

How to Manage Myelodysplasia: Biomarkers and Novel Treatments

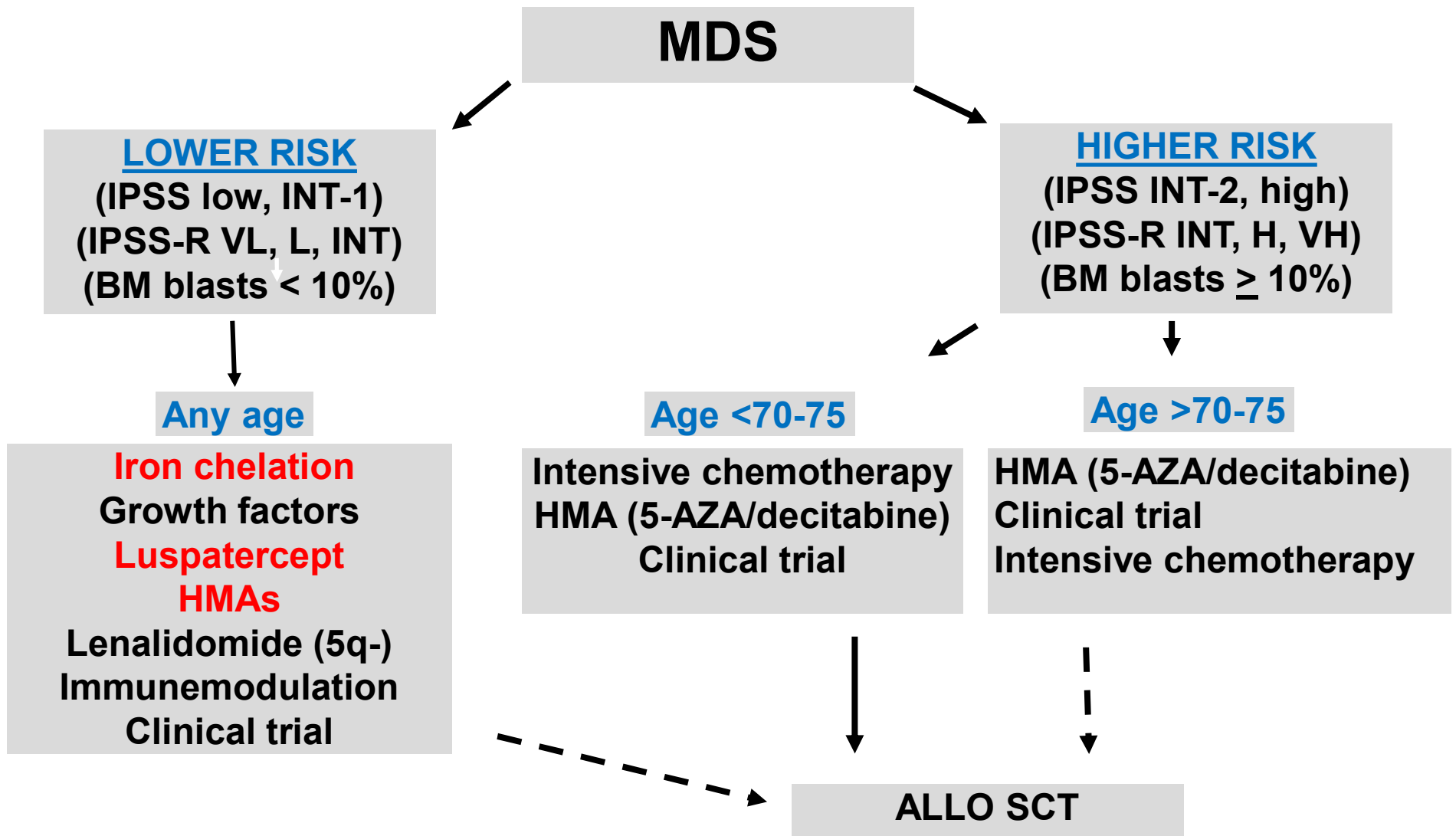
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(Slow) progress in MDS

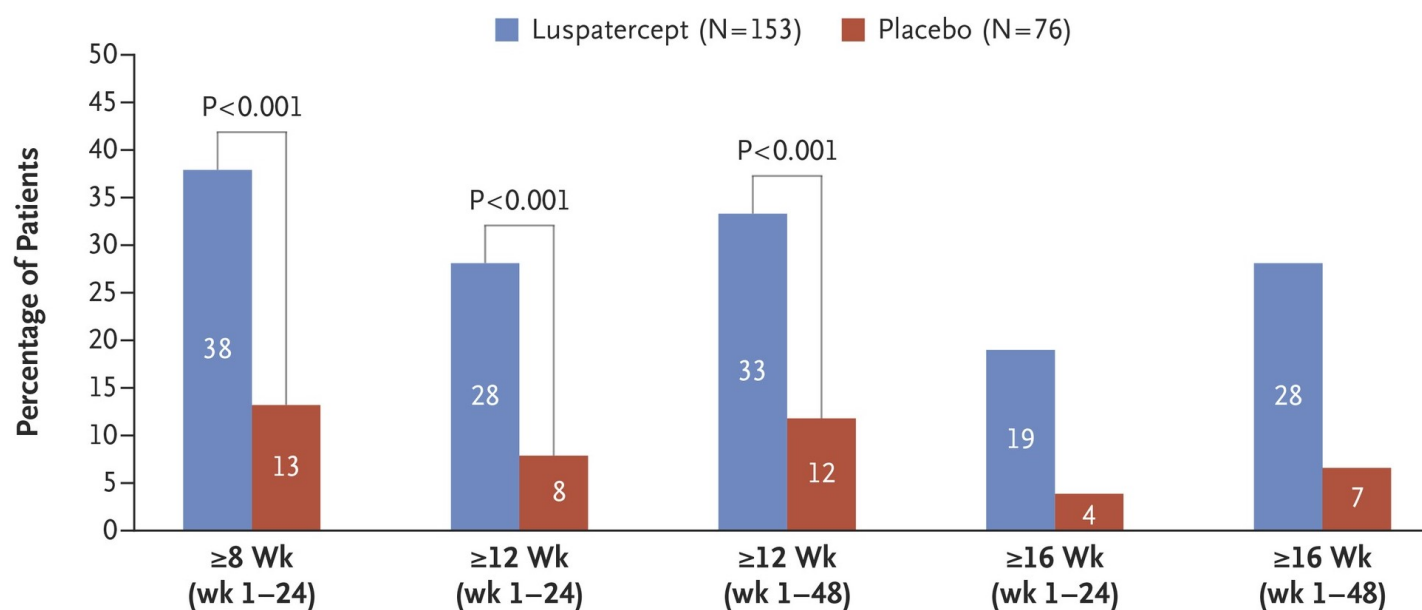
- **Chronological order of discoveries in MDS:**
- **IPSS classification: 1997**
- **Approval of azacitidine: 2004**
- **Approval of lenalidomide: 2005**
- **Approval of decitabine: 2006**
- **Improved cytogenetic classification: 2012**
- **Application of NGS assays in MDS: 2013**
- **Approval of luspatercept 2020**
- **Approval oral decitabine 2020**

Proposed treatment algorithm for patients with MDS 2020



MEDALIST Trial

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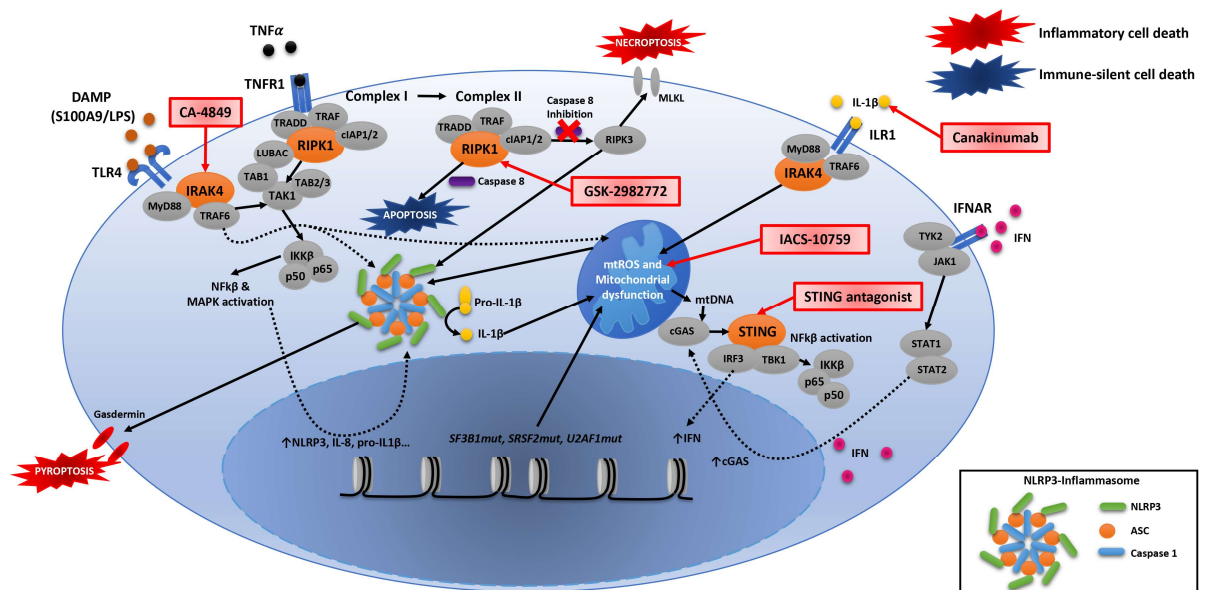


No. of Patients with Response (% [95% CI])

Luspatercept	58 (38 [30-46])	43 (28 [21-36])	51 (33 [26-41])	29 (19 [13-26])	43 (28 [21-36])
Placebo	10 (13 [6-23])	6 (8 [3-16])	9 (12 [6-21])	3 (4 [1-11])	5 (7 [2-15])

New approaches for anemia in MDS

- **COMMANDS: testing luspatercept in LR MDS against ESA**
- **Combinations of luspatercept with ESA, len, HMA in LR and HR-MDS**
- **New approaches:**
 - Imetelstat
 - Roxadustat



DAC vs. AZA in LR-MDS. Response (IWG)

Response	DAC (N=70) n (%)	AZA (N=39) n (%)	<i>P</i>
CR	26 (37)	14 (36)	0.90
mCR	6 (9)	2 (5)	
HI	17 (24)	3 (8)	
ORR	49 (70)	19 (49)	0.03
SD	18 (26)	17 (44)	
PD	3 (4)	3 (8)	

Median number of cycles: 9 (range: 1-41)

Oral HMAs in MDS

- Two approaches to oral HMA development
- Combined with cytidine deaminase inhibitor
 - Cedazuridine (**ASTX727**, ASTX030)
 - Tetrahydrouridine
- Single agent uncombined (CC-486)
- Significant differences in PK profile

Pharmacokinetic Exposure Equivalence and Preliminary Efficacy and Safety from a Randomized Cross-Over Phase 3 Study (ASCERTAIN) of an Oral Hypomethylating Agent ASTX727 (cedazuridine/decitabine) Compared to IV Decitabine

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ASTX727 (cedazuridine/decitabine): Background

- Current HMA treatment poses significant patient burden due to 5–7 days per month of parenteral administration in a clinic setting
- Oral bioavailability of HMAs decitabine and azacitidine is limited due to rapid degradation by CDA in the gut and liver



- Cedazuridine is a novel, potent, and safe CDA inhibitor
 - Large safety margin, with no adverse events at up to 200 mg/kg in monkeys (~2400 mg/m² human equivalent)

Primary Endpoint (5-day Decitabine AUC Equivalence)

