



Malignant hematopoiesis

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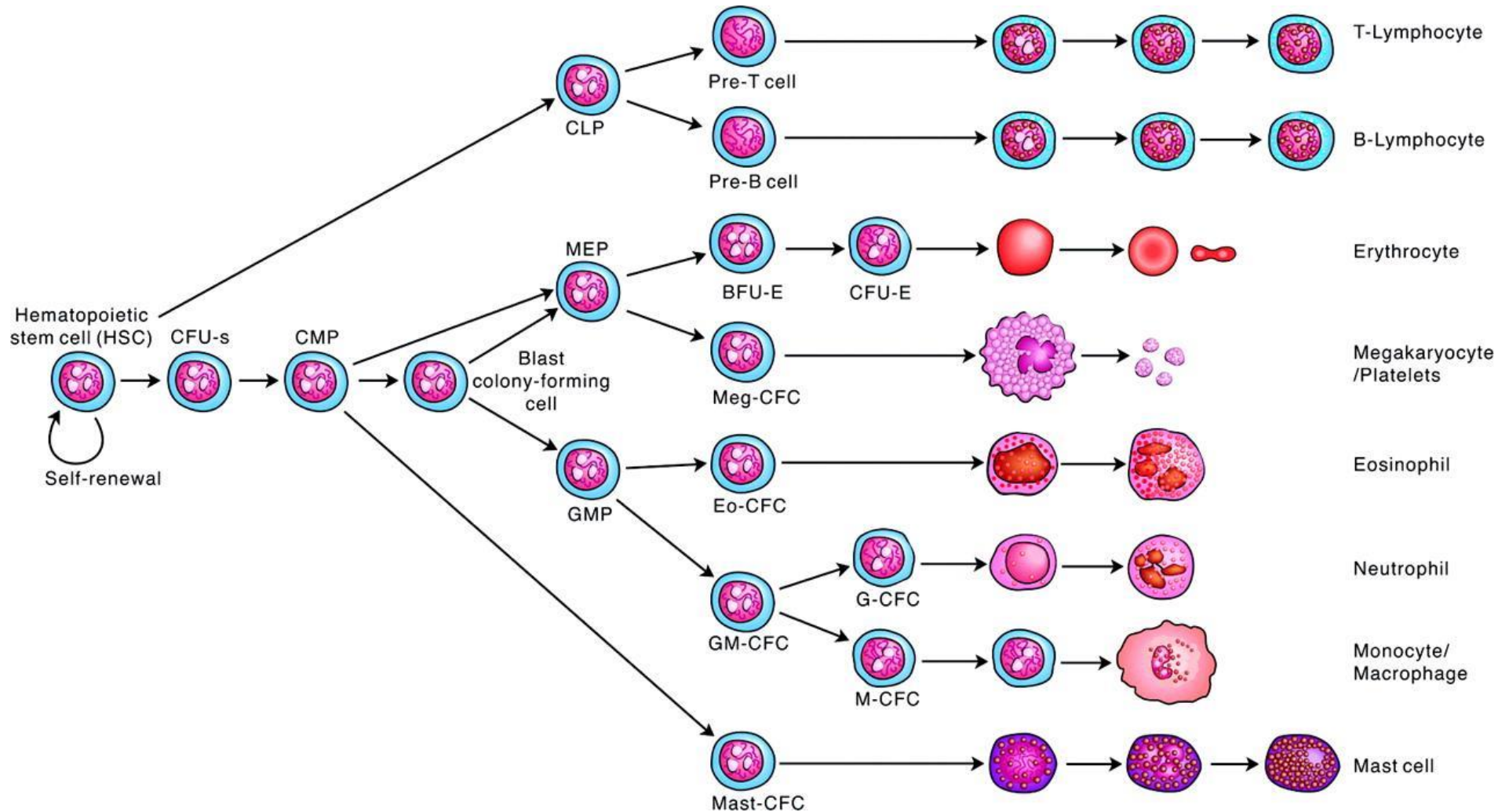
Myeloproliferative disorders

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Introduction

Myelopoiesis and Lymphopoiesis




Myelopoiesis and Lymphopoiesis

- **myeloid cells** (erythropoiesis, granulocytopoiesis, monocytopoiesis, thrombocytopoiesis _ megakaryocytes)
- **lymphoid cells** (B-lymphopoiesis, T-lymphopoiesis, NK-lymphopoiesis)



- **Myeloproliferative disorders**

- **Lymphoproliferative disorders**

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- Myeloproliferative disorders
 - **chronic**
 - **acute**
 - Lymphoproliferative disorders
 - **chronic**
 - **acute**

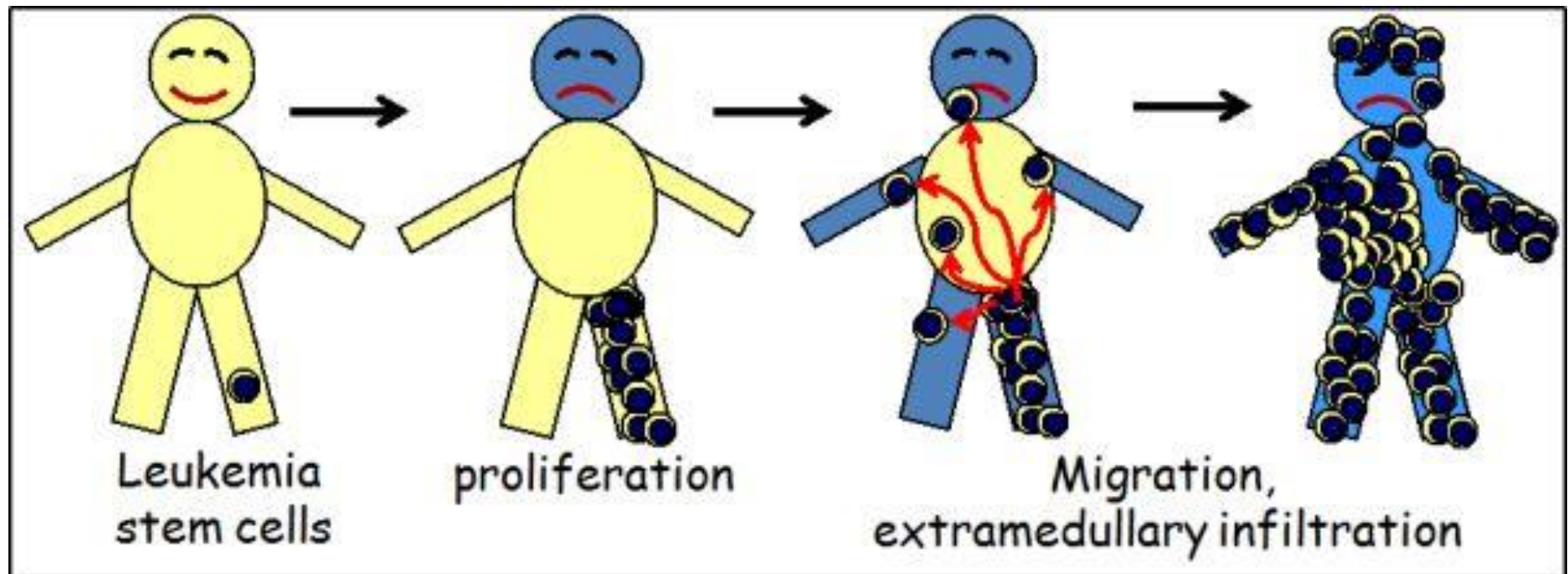


Lymphoproliferative diseases
can also have a form of a solid tumor,
a lymphoma.

Though seemingly localized to a
lymphoid tissue outside the bone
marrow, it is considered to be
a systemic disease involving
(infiltrating) the bone marrow regularly.

A single **leukemic stem cells** starts the disease.

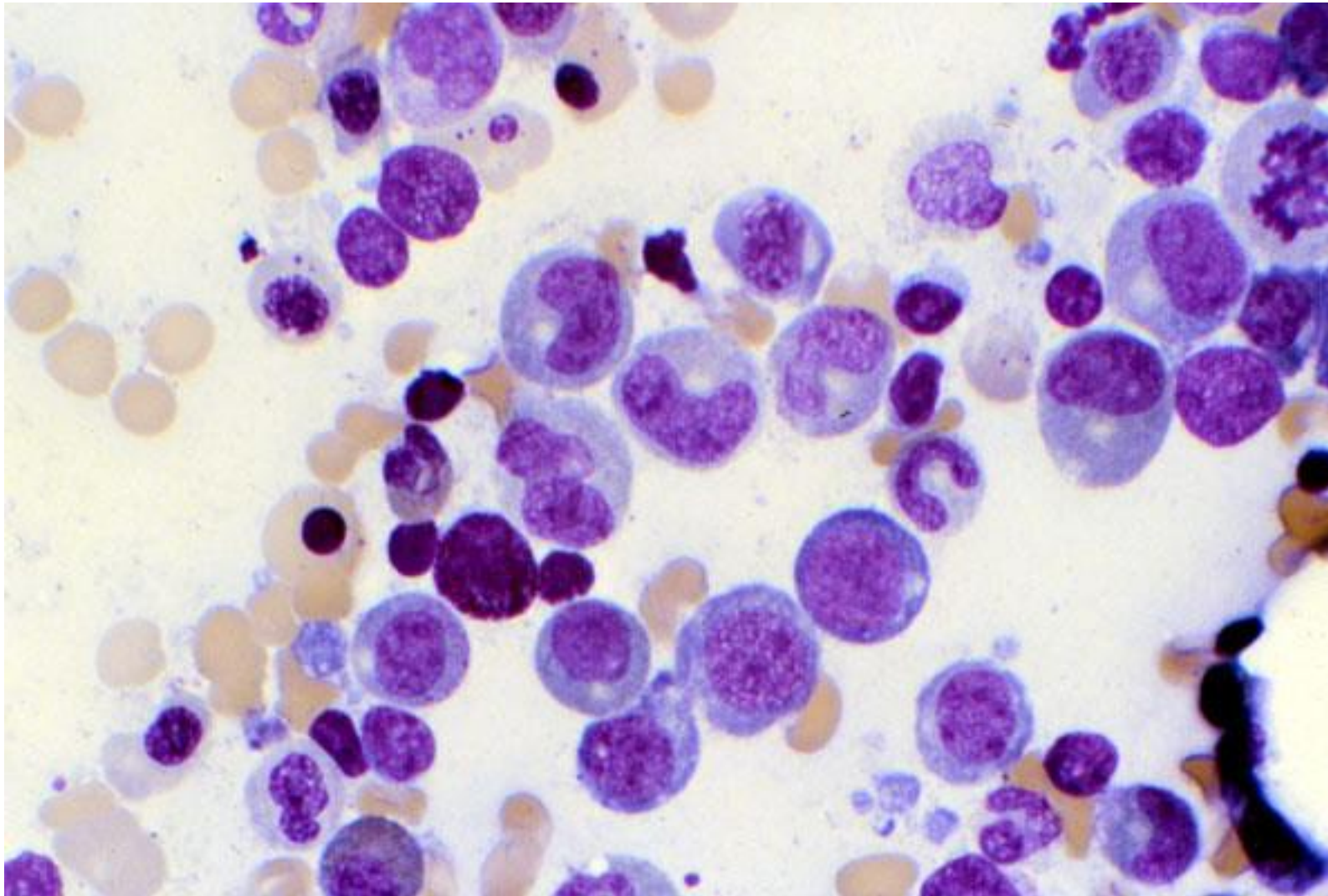
The disease then spreads throughout the body.



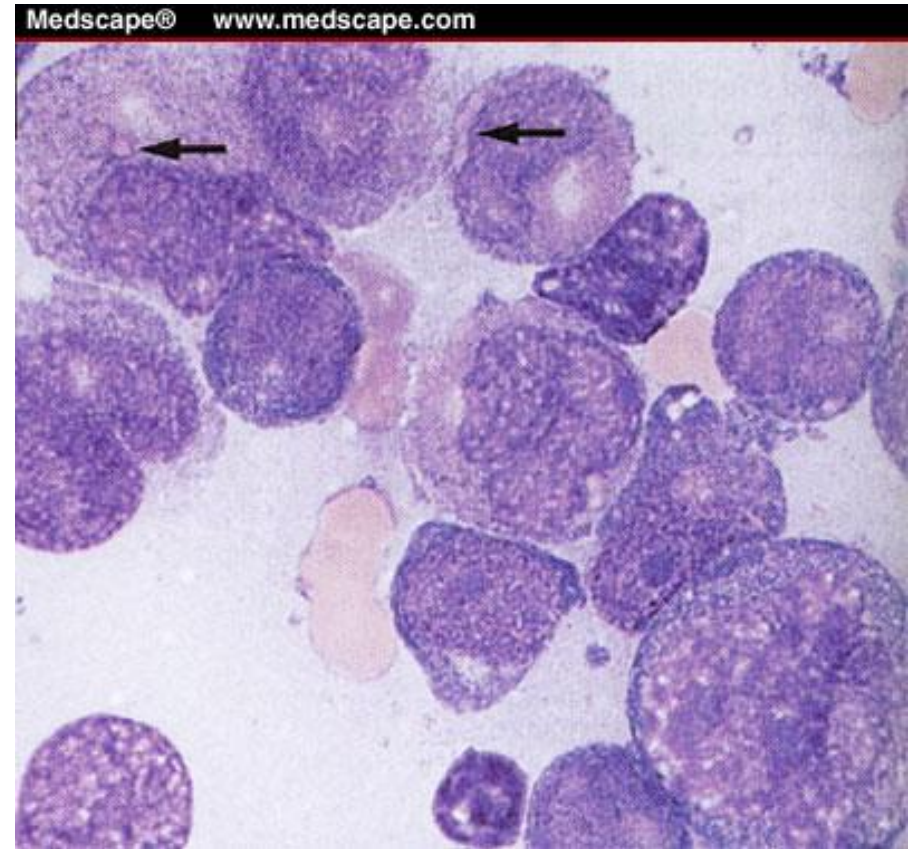
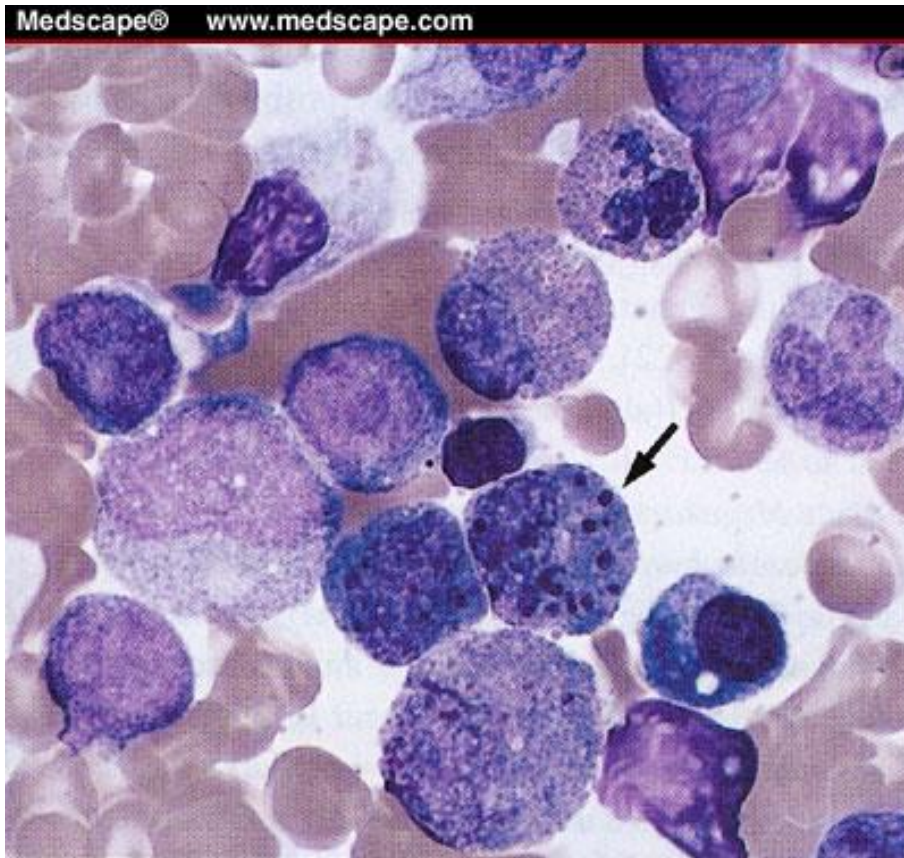
Malignant hematopoiesis

