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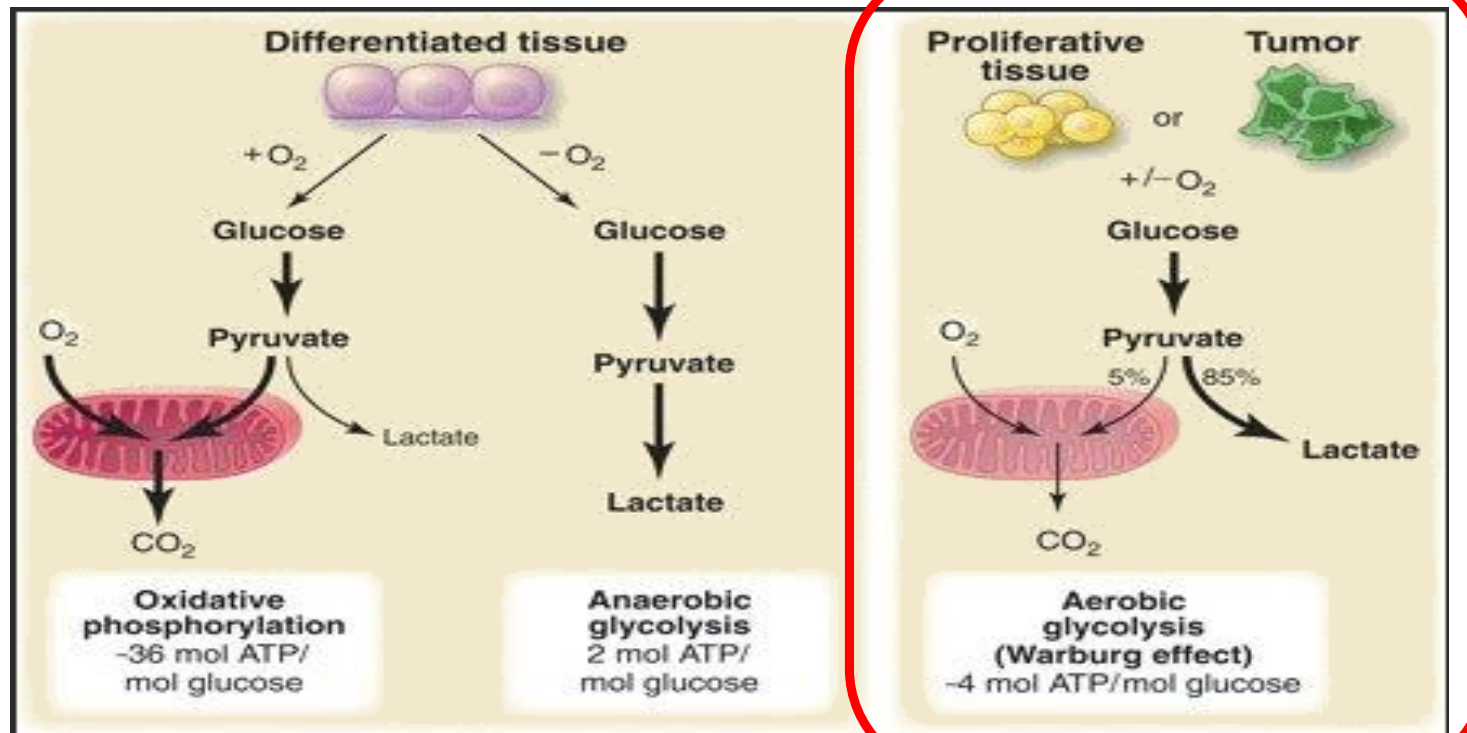
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Metabolism: a new cancer selectively vulnerability?

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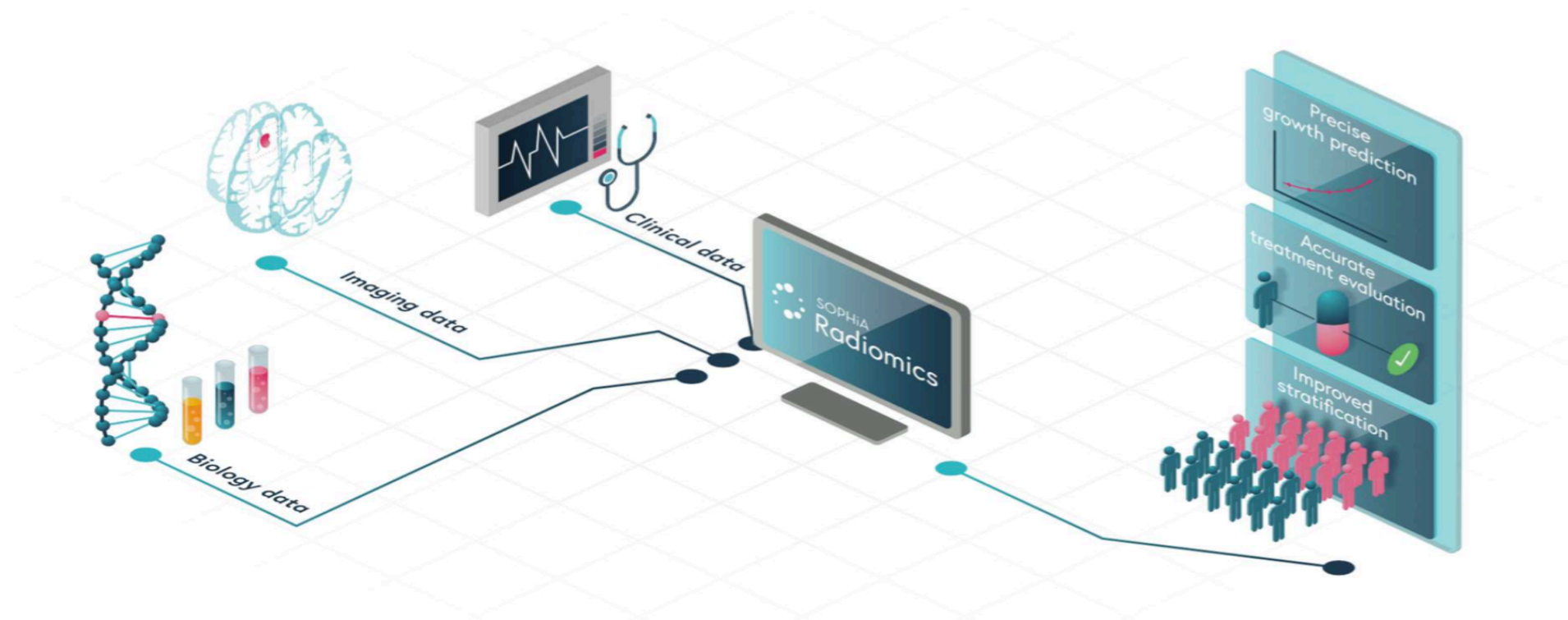
# Aberrant metabolism of cancer cells



The **Warburg effect** is the observation that most cancer cells predominantly produce energy by a **high rate of glycolysis** followed by lactic acid fermentation in the cytosol, rather than by a comparatively low rate of glycolysis followed by oxidation of pyruvate in mitochondria as in most normal cells



