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Complete mutational spectrum of the autophagy interactome: a novel class of tumor suppressor genes in myeloid neoplasms

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Autophagy is an evolutionarily conserved mechanism of bulk protein degradation. Aberrant autophagic activity contributes to the pathogenesis of many diseases including cancer.^{1, 2} Although allelic loss of key autophagy genes such as *ATG6/BECN1* has been specifically associated with malignancies, the prevalence of mutations in the autophagy network as a whole has never been comprehensively studied in a diverse spectrum of patients with myeloid neoplasms.³ We conducted a cross-sectional analysis of 180 autophagy genes and their interactions by analyzing the results of whole exome sequencing (WES) derived from a cohort of 223 cases with myeloid neoplasms [(N=223; myelodysplastic syndromes (MDS)=120, acute myeloid leukemia (AML)=46, MDS/myeloproliferative neoplasms (MPN)=45, MPN=5, and others (paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria (PNH), aplastic anemia/PNH =7)]. We also reviewed the TCGA data of patients with primary AML

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(N=202). In total, we identified missense mutations and copy number alterations in the following genes of the autophagy network (*ATG2A*, *ATG4C*, *ATG14*, *ATG16L1*, *BCL2*, *CDKN2AIPNL*, *COG8*, *DNM1L*, *DNM2*, *GYS1*, *HIF1A*, *KIF1B*, *LAMP2*, *MLST8*, *MTOR*, *NOD2*, *PIK3C2G*, *PIK3C2A/B*, *PIK3CB*, *PPP2R2A/B*, *PPP2R3A*, *PRKACB*, *PRKAA1/2*, *PRKAG1/G2*, *PTPN2*, *RICTOR*, *RPTOR*, *SEC22B*, *SMURF1*, *SQSTM1*, *STAT3*, *SUPT20H*, *TAB2*, *TNFSF10/13B*, *ULK4*, *USP10*, *VPS11/33B*, *VTI1A*, *WDFY3/4*, *WAC*) in 40 patients (MDS=14, AML=15, MPN and MDS/MPN=9, Others=2). Bioinformatic analyses detected genetic alterations in at least one relevant gene in 31/223 (14%) of patients with available WES and in 9/202 (4.4%) of patients from the TCGA cohort (Table 1). Table S1 summarizes the clinical characteristics of the patients carrying mutations in autophagy-related genes [pt#1-31 (our cohort) and 32–40 (TCGA cohort)]. The analysis of matched CD3⁺ lymphocytes confirmed the somatic nature of each alteration. Mutations were: non-synonymous (45), stop-gain (5), frameshift insertions/deletions (3/1), non-frameshift deletion (1), and splice site (3); 32/40 patients had a sole mutation, 4 patients carried 2 mutations each (*ULK4*, *WDFY3*), (*KIF1B*, *SEC22B*), (*VIT1A*, *TAB2*), (*DNM2*, *WAC*). Two patients harbored mutations in 3 genes each [pt#10 (*RPTOR*, *SQSTM1*, *GYS1*) and pt#13 (*TNFSF10*, *LAMP2*, *PTPN2*)]. One patient (pt#15) carried 2 mutations in the *NOD2* gene [stopgain, (13.5%) and a missense (8.2%)]. One patient (pt#1) had >3 mutations. We also identified recurrently mutated genes: *PRKACB* [pt#1 (AML stage), 14 and 24], *ULK4* [pt#1 (MDS stage), #2], *NOD2* [pt#1 (AML stage), #15], *PTPN2* (pt#13, 17), *PRKAG1* (pt#25, 26), *VPS11* (pt#29, 30), and *WAC* (pt#32, 40). The same mutation (p.T192P; c.A574C) in the v-SNARE coiled-coil homology domain of *SEC22B* gene was also detected in pts#6 and #27. We designed a mutational diagram by clustering all the genes based on their function in the autophagy pathway (Figure 1a) and classified the mutations in the following autophagy interactome components: apoptotic effectors/inducers (13/55; 24%), protein kinases and dependent kinases (10/55; 18%), vesicle transport (9/55; 16%), early-stage autophagy (8/55; 15%) and phosphatidylinositol-3 phosphatase family (6/55; 11%; Figure S1, panel a). In the cohort of mutant patients, mutations were observed in more than 10% of all myeloid disease types with the majority of mutant patients being high-risk MDS (12/40; 30%) and AML patients (15/40; 37.5%) (Figure S1, panel b). A schematic diagram depicts 2 genes (*PRKACB*, *ULK4*) that were found mutated in 3 and 2 patients, respectively (Figure 1b). Of note, the association of mutations in the autophagy pathway with higher grade rather than lower grade MDS disease is emphasized by the analysis of consecutive samples. Indeed, we performed WES of patients #1 and 13 in paired specimens obtained at the stage of MDS and after progression to AML. We found a high mutation level in early stage autophagy (*ULK4*; 12.5%) genes and in the mTOR pathway [*MTOR* (10%) and *RICTOR* (16.7%)] at the stage of MDS in patient #1. Mutations in apoptotic effectors and inducers [*BCL2*; 14.2% (MDS stage) vs. *NOD2*; 63% (AML stage)] and in the protein kinase phosphatase pathway [*PPP2R2A*; 7.1% (MDS stage) vs. *PPP2R3A*; 10% (AML stage)] were detected at both the MDS and AML stages. This patient had multiple adverse features including a complex karyotype, *TP53* and *PRPF8* mutations, a rapid increase in bone marrow blasts with disease progression (3% vs. 35% in 3 months) and no response to hypomethylating therapy. In patient #13, we observed the emergence of mutations in autophagy-related genes such as *TNFSF10* (7.6%), *LAMP2* (7.7%) and *PTPN2* (8%) only at the AML stage and not at the MDS stage. These characteristics suggest that alterations in

