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# **Biologie des hémopathies à Ph+**

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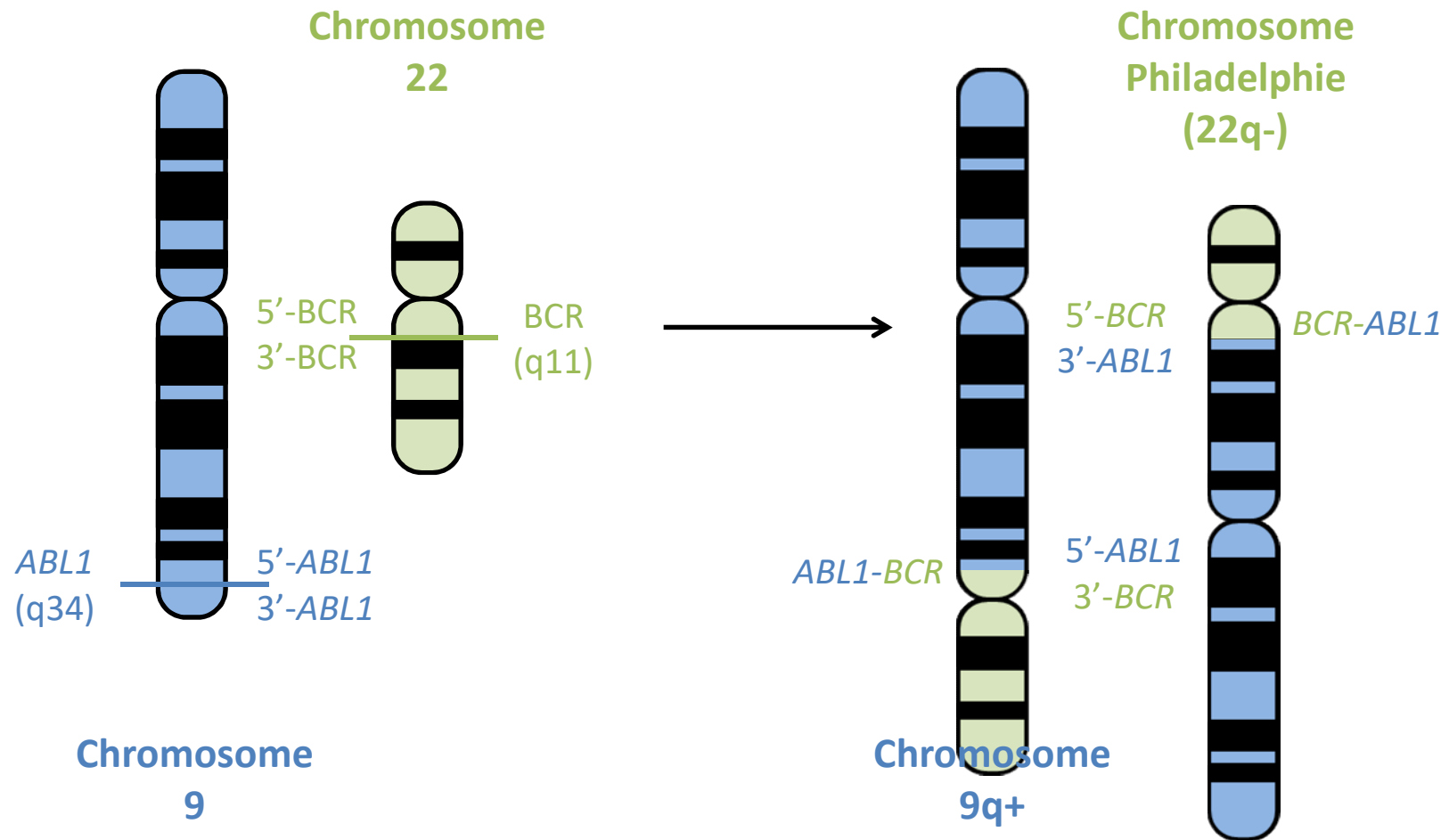
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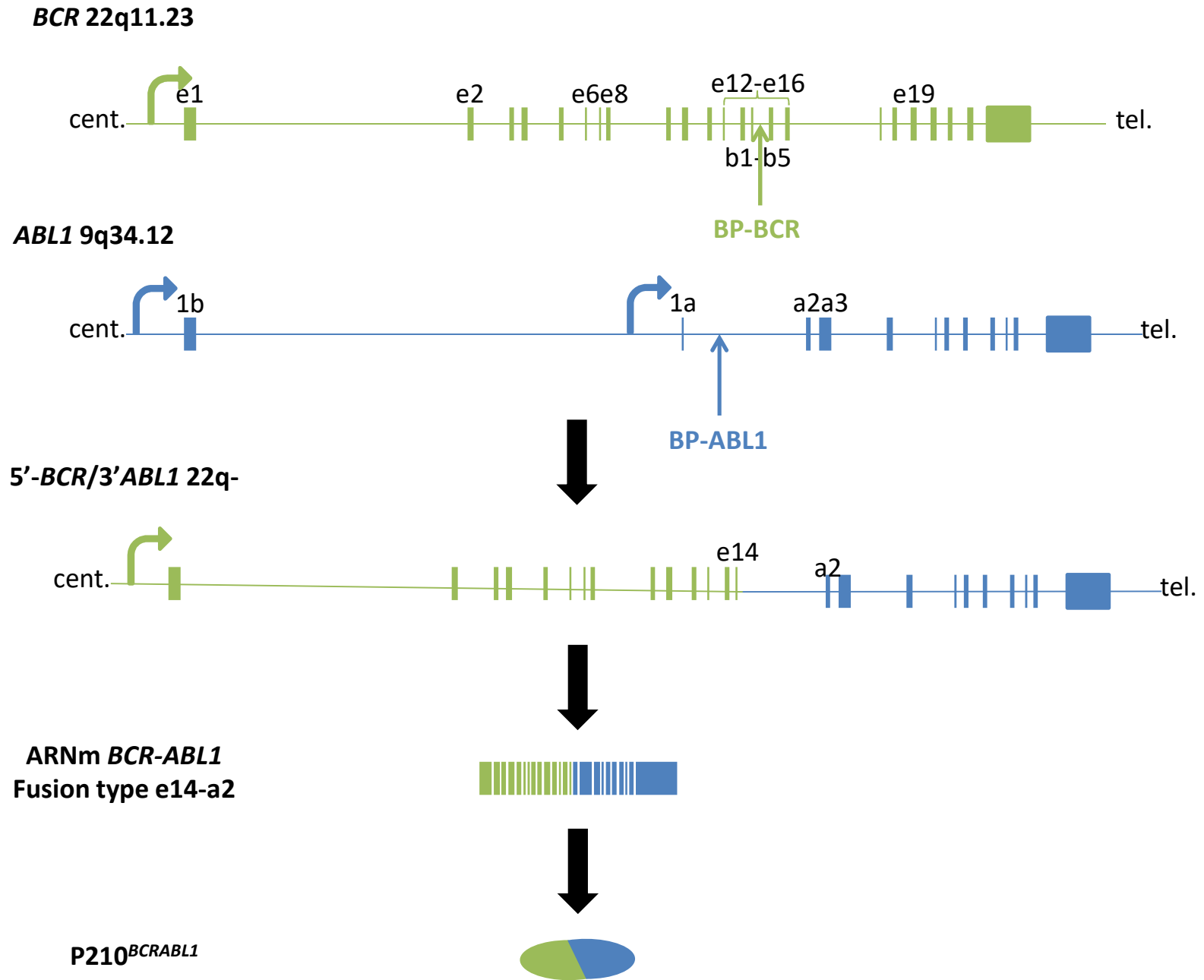
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# Translocation t(9;22)(q34;q11)

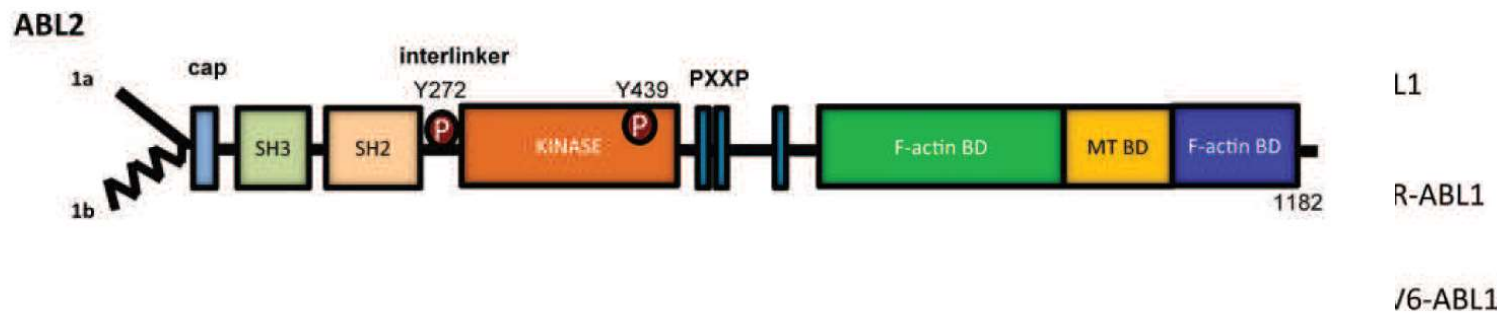
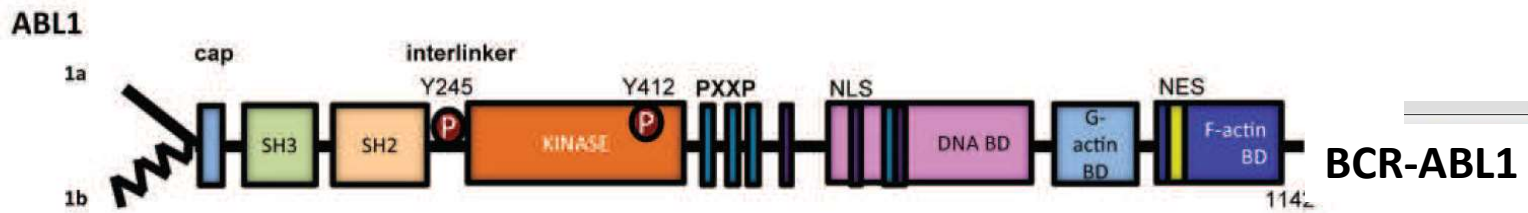