# Il Progetto **IRST-IRCCS** Radiomics



# The personalized drugable genome in myeloid

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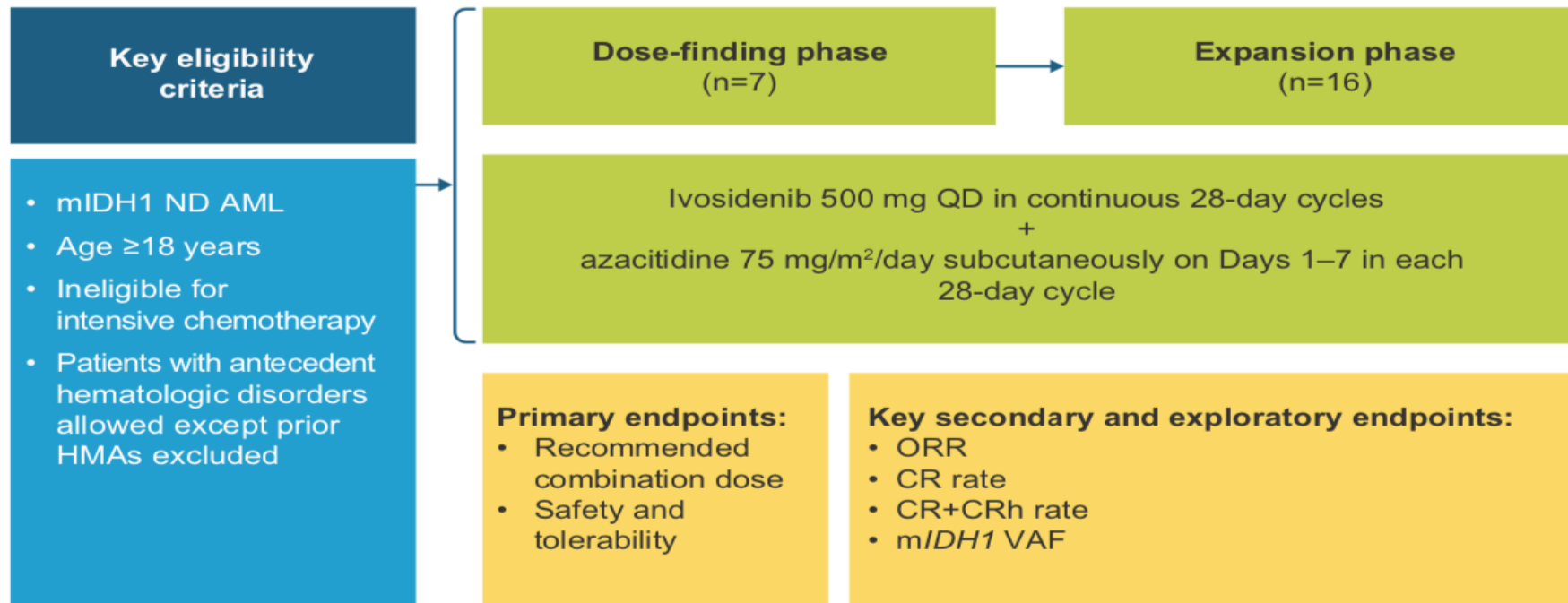
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CBLC	GATA2	MLL	RUNX1	ZRSR2
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# Mutant IDH1 Inhibitor Ivosidenib (IVO; AG-120) in Combination With Azacitidine (AZA) for Newly Diagnosed Acute Myeloid Leukemia (ND AML)

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**Figure 1. Study design for phase 1b dose-finding and expansion ivosidenib + azacitidine arm (N=23; enrollment complete)**



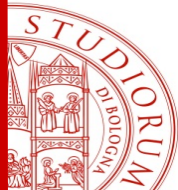


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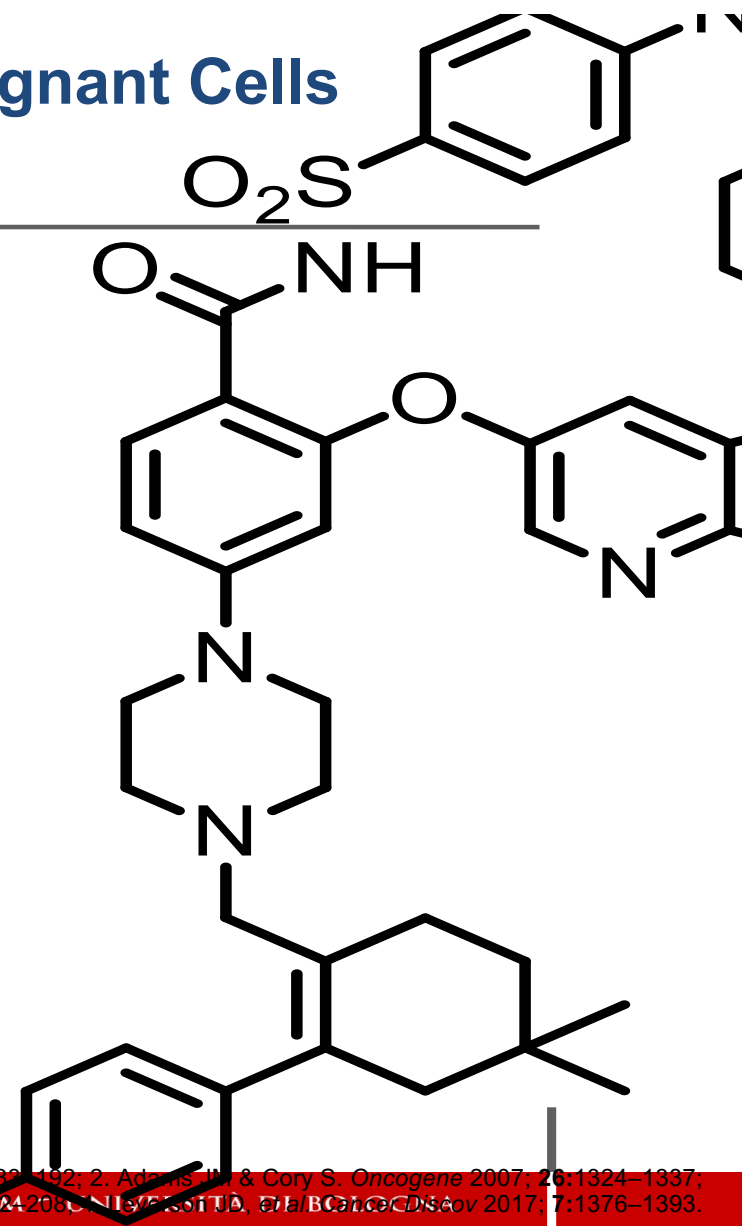
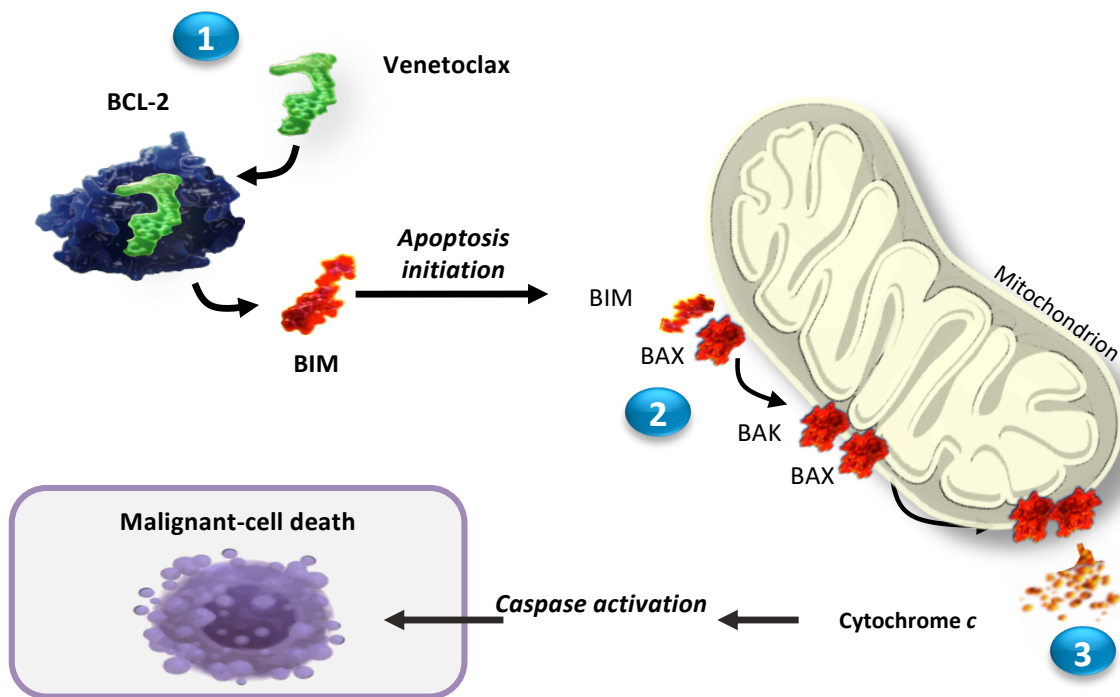
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# Venetoclax Induces Apoptosis in Malignant Cells



