

The distribution of cytogenetics abnormalities by FISH and karyotype in AML

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-random, recurrent cytogenetic abnormalities are common in acute leukemia.

r recognition has paved the way for the identification of molecular clonal lesions associated with specific subtypes that have therapeutic and prognostic implications.

t of these abnormalities are currently well established, and important to consider in the management of patients.

e cytogenetic abnormalities are an important factor for chemotherapy response and survival.

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2008 who classification for acute leukemias takes into account the biological aspects, immunophenotypic and cytogenetic (conventional and molecular).

classification establishes a stratification into prognostic groups based on a genetic evaluation

types of abnormalities are considered as having a favourable prognosis after chemotherapy : $t(15; 17)$, $inv(16) / t(16; 16)$, and $t(8; 21)$

other abnormalities such as $inv(3)/t(3; 3)$, $t(6; 9)$, monosomy 5/ $del(5q)$ or $del(7q)$, MLL rearrangement, complex karyotype, and recent monosomal karyotype entity have a worse prognosis.

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The aim of our study is to have an approach of molecular cytogenetic and karyotyping profile of Acute Myeloid Leukaemia (AML) followed in a single center at Blida to identify a therapeutic strategy.

Methods

This is a prospective study of 51 months (Oct. 2009 - Dec. 2013) involving 166 de novo acute myeloid leukemia patients.

For diagnosis, cytogenetic studies were performed preferentially by FISH, and then by conventional cytogenetics wherever possible.

One marrow specimen was used for an unstimulated 24-hours culture.

Karyotype :

Conventional karyotyping technique was performed. To define a clone, standard criteria were used.

At least 20 metaphases were analysed; karyotypes were classified according to the International System for Human Cytogenetic Nomenclature.

Methods

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Systematic panel probes was applied (Kreatech, CytoCELL) including : t(8;21) PML/ETO), Inv16/t(16;16)(CBFB/MYH11), MLL(11q23) break-apart. For M0 and differentiated , 5q31.1 and 7q22-q31 probes were applied. PML/RAR α ; RAR α break for AML3.

At least 20 metaphases and 200 nuclei were analyzed, using a fluorescence microscope with appropriate filters. Cytovision Imaging was used for processing images for archives.

Results

166 cases fall into adults (M: 80, F: 86). Sex ratio = 0,93

Median age : 42 years (16-87)

subtypes were :

