



Signature Role of miRNA in Cell and Therapeutic Value in the Treatment of Acute Myeloid Leukemia(AML)

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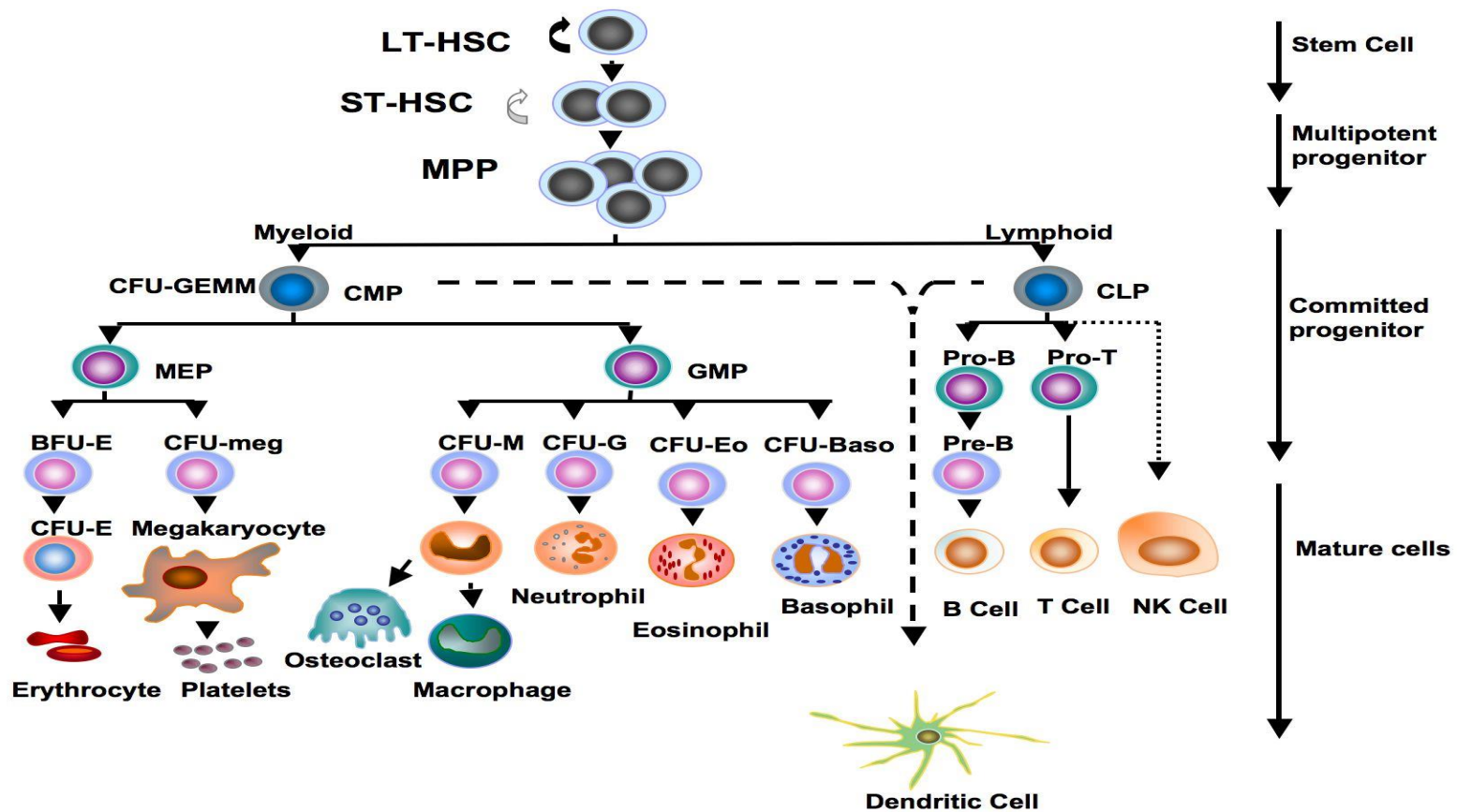
What is Cancer

- Cancer is characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells. If the spread remains unchecked, It may spread to other parts of the body.
- It may lead to death.

