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# **LAL-B: basi molecolari e prospettive terapeutiche**

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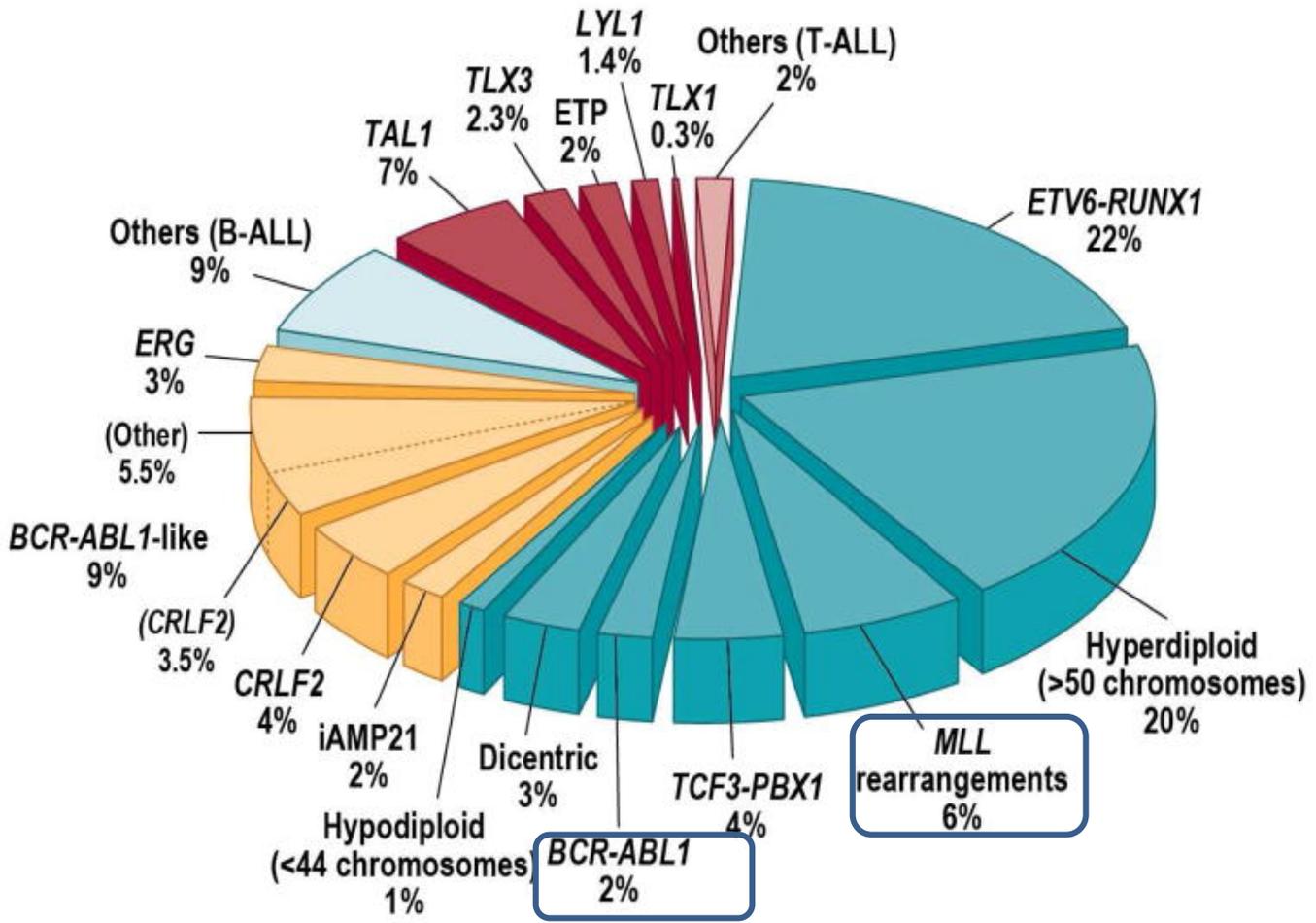


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# Topics

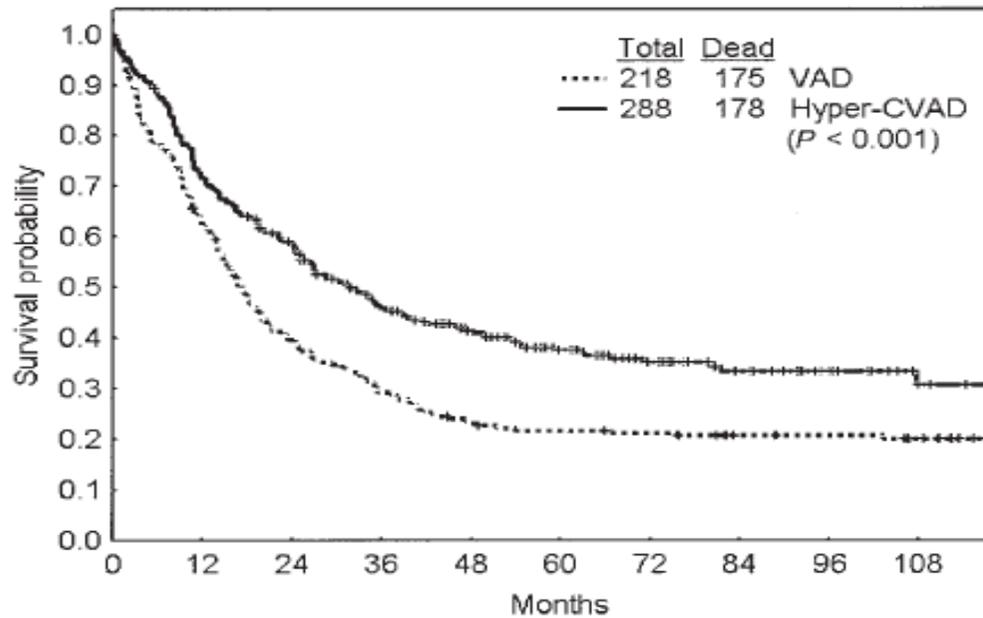
- BCR/ABL positive ALL
- BCR/ABL-like
- Novel subgroups

