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## L'evoluzione genomica clonale **Eventi "Double Hit"**

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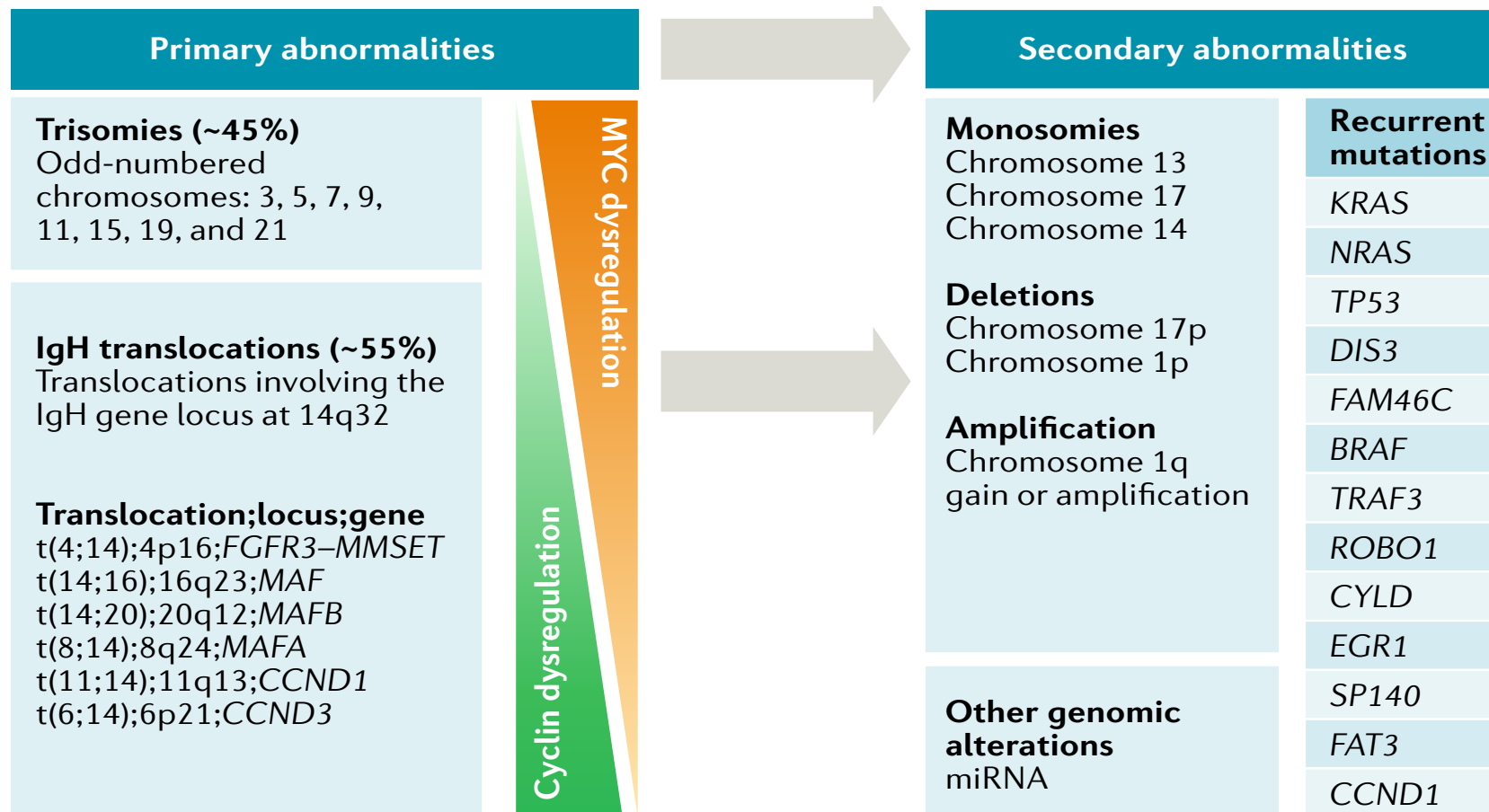
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# PRIMARY and SECONDARY GENETIC EVENTS in MULTIPLE MYELOMA



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# Genetic lesions associated with high-risk multiple myeloma



Class	Lesion	Genes affected	Frequency in NDMM (approx. %)	Change in Frequency at relapse	Identifiable by			
					iFISH	CNA	GEP	NGS
Primary translocations	t(4;14)	MMSET	15	No change, clonal initiating events	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
	t(14;16)	MAF	3					
	t(14;20)	MAFB	1.5					
Secondary translocations	MYC	MYC	20	Increased	Yes	No	No	Yes
	JT1q	BCL9, MCL1, IL6RA, CKS1B, ANP32E and others	Unknown	Increased	Yes	No	No	Yes
Copy number change	Isochromosome formation	Many	Unknown	Unknown	No	Yes	No	Yes
	Hyperhaploidy	Many	Few	Unknown	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Gain (1q)	Genes located in the 1q transcriptional unit are: BCL9, MCL1, IL6RA, CKS1B, ANP32E and others	Gain: 30 Amp: 10	Increased				
	Del (1p)	Genes lost on 1p are: FAF1, CDKN2C, FAM46C, RPL5 and others	20	Increased				
	Del (17p)	TP53 and others	10	Increased				
Homozygous inactivation of TSGs	Mutation +/- copy number change	RB1	2	Increased	No	Yes, with NGS	No	Yes with CNA
		TP53	4					
		FAM46C	5					
		CYLD	3					
		TRAF3	8					
Genetic changes associated with DNA repair deficiency	Genome-wide LOH	Many	5	Increased	No	No	No	Yes

Pawlyn et al. Nature reviews Cancer 2017, 17:534

## COMMON RISK STRATIFICATION APPROACHES IN NEWLY DIAGNOSED MULTIPLE MYELOMA



Staging system	Variables	Stages
International Staging System (ISS) <sup>56</sup>	Serum albumin and $\beta_2$ m levels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I: serum albumin <math>\geq 3.5</math> g/dl and <math>\beta_2</math>m <math>&lt; 3.5</math> mg/dl</li> <li>• II: neither stage I nor III</li> <li>• III: <math>\beta_2</math>m <math>&gt; 5.5</math> mg/dl</li> </ul>
Revised International Staging System (RISS) <sup>8</sup>	Serum albumin, $\beta_2$ m, and LDH levels, and plasma cell FISH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I: ISS stage I, LDH normal<sup>a</sup>, and standard-risk disease according to FISH</li> <li>• II: neither stage I nor stage III</li> <li>• III: ISS stage III plus abnormal LDH or high-risk disease according to FISH (del 17p and/or t(4;14) or t(14;16))</li> </ul>
International Myeloma Working Group (IMWG) risk staging <sup>5</sup>	Serum albumin, $\beta_2$ m, and LDH levels, and plasma cell FISH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Low risk: ISS stage I or II, absence of t(4;14), del 17p13 and del 1q21, and <math>&lt; 55</math> years of age</li> <li>• Standard risk: all others</li> <li>• High risk: ISS stage II or III and either t(4;14) or del 17p13</li> </ul>
mSMART risk staging <sup>41</sup>	Serum albumin, $\beta_2$ m and LDH levels, plasma cell FISH, and proliferation index	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Standard risk: trisomies and/or t(11;14)</li> <li>• Intermediate risk: t(4;14) or 1q amplification</li> <li>• High risk: t(14;16), t(14;20), or del 17p</li> </ul>
Gene-expression-based signatures <sup>59,118-120</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UAMS</li> <li>• Skyline 92-HOVON</li> <li>• IFM</li> </ul>	Presence of alterations detected by each signature

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## What Are the Critical Unanswered Questions for Multiple Myeloma in 2019?

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## High-risk Myeloma

### Need to Improve predictive factors at diagnosis

R-ISS is suboptimal:

Cannot predict early failures in R-ISS-1

Cannot identify R-ISS-3 with good prognosis

- **Additional molecular markers**
  - gene expression classifiers
  - double hit myeloma
  - Immune profiling

