

# Rasopathy Education Day

## Precision Medicine in Juvenile Myelomonocytic Leukemia



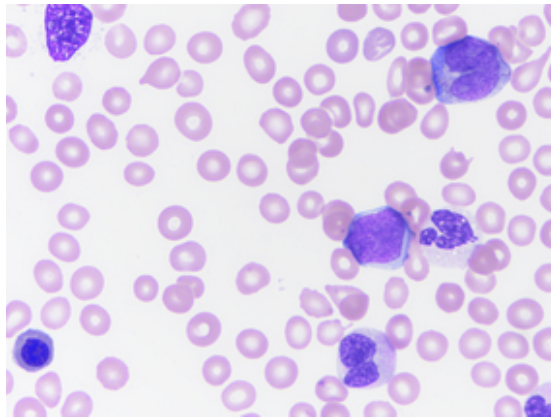
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# Juvenile Myelomonocytic Leukemia (JMML)

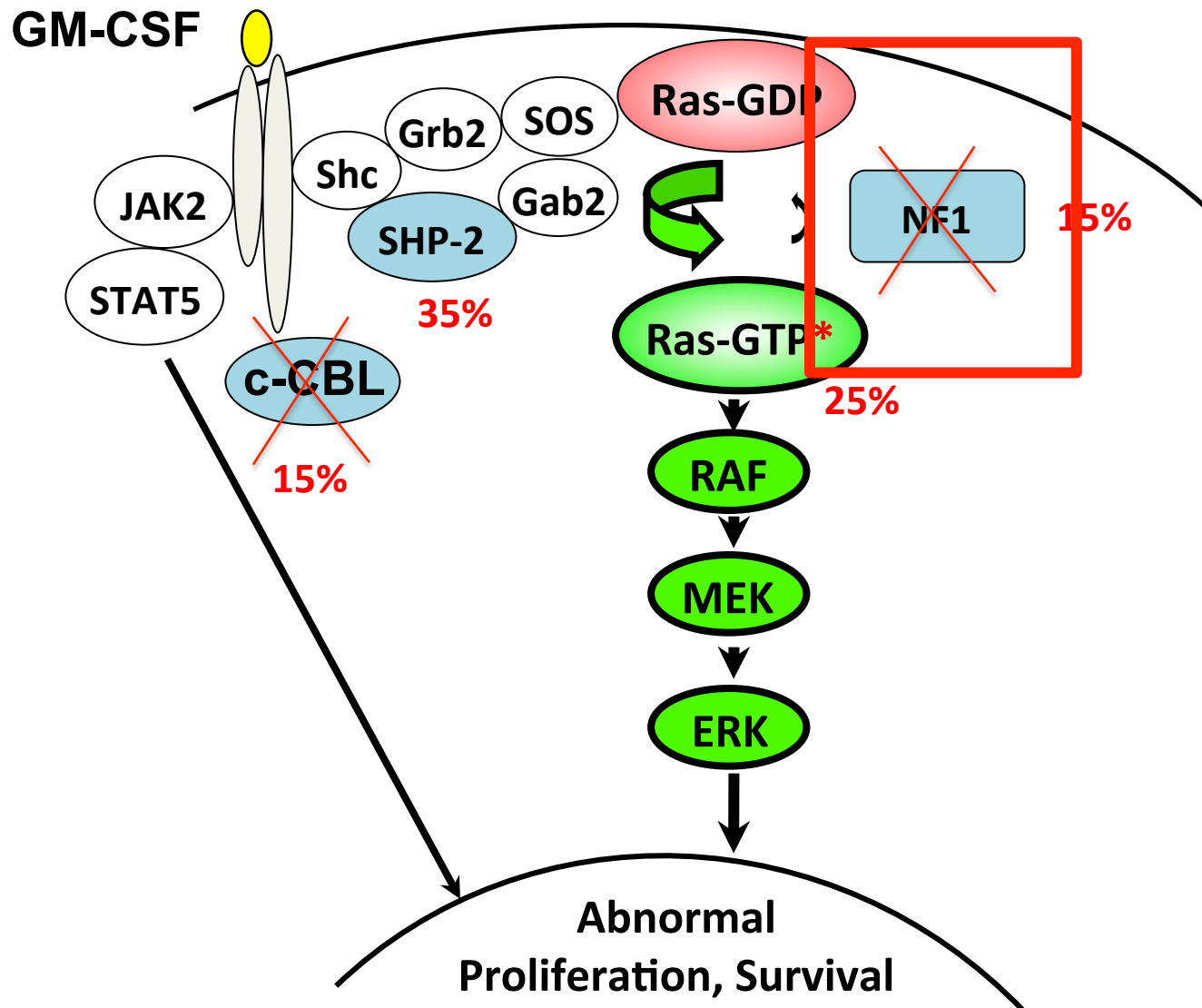
Overlapping myelodysplastic / myeloproliferative disorder



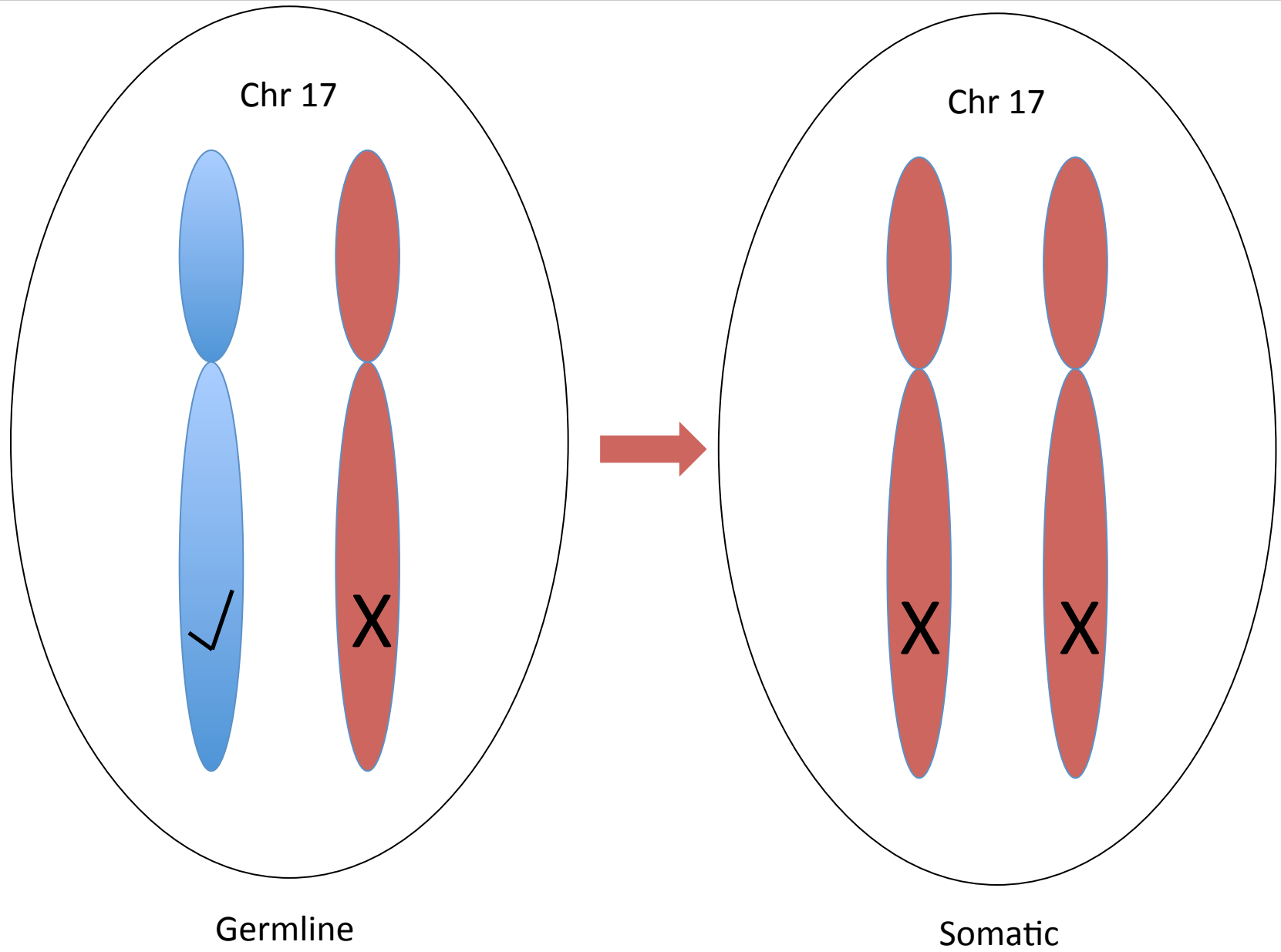
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# JMML is Initiated by Hyperactive Ras



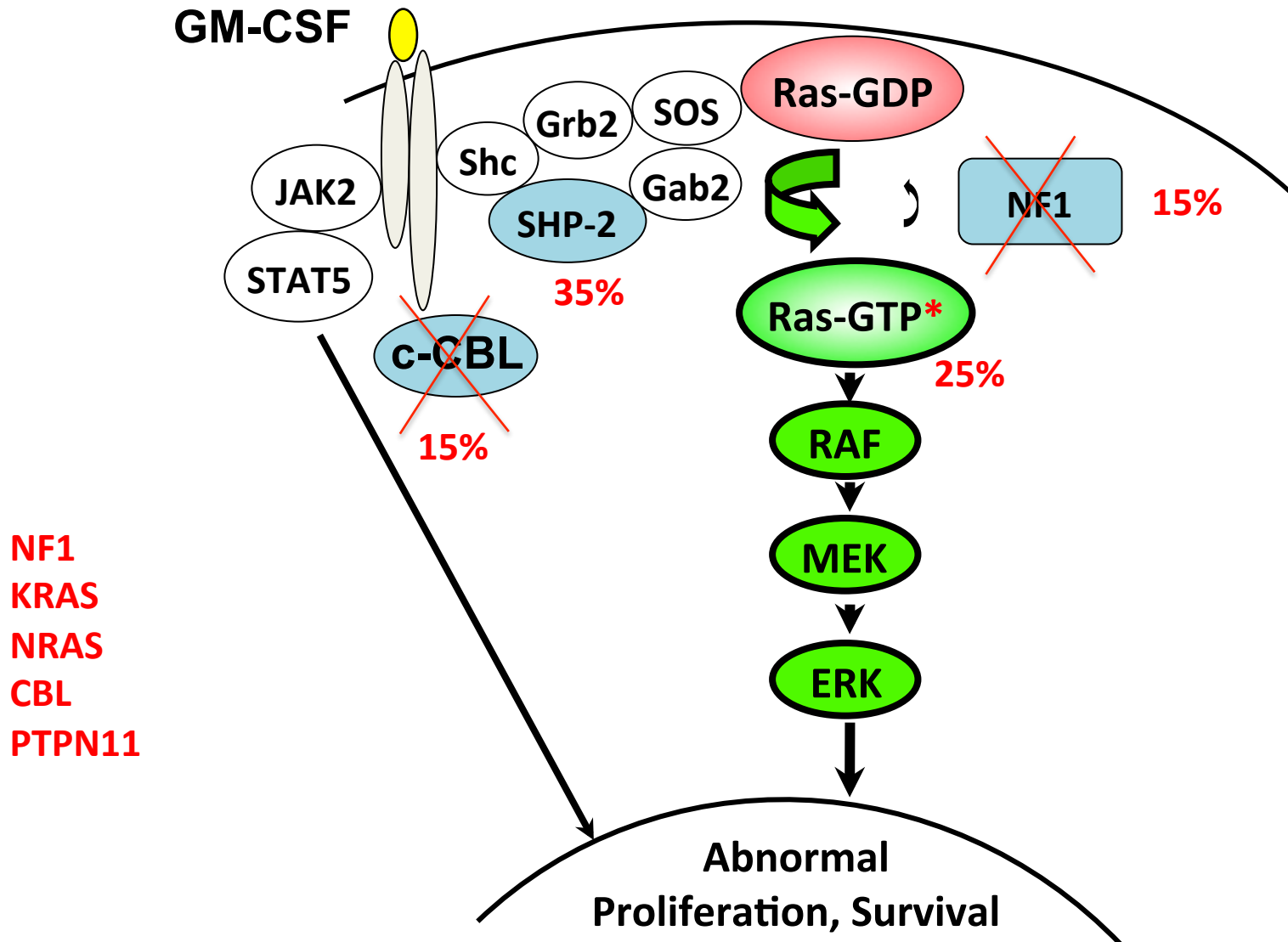
# Genetics of Neurofibromatosis Type I



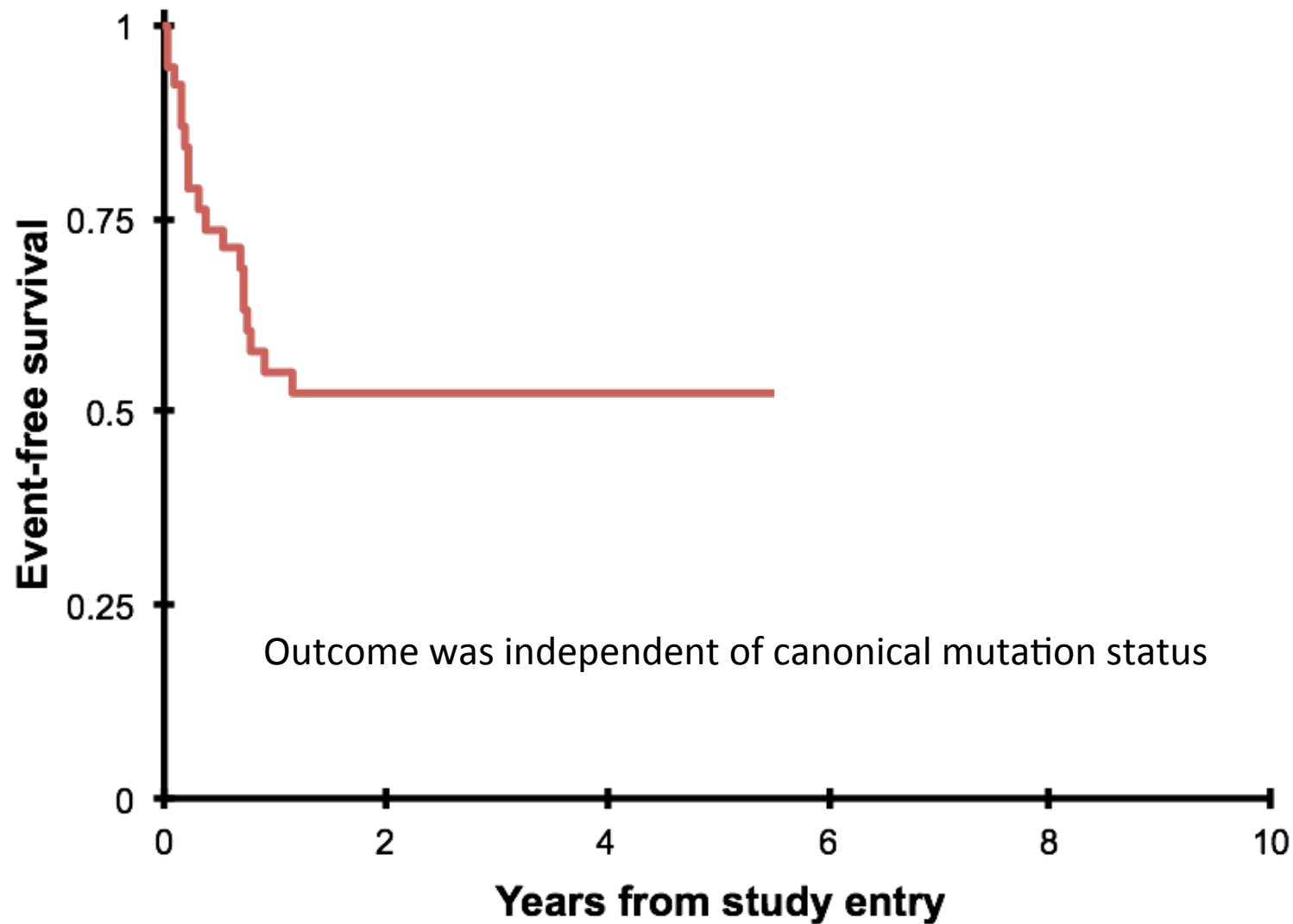
# Neurofibromatosis Type 1 Related Cancers

- 1) Germline condition with one NF1 mutation in every cell
- 2) Patients develop cancer when the 2<sup>nd</sup> copy is lost
  - 1) Optic glioma
  - 2) Glioblastoma
  - 3) Leukemia
  - 4) Neuroblastoma
  - 5) MPNST
  - 6) GIST...

