

# State of the Art in Acute Leukemias

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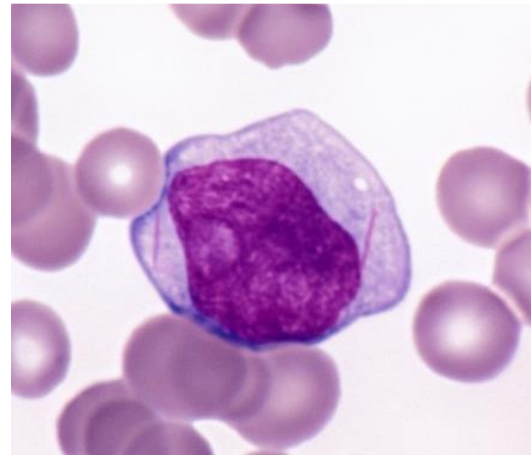
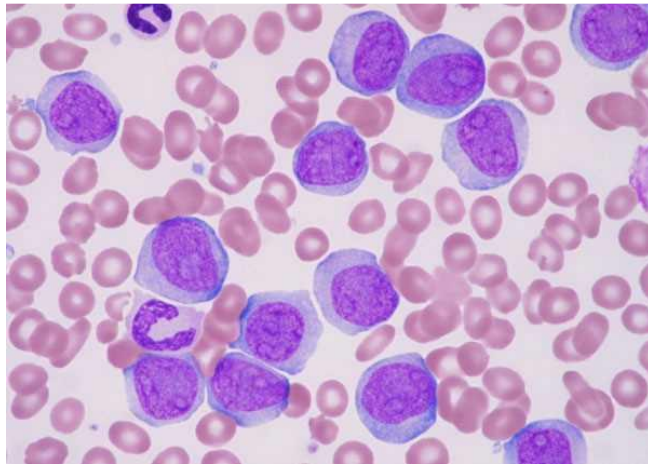
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# Learning Objectives

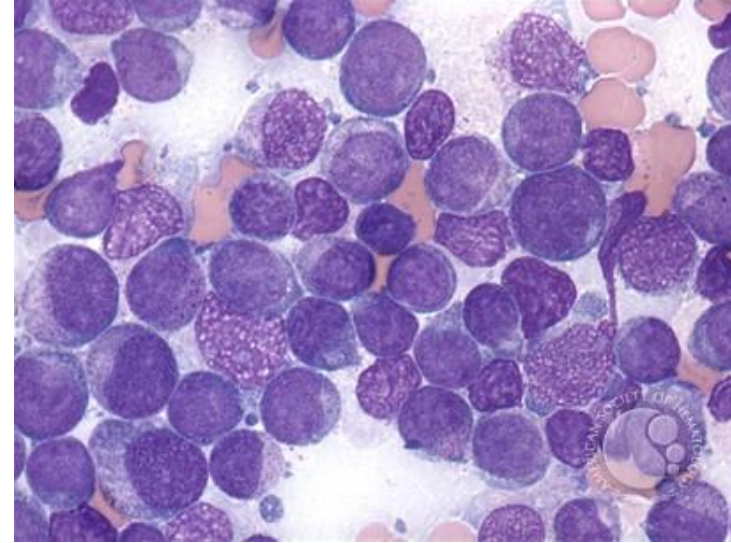
- Review key treatment options for older adults with AML
- Discuss two recent FDA approvals for AML and MDS
- Briefly highlight current strategies for R/R ALL