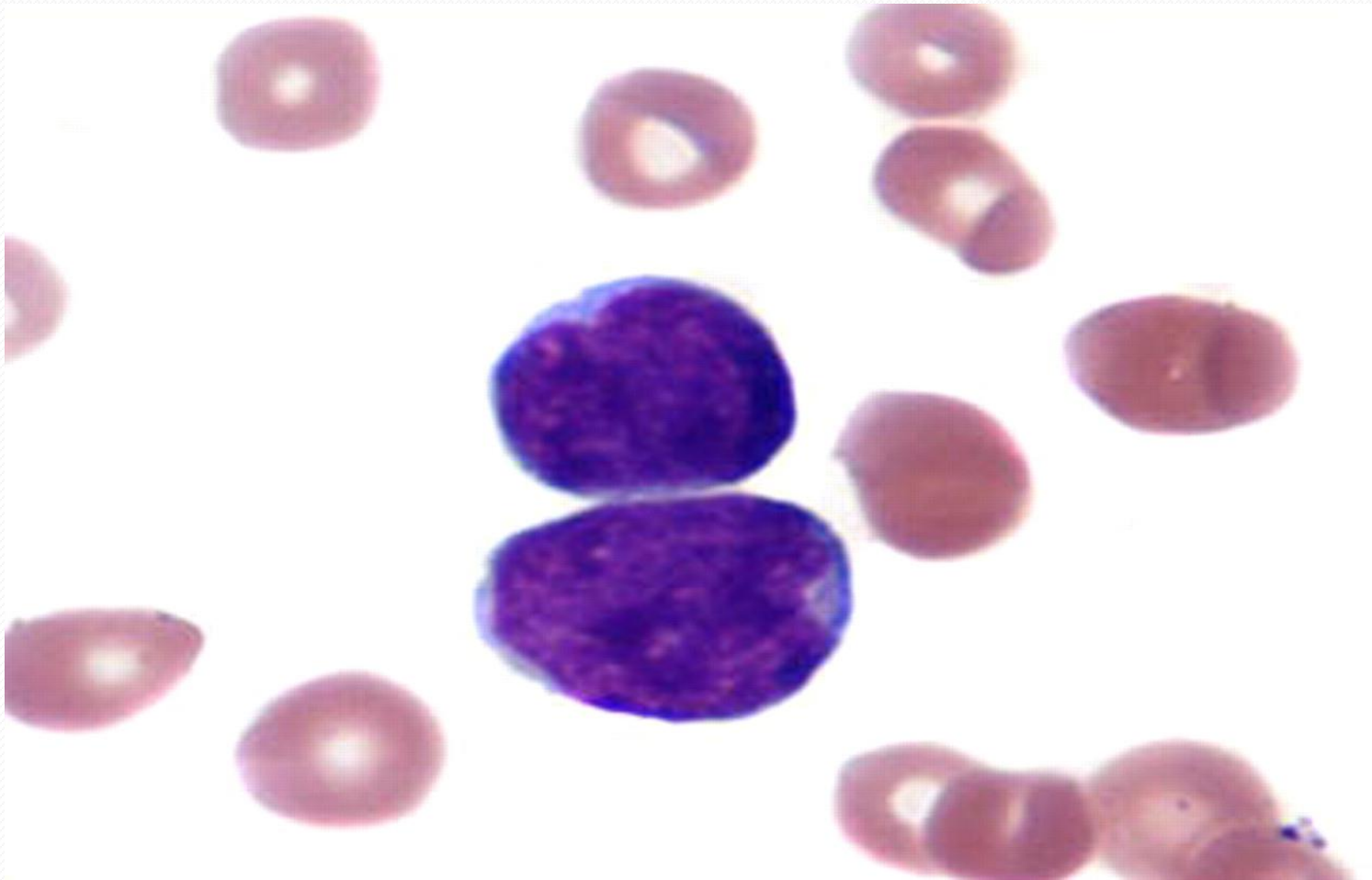
What is Acute Myeloid Leukemia(AML)

- Malignant clonal disorder of immature myeloid progenitor cells characterized by clonal proliferation of abnormal blast cells and impaired production of normal blood cells
- Leukemic blasts may express capabilities for maturation to a variable degree, that lead to morphological heterogeneity