# JMML is Initiated by Hyperactive Ras



# Event Free Survival on AAML0122



# Can We Predict Which Child Will Survive?



*PTPN11*



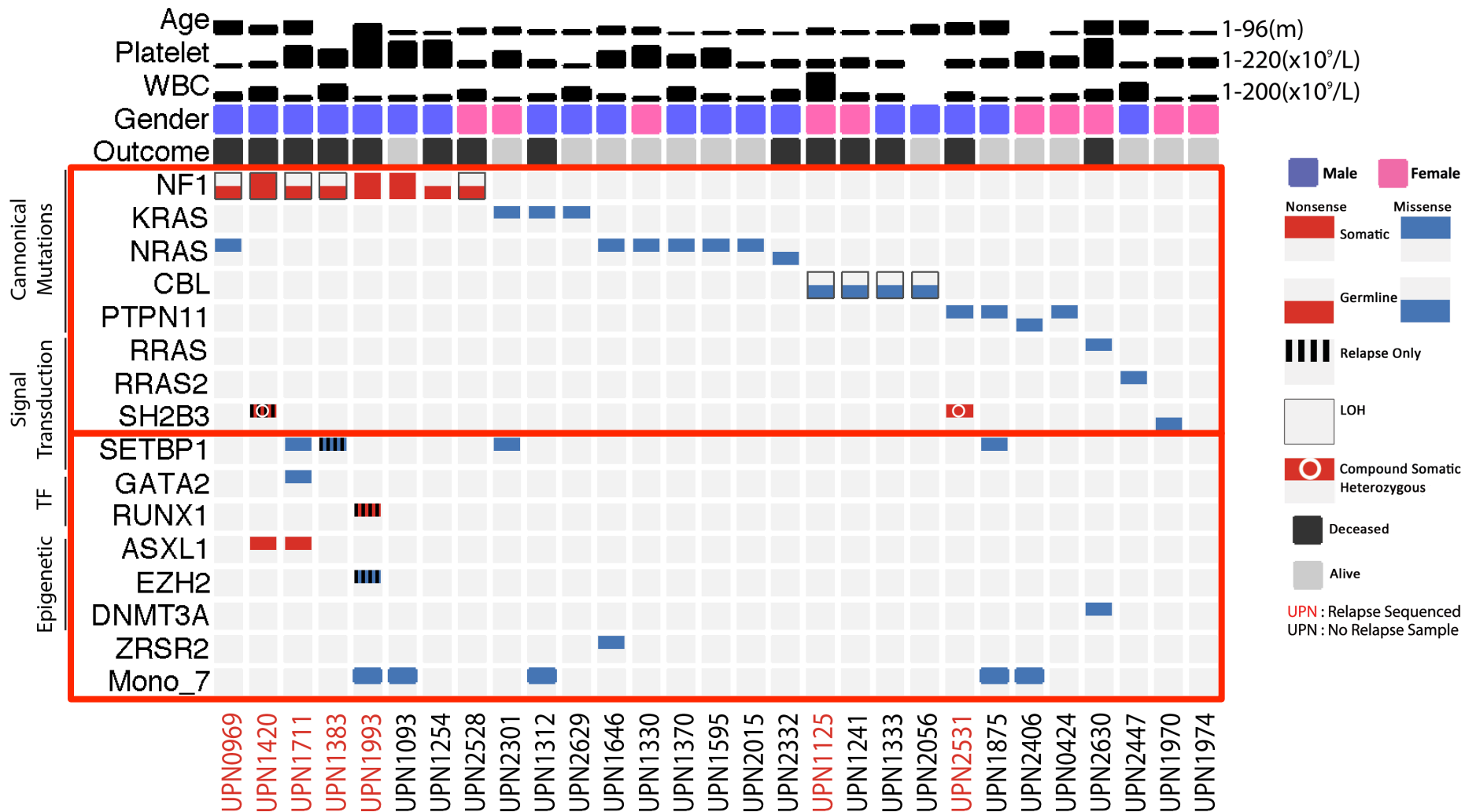
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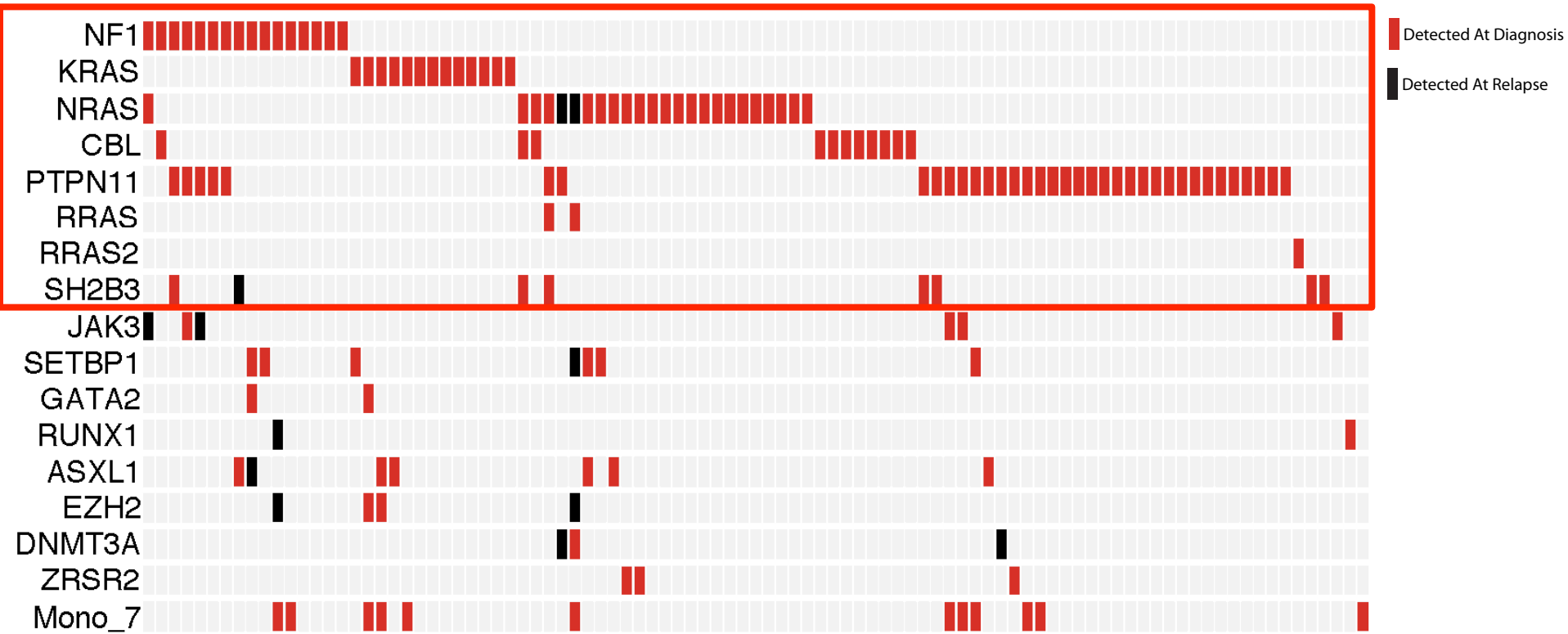
# Hypotheses

- 1) *Underlying genetics and epigenetics influence outcome*
- 2) *Focusing on relapsed disease will yield new therapeutic opportunities*

