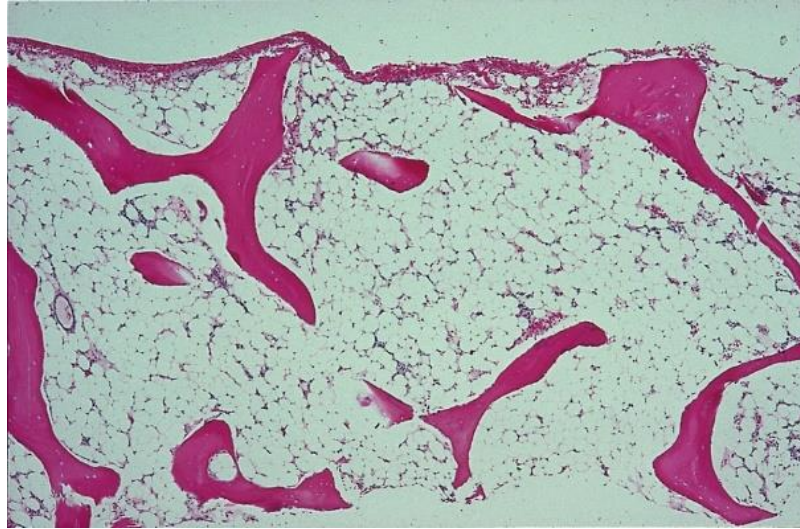


# Aplasies médullaires d'allure constitutionnelle

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# Bone marrow failure (BMF) syndromes

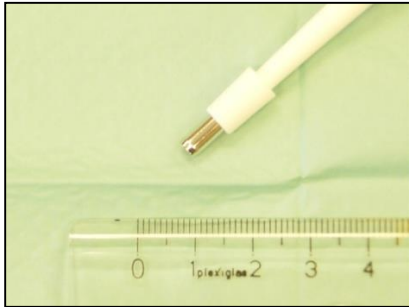
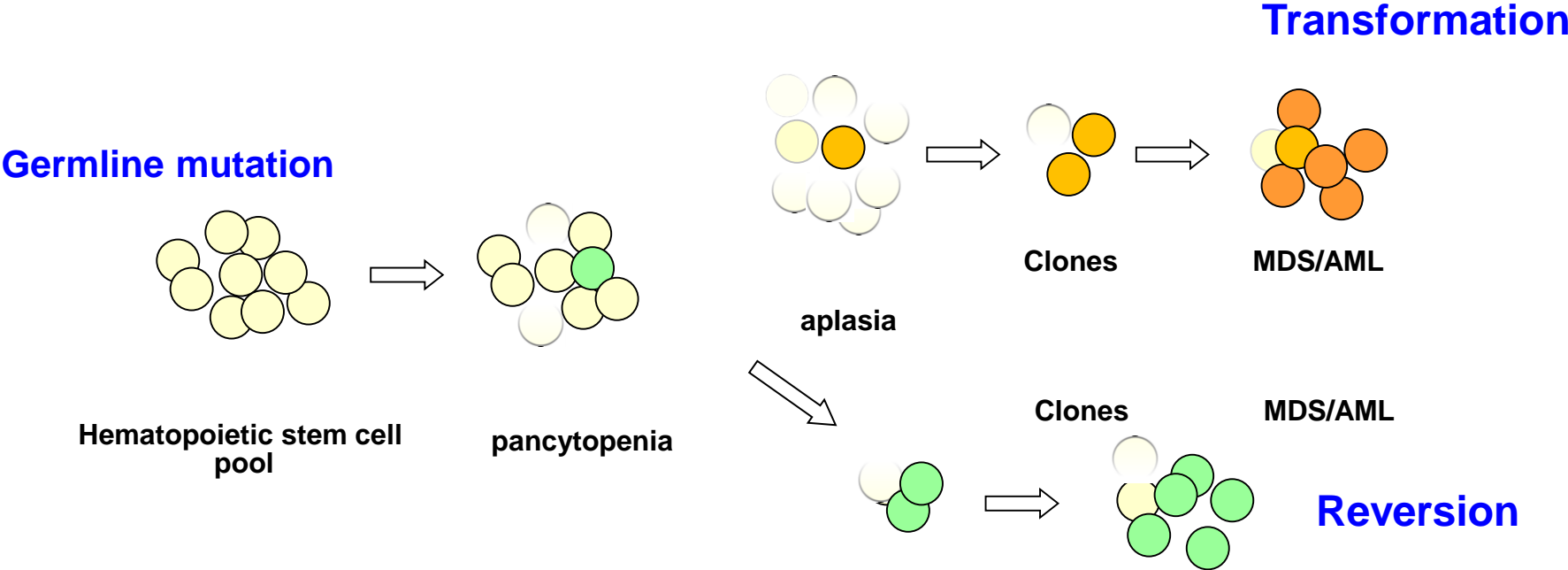


*BMF*

- Acquired: immune, viral, toxic
- **Genetic (Inherited BMF):** Fanconi anemia (FA), dyskeratosis congenita, *RUNX1*-deficiency, many others and emerging causes

An accurate diagnosis is crucial for BMF treatment (Immunosuppressive therapy or HSCT, donor choice, regimen), and family counseling, cancer screen, *etc.*

# At diagnosis: What is constitutive and what is somatic ?



Cultured skin fibroblast cells  
« Germline » cells

## The French Bone Marrow Failure Center at Saint-Louis and R. Debré Hospitals, Paris



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Robert Debré Hospital



Institute of Hematology, IRSL St-Louis

*Centre de Référence Maladies Rares Aplasie, filière MARIH*



Clinical network and French cohort: R. Peffault de Latour, T. Leblanc, JH Dalle, F. Sicre, many physician

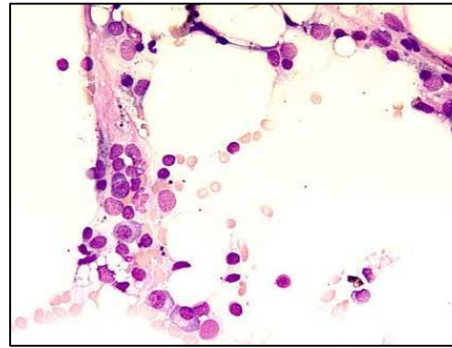
Centralized biological diagnosis (skin fibroblast cells, functional tests, NGS)

BM follow up for transformation and longitudinal sampling

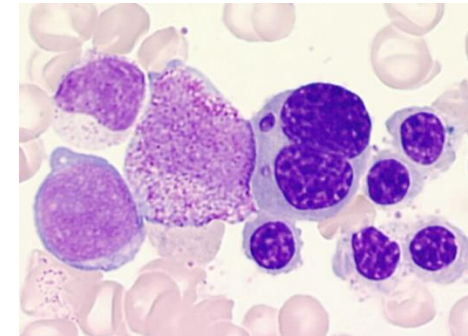
Translational research

# Fanconi anemia

Frequent congenital signs:  
short size, FA face,  
abnormal thumbs...

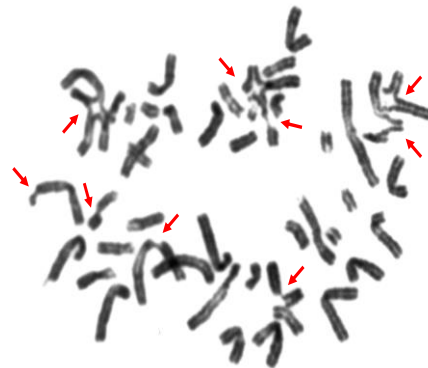


Cytopenia in childhood



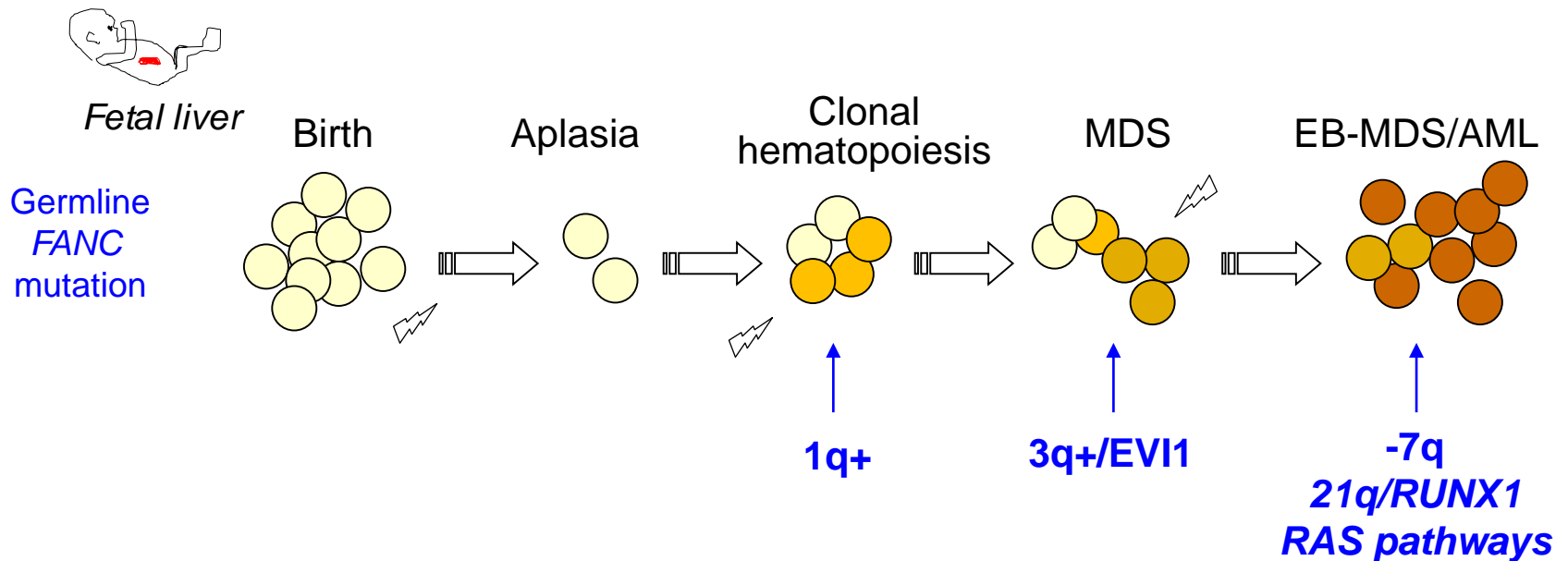
MDS/AML  
Head&neck carcinoma

Hypersensitivity to  
genotoxics: breaks, radials



Biallelic mutations in one of the 22 *FANCA* genes (2019),  
*FANCA+G+D2* representing 90% in France