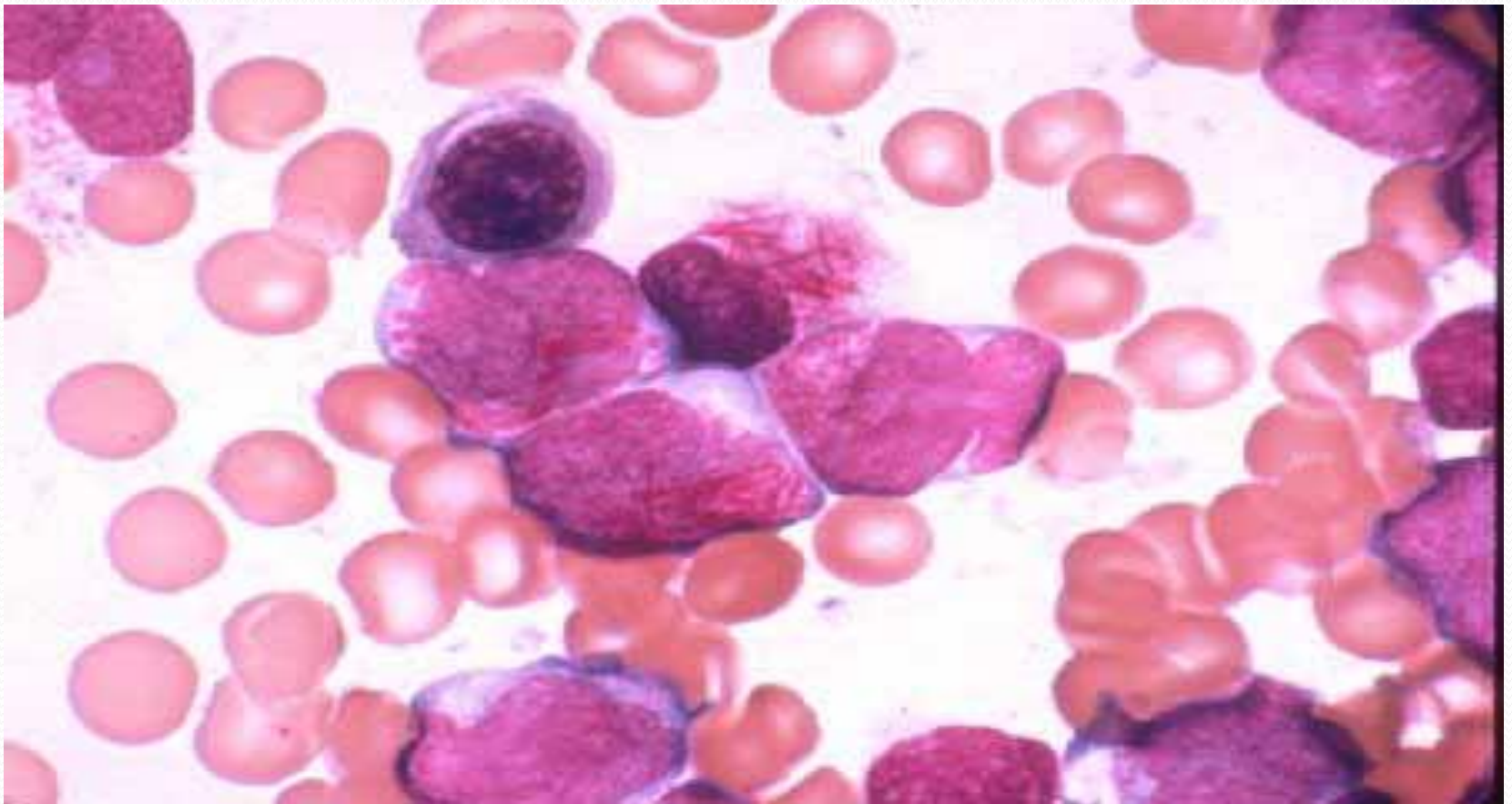
Blood Cell Formation



AML with Minimal Differentiation



Acute Leukemia: Blasts with Auer Rods



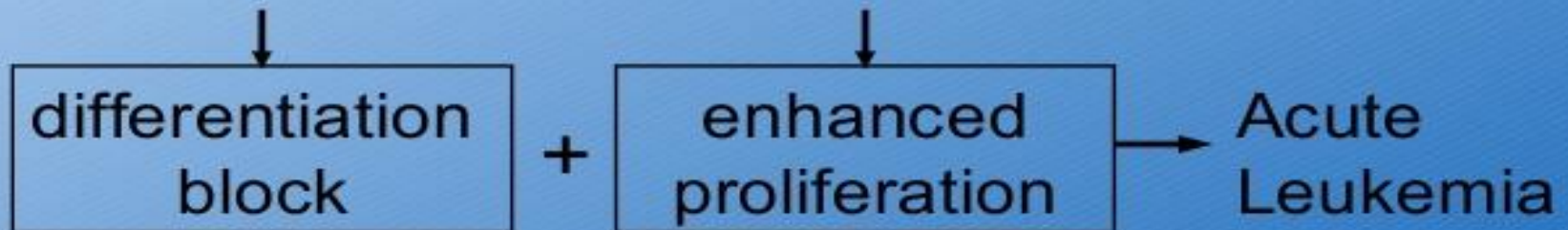
Two-hit model of leukemogenesis

Loss of function of transcription factors needed for differentiation

eg. AML1-ETO
CBF β -SMMHC
PML-RAR α

Gain of function mutations of tyrosine kinases

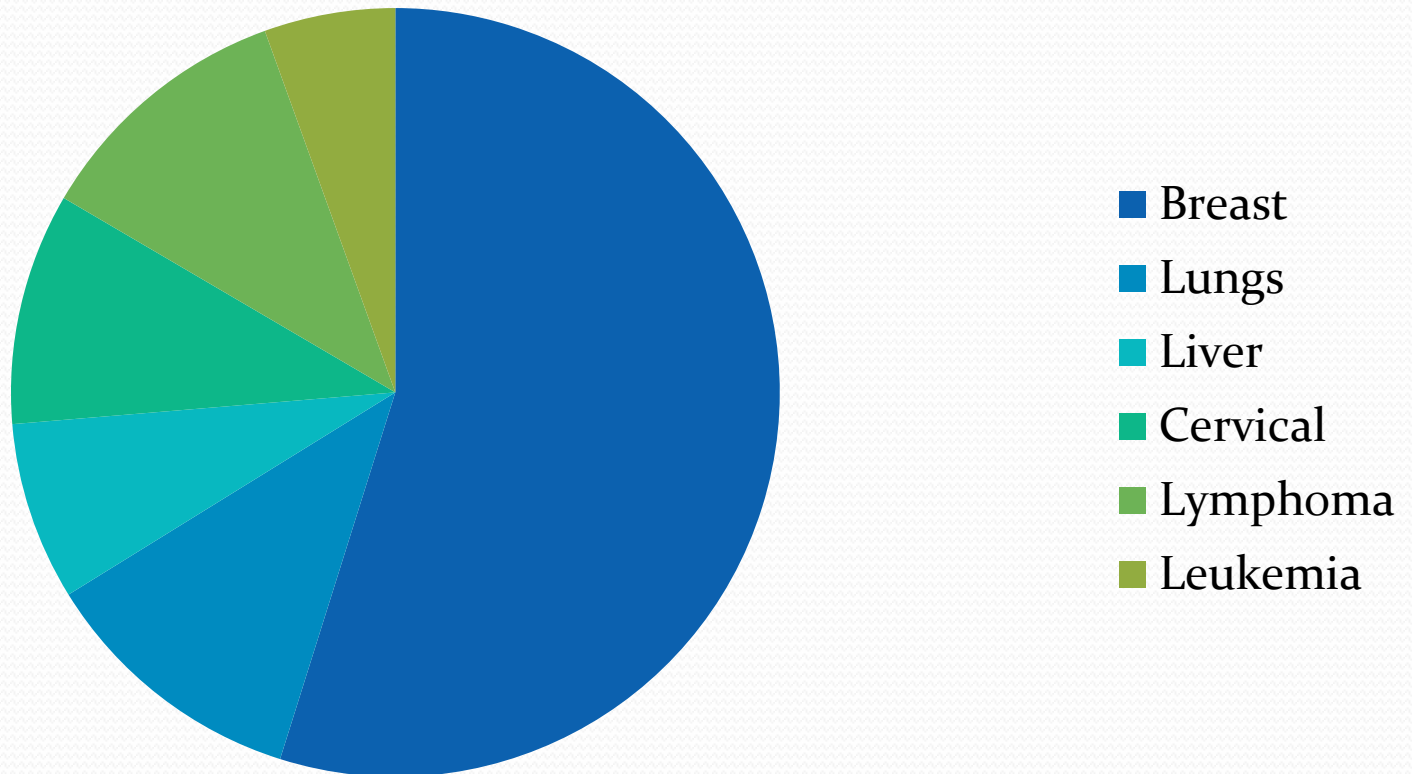
eg. FLT3, c-KIT mutations
N- and K-RAS mutations
BCR-ABL
TEL-PDGFR β



AML Incidence Rate

- The incidence rate of AML in adults is found 80% while in child it is 20% as compared to ALL.
- The incidence rate of 60 years aged people increases up to 10/100000 population.
- The incidence rate of leukemia was found 6.30% at INMOL cancer registry (Pakistan) during 2004–2011 cancer patients
- (Mehmood et al., 2014)

Death Rate Population per 100,000 in Pakistan per Year



Importance of AML

- Approximately every 3 minutes one person in the United States (US) is diagnosed with a blood cancer.
- An estimated combined total of 162,020 people in the US are expected to be diagnosed with blood cancer in 2015.
- Hematological Malignancies (HM) comprise approximately 6.5% of all cancer incidences worldwide in 2012.