M0 = 2

M1 = 15

M2 = 34

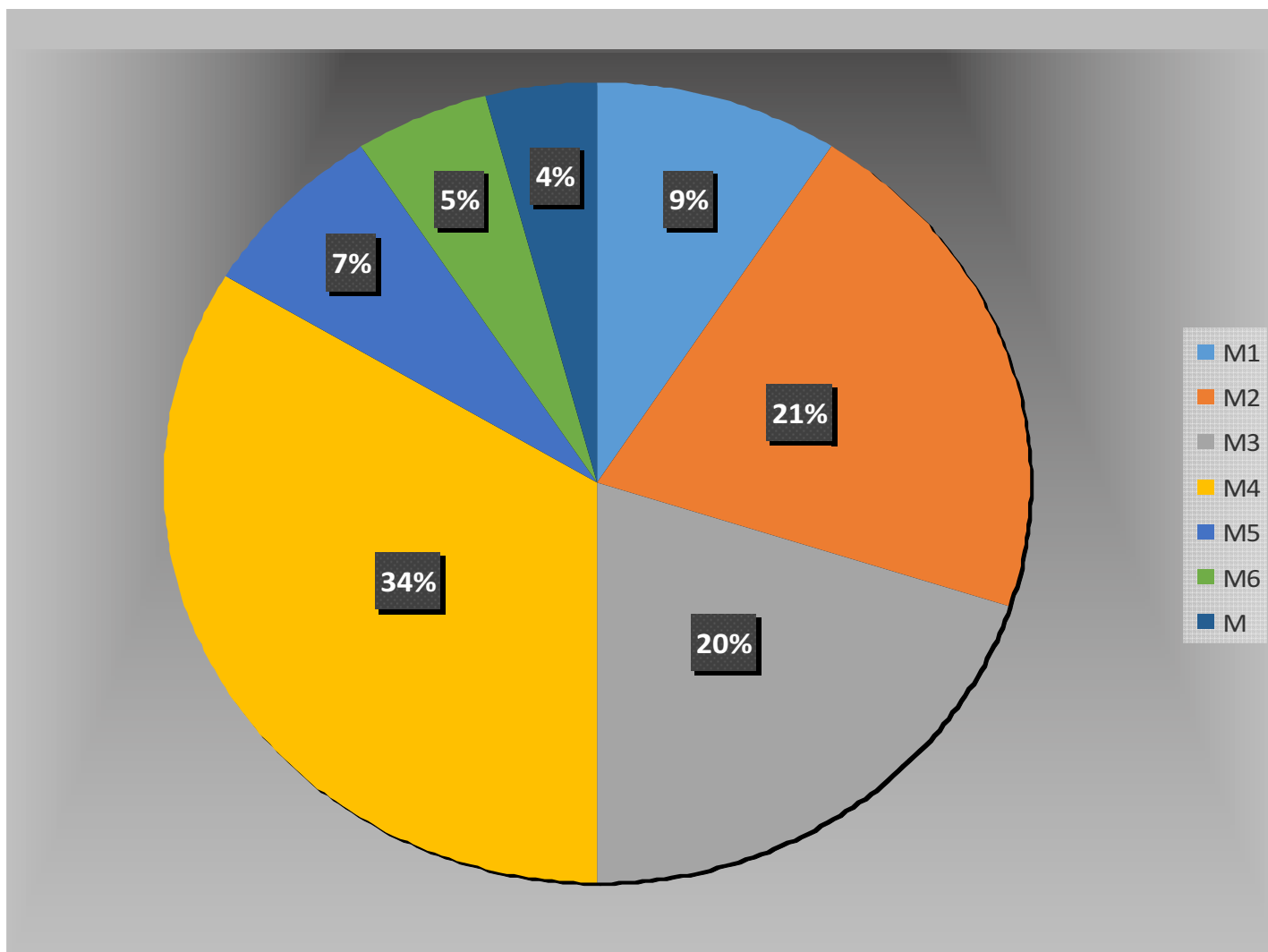
M3 = 33

M4 = 55

M5 = 12

M6 = 8

M = 7



Results : By FISH: 166 cases

Abnormalities	Number of cases	Pourcentage
Inv 16	19	11,5
t(8;21)	12	07,2
t(15;17)	34	20,5
MLL réarrangé	03	01,8
Del 7q	01	
Mono 5	01	
Dup MLL	01	
Dup21q22/8q	04	
Complexes	04	
Other: del 21q, iso21q, +8q/-8	06	
No abnormalities	82	49,5

Results: By Karyotype: 50 cases

Normalities	Number of cases	%
46;XX/46;Y	22	44
46;XX,+4	1	
46;XX,+6	1	
46;XX,+21	1	
Polyploidy: 92;XXXX	2	
46;XX,-Y,-19	2	
46;XX,-Y;iso21q	1	
46;XX,-Y;t(1;14)(p34;q32)	1	
46;XX,-Y;t(4;12)(q12;p13)	1	
Complexes (≥ 3 abnormalities)	4	
Monosomal	2	

Abnormalities	Number of cases	%
46;XX;t(8;21)	3	
45;X,-Y;t(8;21)	1	
45;XX,-5,-22,+19;del16q22;del17p	1	
46;XX;inv(16)	2	
47;XX,+22;inv(16)	2	
48;XX,+8,+21;inv(16)	2	
50;XX,+8,+9,+21,+mar;inv(16)	1	

Prognosis classification

The most common chromosomal abnormalities are grouped as follows

Favorable

t(16)(p13q22), t(8;21), t(15;17)

Intermediate

Normal karyotype, t(9;11) or abnormalities not classified as favorable or unfavorable.

