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Настоящий номер «Иммунологии гемопоэза» необычен. Он практически полностью посвящен научным разработкам и диагностическим подходам авторитетного Европейского консорциума EUROFLOW. Профессора Жак Ван Донген (Нидерланды) и Альберто Орфао (Испания) подробно осветили достижения EUROFLOW на конференции в Санкт-Петербурге 17-19 мая 2011 г. Конференция была организована компаниями Becton Dickinson и Биолайн. Для российского читателя столь подробное освещение направлений работы EUROFLOW приводится впервые и будет, несомненно, полезным в совершенствовании иммунодиагностики гемобластозов и минимальной остаточной болезни в онкогематологии.

Выражаем огромную благодарность профессорам J.J.M. van Dongen и A.Orfao за предоставленные для публикации материалы.

Редакция «Иммунологии гемопоэза»

This *Haematopoiesis Immunology* issue is unusual. It practically entirely addresses scientific developments and diagnostic approaches of the European Consortium EUROFLOW. Professors Jack Van Dongen (The Netherlands) and Alberto Orfao (Italy) described in detail EUROFLOW's achievements at the St. Peterburg conference of May 17—19, 2011. The conference was organized by Becton Dickinson and Bioline. For Russian readers such a detailed coverage of EUROFLOW's fields of activities is made for the first time and will undoubtedly be very useful for improvement of immunodiagnosis in hematology malignancies and minimal residual disease in cancer hematology.

Editorial board of “Haematopoiesis Immunology” is very grateful to Professors J.J.M. van Dongen and A.Orfao for presentation of their articles.

Editors

Jacques J.M. van Dongen studied Medicine at the Erasmus University Rotterdam (Rotterdam, the Netherlands) and received his M.D. degree in 1981. From then on he worked in the field of immunology research, with special focus on human T- and B-cell differentiation as well as lymphoid malignancies and immunodeficiencies. Together with Herbert Hooijkaas, he initiated the immunodiagnostic laboratory of the Erasmus *university* Medical Center Rotterdam in 1985, which has developed into one of the leading centers for immunodiagnostics and translational research of lymphoproliferative diseases and immunodeficiencies in Europe. In 1990 he received his Ph.D. degree (thesis: "*Human T-cell differentiation: Basic aspects and their clinical applications*"). Since 1991 he has been full Professor of Immunology at the Erasmus MC/Erasmus University Rotterdam. His translational research focuses on molecular genetic processes during normal, malignant, and immunodeficient lymphoid differentiation and on the development and clinical evaluation of new immunodiagnostic methods in lymphoproliferative diseases and primary immunodeficiencies. He contributed to ~550 manuscripts, including ~360 international SCI publications (number of citations: ~14,300; H-factor: 61). He is/was coordinator of seven European networks in the field of diagnostics in hemato-oncology and immunology, such as the currently ongoing EuroClonality, EuroMRD, and EuroFlow networks.



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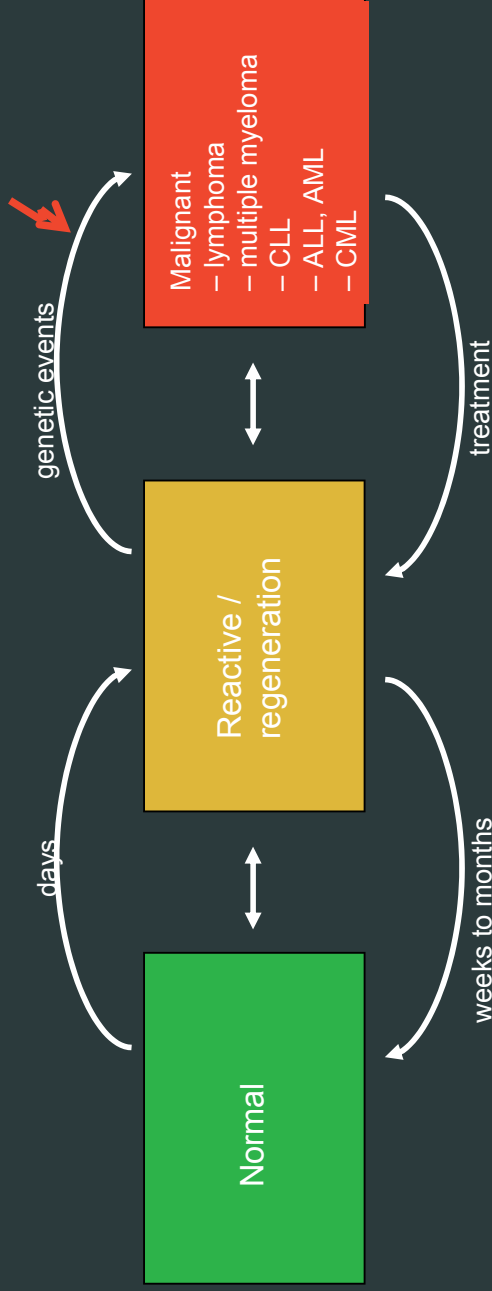
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Aims and achievements

J.J.M. van Dongen
on behalf of



Discrimination between normal and malignant immune cells in blood, bone marrow and lymphoid tissues



Laboratory methods:

- Cytomorphology and immunophenotyping
- Molecular diagnostics, e.g. PCR-based clonality diagnostics and molecular classification via detection of oncogenetic defects

Diagnostics for hematological malignancies

1. Making the diagnosis

Normal ↔ reactive/regenerating ↔ malignant

Annually > 300,000 new patients with a hematological malignancy in developed countries

2. Classification of hematopoietic malignancies

- relation with prognosis

- relevance of risk-group definition in treatment protocols

Based on differentiation characteristics and particularly on chromosome aberrations, resulting in fusion gene transcripts or aberrantly (over) expressed genes



3. Evaluation of treatment effectiveness

Detection of minimal residual disease (MRD):

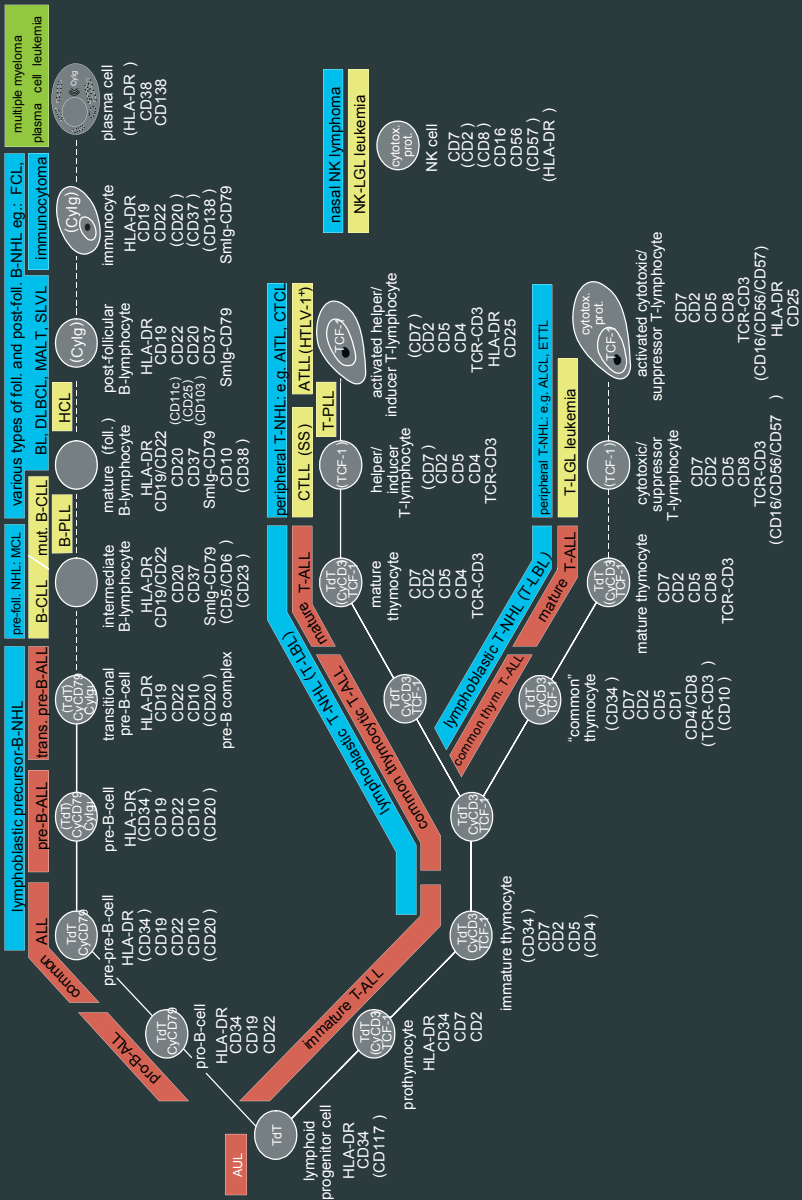
MRD-based risk-group stratification (treatment reduction or treatment intensification)

Annually > 400,000 follow-up samples in leukemia patients (ALL, AML, CML)

European networks since 1994

15 year experience with international collaboration

1. MRD networks (since 1994)
 - **BIOMED-1** Concerted Action (1994-1998):
 - flow cytometry
 - PCR analysis of fusion gene transcripts
 - PCR analysis of patient-specific Ig/TCR junctional regions
 - **IBFM-SG MRD** study group (1994- 2001)
PCR analysis of patient-specific Ig/TCR junctional regions
 - **Europe Against Cancer** (1998- 2003)
RQ-PCR analysis of fusion gene transcripts (TaqMan technology)
 - **EuroMRD (ESG-MRD)** (2001- up till now)
RQ-PCR analysis of patient-specific Ig/TCR junctional regions
2. PCR-based clonality diagnostics (since 1996)
 - **BIOMED-2** Concerted Action (1998-2004)
3. Advanced flow cytometry (since 1994)
 - **BIOMED-1** Concerted Action (1994-1998): original focus on MRD
 - **EuroFlow** (2006- up till now): diagnosis, classification and monitoring
 - **ERA-NET PRIOMEDCHILD** (2011-2014): 8-color flow cytometry for MRD detection in ALL



Molecular diagnostics in suspected lymphoproliferations

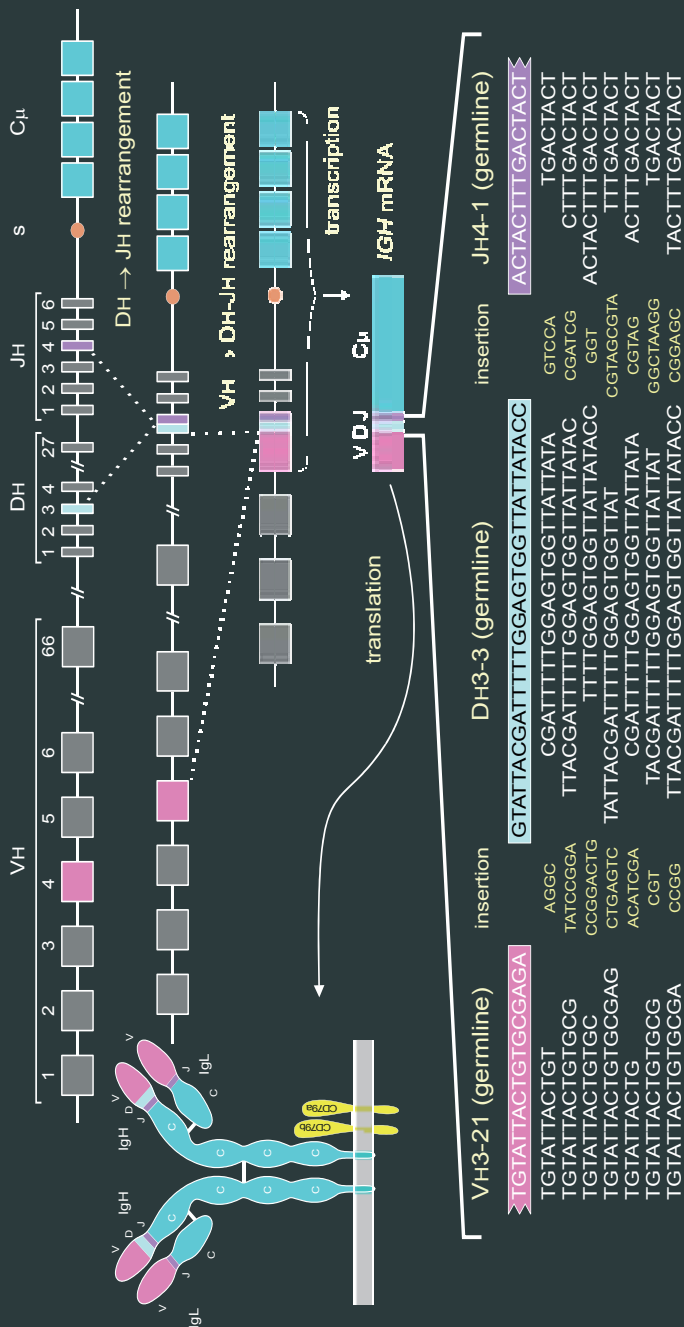
Normal ↔ reactive ↔ malignant

In 10 to 15% of suspect lymphoproliferations no reliable discrimination between reactive and malignant can be made.



Molecular clonality diagnostics via Ig/TCR genes

From Ig gene to Ig molecule

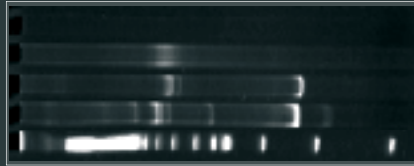




6 VH-FR1 primers
(VH family primers)

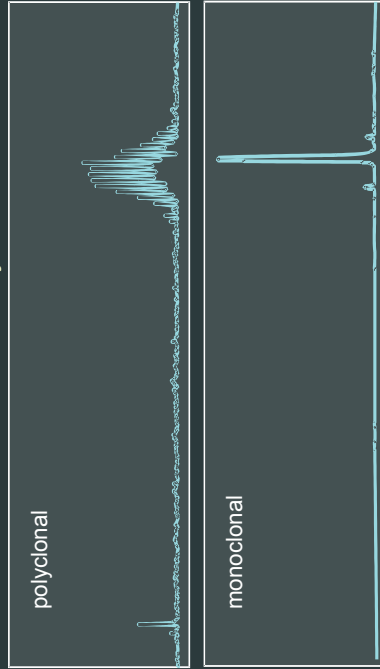
heteroduplex analysis

MW
Monoclonal
Monoclonal
Polyclonal
H₂O



GeneScan analysis

CTGTGCAAGAGCGGGCTATGGTTCAGGGAGTTATGGCTACTACGGTATGGACGGTCTGG
CTGTGCAAGAGGCGAAACAGTAACTGCCCTACTACTACGGGTATGGACGTCTGG
CTGTGCAAGAGAGATAGTATAGCAGCTCGTACAACTGGTTCGACTCCTGG
CTGTGCAAGAGATCCGGGAGCTCGTTTTCCTTTTGATATCTGG
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CTGTGCAAGAGGGTGGAGCTACTAGACTACTGG
CTGTGCAAGGCTAGCTAAACCTTTGACTACTGG
CTGTGCAATATCTACTTTGACTACTGG



BIOMED-2 report:
J.J.M. van Dongen et al.
Leukemia 2003; 17: 2257-2317



Analysis of *IGH* gene rearrangements



IGH tube A

V#-FR1	(1-2)	(-252)	5'	GGCCTCAGTGAAGGTCCTCCTGCAAG	3'
V#-FR1	(2-5)	(-284)		GTCGGTCTACGGCTGGTGAACCC	
V#-FR1	(3-7)	(-256)		CTGGGGGTCCTTGAGACTCTCCTG	
V#-FR1	(4-4)	(-256)		CTTCGGAGACCTGTCCCTCACCTG	
V#-FR1	(5-51)	(-255)		CGGGGAGTCTCTGAAGATCTCCTGT	
V#-FR1	(6)	(-263)		TGCAGAGCCCTCTCACTCACCTGTG	

IGH tube B

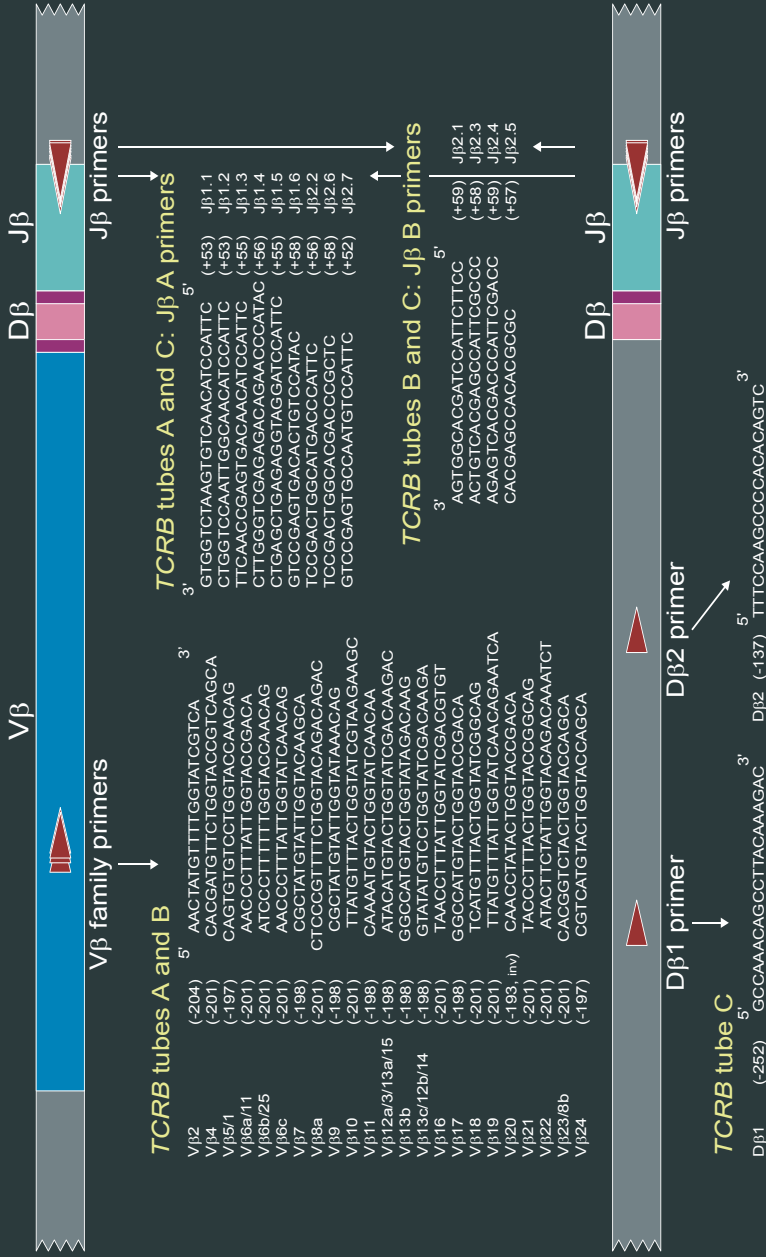
V#-FR2	(1-2)	(-192)		CTGGGTCCGACAGGCCCTGGACAA	
V#-FR2	(2-5)	(-190)		TGGATCCGTAGCCCCCAGGGAAAGG	
V#-FR2	(3-7)	(-189)		GGTCCGGAGGCTCCAGGGAA	
V#-FR2	(4-4)	(-188)		TGGATCCGCCAGCCCCCAGGGAAAGG	
V#-FR2	(5-51)	(-190)		CGGTGCCCAGATGCCCGGGAAGG	
V#-FR2	(6)	(-194)		TGGATCAGGCAGTCCCATCAGAG	
V#-FR2	(7)	(-192)		TTGGGTCCGACAGGCCCTGGACAA	

IGH tube C

V#-FR3	(1-2)	(-55)		TGGAGCTGAGCAGCCTGAGATCTGA	
V#-FR3	(2-5)	(-54)		CAATGACCAACATGGACCCTGTGGA	
V#-FR3	(3-7)	(-57)		TCTCAAATGAACGCCCTGAGAGCC	
V#-FR3	(4-4)	(-48)		GAGCTCTGTACCCTCCGCGACAGC	
V#-FR3	(5-51)	(-69)		CAGCACCCCTACCTGGCAGTGGAGC	
V#-FR3	(6)	(-63)		GTTTCTCCCTGCAGCTGAATCTGTG	
V#-FR3	(7)	(-69)		CAGCAGGGCATATCTGCAGATCAG	

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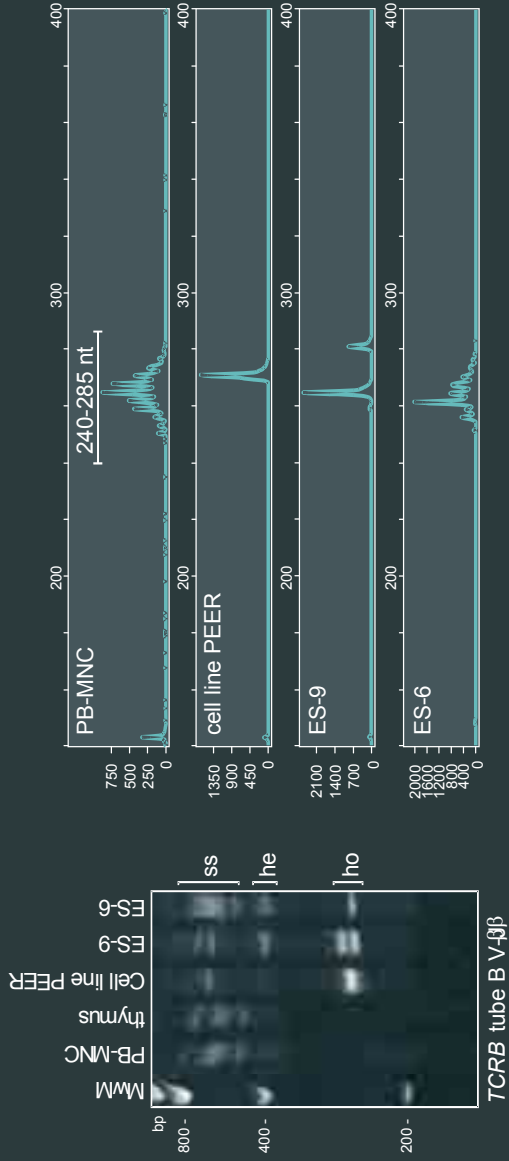
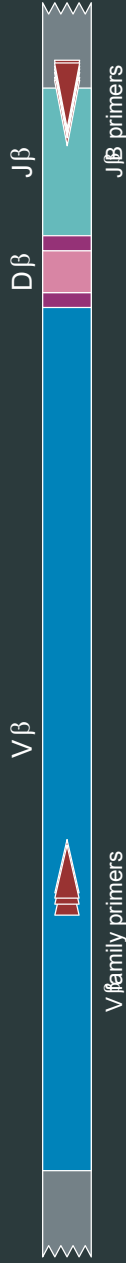
Analysis of TCRB gene rearrangements



BIOMED-2 report: Leukemia 2003; 17: 2257-2317



BIOMED-2 multiplex TCRB tube B: V β -J β



BIOMED-2 report: J.J.M. van Dongen et al. *Leukemia* 2003; 17: 2257-2317

Complementarity of Ig/TCR targets for PCR-based clonality detection

B-cell malignancies	IGH VH-JH + DH-JH	IGK VK-JK + Kde	IGH + IGK	T-cell malignancies	TCRB Vβ-Jβ + Dβ-Jβ	TCRG Vγ-Jγ	TCRB + TCRG
MCL (n=54)	100%	100%	100%	T-PLL (n=33)	100%	94%	100%
B-CLL/SLL (n=56)	100%	100%	100%	T-LGL (n=28)	96%	96%	100%
FL (n=109)	86%	84%	100%	PTCL-U (n=47)	98%	94%	100%
MZL (n=41)	95%	83%	100%	AITL (n=37)	89%	92%	95%
DLBCL (n=109)	85%	80%	98%	ALCL (n=43)	74%	74%	79%*
TOTAL (n=369)	91%	88%	99%	TOTAL (n=188)	91%	89%	94%* (99%)

* 20% to 25 % of anaplastic large cell lymphomas do not have TCR gene rearrangements (null-ALCL)

BIOMED-2 summary: JHJM van Krieken et al, Leukemia 2007;21:201-206
 BIOMED-2 B-cell malignancy report: PAS Evans et al, Leukemia 2007;21:207-241
 BIOMED-2 T-cell malignancy report: M Brüggemann et al, Leukemia 2007;21:215-221





PCR-based clonality studies
for early diagnosis of
lymphoproliferative disorders

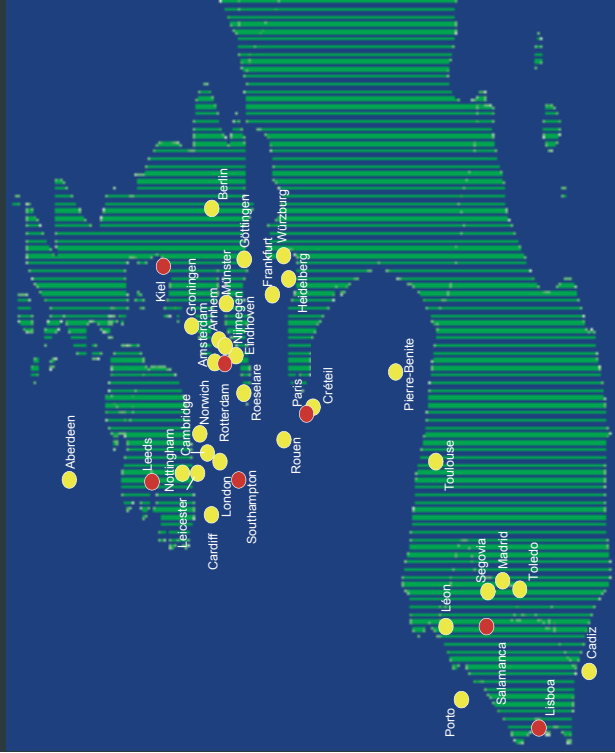
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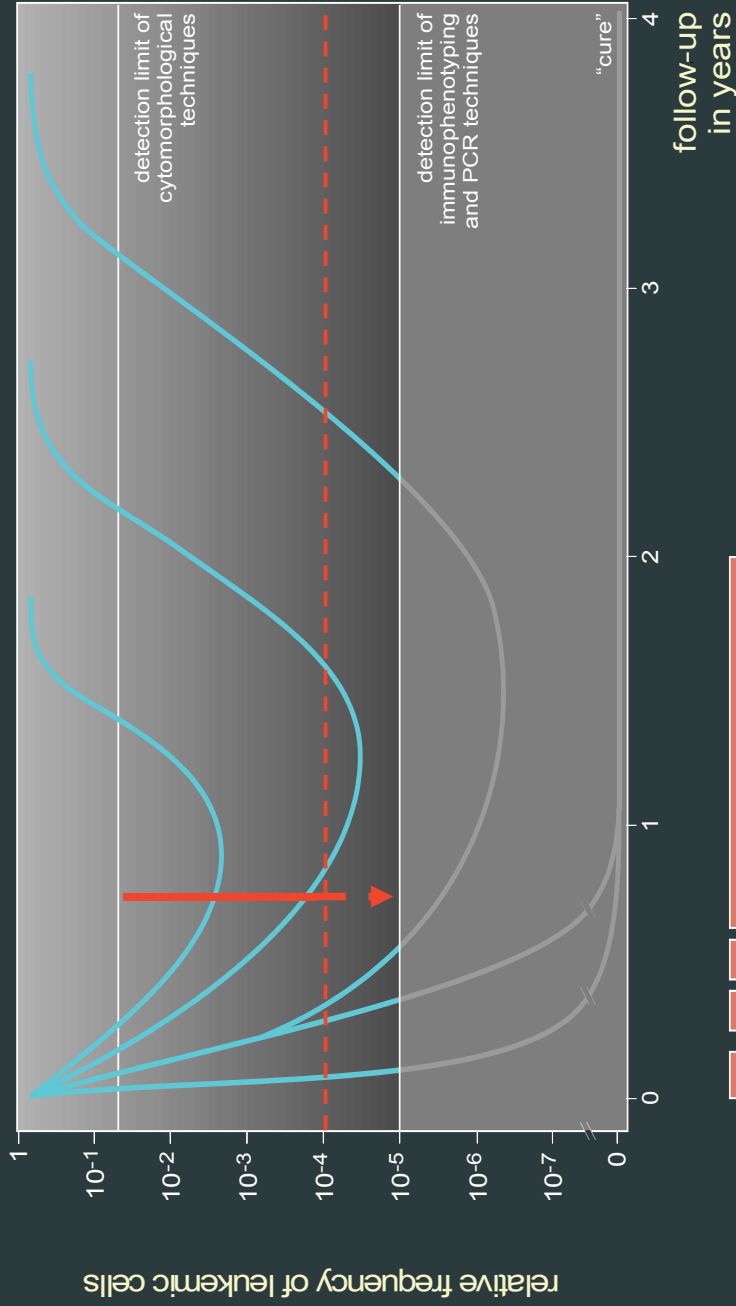
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San Diego, CA
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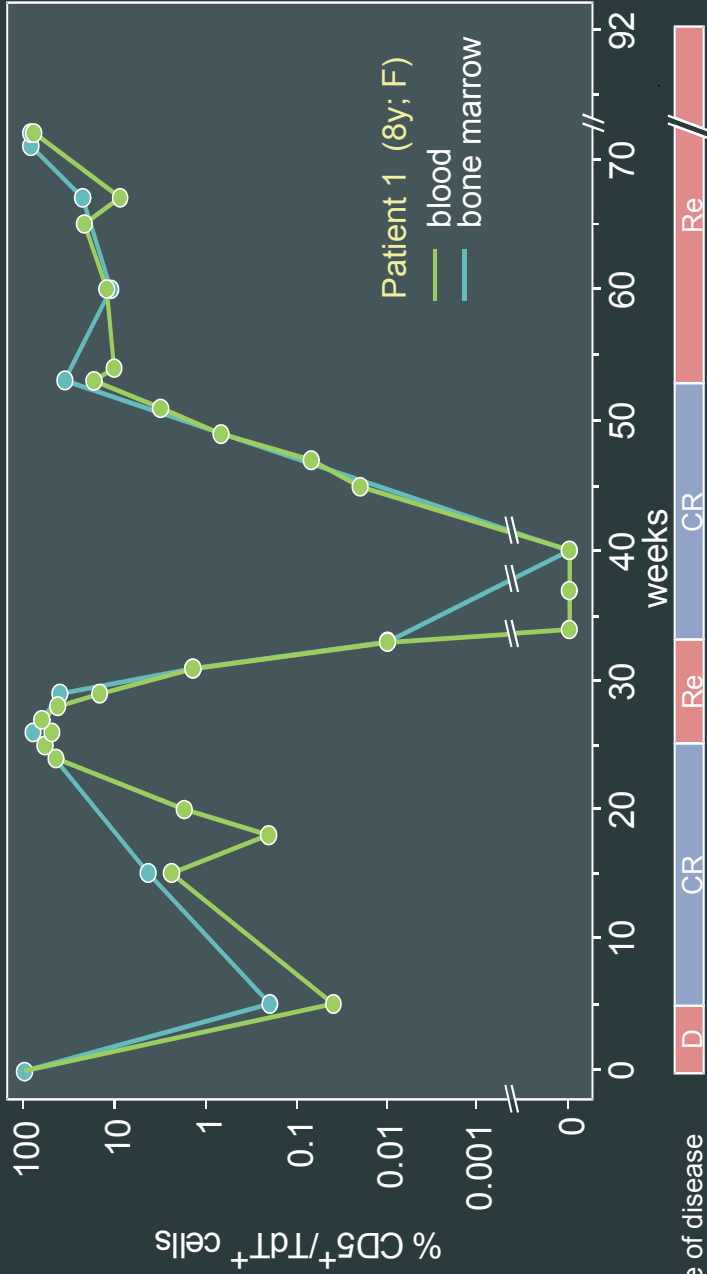
Detection of minimal residual disease (MRD)



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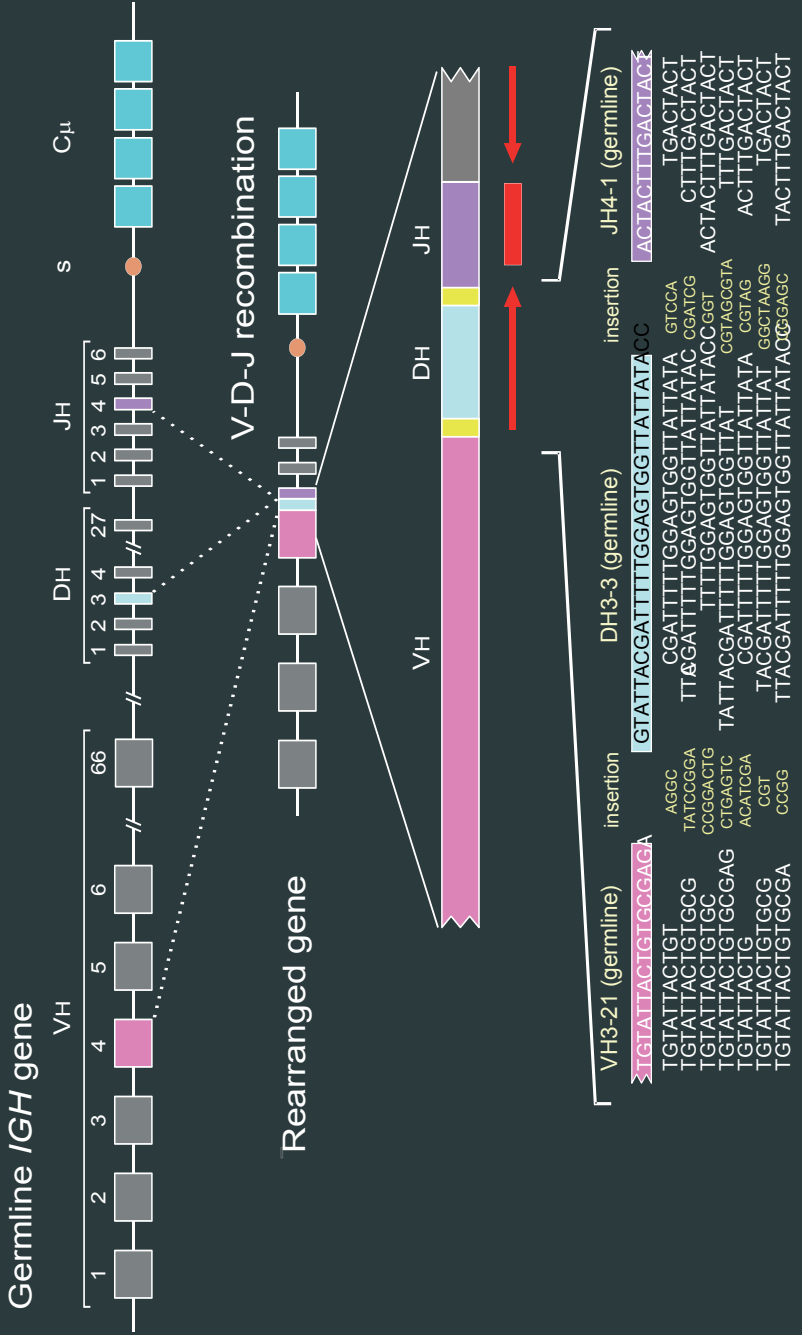
Monitoring of a T-ALL patient 1986



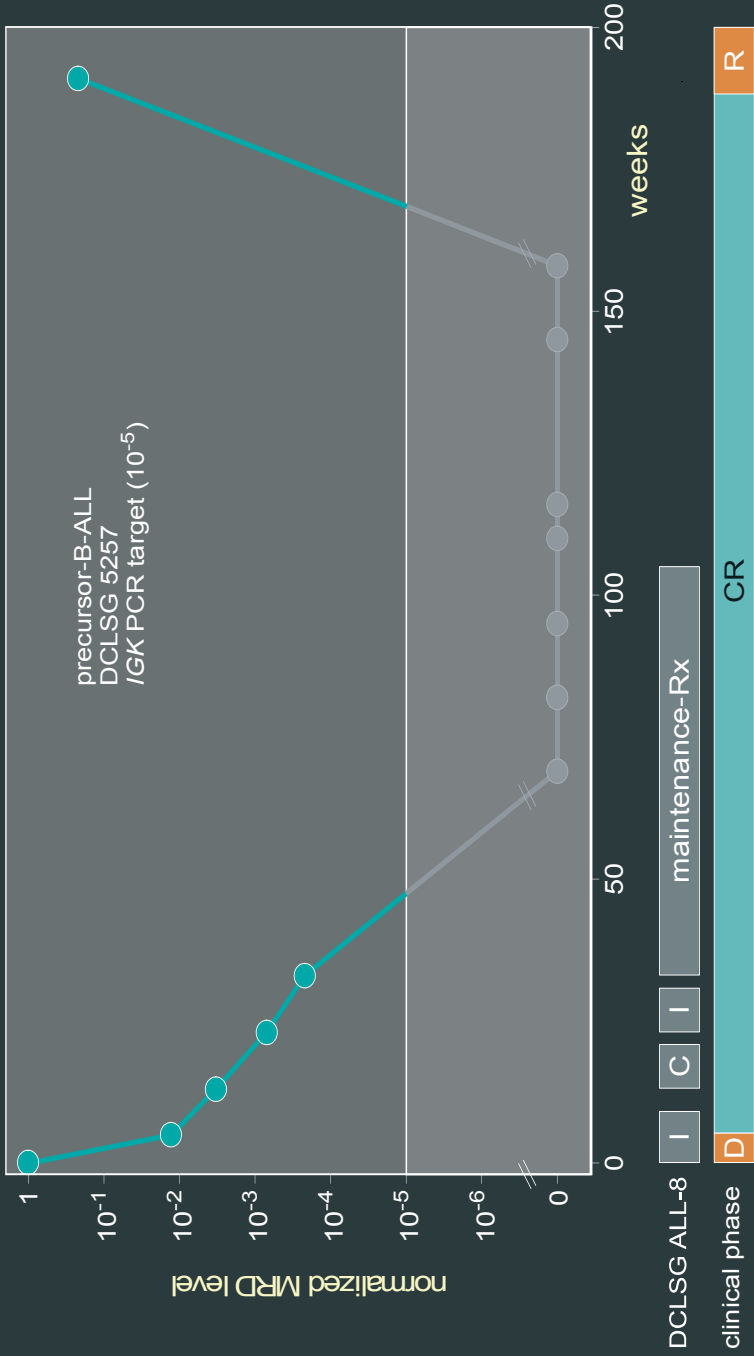
Detection of minimal residual disease in hemato-oncology

Technique	Detection limit	Remark
Cytomorphology	5×10^{-2}	Difficult discrimination between malignant blasts and normal (regenerating) blasts
Cytogenetica	5×10^{-2}	Differential proliferation of malignant (metaphases) and normal cells
FISH	10^{-2}	Only applicable if split-signal FISH is used (not fusion-signal FISH)
Immunophenotyping (3 to 4 color flow cytometry)	$(10^{-3}-) 10^{-4}$	Fast, but variable sensitivity because of similarities between normal (regenerating) cells and malignant cells
PCR of Ig/TCR genes	$10^{-4}-10^{-5}$	Time consuming and expensive, but applicable in $\geq 95\%$ of lymphoid malignancies
PCR of fusion gene transcripts	$10^{-4}-10^{-6}$	Application in $>98\%$ of CML, but in only 40% of ALL, 25% of AML, and 5% of NHL

PCR analysis of Ig/TCR genes

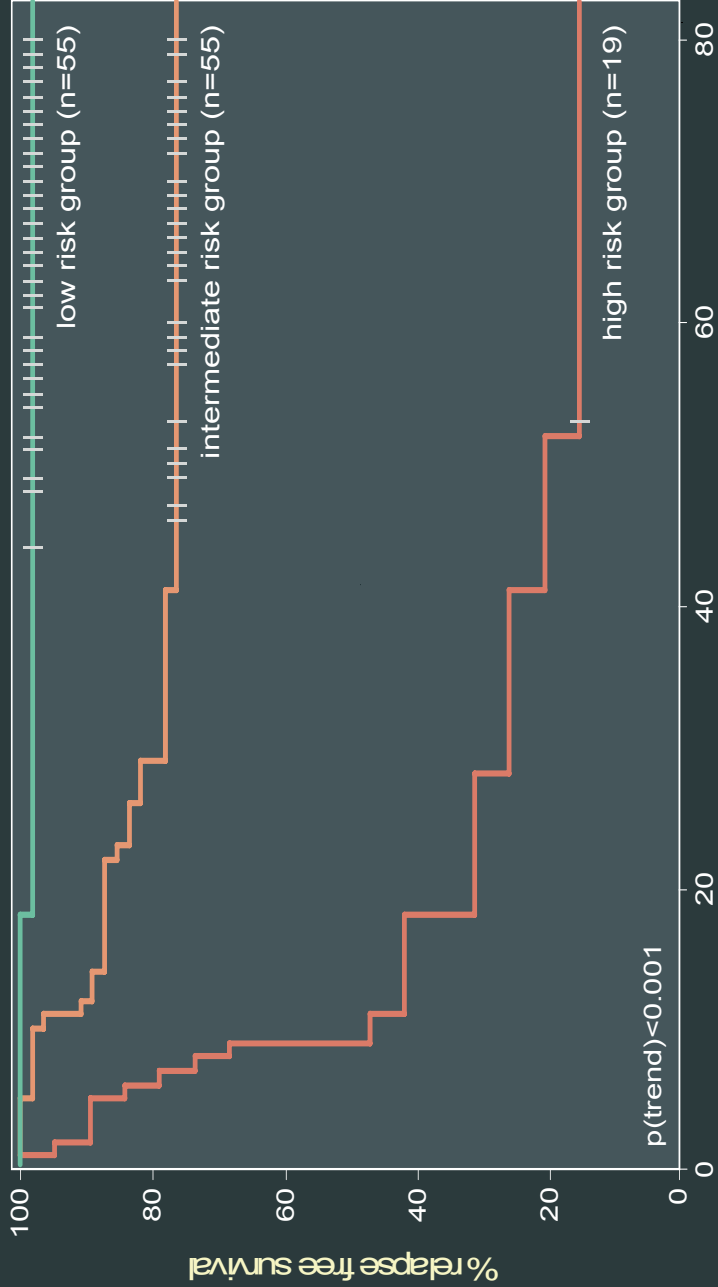


RQ-PCR based MRD monitoring in a precursor-B-ALL patient



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Survival according to the combined MRD information at time points 1 and 2 (n=129)



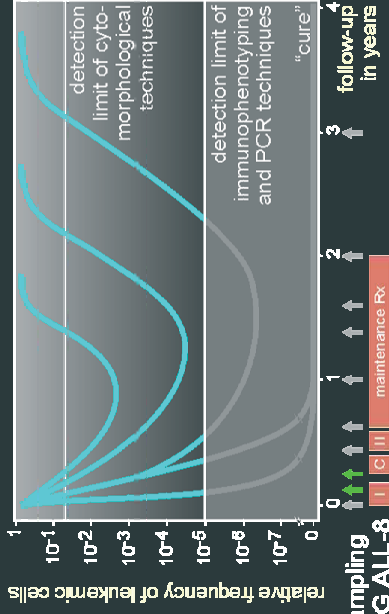
months from time point 2

I-BFM-SG Report, J.J.M. van Dongen et al, Lancet 1998;352:1731-1738

MRD-based risk groups

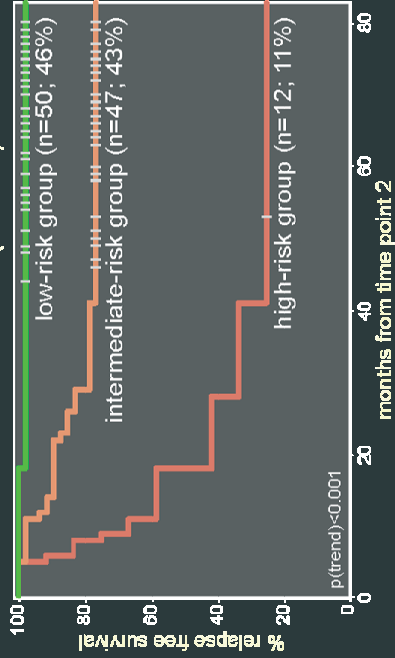
according to MRD status at time points 1 and 2