# Treatment of Older Adults with Acute Myeloid Leukemia

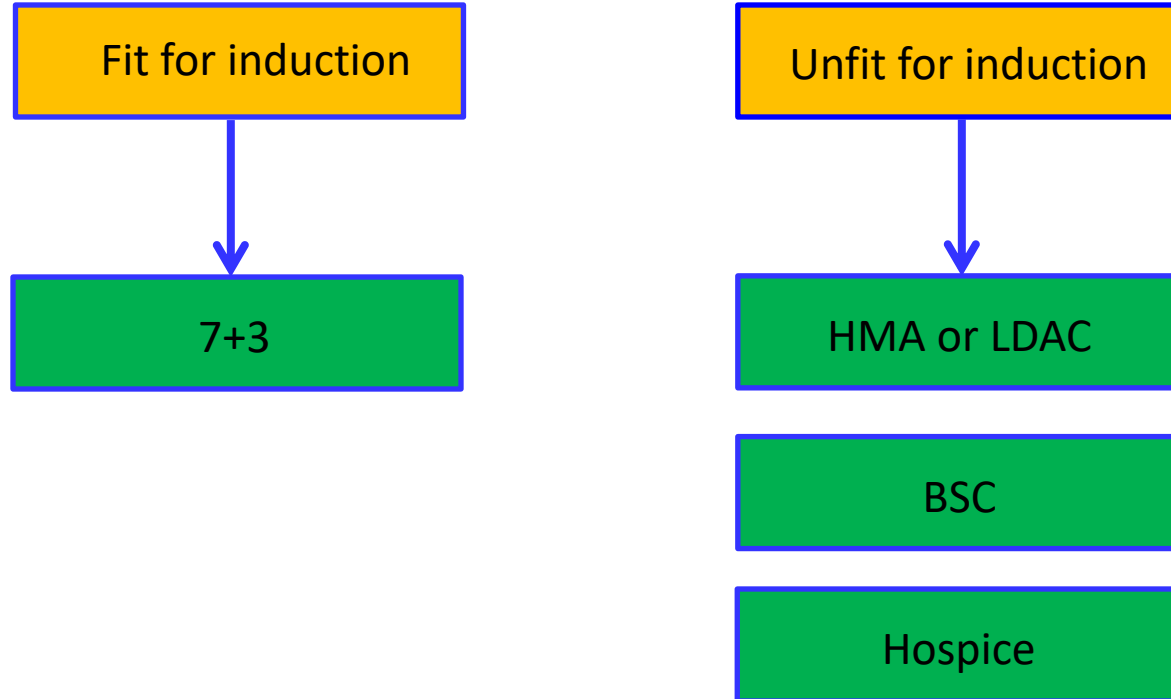


# Acute Myeloid Leukemia

- Clonal expansion of immature myeloid cells
- Heterogeneous disease
- Median age 68
- 19,940 new cases (M>F) with 11,180 deaths expected in US in 2020<sup>1</sup>
- Bleeding, infections, anemia
- High relapse rates



# Former First-Line Treatment of AML



# AML Score

## AML-Score

You selected the following input parameter:

Body temperature:	≤100.4 °F
Hemoglobin:	>10.3 g/dl
Platelets:	>28-53 G/l
Fibrinogen:	>150 mg/dl
LDH:	≤700 U/l
Age:	65-67 years
Type:	de novo
Cytogenetic / molecular risk:	intermediate normal (NPM1 Wildtype; Flt3 internal tandem duplication)

Based on these input parameters, the following scores were calculated:

The chance for the achievement of a complete remission after intensive induction therapy is

Complete remission [%]	74.2
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The risk of an early death within 60 deays after start of an intensive induction therapy is

Early death [%]	11.8
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AML-Score. Available online at <http://aml-score.org>. AML Study Alliance Group. Krug U, Müller-Tidow C. et al. Complete remission and early death after intensive chemotherapy in patients aged 60 years or older with acute myeloid leukaemia: A web-based application for prediction of outcomes. Lancet 2010; 376(9757): 2000-2008.

