## Eppur si muove...

## La terapia nel MONDO LINFOMI

Linfoma diffuso a grandi cellule B: ottimizzazione diagnostica

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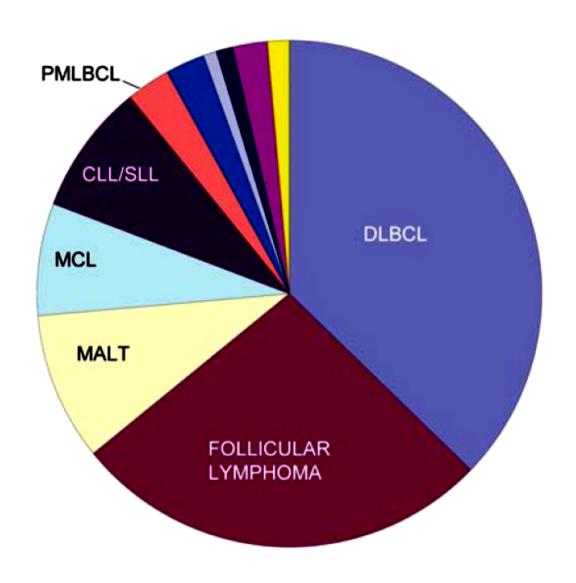




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- Diffuse large B-cell 37%
- Follicular 29%
- MALT lymphoma 9%
- Mantle cell lymphoma 7%
- CLL/SLL 12%
- Primary med large B-cell 3%
- High Grade B, NOS 2.5%
- Burkitt 0.8%
- Splenic marginal zone 0.9%
- Nodal marginal zone 2%
- Lymphoplasmacytic 1.4%

#### Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma: variants, subgroups and subtypes/entities

### Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma, noth otherwise specified (NOS)

Common morphologic variants

Centroblastic

Immunoblastic

Anaplastic

Other rare variants

Molecular subgroups

Germinal centre B-cell-like (GCB)

Activated B-cell-like (ABC)

### Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma subtypes

T-cell/histiocyte-rich large B-cell lymphoma

Primary DLBCL of the CNS

Primary cutaneous DLBCL, leg type

**EBV-positive DLBCL, NOS** 

Large B-cell lymphoma with IRF4 rearrangements\*

#### Other lymphomas of large B-cells

Primary mediastinal (thymic) large B-cell lymphoma

Intravascular large B-cell lymphoma

DLBCL associated with chronic inflammation

Lymphomatoid granulomatosis

ALK-positive large B-cell lymphoma

Plasmablastic lymphoma

HHV-8-positive DLBCL, NOS

Primary effusion lymphoma

### New provisional categories

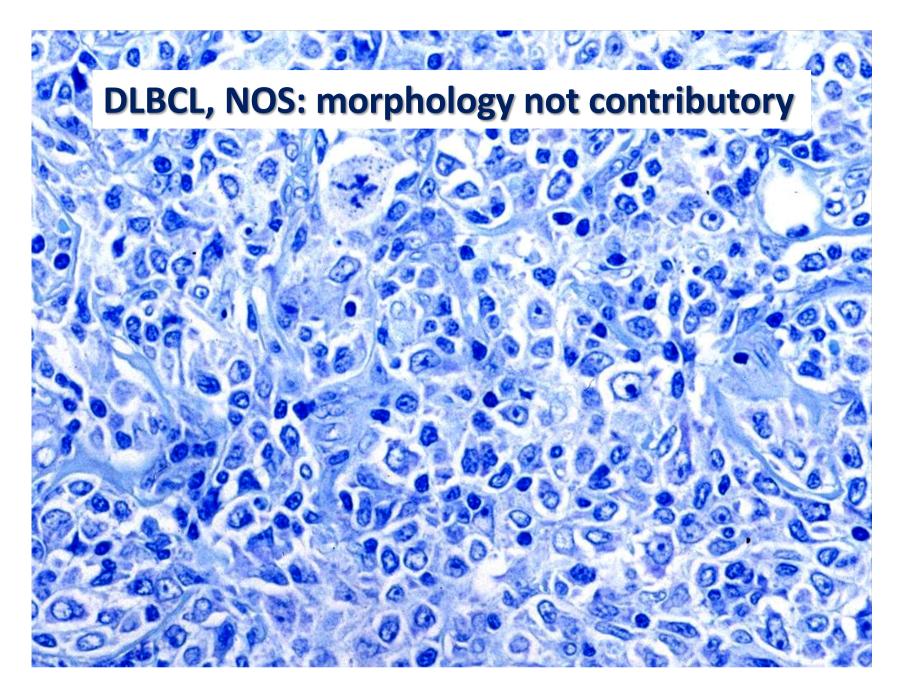
High grade B-cell lymphoma

High grade B-cell lymphoma, with BCL2 and/or BCL6 and MYC rearrangements

High grade B-cell lymphoma, NOS

Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma (DLBCL), not otherwise specified (NOS) Germinal center B-cell subtype Activated B-cell subtype Large B-cell lymphoma with 11q aberration 

◆ Nodular lymphocyte predominant B-cell lymphoma\* T cell/histiocyte-rich large B-cell lymphoma Primary DLBCL of the central nervous system Primary DLBCL of the testis\* Primary cutaneous DLBCL, leg type Intravascular large B-cell lymphoma HHV-8 and EBV-negative primary effusion-based lymphoma\* EBV-positive mucocutaneous ulcer\* EBV-positive DLBCL, NOS DLBCL associated with chronic inflammation Fibrin-associated DLBCL Lymphomatoid granulomatosis EBV-positive polymorphic B-cell lymphoproliferative disorder, NOS\* ALK-positive large B-cell lymphoma Plasmablastic lymphoma HHV8-associated lymphoproliferative disorders Multicentric Castleman disease HHV8-positive germinotropic lymphoproliferative disorder HHV8-positive DLBCL, NOS Primary effusion lymphoma Burkitt lymphoma High-grade B-cell lymphoma, with MYC and BCL2 rearrangements  $\leftarrow$ High-grade B-cell lymphoma with MYC and BCL6 rearrangements\* High-grade B-cell lymphoma, NOS Primary mediastinal large B-cell lymphoma Mediastinal gray-zone lymphoma

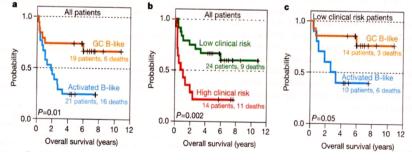


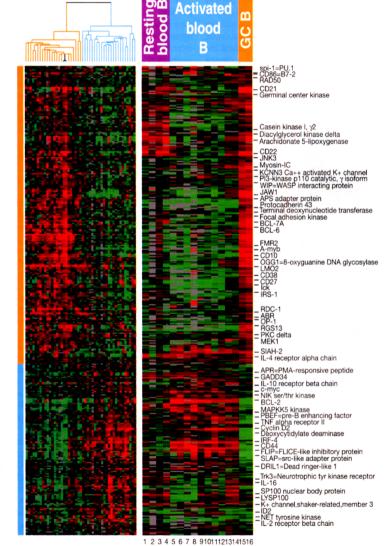
## Front-MIND

### Distinct types of diffuse large B-cell lymphoma identified by gene expression profiling

Alizadeh AA et al.

Nature 2000, 403: 503-11





## **Original limitation:**

need for fresh or frozen tissue, available in only a few patients!

Ideally, tool to apply to FFPE samples!

