



# Final presentations | PPTs

**HARMONY Session**

**'Big Data in Hematology'**

15 June 2019 | 14:45 - 16:15 hrs

**24<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress of the  
European Hematology Association**

#Bigdataforbloodcancer:

HARMONY can accelerate your research to benefit  
patients with Hematologic Malignancies

# Session Speakers



- **Bob Löwenberg**, Chair HARMONY Advisory Board / Erasmus MC
- **Pam Bacon**, Celgene & **Guillermo Sanz**, HULAFE
- **Zack Pemberton-Whiteley**, Representing the HARMONY Patient Cluster / Acute Leukemia Advocates Network;
- **Anthony Moorman**, Newcastle University
- **Lars Bullinger**, Charité University Medicine
- **Lesley-Ann Sutton**, ERIC
- **Pierre Fenaux**, AP-HP
- **Allessandra Larocca**, Università di Torino
- **Natacha Bolaños**, Lymphoma Coallition
- **Bruno Costa**, Celgene
- **Jesus Maria Hernandez Rivas**, IBSAL



# Posing a few questions? Opportunities

**Bob Löwenberg**

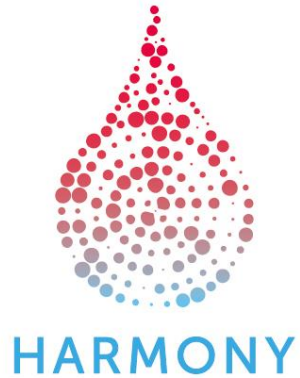
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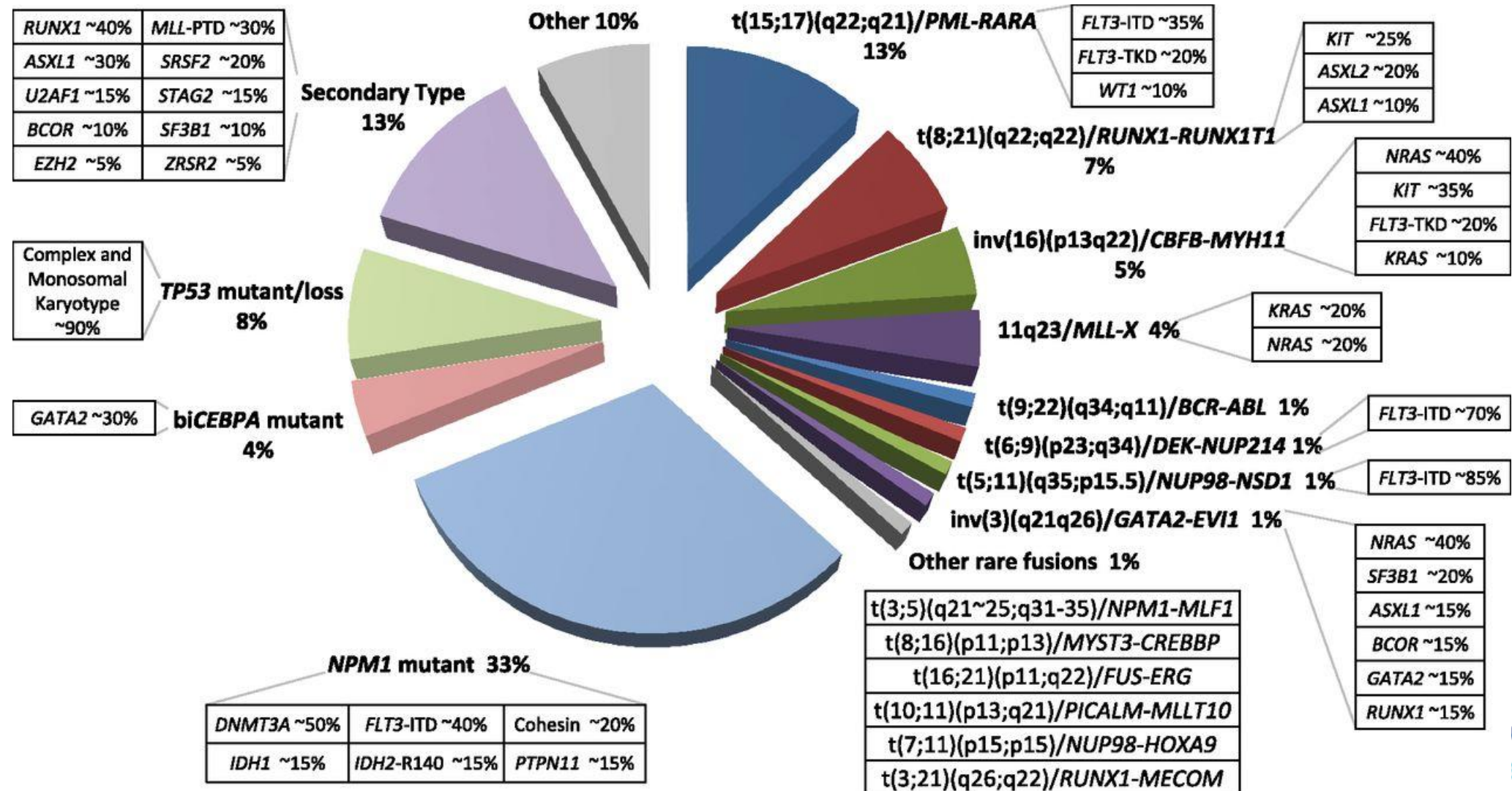
# HARMONY Motto



- **Unique**
- **Feasible**
- **Impactful**



# Distribution of cytogenetically and molecularly defined subsets of AML presenting in younger adults.

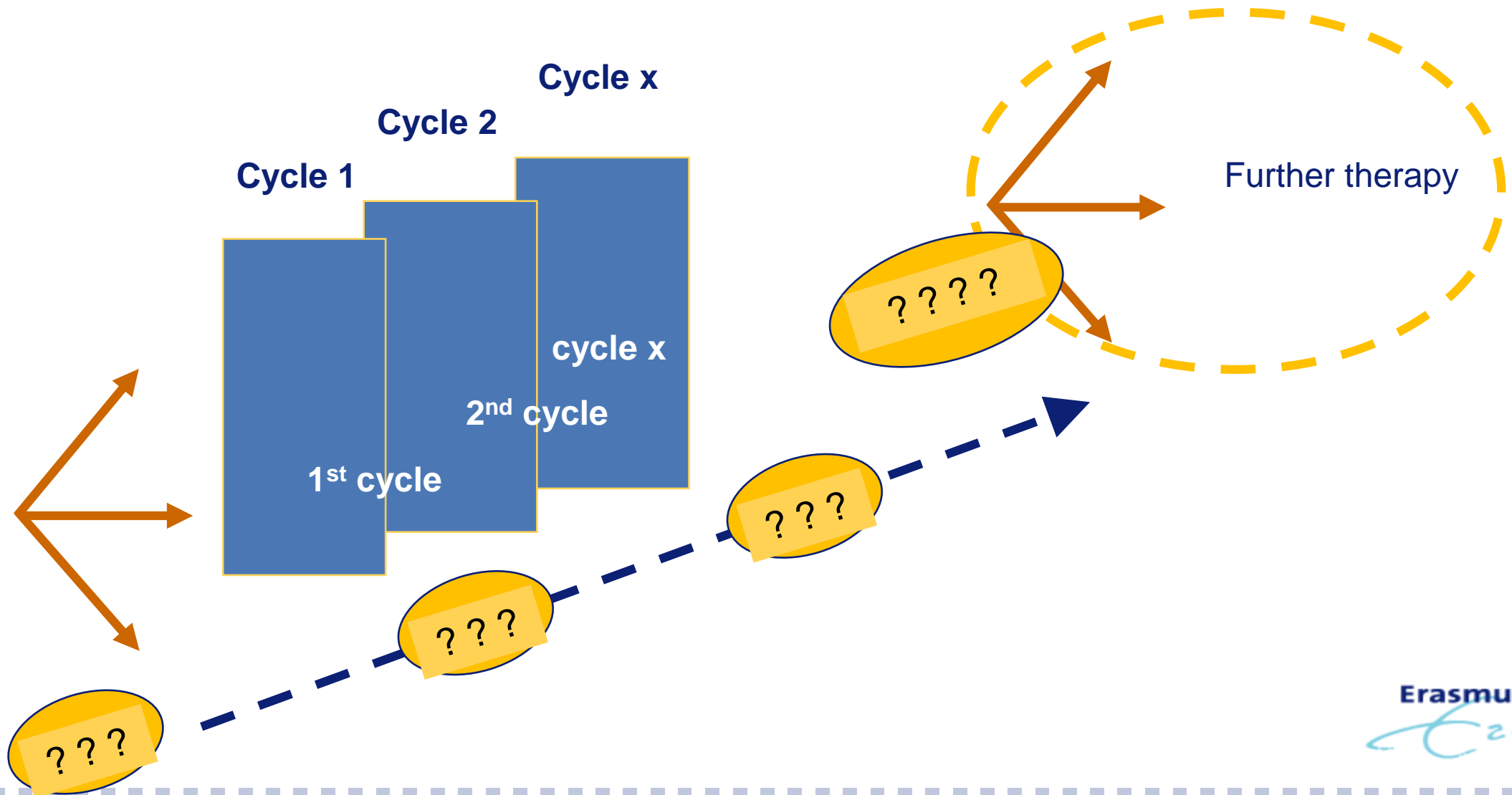


# Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML) towards a better understanding and better care for our patients