# Ferrara Criteria to Define Unfitness for Intense Chemotherapy for AML

**Table 3.** Operation criteria to define unfitness to intensive chemotherapy in AML

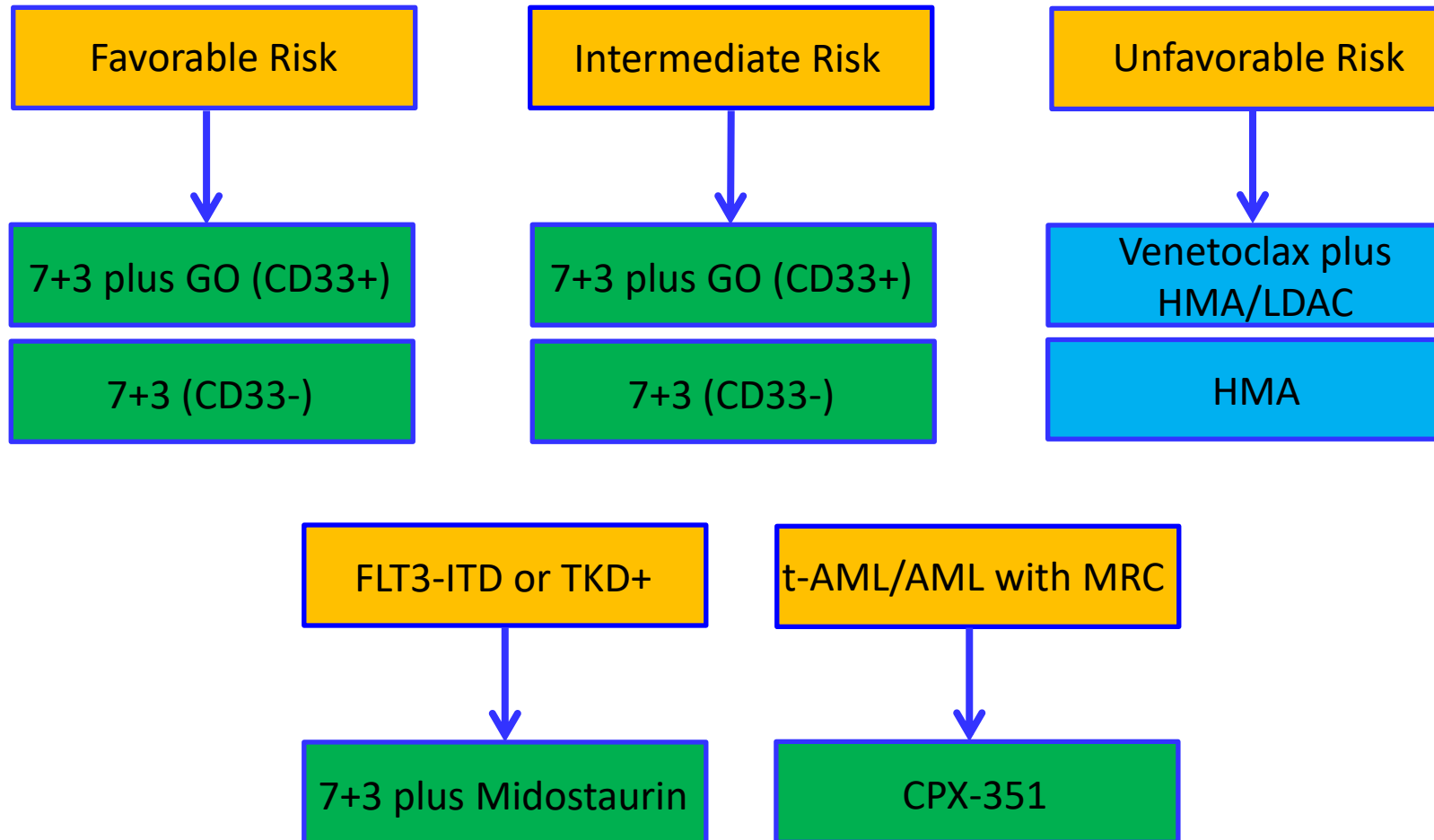
1. An age older than 75 years
2. Congestive heart failure or documented cardiomyopathy with an EF  $\leq$ 50%
3. Documented pulmonary disease with DLCO  $\leq$ 65% or FEV1  $\leq$ 65%, or dyspnea at rest or requiring oxygen, or any pleural neoplasm or uncontrolled lung neoplasm
4. On dialysis and age older than 60 years or uncontrolled renal carcinoma
5. Liver cirrhosis Child B or C, or documented liver disease with marked elevation of transaminases ( $>$ 3 times normal values) and an age older than 60 years, or any biliary tree carcinoma or uncontrolled liver carcinoma or acute viral hepatitis
6. Active infection resistant to anti-infective therapy
7. Current mental illness requiring psychiatric hospitalization, institutionalization or intensive outpatient management, or current cognitive status that produces dependence (as confirmed by the specialist) not controlled by the caregiver
8. ECOG performance status  $\geq$ 3 not related to leukemia
9. Any other comorbidity that the physician judges to be incompatible with conventional intensive chemotherapy

Abbreviations: AML, acute myeloid leukemia; DLCO, diffusing capacity of the lungs for carbon monoxide; ECOG, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group; EF, ejection fraction; FEV1, forced expiratory volume in 1 s.