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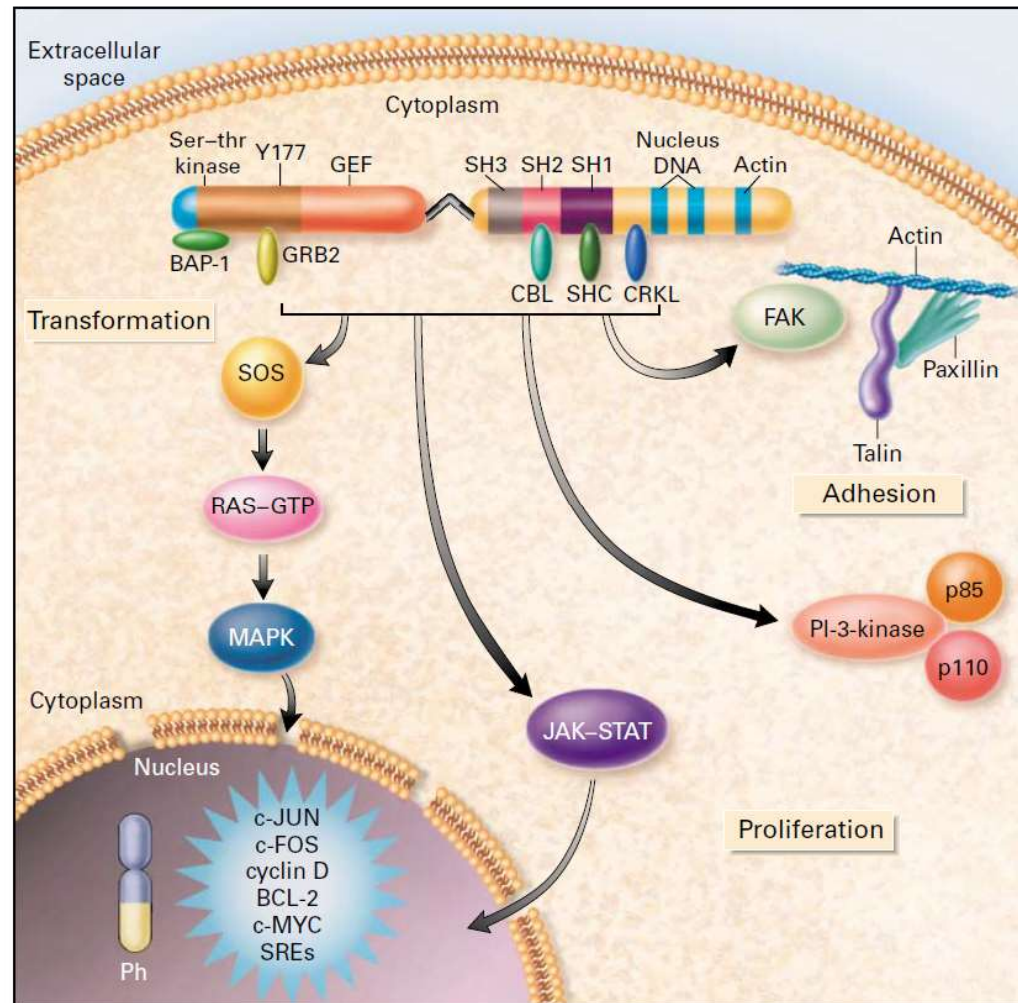


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# ABL1



# Effets oncogénique de *BCR-ABL1* dans les cellules hématopoïétiques

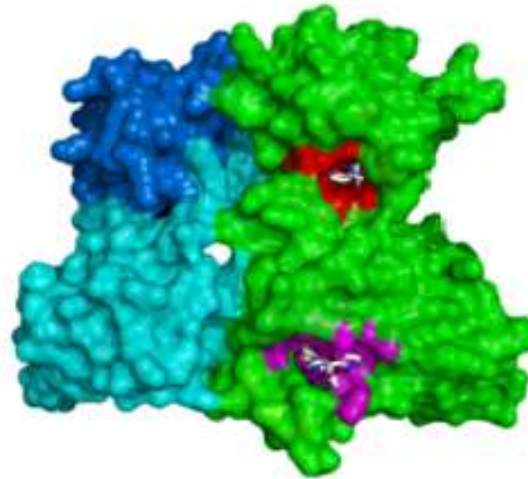


Faderl S et al., *N Engl J Med* 1999, 341:164-72

# BCR-ABL1 inhibitors

## Competitive inhibitors of ATP

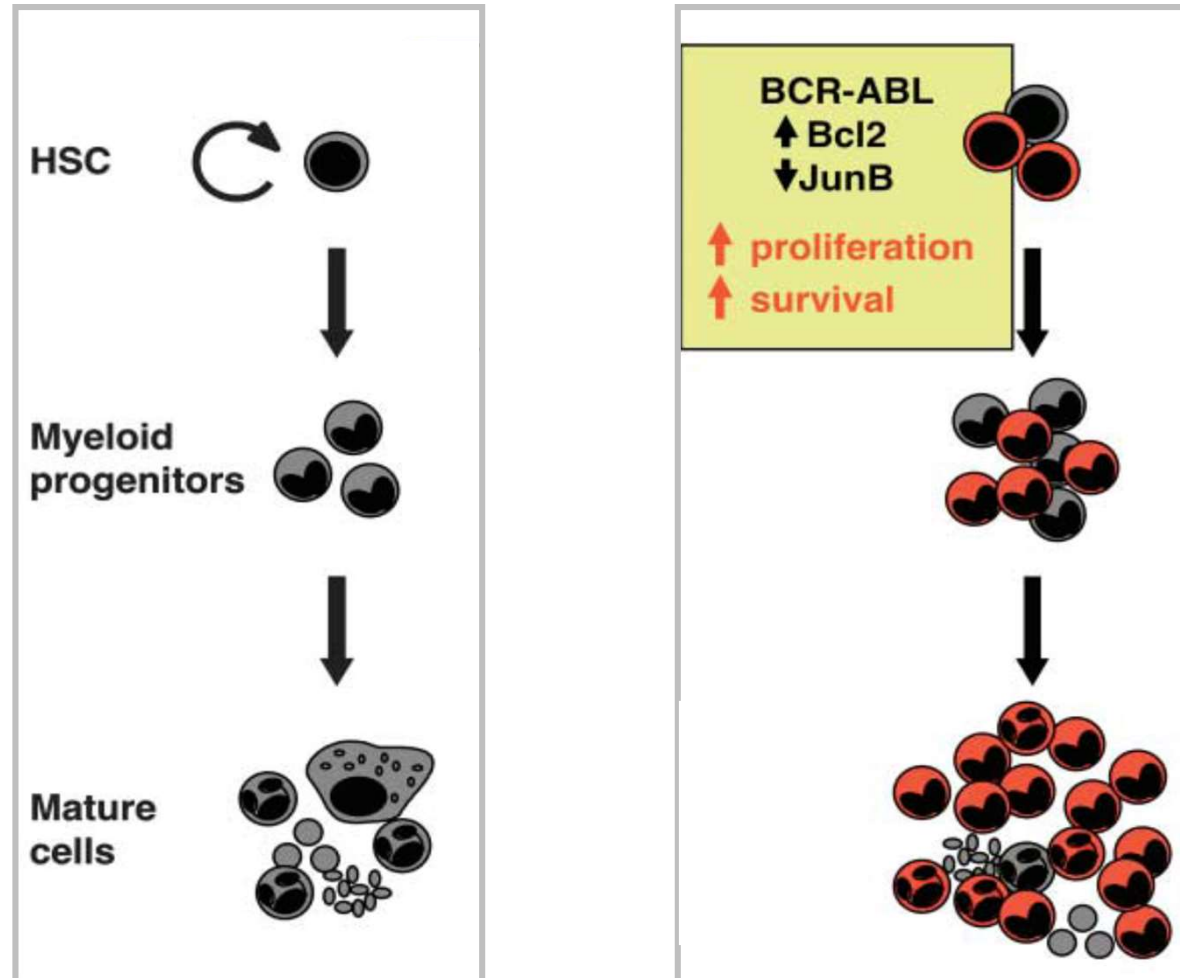
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## Allosteric inhibitor

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# Chronic Myeloid Leukemia (CML)



*Adapted from Jamieson CHM, Cancer Cell Dec. 2004:531*



# Prognostic impact of additional chromosomal abnormalities in newly diagnosed CP-CML

Experience of the *German CML IV* study

	Fréquence Out of 1151 <i>de novo</i> CP-CML N (%)	PFS / OS at 5 years %
<b>t(9;22)(q34;q11)</b>	1003 (87)	90 / 92
<b>t(v;22)</b>	69 (6)	81 / 87
<b>ACAs</b>	79 (6.9)	
-Y	38 (3.3)	88 / 91
<b>major route*</b>	16 (1.4)	<b>50/53</b>
<b>minor route**</b>	25 (2.2)	96/96

\*Abnormalities the most frequently detected in advanced phases of CML : +der(22), +8, i(17)(q10), +19

\*\*Abnormalities rarely detected in AP or BP of CML: t(3;12), t(4;6), t(2;16), t(1;21), t(15;17), inv16 ...

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	3q26.2	96/96
	<b>complex karyotypes</b>	-8, i(17)(q10), +19 :(15;17), inv16 ...

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Hochhaus H et al., *Leukemia* 2020 34, 966–984

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# Integrative genomics in CML

