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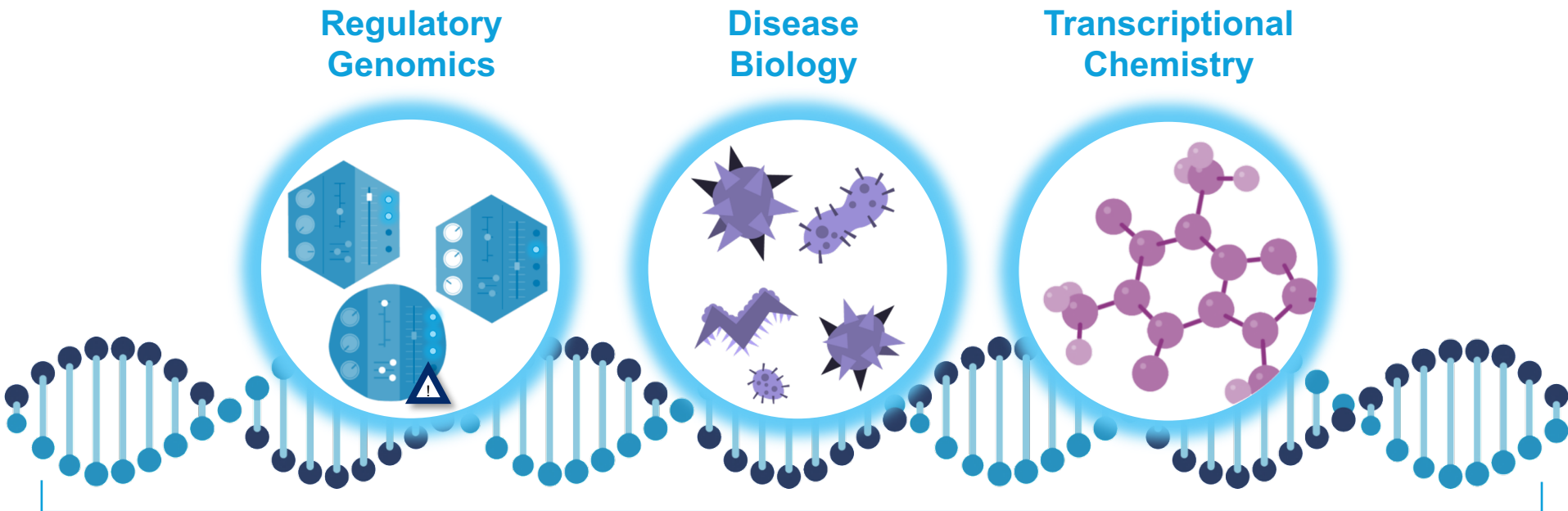
## Our Vision

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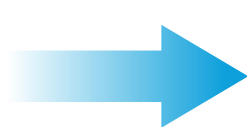
To create unparalleled value for patients, employees and shareholders by creating transformative medicines for severe disease through our world-leading expertise in gene control and our exceptional people and culture



# Redefining the power of small molecules to control expression of genes



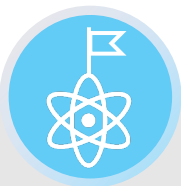
**98%** Previously unexplored regulatory regions of the genome control expression of genes determining cell function; majority of disease variation found in these regions



## Patient Impact

Medicines that control the expression of genes to provide profound benefit for patients with severe diseases

## Syros today: Clear vision, growing pipeline, pioneering platform



**Two  
clinical-stage  
programs**



**Ongoing trials  
in six cancer  
populations**



**Multiple data  
readouts in  
2020 and 2021**



**Well-funded  
with cash  
into 2022**









**Experienced  
leadership  
team**

**Leading gene control platform**



# Deep gene control pipeline

Program	Indication	Drug Discovery	IND-Enabling	Early Clinical	Mid-Clinical	Pivotal	Commercial Rights
SY-1425 (RARα agonist)	Newly diagnosed unfit AML	<div><div></div></div>					<div> N. America &amp; Europe</div>
	R/R AML	<div><div></div></div>					
SY-5609 (Oral CDK7 inhibitor)	Select solid tumors	<div><div></div></div>					<div></div>
CDK12/13 inhibitor	Cancer	<div><div></div></div>					<div></div>
Macrophage target	Cancer/immune modulation	<div><div></div></div>					<div></div>
LRF & NuRD modulators	Sickle cell disease & beta thalassemia	<div><div></div></div>					<div> Syros US co-promote option</div>
Triplet repeat modulator	Myotonic dystrophy type 1	<div><div></div></div>					<div></div>

SY-1425 is approved in Japan as Amnolake® (tamibarotene) for patients with relapsed/refractory APL

