

Erdheim Chester Disease: cancer, but not as we know it

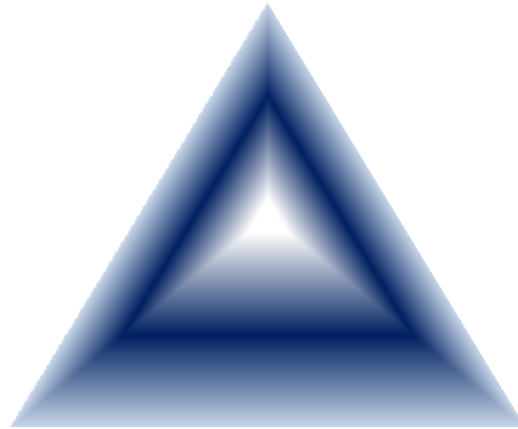
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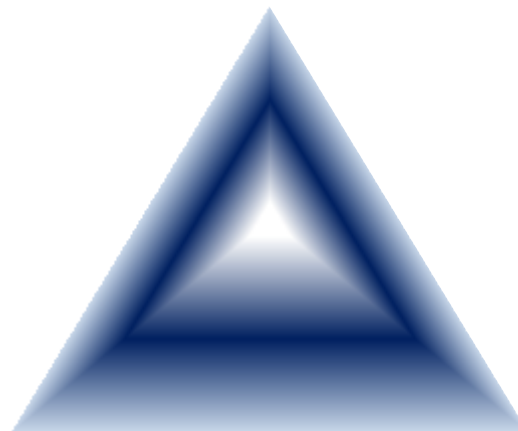
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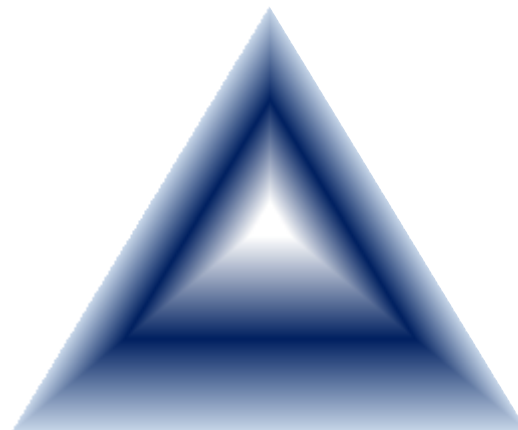


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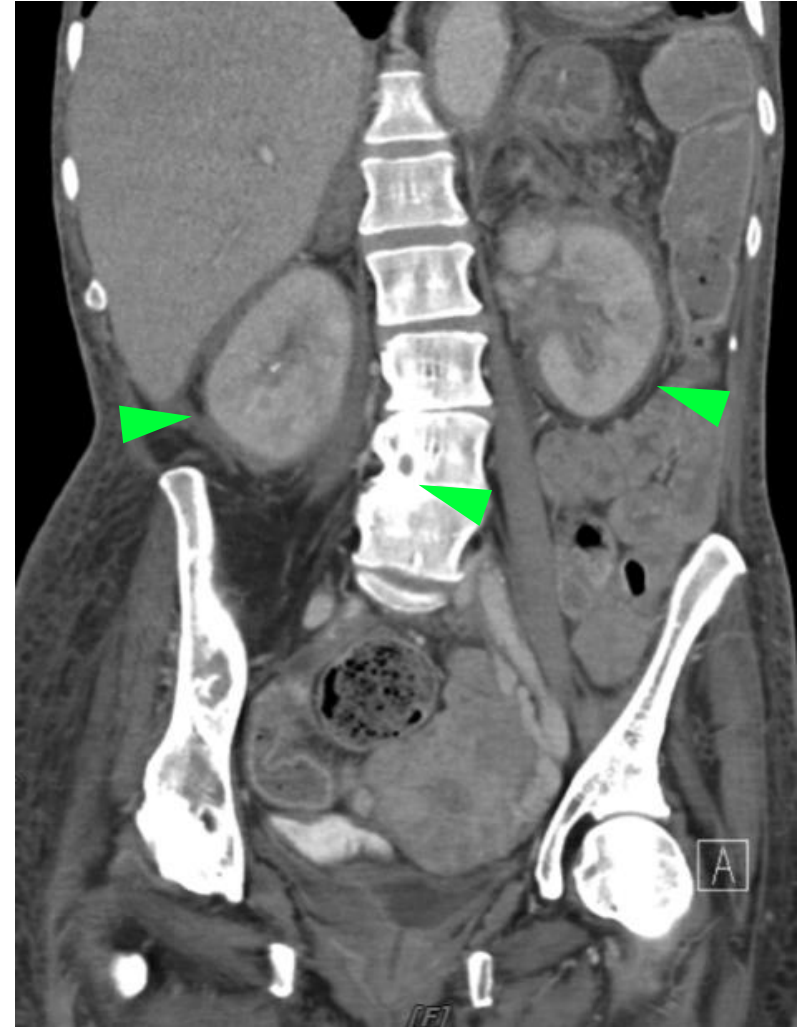
Patient

Feel unwell
Require intensive therapy
Might not survive

Mrs B

- 59 year old retired
- Skin rash for 2 years
- Biopsy: Langerhans cell histiocytosis (treated topically)
- Lower limb edema, heart failure
- CT: aortitis and retroperitoneal fibrosis
- 2 months later dysarthria and ataxia – MRI brain: vertebral infarct
- Retroperitoneal biopsy: Erdheim Chester Disease

Mrs B: CT



Mrs B: Pathological diagnosis

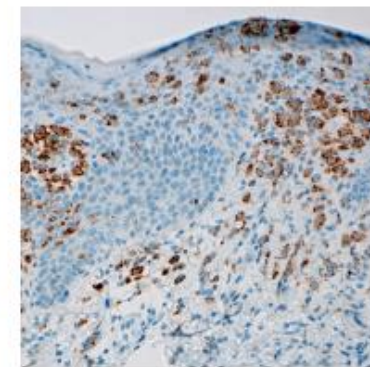
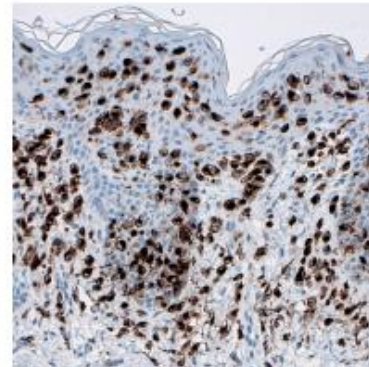
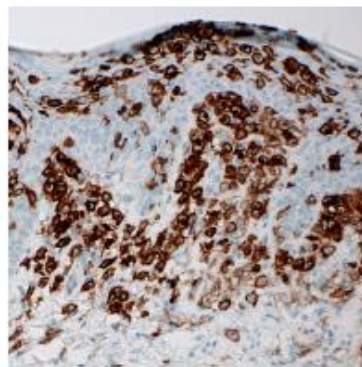
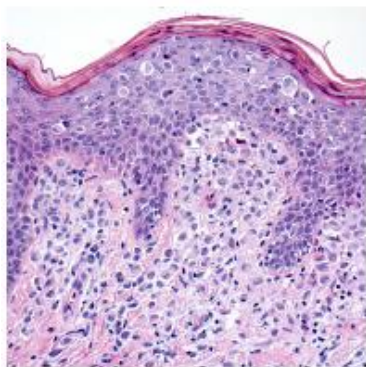
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CD1a

Lang

BRAF^{V600E}

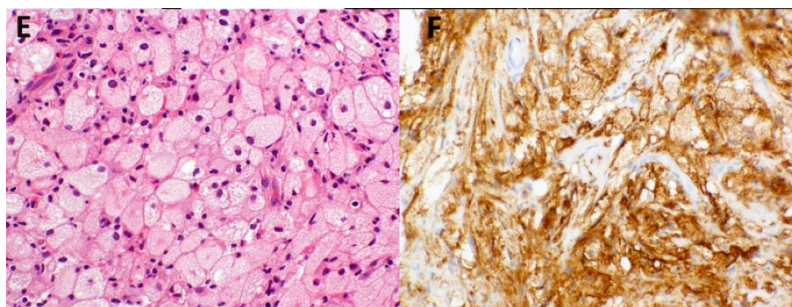
Skin
LCH



H&E

CD68

Perinephric
ECD



Foamy macrophages

BRAF V600E in
blood and skin

Mrs B: Treatment and outcome

- Cladribine 5mg/m² x 5 days every 4-6 weeks
- After second course patient required admission with chest infection
- Patient was refused hematology ward 'we can't admit this patient to a regional leukemia unit – its not our disease'
- 8 weeks recovering on general medical ward
- Patient: 'No-one has heard of my disease and no-one seems interested'
- Bone marrow suppression (plts 24)
- Skin breaking down – LCH still active
- Repeat CT – progression of ECD now involving coeliac axis and causing arterial insufficiency to bowel
- Referred for V600E Basket study but did not make performance status
- Palliative care at home - died

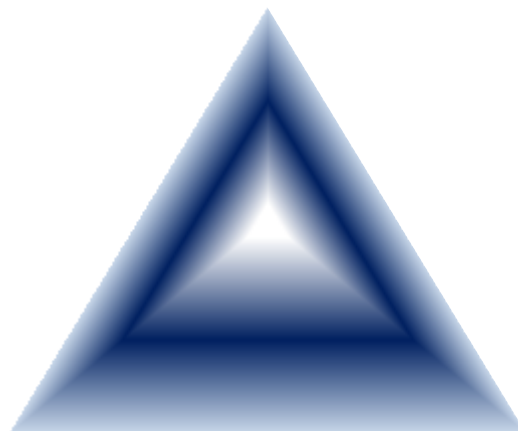
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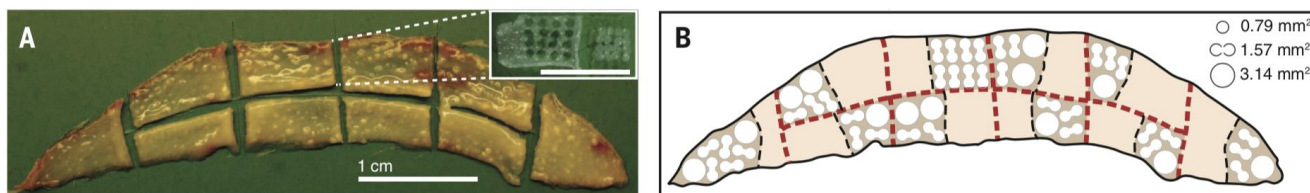
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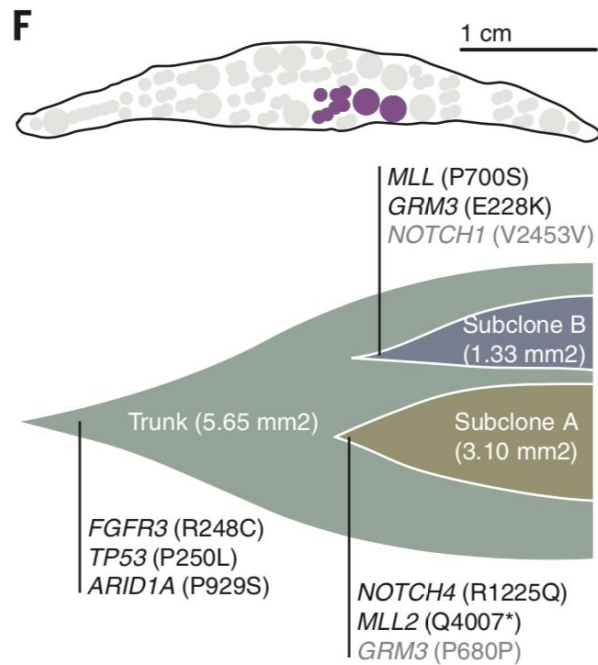
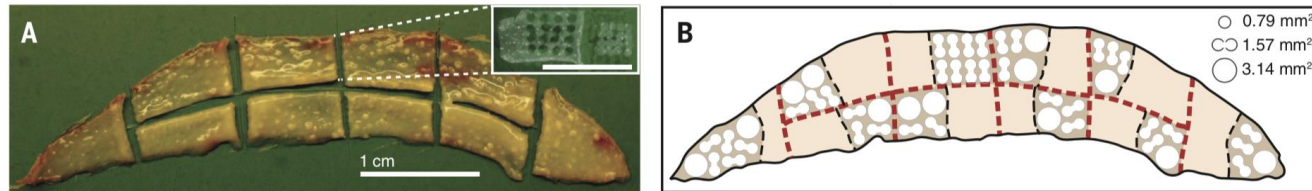
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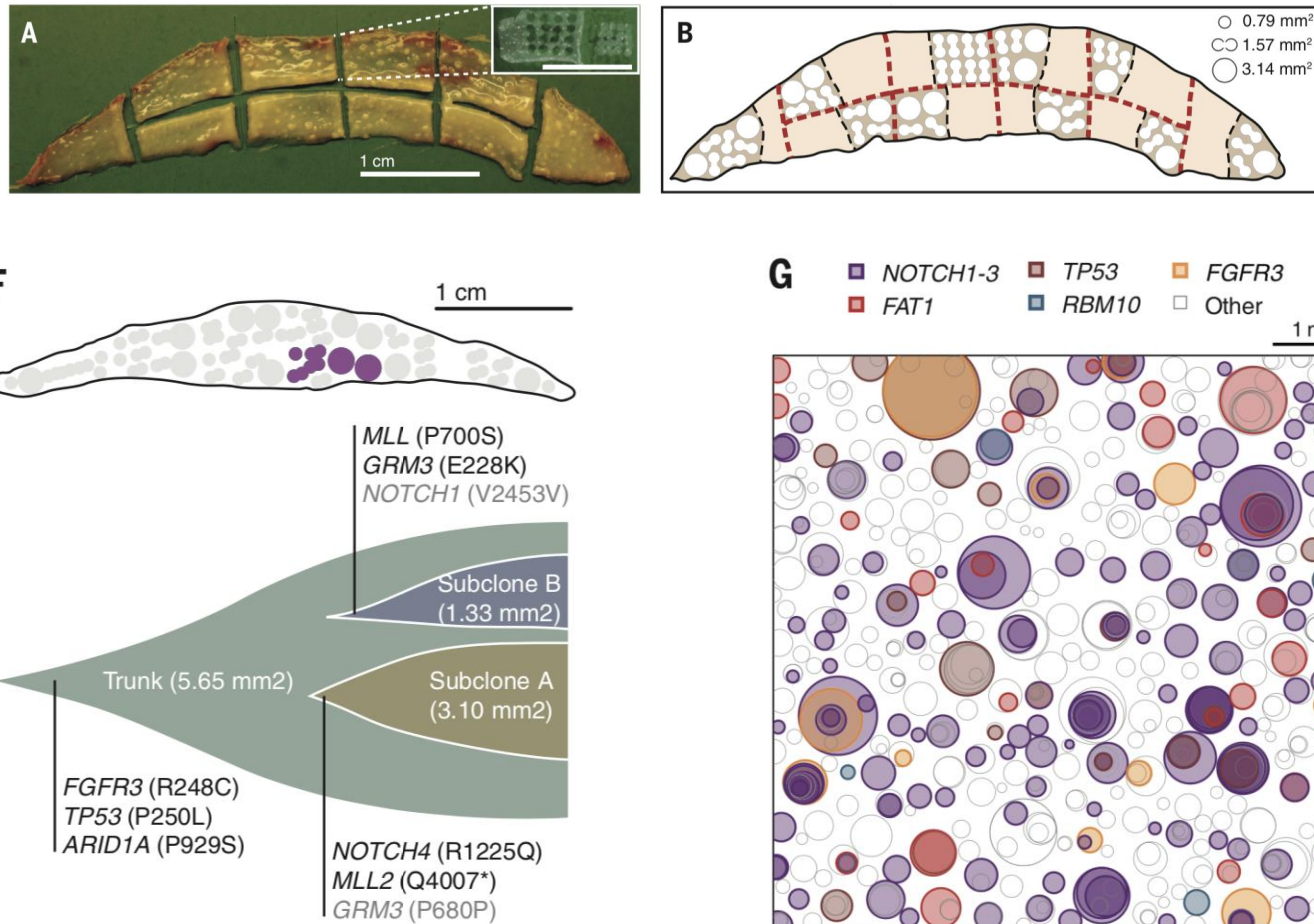
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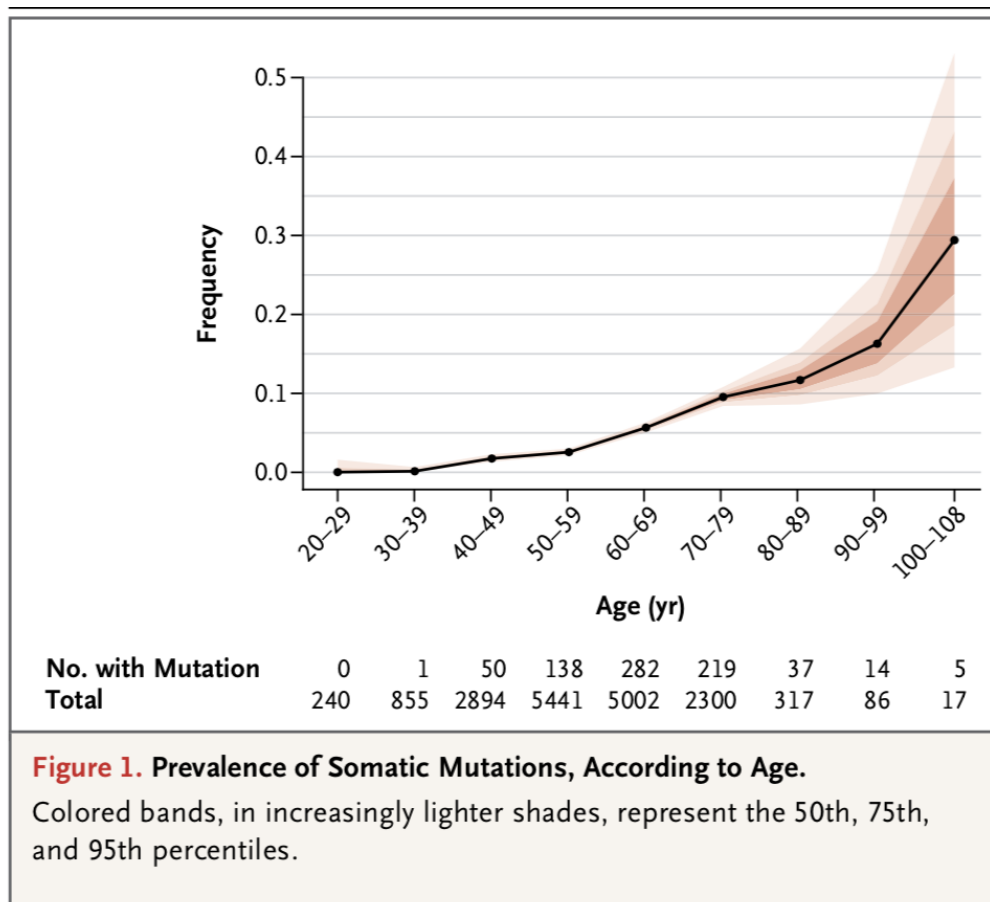
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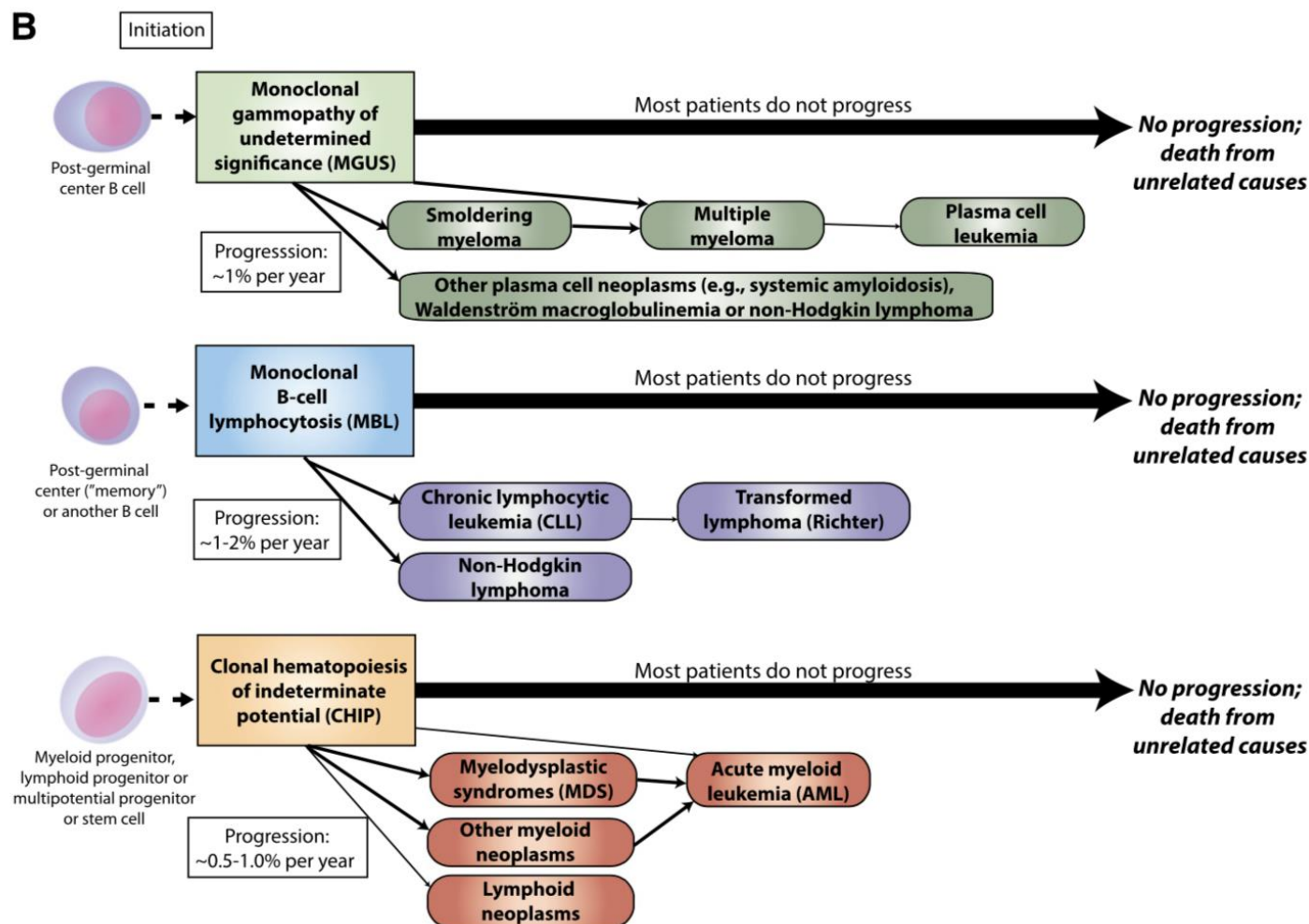
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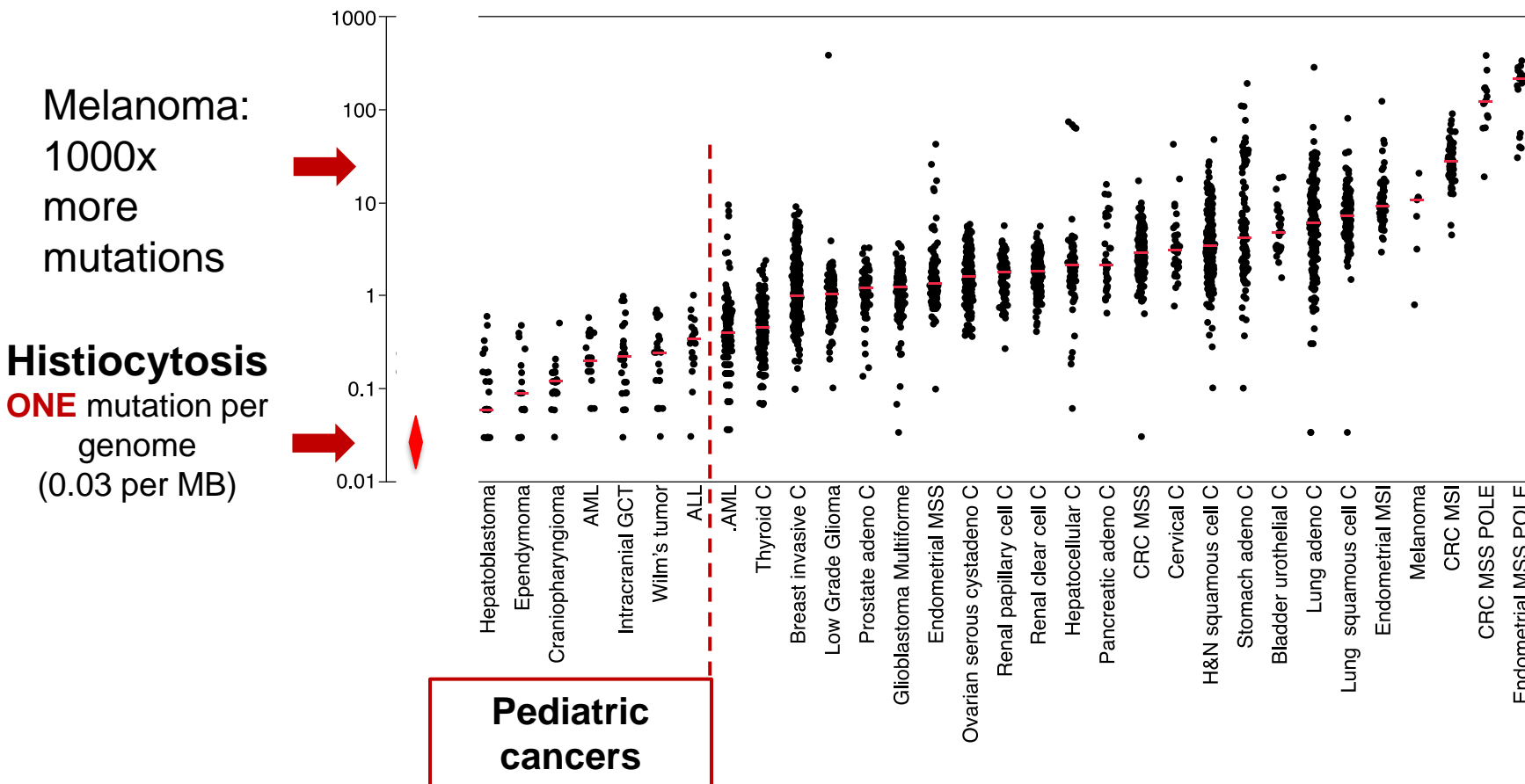
Clonal disorders may not progress



