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Abstract

The outcomes of patients with multiple myeloma (MM) refractory to immunomodulatory agents (IMiDs) and proteasome inhibitors (PIs) remain poor. We performed whole genome and transcriptome sequencing of 39 heavily pretreated relapsed/refractory MM (RRMM) patients to identify mechanisms of resistance and potential therapeutic targets. We observed a high mutational load and indications of increased genomic instability. Recurrently mutated genes in RRMM, which had not been previously reported or only observed at a lower frequency in newly diagnosed MM, included *NRAS*, *BRAF*, *TP53*, *SLC4A7*, *MLLT4*, *EWSR1*, *HCFC2*, and *COPS3*. We found multiple genomic regions with bi-allelic events affecting tumor suppressor genes and demonstrated a significant adverse impact of bi-allelic *TP53* alterations on survival. With regard to potentially resistance conferring mutations, recurrently mutated gene networks included genes with relevance for PI and IMiD activity, the latter particularly affecting members of the Cereblon and the COP9 signalosome complex. We observed a major impact of signatures associated with exposure to melphalan or impaired DNA double-strand break homologous recombination repair in RRMM. The latter coincided with mutations in genes associated with PARP inhibitor sensitivity in 49% of RRMM patients, a finding with potential therapeutic implications. In conclusion, this comprehensive genomic characterization revealed a complex mutational and structural landscape in RRMM and highlights potential implications for therapeutic strategies.

Introduction

The introduction of novel therapies such as immunomodulatory agents (IMiDs) and proteasome inhibitors (PIs) has improved the outcomes of patients with multiple myeloma (MM) including those with relapsed MM (RMM) following second or third lines of therapy.¹ However, survival remains short if the disease becomes resistant to the major drug classes despite the advent of monoclonal antibodies.^{2, 3} Relapsed/refractory MM (RRMM) therefore represents a patient population of particularly high unmet medical need.⁴ Thus, a better understanding of the pathophysiology of RRMM is key to improving outcome of these patients.

In recent years, advances have been made in elucidating the genomic landscape of newly diagnosed MM (NDMM). These studies have revealed marked clonal heterogeneity with recurrently mutated genes each only affecting a minority of patients.⁵⁻⁷ Clonal evolution over the course of the disease caused both by therapeutic interventions and ongoing genetic instability leads to more resistant clones in RMM, and finally to RRMM.⁸⁻¹¹ Accordingly, RRMM represents, in many respects, a fundamentally different biological disease entity. However, in contrast to NDMM, genomic data on RRMM is still limited.

Data from targeted sequencing in RRMM has identified an evolved set of mutated genes with enrichment for certain oncogenic drivers such as *KRAS*, *NRAS*, and *TP53* mutations and the development of what are presumed to be resistance-associated mutations.¹¹ Mutations conferring resistance to PIs and IMiDs have been described in proteasomal subunits and in the IMiD target gene *Cereblon* (*CRBN*), respectively.^{11, 12} It is noteworthy that most of these mutations only occur in a minority of patients and at low allele frequency.¹³ Additional mechanisms of resistance may therefore be important in RRMM. An unbiased and comprehensive molecular study is therefore required to fully dissect the biology underlying RRMM.

Here, we used whole genome sequencing (WGS) and RNA sequencing (RNA-Seq) to comprehensively analyze a highly selected cohort of 39 heavily pretreated RRMM patients with at least double

refractory disease, revealing a complex mutational and structural landscape and highlighting potential implications for personalized therapeutic strategies.

Methods

Patient characteristics

WGS and RNA-Seq was performed on samples from 39 highly refractory MM patients. Nine of these samples have been analyzed and reported before by our group using targeted sequencing.¹¹ The median number of prior therapy lines was 5 (2-13), all had relapsed following IMiDs and PIs, and 34 (87%) had had an autologous transplant. All patients were at least double-refractory, 62% were at least triple-refractory, and 38% were quadruple-refractory to IMiDs and PIs (**suppl Table S1**). In addition, 8% were also refractory to anti-CD38 monoclonal antibodies. Median progression-free survival (PFS) calculated from the time of sampling was 3.5 months and median overall survival (OS) was 7.4 months. Using fluorescence in situ hybridization (FISH)-based methods, 21 (54%) RRMM patients harbored high-risk cytogenetic aberrations. Specifically, 16 (41%) had deletion 17p. For comparison with NDMM, we further analyzed a WGS data set of 21 NDMM patients. For comparative analyses of mutational signatures, we included WGS data of 15 RMM patients with a median of two (1-4) prior therapy lines, thus less heavily pretreated than our RRMM cohort. Both additional WGS data sets are publicly available and had a median coverage of 40x.^{14, 15}

Sample acquisition and preparation

Between March 2014 and October 2017, tumor samples from 39 RRMM patients were collected at Heidelberg University Hospital. Written informed consent was obtained prior to sampling in accordance with the Declaration of Helsinki. This study was approved by the Institutional Ethics Committee.

CD138+ plasma cells were isolated as described previously.¹¹ DNA and RNA were extracted using the AllPrep kit (QIAGEN, Hilden, Germany). Saliva, buccal swabs or bone marrow stroma cells obtained from cultured CD138- cells were used as germline controls. Saliva was collected in Oragene-Dx tubes

and DNA was extracted using prepIT-L2P (DNA Genotek, Ottawa, Canada). DNA from buccal swabs was extracted using the blackPREP Swab DNA Kit (Analytik Jena, Jena, Germany). DNA from stroma cells was extracted using the QIAamp DNA Mini Kit (QIAGEN, Hilden, Germany).

Whole genome sequencing

As described previously,¹⁶ DNA libraries were prepared following the Illumina TruSeq Nano DNA Library protocol using the TruSeq DNA Nano kit (Illumina, Hayward, CA) and then sequenced on two lanes on the HiSeq X (2×151 bp) using the HiSeq X Ten Reagent Kit v2.5 (Illumina, Hayward, CA) to a median coverage of 77x.

Alignment and small variant calling

The raw reads were mapped to the human reference genome (build 37, version hs37d5), using BWA mem¹⁷ (version 0.7.8). To assess the effect of differing sequencing depths between the NDMM (median coverage 40x), RMM (40x), and RRMM (77x) samples on variant calling, subsampling of RRMM samples was performed for comparative analyses using Sambamba¹⁸ (version 0.6.6) to achieve a 50% lower coverage.

Small nucleotide variants (SNVs) were called using SAMtools mpileup (version 0.1.19) and bcftools view. Indels were called using Platypus¹⁹ (version 0.8.1). Variants were annotated with Gencode²⁰ (version 19) and ANNOVAR²¹. Splicing SNVs or SNVs resulting in nonsynonymous coding were called 'functional SNVs'. For prediction of functional relevance of SNVs, we calculated Combined Annotation Dependent Depletion (CADD) scores (version 1.3) and used a cut-off of 20. Driver genes were identified using IntOGen²² (version 3.0.5).

Analysis of mutational signatures and Kataegis clusters

A supervised analysis of mutational signatures was performed with the R package YAPSA,²³ based on the mutational catalogue of the 30 known signatures from COSMIC v2 (https://cancer.sanger.ac.uk/signatures/signatures_v2), supplemented with the MM1 signature which was recently linked to melphalan exposure.^{15, 24} We defined Kataegis-like clusters to be regions

of increased SNV density with at least five SNVs with at most 1000 bp inter-mutational distance in one sample.²⁵

Calculation of HRDetect scores

HRDetect is a weighted model used to predict BRCA1/2 deficient tumors.²⁶ We used an implementation of HRDetect available at <https://github.com/eyzhao/hrdetect-pipeline>.²⁷

Detection of copy number variation and structural variants

Copy number states were called as described previously,^{16, 25} and estimation of tumor purity and ploidy was performed using ACEseq (allele-specific copy number estimation from sequencing; <https://www.biorxiv.org/content/early/2017/10/29/210807>).

Structural variants (SVs) were detected using the DKFZ SOPHIA workflow (version 2.0.2, <https://github.com/DKFZ-ODCF/SophiaWorkflow>).^{16, 25} SV candidate detection is a process of split-read and discordant mate evidence collection across each breakpoint as precursors for a SV. SV candidates (pairs of breakpoints) are filtered by a complex decision tree trained by expert assessment of orthogonal FISH data.

RNA sequencing

RNA-Seq libraries were prepared using the Illumina TruSeq stranded mRNA kit and were sequenced on the Illumina HiSeq 2000 V4 platform. The paired-end reads were mapped to the STAR index generated reference genome (build 37, version hs37d5) with gencode (version 19) using STAR²⁸ (version 2.5.2b). The gene expressions were quantified using featureCounts (Subread version 1.5.1). Gene fusions were detected using Arriba version 1.0.0 (<https://github.com/suhrig/arriba>) as described previously.²⁹

A detailed description of the bioinformatics workflow and subsequent analyses is provided in supplemental methods.

Results

High mutational load and genomic instability in RRMM

RRMM displayed a complex mutational landscape and an increase of both chromosomal and nucleotide aberrations compared to NDMM (**Figure 1A, suppl. Figure S1**). With a median of 67 (range 7-496), the overall load of SVs was significantly higher in RRMM ($p=0.002$) (**Figure 1B, suppl. Figure S1**). Complex structural rearrangements and catastrophic events were a frequent finding in RRMM patients, notably chromoplexy ($n=10$) and chromothripsis ($n=5$) (**Figure 1C, D**). Numerical chromosomal aberrations, which occurred significantly more frequently in RRMM compared to NDMM, included gain(1q) and deletions of 1p, 13q, and 17p (all $p<0.05$, **suppl. Figure S1**).

The overall mutational load in RRMM was also significantly higher than in NDMM ($p<10^{-5}$) (**Figure 1E, suppl. Figure S1**). We observed a median number of 116 (range 42-237) functional SNVs and 5 (range 1-15) functional indels per patient and overall, a median of 3.94 somatic small variants per megabase in RRMM. RRMM patients showed a much higher prevalence of SNVs outside of Kataegis-like clusters than NDMM patients ($p<10^{-5}$) indicating activity of mutational mechanisms on a broader scale in RRMM (**suppl. Figure S1**).

Genomic instability, assessed by calculation of the unbiased sum of homologous recombination deficiency (HRD), large-scale transition (LST) and telomeric allelic imbalance (TAI) scores, was significantly increased in RRMM compared to NDMM ($p=0.004$, **Figure 1F, suppl. Figure S1**).

Driver gene aberrations in RRMM

Significantly mutated driver genes in RRMM featured prominently members of the mitogen-activated kinase pathway and *TP53* (**Figure 2, suppl. Table S2**) and showed large overlap to known drivers in NDMM. However, the prevalence of *BRAF* ($p<0.001$) and *TP53* ($p<0.0001$) mutations was significantly higher in RRMM compared to data from NDMM patients published by Walker *et al*.⁷ a trend was also seen for *NRAS* mutations ($p=0.05$). In addition, we identified the following genes as significantly mutated drivers in RRMM: the sodium bicarbonate co-transporter *SLC4A7* (13%), the Ras target

MLLT4 (5%), the RNA binding protein EWSR1 (5%), the MLL complex member HCFC2 (5%), and the COP9 signalosome subunit COPS3 (5%) (**Figure 2**). RNA Seq data confirmed expression of the vast majority of variants. Virtually all variants were predicted to be functionally relevant by CADD score (**suppl. Figure S2**).

We found multiple bi-allelic events or ‘double hits’ in RRMM affecting known tumor suppressor genes (TSGs) (**suppl. Table S3**). In total, 25 of 39 RRMM patients presented with at least one double hit in TSGs, significantly increased compared to NDMM (3/21, $p < 0.001$). The most frequently affected TSGs in RRMM were *TP53* (n=8), *RB1* (n=7), and *TRAF3* (n=6). RRMM patients with a double hit of *TP53* had significantly inferior PFS ($p = 0.004$) and a trend for inferior OS ($p = 0.07$), both calculated from time of sampling, in univariate log-rank tests compared to patients with no or a single hit of *TP53* (**Figure 3**). While treatment of patients before and after sampling was heterogeneous, the adverse impact of bi-allelic TP53 alterations remained significant in multivariate analysis including age, number of prior therapies and ISS as possible confounders with regard to both PFS (hazard ratio (HR) 4.02; $p = 0.01$) and OS (HR 4.77; $p = 0.02$). ‘Double hits’ in other single TSGs or a combination thereof did not show a significant impact on survival which would have been independent of TP53 events.

Oncogenic networks in RRMM

Next, we analyzed whether gene groups, resistance mechanisms or signaling networks were recurrently affected by small variants in our RRMM cohort (**suppl. Table S4**). We first addressed genes linked to the mechanisms of action of PIs and IMiDs (**suppl. Figure S3-5, suppl. Table S5**). Overall, 21% of RRMM patients as opposed to only 5% of NDMM patients harbored mutations in genes considered relevant to PI activity, mainly proteasome subunits (PSMB5, PSMC2, PSMC6, PSMD2, PSMD11, and PSME3). Recurrent mutations were also detected in TJP1, previously found to modulate PI sensitivity in MM.³⁰ However, statistical significance was not reached ($p = 0.14$), likely due to the limited sample size. Regarding IMiD resistance, candidate mutations were found to be significantly more frequent in RRMM patients compared to NDMM (31% vs. 5%, $p = 0.02$). We

observed mutations in all four members of the CRBN complex (*CRBN*, *CUL4B*, *RBX1*, *DDB1*), *IZKF1* as downstream target, as well as in three members of the COP9 signalosome complex (*COPS3*, *COPS4*, *COPS8*) and *CAND1*, which are regulators of cullin-RING ligase neddylation and which were recently identified in a CRISPR-Cas9 screen as essential for IMiD mechanism of action.³¹

The MAPK pathway harbored mutations in 77% of RRMM patients (52% in NDMM), mostly due to mutations in *NRAS*, *KRAS* and *BRAF*. NF κ B signaling was affected in 23% (5% in NDMM) with recurrent mutations in *NFKB1*, *NFKB2*, *TRAF3* and *CHUK*. Both pathways showed a trend to being more frequently affected in RRMM, as did the large functional group of epigenetic modifiers which was affected in 77% of RRMM patients (52% in NDMM, all $p=0.08$). Of potential therapeutic interest, mutations in genes associated with sensitivity to PARP inhibitors were found in 49% of RRMM compared to 29% of NDMM patients, however, not reaching statistical significance ($p=0.17$), with recurrent mutations in *ATM*, *NBN*, and *TOP3A* (suppl. Figure S3, S6, suppl. Table S5).