### What is the best induction treatment for high-risk disease at diagnosis?

KRD+antiCD38 vs VRD+antiCD38

	5-Year OS* (%)	5-Year PFS* (%)
R-ISS I	82	55
R-ISS II	62	36
R-ISS III	40	24

\*At a median follow-up of 46 months

# DOUBLE HIT MYELOMA

Leukemia (2019) 33:159–170  
https://doi.org/10.1038/s41375-018-0196-8

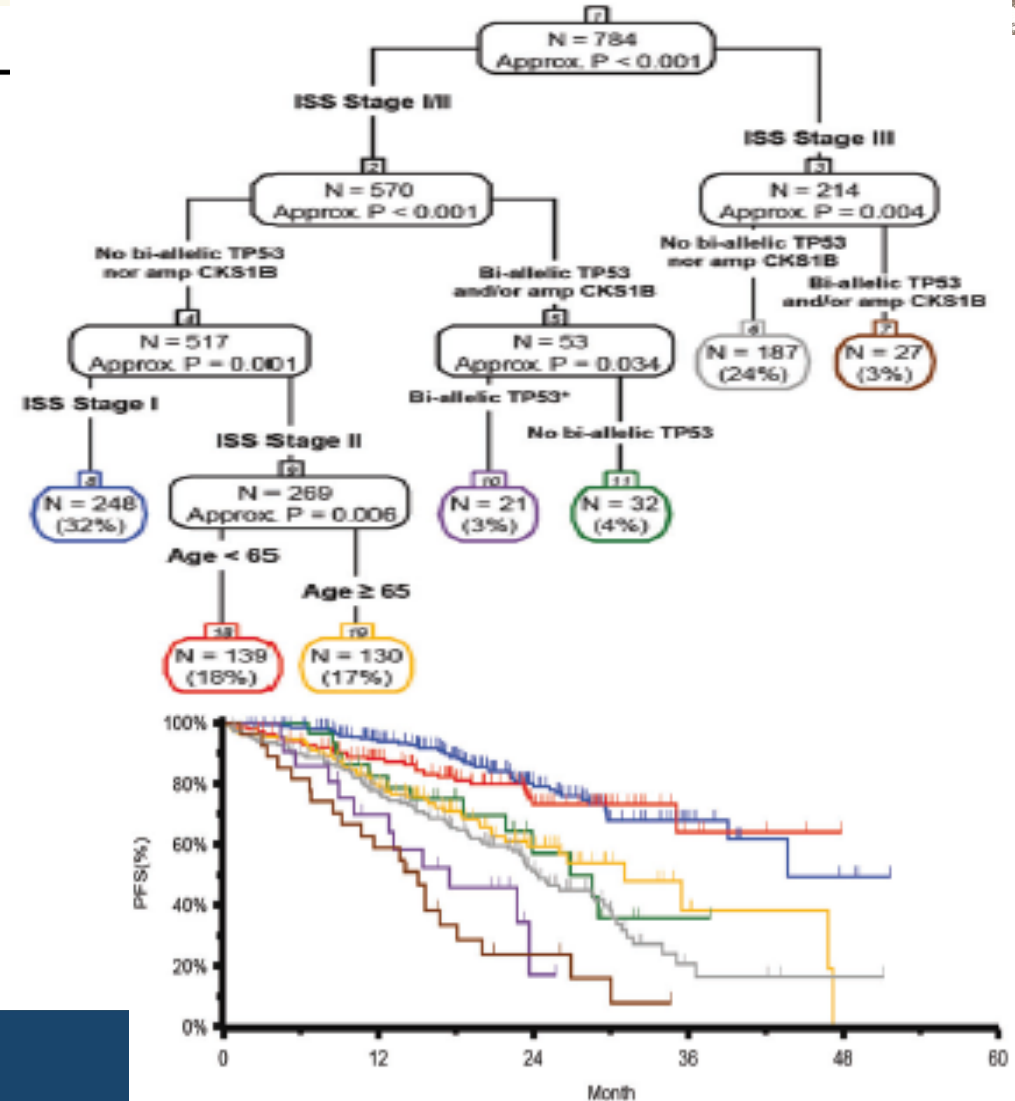
Walker B et al , Leukemia 2018

## ARTICLE

Multiple myeloma gammopathies

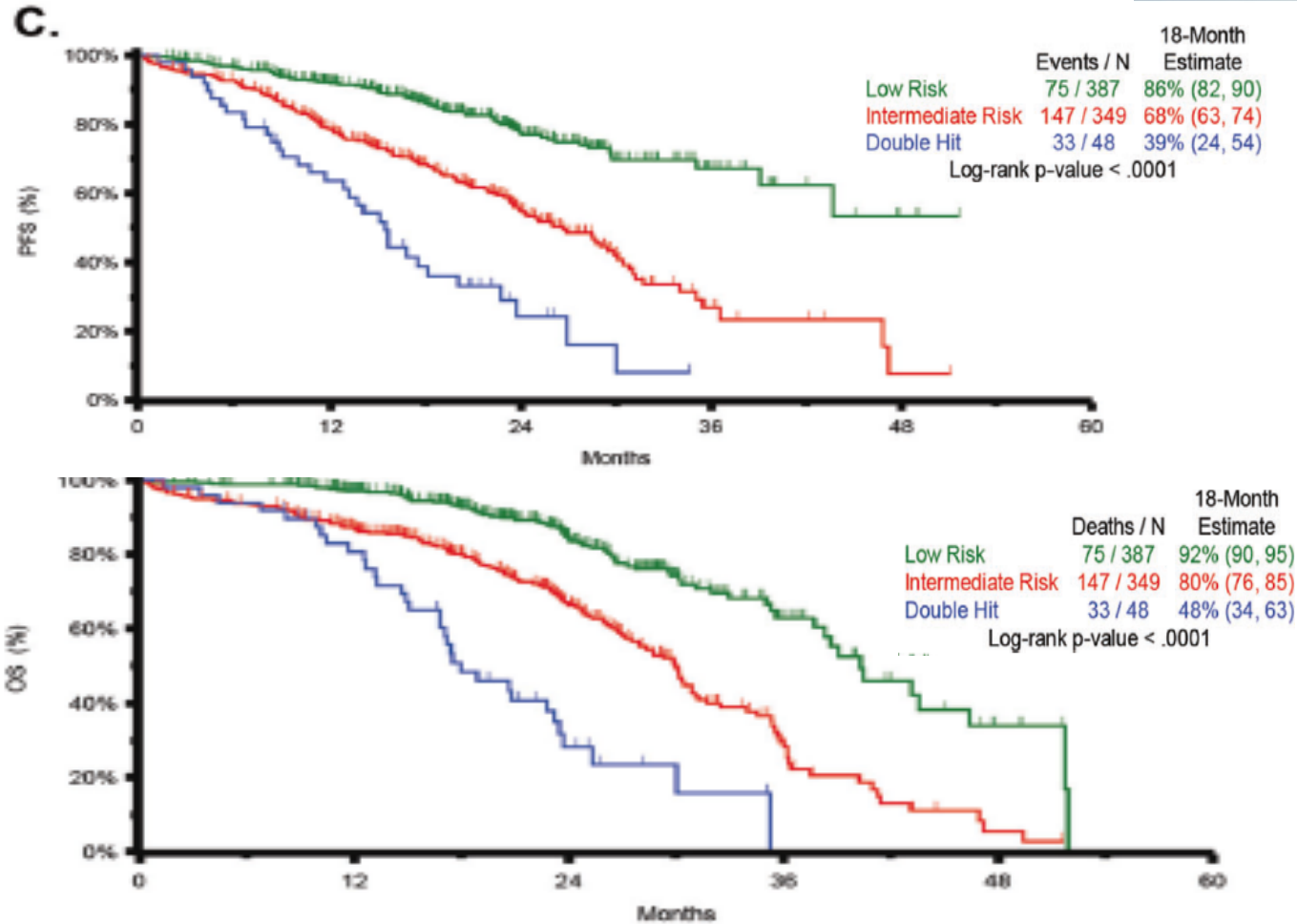
### A high-risk, Double-Hit, group of newly diagnosed myeloma identified by genomic analysis

- Modeled by the Arkansas Myeloma Group
- Whole-genome and exome data from 1273 patients
  - Genetic factors that influenced PFS and OS
- High-risk subgroup identified based on 784 pts using genomic data, ISS and age
  - Bi-allelic TP53 inactivation
    - OR
  - Amplification (>3 copies) of CKS1B (1q21) plus ISS stage 3
- Comprises 6.1% of the population
- PFS 15.4 months, OS 20.7 months
- Poor outcomes despite novel therapies...



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# DOUBLE HIT MYELOMA



## LOW RISK



No Biallelic loss of TP53 nor 1q gain and ISS I or ISS II and age < 65

## HIGH RISK



Biallelic loss of TP53 or ISS III and 1q amp

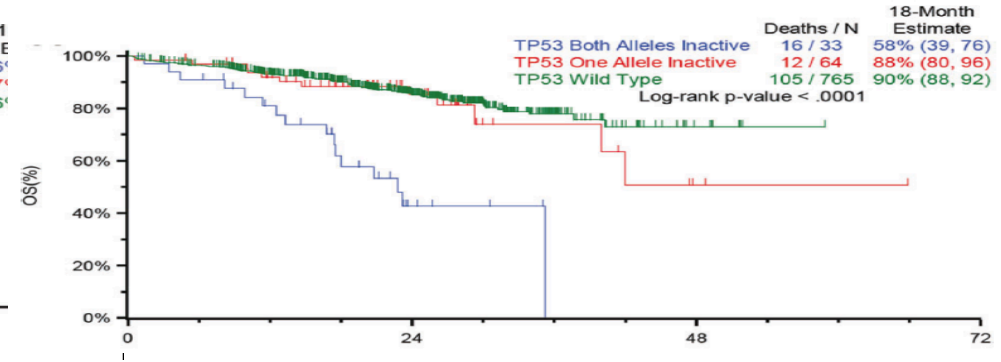
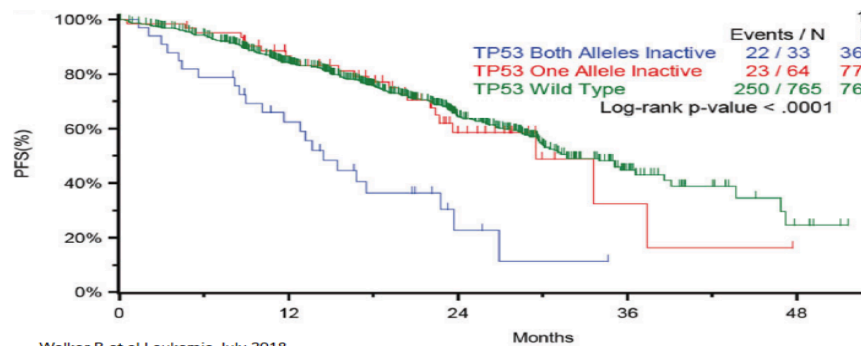
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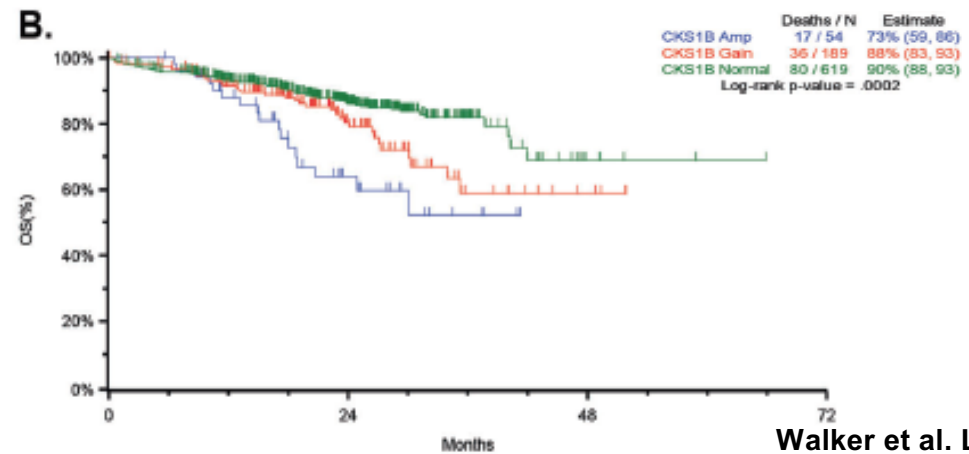
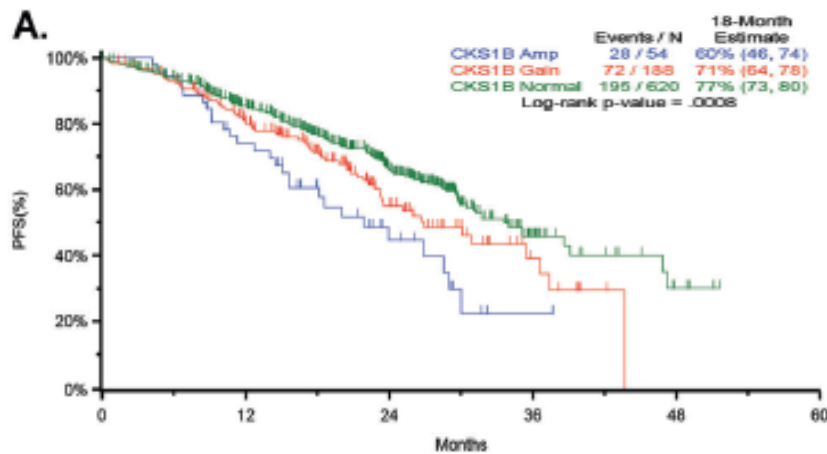
# DOUBLE HIT MYELOMA



