

Preclinical modeling of drug resistant acute lymphoblastic leukemia

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Acute lymphoblastic leukemia - clinical context

Resistance

Needs

Research

First diagnosis 15%

Predictive markers
Molecular classification
Functional understanding
Functional classification

Integration of
Multi-Omics
Functional Profiling

Relapse 55%

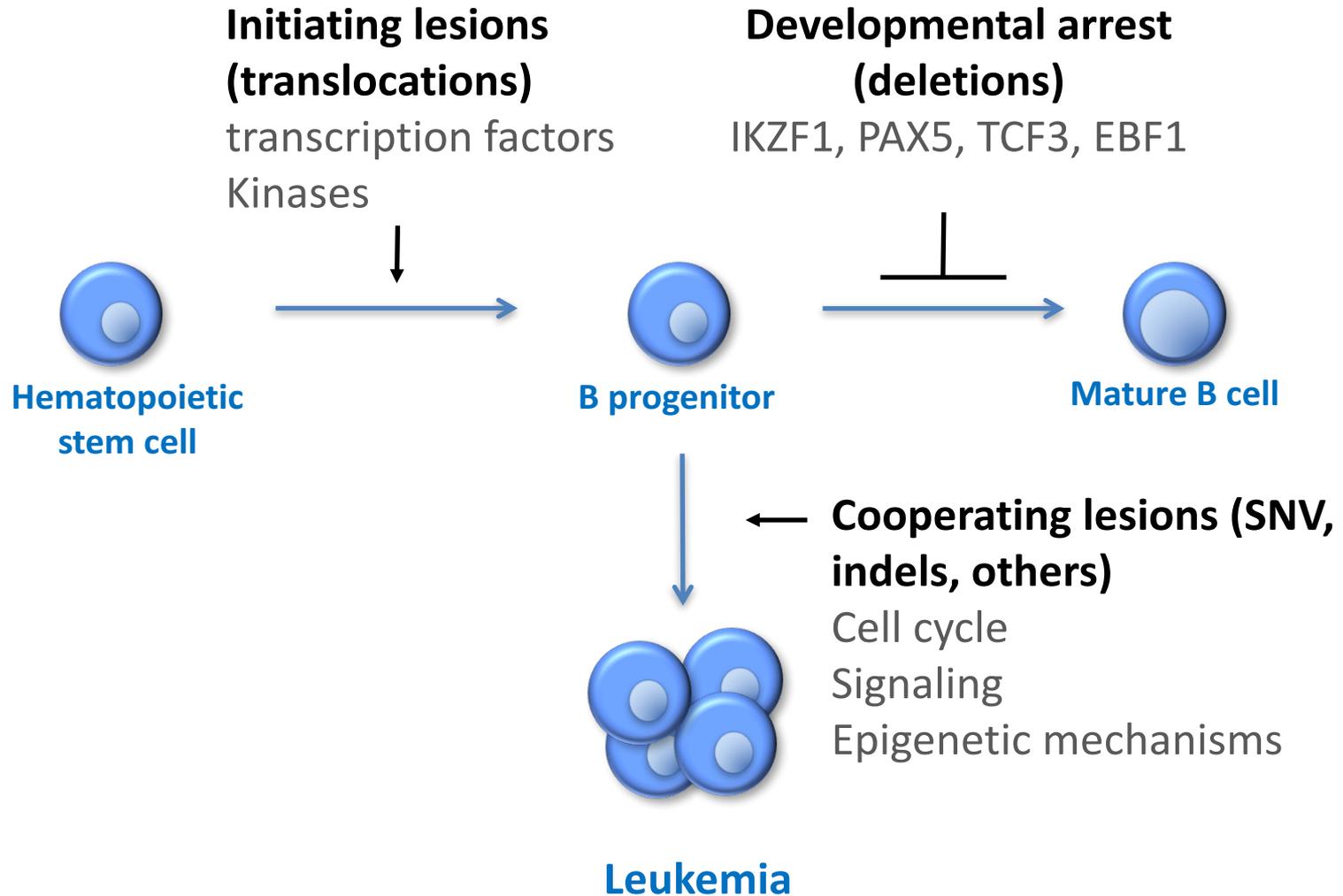
Model empiry
Model defined
molecular types