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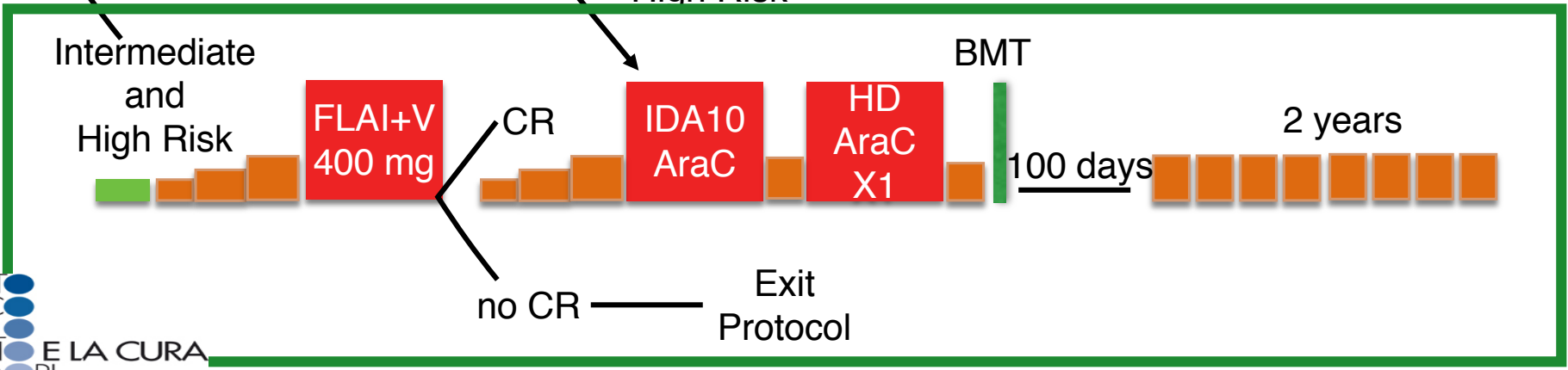
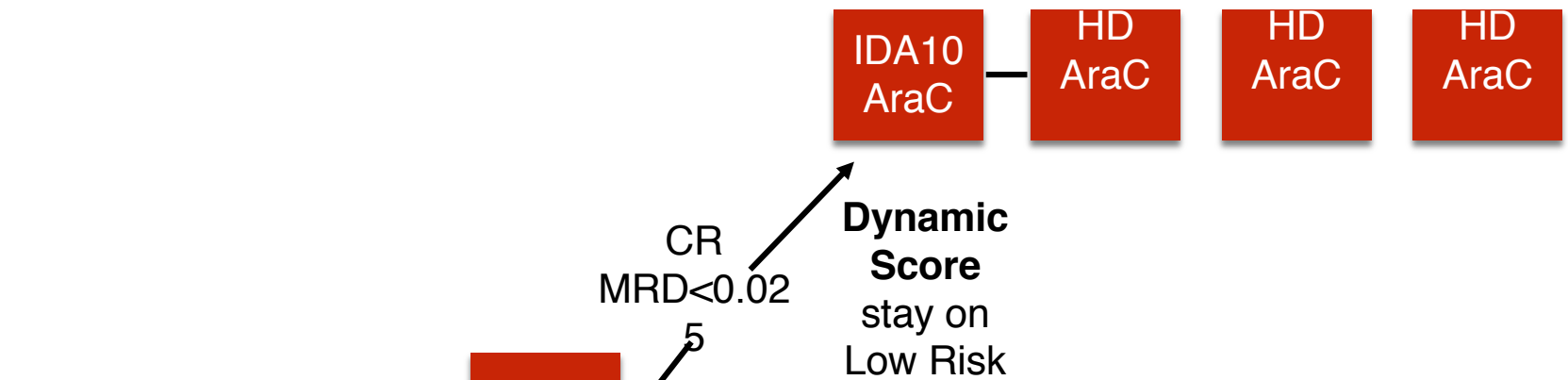




# Gimema Clinical Trial Open V-FLAI

**AML de novo patients with intermediate  
or complex karyotype**

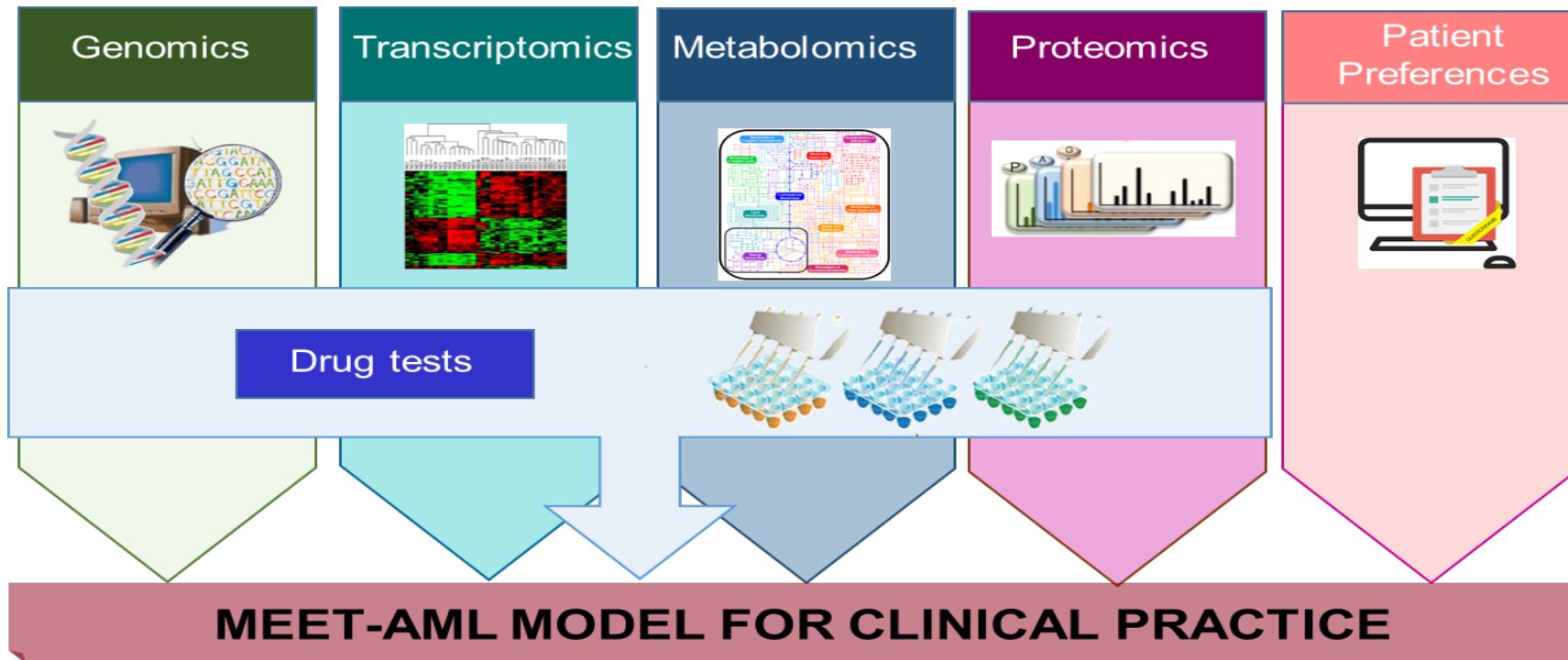
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# Metabolic vulnerabilities for personalized therapeutic approaches in acute myeloid leukemia - MEET-AML