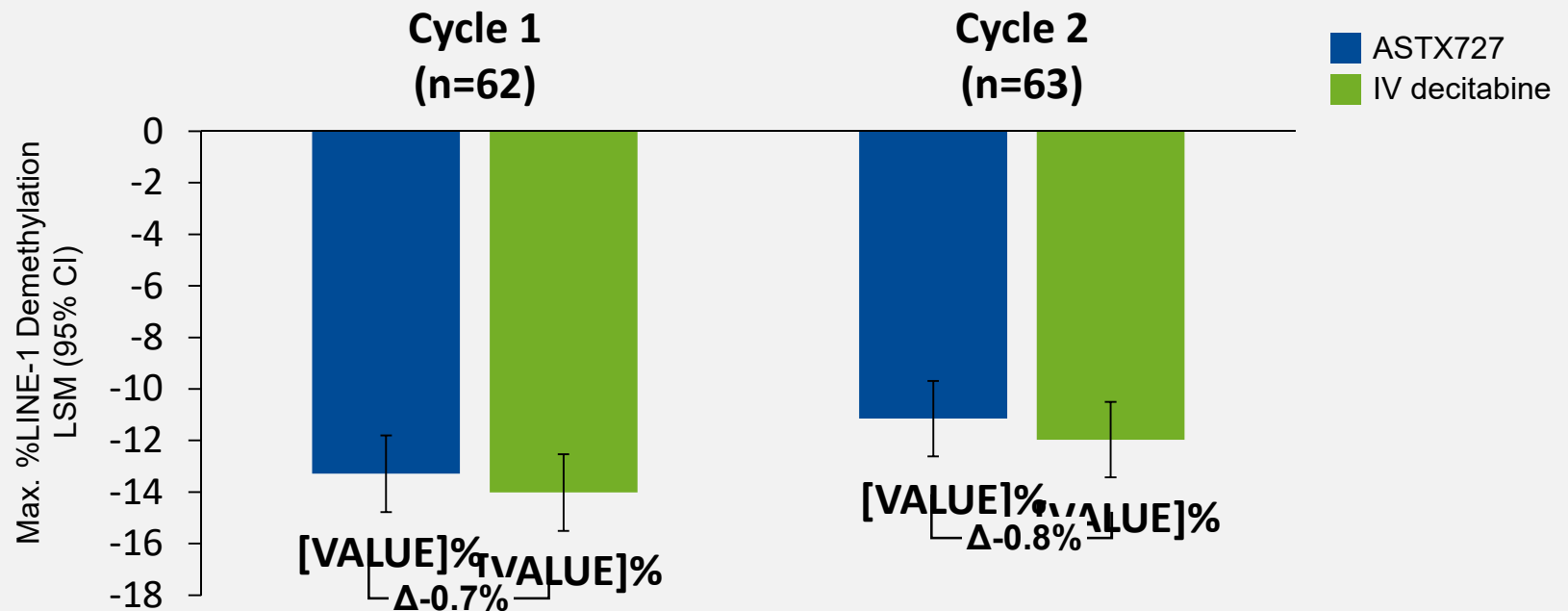
Decitabine 5-day AUC ₀₋₂₄ (h·ng/mL)		IV DEC		Oral ASTX727		Ratio of Geo. LSM Oral/IV, % (90% CI)	Intrasubject (%CV)
		N	Geo. LSM	N	Geo. LSM		
Primary Analysis	Paired¹	123	864.9	123	855.7	98.9 (92.7, 105.6)	31.7

¹ Paired patient population: patients who received both ASTX727 and IV decitabine in the randomized first 2 cycles with adequate PK samples.

- Study met its primary endpoint with high confidence: Oral/IV 5-day decitabine AUC ~99% with 90% CI of ~93-106%
- All Sensitivity and secondary PK AUC analyses confirmed findings from primary analysis

Pharmacodynamics

(*LINE-1* DNA Demethylation in Cycles 1 and 2)



- No significant difference in % *LINE-1* DNA demethylation between ASTX727 and IV decitabine (<1% difference in each cycle)

Efficacy: Preliminary Response in MDS/CMML Central Review by Independent Review Committee (IRC)

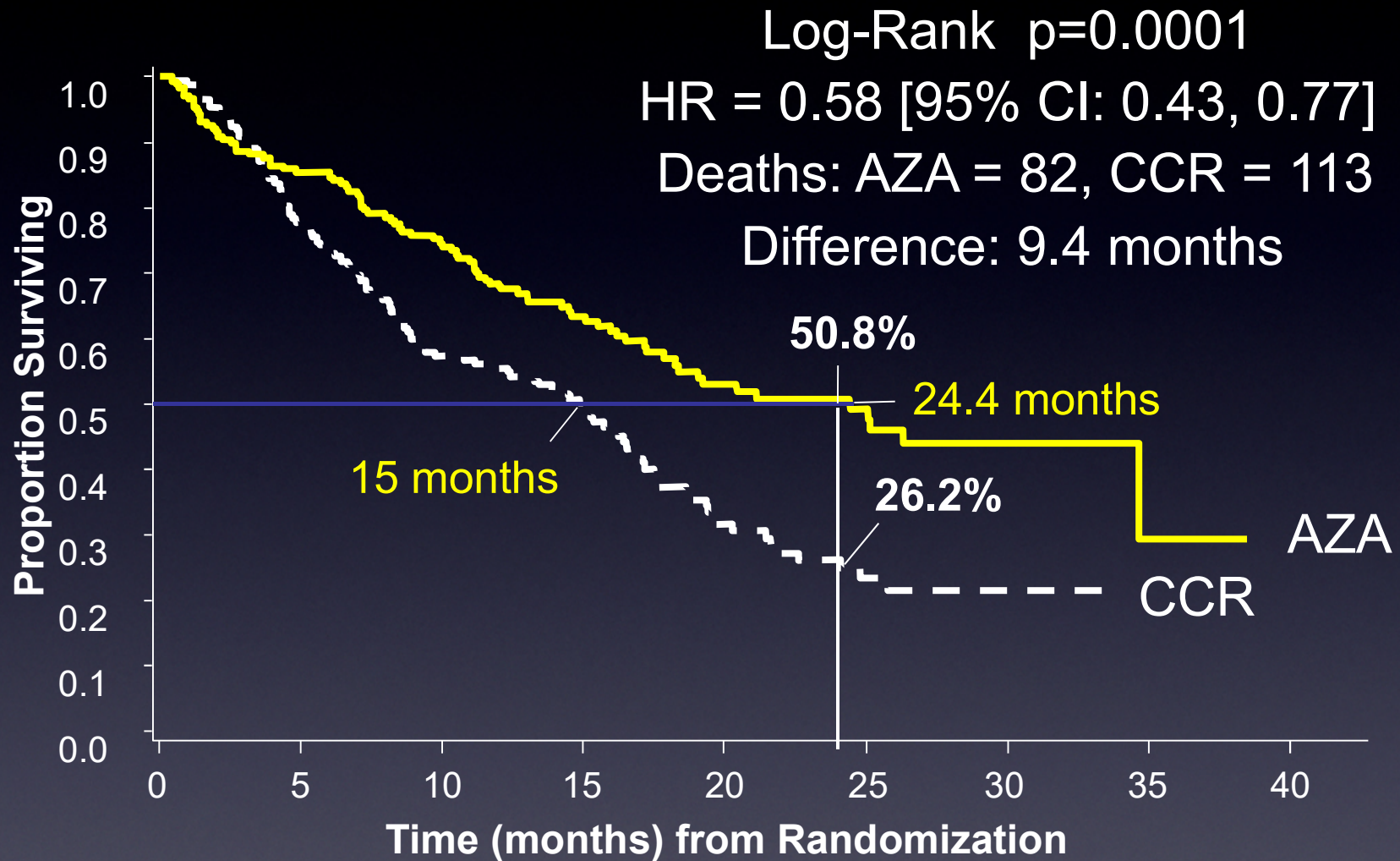
	Evaluable Patients ¹ N=101 n (%)
Complete response (CR)	12 (11.9%)
Partial response (PR)	0
Marrow CR (mCR)	46 (45.5%)
mCR with hematologic improvement	14 (13.9%)
Hematologic improvement (HI)	7 (5.3%)
HI-erythroid	2 (2.0%)
HI-neutrophils	1 (1.0%)
HI-platelet	6 (5.9%)
Overall response (CR + PR + mCR + HI)	65 (64.4%)
Stable disease	28 (27.7%)
Progressive disease	8 (7.9%)

¹ Due to short median follow up (~ 5 months) at data cutoff, 32 patients could not be evaluated for response by the Central IRC. Response was assessed by IWG 2006 criteria
Longer term follow up response assessment and molecular/cytogenetic analyses are pending

Incorporation of oral HMAs in MDS

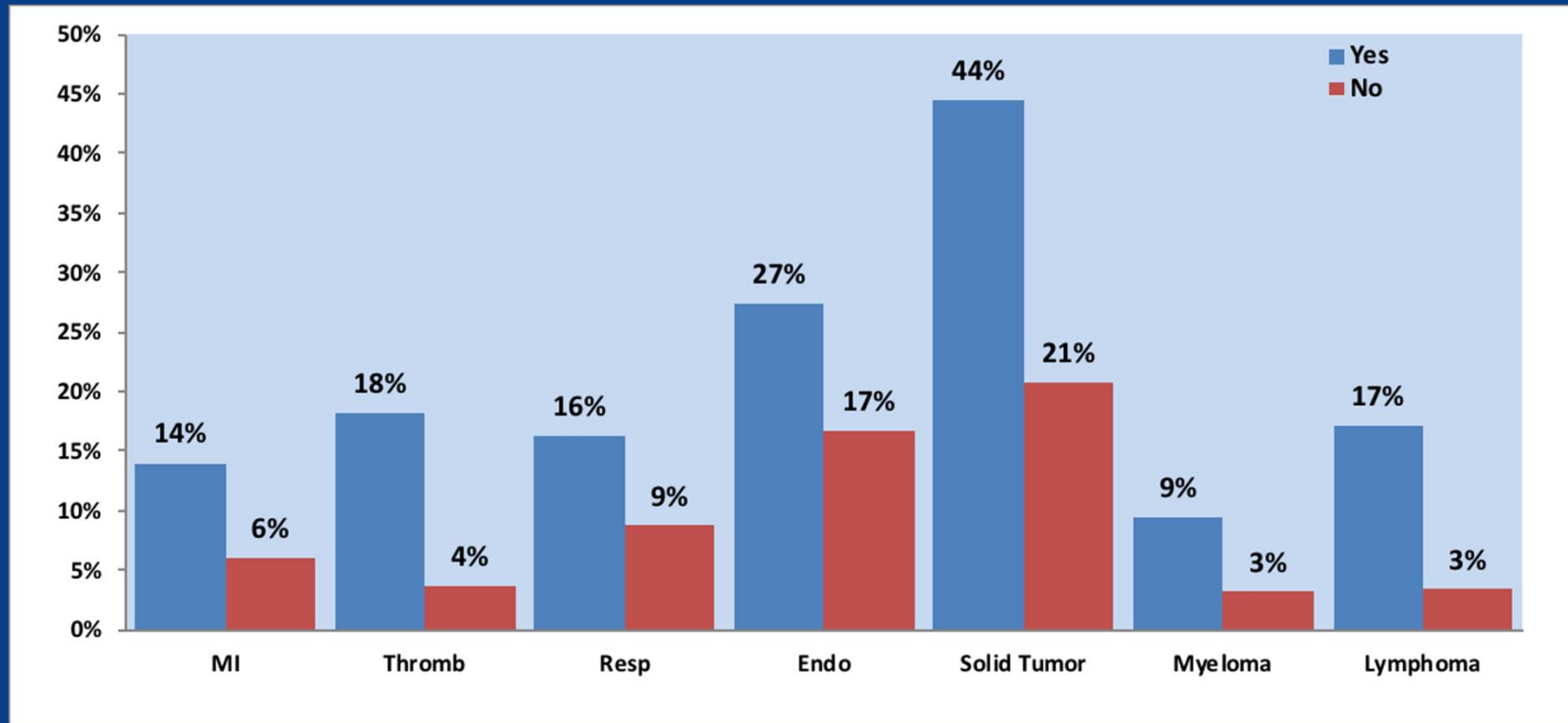
- **Expanded use in LR-MDS**
- **Replacing single agent azacitidine or decitabine (ASTX030, ASTX727, CC-486?)**
- **Multiple combinations: total oral therapy**
- **Role post alloSCT: total therapy in MDS**

Overall Survival: Azacitidine vs CCR ITT Population



CHIP mutations and comorbidities in MDS.