Refractory 100%

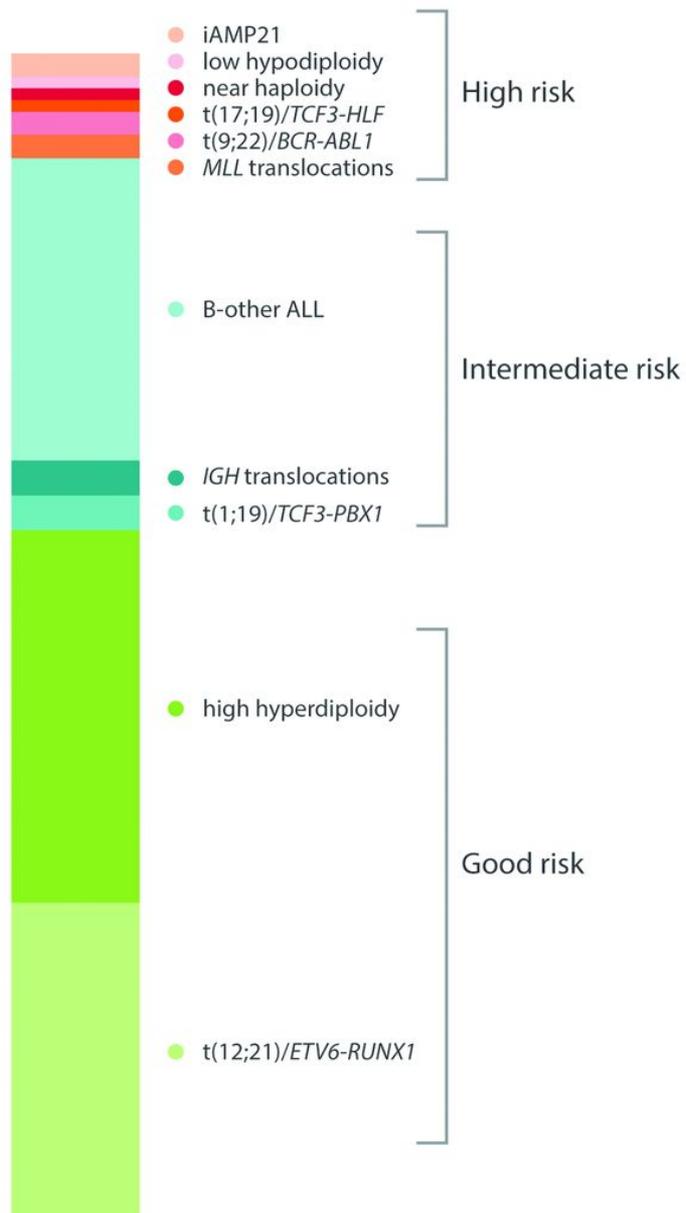
Mechanisms
Adaptive treatments

Drug development
Exp. Therapy
Innovative concepts
e.g, basket' trials

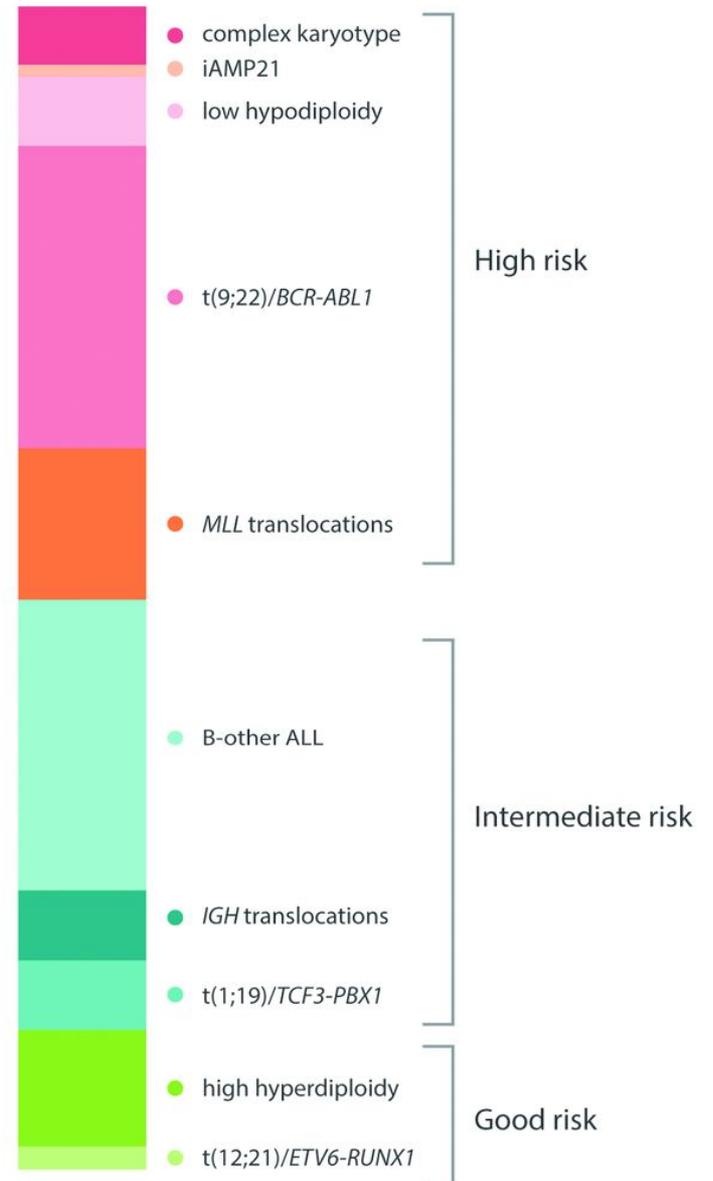
Genetic landscape of ALL



Children & adolescents

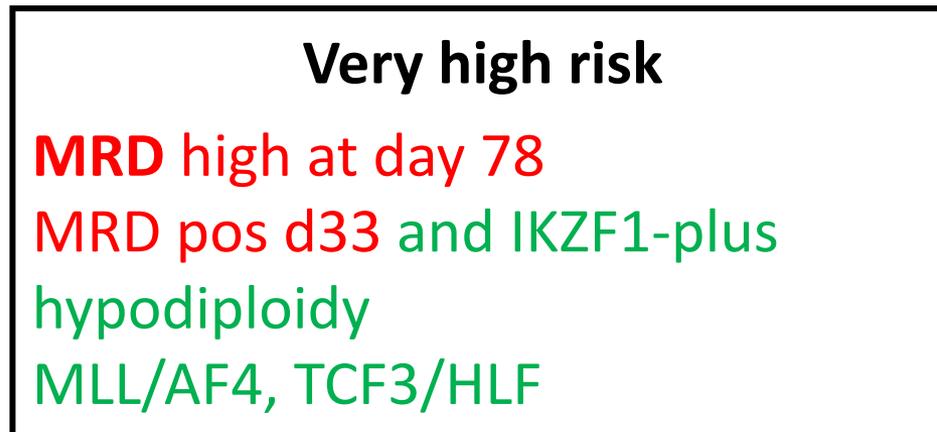
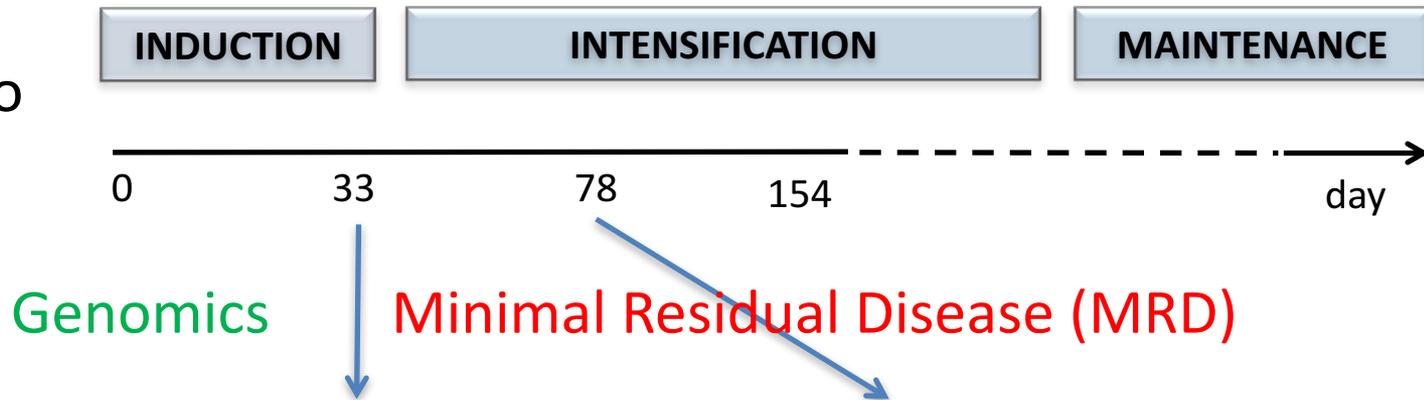