Enrichment of mutational signatures of impaired DNA damage repair in RRMM

To identify mechanisms contributing to high mutational load and high genomic instability observed in RRMM as compared to NDMM, we analyzed mutational signatures (Figure 4A, suppl. Figure S7). For further evaluation of different disease stages, we also included a cohort of relapsed but less heavily pretreated RMM patients as an intermediate stage, which had previously been analyzed by Maura et al.¹⁵ In supervised fitting with signature-specific cutoffs, we found a significantly higher contribution from COSMIC signatures AC3 (associated with deficiency in homologous recombination repair) and the melphalan signature MM1 ($p=0.006$ and $p<0.001$, resp.) in RRMM compared to NDMM (Figure 4B) at the cost of the clock-like signatures AC1 (spontaneous deamination) and AC5 (clock-like but unknown) with significantly lower contributions ($p<0.001$ and $p=0.005$, resp.). In RMM, we detected signature MM1, but to a lesser extent when compared to our RRMM cohort ($p=0.004$), and signature AC3 was found with exposures in-between the NDMM and RRMM cohorts (Figure 4A, suppl. Figure S7). Comparison of the clinical information on the published RMM cohort with our RRMM patients confirmed a significantly higher overall number of prior therapies as well as more extensive exposure

to both novel agents and to high-dose melphalan therapy in our RRMM patients. Information on all mutational signatures detected in this manuscript including asserted mutational mechanisms is summarized in **suppl. Table S6**.

To further assess the finding of enriched deficiency in homologous recombination repair as indicated by signature AC3, we applied HRDetect, which is a weighted model used to predict BRCA1/2 deficient tumors.²⁶ HRDetect scores were significantly higher in RRMM than in both NDMM and RMM ($p < 0.0001$ and $p = 0.01$, resp., **Figure 4C, suppl. Figure S7**), in line with the observation of higher exposure to mutational signature AC3 in RRMM than in NDMM and RMM. In 6 of 39 RRMM samples, the HRDetect scores exceeded the value of 0.7, a cut-off which was recently established to identify tumors with a high level of BRCA1/BRCA2 deficiency.²⁶ Taken together, these observations indicate a shift in the activities of different mutational mechanisms during the course of the disease. This might be a consequence of mechanisms intrinsic to the tumor cells (e.g. acquisition of DNA repair deficiencies) or may result from exposure to therapeutic agents.

Enriched chromosomal translocations in RRMM

Next, we sought to identify translocations, which were enriched or unique to RRMM (**Figure 5A, suppl. Figure 8**). While MYC rearrangements per se were not enriched in RRMM, *FAM46C-MYC* translocations ($n=4$) and local rearrangements of chr8q24.21 ($n=4$) were both found exclusively in RRMM patients (**Figure 5B**). The super-enhancer of *FAM46C* showed rearrangements involving a number of target genes such as the transcription factor and presumed oncogene *LMO4*. Analysis of expression data confirmed enhancer hijacking (**suppl. Figure S9**). IgH translocations involving *MYCN* were observed in two cases as part of composite t(4;14)-t(2;4) translocations also involving the *MMSET* locus, co-activating *MMSET* and *MYCN*. In these cases, *MYCN* was highly expressed, while *MYC* expression was completely suppressed (**suppl. Figure S10**). Both cases showed extramedullary disease, secondary plasma cell leukemia and a distinct plasmablastic cytological appearance. In one case, retrospective analysis of earlier samples revealed the absence of the secondary t(2;4)

translocation and absence of concomitant *MYCN* activation and *MYC* suppression, suggesting the emergence of *MYCN* overexpression with disease progression.

Discussion

This comprehensive study of extensively pretreated, highly refractory MM by WGS and RNA-Seq suggests that the pathophysiology of NDMM and the biology of refractory disease are strikingly different. In RRMM, we observed marked genomic instability with impaired DNA repair mechanisms, in particular homologous recombination repair (HRR), which we confirmed using the well-established HRDetect algorithm. Mutational signatures indicative of impaired DNA repair, such as AC3, have been reported in NDMM although not to the extent observed here in this highly refractory setting.^{32, 33} A recent study has reported the absence of mutational signature AC3 and HRR deficiency in NDMM and has classified the appearance of signature AC3 in NDMM as a false positive effect of the applied deconvolution method.¹⁵ A study on the genomic make-up of relapsed but less heavily pretreated RMM using whole-exome sequencing did not report mutational signature AC3, but rather a novel signature associated with alkylator therapies.¹³ In our work, we find both mutational signatures and thereby provide evidence that they are not reflective of the same underlying mutational process and can be deconvoluted with sufficient statistical power in the underlying data.

Walker *et al* recently used the term *double hit* MM to indicate a subset of NDMM with a very poor prognosis including patients with bi-allelic TP53 inactivation.³⁴ In our study, patients with a *TP53 double hit* experienced the worst outcomes in RRMM, confirming recent observations in the relapsed setting.^{10, 35} Further genes with recurrent bi-allelic aberrations in RRMM include *RB1* and *TRAF3*, though they did not independently affect the prognosis in our cohort, likely attributable to the limited number of patients which had 'double hits' in these TSGs but without concomitant bi-allelic *TP53* events.

BRAF mutations occur at a higher prevalence in RRMM. The frequency seen in our cohort seems to even exceed those previously reported in RRMM,³⁶ a finding which may reflect the heavily pretreated

nature of the patient cohort presented here. However, a possible selection bias has to be kept in mind because a strong driver mutation like BRAF V600E might be associated with higher tumor load, thus potentially resulting in a higher success rate of plasma cell purification for WGS. Also, the limited sample size might have contributed to this finding. Nonetheless, the eight cases of the druggable mutation BRAF V600E are of particular therapeutic interest.^{37, 38}

Among potential resistance-conferring SNVs, individual genes were only affected at low frequencies. However, at the level of functional networks, recurrence was actually seen. We found mutations in several proteasomal subunits as well as in TJP1 which modulates PI sensitivity in MM.^{12, 30, 39} While the functional impact of most of these mutations remains to be proven, their enrichment in RRMM supports an association with PI resistance. The same holds true for mutations in genes presumably associated with IMiD resistance, such as *CRBN*, *CUL4B*, and *IKZF1*. Furthermore, we detected mutations in three members of the COP9 signalosome complex (*COPS3*, *COPS4*, and *COPS8*) and *CAND1*, further supporting their functional impact on IMiD activity.³¹

The increased mutational load might both explain the higher capacity of MM cells to adapt to treatment and facilitate the emergence of resistance. One of the mechanisms contributing to the higher mutational load in RRMM appears to be impaired DNA double-strand break HRR with the potential therapeutic implication of synthetic lethality to pharmacological inhibitors of DNA damage response, such as ATR inhibitors. At the same time, we found mutations in genes associated with sensitivity to PARP inhibitors in 49% of RRMM patients. This further strengthens the rationale for assessing the therapeutic efficacy of ATR and PARP inhibition in RRMM as has been shown, for example, in solid cancers with *BRCAness* characteristics.⁴⁰ In fact, there is plenty of pre-clinical evidence for synthetic lethality conferred by such inhibitors in MM cell lines with high rates of ongoing DNA damage.⁴¹⁻⁴³ As PI treatment has been suggested to induce a *BRCAness*-like state in MM cells via impairment of DNA repair pathways,⁴⁴ there may also be a rationale for combining PI and PARP inhibitors in MM. However, these concepts need to be confirmed within clinical trials.

One major limitation of our study is that comparative analyses were performed between independent NDMM, RMM, and RRMM patient cohorts, limiting the ability to draw conclusions as to the tumor evolution under treatment. Thus, one can only speculate as to whether genomic instability was pre-existing in these cases, e.g. restricted to certain focal lesions,⁴⁵ and was then selected for or whether it was newly acquired following treatment with e.g. DNA damaging drugs. Longitudinal analyses that also address spatial heterogeneity will therefore be of particular interest. While this real world RRMM cohort represents similarly ultra-refractory MM patients, the route taken to this end stage disease differed greatly between individual patients. It is well conceivable, that important biological differences exist between RRMM patients reaching refractoriness after multiple lines of treatment and those progressing fast through a limited number of therapies. Our RRMM cohort size might therefore be too small to overcome the heterogeneity of this patient population with sufficient statistical power. Further analyses on larger or more homogeneous RRMM patient cohorts will help elucidate these issues.

In conclusion, based on our observation that RRMM is characterized by marked genomic instability, which enables MM cells to rapidly adapt to selective therapeutic pressure, treatment strategies focused on exploiting impaired HRR should be evaluated within prospective clinical trials. Such strategies might be particularly useful in the current era of novel immunotherapies in MM as recent reports suggest genomic instability as a mechanism of resistance to CAR T cell treatment.^{46, 47} Targeting impaired DNA repair mechanisms may therefore help to improve the outcomes of patients with RRMM.

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Figure legends

Figure 1. High genomic complexity and mutational load in RRMM vs NDMM.

A. SV and SNV load per patient in RRMM vs NDMM.

SNV and SV counts are plotted for each patient in both cohorts showing a higher overall mutational load in RRMM (blue) vs NDMM (red). Each dot represents an individual patient. The example cases shown in panels C and D are annotated as RRMM_16 and RRMM_15, respectively.

B. Differences in SV types in RRMM vs NDMM.

Median and range of number of overall SVs per patient in RRMM (blue) vs NDMM (red) are shown as well as deletions (DEL), duplications (DUP), inversions (INV), and translocations (TRA).

C. Example case of RRMM displaying chromoplexy.

Green lines represent translocations, blue lines deletions, red lines duplications, and black lines inversions. Transparency of lines is based on estimated SV clonality. Variant existence is represented by bar plots. The outer layer represents copy number variations and display the copy-neutral nature of the chromoplexy event.

D. Example case of RRMM displaying chromothripsis.

Green lines represent translocations, blue lines deletions, red lines duplications, and black lines inversions. Transparency of lines is based on estimated SV clonality. Variant existence is represented by bar plots. The outer layer represents copy number variations.

E. Genome-wide small variant mutational load in RRMM vs NDMM.

The number of mutations per patients and length of genome in megabases (MB) is shown in RRMM (blue) vs NDMM (red).

F. Genomic instability scores in RRMM vs NDMM.

The unbiased sum of HRD, LST, and TAI scores is shown for RRMM (blue) vs NDMM (red) illustrating a higher genomic instability in RRMM.

To compensate for differing sequencing depths in both cohorts, the RRMM dataset was subsampled for these analyses.

Figure 2. Significantly mutated driver genes in RRMM. Significantly mutated drivers and their prevalence in the RRMM cohort are shown as well as copy number aberrations (CNAs) of chromosome arms 13q, 1q, 17p, 1p, presence or absence of hyperdiploid karyotype, and the genomic instability score.

Figure 3. Impact of TP53 alteration on PFS (A) and OS (B) in RRMM. PFS and OS is shown for RRMM patients with a bi-allelic event involving the TP53 locus (red), a mono-allelic event (blue) or no event (black) illustrating the inferior outcome of patients with bi-allelic TP53 aberrations. PFS and OS were calculated from time of sampling.

Figure 4. Exposure to mutational signatures in RRMM vs RMM vs NDMM patients.

A. Absolute exposure to mutational signatures in RRMM vs RMM vs NDMM patients.

Exposure to mutational signatures based on the Alexandrov COSMIC (AC) catalogue with the addition of the MM1 signature recently linked to melphalan exposure is shown for RRMM (blue) vs RMM (green) vs NDMM (red) patients. Most notable is an increased impact of signatures AC3 (light brown) and MM1 (black) in RRMM.

B. Relative exposure to mutational signatures in RRMM vs RMM vs NDMM patients.

Exposure to mutational signatures is shown for RRMM (blue) vs RMM (green) vs NDMM (red) patient cohorts. Significant differences in exposure are indicated with the following p-values: * <0.05, ** <0.01, *** < 0.001. Most notable is a significant increase of signature AC3 in RRMM compared to NDMM and RMM as well as a significant step-wise increase of signature MM1 in RRMM vs RMM vs NDMM.

C. HRDetect scores in RRMM vs RMM vs NDMM patients.

HRDetect scores in RRMM (blue) vs RMM (green) vs NDMM (red) indicate a significant increase in impaired homologous recombination repair features in RRMM.

To compensate for differing sequencing depths in both cohorts, the RRMM dataset was subsampled for this analysis.