**Disease variation: who is who?**  
(relation to therapy options, relation to outcome,  
relation to costs, ...)

**Huge challenge**  
**Huge numbers needed**

## Treatment: from start to finish



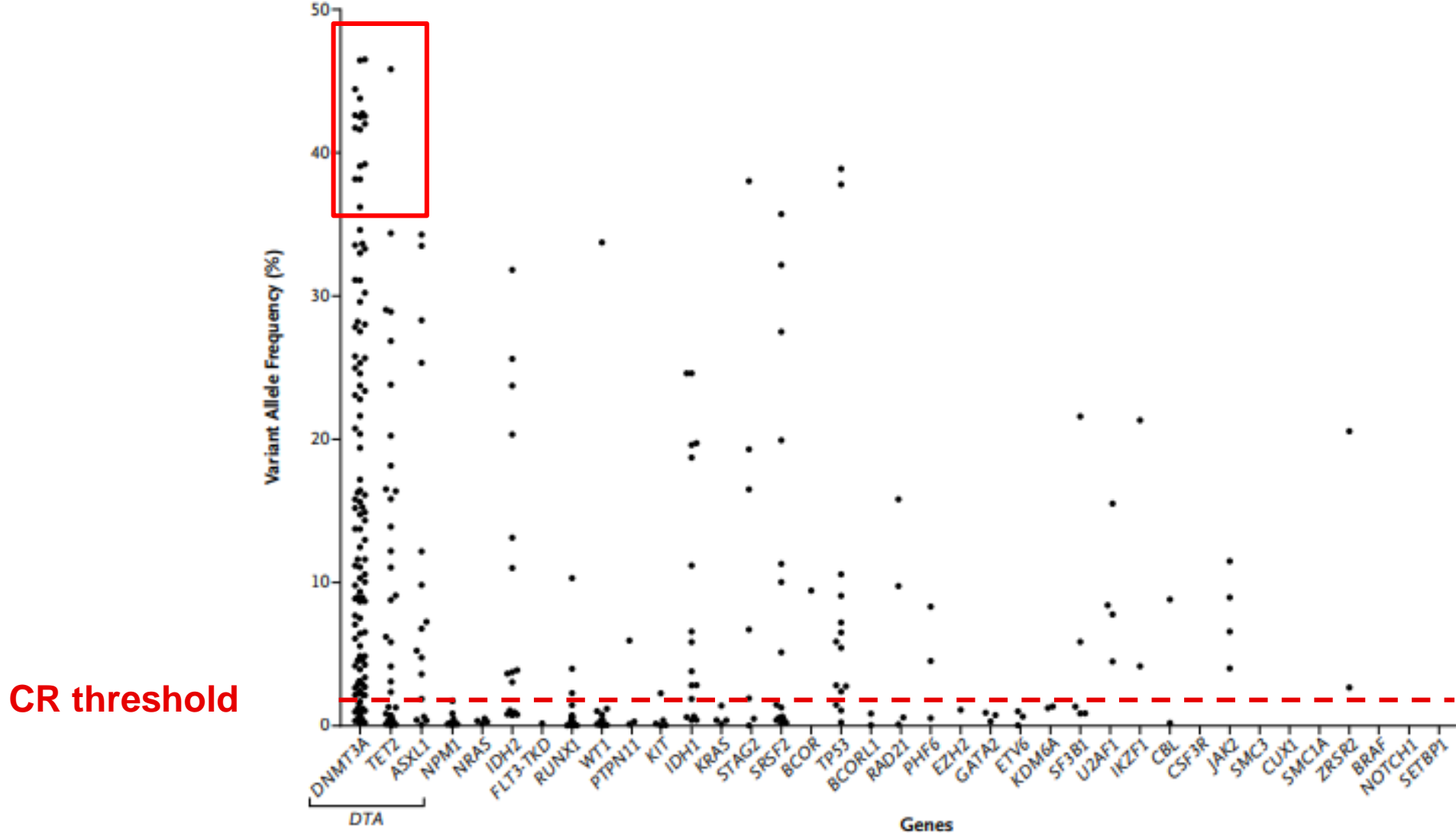
# Follow up of patients with AML

**Residual gene mutations: their meaning? What do they represent?**

- **Preleukemic alterations**
  - **Antecedent disease**
- **Residual leukemia/ source of emerging relapse**



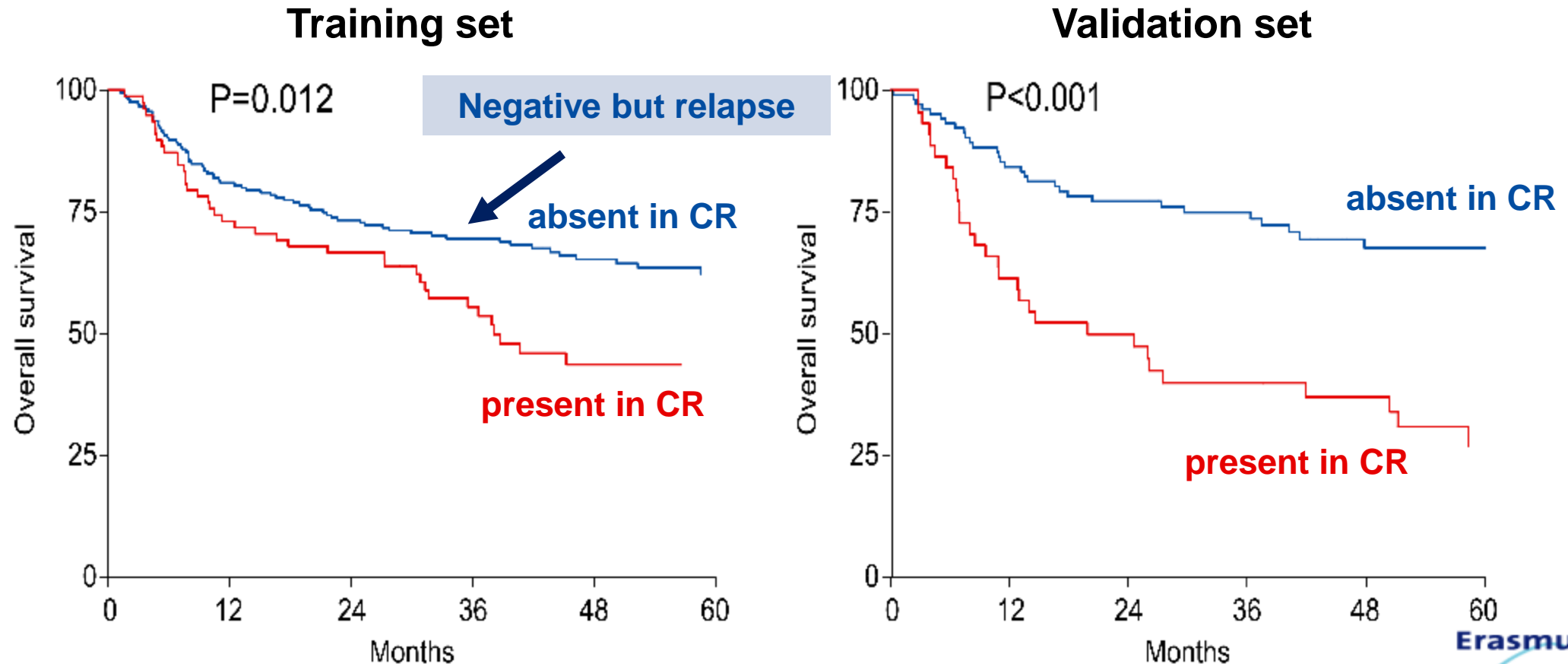
# Variant Allele Frequencies (VAF) of Gene Mutations in CR



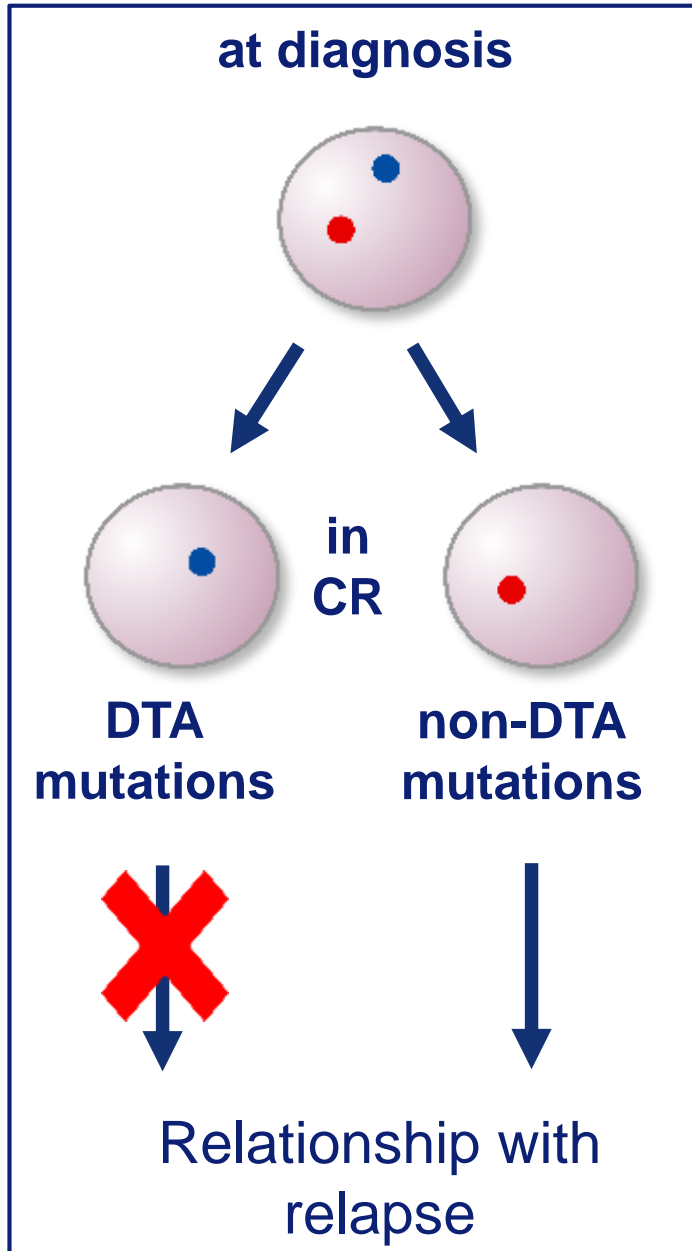
VAFs of BCOR, BCORL1 and STAG2 (X-chromosome) were divided by two in case of male patients.

# Overall Survival of Residual Leukemia

## Non-DTA Mutations Highly Predictive for Overall Survival in AML



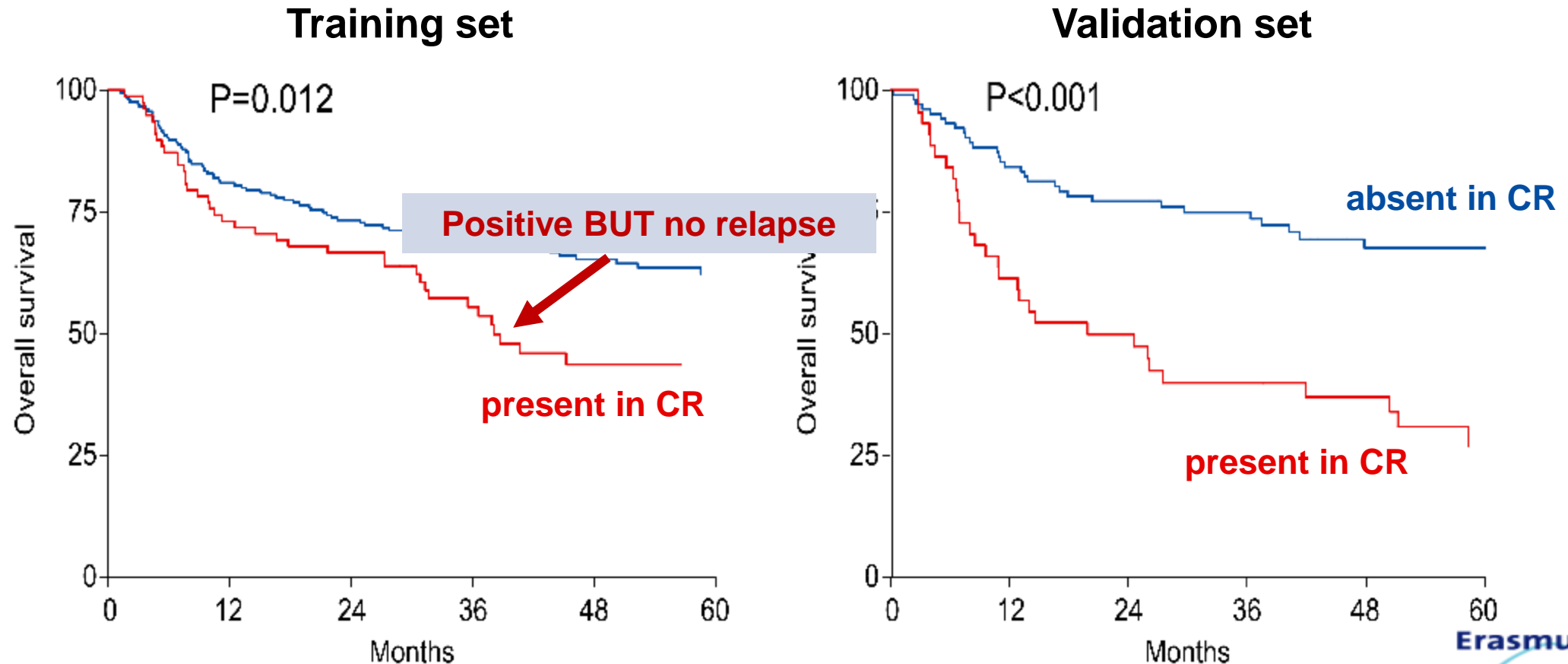
## Next questions: why is detection imperfect ??