## TP53 Mutations and Bi-allelic Inactivation Define Poor Outcome



## Amp1q (>3 copies) Have A Worse Outcome Compared to Gain1q (3 copies)



Walker et al. Leukemia, 2018

# DOUBLE HIT MYELOMA



The “Double Hit” group does not replace previous risk markers identified by iFISH but rather it identifies a distinct subgroup of patients at particularly high-risk of early progression and death that are suitable for entry into trials of novel therapies aimed at improving their outcome.

Given the frequency of other mutational events in NDMM it is unlikely that, given our current knowledge of the impact and frequency of mutations, the size of the group will increase substantially unless other driver mechanisms are identified.

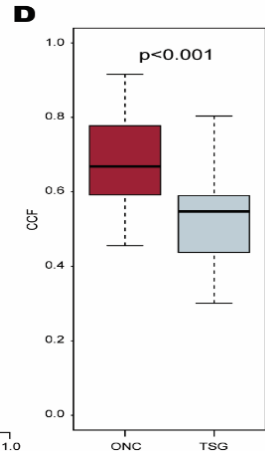
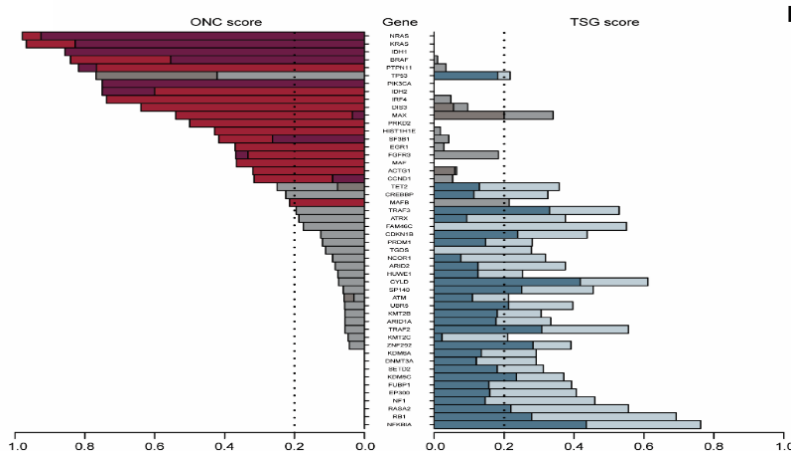
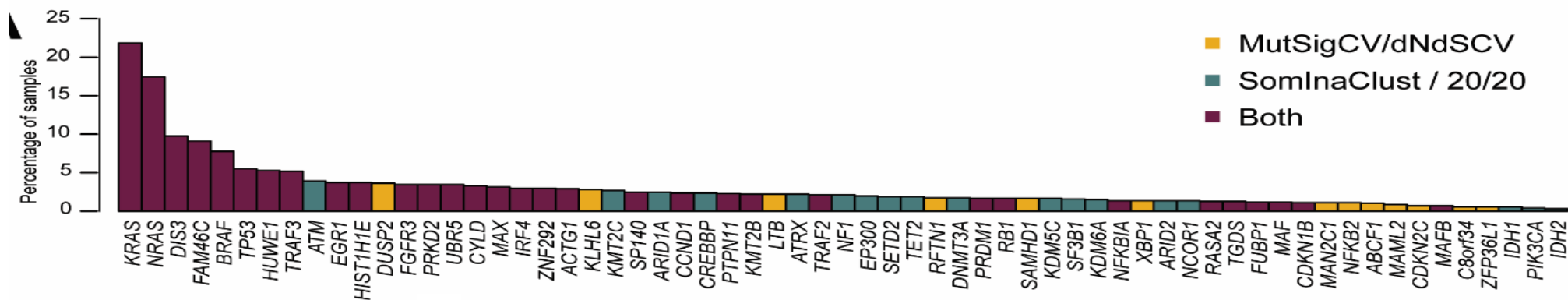
In this context we clearly show that despite the size of the study we are missing genetic drivers in a substantial proportion of cases. Such mechanisms may be currently unknown or occur in portions of the genome we have not studied.

Walker et al. Leukemia, 2018



**LYMPHOID NEOPLASIA**

**Identification of novel mutational drivers reveals oncogene dependencies in multiple myeloma**

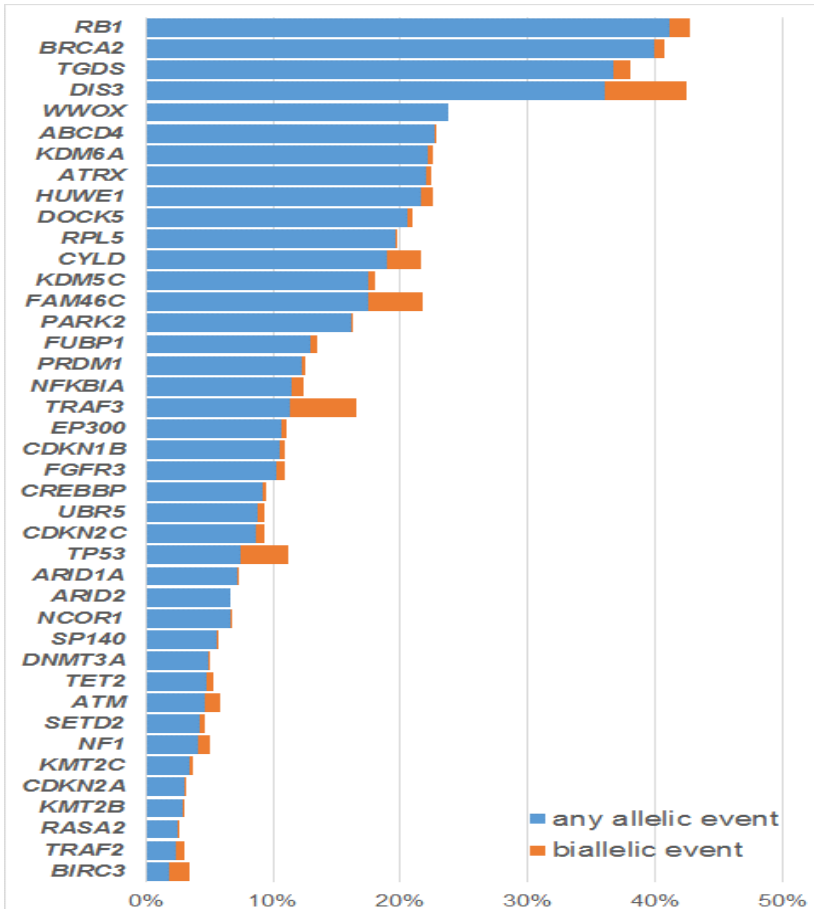


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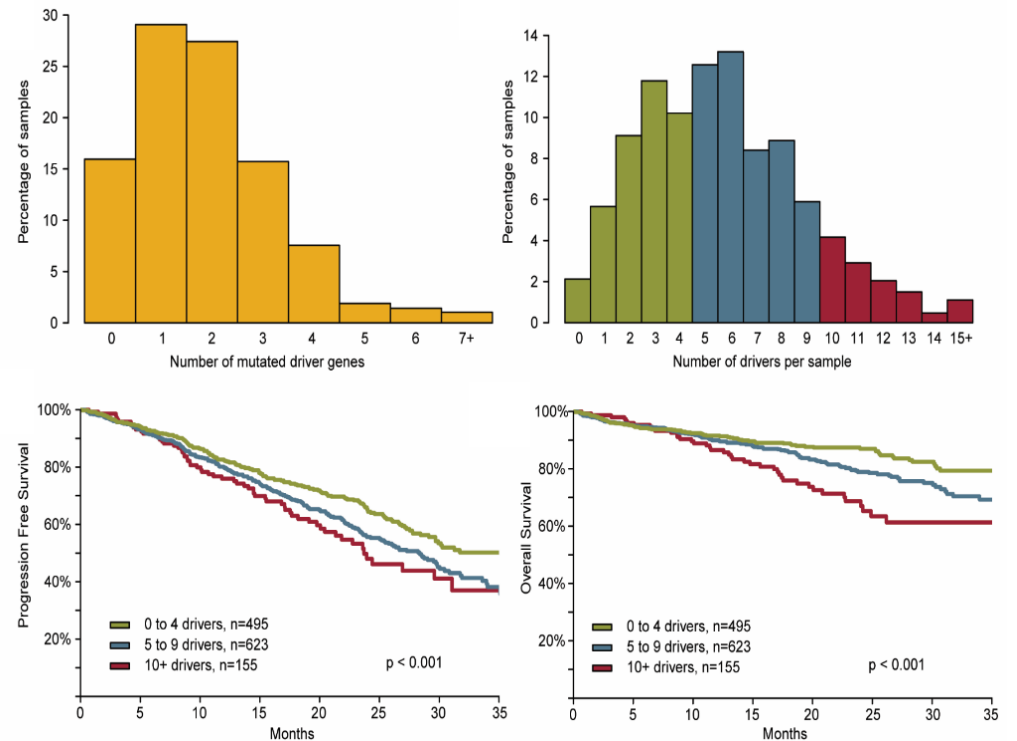
# Mutation Frequencies of 63 Driver Genes