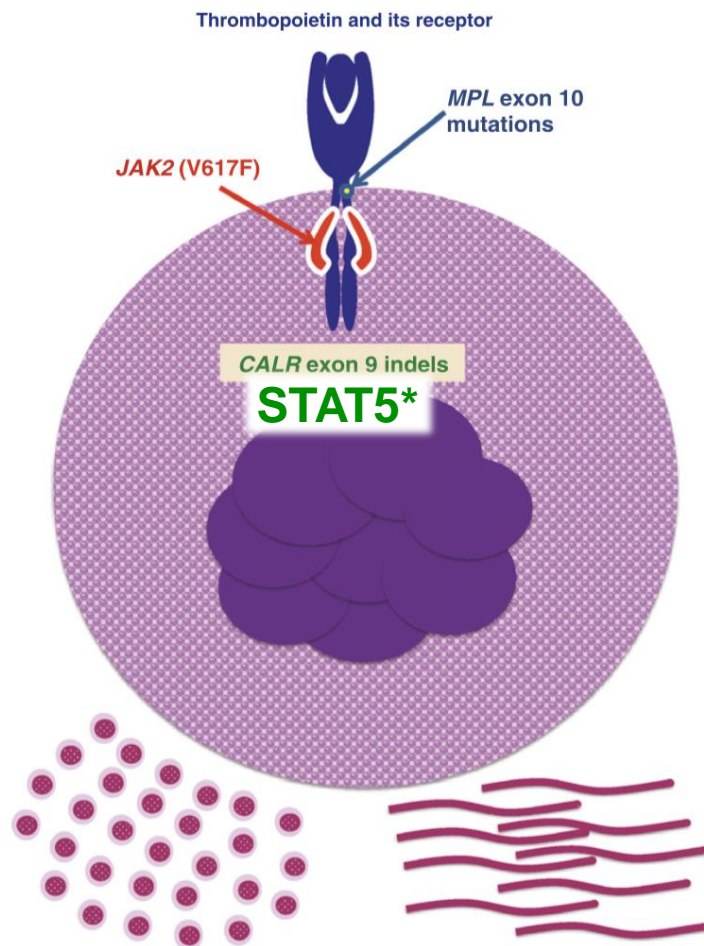
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Spectrum of somatic mutation in cancer

Somatic mutation rate (Per MB x 10^N)

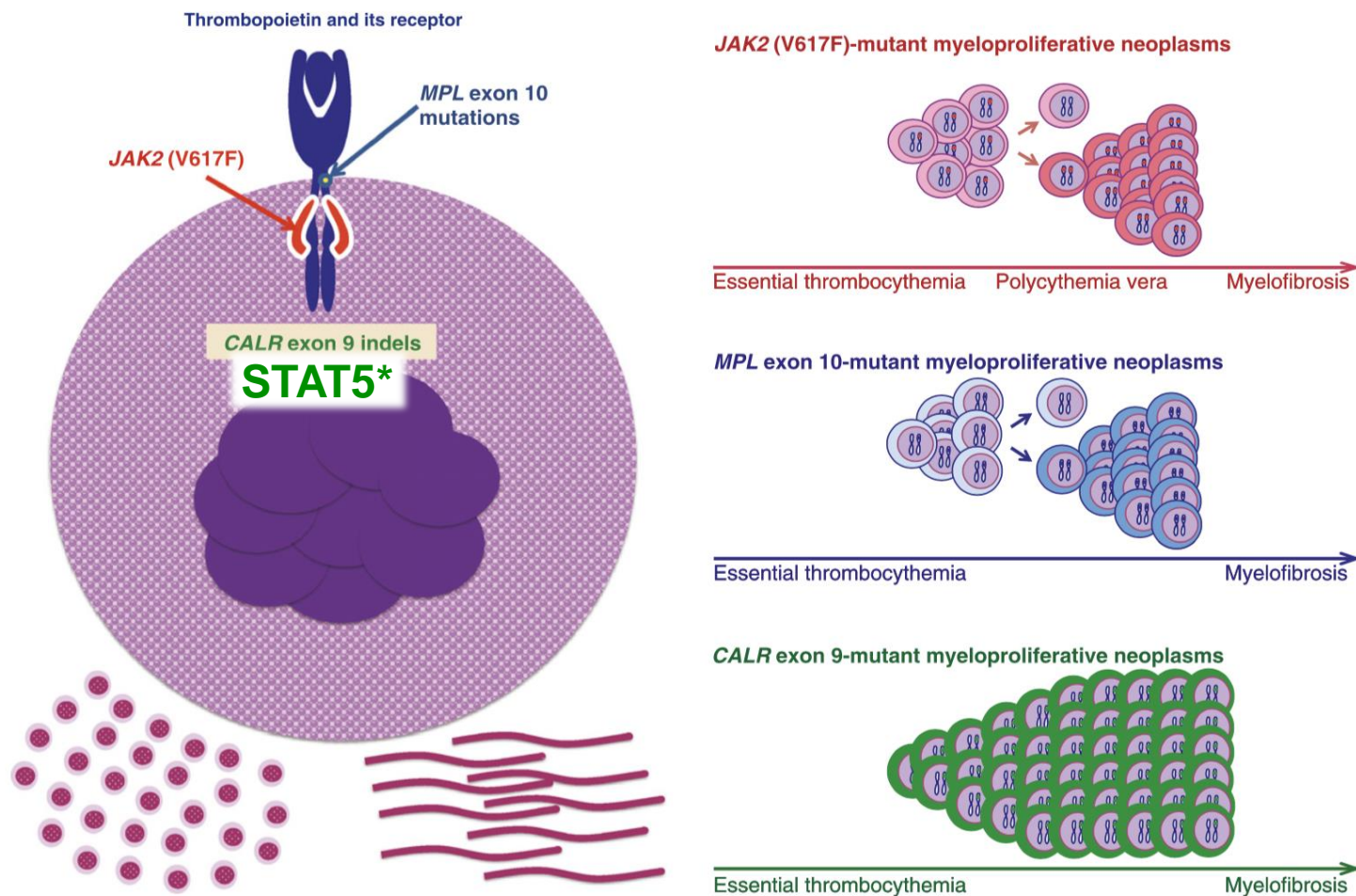


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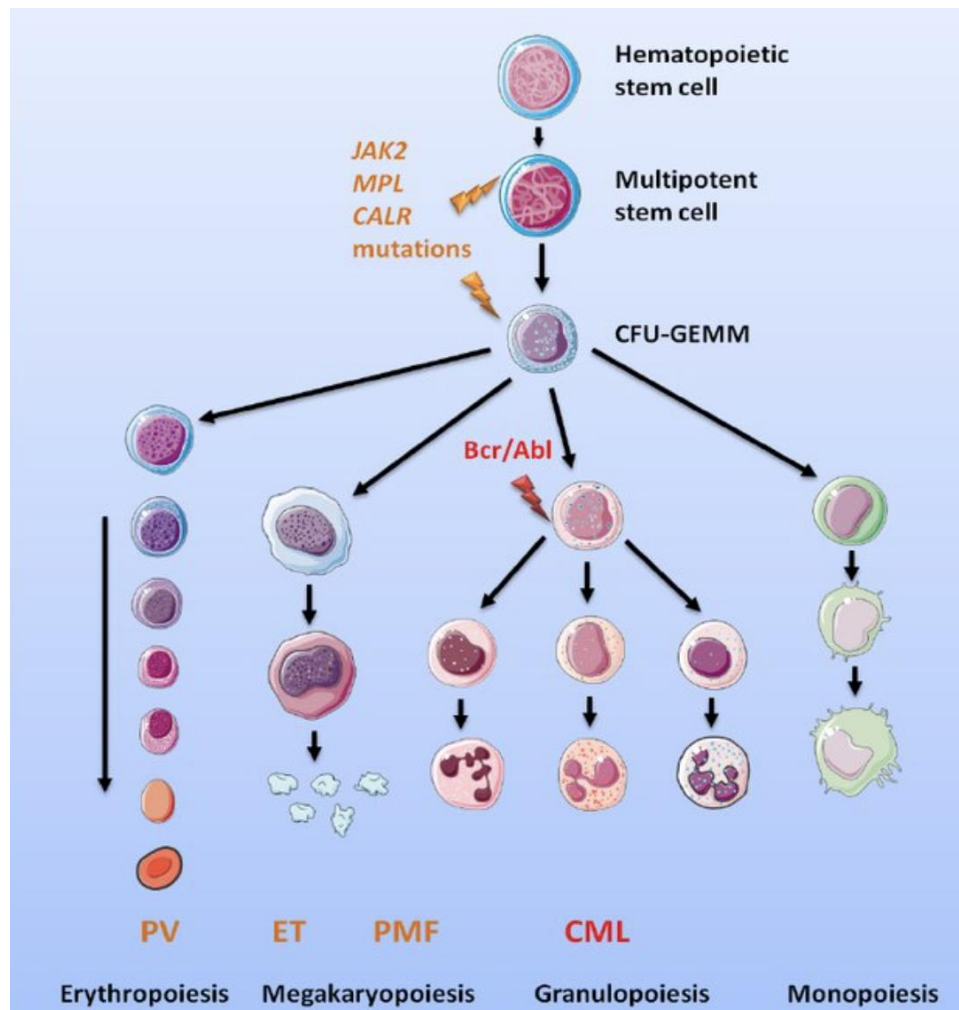
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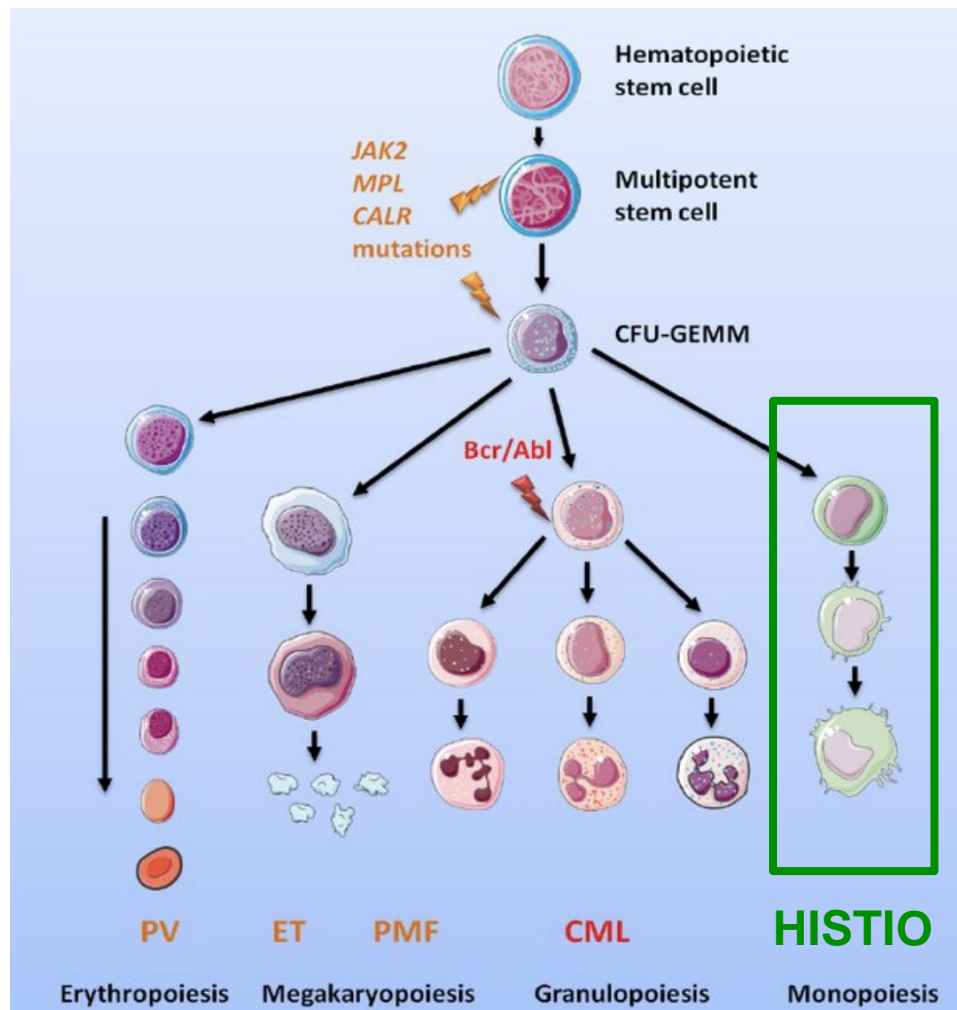
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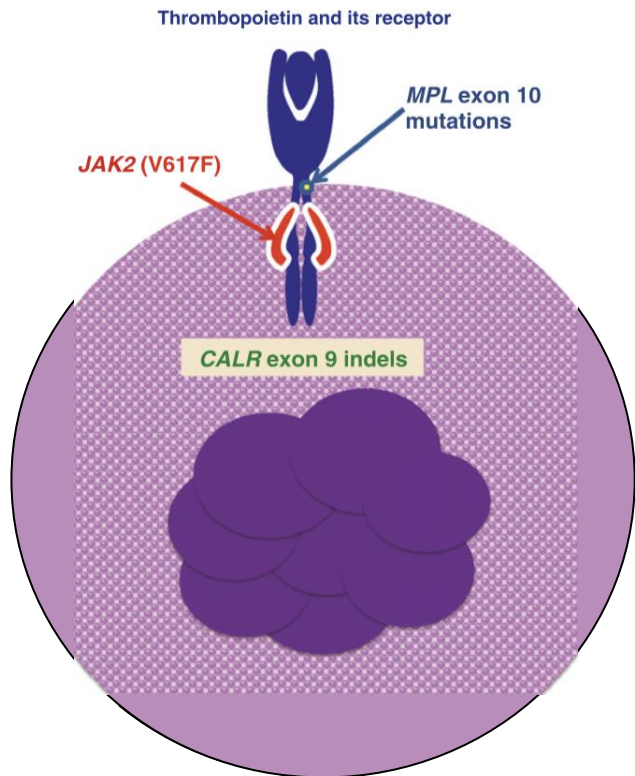
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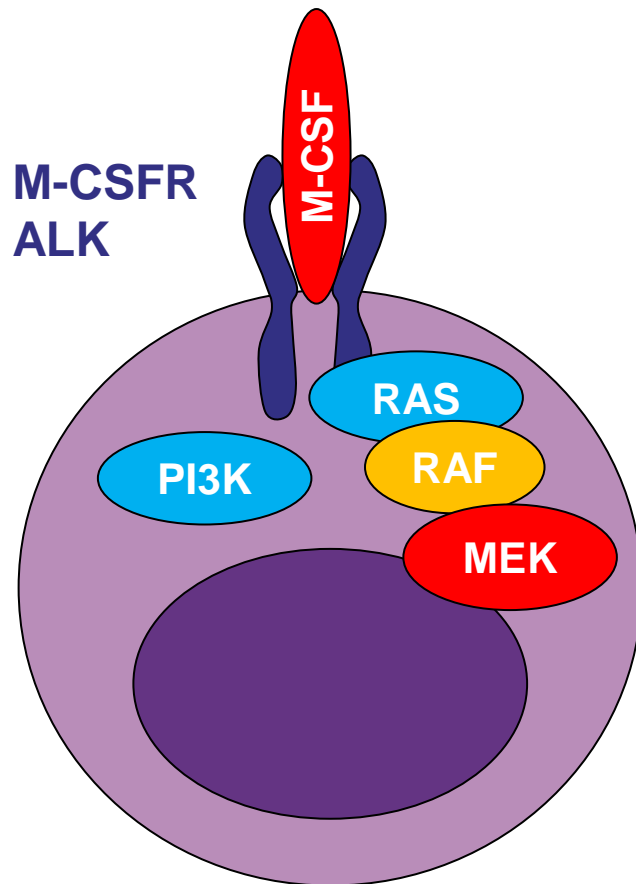


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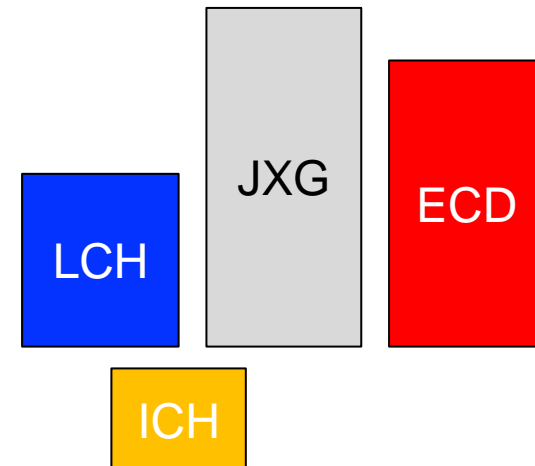