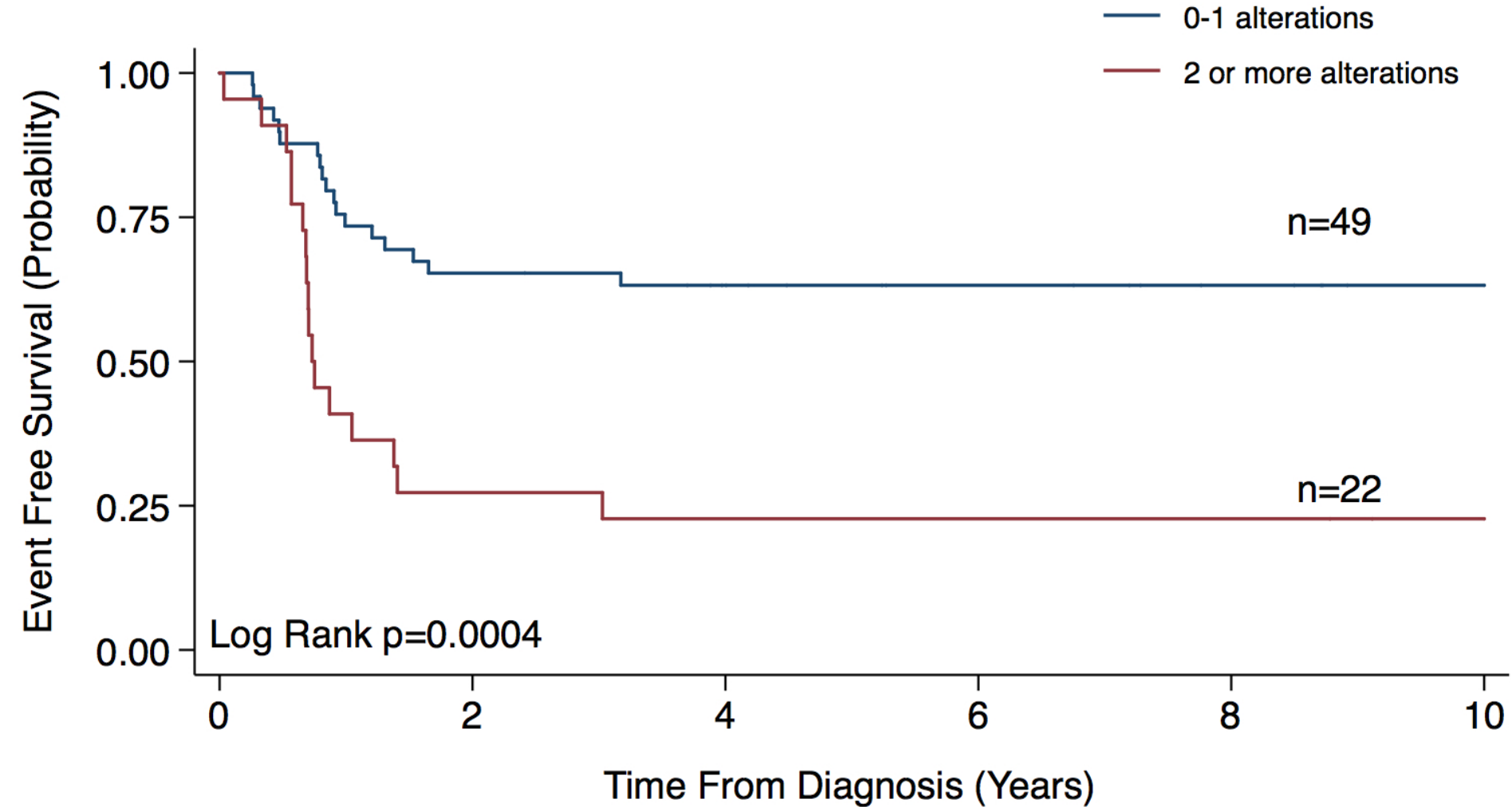
# Exome Sequencing Landscape



# Mutations Identified in 100 Patients



# Validation Cohort



# Can We Predict Which Child Will Survive?

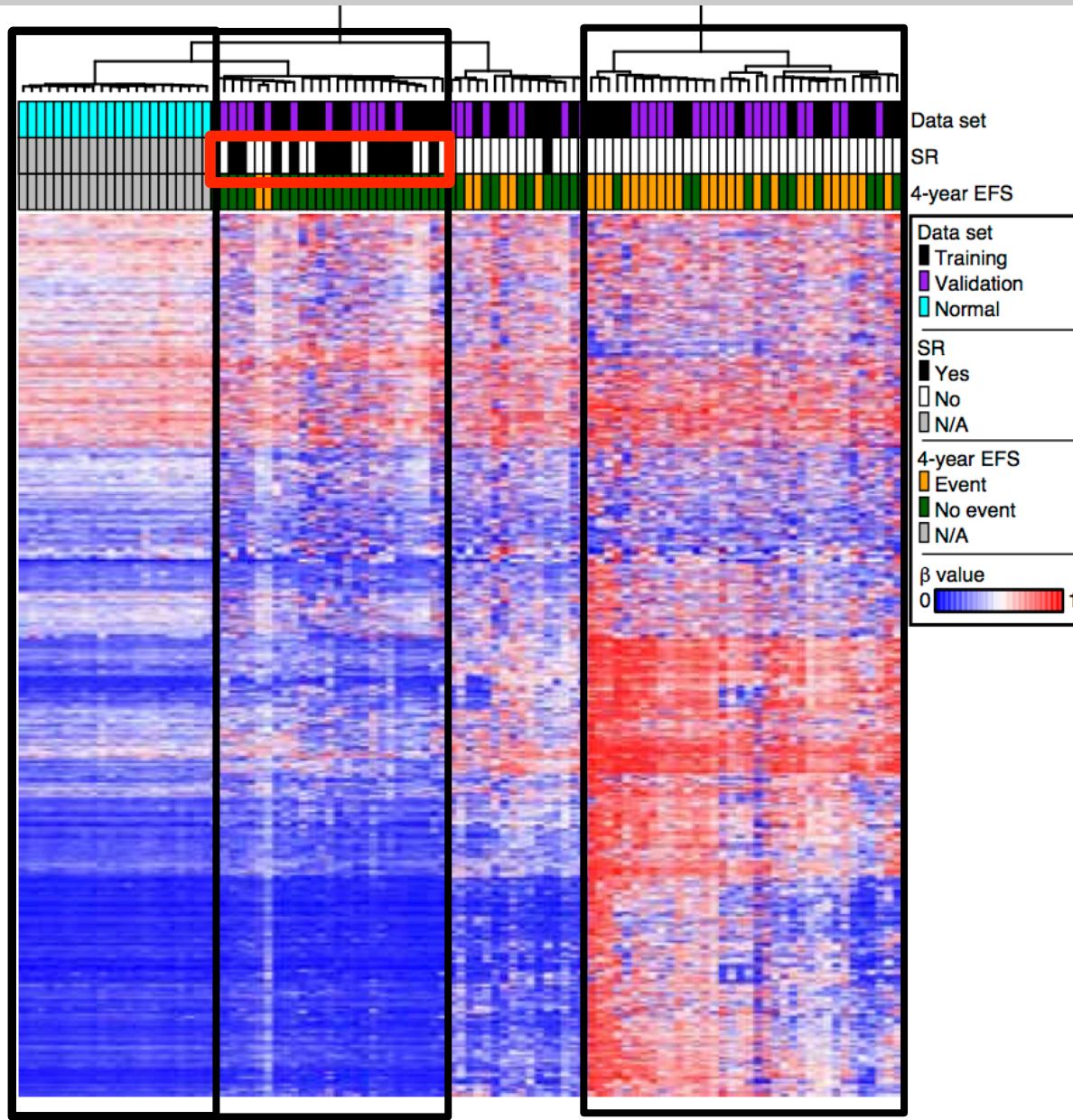


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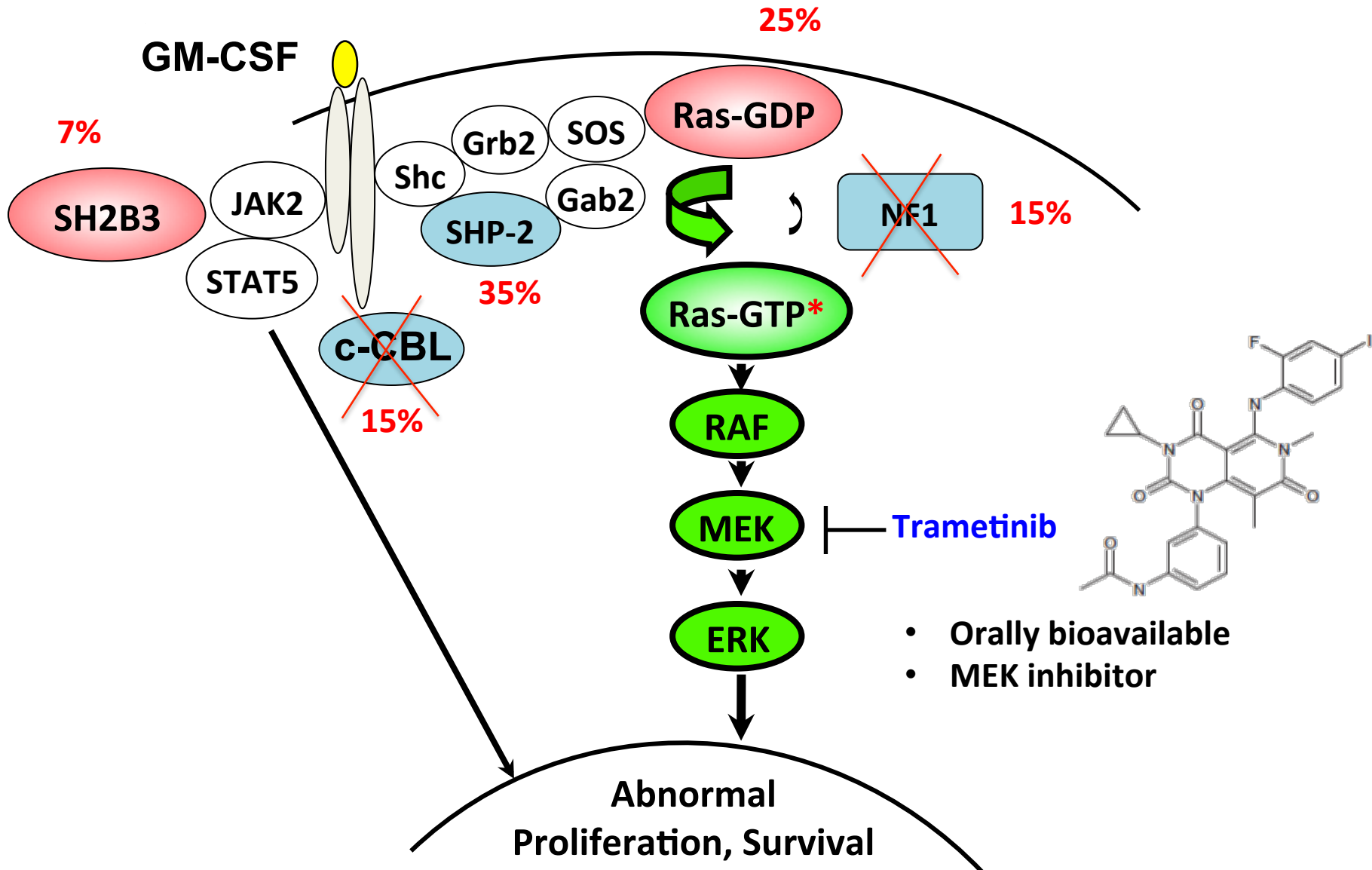


*PTPN11 + SH2B3*

# Altered DNA Methylation



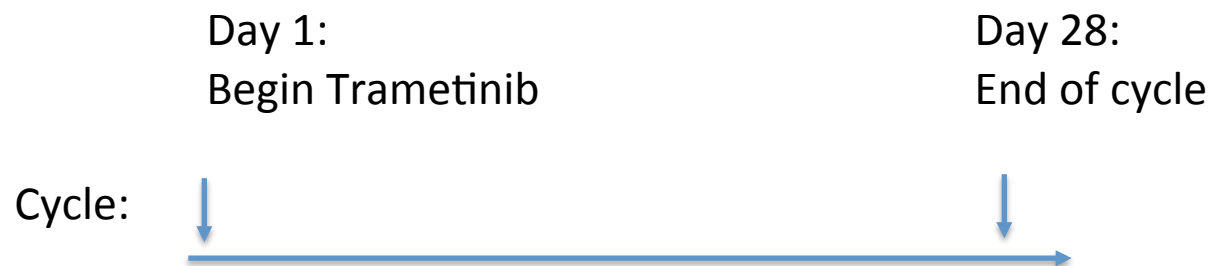
# JMML is Initiated by Hyperactive Ras



# ADVLI521

## Phase II Study of Trametinib in children with relapsed or refractory JMML

\*First trial in relapsed JMML in the United States



\*Trametinib is administered orally.



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## Trametinib in Treating Patients With Relapsed or Refractory Juvenile Myelomonocytic Leukemia

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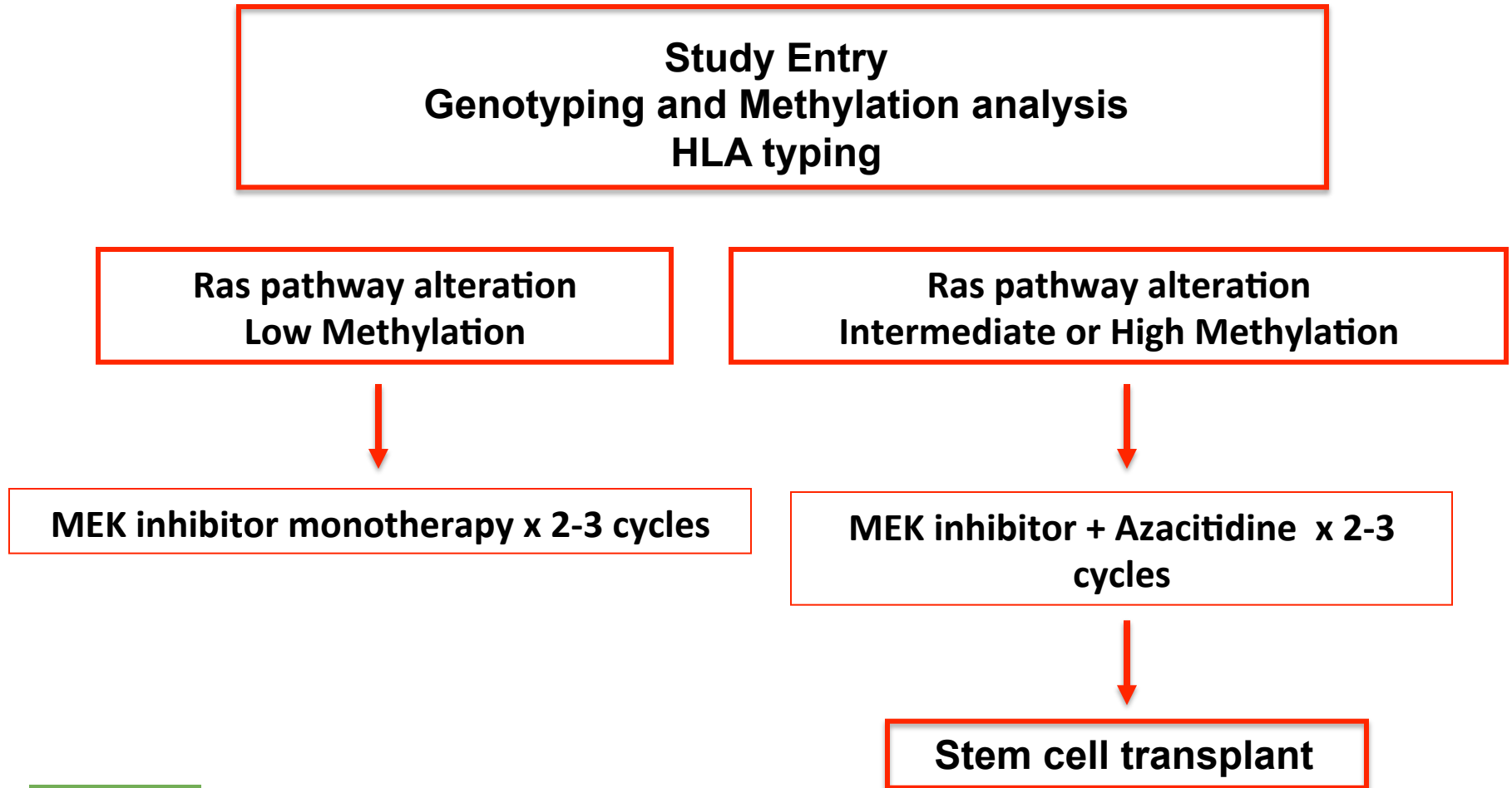
From: Catalina Martinez, Protocol Coordinator

Re: Study Activation

Study: **ADVLI521**, A Phase 2 study of the MEK inhibitor Trametinib (IND#119346, NSC#763093) in Children with Relapsed or Refractory Juvenile Myelomonocytic Leukemia

Date: October 6, 2017

# Concept for an International Clinical Trial

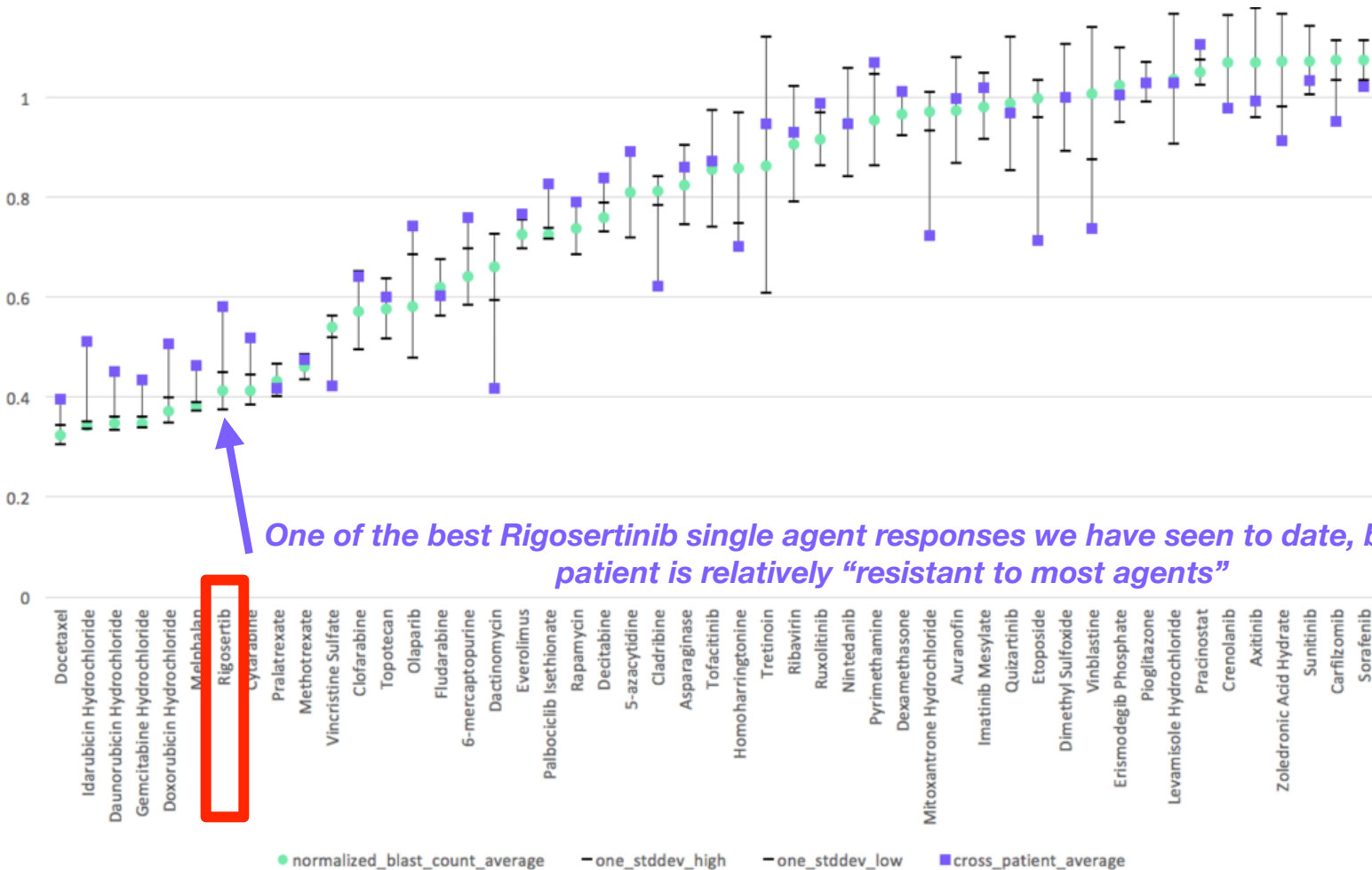


# Rigosertib in JMML?

## HM5071 Overall Single Agent Results

Comparison with cross screen drug sensitivity averages (all patients)

Normalized % Viability Blast Population (72 Hours)



# NOONAN SYNDROME AND RELATED DISORDERS: Opportunities for Therapy

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“Of particular interest was the recognition of a previously unreported syndrome in 9 patients with valvular pulmonary stenosis. These children were characterized by small stature, hypertelorism, mild mental retardation, and in some instances by ptosis, undescended testes, and skeletal malformations.”

Jacqueline A. Noonan

Midwest Society for Pediatric Research

1962

Published: Am J Dis Child, 1968

# Noonan Syndrome

## PHENOTYPE

- Major Features
  - Short Stature
  - Facial Dysmorphism
  - Cardiovascular Disease
    - Pulmonic Valve Narrowing
    - Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy
    - Holes in the heart
    - Aortic Narrowing



# Noonan Syndrome

## PHENOTYPE

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- Skeletal
    - Abnormal breastbone
    - Vertebral
    - Abnormal elbows
  - Webbed/Short Neck
  - Undescended testes
  - Bleeding Tendency
  - Intellectual and Developmental Delays (IDD)
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# Noonan Syndrome

