

To all Cytogeneticists, Geneticists, Clinicians, and Scientists for whom the Atlas of Genetics and Cytogenetics in Oncology and Hematology still represents a cultural and practical tool,

Unfortunately in two weeks the Atlas web site will be dismissed because of financial support shortage. It is a no profit initiative and it relies on donations.

This letter serves as an input to all Colleagues working in the field to think about to a next future without this precious instrument.

Perhaps, none of us have realized how many times, just with a quick click, we have filled a gap about an information, how many times we checked if the breakpoint we found was already described, etc etc. The Atlas has been a good companion for "classical" and "modern" cytogeneticists, an invaluable instrument in the daily running of cytogenetics labs. The Atlas is also a corpus of knowledge for academics and researchers.

The Atlas has no similar sites that can substitute it, it has been built with the effort of expert clinicians and researchers in cytogenetics, molecular biology, oncology, haematology, and pathology. All these fields are perfectly integrated giving a complete overview of each type of malignancy or the benign counterpart.

The encyclopedic knowledge in cancer genetics contained in the Atlas will serve even more nowadays that, next generation technology made the molecular cytogenetic almost obsolete. To understand the new molecular findings we have to put the sequence on a chromosome: we cannot let our chromosomes to die.

To help the Atlas, it takes less than two minutes: think to renounce to a cup of coffee just for one week. If all of us do it, the Atlas would be safe.

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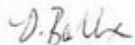
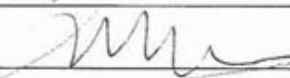
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I am emailing to express my strongest support for the Atlas of Genetics and Cytogenetics in Oncology and Hematology. The Atlas is an outstanding tool for us working in Hematology Research and Patient care.

Please keep the Atlas alive.

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Atlas has been a vital resource for both clinical and educational purpose and loss of this resource will cause irreparable loss to the genetics community. It should be saved at any cost. I fully support continuing the Atlas.

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I agree in that there is a great need for the Atlas and in that every effort should be made to maintain it indefinitely: it will be very useful to practitioners and scientists at all levels around the world, and very valuable for students and post-docs (...)

Thank you very much for maintaining this extraordinarily useful resource!

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I am a signatory to to petition below in strong support of the continuation of this atlas. It has been invaluable to me over the years as a critical source of information that is not readily available in a single place, and it would be a tragedy to let this lapse. Please reconsider the value that this site has to the scientific community focused on cancer research and eradicating this scourge through the development of more effective, more targeted and less toxic therapy. The Atlas has been an invaluable tool in this fight.

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The Atlas of Genetics and Cytogenetics in Oncology and Hematology is a unique, valuable and important source of information for both clinicians and scientists alike. I urge that it be allowed to continue.

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Atlas is needed for many more years to help young cytologists. Please save ATLAS..

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Your work is so important. I hope from the bottom of my heart that the Atlas will be saved. (...)

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The Atlas of Genetics and Cytogenetics in Oncology and Hematology represents an invaluable source of information, which is unique and unmet by others.

Your work is a landmark in the field and is of detrimental importance to all of us working in diagnostics as well as in the education of students.

I am more than grateful to you and your group for the efforts to keep this work alive online and sincerely hope that your efforts will turn out successful!

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