- is usually monoclonal
- is usually systemic

Normal hematopoiesis is **polyclonal**

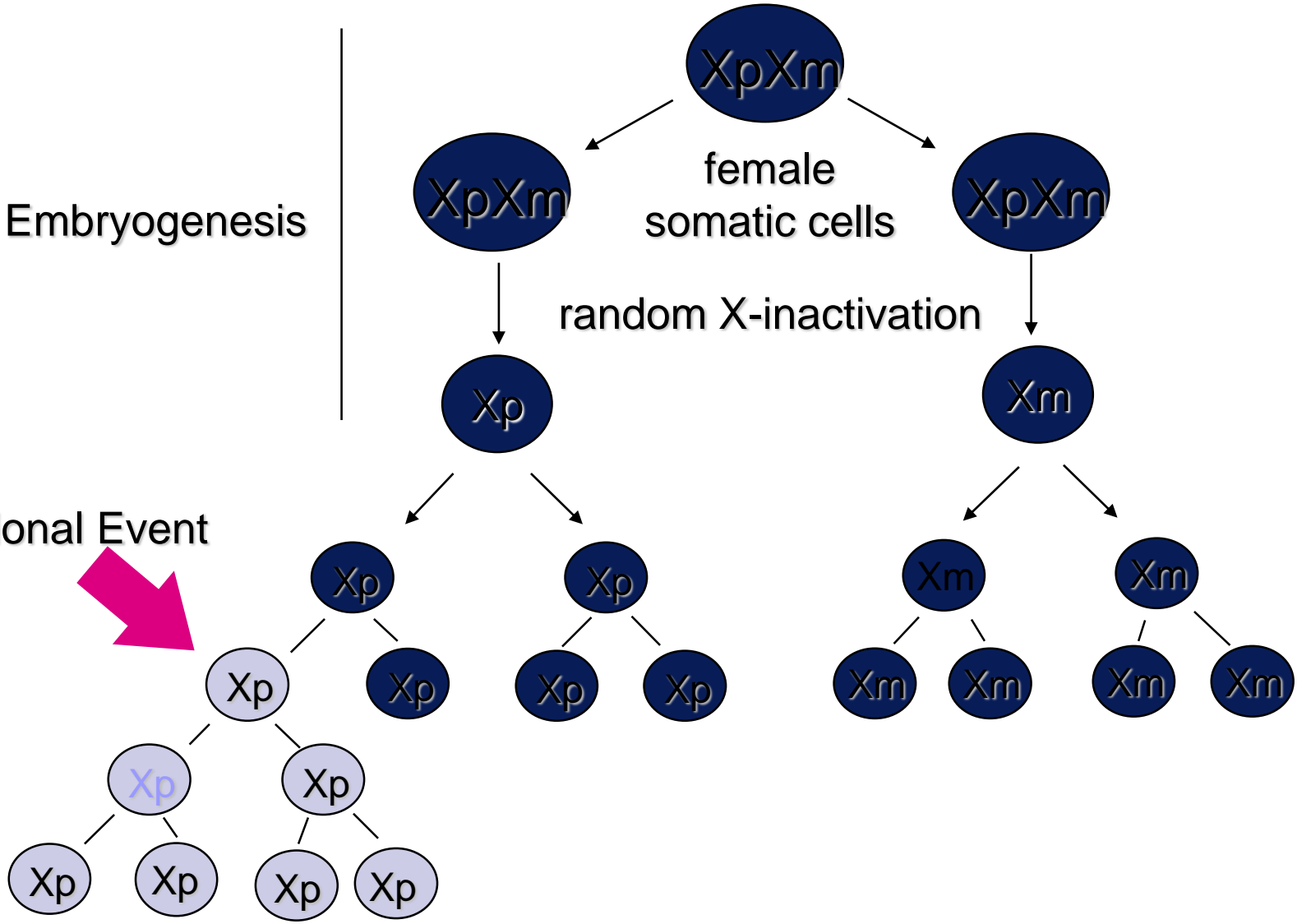


Malignant hematopoiesis is **monoclonal**
(examples: acute myeloid leukemia; AML)

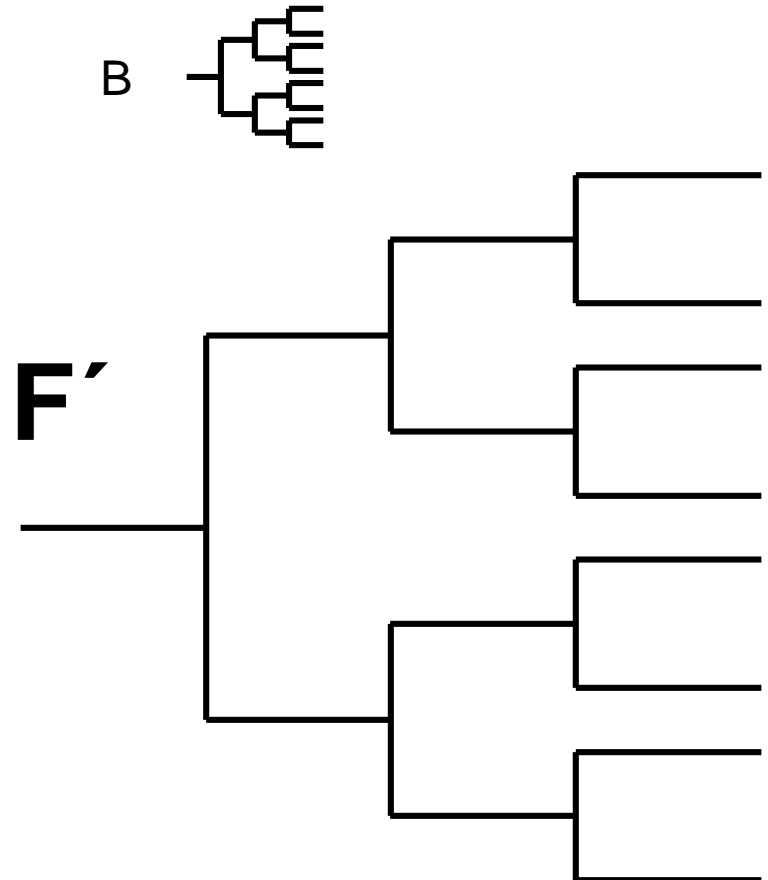
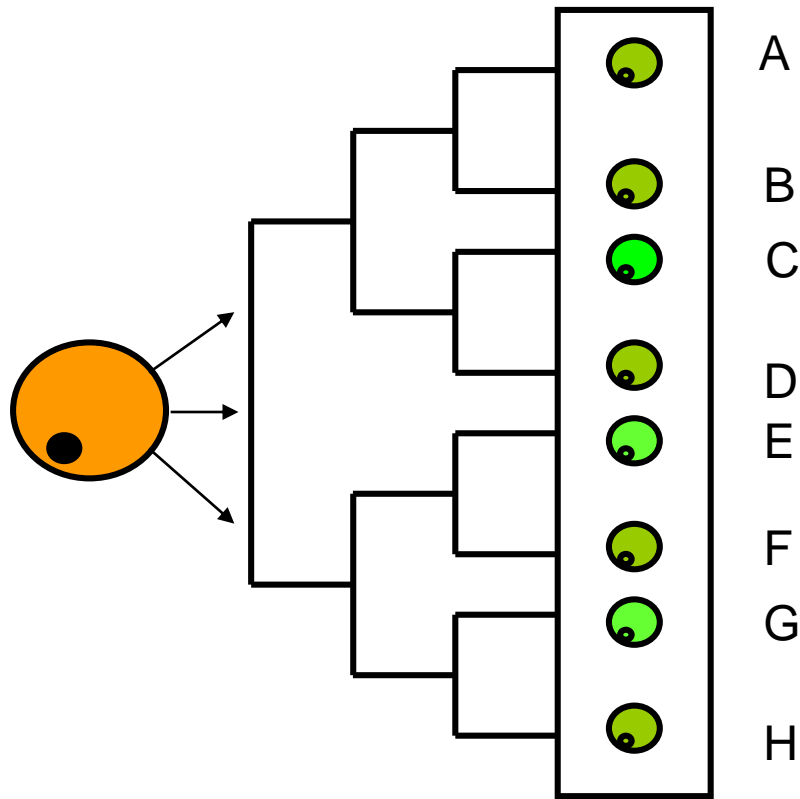



Embryogenesis

Clonal Event



Malignant monoclonal hematopoiesis is caused by mutations (F' cell clone)






Treatment eliminates or suppresses the malignant clone and normal polyclonal hematopoiesis usually resumes

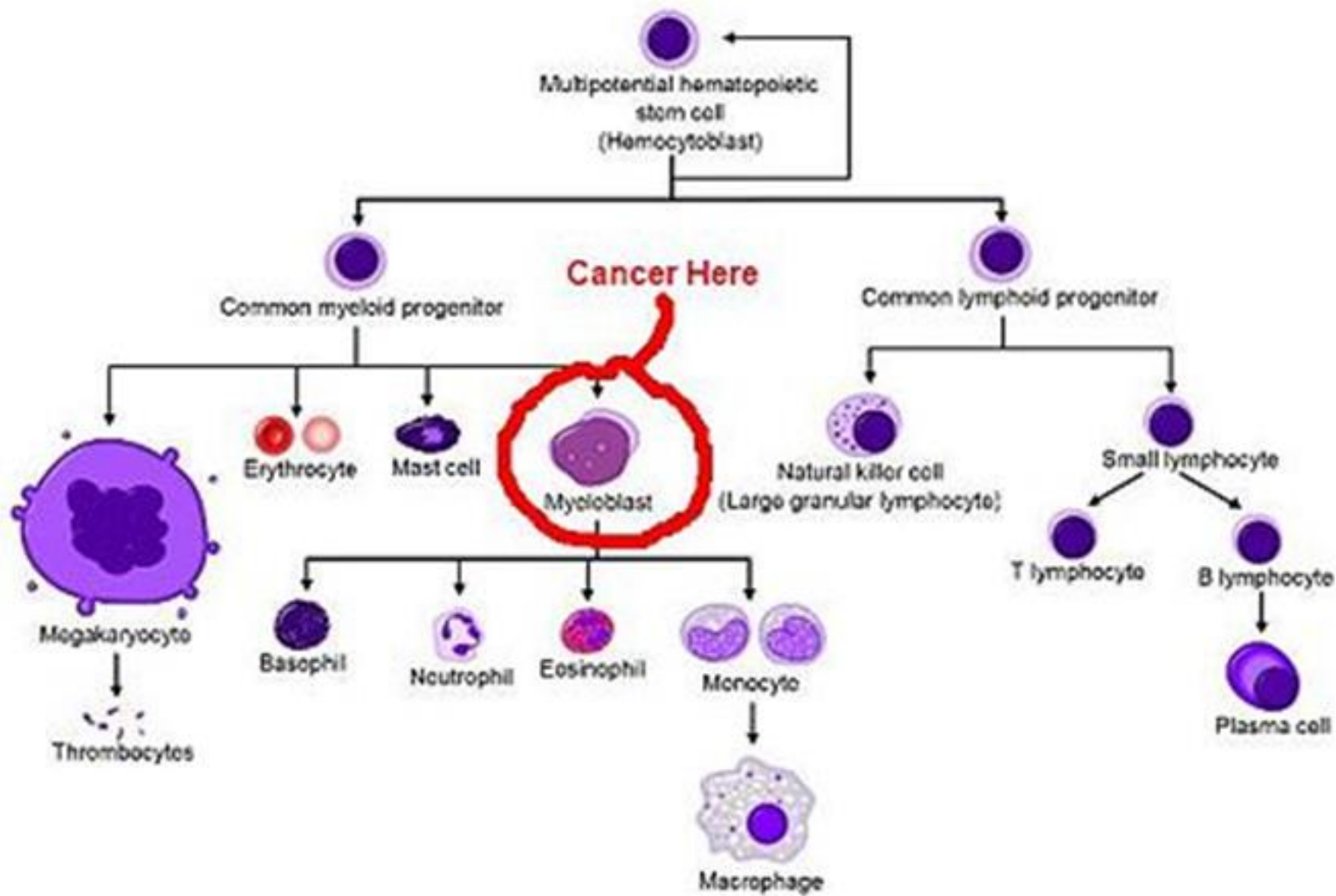
Possible therapy outcomes

- remission
- successful treatment (complete remission)
- residual disease
- relaps

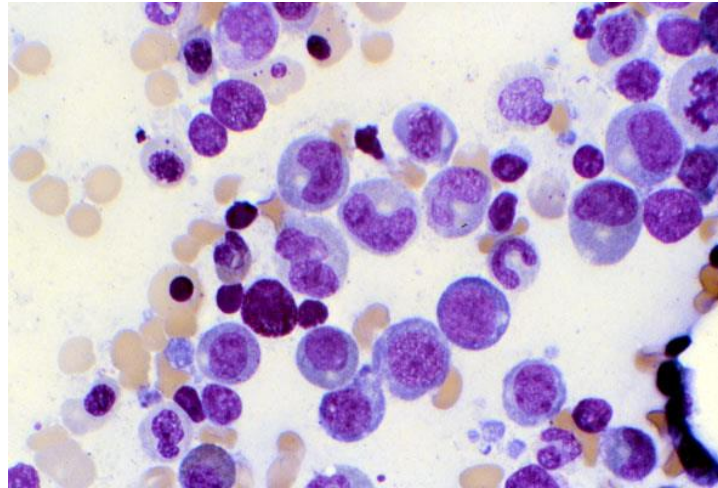


A pathological dominant clone may start from
a mutated hematopoietic stem cell
but not necessarily.

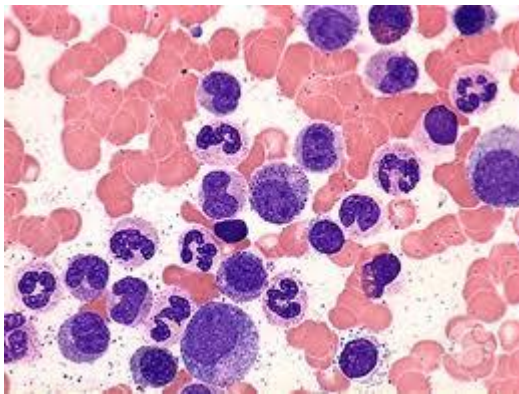
A mutated progenitor cell
may be a source of
a dominant malignant clone as well.



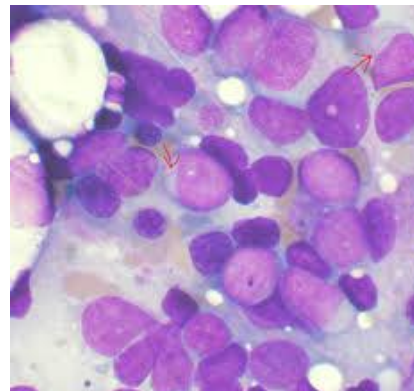
Normal bone marrow and CML, AML, CLL



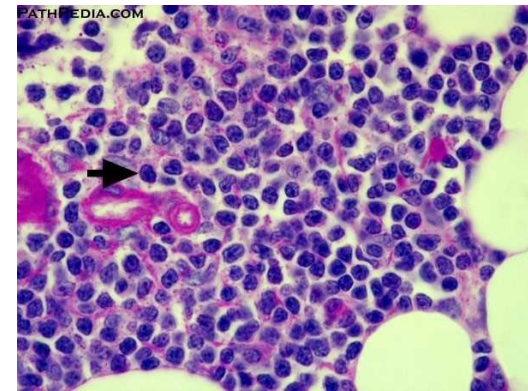
CML




AML



CLL





Chronic myeloproliferative disorders

Chronic **myeloproliferative** diseases

- **Myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS)**
- **Polycythemia vera rubra**
- **Chronic myeloid leukemia (CML)**
- **Essential thrombocythemia**
- **Idiopathic Myelofibrosis/or
Agnogenic Myeloid Metaplasia**

- **Chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL) ...is lymphoproliferative disease**



Myeloproliferative Disorders

(Chronic) Myeloproliferative Disorders

– common features

- Acquired mutation in a hematopoietic stem cell
- Clonal hematopoiesis
- Proliferation of granulocytes, red cells and/or platelets
- Splenomegaly (variable)
- Bone marrow fibrosis (variable)



Myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS)

MDS and Leukemias: Annual Incidence (U.S.)

Type	Adults	Children	Total
AML	9,300	1,020	10,320
ALL	1,300	2,900	4200
CML	4,380	120	4500
CLL	10,800	0	10,800
MDS	14,000	1,000	15,000
TOTAL	37,780	5,040	44,820

Myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS)

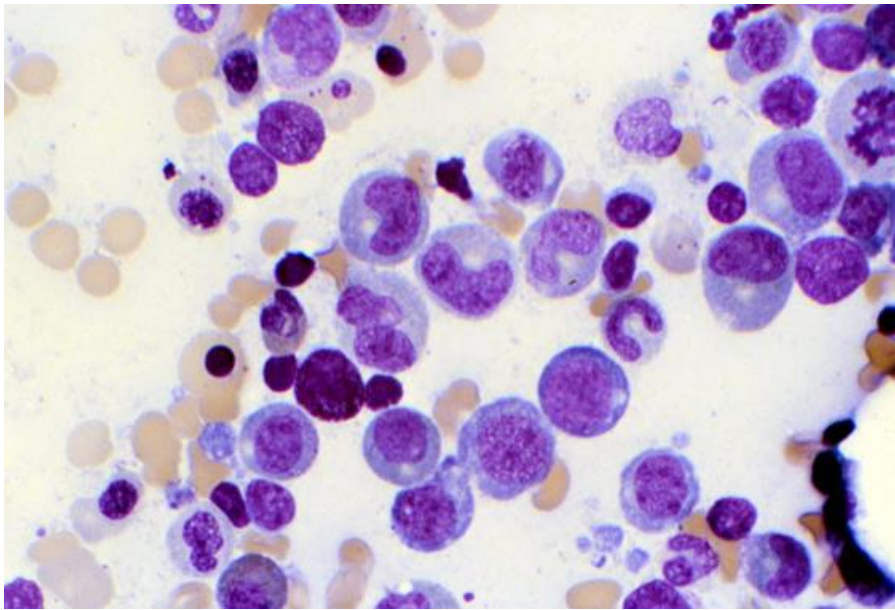
**MDS is a myeloproliferative disease,
used to be called „preleukemia“**

It has several forms.

