# KMT2D mutations and TP53 disruptions are poor prognostic biomarkers in mantle cell lymphoma receiving high-dose therapy: a FIL study

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# SUPPLEMENTARY APPENDIX

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### SUPPLEMENTARY METHODS

### Patients series

The FIL-MCL0208 (NCT02354313) is a phase III, multicenter, open-label, randomized, controlled study, designed to determine the efficacy of lenalidomide as maintenance versus observation in young (18-65 years old), fit, advanced stage (Ann arbor II-IV) MCL patients who achieved complete or partial remission after first line intensified and high-dose chemotherapy plus rituximab followed by ASCT. Briefly, patients received 3 R-CHOP-21, followed by R-high-dose cyclophosphamide (4g/m2), 2 cycles of R-high-dose Ara-C (2g/m2 q12x3 d) and ASCT conditioned by using the BEAM or FEAM regimen. From May 2010 to August 2015, a total of 300 patients were enrolled in the study. Cases of non-nodal MCL were excluded. All patients required to have a biopsy proving MCL, including evidence of cyclin D1 overexpression or t(11;14)(q13;q32) translocation. MCL diagnosis was confirmed by centralized pathological revision according to WHO criteria. The clinical trial, as well as the ancillary mutational study, were approved by the Ethical Committees of all the enrolling Centers. All patients provided written informed consent for the use of their biological samples for research purposes, in accordance with Institutional Review Boards requirements and the Helsinki's declaration. Clinical results of the fist interim analysis of the trial were already presented. Final, unblinded results are not available at the moment and have not been yet presented anywhere.

# **Biological samples**

Bone marrow (BM) and peripheral blood (PB) samples were collected, as per protocol, at baseline and at several time-points during follow-up, corresponding to the pre-planned time-points for minimal residual disease (MRD) analysis. To identify and quantify the rate of tumor invasion, flow cytometry (FC) was performed both on BM and PB with the following antibodies: anti-CD19 APC, anti-CD23 PE, anti-CD5 FITC, and anti-CD20. Tumor cells were sorted from the baseline BM

samples by immunomagnetic beads (CD19 MicroBeads,human-Miltenyi Biotec GmbH, Bergisch Gladbach, Germany) and stocked as dry pellets.

Tumor DNA was extracted according to DNAzol protocol (Life Technologies). Germline DNA was obtained from PB mononuclear cells collected under treatment and proven to be tumor free by MRD analysis.

# Next generation sequencing

A targeted resequencing panel (target region: 37'821 bp) (Table S1) including the coding exons and splice sites of 7 genes (*ATM, TP53, CCND1, WHSC1, KMT2D, NOTCH1* exon *34, BIRC3*) that are recurrently mutated in ≥ 5% of MCL tumors was specifically designed.<sup>3-5</sup> We also included in the panel *TRAF2* <sup>6</sup> and *CXCR4*.<sup>7</sup> The gene panel was analyzed in tumor DNA from baseline BM CD19<sup>+</sup> purified MCL cells (186 cases) and, for comparative purposes to filter out polymorphisms, in the paired normal genomic DNA (105 cases). NGS libraries preparation was performed using TruSeq Custom Amplicon sequencing assay according to manufacturer's protocol (Illumina, Inc., San Diego, CA). Multiplexed libraries (n=48 per run) were sequenced using 300-bp paired-end runs on an Illumina MiSeq sequencer, (median depth of coverage 2356x). To avoid the loss of *NOTCH1* ex 34 c.7544\_7545delCT mutation, that is included in a region poorly covered by the target design, all MCL cases were also analyzed by amplification refractory mutation system (ARMS) polymerase chain reaction (PCR).