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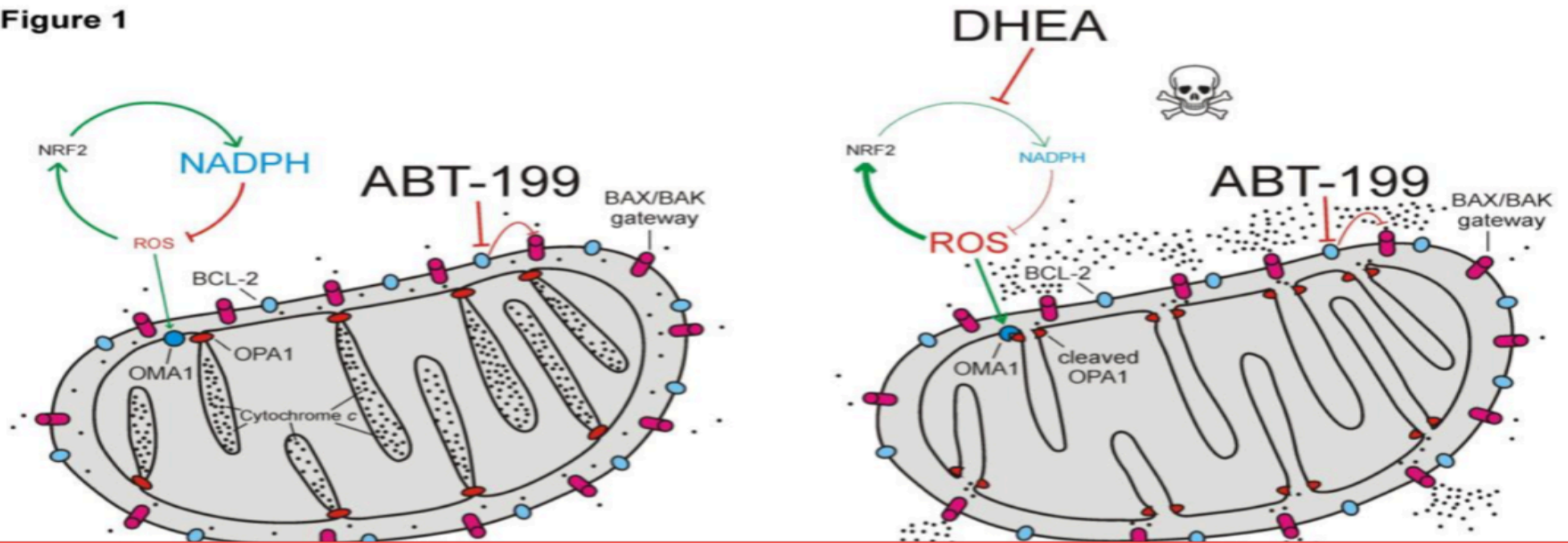
## Bandi ERAPERMED Progetti Finanziati

- **GRAMMY:** InteGRAtive analysis of tuMor, Microenvironment, immunity and patient expectation for personalized response prediction in Gastric Cancer.  
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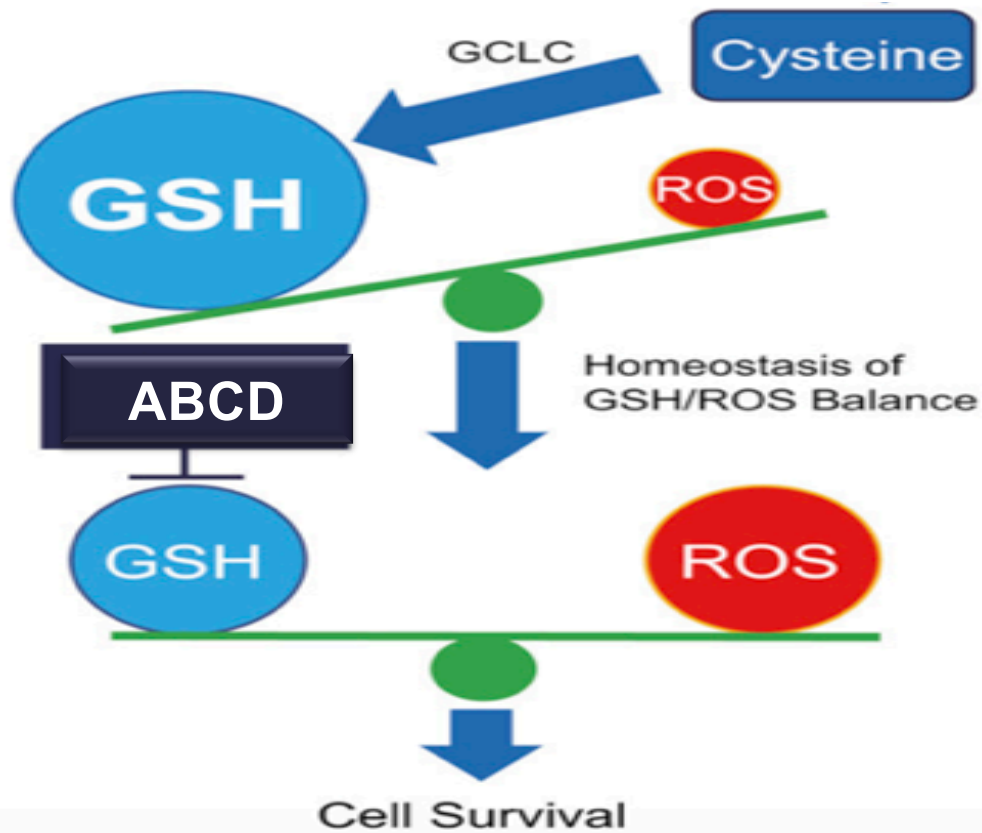
# RIDUCENDO IL NADPH?

Figure 1

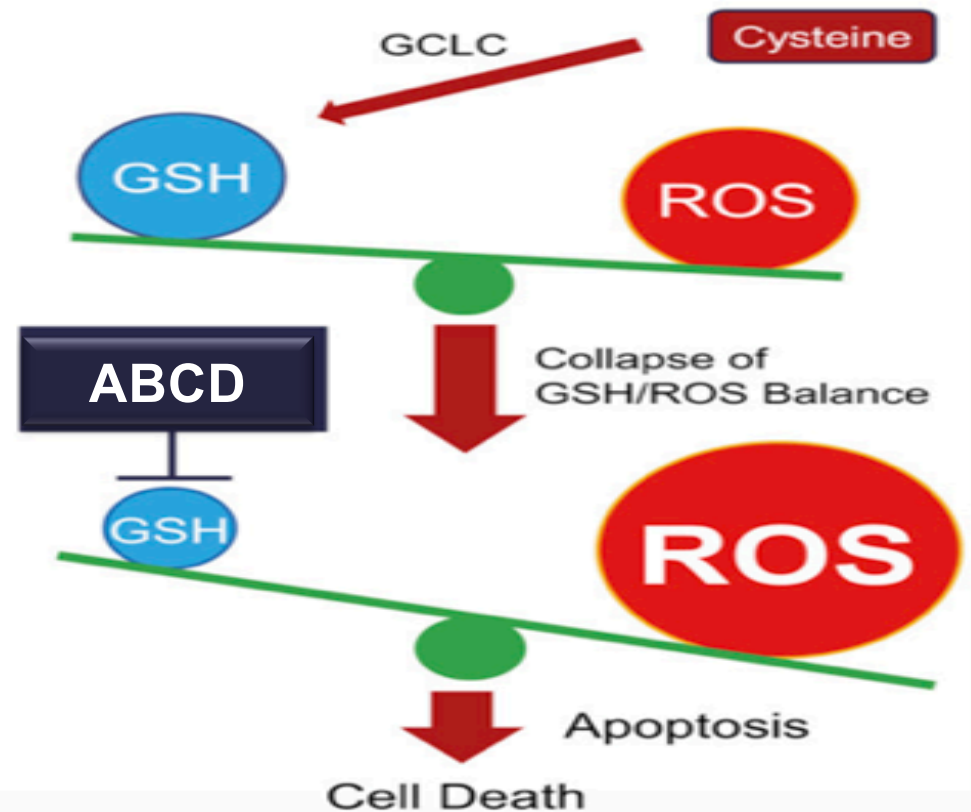


Come incrementare i ROS?

