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Kurzzusammenfassung (deutsch)

Hintergrund: Mutationen des Transkriptionsfaktors *IKZF1* wurden in den letzten Jahren bei Patienten mit akuten Leukämien der B-Zell-Reihe (B-ALL) nachgewiesen. Neben komplettem Genverlust und Punktmutationen unterscheidet man zwei Typen von intragenetischen Deletionen: mono-allelischer Funktionsverlust (loss-of-function) und komplette Unterdrückung der Proteinfunktion (dominant-negativ). Für die große Patientengruppe von Erwachsenen mit *BCR-ABL*-negativer B-ALL gibt es nur begrenzte Daten zur Häufigkeit und der prognostischen Bedeutung von *IKZF1*-Alterationen.

Methodik: Wir untersuchten DNA-Proben von 482 Patienten mit *BCR-ABL*-negativer B-ALL, die im Rahmen der GMALL-Studienprotokolle 06/99 und 07/03 behandelt wurden, mittels PCR auf intragenetische Deletionen ($\Delta 2-7$, $\Delta 2-8$, $\Delta 4-7$, $\Delta 4-8$). Reverse-Transkriptase-PCRs (RT-PCR) wurden durchgeführt um $\Delta 2-3$ und andere seltene Deletionen zu erkennen.

Mittels quantitativer PCRs ($\Delta 2-7$, $\Delta 4-7$, $\Delta 4-8$) und Geldensitometrie wurde die relative Konzentration der Zellen mit *IKZF1*-Deletionen bestimmt. Es wurde zwischen Deletionen in einem Großteil der Zellen ("highdel") und Deletionen in nur einem kleinen Teil der Zellen ("lowdel") unterschieden. Der prognostische Effekt dieser beiden Gruppen wurde separat untersucht. Alle Deletionen wurden sequenziert und die DNA-Bruchpunkte analysiert.

Ergebnisse: 128 Patienten (27%) zeigten eine intragenetische *IKZF1*-Deletion, 37 davon wiesen mehr als eine Deletion auf (175 Deletionen insgesamt). 56 Patienten (12%) hatten nur loss-of-function Deletionen, 50 (10%) hatten nur dominant-negative Deletionen, während 22 Patienten beide Deletionstypen aufwiesen (5%). Mindestens eine highdel *IKZF1*-Deletion konnte bei 98 Patienten (20%) nachgewiesen werden.

Patienten mit einer loss-of-function *IKZF1*-Deletion zeigten ein signifikant reduziertes Gesamtüberleben (overall survival (OS) nach 5 Jahren 0.37 vs. 0.59, $p=0.0012$), während dominant-negative Deletionen keinen Effekt auf das Gesamtüberleben hatten (0.54 vs. 0.56, $p=0.95$).

In der Patientengruppe mit loss-of-function Deletionen waren nur highdel-Deletionen mit einem reduzierten Gesamtüberleben assoziiert (OS 0.28 vs. 0.59, $p < 0.0001$), während Patienten mit einer lowdel-Deletion einen klinischen Verlauf ähnlich Patienten ohne loss-of-function Deletion aufwiesen. Der Effekt der highdel loss-of-function Deletionen war auch in der Standardrisiko-Subgruppe nach GMALL-Kriterien signifikant (0.37 vs. 0.68, $p = 0.0002$).

In der Patientengruppe mit dominant-negativen Deletionen gab es keine Assoziation zwischen dem relativen Anteil an Zellen mit Deletionen und dem Gesamtüberleben ($p = 0.62$).

Die Sequenzierung von 193 Deletionen ergab eine Häufung der Bruchpunkte innerhalb vier großer Bruchpunkt-Cluster. Bei 183 der 193 Sequenzen waren sowohl am proximalen als auch am distalen Bruchpunkt kryptische Rekombinations-Signal-Sequenzen (cRSS) nachweisbar.

Diskussion: In der Patientengruppe der Erwachsenen mit *BCR-ABL*-negativer B-ALL sind loss-of-function *IKZF1*-Deletionen mit einem schlechteren klinischen Verlauf assoziiert, wenn sie in einem großen Anteil der leukämischen Zellen auftreten. Diese Patienten sollten engmaschig auf Rezidive überwacht werden. Die unterschiedliche biologische Funktion der loss-of-function und dominant-negativen *IKZF1*-Deletionen sollte in weiteren Studien untersucht werden.

Abstract (english)

Background: Mutations of transcription factor *IKZF1* have recently been reported in B-cell precursor acute lymphoblastic leukemia (B-ALL). Besides deletions of the whole gene and point mutations, there are two types of intragenetic deletions (loss-of-function and dominant-negative). For the large subgroup of adult patients with *BCR-ABL*-negative B-ALL, there is only limited data on the frequency and the prognostic relevance of *IKZF1* alterations.

Methods: DNA samples from 482 patients with *BCR-ABL*-negative B-ALL treated within the GMALL study protocols 06/99 and 07/03 were analyzed by PCR for intragenetic deletions ($\Delta 2-7$, $\Delta 2-8$, $\Delta 4-7$, $\Delta 4-8$). RT-PCR was conducted to detect $\Delta 2-3$ and other rare deletions.

Quantitative PCRs ($\Delta 2-7$, $\Delta 4-7$, $\Delta 4-8$) and gel densitometry were used to quantify the relative concentration of *IKZF1*-deleted cells. Deletions were considered either present in the majority of cells ("highdel") or in a small fraction of cells only ("lowdel") and their prognostic effect was evaluated separately. All deletions were sequenced and breakpoint sequences were analyzed.

Results: Overall, 128 patients (27%) showed an intragenetic *IKZF1* deletions, 37 of them expressing more than one deletion (175 deletions in total). Fifty-six patients (12%) carried only loss-of-function deletions, 50 (10%) had only dominant-negative deletions while 22 patients exhibited both types of deletions (5%). At least one highdel *IKZF1* deletion could be found in 98 patients (20%).

Patients carrying a loss-of-function *IKZF1* deletion showed a significantly reduced overall survival (OS at 5 years 0.37 vs. 0.59, $p=0.0012$) while dominant-negative deletions had no effect on OS (0.54 vs. 0.56, $p=0.95$).

In the group of patients with loss-of-function deletions, only highdel deletions were linked to a reduced OS (0.28 vs. 0.59, $p<0.0001$) while patients with lowdel deletions showed a clinical course comparable to patients without loss-of-function deletions. This effect of highdel loss-of-function deletions was also significant in a subgroup of standard-risk patients according to GMALL criteria (0.37 vs. 0.68, $p=0.0002$).

There was no association between the relative amount of cells with dominant-negative deletions and overall survival ($p=0.62$).

Sequencing of 193 breakpoints revealed four major breakpoint clusters. In 183 of 193 cases, both proximal and distal breakpoints were linked to putative cryptic recombination signal sequences.

Discussion: In adult *BCR-ABL*-negative leukemia patients, loss-of-function *IKZF1* deletions that are present in a large fraction of leukemic cells are linked with an inferior clinical outcome. These patients should be monitored closely for relapses. Consecutive research is needed to further investigate the different biological function of non-functional and dominant-negative *IKZF1* deletions.

Eidesstattliche Versicherung

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“BK performed research, designed research and analyzed data, NG is the study physician of the GMALL study and analyzed data, RR organized sequencing, SS performed immunophenotyping, MB provided relapse samples, AV, RW, MS are major patient recruiters, ET supervised immunophenotyping, DH is the GMALL study head, TB is the principal investigator, designed research and analyzed data. All authors approved and made contributions to the manuscript.”

Beitrag im Einzelnen:

Studiendesign: Die Idee der Studie stammt von Herrn PD Dr. Dr. Burmeister, der alle Arbeiten auch durchgehend inhaltlich begleitete und betreute. Von Beginn der Forschung an war Herr Kobitzsch an der Entwicklung des Forschungsdesigns beteiligt und machte eigene Beiträge dazu.

Herr Kobitzsch war an der Konzeption der genomischen PCRs beteiligt und etablierte das Verfahren inklusive Kontrollprimern und PCR-Bedingungen selbständig. Die RT-PCR und die quantitativen PCRs wurden von Herrn Kobitzsch gestaltet sowie deren Bedingungen im Labor etabliert. Das Verfahren der Quantifizierung mittels Geldensitometrie wurde von ihm entwickelt, ebenso wurden die einzelnen Primer für die Sequenzierung von Herrn Kobitzsch entworfen.

Datenerhebung: Herr Kobitzsch isolierte selbständig Teile des untersuchten Materials aus leukämischen Zellen oder aus archivierten Nukleinsäuren und stellte Teile der untersuchten cDNA her. Alle PCRs und RT-PCRs (insgesamt über 3000 PCRs) sowie alle quantitativen PCRs (über 500 qPCRs) wurden von ihm durchgeführt. Er bereitete

alle DNA-Proben für die Sequenzierung auf (über 190 Sequenzen) und isolierte die sequenzierten PCR-Banden aus dem Gel, die Sequenzierung selbst wurde durch das Max Planck Genomzentrum Köln vorgenommen.

Datenauswertung: Herr Kobitzsch wertete die konventionellen PCRs, die RT-PCRs und die quantitativen PCRs aus. Ebenso erfolgten durch ihn die Quantifizierung mittels Geldensitometrie und die Analyse der DNA-Sequenzen.

Die Fragestellungen für die statistische Auswertung wurden von Herrn Kobitzsch formuliert, die Auswertung der Daten erfolgte in der GMALL-Studienzentrale in Frankfurt am Main durch Frau Dr. Gökbuget.

Manuskript: Herr Kobitzsch formulierte große Teile des Manuskripts, insbesondere die Abschnitte zu Methoden und wesentliche Teile der Ergebnisse wurden von ihm erstellt. An der Formulierung der Abschnitte „Einleitung“ und „Diskussion“ hatte er große Anteile. Alle Grafiken sowohl im Haupttext (Figure 1-5) als auch im Supplement (Supplementary Figures 1-4) wurden von Herrn Kobitzsch erstellt, ebenso alle Tabellen (Table 1, Supplementary Tables 1-12) bis auf eine Tabelle im Supplement („Putative cryptic recombination signal sequences near breakpoints“).

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Loss-of-function but not dominant-negative intragenic *IKZF1* deletions are associated with an adverse prognosis in adult *BCR-ABL*-negative acute lymphoblastic leukemia

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ABSTRACT

Genetic alterations of the transcription factor *IKZF1* ("IKAROS") are detected in around 15-30% of cases of *BCR-ABL*-negative B-cell precursor acute lymphoblastic leukemia. Different types of intragenic deletions have been observed, resulting in a functionally inactivated allele ("loss-of-function") or in "dominant-negative" isoforms. The prognostic impact of these alterations especially in adult acute lymphoblastic leukemia is not well defined. We analyzed 482 well-characterized cases of adult *BCR-ABL*-negative B-precursor acute lymphoblastic leukemia uniformly treated in the framework of the GMALL studies and detected *IKZF1* alterations in 128 cases (27%). In 20%, the *IKZF1* alteration was present in a large fraction of leukemic cells ("high deletion load") while in 7% it was detected only in small subclones ("low deletion load"). Some patients showed more than one *IKZF1* alteration (8%). Patients exhibiting a loss-of-function isoform with high deletion load had a shorter overall survival (OS at 5 years 28% vs. 59%; $P < 0.0001$), also significant in a subgroup analysis of standard risk patients according to GMALL classification (OS at 5 years 37% vs. 68%; $P = 0.0002$). Low deletion load or dominant-negative *IKZF1* alterations had no prognostic impact. The results thus suggest that there is a clear distinction between loss-of-function and dominant-negative *IKZF1* deletions. Affected patients should thus be monitored for minimal residual disease carefully to detect incipient relapses at an early stage and they are potential candidates for alternative or intensified treatment regimes. (*clinicaltrials.gov* identifiers: 00199056 and 00198991).

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Introduction

IKAROS family transcription factors have been identified as key players in lymphopoiesis.¹⁻⁵ Alterations of *IKZF1* in acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL) were first described in isolated cases in the early 1990s^{6,7} but it took several years to recognize the important role of *IKZF1* in ALL development.^{8,9} The crucial role of *IKZF1* in ALL development has also recently been underlined by the finding that certain non-coding single nucleotide polymorphisms in *IKZF1* predispose to B lineage ALL development in later life.^{10,12}

The first larger studies on the incidence and role of *IKZF1* alterations in ALL were exclusively conducted on pediatric patients and revealed a prevalence of 15-30% of *IKZF1* alterations in *BCR-ABL*-negative ALL^{3,9} compared with a particularly large

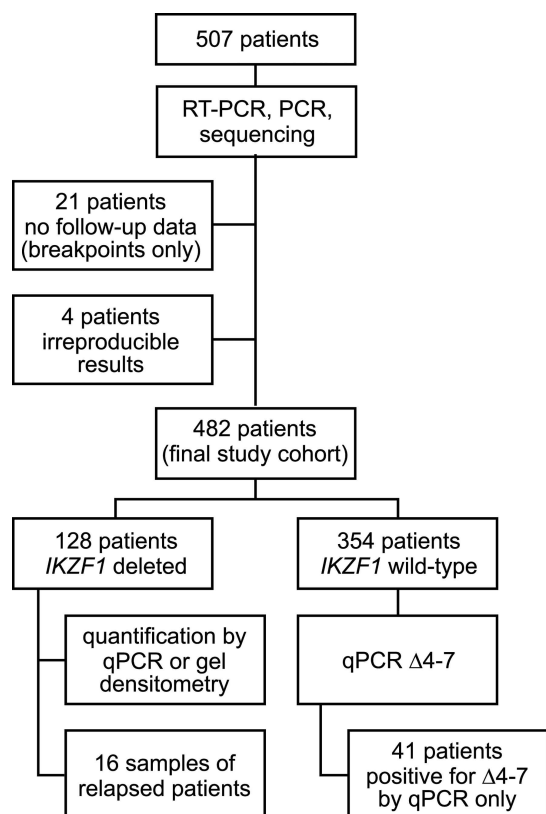


Figure 1. Flowchart of the analysis.

fraction in *BCR-ABL*-positive ALL (more than 60%).^{8,13} *IKZF1*-altered *BCR-ABL*-negative pediatric ALL patients were reported to have an adverse prognosis^{9,14-17} although this is still a subject of dispute.¹⁸ The negative prognostic effect was even found within *BCR-ABL*-positive pediatric¹⁹ and adult^{15,20} patients.

In adult *BCR-ABL*-negative ALL patients, studies suggested a worse outcome for *IKZF1*-mutated patients, albeit there have been inconsistent results concerning the prognostic impact of different *IKZF1* alterations (*Online Supplementary Table S1*).²¹⁻²⁴ Furthermore, to the best of our knowledge, the effect of multiple *IKZF1* alterations or the impact of mutation load^{25,26} has not been systematically studied in this population.

The *IKZF1* gene comprises eight exons, of which the first is non-coding. Its gene product is a 519 amino acid protein with six zinc finger domains.⁴ The two carboxy-terminal zinc fingers (exon 8) are responsible for dimerization with other IKAROS family members.²⁷ The four amino-terminal zinc fingers (exons 4-6) mediate DNA binding. Besides point mutations and the loss of the complete *IKZF1* gene, various intragenic types of deletions have been experimentally observed. Loss of two or more amino-terminal zinc fingers encoded by exons 4-6 with deletion of the binding domain but retention of the dimerization domain results in dominant-negative isoforms, i.e. an isoform able to suppress the function of wild-type protein.²⁷ Loss of exon 2 with the ATG start codon abolishes gene transcription at all and loss of exon 8 removes the

dimerization domain. The latter two have historically been called "haploinsufficient".³ Since this term implies that the other allele is still functional, which could only be proven with certainty by single cell analysis, we will use the term "loss-of-function" for these alterations.

In this study, we present an in-depth analysis of 482 *BCR-ABL*-negative patients with B-precursor ALL with regard to their *IKZF1* status. Patients were treated uniformly in the framework of the German Multicenter ALL (GMALL) studies between 1999 and 2009. We present a detailed genetic analysis and an assessment of the prognostic impact of the various *IKZF1* alterations.

Methods

Patients' samples

Originally, 507 patients with *BCR-ABL*-negative B-cell precursor (BCP) ALL were studied (Figure 1). Four were excluded because of irreproducible results, and 21 for missing follow-up data (of these only breakpoint sequences are presented).