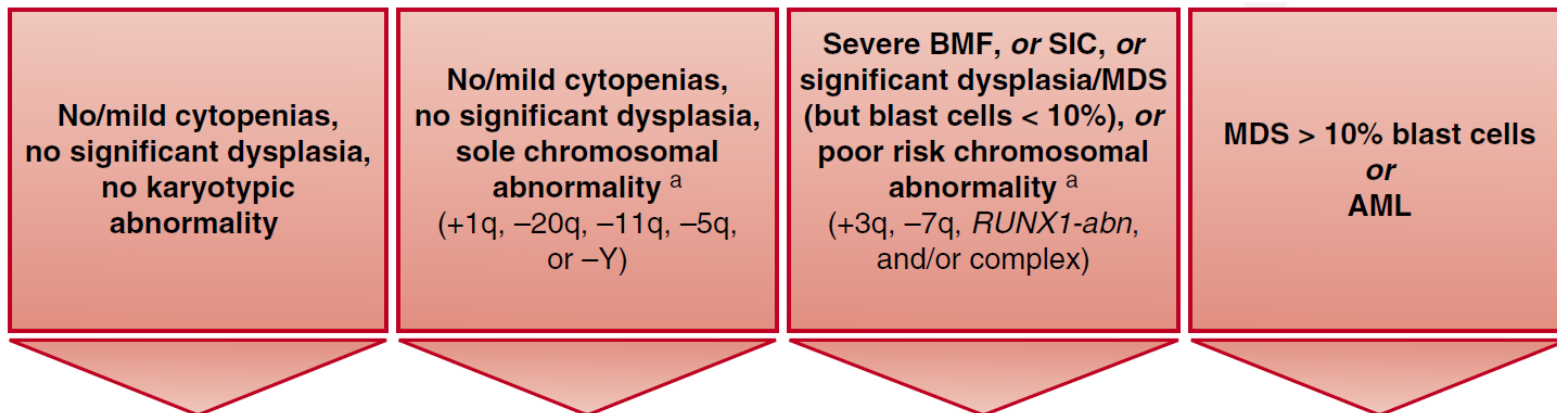
# A canonical model of BM progression in FA



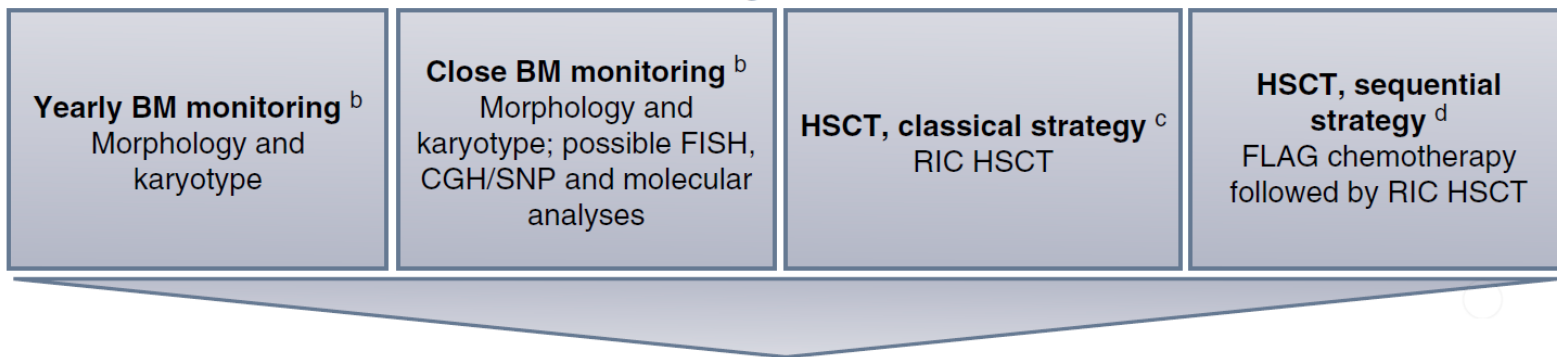
Quentin et al. *Blood* 2011; Cecaldi et al. *Cell Stem Cell* 2012;  
Peffault et al. *Blood* 2016; Sebert et al., in preparation

# Staging criteria to help decision making in FA

## *BM workup and staging*



## *Monitoring and treatment*



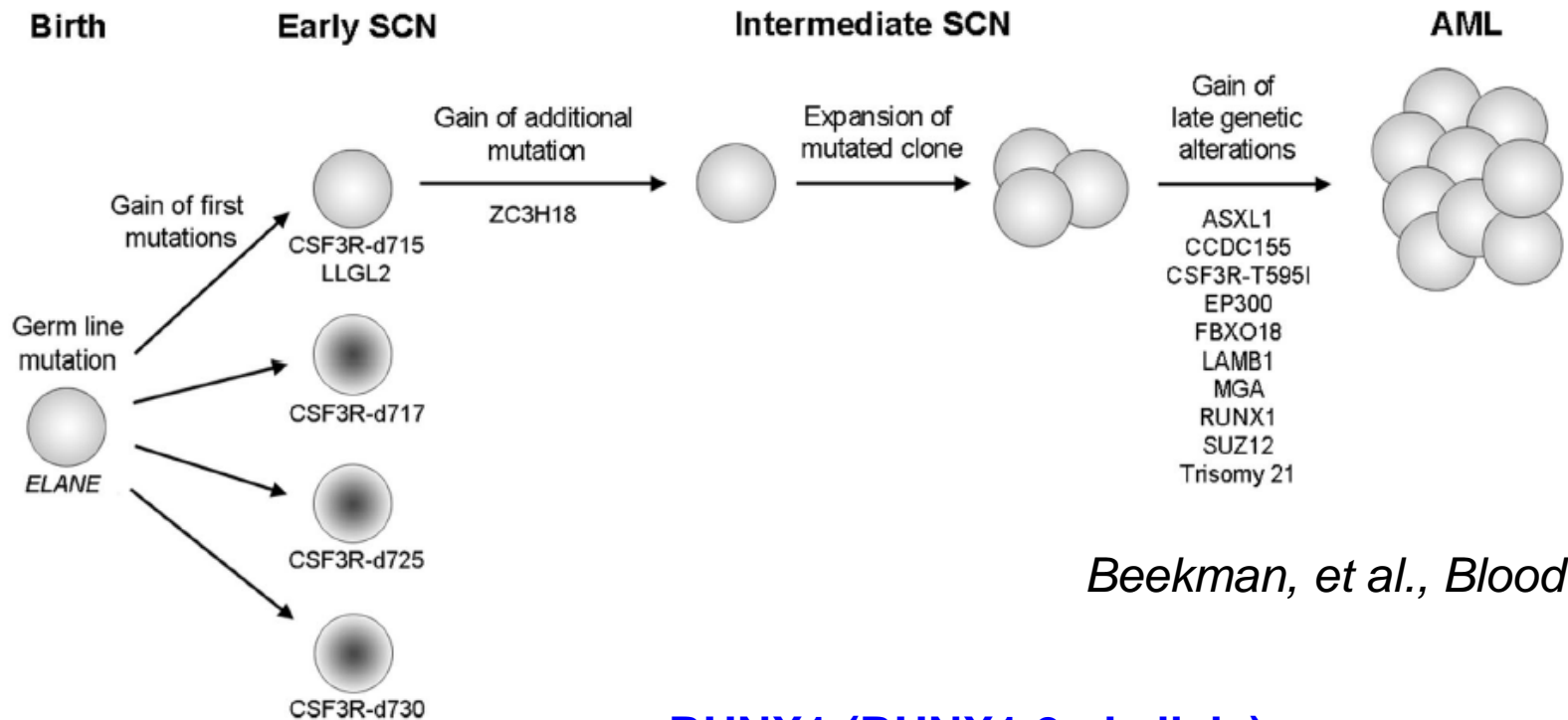
## *Long term follow up*

Careful screening of solid malignancies, especially in patients with HSCT and chronic GvHD<sup>e</sup>



# Clonal evolution in a case of Severe Congenital Neutropenia (SCN)

Exome sequencing, and deep-sequencing at several stages



*Beekman, et al., Blood 2012*

**RUNX1 (RUNX1 2cd allele)**

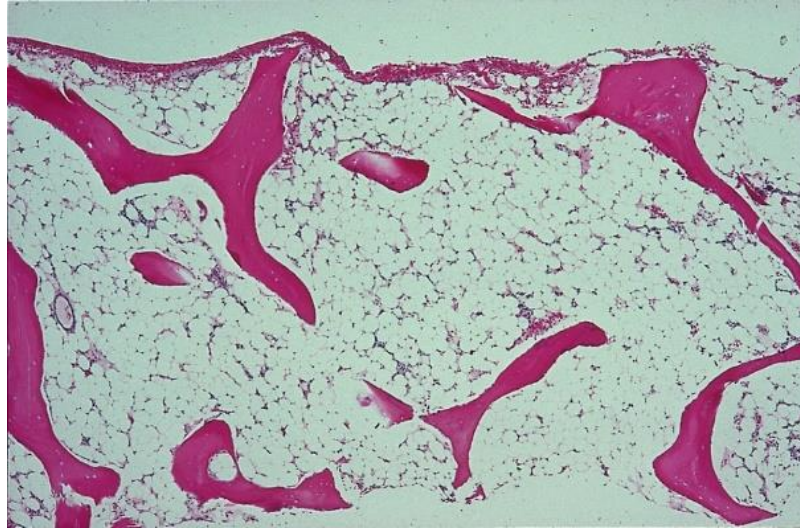
**SDS (TP53, -7...)**

**Dyskeratosis congenital (-7)**

...