autophagy-related genes may be a cooperative event associated with disease progression and that cells with autophagic defects may be more susceptible to clonal evolution.

Analysis of the cytogenetic profiles of the mutant patients showed that 4 genes mapped to commonly deleted regions e.g., 5q (*CDKN2AIPNL*, *SQSTM1*) or 7q (*SMURF1*, *PRKAG2*) and coincided with haploinsufficient expression, while 3 genes had hemizygous configuration (*SMURF1*, *PPP2R3A*, *PIK3C2G*) (Table S2). Analysis of the variant types showed that loss-of-function mutations were observed in *ULK4* (stopgain; p.L1220X), *NOD2* (stopgain; p.E1008X), *VTI1A* (stopgain; p.E53X), *PTPN2* (stopgain; p.R26X), *PRKAA2* (stopgain; p.R227X), *VPS11* (frameshift insertion; p.S64fs*), *DNM2* (frameshift insertion; T471fs*), *WAC* (frameshift insertion; p.E87fs), and *USP10* (frameshift deletion; p.P386fs*) genes. We also dissected the clonal hierarchy of autophagy gene mutations. Clonal hierarchy showed that autophagy mutations were predominantly secondary events, were ancestral events in 7 patients (*ATG2A*, *SEC22B*, *STAT3*, *PRKACB*, *DNML1*, *PTPN2*, *PRKAG1*) and co-dominant in 2 patients (*NOD2*, *MLST8*) When autophagy gene mutations were secondary, the most represented ancestral mutations were in splicing factors (N=9; *SRSF2*, *PRPF8*, *U2AF1*) and DNA methylation genes (N=4; *TET2*, *DNMT3A*). The characterization of ancestral vs. secondary events suggested to us that autophagy gene mutations are cooperative rather than initiating events in clonal evolution. We also observed that autophagy gene mutations are secondary mutations in several cases when ancestral mutations occurred in splicing factor genes. A recent article reported that autophagy genes may be implicated in the epigenetic mechanism of patients with MDS carrying *U2AF1* mutations and may contribute to disease phenotypes. *U2AF1*^{S34} mutations have been described to possibly promote leukemogenesis by aberrant splicing of the autophagy gene *ATG7*.⁴ This observation led us to investigate whether epigenetic defects in autophagy genes are also commonly detected in MDS and, if present, whether they correlate with specific biological and clinical MDS phenotypes. We analyzed RNA sequencing of patients with MDS and found that the expression levels of several autophagy genes was increased in *SF3B1*^{MUT} MDS compared to *SF3B1*^{WT} MDS cells: early stage autophagy genes (*ATG2A/B*, FC=2; *ATG4A*, FC=2; *ATG9A*, FC=5; *ATG4C*, *P*=0.05; *ATG18* (FC=4.8; *P*=0.02), autophagy-initiating kinases (*ULK1*, FC=2; *ULK3*, FC=3.9; *P*=0.05), and late stage autophagy genes (*CTSL1*, FC=20; *CTSD*, FC=5.8; *P*=0.05; *CTSB*, FC=2.1; *CTSE*, FC=5.9; *CTSD*, FC=2; *P*=0.01). Of note, 2 genes (*ATG2A*, *ATG4C*) carried somatic mutations and increased expression levels. One of them, *ATG2A* was also an ancestral event when mutated. We originally reported a list of genes found differentially expressed in *Sf3b1*^{+/-} BM cells compared to *Sf3b1*^{+/+} BM cells⁵ (see Table S1) by RNA sequencing analysis. Interestingly enough we merged the list of genes found mutated in our cohort of patients with the list of genes found modulated in *Sf3b1*^{+/-} mice and found that 17 genes were up-regulated more than 2-fold change in our mouse model of MDS (*ATG16L1*, *PIK3CB*, *GYS1*, *SEC22B*, *KIF1B*, *STAT3*, *VT1A*, *TNFSF10*, *PTPN2*, *DNML1*, *DNM2*, *HIF1A*, *MLST8*, *CDKN2AIPNL*, *WAC*, *BCL2*, *USP10*). These observations suggested that the autophagy pathway can potentially be triggered in MDS cells for therapeutic benefit. Autophagy gene mutations were most prevalent in high-risk MDS (12/40; 30%) and almost equally prevalent in sAML and pAML patients (6/9). 21/37 (57%) had abnormal karyotype with 4 patients having complex karyotype including -17 and -7. Among the cases with abnormal karyotype,