# Bioinformatic analysis

FASTQ sequencing reads were locally aligned to the hg19 version of the human genome assembly using the BWA v.0.6.2 software with the default setting, and sorted, indexed and assembled into a mpileup file using SAMtools v.1. The aligned read families were processed with mpileup. A cut-off of 10% of variant allele frequency (VAF) was set for variant calling. Among cases provided with both tumor and paired normal gDNA, single nucleotide variations and indels were called using

the somatic function of VarScan2. The variants called by VarScan2 were annotated by using the SeattleSeq Annotation 138 tool by using the default setting. Variants annotated as SNPs according to dbSNP 138 (with the exception of TP53 variants that were manually curated and scored as SNPs according to the IARC TP53 database), intronic variants mapping >2 bp before the start or after the end of coding exons, and synonymous variants were then filtered out. The following strict postprocessing filters were then applied to the remaining variants to further improve variant call confidence. Accordingly, variants represented in >10 reads of the paired germline and/or variants with a somatic p value from VarScan2 > 3.305e<sup>-7</sup> [multiple comparisons corrected p threshold=3.305e<sup>-</sup>  $^{7}$ , corresponding to alpha of 0.05/(37'821 x 4 alleles per position)] were no further considered. Variant allele frequencies for the resulting candidate mutations and the background error rate were visualized using IGV. Among patients lacking the paired normal gDNA, single nucleotide variations and indels were called in tumor gDNA with the cns function of VarScan2. The variants called by VarScan2 were annotated by using the SeattleSeq Annotation 138 tool by using the default setting. Variants annotated as SNPs according to dbSNP 138 (with the exception of TP53 variants that were manually curated and scored as SNPs according to the IARC TP53 database), intronic variants mapping >2 bp before the start or after the end of coding exons, and synonymous variants were then filtered out. Only protein truncating variants (i.e. indels, stop codons and splice site mutations), as well as missense variants not included in the dbSNP 138 and annotated as somatic in the COSMIC v78 database, were retained.

# Copy number variation analysis

DNA profiling was performed on DNA samples derived from baseline BM CD19+ purified tumor cells using the HumanOmni2.5 arrays (Illumina, San Diego, CA, USA). Copy number status of the genes included in the targeted resequencing panel (*KMT2D* and *TP53*) was assessed after genomic profiles segmentation with the Fast First-derivative Segmentation Algorithm, as previously described.<sup>8,9</sup>

### Minimal residual disease analysis

For MRD purposes, MCL diagnostic BM and PB samples were investigated for IGH gene rearrangements and BCL1/IGH MTC by qualitative PCR. Briefly, IGH were screened using forward consensus primers annealing the IGH-V-regions and a reverse primer complementary to the JH region. BCL1/IGH MTC translocation was investigated by nested-PCR approach, as described. After direct sequencing, FASTA files alignment was performed by IMGT/V-QUEST (http://imgt.org) and BlastN tool (NCBI, https://blast.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Blast.cgi), in order to define rearranged loci nomenclature, chromosomic breakpoints, and to assess patient specific nucleotide insertions (N insertions), then used to design allele specific oligonucleotides primers for nested-PCR MRD monitoring. Therefore, both BM and PB samples were analyzed for MRD at specific time points during and after treatment.

# Statistical analysis

The primary outcome of the clinical study was progression-free survival (PFS). PFS was calculated from the date of enrolment into the clinical study to the date of disease progression (event), death from any causes (event), or last follow up (censoring). Secondary outcomes included overall survival (OS), measured from the date of enrolment into the clinical study to the date of death from any causes (event), or last follow up (censoring). Time-to-event outcomes (PFS and OS) were estimated using the Kaplan-Meier method and compared between groups using the Log-rank test. The adjusted effects of mutations and exposure variables (MIPI-c and blastoid variant) on PFS and OS were estimated by Cox regression. To compare clinical baseline features between patients enrolled in the molecular study and patients not included in the analysis, we used Mann-Whitney test for continuous variables and Pearson's chi-squared test for categorical variables. A Cox model for PFS was estimated including MIPI-c and clinically impacting genetic alterations, and an additive score was computed according to the proportion between each predictor coefficient and the lowest one. The Cox model was internally validated using 1000 bootstrap samples and the C-statistic correct

for optimism was also provided. Patients were then grouped in classes of risk according to their total score using the nonparametric tree modelling technique of classification and regression tree (CART) analysis. Statistical analyses were performed using Stata 13.0 and R 3.4.1. The outcome data for the present analysis were updated as of December, 2017 the randomization arms being still blinded.