# Bone marrow failure (BMF) syndromes



*BMF*

- **Genetic (Inherited BMF):** Fanconi anemia (FA), dyskeratosis congenita, *RUNX1*-deficiency, many others and emerging causes

**Unrecognized IBMF causes ?**

# Unrecognized genetic cases ?

Patients samples referred for assessment to the the **French Bone Marrow Failure Center Laboratory**  
February 2002- June 2016



## INCLUSION

- **BMF and low cellularity MDS patients**
  - Central origin cytopenias
  - Possible dysplasia (classified according to revised WHO 2008)
  
- **Likely-inherited**, based on at least one from:
  - Physical abnormalities
  - Family history of hematological disorders and/or consanguinity
  - Young age ( $\leq 2$  years)
  
- **Fanconi anemia or well recognized causes at diagnosis: excluded**



**OBJECTIVES, In a cohort of patients with an unresolved, likely-Inherited BMF :**  
**To identify new IBMF/MDS causes; to draw a broad molecular portrait of this heterogeneous group of patients**

N=179 patients from 173 unrelated families



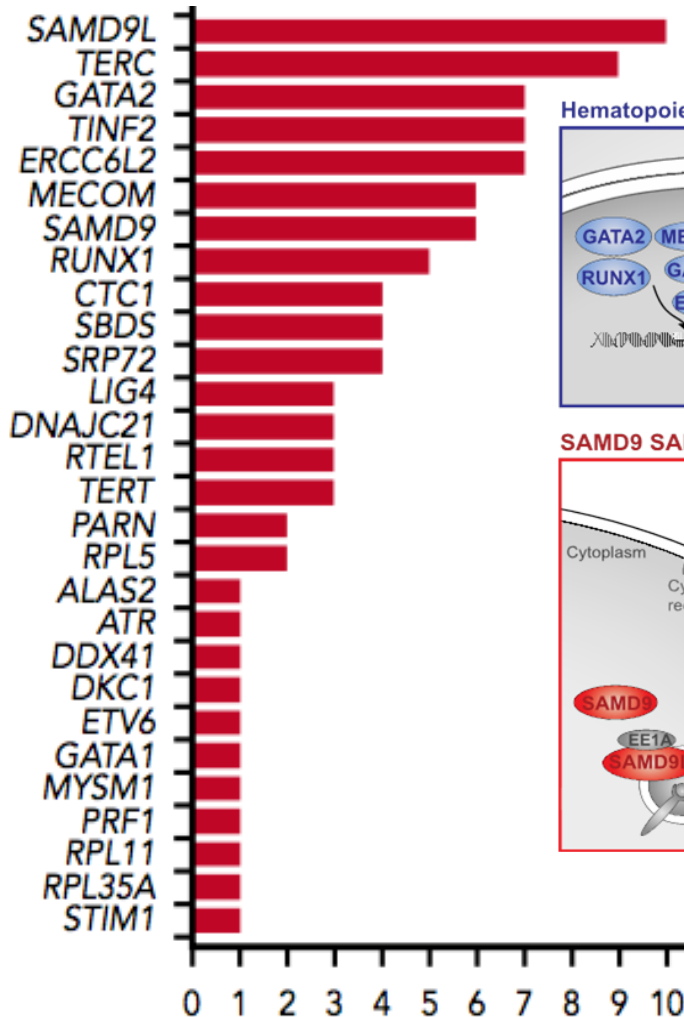
**Whole Exome Sequencing (WES) on skin fibroblast cell DNA**

**Table 1. Clinical characteristics of the 179 patients**

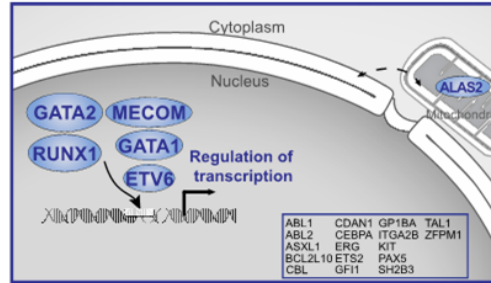
Characteristic	Value*
<b>Sex, no. (%)</b>	
Male	96 (53.6)
Female	83 (46.4)
<b>Age at skin biopsy, no. (%), y</b>	
≤2	37 (20.7)
>2 and <18	76 (42.5)
≥18	66 (36.9)
Age of first hematological symptoms, median (range), y	8 (0-47)
<b>Hematological characteristics</b>	
→ Pancytopenia, no./total (%)	121/177 (68.4)
Cytopenia, 1 lineage, no./total (%)	32/177 (18.1)
Cytopenias, 2 lineages, no./total (%)	24/177 (13.6)
Anemia, no./total (%)†	158/178 (88.8)
Hb level, median (range), g/dL	9.5 (2.5-15)
MCV, median (range)	98 (68-117)
Thrombocytopenia, no./total (%), <150 × 10 <sup>9</sup> /L	147/178 (82.6)
Platelet count, median (range), × 10 <sup>9</sup> /L	45 (2-500)
Neutropenia, no./total (%), <1.5 × 10 <sup>9</sup> /L	138/177 (78.0)
Neutrophil count, median (range), × 10 <sup>9</sup> /L	0.87 (0-7)
→ BM dysplasia, no./total (%)	68/157 (43.3)
BM blast cell percentage, no./total (%)	
→ <5%	154/175 (88.0)
≥5, <10%‡	9/175 (5.1)
≥10%‡	12/175 (6.9)
Abnormal karyotype, no./total (%)§	45/161 (28.0)
→ <b>Family history, no./total (%)</b>	66/173 (38.2)
Family history of hematological disorders	50/173 (28.9)
Consanguinity	25/179 (14.0)
→ <b>Physical abnormalities, no./total (%)</b>	129/176 (73.3)

# GL mutations define 'Core' BMF biological pathways

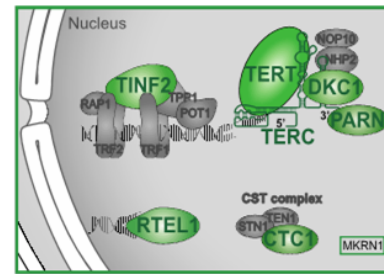
Molecular diagnosis: N=86 pts (48%)



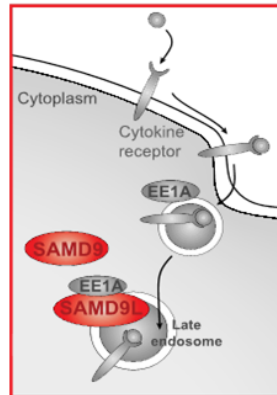
## Hematopoiesis



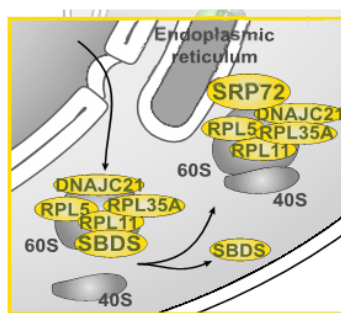
## Telomeres



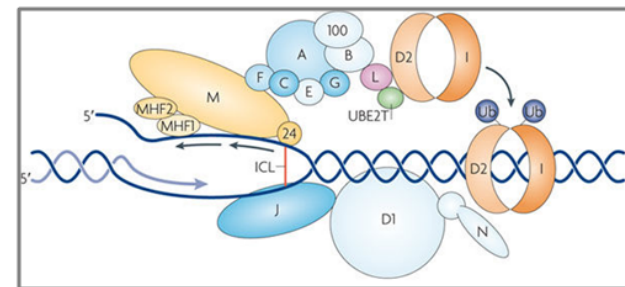
## SAMD9 SAMD9L



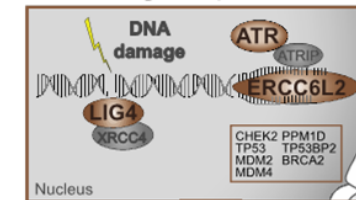
## Ribosome



## Fanconi pathway

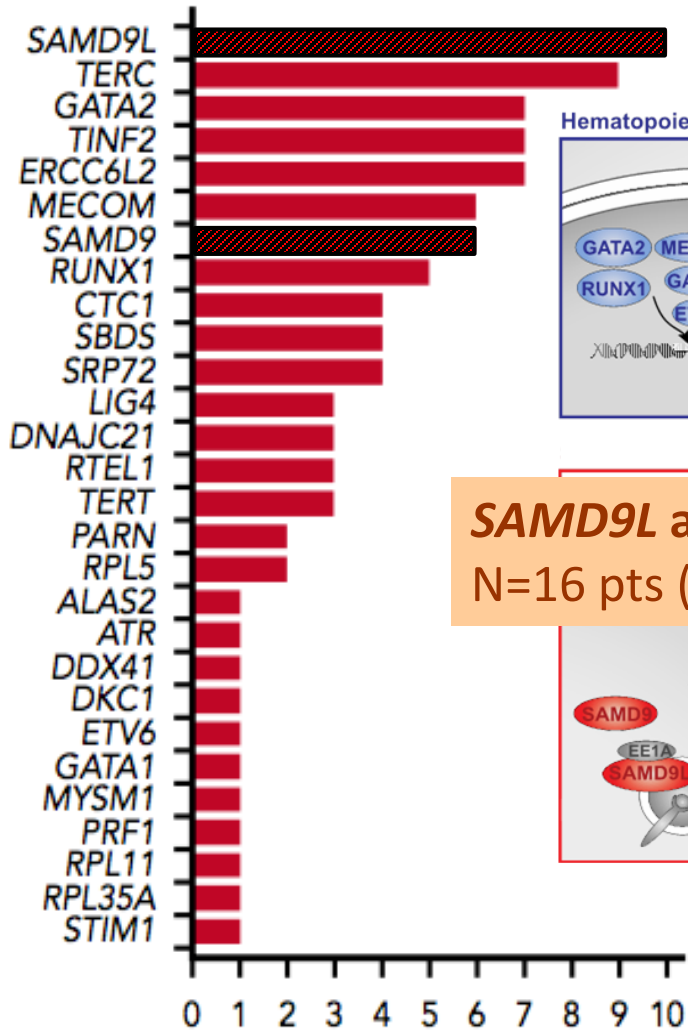


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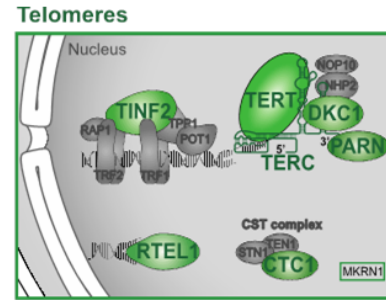
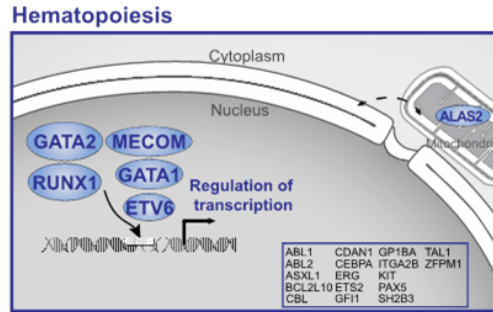


