

## Summary Session 6

Genetics Revealing the Biology of Myeloid Neoplasms  
(excluding acute leukemias)

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# Grouping of summarized cases

## CML

- Accelerated phase (AP) and blast crisis (BC) with unusual genetics
- CML with Ph- MPN or other hematological neoplasms

## Ph- MPN with unusual genetic and molecular findings

- Suggesting overlap with MDS or MDS/MPN
- In progression and transformation

## MDS/MPN with unusual genetic and molecular findings

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# Chronic myelogenous leukemia

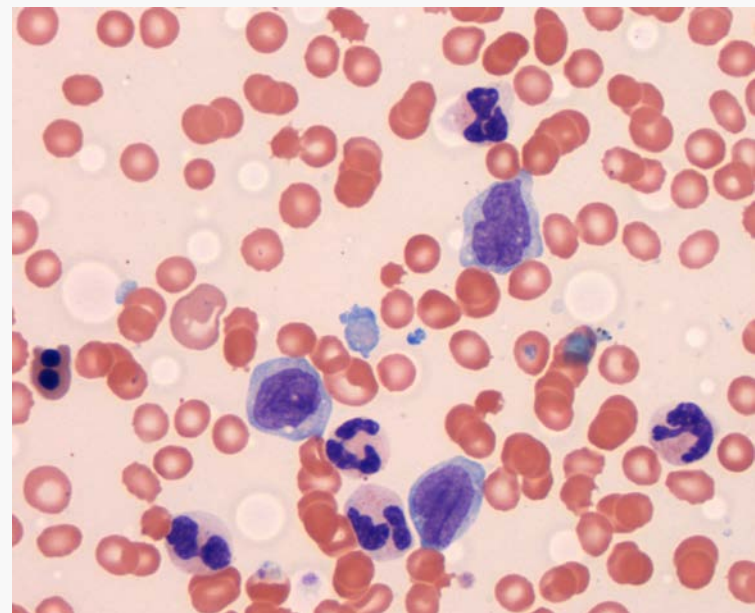
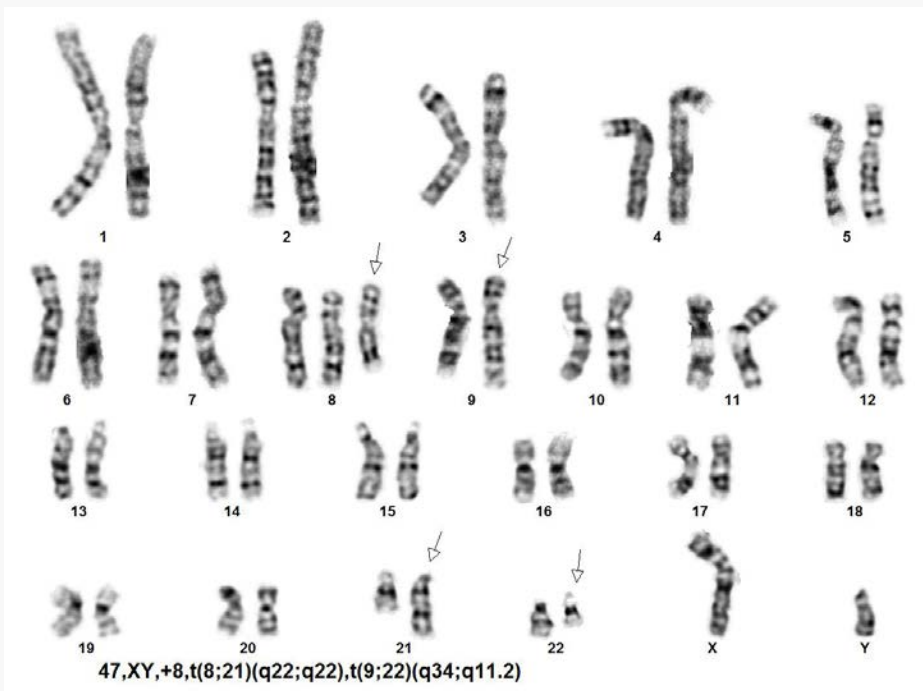
## unusual phenotypic or genetic findings in progression

Case	Submitter	Panel Dx
59	Nejati, R	CML, BCR-ABL1+, AP (with MYC rearrangement)
68	Al-Ghamdi, Y	CML, BCR-ABL1+, BC with PML-RARA
182	Yin, C	CML, BCR-ABL1+, in T lymphoid blast crisis
185	Li, S	CML, BCR-ABL1+ in myeloid blast crisis [with inv(16)]
215	Wasserman, A	CML, BCR-ABL1+ in myeloid BC [with t(8;21)]
257	Thakral, B	CML, BCR-ABL1+ in B-lymphoid BC (CRLF2 rearrangement)

# CML blast crisis with unusual genetic findings

CML BC with AML-type translocations are frequently associated with blast morphology/phenotype typical for genetic alteration

Mostly only few case reports



#0185, Li, CML BC with inv(16)

# Chronic myelogenous leukemia associated with other hematologic neoplasms

Case	Submitter	Panel Dx	Comment
205	Tang, G	1. CML, BCR-ABL1+ in CP 2. CLL	
298	Viswanathan, K	1. CML, BCR-ABL1+ in CP 2. CLL	
149	Xia, D	1. CML, BCR-ABL1+ in CP 2. ET	<i>CALR</i> 52 bp del.
231	Soderquist, C	1. CML, BCR-ABL1+ in CP 2. ET	<i>JAK2</i> V617F
344	Idrees, A	1. CML, BCR-ABL1+ in AP 2. ET	<i>JAK2</i> V617F (at onset)

# Ph+ CML and MPN with JAK2 or CALR mutation

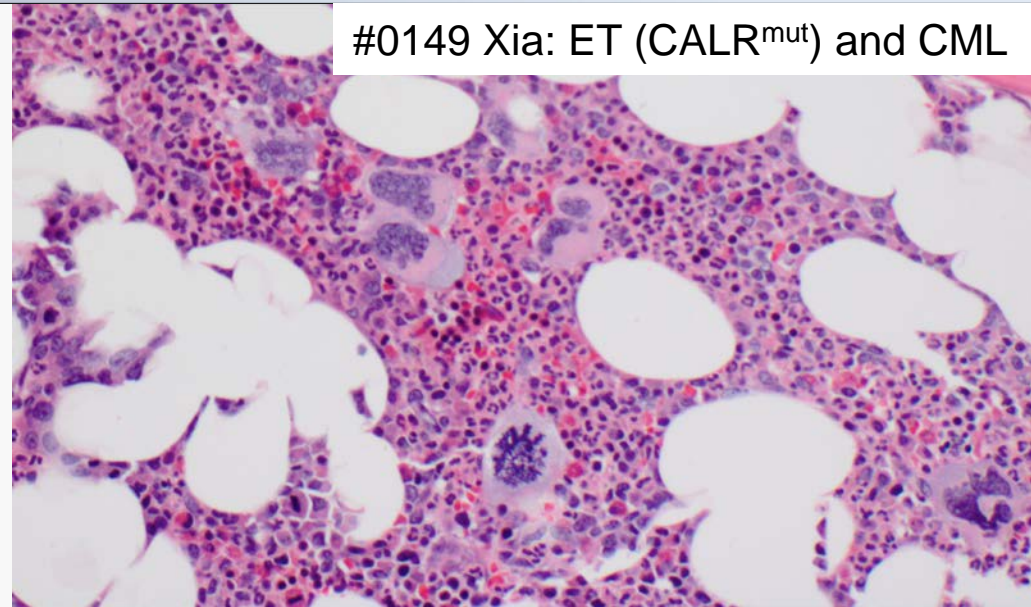
Probably both present in same population as well as separate clones

Temporal sequence of mutations variable:

- CML may appear at later time
- Treatment with TKI unmasks second clone

Clinical and morphological changes suggestive of second MPN

BM biopsy and molecular studies necessary to discern from TKI resistance or CML/CNL-like progression



# Ph- Myeloproliferative Neoplasms

## Unusual genetic findings

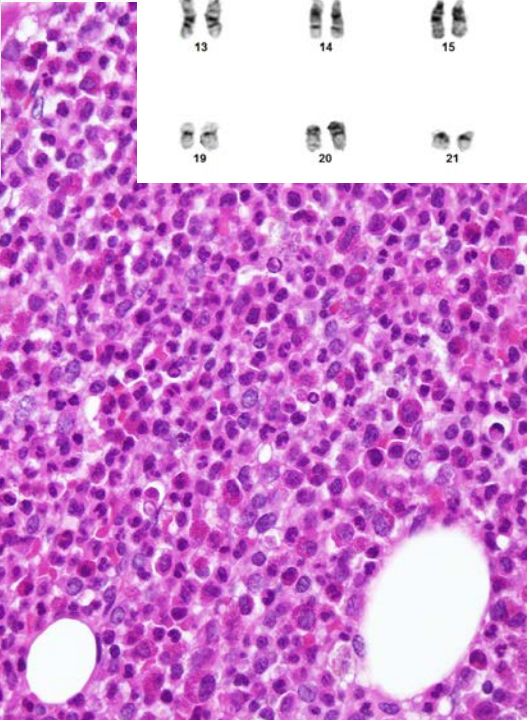
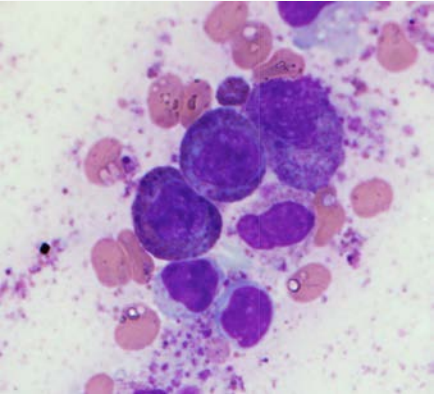
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84	Qualtieri, J	MPN-U (with MYC rearrangement)	
229	Omman, R	MPN-U ( <u>with likely germline JAK2 SNP</u> )	JAK2 G571S described as germline SNP
250	Thakral, B	Pre-fibrotic PMF (with non-canonical MPL mutation)	<i>MPL</i> S204P prev. identified as somatic in MPN
303	Chan, A	MPN-U (with ETV6-ABL1 rearrangement) and progression to blast crisis	ETV6-ABL1 in ALL and aCML-like MDS/MPN
340	Bradley, K	MPN-U (with ETV6-ABL1 rearrangement)	“
375	Mayordomo-Aranda, E	CNL (with PTPN11 mutation)	

