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Rigosertib

Strategies to Rasopathies and JMML

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DESCRIPTION OF RIGOSERTIB AS A RAS MIMETIC

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

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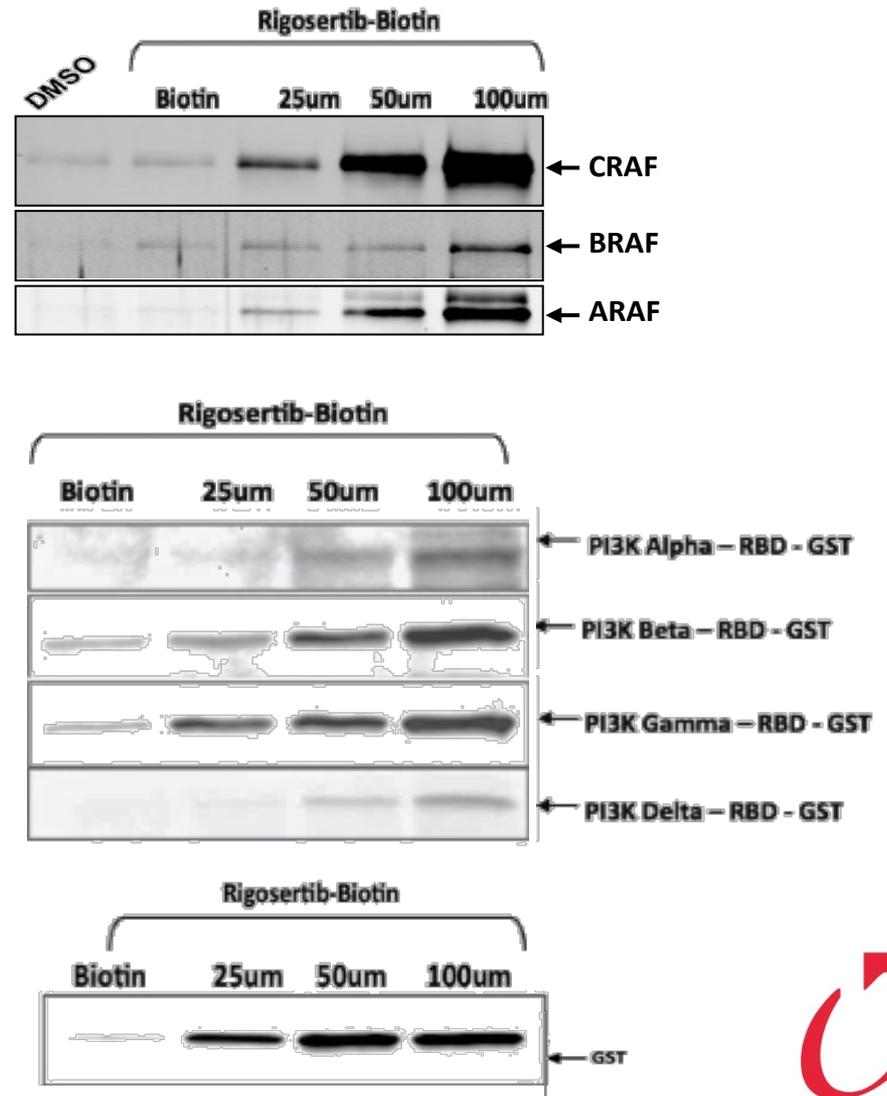
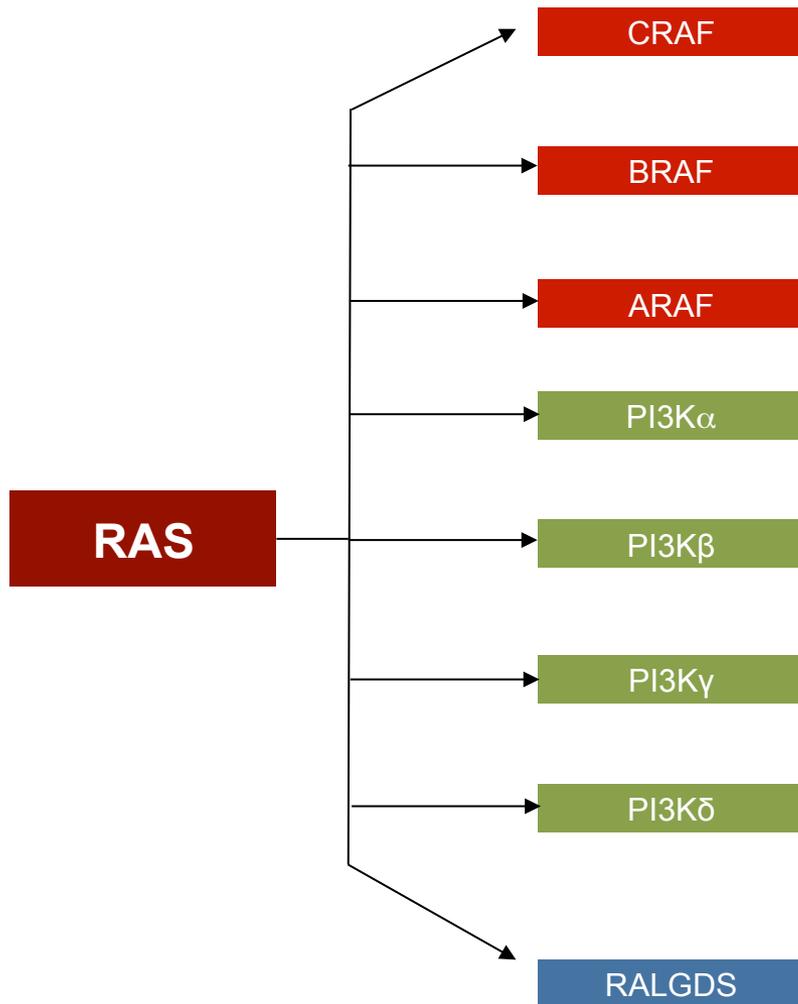