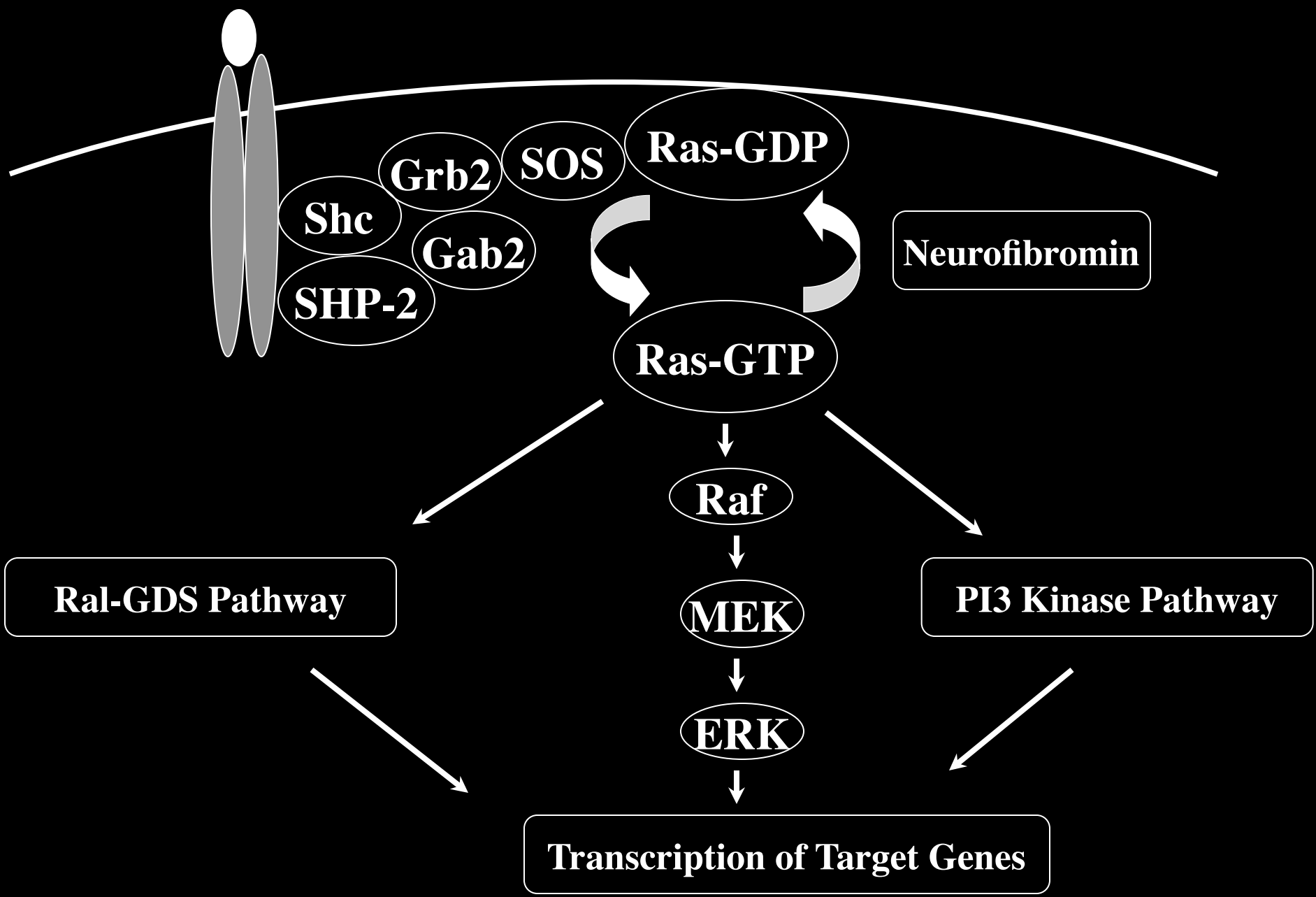
## EPIDEMIOLOGY & GENETICS

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- Prevalence: 1 in 1,000 - 2,500 Live Births
  - Autosomal Dominant
    - High Percentage of Sporadic Cases
  - Genetically Heterogeneous
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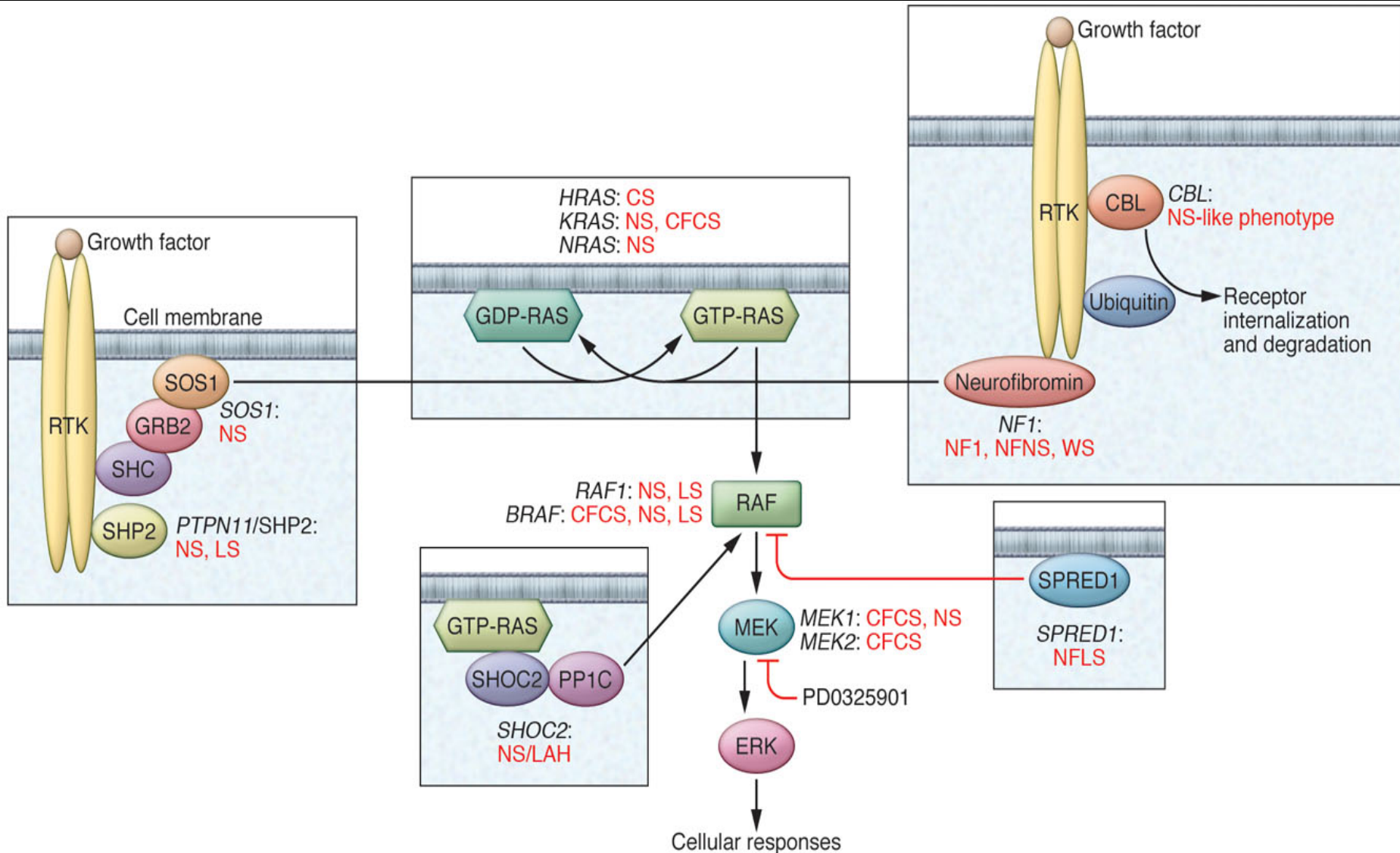
# Noonan Syndrome

## RELATED PHENOTYPES

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- Noonan Syndrome with Multiple Lentigines  
(formerly LEOPARD Syndrome)
  - Noonan-Like with Loose Anagen Hair
  - Cardiofaciocutaneous Syndrome
  - Costello Syndrome
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# RAS PATHWAY DISORDERS



# Noonan Syndrome

## GENOTYPE-PHENOTYPE

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- *PTPN11*
    - Increased Pulmonic Valve Narrowing and Atrial Holes
    - JMML (Leukemia)
  - *KRAS*
    - Severe with Skin Involvement and IDD
  - *SOS1*
    - Normal Stature and Development
    - Skin Involvement
  - *RAF1*
    - Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy
  - *SHOC2*
    - Abnormal Hair
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# RASopathy Drug Therapy

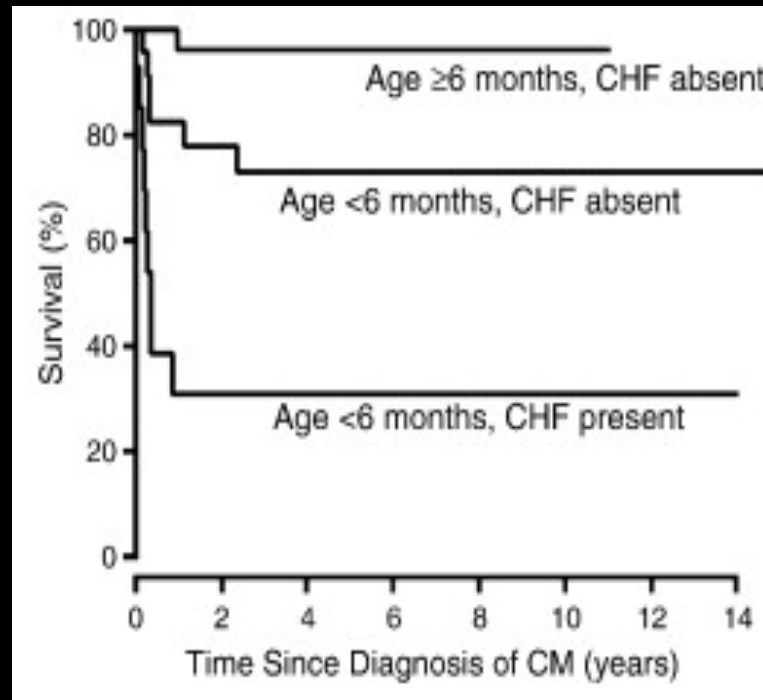
## POSSIBILITIES

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- Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy
- Developmental Delay
- Postnatal Valve Narrowing
- Short Stature
- Craniofacial Abnormalities

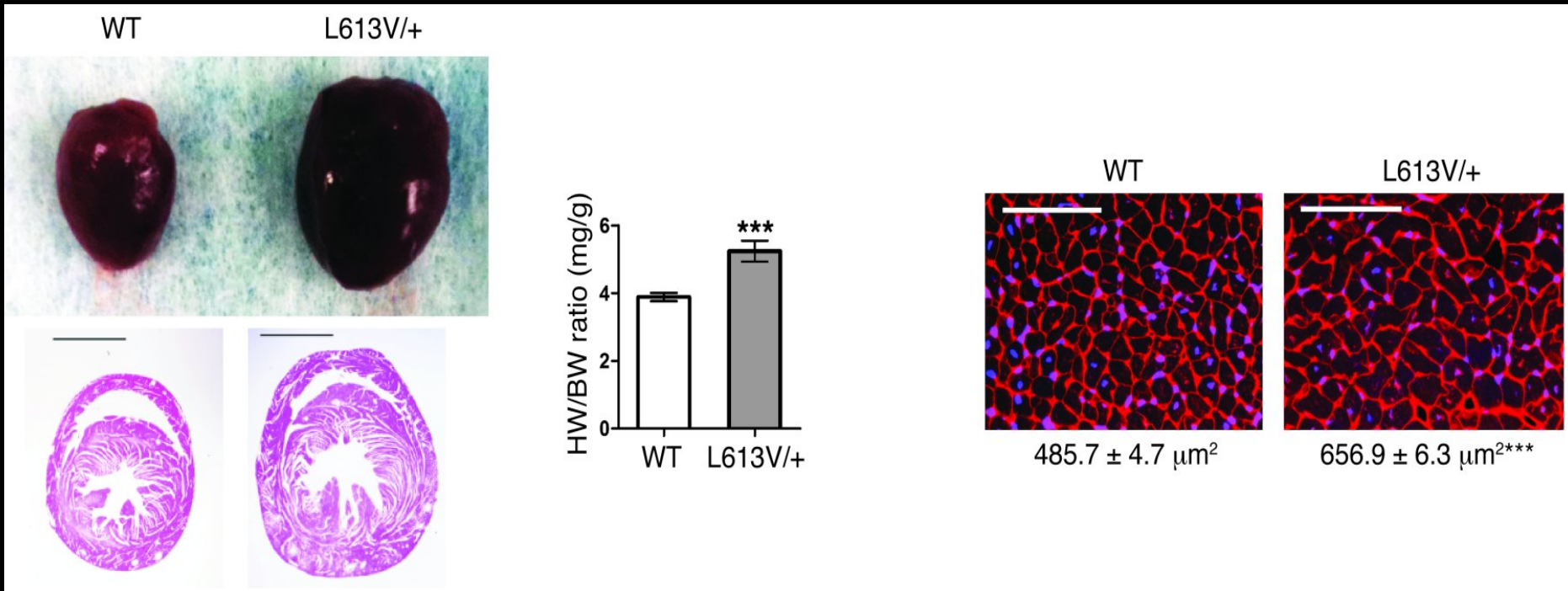
# NS Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy

## SURVIVAL



Wilkinson *et al.*, *Am Heart J* 2012

# Raf1 L613V Mutant MOUSE KNOCK IN



Wu et al., *J Clin Invest* 2011



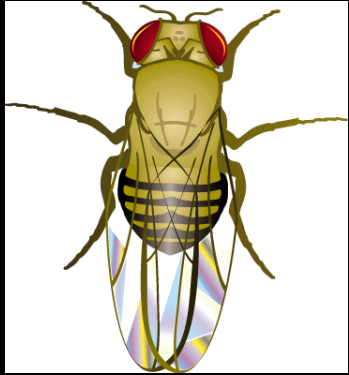
# Raf1 L613V Knock-In Mouse Study

## SUMMARY

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- Mapk Signaling
  - Increased Erk Activation
  - No Change in p38 or JNK
- Mek Inhibitor (PD0325901)
  - 6-Week Treatment from 4 Weeks of Age
  - Rescued Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy

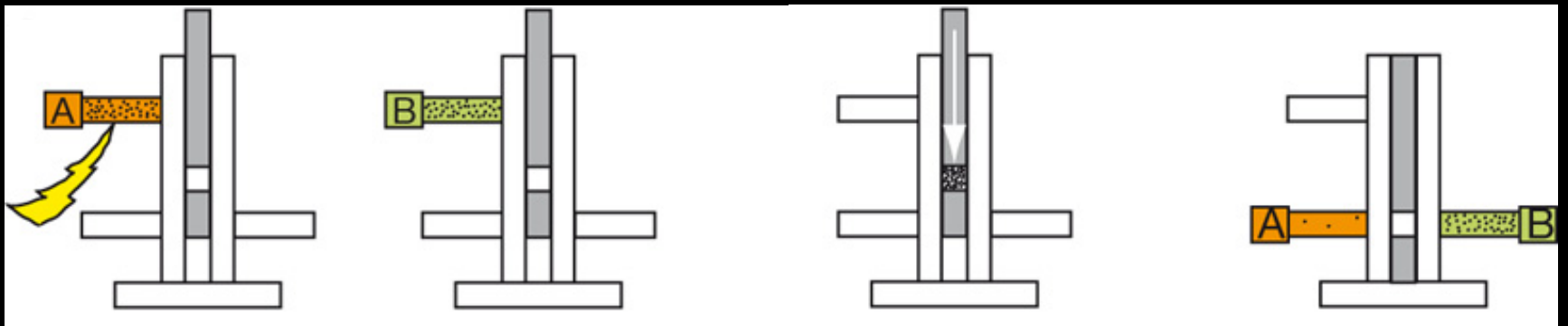
# NOONAN SYNDROME AND NSML



- Generated Transgenic NS and NSML Flies
- NS Flies
  - Gain-of-Function Ectopic Wing Veins
- NSML Flies
  - Gain-of-Function Wing Veins & R7 Photoreceptors

# *Drosophila* Learning & Memory

## OLFACTORY CONDITIONING



Training

Test

# *Drosophila* Memory Deficit

## SUMMARY

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- Specific Long-Term Memory Deficit
  - Due to Increased MAPK Activation
  - Not Developmental
    - Can Be Induced in Adulthood
  - Treatable
    - SHP-2 Inhibitor
    - Altered Training Paradigms
  - Does This Apply to Patients with Noonan Syndrome?
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# LEANING ON CANCER

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- Human Cancers
  - 30-40% RAS Pathway Mutations
    - Acquired, Not Inherited
  - Gain in Pathway Signaling
    - Blocking Pathway → Cancer Cell Death
- Drug Companies
  - Developing RAS/MAPK Inhibitors

# CAUTIONARY NOTES

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- MEK Inhibitor Side Effects
  - Serious Skin Rashes
  - Diarrhea
  - Severe Leukopenia
- Time Course
  - Cancer: Relatively Short
  - RASopathy: ??????