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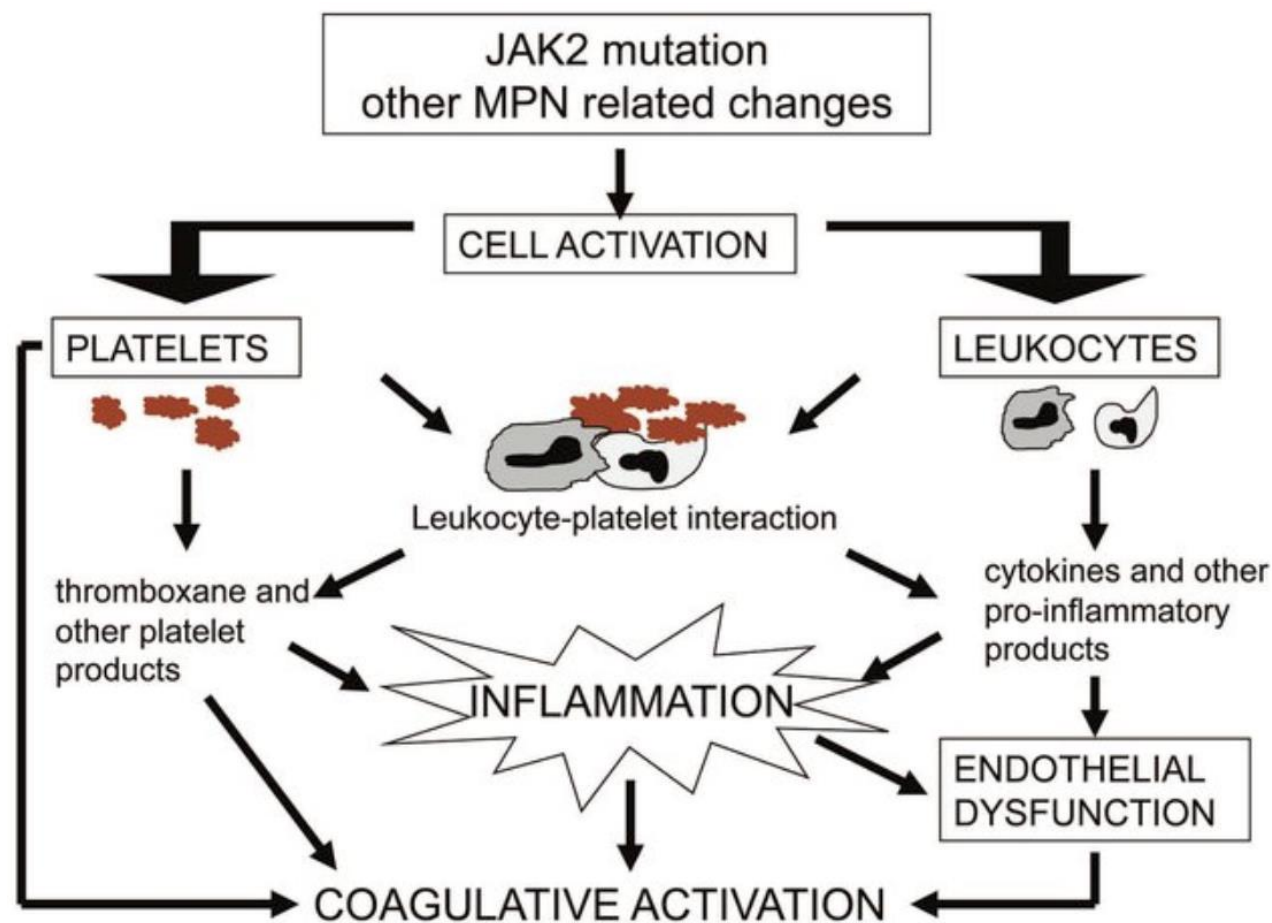


M-CSFR
ALK
RAS
RAF
MEK
PI3K

ETV3-NCOA2



Clonality and systemic inflammation



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Self-Reported Constitutional Symptoms in 458

<i>Symptom</i>	<i>All patients (N=458)</i>
Fatigue	84%
Bone Pain	47%
Fever	18%
Pruritus	50%
Night Sweats	56%
Symptomatic Splenomegaly	54%
Weight Loss (>10%)	20%

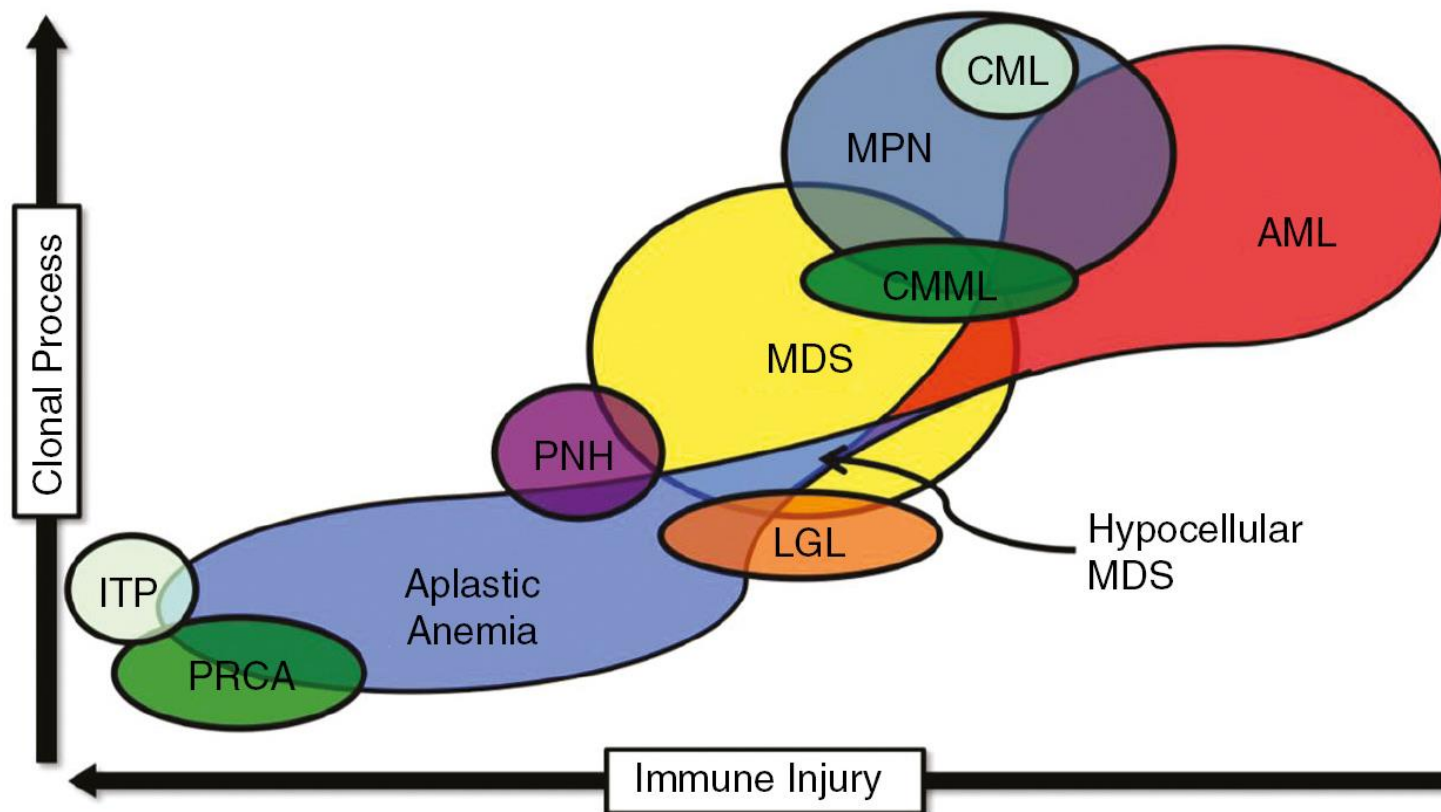
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Post PV MF (Post Polycythemia Vera Myelofibrosis)

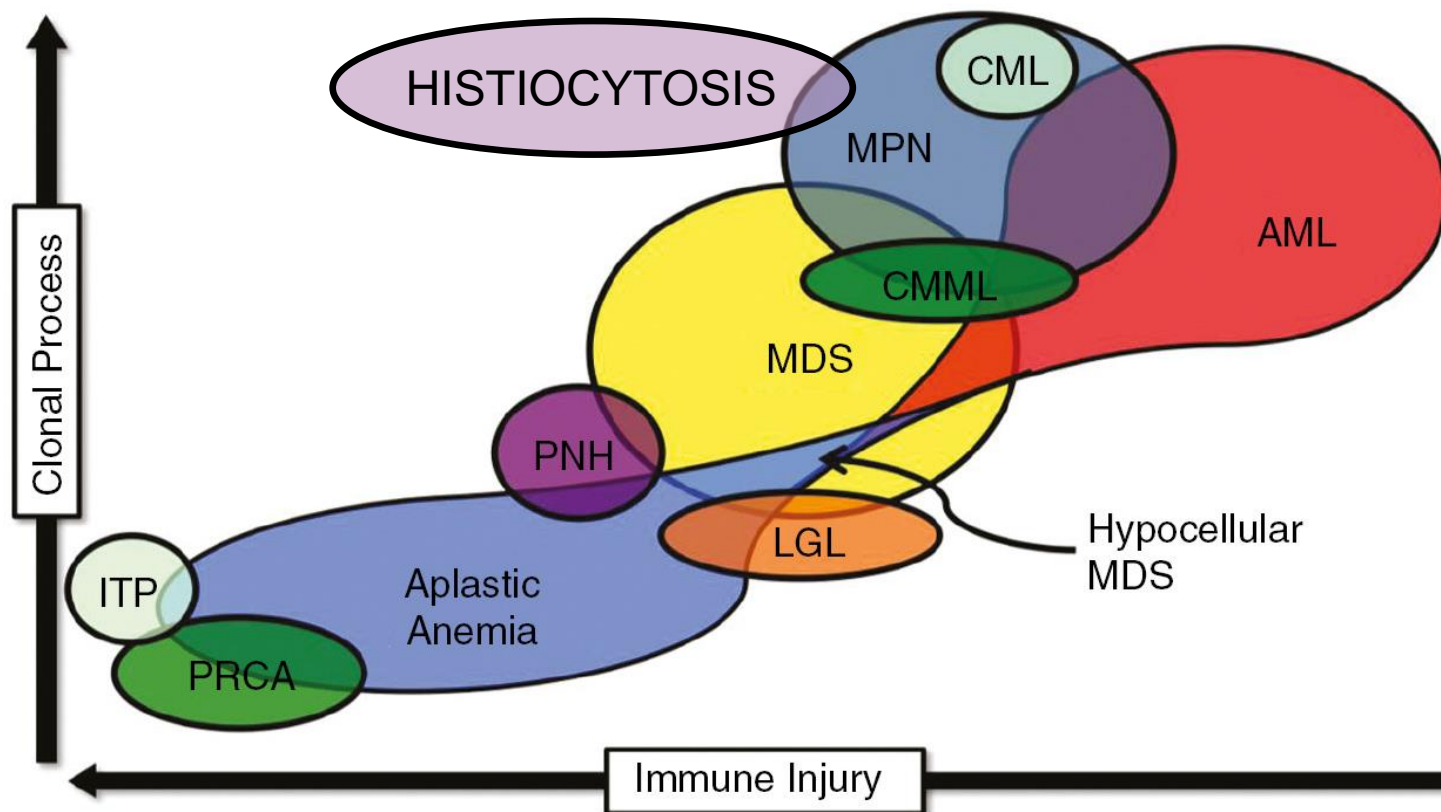
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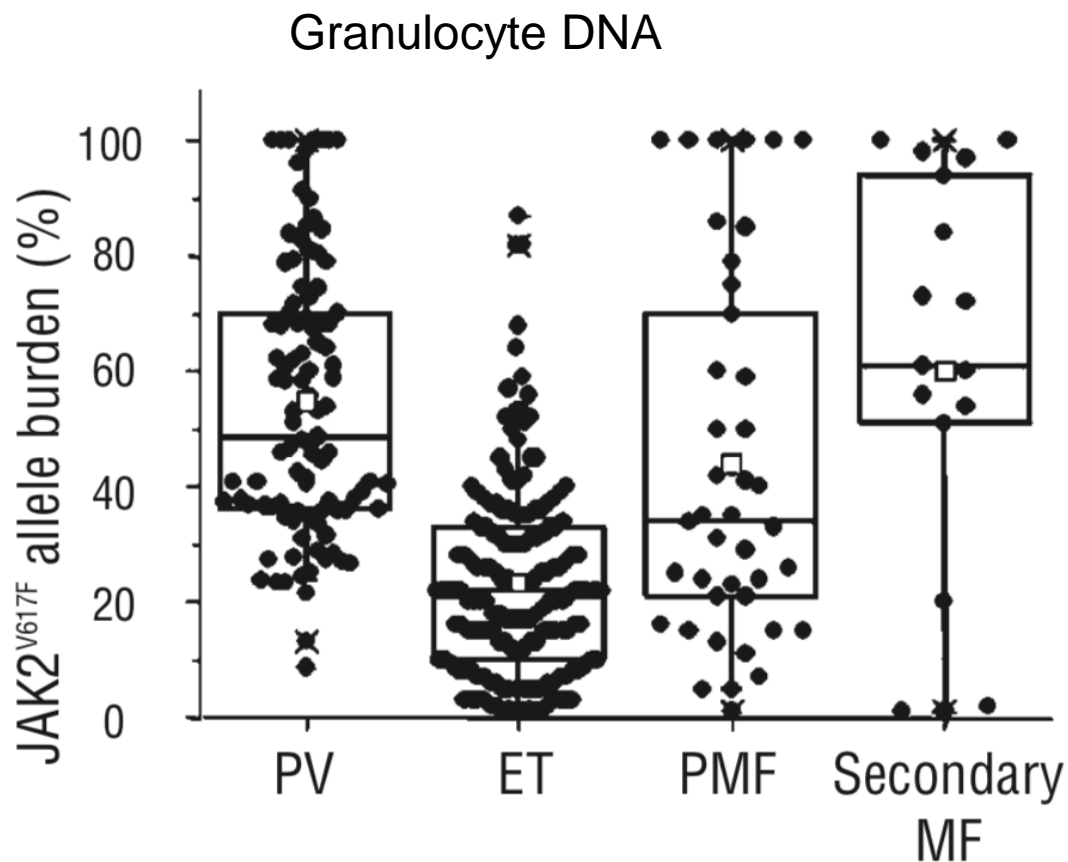
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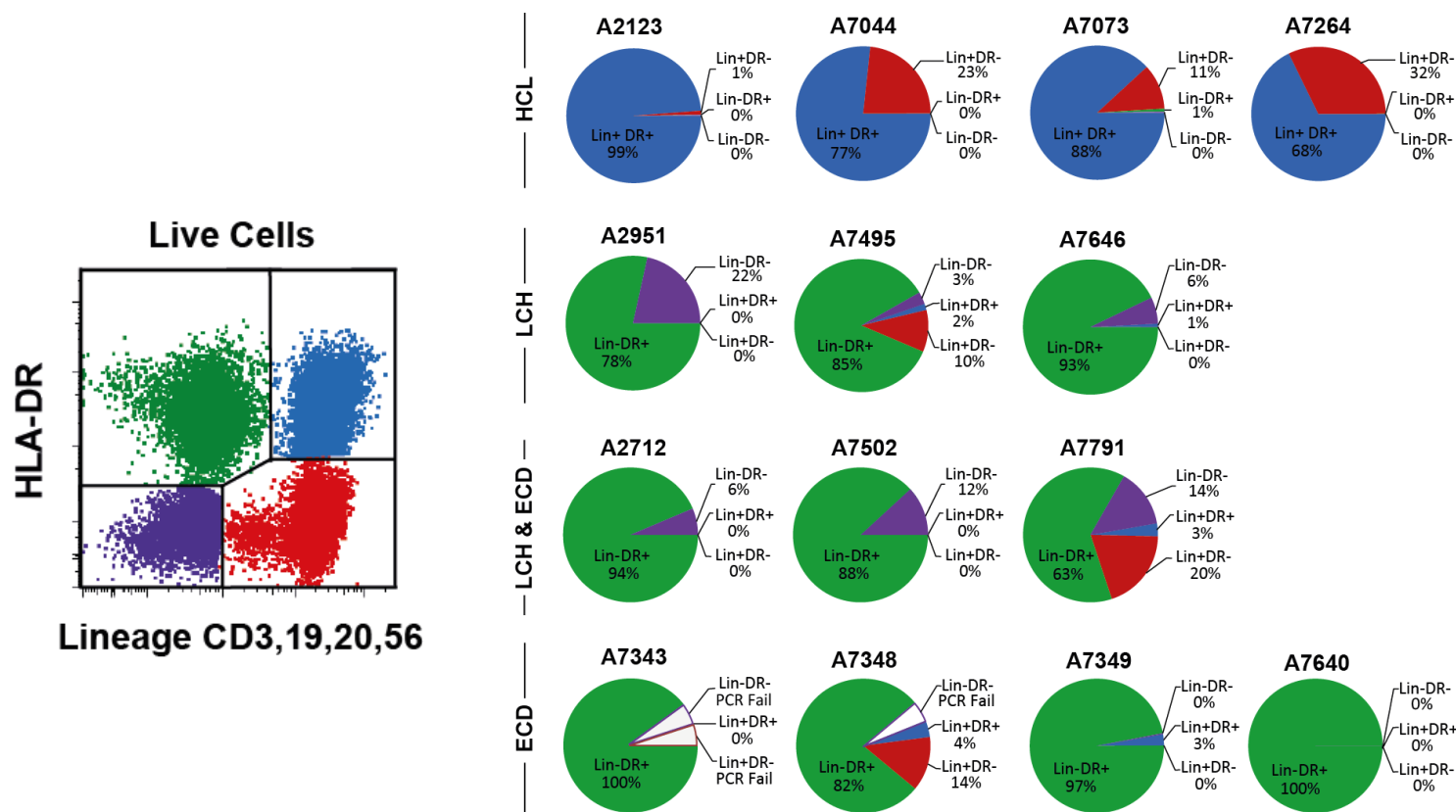


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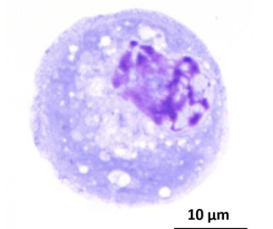
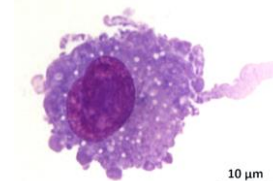
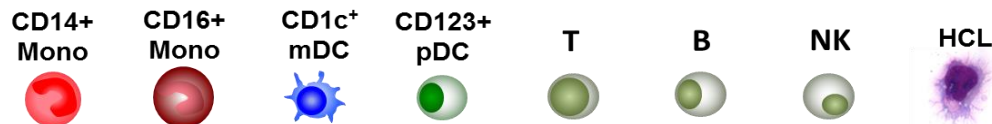
Where are the mutated alleles?



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% mutant alleles



Patient		Myeloid					Lymphoid			
Disease	Patient	Neuts	14+	16+	11c+1c+	123+	T Cells	B Cells	NK	HCL Cells
HCL	A2123	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.40	22.85
	A7044	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.35	1.06	73.65
	A7073	0.00	nt	nt	nt	nt	0.01	26.87	0.10	38.21
	A7264	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.29	0.01	29.34
LCH	A2951	0.00	4.82	45.61	4.96	0.90	0.03	0.16	0.00	n/a
	A7495	0.00	17.74	39.48	7.94	1.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	n/a
	A7646	0.00	1.70	2.66	1.15	0.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	n/a
LCH/ECD	A2712	0.00	0.14	4.07	0.11	0.06	0.01	0.00	0.00	n/a
	A7502	0.00	0.17	0.20	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	n/a
ECD	A7348	nt	0.38	1.36	1.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	n/a
	A7349	nt	1.42	0.47	1.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	n/a
	A7640	0.00	0.08	0.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	n/a
	A7343	nt	0.00	0.07	0.00	0.00	nt	0.00	0.00	n/a

Both monocytes make a foam cell

CD14+
Mono



CD16+
Mono



CD1c+
mDC

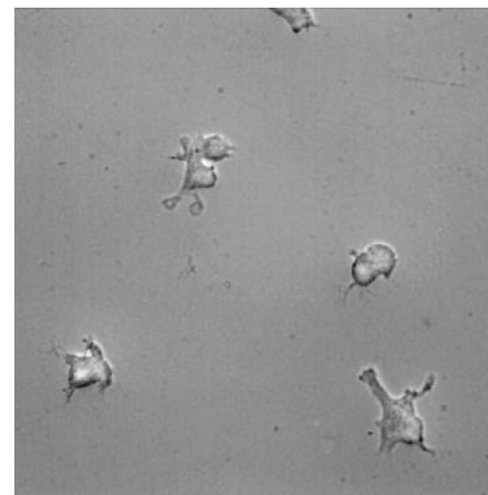
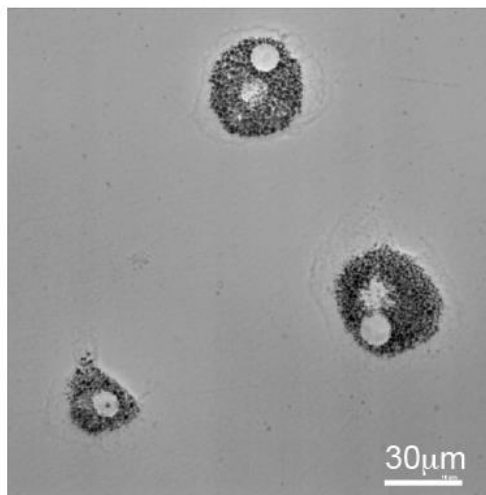
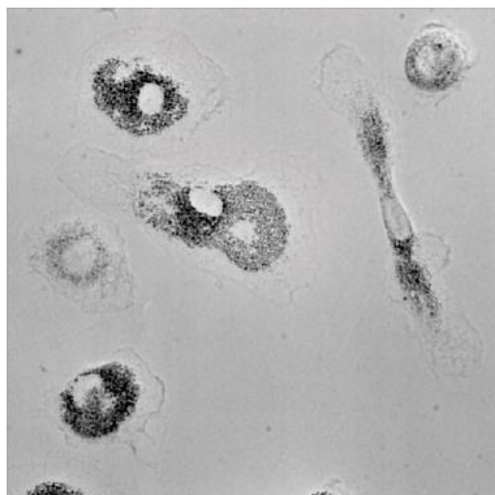


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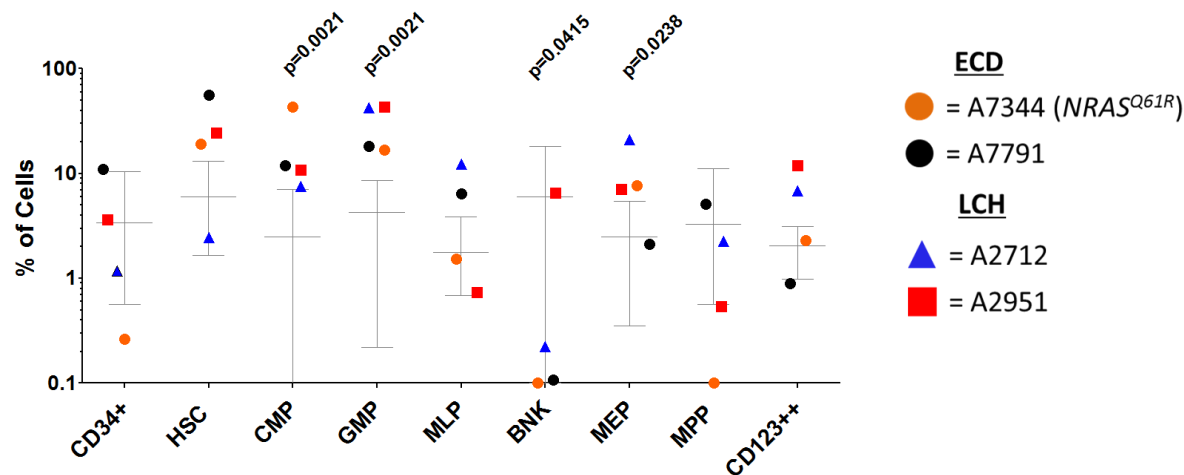
CD14+ Monocyte

CD16+ Monocyte

CD1c+ DC



BM origin . . .



