

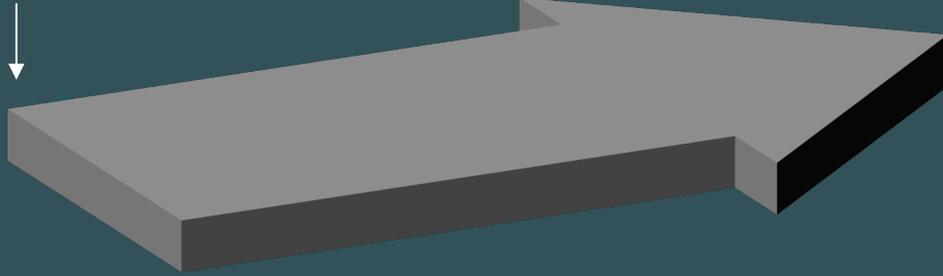
# Γενετικοί βιοδείκτες στις λεμφικές κακοήθειες στην εποχή της Ιατρικής Ακριβείας

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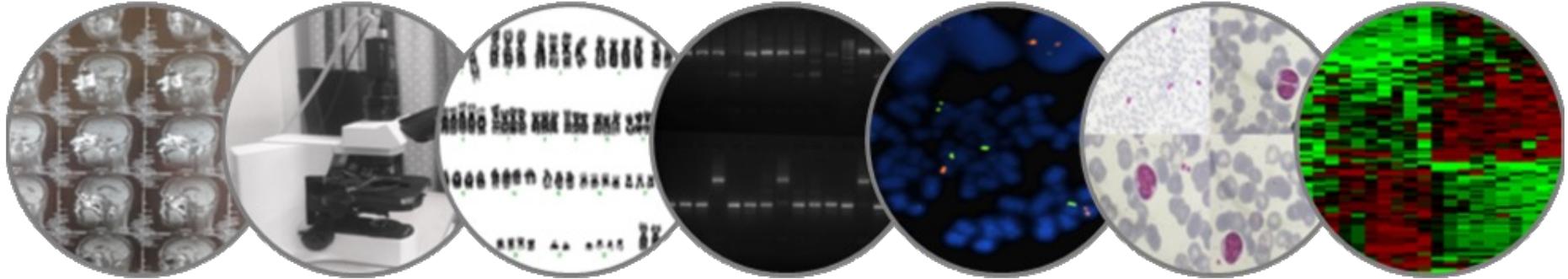


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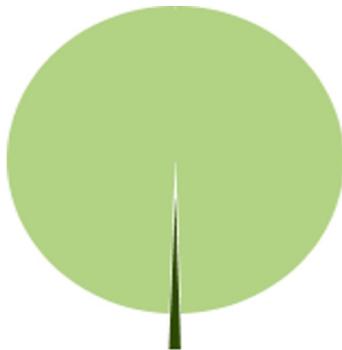
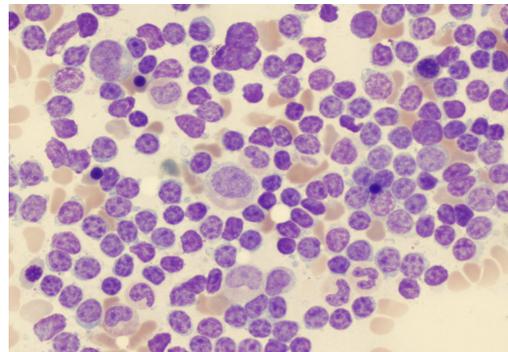
Επικέντρωση στις  
B λεμφικές κακοήθειες

# Χρόνια Λεμφοκυτταρική Λευχαιμία

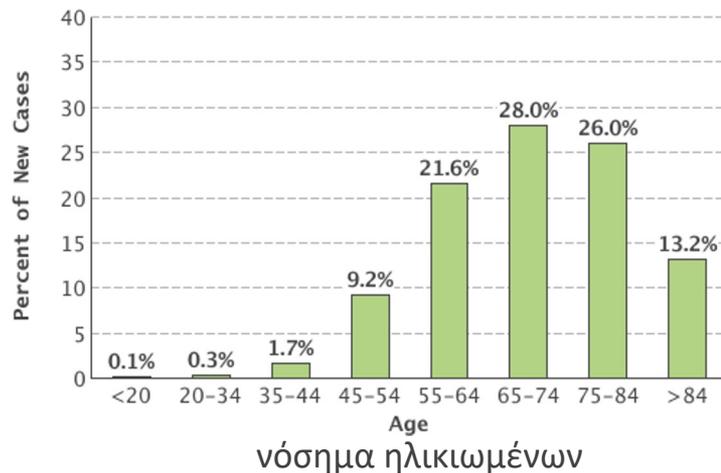
**Ανίατη** – παρά τη σημαντική πρόοδο

**Αόρατη** – κατά τη διάγνωση, 85% των ασθενών δεν έχουν συμπτώματα

**Απρόβλεπτη** – μακρά επιβίωση vs. επιθετική κλινική πορεία  
*αντικατοπτρίζει την υποκείμενη βιολογική ετερογένεια*



σπάνιος καρκίνος



# α. Βασική και Μεταφραστική Έρευνα

# βιοδείκτες

## εξωγενείς → μικροπεριβάλλον

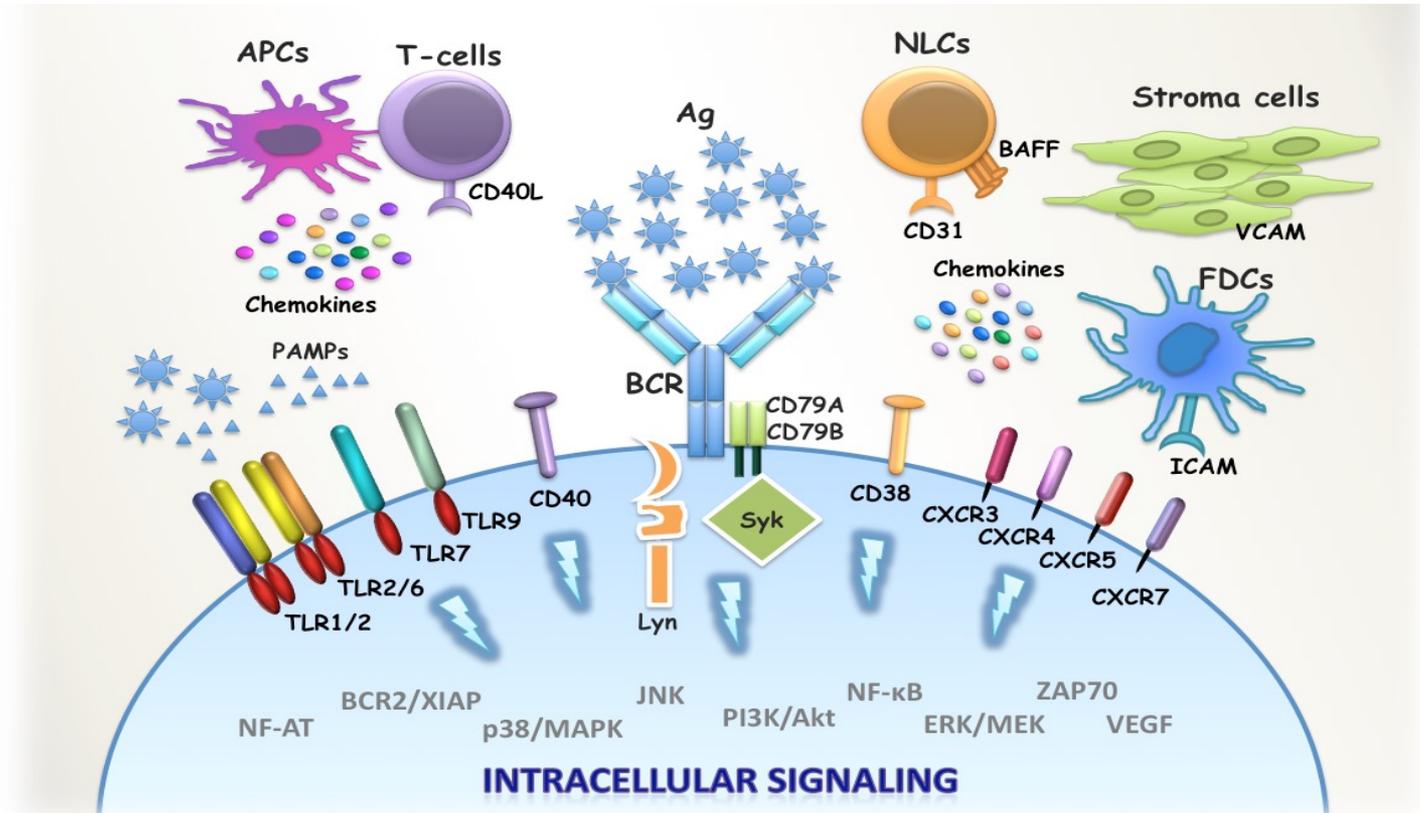
- Σηματοδότηση (B κυτταρικός υποδοχέας - Γονίδια IG..)

## ενδογενείς → λευχαιμικά κύτταρα

- Γενωμικές βλάβες - del(13q), del(11q), +12, del(17p)
- Σωματικές μεταλλάξεις - *TP53*, *NOTCH1*, *SF3B1*...
- Αλλοιωμένα πρότυπα μεθυλίωσης DNA

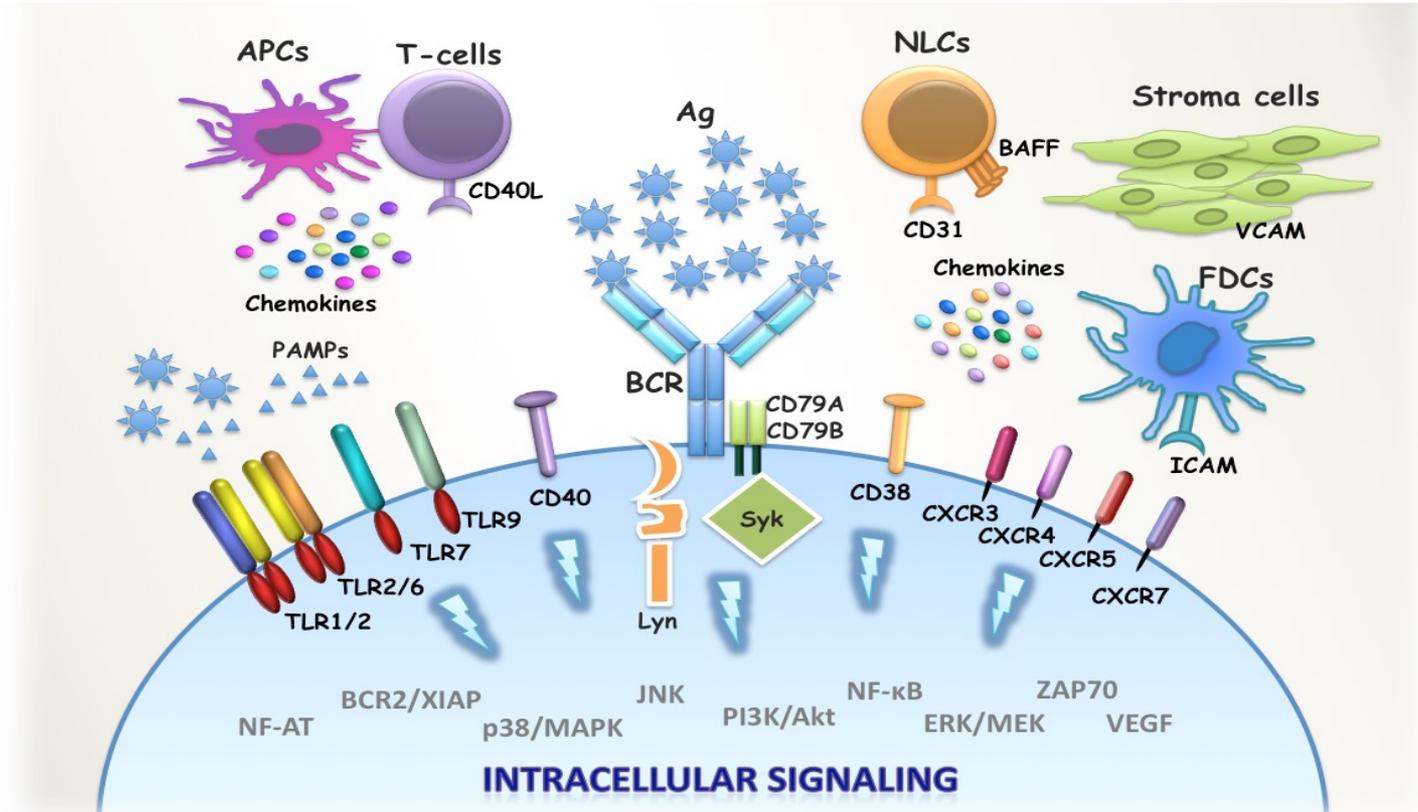
# 1. Εξωγενείς Βιοδείκτες – Μικροπεριβάλλον

# Ώριμα Β λεμφοκύτταρα στιχομυθία με το μικροπεριβάλλον

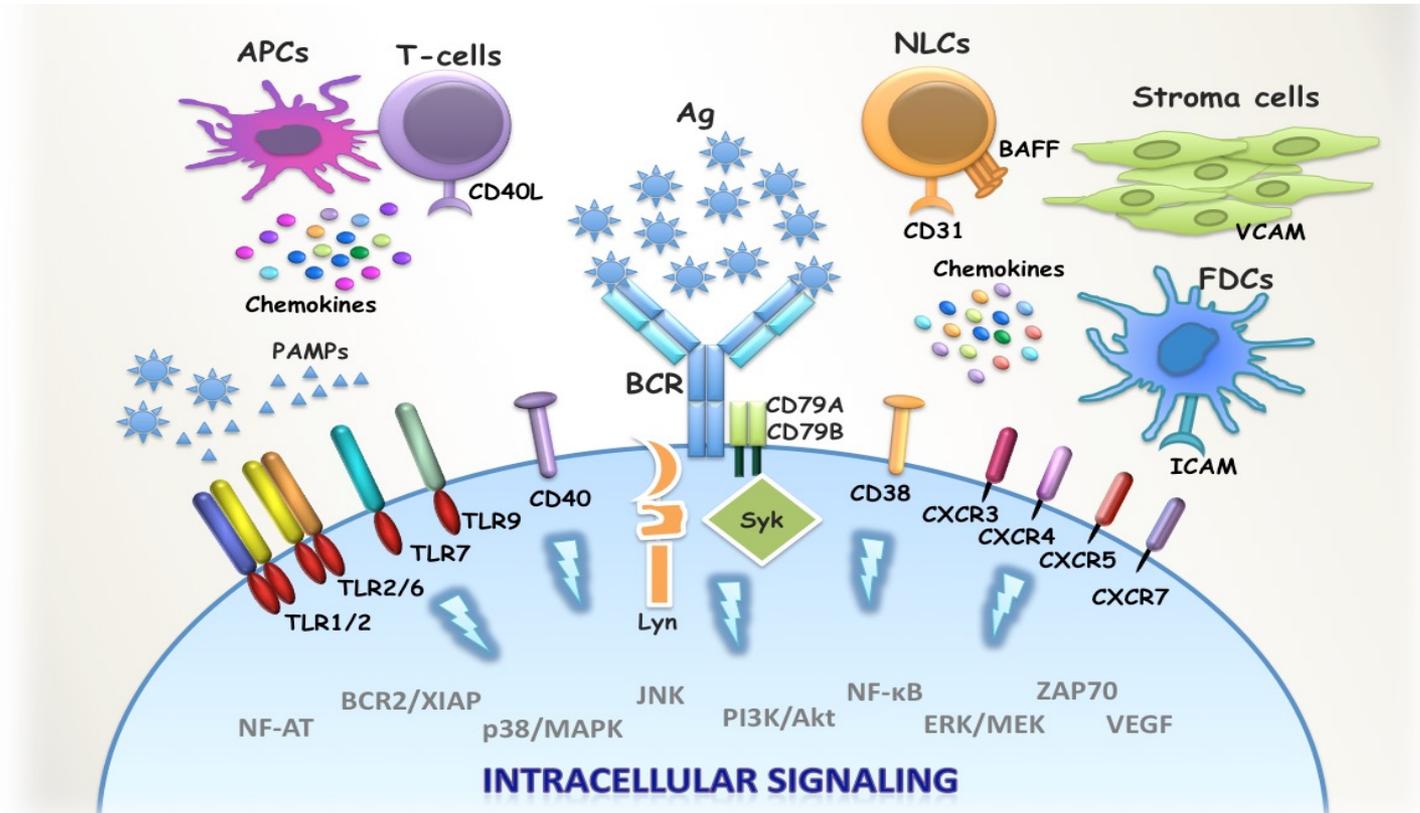


# αλληλεπιδράσεις με το μικροπεριβάλλον

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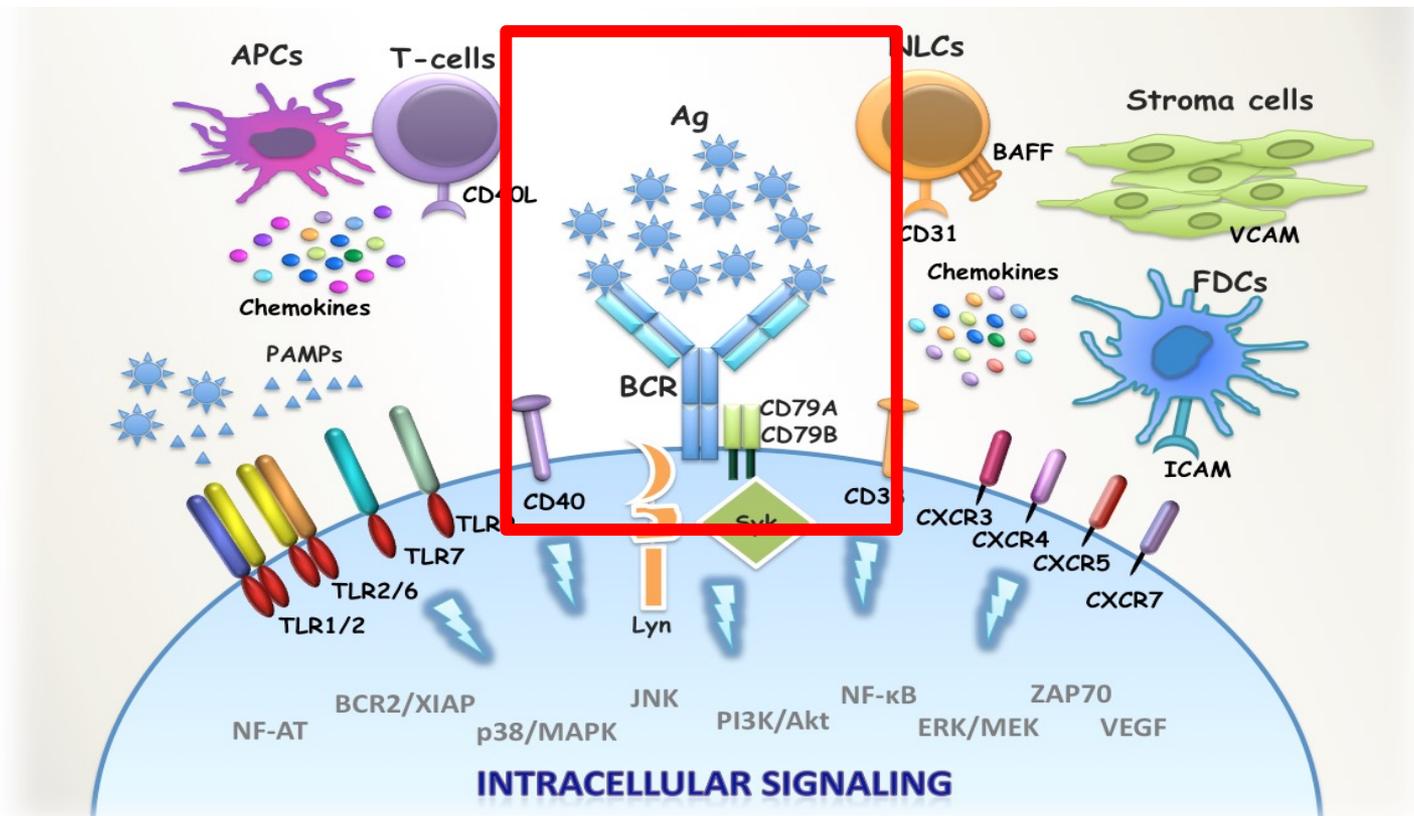