# Our vision for SY-1425 in RARA-positive patients

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## Now

Combination with aza  
Opportunity for rapid  
proof-of concept

## Next

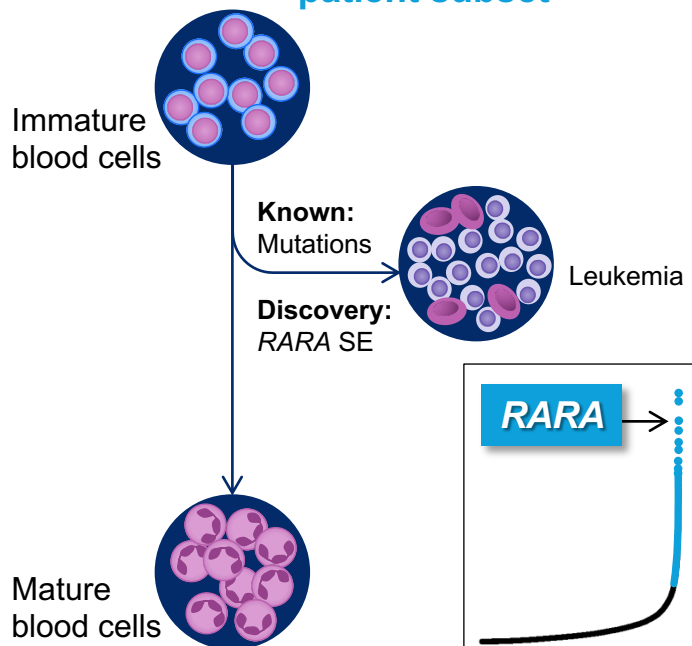
Registration studies for  
aza combo  
  
Additional combinations  
and RARA-positive  
populations

## Vision

Foundation of care for  
all RARA-positive patients

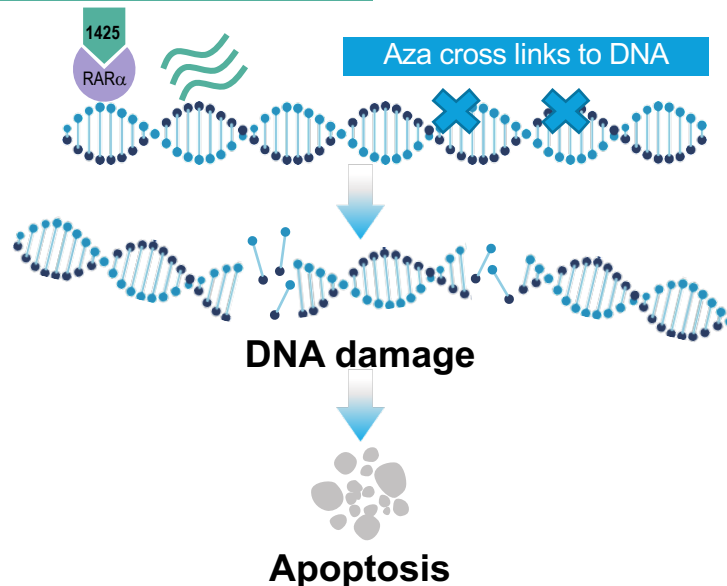
# Novel combination approach for RARA-positive AML patients

## Gene control platform identifies novel patient subset



## SY-1425 enhances apoptosis preclinically

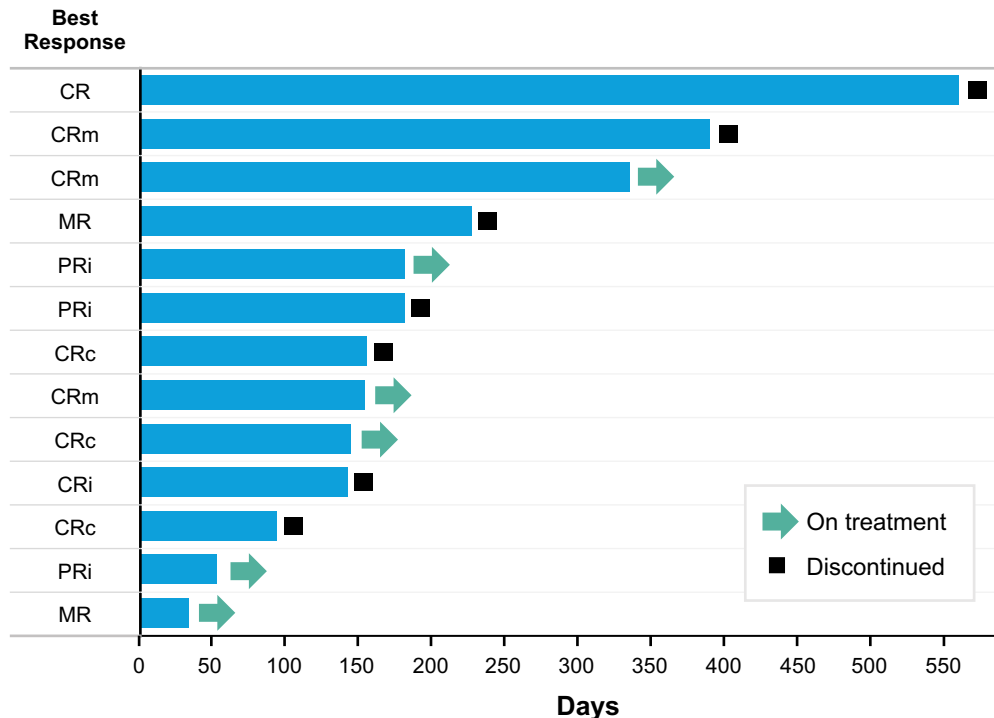
SY-1425 binds to RAR $\alpha$  and activates differentiation genes



**SY-1425 shows synergy with a range of AML therapies in preclinical studies**



# SY-1425 in combination with azacitidine shows high complete response rates, deep CRs and rapid onset of action in RARA-positive AML patients



**62%**  
CR/CRi Rate (n=13)

**54%**  
CR Rate (n=13)

**82%**  
Transfusion independence  
(n=11)

**1 month**  
Time to response

86% of CRs were deep molecular or cytogenetic CRs

Duration of response up to 344 days, with three CRs lasting more than seven months as of data cut-off

# Combination has been generally well-tolerated with no evidence of increased toxicities

Preferred Term	All Grades N = 40 n (%)	≥ Grade 3 N = 40 n (%)
Patients with an AE	40 (100)	29 (73)
<b>Hematologic</b>		
Thrombocytopenia	11 (28)	10 (25)
Anemia	9 (23)	9 (23)
Febrile neutropenia	9 (23)	9 (23)

AEs consistent with single-agent SY-1425 or azacitidine in AML

Rates of myelosuppression comparable to reports of single-agent azacitidine

Majority of non-hematologic AEs were low grade

Preferred Term	All Grades N = 40 n (%)	≥ Grade 3 N = 40 n (%)
Patients with an AE	40 (100)	29 (73)
<b>Non-Hematologic</b>		
Nausea	15 (38)	0 (0)
Decreased appetite	15 (38)	3 (8)
Constipation	13 (33)	0 (0)
Fatigue	13 (33)	5 (13)
Edema peripheral	12 (30)	0 (0)
Diarrhea	11 (28)	1 (3)
Pyrexia	11 (28)	2 (5)
Hypertriglyceridemia	11 (28)	6 (15)
Dizziness	10 (25)	0 (0)
Arthralgia	9 (23)	1 (3)
Dyspnea	9 (23)	2 (5)
Dry skin	9 (23)	0 (0)
Rash	9 (23)	1 (3)
Pruritus	8 (20)	0 (0)