# HIGH Cysteine Content




# LOW Cysteine Content





Review

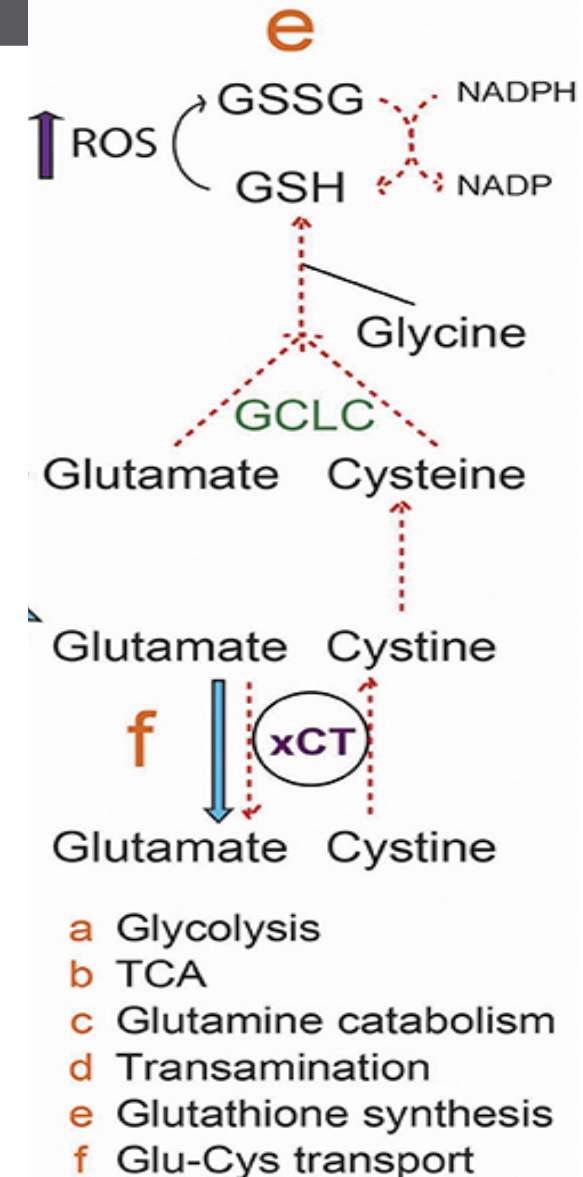
# The Non-Essential Amino Acid Cysteine Becomes Essential for Tumor Proliferation and Survival

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# Analysing >2400 metabolites by Mass Spect of CD34+ AML at diagnosis

## ***Experimental design***

Global biochemical profiles were determined in submitted cell samples as below.

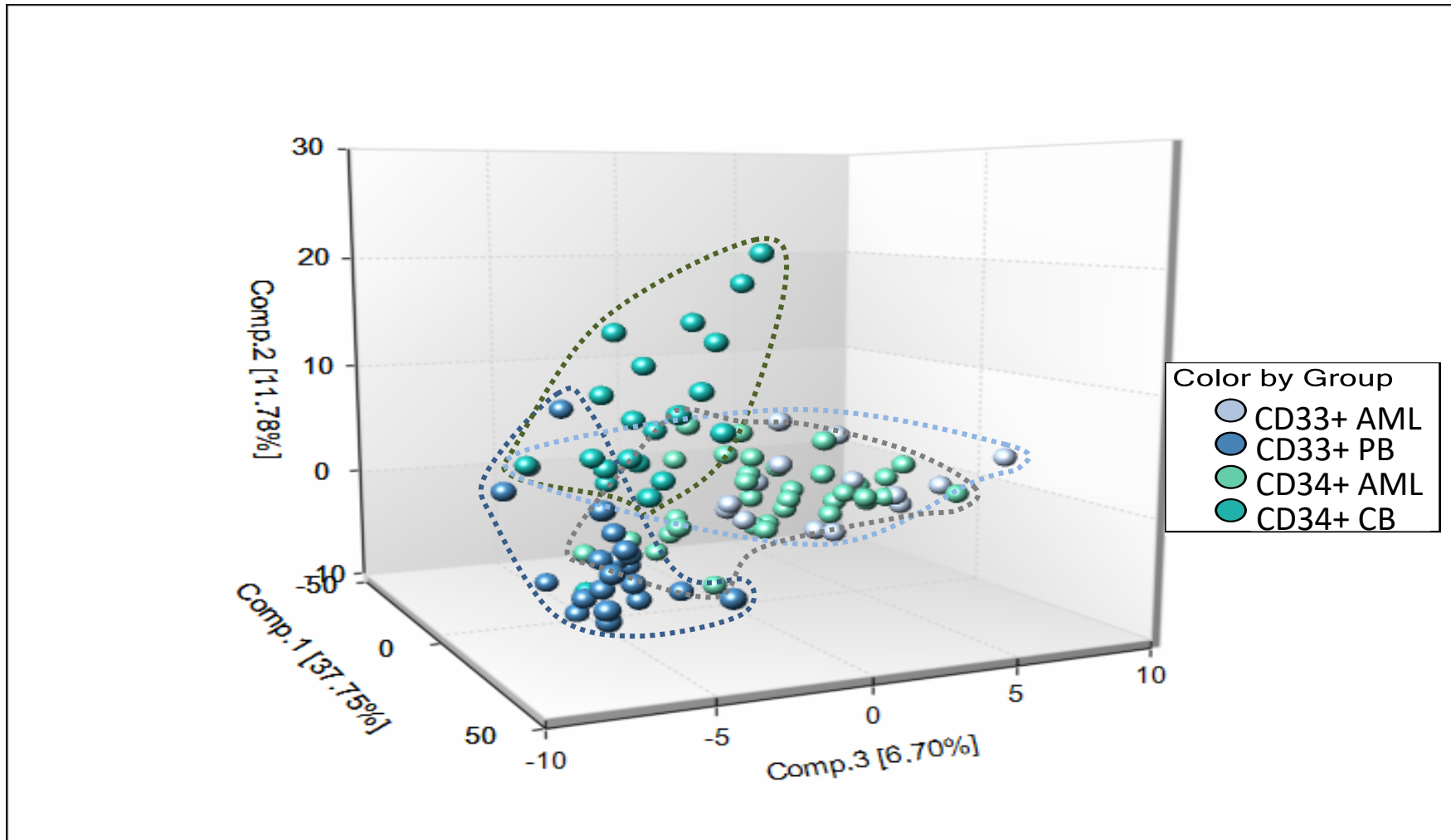


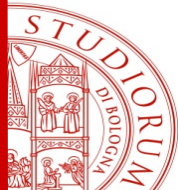
<b>Group</b>	<b>n</b>	<b>Description</b>
CD34+ CB	21	CD34+ cord blood cells
CD34+ AML	35	CD34+ AML patient bone marrow stem progenitor cells
CD33+ PB	21	CD33+ healthy donor peripheral blood cells
CD33+ AML	16	CD33+ AML patient bone marrow blast cells