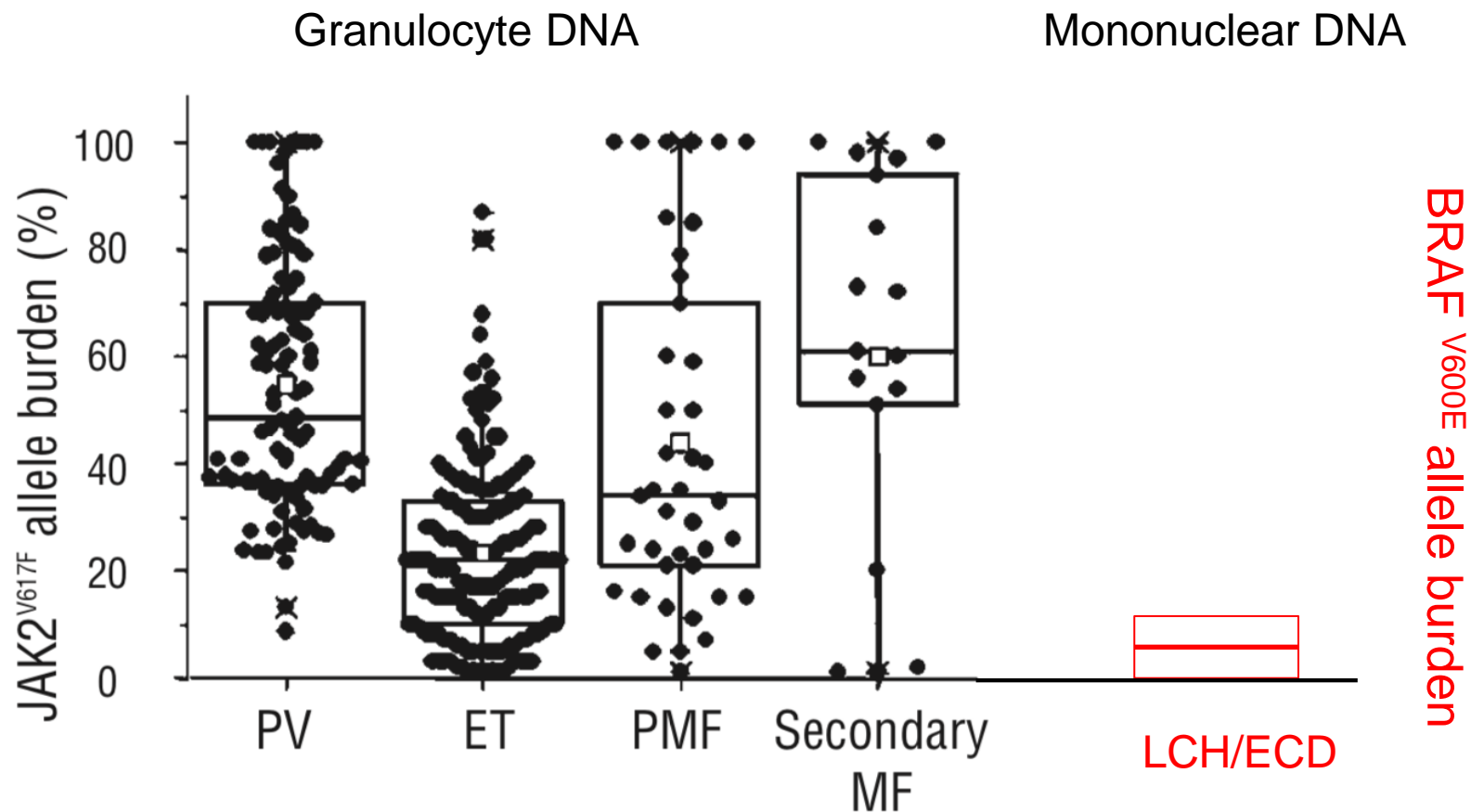
% BRAF^{V600E}

HSC CMP GMP MLP B/NK HCL

Disease	Patient	HSC	CMP	GMP	MLP	B/NK	HCL
HCL	A7264	0.57	nt	nt	nt	nt	33.37
LCH	A2712	0.47	4.56	0.61	0.00	0.00	n/a
	A2951	0.61	12.67	1.33	0.20	0.00	n/a
ECD	A7991	0.10	0.35	0.48	0.01	nt	n/a
	A7344*	29.00	21.00	63.00	0.00	0.00	n/a

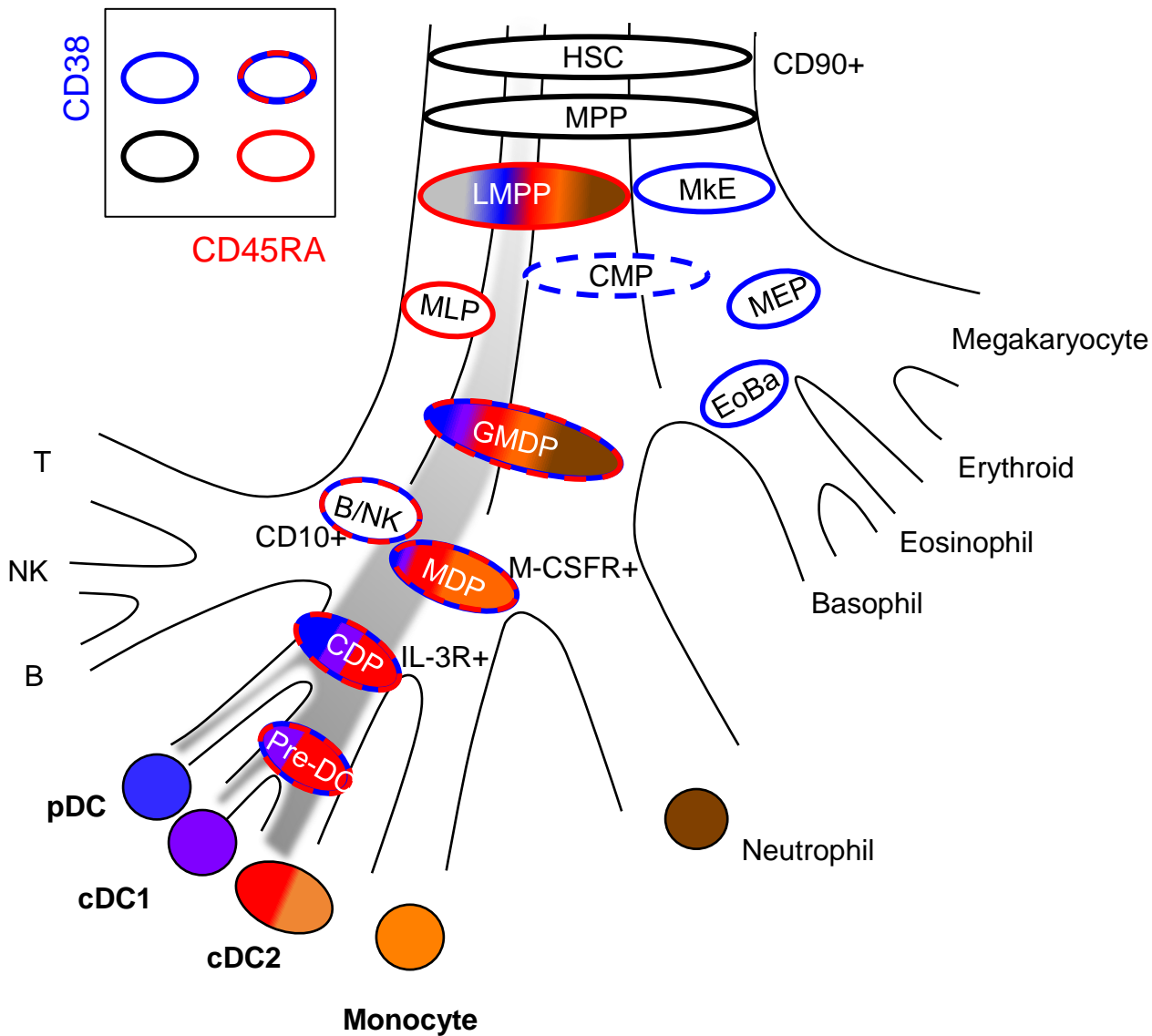
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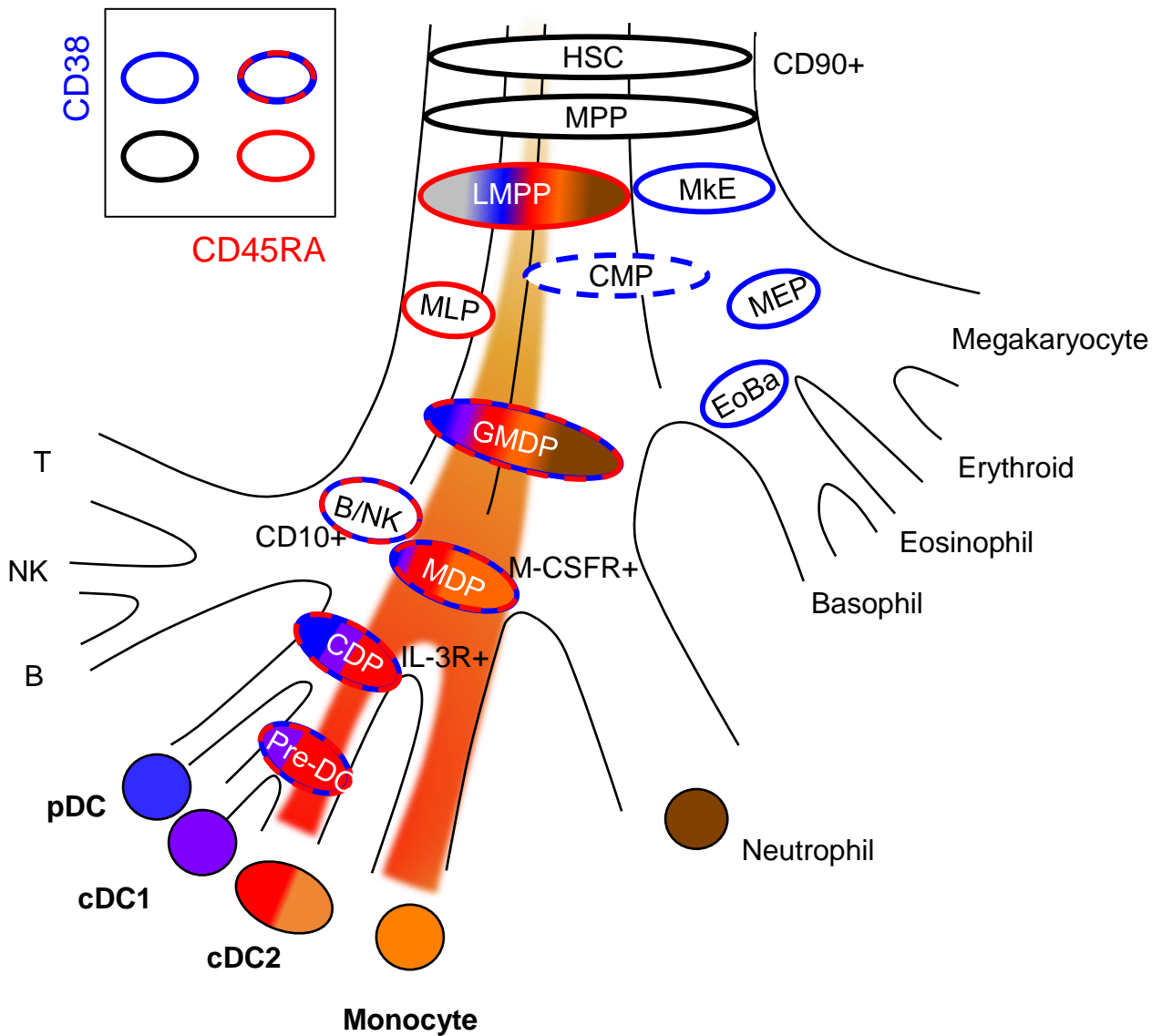


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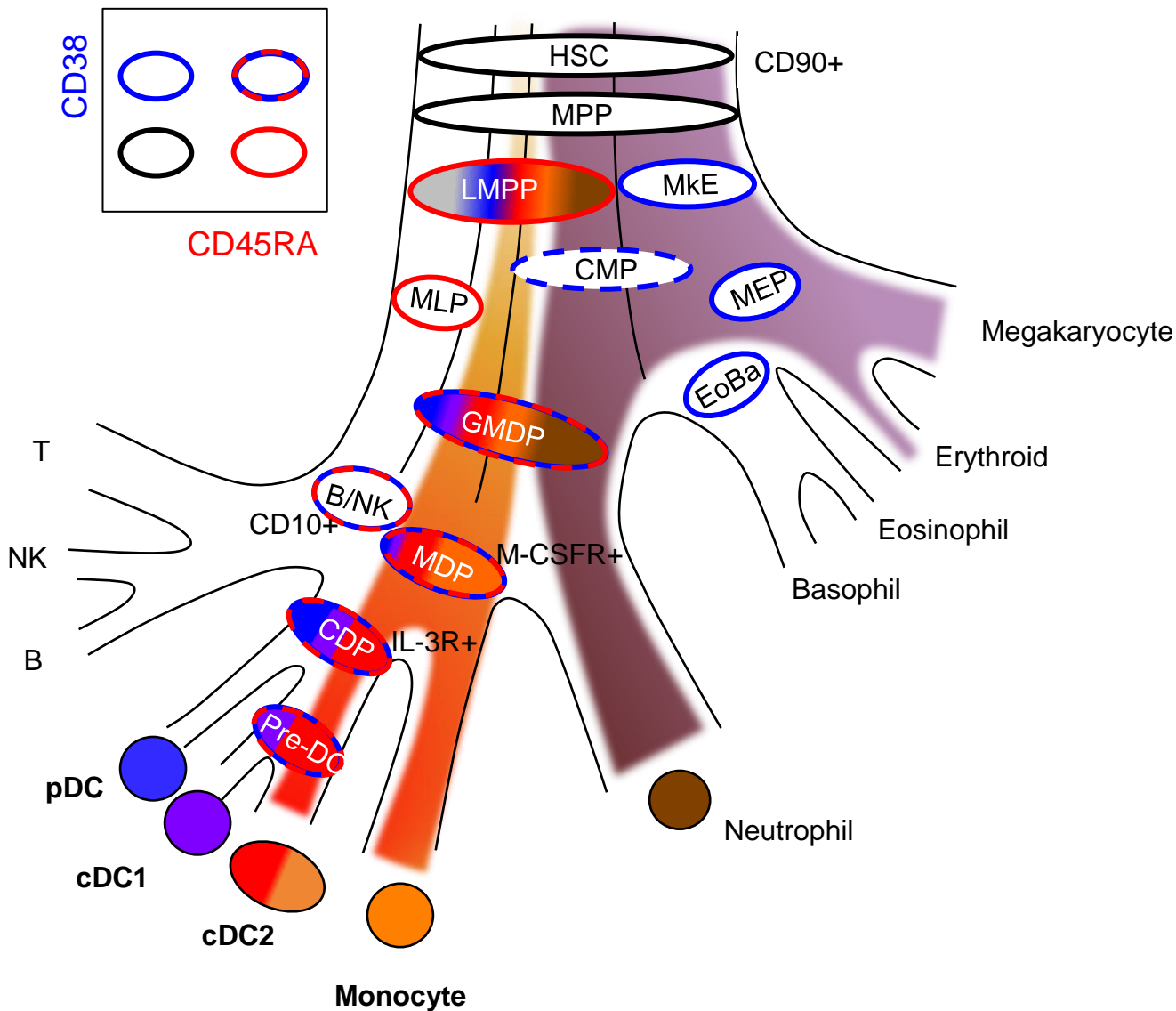