# Deep CRs and high CR rates in RARA-positive patients support RARA as the optimal biomarker for patient selection

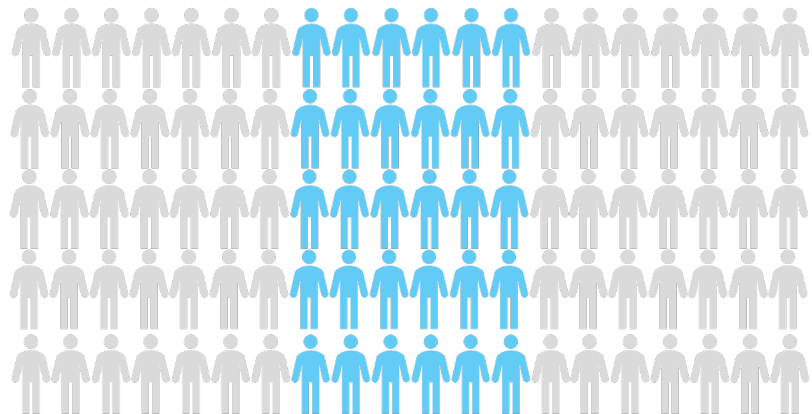
Best IWG Response	RARA Positive n (%)	RARA Negative n (%)
Response Evaluable	13	22
ORR	8 (62)	8 (36)
CR/CRi	8 (62)	6 (27)
CR	7 (54)	3 (14)
CRm	3 (23)	0 (0)
CRc	3 (23)	3 (14)
CRi	1 (8)	3 (14)

- 27% CR/CRi rate in RARA-negative consistent with single-agent azacitidine<sup>1</sup>
- RARA is not a prognostic biomarker in AML, based on analyses of TCGA, BeatAML and company data
- RARA does not appear to enrich for genes that may be associated with responsiveness to azacitidine

# Significant need for well-tolerated oral therapies that improve outcomes and quality of life

Fast-growing AML market is projected to be ~ \$1 billion this year

~30,000 AML patients in US and EU5



~30%

RARA-positive

## R/R AML

- Clinical trials are preferred treatment strategy
- Recently approved therapies target limited patient subsets, with composite CR rates in 20-35% range and duration of 4-8 months
- Survival remains low at < 6 months

## Newly diagnosed AML

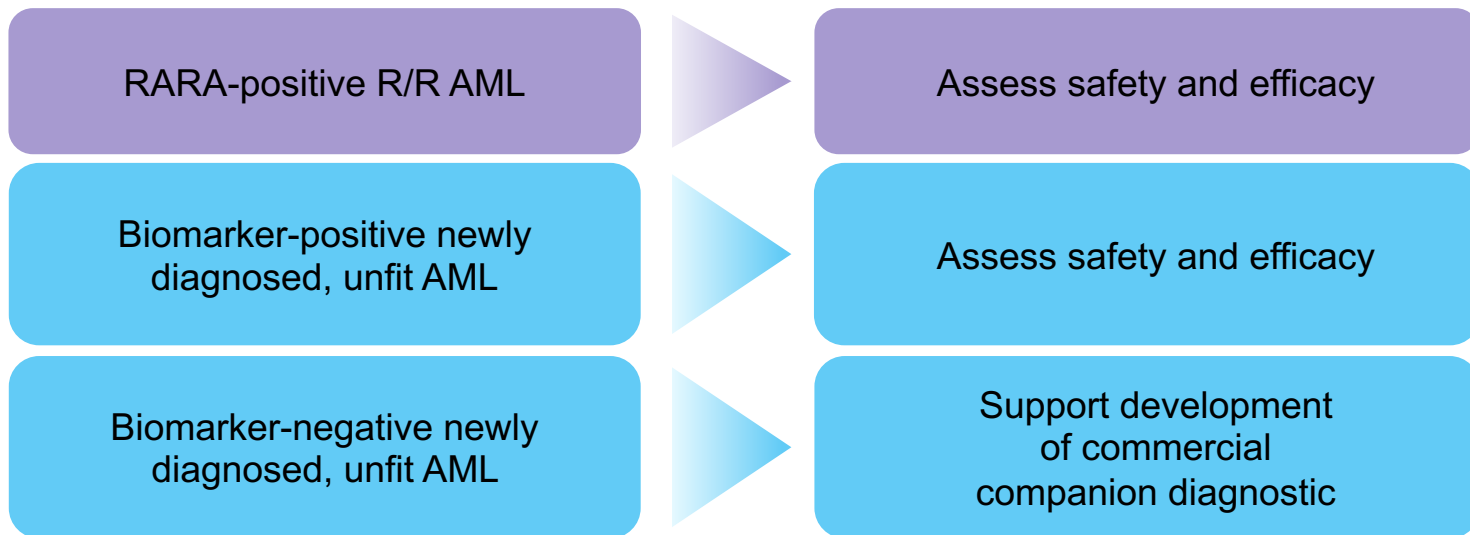
- >50% newly diagnosed patients are elderly/unfit
- Combinations emerging as standard-of-care
  - Despite high CR rates, duration of response limited

Sources: Annual sales forecast and 2018 incidence in the U.S. and the EU 5 (UK, Germany, France, Spain and Italy) from Decision Resources Group; Prevalence of RARA-positive AML patients based on data from 350 patients screened as of September 2019 in our ongoing Phase 2 clinical trial of SY-1425; NCCN guidelines AML (Feb 2018); Clinical Lymphoma, Myeloma & Leukemia, 16:625-36 (2016); Blood 120:2454-2465 (2012); Ivosidenib, enasidenib & gilteritinib USPIs.

