

MOLECULAR MRD APPLICATIONS IN HEMATO-ONCOLOGY

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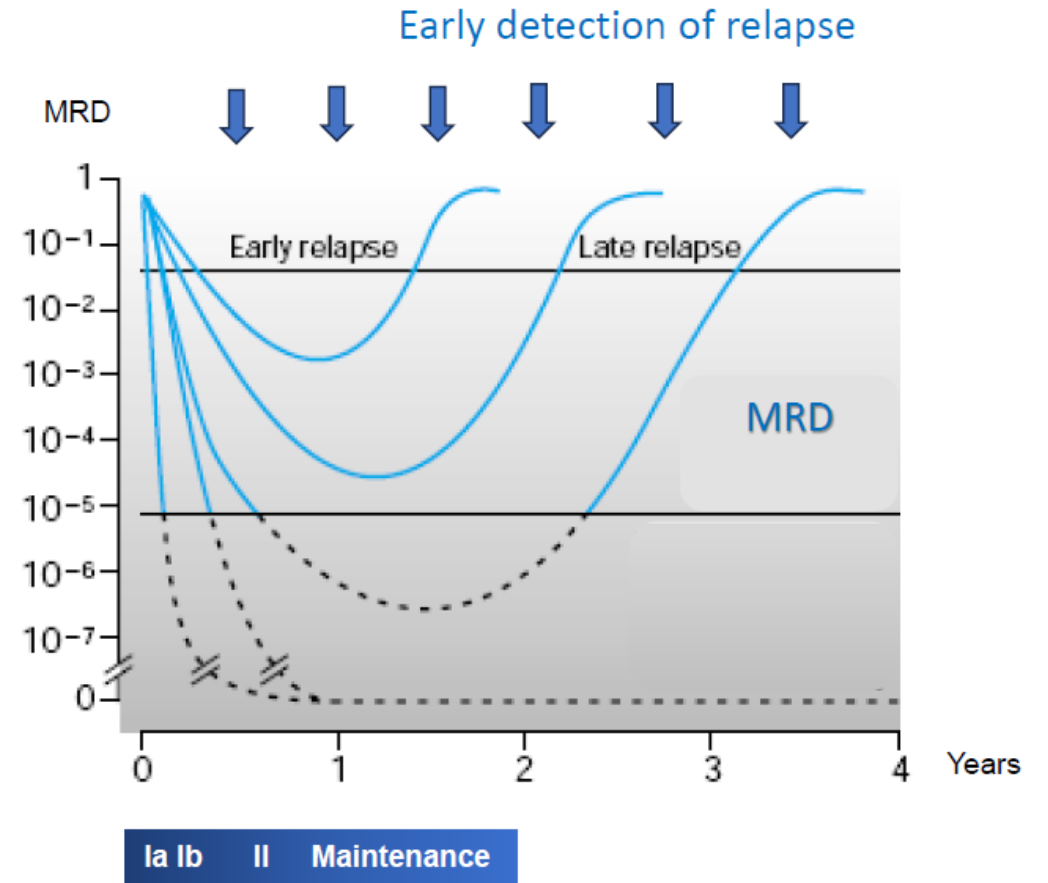
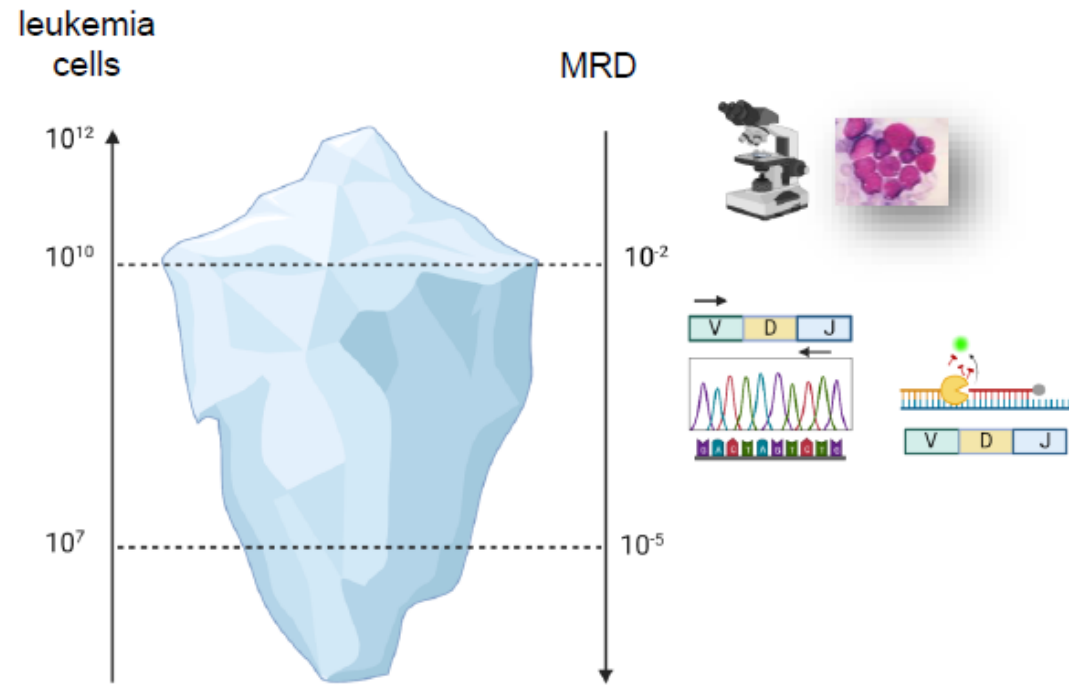


●●● MINIMAL RESIDUAL DISEASE (MRD)

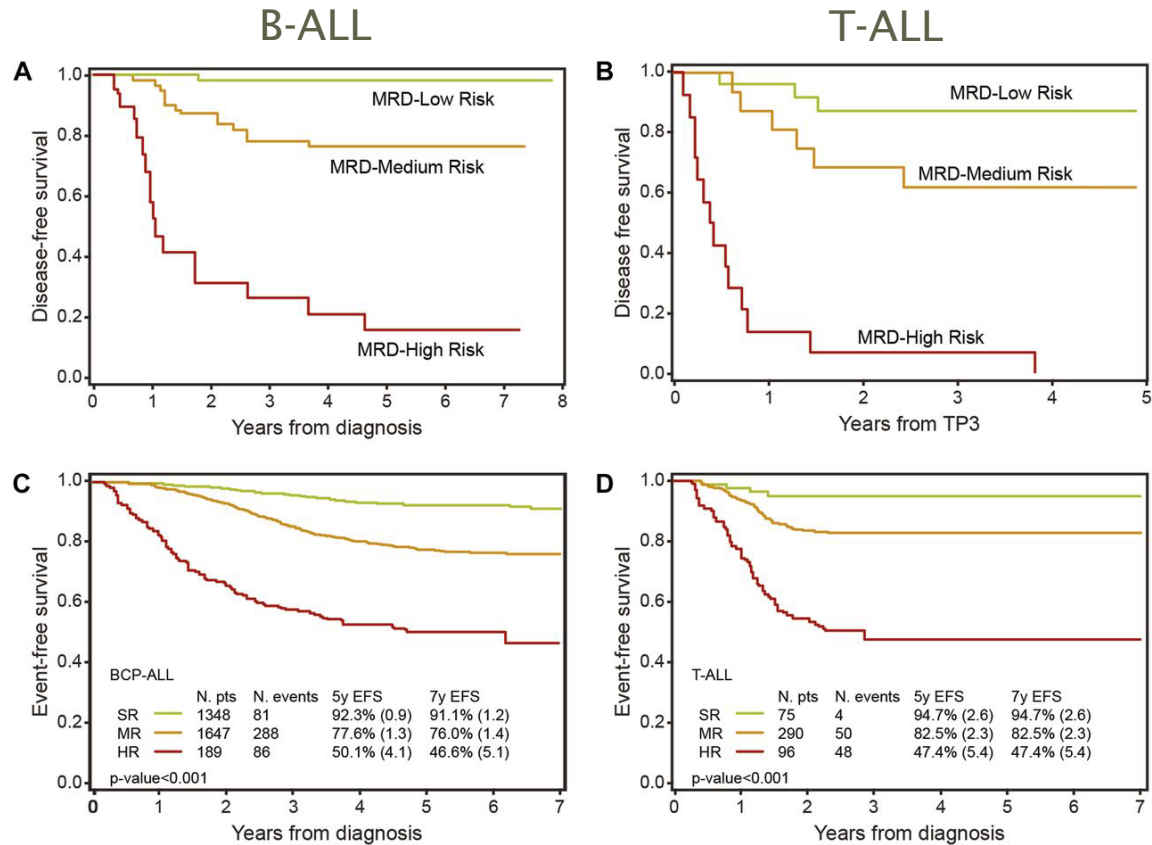
Frame

- What is MRD?
- Why important?
- How to measure?
- ALL
- MM
- AML (Emma)

MINIMAL RESIDUAL DISEASE (MRD)



WHY MRD MEASUREMENTS



- Independent prognostic factor for relapse-free survival, disease-free survival and overall survival in ALL (Cavé et al, NEJM 1998 and Van Dongen et al, Lancet 1998 and many others thereafter)
- Speed and depth of the molecular response are used to assess treatment response (low risk, intermediate risk and high risk MRD) and guide clinical decisions.
- Monitoring disease burden before SCT
- Recognition of impending relapse
- Potential end-point in clinical trials



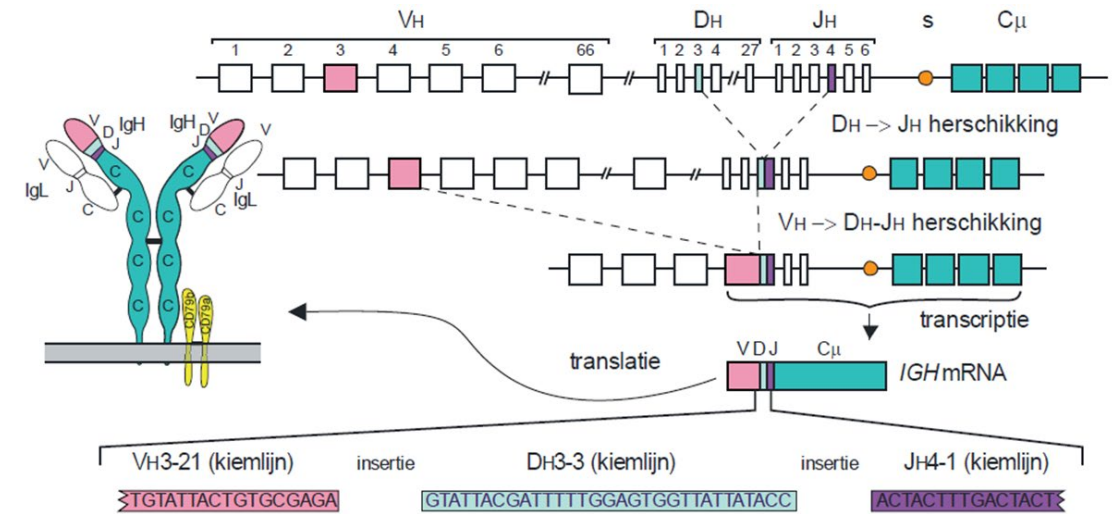
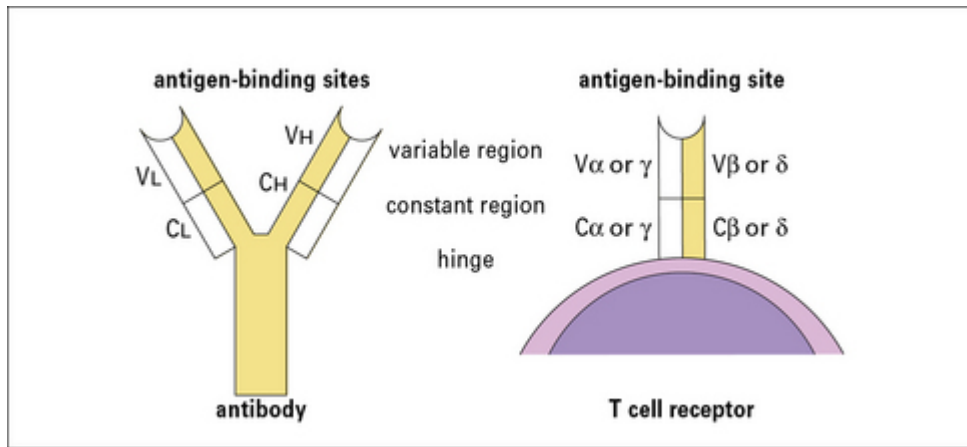
MRD TARGETS

Where is Wally?



