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Tecnologie per l'analisi single-cell: dalla genomica alla multiomica

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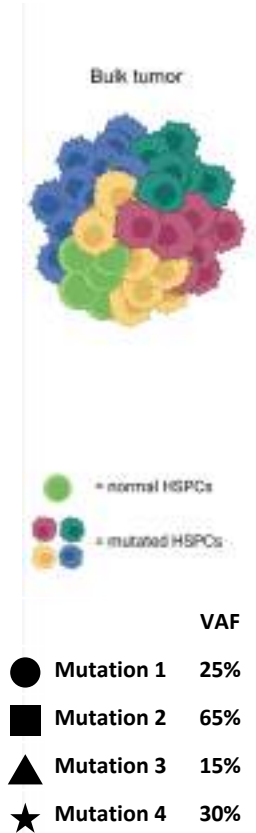
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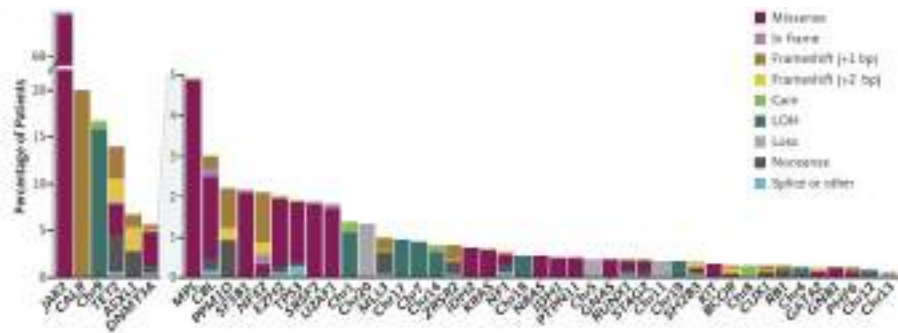
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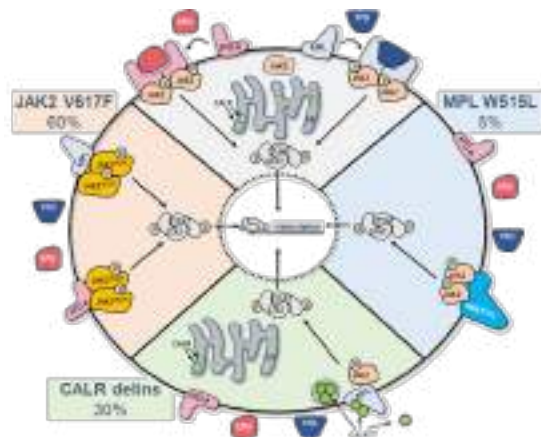
The power of single cell analysis



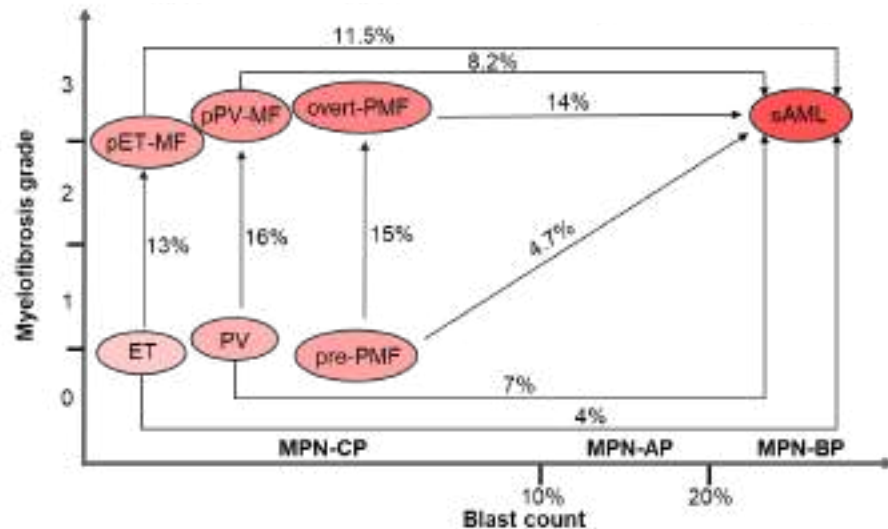
Myeloproliferative neoplasms (MPN) molecular pathogenesis and disease evolution