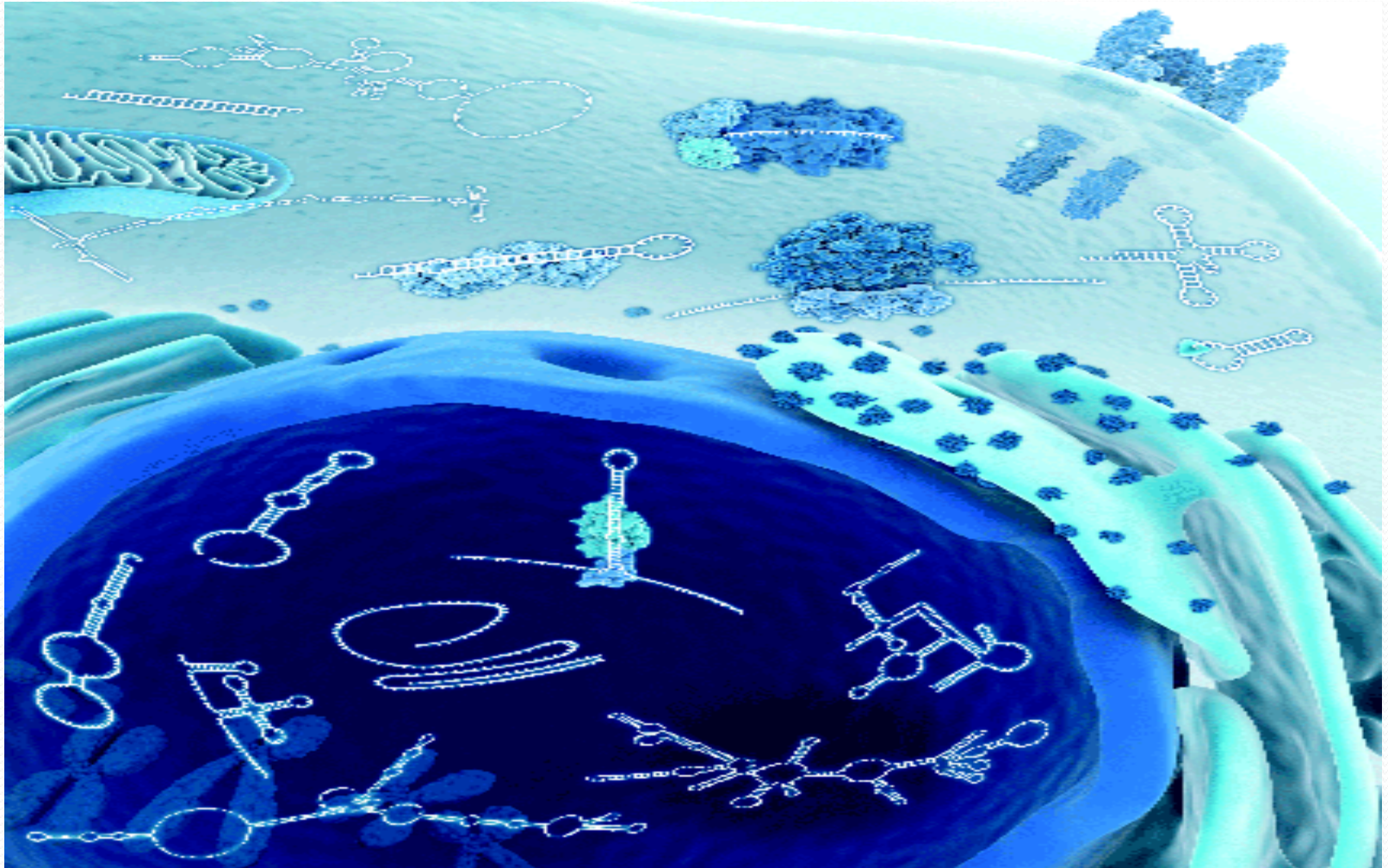
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- WHO predicts that the number of blood-related cancer cases would increase about 48% in less developed countries by 2030 as compared to 2012.
- It has been estimated that AML incidences are increasing persistently 4.0% per year

What is Micro RNA

- The first micro RNA (abbreviated miRNA) was discovered in the early 1990s.
- miRNA is a small non-coding RNA molecule (containing about 19 to 25 nucleotides) found in plants, animals and some viruses (DNA).
- The human genome encodes more than 1,000 unique mature miRNAs,
- They are controlling approximately 60% of all human genes.
- Any abnormality in miRNA leads to cancer.

