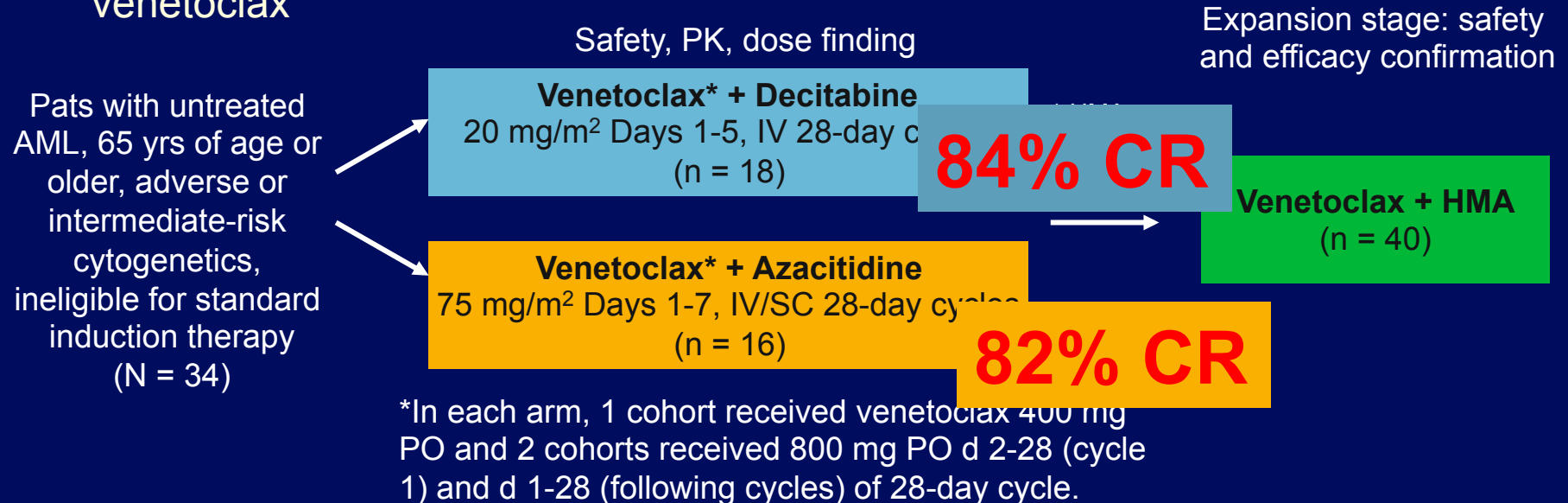
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Frontline Venetoclax + HMAs in Elderly AML Pts

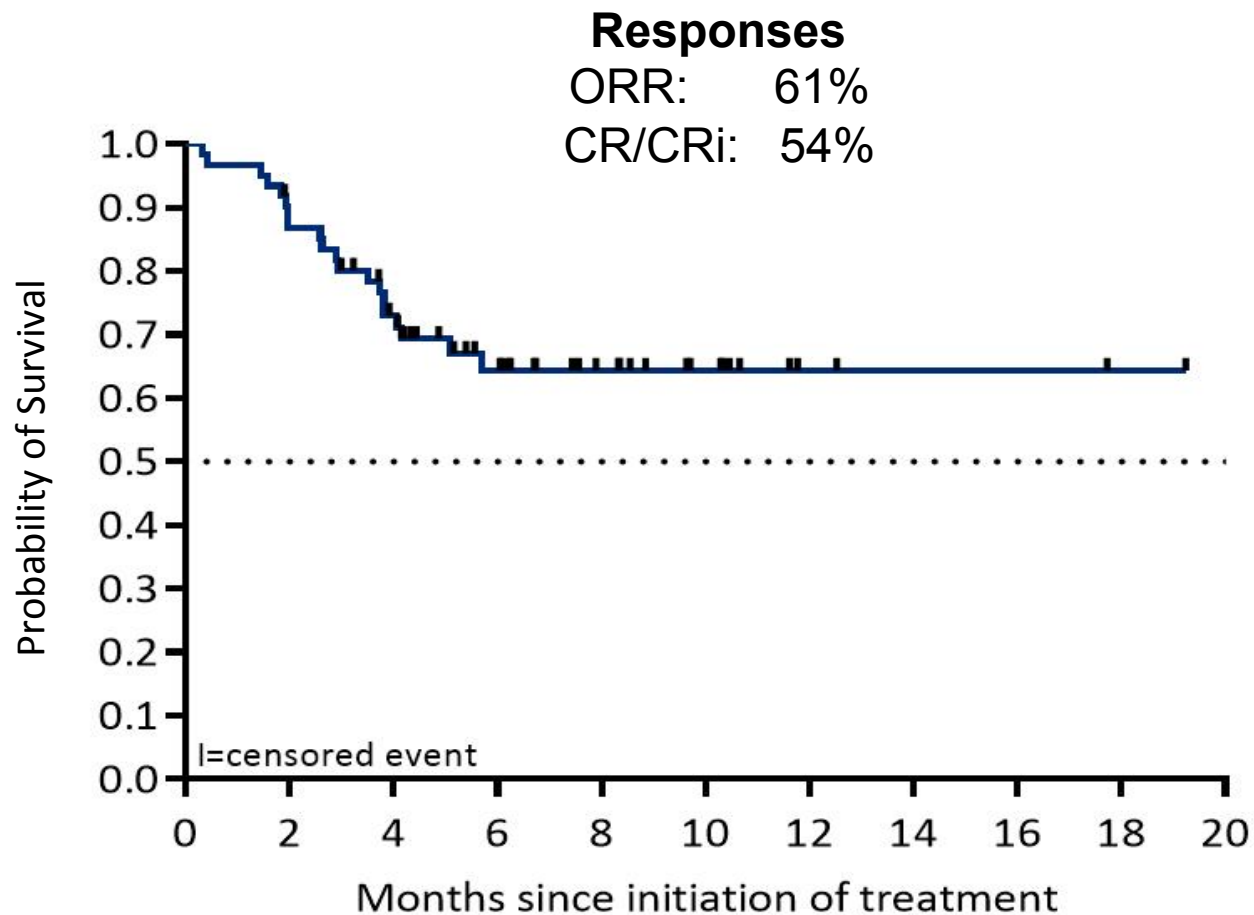
- Open-label, nonrandomized, 2-arm, 2-stage, phase Ib study of BCL-2 inhibitor venetoclax



- Endpoints

- Safety: MTD, DLTs, RP2D, AEs, early deaths, PK
- Efficacy: ORR per IWG AML criteria, response duration, TTP, PFS, OS, MRD (assessed after cycles 1 and 4, then every 12 weeks)
- Exploratory: mutational profiling and BCL-2 characterization, molecular markers, ex vivo testing of pt samples

Outcome with Venetoclax and LDAC (n=61)



AML



TK activation



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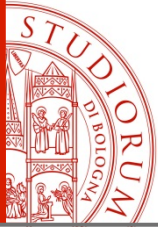


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Different fuel for Leukemias?