Grinfeld J. et al. New Engl J Med. 2018

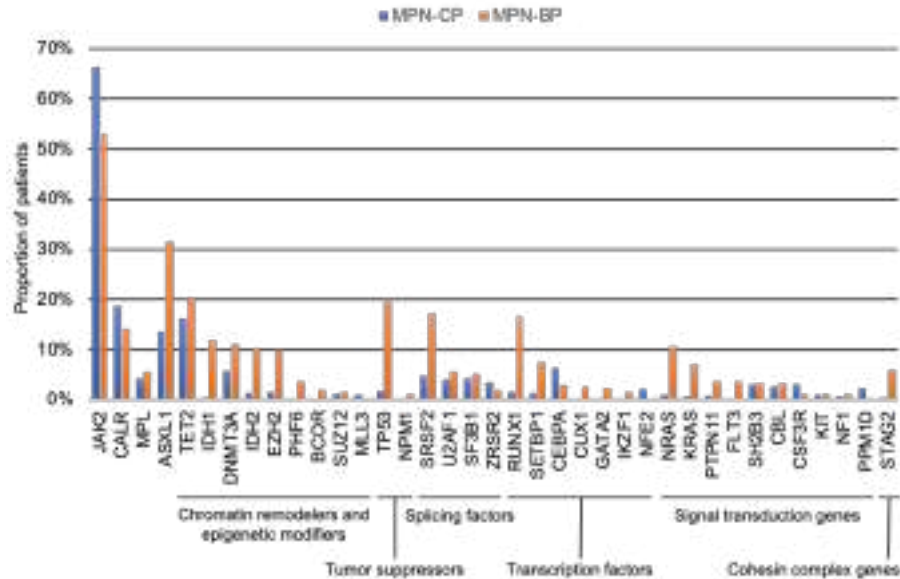


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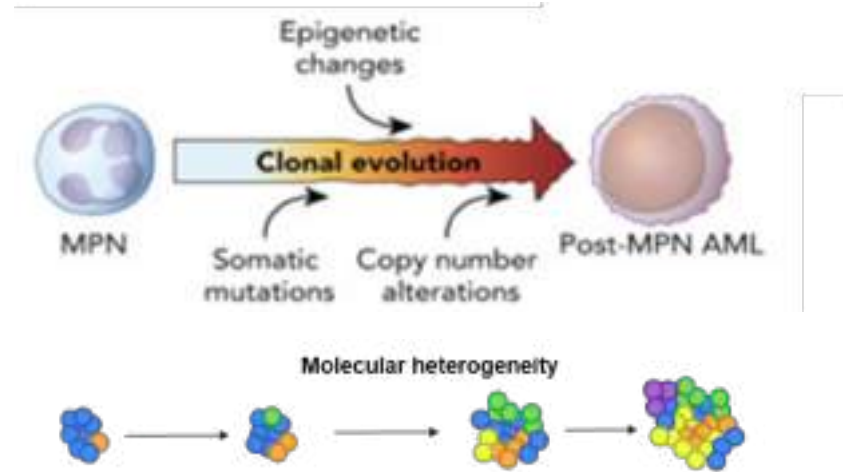


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MPNs disease evolution

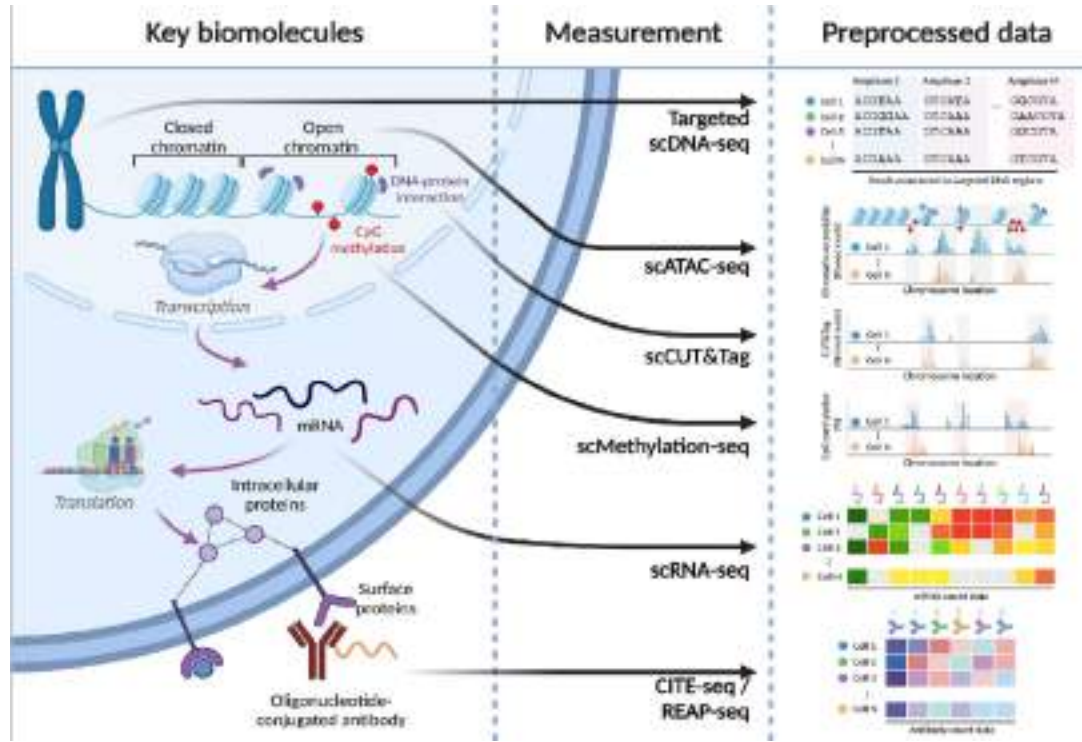


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Single cell omics opportunities



'Multi-omics'

DNA + RNA

- TARGET-seq⁵⁷ ★
- GoT⁵⁹ ★

DNA + chromatin accessibility

- GoT-ChA⁹⁷ ★

RNA + protein

- CITE-seq⁸⁹

DNA + RNA + splicing

- GoT-Splice⁹⁸

mtDNA + chromatin accessibility

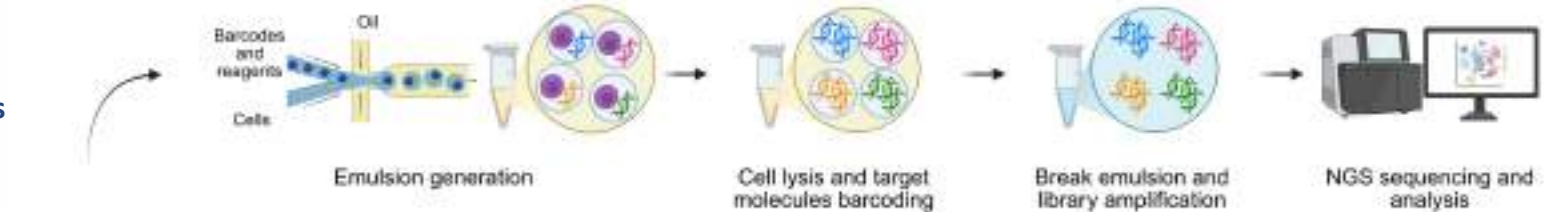
- mtscATAC-seq³⁸

O'Sullivan, JM. et al., Blood. 2023

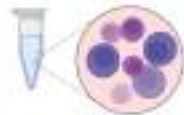
De Jonghe, J. et al., Cell genomics. 2024