- low risk: MRD negative at TP1/TP2
- intermediate: MRD⁺, but <10⁻³ at TP2
- high risk: MRD ≥10⁻³ at TP1/TP2

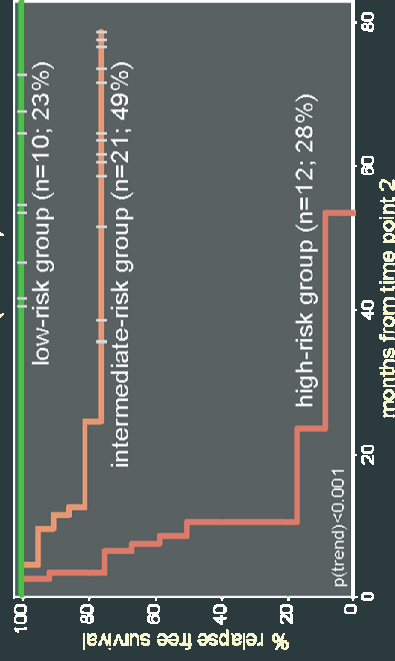


BM sampling
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Precursor-B-ALL (n=109)

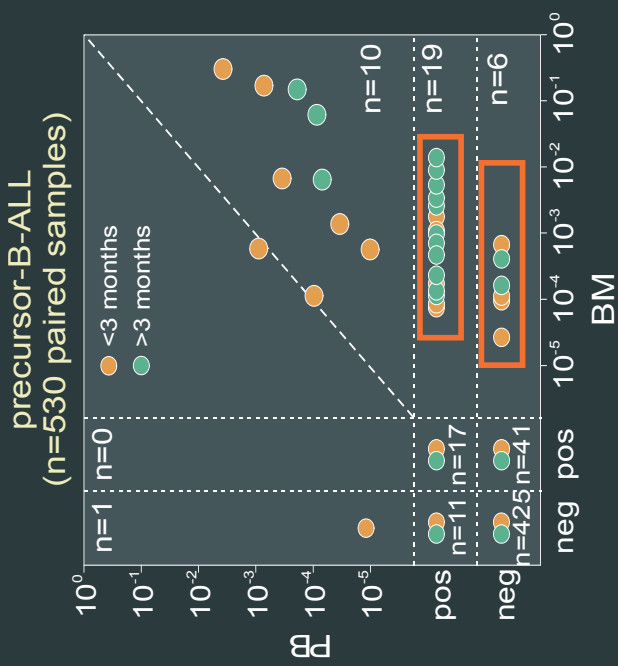
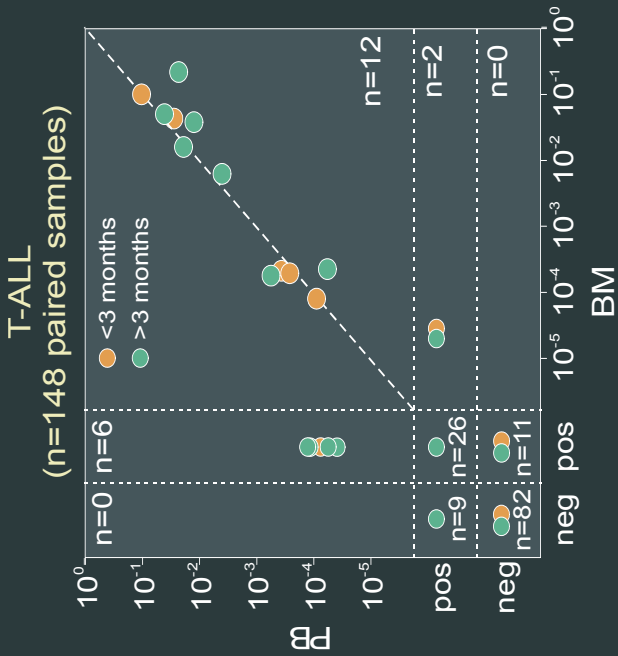


T-ALL (n=43)



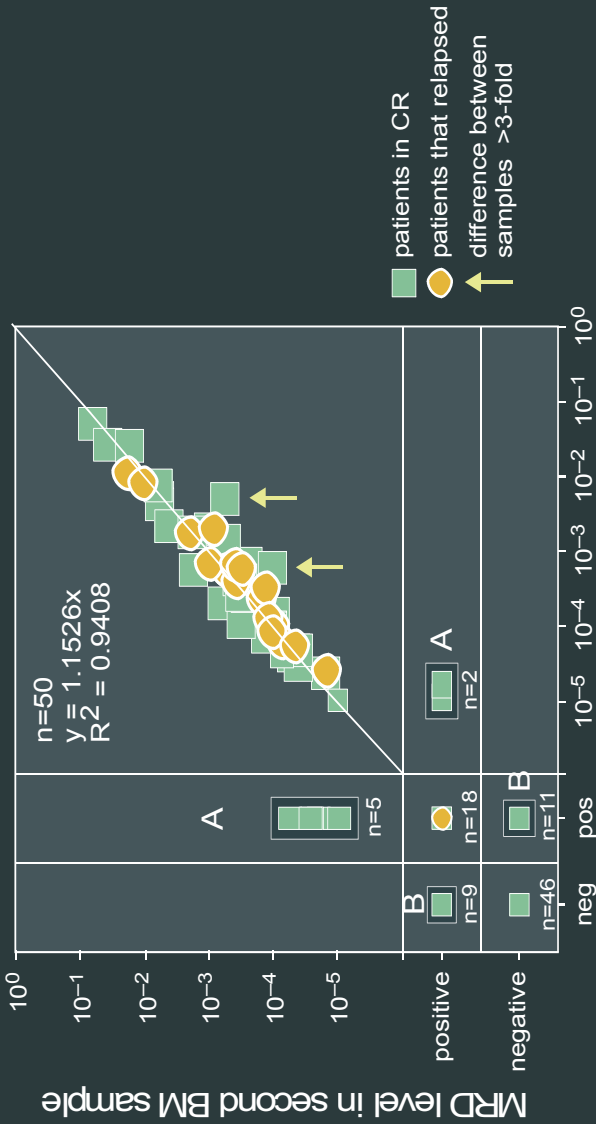
I-BFM-SG Report: Willems *et al.*, *Blood* 2002;99:4386-4393

RQ-PCR based MRD detection in paired BM-PB samples in precursor-B-ALL and T-ALL



Van der Velden et al., Leukemia 2002;16:1432-1436.

Comparison of MRD levels in paired collected BM samples



MRD level in first BM sample

V.H.J. van der Velden et al. *Br J Haematol* 2006; 133: 382-388.

Ig/TCR gene rearrangements as MRD-PCR target

Time consuming and labor intensive (4 to 6 weeks)



Problems and pitfalls of MRD-PCR detection via Ig/TCR genes

1. Time consuming, labor intensive and expensive
 - Target identification, selection and testing: 3-4 weeks
 - RQ-PCR analysis of follow-up samples: 1-2 weeks
2. Extensive knowledge and experience needed:
 - Structure of Ig/TCR genes and rearrangement processes
 - Ig/TCR gene rearrangement patterns in ALL (precursor-B-ALL ↔ T-ALL; children ↔ adults)
3. International comparability of MRD-PCR results
 - Between MRD-PCR centers of same treatment protocol
 - Between treatment protocols

→ Standardization, guidelines and quality control

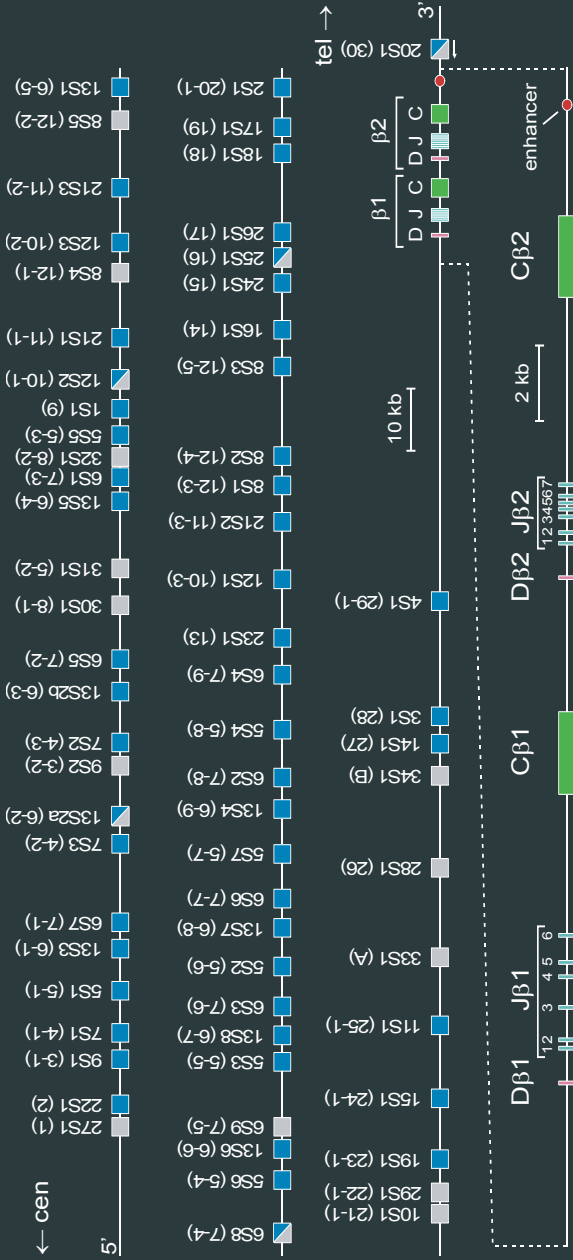


Frequencies and stability of MRD-PCR targets in childhood precursor-B-ALL and T-ALL

Gene	Rearrangement type	Precursor-B-ALL				T-ALL	
		frequency	oligoclonality	monoclonal stability	oligoclonal stability	frequency	stability
<i>IGH</i>	VH-JH	93%	30-40%	88%	47%	5%	NT
	DH-JH	20%	50-60%	57%	38%	23%	NT
	total <i>IGH</i>	98%	~40%	85%	44%	23%	NT
<i>IGK</i>	Vκ-Kde	45%	5-10%	95%	40%	0%	NA
	intron RSS-Kde	25%	5-10%	86%	0%	0%	NA
	total <i>IGK</i>	50%	5-10%	95%	40%	0%	NA
<i>TCRB</i>	Vβ-Jβ	21%	10-15%	89%	60%	77%	79%
	Dβ-Jβ	14%	10-15%	67%	0%	55%	80%
	total <i>TCRB</i>	33%	10-15%	81%	43%	92%	80%
	Vγ-Jγ	55%	~15%		75%	95%	86%
<i>TCRD</i>	Vδ-Jδ or Dδ-Jδ1	<1%	NA	NA	NA	50%	100%
	Vδ2-Dδ3 or Dδ2-Dδ3	40%	20-25%	86%	26%	55%	100%
<i>TCRD/A</i>	total <i>TCRD</i>	40%	20-25%	86%	26%	55%	100%
	Vδ2-Jα	46%	~45%	86%	43%	NT	NT

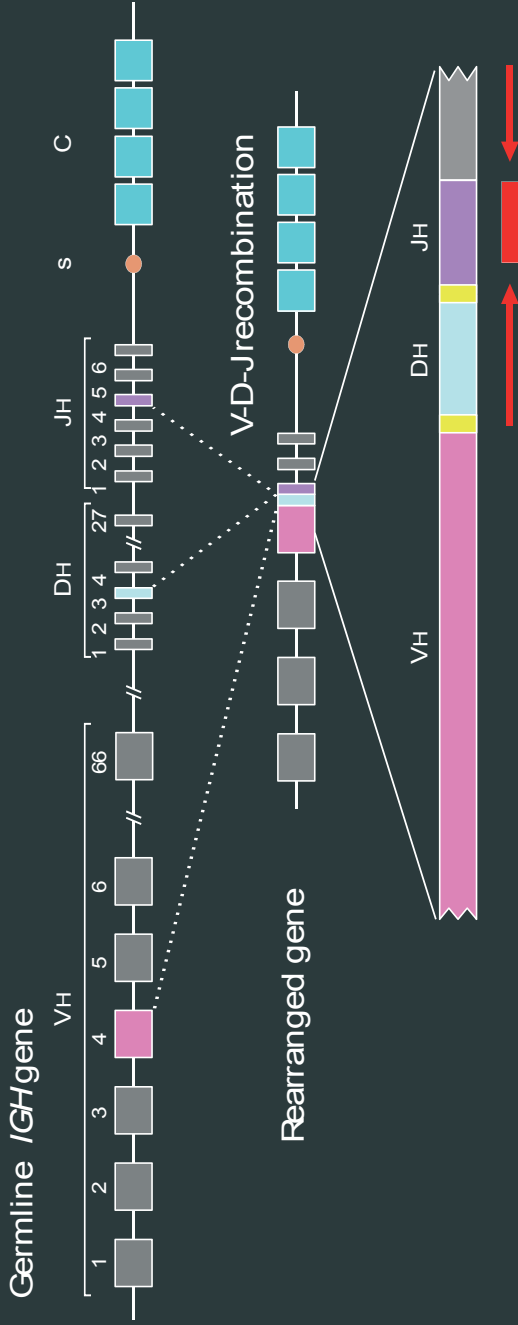
Human TCRB gene complex (#7q34)

67 V β , 2 D β , and 13 J β rearrangeable gene segments



Adapted from IMGT database, M.P. Lefranc, *Leukemia* 2003; 17: 260-266

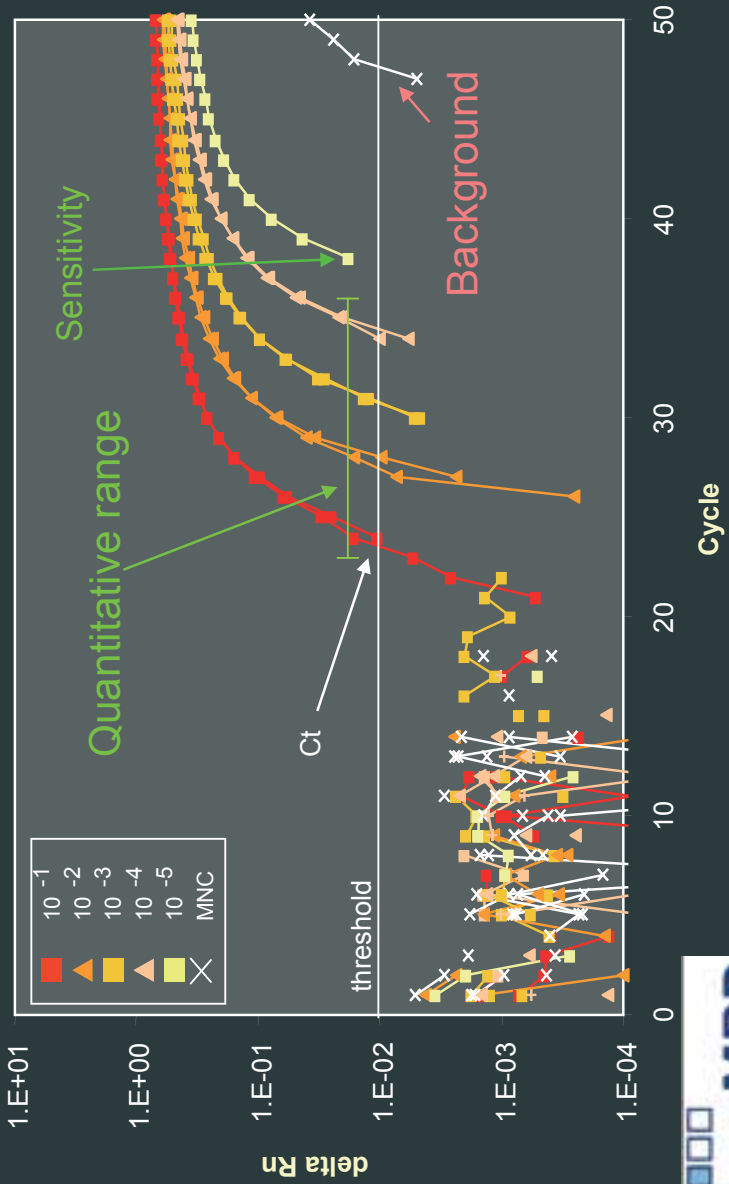
PCR analysis of Ig/TCR genes



High levels of standardization required



RQ-PCR analysis of TCR/Ig gene rearrangements



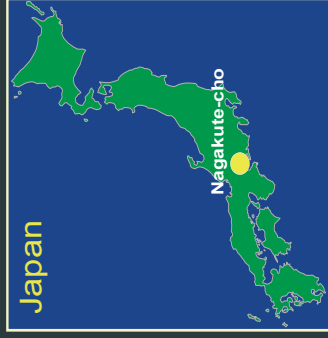
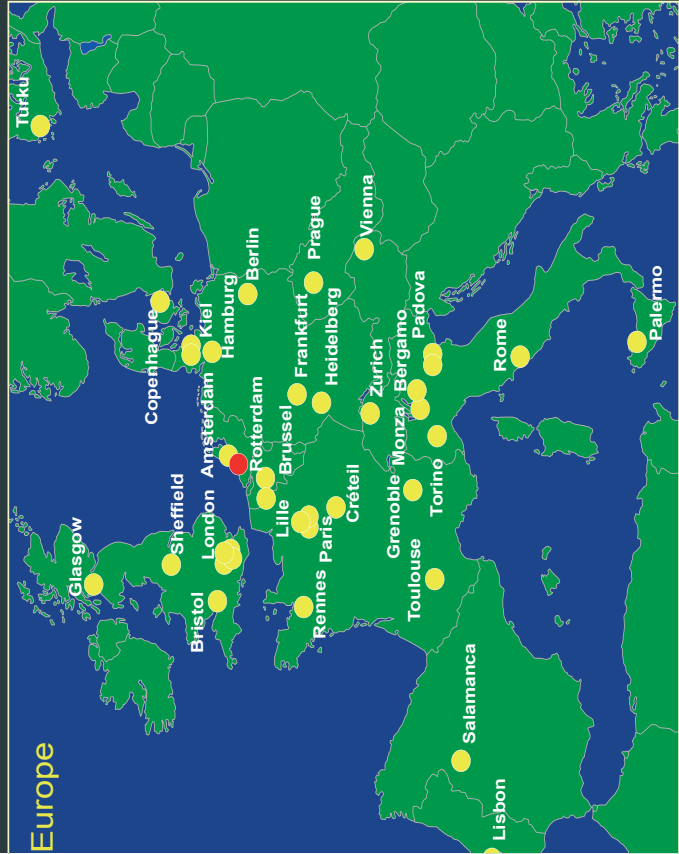
(see EuroMRD Report: Van der Velden, Leukemia 2007)





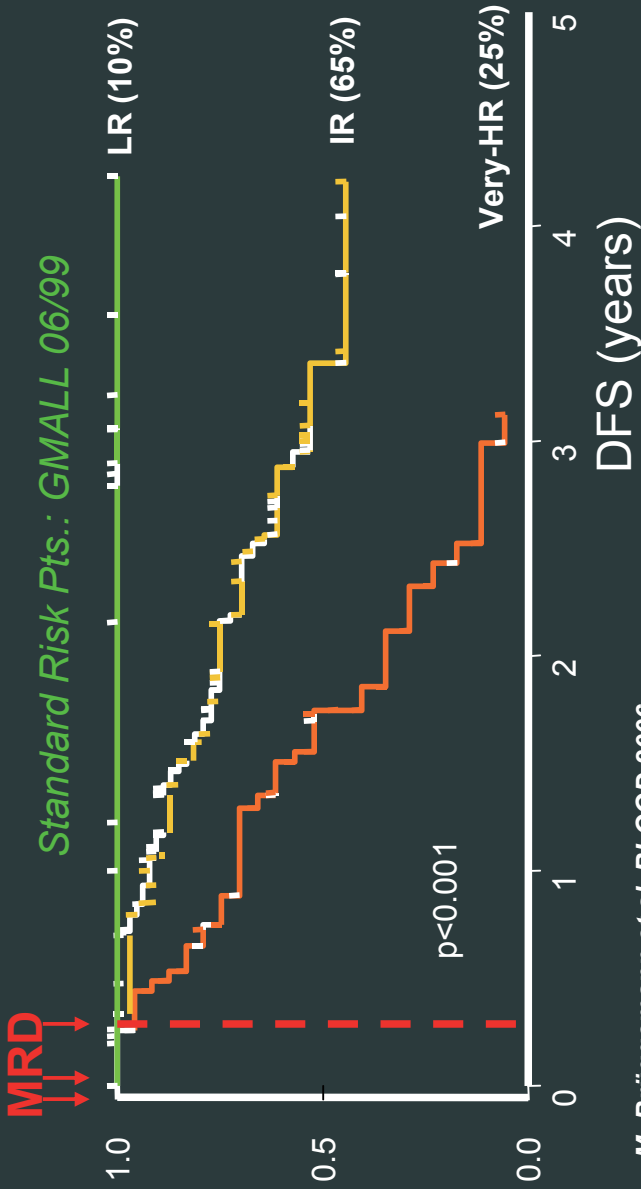
European Study Group on MRD detection

Chairman: J.J.M. van Dongen



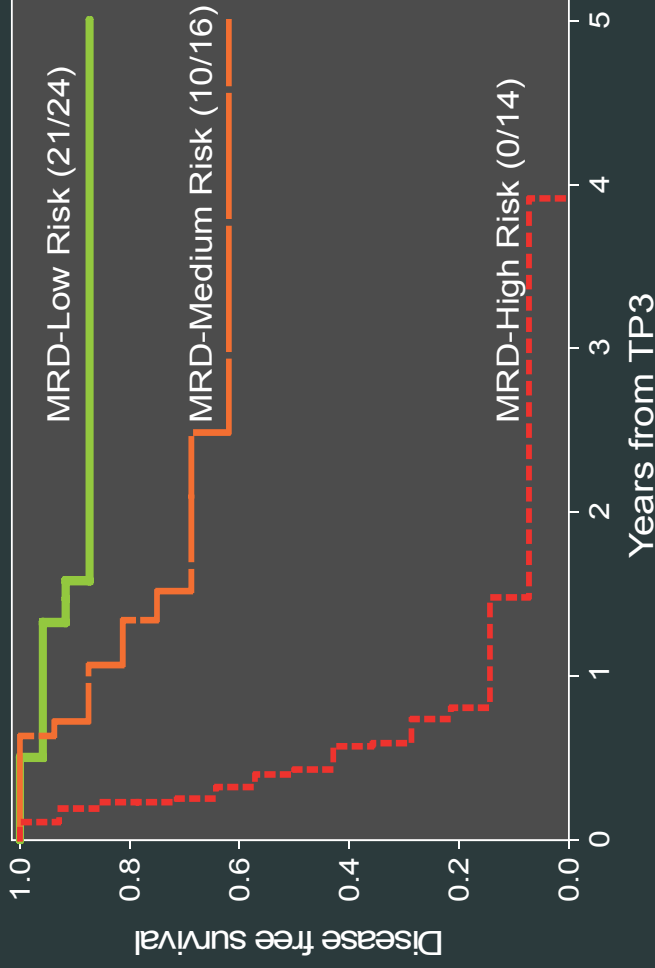
42 laboratories in 17 countries

DFS according to MRD-based Risk Groups defined by day +11, day +24 and week +16



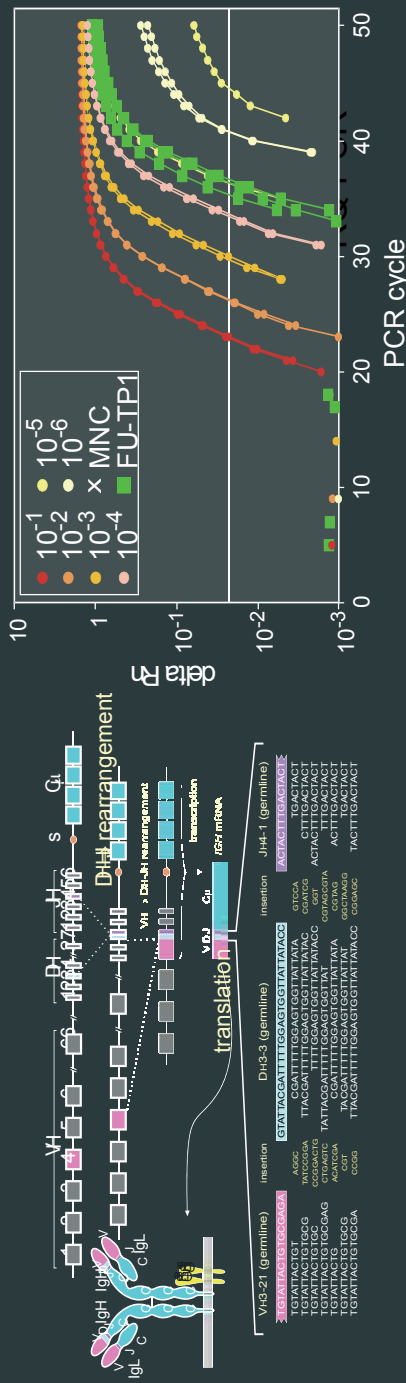
M. Brüggemann et al. *BLOOD* 2006

MRD diagnostics in infant ALL (Interfant-99 protocol)



Van der Velden et al., *Leukemia* 2009;23:1073-1079

Current MRD technique in lymphoid malignancies



Disadvantages of Ig/TCR-based MRD-PCR techniques:

- labor intensive (junctional regions per patient);
- require specialized laboratories;
- time consuming (target identification: 4 to 6 weeks)

↑ Faster technique needed: 8-color flow cytometry ?

Comparison between molecular techniques and flow cytometry in hematological malignancies

	Molecular techniques	Flow cytometry
Speed	2-3 days (up to weeks)	fast: 1-2 hours !!
Target	DNA or RNA (RNA is an instable target)	protein/cells ("end-product")
Applicability	depends on disease (chromosome aberrations)	broad
Multiplexing	technically demanding	relatively easy (even 25 to 100 tests per tube)
Accuracy	semi-quantitative	quantitative
Focus	all cells in sample (or: prior purification)	any subpopulation
Facilities	special laboratories needed (pre-PCR lab, PCR lab, etc)	only standard lab needed (+ flow cytometer)

Achievements in flow cytometry by EuroFlow



Immunobeads

- special immunobead assay for detection of fusion proteins in leukemias
- multiplex approach for fusion protein detection per disease category

Standardized multicolor flow cytometry (≥8 colors)

- inclusion of violet laser and selection of 8 appropriate fluorochromes
- Standardization of instrument settings, compensation settings, sample immunostaining procedures (including intracellular targets) preparation,

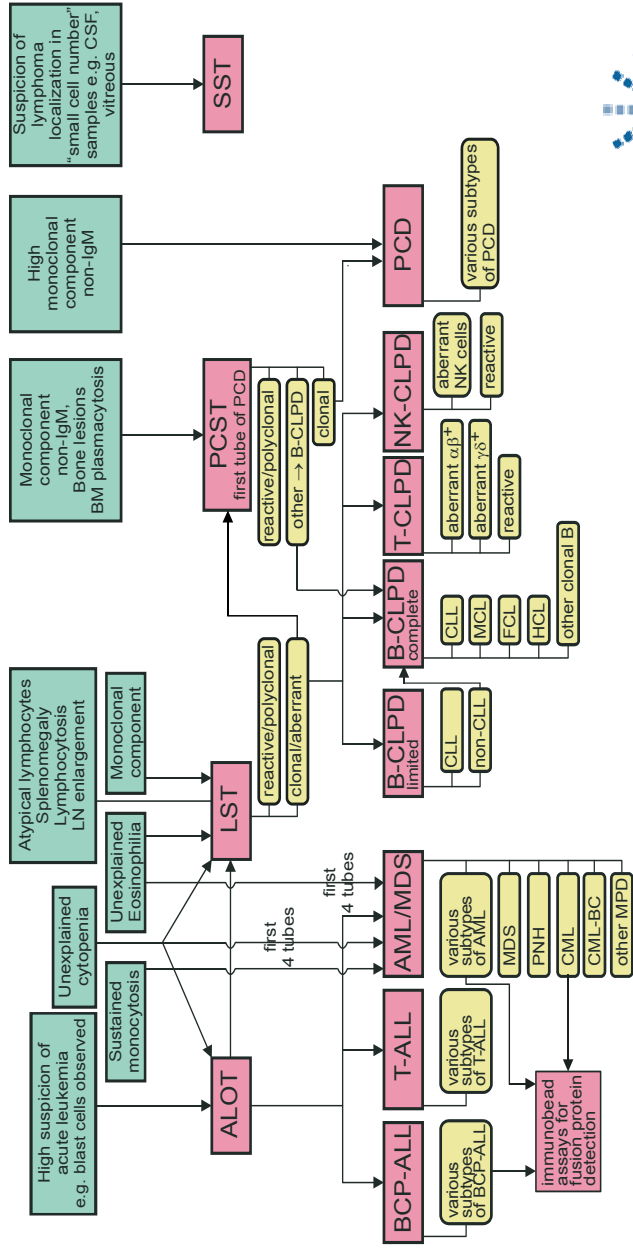
Development of novel software (INFINICYT) for complex pattern recognition

- “Merging”: automated fusion of results from multiple multi-color labelings
- “Calculation”: combining results of multiple tubes at the single cell level
- Multidimensional comparison of multiple samples: APS view
- Comparison of new diagnosis (and follow-up) data with large data base of earlier obtained samples (leukemia or normal/control)

Development of 8-color antibody protocols for diagnosis, classification and monitoring of hematological malignancies

- screening tubes (include recognition of normal leukocyte subsets)
- multi-tube panels for diagnosis and classification per disease category
- special tubes for MRD monitoring per disease category

Algorithm for EuroFlow antibody panels in hemato-oncology



EuroFlow is an independent scientific consortium,
which aims at innovation in flow cytometry
for improvement of diagnostic patient care



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20 laboratories in 14 countries

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EU-supported	Period	Participating institutes	Results	Patents	Licence & Annual networks royalty income
BIOMED-1 MRD techniques	1994 - 1998 continued as- EuroMRD	14 PCR Ig/TCR	- flow cytometry	None	-
BIOMED-2 EuroClonality	1998-2002 continued	47	- PCR for clonality - Ig and TCR gene sets	One patent	IVS Technologies
EAC RQ-PCR of FGT	1998-2003	24	- RQ-PCR of FGT Goes to Université	One patent	Ipsogen Mediterrané
EuroFISH FISH probe development	2003- 2006 reactivated	15	- split-signal FISH - leukemias & lymphomas	One patent	DAKO
EuroChimerism Chimerism studies	2002- 2005 stopped	12	- STR primers - special SCT sets	One patent	Mylteni (just implemented)
EuroFlow Novel flowcytometry	2006-2009 continued	14 →21	- novel flow software - 8-color Ab protocols - large EU data base.	2 patents 1 in prep	BD Biosciences Cytognos

ESLHO and its divisions EuroFlow, EuroClonality and EuroMRD





Clonality Patent

“Nucleic acid amplification primers for PCR-based clonality studies”

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European network for laboratory diagnostics Scientifically independent consortium



Innovation

- development of new technologies or technical strategies, using the most suited and advanced equipment
- protection of new intellectual property (IP) by filing of patents on behalf of the consortium (collective IP, collective ownership, collective revenues)

Standardization

- standardization of methods, including primer sequences, instrument settings, antibodies, fluorochromes, etc
- guidelines for interpretation of results

AIM: fully identical results in all participating laboratories (essential for international treatment protocols)

Quality Control

- regular quality control rounds (twice per year)
- certificates for participation and performance

Dissemination and continuous education

- Educational Workshops for dissemination of knowledge and experience
- educational lectures on new developments during consortium meetings

Профессор J.J.M. van Dongen
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Detection of fusion gene aberrations in acute leukemia by flow cytometry

Possibilities for replacing molecular diagnostics

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Diagnostics in hematological malignancies

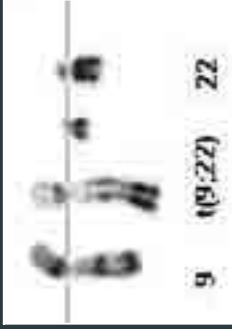
1. Making the diagnosis
Normal ↔ reactive/regenerating ↔ malignant
Annually > 300,000 new patients with a hematological malignancy in developed countries
2. Classification of hematopoietic malignancies
 - relation with prognosis
 - relevance of risk-group definition in treatment protocols

Based on differentiation characteristics and particularly on chromosome aberrations, resulting in fusion gene transcripts or aberrantly (over) expressed genes


3. Evaluation of treatment effectiveness
Detection of minimal residual disease (MRD):
MRD-based risk-group stratification (treatment reduction or treatment intensification)
Annually > 400,000 follow-up samples in leukemia patients (ALL, AML, CML)

Current detection of genetic aberrancies

including overexpressed oncogenes and fusion genes



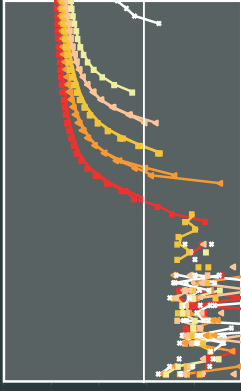
Cytogenetics



FISH



PCR

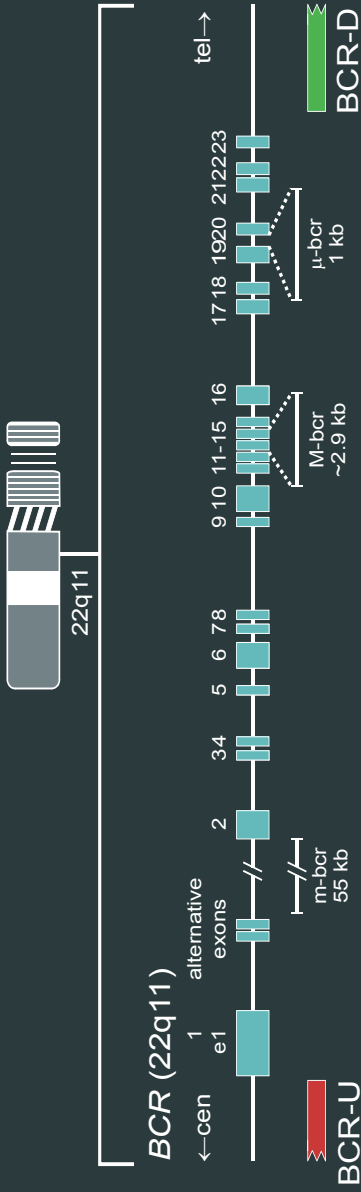


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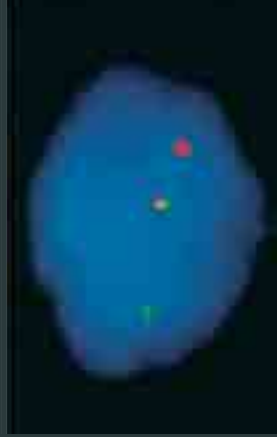
Advantages of molecular techniques:

- Generally well-established;
- Cytogenetics screens total genome for visible structural aberrations;
- FISH: screening of all relevant breakpoints of targeted genes;
- PCR: most variant breakpoints are identified (size differences);
- RQ-PCR: highly sensitive and reproducible: Useful for MRD diagnostics
- Microarray, CGH, SNP: promising, but to be established !

Split-signal FISH of BCR gene



normal



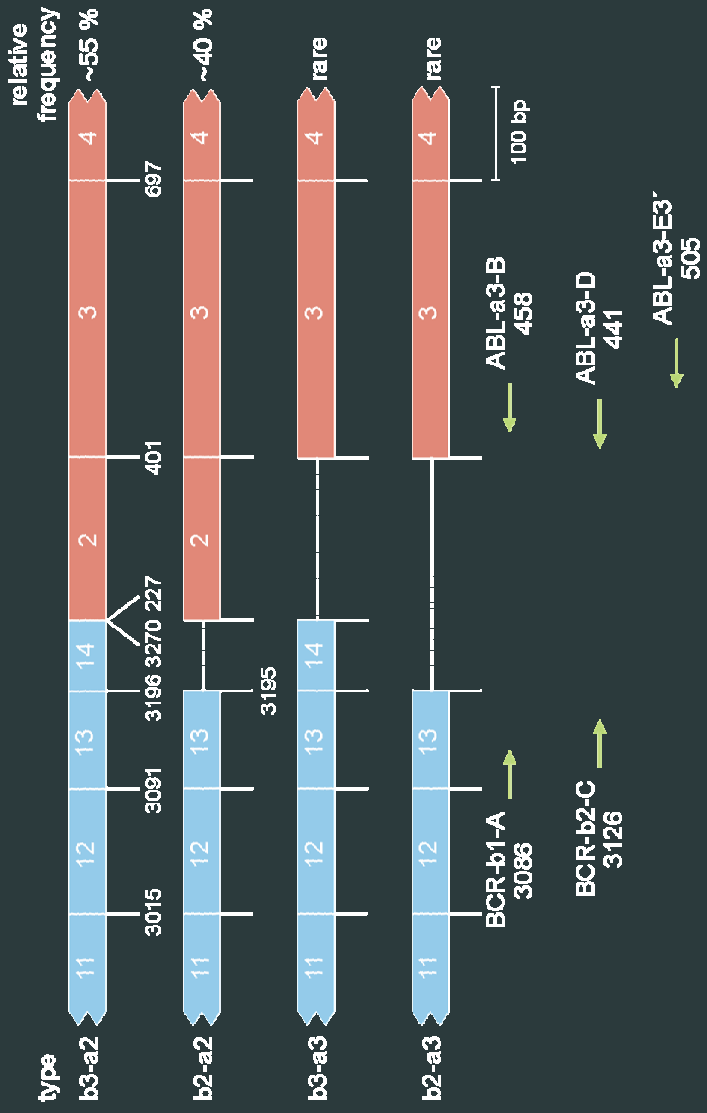
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M. van der Burg et al, *Leukemia* 2004; 18: 895-908.

RT-PCR analysis of t(9;22)(q34;q11) with BCR-ABL p210 transcripts



J.J.M. van Dongen et al, BIOMED-1 Report, Leukemia 1999; 13: 1901-1928.

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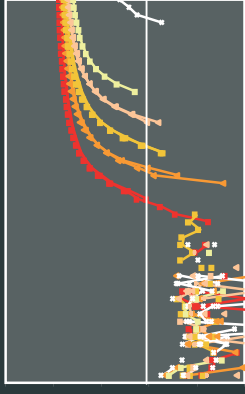
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RQ-PCR

Disadvantages of molecular techniques:

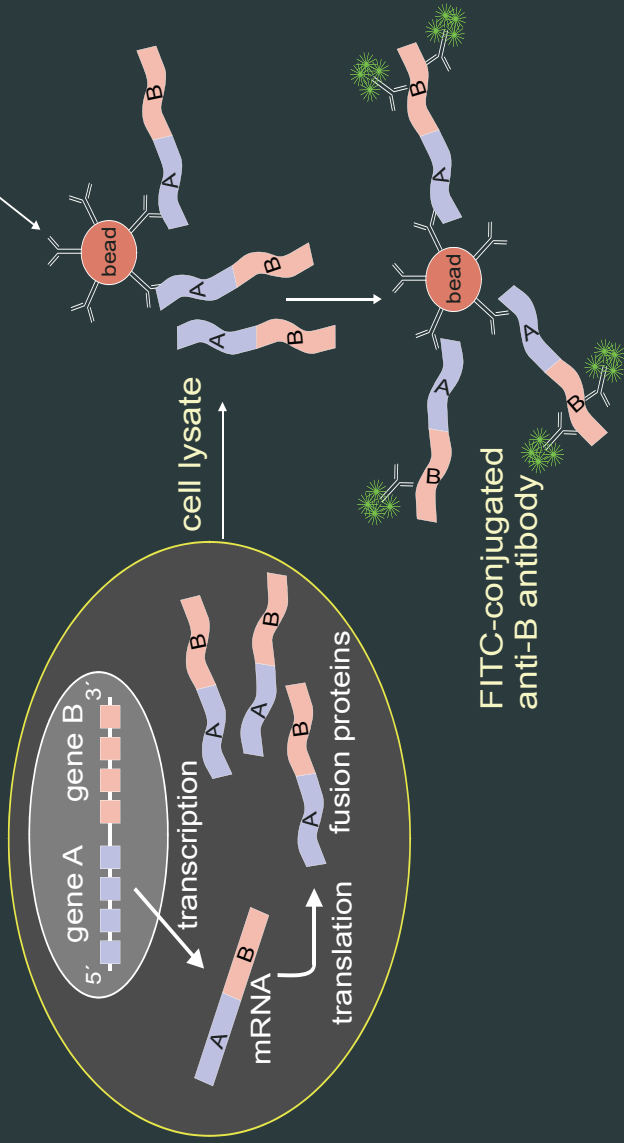
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- require specialized laboratories;
- time consuming (2-3 days, up to a -week)



Faster technique needed: at protein level?