Of the remaining 482 patients who were treated within the GMALL protocols 06/99 (n=84; *clinicaltrials.gov* identifier: 00199056) or 07/03 (n=398; *clinicaltrials.gov* identifier: 00198991), we analyzed bone marrow (n=330) or peripheral blood with peripheral blasts (n=132; bone marrow or peripheral blood not specified in n=20) obtained at the time of diagnosis between 1999 and 2009 (for blast count see *Online Supplementary Tables S2* and *S3*). Matched samples from the time of relapse were available for 16 out of 482 patients

GMALL studies

Detailed information on treatment has been published previously.²⁸ The GMALL studies were approved by the ethics committee of the University of Frankfurt, Germany, and by local ethics committees of participating institutions, and were conducted according to the Declaration of Helsinki.

Immunophenotyping and molecular genetic analysis

At the time of diagnosis, immunophenotyping and molecular genetic analysis were performed at the GMALL central laboratory in Berlin, Germany. For all BCP-ALL patients, *BCR-ABL* status was determined by RT-PCR. Other molecular targets (*TCF3-PBX1*, *ETV6-RUNX1* and *MLL* fusion genes) were analyzed according to our diagnostic guidelines as outlined previously.^{29,30}

Genomic PCR for Δ4-7, Δ2-7, Δ4-8, Δ2-8

For all patients, genomic PCR was performed using HotStarTaq Polymerase Mastermix (QIAGEN) with 40-200 ng DNA and 500 nM of each primer under the following conditions: 15 minutes (min) at 95°C, followed by 35 cycles of 30 seconds (sec) at 94°C, 30 sec at 65°C and 60 sec at 72°C. Primers were located in intron 1 (F2A ACTACAGAGACTTCAGCTCTATTCCATTTC, F2B TGATTGGATGTGTGTGTTTCATGCGTGG), intron 3 (F4 CTTAGAAGTCTGGAGTCTGTGAAGGTC), intron 7 (R7 AGGGACTCTAGACAAAATGGCAGGA) and 3'UTR of *IKZF1* (R8 CCTCCTGCTATTGCACGCTCTCGGT). For primer combinations see *Online Supplementary Table S4*. In all PCRs, a fragment of intron 7 or 3'UTR was amplified as internal control with primer concentration of 100 nM (F7 ACCATCAAAT-ACAGGTCAACAGGACTGA, product 1,257 bp) or 50 nM (F8 CCCACTGCACAGATGAACAGAGCA, product 1,229 bp). Primers were manufactured by metabion (Munich, Germany) or TIB Molbiol (Berlin, Germany) and HPLC-purified.

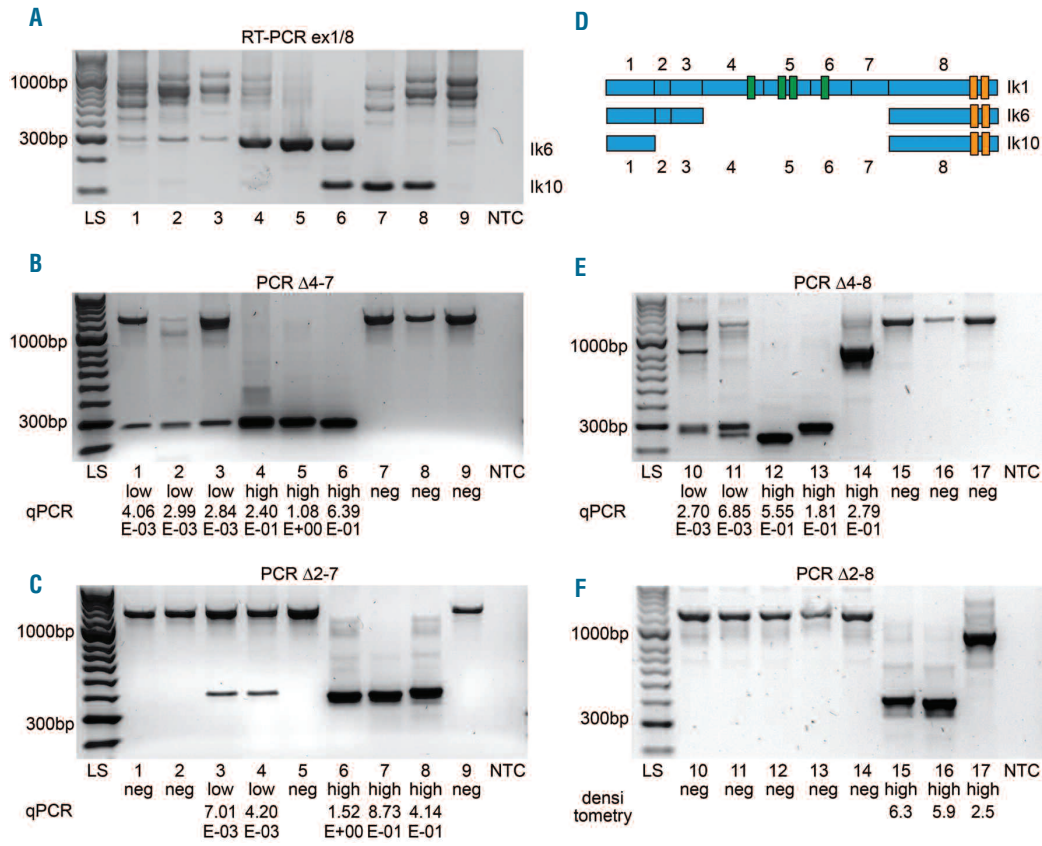


Figure 2. Detection of *IKZF1* deletions by RT-PCR and PCR screening. (A-C) RT-PCR ex1/8, PCR Δ4-7 and PCR Δ2-7 of the same 9 patients. (A) RT-PCR with primers in exon 1/8. Increased Ik6 expression in lanes 4-6 and increased Ik10 expression in lanes 6-8. Reduced full length isoform expression in lanes 1 and 7 is attributed to an additional deletion Δ2-3 in these 2 patients detected by another RT-PCR (see *Online Supplementary Figure S2*). (B) PCR Δ4-7. In lanes 1-3, Δ4-7 is present with a low deletion load; in lanes 4-6, the deletion is present with a high deletion load. Corresponding qPCR results are given below. Control band of 1257bp. (C) PCR Δ2-7 with low deletion load in lanes 3-4 and high deletion load in lanes 6-8. Control band of 1257bp. (D) Structure of the *IKZF1* transcript isoforms Ik1 (full-length), Ik6 (loss of exons 4-7) and Ik10 (loss of exons 2-7). (E-F) PCR Δ4-8 and PCR Δ2-8 of the identical patients in lanes 10-17. Control band of 1229 bp. (E) PCR Δ4-8. See double bands in lanes 10 and 11. (F) PCR Δ2-8. See variant breakpoint in lane 17.

Reverse transcriptase PCR

RT-PCR was performed with 2 µl cDNA, 500 nM of each primer and the HotStarTaq Polymerase Mastermix (QIAGEN) using the following conditions: 15 min at 95°C, followed by 35 cycles of 30 sec at 94°C, 30 sec at 64°C, and 60 sec at 72°C. Primers were located in exons 1 and 8 (RT-PCR ex1/8, primers ex1FA AAAGCGCGACGCACAAATCCA and ex8R CGTTGTTGATGGCTTGGTCCATCAC) or in exon 1 and exon 4 for detection of Δ2-3 (RT-PCR ex1/4, primers ex1FB CGAGGATCAGTCTTGGCCCCAA and ex4R GAATGCCTC-CAACTCCCGACAAAAG). Long *IKZF1* isoforms were used as internal control. Bands of unexpected sizes were excised from the gel and sequenced.

In cases where RNA was not available for RT-PCR, we used our own and the PCR described by Meyer *et al.* as genomic screening PCR.

Quantitative PCR for Δ4-7, Δ2-7, Δ4-8

Quantitative PCR was performed in duplicates either for all patients (Δ4-7) or for patients positive in genomic PCR (Δ2-7 and Δ4-8) using a Rotorgene 6000 cyler (Corbett, Concorde, Australia), the Thermo Scientific ABsolute QPCR Mix (Life Technologies, Darmstadt, Germany) with 200-250 ng DNA per

PCR and the following conditions: 15 min at 95°C, followed by 55 cycles for 15 sec at 95°C, and 60 sec at 60°C.

As DNA standard, we used the cell-line BV-173 for Δ4-7 (DSMZ, Braunschweig, Germany)³¹ or patient DNA (#100 for Δ2-7, #101 for Δ4-8). A PCR for the *HCK* gene served as internal control as described earlier.³² Oligonucleotides are given in *Online Supplementary Table S4*. Deletions were considered to be present in a large fraction of leukemic cells ("high deletion load", "high-del") when the relative PCR signal was $>10^1$, otherwise they were considered having a "low deletion load" ("lowdel"). The cut-off value was chosen *a priori* since this threshold appeared to separate samples with a high and low mutation load (*Online Supplementary Figure S1*). We used MLPA (SALSA MLPA P335 ALL-IKZF1 kit, MRC Holland, Amsterdam, the Netherlands) to correlate the cut-off values of our quantitative PCRs with MLPA deletion values. We investigated a subset of patients with qPCR signals that we expected to yield a MLPA reduction of 0.3 or more (i.e. qPCR signal of 0.6 or higher). The chosen thresholds distinguishing high-del and lowdel corresponded to 5% deleted alleles in case of Δ2-7 and Δ4-7, and 10% in Δ4-8, but the latter could equally well have been placed at 5%, since there were no samples between 5% and 10%.

In cases negative for Δ4-7 by conventional PCR but positive by qPCR, qPCR measurements were repeated and were considered

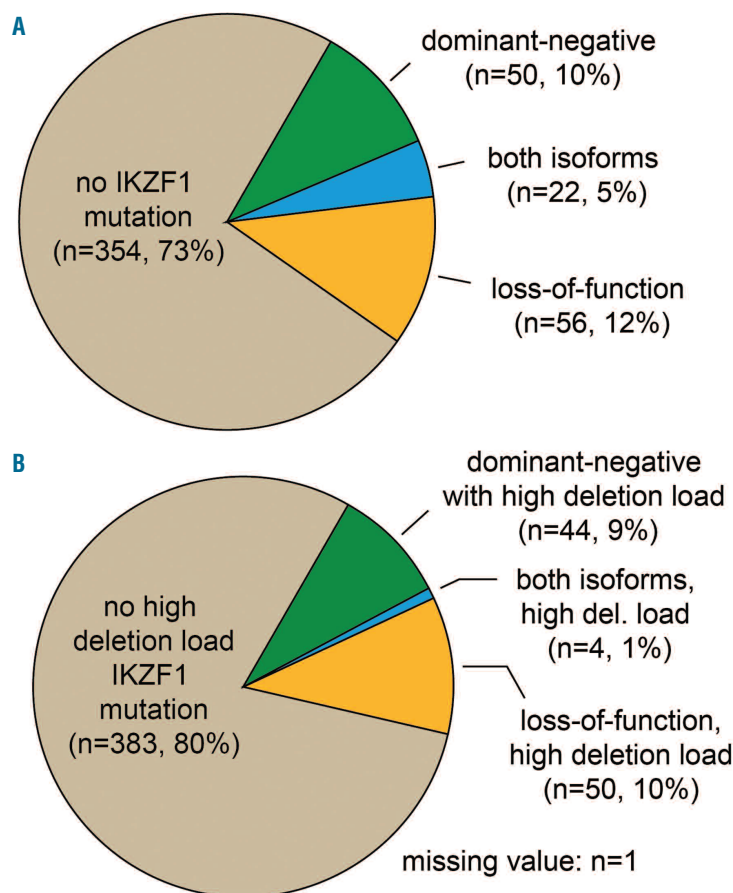


Figure 3. Prevalence of *IKZF1* deletions at the time of diagnosis. (A) Frequency of all deletions as detected by PCR ($\Delta 2-7$, $\Delta 2-8$, $\Delta 4-7$, $\Delta 4-8$) and RT-PCR (exon 1/4, exon 1/8). (B) Only deletions classified as high deletion load by quantitative PCR and densitometry.

positive when at least 3 out of 4 measurements were positive.

Gel densitometry

When no quantification by qPCR was possible ($n=41$), we assessed the relative amount of cells with *IKZF1* deletions (high vs. low deletion load) by gel band densitometry using the AlphaEaseFC v.4.0 software (Alpha Innotech, San Leandro, CA, USA). In deletions $\Delta 2$ ($n=1$) and $\Delta 2-3$ ($n=17$, missing values $n=2$), we compared deleted isoforms to full-length isoforms on RT-PCR images with a cut-off value of 0.60. In deletions $\Delta 2-7$ ($n=5$), $\Delta 4-7$ ($n=3$) and $\Delta 5-7$ ($n=1$) we compared deleted with long bands on RT-PCR images using a cut-off value of 1.20. In $\Delta 2-8$ ($n=10$) and $\Delta 4-8$ ($n=2$) we calculated the ratio of short PCR products to the long PCR control band with a cut-off value of 1.20.

Supplementary methods

Nucleic acid preparation, identification of rare genomic breakpoints (primer sequences specified in *Online Supplementary Table S5*),³³ DNA sequencing, bioinformatic analysis,³⁴ and statistical analysis are all described in the *Online Supplementary Methods*.

Results

Patients' characteristics

All 482 patients were aged between 16 and 65 years at diagnosis (*Online Supplementary Table S6*). The median age was 32 years [interquartile range (IQR) 22-47]. Two hundred and eighty-five patients (59%) were male. The distri-

bution of immunophenotypes was 111 pre-B ALL (cyIg⁺; 23%), 314 common ALL (cyIg⁻, CD10⁺; 65%) and 57 pro-B ALL (CD10⁻; 12%). Two hundred and fourteen patients (44%) were considered high risk, the remaining standard risk. All patients were BCR-ABL-negative and a *MLL* rearrangement was detected in 44 patients (39 *MLL-AF4*, 4 *MLL-ENL*, 1 *MLL-AF9*), a *TCF3-PBX1* fusion in 30, and an *ETV6-RUNX1* fusion in 3 cases.

Frequency of *IKZF1* deletions

Two RT-PCRs were used to detect short *IKZF1* isoforms (Figure 2A and *Online Supplementary Figure S2A-C*) and four separate PCRs to detect the $\Delta 2-7$, $\Delta 2-8$, $\Delta 4-7$ and $\Delta 4-8$ isoforms (Figure 2B-F). Deletions were then quantified using quantitative PCR or gel densitometry. Dominant-negative deletions ($\Delta 4-7$, $\Delta 5-7$) were compared to loss-of-function deletions ($\Delta 2$, $\Delta 2-3$, $\Delta 2-7$, $\Delta 2-8$, $\Delta 4-8$).

Overall, 128 of 482 (27%) patients carried an *IKZF1* deletion (Figure 3A). Among these patients, we detected 175 different *IKZF1* deletions. While 91 (19%) patients expressed only one deletion, in 37 (8%) patients more than one *IKZF1* deletion was detected: 2 ($n=28$), 3 ($n=8$) or 4 ($n=1$) deletions (*Online Supplementary Table S7*; for an example, see lanes 3, 4 and 6 in Figure 2).

Among the 175 *IKZF1* deletions, $\Delta 4-7$ was the most frequent ($n=71$). $\Delta 2-7$ was found in 47, $\Delta 4-8$ in 26, $\Delta 2-3$ in 19 and $\Delta 2-8$ in 10 patients. Rare deletions were $\Delta 5-7$ ($n=1$) and $\Delta 2$ ($n=1$). In summary, 56 patients (12%) carried only

Table 1. Effect of *IKZF1* deletions on overall survival.

| Type of <i>IKZF1</i> deletion | Patient group | Cases pos/neg | Overall survival | | P |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|-----------|-----------|
| | | | positive | negative | |
| Any mutation | all patients | 128/354 | 0.46±0.05 | 0.59±0.03 | ns (0.06) |
| Loss-of-function | all patients | 78/404 | 0.37±0.06 | 0.59±0.02 | 0.0012 |
| Dominant-negative | all patients | 72/410 | 0.54±0.06 | 0.56±0.02 | ns (0.95) |
| High deletion load loss of function | all patients | 54/427 | 0.28±0.06 | 0.59±0.02 | <0.0001 |
| | SR | 24/243 | 0.37±0.10 | 0.68±0.03 | 0.0002 |
| | HR | 30/184 | 0.26±0.08 | 0.46±0.04 | ns (0.06) |

ns: not significant; SR: standard risk according to GMALL; HR: high risk according to GMALL.

loss-of-function deletions, 50 (10%) had only dominant-negative deletions while 22 patients exhibited both types of deletions (5%).