TARGETS IN B/T LYMPHOID MALIGNANCIES

Junctional regions of immunoglobuline (Ig) and T-cell receptor (TCR) gene rearrangements



T/B lymphoid malignancies



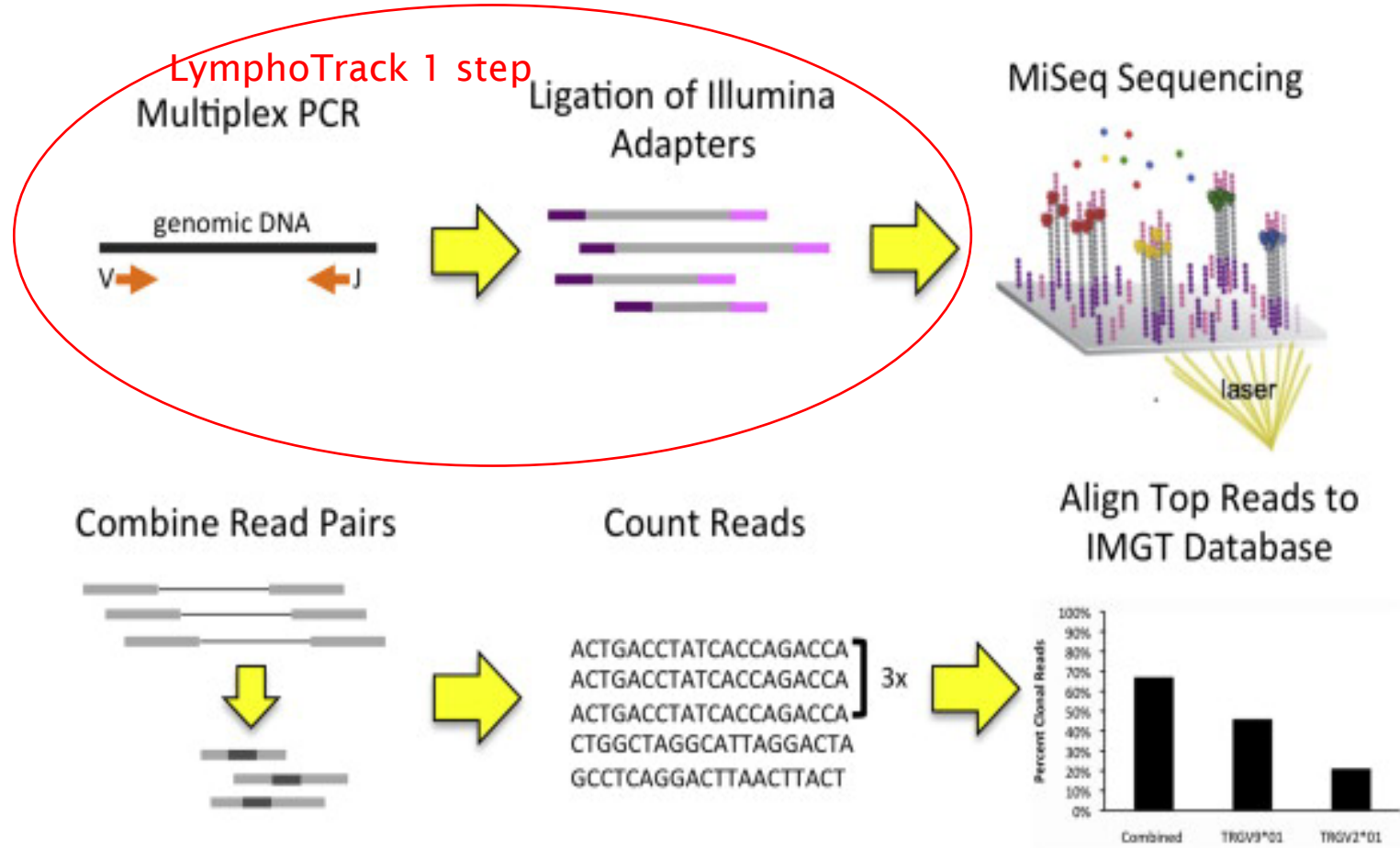
IG/TCR TARGETS

Applicability

Locus	B-lineage ALL	T-lineage ALL	CLL	B-NHL	Multiple Myeloma
IgH, Igκ	>95%	20-25% (~DH-JH)	>95%	~80%	>95%
TCRβ	~35%	~90%			
TCRγ	~55%	~95%			
TCRδ	~40%	~55%			
Vδ2-Jα29	~40-45%				

*Ref.: J.J.M. van Dongen en V.H.J. van der Velden: Detection of minimal residual disease in ALL
 Van Krieken et al., Leukemia 2006
 Pot et al., Methods Mol. Biol., 2013*

NGS FOR IGH/TCR-CLONOTYPE DETECTION: HOW?



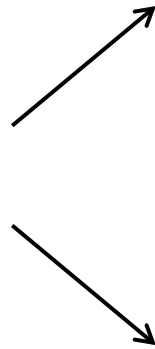
Sufficool et al., 2015

LymphoTrack® assays from IVS for IGH, IGK, TRG, TRB

EURO-Clonality assay for IGHinc and TCRD (*Brüggemann et al., Leukemia 2019, 33, 2241*)

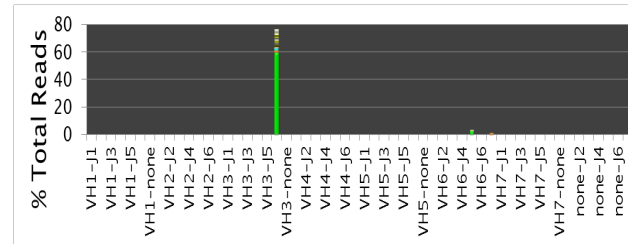
IG/TR NGS WORKFLOW

NGS: MiSeq
(Illumina)



Analysis

- LympHoTrack (Invivoscribe)



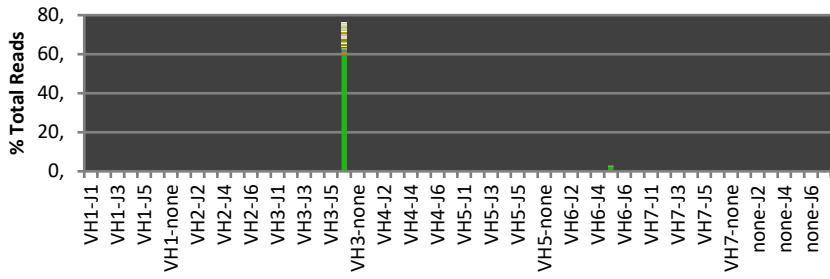
VIDJIL



Mathieu Giraud, Mikaël Salson, et al., “Fast multiclonal clusterization of V(D)J recombinations from high-throughput sequencing”, BMC Genomics 2014, 15:409 <http://dx.doi.org/10.1186/1471-2164-15-409>

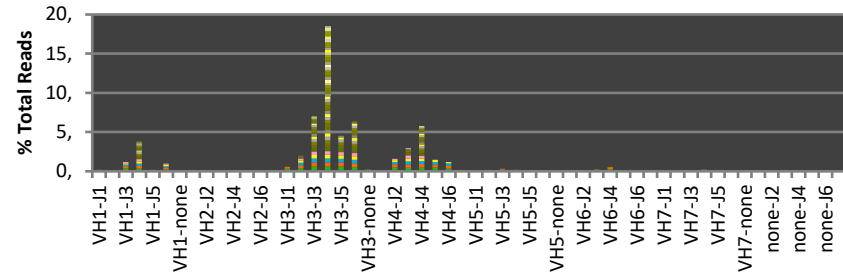
NGS DIAGNOSTIC SAMPLE

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2	TGCCATCTCCGGC	280	532	IGHV6-1_02	IGHJ5_02	2,4706265	62,2765058
3	GCCTCTGGATTCA	278	337	IGHV3-21_02	IGHJ6_03	1,3050597	63,8415455
4	GCCTCTGGATTCA	278	244	IGHV3-21_02	IGHJ6_03	1,1331445	64,9746900
5	TGCCATCTCCGGC	255	103	IGHV6-1_02	none	0,4783356	65,4530256
6	GCCTCTGGATTCA	281	91	IGHV3-21_02	IGHJ6_03	0,4226072	65,8756327
7	GCCTCTGGATTCA	280	67	IGHV3-21_02	IGHJ6_03	0,3111503	66,1867831
8	GCCTCTGGATTCA	281	55	IGHV3-21_02	IGHJ6_03	0,2554219	66,4422050
9	GCCTCTGGATTCA	281	46	IGHV3-21_02	IGHJ6_03	0,2136256	66,6558306
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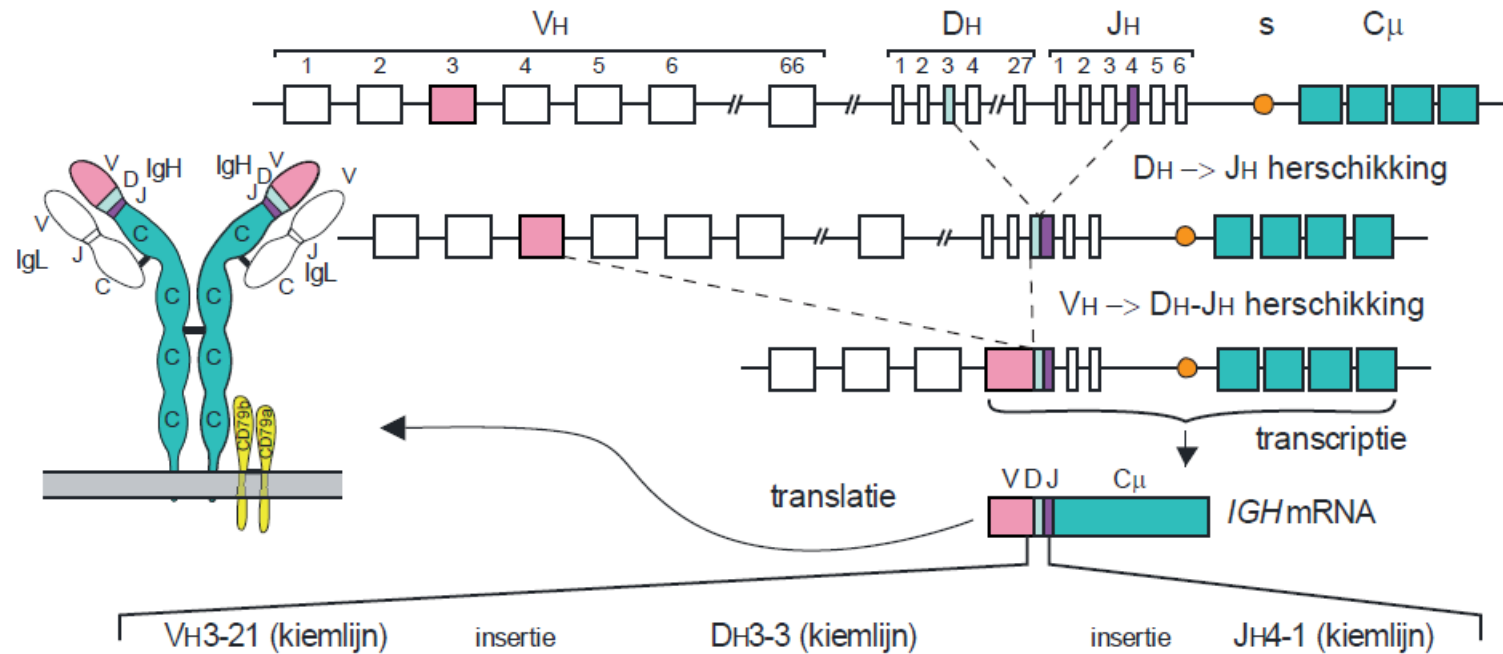
MRD possible

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2	GCCTCTGAATTCA	275	77	IGHV3-11_05	IGHJ6_02	0,07	0,13
3	GCCTCTGGATTCA	269	74	IGHV3-11_01	IGHJ4_02	0,08	0,20
4	GCCTCTGGATTCA	281	73	IGHV3-30_18	IGHJ4_02	0,06	0,26
5	GCCTCTGGATTCA	278	73	IGHV3-9_01	IGHJ6_02	0,06	0,32
6	GCCTCTGGATTCA	290	72	IGHV3-48_03	IGHJ6_02	0,06	0,38
7	GCCTCTGGATTCA	272	72	IGHV3-11_05	IGHJ4_02	0,06	0,44
8	GCCTCTGGATTCA	284	72	IGHV3-33_01	IGHJ4_02	0,06	0,50
9	GCCTCTGGATTCA	281	72	IGHV3-23_04	IGHJ5_02	0,06	0,56
10	GCCTCTGGATTCA	287	72	IGHV3-15_02	IGHJ3_02	0,06	0,63