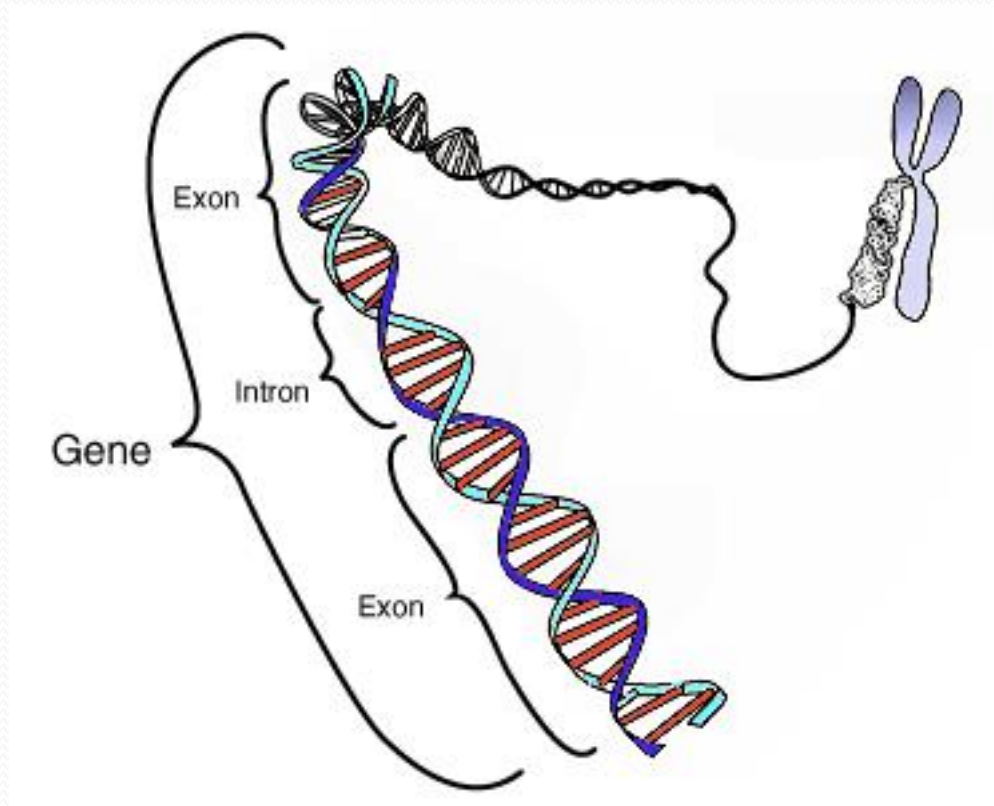
miRNA



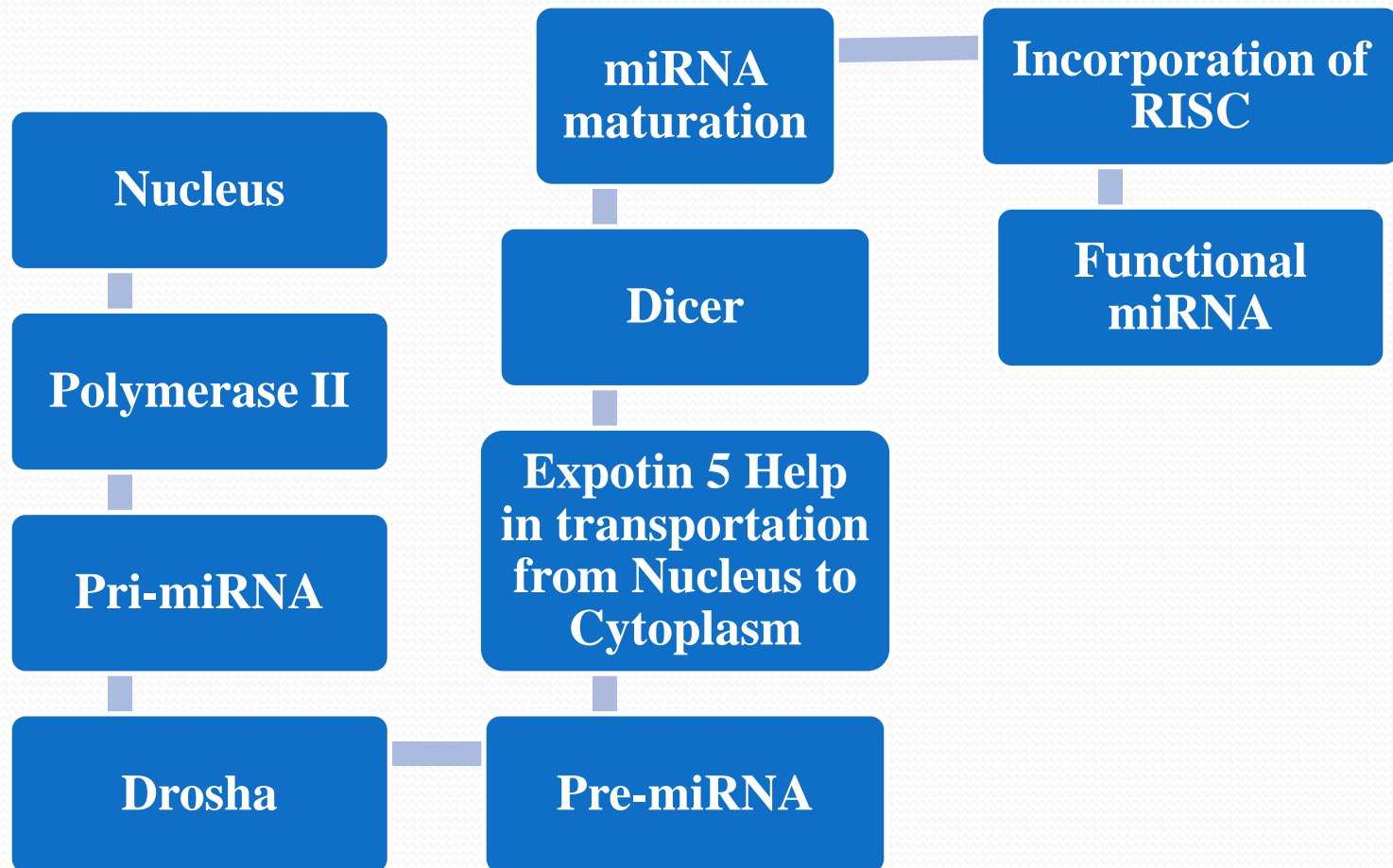
Biogenesis of Micro RNA

- MicroRNAs are produced from either their own genes or from introns.
- As much as 40% of miRNA genes may lie in the introns of protein and non-protein coding genes or even in exons of long nonprotein-coding transcripts.