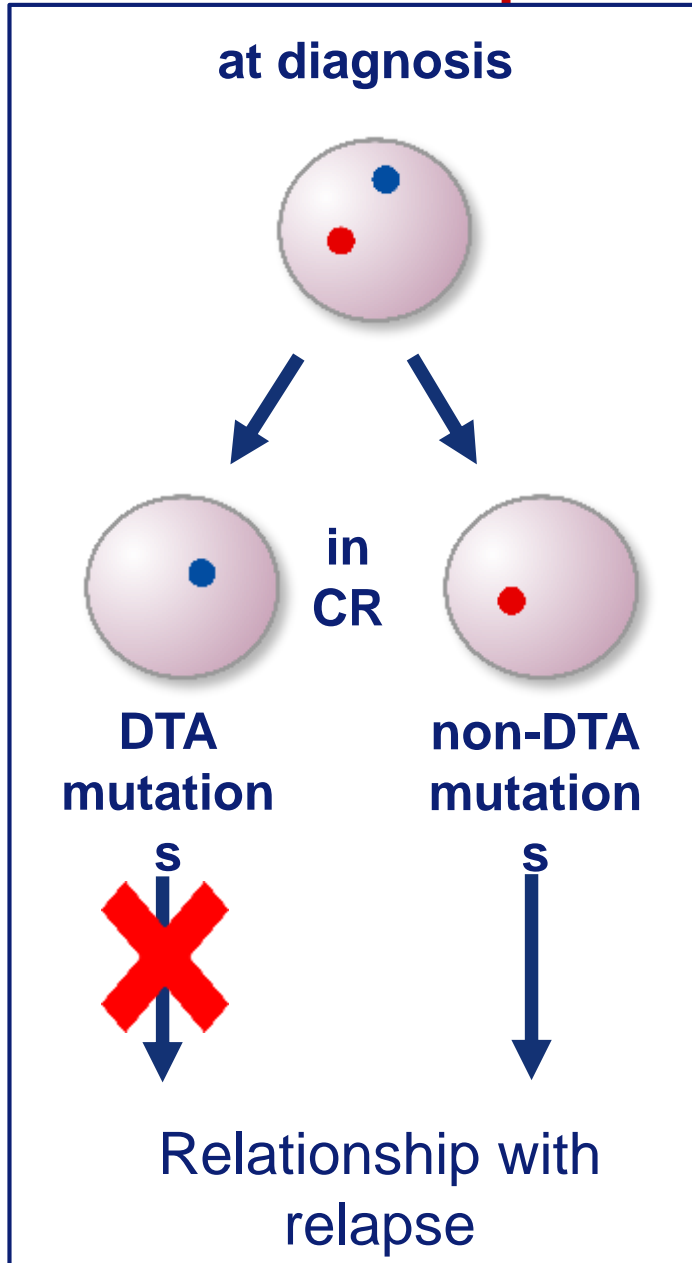
1. Why recurrence in the absence of persisting clonal markers?
  - missing markers
  - missing minor clones (assay sensitivity)
  - relapse with evolving genotype

# Overall Survival of Residual Leukemia

## Non-DTA Mutations Highly Predictive for Overall Survival in AML



## Next questions: why is detection imperfect ??



2. Why don't persisting clonal markers herald relapse??

- More detailed insight in functional diversity of treatment resistant subclones needed

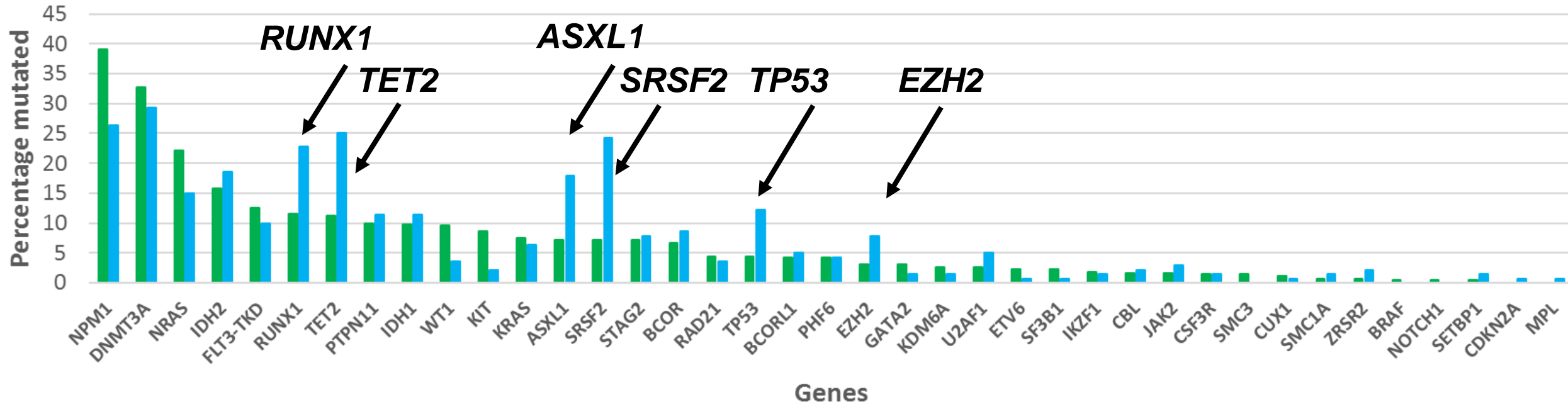
- Specifically distinguish clonal hematopoiesis for infrequent mutations?



# Comparative mutation frequencies in AML CR cohorts (< 65 versus >65 years)

AML <65 years (n=430)

AML >65 years (n=157)



AML >65 years versus <65 years

Less frequent mutations in: *NPM1*, *WT1*, *KIT* and *NRAS*

More frequent mutations in: *RUNX1*, *TET2*, *ASXL1*, *SRSF2* and *TP53*

*ZRSR2*, *U2AF1*, *BCOR*, *EZH2* (not: *STAG2*/*SF3B1*)

Unpublished

# HARMONY: a compelling rationale for international cooperation

- Understanding the impact of the inter-individual diversity of hematologic malignancies
- Its relevance for treatment outcome and treatment choice
- Informing strategies for developing new treatments
- Societal impact

**There is no alternative**



1. How can Big Data in hematology accelerate research
2. Big Data is going to make a difference
3. Your data is needed and you can benefit





# Milestones & Outlook

**Guillermo Sanz**

HARMONY Co-Chair, HULAFE

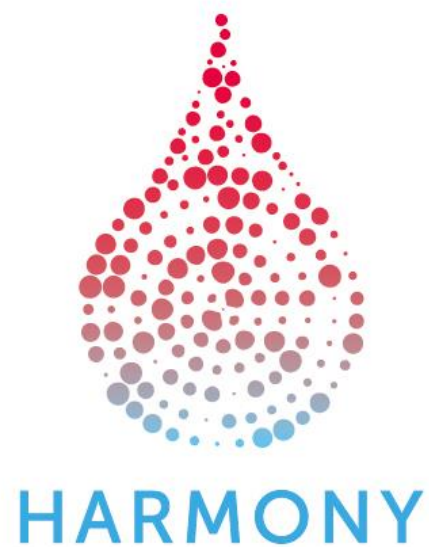
**Pam Bacon**

HARMONY Project Co-Leader,  
CELGENE

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# Involving all stakeholder groups to meet patients' needs





## HARMONY – Where are we today?



**51  
partners**

Project  
launch  
Jan 2017

**53 partners** (+ 1 public+ 1  
private )  
**24 associated members**

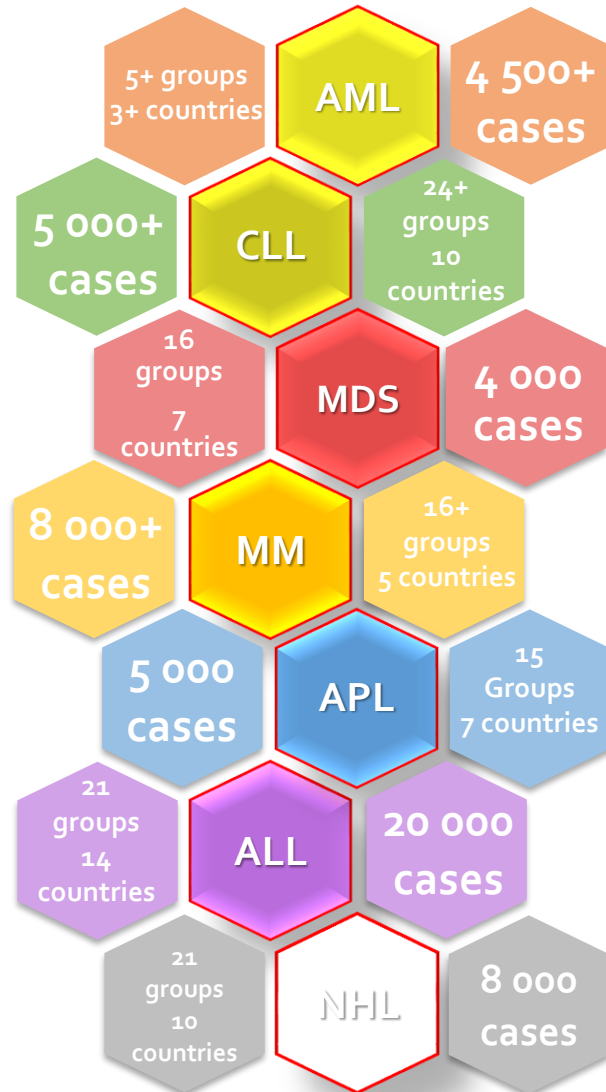
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June 2018

## We have grown in numbers!

EHA  
Congress  
June 2019

**53 partners**  
**35 associated members**  
+ 15 additional potential  
associate members

# We now have active research projects across all HMs



**The HARMONY Big Data Platform**  
>45,000 data records  
expected by December 2019

# Many key milestones achieved across all work packages



**Policy Health  
Stakeholder Feedback  
Forum (PHSFF)**



*Modus Operandi*  
on the **secondary use of  
medical data ethically  
and legally approved**



**First Results of the  
Proof of Principle  
study  
in AML (Poster PS1003  
)**



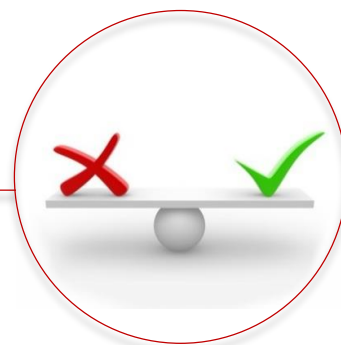
**Core Outcome Set** definition  
for HMs started & ongoing  
*Delphi Survey*



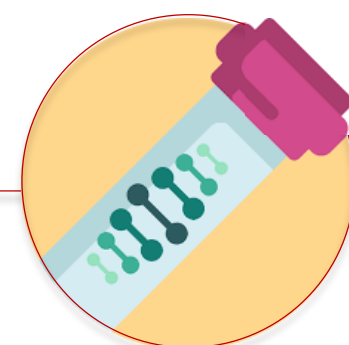
**Communication &  
Dissemination activities**



**Associated Members'  
Engagement Framework and  
Data Sharing Agreements**



**Standard Operational  
Procedure (SOP) for  
submission of Research  
proposals**



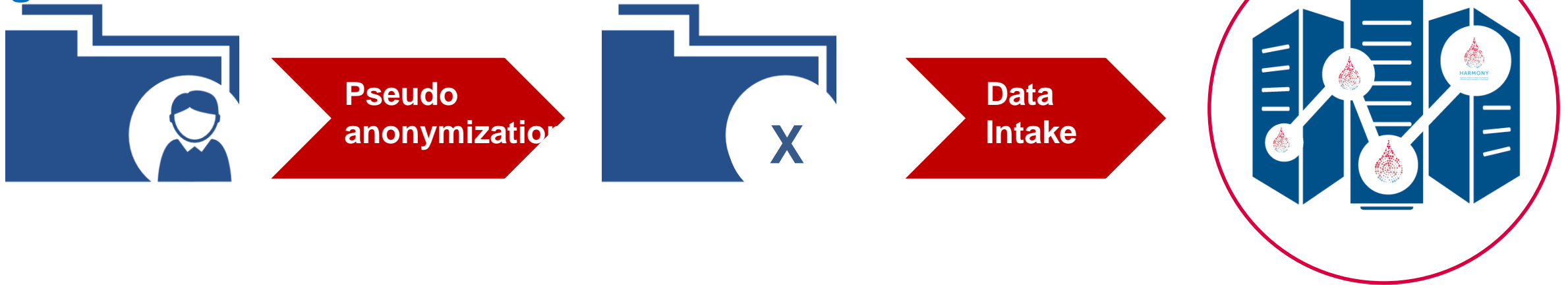
**7 HM Big Data Research  
Projects kicked off**



HARMONY

# The HARMONY Anonymization Concept

Ensuring careful, judicious, and uncompromising adherence to ethical guidelines,  
to the EU's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and to local DP  
legislation.