### SUPPLEMENTARY FIGURE LEGENDS

Figure S1. Survival analysis for patients enrolled in the MCL0208 clinical trial included and

not included in the present molecular study. Kaplan-Meier estimates of progression free survival

(A) and overall survival (B) of patients with available DNA included in the present molecular study

(in blue) and of patients without available DNA not included in the present molecular study (in

yellow). The Log-rank statistics *p* values are indicated adjacent curves.

Figure S2. Disposition of identified gene mutations across the protein. Mutations identified in the

studied cohort are plotted above the protein divided into the main domains. Missense mutations are

plotted in green, stop codon mutations in red, splicing mutations in black, frameshift mutations in

red, in-frame mutations in yellow.

Figure S3. Prognostic impact of TP53 mutation and TP53 deletion. Kaplan-Meier estimates of

progression free survival (A) and overall survival (B) of TP53 mutated patients, TP53 deleted

patients, TP53 mutated and deleted patients, versus wild type patients. Cases with TP53 mutation are

represented by the yellow line, cases with TP53 deletion are represented by the red line, cases with

TP53 mutation and deletion are represented by the black line, cases without TP53 mutation and

deletion are represented by the blue line. The Log-rank statistics p values are indicated adjacent

curves.

Figure S4. Prognostic impact of NOTCH1 mutation and ATM mutation. Kaplan-Meier estimates

of (A) progression free survival and (B) overall survival of patients harboring NOTCH1 mutation and

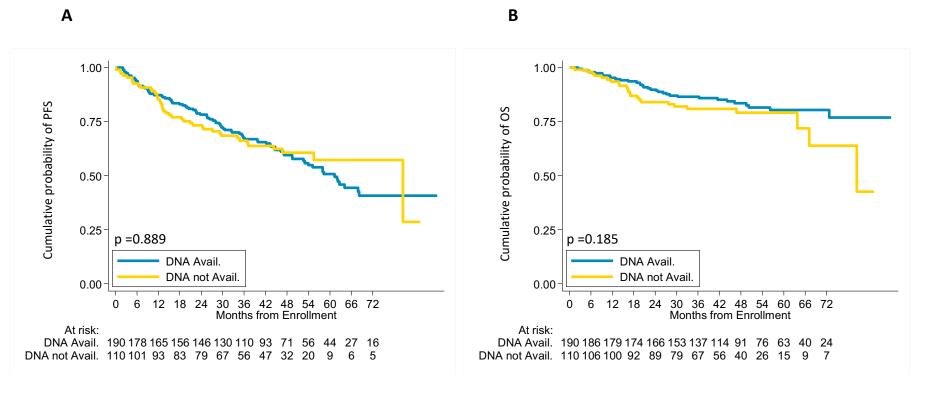
Kaplan-Meier estimates of (C) progression free survival and (D) overall survival of patients harboring

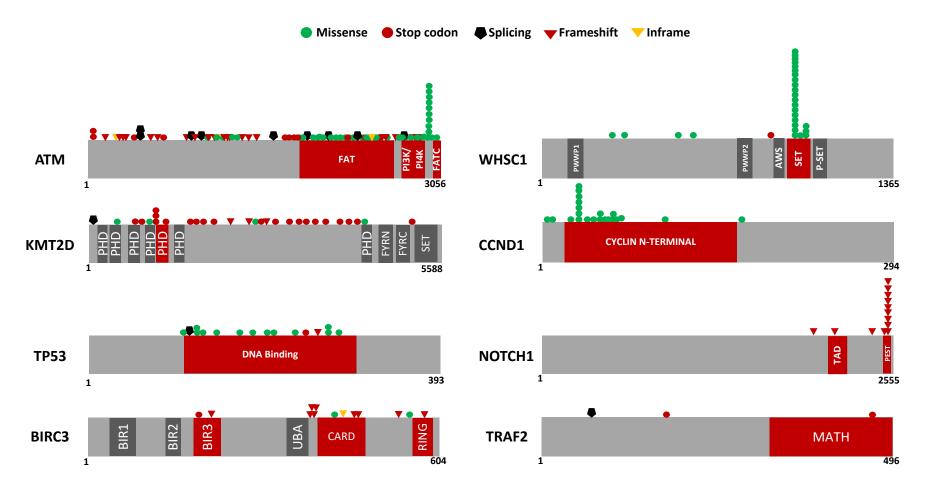
ATM mutation. Cases harboring NOTCH1 or ATM mutation are represented by the yellow line. Wild