## Recurrent bi-allelic events in driver genes



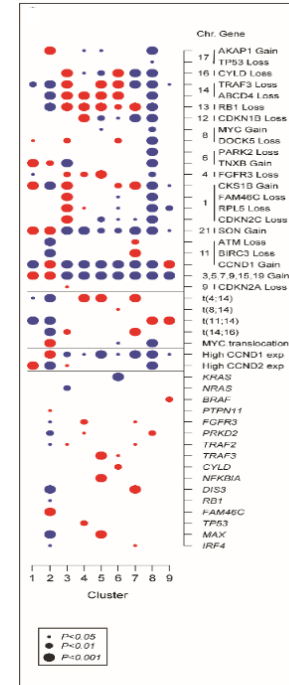
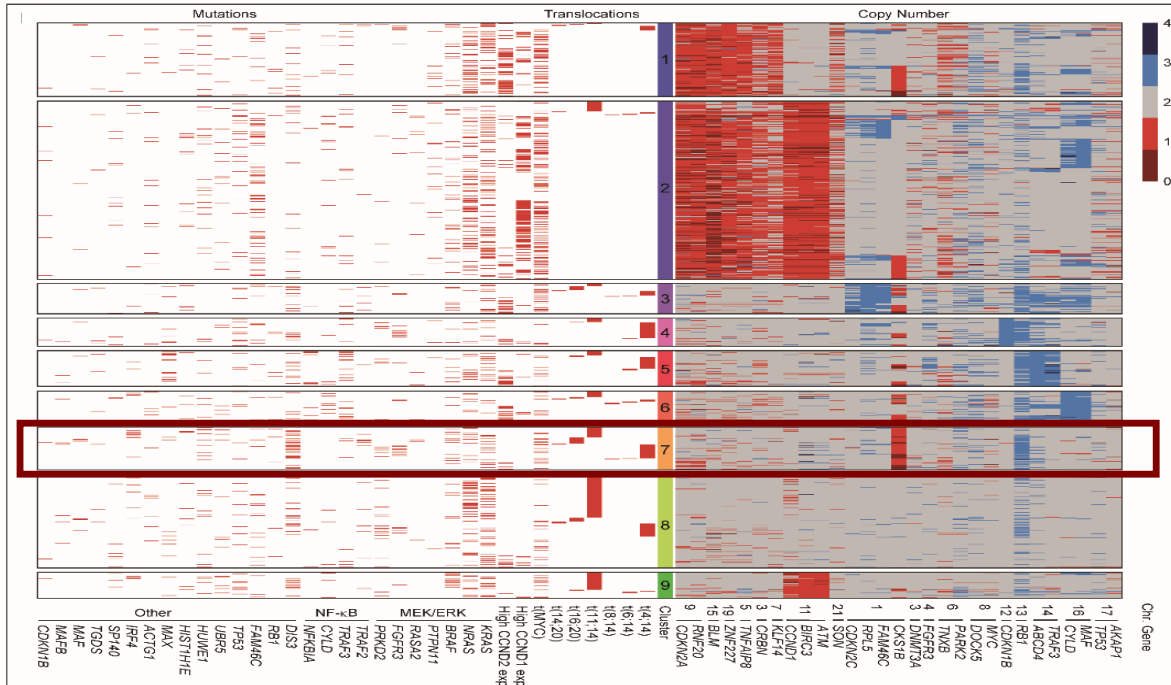
## Increasing Number of Driver Alterations Results in Worse Outcome



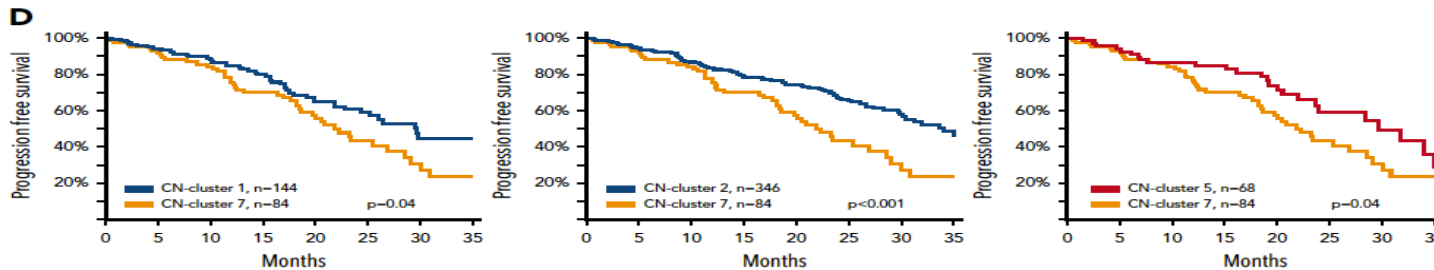
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Identification of novel mutational drivers reveals oncogene dependencies in multiple myeloma

Clustering of Copy Number Data Identifies Nine Sub-Groups



DIS3 mut  
t(4;14)  
t(14;16)  
1q gain  
RB1 del  
Birc loss



Walker et al. Blood 2018

# Transcriptome of malignant plasma cells

Gareth Morgan, NYU



## Talk outline.

- To improve outcomes we need to understand biology.
- DNA mutations are interesting but the real action is in using RNA and protein to define biology using this to improve disease segmentation and identify new therapeutic targets.
- The importance of RNA processing as an oncogenic mechanism is beginning to emerge.
- Ultimately the transcriptome is controlled by epigenetic events in the nucleus and this is emerging as a critical mechanism which can be manipulated therapeutically.
- It is important to consider multiple myeloma not just as a genetic disease of plasma cells but as a disorder of the bone marrow as an organ.

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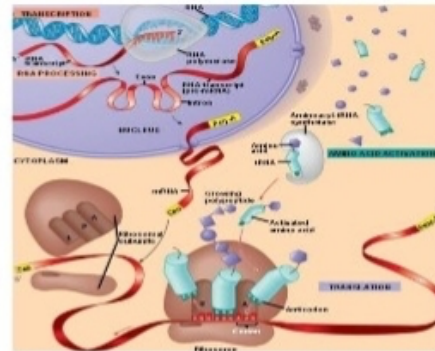
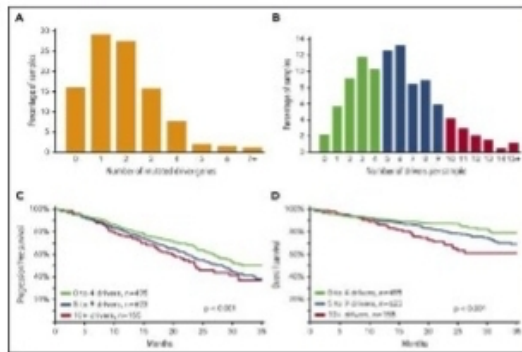
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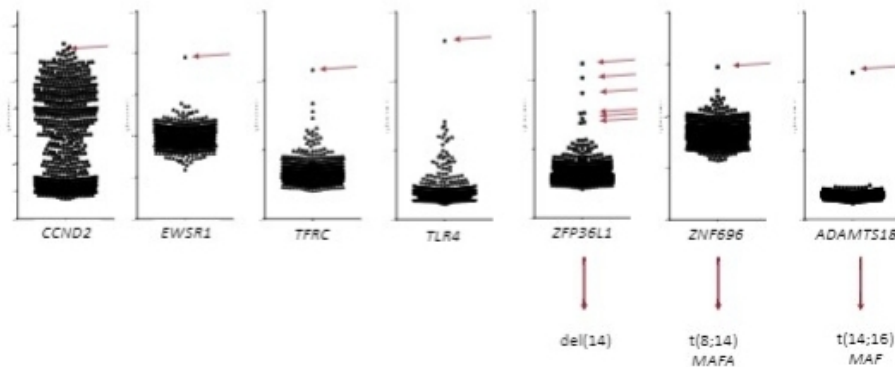


Missing drivers may be explained by abnormalities of the transcriptome.