# MPN-U with t(9;12)/ETV6-ABL1

## #303 Chan MPN-U

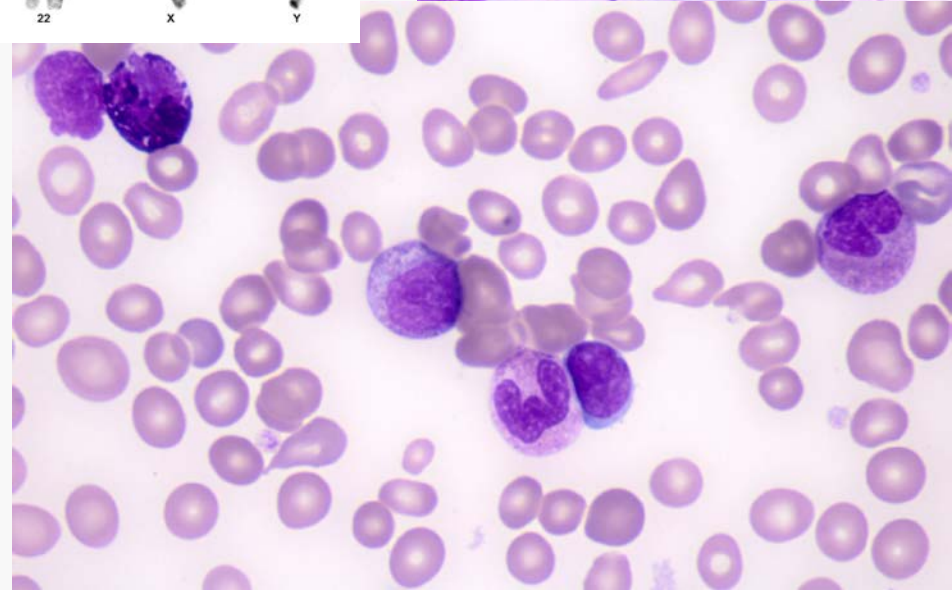
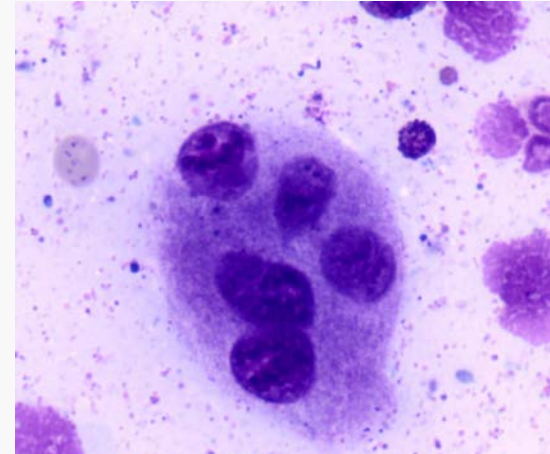
with massive thrombocytosis,  
increase in atypical eo/baso

Progression to AML with baso-  
philic differentiation



## #0340 Bradley

MPN-U with leukocytosis with  
CML-like PB, abnormal basophils





# Neoplasms with ETV6-ABL1

Results from t(9;12) or complex rearrangements, may be missed by cytogenetics, requires at least 3 chromosomal breaks

50% are B-ALL (<1% of all cases), predominantly in children

50% myeloid neoplasms (mostly MPN, some AML) strongly reminiscent of BCR-ABL1+ CML

Eosinophilia virtually constant feature in ETV6-ABL1+ MPN

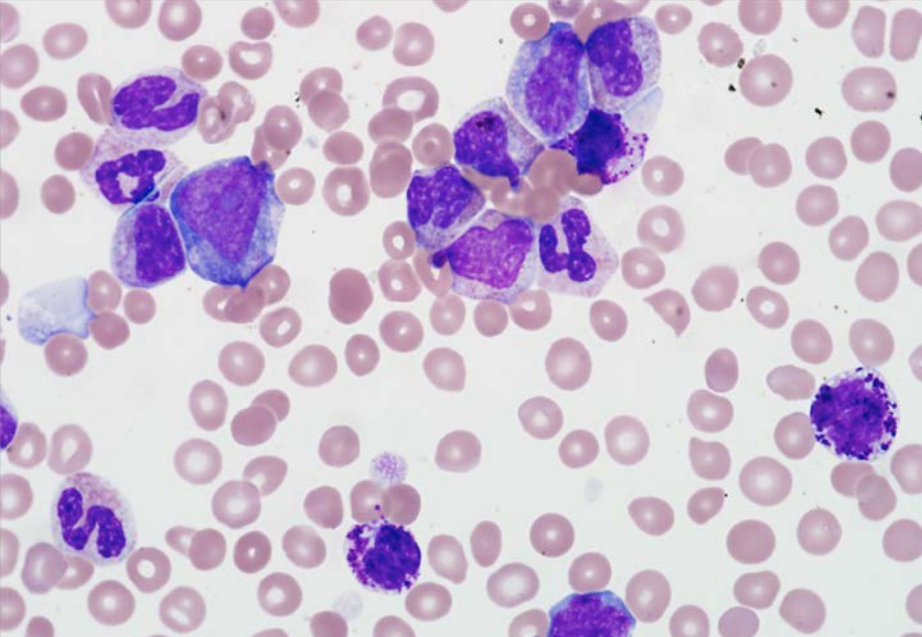
Poor prognosis, MPN responsive to imatinib/nilotinib

Zalilova et al, Haematologica 2016; Reiter & Gottlib, Blood 2017

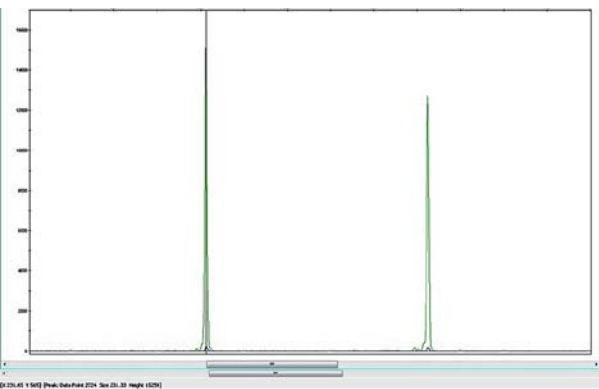
# Myeloproliferative Neoplasms

Genetic findings suggesting overlap with MDS/MPN or MDS  
Progression of Ph- MPN

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238	Boiocchi, L	Pre-fibrotic PMF (with RS and SF3B1 mutation)	<i>JAK2 V617F, SF3B1 K666N</i>
255	Nakashima, M	Essential thrombocythemia with del(5q)	<i>JAK2 V617F, 5q-</i>
29	Vasef, M	Post-ET MF in blast phase	<i>MPL W515R CALR 52pb del</i>
166	Teruya-Feldstein, J	PMF, overt fibrotic stage, in accelerated phase	<i>JAK2 V617F Del 20q</i>
207	Nam, A	Post-ET MF in accelerated phase with CMML-like monocytosis	<i>JAK2 V617F (at onset only)</i>

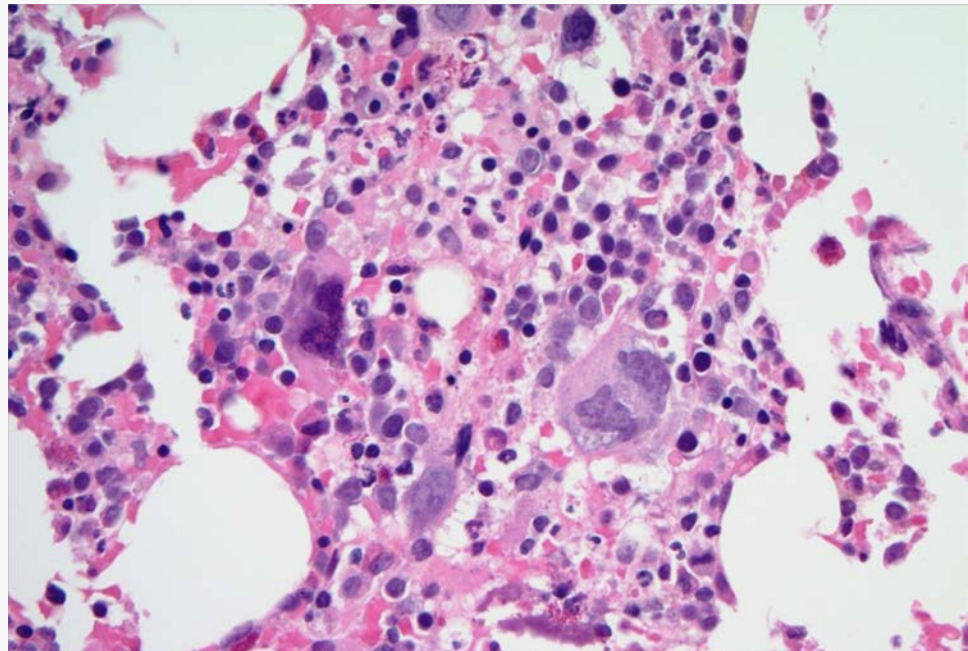
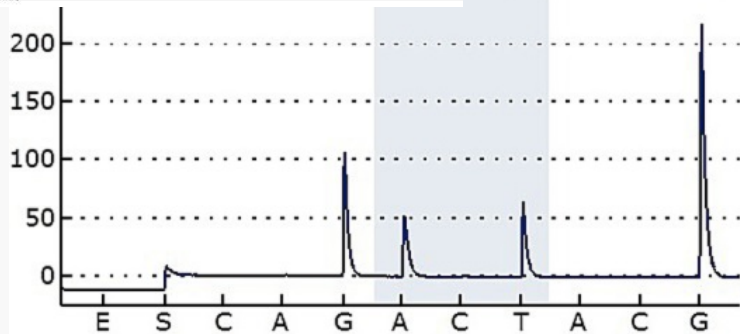