## Ongoing Phase 2 trial with opportunity for rapid proof-of-concept

- Enrollment complete in R/R AML cohort; potential proof-of-concept data expected in Q4 2020
- Enrollment complete in newly diagnosed unfit cohorts; mature data expected in Q4 2020

### Phase 2 clinical trial design



(25-patient cohorts)

# Our vision for selective CDK7 inhibition in difficult-to-treat cancers

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## Now

Phase 1 trial of SY-5609

## Next

Initial data from Phase 1  
Explore combinations

## Vision

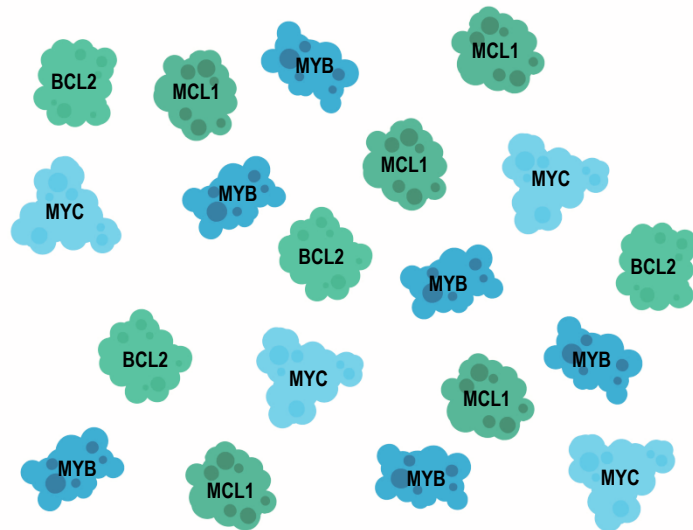
Transformative targeted  
approach for difficult-to-treat  
solid tumors and  
blood cancers



# Selective CDK7 inhibition attacks two fundamental processes in cancer

## Transcription

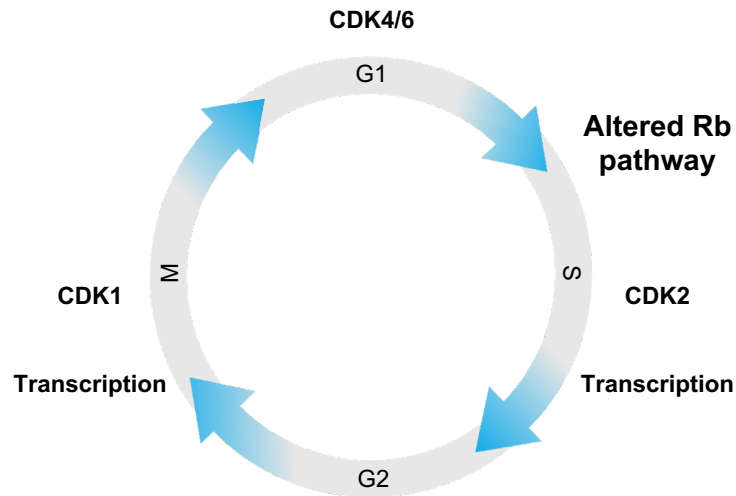
Cancer can hijack transcriptional machinery to drive increased expression of oncogenic transcription factors and anti-apoptotic proteins



## CDK7

## Cell Cycle

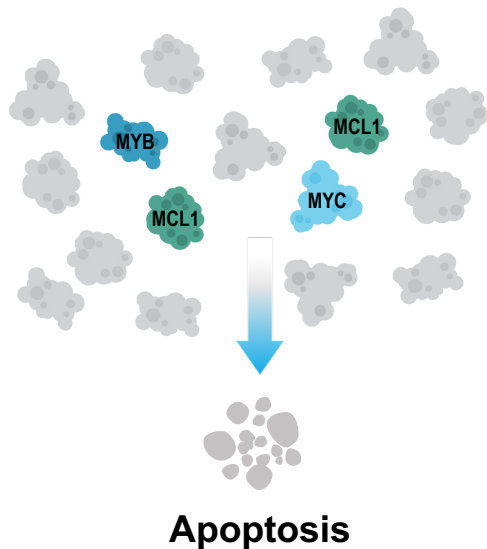
Cancer can also alter the Rb signaling pathway to progress unchecked through the cell cycle despite damaged DNA and genomes



# Selective CDK7 inhibition attacks two fundamental processes in cancer

## Transcription

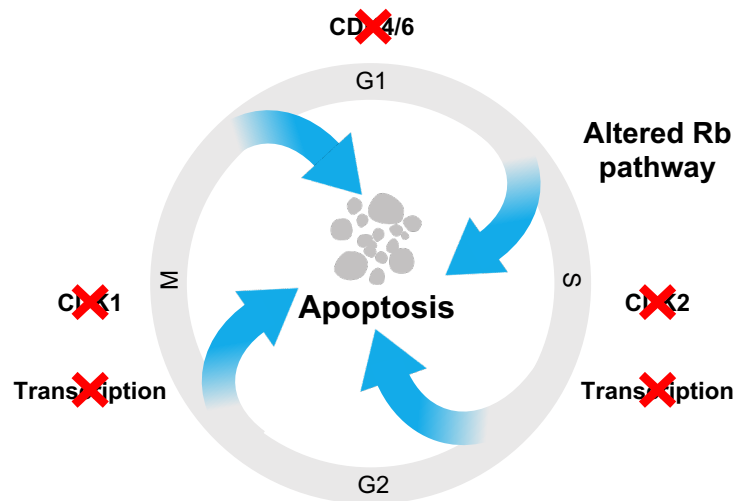
CDK7i has been shown preclinically to decrease expression of these transcription factors and proteins



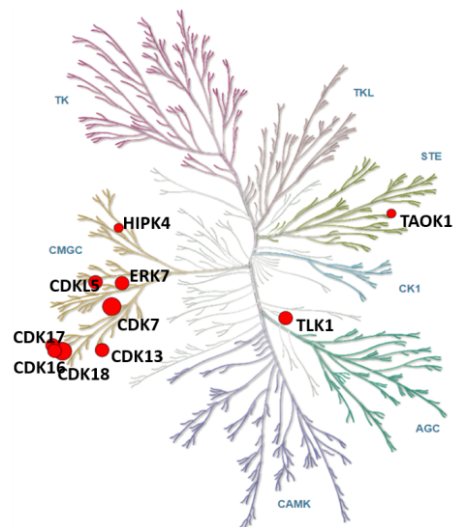
CDK7

## Cell Cycle

CDK7i disrupts the CDK and transcriptional activity needed to progress through the cell cycle