## Transcriptome abnormalities

- Amplification
- Fusion genes
- Gene overexpression by superenhancer rearrangement
- Gene knockout
- Abnormal RNA processing



Kinase	Transcription Factor	Others
<b>EML4-ALK</b>	<b>EIF4E3-FOXP1</b>	<b>TBL1XR1-ATR</b>
<b>AGK-BRAF</b>	<b>EIF4E3-FOXP1</b>	<b>ATM-DLG2</b>
<b>GTF2I-BRAF</b>	<b>EIF4E3-FOXP1</b>	<b>MED15-EP300</b>
<b>ESYT2-BRAF</b>	<b>TXNDC5-MYC</b>	<b>KAT6A-EYS</b>
<b>KANK-BRAF</b>	<b>TXNDC5-MYC</b>	<b>MKL1-LTBR</b>
<b>SNX29-PGFR1</b>	<b>TXNDC5-MYC</b>	<b>SLC5A5-MYO18A</b>
<b>ARHGAP27-MAP3K14</b>	<b>FOXO3-MYC</b>	<b>EWSR1-PKDREJ</b>
<b>AKT1-MAPK14</b>	<b>CDC6-RARA</b>	<b>HDAC4-PLEKHM3</b>
<b>HNRNPA2B1-NTRK3</b>	<b>DIP2B-ATF1</b>	<b>ABL1-RBM18</b>
<b>UBE2R2-NTRK3</b>	<b>DUSP22-IRF4</b>	<b>STK11-RTDR1</b>
<b>TSPAN3-ROS1</b>	<b>SS18-FLI1</b>	<b>TBL1XR1-SLC9C1</b>
	<b>ATF1-GALNT6</b>	<b>CREBBP-SLX4</b>
	<b>RUNX1-LINCO0160</b>	<b>STT3B-TBL1XR1</b>
		<b>RUNX1T1-TBL1XR1</b>



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## Abnormalities of RNA processing as potential drivers.

### TENT5C

- 1p12
- Mutated 10%
- Deleted and translocated
- RNA processing
- Nucleotidyl transferase
- Destabilizes ER response genes

### ZFP36L1

- located at 14q
- Interstitial deletion to IgH locus
- 1% NDMM
- Functions to modulate RNA transcripts
- Mutated in marginal zone lymphoma

### SF3B1

- Recurrent hot spot mutations
- Rare
- Common MDS AML
- Hot spot mutations impact splicing
- High and low splicing impact biology of MM and is frequent

Splice variation is common in NDMM and high splice variant load is an adverse prognostic factor



# Identification and Molecular Characterization of High-Risk Multiple Myeloma Patients from the MMRF CoMMpass Study at Diagnosis and Progression

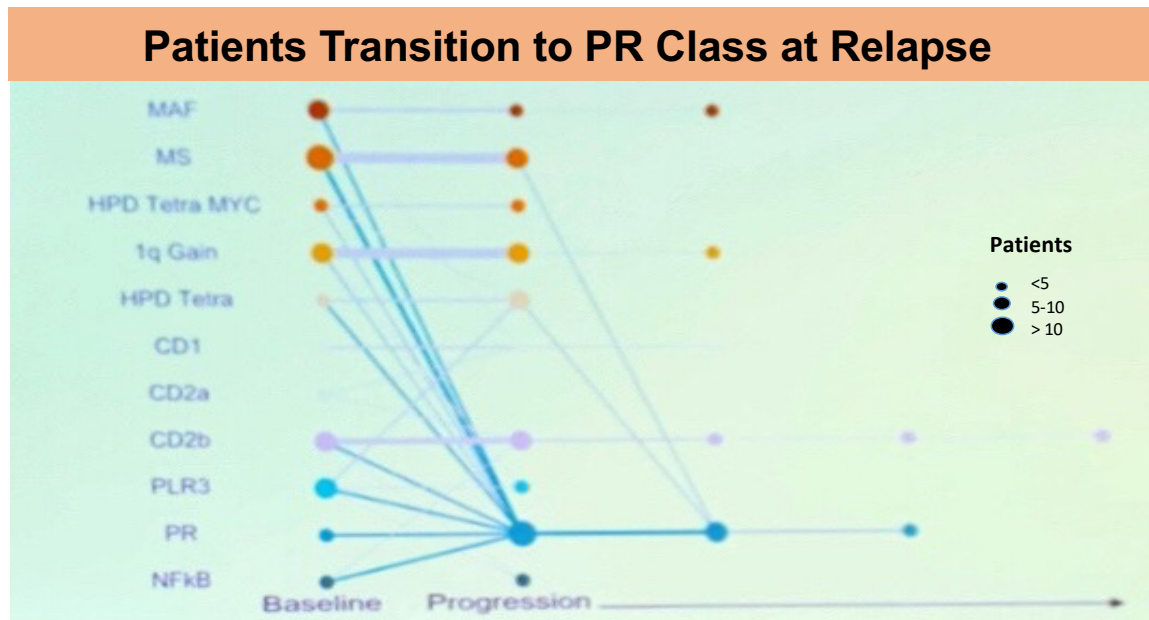


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✓ Analysis of patients from the MMRF CoMMpass Study with 1143 newly diagnosed myeloma patients.

✓ Tumor samples were analyzed using whole genome, exome, and RNA sequencing at diagnosis and each progression event, and clinical parameters were collected at baseline and every three months through the eight-year observation period.



Consensus clustering of RNAseq data from 714 patients at diagnosis identified 12 expression subtypes of myeloma which generally correspond to known genetic subgroups.

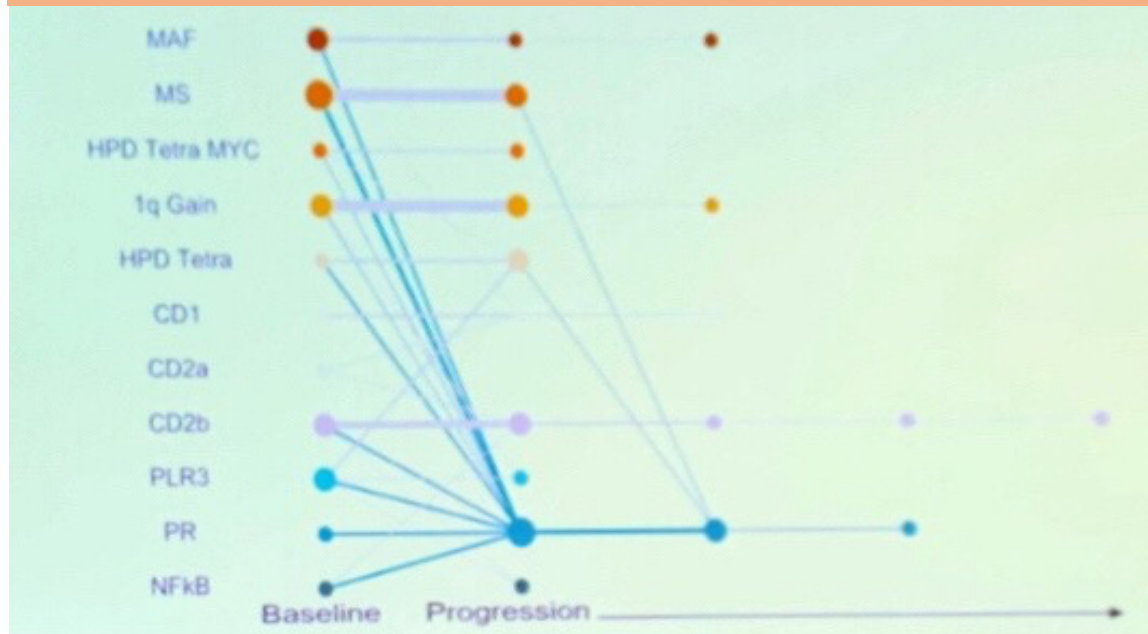
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## Patients Transition to PR Class at Relapse



The proliferation (PR) subtype comprised 51 patients whose tumors had an array of genetic backgrounds but converged upon a similar gene expression profile (TP53 signalling, Cell cycle, RNA transport)

PR patients had extremely poor OS (median = 21 months, HR = 3.7, 95% CI = 2.5 - 5.6,  $p < 0.001$ ) outcomes compared to patients in other RNA subtypes

PR patients were enriched for gain of 1q ( $p < 0.001$ ), loss of 13q ( $p < 0.001$ ), and bi-allelic loss of MAX ( $p < 0.01$ ) or RB1 ( $p < 0.001$ ).

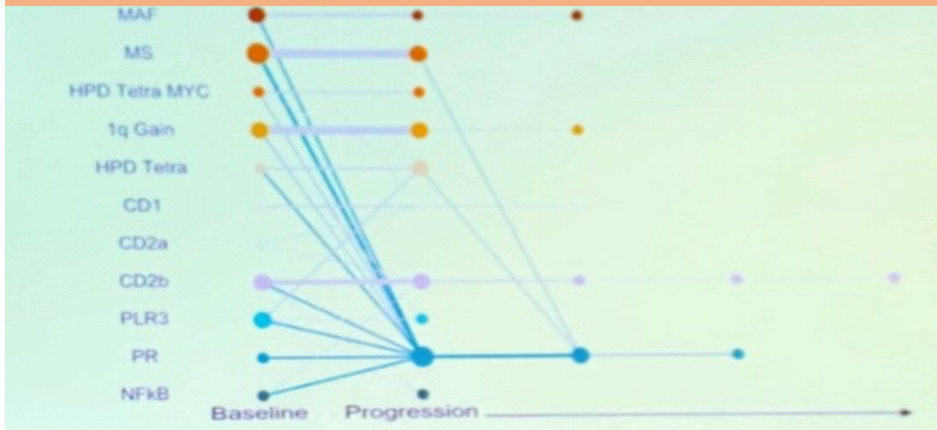
Although the PR subtype was enriched for patients classified as ISS III ( $p < 0.001$ ), 25 were classified as ISS I or II, highlighting that ISS underestimates disease severity in nearly half of high-risk patients.