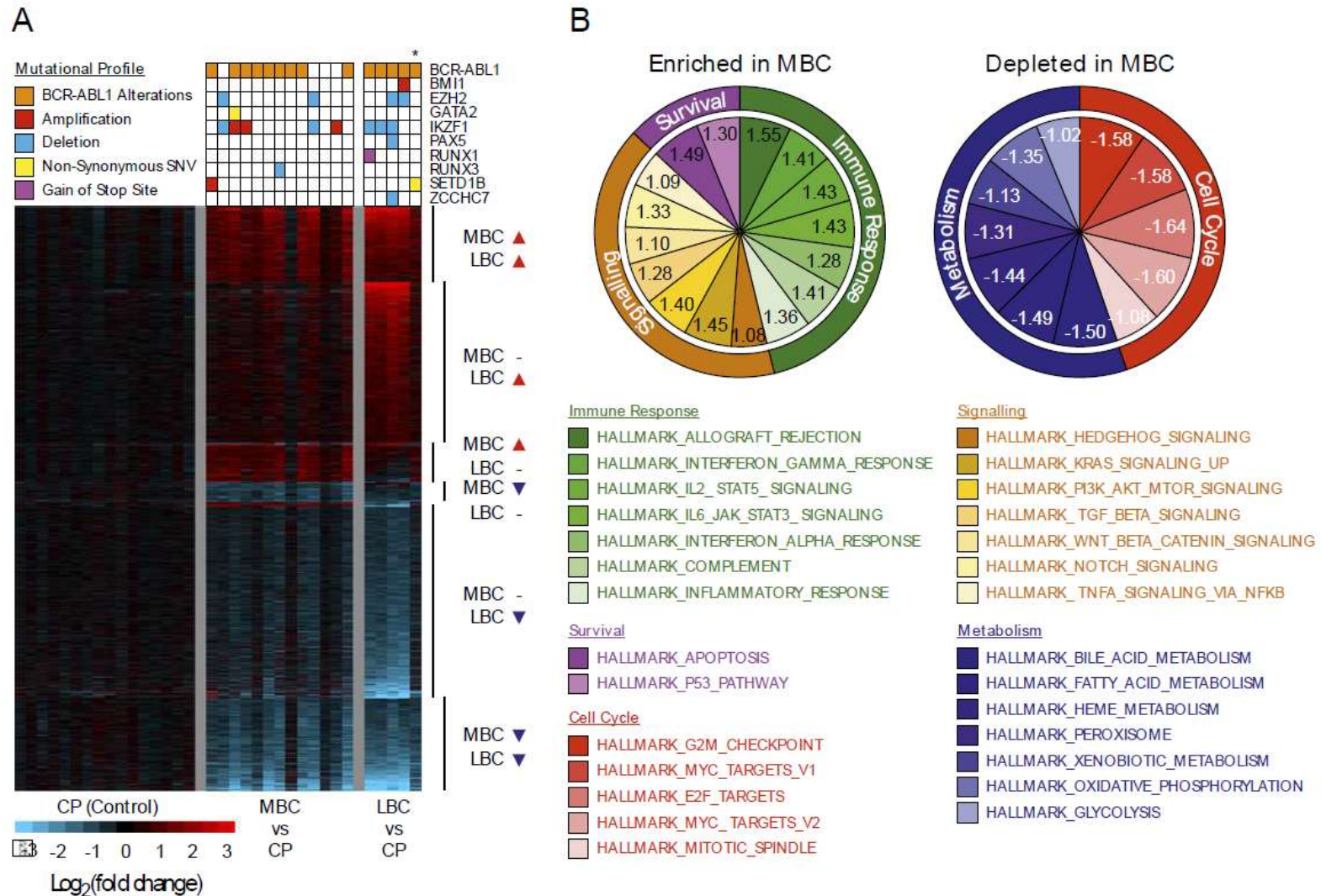
- 65 CML patients treated with 1st line TKI
  - 46 CP
    - 19 durable MMR (median FU 34 mths)
    - 27 poor outcome (26 developed BC after a median of 6 mths)
  - 39 BC, including 20 from the poor outcome series
- Sequencing methods
  - WES: Whole-Exome (DNA) in 38/65 pts
  - RNA-Seq: Whole-transcriptome (RNA) in 59/65 pts
  - Comparison to paired non-tumoral samples



# Relevant variants at diagnosis

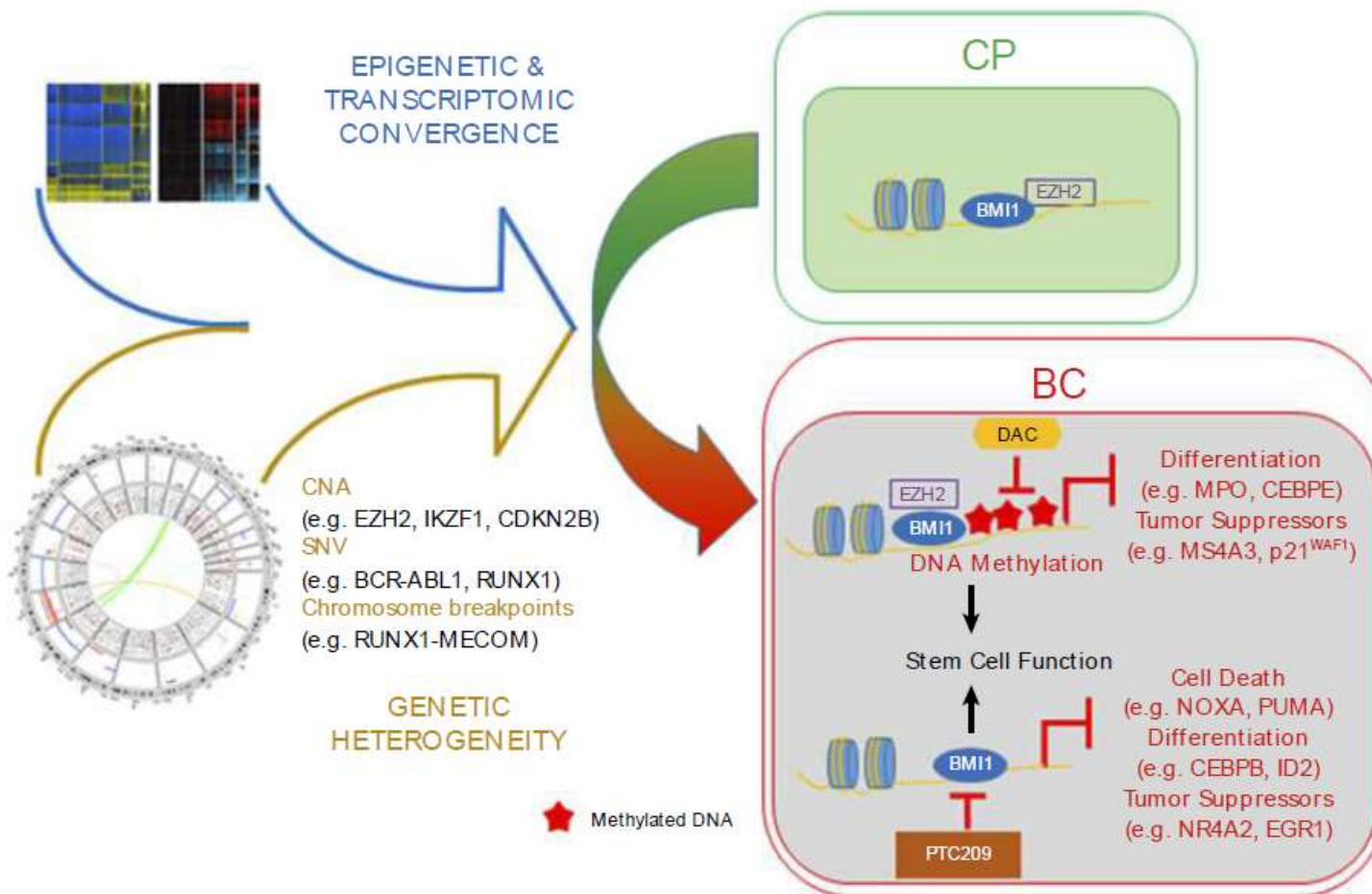
- ✓ Detected in 23/46 (50%) patients
- ✓ A majority in poor outcome pts
  - 4/19 (21%) vs 19/27 (70%)
- ✓ Occurred in cancer genes
- ASXL1. Mutated in 9 pts. 6 developed BC and 2 achieved MMR.  
Longer time to BC (21 vs 4.5 mths)
  - IKZF1. Mutated in 6 pts. 5 developed LBC
  - SETD1B. Mutated in 3 pts. 3 developed BC
- ✓ More frequently found in bad responders
  - No MCyR: 8/8; MCyR: 6/9; CCyR: 2/6
- ✓ More frequently found in high risk patients
  - High Sokal: 6/7; Int.: 5/12; low: 5/18

# Pathway convergence in CML BC



# CP to BC progression model

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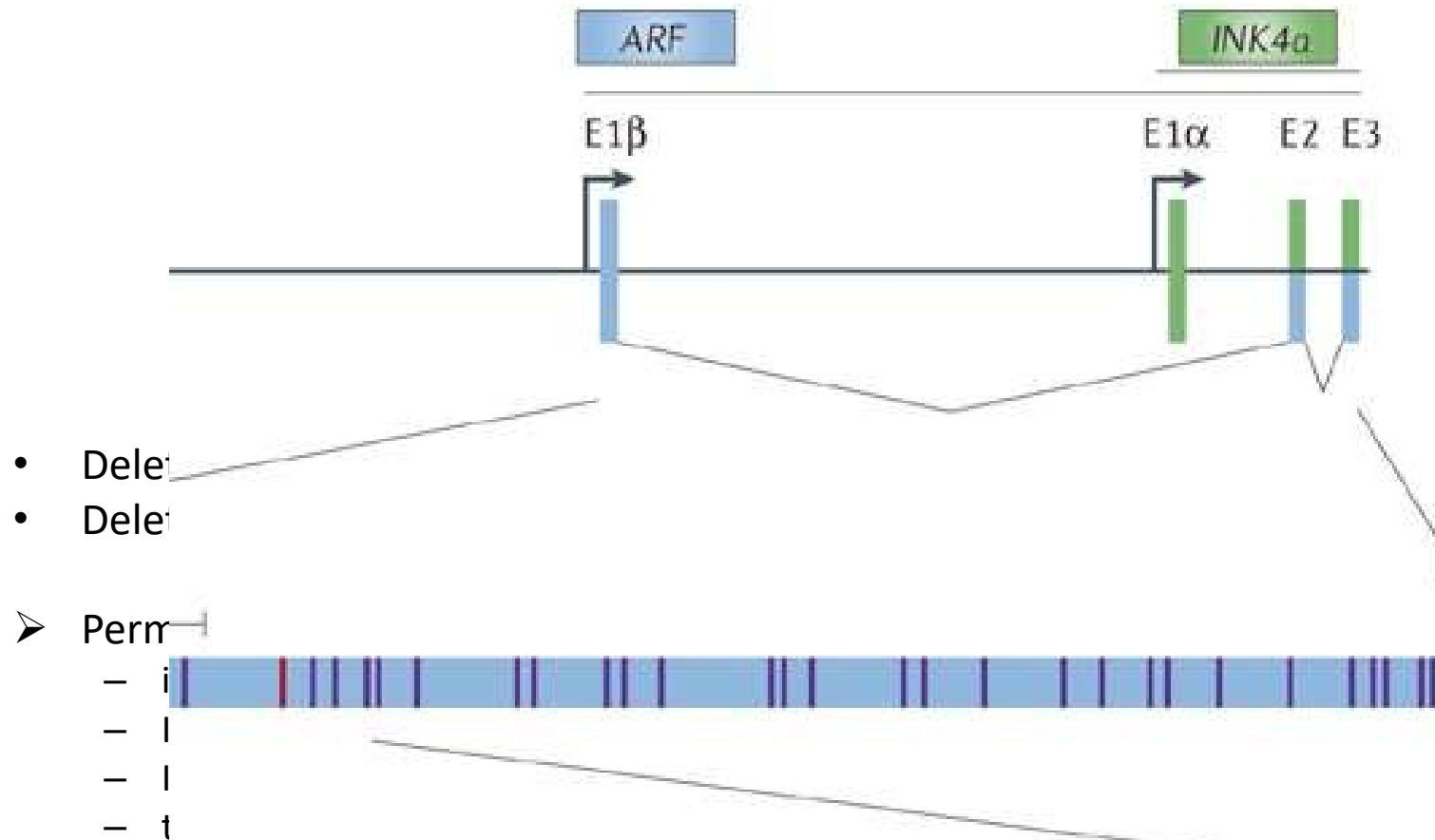
## Main copy-number variations in BCR-ABL + ALLs

