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# **Marginal zone lymphomas: biology and molecular genomics**

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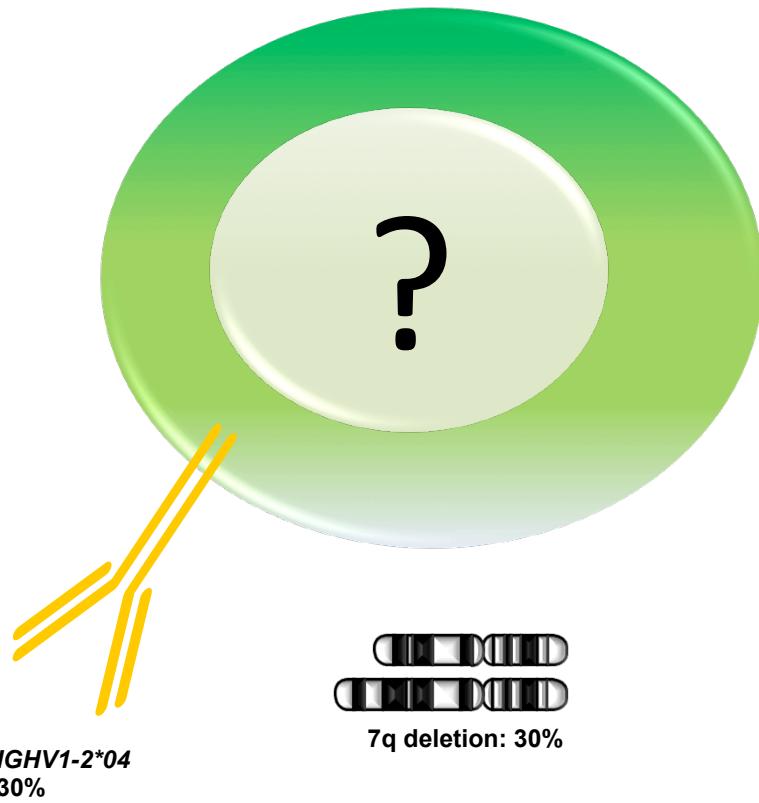
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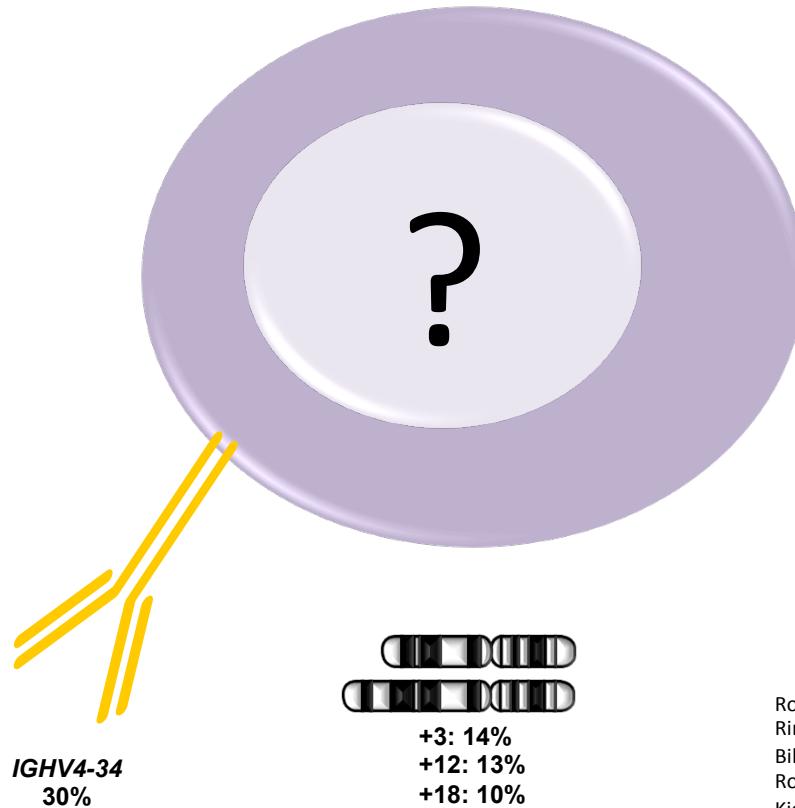
**Bellinzona**

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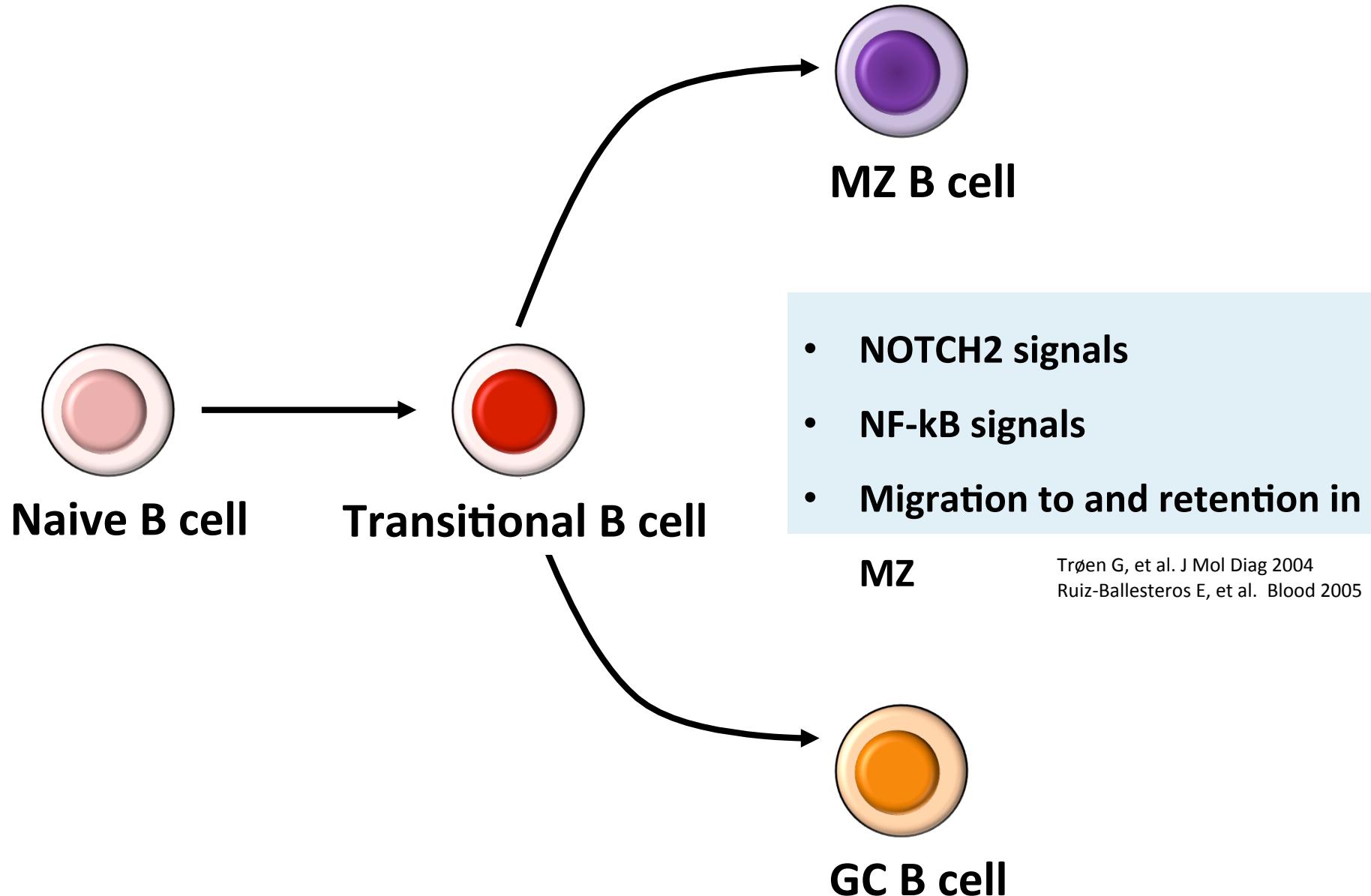
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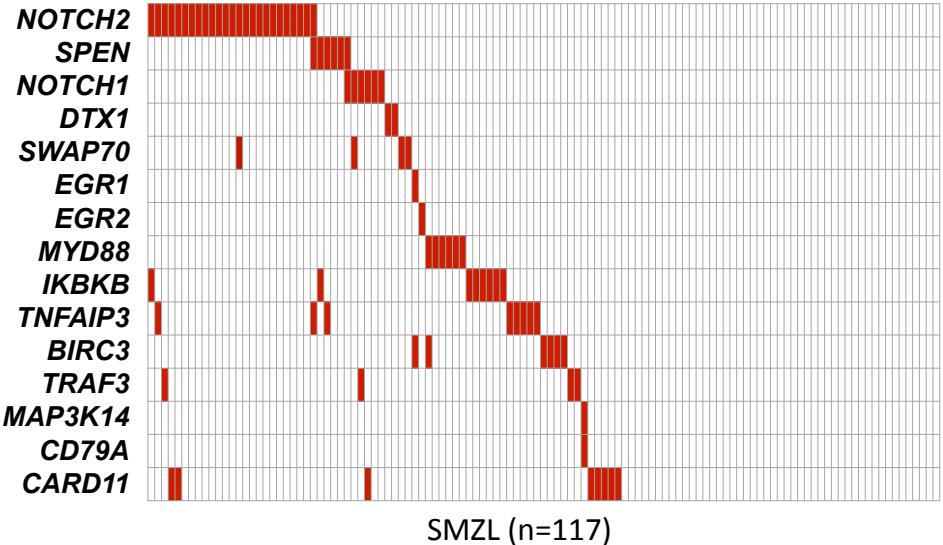
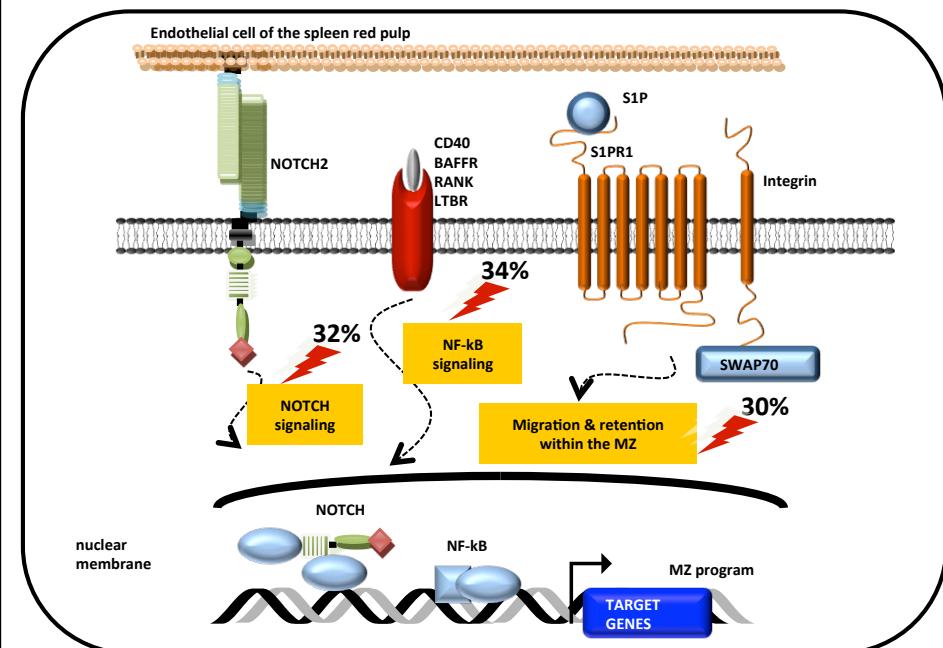
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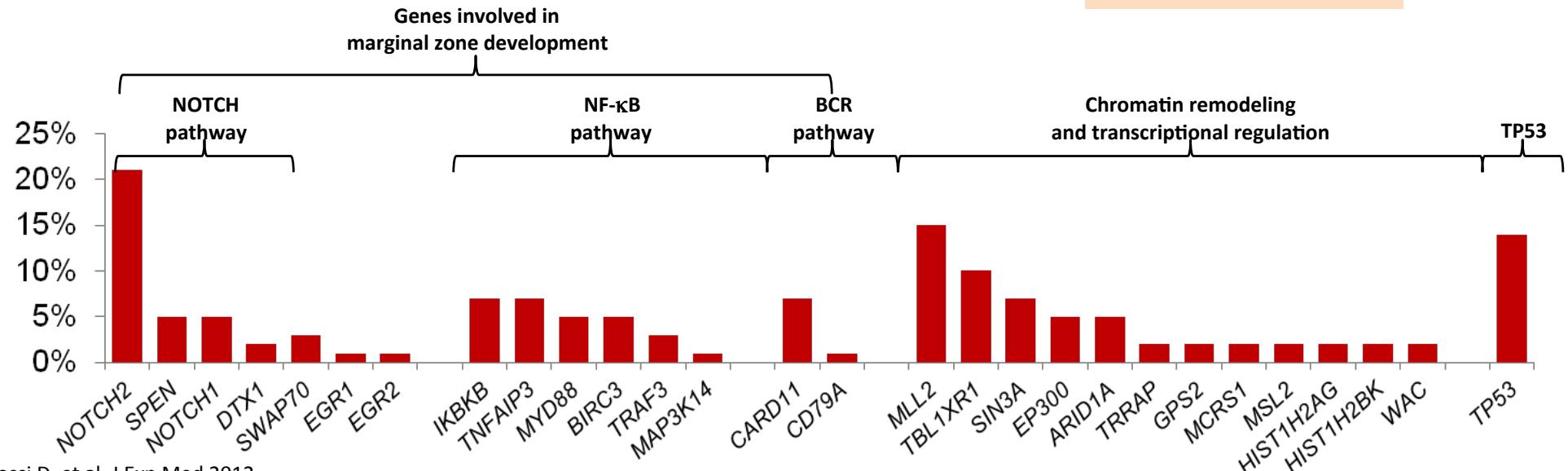
# Pathways in the SMZL and NMZL signatures