**State-of-the-art data processing  
solutions with maximum protection**

# HARMONY - present at key meetings in 2019

**ORLANDO, FLORIDA**  
61st ASH Congress  
7th – 10th December



**THE HAGUE**  
HARMONY KOLs Meeting  
5th February



**FLORENCE**  
4th HARMONY  
General Assembly  
26th-27th September



**MANNHEIM**  
ELN Symposium  
12th February



**AMSTERDAM**  
24rd EHA Congress  
13th-16th June



Different F2F HARMONY  
intra and inter WP Meetings  
and International Workshops  
per disease



**1st Patient Masterclass**  
February 4<sup>th</sup>  
The Hague, The Netherlands

**2<sup>nd</sup> patient Masterclass**  
End of 2019



**May 8-11<sup>th</sup>**  
Copenhagen, Denmark



**June 15-17<sup>th</sup>**  
Lugano, Switzerland



**September 12-15<sup>th</sup>**  
Boston, MA, USA

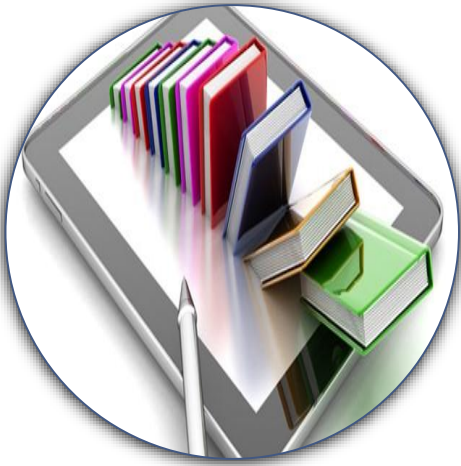
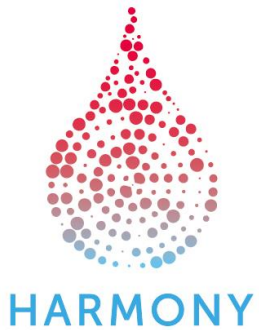


**September 20-23<sup>rd</sup>**  
Edinburgh, Scotland, UK



## Main focus in 2019

### Algorithms To Transform Knowledge Into Better Medicine Outcomes



**More  
Research Projects**



**Patients' active  
engagement**



**Sustainability  
plan**



**Finalize the first COS  
Delphi AML Survey and  
initiate across all HMs**

COS = Core Outcomes Set

# 7 HARMONY Research Projects ongoing... more to follow

## Next-generation science: Sharing data and knowledge

NH  
L

Using big data to optimize outcomes in T-cell Non-Hodgkin Lymphomas: RESEARCH PROJECT

MM

Optimizing prognostication and personalizing treatment in Multiple Myeloma: RESEARCH PROJECT

AML

Use of Big Data to revise treatment strategies in Acute Myeloid Leukemia: RESEARCH PROJECT

ALL

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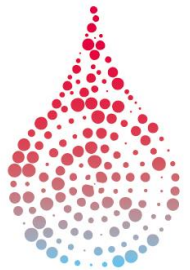
CLL

Harnessing big data to predict prognosis in Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia: RESEARCH PROJECT

APL

Optimizing Acute Promyelocytic Leukemia Management Using Big Data: RESEARCH PROJECT

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Research  
Project?**



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# Patient involvement in HARMONY alliance

Zack Pemberton-Whiteley  
Acute Leukemia Advocates Network  
Representing the HARMONY Patient Cluster

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# DISCLOSURE OF AFFILIATIONS

## Z. Pemberton-Whiteley

Leukaemia Care (Patient advocacy director)  
Acute Leukemia Advocates Network (Chair)  
CML Advocates Network (Treasurer and Steering Committee Member)  
HARMONY (AML and ALL patient organisation representative)  
AbbVie (Advisory board, speaker)  
Amgen (Advisory board, speaker)  
Bristol-Myers Squibb (Advisory board, speaker)  
Gilead (Advisory board, speaker)  
Incyte (Advisory board, speaker)  
Janssen (Advisory board, speaker)  
Jazz (Advisory board, speaker)  
Novartis (Advisory board, speaker)  
Pfizer (Advisory board, speaker)  
Sunesis (Advisory board, speaker)





## Focus:

- Who are the Patient Organisations involved in the HARMONY Patient Cluster?
- Why do we need patient involvement in HARMONY?
- How to involve the patient organisations?
- What is the role of the patient organisations in HARMONY?

What are the health outcomes for the patient organisations?



# Who are the patient organisations in WP6?

- **Coordinators / Cluster lead:** LeukaNET ([leuka.net](http://leuka.net))  
Tamás Bereczky, Jan Geissler
- **Multiple Myeloma: Myeloma Patients Europe** ([mpeurope.org](http://mpeurope.org))  
Kate Morgan, Ananda Plate
- **AML and ALL: Acute Leukemia Advocates Network** (ALAN, [acuteleuk.org](http://acuteleuk.org))  
Zack Pemberton-Whiteley
- **CLL: CLL Advocates Network** ([clladvocates.net](http://clladvocates.net)) and **Lymphoma Coalition**  
Nick York and Pierre Aumont (CLLAN), Natacha Bolanos (Lymphoma Coalition)
- **MDS: International MDS Alliance** ([mds-alliance.org](http://mds-alliance.org))  
Sophie Wintrich
- **Pediatric Hematological Malignancies: Childhood Cancer International**  
([childhoodcancerinternational.org](http://childhoodcancerinternational.org))