Comorbidities by mutations

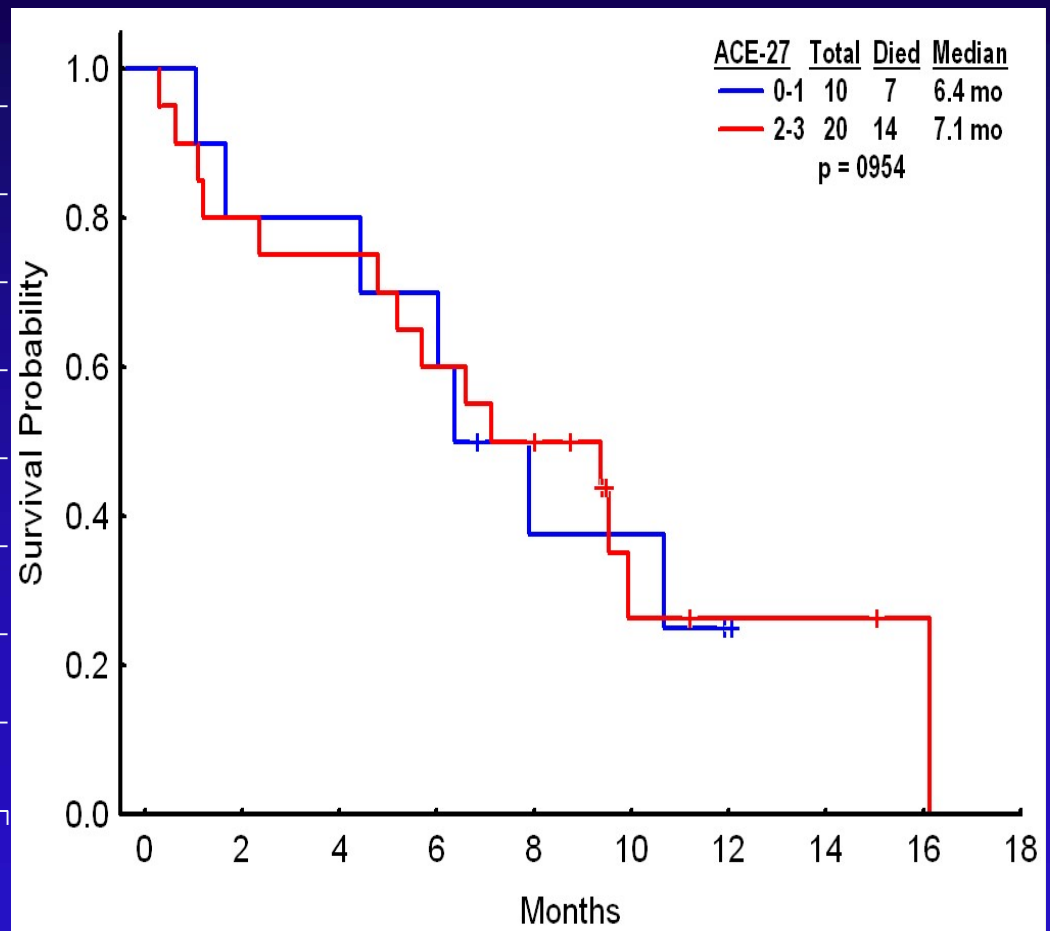
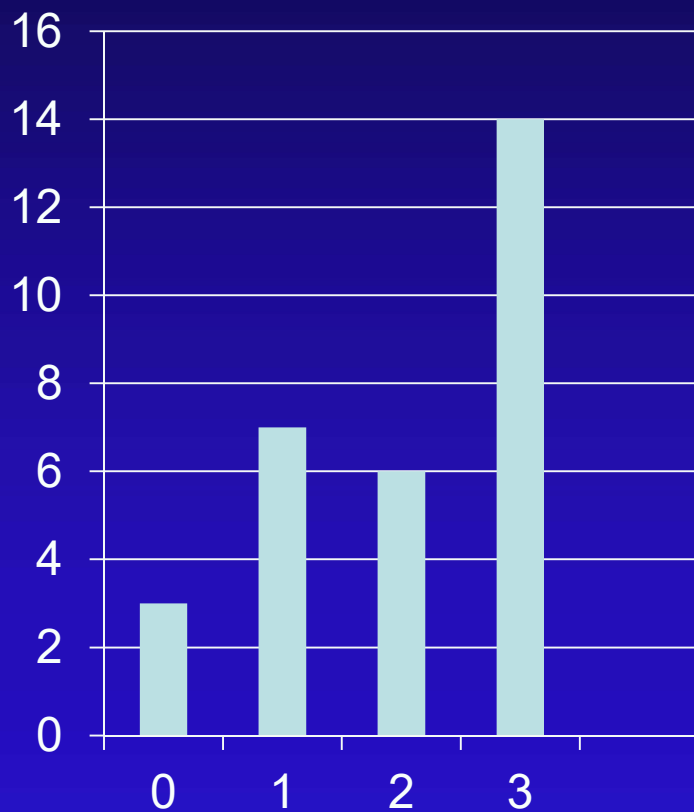


- *DNMT3A* was associated with a higher frequency of prior history of myocardial infarction (MI) (OR= 2.62; 95% CI 1.095-6.246; p=0.03)
- *JAK2* was associated with a higher frequency of prior history of veno-occlusive disease (OR= 6.48; 95% CI 1.375-30.477; p=0.02)
- *TP53* mutation was highly associated with history of prior malignancy

AZA+Vorinostat: Impact of Cormorbidity

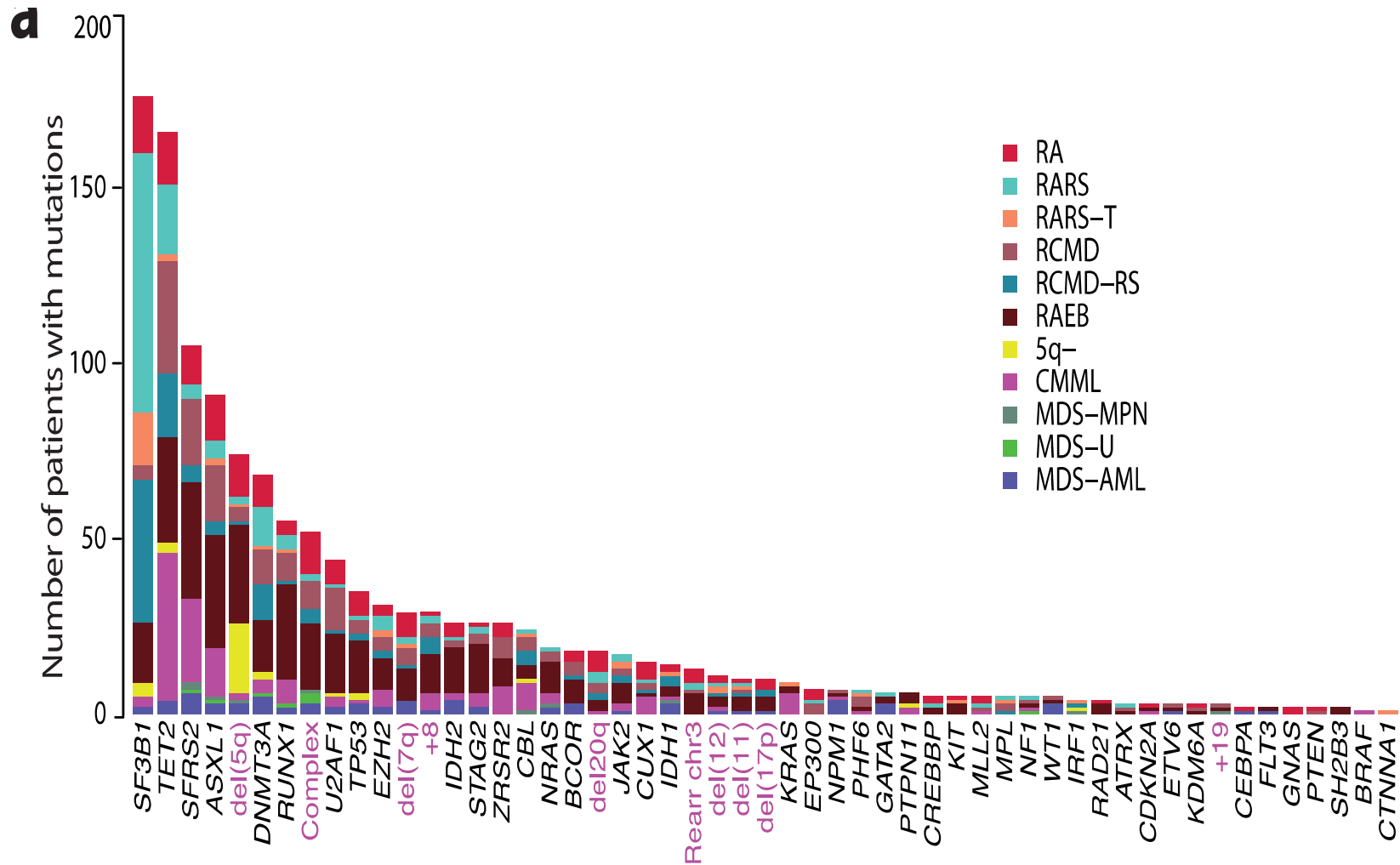
Median ACE-27 score in CR vs no-response: 2 vs 2.5

ACE-27 SCORE



Montalban-Bravo; Leukemia 2017

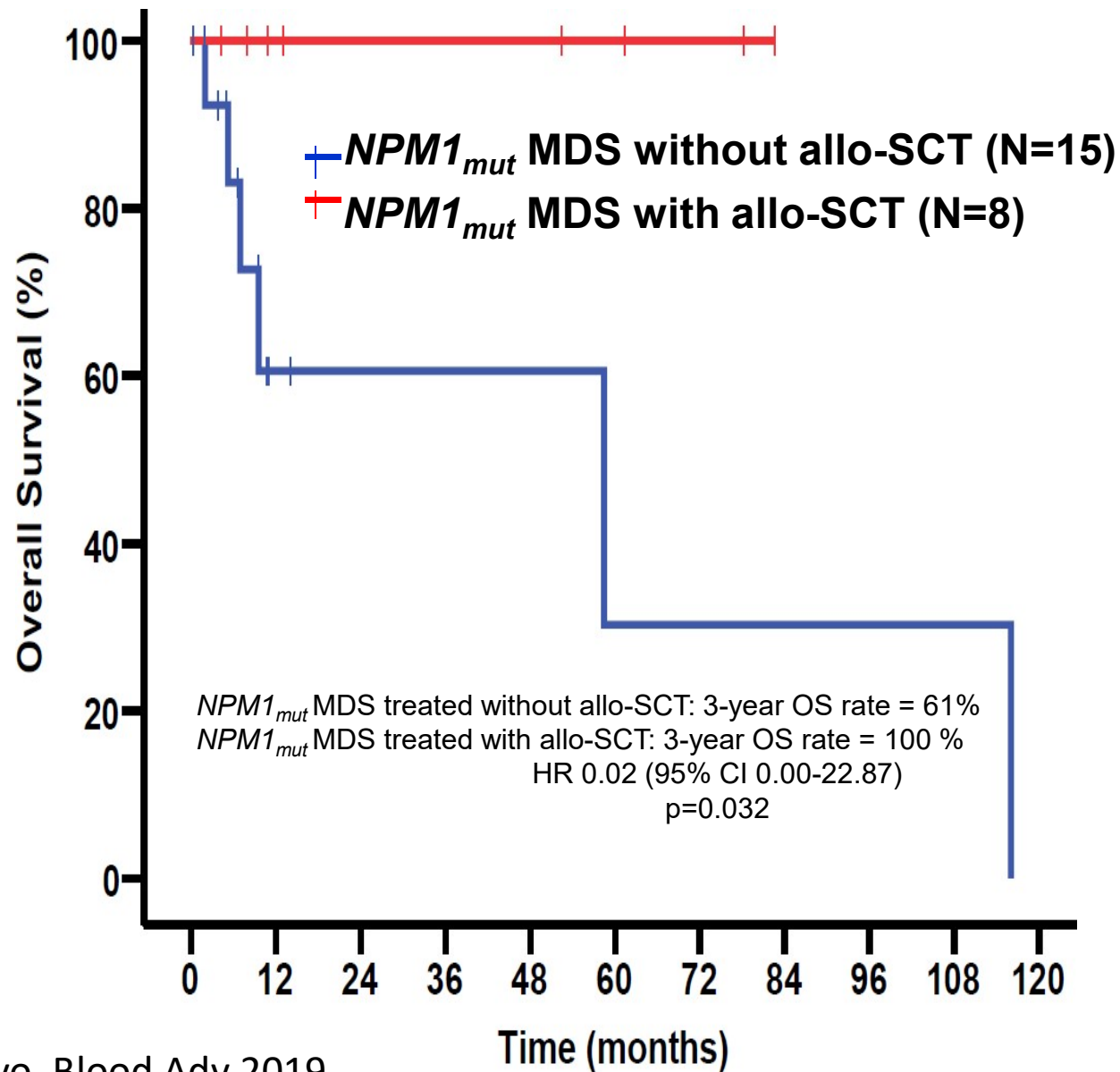
Genomics of MDS



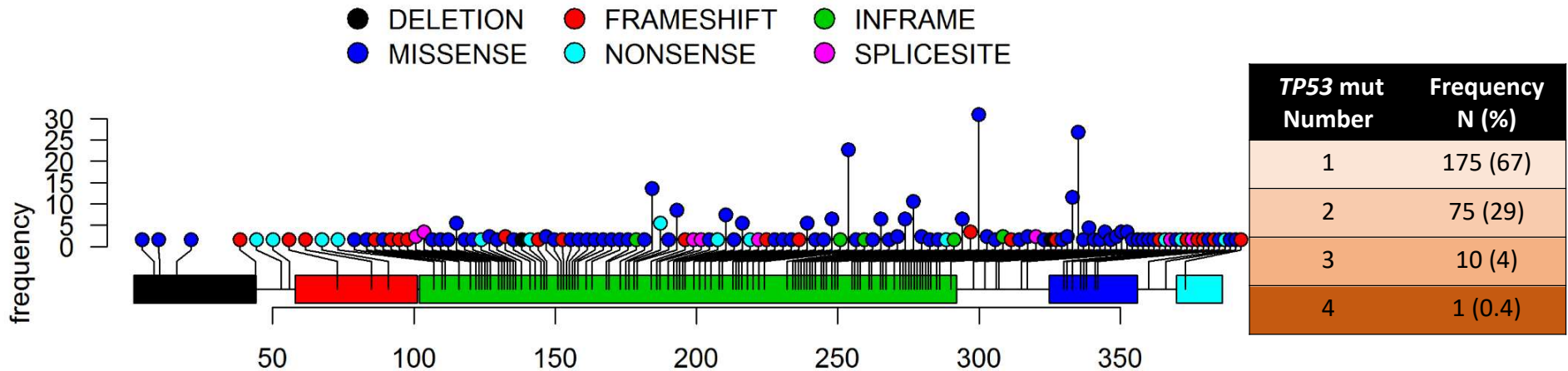
Targeted options in MDS

- IDH-2
- IDH-1
- Flt-3
- BCL-2
- CD47
- TP53
- NPM1
- NEDD8 (pevonidostat)
- ICPI/TIM-3 (sabatolimab)