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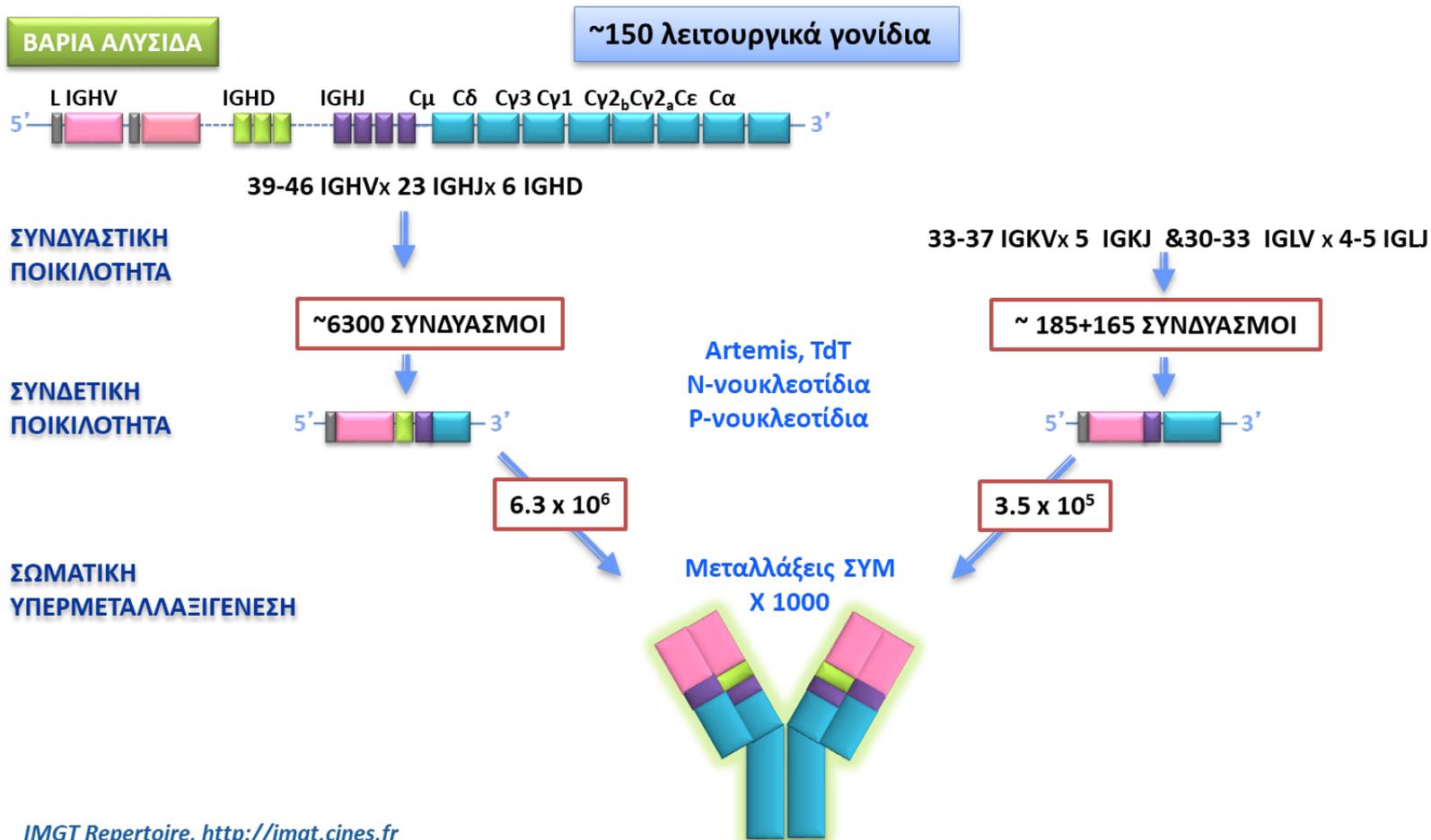


# Β κυτταρικός υποδοχέας

μια μοναδική μοριακή υπογραφή για κάθε Β κλώνο



# Ποικιλότητα Ανοσοσφαιρινών

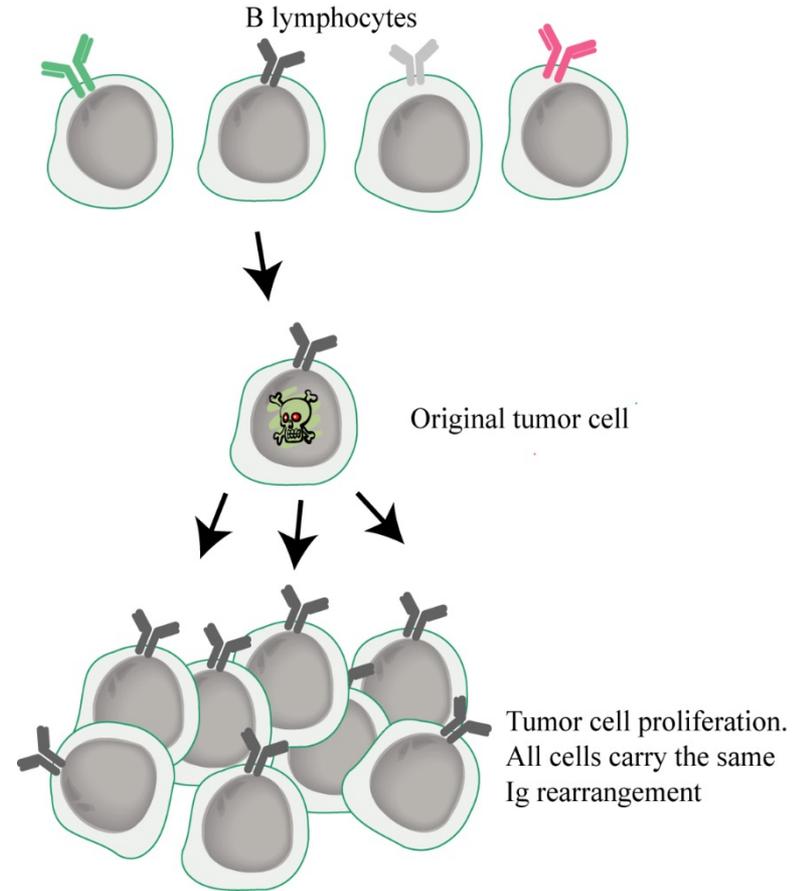


## ανοσολογία και μαθηματικά

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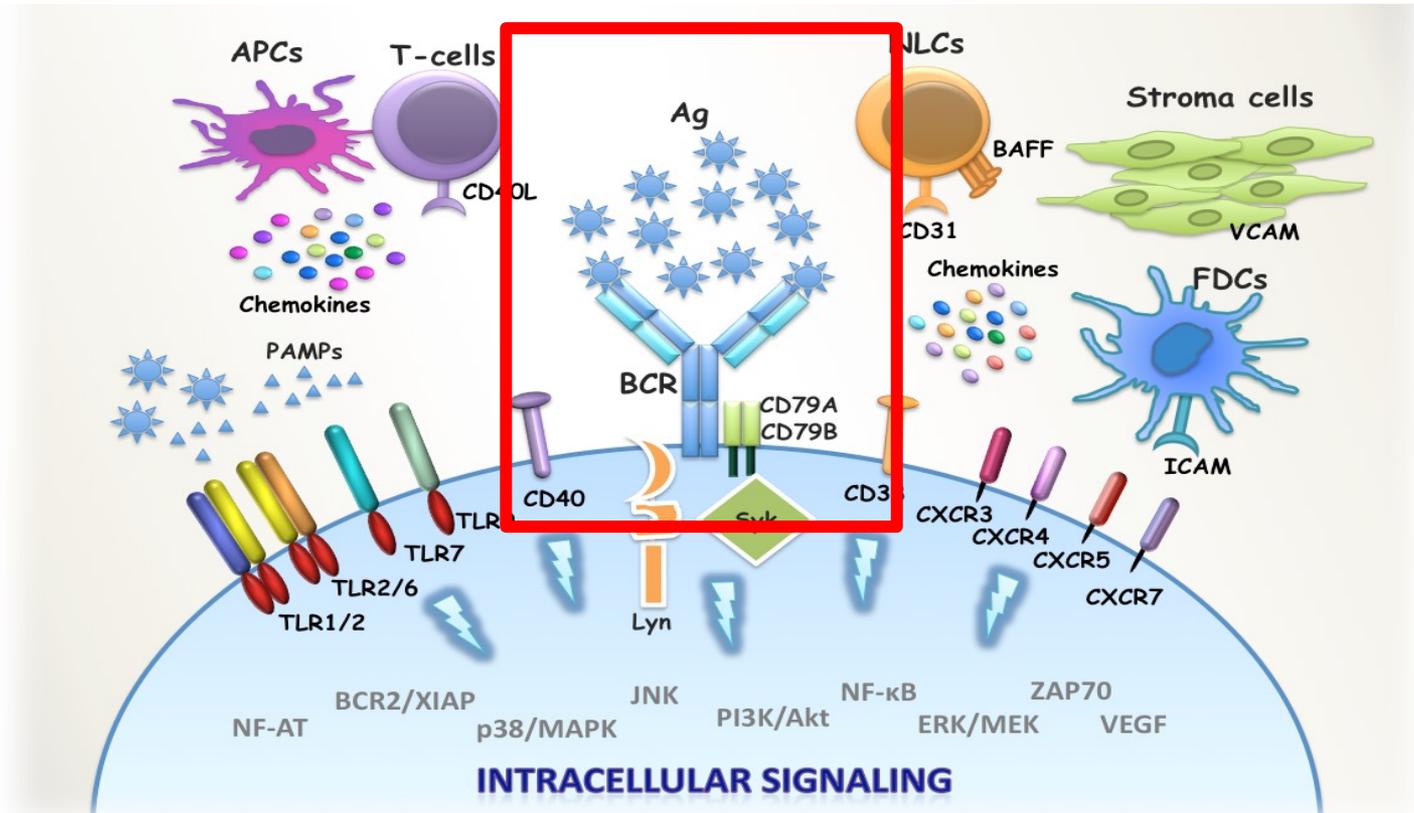
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# IG - ιδανικός κλωνικός δείκτης της ΧΛΛ



# Β κυτταρικός υποδοχέας

κλειδί για την κατανόηση και τη θεραπεία της ΧΜΛ



# Αντιγονικοί υποδοχείς και φυσική πορεία της ΧΛΛ *in vivo* ενδείξεις

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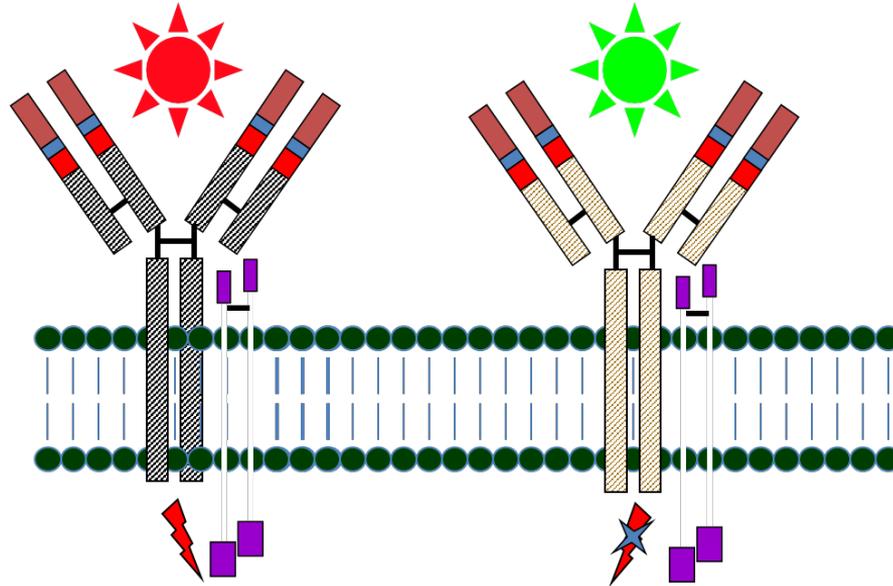
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# Σηματοδότηση μέσω B κυτταρικού υποδοχέα

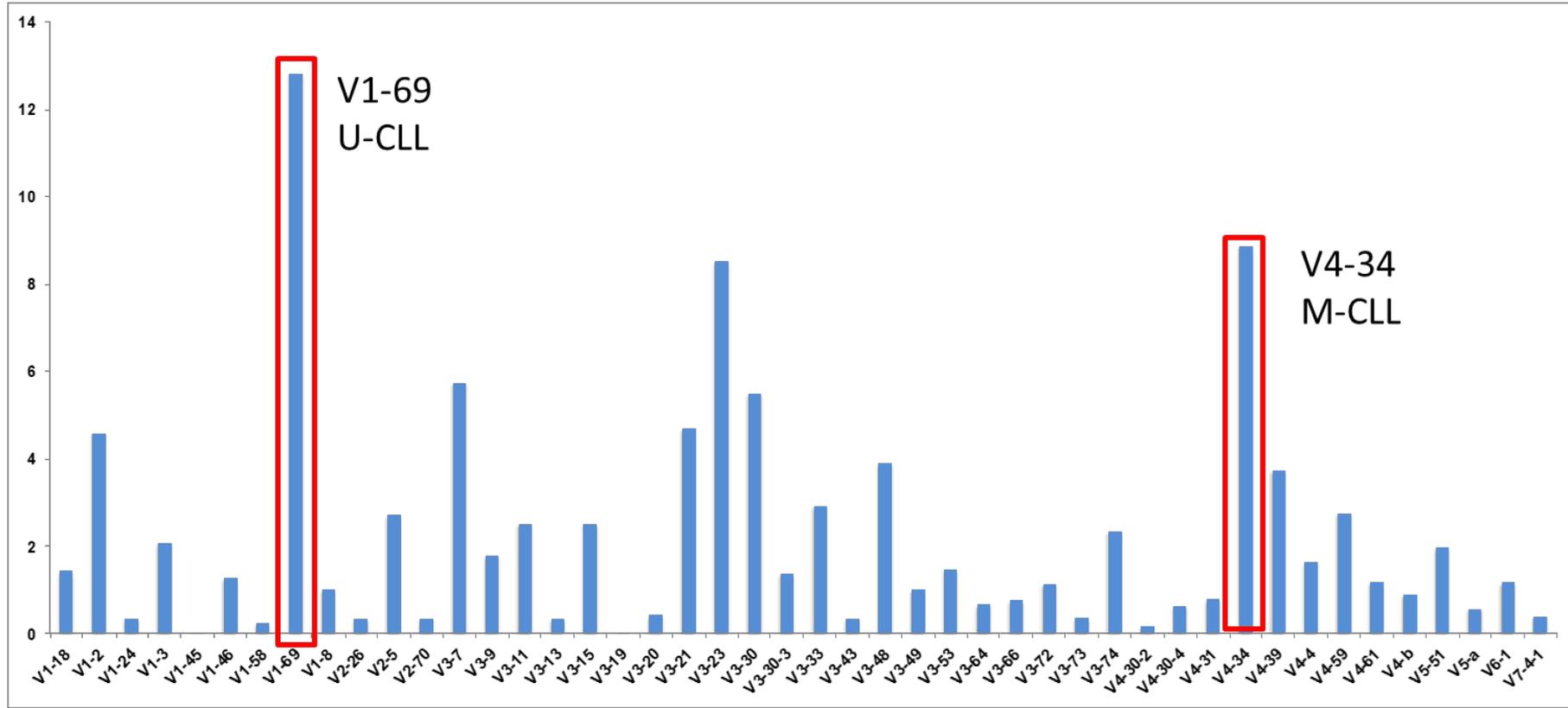
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Επιβίωση, πολλαπλασιασμός

# Επιλεκτικότητα γονιδίων IG



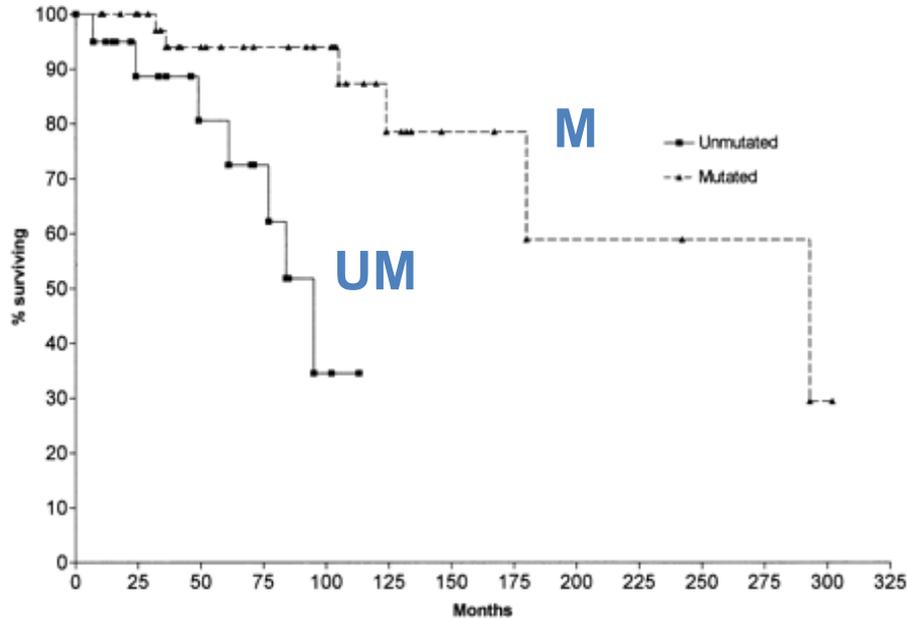
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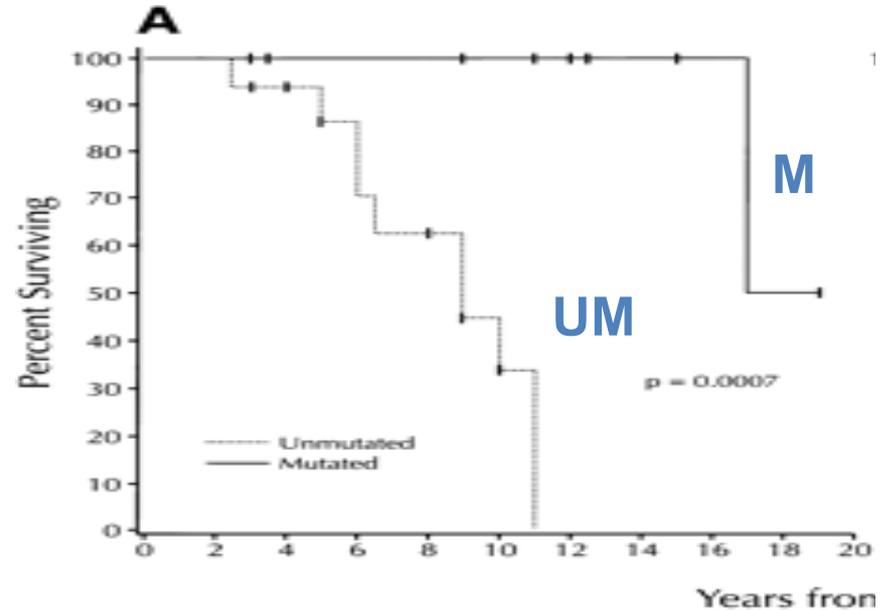


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# οι σωματικές υπερμεταλλάξεις συμφέρουν!