We then quantified the amount of cells with *IKZF1* deletions, as a variable deletion load was apparent from gel images (Figure 2B and C). We avoided the simple terminology "clonal" and "subclonal" since we did not prove clonality in a strict sense and did not investigate clonal relationships. Instead, we adopted the terms "high deletion load" (highdel) and "low deletion load" (lowdel) for *IKZF1* aberrations present either in the vast majority of leukemic cells or only in a small fraction.

Out of 173 quantifiable deletions (n=2 not quantified), 106 (61%) were considered to have a high deletion load. At least one highdel *IKZF1* deletion could be found in 98 of 482 (20%) patients (Figure 3B). Among these, 50 had a highdel loss-of-function deletion only, 44 patients had a highdel dominant-negative deletion only, and there was a group of 4 patients expressing both deletions with a high deletion load level.

qPCR screening revealed 50 additional cases positive for $\Delta 4-7$ with a low deletion load not detectable by our conventional PCR. In 41 of these cases, the lowdel $\Delta 4-7$ was the only *IKZF1* deletion, while in 9 cases a loss-of-function deletion had been detected by conventional PCR. Patients with a lowdel $\Delta 4-7$ detected by qPCR only were considered *IKZF1* wild-type.

Prognostic impact of *IKZF1* deletions

Four hundred and twenty-eight (89%) patients reached a complete remission, 31 patients (6%) died during induction, and 23 patients (5%) had a treatment failure after induction. The overall survival was 55% at five years.

We first calculated the effect of any *IKZF1* deletion (n=128 vs. wild-type n=354) and then analyzed loss-of-function (n=78 vs. negative n=404) and dominant-negative deletions (n=72 vs. negative n=410) separately. We compared the effect of high to low deletion load and no deletion in the group of loss-of-function (n=54/23/404, missing value n=1) and dominant-negative deletions (n=48/24/410).

There was a non-significant trend towards inferior overall survival (OS) for patients with any *IKZF1* deletion (0.46 vs. 0.59; $P=0.06$) (Online Supplementary Figure S3A). Patients carrying a loss-of-function *IKZF1* deletion had a reduced OS (0.37 vs. 0.59; $P=0.0012$) (Figure 4A) while dominant-negative deletions had no effect on OS (0.54 vs. 0.56; $P=0.95$) (Figure 4B). Patients with both dominant-negative and loss-of-function deletions showed a clinical course comparable to loss-of-function deletions only (Online Supplementary Figure S3B). Analysis of the amount of *IKZF1*-deleted cells showed that the inferior survival in

loss-of-function deletions was an effect of highdel loss-of-function deletions only (Figure 4C). Lowdel loss-of-function deletions did not influence the clinical course. In dominant-negative deletions, OS was not associated with the relative amount of *IKZF1*-deleted cells (Figure 4D).

Patients with highdel loss-of-function deletions showed a reduced OS (0.28 vs. 0.59; $P<0.0001$) (Table 1). In subgroups according to risk stratification, highdel loss-of-function *IKZF1* deletions conferred a negative prognostic effect on standard-risk patients (0.37 vs. 0.68; $P=0.0002$), while in high-risk patients, the trend towards inferior OS narrowly missed statistical significance (0.26 vs. 0.46; $P=0.06$).

Clinico-biological characteristics of patients with *IKZF1* deletions

Patients with *IKZF1* deletion showed a common immunophenotype significantly more often than patients without *IKZF1* deletions (98 in 128, 77%, vs. 216 in 354, 61%; $P=0.0064$). The former were also significantly more likely to be CD34-positive (112 in 127, 88%, vs. 209 of 353, 59%; $P<0.0001$; n=2 CD34 N/A). The occurrence of *IKZF1* deletions was not associated with patients' age, gender, WBC or GMALL risk group, neither for all deletions (Online Supplementary Table S8) nor for different types of deletion (Online Supplementary Table S9).

TCF3-PBX1 and *IKZF1* deletions were mutually exclusive (0 of 30 *TCF3-PBX1*⁺ vs. 64 of 250 *TCF3-PBX1*⁻; $P=0.0004$). One in 3 *ETV6-RUNX1*-positive patients showed an *IKZF1* deletion. There was a trend towards a lower frequency of *IKZF1* deletions in *MLL*-positive patients (7 of 44 *MLL*⁺, 16% vs. 7 of 26 *MLL*⁻, 26%; $P=0.3556$).

Oligoclonality is more common in loss-of-function deletions

Some patients showed more than one *IKZF1* deletion (e.g. $\Delta 2-7$ and $\Delta 4-7$). Forty out of 175 deletions (23%) showed more than one chromosomal breakpoint resulting in the same type of RNA transcript. This oligoclonality may arise from multiple alterations in a single hyperdiploid clone or from alterations in different clones. This was evident either by gel electrophoresis (9 patients; see lanes 9-10 in Figure 2E and F) or by multiple sequences in chromatograms (2 breakpoints in 5 patients, Figure 5A; more than two breakpoints in 26 patients, Figure 5B). This kind of oligoclonal pattern occurred more often in loss-of-function deletions (31 of 103 deletions, 30%) compared with dominant-negative (9 of 72, 13%; $P=0.0064$).

Breakpoint sequences

Sequencing of 193 breakpoints revealed four clusters

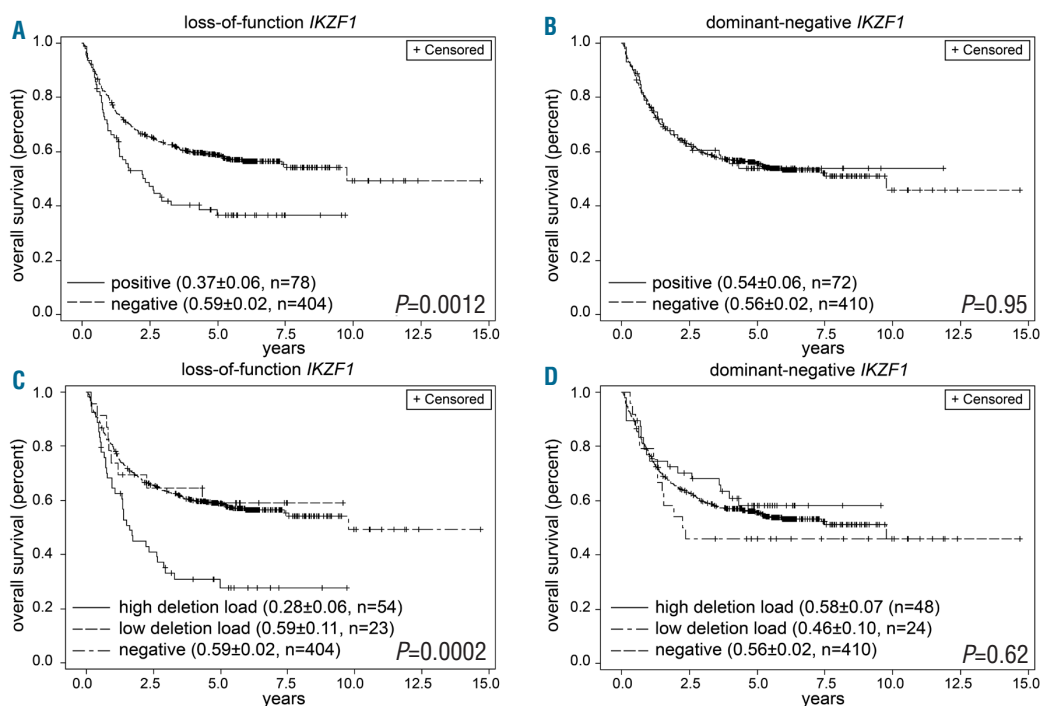


Figure 4. Overall survival (OS) depending on IKZF1 deletions. (A) OS of patients with loss-of-function IKZF1 deletions. (B) OS of patients with dominant-negative deletions. (C) OS of patients with high or low deletion load loss-of-function IKZF1 deletions. (D) OS of patients with high or low deletion load dominant-negative IKZF1 deletions.

(Figure 5C; for all breakpoints see *Online Supplementary Table S10*). In intron 1, 66 of 83 were located within 30bp. In intron 3, 106 of 108 proximal breakpoints were located within 40bp. All 132 distal breakpoints in intron 7 clustered within 43bp. Thirty-six of 42 breakpoints in the 3'UTR region were located in a 27bp region, and an additional 5 breakpoints clustered around 500bp proximally.

The remaining 17 breakpoints in intron 1 were more diverse, covering a region of 7kb. Distal (3') breakpoints in intron 3 ($\Delta 2-3$) were scattered all over the 40kb intron. In 183 of 193 (95%) molecularly characterized breakpoints, putative cryptic recombination signal sequences, either with 23bp or 12bp spacer, were identified at both breakpoint sites (5' and 3'). This was the case for the four major breakpoint clusters (Figure 5 and *Online Supplementary Table S11*) but also true for the majority of the atypical breakpoints in intron 1 and 3. In 10 of 25 atypical breakpoints, only one cRSS could be identified (8 only on the 3' site, 2 only on the 5' site) (*Online Supplementary Table S11*). There was no evidence of somatic hypermutation near the break sites.

Detection of deletions by RT-PCR

In 13 of 17 patients positive for $\Delta 2-3$ in RT-PCR ex1/4, a genomic breakpoint could be identified by Meyer's PCR (*Online Supplementary Figure S2A*).³³ In the remaining 4 patients, breakpoints were identified by a newly developed PCR (*Online Supplementary Figure S2B*). We also identified $\Delta 2$ once by RT-PCR ex1/4 and confirmed the genomic deletion. One patient expressed isoform $\Delta 2-4$ in RT-PCR ex1/8 but we could only find a deletion $\Delta 2-3$ on the genomic level and no deletion $\Delta 2-4$ or $\Delta 4$.

RT-PCR revealed 3 patients positive for Ik10 (lacking

exons 2-7) but negative for $\Delta 2-7$ by genomic PCR due to a more proximal 5' breakpoint (*Online Supplementary Figure S4A*). In all 70 cases of RT-PCR positive for Ik6 (lacking exons 4-7) and negative for Ik6 Δ (lacking exons 4-7 but with an additional 60 bp cryptic exon 3b),^{7,35} genomic PCR was positive for deletion $\Delta 4-7$. In one patient with Ik6 and Ik6 Δ we found two deletions $\Delta 4-7$, one with common breakpoints, one with a 5' breakpoint distal to the 60bp insert (*Online Supplementary Figure S4B*). The second patient with Ik6/Ik6 Δ showed only a deletion $\Delta 5-7$ that was supposedly the reason for overexpression of Ik6 and Ik6 Δ (*Online Supplementary Figure S4C*).

Comparison between diagnosis and relapse

DNA at the time of relapse was available from 16 patients carrying 20 IKZF1 deletions. Four in 7 (57%) $\Delta 4-7$ and 9 in 13 (69%) loss-of-function deletions were conserved ($P=0.65$) (*Online Supplementary Table S12*). Eleven in 15 (73%) highdel and 1 in 4 lowdel deletions were conserved ($P=0.12$; 1 deletion not quantified). All genomic breakpoints were identical at the time of diagnosis and relapse. No newly acquired deletion $\Delta 2-7$, $\Delta 2-7$, $\Delta 4-7$ or $\Delta 4-8$ could be detected in relapse samples. We also investigated 5 relapse samples from patients who had shown a lowdel $\Delta 4-7$ IKZF1 deletion at diagnosis, detectable only by quantitative PCR. None of these cases evolved into a major clone, i.e. with high deletion load at relapse.

Discussion

IKZF1 alterations have been recognized as recurrent aberrations in B precursor ALL but their prognostic impact

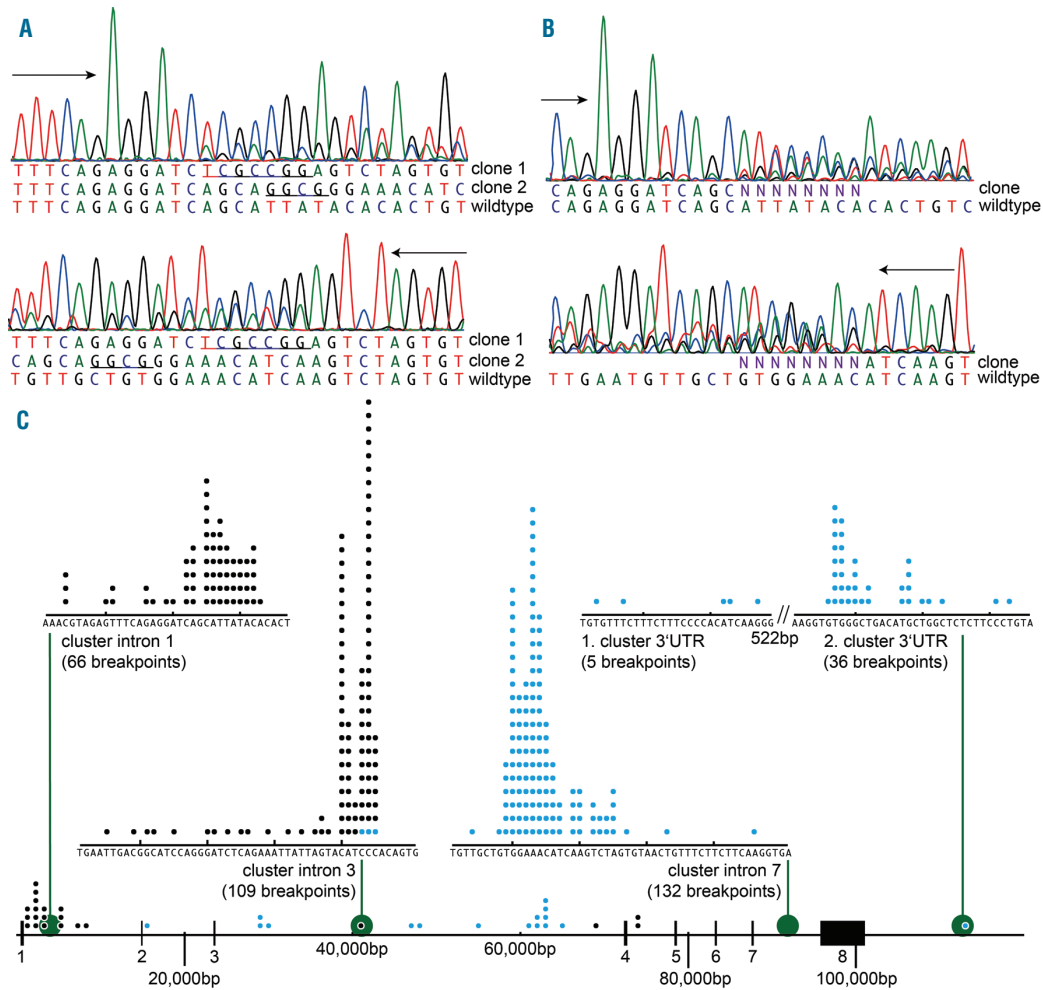


Figure 5. Distribution of *IKZF1* breakpoints and clonality of deletions. (A) Chromatogram of patient #189 showing two distinguishable clones (sequenced sense and antisense reverse complement). (B) Chromatogram of patient #395 showing oligoclonality at the breakpoint junction in both sequencing directions. (C) Distribution of breakpoints in the *IKZF1* gene locus. Proximal breakpoints are shown in black, distal breakpoints in blue. There are four major breakpoint clusters within intron 1, 3, 7 and 3'UTR of *IKZF1*.

in adult ALL is still not well defined. Two major studies involving more than 200 patients have focused on the prognostic impact in *BCR-ABL*-negative adult BCP ALL.

Moorman *et al.*²¹ investigated 304 patients and found *IKZF1* deleted patients (29%) to have a lower OS, but this was only seen in a univariate analysis. The authors stated cautiously that "there was evidence to suggest that the poor outcome was not linked to the expression of the IK6 isoform but rather to other types of *IKZF1* deletions".²¹ Beldjord *et al.*²² investigated 216 younger adults and observed a significantly higher cumulative incidence of relapse in patients with focal *IKZF1* alterations (25%) but not with whole gene deletion. No statistically significant difference between patients with different focal alterations was observed.

Our present study included 482 homogenously treated patients and revealed *IKZF1* alterations in 128 cases. The incidence of focal deletions (27%) was comparable to both studies mentioned above. Our study is the first to systematically address the issue of *IKZF1* mutation load

and its implications for prognosis on a larger scale. This is of diagnostic interest if *IKZF1* alterations are to be used as molecular markers for risk stratification and/or for detecting minimal residual disease.^{15,26} Ninety-eight patients revealed a high deletion load *IKZF1* aberration while 29 patients showed low deletion load *IKZF1* alterations only (n=1 not quantified). Regarding clinical implications, only high deletion load loss-of-function *IKZF1* alterations were of prognostic relevance and conferred an adverse prognosis while low deletion load *IKZF1* alterations or dominant-negative *IKZF1* alterations did not have a prognostic effect.