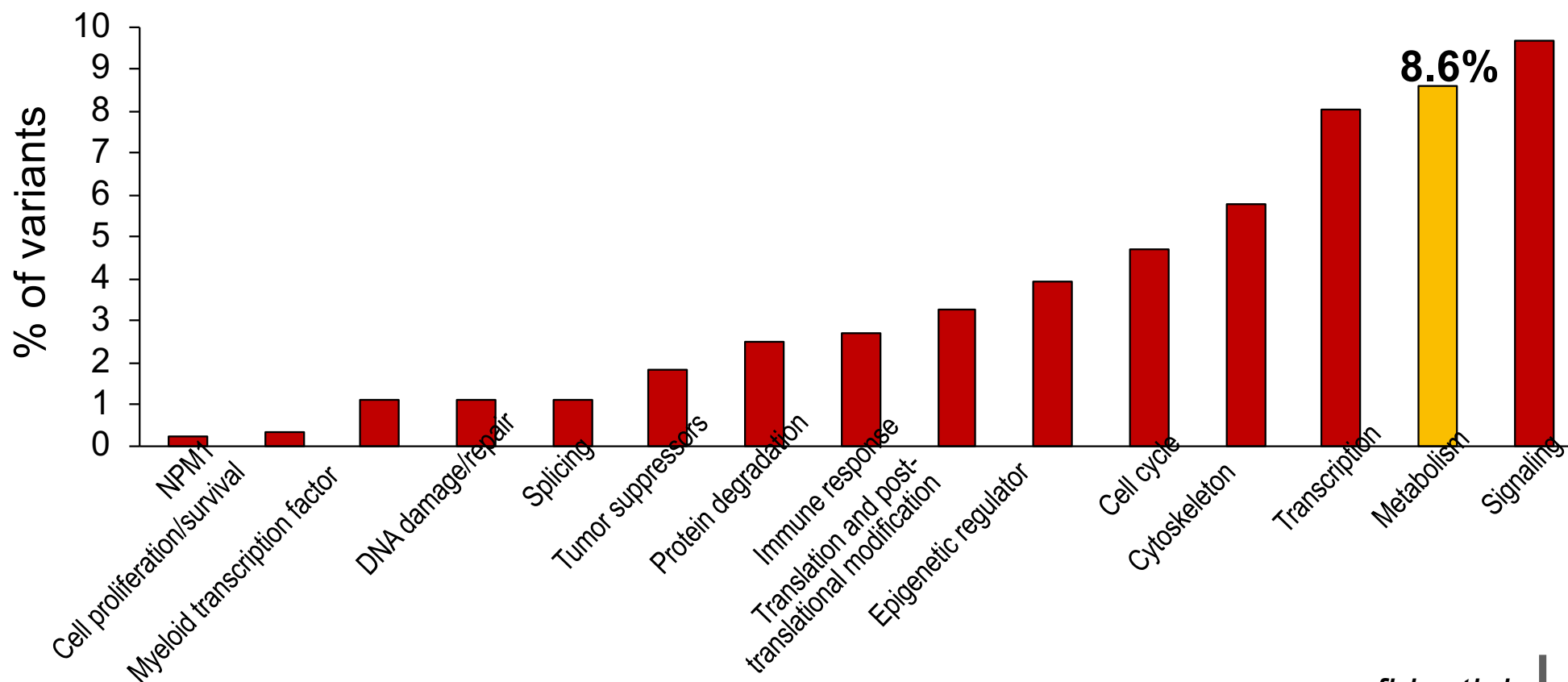


# Principal Component Analysis



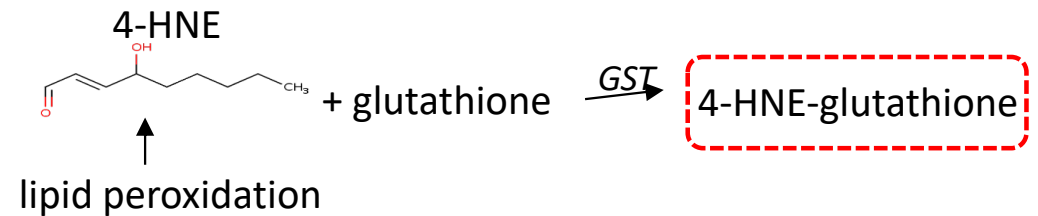
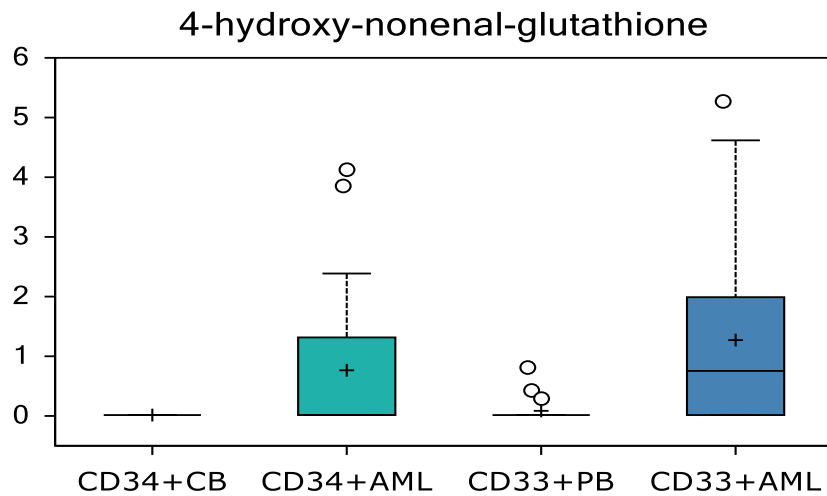


# Metabolism is a novel putative functional category of mutated genes in AML



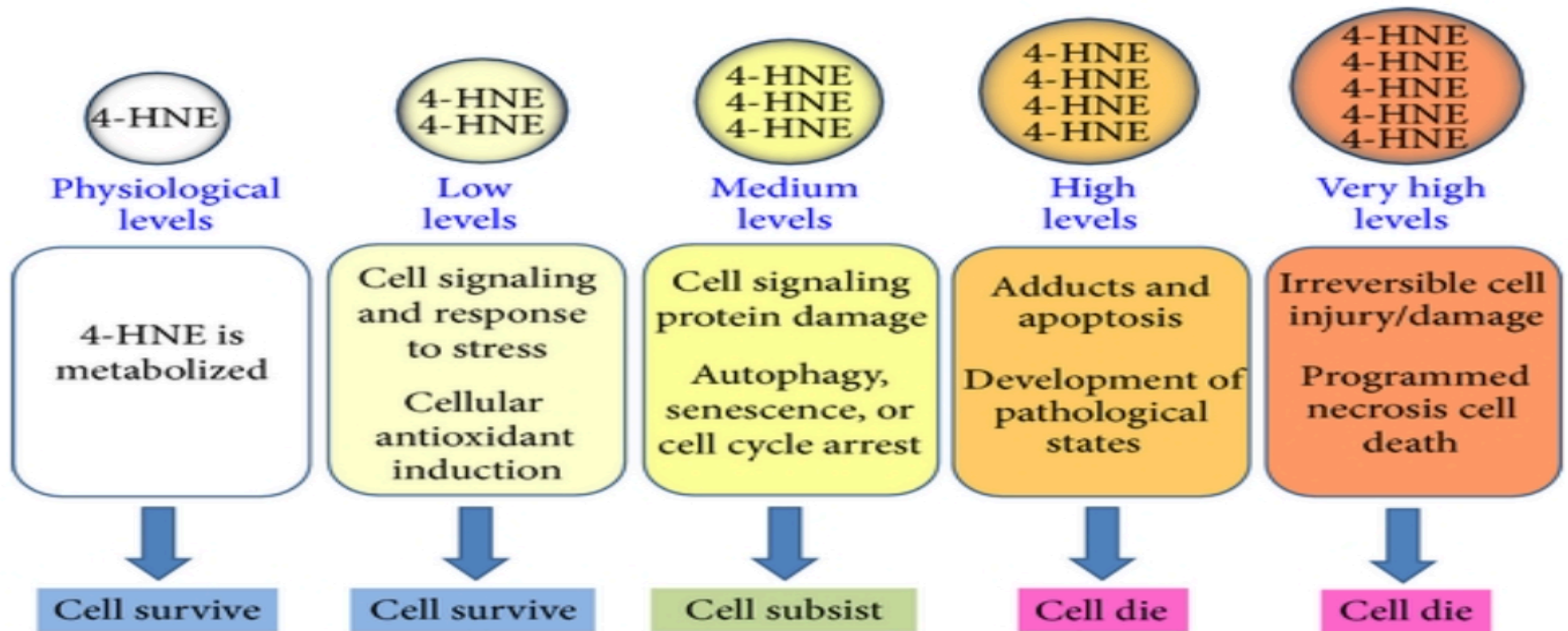
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## Altered Redox Homeostasis: >40 times 4-Hydroxynonenal-Glutathione ( GS-4-HNE)