# Cytogenetics/molecular biology

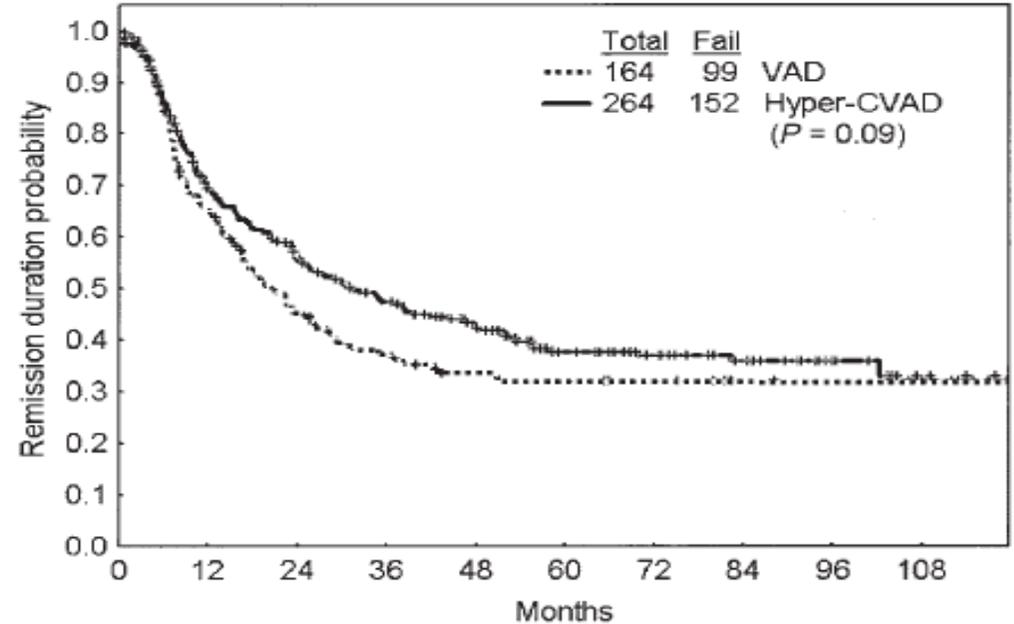


# Ph+ ALL: historical outcome

Overall survival



Disease remission duration



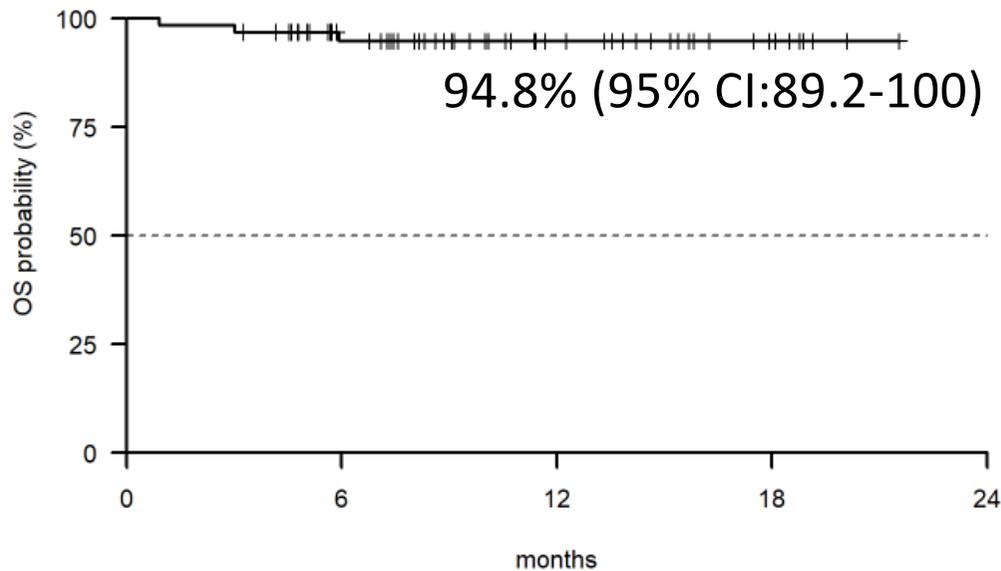
Kantarjian H et al. *Cancer* 2004

Only curative option: allo-SCT

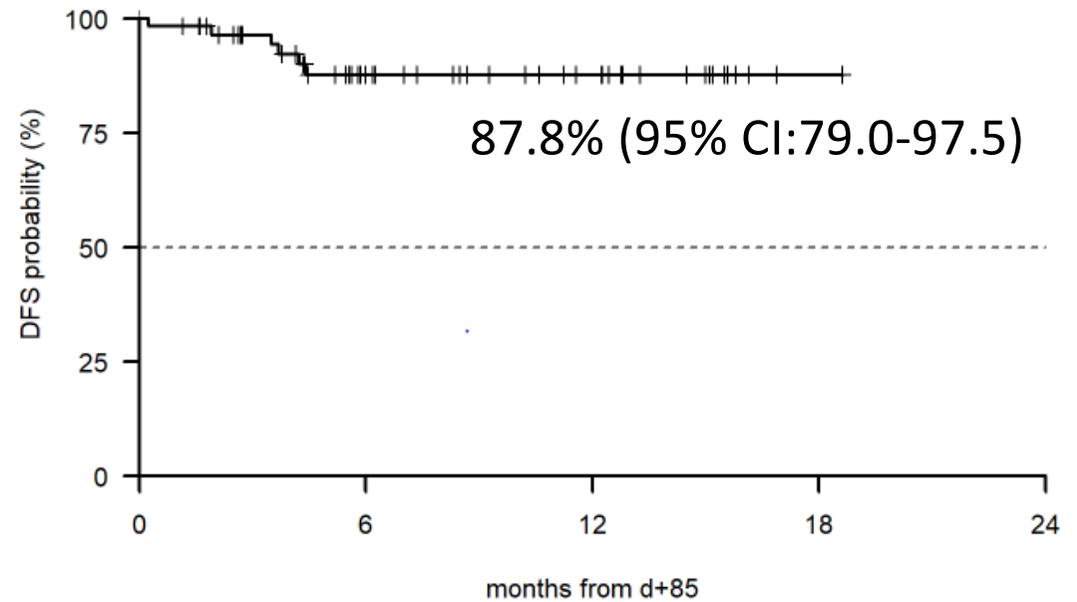
# D-ALBA: OS and DFS

Chemo-free approach based on dasatinib followed by blinatumomab

## OS



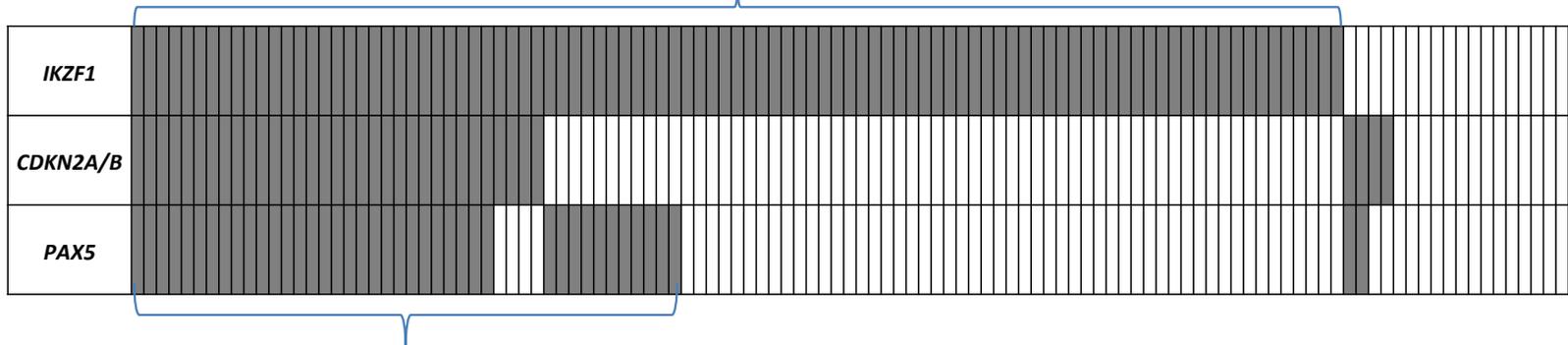
## DFS



Median follow-up: 10.0 months (0.9-21.5)

# CNAs with negative prognostic impact (I)

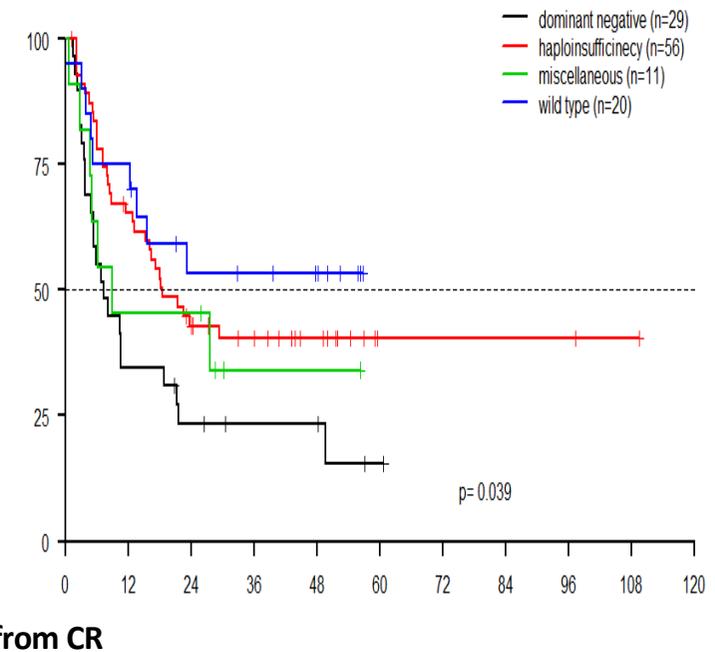
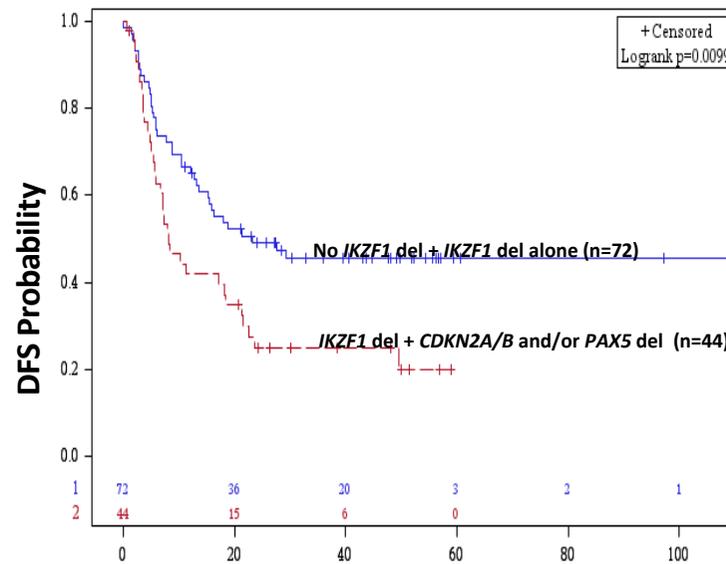
97/116 patients had  $\Delta IKZF1$