#0029 Vasef: post-ET MF with progression BC

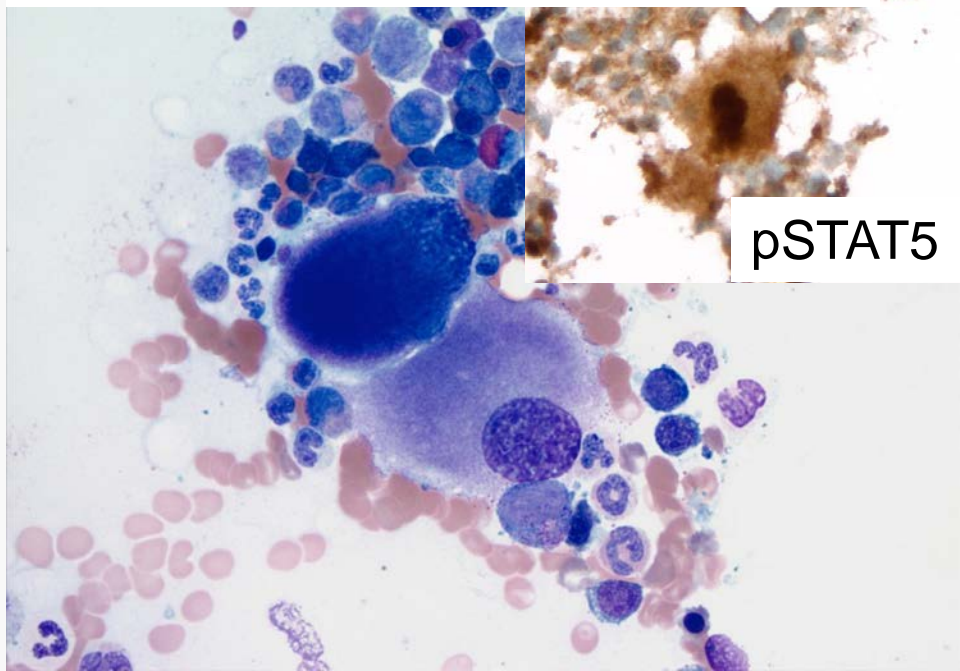


CALR 52 bp del

MPL 515



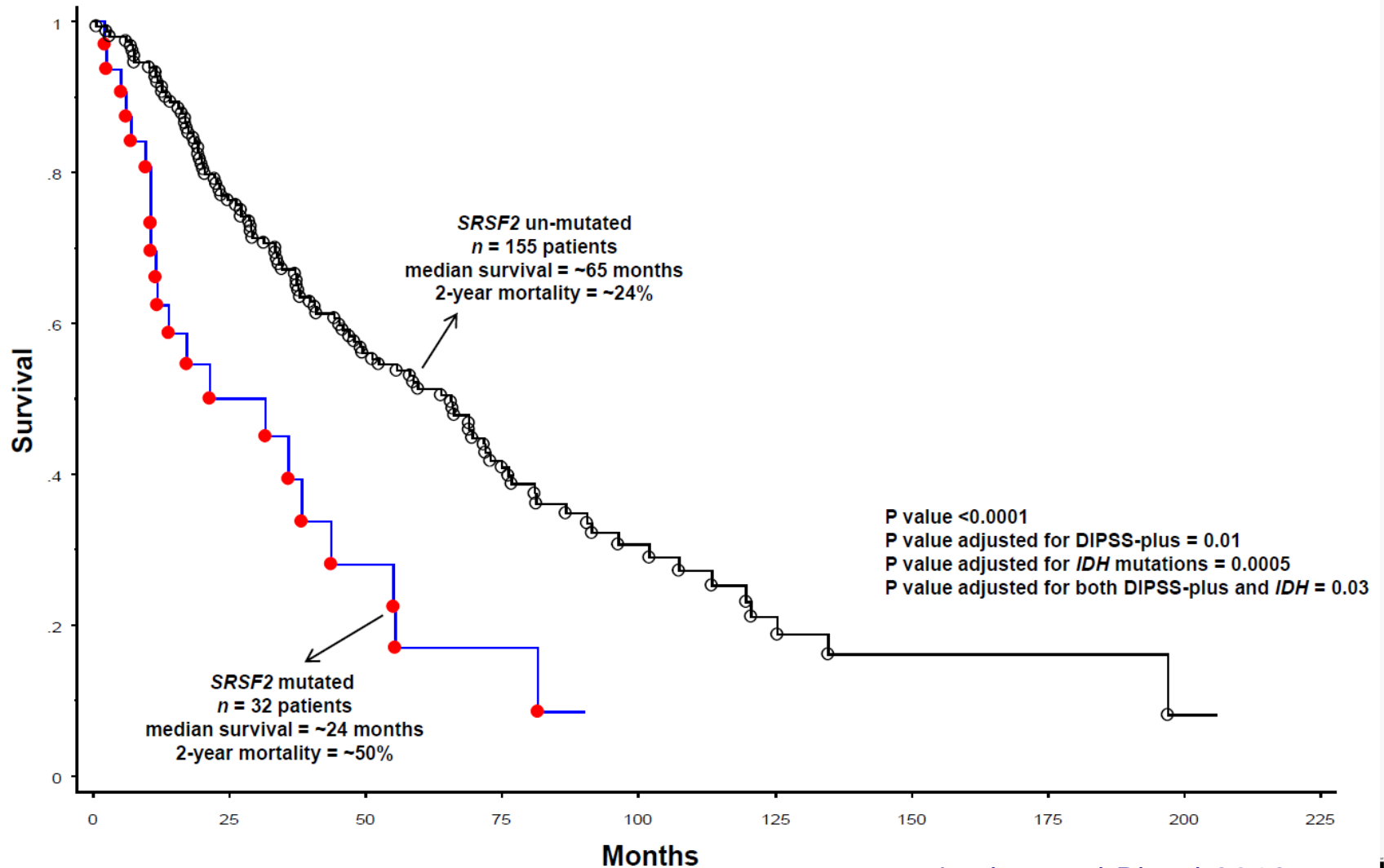
#0255 Nakashima, ET with 5q- and JAK2<sup>mut</sup>  
Plt 555; Hb11,3, stable course



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# Secondary mutations and prognosis in PMF

## SRSF2 and association with IDH1/2 mutations

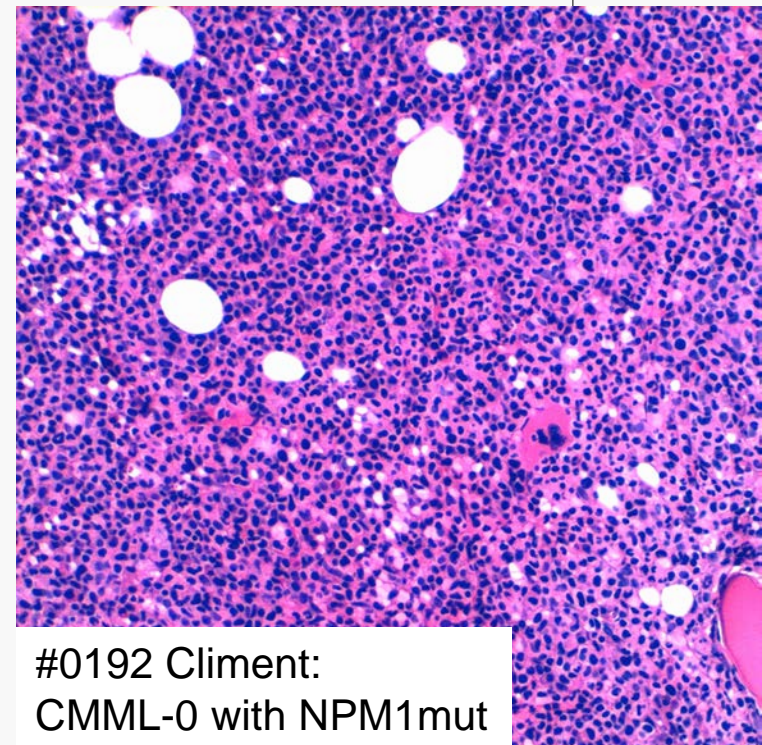
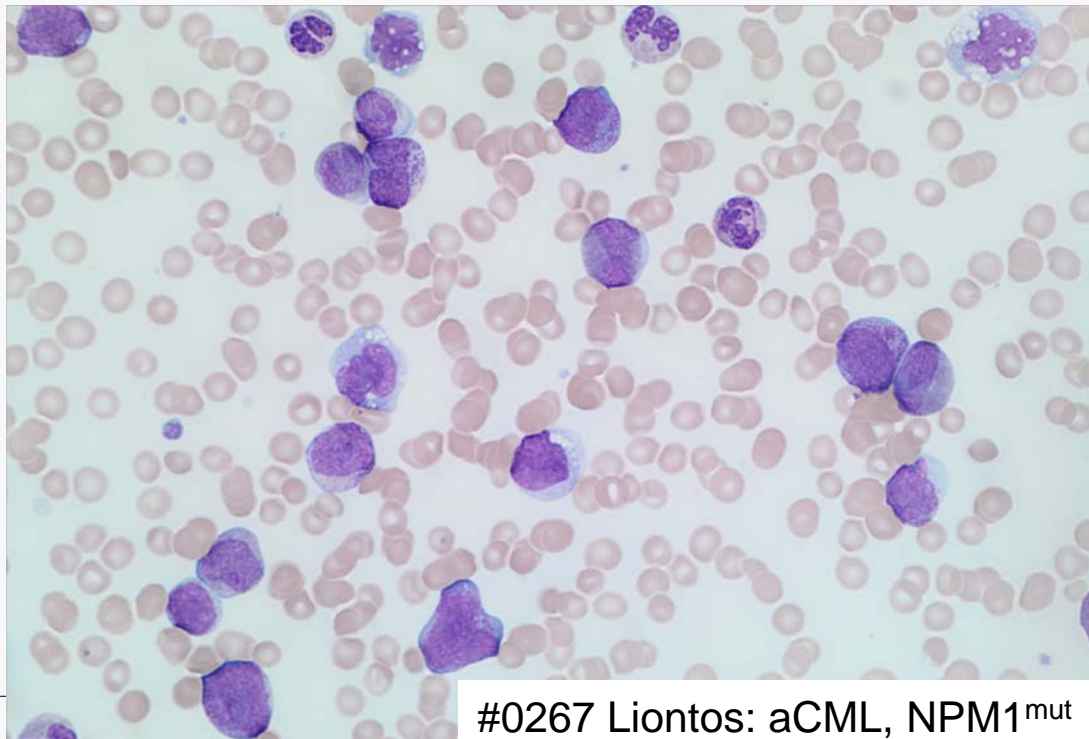
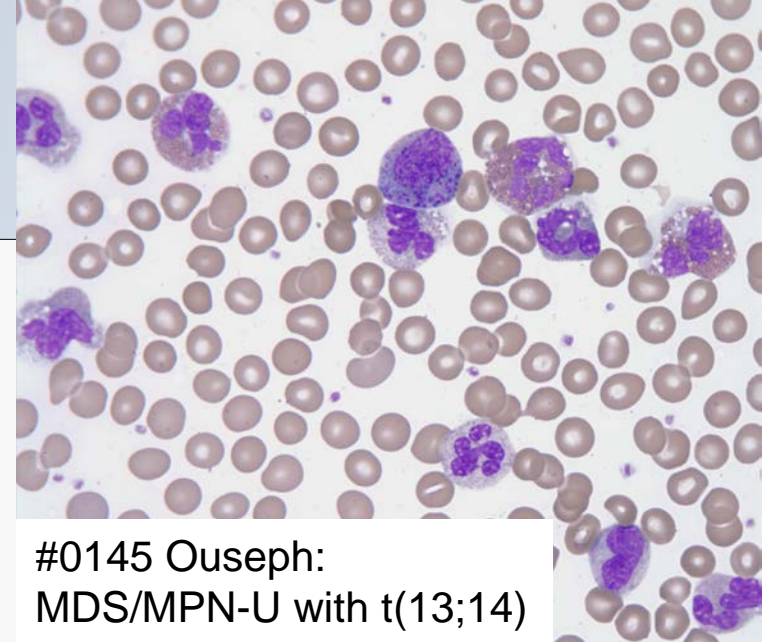