<b>Locus</b>	<b>Géne</b>	<b>Enfants n = 21</b>	<b>Adultes N = 22</b>	<b>Total (%) N = 43</b>
7p12.2	<b>IKZF1</b>	16	20	36 (84)
9p21	<b>CDKN2A</b>	10	13	23 (53)
9p13.3	<b>PAX5</b>	10	12	22 (51)
20p12.2	C20orf94	7	3	10 (23)
13q14.2	<b>RB1</b>	4	4	8 (19)
5q14.3	MEF2C	2	4	6 (14)
5q34	<b>EBF1</b>	3	3	6 (14)
12q22	BTG1	4	2	6 (14)
13q14	DLEU*	1	3	4 (9)
3p14.2	FHIT	2	2	4 (9)
12p13	<b>ETV6</b>	2	1	3 (7)

\*mir16 and mir15

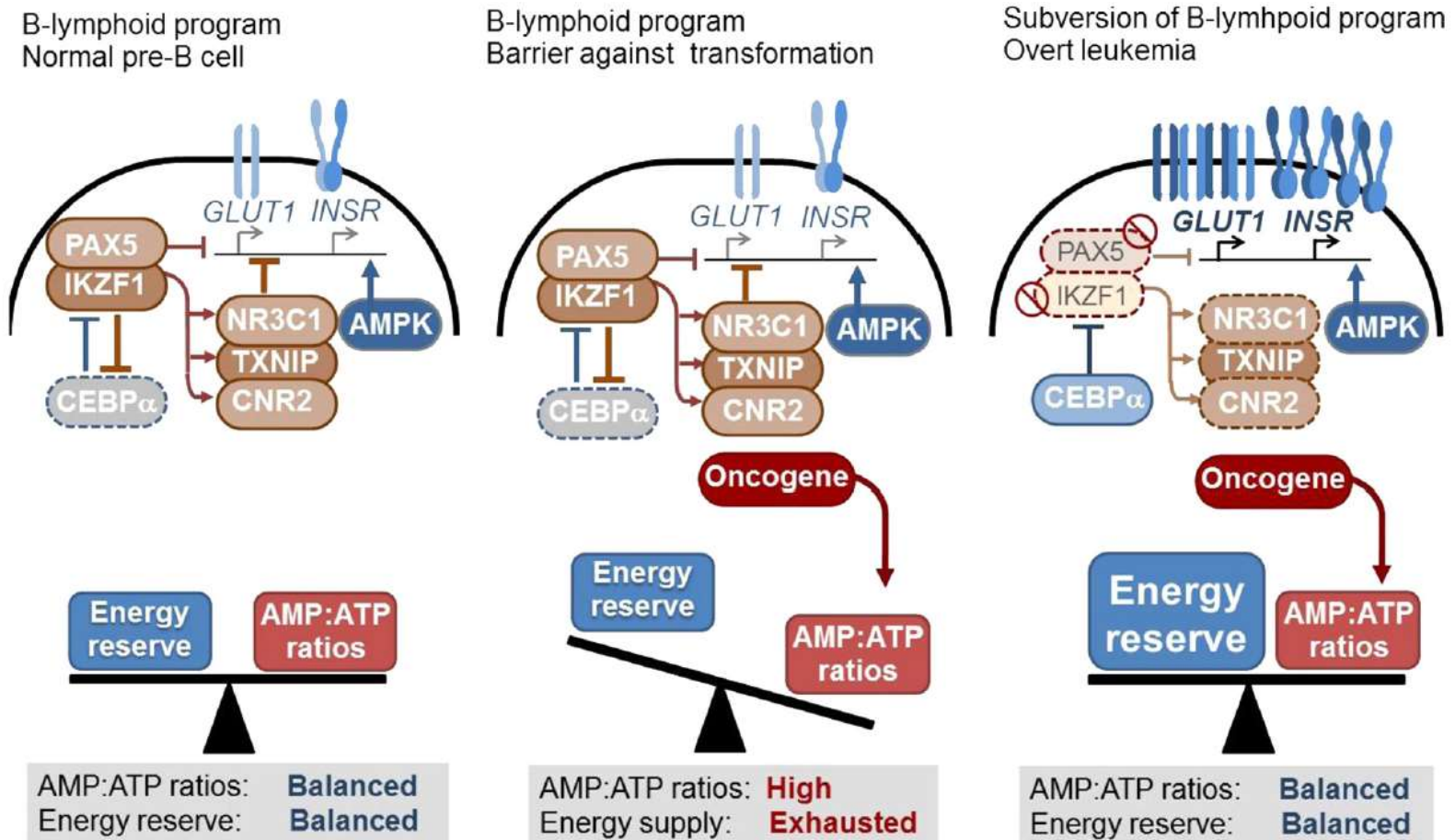


# Deletion of CDKN2A



*Williams et al., PNAS 103:6688, 2006*  
*Mulligan et al., Genes & Dev., 22:1411, 2008*  
 .VTLRIRR--ACGPPRVRFV VVH I PRLTGEWAAPGAPAAVALV L L L R SQR -LGQQ  
 .VTVRIQR--AGRPLQERVFLVKFVRSRRPRTASCALAFV N L L R L E R I L R -RGPH

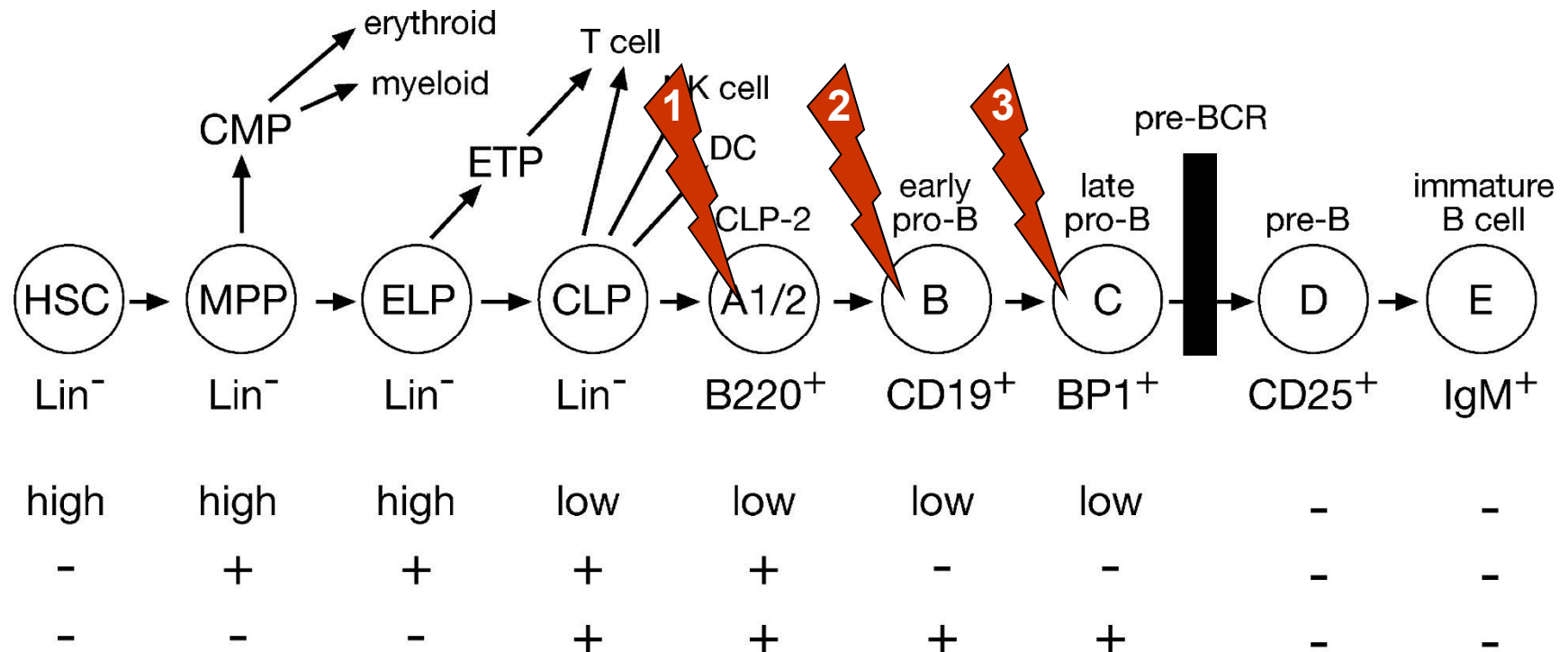
# Metabolic gatekeeper function of B-lymphoid transcription factors



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Chan L and Muschen M, Nature 2017, 542:479-483, Experimental Hematology 2017, 55:1-6

## 3 steps model for oncogenesis of BCR-ABL+ ALLs



### 2. Deletion of CDKN2A/B/ARF locus

- Simultaneous inactivation of TS functions of P53 and Rb.
- B-precursor permissivity to BCR-ABL

### 3. Inactivation of IKZF1 and PAX5

- blockage of differentiation
- Suppression of the metabolic barrier towards transformation