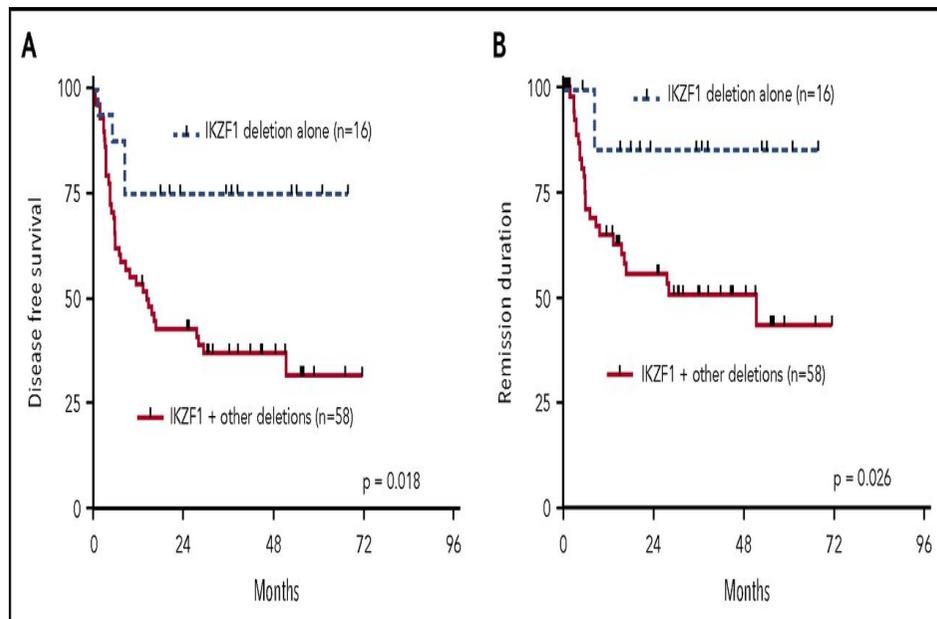
44 patients

✓ *IKZF1 plus* patients had worse DFS than *IKZF1 only* (24% vs 46% at 36 months). This finding retained statistical significance also on multivariate analysis.

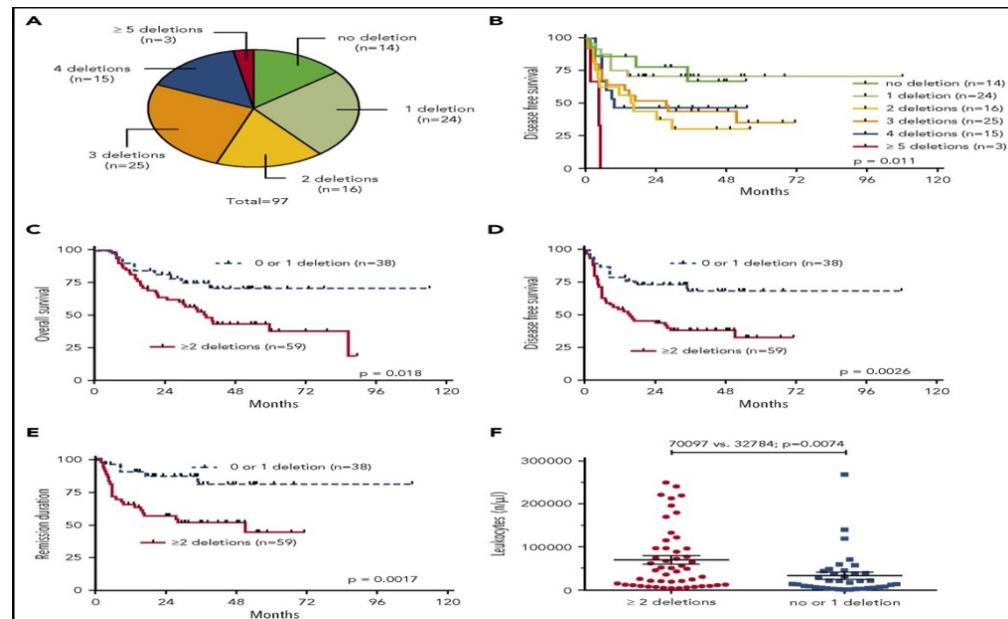
✓ *IKZF1* dominant negative isoforms have in impact on DFS



# CNAs with negative prognostic impact (II)



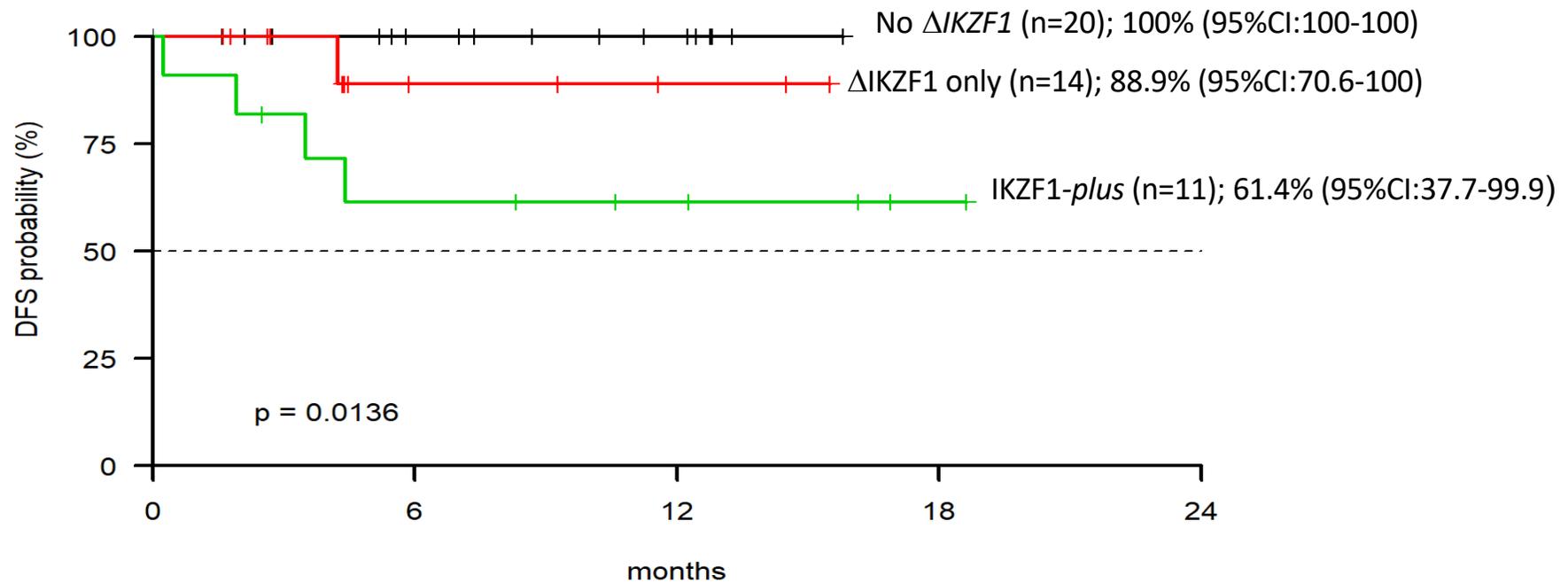
IKZF1 + other: *IKZF1*, *PAX5*, *CDKN2A/B*, *BTG1*, *EBF1*, *ETV6*, and *RB1*