In animal studies, double *IKZF1* knock-out mice show a total absence of B cells.³⁶ Mice with only *IKZF1* deletions did not develop BCP ALL, but haploinsufficiency of *IKZF1* in *BCR-ABL*-transgenic mice significantly accelerated the development of BCP ALL.³⁷ Current evidence suggests that *IKZF1* alterations alone are not sufficient to cause leukemia in humans but are an important co-factor or secondary event in the development and acceleration of ALL

disease.

It may seem unexpected that the loss of one *IKZF1* allele without apparent functional alteration of the other allele should have such a significant prognostic effect. However, this is supported by the above mentioned mouse model of Virely *et al.*³⁷ The observation that loss-of-function *IKZF1* deletions frequently occur in a small fraction of cells, but only seem to have an impact on prognosis if they are found in a large fraction, requires some explanation. A hypothetical explanation is the assumption that RAG-mediated *IKZF1* deletions occur sporadically during all stages of B-cell maturation because of the ongoing process of VDJ recombination.^{38,39} However, only those *IKZF1* aberrations occurring at a very early maturation stage are thought to result in a cell phenotype with the full capacity of self-renewal, i.e. a "leukemia stem cell phenotype".⁴⁰ *IKZF1* alterations occurring at later stages of B-cell maturation should result in low deletion load aberrations.

The extremely narrow clustering of breakpoints in regions comprising only a few nucleotides strongly argues in favor of a specific mechanism. The analysis of the breakpoint junctions revealed four breakpoint clusters in the vicinity of recombination signal sequences suggestive of a break mechanism involving the immunoglobulin VDJ recombination enzyme complex. RAG1 and RAG2 and other genes involved in VDJ rearrangement are not expressed at a very early stage of differentiation but only after lymphoid commitment,⁴¹ which would be in line with the assumption that *IKZF1* deletions are a later event in the path towards the malignant phenotype. The fact that cRSS could not be identified in 10 out of 193 breakpoints may be explained by limitations of the RSSsite software, since some of these breaks occurred in near vicinity,

suggesting a specific mechanism.

The PCR method used in this study has the advantage that it can also detect *IKZF1* alterations in a small fraction of leukemic cells, which is not possible when using MLPA.²⁶ Since we analyzed the final *IKZF1* cDNA transcript, we were in principle also able to detect deletions or aberrant splice isoforms arising from alterations involving only a few nucleotides that would escape detection by MLPA. However, MLPA has the advantage of also detecting whole gene deletions that are not detectable with our PCR-based approach. As long as there are no reliable PCR-based detection methods for the former, and given the fact that low deletion load alterations are prognostically irrelevant, we consider MLPA to be a suitable detection method.

To summarize, we detected partial *IKZF1* gene deletions in approximately 27% of cases of adult *BCR-ABL*-negative adult ALL. Only high deletion load loss-of-function *IKZF1* alterations, but not dominant-negative *IKZF1* alterations, had negative prognostic implications and should thus be monitored closely, while those that were found in a small fraction of cells did not influence prognosis. We report extensive molecular data on these alterations which should help to establish suitable diagnostic methods for their detection and which shed additional light on the molecular pathogenesis.

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Nucleic acid preparation

DNA and RNA were prepared by TRIzol (Life Technologies, Darmstadt, Germany) or by AllPrep DNA/RNA (QIAGEN, Hilden, Germany). TRIzol DNA was purified using DNA Clean & Concentrate (Zymo Research, Freiburg, Germany). Reverse transcription was performed using between 150ng-1µg RNA, either by Ready-To-Go You-Prime First-Strand Beads (GE Healthcare Europe, Freiburg, Germany) or by Transcriptor First Strand cDNA Synthesis Kit (Roche, Mannheim, Germany).

Identification of rare genomic breakpoints

To identify genomic breakpoints in patients positive for $\Delta 2-3$ in RT-PCR ex1/4 we used the multiplex PCR by Meyer et al.¹ with all 16 primers at 150 nM and the FastStart High Fidelity PCR System kit (Roche) under the following conditions: 2 min at 94°C, 10 cycles of 10 sec at 94°C, 30 sec at 64°C, 5 min at 68°C followed by 25 cycles with additional 20 sec elongation for each cycle. Cases negative in this PCR were further investigated with a different PCR $\Delta 2-3B$ (forward primer by Meyer and reverse primers I3-R1A GTCCTTTGCACTGATGACTTATTCCCATG, I3-R1B CATCTGGGTTTGGATATGTTTCATGCTGAC, I3-R1C CTACCCTGTAAATACCATCCCCTAGTCC, I3-R13B CACTGACAGACAAGAAGTTAGCTGAGG, with 250 nM of each primer).

In cases with atypical RT-PCR products, breakpoints were identified using primers as specified in Supplemental Methods (Tables S4-5). For $\Delta 2$ (primer concentration 150 nM) and $\Delta 5-7$ (primer concentration 300 nM) the FastStart High Fidelity PCR System (Roche) was used as described above. PCRs $\Delta 2-7B$ and $\Delta 4-7B$ were used with the HotStarTaq kit (QIAGEN) at 500 nM primer concentration and the following conditions: 15 min at 95°C, followed by 35 cycles of 30 sec at 94°C, 60 sec min at 65°C and 2.5 min at 72°C.

Sequencing and bioinformatic analysis

All PCR products were purified using the GenUP PCR Cleanup Kit (Biotechrabbit, Hennigsdorf, Germany). Multiple bands were excised from agarose gel and purified using the ThermoScientific GeneJET Gel Extraction Kit (Life Technologies, Darmstadt, Germany). Products were analyzed by Sanger sequencing using routine methods at the Max Planck Genome Center, Cologne, Germany. All sequences were submitted to the EMBL nucleotide sequence database (accession numbers LN875583-LN875775) and were analyzed using RSSsite for the presence of cryptic recombination signal sequences (cRSS) near the two breakpoint locations.²

¹ Meyer C, zur Stadt U, Escherich G, Hofmann J, Binato R, da Conceição Barbosa T et al. Refinement of IKZF1 recombination hotspots in pediatric BCP-ALL patients. *Am J Blood Res* 2013; 3: 165-173.

² Merelli I, Guffanti A, Fabbri M, Cocito A, Furia L, Grazini U et al. RSSsite: a reference database and prediction tool for the identification of cryptic Recombination Signal Sequences in human and murine genomes. *Nucleic Acids Res* 2010; 38 Suppl: W262-7.

Statistical analysis

Survival analyses were performed according to the Kaplan-Meier method. Overall survival was calculated from date of diagnosis until death or last follow-up. Disease free survival was calculated from date of first complete remission to relapse or death from any cause. Survival rates are given as probabilities of survival at 5 years, with a 95% confidence interval. The log-rank test was used to compare survival curves. Differences between 2 groups were compared by the two-tailed Fisher's test, differences between 3 or more groups by Pearson's chi square. For all analyses, $p \leq 0.05$ was considered statistically significant. Statistics were calculated using SAS 9.4 (SAS Institute Inc., Cary, NC, USA) and IBM SPSS Statistics v22 (IBM Germany, Ehningen, Germany).

Supplementary Tables

Supplementary Table 1: Results of previous studies on the prognostic effect of *IKZF1* deletions in BCR-ABL-negative adult patients (Abbreviations: pts = patients; CIR = cumulative incidence of relapse; EFS = event-free survival; RFS = relapse-free survival; OS = overall survival; HR = hazard ratio; n.s. = not significant)

| study | pts | <i>IKZF1</i> deletion | value | statistic | results |
|---------------|-----|--|------------------|------------------------|--|
| Beldjord 2014 | 216 | focal vs. wildtype | CIR | multivariate Cox model | HR 2.65 (1.48-4.73), p=0.001 |
| | 324 | focal vs. wildtype | | univariate Cox model | HR 2.24 (1.39-3.62), p=0.001 |
| | | complete vs. wildtype | | univariate Cox model | HR 1.01 (0.91-1.11), n.s. (p=0.85) |
| | | $\Delta 4-7$ vs. $\Delta 2-7/\Delta 4-8$ vs. other | | Kaplan Meyer | n.s. (no p-value given) |
| Moorman 2012 | 304 | any deletion vs. wildtype | EFS RFS OS | multivariate Cox model | 1.26 (0.89-1.78), n.s. (p=0.196) 1.23 (0.78-1.93), n.s. (p=0.375) 1.23 (0.86-1.76), n.s. (p=0.263) |
| | | any deletion vs. wildtype | EFS RFS OS | univariate Cox model | 1.54 (1.12-2.12), p=0.008 1.48 (0.98-2.24), n.s. (p=0.63) 1.55 (1.11-2.16), p=0.010 |
| | | other deletions vs. Ik6 | EFS | univariate Cox model | HR 2.17 (1.21-3.89), p=0.009 |
| Mi 2012 | 134 | Ik6 vs. wildtype | RFS | Log-rank test | n.s. (p=0.114) |
| Dupuis 2012 | 113 | any deletion vs. wildtype | PFS | Log-rank test | 0.004 |
| | | haploinsufficient and null-mutations vs. wildtype | OS PFS | Log-rank test | 0.01 0.003 |

Supplementary Table 2: Blast count of all 482 patient samples, percentage by samples type

| material | <50% blasts | 50-75% blasts | >75% blasts | total |
|---------------------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|-------|
| bone marrow | 14 (4,3%) | 36 (10,9%) | 280 (84,8%) | 330 |
| peripheral blood | 22 (16,7%) | 34 (25,8%) | 76 (57,5%) | 132 |
| bone marrow or peripheral blood | 3 (15,0%) | 4 (20%) | 13 (65,0%) | 20 |
| total | 39 (8,0%) | 74 (15,4%) | 369 (76,6%) | 482 |

Supplementary Table 3: Blast count of 127 patient samples that were *IKZF1* deleted and where *IKZF1* deletions were quantified

| material | <50% blasts | 50-75% blasts | >75% blasts | total |
|---------------------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|-------|
| bone marrow | 2 (2,3%) | 7 (7,9%) | 79 (89,8%) | 88 |
| peripheral blood | 2 (5,9%) | 11 (32,3%) | 21 (61,8%) | 34 |
| bone marrow or peripheral blood | 2 (40%) | 1 (20%) | 2 (40%) | 5 |
| total | 6 (4,7%) | 19 (15,0%) | 102 (80,3%) | 127 |

Supplementary Table 4: Oligonucleotides used in experiments

| Experiment | Name | Oligonucleotide sequence (5'-3') |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| PCR Δ2-7 | IKZF1-F2A | ACTACAGAGACTTCAGCTCTATTCCATTTTC |
| | IKZF1-F2B | TGATTTGGATGTGTGTGTTTCATGCGTGG |
| | IKZF1-F7 | ACCATCAAATACAGGTCAACAGGACTGA |
| | IKZF1-R7 | AGGGACTCTCTAGACAAAATGGCAGGA |
| PCR Δ2-8 | IKZF1-F2A | ACTACAGAGACTTCAGCTCTATTCCATTTTC |
| | IKZF1-F2B | TGATTTGGATGTGTGTGTTTCATGCGTGG |
| | IKZF1-F8 | CCCACTGCACAGATGAACAGAGCA |
| | IKZF1-R8 | CCTCCTGCTATTGCACGTCTCGGT |
| PCR Δ4-7 | IKZF1-F4 | CTTAGAAGTCTGGAGTCTGTGAAGGTC |
| | IKZF1-F7 | ACCATCAAATACAGGTCAACAGGACTGA |
| | IKZF1-R7 | AGGGACTCTCTAGACAAAATGGCAGGA |
| PCR Δ4-8 | IKZF1-F4 | CTTAGAAGTCTGGAGTCTGTGAAGGTC |
| | IKZF1-F8 | CCCACTGCACAGATGAACAGAGCA |
| | IKZF1-R8 | CCTCCTGCTATTGCACGTCTCGGT |
| PCR Δ2-3 (Meyer 2013) | IKZF1.I1.F1B | AGTTCACCTTCTGTCAAGCGTCTGTTGCTCT |
| | IKZF1.I1.F2 | TGGATGTGTGTGTTTCATGCGTGGTTAATA |
| | IKZF1.I1.F3 | TCATGTGGACCATGGCTTTCTTGTATTTCT |
| | IKZF1.I1.F4 | TGGCTGAAAATGGGTCCTAATTAGTGGAAA |
| | IKZF1.I3.R2 | GATGGCACTGGCAGTCATTTCTCTATGTCT |
| | IKZF1.I3.R4 | TCTAGGAAGGACTTGGGCACATTGAAGAAT |
| | IKZF1.I3.R5 | CTGTTACTGCCTGCAGGATAGACTTCTGGA |
| | IKZF1.I3.R6 | TCTCGGCACTTACACACACTCTTTTAGGC |
| | IKZF1.I3.R7 | GGTACCCCAACCCATCCTTATACATGACAC |
| | IKZF1.I3.R8 | CTGGCACTTCTGTCAAAACCTCACATCTCT |
| | IKZF1.I3.R9 | CTTCCGGGTCCAGGATCTCCATATAACAAT |
| | IKZF1.I3.R10 | TTTCATATAAAATGCTGCGAACACCTTGGA |
| | IKZF1.I3.R11 | TATTCTTTTACAGGACAGTTTCCCAGCA |
| | IKZF1.I3.R12 | AATGTACACTGTTAGTCCCCACCTGACCAA |
| IKZF1.I3.R13 | TGACTGAGACATAATGGACAAGAGCCCAAT | |
| IKZF1.I3.R14 | CAAGGACTCTATGACTCGGTACCACTTGGA | |
| PCR Δ2-3B | IKZF1.I1.F1B | AGTTCACCTTCTGTCAAGCGTCTGTTGCTCT |
| | IKZF1.I1.F2 | TGGATGTGTGTGTTTCATGCGTGGTTAATA |
| | IKZF1.I1.F3 | TCATGTGGACCATGGCTTTCTTGTATTTCT |
| | IKZF1.I1.F4 | TGGCTGAAAATGGGTCCTAATTAGTGGAAA |
| | IKZF1-I3-R1A | GTCCTTTGCACTGATGACTTATTCCCATG |
| | IKZF1-I3-R1B | CATCTGGGTTTGGATATGTTTCATGCTGAC |
| | IKZF1-I3-R1C | CTACCCTGTAATACCATCCCCTAGTCC |
| | IKZF1-I3-R13B | CACTGACAGACAAGAAGTTAGCTGAGG |
| RT-PCR ex1/8 | IKZF1-ex1FA | AAAGCGCGACGCACAAATCCA |
| | IKZF1-ex8R | CGTTGTTGATGGCTTGGTCCATCAC |
| RT-PCR ex1/4 | IKZF1-ex1FB | CGAGGATCAGTCTTGGCCCCAA |
| | IKZF1-ex4R | GAATGCCTCCAACCTCCCGACAAAG |

| | | |
|----------------------|--------------|--|
| qPCR Δ2-7 | IKZF1-q27-F1 | CATGTACATTTTTGATCTAGGTCTTAG |
| | IKZF1-q27-R1 | GTAAATAAAGAACCCTCAGGCAT |
| | IKZF1-q27-P1 | FAM-TCAGGAATAAAATGCAAATCACCTTGAAGA-BBQ |
| qPCR Δ4-7 | IKZF1-q47-F1 | CAGCCCATAGGGTATAAATAATCTG |
| | IKZF1-q47-R1 | TTAAATAAAGAACCCTCAGGCATTC |
| | IKZF1-q47-P1 | FAM-AATTGACGGCATCCAGGGATCTCAG-BBQ1 |
| qPCR Δ4-8 | IKZF1-q48-F1 | AAAATATTCTTAGAAGTCTGGAGTCTG |
| | IKZF1-q48-R1 | CCAAGCATGTCTCGGCATAC |
| | IKZF1-q48-R2 | GAAAAGCACTATTCCACGTAGAC |
| | IKZF1-q48-P1 | Cy5-TGAAGGTCACACCCTCTGGTCTT-BBQ |
| hck internal control | hck-f | TATTAGCACCATCCATAGGAGGCTT |
| | hck-r | GTTAGGGAAAAGTGGAGCGGAAG |
| | hck-p | HEX-TAACGCGTCCACCAAGGATGCGAA-BHQ1 |