The basics of single cell isolation and analysis approaches

Droplet based methods



Single cell suspension



Cell labelling

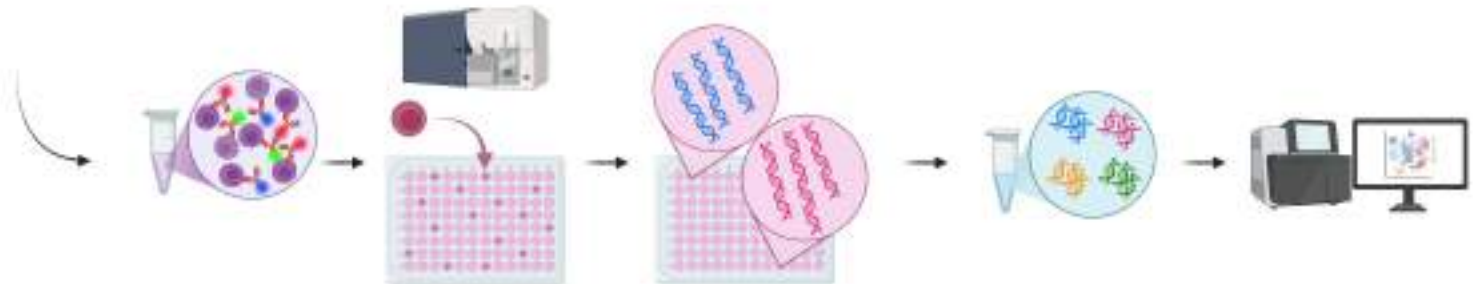
Single cell sorting

Cell lysis and target molecules barcoding

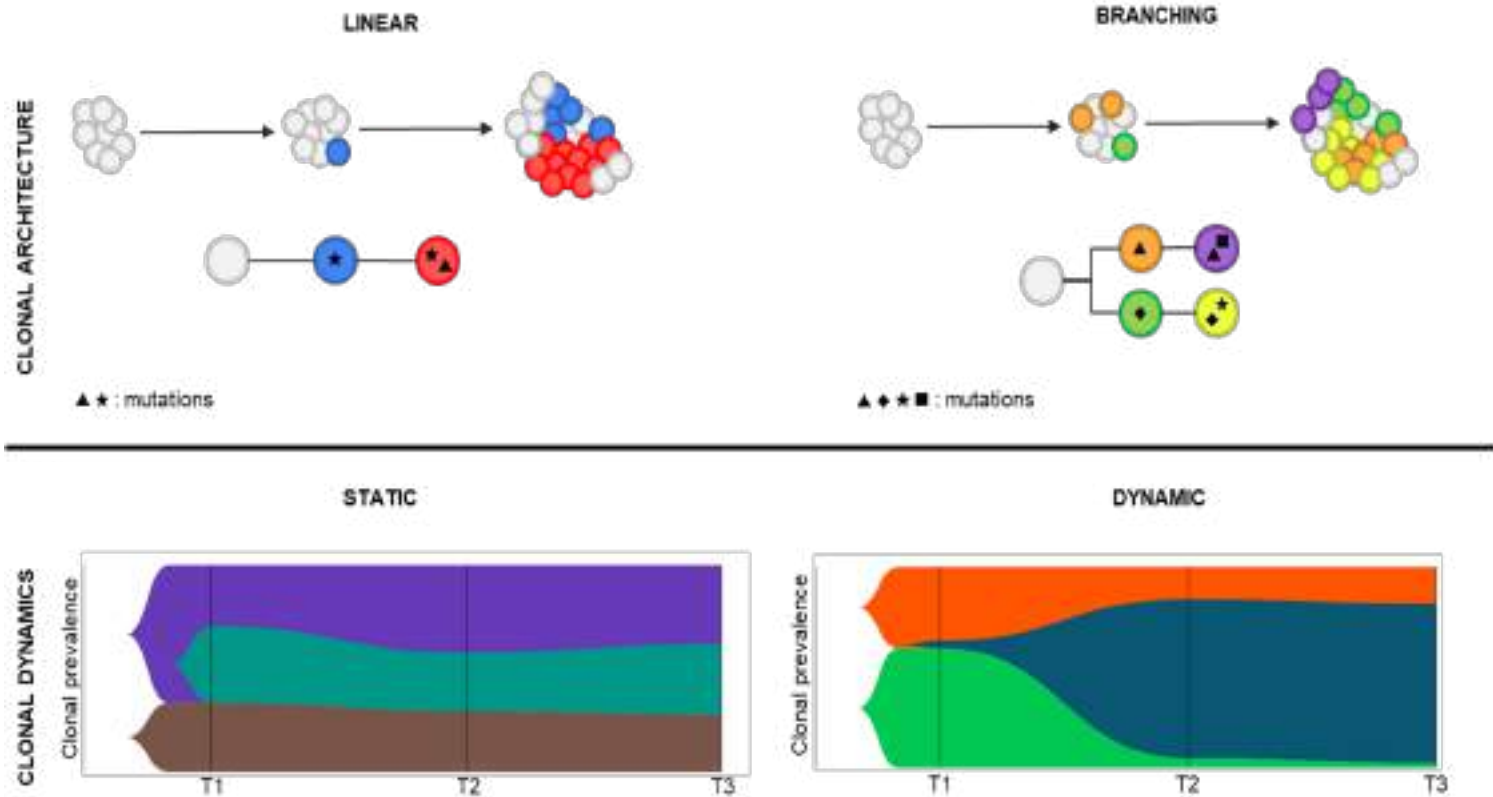
Pooling and library amplification

NGS sequencing and analysis

Plate based methods



Describing clonal trajectories through single cell genomics



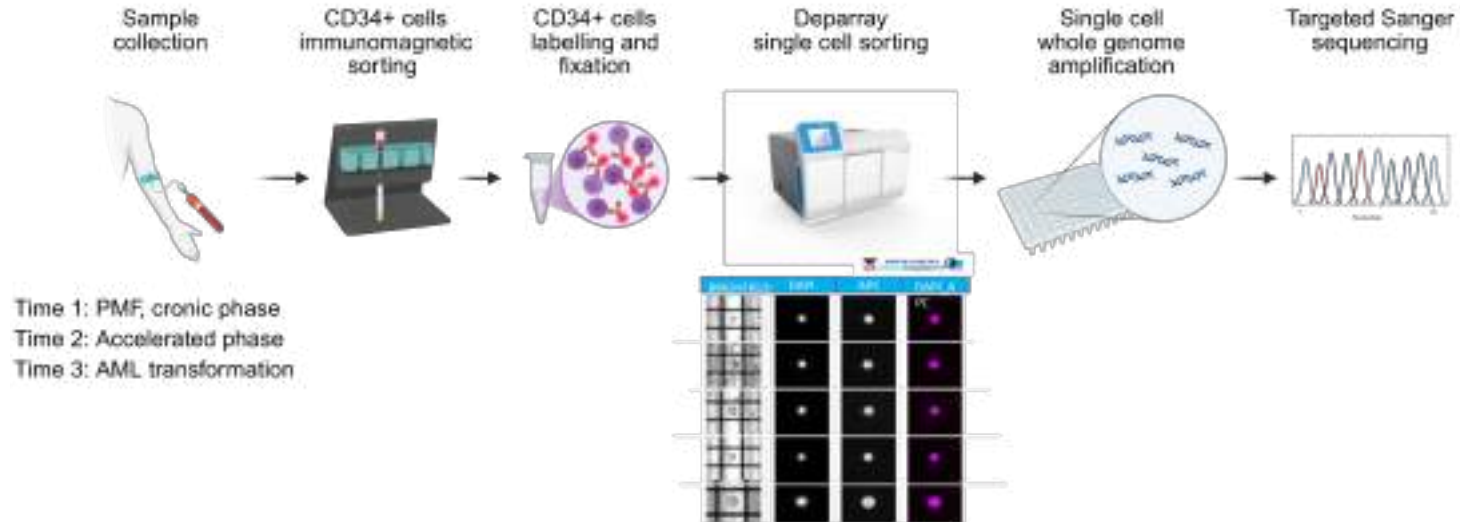