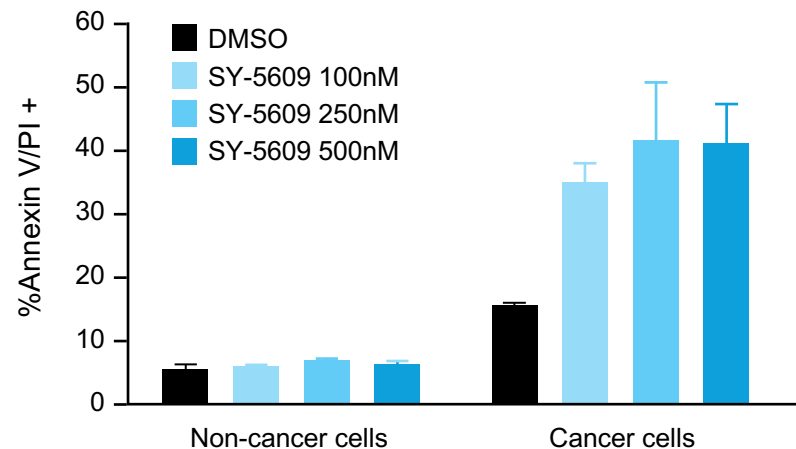


# SY-5609: A highly selective oral CDK7 inhibitor with best-in-class potential



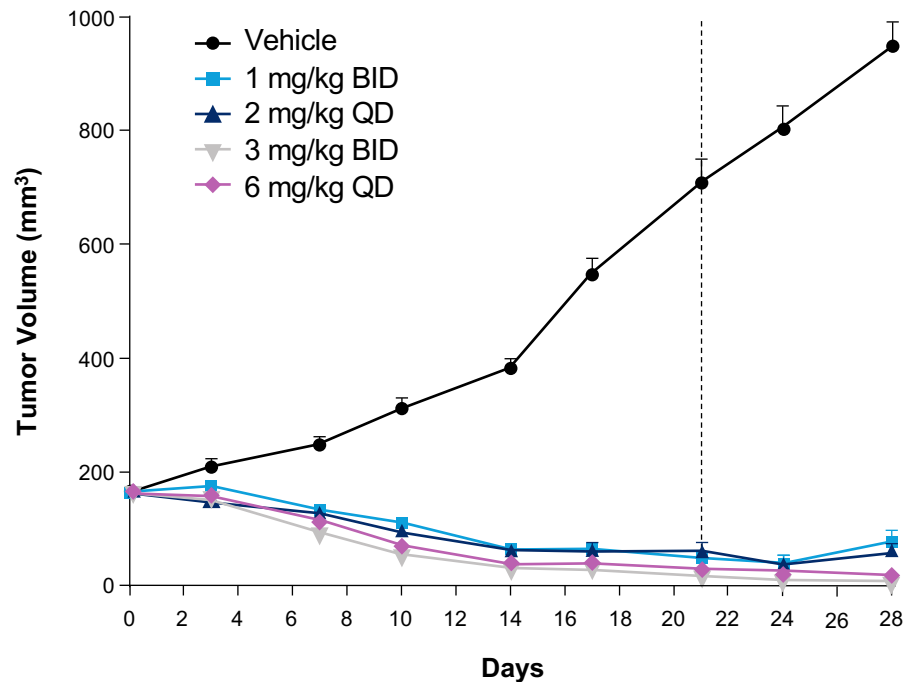
- 0.06 nM potency for CDK7
- 13,000- to 49,000-fold more selective for CDK7 over CDK2, CDK9 and CDK12
- Only 4 of 485 kinases inhibited at  $\geq 90\%$

## Induced apoptosis in cancer cells but not in non-cancer cells



# Tumor growth inhibition observed below MTD in preclinical models

## Triple negative breast cancer model

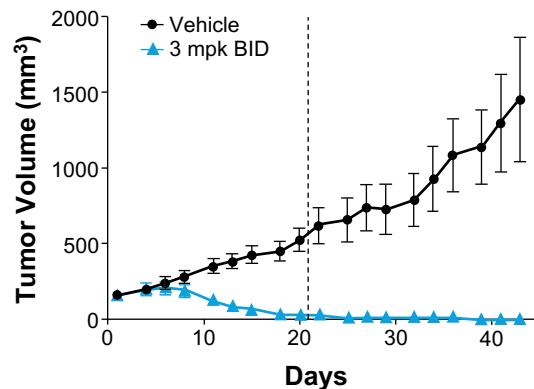


- Regressions observed at 5-fold below MTD of  $\geq 10$  mg/kg QD

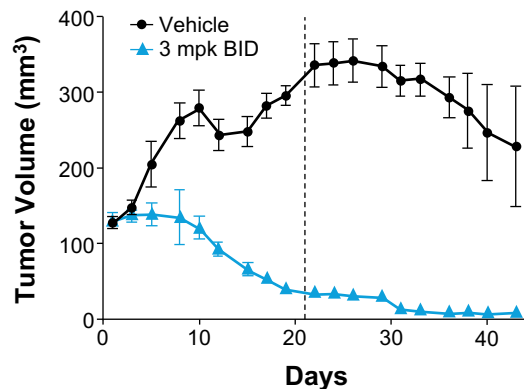
----- Dashed lines represent end of treatment