NPM1 in MDS: Survival Outcomes



Distribution of Mutations in patients with *TP53* mutated MDS



- 396 *TP53* mutations: 309 (78%) missense, 28 (7%) nonsense, 37 (9%) frameshift and 18 (5%) splice-site
- Median VAF 39% (range 1-94%)
- Most prevalent: R273H (n=18, 0.05%), Y220C (n=16, 0.04%), R248W (n=14, 0.04%), R175H (n=13, 0.03%)

Phase 1b/2 Combination Study of APR-246 and Azacitidine (AZA) in Patients with *TP53* Mutant Myelodysplastic Syndromes (MDS) and Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML)

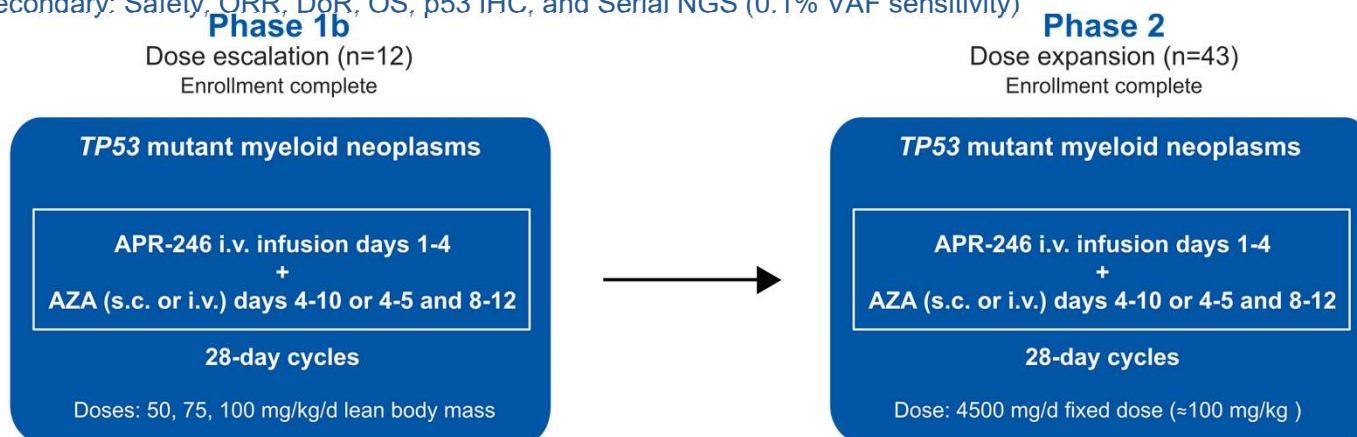
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APR-426: Frontline Combination Therapy with APR-246 + Azacitidine: Study Design and Objectives

- IIT evaluating frontline APR-246 + azacitidine in *TP53* MT HMA-naïve MDS, oligoblastic AML ($\leq 30\%$ blasts) and MDS-MPN
- Phase 1b Results (Sallman D et al., ASH 2018)
 - RP2D of 4500mg/day days 1-4 (~ 100 mg/kg LBM) + azacitidine (75mg/m²)
 - Manageable G1/G2 nausea and transient neurological AEs (dizziness/altered sensation) to APR-246; No DLTs
 - Activation of p53-dependent pathways following monotherapy treatment (1 mCR+partial cytogenetic remission in lead-in phase)
- Phase 2
 - Primary: CR rate
 - Secondary: Safety, ORR, DoR, OS, p53 IHC, and Serial NGS (0.1% VAF sensitivity)

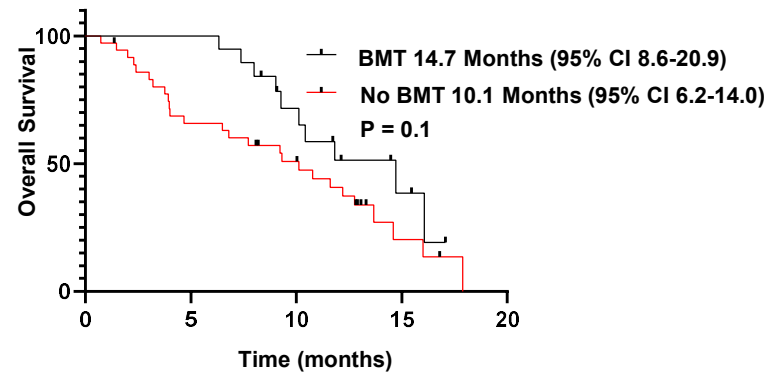
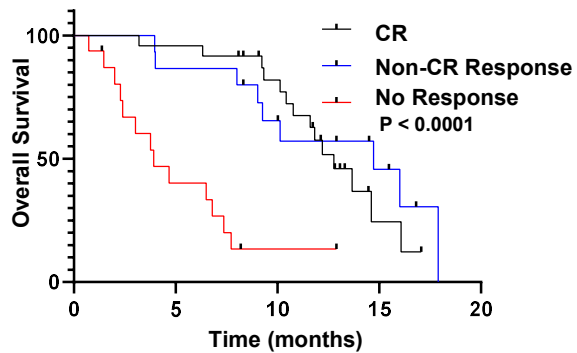
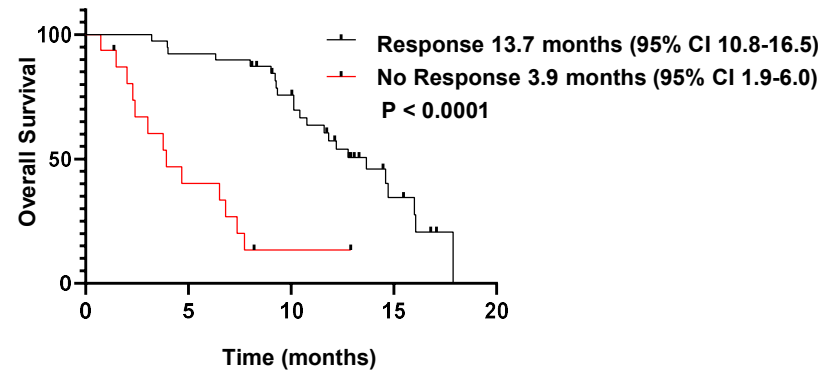
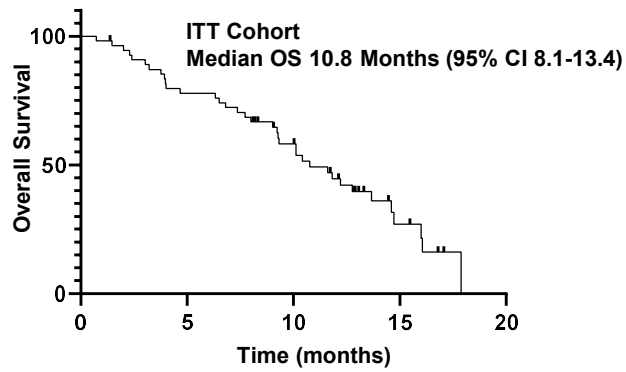


ClinicalTrials.gov NCT03072043; i.v., intravenous; s.c., subcutaneous; RP2D, recommended Phase 2 dose; CR, complete remission; DoR, duration of response; LBM, lean body mass

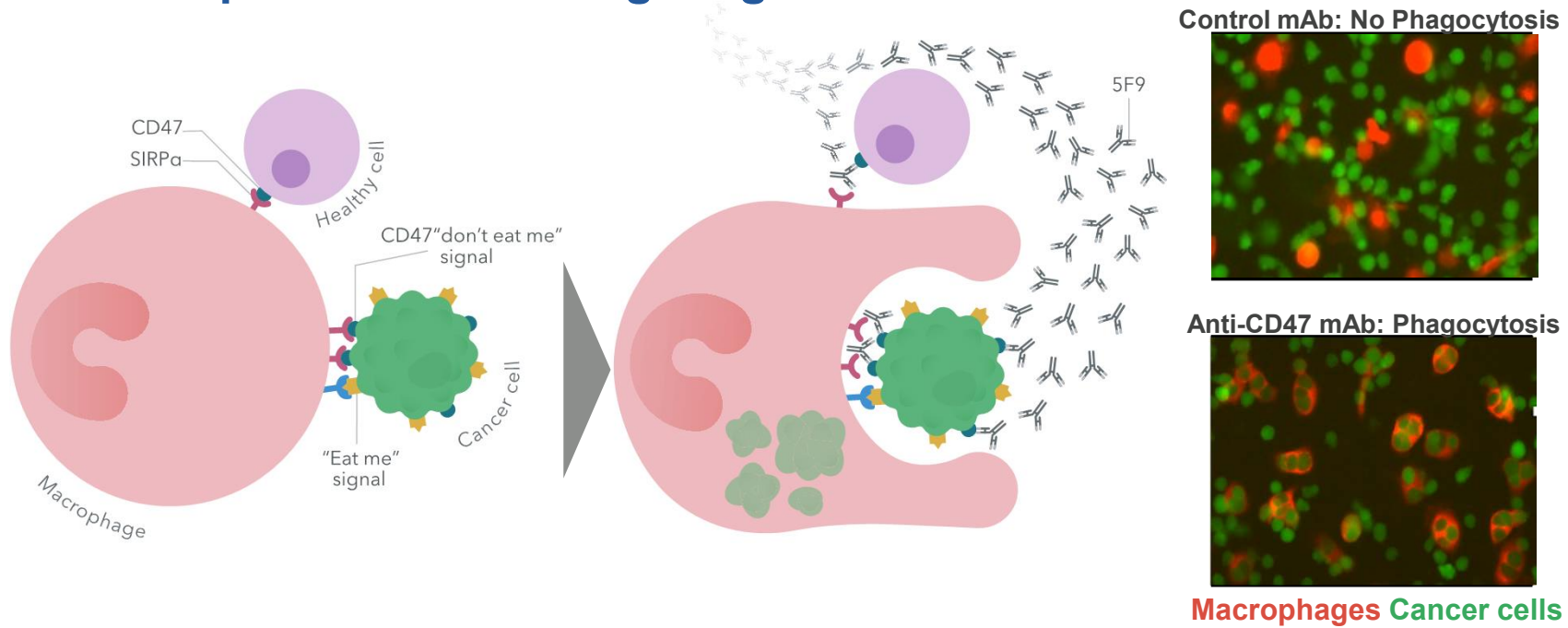
APR-426: Response to Treatment

	All Patients (N=55)	Evaluable Patients (N=45)
ORR, n (%) [95% CI]	39 (71) [57 – 82]	39 (87) [73 – 95]
Time to first response in months, median (range)		2.1 (0.1 – 5.4)
Duration of response in months, median [95% CI]		8.0 [6.5 – 11.2]
Best response by IWG, n (%)		
CR	24 (44)	24 (53)
PR	0 (0)	0 (0)
mCR + HI	8 (15)	8 (18)
mCR / MLFS	4 (7)	4 (9)
HI	3 (5)	3 (7)
SD	4 (7)	4 (7)
NR	11 (20)	1 (2)
PD	1 (2)	1 (2)
CR, n (%) [95% CI]	24 (44) [30 – 58]	24 (53) [38 – 68]
Time to CR in months, median (range)		3.1 (2.5 – 6.1)
Duration of CR in months, median [95% CI]		7.3 [5.8 – N.E.]
Cytogenetic response, n (%) [95% CI]		26/44 (59) [43 – 74]
Partial		8/44 (18) [8 – 33]
Complete		18/44 (41) [26 – 57]
TP53		
NGS negative, n (%)		20 (44)
Serial IHC ≤ 5%		22 (49)

APR-426: Overall Survival (ITT)



Magrolimab (Formerly 5F9) is a First-in-class Macrophage Immune Checkpoint Inhibitor Targeting CD47

