

# ICUS, CCUS AND CHIP

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# What causes anemia in people aged $\geq 65$ years?

**Nutritional  
deficiency:  
34.3%**



Iron only 16.6%,  
Folate only 6.4%,  
B<sub>12</sub> only 5.9%,  
Combined 5.4%

**Endocrine renal  
insufficiency /  
anemia of chronic  
inflammation (ACI):  
32.2%**



Renal anemia only 8.2%,  
ACI only 19.7%,  
Combined 4.3%

**Unexplained  
anemia (UA):  
33.6%**



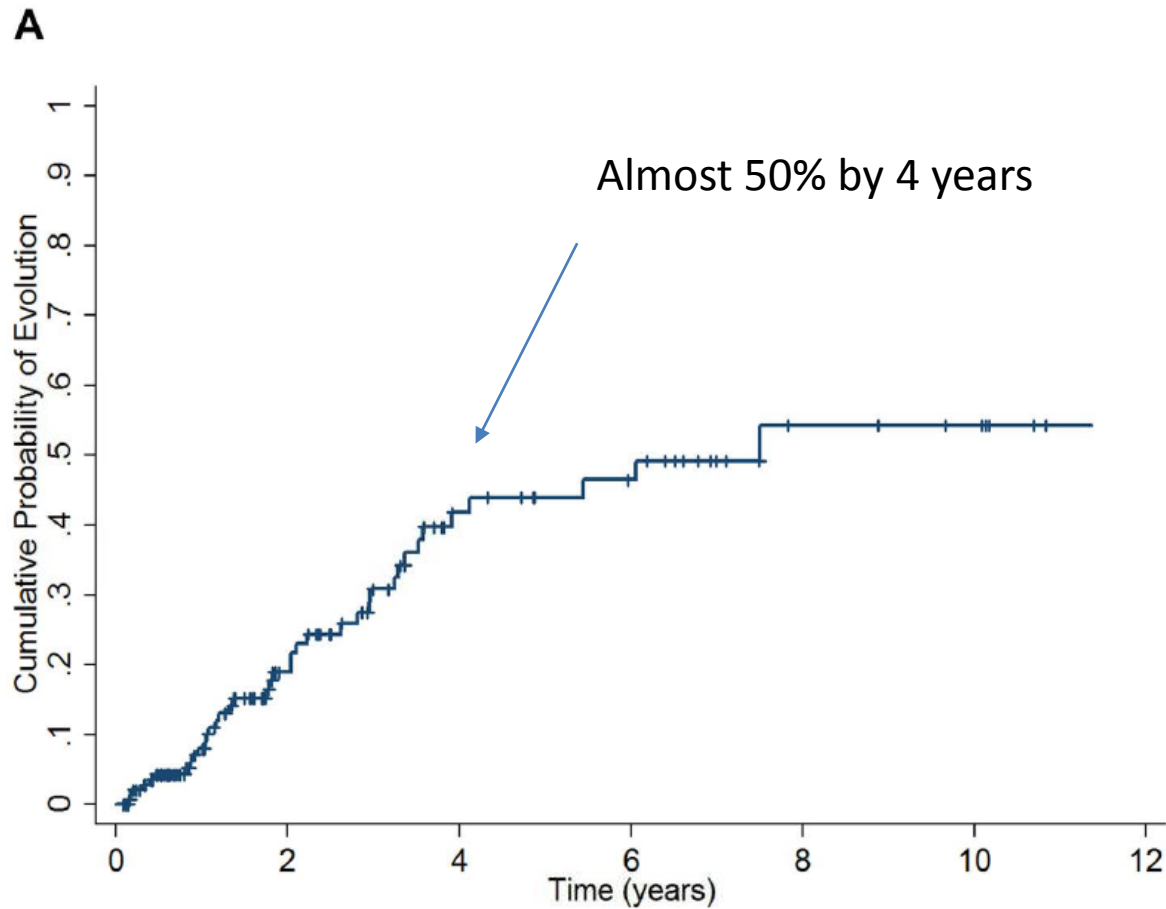
Additional cytopenias or  
macrocytosis: 17% of UA

Theories:

*Undiagnosed MDS*  
*Immune-mediated cytopenia*  
*Occult inflammation*  
*Androgen depletion*  
*Stem cell burnout/dropout*