MRD not possible

●●● ALL: ACUTE LYMPHOBLASTIC LEUKEMIA

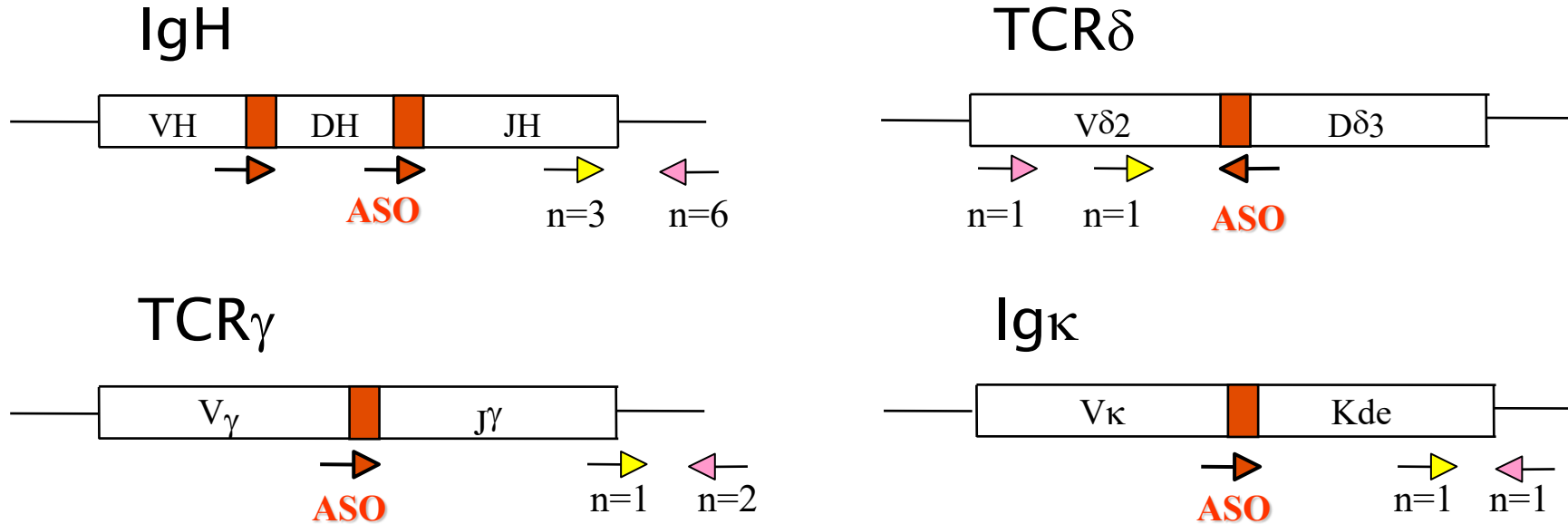


Clonal sequence

TGTATTACTGTGC⁻ CCGGACTG⁻ TTTTGG⁻ AGTGGTTATTATACC GGT⁻ ACTACTTTGACTACT

ASO-primer

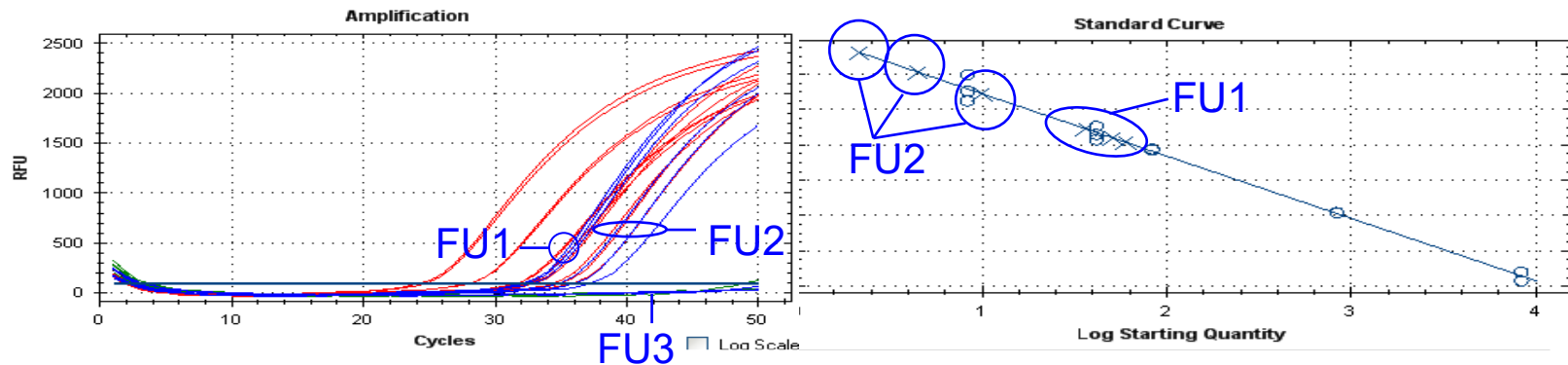
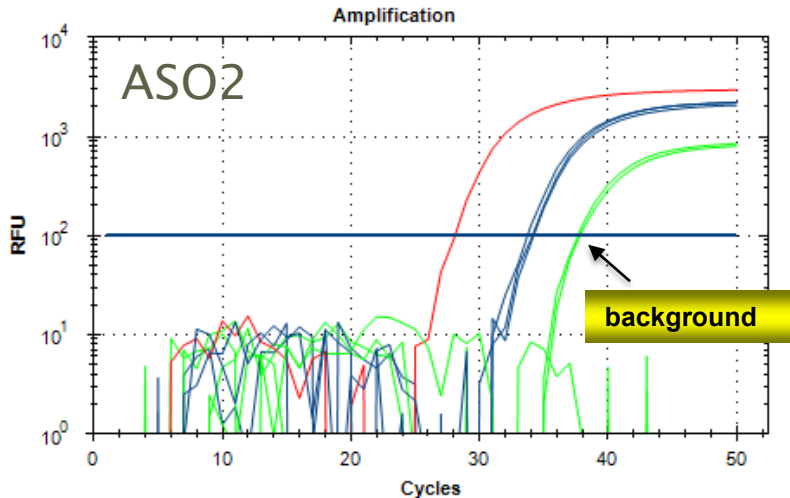
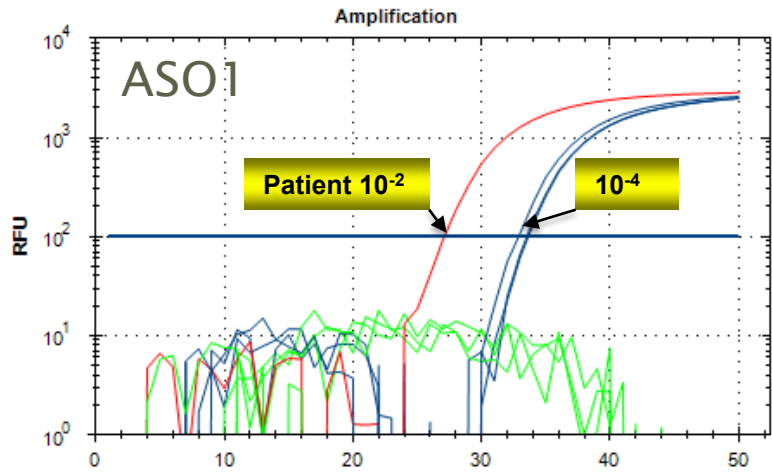
ASO-PRIMERS IN RQ-PCR



- ASO
- Probe
- Consensus primer
- junctional region

Ref: Verhagen et al., Leukemia 2000, Van der Velden et al. Leukemia 2002

ASO-PCR OPTIMISATION AND MRD TESTING



-- Standard curve: patient Dx DNA dilution in normal DNA

Quantitative range: 10^{-4}
Sensitivity: 10^{-5}

- FU1: 0.04%
- FU2: positive, non-quantifiable
- FU3: negative

000 EURO-MRD



68 laboratories
26 countries

www.euomrd.org

AIMS

1. Organisation of a quality -control program twice a year;
2. Collaborative development and evaluation of new MRD strategies and techniques;
3. Development of guidelines for the interpretation of RQ-PCR based MRD data.

SENSITIVITY AND QUANTITATIVE RANGE (EURO-MRD GUIDELINES)

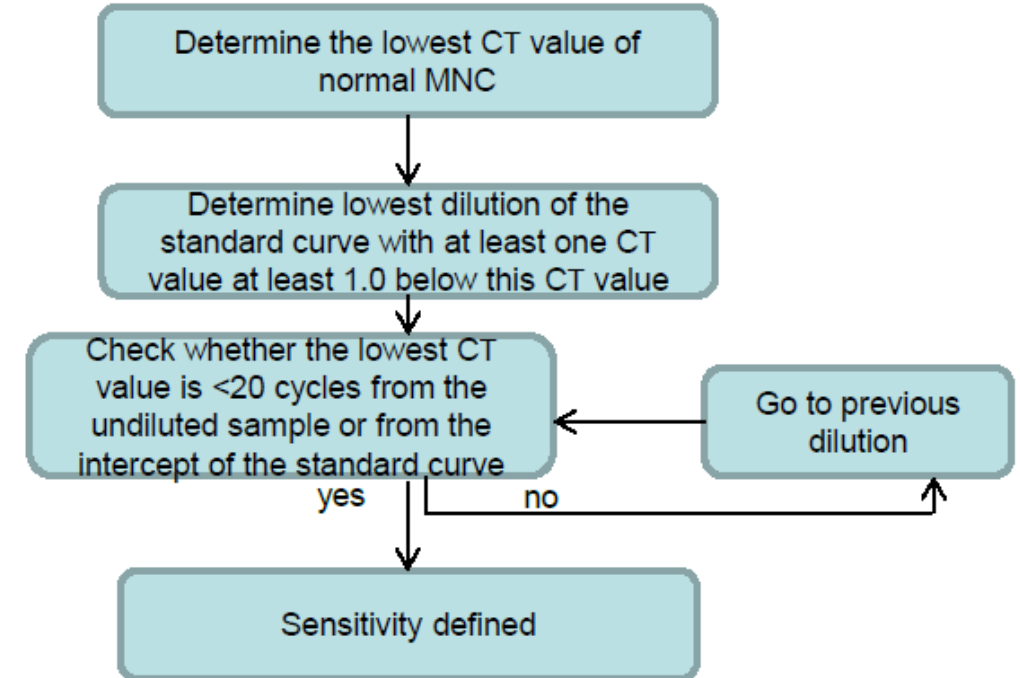
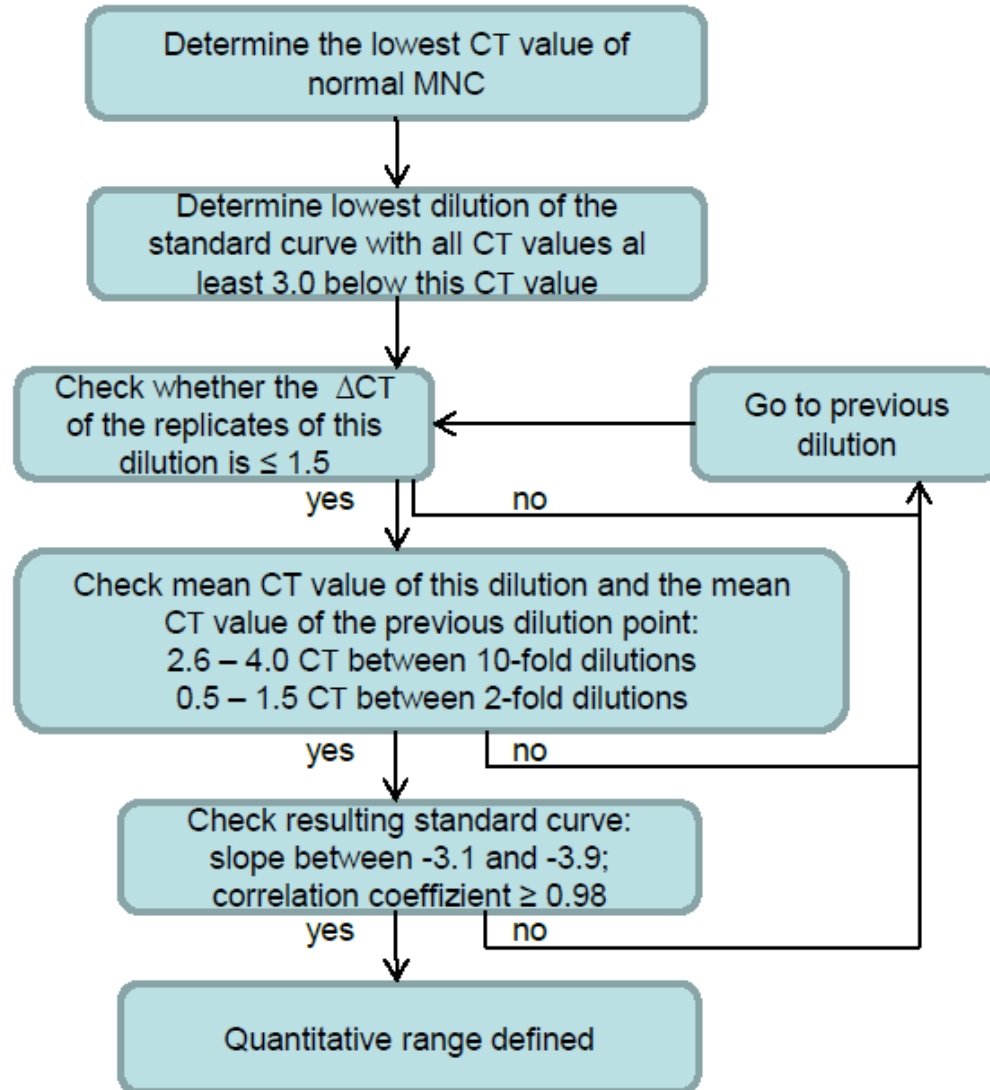
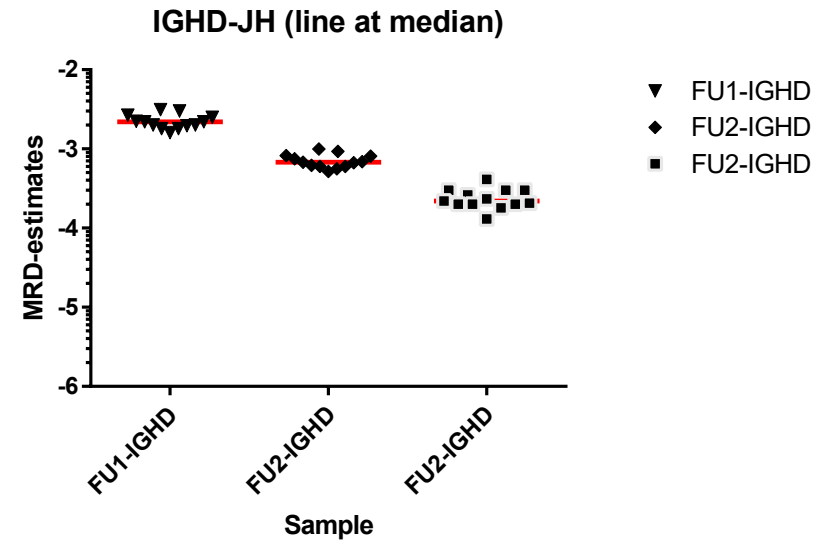
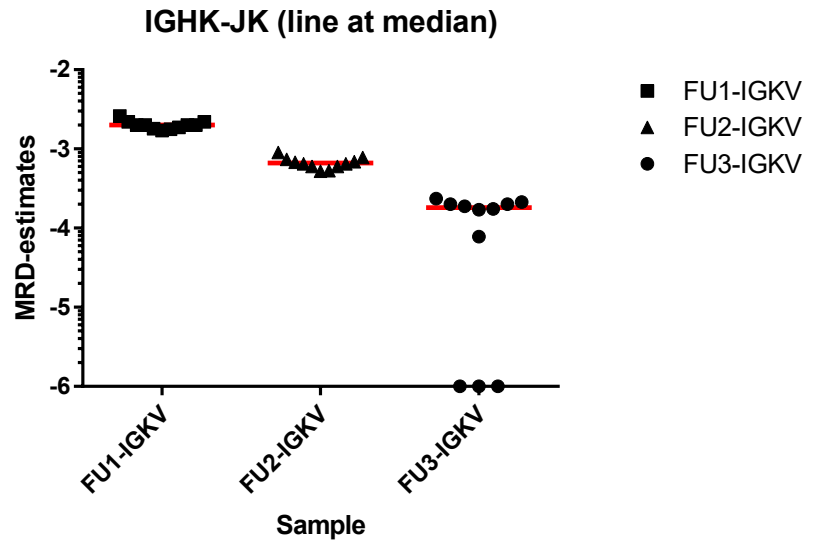


