

***Pharmacogenomics in pediatric hematopoietic stem cell transplantation –
integrative multiomics approach***

**Farmakogenomika pri presaditvi hematopietskih
matičnih celic pri otrocih – pristop integrativne
multiomike**

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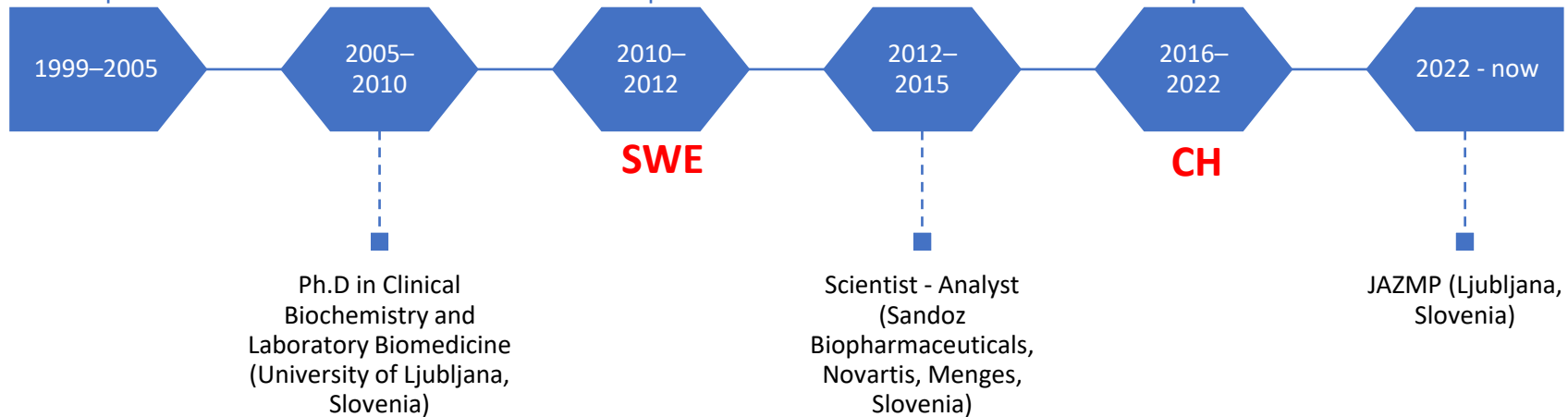
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HSCT - presaditev hematopietskih matičnih celic

02

Zbiranje krvnih zarodnih celic iz krvnega obtoka in zamrznitev krvnih zarodnih celic v laboratoriju vse do uporabe

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Uporaba kemoterapije za uničenje ali delno uničenje lastnega imunskega sistema

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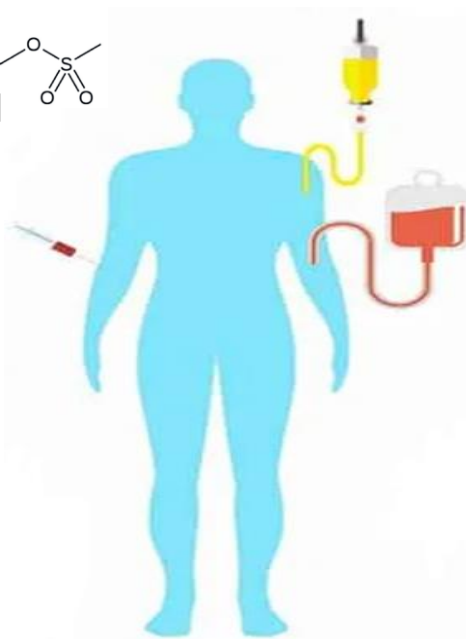
Vnos odmrznjenih zdravih krvnih matičnih celic z infuzijo v veno

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Zagotavljanje podpornega zdravljenja vsaj 4 tedne, ko se imunski sistem obnovi

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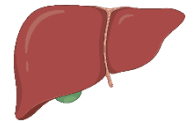
Izvedba predhodnega zdravljenja za pridobitev krvnih zarodnih celic iz kostnega mozga v krvni obtok



Zapleti po HSCT:

- Sinusoidni obstruktivni sindrom (SOS)
- Akutna reakcija presadka proti gostitelju (aGvHD)
- Relaps
- Pljučna toksičnost
- Hemoragični cistitis (HC)
- Zavrnitev presadka





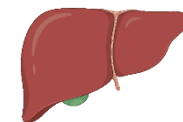
Sinusoidni obstruktivni sindrom

- 10-60% otrok po HSCT¹
- Simptomi:²
 - Hepatomegalija and abdominalna bolečina
 - Porast teže z ascitesom
 - Hiperbilirubinemija
 - Trombocitopenija
- Zdravljenje & profilaksa:
 - Defibrotid, podporna terapija



¹ Dalle J-H, Biology of Blood and Marrow Transplantation. 2016.