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Italian Network for IDH1/2 mutational analysis in Acute Myeloid Leukemia

Rationale:

- 6-19% of AML patients carry mutations of *IDH1* and *IDH2* genes.
- *IDH2* mutations are frequently found in cytogenetically normal (CN)-AML.
- *IDH2* mutations in AML are stable disease markers and evidence suggests they may confer favorable prognosis, especially when associated to NPM1 mutations.
- Targeted inhibition of mutant *IDH1/2* through small molecules represents a promising therapeutic strategy

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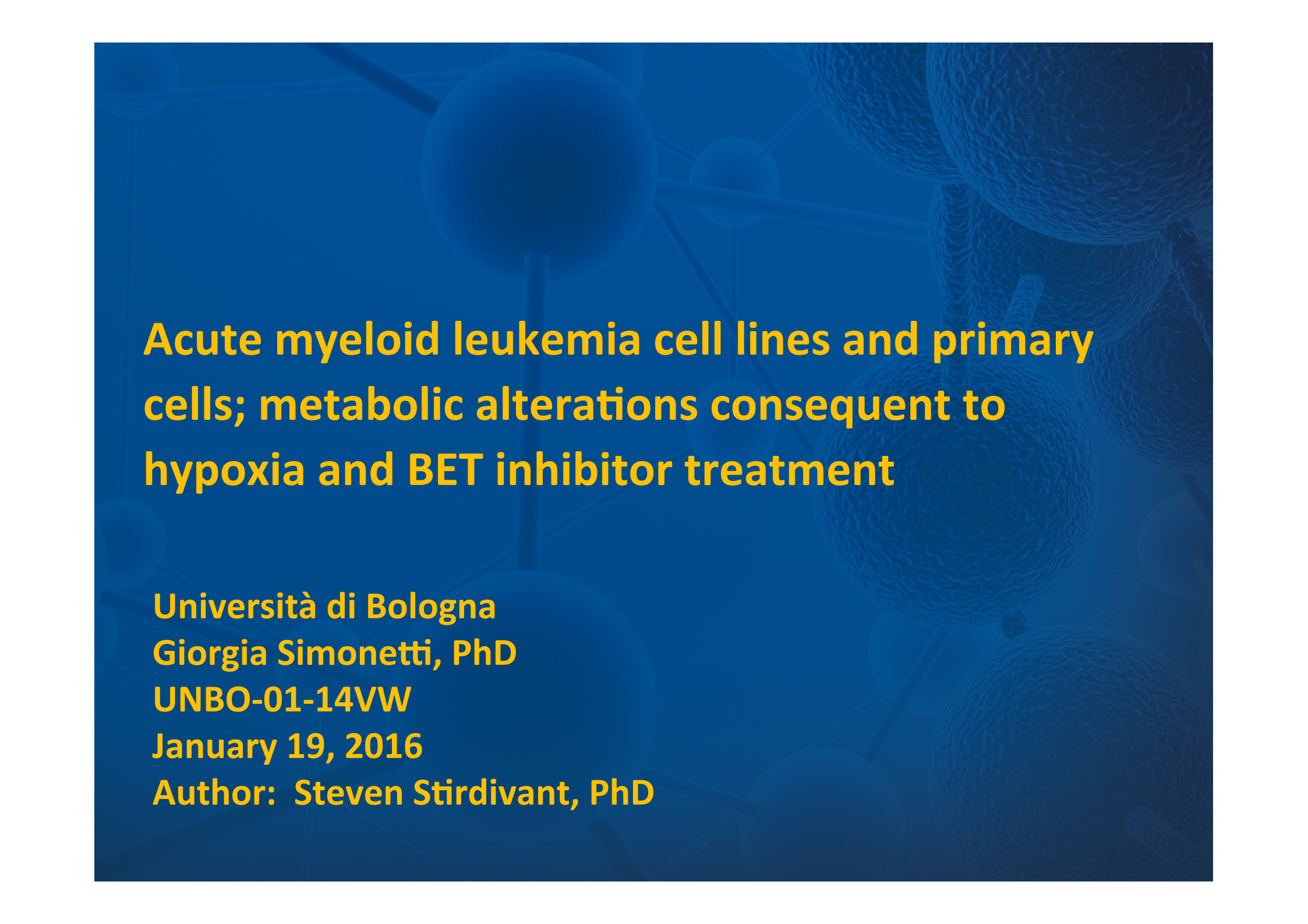
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Acute myeloid leukemia cell lines and primary cells; metabolic alterations consequent to hypoxia and BET inhibitor treatment