Pfeifer H, et al Blood 2018 131:1464-1475

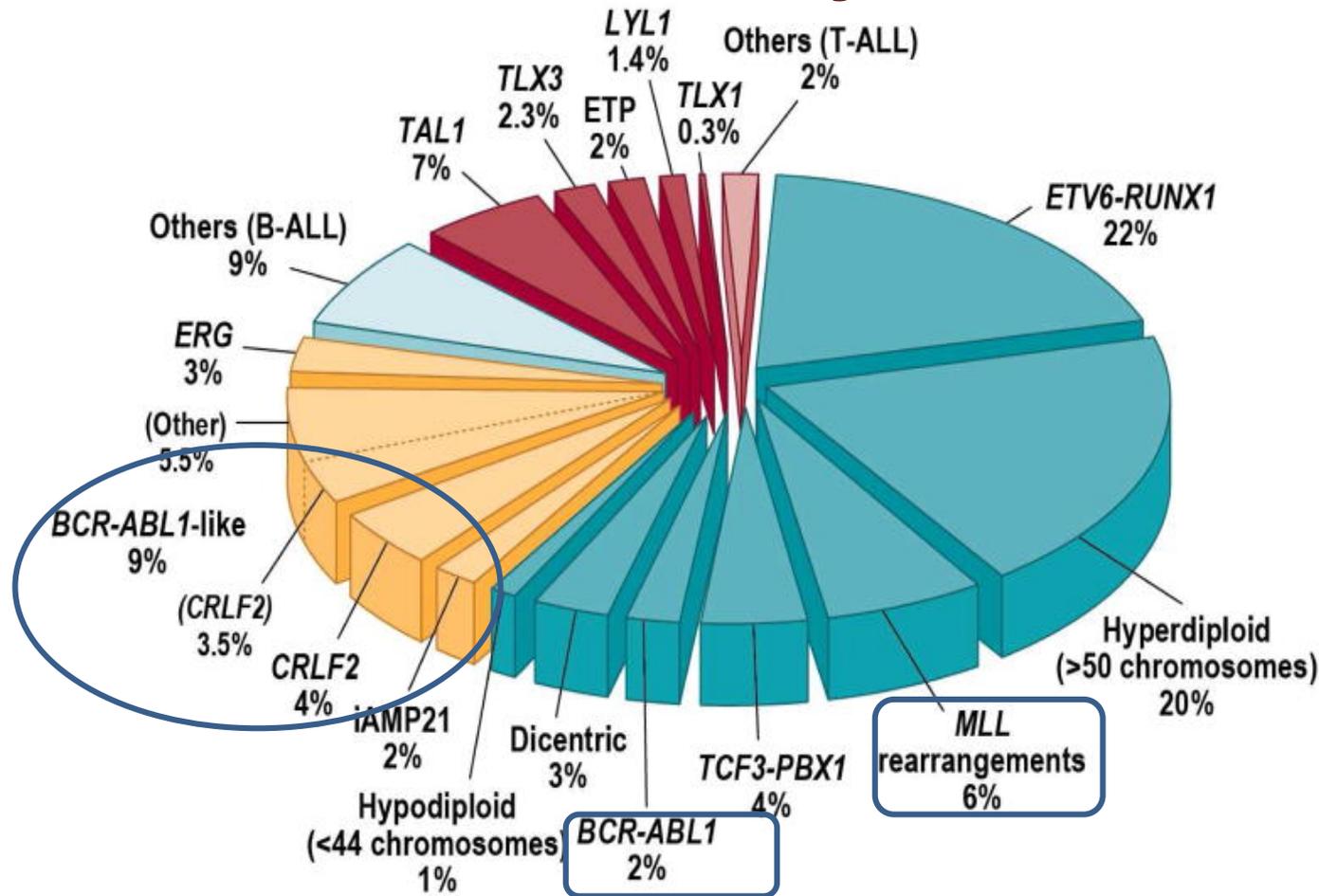
The presence of additional deletions, particularly those involving *CDKN2A/B*, and the number of additional deletions have a significant impact on all outcome analyses. Retains statistical significance on multivariate analysis

# D-ALBA: impact of additional genomic lesions on DFS

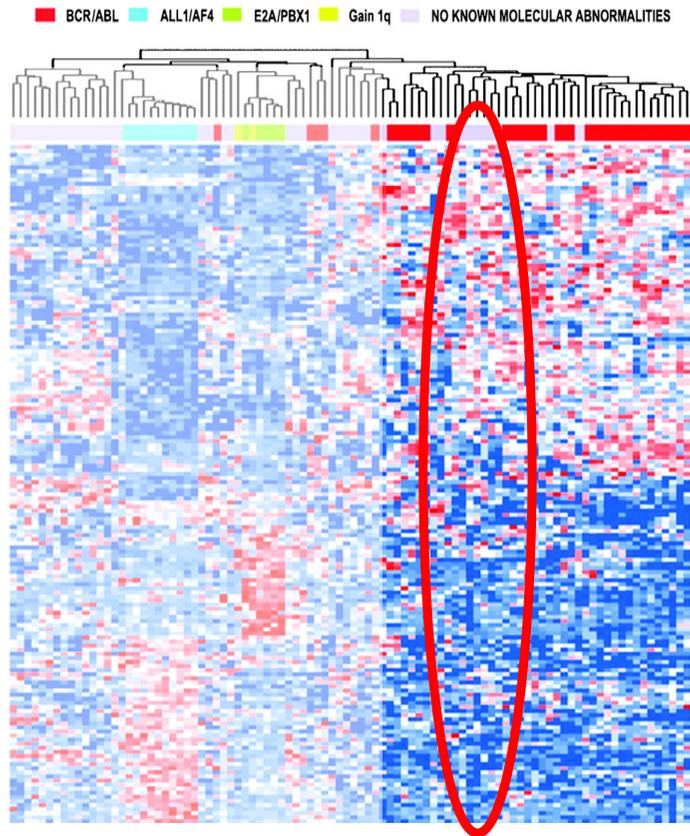


Among IKZF1-plus cases, 4 acquired *ABL1* mutation

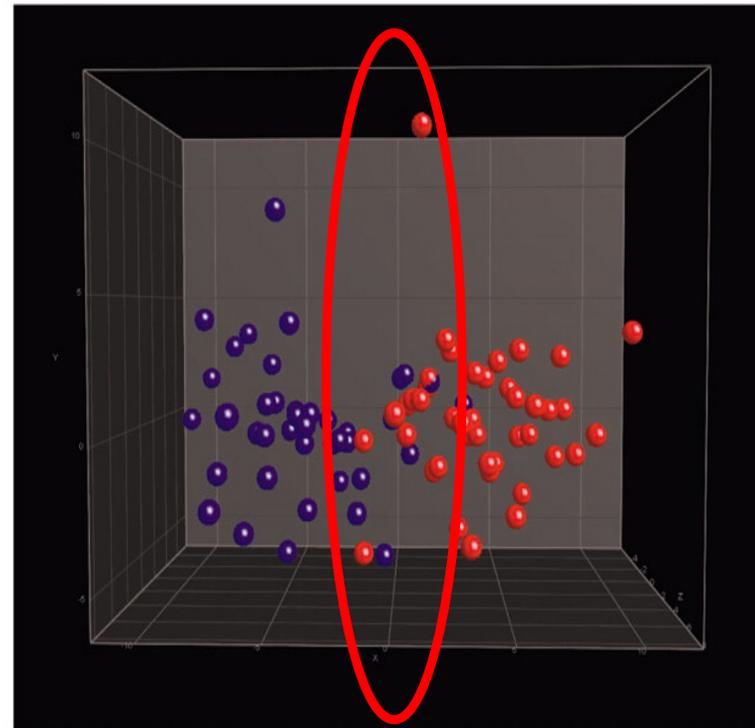
# Cytogenetics/molecular biology. Changes over the years