# POTENTIAL FOR RIGOSERTIB

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- Side Effect Profile
  - Data from MDS Encouraging
  - No Data for Children
    - Could be from JMML Studies?
- Target
  - Severe Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy
    - Need Pre-Clinical Data
      - Mouse Models Available

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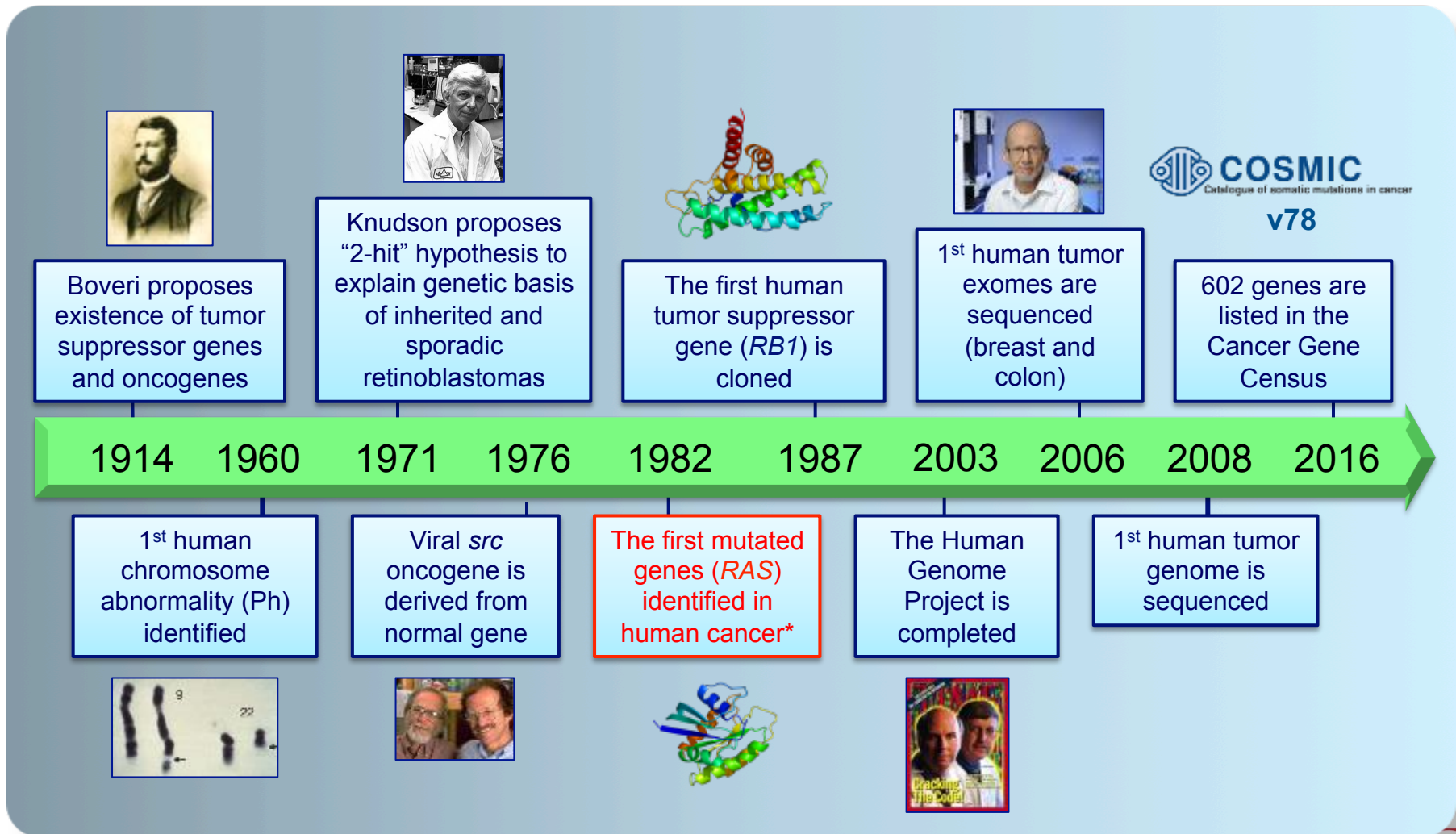
**Strategies to the Rasopathies**

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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%)



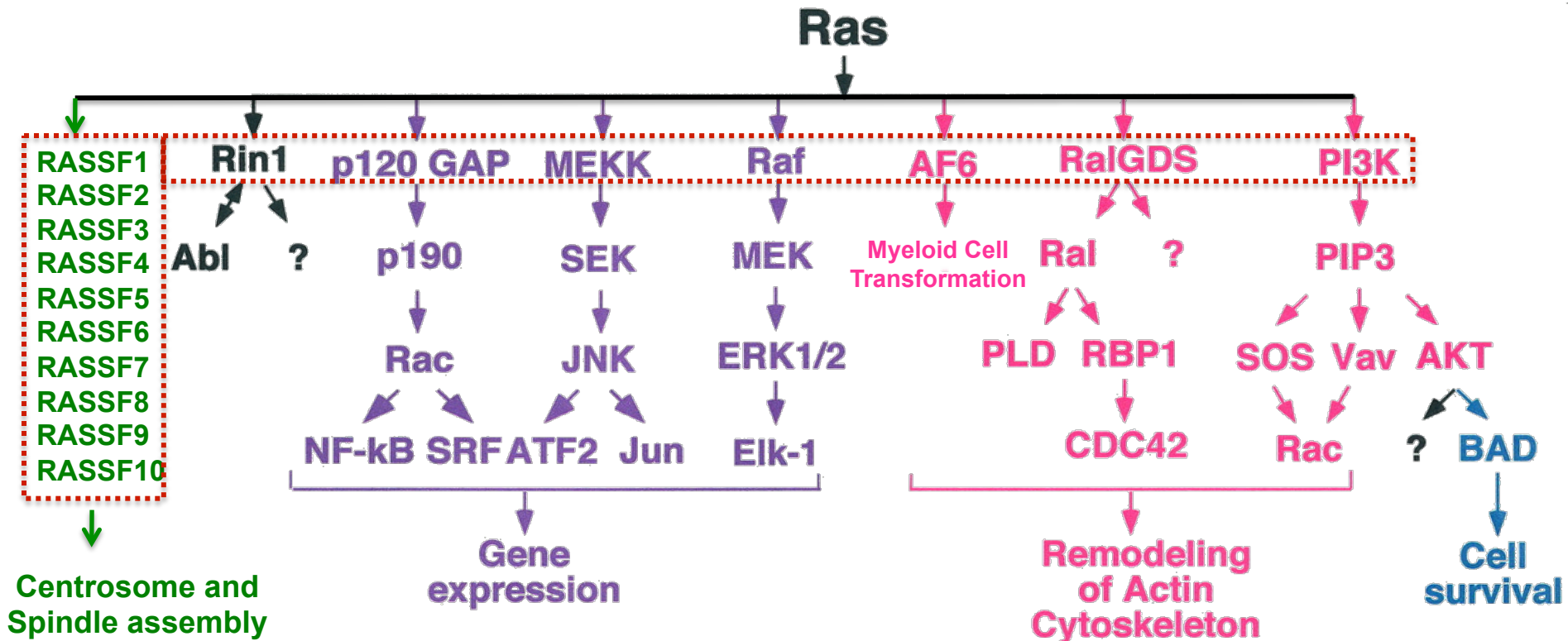
# RASOPATHIES:

## *RARE PEDIATRIC DISEASES LINKED BY A COMMON MECHANISM*

- A group of genetic syndromes caused by germline and/or somatic mutations in genes that encode components or regulators of the Ras/mitogen-activated protein kinase (MAPK) pathway.
- Typically involve tumors of the bone marrow (JMML- referred to as a Pediatric MDS or MPN)) or the nervous system/soft tissue fascia and may be associated with other end organ abnormalities (cardiac, cranio-facial).



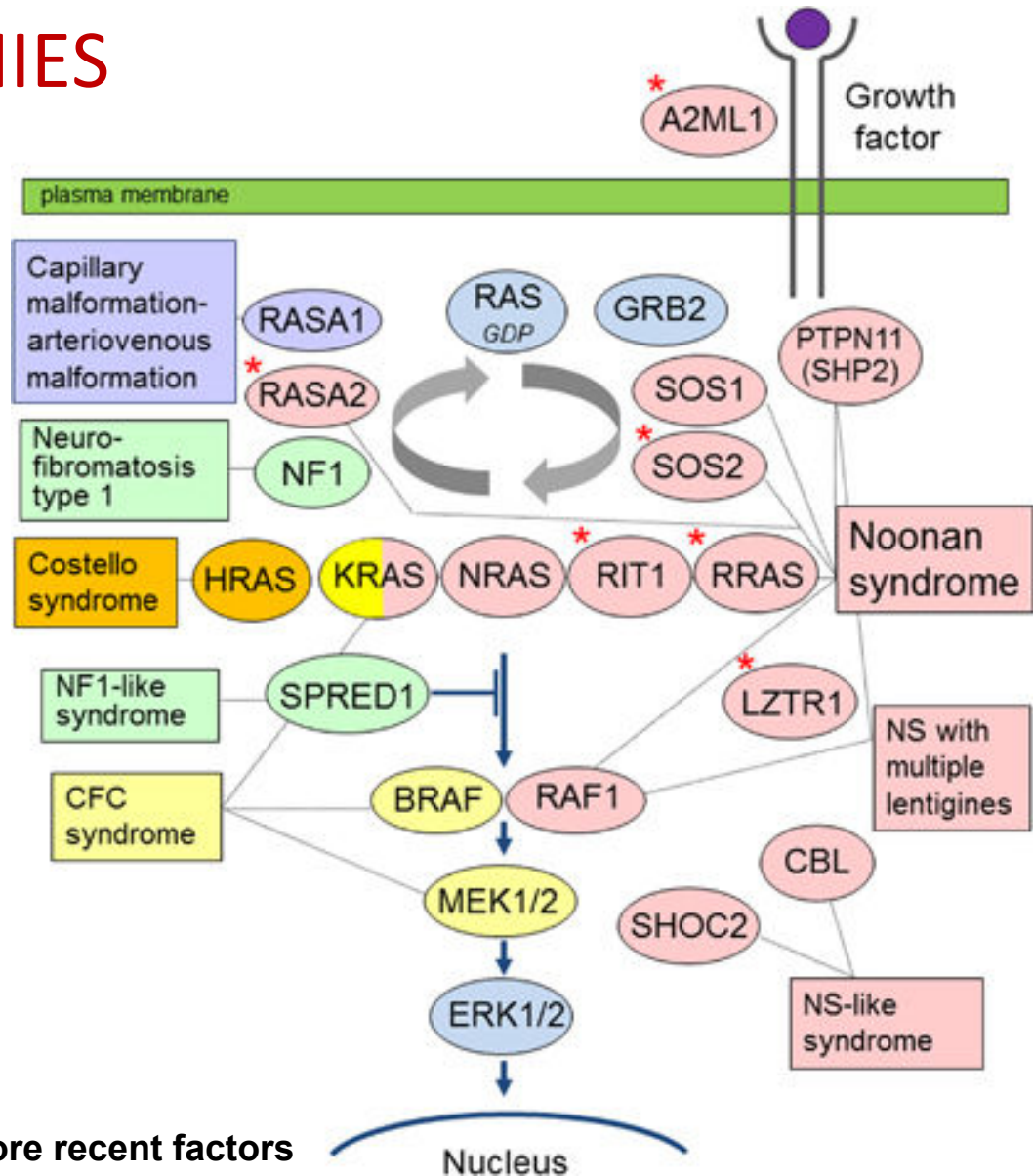
# RAS SIGNALS VIA MULTIPLE EFFECTORS



Effector proteins contain common RAS-binding domain (RBD)



# RAS/MAPK/ERK PATHWAY AND RASOPATHIES



# DESCRIPTION OF RIGOSERTIB AS A RAS MIMETIC

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

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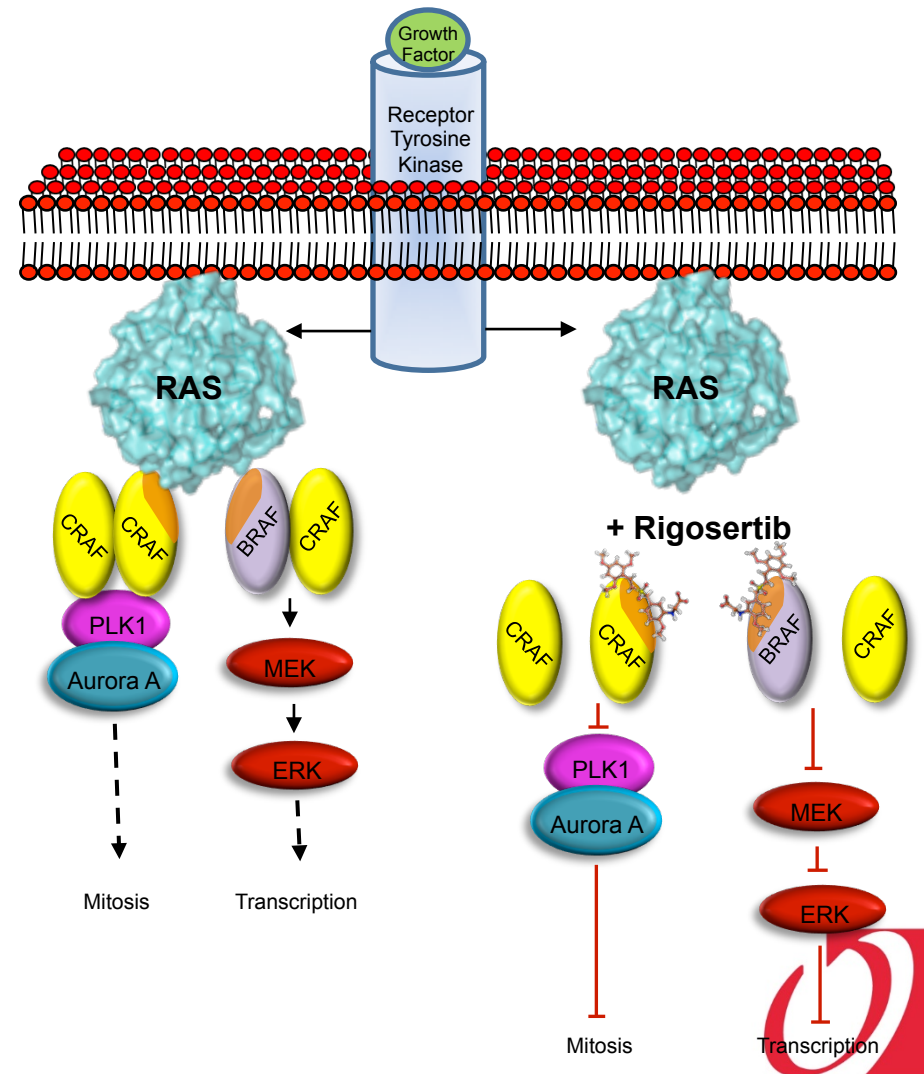
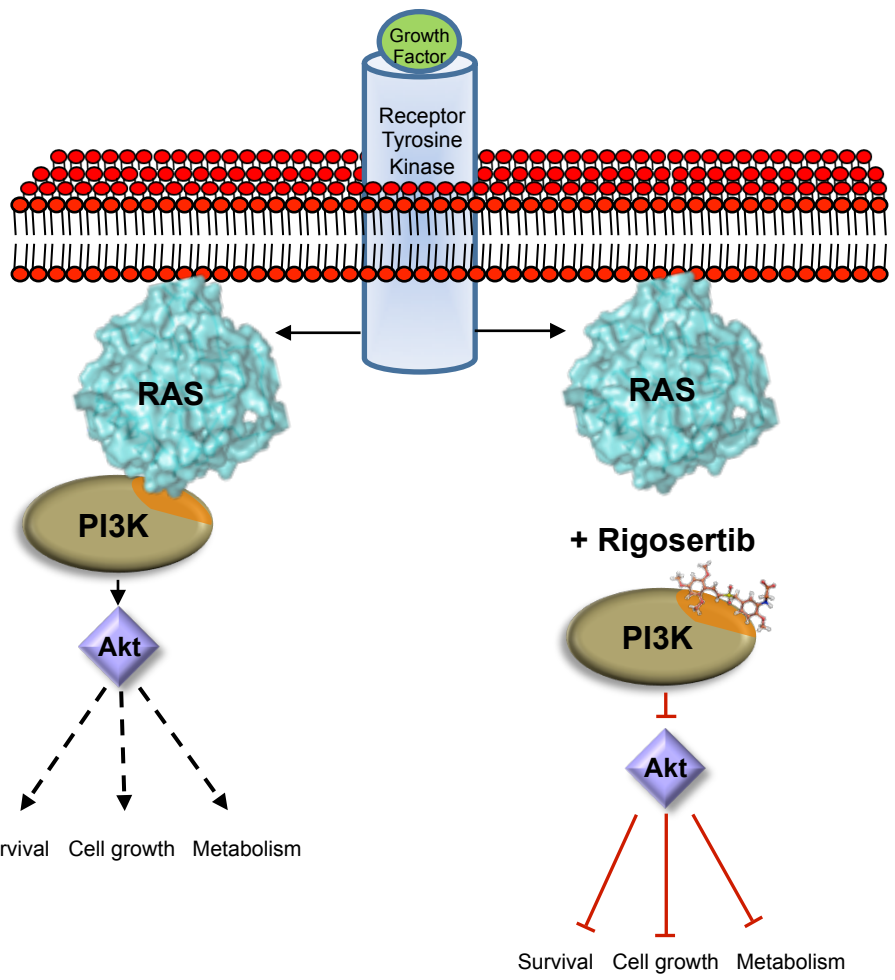
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# RIGOSERTIB MECHANISM OF ACTION