**Elevated 4-HNE detoxification in the CD34 AML  
increase apoptotic resistance  
(PMID: 15288119).**

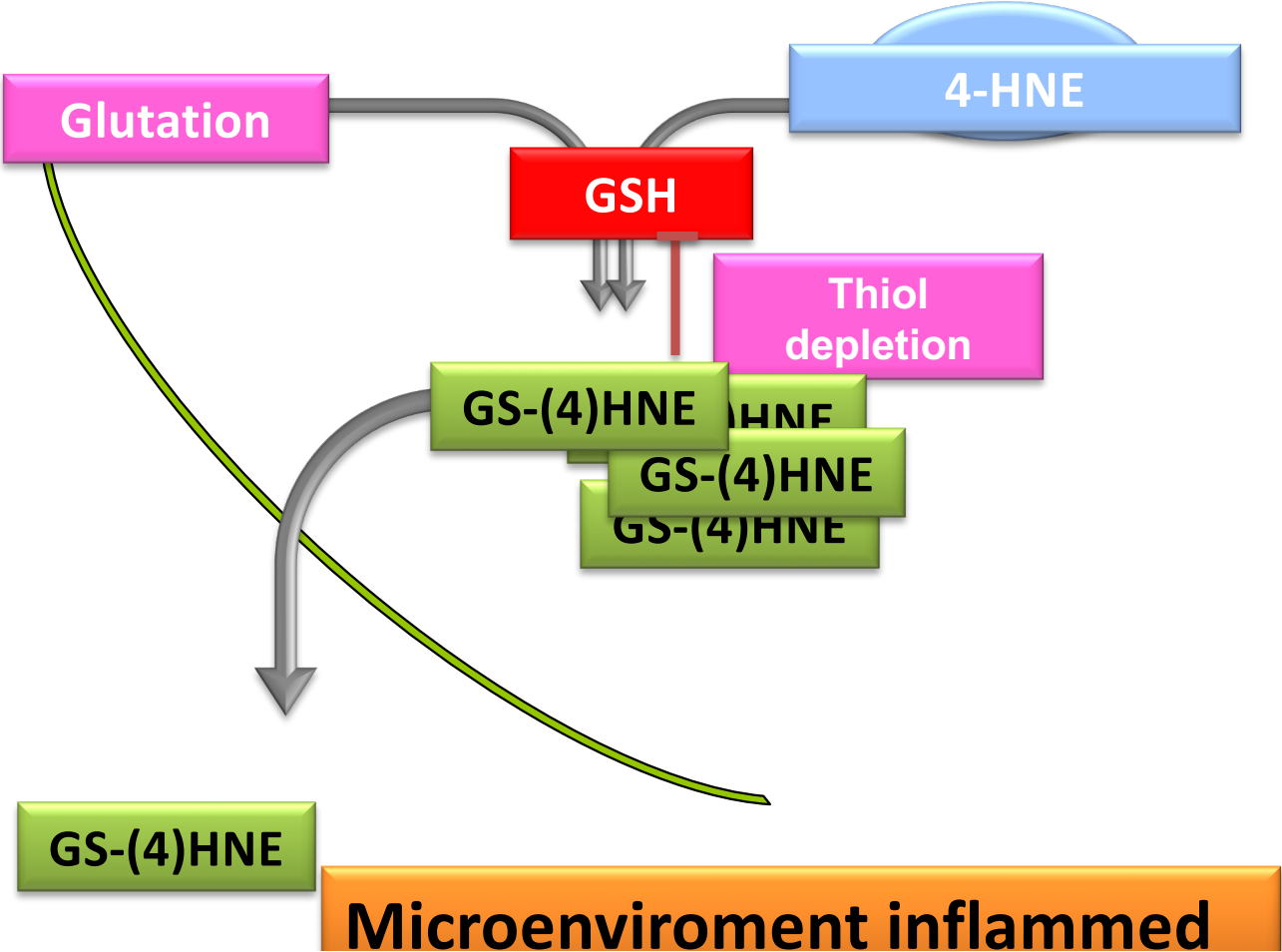
il 4-HNE va rimosso dalla cellula... perche' e' tossico.





While removing 4-HNE...

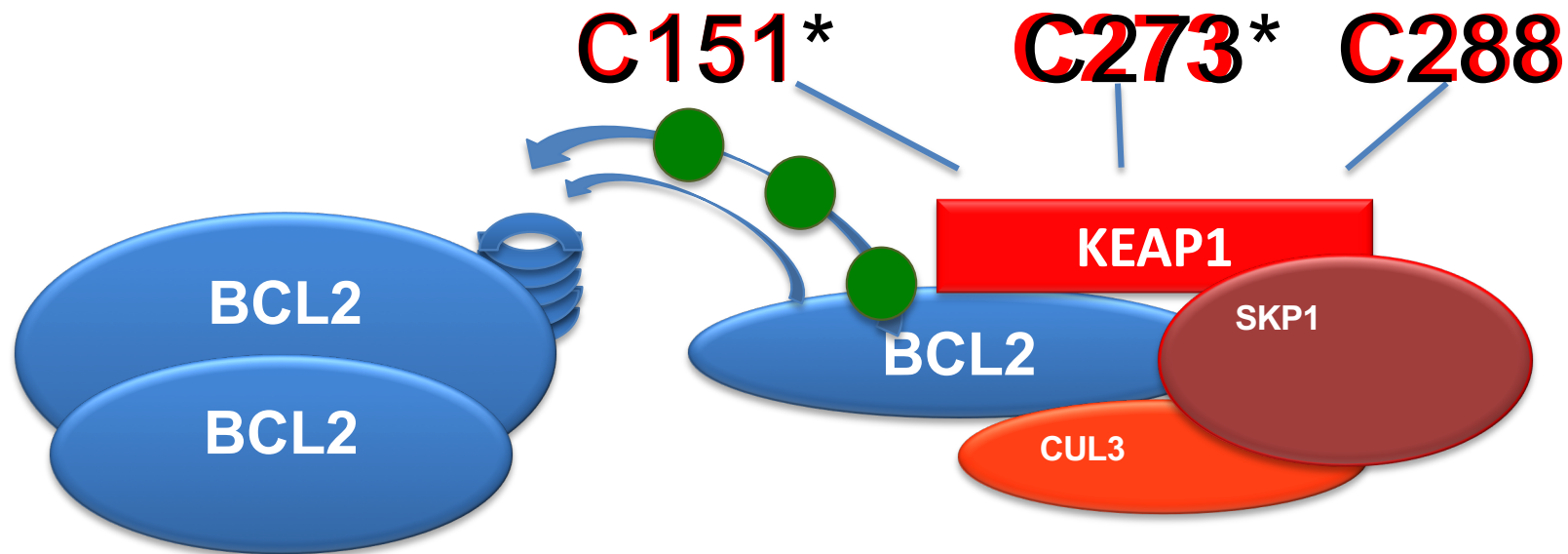
GSH is depleted..