Unfavorable

t(3)(q21q26.2)/t(3;3)(q21;q26.2), t(6;9)(p23;q34), t(v;11)(v;q23), -5/del(5p-), complex and monosomal karyotype

Risk	Number of cases	%
Favorable	65	39
Intermediate	*	48*
Unfavorable	*	13*

Results

t(8;21)(q22;q22)/RUNX1-RUNX1T1

Translocation (8;21): was found in 12 pts
of 15 AML1 and 34 AML2

7,2% in all AML

24,5% (M1+M2)

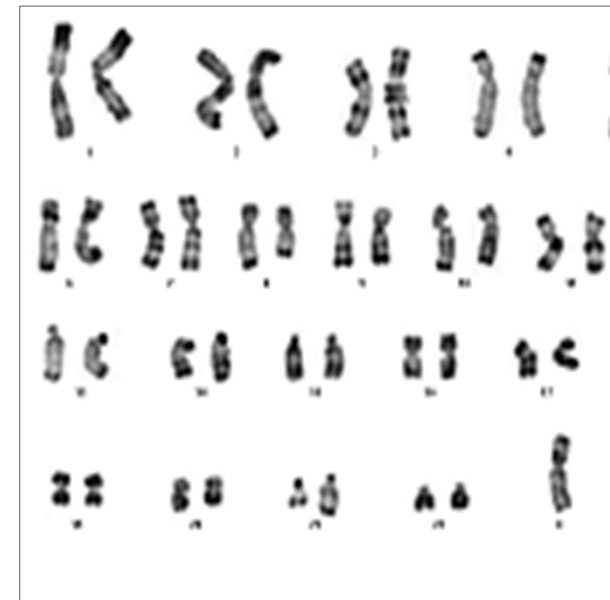
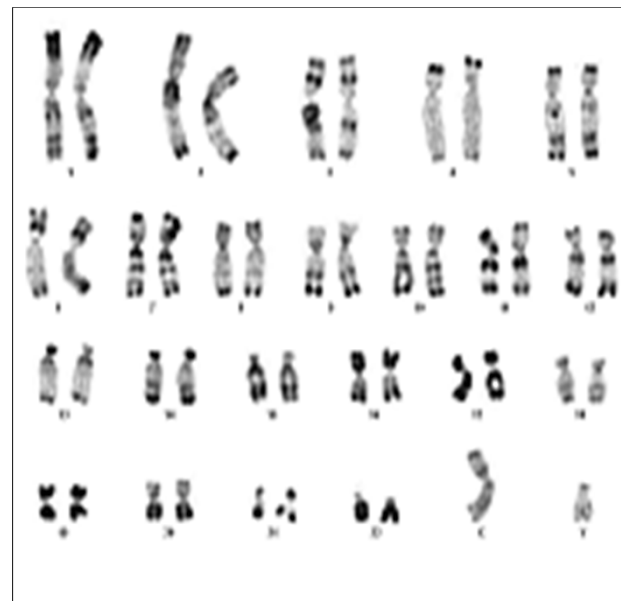
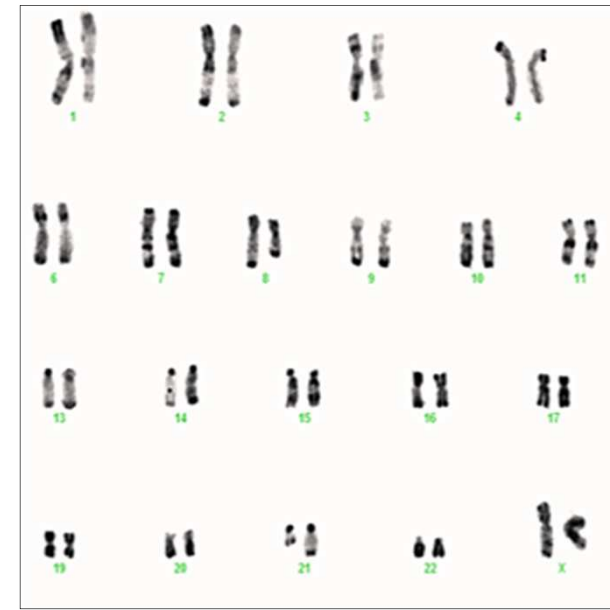
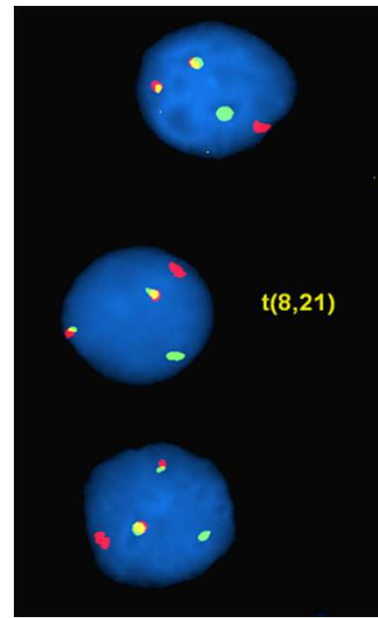
Translocation was exclusively seen