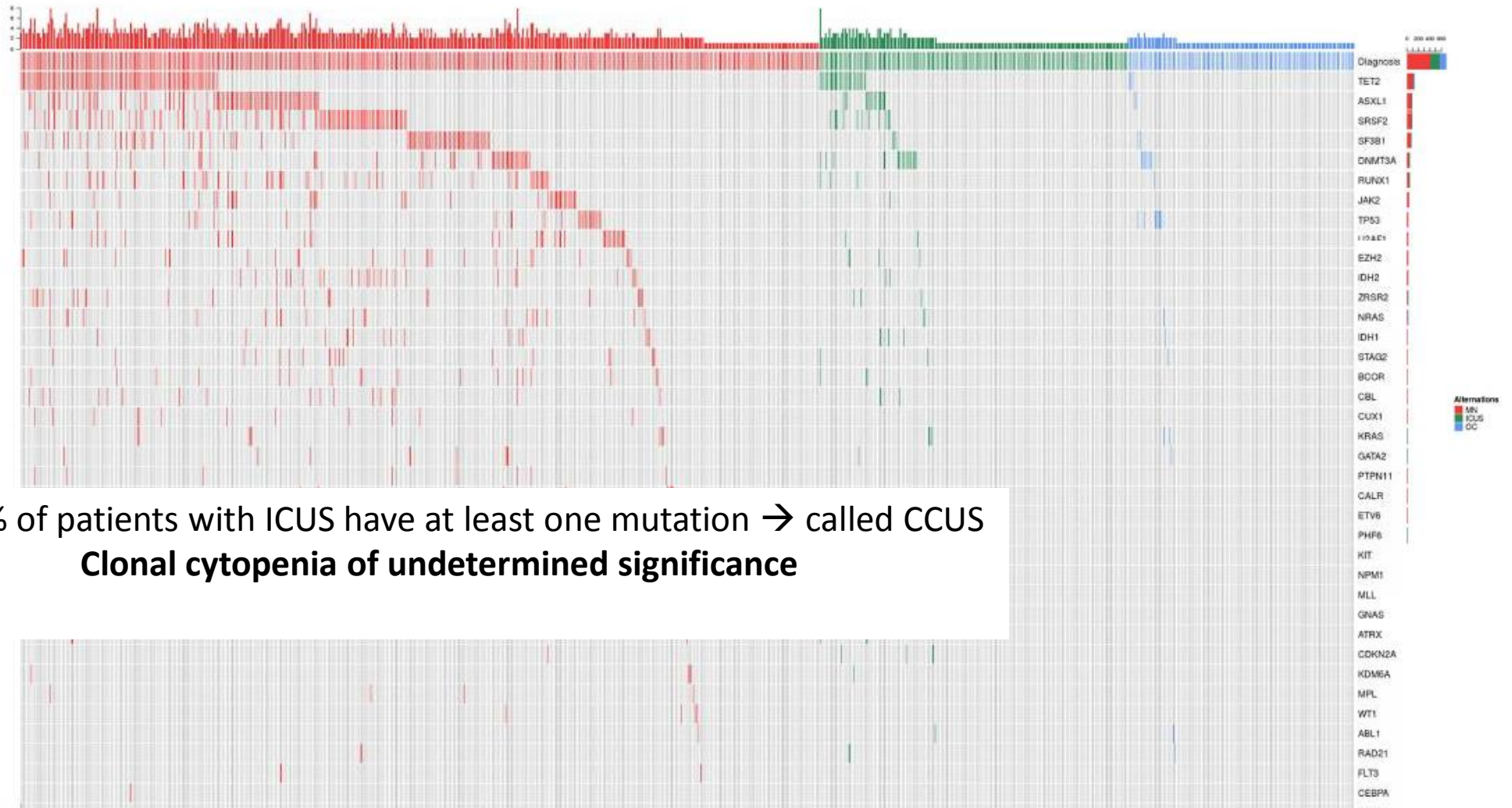
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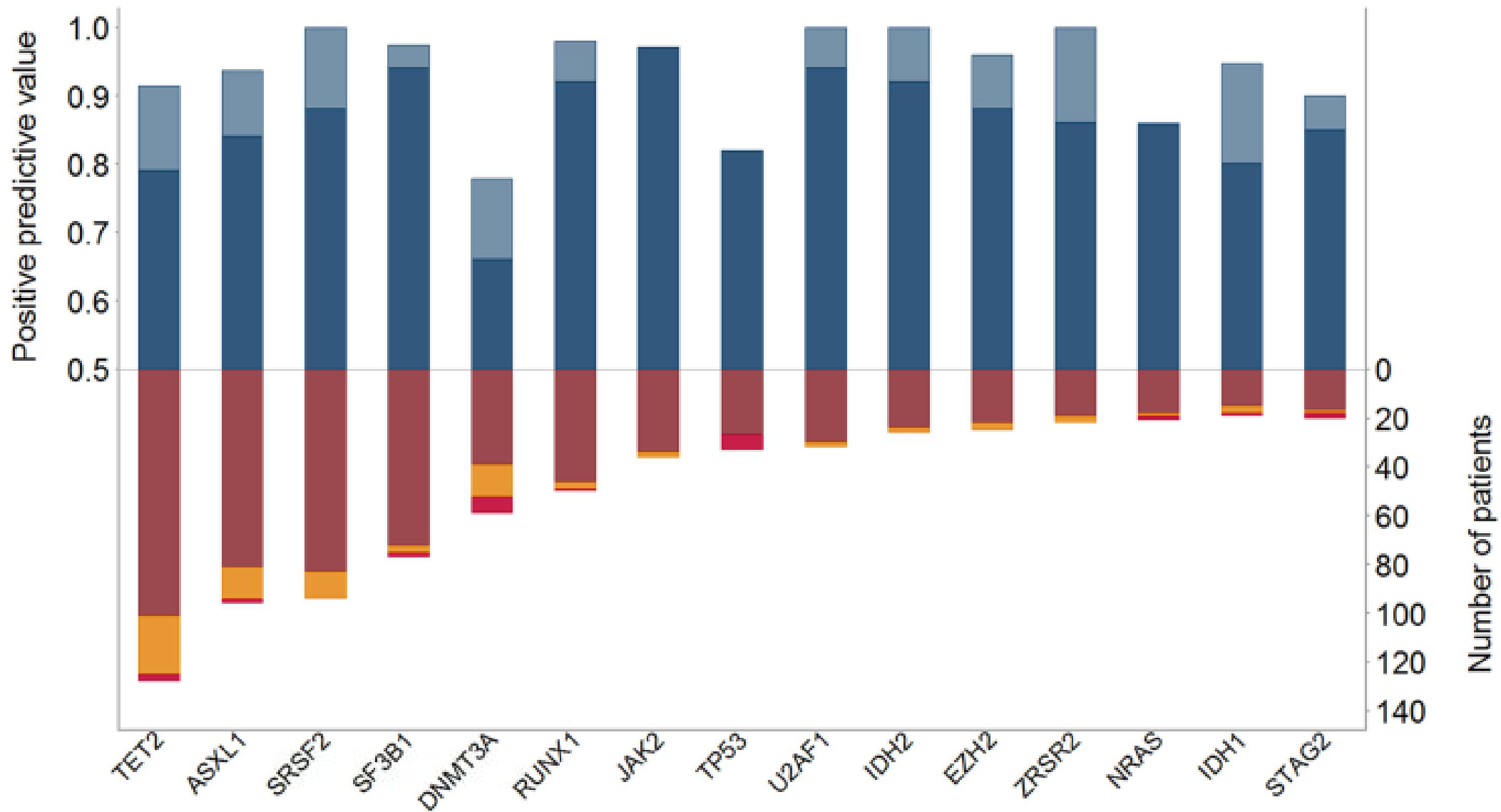
- Prevalence of anemia rises sharply after age 50
  - 20% by age 85
  - **1/3 are never explained**
  - ? Myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS) – may be underdiagnosed
- ICUS was coined in 2007:
  - Idiopathic cytopenia of undetermined significance
  - Defined: cytopenias that don't fit into MDS
  - No clone identified at that time