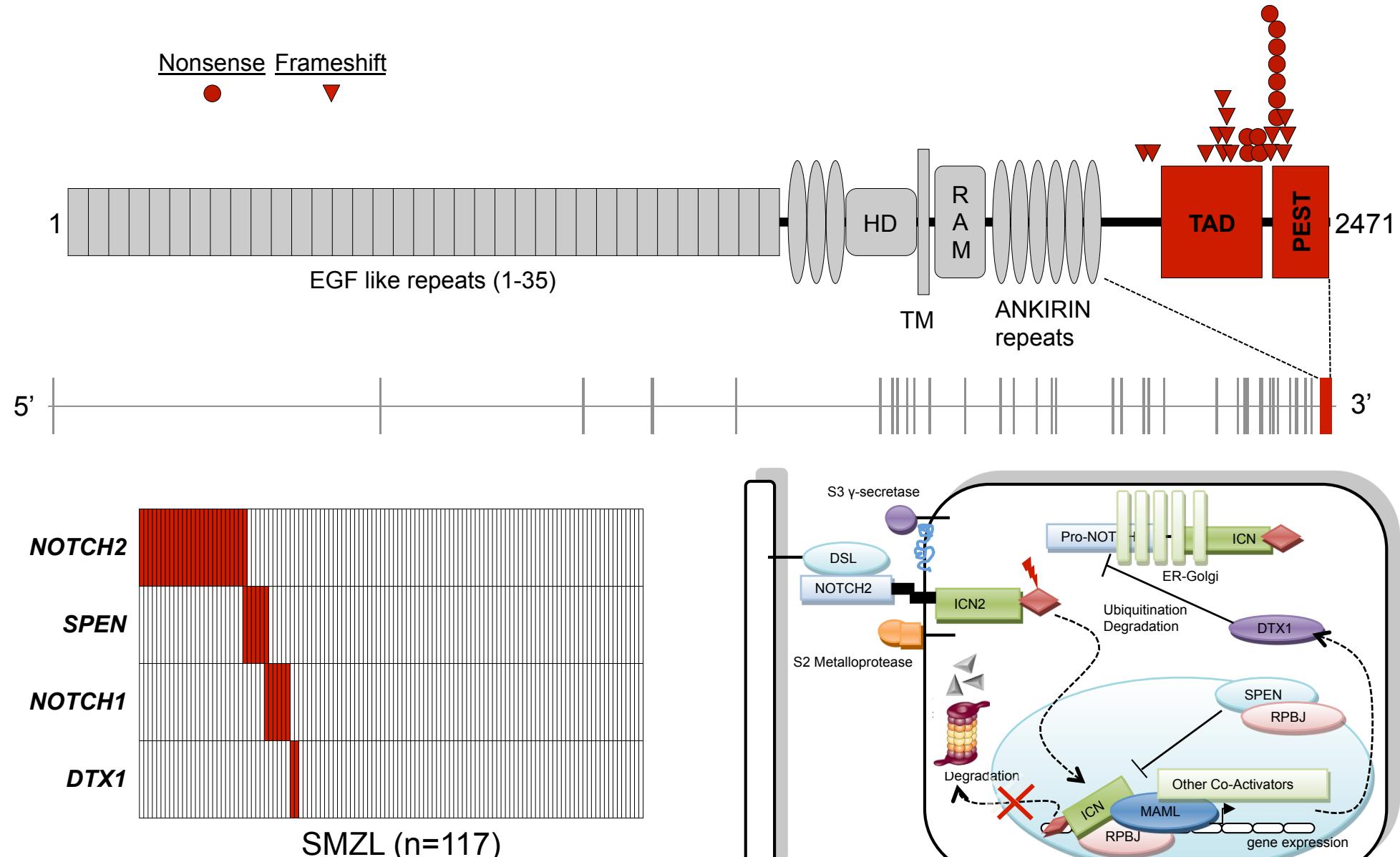
# The coding genome of SMZL



~60% of patients

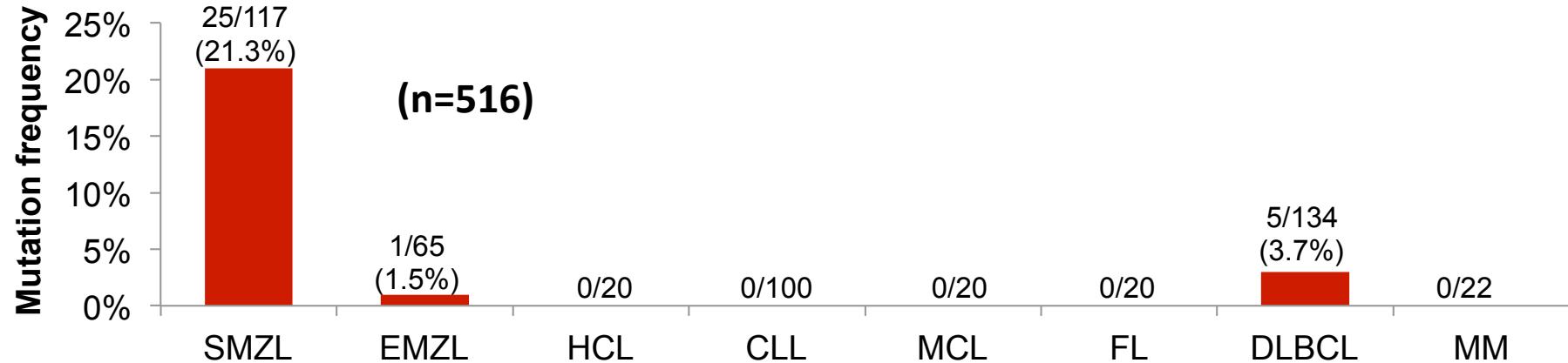


# **NOTCH2 is the most frequently mutated gene in ~20% SMZL**

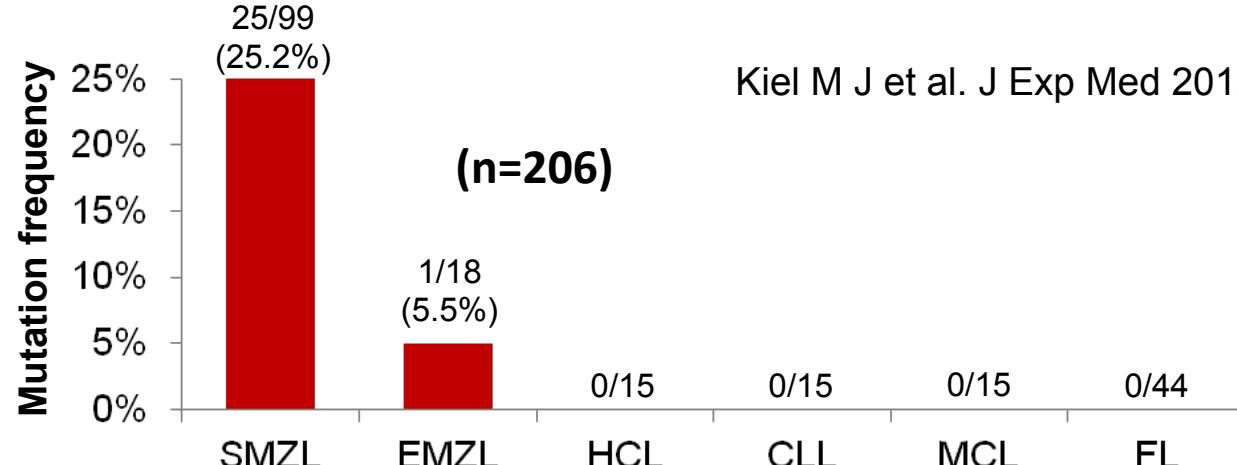


# **NOTCH2 mutations are restricted to SMZL across mature B-cell tumors**

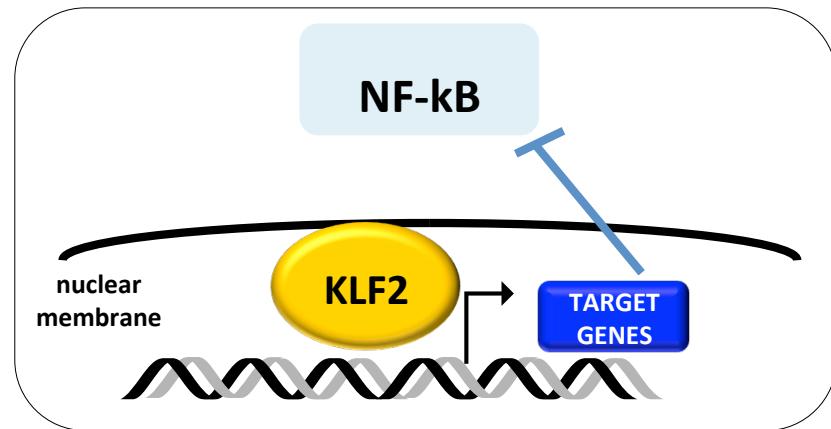
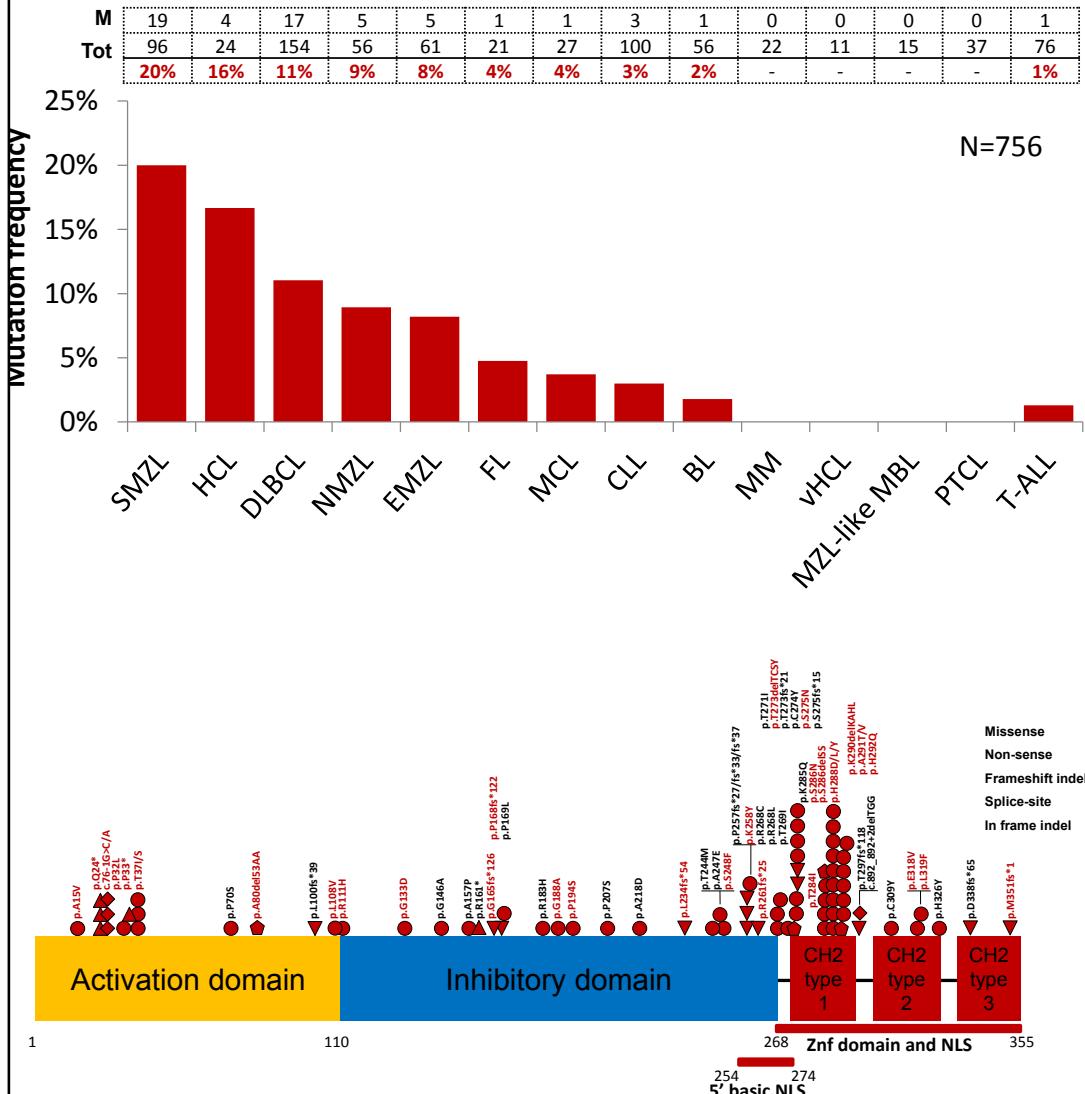
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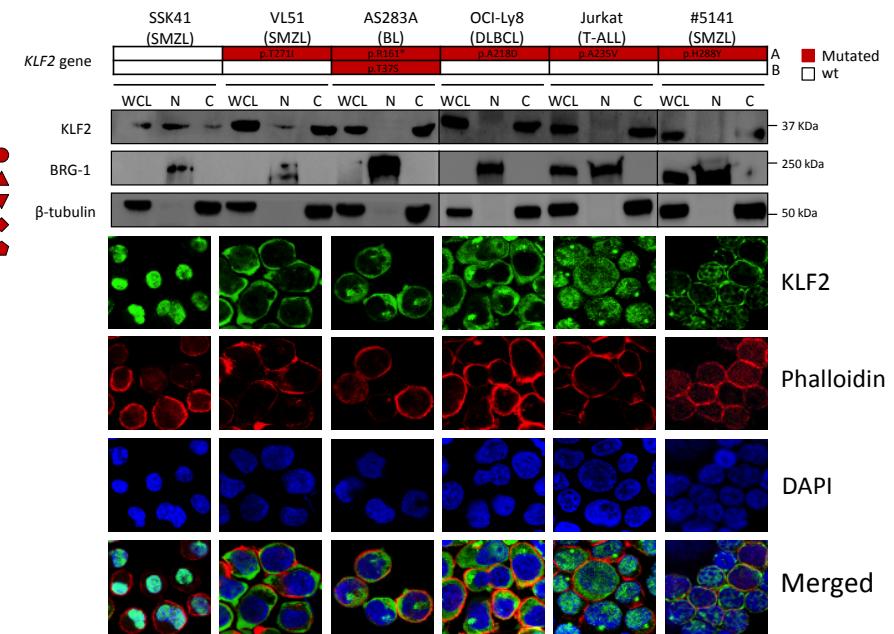