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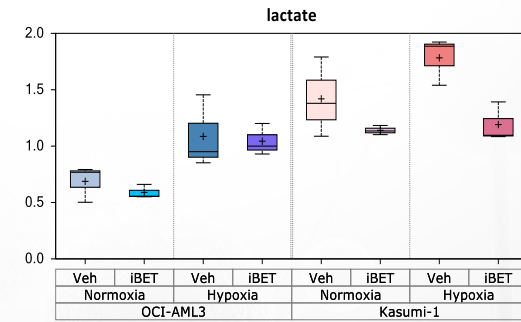
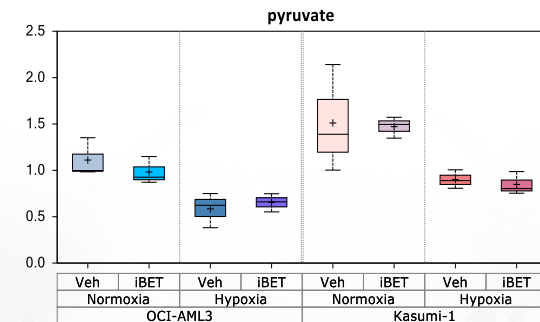
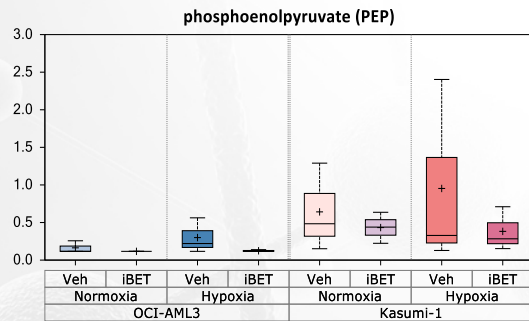
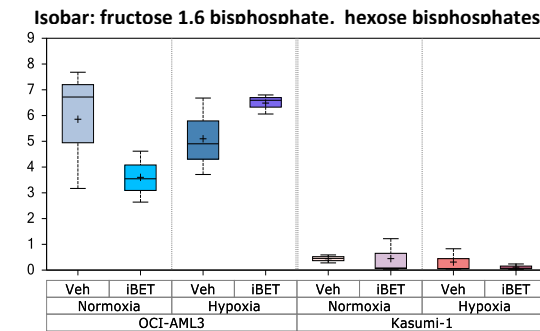
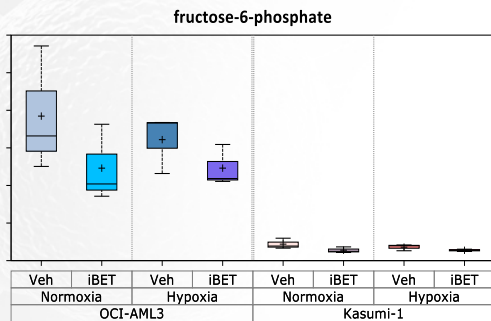
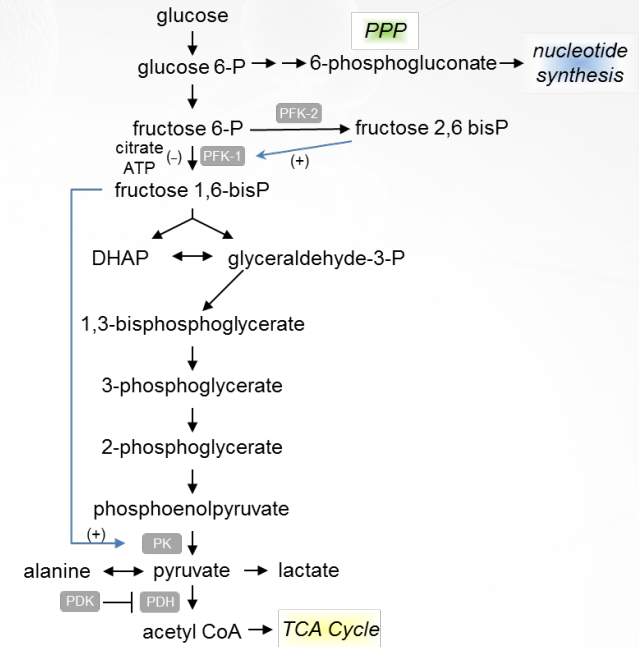
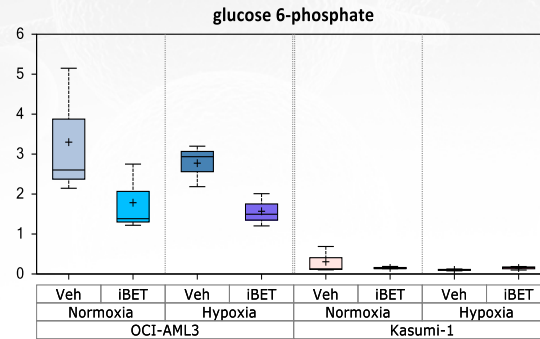
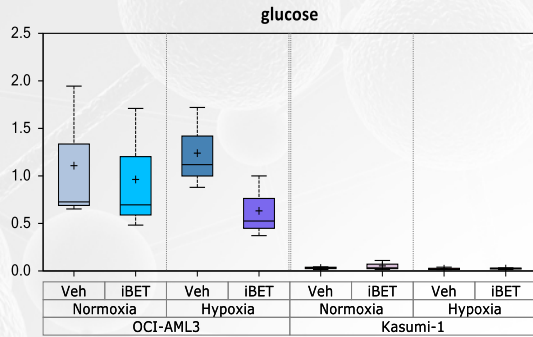
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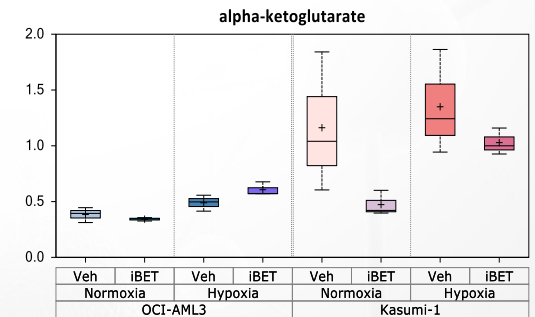
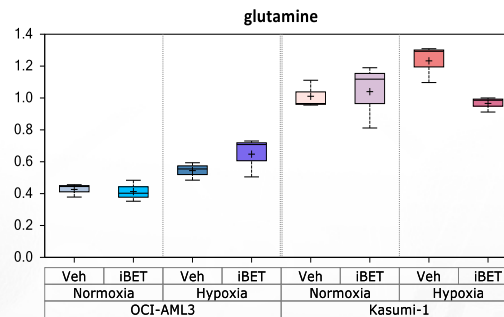