Overall likelihood of developing a myeloid neoplasm with the diagnosis of ICUS

# Molecular Profiling / Next Generation Sequencing by Peripheral Blood





Positive Predictive Value of the most common mutations and frequency

## AN EXTREME EXAMPLE OF SOMATIC MUTATIONS IN AN OLDER PERSON



Not all mutations are the same

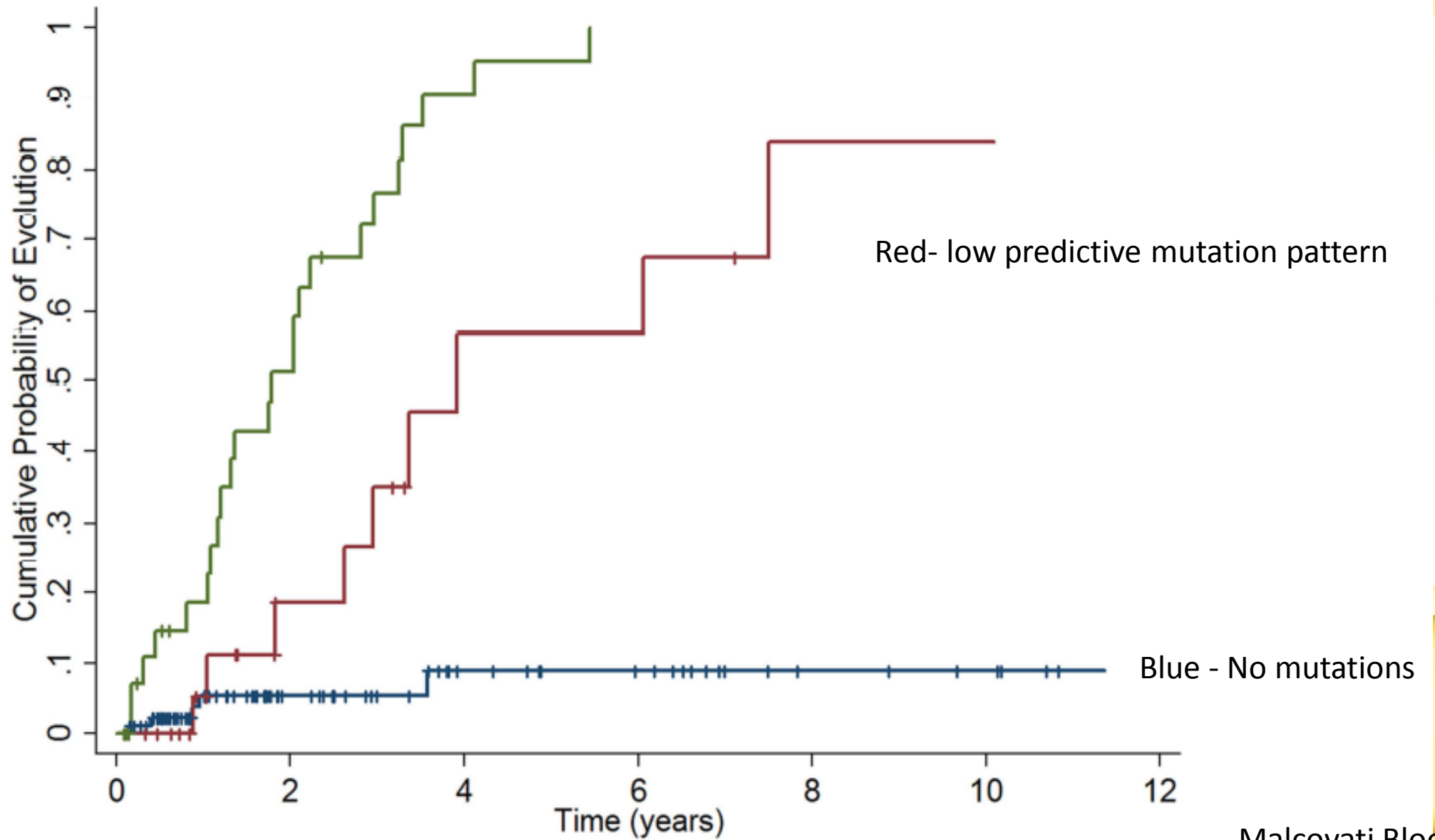
### Key findings:

- 450 somatic mutations accumulated in the nonrepetitive genome within the healthy blood compartment (normal CBC/RDW/karyotype)
- Two dominant hematopoietic clones
- Extremely short leukocyte telomeres
- Died of metastatic gastric cancer
- No vascular or dementia related pathology

Hendrikje van Andel-Schipper (1890-2005)

**D**

Green – have mutations highly predictive of myeloid neoplasms





# Are these tests available?



Cancer Care Ontario



Windsor

Yes - ? funding

# CHIP

(Clonal hematopoieses of indeterminate potential)

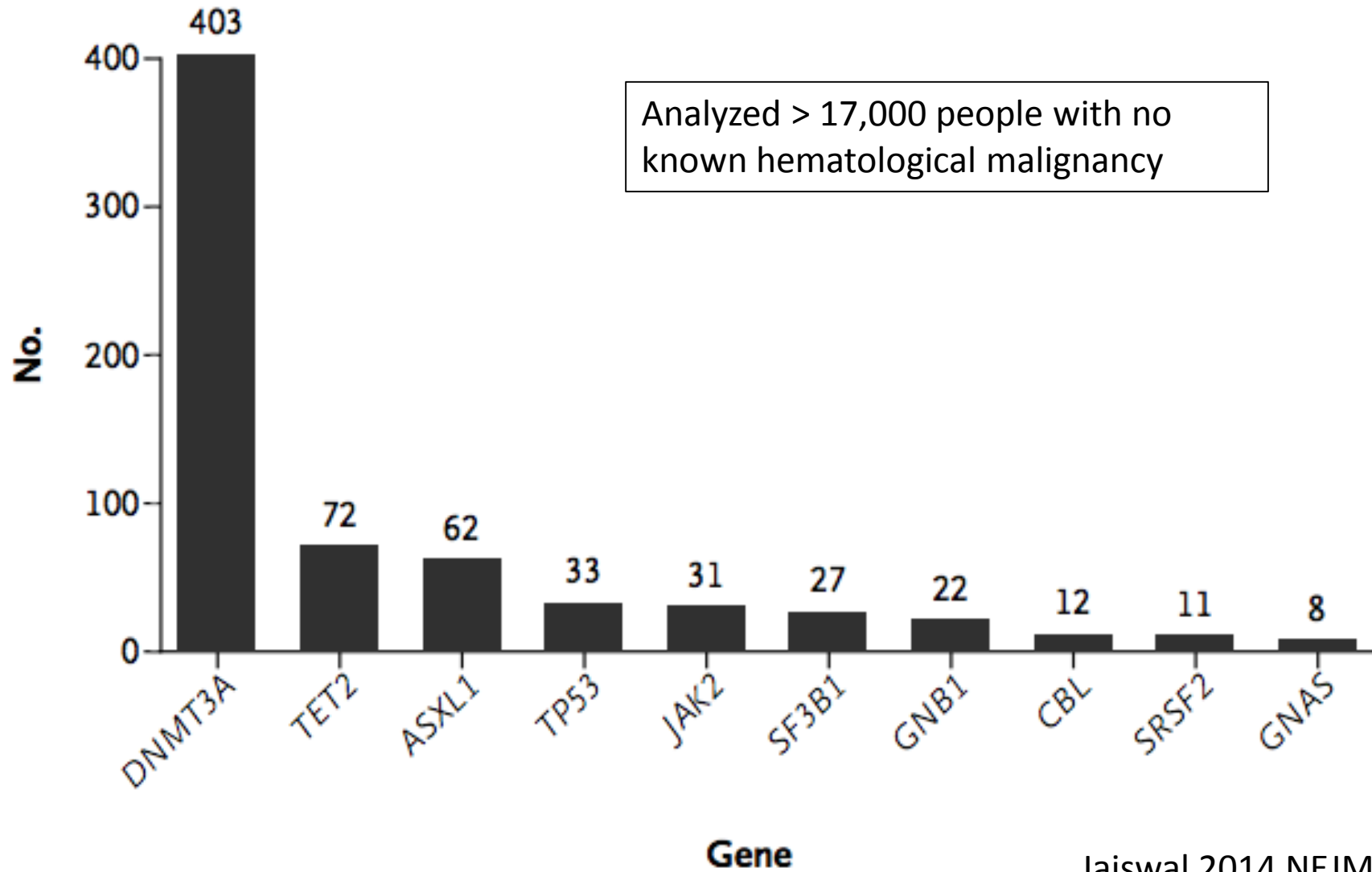
- Normal blood work, mutations associated with myeloid malignancies
- Identified by NGS molecular profiling
- Commonly found in the elderly, it may be found in up to 10 to 20 percent in those older than 70 years
- Associated with a rate of progression to a hematologic neoplasm of about 0.5 to 1 percent per year