² Corbacioglu S, Biol. Blood Marrow Transplant. 2019. Image: Zhou H, Korean journal of radiology. 2014.

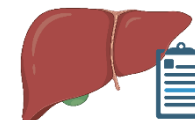


Rizični faktorji

- Klinični rizični faktorji¹
 - Novorojenčki / mladostniki
 - Že obstoječa bolezen jeter, talasemija
 - Predhodno zdravljenje: gemtuzumab
 - Režim kondicioniranja z alkilatorji, zlasti busulfanom
- Nedosledne ugotovitve o možnih genetskih napovedovalcih
- Sistematični pregled literature²

¹ Dalle J-H, Biology of Blood and Marrow Transplantation. 2016.

² Waespe N, Strebel S, Jurkovic-Mlakar S et al., Journal of Personalized Medicine. 2021.



Sistematični pregled literature (Del 1)



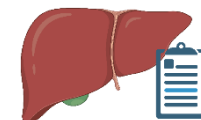
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Systematic Review

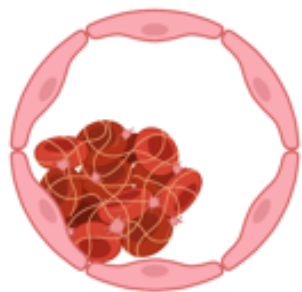
Genetic Predictors for Sinusoidal Obstruction Syndrome—A Systematic Review

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Sistematični pregled genetski rizičnih faktorjev (Del 1)

- 34 kandidatnih genov
 - 9 povezanih z SOS
 - 2 gena validirana (*GSTA1*, *MTHFR*) v več kot eni študiji
 - 2 gena identificirana (*LNPK*, *UGT2B10*) v WES analizi²



1. Koagulacija & endotelij

ABCB1, *ACE*, *F2*, *F5*, *FGB*, *IL1B*, *ITGB3*,
LNPK, *P2RX7*, *SERPINE1*, *HADH*,
ZNF608

2. Metabolize učinkovin



CYP2B6, *CYP2C19*, *CYP2C9*,
GSTA1, ***GSTM1***, *GSTO1*,
GSTO2, ***GSTP1***, *GSTT1*, *GSTZ1*,
MTHFR, ***UGT2B10***

3. Drugi jetrni encimi



CPS1, ***CTH***, *FMO3*,
HFE, ***HPSE***, *VDR*,
AMPH, *AGPAT3*, *FAT3*

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² Ansari M, Biol Blood Marrow Transpl, 2020.



EWAS analiza podatkov (Del 2)

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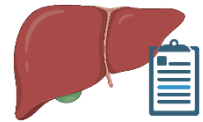
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Genetic Susceptibility to Hepatic Sinusoidal Obstruction Syndrome in Pediatric Patients Undergoing Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation



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Eksperimentalni rezultati - SOS (Del 3)

PLOS ONE

“A novel integrative multi-omics approach to unravel the genetic determinants of rare diseases with application in sinusoidal obstruction syndrome”

PLOS ONE, 2022, Accepted

Research article

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Cilji

- Razviti nov analitski model, ki kombinira podatke iz:
 - (i) kliničnega genomskega sekvenciranja,
 - (ii) *in vitro* ekspresijske analize in
- Identificirati **kandidatne gene in genske variante za SOS.**



Utemeljitev

- Busulfan je pomemben sprožilec za SOS¹
- Geni, ki so po izpostavljenosti busulfanu, deregulirani, so vpleteni v njegovo toksičnost²
- Linije limfoblastoidnih celic zdravih darovalcev so primerne za testiranje razlik v izražanju genov³

1. Corbacioglu S. Biol. Blood Marrow Transplant, 2019.
2. Hartford CM, Pharmacogenomics, 2007.
3. Wheeler HE, Pharmacogenomics, 2012.