# First report in adult ALLs



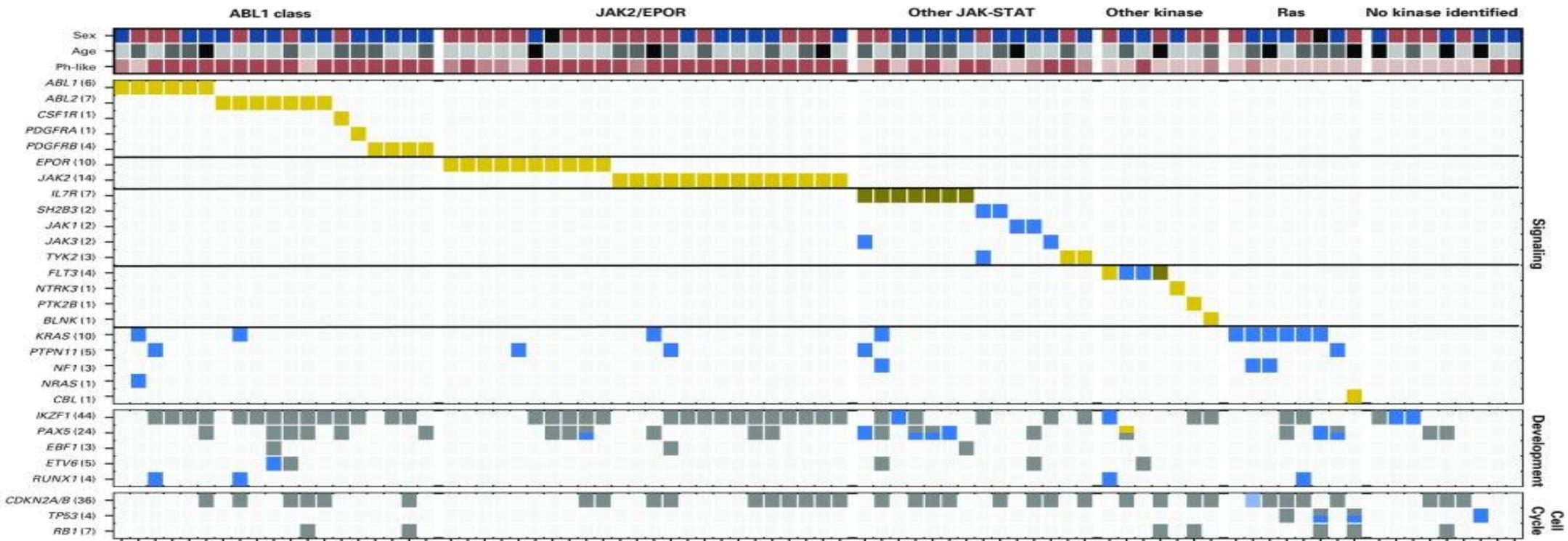
Chiaretti et al, CCR 2005



Haferlach et al, Blood 2005

2005: first identification, by GEP, of a subset of adult B-lineage ALL clustering together with *BCR/ABL1+* ALL cases

# *BCR/ABL1*-like ALL in adults. Genetics



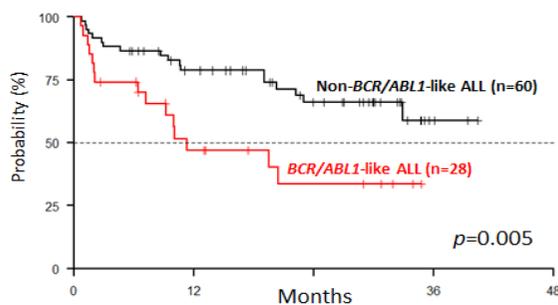
Higher frequency of other kinase involvement.  
Some cases do not have any lesions.

# GIMEMA LAL1913. Outcome and BCR/ABL1-like status

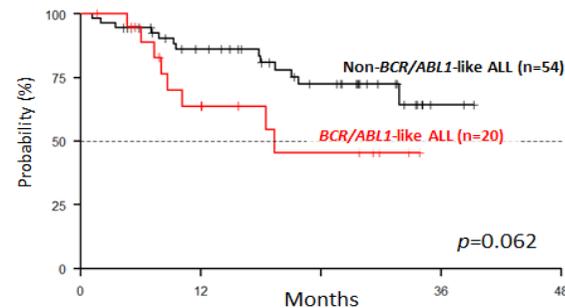
**28/88 (31.8%) BCR/ABL1-like cases**

		BCR/ABL1-like	Non-BCR/ABL1-like	p-value
No		28	60	
CR (%)	No CR	7 (25.9)	5 (8.5)	0.044
	CR	20 (74.1)	54 (91.5)	
TP1_MRD (%)	TP1 MRD positive	14 (77.8)	19 (41.3)	0.012
TP2_MRD (%)	TP2 MRD positive	9 (52.9)	9 (20.5)	0.029
TP3_MRD (%)	TP3 MRD positive	5 (41.7)	5 (13.5)	0.05

## Event-free survival at 24 months



## Disease-free survival at 24 months



	HR (95%CI)	p-value
BCR/ABL1-like vs non-BCR/ABL1-like	2.3 (1.124-4.92)	0.023

**A BCR/ABL1-like status is characterized by a lower CR rate, MRD persistence and shorter survival also in a pediatric-oriented and MRD-driven clinical trial. The prognostic role of the BCR/ABL1-like status is independent from the other clinico-biologic and genetic features**

*Chiaretti et al, under resubmission*

# Treating the target

Kinase	Tyrosine Kinase Inhibitor	Number of Gene Partners	Fusion Partner Genes
<i>ABL1</i>	Dasatinib	12	<i>CENPC, ETV6, FOXP1, LSM14, NUP214, NUP153, RCSD1, RANBP2, SNX2, SFPQ, SPTAN1, ZMIZ1</i>
<i>ABL2</i>	Dasatinib	3	<i>PAG1, RCSD1, ZC3HAV1</i>
<i>CSF1R</i>	Dasatinib	3	<i>SSBP2, MEF2D, TBL1XR1</i>
<i>PDGFRB</i>	Dasatinib	7	<i>ATF7IP, EBF1, ETV6, SSBP2, TNIP1, ZEB2, ZMYND8</i>
<i>PDGFRA</i>	Dasatinib	1	<i>FIP1L1</i>
<i>CRLF2</i>	JAK2 inhibitor	2	<i>IGH, P2RY8</i>
<i>JAK2</i>	JAK2 inhibitor	19	<i>ATF7IP, BCR, EBF1, ETV6, PAX5, PCM1, PPFIBP1, RFX3, SSBP2, STRN3, TERF2, TPR, USP25, ZNF274, GOLGA5, SMU1, HMBOX1, SNX29, ZNF340</i>
<i>EPOR</i>	JAK2 inhibitor	4	<i>IGH, IGK, LAIR1, THADA</i>
<i>TSLP</i>	JAK2 inhibitor	1	<i>IQGAP2</i>
<i>DGKH</i>	Unknown	1	<i>ZFAND3</i>
<i>IL2RB</i>	JAK1/JAK3 inhibitor	1	<i>MYH9</i>
<i>NTRK3</i>	TRK inhibitor	1	<i>ETV6</i>
<i>PTK2B</i>	FAK inhibitor	3	<i>KDM6A, STAG2, TMEM2</i>
<i>TYK2</i>	TYK2 inhibitor	3	<i>MYB, SMARCA4, ZNF340</i>
<i>FLT3</i>	FLT3 inhibitor	1	<i>ZMYM2</i>
<i>FGFR1</i>	Sorafenib/dasatinib	1	<i>BCR</i>
<i>BLNK</i>	?SYK/MEKI	1	<i>DNTT</i>

Pui CH et al, Clin Lymph Myel Leuk, 2017

Requires a deep knowledge of the genomic background of each case. Time and cost consuming. Feasible only in a few centers.

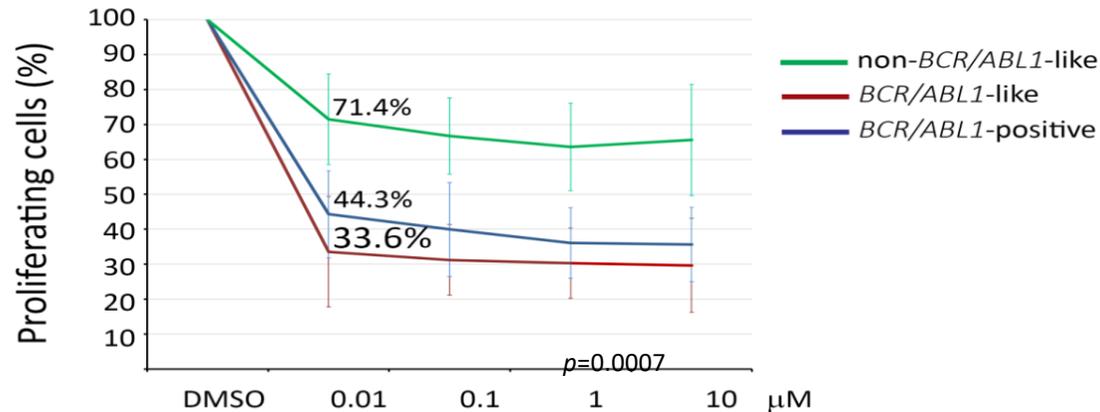


9 R/R pts have been treated. Median age 24 yrs (range 18-62). 8 pts treated on the ruxolitinib arm (7 pts *CRLF2*-high, 1 with a *JAK2* fusion (*HMBOX1-JAK2*). 1 pt on the dasatinib arm (*NUP214/ABL1*). No DLT, but no response on ruxo or dasa.