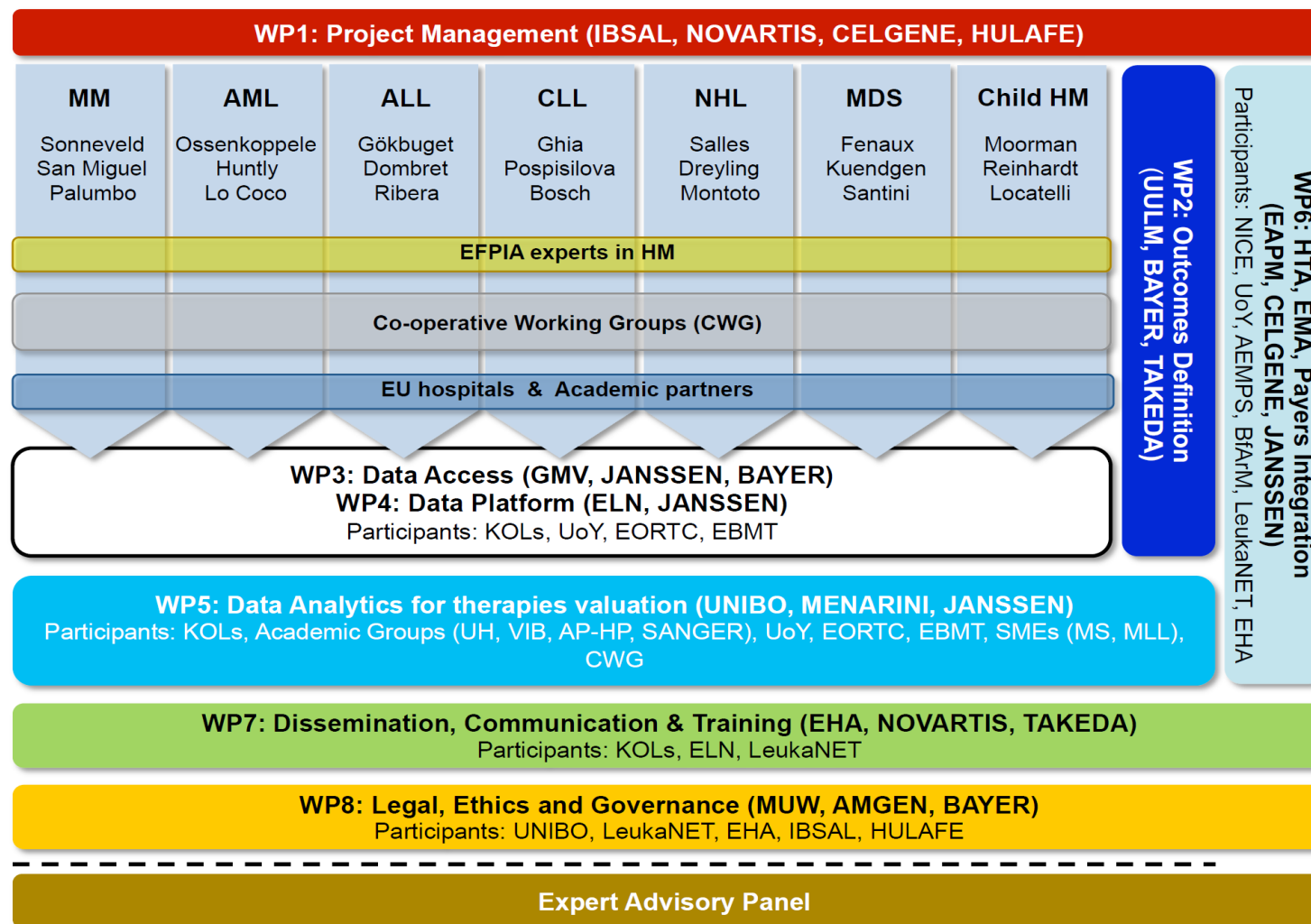
# Why do we need patient involvement in

## HARMONY



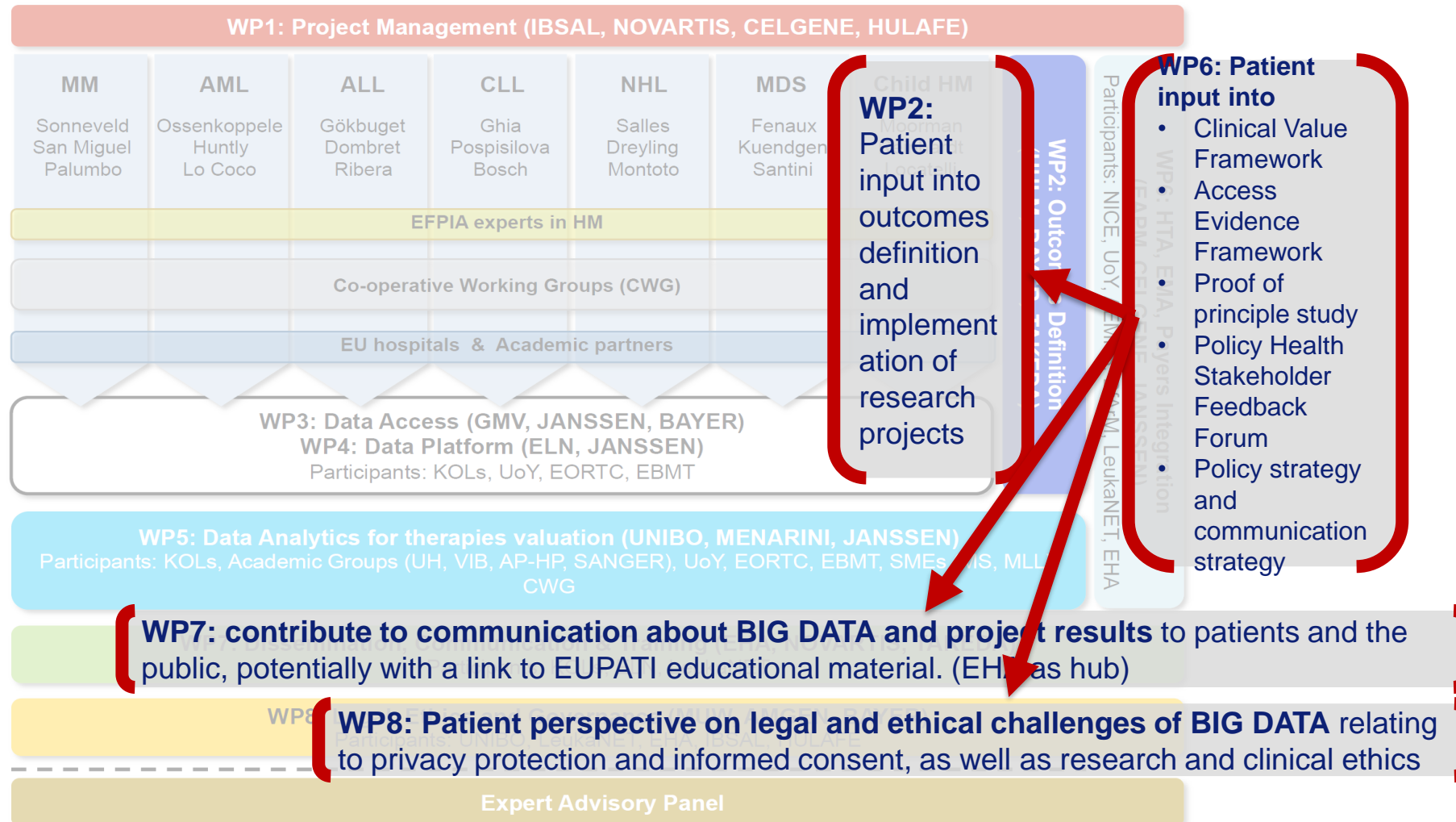


# How to involve the patient organisations?





# How to involve the patient organisations?





# What is the role of the patient organizations in HARMONY?

- Partner in HARMONY Research Projects
- Contributes to defining the right research questions
- Access to patient input - e.g. Delphi Surveys
- Communication and dissemination activities to help spread the word about patient relevance of Big Data



# What are the challenges of patient involvement?

- Willingness of KOLs to involve patients in research projects varies
- We need to push for involvement, we are rarely invited
- Information gap about HARMONY activities
- What knowledge do we need to contribute?
- Not just patients, caregivers and also other stakeholders (e.g.





## Summary

- Patient organisations are willing and have the capability/capacity to engage in the HARMONY project
- Current engagement of the patient community is not effective in all areas of the HARMONY initiative. There are lots of challenges.
- We need project leads to reach out to the stakeholder forum to involve patient advocates in HARMONY initiatives
- Without effective involvement of the patient community, the project (e.g. core outcomes) will not be relevant to all stakeholders



Algorithms to transform knowledge into better medicine outcomes

**Highlighting HARMONY Projects where Big Data in Hematology accelerates research to improve outcomes for patients with HM.**

- ALL: Anthony Moorman, Newcastle University, United Kingdom
- AML: Lars Bullinger, Charité University Medicine, Germany
- CLL: Lesley-Ann Sutton, ERIC
- MDS: Pierre Fenaux, AP-HP, France
- MM: Alessandra Larocca, Università di Torino, Italy
- NHL: Natacha Bolaños, Lymphoma Coalition
- EFPIA: Bruno Costa, Celgene, Switzerland



**Research Project ALL**

# **Use of Big Data to improve outcomes for patients with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia**

**Anthony Moorman**

Newcastle University,  
HARMONY Partner

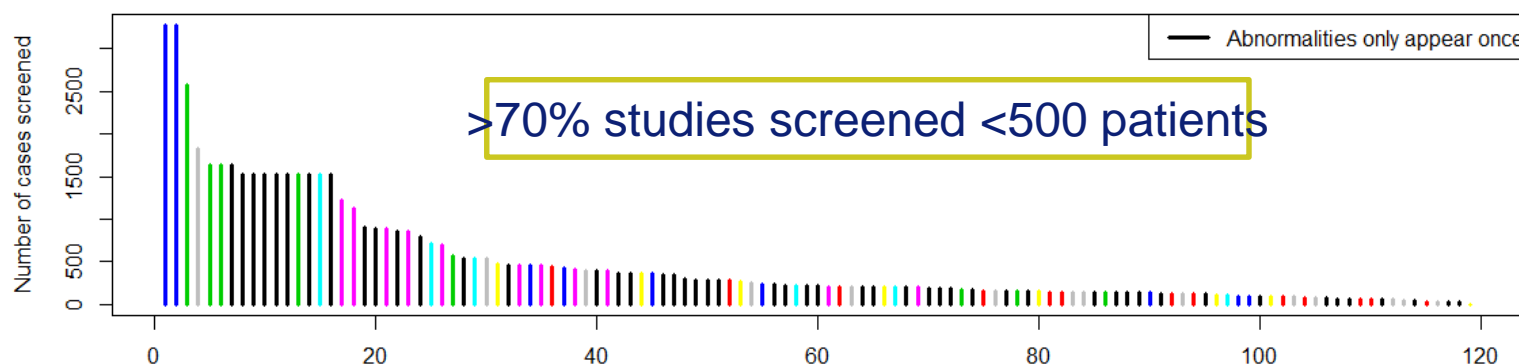
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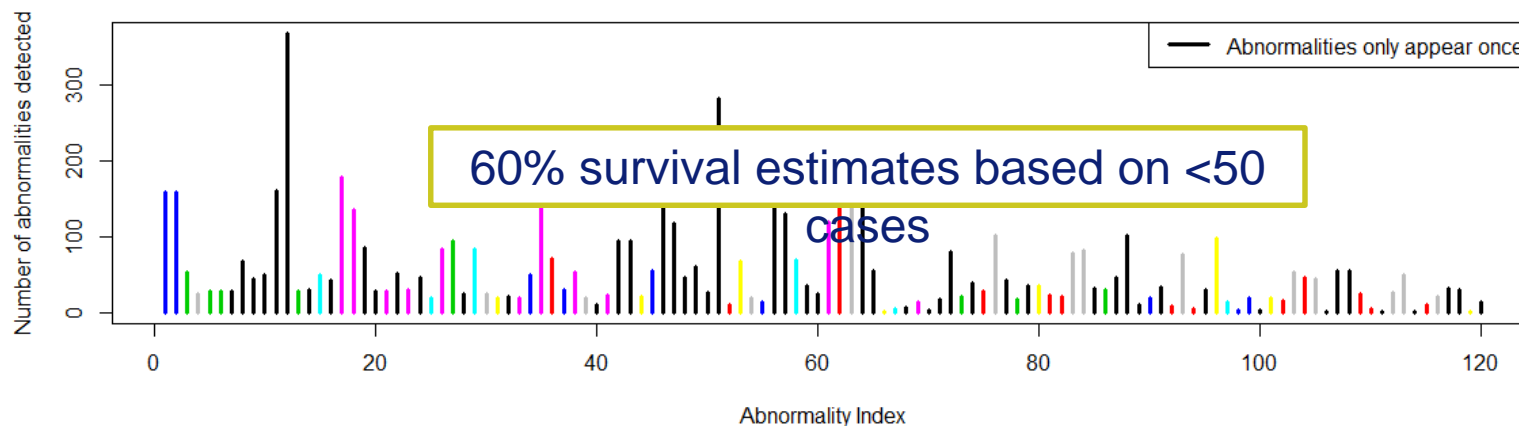


# The Challenge (1) – Robust biomarker analysis

Review of >100 published studies (2000-2016) on ALL genetic biomarkers from European-based groups



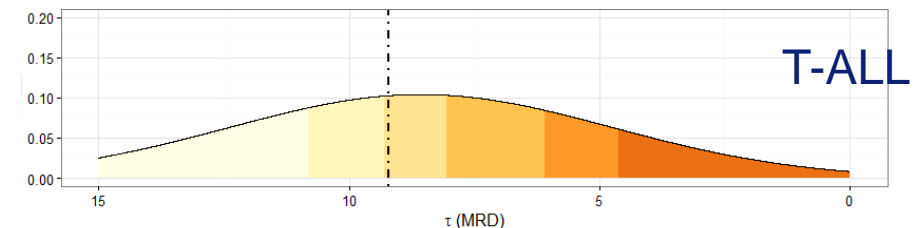
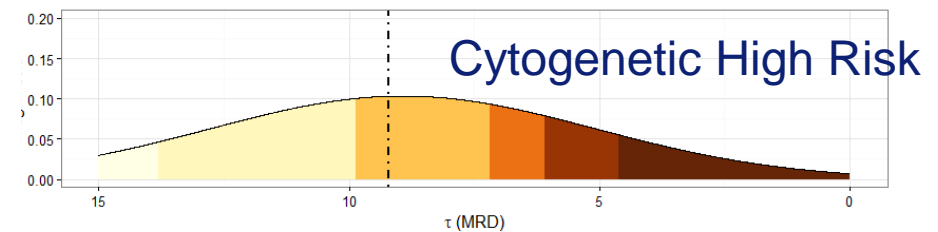
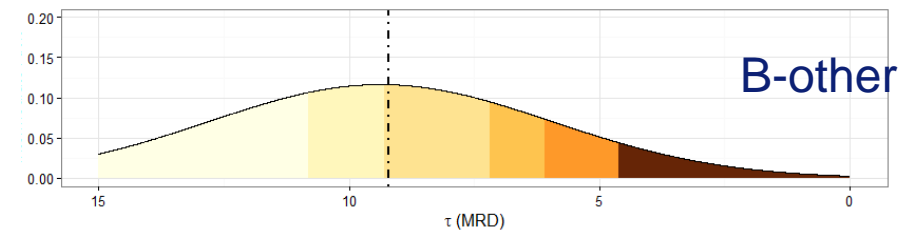
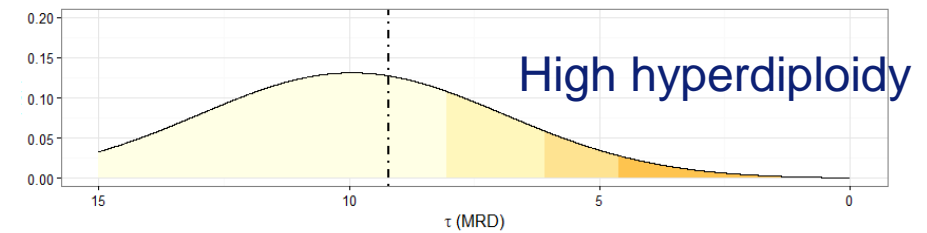
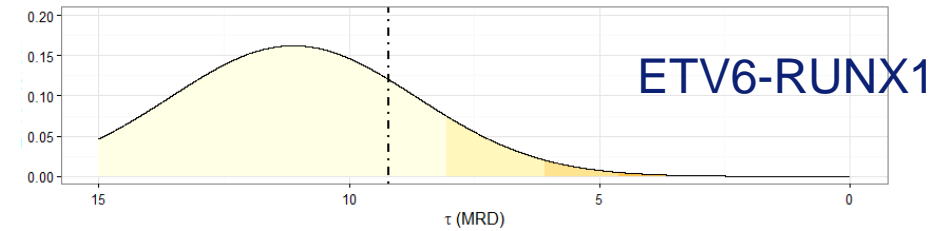
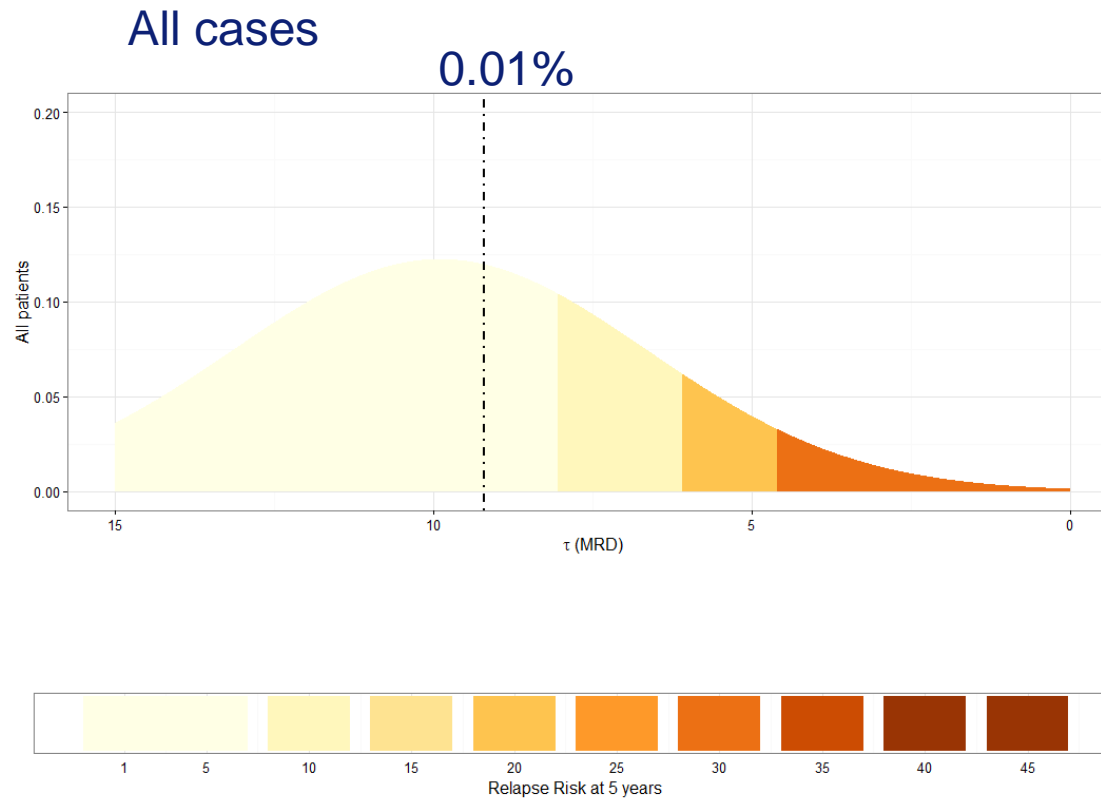
Most genetic abnormalities are present in <15% patients