Nov pristop

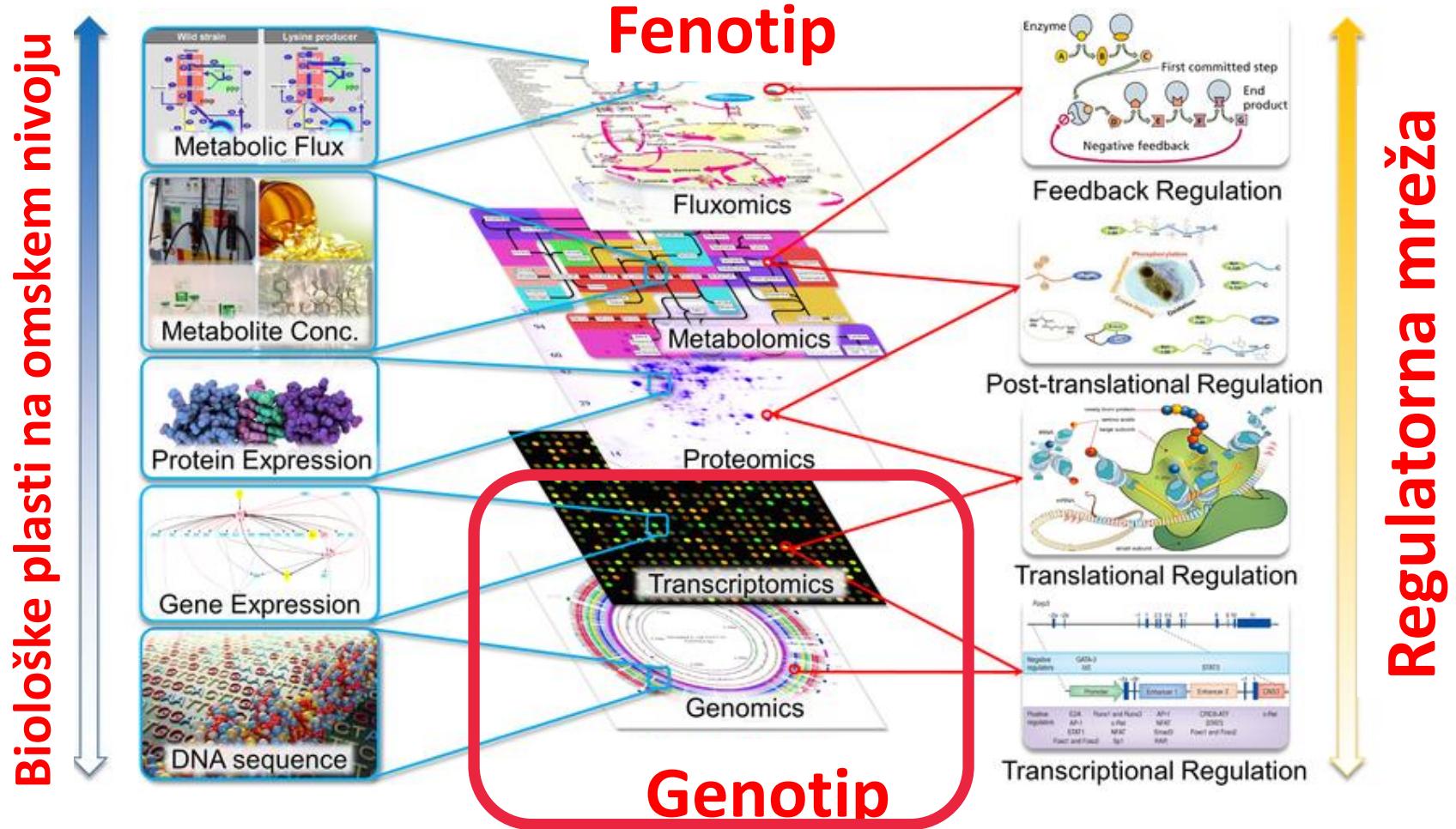
1. Razpoložljivi klinični podatki o 87 pediatričnih bolnikov, ki so bili podvrženi alogenski HSCT (predvsem BuCy kondicioniranje)¹
 - I. Podatki EWAS s SOS kot glavnim rezultatom (spremenjena merila v Seattlu)²
2. *In vitro* diferencialna genska ekspresija v šestih limfoblastoidnih celičnih linijah
 - I. Sprememba izražanja genov po zdravljenju z busulfanom
3. Povečanje moči za prepoznavanje genetskih determinant:
 - I. integracija rezultatov iz večih neodvisnih eksperimentalnih poskusov za povečanje statistične moči
 - II. celogenomska in hkratna večplastna analiza genetskih podatkov za večjo ločljivost podatkov