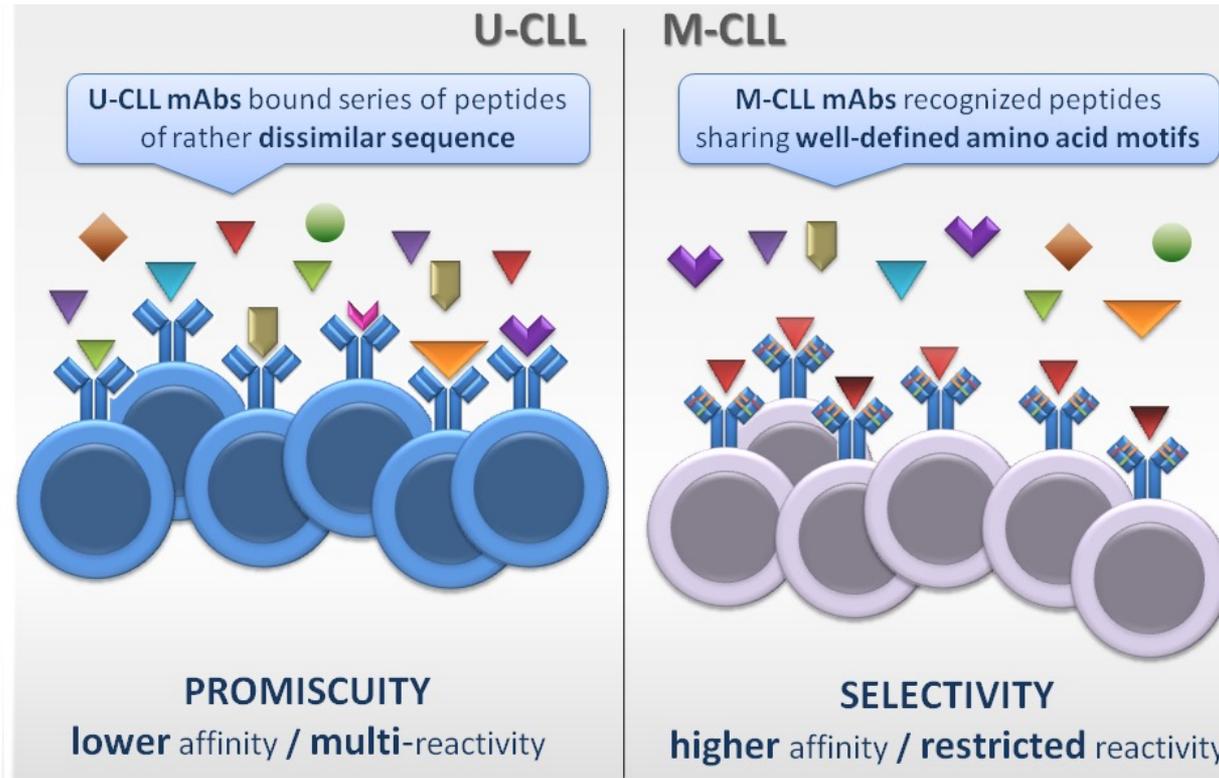


*Hamblin et al, Blood 1999*



*Damle et al., Blood 1999*

# αμετάλλακτη ΧΛΛ: πολυαντιδραστικές ΙG πολλές ευκαιρίες για ενεργοποίηση



# blood

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## **Stereotyped B-cell receptors in one-third of chronic lymphocytic leukemia: a molecular classification with implications for targeted therapies**

Andreas Agathangelidis, Nikos Darzentas, Anastasia Hadzidimitriou, Xavier Brochet, Fiona Murray, Xiao-Jie Yan, Zadie Davis, Ellen J. van Gastel-Mol, Cristina Tresoldi, Charles C. Chu, Nicola Cahill, Veronique Giudicelli, Boris Tichy, Lone Bredo Pedersen, Letizia Foroni, Lisa Bonello, Agnieszka Janus, Karin Smedby, Achilles Anagnostopoulos, Helene Merle-Beral, Nikolaos Laoutaris, Gunnar Juliusson, Paola Francia di Celle, Sarka Pospisilova, Jesper Jurlander, Christian Geisler, Athanasios Tsaftaris, Marie-Paule Lefranc, Anton W. Langerak, David Graham Oscier, Nicholas Chiorazzi, Chrysoula Belessi, Frederic Davi, Richard Rosenquist, Paolo Ghia and Kostas Stamatopoulos

# Ανοσολογία και Μαθηματικά

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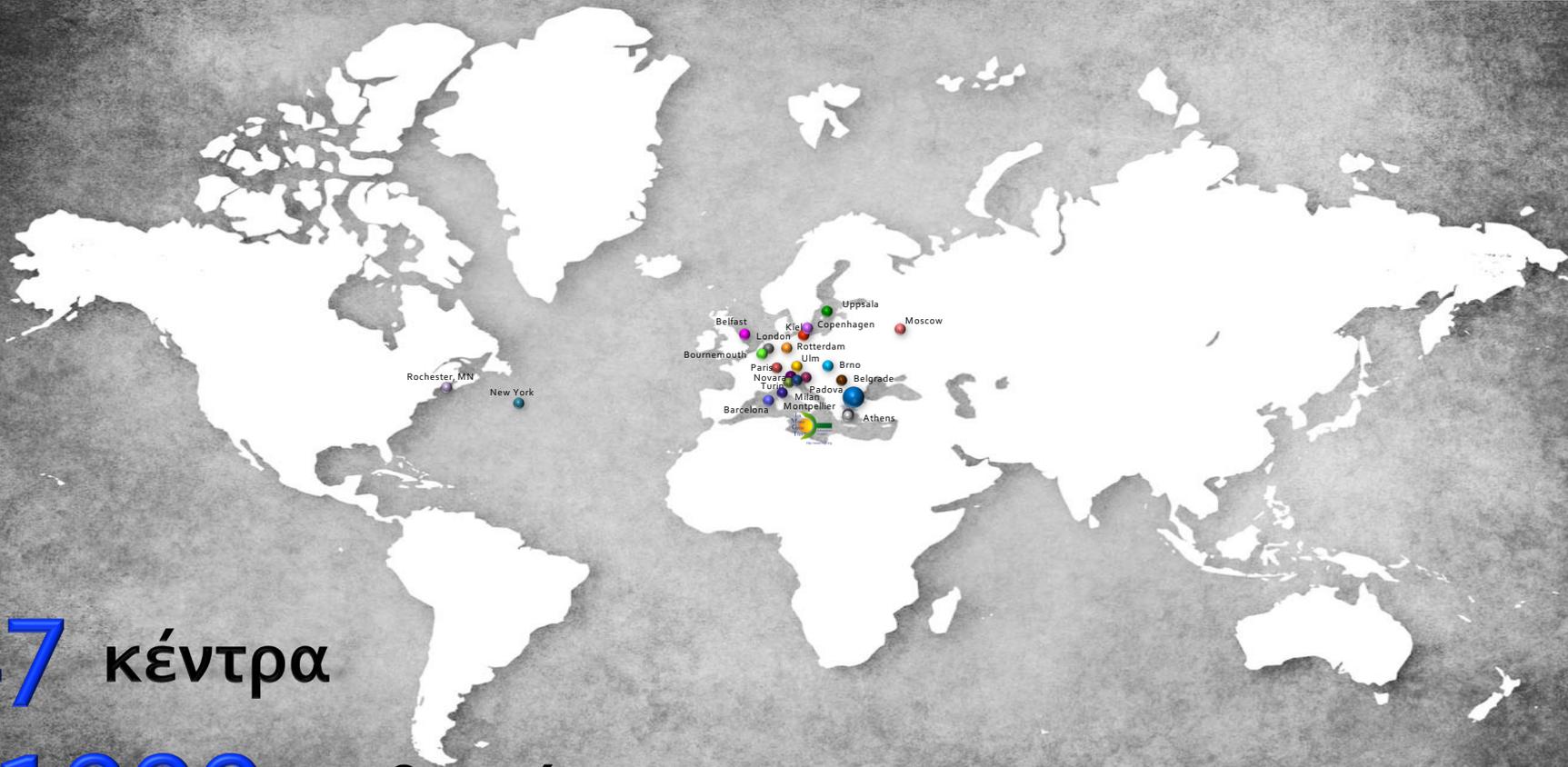


**Στερεοτυπία στην ΧΛΛ**

**κοινά αντιγόνα?**

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# Clinical effect of stereotyped B-cell receptor immunoglobulins in chronic lymphocytic leukaemia: a retrospective multicentre study

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## LYMPHOID NEOPLASIA

### Not all IGHV3-21 chronic lymphocytic leukemias are equal: prognostic considerations

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### Excessive antigen reactivity may underlie the clinical aggressiveness of chronic lymphocytic leukemia stereotyped subset #8

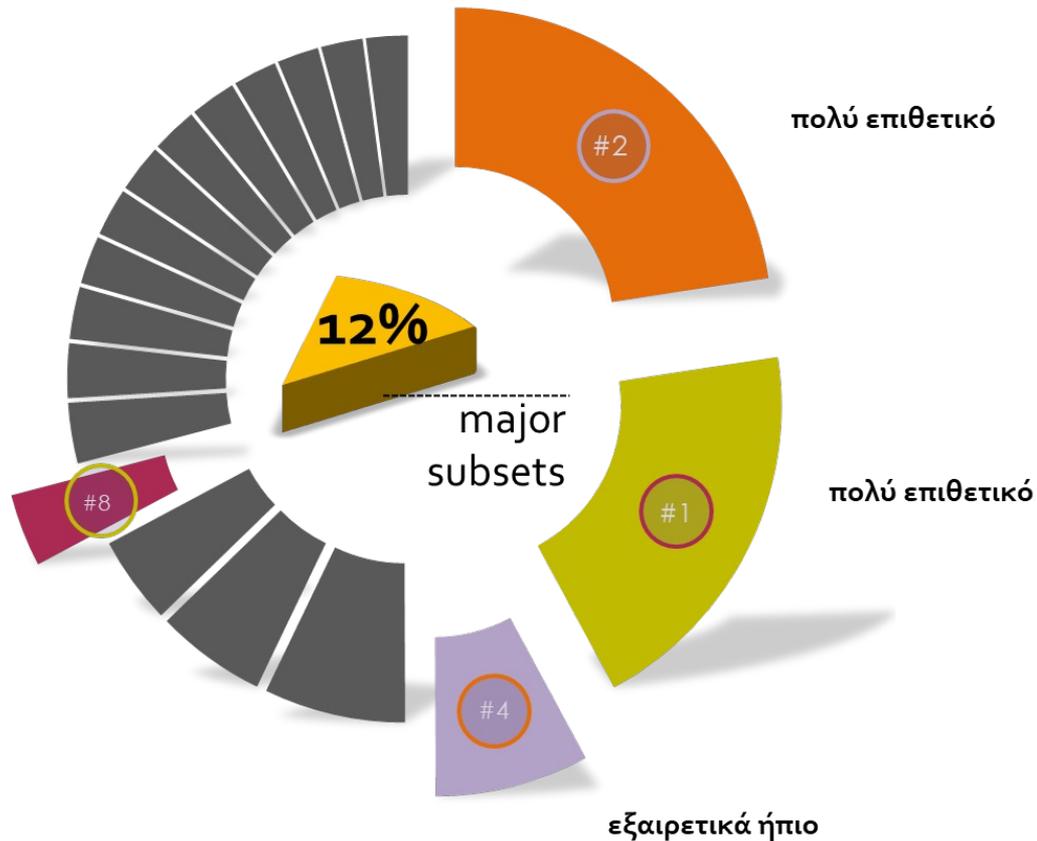
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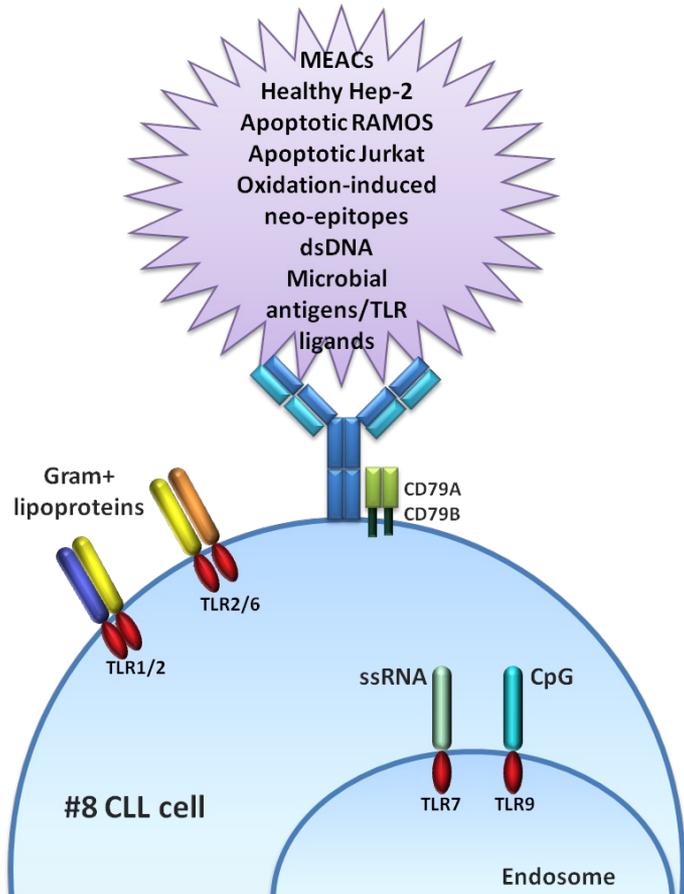
# Στερεότυπα υποσύνολα

- ✓ διακριτές κλινικές παραλλαγές ΧΛΛ
- ✓ διακριτό βιολογικό υπόβαθρο

↑↑↑ πιθανότητα εξαλλαγής  
σε σύνδρομο Richter



# Υποσύνολο #8 και σύνδρομο Richter πολυαντιδραστικότητα IG



Ανασυνδυασμένες IG #8

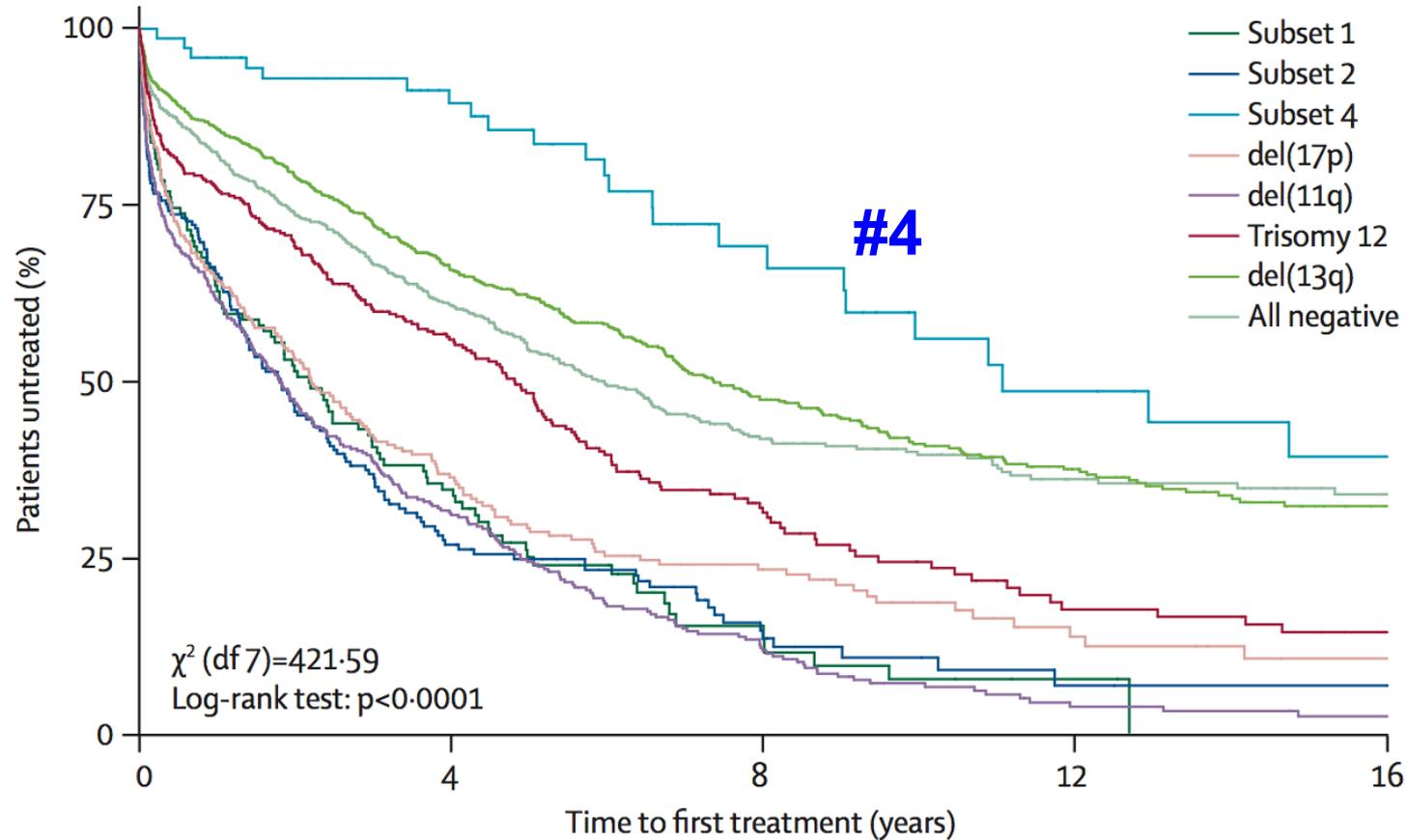
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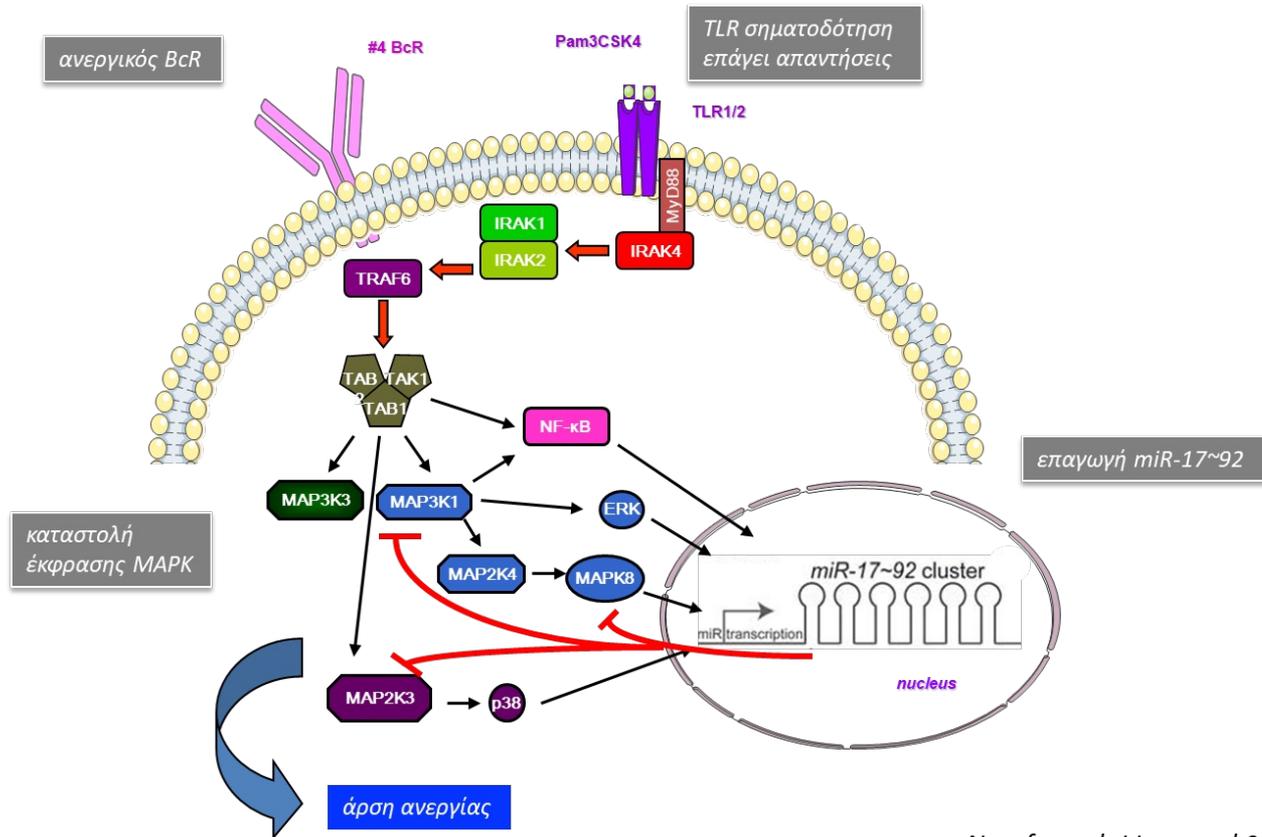
↑↑↑ επιθετικότητα?  
↑↑↑ πιθανότητα εξαλλαγής?