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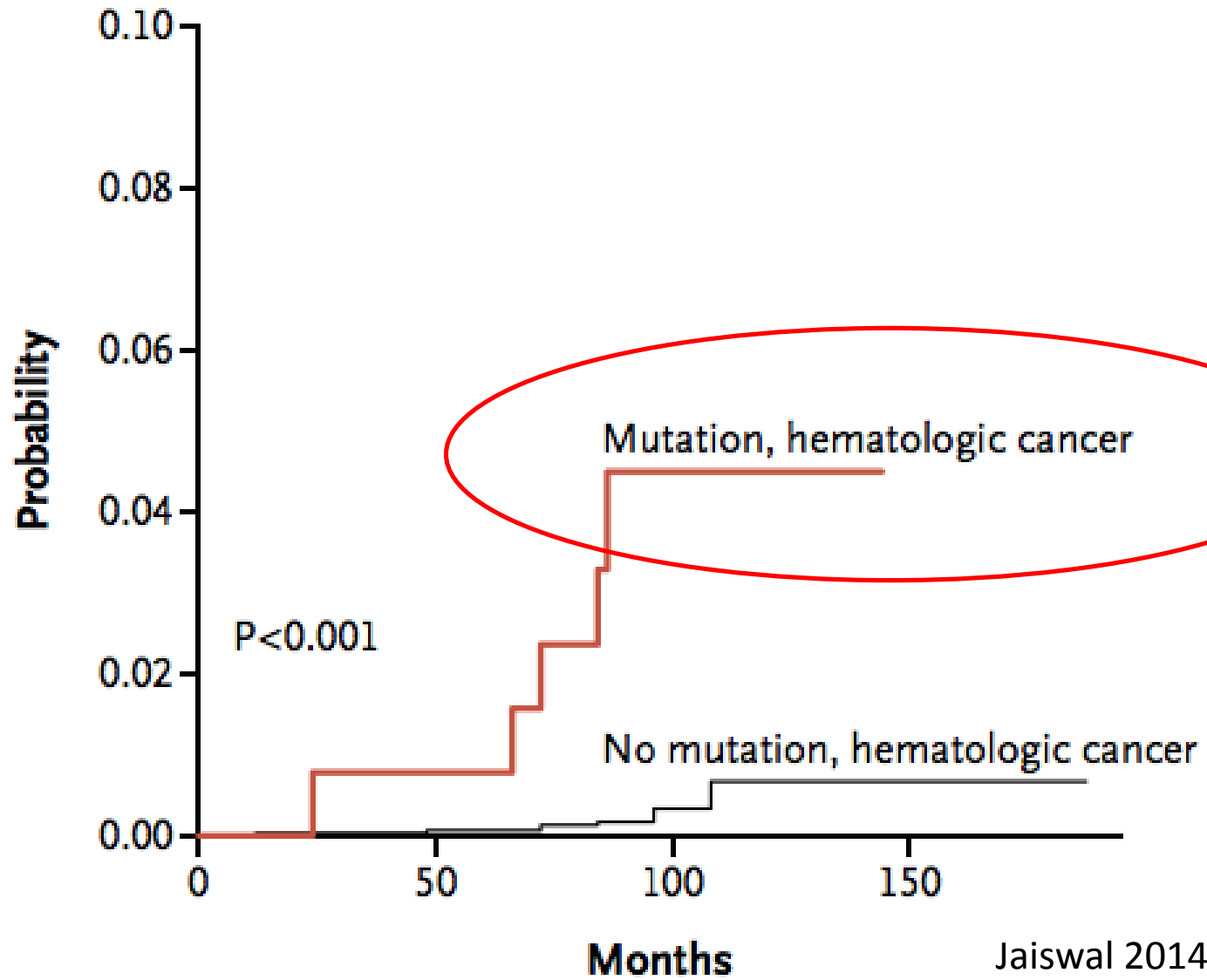
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