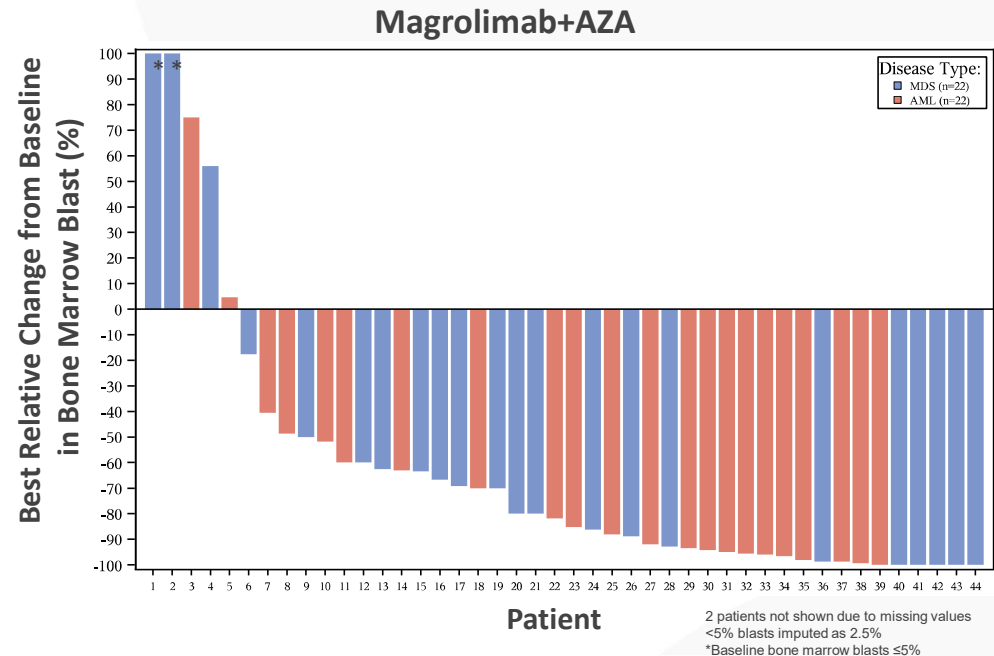


- Magrolimab is an IgG4 anti-CD47 monoclonal antibody being investigated in multiple cancers
- Magrolimab was well tolerated in a UK Phase 1 trial in r/r AML with no MTD reached (Vyas et al., EHA abs 2018)

Anti-Leukemic Activity is Observed with Magrolimab + AZA in MDS and AML

Best Overall Response	1L MDS N=24	1L AML N=22
ORR	22 (92%)	14 (64%)
CR	12 (50%)	9 (41%)
CRi	-	3 (14%)
PR	0	1 (5%)
MLFS/ marrow CR	8 (33%) 4 with marrow CR + HI	1 (5%)
Hematologic improvement (HI)	2 (8%)	-
SD	2 (8%)	7 (32%)
PD	0	1 (5%)

Response assessments per 2006 IWG MDS criteria and 2017 AML ELN criteria; Patients with at least one post-treatment response assessment are shown, all other patients are on therapy and are too early for first response assessment, except for 2 MDS patients not evaluable (withdrawal of consent) and 3 AML (1 AE, 2 early withdrawal)
“-” not applicable



- Magrolimab + AZA induces a 92% ORR (50% CR) in MDS and 64% ORR (55% CR/CRi) in AML
- Median time to response is 1.9 months, more rapid than AZA alone
- Magrolimab + AZA efficacy compares favorably to AZA monotherapy

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Preliminary Results from the Phase II Study of the IDH2-Inhibitor Enasidenib (AG-221) in Patients with High-Risk *IDH2*-Mutated Myelodysplastic Syndromes (MDS)

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Response rates

	Total (N = 31)	Arm A (Untreated) AZA + ENA (N = 13)	Arm B (HMA-failure) ENA (N = 18)
Overall response rate (ORR), n (%)	21 (68)	11 (85)	10 (56)
Complete remission (CR)	8 (26)	3 (23)	5 (28)
Partial remission (PR)	1 (3)	0 (0)	1 (6)
Marrow CR (mCR)	9 (29)	7 (54)	2 (11)
Hematological improvement (HI) only	3 (10)	1 (8)	2 (11)
No response (NR), n (%)	10 (32)	2 (15)	8 (44)
Stable disease (SD)	9 (29)	2 (15)	7 (39)
Progressive disease (PD)	1 (3)	0 (0)	1 (6)

A Phase 1b Study Evaluating the Safety and Efficacy of Venetoclax in Combination with Azacitidine in Treatment-Naïve Patients with Higher-Risk Myelodysplastic Syndrome

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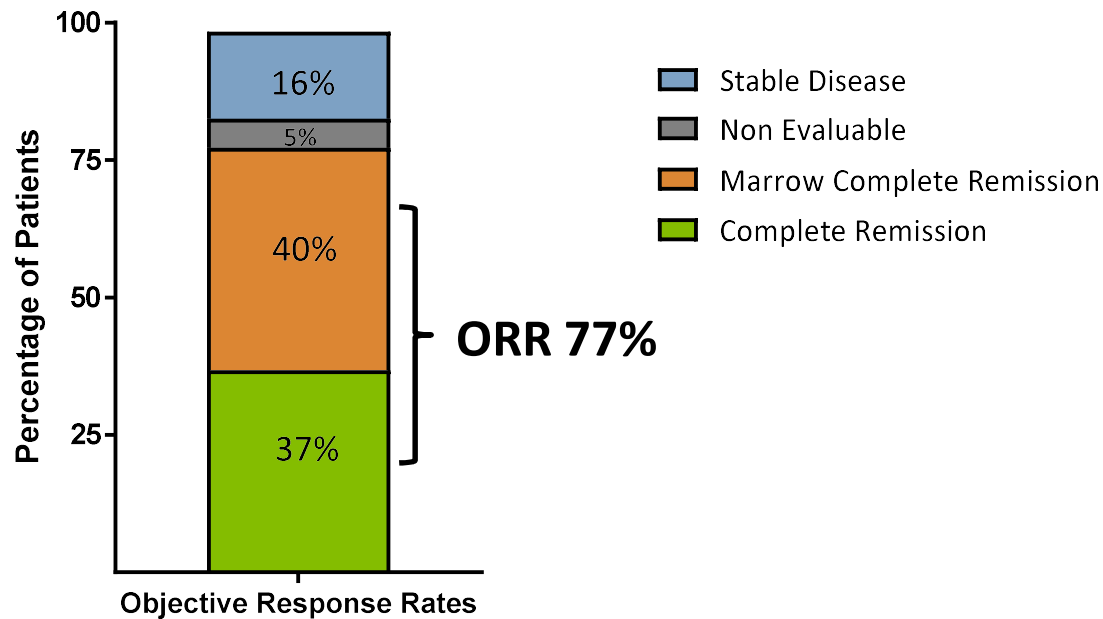
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Venetoclax: Response Rates (IWG 2006)

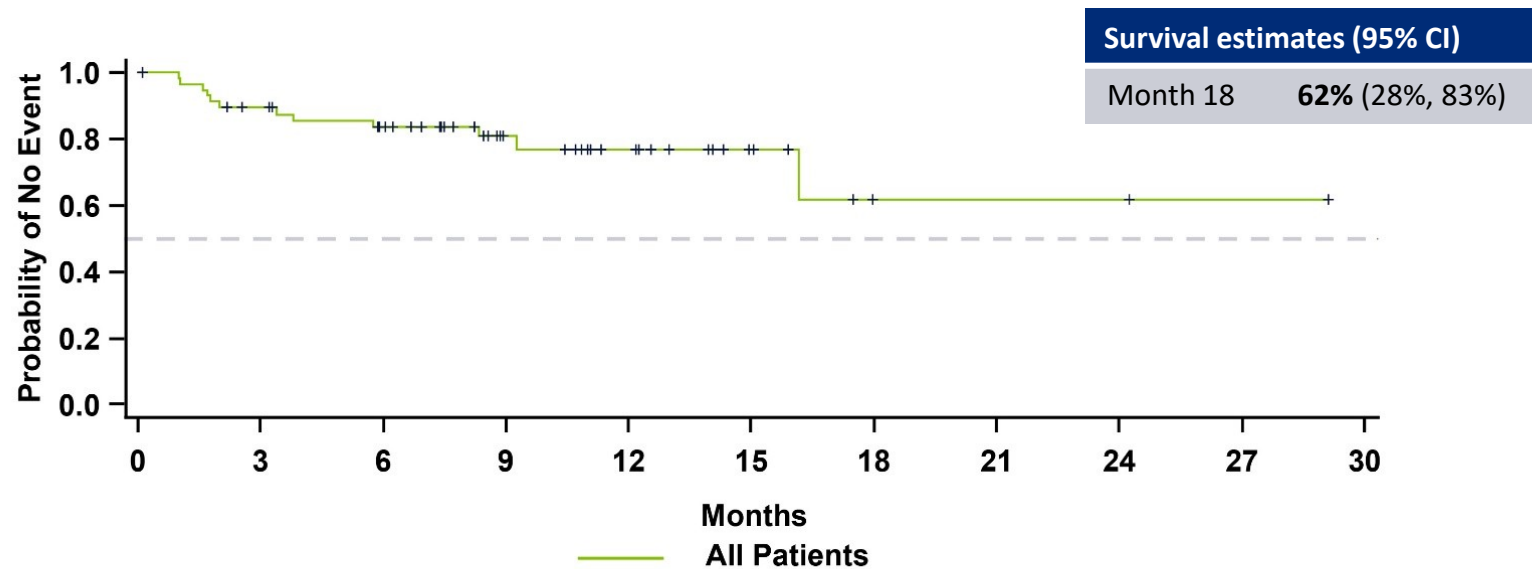


Proportion of patients with complete remission is 37% and marrow complete remission is 40%

Excludes patients of arm C (Aza only)

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Venetoclax: Overall Survival

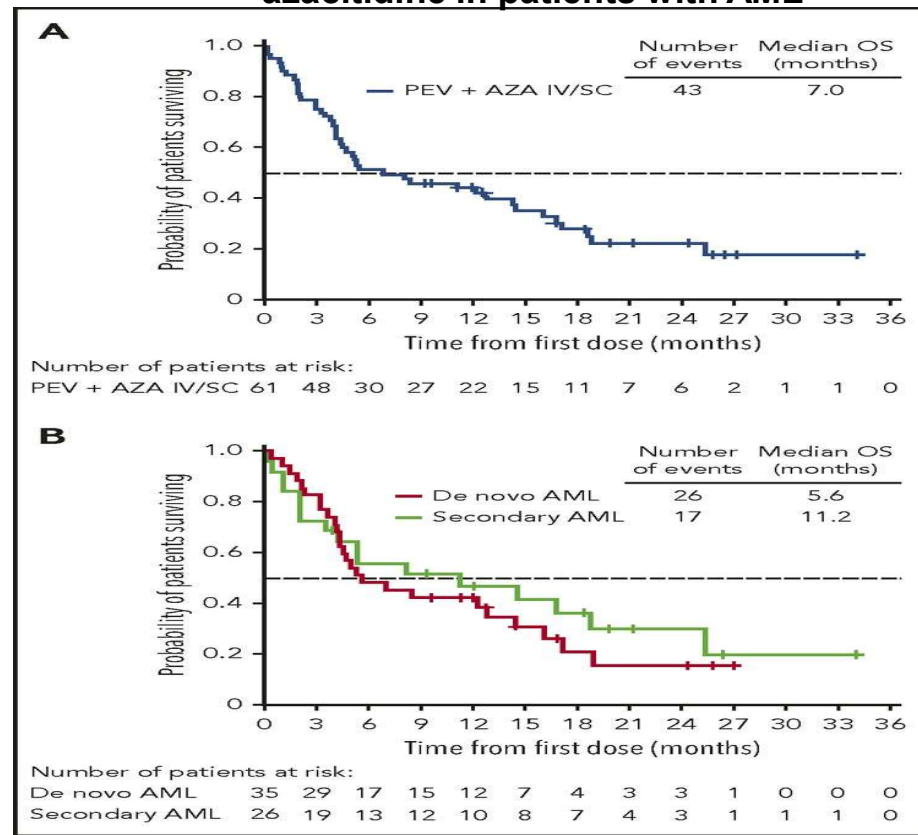


Number at Risk

All patients 57 47 40 22 15 7 2 2 2 1 0

Includes all patient that received Ven+Aza (excluding arm C) N=57

Pevonedistat, a first-in-class NEDD8-activating enzyme inhibitor, combined with azacitidine in patients with AML



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Phase Ib Study of the Anti-TIM-3 Antibody MBG453 in Combination With Decitabine in Patients With High-risk Myelodysplastic Syndrome and Acute Myeloid Leukemia