Supplementary Table 5: Oligonucleotides used on single patients only

| Experiment | Patient | Name | Oligonucleotide sequence (5'-3') |
|------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------------|
| PCR Δ2 | #119 | IKZF1.I1.F1B | AGTTCACTTCTGTCAAGCGTCTGTTGCTCT |
| | | IKZF1.I1.F2 | TGGATGTGTGTGTTTCATGCGTGGTTAATA |
| | | IKZF1.I1.F3 | TCATGTGGACCATGGCTTTCTTGTATTTCT |
| | | IKZF1.I1.F4 | TGGCTGAAAATGGGTCCTAATTAGTGGAAA |
| | | IKZF1-R2A | CCCCAGCTACCCTATCCTTTGAACAG |
| | | IKZF1-R2B | CCAATGAAGAAATGTCGTACTIONTCCGC |
| | | IKZF1-R2C | CTTGCATCCCTTCATCACTGTCTTGG |
| PCR Δ2-7B | #85, #199, #291 | IKZF1.I1.F1B | AGTTCACTTCTGTCAAGCGTCTGTTGCTCT |
| | | IKZF1.I1.F2 | TGGATGTGTGTGTTTCATGCGTGGTTAATA |
| | | IKZF1.I1.F3 | TCATGTGGACCATGGCTTTCTTGTATTTCT |
| | | IKZF1.I1.F4 | TGGCTGAAAATGGGTCCTAATTAGTGGAAA |
| | | IKZF1-R7 | AGGGACTCTCTAGACAAAATGGCAGGA |
| PCR Δ4-7B | #338 | IKZF1-F4B | ACTCTGACTATACTCTCTCCTGGTATCACA |
| | | IKZF1-F4C | CAAACCTGTTCTGGGCCAATATCACCAC |
| | | IKZF1-F4D | TTCCCAACCTCCTCCTTCATTAGTGG |
| | | IKZF1-F4E | TTTGGTTCTGTTACAGCTCTCAGTGAC |
| | | IKZF1-F4F | TGCAGCTAAGATTCCAGACCAGGTAT |
| | | IKZF1-R7 | AGGGACTCTCTAGACAAAATGGCAGGA |
| PCR Δ5-7 | #424 (and #225) | IKZF1-F5A | GAGTGGCCTCCTGTATTGTTTCTTTCAGC |
| | | IKZF1-F5B | GATTGTCTGTGCCTATCTAGTTCCCATCTG |
| | | IKZF1-R7 | AGGGACTCTCTAGACAAAATGGCAGGA |

Supplementary Table 6: Characteristics of all patients

| | |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| Sex | |
| Male | 285 (59.1%) |
| Female | 197 (40.9%) |
| Age | |
| 15-25 | 172 (35.7%) |
| 26-35 | 97 (20.1%) |
| 36-45 | 78 (16.2%) |
| 46-55 | 87 (18.0%) |
| 56-65 | 48 (10.0%) |
| Immunophenotype | |
| pre B ALL | 111 (23.0%) |
| common ALL | 314 (65.2%) |
| pro B ALL | 57 (11.8%) |
| Leukocyte | |
| ≤30/nL | 308 (64.8%) |
| >30/nL | 167 (35.2%) |
| no data | 7 |
| Risk group | |
| Standard risk | 268 (55.6%) |
| High risk | 214 (44.4%) |
| CNS involvement | |
| No | 372 (94.4%) |
| Yes | 22 (5.6%) |
| No data | 88 |
| Clinical course | |
| CR | 428 (88.8%) |
| ED | 31 (6.4%) |
| Failure | 23 (4.8%) |
| Total | 482 (100%) |

Supplementary Table 7: Characteristics of patients with multiple *IKZF1* mutations (high deletion load mutations are shown in dark blue, low deletion load mutations in light blue, unquantified mutations in grey)

| patient | $\Delta 4-7$ | $\Delta 2-7$ | $\Delta 4-8$ | $\Delta 2-8$ | $\Delta 2-3$ | number of mutations |
|---------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------|
| #29 | $\Delta 4-7$ | $\Delta 2-7$ | | | | 2 |
| #36 | | $\Delta 2-7$ | | | $\Delta 2-3$ | 2 |
| #46 | | | $\Delta 4-8$ | | $\Delta 2-3$ | 2 |
| #58 | $\Delta 4-7$ | | | | $\Delta 2-3$ | 2 |
| #100 | $\Delta 4-7$ | $\Delta 2-7$ | | | | 2 |
| #126 | $\Delta 4-7$ | $\Delta 2-7$ | | | | 2 |
| #127 | $\Delta 4-7$ | | $\Delta 4-8$ | | | 2 |
| #133 | $\Delta 4-7$ | $\Delta 2-7$ | | | | 2 |
| #143 | | | $\Delta 4-8$ | | $\Delta 2-3$ | 2 |
| #154 | | $\Delta 2-7$ | $\Delta 4-8$ | | | 2 |
| #157 | | $\Delta 2-7$ | | | $\Delta 2-3$ | 2 |
| #160 | | | $\Delta 4-8$ | $\Delta 2-8$ | | 2 |
| #174 | $\Delta 4-7$ | | | | $\Delta 2-3$ | 2 |
| #189 | | $\Delta 2-7$ | $\Delta 4-8$ | | | 2 |
| #198 | $\Delta 4-7$ | $\Delta 2-7$ | | | | 2 |
| #199 | | $\Delta 2-7$ | | | $\Delta 2-3$ | 2 |
| #204 | | $\Delta 2-7$ | | | $\Delta 2-3$ | 2 |
| #210 | | $\Delta 2-7$ | $\Delta 4-8$ | | | 2 |
| #215 | | $\Delta 2-7$ | | | $\Delta 2-3$ | 2 |
| #243 | | $\Delta 2-7$ | $\Delta 4-8$ | | | 2 |
| #256 | | $\Delta 2-7$ | | | $\Delta 2-3$ | 2 |
| #257 | $\Delta 4-7$ | | | | $\Delta 2-3$ | 2 |
| #266 | | $\Delta 2-7$ | | | $\Delta 2-3$ | 2 |
| #276 | $\Delta 4-7$ | $\Delta 2-7$ | | | | 2 |
| #335 | $\Delta 4-7$ | $\Delta 2-7$ | | | | 2 |
| #360 | | $\Delta 2-7$ | $\Delta 4-8$ | | | 2 |
| #400 | $\Delta 4-7$ | | $\Delta 4-8$ | | | 2 |
| #414 | $\Delta 4-7$ | $\Delta 2-7$ | | | | 2 |
| #108 | $\Delta 4-7$ | $\Delta 2-7$ | $\Delta 4-8$ | | | 3 |
| #111 | $\Delta 4-7$ | $\Delta 2-7$ | $\Delta 4-8$ | | | 3 |
| #113 | $\Delta 4-7$ | $\Delta 2-7$ | | | $\Delta 2-3$ | 3 |
| #175 | $\Delta 4-7$ | $\Delta 2-7$ | $\Delta 4-8$ | | | 3 |
| #285 | $\Delta 4-7$ | $\Delta 2-7$ | | | $\Delta 2-3$ | 3 |
| #365 | $\Delta 4-7$ | $\Delta 2-7$ | $\Delta 4-8$ | | | 3 |
| #395 | $\Delta 4-7$ | $\Delta 2-7$ | $\Delta 4-8$ | | | 3 |
| #461 | $\Delta 4-7$ | $\Delta 2-7$ | | $\Delta 2-8$ | | 3 |
| #470 | $\Delta 4-7$ | $\Delta 2-7$ | $\Delta 4-8$ | $\Delta 2-8$ | | 4 |

Supplementary Table 8: Characteristics of patients according to *IKZF1* status

| | mutation | wild-type | P |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------------------|
| Sex | | | |
| Male | 72 (56.3%) | 213 (60.2%) | 0.4636 (Fisher) |
| Female | 56 (43.7%) | 141 (39.8%) | |
| Age | | | |
| 15-25 | 49 (38.3%) | 123 (34.7%) | 0.3843 (X ²) |
| 26-35 | 26 (20.3%) | 71 (20.1%) | |
| 36-45 | 17 (13.3%) | 61 (17.2%) | |
| 46-55 | 19 (14.8%) | 68 (19.2%) | |
| 56-65 | 17 (13.3%) | 31 (8.8%) | |
| Immunophenotype | | | |
| pre B ALL | 19 (14.8%) | 92 (26.0%) | 0.0064 (X ²) |
| common ALL | 98 (76.6%) | 216 (61.0%) | |
| pro B ALL | 11 (8.6%) | 46 (13.0%) | |
| WBC | | | |
| <30/nl | 79 (62.7%) | 229 (65.6%) | 0.5869 (Fisher) |
| >30/nl | 47 (37.3%) | 120 (34.4%) | |
| Missing values | 7 | | |
| Risk group | | | |
| Standard Risk | 67 (52.3%) | 201 (56.8%) | 0.4074 (Fisher) |
| High Risk | 61 (47.7%) | 153 (43.2%) | |
| CNS involvement | | | |
| No | 100 (94.4%) | 272 (94.4%) | 1.0000 (Fisher) |
| Yes | 6 (5.6%) | 16 (5.6%) | |
| Missing values | 88 | | |
| Clinical course | | | |
| CR | 114 (89.1%) | 314 (88.7%) | 0.9936 (X ²) |
| ED | 8 (6.2%) | 23 (6.5%) | |
| Failure | 6 (4.7%) | 17 (4.8%) | |

Supplementary Table 9: Characteristics of patients according to different *IKZF1* deletion types

| | dominant-negative only | both forms of deletion | loss-of-function only | wild-type | P (X ²) |
|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Sex | | | | | |
| Male | 30 (60.0%) | 16 (72.7%) | 26 (46.43%) | 213 (60.2%) | 0.1330 |
| Female | 20 (40.0%) | 6 (27.3%) | 30 (53.57%) | 141 (39.8%) | |
| Age | | | | | |
| 15-25 | 22 (44.0%) | 7 (31.8%) | 20 (35.7%) | 123 (34.7%) | 0.5485 |
| 26-35 | 8 (16.0%) | 7 (31.8%) | 11 (19.6%) | 71 (20.1%) | |
| 36-45 | 6 (12.0%) | 2 (9.1%) | 9 (16.1%) | 61 (17.2%) | |
| 46-55 | 6 (12.0%) | 2 (9.1%) | 11 (19.6%) | 68 (19.2%) | |
| 56-65 | 8 (16.0%) | 4 (18.2%) | 5 (8.9%) | 31 (8.8%) | |
| Immunophenotype | | | | | |
| pre-B | 6 (12.0%) | 5 (22.7%) | 8 (14.3%) | 92 (26.0%) | 0.0781 |
| Common | 39 (78.0%) | 15 (68.2%) | 44 (78.6%) | 216 (61.0%) | |
| pro-B | 5 (10.0%) | 2 (9.1%) | 4 (7.1%) | 46 (13.0%) | |
| WBC | | | | | |
| <30/nl | 34 (68.0%) | 14 (63.6%) | 31 (57.4%) | 229 (65.6%) | 0.6518 |
| >30/nl | 16 (32.0%) | 8 (36.4%) | 23 (42.6%) | 120 (34.4%) | |
| Missing values | n=7 | | | | |
| Risk group | | | | | |
| Standard Risk | 29 (58.0%) | 12 (54.5%) | 26 (46.4%) | 201 (56.8%) | 0.5252 |
| High Risk | 21 (42.0%) | 10 (45.5%) | 30 (53.6%) | 153 (43.2%) | |
| CNS involvement | | | | | |
| No | 41 (95.4%) | 16 (100%) | 43 (91.5%) | 272 (94.4%) | 0.6190 |
| Yes | 2 (4.6%) | 0 | 4 (8.5%) | 16 (5.6%) | |
| Missing values | n=88 | | | | |
| Clinical course | | | | | |
| CR | 45 (90.0%) | 20 (90.9%) | 49 (87.5%) | 314 (88.7%) | 0.9042 |

Supplementary Table 10: Sequence of all breakpoints with accession numbers

| del | accession number | patient | proximal breakpoint | proximal sequence | insert | distal sequence | distal breakpoint |
|------|------------------|-----------------|---------------------|--|-----------|---|-------------------|
| A2 | LN875583 | #119 | 50.312.112 | GCACAGCTCCGTGACCATGATGAAAGGTCCTCTGMAATGGTAAAG | | CTGAAANAAAAGCCCTCCAAAGATGAAATTAAGTTTTACTGTTAAACTTCA | 50.319.280 |
| A2-3 | LN875584 | #36 | 50.305.636 | GGCACAGCTTTCCAAATGCAGCTTCCCTCTCTAGGGAGCTGCAG | GGGGGA | CATTTGGCATGTACATACACATGTACACAGCTGCACACCTGGTCACT | 50.359.627 |
| A2-3 | LN875585 | #46 | 50.306.999 | GAATAAATTCATGTGCAATGATGCACAATGCAACAACAAGCGCTG | AGAAAG | TATTGGGAGTAGATTTAAACCATTTATGTAATTTGATTTTTAAATTTA | 50.351.221 |
| A2-3 | LN875586 | #58 | 50.307.772 | AAGGGCACATGTACATTTTTGATCTAGGTCCTTAGAAACGTAGAG | CCCC | GAAATGGGTGTTTTCAAGGCTTACACTTTGATGCCCAAGACTGCACAAAG | 50.366.344 |
| A2-3 | LN875587 | #113 | 50.307.794 | TCTAGGTCCTAGAAAACGTAGAGTTTCAGAGGATCAACATTATAC | GGG | CGTCACTTTAAACAGTCACTGAGCTGTGACTCTTGGGGGAAAAGATTGTG | 50.367.267 |
| A2-3 | LN875588 | #118 | 50.305.920 | TAAAGCCAGGTTCAATTTGGTTATAGTCAGAGGGGTGGGGGGA | GGG | ACAAGTGGTGTTCAGAGGCAATAGGCTTAGGCTCCCTGGCAGACTGAGAGATA | 50.332.985 |
| A2-3 | LN875589 | #143 | 50.308.978 | TTCATGGATTGGAAATAGCCATTGTTCCTCCGTCCTCCCTGC | CTTATGG | GGTGTTCAGAGGCAIAGGCTTAGGCTCCCTGGCAGACTGAGAGATA | 50.332.982 |
| A2-3 | LN875590 | #157 | 50.308.981 | CATGGATTGGAAATAGCCATTGTTCCTCCGTCCTCCCTGC | CTCCAAAG | GGIATTTGGTGTCTCTCTTCTCTCCCACTCCCCAGTGTGGAAATGG | 50.369.485 |
| A2-3 | LN875591 | #174 | 50.310.862 | TAAATTGTACCAAGCCATTGATGCTTCTAATTTCCCTTTGCC | ACCCTGGG | GAGCTAATAGCTGTACCCCTAAATGATCTGGGCTTTGAATTTCTTATC | 50.352.225 |
| A2-3 | LN875592 | #199 | 50.306.409 | TGAACTAAATGGTCAITTTTTCTTCCCTTTTGTTCACGGTGA | A | CCACACAGTAAATACCACTTACTAAATATTCATGGGTATATACTAT | 50.345.195 |
| A2-3 | LN875593 | #204 | 50.306.408 | TTGAACTAAATGGTCAITTTTTCTTCCCTTTTGTTCACGGTGA | GGGG | CCACAGTAAATTACCACCTTACTAAATATTCATGGGTATATACTATG | 50.345.196 |
| A2-3 | LN875594 | #215 | 50.307.794 | TCTAGGTCCTAGAAAACGTAGAGTTTCAGAGGATCAACATTATAC | GA | AAGTGGGAAAGTGTCTTGACAGAAATTCGGTGTTCMAAGGCTTACACTTT | 50.366.324 |
| A2-3 | LN875595 | #256 | 50.307.793 | ATCTAGGTCCTAGAAAACGTAGAGTTTCAGAGGATCAACATTATAC | GG | CGTCACTTTAAACAGTCACTGAGCTGTGACTCTTGGGGGAAAAGATTGTG | 50.367.267 |
| A2-3 | LN875596 | #257 | 50.307.788 | TTTTGATCTAGGTCCTAGAAAACGTAGAGTTTCAGAGGATCAAGCA | CCCCCCC | GTCACGTGAGCTGTGACTCTTGGGGGAAAAGATTGTGGGTGTGTGTGT | 50.367.280 |
| A2-3 | LN875597 | #266 | 50.305.919 | TTAAGGCCAAGGTTCAATTTGGTTATGATGATGAGGGGGTGGGGGG | CCTTA | GGTATATCAGATTAACACTTTGACTAGGTTTTGGAAATAGACCGGTGGAG | 50.334.210 |
| A2-3 | LN875598 | #304 | 50.306.927 | TCTCTAATATAATTAATGTACTTATAACACACTTC | CACC | GCTGGCTCTAGAGTCCGAGGAGCTTCAAGTACTGCTGTGCATACTC | 50.364.747 |
| A2-3 | LN875599 | #327 | 50.306.408 | TTGAACTAAATGGTCAITTTTTCTTCCCTTTTGTTCACGGTGA | | CACAGTGAATTAACCACTTACTAAAAATTCATGGGTATATACTATGG | 50.345.197 |
| A2-3 | LN875600 | #351 | 50.307.787 | TTTTGATCTAGGTCCTAGAAAACGTAGAGTTTCAGAGGATCAAGC | CCCTTCCAA | CAGTGAAGTGTGACTCTTGGGGGAAAAGATTGTGGCGTGTGTGTGT | 50.367.282 |
| A2-3 | LN875601 | #443 | 50.308.968 | TTTTCTTTGTGTGCTTGCATGATGGTAATAGCCATTGTTCCTCCG | CCTTCTCC | CAAAGACAGAGTACTGCTTTCAAGCCACTTTTCCAAATGAGTGGCTG | 50.373.025 |
| A2-7 | LN875602 | #29 clone 1 | 50.307.794 | GATCTAGGTCCTTAGAAAACGTAGAGTTTCAGAGGATCAACATTATAC | C | ACATCAAGTCTAGTGAAGTGTTCCTTCCAAAGGT | 50.395.935 |
| A2-7 | LN875603 | #29 clone 2 | 50.307.785 | GATCTAGGTCCTTAGAAAACGTAGAGTTTCAGAGGATCA | CCC | CAAGTCTAGTGAAGTGTTCCTTCCAAAGGT | 50.395.939 |
| A2-7 | LN875604 | #36 | 50.307.792 | GATCTAGGTCCTTAGAAAACGTAGAGTTTCAGAGGATCAACATTAT | TCC | AAACATCAAGTCTAGTGAAGTGTTCCTTCCAAAGGT | 50.395.933 |
| A2-7 | LN875605 | #50 | 50.307.790 | GATCTAGGTCCTTAGAAAACGTAGAGTTTCAGAGGATCAACATT | CCTGGGG | ACATCAAGTCTAGTGAAGTGTTCCTTCCAAAGGT | 50.395.935 |
| A2-7 | LN875606 | #85 | 50.305.725 | CCACATCAACATTTTCCCACTGCGCCGCGCAGGCAAGTATATTTAGCT | GGGG | ACATCAAGTCTAGTGAAGTGTTCCTTCCAAAGGT | 50.395.935 |
| A2-7 | LN875607 | #100 | 50.307.773 | GATCTAGGTCCTTAGAAAACGTAGAGT | CAGAG | ACATCAAGTCTAGTGAAGTGTTCCTTCCAAAGGT | 50.395.935 |
| A2-7 | LN875608 | #108 | 50.307.792 | GATCTAGGTCCTTAGAAAACGTAGAGTTTCAGAGGATCAACATTAT | TAC | GAACATCAAGTCTAGTGAAGTGTTCCTTCCAAAGGT | 50.395.932 |
| A2-7 | LN875609 | #111 clone 1 | 50.307.778 | GATCTAGGTCCTTAGAAAACGTAGAGTTTTCAG | GGG | GGT | 50.395.968 |
| A2-7 | LN875610 | #111 clone 2 | 50.307.791 | GATCTAGGTCCTTAGAAAACGTAGAGTTTCAGAGGATCAACATTAT | CCCCCT | GAACATCAAGTCTAGTGAAGTGTTCCTTCCAAAGGT | 50.395.932 |
| A2-7 | LN875611 | #112 | 50.307.773 | GATCTAGGTCCTTAGAAAACGTAGAGT | GGGGAG | GTTTCTTCCAAAGGT | 50.395.955 |