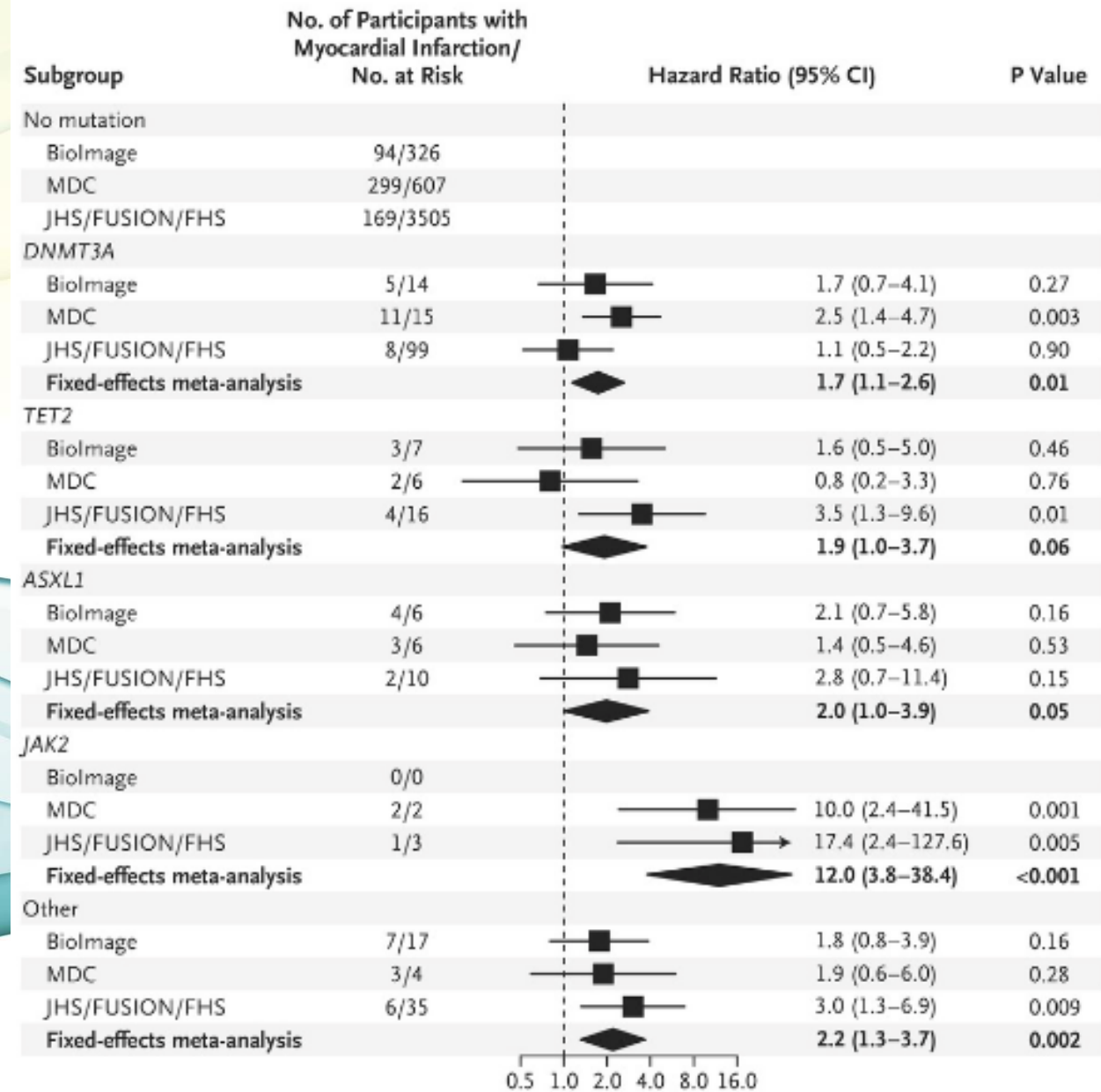
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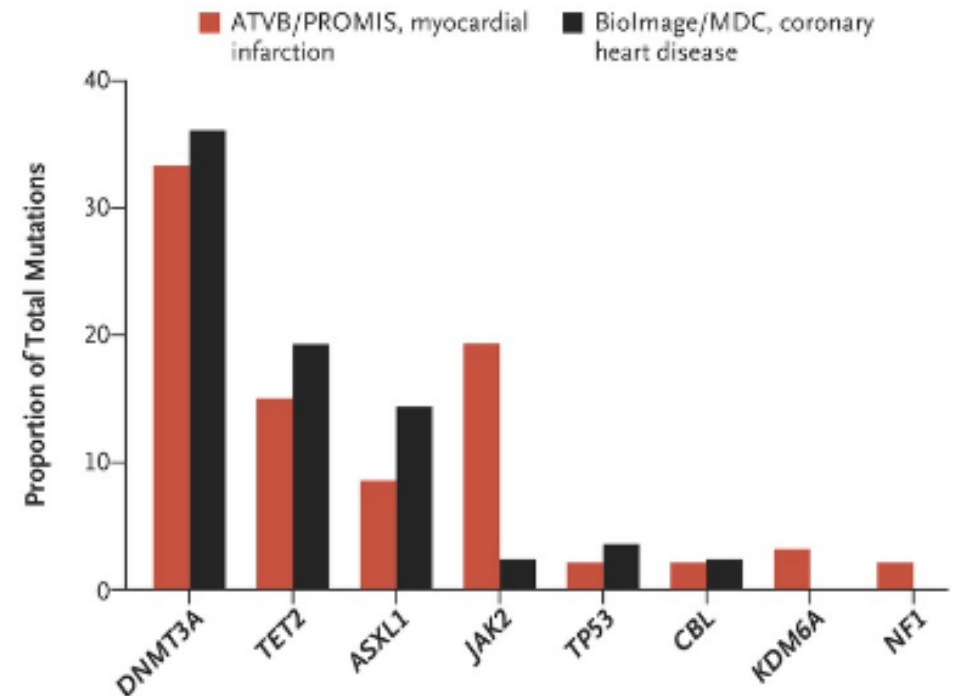