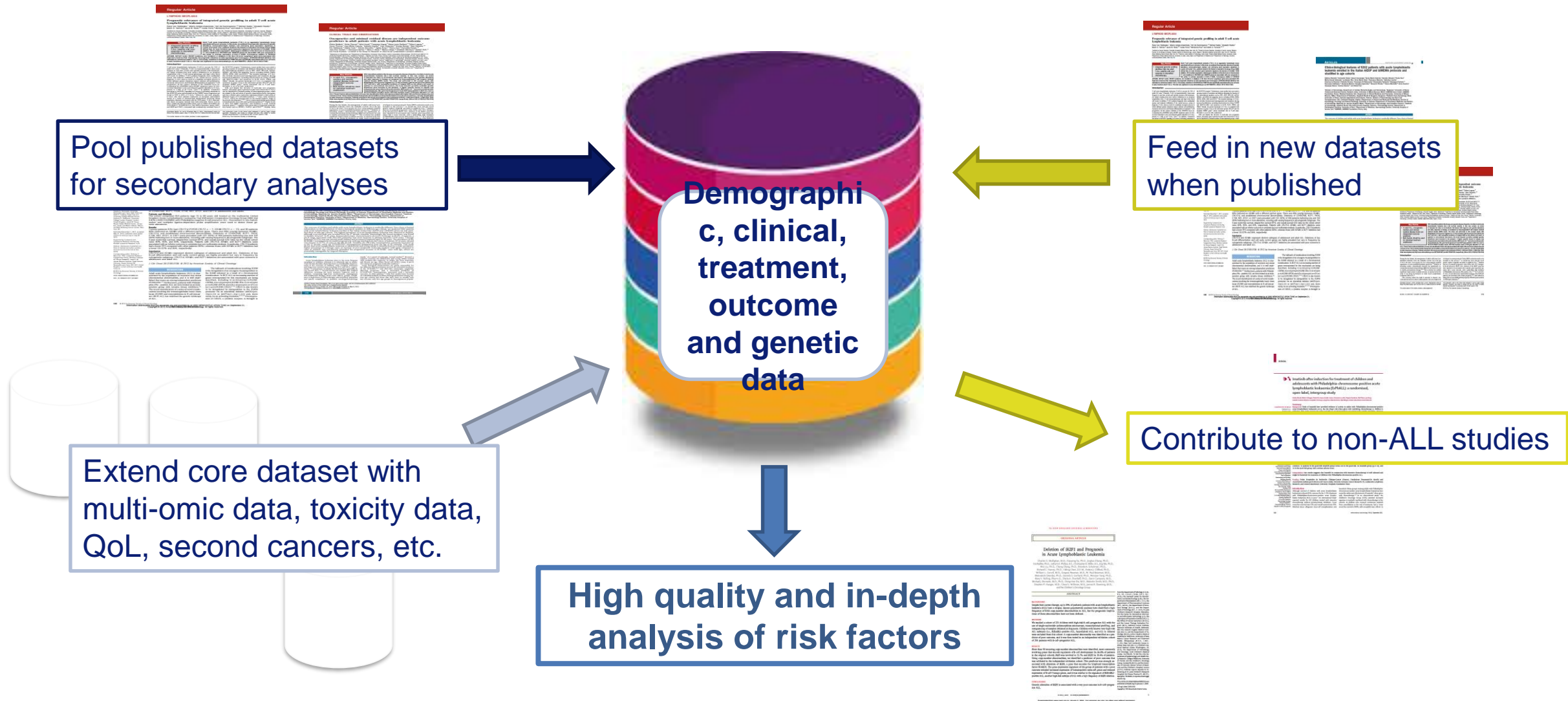




# The Challenge (2) – Integrate risk factors

Relapse risk associated with a specific MRD value varies by genetics









# Impact HARMONY Research Project ALL

- Identify robust biomarkers to improve management of patients with ALL
- Design efficient risk stratification algorithms which will assign patients to optimal treatment groups
- Facilitate the use of targeted therapy
- Contribute to novel biological insights



Research Project AML

# Use of Big Data to revise treatment strategies in Acute Myeloid Leukemia

Lars Bullinger  
Charité

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**Evaluate gene–gene interactions in patients with AML, which may influence treatment outcomes. Develop a proof-of-concept study to establish the legal and ethical framework.**

Project Partnership

- **VU University Medical Center Amsterdam**
- **University of Ulm**
- **Novartis**
- **Klinikum der Universität München**

# Challenge



# Approach

- Need for a large number of patients to be recruited in order to fully understand the heterogeneous nature of AML and the potential of gene–gene interactions and their clinical impact.

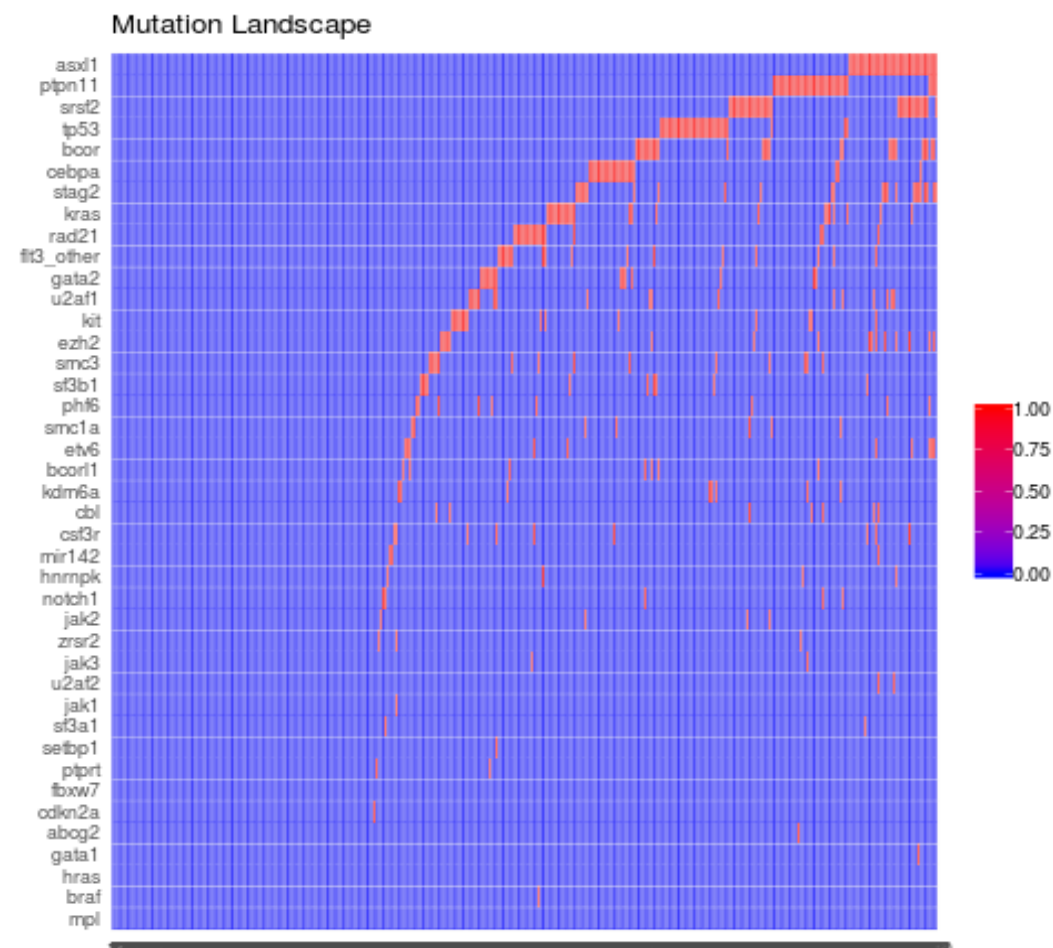
- CWG data sets:
  - AMLSG (~1500)
  - HOVON (~700)
  - AMLCG (~600)
  - ...
- EFPIA data sets:
  - Novartis (~600)
  - ...
- ⇒ >8000 cases in 2019

