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## Abbreviations

AK	Non-complex aberrant karyotype
AK-AML	Non-complex aberrant karyotype AML
AML	Acute myeloid leukemia
ATRA	All-trans retinoic acid
<i>BAALC</i>	Brain and acute leukemia gene
BM	Bone marrow
cDNA	Complementary DNA
Chr	Chromosome
CI	Confidence interval
CK	Complex aberrant karyotype
CK-AML	Complex aberrant karyotype AML
CMP	Common myeloid progenitor
CN	Cytogenetically normal
Cq	Quantification cycles
CR	Complete remission
DFS	Disease-free survival
DOM	Difference of the mean
DS	Down syndrome
DS-AMKL	Down syndrome acute megakaryoblastic leukemia
EFS	Event-free survival
<i>ERG</i>	E26 transforming sequence-related gene
ETP	Early T-cell precursor
<i>ETS</i>	E26 transforming sequence
FAB	French-American-British
FISH	Fluorescence in situ hybridization
<i>FLT3</i> -ITD $\geq$ 0.5	<i>FLT3</i> -ITD to <i>FLT3</i> wildtype ratios $\geq$ 0.5
GMP	Granulocyte/macrophage progenitor
GOI	Gene of interest
HR	Hazard ratio
HSC	Hematopoietic stem cell
HSCs	Hematopoietic stem cells
ITD	Internal tandem duplication
LT	Long-term
MDS	Myelodysplastic syndrome

MEP	Megakaryocytic/erythroid progenitors
MLP	Multilymphoid progenitors
MPN	Myeloproliferative disease
MPP	Multipotent progenitor
MRD	Minimal residual disease
mRNA	Messenger RNA
mut	Mutation
n.s.	Not significant
NADP <sup>+</sup> /H	Nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide phosphate
NK	Natural killer
NOS	Not otherwise specified
OR	Odds ratio
OS	Overall survival
PB	Peripheral blood
PCR	Polymerase chain reaction
qPCR	Quantitative real-time polymerase chain reaction
RIN	RNA integrity number
s-AML	Secondary AML
SEM	Standard error of the mean
ST	Short-term
t-AML	Therapy-related AML
TKD	Tyrosine kinase domains
WHO	World Health Organization

## Zusammenfassung

Die Akute Myeloische Leukämie (AML) repräsentiert eine klinisch sehr heterogene Erkrankung. In den letzten Jahren ermöglichte die Entwicklung neuer Technologien die Identifizierung von genetischen Veränderungen, darunter Genmutationen und veränderte Genexpressionen, welche zu einem besseren Verständnis der molekularen Pathogenese, einer detaillierteren Klassifizierung und einer verbesserten Risikostratifikation führten. Dennoch stellt die AML weiterhin eine sehr aggressive Erkrankung mit hohen Rezidivraten dar. Speziell bei einer Subgruppe der AML, der AML mit normalem Karyotyp, fehlen weiterhin molekulare Marker, welche die Grundlage für eine verbesserte Risikostratifikation bei Diagnose, aber auch im Verlauf der Erkrankung bilden könnten. Aus diesem Grund sollte in der hier vorliegenden Arbeit die prognostische und biologische Bedeutung der Genexpressionmarker *BAALC* und *ERG* analysiert werden. Beide Marker wurden schon in früheren Studien analysiert, jedoch mit unterschiedlichen Ergebnissen.

In unseren Studien konnten verschiedene Assoziationen der *BAALC* und *ERG* Expression zu klinischen und molekularen Parametern dargestellt werden. So war eine hohe Expression beider Gene mit jüngerem Alter und den prognostisch bedeutsamen molekularen Markern *NPM1* und *FLT3* assoziiert. Weiterhin konnten spezifische Assoziationen einer hohen *BAALC* Expression mit Veränderungen in verschiedenen Signalwegen und den kürzlich identifizierten Klassifikationsmarkern *IDH2R172-* und *RUNX1*-Mutationen gezeigt werden.

Bezüglich der Risikostratifikation, konnte beiden Genen eine prognostische Bedeutung zugewiesen werden, wobei der Einfluss der *ERG* Expression auf das Überleben nicht unabhängig von bereits bekannten Markern war. Im Gegensatz dazu war eine aberrante *BAALC* Expression mit einer schlechten Prognose assoziiert, auch unter Berücksichtigung weiterer prognostisch relevanter Marker. Neben der prognostischen Wertigkeit von *BAALC* bei Diagnose konnte gezeigt werden, dass die *BAALC* Expression den klinischen Verlauf wiederspiegelt und dass eine erhöhte *BAALC* Expression an definierten Therapiezeitpunkten mit einem schlechteren Überleben assoziiert ist. Dies lässt vermuten, dass durch die Analyse der *BAALC* Expression, sowohl bei Diagnose als auch im Therapieverlauf, bereits bestehende Risikostratifikationen noch verfeinert werden können.

Neben der prognostischen Bedeutung, wurden auch pathogene Mechanismen der AML untersucht. So konnte gezeigt werden, dass ein Zugewinn von Chromosom 21 mit einer zunehmenden *ERG* Expression einhergeht. Diese Ergebnisse lassen eine aktive Rolle von *ERG* in der Leukämogenese der AML mit Zugewinn von Chromosom 21 vermuten.

## Abstract

Acute myeloid leukemia (AML) is a heterogeneous disease with respect to the clinical picture and therapeutic outcome. Continuous improvements in genomics technology have enabled the identification of several genetic alterations, including gene mutations and deregulated gene expression, which have contributed to a better understanding of the molecular pathogenesis, refined classification and improved prognostication. However, AML still represents an aggressive disease with poor long-term survival rates, demonstrating that we are just at the beginning of unravelling the enormous molecular complexity of AML. Especially in cytogenetically normal AML (CN-AML), there is a tremendous need to specify molecular alterations which enable improved prognostication at diagnosis and over the course of the disease. Furthermore, it becomes increasingly important to consider the clonal complexity of AML. In this context, the prognostic and biological role of *BAALC* and *ERG* gene expression has been evaluated in previous studies with varying results, either focusing on these markers alone or analyzing in the context of concomitant molecular alterations.

In CN-AML, several specific associations were identified in the present study. High *BAALC* and *ERG* expression correlated with younger ages and with the clinically adverse-risk group defined by the mutational status of *NPM1* and *FLT3*. Furthermore, *BAALC* expression was shown to strongly correlate with mutations in transcription factors, in genes that induce proliferation, and with the previously identified markers *IDH2R172* and *RUNX1* mutations. In terms of *ERG*, no such associations were revealed.

Regarding the prognostic value of *BAALC* and *ERG*, aberrantly high expression levels of both genes were shown to have an impact on survival. Although for *ERG*, this impact was found to be surrogate only for independent markers. *BAALC* strongly impacted on outcome, conveying an independent and additive effect in the context of other adverse prognostic alterations. This suggests that delineation of genetically defined subtypes could improve prognostication in CN-AML. Furthermore, it was evaluated that *BAALC* expression represents a stable marker during follow-up, reflecting the course of the disease. Moreover, high *BAALC* expression at certain clinically defined follow-up time points was strongly correlated to adverse clinical outcome, predisposing *BAALC* assessment as an applicable strategy to detect residual disease.

Finally, it was shown that a gain of chromosome 21 resulted in increased expression of the *ERG* gene, suggesting that altered *ERG* expression represents a causative mechanism contributing to the pathogenesis of AML with a gain of chromosome 21.

These results indicate that a comprehensive screening of molecular alterations provides new biological insight and broadens the information available for risk assessment in AML.

# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 AML

### 1.1.1 Background, epidemiology and etiology

Acute myeloid leukemia (AML) is a heterogeneous malignancy in which genetic alterations lead to inhibition of differentiation and enhanced proliferation of myeloid precursor cells (termed blasts) resulting in the accumulation of these blasts at various stages of maturation (Figure 1). AML is the most common type of acute leukemia in adults. The number of new cases between 2008 and 2012 in the U.S. population was 4.0 per 100,000 per year.<sup>1</sup> Although AML can occur at all ages it is most common in older patients, with a median age at diagnosis of 67 years. Thus, the number of new cases is expected to increase as the population ages. In fact, the rates of new AML cases have been rising on average by 2.2% each year over the last 10 years.<sup>1</sup>

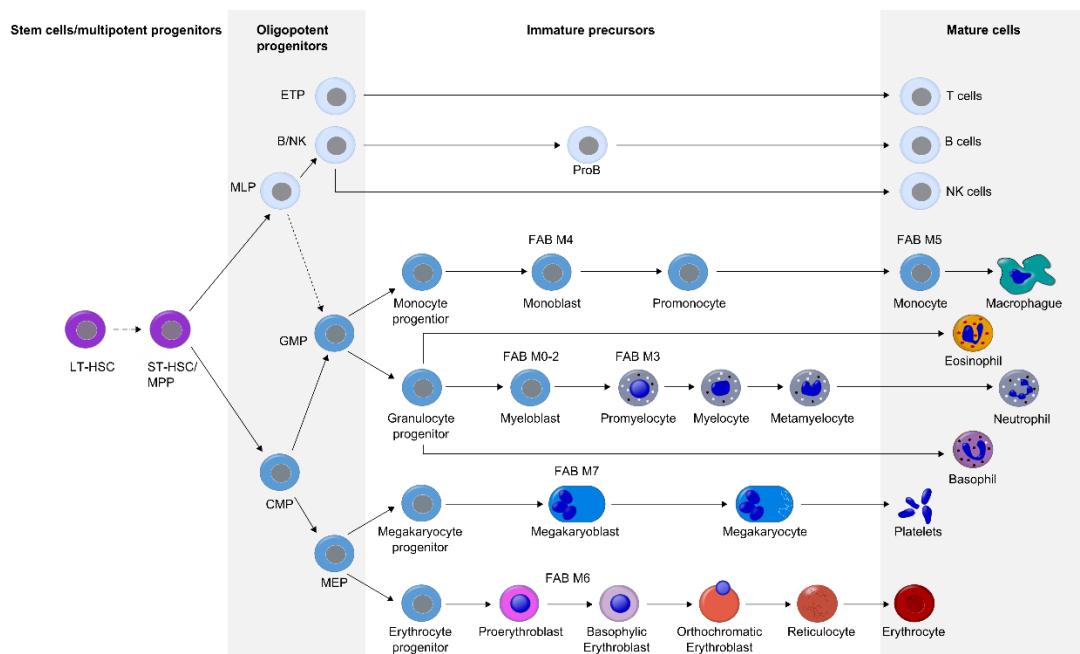


Figure 1: Schematic representation of the current hematopoietic model, also depicting the relation of the different AML subtypes (M0 to M7, cytologically defined based on maturational stage according to FAB classification<sup>2</sup>) to the different lineages of the myeloid system. Modified by Doulatov et al.<sup>3</sup>; edited by Elke Roos; Abbreviations: HSC, Hematopoietic stem cell; LT, Long-term; ST, Short-term; MPP, Multipotent progenitor; ETP, Early T-cell precursor; NK, Natural killer; MLP,

Multilymphoid progenitors; GMP, Granulocyte/macrophage progenitor; CMP, Common myeloid progenitor; MEP, Megakaryocytic/erythroid progenitors; FAB, French-American-British.

The etiology of AML remains largely unknown. However, there are some factors that increase the risk of AML. These include exposure to ionizing radiation, chemical benzene and chemotherapy-related drugs that damage DNA as well as having a history of a blood disorder such as myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS) or myeloproliferative disease (MPN). Further, inherited conditions such as Fanconi anemia, Down syndrome (DS) as well as predisposing germline mutation, e.g. in *RUNX1* or *CEBPA*, can increase the risk for development of AML.<sup>4;5</sup> For a diagnosis of AML, a blast count (including myeloblasts, monoblasts, and/or megakaryoblasts) of 20% or more is required according to the WHO classification, except for AML with t(15;17), t(8;21), inv(16) or t(16;16) and some cases of erythroleukemia, where the diagnosis of AML can also be made when the blast percentage is less than 20%.<sup>6</sup> AML, which evolves without a prior history of chemo/radiotherapy or myeloid stem cell disorders is termed "*de novo* AML". On the other hand AML which arises from a pre-existing MDS or other myeloid stem cell disorders such as MPN is defined by the term "secondary AML" (s-AML). AML arising after chemotherapy applied for another previous malignancy is described by "therapy-related AML" (t-AML).

### 1.1.2 Classification

Two staging systems have been commonly used for the classification of AML. The original classification scheme, proposed by the French-American-British (FAB) Cooperative Group in 1976,<sup>2</sup> is solely based on morphologic and cytochemical features and divides AML into eight subtypes (M0 to M7) reflecting the different stages of maturity of the AML blast cells. (Figure 1; Table 1, lower part).

The modern and now commonly used World Health Organization (WHO) classification system introduced in 2001 and updated in 2008 considered new scientific and clinical findings as it incorporated cytogenetic and molecular genetic characteristics in addition to morphologic and cytochemical criteria for the classification of AML. Table 1 gives an overview of the WHO classification scheme of 2008, where two molecular alteration have been incorporated as provisional entities.<sup>6</sup> For the classification of the category "AML, not otherwise specified (NOS)" criteria similar to original FAB classification system have been maintained. Just lately, a revision of the WHO classification system has been released. Changes proposed to the section of AML also comprise the adjustment of "AML with *NPM1* mutation" and "AML with

*CEBPA* mutation” from provisional to definite entities as well as the introduction of “AML with *RUNX1* mutation” as a provisional entity.<sup>7</sup>

Table 1: WHO classification of AML<sup>6</sup>

Categories	
<b>Acute myeloid leukemia with recurrent genetic abnormalities</b>	
AML with t(8;21)(q22;q22); <i>RUNX1-RUNX1T1</i>	
AML with inv(16)(p13.1q22) or t(16;16)(p13.1;q22); <i>CBFB-MYH11</i>	
APL with t(15;17)(q22;q12); <i>PML-RARA</i>	
AML with t(9;11)(p22;q23); <i>MLLT3-MLL</i>	
AML with t(6;9)(p23;q34); <i>DEK-NUP214</i>	
AML with inv(3)(q21q26.2) or t(3;3)(q21;q26.2); <i>RPN1-EVI1</i>	
AML (megakaryoblastic) with t(1;22)(p13;q13); <i>RBM15-MKL1</i>	
Provisional entity: AML with mutated <i>NPM1</i>	
Provisional entity: AML with mutated <i>CEBPA</i>	
<b>Acute myeloid leukemia with myelodysplasia-related changes</b>	
<b>Therapy-related myeloid neoplasms</b>	
<b>Acute myeloid leukemia, not otherwise specified (NOS)</b>	<b>FAB</b>
Acute myeloid leukemia with minimal differentiation	M0
Acute myeloid leukemia without maturation	M1
Acute myeloid leukemia with maturation	M2
Acute myelomonocytic leukemia	M4
Acute monoblastic/monocytic leukemia	M5
Acute erythroid leukemia	M6
<b>Acute megakaryoblastic leukemia</b>	<b>M7</b>
Acute basophilic leukemia	
Acute panmyelosis with myelofibrosis (syn.: acute myelofibrosis; acute myelosclerosis)	
For a diagnosis of AML, a blast count of ≥20% is required, except for AML with the recurrent genetic abnormalities t(15;17), t(8;21), inv(16) or t(16;16) and some cases of erythroleukemia.	

### 1.1.3 Genetics of CN-AML

AML represents a heterogeneous group of leukemia not only clinically but also at the molecular level, reflecting various underlying genetic abnormalities. Non-random clonal chromosome aberrations, such as translocations, inversions, deletions, and numerical abnormalities (e.g. trisomies and monosomies), are detectable in approximately 55% of adults with AML.<sup>8</sup> These chromosomal changes have not only contributed to the classification of the

disease, but have also been recognized as the strongest prognostic factors for survival, and moreover, provide a basis for treatment decisions (Table 2).<sup>9-11</sup>

Particularly in terms of allogeneic stem-cell transplantation it has been shown, that patients with adverse risk diseases (Table 2) would profit from stem-cell transplantation, while those with favorable risk disease would not.

Table 2: Current stratification of molecular genetic and cytogenetic alterations, according to ELN recommendations; revised by Döhner et al.<sup>11</sup>

Risk Profile	Subsets
<b>Favorable</b>	t(8;21)(q22;q22); <i>RUNX1-RUNX1T1</i> inv(16)(p13.1q22) or t(16;16)(p13.1;q22); <i>CBFB-MYH11</i> Mutated <i>NPM1</i> without <i>FLT3</i> -ITD (normal karyotype) Biallelic mutated <i>CEBPA</i> (normal karyotype)
<b>Intermediate-I†</b>	Mutated <i>NPM1</i> and <i>FLT3</i> -ITD (normal karyotype) Wildtype <i>NPM1</i> and <i>FLT3</i> -ITD (normal karyotype) Wildtype <i>NPM1</i> without <i>FLT3</i> -ITD (normal karyotype)
<b>Intermediate-II</b>	t(9;11)(p22;q23); <i>MLLT3-MLL (KMT2A)</i> Cytogenetic abnormalities not classified as favorable or adverse‡
<b>Adverse</b>	inv(3)(q21q26.2) or t(3;3)(q21;q26.2); <i>GATA2-MECOM</i> t(6;9)(p23;q34); <i>DEK-NUP214</i> t(v;11)(v;q23); <i>MLL (KMT2A)</i> rearranged -5 or del(5q); -7; abnl(17p); complex karyotype§

† This category includes all cases of AML with a normal karyotype except for those included in the favorable subgroup; most of these cases are associated with a poor prognosis, but they should be reported separately because of the potential different response to treatment.

‡ Adequate numbers of most abnormalities have not been studied to draw firm conclusions regarding their prognostic significance.

§ A complex karyotype is defined as three or more chromosomal abnormalities in the absence of one of the World Health Organization–designated recurring translocations or inversions — t(8;21), inv(16) or t(16;16), t(9;11), t(v;11) (v;q23), t(6;9), and inv(3)/t(3;3). About two thirds of patients with AML with a complex karyotype have a mutation of *TP53*, a deletion of *TP53*, or both. *TP53* alterations in AML rarely occur outside a complex karyotype.

However, a large subset of AML, which illustrates enormous heterogeneity with respect to clinical picture and therapeutic outcome, presents with a cytogenetically normal (CN) karyotype - meaning that this subset of AML lacks informative cytogenetic alterations which could allocate the prognostic heterogeneity and moreover which could function as a guide for treatment decisions.<sup>8</sup> But, in recent years, a vast number of gene mutations as well as deregulated gene expression have been identified, which allowed to partly decipher the genetic diversity and differential prognosis of CN-AML. By now, the most useful markers

implicated in risk stratification are mutations in *NPM1*, *FLT3* internal tandem duplication (*FLT3*-ITD), and biallelic *CEBPA* mutations (Table 2).<sup>11</sup> However, the list of newly identified genetic alterations adding more and more prognostic and biological information is continuously growing. Therefore, Table 3 provides an overview of the most commonly mutated genes in CN-AML, also outlining the potential role in hematopoiesis, leukemogenesis, and the clinical significance, if known.

The characterization of these gene mutations has also provided insights into the biology of AML and several lines of evidence have come up showing that different genetic changes cooperate in leukemogenesis. Also from a clinical perspective, data emerge that pretreatment genetic signatures rather than single alterations will become an important tool for risk stratification in therapeutic decision-making processes.<sup>12</sup> For instance, it has been shown that CN-AML patients with mutated *NPM1* in the absence of *FLT3*-ITD (low-risk) have a comparatively better outcome than those with mutated *NPM1* and coexisting *FLT3*-ITD and would therefore no longer benefit from allogeneic stem cell transplantation.<sup>10;13</sup>

Analogically to gene mutations, deregulated expression of genes involved in cell proliferation, survival and differentiation e.g. *BAALC*,<sup>14;15</sup> *ERG*,<sup>16</sup> *MN1*,<sup>16</sup> *WT1*<sup>17</sup> and *EVI1*,<sup>18</sup> have been proposed as prognostic markers especially in CN-AML. More detailed information on *BAALC* and *ERG* gene is given below, since both genes represent the subject of this study.