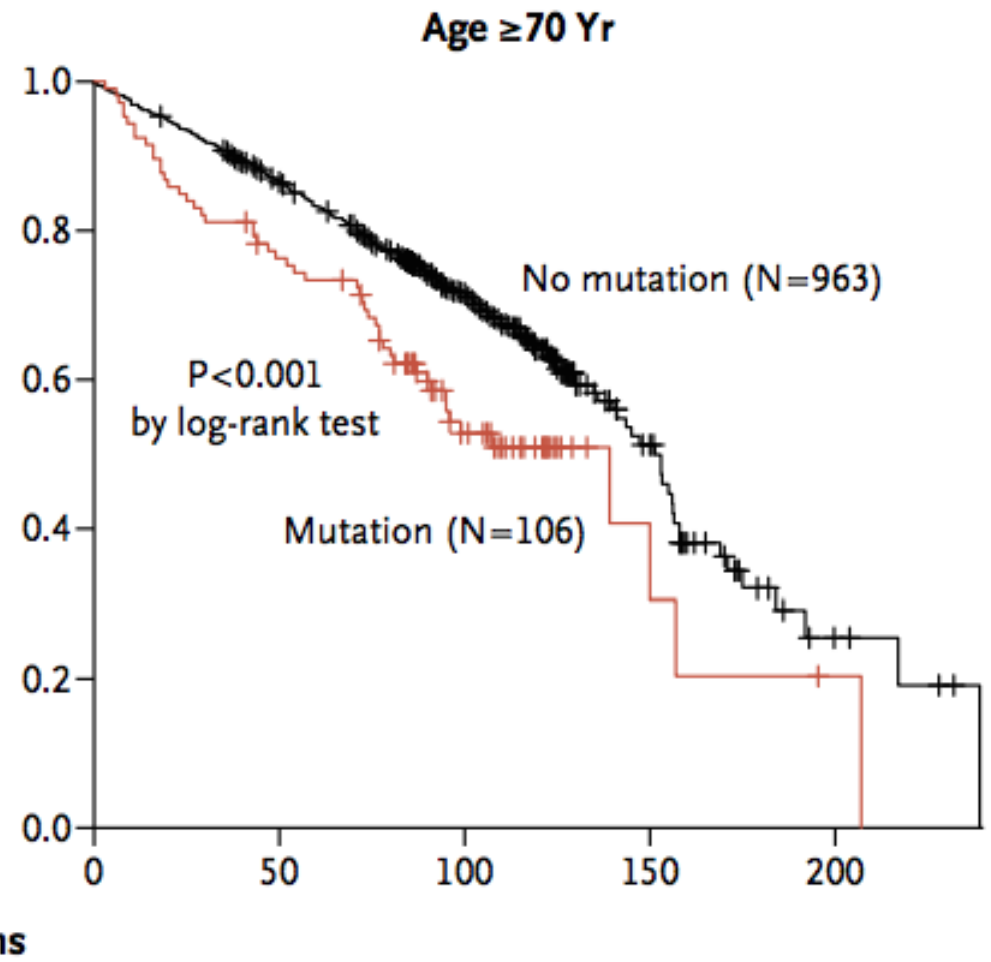
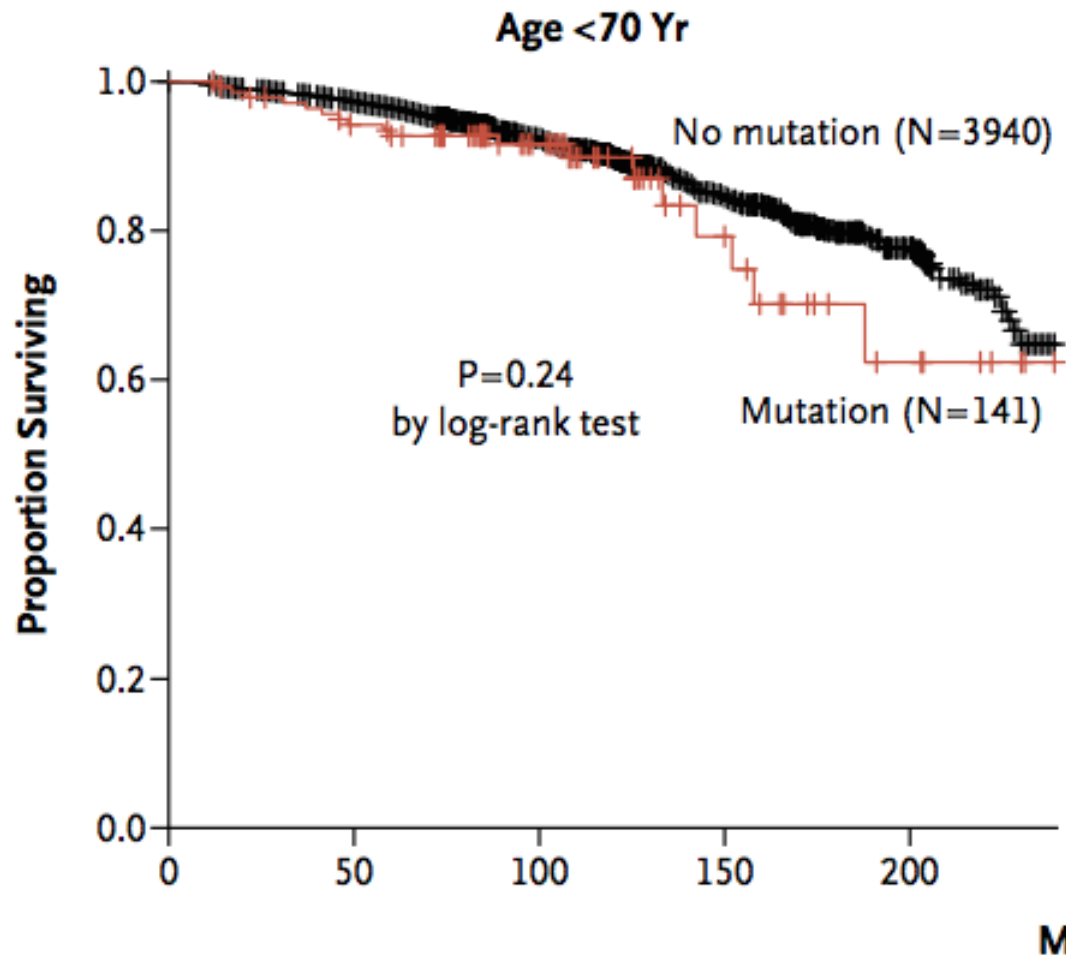
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ATVB and PROMIS	No. of Participants with Myocardial Infarction/ No. at Risk	Odds Ratio (95% CI)	P Value
DNMT3A	51/46	1.4 (0.7–2.8)	0.29
TET2	12/13	8.3 (1.2–357.5)	0.02
ASXL1	8/8	Undefined	0.02
JAK2	16/16	Undefined	<0.001
Other	20/22	6.9 (1.7–61.6)	0.001