PRIOR KNOWLEDGE REGARDING RIGOSERTIB MECHANISM

- Broad anti-cancer activity in vitro (cell lines) and in vivo (tumor xenografts); no resistance mechanism identified
- Induction of apoptosis through inhibition of intracellular PI3K signaling
- Prominent phenotype of G2/M arrest
- Precise molecular MOA connecting observations remained elusive



RIGOSERTIB BINDS TO MULTIPLE RAS EFFECTOR RBDS



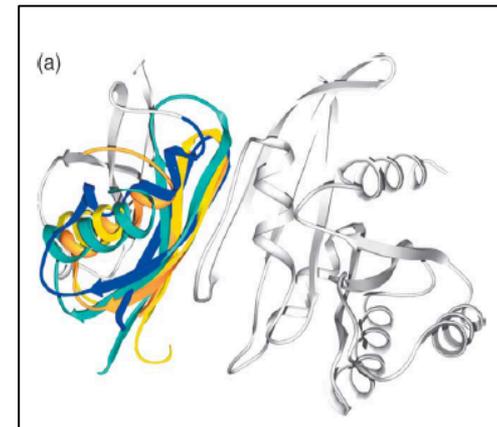
SECONDARY/TERTIARY STRUCTURAL SIMILARITY OF RBDS DESPITE LACK OF EXTENSIVE SEQUENCE HOMOMOLOGY

Sequence Alignment of RA and RB Domains

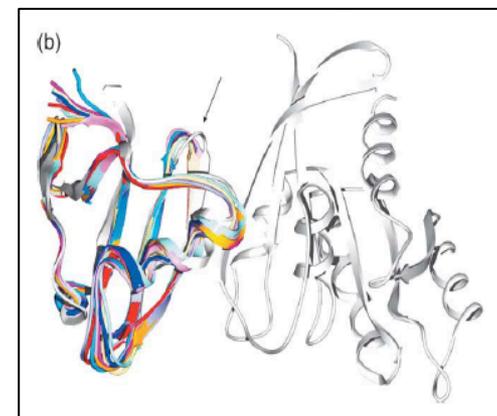
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AF6 RA1	36	---DLEPHGVMRPFYFDKAAG-NFATKCIIRVSS---TATTQDVIETLAEKPRPDMR--		
AF6 RA2	244	---PDSGGTLRIYAD-SLEK-NIPYKTIILST---TDPADFVAVALEKYGLE---		
RASSF1C	84	LNKDGSTYGFIKVQLK (37) P-KDAVKHLKVLSS---RTRAREVIEALLRKFLLV---		
mNorel	225	LSEGDGTYTGFIKVHLK (37) P-LDAIKQLRISS---TTTVSEVIQGLLKKFMVV---		
RIN1	619	-PATCFQQLLRVAYQ-DPSS-GCTSKTLAVPP--EASIALNLQICATKFRVT---		
RIN2	782	-PSVDDFQNYLRVAFQ-EVNS-GCTGKTLVSRP--YITTEDVCCI CAEKFKVG---		
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EpacI	509	---PGSSCALQVGDVVPY (6) DHSVLTLQLLPV--TASVREVMALAQEDGWT---		
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PI3K-V223K	213	-KKIANNCIFKIHRS-----TTSQTIKVSF---DDTPGAILQSFFTKWAK---		
DAGK RA2	395	-----AQEVLRIPG-WLRV-LVAVYVSRVTF--RSTARSVVLEVLPLDGRQAE---		
MYOSINIXB	9	SGRRRQAAYHGHYYPQL---STTESQASCRV (4) DSTTSDVIKDAIASLRLD---		
MYOSINIXA	14	---NEETLRIPG-----AISEGTYICPI (4) NSTAAEVIESLINKHLD---		
Grb7	100	-----RPEVVKVYSE---DGACRSVEVAA--GATARHVCMLVQRahal---		
C12orf2	1	-----MELKVVVD---GVQRIVYGVTE---VTTQCEVVIALAQAIQRTG---		
C11orf13	6	-----AAMELKVWVD---GIQRVVCVSE---QTTQCEVVIALAQAIQRTG---		
ALS2	321	-----KKLVLRVHMS---DSSSKTMMVDE--RQTVRQVLDNLMDKSHCG---		
RIAM	176	-----KKLVKVHMN---DNSTKSLMVDE--RQLARDVLDNLFKTHCD---		
Nexin27	273	-----SDVELRVALP---DGTTVTVRVKK--NSTTDQVYQAIKAVGMD---		
RBD cons.50%		shs+VaLP	sspsolVslRP	Gcol+DsLppllc+RGLs
cRaf	55	---SNTLRVFLP-----NKQRTVVNVRN--GMSLHDCLMKALKVRGLQ---		
RGS12_RBD1	361	---RHLCIHLF---DGTSCVVAKA--GFSIKDILSGLCERKGIN---		
RGS12_RBD2	1093	---LFRLDLVP---INRSVGLKAKP--TKPVTEVLRFPVVARVGLD---		
RGS14_RBD1	300	---EYCCVYLP---DGTASLALAP--GLTIRDMLAGICEKRGLS---		
RGS14_RBD2	381	---TFSELETA---LERVVRISAKP--TKRLEQALQPILEKKGLS---		
UBQ cons.50%		lpLpVKsh	stcshslclss	cTvppLkP+lpsspul
Ubiquitin	1	---MQEIVFKTL---TGKTIILEVPS---DTIENVKAKIQDKEGI---		
ISG15	3	---VDLTVKML---AGNEFQVSLSS--MSVSELKAIQTQKIGV---		
BAG-1	73	---ITVTVTHS---NEKHDLHVTSQ (5) -PVVQDLAQVVEEIVGV---		
Ubiquilin1	37	---MKVTVKTP---KEKEEFVAVPEN---SSVQQFKKEISKRFKS---		

