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## **Rigosertib**

**Ras Targeted Drug Discovery**

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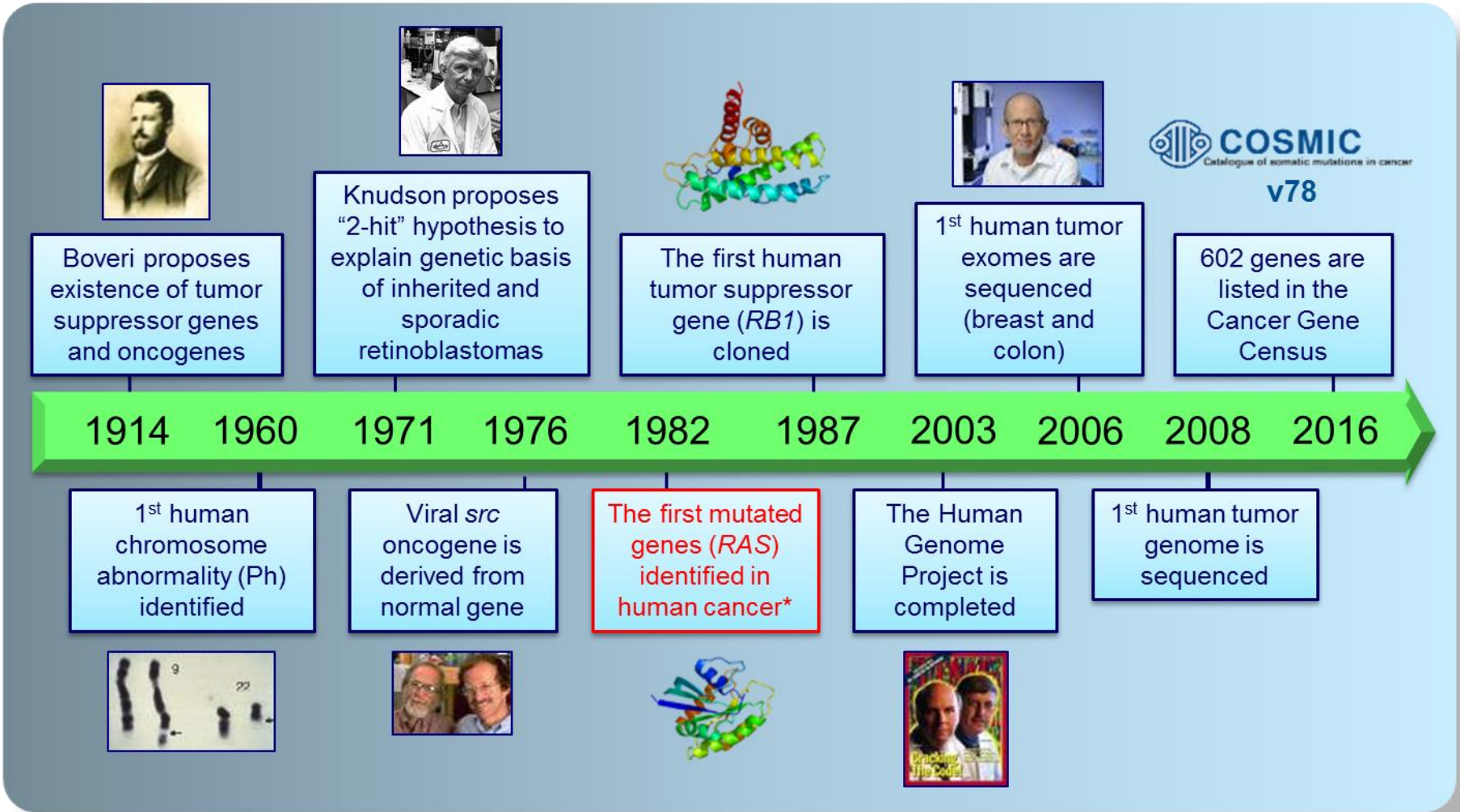
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# GENETIC BASIS OF CANCER

## ACQUIRED MUTATIONS

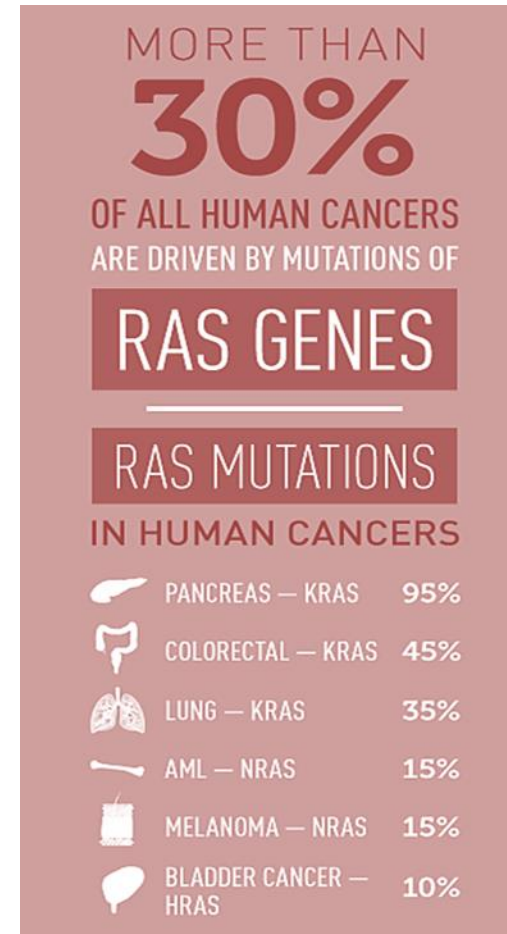


The three RAS genes (HRAS, KRAS and NRAS) comprise the most frequently mutated gene family in cancer (~25%)



# RAS IN ONCOLOGY

- Three RAS genes (KRAS, NRAS, HRAS)
- Cancer-associated RAS genes characterized by single base missense mutations
- Wild type RAS, through aberrant signaling pathways, may play a key role in neoplastic transformation and proliferation
- Mutations of RAS and signaling pathways that activate wild type RAS are present in myelodysplastic syndromes (MDS) and other tumors



# DESCRIPTION OF RIGOSERTIB AS A RAS MIMETIC

## Article

Cell

## A Small Molecule RAS-Mimetic Disrupts RAS Association with Effector Proteins to Block Signaling

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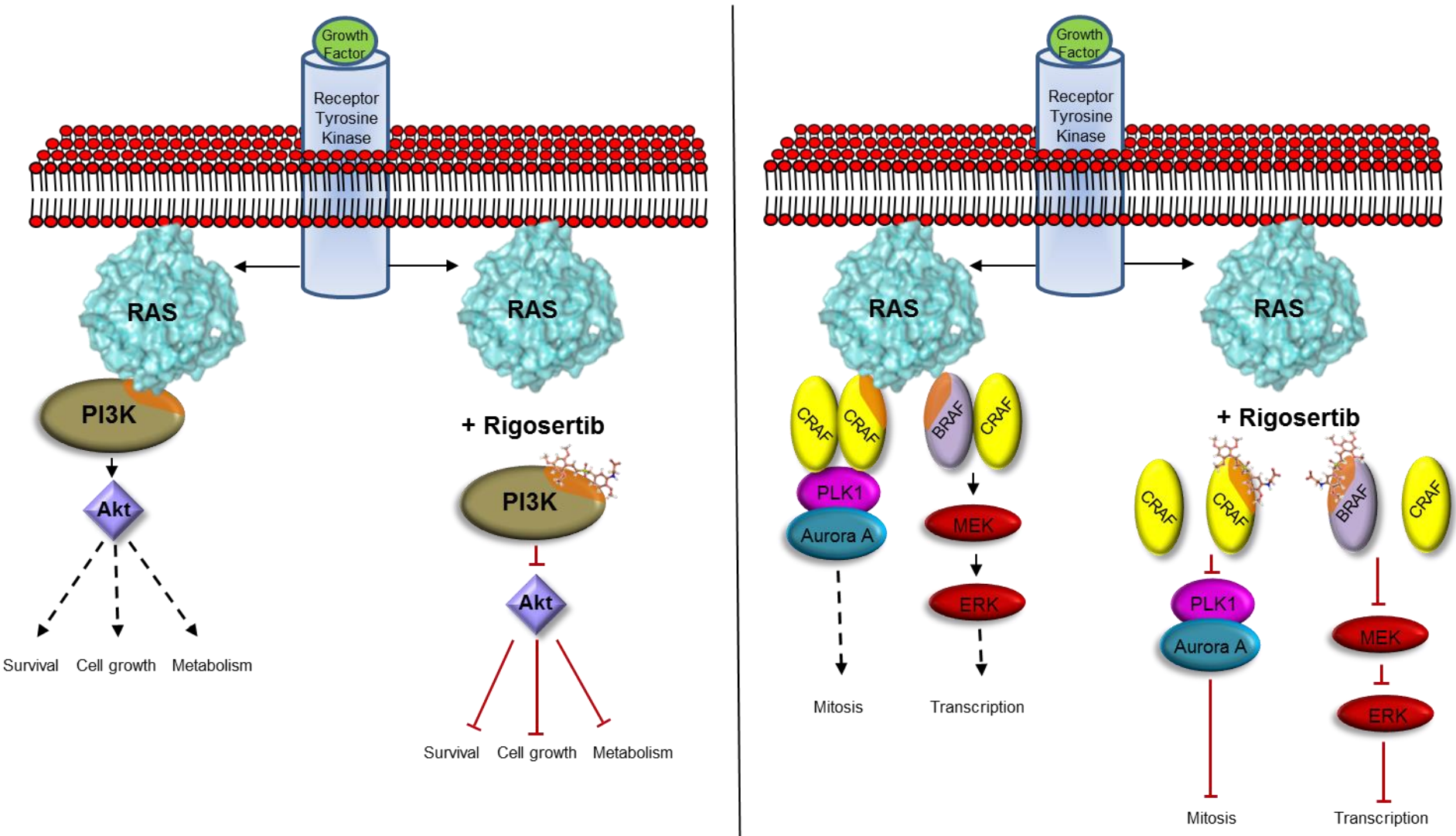
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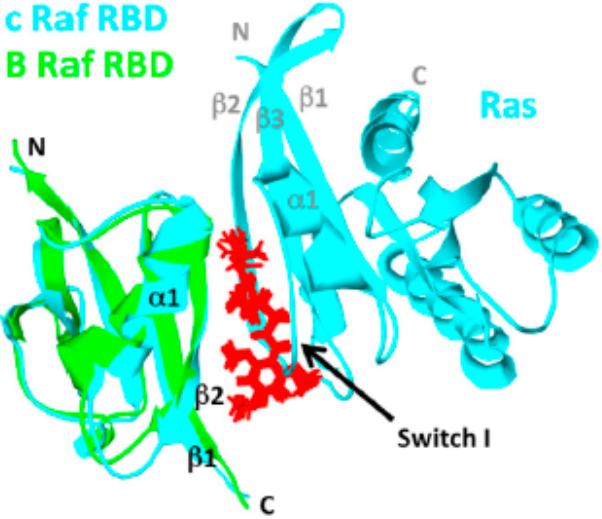
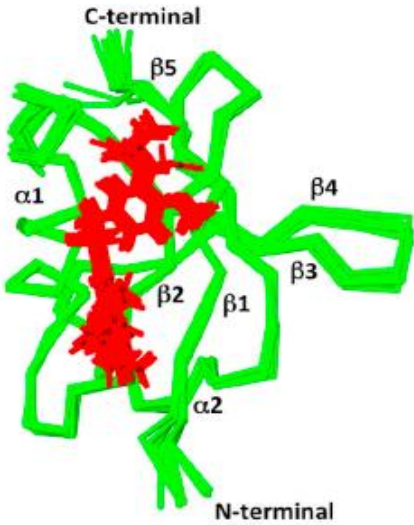
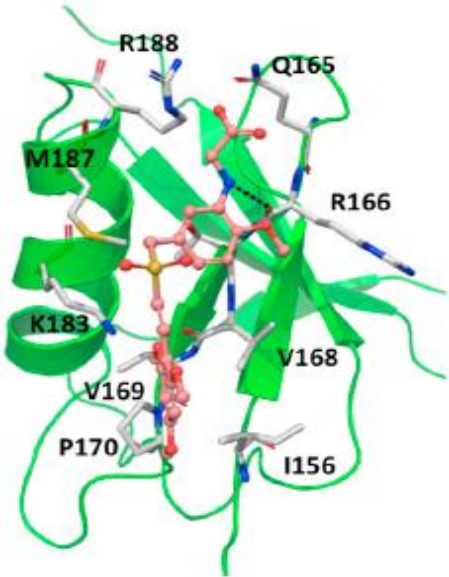
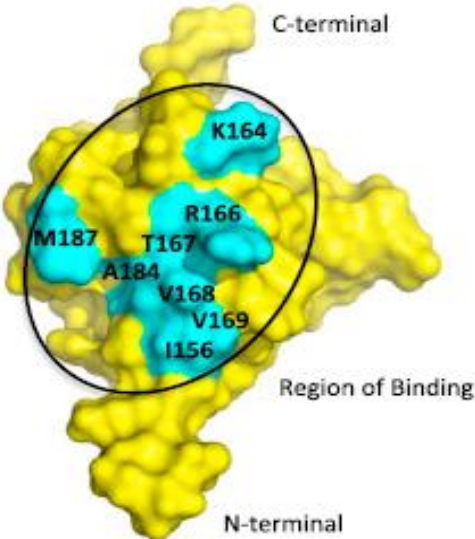




