

Myelodysplastic Syndromes: Is It Time to Incorporate NGS and What Is New in Terms of Therapy?

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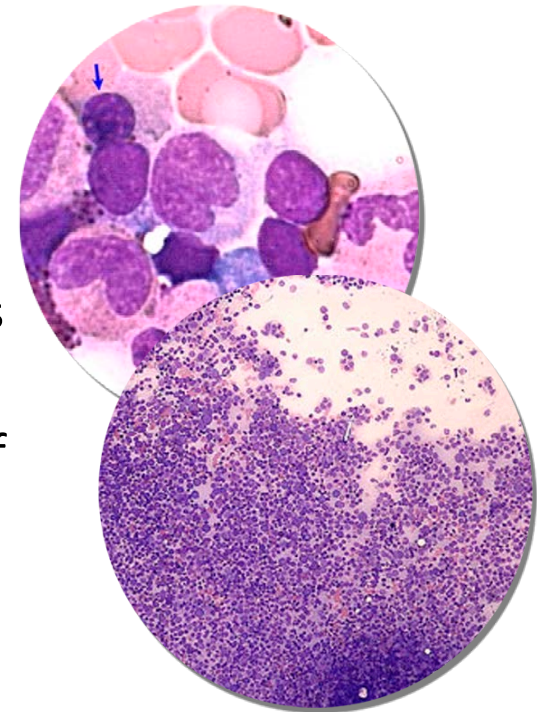
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Myelodysplastic Syndromes (MDS)

- A group of malignant hematopoietic neoplasms characterized by¹
 - Bone marrow failure with resultant cytopenia and related complications
 - Evidence of clonality by cytogenetic abnormalities or somatic gene mutations.
 - Dysplastic cytologic morphology is the hallmark of the disease
 - Tendency to progress to AML
- Overall incidence 3.7-4.8/100,000²
 - In US (true estimates ≈37,000-48,000)
- Median age: 70 yrs; incidence: 34-47/100,000 >75 yrs³



AML = acute myeloid leukemia.

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Minimal Diagnostic Criteria

Cytopenia(s):

- Hb <11 g/dL, *or*
- ANC <1500/ μ L, *or*
- Platelets <100 x 10⁹/L



MDS "decisive" criteria:

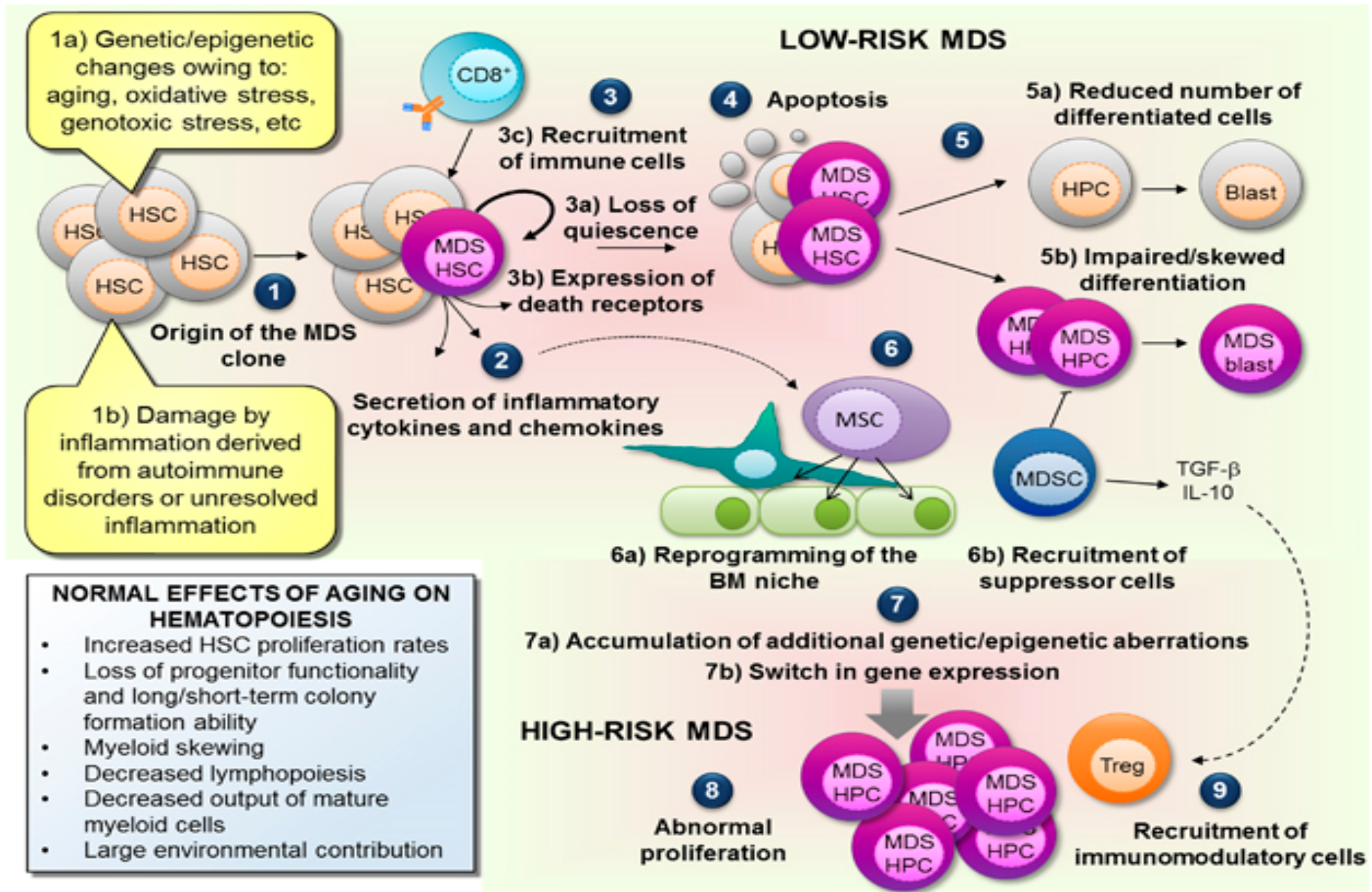
- >10% **dysplastic cells** in 1 or more lineages, *or*
- 5-19% **blasts**, *or*
- Abnormal **karyotype** typical for MDS, *or*
- Evidence of **clonality**



EXCLUDE other causes of cytopenias and morphological changes:

- *Vitamin B12/folate deficiency*
- *HIV or other viral infection*
- *Copper deficiency*
- *Alcohol abuse*
- *Medications (esp. methotrexate, azathioprine, recent chemotherapy)*
- *Autoimmune conditions (ITP, Felty syndrome, SLE etc.)*
- *Congenital syndromes (Fanconi anemia etc.)*
- *Other hematological disorders (aplastic anemia, LGL disorders, MPN etc.)*

MDS pathogenesis model



Genetic Abnormalities in MDS

Translocations/ Rearrangements	Uniparental Disomy/ Microdeletions	Copy Number Change	Point Mutations
Rare in MDS	Rare – often at sites of point mutations	About 50% of cases	Most common
t(6;9) i(17q) t(1;7) t(3;?) t(11;?) inv(3) idic(X)(q13)	4q - <i>TET2</i> 7q - <i>EZH2</i> 11q - <i>CBL</i> 17p - <i>TP53</i>	del(5q) -7/del(7q) del(20q) del(17p) del(11q) +8 -Y	Likely in all cases ~80% of cases have mutations in a known gene

Karyotype

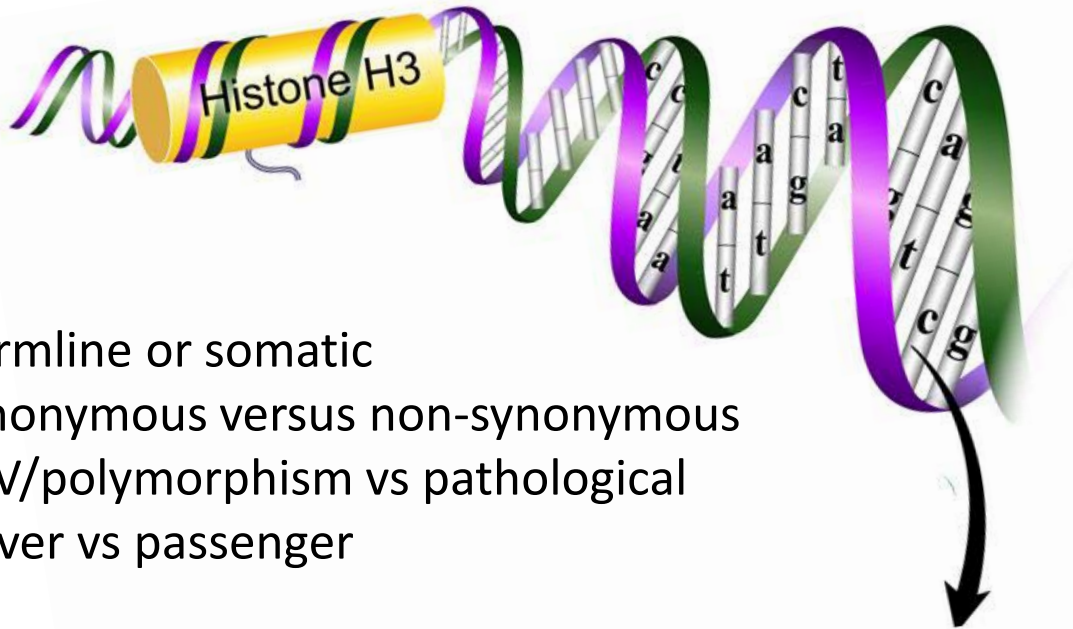
**Array CGH
SNP Array**

Karyotype/FISH

**Genotyping
Sequencing**

Observed Frequency in MDS

What is a mutation?



- Germline or somatic
- Synonymous versus non-synonymous
- SNV/polymorphism vs pathological
- Driver vs passenger

Type of mutations

- Missense
- Non-sense
- Insertion
- Deletion
- Frame shift
- duplication

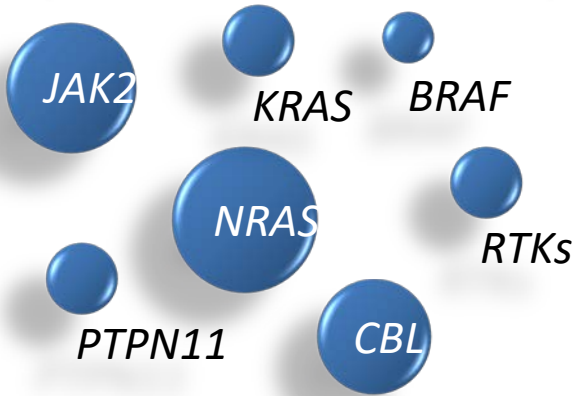
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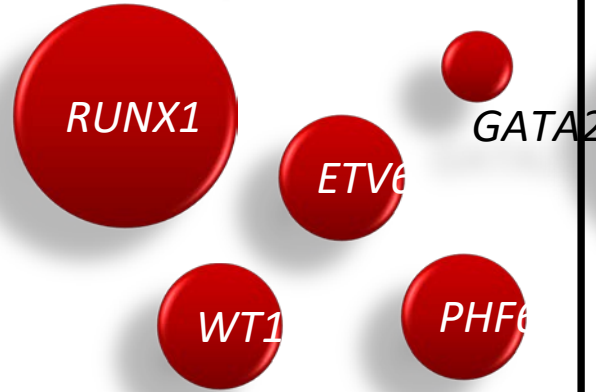
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Genes Recurrently Mutated in MDS

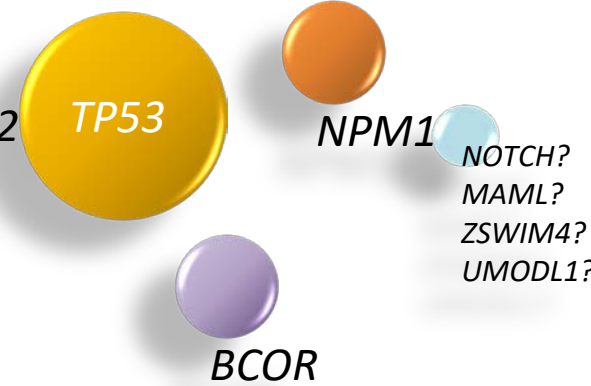
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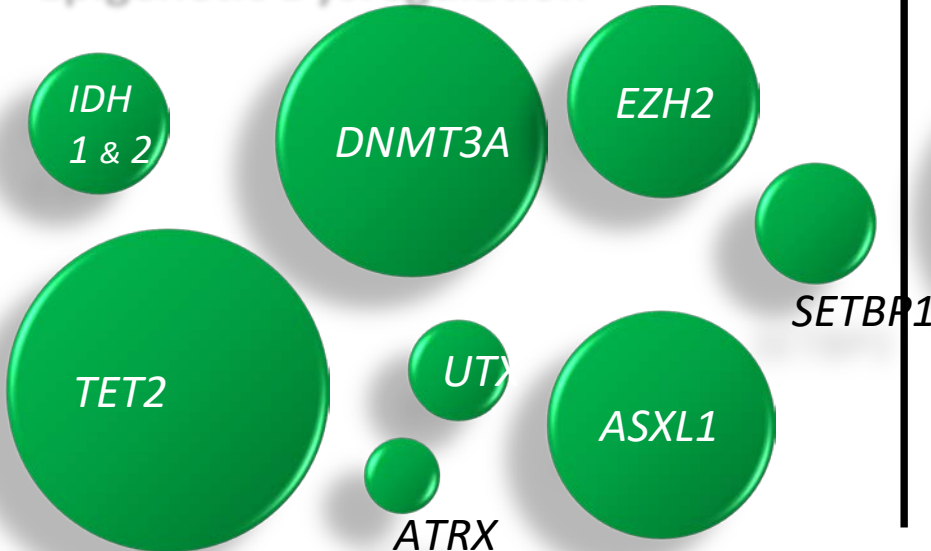
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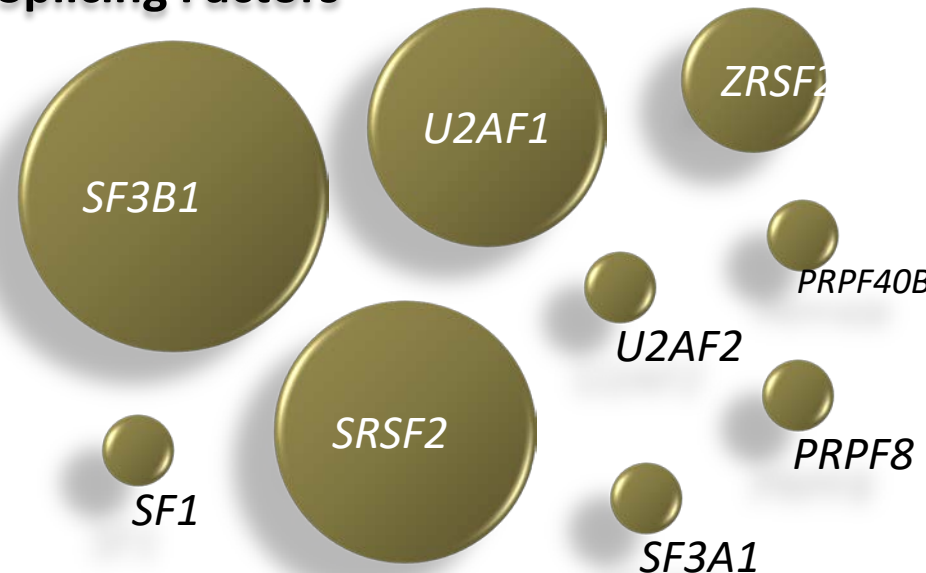
Others