in AML2 (11 cases), resulting in 32,3%

of AML2 having t(8;21).

The male / female (M/F) ratio was of 4/8.

Median age = 31 years



Results

(16)(p13;q22)/CBF β -MYH11

inversion (16), t (16; 16) and del 16q22 were found in 19 pts (8M, 11F), respectively in 16 pts, 15 pts and 1 pt out of 55 AML4 studied

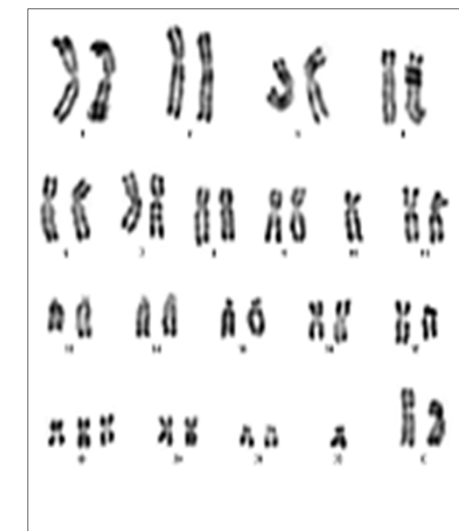
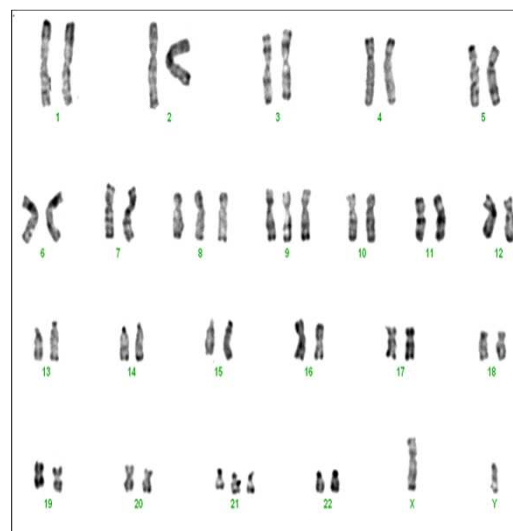
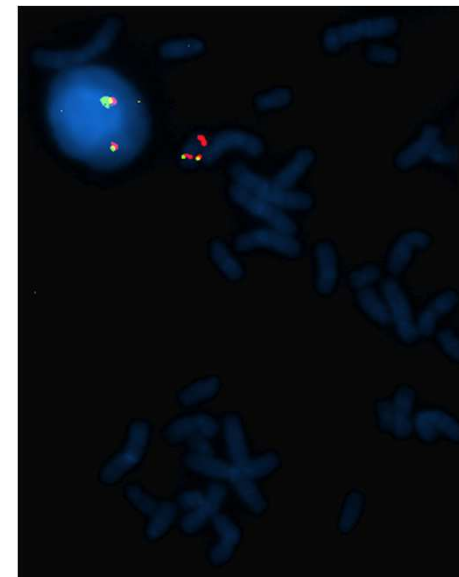
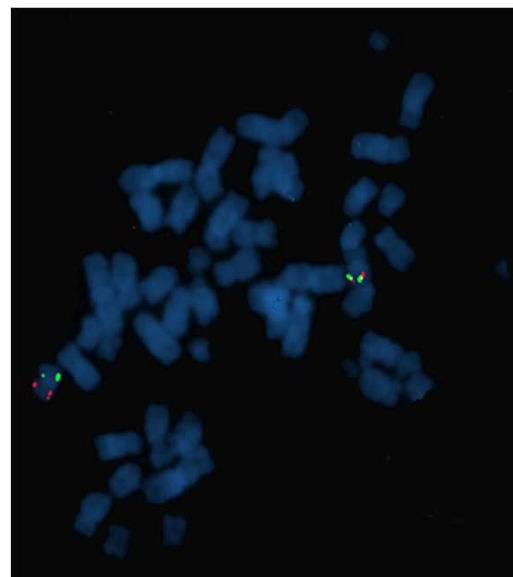
was shown in 11,4% of all AML