### ✓ Pre-B ALL

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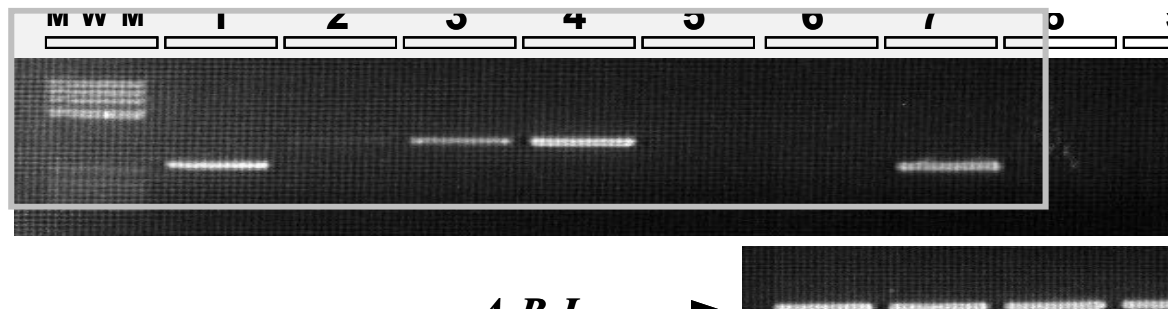
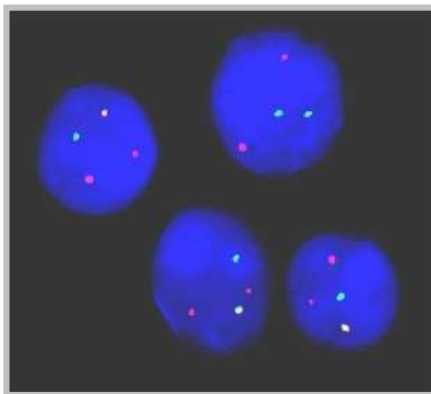
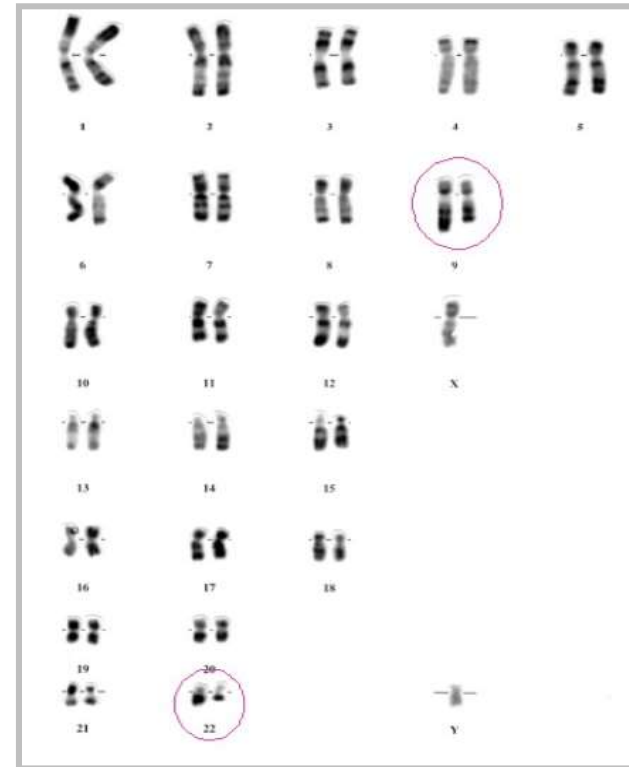
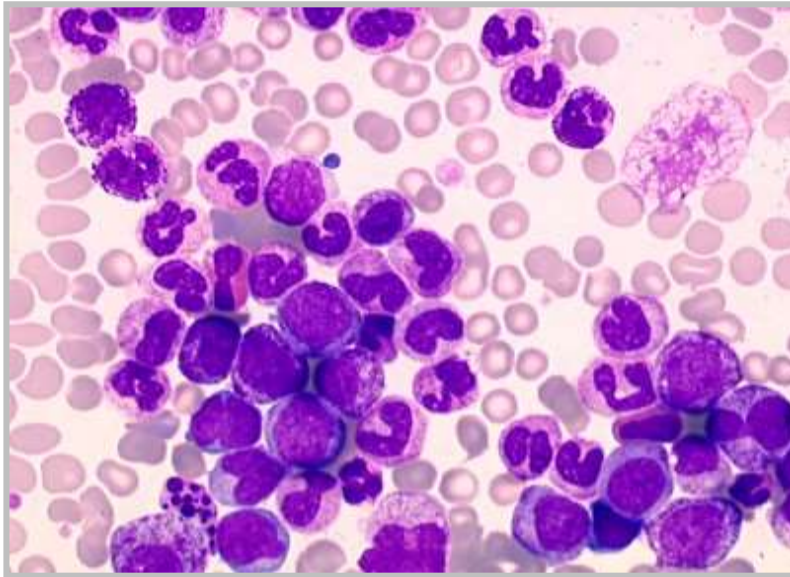
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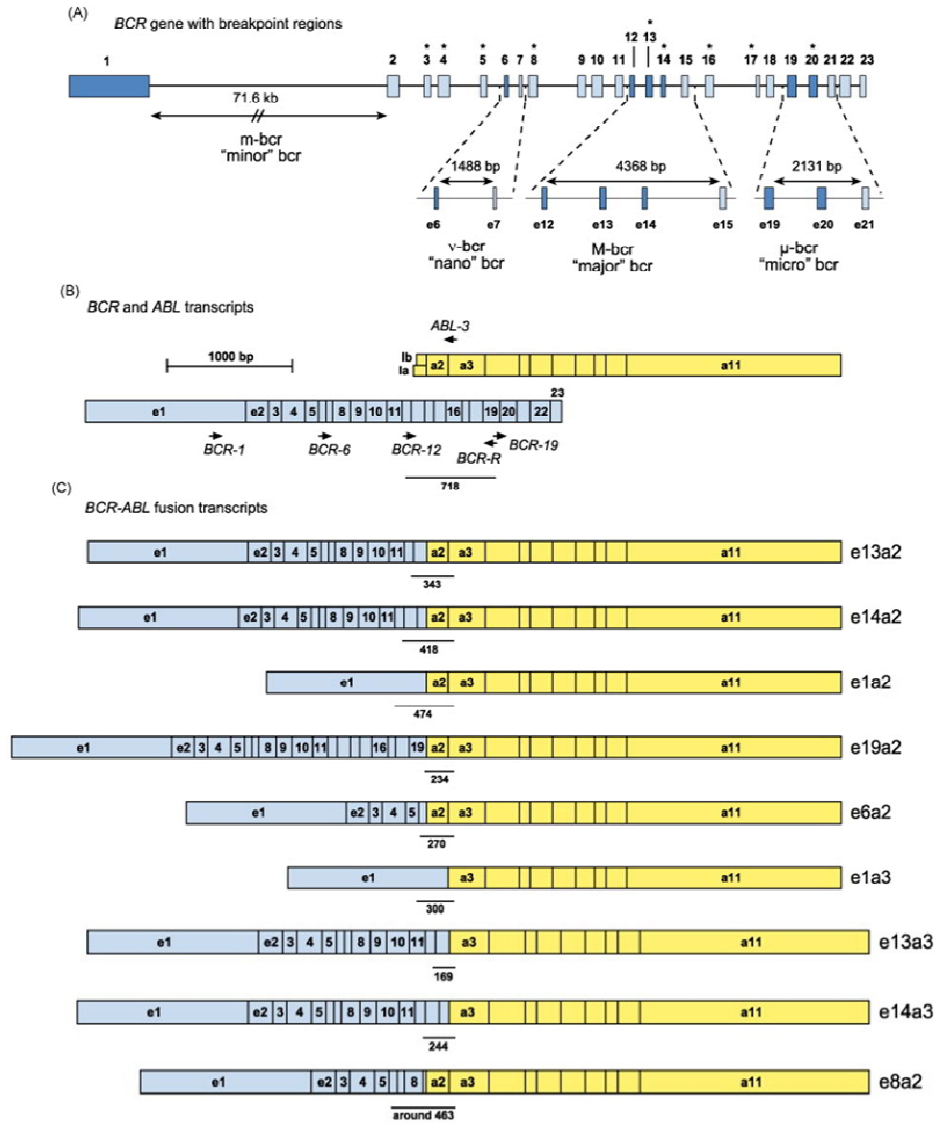
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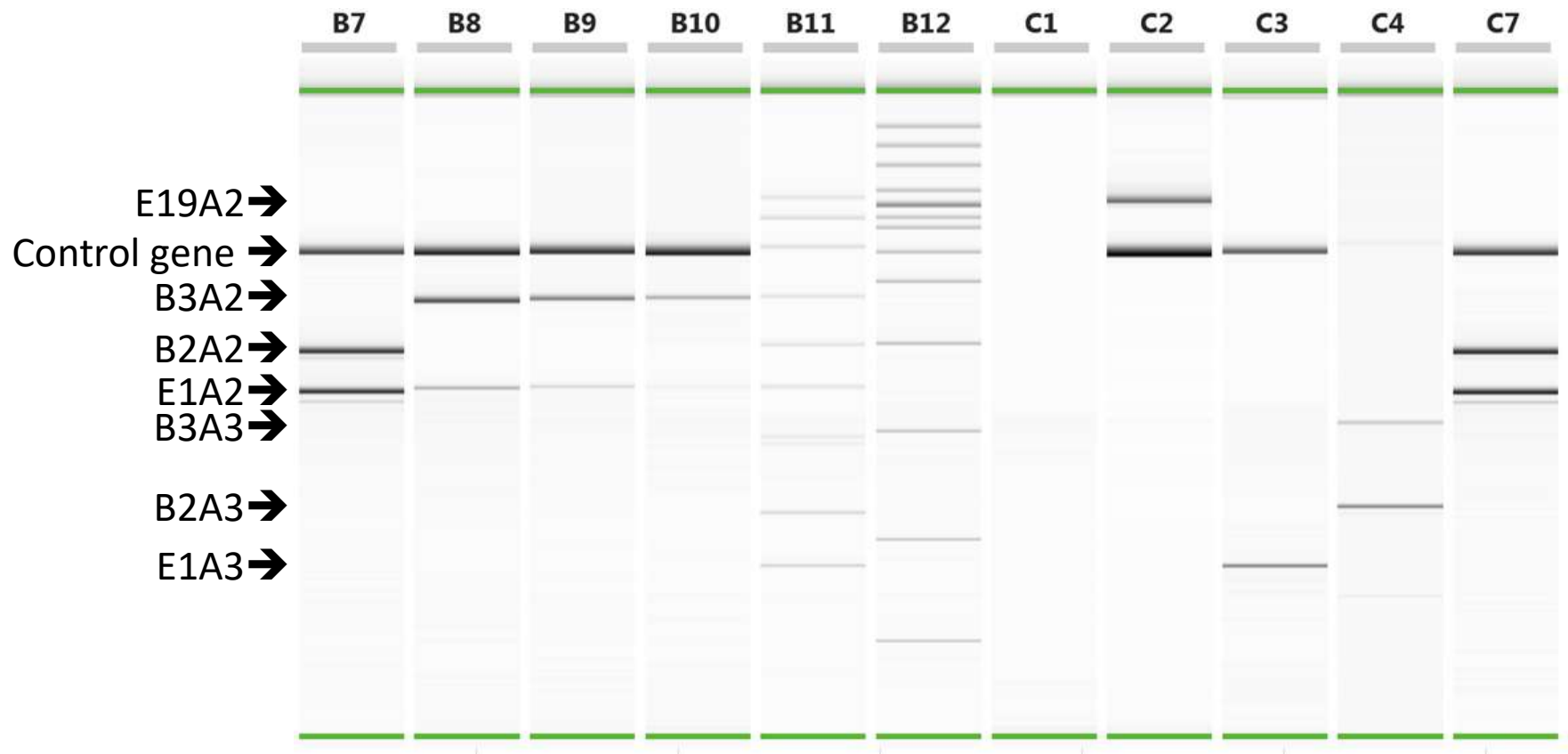
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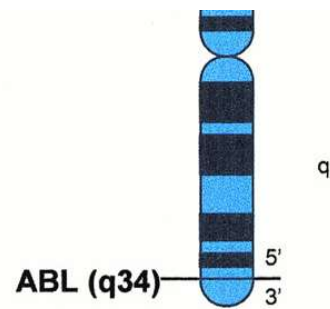
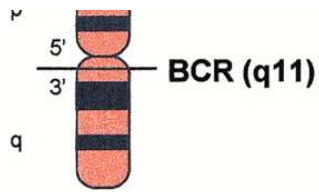