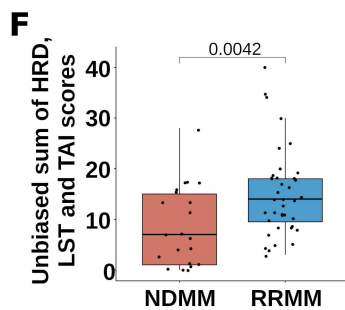
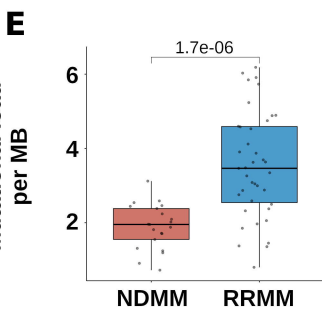
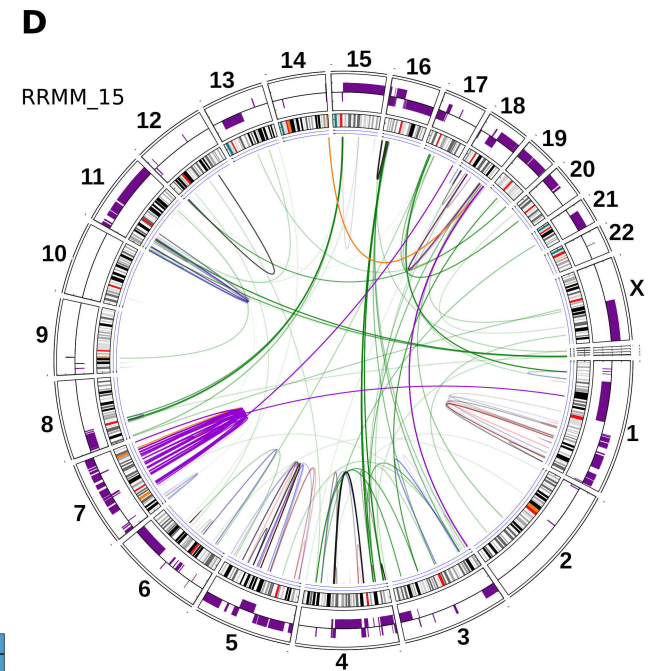
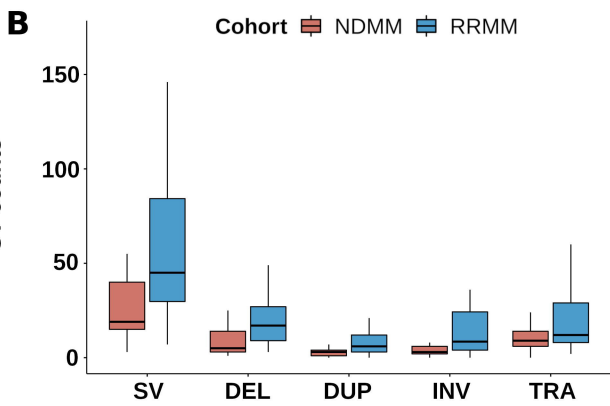
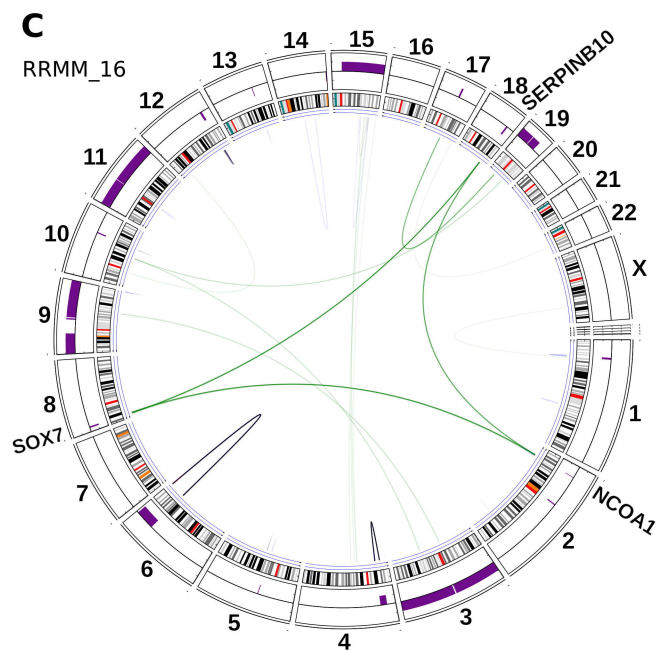
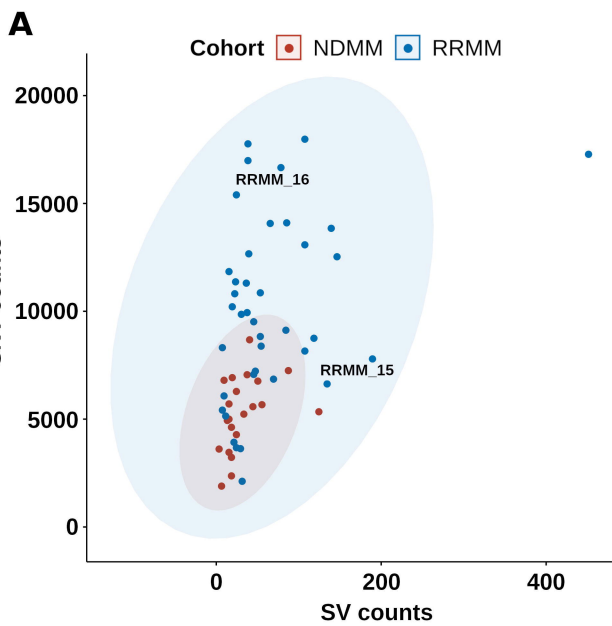
Figure 5. Immunoglobulin translocations and MYC rearrangements in RRMM.

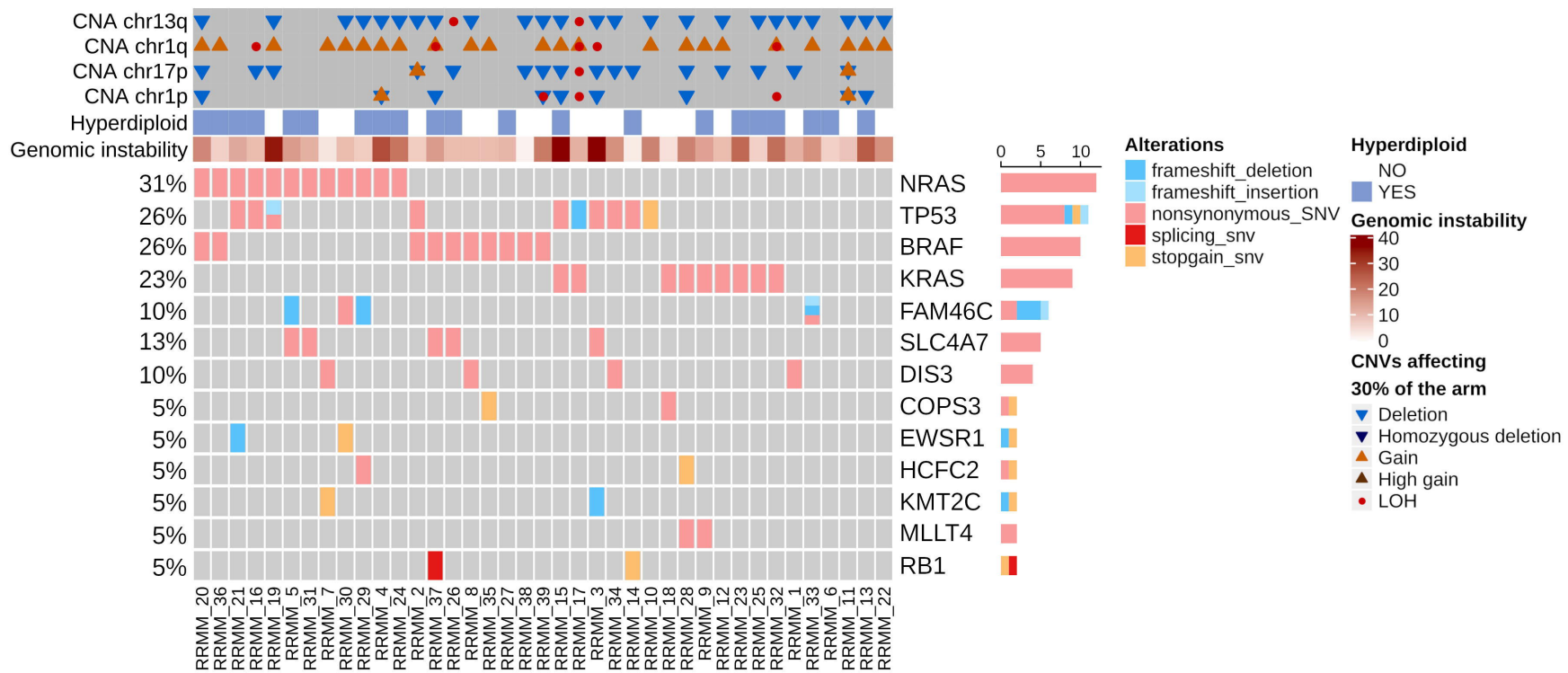
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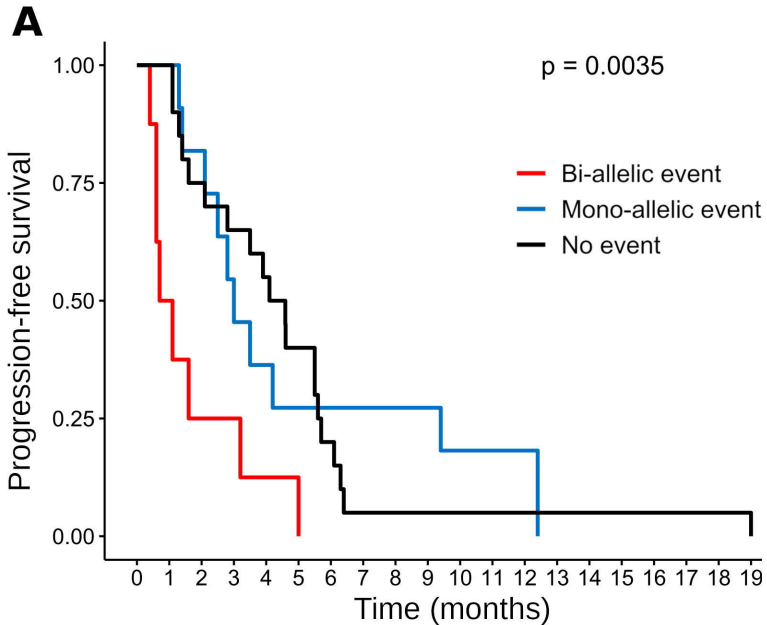
Translocations involving the immunoglobulin heavy chain (IGH) locus, the lambda light chain (IGL), and the kappa light chain (IGK) locus are shown. The number of patients with involvement of the respective partner genes are given in brackets. Patient RRMM_34 harboring a very complex IGL translocation was excluded from this graph for reasons of readability and is shown separately in **suppl. Figure S8**. Cytobands, chromosome arms and chromosomes were also stretched and compressed to emphasize targets of immunoglobulin translocations and to improve readability.

B. MYC rearrangements in RRMM.

Most notable are local rearrangements as well as those involving the IGL locus or FAM46C. Orange lines represent immunoglobulin locus translocations, purple lines secondary immunoglobulin locus related translocations. Secondary translocations of the immunoglobulin loci were defined as secondary events with one of the breakpoints of the SV not further away than 2MB from the target breakpoint of a given primary immunoglobulin translocation (i.e. IG —PrimarySV—> PrimaryTarget —SecondarySV—>SecondaryTarget). Green lines indicate non-IG locus translocations, blue lines deletions, red lines duplications, and black lines inversions.