Epigenetic Dysregulation

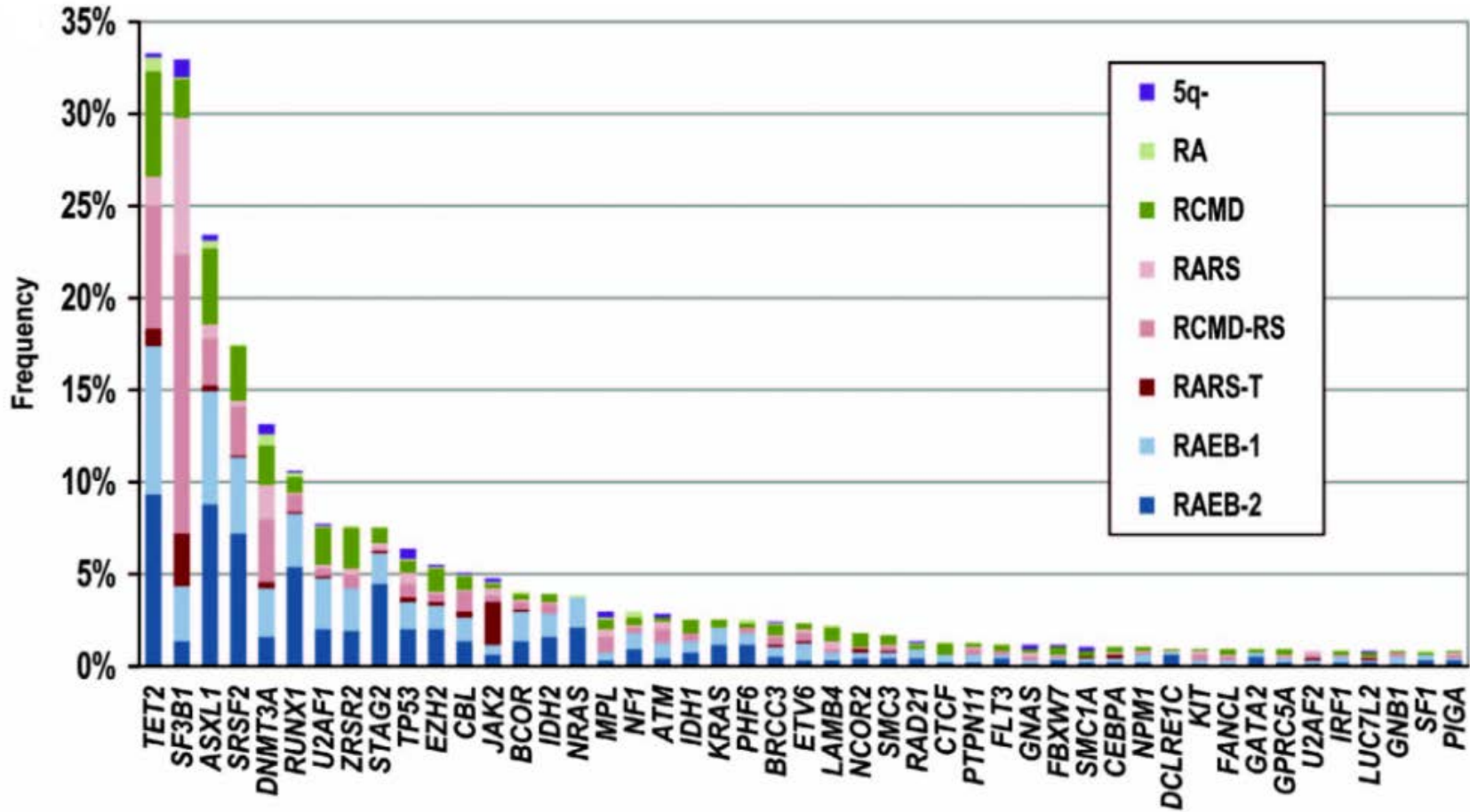


Splicing Factors



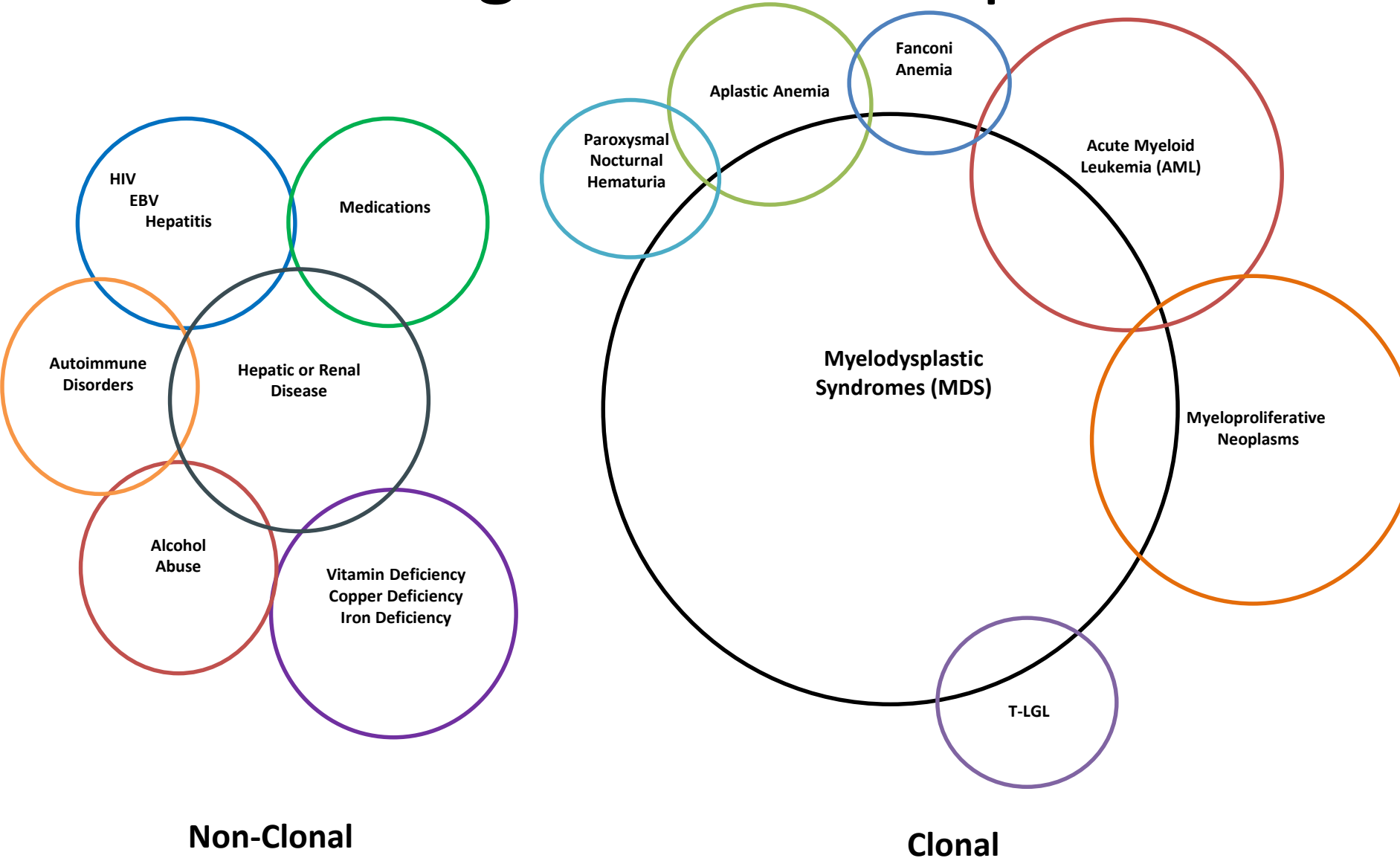
Recurrent Genetic Mutations in MDS

~89% of patients had a mutation by NGS



MDS DIAGNOSIS

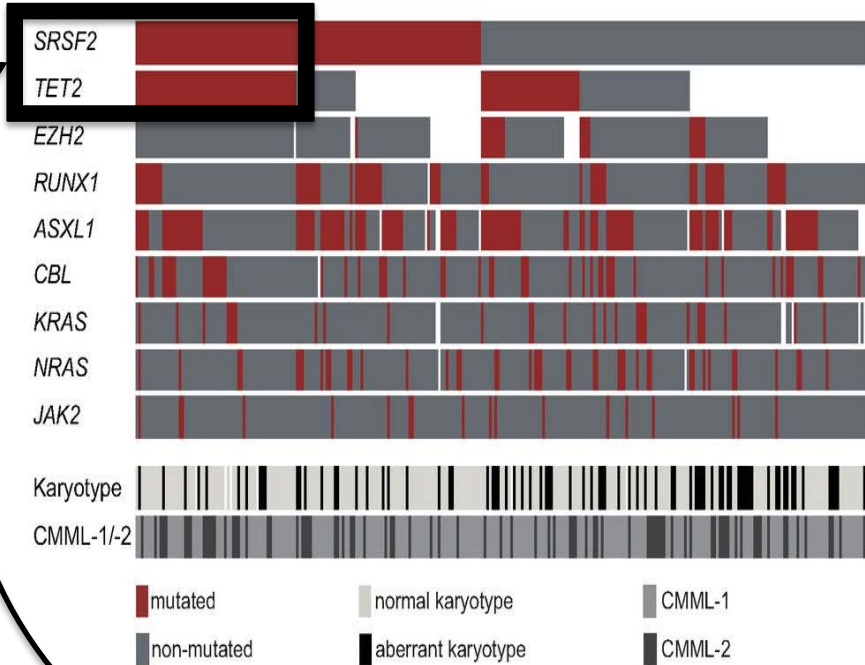
Diagnostic Overlap



Mutations in MDS

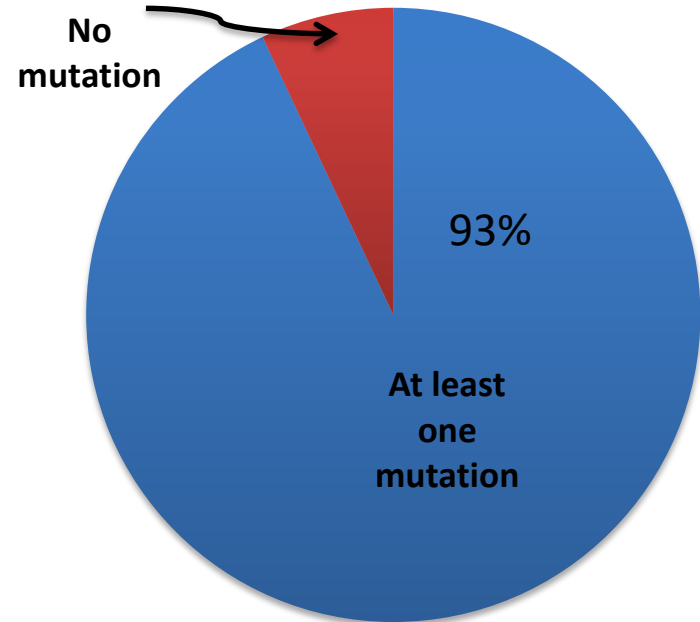
- MDS-associated gene mutations can establish the presence of clonal hematopoiesis, which can help exclude benign causes of cytopenias in cases with non-diagnostic morphology
- Mutations may not establish a diagnosis of MDS in the absence of clinical diagnostic criteria
- In the appropriate context (e.g., cytopenias present without AML defining criteria, no evidence of other malignancy), they could aid in the determination of diagnosis

NGS Myeloid Panels can efficiently identify clonality



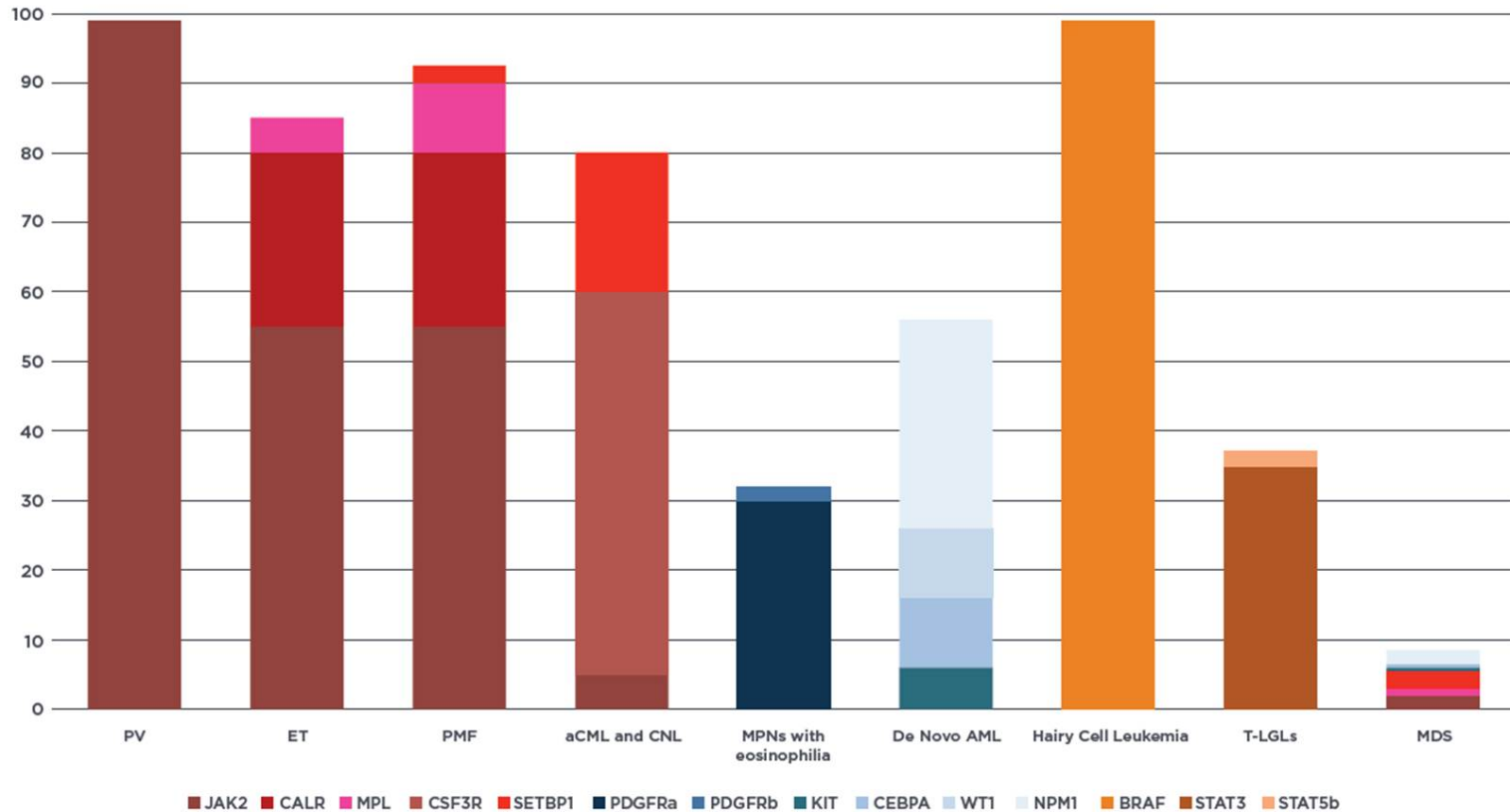
97% Specificity for CMML

Malcovati L Blood 2014



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Mutations in certain genes may favor related myeloid neoplasms or possible mimics of MDS



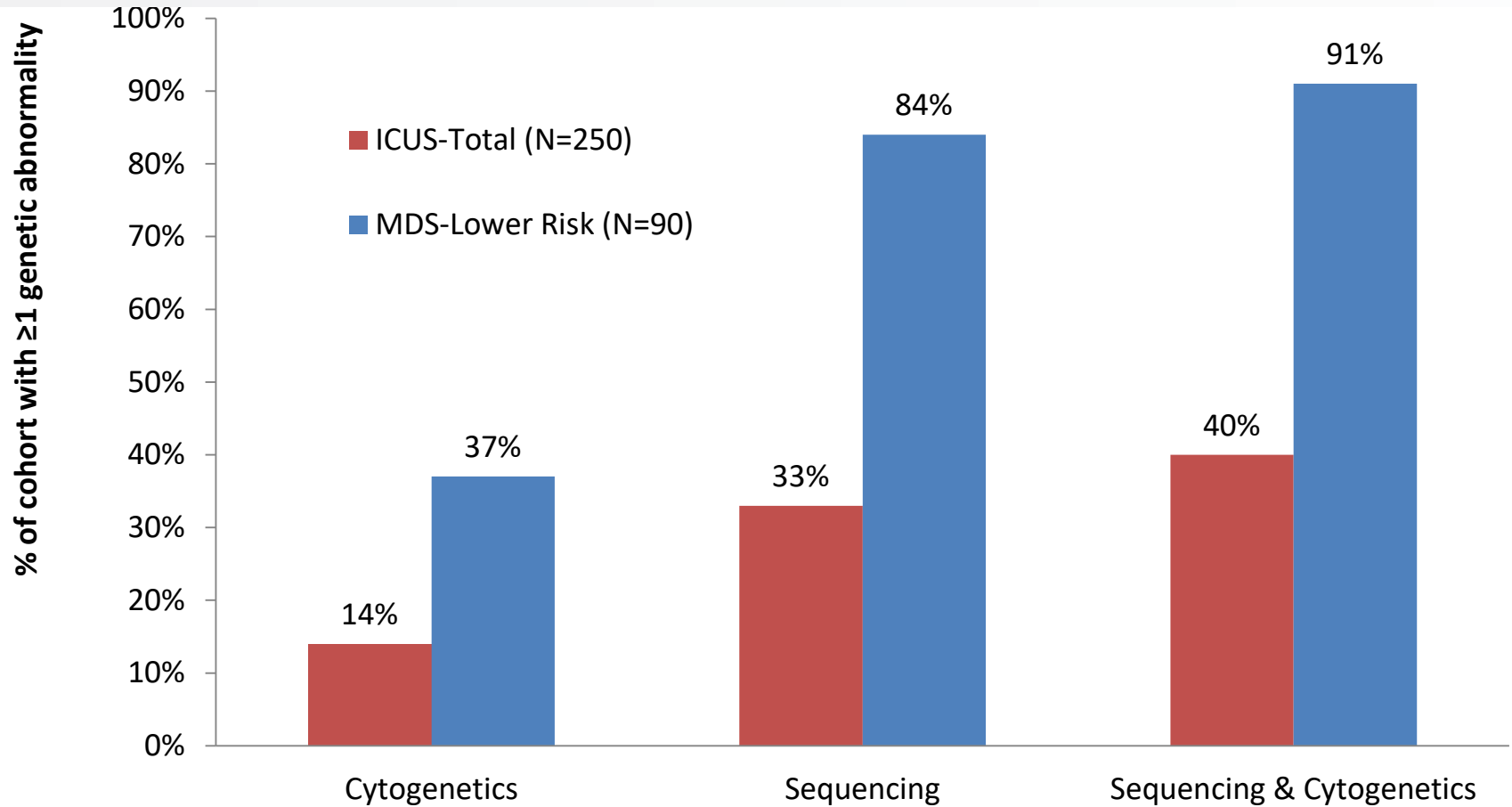
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MDS CLASSIFICATION

SOMATIC MUTATIONS INDICATIVE OF CLONAL HEMATOPOIESIS ARE PRESENT IN A LARGE FRACTION OF CYTOPENIC PATIENTS WHO LACK DIAGNOSTIC EVIDENCE OF MDS

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Age-related mutations associated with clonal hematopoietic expansion and malignancies

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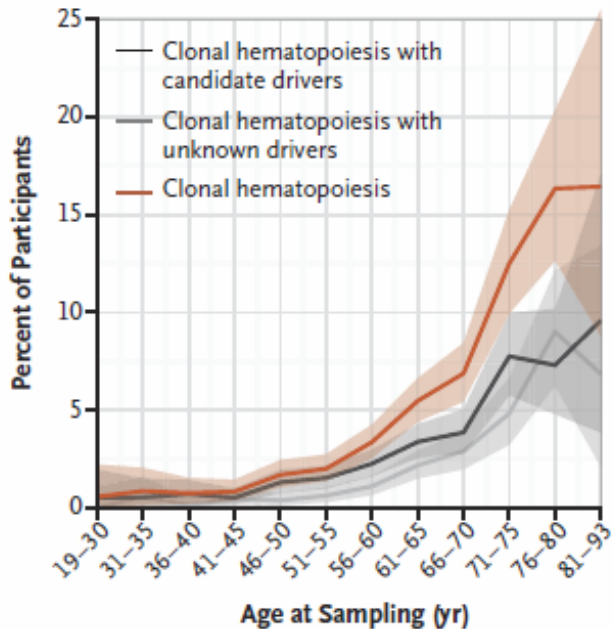
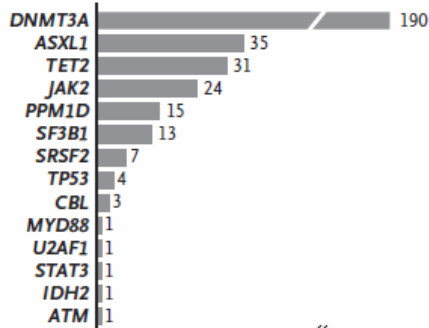
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Risk of acquiring mutations increases with age

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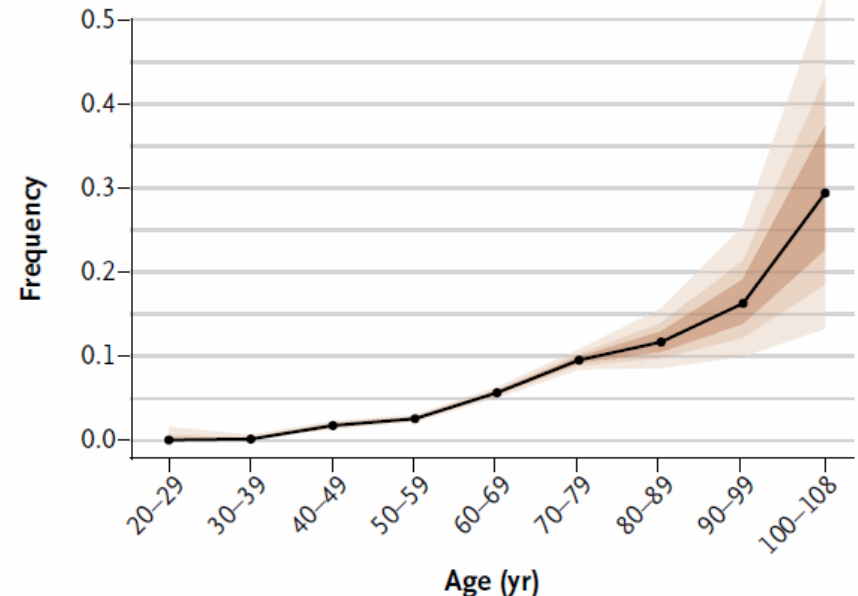
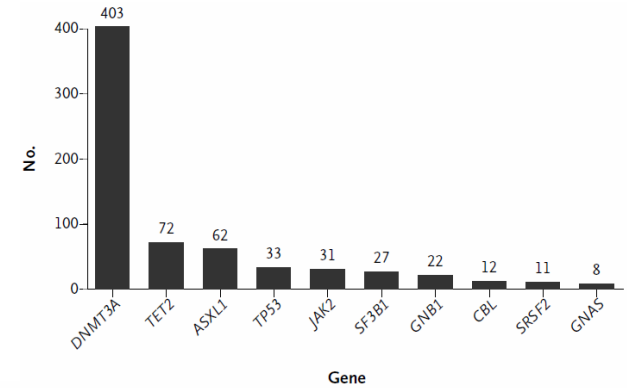
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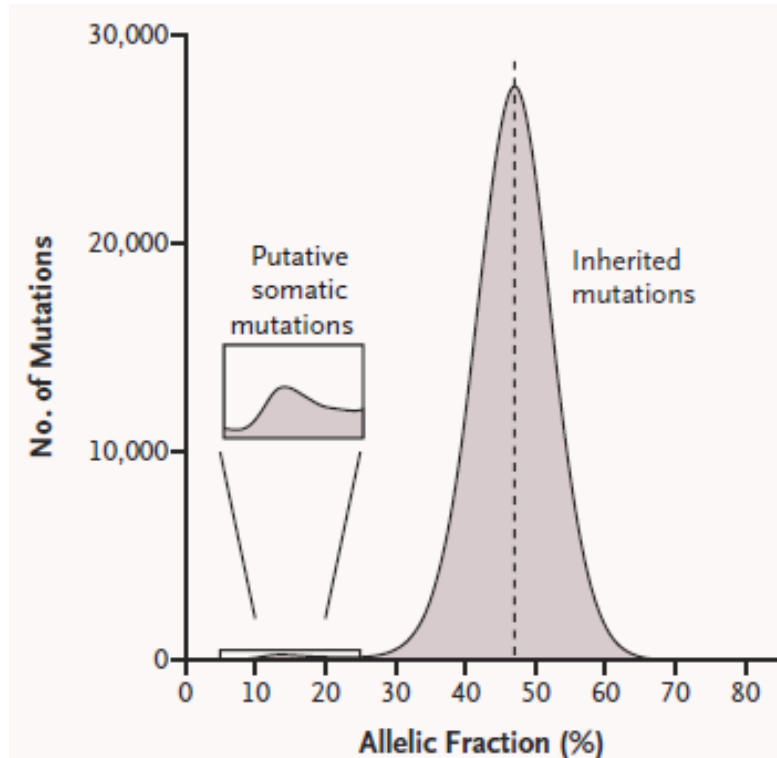