# Detection of BCR-ABL1 at diagnosis

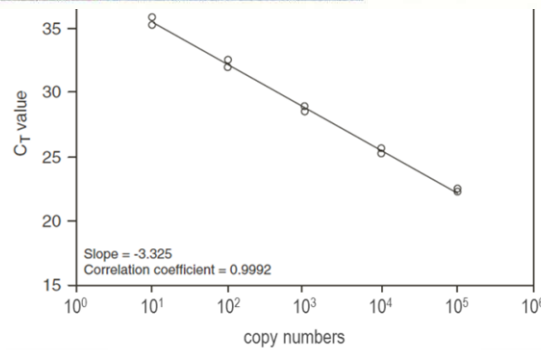
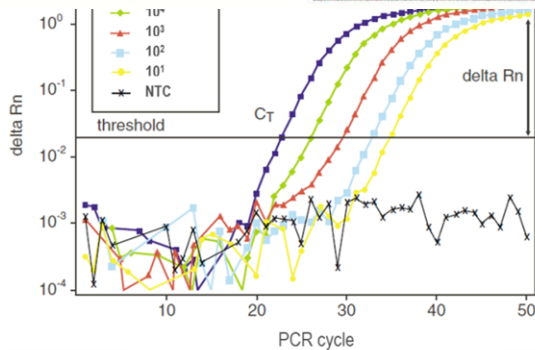
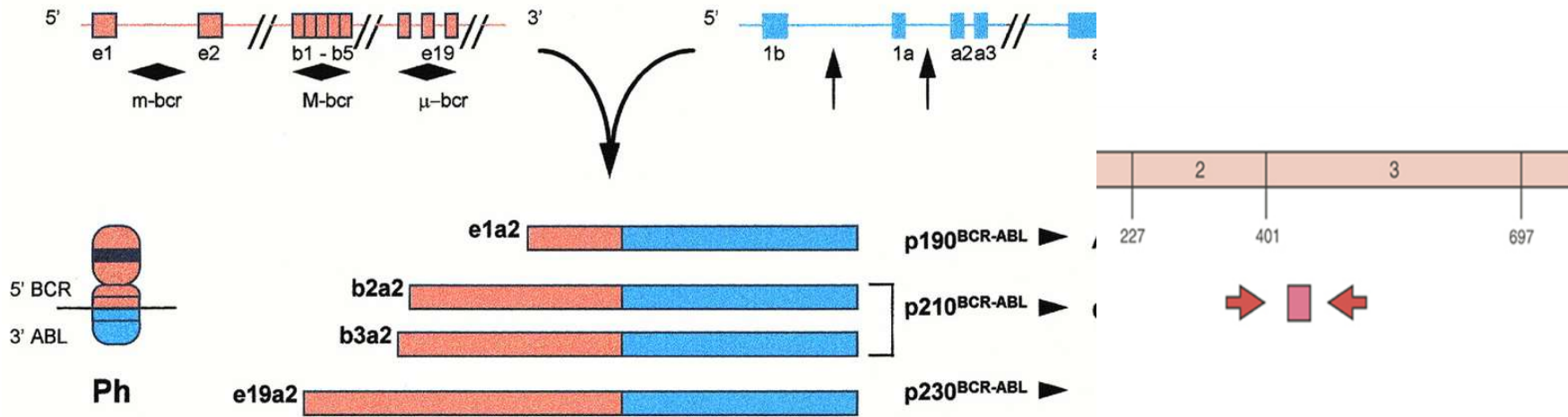


# Amplification des transcrits *BCR-ABL1* par RT-PCR





# L1 mRNA



$$\frac{\text{BCR-ABL copy number}}{\text{Control Gene copy number}} \%$$

➤ Expression levels normalized for RNA quality and quantity

Gabert J et al., *Leukemia* 17, 2318-57, 2003

Beillard et al., *Leukemia* 17, 2474-86, 2003



# International scale (IS)

BCR-ABL1/GC %

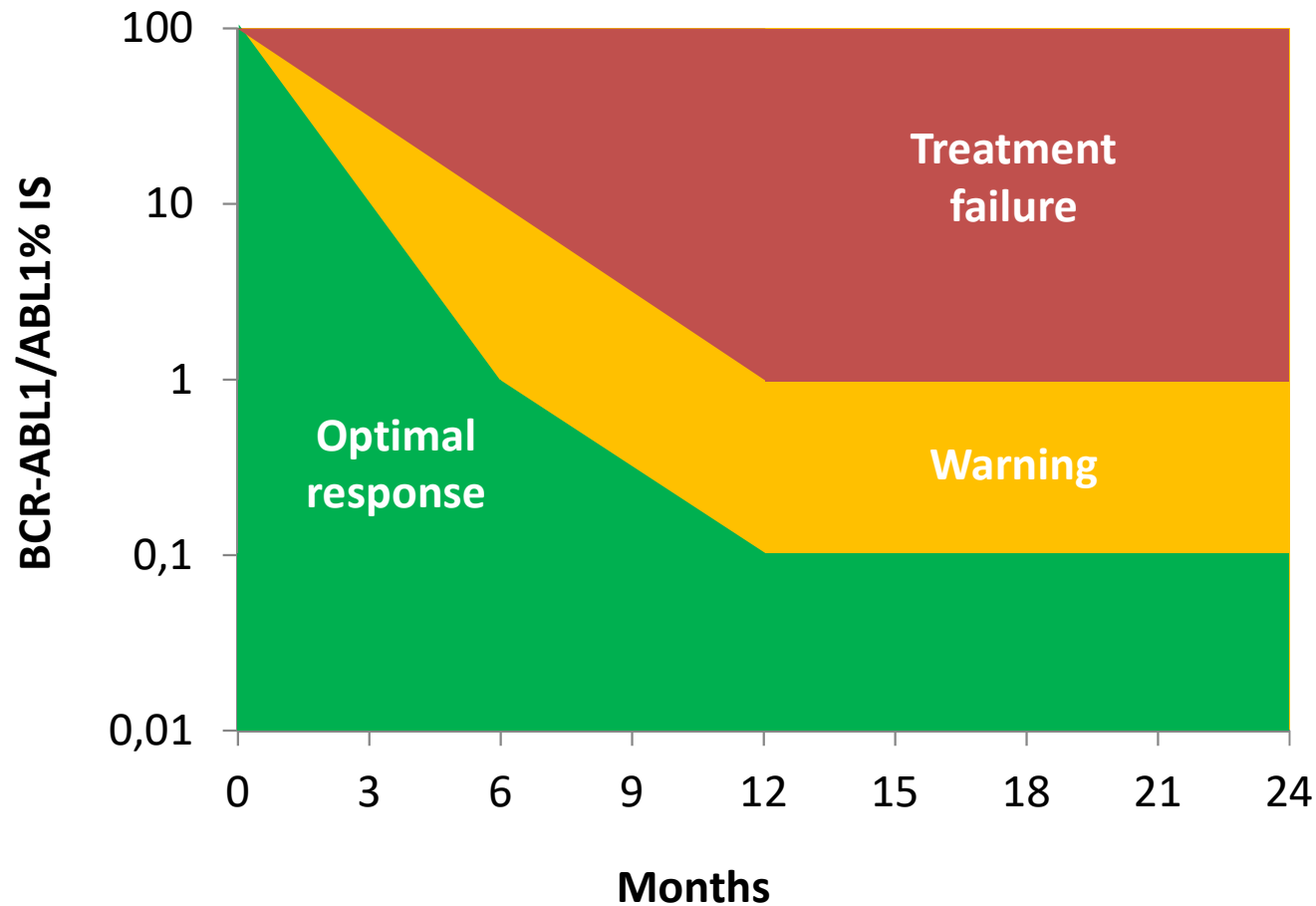
- ✓ Achieving an MMR predicts a CML-specific survival close to 100% as disease progression is uncommon once this level of cytoreduction has been achieved
- ✓ Achieving a DMR is a prerequisite for discontinuing treatment

Tumour cells

# Monitoring

- Blood Cell Counts and differential cell counts every 2 weeks until CHR
- QPCR on blood cells expressed as BCR-ABL1% according to IS every 3 months, even after an MMR is achieved and confirmed, because close monitoring of molecular response is required to assess eligibility for treatment discontinuation
- Cytogenetics or FISH are not sufficiently sensitive to monitor response
  - Should be done with rare or atypical BCR-ABL transcripts that cannot be measured by QPCR
  - Treatment failure/resistance to exclude ACA
  - Progression to AP or BP
- Additional QPCR testing may be indicated if the kinetics of response are not clear, or if toxicity or intolerance cause dose interruptions or reductions
- BCR-ABL KD-mutations
  - Failure : mandatory before changing the treatment
  - Warning : necessary to guide the change in treatment, when decided
  - Intolerance/complications : if possible (BCR-ABL > 0,1%) in case of decision to change