*Gounari et al. Blood 2015*

# Υποσύνολο #4: η πιο ήπια υποομάδα ΧΛΛ



# B Cell Anergy Modulated by TLR1/2 and the miR-17~92 Cluster Underlies the Indolent Clinical Course of Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia Stereotyped Subset #4



Αυτόνομη σηματοδότηση στην ΧΛΛ  
*ένας νέος τρόπος ενεργοποίησης*

**Chronic lymphocytic leukaemia is driven by  
antigen-independent cell-autonomous signalling**

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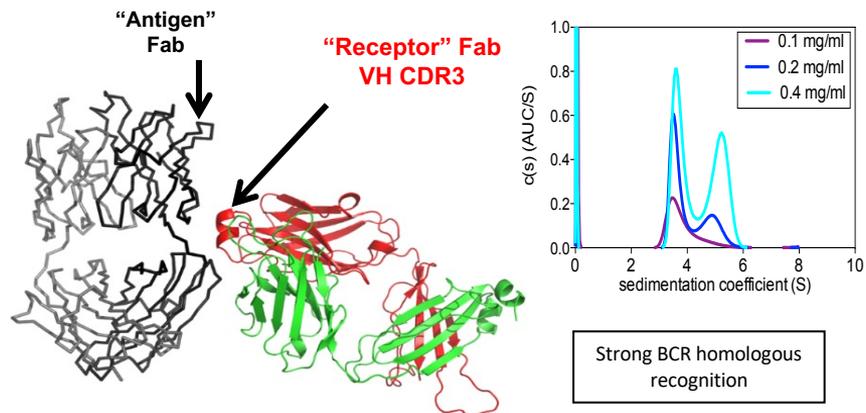
# Distinct homotypic B-cell receptor interactions shape the outcome of chronic lymphocytic leukaemia

Claudia Minici<sup>1,2,\*</sup>, Maria Gounari<sup>3,\*†</sup>, Rudolf Übelhart<sup>4</sup>, Lydia Scarfò<sup>2,3,5</sup>, Marcus Dühren-von Minden<sup>4</sup>, Dunja Schneider<sup>6</sup>, Alpaslan Tasdogan<sup>4</sup>, Alabbas Alkhatib<sup>6</sup>, Andreas Agathangelidis<sup>3</sup>, Stavroula Ntoufa<sup>7</sup>, Nicholas Chiorazzi<sup>8</sup>, Hassan Jumaa<sup>4</sup>, Kostas Stamatopoulos<sup>7,9</sup>, Paolo Ghia<sup>2,3,5</sup> & Massimo Degano<sup>1</sup>

1. **Πρώτη** κρυσταλλική δομή της ανοσοσφαιρίνης του B κυτταρικού υποδοχέα σε αιματολογικά νοσήματα

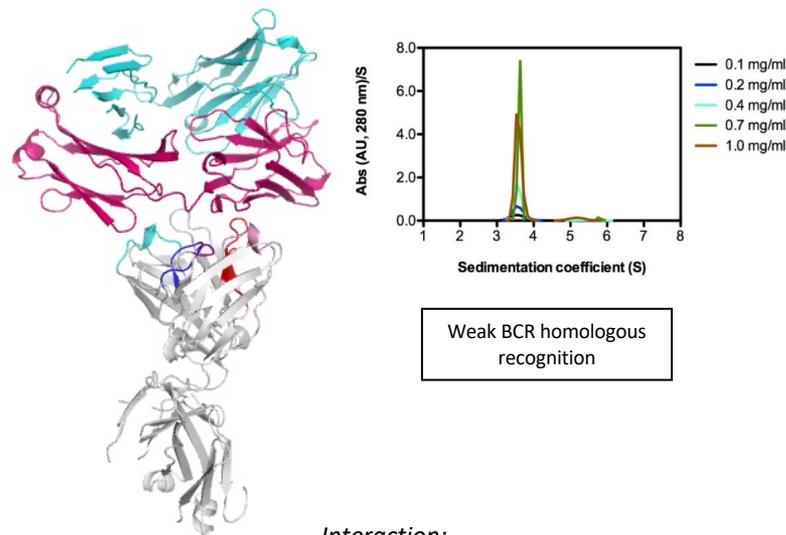
## 2. ομοτυπική αλληλεπίδραση

Indolent CLL: subset #4



Interaction:  
HCDR3 vs.  
KPSET epitope in HFR1 &  
residues in the CH1

Aggressive CLL: subset #2



Interaction:  
LCDR1 and LCDR2 loops vs.  
residues in the FR1 region of the VL domain &  
residues in the VL-CL linker region

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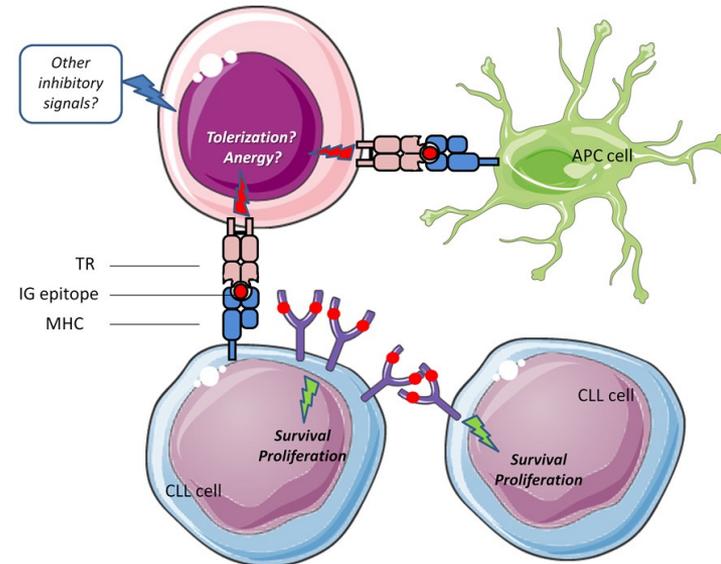
# Restrictions in the T-cell repertoire of chronic lymphocytic leukemia: high-throughput immunoprofiling supports selection by shared antigenic elements

A Vardi<sup>1,2,3</sup>, E Vlachonikola<sup>1</sup>, M Karypidou<sup>1</sup>, E Stalika<sup>1</sup>, V Bikos<sup>4</sup>, K Gemenetzi<sup>1</sup>, C Maramis<sup>1,5</sup>, A Siorenta<sup>6</sup>, A Anagnostopoulos<sup>2</sup>, S Pospisilova<sup>4</sup>, N Maglaveras<sup>1,5</sup>, I Chouvarda<sup>1,5</sup>, K Stamatopoulos<sup>1,7</sup> and A Hadzidimitriou<sup>1,7</sup>

- ✓ persist and further expand overtime
- ✓ shared by different patients, most especially patients belonging to the same stereotyped subset
- ✓ disease-specific, as they are found in neither public databases nor healthy controls



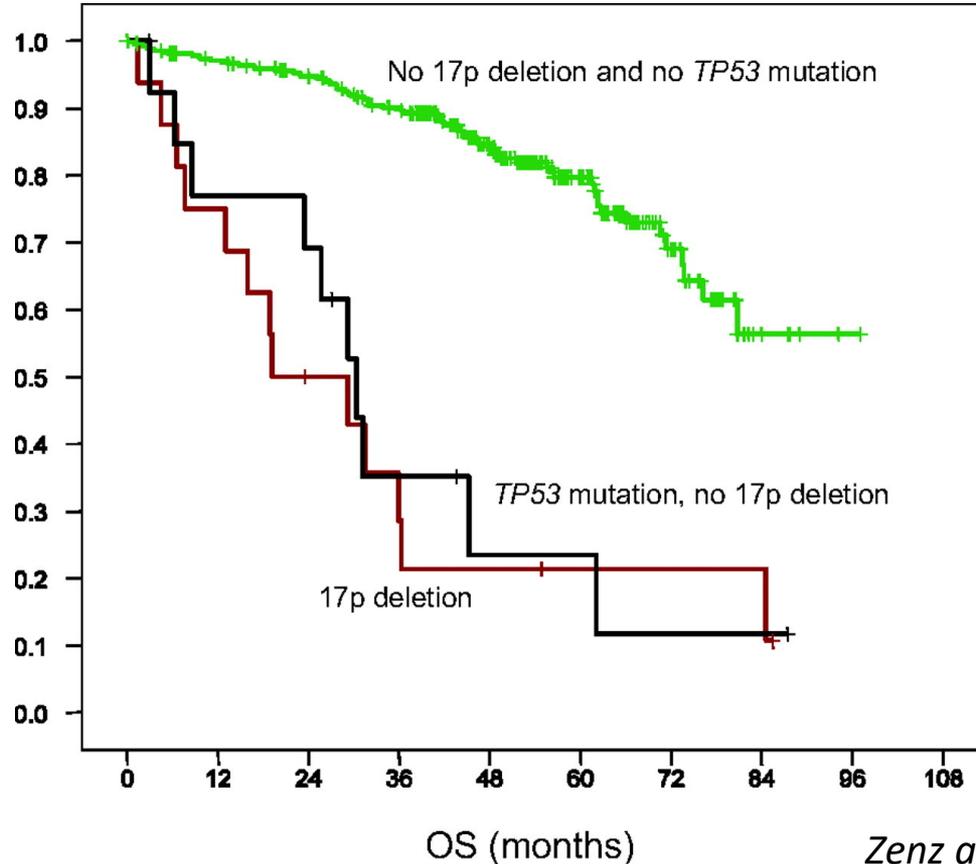
antigen drive likely underlies T-cell expansions in CLL acting in a CLL subset-specific context



## 2. Ενδογενείς Βιοδείκτες

# Βλάβες *TP53*

del(17p), *TP53* μεταλλάξεις



μόνο *TP53*;

## Whole-genome sequencing identifies recurrent mutations in chronic lymphocytic leukaemia

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

### *SF3B1* and Other Novel Cancer Genes in Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia

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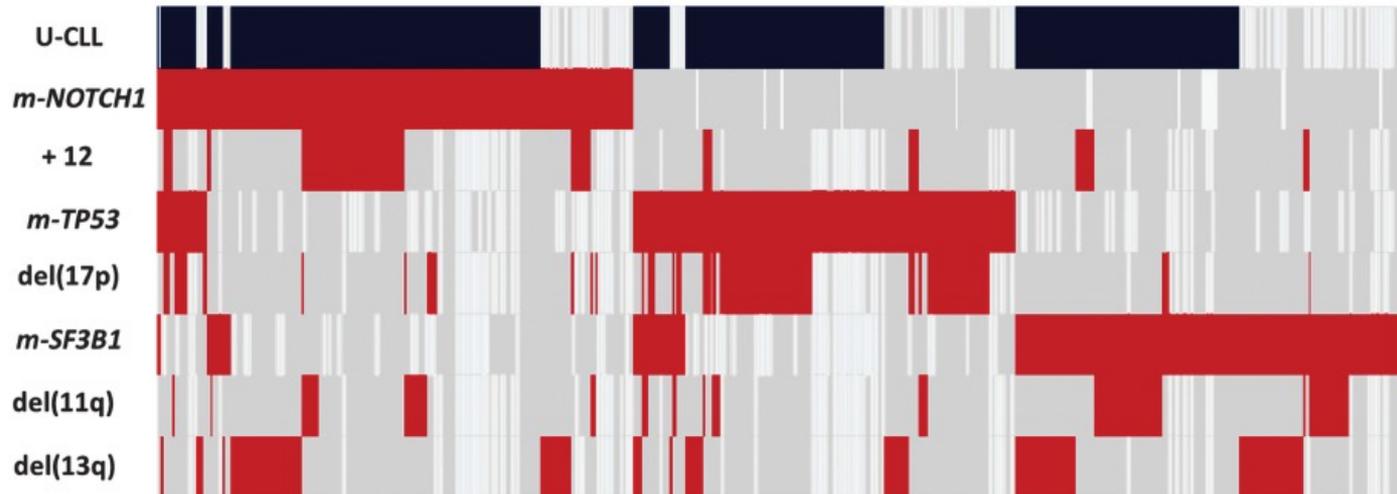
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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

# Recurrent mutations refine prognosis in chronic lymphocytic leukemia

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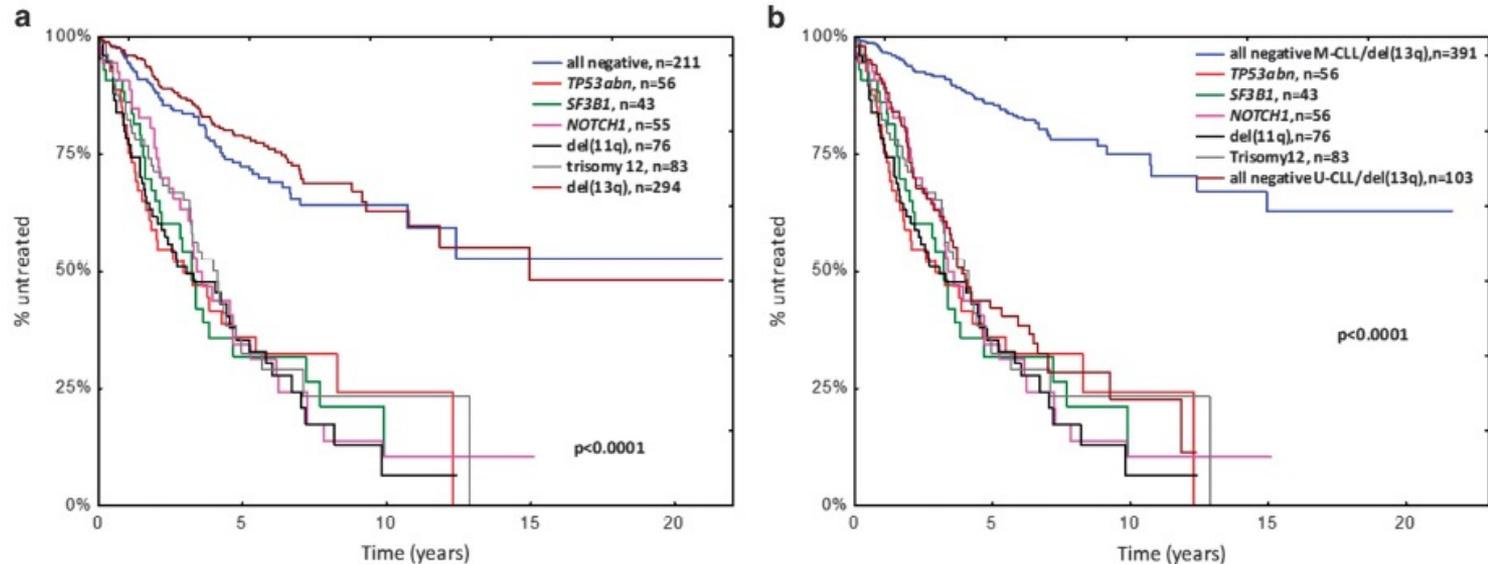


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# CLL genomics

2015 ~1000 ασθενείς

άραγε τα μάθαμε όλα?

# μέσα σε 2 χρόνια από ένα και μόνο συνεργατικό δίκτυο

## Functional loss of IκBε leads to NF-κB deregulation in aggressive chronic lymphocytic leukemia

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*NFKBIE*

J. Exp. Med. 2015 Vol. 212 No. 6 833–843

*RPS15*

## Whole-exome sequencing in relapsing chronic lymphocytic leukemia: clinical impact of recurrent *RPS15* mutations

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## ORIGINAL ARTICLE

### *EGR2* mutations define a new clinically aggressive subgroup of chronic lymphocytic leukemia

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# *EGR2*

Leukemia (2017) 1–8

## ORIGINAL ARTICLE

### Genomic disruption of the histone methyltransferase *SETD2* in chronic lymphocytic leukaemia

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# *SETD2*

Leukemia (2016) 30, 2179–2186

# μέσα σε 2 χρόνια από ένα και μόνο συνεργατικό δίκτυο

## The histone methyltransferase EZH2 as a novel prosurvival factor in clinically aggressive chronic lymphocytic leukemia

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EZH2

May 14, 2016

TP63

## Tp63 Contributes to the Apoptosis Resistant Phenotype in Aggressive Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia

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συμπεράσματα;

Το γενετικό υπόβαθρο της ΧΛΛ είναι  
ετερογενές



καμία βλάβη δεν ανιχνεύεται με συχνότητα  
πάνω από 10-15%

εξέλιξη ΧΛΛ



νέες γενετικές  
βλάβες

## β. Κλινική Εφαρμογή - Διαγνωστική

# iwCLL guidelines for diagnosis, indications for treatment, response assessment, and supportive management of CLL

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Blood 2018 131:2745–2760; doi: <https://doi.org/10.1182/blood-2017-09-806398>

The following major changes or additions were introduced in these updated guidelines.

- The clinical relevance of the recent discoveries on the genomic alterations found in CLL, including mutations of the *TP53* gene.
- The increasingly important prognostic role of the immunoglobulin variable heavy chain mutational status.

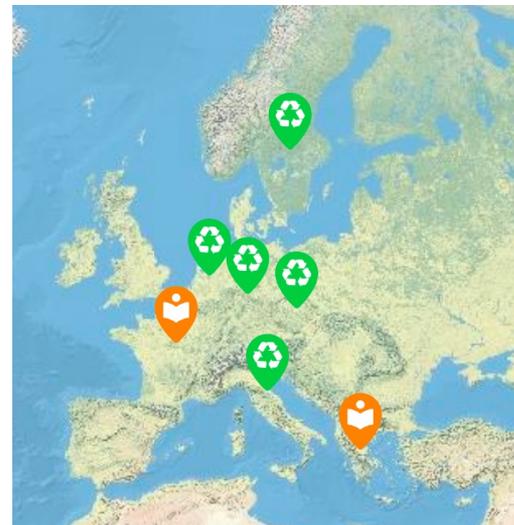
# IG Network

## OUR AIMS

ERIC aims to promote and/or advance the determination of IGHV gene mutational status in CLL for diagnostic and prognostication purposes by educating the hematological community about the need to apply standardized and consistent methods based on the state-of-the-art in immunology and the most innovative bioinformatics tools.

This will ensure reliable and comparable results among different institutions in Europe, and elsewhere, ultimately improving patient care while fostering interaction with clinical study groups and the pharmaceutical industry.

*Immunoglobulin gene sequence analysis in chronic lymphocytic leukemia: Updated ERIC recommendations.  
(Rosenquist, Leukemia 2017)*



# TP53 Network

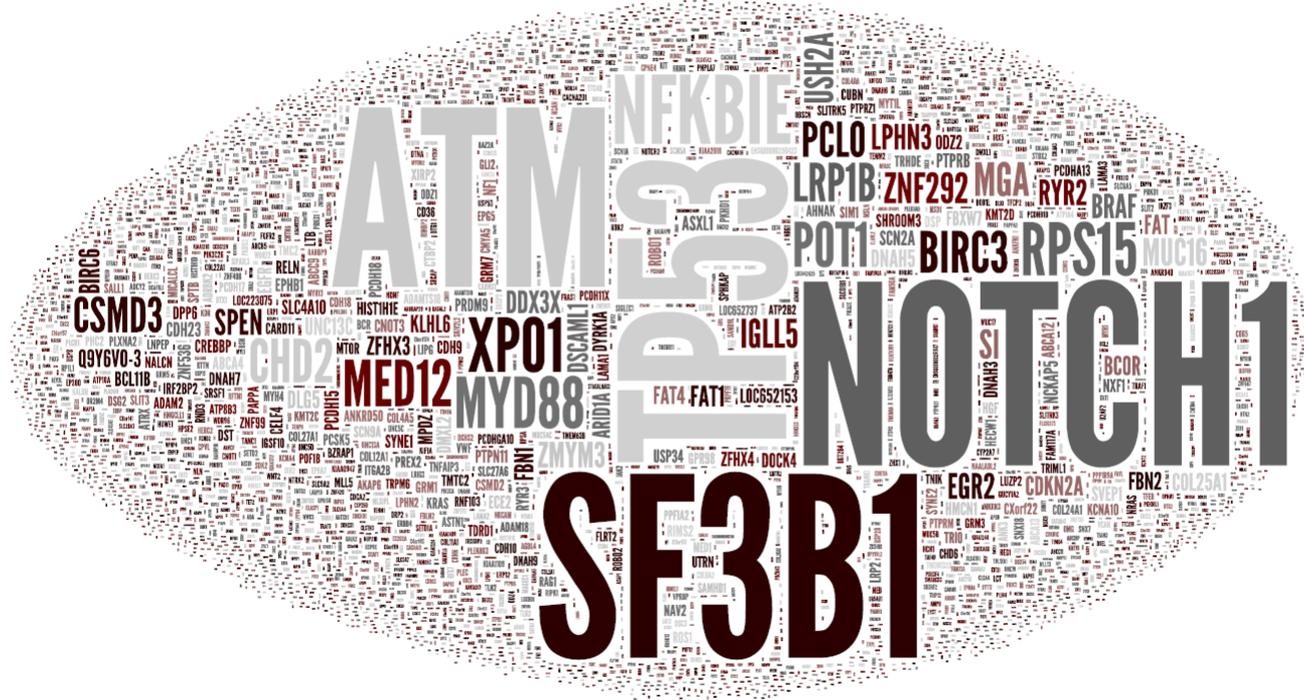
## OUR AIMS

ERIC aims to promote and/or advance the assessment of *TP53* gene aberrations for diagnostic purposes by educating the hematological community about; 1) the need for performing such tests in all cases that require therapy, in both first and subsequent lines of treatment; 2) the quality of the appropriate techniques to be utilized by diagnostic laboratories to ensure reliable and comparable results across different institutions in Europe and elsewhere.

*ERIC recommendations on TP53 mutation analysis in Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia  
(Pospisilova, Leukemia 2012)*



# Το γονιδωματικό τοπίο της ΧΛΛ



Πώς μπαίνει τάξη στο τοπίο?