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

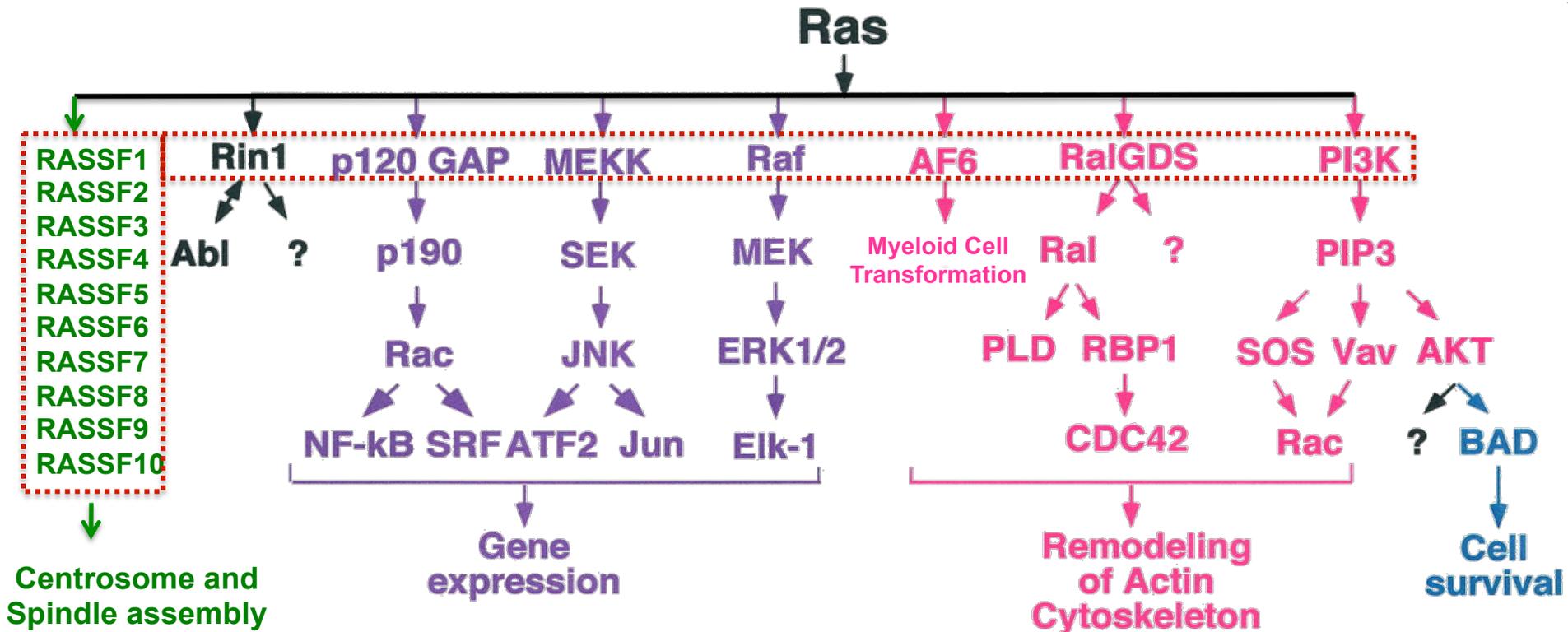
RAF/Ral-GDS/PI3K Crystal Structures Superimposed



NMR Structures of 10 RBDS Superimposed



RAS SIGNALS VIA MULTIPLE EFFECTORS



NOVEL MECHANISM OF ACTION OF RIGOSERTIB

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

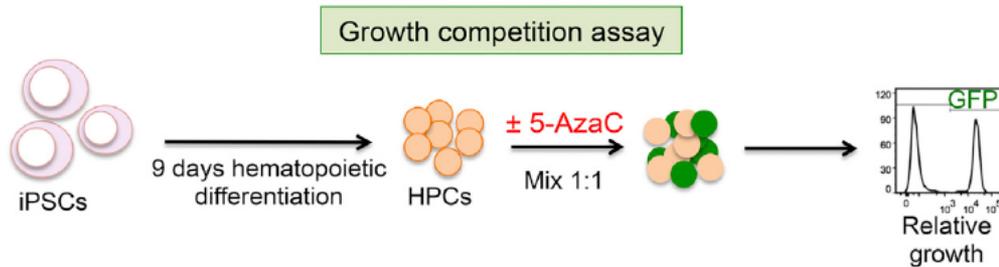
Future directions:

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

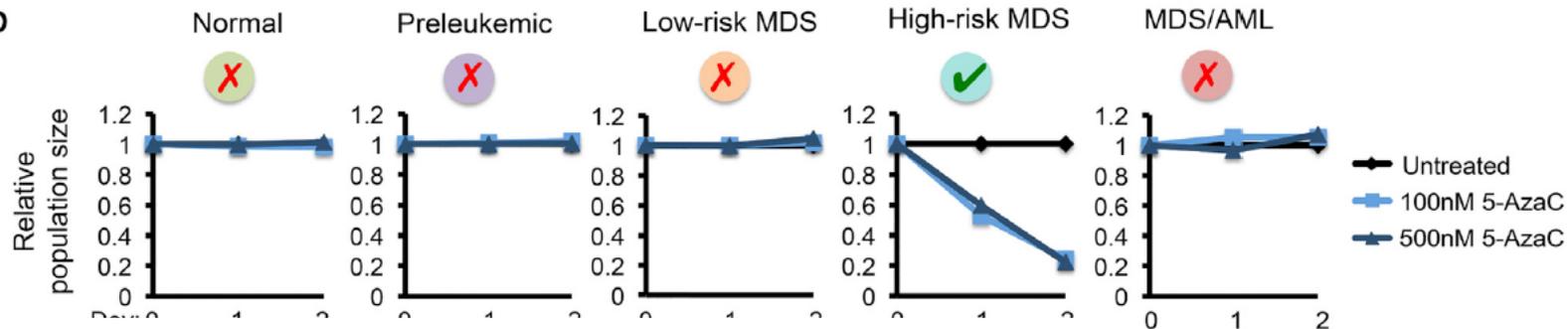


GROWTH COMPETITION ASSAY WITH AZA & RIGOSERTIB ON IPSC IN MDS / AML

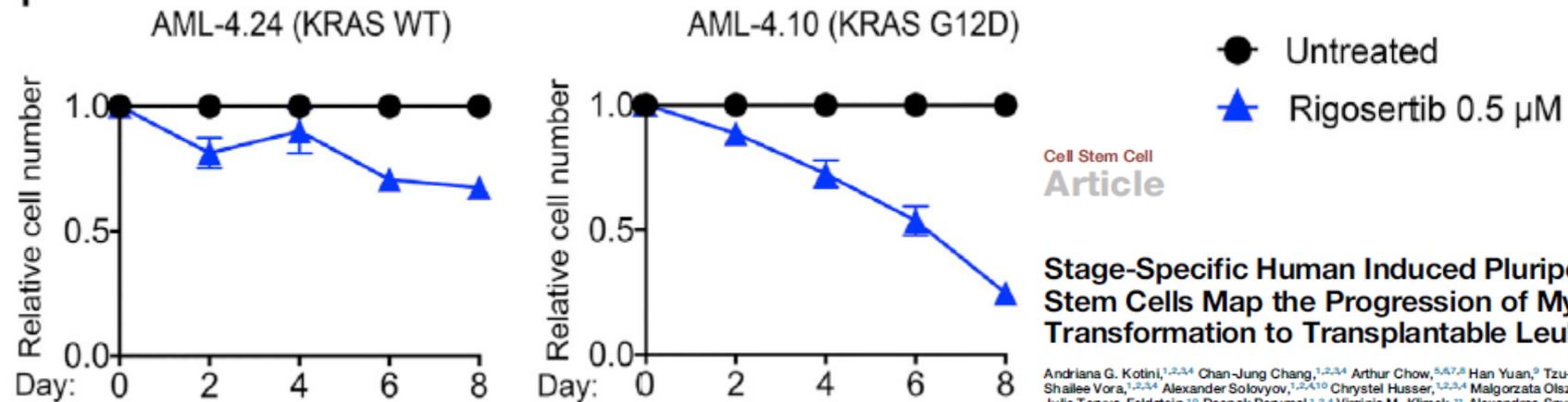
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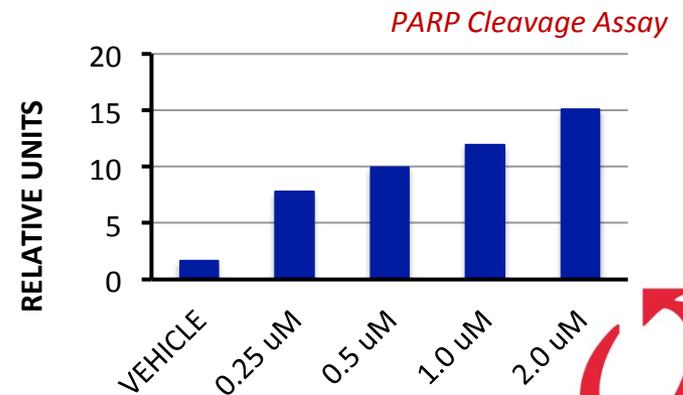
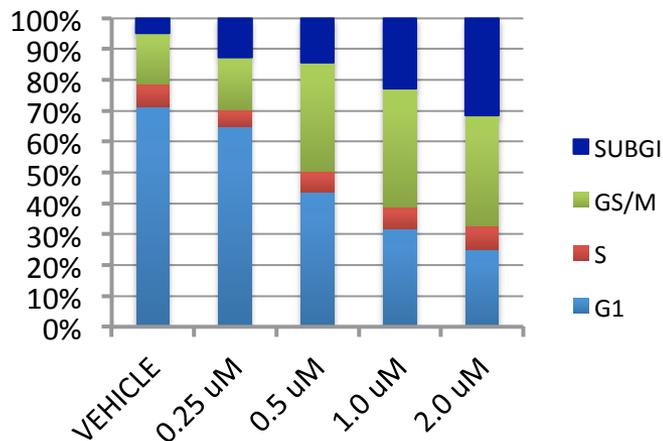
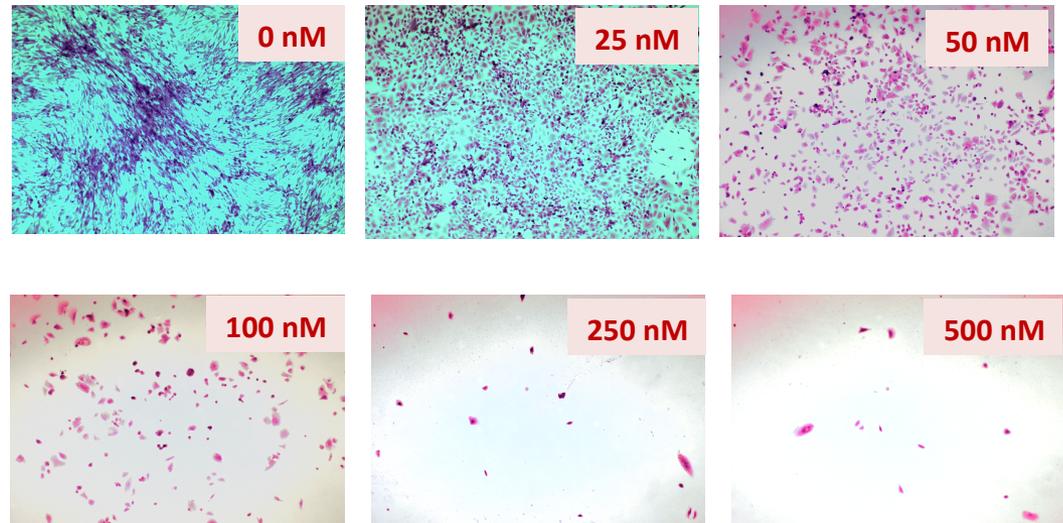
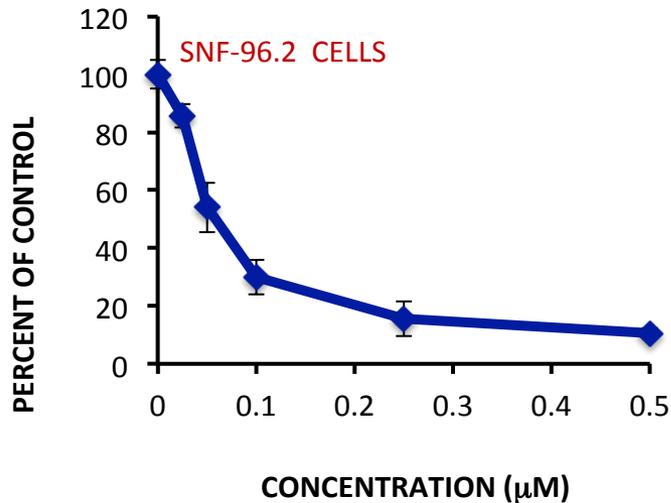
Cell Stem Cell
Article