Diagram adapted from V. van der Velden EuroMRD BOOK Chapter 15

STANDARDISATION qASO-PCR EURO-MRD

	IGHV-JH	DD2-DD3	IGHD-JH	IGKV-JK	target values
median FU1	0,002	0,002	0,0022	0,002	0,002
median FU2	0,0006395	0,0006105	0,00068	0,000664	0,0006
median FU3	0,0002	0,000195	0,00022	0,000181	0,0002



●●● ALLTOGETHER

Preventing over- and under- treatment by further refinement of the stratification based on biological characteristics and MRD.

- Definition of a low risk group in which therapy can be safely reduced
- Introduction of more targeted therapy (CAR-T and inotuzumab) may replace more toxic conventional therapy

Green: activated 2020 (NL, Denmark, Finland, Sweden, Belgium, Norway and UK)

Blue: 2022

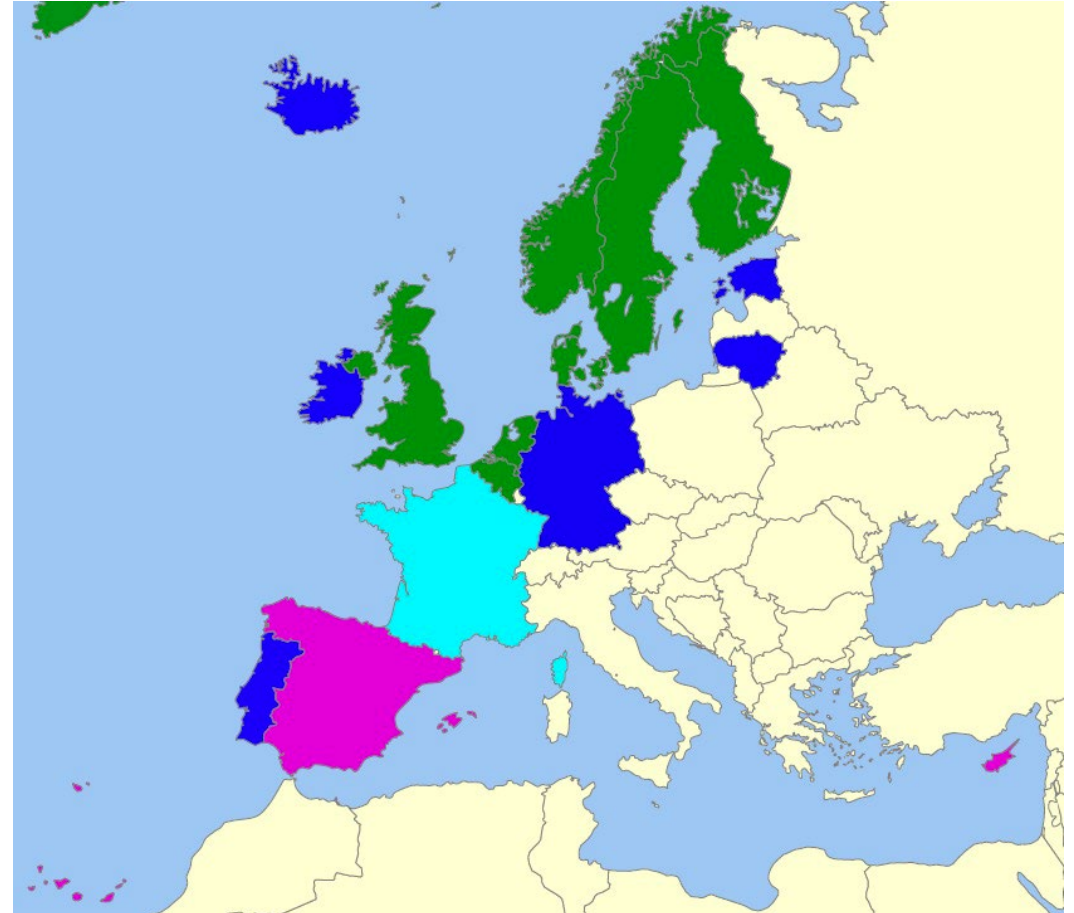
France: end '22

Spain: pilot in 2022

1st pt in NL 13/7/2020

Total: 2208 pt (29/1/2024), 13 countries

Aim: 9100 pt after 7 years

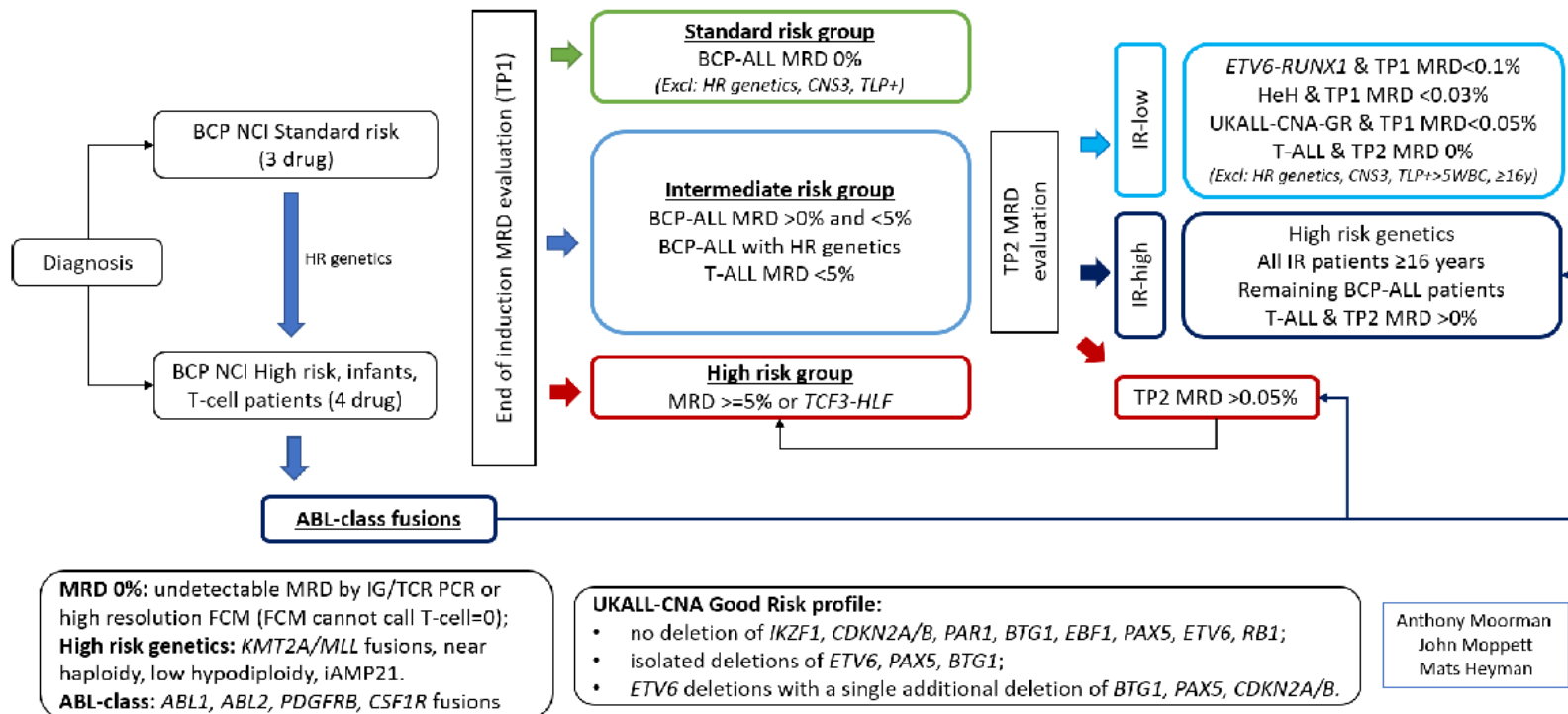


Overview of the risk stratification algorithm for the ALLtogether trial

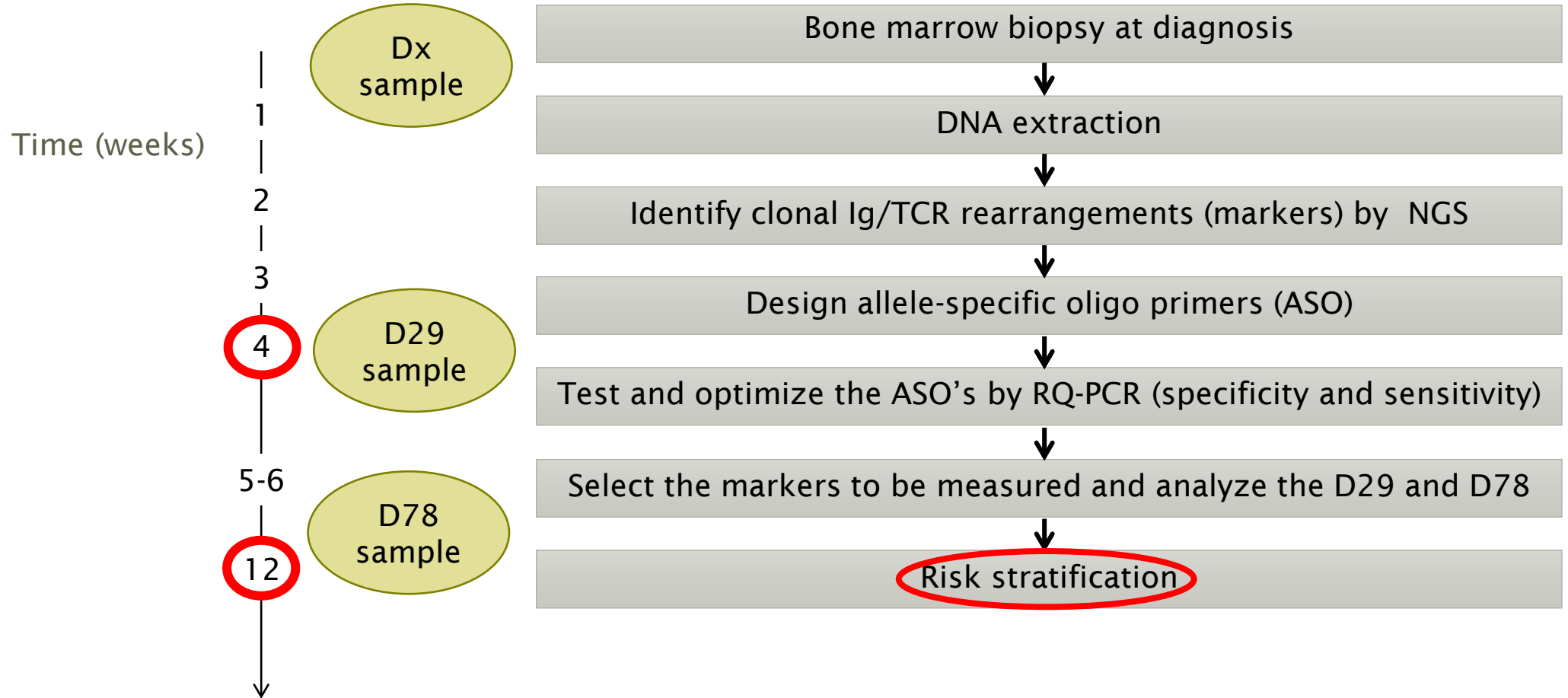
Figure 2: Minimal Residual Disease (MRD) and genetic risk stratification of patients in the ALLtogether1 trial. NB Age (>16 years) and CNS disease status (CNS3) over-ride some of these classification – see protocol for full details