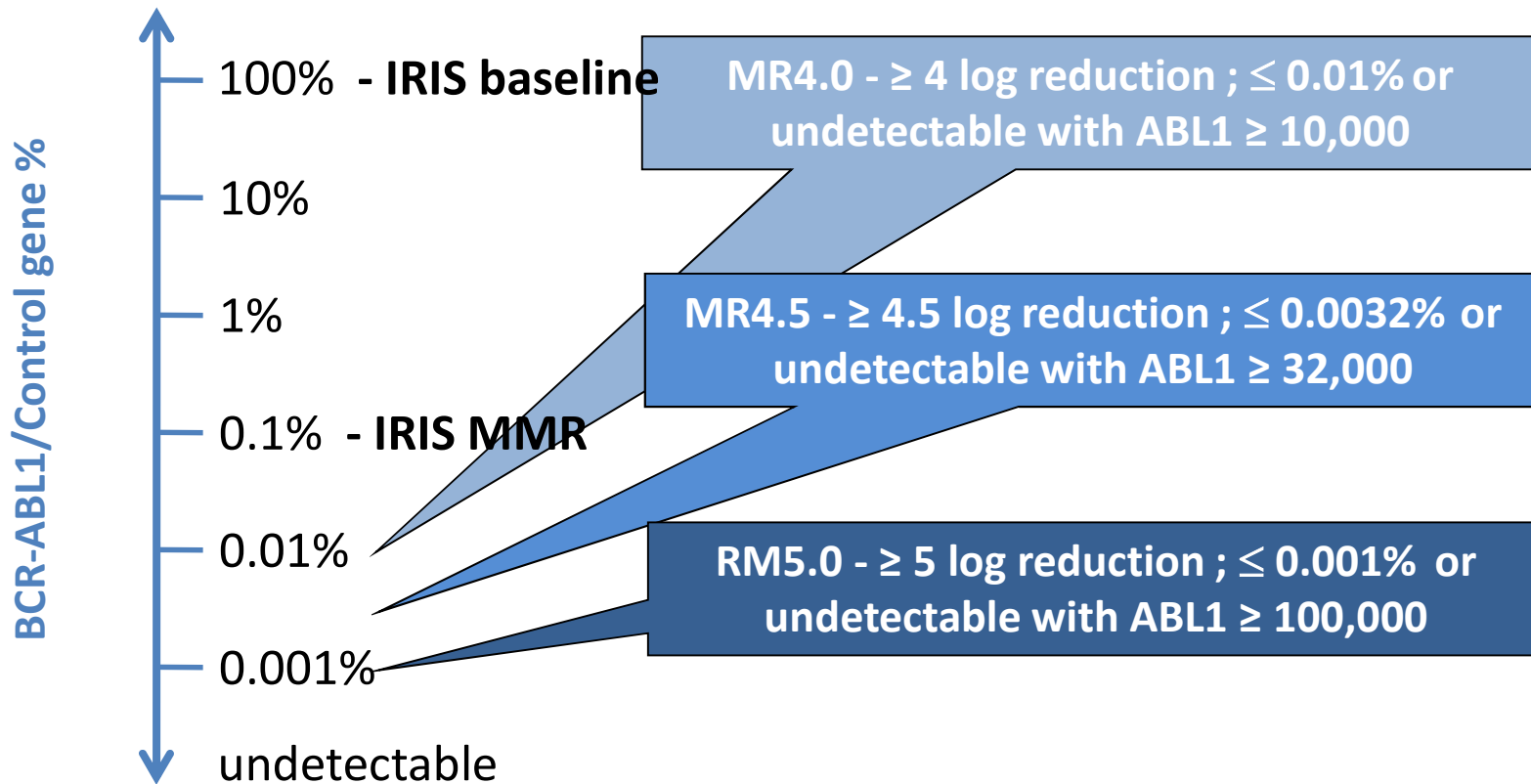
# Milestones for treating CML



*Adapted from Baccarani M et al., Blood 2013, 122:872-84*

*And Hochhaus H et al., Leukemia 2020 34, 966-984*

# Definition of DMR



International Scale

Cross NCP, *Leukemia* 2012, 26:2172-5  
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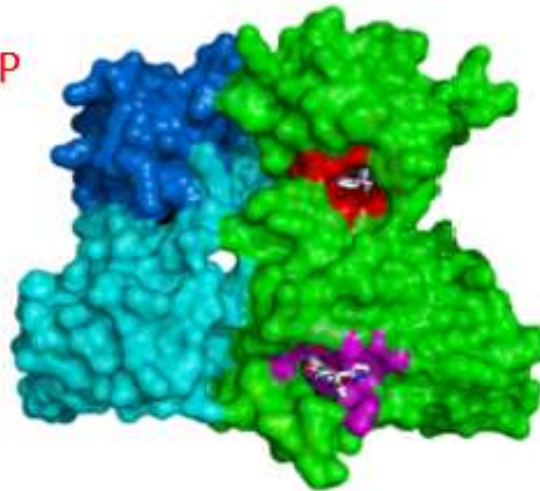
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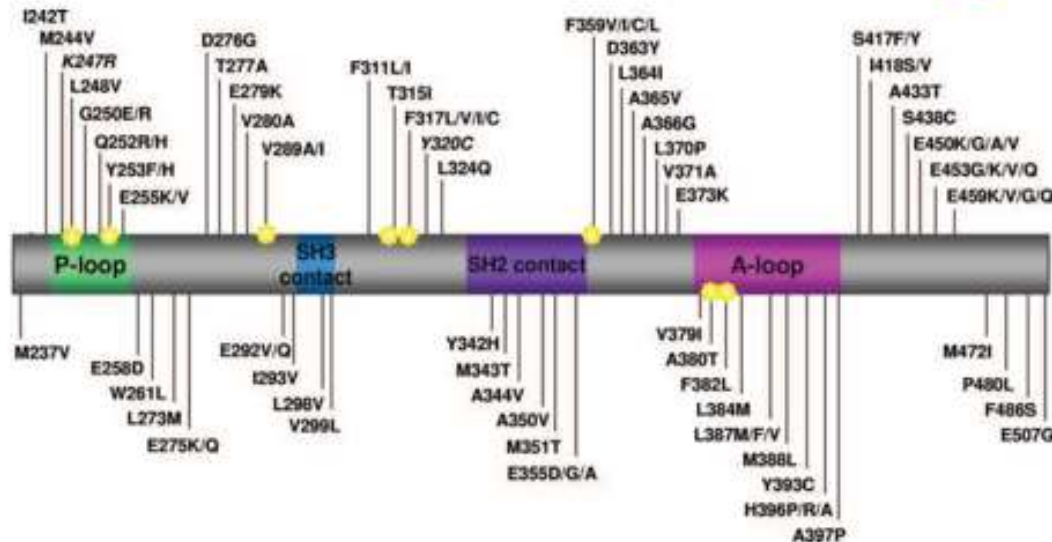
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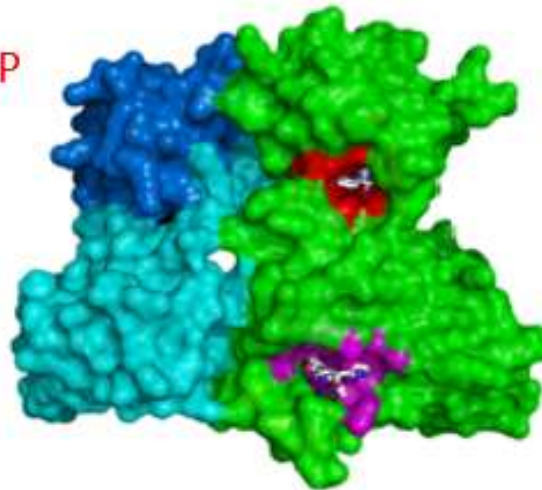
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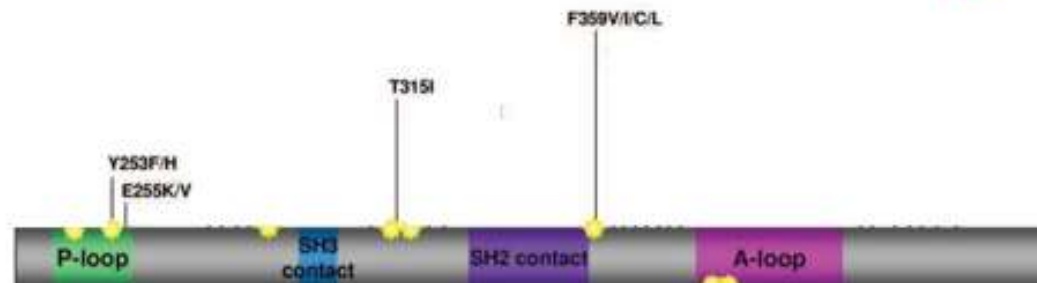
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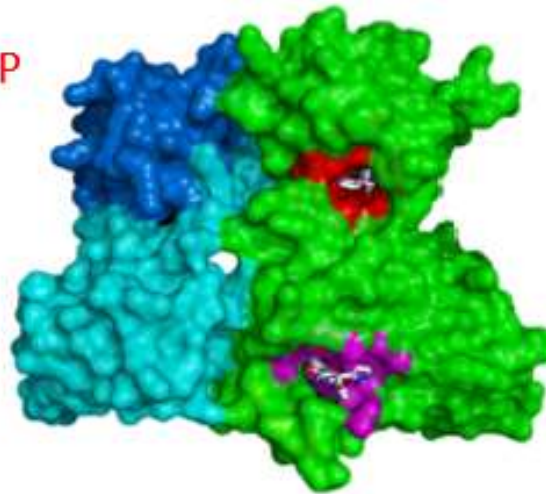
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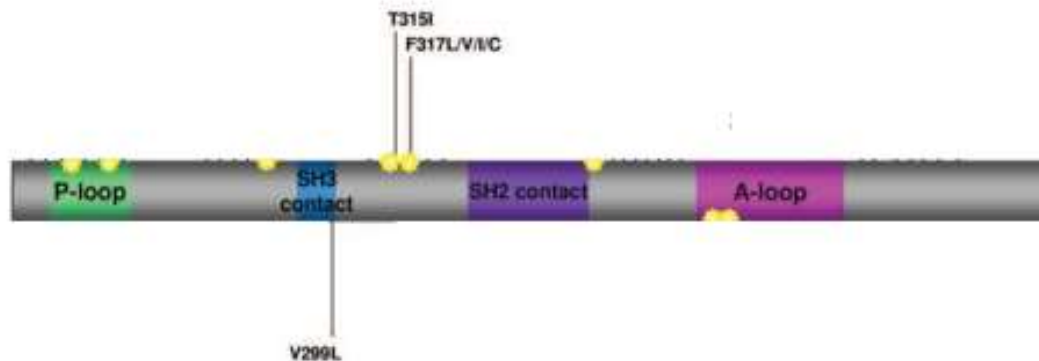
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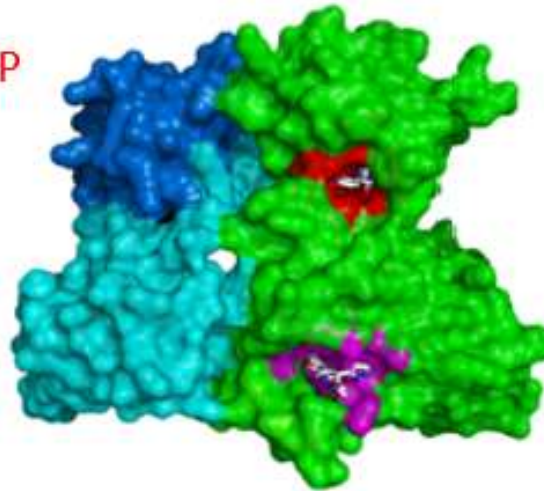
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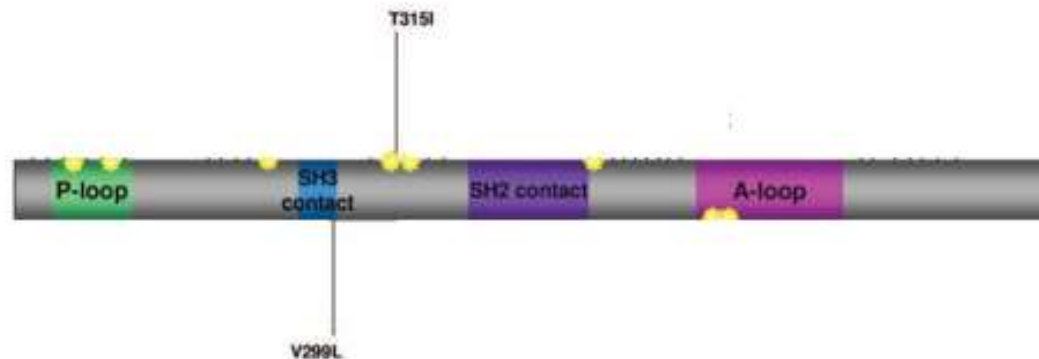
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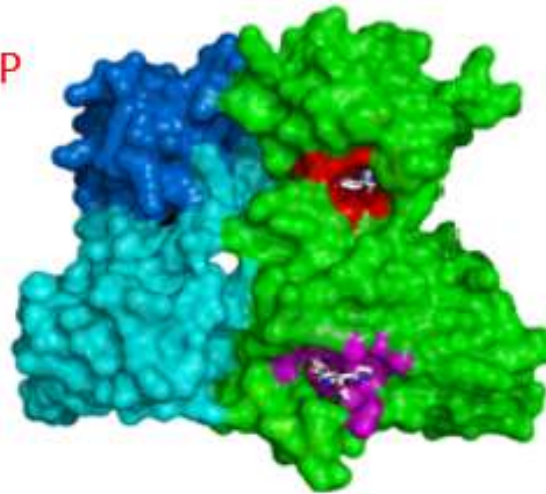
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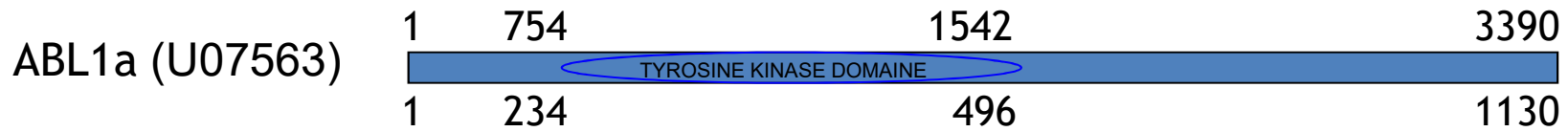
Mutations	Therapeutic options
T315I	Ponatinib, HSCT, investigational drugs
T315A, F317L/V/I/C	Consider nilotinib, bosutinib or ponatinib rather than dasatinib
Y253H, E255K/V, F359V/C/I	Consider dasatinib, bosutinib or ponatinib rather than nilotinib
V299L	Consider nilotinib or ponatinib rather than dasatinib or bosutinib
Autres mutations	Clinical significance unclear: consider high-dose TKI, alternative TKI, HSCT, investigational drugs