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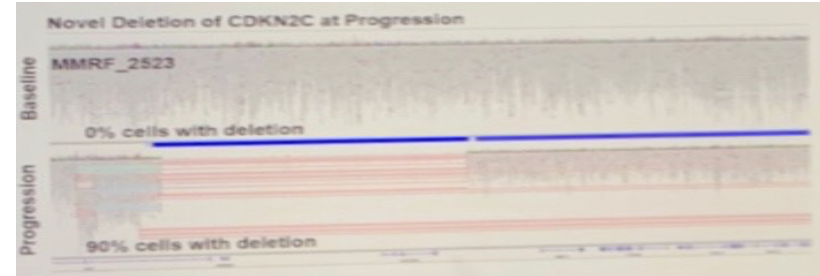
## Patients Transition to PR Class at Relapse



13/55 (28%) patients evaluated at several time points progressed to PR group  
**OS at progression: 88 days**

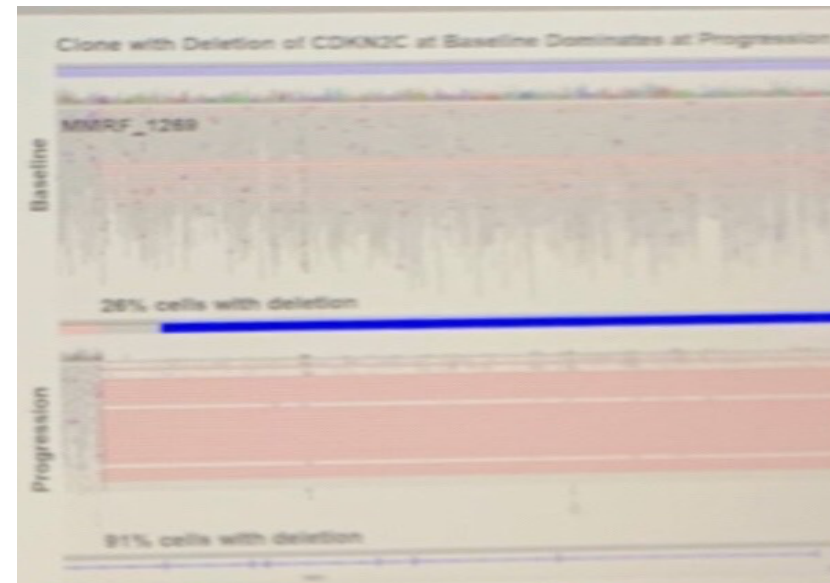
Acquired LOF / GOF Event	Patients (n = 9)	Percent
CL CDKN2C	2	22%
CL CDKN1B (p27)	1	11%
CL TP53	3	33%

CDKN2C (P18) 1p23



0%  
↓  
90%

CDKN1B (p27) 12p13



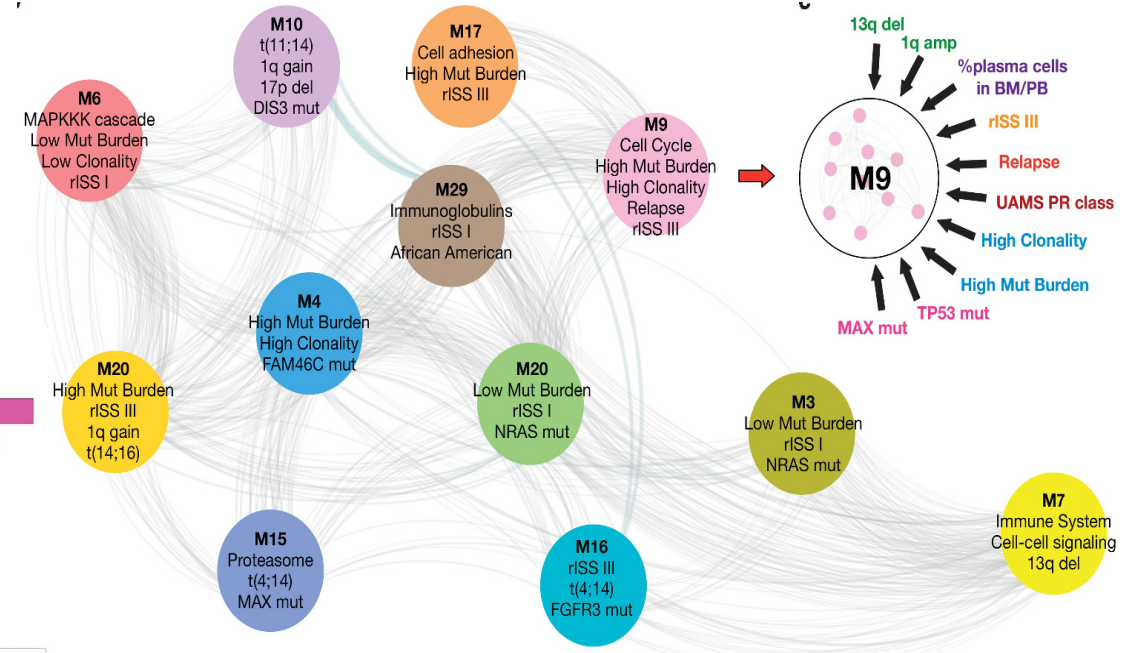
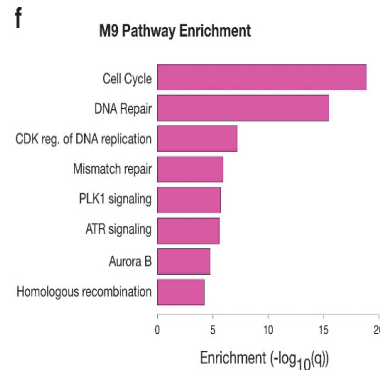
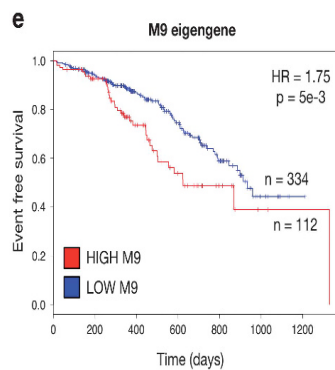
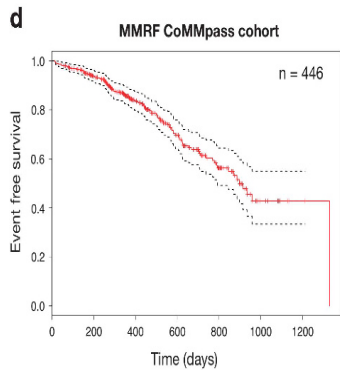
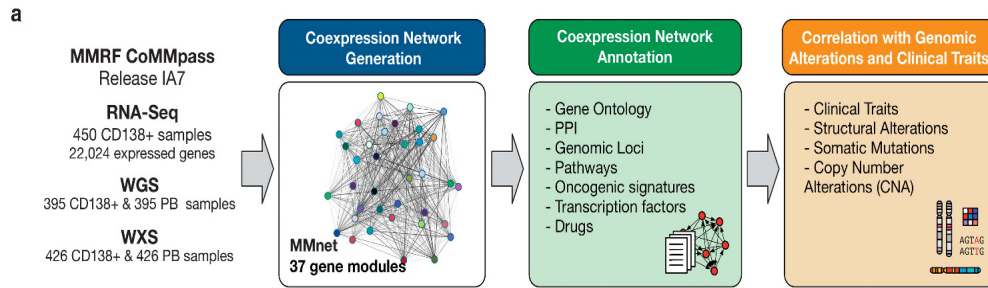
26%  
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91%

# Integrative network analysis identifies novel drivers of pathogenesis and progression in newly diagnosed multiple myeloma

Alessandro Laganà et al *Leukemia*, 2018



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Identification of groups of coexpressed genes significantly correlated with clinical traits and genomic alterations.

**Module 9 is correlated with early relapse (< 2 years) and traits associated with high-risk and aggressive MM**

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# Clinical and Biological Early Relapse Predictors in Multiple Myeloma: An Analysis from the MMRF CoMMpass Study



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- Characterize patients with early relapse (relapse  $\leq 18$  months from start of therapy) after first line therapy with IMiDs and/or 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> generation PIs
- Define baseline clinical and biological features predicting early relapse
- Addressing the role of different therapy in reducing the risk of early relapse

# Clinical and Biological Early Relapse Predictors in Multiple Myeloma: An Analysis from the MMRF CoMMpass Study



No relapse  
at current follow-up  
n = 507 (54.8%)



Early relapse ( $\leq 18$  months)  
n = 191 (20.6%)

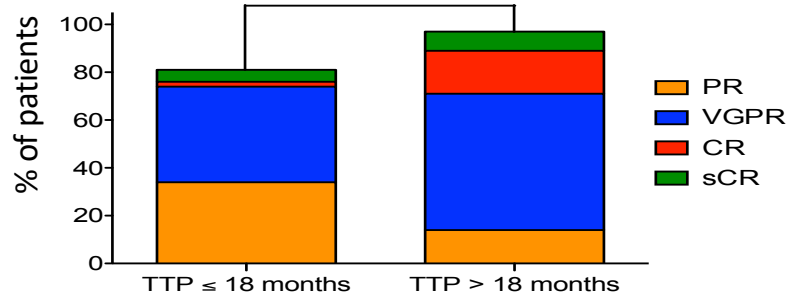
Late relapse ( $> 18$  months)  
n = 228 (24.6%)