# Ευρωπαϊκή ομάδα για τη διάγνωση λεμφωμάτων με NGS

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guidelines



# Επαναληπτικά μεταλλαγμένων γονιδίων στα λεμφώματα - Κλινική σημασία

1. Άμεσος αντίκτυπος στην απόφαση για θεραπεία (Actionability)
2. Διαγνωστική σημασία
3. Προγνωστική σημασία
4. Πιθανή κλινική σημασία στο άμεσο μέλλον
5. Ερευνητικό Ενδιαφέρον



# 1. Άμεσος αντίκτυπος στην κλινική πράξη → Επιλογή Θεραπείας (Actionability)

## TP53 μεταλλάξεις - ΧΛΛ

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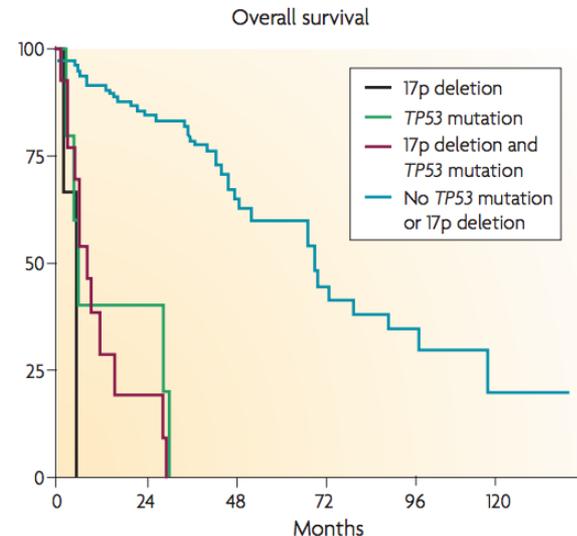
**Ανθεκτικότητα** στην χημειο-ανοσοθεραπεία και **μικρή ολική επιβίωση**

Κλινικό όφελος με **πρόσφατα εγκεκριμένα νέα φάρμακα** [ibrutinib, idelalisib] ασθενείς που δεν έχουν πάρει άλλη θεραπεία

Sequencing του γονιδίου *TP53* σε όλους τους ΧΛΛ ασθενείς, σε συνδυασμό με FISH, πριν την έναρξη θεραπείας (except in the palliative situation):

- για την επιλογή πρώτης θεραπείας
- πριν από κάθε επόμενη γραμμή θεραπείας

Αλληλούχηση των εξονίων 2-11 με Sanger sequencing ή NGS



# Περίπτωση 1

2015/08

Γυναίκα 63 ετών

Λεμφοκυττάρωση, αναιμία, διογκωμένοι λεμφαδένες

Κυτταρομετρία ροής: τυπική ΧΛΛ (score 5)

Κλινικό Στάδιο: Binet C



FISH Μονοαλληλική διάμεση έλλειψη του 13q14.3 (75%)

IGHV γονίδια IGHV3-23 | 100% germline identity | U-CLL

*TP53* γονιδιακή ανάλυση μέσω Sanger Sequencing (2015-08-23)

Δεν ανιχνεύθηκε παθογόνο *TP53* variant

# Περίπτωση 1

<b>FISH</b>	<b>Μονοαλληλική διάμεση έλλειψη του 13q14.3 (67%)</b>
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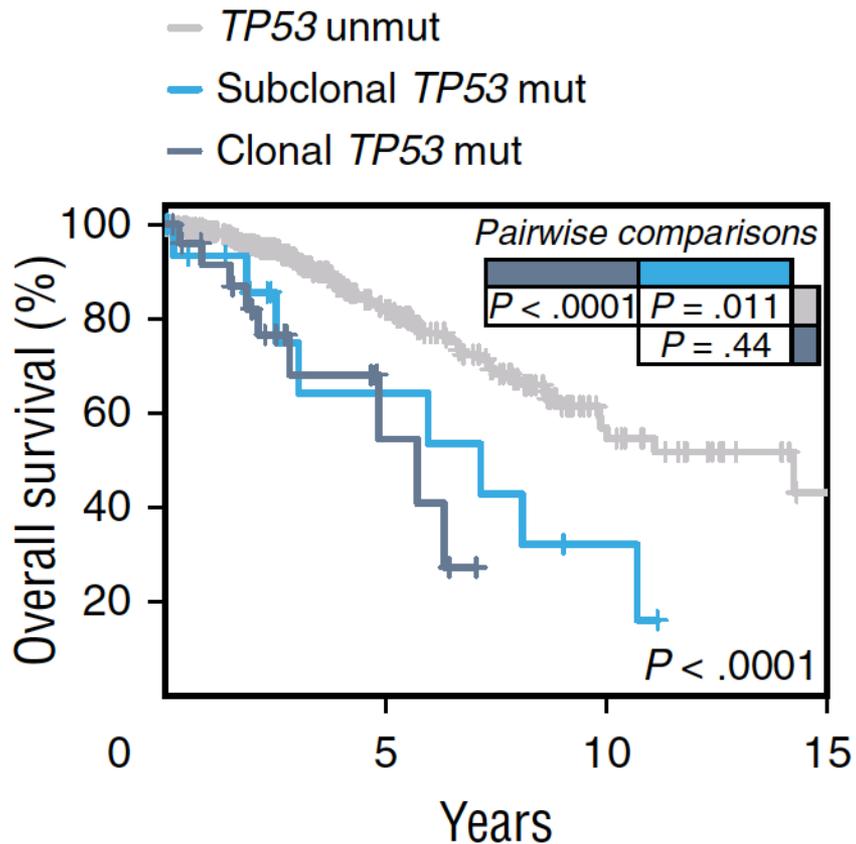
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<b>Variant (Protein)</b>	<b>VAF</b>	<b>Depth</b>	<b>Interpretation</b>
p.S215G	33%	3363	Pathogenic

## ***TP53* γονιδιακή ανάλυση μέσω NGS (2015-08-23)**

<b>Variant (Protein)</b>	<b>VAF</b>	<b>Depth</b>	<b>Interpretation</b>
p.S215G	6%	4352	Pathogenic

# οι μικροί, μεταλλαγμένοι κλώνοι έχουν σημασία



# Περίπτωση 1

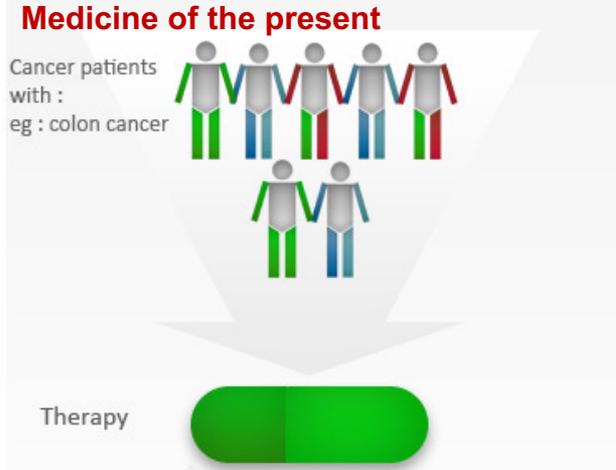
Με τη γνώση αυτή το 2015, θα είχατε προβεί σε χημειοανοσοθεραπεία?

Δεν υπάρχει θέση για χημειο-ανοσοθεραπεία  
στην **TP53 μεταλλαγμένη ΧΛΛ**

**Ibrutinib**

«a game changer for *TP53* aberrant CLL»  
Προτείνεται ως 1η γραμμή θεραπείας

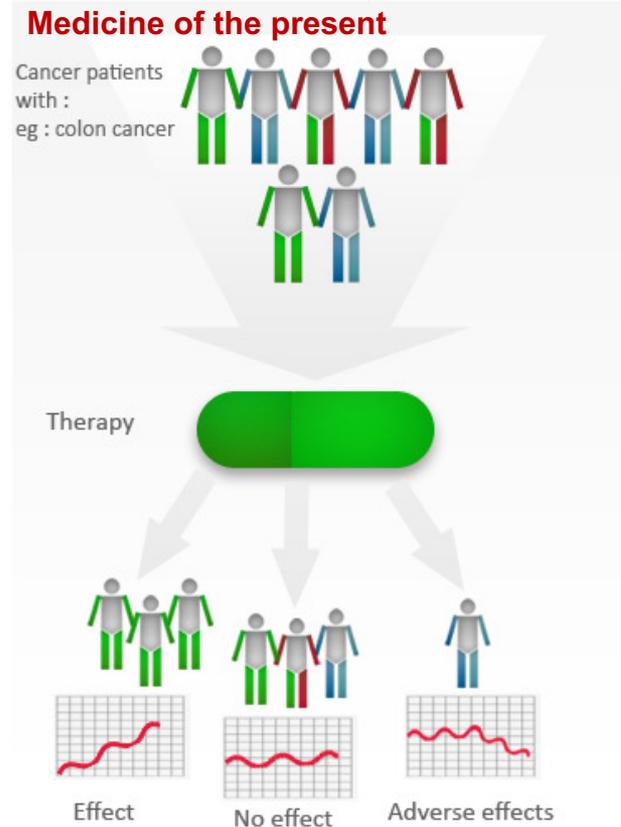
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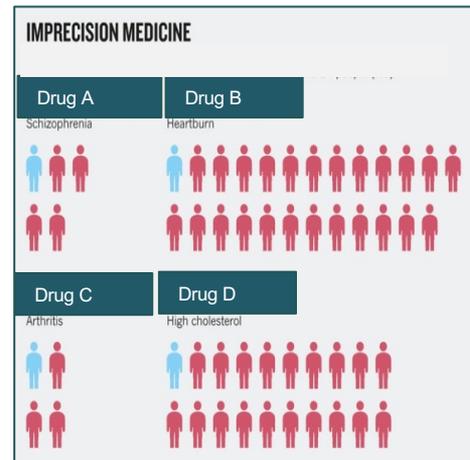
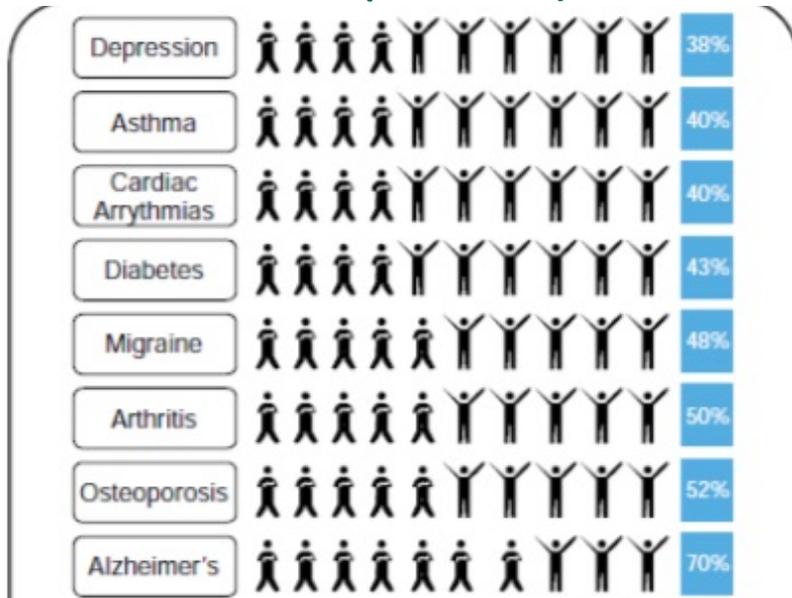
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fits all

# μοντέλο κλασικής θεραπείας

one treatment fits all?



οι κλασικές θεραπείες είναι συχνά ...  
**αναποτελεσματικές**



οι κλασσικές θεραπείες μπορεί να είναι ... **επιβλαβείς**



**100,000+** die each year  
from  
**Adverse Drug Reactions**

*Source: FDA*

2 εκατομμύρια νοσηλείες

100 δις USD κόστος για το σύστημα υγείας

οι κλασσικές θεραπείες μπορεί να είναι πολύ ... ακριβές

Heart Failure drugs

beta blockers

\$345 million – \$575 million

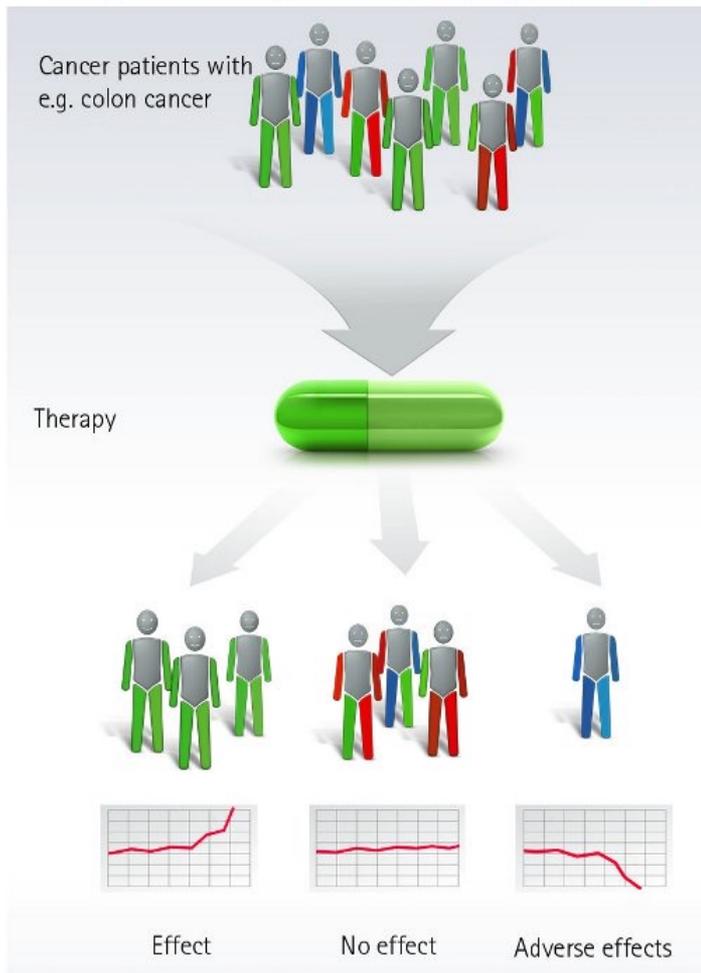
Cholesterol drugs

statins

\$8.8 billion

\$3.8 billion –

## Medicine of the **present**: one fits all

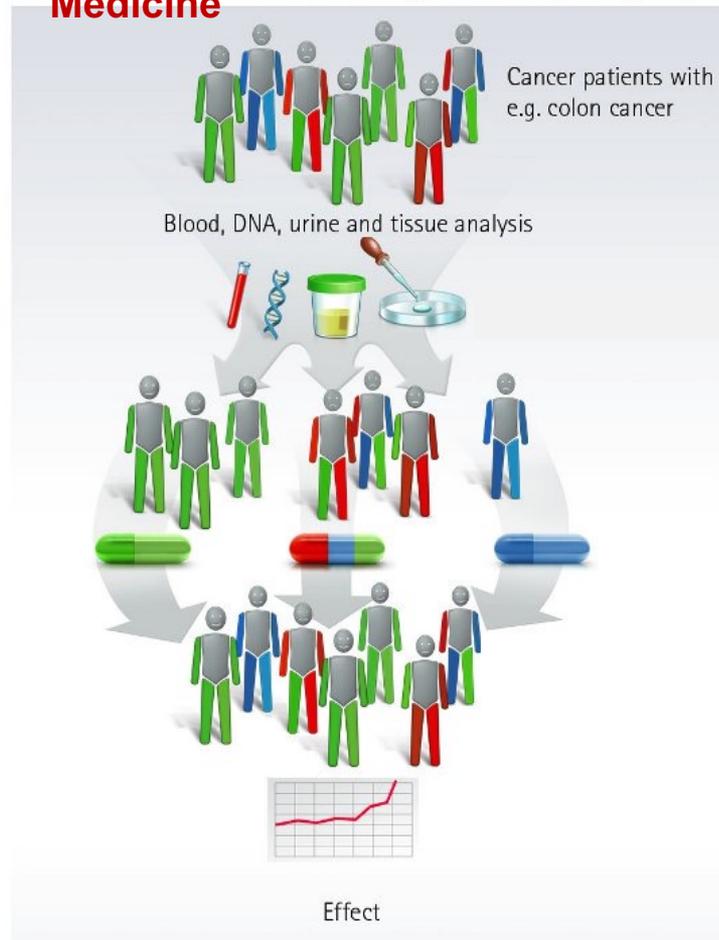
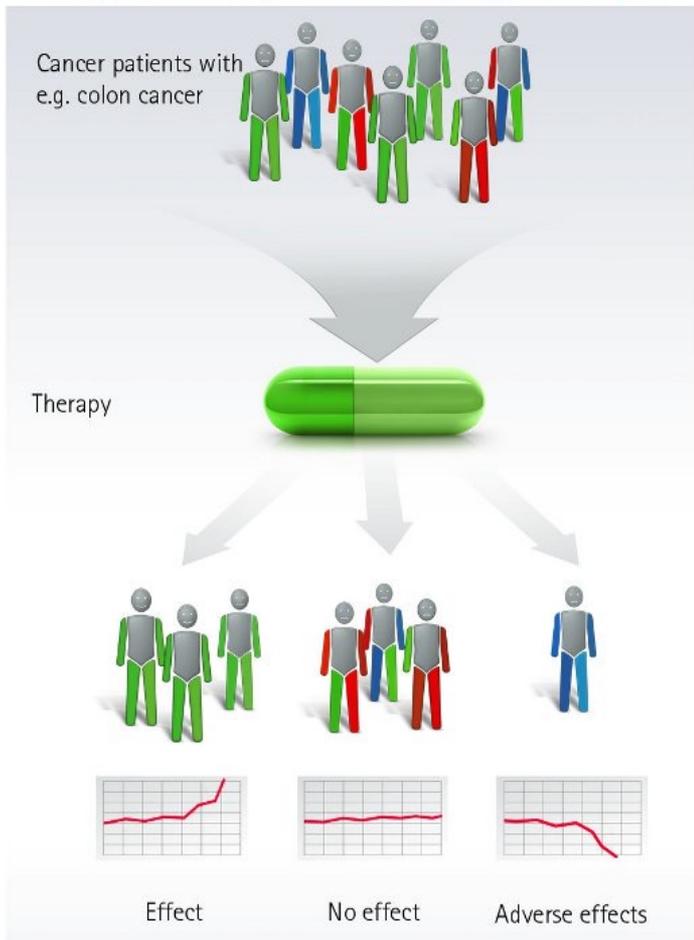


Διαφορετική  
ανταπόκριση  
=  
Διαφορετικό  
γενετικό προφίλ

Medicine of the **present: one fits all**



Medicine of the **future: Precision Medicine**



γιατί τώρα?

## 1 πρόσφατες εξελίξεις στη βιοτεχνολογία



- ✓ αποκωδικοποίηση αλληλουχίας ανθρώπινου DNA | αλληλούχηση νέας γενιάς, Next Generation Sequencing (NGS)
- ✓ εργαλεία για την ανάλυση βιοδεδομένων μεγάλου όγκου



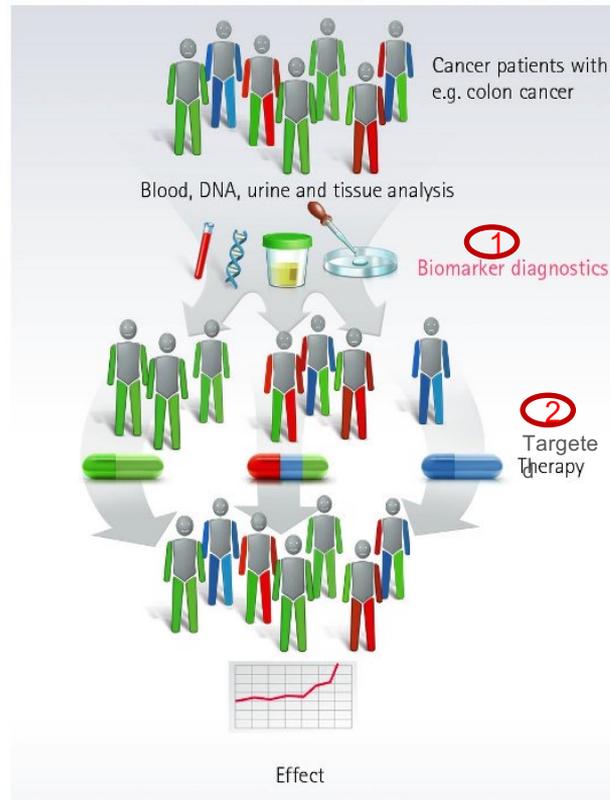
νέες διαγνωστικές προσεγγίσεις στην κλινική πράξη  
(**biomarker diagnostics**)

## 2 στοχευμένες θεραπείες (**targeted therapies**)



στόχευση ειδικών παθολογικών μηχανισμών

## Medicine of the future: **Precision Medicine**



## ① Biomarker Diagnostics



**What do they do?**

- 1 Identify patients who are most likely to benefit from a particular therapeutic product
- 2 Identify patients likely to be at increased risk for serious side effects as a result of treatment with a particular therapeutic product
- 3 Monitor response to treatment with a particular therapeutic product for the purpose of adjusting treatment to achieve improved safety or effectiveness

the development of an appropriate diagnostic test goes often hand in hand with or even precedes the development of a highly specific drug

### “companion diagnostics”

example: Metastatic melanoma - mutation in an oncogene called BRAF-V600



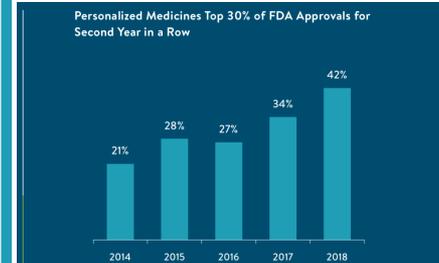
# PERSONALIZED MEDICINE AT FDA

A Progress & Outlook Report

## ② Targeted therapies

### 2018 MILESTONES

1. Record number of 25 personalized medicine approvals (42% of all 2018 new drug approvals) (25/59)
2. Second approval of a cancer drug indication based on biomarker, not tumor type: Vitrakvi (larotrectinib)



Observational clinical studies → generate RWE

FDA will also consider the evaluation of observational clinical studies using RWE to support product effectiveness determinations.