Adults



Functional application of genomics still limited in the clinic

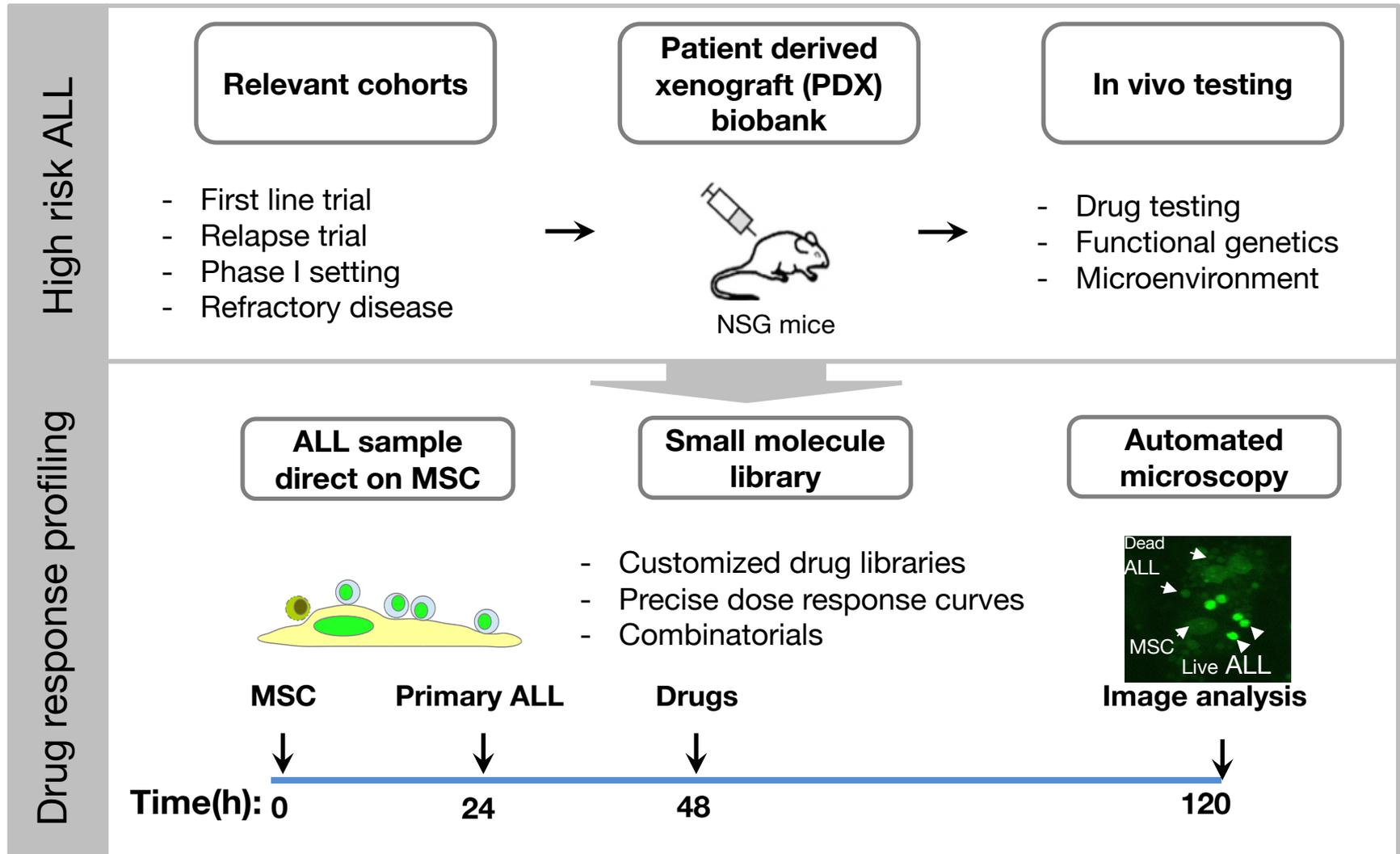
First line
ALL chemo



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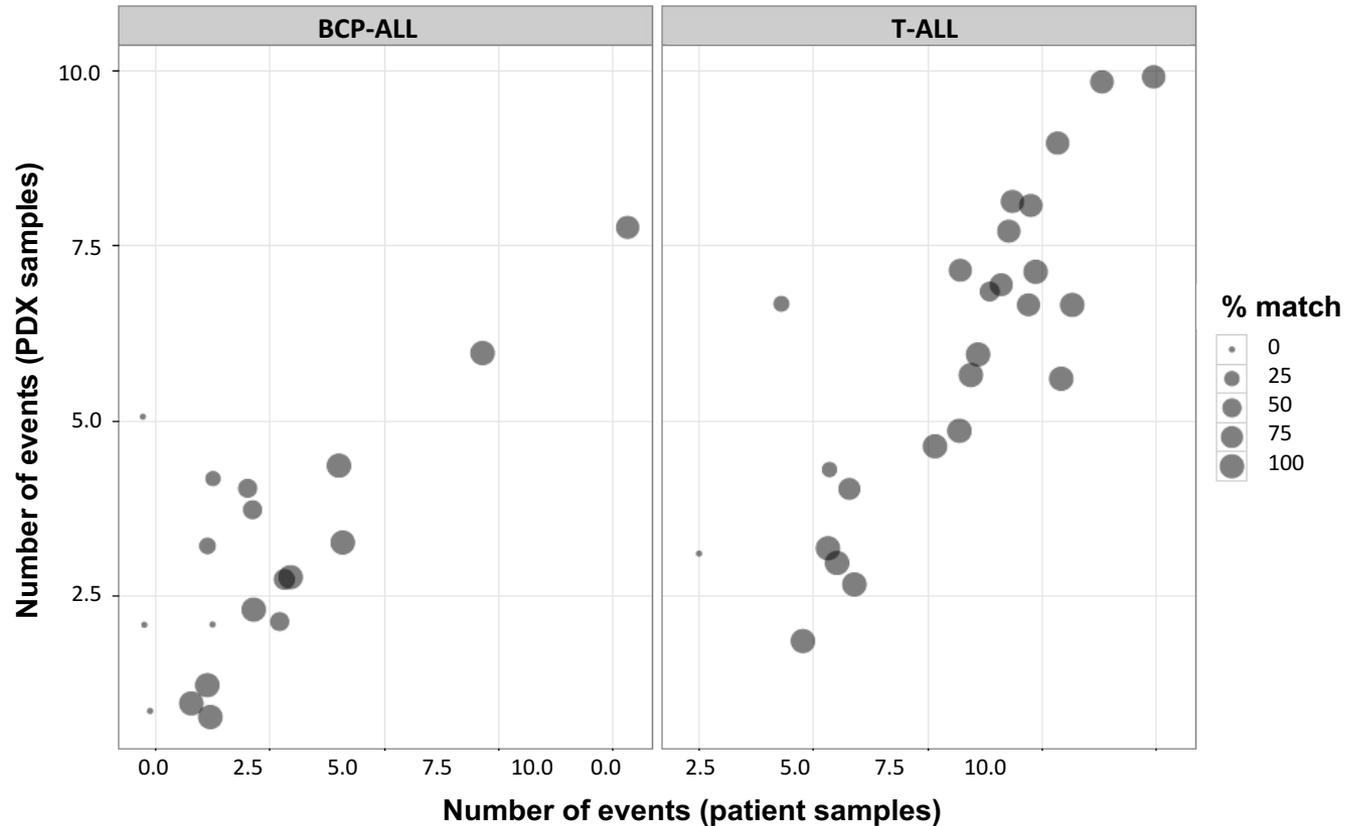
Entities for experimental treatment