mean age = 40 years

The majority of patients presented abnormal myeloid precursors in bone marrow smears. It has not been recovered on t (16; 16).

3 subtypes were M4 (17), M5 (1) and M2 (1)

(16) was associated with +22 in 3 cases.



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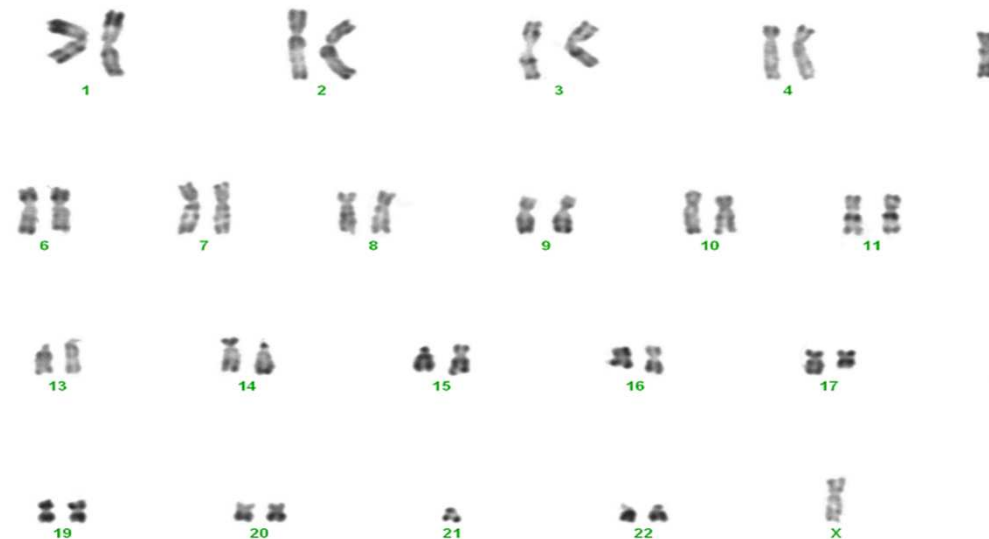
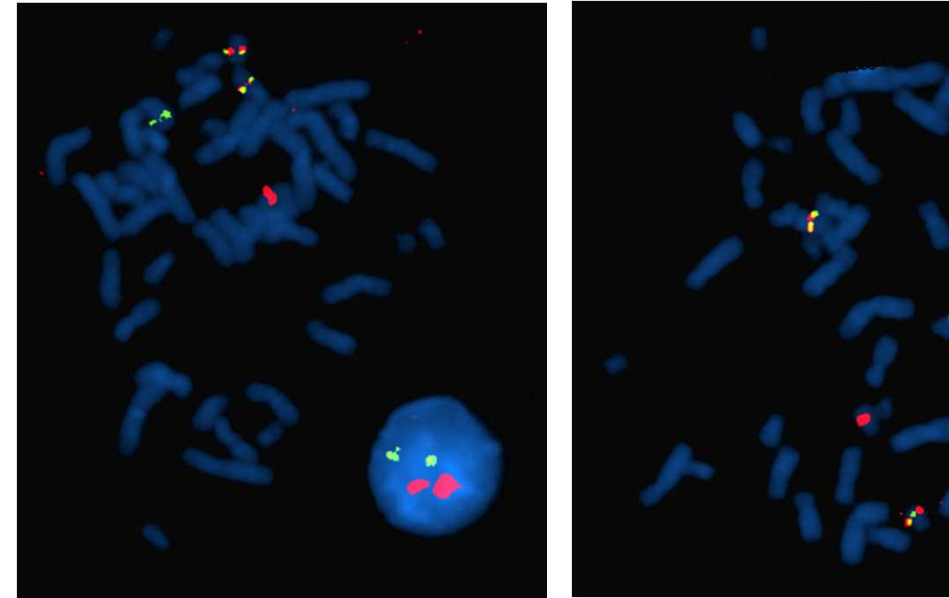
Translocation t (15; 17)(q22;q12)/PML-RARa