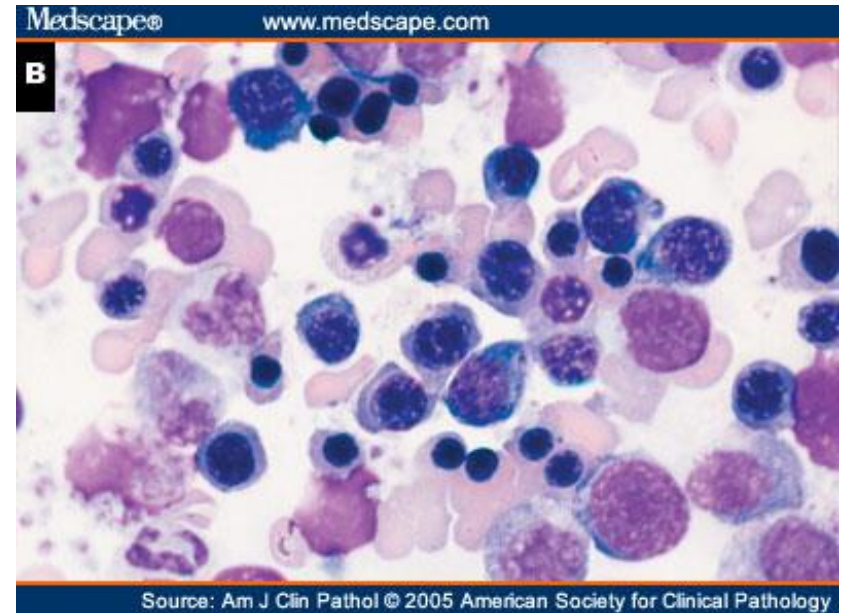
**There is decreased number of „myeloid“ cell in
the blood (anemia, granulocytopenia,
thrombocytopenia = pancytopenia)**

Normal and dysplastic (MDS) bone marrow

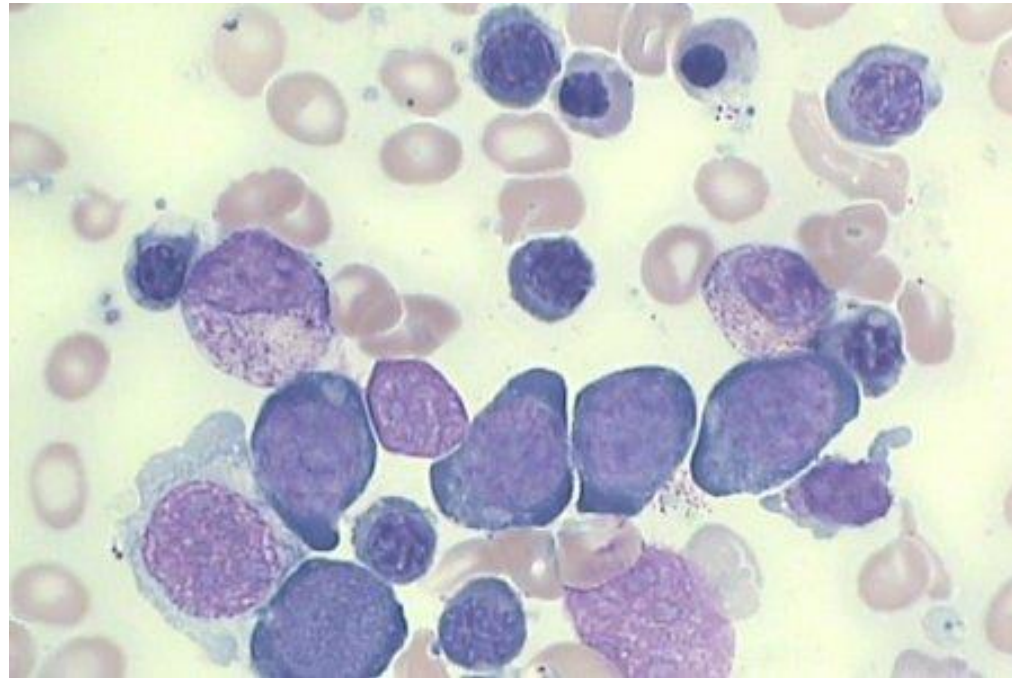
Normal bone marrow

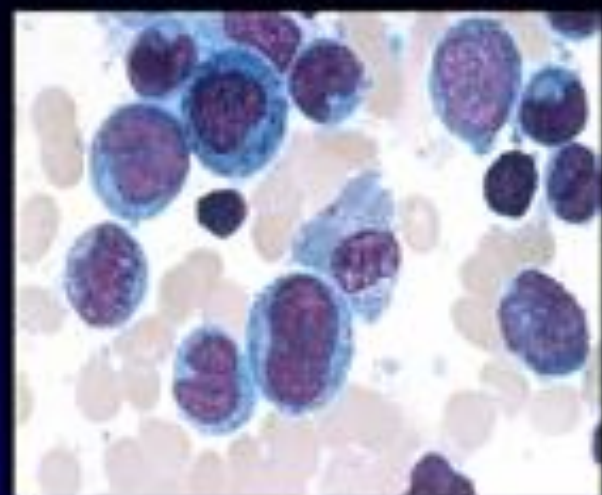


Dysplastic bone marrow



Dysplastic bone marrow in the RAEB
(refractory anemia with excess of blasts)
a form of the MDS



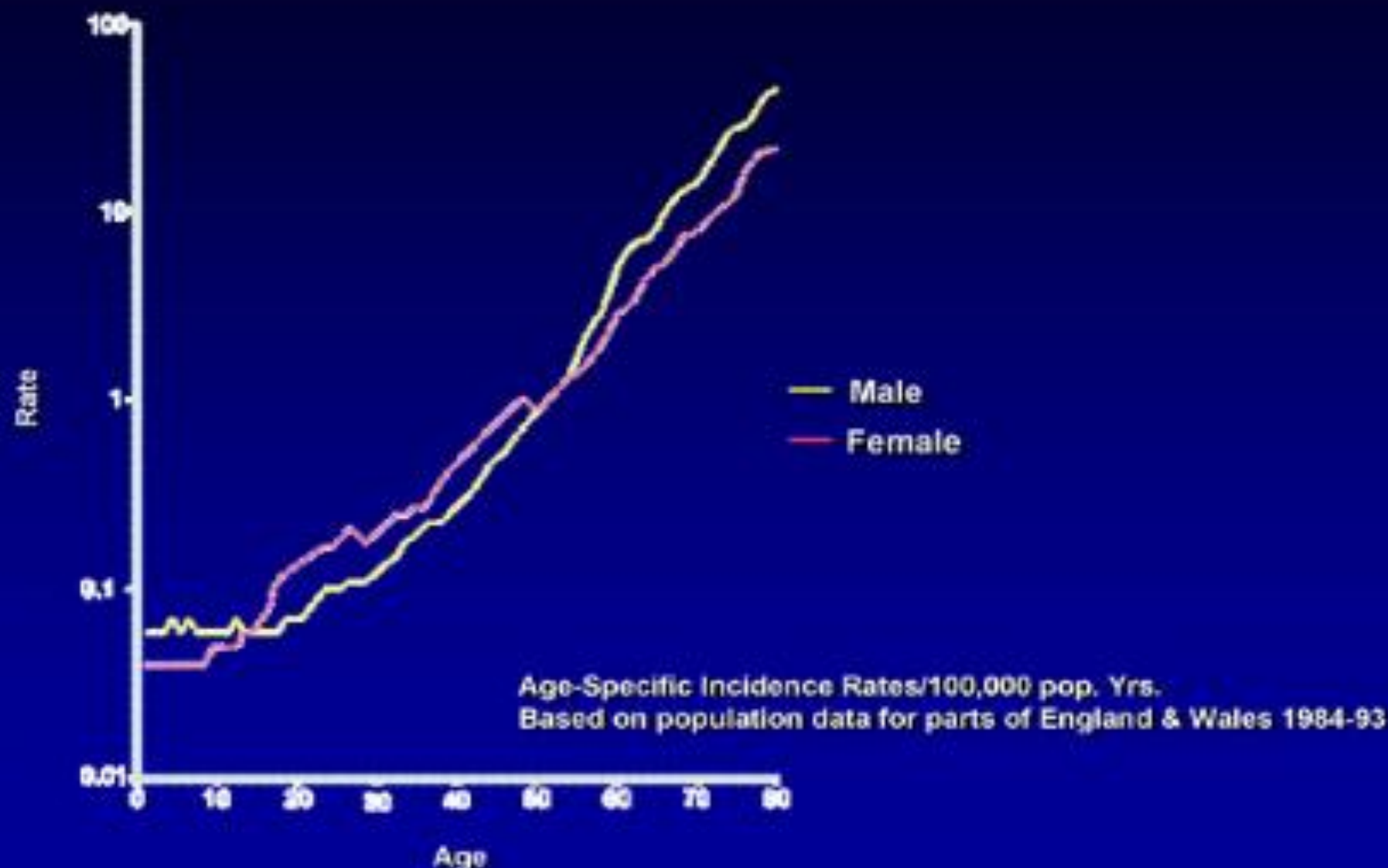


The Myelodysplastic Syndromes

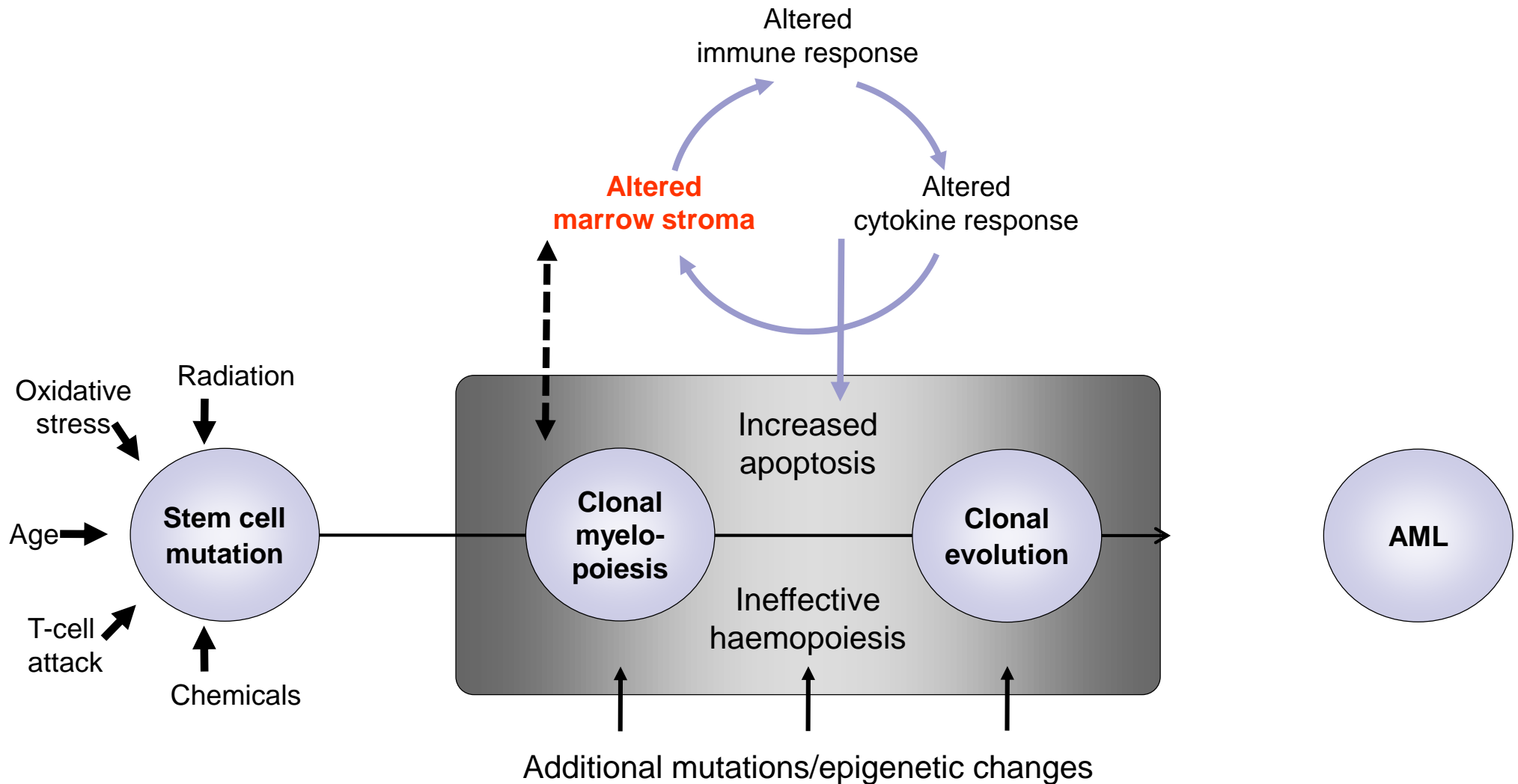
**A heterogeneous group of clonal
hematopoietic stem cell disorders
characterized by:**

- Ineffective, dysplastic hematopoiesis**
- Peripheral cytopenias**
- Variable rates of progression to AML**

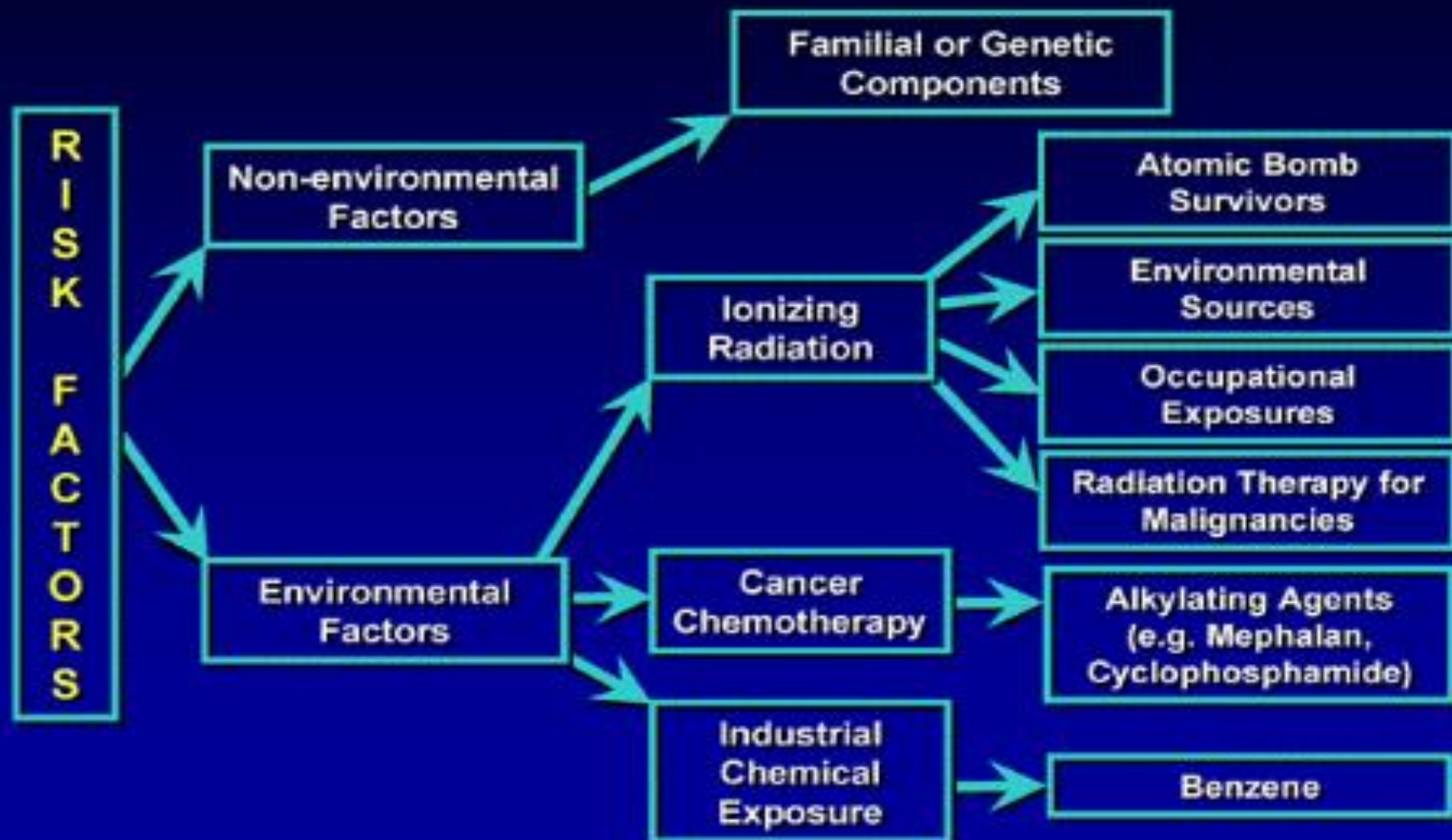
MDS: Incidence by Age



MDS - etiopathogenesis and conversion into AML



MDS: Etiology



FAB Classification System

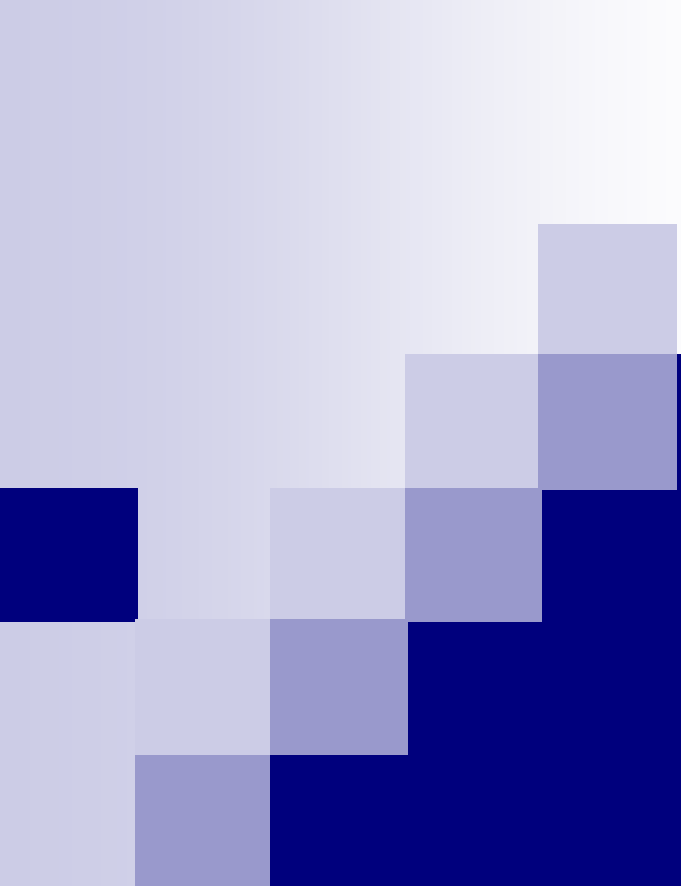
<u>MDS Subtypes</u>	<u>% Blasts</u> (BM)	<u>% Blasts</u> (PB)
RA	<5	≤1
RARS*	<5	≤1
RAEB	5-20	<5
RAEB-t**	>20-30	≥5
CMML***	<5-30	<5

[AML: >30% BM blasts]