Patient-derived models



Leukemia PDX are genetically stable

targeted sequencing 52 genes, SNVs and indels



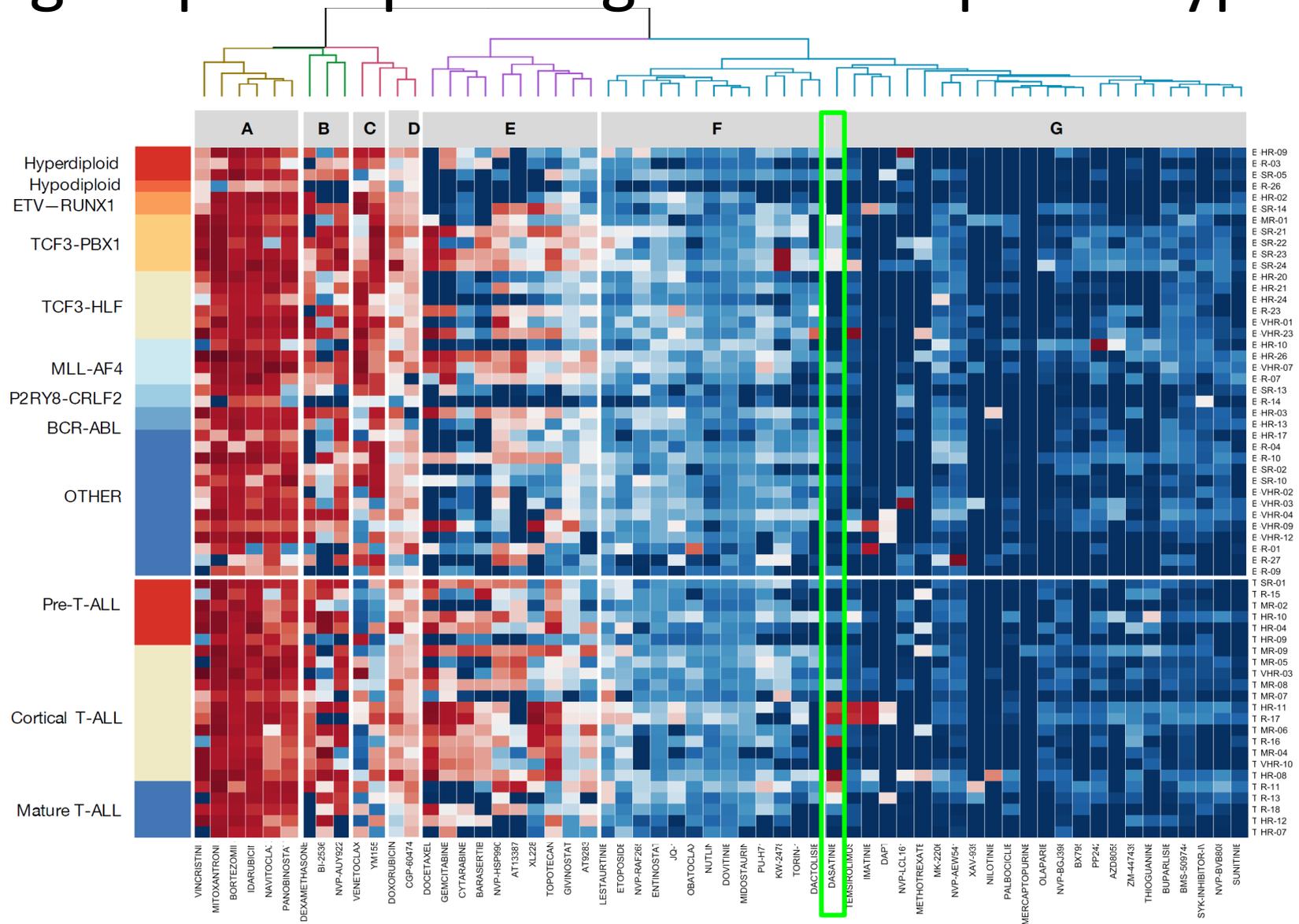
Frismantas et al Blood 2017

Pam Dobay, bioinformatics, IntReALL panel, C. Eckert, A Moorman, J. Irving FP7

Drug response profiling identifies phenotypes

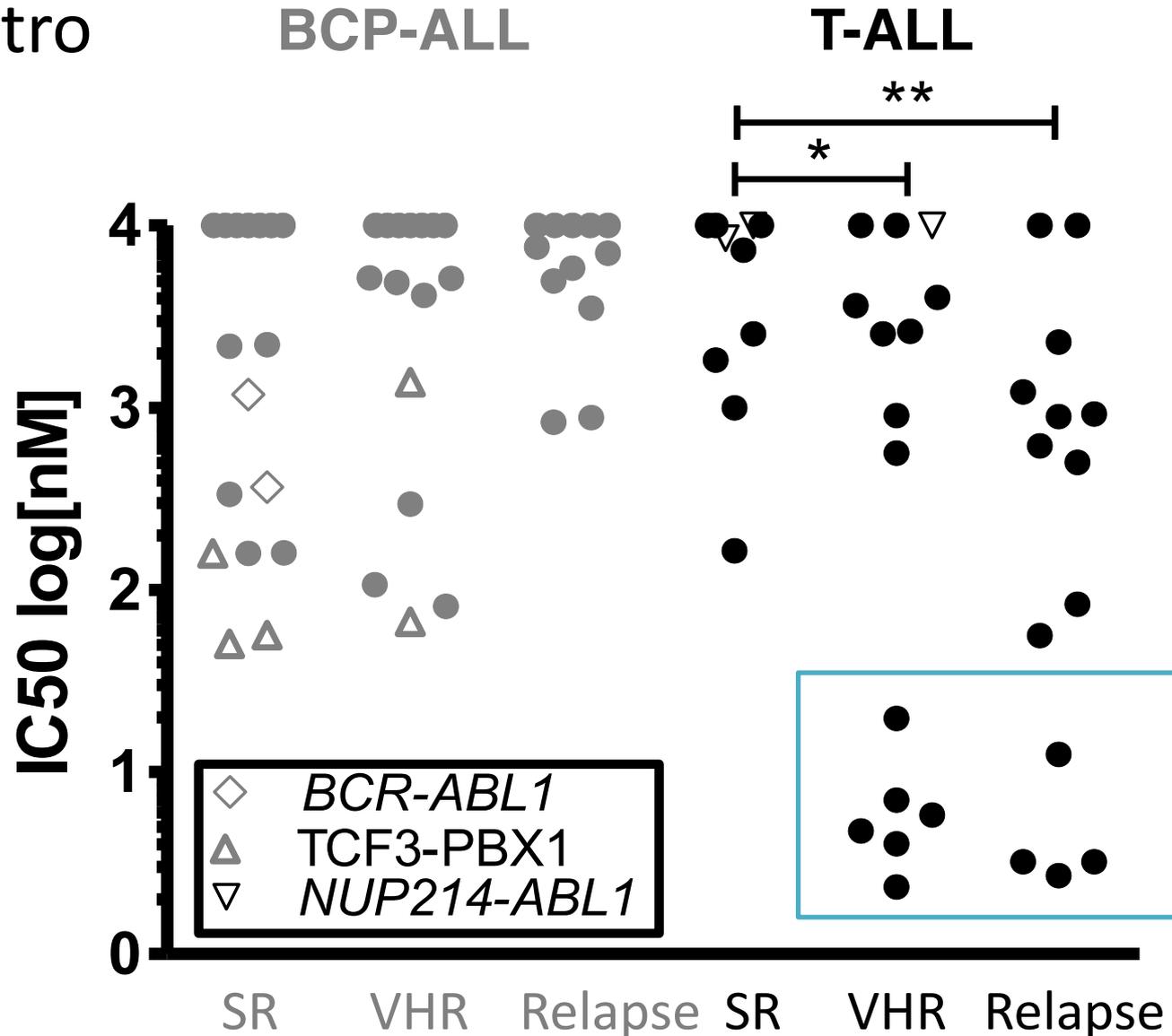
BCP-ALL

T-ALL