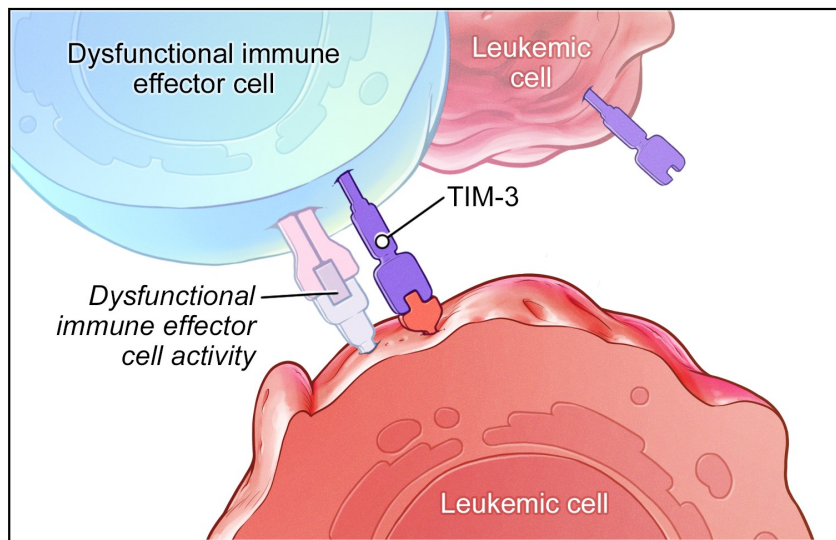
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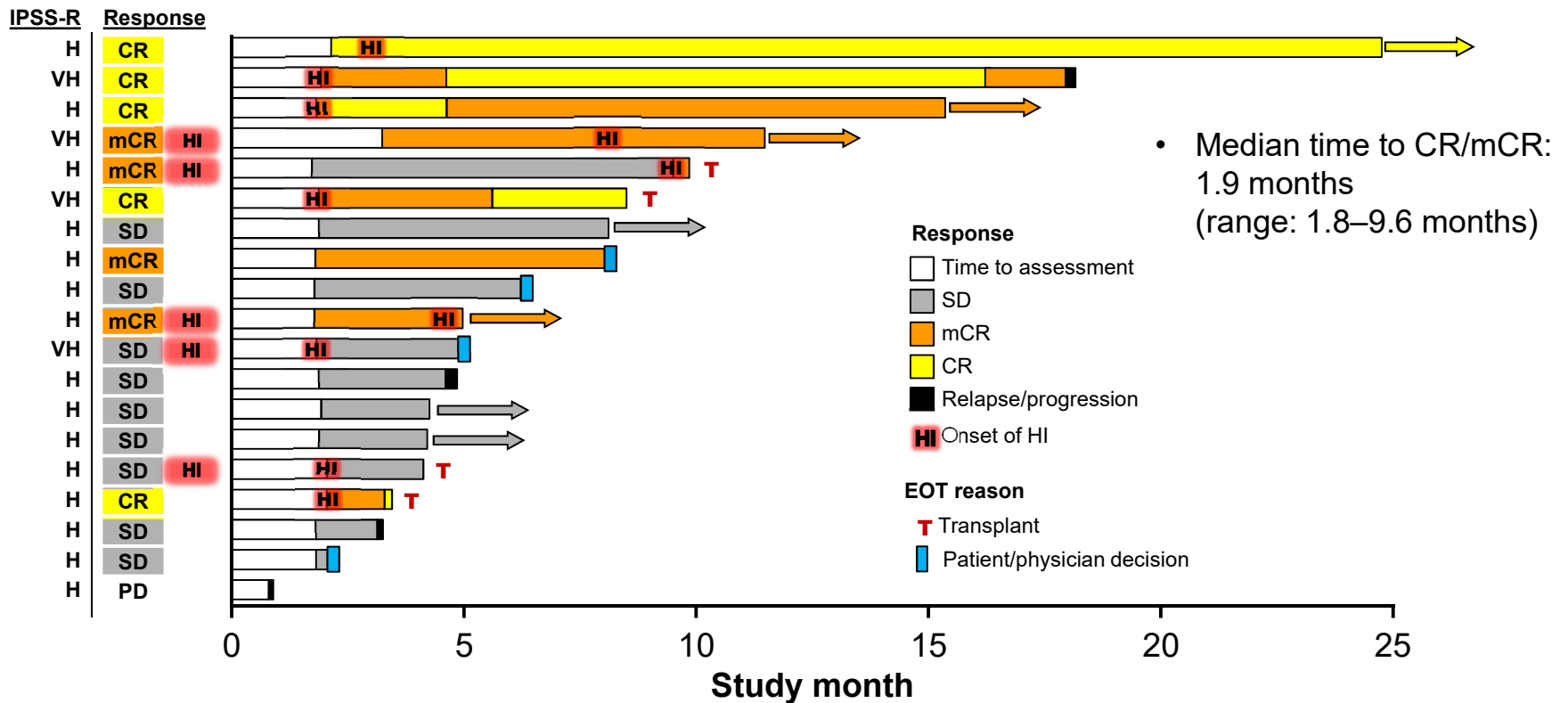
TIM-3: Cancer immunotherapy and leukemic stem cell target



- TIM-3 is an inhibitory receptor on multiple immune cell types, with a key role in regulating adaptive and innate immune responses^{1,2}
- TIM-3 is expressed on the majority of leukemic progenitors in AML, but not on normal HSCs^{3,4}
 - TIM-3 expression is seen to correlate with the severity of MDS and progression to AML⁵
 - TIM-3 activation is involved in LSC self-renewal and activation,⁶ as well as immune escape in AML⁷
- TIM-3 is a promising therapeutic target, providing an opportunity to both target leukemic stem cells and restore immune function^{4,8,9}

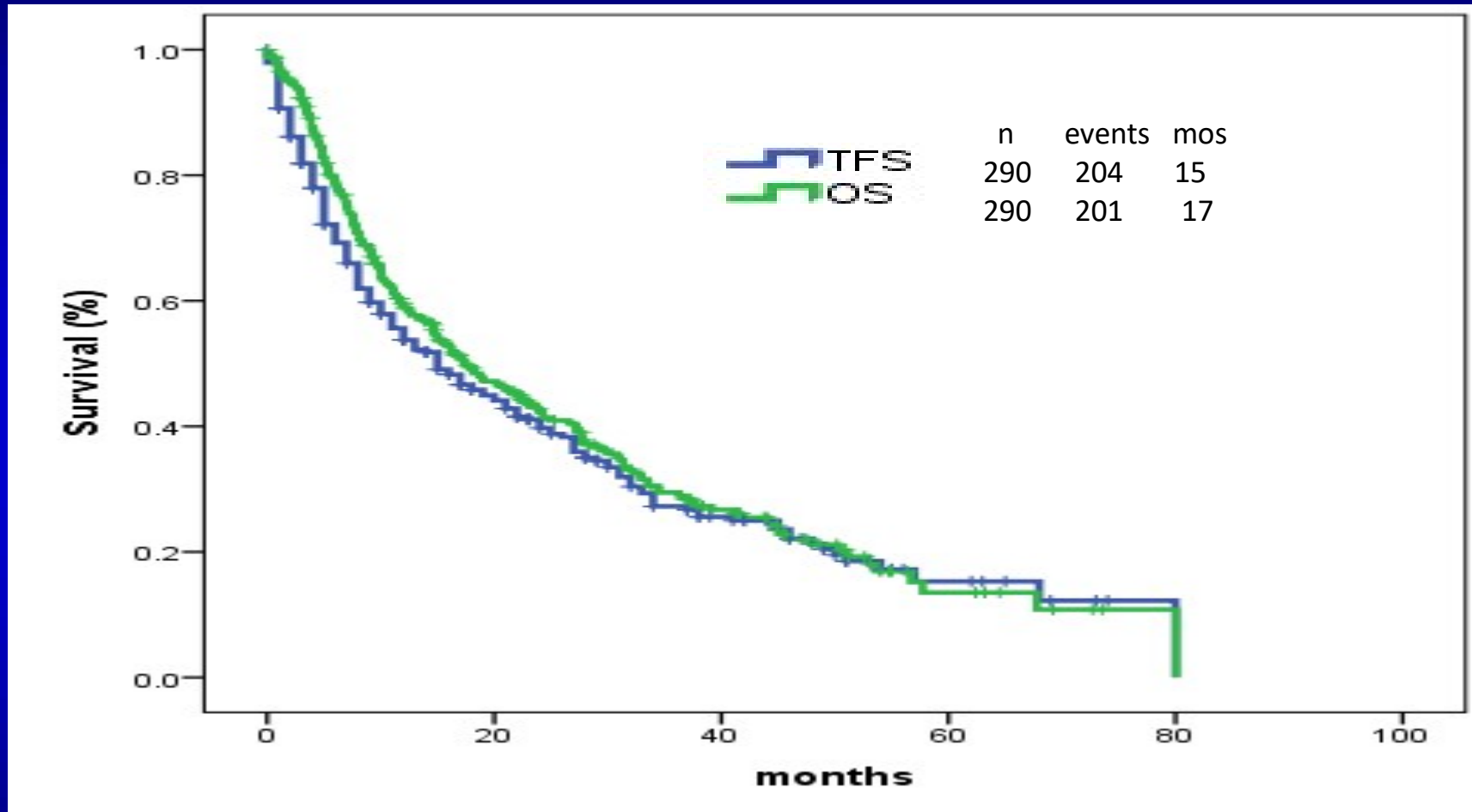
AML, acute myeloid leukemia; HSC, hematopoietic stem cell; LSC, leukemic stem cell; MDS, myelodysplastic syndrome; TIM-3, T-cell immunoglobulin domain and mucin domain-3.
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Early responses with encouraging durability in HR-MDS



CR, complete remission; EOT, end of treatment; H, high; HI, hematologic improvement; HR-MDS, high-risk myelodysplastic syndrome; IPSS-R, Revised international Prognostic Scoring System; mCR, bone marrow CR; PD, progressive disease; SD, stable disease; VH, very high.

LR MDS post HMA Failure. Outcome



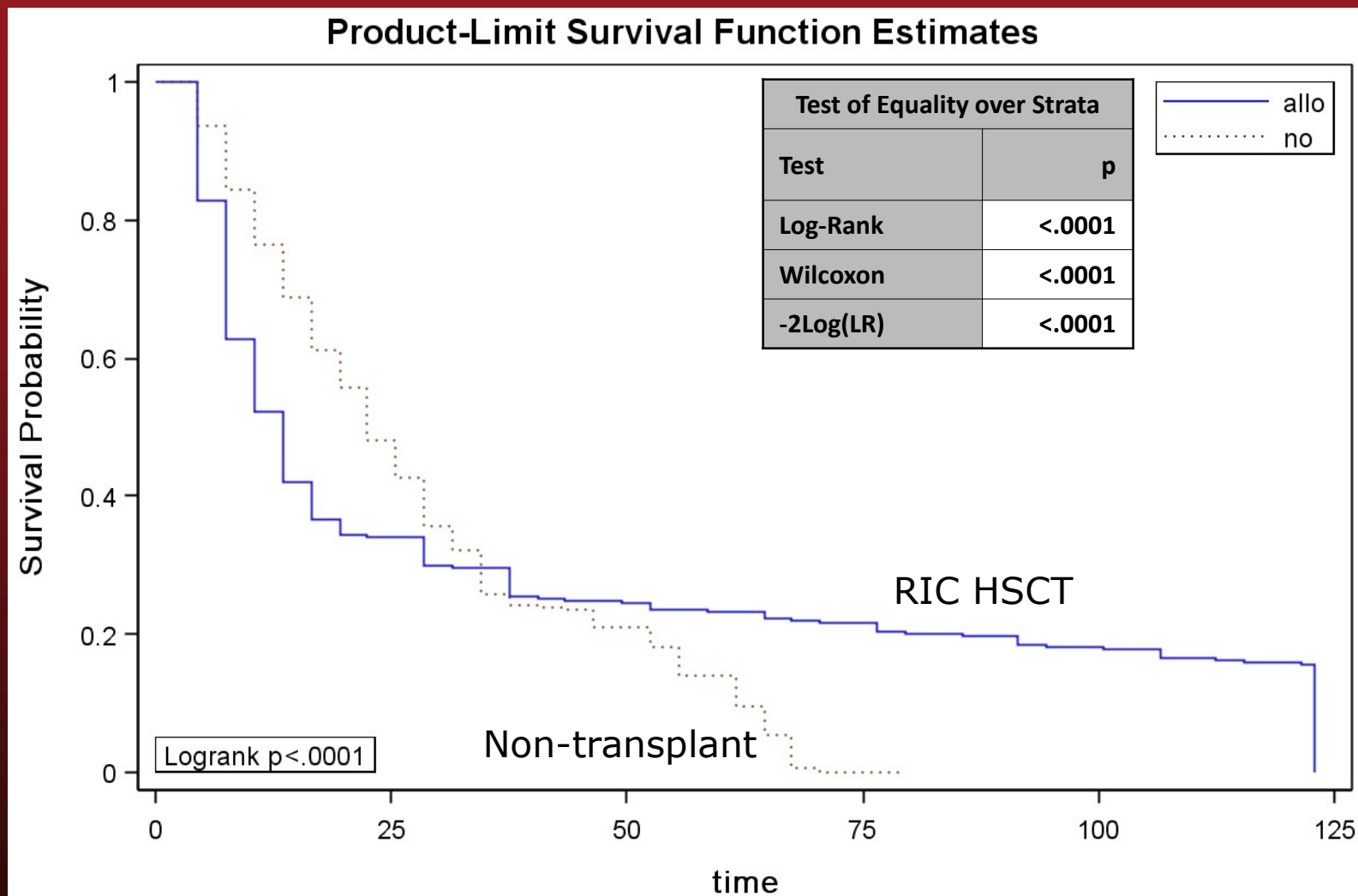
- Median follow-up: 16 (1-80) months
- Median TFS and OS: 15 and 17 months