Clonal hierarchy reconstruction in PMF leukemic transformation by single cells genomics

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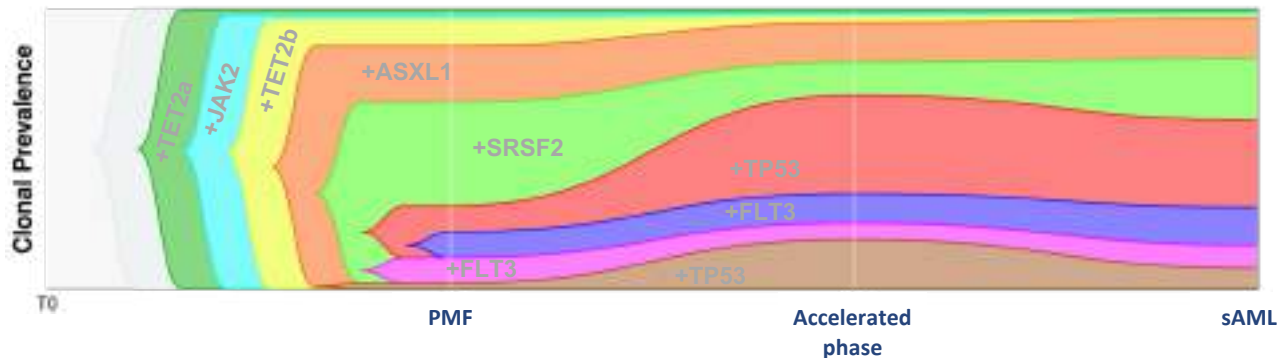
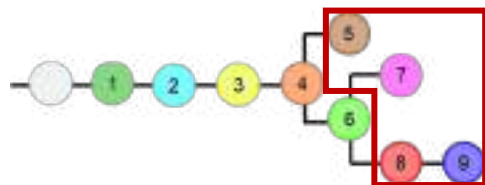
Mutated clones driving leukemic transformation are already detectable at the single-cell level in CD34-positive cells in the chronic phase of primary myelofibrosis

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Clones harboring TP53 and FLT3 mutations drive PMF transformation and are already present in chronic phase