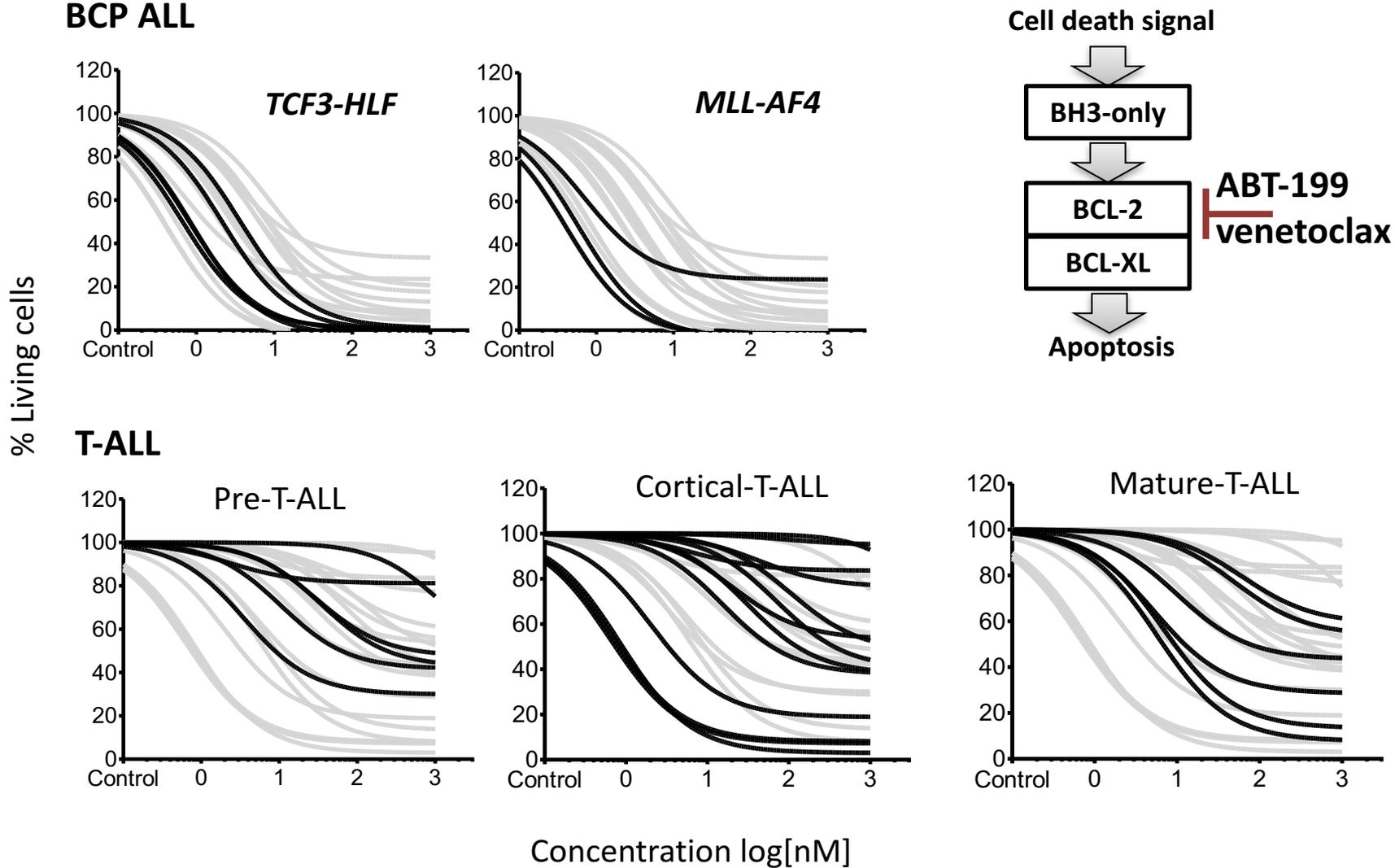


A highly dasatinib sensitive T-ALL subset

in vitro

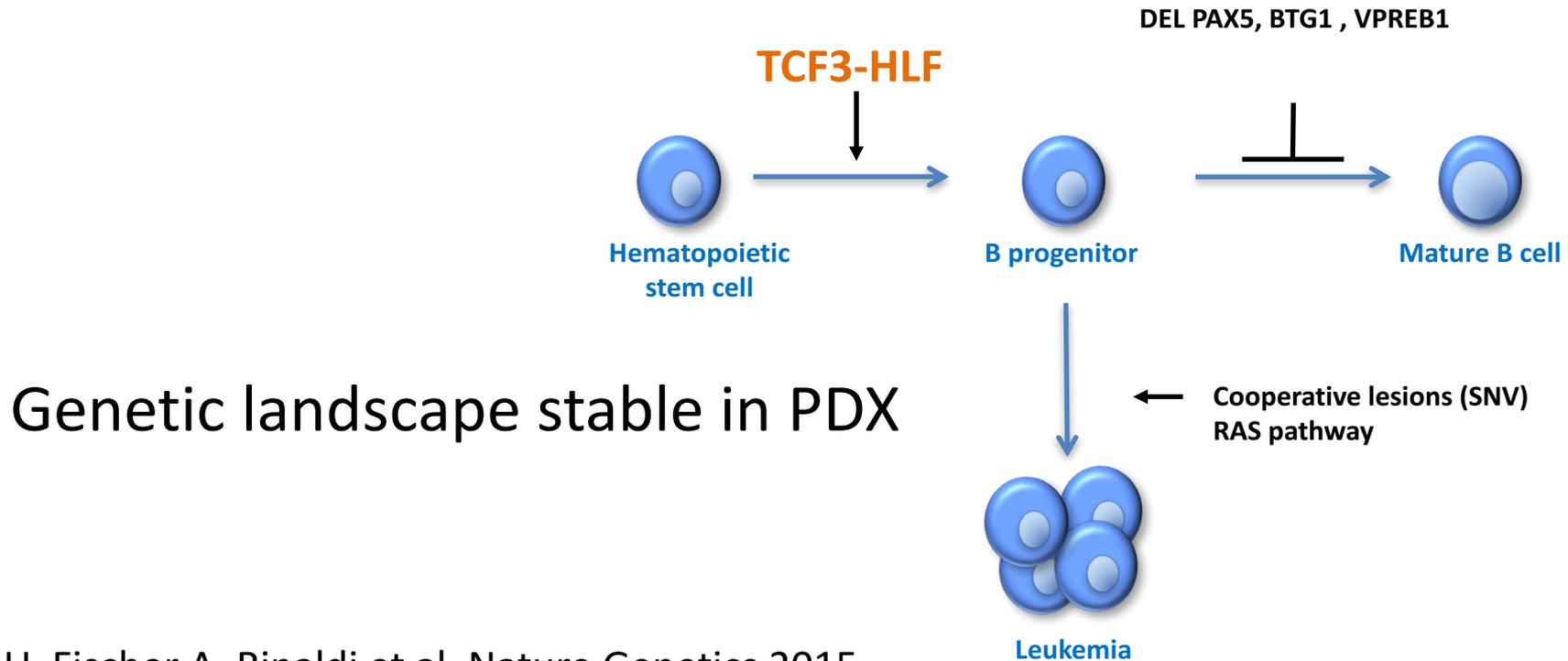
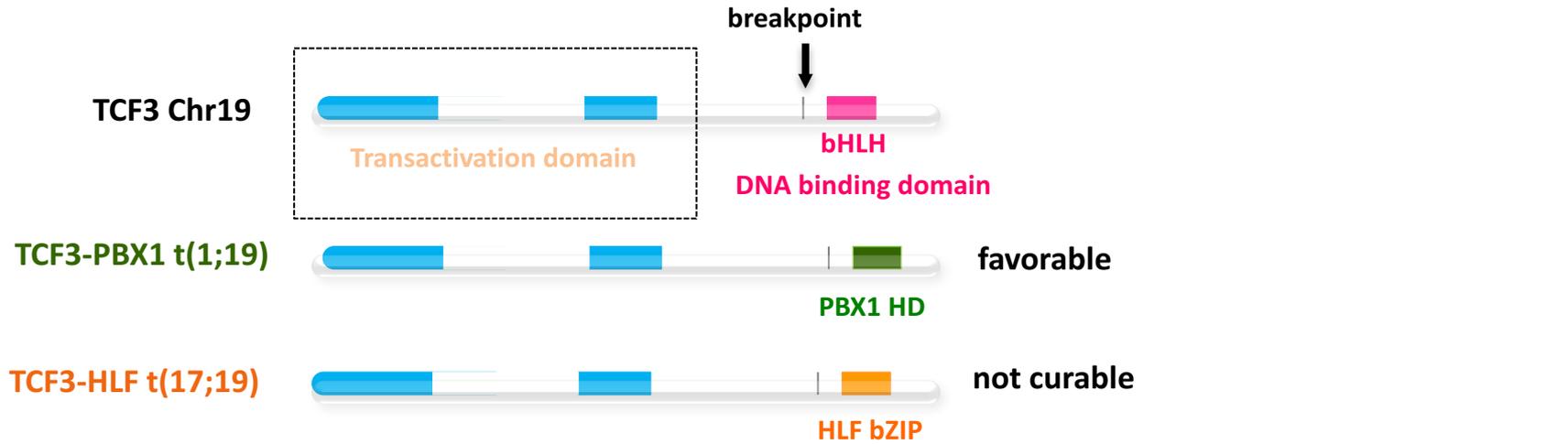


A subset of ALL responds to BCL2 inhibition with venetoclax

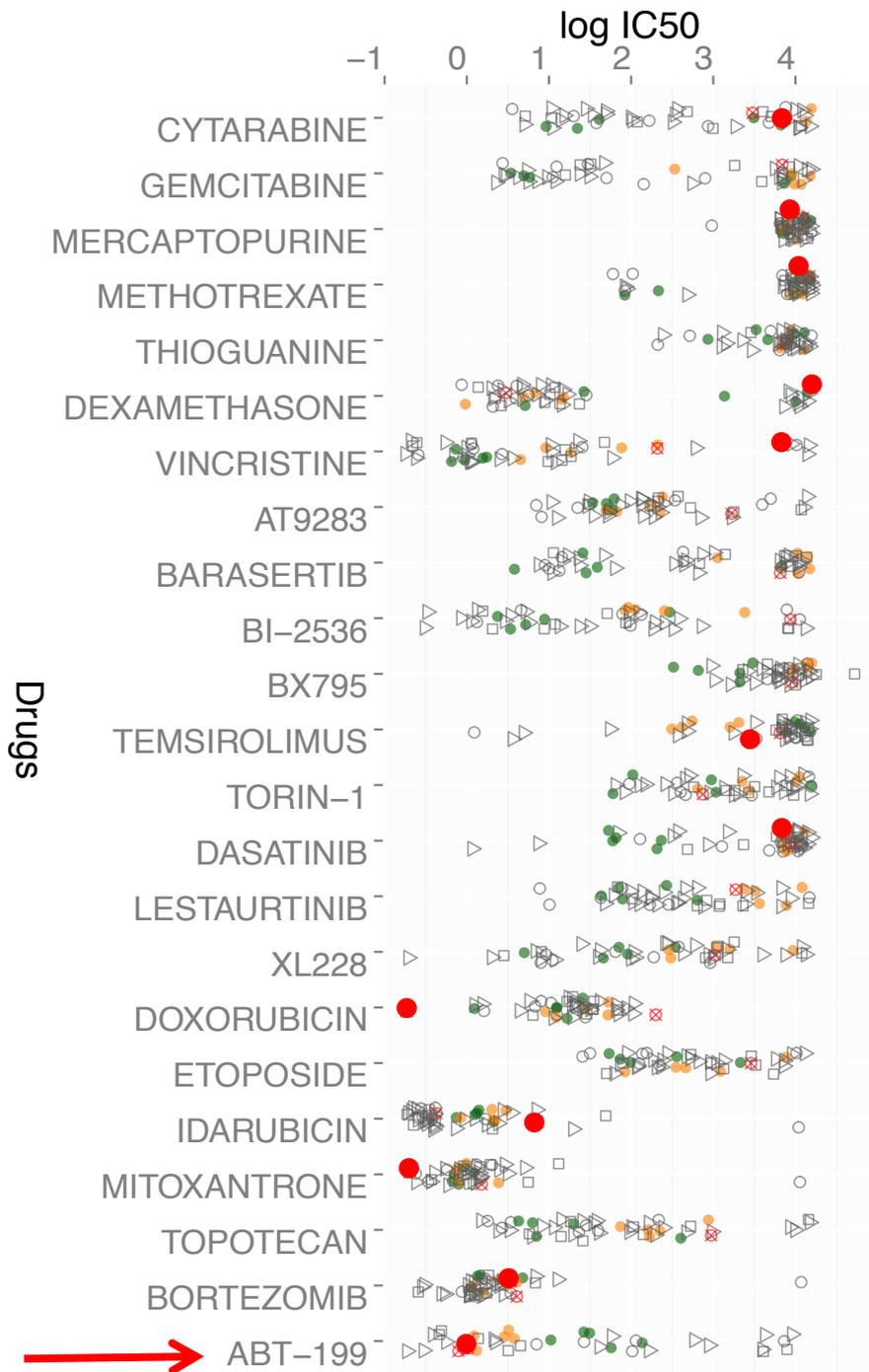


ABBVIE Pediatric Phase I study, Protocol + PIP in 2017 single agent and combination