## Gene-expression profiling and not immunophenotypic algorithms predicts prognosis in patients with diffuse large B-cell lymphoma treated with immunochemotherapy

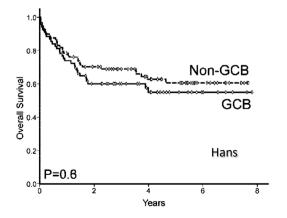
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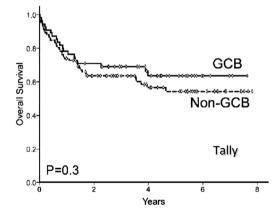
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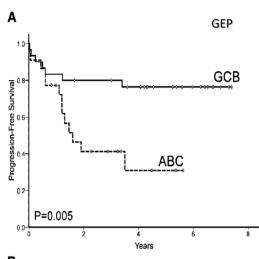
Diffuse large B-cell lymphomas (DLBCLs) can be divided into germinal-center B cell-like (GCB) and activated-B cell-like (ABC) subtypes by gene-expression profiling (GEP), with the latter showing a poorer outcome. Although this classification can be mimicked by different immunostaining algorithms, their reliability is the object of controversy. We constructed tissue microarrays with samples of 157 DLBCL patients homogeneously treated with immunochemotherapy to apply the following algorithms:

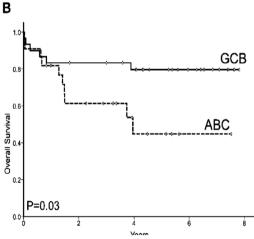
Colomo (MUM1/IRF4, CD10, and BCL6 antigens), Hans (CD10, BCL6, and MUM1/IRF4), Muris (CD10 and MUM1/IRF4 plus BCL2), Choi (GCET1, MUM1/IRF4, CD10, FOXP1, and BCL6), and Tally (CD10, GCET1, MUM1/IRF4, FOXP1, and LMO2). GEP information was available in 62 cases. The proportion of misclassified cases by immunohistochemistry compared with GEP was higher when defining the GCB subset: 41%, 48%, 30%, 60%, and 40% for Colomo, Hans, Muris, Choi,

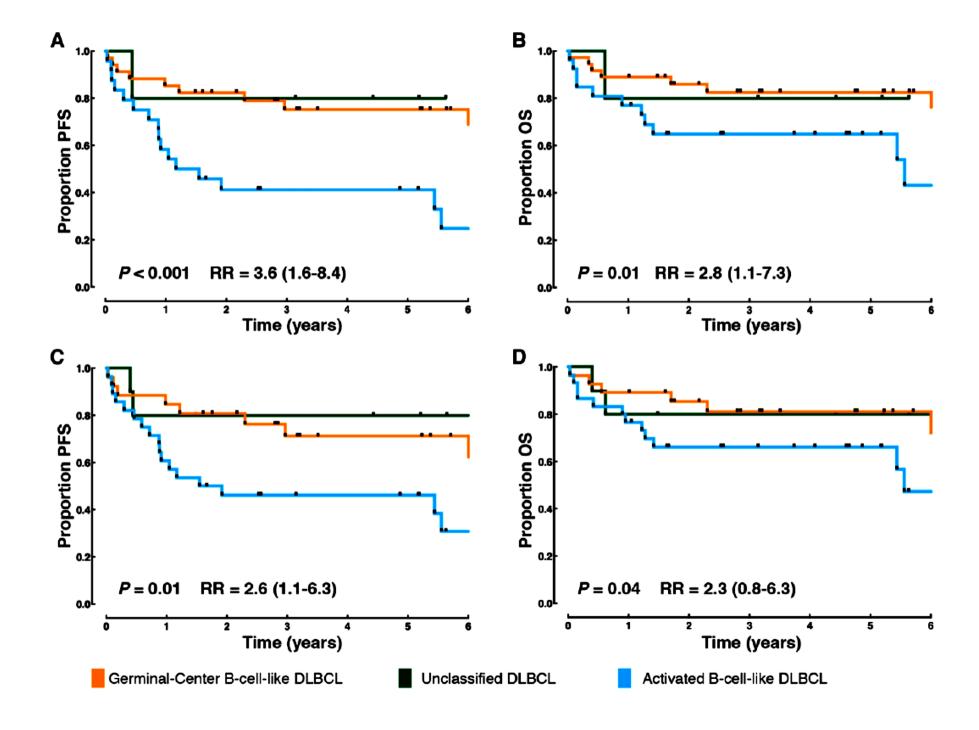
and Tally, respectively. Whereas the GEP groups showed significantly different 5-year progression-free survival (76% vs 31% for GCB and activated DLBCL) and overall survival (80% vs 45%), none of the immunostaining algorithms was able to retain the prognostic impact of the groups (GCB vs non-GCB). In conclusion, stratification based on immunostaining algorithms should be used with caution in guiding therapy, even in clinical trials. (*Blood.* 2011;117(18):4836-4843)













### **Targeted Digital Gene Expression Profiling**

AEBP1

COL1A1

COL1A2

COL3A1

COL4A1 COL5A2

COL6A3

CTHRC1

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NM_001302826.1	CYB5R	1713	276
NM_003929.2	RAB7L1	3324	203
NM_174908.3	CCDC50	8421	306
NM_015361.3	R3HDM1	4722	1099
NM_017706.4	WDR55	2580	383
NM_020701.3	ISY1	3778	285
NM_014607.3	UBXN4	4018	508
NM_030961.2	TRIM56	4723	755
NM_000902.3	MME	5643	750
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NM 001080416.3	MYBL1	5192	752
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26-gene-panel for COO & key-genes Haematologica, 2020

50-gene-panel for microenvironment Ann Oncol, 2018

MFrelated genes

DC-

related

genes

CD4+ T

cell-

related

genes

CTSK Cathensin K EGR1 Early growth response 1 FN1 Fibronectin 1 FSTL1 Follistatin like 1 **GPNMB** LAMB1 Laminin subunit beta 1 LUM MFAP2 Microfibrillar associated protein 2 MMP2 Matrix metallopeptidase 2 Mannose receptor, C type 2 Matrix-Remodelling Associated 5 MXRA5 PCOLCE Procollagen C-endopeptidase enhancer PLOD2 Procollagen-lysine, 2-oxoglutarate 5-dioxygenase 2 Periostin, osteoblast specific factor POSTN Secreted protein acidic and cysteine rich Sulfatase 1 SIII F1 Transforming growth factor beta induced Activated leukocyte cell adhesion molecule ALCAM Adhesion molecule, interacts with CXADR antigen 1 AMICA1 CD300 molecule-like family member F CD300LF Collagen, type IV, alpha 2 COL4A2 Immunoglobulin superfamily, member 6 IGSF6 **MyoD Family Inhibitor Domain Containing** MDFIC Purinergic receptor P2Y, G-protein coupled, 14 P2RY14 Solute carrier family 29 (nucleoside transporters), member SLC29A3 Solute carrier family 2 (facilitated glucose transporter), SLC2A3 CTSZ Heparan Sulfate-Glucosamine 3-Sulfotransferase 3A1 HS3ST3A1 РМРСВ Peptidase, Mitochondrial Processing Beta Subunit RAB27A, Member RAS Oncogene Family RAB27A SMAD Family Member 1

Actin, alpha 2, smooth muscle

AE binding protein 1

Collagen type I alpha 1

Collagen type I alpha 2

Collagen type III alpha 1

Collagen type V alpha 2

Collagen type VI alpha 3

Collagen triple helix repeat containing 1

GENES

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# A 3-gene signature based on MYC, BCL-2 and NFKBIA improves risk stratification in diffuse large B-cell lymphoma

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## 224 DLBCL patients FFPE specimens DLCL04 (n = 130)R-HDS (n = 94)**NanoString** insufficient mRNA n = 17 207 DLBCL patients IHC non-NOS n = 21 186 DLBCL patients DLCL04 (n = 99)

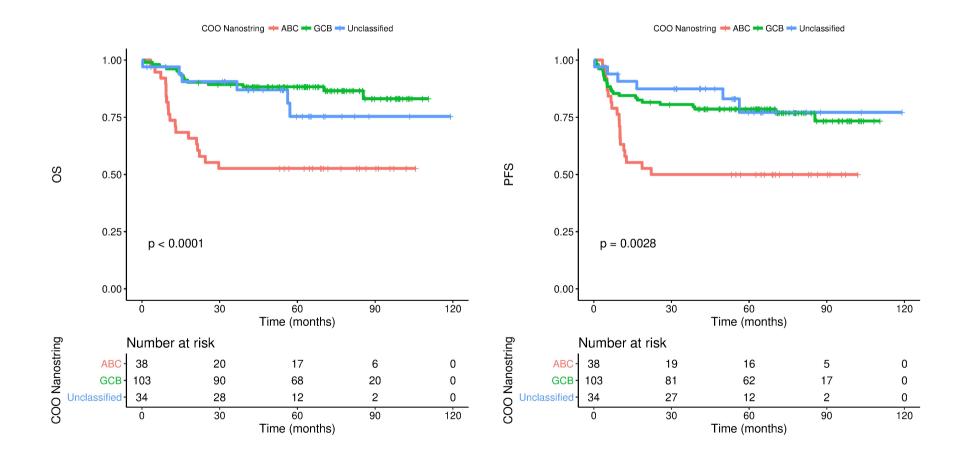
R-HDS (n = 87)

In both trials, only patients staged III-IV were enrolled, all treated with R-CHOP or R-CHOP-like therapies followed or not by Auto-SCT.