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## **KLF2 mutations in SMZL**

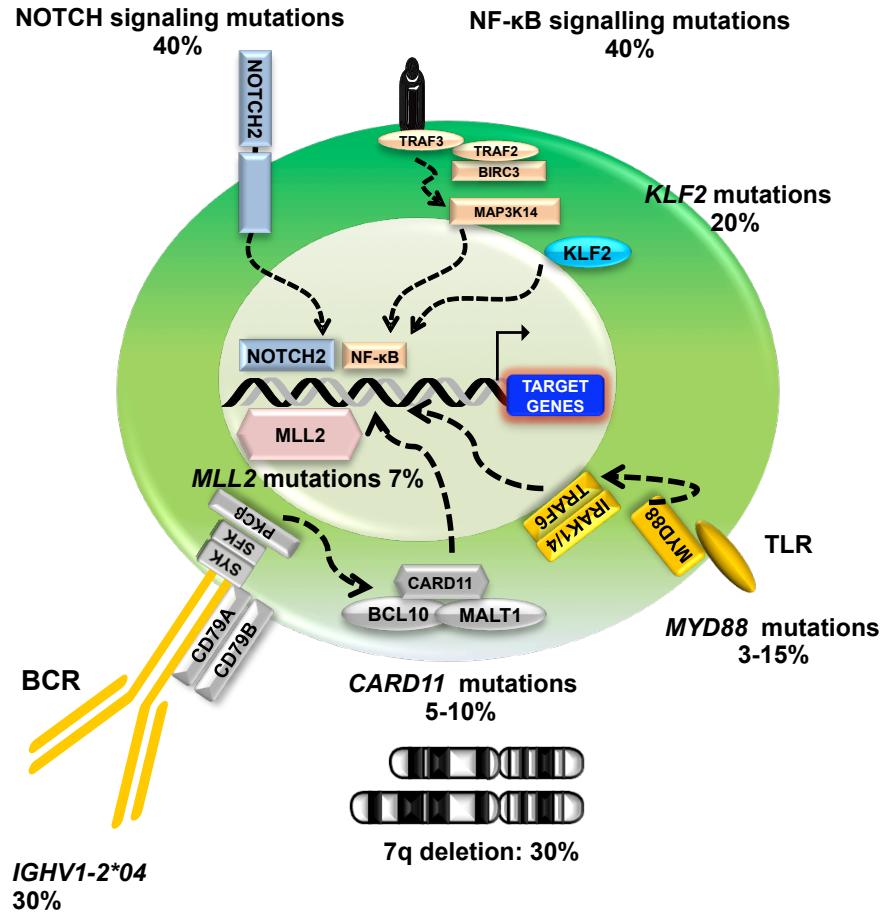


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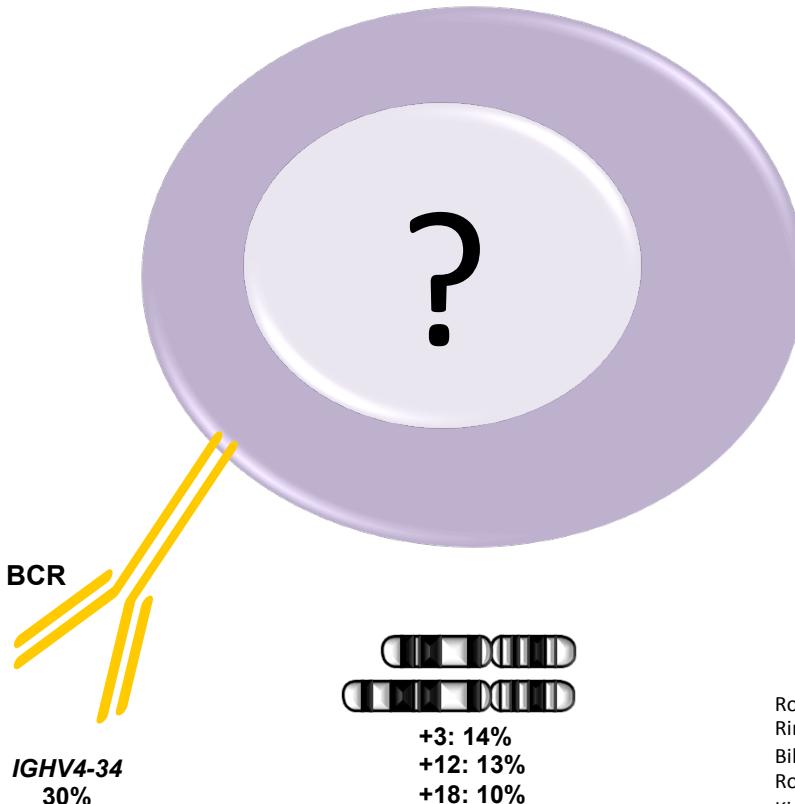


# Molecular pathogenesis of non-MALT MZL

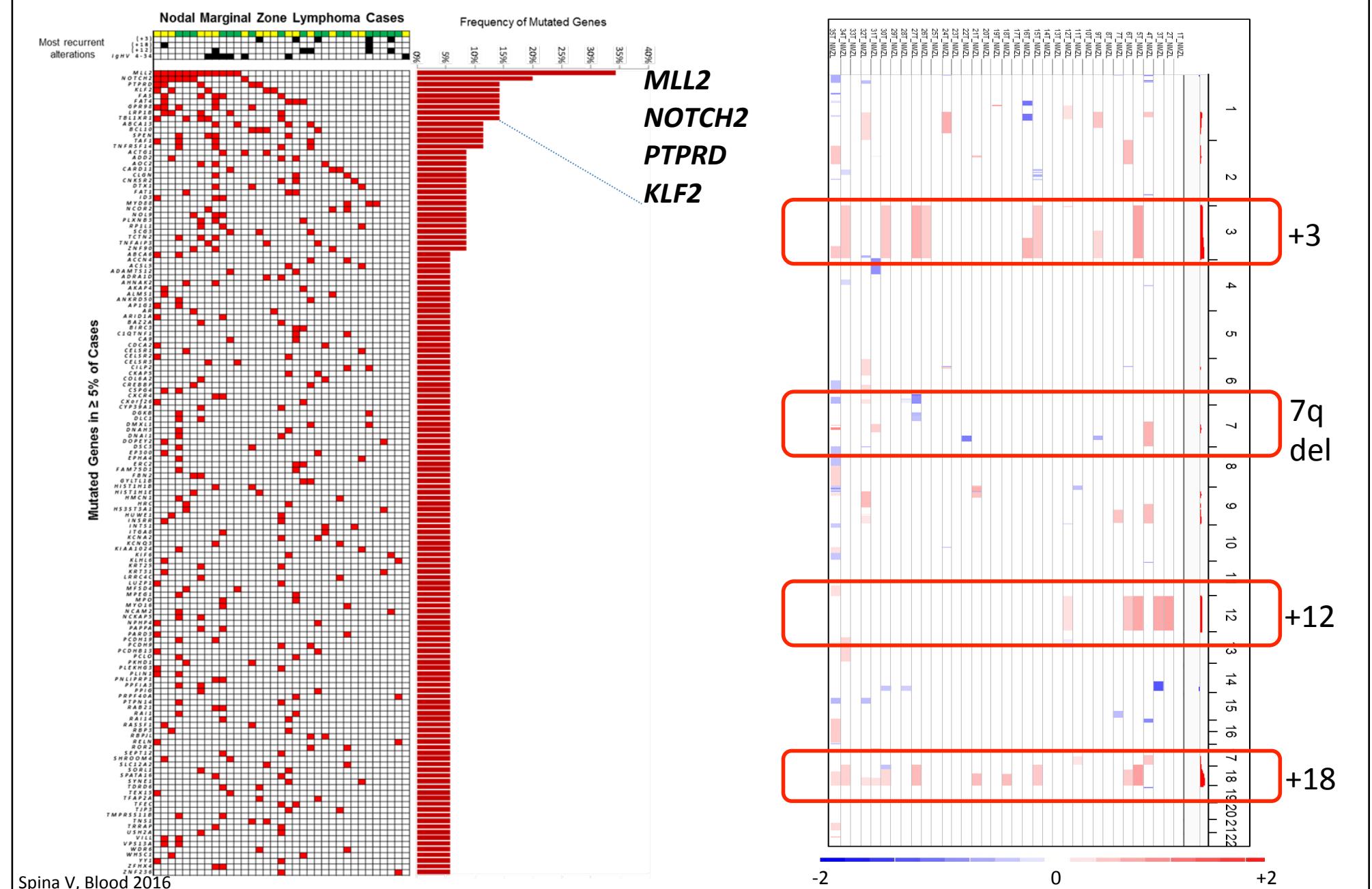
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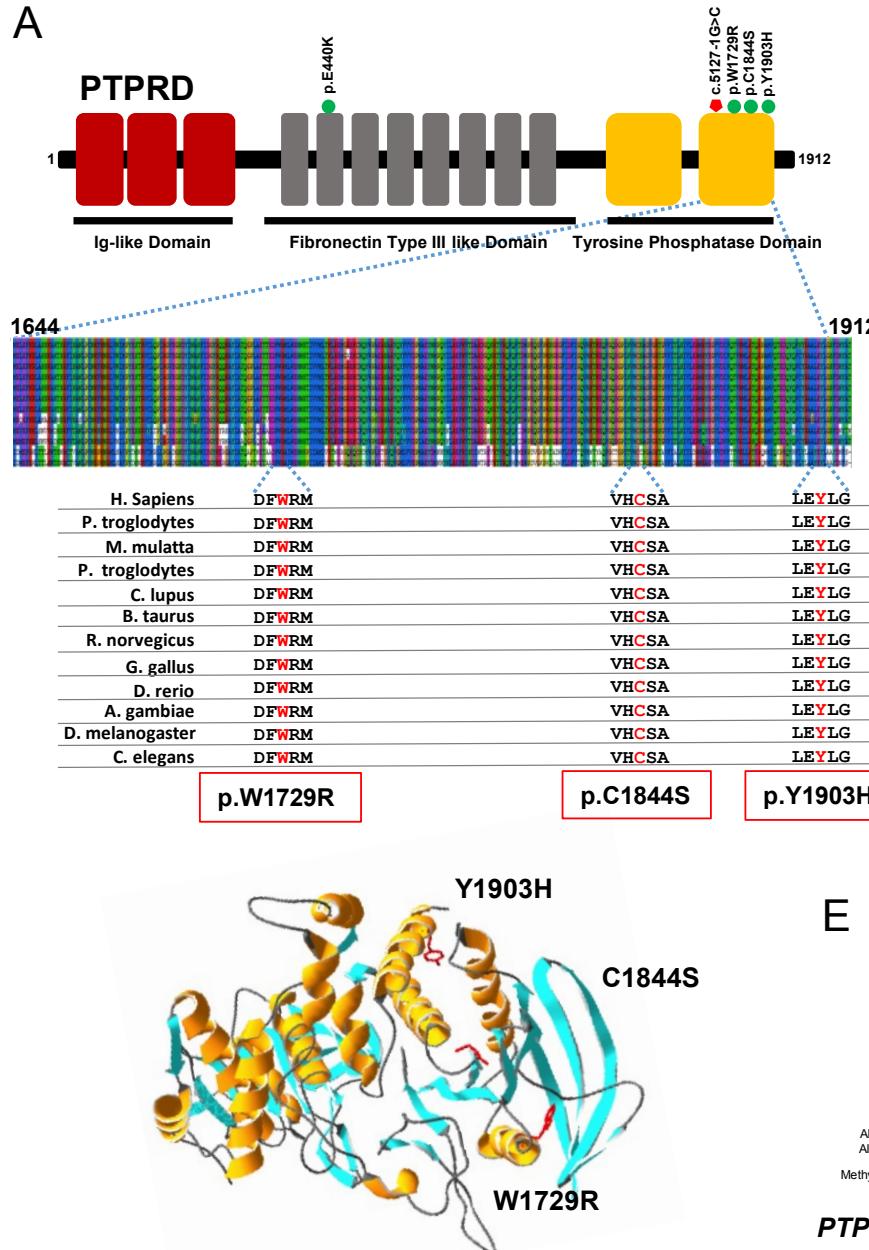
# The coding genome of NMZL