# Myelodysplastic/myeloproliferative Neoplasms and other MN

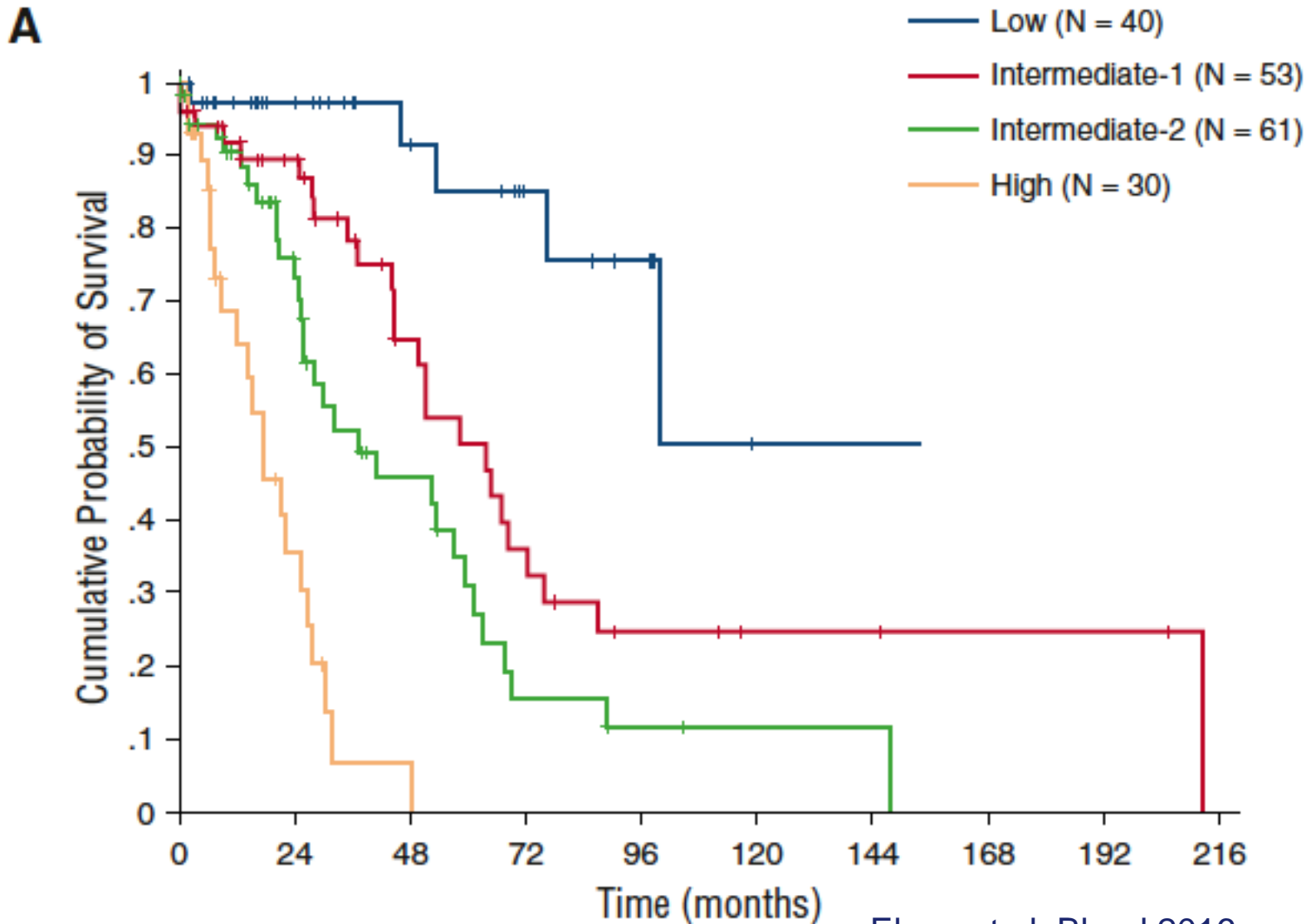
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145	Ouseph, M	MDS/MPN-U progressed to myeloid sarcoma
192	Climent, F	CMML-0 ( <u>with <i>NPM1</i> mutation</u> )
267	Liontos, L	aCML, BCR-ABL1 negative
355	Chen, W	MDS/MPN-U (with ETV-ACSL6 rearrangement)
372	Alvares, C	MDS/MPN-U (with RUNX1 mutation)
293	Zhou, J	BM: SM-AHN (CMML-0) Skin: BPDCN
353	Oberley, M	Myeloid/lymphoid neoplasm with PDGFRA rearrangement (presenting as T-ALL/LBL)

# MDS/MPN with unusual molecular findings

- NPM1 mutations rare in chronic myeloid disorders
  - <5% of cases of CMML, more frequent evolution to AML
  - Occasionally observed in aCML



# Risk model for CMML integrating mutations for *RUNX1*, *ASXL1*, *SETBP1* and *NRAS*



Elena et al, Blood 2016

# SM-AHM

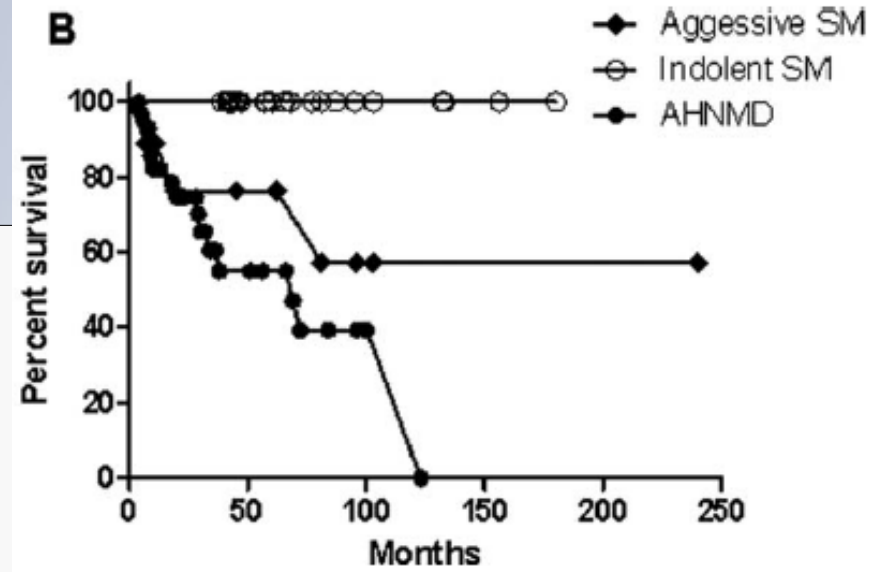
Approximately 40% of SM

Associated with older age, constitutional symptoms and hematological abnormalities, less frequent skin involvement