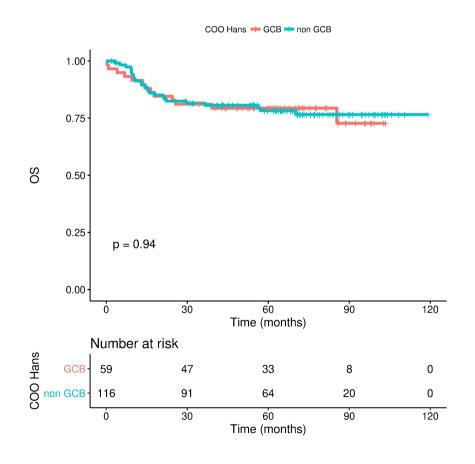
The mean age was 52 yr.s (18 – 65)

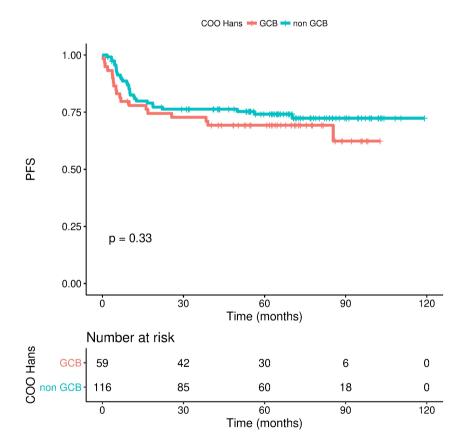
All the cases were studied by immunohistochemistry, targeted GEP and FISH (BCL2, MYC and BCL6).

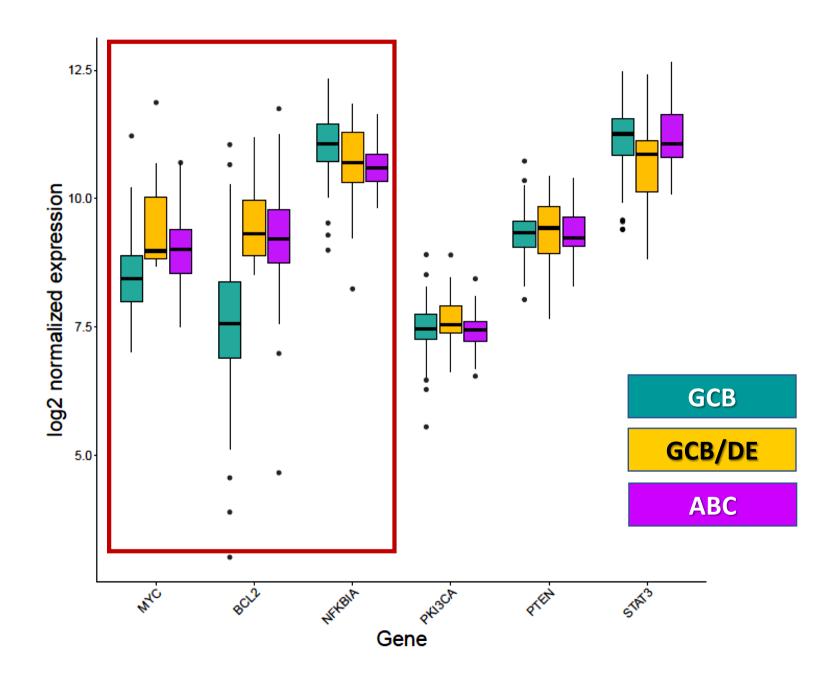
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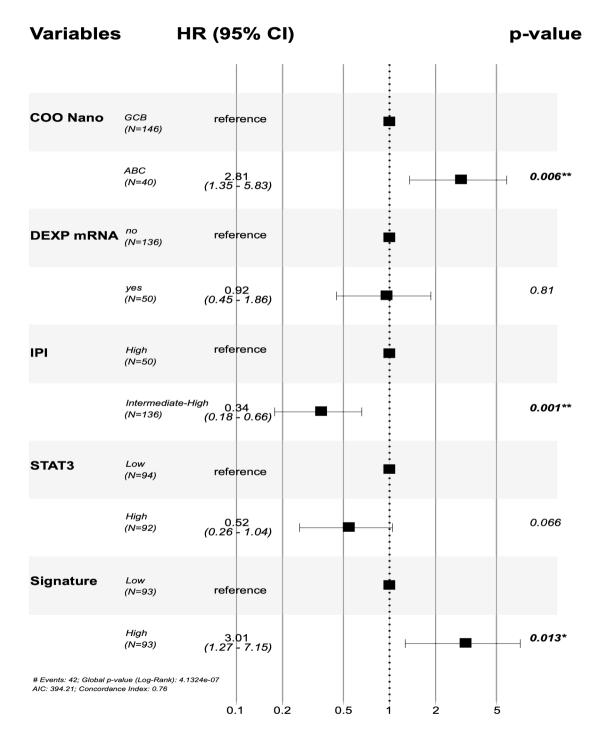


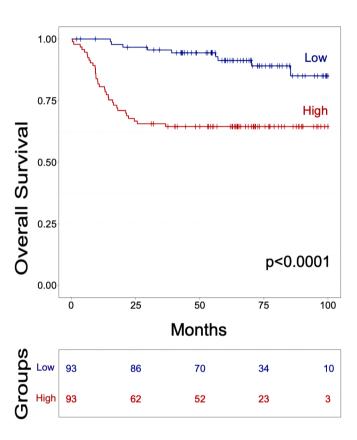
## **COO** according to Hans' classifier