Stage-Specific Human Induced Pluripotent Stem Cells Map the Progression of Myeloid Transformation to Transplantable Leukemia

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GROWTH INHIBITION AND INDUCTION OF APOPTOSIS WITH RIGOSERTIB IN NF1 CELLS

Malignant Peripheral Nerve Sheath Tumors (MPNSTs)





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Clinical Trials in MDS

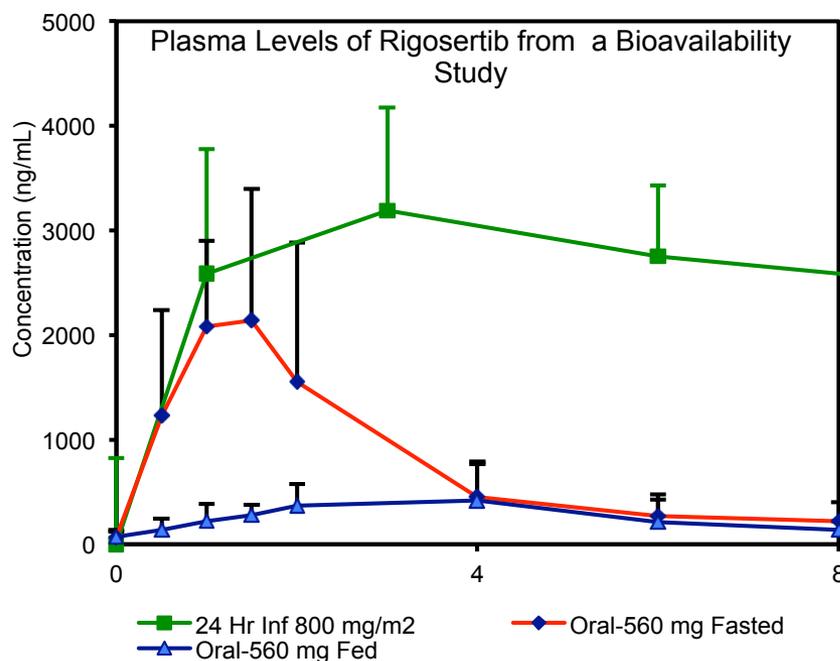
TWO RIGOSERTIB FORMULATIONS

■ IV (Phase 3 INSPIRE ongoing)

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

■ Oral (Phase 2 enrolled)

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



SINGLE-AGENT IV RIGOSERTIB FOR HR-MDS FAILING HMA

Rigosertib versus best supportive care for patients with high-risk myelodysplastic syndromes after failure of hypomethylating drugs (ONTIME): a randomised, controlled, phase 3 trial



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Summary

Background Hypomethylating drugs are the standard treatment for patients with high-risk myelodysplastic syndromes. Survival is poor after failure of these drugs; there is no approved second-line therapy. We compared the overall survival of patients receiving rigosertib and best supportive care with that of patients receiving best supportive care only in patients with myelodysplastic syndromes with excess blasts after failure of azacitidine or decitabine treatment.