4 cases had del (5q). 21 patients had a fatal outcome. Comparative analysis of Sanger sequencing, TruSeq targeted DNA sequencing, WES and TCGA data was used to assess the global mutational spectrum of the patients harboring mutations in the autophagy-network. We found that the most commonly mutated gene was *TET2* (11/40; 27.5%), followed by *RUNX1* and *STAG2* (8/40; 20%), *SRSF2* (7/40; 7.5%) and *DNMT3A* and *ASXL1* (6/40; 15%). Hemizygoty due to somatic deletions for genes associated with poor prognosis was also noted (*TP53*: 2 patients; *PRPF8*, *CUX1*, *DDX41*: 1 patient each) (Figure 1c). Comparative analysis (Sanger, TruSeq, WES, TCGA) found that patients with autophagy-related genes are more susceptible to acquire mutations in signal transduction pathways (26 mutations), DNA methylation (24 mutations), and RNA-splicing (20 mutations) (Figure 1c and Figure S2). Twenty-five mutations had a cut-off more than 20% variant allele frequency (VAF) (Figure S3). Targeted gene panel sequencing was applied for 22 genes and confirmed the presence of high variant allele frequency mutations like *NOD2* (63%), *PIK3C2B* (44%), *PRKACB* (36%) and *STAT3* (38%). The majority of mutant patients had a dismal prognosis, suggesting that these patients had cumulative unfavorable mutations like *RUNX1*, *ASXL1*, *DNMT3A* and that these negative prognostic mutations⁶ represented driver mutations in these patients. Seven patients receiving hypomethylating agents had no response to therapy (Table S1). Comparison of mutant and wild type (WT) patients showed that mutant patients had lower survival trending toward significance compared to WT (14 mo vs. 20 mo; N^{MUT} vs. $N^{\text{WT}} = 20$ vs. 90; log-rank=0.09). Among disease subtypes, autophagy network mutations were associated with significantly inferior survival in patients with MDS ($N^{\text{MUT}} = 13$, mean survival: 17 mo; $N^{\text{WT}} = 61$, mean survival: 35 mo, log-rank: 0.0187) and MDS/MPN overlap syndromes ($N^{\text{MUT}} = 4$, mean survival: 12 mo; $N^{\text{WT}} = 31$, mean survival: 30 mo, log-rank: 0.0374).