Table 3: Overview of molecular alterations in CN-AML

<b>Mutated Gene; Localization</b>	<b>Frequency in CN-AML</b>	<b>Type of alteration</b>	<b>Impact on hematopoiesis and leukemogenesis; Clinical significance</b>
<b>NPM1 5q35</b>	46-53%	Frameshift mutation; net insertion of 4 nucleotides results in generation of a new C-terminus, with: (i) additional nuclear export signal motif (ii) loss of tryptophan residues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NPM1 wildtype constantly shuttling between nucleolus and cytoplasm<sup>19</sup></li> <li>• various functions: regulation of cell growth and proliferation (e.g. via interaction with ARF/TP53), control of centrosome duplication and mitosis, involved in ribosome biogenesis (nuclear export)<sup>20</sup></li> <li>• role in hematopoiesis remains elusive: mutant protein localize aberrantly in the cytoplasm, thereby perturbing some NPM1 functions (e.g. stabilization of ARF), while activating (e.g. shuttle) or gaining (e.g. cytoplasmic interactions) others<sup>21;22</sup></li> <li>• significantly associated with better outcome in the absence of <i>FLT3</i>-ITD<sup>23-26</sup></li> </ul>
<b>FLT3-ITD 13q12</b>	28-35%	Internal tandem duplications (ITD) within the cytoplasmic juxtamembrane domain; lead to constitutive activation of the tyrosine kinase domains (TKD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>FLT3</i> encodes a class III receptor tyrosine kinase, which activates PI3K/protein kinase B and mitogen activated protein kinase pathways</li> <li>• <i>FLT3</i>-ITD and <i>FLT3</i>-TKD lead to constitutive activation of downstream signaling pathways</li> <li>• <i>FLT3</i>-ITD, but not <i>FLT3</i>-TKD or <i>FLT3</i> wildtype, induces aberrant signaling including strong activation of signal transducer and activator of transcription 5 and repression of CEBPA and PU1.<sup>27</sup></li> <li>• <i>FLT3</i>-ITD: associated with unfavorable outcome, particularly in patients with a high mutant(ITD) to wildtype ratio or absence of the wildtype allele<sup>28-30</sup></li> <li>• <i>FLT3</i>-TKD, in contrast to <i>FLT3</i>-ITD, seems not associated with unfavorable outcome<sup>29;31</sup></li> </ul>
<b>FLT3-TKD 13q12</b>	6-14%	Missense mutations in the activation loop, lead to constitutive activation of the TKD	

<b>ASXL1</b> <b>20q11</b>	5-16%	Mainly frameshift and stop mutations in exon 12; predicted to lead to loss of the C-terminal plant homeodomain finger	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• member of the enhancer of trithorax and polycomb family, that enlists proteins required for maintenance of activation and silencing of gene expression by modifying chromatin configuration</li> <li>• ASXL1 can interact with retinoic acid receptor in the presence of retinoic acid and enhance the transcription of some genes while repressing that of others; dependent on the cell context<sup>32</sup></li> <li>• ASXL1 mutations predicted to lead to loss of the C-terminal plant homeodomain finger, which binds specific epigenetic marks on histone tail, recruiting various other factors<sup>33</sup></li> <li>• associated with higher age and s-AML<sup>34-36</sup></li> <li>• associated with inferior outcome<sup>34-36</sup></li> </ul>
<b>CEBPA</b> <b>19q13.1</b>	9-13% (of this ~60% biallelic mutated)	Two main hot spots: N-terminal frameshift mutations and C-terminal in-frame insertions/deletions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• belongs to the basic leucin zipper family of transcription factors</li> <li>• CEBPA mediates the transition between CMPs and GMPs<sup>37</sup></li> <li>• CEBPA essential for long-term HSC function (control of HSC numbers and functions)<sup>38</sup></li> <li>• N-terminal frameshift mutations lead to a premature stop of translation of the p42 CEBPA protein, while conserving short p30 isoform</li> <li>• C-terminal in-frame insertions/deletions disrupt binding to DNA or dimerization<sup>39;40</sup></li> <li>• double-mutated (also termed biallelic) CEBPA preferentially combine an N-terminal mutation on one allele (sustaining the expression of p30 only) with a C-terminal mutation on the other allele (deficient in dimerization/DNA binding)<sup>41</sup></li> <li>• double-mutated (biallelic) CEBPA associated with favorable outcome<sup>7;41-43</sup></li> <li>• mutations in CEBPA have been associated with familial AML<sup>7;42</sup></li> </ul>
<b>DNMT3A</b> <b>2p23.3</b>	27-35%	Mainly missense mutations; with ~60% resulting in substitution of Arg882 in the catalytic domain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>de novo</i> DNA methyltransferase; catalyzing CpG methylation</li> <li>• HSCs lacking DNMT3A have a competitive growth advantage<sup>44</sup></li> <li>• mutations also found in non-leukemic HSCs and in healthy individuals; related to age-related increase of clonal hematopoiesis<sup>44-46</sup></li> <li>• murine R878 (equivalent to human R882) showed to abrogate catalytic activity and reduced DNA binding<sup>47</sup> and is suggested to have a dominant negative effect in embryonic stem cells<sup>48</sup></li> <li>• clinical significance remains elusive: some report significant associations to inferior survival others only moderate effects on outcome, depending on genetic groups<sup>49-52</sup></li> </ul>

<b>IDH1</b> 2q33.3	<i>IDH1</i> and <i>IDH2R140</i> ~15% <i>IDH2R172</i> ~1-4%	Missense mutations at 3 specific arginine residues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IDH1/2 are homodimeric NADP<sup>+</sup>-dependent enzymes that catalyze oxidative decarboxylation of isocitrate to produce the α-ketoglutarate, NADP, and CO<sub>2</sub> required for the Krebs cycle</li> <li>• mutated enzymes acquire a neomorphic activity that converts α-ketoglutarate to d-2-hydroxyglutarate in a reaction consuming NADPH<sup>53</sup></li> <li>• <i>IDH1R132</i>, <i>IDH2R140</i>, <i>IDH2R172</i> characterize clinical distinct subsets in CN-AML</li> <li>• clinical significance of <i>IDH</i> mutations remains elusive, mainly associated with adverse outcome, though only in <i>NPM1</i> mutated/<i>FLT3</i>-ITD negative CN-AML for <i>IDH1</i> and <i>IDH2R140</i><sup>54-56</sup></li> </ul>
<b>MLL(KMT2A)-PTD</b> 11q23	7-10%	Partial tandem duplication (PTD) of select exons; producing an in-frame, elongated protein. Mutant protein contains a duplicated N-terminus including AT-hooks and CXXC-domain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MLL maintains normal function of HSC as a positive regulator of gene expression e.g. regulation HOX gene expression in hematopoietic systems<sup>57</sup></li> <li>• <i>MLL</i><sup>PTD/wildtype</sup> hematopoietic stem and progenitor cells exhibited a proliferative advantage and reduced myeloid differentiation<sup>58</sup></li> <li>• clinical significance remains controversial, some report significant associations to risk of relapse or to shorter complete remission duration,<sup>25;59;60</sup> some reveal no impact<sup>61;62</sup></li> </ul>
<b>NRAS</b> 1p13.2	9-13%	Missense mutations exclusively located at codons 12, 13 and 61, resulting in loss of intrinsic GTPase activity and constitutive activation of the RAS protein	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• mutant NRAS increases HSC proliferation and self-renewal capability and myeloid differentiation bias<sup>63</sup></li> <li>• no significant impact on outcome<sup>25;64</sup></li> </ul>

<b>RUNX1</b> <b>21q22</b>	6-26%	Missense, nonsense and frameshift mutations; mostly resulting in loss or destruction of the transactivation domain and the Runt homology domain in some cases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>transcription factor: regulates the expression of hematopoiesis specific genes, such as growth factors (GM-CSF, MPO, IL3), surface receptors (TCRA, TCRB, M-CSF receptor, FLT3), signaling molecules (CDKN1A, BLK, BCL2), and transcription activators (STAT3, MYB)<sup>65</sup></li> <li>RUNX1 essential for the maturation of T-, B-lymphocytes and megakaryocytes/platelets; negatively regulates proliferation of HSCs and myeloid progenitors<sup>66;67</sup></li> <li>RUNX1 mutations found in pedigrees of a rare inherited human disease familial platelet disorder with propensity to develop AML<sup>7</sup></li> <li>associated with higher age and s-AML<sup>68</sup></li> <li>associated with inferior outcome<sup>68-71</sup></li> </ul>
<b>TET2</b> <b>4q24</b>	6-23%	Missense, nonsense and frameshift mutations; abrogating TET2 enzymatic function	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TET enzymes catalyze the Fe(II)- and α-ketoglutarate-dependent hydroxylation of 5-methylcytosine residues in DNA to form 5-hydroxymethylcytosine, which is involved in epigenetic regulation of gene expression.<sup>72</sup></li> <li>short hairpin RNA-mediated depletion of TET2 in HSCs resulted in skewing toward myeloid differentiation<sup>73</sup></li> <li>Loss of Tet2 resulted in expansion of the HSC compartment in a cell-intrinsic manner and enhanced HSC self-renewal<sup>74</sup></li> <li>associated with higher age and s-AML<sup>75-78</sup></li> <li>mutations also found in non-leukemic HSCs and in healthy individuals; related to age-related increase of clonal hematopoiesis<sup>44-46</sup></li> <li>clinical significance remains controversial: some report significant associations to inferior survival; others report no impact or only an effect in specific genetic groups (e.g. favorable-risk group (Table 2) or in consumption with IDH)<sup>77-80</sup></li> </ul>
<b>WT1</b> <b>11p13</b>	6-11%	Mostly frameshift mutations in exon 7 and substitutions in exon 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>transcription factor: either enhance or repress the expression of specific targets, highly context specific</li> <li>loss of WT1 was associated with decreased growth of leukemic cells and rapid induction of apoptosis<sup>81</sup></li> <li>enforced WT1 expression inhibits differentiation<sup>81</sup></li> <li>elevated expression can be found in high proportion of AML, used for detection of residual disease<sup>82</sup></li> <li>associated with unfavorable outcome, particularly in younger patients<sup>83-86</sup></li> </ul>

### **1.1.3.1 The *BAALC* gene**

The brain and acute leukemia cytoplasmic (*BAALC*) gene expression has originally been described in neuroectoderm-derived tissues and was later, in a search for leukemia associated genes, also found in undifferentiated hematopoietic cells.<sup>87</sup> The *BAALC* gene localizes on human chromosome band 8q22.3. It consists of eight exons, of which exon 2 comprises an alternative termination codon. Up to now, at least 8 differentially spliced transcripts have been described in AML, with the transcript variant 1-8 and 1-6-8 being the most abundant ones.<sup>87</sup> The DNA sequence as well as the expression pattern of *BAALC* is highly conserved among mammals, whereas lower vertebrates lack comparable orthologs. Translation of the different splice variants result in six different protein isoforms, which show a cytoplasmic localization in morphologically immature CD34+ cells. These isoforms only share the N-terminal domain of the first 53 amino acid residues, while the remaining sequence is diverse.<sup>87</sup> The protein sequence of *BAALC* exhibits no homology to any known protein and does not contain any recognizable motifs or functional domains. A fact, through which the clarification of the functional role of *BAALC* in biological processes is additionally impeded. In normal hematopoiesis the expression of *BAALC* is restricted to CD34+ hematopoietic progenitor cells including uncommitted CD34+/CD38- cells as well as more committed CD34+ lymphoid, erythroid and myeloid progenitor cells. In vitro studies revealed that *BAALC* expression is down regulated during hematopoietic cell differentiation.<sup>88</sup> Based on this restriction of *BAALC* expression to undifferentiated progenitors in normal hematopoiesis as well as on the association of high *BAALC* expression to the expression of stem cell markers and more immature subtypes of AML it has been suggested that *BAALC* functions as a marker of early hematopoietic cells.<sup>87;89</sup> However, since aberrant expression is also found in other tumors like glioblastoma<sup>87</sup> and malignant melanoma<sup>90</sup> a comprehensive role of *BAALC* in general pathways has been suggested. In a first attempt to unravel the function of *BAALC* in the hematopoietic system it has been shown that constitutive activation *BAALC* did not promote proliferation or survival of hematopoietic cells, but did contribute to myeloid differentiation block in Hoxa9-immortalized cell lines.<sup>91</sup> A more recent study provided the molecular basis for a dual function of *BAALC* in regulating cell differentiation as well as proliferation. In this study Morita et al.<sup>92</sup> identified two proteins with substantial roles in the ERK pathway, namely MEKK1 and KLF4, as potential interacting partners of *BAALC*. Subsequent in vitro assays on leukemic cells implied that *BAALC* on one hand induced cell cycle progression by sustained ERK activation, and on the other hand blocks ERK-mediated differentiation.

Besides the functional role of *BAALC* in hematopoiesis and leukemogenesis the mechanisms regulating *BAALC* expression in normal and abnormal hematopoiesis are also under investigation. In search for putative activation sites in the upstream regulatory machinery of *BAALC*, different transcription start sites with potential binding signatures for the transcription factors ARID3A, MFZ1, RUNX1 and the SP1/NFkB transactivation complex have been identified.<sup>93;94</sup> Further, Franzoni et al.<sup>94</sup> hypothesized from a cell line based model, that the *BAALC* promoter exhibits a bivalent mark of active and inactive post-translational-histone modifications, suggesting that *BAALC* represents a so called paused gene which can be specifically activated or repressed during differentiation.

Regarding the clinical significance of *BAALC*, collective data suggest *BAALC* as an important risk factor in CN-AML, where *BAALC* gene expression as a single marker is associated with treatment resistance and poor outcome.<sup>15;89;95-99</sup> Further, an association of *BAALC* expression to other molecular prognostic markers, and to a distinct gene-expression signature in CN-AML has been shown. For instance, high *BAALC* expression has been demonstrated to correlate with the mutational status of *FLT3*-ITD, *CEBPA*, *MLL*-PTD and with an unmuted *NPM1* as well as with elevated expression levels of the ETS-related gene *ERG*, the multi-drug resistance gene 1 and the stem cell markers CD133, CD34 and KIT.<sup>14-16;95</sup> Besides its association to several prognostic markers, high *BAALC* expression was independently associated with lower complete remission (CR) rates,<sup>15;95</sup> shorter disease-free survival (DFS)<sup>95</sup> and shorter overall survival (OS),<sup>14;15;95</sup> in some studies, while other studies could not confirm this independent prognostic effect of *BAALC* expression on survival.<sup>16;100</sup>

### 1.1.3.2 The *ERG* gene

The E26 transforming sequence (ETS)-related gene (*ERG*) is located on human chromosome band 21q22 and encodes a member of the ETS family of transcription factors. Like all members of this family, *ERG* possesses an evolutionary-conserved ETS domain of about 85 amino acid residues that mediate binding to purine-rich DNA sequences with a central GGAA/T core consensus and additional flanking nucleotides. This ETS DNA-binding motive is located in the C-terminal region, while the N-terminal region shows a so called pointed domain, a helix-loop-helix structure, which confers protein-protein interactions. Further two transcriptional activation domains have been described on either terminal sites. At least five isoforms of the *ERG* protein are generated by alternative splicing and translation initiation sites, of which isoform 3 represents the major isoform of normal and malignant hematopoietic cells.<sup>101;102</sup> Expression of *ERG* has been shown in several cell lines, including endothelial cells as well as in normal premature (CD34+) and malignant hematopoietic cells, but not in mature lymphoid or

myeloid cells.<sup>102</sup> Regarding the role of *ERG* in normal hematopoiesis it has been shown that homozygous mice harboring missense mutation in *erg* die at the embryonic stage as they fail to sustain definitive hematopoiesis.<sup>103;104</sup> Mice heterozygous for the same mutation represented with functionally impaired LT-HSCs, significantly lower numbers of committed hematopoietic progenitors and lower platelet numbers.<sup>103</sup> Thus, these data suggest that *ERG* function is essential to the production and maintenance of the hematopoietic stem cell pool.

Addressing the leukemic potential of *ERG*, ectopic expression of *ERG* was shown to induce megakaryocytic differentiation in the erythroleukemia cell line K562 as well as megakaryoblastic leukemia in mice.<sup>102;105</sup> Further, forced expression of *ERG* has been shown to promote the development and also the maintenance of leukemia in a mouse adult bone marrow (BM) transplantation model<sup>106</sup> and in-vitro assays revealed a growth-promoting effect of *ERG* on various human leukemia cells of erythroid, myeloid, megakaryocytic, T-, and B-cell lineages.<sup>107</sup> In addition, it has been suggested that *ERG*, like all ETS family members act in concert with other cellular proteins not only under physiological conditions, but also in the pathogenesis of leukemia. For instance, cooperating effects of elevated *ERG* expression and specific mutations in the onset of Down syndrome acute megakaryoblastic leukemia (DS-AMKL) have been described.<sup>106-108</sup> Besides, population-based studies show that the incidence of leukemia is 10 to 20 fold higher in individuals with DS compared with the overall population, with a particularly striking increase of AMKL, suggesting a general dosage-sensitive effect of genes located on chromosome 21 within leukemogenesis.<sup>109</sup> In an attempt to identify the respective genes on chromosome 21 a common Down syndrome critical region on chromosome 21q22 has been defined, which narrowed the number of candidate genes potentially involved in DS-associated leukemogenesis.<sup>110;111</sup> Amongst these genes *ERG* represented one of the most extensively studied, but the results remain controversial.<sup>112;113</sup>

Besides the potential role of an increase in DNA content to elevated *ERG* expression the exact mechanisms regulating *ERG* expression in normal and abnormal hematopoiesis are still under investigation. The human *ERG* locus has at least two recognized promoters and a specific enhancer +85kb downstream of the translation start site.<sup>107</sup> Recently, it has been shown that *ERG* expression is regulated by complexes of HSC transcription factors, namely SCL, LYL1, LMO2, GATA2 or GATA3, RUNX1, FLI1 and *ERG* itself, binding its promoters and +85 stem cell enhancer. Especially for T-ALL it has been shown, that abnormal *ERG* expression is probably caused by aberrant activation of the +85 enhancer. Even though these findings provide precious insights into transcriptional regulation of *ERG* they still do not explain the mechanisms leading to altered promoter and enhancer activity and therefore to abnormal *ERG* expression.

Finally, it should be mentioned that beside dysregulated expression of *ERG*, the involvement of *ERG* in chromosomal translocations has been implicated in rare cases of leukemia and more commonly in various types of other neoplasms. Therefore, the *ERG* locus can be rearranged and fused with *FUS/TLS* in AML<sup>114</sup>, with *EWS* in Ewing sarcoma<sup>115</sup> and with *TMPRSS2*<sup>116;117</sup> in prostate cancer. Especially in prostate cancer the fusion has been shown to result in *ERG* overexpression and has been associated with poor outcome.<sup>117</sup>

Regarding the clinical significance of deregulated expression of *ERG*, the impact on clinical outcome remains controversial. Especially in CN-AML, high *ERG* expression has been allocated to lower CR rates, shorter DFS, event-free survival (EFS) and OS in some studies,<sup>16;95;118</sup> while other studies only reported an adverse effect of high *ERG* expression on the achievement of CR and on EFS.<sup>119</sup> Besides the prognostic significance it has been published recently that cell based *ERG* overexpression results in resistance to kinase inhibitors such as sorafenib and dovitinib.<sup>120</sup> This finding is of special therapeutic interest since sorafenib currently is being tested in different clinical AML trials.

#### **1.1.4 Therapy of AML**

The prognosis of AML is determined by AML-associated factors such as cytogenetic and molecular genetic aberrations as well as patient-related characteristics such as age, comorbidity and the performance status in general. While the latter predict treatment-related mortality the former factors provide a prediction of resistance to therapy.<sup>11</sup>

The treatment of AML is usually performed within randomized clinical trials and typically involves induction therapy, consolidation therapy and in some cases maintenance.