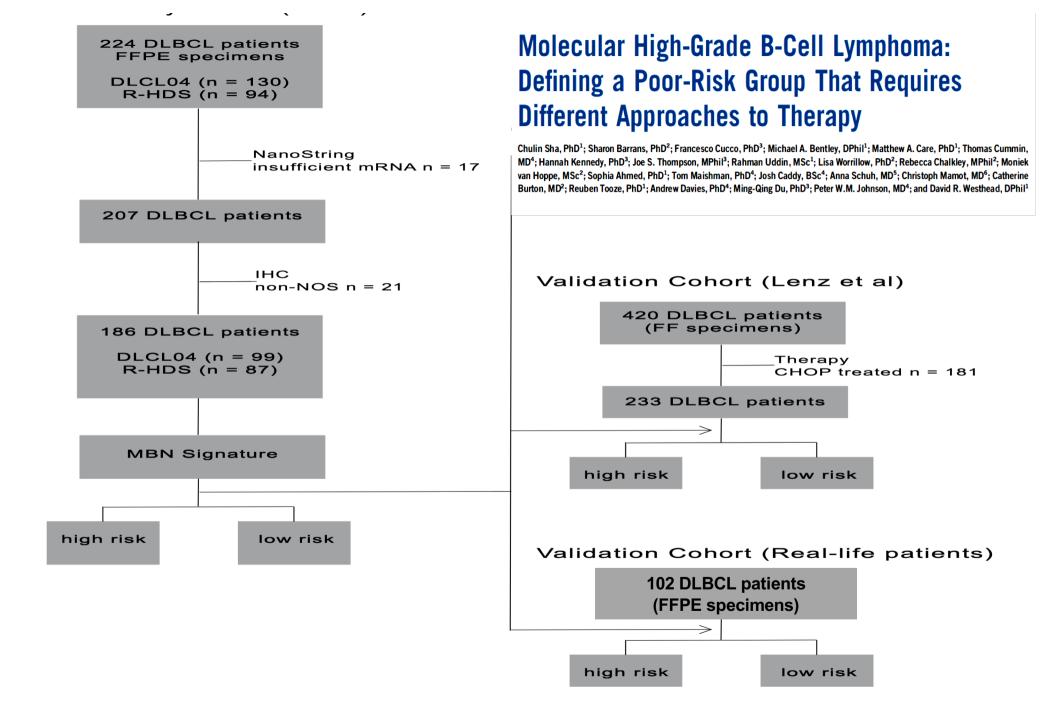


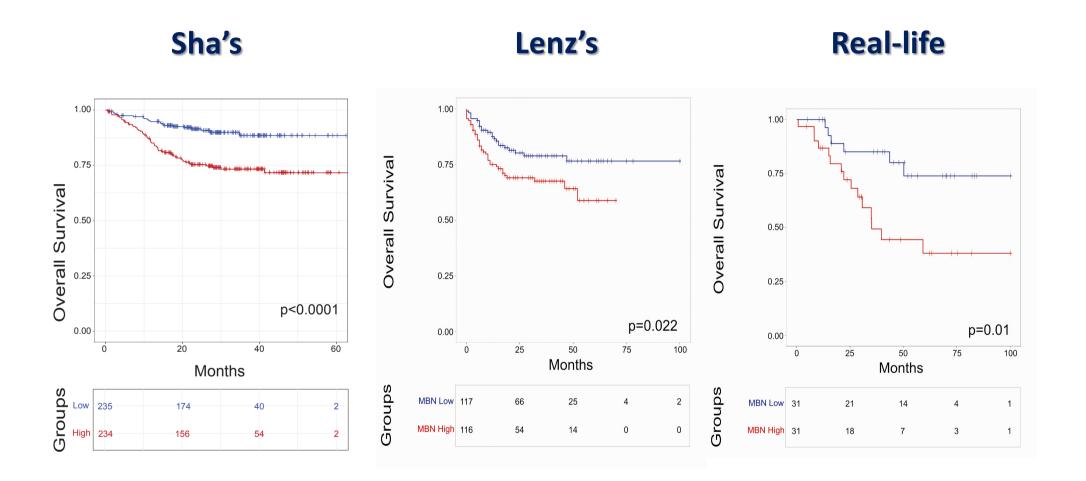




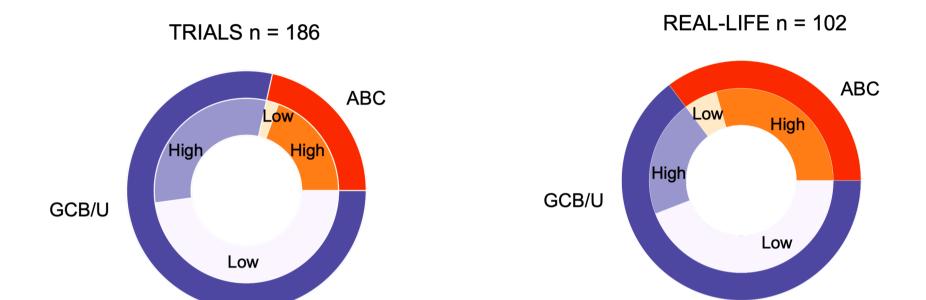




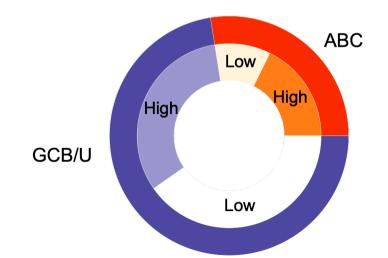


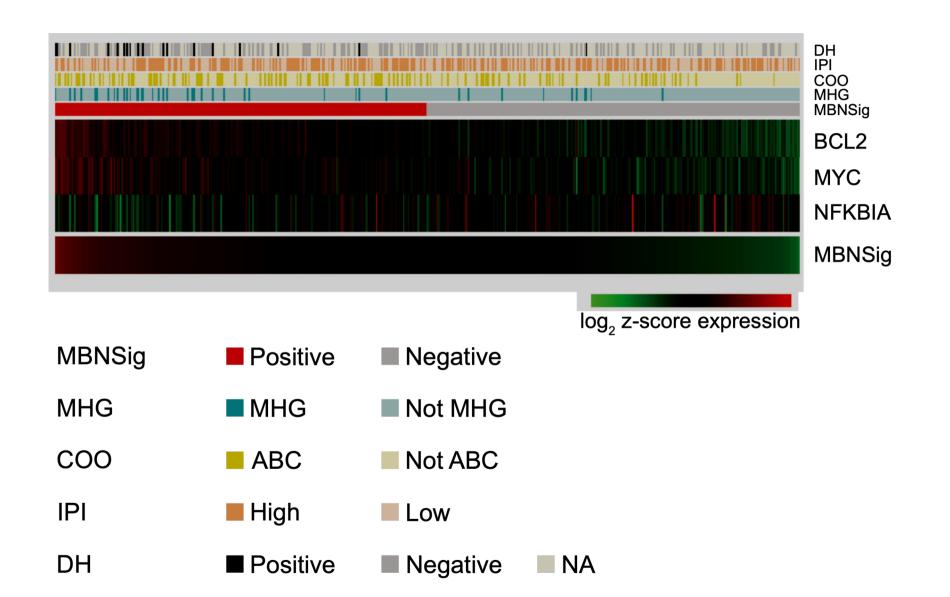


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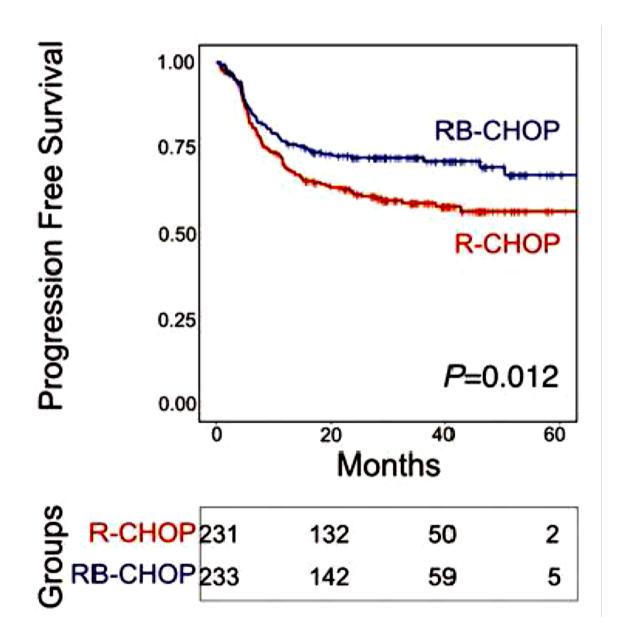








Patients from Sha's series with high MBN



## **Conclusions**

- The MBN signature does implement the cell of origin (COO) determination.
- A higher risk group (enriched in genetic aberrations) can be identified among GCB/U and ABC DLBCLs.
- Potential therapeutic implications.
- Applicable to all patients at low cost!!!

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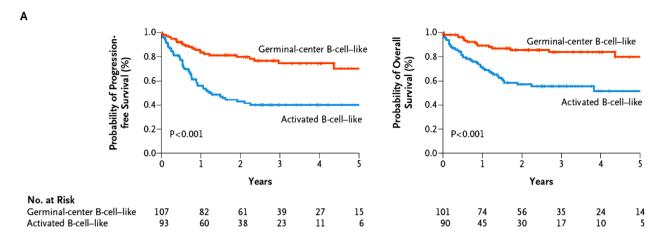
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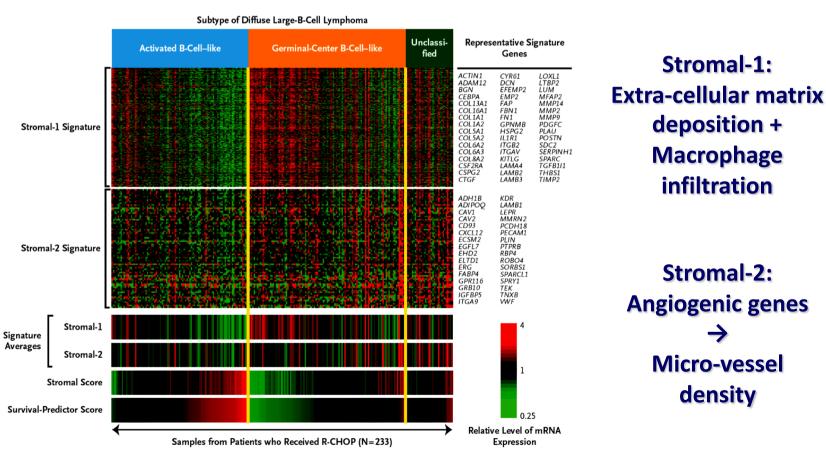
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### Stromal Gene Signatures in Large-B-Cell Lymphomas

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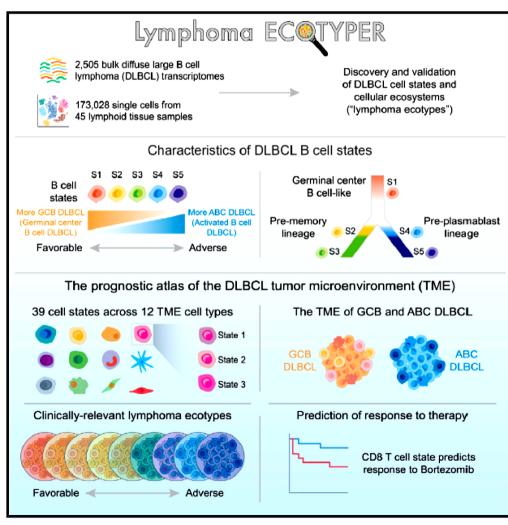




### **Cancer Cell**

## The landscape of tumor cell states and ecosystems in diffuse large B cell lymphoma

### Graphical abstract



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### In brief

Steen et al. implement EcoTyper, a machine-learning approach for dissecting cellular heterogeneity in the most common blood cancer, diffuse large B cell lymphoma (DLBCL). Forty-four cell states spanning malignant cells and the microenvironment are defined, uncovering a rich landscape of cellular ecosystems that extend beyond traditional DLBCL classifications, revealing new opportunities for therapy selection.