# PTPRD in NMZL



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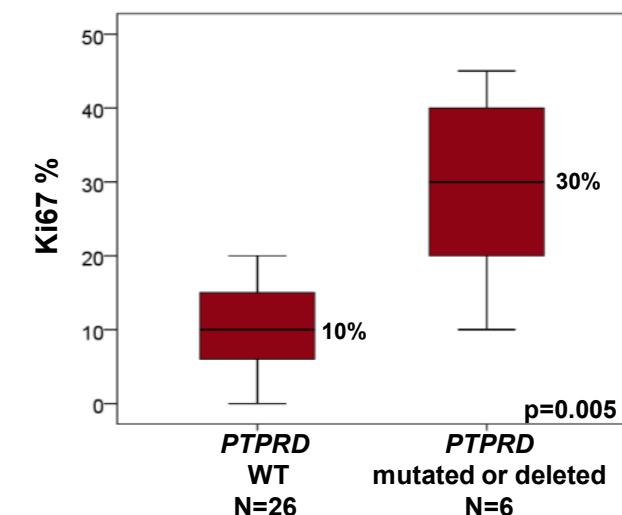
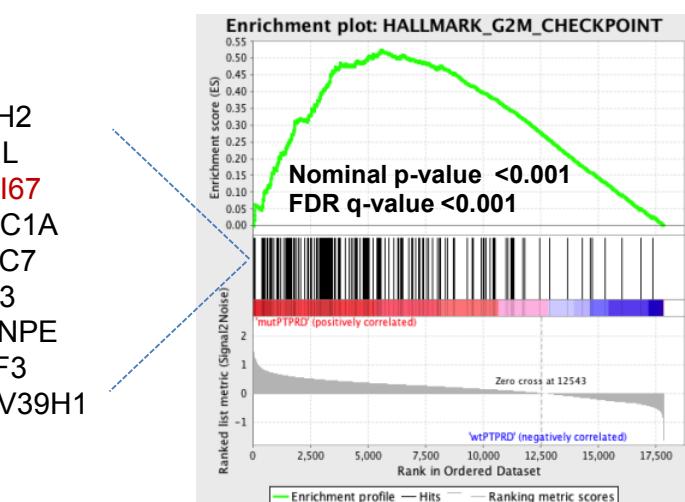
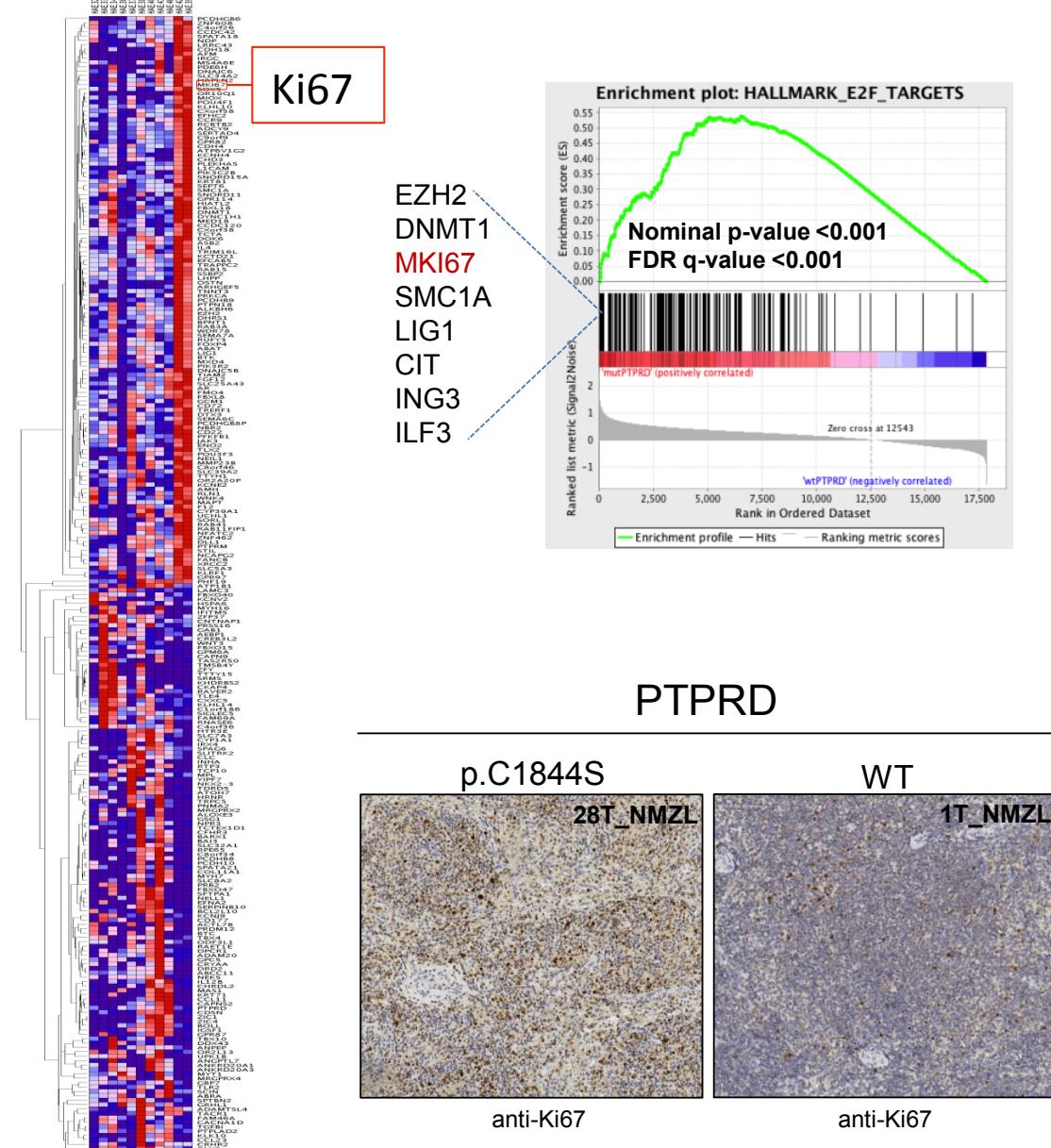


# *PTPRD* mutations in NMZL associate with cell cycle signature and proliferation

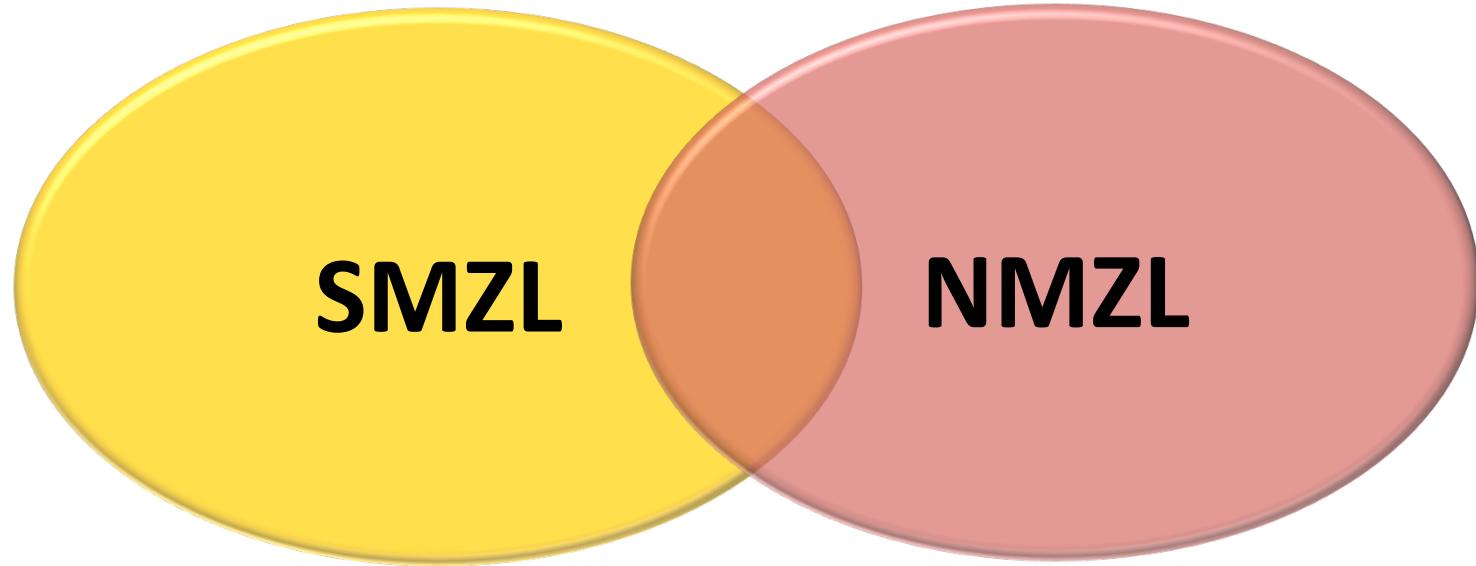


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# Splenic and nodal marginal zone lymphoma are distinguished by the different involved sites