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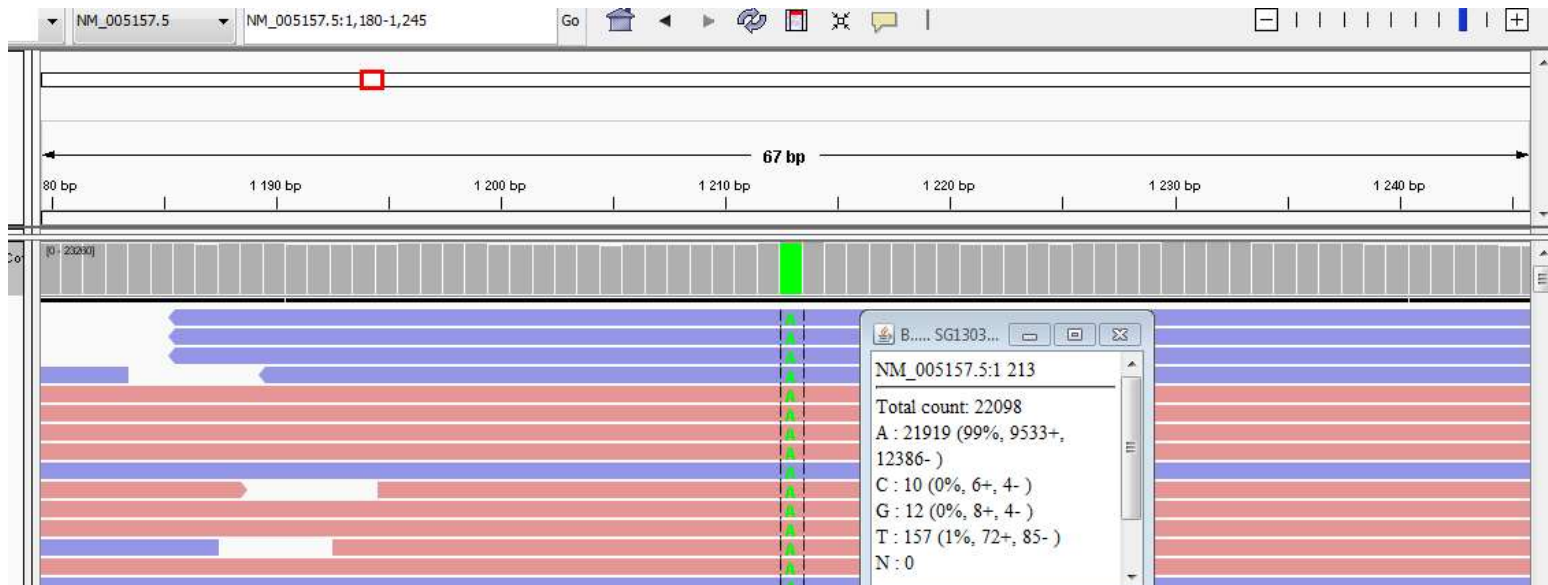
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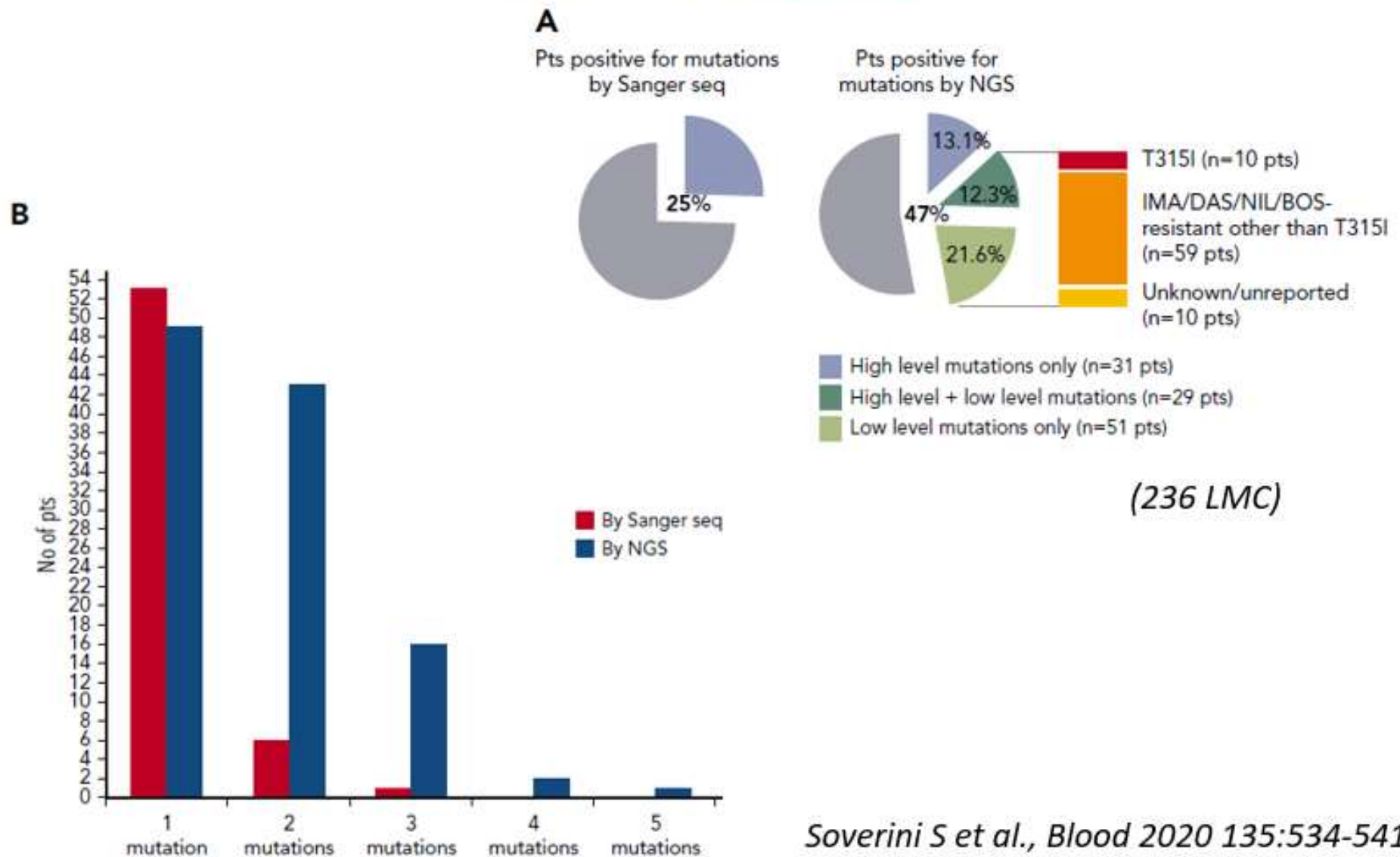


*Branford et al. Blood 2002*



# Comparison between Sanger and NGS

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	Patients positive for mutations by SS	Patients positive for mutations by NGS
First-line failure	13/57 (23)	27/57 (47)
First-line warning	7/68 (10)	23/68 (34)
Second-line failure	15/39 (38)	20/39 (51)
Second-line warning	6/37 (18)	17/37 (49)
Third-line failure	14/21 (67)	17/21 (80)
Third-line warning	1/7	3/7
Fourth-/fifth-line failure	4/7	4/7
Total	60/236 (25)	111/236 (47)

*Pour en apprendre d'avantage*

<https://www.thinktesttreat.com/>

A large iceberg floats in the ocean. The visible tip is small, while the submerged part is much larger. The sky is overcast with soft light. In the top right corner, there is a logo consisting of a DNA double helix with a red star, followed by the text 'THINK | TEST | TREAT' and the tagline 'Because monitoring and testing matters'. In the center of the submerged part of the iceberg, the text 'CML & PH+ ALL: THERE IS SO MUCH MORE TO KNOW' is written in large, bold, white letters. At the bottom center, a dark blue button contains the word 'EXPLORE' in white capital letters.

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