The goal of induction therapy is to bring about a CR, which means to reduce the amount of all leukemic cells to levels below morphological sensitivity (BM blasts < 5%, absolute neutrophil count >  $1.0 \times 10^9/L$  and platelet count >  $100 \times 10^9/L$ ).<sup>10</sup> Standard induction therapy of younger adults (aged 18-60) usually consists of one or two cycles of two cytotoxic drugs: cytarabine (also called Ara-C) given as continuous infusion for seven days and an anthracycline (daunorubicin, idarubicin or mitoxantrone) given intravenously for three days, therefore termed the “7+3” regimen. With the 7+3 induction scheme complete response rates of 60-85% can be achieved in younger adults and until recently no other induction regime has been shown to be superior.<sup>11</sup> For older patients (ages >60 years) with favorable-risk and intermediate-risk cytogenetics and no coexisting conditions, the standard induction is the same as in younger adults, while dose reduction, investigational therapy or best supportive care may be considered in some of these patients, who are not eligible to receive standard

intensive chemotherapy.<sup>11</sup> Complete response rates in older patients are 40-60% after induction chemotherapy.

Standard post remission therapy (termed consolidation therapy) aims at the full eradication of the leukemic cell compartment and includes conventional chemotherapy as well as hematopoietic cell transplantation. The decision for hematopoietic cell transplantation depends on the leukemic genetic risk profile (Table 2), the risk of treatment-related death, and specific patient transplantation associated factors (e.g. age, comorbidity). Presently, a predicted risk of relapse of more than 35% is widely considered to warrant hematopoietic cell transplantation during the first remission.<sup>121</sup> Patients with favorable risk genetics (Table 2) and no coexisting conditions, should receive 2-4 cycles of intermediate-dose cytarabine. For patients 16 to 60-65 years with intermediate- or adverse-risk genetics, persistent disease or other high-risk clinical features such as s-AML or t-AML, the aggressive treatment of allogeneic hematopoietic-cell transplantation should be considered. Though the decision for allogeneic hematopoietic-cell transplantation in intermediate-risk patients seems not as clear as most of these patients represent with normal cytogenetics and molecular lesions might provide further prognostic information. For patients 60-65 to 75 years with unfavorable genetic risk allogeneic hematopoietic-cell transplantation can be considered, if they are physically able to undergo this procedure, while for those above 75 years investigational therapy should be considered.<sup>11</sup>

An exception of these recommendations has to be made for the M3 subtype of AML, termed acute promyelocytic leukemia (APL) with a translocation between chromosomes 15 and 17 according to the WHO, where treatment includes the non-chemotherapy drug all-trans retinoic acid (ATRA). ATRA, a derivative of retinoic acid, targets the *RARA* and reverses the differentiation block of promyelocytic blasts induced by the *PML-RARA* chimeric gene, thereby representing the first molecular target-based cancer therapy in AML.

Currently, new compounds targeting different AML specific cellular processes or the mutant proteins directly are under investigation. These compounds include tyrosine kinase inhibitors targeting FLT3 (e.g. midostaurin, quizartinib), inhibitors targeting the mutant metabolic enzymes IDH1 (AG-120) and IDH2 (AG-221), demethylating agents (e.g. azacytidine, decitabine) as well as antibodies, which specifically target antigens on leukemic cells, such as gemtuzumab ozogamicin, a humanized anti-CD33 monoclonal antibody conjugated with the cytotoxic agent calicheamicin. Besides the promising results provided by some of these new compounds in combination with conventional cytotoxic therapies none of them can be used as single agents to cure the disease.<sup>11</sup>

### **1.1.5 Monitoring of AML during therapy**

As described in section “1.1.4 Therapy of AML” antileukemic therapy in AML aims at the eradication of all leukemic cells to achieve cure from the disease. Achieving a morphologically leukemia-free state (termed complete remission) is the aim of the induction chemotherapy and it has consistently been shown that failure of early blast clearance by remission induction therapy is a major independent prognostic factor for prognosis.<sup>122</sup> Despite the relatively high rates of 40-80% of AML patients achieving complete remission, the majority of these patients experience relapse within three years after diagnosis.<sup>10;123-125</sup> The prognosis of patients in relapse is very poor with a five year survival probability of 4 to 46% of the patients (aged 16-60 years), whereby the duration of remission before relapse represents a major prognostic factor as an early relapse (duration of CR <6 month) contributes to a more adverse prognosis.<sup>10</sup> The source of these relapses has been shown to stem from persistent leukemia cells in the majority of cases, existing at levels below morphological sensitivity.<sup>126;127</sup> By now, several studies have shown that it is possible to detect this so called minimal residual disease (MRD) of AML before hematologic manifestation by multiparameter flow cytometry identifying leukemia associated aberrant phenotypes and moreover by quantitative real-time polymerase chain reaction (qPCR) based methods, digital PCR or (ultra) deep sequencing detecting residual leukemia specific targets. Due to the high sensitivity of qPCR-based methods, molecular markers have become key targets for the assessment of treatment response in individual patients to detect early relapse and to allow direct therapeutic intervention.<sup>10;128;129</sup> These targets include fusion genes (e.g. *PML-RARA*,<sup>130;131</sup> *CBFB-MYH11*,<sup>131;132</sup> *RUNX1-RUNX1T1* (formerly *AML1-ETO*),<sup>131;133;134</sup>) and gene mutations, of which mutations in *NPM1*<sup>129;135</sup> and *MLL-PTD*<sup>136;137</sup> represent the best validated targets amongst the gene mutations. Further, genes highly expressed in some types of leukemia have also been described to represent a suitable MRD target, with the Wilms tumor (*WT1*) gene representing one of the best evaluated target in CN-AML.<sup>17</sup> The prognostic feasibility of the sensitive detection of leukemia specific targets has been validated just recently in a large clinical trial, where the persistence of *NPM1* mutated transcripts after the induction chemotherapy not only provided information of residual disease and predicted risk of relapse, but also was the only independent prognostic factor for death in multivariate analysis. Moreover, this revealed that among patients with a high-risk genotype (*FLT3-ITD*, mutated *DNMT3A*, or both), negative results on qPCR after the second chemotherapy cycle distinguished a group of patients (79%) with a relatively favorable outcome. This result has strong implications for clinical/therapeutic decision making, as this group would have been originally suggested for stem-cell transplantation (Table 2).

## **1.2 Aim of the dissertation**

The general aim of this doctoral thesis was a molecular characterization of AML to delineate the complex inter-relationships between genetic alterations and the expression of selected genes, in order to get further insight into the disease biology and to improve the risk assessment and clinical decision making.

For this purpose, different approaches were applied. First, a large diagnostic cohort of CN-AML was comprehensively investigated for molecular genetic alterations, essentially focusing on *BAALC* and *ERG* gene expression, as the prognostic value of these genes has been investigated in previous studies with varying results. Putative associations of altered *BAALC* and *ERG* gene expression with recently described molecular alterations and with functional biological pathways needed to be revealed, in order to delineate or define new subgroups of CN-AML.

Furthermore, in an attempt to improve prognostication in CN-AML, the impact of deregulated *BAALC* and *ERG* expression on the clinical outcome was examined - thereby focusing on the prognostic impact of these alterations alone, and moreover in the context of concomitant molecular alterations.

The second approach was to address the applicability of *BAALC* assessment during the course of the disease, as the prognostic information of residual disease becomes increasingly important in clinical decision-making. Therefore, *BAALC* expression was analyzed in a considerable number of CN-AML patients at distinct follow-up time points in order to assess the stability and the prognostic value of *BAALC* gene expression during therapy.

In a third approach, further insights into the functional involvement of altered *ERG* gene expression in the pathogenesis of AML needed to be gained. To concern this approach, *ERG* gene expression was analyzed in a group of patients with AML and an acquired gain of chromosome 21, thereby investigating a possible relationship between a gain of *ERG* DNA copy numbers and *ERG* gene expression levels. Besides this, concomitant molecular alterations were analyzed to reveal putative interacting partners of *ERG* in this subtype of AML.

## **2 Materials and methods**

### **2.1 Sample preparation and nucleic acid isolation**

Anticoagulated (heparin, EDTA, citrate) BM and peripheral blood (PB) samples were referred to the MLL Munich Leukemia Laboratory for diagnostic or follow-up assessment. Mononuclear cells were separated by Ficoll density gradient at 1204 g for 20 min using Ficoll (PAA Laboratories GmbH, Pasching, Austria) or Pancoll (PAN Biotech GmbH, Aidenbach, Germany) with a density of 1.077 g/ml. Cell pellets of 2.5–5x10<sup>6</sup> cells, depending on yield, were resuspended in PBS or water (only for DNA) and stored at -80°C if not directly processed. Either mRNA or total RNA was extracted with the MagnaPureLC mRNA Kit I (Roche Applied Science, Mannheim, Germany) or with the MagNA Pure 96 Cellular RNA Large Volume Kit (Roche Applied Science) according to the manufacturer's protocol. Genomic DNA was isolated with QIAamp DNA Mini kit or with QIAsymphony DSP DNA Midi Kit (Qiagen, Hilden, Germany) following the manufacturer's protocol. The cDNA synthesis was performed from mRNA or total RNA (from an equivalent of 2.5–5x10<sup>6</sup> cells) using 300 U Superscript II (Life Technologies, Darmstadt, Germany) and random hexamer primers (Roche Applied Science) in a 50 µl reaction. The cDNA and genomic DNA was stored at -20°C and -4°C, respectively.

### **2.2 BAALC and ERG assessment**

Quantitative assessments of *BAALC* and *ERG* gene expression, *ERG* genomic DNA as well as *ABL1* expression (reference gene) were performed by the use of the Applied Biosystems 7500 Fast Real Time PCR System (Life Technologies). Each sample was analyzed at least in duplicate. *BAALC* and *ABL1* expression was determined as described before (Appendix I).<sup>96</sup> *ERG* expression and *ERG* DNA copy numbers were assessed as outlined in Weber et al.<sup>138</sup> (Appendix II). To calculate *BAALC*, *ERG* and *ABL1* copy numbers, standard curves for the respective assays were generated in every run by 10-fold dilution series of five different plasmid concentrations. *BAALC* and *ERG* gene expression was normalized against the expression of the reference gene *ABL1*, calculated as % GOI/*ABL1*. *ABL1* represents the most commonly used reference gene in hematology. The use of *ABL1* has been proposed by a collaborative initiation within the Europe Against Cancer program, including 26 laboratories in 10 member countries, where 14 potential reference genes have been evaluated on normal and diagnostic leukemic samples.<sup>139</sup> These results of the EAC trial was confirmed by our group, analyzing different reference genes in AML with fusion genes.<sup>140</sup> The use of *ABL1* as reference gene for the assessment of *BAALC* and *ERG* gene expression was further validated for this work in a core-set of patients. The

result on this validation is given in the Appendix V. *ERG* DNA copy numbers were calculated using the comparative Ct method.<sup>141</sup> For quantification of DNA copy numbers, the albumin gene was used for normalization. To calibrate the comparative DNA copy numbers, a mixture of DNA of ten healthy individuals was used. Thus, a relative quantity of 1 corresponds to 2 DNA copies of the *ERG* gene.

## 2.3 Brief overview of methods used to detect molecular alterations, other than *BAALC* and *ERG* expression

Screening of *FLT3*-TKD,<sup>31</sup> *IDH*,<sup>142</sup> *NRAS*,<sup>64;143</sup> and *NPM1*<sup>23</sup> gene mutations was performed using a melting curve based LightCycler assay (Roche Diagnostics, Mannheim, Germany) with hybridization probes. After 40 cycles of amplification the melting-curve analysis was started at 28°C/40°C and continued to 70°C/95°C with slope of 0.2°C per second and continuous detection with channel F2/F1. LightCycler data were analyzed using LightCycler software (Roche Diagnostics). All cases that revealed an aberrant melting curve as compared to wildtype control were subjected to nucleotide sequence analyses (see below).

To quantify the mutation ratio of *NPM1* qPCR was performed by the use of either the LightCycler 1.5 System (Roche Diagnostics) with the application of hybridization probes as the detection format or by digital PCR using a hydrolysis probe-based assay on 12.765 Digital Arrays (Fluidigm, San Francisco, CA, USA), that separates each PCR reaction into 765 reaction chambers. Digital PCR data analysis was done by EP1 Data Collection v.3.1.2 software (Fluidigm). Positive signals were counted with DIGITAL PCR ANALYSIS v.3.1.3 software (Fluidigm) and transformed to a value of estimated targets. Expression levels were calculated as % *NPM1*mut/*ABL1*. Comprehensive information on these methods are provided in the respective publications.<sup>135;144</sup>

Screening of *MLL*-PTD was performed by qPCR using the LightCycler System (Roche Diagnostics) applying hybridization probes as the detection format. The expression levels are given as % *MLL*-PTD/*ABL1*. Detailed information on primer, probes and the reaction conditions are given in Weisser et al.<sup>136</sup>

Determination of the length of the *FLT3*-ITD and quantification of the *FLT3*-ITD mutation/*FLT3* wildtype ratio were realized by genescan analysis, where the forward primer was labeled with 6-FAM. PCR products were analyzed using 3130, 3130x/ and 3730x/ Genetic Analysers (ABI, Darmstadt, Germany). The *FLT3*-ITD was quantified as the ratio of the mutation compared to the wildtype allele. Detailed information is given elsewhere.<sup>145;146</sup>

The remaining molecular alterations in *ASXL1*, *CEBPA*, *DNMT3A*, *RUNX1*, *TET2*, *TP53* and *WT1* were analyzed by either Sanger sequencing or by next-generation sequencing. Sanger sequencing was performed using BigDye chemistry (Applied Biosystems, Weiterstadt, Germany) and the 3130, 3130xl and 3730xl Genetic Analyzers (ABI).

Regarding next generation sequencing, different library preparation and sequencing approaches have been performed in our laboratory. In short:

#### **Library preparation ThunderStorm (Targeted enrichment by droplet-based multiplex PCR)**

Sheared genomic DNA (Covaris S220 instrument; Covaris, Woburn, MA) was combined with a PCR reaction mix excluding the oligonucleotide primer molecules. This reaction mastermix and the primer library were loaded separately into the ThunderStorm instrument (RainDance Technologies, Billerica, MA, USA) and picoliter-size droplets containing one primer library per droplet were generated. After amplification, emulsion PCR droplets were broken, purified and quantified. Barcode indices and suitable MiSeq adaptor sequences were added using a second-round PCR step. Equal amounts of each purified, tagged library were then pooled for cluster generation and sequencing. PhiX control libraries (final concentration 1.5%) (Illumina, San Diego, CA, USA) were added to the pooled library for quality control. Detailed information is given in Delic et al.<sup>147</sup>

#### **Library preparation Assay-on-Demand for 454 Pyrosequencing**

Target specific regions of interest were amplified using the FastStart High Fidelity PCR System and GC-RICH PCR System kits (Roche Applied Science, Penzberg, Germany) in preconfigured 96-well primer plates containing primer pairs as well as sample specific distinct Multiplexing Identifier. Each PCR product was individually purified using Agencourt AMPure XP beads (Beckman Coulter, Krefeld, Germany) and quantified using the Quant-iT PicoGreen dsDNA kit (Invitrogen, Carlsbad, CA, USA). Detailed information is given in Kohlmann et al.<sup>148</sup>

#### **Library preparation Fluidigm AccessArray**

Amplicon generation on the Fluidigm AccessArray System (Fluidigm) reduces the time required for enrichment of targeted sequences by combining amplicon generation with library preparation. The Access Array System workflow consists of three major phases: 1) designing and validating target-specific primers for targeted re-sequencing, 2) running an Access Array Integrated Fluidic Circuit (IFC), and 3) qualifying and quantifying harvested PCR products for sequencing. Input requirements are DNA 50 - 80ng. Detailed information is given elsewhere.<sup>149</sup>

## **454 Pyrosequencing**

The multiplexed amplicon pool was processed according to the manufacturer's recommendations using GS FLX Titanium small volume emPCR Kit (Lib-A) (Roche Applied Science, Penzberg, Germany). Following the emPCR amplification, clonally amplified beads were enriched for 454 next-generation sequencing. Forward (A) and reverse (B) beads were processed separately until combining them at the step of loading the respective PicoTiterPlate (PTP) lanes.

All data were generated using the GS FLX Sequencer Instrument software version 2.3. Image processing and amplicon pipeline analysis was performed using default settings of the GS RunBrowser software version 2.3 (Roche Applied Science). Sequence alignment and variant detection was performed using the GS Amplicon Variant Analyzer software version 2.3 (Roche Applied Science). The results were further processed and visualized in R/Bioconductor using the package R453Plus1Toolbox (version 1.0.1) and the Sequence Pilot software version 4.0.0 (JSI medical systems, Kippenheim, Germany). For the detection of variants, filters were set to display sequence variances occurring in more than 2% of bidirectional reads per amplicon in at least one patient. Amplicons were considered as dropout and excluded from analysis if the coverage at any analyzed position in any of the two paired-end sequences (minimal coverage) was <80 reads.

## **MiSeq Sequencing**

Amplified targets were sequenced on the MiSeq sequencing-by-synthesis benchtop sequencer according to the manufacturer's protocol (Illumina). The sequencing runs were set for 'Resequencing' workflow on the Illumina MiSeq Reporter v2.2.29 software (Illumina) and 500-cycle MiSeq v2 reagent cartridges (Illumina) were used to sequence libraries with paired-end, dual-indexing 251 cycles per read (2 x 251). The quality of the sequence run was monitored by the Sequencing Analysis Viewer (Illumina). Data was automatically demultiplexed by the MiSeq Reporter and corresponding zipped FASTQ files were generated for each barcode index.

## **Variant interpretation**

Validity of the somatic mutations was checked against the publicly accessible COSMIC database,<sup>150</sup> ClinVar ([www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/clinvar/](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/clinvar/)) and ExAC database ([exac.broadinstitute.org/](http://exac.broadinstitute.org/)). Functional interpretation was performed using SIFT 1.03 ([sift.jcvi.org](http://sift.jcvi.org)), PolyPhen 2.0 (Adzhubei et al, Nat Methods, 2010). Additionally, TP53 variants were verified using the IARC repository (Petitjean A et al, Hum Mutat, 2007). Single-nucleotide

polymorphisms according to NCBI dbSNP database ([ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/snp](http://ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/snp)), synonymous variants and alterations within introns with the exception of splice-site mutations at position +/- 1 or 2 were not scored.

## 2.4 Patient samples

All patient samples included in the respective studies were referred to our laboratory for diagnostic or follow-up assessment of AML between September 2005 and July 2015. All patients gave their written informed consent for scientific evaluations. The study was approved by the Internal Review Board and adhered to the tenets of the Declaration of Helsinki. Addressing different scientific aspects following samples were analyzed:

### 1) *BAALC* and *ERG* gene expression in CN-AML (Appendix I; Appendix IV)<sup>96;151</sup>

To asses *BAALC* gene expression in CN-AML, a total of 326 younger (<65 years, range: 18-65) CN-AML patients were investigated. Of these, 325 patients have also been investigated for *ERG* gene expression. All these patients had, to the best of our knowledge, *de novo* AML without any preceding malignancy or MDS.

### 2) *BAALC* gene expression for detection of MRD (Appendix I; Appendix III)<sup>96;152</sup>

To address *BAALC* gene expression as a target for MRD monitoring, in total 632 diagnostic and follow-up samples of 142 *de novo* CN-AML patients with high *BAALC* expression at initial diagnosis for whom at least one follow-up sample was available were investigated. Of these, 57 diagnostic and 301 follow-up samples had been published in both studies (Appendix I; Appendix III).<sup>96;152</sup> The median number of follow-up samples per patient was 2 (range: 1-21) with a median follow-up time of 63 months (range: 1-101 months). If multiple samples per patient were available within the time interval of three to six month after induction chemotherapy, only the first evaluation was included in the respective calculations. Further, 18 samples of 9 *de novo* CN-AML patients with low *BAALC* expression at initial diagnosis, for whom a follow-up sample showing complete molecular remission defined by *NPM1* mutation status was available, were analyzed.