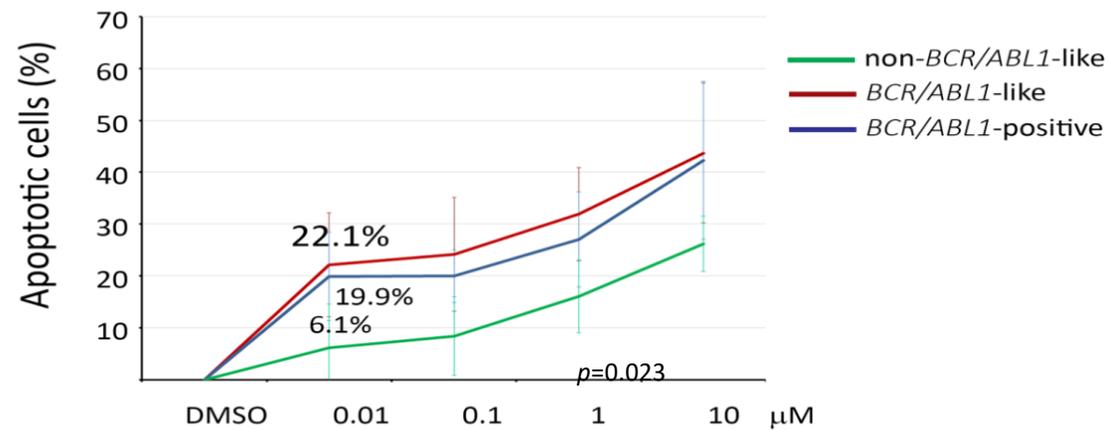
Jain N et al, ASH 2017

# Wide-spectrum approach. Ponatinib

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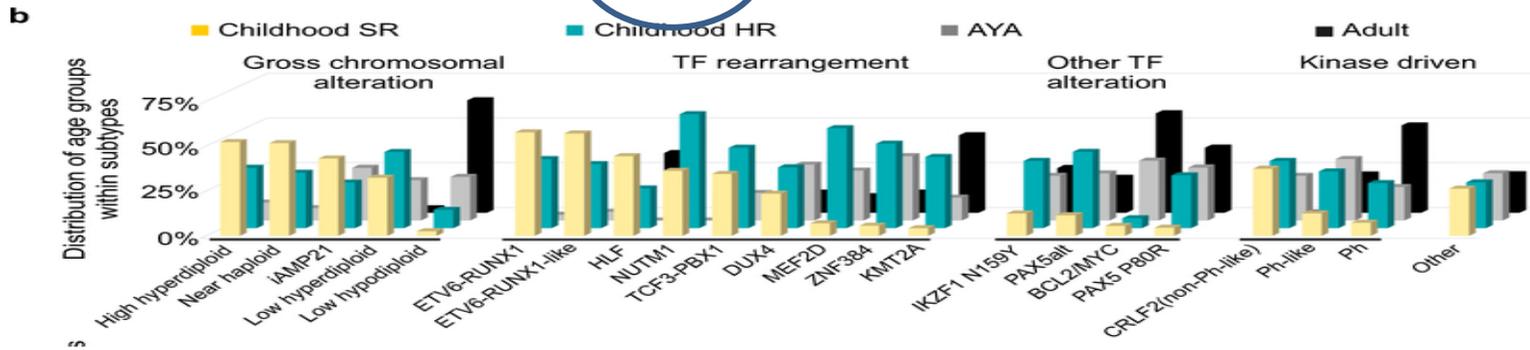
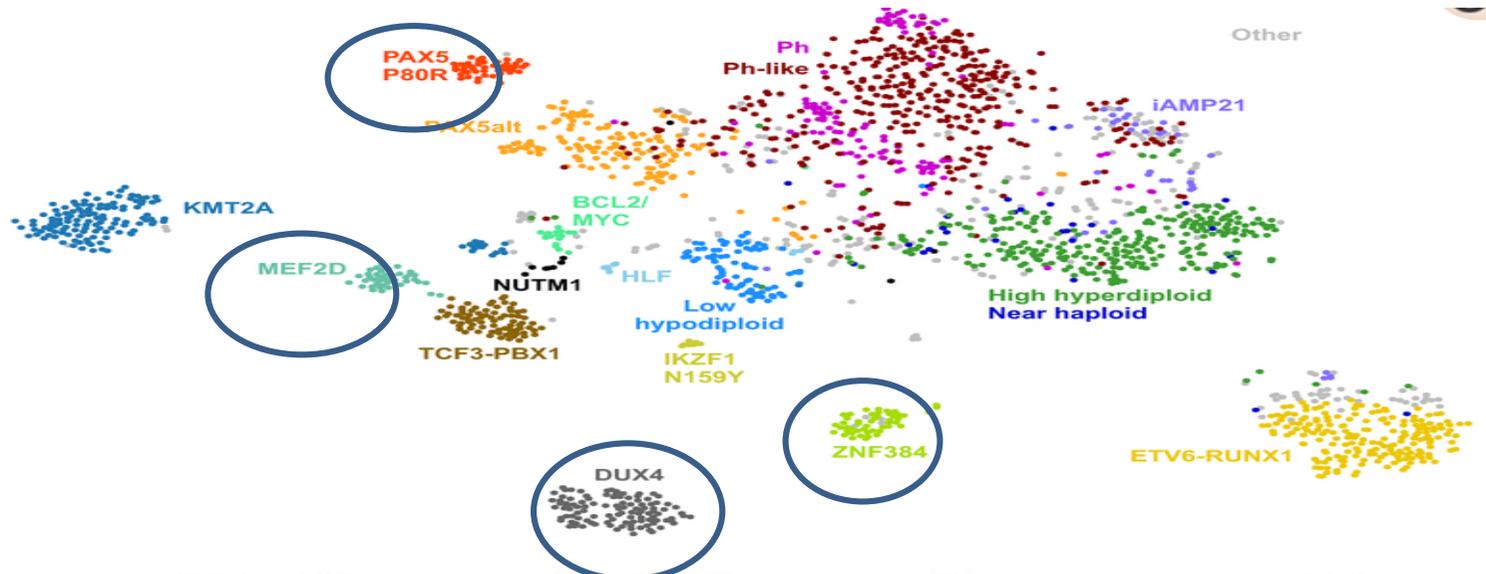