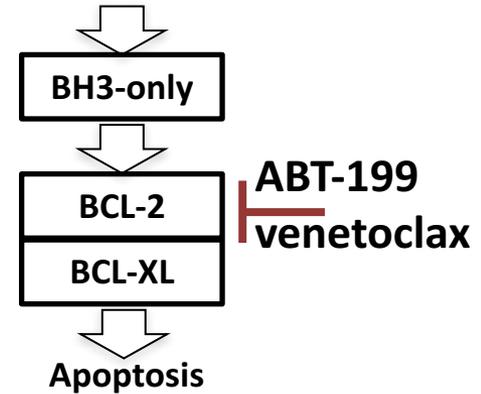
TCF3-HLF: a paradigm of resistant disease



Genetic landscape stable in PDX



Cell death signal

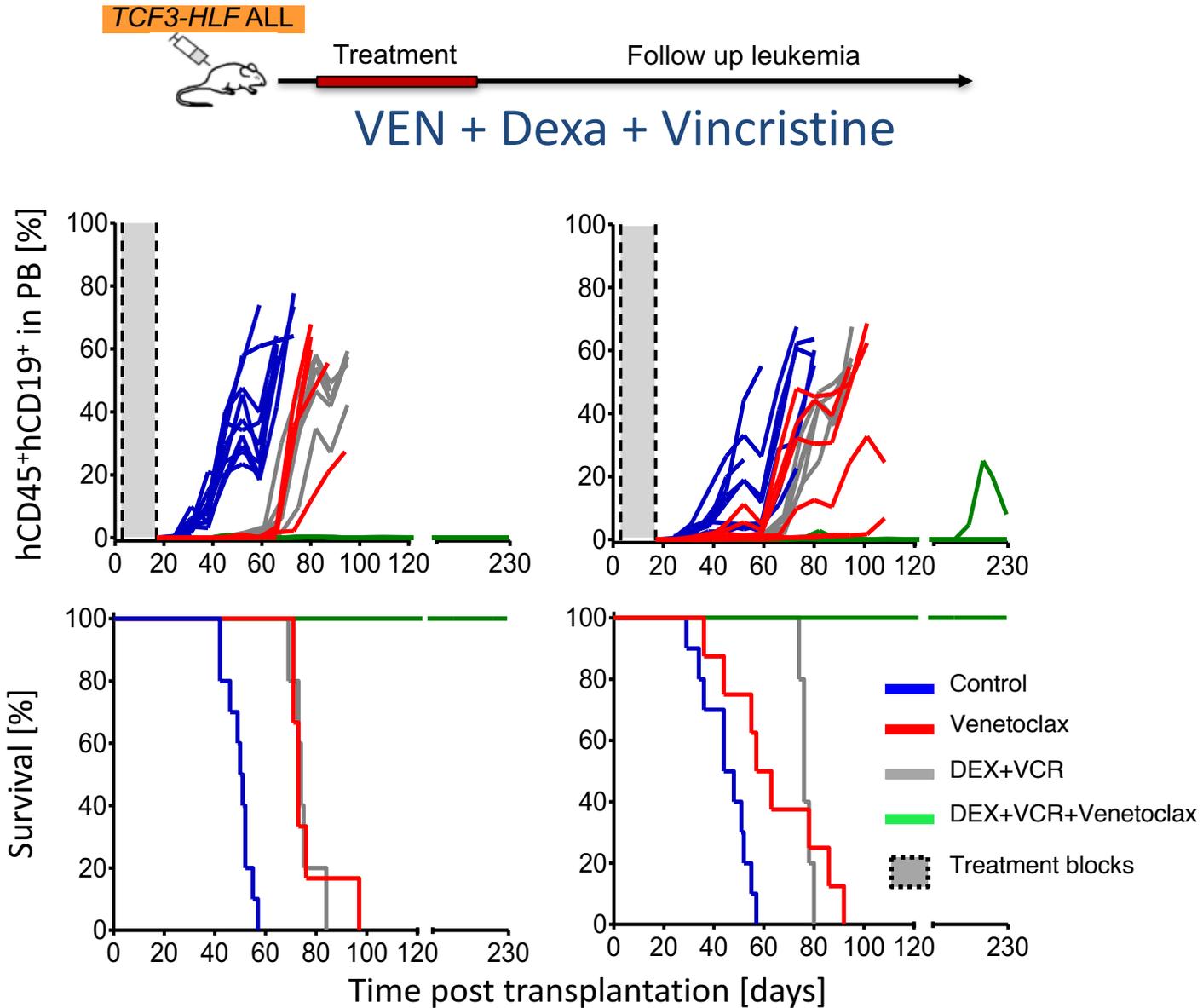


● ZH96 TCF3-HLF
primary refractory ALL

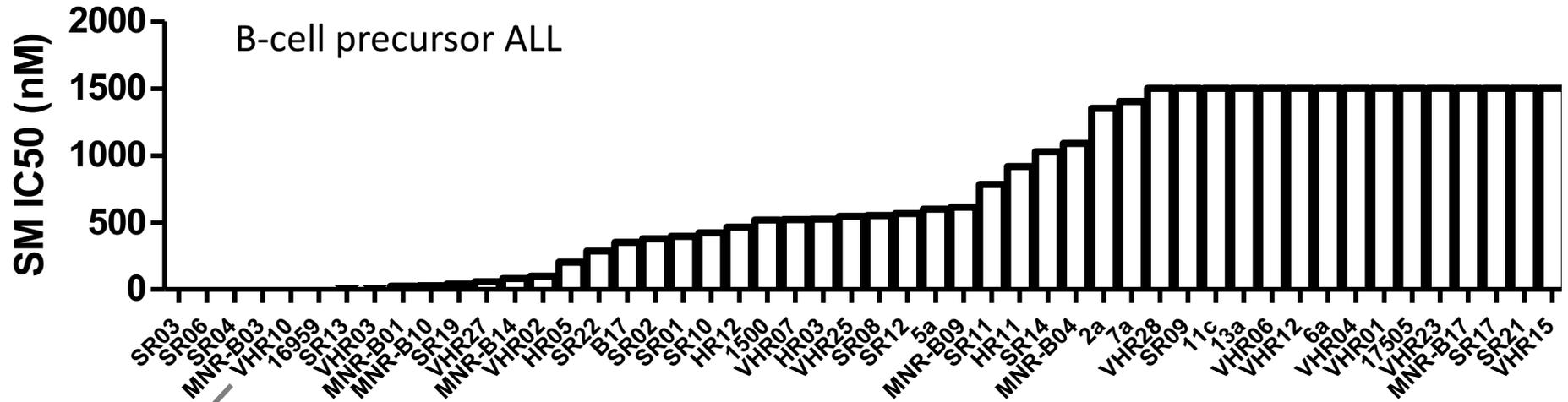
● TCF3-PBX1

● TCF3-HLF

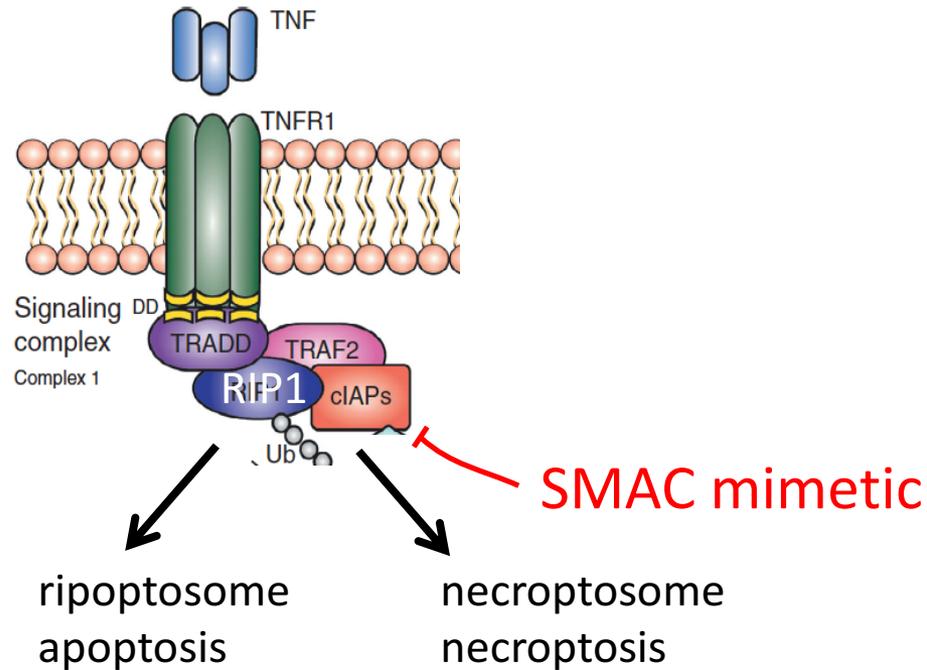