Given the recent discovery of familial AML and MDS cases carrying pathogenic germ-line variants,^{7, 8} we also evaluated whether the same autophagy genes we found to be somatically mutated may also be prone to germ-line alterations. An in house analysis of a database of 263,973 variants obtained from WES was conducted by testing different predictive tools assessing deleterious variants and by calling a variant as deleterious if present as deleterious in all Supplemental methods). We found 4 variants in 3 genes among 4 patients with possible deleterious exonic non-synonymous variants that were predicted to be significantly damaging by all the tested scores: *PIK3C2G* (rs377020826, c.T3083C, total allele frequency: 0.0001; rs201569993, c.C2938T, total allele frequency: 0.0007), *NOD2* (rs104895423, c.T662G, total allele frequency: 0.0006), and *HIF1A* (c.A1666G; total allele frequency: undetermined) (Table S3). In total, *PIK3C2G* carried 1 somatic and 2 germ-line variants, *NOD2* had 2 somatic and 1 germ-line variants, and *HIF1A* harbored 1 somatic and 1 germ-line variant. A complete table summarizes the somatic and germ-line status of the variants we identified in the autophagy pathway (Table S4).

As mentioned previously, many types of malignant cells have been reported to exhibit defective or dysregulated autophagy including mutations in *BECN1* (17q21), which is monoallelically deleted in 40–75% of patients with breast, ovarian, and prostate cancer.⁹ In other tumors, autophagy genes such as *SH3GLB1* have been associated with regions of loss of heterozygosity.¹⁰ In our study, we identified mutations in proximal co-factors of *BECN1* such as *PI3KCI3*, vacuolar sorting proteins (*Vps34*, *Vps11*) and *ATG14*. We performed an

analysis of the related protein sequences (<http://www.uniprot.org/>) of the mutated regions and found that several mutations occurred in essential domains/regions involved in protein-protein interactions, particularly those required for autophagosome formation (ATG14, BECN1, PI3KC3, SEC22B, VPS34/11) (Table 1). Several mutations were found in functional domains of the proteins [pt#32 (*DNM2*; pleckstrin homology domain), pt#38 (*PRKAA2*; protein kinase domain)]. Other mutations were detected in regions of interactions between genes highly relevant in the autophagy pathway such as *WDFY3* mutation (p.G3362V; pt#2) maps in a region spanning the interaction with *SQSTM1* (amino-acid 2586-3526), *ATG5* (amino-acid 2981-3526) and the region containing the LC3-interacting region (LIR) motif, which allows the targeting of autophagy receptors to LC3 (or other ATG8 family proteins) as a crucial step in the autophagy cascade. *SQSTM1* was also found mutated in our cohort (p.D347Y; pt#10) and the mutated region was proximal to the LIR motif (amino-acid 336-341). We also detected a mutation in a Beclin-1-associated autophagy key regulator (*ATG14*; pt#33), which has been shown to directly interact with Beclin-1 and increases phosphatidylinositol 3-phosphate kinase class III (PI3KC3) activity to initiate autophagosome membrane nucleation by targeting SNARE-associated proteins.¹¹ We also reviewed extensively the literature to identify possible variants occurring also in other diseases (Table S5).

Our collective findings define for the first time an important and perhaps so far underappreciated role for genetic aberrations in the autophagy network in the pathogenesis of myeloid neoplasms. Our data demonstrate that autophagy are autophagy-related gene mutations are more prevalent in MDS and AML, co-occur with unfavorable mutations (*RUNX1*, *ASXL1*, *DNMT3A*), and are associated with inferior survival. These findings support further investigation of genetic loss of autophagy regulation as a novel cooperative mechanism leading to leukemogenesis that can potentially be therapeutically targeted with synthetic lethal approaches. Results from high-throughput next generation sequencing collected from a larger population of genetically annotated patients with myeloid neoplasms and comprehensive clinical information from different institutional centers will help define the exact frequency of single gene mutations and the precise correlation with the clinical phenotypes.