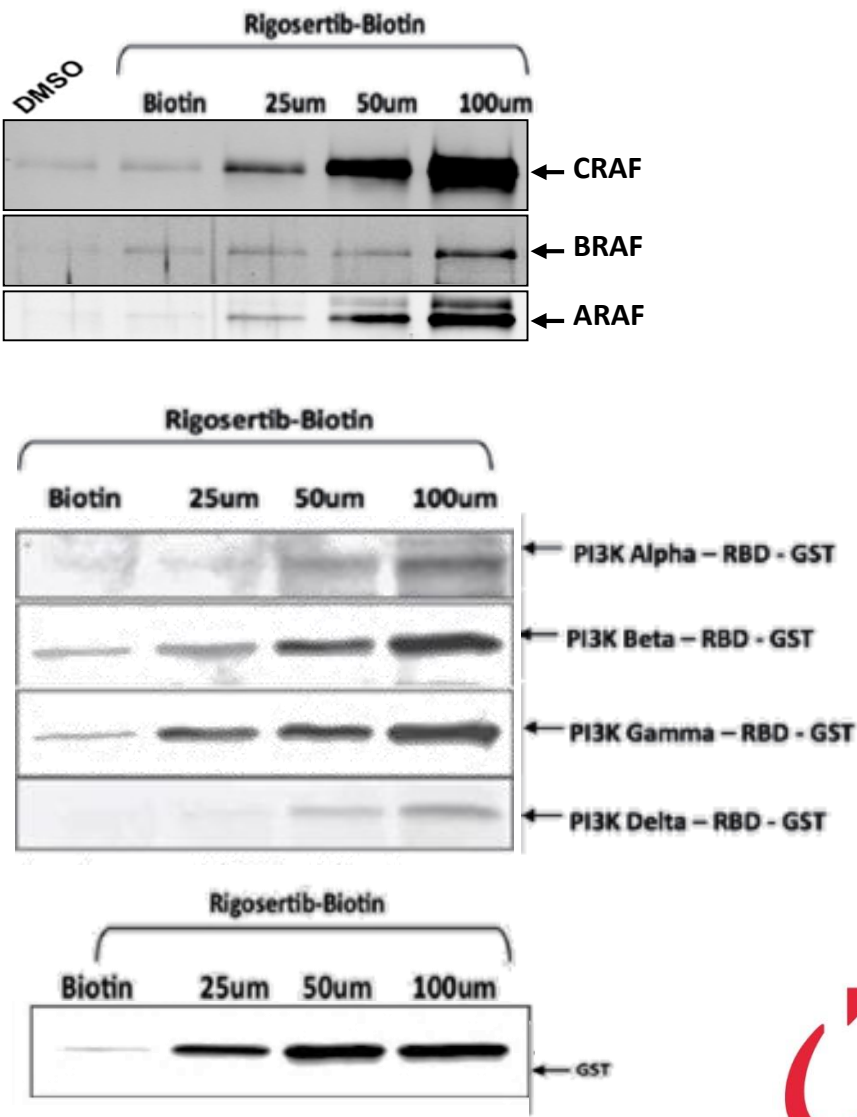
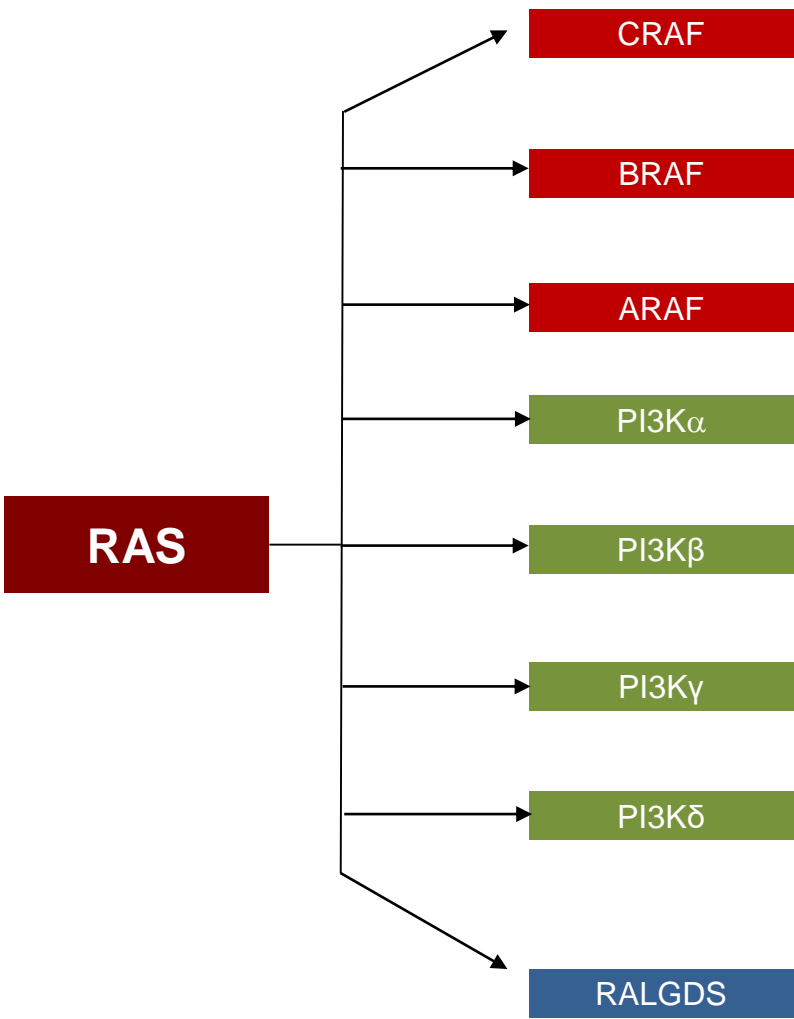
# RIGOSERTIB MECHANISM OF ACTION



# NMR MODELS OF RIGOSERTIB/RBD BINDING



# RIGOSERTIB BINDS TO MULTIPLE RAS EFFECTOR RBDS





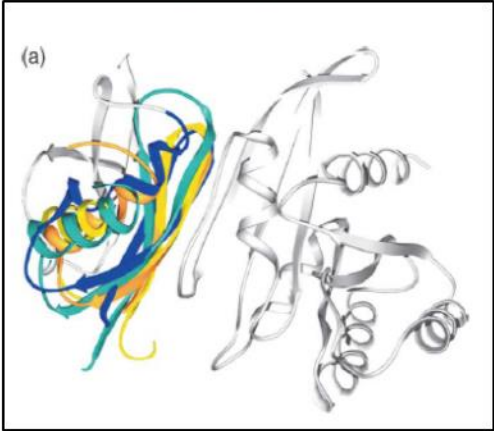
# SECONDARY/TERTIARY STRUCTURAL SIMILARITY OF RBDS DESPITE LACK OF EXTENSIVE SEQUENCE HOMOLOGY

Sequence Alignment of RA and RB Domains

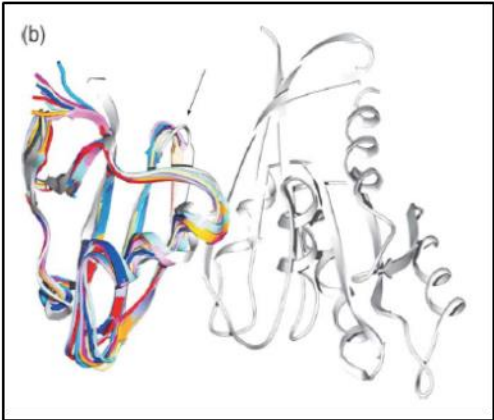
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RA cons.50%					
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AP6_RA1	36	---DLEPHGV	MRFPQDKAAG-	NPATKCIKRVSS---	TATTQDVIETLAEEKPRDMMR--
AP6_RA2	244	---PDSGGT	LRITYAD-SLKP-	NIPYKTIILST---	TDPADFVAVALAEKVGLE---
RASSF1C	84	LNKDGSGYTCF	IKVQLK (37) P-	KDAVKHLVLVS---	RTRAREVIEALLRKPLVV---
mNorel	225	LSRDGTYTQF	IKVHLK (37) P-	DAIKQLHISS---	TTTVSEVIQGLLKKPMVV---
RIN1	619	-PATHCFQRL	LRVAYQ-DPSS-	GCTSKTLAVPP---	EASIALTNQLCATKPRVT---
RIN2	782	-PSVDDFQNY	LRVAFQ-EVNS-	GCTGKTLVLRP---	YITTEDVCOICAEKPKVG---
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Krit1	416	---NKPYEK	VRIYRM-----	DGSYRSVLEKH---	GNNTTVQIMEGMRLSQ---
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EpacII	658	---QKRQPI	RGSDVFLF (5)	DHTYTTIRVPV---	AASVKEVISAIVADKLGSG---
EpacI	509	---PGSSCA	IQVGDKVPY (6)	DHSVLTLQLPV---	TASVREVMALLAQEDGWT---
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PI3K-V223K	213	-KKIANNCIF	KIHR-----	TTSQTIKVSF---	DDTPGAILQFFTKMAKK---
RBD cons.50%					
DAGK_RA2	395	---RQEV	LKIPG-WLKV-	GVAVSVVRVP---	KSIARSVVLEVLPLDGRQAE---
MYOSINIXB	9	SGRRREQAAH	LHIYPQL---	STTESQASCRV (4)	DSTTSQVVKDAIASLRLD---
MYOSINIXA	14	---NEET	LRIPG-----	AISEGTIYCPI (4)	NSTAAEVIESLINKLHLD---
Grb7	100	---RPFV	KVYSE-----	DGACRSVVVAA---	GATARHVCENLVQRAHAL---
Cl2orf2	1	---NEL	KVWVD-----	GVQRIVYGVTE---	VTTCCQEVVIALAQAIQRTG---
Cl1orf13	6	---AAME	LKVWVD-----	GIQRVVCQVSE---	QTTCCQEVVIALAQAIQGTG---
ALS2	321	---KKLV	RVHMS-----	DDSSKTMMVDE---	RQTVRQVLDNLMDDKSHCG---
RIAM	176	---KKLV	KVHNM-----	DNSTKSLMVE---	RQLARDVLDNLFKETHCD---
Nexin27	273	---SDVE	LRVALP-----	DGTTTVTVRVKK---	NSTTDQVYQIAIAKVGMMD---
UBQ cons.50%					
cRaf	55	---SNT	RVFLP-----	NKQRTVVVVRN---	GMSLHDCIMLALKVRLQ---
RGS12_RBD1	961	---KRC	CHILP-----	DGISCVLVVKA	GFSAKDILSGLCEKSGIN---
RGS12_RBD2	1093	---LFL	LDLVP-----	LNRSVGLKAKP---	TKPVTDLRVPVVARVGLD---
RGS14_RBD1	300	---FYCC	VYLP-----	DGTASLALARP---	GLTIRDMLAGICEKRGLS---
RGS14_RBD2	381	---TFE	LELTA-----	LERVVRISAKP---	TKRLQELALQFLEKGLS---
Ubiquitin cons.50%					
Ubiquitin	1	---MQK	FVKTL-----	TGKTITLLEVEPS---	DTIENVKAKIQDKEGI---
ISG15	3	---VDL	TVKML-----	AGNEFQVLSLSS---	MSVSELKAQITQKIGV---
BAG-1	73	---LT	VTHTS-----	NEKHDLVTSQ (5)	PPVQDLAQGVVEEVIGV---
Ubiquilin1	37	---MK	TVKTP-----	KEKEEFVAPEN---	SSVQQFKLEISKRFKS---

Yellow: Hydrophobic Core; Cyan: Conserved Charged Amino Acids  
Red: Conserved Hydrophobic AA; Green: Conserved Aromatic AA

RAF/RaI-GDS/PI3K  
Crystal Structures  
Superimposed



NMR Structures of 10 RBDS  
Superimposed







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## A humbling statement !!