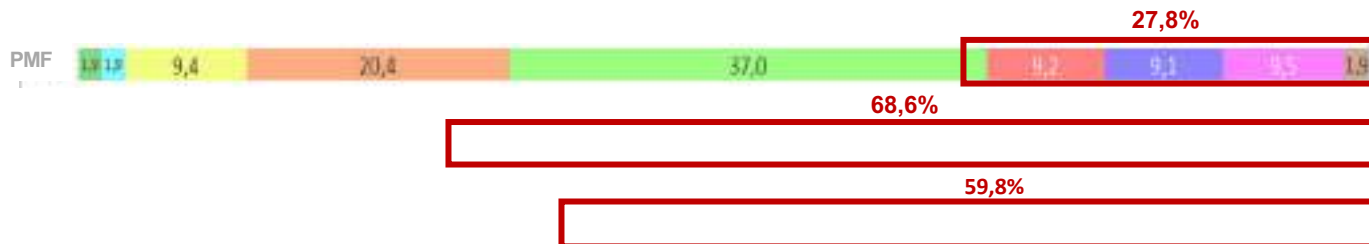
Clonal phylogeny



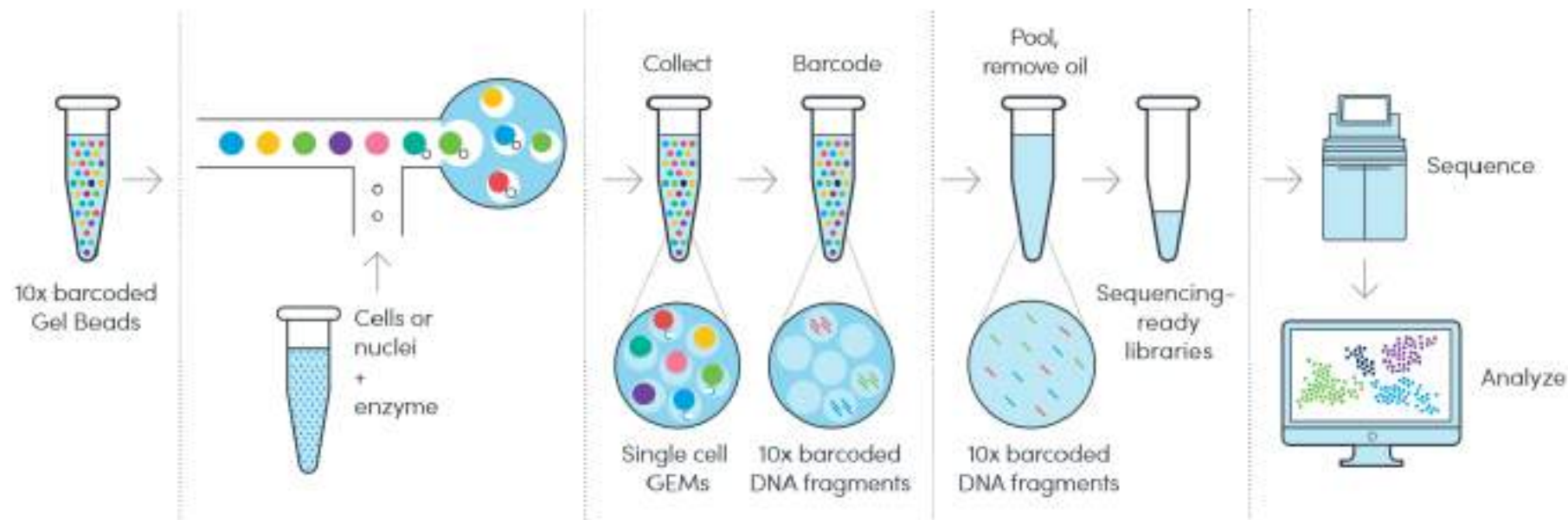
Pathogenic Variants

PMF NGS (VAF %)

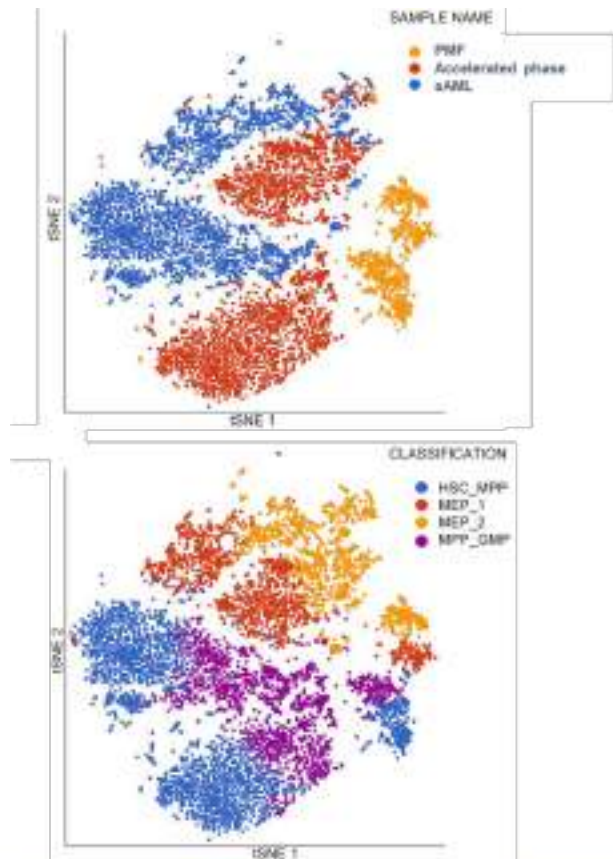
TET2 (a) p.L1248P	48.1
JAK2 p.V617F	75.8
TET2 (b) p.G1137Pfs*5	37.7
ASXL1 p.G646Wfs*12	43.6
SRSF2 p.P95H	46.1
TP53 p.C238S	5.7
FLT3 TKD (p.D835Y)	ND



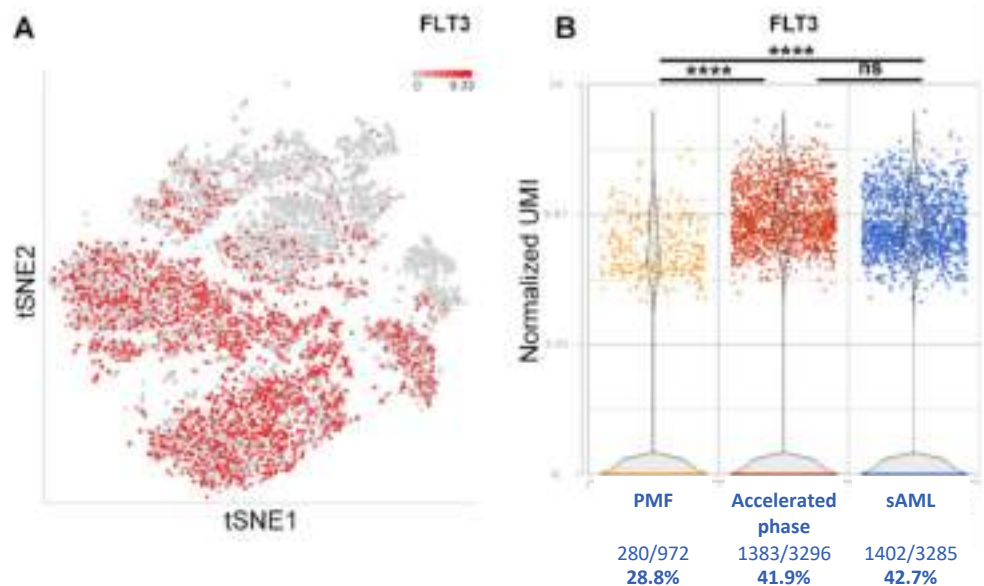
Single cell transcriptomics workflow



FLT3 expressing cells are expanded in sAML



FLT3 expression



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Single cell genomics allows the precocious identification of leukemic clones