Bead-based flow cytometric assay for detection of fusion proteins

Patents: US 6,610,498 B1 (26 August 2003)
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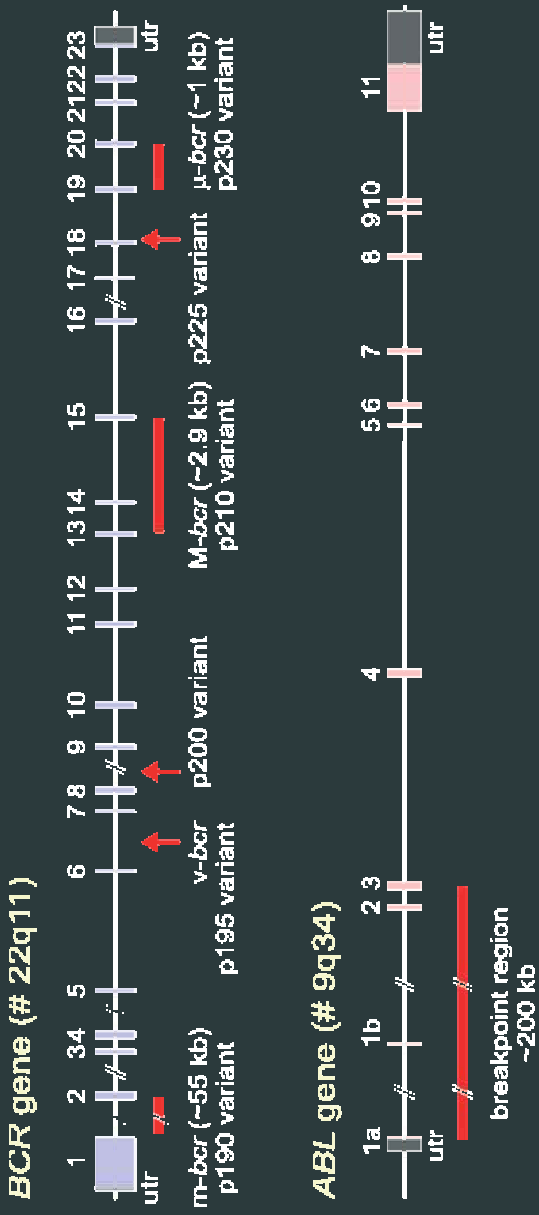
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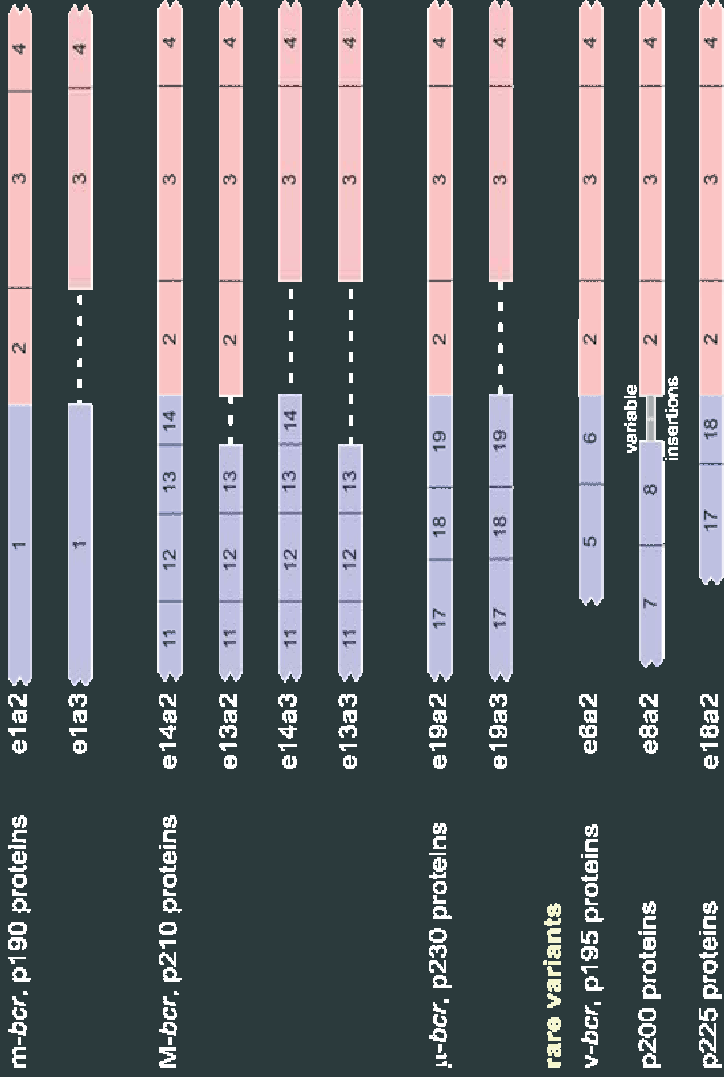
Breakpoint regions in t(9;22)(q34;q11) with BCR and ABL genes



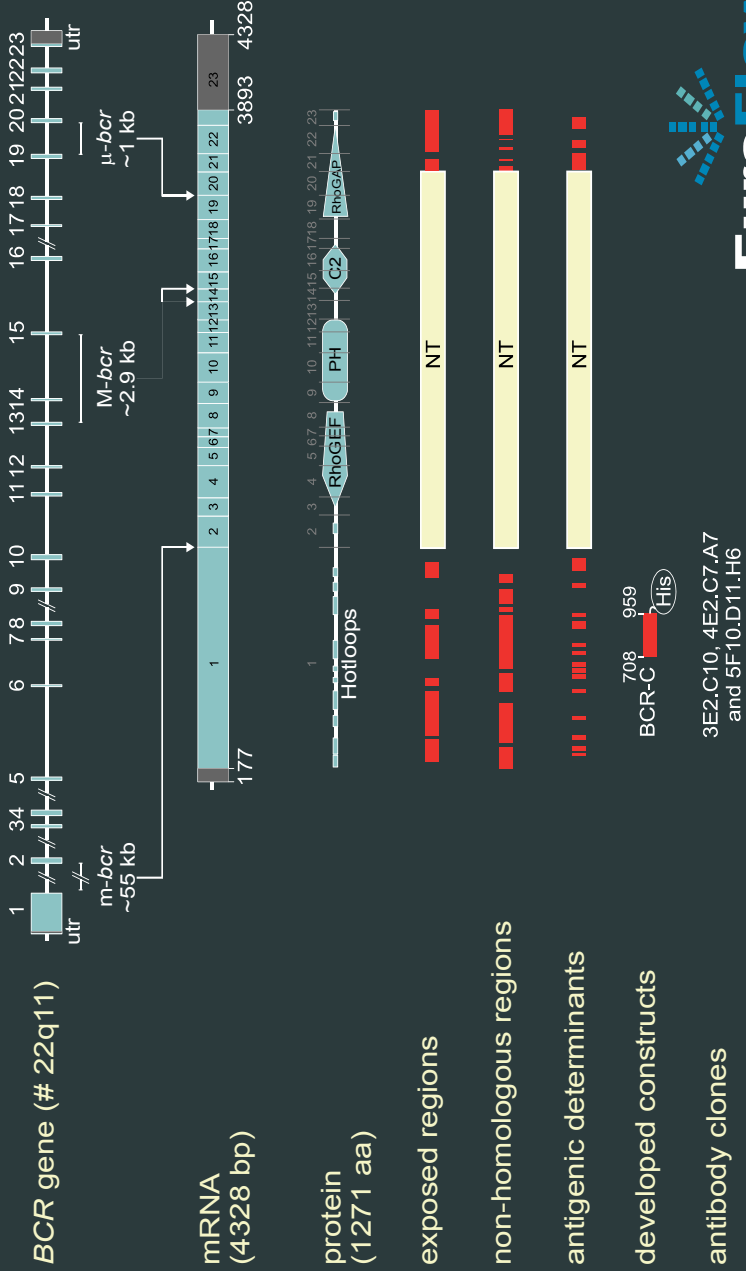
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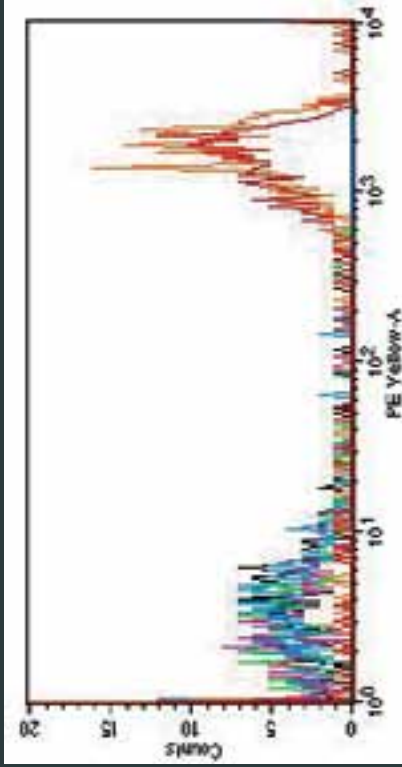
Multiple variants of BCR-ABL transcripts caused by multiple different BCR breakpoint regions



Design of anti-BCR antibodies for fusion protein beads



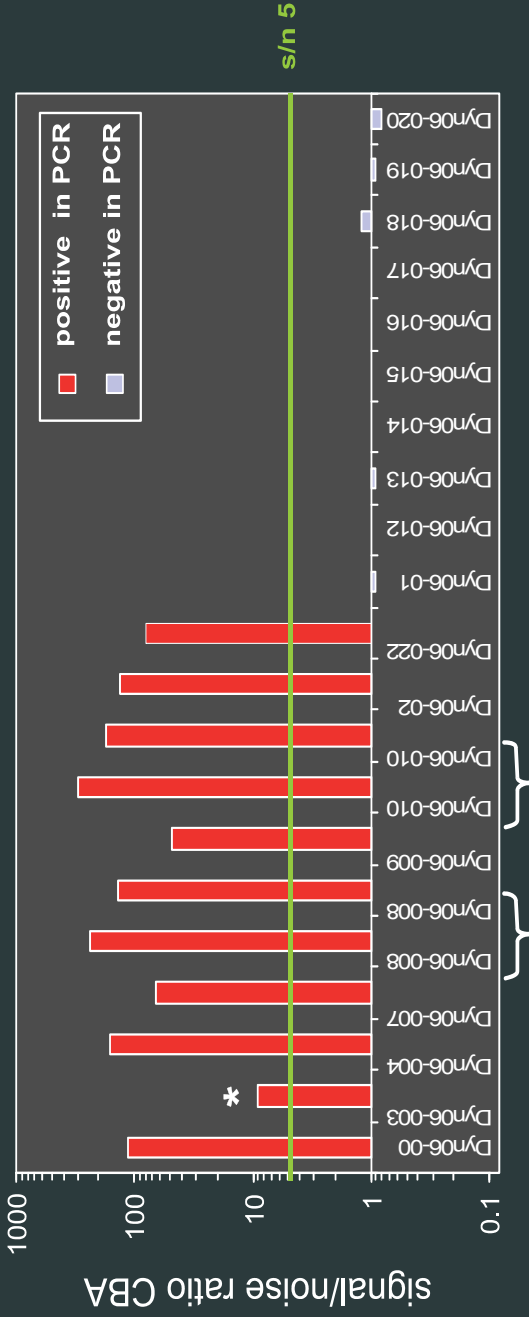
BD Biosciences platform for immunobeads detection of BCR-ABL t(9;22) fusion protein



Black: PBMC (neg. control)
Green: 697 (E2-PBX1; neg. control)
Purple: REH (TEL-AML1; neg. control)
Blue: RS4,11 (MLL-AF4; neg. control)
Orange: K562 (BCR-ABL p210)
Red: Lama-84 (BCR-ABL p210)

Catching antibody: anti-ABL
Bead: BD-Flex bead (A7)
Detection antibody: anti-BCR (biotinylated)

BCR-ABL CBA for precursor B-ALL (diagnosis)

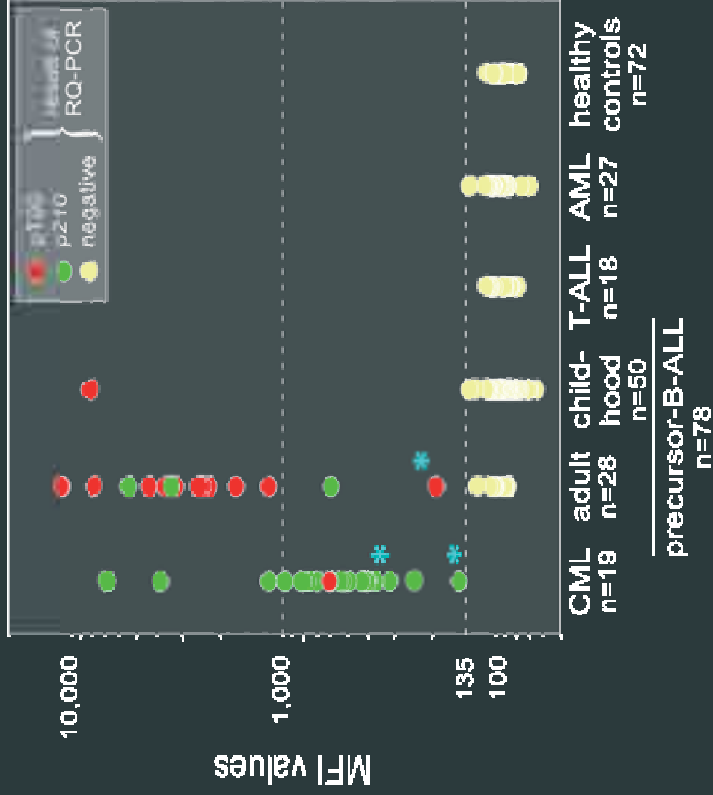


same sample tested in 2 separate experiments
 * patient with mutation close to a ABL-binding site

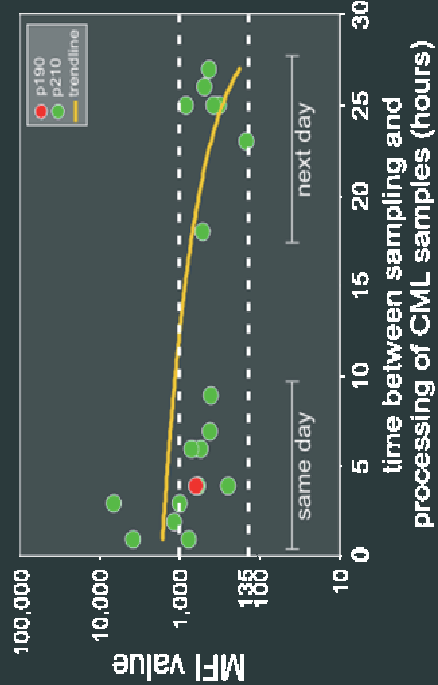
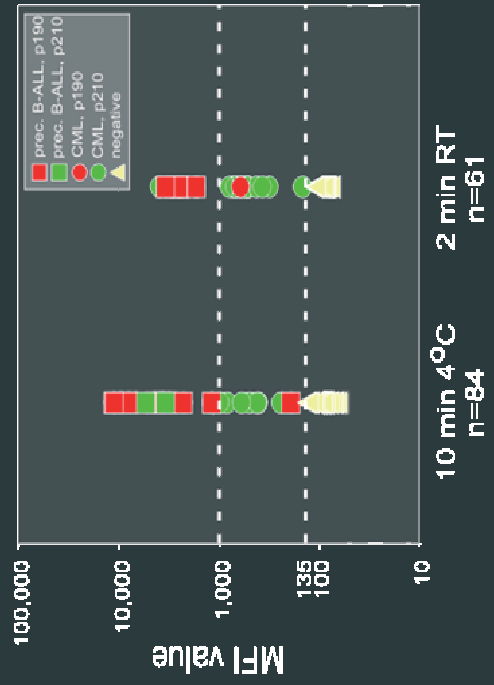
Only frozen samples tested



Results of the BCR-ABL RUO testing by the EuroFlow laboratories

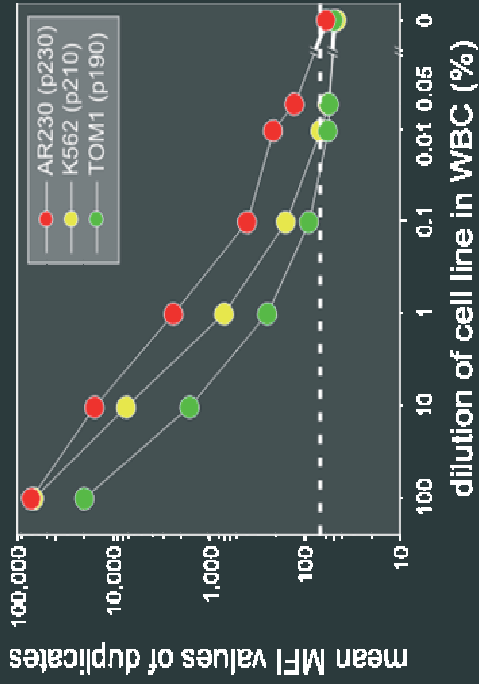
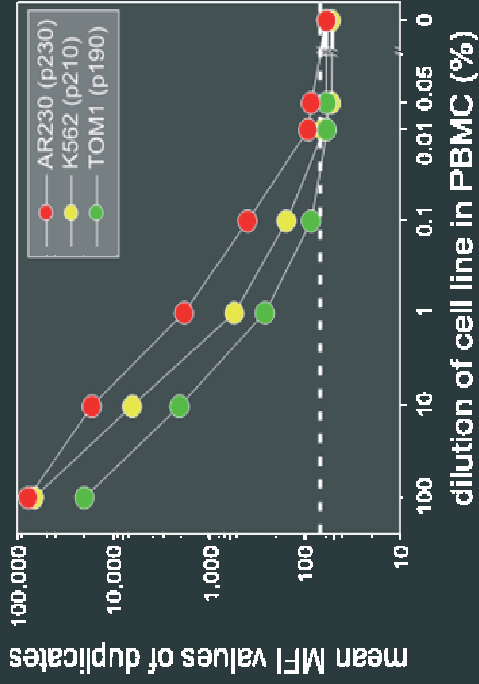


Stability fo BCR-ABL fusion proteins influence of temperature and transportation-processing time

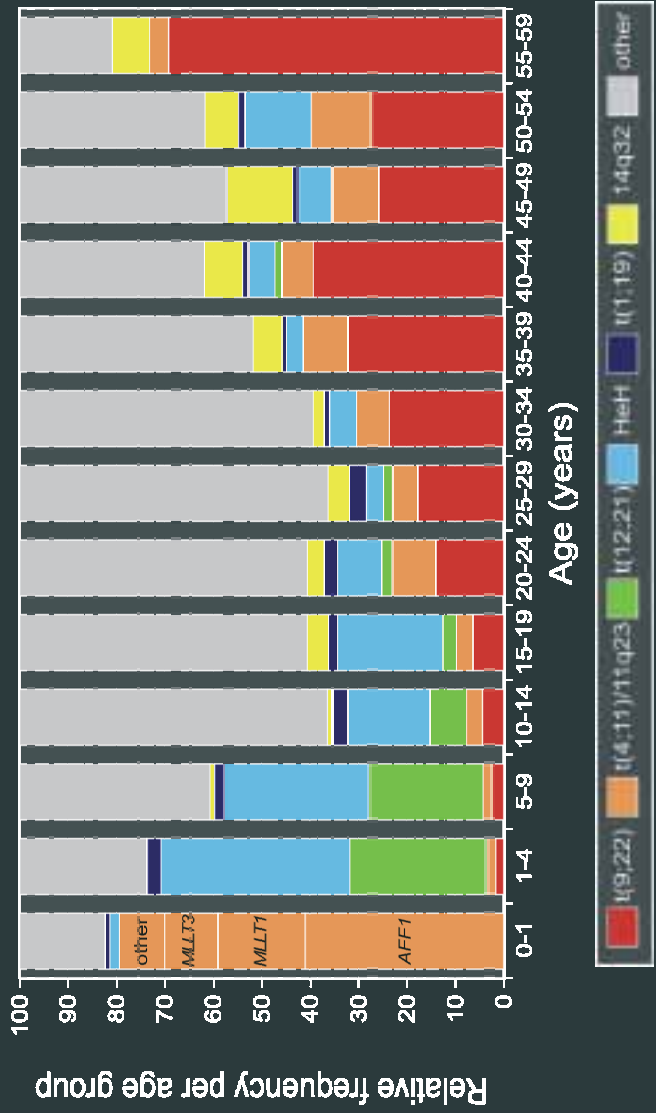


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Sensitivity of the BCR-ABL RUO immunobead assay

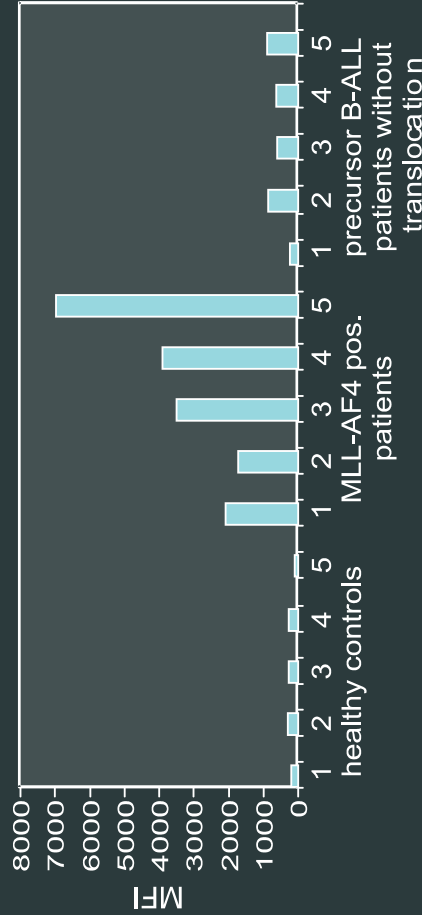
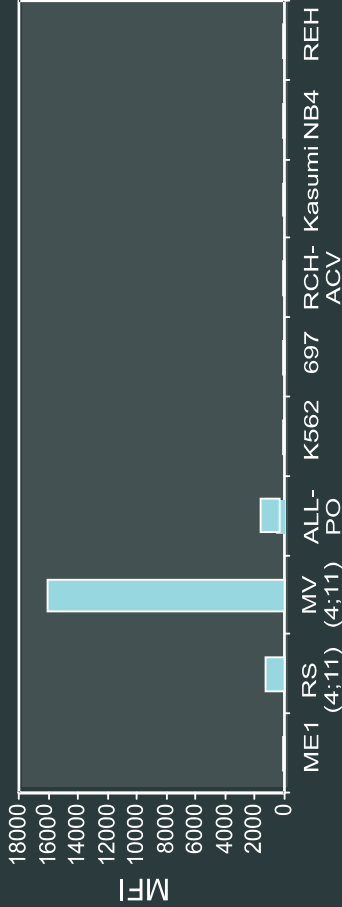


Relative frequency of well-defined genetic aberrations in ALL according to age groups

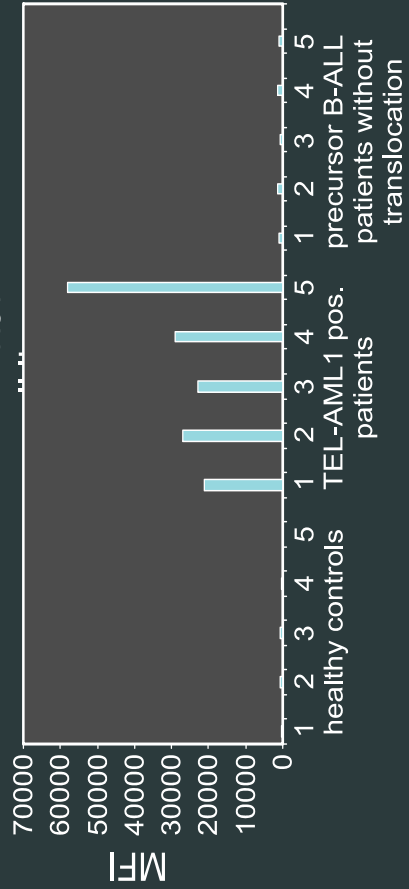
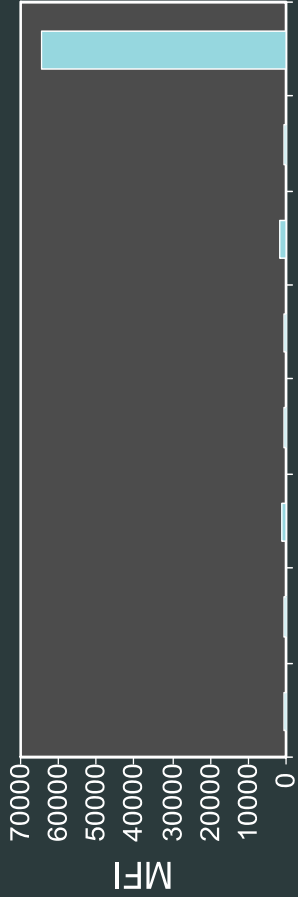


T. Szczepanski, et al. *Lancet Oncology*, 2010; 11:880-889

Flow cytometric MLL-AF4 immunobead assay



Flow cytometric TEL-AML1 immunobead assay



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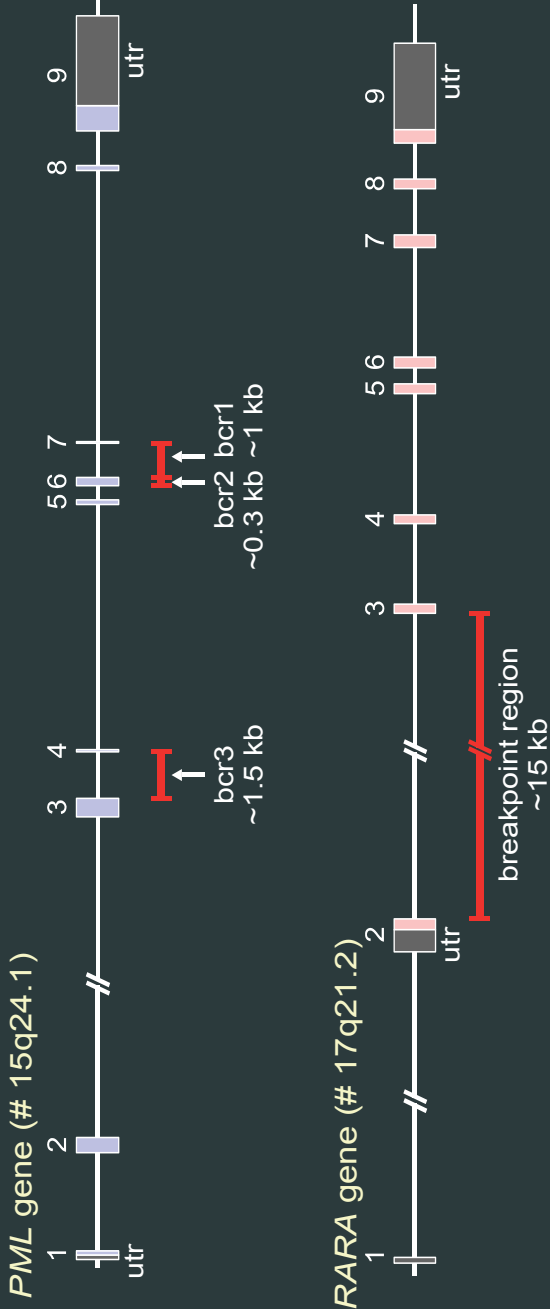
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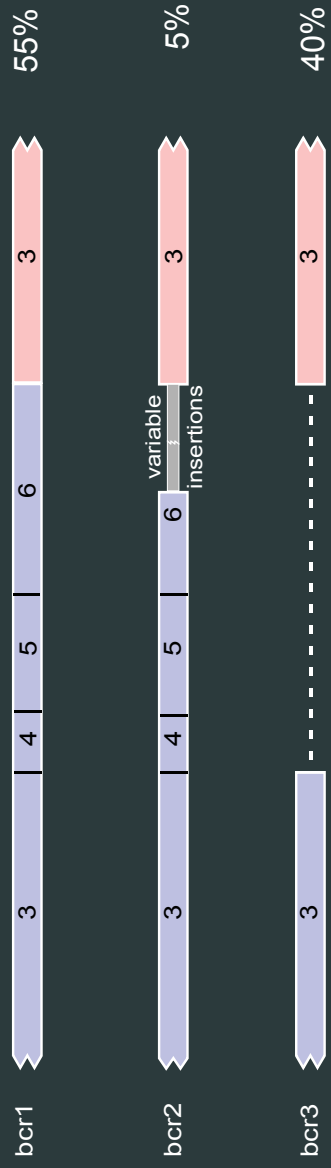
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Breakpoint regions in t(15;17)(q24;q21) with *PML* and *RARA* genes

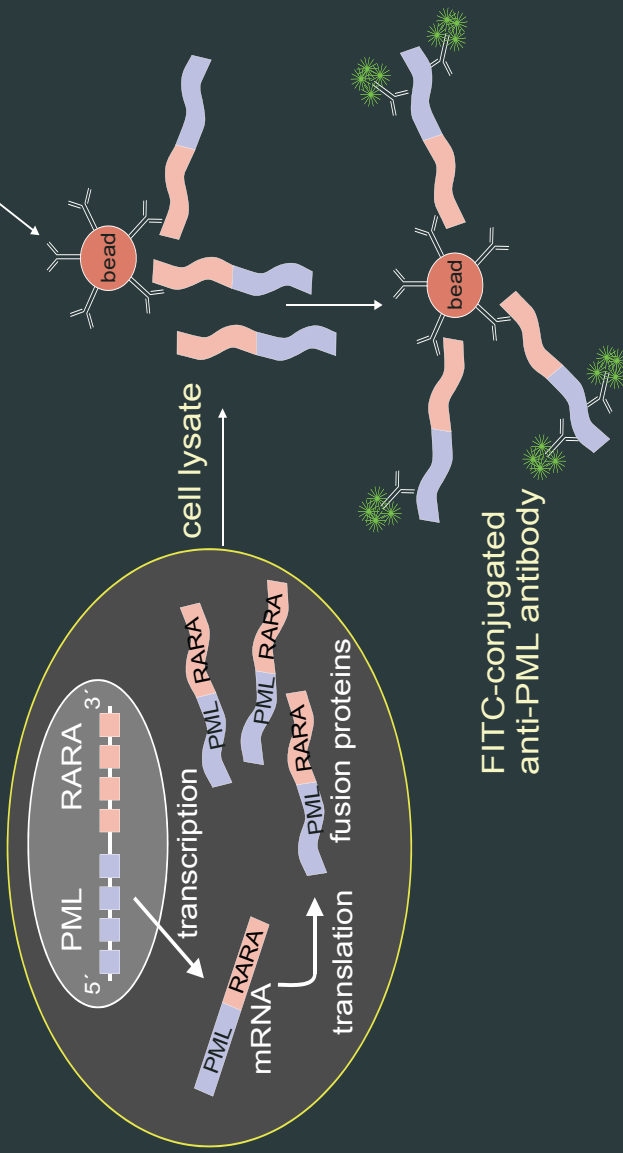


Variants of PML-RARA transcripts caused by different PML breakpoint regions



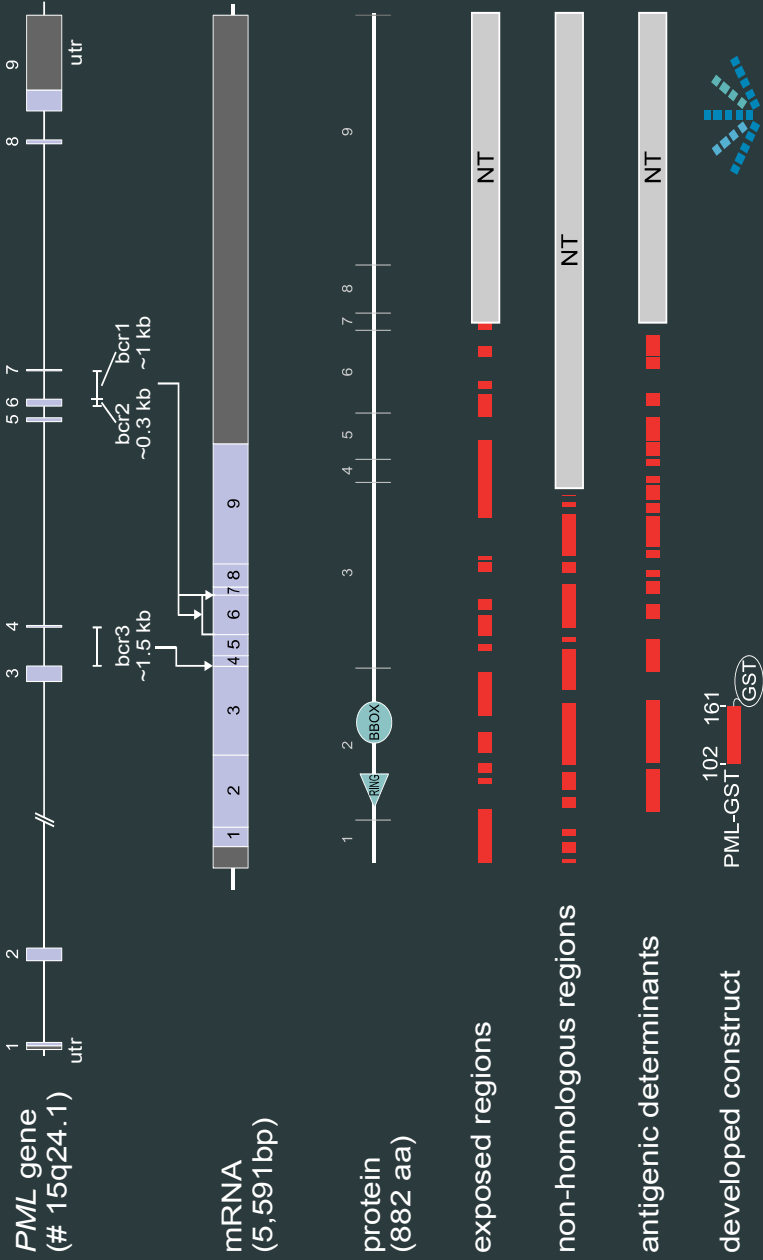
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Design of anti-*PML* antibodies for fusion protein beads

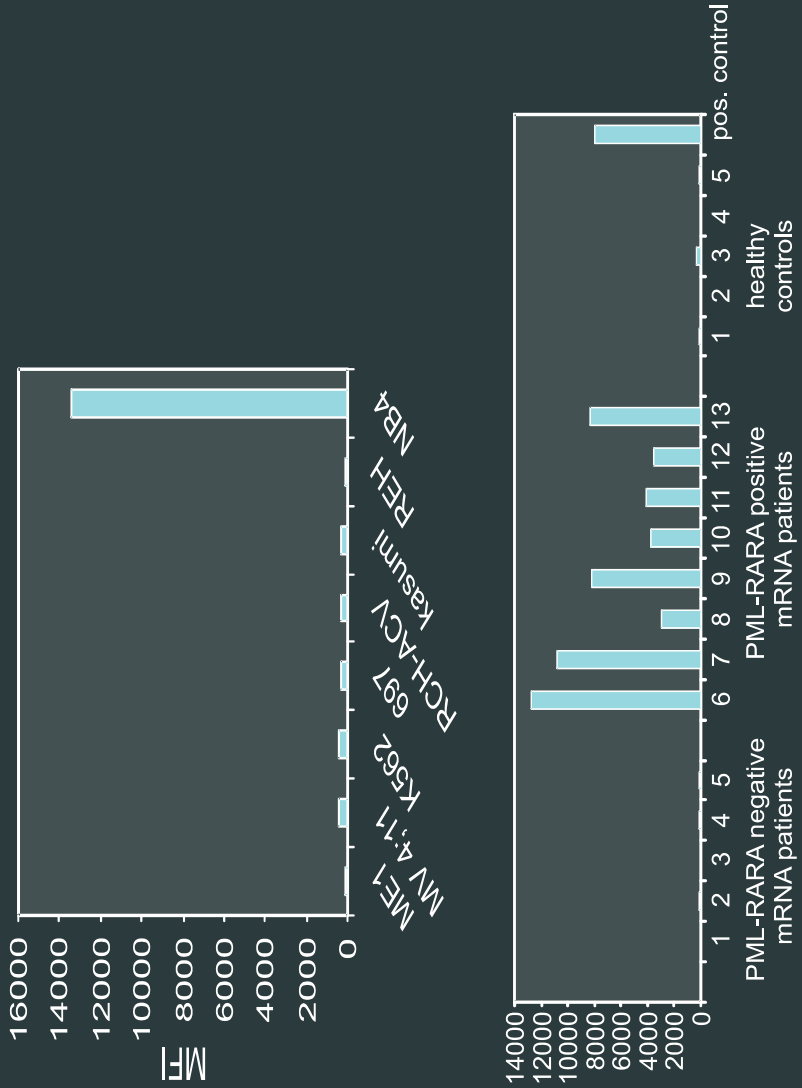


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PML-GST (GST)

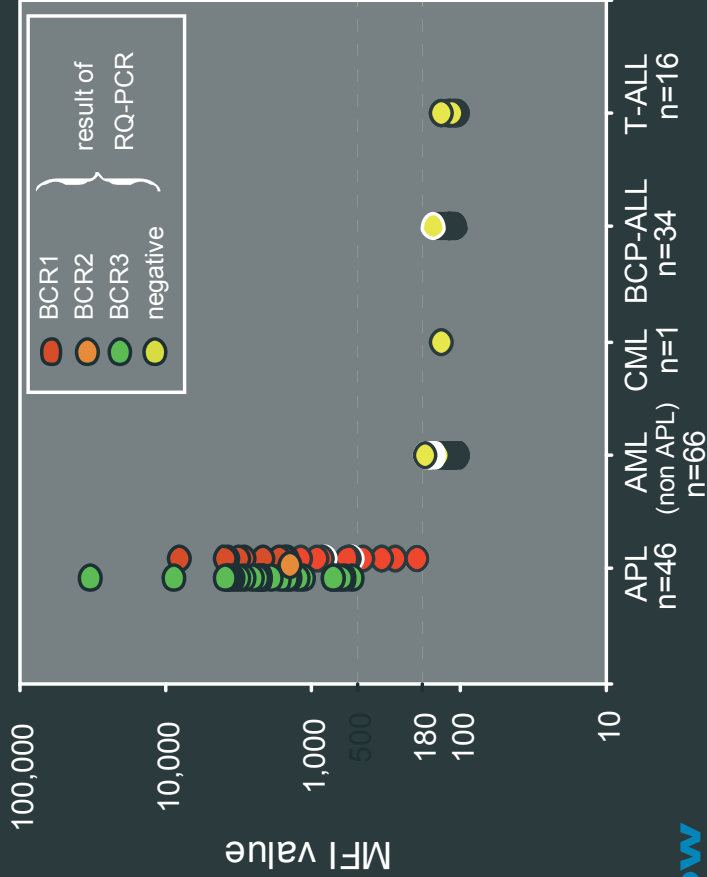


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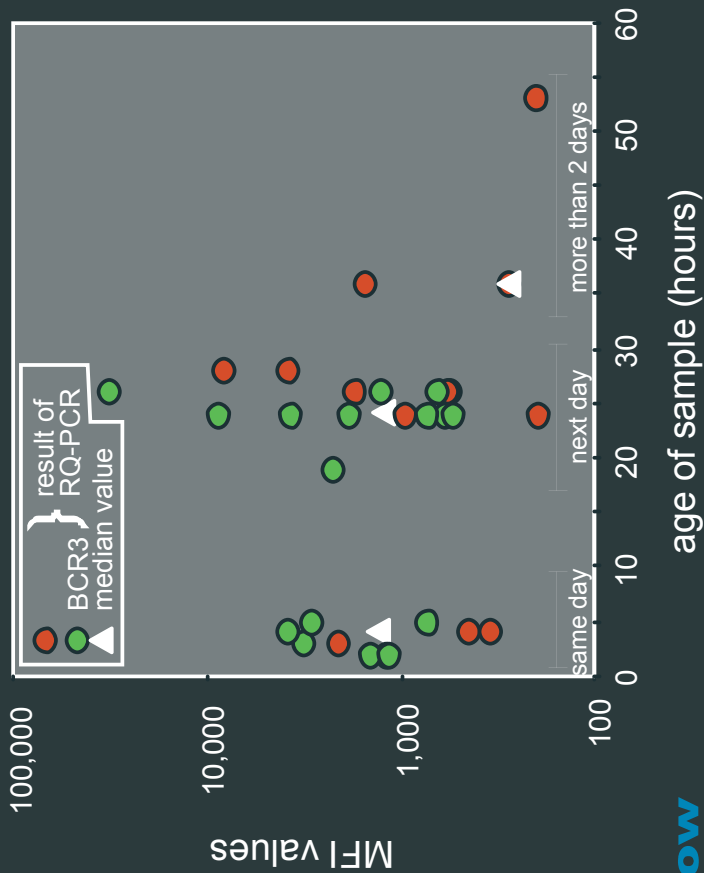
Flow cytometric PML-RARA immunobead assay



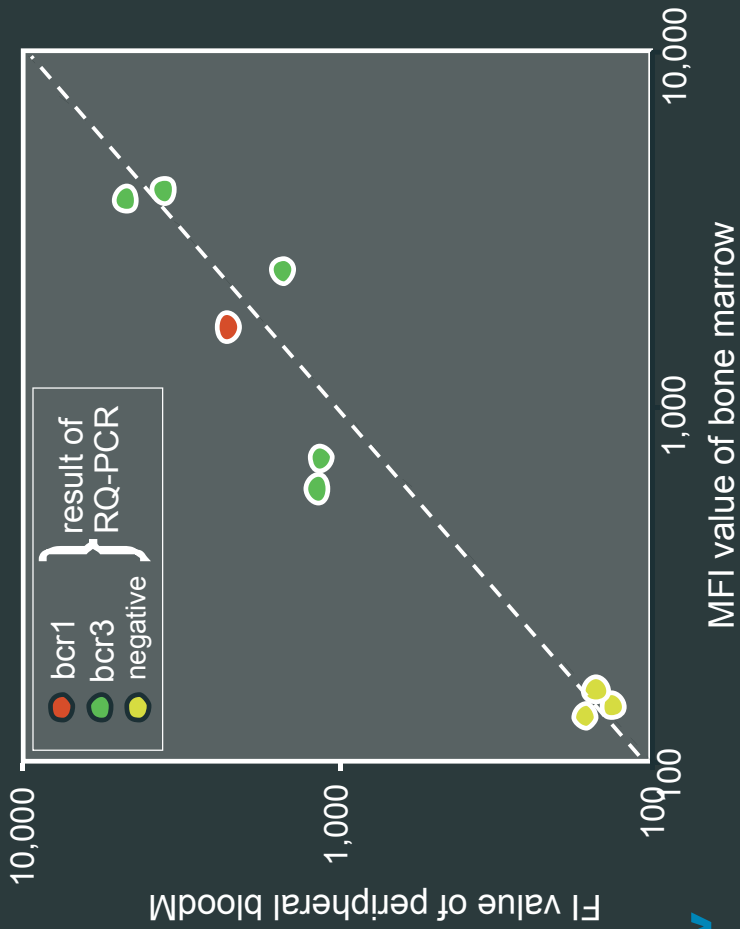
Results of PML-RARA fusion protein detection using the immunobead assay



Level of PML-RARA fusion protein expression in APL versus time lapse in sample processing



Comparison of PML-RARA fusion protein levels between paired BM and PB samples of 9 acute leukemias at diagnosis



At this moment the technical developments for 7 well-defined fusion proteins have (virtually) been completed

- CML – BCR-ABL : completed RUO kit launched and published
 - precursor-B-ALL – TEL-AML : completed
 - E2A-PBX1 : completed
 - MLL-AF4 : completed
 - AML – AML1-ETO : completed
 - CBFB-MYH11: completed
 - AML/APL – PML-RARA : completed prototype testing completed
- } **Precursor-B-ALL tube**
Multiplex tube: prototype completed

} **Core-Binding-Factor tube**
Multiplex tube: prototype completed

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From invention through development and production to final diagnostic testing

Advantages of CBA system, when compared to classical molecular techniques for fusion gene detection

- Easy and reliable technique for fusion protein detection
- Independent of breakpoint position in the involved genes
- Multiplex possibilities by use of differential labeling of beads
- Fast technique: provides results within several hours
- No need for special laboratory facilities (only routine flow cytometer)
- Can be run in parallel with standard immunophenotyping (**saves technician time!**)
- The danger of protease activity requires integrity checking via an ubiquitous (protease sensitive) “household protein”

Conclusion: The CBA technique can contribute to fast and easy diagnosis and classification of leukemias and other malignancies. If sufficient sensitivity is reached, MRD diagnostics becomes possible as well.



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EuroFlow Consortium and its achievements

Novel concept in diagnostic flow cytometry


Jacques J.M. van Dongen
on behalf of



Diagnostics for hematological malignancies

1. Making the diagnosis
Normal ↔ reactive/regenerating ↔ malignant
Annually > 300,000 new patients with a hematological malignancy in developed countries
2. Classification of hematopoietic malignancies
 - relation with prognosis
 - relevance of risk-group definition in treatment protocols

Based on differentiation characteristics and particularly on chromosome aberrations, resulting in fusion gene transcripts or aberrantly (over) expressed genes


3. Evaluation of treatment effectiveness
Detection of minimal residual disease (MRD):
MRD-based risk-group stratification (treatment reduction or treatment intensification)
Annually > 400,000 follow-up samples in leukemia patients (ALL, AML, CML)

Flow cytometric immunophenotyping of normal and malignant leukocytes

Gaps and areas for improvement (Status in 2005)

- no technical standardization in flow cytometry
- no guidelines for selection of the appropriate antibody clones
- virtually no new markers introduced over a decade (stand-still in development)
- many oncoproteins (including fusion proteins) not yet included in immunostaining protocols;
- 3- and 4-color flow cytometry has many limitations: limited sensitivity and limited specificity
- management of large data files from multiple samples is complex and time-consuming; new software needed for:
 - fast and easy analysis of data;
 - automated patient reports;
 - introduction of flow data into electronic hospital systems.