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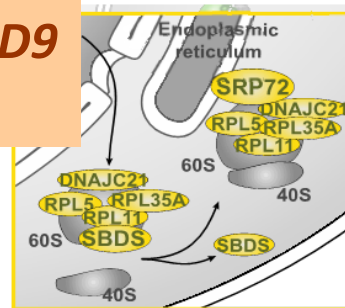
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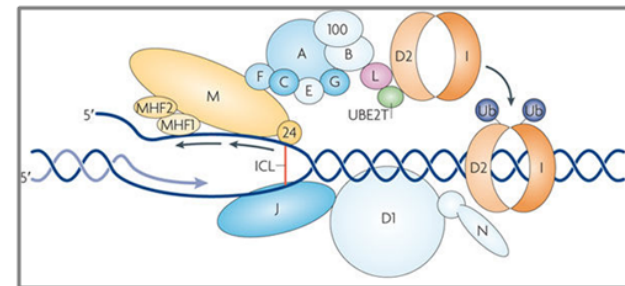
**SAMD9L and SAMD9**  
N=16 pts (19%)



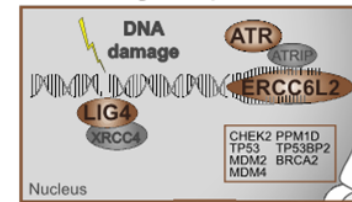
### Ribosome



### Fanconi pathway

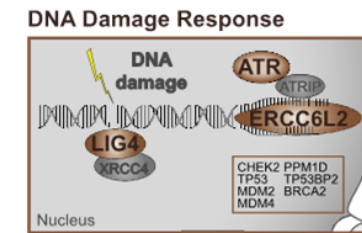
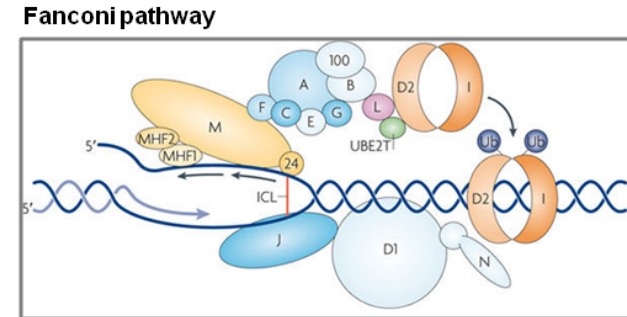
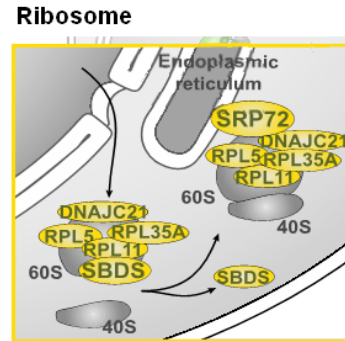
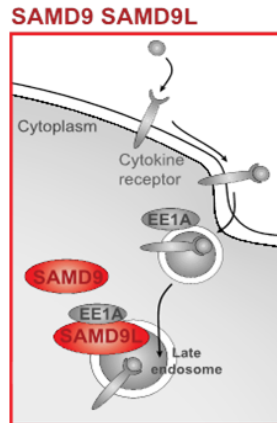
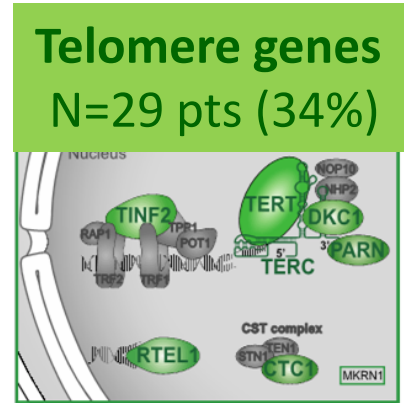
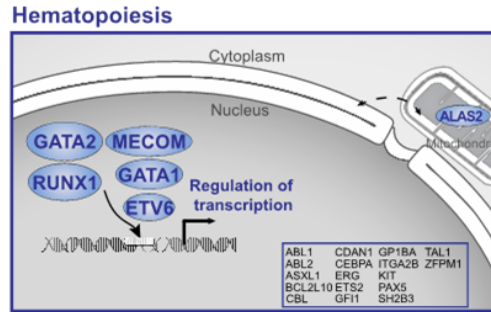
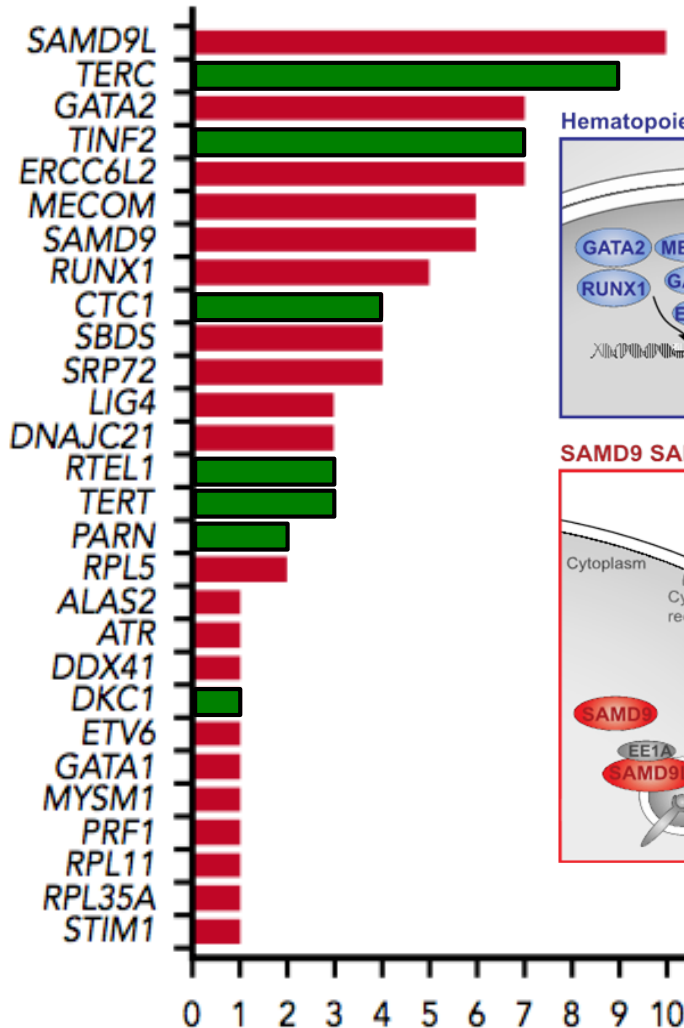