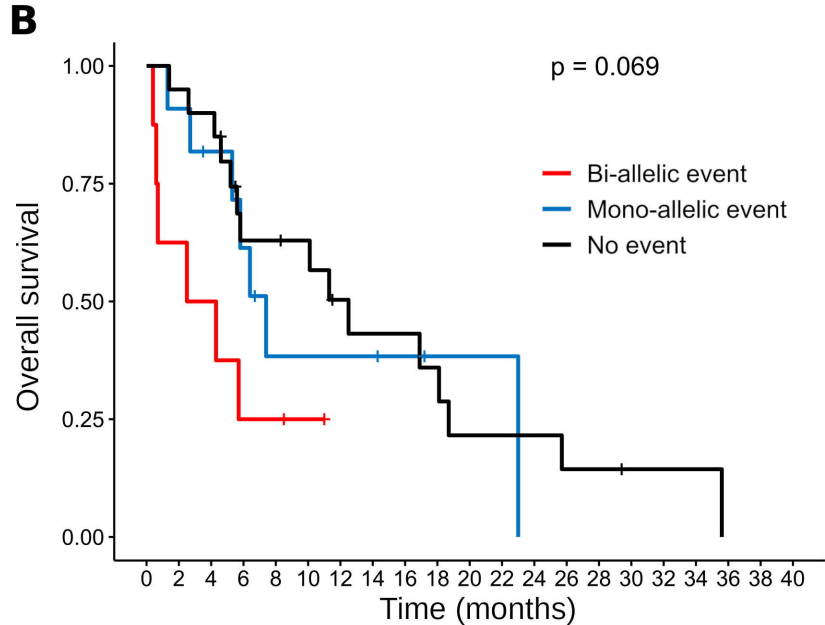




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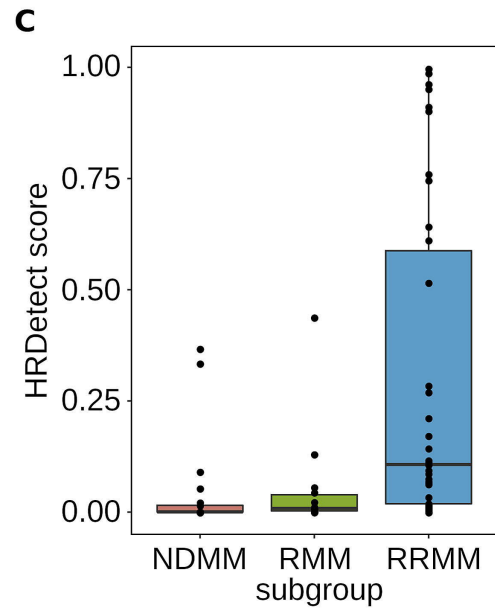
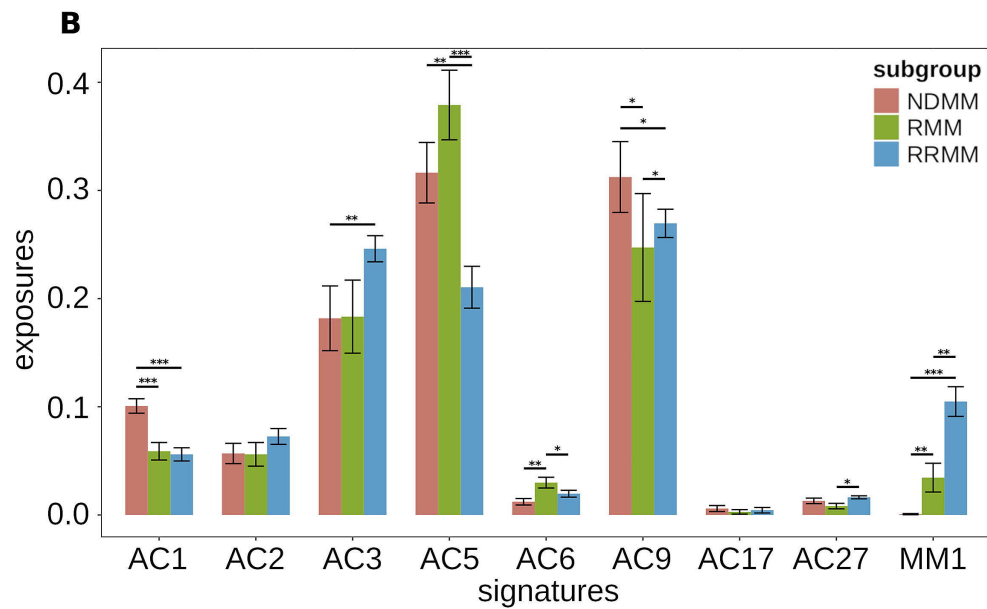
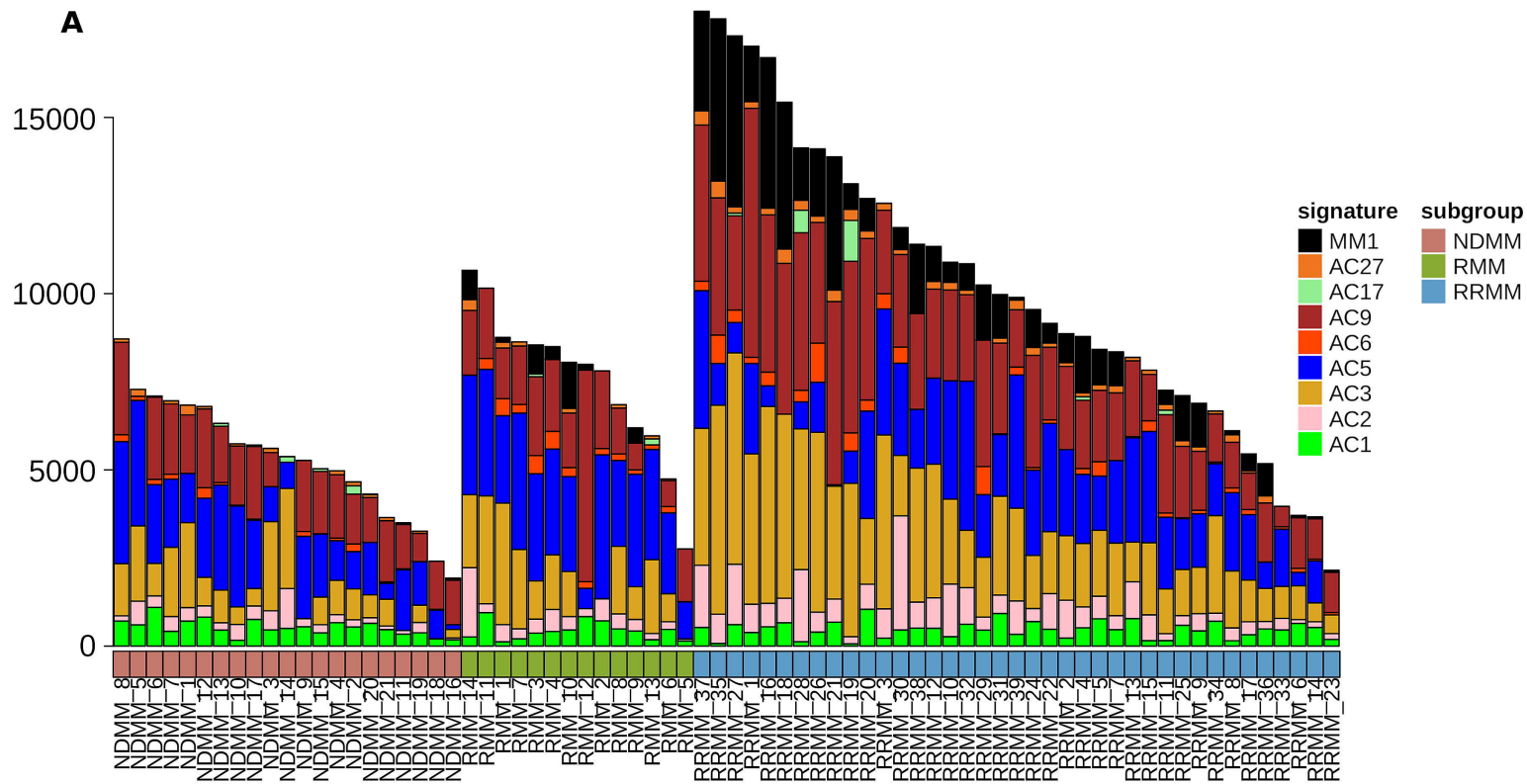
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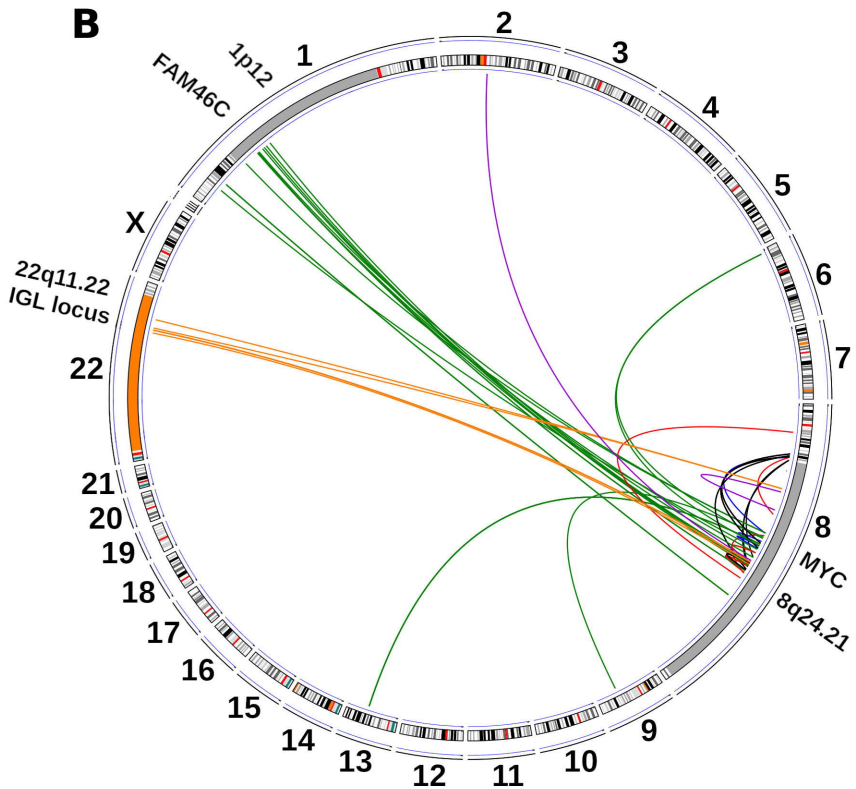
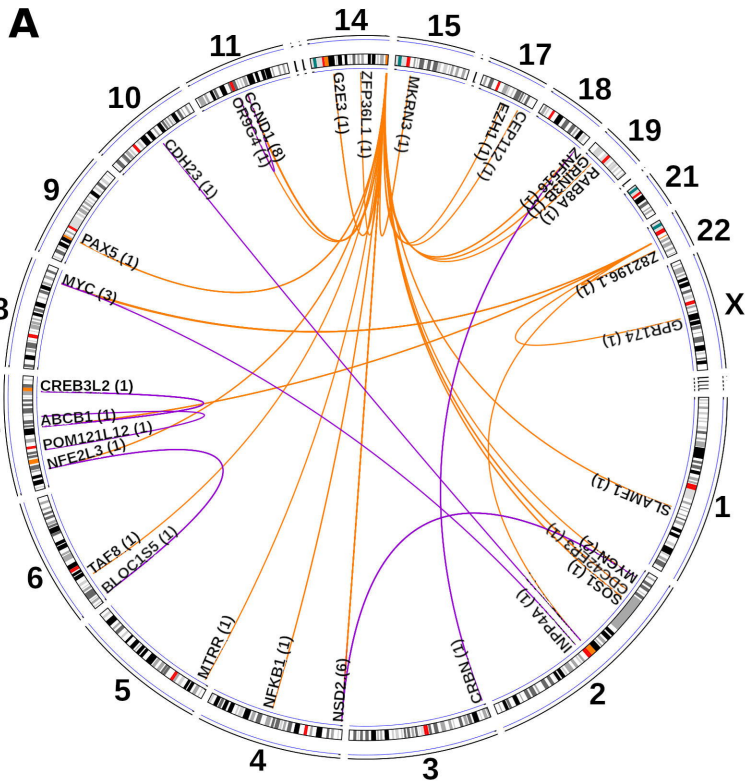


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Supplementary Information

Supplementary Methods

Alignment of RRMM and NDMM

The raw reads were mapped to the human reference genome (build 37, version hs37d5), using BWA mem¹ (version 0.7.8, with parameter -T 0). A Phi X 174 contig (NC_001422.1) was added to the reference genome to remove the Phi X spike-in used during the sequencing. The mapped reads were sorted using SAMtools² (version 0.1.19), and lanes were merged and duplicate reads were marked using Sambamba³ (version 0.5.9, with parameter -t 6 -l 9 --hash-table-size=2000000 --overflow-list-size=1000000 --io-buffer-size=64). Similar alignment workflow and parameters were applied to the raw reads from NDMM samples except that the BWA and Sambamba version were updated to 0.7.15 and 0.6.5 respectively.

To assess the effect of differing sequencing depths between the NDMM, RMM and RRMM samples on variant calling, subsampling of RRMM samples was performed using Sambamba (version 0.6.6, with parameters view -h -t 20 -s 0.5 -f bam --subsampling-seed=42) to achieve a 50% lower coverage which was comparable to the coverage of the set of NDMM (**suppl. Figure S1, S2**).

Small variant calling

SNVs and indels were called using in-house pipelines developed for the ICGC Pan-Cancer Analysis of Whole Genomes (PCAWG) project.⁴ Briefly, SNVs were called in tumor samples using SAMtools mpileup (version 0.1.19, with parameters -REI -q 30 -ug) and bcftools view (with parameters -vcgN -p 2.0). We have disabled the Bayesian model in bcftools (by setting -p 2.0), which allows calling low variant allele frequency (VAF) variants. In the next step each of these variant positions were queried in the control sample using SAMtools mpileup (with parameters -ABRI -Q 0 -q 1). Variants were further annotated with Gencode⁵ (version 19) and ANNOVAR⁶; 1000 genome variants, dbSNP variants and variant frequency from our local control were further annotated. Somatic variant classification and

confidence scores (with range 1 to 10) were added as described previously,⁷ and variants with a score of 8 and above were considered as high confidence variants.

Indels were called together in control and tumor samples using Platypus⁸ (version 0.8.1, with parameters -bufferSize = 100,000 -maxReads = 5,000,000) and gene definitions and databases were annotated similar to SNVs. As described previously,⁹ somatic SNVs and indels present in ten or more samples in our local control database consisting of 280 WGS control samples from different cohorts, which were processed using the same pipelines, were considered as technical artifacts and were removed.

Further Combined Annotation Dependent Depletion (CADD) scores (version 1.3) were added to the variants.

Somatic small variants misclassified as germline variant due to contamination of normal control samples with tumor cell DNA were rescued using our in-house tool TiNDA, which uses the EM-algorithm implemented in Canopy¹⁰ (version 1.2.0) to cluster variants based on VAFs. Clusters in which at least 85% of variants have a higher VAF in tumor compared to control and 85% of the variants have VAF below 0.45 in control and above 0.01 in tumor were considered as somatic clusters. Rescued variants with high confidence scores were merged with the remaining high confidence somatic variants.

Significance of subgroup differences (NDMM vs. RRMM) regarding mutational load were assessed by the Wilcoxon rank sum test.

The merged set of variants was used to identify driver genes using IntOGen¹¹ (version 3.0.5) with the parameters: --split-size 5000; with configuration: 'significance_threshold' as 0.1 for oncodrivefm, oncodriveclust and mutsig, 'samples_threshold' as 2 and 5 for oncodrivefm and oncodriveclst respectively. The identified driver genes were used to generate the oncoprint using ComplexHeatmap¹². Significance of subgroup differences (NDMM vs. RRMM) regarding prevalences of gene mutations were assessed by Fisher's exact test.

Supervised analysis of mutational signatures

A supervised analysis of mutational signatures was performed with the R package YAPSA.¹³ The function `LCD_complex_cutoff()` in YAPSA was used to compute a non-negative least square (NNLS) decomposition of the mutational catalogue with the 30 known signatures from COSMIC v2 (https://cancer.sanger.ac.uk/signatures/signatures_v2/). To unambiguously identify the used signature set we denominate these signatures as AC1–AC30 (as abbreviation for Alexandrov COSMIC). The MM1 signature which was recently linked to melphalan exposure was added.^{14, 15} After a first NNLS decomposition, the computed exposures are compared to optimal signature-specific cutoffs in order to reduce false positive calls, and then only those signatures whose exposures are higher than these signature-specific cutoffs are kept for the analysis and fed into a second NNLS decomposition yielding the final exposures. YAPSA was also used for stratified analysis of mutational signatures in order to identify enrichment and depletion patterns. Breakpoint proximity was used as stratification axis with three strata: vicinity (distance to closest breakpoint < 100 kbp), intermediate (distance to closest breakpoint between 100 kbp and 1 Mbp), and background (distance to closest breakpoint > 1 Mbp). Significance of enrichment and depletion patterns as well as of subgroup differences (NDMM vs. RRMM) were assessed by the Kruskal Wallis test and if that revealed significance in more than two groups, Nemenyi tests were performed as post-hoc tests.