It was found in 34 cases of evoked AML3 (20,4%)

All of them were PML/RARA , no cytogenetic variant was found.

Mean age = 35 years

Sex : 18 M, 16 F Ratio = 1,1



Results

MLL rearrangement (11q23)

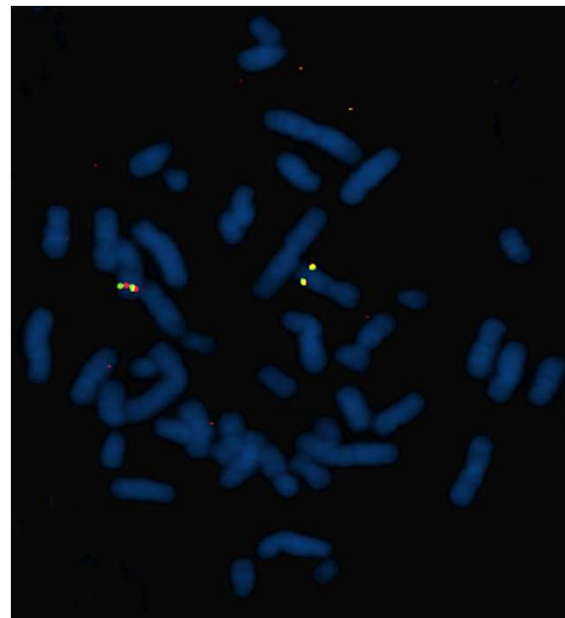
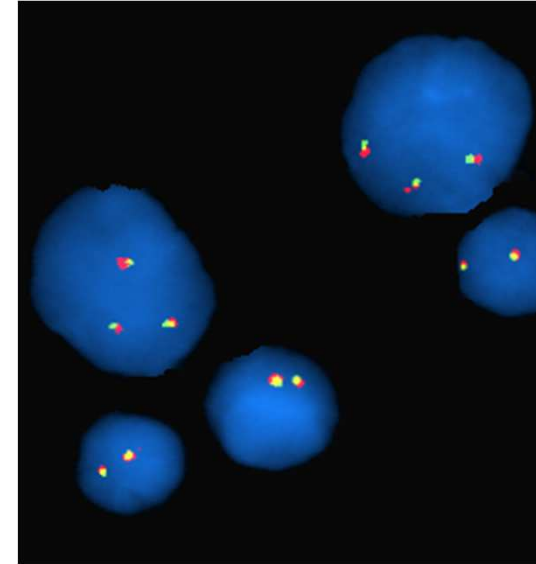
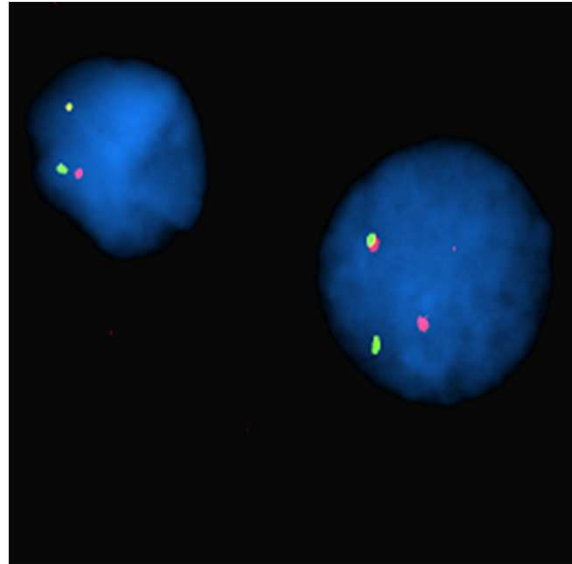
MLL rearrangement was found in 3 cases (1,8% in all AML) :