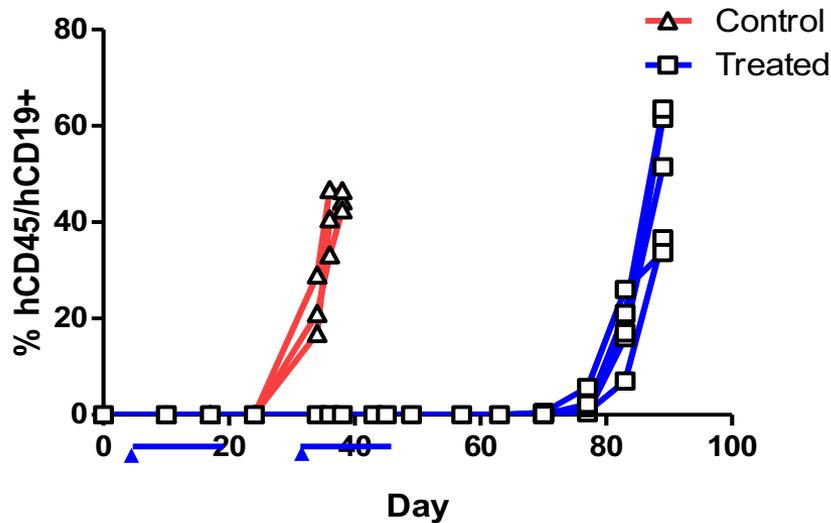
3 Drug mini induction + VEN controls TCF3-HLF ALL



Selective activity of the SMAC mimetic birinapant

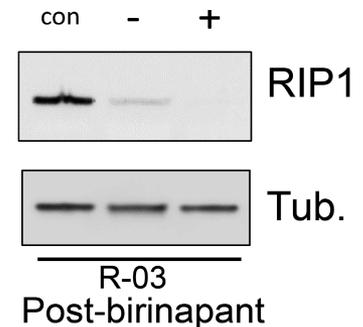
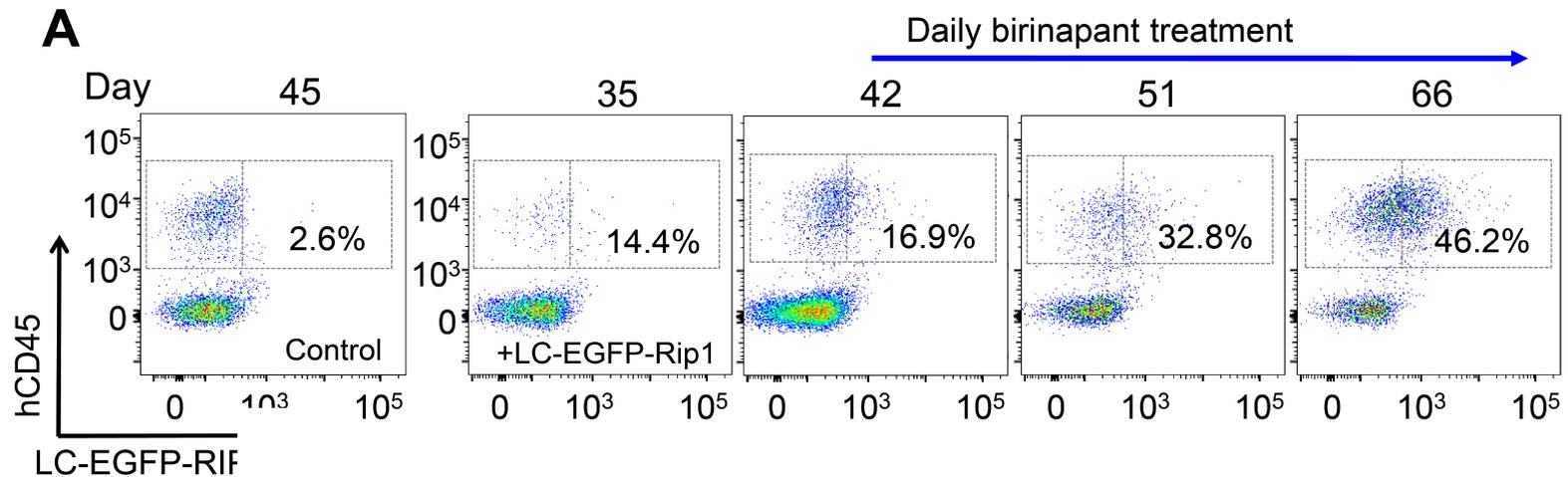
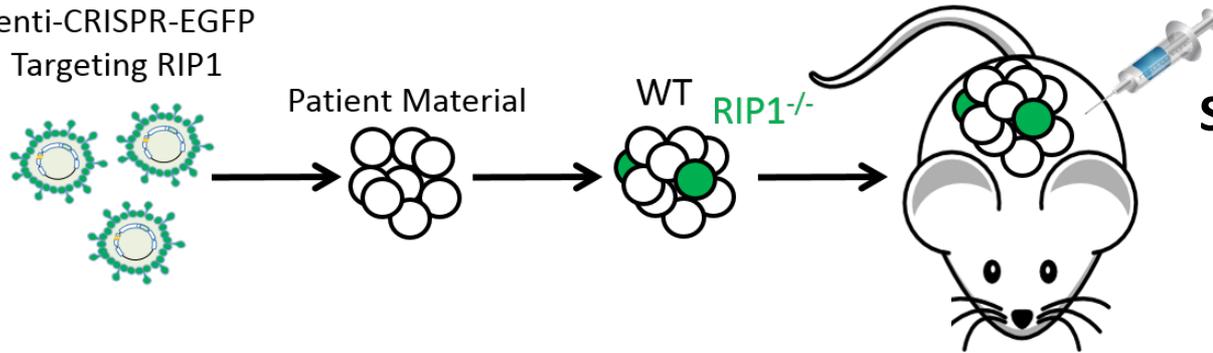


De novo resistant (high MRD load)