# Robust anti-tumor activity, including complete regressions, in preclinical models of multiple solid tumors

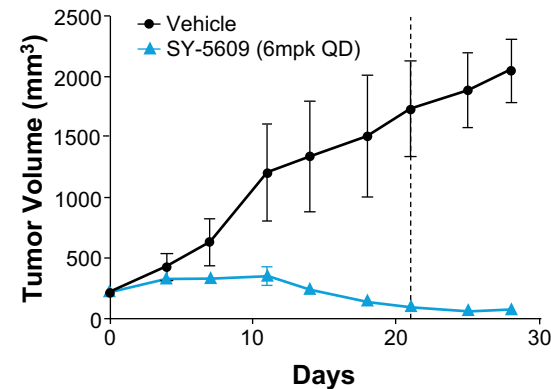
## Small-cell lung cancer model



## High-grade serous ovarian cancer model



## Colorectal cancer model



**100%** (12/12) models tested demonstrated substantial tumor growth inhibition

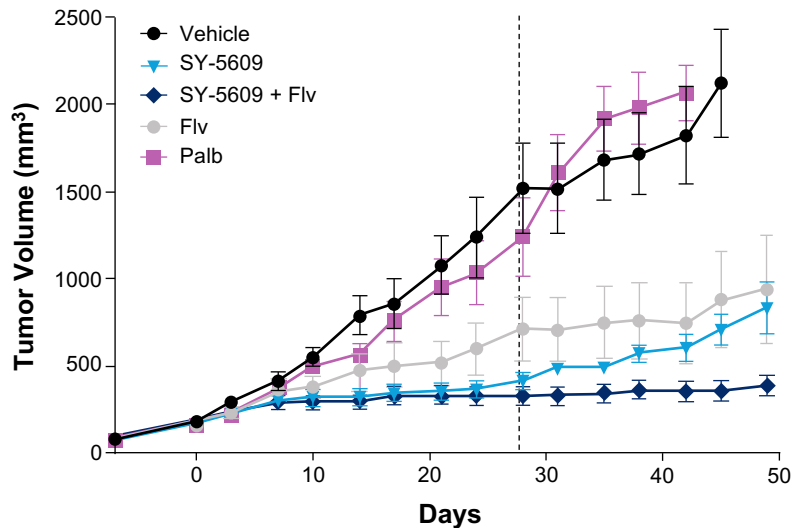
**58%** (7/12) demonstrated deep and sustained regressions

Internal company data

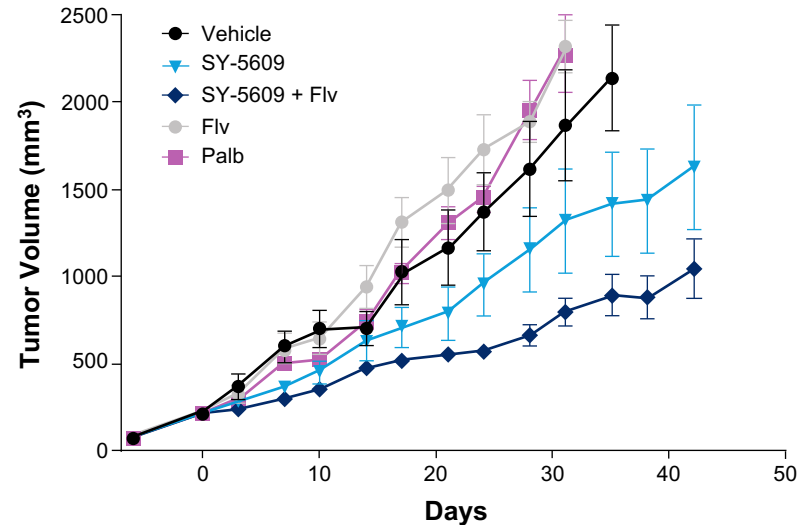
Data presented in October 2019 at EORTC-NCI-AACR Conference

# Robust responses in preclinical treatment-resistant ER+ breast cancer models

## CDK4/6 inhibitor resistant model



## CDK4/6 inhibitor and hormonal resistant model

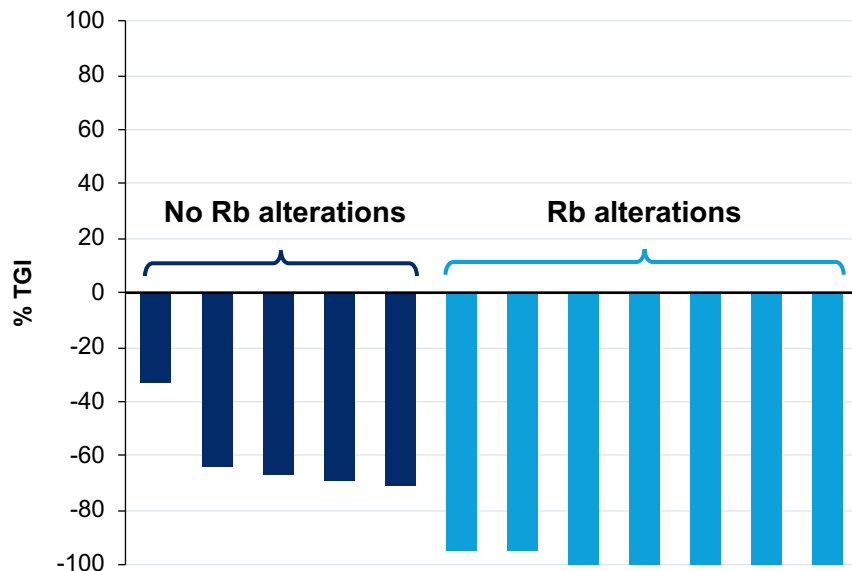


**Palb:** palbociclib, 50mg/kg once daily, oral; **Flv:** fulvestrant, 2.5mg/kg once weekly, sub-cutaneous, **SY-5609:** 6 mg/kg once daily, oral



# Deeper and more sustained responses associated with Rb alterations in preclinical studies of breast, lung and ovarian cancers

## Tumor growth inhibition in all breast, lung and ovarian cancer PDX models tested



## Supports planned Phase 1 trial enriched for populations with Rb alterations

- 29% of basal breast cancer patients<sup>1</sup>
- ~1/3 of HR+ breast cancer patients post CDK4/6 inhibitors<sup>2</sup>
- 75-90% of small cell lung cancer patients<sup>3</sup>
- 67% of high-grade serous ovarian cancer patients<sup>4</sup>