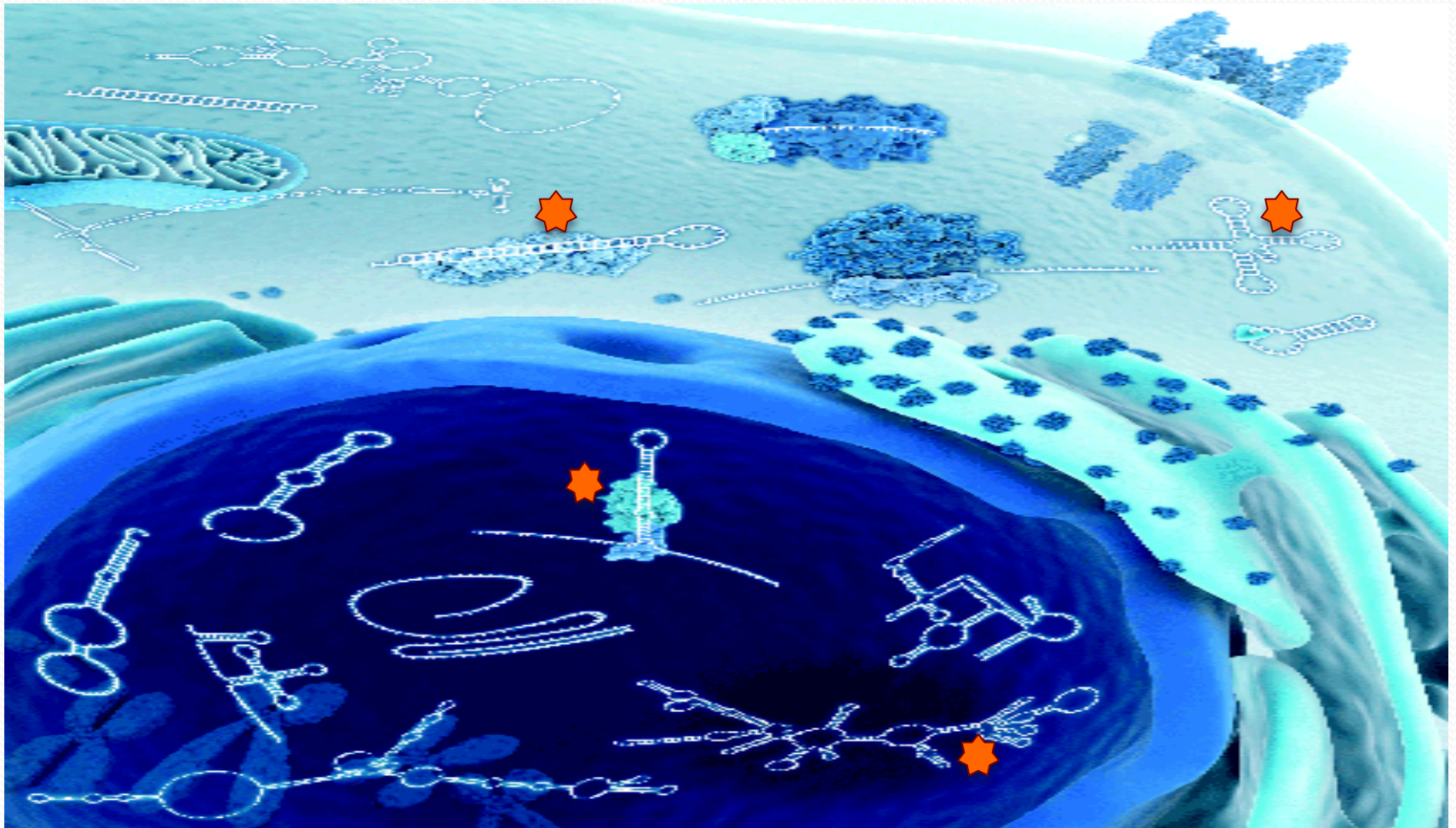
Picture of Interon



Lay out of miRNA Biogenesis



Functional miRNA



miRNA involved in Cell Cycle

Function	Example miRNA
Development/Proliferation	miR-17, miR-18, miR-19, miR-20 miR-92, miR-185 and miR-223 etc.
Differentiation	miR-9, miR-124a and miR-133 etc.
Tumor Suppression	miR15 and miR16 etc.
Apoptosis	miR-21, miR-34, miR-126 and miR-212 etc.