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| A2-7 | LN875612 | #113 | 50.307.791 | GATCTAGGTCCTTAGAAACGTAAGGTTTCAGAGGATCAGCATT | NNNNNNNNNN | | GTCTAGTGTAACTGTTTCCTTCTTCAAGGT | 50.395.942 |
| A2-7 | LN875613 | #126 | 50.307.794 | GATCTAGGTCCTTAGAAACGTAAGGTTTCAGAGGATCAGCATTATAC | CCCTAGG | | GTCTAGTGTAACTGTTTCCTTCTTCAAGGT | 50.395.942 |
| A2-7 | LN875614 | #130 | 50.307.781 | GATCTAGGTCCTTAGAAACGTAAGGTTTCAGAGG | CTCGAGGGG | | AGTCTAGTGTAACTGTTTCCTTCTTCAAGGT | 50.395.941 |
| A2-7 | LN875615 | #133 | 50.307.791 | GATCTAGGTCCTTAGAAACGTAAGGTTTCAGAGGATCAGCATT | NNNNNNNNNN | | ATCAAGTCTAGTGTAACTGTTTCCTTCTTCAAGGT | 50.395.937 |
| A2-7 | LN875616 | #147 | 50.307.785 | GATCTAGGTCCTTAGAAACGTAAGGTTTCAGAGGATCA | CCCCGAG | | ACATCAAGTCTAGTGTAACTGTTTCCTTCTTCAAGGT | 50.395.935 |
| A2-7 | LN875617 | #154 | 50.307.788 | GATCTAGGTCCTTAGAAACGTAAGGTTTCAGAGGATCAGCA | CCCTGGGATCA | | CTAGTGTAACTGTTTCCTTCTTCAAGGT | 50.395.944 |
| A2-7 | LN875618 | #157 | 50.307.785 | GATCTAGGTCCTTAGAAACGTAAGGTTTCAGAGGATCA | GCCGT | | CATCAAGTCTAGTGTAACTGTTTCCTTCTTCAAGGT | 50.395.936 |
| A2-7 | LN875619 | #175 | 50.307.792 | GATCTAGGTCCTTAGAAACGTAAGGTTTCAGAGGATCAGCATTAT | TTAA | | GAAACATCAAGTCTAGTGTAACTGTTTCCTTCTTCAAGGT | 50.395.932 |
| A2-7 | LN875620 | #178 | 50.307.787 | GATCTAGGTCCTTAGAAACGTAAGGTTTCAGAGGATCAGC | TTCC | | ACATCAAGTCTAGTGTAACTGTTTCCTTCTTCAAGGT | 50.395.935 |
| A2-7 | LN875621 | #189 | 50.307.784 | GATCTAGGTCCTTAGAAACGTAAGGTTTCAGAGGATC | TCGCCGG | | AGTCTAGTGTAACTGTTTCCTTCTTCAAGGT | 50.395.941 |
| A2-7 | LN875622 | #189 | 50.307.787 | GATCTAGGTCCTTAGAAACGTAAGGTTTCAGAGGATCAGC | AGCG | | GGAACATCAAGTCTAGTGTAACTGTTTCCTTCTTCAAGGT | 50.395.931 |
| A2-7 | LN875623 | #198 | 50.307.788 | GATCTAGGTCCTTAGAAACGTAAGGTTTCAGAGGATCAGCA | CCT | | TAGTGTAACTGTTTCCTTCTTCAAGGT | 50.395.945 |
| A2-7 | LN875624 | #199 | 50.306.409 | TGAACCTAAATGTCATGTTTCTTCCCTTTTGTTCACCGTGA | NNNNNNNNNN | | ACATCAAGTCTAGTGTAACTGTTTCCTTCTTCAAGGT | 50.395.935 |
| A2-7 | LN875625 | #204 | 50.307.784 | GATCTAGGTCCTTAGAAACGTAAGGTTTCAGAGGATC | CGGGGG | | CTAGTGTAACTGTTTCCTTCTTCAAGGT | 50.395.944 |
| A2-7 | LN875626 | #210 | 50.307.782 | GATCTAGGTCCTTAGAAACGTAAGGTTTCAGAGGA | NNNNNNNNNN | | CTAGTGTAACTGTTTCCTTCTTCAAGGT | 50.395.944 |
| A2-7 | LN875627 | #215 | 50.307.784 | GATCTAGGTCCTTAGAAACGTAAGGTTTCAGAGGATC | GATTC | | AAACATCAAGTCTAGTGTAACTGTTTCCTTCTTCAAGGT | 50.395.933 |
| A2-7 | LN875628 | #215 | 50.307.785 | GATCTAGGTCCTTAGAAACGTAAGGTTTCAGAGGATCA | CCATAG | | GTGTAACTGTTTCCTTCTTCAAGGT | 50.395.947 |
| A2-7 | LN875629 | #217 | 50.307.789 | GATCTAGGTCCTTAGAAACGTAAGGTTTCAGAGGATCAGCATT | CCC | | GAAACATCAAGTCTAGTGTAACTGTTTCCTTCTTCAAGGT | 50.395.932 |
| A2-7 | LN875630 | #221 | 50.307.361 | ATGTTGGTCTTGTCTATATTCTAAGGGAGATTGATGTAAGTGGC | CCTAAGGGG | | ACATCAAGTCTAGTGTAACTGTTTCCTTCTTCAAGGT | 50.395.935 |
| A2-7 | LN875631 | #226 | 50.307.766 | GATCTAGGTCCTTAGAAAC | TCGGGG | | CATCAAGTCTAGTGTAACTGTTTCCTTCTTCAAGGT | 50.395.936 |
| A2-7 | LN875632 | #243 | 50.307.790 | GATCTAGGTCCTTAGAAACGTAAGGTTTCAGAGGATCAGCATT | CTCCCC | | AAACATCAAGTCTAGTGTAACTGTTTCCTTCTTCAAGGT | 50.395.933 |
| A2-7 | LN875633 | #256 | 50.307.793 | GATCTAGGTCCTTAGAAACGTAAGGTTTCAGAGGATCAGCATTATA | ATCCCCAC | | GAAACATCAAGTCTAGTGTAACTGTTTCCTTCTTCAAGGT | 50.395.932 |
| A2-7 | LN875634 | #266 | 50.307.790 | GATCTAGGTCCTTAGAAACGTAAGGTTTCAGAGGATCAGCATT | CCACAGGG | | CATCAAGTCTAGTGTAACTGTTTCCTTCTTCAAGGT | 50.395.936 |
| A2-7 | LN875635 | #276 | 50.307.789 | GATCTAGGTCCTTAGAAACGTAAGGTTTCAGAGGATCAGCATT | CCCCATN | | TCAAGTCTAGTGTAACTGTTTCCTTCTTCAAGGT | 50.395.938 |
| A2-7 | LN875636 | #285 | 50.307.789 | GATCTAGGTCCTTAGAAACGTAAGGTTTCAGAGGATCAGCATT | NNNNNNNN | | CATCAAGTCTAGTGTAACTGTTTCCTTCTTCAAGGT | 50.395.936 |
| A2-7 | LN875637 | #291 | 50.305.733 | AATTTCCACATGCCCGCAGGCAAGTATATTTTTCAGCTTTTGAGATA | TCGGCCGGGGACG | | AGTGTAACTGTTTCCTTCTTCAAGGT | 50.395.946 |
| A2-7 | LN875638 | #307 | 50.307.788 | GATCTAGGTCCTTAGAAACGTAAGGTTTCAGAGGATCAGCA | CCCT | | AAACATCAAGTCTAGTGTAACTGTTTCCTTCTTCAAGGT | 50.395.933 |
| A2-7 | LN875639 | #316 | 50.307.779 | GATCTAGGTCCTTAGAAACGTAAGGTTTCAGAGGATCAGCA | AGCATTCCTCGCGG | | ACATCAAGTCTAGTGTAACTGTTTCCTTCTTCAAGGT | 50.395.935 |
| A2-7 | LN875640 | #329 | 50.307.788 | GATCTAGGTCCTTAGAAACGTAAGGTTTCAGAGGATCAGCA | NNNNNNNNNN | | ACATCAAGTCTAGTGTAACTGTTTCCTTCTTCAAGGT | 50.395.935 |
| A2-7 | LN875641 | #335 | 50.307.791 | GATCTAGGTCCTTAGAAACGTAAGGTTTCAGAGGATCAGCATT | A | | GAAACATCAAGTCTAGTGTAACTGTTTCCTTCTTCAAGGT | 50.395.932 |
| A2-7 | LN875642 | #337 | 50.307.787 | GATCTAGGTCCTTAGAAACGTAAGGTTTCAGAGGATCAGC | CTTCTTC | | TCAAGTCTAGTGTAACTGTTTCCTTCTTCAAGGT | 50.395.938 |
| A2-7 | LN875643 | #340 | 50.307.787 | GATCTAGGTCCTTAGAAACGTAAGGTTTCAGAGGATCAGC | NNNNNNNNNN | | CATCAAGTCTAGTGTAACTGTTTCCTTCTTCAAGGT | 50.395.936 |
| A2-7 | LN875644 | #349 | 50.307.790 | GATCTAGGTCCTTAGAAACGTAAGGTTTCAGAGGATCAGCATT | CGCCTTT | | AAACATCAAGTCTAGTGTAACTGTTTCCTTCTTCAAGGT | 50.395.933 |