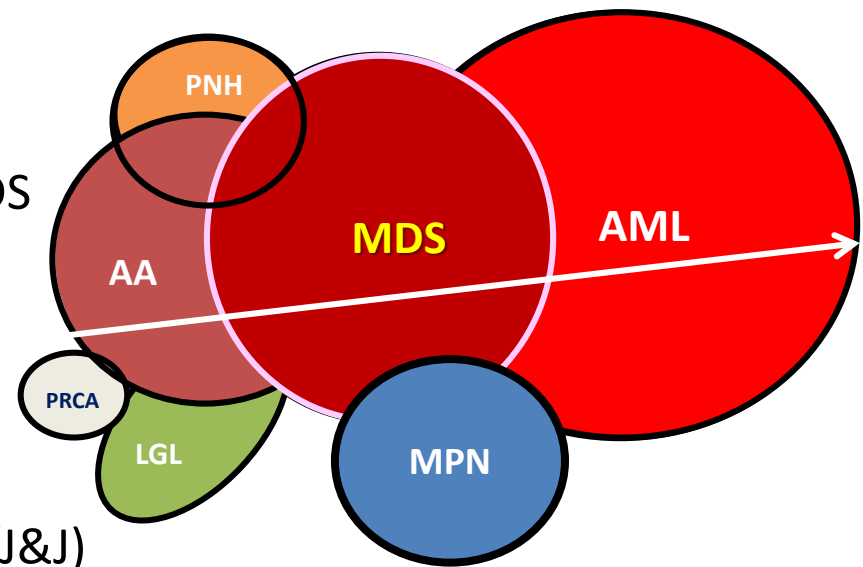
RAS oncogenes were discovered in human tumors 37 years ago

Yet, thirty-five thousand publications later [see Pubmed: RAS and CANCER] and countless unpublished efforts in industry, no selective inhibitor against RAS mutant tumors has been approved by the FDA.

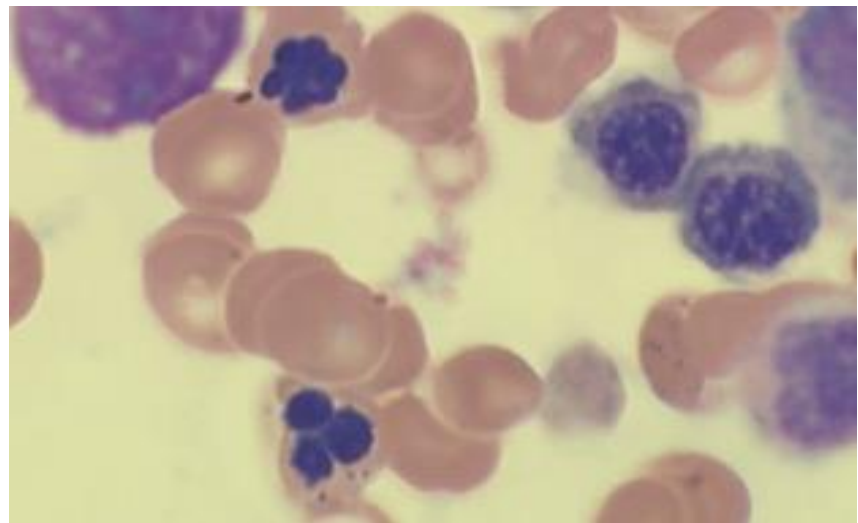
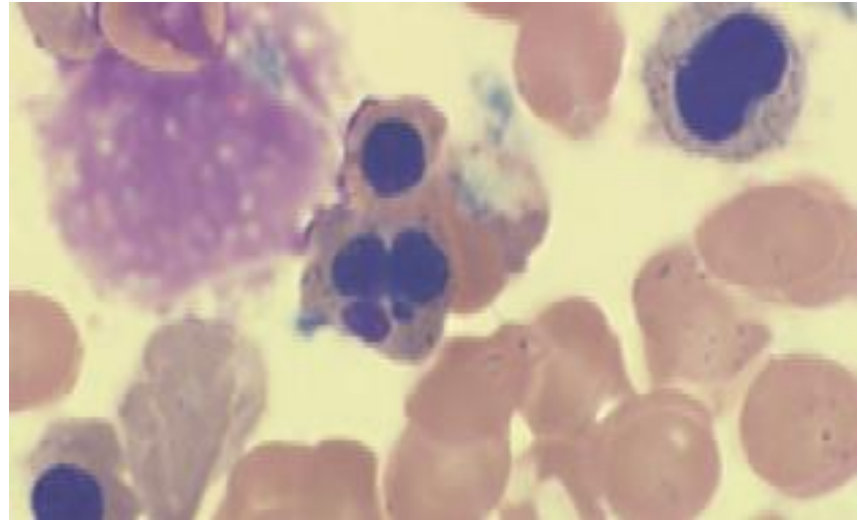
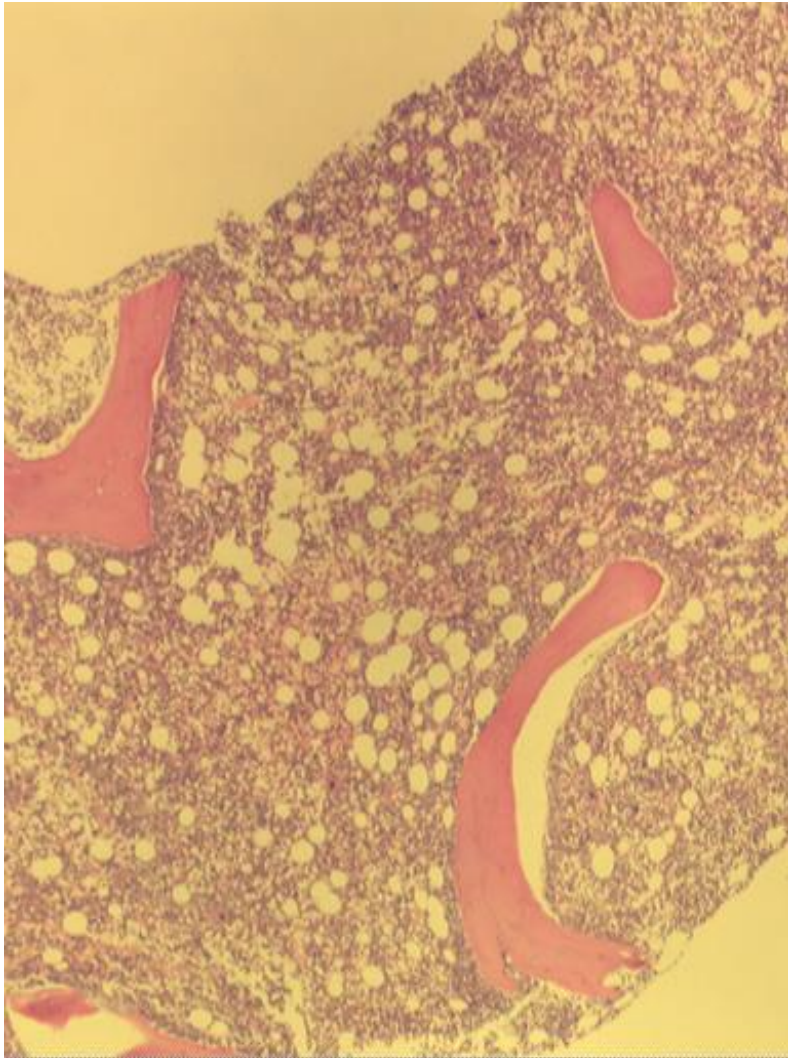


# MDS IS RELATED TO OTHER BONE MARROW DISEASES

- MDS: malignant bone marrow disorder characterized by:
  - Acquired cytogenetic and genomic abnormalities, but typically only in the marrow
- US prevalence is 59,000
  - ~13,000 have higher risk (HR) MDS
  - ~10,000 second-line patients
- Available Treatments limited to hypomethylating agents
  - Vidaza (Celgene); Dacogen (Eisai/J&J)
  - Approved >decade ago; now off-patent
  - No approved therapy following HMA failure
  - New therapy could have \$billions opportunity



# DIAGNOSIS OF MDS IS BASED ON MORPHOLOGY





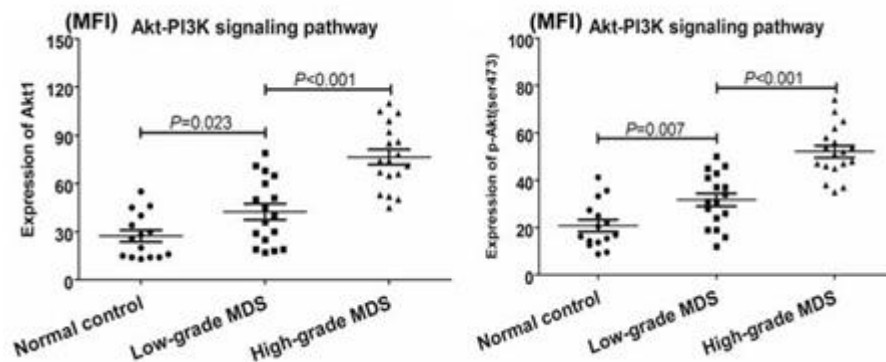
# RIGOSERTIB ACTIVITY IN MDS

Rigosertib as a selective anti-tumor agent can ameliorate multiple dysregulated signaling transduction pathways in high-grade myelodysplastic syndrome

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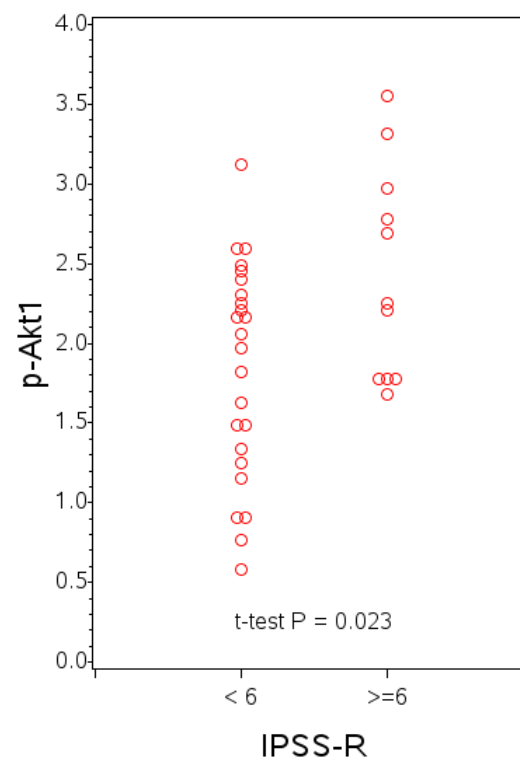
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Rigosertib has demonstrated therapeutic activity for patients with high-risk myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS) in clinical trials. However, the role of rigosertib in MDS has not been thoroughly characterized. In this study, we found out that rigosertib induced apoptosis, blocked the cell cycle at the G2/M phase and subsequently inhibited the proliferation of CD34+ cells from MDS, while it minimally affected the normal CD34+ cells. Further studies showed that rigosertib acted via the activation of the P53 signaling pathway. Bioinformatics analysis based on gene expression profile and flow cytometry analysis revealed the abnormal activation of the Akt-PI3K, Jak-STAT and Wnt pathways in high-grade MDS, while the p38 MAPK, SAPK/JNK and P53 pathways were abnormally activated in low-grade MDS. Rigosertib could markedly inhibit the activation of the Akt-PI3K and Wnt pathways, whereas it activated the SAPK/JNK and P53 pathways in high-grade MDS. A receptor tyrosine kinase phosphorylation array demonstrated that rigosertib could increase the activation of RET and PDGFR- $\beta$  while reducing the activation of Tie2 and VEGFR2 in MDS cells. Taken together, these data indicate that rigosertib is a selective and promising anti-tumor agent that could ameliorate multiple dysregulated signaling transduction pathways in high-grade MDS.