Clonal dynamics and copy number variants by single-cell analysis in leukemic evolution of myeloproliferative neoplasms

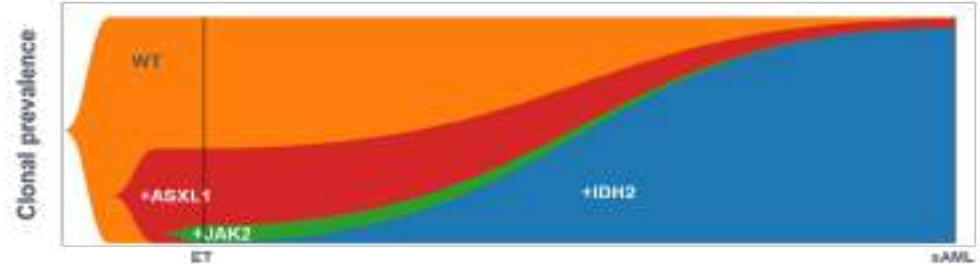
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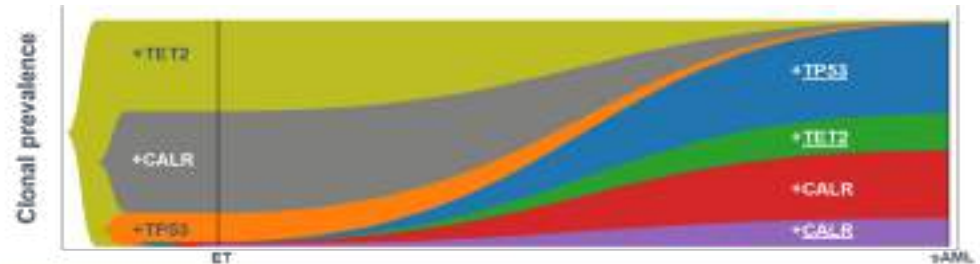
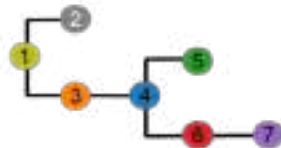
Patient #1

Clonal phylogeny



Patient #2

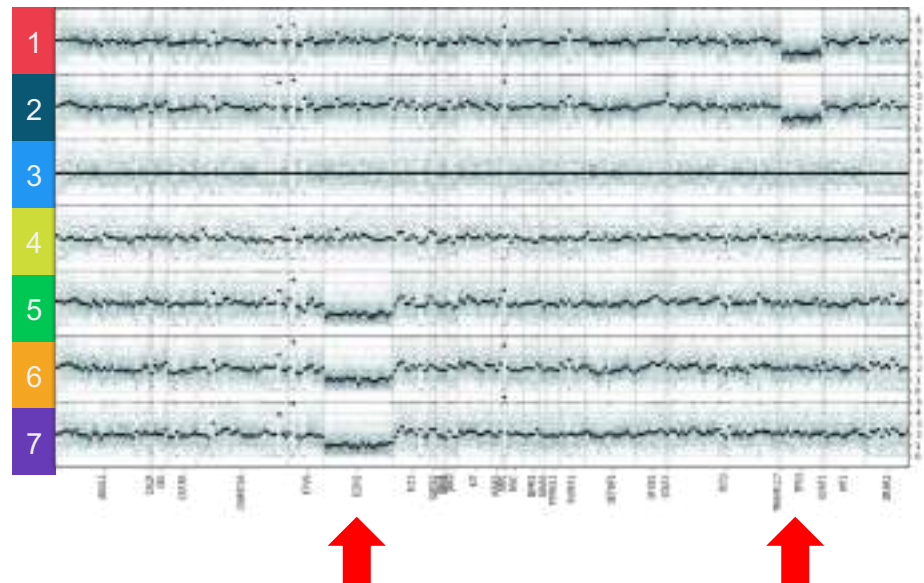
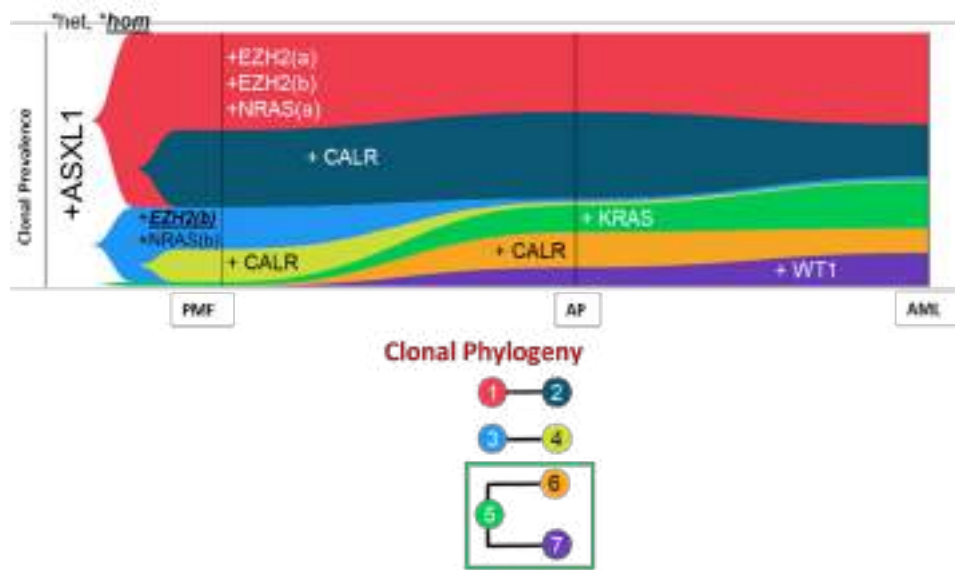
Clonal phylogeny



Leukemic clones differ from those driving chronic phase in terms of gene mutations and copy number alterations.