ALLtogether1 trial Risk Stratification Algorithm



TIME-FRAME



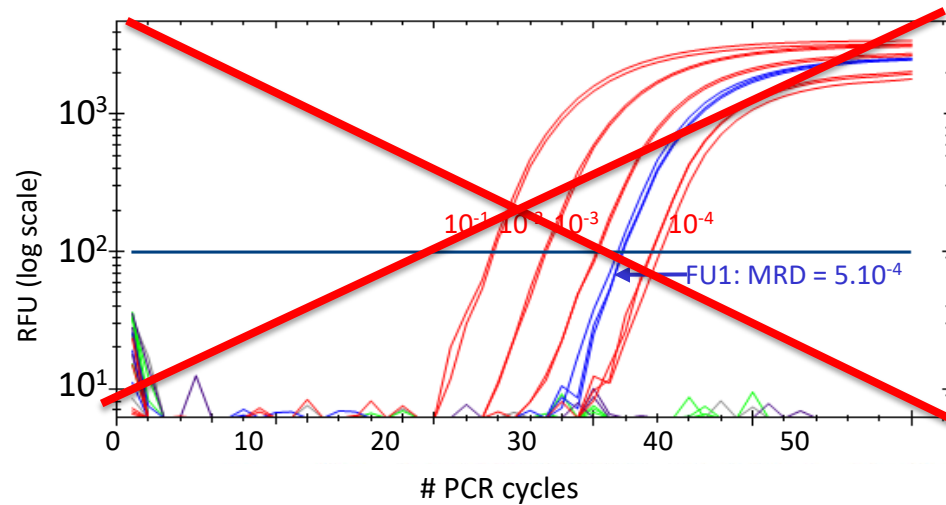
Samples: Dx, d29 (end of induction EOI); d78 (end of consolidation EOC)

IG/TCR-ASO-PCR

- Implemented in childhood ALL clinical trials since the early 1990s and today in standard of care treatment protocols all over the world (with defined time points and thresholds). Now also in adults (HOVON100, HOVON146)
- Golden standard, implemented all over Europe and beyond, very well standardized via the EURO-MRD network
- Advantages: stable matrix (DNA), very sensitive (10^{-5}), applicability in ALL >90%
- Disadvantages: time-consuming (2-4 wks) and technically very demanding for the design, need of preferential two good ASO's (prevention of false negatives), high cost
- What about NGS?

NGS FOR MRD?

qASO-PCR



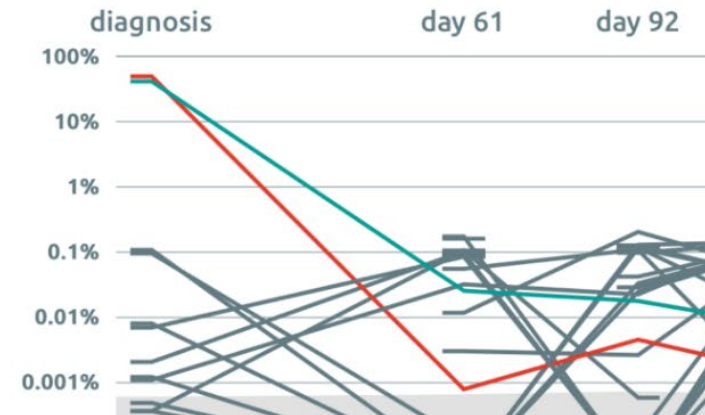
Targets: 1-2

Patient-specific

Sensitivity: 10^{-5}

TAT: 1-2 days

NGS



Targets all rearrangements

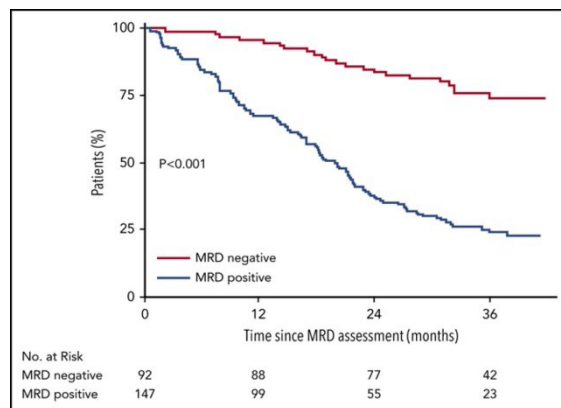
No patient-specific assay

Sensitivity: 10^{-5} (10^{-6})

TAT: 1-2 weeks

MRD IN MM

- Prognostic marker
- Since the 2010s: starting to see MRD negativity in clinical trials using modern 3-drug combination therapies
- (Near) future: MRD testing for clinical decision making in standard clinical practice
- MRD testing: next generation flow cytometry and NGS (not implemented and standardized in many countries)



Aurore Perrot et al. Blood 2018;132:2456-2464

ASO design in MM, minimum 1 with QR $\leq 10^{-4}$

N=14

	ASO+	ASO failure
NGS+/Sanger+	7	5
NGS+/Sanger-	2	0

Applicability:

qASO: only 64%, **NGS-MRD: >95%**

MRD IN MM

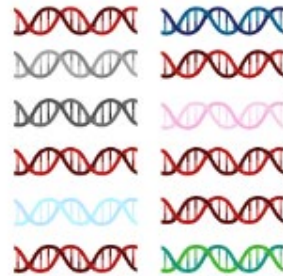
A diagnostic sample is needed



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Normal lymphocytes



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Multiple myeloma



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MRD positivity

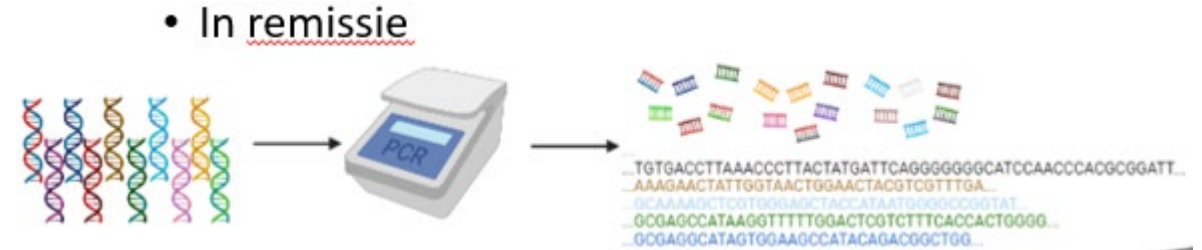


IG-NGS-MRD TEST

Same principle as diagnostic NGS

Difference with diagnoses:

- Only NGS for the clonal target(s)
- More DNA needed (>sensitivity)
 - first pull bone marrow aspirate (EDTA)
 - 3-5 ml
- More sequencing reads needed
 - 250.000
- Calibrators for calculations
 - gBlocks (IGH, IGK)
- Bio-IT tools



●●● NGS-MRD: CALIBRATOR

G-blocks: double stranded, linear, nucleic acids, sequence verified

IGH set:

IGHV1-69*01 (-2/TCAGA/-10) IGHD3-3*01 (-8/CCGA/-7) IGHJ4b
IGHV3-66*01 (-0/TCTAGGAGGG/-6) IGHD2-15 (-3/GCG/-0) IGHJ6b
IGHV4-34*01 (-0/C/-2) IGHD5-24 (-2//0)IGHJ5b

TCRG-set

TRGV5*01 (-5/TCCTCGGG/-11) TRGJ1*01 (=Jg1.3)
TRGV8*01 (-0/CTT/-0) TRGJP1*01 (=Jg1.1)
TRGV9*01 (-0/CTCC/-10) TRGJ1*02 (=Jg2.3)

IGK-set

IGK: V3D-15*01 0 / +9 / -2 J4*01
IGK: V2-30*01 -1 / +7 / -4 KDE
intron (-1/4/-11) kde

- 10 copies each in 1 µl
- 4 µl DNA plus 1 µl gblock-pool in PCR
- Count calibrator sequences in MRD sample => CCF
- Check for calibrator sequence in neg CTRL sample => contamination

4-11-2018

●●● CALIBRATION FOR MRD TESTING

$$\text{Calibrator correction factor (CCF)} = \frac{\text{\#copies of calibrator}}{\text{\#calibrator reads}}$$



$$\text{MRD} = \frac{\text{\# clonotype reads} \times \text{CCF}}{\text{total \# cells (qAlbumin PCR)}}$$

Faham, M et al. Deep-sequencing approach for minimal residual disease detection in acute lymphoblastic leukemia. *Blood* 2012 120: 5173-5180

Gawad et al. Massive evolution of the immunoglobulin heavy chain locus in children with B precursor acute lymphoblastic leukemia. *Blood* 2012 120: 4407-4417

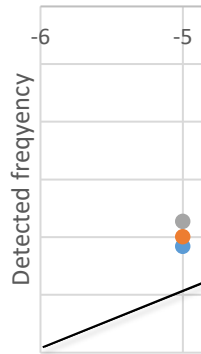
VALIDATION NGS-MRD: LINEARITY, SENSITIVITY, CALIBRATION

Dilution
Input 50
Input # (300.000

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blocks each



Validation of a PCR-Based Next-Generation Sequencing Approach for the Detection and Quantification of Minimal Residual Disease in Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia and Multiple Myeloma Using gBlocks as Calibrators

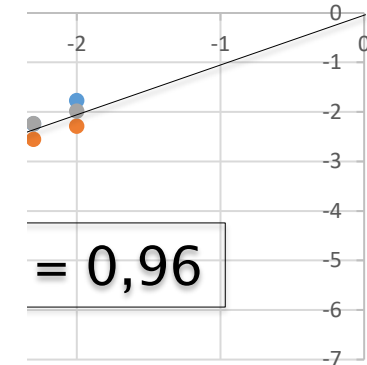
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Expected frequency

● set1 ● set2 ● set3



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Expected frequency

● set 1 ● set 2 ● set 3

MRD SENSITIVITY = CELL NUMBER

Sensitivity 10^{-5}

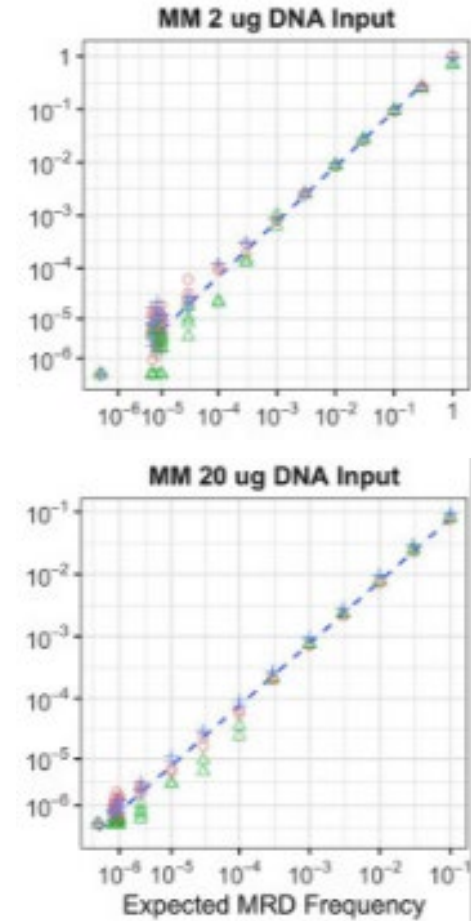


600 ng ~100,000 cells
3x

Sensitivity 10^{-6}



6 μ g ~1,000,000 cells
3x



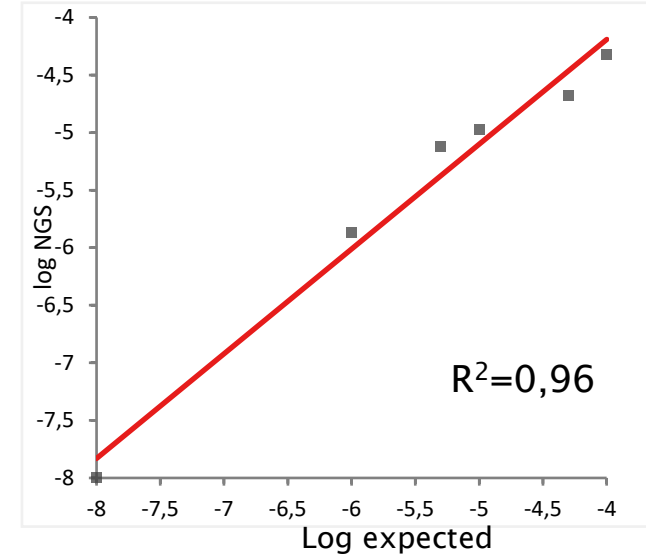
Ching, BMC Cancer 2020

●●● INCREASING DNA INPUT

Concentration of DNA using a speedvac

Dilution experiment (patient in healthy control)

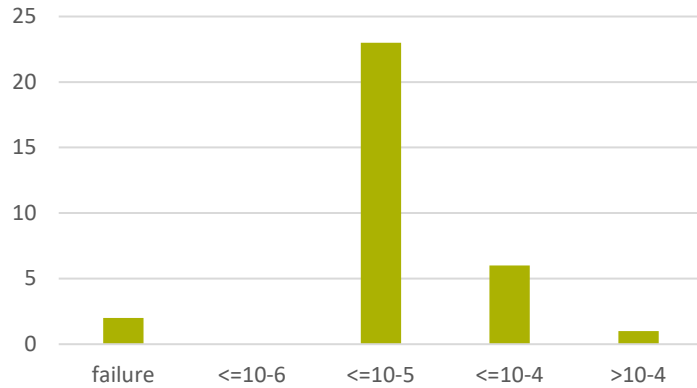
- Input: 7 µg of concentrated DNA
- Requested reads: 1^{E+06}