Allele frequency is rarely over 20%

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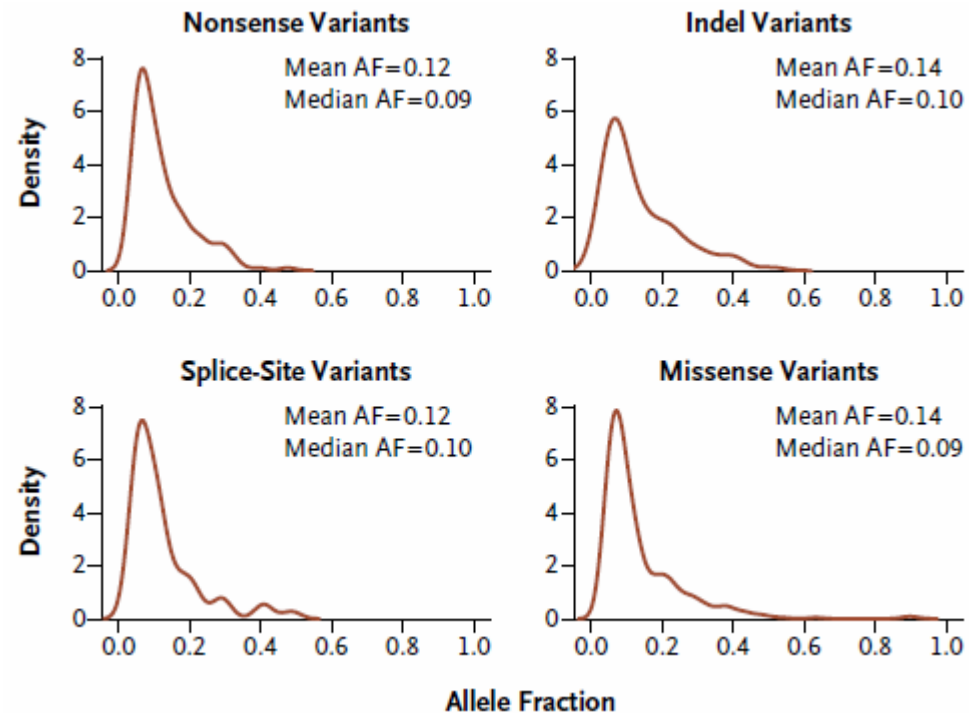
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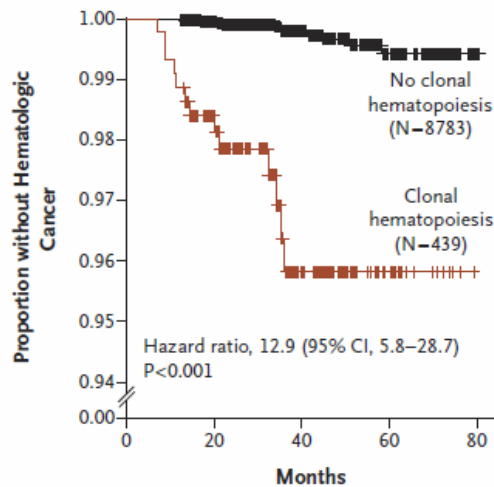


Acquisition of somatic clones is not benign

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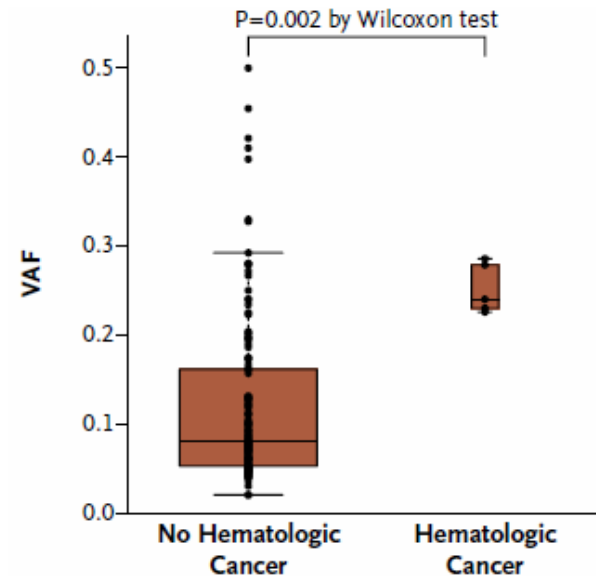


Category	No. of Patients	Hazard Ratio for Hematologic Cancer (95% CI)
No mutations	8783	1.00 (1.00–1.00)
One mutation	1122	0.47 (0.06–3.56)
Two mutations	237	1.99 (0.26–15.27)
CH-UD	170	11.34 (3.44–37.41)
CH-CD	269	13.73 (5.74–32.83)
CH	439	12.89 (5.78–28.72)

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Category	No. of Patients	Hazard Ratio for Hematologic Cancer (95% CI)	P-value
No mutation (referent)	11/3208	1.00 (1.00–1.00)	
JHS	10/2326		
MEC	1/882		
Mutation	5/134		
JHS	3/83	7.1 (2.0–25)	<0.001
MEC	2/51	36 (4.9–270)	<0.001
Mutation, VAF ≥0.10	5/57		
JHS	3/34	21 (5.7–80)	<0.001
MEC	2/23	90 (29–280)	<0.001

How do we classify these patients?

Traditional ICUS

MDS by WHO 2008

	CHIP	Non-clonal ICUS	CCUS	LR-MDS	HR-MDS
Clonality	+	-	++	++	++
Dysplasia	-/+	-	-	+	++
Cytopenias	-	+	+	+	++
BM Blast %	< 5%	< 5%	< 5%	< 5%	5-19%
Overall Risk	Very Low	Very Low	Low (?)	Low	High

Are these two the same?
Does morphologic dysplasia matter?

CCUS = clonal cytopenias of undetermined significance; ICUS = idiopathic cytopenias of undetermined significance; CHIP = clonal hematopoiesis of indeterminate potential; LR = lower risk, HR = higher risk

New Proposed WHO classification

Table 1. Proposed nomenclature changes for MDS categories

Proposed Category	Current or prior WHO category
MDS with single lineage dysplasia (MDS-SLD)	Refractory cytopenia with unilineage dysplasia (RCUD; encompassing refractory anemia, refractory thrombocytopenia, and refractory neutropenia)
MDS with multilineage dysplasia (MDS-MLD)	Refractory cytopenia with multilineage dysplasia (RCMD)
MDS with single lineage dysplasia and ring sideroblasts (MDS-RSSLD)	Refractory anemia with ring sideroblasts (RARS)
MDS with multilineage dysplasia and ring sideroblasts (MDS-RSMLD)	Refractory cytopenia with multilineage dysplasia and ring sideroblasts* (RCMD-RS)
MDS with excess blasts-1 (MDS-EB1)	Refractory anemia with excess blasts-1 (RAEB1)
MDS with excess blasts-2 (MDS-EB2)	Refractory anemia with excess blasts-2 (RAEB2)

* RCMD-RS was an entity in the 2001 WHO Classification, but was merged with RCMD in the 2008 Classification.

- Eliminate non-erythroid blast count if erythroid cells > 50%
- RS > 5% and SF3B1 mutation MDS-RS-SLD

MDS RISK STRATIFICATION

Impact of Mutations by IPSS Group

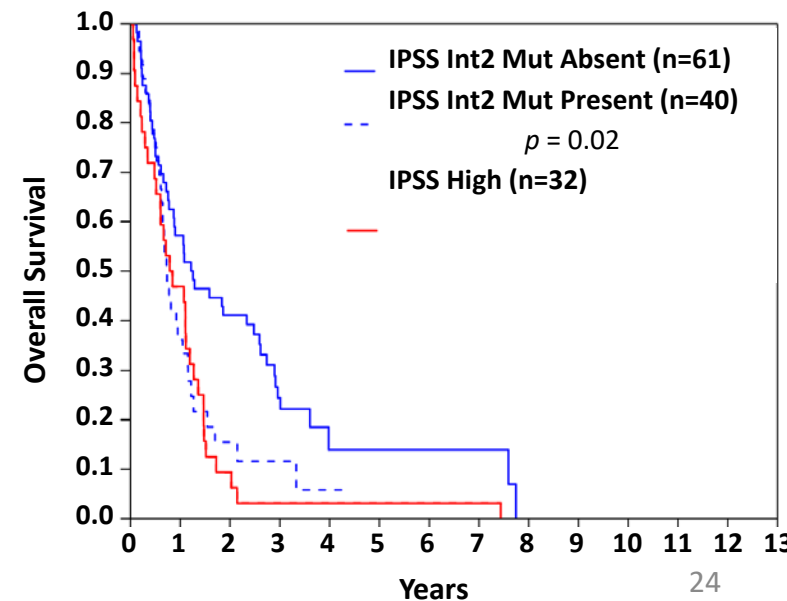
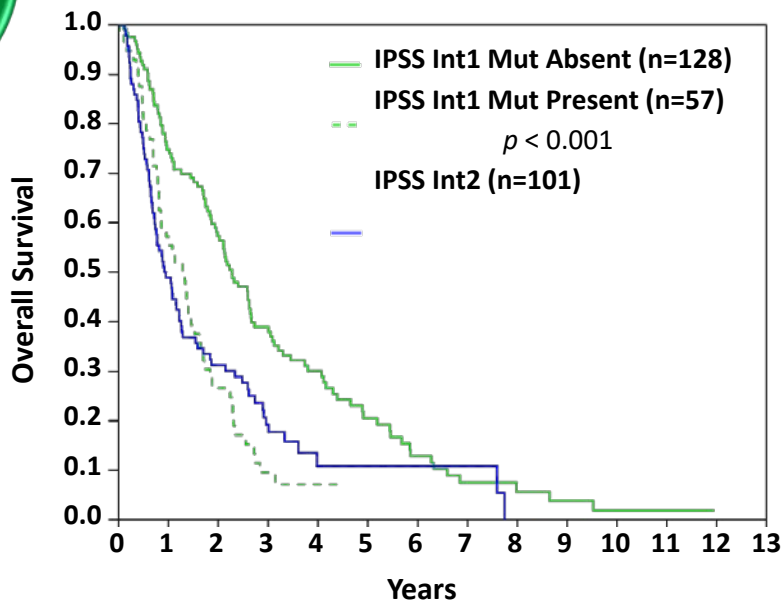
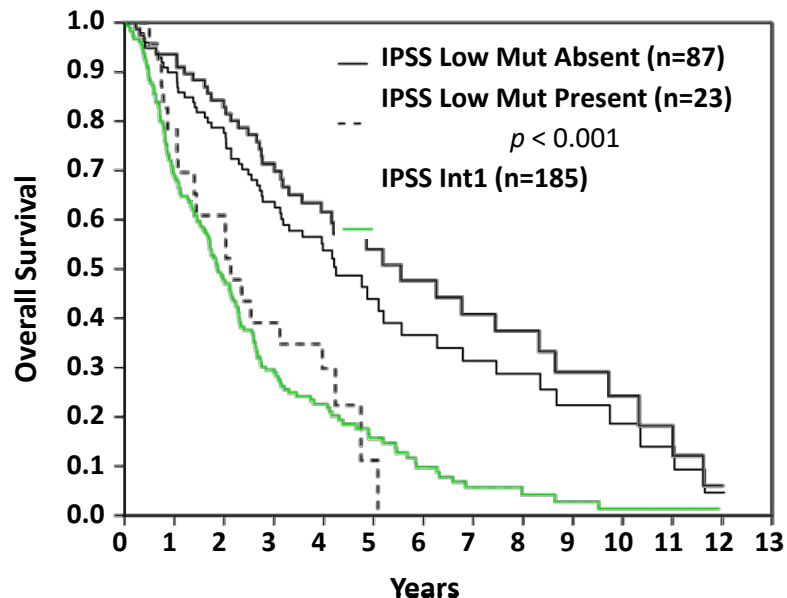
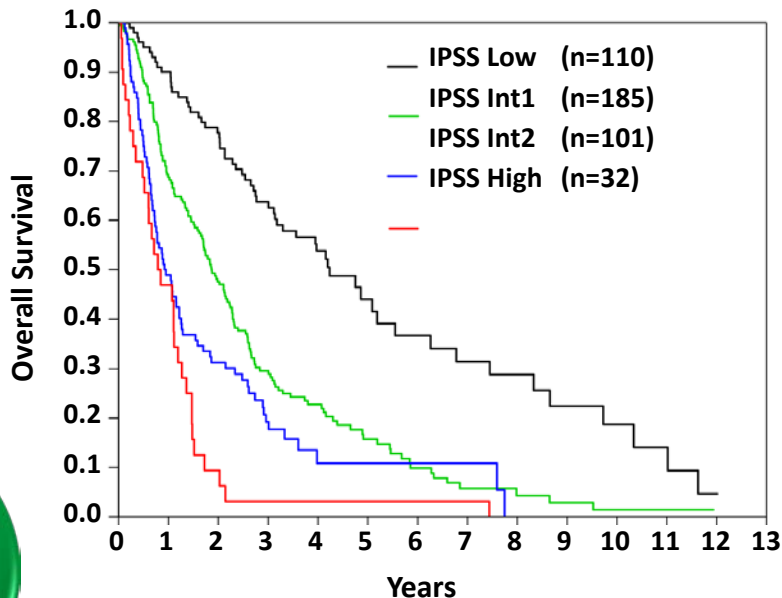
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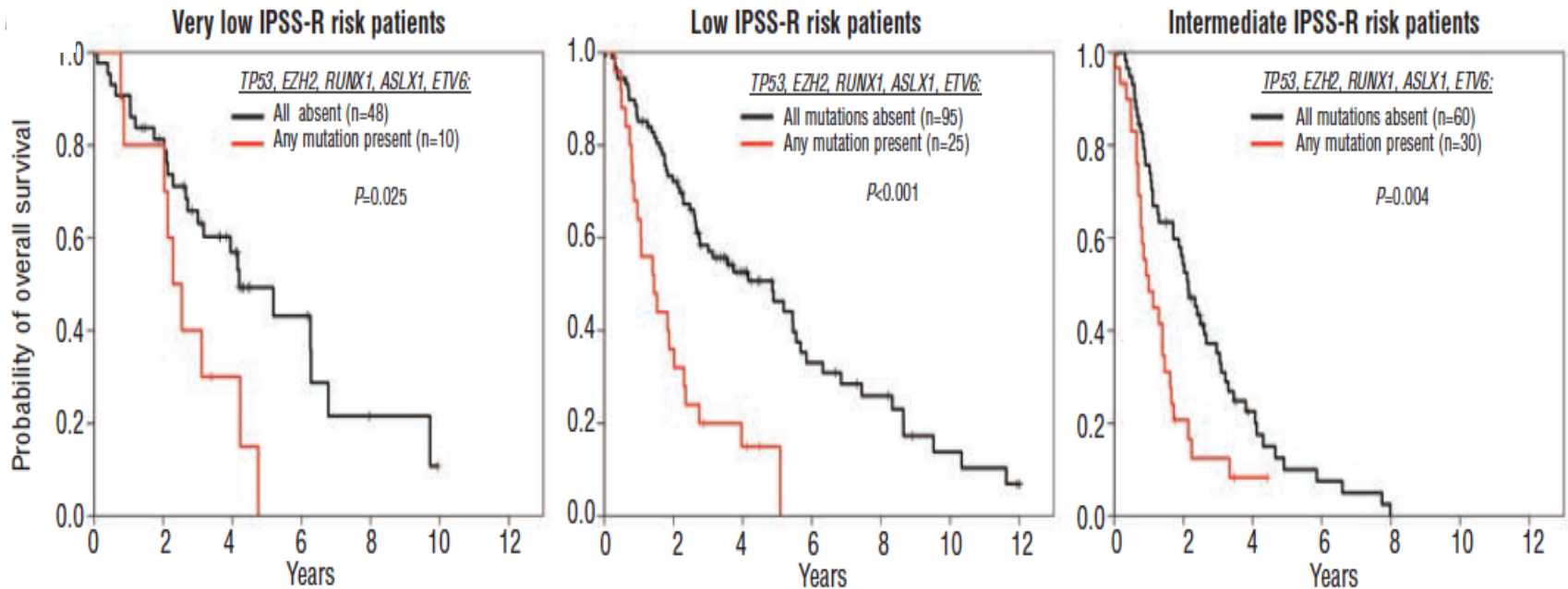
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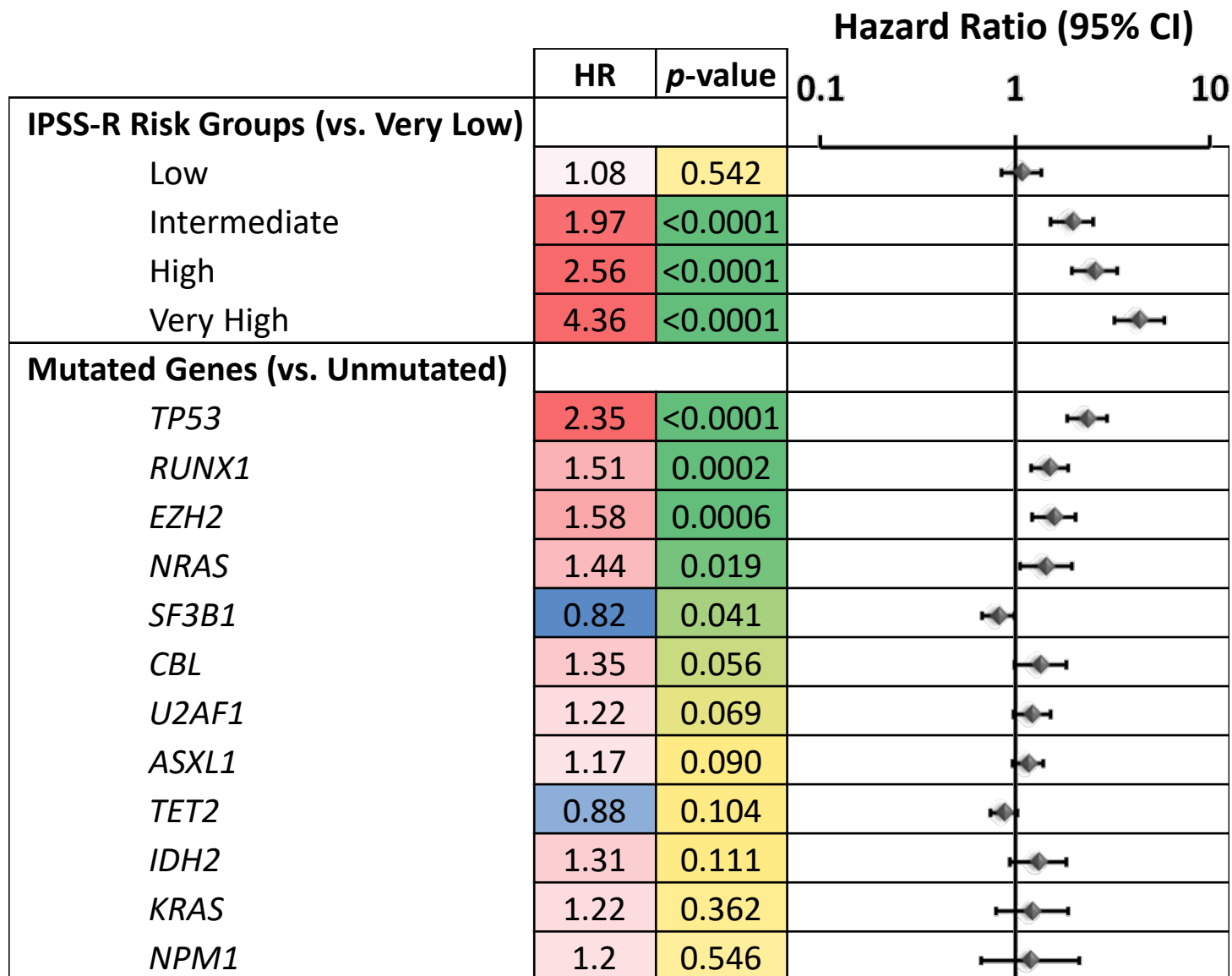
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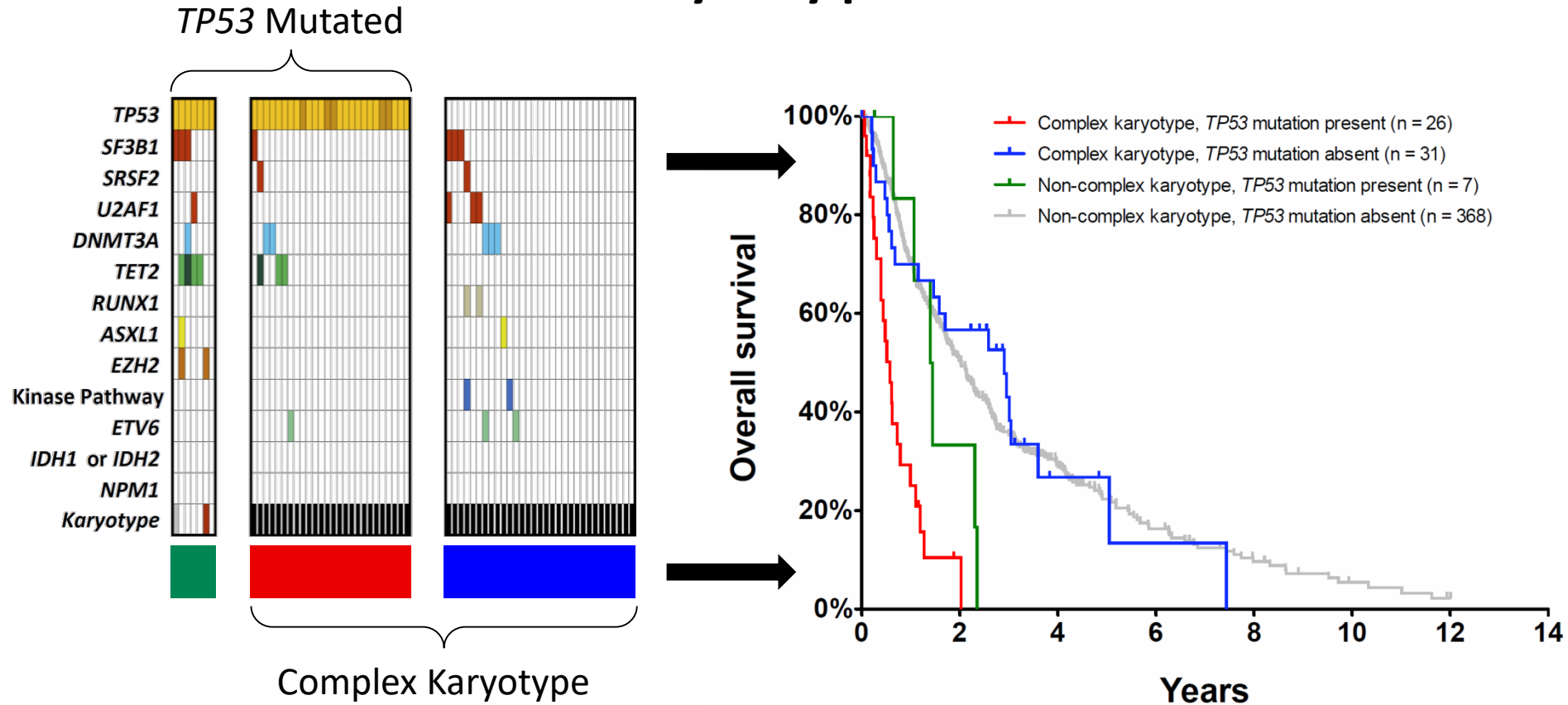
Somatic Gene Mutations Improve Precision of the IPSS-R