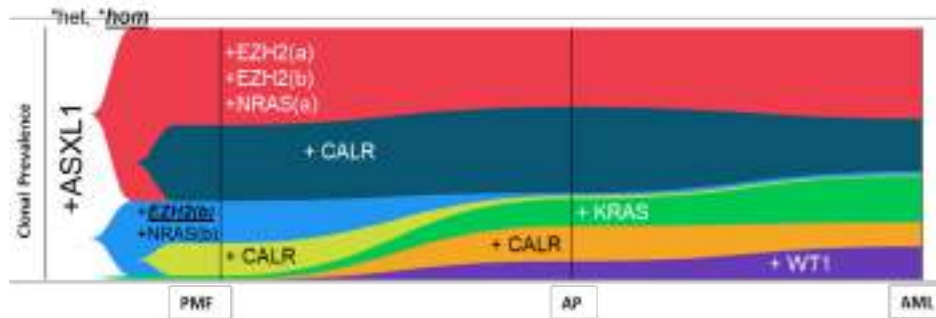
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CNV analysis

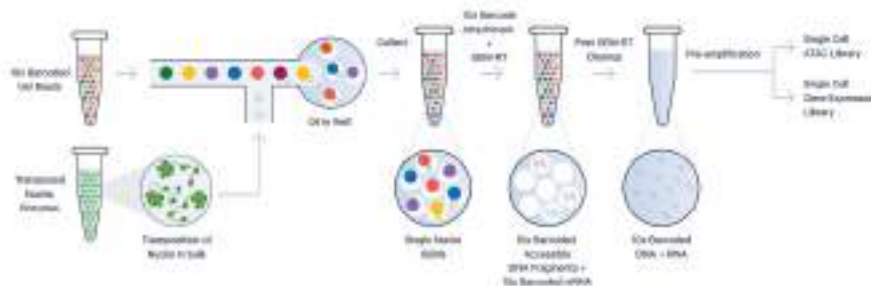


Acquisition of epigenetic modifier gene mutations before MPN driver variant impact disease evolution

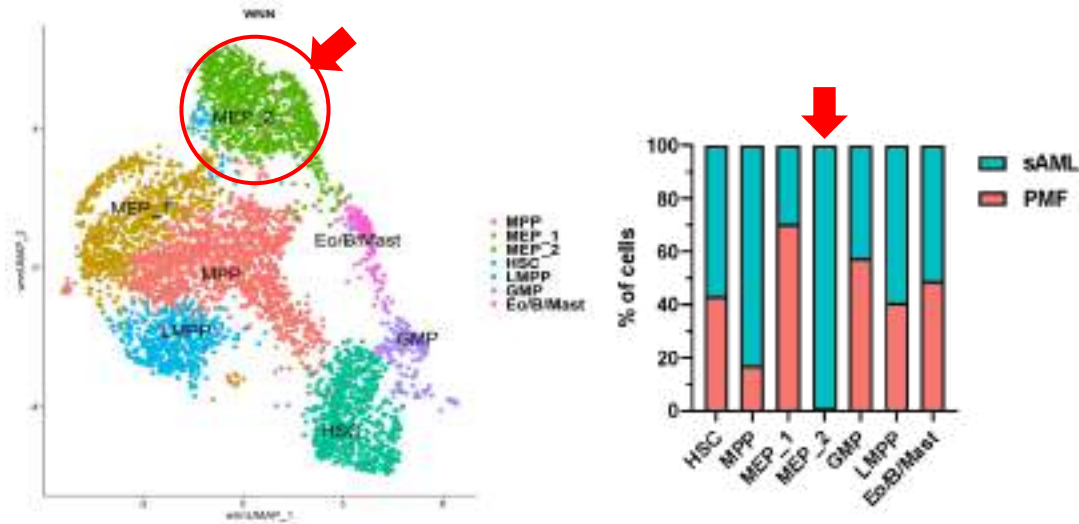
Clonal phylogeny



Single cell transcriptomics and assay for transposase accessible chromatin (ATAC) seq:
10X Genomics™ platform workflow

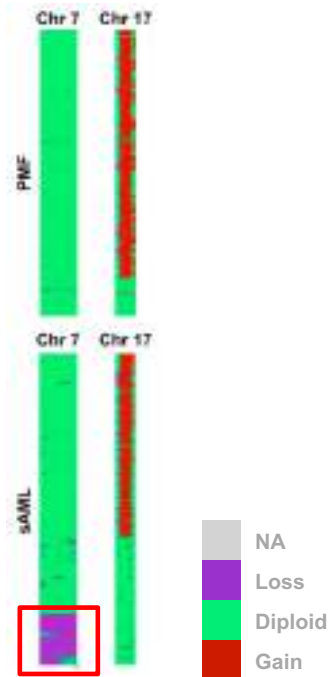


Chronic phase and leukemic phase cells are differentially distributed in hematopoietic stem and progenitor cell clusters