→ International collaboration between academia and industry

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Standardization in diagnostic flow cytometry



Standardization according to literature generally refers to:

- lists of CD codes and markers per disease category
- rarely a specific antibody is recommended and (almost) never a fluorochrome is proposed

HOWEVER: Standardization according to GLP guidelines demands for much higher levels of standardization

EuroFlow standardization aims at:

- usage of comparable flow cytometers (3 lasers and ≥ 8 colors)
- full standardization of instrument settings (e.g. based on standard beads)
- standardized laboratory protocols and immunostaining procedures (SOP's)
- careful selection of optimal antibody clones per marker/CD code
- selection of optimal 8-color antibody combinations and fluorochromes
- design of combinations of multiple 8-color tubes: estimation and APS view
- new software for fast and easy data analysis with automated pattern recognition
- recognition of normal and abnormal leukocyte subsets (complete differentiation pathways) with the same immunostaining protocols
- mapping of new patient samples against large data base of earlier collected patient samples, analyzed with the same immunostaining protocol

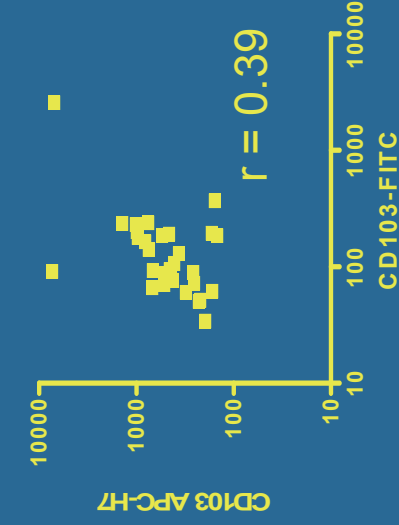
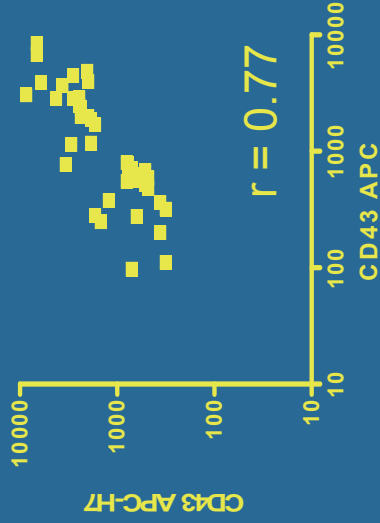
Fluorochromes for 8-color flow cytometric immunophenotyping

Fluorochrome	Excitation Peak (nm)	Emission Peak (nm)	Violet	Lasers	
				Argon	Helium-Neon
Pacific Blue/Horizon	405	455	+		
AmCyan	405	490	+		
Pacific Orange/Horizon	405	550	+		
Marina Blue	365	460		+	
FITC	495	520		+	
Phycoerythrin (PE)	565	575		+	
PE Texas Red	565	615		+	
PerCP	488	678		+	
PerCP-Cy5.5	488	695		+	
PE-Cy7	565	770		+	
Allophycocyanin (APC)	650	660			+
Alexa 700	635	720			+
APC-H7	650	770			+

Construction of EuroFlow panels

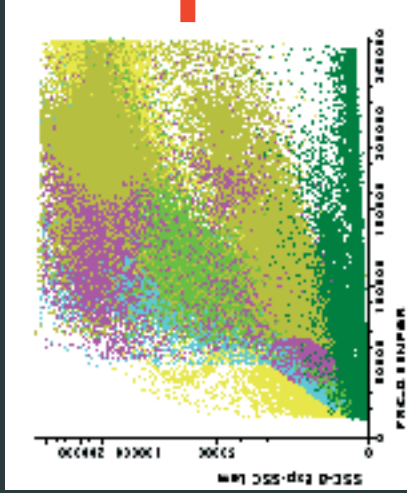
Fluorochrome conjugates, antibody panels, and antibody combinations

Fluorochrome's choice

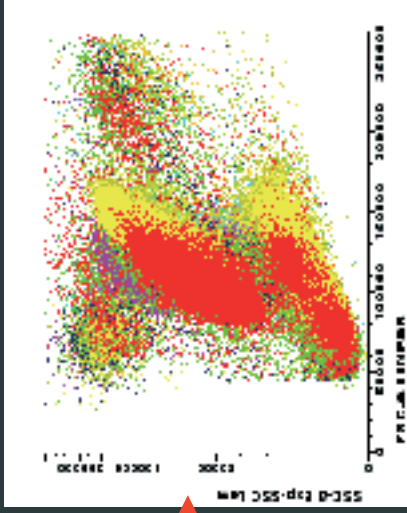


Synchronized light scatter experiments

“Local” settings



EuroFlow settings



7 different normal PB samples acquired in 7 different centers

Normal PB samples processed according to the standardized EuroFlow sample preparation protocol

*5th EuroFlow Educational Workshop,
Paris, FR, 9 March 2011*



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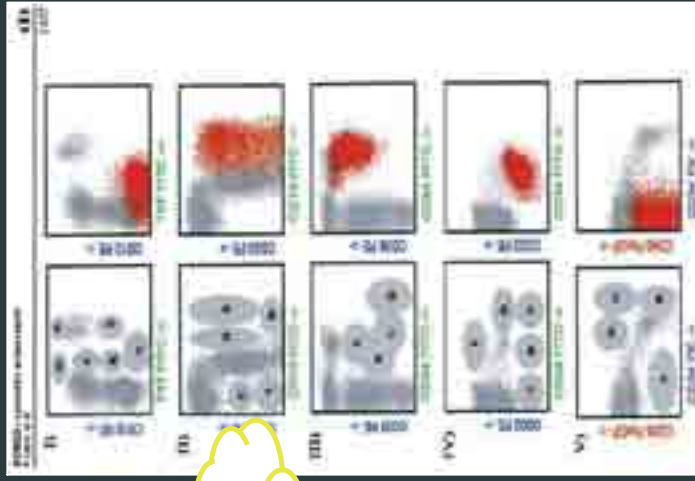
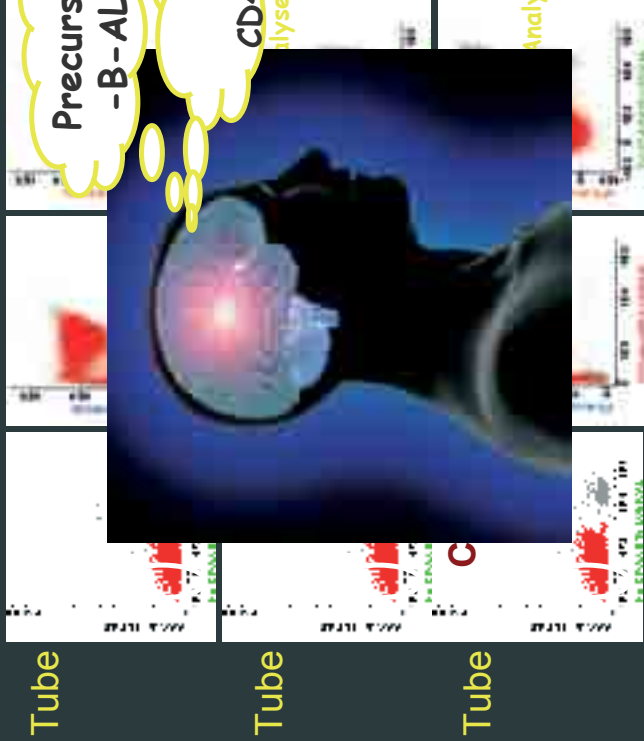
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Immunophenotypic classification & identification of LAIP



TdT+ / CD19+ / CD38+



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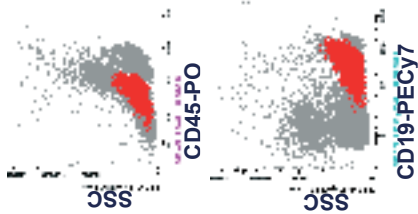
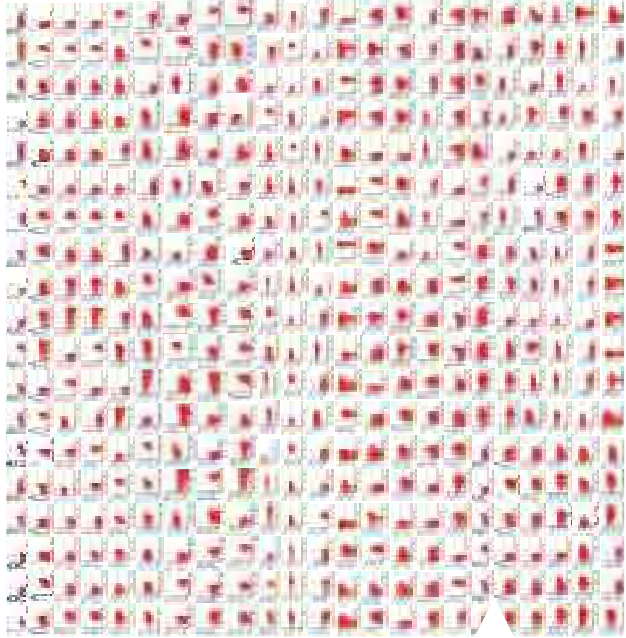
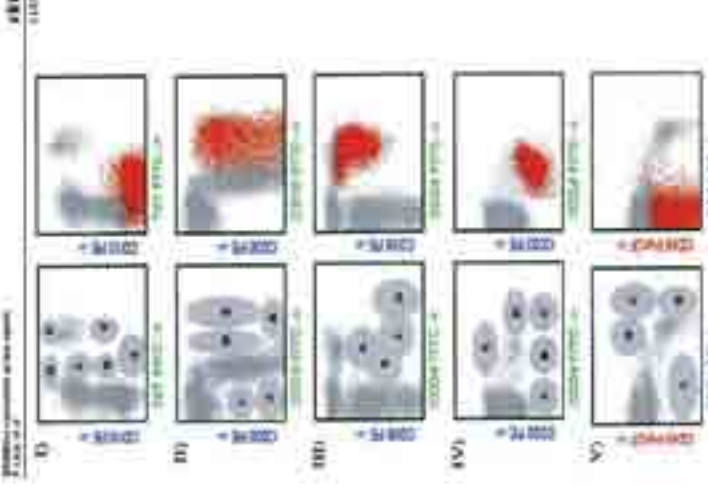
Lucio et al, Leukemia, 1999

IMMUNOPHENOTYPIC CHARACTERISTICS OF NORMAL VS LEUKEMIC B-CELLS



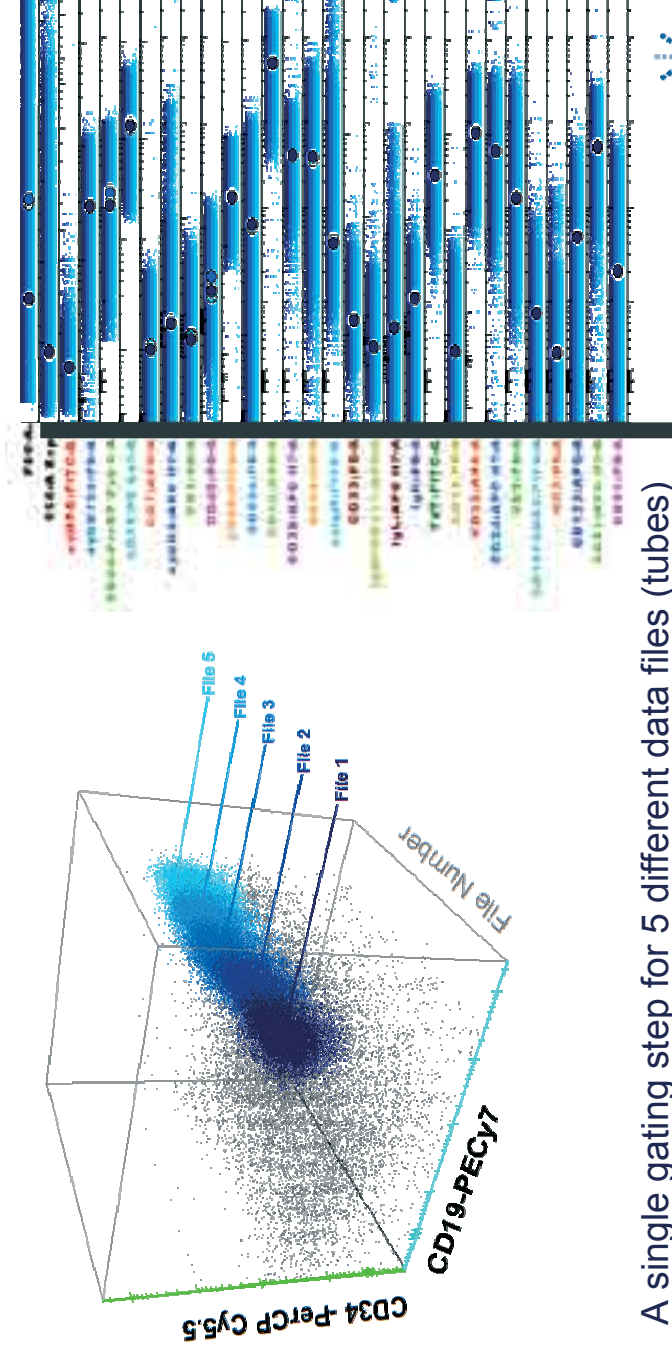
CD19+
B-CELLS

8-COLOR flow cytometry: Bcp-ALL
EuroFlow panel (450 bivariate plots)



MERGED DATA FILES FOR SINGLE STEP GATING

Full phenotypic profile



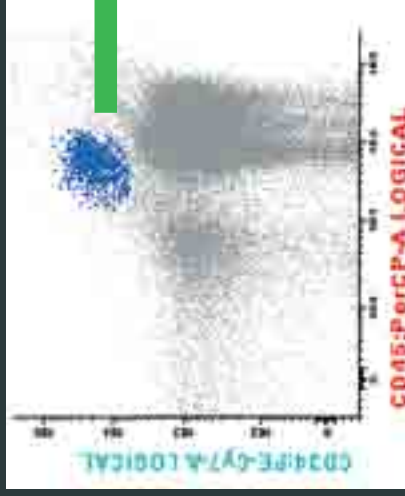
A single gating step for 5 different data files (tubes)

Responsible scientist: *Marta Martin-Ayuso*

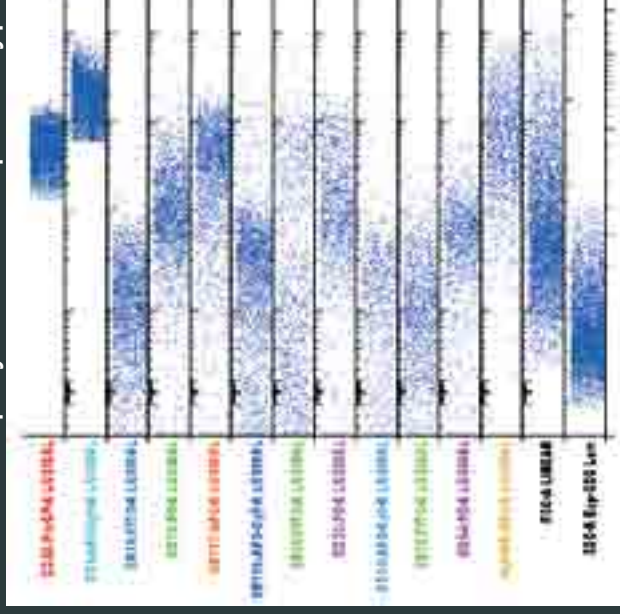
Merging of data files



A single gating step for five different data files (merged)



Simultaneous display of immunophenotype



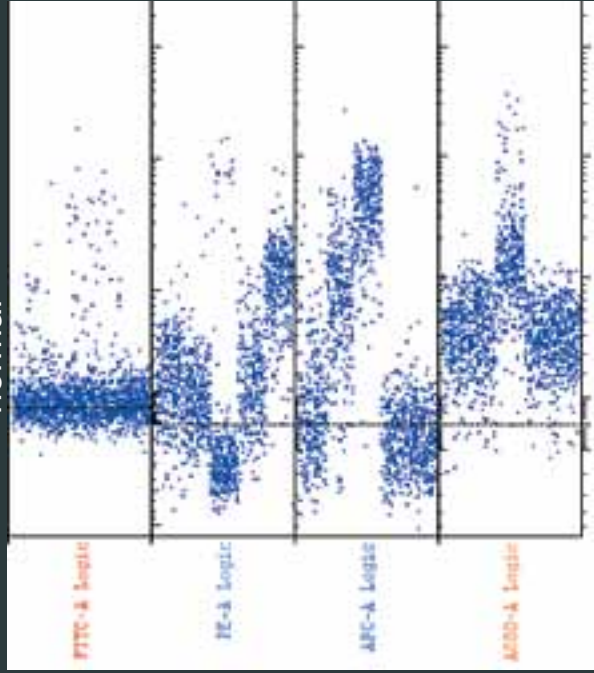
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Pedreira et al, Cytometry 2008;73:834

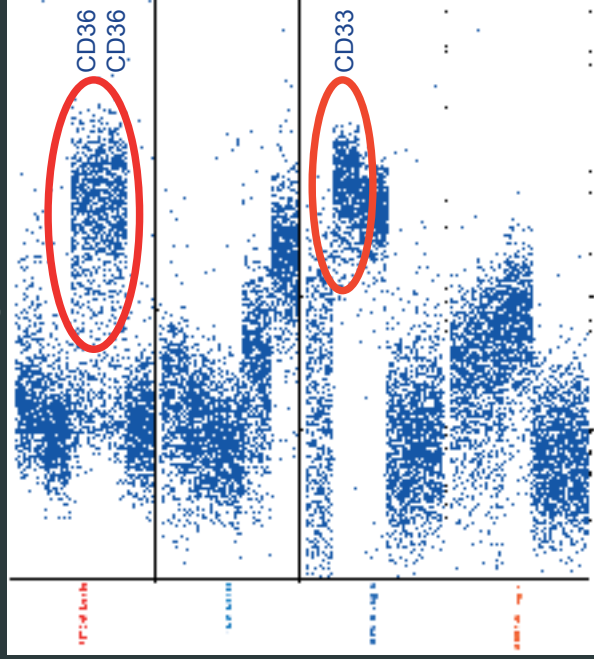
Multicolor analysis: "bar code"



normal



MDS



Blast cells (CD34+/CD45+)

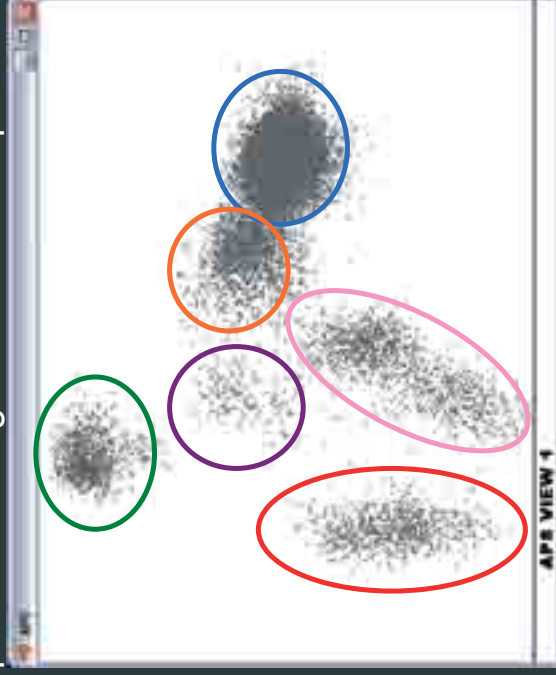
Responsible scientist: Vincent van der Velden

Automatic identification of populations

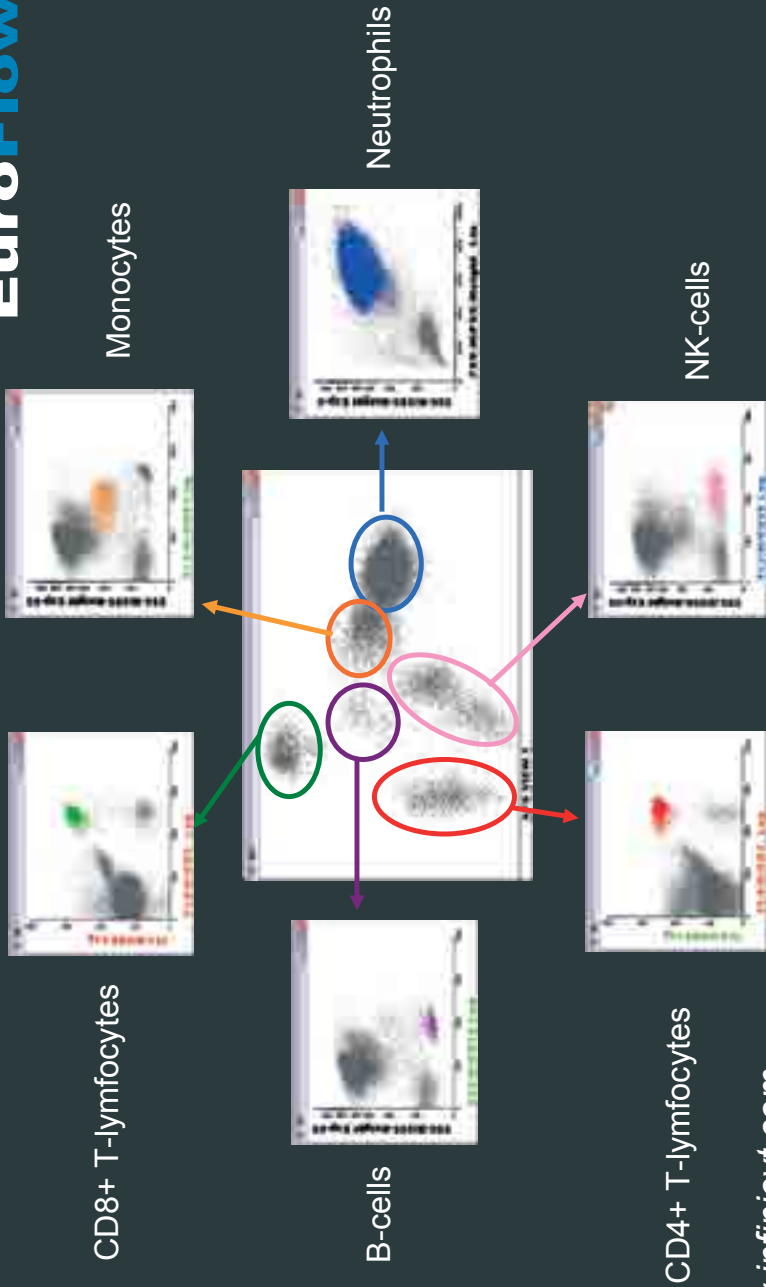


Multidimensional analysis:

Automated Separation among different cell Populations (APS view)



Automatic identification of populations



APS Procedure for AUTOMATIC ANALYSIS

Visualization options



Dots

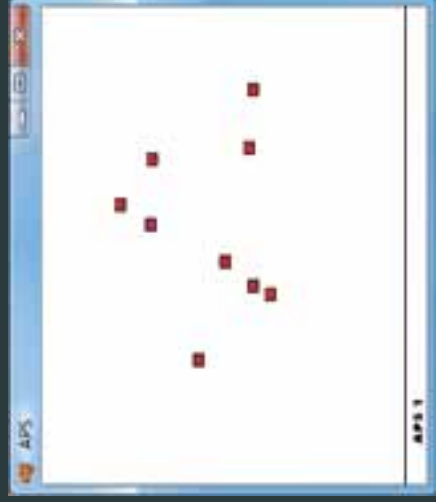


Dots / Mean



Mean

APS procedure for groups of patients

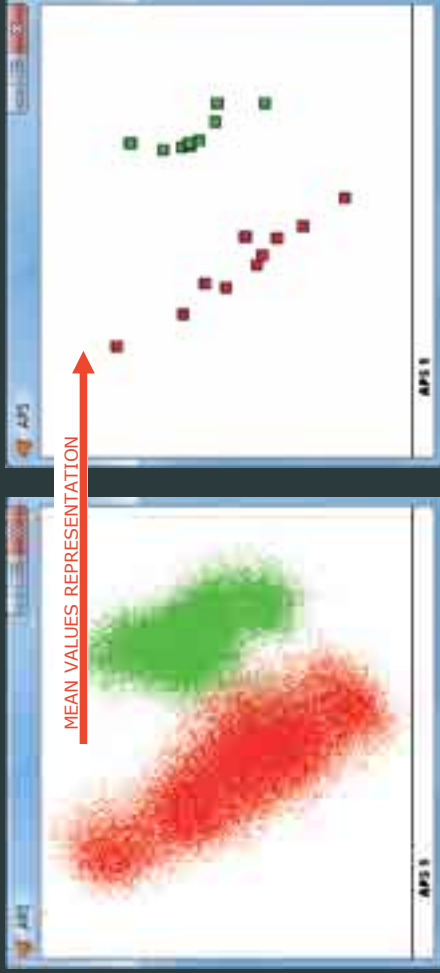


APS Dots View

APS Means View

Group of patients with the same panel/protocol applied and same disease category

APS procedure for groups of patients

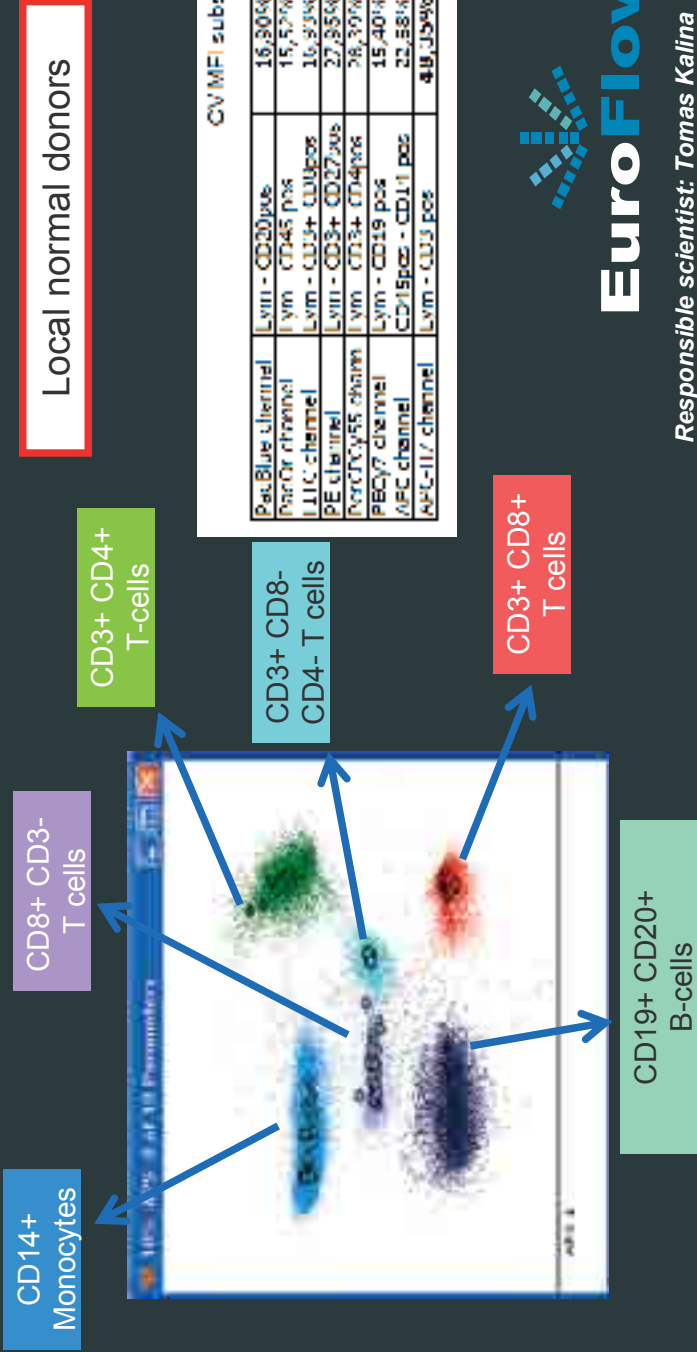


Each dot
= patient/sample

Group of patients with same panel/protocol applied and 2 different disease categories

Results of synchronized experiments

APS view of 30 merged data files from different centers



Responsible scientist: Tomas Kalina

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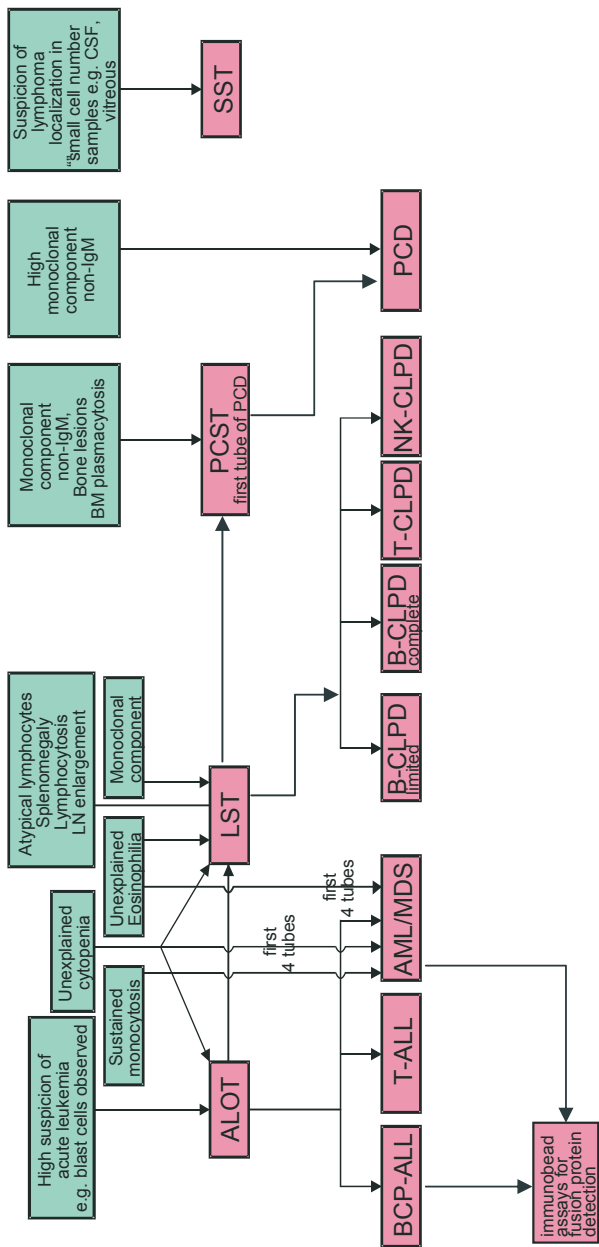
EuroFlow antibody protocols



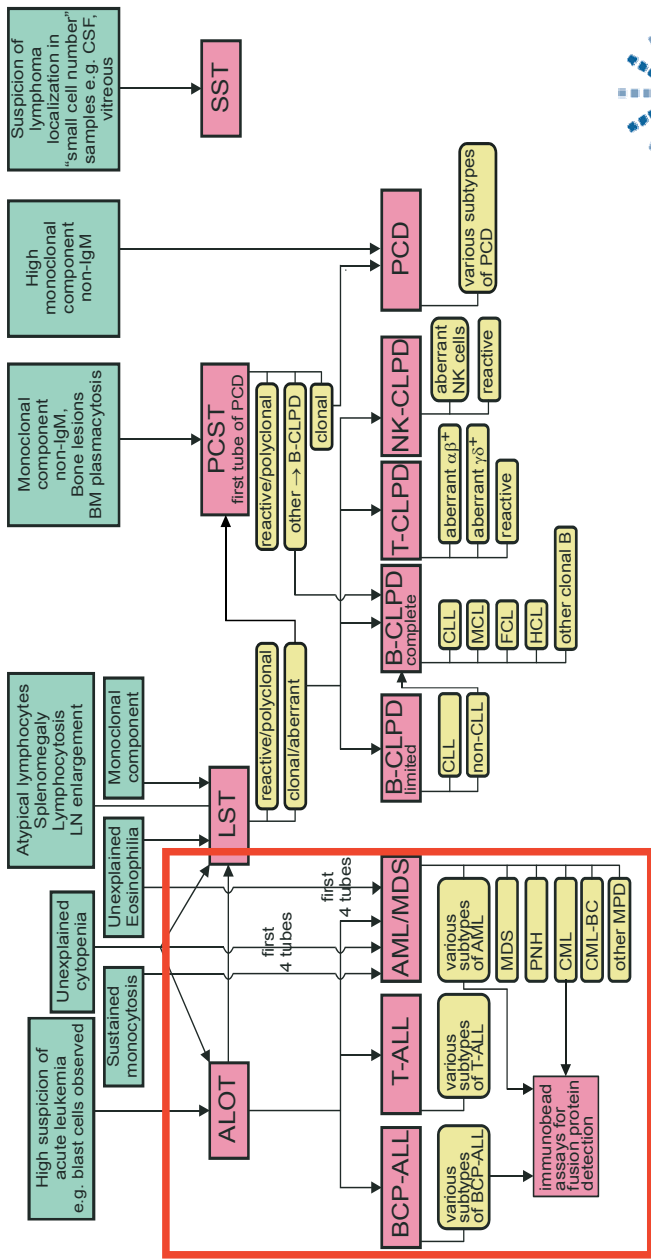
Development of 8-color multi-tube antibody protocols
(3 or 4 antibodies in common per tube in each protocol)

1. Screening tubes (include recognition of normal leukocyte subsets)
 - Acute leukemia orientation tube (ALOT): 1 tube (L Lhermitte)
 - Lymphoid screening tube (LST): 1 tube (J Flores Montero)
 - Small sample screening tube (SST): 1 tube (AW Langerak)
 - Plasma cell dyscrasia tubes (PCD): 2 tubes (J Flores Montero)
2. Multi-tube panels for characterization per disease category
 - B-cell precursor ALL (BCP-ALL) protocol: 4 tubes (L Lhermitte)
 - T-cell ALL (T-ALL) protocol: 4 tubes (V Asnafi)
 - AML/MDS protocol: 7 tubes (VHJ van der Velden)
 - B chronic lymphoproliferative diseases (B-CLPD): 5 tubes (S Böttcher)
 - T chronic lymphoproliferative diseases (T-CLPD): 6 tubes (J Almeida)
 - NK chronic lymphoproliferative diseases (NK-CLPD): 3 tubes (J Almeida)

Algorithm for EuroFlow antibody panels in hemato-oncology



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Single tube EuroFlow screening tube for acute leukemias

Acute Leukemia Orientation Tube (ALOT)*

Responsible scientist: L Lhermitte

Pacific Blue	Pacific Orange	FITC	PE	PerCP-Cy5.5	PE-Cy7	APC	APC-H7
cyCD3	CD45	cyMPO	cyCD79a	CD34	CD19	CD7	smCD3

* Backbone markers are indicated in bold; cy= cytoplasmic; sm= surface membrane.

Multi-tube EuroFlow classification panel for B-cell precursor ALL (BCP-ALL)*

Responsible scientist: L Lhermitte

Tube	Pacific Blue	Pacific Orange	FITC	PE	PerCP-Cy5.5	PE-Cy7	APC	APC-H7	Aim**
1	CD20	CD45	CD58	CD66c	CD34	CD19	CD10	CD38	Diagnosis and classification of BCP-ALL; Detection of LAP markers; Detection of phenotypes associated with molecular aberrations
2	smlgκ	CD45	cyIgμ	CD33	CD34	CD19	smlgμ and CD117	smlgλ	Diagnosis and classification of BCP-ALL;
3	CD9	CD45	nuTdT	CD13	CD34	CD19	CD22	CD24	Diagnosis and classification of BCP-ALL; Detection of phenotypes associated with molecular aberrations; Detection of LAP markers
4	CD21	CD45	CD15 and CDw65	NG2	CD34	CD19	CD123	CD81	Subclassification of BCP-ALL; Detection of LAP markers; Detection of phenotypes associated with molecular aberrations

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** The described marker combinations can also be applied for disease staging and monitoring of treatment effectiveness (MRD diagnostics).

Multi-tube EuroFlow classification panel for T-ALL.*

Responsible scientist: V Asnafi

Tube	Pacific Blue	Pacific Orange	FITC	PE	PerCP-Cy5.5	PE-Cy7	APC	APC-H7	Aim**
1	cyCD3	CD45	nuTdT	CD99	CD5	CD10	CD1a	smCD3	Diagnosis and classification of BCP-ALL; Detection of LAP markers; Detection of phenotypes associated with molecular aberrations
2	cyCD3	CD45	CD2	CD117	CD4	CD8	CD7	smCD3	Diagnosis and classification of BCP-ALL;
3	cyCD3	CD45	TCR $\gamma\delta$	TCR $\alpha\beta$	CD33	CD56	cyTCR β	smCD3	Diagnosis and classification of BCP-ALL; Detection of phenotypes associated with molecular aberrations; Detection of LAP markers
4	cyCD3	CD45	CD45	CD13	HLADR	CD45RA	CD123	smCD3	Subclassification of BCP-ALL; Detection of LAP markers; Detection of phenotypes associated with molecular aberrations

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Multi-tube EuroFlow classification panel for AML/MDS

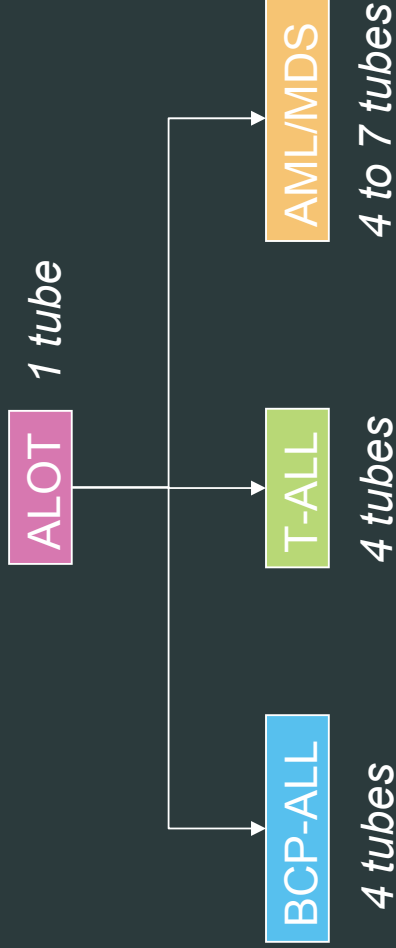
Responsible scientist: VHJ van der Velden

Tube	Pacific Blue	Pacific Orange	FITC	PE	PerCP-Cy5.5	PE-Cy7	APC	APC-H7	Aim**
AML/ MDS									
1	HLADR	CD45	CD16	CD13	CD34	CD117	CD11b	CD10	Diagnosis and subclassification of AML and PNH especially focussed on neutrophilic lineage
2	HLADR	CD45	CD35	CD64	CD34	CD117	IREM2	CD14	Diagnosis and subclassification of AML and PNH especially focussed on monocytic lineage
3	HLADR	CD45	CD36	CD105	CD34	CD117	CD33	CD71	Diagnosis and subclassification of AML especially focussed on erythroid lineage
4	HLADR	CD45	nuTdT	CD56	CD34	CD117	CD7	CD19	Aberrant expression of lymphoid-associated markers and abnormal lymphoid maturation

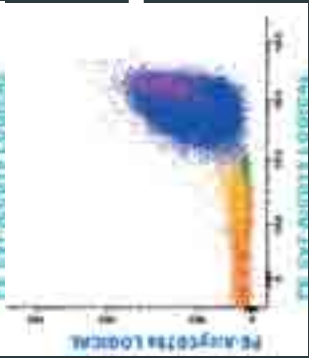
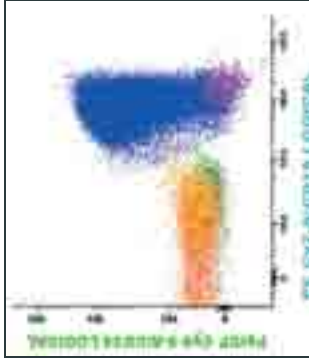
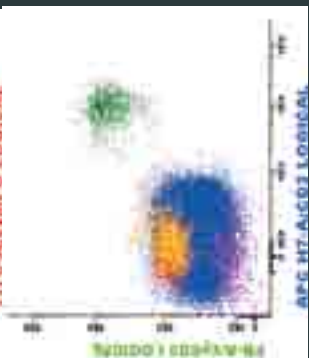
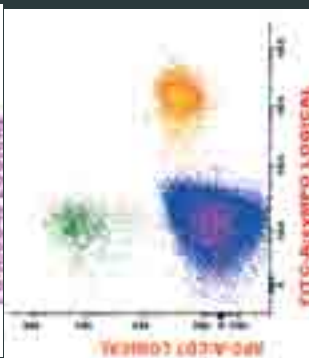
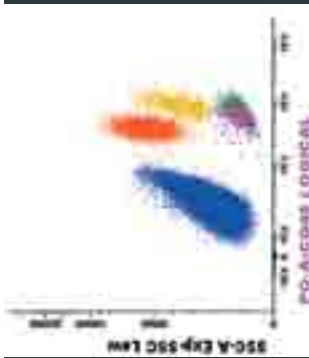
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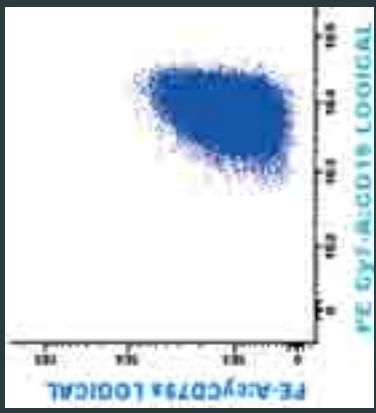
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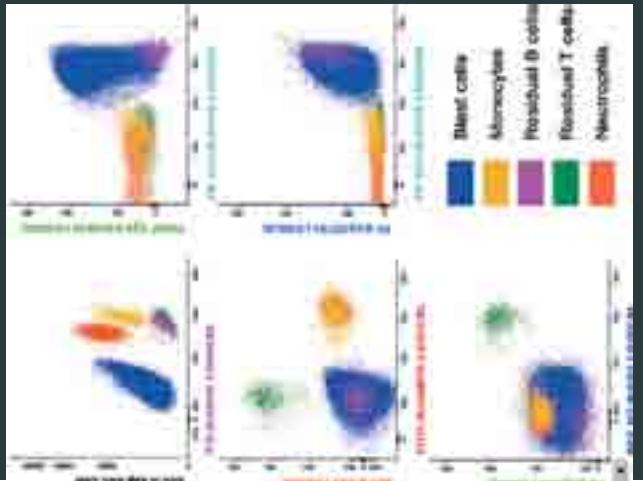
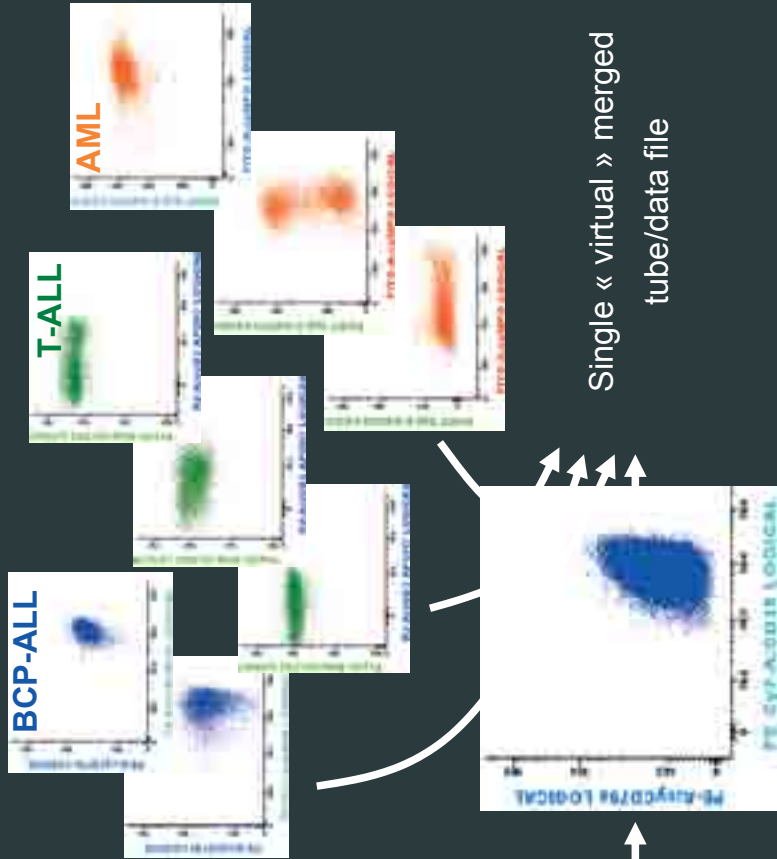
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- Blast cells
- Monocytes
- Residual B cells
- Residual T cells
- Neutrophils