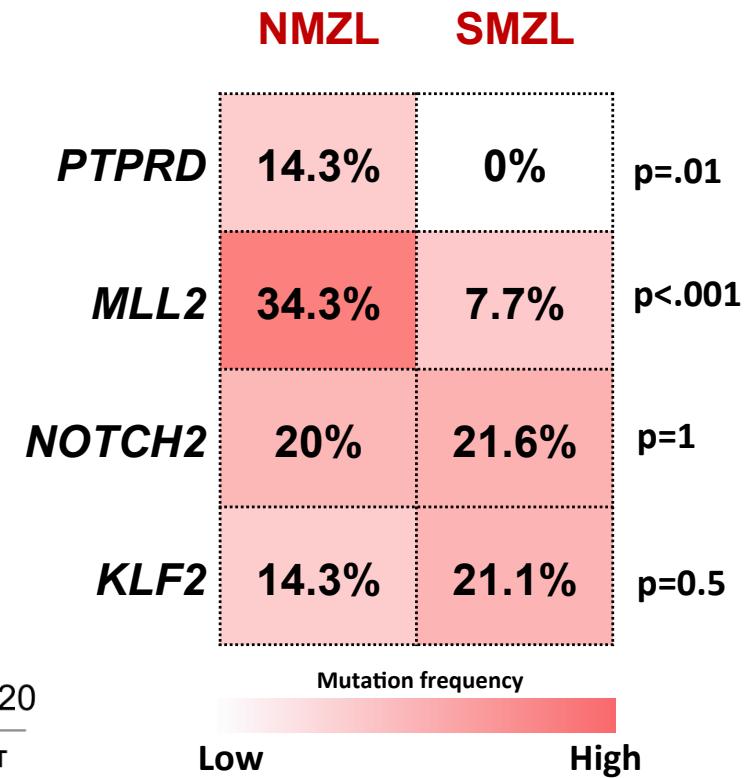
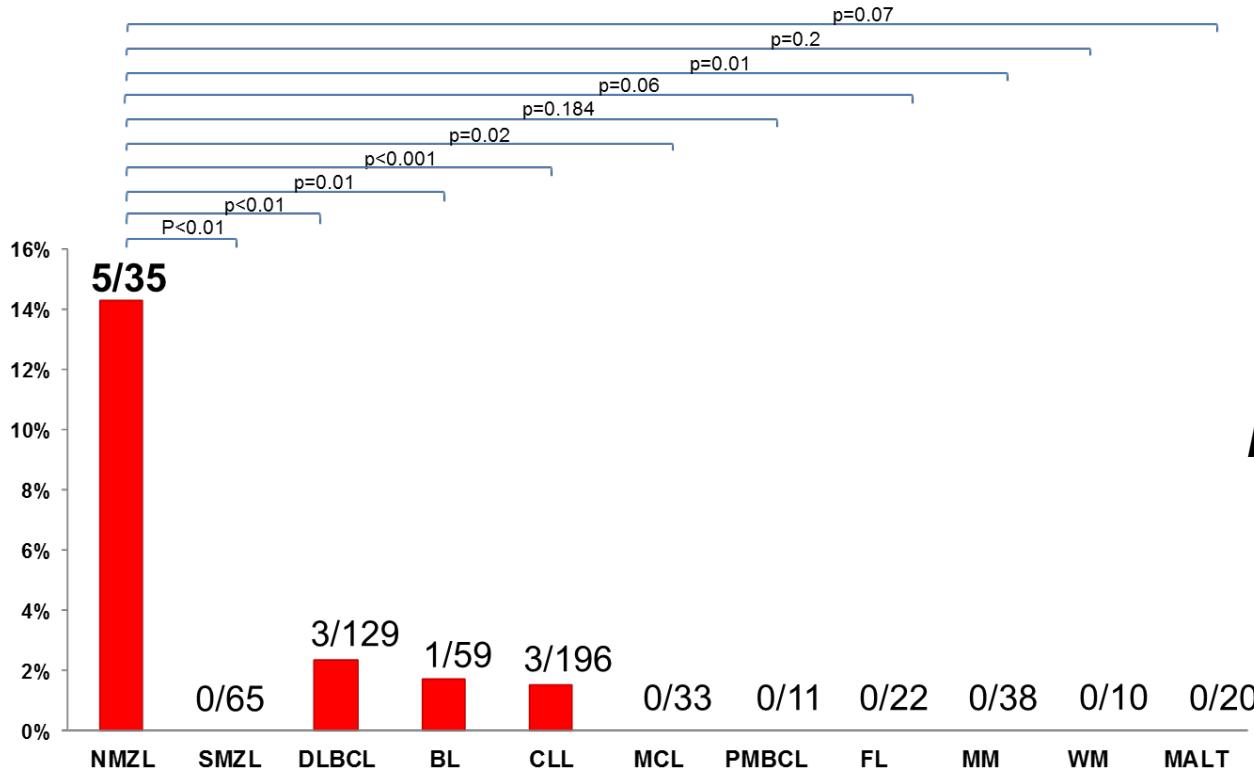
## Shared features

**Cytologic:** clonal expansion of centrocyte-like and monocyte-like B-cells

**Histologic:** marginal zone colonization with interfollicular expansion

**Phenotypic:** CD19+, CD20+, CD79a+, CD5-, CD10-, CD23-, BCL6-, cyclin D1-

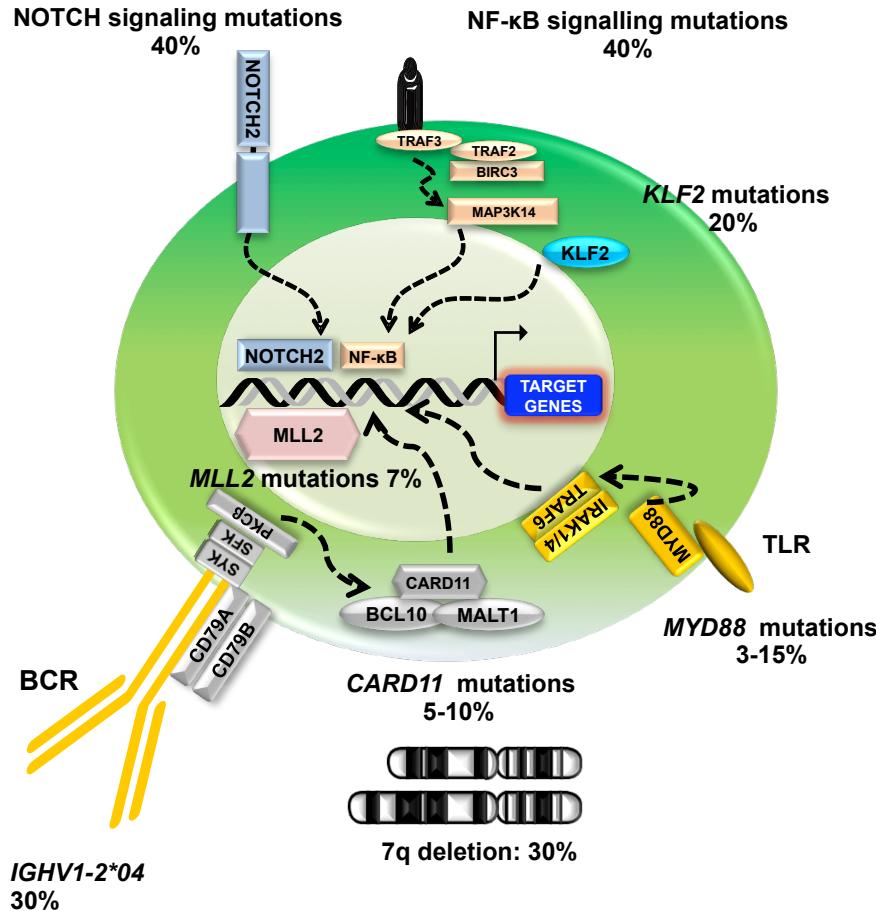
# **PTPRD mutations are enriched in NMZL across mature B-cell tumors (n=619)**



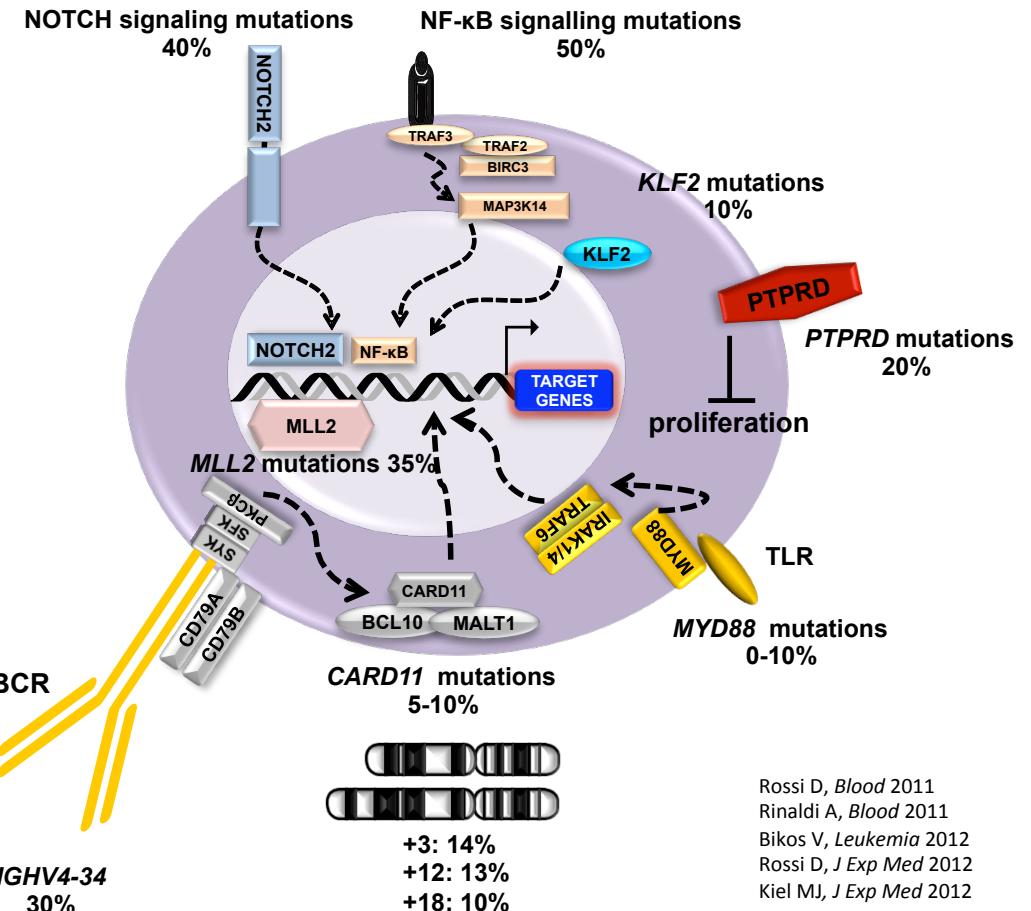
Genes mutated in >15% of NMZL and/or SMZL

# Molecular pathogenesis of non-MALT MZL

## SMZL



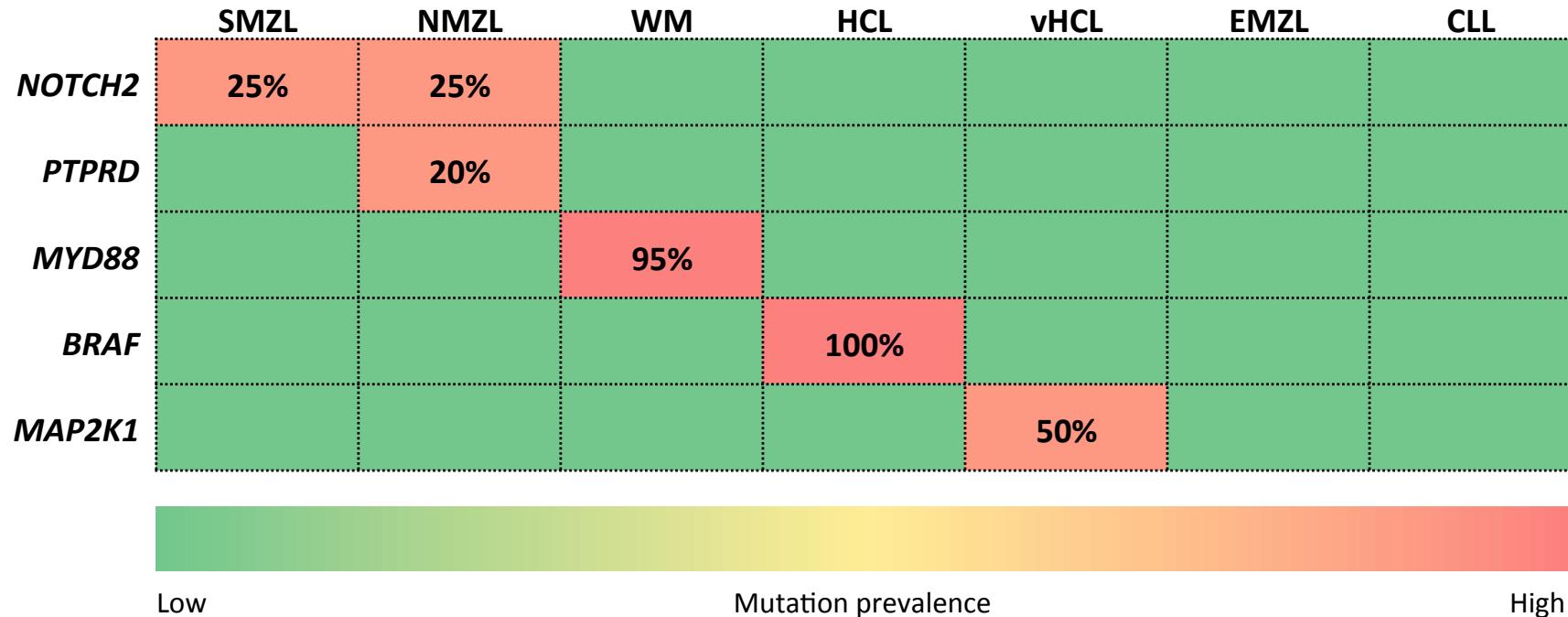
## NMZL



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# Genetics can assist in the specification of histopathologically challenging B-cell LPDs