*Ringed sideroblasts >15% of BM blasts

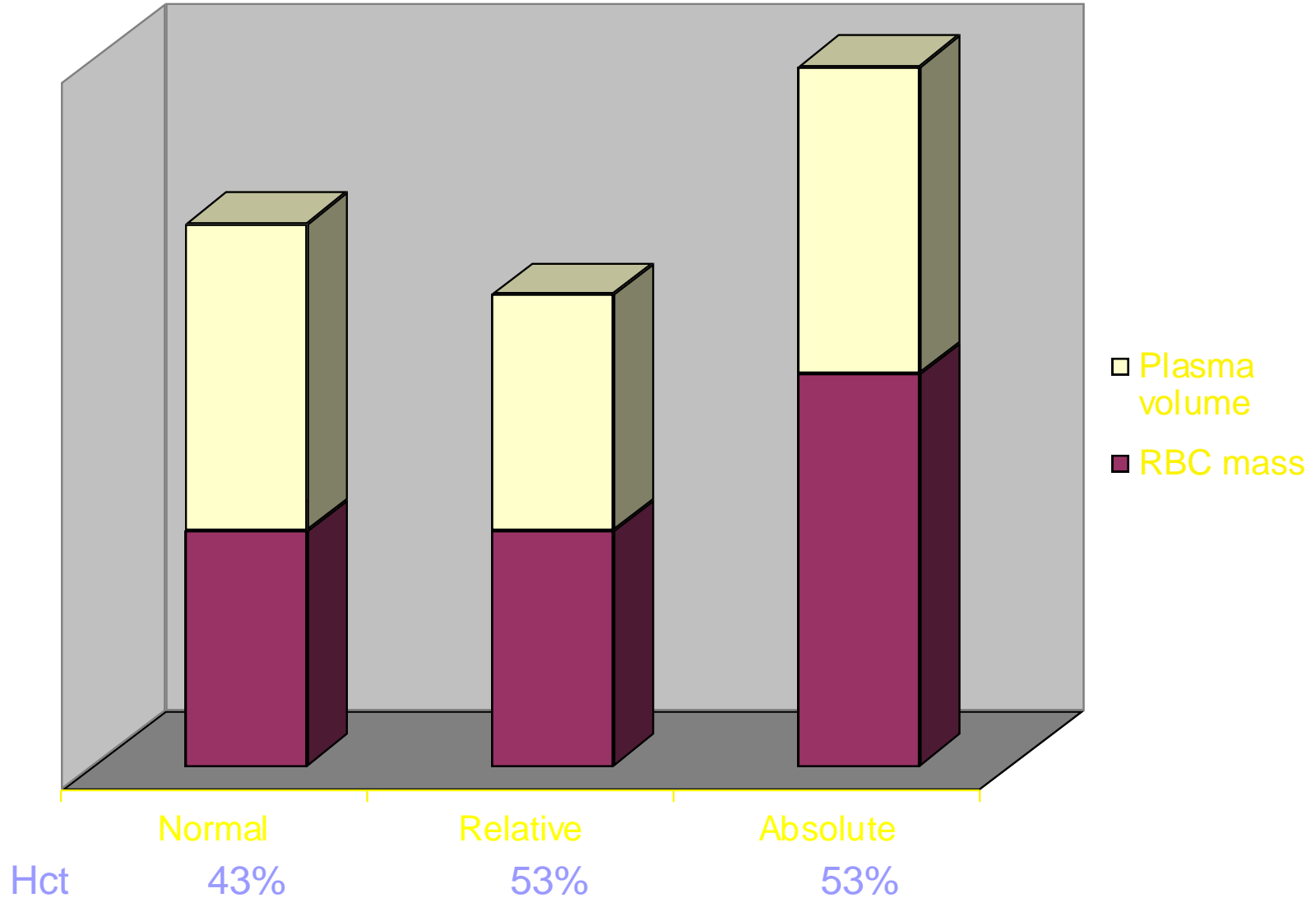
**Auer rods

***Monocytosis ($1 \times 10^9/L$)



Polycythemia vera rubra
(„primary polycythemia“,
Disease Vasquez-Osler)

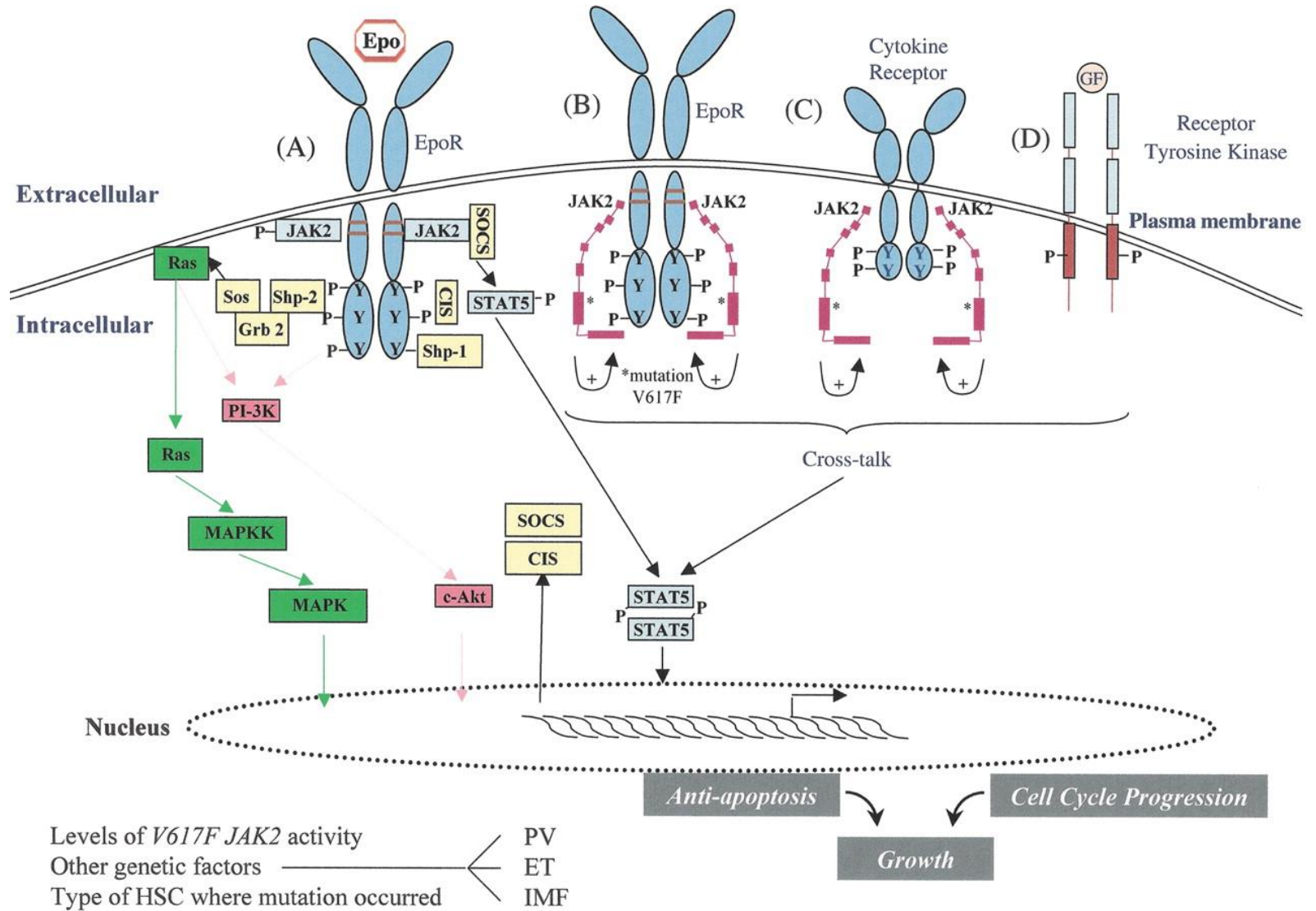
Polycythemias



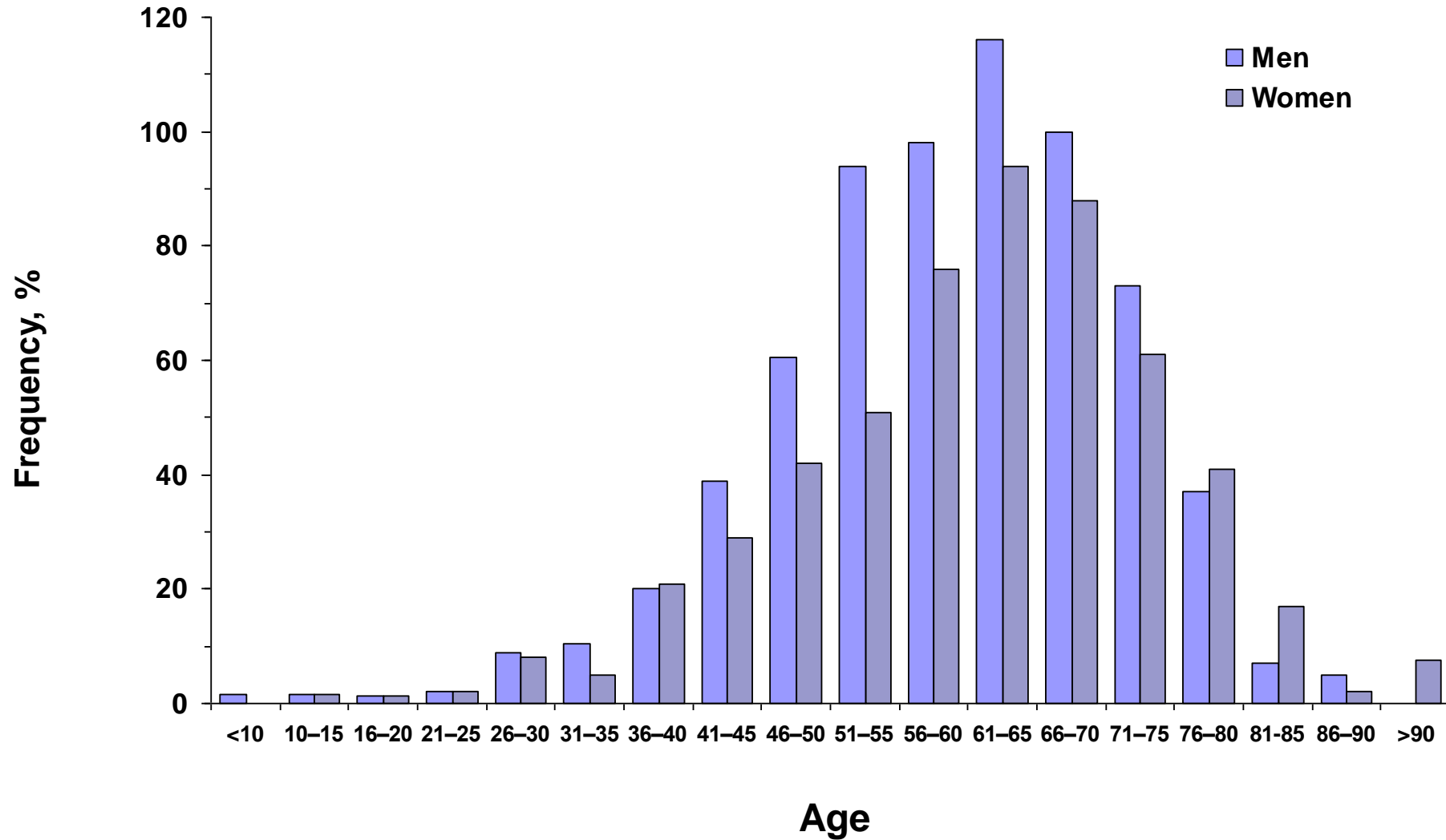
Polycythemia Vera

- **An acquired mutation of hematopoietic single stem cell**
- **The nature of the disease causing mutation not known till 2005**
 - **most cases have mutation in**
the JAK2 tyrosinkinase

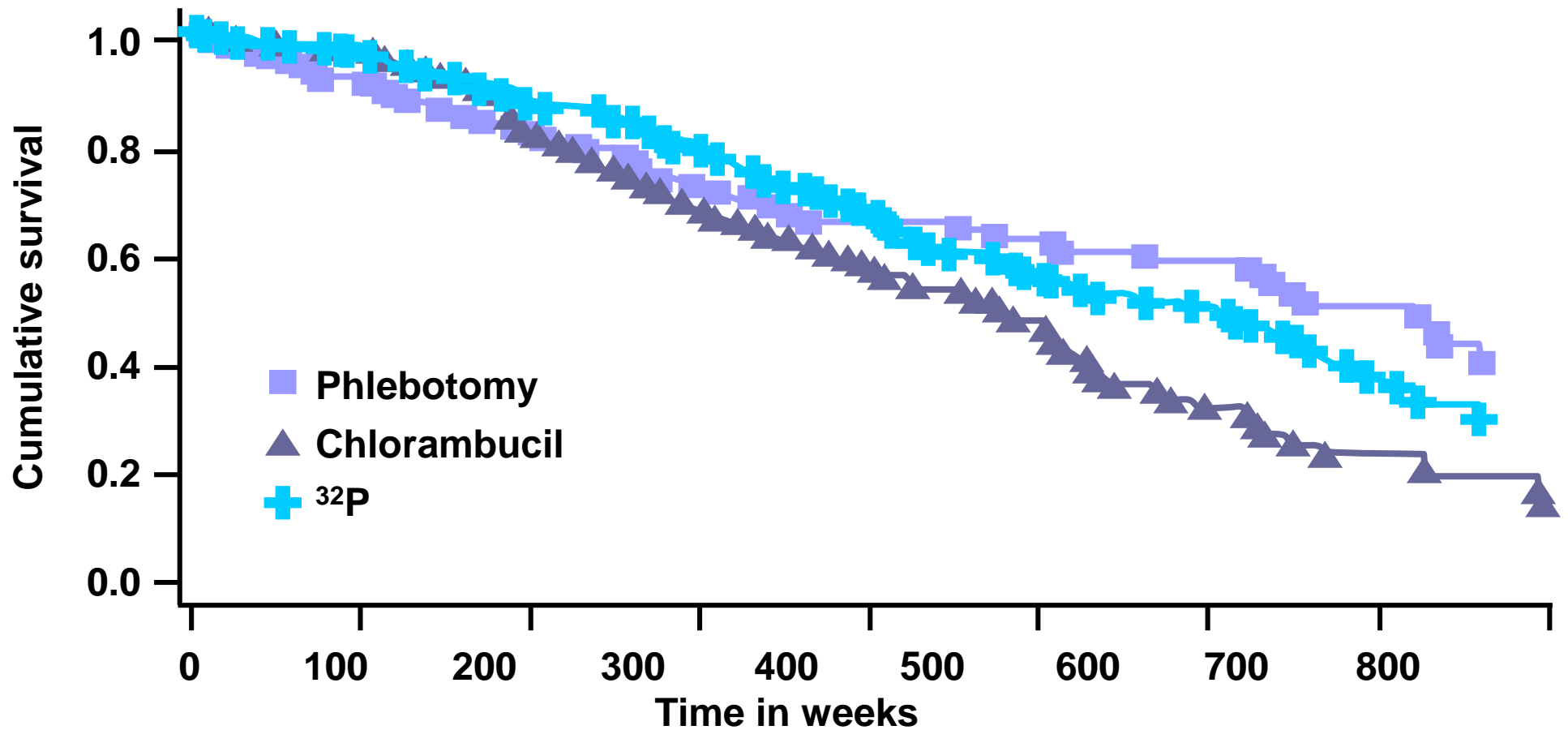
Polycythemia vera, Essential thrombocythemia, Idiopathic myelofibrosis



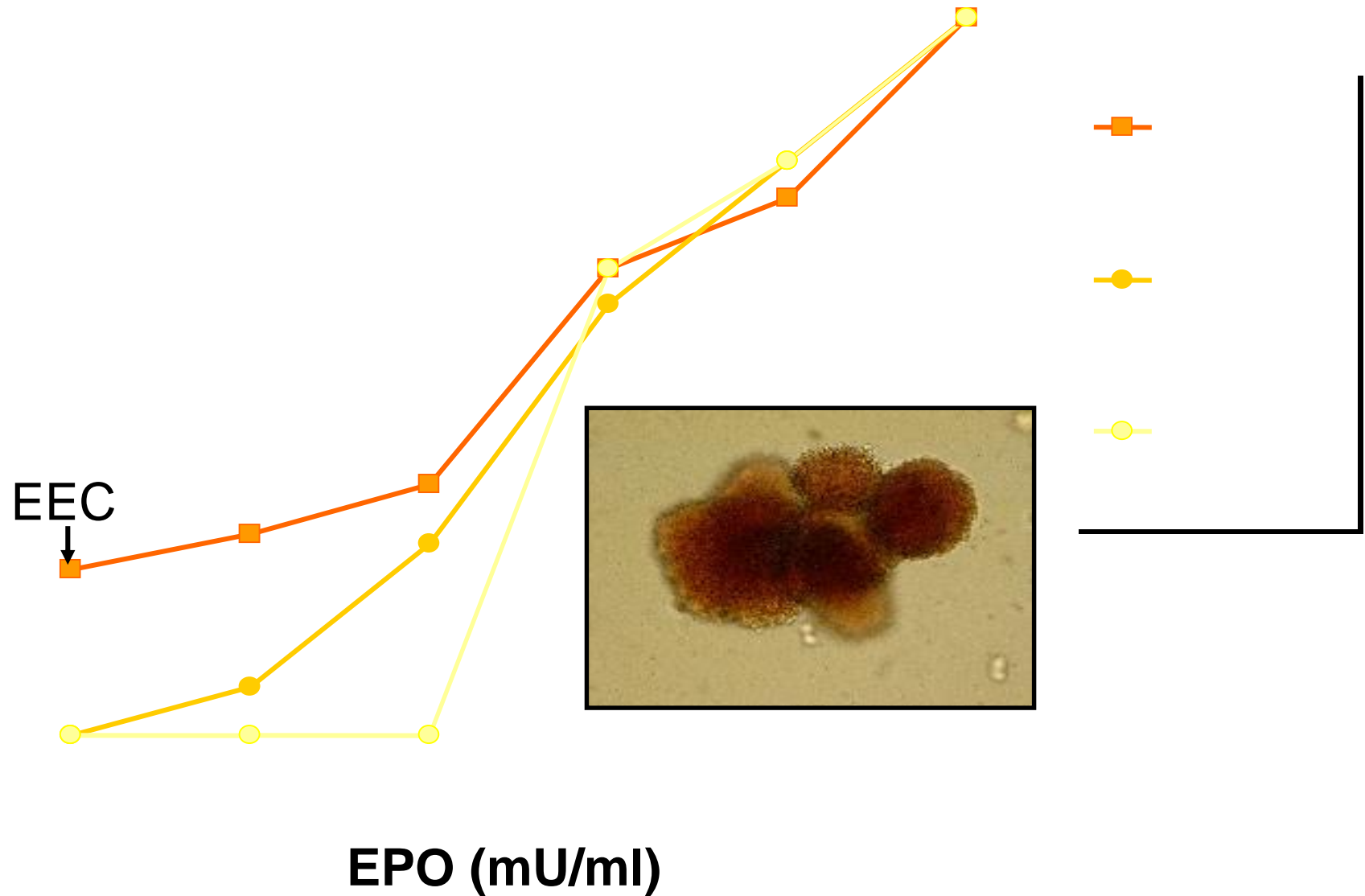
Incidence of Polycythemia Vera

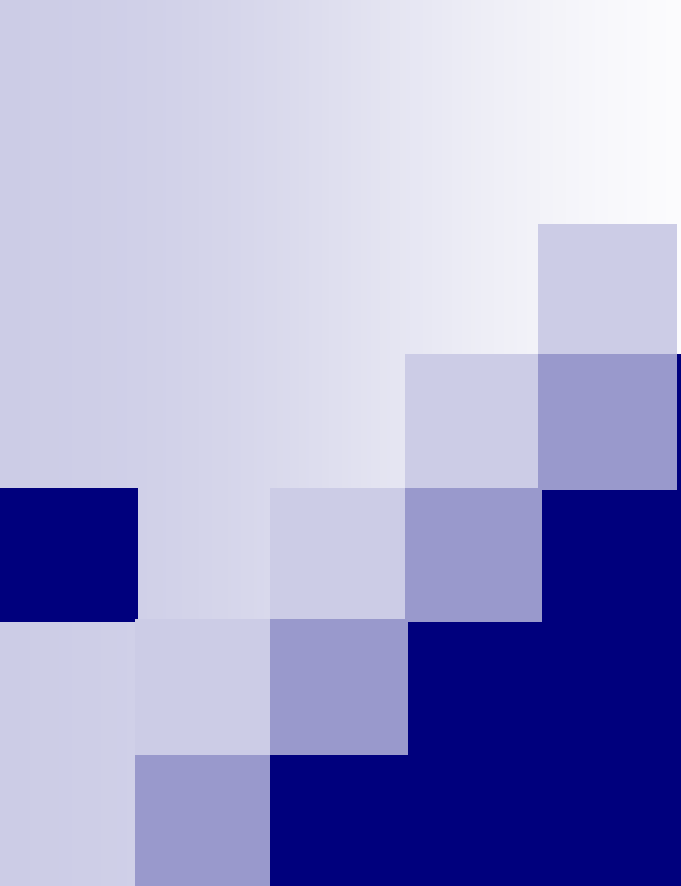


Cumulative Survival on Study (PV)