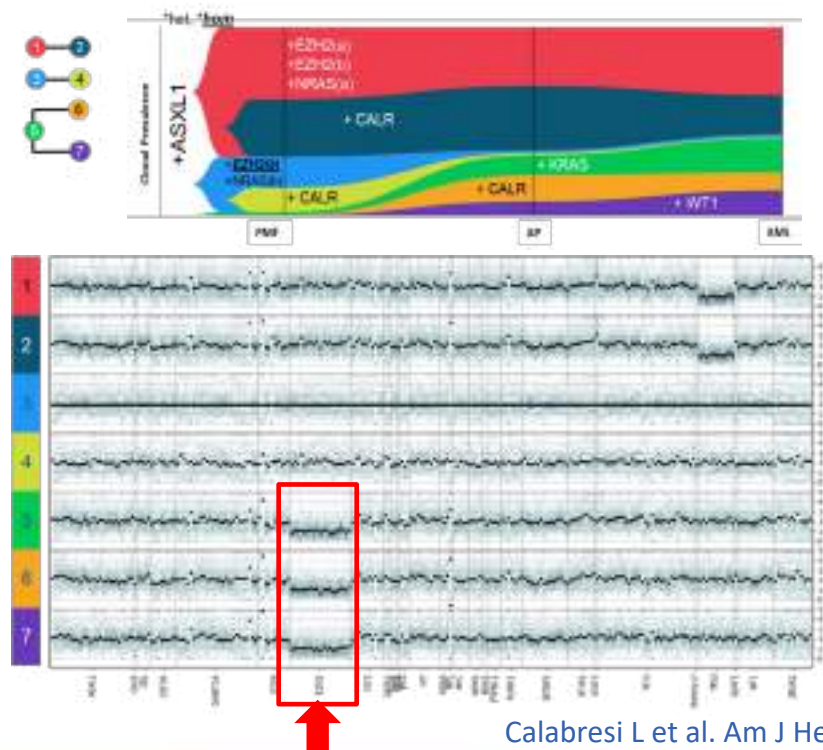


CNV assessment from scATAC-seq data recapitulates single cell genomics findings

Karyogram

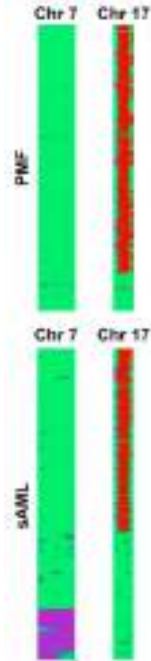


Sc genomics

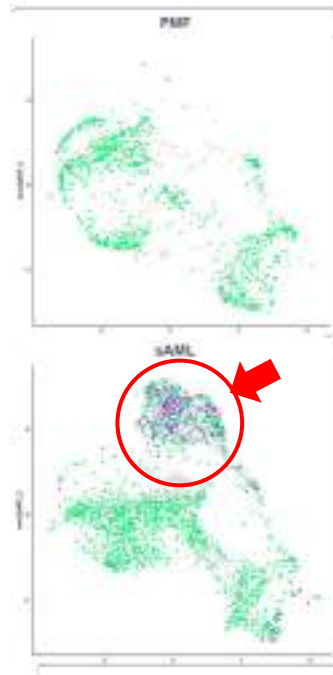


Leukemic cells display EZH2 deletion leading to its reduced function

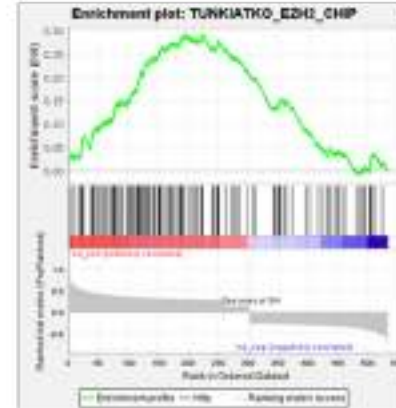
Karyogram



EZH2 Ploidy

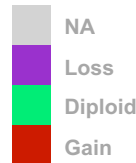
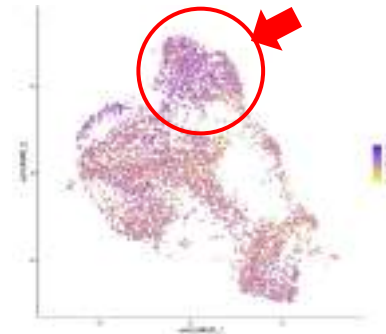


GSEA
EZH2 targets accessibility



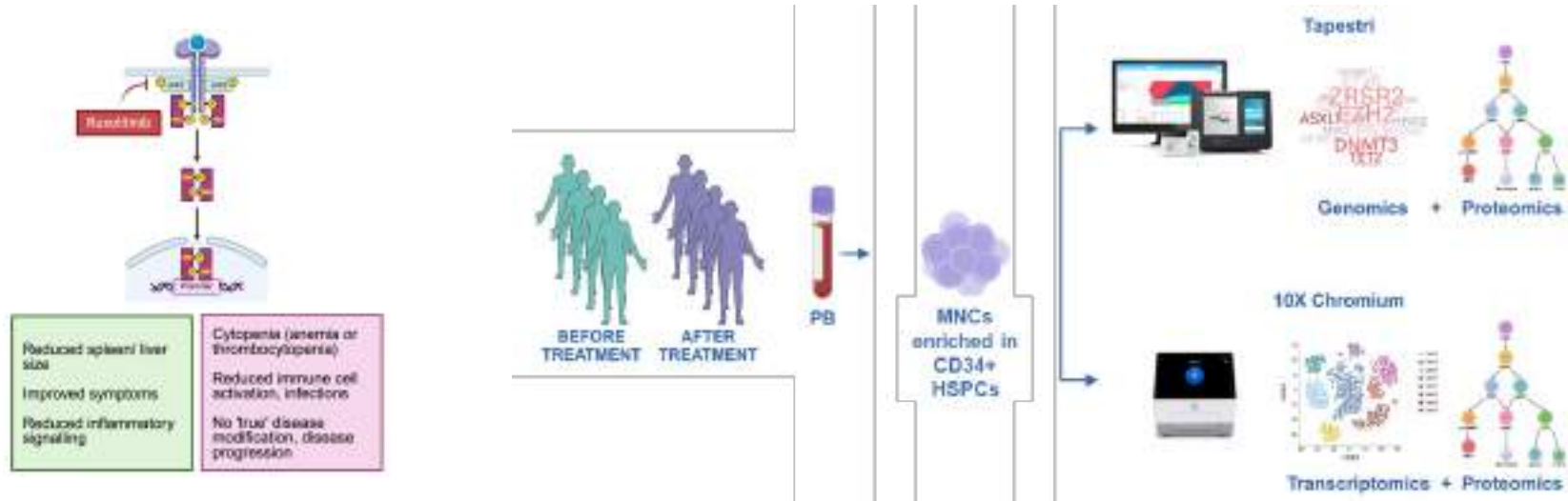
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Chromatin module activation
EZH2 targets



Study of molecular determinants of Ruxolitinib response by single cell multiomic

Ruxolitinib treatment



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