## **Clonal evolution in MGUS**

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# Monoclonal plasma cell disorders: a dynamic spectrum



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#### Increasing levels of monoclonal protein

Increasing marrow plasma cell percentage

**Development of CRAB features** 

# Spectrum of monoclonal gammopathies





Kyle et al, NEJM, Volume 356:2582-2590, June 21, 2007

# Risk factors for plasma cell disorders

- Race: Higher risk in African Americans
  Similar risk in a population from Ghana
- Chemical and radiation exposure
  - Increased risk among those with pesticide exposure
- Familial risk
  - Increased risk among first degree relatives



# MGUS prevalence for first-degree relatives of MM or MGUS



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Vachon C M et al. Blood 2009;114:785-790

# MGUS is a true "pre-cancerous" state

- MM is always preceded by MGUS stage
- Among 77 469 healthy adults from PLCO Cancer Screening Trial: 71 subjects developed MM



Proportion with MGUS

Landgren O, Blood. 2009 :5412-7.

# MGUS starts early



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Therneau, T. M., et al. (2012) Mayo Clin Proc 87(11): 1071-1079.

# MGUS risk of progression



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Kyle et al, N Engl J Med 2002; 346:564-569

# **Clonal Evolution Paradigm**

Evolution of the clonal plasma cell



# The malignant clonal PC



# But.....morphology inadequate to differentiate the 'malignant' clonal plasma cell 🙁



# **FISH** abnormalities in PCD



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Kumar S, *Blood*. 2012;119(9):2100-2105

# FISH abnormalities in MM



# Trisomies and outcome in myeloma





Kumar S, Blood. 2012;119(9):2100-2105

# FISH abnormalities in MM and SMM

FISH abnormality	Frequency (%)	
	SMM (N=351)	MM (N=484)
Trisomy (ies) without IgH abnormality	<b>154 (44%)</b>	201 (42%)
IgH abnormality without trisomy (ies)	<b>127 (36%)</b>	146 (30%)
IgH abnormality with Trisomy (ies)	14 (4%)	74 (15%)
Other cytogenetic abnormalities	3 (1%)	48 (10%)
Normal / insufficient	53 (16%)	15 (3%)

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Rajkumar et al, Leukemia. March 2013 (epub); Kumar S, Blood. 2012;119(9):2100-2105

### Genetic abnormalities and risk of progression in SMM





# FISH abnormalities in MGUS



Kumar et al, unpublished data

# FISH evolution in plasma cell disorders



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\* As a proportion of all patients, others as a proportion of FISH with adequate PCs

#### Kumar et al, unpublished data

# Trisomies and risk of progression in MGUS





Kumar et al, unpublished data

# Phenotypic classification and genetic type





# **CKS1** amplification

	n	BM PCs (median %)	CKS1B AMP
MGUS	24	4.5 (3-8)	0/23 (0%)
MM at diagnosis	50	62 (15–95)	18/50 (36%)
MM at relapse	25	60 (20–100)	13/25 (52%)
PCL	26	80 (20–100)	16/26 (62%)



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Chang, H., et al. (2006). Br J Haematol 134(6): 613-615; Hanamura, I., et al. (2006). Blood 108(5): 1724-1732.

# Copy number abnormalities



## Gene expression changes



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Davies, F. E., et al. (2003). Blood 102(13): 4504-4511.

# The role of MYC





Kuehl W M , and Bergsagel P L Blood 2012;120:2351-2352

# Myc as a marker of malignant progression





Chng et al Leukemia 2011

## Malignant PC = unstable genome



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Egan J B et al. Blood 2012;120:1060-1066

# Patterns of clonal evolution in MM



# The evolution of MGUS



# **Clonal expansion**





Lopez-Corral, L., et al. (2011) Clin Cancer Res 17(7): 1692-1700.

# Increasing proportion of abnormal PCs

#### Table 2. Aberrant phenotypic profile in SMM and MGUS patients

CD45	CD19	CD56	%
-	-	++	50
-	-	-	24
-/dim	-	+	11
-	+	++	8
Dim	-	-	5
-	+	-	1
+	Dim	++	1



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Perez-Persona, E., et al. BLOOD, VOLUME 110, NUMBER 7

# Other phenotypic markers

- Expression of a wide panel of antigens have been used to identify the "malignant plasma cell":
  - CD38/ CD45/ CD56/ CD19/ CD117/ CD27/ CD28
- Proportion of CD45- PCs increase with disease progression
- CD200 + PCs are significantly higher in MM compared with MGUS

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## Angiogenesis and progression



Rajkumar et al, Clinical Cancer Research 6, 3111, (2000); Kumar, S. et al. Blood 2004;104:1159-1165

## Suppression of uninvolved immunoglobulin pair

Model	Prognostic factor	Hazard ratio (95% CI)	P-value
	HLC-pair suppression	1.8 (1.1, 3.0)	0.018
	Serum M-spike $\ge 1.5$ gm/dl	2.3 (1.5, 3.8)	<0.001
	Abnormal FLC $\kappa/\lambda$ ratio	2.0 (1.2, 3.4)	0.007
	IgA or IgM heavy chain	2.7 (1.6, 4.6)	<0.001

#### cumulative probability of progression



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Katzmann, J. A., et alLeukemia 27(1): 208-212.

# Alterations in T-cell function

Significantly decreased number of *FOXP3*<sup>+</sup> T<sub>reg</sub> cells in MGUS

Lack of suppression of T-cell proliferation by Treg cells in MGUS



# FLC abnormality %

• Abnormal FLC ratio 0.26-1.65





# FLC ratio and the risk of progression



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Rajkumar S V et al. Blood 2005;106:812-817

# Circulating PCs and risk of progression



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Kumar S et al. JCO 2005;23:5668-5674

# Smoldering myeloma paradigm





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# Progression to Symptomatic MM

• <u>Risk factors</u>: Higher M spike, higher plasma cell burden, type of M protein, Abnormal free light chain ratio, circulating plasma cells





# The progression paradigm...



# The "molecular" future...



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MYC driven MM occurs in a mouse strain that spontaneously develops MGUS (C57Bl/6), but not in one that does not (Balb/c)



Vk\*MYC generated in pure C57BL/6j strain were backcrossed > 10 times into Balb/c strain The plasma cell content (in %) of wt and Vk\*MYC mice > 60w old is shown, as well as SPEP of age matched Vk\*MYC mice in both strain MAYO CLINIC

Chesi et al. unpublished