IWG Molecular analysis



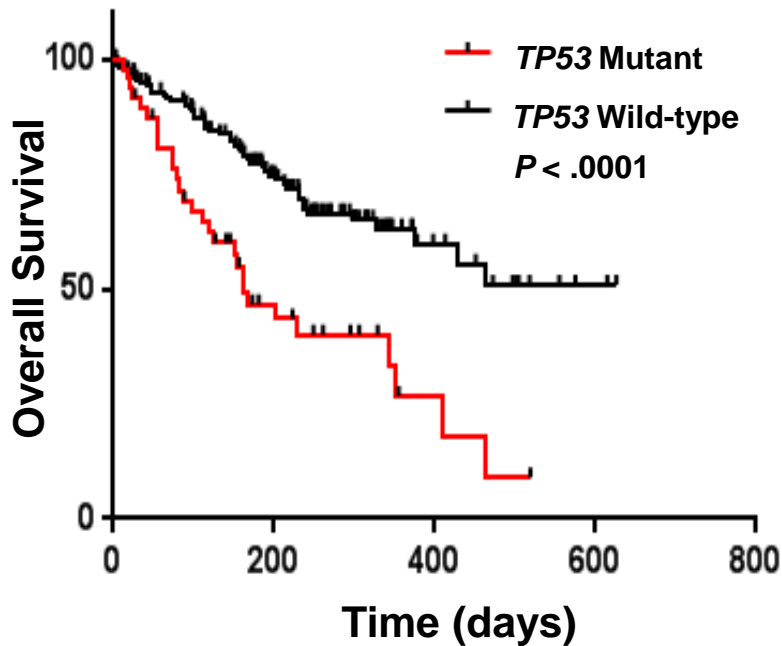
TP53 Mutations and Complex Karyotypes



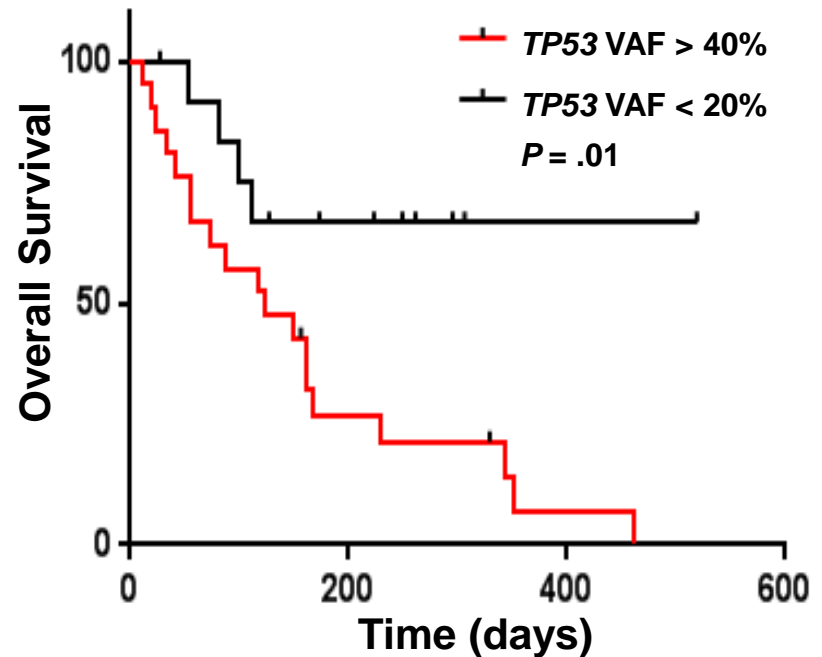
The adverse prognostic impact of the complex karyotype is entirely driven by its frequent association with mutations of *TP53*

Clonal burden of *TP53* Mutation Predicts for Inferior Survival

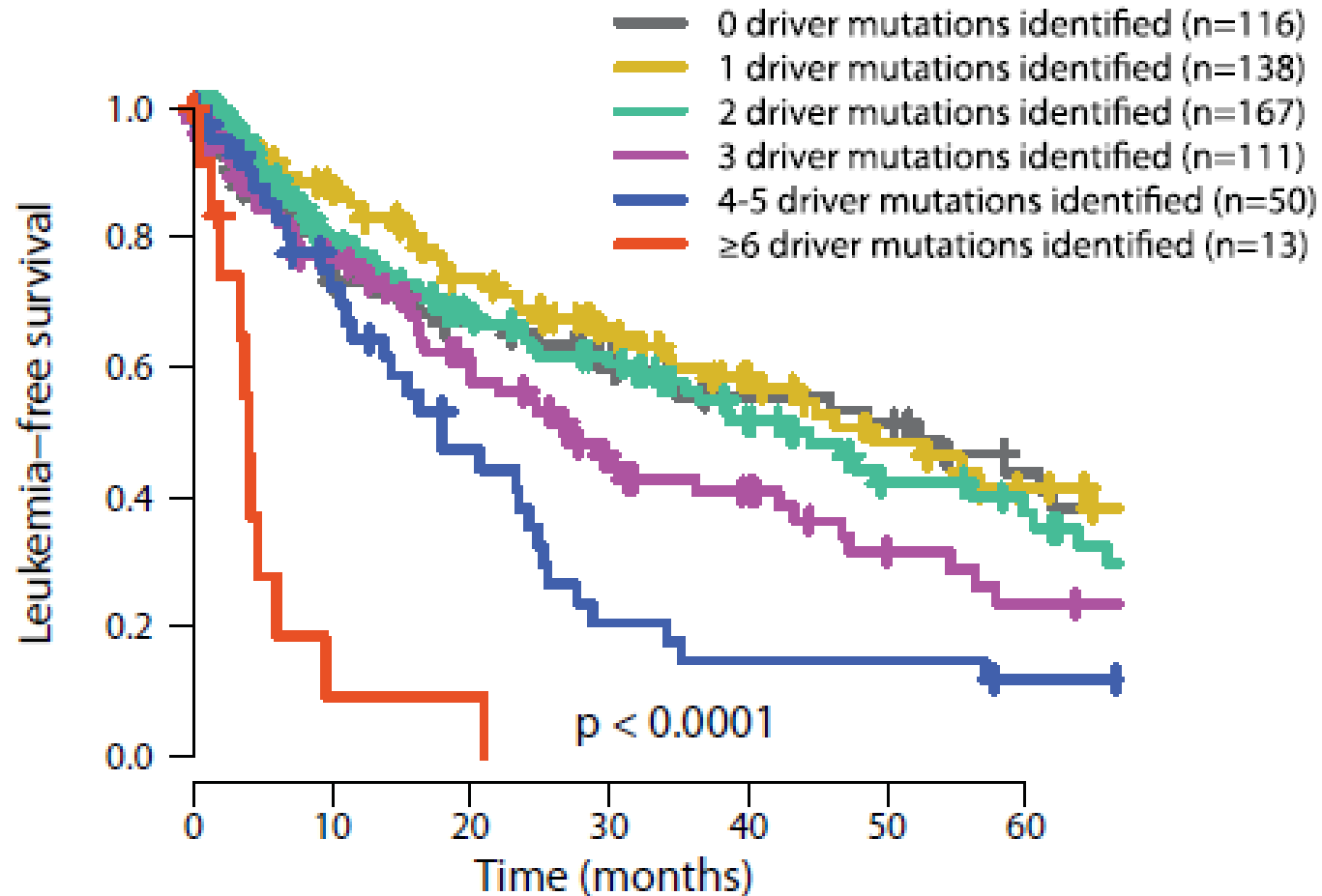
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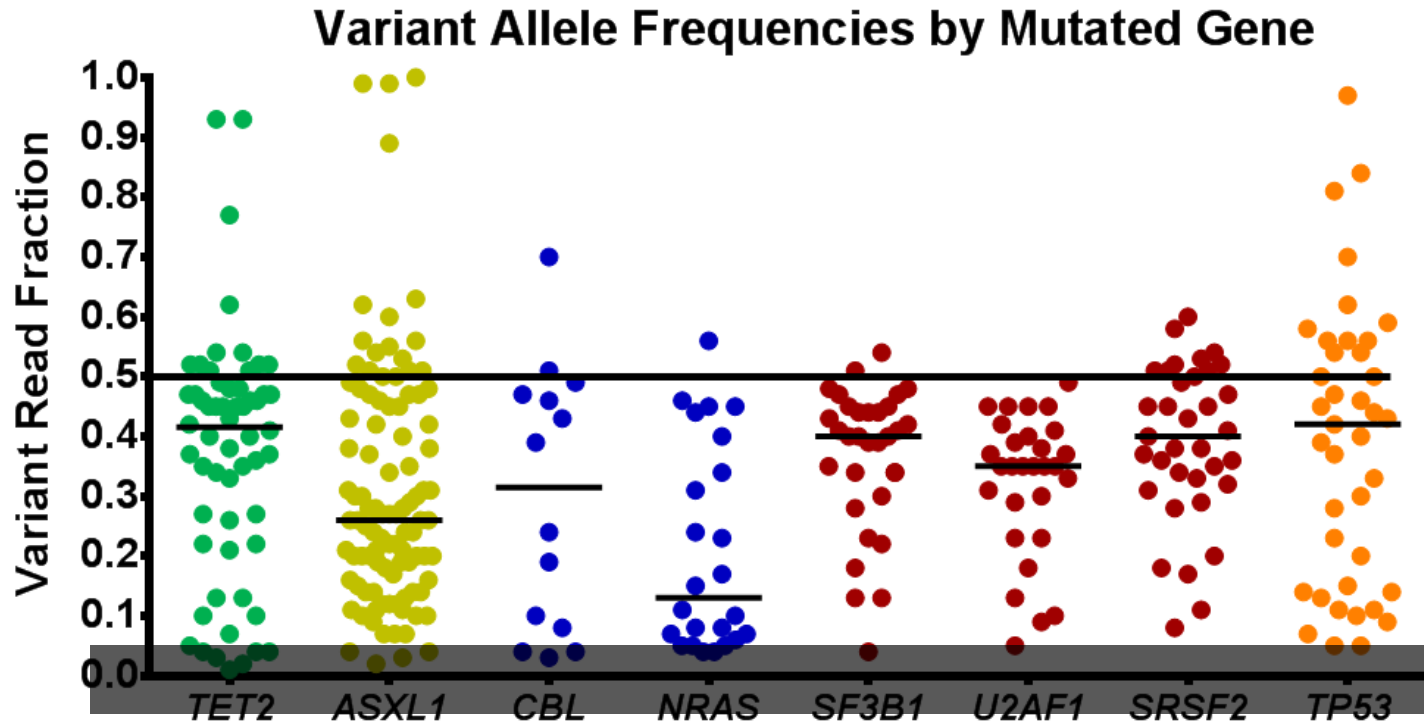


Number of Mutations and Prognosis



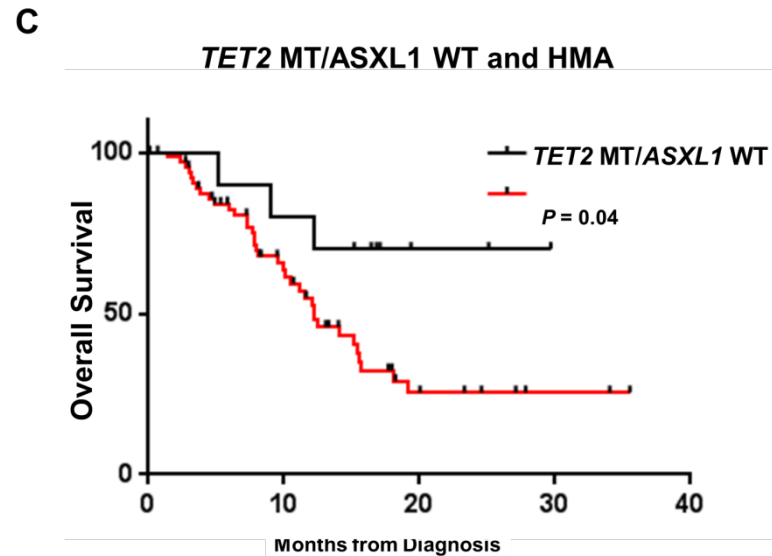
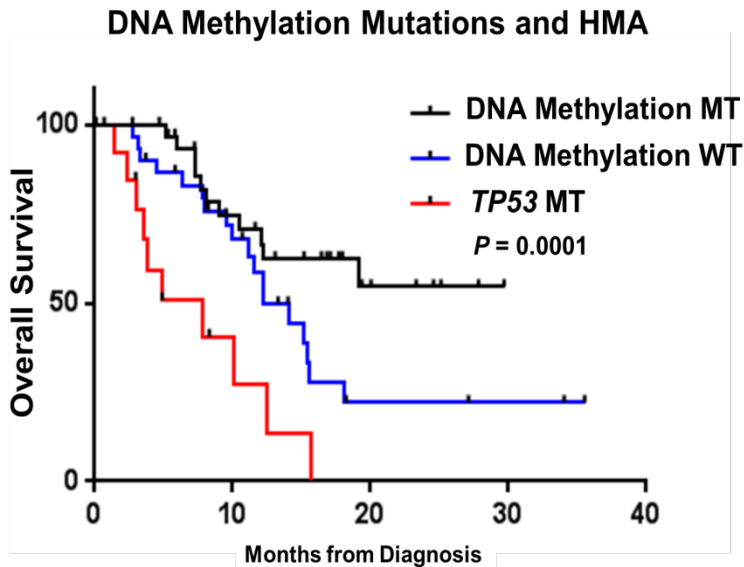
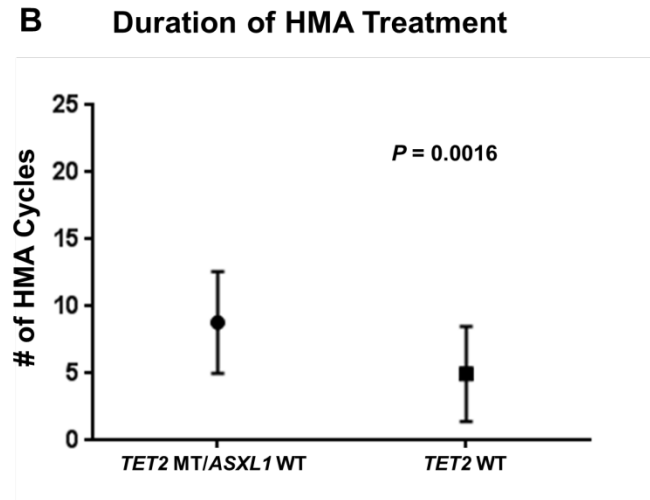
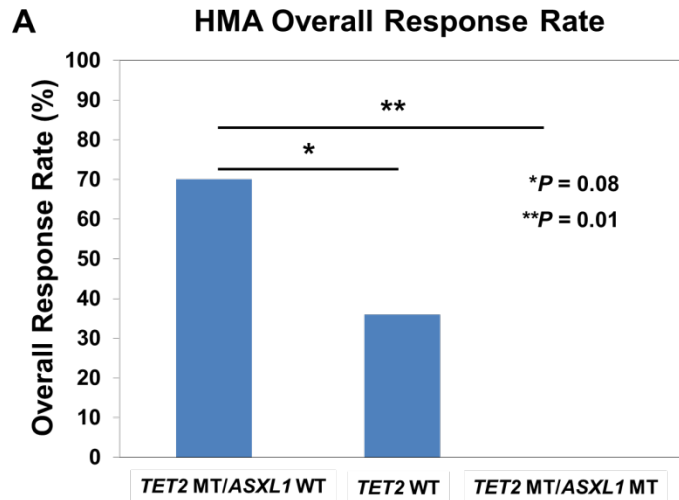
THERAPEUTIC IMPLICATIONS

Response by Variant Abundance



Gene (n) <i>VAF</i> ≥ 0.1	Unadjusted OR (95% CI)	p-value	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	p-value
<i>TET2</i> (50)	1.99 (1.05, 3.80)	0.036	1.98 (1.02, 3.85)	0.044
<i>TET2</i> mut + <i>ASXL1</i> wt (23)	3.65 (1.38, 9.67)	0.009	3.64 (1.35, 9.79)	0.011

Can we tailor therapy accordingly?



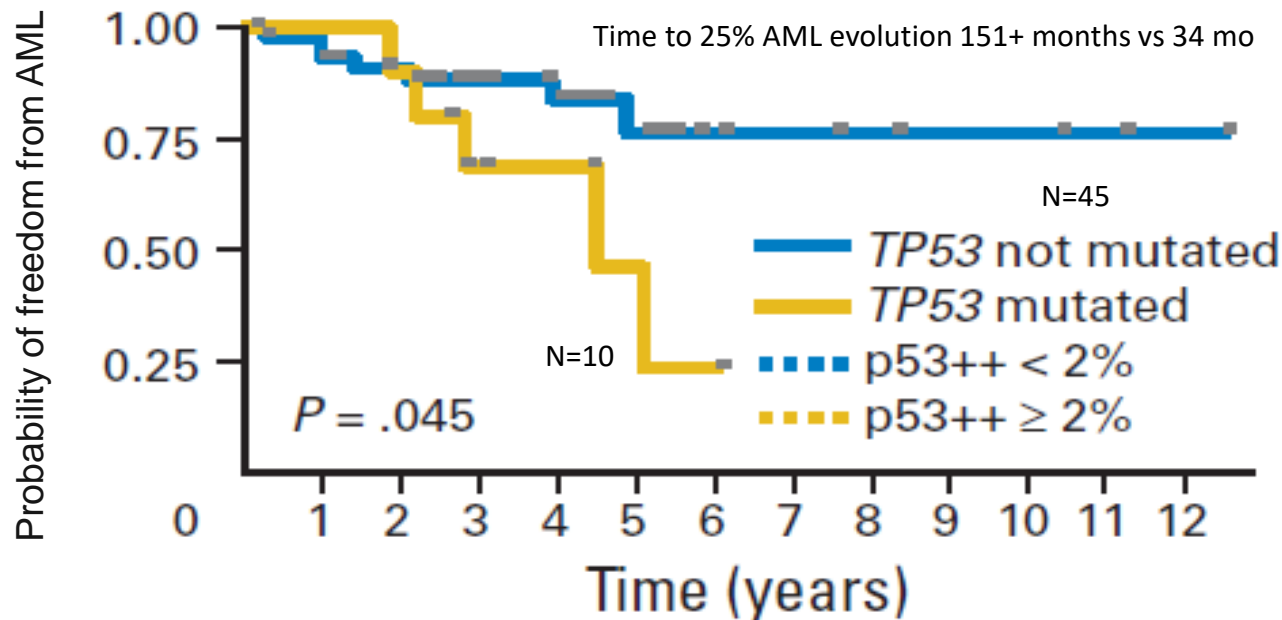
MDS with Founder *TP53* Mutations are Highly Responsive to Decitabine

- **Welch JS, et. al. *NEJM* 2016; 375:2023.**
 - 116 MDS/AML treated with decitabine 20 mg/m²/d x 10d q 28d
 - exome sequencing pretreatment & serially
 - Higher ORR in *TP53* mutant vs. Wt (21/21 [100%] vs. 32/78 [41%], *P* <0.001)
 - CR/Cri higher in *TP53* mutant vs. Wt (13/21 [62%] vs. 26/78 [33%], *P*=0.04)
- **Chang CK, et. al. *Brit J Haematol* 2016; Epub.**
 - 109 MDS treated with decitabine 20 mg/m²/d x 5d q 28d
 - exome sequencing pretreatment
 - CR rate higher in *TP53* mutant vs. Wt (10/15 [66.7%] vs. 20/94 [21%], *P* =0.001)
 - No difference in ORR (*TP53* mutant, 11/15 [73%] vs. 63/94 [67%] Wt)
 - Poor OS in *TP53*_{mu} MDS (median, 14 vs. 39 mos; *P*=0.012)

Probability of AML Progression in Low/Int-1 del(5q) MDS by *TP53* mutation

[n=55]

By *TP53* mutation



- *TP53* with median clone size of 11% was detected in 18% of pts.