## Response rate

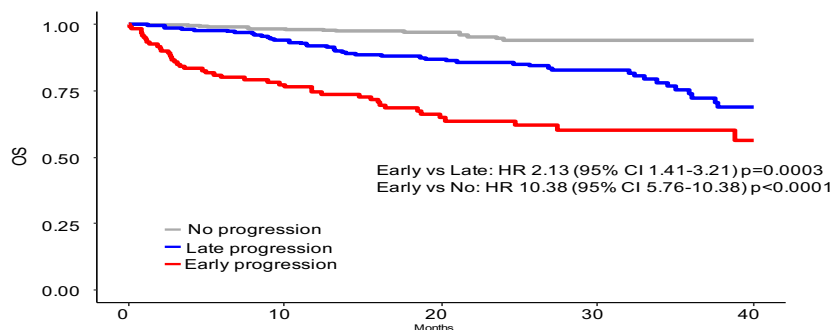
$p < 0.001$

ORR 81%  
 $\geq$ VGPR 47%

ORR 97%  
 $\geq$ VGPR 83%

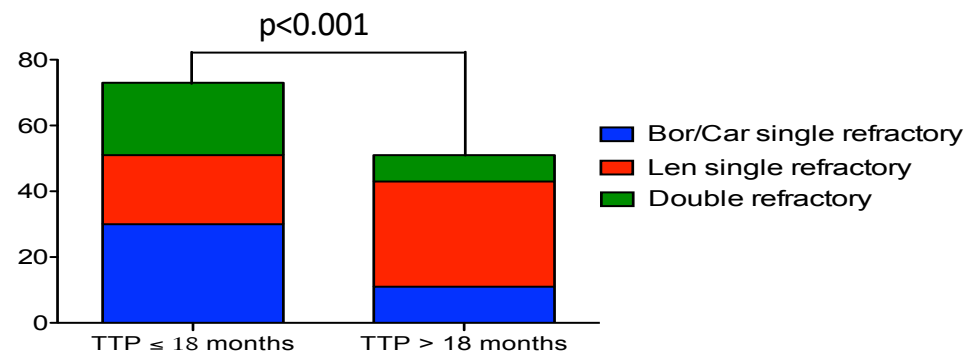


OS:  
18-months  
Landmark  
analysis



- MMRF CoMMpass study: 1151 MM patients enrolled
- 926 patients with available TTP and baseline molecular data
- Mixed real-world + clinical trial population.

## Drug refractoriness after 1<sup>st</sup> line



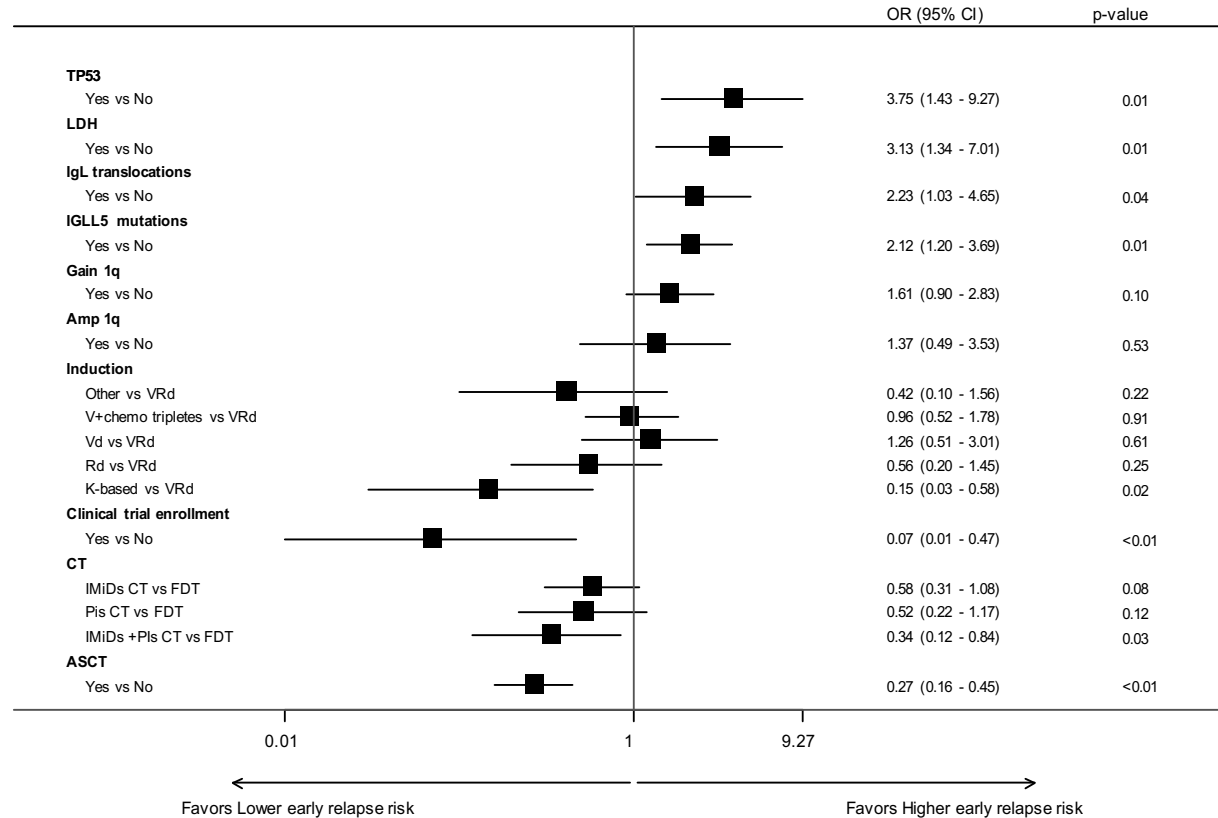
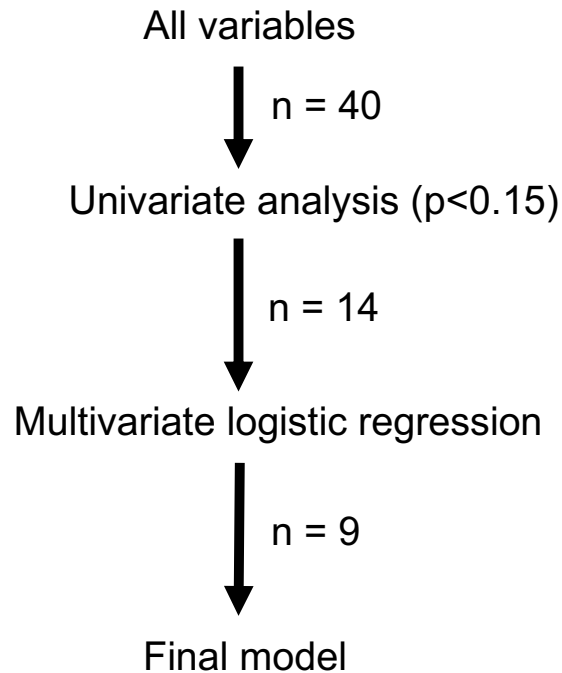
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## Risk of early relapse: Multivariate analysis



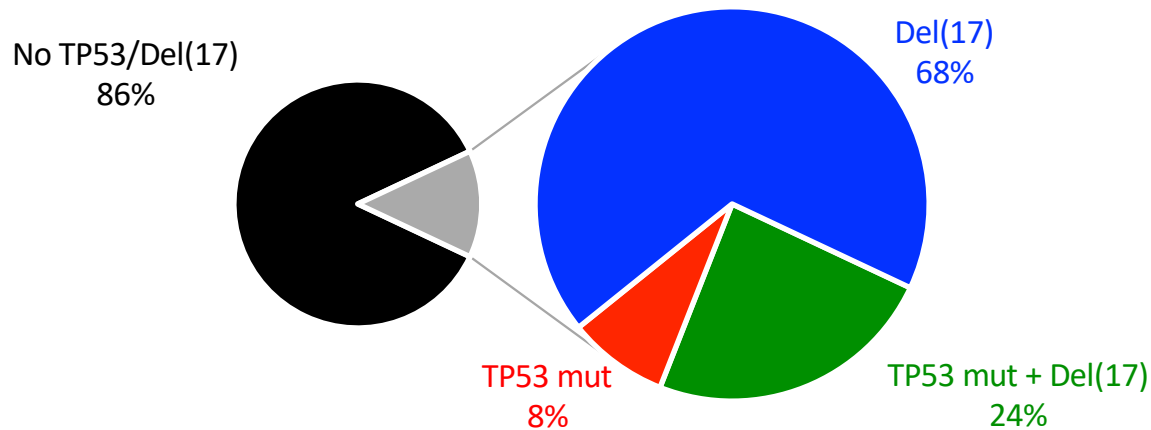
OR: odds ratio; IgL: immunoglobulin lambda chain; LDH: lactate dehydrogenase; V: Bortezomib; d: low dose dexamethasone; chemo: conventional chemotherapy; R: lenalidomide; K: Carfilzomib; ASCT: autologous stem cell transplantation. CT: continuous therapy; FDT: fixed duration of therapy; IMiDs: immunomodulatory drugs; PIs: proteasome inhibitors. Analysis is adjusted for missing values within each variable.