Sensitivity of BFU-E to Epo





Essential thrombocytopenia

Essential Thrombocythemia

- Platelet count in excess of 600,000 per mm³
- Marked megakaryocytic hyperplasia
- Abundant platelet clumps

Essential Thrombocythemia

- No cytogenetic abnormalities
- Splenomegaly seen in fewer than 50%
- Morbidity: Thrombotic and/or bleeding problems

Essential Thrombocythemia

- No cytogenetic abnormalities
- The same

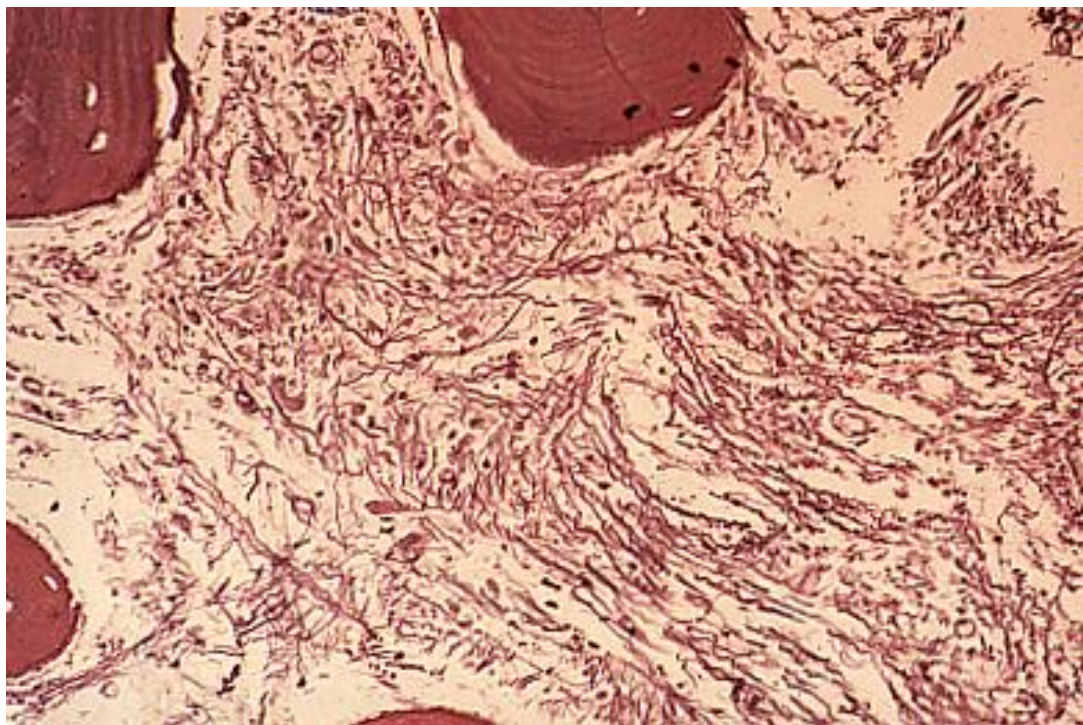
mutation in the JAK2 kinase

as causes Polycythemia vera is present
in some patients



Myelofibrosis/ Agnogenic Myeloid Metaplasia

Idiopathic Myelofibrosis/ Agnogenic Myeloid Metaplasia (AMM)



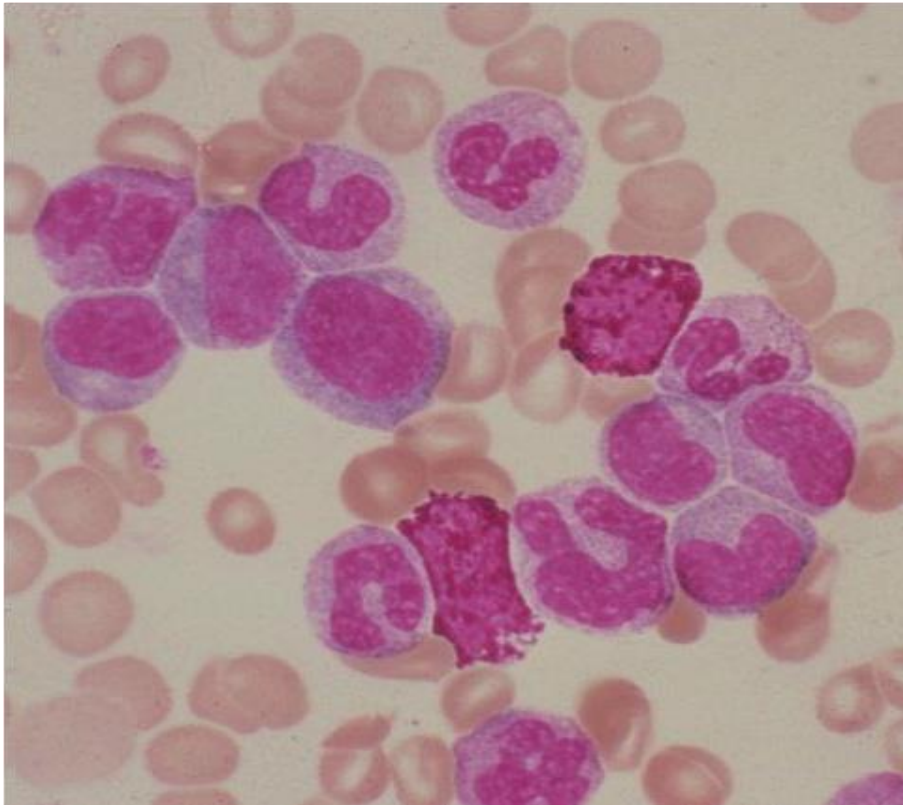
Must exclude other causes
of bone marrow fibrosis

- “Spent phase” of PV or ET
- CML
- Hairy cell leukemia
- Lymphoma
- Metastatic cancer



Chronic myleoid leukemia (CML)

Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia

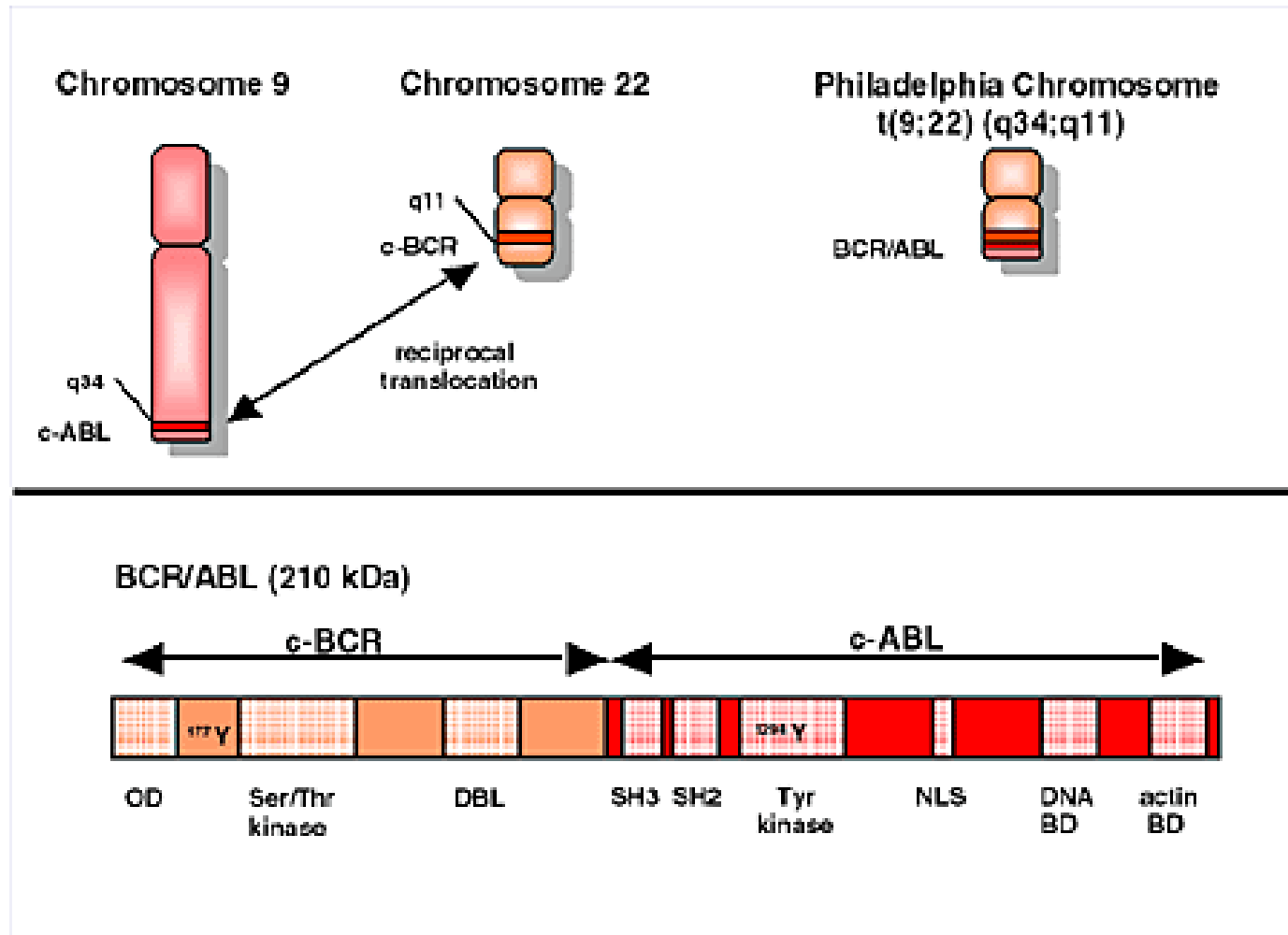


- Proliferation of granulocytes
- All stages of granulocyte maturation in peripheral blood
- Platelets may be elevated
- Polycythemia is rare
- Splenomegaly, may be massive
- Invariable transformation to acute leukemia





Abnormal BCR-ABL fuse gen and BCR-ABL proteinkinase



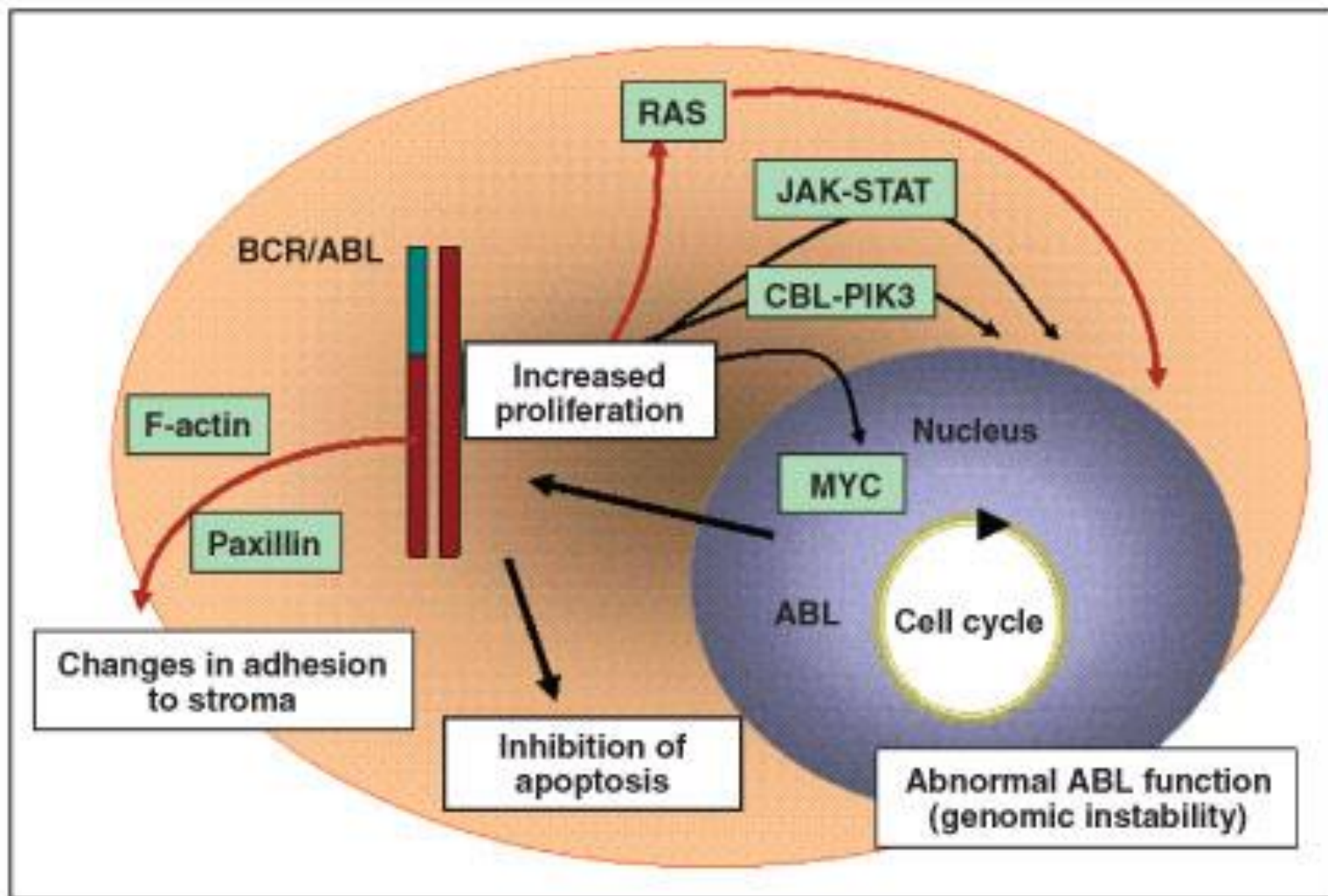
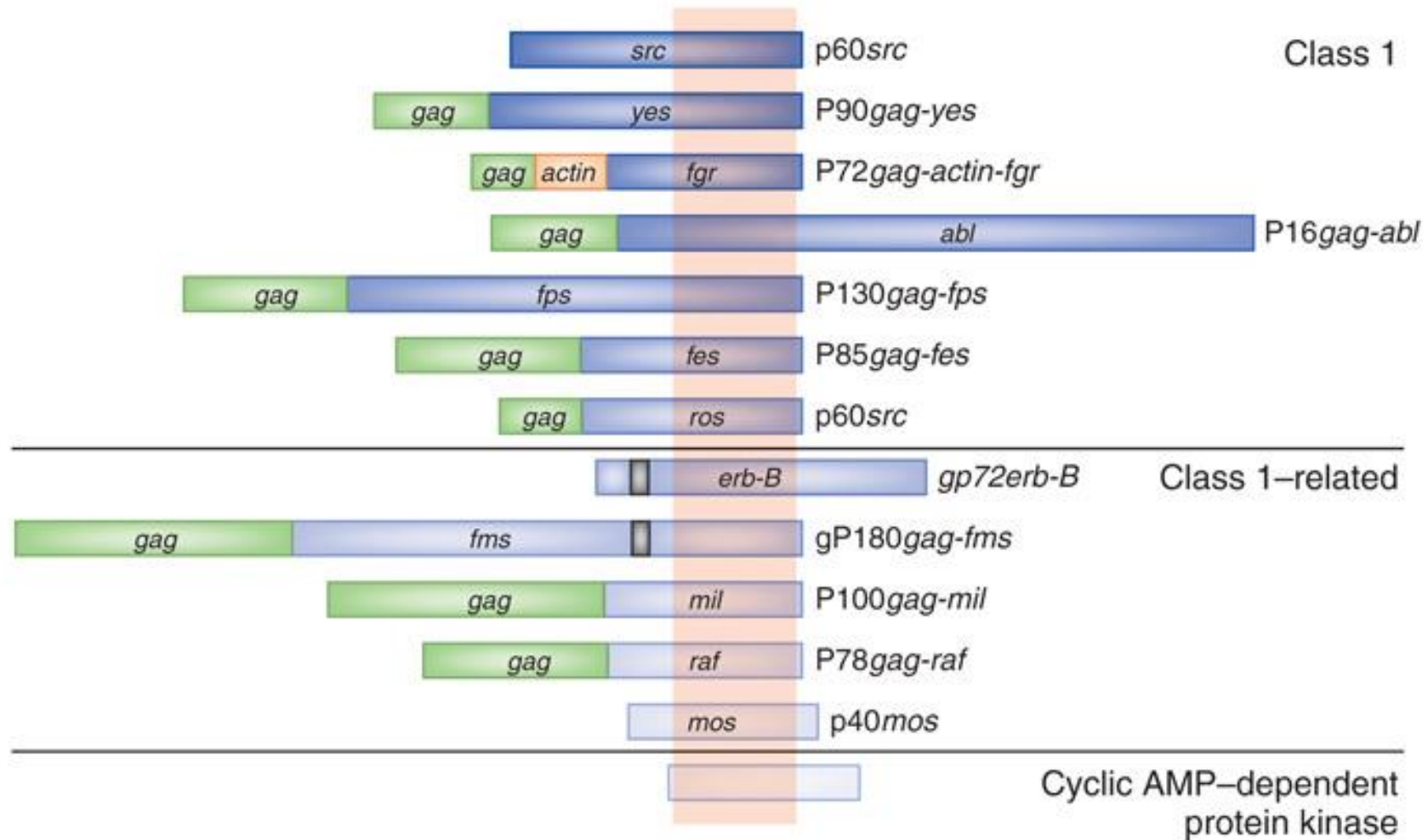
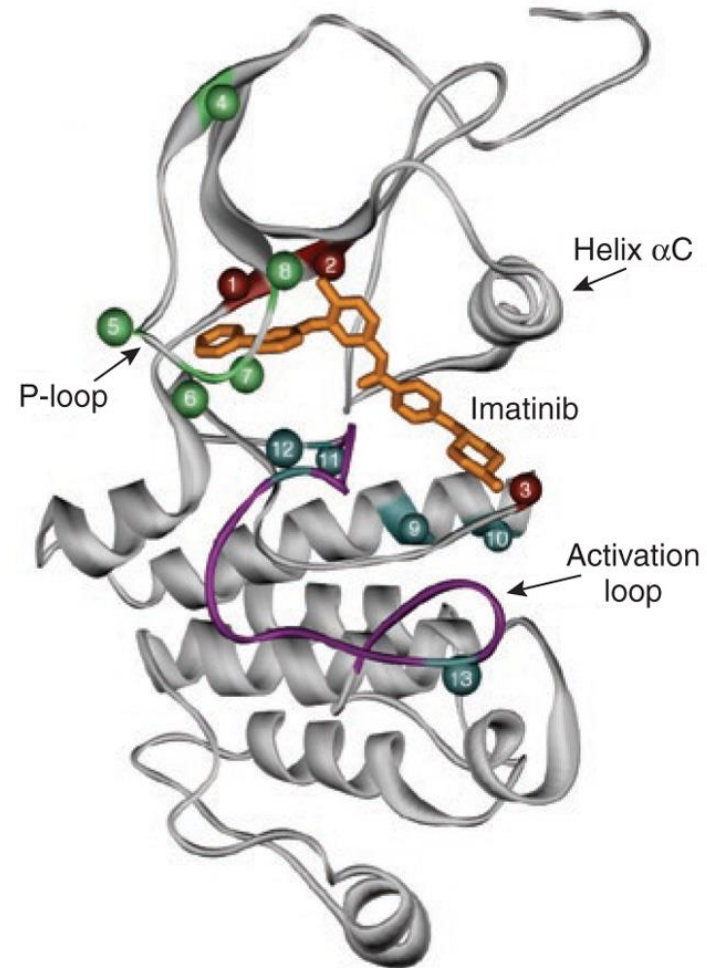