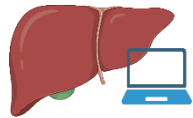
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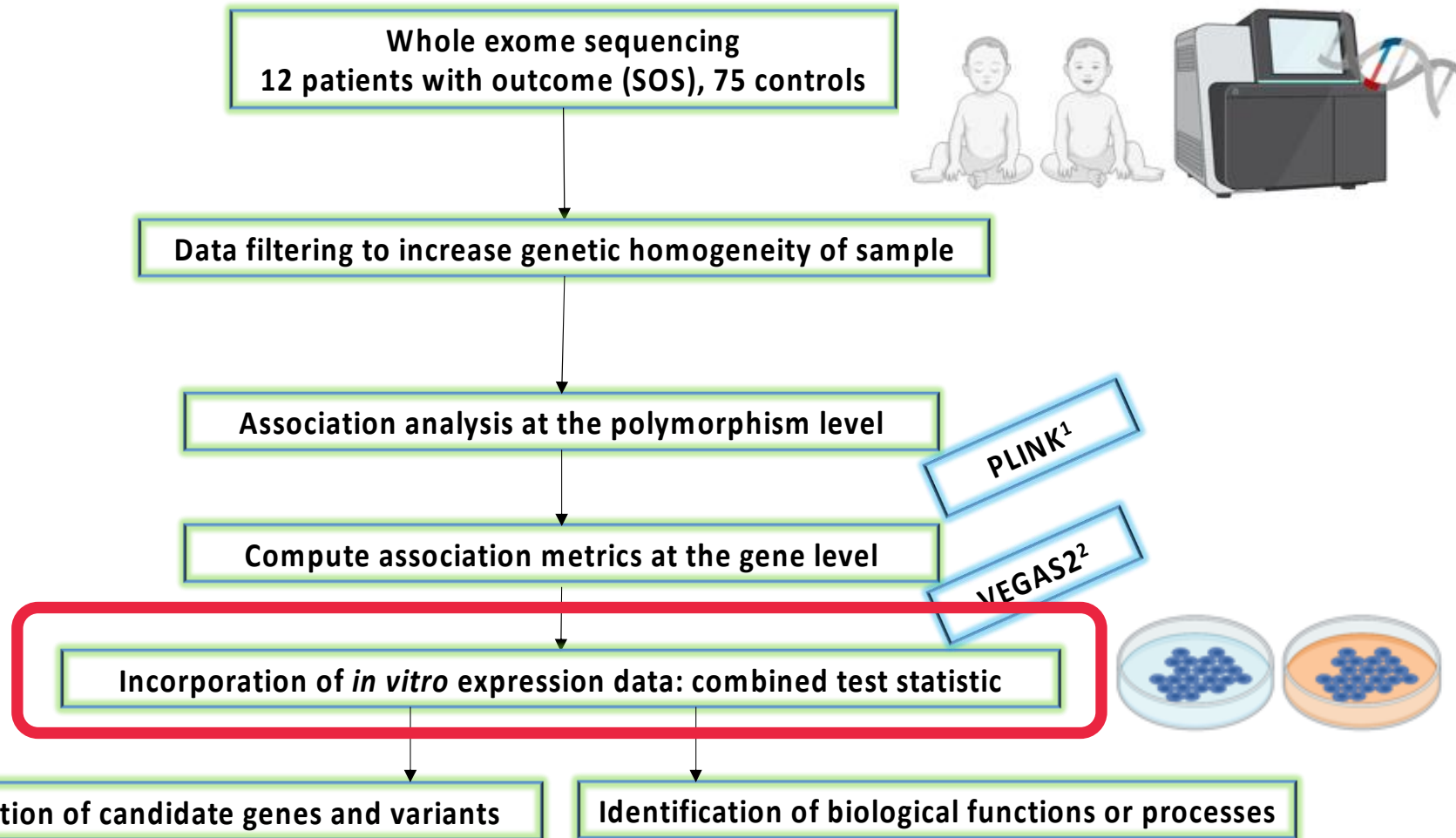