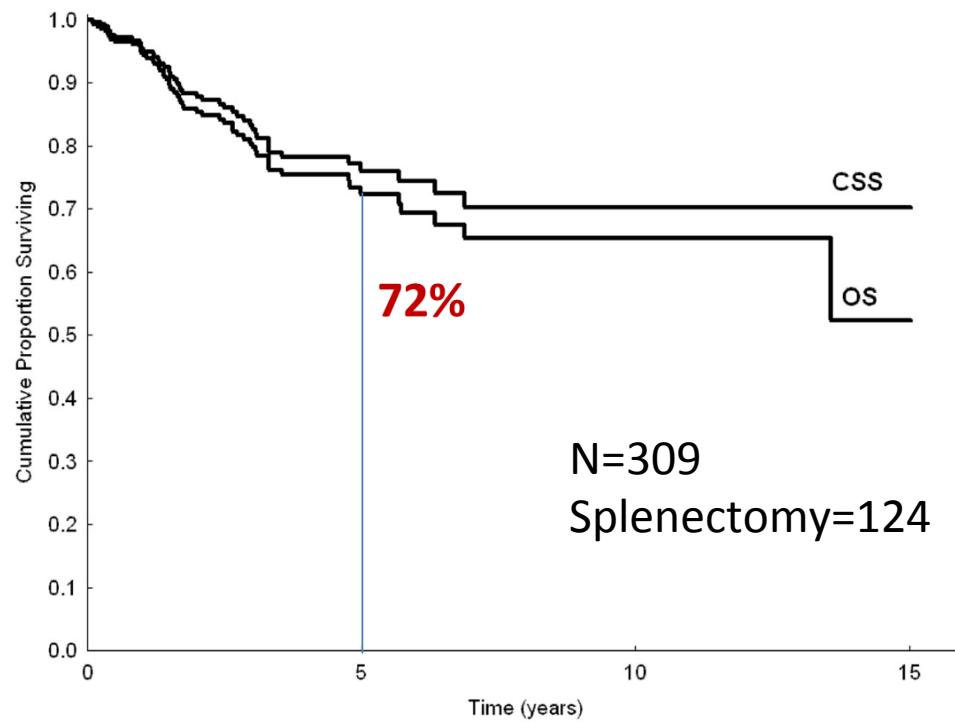


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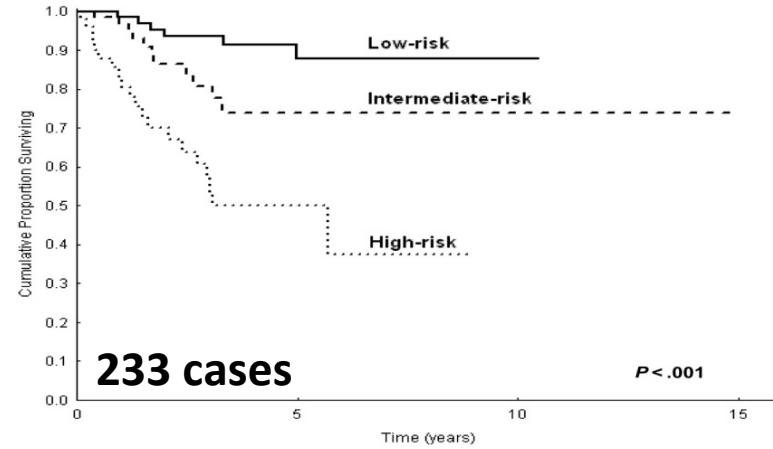
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## Background

# SMZL shows an heterogeneous clinical course



LSS



IIL score

Hemoglobin

LDH

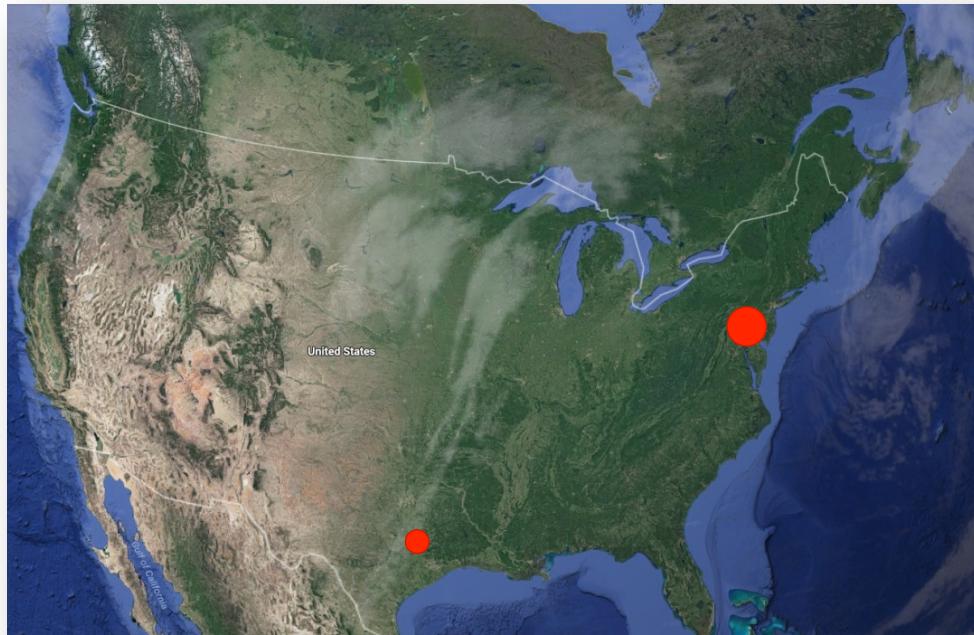
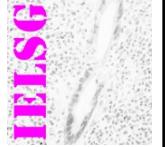
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	Deaths	5-year LSS
Low	16%	88%
Int	30%	73%
High	54%	50%

# Molecular features of SMZL associated with prognosis

- *NOTCH2* mutations
- *KLF2* mutation
- *TP53* disruption
- *IGHV1-2\*04* usage
- 7q deletion

# IELSG 46: INTEGRATED MOLECULAR AND CLINICAL PROFILING TO OPTIMIZE OUTCOME PREDICTION IN SMZL



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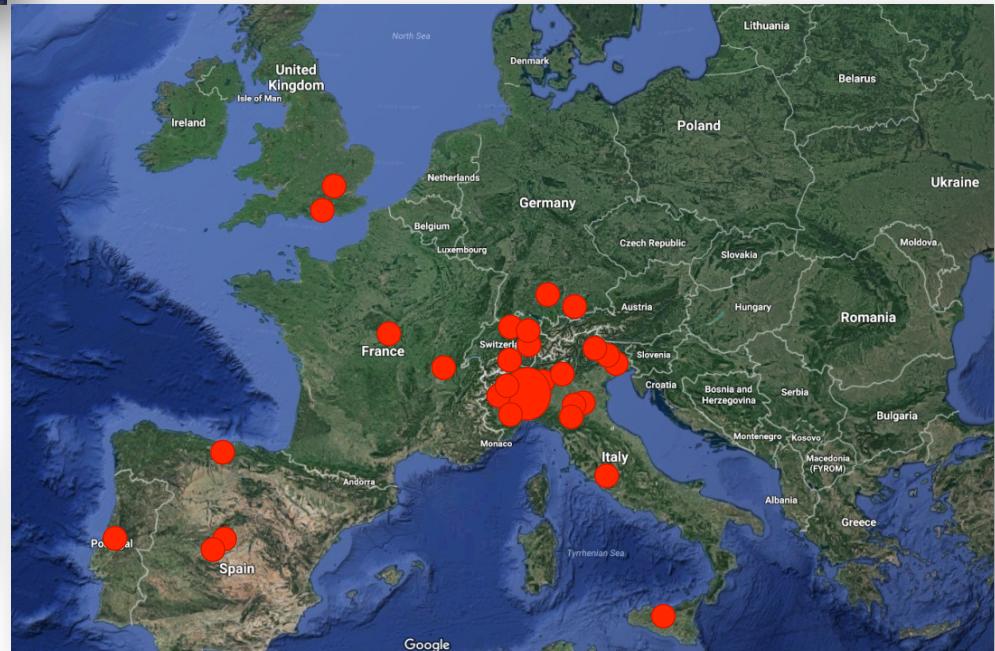