# Results



# Classical Tools

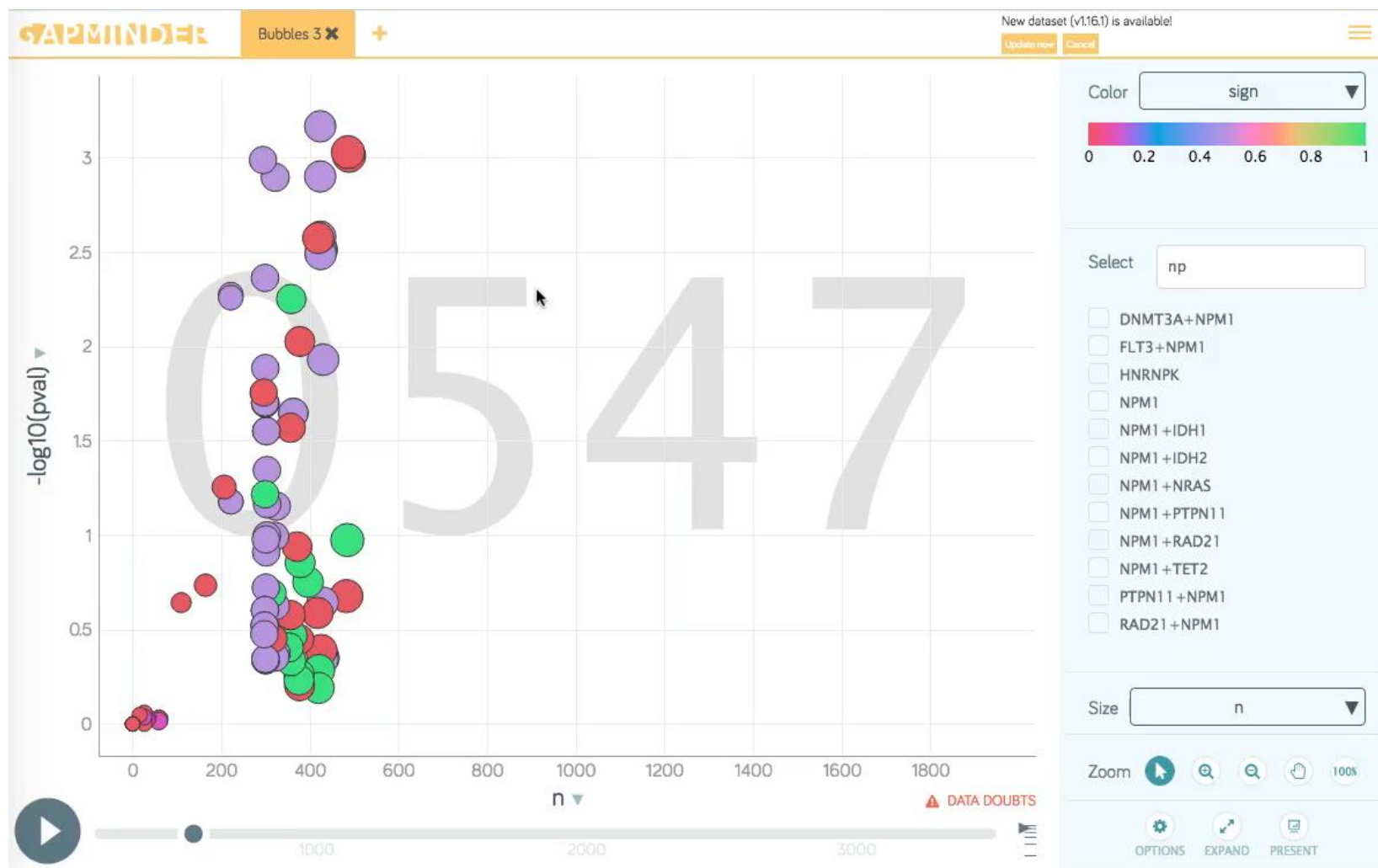
Number of patients	3000		
Variables	patient_id, date_diagnosis, age_at_diagnosis, os_days, os_months, os_status, efs_days, efs_months, efs_status, relapse_occurrence, rfs, rfs_status		
48 genes: mutation status	asxl1, idh1, idh2, wt1, tp53, runx1, sf3b1, jak2, dnmt3a, tet2, ptkn11, srsf2, ptpn11, stag2, bcor, cebpa, kras, flt3_other, rad21, ezh2, gata2, smc1a, smc3, bcorl1, kit, u2af1, phf6, cbl, etv6, csf3r, kdm6a, mir142, hnnpk, zrsr2, notch1, setbp1, jak3, sf3a1, jak1, braf, abcg2, cdkn2a, u2af2, fbxw7, hras, ptptr, gata1, mpl		
	Female	Male	
Sex	1526	1474	
	min	median	max
Age at diagnosis	18.0	52.0	91.4
Overall survival	1.0	773.5	55005.5
Event free survival	1.0	292.0	55005.5



# Results



# Interactive Tools







# Impact HARMONY Research Project AML

- Contribute to novel biological insights
- Facilitate personally tailored management
- Better guide hematopoietic cell transplants in AML and improve overall survival rates
- Form the basis for a HARMONY knowledge bank that facilitates personally tailored therapeutic decisions



Research Project CLL

# Harnessing big data to predict prognosis in Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia

Lesley Ann Sutton

ERIC, European Research Initiative on CLL

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**Evaluate 11 of the most frequently mutated genes in CLL and assess their prognostic and clinical relevance.**

### **Project Partnership**

- CZ\_CEITEC Masaryk University; DE\_MLL GmbHDK\_Rigshospitalet; ES\_Vall d'Hebron Institut de Recerca (VHIR); ES\_Hospital del Mar, Barcelona; ES\_Centro de Investigación del Cáncer de Salamanca; IT\_Azienda Ospedaliero Universitaria di Ferrara; IT\_University of Eastern Piedmont and Oncology Institute of Southern Switzerland; Hospital 12 de Octubre; NI\_Belfast Trust- QUB; GR\_Institute of Applied Biosciences-CERTH; University of Southampton; SE\_Karolinska Institute; UK\_Royal Bournemouth Hospital.

**27 Institutes – 12 countries**

## Challenge



## Approach

- Recurrent mutations have been reported in CLL but their frequency in an unselected cohort are low ( $< 10\%$ )
- Large patient cohorts are needed to pinpoint the role of genetic mutations in CLL pathobiology, in particular the impact on disease progression and prognosis.

- Through ERIC, initiation of a multicenter study with the aim to generate data from  $> 4000$  CLL patients
- Strict criteria set for patient inclusion: molecular and clinical parameters
- Samples tested must be diagnostic or pre-treatment



# Impact HARMONY Research Project CLL

- Determine the ***mutational status*** of several ***prognostic genes*** in a large and well-annotated CLL cohort, in fact the largest series of CLL cases studied to date
- Assess the ***prognostic impact*** and ***clinical relevance*** of ***recurrent gene mutations***.
- Identify ***distinct patterns of associations*** between ***recurrent mutations*** with other ***clinicobiological features*** in CLL
- Improve existing ***prognostication models*** with the ***inclusion of key gene mutations*** able to guide clinical decision-making





Research Project MDS

# Prognostic factors to hypomethylating agents and intensive chemotherapy in higher risk Myelodysplastic Syndromes

Pierre Fenaux AP-HP

Valeria Santini – Univ of Firenze

Andrea Kuendgen – Univ of Dusseldorf

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# Identify prognostic factors to assist in identifying patients with myelodysplastic syndromes who will respond to treatment with hypomethylating agents and intensive chemotherapy

## Project Partnership

- Centro de Investigación del Cáncer de Salamanca (FICUS); Hôpital St Louis, Paris and French GFM; Firenze University Hospital and Italian FISM; Salamanca University hospitals and Spanish GESMD; Karolinska Institute and Nordic MDS group; Leipzig and Dusseldorf Heinrich Heine University hospitals and German MDS group; University Clinic Salzburg and Austrian MDS group; Kings College, Oxford; University Hospital and the UK MDS forum; Celgene and Janssen.

# Challenge



# Approach

## Study population

- Not all patients with Myelodysplastic Syndromes (MDS) respond to treatment with hypomethylating agents and intensive chemotherapy
- Lack of validated prognostic markers to facilitate the accurate prediction of patient outcomes

- Higher risk MDS (IPSS) and CMML treated with an HMA:
  - AZA or DAC
  - Alone or with other drugs
  - Followed or not by allo SCT
- Patients receiving intensive chemotherapy)



# Impact HARMONY Research Project MDS

## Scientific questions

### 1) Prognostic value of:

- Reaching various types of response (hematological, cytogenetic, molecular)
- Specific cytogenetic abnormalities (isolated -7, +8)
- Specific mutations (TP53)
- Treatment duration
- prophylactic antibiotics / antifungals/ G-CSF

### 2) Subgroup description:

- Elderly patients
- CMML
- patients with prolonged response

### 3) Candidates for transplant (how many cycles of HMA before transplant ? comparison with chemotherapy pre transplant)



# Impact HARMONY Research Project MDS

## — Patient population identified

### Participating groups

- **S**: Karolinska (170)
- **E**: Salamanca (250), GESMD (500)
- **UK**: Oxford (30) King's college (300) Leeds (90)
- **D**: Dusseldorf (130) Dresden( 200)
- **I**: FISM (480)
- **A**: Austria (450)
- **F**: GFM (1100) Nice(350)
- Company sponsored trials

→ **About 1500 cases with molecular data**

### Coordinating team

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Research Project MM

# Optimizing prognostication and personalizing treatment in Multiple Myeloma

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Università di Torino , Italy

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## HARMONY MM pilot project



**Revised International Staging System for Multiple Myeloma: extended follow-up in the European clinical trial population and evaluation of the efficacy of different novel agents and treatment approaches in subsets of patients with standard- and high-risk features**

### Project Partnership

- European Myeloma Network (EMN), uniting: Programa Español de Tratamientos en Hematología (PETHEMA); Stichting Hemato-Oncologie voor Volwassenen Nederland (HOVON); Gruppo Italiano Malattie EMatologiche dell'Adulto (GIMEMA); Università di Torino (UNITO); Università di Bologna (UNIBO); Intergroupe Francophone du Myelome (IFM); German-Speaking Myeloma Multicenter Group (GMMG); Nordic Myeloma Study Group (NMSG); Celgene; Takeda; Janssen.

# Challenge



# Approach

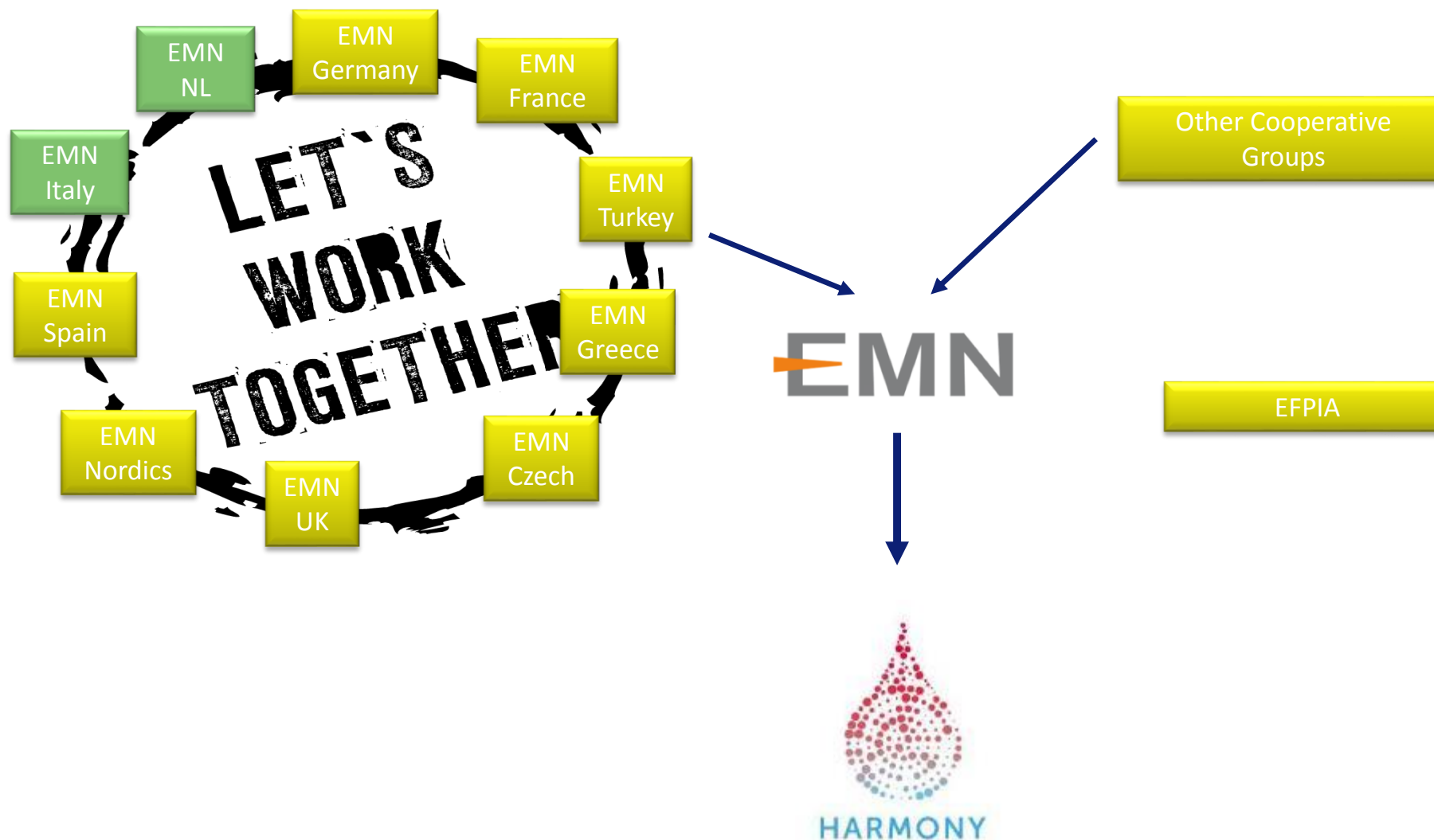
- The clinical outcome for patients with Multiple Myeloma (MM) is heterogeneous with wide-ranging survival times.
- The **Revised-International Staging System** (LDH, Chromosomal Abnormalities and ISS) identify NDMM patients with different prognosis and survival, however, this has only partly guided therapeutic choices