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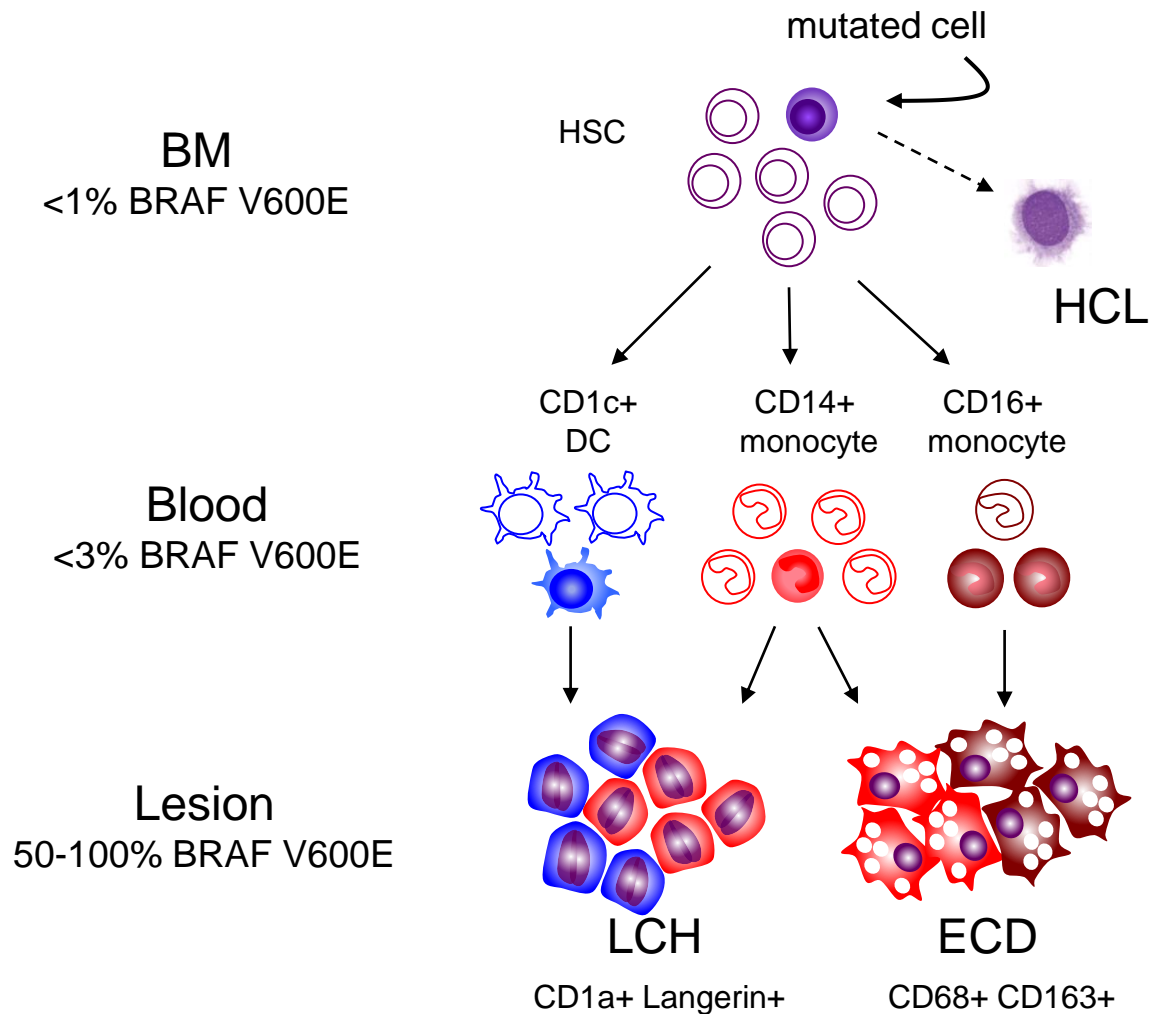
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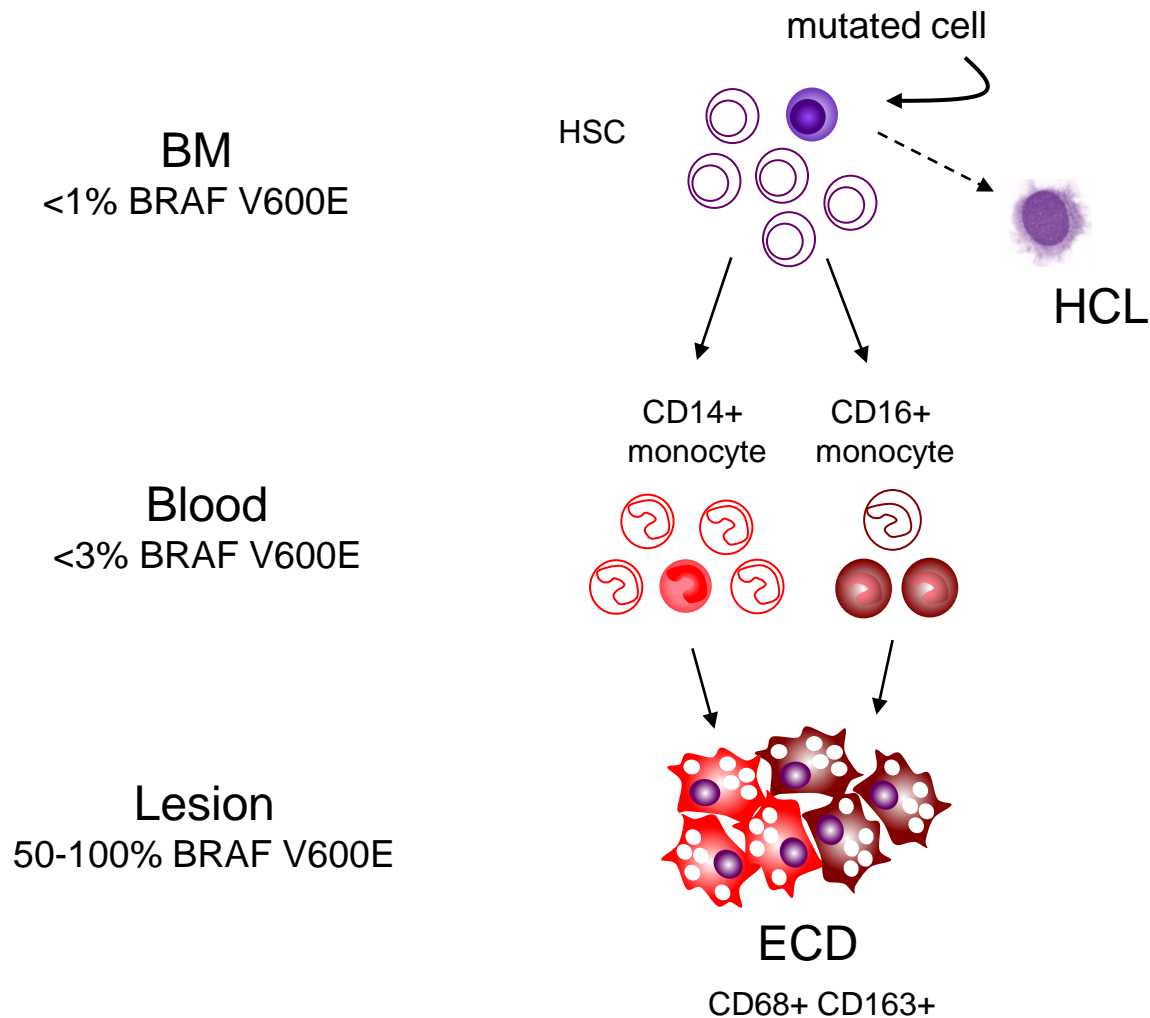
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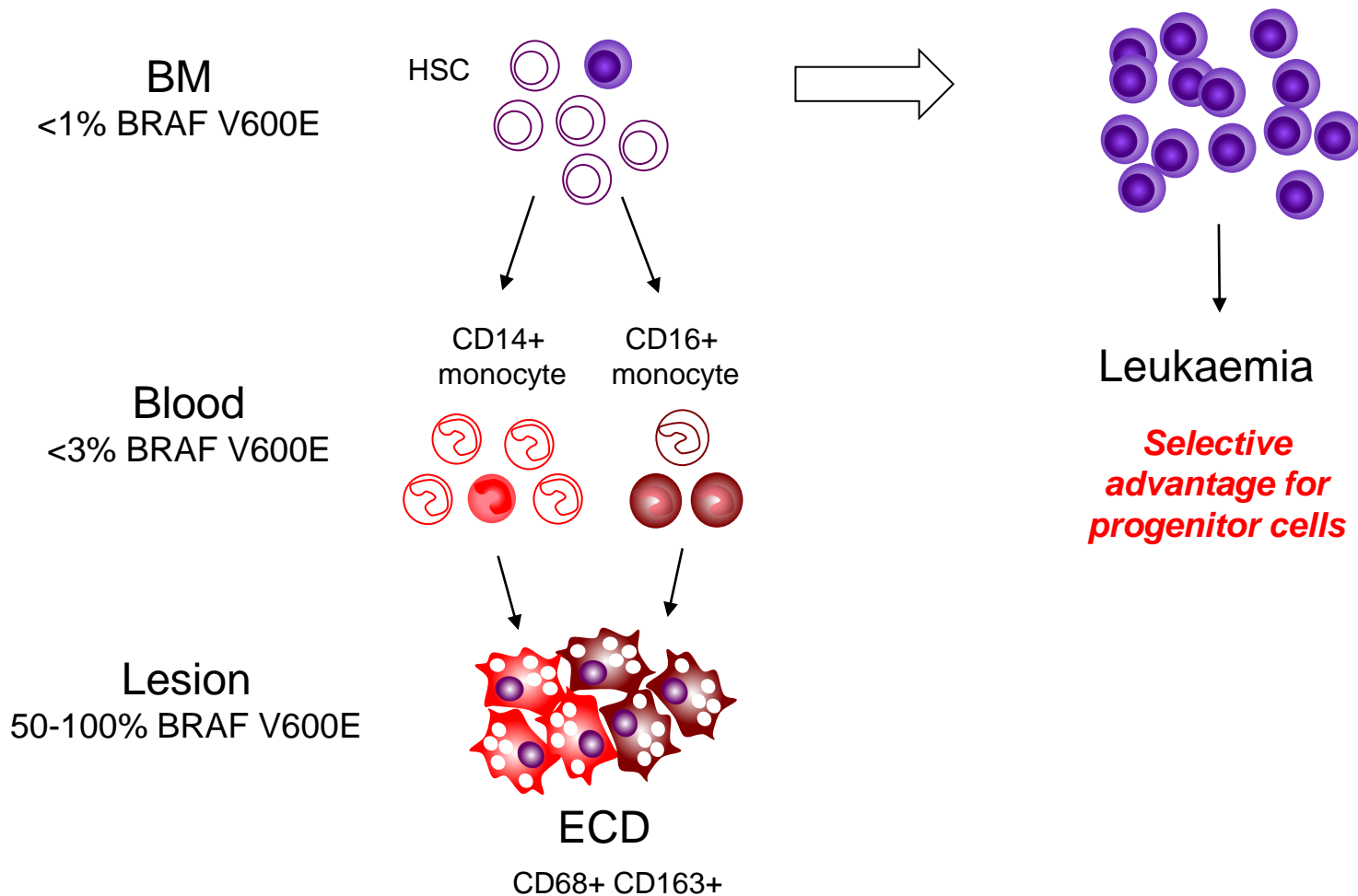


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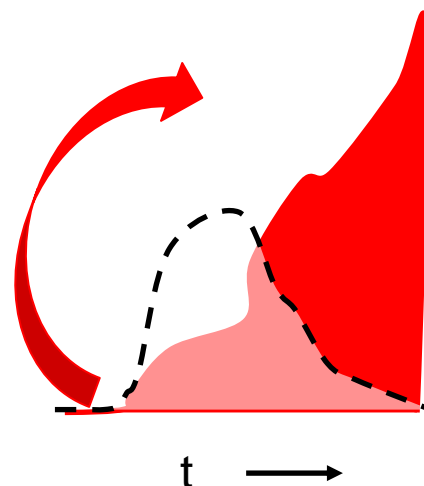
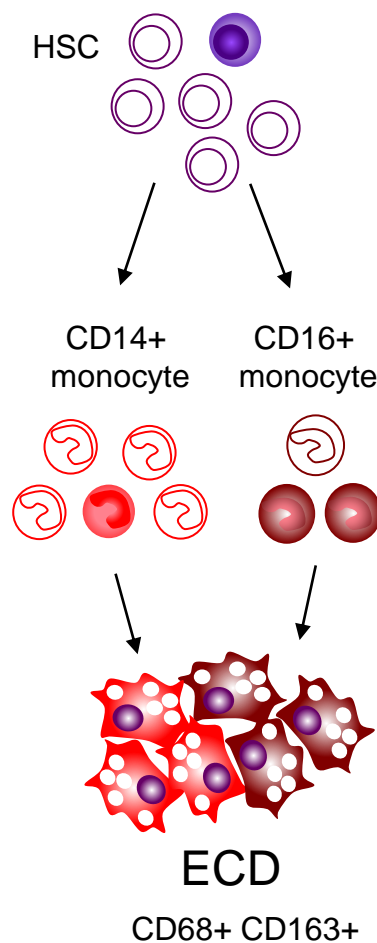


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BM
<1% BRAF V600E
No selective advantage

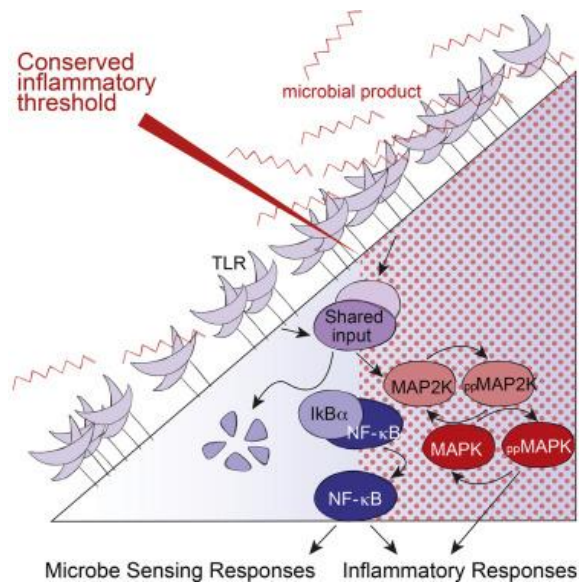
Blood
<3% BRAF V600E
Low selective advantage

Lesion
50-100% BRAF V600E
Selective advantage for BRAF^{V600E}



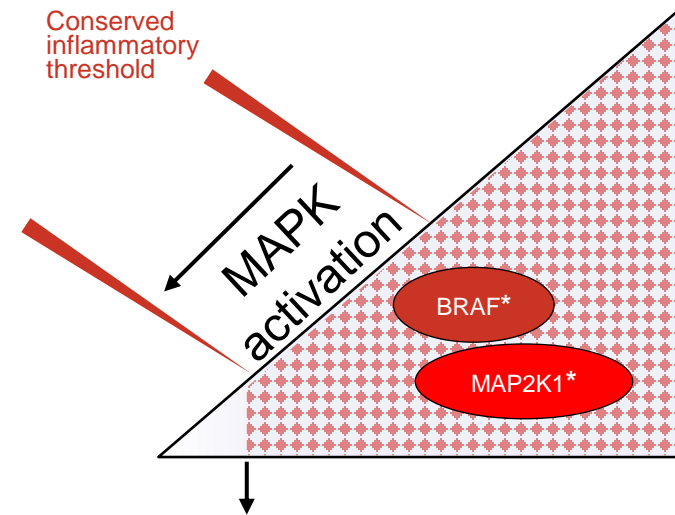
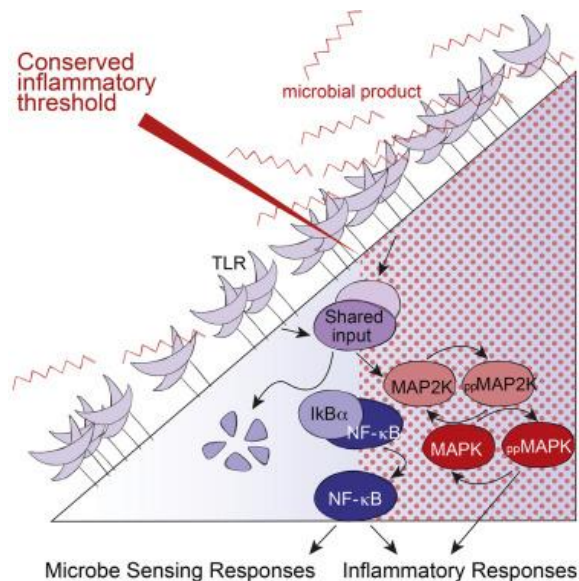
Uncontrolled and persistent activation of immunity

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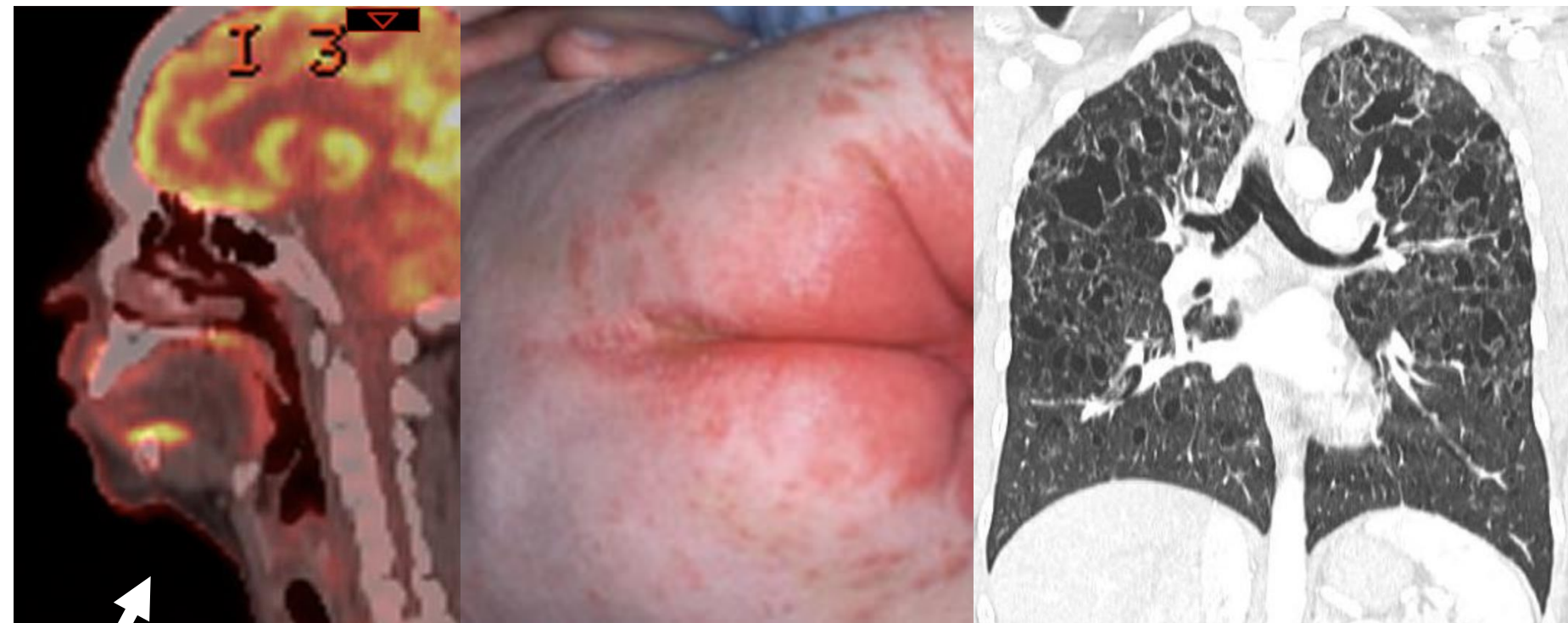
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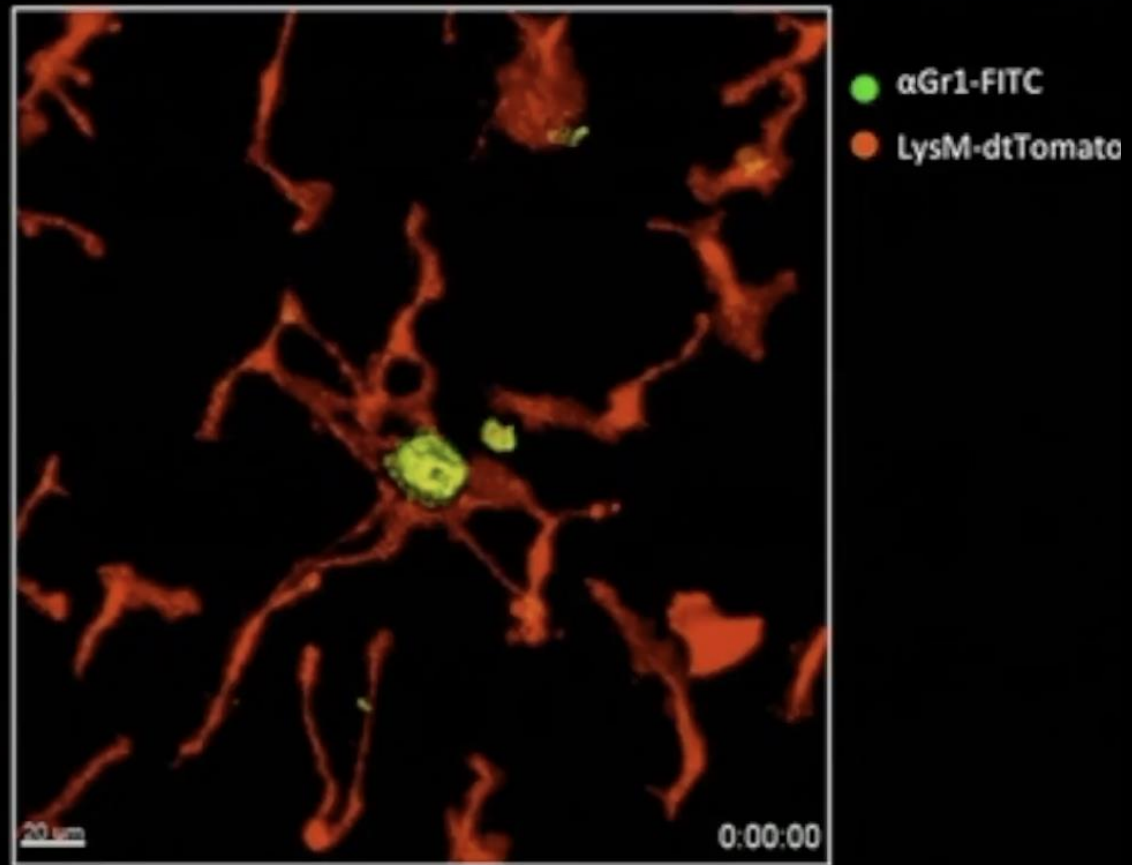
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Local inflammation exacerbates histiocytosis



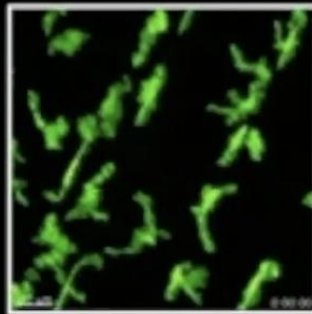
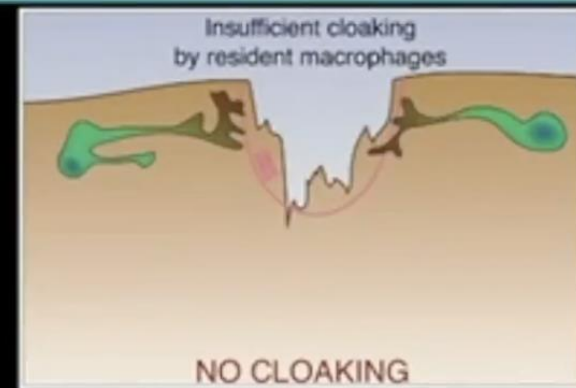
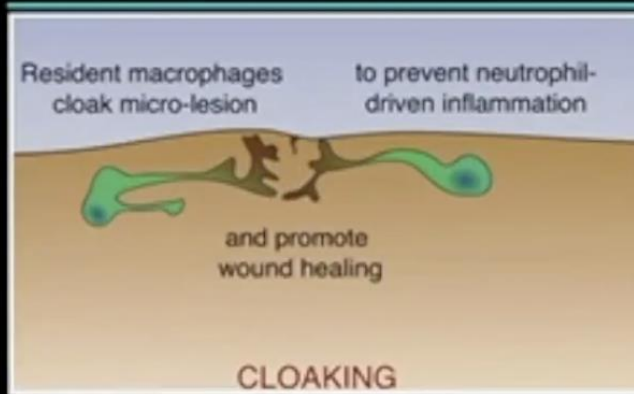
Tissue Resident Macrophages “Cloak” Tissue Damage Before Neutrophils Arrive



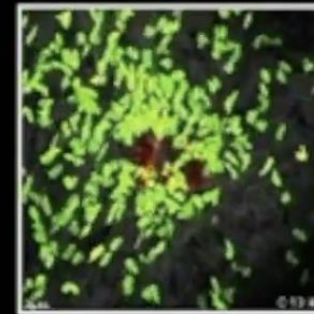
Endocytic Activity of Cloaking Macrophages Remove Cell Debris