Multi-omika



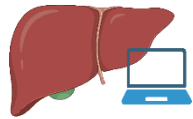


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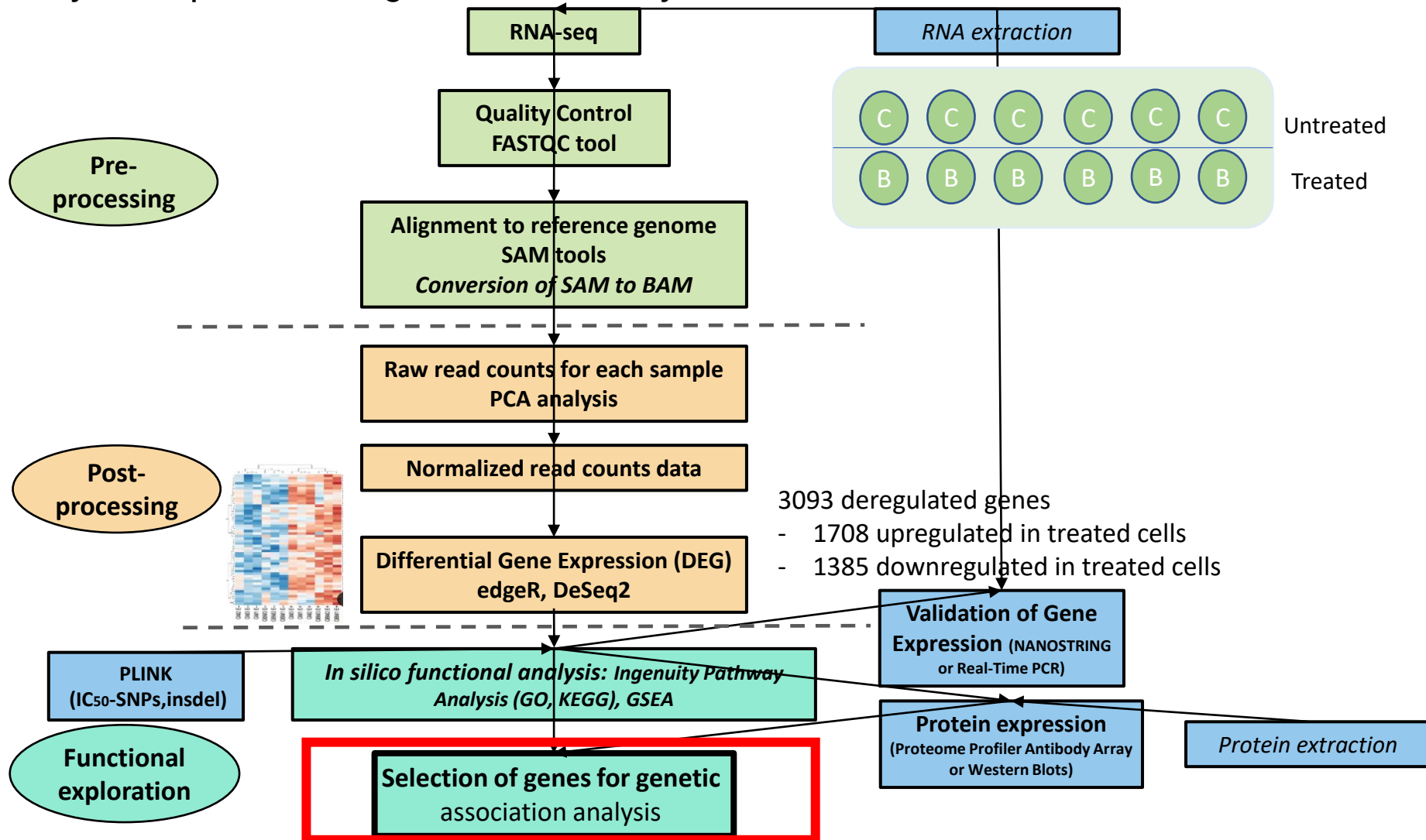
¹ Purcell S. PLINK: tool set for whole-genome association and population-based linkage analyses. *Am J Hum Genet.* 2007.

² Mishra A, VEGAS-2: Versatile Gene-based Association Study-2. *Twin Res Hum Genet.* 2015.



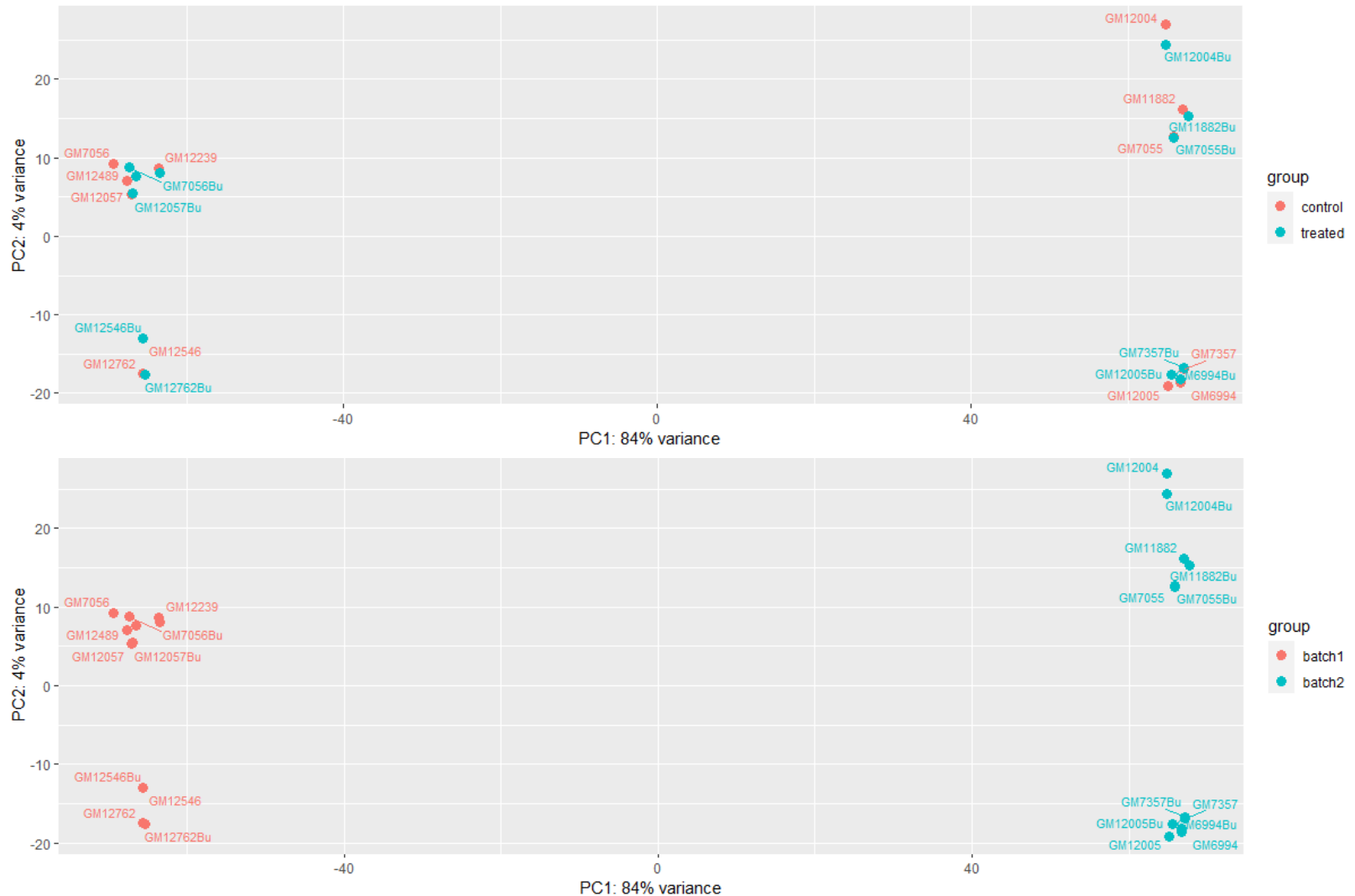
Potek dela (2)