Figure 1: Pathways Activated by Bcr-Abl—Numerous signal transduction pathways are activated by the Bcr-Abl tyrosine kinase. Interrupting these pathways results in uncontrolled cell proliferation and reduced apoptosis. Understanding the pathophysiology of chronic myeloid leukemia has resulted in the development of novel drugs targeting Bcr-Abl tyrosine kinase and its associated pathways.

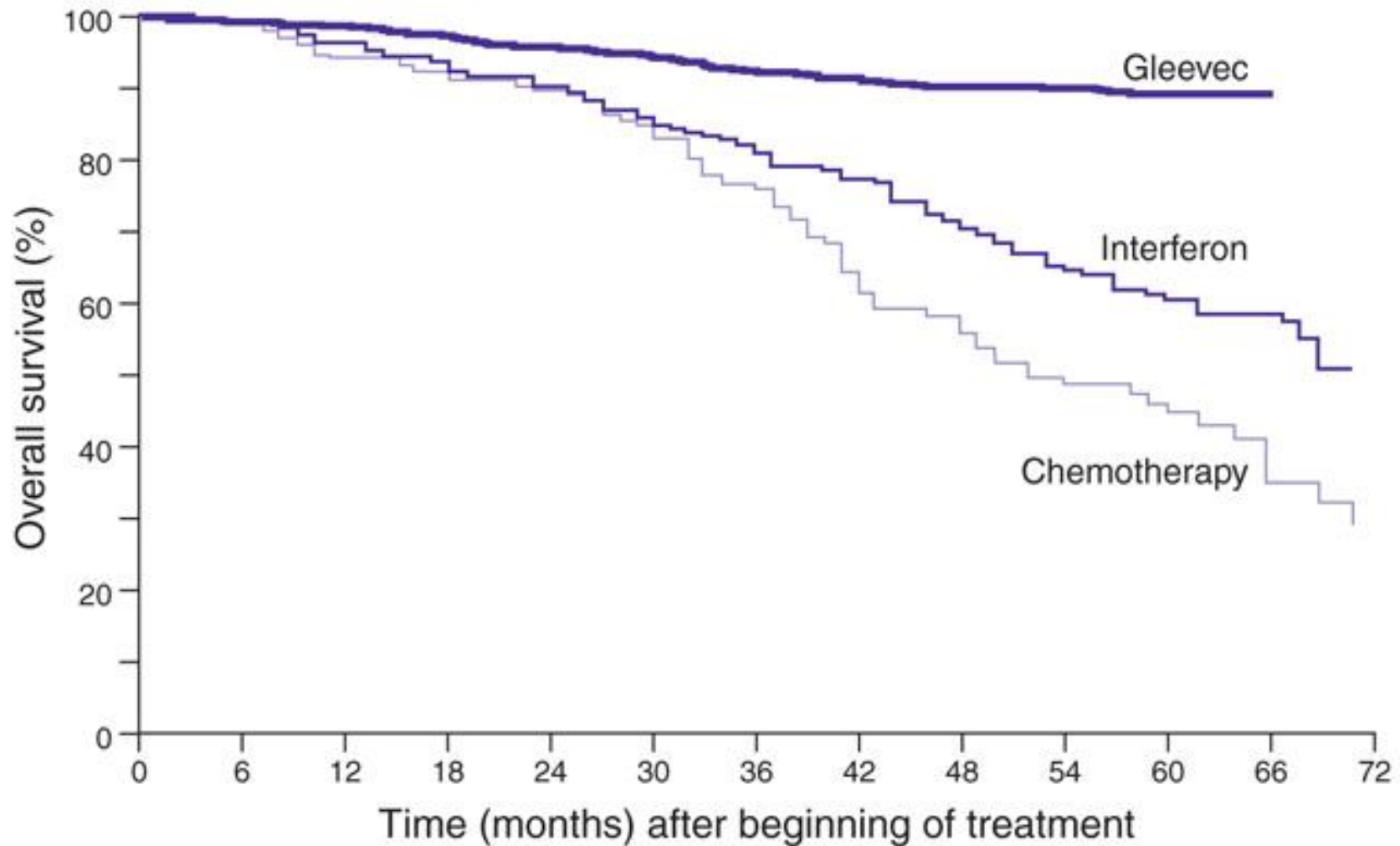
Ciba-Geigy started to develop *inhibitors of tyrosinkinases* (\approx 30 years ago)



Imatinib binds to BCR/ABL kinase instead of ATP



Přežití nemocných s CML při různé léčbě



„Targeted“ therapy – aimed at the biological cause of a disease

Imatinibem (Gleevec) suppresses cells belonging to mutated tumor clone – but does not get rid-off the body of the cause (all mutated cells).

Lasker prize for clinical research

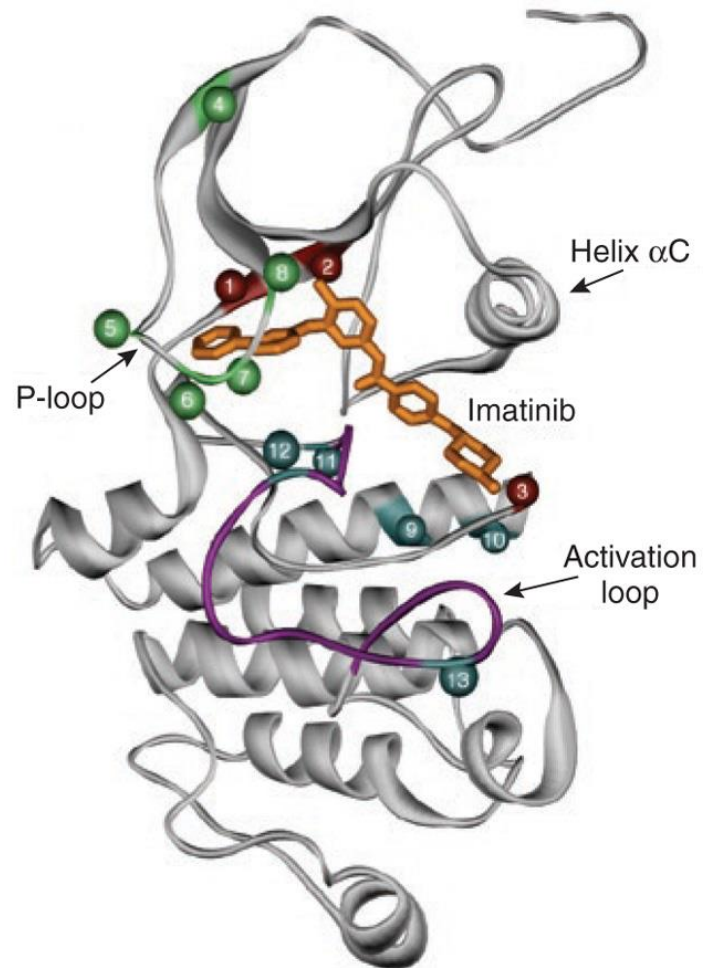
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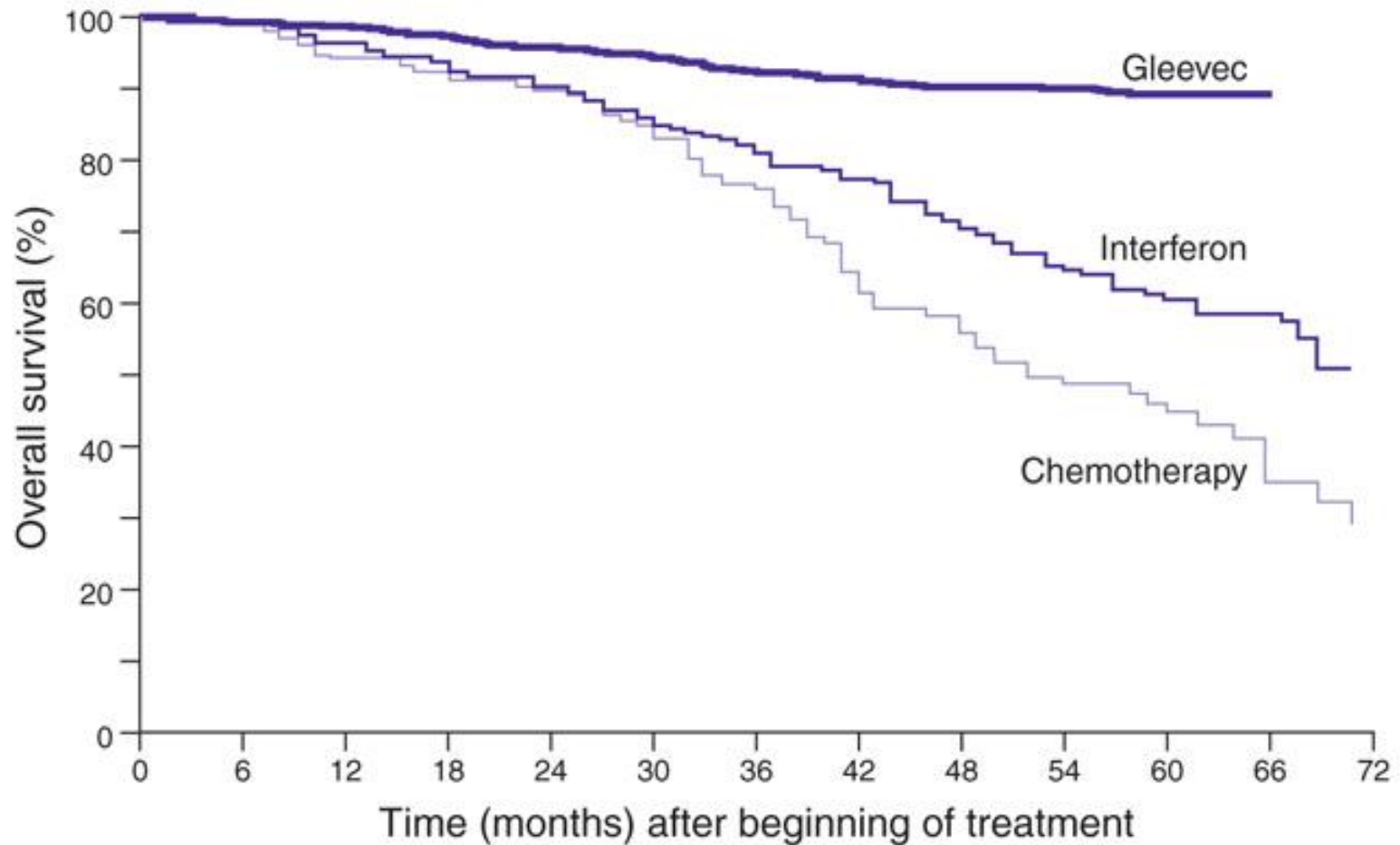
Mutations of the ABL kinase cause resistance against imatinib



Possible outcomes of CML

- complete remission
- residual disease
- relaps
- resistance to therapy
- blastic conversion (AML)

Targeted therapy with imatinib is very effective



Important events in CML outlined

Important pathways hijacked in CML

Activation of: JAK/STAT, PI3K/Akt, Ras/MEK, mTOR, Src kinases, BCL2/BCL-XL. Inhibition of pro-apoptotic signals.

Imatinib (TKIs)

Activation of:
ADAR1, β -catenin, Msi2, MYC, SET, SIRT1, XPO1.

Inactivation of:
C/EBP- α , IRF-8, P53, PP2a

Chronic phase



Accelerated Phase



Blast Crisis

- *t(9;22) Formation of BCR-ABL*
 - Myeloid hyperplasia (expansion of granulocytes)
 - Anaemia
 - Organomegaly
- Good response to TKI therapy

Acute leukaemia burden

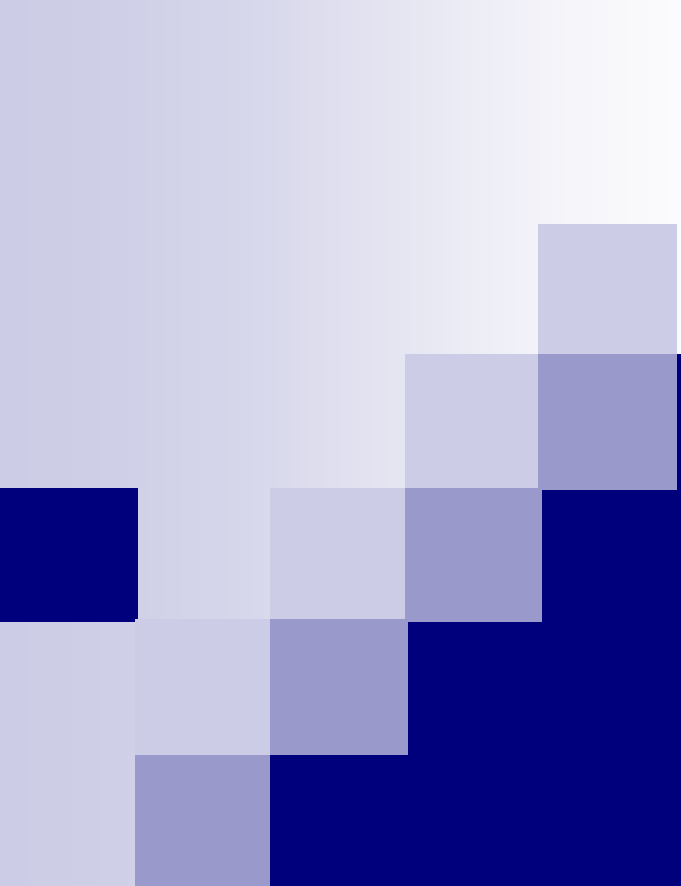
- Increased BCR-ABL expression
- Blast infiltration into the peripheral blood
- Expansion of leukaemic progenitors

- Additional cytogenetic and genetic abnormalities
- Very poor patient outcome (even with therapeutic intervention)

Key features

Acute **myeloproliferative** diseases

- **Acute myeloid leukemia (AML), several forms**
(myelogenous, myeloblastic are synonyms to myeloid)
- **Acute lymphocytic leukemia (ALL) ... is lymphoproliferative disease**
(lymphoblastic is a synonym to lymphocytic)