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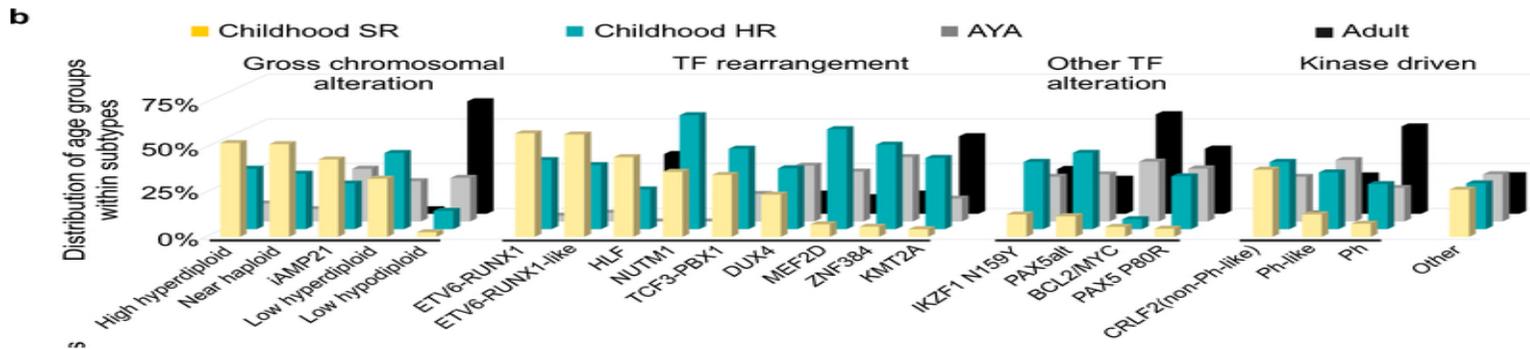
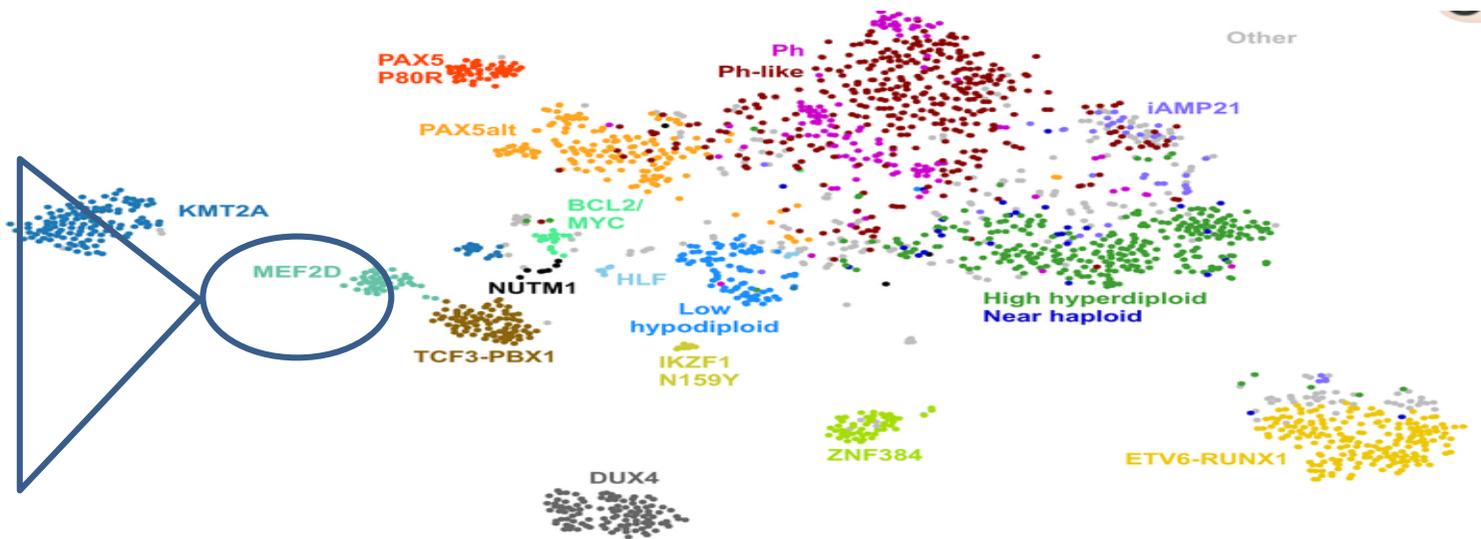
***In vitro* use of ponatinib on primary cells: effect on proliferation and apoptotic response similar in *BCR/ABL1*+ and *BCR/ABL1*-like cases (2 *EBF1/PDGFRB*-positive, 1 *JAK2*-mutated and *P2RY8/CRLF2*-positive, 1 *RCSD1/ABL1*, 3 WT for *JAK/STAT* and *RAS* mutations)**

# Molecular classification: the new

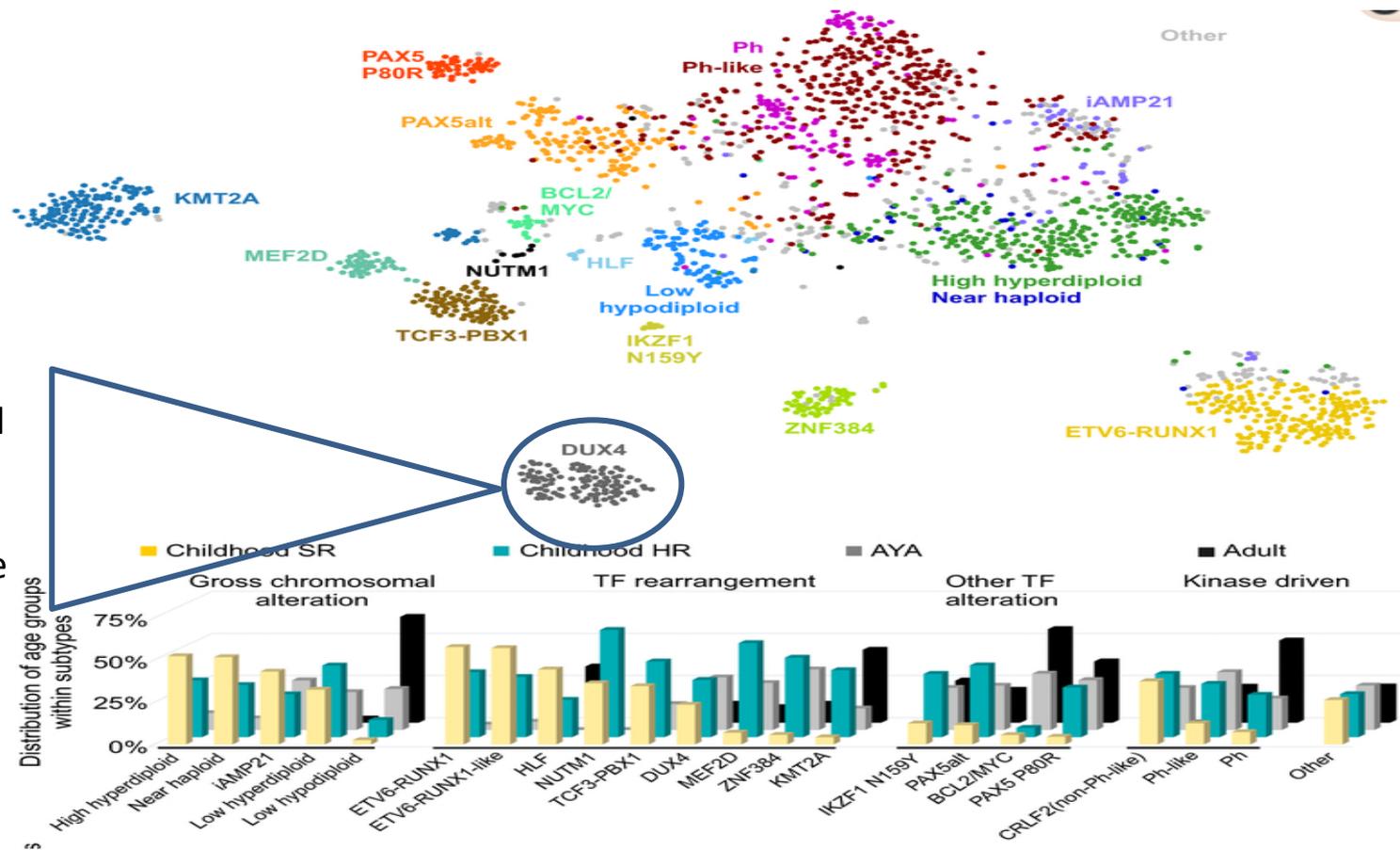


# Molecular classification: the new

3.9% of childhood ALL  
 Peculiar IF (CD10-  
 CD38 high)  
 Inferior outcome  
 In vitro response to HDAC