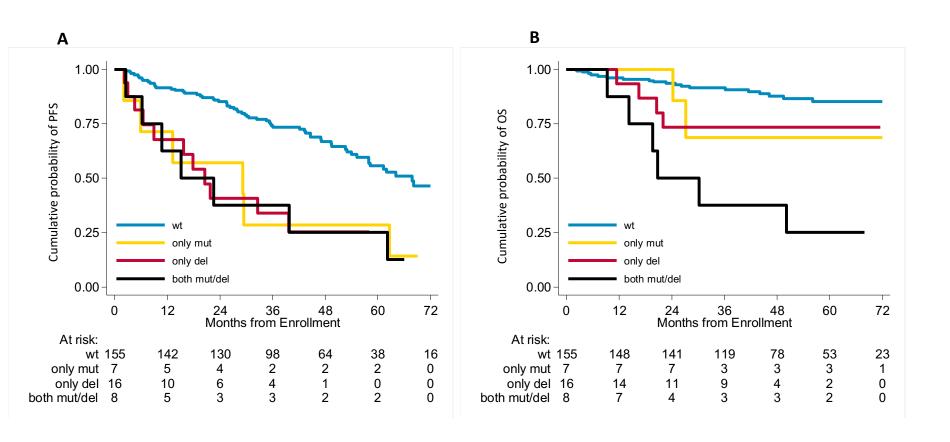
type cases are represented by the blue line. The Log-rank statistics *p* values are indicated adjacent curves.

Figure S5. Prognostic impact of WHSC1 mutation and CCND1 mutation. Kaplan-Meier estimates of (A) progression free survival and (B) overall survival of patients harboring WHSC1 mutations and Kaplan-Meier estimates of (C) progression free survival and (D) overall survival of patients harboring CCND1 mutation. Cases harboring WHSC1 or CCND1 mutation are represented by the yellow line. Wild type cases are represented by the blue line. The Log-rank statistics p values are indicated adjacent curves.

Figure S6. Prognostic impact of *BIRC3* mutation and *TRAF2* mutation. Kaplan-Meier estimates of (A) progression free survival and (B) overall survival of patients harboring *BIRC3* mutation and Kaplan-Meier estimates of (C) progression free survival and (D) overall survival of patients harboring *TRAF2* mutation. Cases harboring *BIRC3* or *TRAF2* mutation are represented by the yellow line. Wild type cases are represented by the blue line. The Log-rank statistics *p* values are indicated adjacent curves.