### 2) *ERG* gene expression in patients with AML and acquired gain of chromosome 21 (Appendix II)<sup>138</sup>

In total 479 AML cases, including 25 secondary AML (s-AML) following MDS (n=16) or myeloproliferative neoplasms (n=9) and 22 therapy-related AML (t-AML), were analyzed. The total cohort was subdivided based on karyotype and fluorescence in situ hybridization (FISH) data into 3 subgroups according to the *ERG* copy number state.

Cohort A (further referred to as “Cases with amplification of *ERG*”) included 33 cases with structural aberrations involving the long arm of chromosome 21 and amplification of *ERG* (defined as more than 6 copies) as demonstrated by interphase FISH with probes encompassing the *ERG* gene. Of these, 32 cases showed a complex karyotype (CK) characterized by more than or equal to four chromosomal aberrations.

Cohort B included 95 cases with 3 to 6 *ERG* copies. Of the 95 cases, 41 had a non-complex aberrant karyotype with gain of one (n=40) or two (n=1) chromosomes 21 (further referred to as AK-AML with gain of chr21). The remaining 54 cases had a complex aberrant karyotype with gain of one (n=43), two (n=9), or three (n=2) chromosomes 21. Seven of the latter 54 cases had additional structural aberration involving chromosome arm 21q. *ERG* copy number state of these seven cases were validated by interphase FISH, all of them demonstrating less than or equal to 6 copies. This group is further referred to as CK-AML with gain of chr21/chr21q.

For comparison, two control cohorts were analyzed. One cohort included the 325 patients with CN-AML, which had been characterized for *BAALC* and *ERG* gene expression.<sup>96</sup> The other cohort included 26 AML patients with a CK but without cytogenetically visible gain of chromosome 21.

## 2.5 Statistical analysis

The definition of OS was the time from diagnosis to death or last follow-up. EFS was defined as the time from diagnosis to treatment failure, relapse, death, or last follow-up. Survival curves were calculated for OS and EFS according to Kaplan-Meier and compared using the two-sided log rank test. Cox regression analysis was performed for OS and EFS with different parameters as covariates. Median follow-up was calculated taking the respective last observations in surviving cases into account and censoring non-surviving cases at the time of death. Results were considered significant at p<0.05 for univariate analyses and at p<0.1 for multivariate analyses. Parameters which were significant in univariate analyses were included into multivariate analyses. Dichotomous variables were compared between different groups using the Fisher’s exact test and continuous variables by Student’s t-test. Correlation coefficient was specified as Spearman’s rank correlation. All reported p-values are two-sided. No adjustments for multiple comparisons were performed. SPSS software version 19.0.0 (IBM corporation, Armonk, NY) was used for statistical analysis.

### 3 Results and discussion

#### 3.1 BAALC and ERG gene expression in CN-AML

##### 3.1.1 BAALC and ERG in CN-AML: range of expression and cut-off definition

In diagnostic CN-AML samples, the normalized levels of % *BAALC/ABL1* and % *ERG/ABL1* varied within a wide range of at least 4 logs (range *BAALC/ABL1*: 0.1% to 8019.9%; range *ERG/ABL1*: 0.1%-1007.5%; Appendix I; Appendix IV).<sup>96;151</sup> Even though, the expression levels of *ERG* seems more evenly distributed, these results indicate that the genes are differentially expressed in some CN-AML samples (Figure 2).

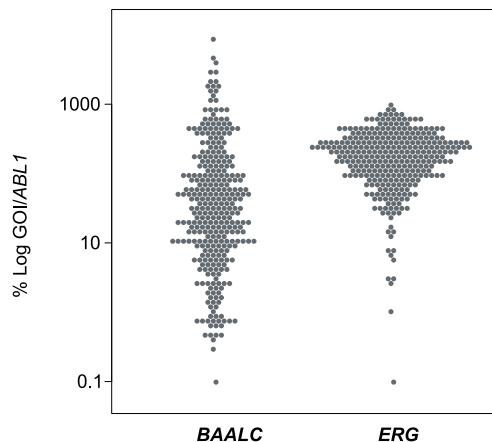


Figure 2: Quantitative analysis of *BAALC* and *ERG* gene expression in CN-AML. Grey circles indicate single cases. The y-axis depicts the % gene of interest (GOI)/*ABL1* on a logarithmic scale.

The translation of gene expression into clinical decision making requires the definition of a cut-off level. Using a survival based method, the level of 33.1% *BAALC/ABL1*, accounting for median *BAALC* expression of the total CN-AML cohort, was found to separate high-risk from low-risk patients (Figure 3, Appendix I).<sup>96</sup> This threshold was further validated in Weber et al.<sup>152</sup> where a high proportion (87%, 13/15) of patients with *BAALC* expression levels above 33.1% *BAALC/ABL1* during therapy experienced relapse (Appendix III). These results partly reflect the literature, where despite differences in the quantification methods, mean expression levels were used to separate low from high *BAALC* expressers.<sup>14-16;95</sup> However, different cut-off levels have also been suggested by other groups using distinctive approaches to define them.<sup>97-99</sup> Using the survival based approach to define a threshold for *ERG* expression the results were less persuasive (Figure 3). Addressing these result as well as the fact that dichotomization on survival based methods represents a data driven classification,

*BAALC* and *ERG* expression levels were additionally analyzed as continuous variables, if feasible.

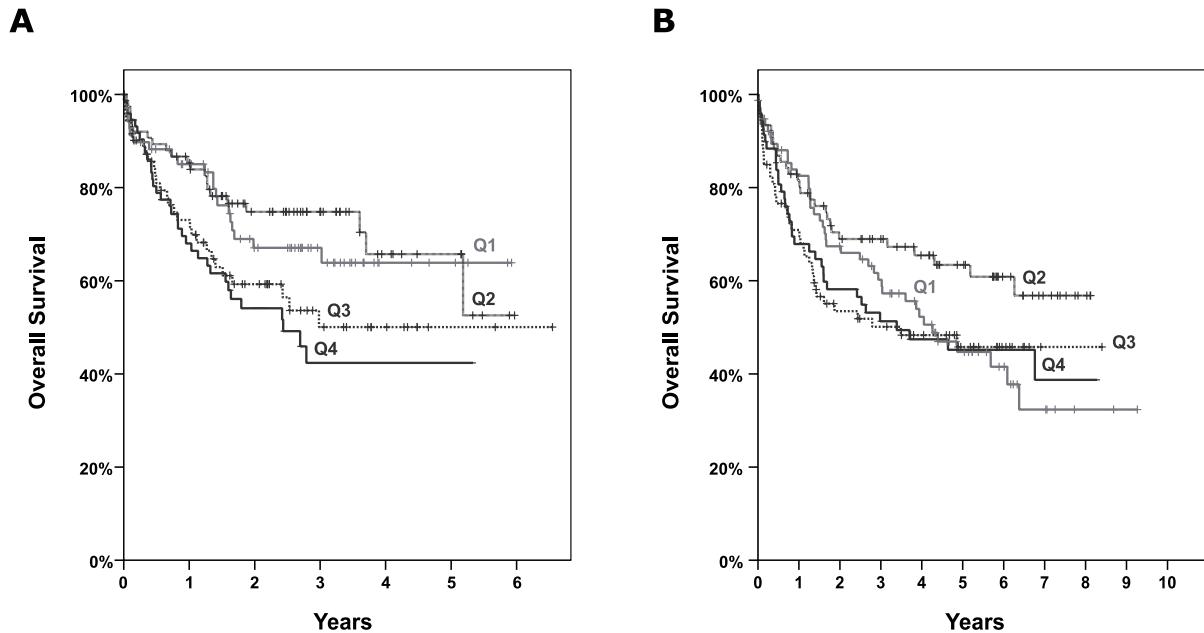


Figure 3: Patients analyzed for *BAALC* and *ERG* expression were initially divided into quartiles (Q1-Q4) according to the levels of expression. (A) Kaplan-Meier curve for *BAALC* expression. Median was chosen for the *BAALC* expression cut-off because the subgroup of Q3 and Q4 showed a clinically distinct outcome with an inferior OS compared with the remaining quartiles (Q1 and Q2). Patients were defined as low *BAALC* with expression levels in Q1 and Q2 and as high *BAALC* with expression levels in Q3 and Q4. (B) Kaplan-Meier curve for *ERG* expression.

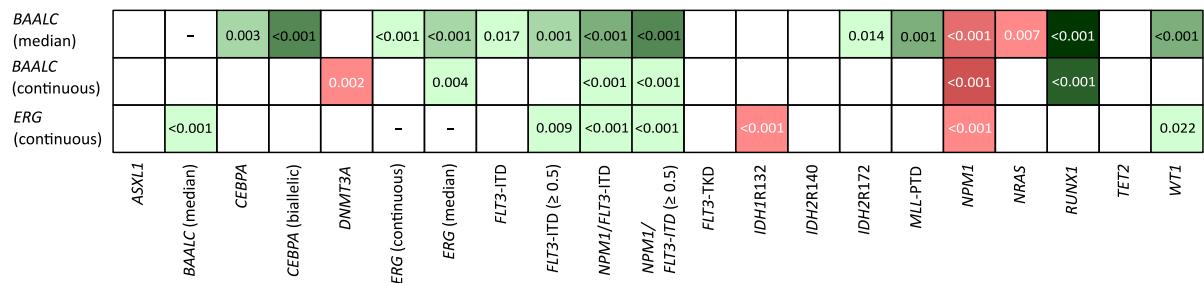
### 3.1.2 Correlation of diagnostic *BAALC* and *ERG* gene expression to clinical and molecular parameters

In terms of patients characteristics at the time of diagnosis, for both, *BAALC* and *ERG*, a negative correlation of gene expression levels to age was revealed, meaning that patients with high *BAALC* and/or *ERG* expression tended to be younger than the respective patients with low *BAALC* and/or *ERG* expression (Appendix I; Appendix IV).<sup>96;151</sup>

With regard to molecular alterations, substantial associations of altered *BAALC* and *ERG* expression to specific molecular aberrations were observed. Figure 4 provides an overview of the analyzed associations between the expression of *BAALC* and *ERG* and the remaining molecular parameters, which have been reported by our group (Appendix I; Appendix IV).<sup>96;151</sup> Analysis of *BAALC* as a categorical variable revealed a strong correlation of high *BAALC* expression to the following molecular alteration: *FLT3*-ITD, especially when *FLT3*-ITD to *FLT3* wildtype ratios were high ( $\geq 0.5$ ; further termed  $FLT3$ -ITD $\geq 0.5$ ), *MLL*-PTD, *IDH2R172* and to

mutations in *RUNX1*, *CEBPA* and *WT1*. Further, a negative correlation of high *BAALC* expression to mutations in *NPM1* was observed. These correlations were confirmed in terms of *NPM1*, *RUNX1* and *WT1* when analyzing *BAALC* expression as a continuous variable. Analyzing *ERG* as a continuous variable, higher *ERG* expression levels were significantly associated with high *BAALC*, *FLT3*-ITD $\geq 0.5$  and mutations in *WT1* as well as with the absence of mutations in *IDH1* and *NPM1*. These results corroborate the literature as high *BAALC* expression has been demonstrated to correlate with the mutational status of *FLT3*-ITD, *CEBPA*, *MLL*-PTD, *RUNX1* and *WT1* as well as with *NPM1* wildtype.<sup>14-16;84;95;153</sup> Also for *ERG*, these results were consistent with the literature in terms of *BAALC* and *FLT3*-ITD, though *ERG* has been analyzed as a categorical parameter in these previous studies.<sup>16;95;119</sup>

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**B**

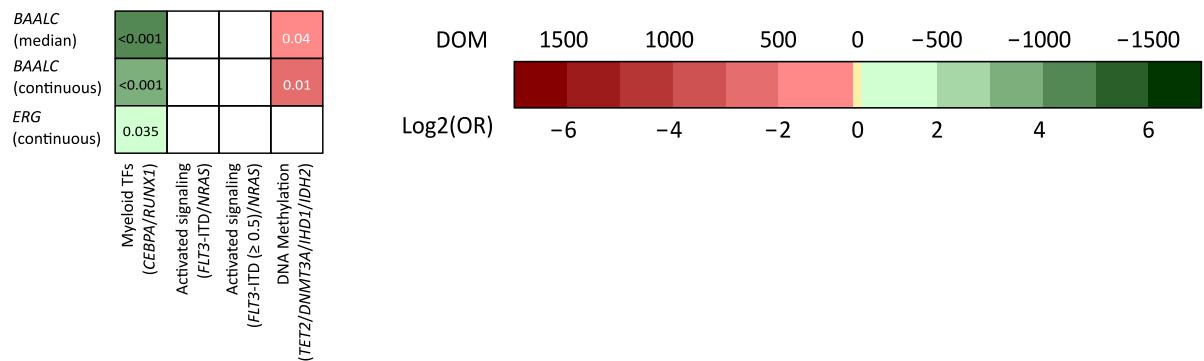


Figure 4: Schematic representation of associations between *BAALC* and *ERG* gene expression and the remaining molecular parameters as reported in Weber et al., 2014<sup>96</sup> and Weber et al., 2016<sup>151</sup> (Appendix I; Appendix IV); edited by Dennis Haupt. Statistical significance was assessed using the Fisher's exact test for categorical variables and the Student's t-test for continuous variables. The difference of the mean (DOM) as well as the binary logarithm of the odds ratio (Log2(OR)) of the association is color coded, and the p-value is given in each field. Green colors indicate a positive association (i.e., 2 characteristics that frequently occurred together in the same patient, or for the association to *BAALC* and *ERG* as continuous variable, a higher value in those carrying the respective molecular alteration). Red colors indicate a negative association. White color indicates no significant association between the tested variables. (A) Pairwise associations between *BAALC* and *ERG* and other molecular parameters.

molecular alterations, including the molecular risk group of *NPM1* wildtype or *FLT3*-ITD $\geq$ 0.5. (B) Pairwise associations between *BAALC* and *ERG* and the functional biological categories.

Despite some shared associations individual correlations of altered *BAALC* and *ERG* expression were observed, presuming that both genes are associated to distinct functional biological categories or, addressing *FLT3*-ITD and *NPM1*, to clinically defined subgroups. Regarding the molecular risk group of *NPM1* wildtype or *FLT3*-ITD $\geq$ 0.5, both mean *BAALC* and mean *ERG* expression levels were significantly higher as compared to the low-risk group (Figure 4A). Grouping the molecular alterations into functional biological categories, *BAALC* expression revealed distinct associations. For instance, higher *BAALC* expression levels were significantly related to a mutated status in the myeloid transcription factor group (*CEBPA* and *RUNX1*), while substantially lower *BAALC* expression levels were observed in patients harboring mutations in genes involved in DNA methylation, including *DNMT3A*, *TET2*, *IDH1* and *IDH2* (Figure 4B). On the other hand, the association of *ERG* expression to functional biological pathways appeared less pronounced, as only slightly higher *ERG* expression levels were found in patients harboring mutations in one of the myeloid transcription factors, *CEBPA* and *RUNX1* (Figure 4B). Interestingly, aside from the strong correlation to *FLT3*-ITD neither *ERG* expression levels nor *BAALC* expression levels revealed a significant correlation to the activated signaling/proliferation group (Figure 4B; Appendix I; Appendix IV).<sup>96;151</sup>

Taken together, *ERG* expression seems to be associated to the clinically defined subgroup and to age-associated single alterations, but not to specific biological pathways. Contrary to high *BAALC* expression, which seems to gather with certain subgroups of CN-AML, as strong correlations with mutations in transcription factors and genes that induce proliferation, but no or a negative correlation with mutations in epigenetic modifiers were found. An exception represents the epigenetic modifier *IDH2R172*, which is strongly correlated with high *BAALC* expression. This association is of special interest as *IDH2R172* forms a clinically and molecularly distinct subset in CN-AML as compared to *IDH1R132* and *IDH2R140*.<sup>54;154</sup> Unlike *IDH1R132* and *IDH2R140*, which show several co-mutations (mainly with *NPM1*, *FLT3*, and *RAS*), *IDH2R172* are nearly mutually exclusive of other common molecular alterations in CN-AML. Thus, high *BAALC* expression could represent a co-operating event synergizing in the onset of leukemia further defining the subgroup of *IDH2R172* mutated AML. Another association with suspected biological consequences is the strong correlation of high *BAALC* expression to mutations in the transcription factor *RUNX1* (Appendix I).<sup>96</sup> Previously, a search for putative activation sites identified binding signatures for *RUNX1* in the upstream regulatory machinery of *BAALC* and subsequent in vitro assays revealed a direct effect of overexpression or knockdown of *RUNX1* on the expression of *BAALC* in leukemia derived cell

lines.<sup>93;94</sup> However, so far, it remains elusive, if mutated *RUNX1* could also account for elevated *BAALC* expression, since at least some mutations in *RUNX1* have been reported to lead to a loss of protein function by disruption of its DNA binding ability and by now, no correlation of high *BAALC* expression to a distinct *RUNX1* mutation was described (Appendix I).<sup>96;155</sup> Functional studies, which investigate the suspected biological synergisms between *BAALC* expression and *RUNX1* or *IDH2R172* could provide precious insights in the biology and leukemogenesis of AML.

### 3.1.3 Prognostic value of *BAALC* and *ERG* expression as single marker

Survival analyses revealed an adverse prognostic impact of high *BAALC* on OS and EFS either as categorical variable (Figure 5) and moreover also as continuous variable (OS: HR 1.27, p=0.009; EFS: HR 1.32, p<0.001; Appendix IV).<sup>151</sup> These results corroborate the literature.<sup>15;89;95;97-99</sup>

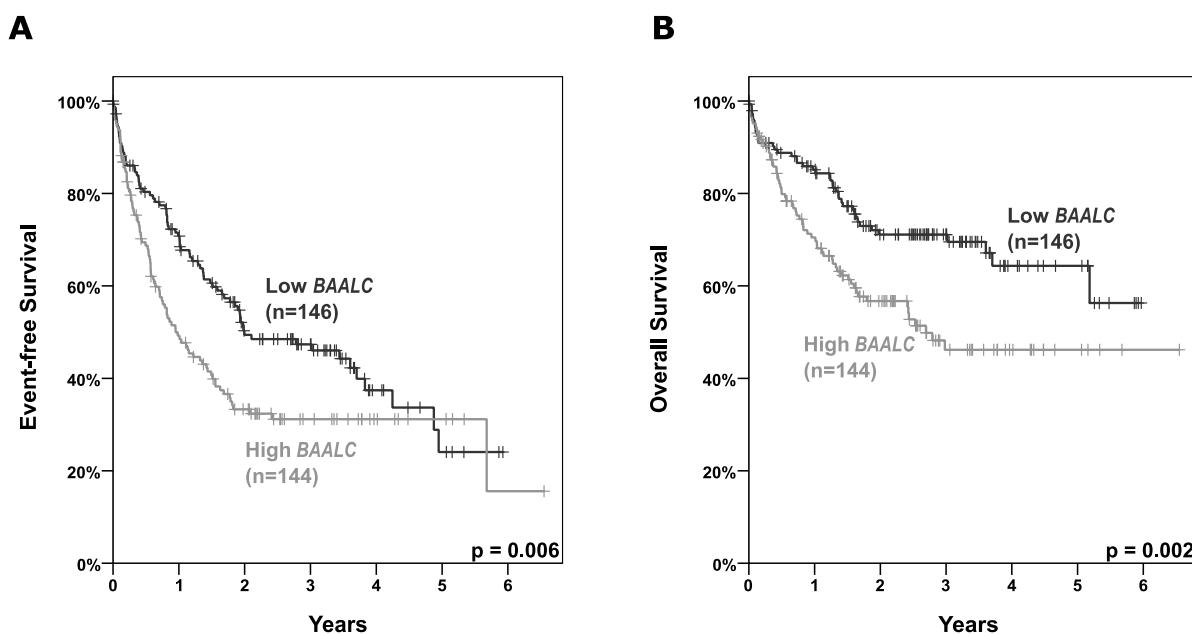


Figure 5: Outcome of 290 intensively treated CN-AML patients aged younger than 65 years with respect to *BAALC* expression as published in Weber et al.<sup>96</sup> (Appendix I). The median expression level was used to dichotomize the total patient cohort into low (black) and high (gray) *BAALC* expressers. (A) EFS at 3 years: 31.2% vs. 47.4%, p=0.006. (B) OS at 3 years: 46.2% vs. 71.1%, p=0.002.