Watson and Crick  
Molecular structure of Nucleic Acids: **A**

**Structure for DNA**

*Nature* 171, 737-738 (1953)





Kary B. Mullis – Nobel Lecture, December 8,

1993

#### The polymerase chain reaction

With two oligonucleotides, DNA polymerase, and the four nucleosidetriphosphates **I could make as much of a DNA sequence as I wanted** and I could make it on a fragment of a specific size that I could distinguish easily. **Somehow, I thought, it had to be an illusion.**

## The polymerase chain reaction - Εφαρμογή

### PML/RARA – χιμαιρικό γονίδιο

**1994**

Γυναίκα, 24 ετών

Αιτία προσέλευσης  
**καταβολή δυνάμεων,  
εκχυμώσεις**

Διάγνωση | μικροσκόπιο  
Οξεία μυελογενής λευχαιμία



Διάγνωση | PCR  
Οξεία προμυελοκυτταρική  
λευχαιμία

**1994**

Θεραπεία –  
ATRA+χημειοθεραπεία

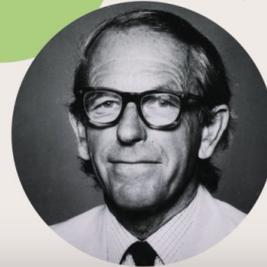
**2020**

Άριστη γενική κατάσταση  
διευθύντρια πωλήσεων  
μητέρα 2 παιδιών

# Sanger Sequencing

developed  
in 1900s

by this  
guy here!



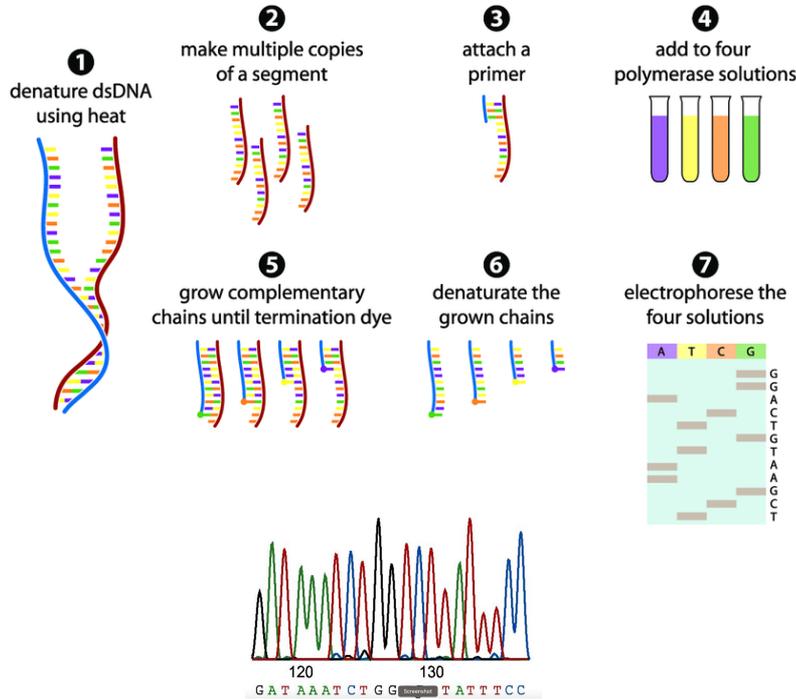
Frederick  
Sanger

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## **NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCING?**

Nucleic acid sequencing is a method for determining the exact order of nucleotides present in a given DNA or RNA molecule

# Sanger Sequencing - the method



1. The dsDNA fragment is denatured into two ssDNA fragments.
2. A fragment of ssDNA is multiplied into millions of copies.
3. A primer that corresponds to one end of the fragment is attached.
4. The fragments are added to four polymerase solutions. Each solution contains the four types of bases but only one type of termination nucleotide.
5. The chain grows until a termination nucleotide is randomly added.
6. The resulting dsDNA fragments are denatured to obtain a series of ssDNA of various lengths.
7. The fragments are separated by electrophoresis and the sequence is read.

## Sanger Sequencing - Εφαρμογή

**Immunoglobulins IG  
Variable region  
mutations**

**2009**

Γυναίκα, 65 ετών

Αιτία προσέλευσης

**Τυχαιός αιματολογικός  
έλεγχος**

Διάγνωση | Χρόνια  
λεμφοκυτταρική λευχαιμία

Πρόγνωση | Sanger  
Sequencing

**2009**

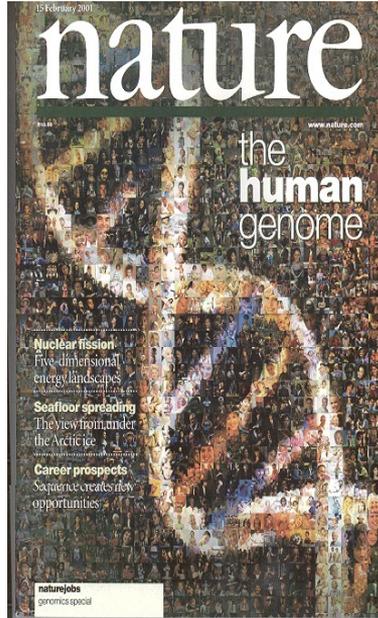
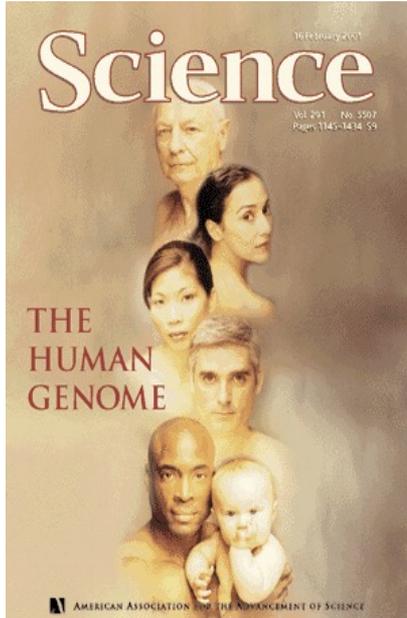
IGV 95% (mutated) → good  
prognosis

**2021**

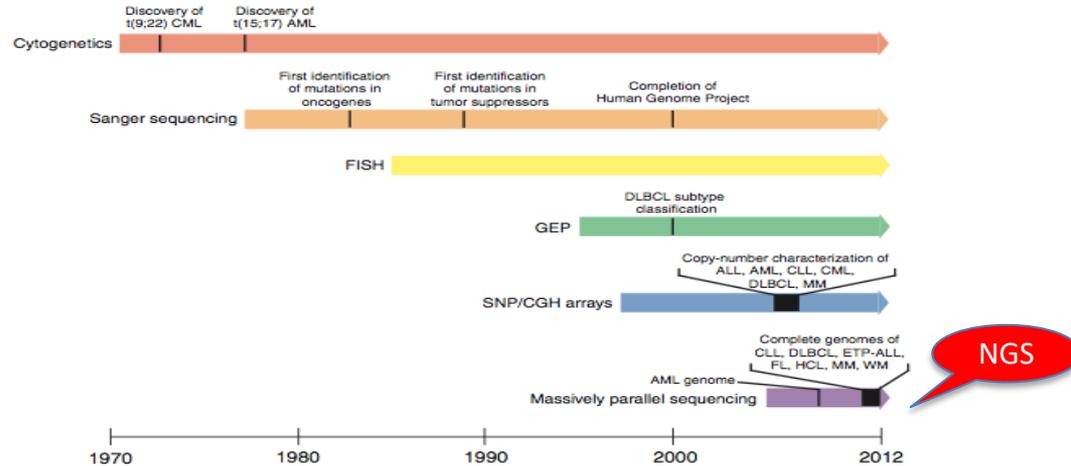
Άριστη γενική κατάσταση

# The revolution – a new era

Revolutionary new pills like **GLEEVEC** combat cancer by targeting only the diseased cells. Is this the breakthrough



# Εξέλιξη των ΓΕΝΕΤΙΚΩΝ μεθόδων ανίχνευσης ευρήματα-ορόσημα σε αιματολογικές κακοήθειες

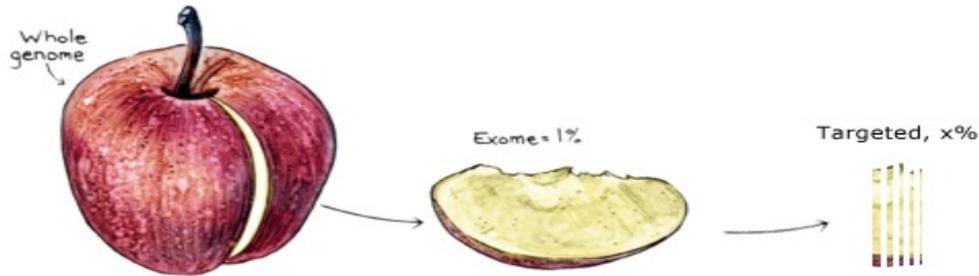


# Μεθοδολογίες αλληλούχησης νέας γενιάς (Next generation sequencing, **NGS**)

**Whole-genome sequencing (WGS)** ανάλυση όλου του γονιδιώματος - Αναγνώριση σωματικών παραλλαγών, σύγκριση της αλληλουχίας του νεοπλάσματος με την αντίστοιχη φυσιολογική (germline).

**Exome sequencing** ανάλυση της περιοχής του γονιδιώματος που κωδικοποιεί για πρωτεΐνες

**Targeted resequencing** στοχευμένη αλληλούχηση PCR amplicons για την ανάλυση συγκεκριμένων γενωμικών περιοχών (**amplicon sequencing**).

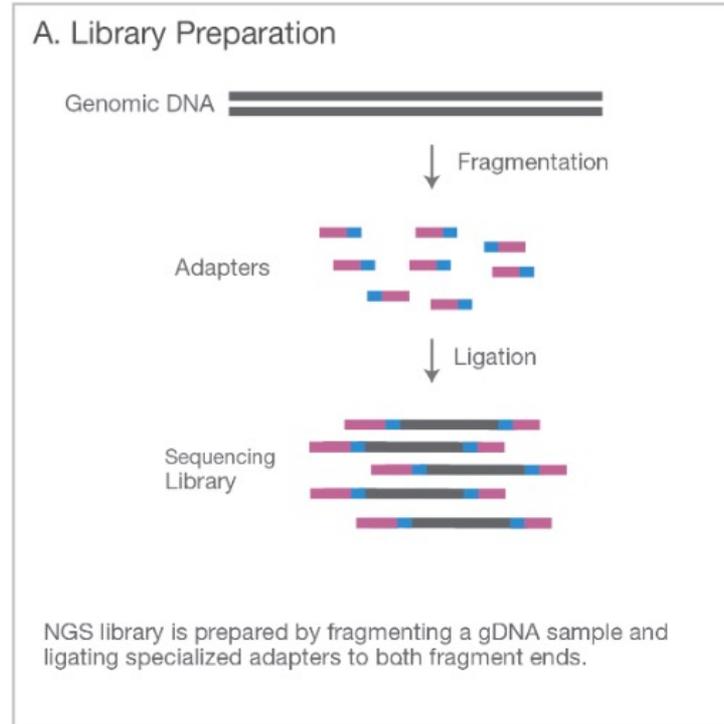


NGS workflows include four basic steps

## 1. Library Preparation

The sequencing library is prepared by random **fragmentation** of the DNA or cDNA sample, **followed by 5' and 3' adapter ligation**.

Alternatively, “tagmentation” combines the fragmentation and ligation reactions into a single step that greatly increases the efficiency of

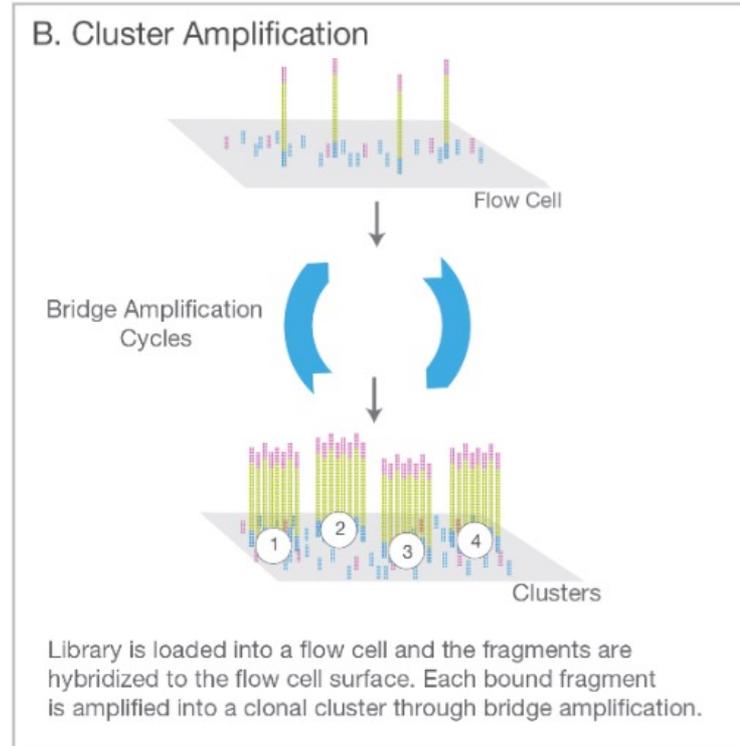


## 2. Cluster Generation

The library is loaded into a **flowcell** where fragments are captured on a lawn of surface-bound **oligos complementary to the library adapters**.

Each **fragment is then amplified** into distinct, clonal clusters through bridge amplification.

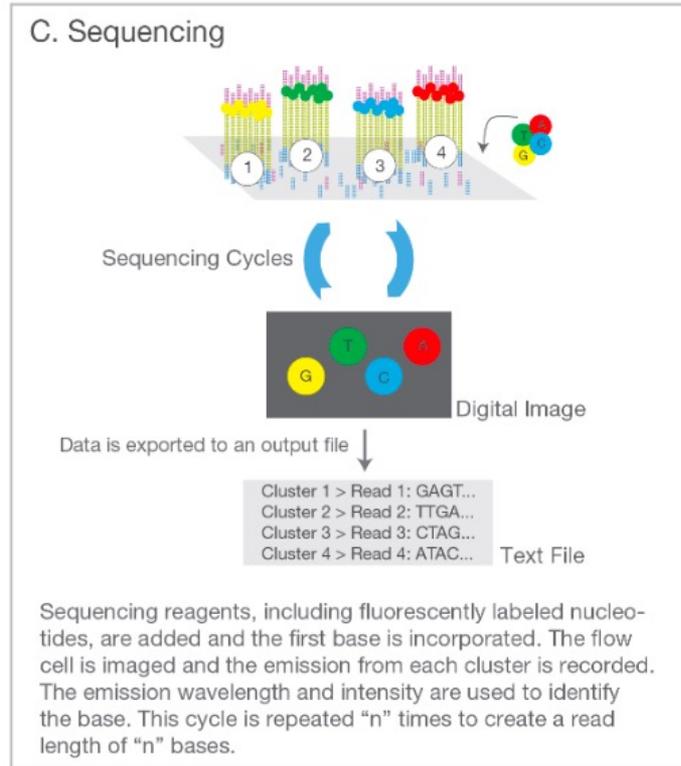
When cluster generation is



### 3. Sequencing

SBS technology uses a proprietary reversible terminator-based method that **detects single bases as they are incorporated into DNA template strands.**

As all four reversible terminator-bound dNTPs are present during each sequencing cycle, natural competition minimizes incorporation bias and greatly reduces raw error rates compared to other technologies



#### 4. Data Analysis

During data analysis and alignment, the newly identified **sequence reads are aligned to a reference genome.**

Following alignment, many variations of analysis are possible, such as single nucleotide polymorphism (SNP) or insertion-deletion (indel) identification, read counting for RNA methods, phylogenetic

#### D. Alignment and Data Analysis



Reads are aligned to a reference sequence with bioinformatics software. After alignment, differences between the reference genome and the newly sequenced reads can be identified.



MiSeq®



NextSeq® 500



HiSeq® 2500



HiSeq® 3000

**Next Generation Sequencing**  
platforms from trusted names



Ion Torrent™



PacBio RS II System



HiSeq® 4000

## Next Generation Sequencing - Εφαρμογή

**2017**

Ανδρας, 62 ετών

Διάγνωση

**Χρόνια λεμφοκυτταρική λευχαιμία**

Μοριακή ανάλυση | NGS

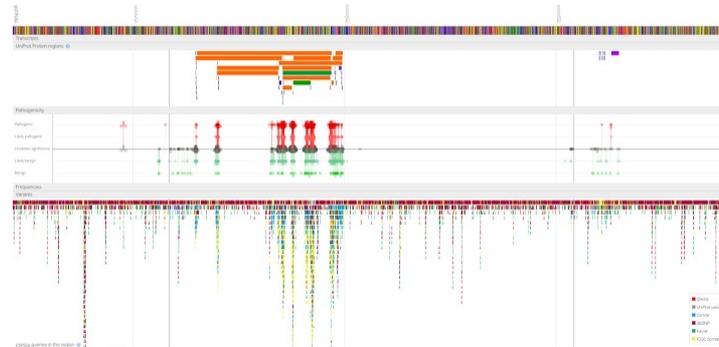
*TP53* pathogenic variant

Θεραπεία

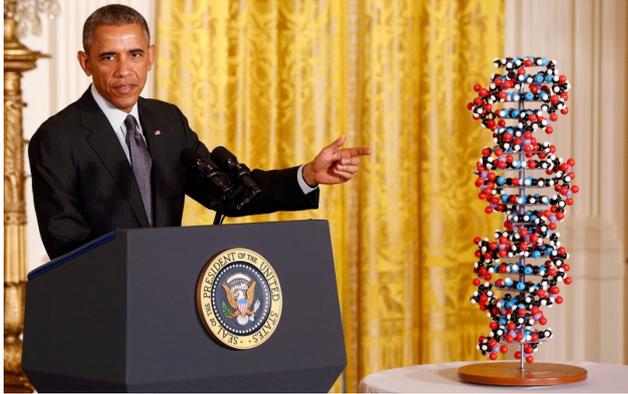
**Ibrutinib**

**2020**

Άριστη γενική κατάσταση  
Ορθοπεδικός σε πλήρη  
δραστηριότητα



# Precision Medicine Initiative (PMI)



*“Tonight I’m launching a new Precision Medicine Initiative to bring us closer to curing diseases like cancer and diabetes.*

*And to give us all access to the personalized information we need to keep ourselves and our families healthier.”*

President Barack Obama  
2015 State of the Union Address | January 20, 2015

# Precision Medicine Initiative (PMI)

The **promise: \$215 million** investment to 4 **public authorities:**

**NIH** - National Institutes of Health

**NCI** - National Cancer Institute



**FDA** - Food and Drug Administration



**ONC** - Office of the National Coordination for Health Information  
Technology



# Precision Medicine Initiative (PMI)

The **objectives**:

More and better **treatments** for cancer

Creation of a **national registry**

Protecting **Privacy**

**Regulatory modernization**

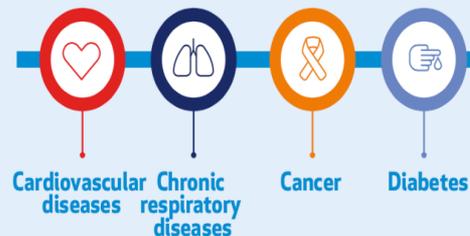
**Public-private** partnerships

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στην ογκολογία?