### ACCEPTED MANUSCRIPT

## Dissection of DLBCL Microenvironment Provides a Gene Expression-Based Predictor of Survival Applicable to Formalin-Fixed Paraffin-Embedded Tissue

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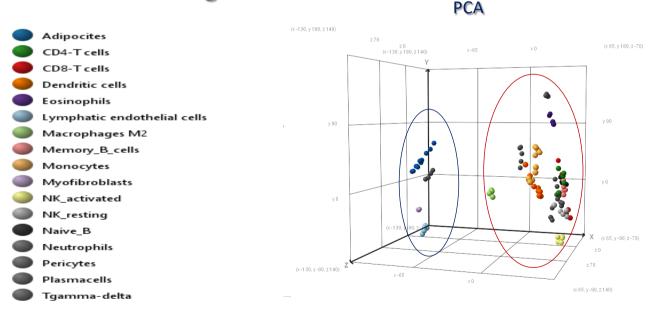
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## CIBERSORT analysis and selection of prognostic genes

A customized signature including 1,028 genes was generated to distinguish 17 cell types of both stromal and immune origin.

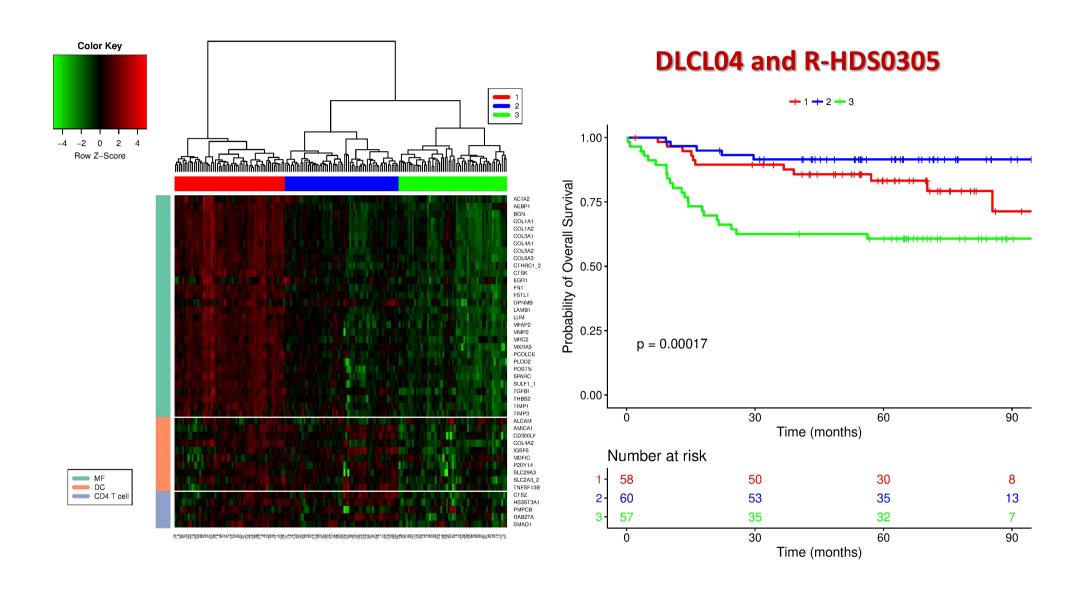


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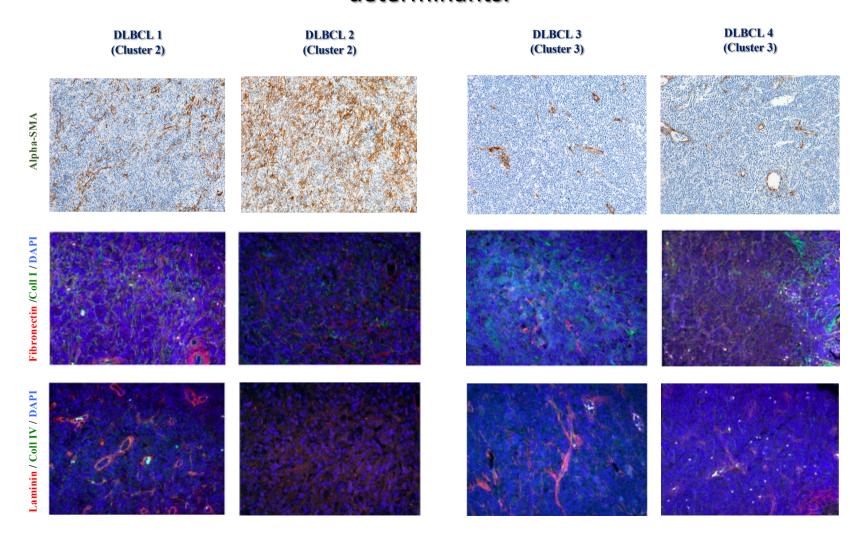
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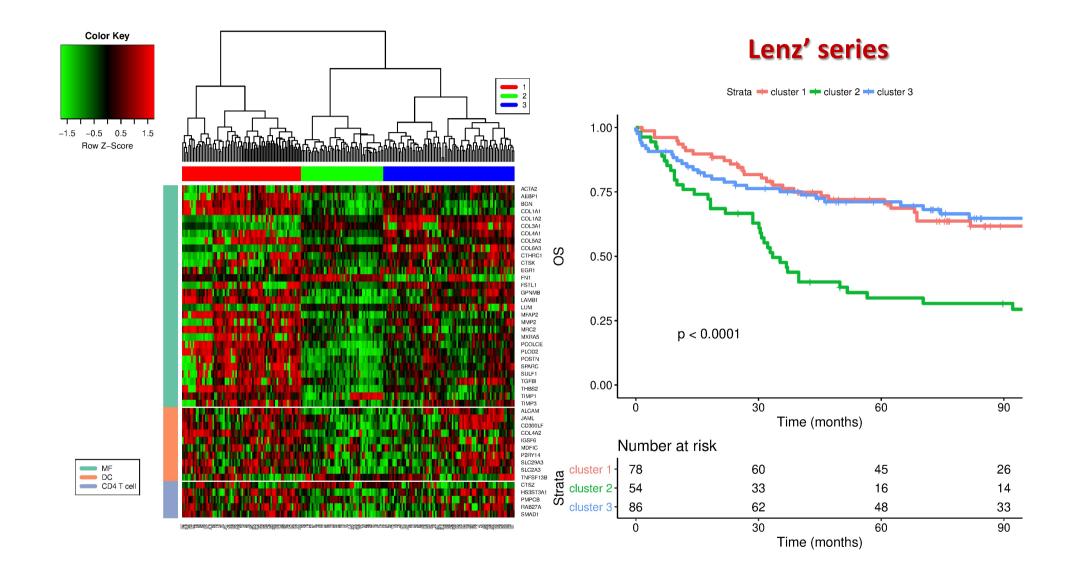
CD4+ T cellrelated genes