1 AML 4 and 2 AML1

Mean age = 60 years (52-67)

Duplication of MLL was found in 1 case of AML5

Age = 51 years

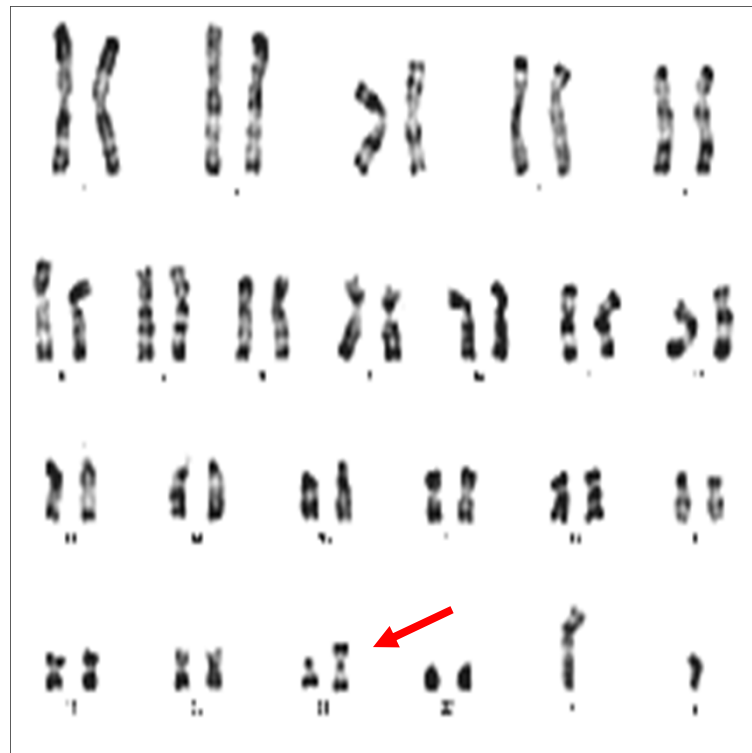


Results

Chromosomal Aberrations



46,XY,+8,+21



46,XY,iso(21q)



46,XY,t(4;12)(q12;p13)

Discussion

anomalie	Iran (2004)	Our results %	Tunisia % 2006	Marocco %	Littérature %
inv 16		11,5	1,3	8 (2009)	8 – 12
(8;21)		07,2	12 13,9 (2010)	12,6 (2009)	5 - 10
(15;17)	19,4	20,5	10		5 - 8
MLL réarrangé		1,8	2,6		3 - 5
complexe Karyo		10	14,3		10 - 12
Monosomal Karyo		5			13
no abnormalities		44	43		45

Discussion

Risk	Our serie	Tunisia 2005(202pts	Marocco* 2009	Littérature Röllig JCO 2011
Favorable	39 %	17%	21,2%	10%
Intermediate	48 %*	66%	63,3%	67%
Unfavorable	13%*	17%	15,4%	23%

Discussion

In our work, FISH was useful for screening the PML/RARA for the diagnosis AML abnormalities with favorable prognosis, and to assess MLL rearrangement frequency of AML patient in Blida center.

It was a rapid and reliable technique (successful in all patients), it was sensitive, particularly to detect *inv(16)* or variants of *t(8;21)/AML/ETO* that are usually cytogenetic.

It remains a precious contribution in the event of failure karyotype (failure of culture or banding of bad quality)

Conclusion

is a good tool that can be used to detect recurrent abnormalities in chromosomes metaphase and in interphase cells . It provides a complementary approach in cases with a normal or failed cytogenetic result.

Karyotype remains the key examination by visualizing all the genome, highlighting polyploidy and monosomal karyotypes of worse prognosis.

Ultimately these tools are essential and complementary for a reliable diagnosis and prognostic evaluation of AML.