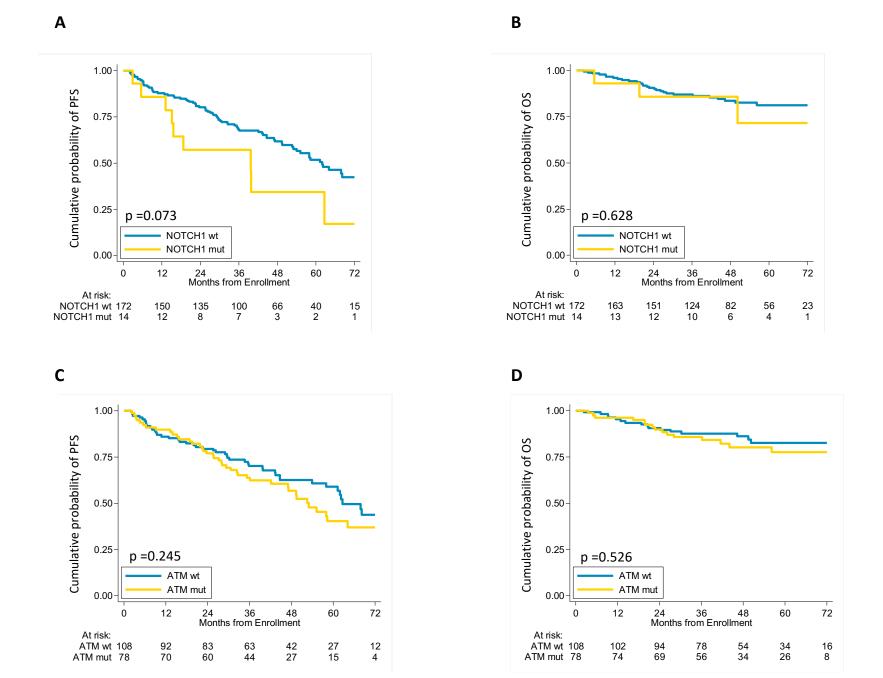
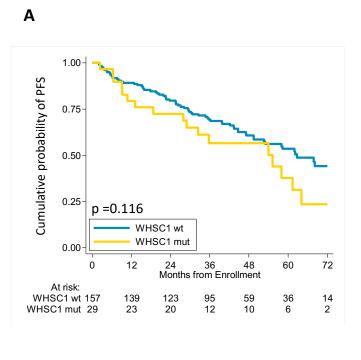
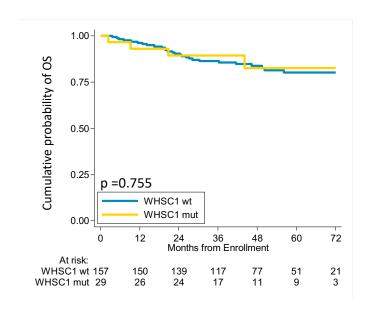
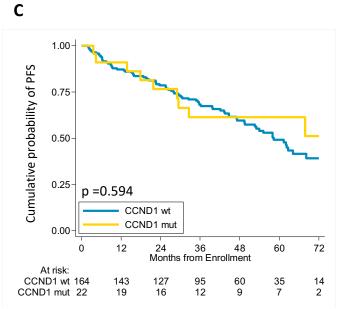


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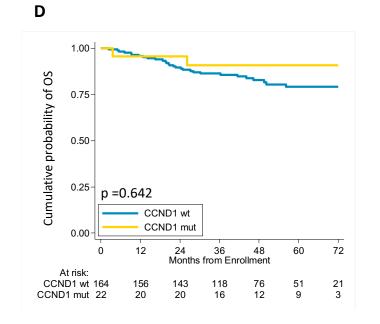
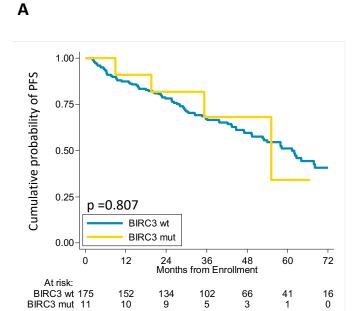
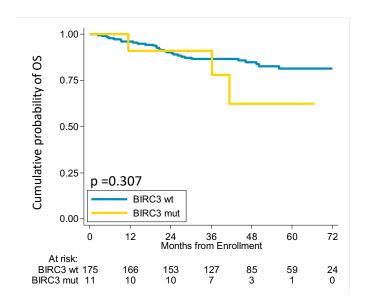
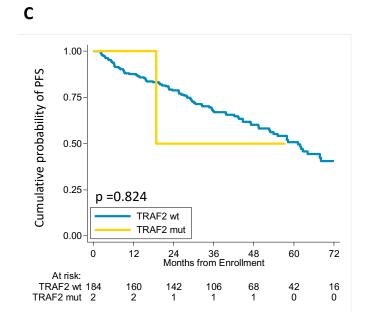


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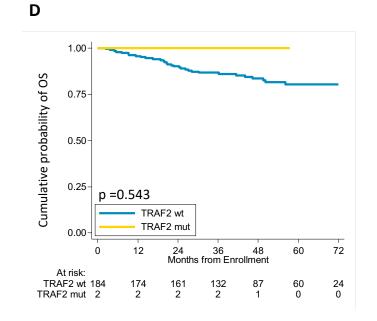


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