Vključitev podatkov o genskem izražanju v LCL





PCA analiza





Selection of gene biomarkers and comparison between groups

- $2\log FC > 2$,
- $p_{adjusted} < 0.05$

Top canonical pathways

Filter: Z-score above /1/
Fisher exact test: $p\text{-value} < 0.05$

Output files

IPA → GSEA

Examples (Bu-treatment):

Ingenuity Canonical Pathways	$-\log(p\text{-value})$	Ratio	z-score	Molecules
HMGB1 Signaling	3,67	0,0364	2	CSF2, CXCL8, IFNG, LIF, SERPINE1, TNFSF15
Neuroinflammation Signaling Pathway	2,33	0,02	2,236	BDNF, CXCL8, GABBR2, GDNF, GRIN2C, IFNG
Cardiac Hypertrophy Signaling (Enhanced)	1,88	0,0144	2,449	CSF2, CXCL8, CXCR2, IFNG, LIF, PDE4C, TNFSF15
Systemic Lupus Erythematosus In B Cell Signaling Pathway	1,85	0,0182	2,236	CSF2, CXCL8, IFNG, LIF, TNFSF15
Synaptogenesis Signaling Pathway	1,64	0,016	2,236	BDNF, EPHA2, GRIN2C, LRP1, UNC13A
Osteoarthritis Pathway	1,62	0,019	1	COL2A1, CXCL8, CXCR2, LRP1
cAMP-mediated signaling	1,52	0,0175	2	CXCR2, GABBR2, HCAR3, PDE4C
Hepatic Fibrosis Signaling Pathway	0,91	0,0109	2	COL2A1, COL3A1, CXCL8, SERPINE1



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Symbol	Matched Term	Synonym(s)	Entrez Gene Name	Location	Type(s)	Biomarker App	Drug(s)	Target(s)
ACE2	Ace2, ACE2	2010355.029&L, angiotensin I converting enzyme 2, angiotensin I converting e	angiotensin I converting enzyme 2	Plasma Membrane	peptidase	agave, Biomapri, moxipri, hydrochlorothiaz		



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(without compounds) and $p < 10^{-5}$, unbiased

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Examples:

Upstream Regulator	Expr Log Ratio	Molecule Type	Predicted Activation State	Activation z-score	p-value of overlap	Target Molecules in Dataset	Mechanistic Network
TP53	-0,172	transcription regulator	Activated	3,142	4,25E-08	ALDH1A3,AREG,BDNF,COL2A1,COI47	(17)
ULBP2	0,535	transmembrane receptor			0,00000482	CCL1,CSF2,IFNG	
CD33	0,362	other			0,00000768	CSF2,CXCL8,IFNG	26 (14)
NR3C2	0,015	ligand-dependent nuclear receptor complex		1,109	0,00000788	COL3A1,CXCL8,CXCR2,PLIN4,RRAI	26 (7)
Immunoglobulin				0,549	0,0000124	AREG,ATP4B,BDNF,CCL1,CSF2,CX	36 (18)
NFKBIE	-0,12	transcription regulator			0,0000163	CSF2,CXCL8,LIF	41 (13)
SNAI1	0,04	transcription regulator		0,059	0,0000176	AXL,COL2A1,CXCL8,GDF15,KRT17,	46 (16)
ENTPD1	0,115	enzyme			0,0000224	CXCL8,IFNG,SERPINE1	37 (16)
CCL21		cytokine			0,0000385	CSF2,CXCL8,IFNG	46 (18)
IL10	-0,593	cytokine		-1,739	0,0000387	CCL1,CEACAM1,CSF2,CXCL8,CXCL	39 (17)