Difference Between Prevention of Inflammatory Tissue Damage and Resolution of Such Damage

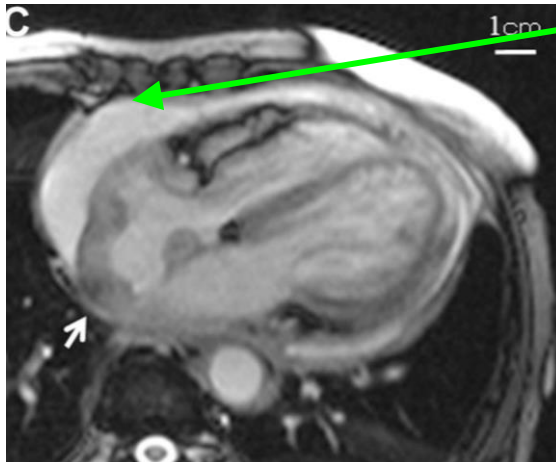
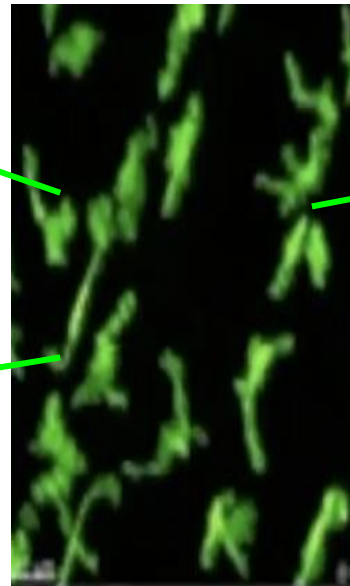
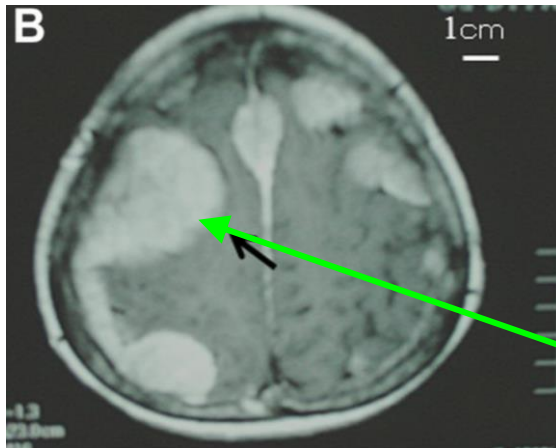


NO INFLAMMATION
=> PREVENTION



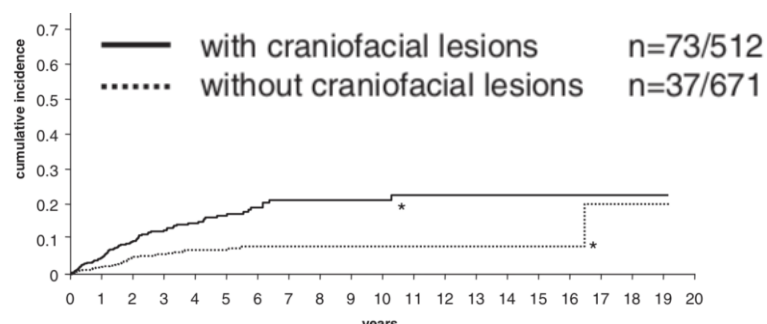
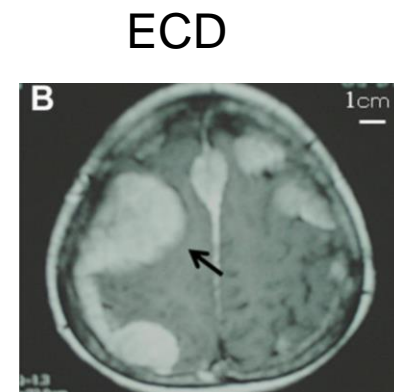
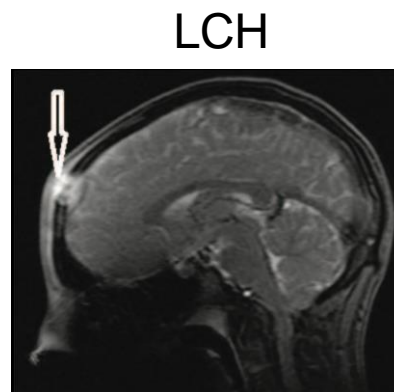
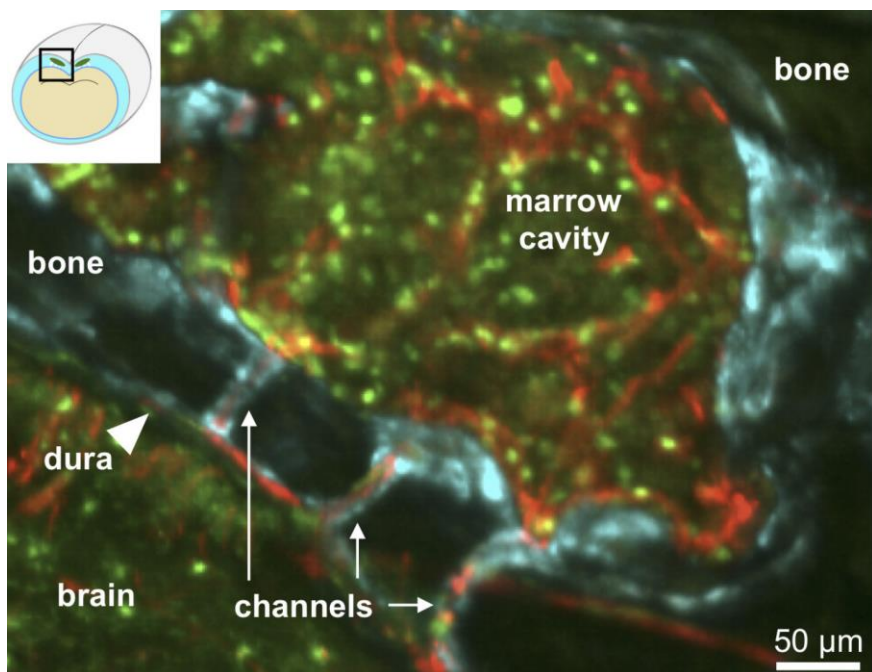
INFLAMMATION
=> RESOLUTION needed

Impaired cloaking function of fascial macrophages promotes ECD?

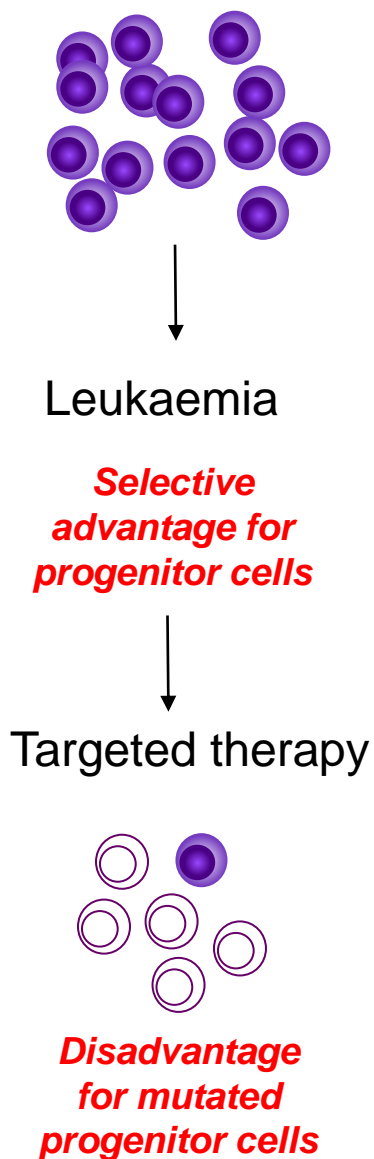


Direct channels connect the skull bone marrow and the brain surface

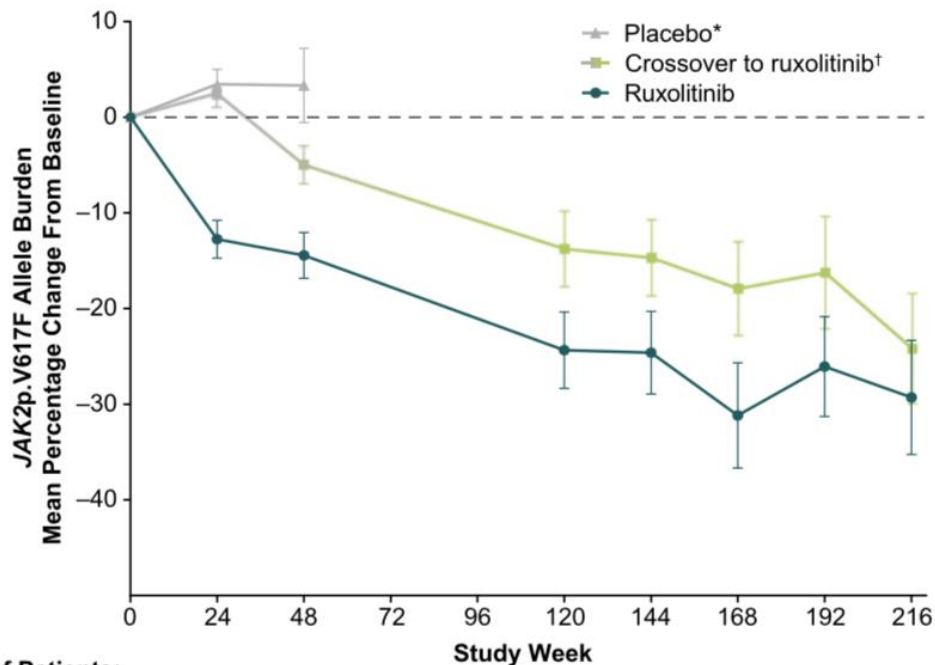
Inflammatory cells in the brain are more likely to originate from the skull than the tibia



Herisson F, Frodermann V, Courties G et al. Direct vascular channels connect skull bone marrow and the brain surface enabling myeloid cell migration. *Nat Neurosci*. 2018;21 (9):1209-1217.



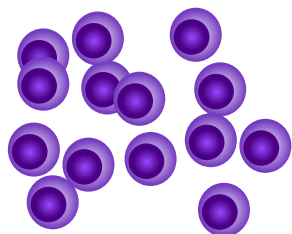
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No. of Patients:

Placebo	123	89	23					
Crossover to ruxolitinib	123	100	75	53	48	41	32	28
Ruxolitinib	113	101	88	70	62	46	45	36

The effect of long-term ruxolitinib treatment on JAK2p.V617F allele burden in patients with myelofibrosis. (2015) Deininger, M. **Blood**, 126, 1551-1554. PMID: 26228487

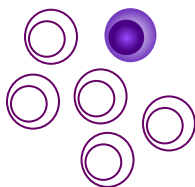


Leukaemia

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advantage for
progenitor cells*



Targeted therapy

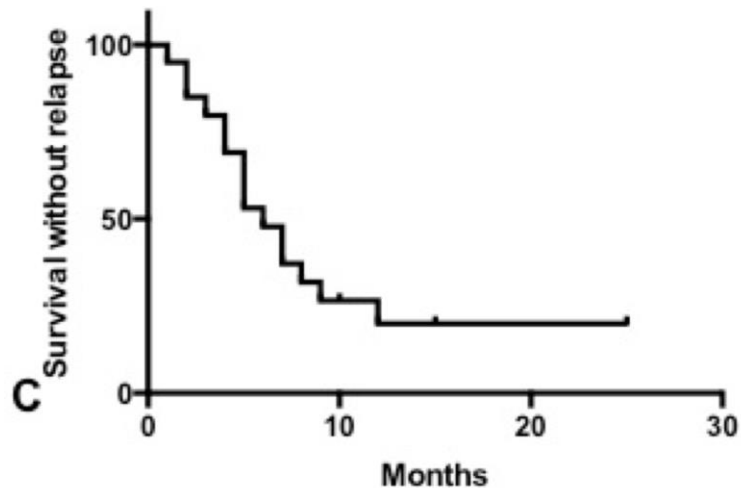


*Disadvantage
for mutated
progenitor cells*

What happens to the mutated allele burden if we give a targeted inhibitor to MS-histiocytosis?

Targeted inhibition of MAPK may not eradicate histiocytosis

ECD

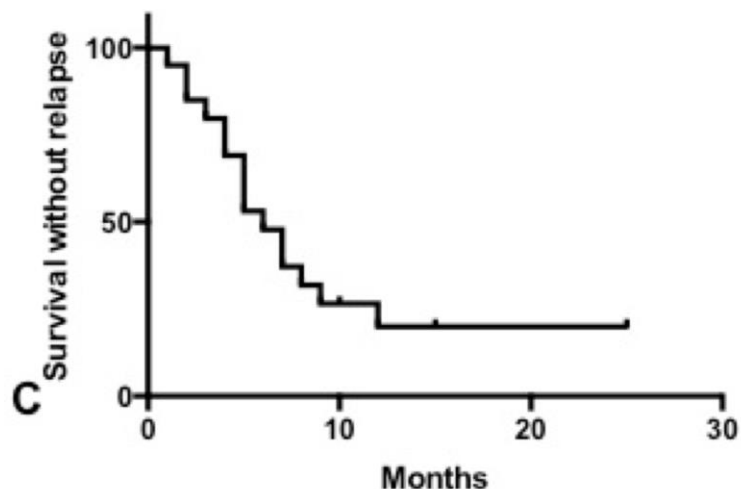


Duration (months)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	12	15	25
Number of patients	20	20	19	16	15	13	10	9	7	6	5	4	2	1

Targeted therapies in 54 patients with Erdheim-Chester disease, including follow-up after interruption (the LOVE study). (2017) Cohen Aubart, F., *Blood*, 130, 1377-1380. PMID: 28667012

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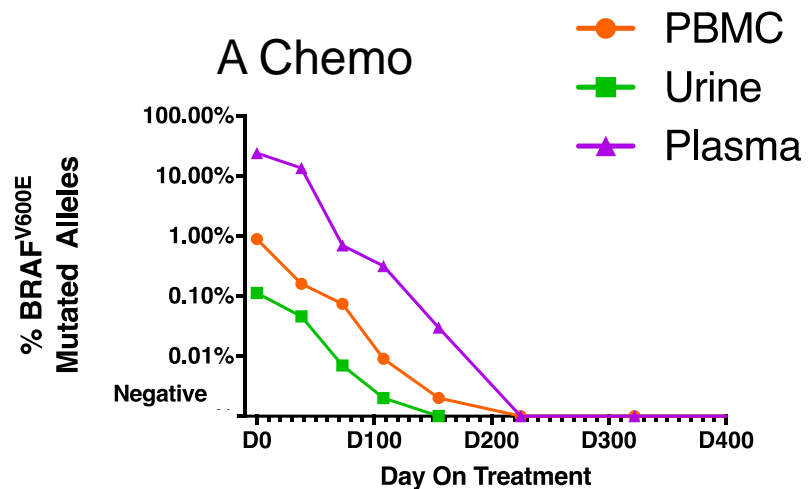
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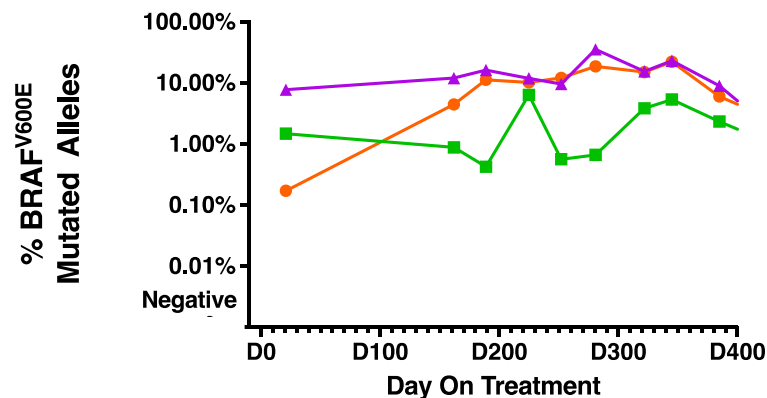
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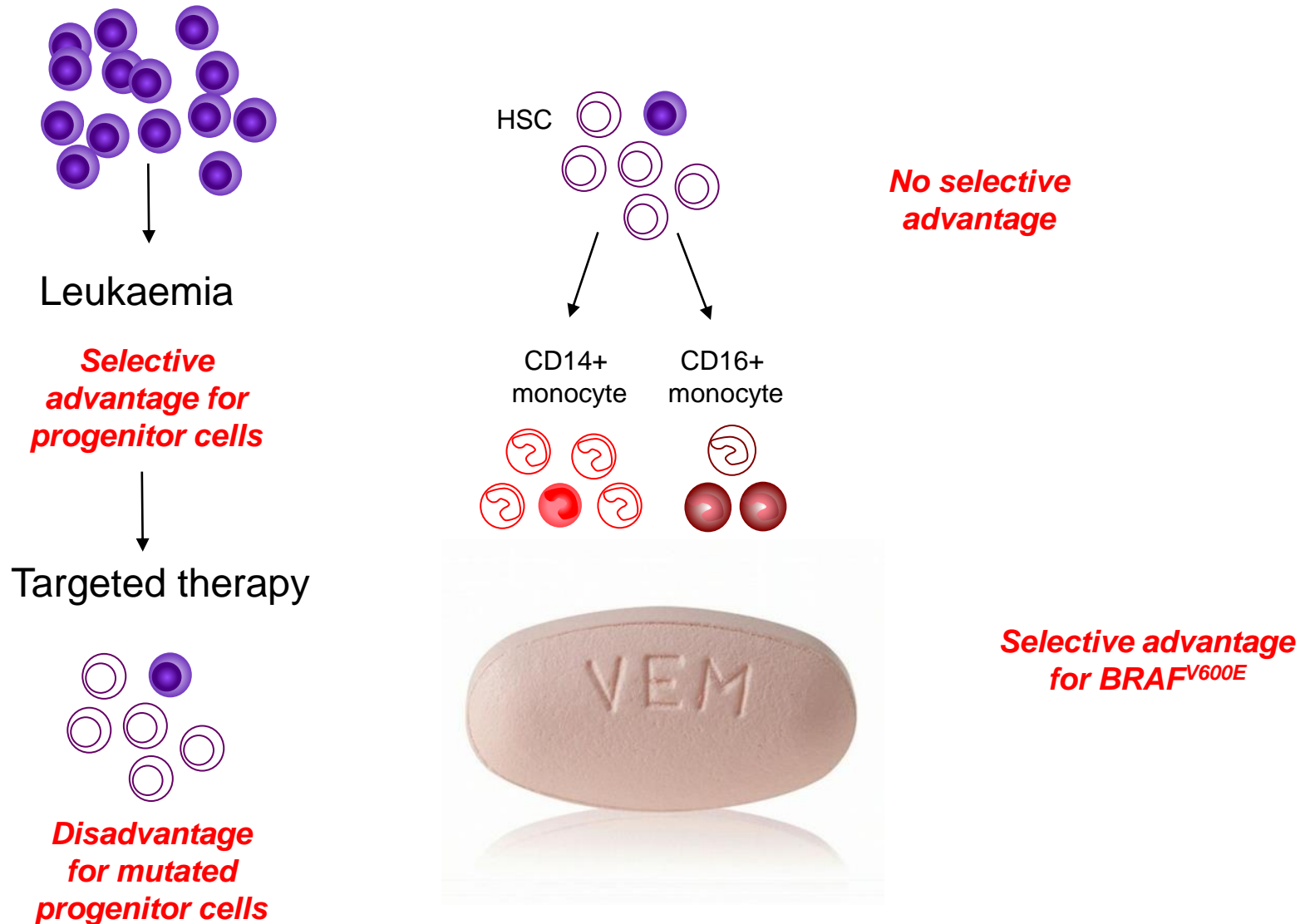
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Targeted therapy does not eradicate histiocytosis



Lessons from MPN:

1) Germline variants will modify disease

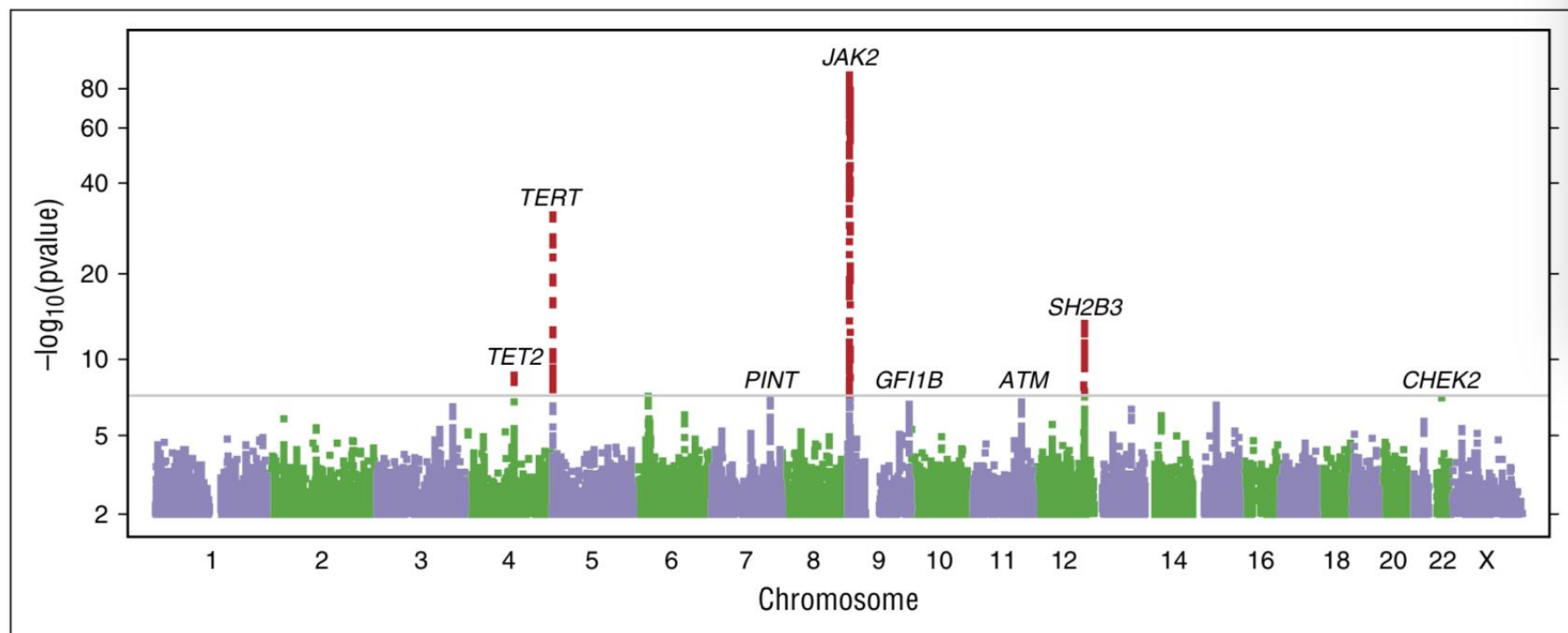
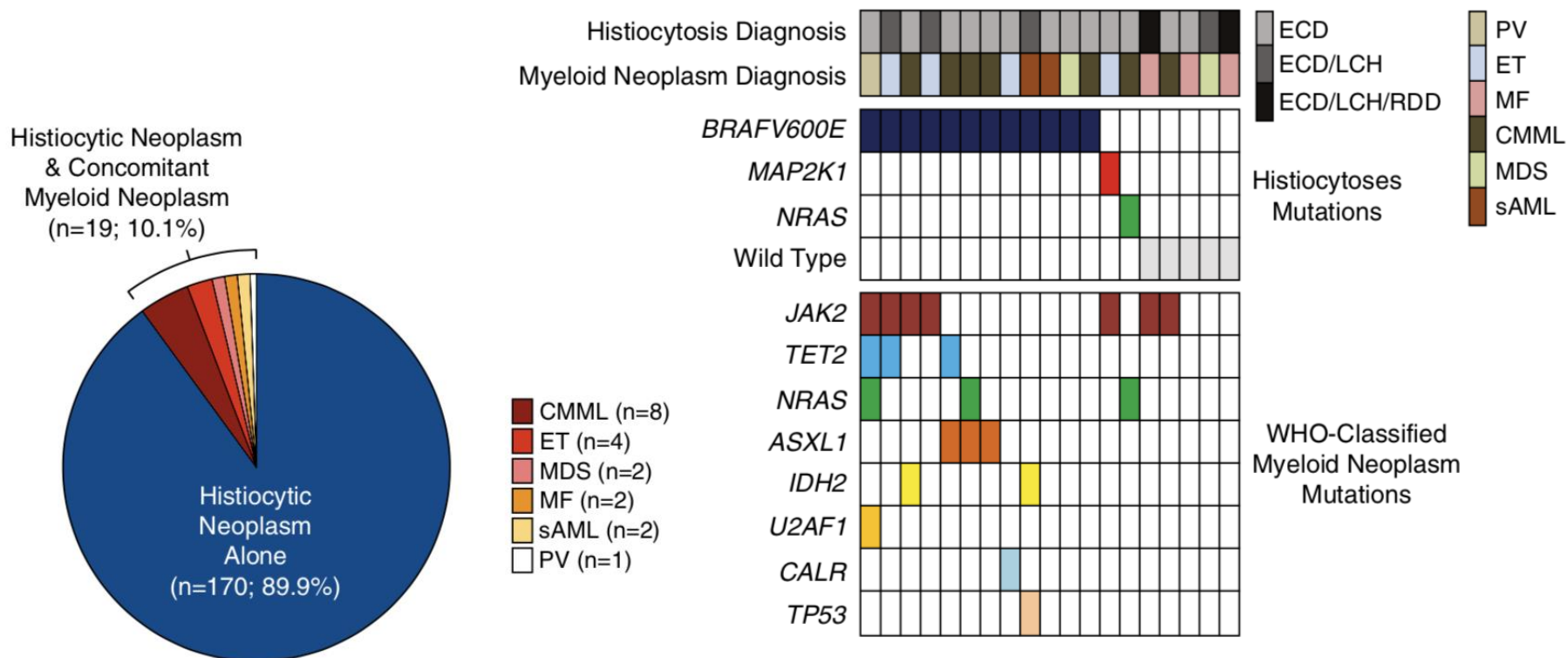


Figure 2. Manhattan plot of the combined GWAS of MPN cases and V617F carriers. Results with $P < 5 \times 10^{-8}$ (conventional threshold for genome-wide significance) are shown in red. We have also labeled suggestive results ($P < 1 \times 10^{-6}$) discussed in the text. Gene labels are provided for cross referencing with other results and are intended to suggest a causal basis for the observed associations.

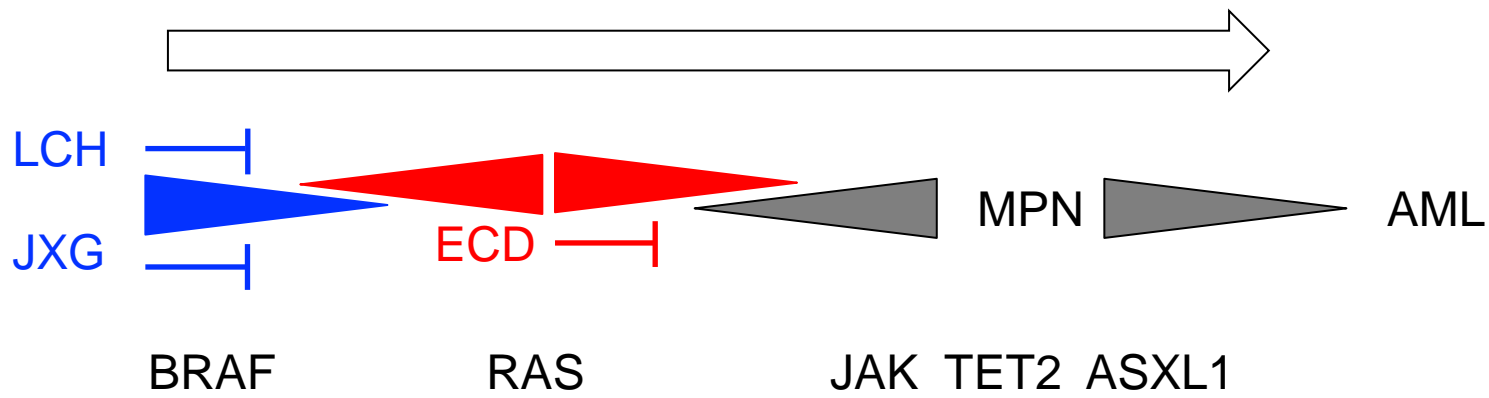
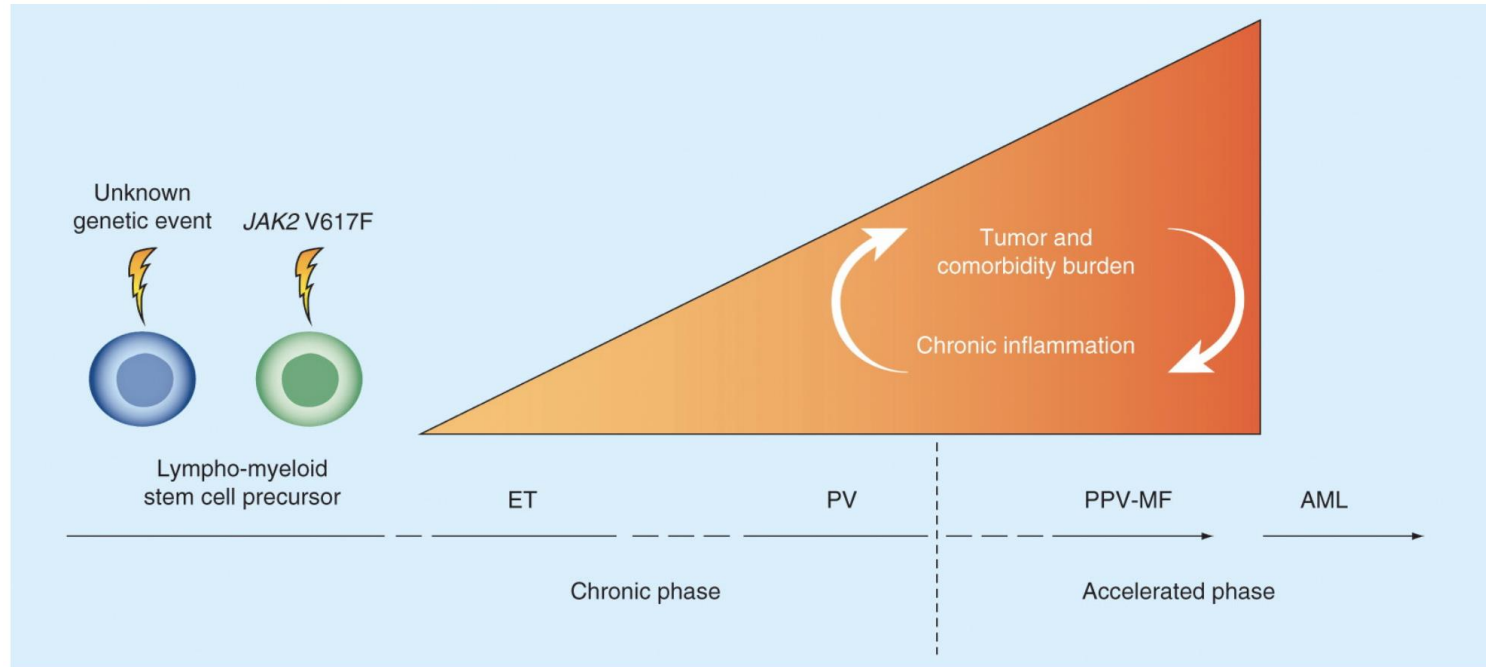
Germ line variants predispose to both JAK2 V617F clonal hematopoiesis and myeloproliferative neoplasms. (2016) Hinds, D.A. **Blood**, 128, 1121-1128. PMID: 27365426

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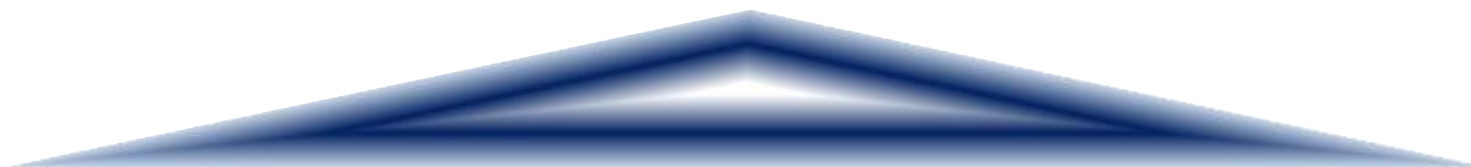


High prevalence of myeloid neoplasms in adults with non-Langerhans cell histiocytosis. (2017)
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3) Pathology will evolve



A cancer spectrum



Cancer cancer

Complex genome

Forms a tumor

Kills by organ dysfunction

Ageing

Somatic mutation

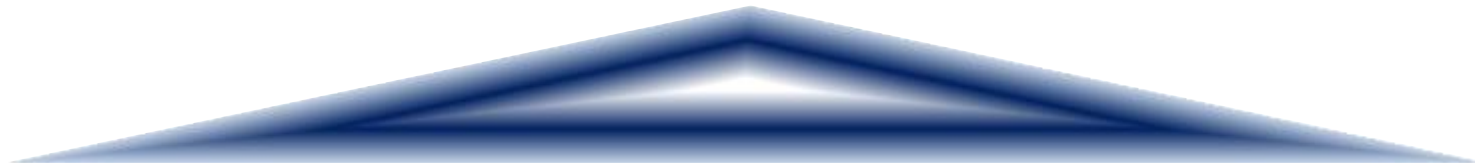
Clones detectable

Low grade inflammation

A cancer spectrum

Inflammatory myeloid neoplasia

Specific somatic mutations
Inflammatory feedback loops
Bizarre systemic manifestations



Cancer cancer

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It is not how old you are
but how you are old - Jules Renard



Jules Renard 1864-1910



I don't know if God exists,
but it would be better for His
reputation if He didn't.

Jules Renard 1864-1910



Jules Renard 1864-1910

Not everybody can be an orphan.

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Erdheim-Chester disease

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Alternate Names

ECD

[Lipogranulomatosis](#)

[Lipoid granulomatosis](#)

[Lipid \(cholesterol\) granulomatosis](#)

[Polyostotic sclerosing histiocytosis](#)

Definition

Erdheim-Chester disease (ECD) is a clonal [systemic proliferation](#) of [histiocytes](#), commonly having a foamy (xanthomatous) component, and contain Touton giant [cells](#) (considered to be a non-Langerhans [cell](#) histiocytosis).

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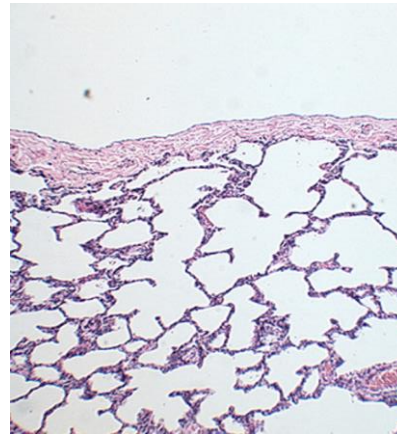


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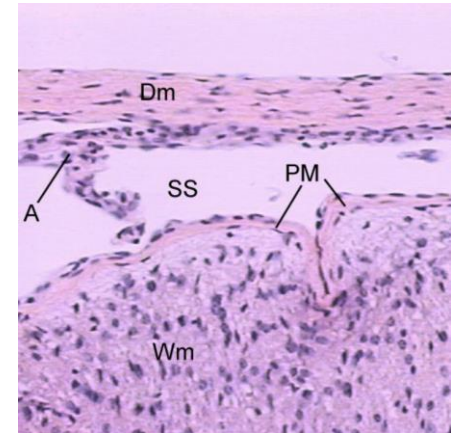
Serosal macrophages – the substrate of ECD?

- Helicopter parent function of macrophages
- Abnormal response to damage
- Failure of cloaking
- Recruitment of BM-derived cells
- Inflammation and fibrosis

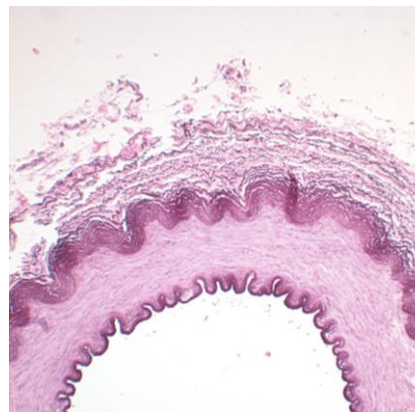
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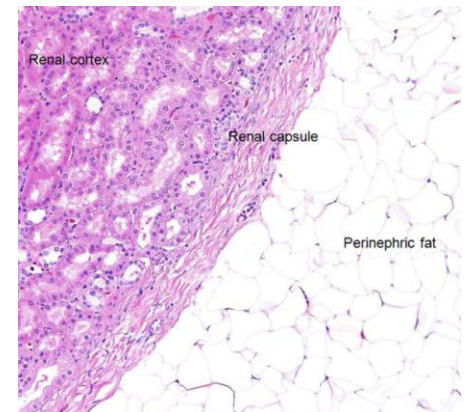
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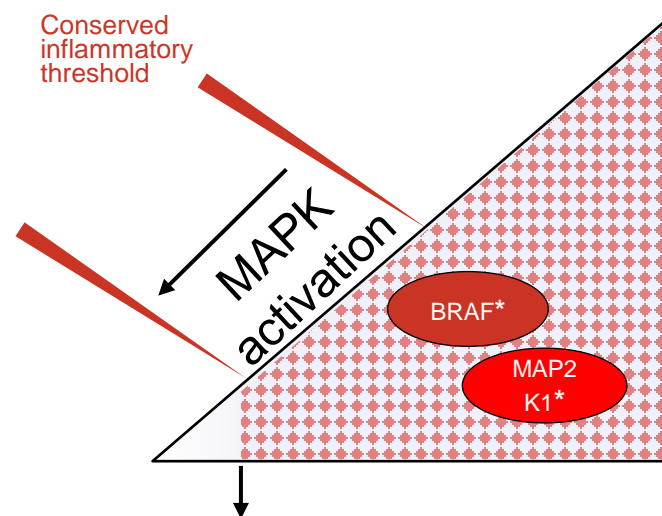
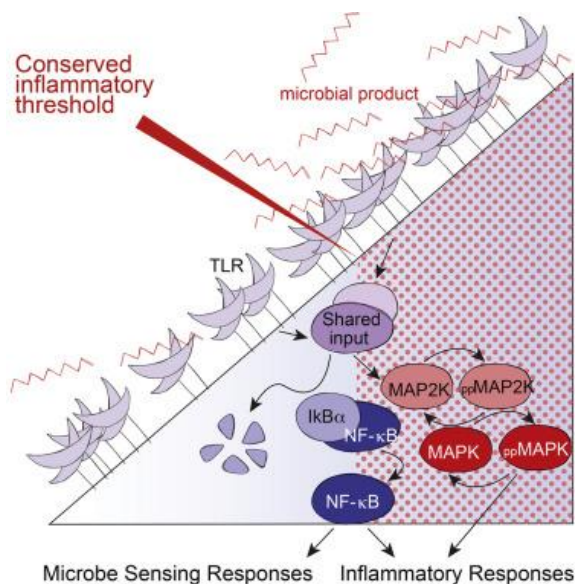
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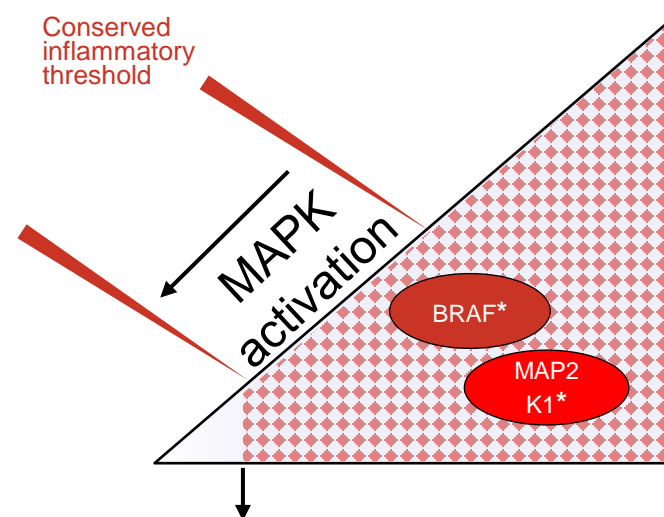
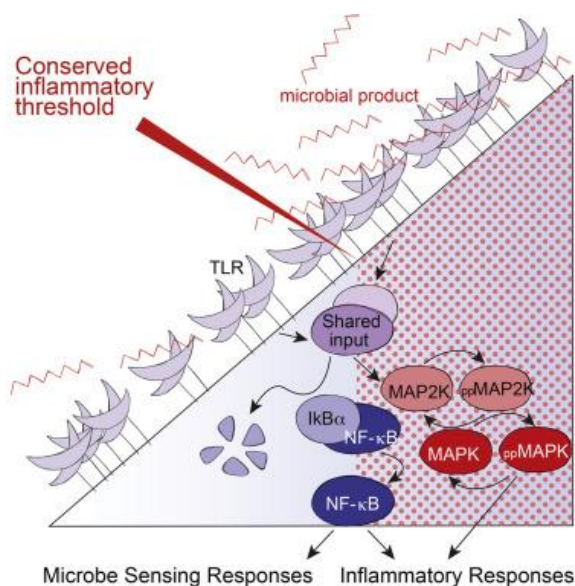
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Overview

- A case B-D – see BJH lecture
- What is cancer?
 - Somatic mutation rate in all tissues
 - Alternate states of the genome
 - Ageing gracefully
 - Waddington landscape for cancer???
 - How does chemo work in myeloid neoplasia? Non stem cell disease. Selective pressure etc
- Myeloid pathology – lessons from MPN – constitutional symptoms in myelofibrosis
- Future questions
 - Drug dosing – do we need to hit it hard like cancer – maybe not
 - CNS penetrance
 - Nature of cell-free DNA – progenitor vs tumour
 - Exit strategies from targeted therapy – usually don't talk about exit in cancer
 - Immunotherapy question

Also from NCI pages

- The genetic changes that contribute to cancer tend to affect three main types of genes—proto-oncogenes, tumor suppressor genes, and DNA repair genes.
- Proto-oncogenes are involved in normal cell growth and division. However, when these genes are altered in certain ways this allows cells to grow and survive when they should not.
- Many cancers form solid tumors, which are masses of tissue. Cancers of the blood, generally do not form solid tumors.
- Cancer cells may be able to influence the normal cells, molecules, and blood vessels that surround and feed a tumor—an area known as the microenvironment.
- Tumors can also use the immune system to stay alive and grow.