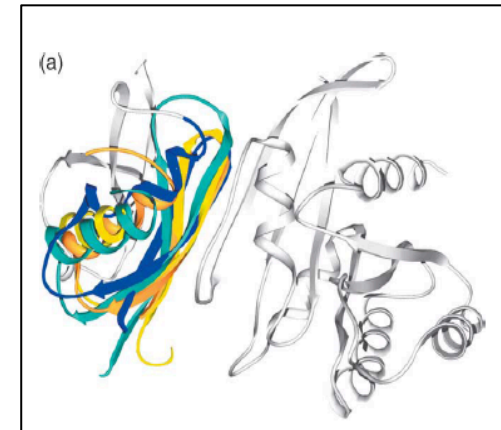
# SECONDARY/TERTIARY STRUCTURAL SIMILARITY OF RBDS DESPITE LACK OF EXTENSIVE SEQUENCE HOMOMOLOGY

## Sequence Alignment of RA and RB Domains

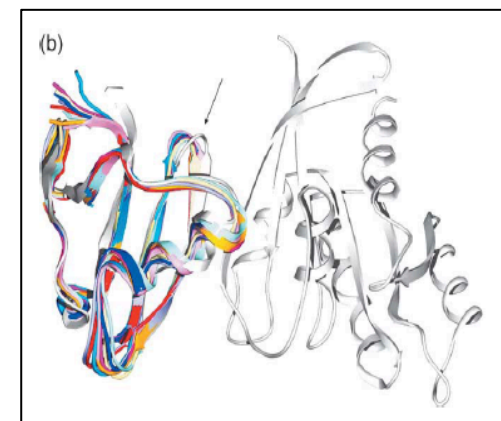
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RA cons.50%		cspsLRVasss	sssh+slplss	csTsp VlppllcKaplss
RalGDS	11	-----DCCIIRVSLD-VDN--GNMYKSIILVTS---QDKAPAVIRKAMDKNLEE--		
AF6 RA1	36	---DLEPHGVMRPFYFDKAAG-NFATKCIIRVSS---TATTQDVIETLAEKPRPDMR-		
AF6 RA2	244	----PDSGGTLEIYAD-SLEK-NIPYKTIILST---TDPADFVAFALEKYGLE---		
RASSF1C	84	LNKDGSTYGFIKVQLK (37) P-KDAVKHLKVLSS--RTRAREVIEALLRKFLLV---		
mNorel	225	LSEGDGTYTGFIKVHLK (37) P-LDAIKQLRISS---TTTVSEVIQGLLKKFMVV---		
RIN1	619	-PATCFQQLLRVAYQ-DPSS-GCTSKTLAVFP--EASIALNLQICATKFRVT---		
RIN2	782	-PSVDDFQNYLRVAFQ-EVNS-GCTGKTLVSRP--YITTEDVCCI CAEKFKVG---		
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Rain	144	----PPGVLRIFGA-GLAS-GANYKSVLATA--RSTARELVAAALERYGLAGSP		
Krit1	416	----NKPYKVRIRYM-----DGSYRSVELKH---GNNTTVQIIMEGRLSQ--		
spByr2	65	--REFFRPCILRFIAC-----NGQTRAVOSRG---DYQKTLAIALKKFSL-		
scCYR1	674	----PRHYALRIFNT-----DITFTTLLSCTP--ATTVEEIIIPALKIKFNIT-		
EpacII	658	----QKRQPIRGSDVFLF (5) DHTYTTIRVPV--AASVKEVISAVALKLGSG-		
EpacI	509	----PGSSCALQVGDVVPY (6) DHSVLTLQLLPV--TASVREVMALAQEDGWT-		
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PI3K-V223K	213	-KKIANNCIFKIHRS-----TTSQTIKVSF--DDTPGAILQSFFTKWAK--		
DAGK RA2	395	----AQEVLRIPG-WLRV-LVAVYVSRVTF--RSTARSVVLEVLPLDGRQAE-		
MYOSINIXB	9	SGRRRQAAYHGHYYPQL-----STTESQASCRV (4) DSTTSDVIKDAIASLRLD--		
MYOSINIXA	14	----NEETLRIPG-----AISEGTIYCP (4) NSTAAEVIESLINKHLD--		
Grb7	100	----RPEVVKVYSE-----DGACRSVEVAA--GATARHVCMLVQRahal-		
C12orf2	1	----MELKVVVD-----GVQRIVYGVTE--VTTQCEVVIALAQAIQRTG-		
C11orf13	6	----AAMELKVWVD-----GIQRVVCVSE--QTTQCEVVIALAQAIQRTG-		
ALS2	321	----KKLVLRVHMS-----DDSSKTMVDE--RQTVRQVLDNLMDKSHCG-		
RIAM	176	----KKLVKVVHMN-----DNSTKSLMVE--RQLARDVLDNLFKTHCD-		
Nexin27	273	----SDVELRVALP-----DGTTVTVRVKK--NSTTDQVYQAIKAVGMD--		
RBD cons.50%		shs+VaLP	sspsolVeiRP	Gcol+DsLppllc+RGLs
cRaf	55	----SNTLRVFLP-----NKQRTVVNVRN--GMSLHDCMLKALKVRGLQ--		
RGS12_RBD1	361	----RHLCIHLF-----DGTSCVVAKA--GFSIKDILSGLCERGTIN-		
RGS12_RBD2	1093	----LFRLDLVP-----INRSVGLKAKP--TKPVTEVLRFPVARYGLD-		
RGS14_RBD1	300	----EYCCVYLP-----DGTASLALAP--GLTIRDMLAGICEKRGSL-		
RGS14_RBD2	381	----TFSELETA-----LERVVRISAKP--TKRLEQALQPILEKKGSL-		
UBQ cons.50%		lpLpVKsh	stcshslclss	cTvppLkP+lpsspul
Ubiquitin	1	----MQEIVFKTL-----TGKTIILEVPS---DTIENVKAKIQDKEGI---		
ISG15	3	----VDLTVKML-----AGNEFQVSLSS---MSVSELKAIQTQKIGV---		
BAG-1	73	----ITVTVTHS-----NEKHDLHVTSQ (5) -PVVQDLAQVVEEIVGV---		
Ubiquilin1	37	----MKVTVKTP-----KEKEEFVAVPEN---SSVQQFKKEISKRFKS---		

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

## RAF/Ral-GDS/PI3K Crystal Structures Superimposed



## NMR Structures of 10 RBDS Superimposed





# NOVEL MECHANISM OF ACTION OF RIGOSERTIB

## ***History:***

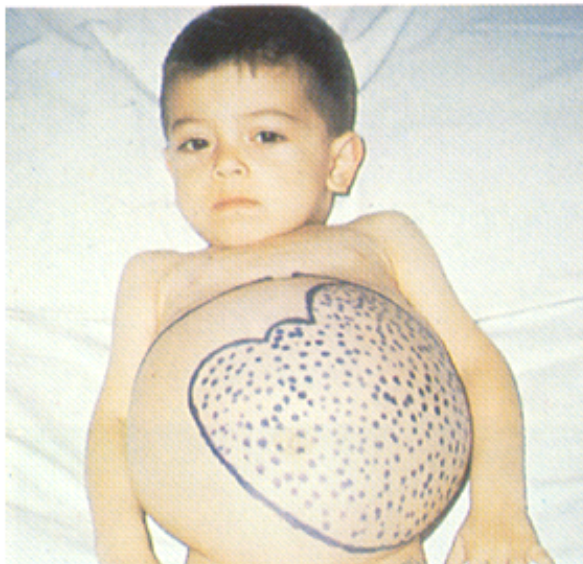
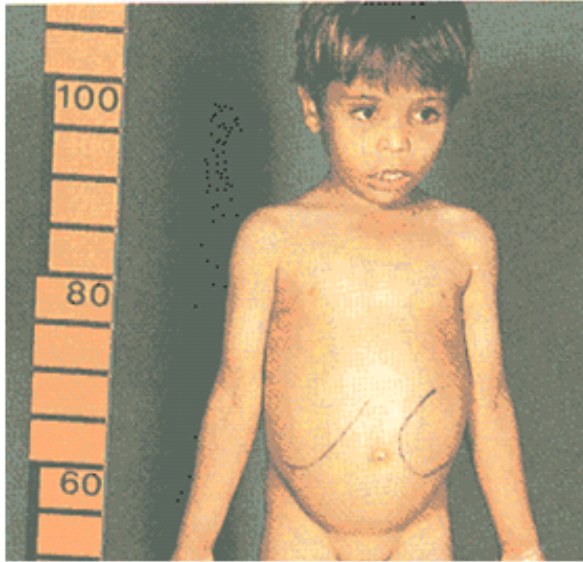
- Rigosertib is a first-in-class molecule that targets the multiple signaling pathways driven by RAS.
- **Rigosertib achieves this by binding to the RBD of Ras effector proteins including PI3K and Raf, thereby leading to their inactivation.**
- This novel mechanism helps to explain the pleiotropic effects of rigosertib, such as inhibition of the PI3K and PLK pathways.

## ***Future directions:***

- Exploit the new knowledge to determine the extent of Ras effector proteins targeted by rigosertib and their role in additional tumor types.
- Further characterize the potential for rigosertib in Ras-driven tumors:
  - **Tumors with activation of Ras pathways**
  - **Tumors due to Ras activating mutations**



# JUVENILE MYELOMONOCYTIC LEUKEMIA OVERVIEW

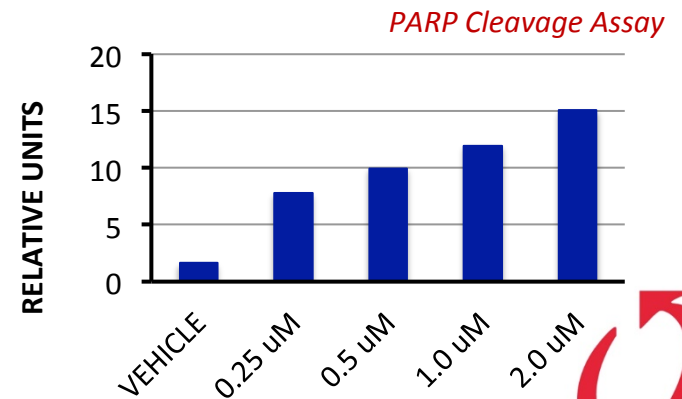
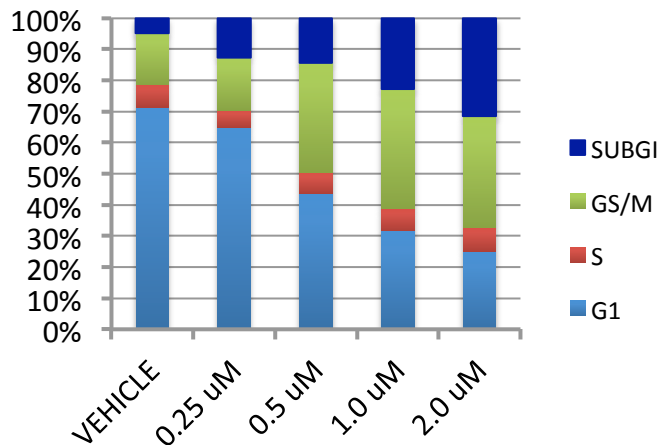
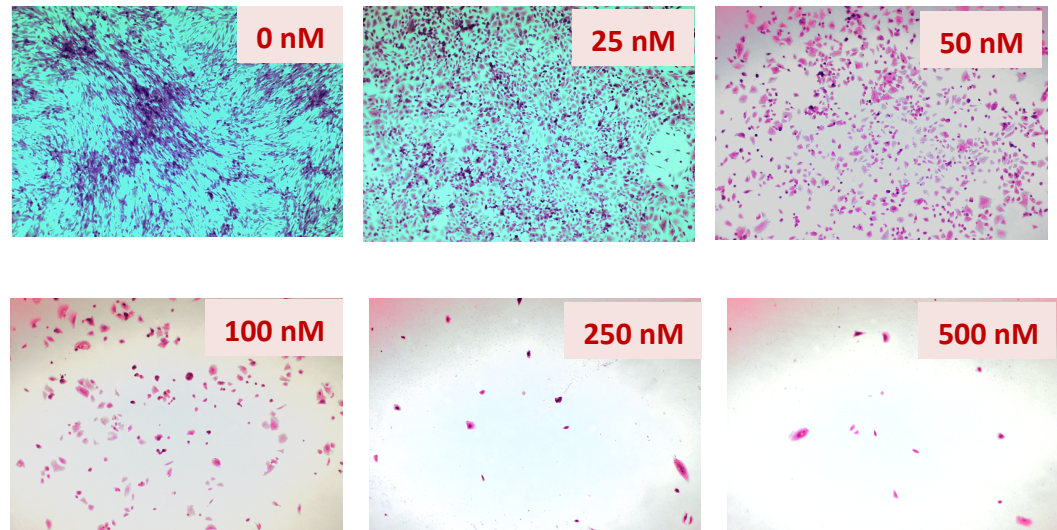
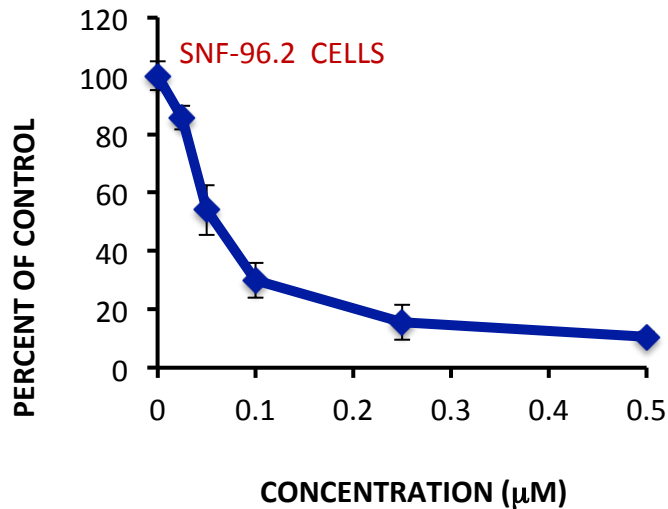


- Hematopoietic disorder of infancy caused by excessive proliferation of monocytic and granulocytic cells; which infiltrate the spleen/liver, intestines and lungs
- Rare- 2% of pediatric hematologic malignancies (in the US about 50 new cases per year); 1.2 cases per million annually, median age is 2 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)*