- 5 out of 12 patients who progressed to AML had *TP53* mutation.

- 8 out of 10 mutated *TP53* patients received lenalidomide where a trend toward AML progression was noted.

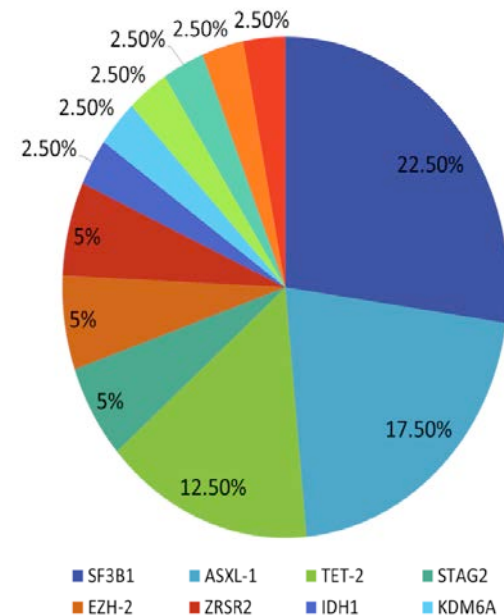
- no complete CCR observed among *p53* mutated pts.

Median follow-up: 40 months

Progression = blasts >10% or complex karyotype.

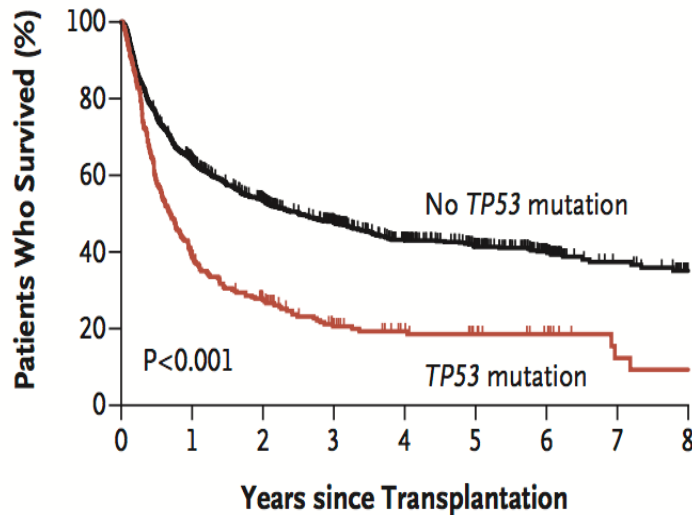
Somatic Gene Mutations (SGM) as Biomarkers for Response to Immunosuppressive Therapy (IST)

- Independent clinical covariates for response to ATG \pm CsA include age, HLA-DR15⁺ & duration of transfusion dependence in the NIH model
- 66 IPSS Low/Int risk MDS pts treated with ATG \pm CsA with 42% (n=28) ORR
- No SGM in detected 50% of patients.
- Absence of SGM associated with higher **IST ORR (70% vs 40%, $P=0.16$)** with a mean response duration of 12 mos in SGM⁻ vs 9 mos in SGM⁺pts ($P=0.09$).
- ***SF3B1* mutation was associated with IST nonresponse (11% *SF3B1*Mu⁺ vs 68% WT, $p=0.01$)**
- Rate of **AML transformation** in pts with non-*SF3B1* SGM > SGM⁻, $p=0.023$ with reduced OS.



Impact of *TP53* Mutation & Age on AlloHCT

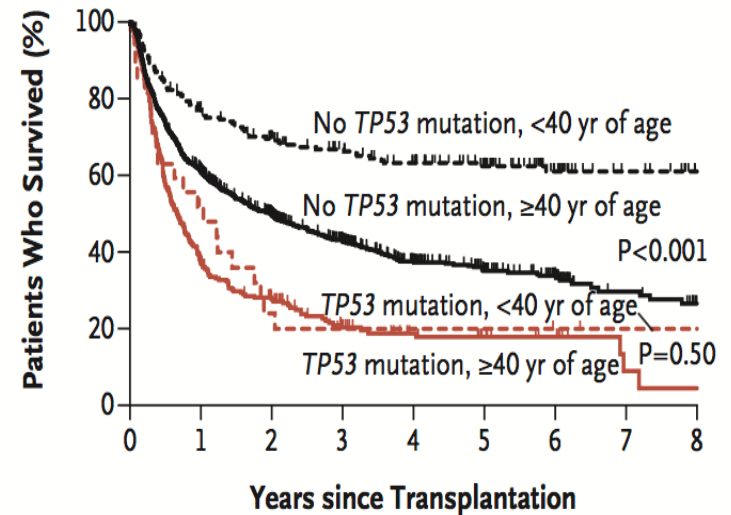
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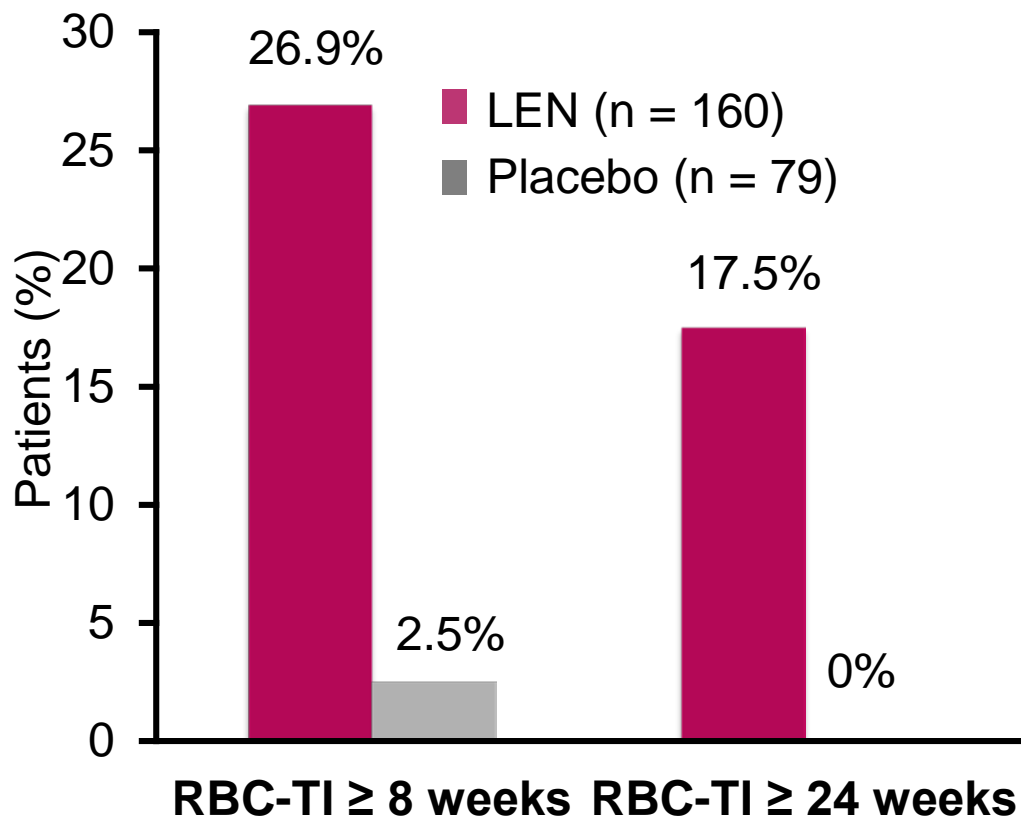
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LRMDS

Would you use lenalidomide or HMAs?

Lenalidomide

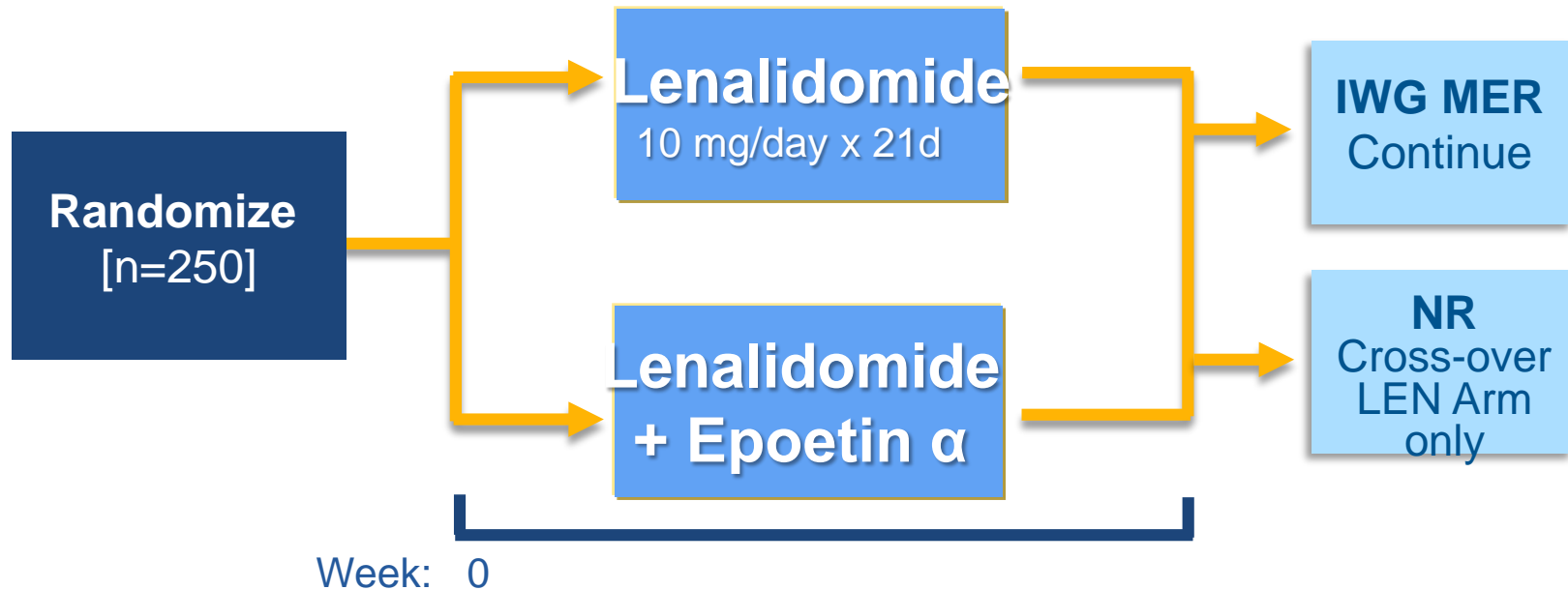


Median duration of response 32.9 weeks (95%CI, 20.7–71.1) among RBC-TI ≥ 8 weeks

Azacitidine

Lineage HI in Evaluable Pts,* n/N (%)	5-2-2 (n = 50)	5-2-5 (n = 51)	5d (n = 50)
Erythroid Ma	19/43 (44)	19/43 (44)	20/44 (46)
RBC-TI	12/24 (50)	12/22 (55)	15/25 (64)
Platelet _{Ma}	12/28 (43)	8/30 (27)	11/22 (50)
Any HI	22/50 (44)	23/51 (45)	28/50 (56)
Neutrophil _{Ma}	4/23 (17)	4/23 (17)	9/24 (38)

Phase III Intergroup Study of Lenalidomide ± Epoetin Alpha After ESA Failure [ECOG 2905]

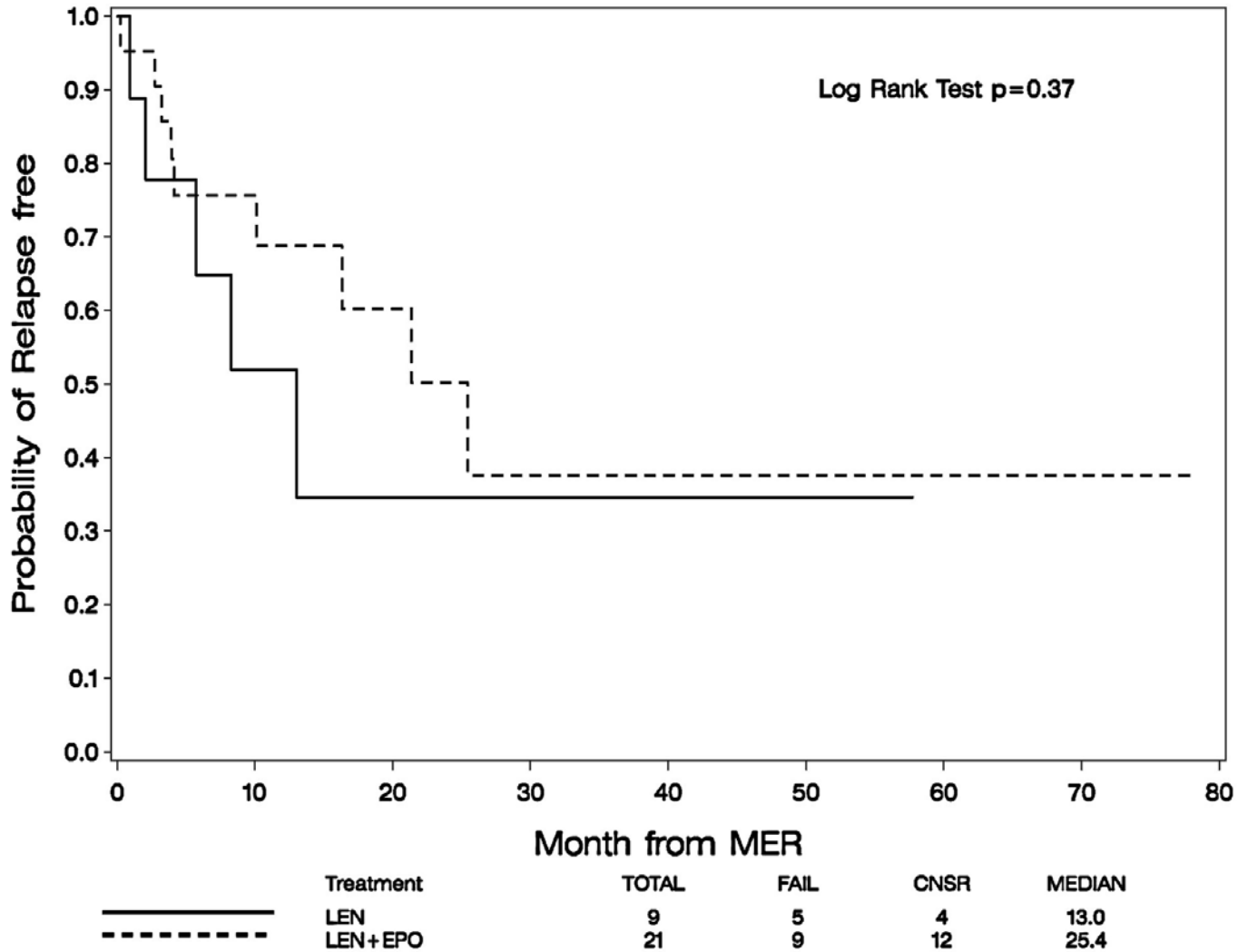


- Eligibility: Low/Int-1 IPSS, ESA failure or low ¹⁶ response profile, Hgb <9.5 g/dL
- Stratification: serum EPO (> vs. <500mU/ml), prior ESA (EA vs. DA vs. None)
- Epoetin alfa 60,000 units SC weekly
- Primary Endpoint (EP): MER
- Secondary EP: Time to MER, MER duration, LEN cross-over response, candidate response biomarkers (CD45 isoform profile)

Response Analysis

Response & Cohort	Arm A (%) LEN	Arm B (%) LEN+Epo	P value
<i>ITT Analysis [n=163]</i>	N=81	N=82	
MER	9 (11.1)	21 (25.6)	P=0.025
Minor ER	15 (18.5)	13 (15.9)	P=0.68
Overall ER	24 (29.6)	34 (41.5)	P=0.14
Arm A Crossover MER	N=34	7 (21%)	
<i>Week 16 Evaluable [n=117]</i>	N=56	N=60	
MER	8 (14.3)	20 (32.8)	P=0.029
Minor ER	13 (23.1)	13 (21.3)	P=0.83
Overall ER	21 (37.5)	33 (54.1)	P=0.09

Duration of MER



Low-Dose HMAs in LR MDS: Response Rates

Response,* %	Decitabine (n = 70)	Azacitidine (n = 39)	P Value
ORR	70	49	.03
▪CR	37	36	.90
▪mCR	9	5	NR
▪HI	24	8	NR
▪SD	26	44	NR
▪PD	4	8	NR
CCyR	25	6	.12
PCyR	36	19	
▪CCyR + PCyR	61	25	.02

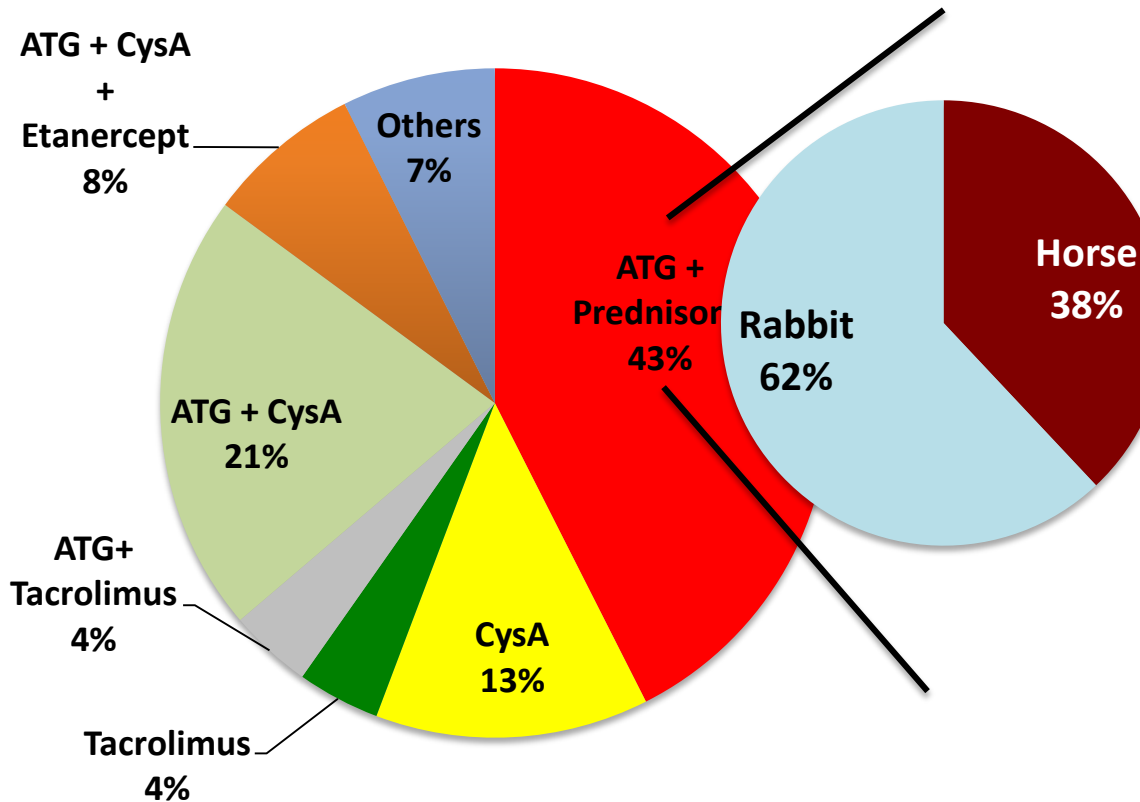
*Median treatment cycles (range): 9 (1-41).