NONCOMMUNICABLE DISEASES (NCDs)

## THE THREAT



## Key Facts

NCDs are responsible for

**71%**  
of all deaths worldwide  
(41 million people)



**Cancer** the second leading cause of death globally, **9.6 million** deaths **in 2018**

# γιατί στην ογκολογία?

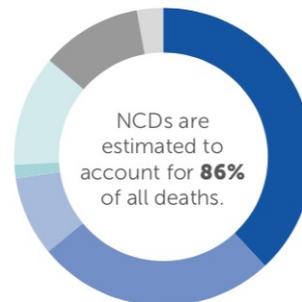
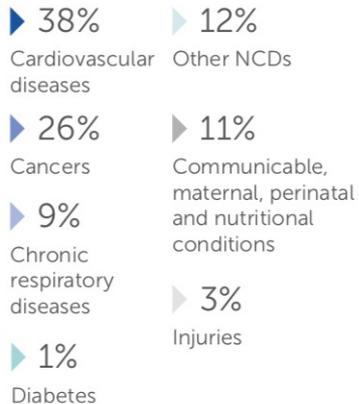


## GREECE

2016 TOTAL POPULATION: 11 184 000

2016 TOTAL DEATHS: 121 000

### PROPORTIONAL MORTALITY



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World Health Organization

**TOGETHER**  
WE CAN PREVENT AND CONTROL  
**THE WORLD'S MOST COMMON DISEASES**

The challenge is unprecedented -- a 25% reduction by 2025  
in premature deaths from noncommunicable diseases.

# γιατί άλλο στην ογκολογία?



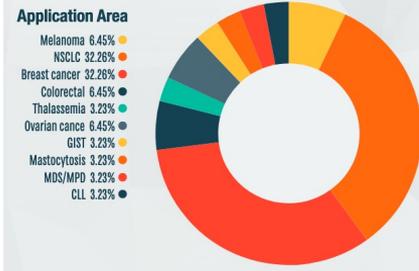
2 NGS methodologies identify genetic aberration that correlate to cancer in cancer cells



10/25 personalized medicines approved in 2018

4 The economic impact of cancer in 2010 was US\$ 1.16 trillion

Companion diagnostics  
Largest application areas in oncology



# A New Taxonomy of Cancer

*From organs to molecules*

## → **Genomics and the Future of Cancer Treatment**

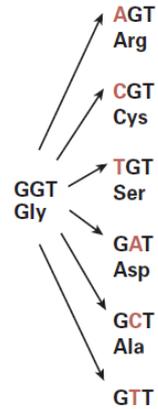
According to the President of the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, we may soon look at the concept of “organ-based” cancer types as ancient history.

- For more than a century, cancers have been **classified by the organ or tissue**  
– *with therapies geared to those specific areas*
- As more is learned about the basic biological processes in cancers, a new perspective has emerged

# Genomic Alterations in Cancer

*Major classes*

Point mutations



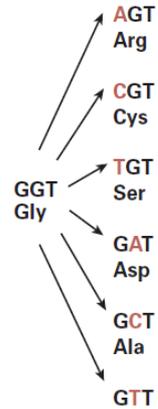
Activation of oncogenes-  
*RAS* genes in many cancers  
Inactivation of TS genes-  
*TP53* in many cancers

**TS**, tumor suppressor

**CML**, chronic myelogenous leukemia

# Genomic Alterations in Cancer

## Point mutations

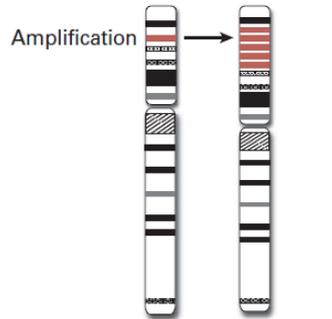


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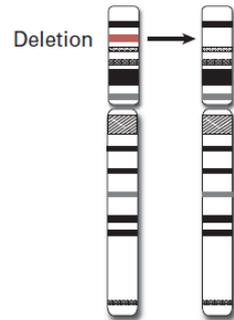
TS, tumor suppressor

CML, chronic myelogenous leukemia

## Major classes



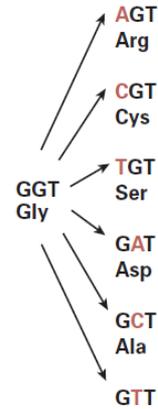
Activation of oncogenes-  
*ERBB2* in breast cancer



Inactivation of TS genes-  
*RB1* in retinoblastoma

# Genomic Alterations in Cancer

## Point mutations



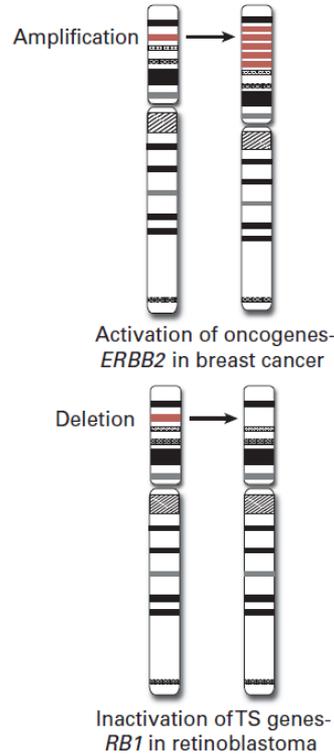
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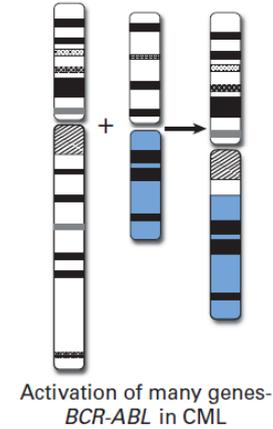
CML, chronic myelogenous leukemia

## Major classes

### Copy number alterations

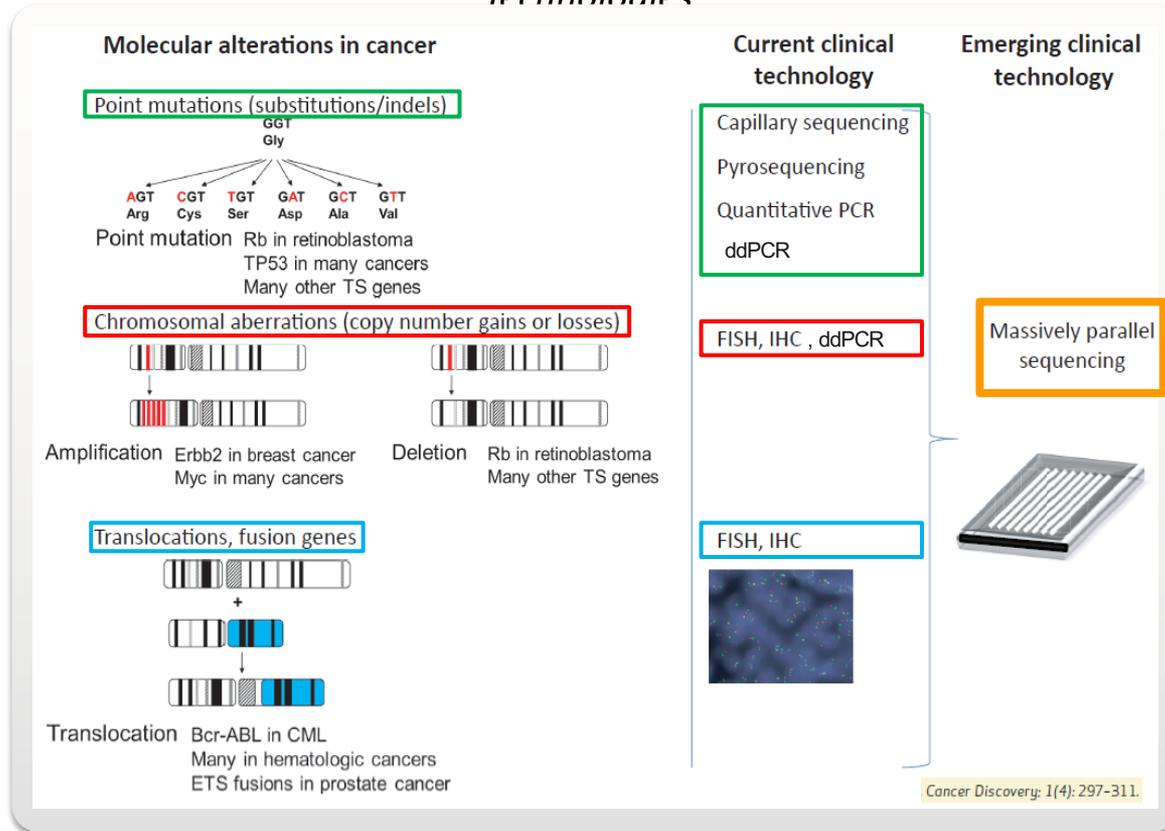


### Translocations



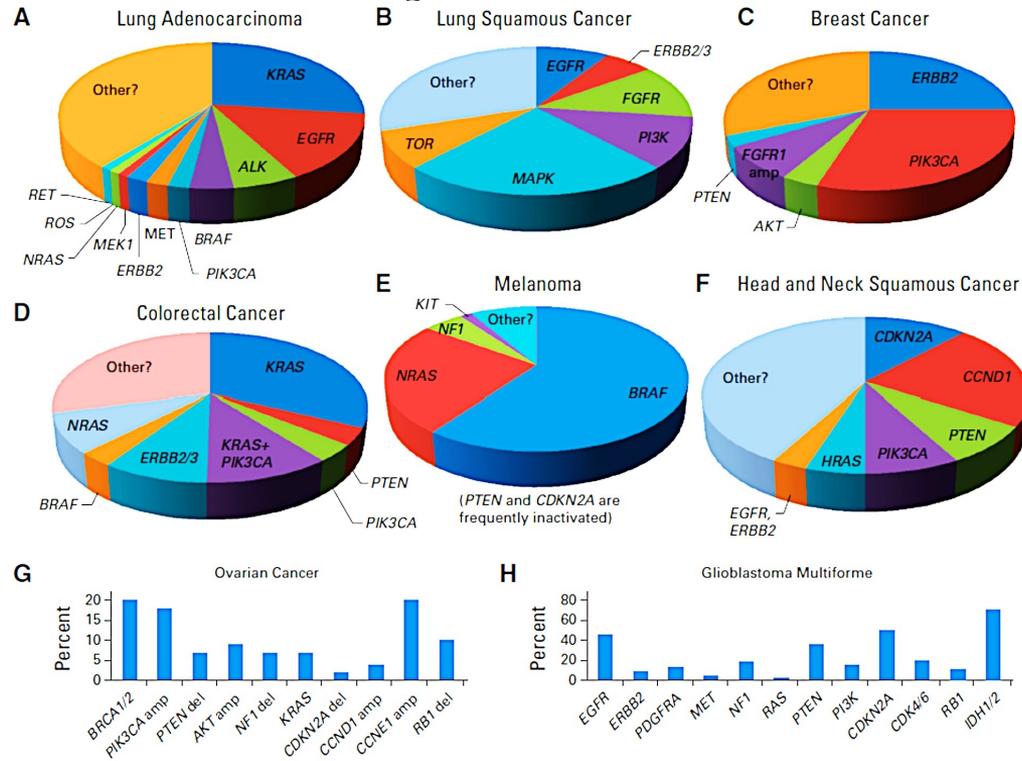
# Characterization of Cancer Genomes

## Technologies



# A New Taxonomy of Cancer

*From organs to molecules*



# Cancer Genomes Are Dynamic

WGS is a **snapshot**

Certain mutations reflect paternal and/or maternal **germline** variation

Additional **somatic** mutations accumulate through life

"**Driver**" mutations cause **cancer**, "**passenger**" mutations are carried along

**Additional drivers evolve** and diversify the cancer

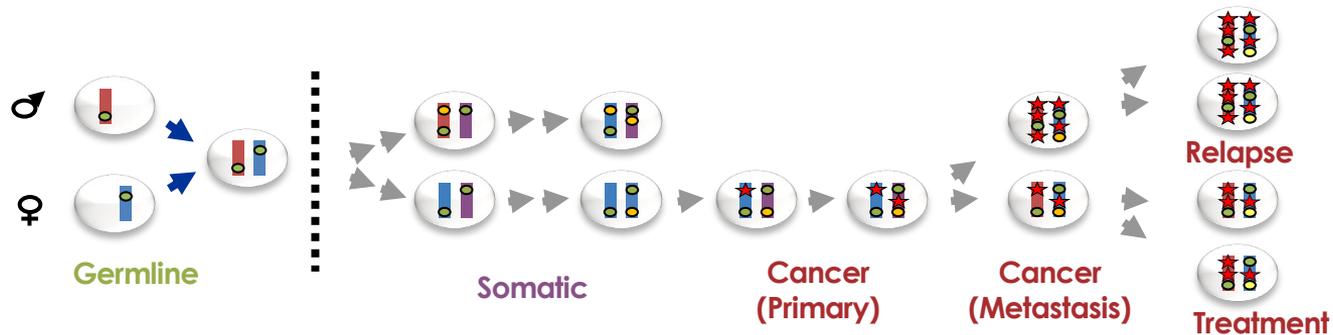
Some alter aggressiveness...

...which may be **treatable**

Others may alter treatment response, leading to **relapse**

Cancer genomes are not static.

In cancer, one snapshot is not enough.



# Evolution of Cancer Genomes

*Primary vs. metastatic tumors*

VOLUME 30 · NUMBER 6 · FEBRUARY 20 2012

JOURNAL OF CLINICAL ONCOLOGY

ORIGINAL REPORT

## Loss of Human Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor 2 (HER2) Expression in Metastatic Sites of HER2-Overexpressing Primary Breast Tumors

*Naoki Niikura, Jun Liu, Naoki Hayashi, Elizabeth A. Mittendorf, Yun Gong, Shana L. Palla, Yutaka Tokuda,  
Ana M. Gonzalez-Angulo, Gabriel N. Hortobagyi, and Naoto T. Ueno*

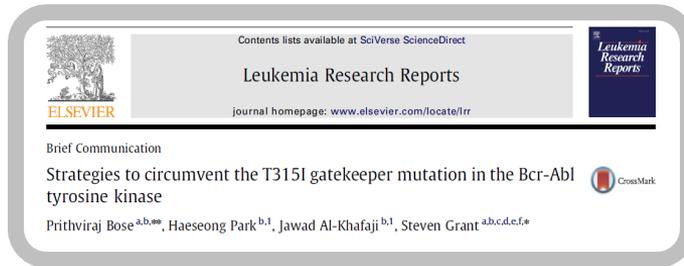
**24% of patients with *HER2*-positive primary breast tumors had *HER2*-negative metastatic tumors**

# Evolution of Cancer Genomes

*Tumors change in response to treatment*

## Example #1

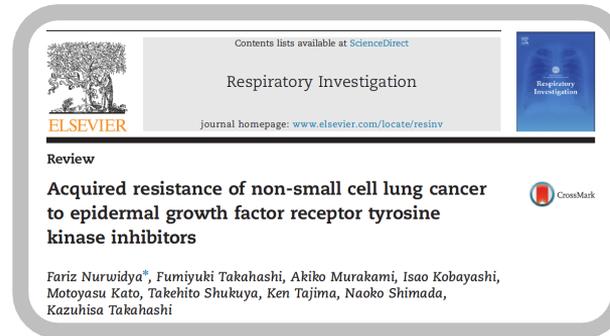
Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia (CML)



- **T315I** “gatekeeper mutation” leads to

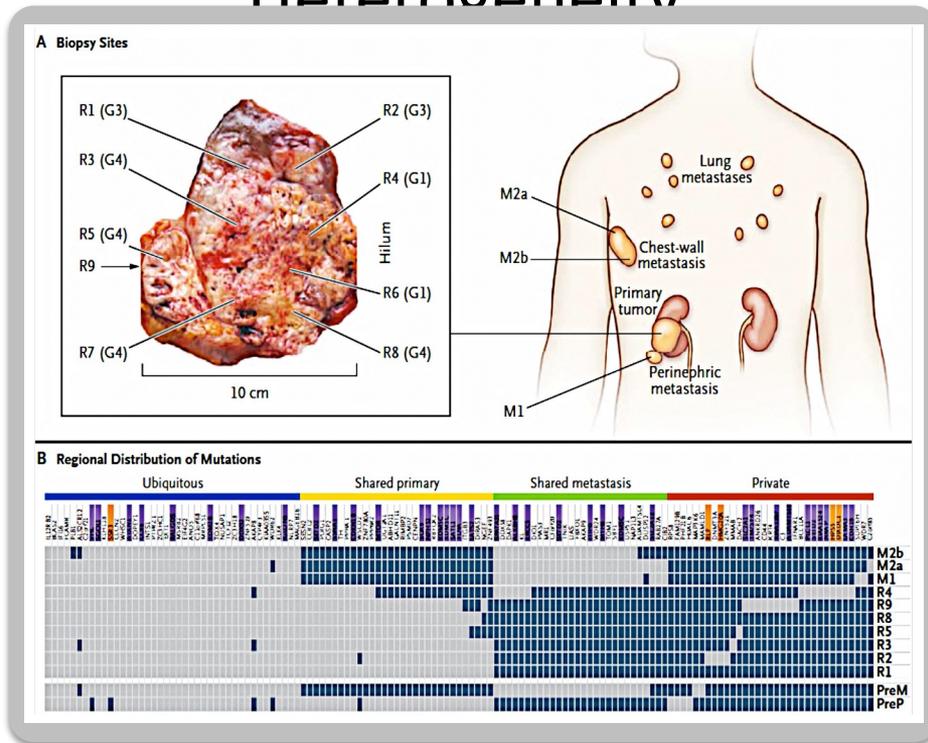
## Example #2

Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer (NSCLC)



- **T790M** mutation

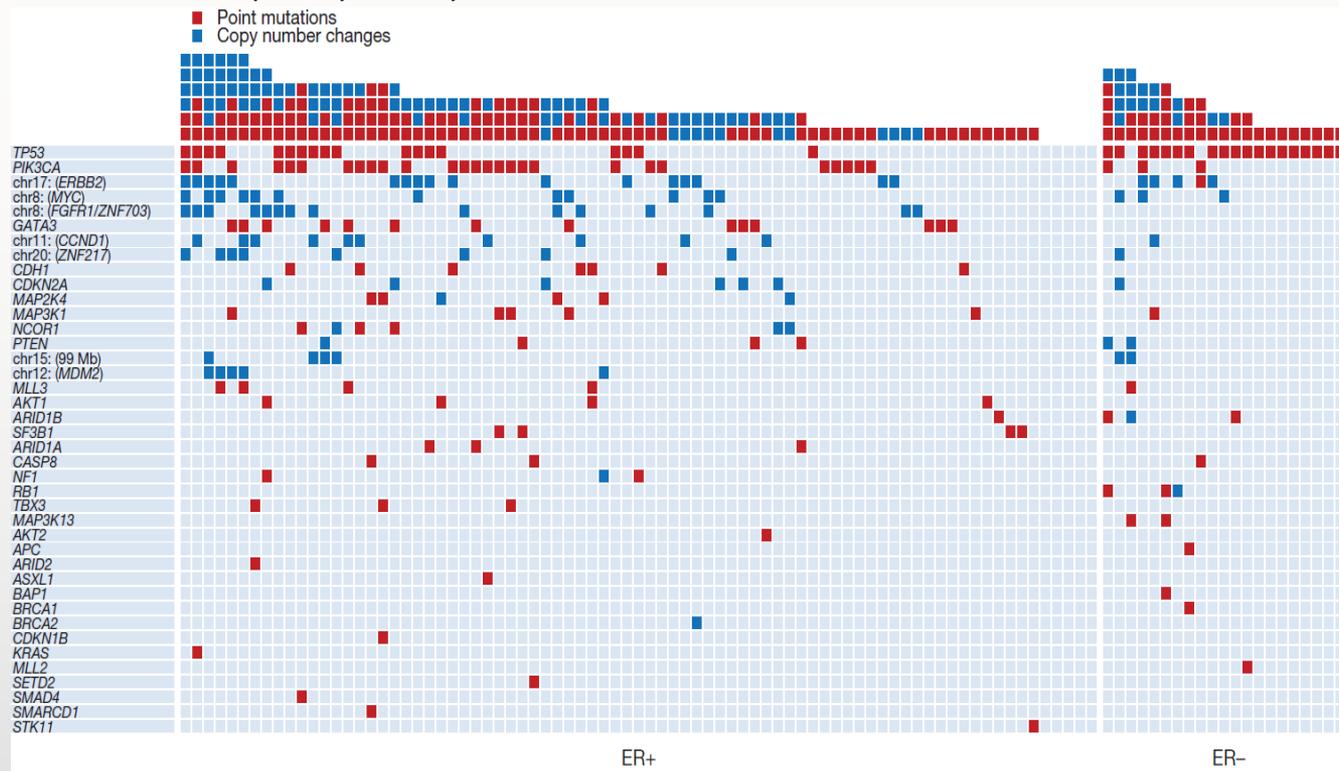
# Intratumoral & Intermetastatic Clonal Heterogeneity