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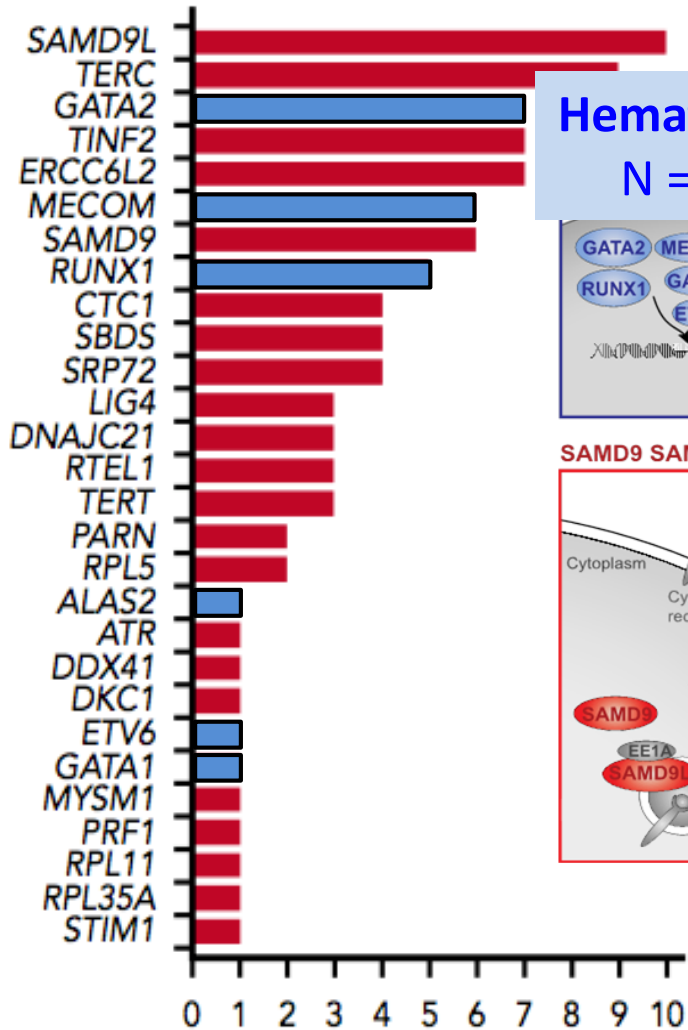
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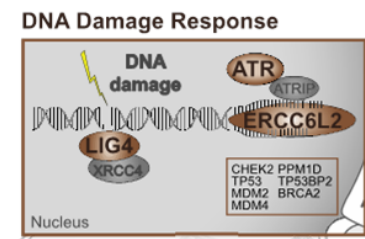
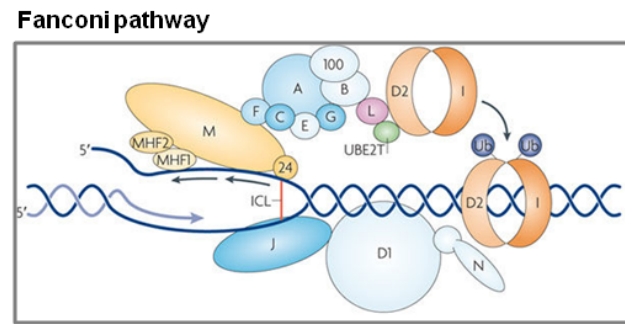
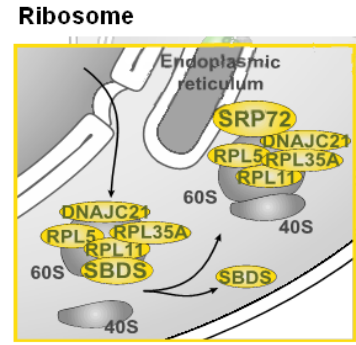
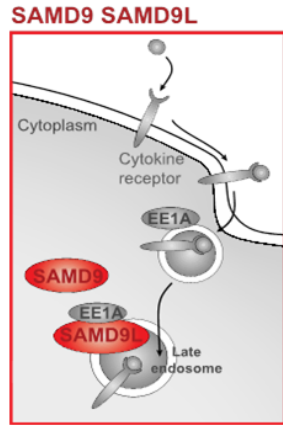
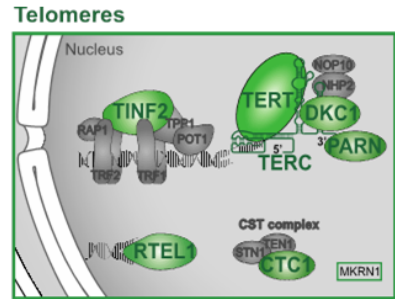
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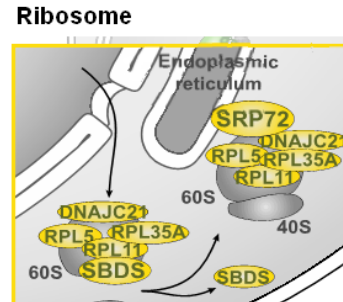
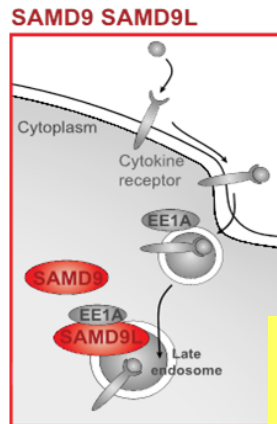
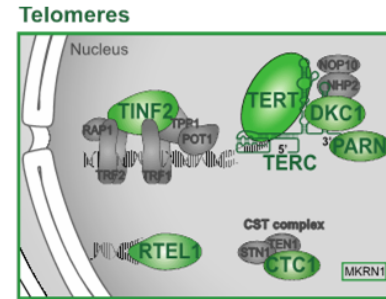
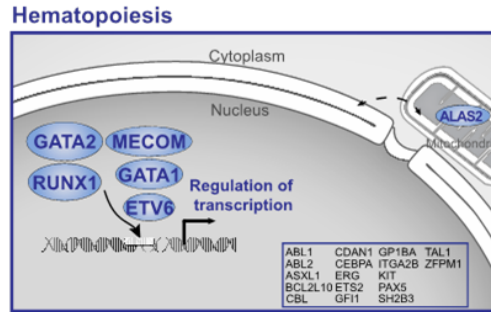
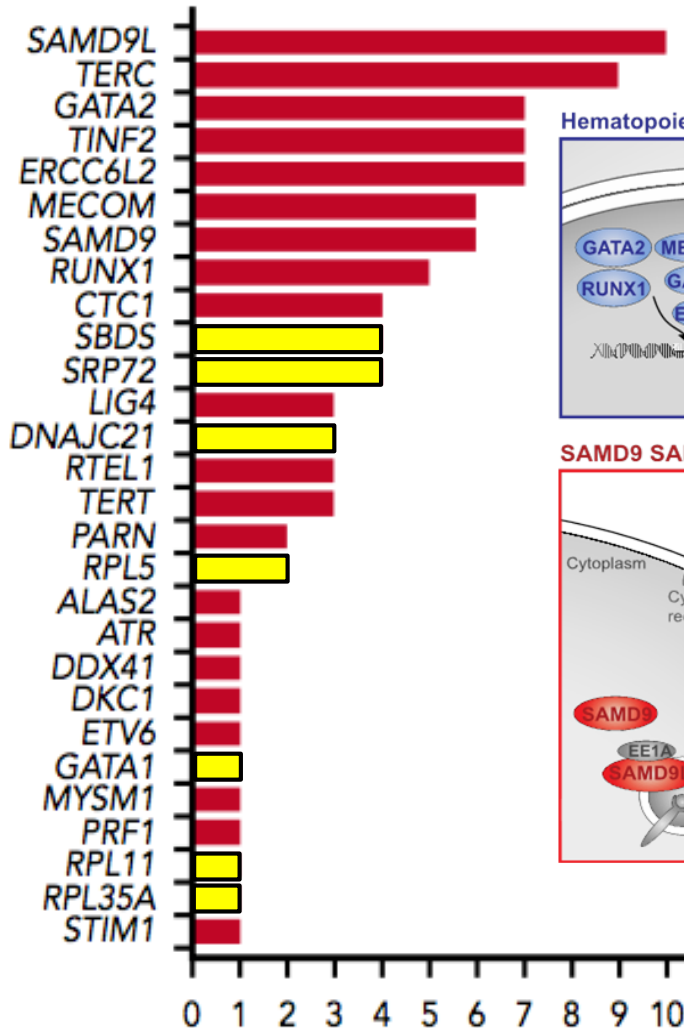
**Hematopoietic genes**  
N = 21 pts (24%)



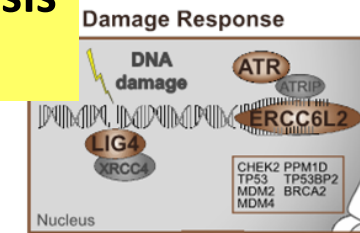
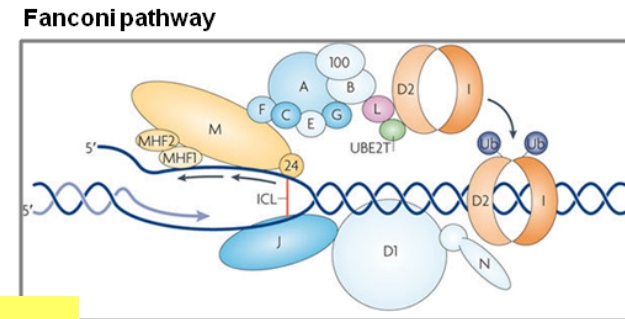
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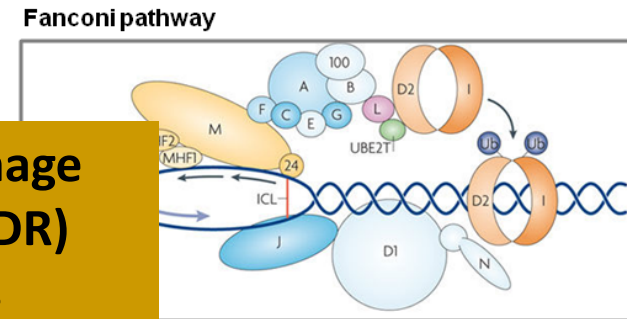
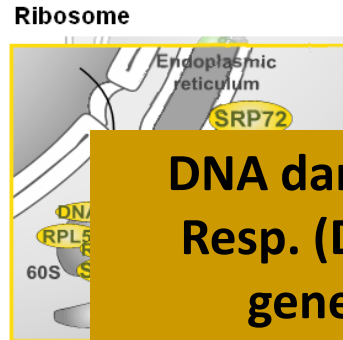
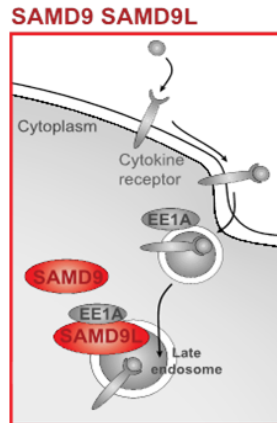
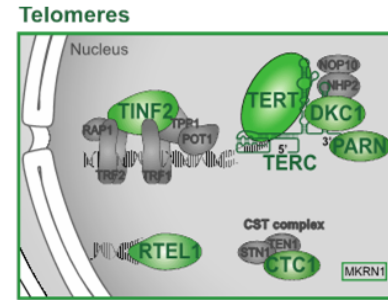
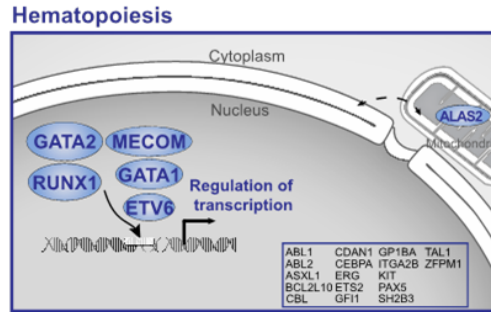
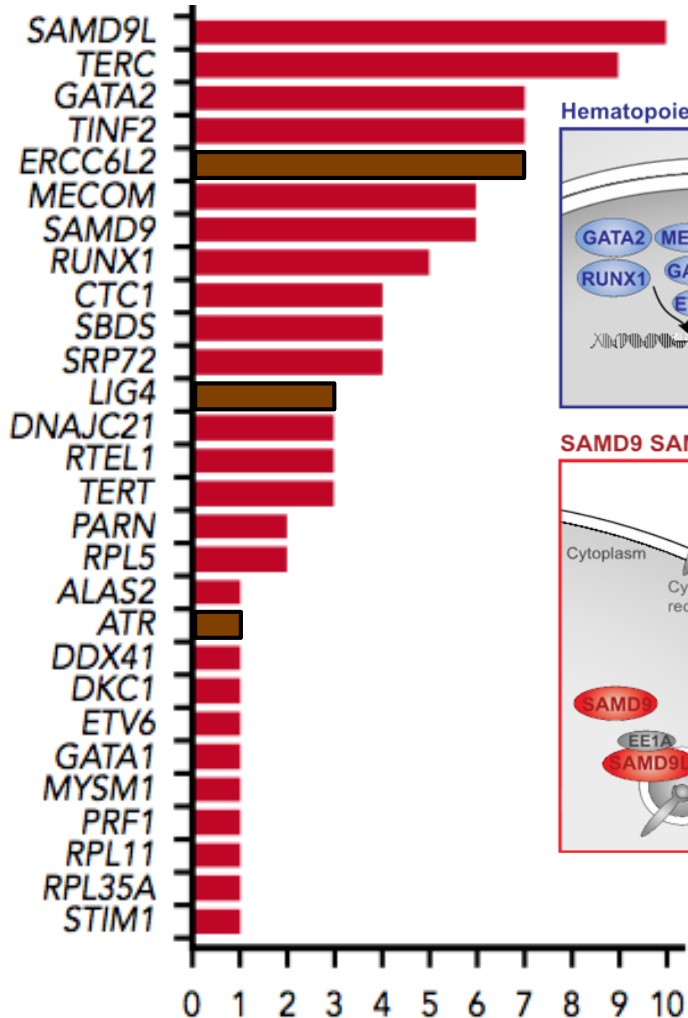
**Ribosome biogenesis**  
N = 12 pts (14%)