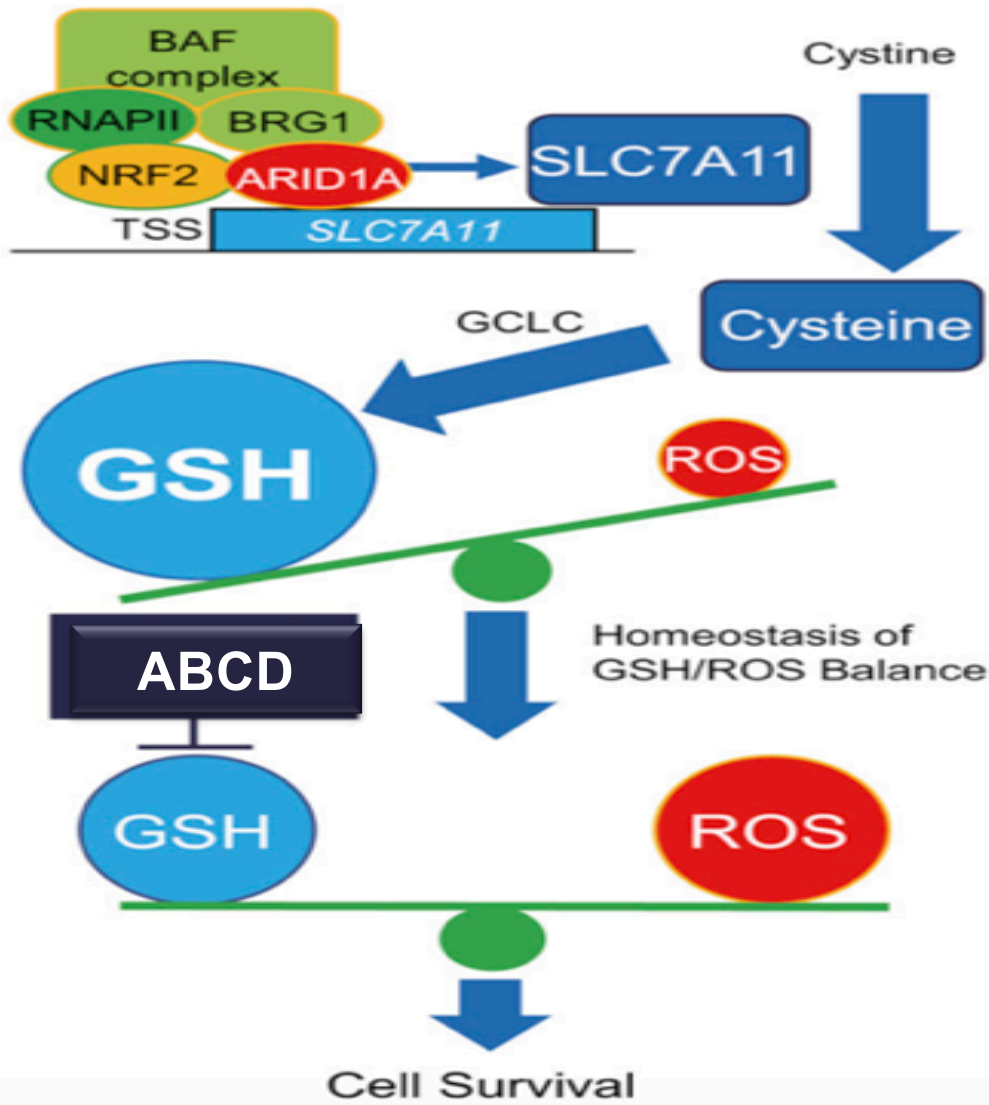
**What's the consequence of  
Thiol depletion?**

**Is 4-HNE related to apoaptosis?  
Is BCL2 involved?**

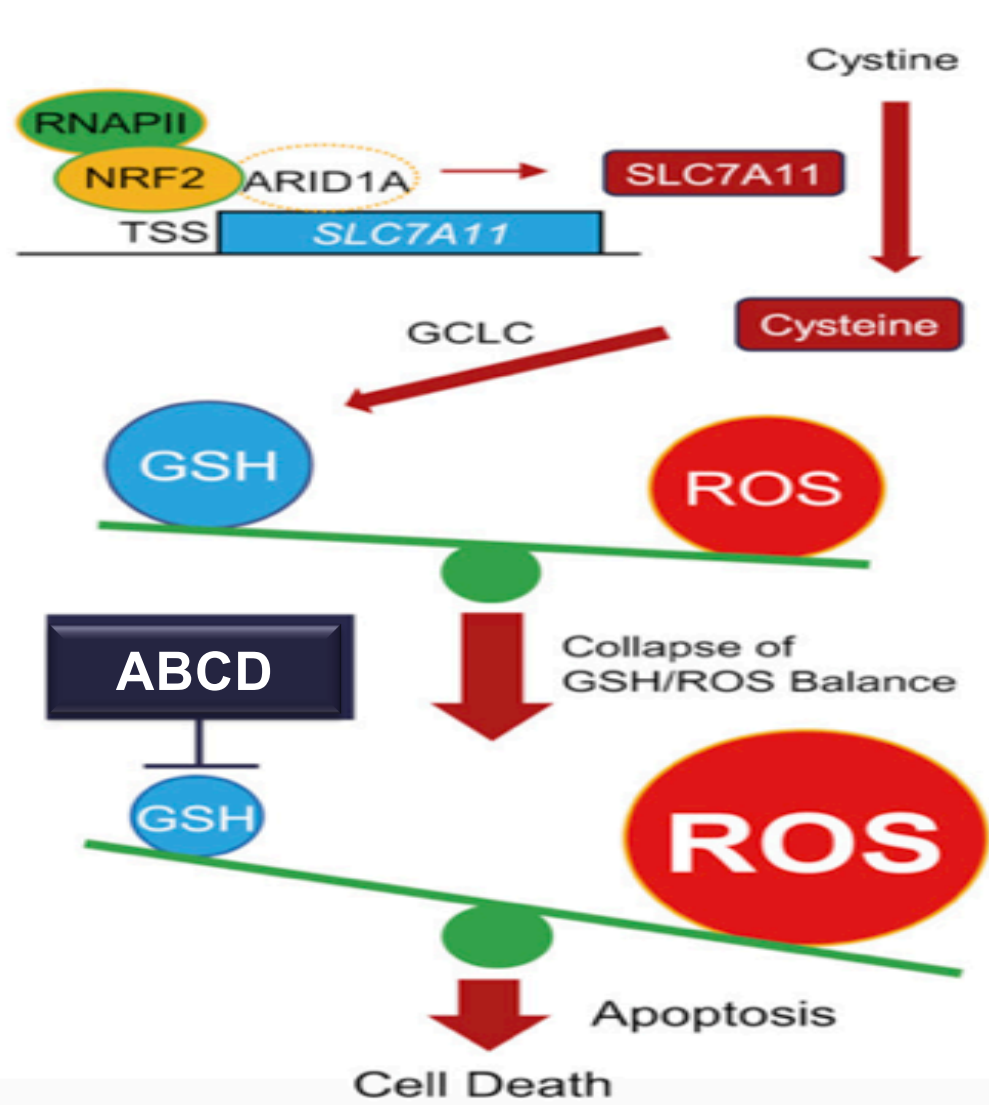
Thiol depletion produces a structural modification of **cysteine**  
C151, C273, e C288 of  
**Keap1**  
a Ubiquitin E-Ligasi-protein



### ARID1A-Proficient Cancer



### ARID1A-Deficient Cancer



# Take-home message

- The metabolic features of AML cells are only partly dependent on their differentiation stage.
- Common and patient-specific metabolic alterations co-operate to the leukemic phenotype.
- Dissecting the link between genomic and metabolic alterations may improve therapeutic strategies and guide clinical decisions (e.g. *IDH1/2* mutations).





# Thank you!

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