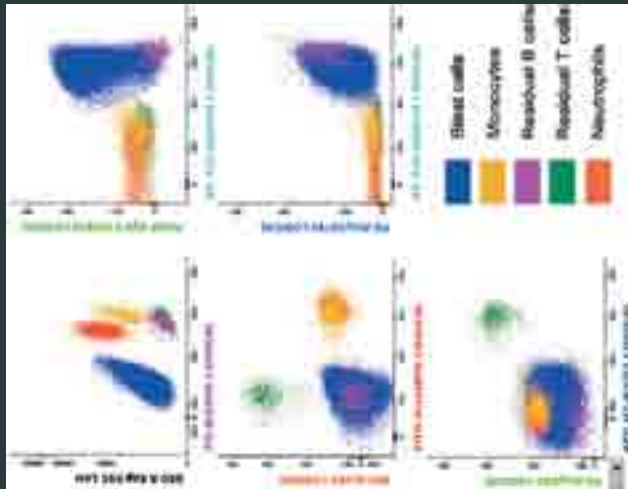


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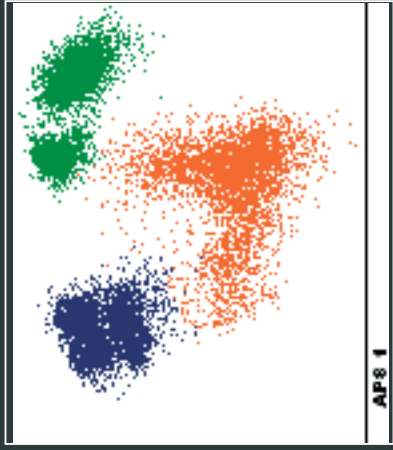
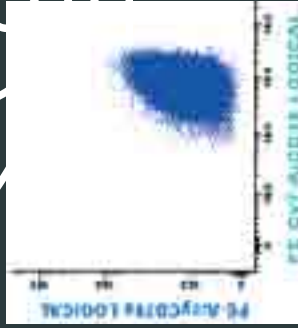
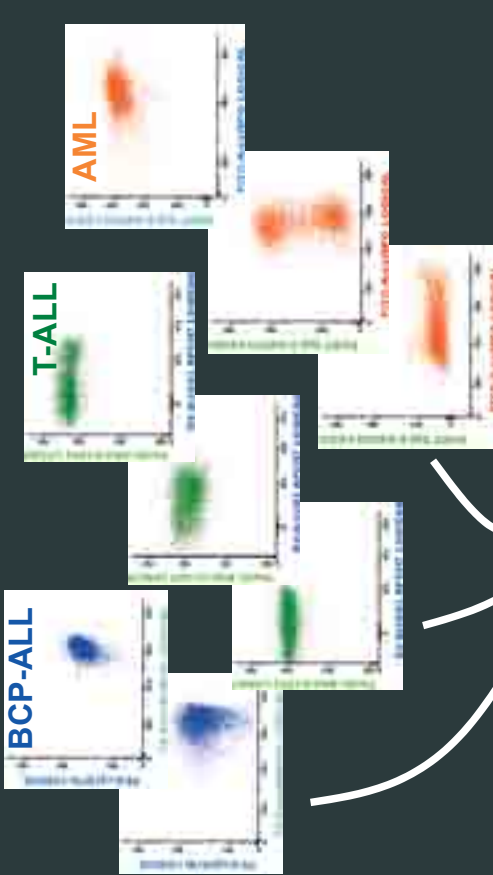
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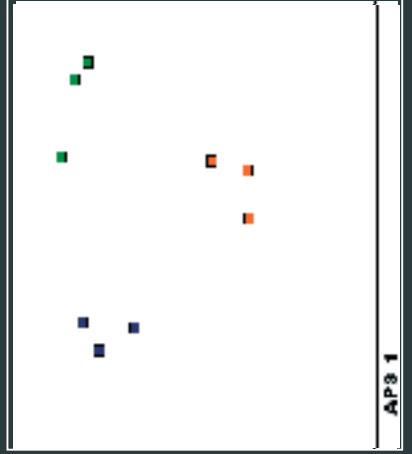
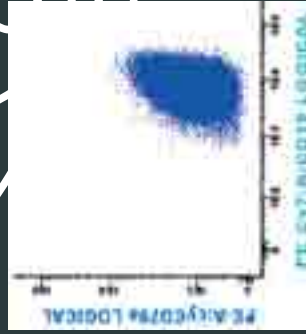
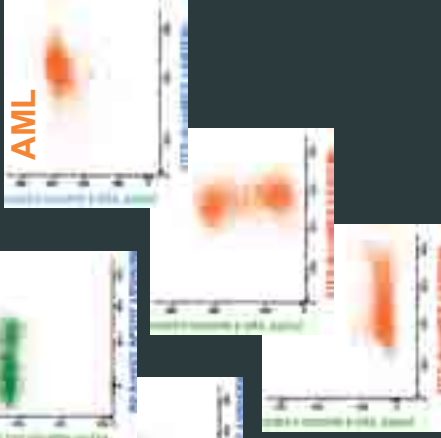
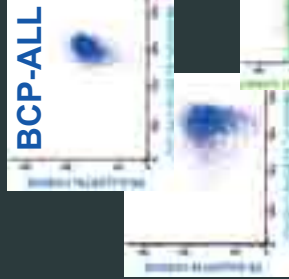
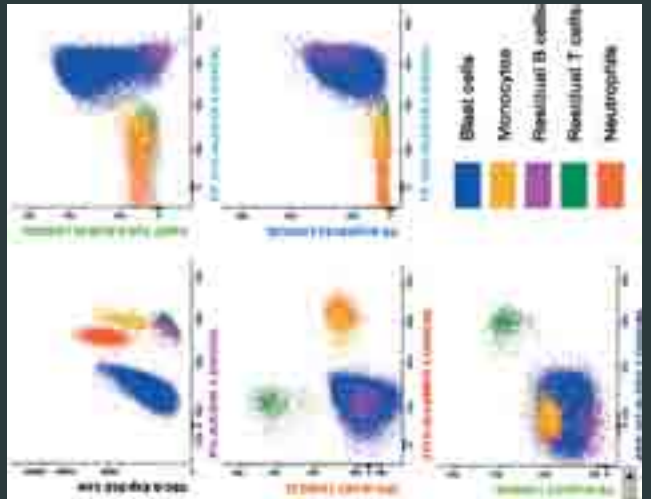
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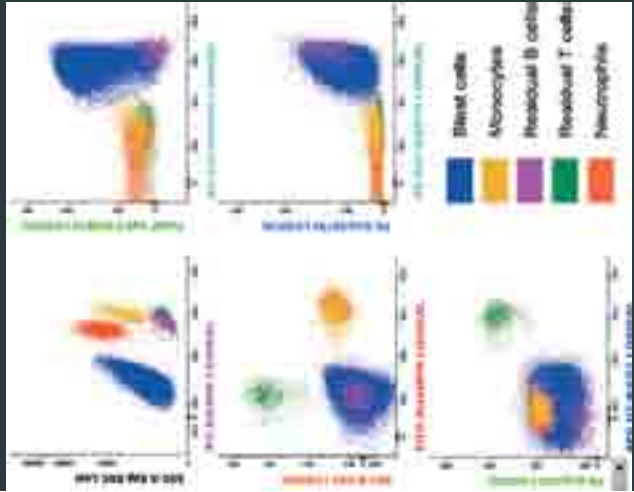


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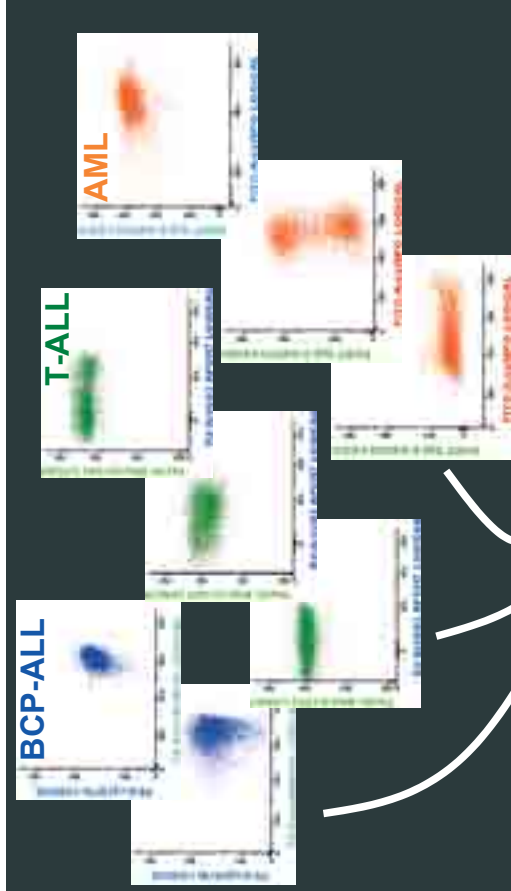
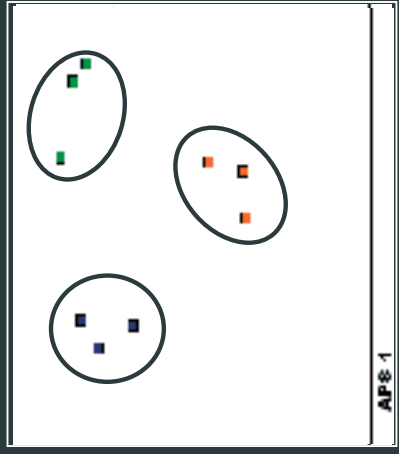
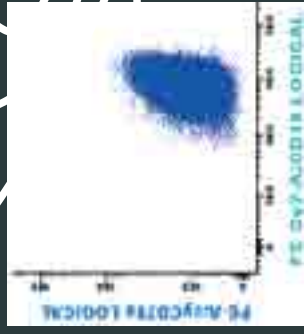
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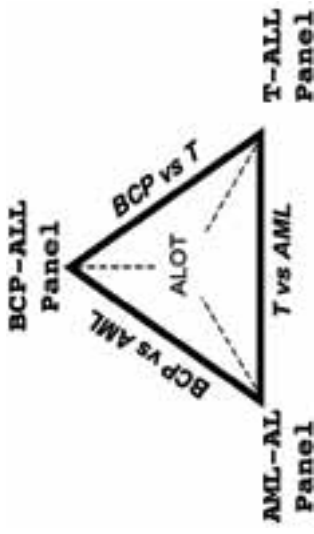
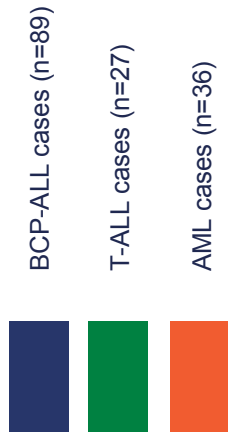
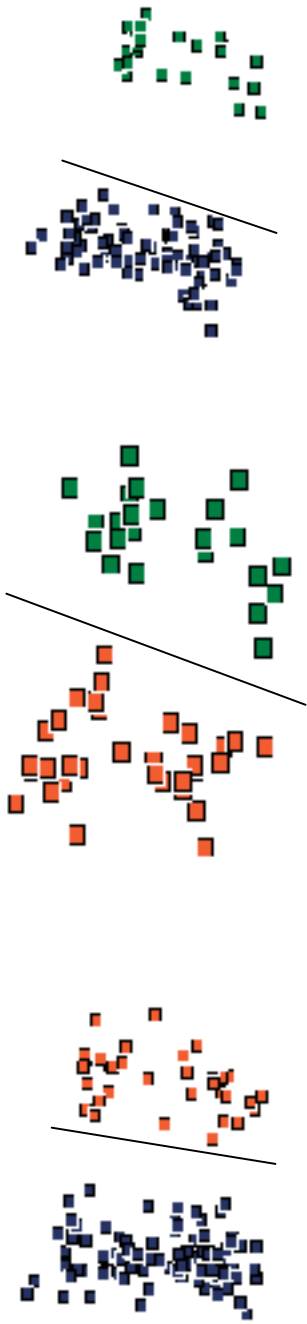
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T-ALL

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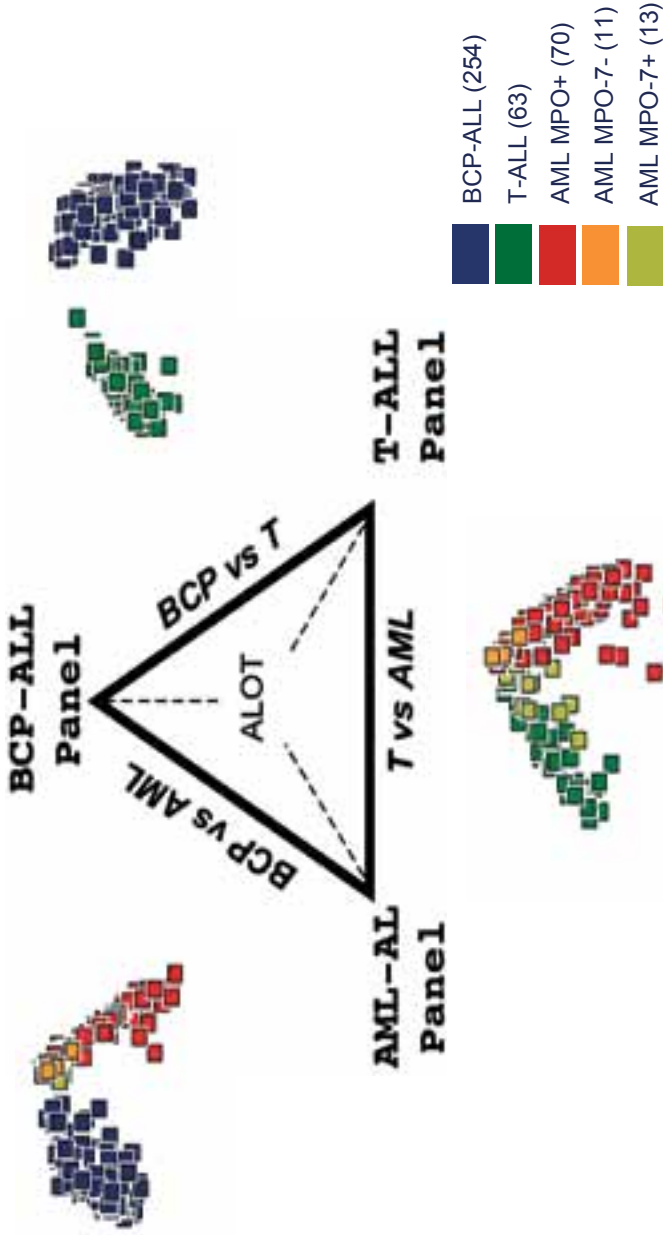


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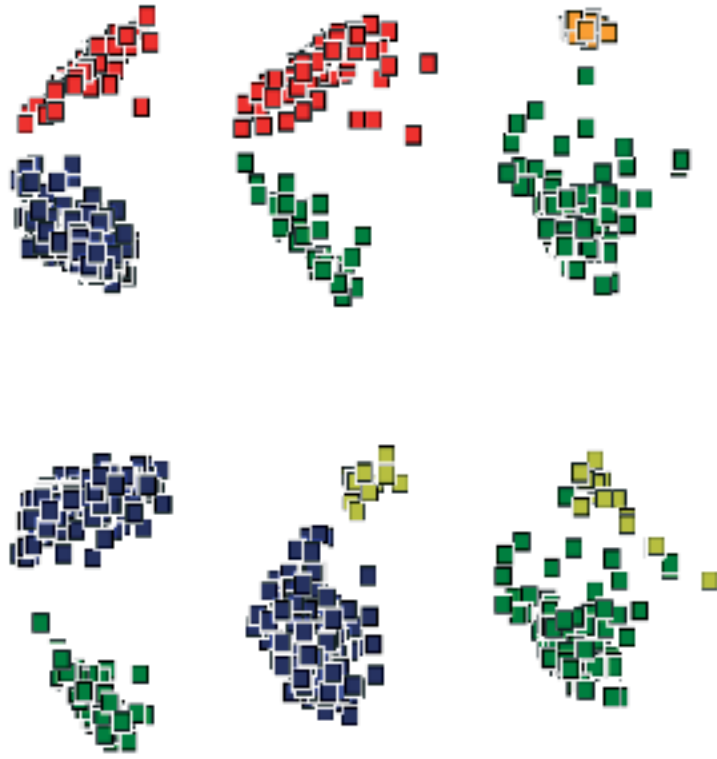
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481 overall cases

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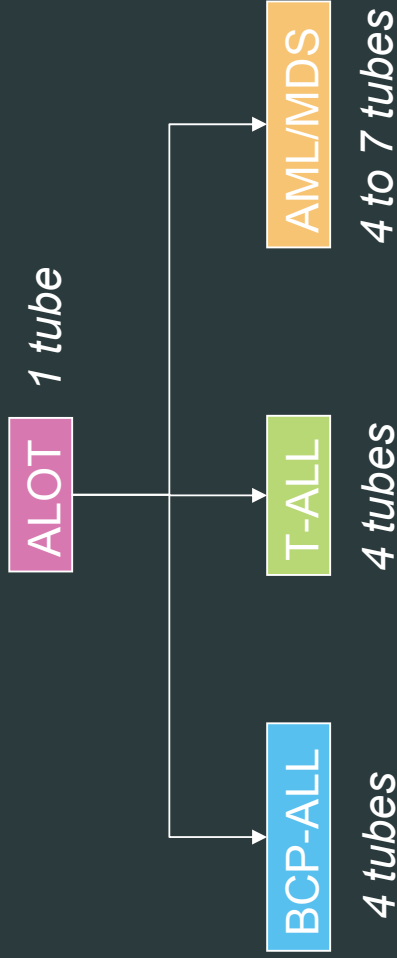


BCP-ALL (254)
T-ALL (63)
AML MPO+ (70)
AML MPO-7- (11)
AML MPO-7+ (13)

481 overall cases

Responsible scientist: L Lhermitte

Acute leukemia orientation tube (ALOT)



Pacific Blue	Pacific Orange	FITC	PE	PerCP-Cy5.5	PE-Cy7	APC	APC-H7
cyCD3	CD45	cyMPO	cyCD79a	CD34	CD19	CD7	smCD3

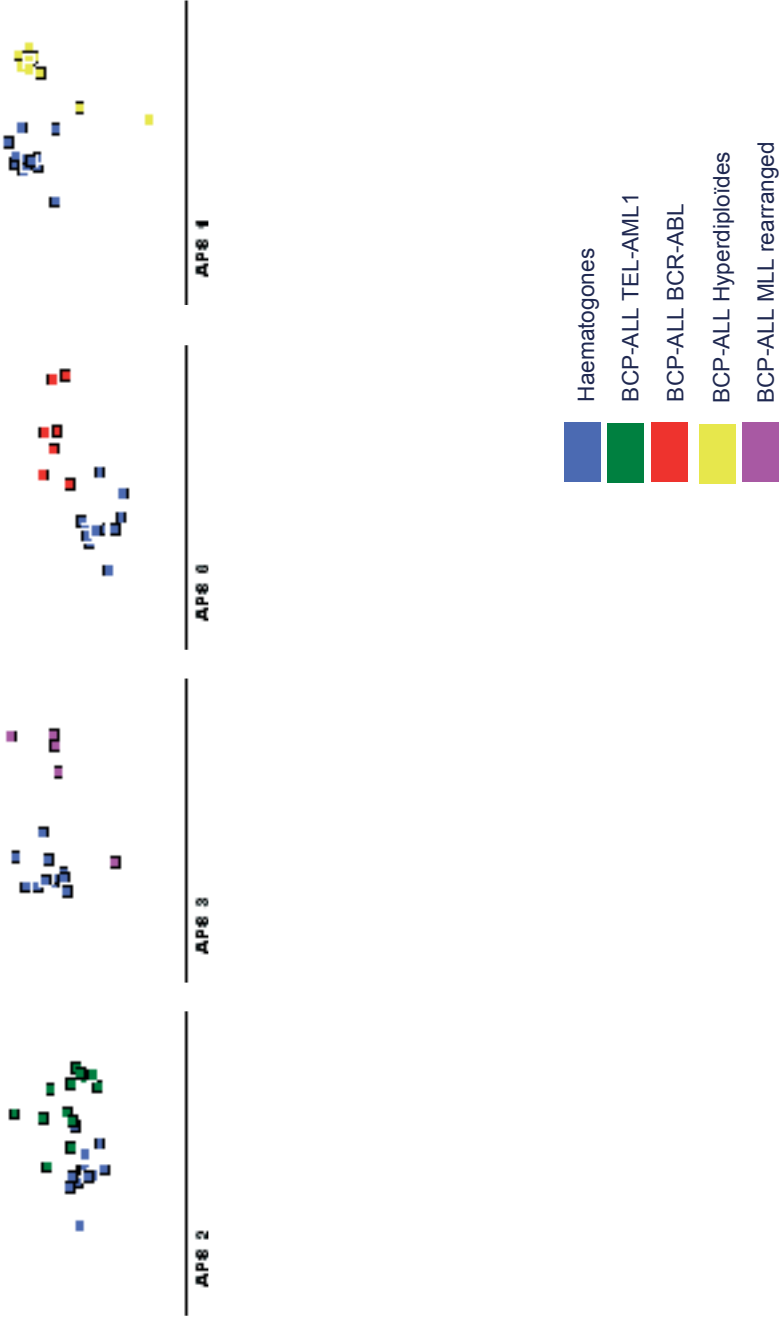
Multi-tube EuroFlow classification panel for B-cell precursor ALL (BCP-ALL)*

Responsible scientist: L Hermitte

Tube	Pacific Blue	Pacific Orange	FITC	PE	PerCP-Cy5.5	PE-Cy7	APC	APC-H7	Aim**
1	CD20	CD45	CD58	CD66c	CD34	CD19	CD10	CD38	Diagnosis and classification of BCP-ALL; Detection of LAP markers; Detection of phenotypes associated with molecular aberrations
2	smIgκ	CD45	cyIgμ	CD33	CD34	CD19	smIgμ and CD117	smIgλ	Diagnosis and classification of BCP-ALL;
3	CD9	CD45	nuTdT	CD13	CD34	CD19	CD22	CD24	Diagnosis and classification of BCP-ALL; Detection of phenotypes associated with molecular aberrations; Detection of LAP markers
4	CD21	CD45	CD15 and CDw65	NG2	CD34	CD19	CD123	CD81	Subclassification of BCP-ALL; Detection of LAP markers; Detection of phenotypes associated with molecular aberrations

* Backbone markers are indicated in bold; cy= cytoplasmic.

** The described marker combinations can also be applied for disease staging and monitoring of treatment effectiveness (MRD diagnostics).



Responsible scientist: L Lhermitte



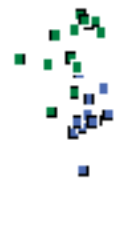
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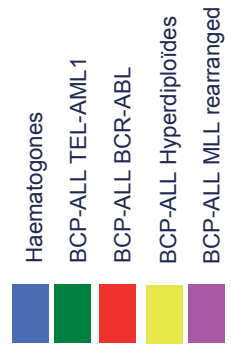
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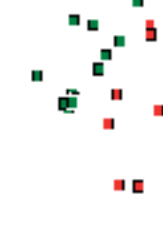
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*Russian flow cytometry conference,
St Petersburg, Russia, 17-19 March 2011*



Achievements of the EuroFlow Consortium

Multicolor flow cytometry (≥8 colors) with full technical standardization

- inclusion of violet laser and selection of appropriate fluorochromes
- standardization of instrument settings and laboratory protocols
- detailed testing and comparison of antibody clones and conjugated antibodies (multiple companies)

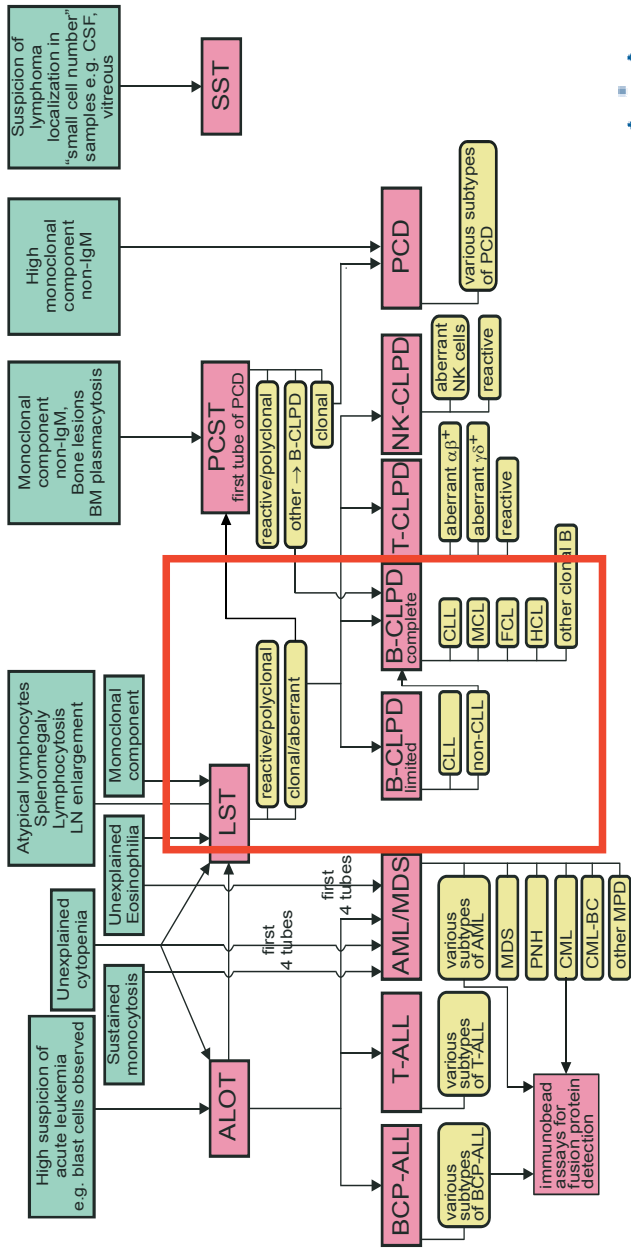
Implementation and development of novel software

- fast and easy handling of large data files (including automated pattern recognition)
- combining multiple tubes: calculation and APS view
- mapping of diagnosis and follow-up leukemia samples against templates of “normal/control” samples

Development of 8-color antibody protocols for diagnosis, classification and monitoring of hematological malignancies

- screening tubes (include recognition of normal leukocyte subsets)
- multi-tube panels for diagnosis and classification per disease category
- special tubes for MRD monitoring per disease category

Algorithm for EuroFlow antibody panels in hemato-oncology



Technical aspects of EuroFlow protocols: instrument settings, fluorochrome choice, standardization

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EuroFlow antibody panels for standardized n-dimensional flow cytometric immunophenotyping of normal, reactive and malignant leukocytes

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Achievement of the EuroFlow Consortium: New concept in diagnostic flow cytometry



- Full technical standardization of multicolor flow cytometry (≥ 8 colors)
- standardization of instrument settings and laboratory protocols
- selection of fluorochromes and selection of antibody clones per marker
- EuroFlow protocols work on all tested ≥ 8 colors flow cytometers:
 - DAKO Cyan, LSR-II, FACS Canto-II;
 - “late arrivals” (Navios and Gallios) still to be tested

Implementation and further development of novel software: Infinicyt

- fast and easy data handling with automated pattern recognition
- combining multiple tubes: calculation and APS (principle component analysis
- mapping of diagnosis and follow-up leukemia samples against templates of “normal/control” samples

Development of 8-color antibody protocols for diagnosis, classification and monitoring of hematological malignancies

- 8-color panels are based on recognition of normal cells & differentiation pathways
- diagnosis and classification tubes are ready; MRD tubes in development
- flexibility within panels: deletion and inclusion of markers and tubes is possible

Large EuroFlow data base linked to Infinicyt software

European network for laboratory diagnostics



Participants: based on experience and participation in (inter)national clinical trails

Aims:

- Innovation and standardization of laboratory diagnostics
- Quality control
- Continuous education



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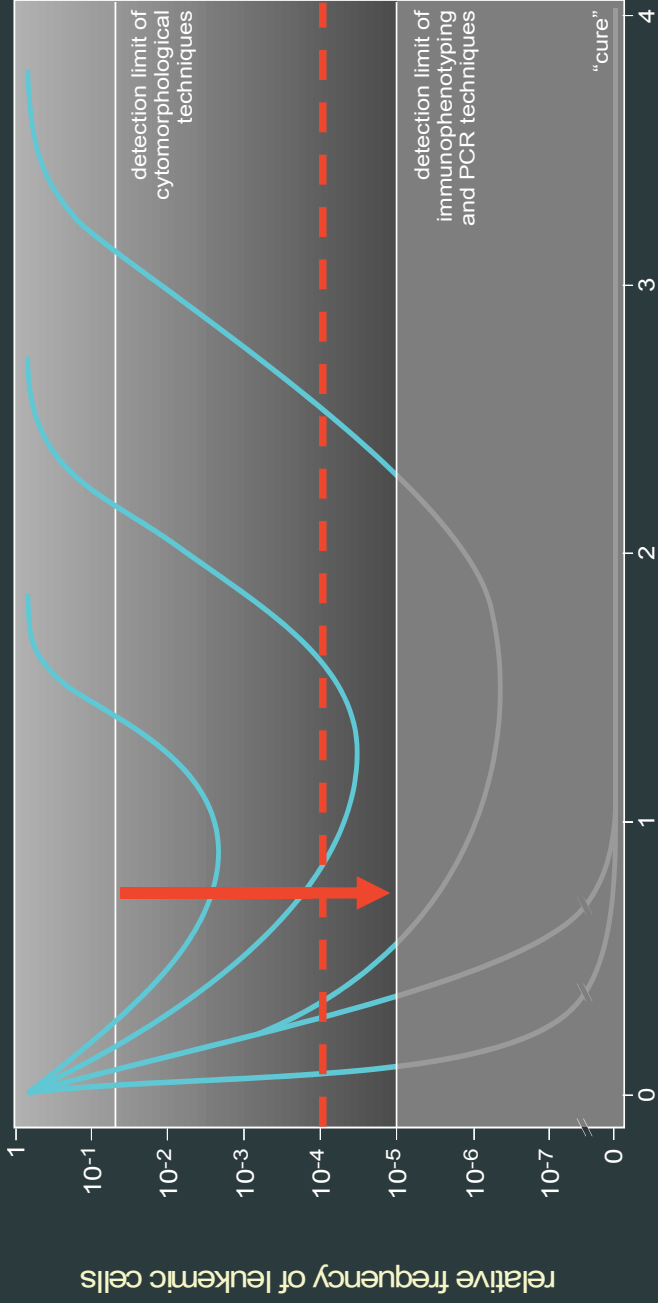
EuroFlow achievements and challenges

Novel concept for flow cytometric MRD detection
in acute leukemia

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Detection of minimal residual disease (MRD) in ALL



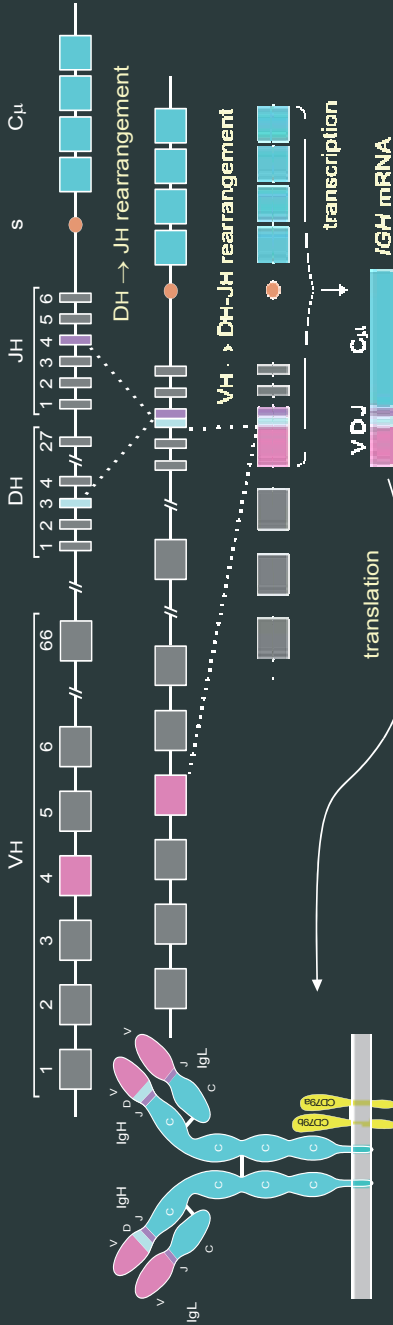
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Detection of minimal residual disease in acute leukemia

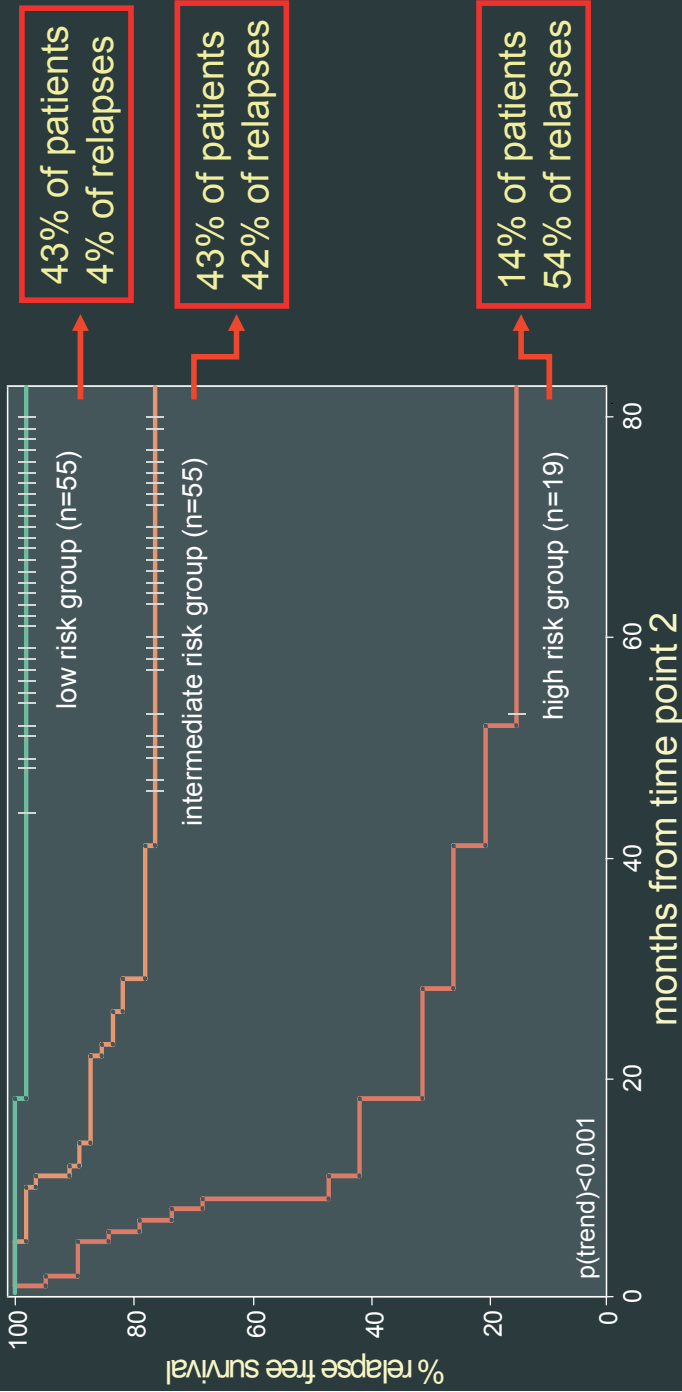
Technique	Applicability	Detection limit	Remark
Flow cytometry (4 colors)	BCP-ALL: 85% T-ALL: 90% AML: 60-80%	(10 ⁻³ -) 10 ⁻⁴	Fast, but variable sensitivity because of similarities between normal (regenerating) cells and malignant cells
PCR of Ig/TCR genes	BCP-ALL: 95% T-ALL: 95% AML: 10-15%	10 ⁻⁴ -10 ⁻⁵	Time consuming and relatively expensive (junctional region sequencing), but applicable in ≥ 95% of lymphoid malignancies
PCR of fusion transcripts	BCP-ALL: 40% T-ALL: 25% AML: 25-40%	10 ⁻⁴ -10 ⁻⁶	Limited applicability in ALL, but potentially useful in specific subgroups, e.g. BCR-ABL cases in specific protocols

From Ig gene to Ig molecule



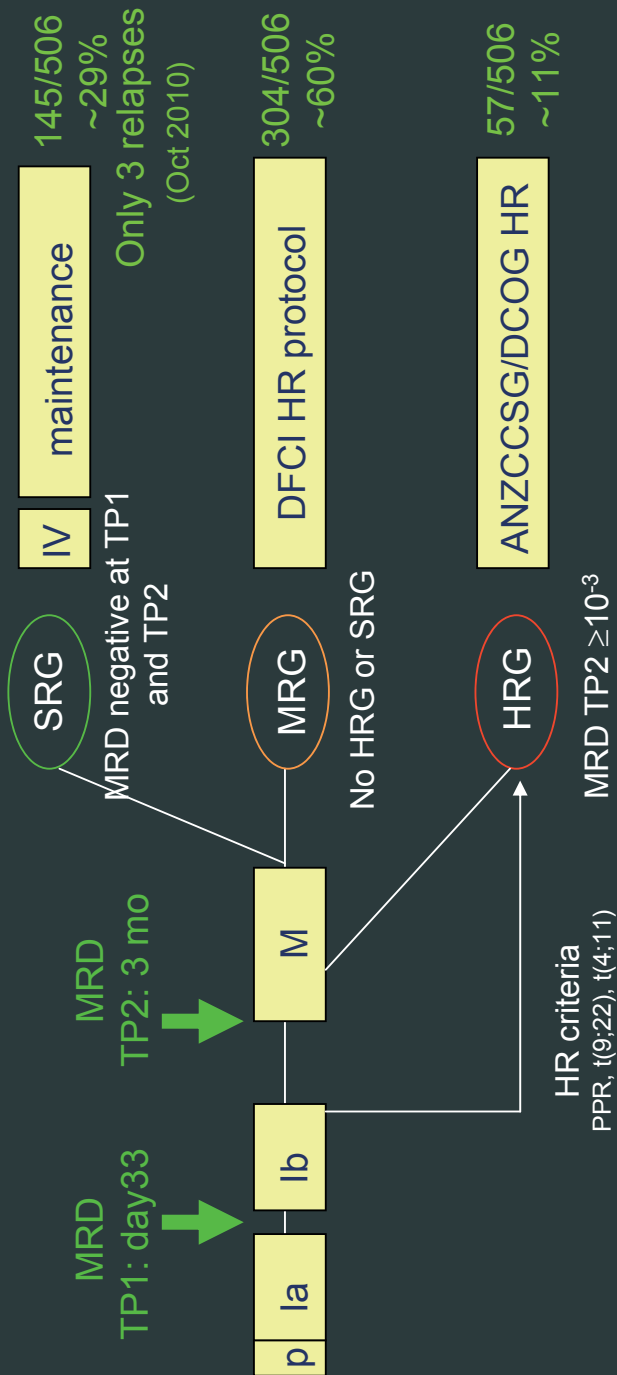
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Relapse free survival in I-BFM-SG study according to the combined MRD information at time points 1 and 2 (n=129)



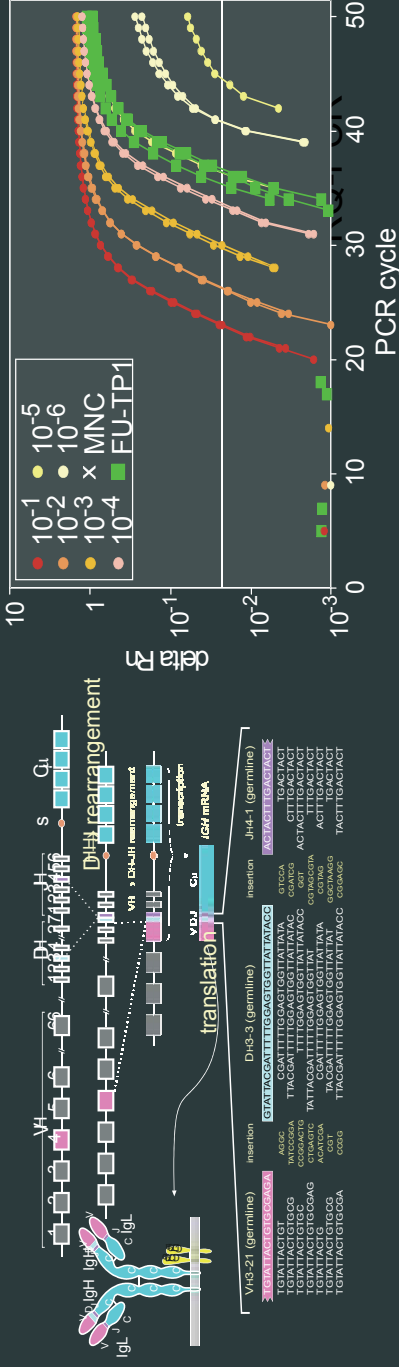
I-BFM-SG Report, J.J.M. van Dongen et al, Lancet 1998;352:1731-1738

MRD-based therapy: ALL 10 protocol (per Nov 2004)



DCOG, The Hague, 2004

Current MRD technique in lymphoid malignancies



Disadvantages of Ig/TCR-based MRD-PCR techniques:

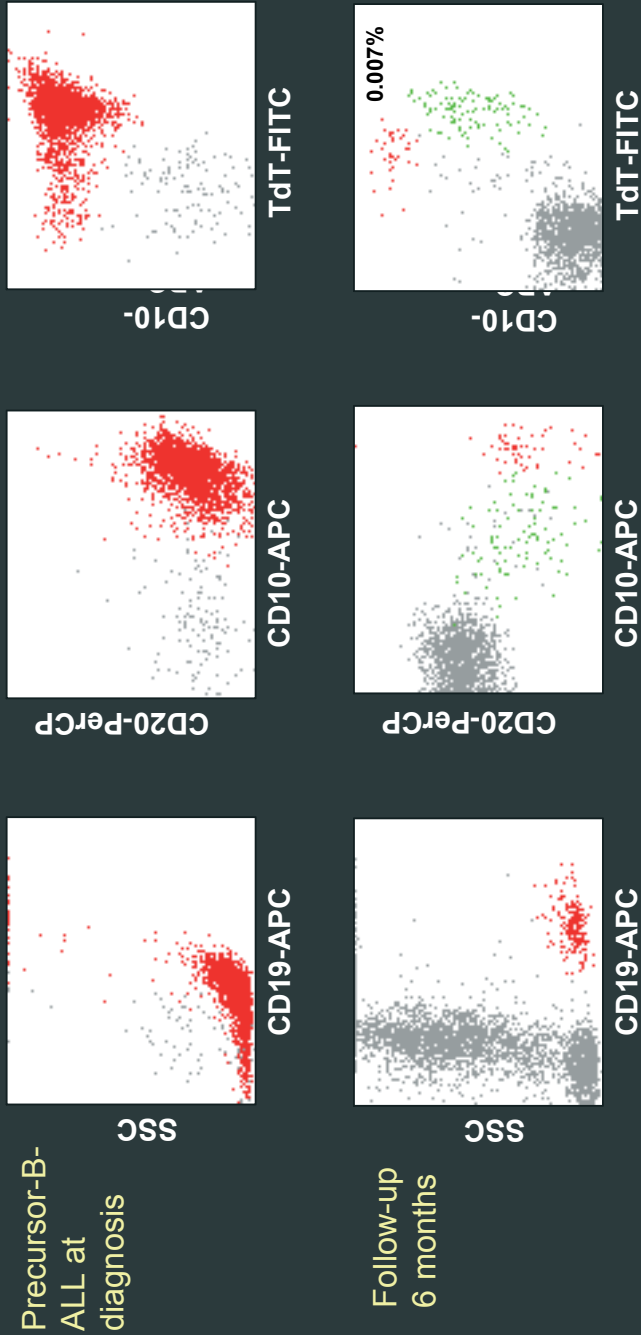
- labor intensive (junctional regions per patient);
- require specialized laboratories;
- time consuming (target identification: 4 to 6 weeks))

↑ **Faster technique needed: 8-color flow cytometry ?**

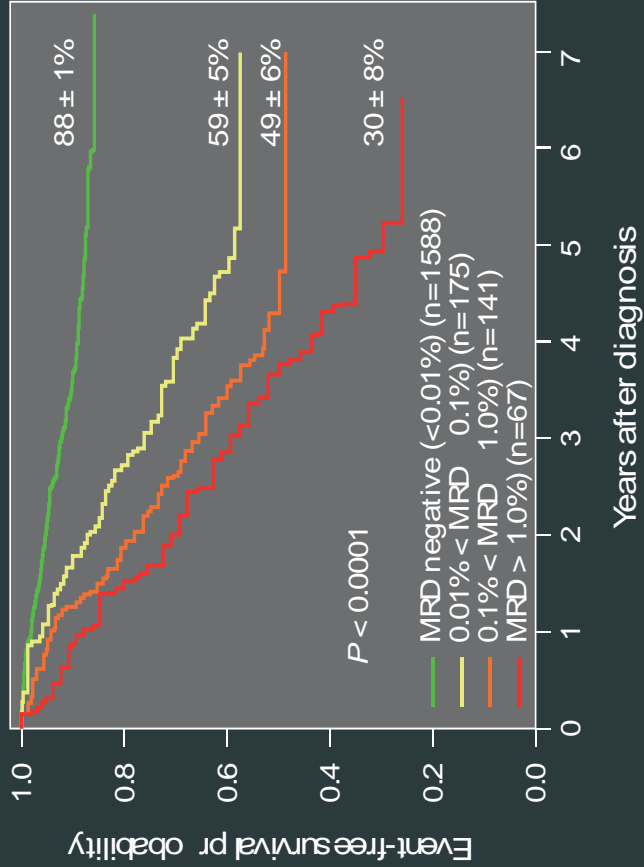
Comparison between molecular techniques and flow cytometry in hematological malignancies

	Molecular techniques	Flow cytometry
Speed	2-3 days (up to weeks)	fast: 1-2 hours !!
Target	DNA or RNA (RNA is an instable target)	protein/cells ("end-product")
Applicability	depends on disease (chromosome aberrations)	broad
Multiplexing	technically demanding	relatively easy (even 25 to 100 tests per tube)
Accuracy	semi-quantitative	quantitative
Focus	all cells in sample (or: prior purification)	any subpopulation
Facilities	special laboratories needed (pre-PCR lab, PCR lab, etc)	only standard lab needed (+ flow cytometer)

Precursor B-ALL MRD at 6 months of therapy



EFs of MRD-based risk groups (FCM at day 29) in COG protocol



Borowitz et al. , Blood 2008 ; 111: 5477-5485 .