(Palumbo A. et al J Clin Oncol 2015, 33(26):2863-9)

- Provide an extended follow-up of the original trials included in the R-ISS project, **adding other relevant datasets with mature data of NDMM patients treated with novel agents**
- Identify suitable datasets: **15 academic clinical trials enrolling NDMM** treated with novel agents (**European Cooperative groups**)
- Data from large completed **Phase III studies from EFPIA partners** will be extremely relevant (VISTA, FIRST trials....)
- **Define variables to be collected and harmonize data**



# Data workflow: MM Pilot Study





# Data received and harmonized

- EMN01: MPR vs CPR vs Rd induction followed by R vs Rp maint in NTE MM patients
- GIMEMA-MM-03-05: VMPT followed by VT maint vs VMP in NTE MM patients
- IST-CAR-506: KCd continuous in NTE MM patients
- MMY2069: VCp vs VP vs VMP induction followed by V maint in NTE MM patients
- PAD-Mel100: Pad induction + Mel100/ASCT + Rp consolidation + R maint in TE MM patients
- RV-MM-PI-209: Rd induction + MPR vs HDM/ASCT consolidation + R vs no maint in TE MM patients
- RV-MM-EMN-441: Rd induction + CRd vs HDM/ASCT consolidation + R vs Rp maint in TE MM patients
- HOVON 65MM/GMMGHD4: VAD vs PAD induction + HDM/ASCT + T maint if VAD arm or V maint in PAD arm in TE MM patients
- HOVON 87/NSMG18: MPT induction followed by T maint vs MPR induction followed by T maint in NTE MM patients
- GEM05MENO65 : VBMCP/VBAD/B vs Td vs VTd induction + HDM/ASCT + IFN $\alpha$ 2b vs T vs VT maint in TE MM patients
- GEM05MAS65: VMp vs VTp induction + Vp vs VT maint in NTE MM patients
- GEM2010MAS65: VMP-Rd sequential vs VMP-Rd alternating in NTE MM patients
- MM-BO2005: VTd vs Td induction + HDM/ASCT + consolidation with same induction arm + Dex maint in TE MM patients

**5089 patients from Academic Partners received by EMN | Transplant eligible patients 2578 | Transplant ineligible patients 2511 | Median Follow-up 77 months | (Revised-ISS JCO 2015 median follow-up 46 mo)**



# Next steps

- HARMONY fully approved the **pilot project**
- **EMN is officially an Associated Member** in Harmony project.
- **EMN as an intermediate depository** between Cooperative Working Groups and Harmony for data collection and reimbursement distribution.
- **Timeline:** data on Harmony platform in June/July 2019, first abstract by summer 2019 for ASH
- After the pilot project → **big data**, not only big database (toxicity data, real-life registry data, minimal residual disease data, molecular data, omics....)
- **Proposal of new projects within Harmony umbrella involving Cooperative Groups and including new datasets and adding new data**

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Research Project NHL

# Using big data to optimize outcomes in T-cell Non-Hodgkin Lymphomas

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**Better understand the molecular basis of T-cell lymphomas, leading to improved diagnosis and prognosis prediction, better disease sub classification and improved knowledge to guide treatment decisions**

**Project Partnership**

- Data registries Austria, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, the Nordic countries, Poland, Portugal, Serbia, Spain, Sweden, Turkey and the UK**
- Active engagement with the pharmaceutical industry**

## Challenge

- Complex molecular pathogenesis of T-cell non-Hodgkin lymphomas
- Rare disease
- Paucity of data
- Large patient cohorts needed



## Approach

- Capture large datasets derived from registries (RW) and clinical trials
- Explore the underlying molecular and genetic drivers of T-cell lymphomas
- To establish and validate precision diagnostic and prognostic markers
- Potentially revealing novel drug targets



# Impact HARMONY Research Project NHL

- Providing novel biological insights into T-cell lymphomas
- Help to steer and direct clinical treatment decisions
- Personally tailored disease management and novel therapeutic targets.
- The ultimate aim of the project is to build an EU registry holding data on all T-cell lymphomas in order to advance and accelerate understanding and disease management moving forward.





# Stronger Together: Research based Pharmaceutical companies in HARMONY

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Celgene, Representing the HARMONY EFPIA Partners

EHA24, 15 June 2019, Amsterdam, NL



# Partnership (From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia)

A **partnership** is an arrangement where parties, known as partners, agree to cooperate to advance their mutual interests



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# HARMONY WP6: The Stakeholders' Forum



## Academic institutions



## Patient Organisations



## Regulatory & HTA Agencies



European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations | #WeWontRest



# HARMONY from an Industry representative perspective

## — Why EFPIA Industries are part of the HARMONY

- Possibility to work on a common project with top experts and relevant stakeholders in the field (payers, patients' organizations and Regulatory bodies)
- Chance to submit research questions
- Mutual trust and mutual interest
- Image and reputation

## — What EFPIA Industries bring to HARMONY

- Data from large company-sponsored trials, registration quality, data on up to date standards of care
- Technical expertise ( clinical data and Core Outcome Sets, methodological skills)



# HARMONY from an Industry representative perspective

## — What are the challenges

- **Global organizations are in continuous evolution**
- **Data privacy and internal processes internal regulations**
- **IP potential concerns, mitigation of litigation risks**
- **Lengthy Internal review processes for data transfer**



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**Join us to accelerate  
research and benefit  
HM patients**

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# The HARMONY Network continues expanding

23 European institutions have already signed the agreement for sharing data with HARMONY



# HARMONY DATA READY FOR ANALYSIS



**AML**

5 organisations

5 countries

~3 500 cases

**CLL**

27 organisations

12 countries

~ 5 000 cases

**MM**

11 organisations

10 countries

~ 5 000 cases



Contribute with your data and  
become part of our analytics teams



26th – 27th September, 2019  
Florence, Italy

## Join us at our 4th General Assembly

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- Get involved in our ongoing research proposals, become a data provider!
- Be part of the **research-a-thon** sessions, where we will define the next wave of HARMONY Research projects!
- Registration is already open!





December 7-10, 2019  
Orange County Convention  
Center Orlando, FL

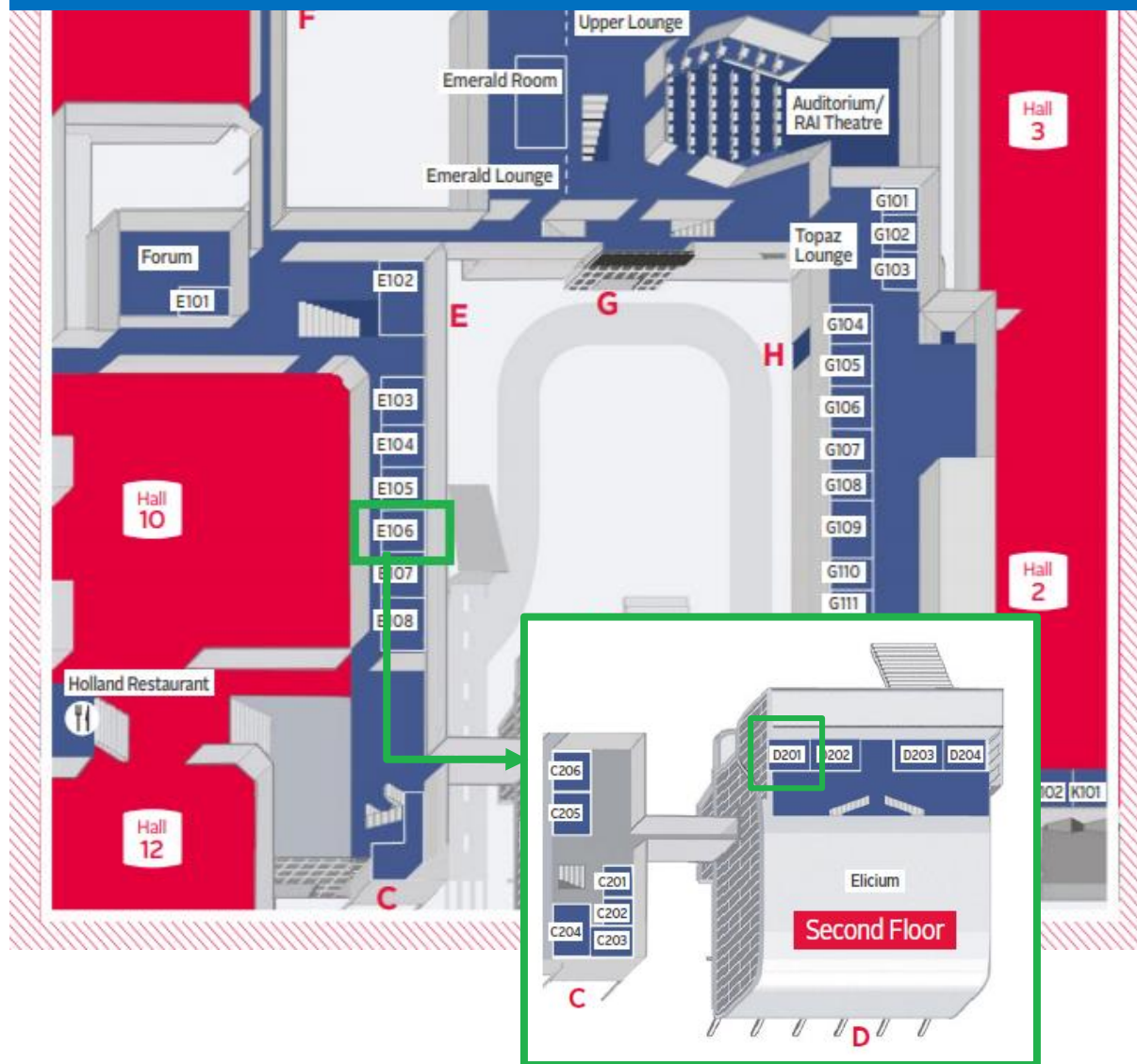
## **HARMONY @ 61st ASH Congress**

AML, CLL, and MM projects  
analysis are expected to be  
finished in the second half of  
2019





# Join us!



**HARMONY Partnering meeting**  
**15 June 2019, 16:15 - 17:15 hrs.**  
**Hall D201**

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