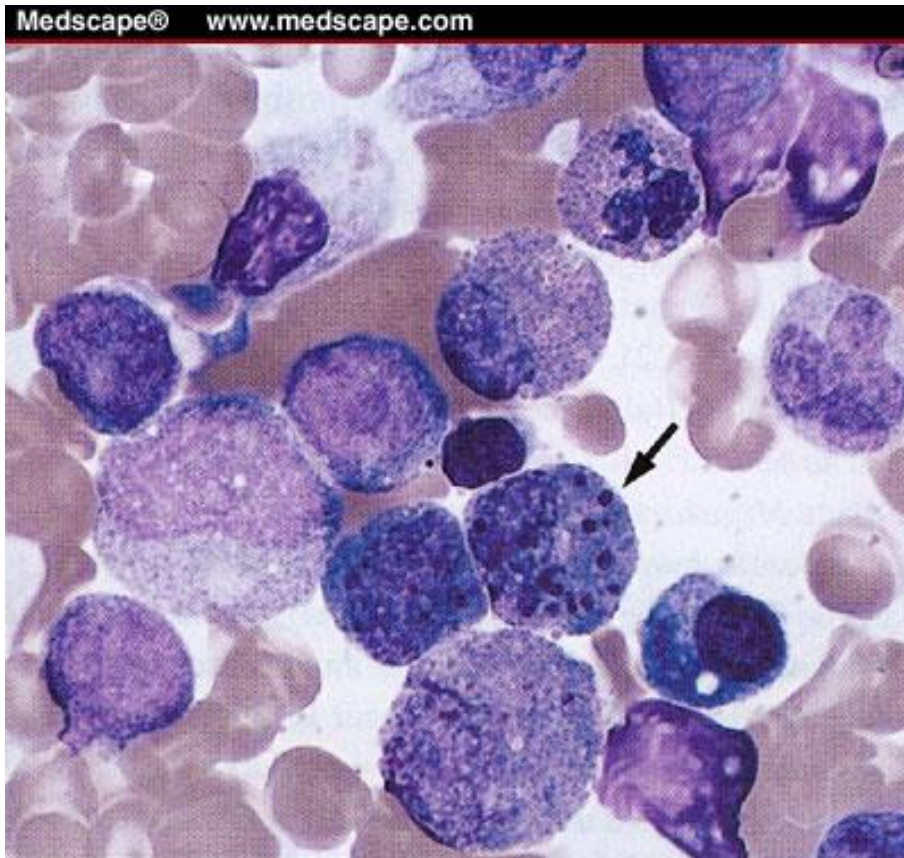


Acute myleoid leukemia (AML)

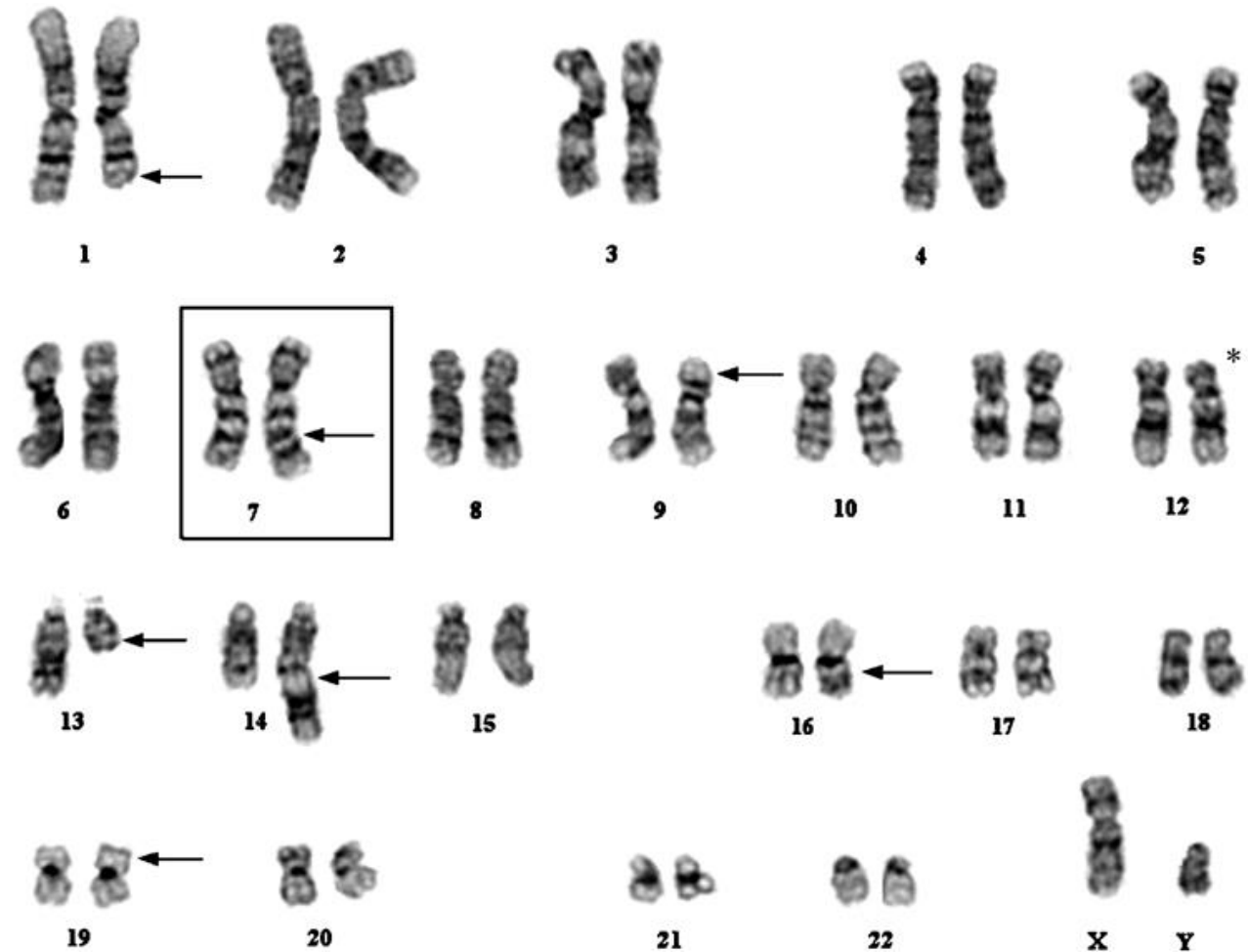
Leukemic blasts present in blood



Leukemic blasts are present in bone marrow



Karyotype of the major clone from the relapse acute myeloid leukemia (AML)



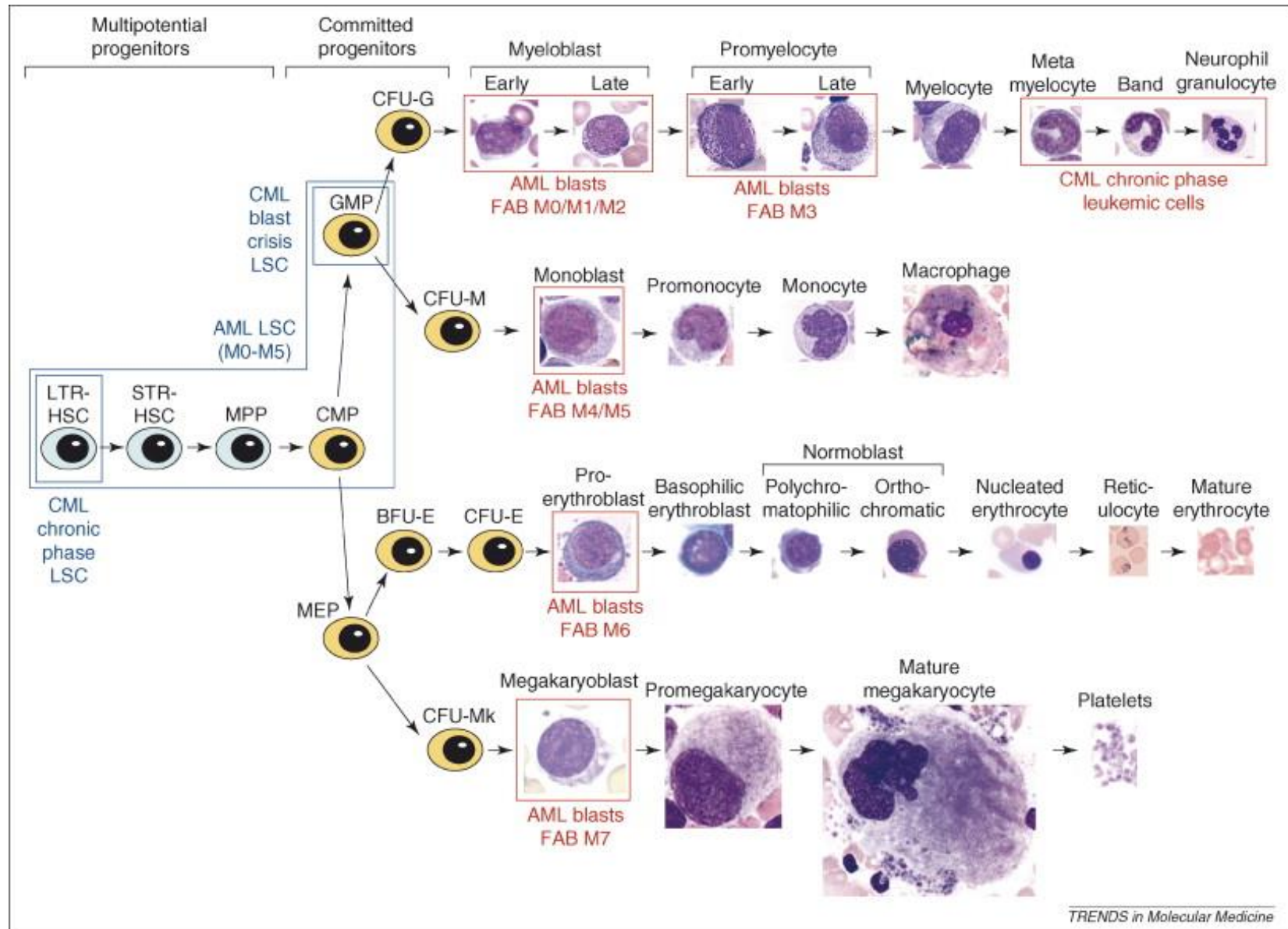
Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML)- 8 clinical forms

Table 2 | **French-American-British (FAB) classification of AML**

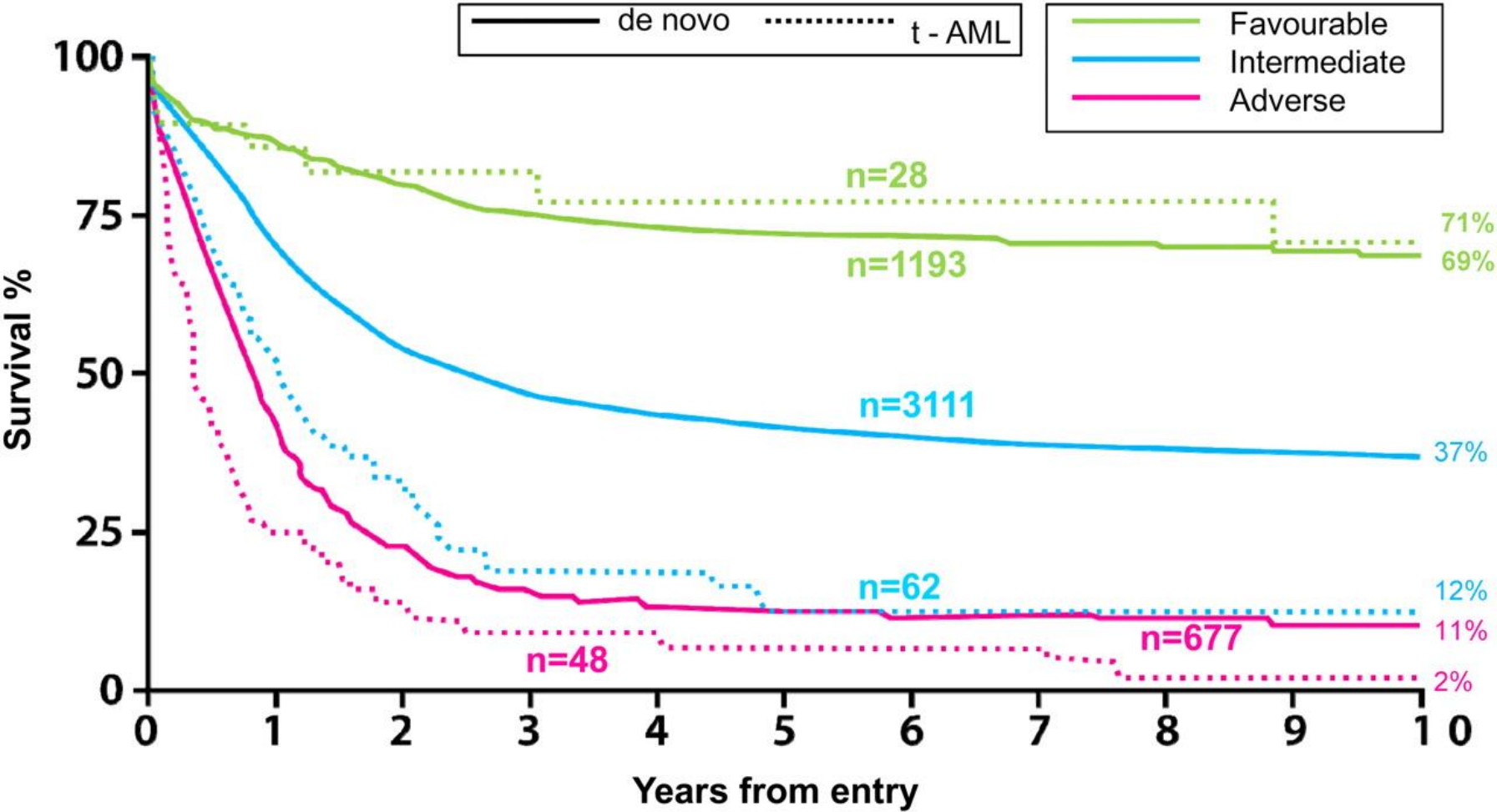
FAB subtype	Description	Comments
M0	Undifferentiated	Myeloperoxidase negative; myeloid markers positive
M1	Myeloblastic without maturation	Some evidence of granulocytic differentiation
M2	Myeloblastic with maturation	Maturation at or beyond the promyelocytic stage of differentiation; can be divided into those with t(8;21) AML1-ETO fusion and those without
M3	Promyelocytic	APL; most cases have t(15;17) PML-RAR α or another translocation involving RAR α
M4	Myelomonocytic	
M4 _{Eo}	Myelomonocytic with bone-marrow eosinophilia	Characterized by inversion of chromosome 16 involving CBF β , which normally forms a heterodimer with AML1
M5	Monocytic	
M6	Erythroleukaemia	
M7	Megakaryoblastic	GATA1 mutations in those associated with Down's syndrome

AML1, acute myeloid leukaemia 1; APL, acute promyelocytic leukaemia; PML, promyelocytic leukaemia; RAR α , retinoic-acid receptor- α . Modified from REF.65.