CD36

biased



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Diseases BioFunctions

Top 10 categories and $p < 10^{-5}$,

Selection per **CLINICAL OUTCOME**:
relapse, toxicity related outcomes

Output files

Examples:

Category	p-value	Molecules
Cancer	3.54E-11-2.84E-04	ADGRA2,ALDH1A3,A
Organismal Injury and Abnormalities	3.54E-11-3.03E-04	ADGRA2,ALDH1A3,A
Cellular Assembly and Organization	9.68E-11-2.63E-04	ADGRA2,AREG,AXL,
Cellular Function and Maintenance	9.68E-11-3E-04	ADGRA2,AREG,AXL,
Cardiovascular System Development and Function	1.56E-09-2.62E-04	ADGRA2,AREG,ATP4
Cell-To-Cell Signaling and Interaction	1.79E-09-2.82E-04	AREG,AXL,BDNF,CC
Organismal Development	1.88E-09-3E-04	ADGRA2,ALDH1A3,A
Gastrointestinal Disease	1.25E-08-2.61E-04	ADGRA2,ALDH1A3,A
Cellular Movement	1.4E-08-2.89E-04	ADGRA2,ALDH1A3,A



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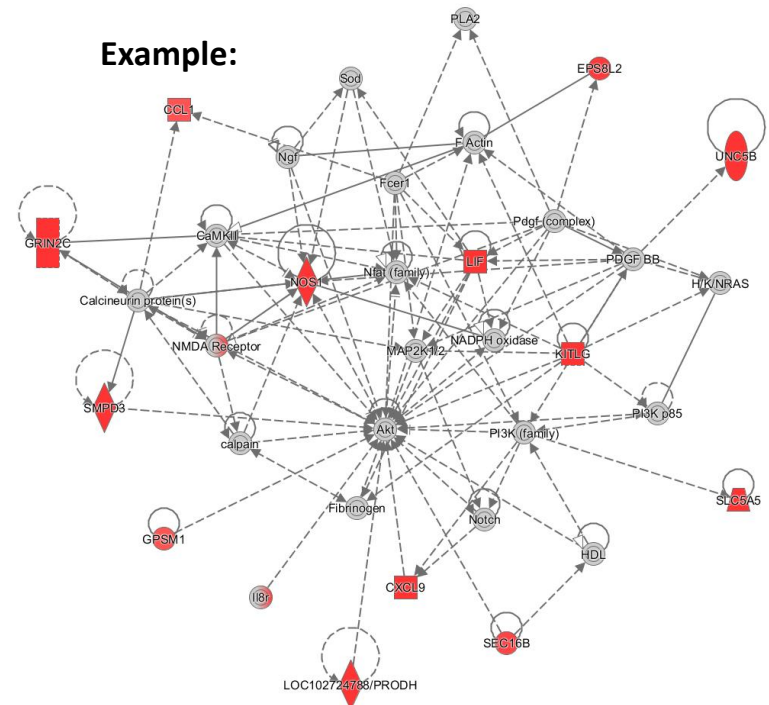
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Networks

Top 3 networks

Example:





Klinični podatki bolnikov pri HSCT

HSCT (HSJ – Montréal):

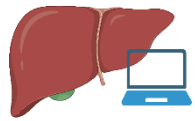
45 bolnikov (52%): maligna bolezen

68 bolnikov (78%): mieloablativna HSCT

62 bolnikov (71%): BuCy

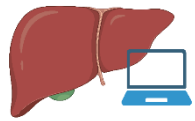
- 292'064 SNP-ov
- 87 posameznikov (starost: 7.4 leta [0.1-23.5])
 - **12 posameznikov s SOS**, 75 kontrolnih vzorcev
 - 47 deklet, 40 fantov
 - Etnično poreklo:
 - Amerika (n=2)
 - Azija (n= 2)
 - Sub-Saharska Afrika (n= 12)
 - Južna Amerika (n= 1)
 - Severna Afrika (n= 7)
 - Evropejec s kitajskim poreklom (n= 1)
 - Evropa (n= 62)

Outcomes	n (%)	
Event free survival (events)	32	(37)
Death	17	(20)
Graft failure	14	(16)
Relapse	12	(14)
Sinusoidal obstruction syndrome	12	(14)
Total	87	(100.0)