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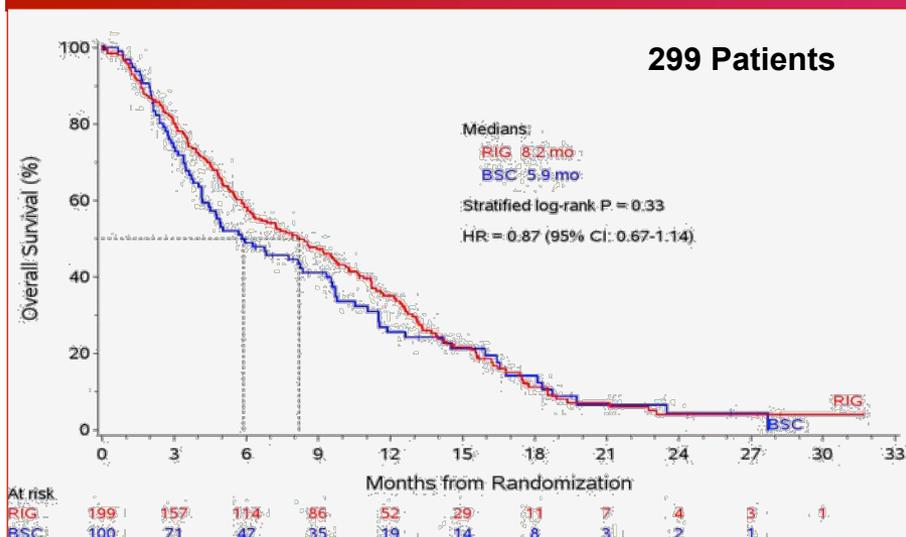
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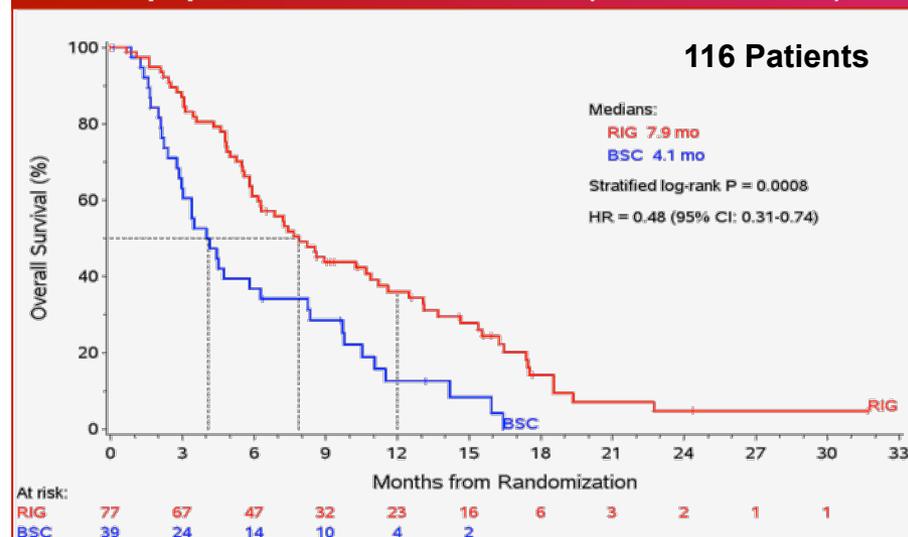
PATIENT POPULATION FOR PHASE 3 INSPIRE TRIAL

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

ITT for ONTIME Trial



Subpopulation for INSPIRE Trial (ONTIME subset)