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TARGETING CANCER, PROTECTING HEALTHY CELLS

## Clinical Trials in MDS

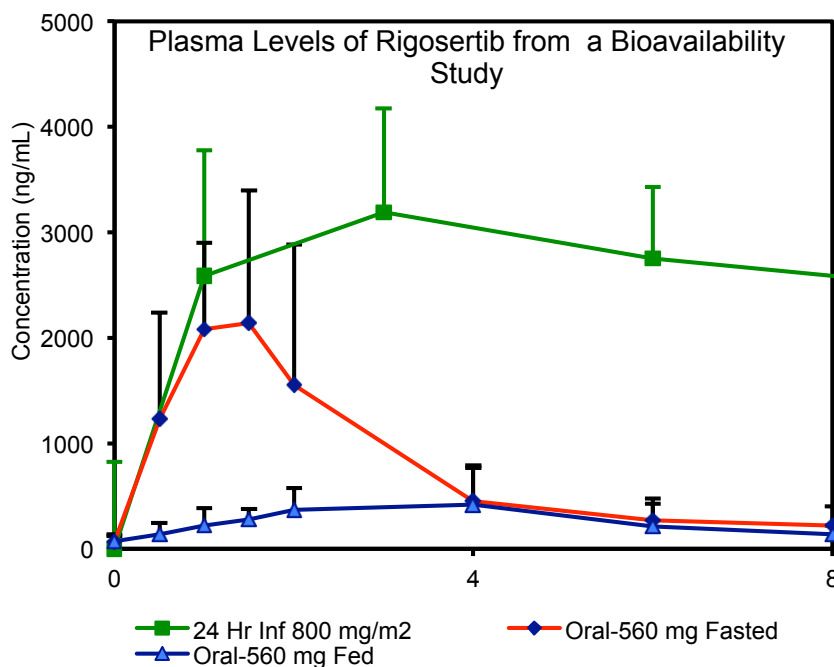
# TWO RIGOSERTIB FORMULATIONS

## ■ IV (Phase 3 INSPIRE ongoing)

- Continuous infusion using a portable pump
- >500 patients treated in trials
- Lead indication 2nd-line HR-MDS

## ■ Oral (Phase 2 enrolled)

- Bioavailability ~35%
- >200 patients treated
- Combination with azacitidine for HR-MDS and AML

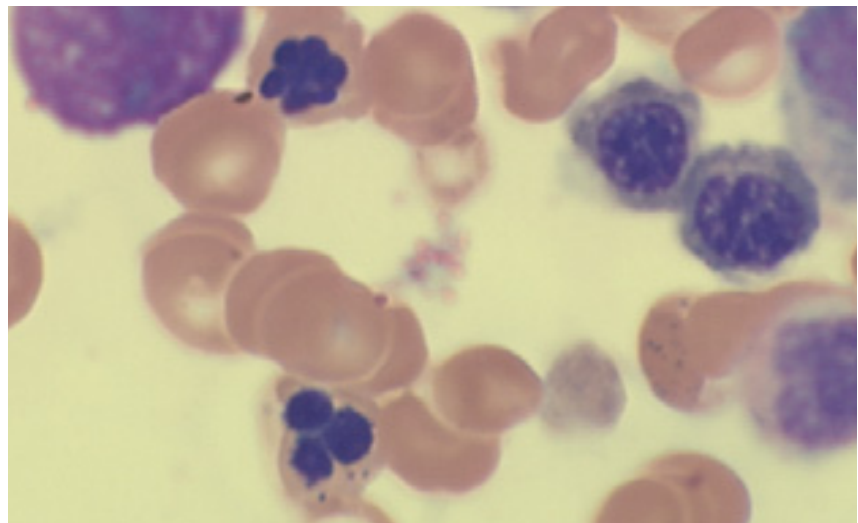
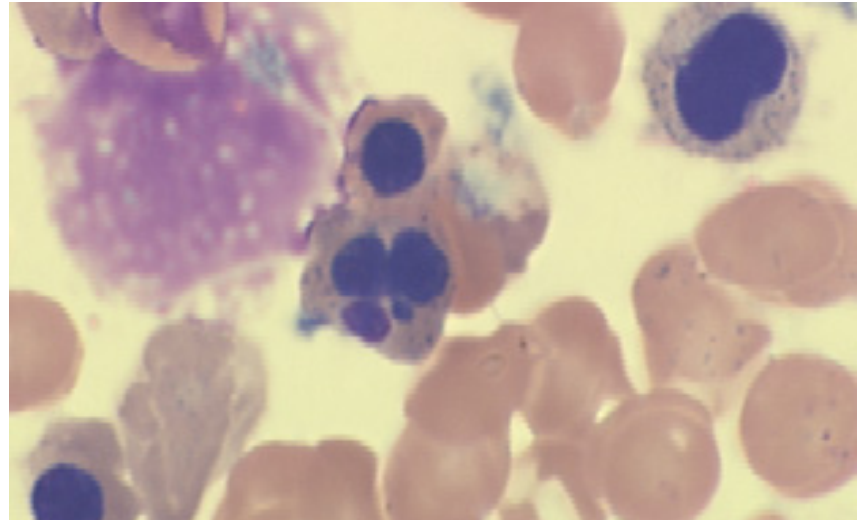
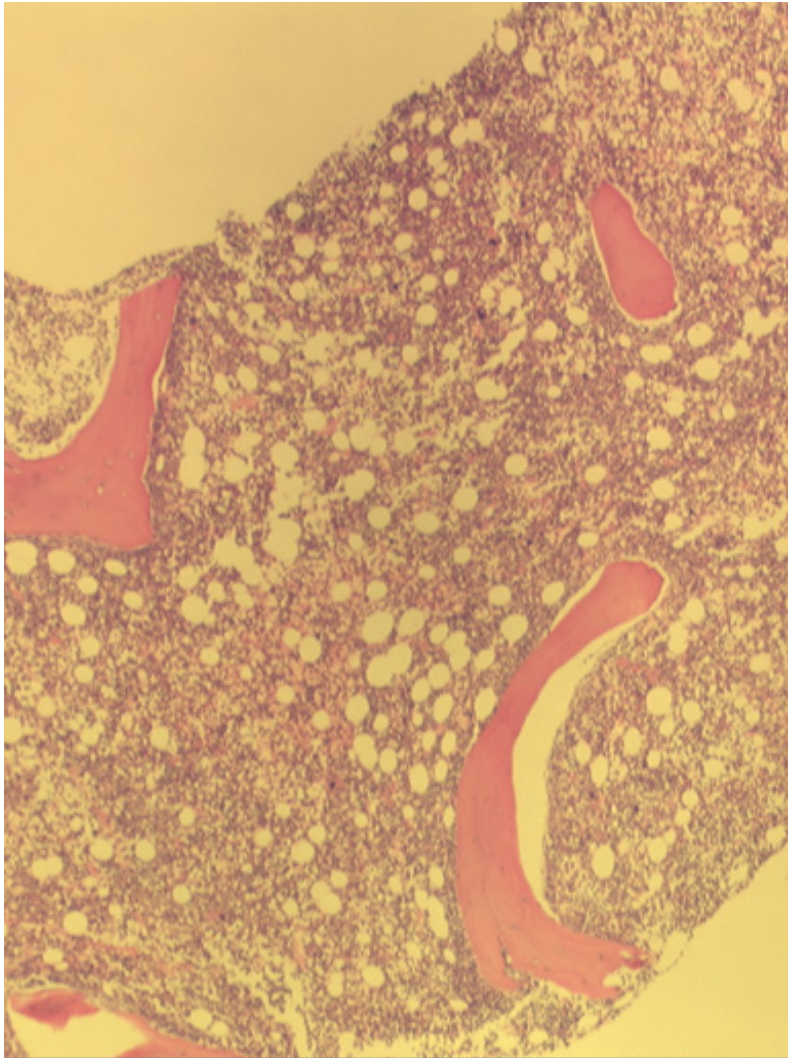


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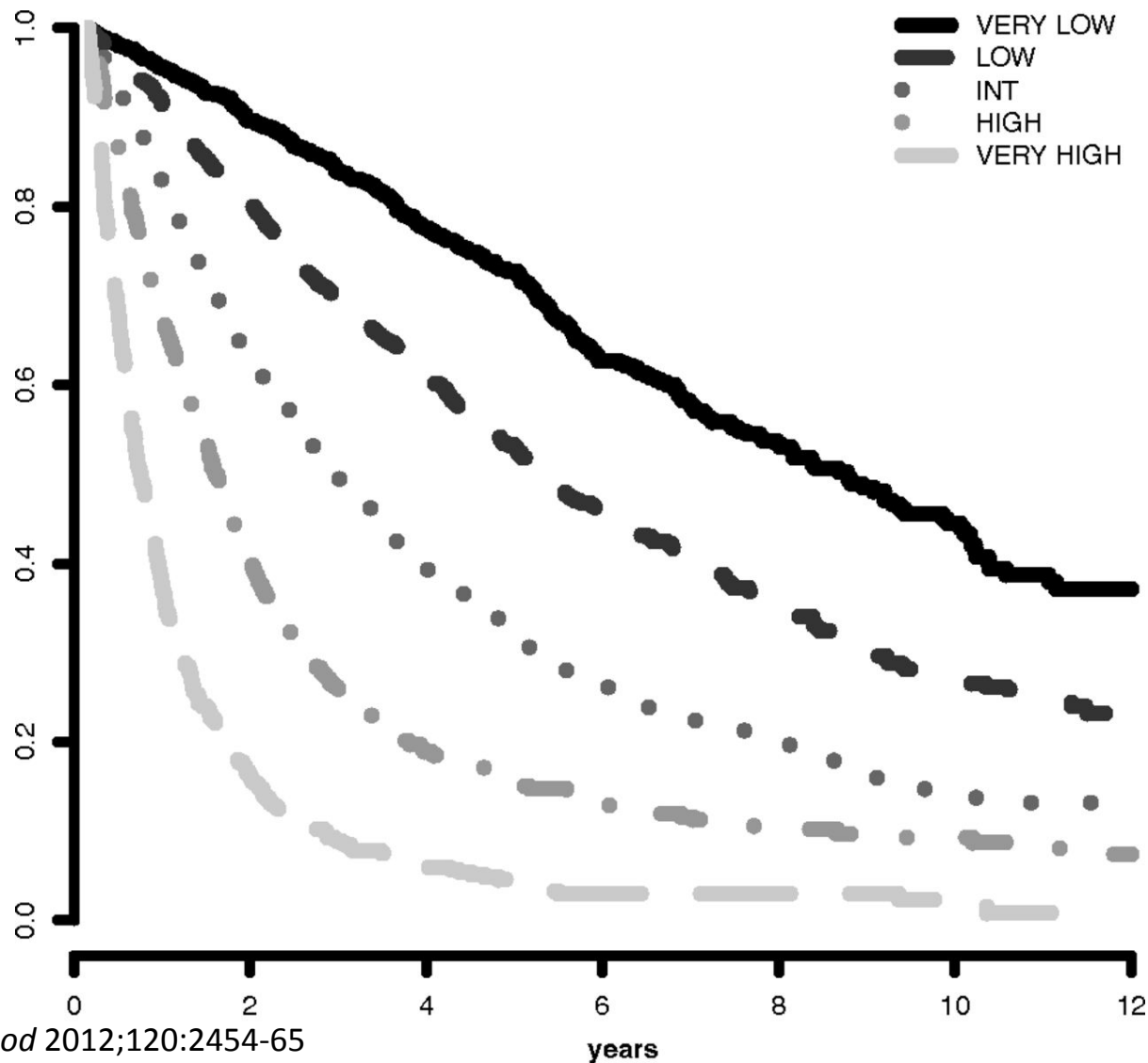
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# DIAGNOSIS OF MDS IS BASED ON MORPHOLOGY



# REVISED IPSS-R IN RELATION TO SURVIVAL

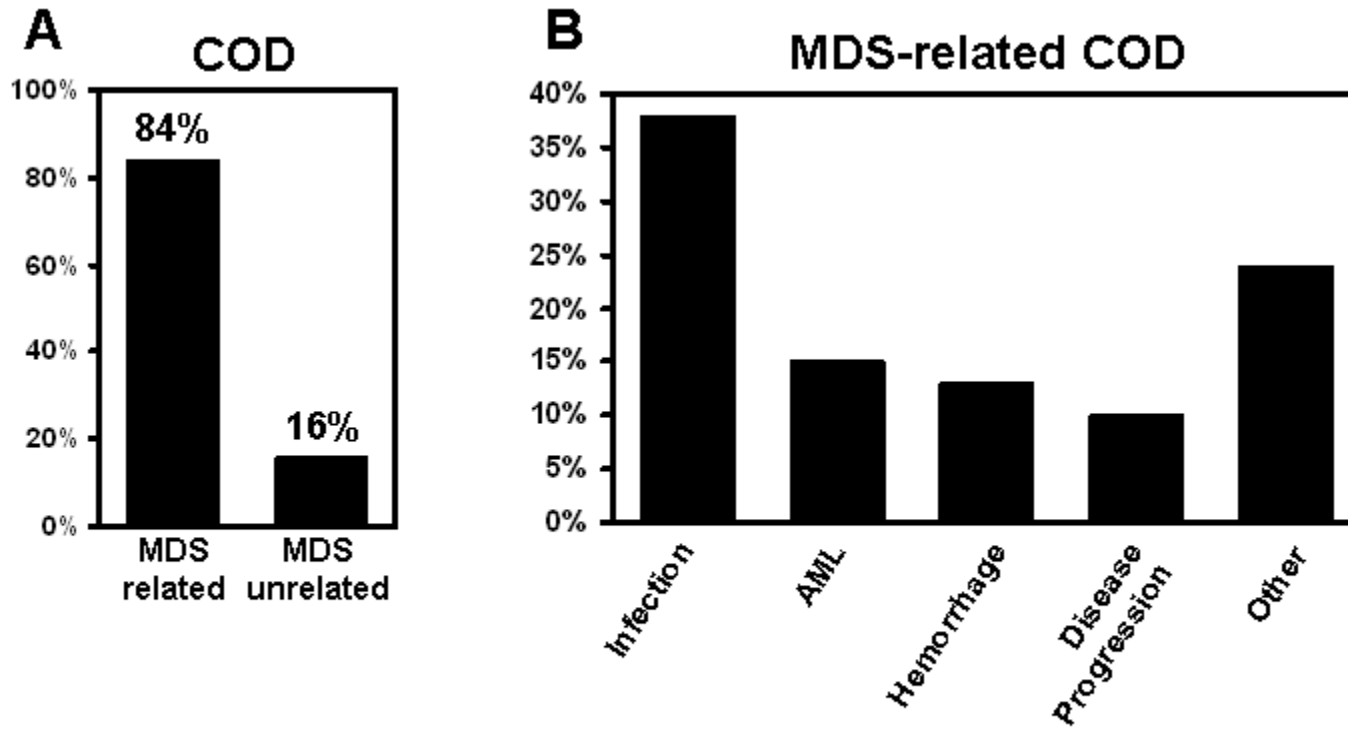


Greenberg et al. *Blood* 2012;120:2454-65





# CAUSE OF DEATH IN MDS



Dayyani et al. Cause of death in lower risk MDS. Cancer 2010;116:2174-9



# 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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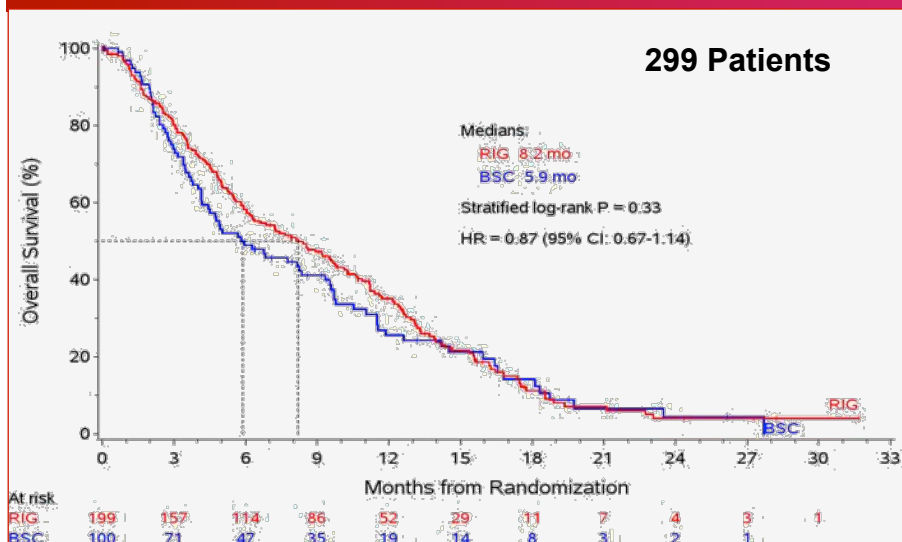
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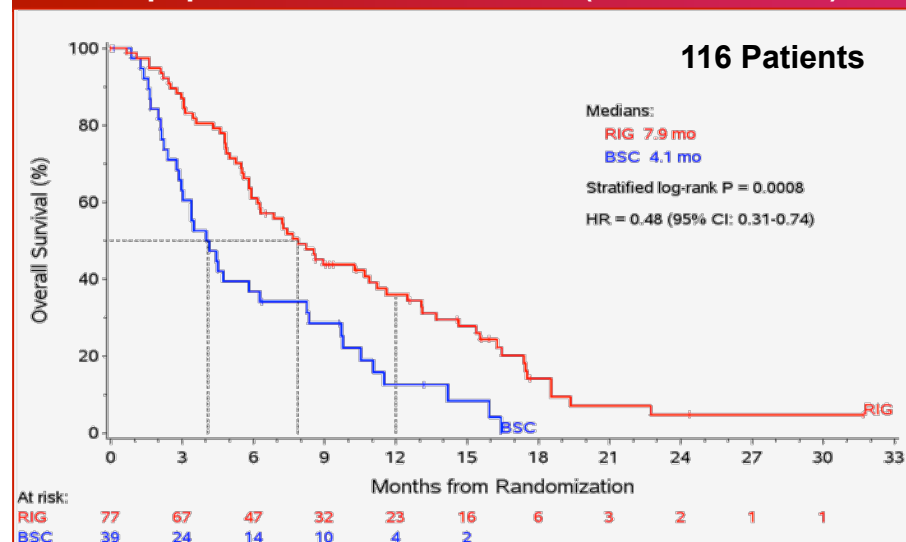
# PATIENT POPULATION FOR PHASE 3 INSPIRE TRIAL