## Multiple signal transduction abnormalities in MDS

- PI-3K pathway and Akt signaling are targets
- Higher-risk MDS has more Akt activation
- IPSS-R Very High Risk has more activation

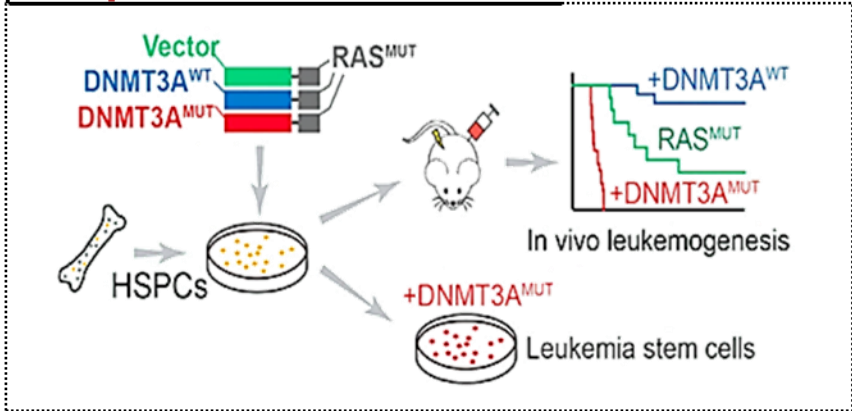
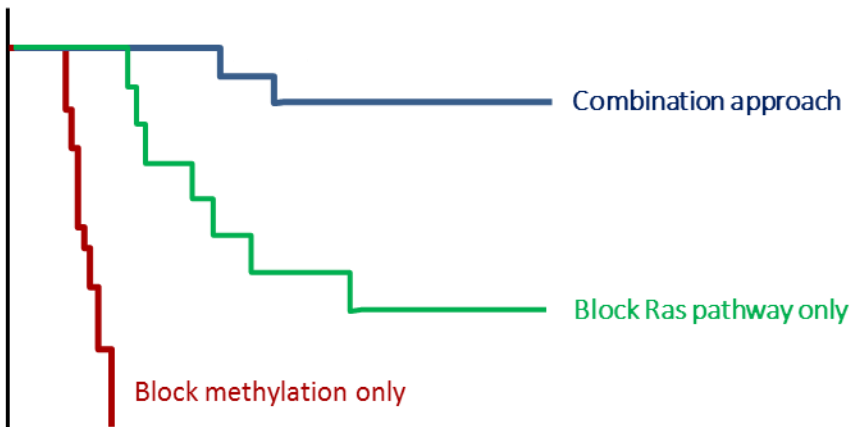


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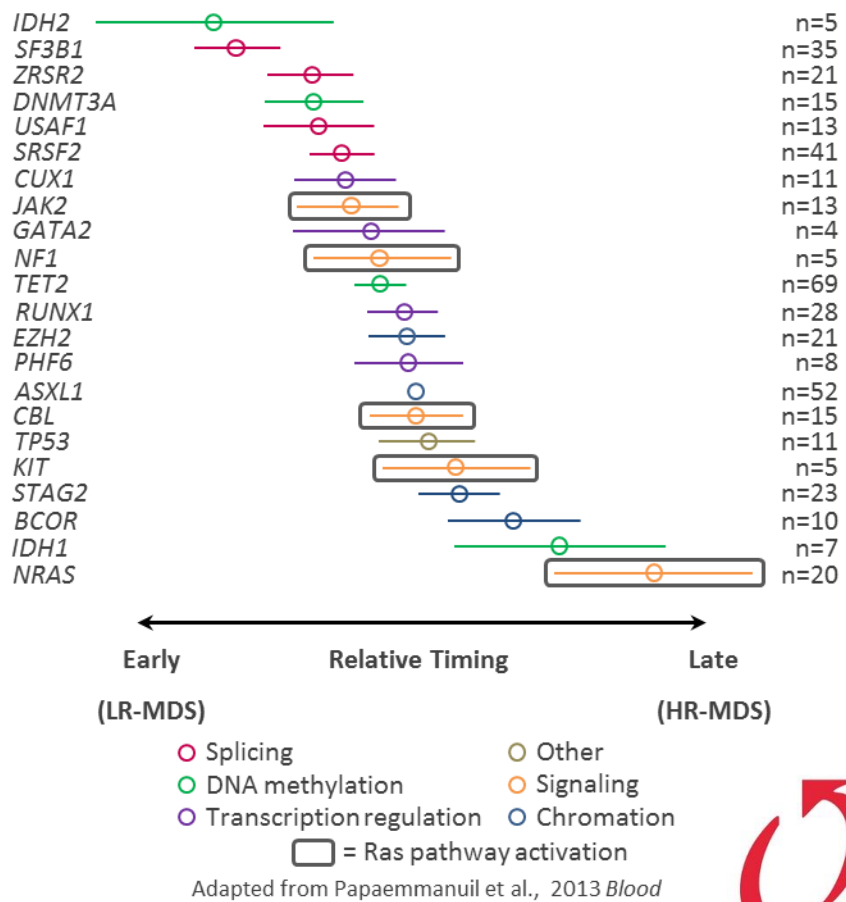
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Validation of combination approach

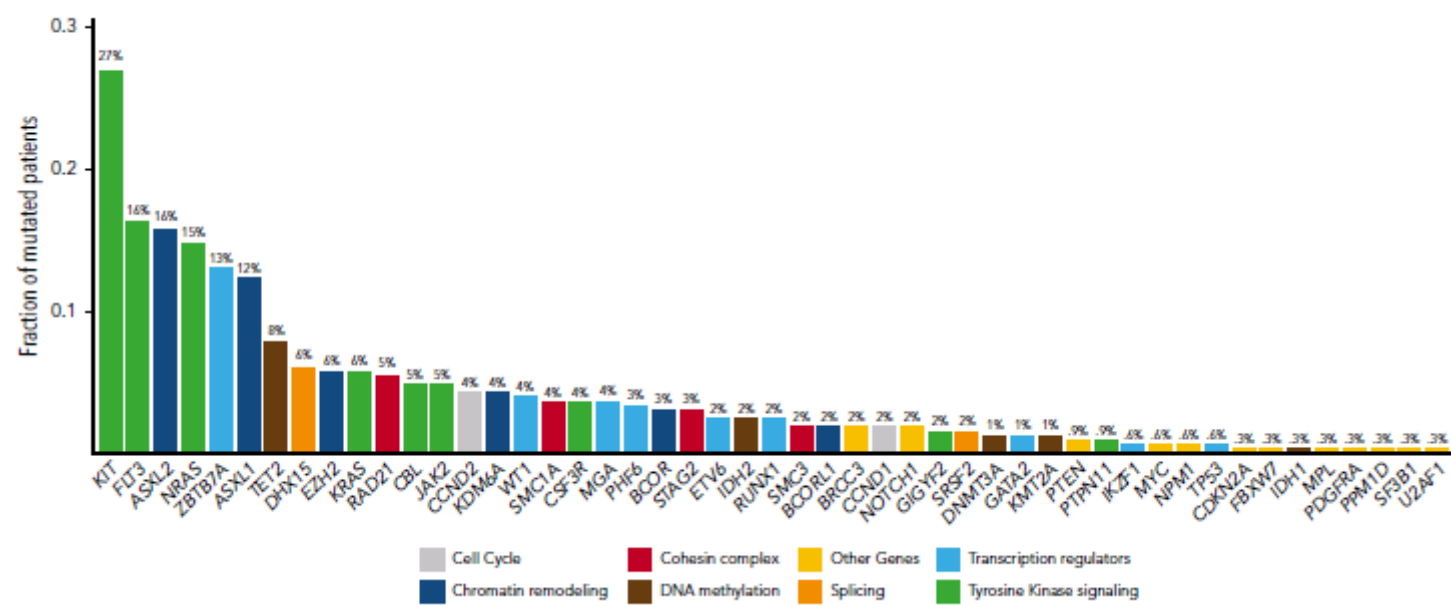


Lu et al., 2016 *Cancer Cell*

## Temporal Order of Gene Mutations in 107 MDS Patients



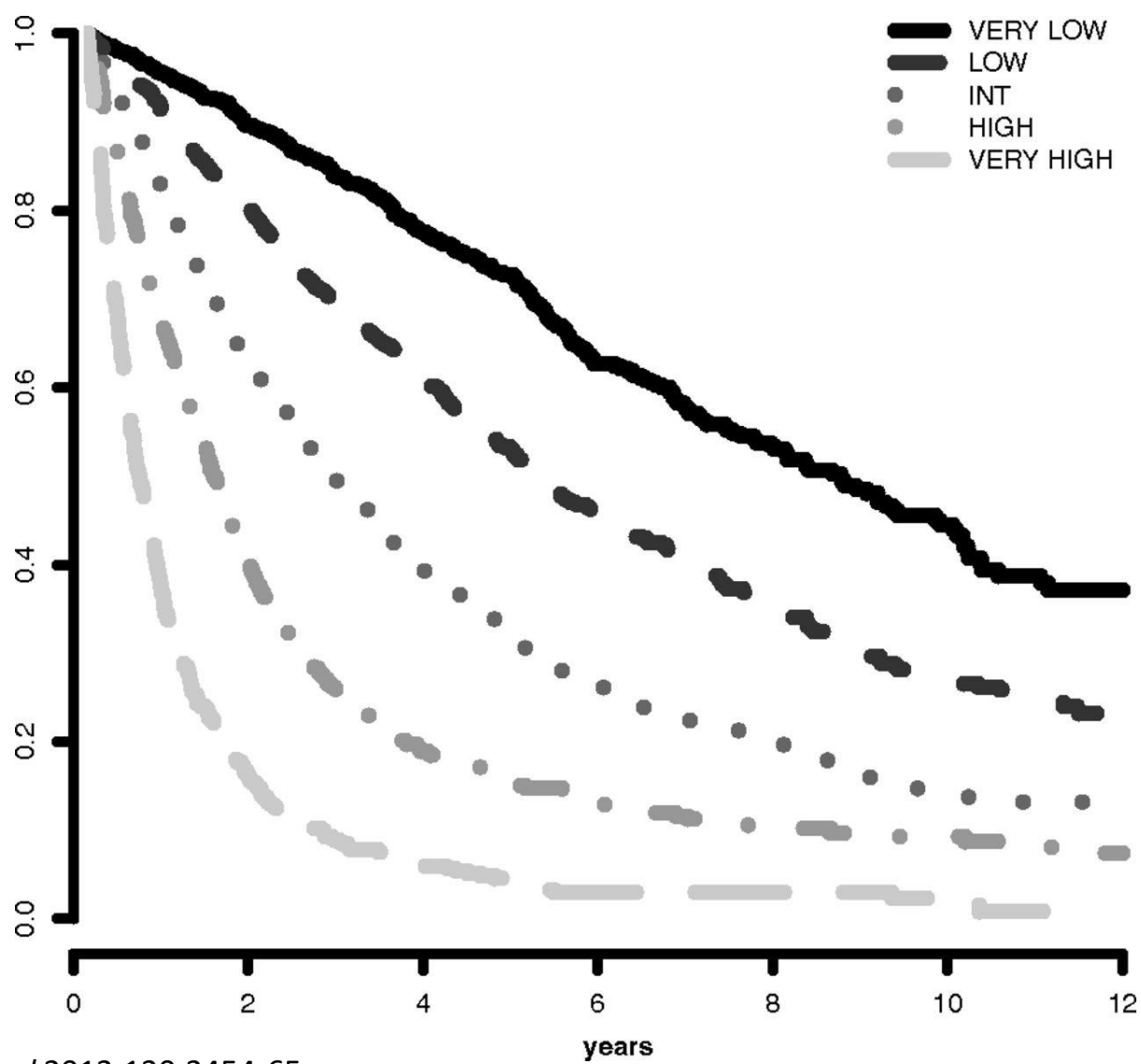
# FREQUENCY OF MUTATED GENE PER PATIENTS FOR ALL GENES WITH DETECTED VARIANTS (AML)



Bars are colored according to the functional category of the gene (supplemental Table 16). Mutation frequencies are shown above the bars (%). FLT3 variants include FLT3-ITD and FLT3-TKD.