Risk group definition

Classical clinical
risk groups at
diagnosis & day 8

Limited treatment
received

Flow cytometry
MRD risk groups at
day 8/15 (+33?)

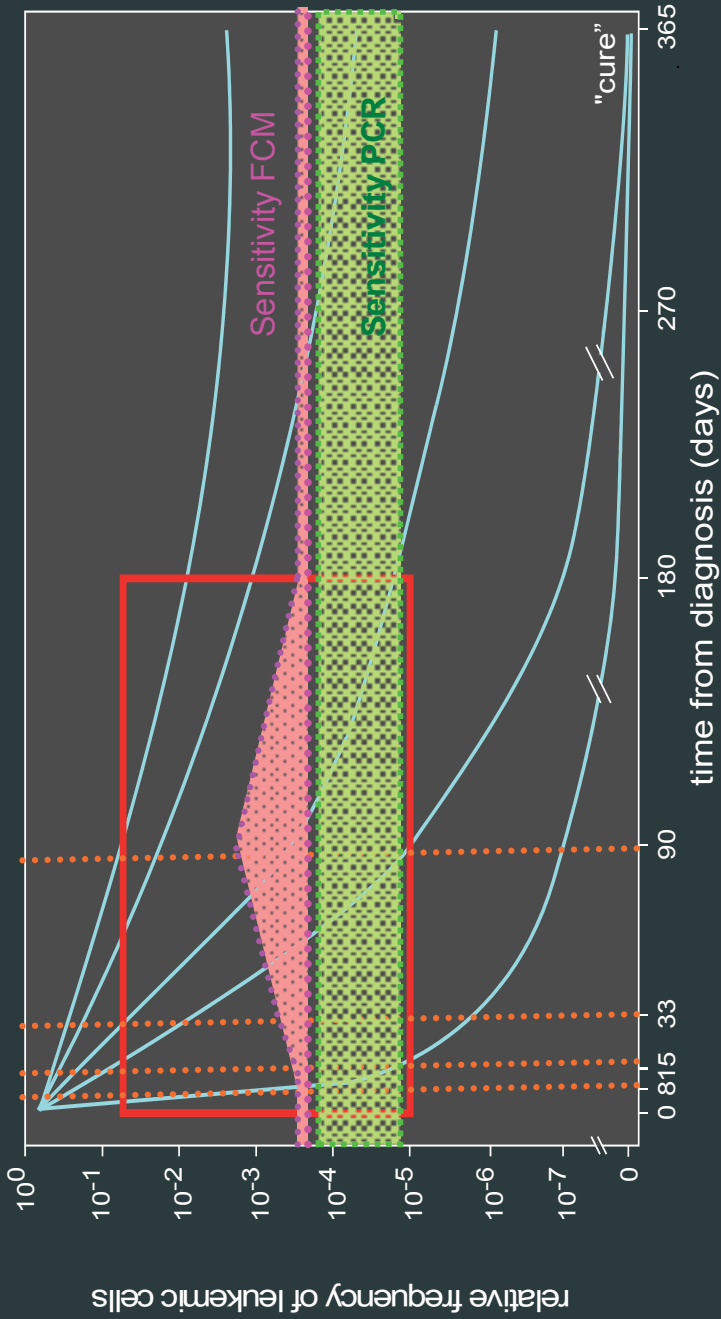
Corticosteroids
evaluated?

Ig/TCR-based
PCR MRD risk
groups at day 33/
week 12

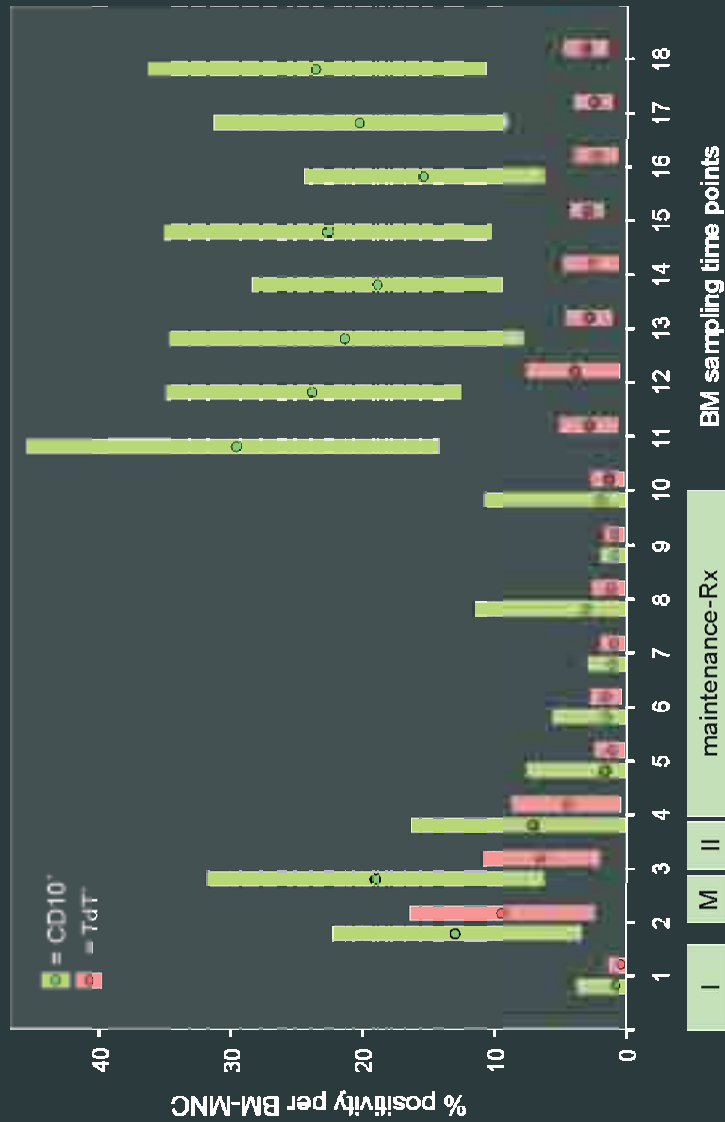
Full induction
evaluated?

Different composition of risk groups
(25-40% shifts between SR and MR)

MRD window, time points, MRD techniques and QR & sensitivity



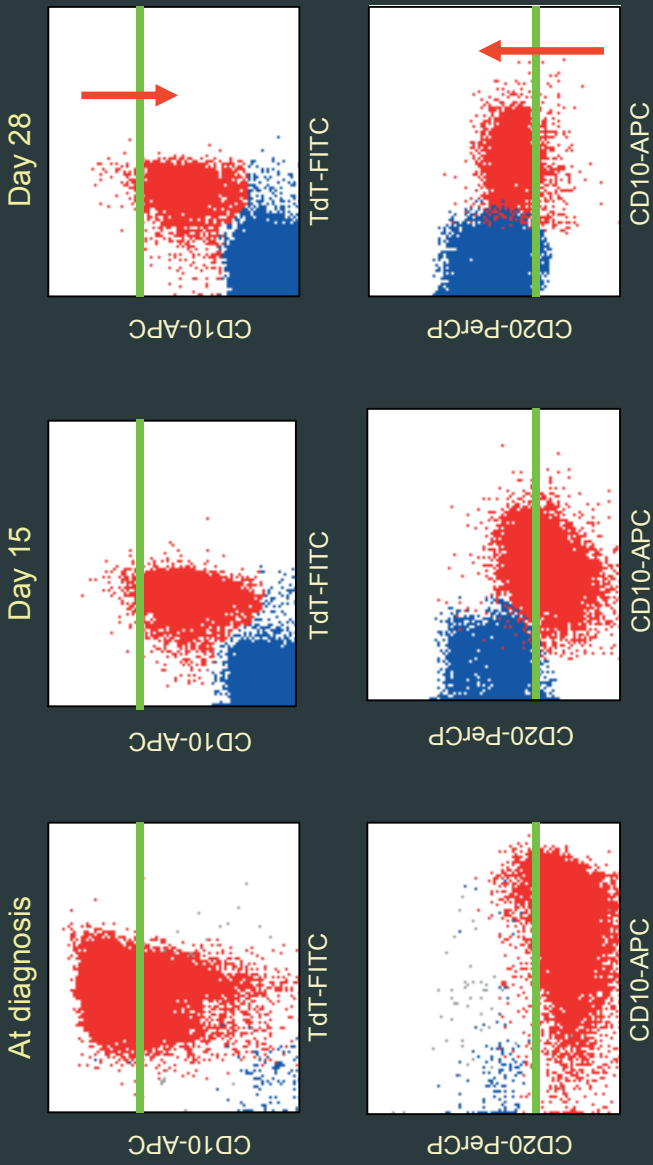
Precursor-B-cells in BM during ALL treatment



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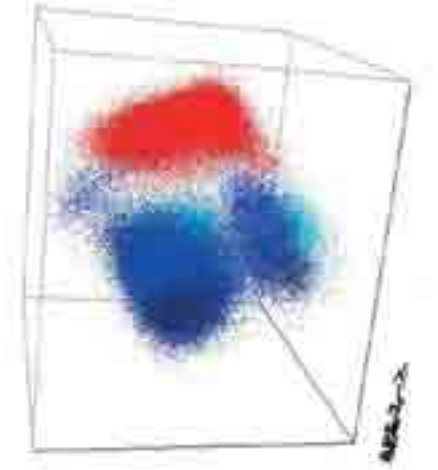
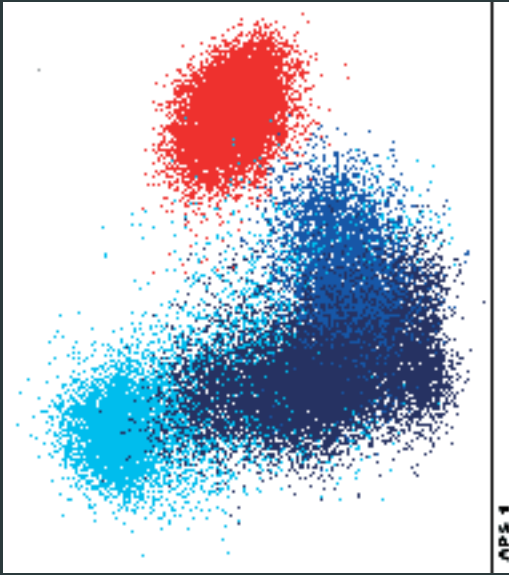
Van Wering et al., *Brit J Haematol* 2000;110:139-146

Therapy-induced immunophenotypic shifts



Van der Sluijs et al, LEUKEMIA 2005; 19: 1845-1847

BCP-ALL panel



Mix of 3 different regenerating B cell populations (Haematogones)



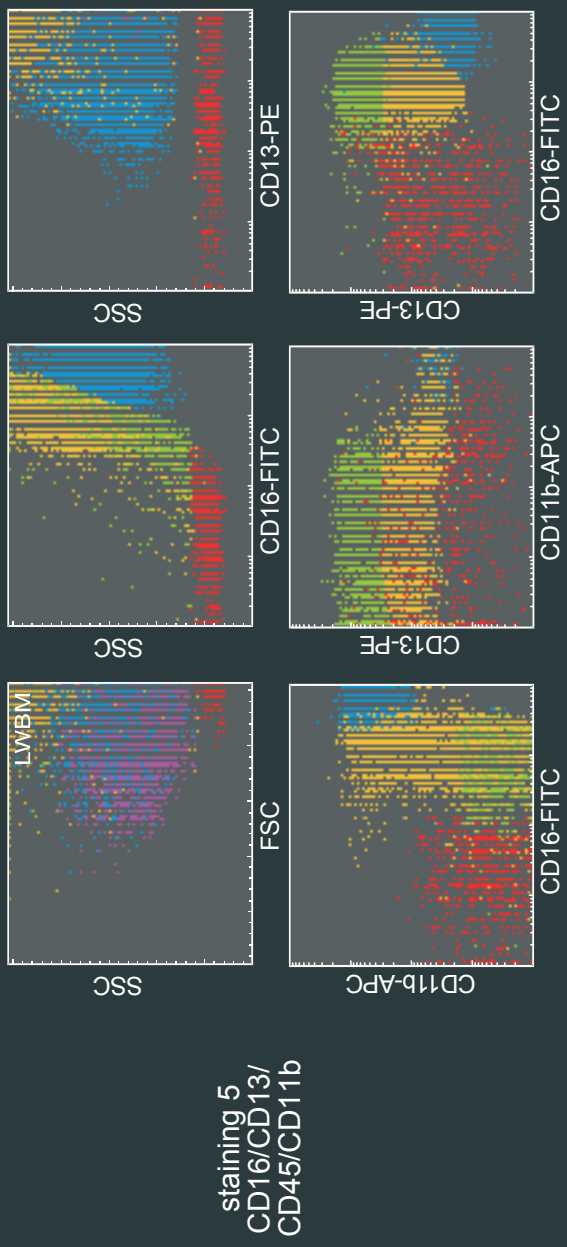
BCP-ALL blast cells

Responsible scientist: L. Lhermitte



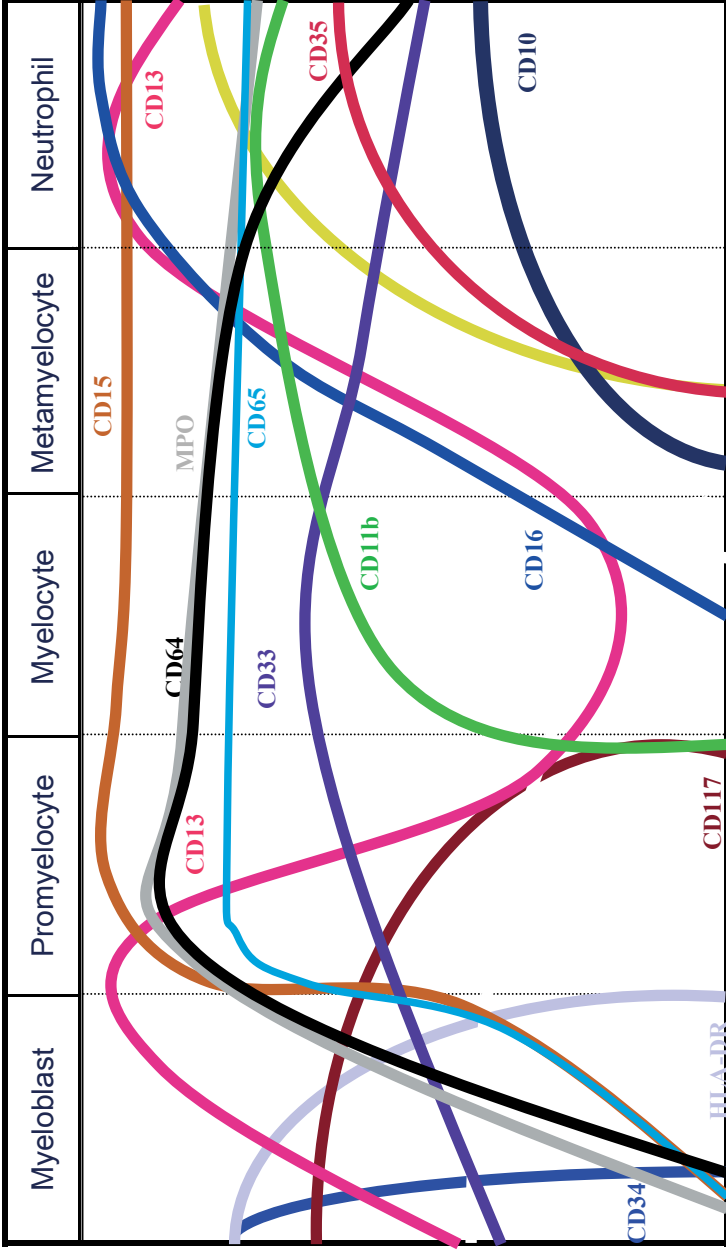
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Identification of different granulocytic subpopulations in childhood BM



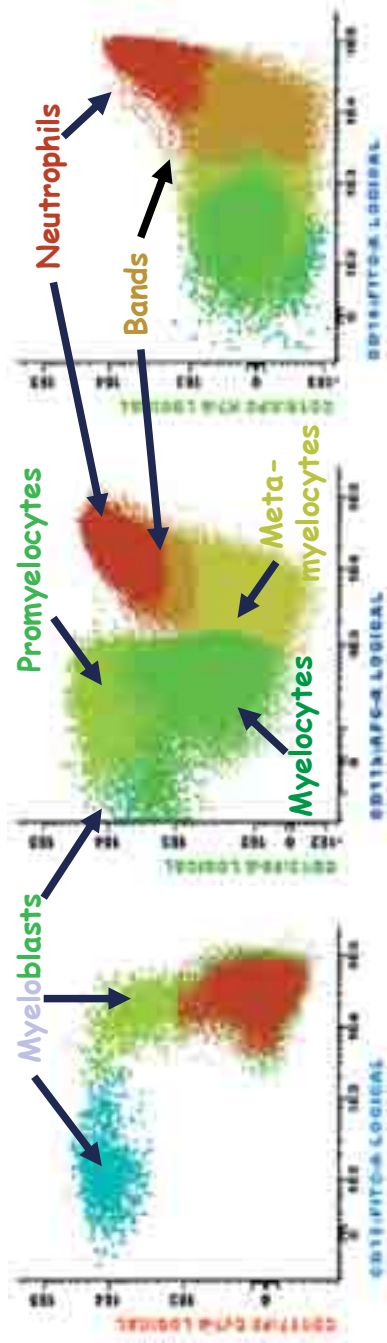
E.G. van Lochem et al., *Cytometry Part B* 2004; 60B: 1-13.

Phenotypic changes during normal neutrophil differentiation



Responsible scientist: A. Orfao

Maturation of neutrophil precursors in normal BM



Responsible scientist: V.H.J. van der Velden

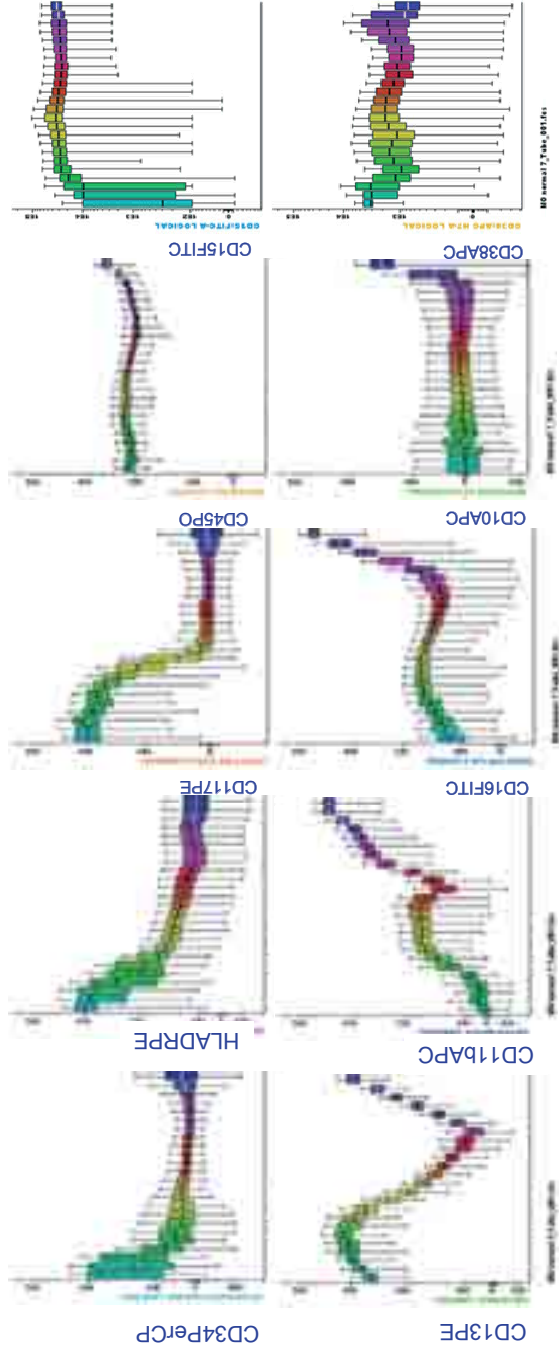
Maturation stage of neutrophil precursors in normal BM



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Maturation stage of neutrophil precursors in normal BM

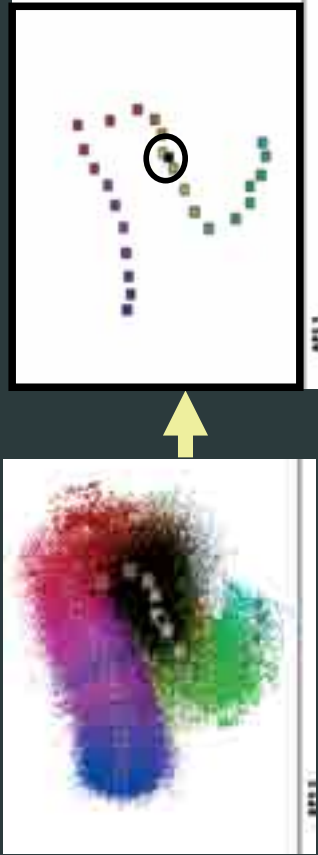


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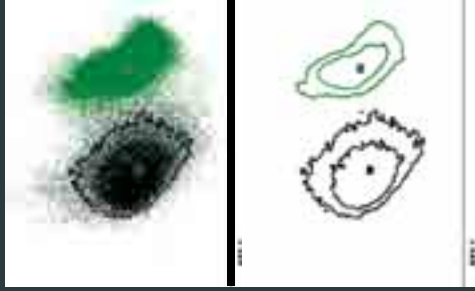
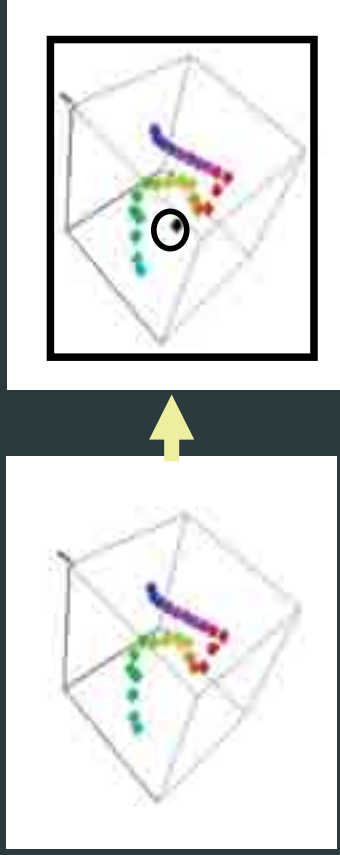


N-dimensional neutrophil maturation in normal BM versus AML

Maturation stage of AML blasts



Aberrant phenotype of AML blasts



Aberrant markers

CD15	26.6
CD117	19.4
SSC	19.2
FSC	19.0
CD11b	6.0

Identification of different (precursor)B-cell subpopulations in BM



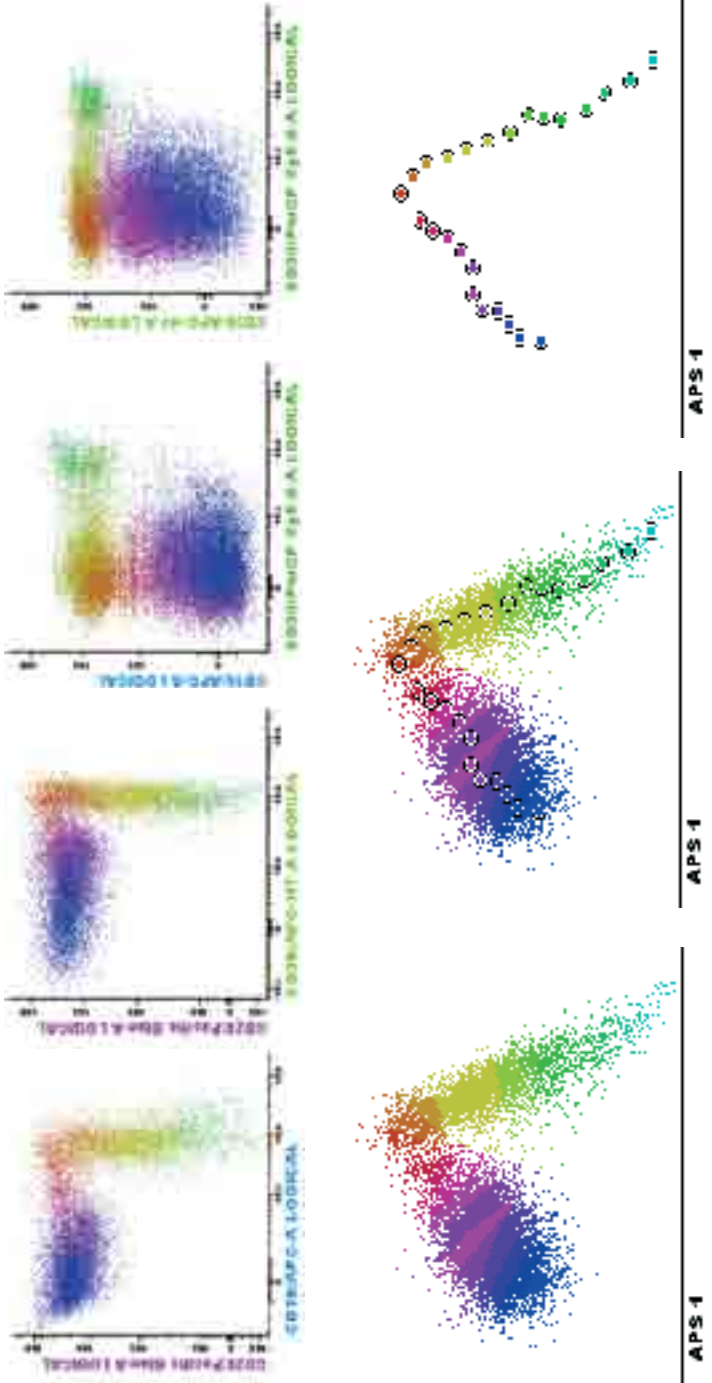
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 CD45/CD34/CD19/CD22
 (CD19 lymphogate)

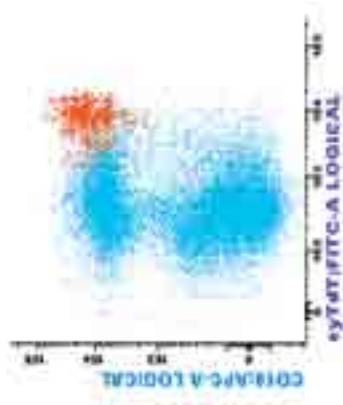


Dissection of normal precursor-B-cell differentiation

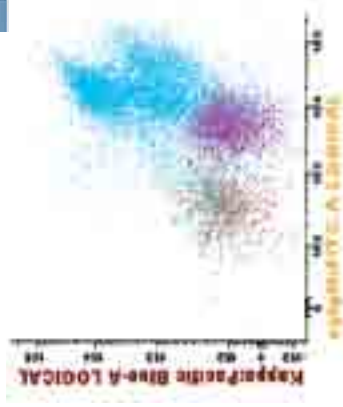


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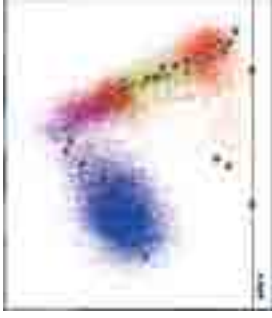
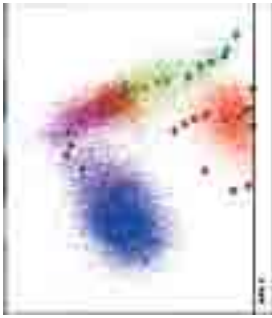


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Four BCP-ALL cases vs normal precursor B-cells



APS view 1



APS view 2



Case 1

Case 2

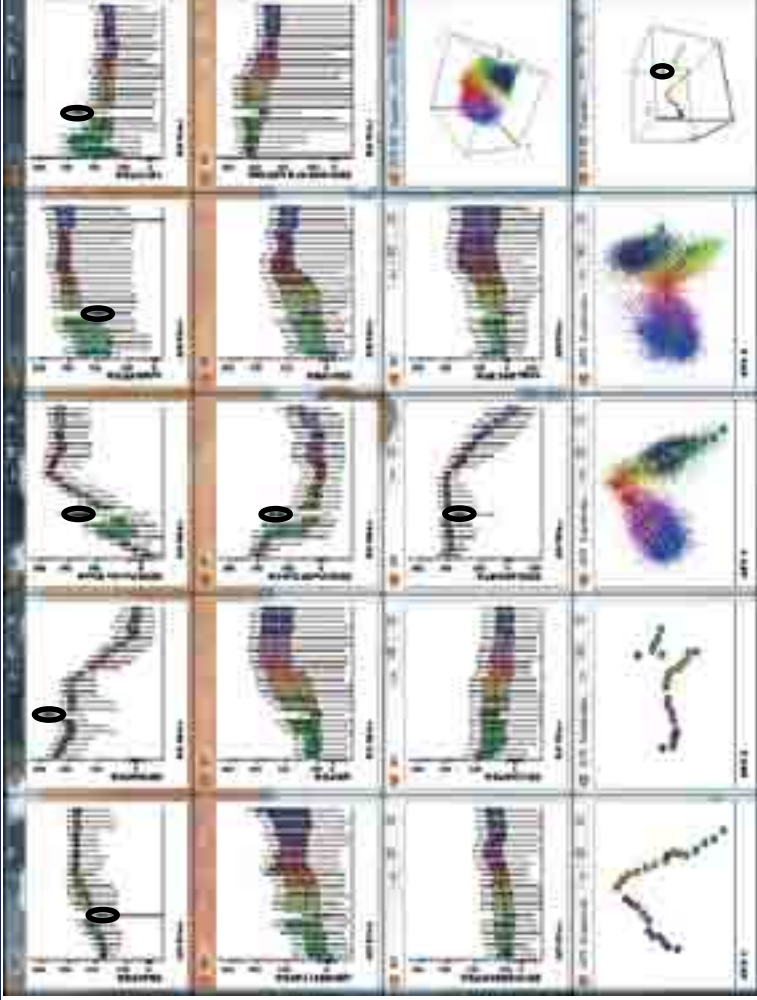
Case 3

Case 4

Responsible scientists: V.H.J. van der Velden and E. Mejstrikova

Designed by: A. Orfao & Q. Lecrevisse

BCP-ALL (Case 4) vs normal precursor B-cell differentiation



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Conclusions

1. PCR-based MRD diagnostics (IG/TCR genes or fusion genes) is currently the gold standard in most European ALL protocols
2. Differences in MRD value between protocols are mainly caused by application of different non-standardized MRD techniques, which also differ in sensitivity (e.g. current flow cytometry does not reach $\leq 10^{-3}$).
3. PCR-based MRD diagnostics can potentially be replaced by 8-color flow cytometry, based on new concepts, such as discrimination of normal-regenerating cells from aberrant blasts cells via PCA (see APS tool developments by EuroFlow)
4. Standardization, regular Quality Control, and guidelines for data interpretation and data reporting are essential for international comparability of MRD results (within and between treatment protocols). Collaborative networks are essential for innovation, reliable technical developments, standardization & quality control

Factors involved in treatment effectiveness in ALL patients

Factors	Relative contribution	Solutions
Treatment compliance e.g. - duration of Rx - side effects (e.g. allergy)	35%??	- Psychosocial care - Safer drugs
In vivo drug distribution e.g. - gastrointestinal absorption - distribution in body (e.g. CNS) - drug metabolism (e.g. polymorphisms in enzymes) - liver excretion - kidney excretion	30%??	Adaptation of drug dosage (based on measurement of therapeutic levels?)
Characteristics of tumor cells e.g. - prednisolone response - <i>in vitro</i> drug sensitivity gene expression profile	35%??	Adaptation of drugs? New drugs?
		Evaluation of overall treatment effectiveness by MRD diagnostics Different treatment arms

Development of 8-color MRD panels



Single-tube antibody EuroFlow MRD protocols under evaluation

1. Acute leukemias (includes recognition of normal precursors)
 - Acute myeloid leukemia panel (AML-MRD): 1 tube per pathway (A. Orfao)
 - B-cell precursor (BCP-ALL-MRD): 1 tube (V. van der Velden, T. Szczepański, E. Mejstrikova)
 - T-cell ALL (T-ALL-MRD): 1 tube (V. Asnafi)

2. Chronic lymphoproliferative disorders (includes recognition of normal cells)
 - Chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL-MRD): 1 tube (A. Langerak)
 - Hairy cell leukemia (HCL-MRD): 1 tube (E. MacIntyre)
 - Mantle cell lymphoma (MCL-MRD): 1 tube (S. Böttcher)
 - Follicular lymphoma (FL-MRD): 1 tube (S. Böttcher)
 - Marginal zone lymphoma (MZL-MRD): 1 tube (P. Lucio)
 - Lymphoplasmacytic lymphoma (LPL-MRD): 1 tube (P. Lucio)
 - Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma (DLBCL-MRD): 1 tube (P. Lucio)
 - Burkitt lymphoma (BL): 1 tube (L. Lhermitte)
 - T-chronic lymphoproliferative diseases (T-CLPD-MRD): 1 tube (J. Almeida)
 - Multiple myeloma (MM): 1 tube (J. Flores)



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A. Positions and Honors.

RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- 2004-Present - Director of the National DNA Bank of Spain, at the University of Salamanca
- 2000-Present - Principal Investigator at the Cancer Research Center of Salamanca
- 1996- Present - Professor of Immunology, Department of Medicine, at the University of Salamanca
- 1990- Present - Director of the Central Cytometry Service of the University of Salamanca (Spain).
- 1987: Ph.D. Title of Ph.D. Thesis: Immunological phenotype and clinical-biological correlation in chronic lymphocytic leukemia
- 1985: MD degree at the University of Lisbon

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Other Experience and Professional Memberships

Member of the Scientific Committee of the National Genotyping Center of Spain (2004- Present)

Councilor of the executive board of the International Society for Analytical Cytology (1996-2000)

Member of European Group for the Immunological Characterization of leukemias

Member of European BIOMED Group for the study and standarization of minimal residual disease in acute leukemias on Clinical Cell Analysis.

Chairman of the standarization Committee of the International Federation of Clinical Chemistry (1994-2000).

Secretary of Iberian Society Cytometry (1999- 2003)

President of Iberian Society Cytometry (1995-1999)

Treasurer of The Iberian Society of Cytometry (1993-1995)

Member of the External advisory board of the CICS (University of Beira Interior, Portugal) (2007-present)

Member of the Research Council of the University of Salamanca (2004-2008)

Member of the advisory board of the Brasilian Studies Institute of the University of Salamanca (2008-present)

HONORS & AWARDS

"Mecenas" Prize of the University of Salamanca. January 2001

Prize of The Royal Academy of Medicine of Salamanca. Feb 2000

Iberoamerican Prize of Flow Cytometry of The Mexican Society of Cytofluorograpy. March 1998

Annual Prizes of the Spanish Society of Hematology for several different scientific works: Nov 1989, Nov 1990, Oct 1991, Nov 1993, Nov 1995, Oct 1999, Oct 2001

Spanish Cancer Association Prize for best Ph.D. thesis in Cancer. Oct 1987

Wallace Coulter Prize of the Clinical Cytometry Society (USA, 2001)

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Principal investigator of one of the groups of research

Agency: European Commission BIOMED 2 Concerted Action – European Union

Period: 1997-2000

2.- "Central facility for the production of stabilized cellular reference standards and external quality assessment in clinical flow cytometry (Eurostandards)"

Principal investigator of one of the groups of research

Agency: RTD Actions (Research and Technology Development projects)"-"European Commission Research Directorate", European Union

Period: 2000-2003

3.- " Mastocytosis's Spanish network (REMA): study of molecular routes of proliferation and response of mast cells and his modulation for medicaments to achieve a standard diagnostic and therapeutic high place of the mastocytosis ".

Principal investigator of one of the integral nodes of the network.

Agency: G03/007 for the development of thematic networks of cooperative research of the Fund of Sanitary Researches Institute of Health Carlos III of the Ministry of Health and Consumption.

Period: 2003 – 2006

4.- " Multiple Myeloma and other gammopathies: of the genesis to the therapeutic one ".

Principal investigator of one of the research groups of the node of the Cancer Research Centre of Salamanca.

Agency: G03/136 for the development of thematic networks of cooperative research of the Fund of Sanitary Researches, Institute of Health Carlos III of the Ministry of Health and Consumption.

Period: 2003 – 2006.

5.- " Genomic of cancer ".

Principal investigator of one of the integral groups of the network.

Agency: Institute of Health Carlos III. Ministry of Health and Consumption. Help G03/10 for the development of thematic networks of cooperative research of the Fund of Sanitary Researches, Institute of Health Carlos III of the Ministry of Health and Consumption.

Period: 2003 – 2006

6.- " Phenotypic and functional characterisation of the neoplastic cell in leukemic T/NK Chronic lymphoproliferative disorders and his implications in the biological behavior of the disease ".

Member of the research team.

Agency: Institute of Health Carlos III. Ministry of Health and Consumption.

Period: 2003 – 2006

7.- " National Bank of DNA ".

Principal Investigator

Agency: Foundation Genome Spain.

Period: 2004 – 2005

8.- "European Leukemia Net" - Network of Excellence

Principal investigator of one of the groups of research

Agency: "Research Directorate-General, Commission of the European Communities". European Union

Period: 2004-2006

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Principal investigator of one of the groups of the node of the Cancer Research Centre of Salamanca.

Agency: Project of research of the Program of Promotion of the Biomedical Research and in Sciences of the Health of the Fund of Sanitary Researches, Institute of Health Carlos III of the Ministry of Health and Consumption.

Period: 2006

10.- "Flow cytometry for fast and sensitive diagnosis and follow-up of haematological malignancies (EUROFLOW)"
Subcoordinator of the project and Principal Investigator of one of the groups of research
Agency: Research Directorate-General of European Union.
Period: 2007-2009.