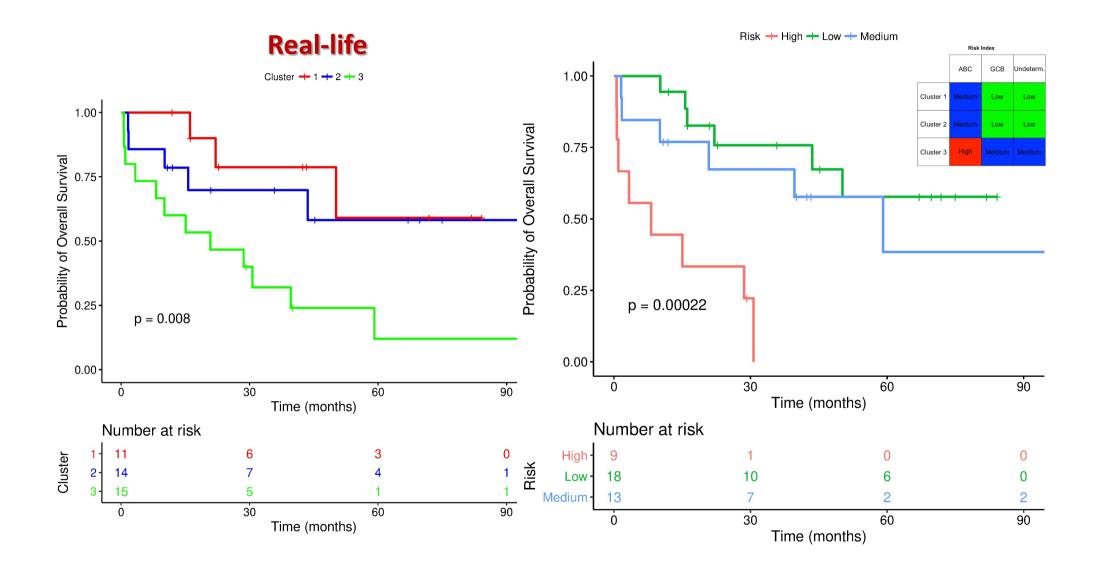
ACTA2 Actin, alpha 2, smooth muscle AEBP1 AE binding protein 1 COL1A1 Collagen type I alpha 2 Collagen type III alpha 1 Collagen type IV alpha 1 Collagen type V alpha 2 Collagen type VI alpha 3 Collagen triple helix repeat containing 1 CTSK Cathepsin K EGR1 Early growth response 1 Fibronectin 1 ESTI 1 Follistatin like 1 **GPNMB** Glycoprotein nmb IAMR1 Laminin subunit beta 1 MFAP2 Microfibrillar associated protein 2 MMP2 Matrix metallonentidase 2 Matrix-Remodelling Associated 5 MXR45 Procollagen C-endopeptidase enhancer Procollagen-lysine, 2-oxoglutarate 5-dioxygenase 2 PLOD2 POSTN Periostin, osteoblast specific factor Secreted protein acidic and cysteine rich SPARC Sulfatase 1 SHIFT Transforming growth factor beta induced Activated leukocyte cell adhesion molecule ALCAM Adhesion molecule, interacts with CXADR antigen 1 AMICA1 CD300LF CD300 molecule-like family member F Collagen, type IV, alpha 2 COL4A2 Immunoglobulin superfamily, member 6 IGSF6 **MyoD Family Inhibitor Domain Containing** MDEIC Purinergic receptor P2Y, G-protein coupled, 14 Solute carrier family 29 (nucleoside transporters), member 3: SLC29A3 Solute carrier family 2 (facilitated glucose transporter), SLC2A3 Cathepsin Z CTSZ Henaran Sulfate-Glucosamine 3-Sulfotransferase 3A1 Peptidase, Mitochondrial Processing Beta Subunit RAB27A, Member RAS Oncogene Family SMAD Family Member 1 SMAD1



By *in situ* immunostaining we analyzed the expression of ECM proteins encoded by four of the fronting genes of the MF signature, namely Fibronectin, Collagen-I, Laminin, and Collagen-IV. However, the expression variability of these proteins does not support the use of immunohistochemistry as a reliable assay to provide insight on the prognostic gene expression patterns of DLBCL microenvironment determinants.





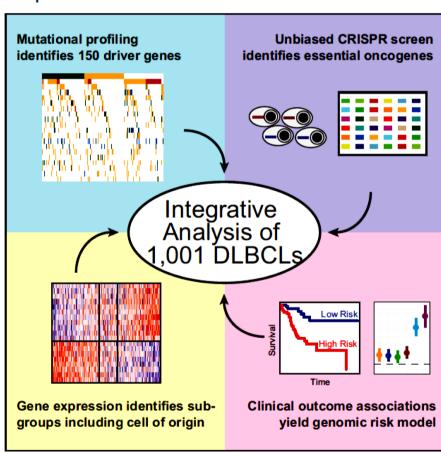


# Next generation sequencing



## **Genetic and Functional Drivers of Diffuse Large B Cell Lymphoma**

### **Graphical Abstract**



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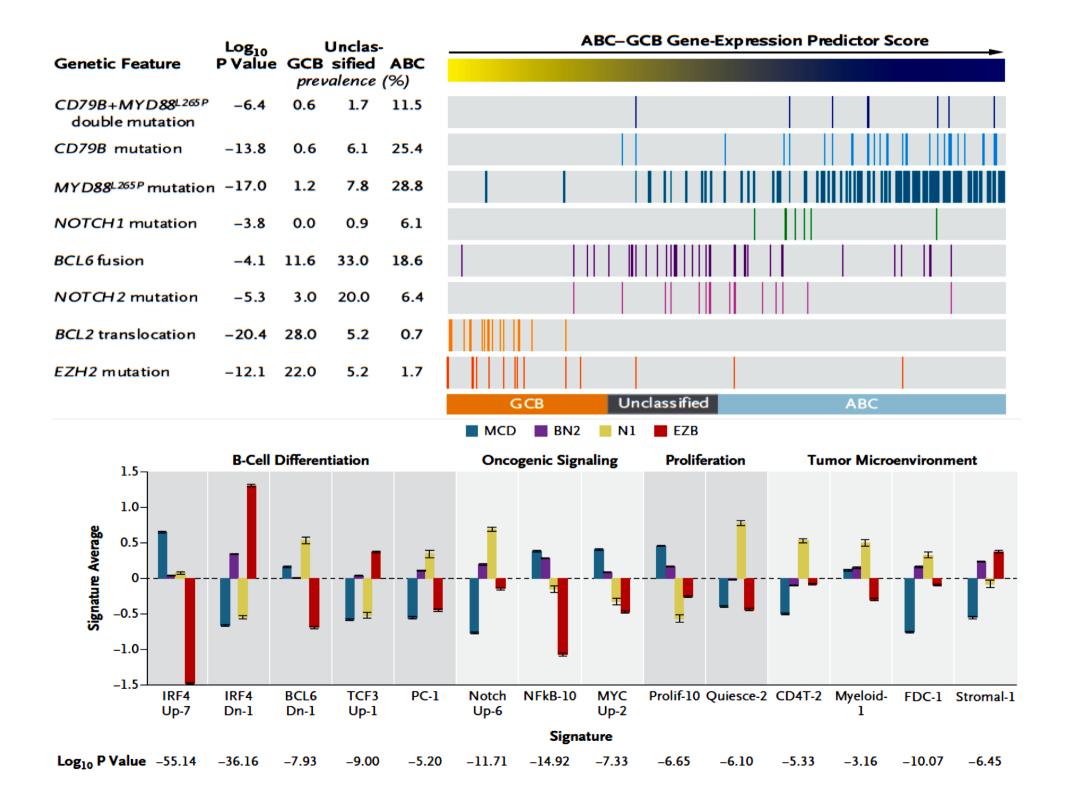
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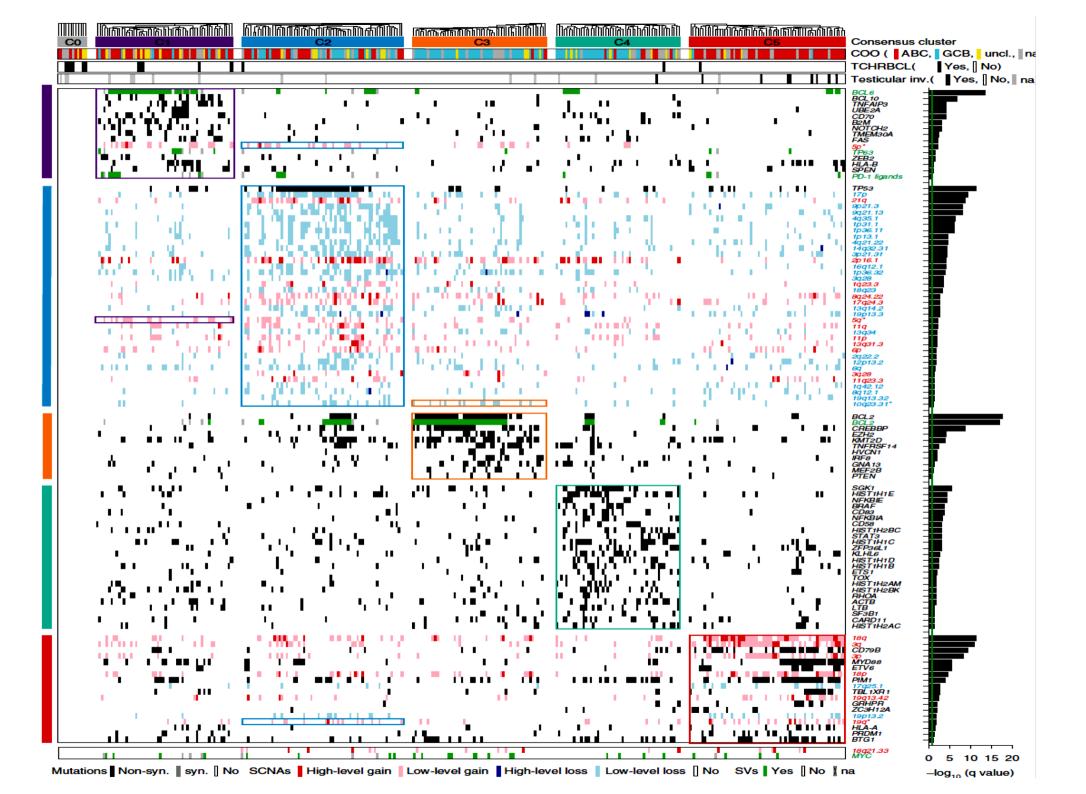
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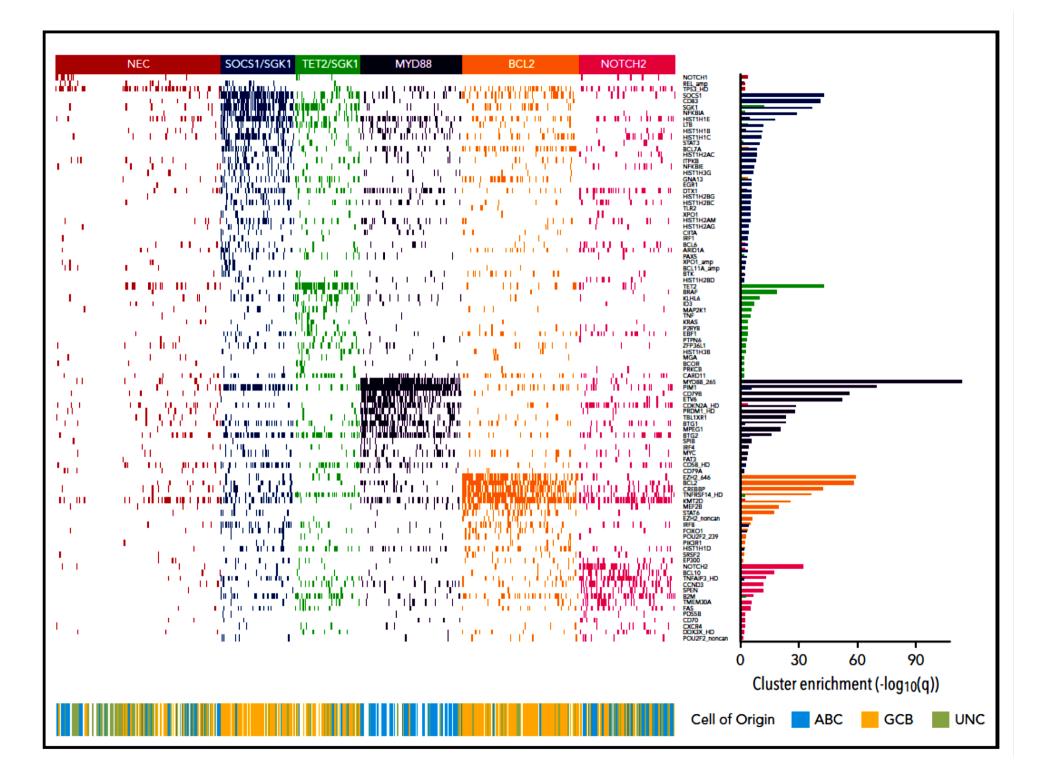
### In Brief