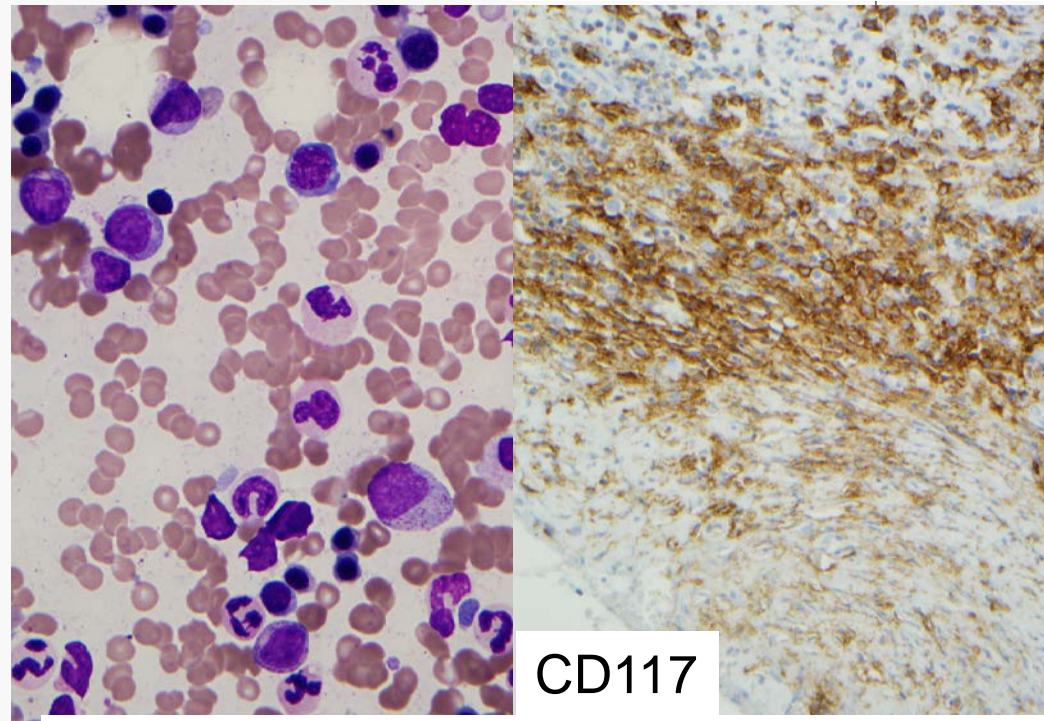
CMML is the most common associated neoplasm (30-40%) and shares genetic abnormalities, whereas lymphoid neoplasms likely represent coincidence

Prognosis worse than for conventional (indolent) SM, due to AHN

Schwaab et al, Blood 2013, Hanssens et al, Haematologica 2014, Federmann et al, Hum Pathol 2013, Wang et al, AJH 2012



Wang SA, Am J Hematol 2012



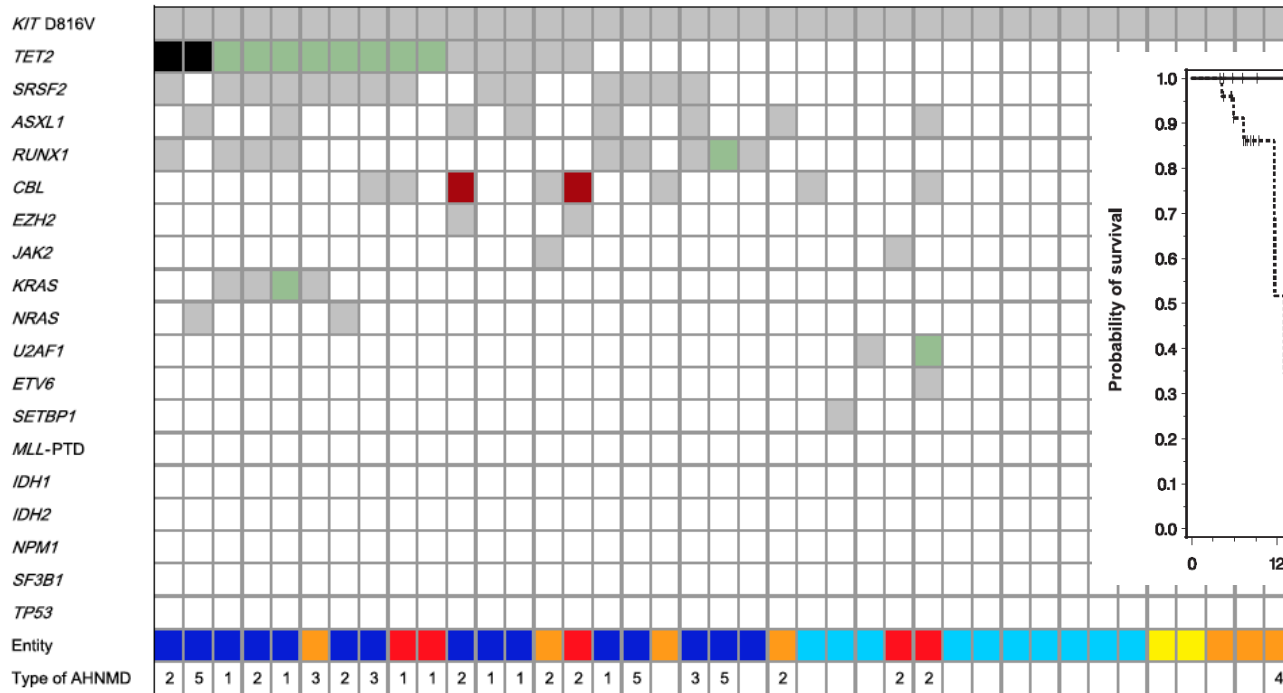
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#0293 Zhou; SM-AHN (CMML-0) and BPDCN

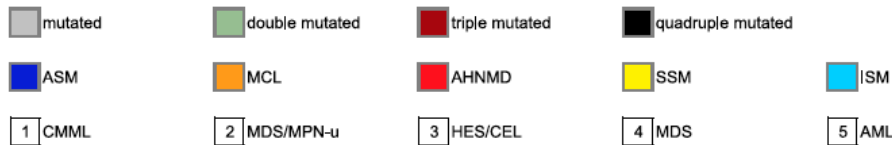
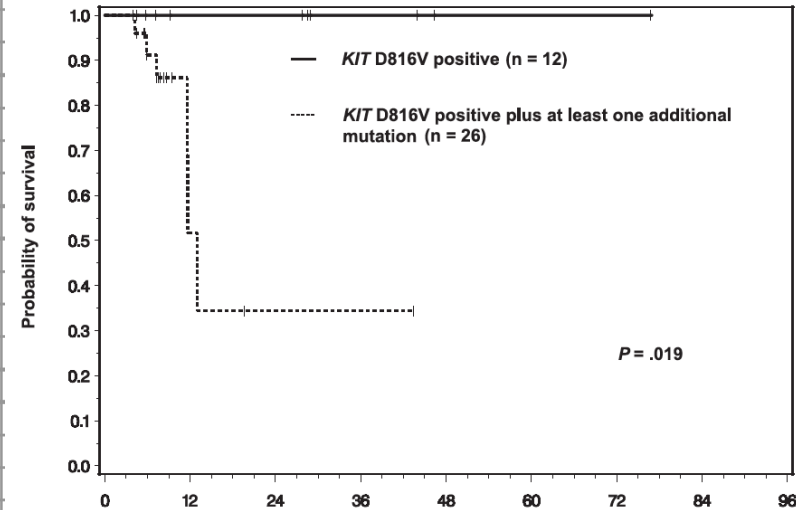


# Additional mutations have significant impact on survival in SM

## SM-AHN usually shows additional mutations



Schwaab et al, Blood 2013



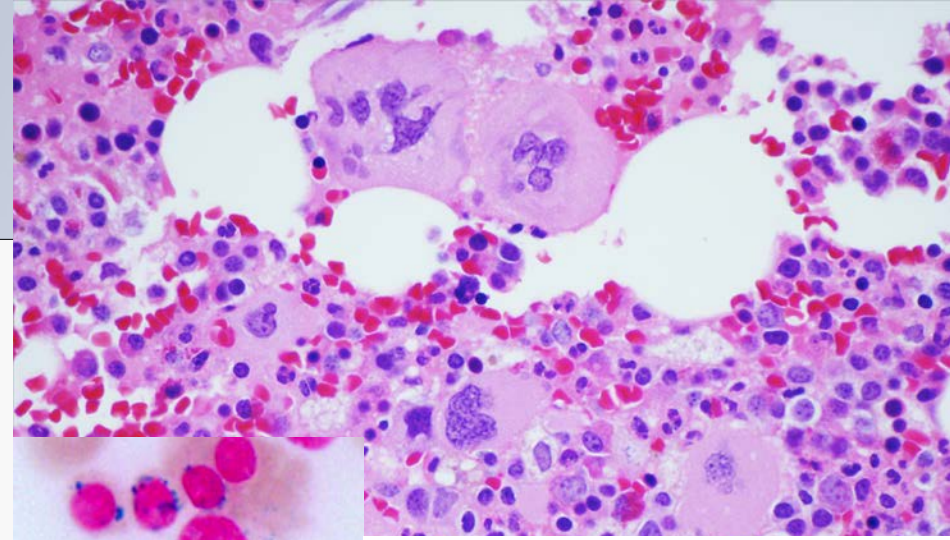
# Myelodysplastic syndromes

with molecular findings suggesting overlap with MPN or MDS/MPN

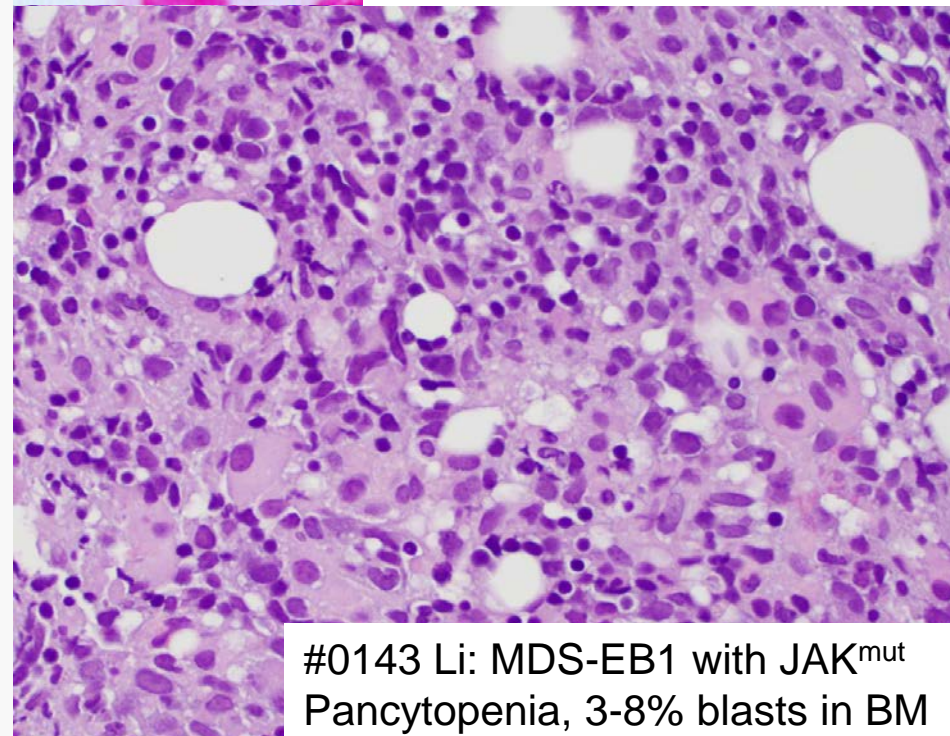
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61	Zheng, G	MDS with isolated del(5q)(with <i>JAK2</i> mutation)	<i>JAK2</i> V617F 5q-
140	Baste, N	MDS with isolated del(5q) (with non-canonical <i>MPL</i> mutation)	<i>MPL</i> Y591D, <i>TET2</i> (2x) and <i>ASXL1</i> mut 5q-
143	Li, S	MDS-EB1 (with <i>JAK2</i> mutation)	<i>JAK2</i> V617F
159	Lewis, N	Myeloid neoplasm with features of both MDS with isolated del(5q) and MDS/MPN-RS-T	<i>MPL</i> W515S <i>SF3B1</i> K666Q
239	Boiocchi, L	1. MDS-RS-SLD (with <i>JAK2</i> mutation) 2. MGUS	<i>JAK2</i> V617F <i>SF3B1</i> T663I