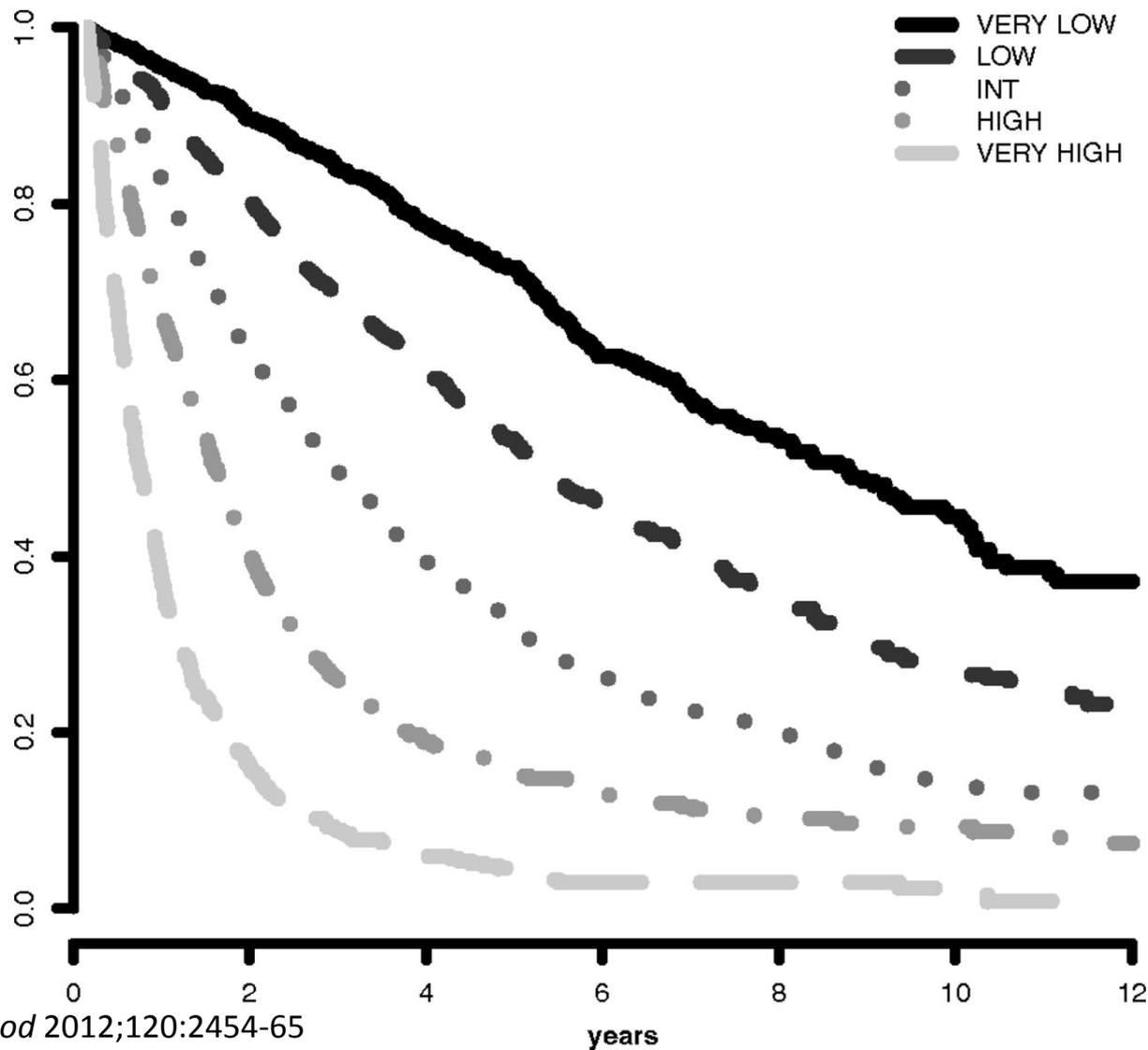


- ITT OS analysis of ONTIME – HR= 0.87; NS survival benefit
- ITT OS of proposed INSPIRE population – HR = 0.48; P = 0.0008

*Guillermo Garcia-Manero, Pierre Fenaux, Aref Al-Kali, Maria R Baer, Mikkael A Sekeres, Gail J Roboz, et al. Rigosertib versus best supportive care for patients with higher-risk myelodysplastic syndromes after failure of hypomethylating drugs (ONTIME): a randomised, controlled, phase 3 trial; *The Lancet Oncology* 2016 (17): 496–508



REVISED IPSS-R IN RELATION TO SURVIVAL



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



ONTIME TRIAL: ITT SUBGROUPS CORRELATED WITH BETTER SURVIVAL BENEFIT

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



SAFETY OF SINGLE-AGENT IV RIGOSERTIB IN MDS

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

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



INSPIRE: RIGOSERTIB PHASE 3 TRIAL

Post-HMA HR-MDS (N=225)

Key Eligibility Criteria:

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

Randomization
2:1

IV rigosertib
+
BSC
N = 150

Physician's
Choice
+
BSC
N = 75

Follow-up

Overall Survival

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

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

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





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Oral Rigosertib + Azacitidine
for HR-MDS

RIGOSERTIB + AZACITIDINE

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



PRE-CLINICAL BACKGROUND

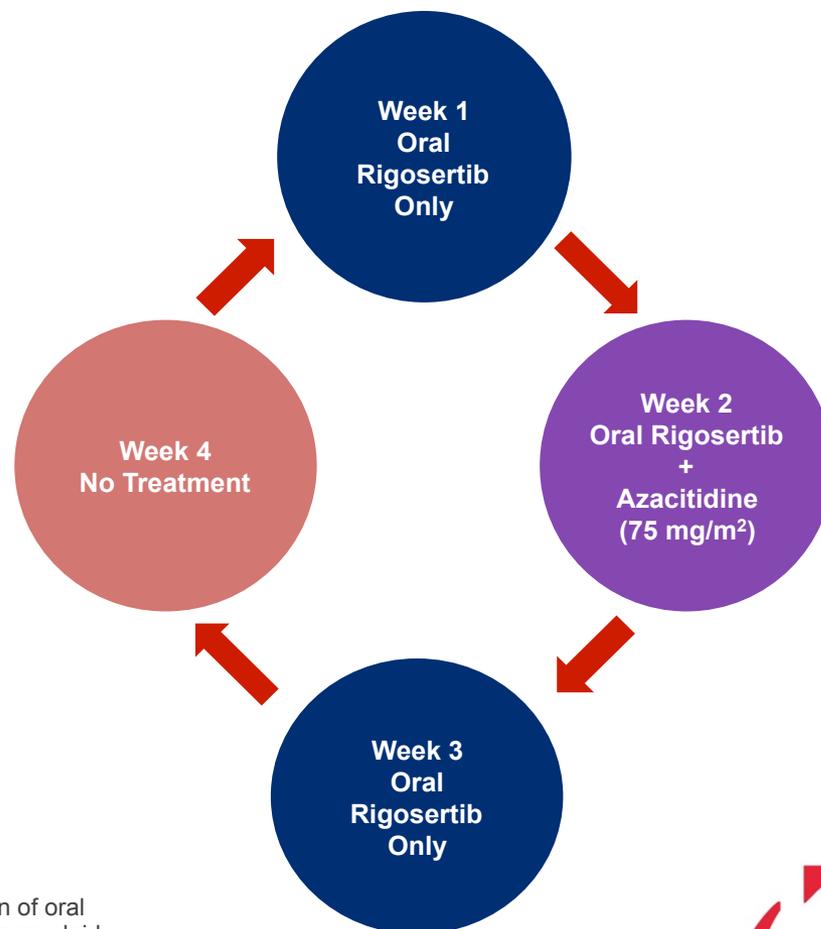
- Combination of rigosertib with AZA produced an increase of 1.7- to 2.9-fold in cytotoxicity ($p < 0.05$) in HL-60 cells*
- Interaction resulted in a synergistic effect with combination indexes between 0.3 and 0.75
- Sequence of administration influenced degree of cytotoxicity; rigosertib priming offered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