Dilution	1E-04	5E-05	1E-05	5E-06	1E-06	0E+00
Theoretical MRD	-4,00	-4,30	-5,00	-5,30	-6,00	negative
NGS-MRD	-4,32	-4,68	-4,97	-5,13	-5,86	negative

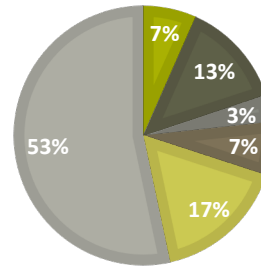
MMOVE: MRD IN MM BM SAMPLES IN CR

MRD sensitiviteit in 32 MM-FU stalen

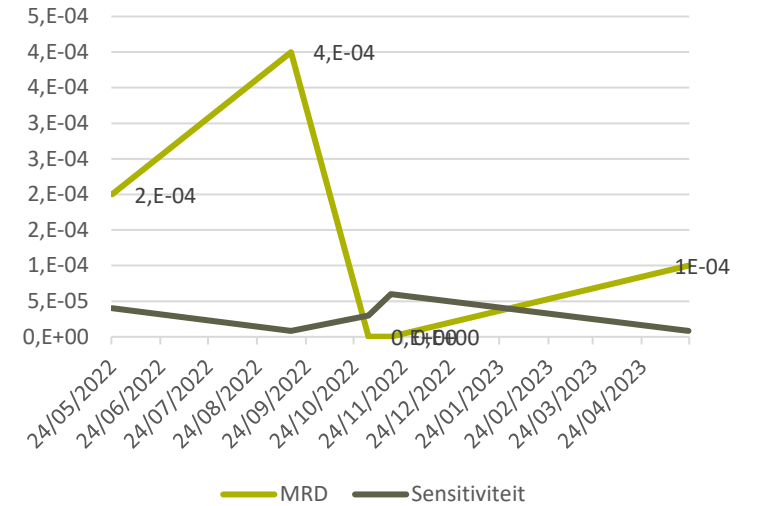


MRD IN 30 MM-FU STALEN

■ 1E-03<1E-02 ■ 1E-04<1E-03 ■ 1E-05<1E-04
■ 1E-06<1E-05 ■ positief ■ negatief



MRD opvolging



000 FAILURES

Voorspelbaar op basis van de klonale Ig-herschikking?

Failure: 2 stalen met klonale IGK merker, maar finaal niet specifiek genoeg, want kwam ook voor in normale controle DNA.

Tool : Clonebook ([ARResT/CloneBook @ the BAT cave \(infospire.org\)](https://infospire.org); initiatief van Kiel & Praag))

Patient 1: IGK: V4-1*01 -1/0/-3 KDE : AGTACTCCTCGCCCTAGTGG: **89::95** (werd 89x gevonden in 1091 verschillende stalen en in 95 clonotypes)

Patient 2: IGK: KItron -1 / +1 / -2 KDE : CTTTCCTGATAAGCCCTAGTG : **19::882**

In vergelijking met een goede merker:

IGH: V5-51*01 -1 / +7 / -13 D3-10*02 -1 / 0 / -1 D5-5*01 -12 / 0 / 0 J4*02 : **0::0**

ARResT/CloneBook | Wed Sep 13 20:42:28 2023 | [arrest.tools](#) | [email us](#)

queries

clonotypes, or parts of, case-sensitive, >=3 char each, <=3 strings and <=1000 chars total
nucleotide sequences, case-insensitive, >=12 nt each, <=3 sequences and <=1000 chars total [degeneracies: ca=m ga=r gc=s gca=v ta=w tc=y tca=h tg=k tga=d tgc=b]

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results

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CONCLUSIONS

- NGS-MRD: NGS quantitative data correlate very well with the qASO-PCR data ($>10^{-5}$).
- gBlocks, at 10 copies each, are useful calibrators
- NGS-MRD can be highly sensitive (10^{-5} - 10^{-6} , depending on input DNA): **CONCENTRATION of DNA**
- IG/TCR-NGS-MRD is especially useful in MM because the qASO-PCR is less applicable due to somatic hypermutations.
- The qASO-PCR remains the golden standard in ALL because shorter TAT and very well standardised via EURO-MRD consortium (ALLTogether protocol TAT <5 days)
- IG/TCR-NGS-MRD: better specificity and sensitivity and gives additional information (IG/TR repertoire) but not (yet) internationally standardised
- Always be critical about 'MRD NEGATIVITY', should be defined for each sample



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MRD ANALYSIS IN AML



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CLINICAL SIGNIFICANCE

AML 2022 ELN guidelines

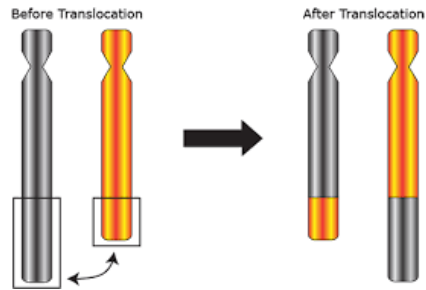
- ± 35% of the leukemia
- Adults (± 60jaar)
- Classification: genetical abnormalities
 - ± 45% CN-AML: CEBPa ; NPM1 ; Flt3; DNMT3A of NRAS
 - NPM1 or FLT3-ITD: ±1/3 of AML
- NPM1 mut + adverse cytogenetic characteristics → poor prognosis
- Flt3-ITD AR no longer used → IR-group

Risk category†	Genetic abnormality
Favorable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • t(8;21)(q22;q22.1)/RUNX1::RUNX1T1†,‡ • inv(16)(p13.1q22) or t(16;16)(p13.1;q22)/CBFB::MYH11†,‡ • Mutated NPM1†,§ without FLT3-ITD • bZIP in-frame mutated CEBPA
Intermediate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mutated NPM1†,§ with FLT3-ITD • Wild-type NPM1 with FLT3-ITD (without adverse-risk genetic lesions) • t(9;11)(p21.3;q23.3)/MLLT3::KMT2A†,¶ • Cytogenetic and/or molecular abnormalities not classified as favorable or adverse
Adverse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • t(6;9)(p23.3;q34.1)/DEK::NUP214 • t(v;11q23.3)/KMT2A-rearranged# • t(9;22)(q34.1;q11.2)/BCR::ABL1 • t(8;16)(p11.2;p13.3)/KAT6A::CREBBP • inv(3)(q21.3q26.2) or t(3;3)(q21.3;q26.2)/GATA2, MECOM(EVI1) • t(3q26.2;v)/MECOM(EVI1)-rearranged • -5 or del(5q); -7; -17/abn(17p) • Complex karyotype,** monosomal karyotype†† • Mutated ASXL1, BCOR, EZH2, RUNX1, SF3B1, SRSF2, STAG2, U2AF1, and/or ZRSR2‡‡ • Mutated TP53³

2022 ELN risk classification by genetic markers at Dx
Dohner et al. Blood 2022

TARGETS

Fusion transcripts

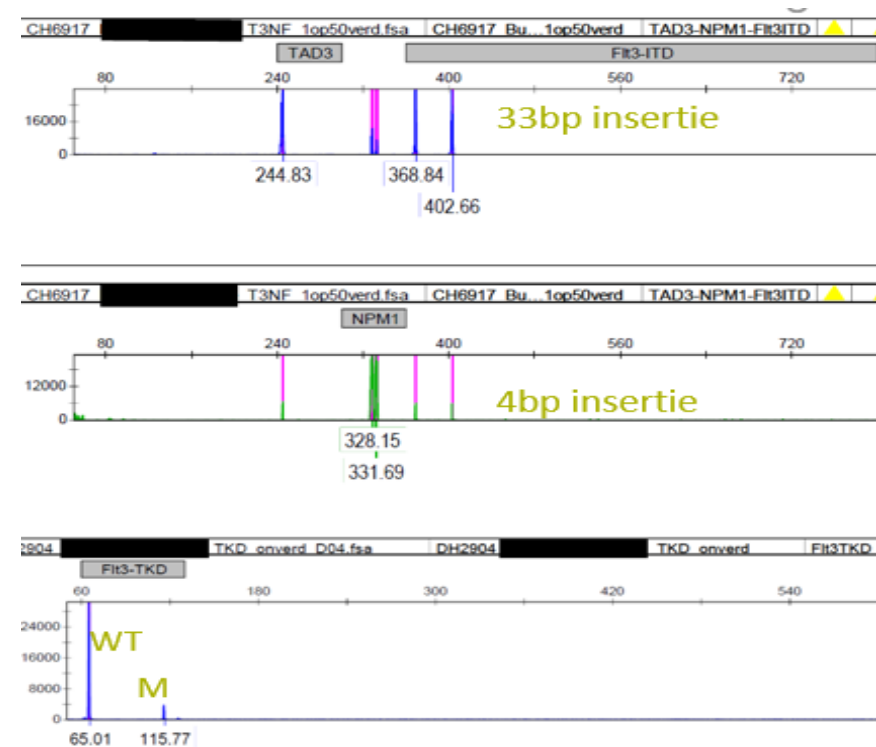


Translocation	Frequency
t(9;22): BCR-ABL1	CML (>90%), ALL (<40%)
t(15;17): PML-RARA	AML (5-10%)
t(8;21): RUNX1-RUNXT1	AML (5-10%)
Inv16: CBF-MYH11	AML (5-10%)
t(12;21): ETV6-RUNX1	B-ALL (children ~15%, adult ~2%)
t(4;11): KMT2A-AFF1	B-ALL (infant 50-85%, children 2-20%, adult ~10%)
KMT2A::XX (>80 partners)	Therapy related (t-)AML
t(1;19): TCF3-PBX1	B-ALL (children 2-6%, adult ~3%)

AML AT UZ BRUSSELS

Diagnosis

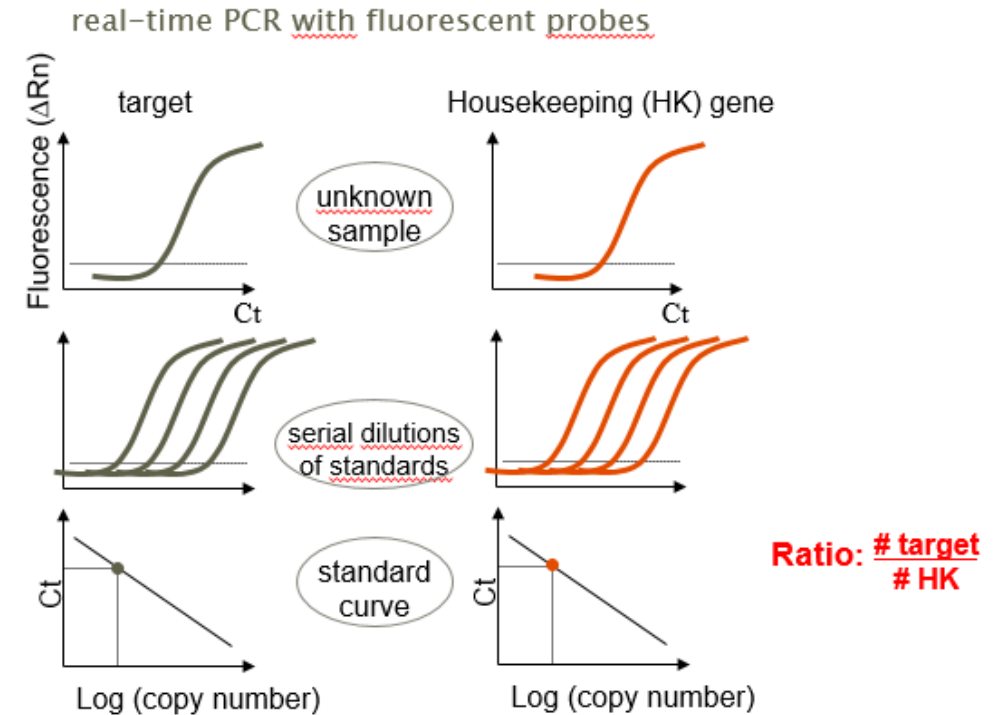
- *Sample preparation:*
 - Specimen: B or BM EDTA
- *Tests:*
 - RNA
 - Screening translocations (28)
 - DNA:
 - **multiplex PCR (CE)**
 - CEBPa: b-ZiP domain
 - NPM1: exon 12 → 4bp insertion
 - FLT3-ITD: ±75 - 80%
 - FLT3-TKD: ±3 - 8%
 - **NGS myeloid panel**
 - Identification lengths / integration site / sequences



Fragment analysis by capillary electrophoresis (CE):
CEBPa-TAD3; FLT3-ITD and TKD; NPM1