Response,* %	Decitabine (n = 70)	Azacitidine (n = 39)	P Value
Blasts \geq 5%	(n = 21)	(n = 11)	
▪ORR	100	36	< .001
▪CR	52	18	.06
Blasts < 5%	(n = 45)	(n = 27)	
▪HI - \geq 1 lineage	36	48	.29
▪HI - all lineages	22	26	.72
Tl at response	32	16	.20

- Strongest predictors of response included BM blasts \geq 5%, MDS/MPN or CMML diagnosis, high MDA LR MDS score, and IPSS intermediate-1 risk

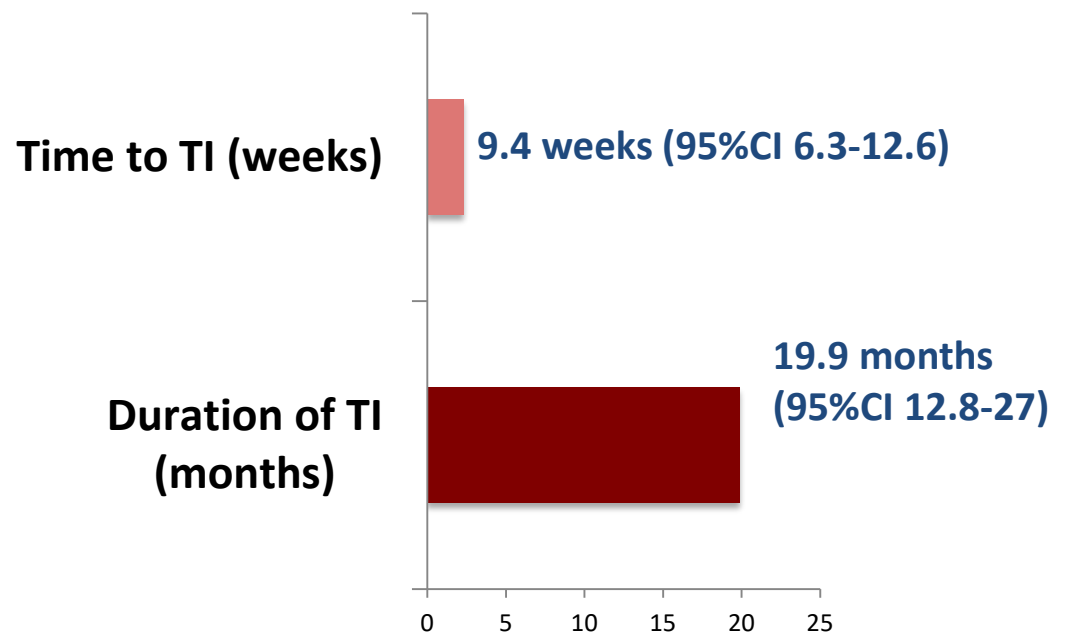
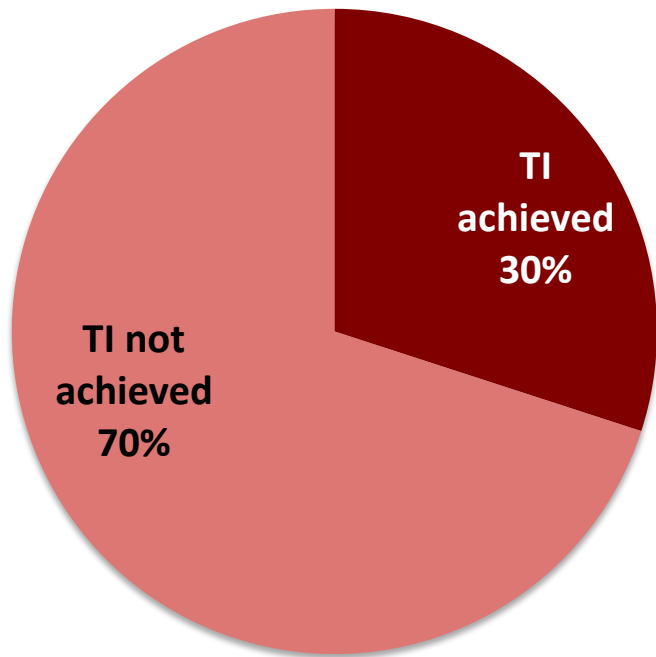
Type of IST used (N=217) and responses

Prednisone only: 150 (41%) patients -> Excluded from analysis

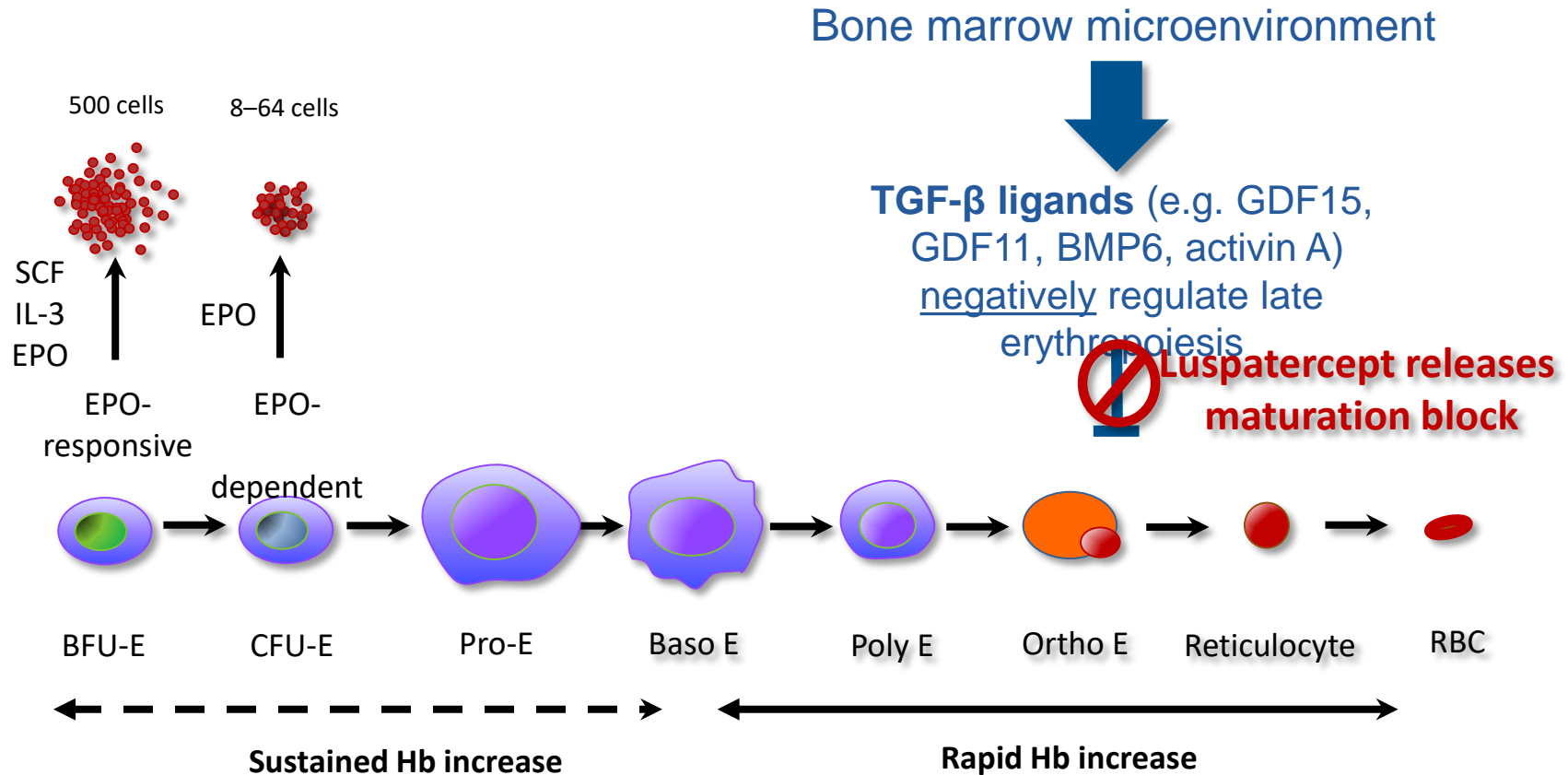


Response	%	95%CI
CR	11.2	6.5-18.4
PR	5.6	2.5-11.6
HI	32.0	24.1-41.0
SD	39.2	30.7-48.4
PD	12.0	7.1-19.3
ORR	48.8	39.8-57.9

Transfusion independence (TI)



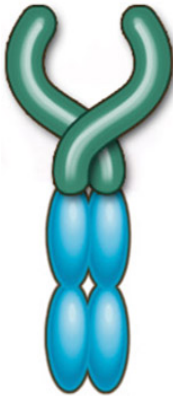

Excess Smad2/3 Signaling Suppresses Late-Stage RBC Maturation in MDS



- Mobilizes cells from precursor pools into blood
- Effect relies on continuous formation of late-stage precursors from earlier progenitors

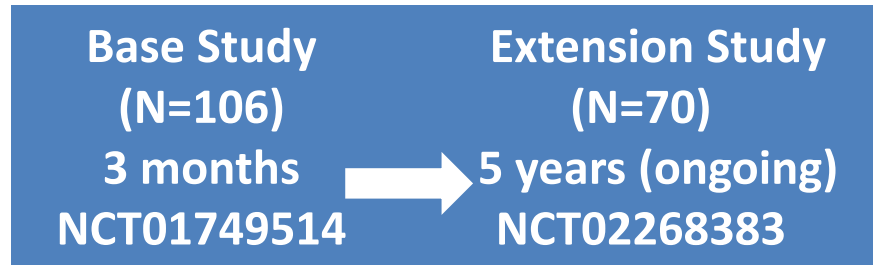
ACE-011 (Sotatercept) and ACE-536 (Luspatercept)

Novel Ligand Traps for TGF β Superfamily Ligands

	ACE-011 (Sotatercept)	ACE-536 (Luspatercept)
Fusion protein with ligand trap activity	 <p>Extracellular Domain of ActRIIA</p>	 <p>Modified Extracellular ActRIIB Domain</p>
Receptor ligand interaction	GDF11, Activin-A	GDF11, GDF8, Activin-B, BMP6, BMP10
Heme effect	+	+
Bone effect	+	-

Luspatercept PACE-MDS Phase 2 Clinical Trials Overview

A Phase 2, multicenter, open-label, 3-month dose-escalation study in adults with lower-risk MDS followed by a 5-year extension study



Patient Population	Efficacy Endpoints
<p>Multiple cohorts enrolling low/intermediate-1 risk (IPSS) MDS patients including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-transfusion dependent and transfusion dependent patients • ESA-naïve and ESA-experienced patients • Patients with a range of baseline EPO levels • RS+ and non-RS patients 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>IWG (2006) HI-E:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hb increase ≥ 1.5 g/dL for all values over 8 weeks for patients with < 4 units/8 wk and Hb < 10 g/dL • ≥ 4 RBC unit decrease over 8 weeks for patients with ≥ 4 units/8 wk
Treatment	Other Efficacy Endpoints
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Luspatercept 0.125 – 1.75 mg/kg (base study); 1.0 – 1.75 mg/kg (extension) SC q3 weeks • All patients followed up for 2 months post last dose or early discontinuation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>RBC-TI:</u> RBC-transfusion independence ≥ 8 weeks (RBC evaluable patients, $\geq 2U/8$ weeks) • Time to/duration of HI-E response

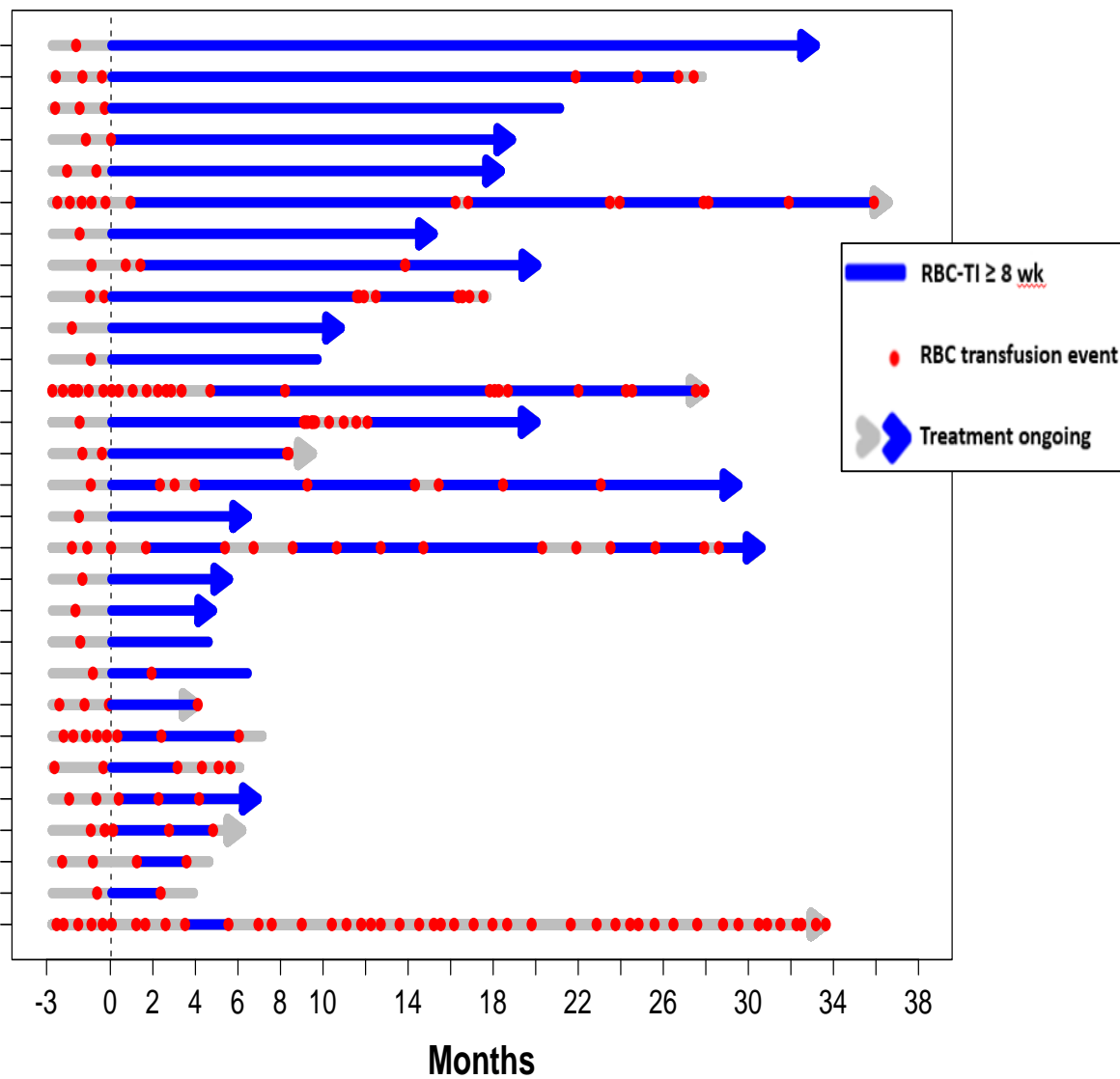
IWG HI-E and RBC-TI Response Rates by ESA, EPO, RS Status

Patients Treated at Dose Levels ≥ 0.75 mg/kg

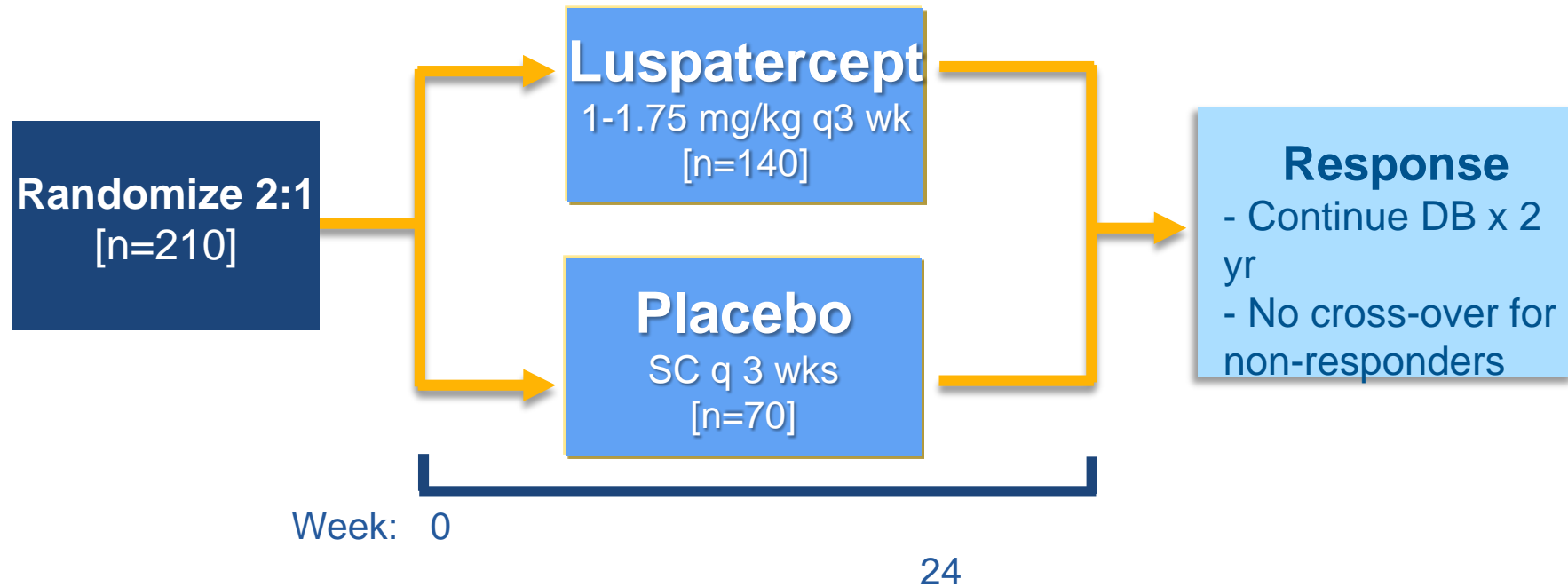
Response Rates	IWG-HI-E, n/N (%) (N=99)	RBC-TI, n/N (%) (N=67)
All patients	52/99 (53%)	29/67 (43%)
ESA-naïve	28/53 (53%)	17/31 (55%)
Prior ESA	24/46 (52%)	12/36 (33%)
Baseline EPO <200 U/L		
RS+	25/39 (64%)	16/24 (67%)
Non-RS	7/13 (54%)	3/7 (43%)
Baseline EPO 200-500 U/L		
RS+	10/14 (71%)	4/9 (44%)
Non-RS	4/8 (50%)	3/5 (60%)
RS Status		
RS+	40/62 (65%)	22/42 (52%)
Non-RS	12/35 (34%)	7/23 (30%)
Unknown	0/2 (0%)	0/2 (0%)

Durability of Response in RBC-TI Responders

Patients Treated at ≥ 0.75 mg/kg with Baseline RBC $\geq 2U/8$ weeks



MEDALIST: Phase 3 Randomized Double-blind Study of Luspatercept vs Placebo in Transfusion-Dependent LR-MDS With Ring Sideroblasts [ACE-536-MDS-001]



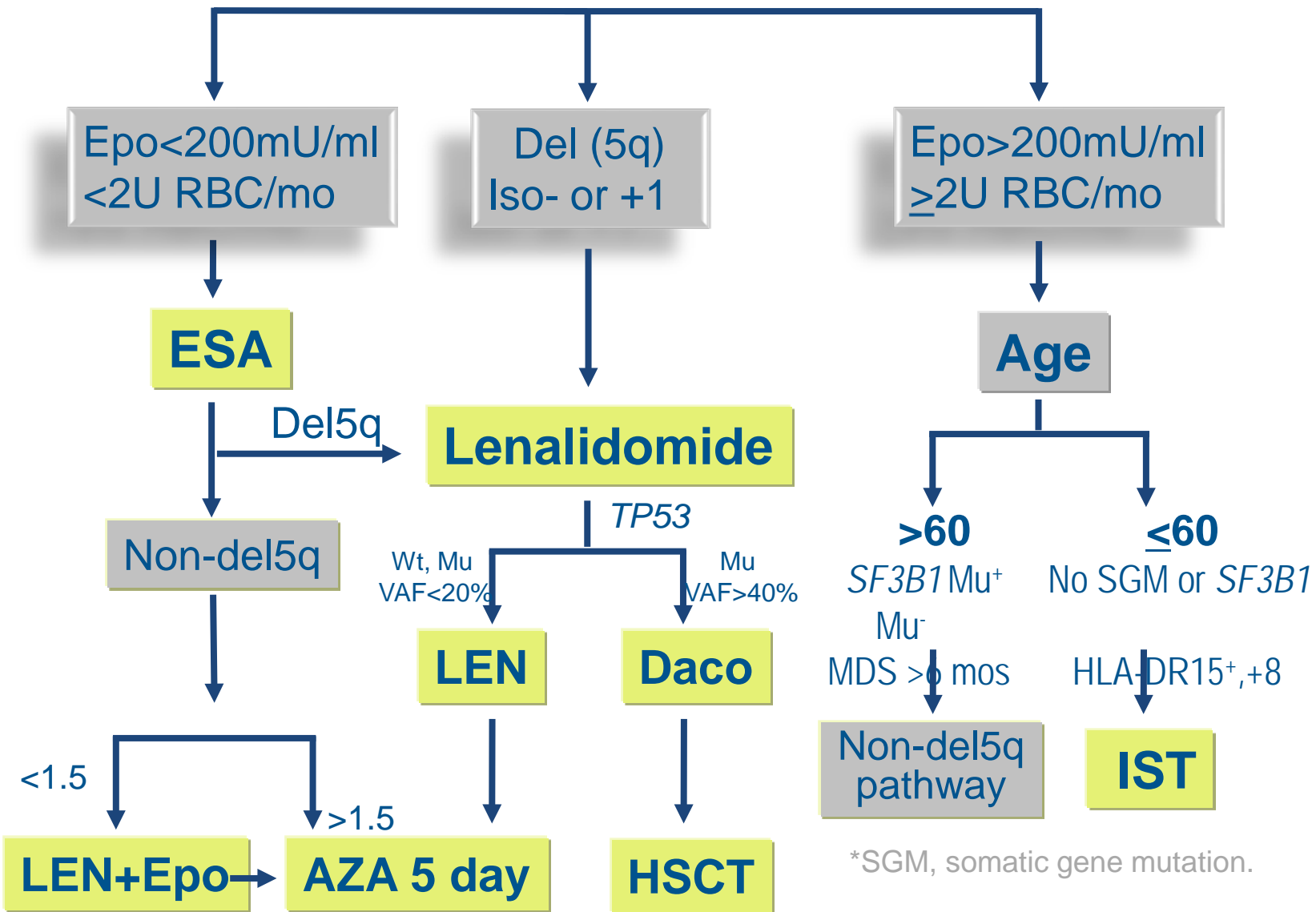
Eligibility: Non-del(5q) MDS with $\geq 15\%$ RS, VL-Int. IPSS-R, \square 2 U PRBC/8 wks, prior ESA

Key Exclusions: Prior treatment with IMiDs, azanucleosides or IST; ANC < 500, plat < 50K

Stratification: RBC transfusion burden (< 6 vs ≥ 6 U/8wk), IPSS-R VL/Low vs. Int.