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Kristinsson SY, Landgren O, Samuelsson J, et al. Autoimmunity and the risk of myeloproliferative neoplasms. *Haematologica* 2010;95(7):1216-20

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Reads

- Review recent literature
- Implications for patients
 - stress of diagnosis vs access to benefits – appreciation of serious nature

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Váradi, Z, Bánusz, R, Csomor, J, Kállay, K, Varga, E, Kertész, G, Csóka, M

NCI definition

- **cancer** listen (KAN-ser)
- A term for diseases in which **abnormal cells divide without control and can invade nearby tissues**. Cancer cells can also spread to other parts of the body through the blood and lymph systems. There are several main types of cancer. Carcinoma is a cancer that begins in the skin or in tissues that line or cover internal organs. Sarcoma is a cancer that begins in bone, cartilage, fat, muscle, blood vessels, or other connective or supportive tissue. Leukemia is a cancer that starts in blood-forming tissue, such as the bone marrow, and causes large numbers of abnormal blood cells to be produced and enter the blood. Lymphoma and multiple myeloma are cancers that begin in the cells of the immune system. Central nervous system cancers are cancers that begin in the tissues of the brain and spinal cord. Histiocytosis is a cancer?

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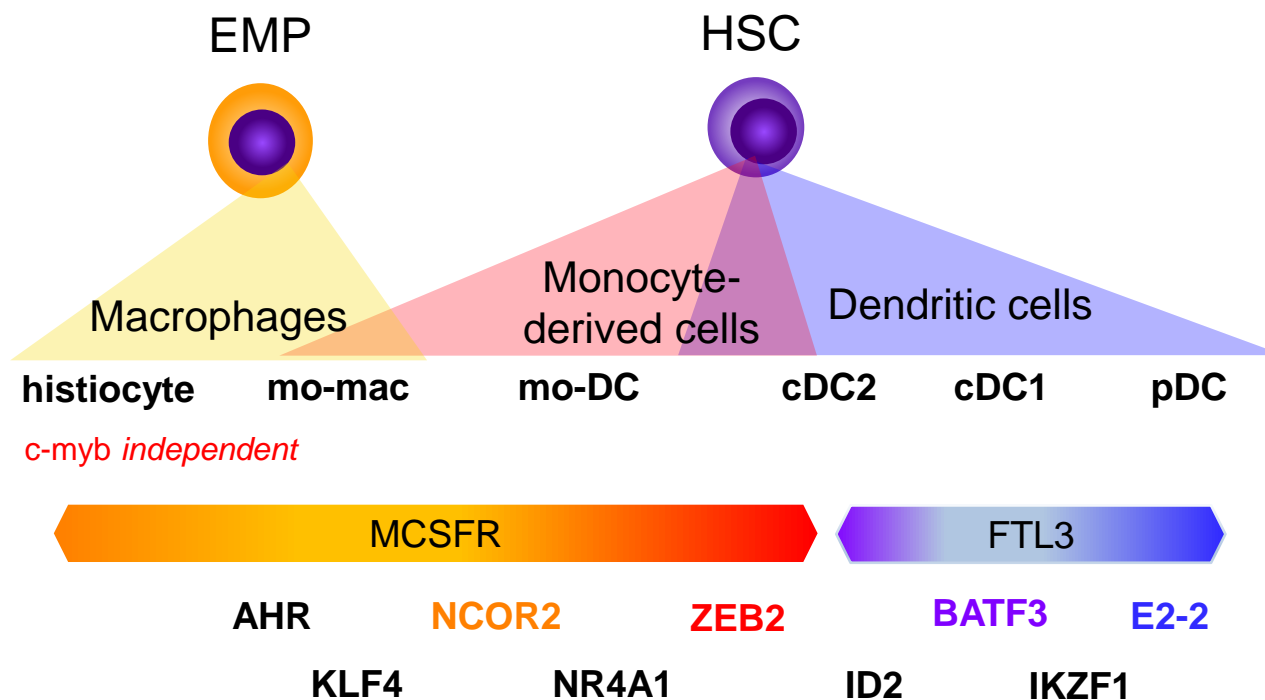
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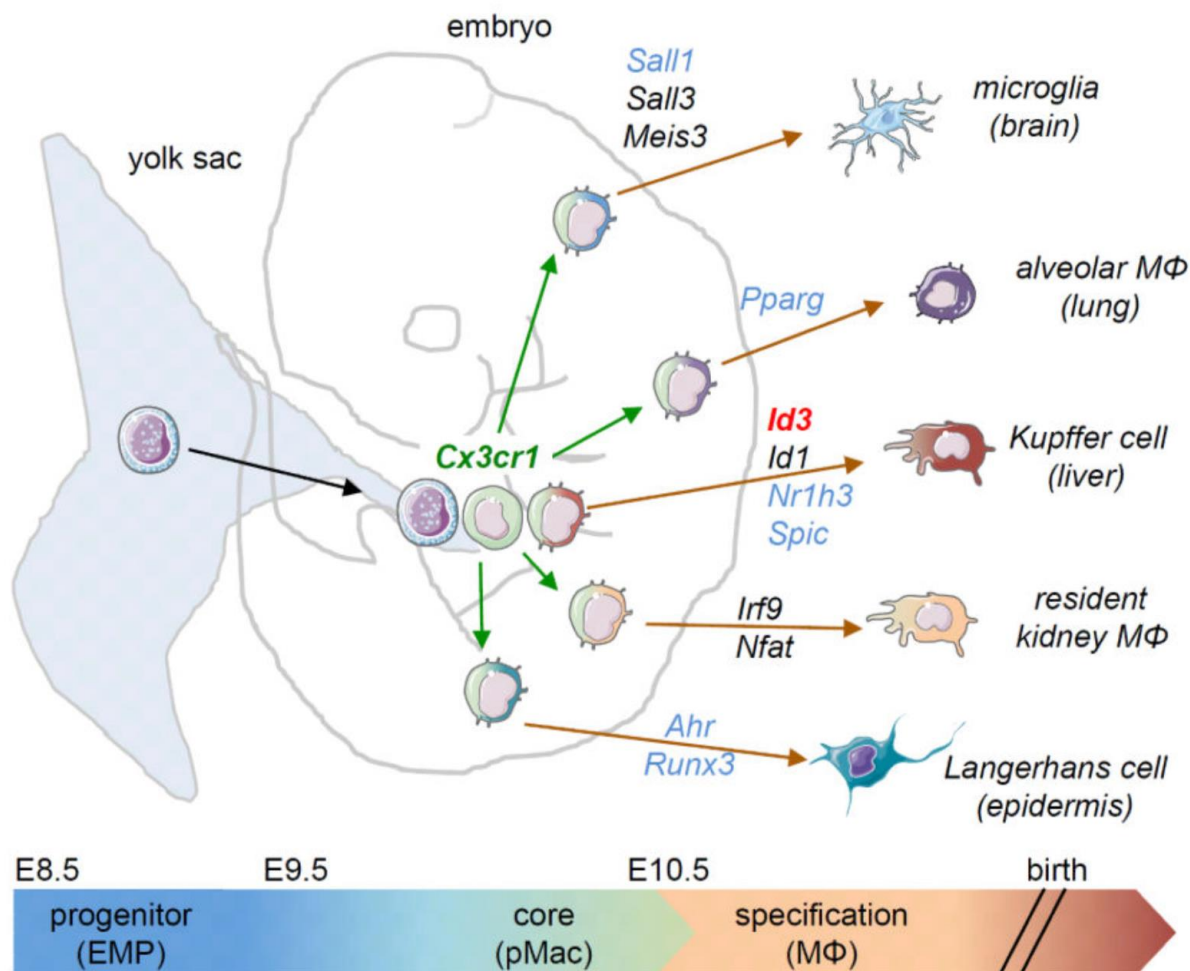
Erdheim Chester Disease

The mononuclear phagocyte system

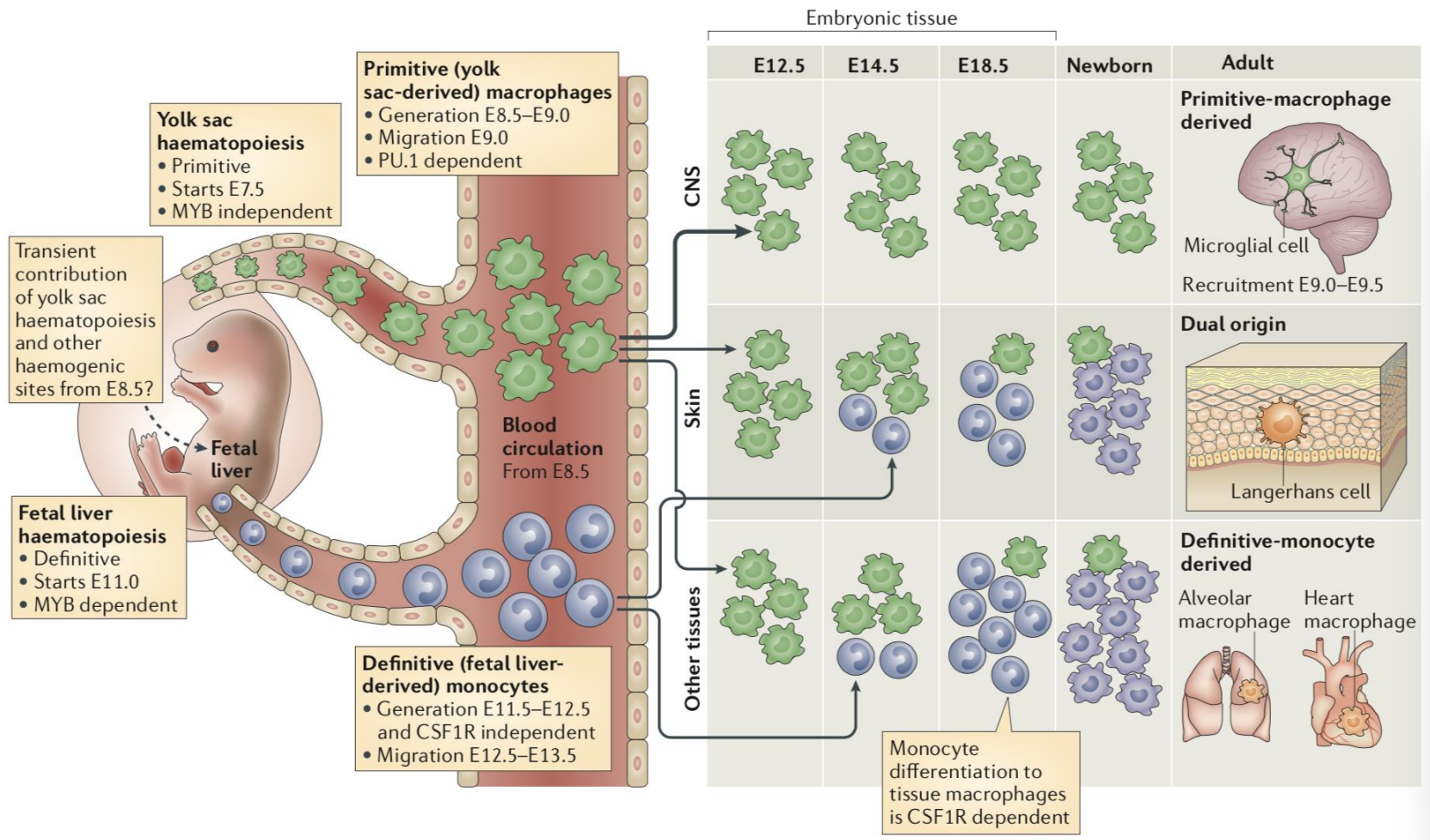
Dual origin of macrophages



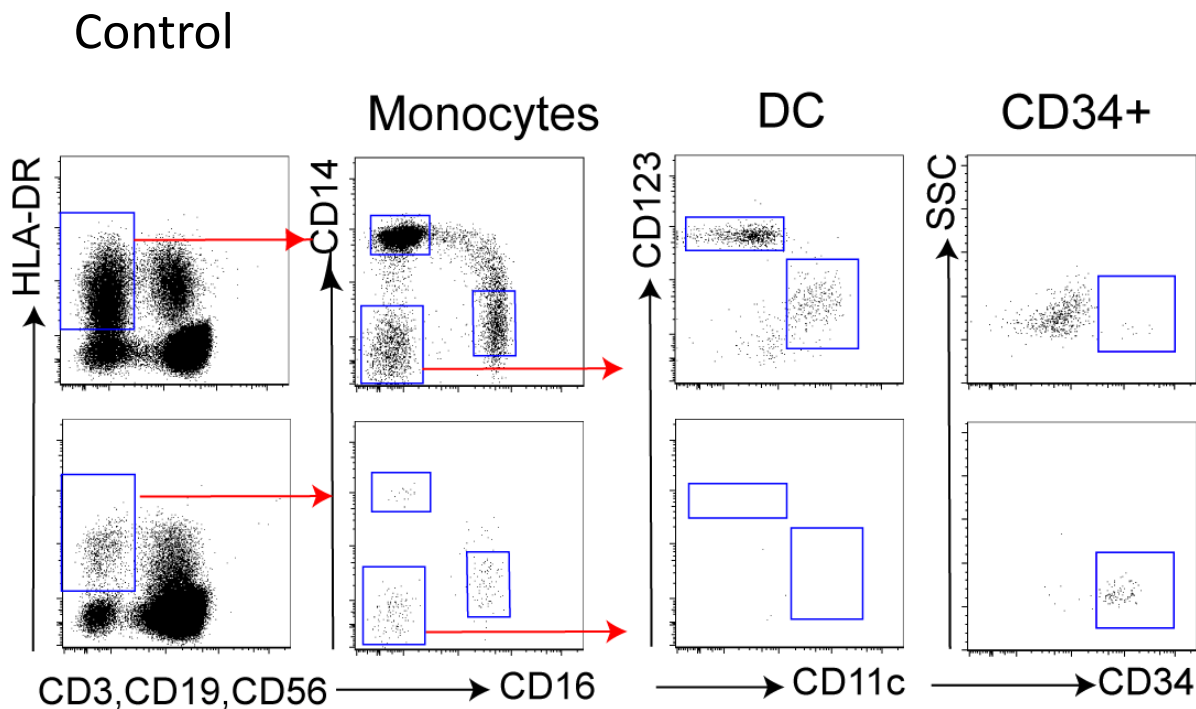
Primitive macrophages colonise every tissue



Fetal liver monocytes contribute except in the brain

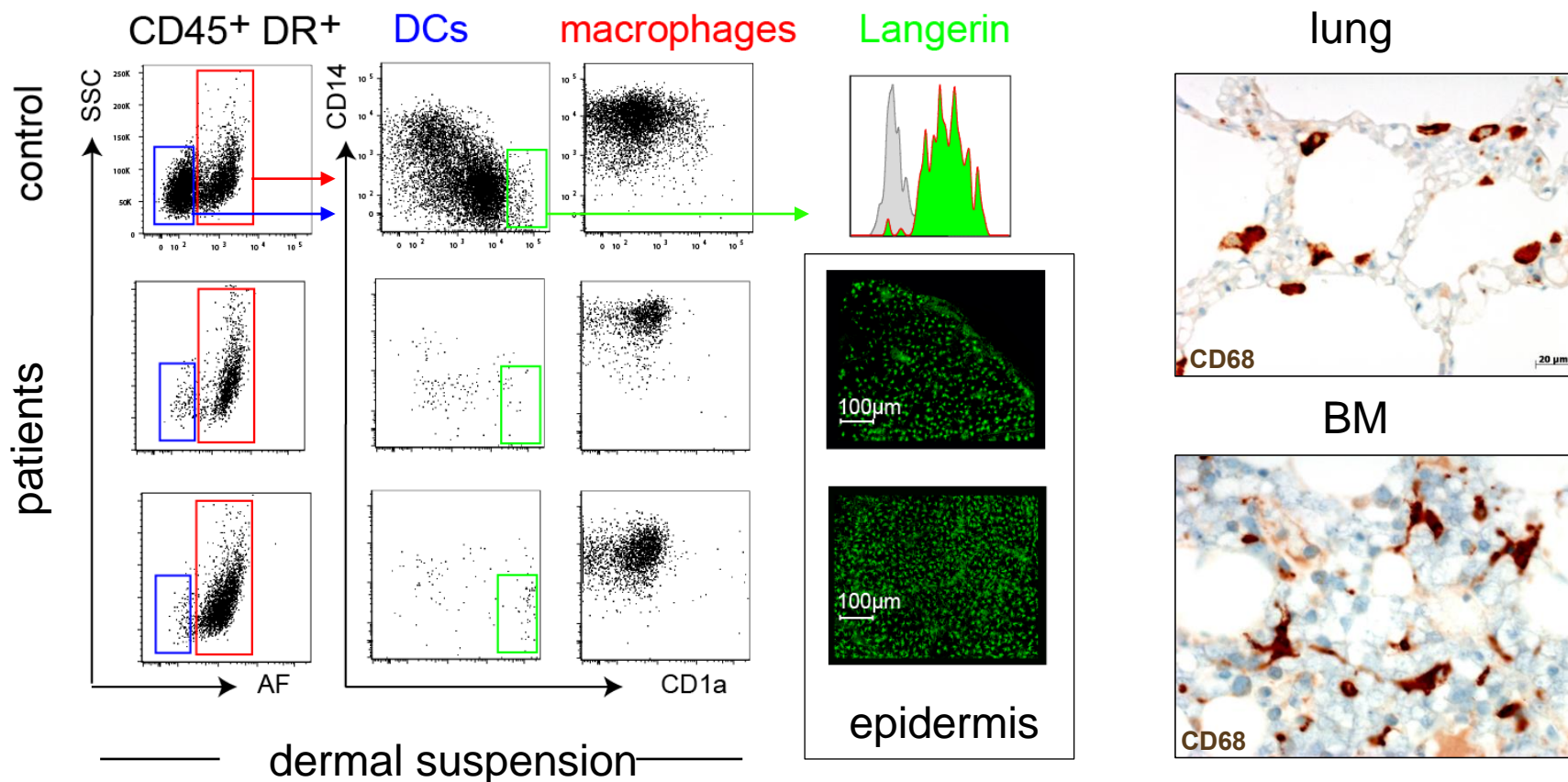


Human macrophages are long-lived

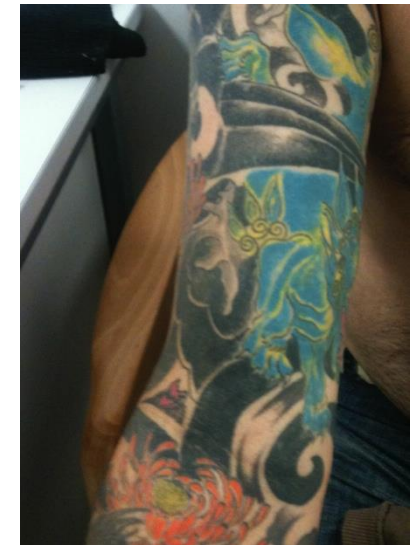
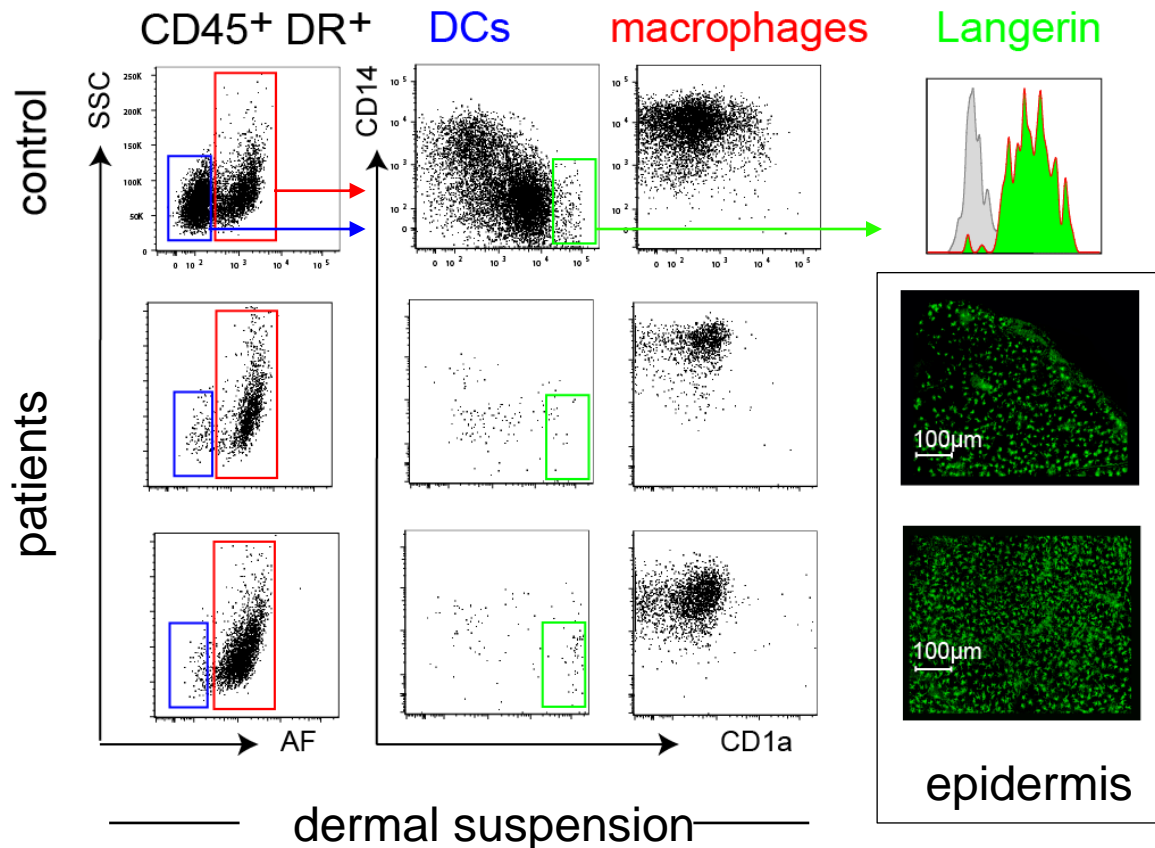


Patient with *GATA2* mutation

Human macrophages are long-lived



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Tattoo pigment
- stable for decades
- **even after HSCT**