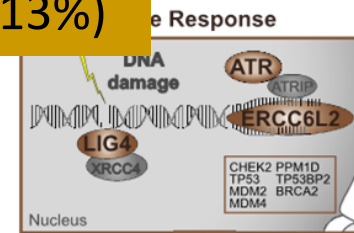
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DNA damage: N=11 pts (13%)



**DNA damage  
Resp. (DDR)  
genes  
N = 11 pts (13%)**



Number of patients with causal/very-likely causal variants

# New or seldom reported IBMF syndromes

Each gene defines a clinical entity, more or less homogeneous and syndromic, of variable penetrance

Focus on three of them, new at that time or seldom reported

- *MECOM / EVI1* : Severe neonatal BMF, *de novo*
- *ERCC6L2* (*autosomic recessive*): Mild BMF adolescent with MDS/AML risk
- *SAMD9* and *SAMD9L*: Familial aplasia with transient monosomy 7 in childhood

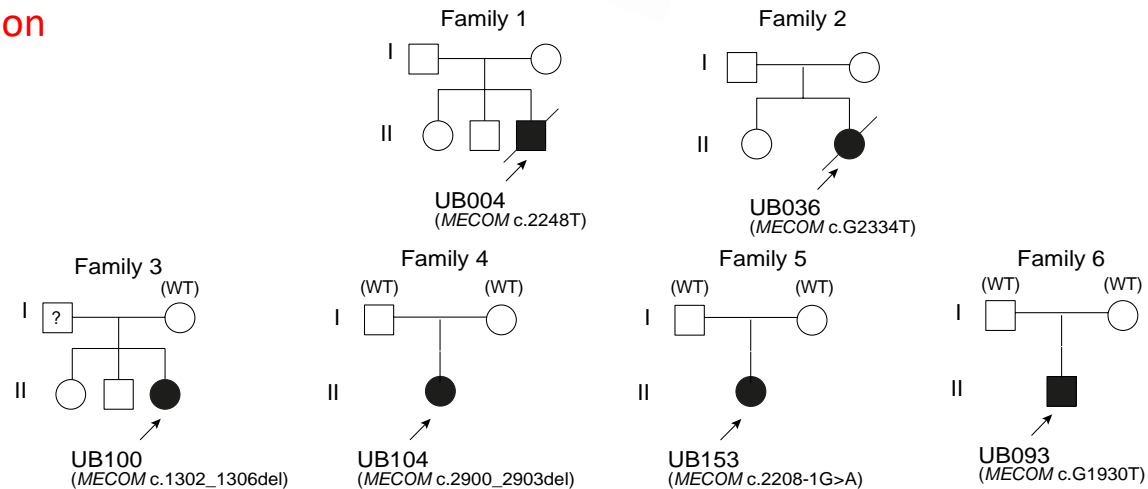
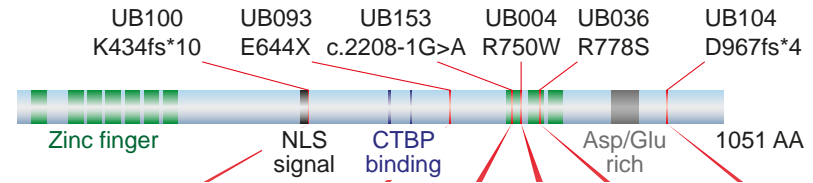
# MECOM/EVI1-deficient disorder

- Three reported patients with RUSAT (radio-ulnar synostosis with amegakaryocytic thrombocytopenia) syndrome (*Niihori, Am J Hum Genet. 2015*)
- **N=6 patients in our cohort**



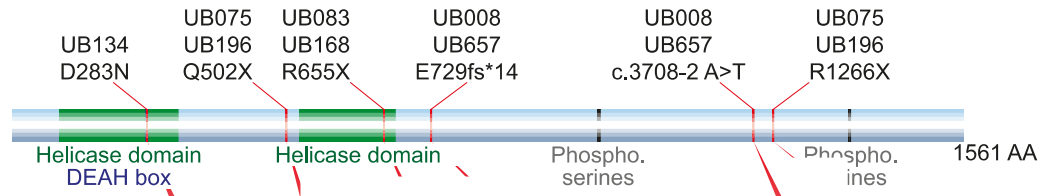
Only one with ulnar abnormality  
 3 with cardiac abnormalities  
 All with severe neonatal aplastic anemia  
 All received HSCT before 3 yo

**De novo, Heterozygous, inactivating,  
 MECOM/EVI1 Mutation**



# ERCC6L2-deficient disorder

- Helicase gene family
- Three patients reported with germline biallelic mutations, learning disabilities, microcephaly and BMF/MDS (*Tummala, Am J Hum Genet. 2014; Zhang, J Exp Med 2016*)



- **N=7 patients in our cohort**

**Biallelic, inactivating ERCC6L2 mutations**

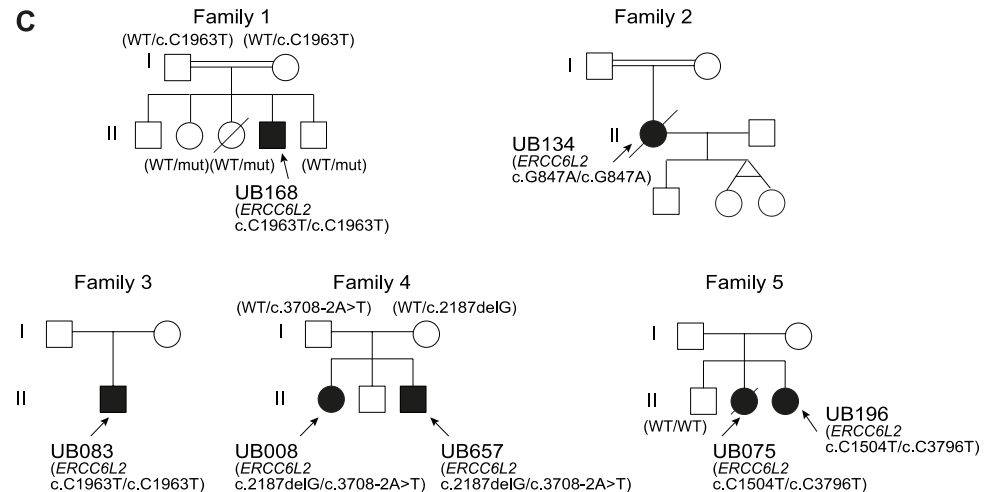
Median age 13 yo (child to young adult)