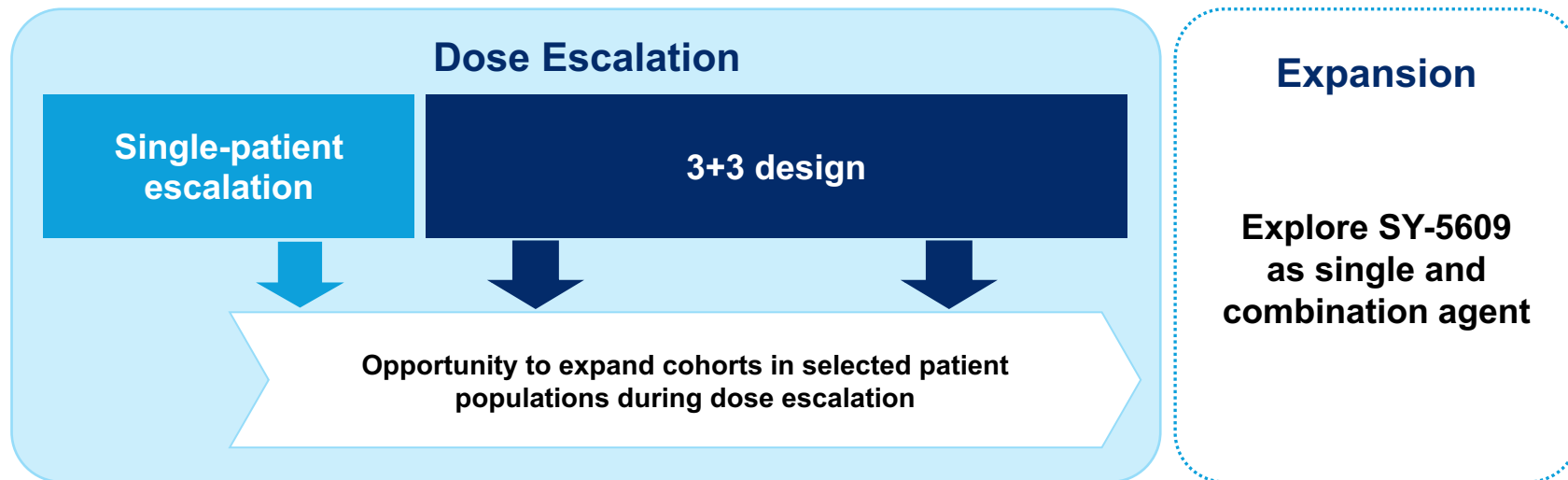
<sup>1</sup>TCGA Breast Cancer Integrated Analysis, Nature 2012

<sup>2</sup>Spring et al., San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium 2018

<sup>3</sup>Cancer Med. 2019 Apr; 8(4): 1459–146

















<sup>4</sup>TCGA Ovarian Cancer Integrated Analysis, Nature 2011

## Ongoing Phase 1 trial in select solid tumors



- Focused on breast, lung, colorectal and ovarian cancers and any solid tumors with Rb alterations
- PK/PD guided dose escalation
- Initial safety, tolerability and PK/PD data expected in Q4 2020
- Additional dose escalation data, including clinical activity, expected in mid-2021

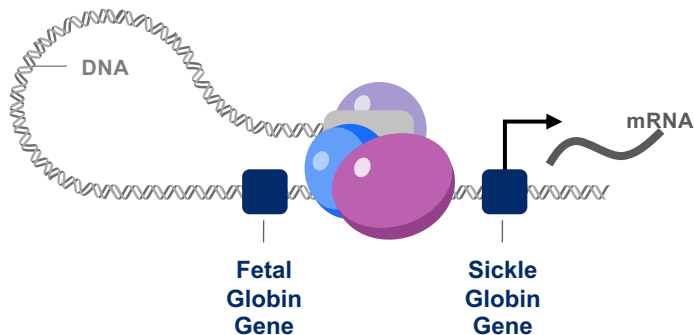
# Robust early-stage pipeline to fuel long-term growth

Therapeutic Area	Program	Target Development	Drug Discovery	IND-Enabling	Commercial Rights
Cancer	CDK12/13 inhibitor				
	Target 1				
	Target 2				
	Target 3				
	Myeloproliferative neoplasms				
Cancer/Immune modulation	Macrophage target				
Monogenic Disease	Sickle cell disease & beta thalassemia				 Syros US co-promote option
	Myotonic dystrophy type 1				

# Discovering an oral medicine to turn on fetal globin gene with aim of providing a functional cure for sickle cell disease and beta thalassemia

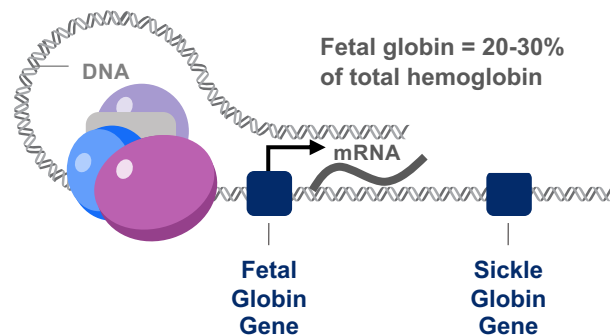
## Clinical and genetic data point to therapeutic benefit of elevated fetal globin

- SCD and beta thalassemia caused by mutated adult globin gene
- Fetal globin gene typically turned off at birth
- In some SCD and beta thalassemia patients, fetal globin stays on and is associated with milder disease



## Using gene control platform to elevate fetal globin expression

- Characterized transcriptional programs that determine globin expression in fetal and adult states
- Identified and targeting LRF and components of the NuRD complex with small molecules



# Expanding our efforts in sickle cell disease and beta thalassemia through collaboration with Global Blood Therapeutics

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- \$20 million upfront
- Up to \$40 million in preclinical research funding over at least three years
- Up to \$315 million in option exercise fee and milestone payments per product
- Mid- to high-single digit royalties on sales
- Option to co-promote first product in US



- Option to obtain exclusive worldwide license to products resulting from the collaboration
- Responsible for clinical development, manufacturing and commercialization

## Milestones expected in 2020 and 2021

SY-1425	Potential POC in relapsed or refractory AML	Q4 2020
	Mature data in newly diagnosed unfit AML	Q4 2020
SY-5609	Initiate Phase 1 trial	✓
	Initial safety, tolerability and PK/PD data	Q4 2020
	Additional dose escalation data, including clinical activity	mid-2021
Discovery	Name next development candidate	end 2021
	Robust early-stage pipeline development	Ongoing



# Rapidly advancing toward our vision

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## Now

- Driving SY-1425 and SY-5609 to key clinical milestones
- Investing in discovery to support goal of one IND every other year
- Capital to fund planned operations into 2022