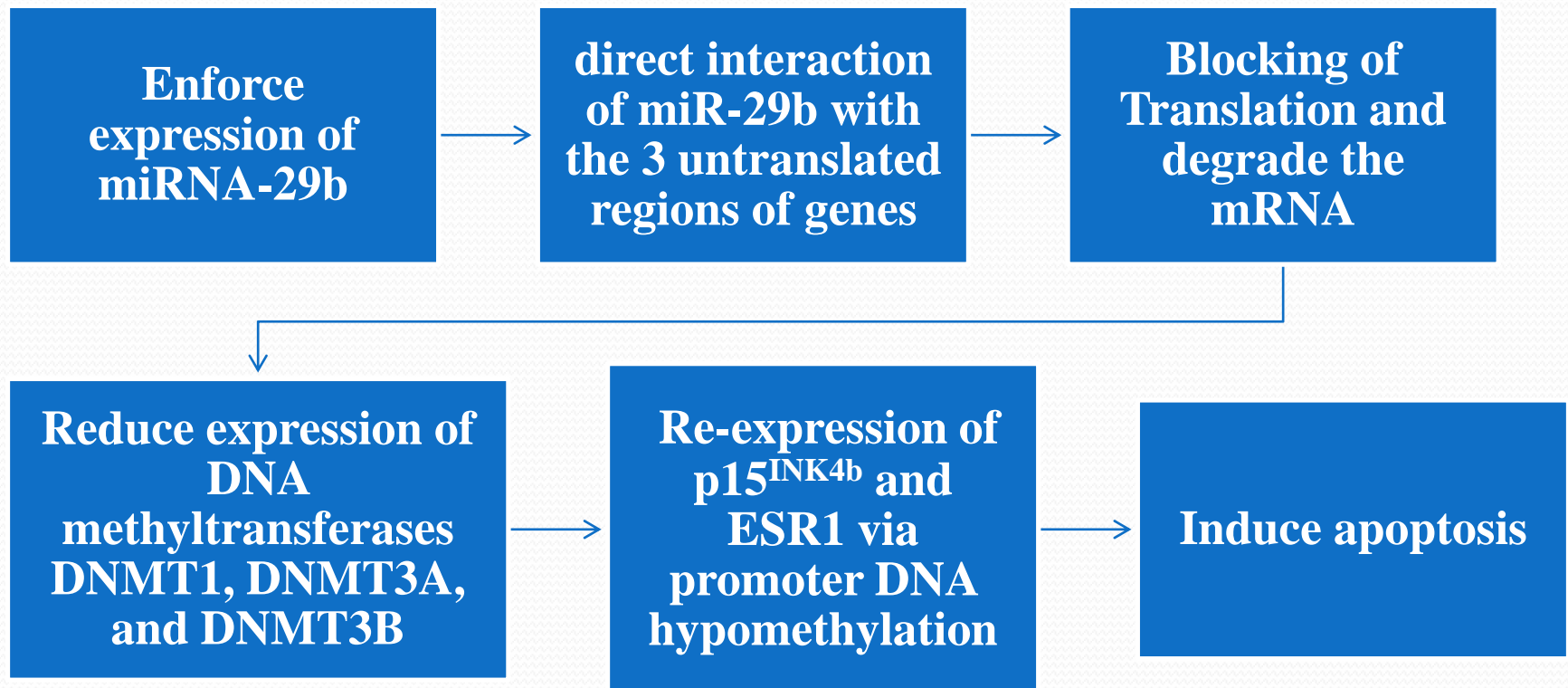
Pathways of Gene Silencing

- Cleavage of the mRNA strand into two pieces
- Destabilization of the mRNA through shortening of its poly(A) tail.
- Less efficient translation of the mRNA into proteins by ribosomes.
- The miRNA are also helpful in gene silencing in AML.

miRNA and Targets in Gene Silencing in AML

miRNA	Targeting Genes
miR-26	<i>MYC, EZH2, E2F7 and PTEN</i>
miR-29	<i>DNMT3A, DNMT3B, SP1 and MCL1.</i>
miR-125	<i>CBFB, ABTB1, BAK1, PTPN18 and PTPN7.</i>
miR-223	<i>E2F1, NFI-A and FBXW7.</i>

Mode of Gene Silencing of miRNA-29b in AML



A photograph of a sunlit forest path. Sunlight filters through the dense green foliage, creating a dappled light effect on the ground. The path is covered with fallen leaves and small plants. The word "THANKS!" is overlaid in large, bold, white capital letters in the center of the image.

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