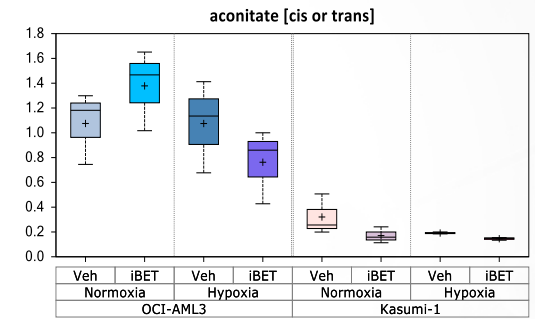
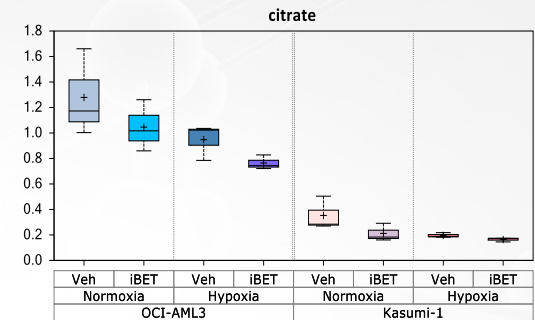
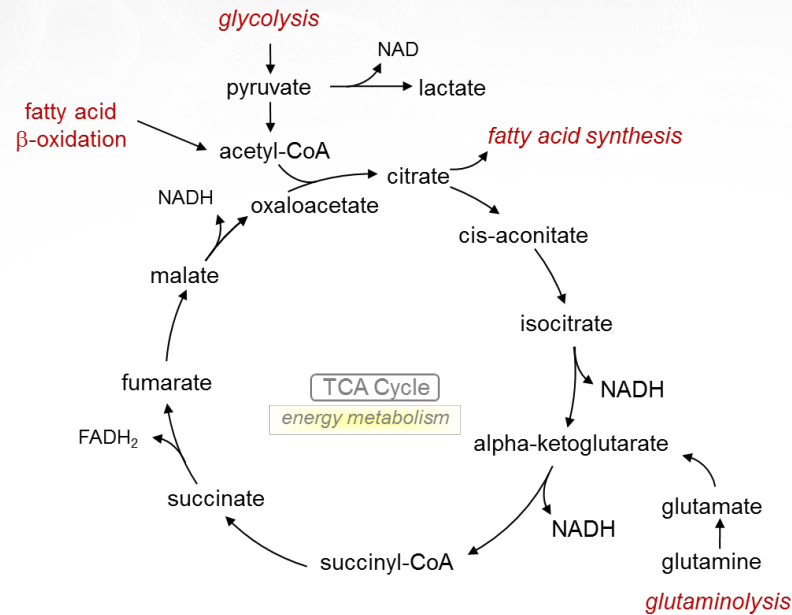
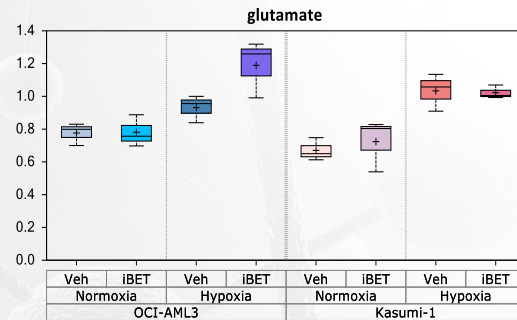
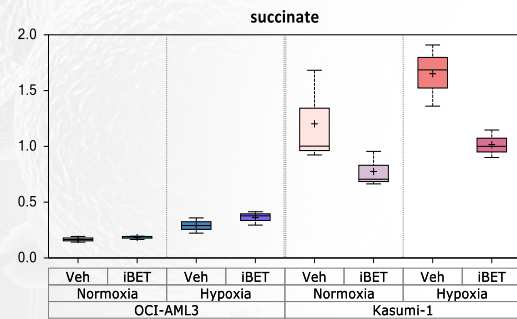
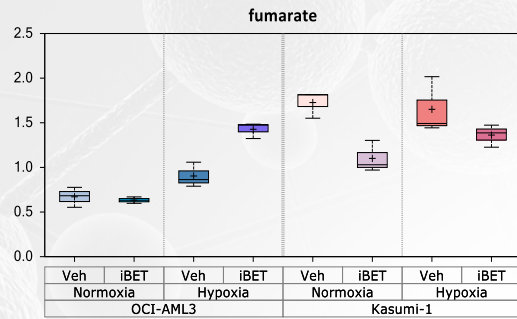
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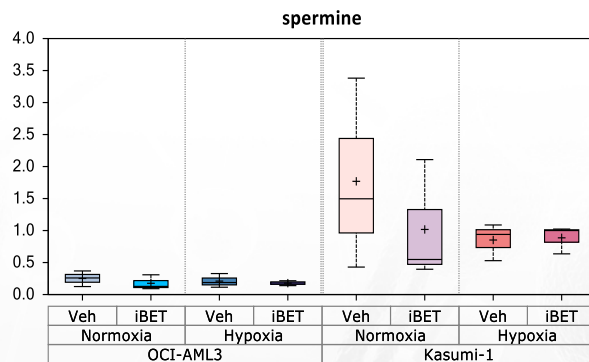
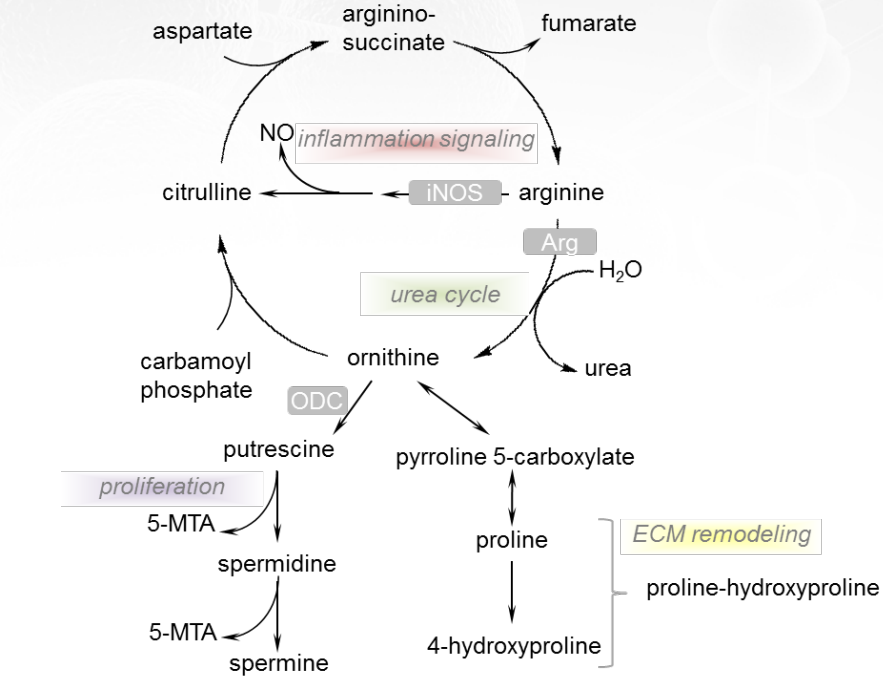
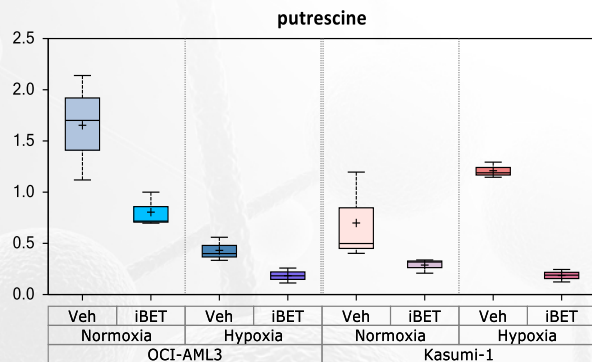
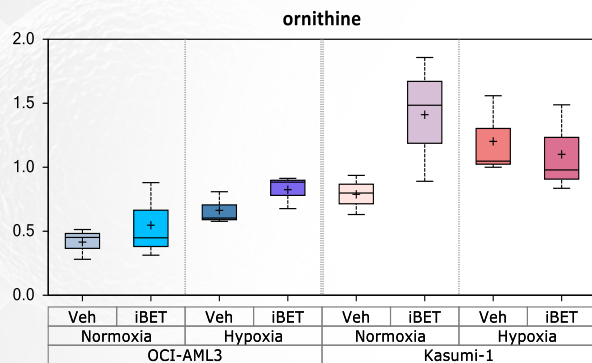
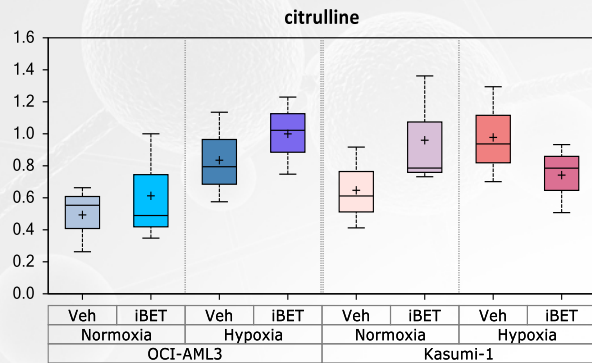