Supplementary Material

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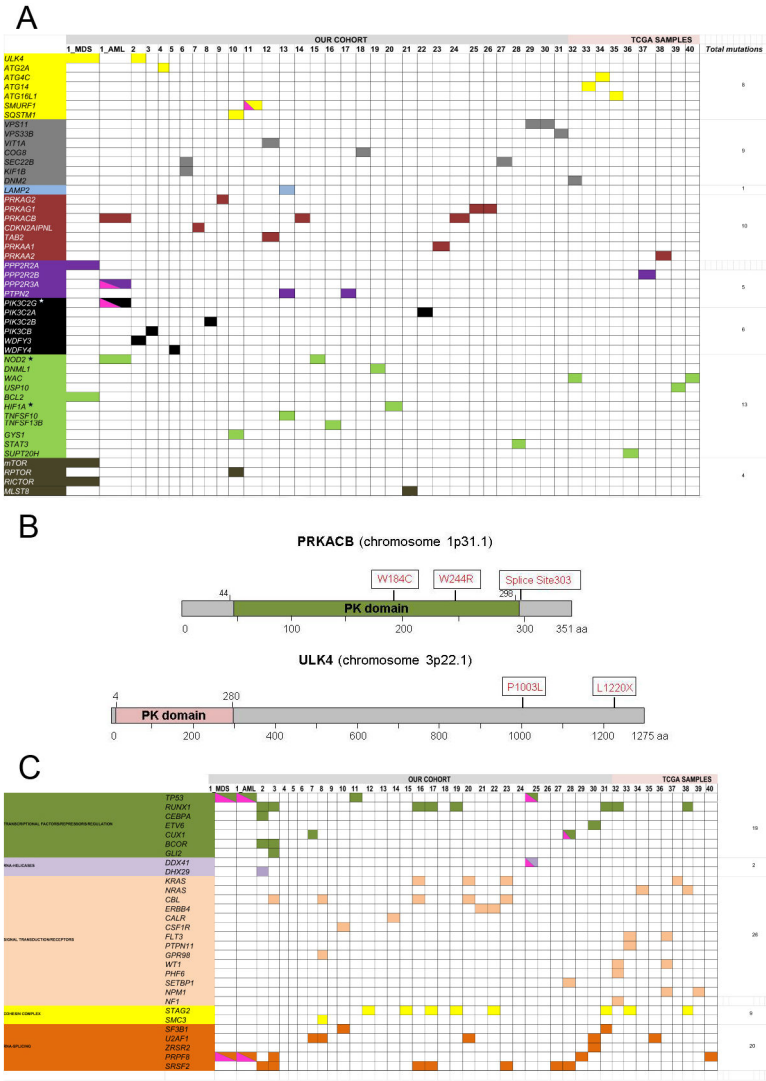


Figure 1.

(a) Somatic mutations of the autophagy network in patients with myeloid neoplasms.

Whole exome and targeted sequencing identified 55 somatic mutations in autophagy-related genes (a complete list of mutations is presented in Table 1). A schematic diagram illustrates mutations per patients (N=40; pts #1-31; our cohort; pts #32-40, TCGA cohort). For pt #1, exome sequencing was performed at the stage of MDS and AML. Different colors represent the specific pathways where genes were clustered based on their function in the autophagy pathway (yellow: early stage autophagy; gray: vesicles-mediated transport; light blue: lysosomal enzymes; red: protein kinases and dependent kinases family; purple: protein tyrosine phosphatase family; black: phosphatidylinositol-3 phosphatases; green: apoptotic inducers/inhibitors; dark green: insulin receptor/mTOR associated signaling). Clustering was conducted by reviewing previous published reports and by using the reactome pathway database (<http://www.reactome.org/>). Pink half square triangles represent patients who were hemizygous for specific mutations. Stars indicate genes for which germline variants were also detected. The total number of mutations per pathway is indicated in the right column.

(b) Schematic diagrams of two mutated autophagy-related genes. Protein kinase cAMP-activated catalytic subunit beta (PRKACB) is a serine/threonine protein kinase composed by 351 amino acids which mediates signaling through cyclic AMP and it is involved in the induction of autophagy. The protein kinase (PK) domain spans amino-acid 44-244. Three patients in our cohort carried *PRKACB* mutations [p.W184C, p.W244R, Splice site_303 (exon 9-1)]. Unc-51 like kinase 4 (*ULK4*) is a serine/threonine protein kinase involved in autophagy. The protein is composed by 1275 amino acids with a kinase domain spanning amino acids 4-280. Two patients carried *ULK4* mutations (p.L1220X, p.P1003L).