Thought to be as high a risk factor as smoking and hyperlipidemia

### C Myocardial Infarction and Coronary Heart Disease, According to Mutated Gene



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# CHIP

- Increased risk of Myeloid Neoplasms
- Increased risk of All Cause Mortality
- Increased risk of Cardiovascular disease

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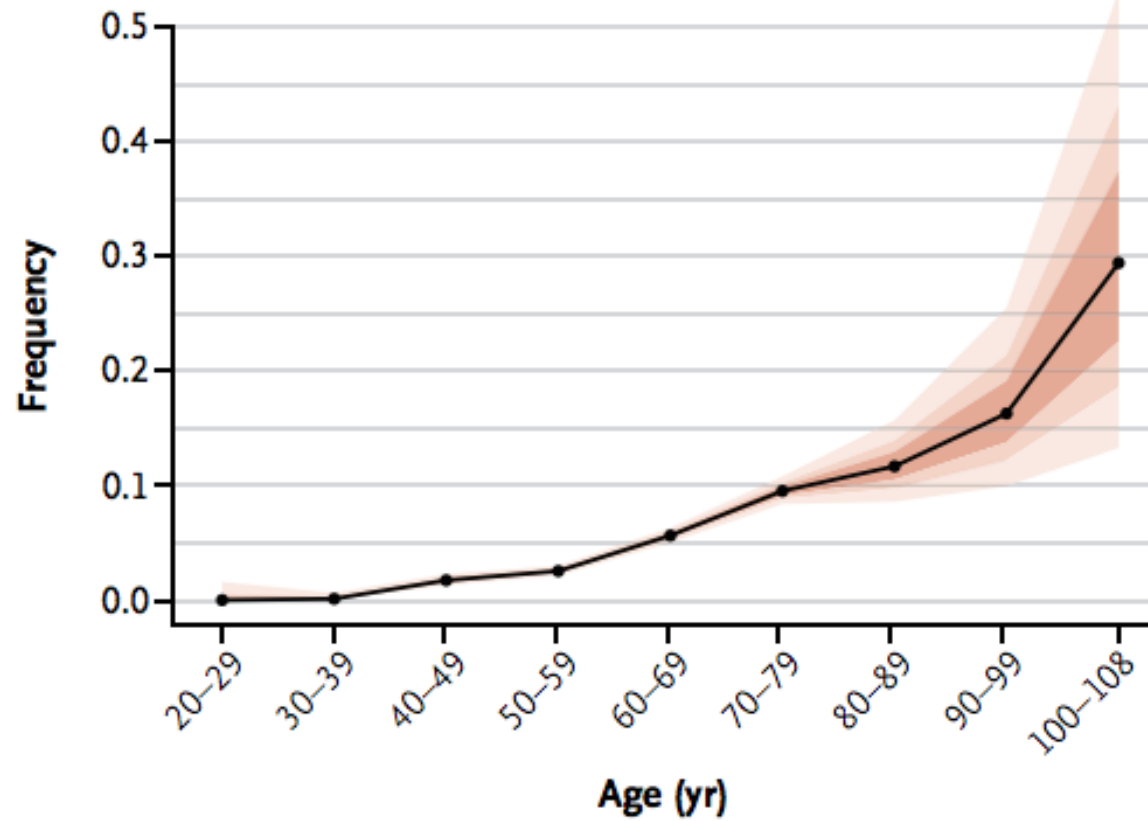
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<b>No. with Mutation</b>	0	1	50	138	282	219	37	14	5
<b>Total</b>	240	855	2894	5441	5002	2300	317	86	17

**Figure 1. Prevalence of Somatic Mutations, According to Age.**

Colored bands, in increasingly lighter shades, represent the 50th, 75th, and 95th percentiles.



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- Don't start screening everyone / who should we test?
- Can we prevent cancer and cardiovascular deaths?
  - What do we do with the information when we find it?
  - Still don't have great treatments for MDS
- Do we choose donors for allogeneic stem cell transplant differently?
- Cost – actually cheaper than current myeloid neoplasm workup?
- How do physicians keep up with the emerging data?



How do we translate this to the patient?