*ERG* expression levels as a continuous parameter did neither affect OS nor EFS. However, when dichotomizing *ERG* expression at distinct cut-off levels (25th percentile, median, 75th percentile) a significant correlation to shorter EFS and a trend towards inferior OS was observed for *ERG* expression levels above the median (Figure 6; Appendix IV).<sup>151</sup> This is in line

with the literature, as one study analyzing *ERG* expression as a continuous parameter did not reveal an impact of *ERG* expression levels on survival,<sup>156</sup> while other studies where *ERG* expression has been dichotomized at certain cut-off levels (median or 75th percentile) showed an association of high *ERG* expression with inferior outcome.<sup>16;95;118;119</sup>

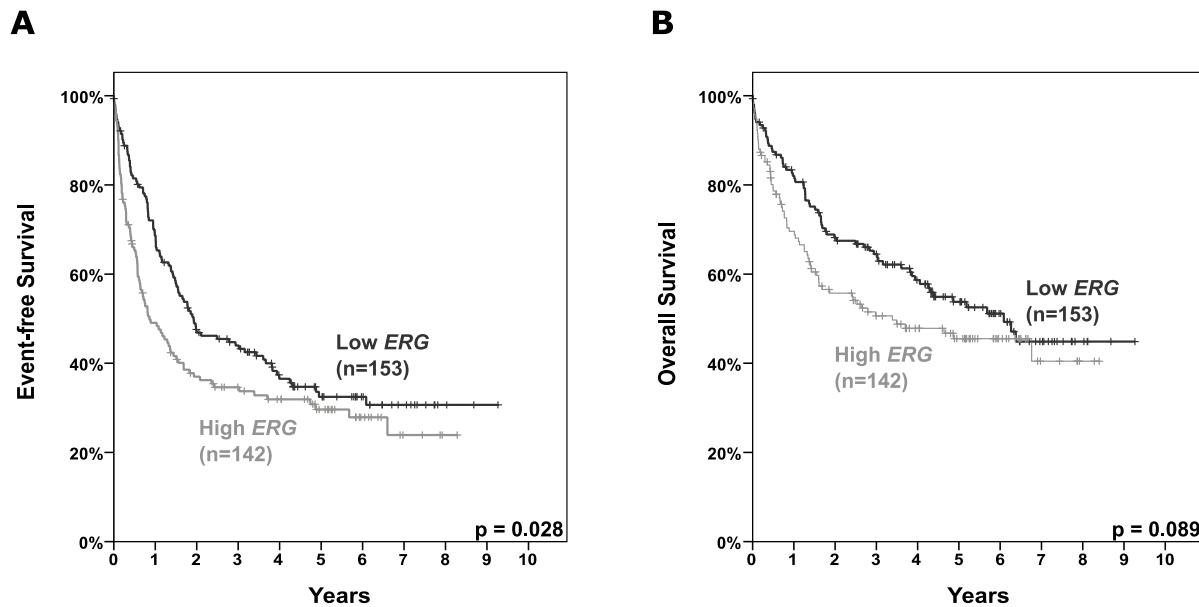


Figure 6: Outcome of 295 intensively treated CN-AML patients aged younger than 65 years with respect to *ERG* expression. The median expression level was used to dichotomize the total patient cohort into low (black) and high (gray) *ERG* expressers. (A) EFS at 3 years: Low *ERG*: 44.0% vs. high *ERG*: 34.6%,  $p=0.028$ , (B) OS at 3 years: Low *ERG*: 64.5% vs. high *ERG*: 50.6%,  $p=0.089$  (Appendix IV).<sup>151</sup>

### 3.1.4 Prognostic value of *BAALC* and *ERG* in the context of other molecular alterations

#### 3.1.4.1 Prognostic value of *BAALC* and *ERG* within the ELN genetic low- and intermediate-risk group defined by mutational status of *NPM1* and *FLT3-ITD*

As *BAALC* and *ERG* expression have been shown to strongly correlate with *NPM1* wildtype and *FLT3-ITD*,<sup>96;151</sup> the prognostic value in the respective low- and intermediate-risk groups was assessed. Regarding *ERG* expression dichotomized at the median, no differences in EFS and OS was observed neither for the low-risk nor for the intermediate-risk group (Appendix IV).<sup>151</sup> This contrasts the study of Metzeler et al.<sup>16</sup>, where *ERG* expression dichotomized at the 75th percentile provided additional prognostic information in the intermediate-risk group (*NPM1* wildtype and/or *FLT3-ITD*). This discrepancy most probably results from differences in the analyzed cohorts, as in the study of our group younger AML patients (age 18-65) were investigated, while Metzeler et al.<sup>16</sup> analyzed patients aged 17-83 years. Besides differences in treatment protocols of younger and older AML patients, which itself could account for

varied outcome several studies have shown that the mutational profile as well as its prognostic information differs between younger and older AML patients.<sup>34;36;68;86</sup>

Addressing the impact of *BAALC* expression on the intermediate-risk group, *BAALC* expression (dichotomized at the median) provided additional prognostic information on EFS and OS in the intermediate-risk group of *NPM1* wildtype or *FLT3*-ITD (Figure 7; Appendix IV).<sup>151</sup> An impact of *BAALC* expression on the intermediate-risk group has previously been suggested in a preliminary cohort of 29 AML patients with intermediate-risk chromosomal/molecular abnormalities.<sup>157</sup> Based on these findings a refined algorithm for risk stratification in CN-AML can be proposed, as patients with *NPM1* wildtype or *FLT3*-ITD and high *BAALC* expression rather reflect OS of the ELN intermediate II-risk group (Table 2), while the respective low *BAALC* expressers resemble outcome of the favorable-risk group.<sup>158</sup> Therefore future clinical trials should further evaluate if these patients can benefit from reclassification.

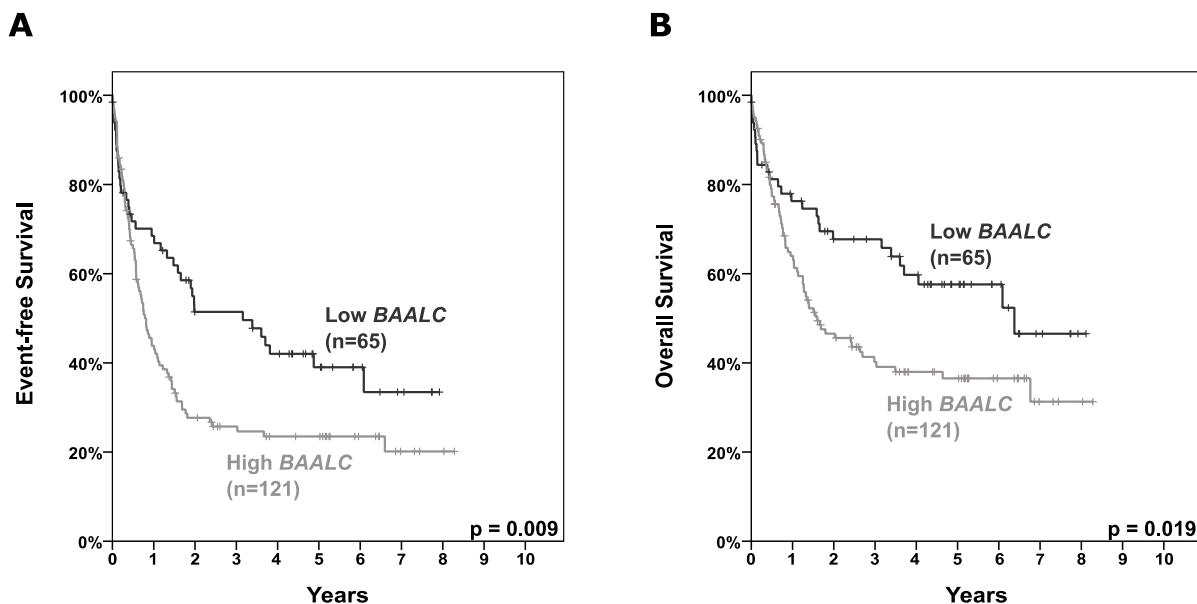


Figure 7: Outcome in the intermediate-risk group of patients with *NPM1* wildtype or *FLT3*-ITD with respect to *BAALC* expression (n=186). The median expression level was used to dichotomize the total patient cohort into low (black) and high (gray) *BAALC* expressers. (A) EFS at 3 years: Low *BAALC*: 51.4% vs. high *BAALC*: 25.7%, p=0.009. (B) OS at 3 years: Low *BAALC*: 67.7% vs. high *BAALC*: 40.2%, p=0.019 (Appendix IV).<sup>151</sup>

### 3.1.4.2 Multivariate analysis to identify independent prognostic factors in CN-AML

Facing the number of correlations observed between various molecular risk markers, Cox regression analysis was performed to identify those factors that independently predicted prognosis in CN-AML.

In multivariate analysis, high *BAALC* expression, but not *ERG* expression, revealed an independent prognostic impact on EFS and OS. Additional independent factors, besides high *BAALC* expression, were *FLT3*-ITD $\geq$ 0.5, *MLL*-PTD and *WT1* mutations for EFS (Table 4) as well as *ASXL1* mutations, *FLT3*-ITD $\geq$ 0.5, *MLL*-PTD and *WT1* mutations for OS (Table 5; Appendix IV).<sup>151</sup>

Table 4: Cox regression analyses for event-free survival in CN-AML

	Univariate			Multivariate		
	HR	p-value	95% CI	HR	p-value	95% CI
<b>Age</b>	1.26*	<0.001	1.12-1.40	1.39*	<0.001	1.24-1.55
<b>ASXL1mut</b>	1.86	0.046	1.01-3.43	-	n.s.	-
<b>Log <i>BAALC</i> expression</b>	1.32	<0.001	1.13-1.53			
<b>High <i>BAALC</i> (median)</b>	1.68	<0.001	1.27-2.24	1.44	0.024	1.05-1.97
<b><i>CEBPA</i>Biallelic</b>	-	n.s.	-			
<b><i>DNMT3A</i>mut</b>	1.28	0.083	0.97-1.71			
<b>Log <i>ERG</i> expression</b>	-	n.s.	-			
<b>High <i>ERG</i> (median)</b>	1.34	0.030	1.03-1.82	-	n.s.	-
<b>High <i>ERG</i> (75th percentile)</b>	-	n.s.	-			
<b><i>FLT3</i>-ITD</b>	-	n.s.	-			
<b><i>FLT3</i>-ITD(<math>\geq</math>0.5)</b>	1.69	0.002	1.22-2.34	1.57	0.012	1.11-2.23
<b><i>NPM1</i>wildtype or <i>FLT3</i>-ITD</b>	1.41	0.021	1.05-1.90			
<b><i>NPM1</i>wildtype or <i>FLT3</i>-ITD(<math>\geq</math>0.5)</b>	1.60	0.001	1.20-2.13			
<b><i>FLT3</i>-TKD</b>	-	n.s.	-			
<b><i>IDH1R132</i>mut</b>	-	n.s.	-			
<b><i>IDH2R140</i>mut</b>	-	n.s.	-			
<b><i>IDH2R172</i>mut</b>	-	n.s.	-			
<b><i>MLL</i>-PTD</b>	1.70	0.043	1.02-2.84	1.67	0.057	0.99-2.84
<b><i>NPM1</i>mut</b>	0.77	0.078	0.58-1.03			
<b><i>NRAS</i>mut</b>	-	n.s.	-			
<b><i>RUNX1</i>mut</b>	-	n.s.	-			
<b><i>TET2</i>mut</b>	-	n.s.	-			
<b><i>WT1</i>mut</b>	2.18	0.000	1.41-3.38	2.47	<0.001	1.54-3.98

\*Per 10 years of increase. Abbreviations: ITD, internal tandem duplication; TKD, tyrosine kinase domain; PTD, partial tandem duplication; mut, mutation; HR, Hazard ratio; CI, Confidence interval; n.s., not significant.

Table 5: Cox regression analyses for overall survival in CN-AML

	Univariate			Multivariate		
	HR	p-value	95% CI	HR	p-value	95% CI
<b>Age</b>	1.38*	<0.001	1.21-1.56	1.53*	<0.001	1.34-1.73
<b>ASXL1mut</b>	2.39	0.012	1.21-4.72	2.47	0.012	1.22-4.98
<b>Log BAALC expression</b>	1.27	0.009	1.06-1.52			
<b>High BAALC (median)</b>	1.59	0.007	1.14-2.22	1.36	0.099	0.95-1.95
<b>CEBPAbiallelic</b>	-	n.s.	-			
<b>DNMT3Amut</b>	-	n.s.	-			
<b>Log ERG expression</b>	-	n.s.	-			
<b>High ERG (median)</b>	1.33	0.090	0.96-1.85			
<b>High ERG (75th percentile)</b>	-	n.s.	-			
<b>FLT3-ITD</b>	1.65	0.003	1.18-2.30			
<b>FLT3-ITD(<math>\geq 0.5</math>)</b>	2.15	<0.001	1.50-3.08	2.28	<0.001	1.55-3.36
<b>NPM1wildtype or FLT3-ITD</b>	1.79	0.002	1.25-2.56			
<b>NPM1wildtype or FLT3-ITD(<math>\geq 0.5</math>)</b>	1.79	0.001	1.28-2.52			
<b>FLT3-TKD</b>	-	n.s.	-			
<b>IDH1R132mut</b>	-	n.s.	-			
<b>IDH2R140mut</b>	-	n.s.	-			
<b>IDH2R172mut</b>	-	n.s.	-			
<b>MLL-PTD</b>	2.46	0.001	1.46-4.15	2.53	0.001	1.47-4.34
<b>NPM1mut</b>	-	n.s.	-			
<b>NRASmut</b>	-	n.s.	-			
<b>RUNX1mut</b>	-	n.s.	-			
<b>TET2mut</b>	-	n.s.	-			
<b>WT1mut</b>	1.95	0.010	1.18-3.25	2.57	0.001	1.46-4.52

\*Per 10 years of increase. Abbreviations: ITD, internal tandem duplication; TKD, tyrosine kinase domain; PTD, partial tandem duplication; mut, mutation; HR, Hazard ratio; CI, Confidence interval; n.s., not significant.

To clarify whether these adverse prognostic markers exhibit an additive effect on survival, the number of independent adverse prognostic parameters for each patient were determined. This resulted in the formation of four subgroups according to the number of the adverse prognostic factors. Included were high BAALC, *FLT3-ITD* $\geq 0.5$ , *MLL-PTD* and *WT1mut* for EFS as well as *ASXL1mut*, high BAALC, *FLT3-ITD* $\geq 0.5$ , *MLL-PTD* and *WT1mut* for OS; with group A: no adverse marker, group B: 1 adverse marker, group C: 2 adverse markers, group D: 3 or 4 adverse markers. None of the patients harbored concomitant alterations in all 5 adverse prognostic factors (Appendix IV).<sup>151</sup>

Kaplan-Meier analysis revealed that the sole accumulation of these adverse prognostic markers stepwise worsened the prognosis (Figure 8; Appendix IV).<sup>151</sup>

Therefore, despite the frequent co-occurrence of some of these adverse markers, they correlated independently and additively with survival (Appendix IV).<sup>151</sup> Similar results have

been shown just previously, were the number of driver mutations, including fusion genes, aneuploidies, gene mutations and small insertions or deletions, correlated with overall survival.<sup>154</sup> These results indicate that, beside the genetic context which defines functional biological and moreover prognostic categories, the sole accumulation of some molecular aberrations influence clinical outcome. This, in part, reflects the situation of cytogenetic aberrations, where specific alterations as well as the accumulation of  $\geq 3$  cytogenetic alterations can be allocated to clinical outcome.<sup>11</sup> Therefore, prospective studies are needed to clarify to what extent the described markers influence each other or a given genetic context and which of the markers are beneficial compared to others in terms of prognostic allocation in AML.

Conclusively, these results suggest that a comprehensive screening of molecular genetic alterations provide additional information for risk assessment in CN-AML.

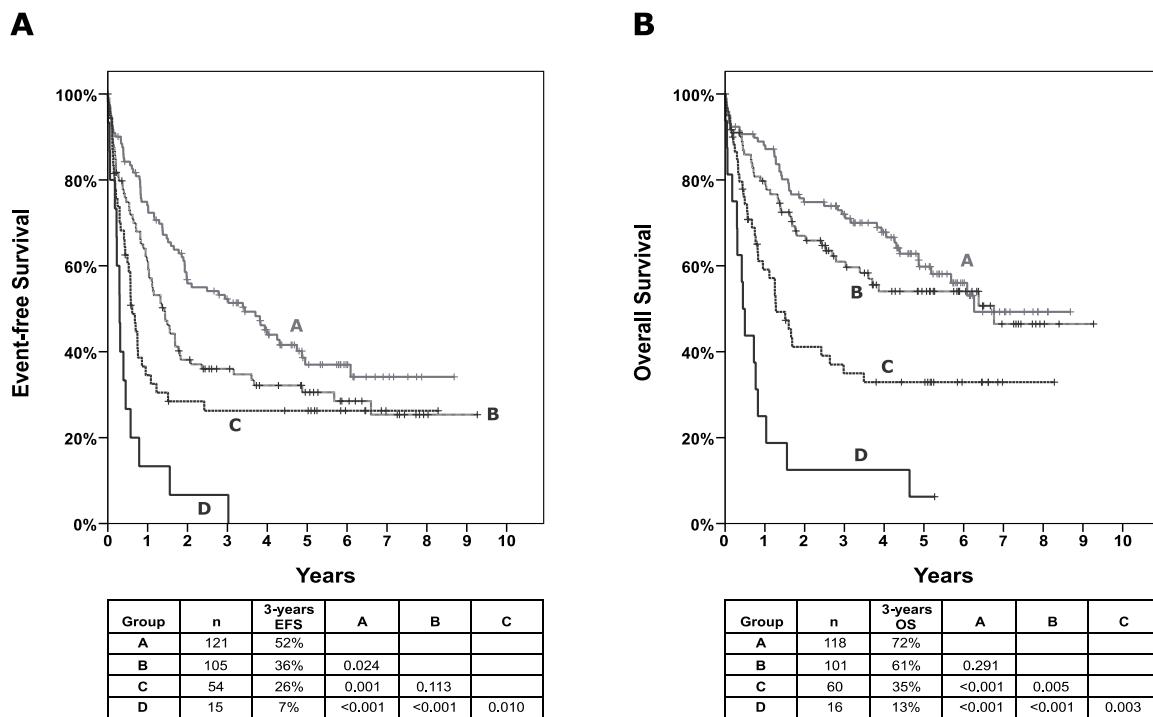


Figure 8: Outcome of 295 intensively treated CN-AML (younger 65 years) at 3 years in the four subgroups allocated according to the number of adverse prognostic markers: group A (no adverse marker), group B (1 adverse marker), group C (2 adverse markers), group D ( $\geq 3$  adverse markers) (Appendix IV).<sup>151</sup>

### **3.2 Analysis of *BAALC* gene expression for detection of MRD**

Detection of residual leukemia cells during intensified therapies using qPCR-based systems has been found to provide a high prognostic value in AML.<sup>10;128;129</sup> Besides our studies (Appendix I; Appendix III),<sup>96;152</sup> only one prior study has addressed the molecular analysis of *BAALC* expression as a marker to detect MRD.<sup>98</sup> This study indicated the applicability of *BAALC* as an MRD target in a cohort of 34 AML and 11 ALL patients.