Identification of Kataegis clusters

As outlined previously,¹⁶ we defined Kataegis-like clusters to be regions of increased SNV density with at least five SNVs with at most 1000 bp intermutational distance in one sample, similar to what has previously been defined as Kataegis.¹⁷ We defined a Kataegis cluster to be recurrent if it was found in at least three samples, i.e., if in three samples Kataegis clusters were identified with a minimal region of overlap. Differences in the number of Kataegis clusters and in the prevalence of SNV location within and outside of Kataegis clusters in RRMM vs NDMM were assessed by Wilcoxon rank sum tests.

Structural variants

Structural variants (SVs) were detected using the DKFZ SOPHIA workflow version 2.0.2 available in <https://github.com/DKFZ-ODCF/SophiaWorkflow> with the source code of the SOPHIA algorithm available in <https://bitbucket.org/utoprak/sophia/>.^{9, 16} SOPHIA is an SV detection algorithm incorporating discordant mate, split read and a background breakpoint database from 3417 blood samples of donors from published international and ongoing internal DKFZ projects. The data in the background breakpoint database is obtained from sequencing results across the 101bp Illumina HiSeq2000/2500 and 151bp Illumina HiSeq X-Ten technologies. The SV candidate detection is a process of split-read and discordant mate evidence collection across each breakpoint as precursors for a SV, and SV candidates (pairs of breakpoints) are filtered by a complex decision tree trained by expert assessment of orthogonal FISH data. Secondary translocations of the immunoglobulin loci were defined as secondary events with one of the breakpoints of the SV not further away than 2MB from the target breakpoint of a given primary immunoglobulin translocation (i.e. IG —PrimarySV—> PrimaryTarget —SecondarySV—>SecondaryTarget).

For the statistical comparison of NDMM and RRMM with respect to SV types, only SVs with discordant mate support were considered in order to exclude the influences of different WGS libraries used in the two projects executed in different sequencing centers. Discordance in terms of mate distance was defined as a mate distance more than 5*MedianInsertSize or mate read mapping to a different chromosome. This typically limits the scope of the comparison to SVs with sizes ≥ 1000 bps.

Comparison of SV counts between the RRMM and NDMM cohorts was made using the Kruskal-Wallis test. Chromoplexy and chromothripsis statuses were assigned by manual visual inspection of SV calls and copy-number profiles on CIRCOS plots.

Copy number variation detection

As described previously,^{9,16} copy number states were called and estimation of tumor purity and ploidy was performed using ACEseq (allele-specific copy number estimation from sequencing;

<https://www.biorxiv.org/content/early/2017/10/29/210807>). Structural variants called with SOPHIA were incorporated to improve genome segmentation. In cases where ACESeq provided multiple solutions for purity and ploidy, we manually selected the lowest ploidy solution which allowed to fit the majority of genomic segments to integer copy numbers and which also was consistent with the mutant allele frequency distribution of somatic SNVs. With regard to the TP53 containing region ACESeq plots were in addition inspected manually.

If at least 30% length of a chromosome arm or cytoband was affected by a CNV in a sample, then it was considered as chromosome arm-level or cytoband-level event for the sample. These sample level counts were used to find cytoband-level events that significantly differ between NDMM and RRMM cohorts. Significance of subgroup differences (NDMM vs. RRMM) were assessed by Fisher's exact test.

Calculation of measures of genomic instability

First, genome copy number data from ACESeq was smoothed to prevent artificially elevated genomic instability measures due to oversegmentation caused by technical noise. To this end, segments for which allele-specific copy numbers did not deviate by more than 0.3 from each other were merged. Furthermore, segments smaller than 3 Mb were merged to the more similar neighboring segment as previously described.¹⁸ Additionally, in the same chromosome, when the segments in p-arm extend into the centromeric region and start within the centromeric region in the q-arm, the segments were merged. These smoothed and merged segments were used to calculate the homologous recombination deficiency (HRD) score¹⁸ and the number of large-scale transitions (LST) as previously described.¹⁹ Briefly, segments larger than 15 Mb that were less than a whole chromosome in length and corresponded to a loss of heterozygosity were counted for the HRD score. For the quantification of LSTs, breaks between segments of different total copy number were counted with the constraint that both segments had to be larger than 10 Mb but did not correspond to entire chromosome arms. In addition, the telomeric-allelic imbalance (TAI) score,²⁰ which corresponds to the number of chromosomal segments with minimum length of 11MB and allelic imbalance extending into the subtelomeric regions, was calculated using the smoothed ACESeq results.²¹ Genomic instability was

quantified as the sum of HRD, LST, and TAI scores. Significance of subgroup differences (NDMM vs. RRMM) were assessed by the Wilcoxon rank sum test.

RNA sequencing

The paired-end reads were mapped to the STAR index generated reference genome (build 37, version hs37d5) using STAR²² (version 2.5.2b). Genes' exons were defined by the GENCODE v19 gene models.⁵ The gene expressions were quantified using featureCounts (Subread version 1.5.1). For differential gene expression analysis and detection of enhancer hijacking, raw read counts were normalized by a preliminary Counts Per Million (CPM) application where genes with less than 1 CPM were discarded from further analyses. Filtered gene read counts were normalized using the TMM method of the edgeR R package.^{23,24} TMM-normalized read counts were finalized by application of CPM and $\log_2(x+1)$.

Gene fusions

Gene fusions were detected using Arriba version 1.0.0 (<https://github.com/suhrig/arriba>) as described previously.²⁵ To further enrich for high-confidence fusion predictions, events involving genes marked as putative by the gene model or events with fewer supporting reads than 1 % of the local coverage (<5 % for read-through fusions) were discarded.

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Supplementary Figure legends

Suppl. Figure S1. RRMM original data vs RRMM subsampled data vs NDMM for graphs presented in main figure 1, analysis of Copy number variants in NDMM and RRMM patients, and Kataegis and SNV distribution in RRMM vs NDMM.

- A. SV and SNV load per patient in RRMM original vs RRMM subsampled vs NDMM. SNV and SV counts are plotted for each patient showing a higher overall mutational load in RRMM, both the original data (orange) and the subsampled dataset (blue), vs NDMM (red). Each dot represents an individual patient. The example cases shown in main Figure 1, panels C and D, are annotated as RRMM_16 and RRMM_15, respectively.
- B. Differences in SV types in RRMM original vs RRMM subsampled vs NDMM. Median and range of number of overall SVs per patient in RRMM, both original data (orange) and subsampled dataset (blue), vs NDMM (red) are shown as well as deletions (DEL), duplications (DUP), inversions (INV), and translocations (TRA).
- C. Genome-wide small variant mutational load in RRMM original vs RRMM subsampled vs NDMM. The number of mutations per patients and length of genome in megabases (MB) is shown in RRMM, both original data (orange) and subsampled dataset (blue), vs NDMM (red).
- D. Genomic instability scores in RRMM original vs RRMM subsampled vs NDMM. The unbiased sum of HRD, LST, and TAI scores is shown for RRMM, both original data (orange) and subsampled dataset (blue), vs NDMM (red) illustrating a higher genomic instability in RRMM.
- E. Analysis of Copy number variants in NDMM and RRMM patients. Overview of somatic copy number aberrations (SCNAs) in NDMM vs RRMM patients. Orange indicates gain, blue indicates loss, red indicates loss of heterozygosity.
- F. Recurrent regions of Kataegis in RRMM (blue) and NDMM (red) excluding the immunoglobulin loci. To compensate for differing sequencing depths in both cohorts, the RRMM dataset was subsampled for these analyses.

- G. Kataegis and SNV distribution in RRMM vs NDMM. To compensate for differing sequencing depths in both cohorts, the RRMM dataset was subsampled for these analyses.

Suppl. Figure S2. RNA expression (A) and prediction of functional relevance by CADD score (B) of significant driver genes in RRMM.

- A. Expression of small variants detected in significant driver genes in RRMM is indicated by variant allele frequency (VAF) in RNA sequencing with each dot representing an individual variant.
- B. Prediction of functional relevance of small variants detected in significant driver genes in RRMM is indicated by Combined Annotation Dependent Depletion (CADD) score with each dot representing an individual variant. A CADD score > 20 indicates likely deleteriousness of the variant.

Suppl. Figure S3. Mutational frequency in gene groups/networks NDMM vs RRMM.

The prevalence of functional mutations in the following gene groups or networks in NDMM (red) vs RRMM (blue) is shown in the upper panel from left to right: genes associated with resistance to IMiDs, epigenetic modifiers, MAPK pathway, NFKB signaling, resistance to PIs, sensitivity to PARP inhibitors, NOTCH proteins, HECT E3 ubiquitin ligases, PI3K/AKT/MTOR signaling. In the lower panel statistical significance of mutation prevalence for each gene group are indicated. Details on composition of gene groups are given in supplemental Table S4.

Suppl. Figure S4. Mutations in gene group 'IMiD resistance' in RRMM.

Genes affected by SNVs or Indels in the gene group 'IMiD resistance' and their prevalence in the RRMM cohort are shown as well as copy number aberrations (CNAs) of chromosome arms 13q, 1q, 17p, 1p, presence or absence of hyperdiploid karyotype, and the genomic instability score.

Suppl. Figure S5. Mutations in gene group ‘PI resistance’ in RRMM.

Genes affected by SNVs or Indels in the gene group ‘PI resistance’ and their prevalence in the RRMM cohort are shown as well as copy number aberrations (CNAs) of chromosome arms 13q, 1q, 17p, 1p, presence or absence of hyperdiploid karyotype, and the genomic instability score.

Suppl. Figure S6. Mutations in gene group ‘PARP inhibitor sensitivity’ in RRMM.

Genes affected by SNVs or Indels in the gene group ‘PARP inhibitor sensitivity’ and their prevalence in the RRMM cohort are shown as well as copy number aberrations (CNAs) of chromosome arms 13q, 1q, 17p, 1p, presence or absence of hyperdiploid karyotype, and the genomic instability score.

Suppl. Figure S7. Exposure to mutational signatures in RRMM original data vs RRMM subsampled data vs NDMM.

- A. The absolute exposure to mutational signatures based on the Alexandrov COSMIC (AC) catalogue with the addition of the MM1 signature recently linked to melphalan exposure is shown for RRMM, both original data (orange) and subsampled dataset (blue), vs RMM (green) vs NDMM (red) patients. Most notable is an increased impact of signatures AC3 (light brown) and MM1 (black) in RRMM.
- B. HRDetect scores in RRMM, both original data (orange) and subsampled dataset (blue), vs RMM (green) vs NDMM (red) patients.

Suppl. Figure S8. Highly complex IGL translocation in patient RRMM_34.

Translocations involving the immunoglobulin heavy chain (IGH) locus and the lambda light chain (IGL) are shown. Orange lines represent immunoglobulin locus translocations, purple lines represent secondary immunoglobulin locus related translocations, and names of partner genes are given. Secondary translocations of the immunoglobulin loci were defined as secondary events with one of the breakpoints of the SV not further away than 2MB from the target breakpoint of a given primary immunoglobulin translocation (i.e. IGH—PrimarySV—> PrimaryTarget —SecondarySV—

>SecondaryTarget). To allow for better readability, relative size of chromosomes 11, 12, 14, and 22 are increased.

Suppl. Figure S9. *FAM46C* rearrangements in RRMM and expression analysis of target genes.

- A. *FAM46C* rearrangements in RRMM. Green lines represent translocations, blue lines deletions, red lines duplications, and black lines inversions. Names of partner genes of interest are given, notable are *FAM46C;MYC* translocations. To allow for better readability, relative size of chromosome 1 is increased.
- B. Gene expression profile of the *LMO4* gene across the RRMM cohort. The case with the putative enhancer hijacking of the *FAM46C* enhancer shows a markedly increased *LMO4* expression.

Suppl. Figure S10. Gene expression of *MYC* (A), *CD40* (B), *H2AFJ* (C), *CXCR4* (D), *KMT2A* (E), and *CREBL2* (F) as opposed to expression of *MYCN*.

Expression of *MYC*, *CD40*, *H2AFJ*, *CXCR4*, *KMT2A*, and *CREBL2* for individual RRMM patients is shown by red lines, expression of *MYCN* by blue lines.

Supplementary Tables

Suppl. Table S1. Patient characteristics of RRMM cohort.

Suppl. Table S2. Detailed information on small variants in RRMM cohort as Excel file.