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| Δ2-7 | LN875645 | #360 | 50.307.789 | GATCTAGGTCCTTAGAAACGTAAGAGTTTCAGAGGATCAGCAT | CACGGGG | AACATCAAGTCTAGTGTAACTGTTTCTTCAAGGT | 50.395.934 |
| Δ2-7 | LN875646 | #365 | 50.307.788 | GATCTAGGTCCTTAGAAACGTAAGAGTTTCAGAGGATCAGCA | CCCCAAG | CATCAAGTCTAGTGTAACTGTTTCTTCAAGGT | 50.395.936 |
| Δ2-7 | LN875647 | #395 | 50.307.787 | GATCTAGGTCCTTAGAAACGTAAGAGTTTCAGAGGATCAGC | NNNNNNNN | ATCAAGTCTAGTGTAACTGTTTCTTCAAGGT | 50.395.937 |
| Δ2-7 | LN875648 | #410 | 50.307.793 | GATCTAGGTCCTTAGAAACGTAAGAGTTTCAGAGGATCAGATTATA | | GGAACATCAAGTCTAGTGTAACTGTTTCTTCAAGGT | 50.395.931 |
| Δ2-7 | LN875649 | #414 | 50.307.792 | GATCTAGGTCCTTAGAAACGTAAGAGTTTCAGAGGATCAGATTATA | NN | GAACATCAAGTCTAGTGTAACTGTTTCTTCAAGGT | 50.395.932 |
| Δ2-7 | LN875650 | #432 | 50.307.794 | GATCTAGGTCCTTAGAAACGTAAGAGTTTCAGAGGATCAGCATTATAC | CTGAAGG | CATCAAGTCTAGTGTAACTGTTTCTTCAAGGT | 50.395.936 |
| Δ2-7 | LN875651 | #450 | 50.307.795 | GATCTAGGTCCTTAGAAACGTAAGAGTTTCAGAGGATCAGCATTATACA | GG | ACATCAAGTCTAGTGTAACTGTTTCTTCAAGGT | 50.395.935 |
| Δ2-7 | LN875652 | #454 | 50.307.789 | GATCTAGGTCCTTAGAAACGTAAGAGTTTCAGAGGATCAGCAT | CTCCCC | GAACATCAAGTCTAGTGTAACTGTTTCTTCAAGGT | 50.395.932 |
| Δ2-7 | LN875653 | #461 | 50.307.789 | GATCTAGGTCCTTAGAAACGTAAGAGTTTCAGAGGATCAGCAT | NNNNNNNNNNNNNN | AGTGTAACTGTTTCTTCAAGGT | 50.395.946 |
| Δ2-7 | LN875654 | #470 | 50.307.785 | GATCTAGGTCCTTAGAAACGTAATAGTTTCAAAAGGATCA | NCCTCCC | AACATCAAGTCTAGTGTAACTGTTTCTTCAAGGT | 50.395.934 |
| Δ2-7 | LN875655 | #470 | 50.307.766 | GATCTAGGTCCTTAGAAAC | CCATGG | GTGTAACTGTTTCTTCAAGGT | 50.395.947 |
| Δ2-8 | LN875656 | #1 | 50.307.793 | GATCTAGGTCCTTAGAAACGTAAGAGTTTCAGAGGATCAGATTATA | GAA | GGGCTGACATGCTGGCTCTCTTCCCTGTATGCCGAGACATGCTTGGG | 50.416.755 |
| Δ2-8 | LN875657 | #12 | 50.307.766 | GATCTAGGTCCTTAGAAAC | AGGGCGCTGCCGACAT | TGCTGGCTCTCTTCCCTGTATGCCGAGACATGCTTGGG | 50.416.764 |
| Δ2-8 | LN875658 | #99 | 50.307.778 | GATCTAGGTCCTTAGAAACGTAAGAGTTTCAG | CCCTCCG | GGGCTACGTTGGAATAGTGCCTTTCCACACAGAGTAGCTACTAAGCCACAC | 50.416.223 |
| Δ2-8 | LN875659 | #104 | 50.307.790 | GATCTAGGTCCTTAGAAACGTAAGAGTTTCAGAGGATCAGCATT | CCCA | TGGGCTGACATGCTGGCTCTCTTCCCTGTATGCCGAGACATGCTTGGG | 50.416.754 |
| Δ2-8 | LN875660 | #160 | 50.307.787 | GATCTAGGTCCTTAGAAACGTAAGAGTTTCAGAGGATCAGC | CCCGGGGA | TGGCTCTCTTCCCTGTATGCCGAGACATGCTTGGG | 50.416.767 |
| Δ2-8 | LN875661 | #458 | 50.307.784 | GATCTAGGTCCTTAGAAACGTAAGAGTTTCAGAGGATC | CCCTCCGGGGG | GCTGGCTCTCTTCCCTGTATGCCGAGACATGCTTGGG | 50.416.765 |
| Δ2-8 | LN875662 | #461 | 50.307.787 | GATCTAGGTCCTTAGAAACGTAAGAGTTTCAGAGGATCAGC | CCCTGGGG | TGCTGGCTCTCTTCCCTGTATGCCGAGACATGCTTGGG | 50.416.764 |
| Δ2-8 | LN875663 | #461 | 50.307.787 | GATCTAGGTCCTTAGAAACGTAAGAGTTTCAGAGGATCAGC | CCTA | TGGGCTGACATGCTGGCTCTCTTCCCTGTATGCCGAGACATGCTTGGG | 50.416.754 |
| Δ2-8 | LN875664 | #464 | 50.307.789 | GATCTAGGTCCTTAGAAACGTAAGAGTTTCAGAGGATCAGCAT | CATGG | GGGCTGACATGCTGGCTCTCTTCCCTGTATGCCGAGACATGCTTGGG | 50.416.755 |
| Δ2-8 | LN875665 | #482 | 50.307.787 | GATCTAGGTCCTTAGAAACGTAAGAGTTTCAGAGGATCAGC | CGGGGA | TGGGCTGACATGCTGGCTCTCTTCCCTGTATGCCGAGACATGCTTGGG | 50.416.754 |
| Δ4-7 | LN875666 | #7 | 50.345.193 | GAATTGACGGGCATCCAGGGGATCTCAGAAATTATTAGTACA | CCCT | ACATCAAGTCTAGTGTAACTGTTTCTTCAAGGT | 50.395.935 |
| Δ4-7 | LN875667 | #17 | 50.345.192 | GAATTGACGGGCATCCAGGGGATCTCAGAAATTATTAGTAC | NNNNNNNNNN | ATCAAGTCTAGTGTAACTGTTTCTTCAAGGT | 50.395.937 |
| Δ4-7 | LN875668 | #20 | 50.345.194 | GAATTGACGGGCATCCAGGGGATCTCAGAAATTATTAGTACAT | NNNNNCNAGGN | ATCAAGTCTAGTGTAACTGTTTCTTCAAGGT | 50.395.937 |
| Δ4-7 | LN875669 | #25 | 50.345.196 | GAATTGACGGGCATCCAGGGGATCTCAGAAATTATTAGTACATCC | GGGGG | AACATCAAGTCTAGTGTAACTGTTTCTTCAAGGT | 50.395.934 |
| Δ4-7 | LN875670 | #29 | 50.345.193 | GAATTGACGGGCATCCAGGGGATCTCAGAAATTATTAGTACA | CCCCTAG | GTCTAGTGTAACTGTTTCTTCAAGGT | 50.395.932 |
| Δ4-7 | LN875671 | #40 | 50.345.196 | GAATTGACGGGCATCCAGGGGATCTCAGAAATTATTAGTACATCC | AGG | CATCAAGTCTAGTGTAACTGTTTCTTCAAGGT | 50.395.936 |
| Δ4-7 | LN875672 | #58 | 50.345.195 | GAATTGACGGGCATCCAGGGGATCTCAGAAATTATTAGTACATC | | GAACATCAAGTCTAGTGTAACTGTTTCTTCAAGGT | 50.395.932 |
| Δ4-7 | LN875673 | #80 | 50.345.196 | GAATTGACGGGCATCCAGGGGATCTCAGAAATTATTAGTACATCC | GAT | CATCAAGTCTAGTGTAACTGTTTCTTCAAGGT | 50.395.936 |

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| Δ4-7 | LN875674 | #87 | 50.345.192 | GAATTGACGGCATCCAGGGATCTCAGAAATTATTAGTAC | CCCTTTCGTCGCCGC CCGTTTTGTGGG TTGAATCGTAGCCAC TATATCCACACAGT CTGACATCGCCTGAC AATAACCCACAACCTGG AACTCGAAGGGCGGG CTGTCCAGGAGGAG CTTCCAGGGGAAACA GGGAGGGGTCACAGC AGCTGAGCCAGGGG CCCCAGGACTGGG GACGTGGGGGGCT GCTTAGGTACCAGAC ATGGCCTCCCATCGG | GTCTAGTGAAGTCTTTCTTCTTCAAGGT | 50.395.942 |
| Δ4-7 | LN875675 | #88 | 50.345.192 | GAATTGACGGCATCCAGGGATCTCAGAAATTATTAGTAC | TCTTCCC | GAACATCAAGTCTAGTGAAGTCTTTCTTCTTCAAGGT | 50.395.932 |
| Δ4-7 | LN875676 | #100 | 50.345.186 | GAATTGACGGCATCCAGGGATCTCAGAAATTATTAGTACATC | AGGG | TCAAGTCTAGTGAAGTCTTTCTTCTTCAAGGT | 50.395.938 |
| Δ4-7 | LN875677 | #103 | 50.345.195 | GAATTGACGGCATCCAGGGATCTCAGAAATTATTAGTACATC | GGG | ATCAAGTCTAGTGAAGTCTTTCTTCTTCAAGGT | 50.395.937 |
| Δ4-7 | LN875678 | #108 | 50.345.195 | GAATTGACGGCATCCAGGGATCTCAGAAATTATTAGTACATC | GGG | ACATCAAGTCTAGTGAAGTCTTTCTTCTTCAAGGT | 50.395.935 |
| Δ4-7 | LN875679 | #110 | 50.345.193 | GAATTGACGGCATCCAGGGATCTCAGAAATTATTAGTACATC | GAAGGGG | ACATCAAGTCTAGTGAAGTCTTTCTTCTTCAAGGT | 50.395.935 |
| Δ4-7 | LN875680 | #111 | 50.345.195 | GAATTGACGGCATCCAGGGATCTCAGAAATTATTAGTACATC | NNNN | ATCAAGTCTAGTGAAGTCTTTCTTCTTCAAGGT | 50.395.937 |
| Δ4-7 | LN875681 | #113 | 50.345.193 | GAATTGACGGCATCCAGGGATCTCAGAAATTATTAGTACATC | CCCA | GAACATCAAGTCTAGTGAAGTCTTTCTTCTTCAAGGT | 50.395.932 |
| Δ4-7 | LN875682 | #116 | 50.345.167 | GAATTGACGGCATC | AGTTGGGGGAGC | CAAGTCTAGTGAAGTCTTTCTTCTTCAAGGT | 50.395.939 |
| Δ4-7 | LN875683 | #121 | 50.345.190 | GAATTGACGGCATCCAGGGATCTCAGAAATTATTAGT | TCTTTC | GAACATCAAGTCTAGTGAAGTCTTTCTTCTTCAAGGT | 50.395.932 |
| Δ4-7 | LN875684 | #126 | 50.345.196 | GAATTGACGGCATCCAGGGATCTCAGAAATTATTAGTACATCC | | TCAAGTCTAGTGAAGTCTTTCTTCTTCAAGGT | 50.395.938 |
| Δ4-7 | LN875685 | #127 | 50.345.196 | GAATTGACGGCATCCAGGGATCTCAGAAATTATTAGTACATCC | GACCCTTCGCTAGT GCCACGGCGGGGT GGGAAAGGT | AAACATCAAGTCTAGTGAAGTCTTTCTTCTTCAAGGT | 50.395.933 |
| Δ4-7 | LN875686 | #133 | 50.345.195 | GAATTGACGGCATCCAGGGATCTCAGAAATTATTAGTACATC | CCTGTCCAA | ACATCAAGTCTAGTGAAGTCTTTCTTCTTCAAGGT | 50.395.935 |
| Δ4-7 | LN875687 | #138 | 50.345.175 | GAATTGACGGCATCCAGGGATC | TGCGGGTGGGCC GGGA | GCTGTGGAAACATCAAGTCTAGTGAAGTCTTTCTTCTTCAAGGT | 50.395.926 |
| Δ4-7 | LN875688 | #142 | 50.345.196 | GAATTGATGGCATCCAGGGATCTCAGAAATTATTAGTACATCC | | TGAAACATCAAGTCTAGTGAAGTCTTTCTTCTTCAAGGT | 50.395.930 |
| Δ4-7 | LN875689 | #146 clone 1 | 50.345.196 | GAATTGACGGCATCCAGGGATCTCAGAAATTATTAGTACATCC | | ACATCAAGTCTAGTGAAGTCTTTCTTCTTCAAGGT | 50.395.935 |
| Δ4-7 | LN875690 | #146 clone 2 | 50.345.196 | GAATTGACGGCATCCAGGGATCTCAGAAATTATTAGTACATCC | CC | ACATCAAGTCTAGTGAAGTCTTTCTTCTTCAAGGT | 50.395.935 |
| Δ4-7 | LN875691 | #148 | 50.345.196 | GAATTGACGGCATCCAGGGATCTCAGAAATTATTAGTACATCC | GAGTGGG | CATCAAGTCTAGTGAAGTCTTTCTTCTTCAAGGT | 50.395.936 |
| Δ4-7 | LN875692 | #170 | 50.345.192 | GAATTGACGGCATCCAGGGATCTCAGAAATTATTAGTAC | GCC | GAAACATCAAGTCTAGTGAAGTCTTTCTTCTTCAAGGT | 50.395.931 |
| Δ4-7 | LN875693 | #174 | 50.345.197 | GAATTGACGGCATCCAGGGATCTCAGAAATTATTAGTACATCC | G | GAAACATCAAGTCTAGTGAAGTCTTTCTTCTTCAAGGT | 50.395.931 |
| Δ4-7 | LN875694 | #175 | 50.345.196 | GAATTGACGGCATCCAGGGATCTCAGAAATTATTAGTACATCC | | AAACATCAAGTCTAGTGAAGTCTTTCTTCTTCAAGGT | 50.395.933 |
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| Δ4-7 | LN875696 | #186 | 50.345.196 | GAATTGACGGCATCCAGGGATCTCAGAAATTATTAGTACATCC | GCCGCCCGCTG | AAACATCAAGTCTAGTGAAGTCTTTCTTCTTCAAGGT | 50.395.934 |
| Δ4-7 | LN875697 | #197 | 50.345.196 | GAATTGACGGCATCCAGGGATCTCAGAAATTATTAGTACATCC | GAC | ACATCAAGTCTAGTGAAGTCTTTCTTCTTCAAGGT | 50.395.935 |
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| A4-8 | LN875764 | #360 clone 2 | 50.345.173 | GAATTGAOAGGCATCCAGGGA | | AGG | GCTGGCTCTCTTCCCTGTATGCCGAGACATGCTTGGG | 50.416.785 |
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| A4-8 | LN875766 | #395 | 50.345.196 | GAATTGANNGGCATCCAGGGGATCTCAGAAATTATTAGTACATCC | NN | GGGCTGACATGGCTGGCTCTTCCCTGTATGCCGAGACATGCTTGGG | 50.416.755 | |
| A4-8 | LN875767 | #400 | 50.345.193 | GAATTGAOAGGCATCCAGGGGATCTCAGAAATTATTAGTACAA | N | GGGCTGACATGGCTGGCTCTTCCCTGTATGCCGAGACATGCTTGGG | 50.416.755 | |
| A4-8 | LN875768 | #406 | 50.345.192 | GAATTGAOAGGCATCCAGGGGATCTCAGAAATTATTAGTAC | CCCCA | TGGGCTGACATGGCTGGCTCTTCCCTGTATGCCGAGACATGCTTGGG | 50.416.754 | |
| A4-8 | LN875769 | #469 | 50.345.195 | GAATTGAOAGGCATCCAGGGGATCTCAGAAATTATTAGTACATC | TCTCCCCC CCCCCG | TGTATGCCGAGACATGCTTGGG | 50.416.780 | |
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| A5-7 | LN875774 | #225 | 50.378.449 | AAGGTAGGCTACCCCTGTGATAGACACTTAACAGGATACTCGGGG | | ACATCAAGTGTAGTGTAACTGTTTCTTTCAAAGGT | 50.395.935 | |
| A5-7 | LN875775 | #424 | 50.378.410 | TCCOAGCCTCGCCTTTGTAAAGGTGAAATTAAACATGAAAGGT | TTCCGGGGC | TCAAGTGTAGTGTAACTGTTTCTTTCAAAGGT | 50.395.938 | |

Supplementary Table 11: Putative cryptic recombination signal sequences near breakpoints

1. four major breakpoint clusters

| breakpoint cluster | breakpoint region (cluster underlined) | RSS (5'-3') | strand | type |
|--------------------|--|---|--------|-------|
| intron 1 | TCTAGGTCTTAGAA <u>ACGTAGAGTTTCAGAGGATCAGCATTAT</u> <u>ACACACTGTCACACACACACACACTTAAAAAT</u> TCAGATGAGGA | CACTGTCACACACACACACA CTTAAAAAT | + | RSS12 |
| intron 3 | TAATCTGAATTGACGGCATCCAGGGATCTCAGAAATTATTAG TACATCCACAGTGAATTACCACCTTACTAAAAATTC | CACAGTGAATTACCACCTTAC TAAAAATA | + | RSS12 |
| intron 7 | TTTTAGATTTT <u>GCTGATGGCATTGCTTGTGAAATGTTGCTGT</u> <u>GGAAACATCAAGTCTAGTGA</u> ACTGTTTCTTCTCAAGGTGA TTTG | CACAGCAACATTCAACAAGC AATGCCATCAGCAAAATCT | - | RSS23 |
| 3'UTR | CATGTGCTTTTTCTCAAGCAGGCACACTGGTCCCTTTCAAGG TGTGGGCTGACATGCTGGCTCTCTCCCTGTATGCCGA | CACACCTTGAAAGGGACCAG TGTGCCTGCTTGAGAAAAA | - | RSS23 |

2. atypical breakpoints outside clusters

| nr | patient | Δ el | RSS (5'-3') | strand | location | type |
|----|---------|--------------|---|--------|----------|-------|
| 1 | #36 | Δ 2-3 | CAGAGTGAGGAGGAGCTGATCTGACATT | + | intron 3 | RSS12 |
| 2 | | | CACTCTGATCTTTACCATCACCAGACTC | + | intron 3 | RSS12 |
| 3 | #46 | Δ 2-3 | CACCCCCACTCCCCATATTATAAAAACT | - | intron 3 | RSS12 |
| 4 | | | CACAGTAACTCTTAATTGTTAATTCAGTTCGTGTGTTA | + | intron 3 | RSS23 |
| 5 | #58 | Δ 2-3 | CACAGCCAGGACAGGAGCTGCAGCAACT | - | intron 1 | RSS12 |
| 6 | | | CACTGTCACACACACACACACTTAAAAAT | + | intron 1 | RSS12 |
| 7 | | | CATAGAGACACCAGAGAGAGAACAATGTTACAGCCAGG | - | intron 1 | RSS23 |
| 8 | #85 | Δ 2-7 | CAACATCCTCAAAAACAATACAATGATA | - | intron 7 | RSS12 |
| 9 | | | CACAGCAACATTCAACAAGCAATGCCATCAGCAAAATCT | - | intron 7 | RSS23 |
| 10 | #113 | Δ 2-3 | CACTGAGCTGTGACTCTTGGGGGAAAGA | + | intron 3 | RSS12 |
| 11 | | | CATGCTGGGAAACTGTCCTGTGAAAGAGAATAGAAACCT | + | intron 3 | RSS23 |
| 12 | | | CACATTGGGTGGGGGAAAAATTCCTGTTTTCCCAACCA | - | intron 3 | RSS23 |
| 13 | | | CAATGTGCTGCATTTTCTAATTTTCTATGAACACTTCCT | + | intron 3 | RSS23 |
| 14 | | | CACTGTCACACACACACACACTTAAAAAT | + | intron 1 | RSS12 |
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| 16 | | | CACAGTGTGGTGTTCAGAGGCATAGGCTCTAGGCTCCCT | + | intron 3 | RSS23 |
| 17 | | | CACACTCAATCATTGTTCTGGAGTCCAGAGGGAAAAATA | - | intron 3 | RSS23 |
| 18 | #119 | Δ 2 | CACTGTGACTTCCGGCCCCAGGGAAGCT | - | intron 2 | RSS12 |
| 19 | | | CACAGTCATGACTGTTTGTTCATTAAGC | + | intron 2 | RSS12 |
| 20 | | | CACAGTCTTGGTATGCTCATGGGGGAGGAATAGGGGCT | + | intron 2 | RSS23 |
| 21 | #143 | Δ 2-3 | CACTGTGAGATGCAAGCTGAAATAAACC | - | intron 3 | RSS12 |
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| 36 | #199 | Δ 2-7 | CAACATCCTCAAAAACAATACAATGATA | - | intron 7 | RSS12 |

