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- ✓ RNA Sequencing
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- ✓ Gene Panel
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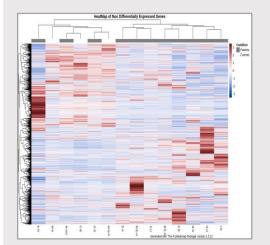
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### INNOVATIVE APPROACHES IN THE DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS OF ALL SUBTYPES: INVESTIGATION OF *DE NOVO* VARIANTS BY RNA SEQUENCING

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## THESIS ABSTRACT

Genetic alterations, particularly translocations, play a significant role in the development of acute leukemias and can be used diagnostically in certain subtypes. Translocations such as the Philadelphia chromosome (BCR-ABL fusion) activate protein kinases or transcription factors. Philadelphia-like ALL is a high-risk subgroup with poor prognosis and a gene expression profile similar to Ph+ ALL. Identifying and classifying this subtype is critical for appropriate treatment.

In this study, the aim was to identify genes specifically expressed in Ph-like ALL cases and investigate de novo variants. To achieve this, total RNA sequencing analysis was performed after isolating RNA from bone marrow samples of Ph+ and Ph- adult ALL patients. Bioinformatics analyses identified two Ph- patients with expression patterns most similar to the Ph+ group. DEG analysis conducted on the two patients with expression patterns resembling Ph+ ALL revealed 28 upregulated and 128 downregulated genes based on an adjusted p-value cutoff of 0.05.

## **APPLICATION AREAS OF THE THESIS RESULTS**

In the thesis study, it is aimed to develop a gene panel suitable for clinical use in the differential diagnosis of Ph-like ALL after validating the data obtained from RNA sequencing analyses with RT-PCR analysis. This gene panel will enable targeted regulation of treatment protocols for individuals in the patient group and contribute to the development of personalized treatment strategies.

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