Legend for table columns is as follows:

PID	
VAR_TYPE	SNVs or Indels
CHROM	
POS	
REF	
ALT	
VAR_SOURCE	Source of the somatic variant: Either from default somatic workflow or from TiNDA rescue
ANNOVAR_FUNCTION	Exonic or splicing
GENE	Gene name
EXONIC_CLASSIFICATION	Exonic protein sequence altering type
ANNOVAR_TRANSCRIPTS	Transcript information
Tumor_VAF	Tumor variant allele frequency (VAF)
Control_VAF	Control VAF
RNA_VAF	VAF in RNAseq data
ANNOTATION_RNA	Annotation tag about the expression status of the variant
CADD_PHRED	CADD (v1.3) score in Phred scale
gnomAD_MAF	GnomAD (v2.1) genome MAF
HYPER_DIPLOID	Hyper diploid sample classification
GENOMIC_INSTABILITY_SCORE	Genomic instability sample score
HRDetect	Genomic instability sample-level scores from HRDetect workflow
abs_AC3	Absolute AC3 mutational signature for the sample
norm_AC3	Normalized AC3 mutational signature for the sample

VAF: Variant allele frequency; MAF: Minor allele frequency; HRD: Homologous recombination deficiency; LST: Large-scale transition; TAI: Telomeric allelic imbalance; AC3: Alexandrov COSMIC signature 3

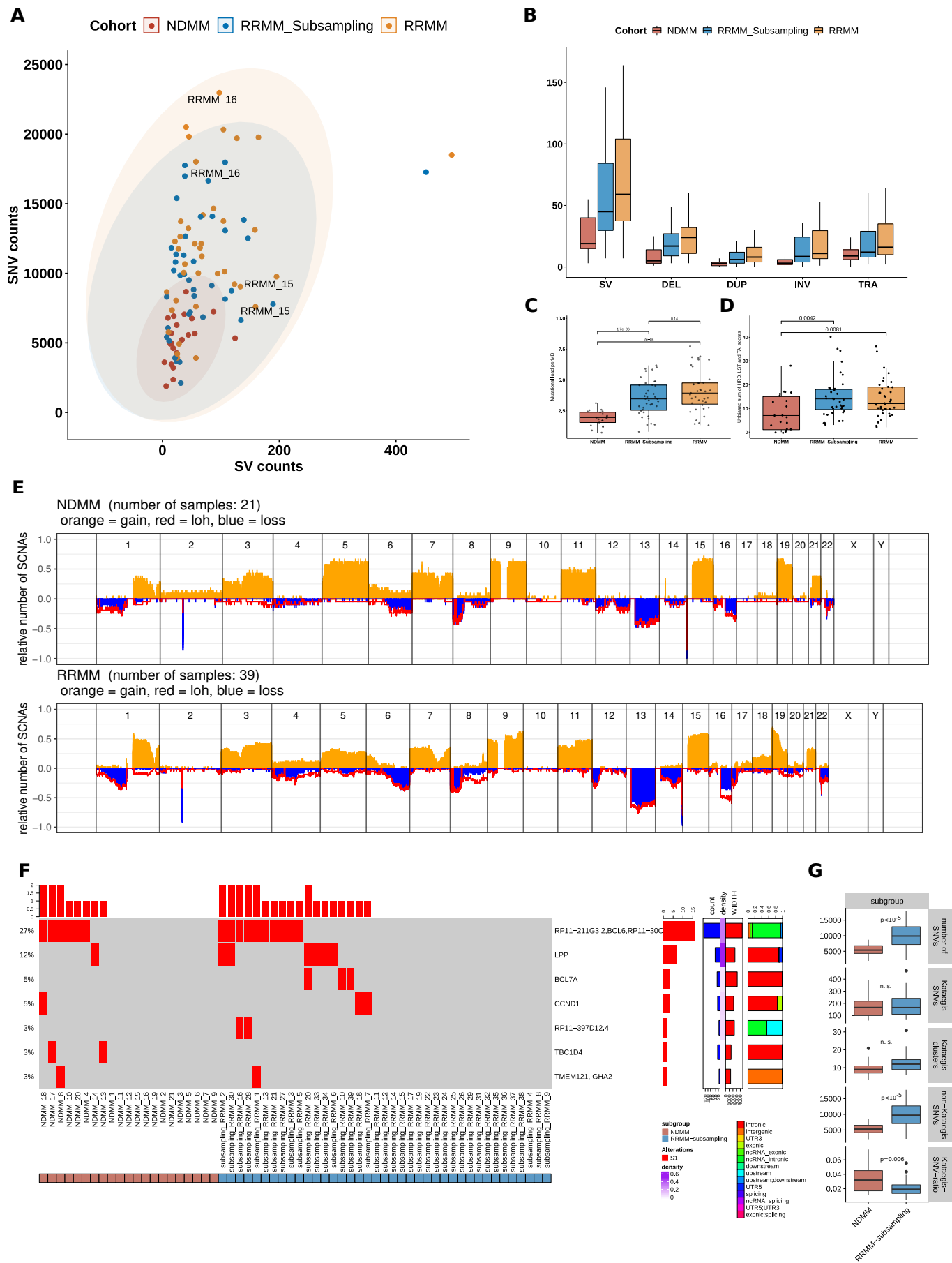
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Suppl. Table S4. Composition of gene groups and networks.

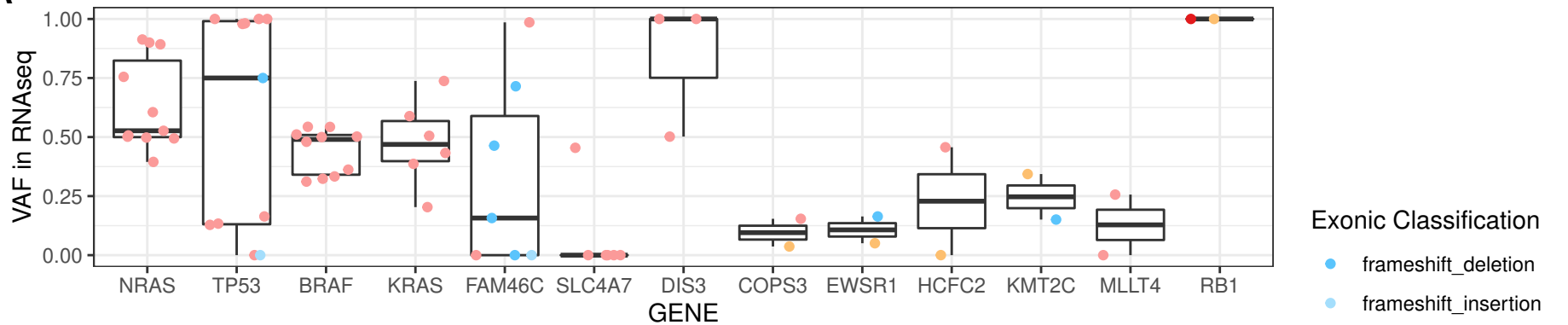
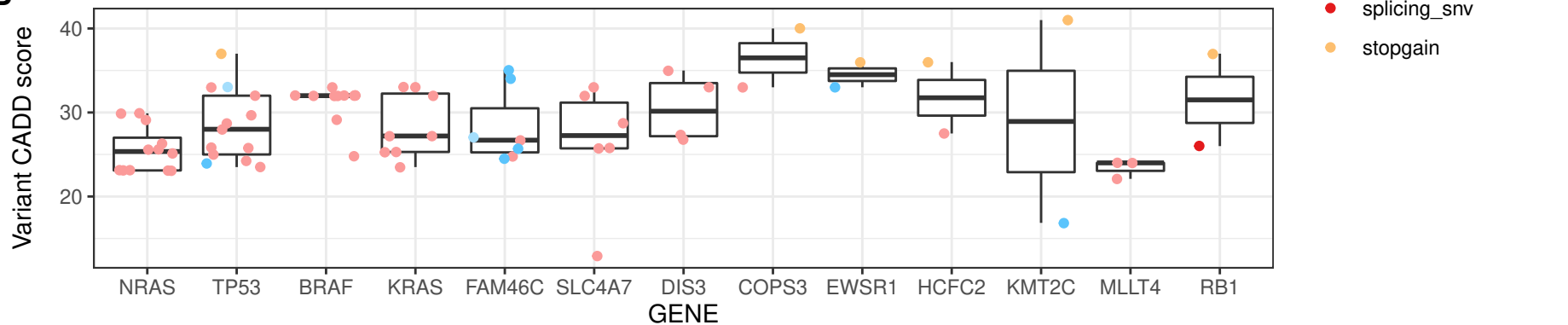
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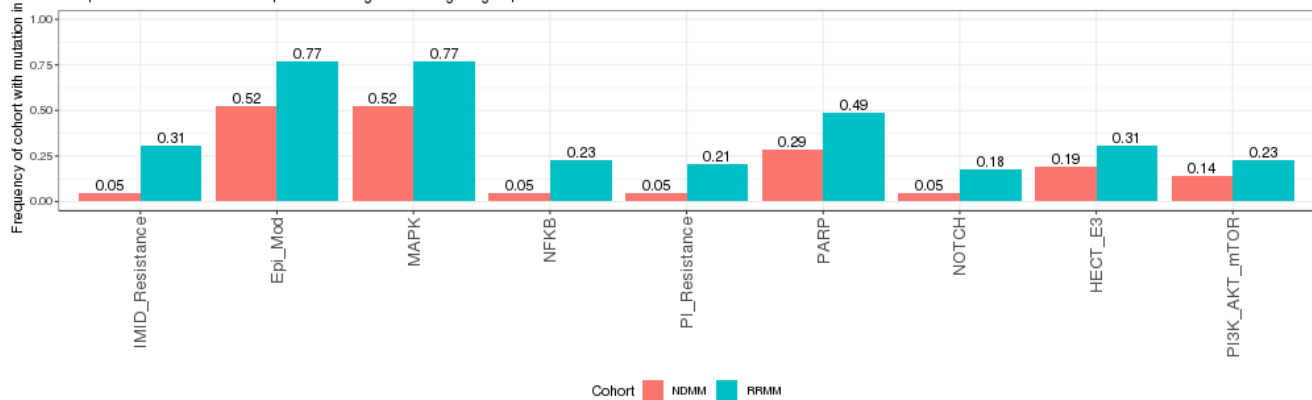
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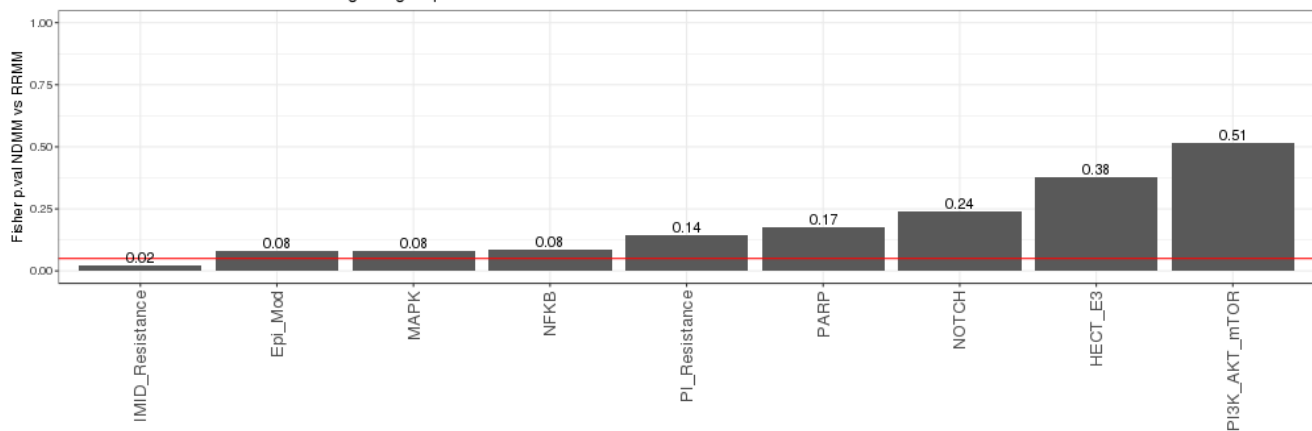
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Functional: Frequency of functional mutation in different gene group

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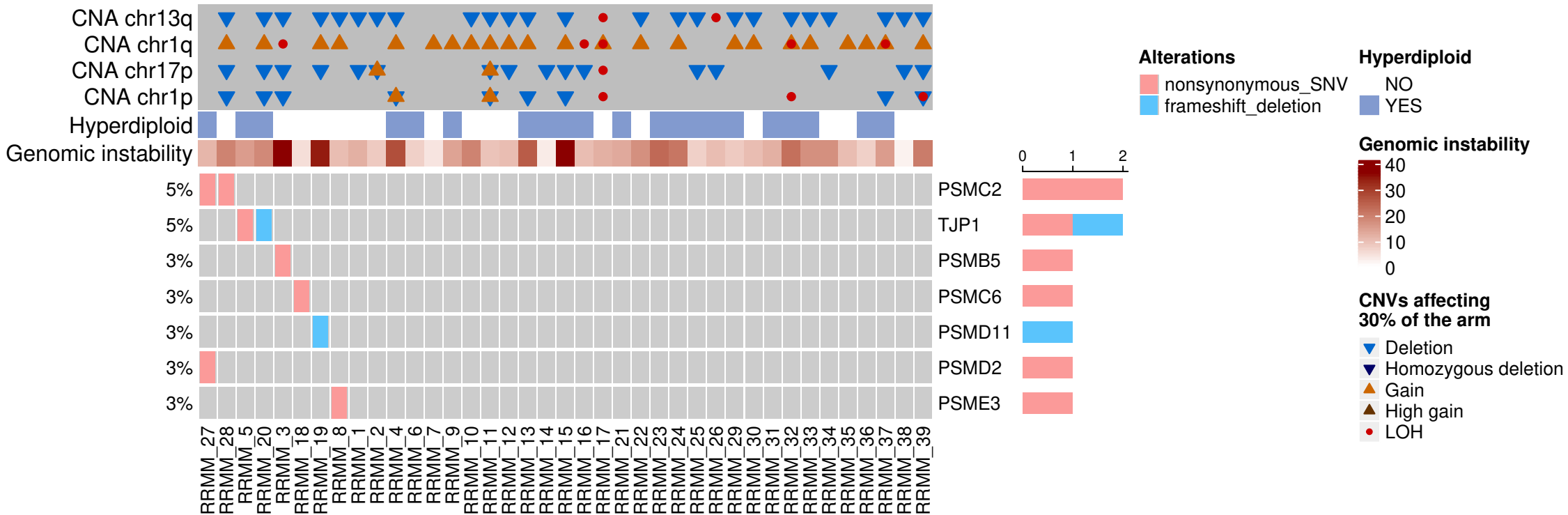