LR MDS post HMA Failure. Salvage Therapy

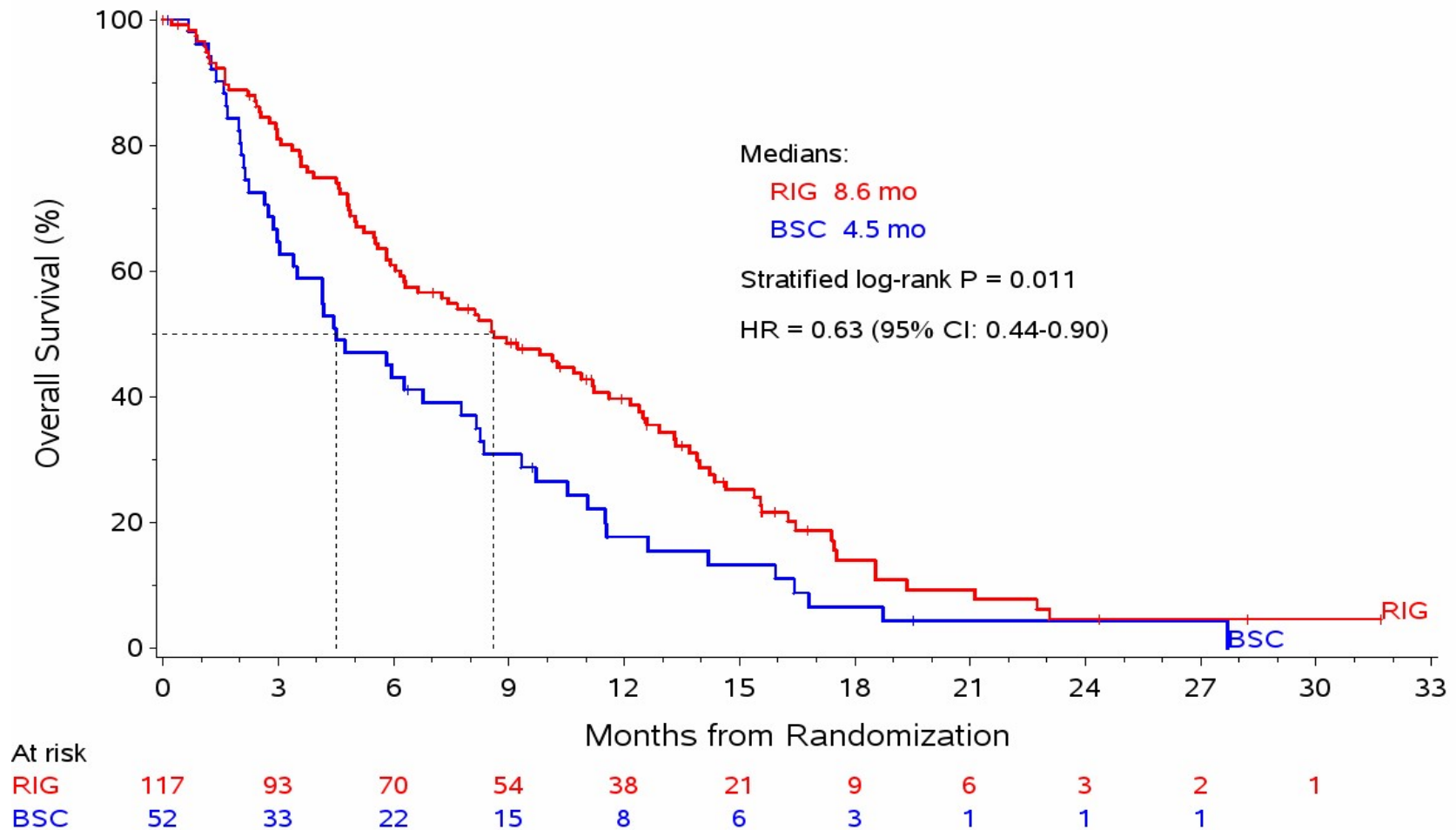
Salvage	N (%)	% Response
No therapy	90 (31)	NA
Conventional	83 (29)	18
Stem cell transplantation	26 (9)	62
Investigational	91 (31)	16

- **Conventional therapies included cytarabine-based regimen and HMA**

Monte Carlo – Int-2/High IPSS Survival Estimates



ONTIME Trial: Median Overall Survival for Pts with Primary HMA Failure - Blinded, Centralized Assessment



Clofarabine Plus Low-Dose Cytarabine For The Treatment Of Patients With higher-Risk Myelodysplastic Syndrome Who Have Relapsed Or Are Refractory To Hypomethylating Agent

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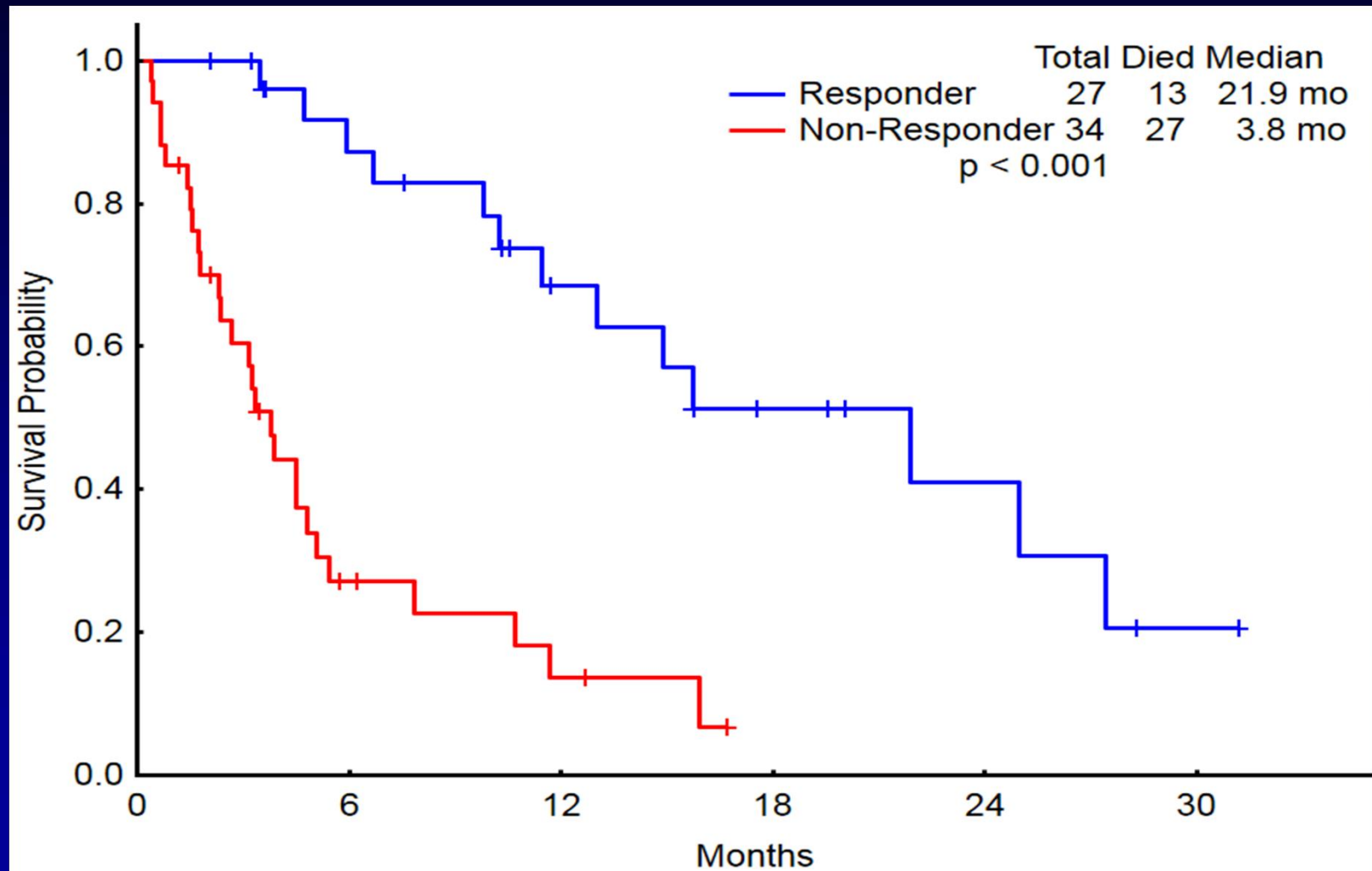
Cancer 2017

**From the Department of Leukemia at MD Anderson Cancer Center
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CLO and LDAC in HR MDS post HMA. MVA for Response and Survival

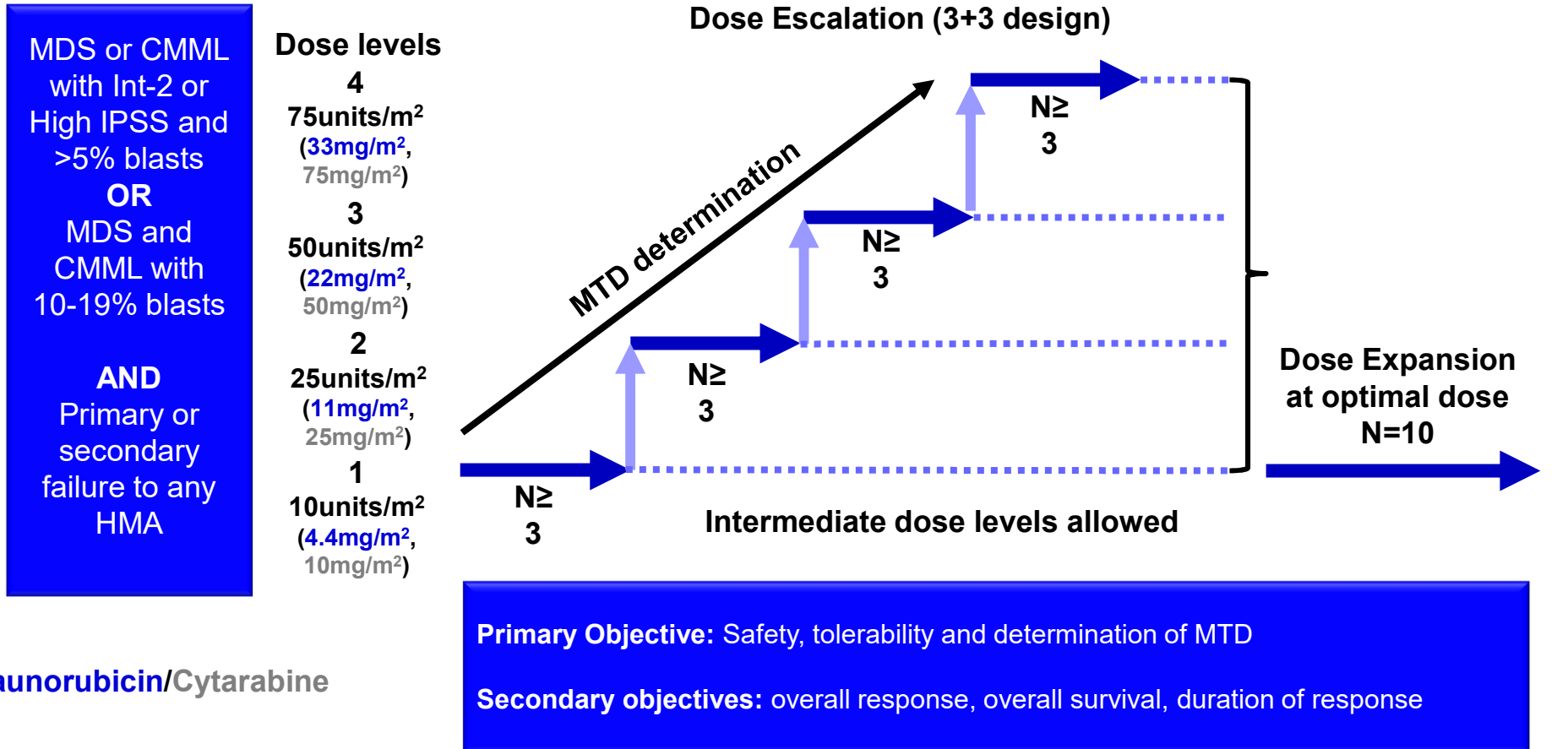
Parameter	Multivariate analysis			
	Response		Survival	
	OR	P	HR	P
Cyto Complex vs. Non	5.4	0.04	2.6	0.04
Plt ≤ 30 vs. >30	NA	NS	3.5	0.001
PS ≥ 2 vs. <2	NA	NS	5.5	<0.001
Response vs. Non-Response	NA	NS	7.1	<0.001
Prior response to HMA	NA	NS	NA	NS