#### **3.2.1 Fundamental validation of the feasibility of *BAALC* expression for MRD detection**

Since there was no fundamental work establishing the utility of *BAALC* expression for monitoring MRD in CN-AML, these analyses were performed in a first step.

The analysis of serial follow-up PB and BM samples taken from nine patients, in whom diagnostic samples exhibited low *BAALC* gene expression levels, revealed no significant difference of the normalized % *BAALC/ABL1* levels during treatment (mean± standard error of the mean (SEM) % *BAALC/ABL1* at diagnosis vs. mean±SEM % *BAALC/ABL1* at 1st complete molecular remission: 6.2±2.2% vs. 13.8±3.0%, p=0.082). These levels remained below the clinically defined threshold of 33.1% *BAALC/ABL1*, indicating that *BAALC* gene expression is not in general modulated by the treatment regimen or within hematopoietic recovery (Appendix I).<sup>96</sup>

In order to confirm the stability of *BAALC* gene expression during follow-up, parallel assessment of diagnostic and relapse samples of 35 CN-AML patients was performed. Despite a high proportion of clonal evolution found in 49% of paired diagnostic and relapse samples as determined by either karyotype instability or the instability of concomitant molecular alterations, a stable high *BAALC* expression was revealed in 31 of these 35 patients at relapse. Mean *BAALC* expression levels did not differ in paired samples between diagnosis and relapse in these cases (mean±SEM % *BAALC/ABL1* at diagnosis vs. relapse: 602±209% vs. 312±64%, p=0.157; Appendix III).<sup>152</sup> Therefore, irrespective of the high level of clonal evolution detected in AML shown by us as well as in several other studies,<sup>159-161</sup> *BAALC* expression showed stable expression in 89% of the patients analyzed. This is in good consistency with the literature, where the stability of the commonly used MRD marker has been described to range between 78%-93%.<sup>135;137;162-164</sup>

To further evaluate the utility of *BAALC* expression to monitor therapy response, *BAALC* expression levels of diagnostic and follow-up samples were correlated to either the mutational status or the expression levels of accompanying, well-known MRD markers: *FLT3-ITD*, *MLL-PTD*, *NPM1mut* and *RUNX1mut*. A strong correlation of % *RUNX1mut* and % *MLL-PTD/ABL1*

with % *BAALC/ABL1* levels (n=42, r=0.824, p<0.001; n=64, r=0.750, p<0.001, respectively) was found. For % *NPM1mut/ABL1* and *FLT3-ITD* expression with % *BAALC/ABL1* levels (n=257, r=0.500, p<0.001 and n=181; r=0.568, p<0.001, respectively) the correlation was less consistent (Appendix III).<sup>152</sup> The conflicting results on *NPM1mut* and *FLT3-ITD* can be explained by the relatively low level *BAALC* expression found in *NPM1mut* patients (Appendix I),<sup>96</sup> which restricts *BAALC* expression assessment to one log range, as well as on the semi-quantitative approach used to detect *FLT3-ITD*, which does not precisely detect very high *FLT3-ITD* expression levels.

More detailed information on these results are given in the respective publications (Appendix I; Appendix III).<sup>96;152</sup>

### **3.2.2 Prognostic value of *BAALC* expression levels during therapy**

To evaluate the prognostic impact of *BAALC* expression levels during therapy, survival analyses were performed at two clinically defined time points: after the second cycle of induction chemotherapy (before start of consolidation chemotherapy) as well as between 3 and 6 months after completion of induction therapy in 46 and 33 patients, respectively. It is of note that patients with early relapse or persistent disease were excluded from this analysis, as these patients are already detected by the routine cytomorphologic assessment and would therefore not profit from more sensitive assessments.

First, Kaplan-Meier analysis was performed using the previously defined threshold of 33.1% *BAALC/ABL1* to separate low from high *BAALC* expression. At both time points analyzed, high *BAALC* expression was found to be associated with shorter EFS. The estimated 1-year EFS for high vs. low *BAALC* expressers was 47% vs. 70% (p=0.026) after second induction and 40% vs. 82% (p=0.021) within 3 to 6 months after completion of induction therapy (Figure 9; Appendix III).<sup>152</sup>

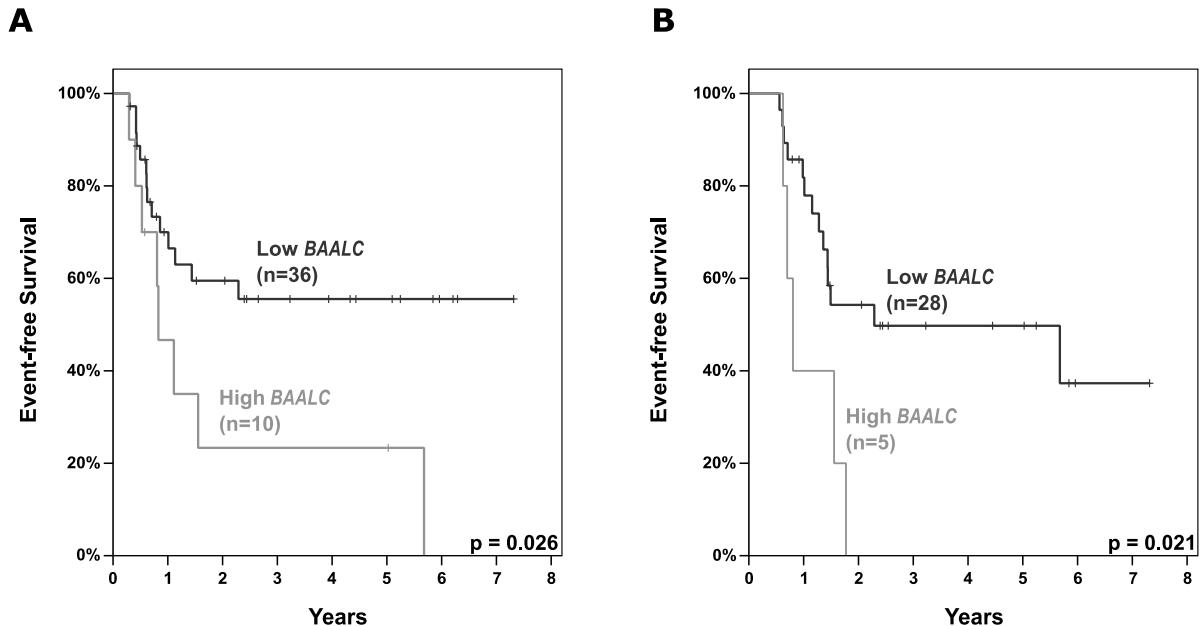


Figure 9: EFS in patients during treatment according to *BAALC* expression as published in Weber et al.<sup>152</sup> (Appendix III). The threshold of 33.1% *BAALC/ABL1* was used to dichotomize patients into low (black) and high (grey) *BAALC* expressers. (A) *BAALC* expression levels were assessed in 46 patients after second cycle of induction chemotherapy. EFS at 1 year: Low *BAALC*: 70% vs. high *BAALC*: 47%, p=0.026. (B) *BAALC* expression levels were assessed in 33 patients in whom samples within 3 to 6 months after completion of induction therapy were available. EFS at 1 year: Low *BAALC*: 82% vs. high *BAALC*: 40%, p=0.021.

Subsequently, Cox regression analysis was performed considering *BAALC* expression as continuous variable. After the second cycle of induction chemotherapy, an increase of *BAALC/ABL1* levels revealed a significant negative impact on EFS and OS (Table 6). Besides *BAALC*, the prognostic value of age, BM blast count, WBC count and *NPM1mut* transcript level (n=18) were analyzed. Interestingly, *NPM1mut* transcript level was the only factor besides *BAALC* expression level revealing a trend towards inferior OS. In multivariate analysis adjusting for *BAALC* and *NPM1mut*, *NPM1mut* retained its prognostic value on OS (Table 6; Appendix III).<sup>152</sup>

Addressing the prognostic value of continues *BAALC* expression within 3 to 6 months after completion of induction chemotherapy, an increase of 10% *BAALC/ABL1* levels as well as higher *NPM1mut* transcript level were again significantly associated with shorter EFS (Table 6). For OS none of the molecular parameters revealed a significant impact, while for higher age a significant association towards inferior OS was found. In multivariate analysis on EFS adjusting for *BAALC* and *NPM1mut*, *NPM1mut* transcript level retained its prognostic value on EFS (Table 6; Appendix III).<sup>152</sup>

Taken together, this data depicts a strong correlation of high *BAALC* expression levels at certain clinically defined time points to adverse clinical outcome as published in *Weber et al.*<sup>152</sup> (Appendix III).

Table 6: Cox regression analyses for event-free and overall survival during therapy

Variable	Event-free survival				Overall survival			
	univariate		multivariate		univariate		multivariate	
	HR	p	HR	p	HR	p	HR	p
<b>after 2nd cycle of induction</b>								
<b>chemotherapy (before consolidation)</b>								
<i>BAALC</i> expression (n=46)	1.14 <sup>b</sup>	0.002	-	-	1.12 <sup>b</sup>	0.045	1.14	0.289
<i>NPM1mut</i> (n=18)	1.88	0.129	-	-	2.64	0.057	2.82	0.049
<b>within 3 to 6 months after completion of induction therapy</b>								
<i>Age</i> (n=33)	-	n.s.	-	-	1.63 <sup>a</sup>	0.030	-	-
<i>BAALC</i> expression (n=33)	1.11 <sup>b</sup>	0.004	1.21 <sup>b</sup>	0.434	-	n.s.	-	-
<i>NPM1mut</i> (n=14)	1.26	0.046	1.28	0.039	-	n.s.	-	-

<sup>a</sup>Per 10 years of increase; <sup>b</sup>10% *BAALC/ABL1* increase; Abbreviations: HR, hazard ratio; mut, mutation.

Focusing more closely on the patients who experience relapse, in fact, eight of ten patients revealing high *BAALC* expression levels after completion of induction therapy experienced relapse with a median of 7 months from sampling to relapse. This was confirmed when analyzing *BAALC* expression levels within 3 to 6 months after completion of induction therapy where all five patients with high *BAALC* expression levels relapsed within a median of 3 months from sampling. Interestingly, five of the 13 patients with high risk of relapse according to elevated *BAALC* expression at either analysis time point, revealed an MRD negative status according to the accompanying molecular alterations detected at diagnosis in *CEBPA*mut or *FLT3*-ITD at sensitivities of 1% to 5%.

However, in 24 relapsed cases *BAALC* expression assessment failed to predict relapse. The analysis of accompanying molecular alterations revealed that only *NPM1mut* (n=9) and *MLL*-PTD (n=1), but not *CEBPA*mut (n=4), *FLT3*-ITD (n=6) and *RUNX1*mut (n=3) provided additional information by disclosing an MRD positive status (Appendix III).<sup>152</sup>

These results on one hand confirm the literature, since it has been shown that quantitation of *NPM1mut* transcripts represents a highly sensitive method of MRD determination,<sup>135;163</sup> which retains its prognostic information independently of other risk factors.<sup>129</sup> On the other hand, these results suggest that the sensitivity of *BAALC* expression during follow-up is,

besides its expression in PB and BM of healthy individuals, at least comparable to that of *FLT3*-ITD, *RUNX1*mut and *CEBPA*mut detection assays, when analyzed by gene scan or sequencing approaches (Appendix I; Appendix III).<sup>96;152</sup>

Further, addressing the high clonal heterogeneity of AML shown by our group<sup>152;162</sup> (Appendix III), but also by several other studies,<sup>44;45;160;165</sup> it can be postulated that the analysis of several alterations characterizing one specific AML could provide a more accurate assessment of residual leukemic burden.

Conclusively, these results predispose *BAALC*-based residual disease monitoring during therapy as an applicable strategy to detect patients at high risk of relapse, especially in *NPM1* wildtype cases.

### **3.3 *ERG* gene expression in patients with AML and acquired gain of chromosome 21**

Addressing the recently described effects of *ERG* overexpression in the onset of DS-AMKL and other leukemia<sup>107;108</sup> and the high incidence of leukemia in individuals with DS,<sup>109</sup> we reasoned that altered *ERG* expression might be the causative mechanism contributing to the pathogenesis of AML with gain of chromosome 21. To address this hypotheses different AML subtypes with amplification or gain of chromosome 21 were analyzed. All of the data presented in this section has already been published in Weber *et al.*<sup>138</sup> (Appendix II).

#### **3.3.1 Characterization of patients with cytogenetically visible structural aberrations of chromosome 21**

First, the characterization of 40 patients with cytogenetically visible structural aberrations of chromosome 21 by FISH encompassing the *ERG* and *RUNX1* loci revealed amplification (>6 copies/cell) of *ERG* in 33 (83%) patients and a gain (3-6 copies) of *ERG* in the remaining 7 patients. Array CGH was used to determine the exact length of the respective amplified chromosome region in the 33 cases with *ERG* amplification. Though the pattern of amplification on chromosome arm 21q was heterogeneous (range of length: 501 kbp to 16336 kbp; range of location: 31,793,799 bp and 48,129,895 bp from the 21pter) it disclosed a minimal amplified region at the position 39.6 to 40.0 Mbp from *pter* that harbors *ERG* as the only gene (Figure 10; Appendix II).<sup>138</sup>

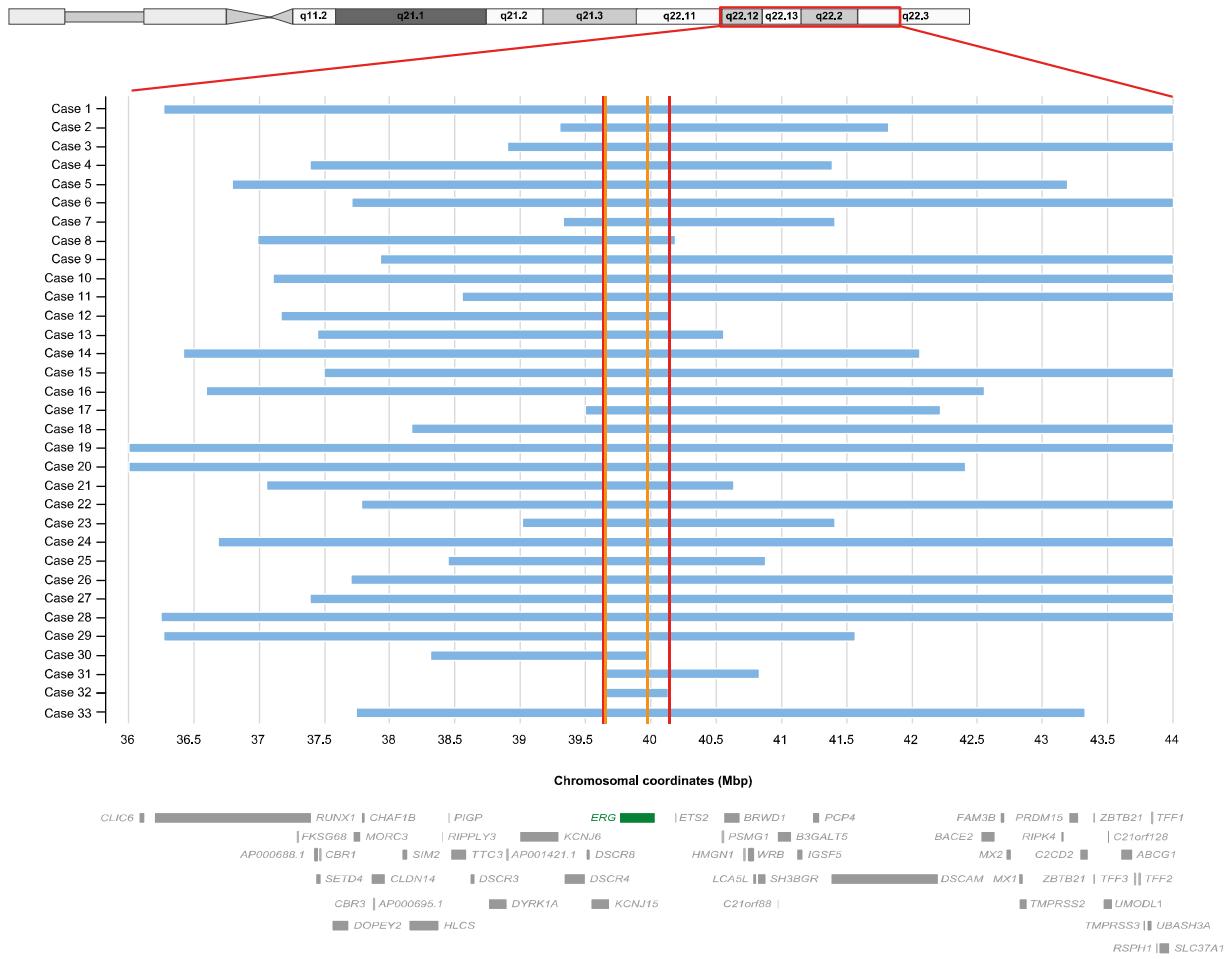


Figure 10: Diagrammatic representation of amplifications on chromosome arm 21q as assessed by array CGH analysis. Array CGH data showing segments of chromosome arm 21q with amplifications (blue horizontal bars) in 33 cases with AML and cytogenetically visible structural aberrations of chromosome 21q and *ERG* amplification. Orange lines represent the minimally amplified region including all 33 cases. Red lines indicate the extended minimally amplified region when excluding case 30. Grey boxes represent the locations of genes within the amplified regions. The *ERG* gene (labeled in green) was the only gene covered by the minimally amplified region. These results have been published in Weber et al.<sup>138</sup> (Appendix II).