Only one with neurological signs

Mild cytopenia in all patients

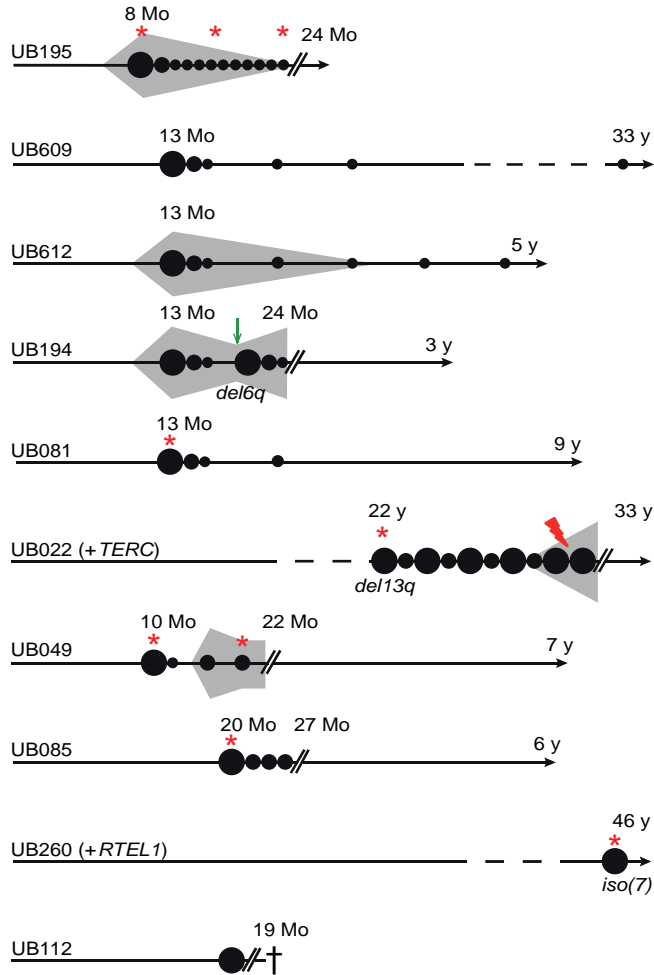
MDS in 2 patients, -> AML in one 43 yo

Monosomy 7 in 2 patients

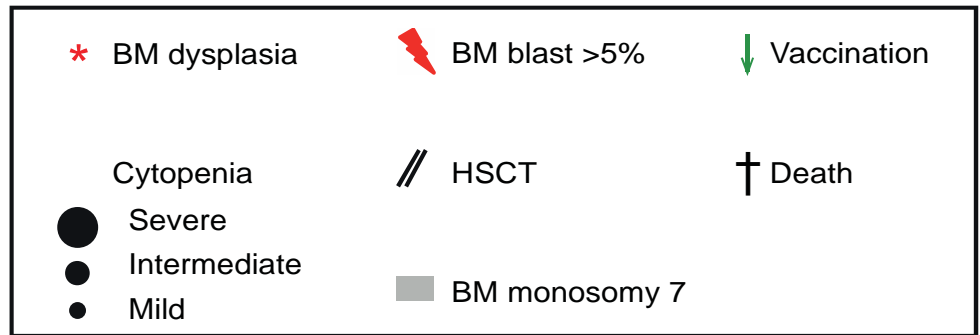
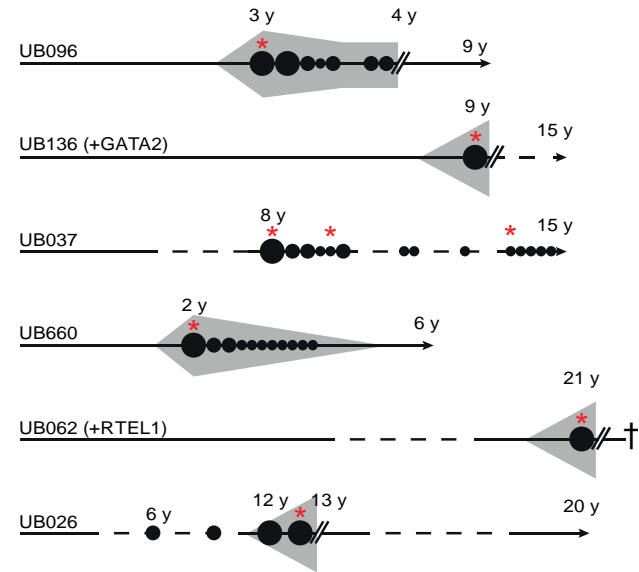


# SAMD9/SAMD9L disorder

## SAMD9L, N=10

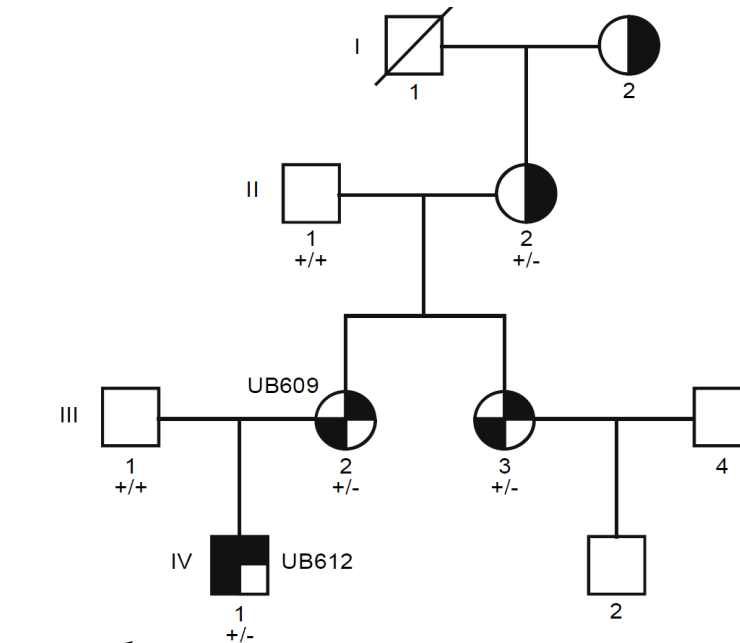


## SAMD9, N=6



# SAMD9/SAMD9L disorder

## Ataxia-Pancytopenia Syndrome



SAMD9L c.C2956T  
heterozygous mutation

13 mo boy

Severe aplasia with monosomy 7 (no dysplasia)

Improved spontaneously before HSCT; does well without treatment 7y later

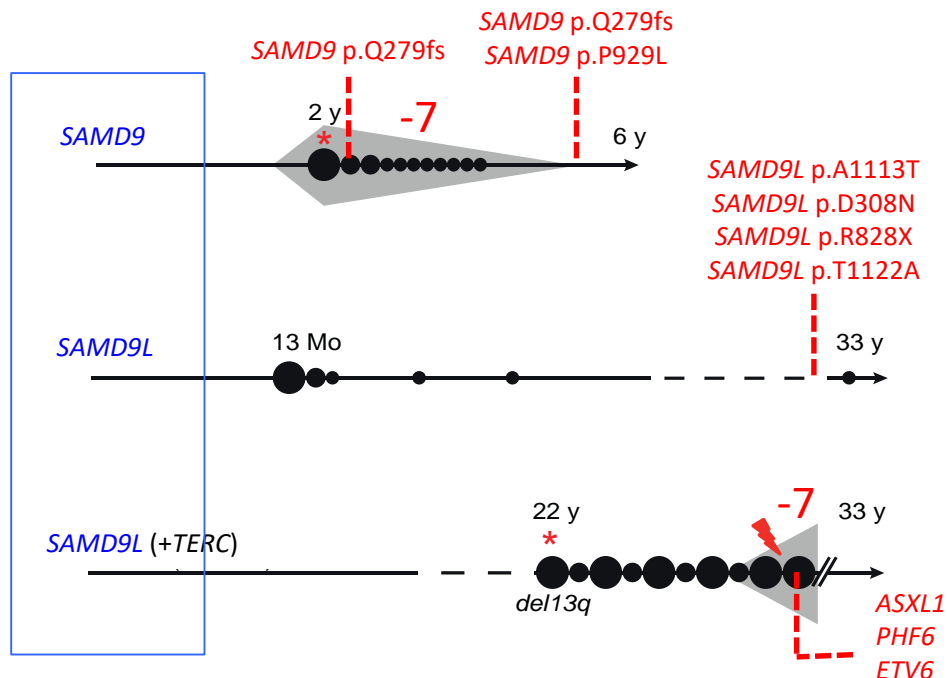


# Somatic evolution in SAMD9/L disorder

- Spontaneous improvement in blood cell counts (N=11/16)
- MDS and monosomy 7 disappearance (N=5); HSCT planned and eventually cancelled (N=5)
- Evolution to excess of blast and AML (N=1)