CLO and LDAC in HR MDS post HMA. Survival by Response Status



Phase I Dose Escalation Study of CPX-351 for MDS and CMML

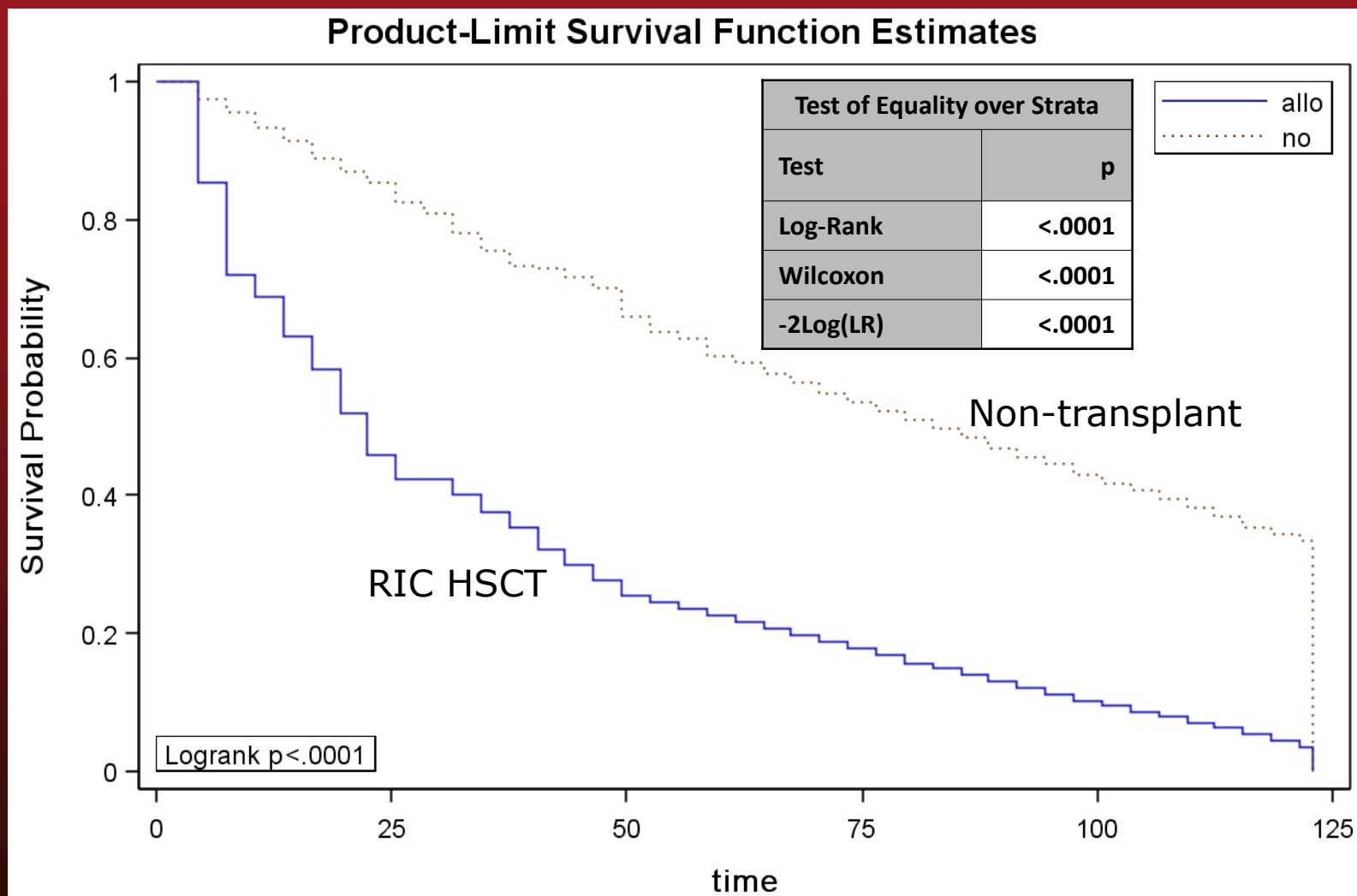
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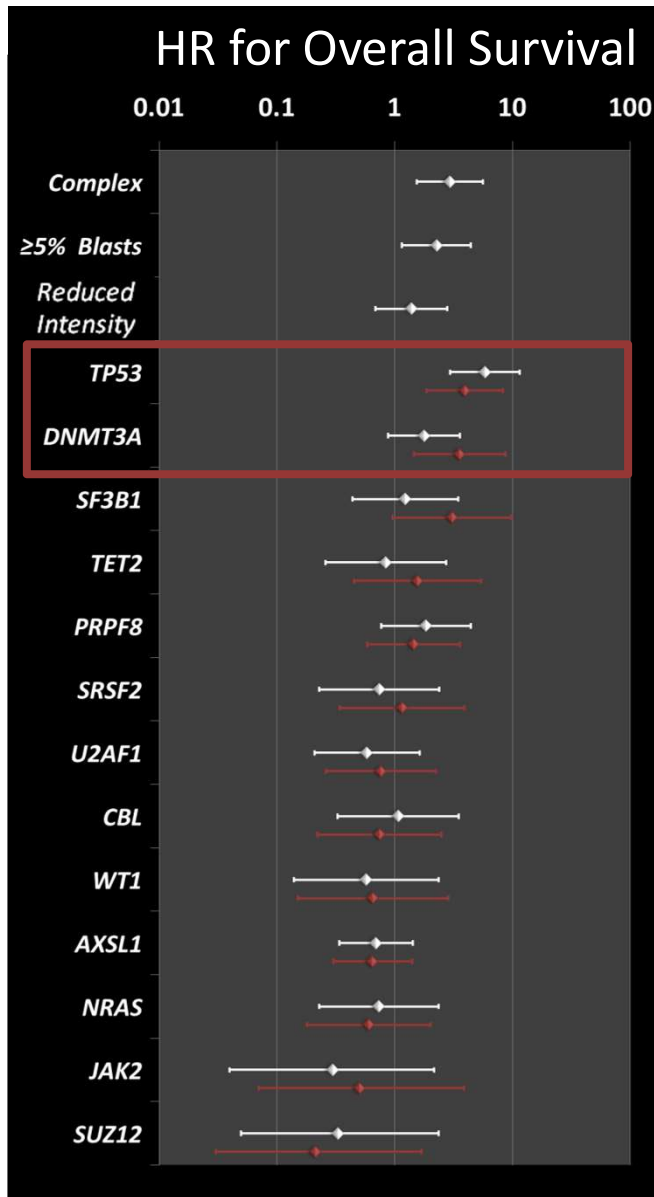
Daunorubicin/Cytarabine

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Monte Carlo – Low/int-1 IPSS Survival Estimates



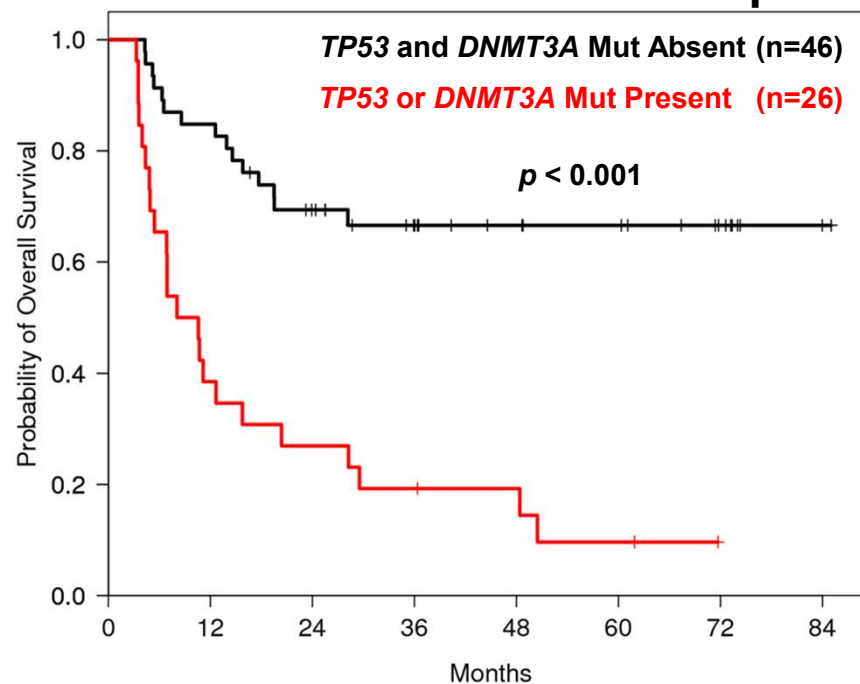
SCT Cohort – Treatment Outcomes



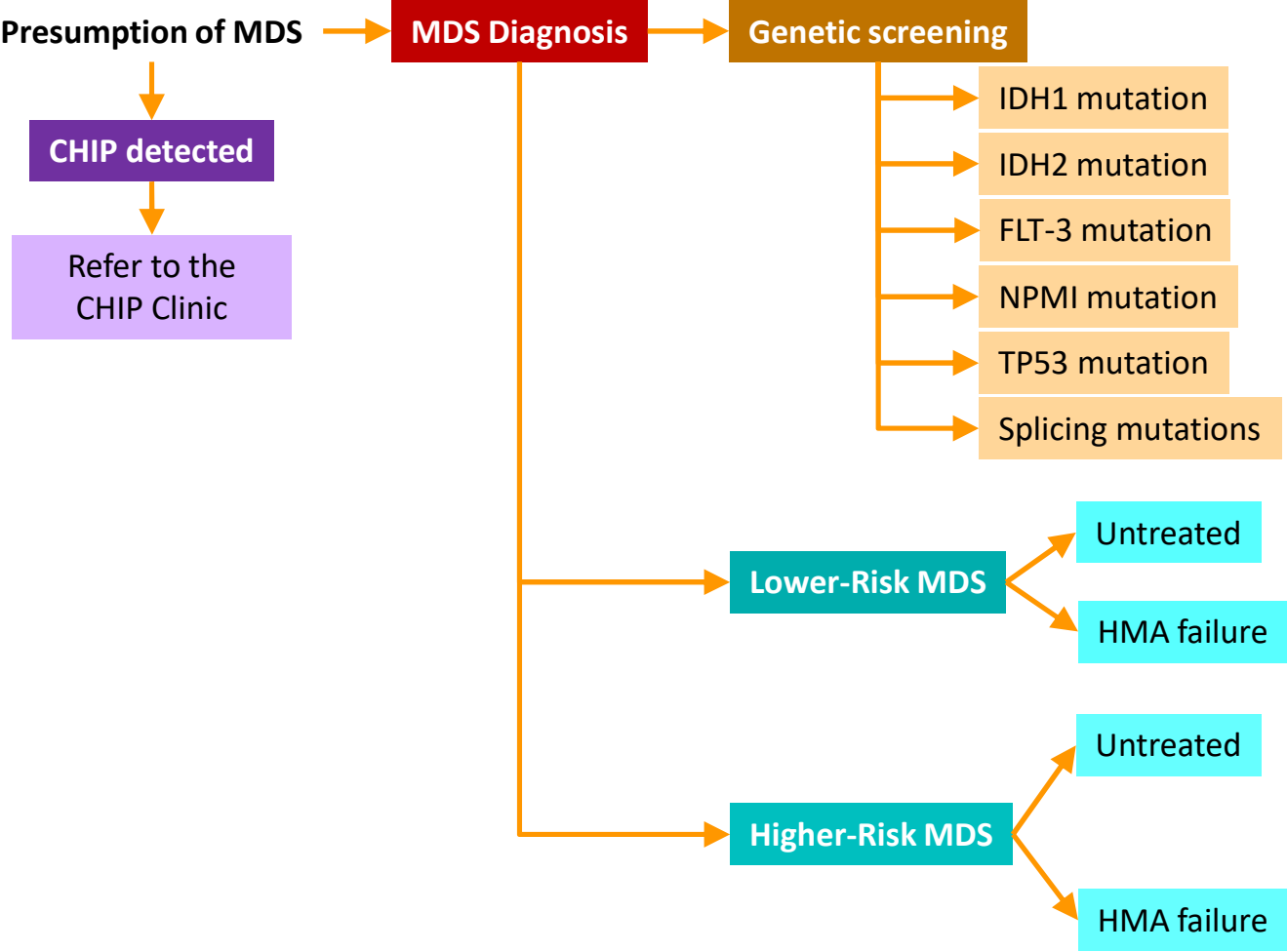
Gene	Adjusted HR (95% CI)	p-value
TP53 (n = 14)	3.90 (1.85, 8.22)	<0.001
DNMT3A (n = 14)	3.54 (1.45, 8.64)	0.005

TP53		14
DNMT3A		14
Karyotype		26

Overall Survival After Transplant



Treatment approach to MDS at MDACC



alloSCT at time of best response
Close monitoring post alloSCT, consideration of post SCT therapy

Conclusion #1

- **Immediate impact:**
 - **Luspatercept: approved by FDA. Need to define role/position**
 - **ASTX727 (oral decitabine). Met all endpoints. Role?**
- **Potential:**
 - **APR-246: study to complete in 2020/21**
 - **Magrolimab: 2020/2021**
 - **Pevonidostat: 2020/2021**
 - **ABT-199: starting large randomized trials**
 - **IDH2, IDH1: expanding single arm experience**
- **Others: TIM-3 (sabatolimab)**

Conclusion #2

- Increased role of genomic annotation in MDS
- Multiple new targets: Bcl-2, TGF-b, TLR, SF3B1, IDH, Flt-3, NPM1, CD33, CD123, IL-1
- New ways to deliver HMA: attenuated schedules, CC-486, ASTX727, SGI-110
- Potential for multiple oral combinations
- Multiple registration trials: Commands (luspatercept), Verona (ABT-199), APR-246, magrolimab, pevonedostat, MBG453 (TIM-3)

Thank you!

Any questions?

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