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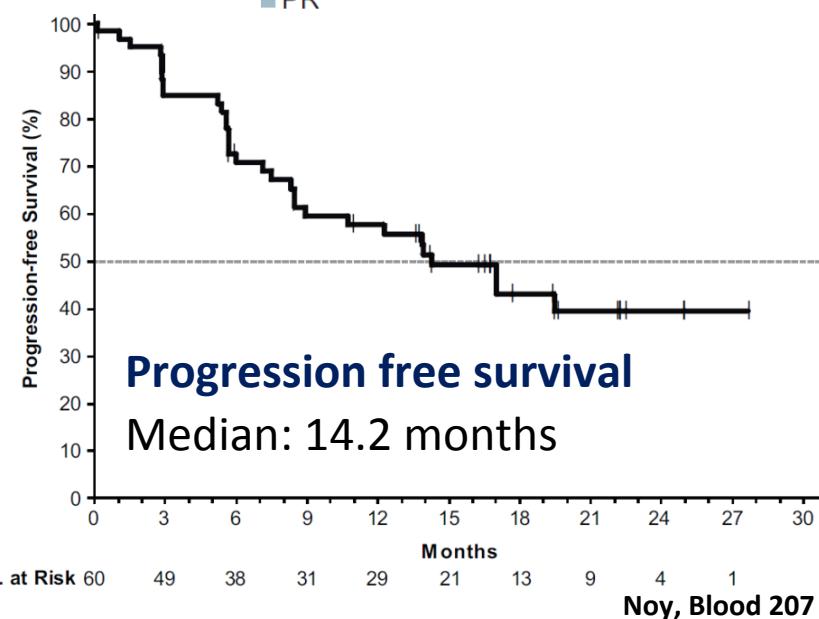
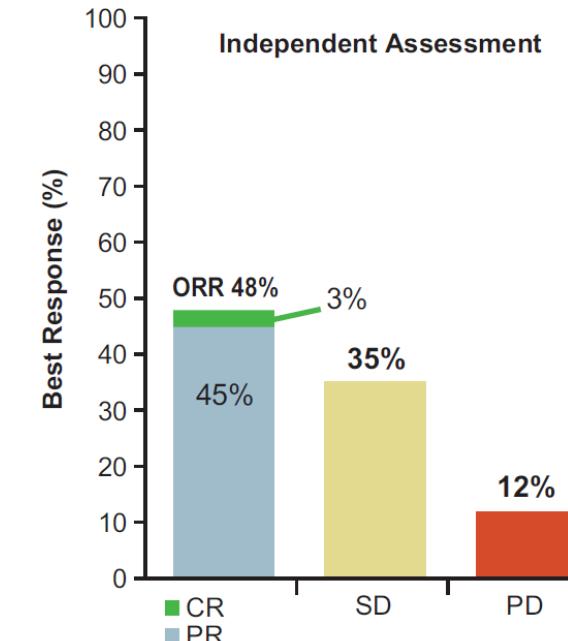
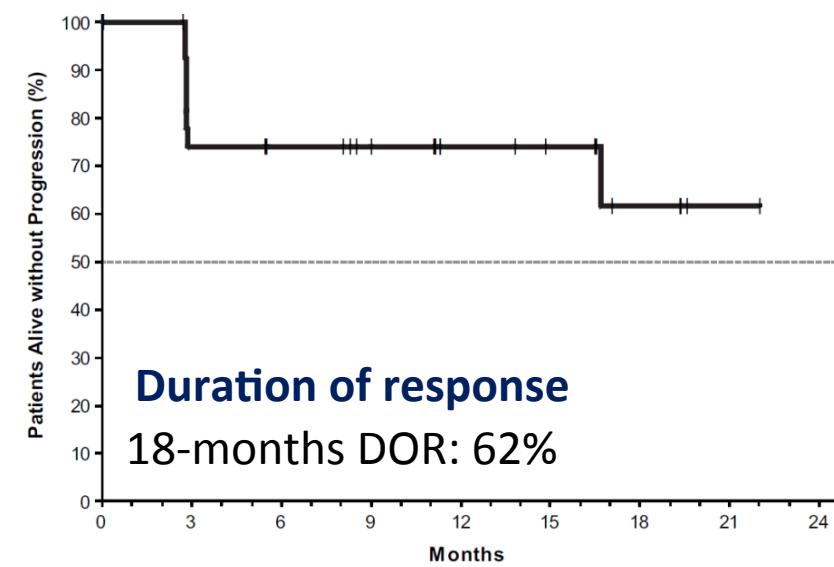
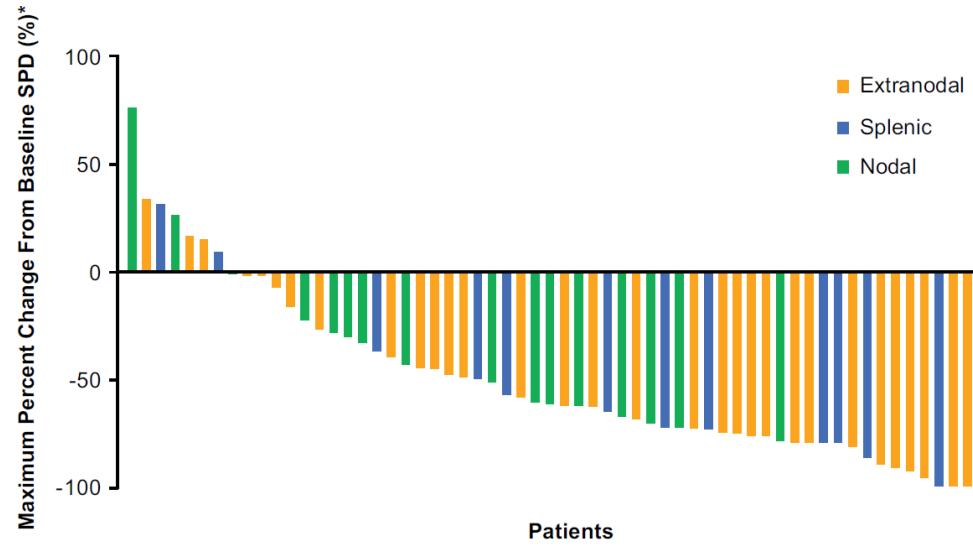
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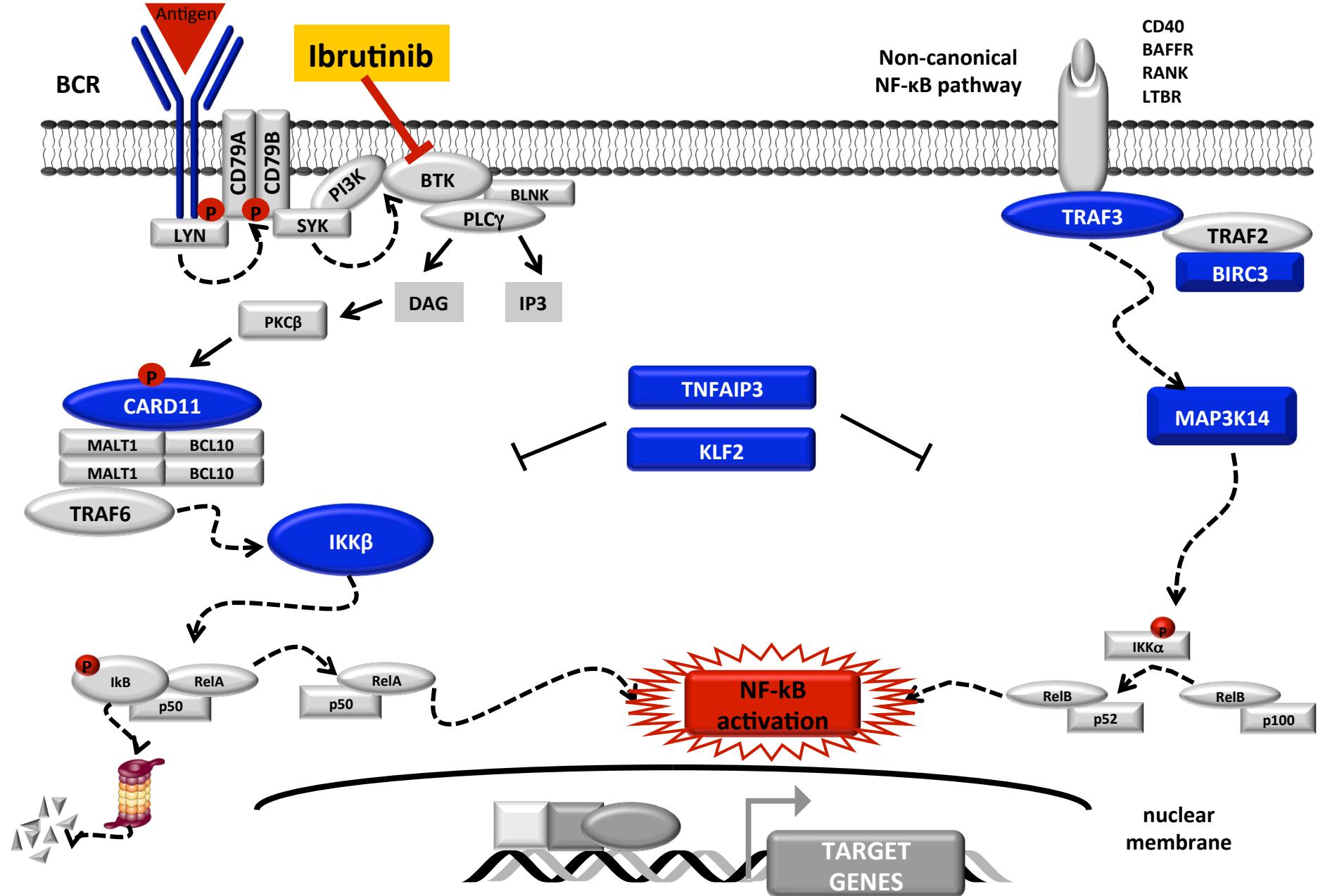


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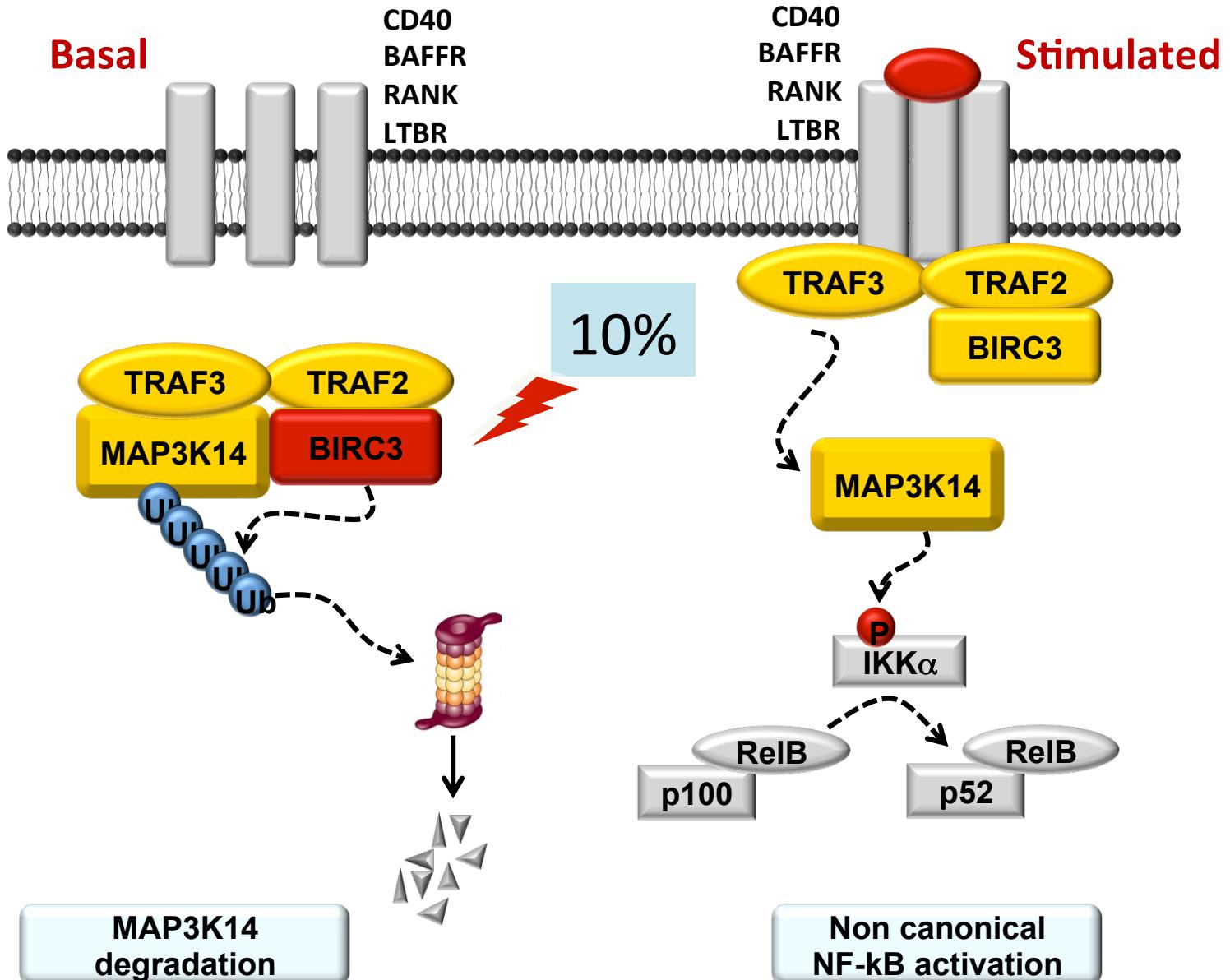
# Ibrutinib monotherapy in R/R MZL