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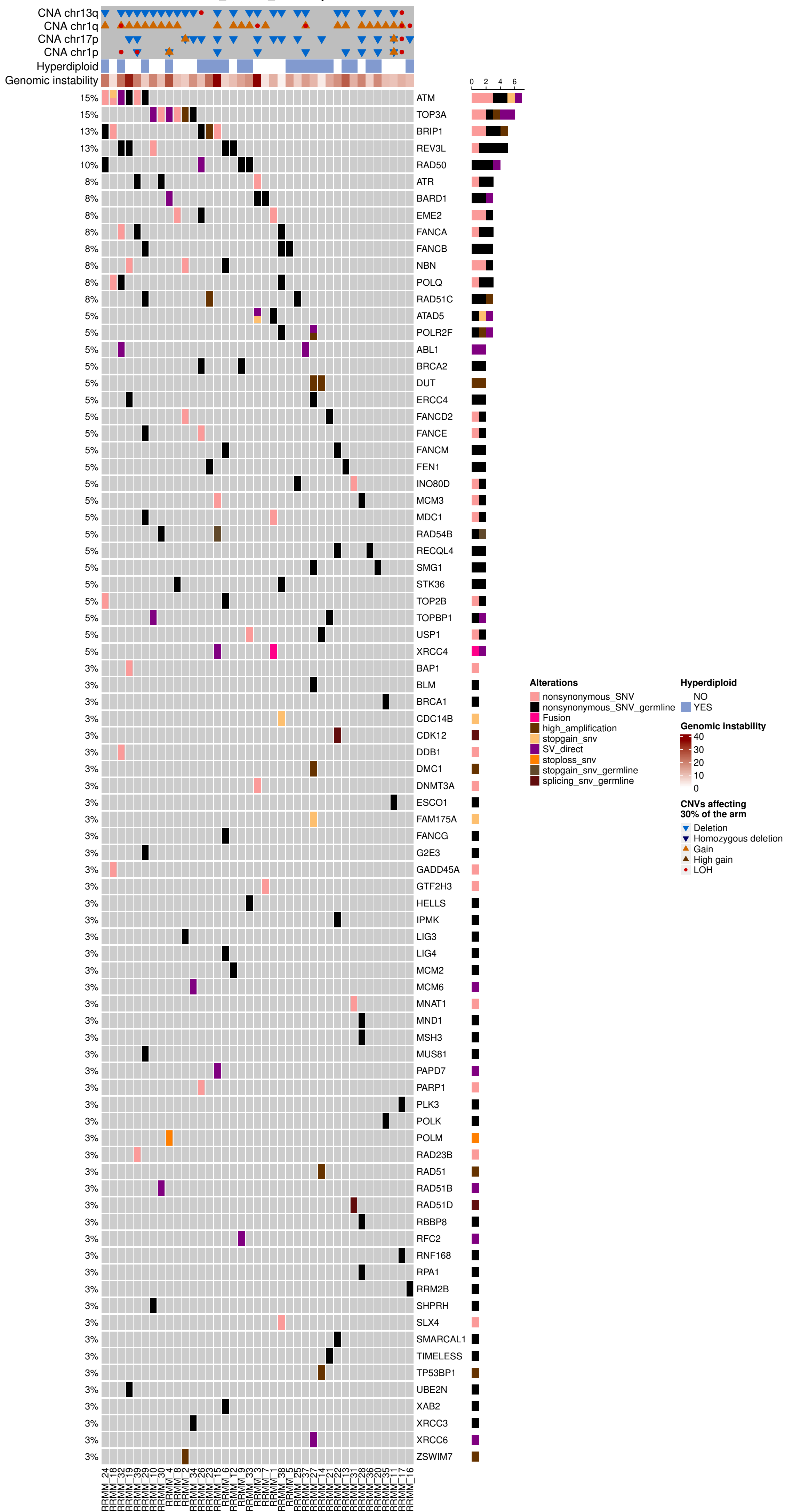
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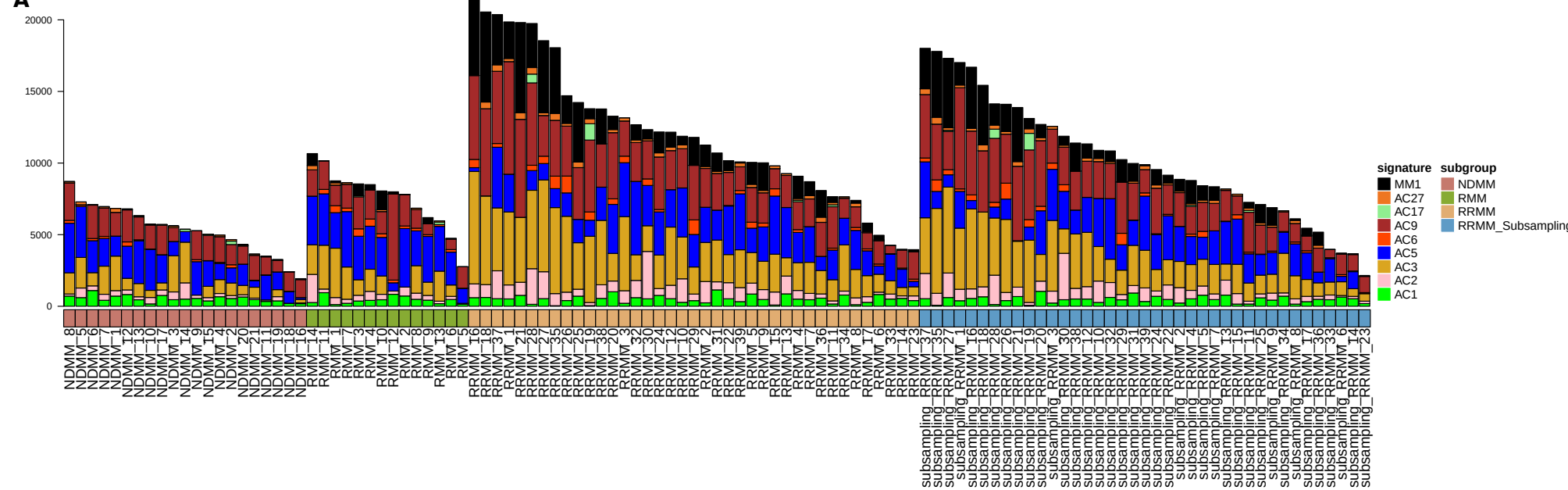
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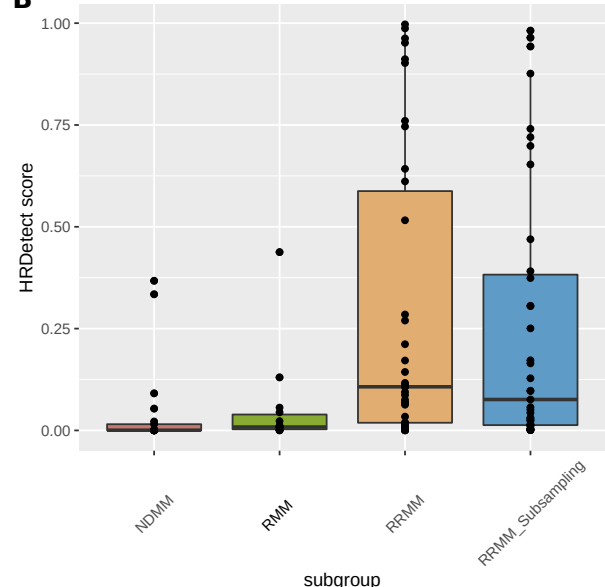


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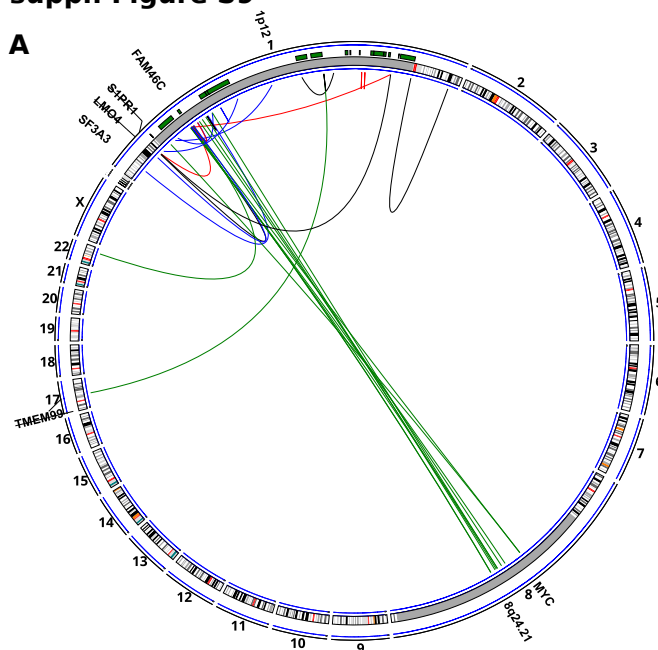


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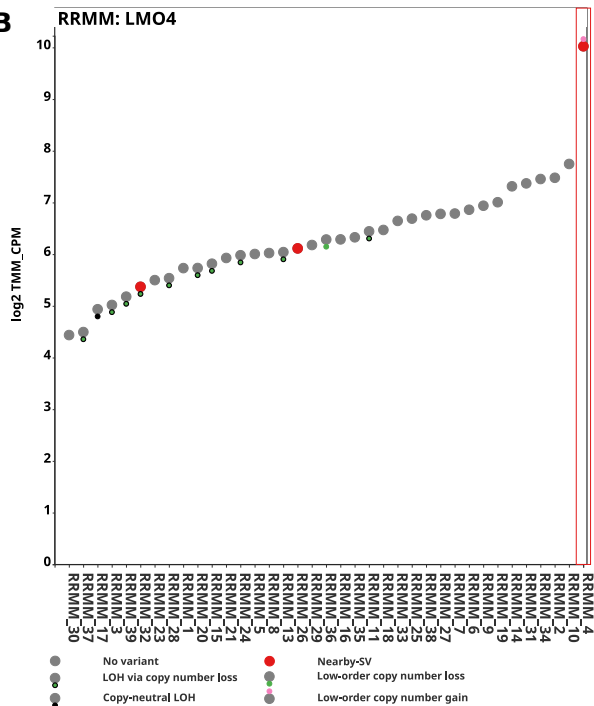


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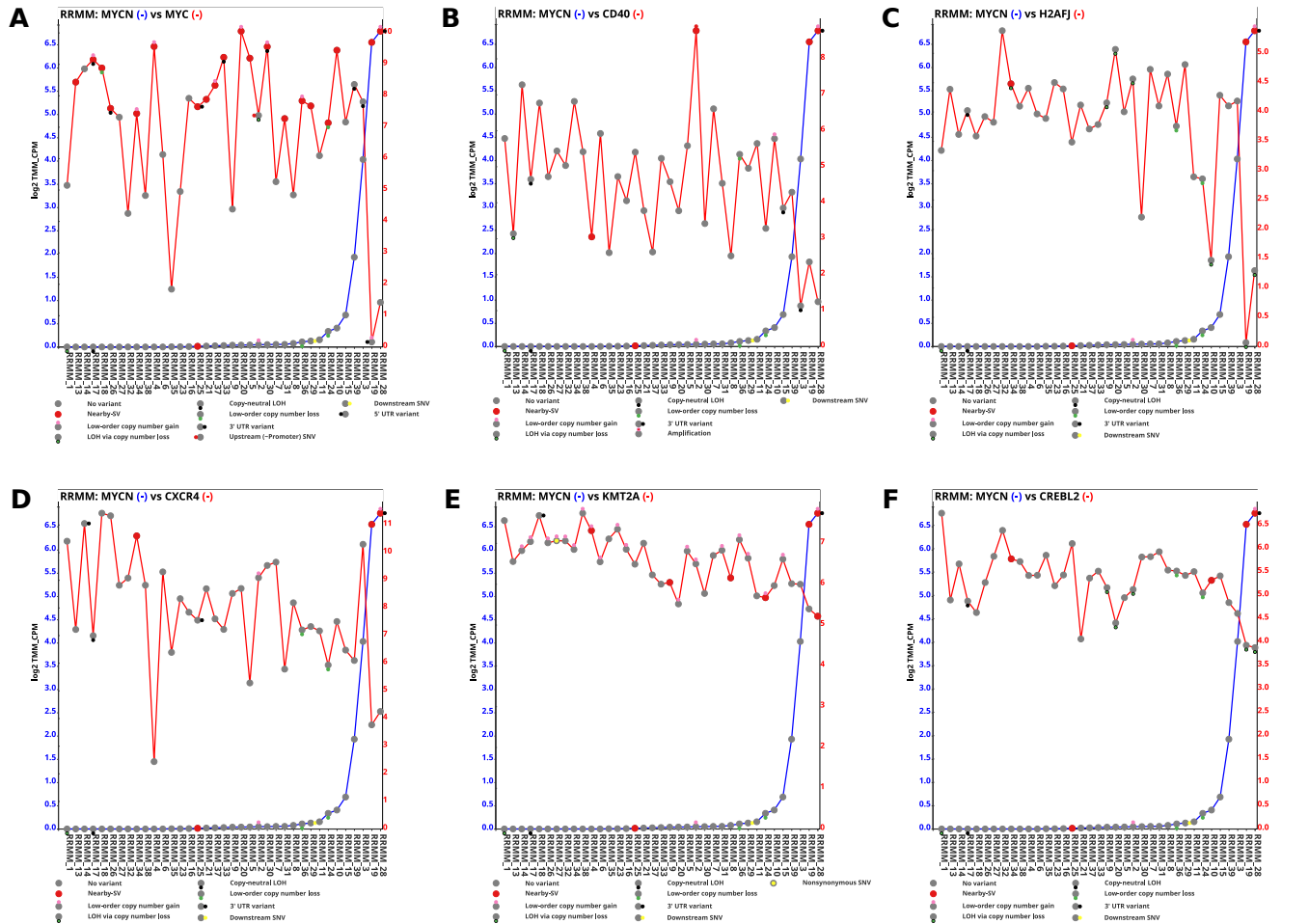
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Suppl. Table S1: Patient characteristics of RRMM cohort.