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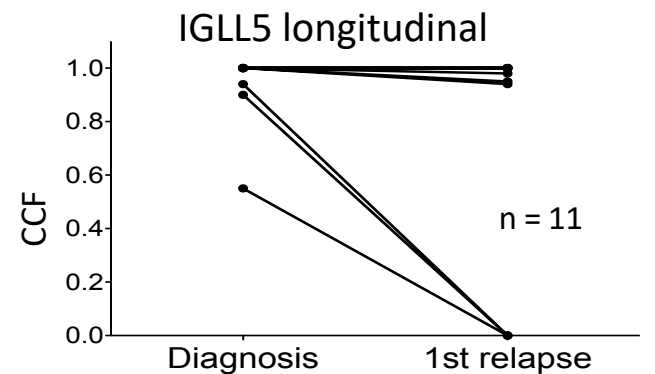
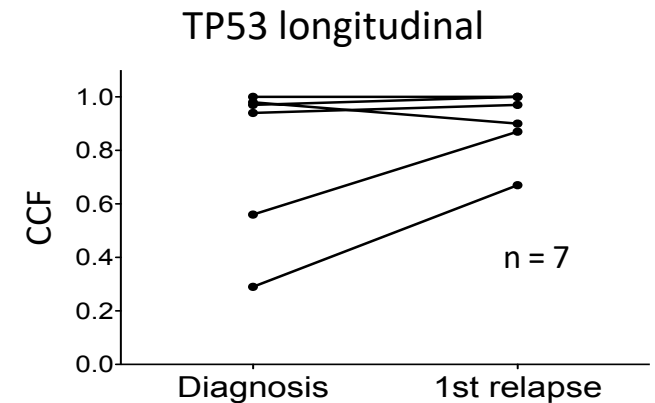
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## TP53 but not Del(17) is an independent predictor of early relapse



Subpopulation	Early PD n/evaluatable (%)
No TP53mut/Del(17p)	146/744 (19.6%)
Del(17p) but not TP53mut	14/82 (17.1%)
TP53mut but not Del(17p)	5/10 (50%)
TP53mut+Del(17p)	12/29 (41.4%)



White et al. *Blood Cancer Journal* (2018)8:35



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- ✓ *A total of 307 NDMM patients with baseline FISH information and ISS staging who received at least 4 cycles of treatment.*
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- Shorter PFS and OS in cases carrying **1 HRCA plus del(13q14)** compared with those carrying **only 1 HRCA**  
[median PFS: 19.1 versus 32.2 months ( $p = 0.046$ ); median OS: 29.6 versus 65.6 months ( $p = 0.055$ )]
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- Shorter PFS and OS in cases carrying **both 1q gain and del(17p)** compared with those carrying **either 1q gain or del(17p) alone**, respectively
- Shorter PFS and OS in **ISS III cases carrying  $\geq 1$  HRCAs** compared to those **without HRCA**  
[median PFS: 13.2 versus 21 months ( $p = 0.032$ ); median OS: 15.2 versus 43.8 months ( $p = 0.057$ )]
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Patients either carrying two or more HRCA or at ISS III stage with at least one HRCA (**DHMM**) have significantly worse outcome (both PFS and OS) than those carrying only one HRCA or at ISS III stage, respectively.

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# Synthetic lethality in multiple myeloma harboring double oncogenic hits of 17p13(del) and 1q21(amp)

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- ✓ **TP53 maintains the genomic integrity by keeping the double stranded DNA damage (DSB) pathway in check.**
- ✓ **ADAR1 is a critical gene within 1q21 involved in RNA editing events on NEIL1 (base-excision repair- BER) gene causing defective single stranded DNA breaks (SSB) repair, resulting in CHK1 activation.**
- ✓ **CHK1 is a DNA damage marker, overexpressed in DH MM patients according to CoMMpass dataset, suggesting that it could be considered a good therapeutic target in these patients**

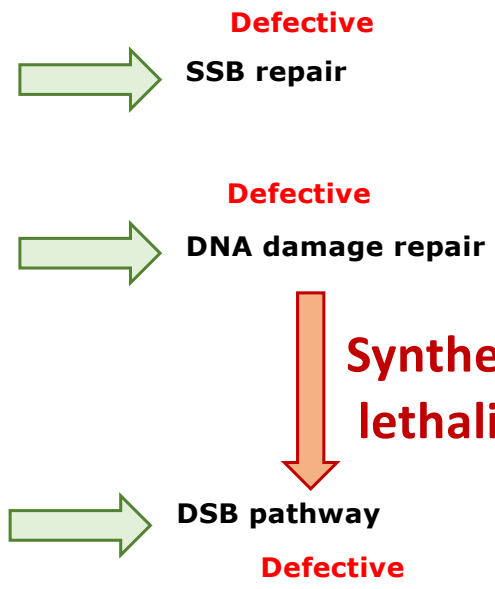
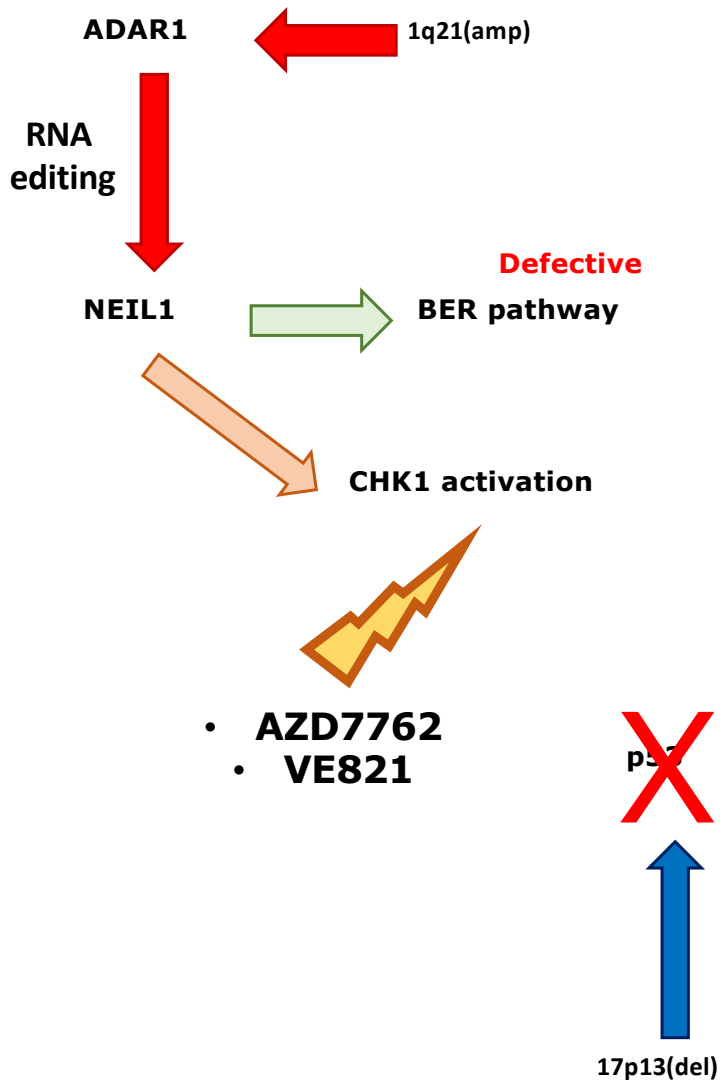
## AIMS

to elucidate how p53 and NEIL1 aberrancy has potential collaborating role in affecting DNA damage response and their sensitivity to CHK1 inhibitor to identify novel biomarkers for patients with the double oncogenic hits.

## RESULTS

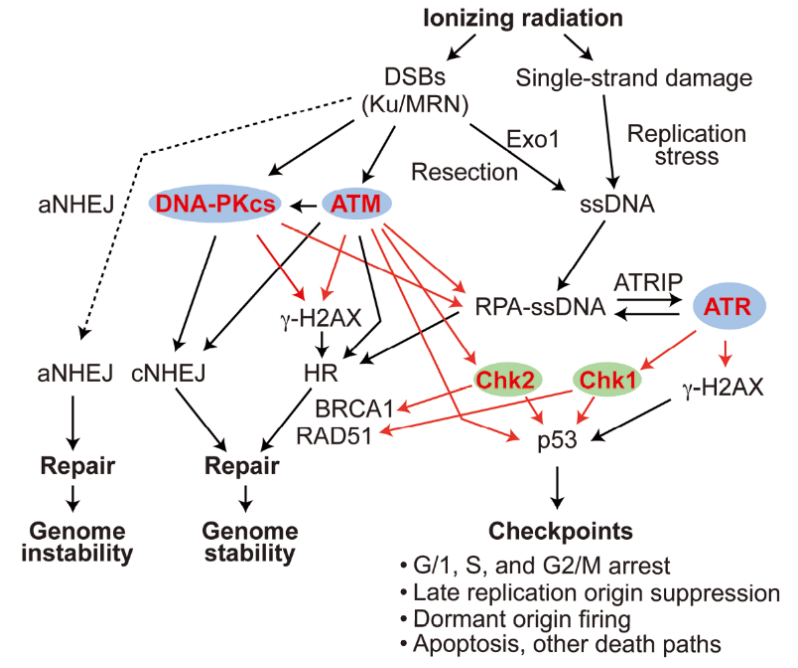
Cell lines with DH chromosomal lesions were more sensitive to the pharmacological inhibition of CHK1 as compared to single abnormalities, showing increased amount of unrepaired DSB , cell cycle progression and increased apoptosis.

**Could genomic instability serve as the Achilles heel in DH MM patients?**



**Synthetic lethality**

**DDR Signaling Pathways**



# TRIPLE HIT MYELOMA ?



## mSMART 2.0: Classification of

High-Risk 20%

- FISH
  - Del 17p
  - t(14;16)
  - t(14;20)
- GEP
  - High risk signature

Intermediate-Risk 20%

- FISH
  - t(4;14)\*
- Cytogenetic Deletion 13 or hypodiploidy
- PCLI  $\geq$ 3%

Mikhael et al Mayo Clinic Proceedings April 2013



## mSMART 3.0: Classification of Active MM

### High-Risk

#### ▪ High Risk genetic Abnormalities <sup>a,b</sup>

- t(4;14)
- t(14;16)
- t(14;20)
- Del 17p
- p53 mutation
- Gain 1q

- RISS Stage 3
- High Plasma Cell S-phase<sup>c</sup>
- GEP: High risk signature

- Double Hit Myeloma: Any 2 high risk genetic abnormalities
- Triple Hit Myeloma: 3 or more high risk genetic abnormalities

### Standard-Risk<sup>a</sup>

#### All others including:

- Trisomies
- t(11;14)<sup>d</sup>
- t(6;14)

<sup>a</sup>Trisomies may ameliorate

<sup>b</sup> By FISH or equivalent method

<sup>c</sup> Cut-offs vary

<sup>d</sup> t(11;14) may be associated with plasma cell leukemia

Dispenzieri et al. Mayo Clin Proc 2007;82:323-341; Kumar et al. Mayo Clin Proc 2009 84:1095-1110; Mikhael et al. Mayo Clin Proc 2013;88:360-376. v14 //last reviewed August 2018



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