MRD testing

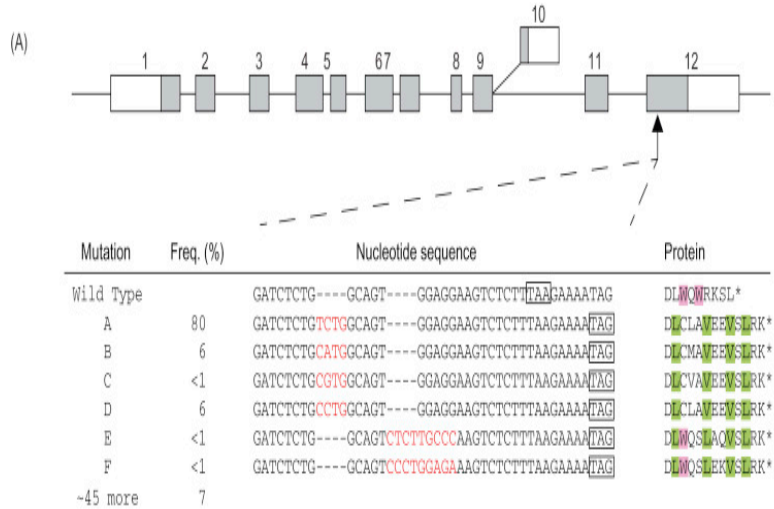
- *Sample preparation* :
 - Specimen: BM EDTA
(1 log ≠ sensitivity BM vs B)
- *Tests*: FU molecular markers
 - RNA
 - **single translocation**: PLM::RARA / CBFb::MYH11 / RUNX1::RUNX1 / ...
 - **RT-PCR**: qNPM1
 - DNA
 - **NGS**: FLT3-ITD (+ NPM1)
 - **CE** : FLT3/NPM1/CEBPa multiplex PCR (10% sensitivity)



Sensitivity: 10^{-4} - 10^{-5}

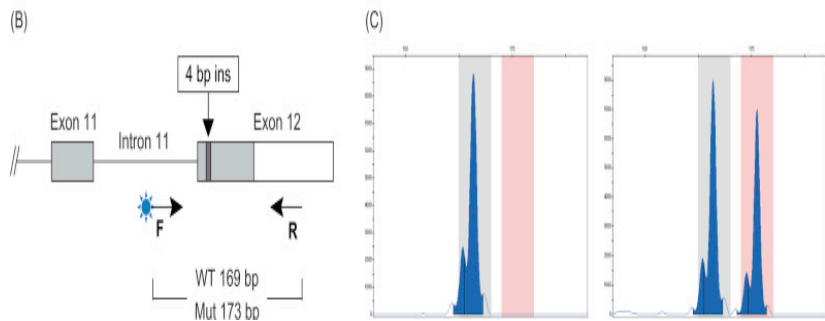
AML TARGETS

NPM1: Nucleophosmin



- Somatic mutations in exon 12 → >50 Suptypes

- Subtype: A, B, D en R → A: 75 à 80% (TCTG)



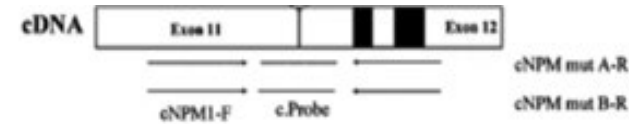
Blood 2006;107:4011-20.

AML TARGETS

NPM1: Nucleophosmin (chr 5q35.1)

RT-qPCR

- Subtype A
- 2µg RNA: cDNA with M-MLV
- NPM1 mutA stnd (Ipsogen®)
- Pos. ctrl: OCI-AML3 (10⁻² and 10⁻⁴)
- Neg. ctrl: HL60
- Housekeeping gene: ABL1-gen
- % MRD = (#copy NPM1 / #copy ALB)*100



b

Genomic Systems	
gNPM mut A-F	5'-AGGCTATTCAAGATCTCTGTCTGG -3'
gNPM-R2	5'-AAGTTCTCACTCTGCATTATAAAAAGGA-3'
gNPM mut B-F	5'-CTATTCAAGATCTCTGCATGGCA-3'
gNPM mut D-F	5'-TATTCAAGATCTCTGCCTGGCA-3'
gNPM mut E-F	5'-TCTCTGGCAGTCCCTCGC-3'
gNPM mut G-F	5'-GGCAGTGCTTCGCCCA-3'
gNPM mut H-F	5'-AGATCTCTGGCAGTGTTCCTCAAAA-3'
gNPM-R1	5'-AAAGGACAGCCAGATATCAACTGTT-3'
g.Probe	5'-TTCCGTCTTATTCATTTC-3'
cDNA Systems	
cNPM-F	5'-GAAGAATTGCTTCGGATGACT-3'
c.Probe	5'-FAM-ACCAAGAGGCTATTCAA-MGB-3'
cNPM mut A-R	5'-CTTCCTCCACTGCCAGACAGA-3'
cNPM mut B-R	5'-TTCCTCCACTGCCATGCAG-3'

Primers/probe combination for RT-qPCR with cDNA
Gorello et al 2006

●●● AML TARGETS

NPM1: RT-qPCR

NPM1 detection with RT-qPCR → S: depends on ABL-copies

From: [European LeukemiaNet 2020 recommendations for treating chronic myeloid leukemia](#)

	MMR	MR ⁴	MR ^{4.5}	MR ⁵
Minimum sum of reference gene transcripts	10,000 ABL1 ^a 24,000 GUSB ^a	10,000 ABL1 24,000 GUSB	32,000 ABL1 77,000 GUSB	100,000 ABL1 240,000 GUSB
BCR-ABL1 transcript level on the IS ^b	≤0.1%	≤0.01%	≤0.0032%	≤0.001%

^aMinimal sensitivity for accurate quantification.

^bInternational Scale, IS.

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NPM1: MRD in AML 2022 ELN richtlijnen (ref. Dohner et al. Blood 2022)

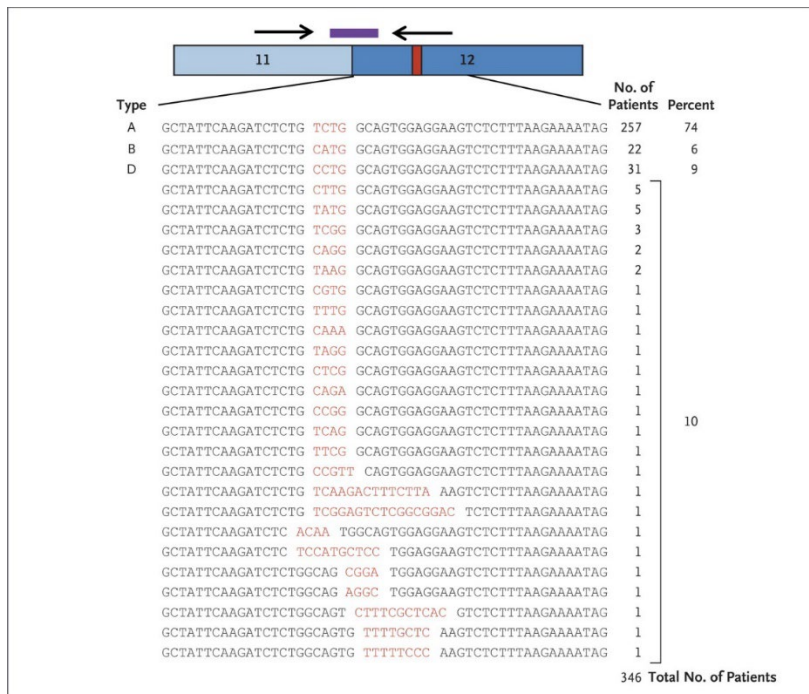
Monitoring of MRD (Mol-MRD) by qPCR:

- $LOD \leq 10^{-3}$
- 2-3 replica
- MRD⁺ or MRD⁻: 40 cycli → threshold dependent
- Complete remission MRD low level (CR_{MRD-LL}) <2% (expression-level)
 - End of consolidation: MRD negative (↓↓ relaps rate)
- MRD⁺ : $\geq 0,1\%$ VAF

AML TARGETS

NPM1: Nucleophosmin (chr 5q35.1)

NGS (amplicon-base)



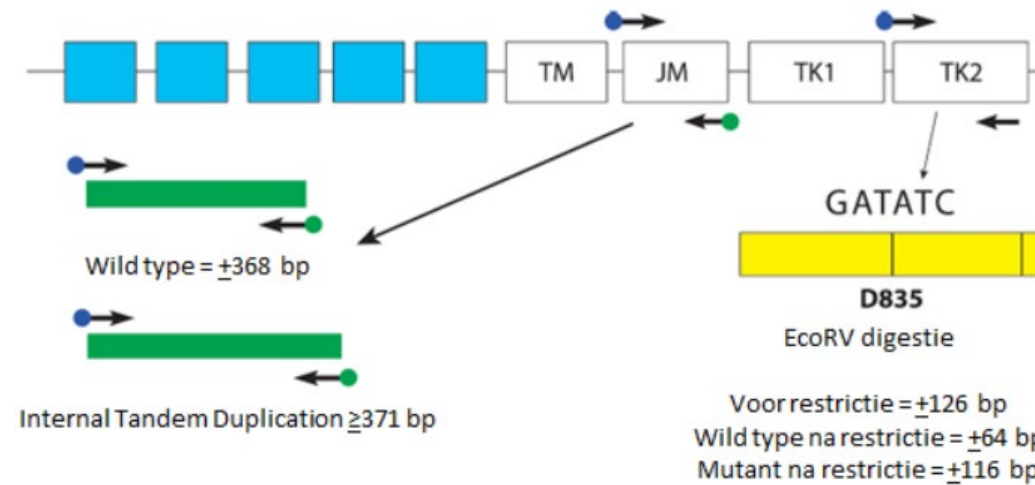
Ivey A et al. N Engl J Med 2016;374:422-433

- Advantage:
 - Amplification and sequencing
 - Subtype independent
 - Multiplex of samples / genes
- Disadvantage:
 - expensive
 - Bio-IT for data analyse

AML TARGETS

Flt3: fms related tyrosine kinase

- FLT3-TKD: RE (EcoRV-HF)
- FLT3-ITD: n x (3bp)



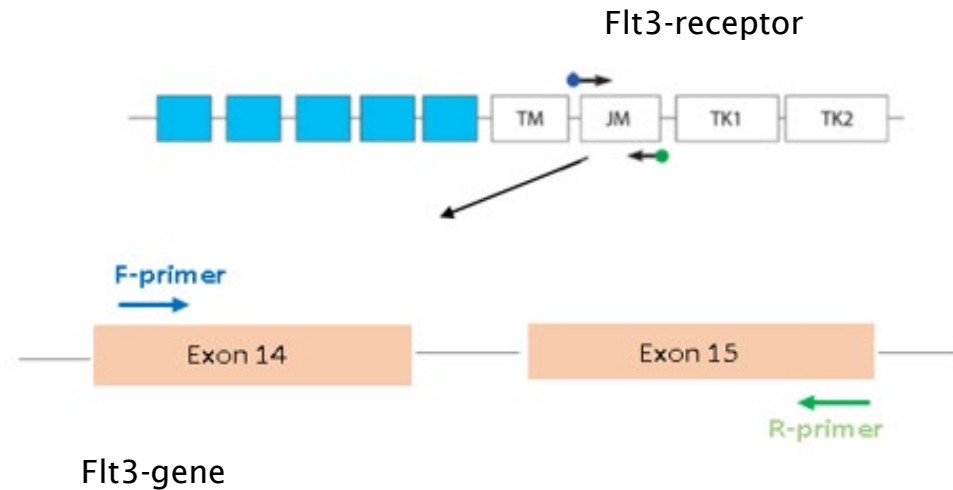
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FLT3 (chr 13q12)

- ITD: exon 14-15
 - n x 3bp duplication
- Patient specific
 - Evolving at relaps (Blätte et a. Lekemia 2019)
- Pos. ctrl: MV4-11 (10^{-2} and 10^{-4})
- Neg. ctrl: healthy donors (GL POOL)
- DNA quality: Albumine
- % MRD = $(\# \text{ reads mutant} / \# \text{ reads WT+M}) * 100$

NGS (amplicon-base)



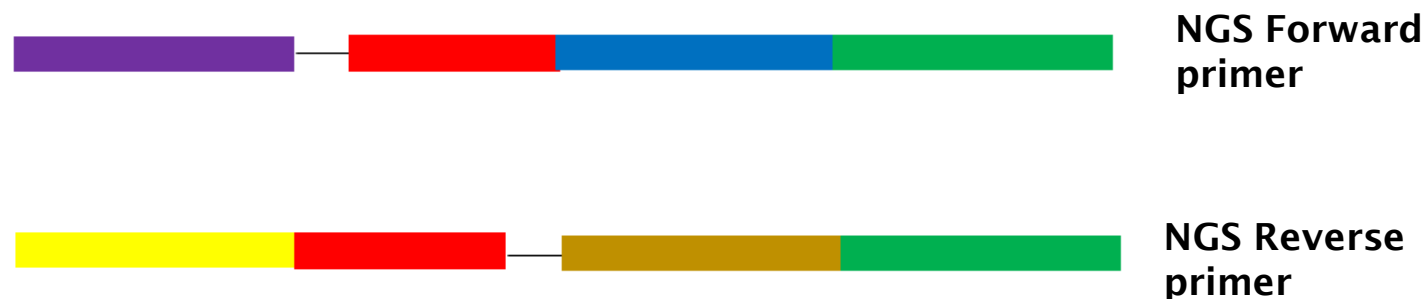
Forward (F) and reverse (R) primers on Flt3 gene

TECHNICS - NGS FOR MRD

PCR amplification → one-step

Primers: Thol et al. Genes, Chromosomes & Cancer 2012

- **Target sequence:** ≠ targets (NPM1 mut : exon 12 + FLT3-ITD: exon 14-15)
- Paired-end reads: **read1** forward (5' → 3') vs **read2** (3' → 5') reverse strand
- **Index:** ≠ samples
- **P5/P7:** sequencing segments



primers of NPM1_mut and Flt3-ITD for NGS.