(c) Mutational spectrum of patients with myeloid neoplasms harboring mutations in the autophagy network. A schematic diagram illustrates the complete molecular profile of patients with myeloid malignancies (N=40; pts #1-31; our cohort; pts #32-40, TCGA cohort). For pt #1, exome sequencing was performed at the stage of MDS and AML. Data are a collection of exome sequencing, TruSeq analysis, and Sanger sequencing. Genes were clustered in pathway based on their function according to the literature (blue: DNA-methylation; light green: Chromatin modification; dark green: transcriptional factors/repressors/regulation; purple: RNA-helicases; light orange: signal transduction/receptors; yellow: cohesin complex; dark orange: RNA-splicing). Pink half square triangle represents patients who are hemizygous for specific mutations.

Table 1

Pattern of molecular mutations in the autophagy network

#	Gene	Type of mutation	RefSeq Gene	AA change	cDNA change	Genomic location (start)	Protein Location/Interaction
1 (MDS stage)	BCL2	nonsynonymous substitution	NM_000633	p.S105P	c.T313C	60985587	
1 (MDS stage)	BCL2	nonsynonymous substitution	NM_000633	p.P57L	c.C170T	60985730	
1 (MDS stage)	ULK4	stopgain	NM_017886	p.L1220X	c.T3659A	41439589	Repeat (Heat 5)
1 (MDS stage)	PPP2R2A	nonsynonymous substitution	NM_002717	p.A423D	c.C1268A	26227853	Repeat (WD 7)
1 (MDS stage)	RICTOR	nonsynonymous substitution	NM_152756	p.W295C	c.G885T	38975643	
1 (MDS stage)	MTOR	nonsynonymous substitution	NM_004958	p.K1471N	c.G4413T	11217265	Repeat (TPR 4)
1 (AML stage)	PPP2R3A	nonsynonymous substitution	NM_002718	p.Q88K	c.C262A	135720602	
1 (AML stage)	PIK3C2G	nonsynonymous substitution	NM_004570	p.A899D	c.C2696A	18649021	
1 (AML stage)	PRKACB	splice site	NM_182948	e9-1		84679835	
1 (AML stage)	NOD2	nonsynonymous substitution	NM_022162	p.K118R	c.A353G	50733678	Domain (CARD 1)
2	WDFY3	nonsynonymous substitution	NM_014991	p.G3362V	c.G10085T	85600134	Region of interaction with SQSTM1 and ATG5 and LIR motif
2	ULK4	nonsynonymous substitution	NM_017886	p.P1003L	c.C3008T	41705161	
3	PIK3CB	nonsynonymous substitution	NM_006219	p.V349E	c.T1046A	138452207	
4	ATG2A	nonsynonymous substitution	NM_015104	p.A1533P	c.G4597C	64666182	
5	WDFY4	splice site	NM_020945	e48+2		50149895	
6	KIF1B	nonsynonymous substitution	NM_015074	p.E1460K	c.G4378A	10425470	
6	SEC22B	nonsynonymous substitution	NM_004892	p.T192P	c.A574C	145115815	Domain (v-SNARE coiled-coil homology)
7	CDKN2AIPNL	nonsynonymous substitution	NM_080656	p.D100A	c.A299C	133745634	
8	PIK3C2B	non-frameshift deletion	NM_002646	p.232_232del	c.694_696del	204438235	Region: of interaction with GRB2
9	PRKAG2	nonsynonymous substitution	NM_016203	p.V533G	c.A1598C	151257690	Domain (CBS 4)
10	RPTOR	nonsynonymous substitution	NM_001163034	p.A61D	c.C182A	78599510	
10	SQSTM1	nonsynonymous substitution	NM_003900	p.D347Y	c.G1039T	179260656	Proximal region to the LIR motif (amino-acid 336-341)
10	GYSI	nonsynonymous substitution	NM_001161587	p.G400V	c.G1199T	49477908	
11	SMURF1	nonsynonymous substitution	NM_020429	p.R564L	c.G1691T	98636086	Domain (HECT)
12	VTI1A	stopgain	NM_145206	p.E53X	c.G157T	114224309	Region (Coiled coiled)
12	TAB2	nonsynonymous substitution	NM_015093	p.A152S	c.G454T	149699505	
13	TNFSF10	nonsynonymous substitution	NM_003810	p.A32D	c.C95A	172241080	