Christen, F., et. al. (2019). Genomic landscape and clonal evolution of acute myeloid leukemia with t(8;21): an international study on 331 patients. Blood, (), blood-2018-05-852822. Accessed June 20, 2019. <https://doi.org/10.1182/blood-2018-05-852822>.

# REVISED IPSS-R IN RELATION TO SURVIVAL



Greenberg et al. *Blood* 2012;120:2454-65





# SINGLE-AGENT IV RIGOSERTIB FOR HR-MDS FAILING HMA

## Rigosertib versus best supportive care for patients with high-risk myelodysplastic syndromes after failure of hypomethylating drugs (ONTIME): a randomised, controlled, phase 3 trial



*Guillermo Garcia-Manero, Pierre Fenaux, Aref Al-Kali, Maria R Baer, Mikkael A Sekeres, Gail J Roboz, Gianluca Gaidano, Bart L Scott, Peter Greenberg, Uwe Platzbecker, David P Steensma, Suman Kambhampati, Karl-Anton Kreuzer, Lucy A Godley, Ehab Atallah, Robert Collins Jr, Hagop Kantarjian, Elias Jabbour, Francois E Wilhelm, Nozar Azarnia, Lewis R Silverman, for the ONTIME study investigators\**

### Summary

**Background** Hypomethylating drugs are the standard treatment for patients with high-risk myelodysplastic syndromes. Survival is poor after failure of these drugs; there is no approved second-line therapy. We compared the overall survival of patients receiving rigosertib and best supportive care with that of patients receiving best supportive care only in patients with myelodysplastic syndromes with excess blasts after failure of azacitidine or decitabine treatment.

*Lancet Oncol* 2016

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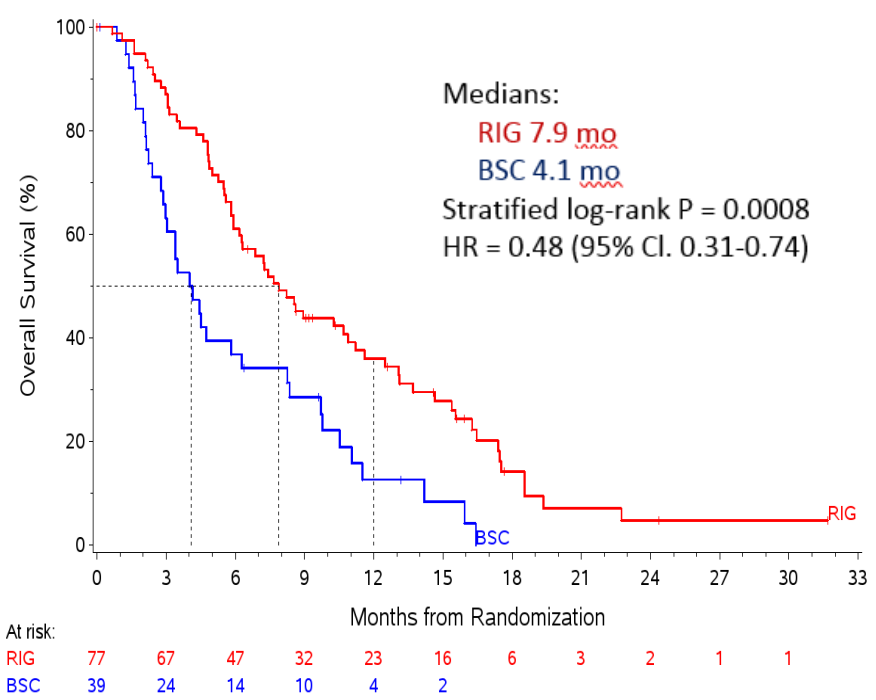
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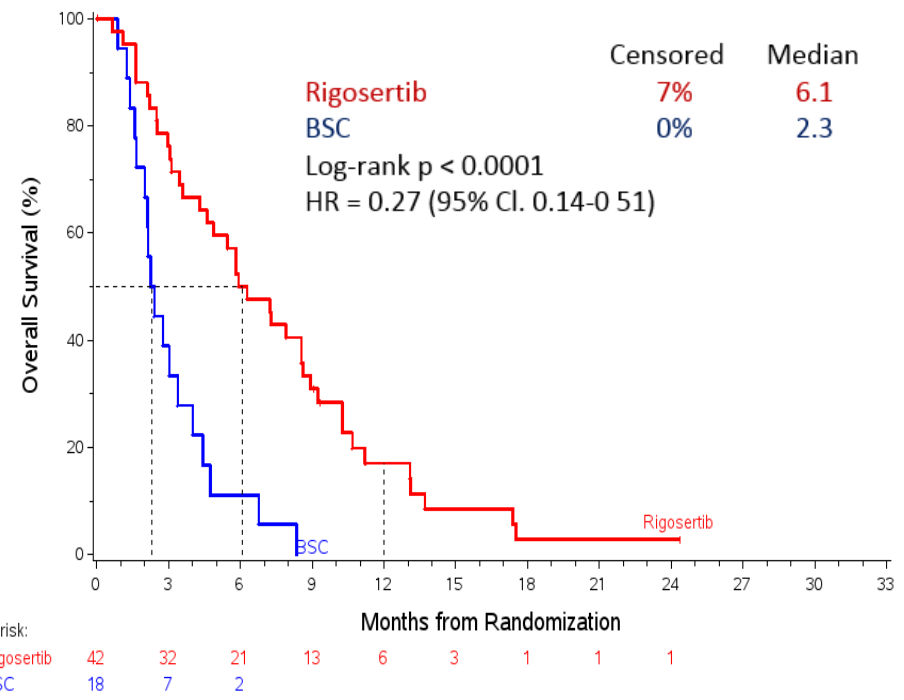


# STUDY 04-21 : PROPOSED PATIENT POPULATION FOR INSPIRE

Entire ITT population



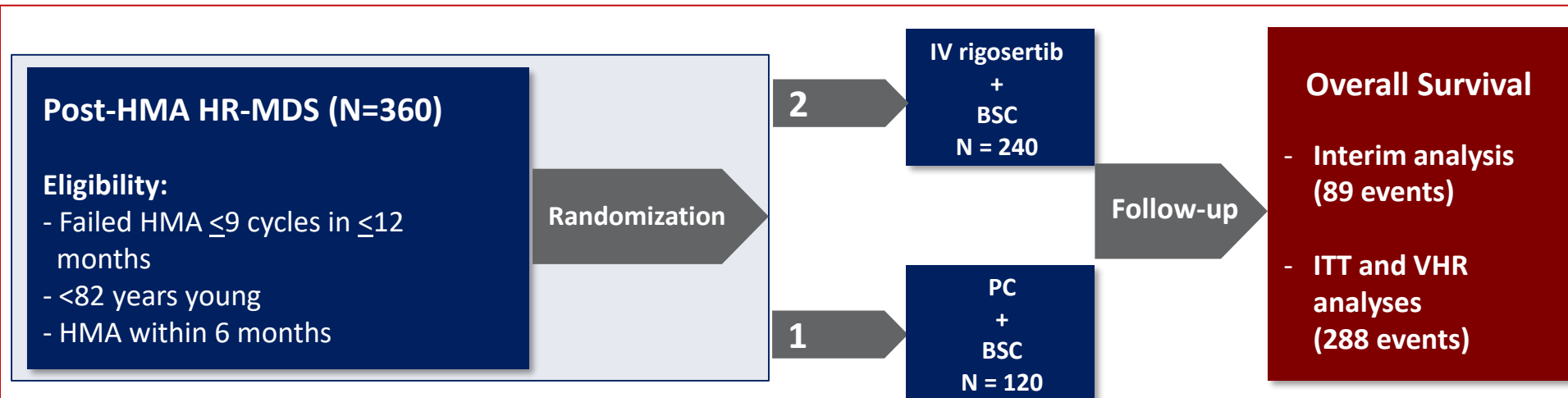
Very High Risk (VHR) population



- Age < 82 years
- Duration of prior HMA ≤ 9 cycles of prior HMA in ≤ 12 months
- Time from last dose of prior HMA to random assignment ≤ 6 months.



# INSPIRE STUDY DESIGN AND STATISTICAL OBJECTIVES



## *Innovative features of INSPIRE study design*

- **Interim Analysis (January 2018) showed promising survival signal for rigosertib arm**
- **Genomic profiling at study entry and at key time points**
- **Over 90% of required 360 patients randomized as of November 2019**

- **Stratification at randomization**
  - VHR vs. non-VHR
  - U.S. vs. EUROPE vs. Asia
- **Post Interim Analysis**
  - **ITT population**
    - $\alpha = 0.04$
    - Power = 0.80
    - Target HR  $\leq 0.72$
    - Reduce mortality by  $\geq 28\%$
  - **VHR subgroup**
    - $\alpha = 0.01$
    - Power = 0.80
    - Target HR  $\leq 0.55$
    - Reduce mortality by  $\geq 45\%$



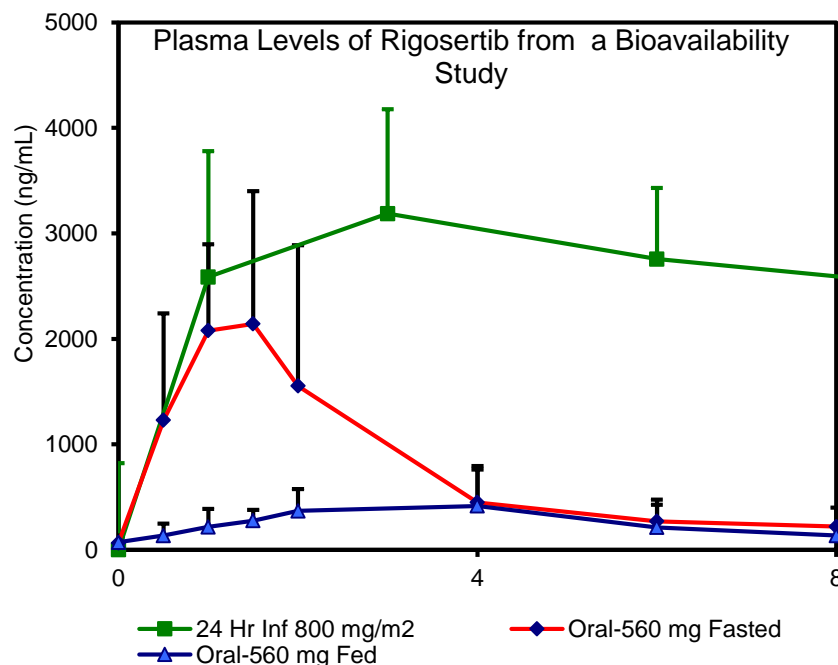
# ORAL RIGOSERTIB DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM





# TWO RIGOSERTIB FORMULATIONS

- IV (Phase 3 INSPIRE ongoing)
  - Continuous infusion using a portable pump
  - >500 patients treated in trials
  - Lead indication 2<sup>nd</sup>-line HR-MDS
- Oral (Phase 2 enrolled)
  - Bioavailability ~35%
  - >200 patients treated
  - Combination with azacitidine for HR-MDS and AML



# RIGOSERTIB IS SYNERGISTIC WITH AZACITIDINE IN PRECLINICAL STUDIES

- Sequential exposure with rigosertib followed by azacitidine achieved maximum synergy at concentrations achievable in the clinical setting

Combination Drug	CI	Ratio	Description
Rigosertib* (125 nM) + 5AzaC (2 uM)	0.44	1:62.5	Synergism
<b>Rigosertib (125 nM) + 5AzaC (4 uM)</b>	<b>0.30</b>	<b>1:31.25</b>	<b>Strong synergism</b>
Rigosertib (250 nM) + 5AzaC (2 uM)	0.68	1:125	Synergism
Rigosertib (250 nM) + 5AzaC (4 uM)	0.57	1:62.5	Synergism
Rigosertib (500 nM) + 5 AzaC (2 uM)	0.63	1:250	Synergism
Rigosertib (500 nM) + 5AzaC (4 uM)	0.75	1:125	Moderate synergism

*Skiddan I et al. AACR Abstract 1310, April 2006; 47:309.*

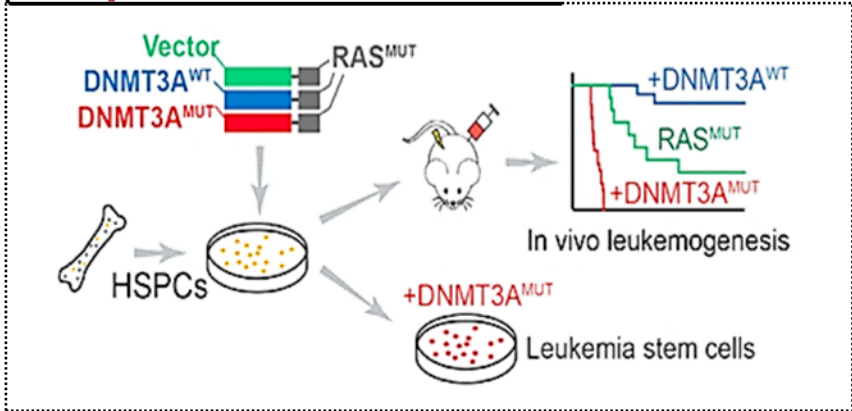
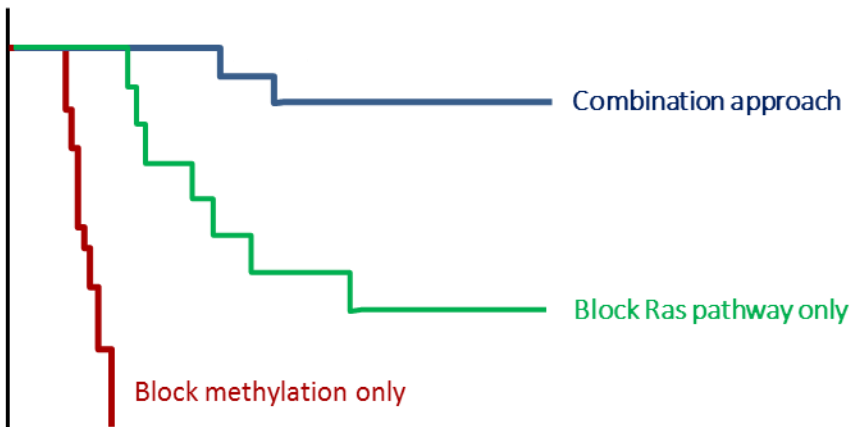


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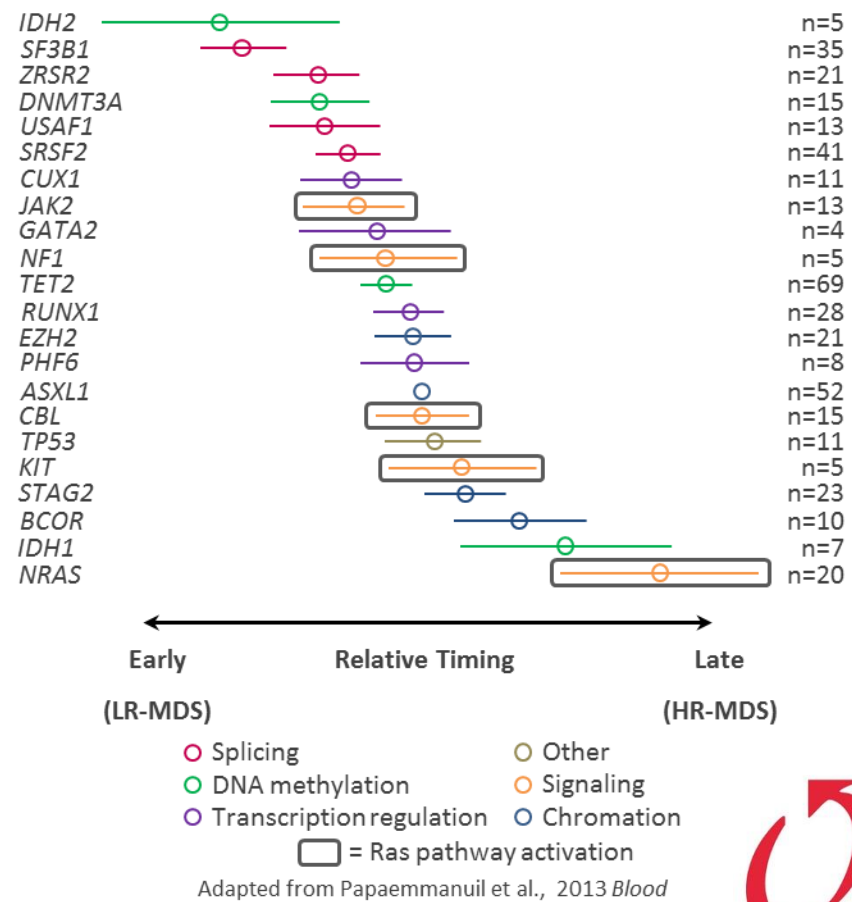
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# HMA NAIVE ≥ 840MG/DAY

## EFFICACY

Evaluable for response	29*
Overall response per IWG 2006	26 (90%)
CR+PR	10 (34%)
Complete remission (CR)	10 (34%)
Partial remission (PR)	0
Marrow CR + Hematologic Improvement	5 (17%)
Hematologic Improvement alone	3 (10%)
Marrow CR alone	8 (28%)
Stable disease	3 (10%)
Progression	0
Median duration of response (months)	12.2 (range, 0.1-24.2+)
Median duration of treatment (months)	7.8 (range, 0.7-25.1+)
Median time to initial/best response (cycles)	1/4

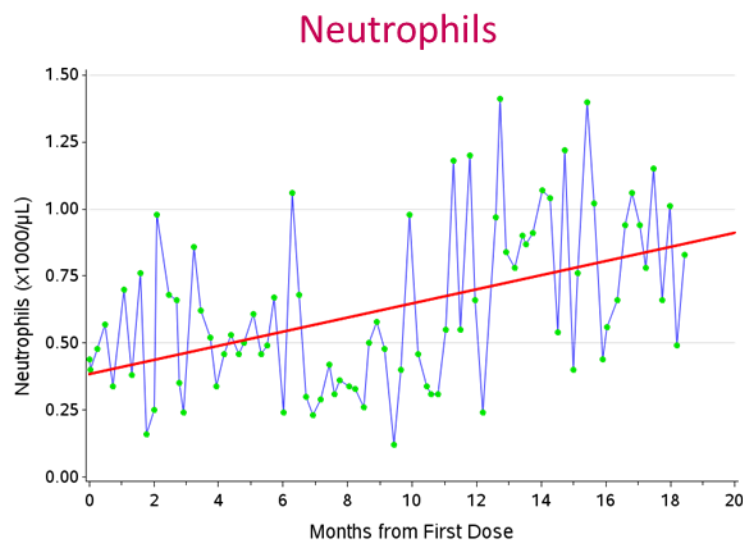
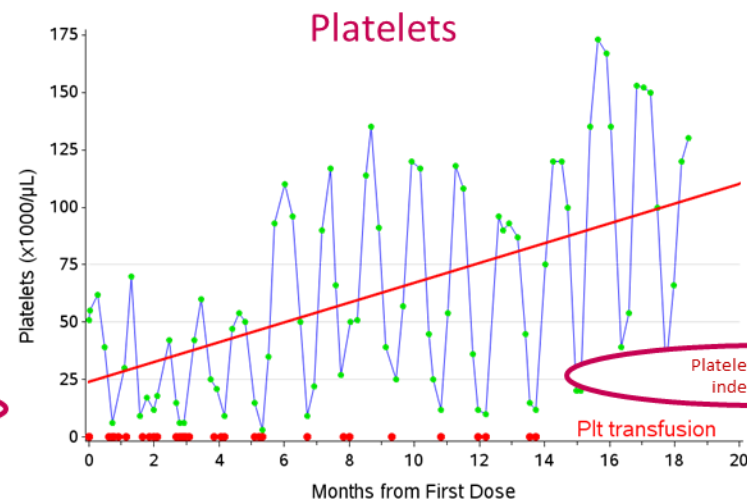
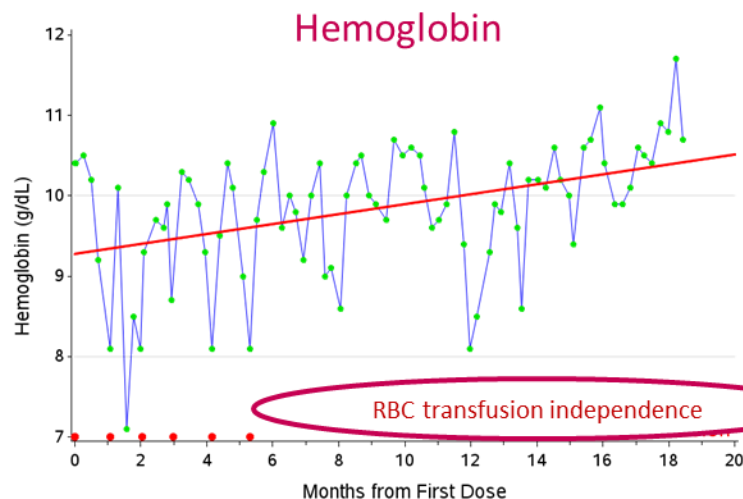
*\* Includes 2 patients treated with non-HMA, prior chemotherapy*





# COMBINATION THERAPY MAY LEAD TO TRANSFUSION INDEPENDENCE

Single patient case data\*:



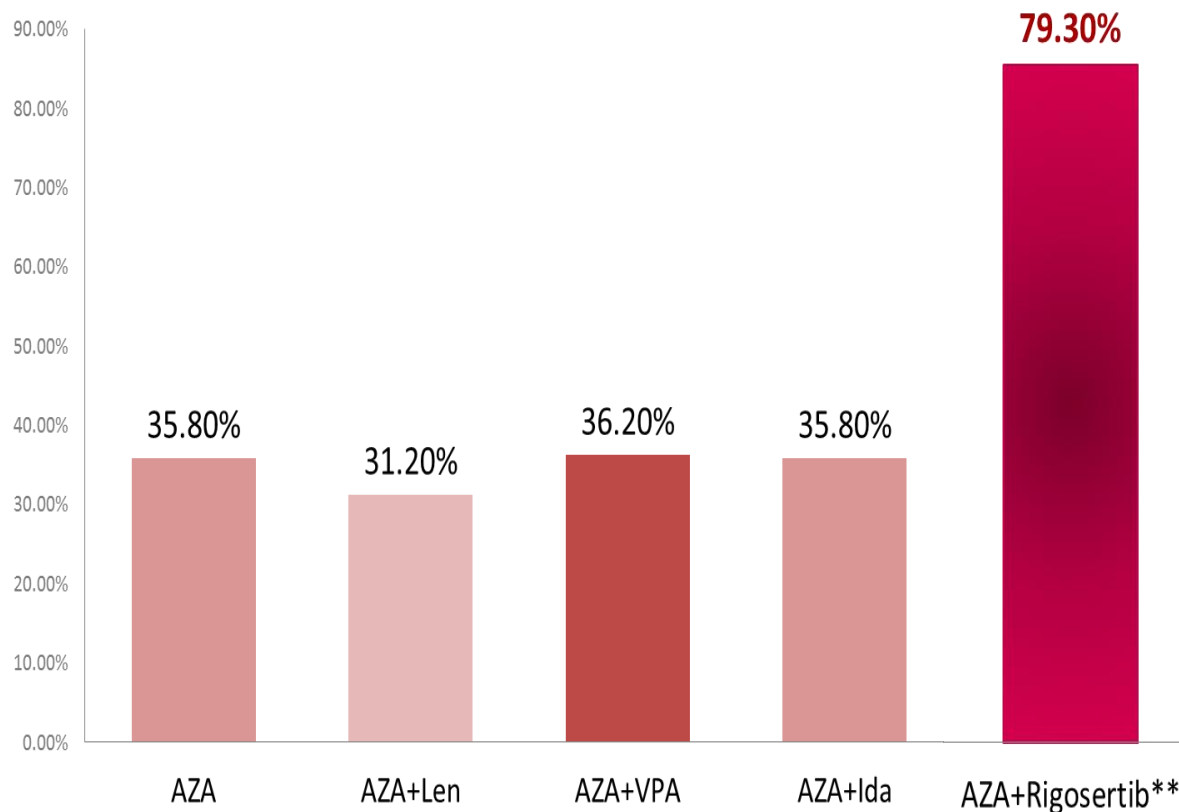
- 12 cycles of AZA – stable disease
- RBC and platelet transfusions
- Blasts 7%
- Monosomy 7
- Runx-1
- AZA + RIG in 09-08 for 20+ months
- **Complete remission**
  - RBC transfusion independence
  - <5% blasts
  - PB CR criteria

\* Individual patient response data may vary



# COMBINATION OF ORAL RIGOSERTIB AND STANDARD DOSE AZACITIDINE: VARIOUS DOUBLET RESPONSE RATES (CR/PR/MCR\*)

PATIENTS RECEIVED A MEDIAN OF 7 CYCLES



***Note: these are not head-to-head studies from which inferences or comparisons can be drawn, but rather serve as part of the basis for company's further investigation***

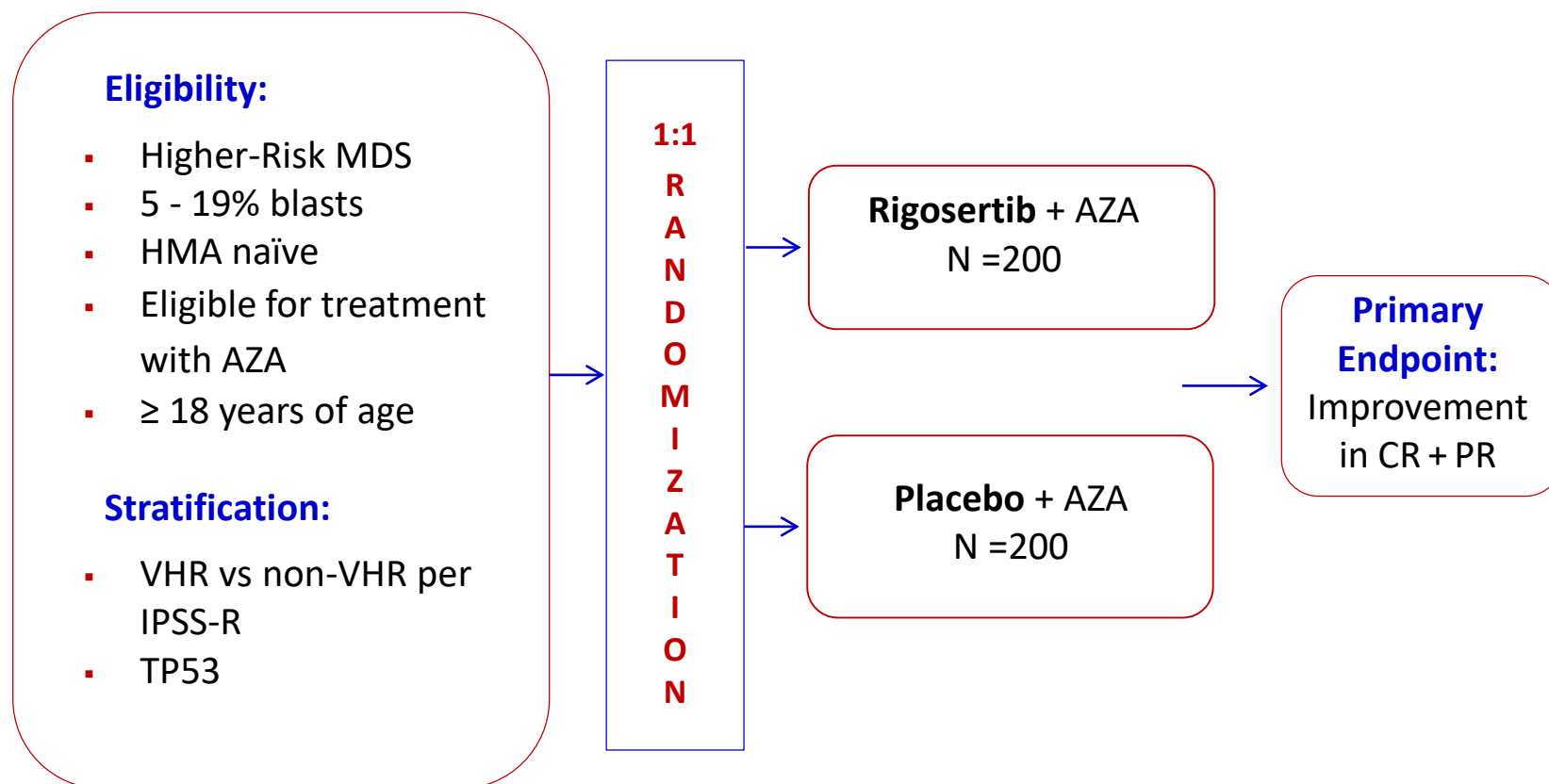
\*Lionel Adès et al: ASH; 2018

\*\*Navada et al: ASH; 2018 Median Duration of Treatment is 7.8 months (0.7-25.1)

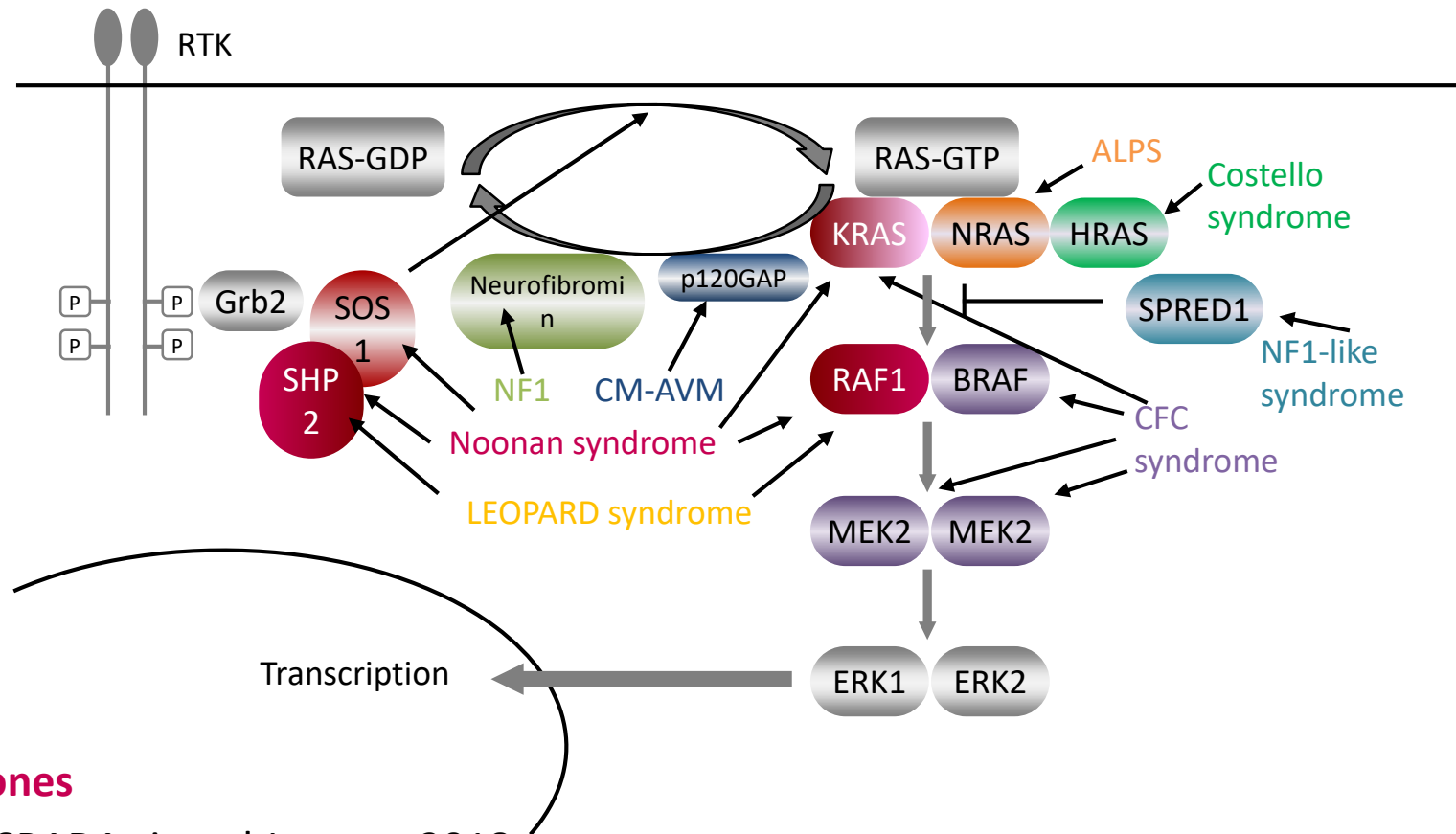


# PHASE 2/3 PROPOSED DESIGN FOR TREATMENT NAIVE HR MDS (TO BE REVIEWED WITH FDA)

Phase 3, multi-center, international, randomized, double-blind, placebo- controlled study of oral rigosertib + injectable azacitidine (AZA) versus injectable AZA plus oral placebo in patients who are hypomethylating agent treatment-naïve with higher-risk myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS)