≠ index → Combination of 16 sample per target

TECHNICS - NGS FOR MRD

PCR amplification → one-step

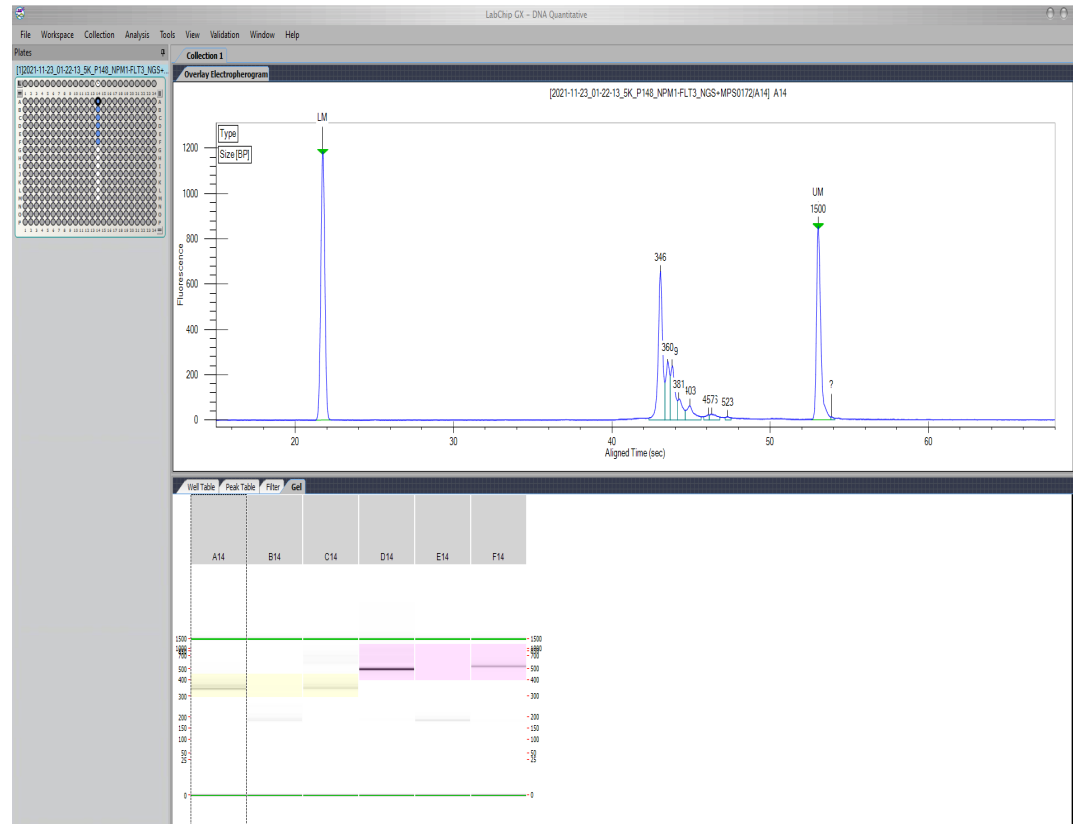
BM: DNA isolation

- → measuring by nanophotometer and albumine quantification
- Input: ≥ 1 μg DNA or max 10 μl
- In duplo
- Pos ctrl:
 - FLT3-ITD: MV4-11 (10^{-4})
 - NPM1: OCI-AML3 (10^{-4})
- Neg ctrl: pool of healthy donor (GL POOL)
- PCR 25 μl reaction:
 - 12,5 μl NEB next HF 2x + 1,25 μl F primer + 1,25 μl R primer + 10 μl DNA/H₂O
- PCR-program:
 - 98°C 2 min. / (98°C 10 sec. / 64°C 30 sec. / 72°C 30 sec.) X 35 / 72° 2 min. / 10 °C ∞

TECHNICS - NGS FOR MRD

Purification / Quantification / 2nM Library

- Amplicons purification: Agencourt AMPure XP systeem
- Quantification:
 - Qubit: measuring amplicons concentration
 - Labchip Caliper: visualisation and length determination
 - Flt3-ITD: 567bp
 - NPM1: 365bp
- Dilution: each amplicon to 2nM with EBT
- 2nM library : equivalent molarity
- Pooling with other libraries + PhiX (sequencing control)
- Sequencing
- Sample sheet: demultiplexing



LapChip Caliper Electropherogram

TECHNICS - NGS FOR MRD

MiSeq flow cell

- MiSeq sequencing flow cell:
 - V2 vs V3
 - V3 flow cell: 2x300 cycli (56h)
 - 15 vs 25 millions reads
 - 1 millions reads per sample:
 - R1 and R2 combined

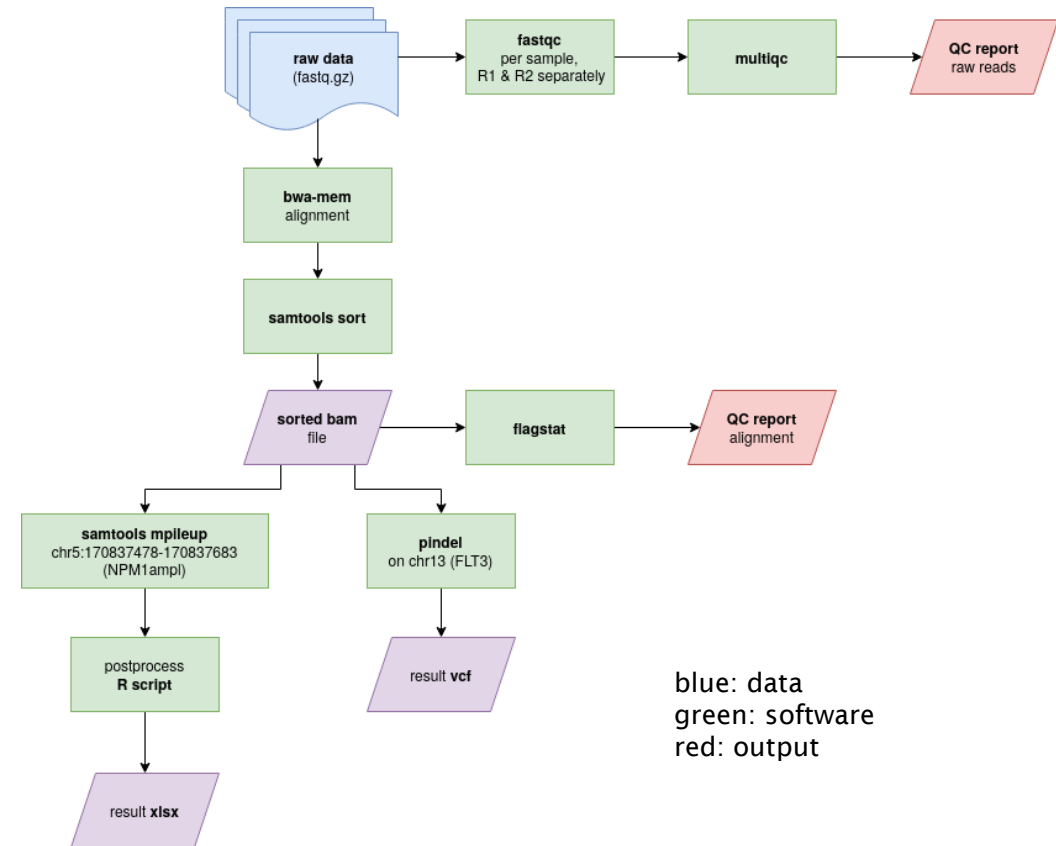
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MV4-11 1E-02	104244	392	572341	1752
MV4-11 1E-03	104612	48	519512	214
MV4-11 5E-04	55460	0	257381	50
MV4-11 1E-04	115488	0	645726	12
MV4-11 5E-05	97690	0	551780	7
MV4-11 1E-05	97000	0	493391	0

TECHNICS - NGS FOR MRD

Bio-informatica

Raw data → results

1. Comparison to reference genome
2. Samtools sort: file sorting per chromosome
3. Variants calls
 - > Pindel: Flt3-ITD
 - > Samtools mpileup: NPM1
4. QC: raw reads / bam file



QC controle of NGS results Figure from C. Olsen

TECHNICS - NGS FOR MRD

NPM1 results

Samtool Mpileup:

NPM1 subtype A

→ TCTG insertion

→ Positie: 170837543

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	
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5	chr5	170837509	A	TT	1000026	7	6,99982E-06	
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9	chr5	170837517	T	TC	1000026	4	3,9999E-06	
10	chr5	170837518	T	TC	1000025	2	1,99995E-06	
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26	chr5	170837559	A	GT	986966	2	2,02641E-06	
27	chr5	170837560	G	AT	986947	2	2,02645E-06	
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TECHNICS - NGS FOR MRD

FLT3-ITD results

Pindel:

FLT3-ITD

- Position and length
- Pos ctrl:
 - position chr13:28608254
 - Length fragment: 30bp

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TECHNICS - NGS FOR MRD

Calculation

Samtools (NPM1) and Pindel (Flt3-ITD):

$$\text{MRD (\%)} = \frac{\text{\# reads mutant}}{\text{\# reads WT+M}} * 100$$

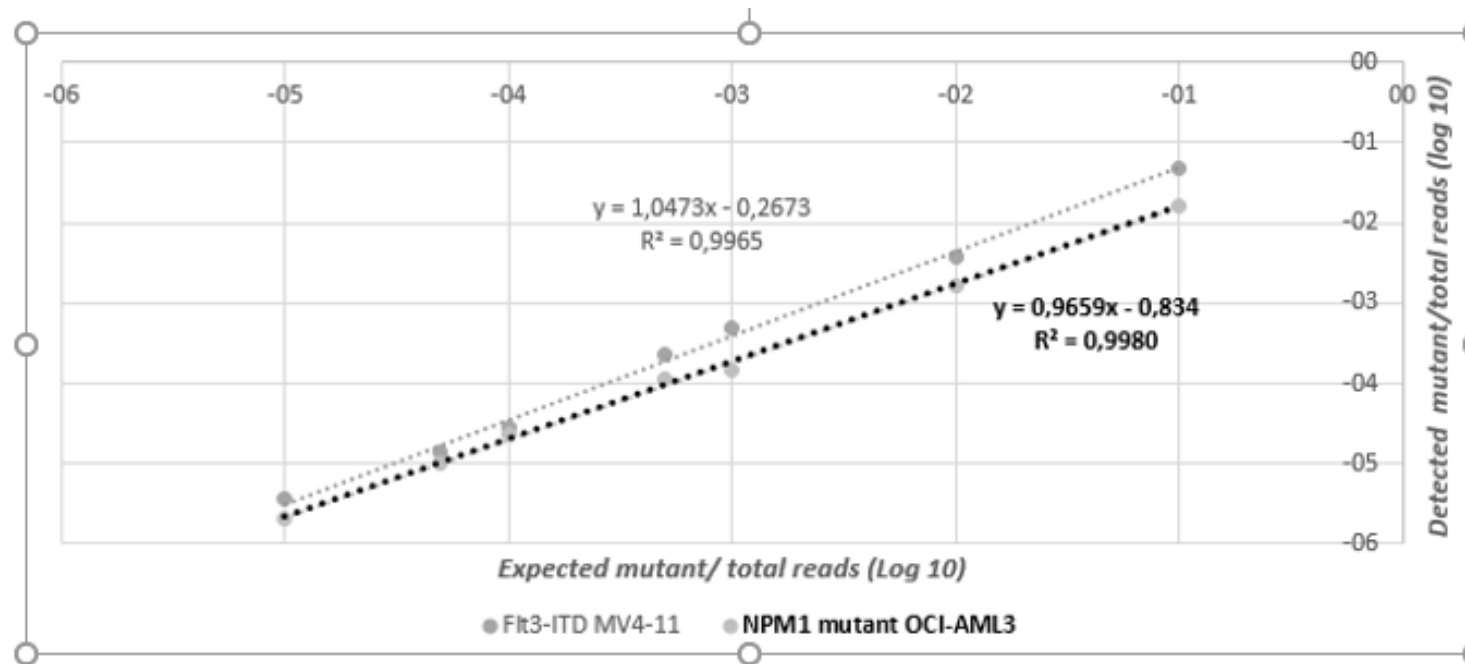
sensitivity: sample dependent → # input DNA (cells) in PCR + Albumine
→ $S = 2/\text{tot .\# cells}$

Albumine concentration correction → conversion in # cells (1 cell = 6pg DNA)

TECHNICS - NGS FOR MRD

validation: Linearity

Sensitivity: dilution series of positive cell line in negative controle (GL POOL):
MV4-11 / OCI-AML3 + GL POOL



Linearity of NGS-MRD assay for FLT3-ITD and NPM1 mut A:
Log conversion expected - detected MRD

TECHNICS - NGS FOR MRD

EQA

<u>UK Neqas MRD for AML by Molecular Methods - 222302</u>					
sample	target	MRD_NGS total %	MRD (%)qNPM1	UK Neqas results (median %)	results NGS
sample 046	NPM1	negative	negative	negative	negative
sample 047	NPM1	0,039	1,5	5,1	positive
sample 048	NPM1	0,012	0,3	1,1	positive
Edu A	FLT3	0,26	/	0,14	positive
Edu B	FLT3	0,033	/	0,028	positive
Edu C	FLT3	negative	/	negative	negative
GL POOL	NPM1	/	/	/	negative
	FLT3	/	/	/	negative



FUTURE

LMHE:

- Bio-informatics standardisation
- ddPCR for NPM1: cheaper and faster

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