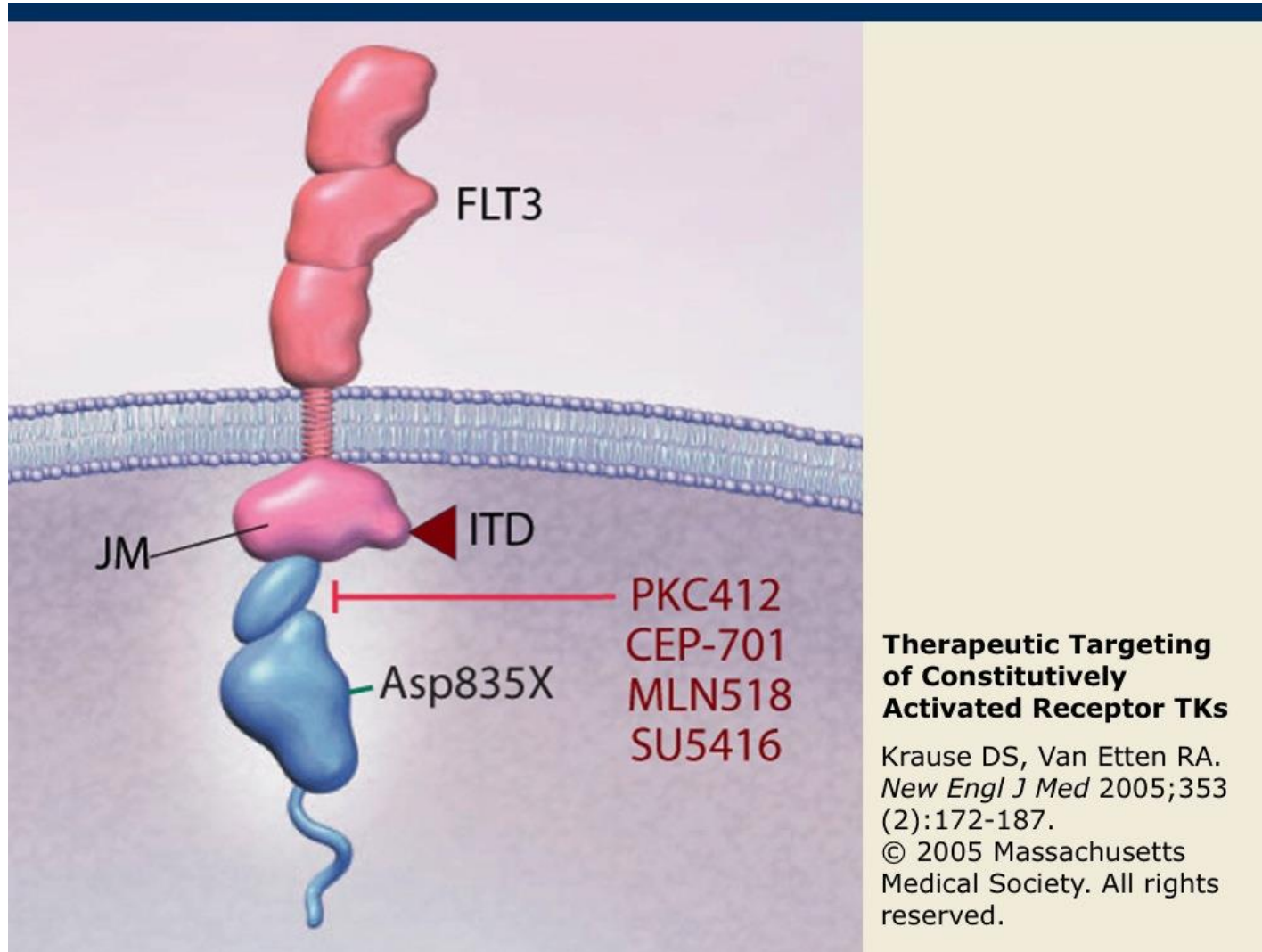
AML subgroups – FAB classification



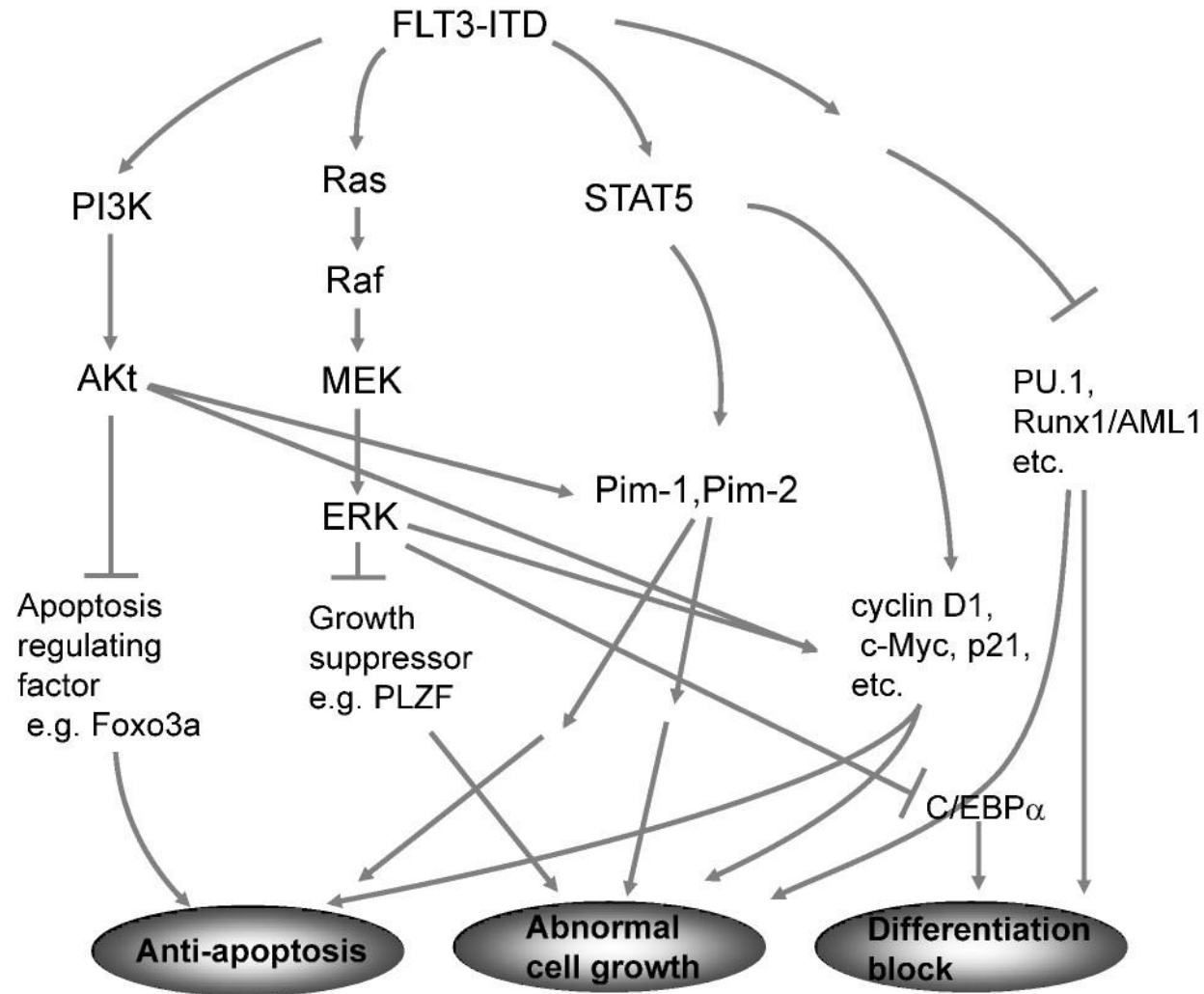
Different AML types differ in prognosis



Flt3 receptor mutated in 40% of AML cases

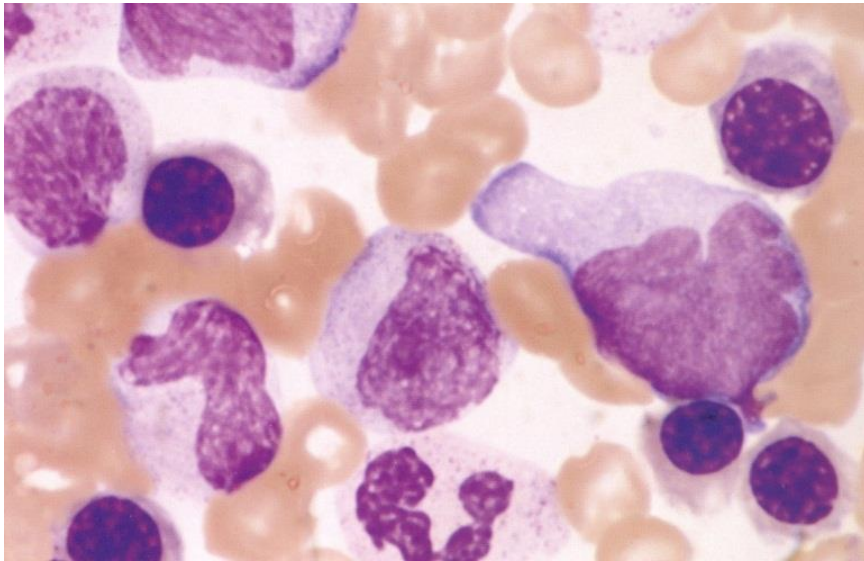


FLT3-ITD (internal tandem duplication)

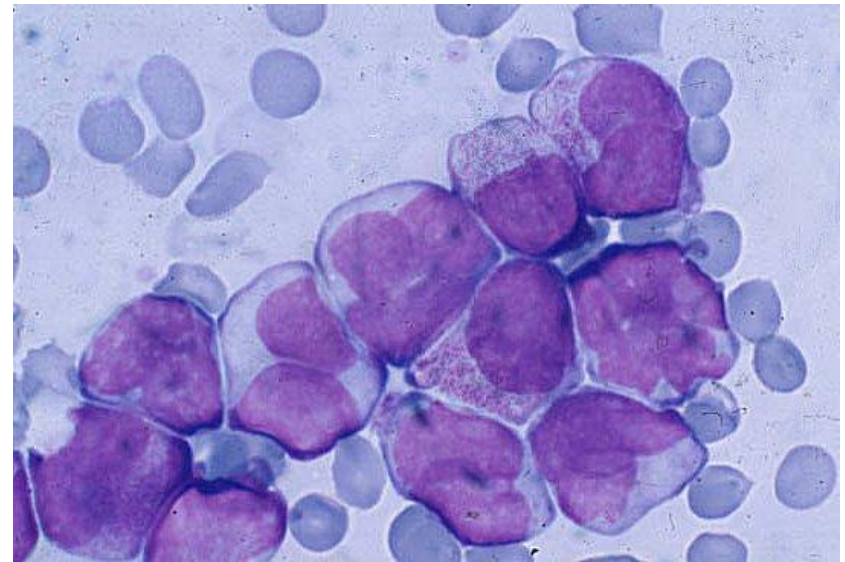


Acute promyelocytic leukemia (APL) _ M3

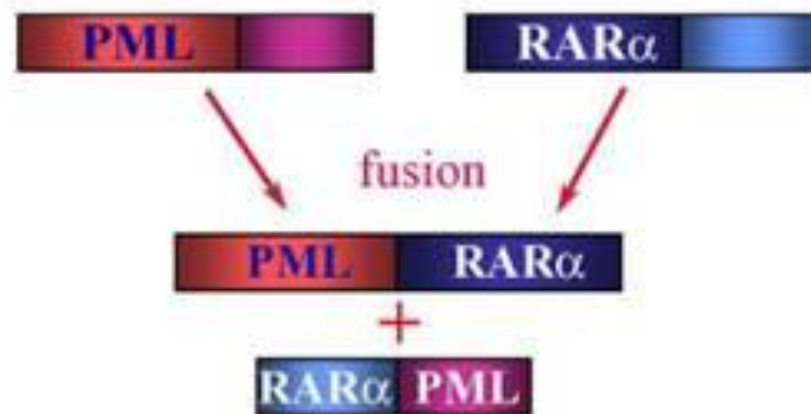
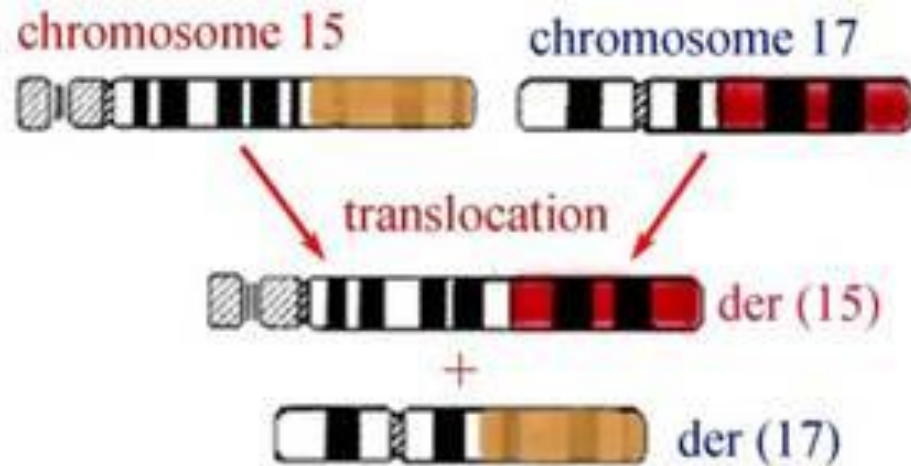
Normal bone marrow



APL – promyelocytes do not mature into granulocytes

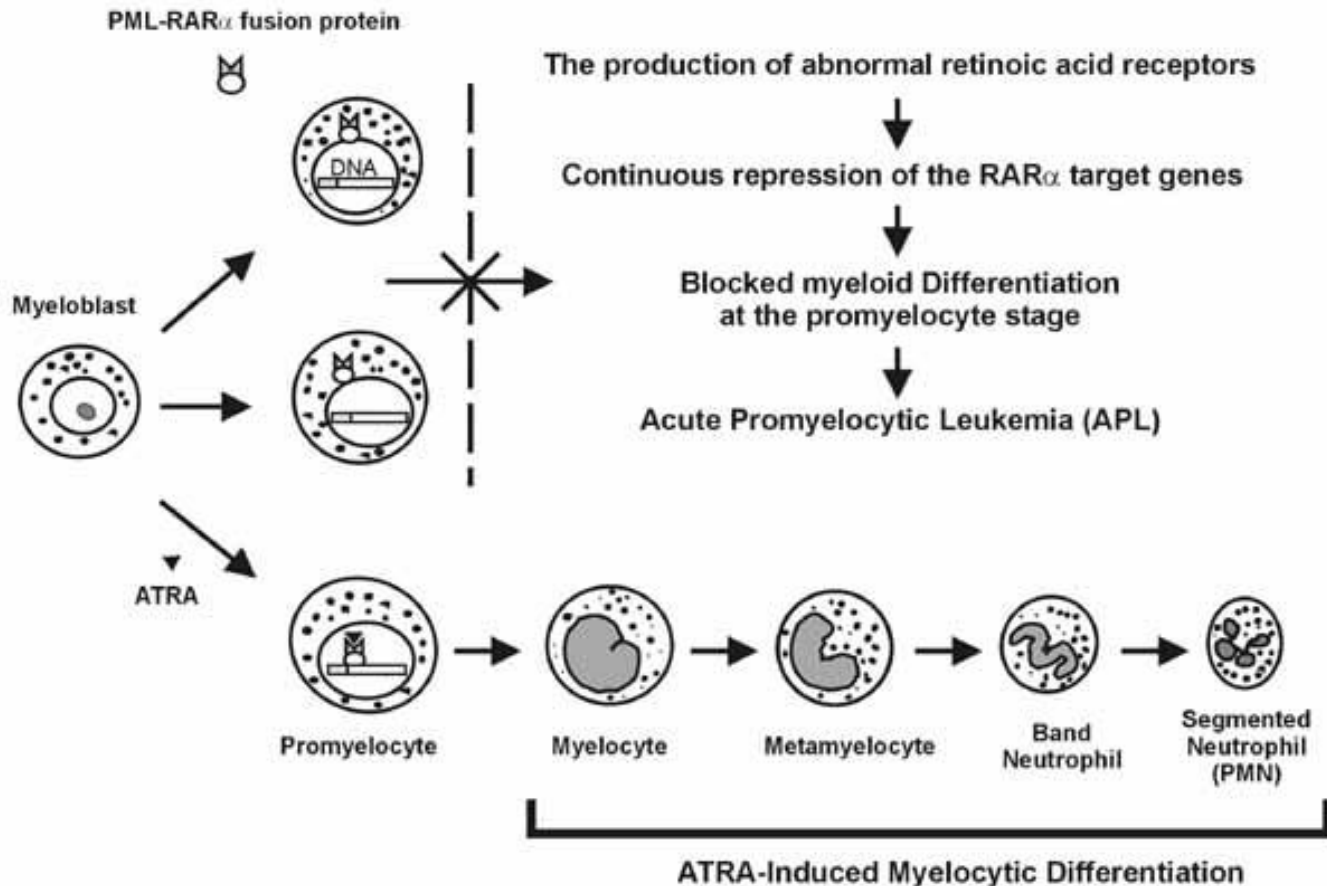


Chromosomal translocation in APL results in abnormal – **PML-RAR α** protein

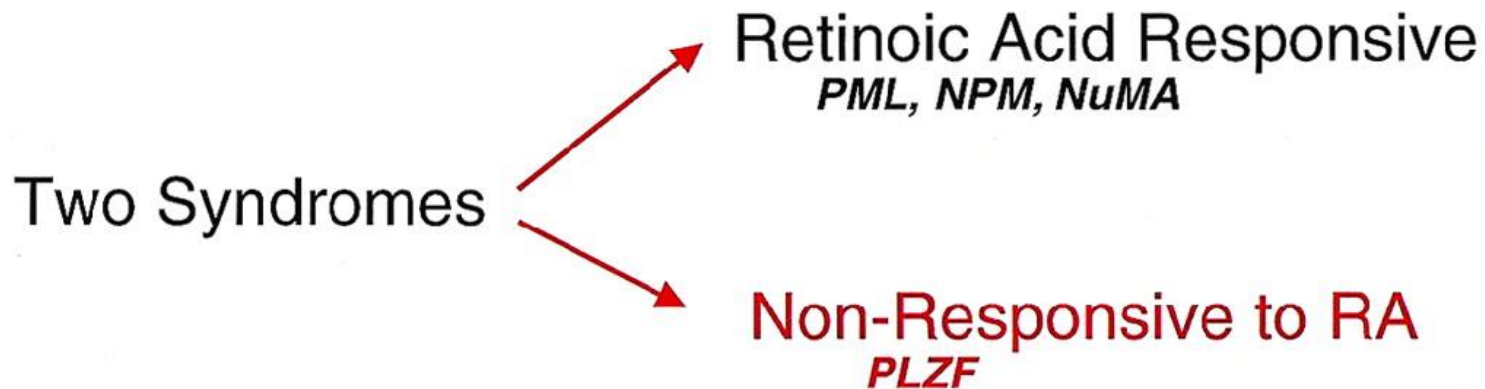
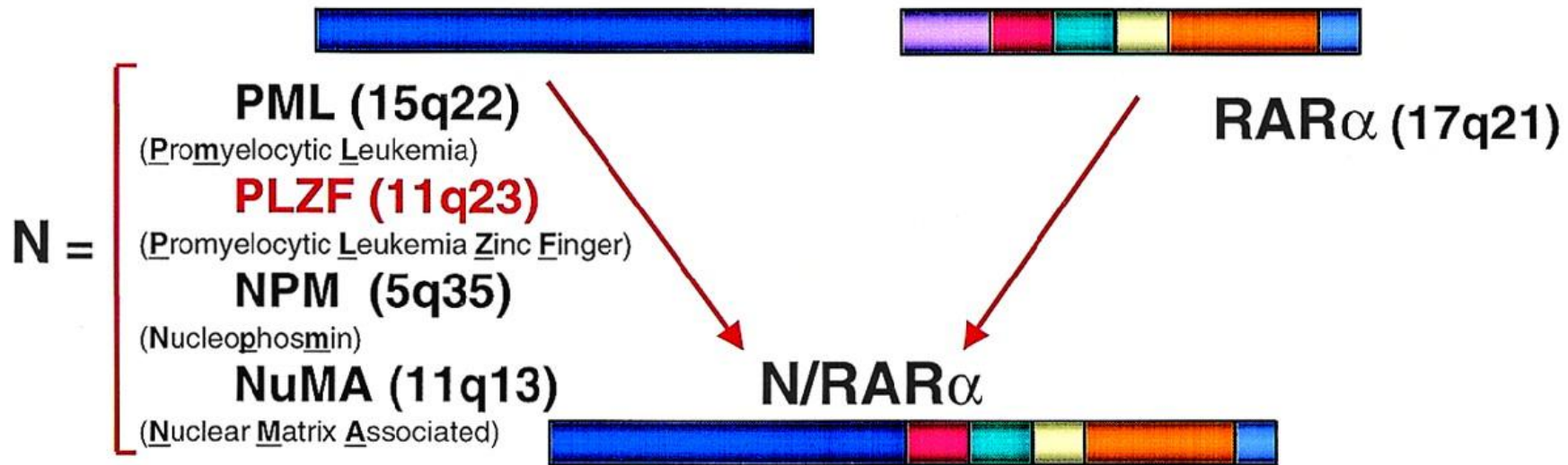



Acute promyelocytic leukemia (APL)_M3

ATRA = all-trans retinoic acid overcomes defect of RAR α protein and induces maturation of pathological promyelocytes = „targeted therapy“ induce remission of the disease



Molecular Pathogenesis of APL





Transplantation of hematopoietic
stem cells („Bone Marrow
Transplantation“)

is the only

„causative therapy“ for AML



END

OF THE LECTURE