Data from ONTIME Paper\* Recently Published in *Lancet Oncology*

ITT for ONTIME Trial



Subpopulation for INSPIRE Trial (ONTIME subset)



- ITT OS analysis of ONTIME – HR= 0.87; NS survival benefit
- ITT OS of proposed INSPIRE population – HR = 0.48; P = 0.0008

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# ONTIME TRIAL: ITT SUBGROUPS CORRELATED WITH BETTER SURVIVAL BENEFIT

Subgroup	Rigosertib		BSC		HR (95% CI)	p-value
	N	Median (mos)	N	Median (mos)		
<b>Monosomy 7</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>0.24 (0.09-0.66)</b>	<b>0.003</b>
<b>Trisomy 8</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>0.34 (0.12-0.95)</b>	<b>0.035</b>
<b>Very high risk per IPSS-R</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>0.56 (0.37-0.84)</b>	<b>0.005</b>



# SAFETY OF SINGLE-AGENT IV RIGOSERTIB IN MDS

## Treatment-related Adverse Events Reported in $\geq 5\%$ of Patients with MDS Treated with IV Rigosertib as Monotherapy (N=355)

MedDRA Preferred Term	All Grades	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
Any treatment-related AE	238 (67)	55 (15)	70 (20)	71 (20)	37 (10)	5 (1)
Nausea	64 (18)	51 (14)	10 (3)	3 (1)	0	0
Fatigue	63 (18)	18 (5)	38 (11)	6 (2)	1 (<1)	0
Diarrhoea	51 (14)	37 (10)	10 (3)	4 (1)	0	0
Constipation	40 (11)	32 (9)	7 (2)	1 (<1)	0	0
Anaemia	25 (7)	1 (<1)	4 (1)	18 (5)	1 (<1)	1 (<1)
Vomiting	24 (7)	17 (5)	5 (1)	2 (1)	0	0
Dysuria	20 (6)	14 (4)	3 (1)	3 (1)	0	0
Abdominal pain	19 (5)	14 (4)	4 (1)	1 (<1)	0	0



# INSPIRE: RIGOSERTIB PHASE 3 TRIAL

**Post-HMA HR-MDS (N=225)**

**Key Eligibility Criteria:**

- Failed HMA < 9 months DoT
- < 82 years of age
- Last HMA within 6 months

Randomization  
2:1

IV rigosertib  
+  
BSC  
N = 150

Physician's  
Choice  
+  
BSC  
N = 75

Follow-up

## Overall Survival

- Interim analysis (88 events)
- Intent-to-treat analysis (176 events)

- Statistical analysis: two analysis planned
  1. Power 0.80; Target HR < 0.625; (reduce mortality by > 37.5%)
  2.  $\alpha$  for ITT = 0.04;  $\alpha$  for IPSS-R VHR = 0.01
  3. Trial can succeed in two ways: ITT population or IPSS-R Very High Risk
- Genomic sequencing of patient samples

Commentary on new trial in recent publication: Emilio P Alessandrino, Matteo G Della Porta. Novel trial designs for high-risk myelodysplastic syndromes; *The Lancet Oncology* 2016 (17): 410–412



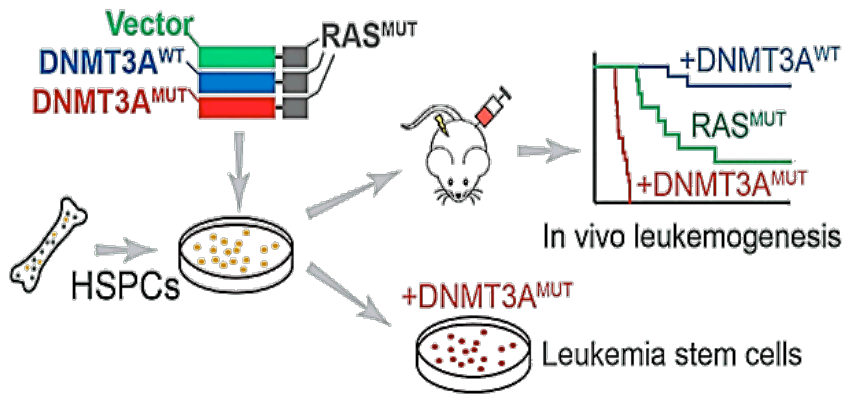


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Oral Rigosertib + Azacitidine  
for HR-MDS

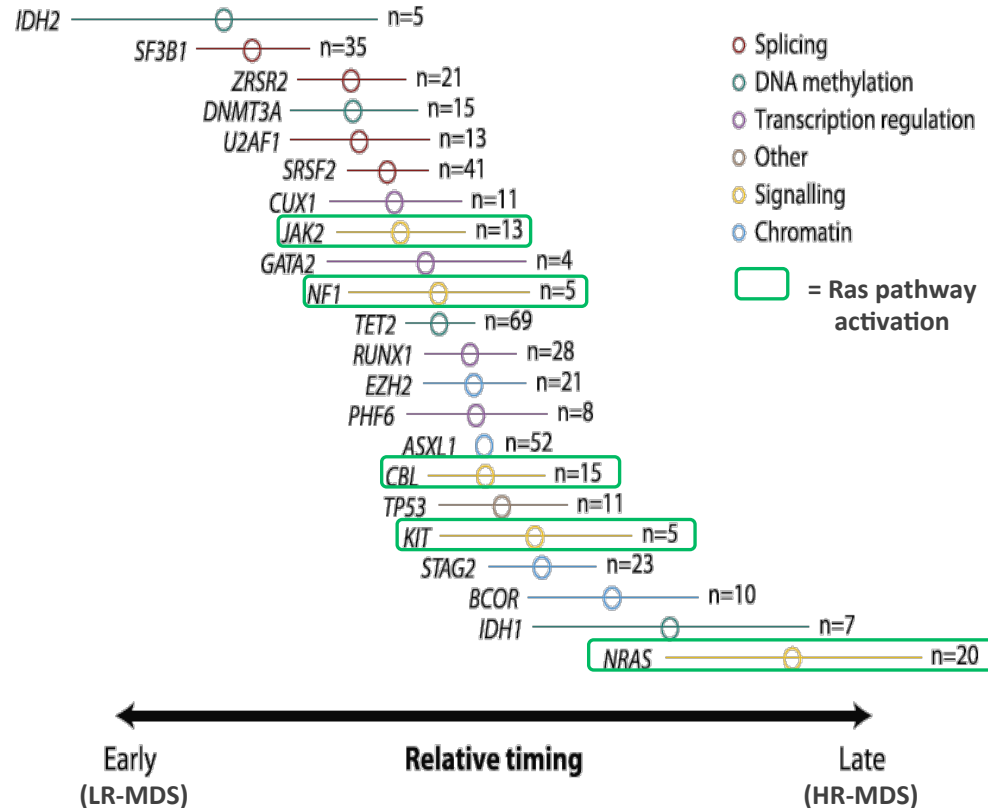
# EPIGENETIC AND GROWTH FACTOR PATHWAY MUTATIONS SYNERGIZE INDUCING LEUKEMIC TRANSFORMATION

## AML Animal Model



Lu et al., 2016 *Cancer Cell*

## Temporal Order of Gene Mutations in 107 MDS Patients



Adapted from Papaemmanuil et al., 2013 *Blood*

Preclinical/clinical evidence suggest combination of epigenetic therapy plus growth factor signaling inhibitor could be effective in curbing MDS pathogenesis





## RIGOSERTIB + AZACITIDINE

- Despite activity in MDS, single-agent DNMT inhibitors are limited by low CR and PR rates (7-20%) with median duration of 15 months
- Combinations should not add burdensome toxicities
- DNMT inhibition may be complemented by combination with novel mechanisms to improve response rates and duration



## PRE-CLINICAL BACKGROUND

- Combination of rigosertib with AZA produced an increase of 1.7- to 2.9-fold in cytotoxicity ( $p < 0.05$ ) in HL-60 cells\*
- Interaction resulted in a synergistic effect with combination indexes between 0.3 and 0.75
- Sequence of administration influenced degree of cytotoxicity; rigosertib priming offered optimal results
- These pre-clinical results provided rationale for combining agents in a Phase 1/2 study in MDS and AML patients with optimal sequence

\*Skidan I, Zinzar S, Holland J, Silverman. Toxicology of a novel small molecule ON01910Na on human bone marrow and leukemic cells in vitro. *AACR Meeting Abstracts*, Apr 2006:309



# RIGOSERTIB + AZACITIDINE

## UPDATED PHASE 2 DATA ASH 2016\*

- ORR of 85% in 20 HMA naïve patients
- ORR of 62% in 13 patients who progressed/failed prior HMA
- Median DoR for CR is 8.0 months; median time to best response is 3.3 cycles

### Response Assessment per 2006 IWG Criteria

Patient Characteristics	Eval (n=33)	HMA Naïve (n=20)	HMA Failure** (n=13)
Complete Remission (CR %)	8 (24%)	7 (35%)	1 (8%)
Overall Response Rate (ORR %)	25 (76%)	17 (85%)	8 (62)

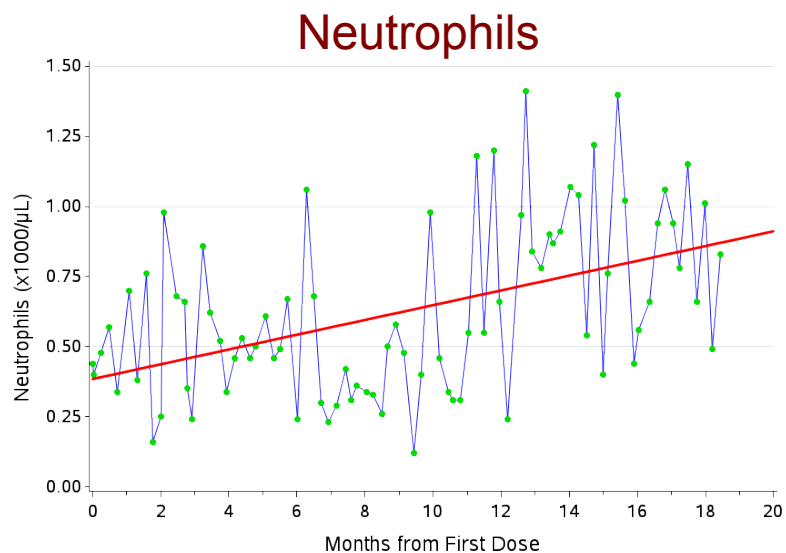
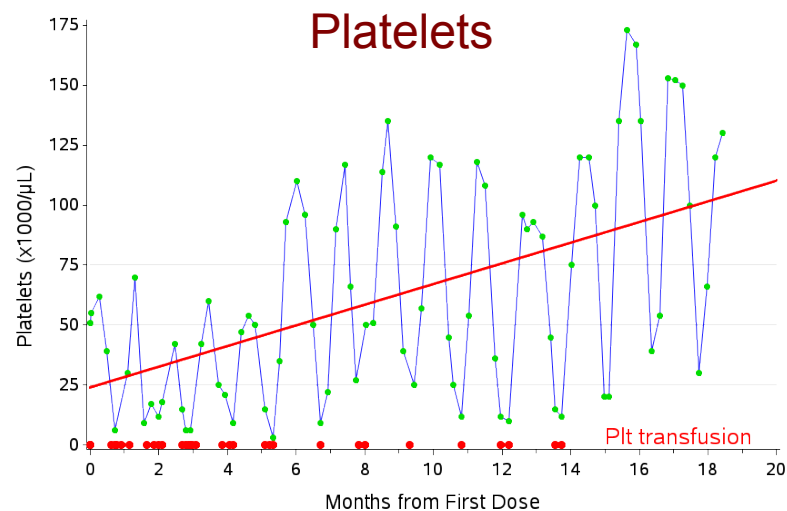
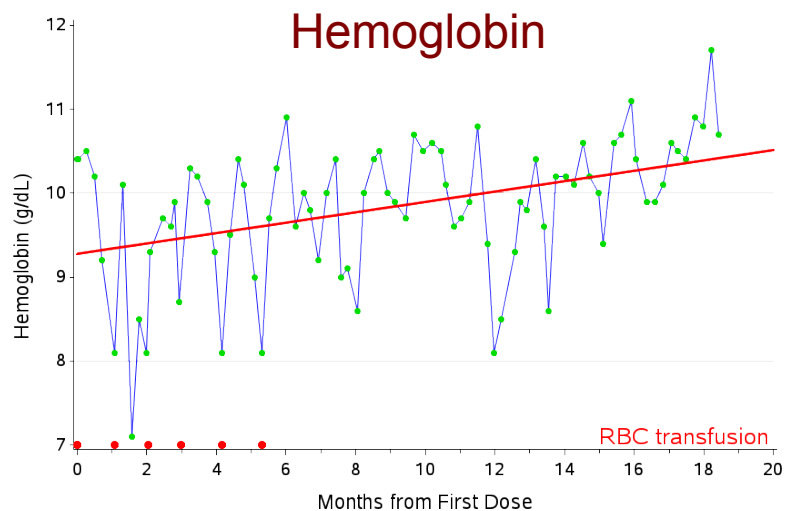
\* Data shown as of data cut off Oct 1, 2016; response based on IWG 2006 criteria

\*\*10 patients received previous therapy with azacitidine, 2 with decitabine and 1 with both HMAs; prior HMA cycles ranged from 4-20

Navada S, et al. A phase 2 study of the combination of oral rigosertib and azacitidine in patients with myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS). ASH 2016



# CBC TRENDS FOR PATIENT ON RIGO + AZA



- 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 independent
- <5% blasts
- PB CR criteria



# Rigosertib in Rasopathies - Status

Target	Collaboration	Goal	Status
Non-clinical studies	Dr. E. P. Reddy Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York Dr. Elliot Stieglitz UCSF, San Francisco	Proof of concept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NF1 studies conducted</li> <li>Models of JMML &amp; rigosertib testing</li> </ul>
Clinical trials	National Institutes of Health	Pediatric tumor rasopathies	CRADA and protocol being developed
	Academic collaborator, USA (UCSF)	Explore JMML	Protocol discussions
	Academic collaborator, EU (Dr Charlotte Niemeyer, Freiburg, Germany)	Explore JMML	Early discussions
Advocacy	Leukemia & Lymphoma Society RasopathyNet Foundation	Collaboration and support for studies	Discussion

# THANK YOU

- **Please hold questions for a panel following all 3 presentations.**