Fibroblast DNA sequencing, all patients

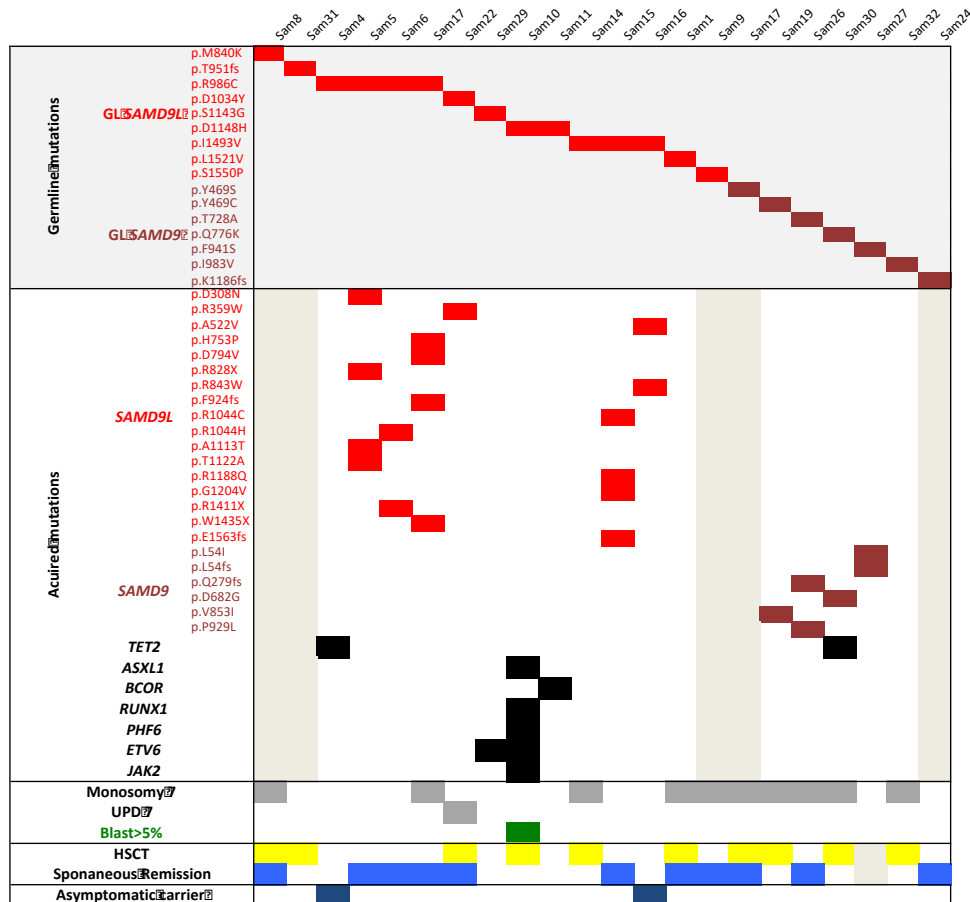
GERMLINE activating mutation



Blood and/or BM DNA sequencing, 17/22 updated patients

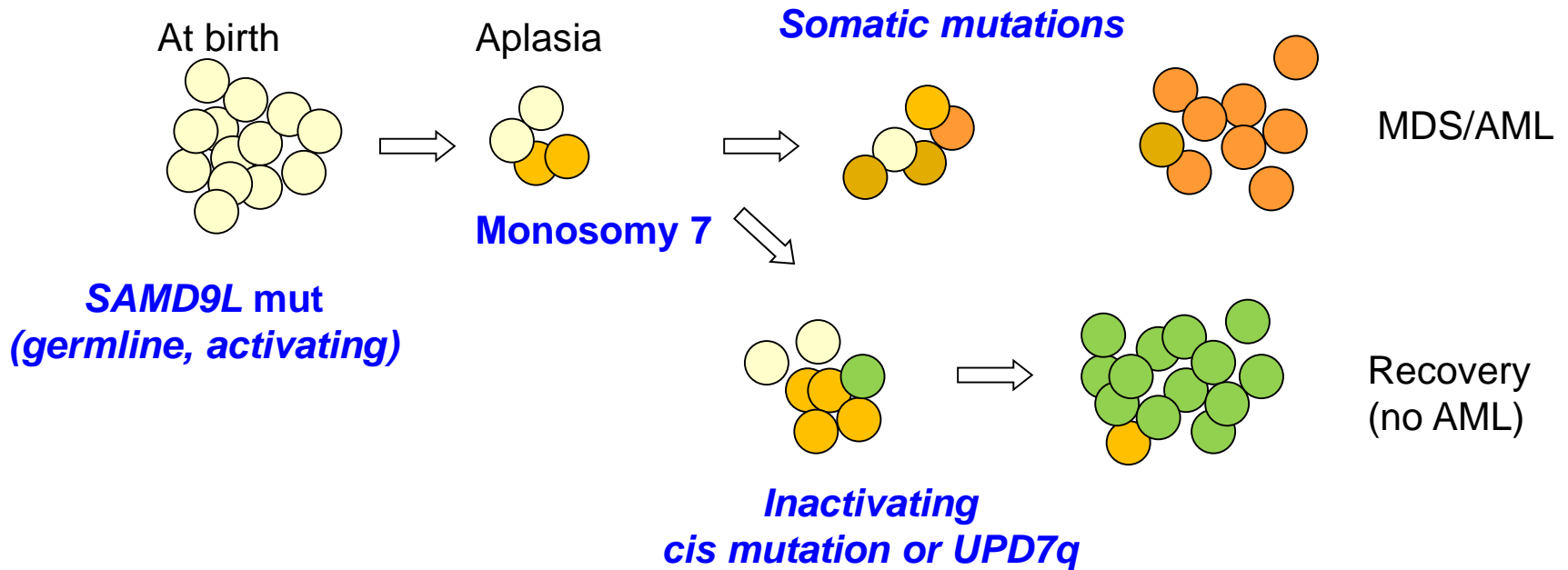
SOMATIC secondary (inactivating) mutations

# A cohort of 24 pts with *SAMD9/SAMD9L* disorder



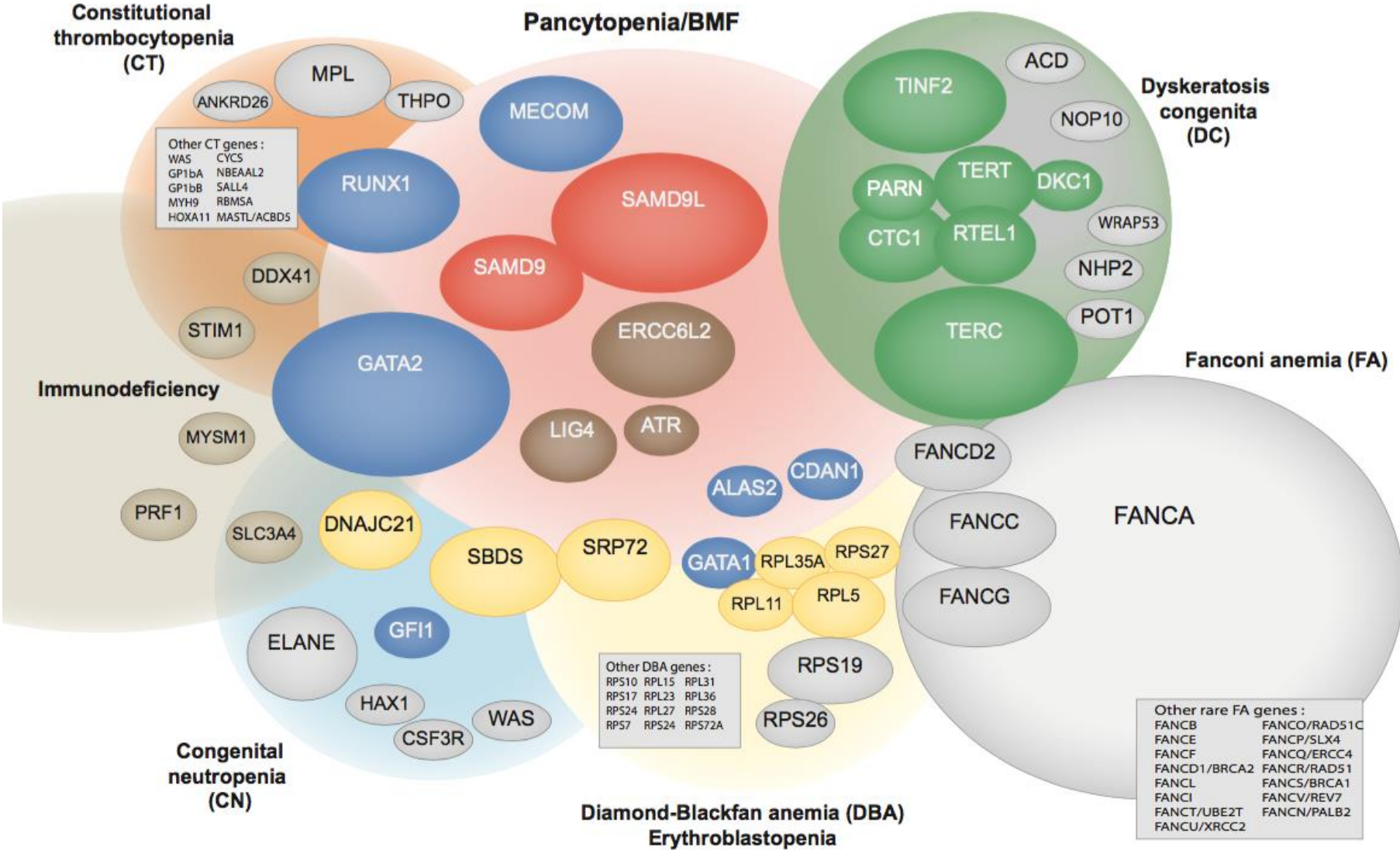
- Patients could have several acquired *SAMD9/SAMD9L* mutations, associated with spontaneous remission
- Different mechanisms counteracting *SAMD9/SAMD9L* mutations coexist in the same patient
- Blastic evolution is associated with the acquisition of additional mutations

# Natural history in *SAMD9*/*SAMD9L* disorder



**Potential change in practice:** careful wait-and-see policy before HSCT in children with aplasia/MDS, monosomy 7 and *SAMD9L* GL mutation

# The expanding landscape of IBMF syndromes



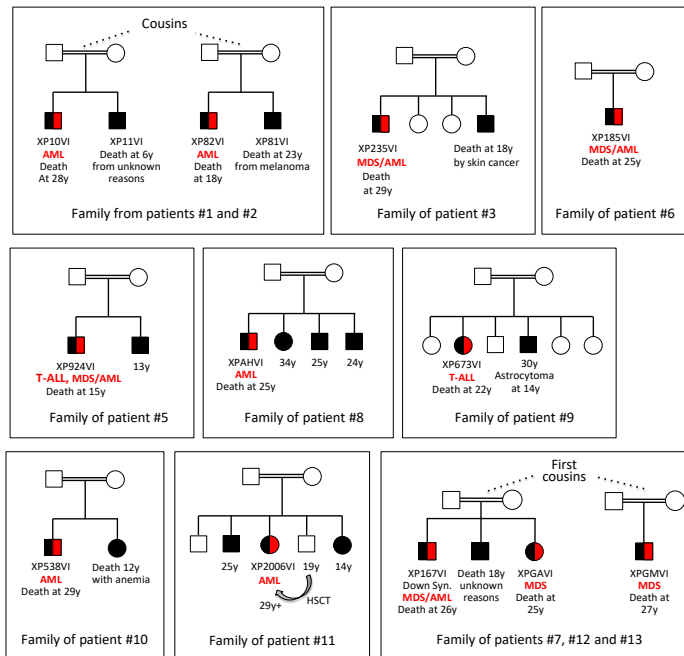
# Still expanding landscape of genetic IBMF/MDS

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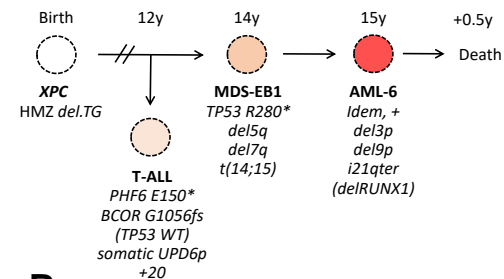
## Familial predisposition to TP53/complex karyotype MDS and leukemia in DNA repair-deficient xeroderma pigmentosum

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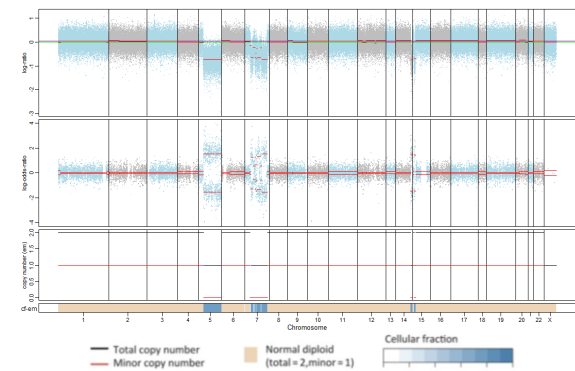
- 13 MDS or AML cases in a cohort of 160 XPC delTG patients from 142 consanguineous families originating from North Africa (Marocco, Tunisia) : 8.07% frequency, median age of 22 yo.
- Mutation TP53, del5q and 7q, complex karyotype are recurrent in the MDS/AML cells



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# Conclusions

- The GL landscape of IBMF/MDS patients includes many genes and is still expanding
- Many patients do not display a typical 'syndromic' or 'familial' phenotype (FA, DC and others)
- Systematic use of updated gene panels improves molecular diagnosis
- Genetic reversion (somatic mosaicism) can puzzle diagnosis – fibroblast cells are helpful
- Interpretation of genetic variants is often challenging and requires careful evaluation in the context of the patient's phenotype – Inconclusive situations are frequent
- BMF syndromes are cancer prone (each having its own evolution pattern): longitudinal follow up may be warranted, but when and how?
- Critical need of high-quality, multidisciplinary expertise and technologies to diagnose patients and families – time-consuming and expensive
- Ethic issues related to information and genetic screen in families, prenatal diagnosis, and cancer screen

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