#	Gene	Type of mutation	RefSeq Gene	AA change	cDNA change	Genomic location (start)	Protein Location/Interaction
13	LAMP2	nonsynonymous substitution	NM_002294	p.A314S	c.G940T	119575738	Region (Second luminal domain)
13	PTPN2	nonsynonymous substitution	NM_080423	p.Q264L	c.A791T	12814269	Domain (Tyrosine-protein phosphatase)
14	PRKACB	nonsynonymous substitution	NM_001242862	p.W184C	c.G552T	84663456	
15	NOD2	stopgain	NM_022162	p.E1008X	c.G3022T	50763784	
15	NOD2	nonsynonymous substitution	NM_022162	p.E1008G	c.A3023G	50763785	
16	TNFSF13B	nonsynonymous substitution	NM_001145645	p.N164D	c.A490G	NA	
17	PTPN2	stopgain	NM_001207013	p.R26X	c.C76T	NA	
18	COG8	nonsynonymous substitution	NM_032382	p.P369S	c.C1105T	NA	
19	DNM1L	nonsynonymous substitution	NM_005690	p.G362S	c.G1084A	32883952	
20	HIF1A	nonsynonymous substitution	NM_181054	p.P429S	c.C1285T	NA	
21	MLST8	nonsynonymous substitution	NM_001199173	p.R221S	c.C661A	2258298	Repeat (WD 6)
22	PIK3C2A	nonsynonymous substitution	NM_002645	p.P723S	c.C2167T	17153527	Domain (C2 PI3K-type)
23	PRKAA1	nonsynonymous substitution	NM_206907	p.A573V	c.C1718T	NA	
24	PRKACB	nonsynonymous substitution	NM_182948	W244R	c.T730A	84663454	
25	PRKAG1	nonsynonymous substitution	NM_001206709	p.N15S	c.A44G	49406859	
26	PRKAG1	nonsynonymous substitution	NM_002733	p.R152G	c.A454G	NA	Domain (CBS 2)
27	SEC22B	nonsynonymous substitution	NM_004892	p.T192P	c.A574C	145115815	Domain (v-SNARE coiled-coil homology)
28	STAT3	nonsynonymous substitution	NM_003150	p.G618R	c.G1852C	40475058	
29	VPS11	frameshift insertion	NM_021729	p.S74fs		118939937	
30	VPS11	nonsynonymous substitution	NM_021729	p.S74P	c.T220C	118939939	
31	VPS33B	nonsynonymous substitution	NM_018668	p.E128Q	c.G382C	91553052	
32 (TCGA3009)	DNM2	frameshift insertion	NM_001005360.1	p.T471fs*11	c.1411_1412insGCCATCGT	10770237	Domain (Pleckstrin homology)
32 (TCGA3009)	WAC	frameshift insertion	NM_016628.3	p.E87fs	->AGGGC	28864676	
33 (TCGA2871)	ATG14	nonsynonymous substitution	NM_014924.3	p.T213M	G>A	54922339	
34 (TCGA2870)	ATG4C	nonsynonymous substitution	NM_032852.2	p.D354Y	G>T	63073082	
35 (TCGA2821)	ATG16L1	nonsynonymous substitution	NM_030803.3	p.L558Q	c.T1673A	233866685	
36 (TCGA2919)	SUPT20H	nonsynonymous substitution	NM_001014286.2	p.L635V	G>C	36489471	
37 (TCGA2864)	PPP2R2B	nonsynonymous substitution	NM_181676.1	p.R374C	G>A	145949924	Repeat (WD6)
38 (TCGA2978)	PRKAA2	stopgain	NM_006252.3	p.R227*	C>T	56934311	Domain (Protein kinase)
39 (TCGA2859)	USP10	frameshift deletion	NM_005153.2	p.P386fs	C->	83336744	
40 (TCGA3001)	WAC	splice site	NM_016628.3	e12+1	G>A	28945298	