### 3.3.2 Determination of *ERG* gene expression and *ERG* DNA copy number

To assess *ERG* gene expression levels in the 33 patients showing amplifications of *ERG* quantitative real-time reverse transcriptase PCR was performed. Further, *ERG* expression was analyzed in 95 AML cases with gain of chromosome 21. Of these cases 41 had a non-complex aberrant karyotype (AK-AML with gain of chr21) and the remaining 54 cases had a complex aberrant karyotype (CK-AML with gain of chr21/chr21q). In addition, 325 cases with CN-AML and in 26 AML cases with a complex karyotype but without cytogenetically visible gain of chromosome 21 (CK-AML) were analyzed. Detailed information on the cohorts is given in the

material and methods section (“2.4 Patient samples”) and in the respective publication (Appendix II).<sup>138</sup>

Although the general expression levels overlapped between the different genetic subgroups, significantly higher mean *ERG* expression levels were found in the 33 patients with amplification of *ERG* (mean±SEM: 618±83% *ERG/ABL1*; range: 11-2324% *ERG/ABL1*) as well as in 95 patients with gain of chromosome 21 (mean±SEM: 338±30% *ERG/ABL1*; range: 3-1214% *ERG/ABL1*) compared to the respective controls (mean±SEM: 222±9% *ERG/ABL1*; range: 0.1-1007.5% *ERG/ABL1*; P<0.001; Figure 11). Furthermore, mean *ERG* expression was also significantly higher in 33 patients with *ERG* amplification compared with the patients with gain of chromosome 21/chromosome 21q (p=0.003; Figure 11), suggesting a marked correlation between *ERG* genomic DNA copy number and *ERG* gene expression. Indeed, the increment of *ERG* gene expression was significantly correlated to the copy number of *ERG* DNA as assessed by qPCR. Pearson product-moment correlation revealed a linear correlation of mean *ERG* expression and mean *ERG* DNA values of the different genetic subgroups ( $r=0.956$ ,  $P=0.011$ ; Appendix II).<sup>138</sup> Regarding *ERG* gene expression, this data corroborates the literature since amplification and associated elevated expression of *ERG* has been already described in AML patients with complex karyotypes and abnormal chromosome 21.<sup>166</sup> However, in contrast to the study of Baldus et al.<sup>166</sup> a significant correlation between *ERG* genomic DNA copy numbers and gene expression of *ERG* was observed. This discrepancy might result from different numbers of patients analyzed as well as from different methods used, as in the previous study BAC array CGH and oligonucleotide expression array analyses were used to compare the DNA and mRNA amount of six patients, respectively.<sup>166</sup>

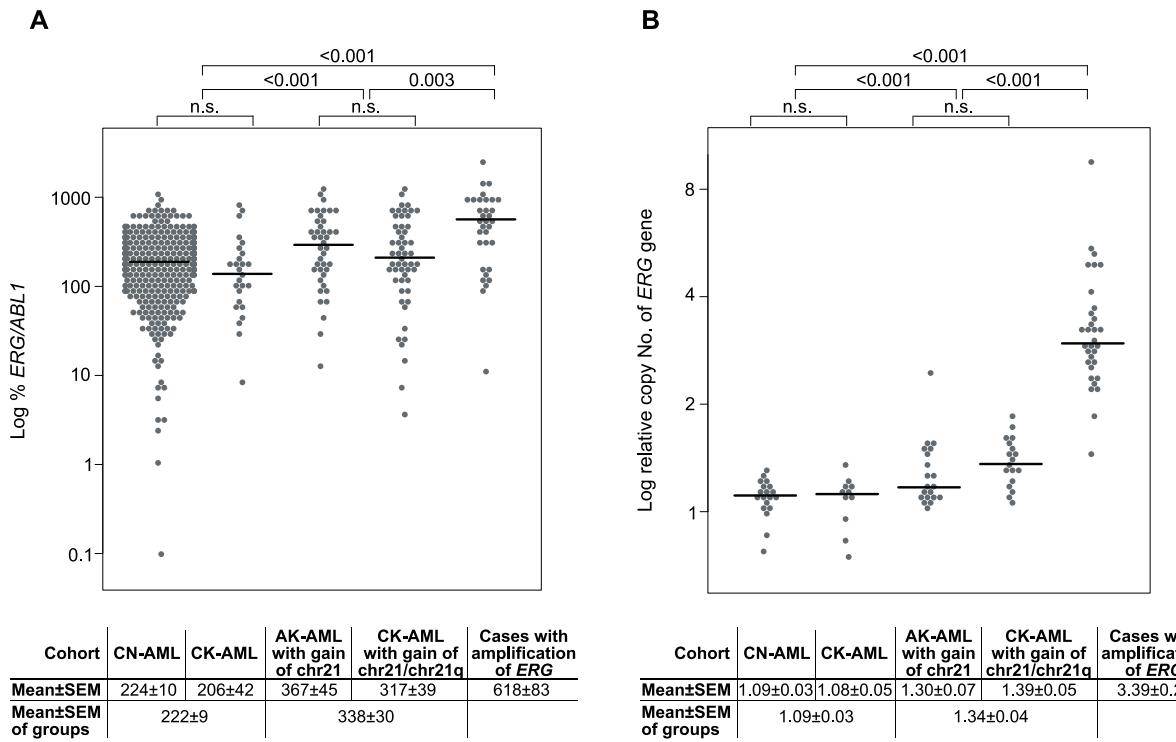


Figure 11: Quantitative analysis showing *ERG* gene expression and *ERG* DNA values of the different subgroups (Appendix II).<sup>138</sup> (A) *ERG* gene expression in patients with CN-AML, complex karyotype AML (CK-AML), non-complex aberrant karyotype AML (AK-AML) with gain of chromosome 21 (chr21), and CK-AML with gain of chr21 as well as cases with amplification of *ERG*. Grey dots indicate single cases; black lines indicate mean expression. The y-axis depicts the % *ERG/ABL1* on a logarithmic scale; the x-axis depicts the different genetic subgroups. (B) *ERG* copy numbers in patients with CN-AML, CK-AML, AK-AML with gain of chr21, and CK-AML with gain of chr21 as well as cases with amplification of *ERG*. Grey dots indicate single cases; black lines indicate mean DNA values. The y-axis depicts the relative copy number of the *ERG* gene on a logarithmic scale. As a mixture of DNA of ten healthy individuals was used to calibrate the comparative DNA copy numbers a relative quantity of 1 corresponds to 2 DNA copies of the *ERG* gene. The x-axis depicts the different genetic subgroups.

Besides the linear correlation of the mean *ERG* RNA and mean DNA values, a significant but not linear correlation of *ERG* gene expression and *ERG* DNA values was observed, when correlating the values for individual patient data ( $r=0.405$ ,  $P<0.001$ ), which implies that *ERG* expression is additionally influenced (Appendix II).<sup>138</sup> This hypothesis is supported by the fact, that increased *ERG* expression has been observed in some CN-AML cases, in which cryptic gain or amplification of 21q22 has not been described.<sup>16;119;167</sup> In addition, as expression levels did not increase in a linear fashion with an increase in the amount of *ERG* gene amplification, *ERG* expression could also be affected by some kind of negative feedback regulation. This was supported by the fact that *ERG* expression is regulated by complexes of HSC transcription

factors, including ERG itself, binding its promoters and the +85 stem cell enhancer, as recently shown.<sup>156</sup>

### 3.3.3 Correlation of *ERG* expression with molecular alterations in AML with gain of chromosome 21

Mutations in *RUNX1* are frequently found in AML with trisomy 21.<sup>168</sup> Therefore, a possible relationship between high *ERG* expression and *RUNX1* mutations was investigated. In agreement with the literature,<sup>168</sup> mutations in *RUNX1* were found in 25% (10 of 40) of AML patients with a non-complex aberrant karyotype and gain of one or two chromosome 21 (Appendix II).<sup>138</sup> In these 40 patients, higher mean *ERG* expression levels were observed in cases with *RUNX1* mutation compared with those with *RUNX1* wildtype (mean±SEM: 559±128 vs. 304±40, p=0.084; Figure 12), pointing to a cooperative role of *RUNX1* inactivation and elevated *ERG* expression in the onset of leukemia (Appendix II).<sup>138</sup>

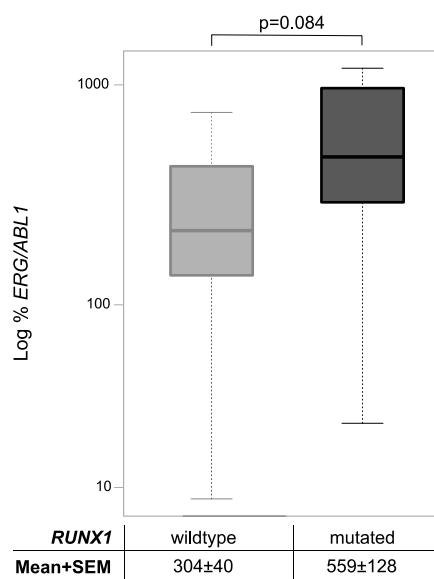


Figure 12: Box plot of *ERG* gene expression in patients with non-complex aberrant karyotype and gain of chromosome 21. Depicted are *ERG* expression levels on a logarithmic scale in *RUNX1* wildtype (n=30) and mutated (n=10) cases. Mean % *ERG/ABL1* expression levels were compared using Student's t-test (Appendix II).<sup>138</sup>

However, this correlation seems exclusive for the subtype of AML with gain of chromosome 21 as no association of altered *ERG* expression and mutations in *RUNX1* was observed in CN-AML (Appendix IV).<sup>151</sup> Cooperating effects of elevated *ERG* expression with specific mutations have been suggested before. In mouse models of T-ALL it has been shown that constitutive overexpression of *ERG* in hematopoietic cells drives the development of T-ALL and cooperates with activating *NOTCH1* mutations in leukemogenesis.<sup>106;107</sup> Mutations of *GATA1* are frequent in childhood DS-AMKL, but rarely detected in other DS and non-DS leukemias.<sup>169;170</sup> Studies focusing on the relationship between *GATA1* mutations and trisomy 21 in DS-AMKL revealed a specific synergy between loss of full-length *GATA1* and overexpression of the ETS family members *ERG* and *ETS2* in leukemogenesis.<sup>108;171</sup> Based on these findings it is conceivable that

inactivation of the *RUNX1* gene in combination with altered *ERG* expression could be another cooperative event in leukemogenesis of AML with gain of chromosome 21, which should be further explored.

## 4 Conclusions

*BAALC* and *ERG* gene expression levels varied within a wide range in CN-AML. They were allocated to clinical outcome, even though the results on *ERG* expression were less persuasive than those of *BAALC* gene expression. Regarding the inter-relationships between altered *BAALC* and *ERG* gene expression, patients' characteristics and concomitant genetic alterations, several specific associations were identified. High expression levels of both genes correlated with a younger age and both genes were specifically associated with the clinically adverse-risk group of *NPM1* wildtype and *FLT3*-ITD. Beside these shared associations, *BAALC* expression was shown to gather with certain subgroups of CN-AML. For instance, strong correlations with mutations in transcription factors and genes that induce proliferation, as well as no or a negative correlation with mutations in epigenetic modifiers could be described. Moreover, *BAALC* was found to correlate most specifically with single molecular alterations, namely *IDH2R172* and mutations in *RUNX1*, both of which represent clinical and molecular distinct classifiers in CN-AML. In terms of *ERG*, no such associations could be revealed in CN-AML until now.

Regarding the prognostic value, both altered *BAALC* and *ERG* expression, were shown to impact on survival. Although for *ERG* gene expression this impact was shown to depend on other molecular alterations. *BAALC* expression was strongly associated with clinical outcome even in the context of other adverse prognostic alterations. Therefore, *BAALC* expression has been shown to provide additional prognostic information on survival in the intermediate-risk group of *NPM1* wildtype or *FLT3*-ITD, suggesting that the delineation of genetically defined subtypes could improve prognostication in CN-AML. Opposed to the genetic categories, defined by functional biological characteristics or prognostic parameters, it was shown that the sole accumulation of some molecular aberrations, including *BAALC* gene expression and alterations in *ASXL1*, *FLT3*, *MLL* and *WT1* influence clinical outcome in an additive manner. These results suggest that a comprehensive screening of molecular genetic alterations can provide additional information for risk assessment in CN-AML.

Based on the strong correlation of *BAALC* expression to clinical outcome at diagnosis, the role of *BAALC* as a marker for detection of MRD was analyzed. *BAALC* was validated to be a stable marker, the expression course of which correlated substantially with the course of the disease and furthermore, with the mutational load or expression levels of well-known and already used MRD markers. Moreover, a strong prognostic value of *BAALC* assessment during therapy was observed, as high *BAALC* expression at certain clinically defined follow-up time points was shown to strongly correlate to adverse clinical outcome. These results predispose *BAALC*-

based residual disease monitoring during therapy as an applicable strategy for detecting patients at high risk of relapse, especially in *NPM1* wildtype cases.

Finally, it was shown that a gain of chromosome 21 resulted in an increased expression of the *ERG* gene, suggesting that an altered *ERG* expression represents a causative mechanism, contributing to the pathogenesis in AML with a gain of chromosome 21. However, the correlation of chromosomal gain and elevated *ERG* gene expression was not linear, which strengthens the assumption that *ERG* expression is influenced by additional parameters or alterations. Though the cooperating event could not be entirely defined - neither in CN-AML nor in AML with a gain of chromosome 21 - a strong correlation of *ERG* expression and mutations in *RUNX1* was observed in AML with a gain of chromosome 21. This correlation seemed to be subtype specific as, besides an appropriately high number of *RUNX1* mutated patients in CN-AML, no such association could be revealed.

## 5 Perspectives

Within the presented studies it was possible to identify several specific clusters of genetic alterations, which in some cases could even be allocated to clinical outcome. However, these results need to be validated in independent and extended patient cohorts. It should be strongly suggested to integrate this validation into clinical trials, as these would not only be applicable for data validation, but could also investigate several additional approaches. For instance, it has previously been shown that *ERG* expression results in resistance to kinase inhibitors such as sorafenib, a drug currently tested for treatment of AML. Furthermore, it has been suggested that *BAALC* mediated treatment resistance might be reversed by the use of MEK inhibitors. Clinical trials would be most appropriate to simultaneously address these previously described effects and their consequences in large and uniformly treated patient cohorts. Moreover, as clinical trials conform to stringent sampling intervals, these studies would also provide the conditions to study the relapse kinetics of high *BAALC* expressing leukemic clones. This would allow optimal sampling intervals for high *BAALC* expressing AML subtype to be revealed and therefore most probably even strengthen the information which can be gained from *BAALC* assessment during therapy.

In addition, it has to be pointed out that the results presented here, though representing a comprehensive analysis and providing precious prognostic and biologic information, still represent a snapshot of the enormous heterogeneity of AML. Nowadays it is clear that the outcomes of AML patients depend on a complex interplay of factors, including specific combinations of genetic lesions, patient conditions, the therapeutic approaches used and the magnitude of treatment response. After the great improvements in genomics technology, there is now a tremendous need for developing or adapting analysis tools, which allow the translation of the massively accumulating genetic information into clinically useful and valuable information. For instance, adjusted multivariate projection methodologies could provide the potential to generate discriminative models, favoring the delineation of new subtypes in AML, as multivariate projection methodologies were originally invented to uncover relevant information from huge data sets. Subsequently, these AML subtypes could be studied further to evaluate clinically applicable risk stratification algorithms and individual therapies. However, addressing the dilemma that subclassification by definition accompanies declining sample size, it would be desirable that these studies and subsequent integration of genetic risk factors into clinically applicable algorithms occurs through collaborations of multiple study groups, in order to increase the sample size and therefore the study validity.

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## Appendix V

### Validation of *ABL1* for the assessment of *BAALC* and *ERG* gene expression

The use of *ABL1* as a reference gene has been proposed by a collaborative initiation within the Europe Against Cancer (EAC) program, including 26 laboratories in 10 member countries, where 14 potential reference genes have been evaluated on normal and diagnostic leukemic samples.<sup>139</sup> Therefore, *ABL1* represents the most commonly used reference gene in hematology. However, when testing *BAALC* and *ERG* expression the magnitude of quantification cycles (Cq) of *ABL1* represented a quite broad range from 23 to 34 cycles, which is beyond the expected range of common reference genes. The differential Cq values are most probably caused by differences in yield (cell numbers) and variations in RNA and cDNA synthesis. But, other factors such as differences in RNA quality or correlated regulation of *ABL1* and *BAALC* or *ERG* gene expression, could also cause the differential expression of *ABL1*. To exclude these parameters as source of differential expression we performed additional analysis. Since all analysis were performed on primary patient samples we had to deal with limited amount of material. Therefore, we defined a core-set of 10 primary AML samples with sufficient material, reflecting the full magnitude of Cq. In this core-set the RNA quality and stability of *ABL1* was re-evaluated. RNA integrity and concentration was assessed using the RNA 6000 Pico Kit (Agilent Technologies, Inc., Santa Clara, CA). Afterwards, 0.1µg of total RNA and 0.01µg of mRNA of each sample was reverse transcribed and the quantity of *ABL1* was analyzed as outlined above. The newly defined Cq values were compared with the originally measured Cq values.

The estimation of the integrity of RNA resulted in a median RIN value (RNA integrity number) of 8.4 demonstrating intact RNA in these cases (range: 6.3 – 9.2). Quantifying *ABL1*, the magnitude of Cq ranged from 27.3 to 29.3 when analyzing cDNA processed from total RNA and from 24.6 to 27.9 when analyzing cDNA processed from mRNA. Conclusively these results suggest that differential Cq values are most probably caused by differences in yield (cell numbers) and variations in RNA and cDNA synthesis, as the quality of the RNA was acceptable and moreover since the broad magnitude of Cq value narrowed down when analyzing cDNA processed from defined amounts of RNA.

## Appendix VI

Table S1: Primer sequences used to analyze the respective genes by 454 Pyrosequencing

Gene-Identifier	Material	Sequence: Forward-Primer(5'-3')	Sequence: Reverse-Primer(5'-3')
ASXL1-E13.01	gDNA	GGTCAGATCACCCAGTCAGTT	CCTCACCAACCATCACCACT
ASXL1-E13.02	gDNA	ATGAGGGAGGTGGCAGAG	ACTGAGGTTTGGAGGAACAG
ASXL1-E13.03	gDNA	AGGAGATGCCCTCCAACTC	TGTTCTGCAGGCAATCAGTC
ASXL1-E13.04	gDNA	AGAAAGAACCTGGCCAAAGC	CAGCTTCTCCACTCCCTCT
ASXL1-E13.05	gDNA	GAGAACACATACCATCTGTTGAGC	TGGGTTCTCATCTTGTCC
ASXL1-E13.06	gDNA	AGTCACCGATAACAGCCCTT	AGCAACTGCATCACAAAGTGG
ASXL1-E13.07	gDNA	ATGCCCTGGCTCAGTG	GGACTGCCTGCAATTCTTT
ASXL1-E13.08	gDNA	ACTGGCTTGCAGGATTG	GGCTGTAAACATTGCTCTGA
ASXL1-E13.09	gDNA	CACCTCGTTCTCATCTCA	GGCATTTGCCCTAAGAGGAC
ASXL1-E13.10	gDNA	CCAAGCACAAACTCCATGTC	CTGGTGAACCTCAGTTGGAG
ASXL1-E13.11	gDNA	CAGCATCAAGCAGGCTTT	CAATGTTCCATGGCCATA
CEBPA-E01.01	gDNA	GCCATGCCGGAGAAC	CCCCGGTAGCTAAAGTCG
CEBPA-E01.02	gDNA	CCTCAACCGACGAGTCCCTG	CGGCTGTAAGGAAAGAGG
CEBPA-E01.03	gDNA	GAGGAGGATGAAAGCAAGC	CTCGTTGCTTGTCTGTCCA
CEBPA-E01.04	gDNA	TGGCAGCCGCTCAAG	CCAGGGCGGCTCCACA
CEBPA-E01.XL	gDNA	ATGCACATCACGCCCTACAT	GCAGCGTGTCCAGTTG
DNMT3A-E02	gDNA	GCCTCAAAGAACACGATAA	TGCTCATCACCAAGATTGA
DNMT3A-E03	gDNA	ACAGGCCCTGAATGCTAC	TGAGGGTGGGATTTGAAGA
DNMT3A-E04	gDNA	AAACAGGCTAACGCCACTGA	AAGAGGCTGCCCTGGT
DNMT3A-E05	gDNA	GGTGGGCCATATTTAAC	CACTCCCTCTTCCCACA
DNMT3A-E06	gDNA	CCACCTTAATGCCCTAATGTC	GCTGAAGGAGCAGATGAACC
DNMT3A-E07	gDNA	TTCCCTGGAGGGTCAAGGTG	TGAGAGAGGAGGAGCAGGAC
DNMT3A-E08	gDNA	GCCTCGTACCACTGTGTA	ACCCACCAACGGCAGAGTAG
DNMT3A-E09	gDNA	CTCCCTTTGATCGGGTAA	ACCTGCACCACTCCAG
DNMT3A-E10	gDNA	TGTGCCACCTCACTACTCA	TCCCTAACATGGCTTTCC
DNMT3A-E11-12	gDNA	GACCTTGGCACCTGCTT	CCACACTAGGAGTGGCAGAGTT
DNMT3A-E13	gDNA	GGTCACAGTGCCTCCCTT	ACCCCTGTACATGCCAGAAG
DNMT3A-E14	gDNA	CACAGGCAAGTGGGTTTC	CCCGCTAAGGAGAACACTG
DNMT3A-E15	gDNA	CCCTAGCCATGCTCCAGAC	CCCACAAACCAAGGCTAG
DNMT3A-E16	gDNA	CAGGGTGTGGGCTTAGGA	TGCATACGTITTCACCTTCACA
DNMT3A-E17	gDNA	AAAGATAGGACTGGCCTACA	CTGCTCCAGGTGCTGAG
DNMT3A-E18	gDNA	TGGTCCCGTTCTGTTAGG	CAAGGAGGAAGCCTATGTGC
DNMT3A-E19	gDNA	GACAGCTATCCCGATGACC	GCTCCACAATGCGATGAGA
DNMT3A-E20	gDNA	TGTGTTGCTCTGAGAGA	CATGGCAGAGCAGCTAGTCA
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DNMT3A-FE07-09	cDNA	GTGCAAGCAGCCACTGAC	GGGCTGCTTGTGCTAGTG
DNMT3A-FE08-11	cDNA	GTTCGAGACGGCAAATTCT	AGGTTCCACCCACATGTCC
DNMT3A-FE10-14	cDNA	GGAGCCACAGAAAGAGA	CAGCAGATGGTGCAGTAGGA
DNMT3A-FE14-16	cDNA	TTCTGGAGTGTGCGTACAG	GATGGGCTTCTCTTCTCAG
DNMT3A-FE15-19	cDNA	GGAAATTGACCTCCAAAGG	AAAGAAAGAGCCGCCAGT
DNMT3A-FE18-22	cDNA	CAATGACCTCTCATCGTC	TGCTGAACCTGGTATCTG
DNMT3A-FE21-23	cDNA	CCACTGTGAATGATAAGCTGGA	TTGTGTCGCTACCTCAGTTG
FLT3-E13	gDNA	TCTGTTCATCGCTAGTGC	TCTTGGAAACTCCCATTTGA
FLT3-E14	gDNA	CTCTCAGAACACTGCTT	GCAACCTGGATTGAGACTCC
FLT3-E15	gDNA	GTGACCGCTCTCAGATAA	TGCATCTTGTGCTGCT
FLT3-E20	gDNA	GGCACAGCCAGTAAAGATAAG	CACCAACAGTGAAGTCAGTG
IDH1-E04	gDNA	AAACTTGGCTCTTAATTCTT	GCAAAATCACATTATGGCAAC
IDH2-E04	gDNA	TGCACTGGACCACTATTATC	CACCAACTGCCATCTTTGG
NPM1-E06	gDNA	TGAAGAGGAGGAGGATGTGAAA	CATAGGATGGCTTTGTAAATGACT
NPM1-E07	gDNA	TCGATAAAACATGGGTGACAA	GAAAACAGACCAATTCCCACT
NPM1-E11	gDNA	TTTCCAGGCTATTCAAGAT	ATATTTTGCTCCCCACCA
NRAS-E02	gDNA	GGCCGATTTAACCGGTGT	TCCGACAAGTGAGAGACAGG
NRAS-E03	gDNA	CCCTCCCTGCCCCCTAC	CAATGTCAAACAAACCTAAACCA
NRAS-E04	gDNA	TGTTGCCCCAGGCTACTCA	GCAAAACTCTGCAACAAATGC
RUNX1-E01	gDNA	GCTGTTGCAGGGCTTCAAC	GGCCTCCGCTGTCTC
RUNX1-E02	gDNA	CATTGCTATTCTCTGCAACC	TTTGTGCGCATAACTG
RUNX1-E03	gDNA	AAATTCCGGGGAGTGTGCA	GAAAGGTTGAACCCAAGGAA
RUNX1-E04	gDNA	TGATCTCTCCCTCCCT	CAGTTGGCTGGAAAGGTG
RUNX1-E05	gDNA	ATTGAAACAGGGCACTCA	AATGTTCTGCCACTCTCTCA
RUNX1-E06.01	gDNA	CTCCGCAACCTCTACTCA	CCCATGAGAACAGTGGTA
RUNX1-E06.02	gDNA	CCCGTTCCAAGCCAGCTC	GCTTGTGGCAACAGGAG
RUNX1-FE01-03	cDNA	AGCATGGTGGAGGTGCTG	TGATGGCTCTGTGTTAGGTG
RUNX1-FE02-04	cDNA	TGAGCTGAGAAATGCTACCG	AAGGCAGTGGAGTGGTTCA
RUNX1-FE03-05	cDNA	ACAAACCCACCGCAAGTC	ACAGAAGGAGGAGGCAATGGA
RUNX1-FE04-06	cDNA	ATGAGGGTCAGCCCCAC	GTGAAGGGCCCTGGATAGT
TET2-E03.01	gDNA	ATTCAACTAGAGGGCAGCTG	ACTGTGCGTTTATCTCCAT
TET2-E03.02	gDNA	GAATACCTGTATGAAAGGAAC	CCCACTGCAGTATGTGTTGA
TET2-E03.03	gDNA	TGTAGCCCAAGAAAATGCAG	TGGGTGAGTGATCTCACAGG
TET2-E03.04	gDNA	CATCTCACATAATGCCATTAA	AGCTTGCAAAATTGCTGCTG
TET2-E03.05	gDNA	GAAAATAACATCCAGGGAACCA	CCCTCATTTCACTTCCCTTAA
TET2-E03.06	gDNA	GGAGTTTAAAGAACACCA	TGCACCCCTCAGAATCTTGTG