## Next

- Progressing to pivotal development
- Advancing multiple programs in clinic
- Preparing for commercial launch
- Continued investment in discovery

## Vision

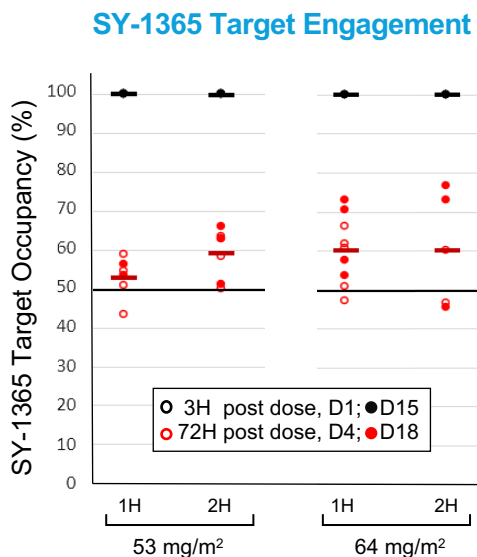
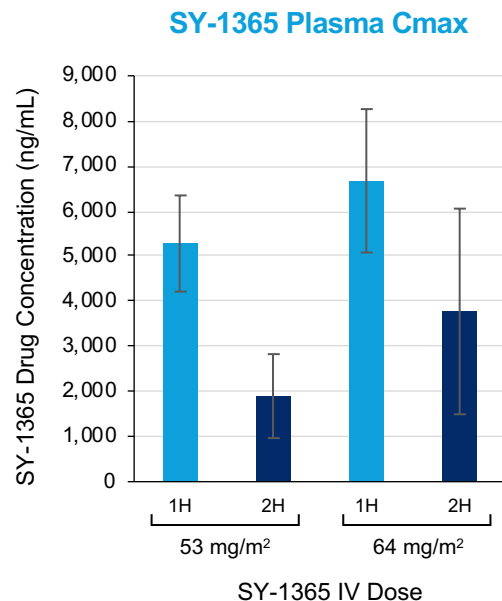
Fully integrated company with medicines that provide a profound benefit for patients

# Appendix

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# Peri-infusional AEs in Phase 1 trial were associated with peak blood SY-1365 concentrations and not CDK7 target engagement



**Infusion-associated Adverse Events (≥ 20%)\***

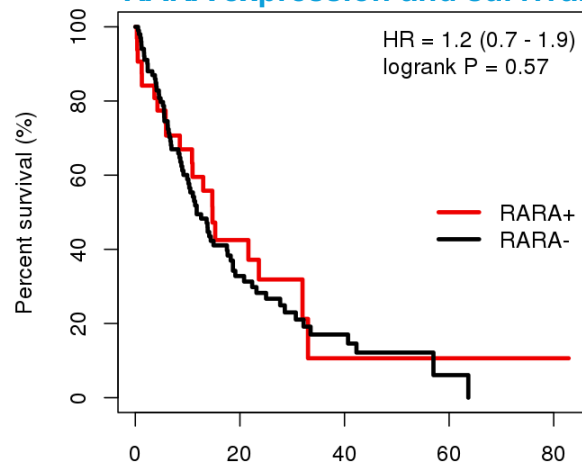
Preferred Term	All Grades n (%)		≥ Grade 3 n (%)	
	N = 31	N = 24	N = 31	N = 24
	1 hour	2 hour	1 hour	2 hour
Headache	19 (61)	12 (50)	2 (6)	0 (0)
Nausea	12 (39)	5 (21)	1 (3)	0 (0)
Vomiting	10 (32)	1 (4)	1 (3)	0 (0)

\*Includes AEs experienced in patients treated with 53 mg/m² and 64 mg/m²

Longer infusions maintained CDK7 target engagement while lowering peak drug concentrations and decreasing frequency and severity of peri-infusional AEs

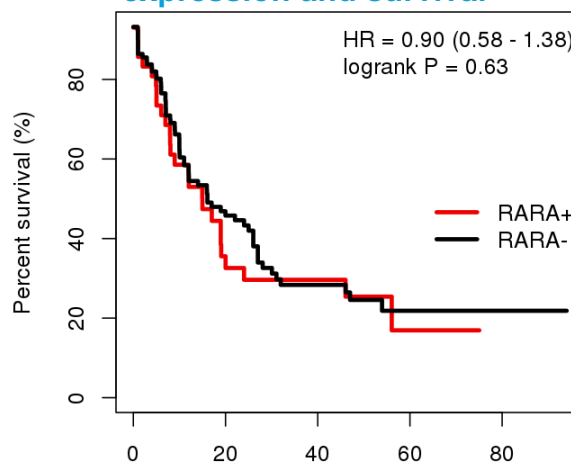
# RARA is not a prognostic biomarker in AML patients

Analysis of BeatAML Registry  
RARA expression and survival<sup>1</sup>



	Number at risk					
RARA+	32	9	2	1	1	1
RARA-	101	30	10	2	0	0

Analysis of TCGA RARA  
expression and survival<sup>2</sup>



	Number at risk					
RARA+	43	16	10	4	1	0
RARA-	118	45	20	13	4	1

- Independent analyses of BeatAML<sup>1</sup>, TCGA<sup>2</sup>, and AML patient sample analyses<sup>3</sup> show that prognosis is similar regardless of levels of RAR $\alpha$  expression

<sup>1</sup> Tyner et al., Functional Genomic Landscape of Acute Myeloid Leukaemia, Nature 2018

<sup>2</sup> TCGA Research Network, Genomic and Epigenomic Landscapes of Adult De Novo Acute Myeloid Leukemia, NEJM 2013; Expression and survival data from PanCancerAtlas portal on GDC: <https://gdc.cancer.gov/about-data/publications/pancanatlas>

<sup>3</sup> McKeown et al., Superenhancer Analysis Defines Novel Epigenomic Subtypes of Non-APL AML, Including an RAR $\alpha$  Dependency Targetable by SY-1425, a Potent and Selective RAR $\alpha$  Agonist, Cancer Discovery 2017

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