11.- " Clonal B-cell lymphocytosis of undetermined significance: determination of its frequency, analysis of the phenotypic and genetic characteristics of the B-cell clone and identification of possible factors involved in his ontogenesis "
Principal Investigator.
Agency: Project PI060824 of the Fund of Sanitary Researches of the Institute of Health Carlos III of the Ministr Health and Consumption (Spain).
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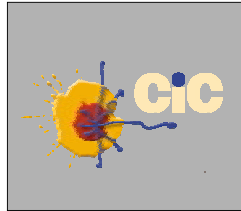
12.- "Myeloma Stem Cell Network: A translational programme identifying and targeting the myeloma stem cell (MSCNET)"
Principal investigator of one of the groups of research
Agency: Research Directorate-General of European Union.
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13.- " Thematic network of research in cancer ".
Principal investigator of one of the integral groups of the network.
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EUROFLOW STRATEGIES & TOOLS FOR DATA ANALYSIS IN HEMATOLOGICAL MALIGNANCIES



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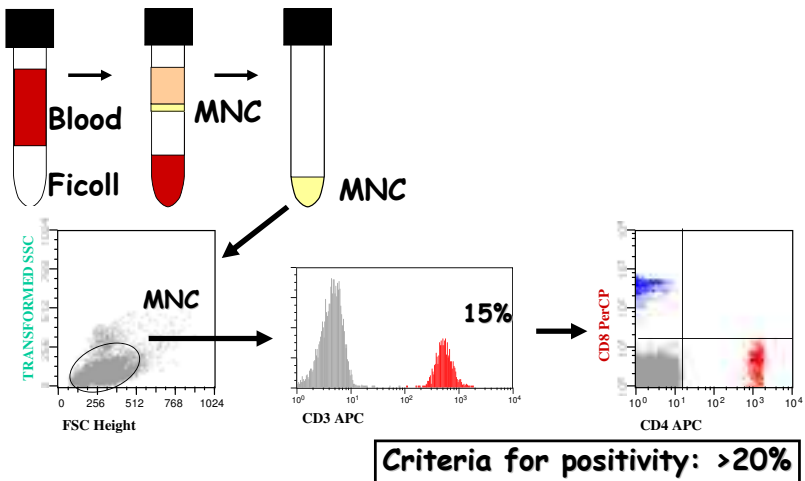


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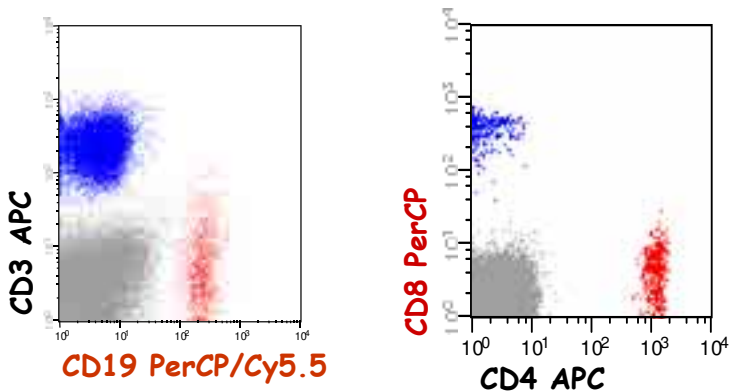
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TRADITIONAL FCM PHENOTYPING



MULTICOLOR FLOW CYTOMETRY vs SINGLE-STAININGS IN ONE TUBE



FCM IMMUNOPHENOTYPING IN THE 80`S: PANELS OF REAGENTS AND TECHNIQUES

PANELS OF REAGENTS:

- Panels of relevant markers for the diagnostic classification of patients suspected of:

- AML, ALL
- B-CLPD, T-CLPD

TECHNIQUES:

- Isolation of MNC
- Indirect and direct IF
- Single stainings
- Difficult to distinguish normal/leukemic cells
- Few fluorochrome conjugated MAb available
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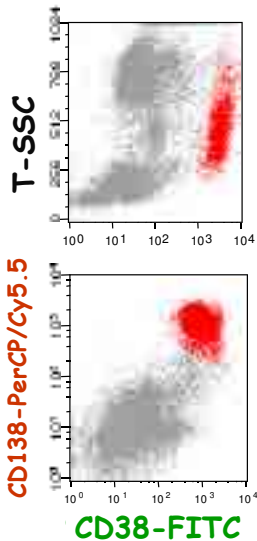
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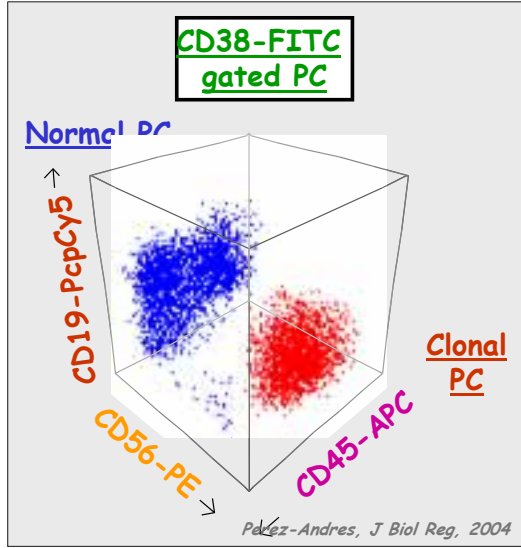
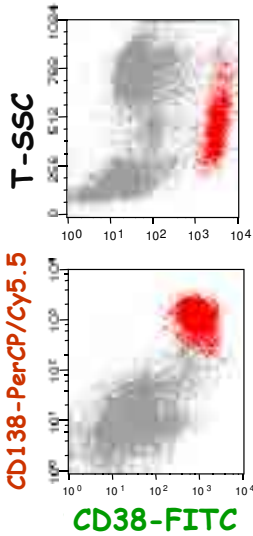
FLOW CYTOMETRY: TYPE OF INFORMATION

- **Identification** of cell populations
- **Enumeration** of cell numbers
- **Characterization** of cell populations

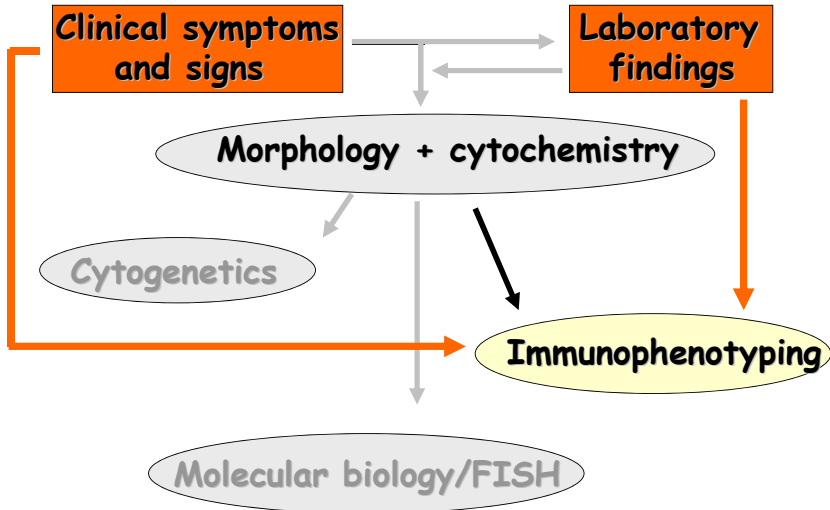
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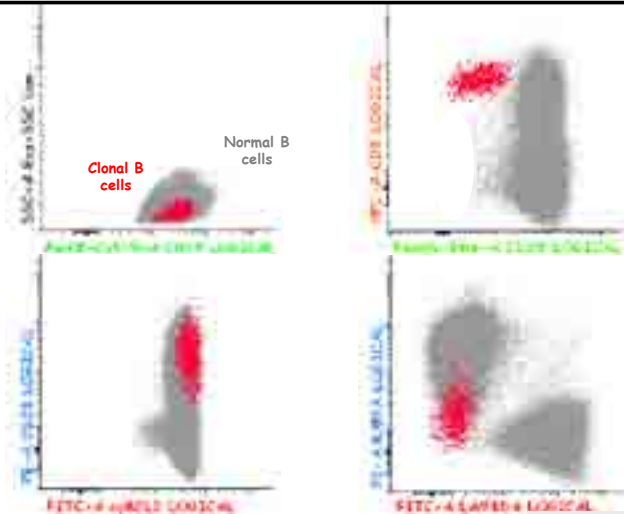
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DIAGNOSIS OF HAEMATOLOGICAL MALIGNANCIES



Immunophenotypic identification of PB B-cells with a CLL-like phenotype



*0.35% of all B-cells & 0.03% of all leucocytes *Nieto et al, Blood 2009*

FCM IMMUNOPHENOTYPING IN THE 90`S: PANELS OF REAGENTS AND TECHNIQUES

PANELS OF REAGENTS:

- Panels of informative combinations of reagents for:

- AML, ALL, BAL
- MM, WM, MGUS
- B-CLPD, T-CLPD
- MDS

Diagnosis, classification & follow-up of MRD in acute leukaemias, CLPD & MM

TECHNIQUES:

- Non-NRBC lysis
- Direct IF
- Multiple stainings
- Distinct normal vs leukemic phenotypes
- Many fluorochrome conjugated MAb available
- Increased number of fluorochrome available

DIAGNOSTICS IN HEMATO-ONCOLOGY

1. Making the diagnosis

Normal ↔ reactive/regenerating ↔ malignant

Annually > 300,000 new patients with a hematological malignancy in developed countries

2. Classification of hematopoietic malignancies

- relation with prognosis
- relevance of risk-group definition in treatment protocols

→ Based on differentiation characteristics and particularly on chromosome aberrations, resulting in fusion gene transcripts or aberrantly (over) expressed genes

3. Evaluation of treatment effectiveness

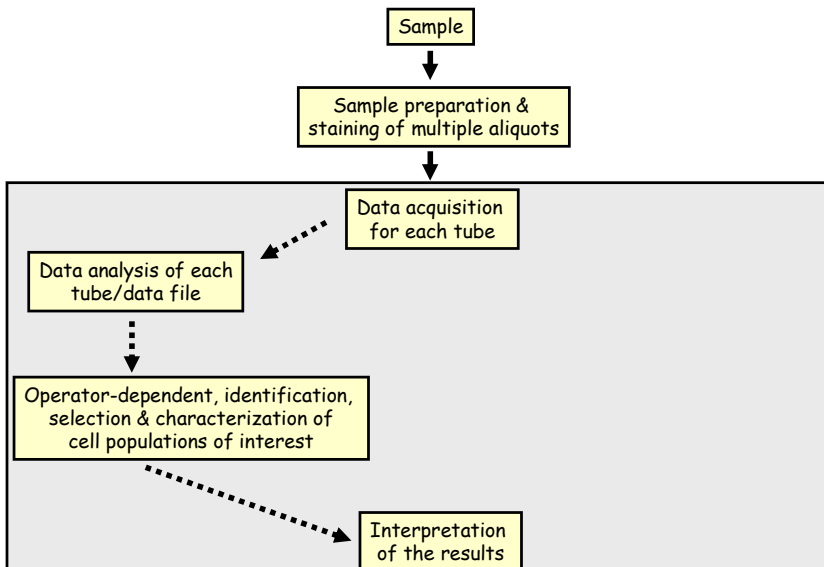
Detection of minimal residual disease (MRD):

MRD-based risk-group stratification (treatment reduction or treatment intensification)

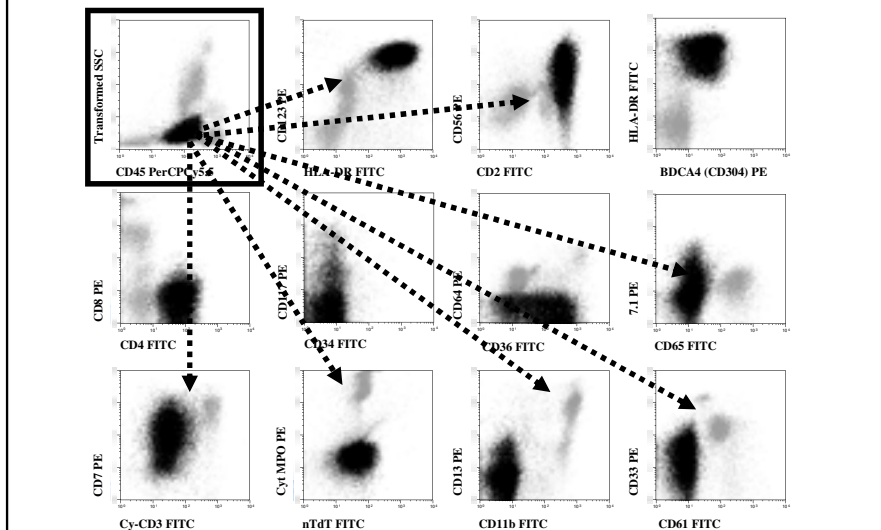
Annually > 400,000 follow-up samples in leukemia patients (ALL, AML, CML)

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FLOW CYTOMETRY IMMUNOPHENOTYPING APPROACH



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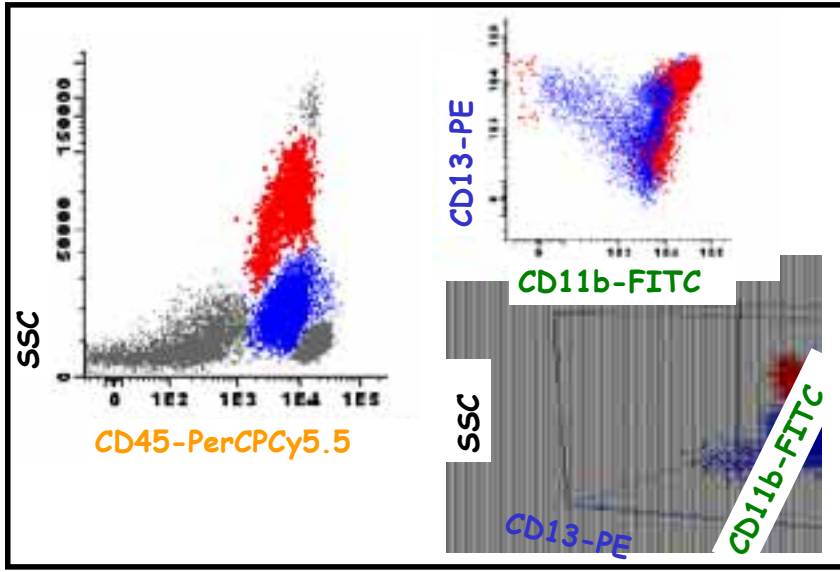


MDS/AML: 3-COLOR STAINING PANEL

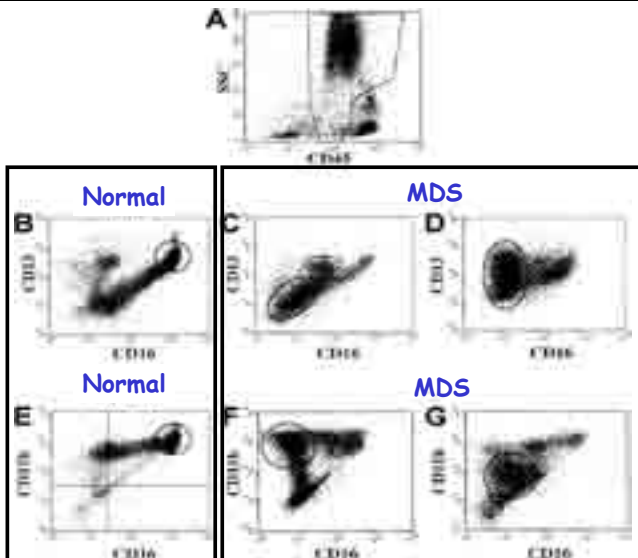
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- sCont	sCont	CD45
- HLADR	CD117	CD45
- HLADR	CD123	CD45
- CD11b	CD13	CD45
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MDS: COEXISTENCE OF NORMAL & HYPOGRANULAR MATURING NEUTROPHILS

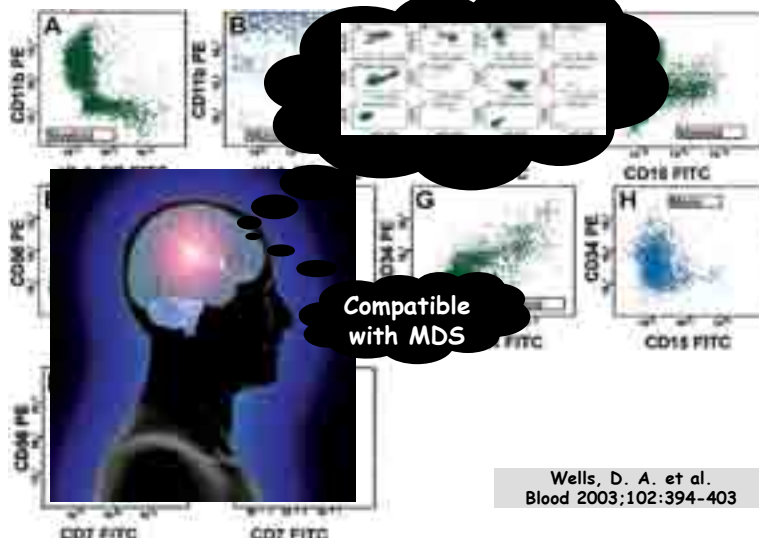


Immunophenotypic Myeloid Abnormalities in MDS



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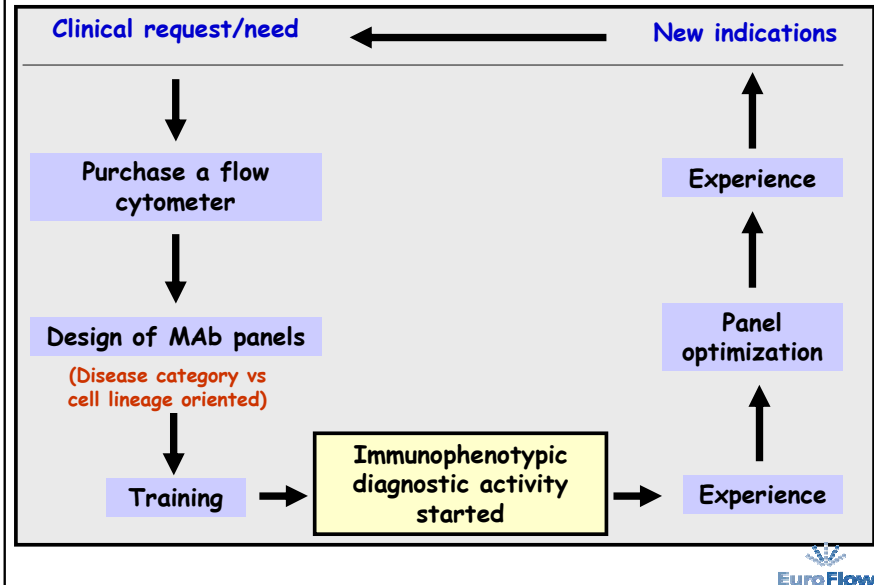
Examples of various myeloid and monocytic aberrant antigenic patterns in MDS



WHICH PROBLEMS ARE WE FACING ?

- **Many reagents:** costly and complex panels
- **Need expertise** in normal (reference) cell populations
- **Time** consuming
- **Technical** limitations
- **Many (my)** suboptimal **strategies** to reach a similar result
- Not standardized: **reproducibly harmonized?**
- Partial and more **limited clinical utility** than expected

SET UP OF A FCM LABORATORY FOR LEUKEMIA /LYMPHOMA TYPING: **CONVENTIONAL** PANEL DESIGN



STANDARDIZATION EFFORTS FOR IMMUNOPHENOTYPIC STUDIES



- **CLSI** (Clinical Laboratory Standards Institute):

- Stetler-Stevenson et al.: Clinical flow cytometric analysis of neoplastic hematolymphoid cells; Approved guideline. CLSI document H43-A2. CLSI, 2007

- **CCS** (Clinical Cytometry Society):

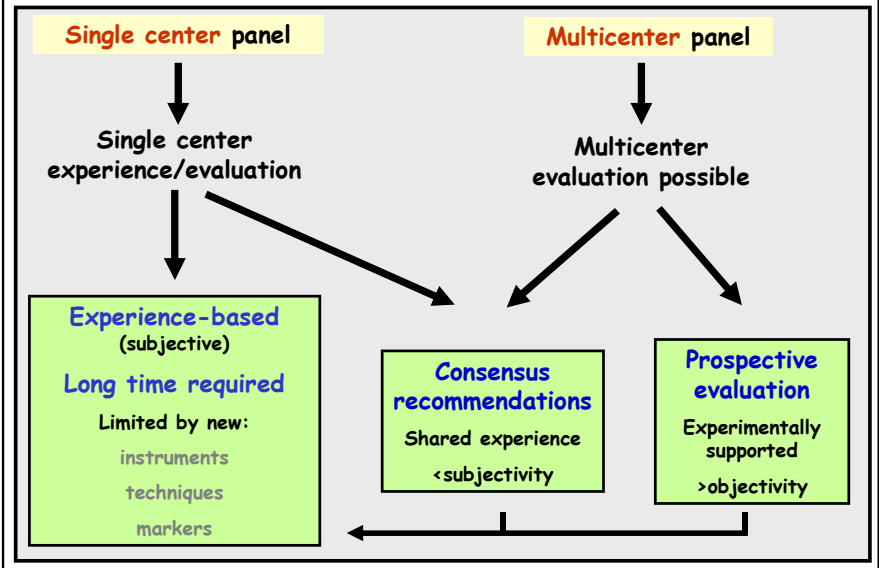
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- **ESCCA** (European Society for Clinical Cell Analysis: www.escca.eu)

- **European Leukemia Net** (www.leukemia-net.org)

- **Consenso Latinoamericano** (Clin Cytometry, 1998 y 2006)

LEUKEMIA /LYMPHOMA IMMUNOPHENOTYPING: EVALUATION OF ANTIBODY PANELS



REQUIRED DEVELOPMENTS IN FLOW CYTOMETRY

(status in 2005)

Immunobeads

- introduce combined cellular/immunobead assays
- special immunobead for leukemias

Novel antibodies

- test new (academic) antibodies for application in intracellular stainings
- development of new antibodies against oncoproteins and aberrant signalling pathways

Multicolor flow cytometry: ≥8 color comprehensive panels

- inclusion of solid state violet laser
- selection of appropriate fluorochromes
- compare conjugated antibodies (multiple companies)

Development of novel software for complex pattern recognition

- combining multiple tubes: calculate data & multivariate analyses
- mapping of diagnosis and follow-up leukemia samples against templates of reference "normal/control" samples



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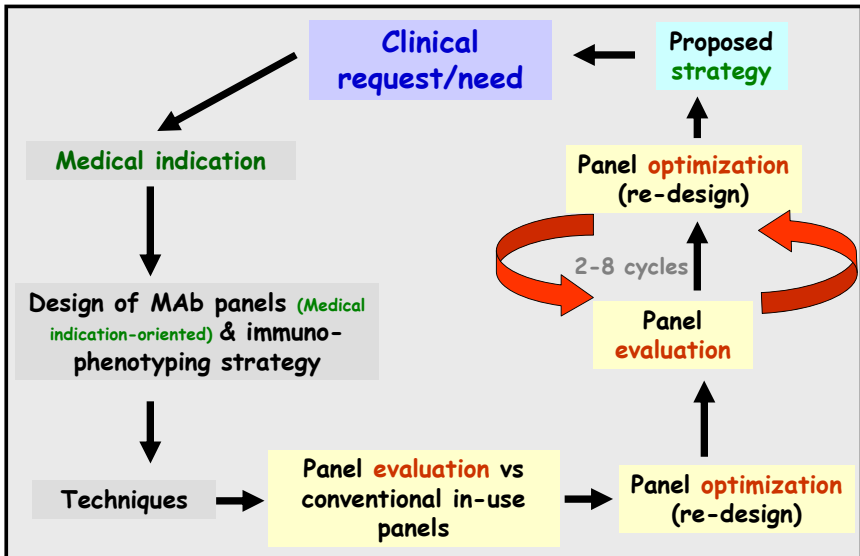


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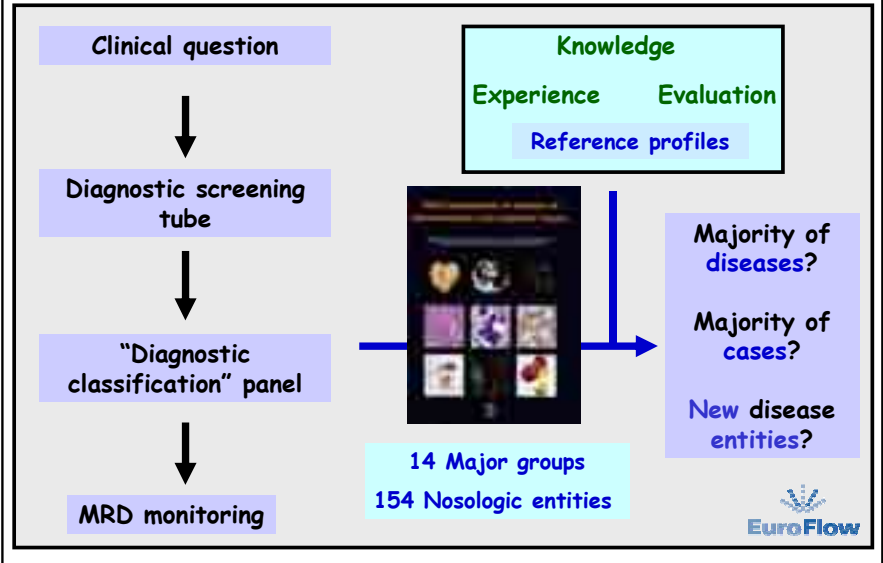
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1st EuroFlow meeting, Salamanca (Spain) April 2006

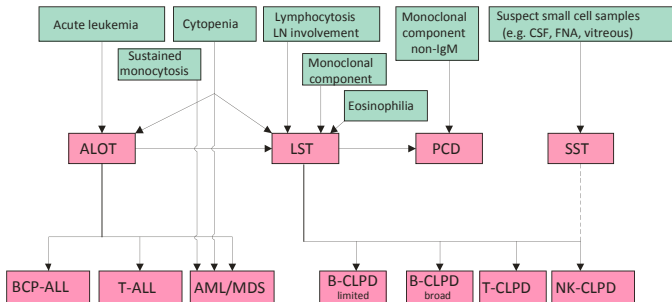
CONSTRUCTION OF EUROFLOW LEUKEMIA/ LYMPHOMA IMMUNOPHENOTYPING ANTIBODY PANEL



THE EUROFLOW APPROACH TO LEUKEMIA/LYMPHOMA IMMUNOPHENOTYPING

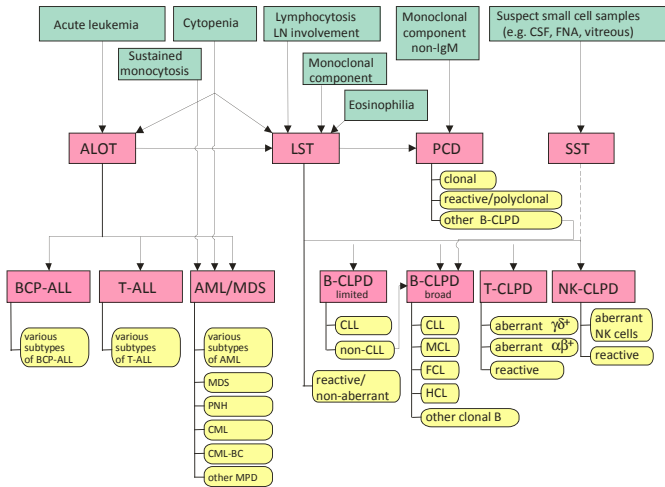


CONSTRUCTION OF EUROFLOW PANELS: MEDICAL INDICATION ENTRIES AND ORIENTATION/SCREENING PANELS



Comprehensive network of panels aimed at the phenotypic diagnosis and characterization of the major WHO entities

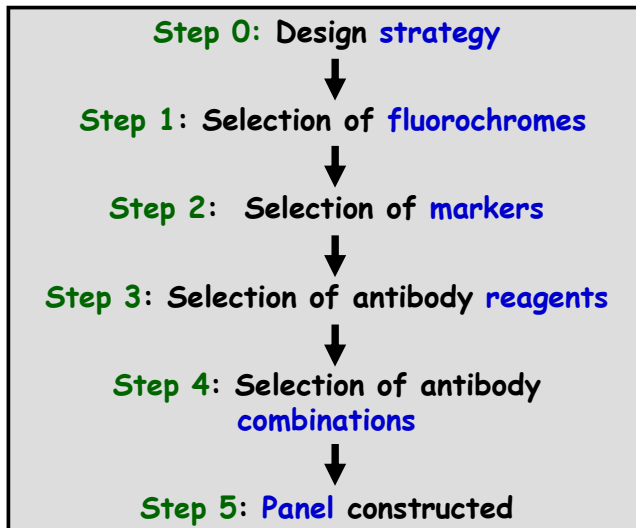
CONSTRUCTION OF EUROFLOW PANELS: MEDICAL INDICATION ORIENTATION/SCREENING & CLASSIFICATION PANELS



Van Dongen et al: EuroFlow antibody panels for standardized n-dimensional flow cytometric immunophenotyping of normal, reactive and malignant leukocytes. To be published in: Leukemia 2011



CONSTRUCTION OF EUROFLOW ANTIBODY PANELS



CONSTRUCTION OF EUROFLOW ANTIBODY PANELS: STRATEGY & TYPE OF MARKERS

• **Backbone markers (2-4 markers required)** for the identification of the cell populations of interest:

- Antibodies placed **in every tube** in a panel
- Essential for simultaneous **evaluation of complete profile** in every cell within a population (*merge-calculation functions*)

• **Characterization markers (> 4 markers/tube)** for detailed immunophenotypic characterization of the cell populations of interest:

- **Lineage** assessment,
- **Maturation** stage,
- **Cytogenetic** subgroups,
- **Aberrant** markers for MRD,
- **Clinical** impact



FLUOROCHROME SELECTION

Initial selection

FL Channel	Laser	Commonly available fluorochromes
1	Violet	Pacific Blue HORIZON V450
2*	Violet	AmCyan Pacific Orange HORIZON V500
3	Blue	FITC Alexa Fluor 488
4	Blue	PE
5	Blue	PE-TxRed
6	Blue	PerCP Cy5.5 PerCP
7	Blue	PE Cy7
8	Red	APC Alexa Fluor 647
9	Red	APC Cy7 APC H7 Alexa Fluor 700

Further comparisons

FL Channel	Laser	Commonly available fluorochromes
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*Alternative new additional fluorochromes currently under evaluation

Responsible scientists: T.Kalina, J.Flores

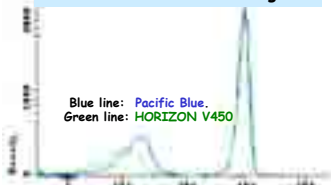


Fluorochrome selection: further comparisons

Laser Channel	Fluorochrome conjugate	MFI*	SI*	Main Overlap	Availability
Violet 1	CD4 Pacific Blue (BD Biosciences)	9,474	61.8	Violet 2 (AmCyan/ Pacific Orange/ Horizon V500)	★
	CD4 HORIZON V450 (BD Biosciences)	9,195	66.6	Violet 2 (AmCyan/ Pacific Orange/ Horizon V500)	★

* Intensity of staining and staining index (SI) obtained for reagents evaluated in normal PB samples (n=5).

Overlay histograms of normal PBL stained with both reagents



Violet 1-A Logical

% FL compensation requirements in other fluorescence channels

Channel	PB	HV450
1	-	-
2	24.5	20
3	0	0
4	0	0
6	0	0
7	0	0
8	0	0
9	0	0

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B-CLPD panel

Backbone markers:

- Should identify all B cells
- Aberrant underexpression of CD19 and/or CD20 frequently observed
- sIgκ/CD37/sIgλ/CD19/CD22/CD20 tested in 151 B-NHL cases

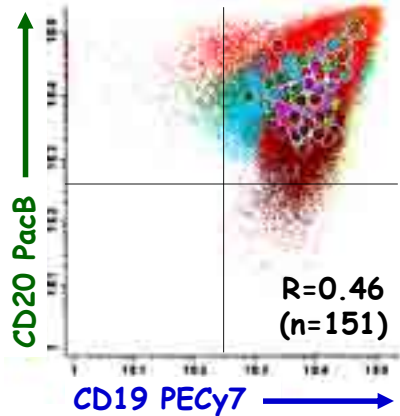
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B-CLPD panel

Backbone markers:

- Should identify all B cells
- Aberrant underexpression of CD19 and/or CD20 frequently observed
- sIgk/CD37/sIgA/CD19/CD22/CD20 tested in 69 B-NHL cases
- **Conclusion:** CD37 & CD22 redundant, as CD20 PacB plus CD19 PE-Cy7 were sufficient to identify all malignant B cells in all cases



Responsible scientist: Sebastian Bottcher



B-CPLD panel

	Pac Blue	Pac Orange	FITC	PE	PerCP- Cy5.5	PECy7	APC	APC-H7
1	CD20	CD45				CD19		
2	CD20	CD45				CD19		
3	CD20	CD45				CD19		
4	CD20	CD45				CD19		
5	CD20	CD45				CD19		

Responsible scientists: Juan Flores and Sebastian Bottcher

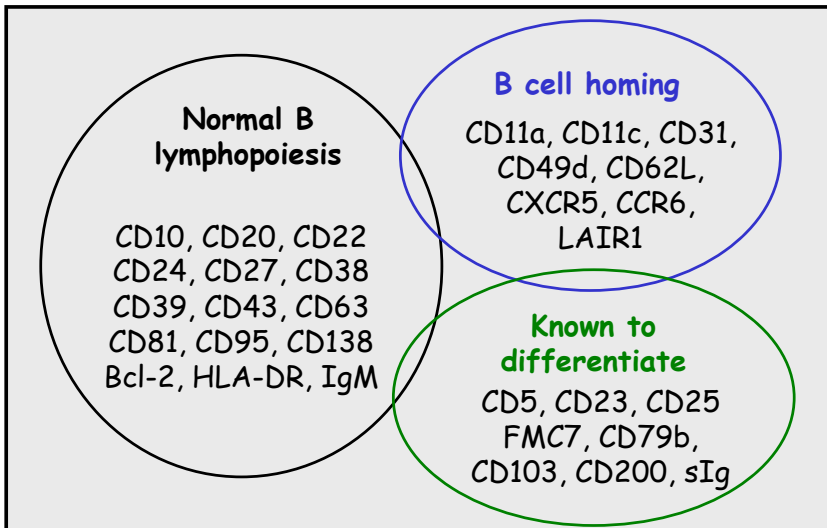


IMMUNOPHENOTYPIC PATTERNS OF DIFFERENT TYPES OF B-CLPD (Orfao et al, In: "B-CLL".Humana Press, 2004)

sIg CD5 CD10 CD20 CD11c CD23 CD24 CD25 CD38 CD43 CD79b CD103 FMC7

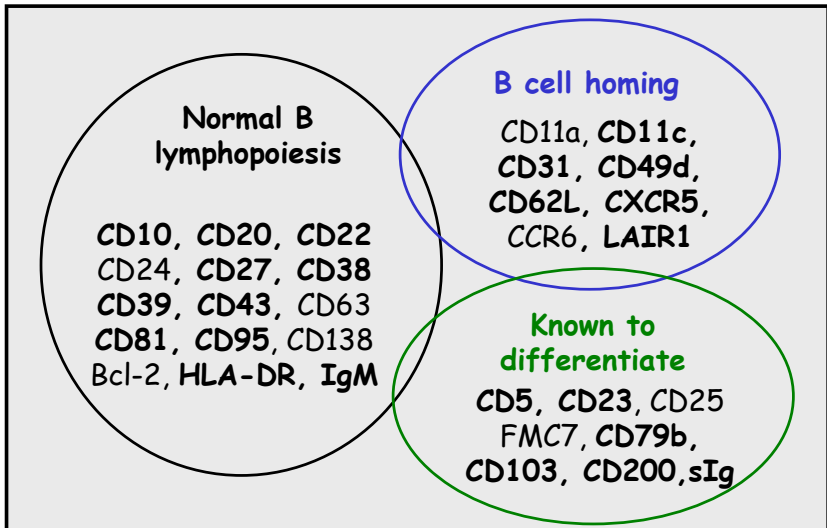
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PLL	+	-/+	-	+	-/+	-/+	+	-/+	-/+	-/+	+	-	+
HCL	+	-	-	++	++	-	-/+	++	-	-	+	+	+
SMZL	+	-/+	-	+	+	-	+	-/+	-	-	+	-/+	+
LPL	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-/+	-	+	-	-/+
MCL	+	+	-	+	-/+	-	+	-/+	-	+	+	-	-/+
FL	+	-	+	+	-/+	-/d	+	-/+	+	-	+	-	+
LDBCL	+	-	-	+	-/+	-	-/+	-	+	-	+	-	+
BL	-/+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	++	-/+	-/+	-	+

Characterization markers



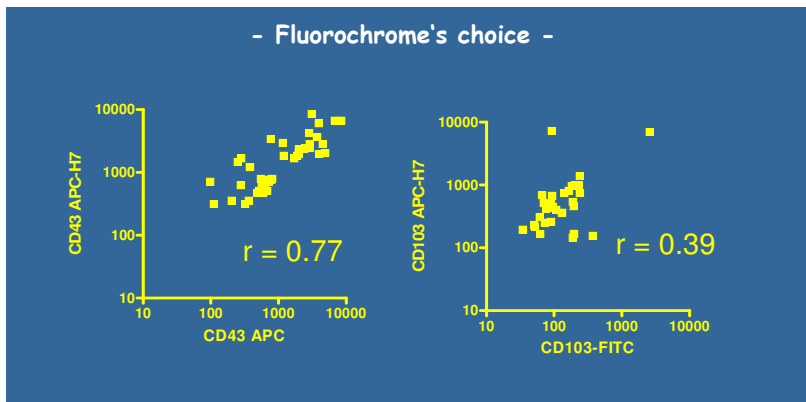
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Characterization markers



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CONSTRUCTION OF EUROFLOW PANELS: FLUOROCHROME CONJUGATES AND ANTIBODY COMBINATIONS



Responsible scientist: Sebastian Bottcher 

BCLPD classification panel

	Pac Blue	Pac Orange	FITC	PE	PerCP-Cy5.5	PECy7	APC	APC-H7
1=LST	CD20 /CD4	CD45	sIgλ /CD8	sIgK /CD56	CD5	CD19 /TCRγδ	CD3	CD38
2	CD20	CD45	CD23	CD10	CD79b	CD19	CD200	CD43
3	CD20	CD45	CD31	LAIR	CD11c	CD19	sIgM	CD81
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5R	CD20	CD45	CD62L	CD39	HLA-DR	CD19	CD27	

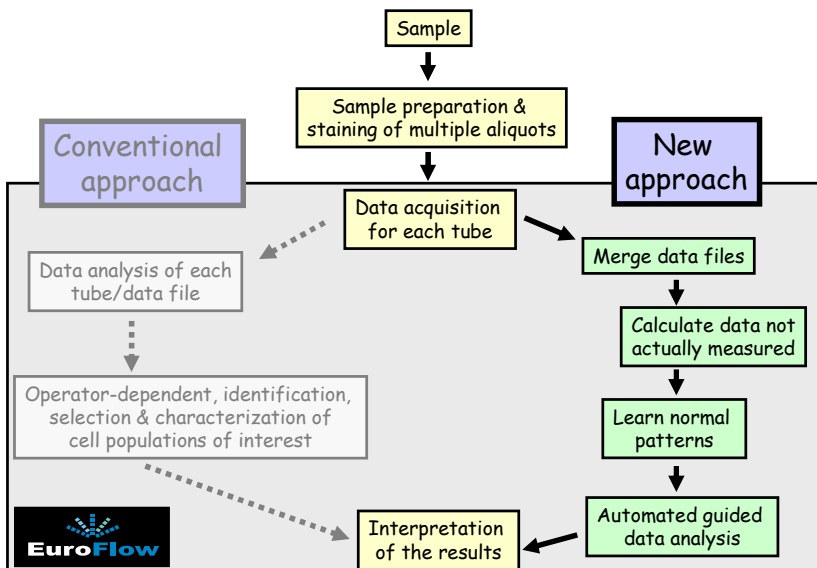
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30-colors flow cytometry !