An integrative analysis in 1,001 newly diagnosed DLBCL patients identifies 150 genetic drivers with functional characterization using an unbiased CRISPR screen in DLBCL cell lines and connects with clinical outcome.

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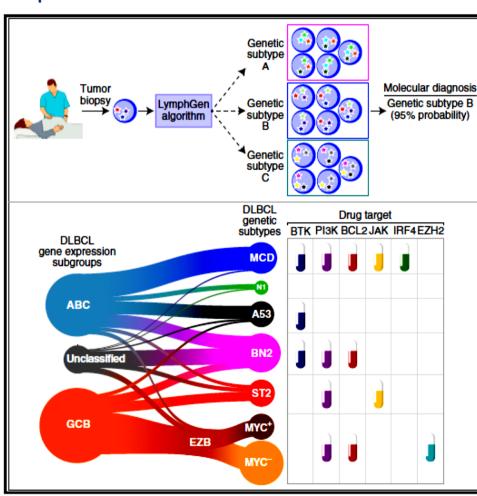




#### **Cancer Cell**

### A Probabilistic Classification Tool for Genetic Subtypes of Diffuse Large B Cell Lymphoma with Therapeutic Implications

#### **Graphical Abstract**



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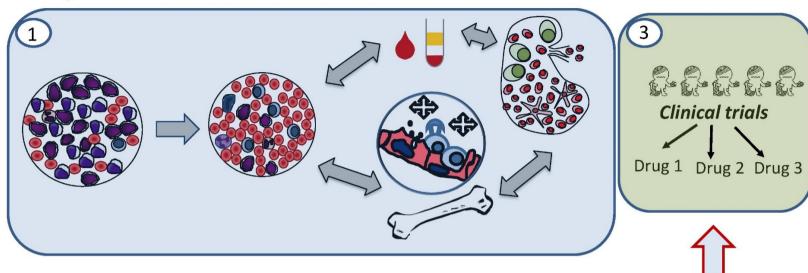
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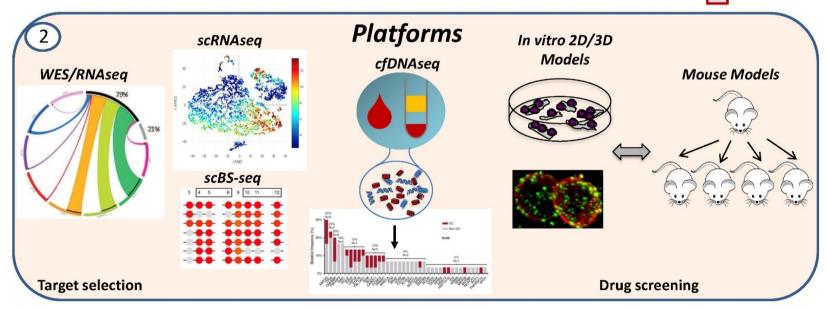
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#### In Brief

Wright et al. identify seven genetic subtypes of diffuse large B cell lymphoma (DLBCL) with distinct outcomes and therapeutic vulnerabilities. The LymphGen probabilistic classification tool that can classify a DLBCL biopsy into the genetic subtypes is developed, which could be used for precision medicine trials.