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



RIGOSERTIB + AZACITIDINE COMBINATION

- Phase 1 combination was well tolerated with evidence of efficacy in patients with MDS*
- Azacitidine given one week per month (full dose and administrative scheme per label)
- Rigosertib given 3 of 4 weeks (at recommended Phase 2 dosing of 560/280 mg BID)
- Adverse event profile of combination similar to single-agent azacitidine (per label)



*Navada S, Garcia-Manero G, Wilhelm F, et al. A phase I/II study of the combination of oral rigosertib and azacitidine in patients with myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS) or acute myeloid leukemia (AML). ASH 2014; Abstract 3252.



RIGOSERTIB + AZACITIDINE

UPDATED PHASE 2 DATA ASH 2016*

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

Response Assessment per 2006 IWG Criteria

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

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

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

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

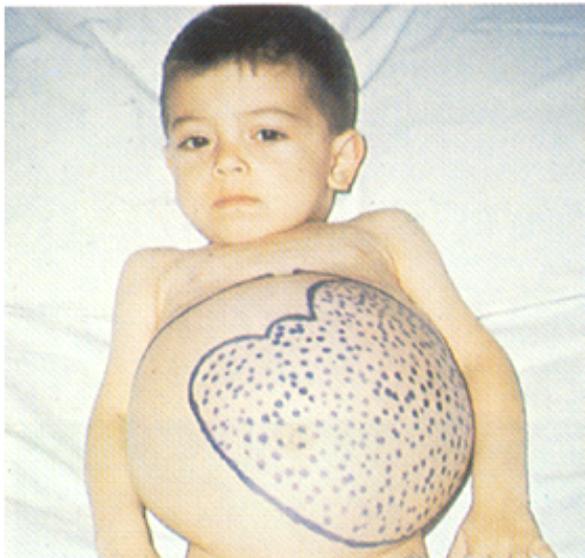
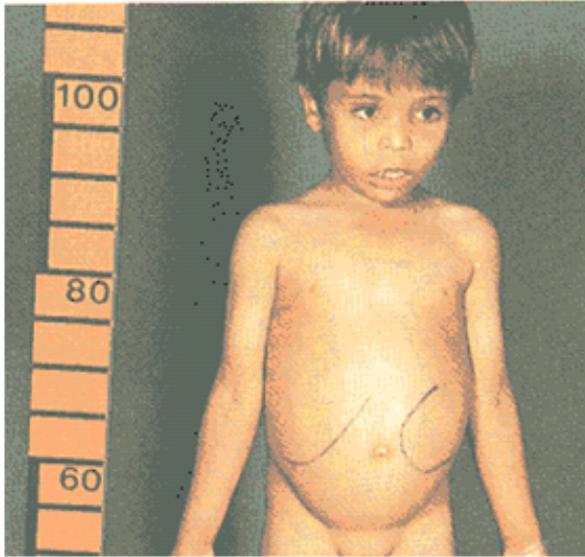




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Rasopathies and JMML

JUVENILE MYELOMONOCYTIC LEUKEMIA OVERVIEW



- Hematopoietic disorder of infancy caused by excessive proliferation of monocytic and granulocytic cells; which infiltrate the spleen/liver, intestines and lungs
- Rare- 2% of pediatric hematologic malignancies (in the US about 50 new cases per year); 1.2 cases per million annually, median age is 2 years
- Present with fever, thrombocytopenia, failure to thrive, and splenomegaly.
- Frequently fatal, allogeneic stem cell transplant only curative approach; which carries an event-free survival (EFS) at 5 years of only 52% due to relapsed disease or transformation to AML
- Historically, myeloid progenitor hypersensitivity to granulocyte macrophage colony-stimulating factor (GM-CSF) is a key diagnostic feature of JMML



OVERVIEW (2)

- About 90% of JMML patients have some sort of genetic abnormality in their leukemia cells.
- This includes:
 - 15-20% of patients with **neurofibromatosis 1 (NF1)**
 - 25% of patients with mutations in one of the RAS family of oncogenes
 - Another 35% of patients with a mutation in **PTPN11**



RAS AND GENOMICS

- Major progress in understanding the pathogenesis of JMML has been achieved by deciphering the genetic lesions that initiate the disease, the majority of which encode proteins that signal in the RAS/MAPK pathway
- With the complete genomic landscape of JMML nearly defined, **molecular testing has taken a fundamental role** in establishing the diagnosis.
- **JMML is fundamentally a disease of hyperactive Ras signaling**, with somatic mutations (superimposed on germ-line lesions in some instances) in the NF1, NRAS, KRAS, PTPN11, and CBL genes found in more than 90% of cases
- Somatic point mutations in NRAS and KRAS genes occur in about 25% of JMML cases, with the most common amino acid substitutions occurring at codons 12, 13, and 61



CLINICAL DEVELOPMENT PATHWAY (REQUIRES CLINICAL EXPERT DISCUSSION)

- JMML
 - Intravenous rigosertib
 - Oral rigosertib in combination with azacitidine
 - De novo
 - Azacitidine failures
- After MEK Failure (underway at COG)
- Post transplant recurrence

OTHER Considerations?

- Langerhans cell histiocytosis (LCH)
- driver somatic mutations in BRAF in up to 55% of patients
- activation of the RAS-RAF-MEK-ERK pathway in nearly 100% of patients with LCH.



QUESTIONS ??





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