## *JAK2* in MDS and MDS/MPN other than MDS/MPN-RS-T

- *JAK2* V617F mutation occurs in 3-5% of MDS – no prognostic impact
- May reside in subclone/separate clone
- Diagnosis of MDS/MPN-RS-T requires thrombocytosis  $\geq 450$  K and  $\geq 15\%$  RS
- MDS/MPN-RS-T frequently associated with *JAK2* V617F, less common with *CALR* or *MPL* mutation
- *CALR* and *MPL* mutations usually associated with thrombocytosis



#0239 Boiocchi: MDS-RS-SLD  
(with *JAK2*<sup>mut</sup>, *SF3B1*<sup>mut</sup>)  
Plt 110-125; mild splenomegaly



#0143 Li: MDS-EB1 with *JAK*<sup>mut</sup>  
Pancytopenia, 3-8% blasts in BM

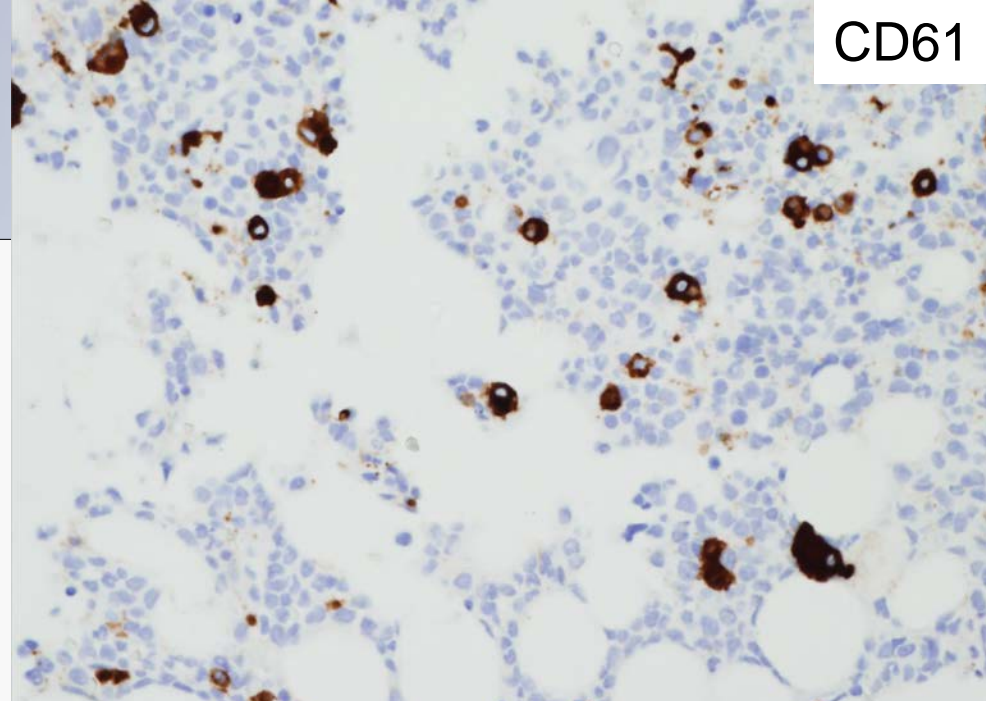
# Myelodysplastic syndromes

with unusual clinical and/or molecular findings

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244	Mroz, P	MD-EB2 and clonally-related mediastinal malignant germ cell tumor	<i>i(12)(p10)</i>
249	El Hussein, S	MDS-MLD	<i>Inv(12)</i>
321	Hidalgo-Lopez, J	SM-AHN (CMML-0) followed by MDS-MLD (donor derived)	
330	Stuart, L	MDS-MLD (donor derived)	<i>DNMT3A</i> R882C

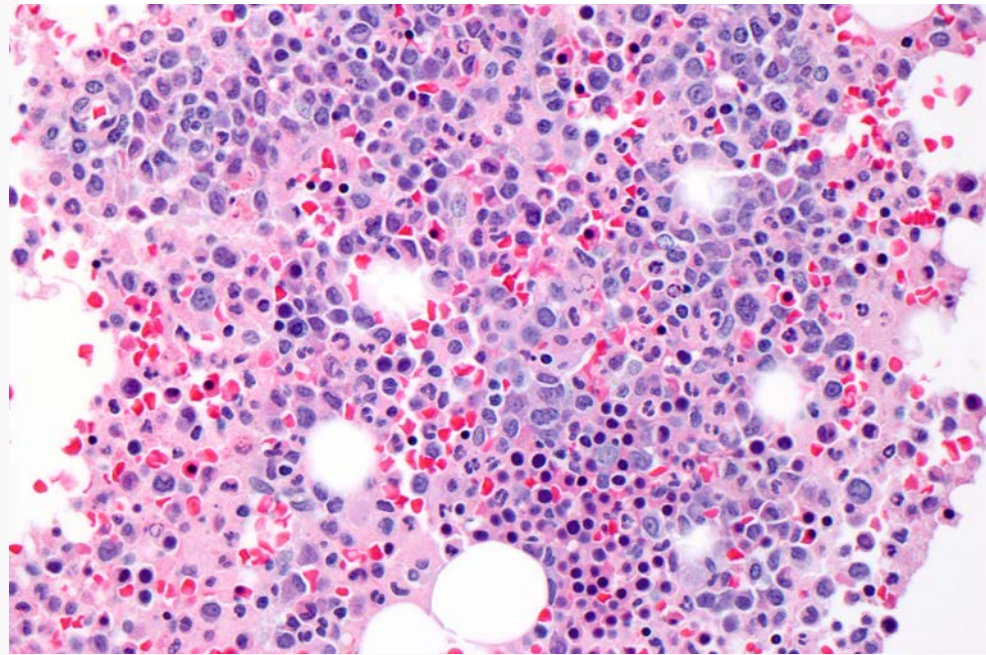
# Myeloid neoplasms of donor origin

- Cytopenias are common after SCT
  - Reactive, e.g. infections or toxicities
  - Poor engraftment
  - Relapse
- Donor-derived MDS/AL rare
  - 0.5% of SCT recipients
  - May be due to unrecognized germline mutations
- Donor-engrafted CHIP is common among SCT recipients with unexplained cytopenias (Gibson et al, Blood 2017)
- Cytogenetics and mutational analysis may aid in diagnosing donor related MN



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#0330 Stuart: MDS-MLD donor derived



# What is the role of extended genetic testing in myeloid neoplasms with chronic evolution?

## Indications

- Diagnostic
- Prognostic
- Predictive

## Time points for testing

- At diagnosis
- Before starting therapy
- At relapse/progression/transformation
- After allo-TX

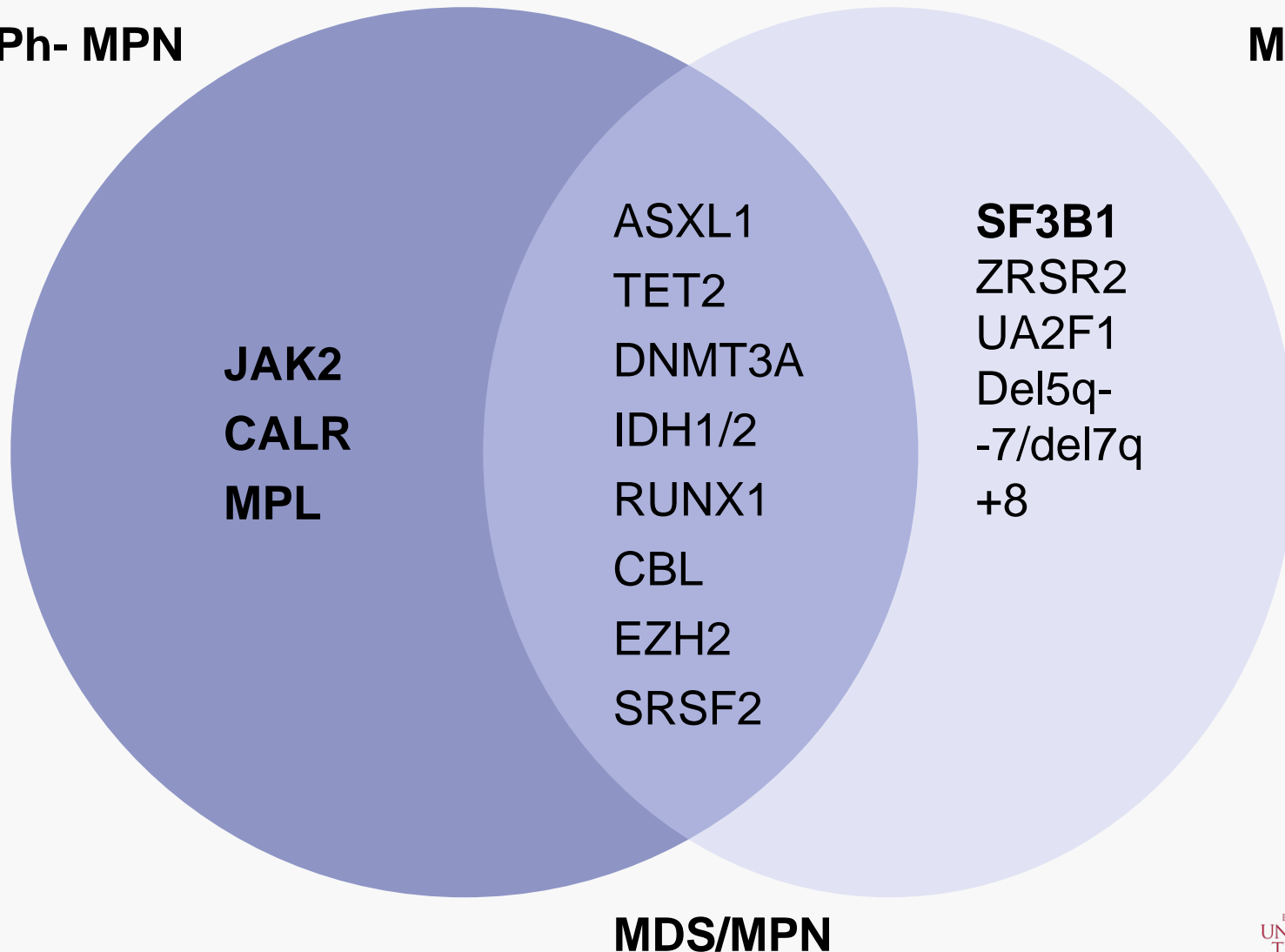
# What is the role of extended genetic testing in myeloid neoplasms with chronic evolution?