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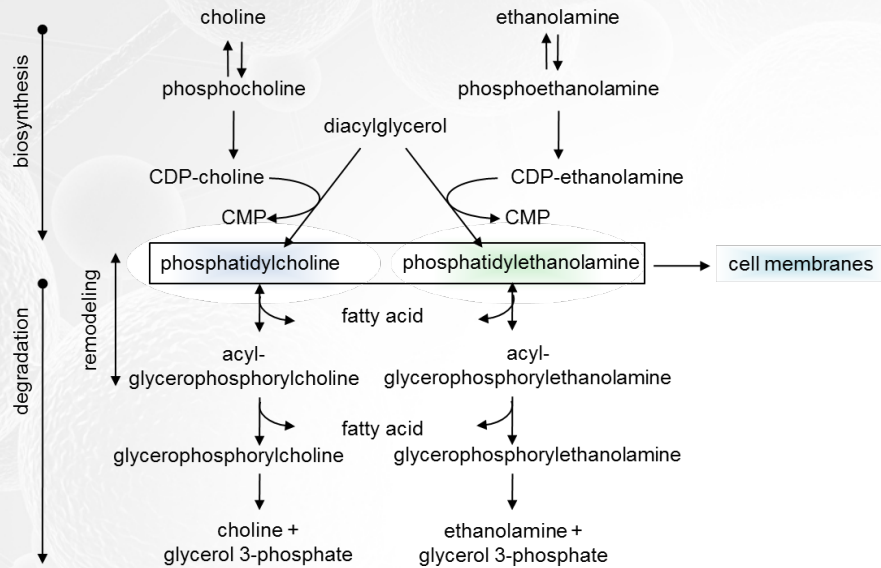
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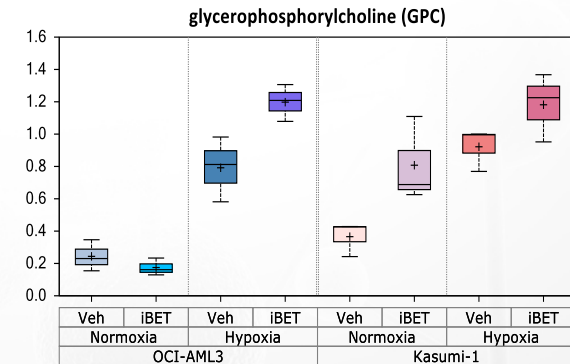
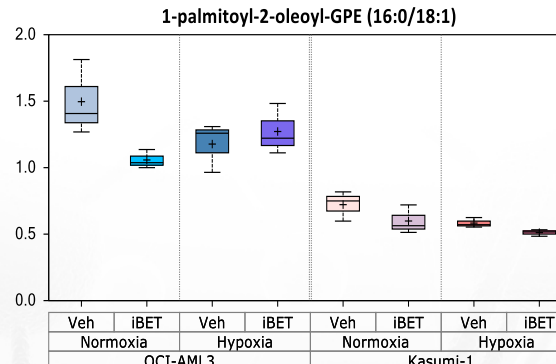
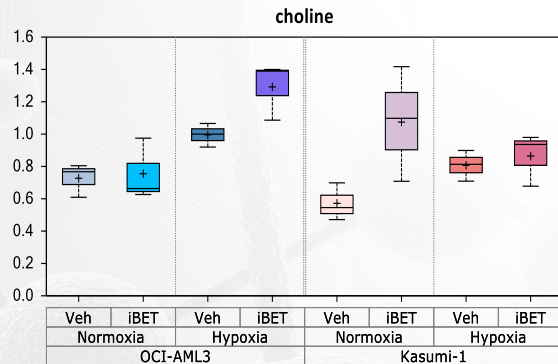
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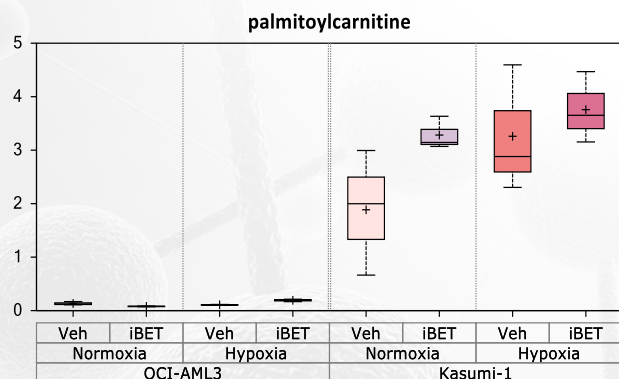
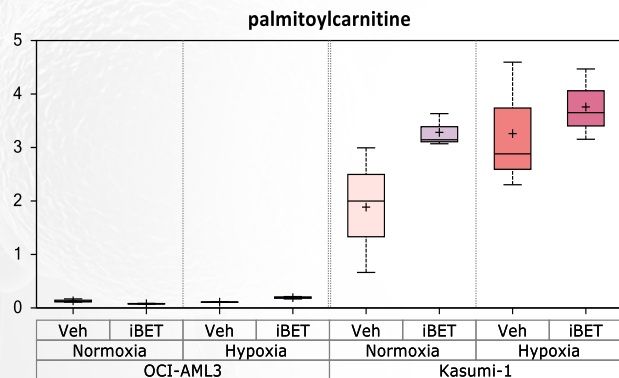
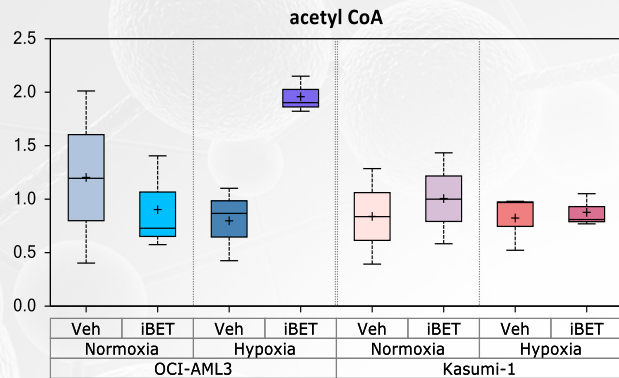
Phospholipid levels reduced in iBET treated normoxic OCI-AML3 cells