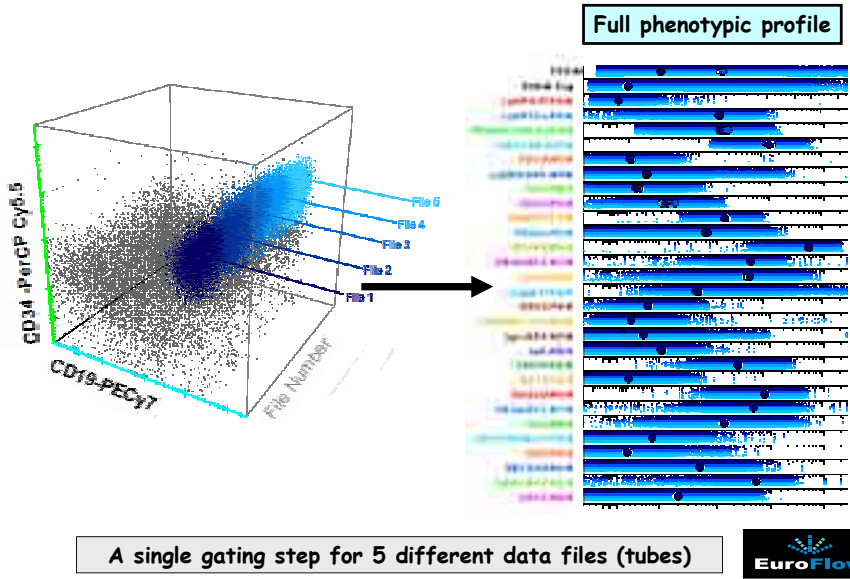
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FLOW CYTOMETRY IMMUNOPHENOTYPING APPROACH

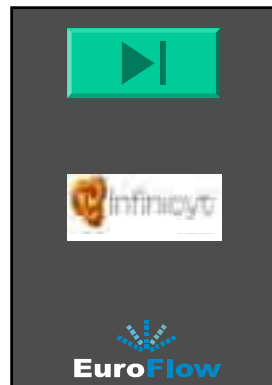


MERGED DATA FILES FOR SINGLE STEP GATING

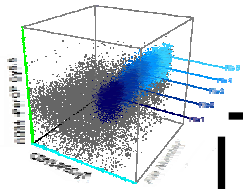


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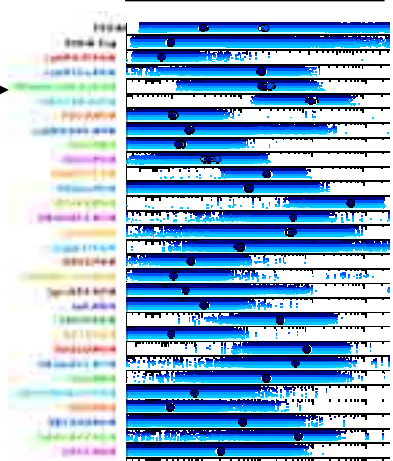
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SSC-HIGHT	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
CD11b-FITC	R								
CD13-PE	R								
CD45-PerCP	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
CD34-APC	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
CD2-FITC		R							
CD56-PE		R							
HLADR-FITC			R	R					
CD117-PE			R						
CD123-PE				R					
CD15-FITC					R				
CD16-PE					R				
CD22-FITC						R			
CD25-PE						R			
CD65-FITC							R		
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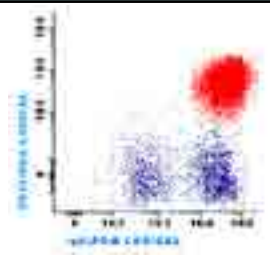
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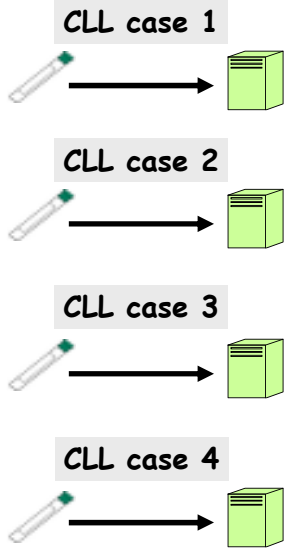
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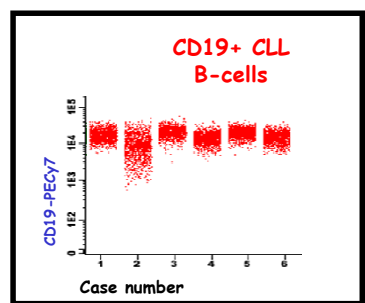
Impossible phenotypic profile



REFERENCE DATAFILES FOR CLL B-CELLS



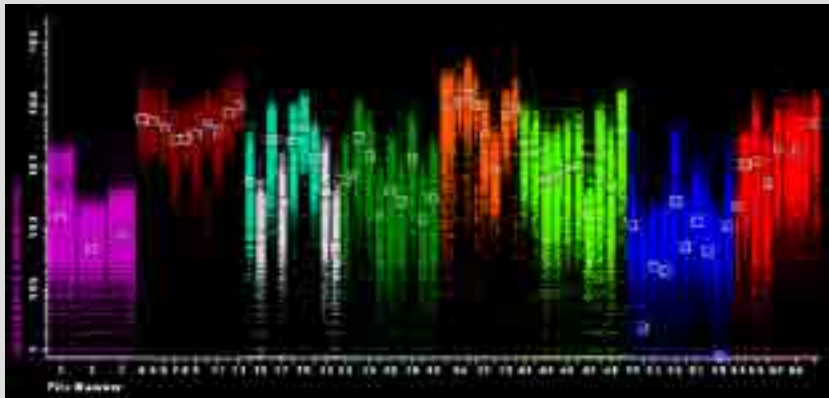
Merge Calculated Data files



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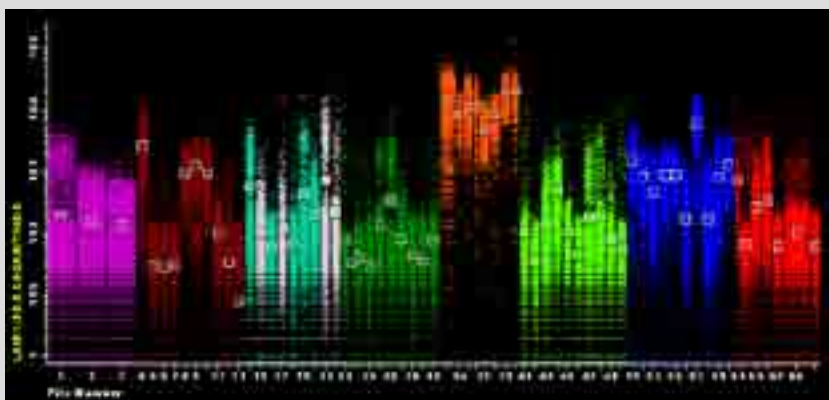


BL CLL DLBCL FL HCL LPL MCL MZL

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Characterization markers: LAIR1(CD305)

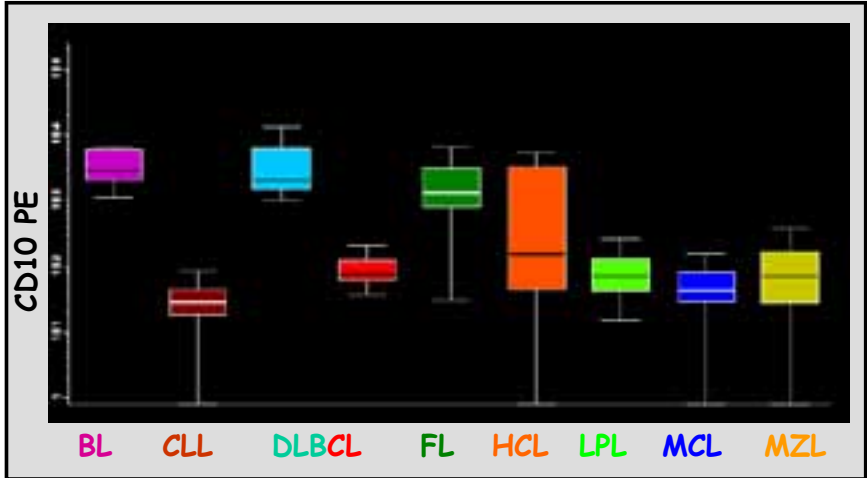


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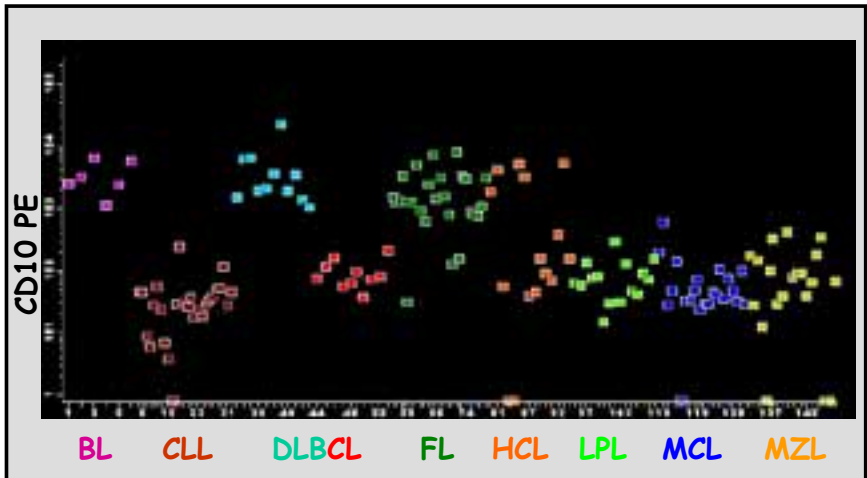
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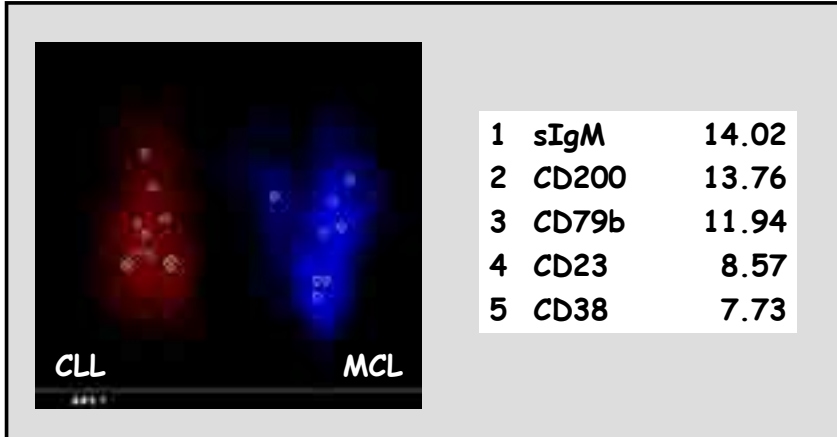
Characterization markers: CD10



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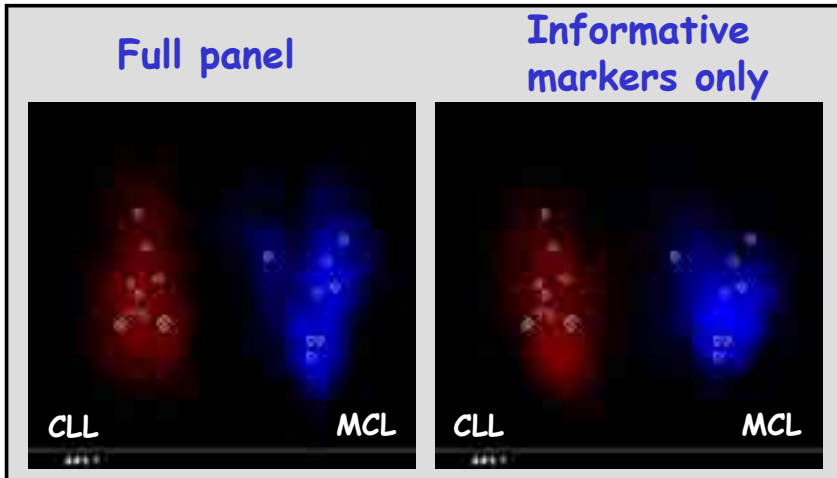
B-CLPD panel: clinical utility



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B-CLPD panel: modular design



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BCLPD classification panel: modular design

Full panel



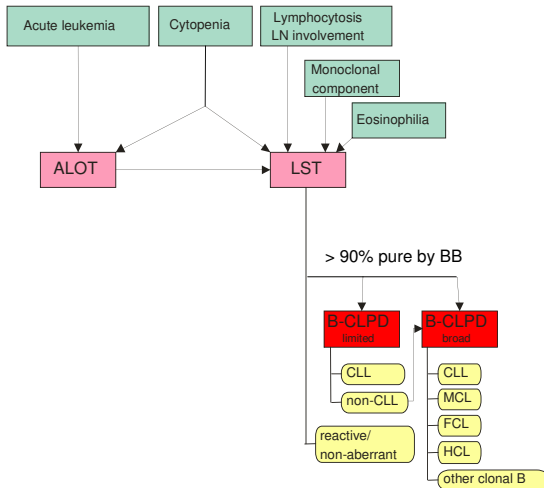
Tubes 1 & 2 only



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B-CLPD: Diagnostic work-flow



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EuroFlow B-CLPD panel: summary

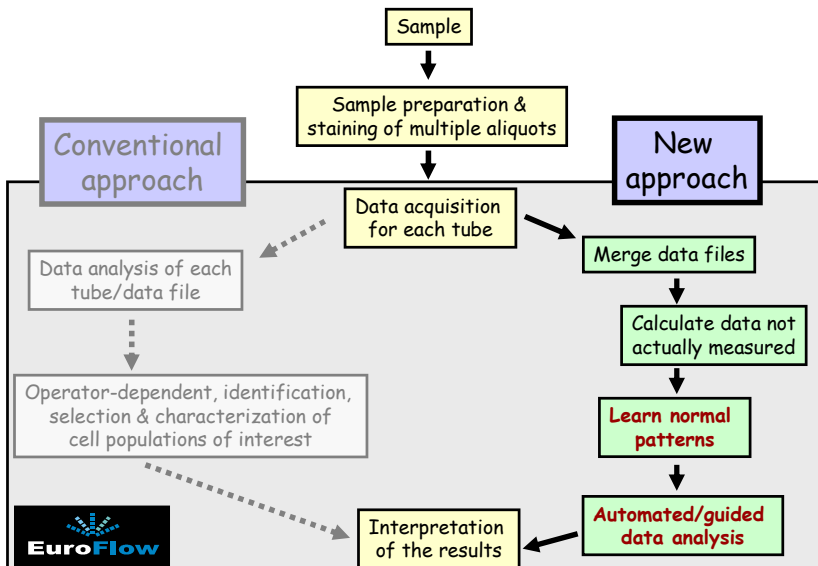
- B-CLPD panel allows **unequivocal classification** of most mature B-cell malignancies according to WHO
- Most differential diagnoses achieved (n=32/36) efficiently except for the following 1 vs 1 comparisons:

FL vs DLBC
MZL vs LPL
LPL vs DLBCL
MZL vs DLBCL

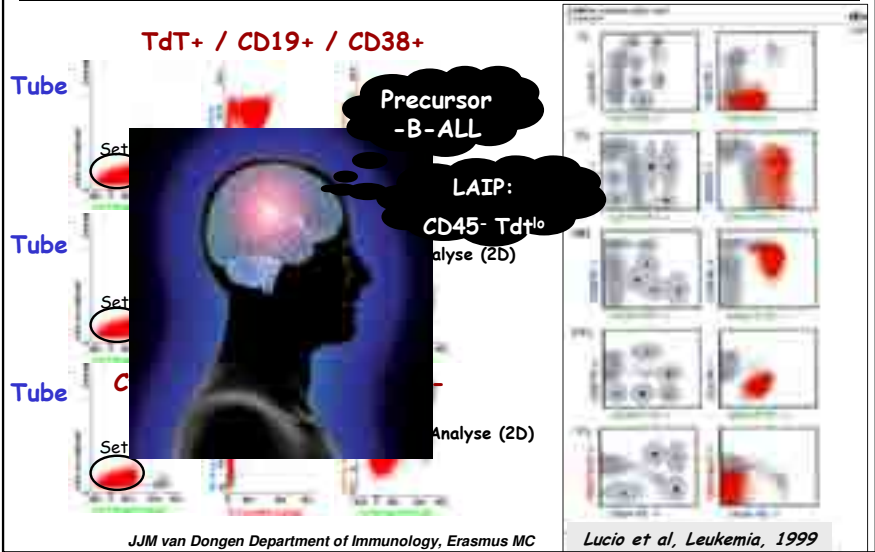
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FLOW CYTOMETRY IMMUNOPHENOTYPING APPROACH



Identification of leukemia-associated immunophenotypes



CLINICAL APPLICATIONS OF FLOW CYTOMETRY

Microscopy

Flow cytometry

70s-90s

Hybridoma technology
Monoclonal antibodies
Fluorochrome-conjugates

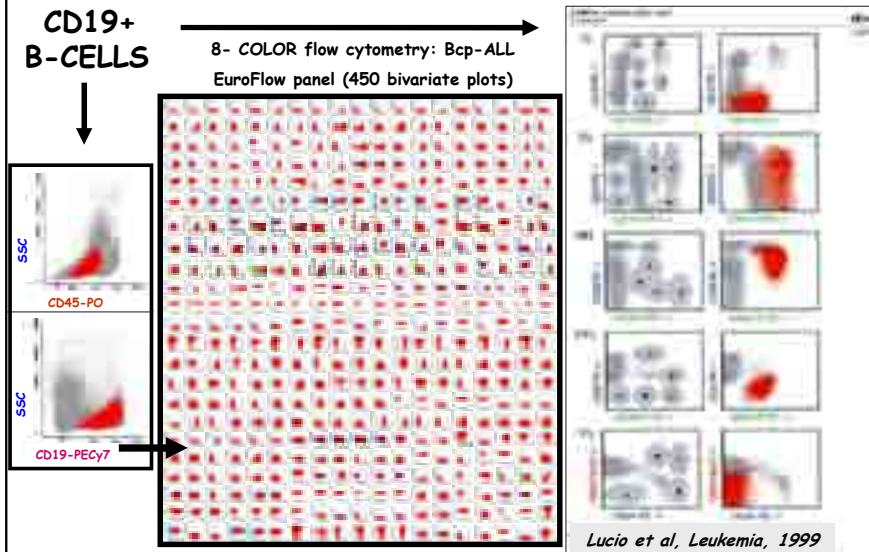
From research laboratories to clinical diagnostics

XXI century

Digital instruments
>4 color flow cytometers
Higher analytical speed

Exponentially growing amount of complex information/data

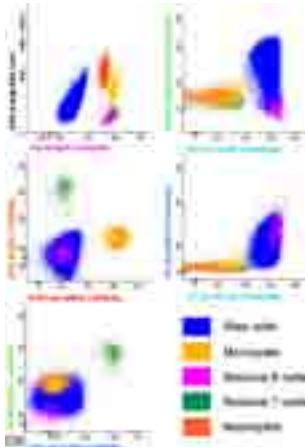
IMMUNOPHENOTYPIC CHARACTERISTICS OF NORMAL vs LEUKEMIC B-CELLS



HOW TO SIMPLIFY DATA ANALYSIS

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ALOT: B-cell precursor ALL



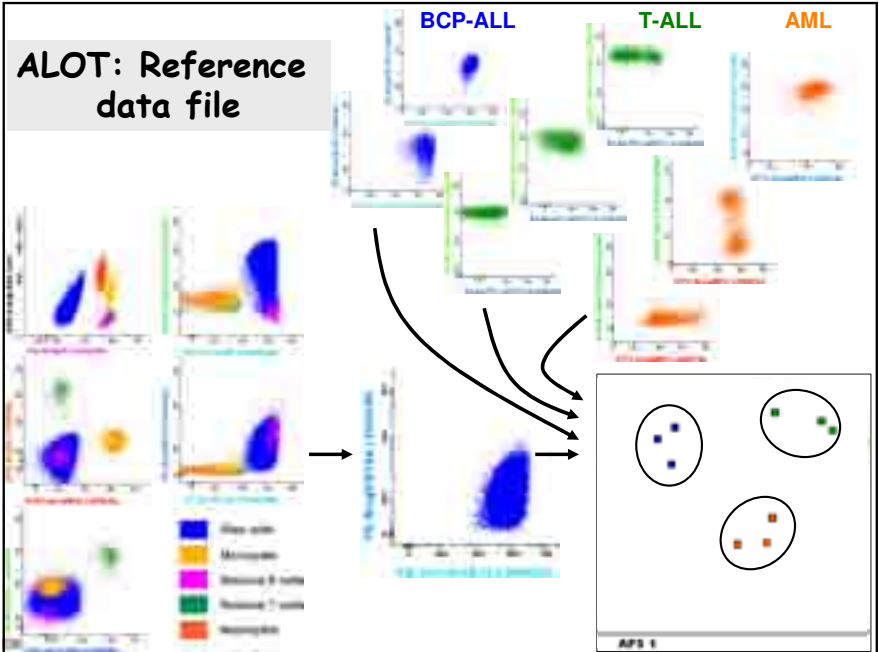
BM stained with
ALOT 8-color tube

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CD7
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CyCD79a
CyMPO
CD45
CD34

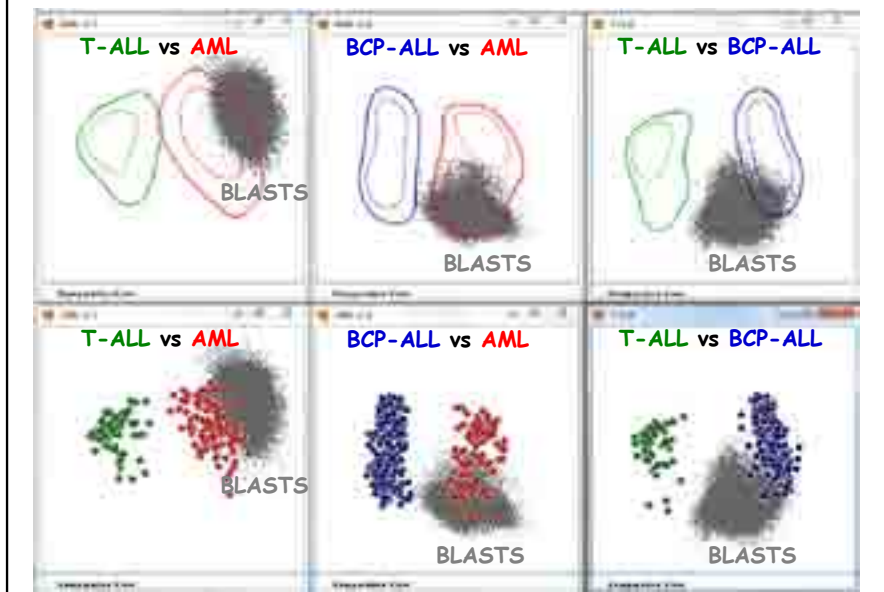
Responsible scientist: Ludovic Lhermitte



ALOT: Reference data file



ALOT: REFERENCE DATA FILES FOR IMMUNOPHENOTYPIC CLASSIFICATION OF BLASTS



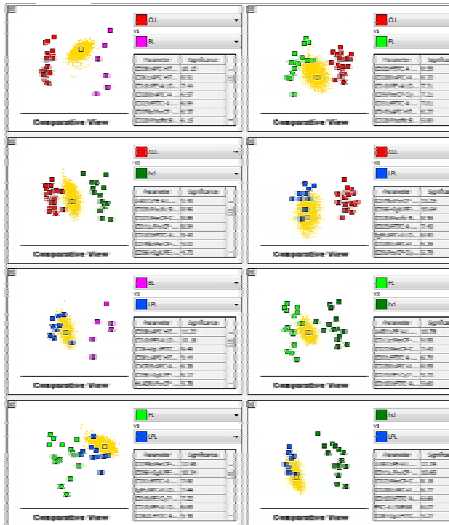
BCLPD panel: classification of an atypical case vs the reference WHO diagnostic groups



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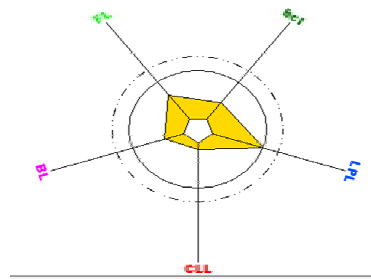
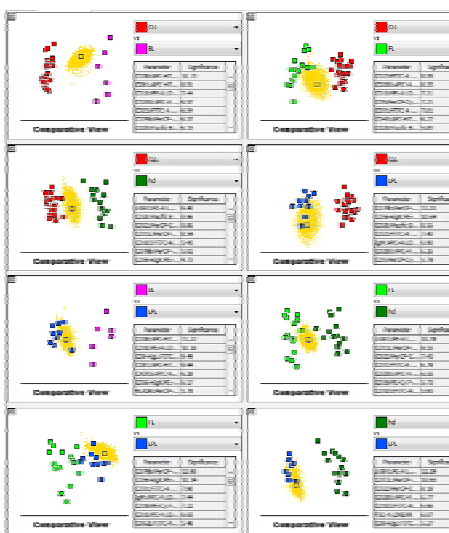
B-CLPD: Comparative analysis of "our case" vs multiple reference groups



Responsible scientists: Sebastian Bottcher

Costa et al, Leukemia, 2010

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DEVELOPMENT OF 8-COLOR EUROFLOW MRD ANTIBODY PANELS



Single-tube antibody EuroFlow MRD protocols under evaluation

1. Acute leukemias (include recognition of normal precursors)

- Acute myeloid leukemia panel (AML-MRD): 1 tube (M. Cullen)
- B-cell precursor (BCP-ALL-MRD): 1 tube (V. van der Velden, E. Mejstrikova)
- T-cell ALL (T-ALL-MRD): 1 tube (V. Asnafi)

2. Chronic lymphoproliferative disorders

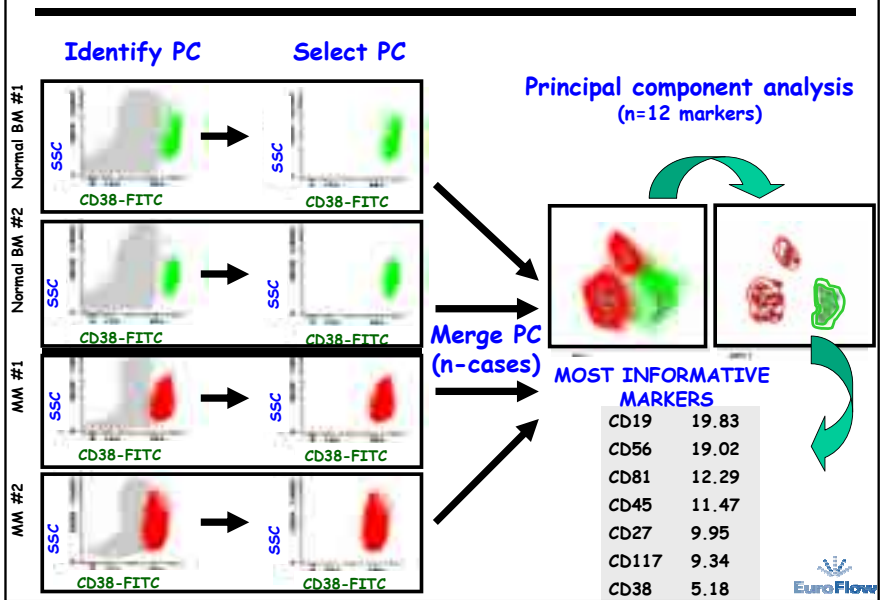
- Chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL-MRD): 1 tube (L. Lhermitte)
- Hairy cell leukemia (HCL-MRD): 1 tube (E. Mcentyre)
- Mantle cell lymphoma (MCL-MRD): 1 tube (S. Böttcher)
- Follicular lymphoma (FL-MRD): 1 tube (S. Böttcher)
- Marginal zone lymphoma (MZL-MRD): 1 tube (R. de Tute)
- Lymphoplasmacytic lymphoma (LPL-MRD): 1 tube (R de Tute)
- Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma (DLBCL-MRD): 1 tube (P. Lucio)
- Burkitt lymphoma (BL): 1 tube (R. de Tute)
- T-chronic lymphoproliferative diseases (T-CLPD-MRD): 1 tube (J. Almeida)
- Multiple myeloma (MM): 1 tube (J. Flores)



HOW TO SIMPLIFY MRD STRATEGIES

- Improve the design of MRD panels for a greater efficiency and higher reproducibility.
- **Construct reference data files for normal and neoplastic cells** (e.g.: per disease category)
- **Multi-n-dimensional comparison of normal vs neoplastic cell populations** (e.g.: at diagnosis and follow-up):
 - Automated PCA-guided approach for homogeneous cell populations (e.g. lymphoid)
 - Maturation tools for heterogeneous cell populations (e.g. myeloid)

CONSTRUCTION OF EuroFlow MRD PANELS: MM



Aim of Euroflow MRD approach for B-CLPD

- To find a marker combination to **discriminate all neoplastic B-cells in every B-CLPD case** vs all normal/reactive PB and BM mature B-cells/hematogones

NOT an individualized approach *per patient*



the approach should **work without** knowledge of the exact **initial immunophenotype**

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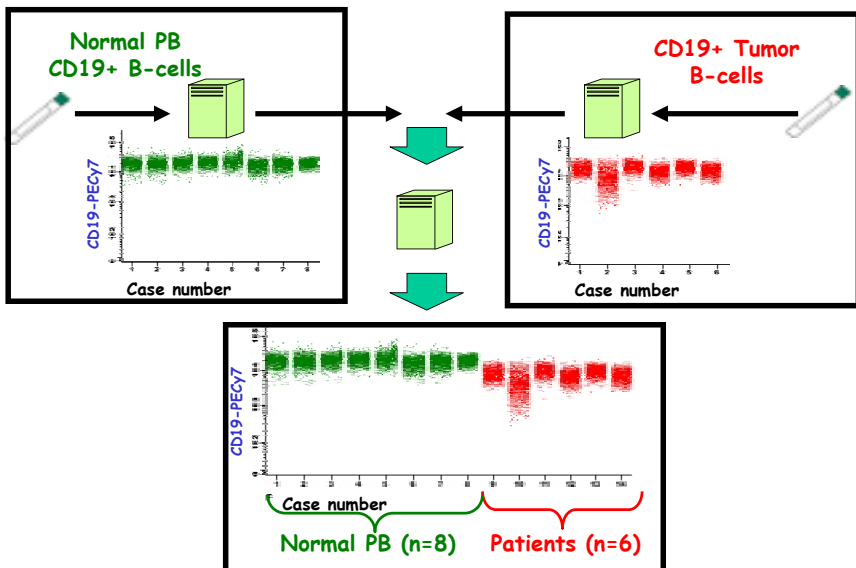
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30-colors flow cytometry !

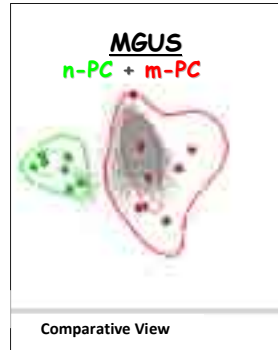
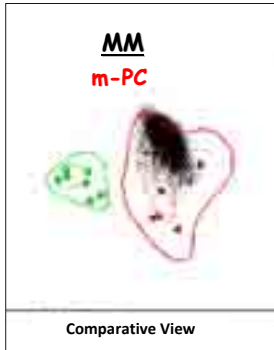
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REFERENCE DATAFILES: NORMAL vs Tumor B-CELLS



Automated classification of normal vs malignant plasma cells in MM, healthy donors and MGUS



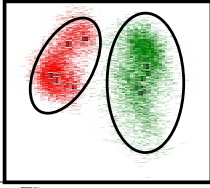
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COMPARE A CASE VS NORMAL & NEOPLASTIC B-CELLS



REFERENCE DATA FILES

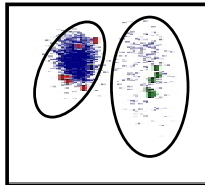
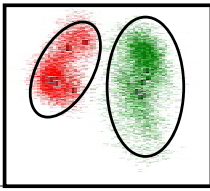


COMPARE A CASE VS NORMAL & NEOPLASTIC B-CELLS



REFERENCE DATA FILES

DIAGNOSTIC SAMPLES
vs.
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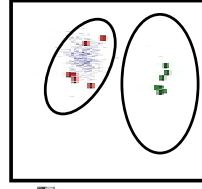
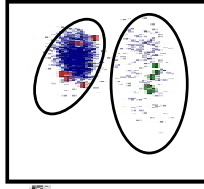
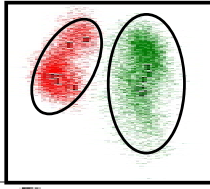


COMPARE A CASE VS NORMAL & NEOPLASTIC B-CELLS

REFERENCE DATA FILES

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COMPARE A CASE VS NORMAL & NEOPLASTIC B-CELLS

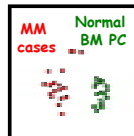
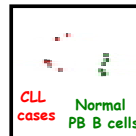
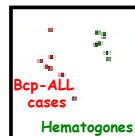
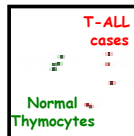
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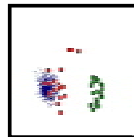
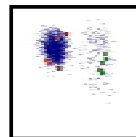
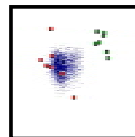
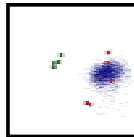
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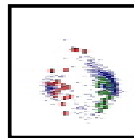
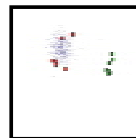
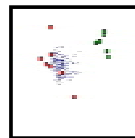
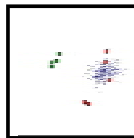
Reference data files



Diagnostic samples
vs.
Reference data files

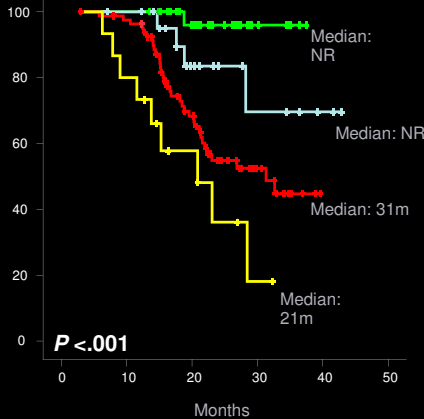


MRD samples
vs.
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Impact on PFS of the depth of response after induction therapy (n=153)

PFS



MRD negative	97% at 3y
CR (IFx-)	70% at 3y
nCR + PR	45% at 3y
MR or SD	0% at 3y

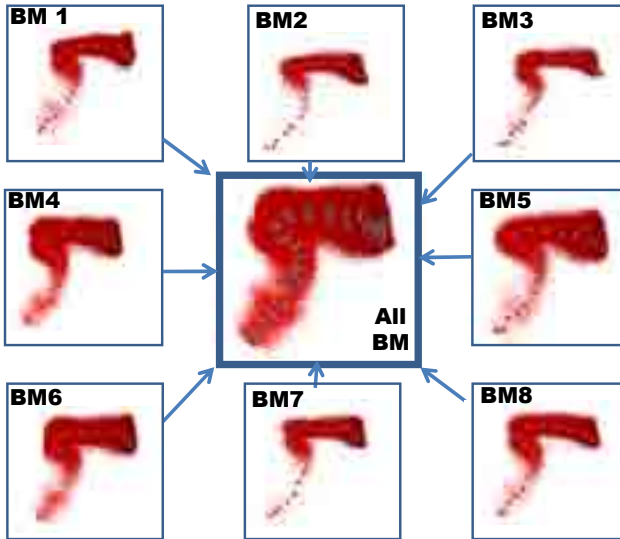
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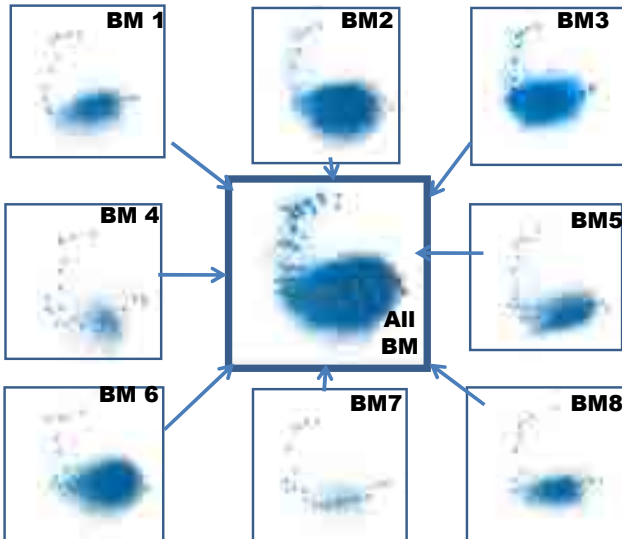
HOW TO SIMPLIFY DATA ANALYSIS

- Improve the design of antibody panels for a greater efficiency and higher reproducibility.
- Construct reference data files for normal and pathologic cell populations (e.g.: per disease category)
- Multi-n-dimensional comparison of normal vs pathologic cell populations (e.g.: at diagnosis and follow-up):
 - Automated PCA-guided approach for homogeneous cell populations (e.g. Blood lymphocyte subsets)
 - Maturation tools for heterogeneous cell populations (e.g. Maturing BM B-cell precursors)

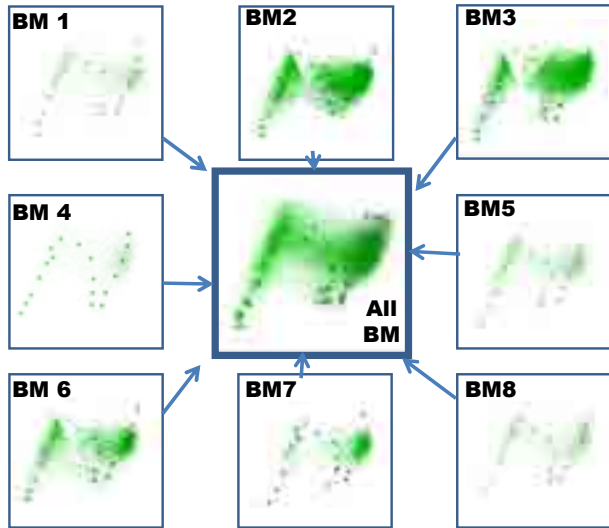
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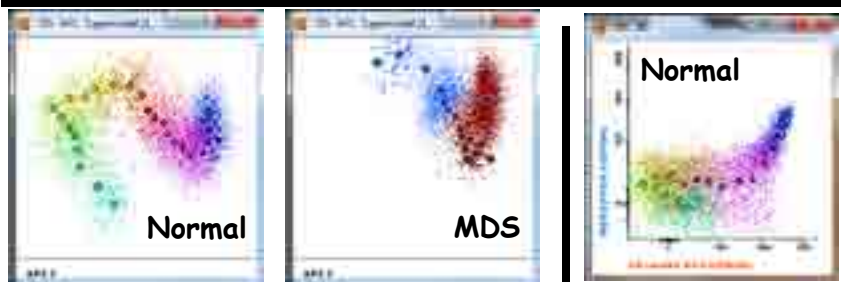
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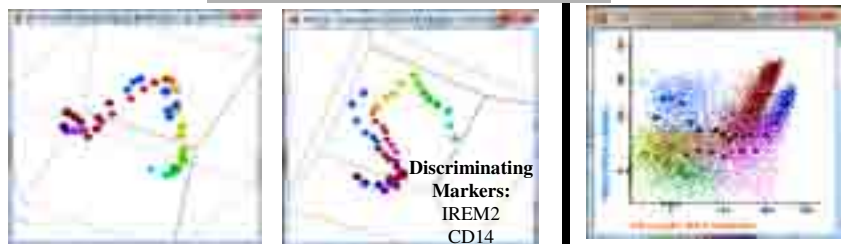
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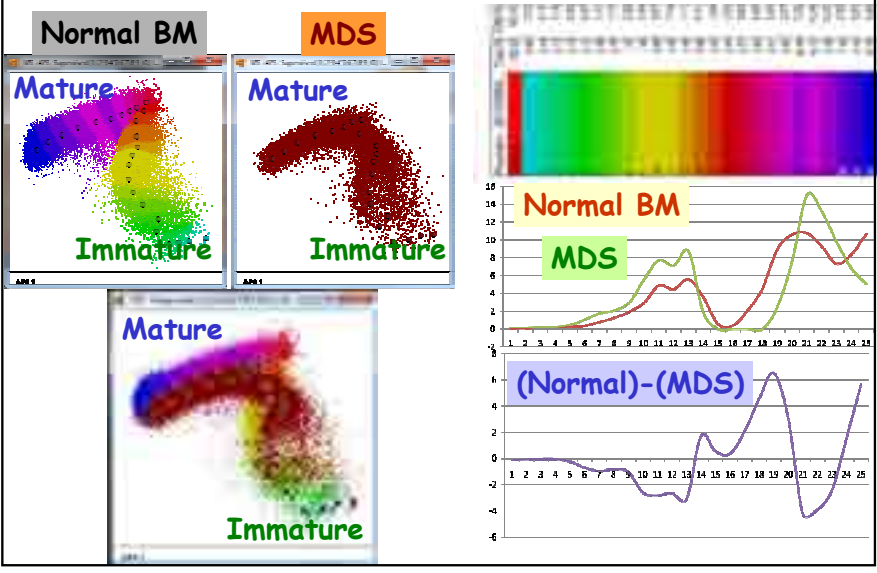
NEUTROPHIL MATURATION IN NORMAL VS MDS BM



NORMAL + MDS OVERLAY



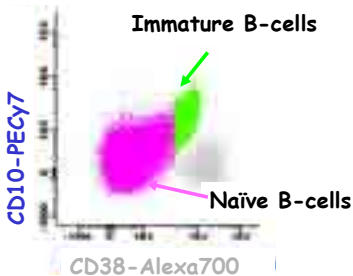
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CIRCULATING NORMAL PB B-CELL COMPARTMENTS

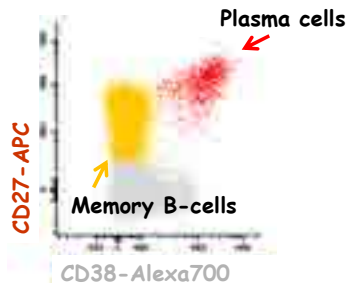
PRE-GC PB B-CELLS

Immature + naïve sIgM non-SHM B-cells in human PB.



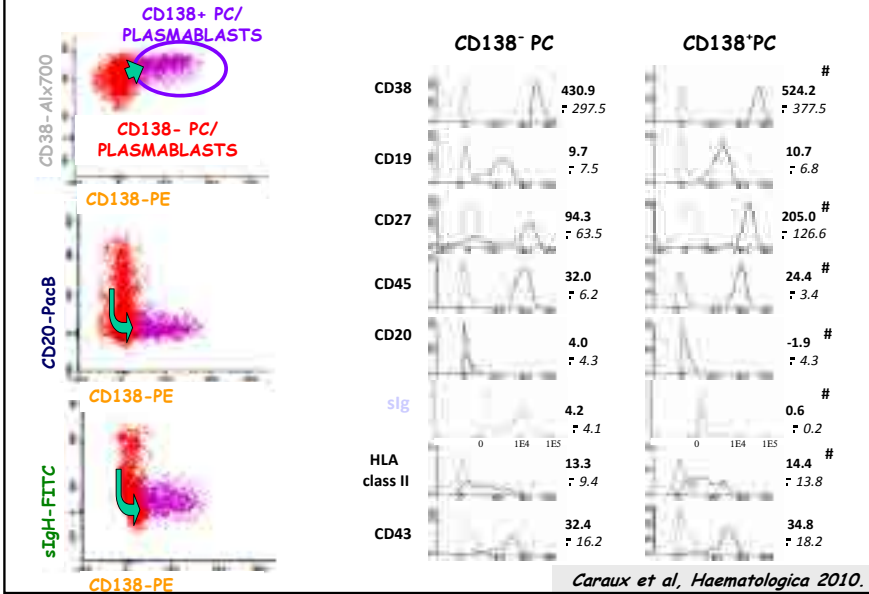
POST-GC CD27 PB B-CELLS

CD27⁺ human PB B-cells include CD38⁻ memory B-cells & CD38^{hi} PC

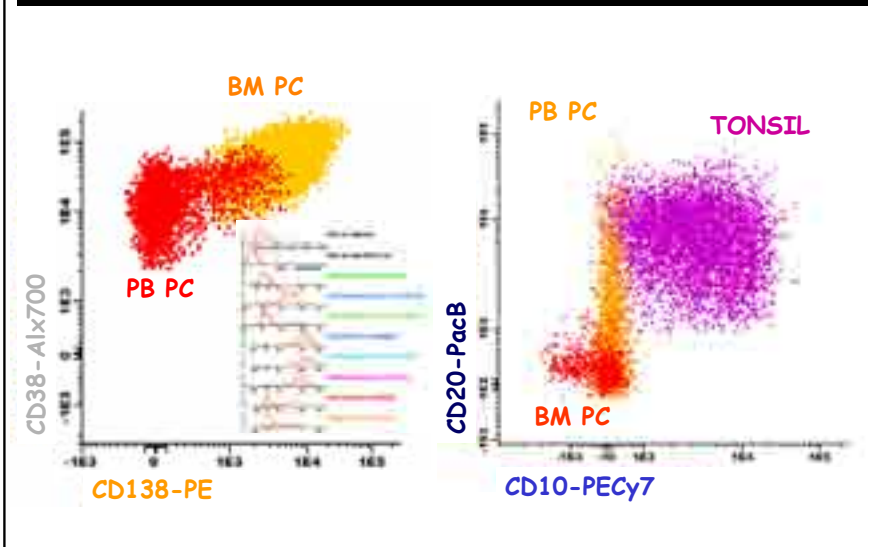


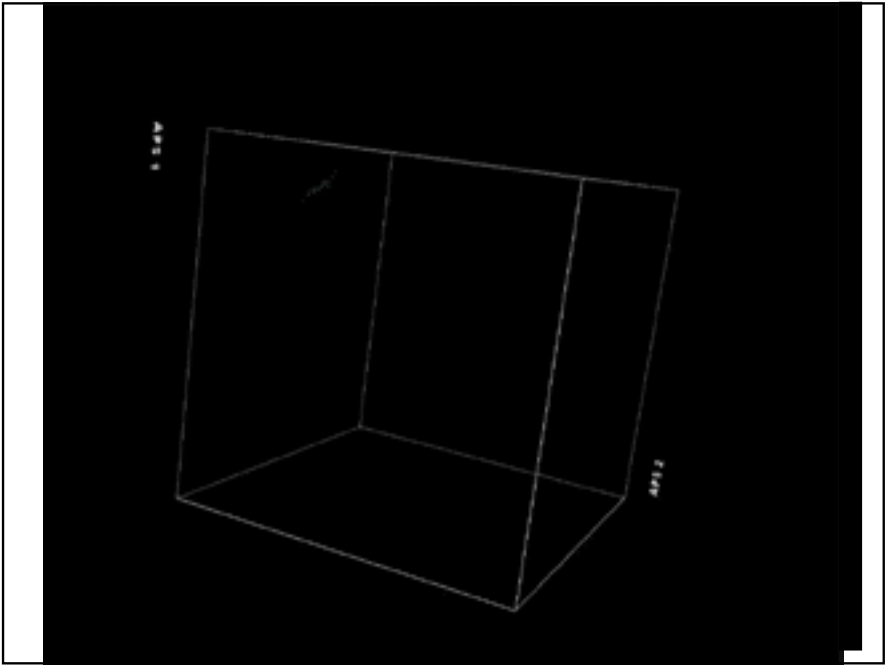
Sims et al, Blood 2005; Lee et al J. Immunol 2009 Klein et al, J Exp Med 1998; Tangye et al, J Exp Med 1998

CIRCULATING PB PLASMABLASTS/PLASMA CELLS



IMMUNOPHENOTYPIC PROFILE OF PB vs BM PLASMABLASTS/ PLASMA CELLS

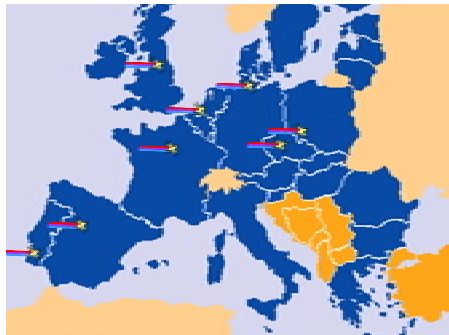




UTILITY OF THE NEW SOFTWARE TOOLS

Standardization of FCM immunophenotyping

- How to get **optimal** and **comparable measurements**?
- Which are the most appropriate **fluorochromes**?
- What is the optimal **sample preparation protocol**?



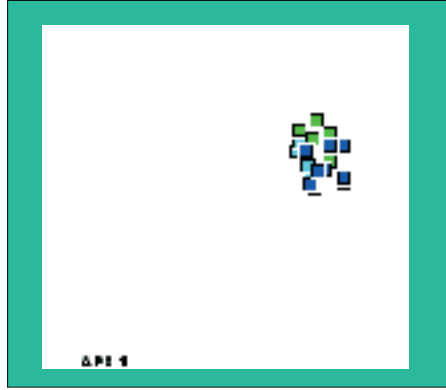
REPRODUCIBLE & OBJECTIVE RESULTS



Results of standardized experiments

EuroFlow Panel for Plasma Cell Disorders: Can we identify the center?

Normal BM PC from 24 samples from different centres,
acquired over a one year period.



Which problems are we facing?

- Many reagents (costly and complex)
- Need expertise (reference profiles)
- Time consuming
- Technical limitations
- Many (my) strategies (suboptimal)
- Not standardized (reproducible?)
- Limited clinical utility

Which are we solving?

- No redundancy
- Computer expertise
- Fast
- Real multi-D FCM
- Harmonized
- Reproducible
- Higher clinical utility

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