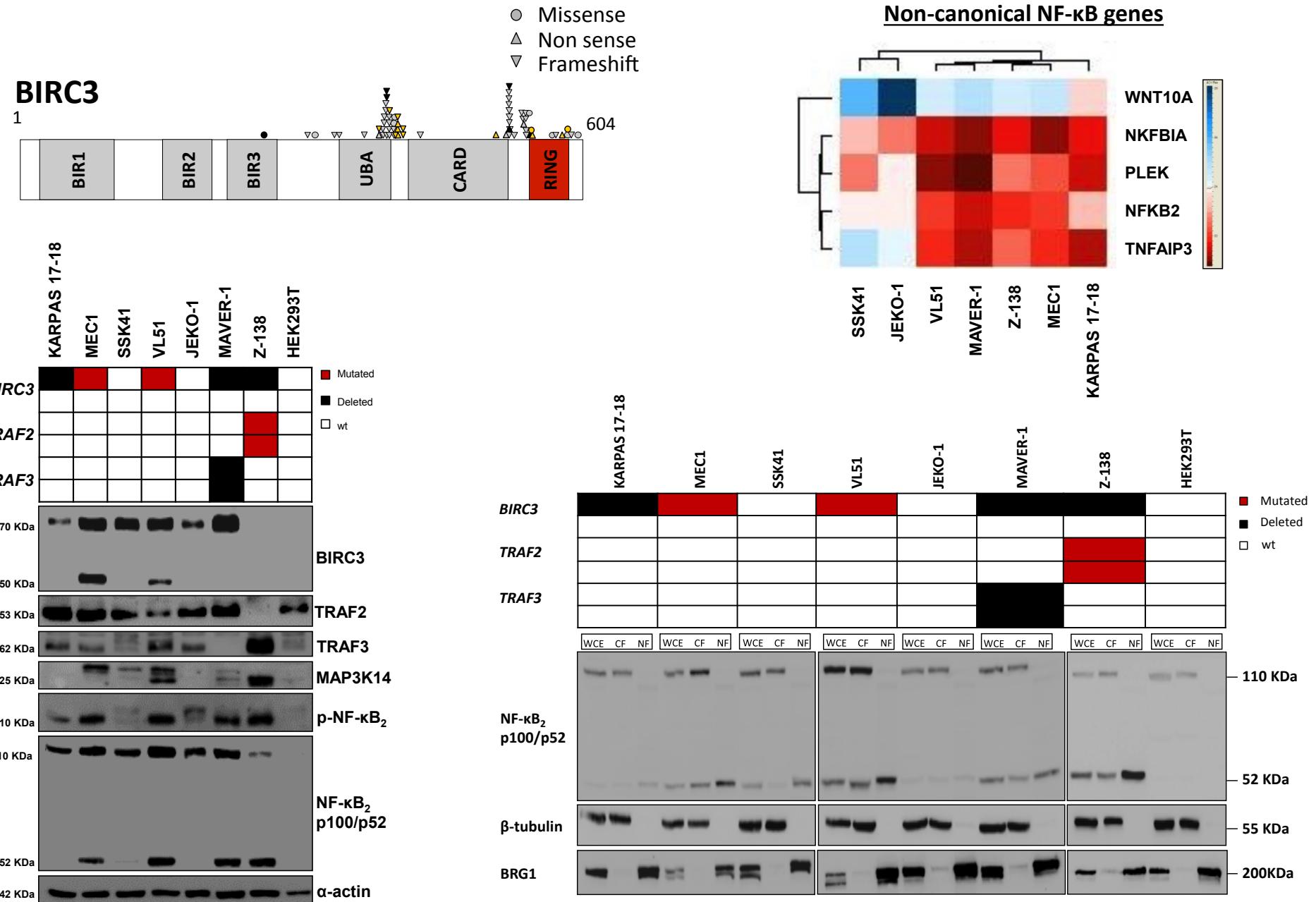
# Signaling activation in MZL



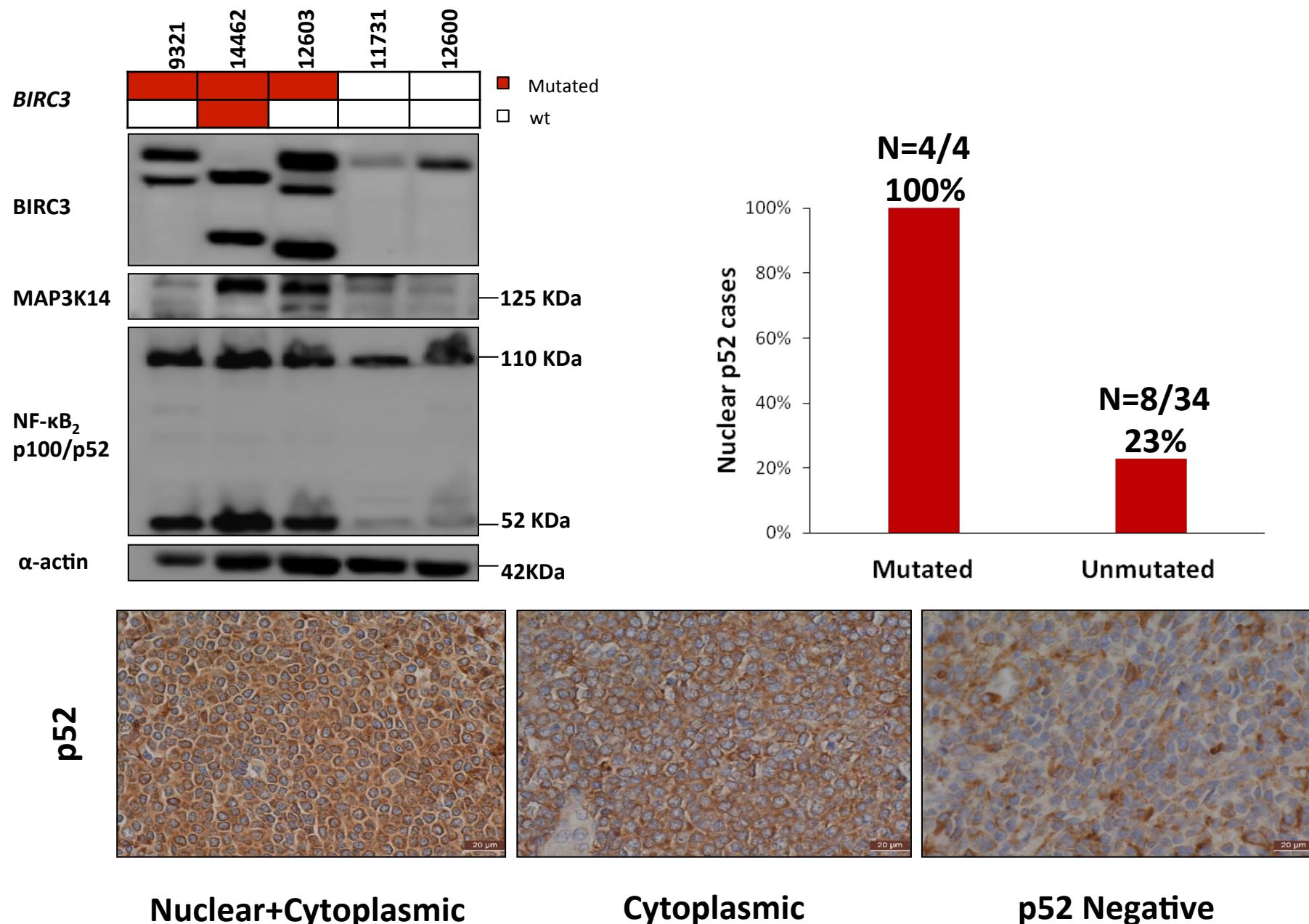
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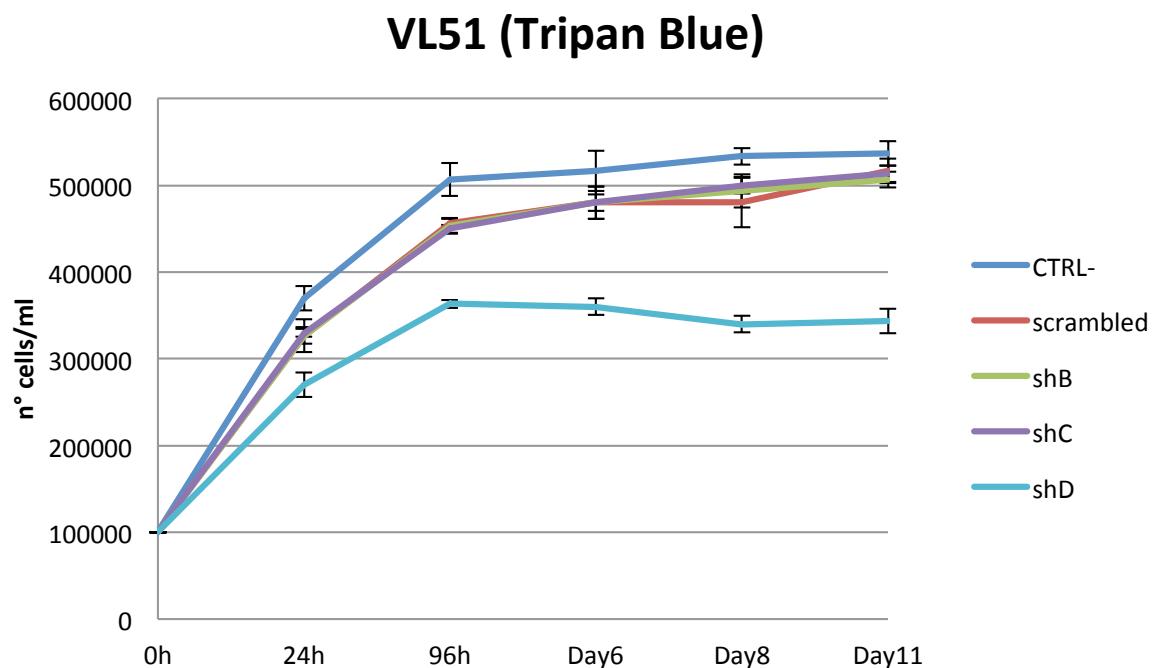
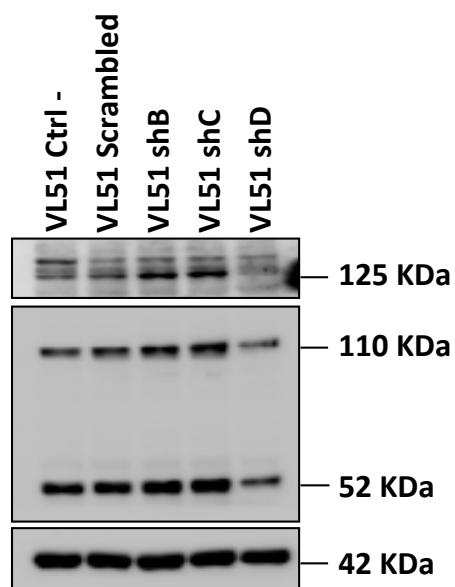
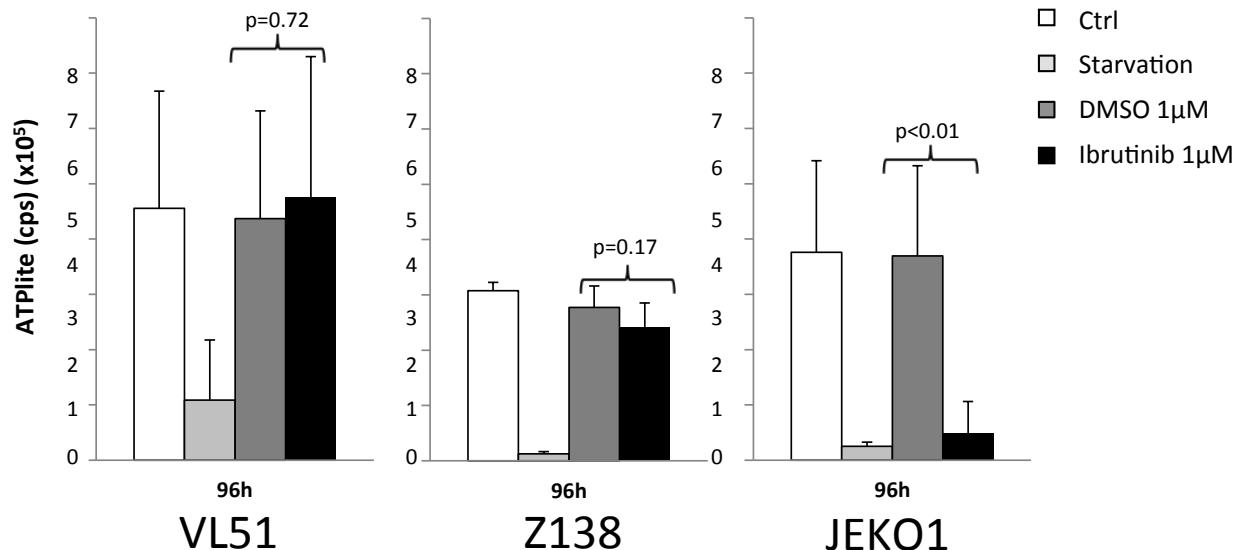
# BIRC3 mutations activate non-canonical NF- $\kappa$ B



# Non-canonical NF-κB pathway is active in *BIRC3* mutated primary samples



# BIRC3 mutated cells are addicted of NIK



## Conclusions

- NMZL and SMZL are enriched of mutations in genes involved in the physiological development of MZ B-cells
- *NOTCH2* mutations are specific for SMZL and NMZL across mature B-cell tumors (diagnostic implications)
- *PTPRD* mutations are specific for NMZL across mature B-cell tumors (diagnostic implications)
- Signals on the prognostic implications of mutations prompt the development of molecular biomarker-based score systems (pts counseling, clinical trial design)
- NF- $\kappa$ B mutations may mark resistance to ibrutinib (treatment tailoring)



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