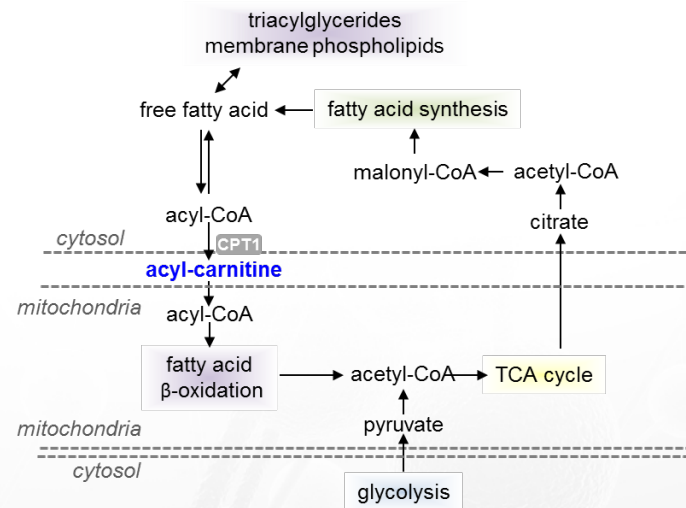
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					OCI Norm	OCI Hyp	Kas Norm	Kas Hyp
	choline				1.04	1.30	1.88	1.07
	choline phosphate				0.81	1.25	1.10	0.95
	cytidine 5'-diphosphocholine				0.89	1.54	1.32	0.94
	glycerophosphorylcholine (GPC)				0.72	1.51	2.21	1.28
	phosphoethanolamine				0.97	1.45	2.24	2.52
	cytidine-5'-diphosphoethanolamine				0.91	1.02	1.63	0.96
	glycerophosphoethanolamine				0.83	1.44	1.82	1.34
	1-stearoyl-2-oleoyl-GPC (18:0/18:1)				1.05	1.24	1.02	1.02
	1-stearoyl-2-oleoyl-GPI (18:0/18:1)*				0.62	1.13	0.68	0.85
	1-palmitoyl-2-palmitoleoyl-GPC (16:0/16:1)*				0.76	0.96	0.88	0.86
	1-palmitoyl-2-oleoyl-GPG (16:0/18:1)				0.51	0.88	0.81	0.95
	1-palmitoyl-2-oleoyl-GPE (16:0/18:1)				0.71	1.08	0.83	0.88
	1-stearoyl-2-arachidonoyl-GPE (18:0/20:4)				0.83	1.06	1.18	0.92
	1-stearoyl-2-oleoyl-GPE (18:0/18:1)				0.76	1.07	0.94	0.87
	1-palmitoyl-2-arachidonoyl-GPE (16:0/20:4)*				0.75	1.03	1.17	0.89
	1-palmitoyl-2-linoleoyl-GPE (16:0/18:2)				0.80	1.00	0.96	0.89
	1-stearoyl-2-linoleoyl-GPE (18:0/18:2)*				0.64	1.14	0.71	0.93
	1,2-dioleoyl-GPG (18:1/18:1)				0.96	1.18	1.18	1.17
	1,2-dioleoyl-GPI (18:1/18:1)				0.70	1.11	0.74	0.88
	1-palmitoyl-2-stearoyl-GPC (16:0/18:0)				1.09	0.97	1.05	0.83
	1,2-dioleoyl-GPE (18:1/18:1)				0.79	1.07	0.93	0.96
	1-palmitoyl-2-oleoyl-GPI (16:0/18:1)*				0.61	1.09	0.75	1.02
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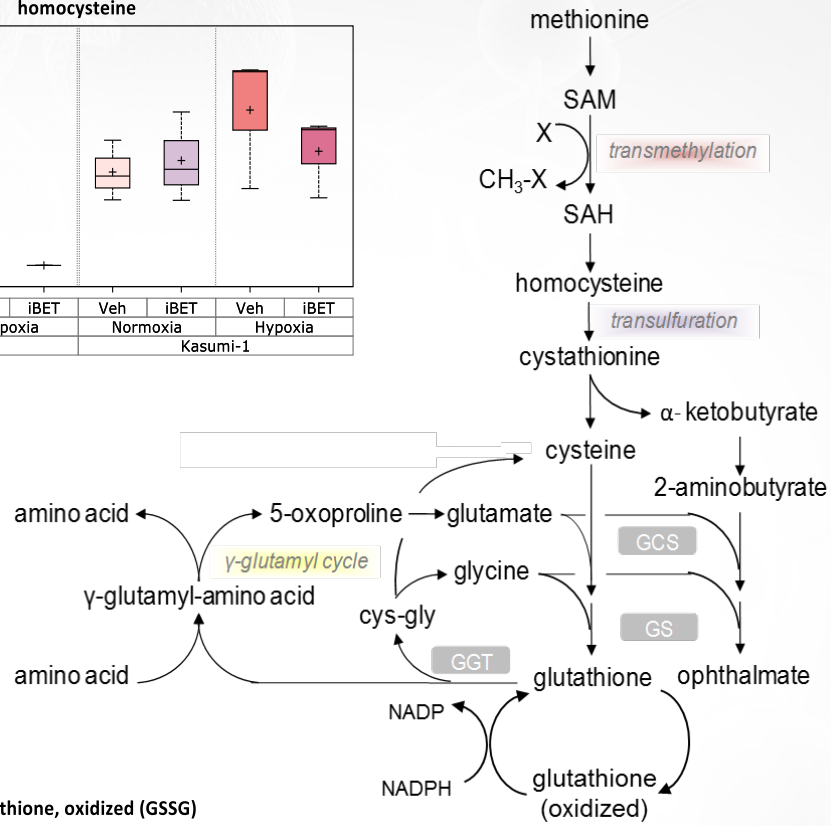
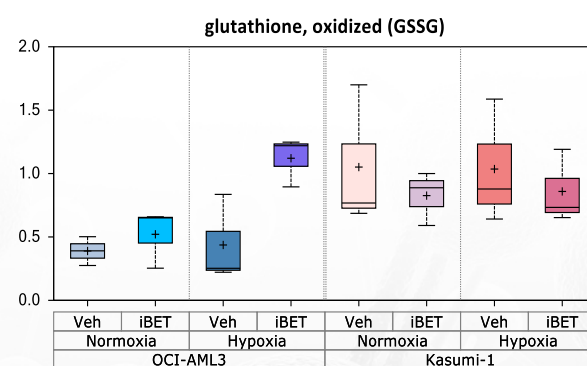
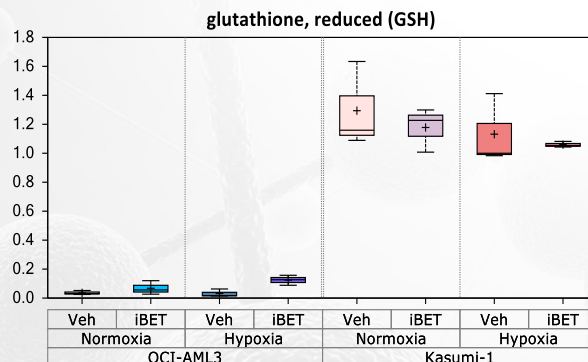
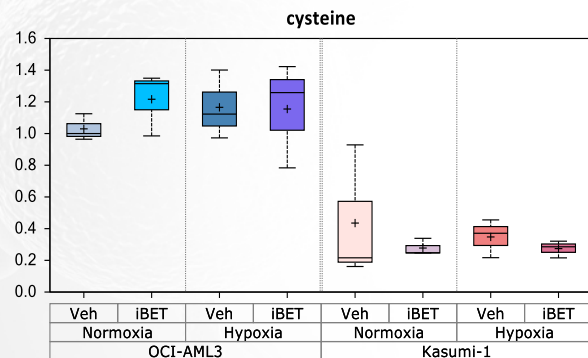
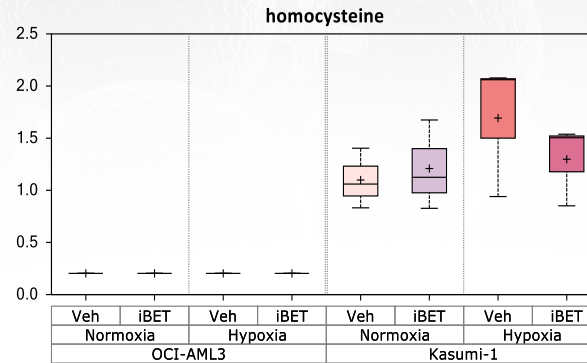
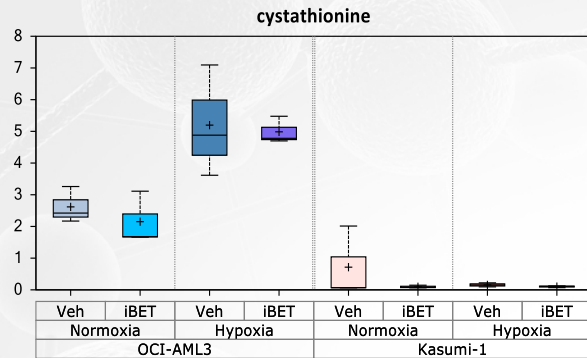
iBET raises acylcarnitine levels in normoxic Kasumi-1 cells