Primary end-point: Transfusion Independence x ≥ 8 weeks

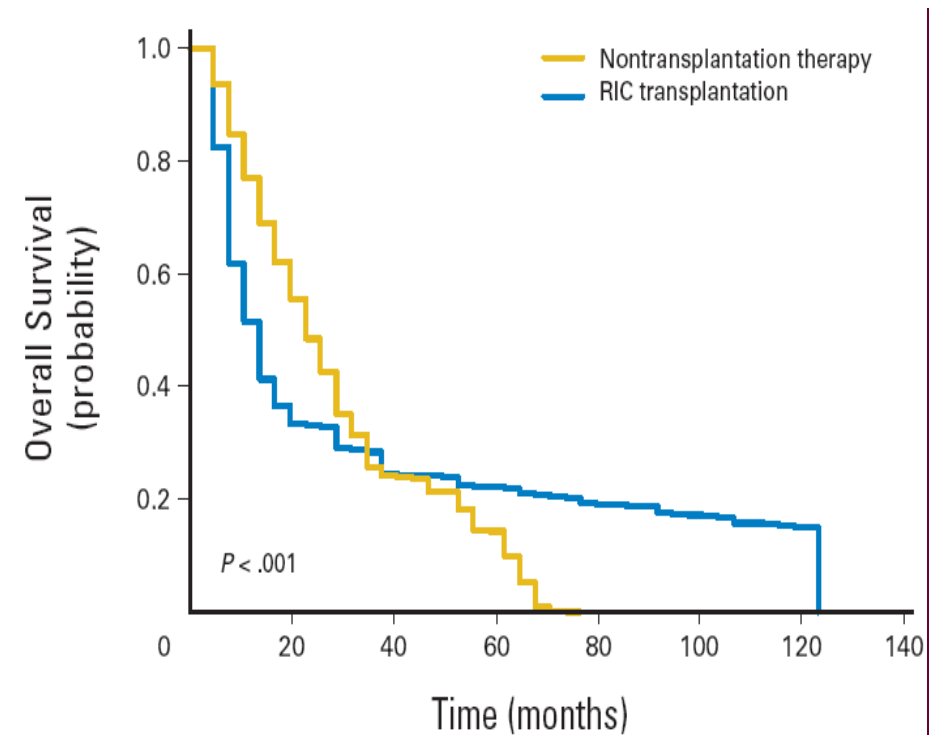
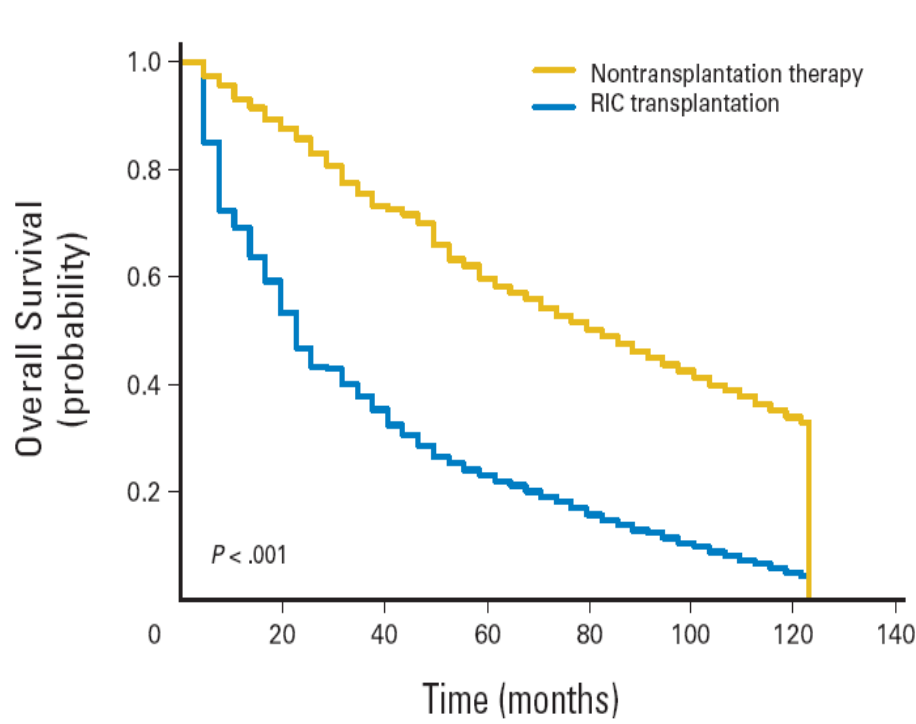
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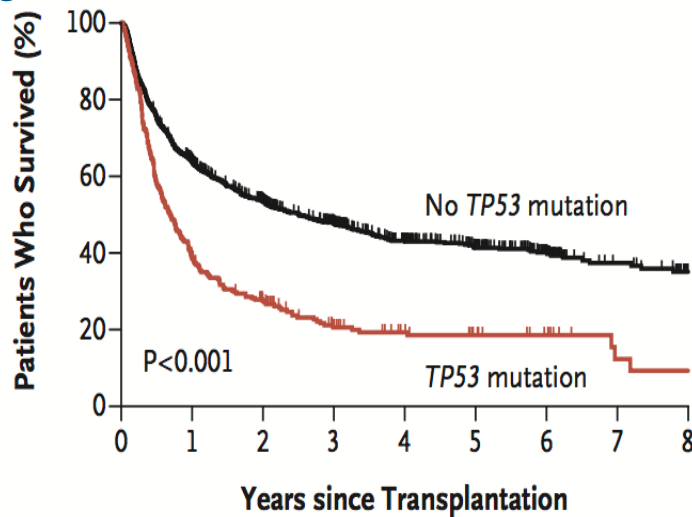
HR-MDS

Allogeneic Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation remains the only curative option for MDS patients



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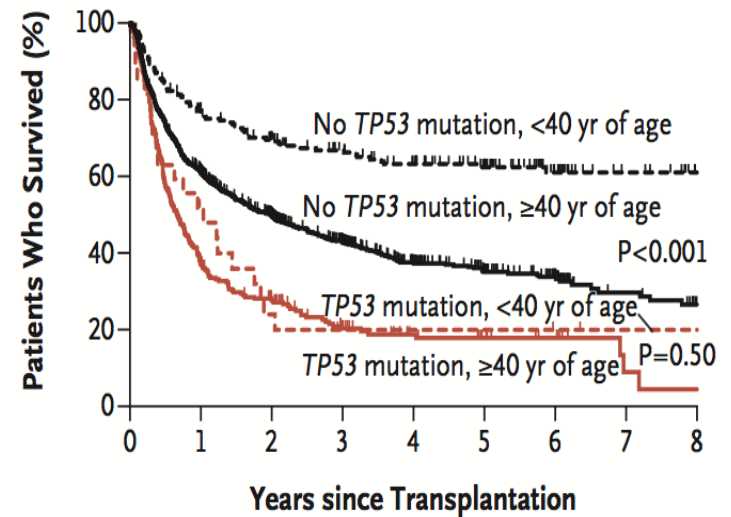
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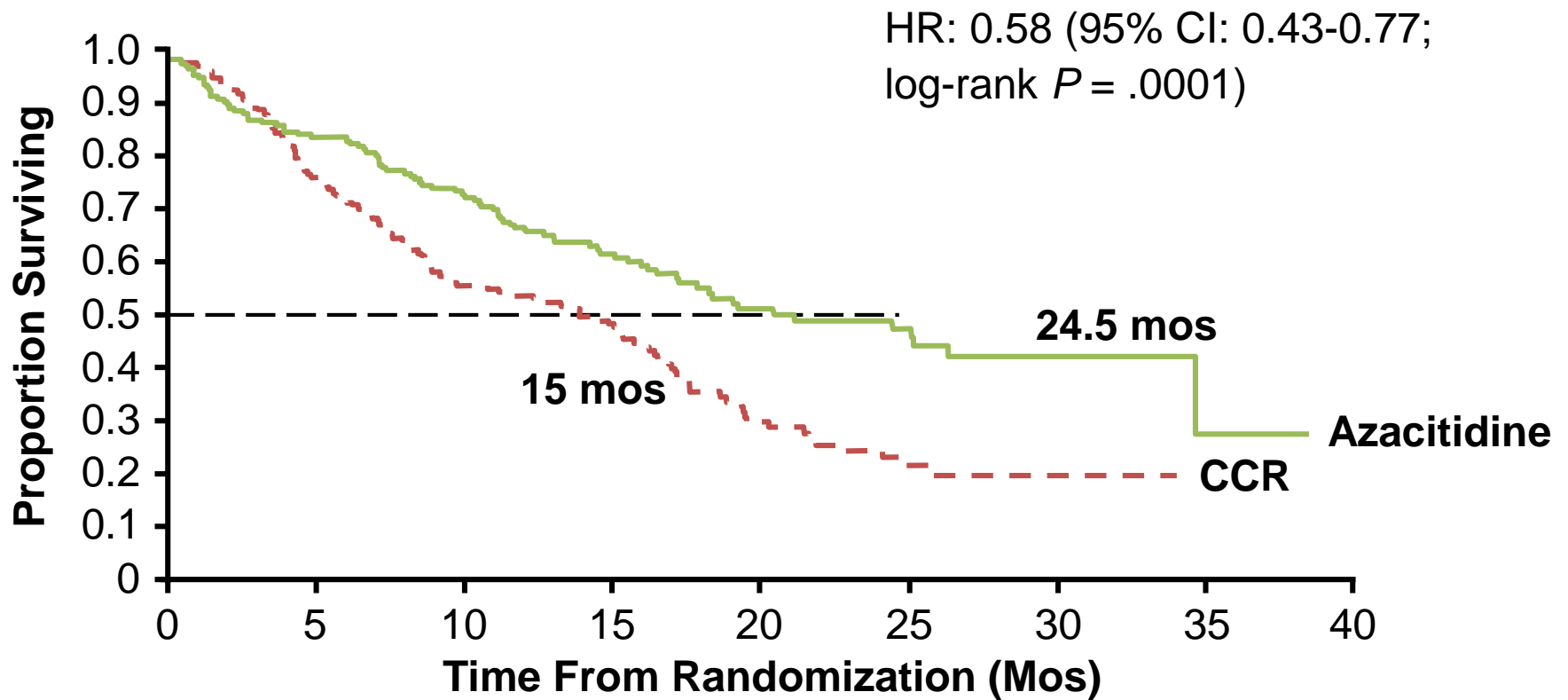
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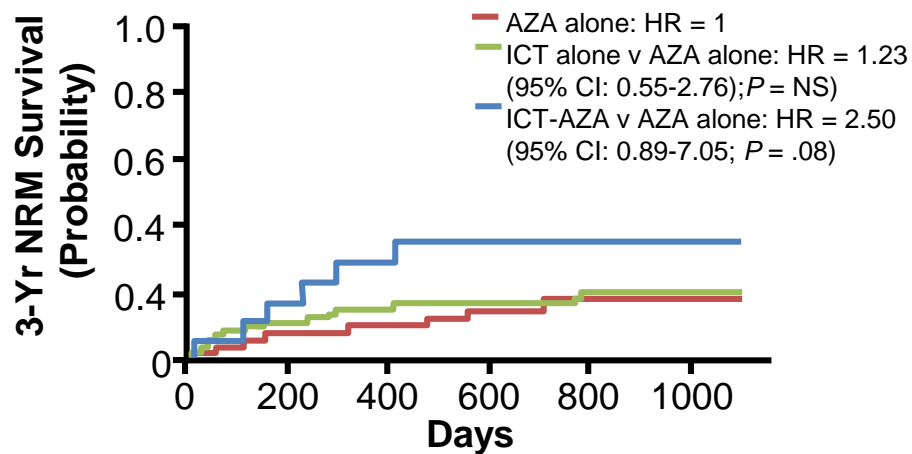
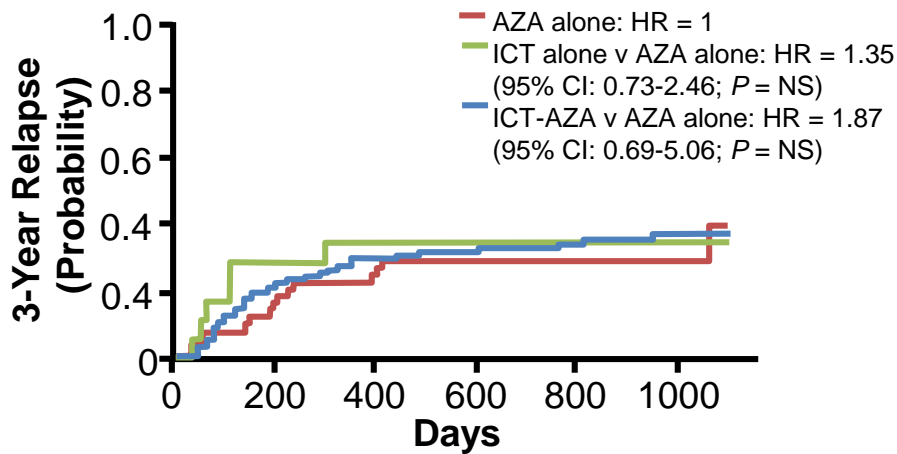
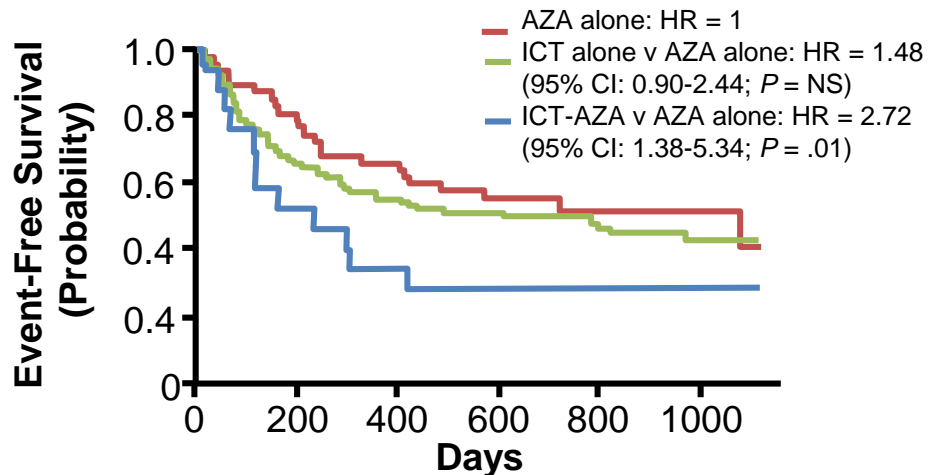
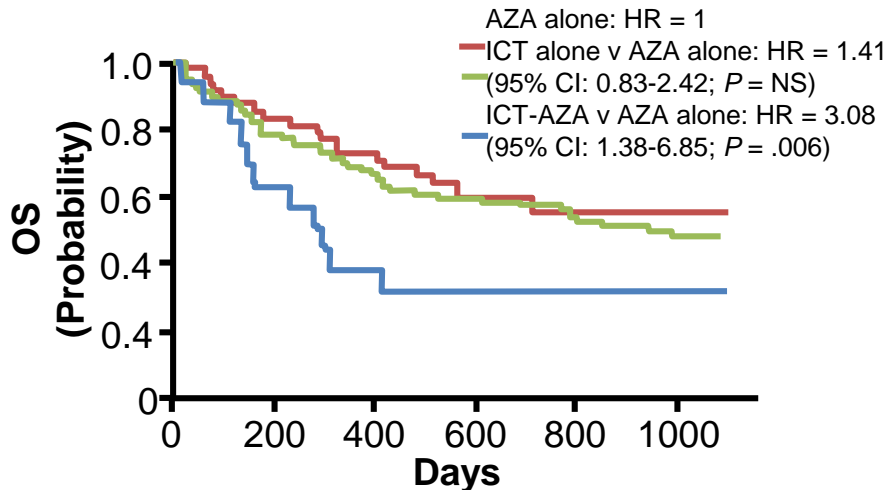
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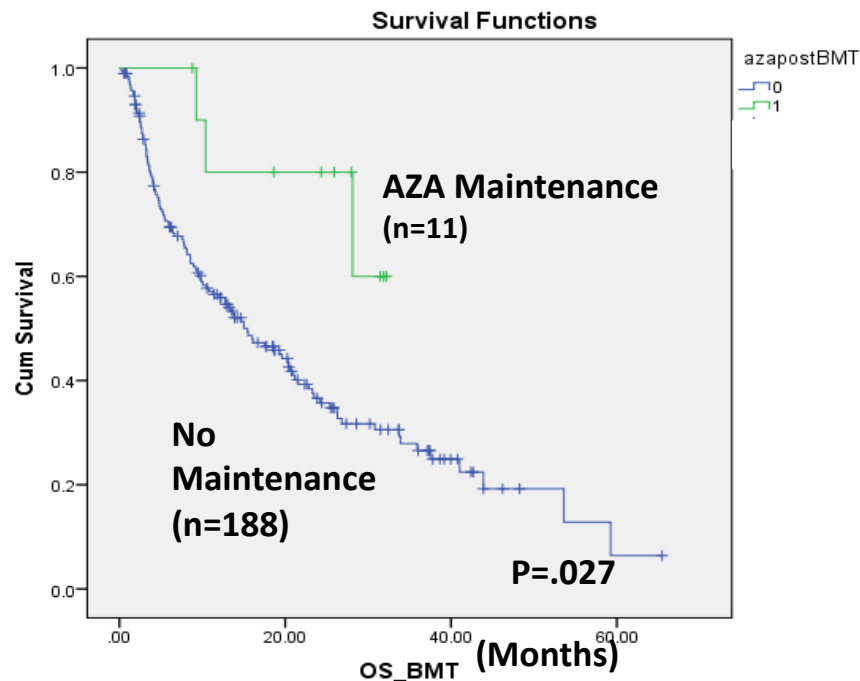


Treatment With AZA OR ICT Prior AHSCT

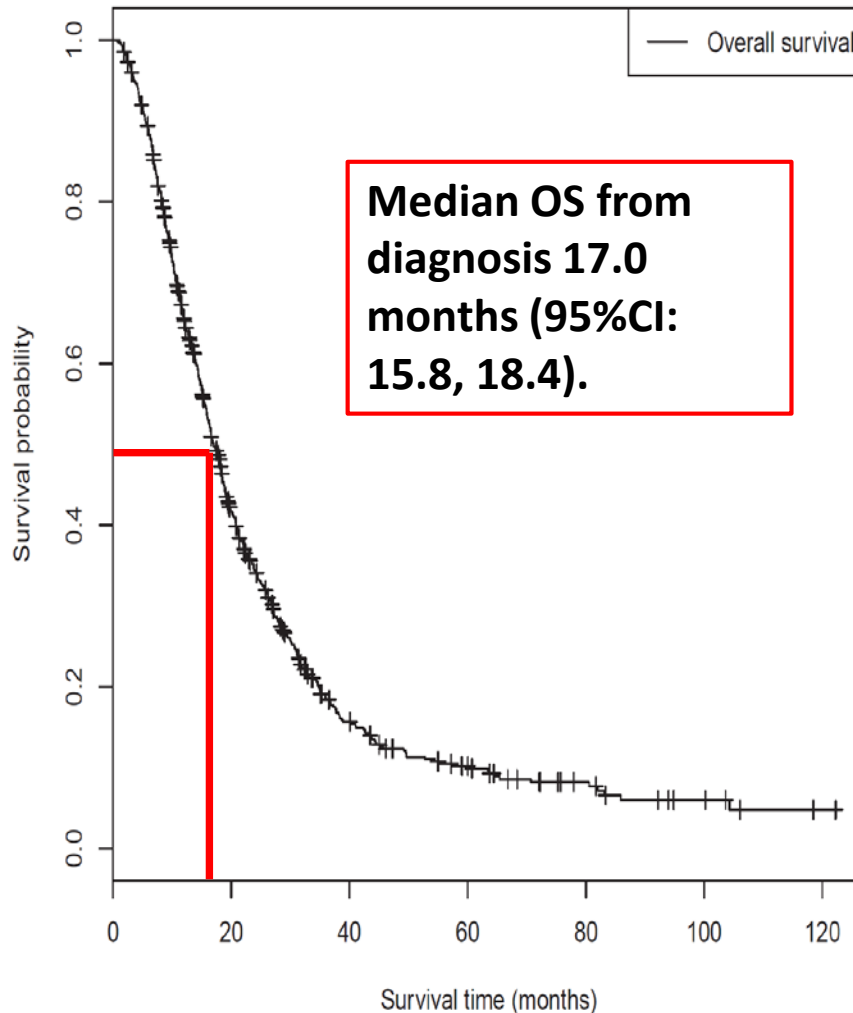


Azacitidine Maintenance after AHSCT

- De Lima, et al. *Cancer* 2010; 116(23)
 - N= 45, majority AML patients (n=37).
 - Excluded active disease, active GVHD, active infections.
 - MTD AZA 32mg/m² SQ for 5 days SQ X 4 cycles.
 - Median EFS 18.2 mo (95% CI: 11.9-NR), One year EFS and OS 58% and 77%
- Mishra et al. *Leukemia Research*, vol 55, S1, April 2017, Page S48



How do HMAs perform in the real-life setting?