# Interpatient Genetic Heterogeneity

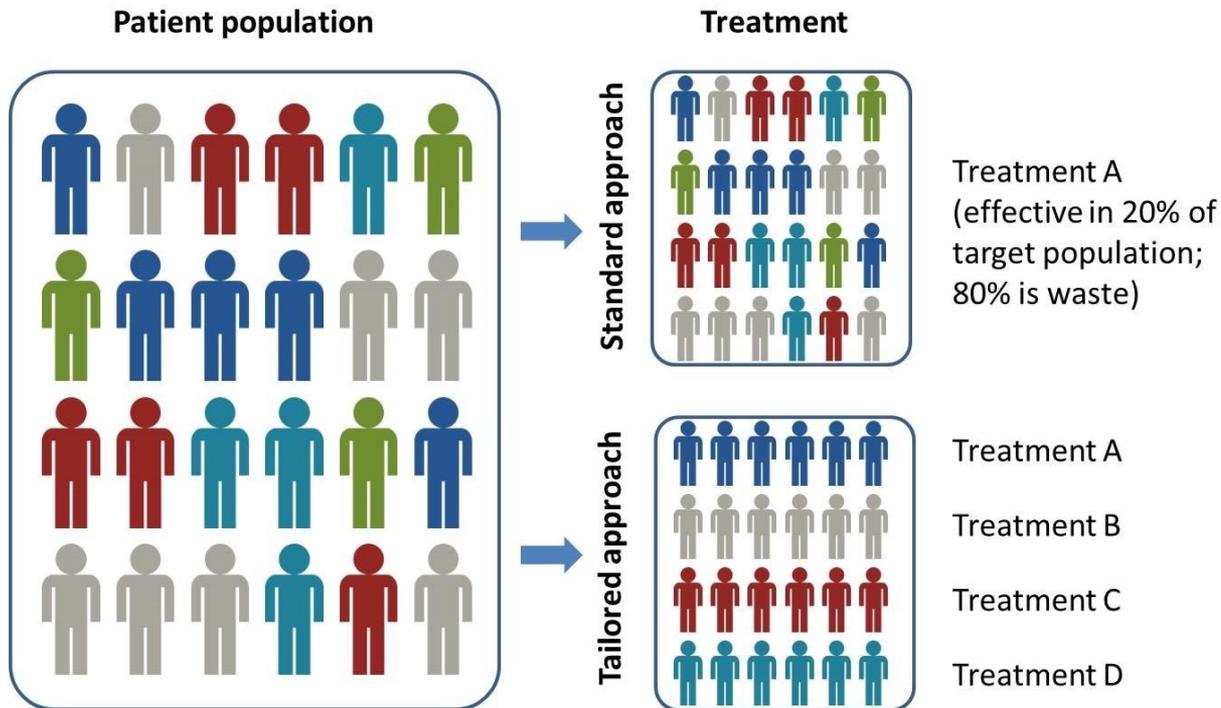
Breast Cancer – 40 Cancer Genes Across 100 Tumors -

Nature 2012;486;7403;400-4



# Ιατρική ακριβείας

Ταιριάζοντας τα προφίλ ασθενών με συγκεκριμένες θεραπείες



## LAUNCH

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**August 2018**



Funding 2018-2021: **5.4 M€**



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**2018: 4 units**

**11/2018**

Framework agreement with the  
Ministry of Health

2018



2019  
2020



2021



# PARTNERS

**ΕΛΛΟΚ**  
ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ  
ΟΜΟΣΠΟΝΔΙΑ  
ΚΑΡΚΙΝΟΥ



ΕΘΝΙΚΟ ΔΙΚΤΥΟ **ΙΑΤΡΙΚΗΣ**  
**ΑΚΡΙΒΕΙΑΣ**  
Ο Γ Κ Ο Λ Ο Γ Ι Α

## AIMS

- **Optimal diagnosis & management** of patients regardless of where they live. More and better treatments for cancer.
- Establishment of a **data repository**
- **Data safety**
- **Standardized** procedures
- **Research on cancer**
- **Partnership** between the Public and the Private Sectors

<https://oncopmnet.gr/>



## SELECTION OF TARGETS GENES AND DISEASES

- Solid tumors → panel **38** genes  
referrals by oncologists and pathologists
  - ..... lung cancer
  - ..... breast cancer
  - ..... melanoma
  - ..... prostate cancer
  - ..... ovarian cancer
  - ..... colorectal cancer
  - ..... pancreatic cancer
  - ..... sarcomas
- Blood cancers → panel **58** genes  
referrals by hematologists and pathologists
  - ..... all blood cancers
- Hereditary cancer syndromes → panel **42** genes  
referrals by oncologists, hematologists and pathologists
  - ..... breast cancer
  - ..... ovarian cancer
  - ..... colorectal cancer
  - ..... pheochromocytoma
  - ..... clinical suspicion of another hereditary cancer syndrome

WHAT  
WE  
TEST

colon Testicles

CNS **Ph-MPN**

PROSTATE

**sarcoma** Thyroid

**CLL** BREAST

ovaries

**AML MDS**

lung LYMPHOMAS

## ANALYTICAL PROTOCOLS

### — **Prenalytical phase**

sample collection, shipment,  
processing (nucleic acid isolation)

### — **Analytical phase - NGS protocols**

— In-house custom designed panels for all exons of the  
selected genes

### — **Postanalytical phase – analysis and interpretation**

— Purpose built bioinformatics pipeline and clinical  
annotation platform

## DATA MANAGEMENT

### 1<sup>st</sup> STEP

- e-Referral system
- Clinical Report editing, generation and distribution
- Data integration with National Health Services (Ministry of Dig. Gov)
- Sample inventory

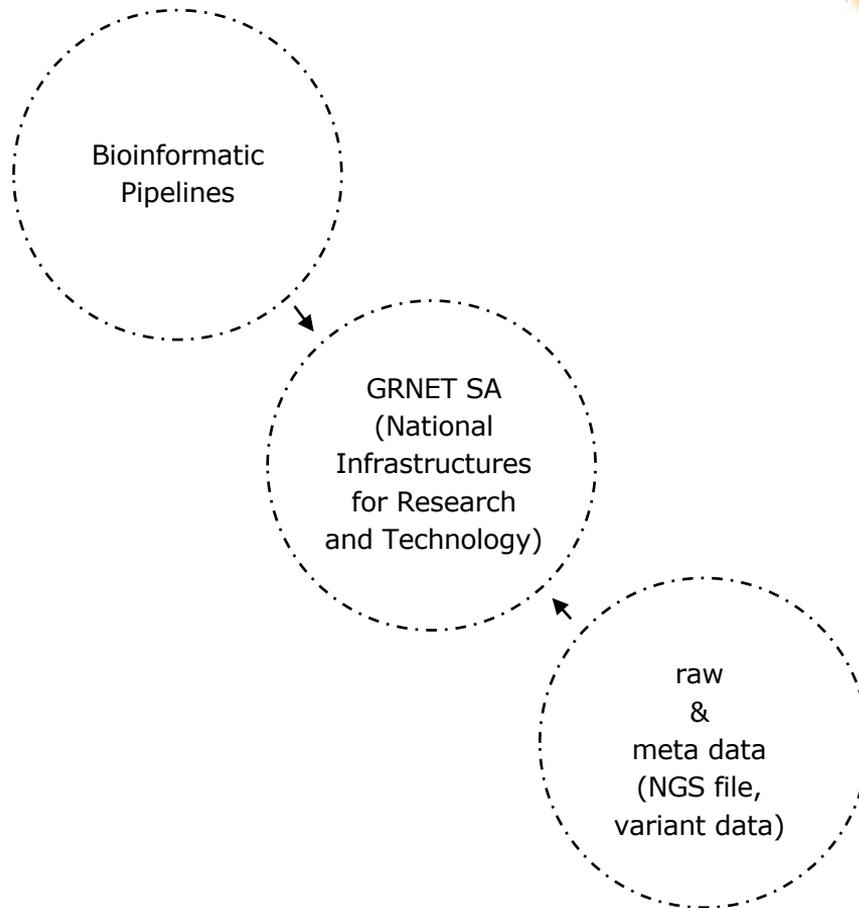
### 2<sup>nd</sup> STEP

- Bioinformatic pipelines (adopt Big Data Technologies)
- Tool to support clinical interpretation of variants
- Common pipelines, centralized platform

### 3<sup>rd</sup> STEP

- Centralized NGS file storage, variant knowledge database

DATA  
STORAGE



INTERLABORATORY  
QUALITY  
ASSESSMENT  
RING TRIALS

Between network labs

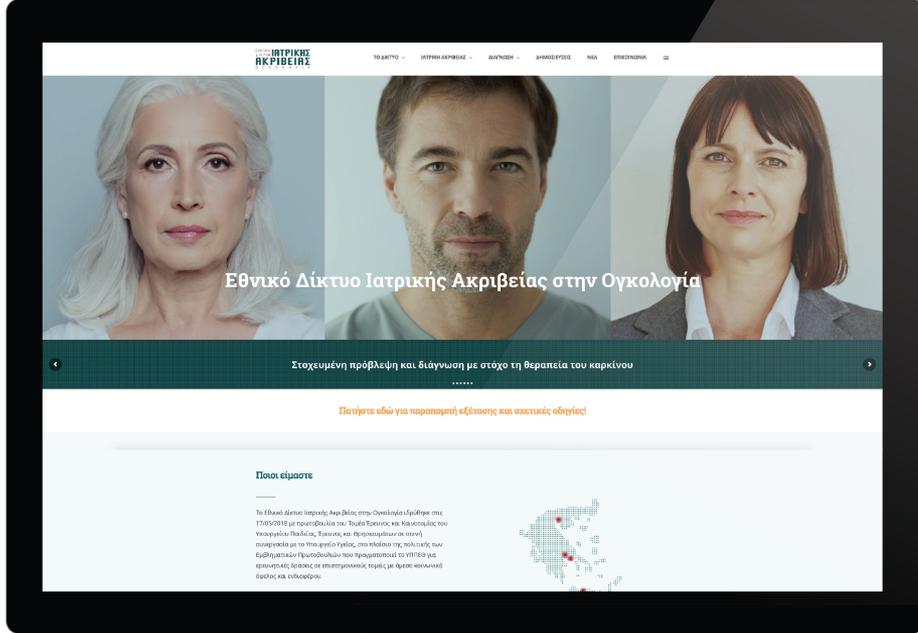
Between different platforms

For all analytical phases

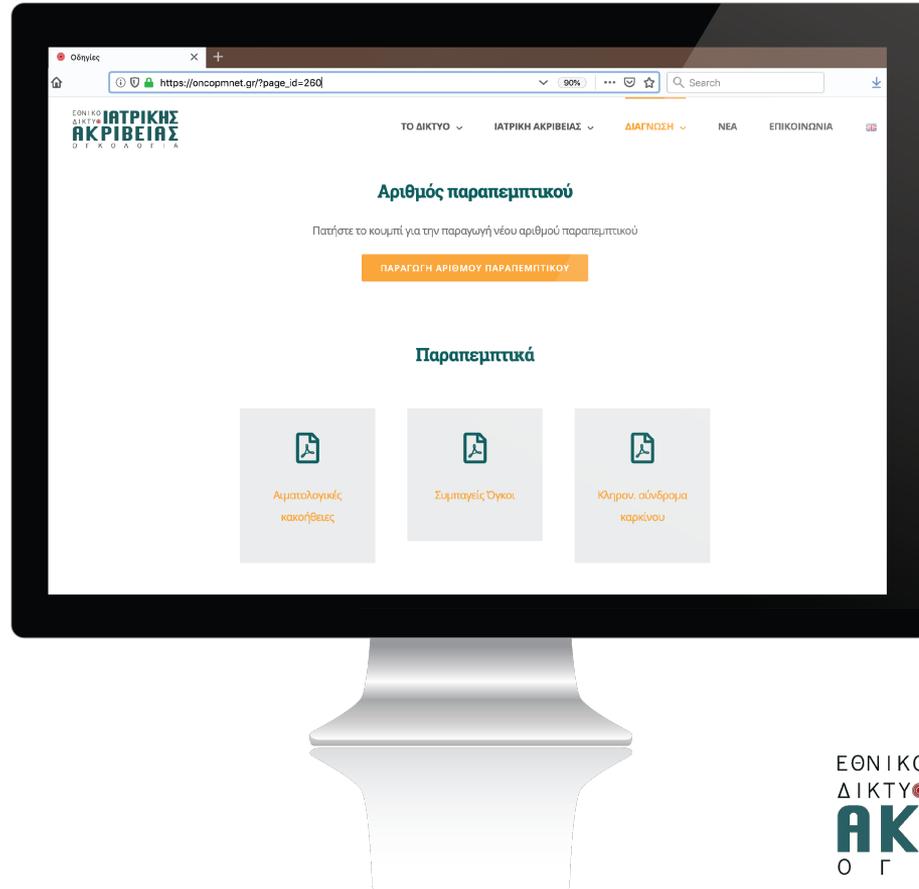
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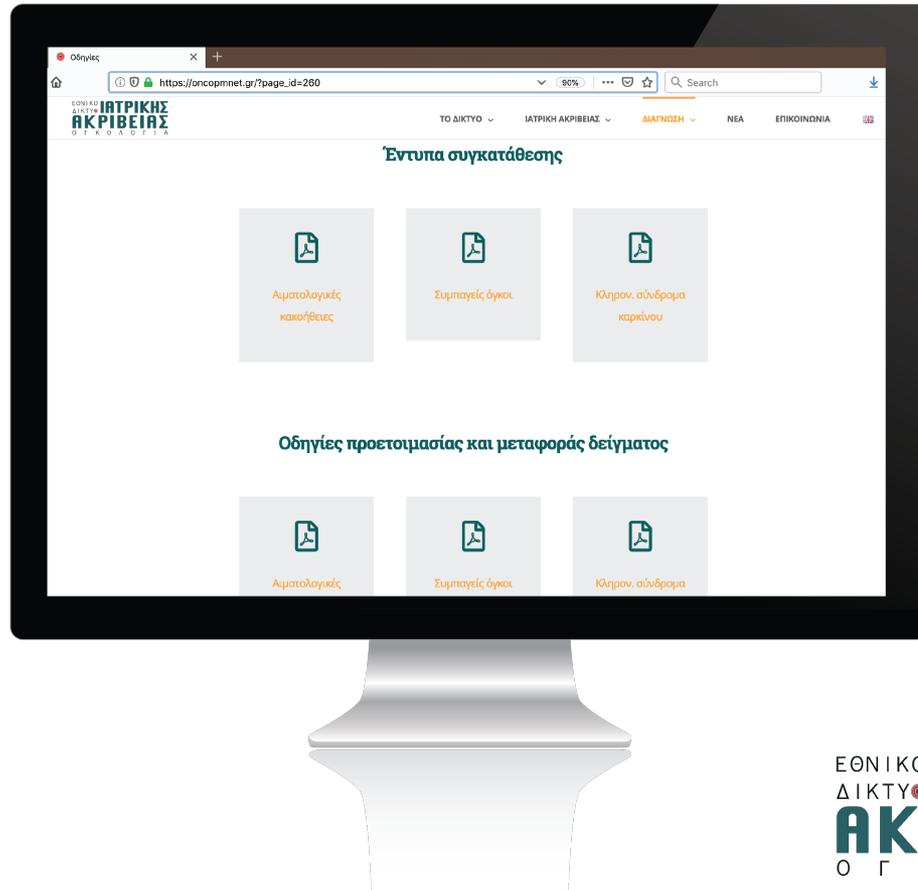
HPMN  
WEBSITE



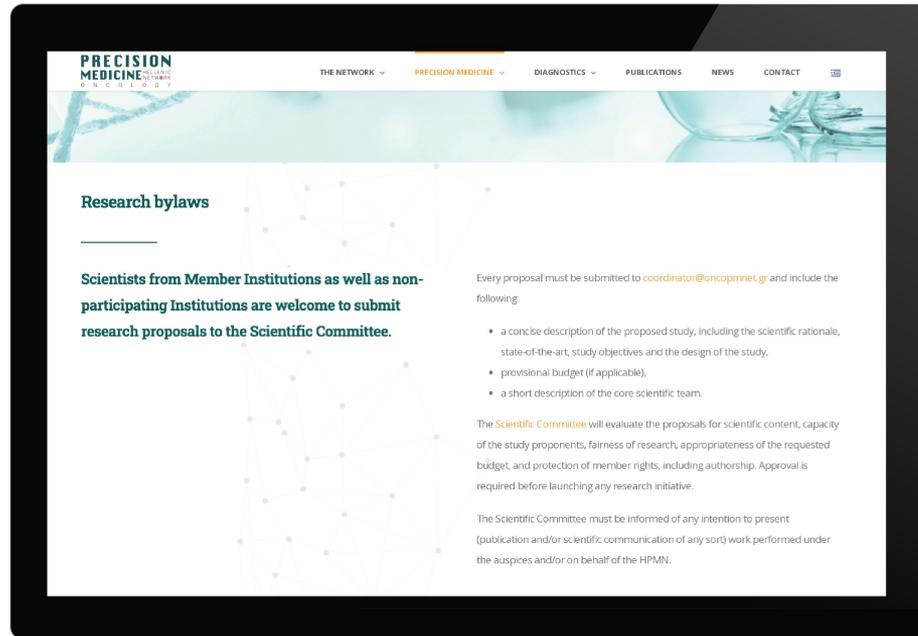
ONLINE  
REFERRALS



CONSENT  
FORMS  
INSTRUCTIONS



# RESEARCH BYLAWS



## SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS

- Front. Immunol. 2021 Jan 20;11:612244
- Clin. Cancer Res. 2020 Sep 15;26(18):4958-4969
- BMC Bioinformatics 2020 Sep 29;21(1):422
- Blood 2021 Apr 8;137(14):1895-1904
- Blood 2021 Mar 11;137(10):1365-1376
- Blood Adv. 2020 Apr 14;4(7):1357-1366
- Haematologica 2021 Mar 1;106(3):682-691
- Leukemia 2020 Oct;34(10):2545-2551
- Blood 2019 Mar 14;133(11):1205-1216
- Frontiers in Oncology 2021, in print
- Critical Reviews in Oncology / Hematology. 2020; 146, 102859
- Blood. 2021 Oct 7;138(14):1249-1257

## NEXT STEPS

- Certification of public and private diagnostic labs – in collaboration with the relevant authorities
- Development of new diagnostic protocols for wide clinical implementation
- Introduction of extended panels, whole exome and whole genome sequencing in clinical diagnostics
- Research studies for the identification of novel predictive/prognostic biomarkers
- Prospective real world studies

## CHALLENGES

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- Scientific discovery
  - Diagnostic regulatory policy
  - Investment incentives
  - Coverage/ reimbursement
  - Implementation of novel technologies in a clinical context
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SUSTAINING  
A PROMISING  
PARADIGM

## PERSONALIZED MEDICINE AT FDA

a progress & outlook report

- The time of **Precision Medicine** has arrived
- **Innovation** at the highest possible level (targeted drugs)
- **Scientific discovery** is accelerated towards identifying novel biomarkers, while **technological advances** offer new possibilities for big biodata processing



Unlocking the potential of precision medicine  
In Europe – improving cancer care through broader access  
to quality biomarker testing



# MULTI – BIOMARKER TEST INTEGRATION

Western Europe		
♀	Timing	Uptake
UK	Average	9%
FRA	Average	21%
DE	Leader	12%
IRE	Average	8%
BEL	Average	22%
NED	Average	52%
LUX	Follower	<50%
AUT	Average	25%

Southern Europe		
♀	Timing	Uptake
ITA	Leader	2%
SPA	Average	2%
GRE	Average	1%
POR	Leader	31%
MLT	Follower	N/A*
CYP	Follower	31%

Nordics & Baltic		
♀	Timing	Uptake
DEN	Average	50-75%
SWE	Leader	33%
FIN	Follower	17%
LIT	Follower	18%
LAT	Follower	3%
EST	Follower	<50%

Central Europe		
♀	Timing	Uptake
POL	Leader	10%
CRO	Average	3%
HUN	Average	14%
SLV	Follower	<50%
SLK	Follower	0%
ROM	Follower	<50%
CZE	Average	0%
BUL	Follower	<50%

**GRE**

Available in academic / private facilities, broader uptake limited by significant funding restrictions

Integration is calculated based on the average scores for NGS timing and uptake of NGS testing

**Time available:**

NGS: Time from introduction of any NGS test modality

- Leader – Mostly >5 years
- Average - Mostly 3-5 years
- Follower – Mostly <3 years

**Uptake:**

NGS uptake: Average % of all biopsies currently analysed using NGS technology

- High - >75%
- Medium - 50-75%
- Low - <50%

# TEST QUALITY

**Illustration M: Test quality**

EQA participation



Key – average proportion of labs participating in at least one EQA scheme:

- High - >90%
- Medium - 75-90%
- Low - <75%

Lab (ISO) accreditation

Directional



EQA participation calculated based on the average proportion of labs participating in at least one EQA scheme

ISO accreditation determined based on the proportion of labs that are ISO accredited within each country



Funding constraints limit EQA participation and ISO accreditation. Not a legal requirement, often driven and supported by Pharma

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