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| 37 | | | CACAGCAACATTCAACAAGCAATGCCATCAGCAAAATCT | - | intron 7 | RSS23 |
| 38 | | | CACCGTGAAACAAAAGGGGAAGAAAACA | - | intron 1 | RSS12 |
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| 43 | | | CACAGTCAATCAGAGCTGGTGACCAGAACATTTTATTGA | + | intron 1 | RSS23 |
| 44 | #215 | Δ 2-3 | CACAGCCAGGACAGGAGCTGCAGCAACT | - | intron 1 | RSS12 |
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| 46 | | | CATAGAGACACCAGAGAGAGAACAATGTTTCACAGCCAGG | - | intron 1 | RSS23 |
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| 48 | | | CACAGCAACATTCAACAAGCAATGCCATCAGCAAAATCT | - | intron 7 | RSS23 |
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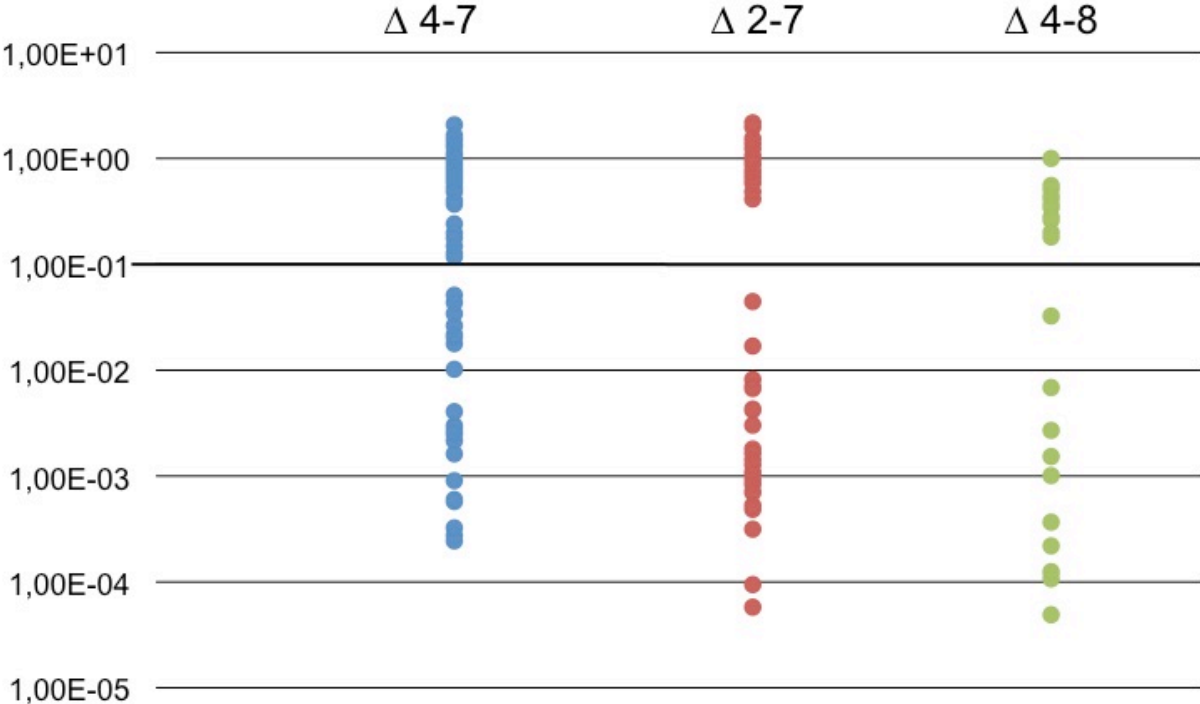
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Supplementary Table 12: Comparison between diagnosis and relapse of 20 mutations in 16 patients with *IKZF1* mutations at the time of diagnosis.

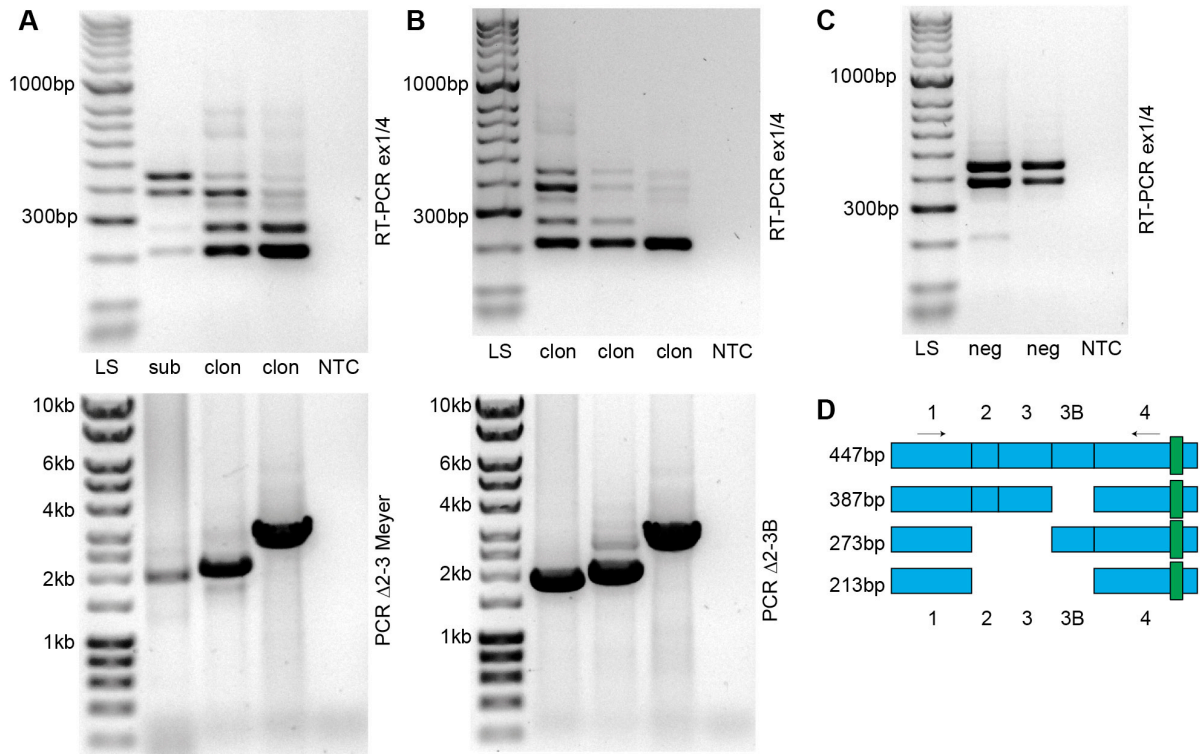
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| #121 | $\Delta 4-7$ | high deletion load | conserved |
| #130 | $\Delta 2-7$ | high deletion load | conserved |
| #179 | $\Delta 4-7$ | low deletion load | lost |
| #198 | $\Delta 2-7$ | low deletion load | lost |
| | $\Delta 4-7$ | high deletion load | lost |
| #199 | $\Delta 2-3$ | N/A | conserved |
| | $\Delta 2-7$ | low deletion load | conserved |
| #204 | $\Delta 2-3$ | high deletion load | lost |
| | $\Delta 2-7$ | high deletion load | conserved |
| #243 | $\Delta 2-7$ | high deletion load | conserved |
| | $\Delta 4-8$ | high deletion load | conserved |
| #289 | $\Delta 4-8$ | high deletion load | lost |
| #479 | $\Delta 4-7$ | high deletion load | conserved |
| #482 | $\Delta 2-8$ | high deletion load | conserved |
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| #500 | $\Delta 4-7$ | low deletion load | lost |

Supplementary Figures

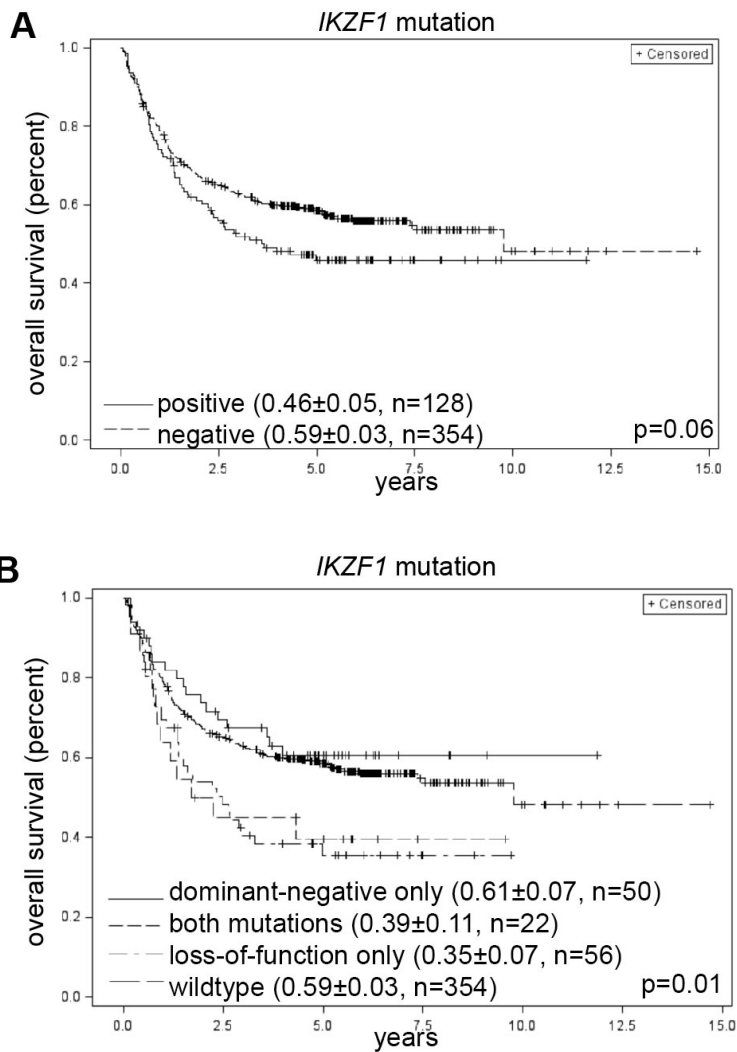
Supplementary Figure 1: Quantification of deletions $\Delta 4-7$, $\Delta 2-7$ and $\Delta 4-8$ by quantitative PCR. Relative concentration of deleted cells was calculated in relation to a standard curve by cell line BV-173 ($\Delta 4-7$) or patient DNA (#100 for $\Delta 2-7$, #101 for $\Delta 4-8$). Deletions with a relative concentration $>1,00E-01$ are considered „high deletion load“, all other deletions are considered „low deletion load“.



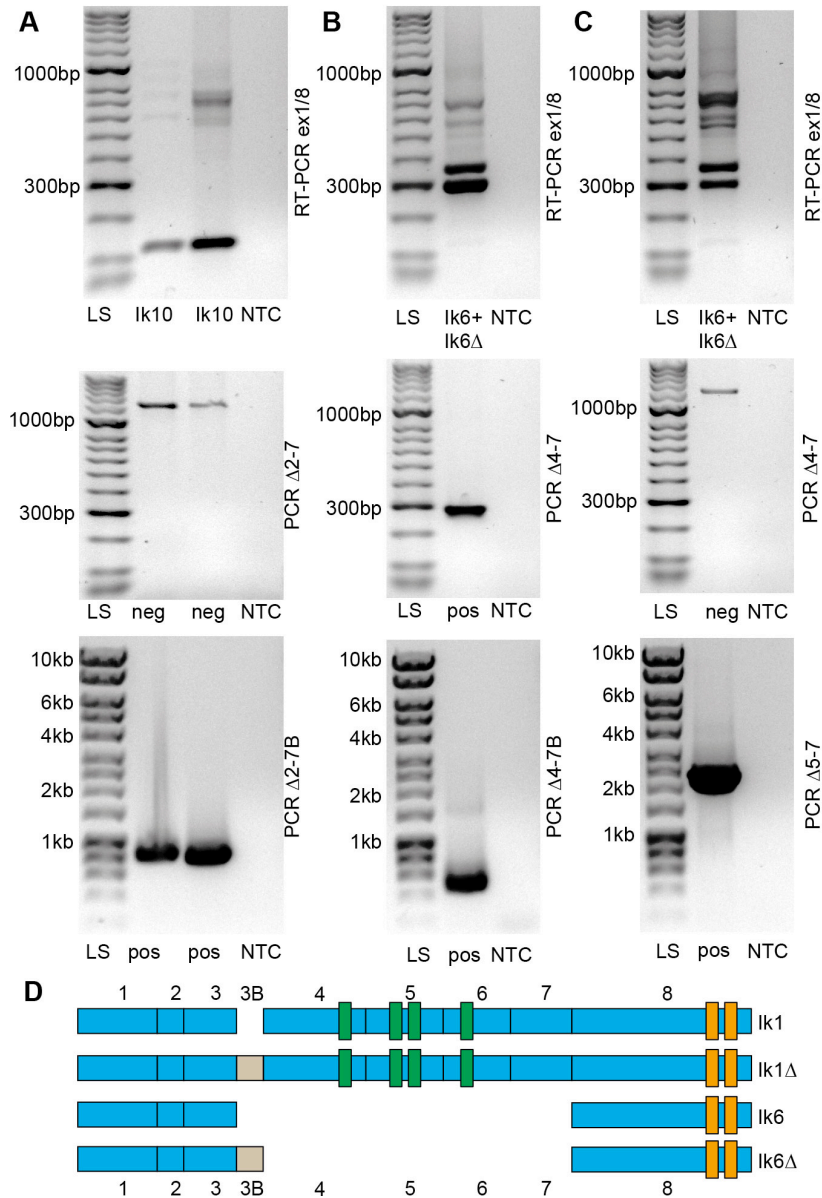
Supplementary Figure 2: Detection of $\Delta 2-3$ by RT-PCR. (A) Patients positive for $\Delta 2-3$ on RT-PCR (above) show a corresponding lesion detectable by the PCR described by Meyer (below). (B) In this subgroup of patients positive for $\Delta 2-3$ in RT-PCR ex1/4, a genomic breakpoint could only be identified by a novel PCR $\Delta 2-3$ B. (C) Patients negative for $\Delta 2-3$ on RT-PCR. (D) Structure of the 4 PCR products detectable by RT-PCR ex1/4.



Supplementary Figure 3: Additional evaluation of the prognostic effect of *IKZF1* mutations. (A) Overall survival of patients with and without any *IKZF1* mutation. (B) Overall survival of patients with *IKZF1* loss-of-function mutations only, *IKZF1* dominant-negative mutations only or both forms of *IKZF1* mutations.



Supplementary Figure 4: Detection of rare breakpoints by RT-PCR. (A) Patients #85 and #291 show Ik10 expression on RT-PCR (above), no breakpoint by PCR Δ 2-7 (middle) and a breakpoint by PCR Δ 2-7 variant (below). (B) Patient #338 exhibits Ik6 and Ik6 Δ on RT-PCR (above), a breakpoint by PCR Δ 4-7 (middle) and a second breakpoint distal to exon 3b by PCR Δ 4-7 variant (below). (C) Patient #424 shows Ik6 and Ik6 Δ expression by RT-PCR (above), no PCR Δ 4-7 (middle) and a band by a PCR Δ 5-7 (below). (D) Structure of isoforms Ik6 and Ik6 Δ .



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