# RASOPATHIES: RIGOSERTIB FOR RARE PEDIATRIC DISEASES

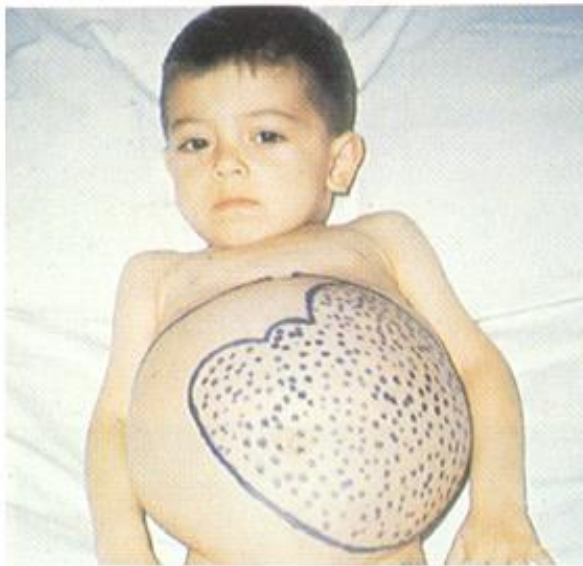
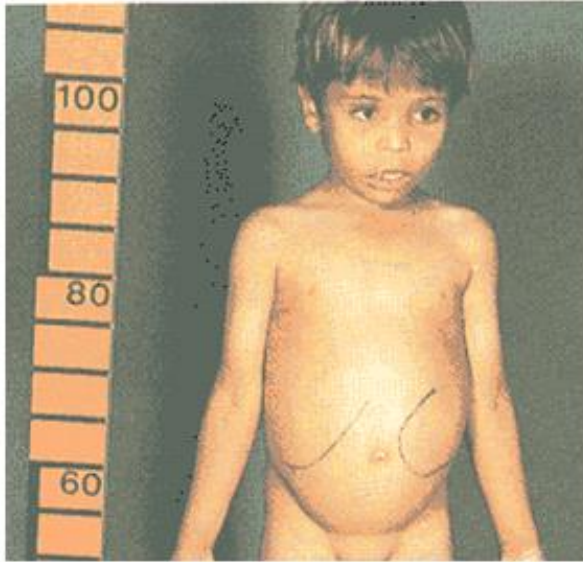


## Milestones

- NCI CRADA signed January 2018
- Potential for first patient in 2019-1H2020
- UCSF non-clinical program initiated
  - Funded by LLS



# JUVENILE MYELOMONOCYTIC LEUKEMIA OVERVIEW



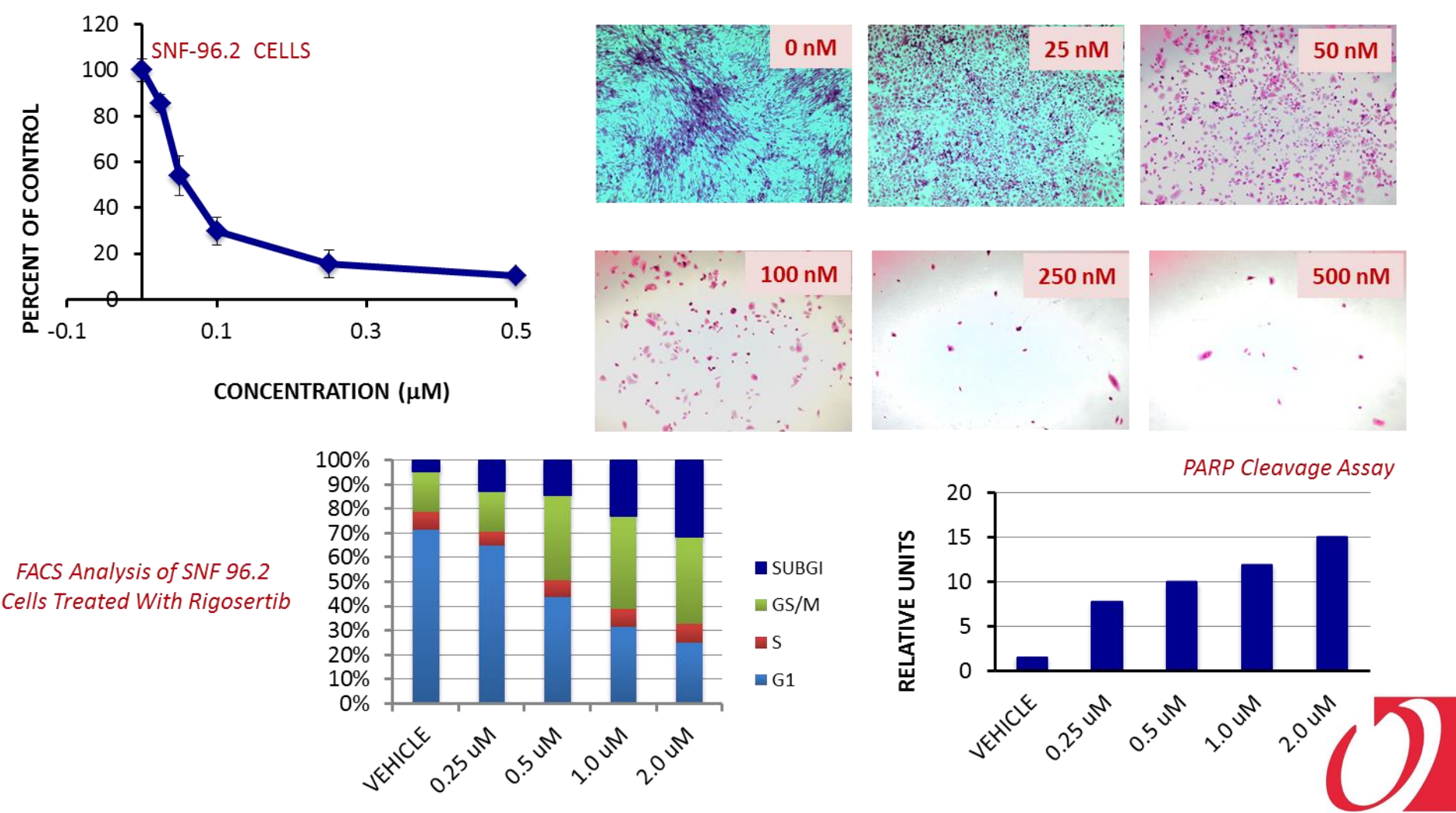
- Hematopoietic disorder of infancy caused by excessive proliferation of monocytic and granulocytic cells; which infiltrate the spleen/liver, intestines and lungs
- Rare- 2% of pediatric hematologic malignancies (in the US about 50 new cases per year); 1.2 cases per million annually, median age is 2 years
- Present with fever, thrombocytopenia, failure to thrive, and splenomegaly.
- Frequently fatal, allogeneic stem cell transplant only curative approach; which carries an event-free survival (EFS) at 5 years of only 52% due to relapsed disease or transformation to AML
- Historically, myeloid progenitor hypersensitivity to granulocyte macrophage colony-stimulating factor (GM-CSF) is a key diagnostic feature of JMML





# GROWTH INHIBITION AND INDUCTION OF APOPTOSIS WITH RIGOSERTIB IN NF1 CELLS

## Malignant Peripheral Nerve Sheath Tumors (MPNSTs)

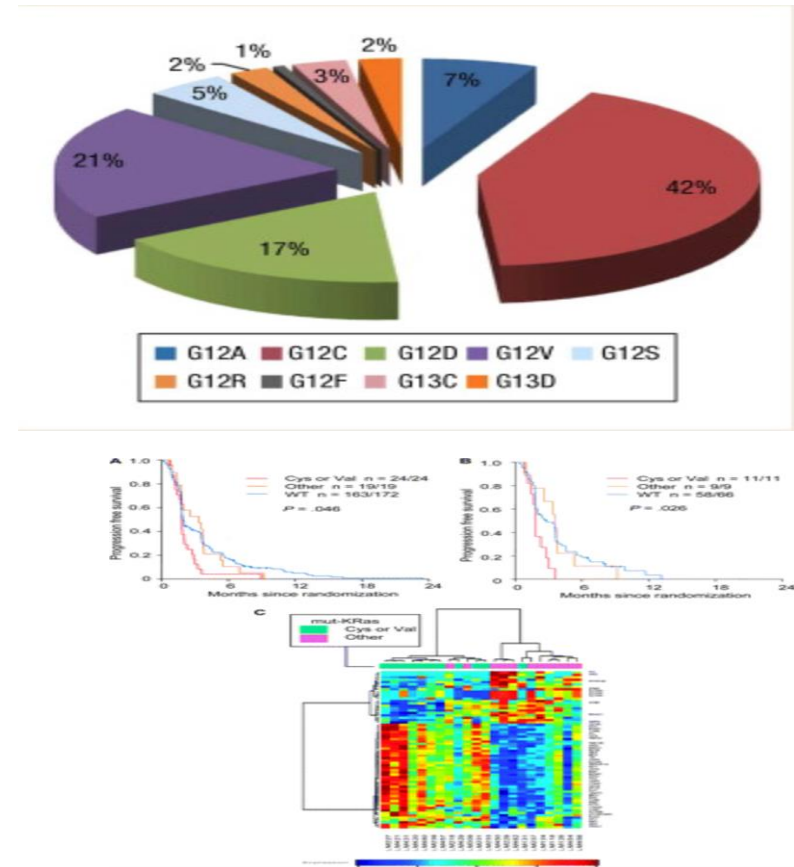


# NSCLC & CRC



# GENOMIC VARIABILITY OF KRAS MUTATIONS

- Not all KRAS mutations the same
  - Different mutations
  - Different phenotypes (Epithelial vs. Mesenchymal)
  - Overlap with other genetic alterations (i.e., TP53, STK11, CDKN2A/B)



Neil Vasani et al. Clin Cancer Res 2014  
Karachaliu N et al., Clin Lung Cancer 2013





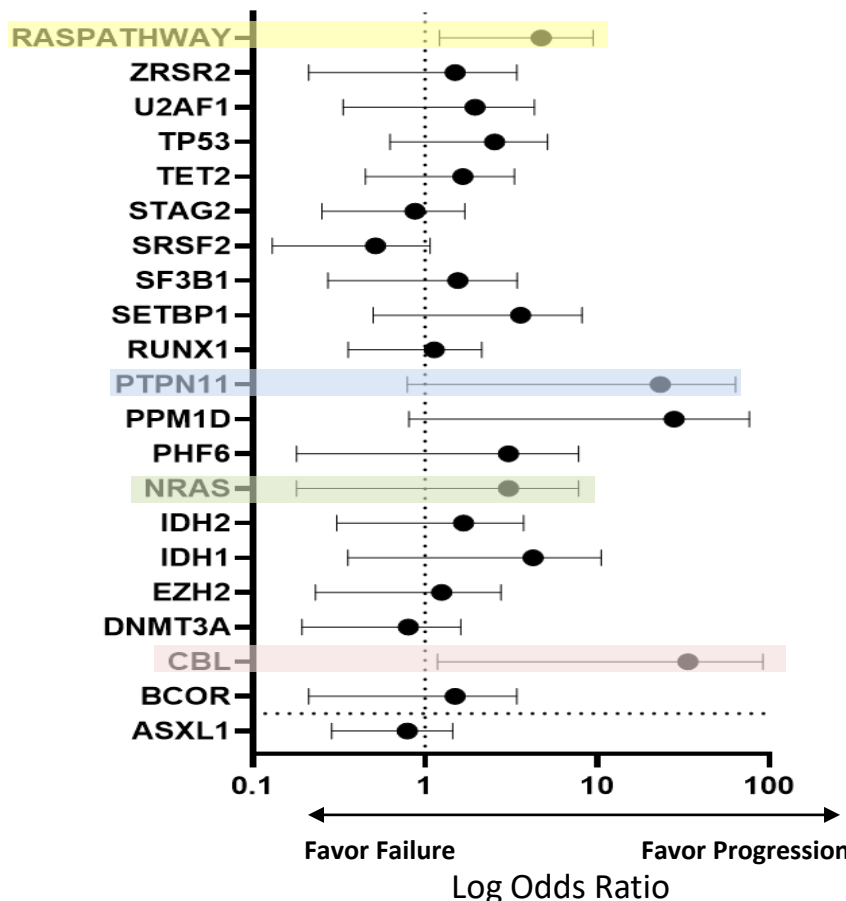
# **GENOMIC PROFILING IN PATIENTS WITH HIGHER RISK MYELOYDYSPLASTIC SYNDROME (HR MDS) FOLLOWING HMA FAILURE: BASELINE RESULTS FROM THE INSPIRE STUDY (04-30)**

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# MUTATIONAL RESULTS ACCORDING TO DISEASE PROGRESSION OR HMA FAILURE AT TIME OF STUDY ENTRY



\*RAS PATHWAY includes NRAS, KRAS, CBL, PTPN11, and NF1

Mutations identified in  $\geq 4$  patients are listed individually

- N=159
- 136 enrolled
  - 23 screen failures





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