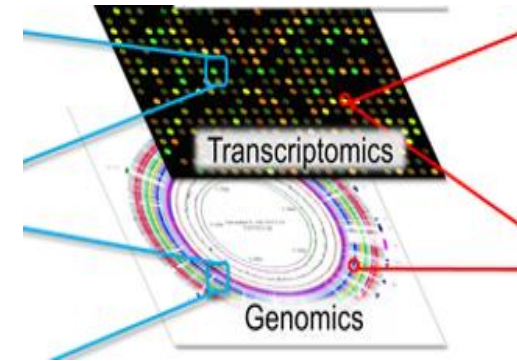
Kontrola kakovosti (QC) podatkov o genotipih pred izvedbo GWAS – PLINK analiza

- Manjkajoči posamezniki/ manjkajoči SNP
 - 0 posameznikov
 - 21'138 SNP-ov
 - Nedoslednosti v genetskem spolu posameznikov
 - 10 žensk
 - 1 moški
 - Manjša frekvenca alelov (MAF) <0.05
 - 4'898 SNP-ov
 - Odstopanja od Hardy–Weinberg-ovega ravnotežja (HWE)
 - 8'744 SNP-ov
 - Stopnja heterozigotnosti
 - 1 posameznik (from Sub-Saharan Africa)
 - sorodnost
 - 4 posamezniki
 - Etnični odstopi
 - Azija (n= 2), Sub-Saharaska Afrika (n= 12), Južna Amerika (n= 1), Evropejec kitajskega izvora (n= 1)
- KONČNO ŠTEVILO TESTIRANCEV: **57 posameznikov (11 SOS, 46 kontrol)**



ALTERNATIVNI PRISTOPI H KLASIČNEMU GWAS

- Klasični GWAS: vsak SNP se posamično testira glede povezave z zanimivimi fenotipi
- Popravek za večkratno testiranje (Bonferroni correction): da se izognemo lažnim pozitivnim rezultatom → izguba statistične moči
- Ignoriranje korelacijske strukture med SNP, ki jih uvaja populacijska genetika (LD) in biološkimi odnosi (epistaza)
- Nov pristop, ki temelji na „*machine/deep learning*“ → Zmanjšanje število kandidatnih SNP



1. VEGAS

2. Kombinirani test

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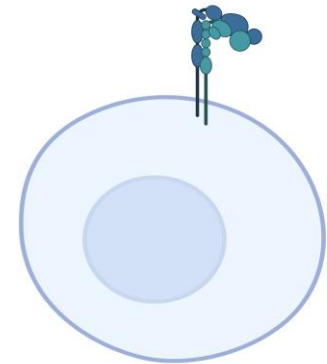


Analiza biološke poti

Identificiranih 35 genov

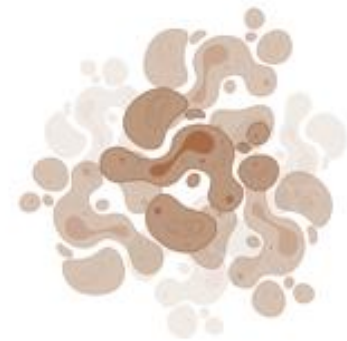
Integrin cell surface interactions,
extracellular matrix organisation

ITGB8, HSPG2, ITGAM



Cellular senescence,
apoptosis

CCND1, FAS, MDM2, TNFRSF10B, CALML6



Other genes

*DDR1, HCAR3, GPR137B, PTP4A1, PPL, AIM1, GBP5, PHYHIP, LACC1, UTRN,
TRIM55, CLCF1, ANKRA2, POLH, DDX60, AFAP1L2, PGAP1, ZBTB7C, GNA15, MAP4K4
LINC01021, IL17RC, TMEM168, GAS7, TRPV3, SEMA6A, PADI4*



Zaključki

- Povečanje moči s kombinirano testno statistiko
- Identifikacija bioloških molekularnih poti, ki se zdijo obetavne za ponovitev (že znane predhodno: integrin/koagulacija ali presnova v jetrih)
- Identifikacija možnih novih mehanizmov (celično staranje, apoptoza)
- Možna prilagoditev analitske metode na druge bolezni



Omejitve & prednosti

- Predpostavka: diferencialna ekspresija genov po izpostavljenosti busulfanu, povezana s kliničnim izidom
- Ni validacije

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- Kombinacija dveh neodvisnih testov v eno samo testno statistiko
- Predhodna izbira genov ni potrebna

HVALA.

Patients and families participating in the international study



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GSTM1 and GSTT1 double null genotypes determining cell fate and proliferation as potential risk factors of relapse in children with hematological malignancies after hematopoietic stem cell transplantation

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