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					OCI Norm	OCI Hyp	Kas Norm	Kas Hyp
Fatty Acid Metabolism	acetyl CoA				0.75	2.45	1.20	1.06
Fatty Acid Metabolism (Acyl Carnitine)	acetylcarnitine				1.72	3.54	1.69	1.13
	3-hydroxybutyrylcarnitine (1)				1.10	1.17	1.73	1.04
	3-hydroxybutyrylcarnitine (2)				0.77	1.06	1.41	0.98
	valerylcarnitine				1.00	1.00	1.12	0.88
	hexanoylcarnitine				0.54	1.55	1.26	0.92
	octanoylcarnitine				1.00	1.00	1.61	1.33
	laurylcarnitine				0.80	0.96	1.56	1.40
	myristoylcarnitine				0.64	1.47	1.57	1.13
	palmitoylcarnitine				0.59	1.78	1.74	1.15
	palmitoleoylcarnitine*				0.82	1.51	1.71	1.09
	stearoylcarnitine				0.72	1.77	1.66	1.38
	linoleoylcarnitine*				0.86	1.28	1.83	1.14
	oleoylcarnitine				0.88	1.29	1.76	1.16
myristoleoylcarnitine*				0.80	1.93	1.84	1.04	



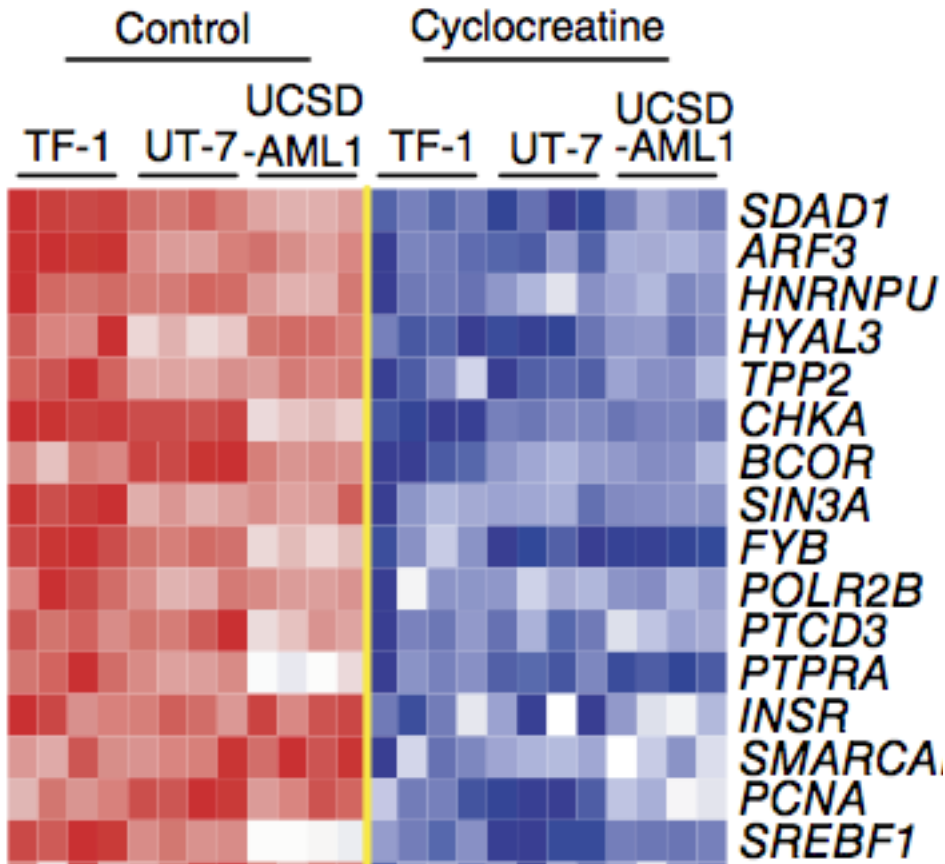
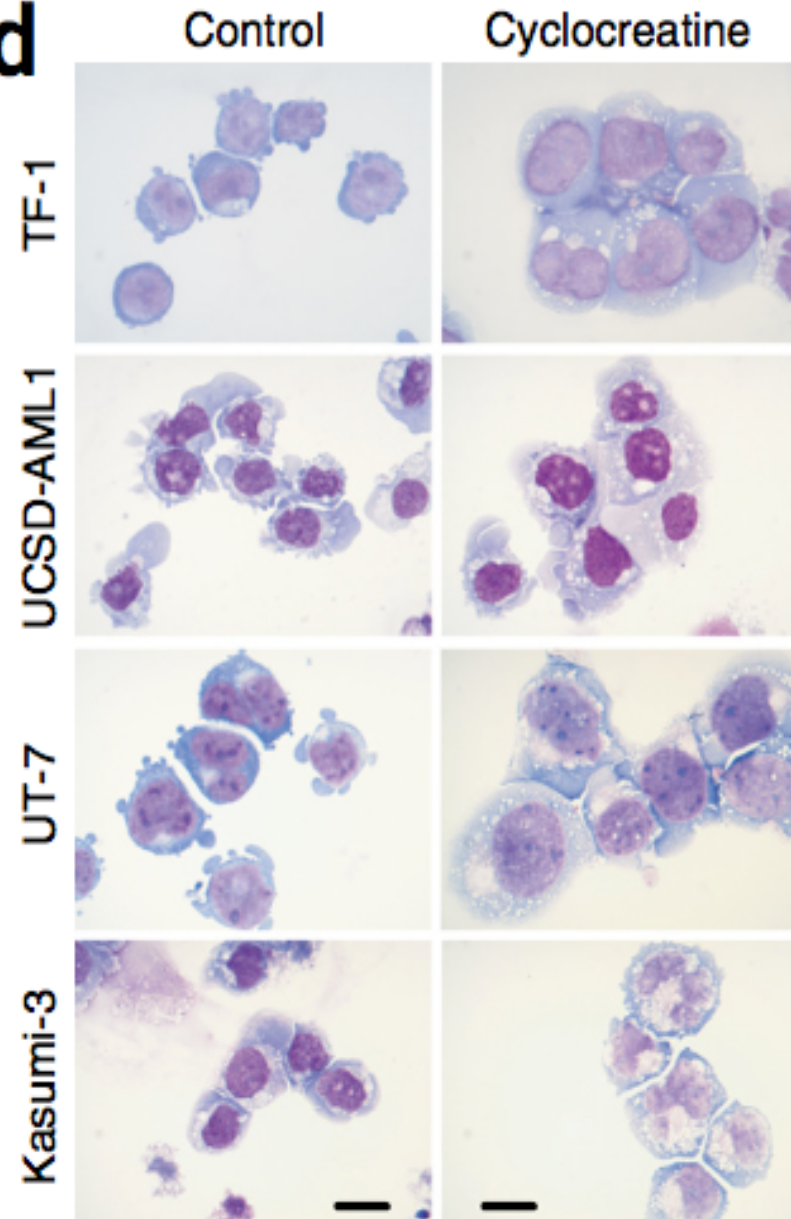
Glutathione levels increased in iBET treated hypoxic OCI-AML3 cells