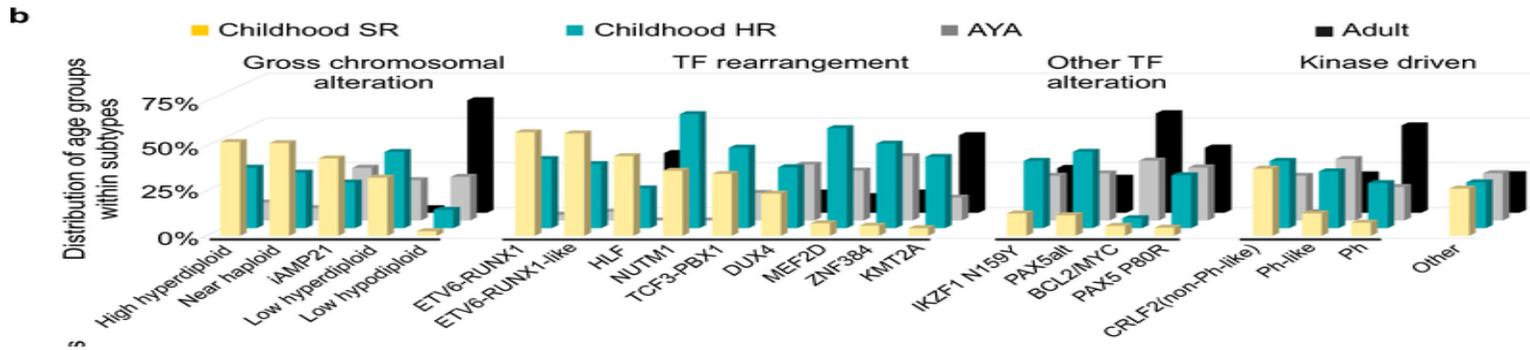
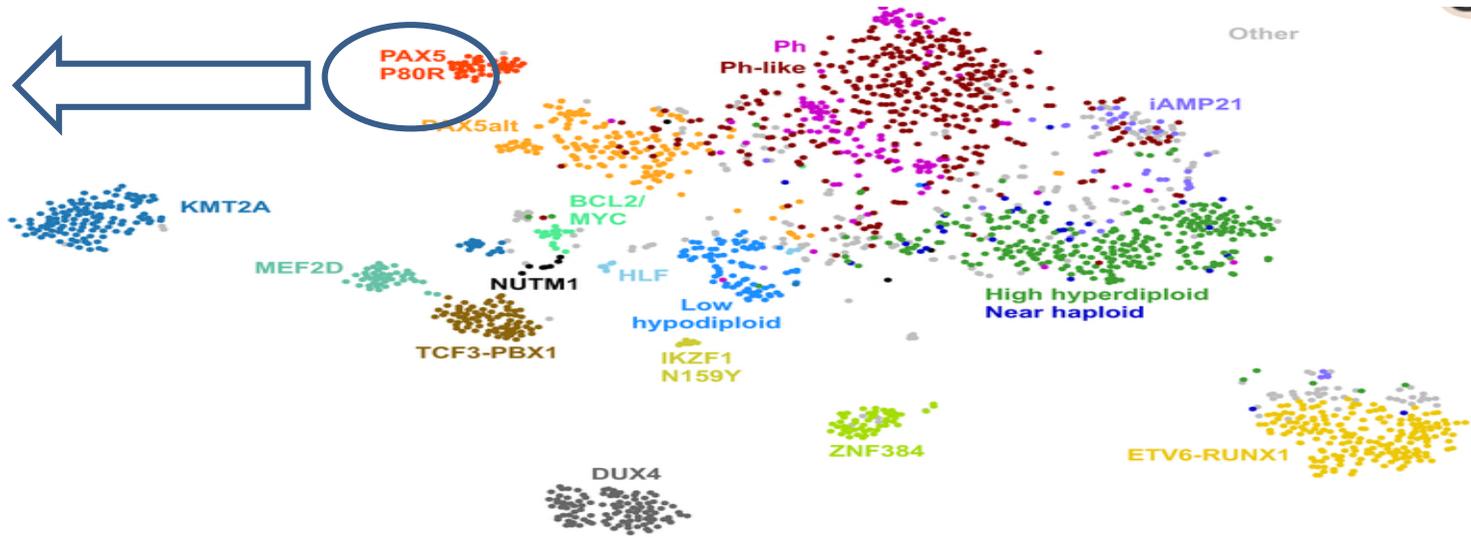
# Molecular classification: the new



Zhang et al, Nat Gen 2016, 48: 481-1489.

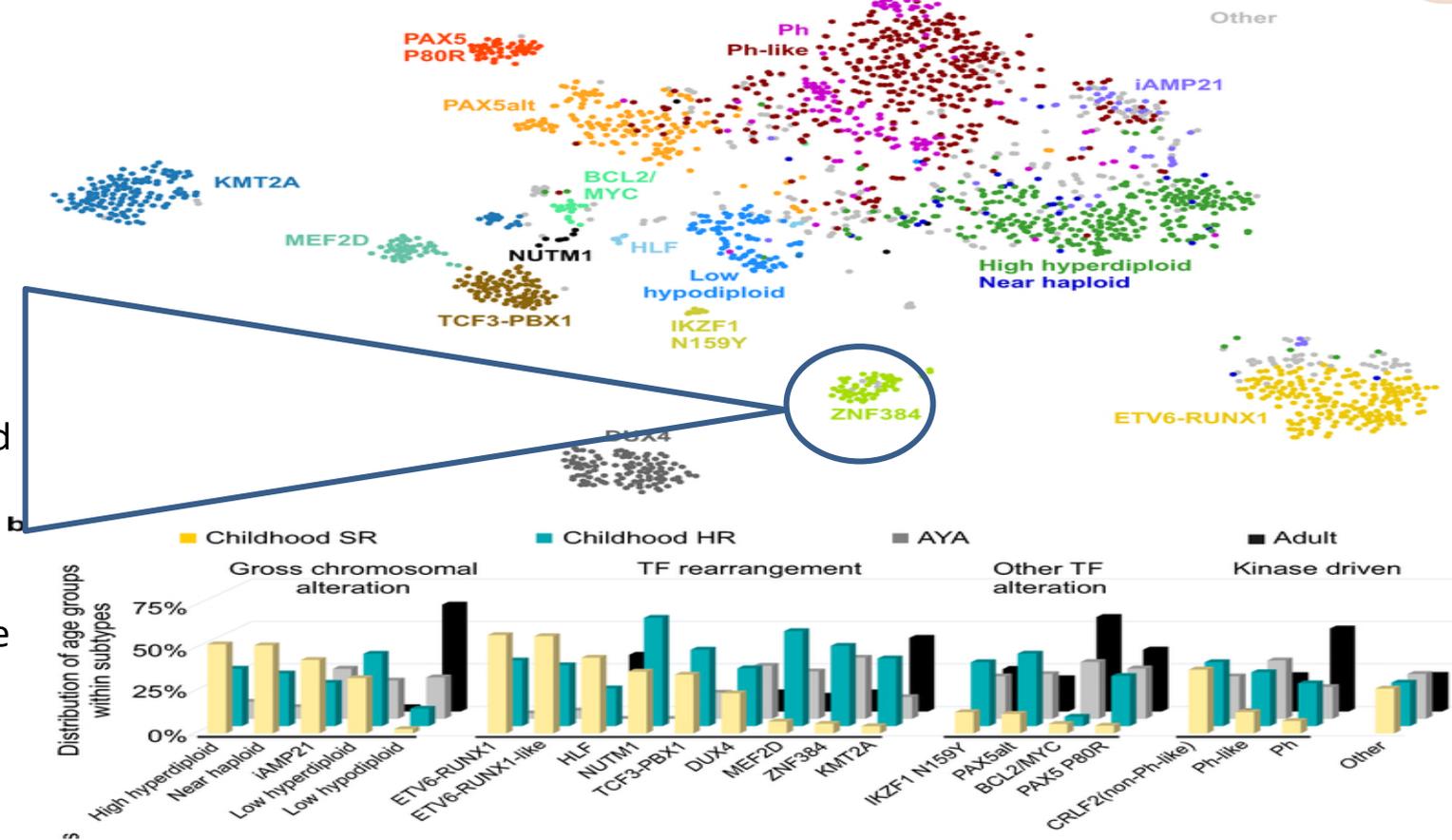
# Molecular classification: the new

Primary leukemogenic event



Gu, et al, Nat Genet. 2019; 51: 296–307.

# Molecular classification: the new



3% of cases  
Typically  
detected in  
MPAL, T/myeloid  
and B/myeloid  
High FLT3  
expression  
In vitro response  
to TKIs

# Conclusions

- The comprehension of the molecular bases of ALL has led to a dramatic improvement of the management of these patients:
  - BCR/ABL1+ ALL: identification of  $\Delta IKZF1+$   $\rightarrow$  poor prognosis with all approaches. Novel interventions required
  - BCR/ABL1-like ALL: design of *ad hoc* treatments, possibly upfront
- Genome-wide have led to the identification of 23 (26) subgroups whose prognostic significance is under investigation