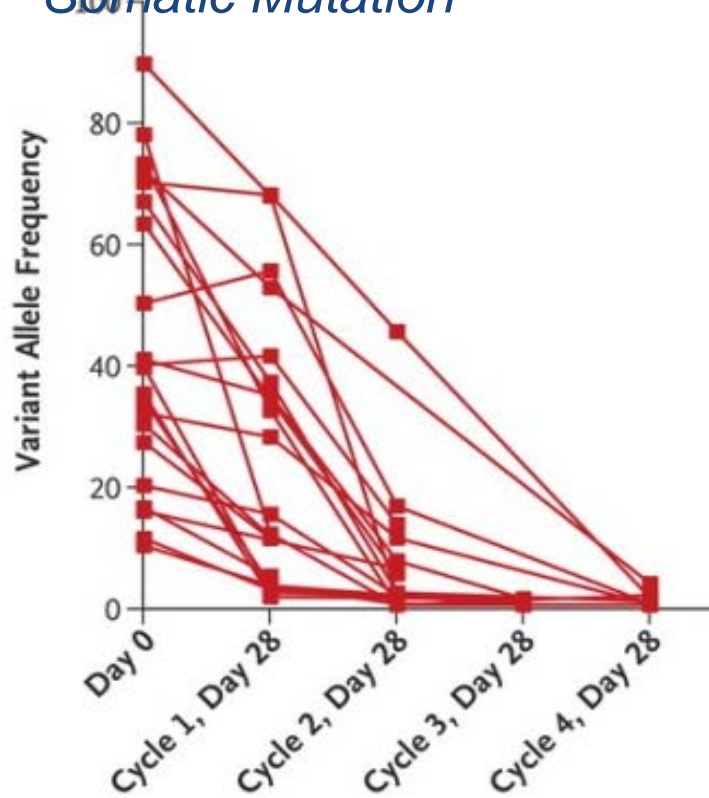
- A retrospective analysis of 636 HR-MDS in the MDS Clinical Research Consortium database (6 tertiary centers, no single center accounted for > 39%).
- 69.6% INT-2, 30.4% high IPSS
- Median follow-up 15.7 months (95% CI: 14.6, 16.8).
- Median time from diagnosis to HMA initiation 0.95 months (95%CI: 0.86, 1.06).
- 67.9% azacitidine, 32.1% decitabine.
- Median number of cycles 5.0 (IQR: 3.0, 8.0)
- 72.2% received ≥ 4 cycles.

MDS with Founder *TP53* Mutations are Highly Responsive to Decitabine

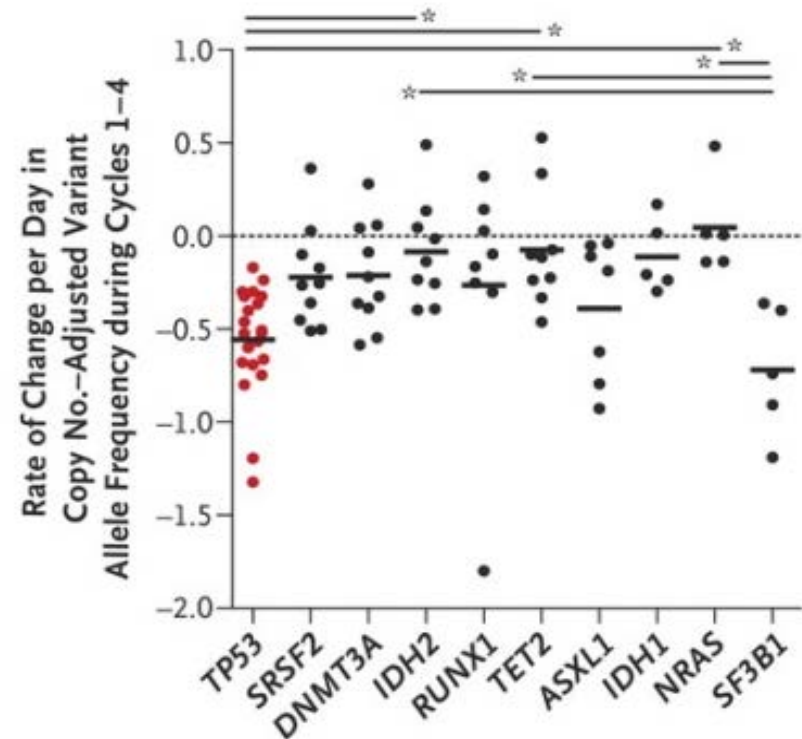
- **Welch JS, et. al. *NEJM* 2016; 375:2023.**
 - 116 MDS/AML treated with decitabine 20 mg/m²/d x 10d q 28d
 - exome sequencing pretreatment & serially
 - ORR higher in fav/int cytogenetic risk vs. unfavorable (29/43 [67%] vs. 24/71 [34%], $P < 0.001$)
 - Higher ORR in *TP53* mutant vs. Wt (21/21 [100%] vs. 32/78 [41%], $P < 0.001$)
 - CR/Cri higher in *TP53* mutant vs. Wt (13/21 [62%] vs. 26/78 [33%], $P = 0.04$)
 - No relation between response & change in cytosine methylation or subclonal *TP53* mutation
- **Chang CK, et. al. *Brit J Haematol* 2016; Epub.**
 - 109 MDS treated with decitabine 20 mg/m²/d x 5d q 28d
 - exome sequencing pretreatment
 - CR rate higher in *TP53* mutant vs. Wt (10/15 [66.7%] vs. 20/94 [21%], $P = 0.001$)
 - No difference in ORR (*TP53* mutant, 11/15 [73%] vs. 63/94 [67%] Wt)
 - Poor OS in *TP53*_{mu} MDS (median, 14 vs. 39 mos; $P = 0.012$)

Rate of Clearance of Somatic Gene Mutations in Decitabine Treated Patients

Clearance of $TP53_{mu}$ Clones
Somatic Mutation

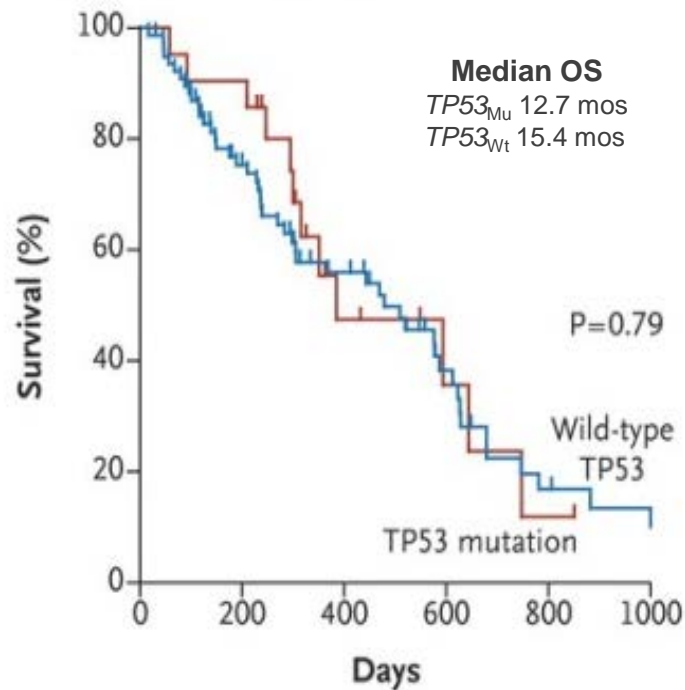


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Overall Survival by TP53 Mutation Status

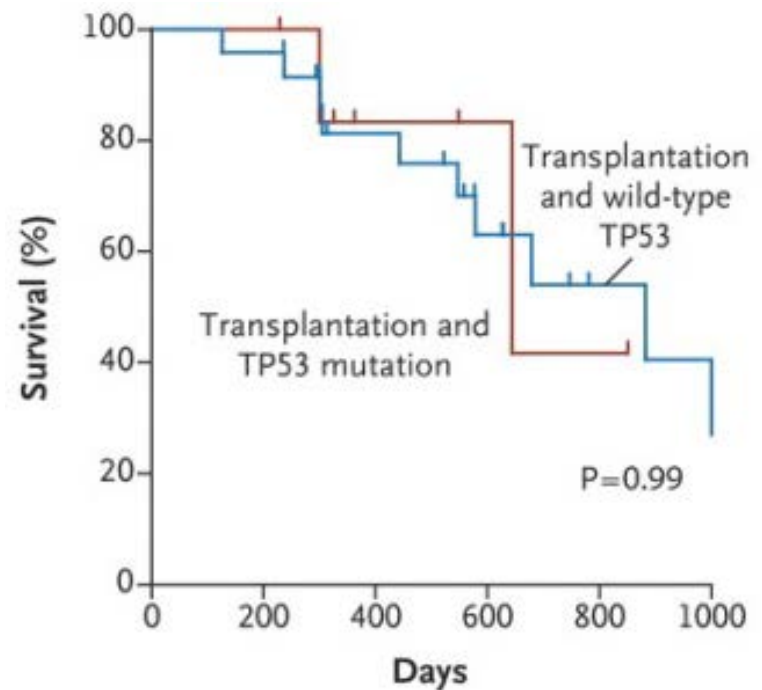
OS in $TP53_{mu}$ vs. Wt



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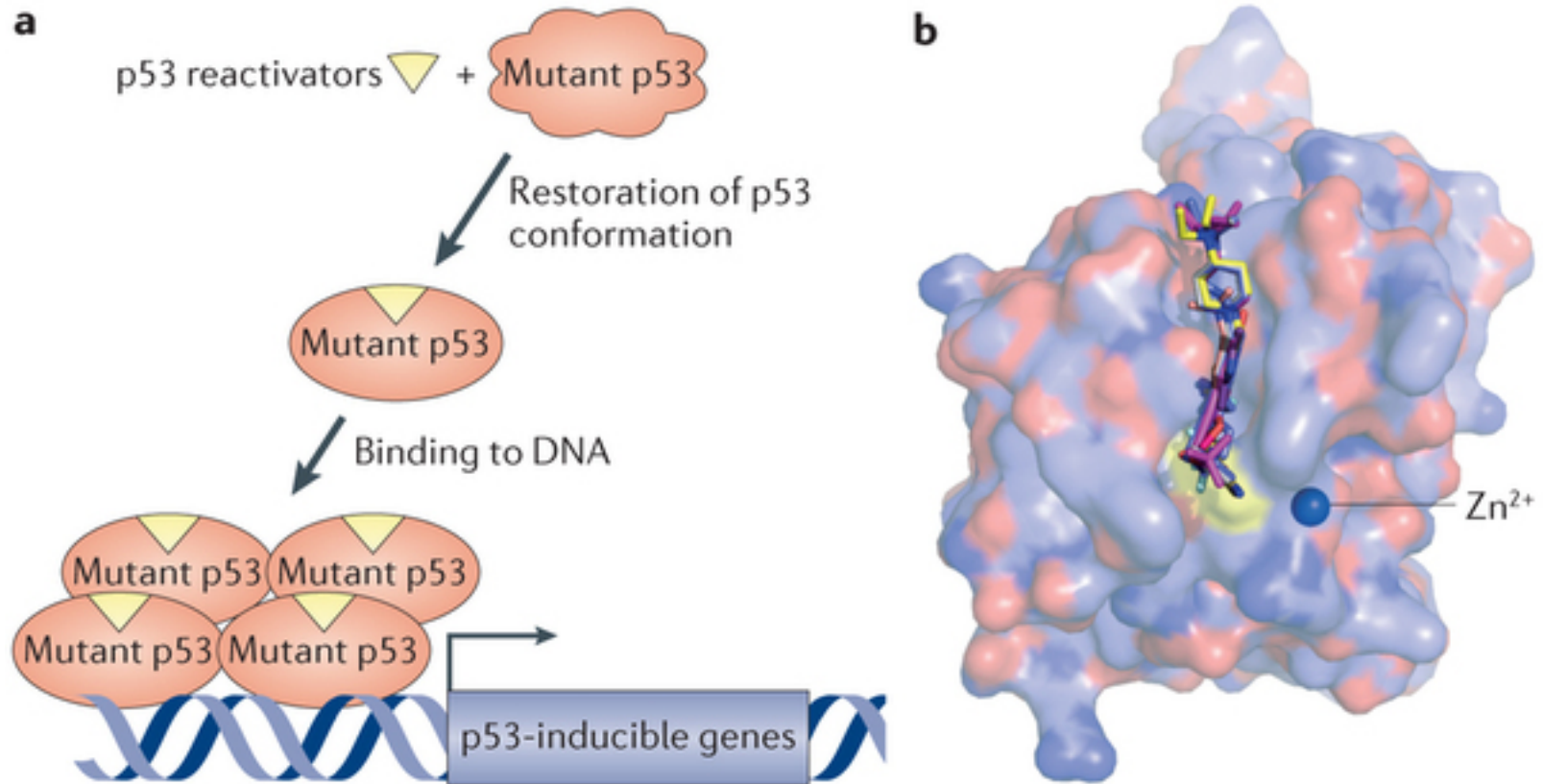
$TP53$ mutation	21	20	7	4	2
Wild-type $TP53$	78	51	31	16	7

OS with HSCT by $TP53$



7	7	4	3	2
24	24	16	10	5

APR-246 Restores Wild-type p53 Function



Enasidenib in m/*IDH2* MDS: Response

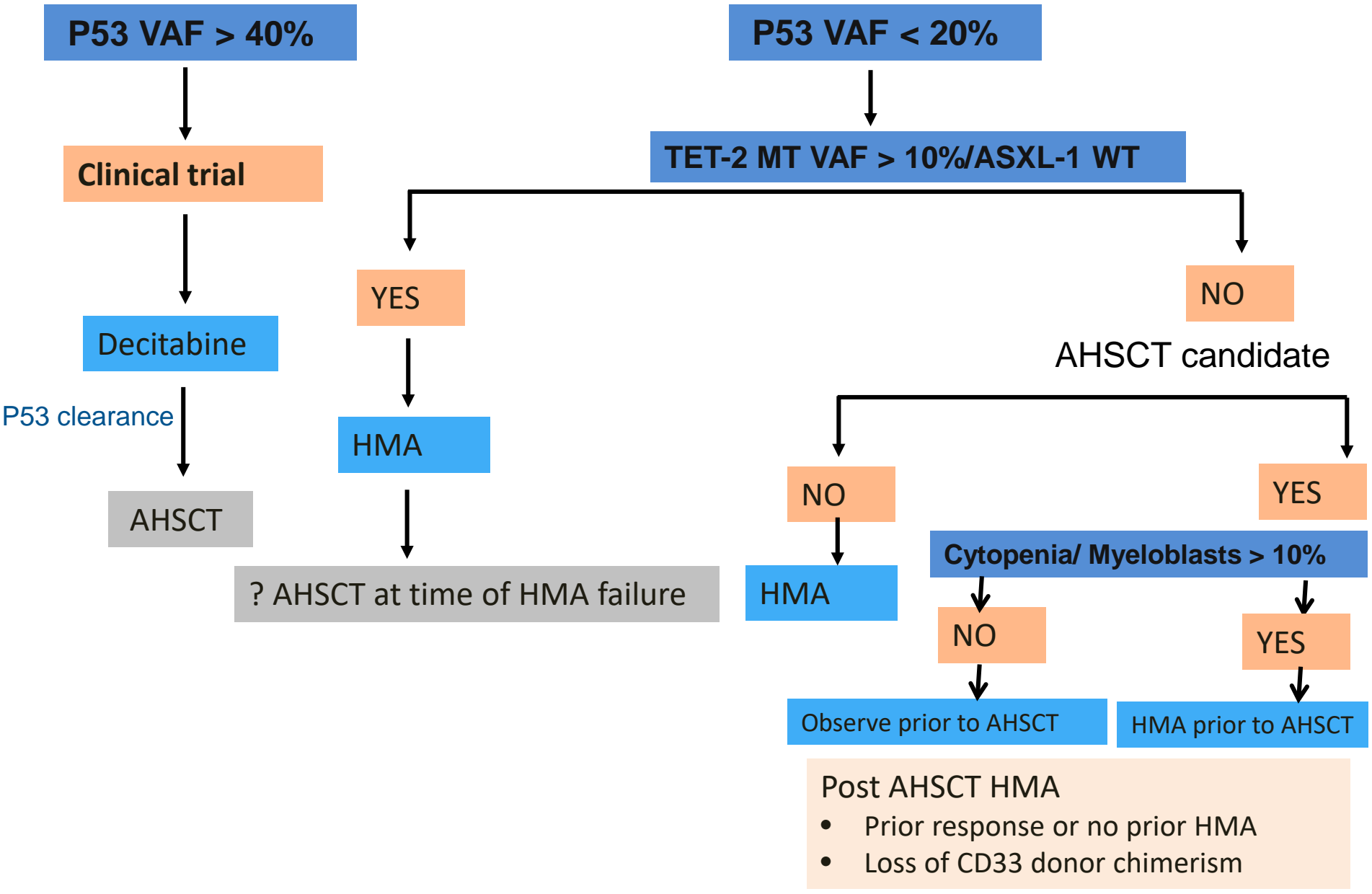
Response, n/N (%)	MDS Pts (N = 17)
ORR*	10/17 (59)
CR†	1/11 (9)
PR†	1/11 (9)
mCR†	3/11 (27)
Any HI	
▪ Erythrocytes	5/17 (29)
▪ Platelets	3/15 (20)
▪ Neutrophils	4/12 (33)
▪ Trilineage improvement	4/10 (40)
▪ Bilineage improvement	2/5 (40)

- 7 of 13 pts (54%) with prior HMA responded to enasidenib
- Median time to response: 21 days (range: 10-87)

*CR + PR + mCR + HI.

†Investigator-assessed; pts had ≥ 5% BM blasts at BL.

Proposal for HR-MDS Treatment Algorithm





only perfect counts

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