The creatine kinase pathway is a metabolic vulnerability in EVI1-positive acute myeloid leukemia

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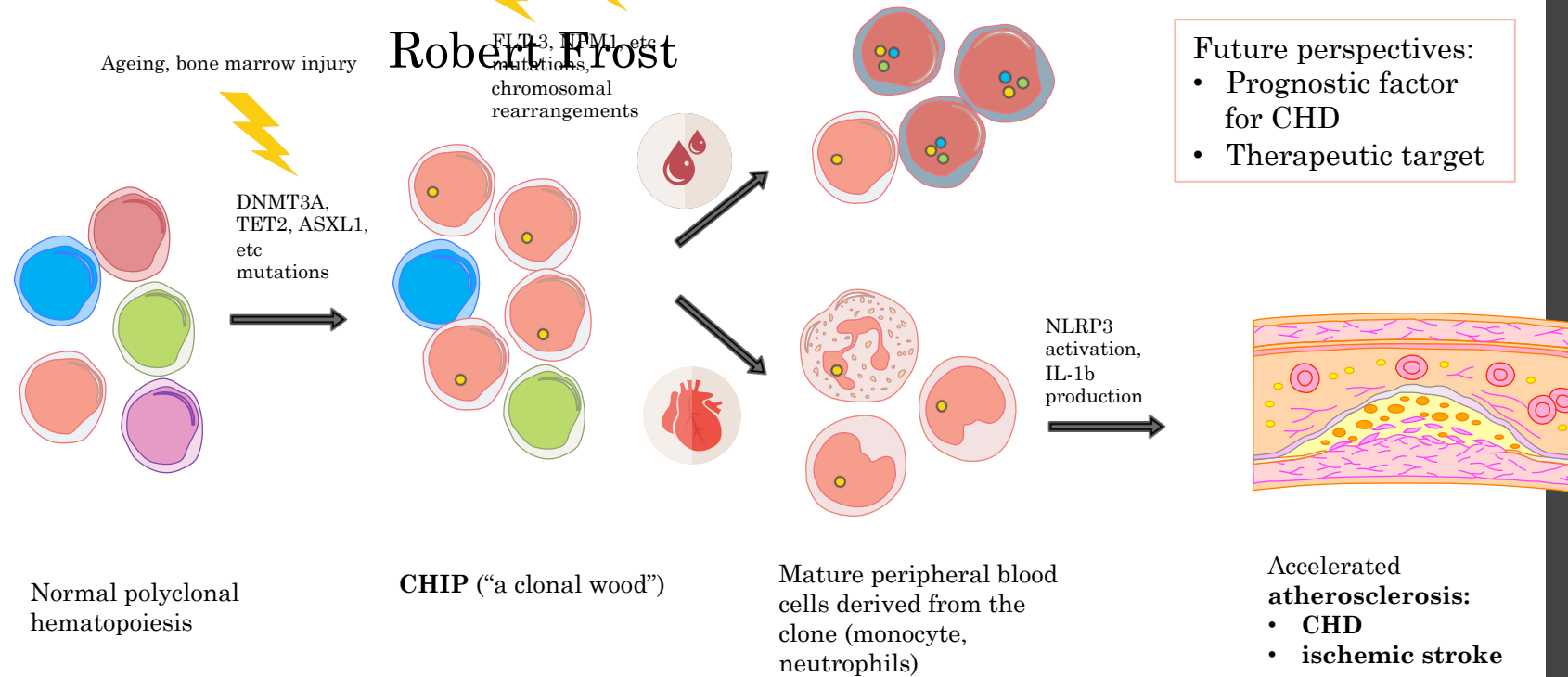
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