#### Diagnosis Resistance Dissemination

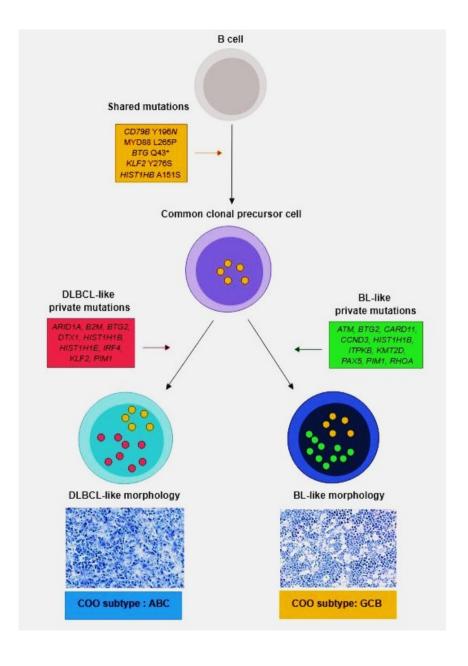




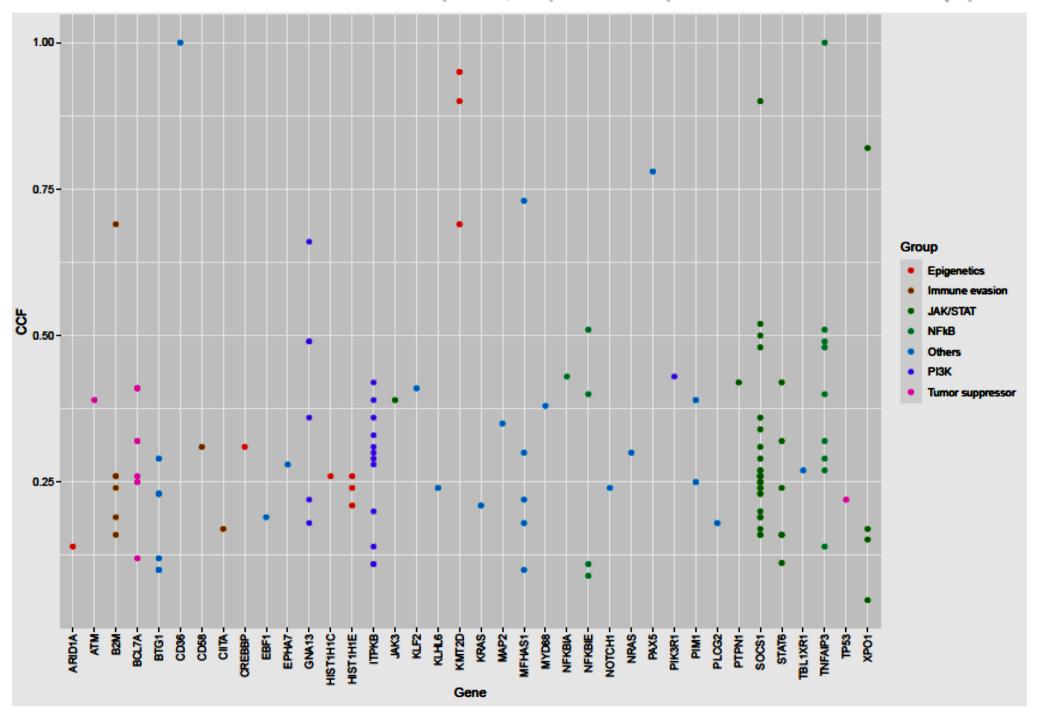
### Evolutionary crossroads: morphological heterogeneity reflects divergent intra-clonal evolution in a case of high-grade B-cell lymphoma

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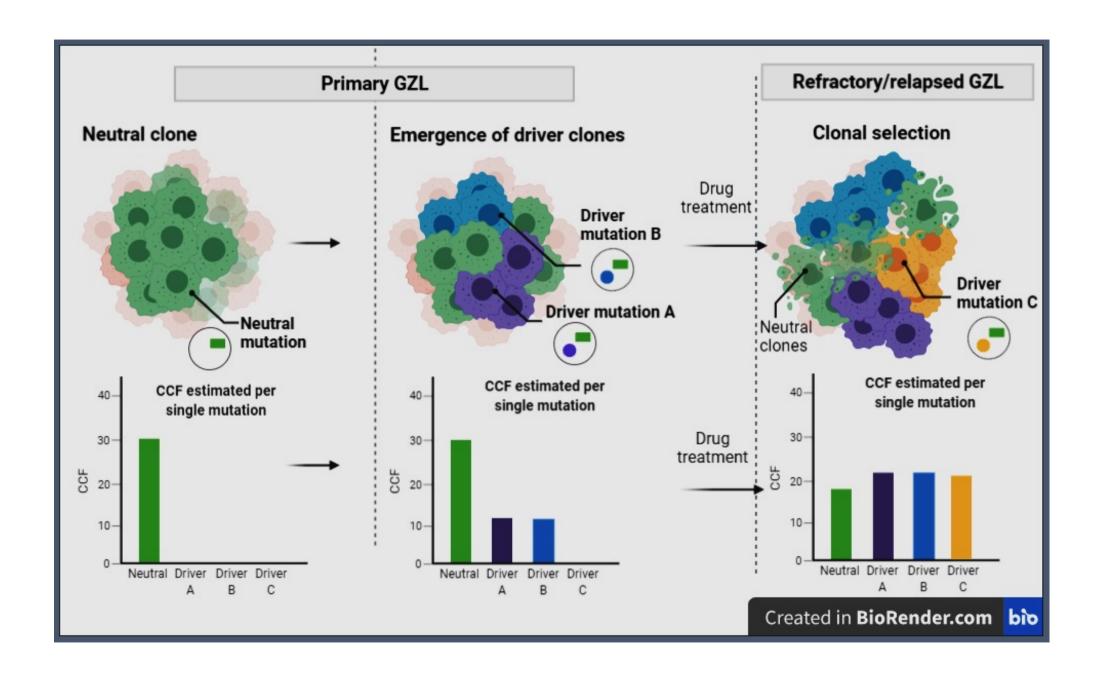
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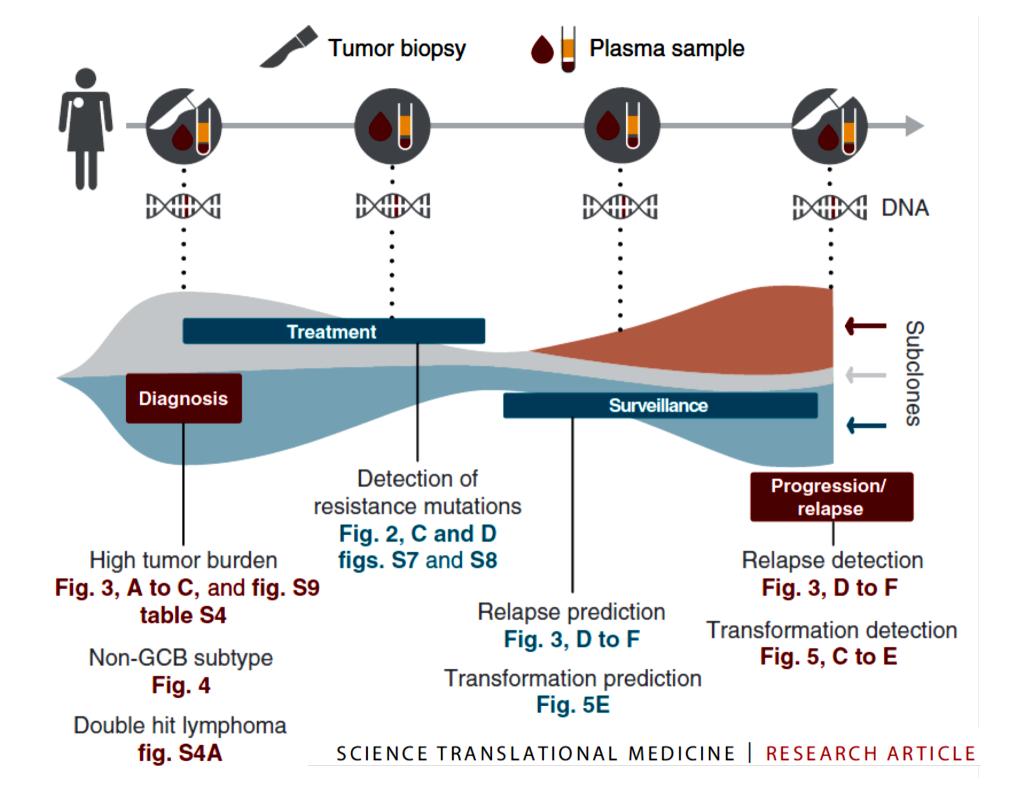


#### 11 mediastinal GZLs (3 R/R) + 30 (EAHP Workshop)



# Relapses due to subclonal selection?





## Molecular features encoded in the ctDNA reveal heterogeneity and predict outcome in high-risk aggressive B-cell lymphoma

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#### **KEY POINTS**

- Quantitative, mutational, and fragmentation features in the ctDNA dynamically predict treatment responses and survival.
- ctDNA captures the complete lymphoma ecosystem that extends beyond tumor biopsies, imaging, and clinical estimates.

Inadequate molecular and clinical stratification of the patients with high-risk diffuse large B-cell lymphoma (DLBCL) is a clinical challenge hampering the establishment of personalized therapeutic options. We studied the translational significance of liquid biopsy in a uniformly treated trial cohort. Pretreatment circulating tumor DNA (ctDNA) revealed hidden clinical and biological heterogeneity, and high ctDNA burden determined increased risk of relapse and death independently of conventional risk factors. Genomic dissection of pretreatment ctDNA revealed translationally relevant phenotypic, molecular, and prognostic information that extended beyond diagnostic tissue biopsies. During therapy, chemorefractory lymphomas exhibited diverging ctDNA kinetics, whereas end-of-therapy negativity for minimal residual disease (MRD) characterized cured patients and resolved clinical enigmas, including false residual PET positivity. Furthermore, we discovered fragmentation disparities in the cell-free DNA that characterize lymphoma-derived ctDNA and, as a proof-of-concept for their clinical application, used machine learning to show that end-of-therapy fragmentation

patterns predict outcome. Altogether, we have discovered novel molecular determinants in the liquid biopsy that can noninvasively guide treatment decisions.