Diagnostic	Examples for indications	Limitations
Confirmation of MN	MDS with borderline dysplasia, CMML, early MPN	Separation from CCUS requires integration of other findings
Subtyping of MN	CNL, MDS-RS, MN with atypical features	Lack of specificity of common mutations
MN with clinical/morphological/phe notypical overlap	MN with ring sideroblasts, MDS with fibrosis, SM-AHN...	Overlap result of mutational pattern
MN presenting as suspected AP or BC	Identification of underlying/antecedent chronic myeloid neoplasm (CML, Ph-MPN)	Primary mutation (e.g. JAK2 V617F) may disappear, unusual variants of progression
At progression/transformation/relapse	Identification of resistance mutations (ABL1), clonal evolution	Primary mutation (e.g. JAK2 V617F) may disappear, unusual variants of progression
After allo-SCT	Relapse vs. second neoplasm	CHIP may also occur in transplant

# The mutational profile is insufficient to define disease entities

Ph- MPN

MDS





# Extended genetic testing in CML

## Chronic phase

- Test for JAK2/MPL/CALR in cases with unusual clinical or morphological features or change during TKI therapy

## Blast crisis/accelerated phase

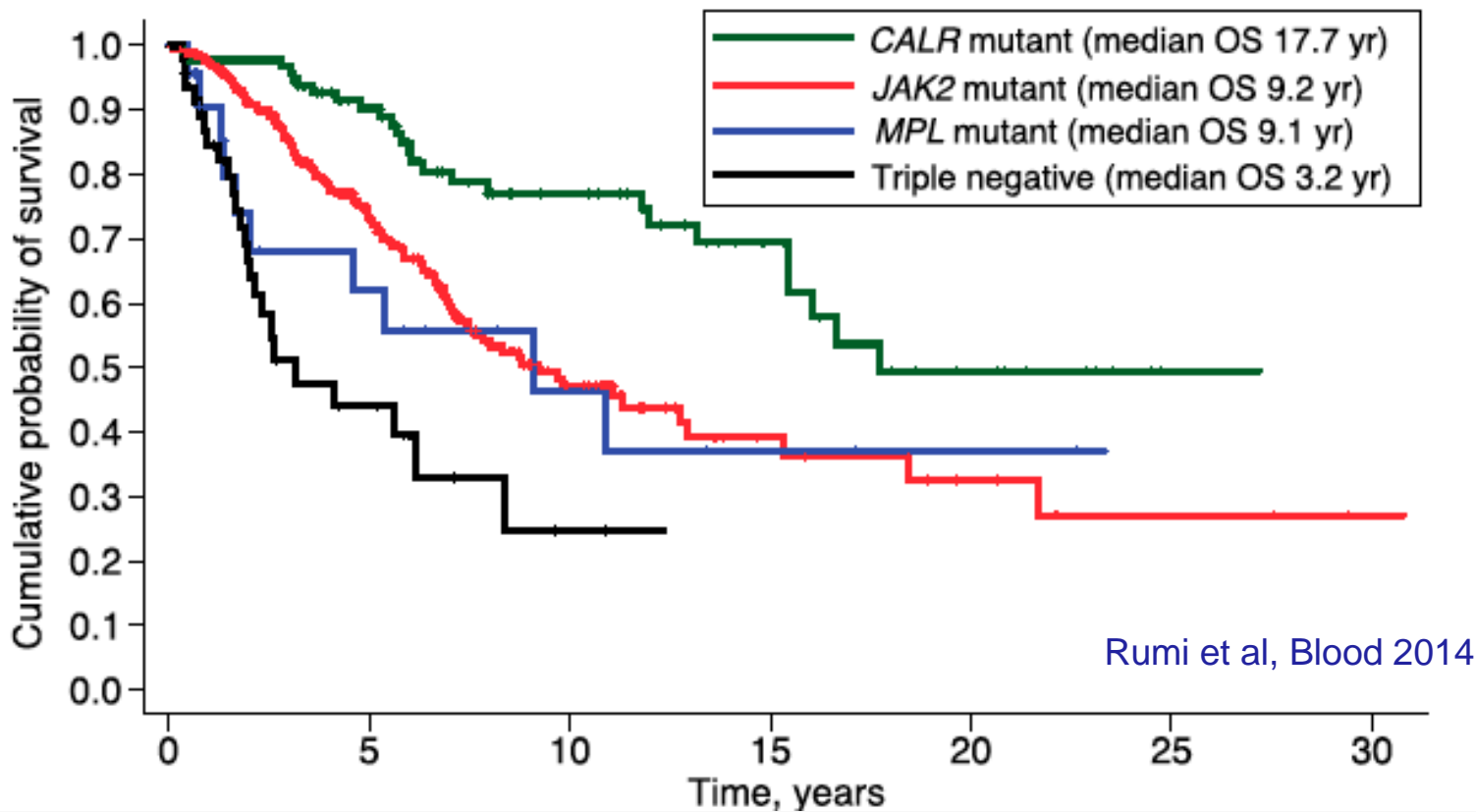
- Cytogenetics may reveal secondary alterations amenable for specific therapies
- Check for ABL1 mutations may not be enough in TKI resistance

## MPN with CML-like features and negativity for BCR/ABL

- PDGFRA/B translocations
- ETV6-ABL1 translocations
- Mutations frequent in CNL and aCML (SETBP1, CSF3R..)

# Genetic testing in Ph- MPN

## Driver mutations and prognosis of Ph-



- CALR mutated PMF has superior diagnosis, “triple-negative” PMF the worst prognosis, even if corrected for age
- Different prognostic impact of type 1 and type 2 CALR mutations
- Determination of JAK2, CALR and MPL status essential for prognostication

# What is the role of other mutations in Ph- MPN?

Mutation	Prevalence	Prognostic Impact
<i>JAK2</i> Exon 12	5% PV	
<i>MPL</i> W515K/L	5-10% PMF, 1-6% ET; 0% PV	
<i>CALR</i> Ex. 9 frameshift	25-33% ET; 25-35% PMF; 0% PV	Good
„triple negative“	5-10% of ET and PMF	Poor
<i>CSF3R</i> T618I	Chronic neutrophilic leukemia (60-100%)	
<i>SETBP1</i>	Atypical CML (25-30%)	
<b>Other mutations</b>	<b>not restricted to MPN</b>	
<i>ASXL1</i>	7% PV, 4% ET, 22% PMF	Poor (PMF)
<i>SRSF2</i>	8-17% PMF	Poor (PMF)
<i>DNMT3A</i>	7% PV, 3% ET, 15% PMF	Frequent in CHIP
<i>EZH2</i>	8% PMF	Poor (PMF)
<i>IDH1/2</i>	2-4% in MPN	Poor
<i>TET2</i>	16% PV, 4% ET, 14% PMF	
<i>CBL</i>	8% PMF, others rare	

# Extended genetic testing in Ph- MPN

## Diagnostic markers

- JAK2, CALR, MPL
- In triple negative cases, include non-canonical mutations
- Check for BCR/ABL1 in case of CML/CNL-like progression
- Assess SF3B1 if ring sideroblasts are encountered
- Overlap cases: look for CNL/aCML-type mutations

## Prognostic markers

- Important disease modifiers (*ASXL1*, *SRSF2*, *IDH2*....)
- Risk markers for transformation/progression (*RUNX1*, TP53(?))