ID	age (years)	sex	time from diagnosis (years)	MM type	ISS	hyperdiploid karyotype	high-risk cytogenetics at RRMM by FISH	#prior therapies	last therapy	prior IMiD	prior PI	prior ASCT	refr to LEN	refr to POM	refr to BTZ	refr to CFZ	refr to CD38	part of cohort of Kortum <i>et al.</i> (1)
RRMM_1	68	male	3,2	BJ lambda	2	no	del(17p)	6	CFZ-Dex	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no
RRMM_2	74	male	5,5	IgA kappa	2	no	del(17p), t(4;14)	4	CFZ-Dex	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	no	yes
RRMM_3	40	male	1,5	IgG kappa	2	no	del(17p)	2	LEN-Cy-Dex	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	no	no	no
RRMM_4	65	female	3,2	IgG kappa	3	yes	no	5	CFZ-Dex	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no
RRMM_5	70	female	6,2	IgG lambda	2	yes	no	4	POM-Cy-Dex	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	no	no
RRMM_6	56	male	10,1	IgG kappa	1	yes	no	4	POM-Dex	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no	no	no
RRMM_7	59	male	7,3	IgG kappa	1	no	no	5	CFZ-LEN-Dex	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	no	no
RRMM_8	78	male	4,7	BJ lambda	3	no	>3 copies 1q21	6	CFZ-Dex	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no
RRMM_9	67	male	16,0	IgA kappa	na	yes	no	8	POM-Dex	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes
RRMM_10	73	female	4,1	IgG kappa	2	no	del(17p), >3 copies 1q21, t(4;14)	8	CFZ-Dex	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no
RRMM_11	71	male	3,9	IgA lambda	3	no	>3 copies 1q21, t(4;14)	5	POM-Dex	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no	yes
RRMM_12	76	female	7,4	IgG kappa	na	no	>3 copies 1q21	9	POM-Dex	yes	yes	no	no	yes	yes	no	no	no
RRMM_13	78	female	2,2	IgG kappa	2	yes	no	3	CD38-POM-Dex	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	no
RRMM_14	63	female	1,8	IgA lambda	2	yes	del(17p)	3	CFZ-Cy-Dex	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no	yes	no	no
RRMM_15	49	male	1,3	IgG kappa	2	yes	del(17p), >3 copies 1q21	4	POM-Dex	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no	no
RRMM_16	75	male	11,1	IgG kappa	na	yes	del(17p)	8	CFZ-Dex	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no
RRMM_17	55	female	1,4	IgG kappa	1	no	del(17p)	3	POM-Dex	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no	no
RRMM_18	67	female	9,5	IgG lambda	1	no	no	6	CFZ-LEN-Dex	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no
RRMM_19	66	male	3,9	IgA lambda	3	no	del(17p), t(4;14)	4	SLAMF7-POM-Dex	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no
RRMM_20	65	female	4,2	IgG kappa	1	yes	del(17p), >3 copies 1q21	3	POM-Dex	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	no	no	yes
RRMM_21	64	female	12,8	IgG kappa	na	yes	no	6	CFZ-LEN-Dex	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no	yes	no	no
RRMM_22	69	male	4,2	IgG lambda	2	no	del(17p), t(4;14)	11	Ruxolitinib	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no
RRMM_23	77	male	12,9	IgA lambda	3	yes	no	7	POM-Dex	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no	no	no
RRMM_24	68	male	5,9	IgG kappa	3	yes	>3 copies 1q21	5	POM-Dex	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no	no
RRMM_25	53	female	8,6	IgG kappa	2	yes	del(17p)	8	POM-Dex	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes
RRMM_26	54	male	2,1	IgG kappa	3	yes	no	3	POM-Dex	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no	no	yes
RRMM_27	62	female	4,4	IgG kappa	1	yes	no	4	POM-Dex	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	no	no	no
RRMM_28	47	male	1,9	BJ lambda	na	no	del(17p), >3 copies 1q21, t(4;14)	3	CFZ-LEN-Dex	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	no	no
RRMM_29	67	female	6,8	IgG kappa	na	yes	no	9	CFZ-Dex	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no
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RRMM_31	53	male	6,8	IgG kappa	2	yes	no	5	CFZ-Dex	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no	yes	no	yes
RRMM_32	85	female	13,2	BJ lambda	1	yes	no	13	CFZ-Cy-Dex	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes
RRMM_33	48	female	1,7	IgG lambda	na	yes	no	5	CFZ-Dex	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes
RRMM_34	63	female	3,4	IgG lambda	1	no	del(17p)	3	POM-Dex	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no
RRMM_35	42	female	7,0	IgG lambda	1	no	no	13	CD38-LEN-Dex	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no
RRMM_36	38	male	2,4	IgA lambda	3	yes	no	5	BTZ-THA-Dex-PACE	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	no	no
RRMM_37	70	male	5,0	IgA kappa	1	yes	no	5	CFZ-Dex	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no	yes	no	no
RRMM_38	60	male	9,6	IgG kappa	1	no	del(17p)	4	LEN-Dex	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	no	no	no
RRMM_39	64	female	3,3	BJ kappa	1	no	del(17p)	5	POM-Dex	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	no

abbreviations: MM - multiple myeloma; BJ - bence jones; ISS - international staging system; na - not available; CFZ - carfilzomib; Dex - dexamethasone; LEN - lenalidomide; Cy - cyclophosphamide; POM - pomalidomide; CD38 - anti-CD38 monoclonal antibody; SLAMF7 - anti-SLAMF7 monoclonal antibody; BTZ - bortezomib; THA - thalidomide; PACE - cisplatin, adriamycin, cyclophosphamide, etoposide; IMiD - immunomodulatory agent; PI - proteasome inhibitor; ASCT - autologous stem cell transplantation; refr - refractory. (1) Kortum *et al.* Blood 2016, Targeted sequencing of refractory myeloma reveals a high incidence of mutations in CRBN and Ras pathway genes.

Suppl. Table S4: Composition of gene groups and networks.

resistance to PIs	resistance to IMiDs	PARP inhibitor sensitivity				MAPK pathway	NFKB signaling
PSMC1	CRBN	ABL1	GEN1	PRMT6	USP7	ARAF	REL
PSMC2	IZKF1	ATAD5	GIYD1	PSMC3IP	WRN	BRAF	RELA
PSMC3	IZKF3	ATM	GIYD2	PTEN	XAB2	RAF1	RELB
PSMC4	IRF4	ATR	GTF2H3	RAD21	XRCC2	MAP2K1	NFKB1
PSMC5	CUL4A	AURORA	HELLS	RAD23B	XRCC3	MAP2K2	NFKB2
PSMC6	CUL4B	BAP1	HUS1	RAD50	XRCC4	MAPK1	IKBKB
TJP1	DDB1	BARD1	INIP	RAD51	XRCC6	MAPK3	CHUK
PSMB9	RBX1	BLM	INO80D	RAD51B	ZSWIM7	HRAS	IKBKG
PSMB8	COPS1	BRCA1	IPMK	RAD51C		KRAS	NFKBIA
PSMB5	COPS2	BRCA2	KAT5	RAD51D		NRAS	TRADD
ERN1	COPS3	BRCC3	LIG3	RAD52		SOS1	RIPK1
XBP1	COPS4	BRIP1	LIG4	RAD54B		SOS2	TRAF2
PSMA1	COPS5	CDC14B	MAD2L2	RAD54L		NF1	TRAF5
PSMA2	COPS6	CDK12	MAPK12	RBBP8		GRB2	MAP3K14
PSMA3	COPS7	CDK5	MCM2	RECQL4		RASA1	BIRC2
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PSMA5	CAND1	CHEK1	MCM6	RFC2		PTPN11	TRAF3
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PSMB1		DNASE1L2	miR-222	RRM2B		RASGRP2	NFKBIB
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PSMD13		FANCC	PAPD7	TOP2B			
PSMD14		FANCD2	PARP1	TOP3A			
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PSME2		FANCF	PNKP	TP53BP1			
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PSMF1		FANCL	POLH	UBE2A			
SHFM1		FANCM	POLK	UBE2N			
ADRM1		FEN1	POLM	UNG			
		G2E3	POLQ	USP1			
		GADD45A	POLR2F	USP10			

epigenetic modifiers							
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HIST1H2AE	H3F3A	PRMT2	CLOCK	CHD3			
HIST1H2AG	H3F3B	PRMT5	CREBBP	CHD4			
HIST1H2AH	H3F3C	PRMT6	ELP3	CHD5			
HIST1H2AJ	HIST1H4A	PRMT7	EP300	CHD6			
HIST1H2AK	HIST1H4B	SETD1A	EP400	CHD8			
HIST1H2AL	HIST1H4C	SETD1B	GNAT1	CHD9			
HIST1H2AM	HIST1H4D	SETD2	GNAT2	DPF1			
HIST2H2AB	HIST1H4E	SETD3	GNAT3	DPF2			
HIST2H2AC	HIST1H4F	SETD7	GTF3C4	INO80			
HIST3H2A	HIST1H4G	SETD8	HAT1	KLF1			
H2AFB3	HIST1H4H	SETDB1	KAT2A	MLF1IP			
H2AFJ	HIST1H4I	SETDB2	KAT2B	PBRM1			
H2AFV	HIST1H4J	SETMAR	KAT5	PHF10			
H2AFX	HIST1H4K	SMYD1	KAT6A	RBBP4			
H2AFY	HIST1H4L	SMYD2	KAT6B	SET			
H2AFY2	HIST4H4	SMYD3	KAT7	SMARCA1			
H2AFZ	KDM1A	SUV39H1	KAT8	SMARCA2			
HIST1H2BA	KDM1B	SUV39H2	MORF4L1	SMARCA4			
HIST1H2BB	KDM2A	SUV420H1	NCOA1	SMARCA5			
HIST1H2BC	KDM2B	SUV420H2	NCOA2	SMARCA1			
HIST1H2BD	KDM3A	SUZ12	NCOA3	SMARCA1			
HIST1H2BE	KDM3B	WHSC1	TAF1	SMARCB1			
HIST1H2BF	KDM4A	WHSC1L1	TAF1L	SMARCC1			
HIST1H2BG	KDM4B	KMT2A	TAF3	SMARCC2			
HIST1H2BH	KDM4C	KMT2D	DNMT1	SMARCD1			
HIST1H2BI	KDM4D	KMT2C	DNMT3A	SMARCD2			
HIST1H2BJ	KDM5A	KMT2B	DNMT3B	SMARCD3			
HIST1H2BK	KDM5B	KMT2E	IDH1	SMARCE1			
HIST1H2BL	KDM5C	BAZ2A	IDH2	SRCAP			
HIST1H2BM	KDM5D	HDAC1	TET1	BPTF			
HIST1H2BN	KDM6A	HDAC10	TET2	BRD2			
HIST1H2BO	KDM6B	HDAC11	TET3	BRD4			
HIST2H2BE	KDM7A	HDAC2	ACTL6A	BRD8			
HIST2H2BF	KDM8	HDAC3	ACTL6B	CBX5			
HIST3H2BB	UTY	HDAC4	ARID1A	CBX7			

PI3K/AKT/ MTOR pathway	NOTCH receptors	HECT E3 ligases	references
PIK3CA	NOTCH1	NEDD4	Barrio et al. Leukemia 2018, Spectrum and functional validation of PSMB5 mutations in multiple myeloma.
PIK3CB	NOTCH2	NEDD4L	
PIK3CD	NOTCH3	SMURF1	Cargnello et al. Microbiol Mol Biol Rev. 2011, Activation and Function of the MAPKs and Their Substrates, the MAPK-Activated Protein Kinases.
PIK3R1	NOTCH4	SMURF2	
PIK3R2		ITCH	Hayden et al. Cell 2008, Shared principles in NF-kappaB signaling.
PIK3R3		WWP1	Karin et al. Nature 2006, Nuclear factor-kappaB in cancer development and progression.
PIK3R5		WWP2	
PIK3R6		HECW1	Karnoub et al. Nat Rev Mol Cell Biol. 2008, Ras oncogenes: split personalities.
PIK3CG		HECW2	
PTEN		HERC1	Krönke et al. Science 2014, Lenalidomide Causes Selective Degradation of IKZF1 and IKZF3 in Multiple Myeloma Cells
AKT1		HERC2	
AKT2		HERC3	Laplante et al. Cell 2012, mTOR Signaling in Growth Control and Disease.
AKT3		HERC4	Leung-Hagesteijn et al. Cancer Cell 2013, Xbp1s-Negative Tumor B Cells and Pre-Plasmablasts Mediate Therapeutic Proteasome Inhibitor Resistance in Multiple Myeloma
PDK1		HERC5	
MTOR		HERC6	
RICTOR		UBE3A	Lord et al. Nat Rev Cancer 2016, BRCAness revisited.
TCL1A		UBR5	Nowell et al. Nat Rev Cancer 2017, Notch as a tumour suppressor.
TCL1B		HACE1	Pawlyn et al. Clin Cancer Res 2016, The Spectrum and Clinical Impact of Epigenetic Modifier Mutations in Myeloma.
PHLPP1		HUWE1	
PHLPP2		HECT2D	Rotin et al. Nat Rev Mol Cell Biol 2009, Physiological functions of the HECT family of ubiquitin ligases.
TSC1		HECTD4	
TSC2		TRIP12	Shaw et al. Nature 2006, Ras, PI(3)K and mTOR signalling controls tumour cell growth.
RHEB		G2E3	
RPTOR		HECTD1	Shi et al. Mol Cancer Ther 2017, CRISPR Genome-Wide Screening Identifies Dependence on the Proteasome Subunit PSMC6 for Bortezomib Sensitivity in Multiple Myeloma.
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EIF4E		UBE3C	
RPS6KB1		AREL1	Sievers et al. Blood 2018, Genome-wide screen identifies cullin-RING ligase machinery required for lenalidomide-dependent CRL4CRBN activity
EIF4B		HECTD3	
RPS6			
MLST8			Sun et al. Cell Res. 2011, Non-canonical NF-kB signaling pathway.
AKT1S1			Tanaka et al. 2009, Proc Jpn Acad Ser B Phys Biol Sci: The proteasome: overview of structure and functions.
DEPTOR			
TTI1			Thorpe et al. Nat Rev Cancer 2015, PI3K in cancer: divergent roles of isoforms, modes of activation and therapeutic targeting.
TELO2			
MAPKAP1			Vigil et al. Nat Rev Cancer 2010, Ras superfamily GEFs and GAPs: validated and tractable targets for cancer therapy?
PRR5			
PRR5L			Zhang et al. Cancer Cell 2016, Tight Junction Protein 1 Modulates Proteasome Capacity and Proteasome Inhibitor Sensitivity in Multiple Myeloma via EGFR/JAK1/STAT3 Signaling.

Suppl. Table S6. Mutational signatures and asserted mutational mechanisms in RRMM cohort.

Name	Correspondence in COSMIC v2	colour	Mutational mechanism
AC1	SBS1	green	Clock-like; spontaneous deamination
AC2	SBS2	pink	APOBEC
AC3	SBS3	gold	Homologous recombination repair deficiency
AC5	SBS5	blue	Clock-like, mechanism unknown
AC6	SBS6	orange	Mismatch repair deficiency
AC9	SBS9	brown	Polymerase η
AC17	SBS17	lightgreen	mechanism unknown
AC27	SBS27	chocolate	mechanism unknown
MM1	-	black	melphalan