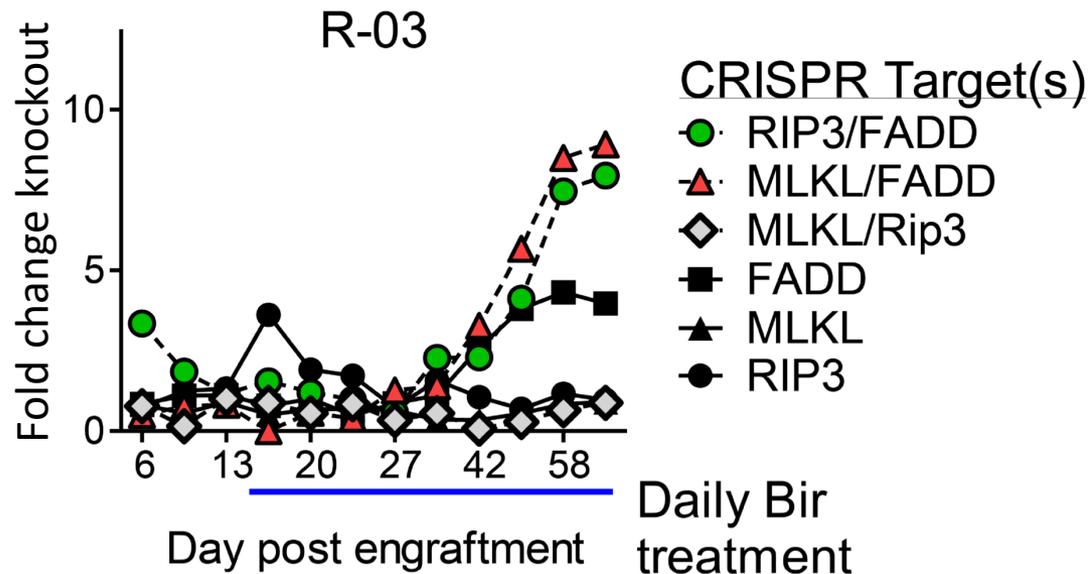
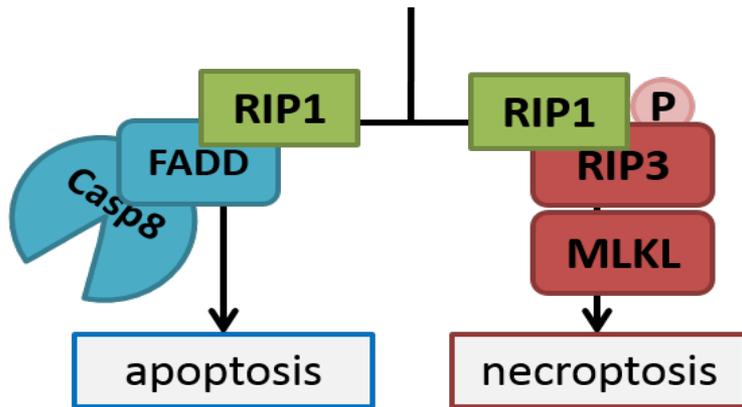
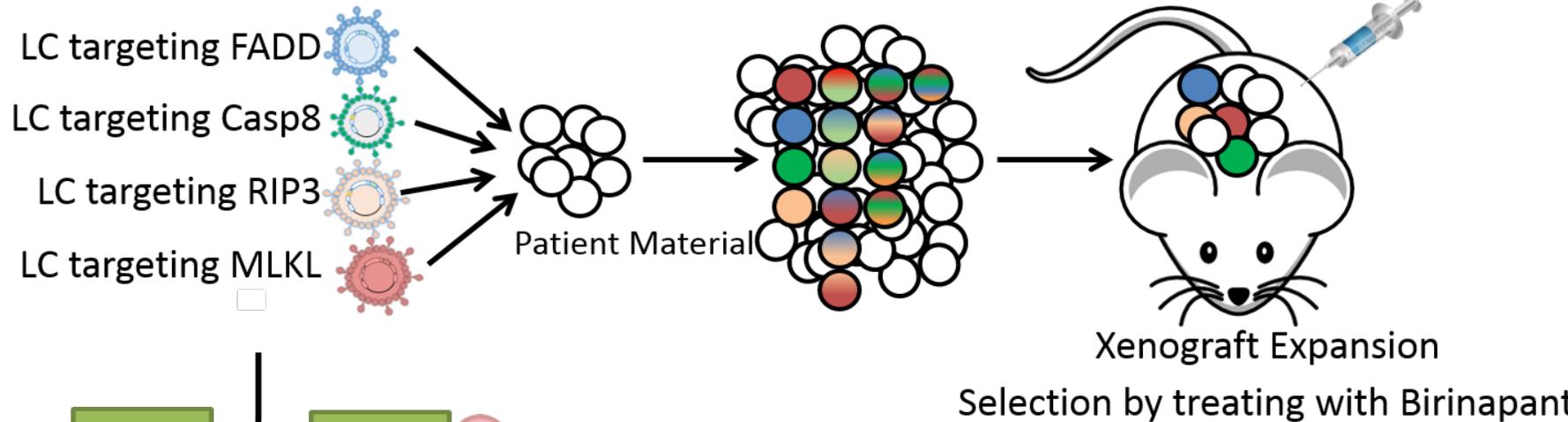


Functional genomics: lentiviral CRISPR to target RIP1

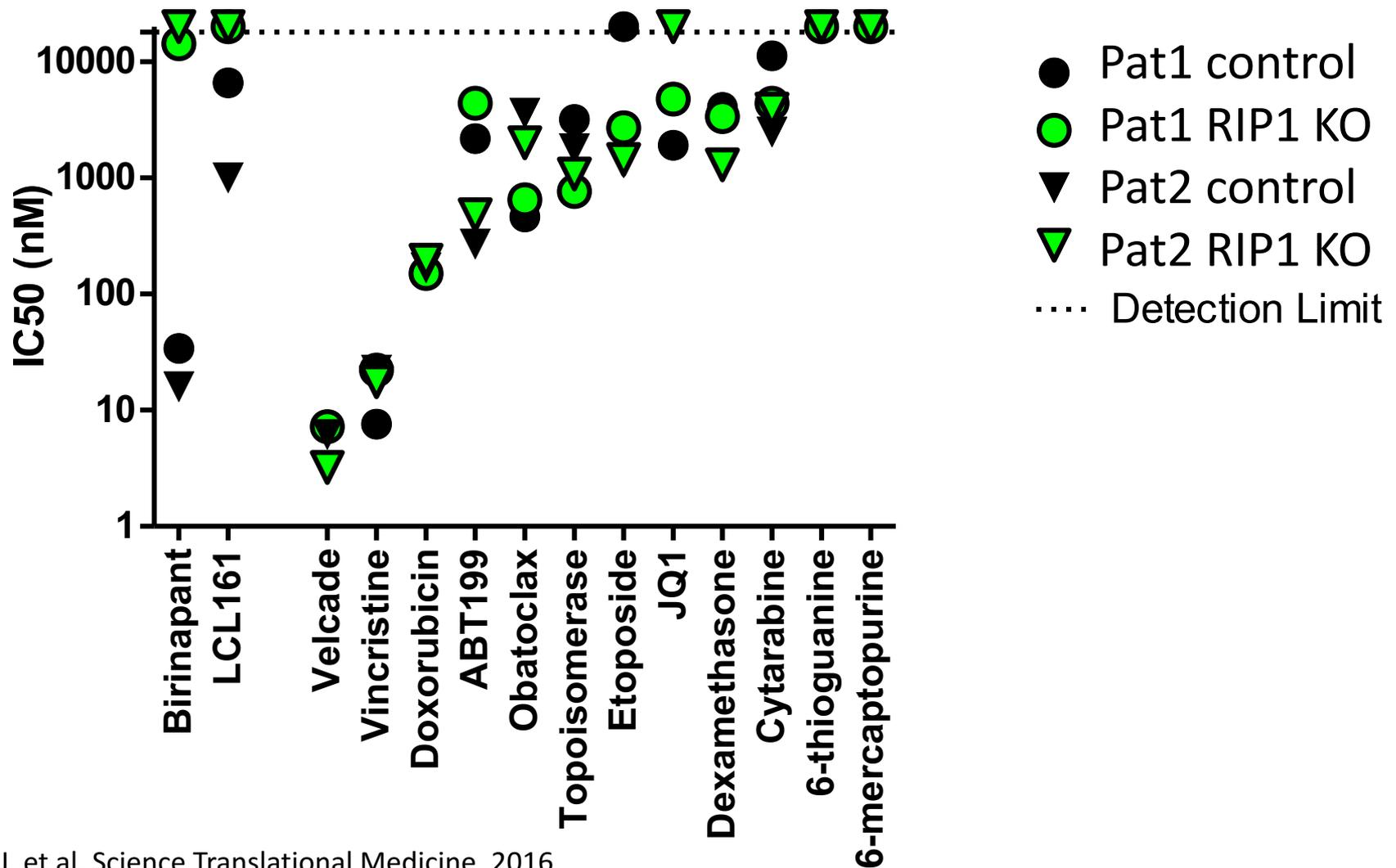
Lenti-CRISPR-EGFP
Targeting RIP1



SM: simultaneous apoptosis and necroptosis



RIP1 dependent death is not exploited by current chemotherapeutic agents



Preclinical modeling with PDX:

- Modeling and definition of clinically relevant cohorts
- Mechanistic studies in the real cellular context
- Ex vivo screening, drug activity profiling, functional omics
- Proof of concept for new combination in vivo
- Correlation with clinical activity of new agents



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