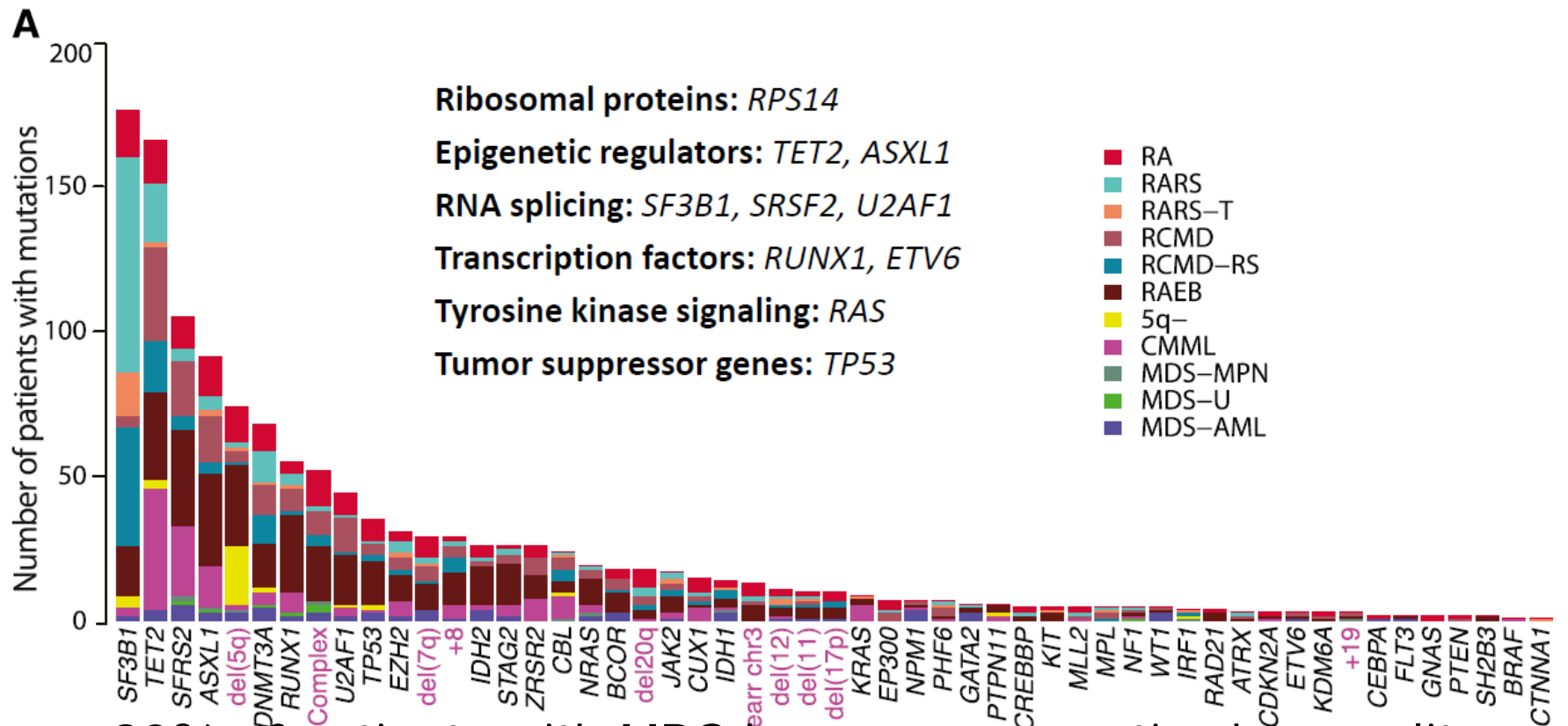
## Predictive markers?

# Somatic mutations in MDS

## HIGH-THROUGHPUT TARGETED GENE RESEQUENCING IN MDS

PAPAEEMMANUIL et al

BLOOD, 21 NOVEMBER 2013 • VOLUME 122, NUMBER 22



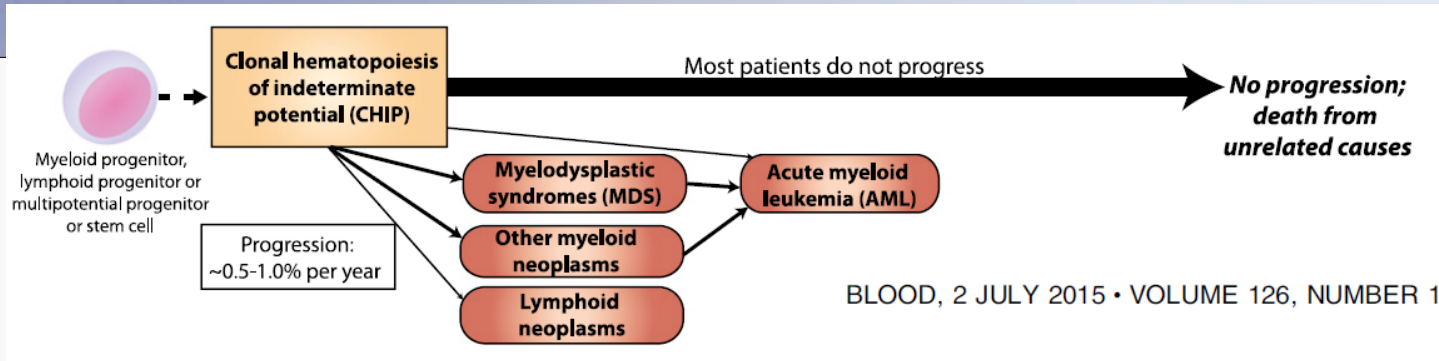
- 90% of patients with MDS have some genetic abnormality
- Broad spectrum of mutations

# Prognostic impact of common mutations in MDS

Gene	Frequency	Prognostic impact
ASXL1	14-29%	poor
EZH2	6-8%	poor
TET2	12-23%	None (?)
DNMT3A	13-18%	None (?)
IDH2/IDH1	4-13%	None/poor (?)
SF3B1	9-75%	good
SRSF2	12-15%	None/poor (?)
U2AF1	12-16%	None/poor (?)
ZRSR2	3-11%	None/poor (?)
TP53	2-21%	Poor
RUNX1	9-16%	Poor
NRAS	3-4%	Poor
CBL	2%	Poor
STAG2	6-8%	Poor

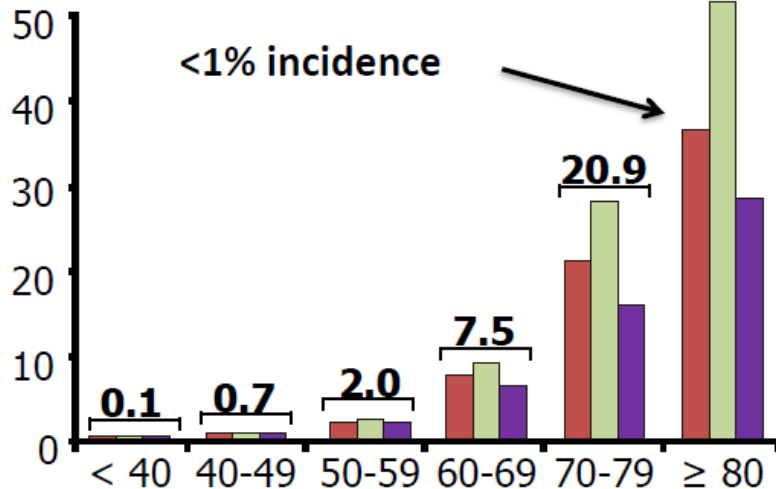
- Number of mutations has prognostic impact
- Influence of combination of mutations and cytogenetics

# CHIP is far more frequent than MDS

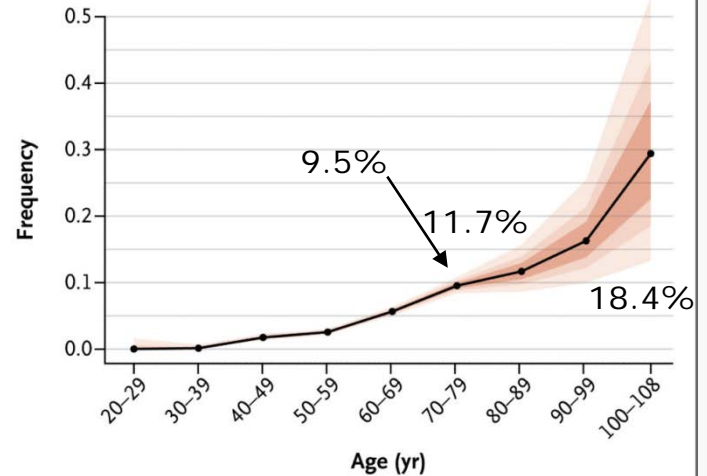


10-15% CHIP

Incidence of MDS per 100,000



Age at MDS diagnosis (years)



No. with Mutation	0	1	50	138	282	219	37	14	5
Total	240	855	2894	5441	5002	2300	317	86	17

*N Engl J Med.* 2014 December 25; 371(26): 2488–2498.

# Extended molecular testing in MDS and MDS/MPN

In addition to conventional markers (blast count, IPSS-R, cytogenetics), mutational analysis can provide diagnostic help and better prognostication

- Normal/unavailable cytogenetics
- Low grade MDS with borderline dysplasia vs. ICUS

## Prognostic markers

- SF3B1
- ASXL1, RUNX1, IDH1/2, TP53.....
- Number of mutations

Keep clinical consequences in mind

## Overlap with CHIP/CCUS

- DNMT3A, TET2, ASXL1, others



# What is sufficient to diagnose MDS according to the 2016 WHO update?

Feature	Sufficient to diagnose MDS alone?
Dysplastic morphology (>10%)	<b>Yes</b> , provided possible secondary causes of cytopenia and dysplasia are excluded clinically
Excess marrow blasts (>5%)	<b>Yes</b> , provided marrow recovery or growth factor effects are excluded
Cytogenetic abnormality	<b>Yes</b> (excluding +8, -7, del 20q)
Flow cytometry abnormality	<b>No</b> , but can support a MDS diagnosis
MDS-type mutation	<b>No</b> (because of CHIP) but might support the diagnosis together with other features

Mutation testing in MDS is a complementary tool, but currently does not replace other diagnostic procedures

# Take home messages

Clinical, laboratory and morphological features govern classification of myeloid neoplasms with chronic evolution for now

Except for BCR-ABL1 (and PDGFR alterations), mutations are not disease-specific

Mutational profiling aids in subclassification and prognostication of MPN, MDS/MPN and MDS

The high frequency of CHIP and CCUS in elderly populations precludes the use of mutational analysis as stand-alone test

# Remaining controversies and future questions

Is there a “standard” mutational panel for MN with chronic evolution – and when should we use it?

Will we adopt a molecular classification of MPN and MDS/MPN?

- JAK2+, MPL+, CALR+, triple neg. MPN

Can mutations change conventionally obtained diagnoses, and at what threshold?

- ICUS to MDS
- MDS with SF3B1 and JAK2 to MDS/MPN-RS-T
- Ologomonocytic CMML

How to deal with germline findings?

Will we look for CHIP as a risk factor for cardiovascular disease?



# Thank you!