TET2-E03.07	gDNA	CCAATTTGGTAGCAGTGG	CCAGCTGTGTTCTGG
TET2-E03.08	gDNA	TGACCTCCAAAACATACTGG	TGAGTTGAAATGGTCAGTC
TET2-E03.09	gDNA	CCCAGTGTGAAACAGCA	ACTTCCTCCAGTCCCCATTG
TET2-E03.10	gDNA	TGGTAAAATCAGTATCAAATCA	CCCTGTAGAAGCTGTTG
TET2-E03.11	gDNA	CTTCTCACAGGTGTTCAAG	ATACAGGCATGTGCTTGC
TET2-E03.12	gDNA	TTGCCATAGTCAGATGCACAG	CTGAAGAAGTGTGTTGCTGCTC
TET2-E03.13	gDNA	TTGACTAGAACAAACCAGTCG	TTATGAGCCCTTACAAATGCTG
TET2-E04	gDNA	TGGCACATTTCTAATAGATCAGTC	CTTGTGTTGAAAGCTGGA
TET2-E05	gDNA	AAACCGTTCATTTCTCAGATG	GTAATGTTCTTTAACTGGCATGA
TET2-E06	gDNA	TGACCCCTGTTTGTGTTGG	CGCTGAACCTCTTCCCTTA
TET2-E07	gDNA	ATAGACACCTATAATATCAGCTGCAC	CAGTTGGAAAAACATTGATTA
TET2-E08	gDNA	CCATATTTGTGTTGGGATTCAA	GCAGTGGTTTACAATTAAGAG
TET2-E09	gDNA	TGCTCTATTGTCATTCCATT	CAGTGTGAGAACAGACTCAACAG
TET2-E10.01	gDNA	GGGACCTGTAGTTGAGGCTGT	GGGGCTGACTTTCCCTTTC
TET2-E10.02	gDNA	GAGTTGGGAGTGGCAAGC	GGGGGCAAAACCAAAATAAT
TET2-E11.01	gDNA	GCCCTATATAAAATAATCATCAACA	CTGCAGCTTGAAGTGGGTG
TET2-E11.02	gDNA	CCAATCCAGTTAGTCTTATCCA	AAAACCTGGCTTTCACAAAC
TET2-E11.03	gDNA	CAAGCCTAACCCCTCTGTT	GCATGAAGAGACTGTGAA
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Table S2: Primer sequences used to analyze the respective genes by MiSeq Sequencing

Gene-Identifier	Material	Sequence: Forward-Primer(5'-3')	Sequence: Reverse-Primer(5'-3')
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ASXL1-E13.04	gDNA	ACACTGACGACATGGTTACAACTGGTGTAGTGGTAGG	TACGGTAGCAGAGACTTGGCTGGGGAGTTGGAGGAGCATC
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ASXL1-E13.07	gDNA	ACACTGACGACATGGTTACACAGCTTACAGGCTAACGATCT	TACGGTAGCAGAGACTTGGCTTCAACCTGGGCTAACAA
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CEBPA-E01.02	gDNA	ACACTGACGACATGGTTACAACTCTGAGCACAGAGC	TACGGTAGCAGAGACTTGGCTCTCCAGCTGGCC
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TET2-E03.02	gDNA	GAATACCTGTATGAGGGAAAGC	CCCACTGAGTTATGTGTTGAA
TET2-E03.03	gDNA	TGTAGCCCAAAGAAAATGCA	TGGGTGAGTGAATCTCAGG
TET2-E03.04	gDNA	CATCTCACATAATGCCATTAAACA	AGCTTGCAAATTGTCGCTG
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TET2-E03.06	gDNA	GGAGTTTGAAGAACACCCA	TCGACCTTCAGAACTCTCTG
TET2-E03.07	gDNA	CCAATTGTTGTTGAGCTGG	CCAGCTGTTGTTGTTCTGG
TET2-E03.08	gDNA	TGACCTCCAAAACAAATCACTGG	TGAGTTGAAAATGGCTGAC
TET2-E03.09	gDNA	CCCACTGTTAACACAGCA	ACTTCCTCACTGCTTATG
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TET2-E03.11	gDNA	CTTCTCACAGGTGCTTTCAG	ATACAGGGCATGTCGCTTC
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TET2-E03.13	gDNA	TTGACTAGACAAACACTGCTG	TTTATGAGCTTAAACATGCTG
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TET2-E05	gDNA	AAACCGTTCAATTCTCAGGATG	GTAATGTTCTTTAAACTGGCATGA
TET2-E06	gDNA	TGACCCCTTGTGTTGTTG	CGCTGAACCTCTCTTTC
TET2-E07	gDNA	ATAGACACCTATAATATCAGTC	CAGTTGGGAAAAACTTGTGATTA
TET2-E08	gDNA	CCATATATTGTTGGGATTC	GCAGTGTTCAACAAATTAAGAG
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TET2-E10.01	gDNA	GGGACCTGTTGAGGCTGT	GGGGCTGACTTTCTTTC
TET2-E10.02	gDNA	GAGTTTGGGAGTGGAAAGC	GGGGGCAAAACCAAAATAAT
TET2-E11.01	gDNA	GCCCTCATAAAATATCATCAAC	CTGACCTGAGATGAGGTG
TET2-E11.02	gDNA	CCAATCCAGTTAGTCCTTATCCA	AAAACCTGGTATTTCAAAC
TET2-E11.03	gDNA	CAAGGCCAGACCCCTGTC	GCATGAAGAGAGCTGTTGAA

TET2-E11.04	gDNA	GGTGAACATCATTACCTTCTC	GAATTGACCATGAGTTGGAG
TET2-E11.05	gDNA	AGACAGCGAGCAGACCTTC	AAGTTICATGTTGGCTAGCA
TET2-E11.06	gDNA	AGCCCGTGAGAAAGAGGAAG	ACTGTGACCTTCCCACCTG
TP53-E04	gDNA	ACCTGGTCTCTGACTGCTC	CAGGCATTGAAAGTCATGG
TP53-E05E06	gDNA	CACTTGTGCCCTGACTTTCA	GCCACTGACAACCACTTCA
TP53-E07	gDNA	CTTGCACAGGTCCTCCC	AAGAGGTCCTAACGGCAAG
TP53-E08E09	gDNA	GACAAGGGTGGTTGGAGTA	ACAGTCAAGAAGAAAACGGCA
TP53-E10	gDNA	ACTTGAACATTTCATTCAAGGT	TCTGTGCAAGGGCTGGAC
TP53-FE02-06	cDNA	CAGTCAGATCTAGCGTCGAG	ACACGCAAATTCTTCAC
TP53-FE03-05	cDNA	TCAGACCTATGGAAACTTCTCG	GGCAAACATCTGTGAGG
TP53-FE04-06	cDNA	GGCCCTGTACATCTCTGT	ACACGCAAATTCTTCAC
TP53-FE05-08	cDNA	TGGCCATCACAAAGCACTA	AGCTTCTGCCAGTAGA
TP53-FE06-11	cDNA	CTCAGCATTATCCGAGTGG	TTATGGGGGAGGTAGACTG
TP53-FE07-10	cDNA	TGGCTCTGACTGTACCAACCA	CCTCATTCAGCTCTGGAAAC
TP53-FE09-11	cDNA	CCAGCCAAGAAGAAACCAAC	TTCTGACCGACACCTATTG
WT1-E07	gDNA	GACCTAGTGAATGTTACATG	ACAACACCTGGATCAGACCT
WT1-E09	gDNA	TGCAGACATTGCAAGGATGGCAGG	GCACTAITCCCTCTCAACTGAG

Table S3: Primer sequences used to analyze the respective genes by Sanger Sequencing

Gene-Identifier	Material	Sequence: Forward-Primer(5'-3')	Sequence: Reverse-Primer(5'-3')
ASXL1-E13.01	gDNA	GGTCAGATACCCAGTCAGT	GTCCAAGTGTAGCCCTGT
ASXL1-E13.02	gDNA	GGACCTGCTCTCTGAGA	TCTGGATTCTGGTTGGCT
ASXL1-E13.03	gDNA	CCAAGGCTCTGTTTAAACAG	CATACTCGAGACACCCAGCT
ASXL1-E13.04	gDNA	ACATCGCTGTTACAAGG	AGCACGGACTCTCTGTAT
ASXL1-E13.05	gDNA	ACAAATCCCCATTACATCTCTAGG	CTGGGGTAATTCCAGAAGG
ASXL1-E13.06	gDNA	TGCCGAGAACAGGAAGCTA	TTTGGGGAAAGGCAAGAGT
ASXL1-FE13.01	cDNA	AAGCACACGCCACTAAAGA	GTCCAAGTGTAGCCCTGT
ASXL1-FE13.02	cDNA	GGACTCTGCTCTGAGA	TCTGGATTCTGGTTGGCT
ASXL1-FE13.03	cDNA	CCAAGGCTCTGTTTAAACAG	CATACTCGAGACACCCAGCT
ASXL1-FE13.04	cDNA	ACATCGCTGTTACAAGG	AGCACGGACTCTCTGTAT
ASXL1-FE13.05	cDNA	TGGATTCCAAGAGCAGGTTCTC	CATGACAAAGGGCATCCCTCAA
ASXL1-FE13.06	cDNA	ACAGGAAAGCTACTGGGATAGTC	CAAGAGTGTCTGCCCTAAAGAGT
CEBPA-E01.01	gDNA	GCCATGCCGGAGAAC	CCGGGGTAGTCAAAGTCG
CEBPA-E01.02	gDNA	CCTTCAACGACGAGTTCTG	CGGCTGTAAGGAAAGAGG
CEBPA-E01.03	gDNA	GAGGAGGATGAAAGCAACG	CTGGTTGCTGTTCTGTCCA
CEBPA-E01.04	gDNA	TGGCAGCGGGCTCAAG	CCAGGGGGTCCACA
CEBPA-FE01.01	cDNA	GCCATGCCGGAGAAC	CCGGGGTAGTCAAAGTCG
CEBPA-FE01.02	cDNA	CCTTCAACGACGAGTTCTG	CGGCTGTAAGGAAAGAGG
CEBPA-FE01.03	cDNA	GAGGAGGATGAAAGCAACG	CTGGTTGCTGTTCTGTCCA
CEBPA-FE01.04	cDNA	TGGCAGCGGGCTCAAG	CCAGGGGGTCCACA
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DNMT3A-E08	gDNA	GCCTGTGACCCTGTGAA	ACCCACACAGGAGAGTAG
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DNMT3A-E10	gDNA	TGTGCCACCTCACTCTCA	TCCCTAACGATGGCTTCC
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DNMT3A-E15	gDNA	CCCTAGCCATGCCAGAC	CCCAACACCAAGGCTCG
DNMT3A-E16	gDNA	CAGGGTGTGGGGTCAAGA	TGACATGTTCACTCAC
DNMT3A-E17	gDNA	AAAGATAGGACTTGGGCTACA	CTGCTCCAGGTGCTGAG
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DNMT3A-E19	gDNA	GACAGCTATTCCGATGACC	GCTCCACATGCAGATGAGA
DNMT3A-E20	gDNA	TGTGTGCTCTGAGAGAGA	CATGGCAGAGCAGCTAGTC
DNMT3A-E21	gDNA	TGGGGATTGTTGTTCTTGC	CATCCCTGCCCTCTCTC
DNMT3A-E22	gDNA	CTGGCAACTCTGCTCACTCA	AGCAAGCACGAACTCAGAA
DNMT3A-E23	gDNA	CACTCACCTGCCCTCT	AAAGCCCTCGGTATTCTC
DNMT3A-FE06-08	cDNA	GGGGGACCCACTACATCA	CTGGCCACCAAGGAGAAAG
DNMT3A-FE07-09	cDNA	GTGGCTACCAAGGCTGAG	GACCTGCTAGATGGCTTGC
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DNMT3A-FE10-14	cDNA	GGGGCTTCCAGCCTCT	CGTGTGCTGTACTGGT
DNMT3A-FE13-16	cDNA	CCTCTGTTGGAGGAATGT	GGGACAGGGTGGTAAACCTT
DNMT3A-FE15-18	cDNA	GGCACAGGGTACCTACCG	CCCAATCACGAGATCGAA
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DNMT3A-FE21-23	cDNA	CCACTGTGAATGATAAGCTGA	TTGTGTCGCTACCTCAGTTG
FLT3-FE16-17	cDNA	CAGCTGAAAGAGAGGC	CTTCTTAGATAGTTGAGAACATCACC
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IDH1-E04	gDNA	AAAATTGCTCTTAATTCTCTT	GCAAAATCACATTGTCAC
IDH1-FE04-05	cDNA	GCTTGTGAGTGGATGGTAA	TATGTACCGGTATGTACCTT
IDH2-E04	gDNA	TGCACTGGGACCACTTATTC	CACCACTGCCATCTTGG
IDH2-FE03-05	cDNA	ACTGGCCACCCAGAAGTA	TTTACACTTCCACTCC
NPM1-FE10-11	cDNA	TCCCAAGTGGAAAGC	GGAAAGTTCTACTCTGC
NRAS-E02	gDNA	GGCCGATATTAAATCCGGT	TCCGACAAGTGAGAGACAGG
NRAS-E03	gDNA	CCCCCTGCCCTTAC	CAATGTCAAACAAACCTAAAAACCA
NRAS-FE02-03	cDNA	GGGAAAAGCGCACTGACAA	CCTTCGCCCTGCTCTCATGTA
NRAS-FE02-03	cDNA	GCTGTGTCCTAAATCTGTC	AGGTACATCATCCGAGTCCTTAC
RUNX1-E01	gDNA	GCTGTTGCAAGGTCCTAAC	GGCCTCGCCTGTCCTC
RUNX1-E02	gDNA	CATTGCTATTCTCTGCAACC	GTTTGTGCTGATGAAACGTG
RUNX1-E03	gDNA	AAATCCGGGAGTTGTC	GAAGAGTGAACCCAGGAA
RUNX1-E04	gDNA	TGATCTCTCCCTCTCT	CAGTTGCTGGAAGGTGT
RUNX1-E05	gDNA	ATTGAAACAAGGGCACTCA	AATGTTCTGCCAACCTCTCA
RUNX1-E06.01	gDNA	CTCCCAACCTCTACTAC	CCCACCATGGAGAACAGGTA
RUNX1-E06.02	gDNA	CCCGTTCCAAGCAGCTC	GCTTGTGCGAACAGGAG

RUNX1-FE01-02	cDNA	TGCAGGGTCTTAACATCAATC	CATTGCCAGCCATCACAGTGAC
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RUNX1-FE06-01	cDNA	CAGGCCCTCACCTACTC	GTGGCTCTGGTCCGGAG
RUNX1-FE06-02	cDNA	CTCTAACACCTGTACTACGG	CTGACCTACAGGGAGATCTG
TET2-E03.01	gDNA	ATTCAACTAGAGGGCAGCTG	ACTGTGCGTTTATTCTCCAT
TET2-E03.02	gDNA	GAATACCCGTATGAAGGGAAAC	CCCACTGCAGTTATGTGTGAA
TET2-E03.03	gDNA	TGTAGCCAAGAAAATGCG	TGGGTGAGTGATCTCACAGG
TET2-E03.04	gDNA	CATCTCACATAATGCCATTAAAC	AGCTTGCAAATTGCTGCTG
TET2-E03.05	gDNA	GAAAATAACATCCAGGGAAACCA	CCCTCTATTCACCTCCCTAA
TET2-E03.06	gDNA	GGAGTTTAGAAGAACACCA	TCGACCCCTCAGAACATCTG
TET2-E03.07	gDNA	CCAATTGGTAGCAGTGG	CCAGCTGTGTTTTCTGG
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