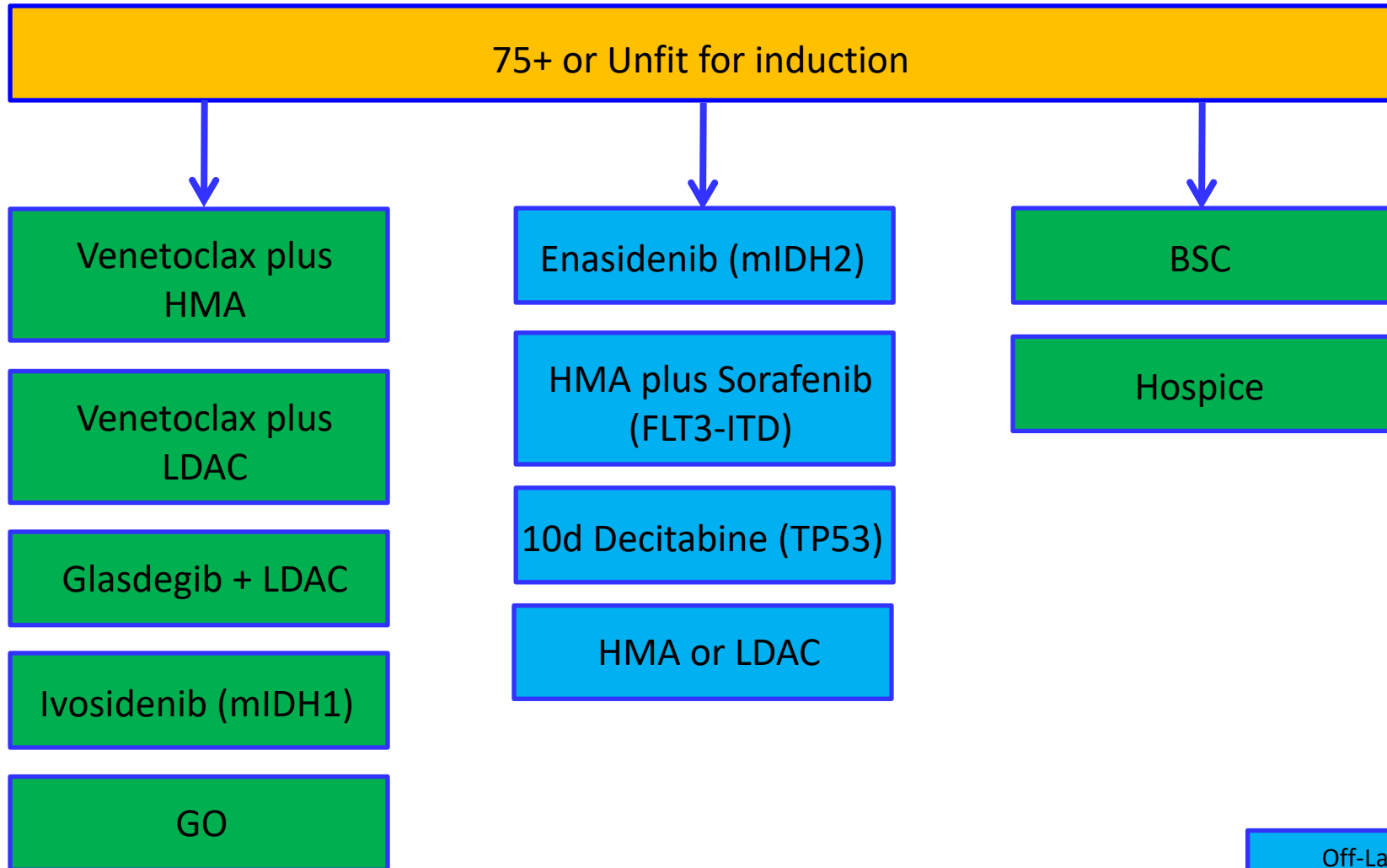



# First-Line Treatment of Older Fit AML in 2020



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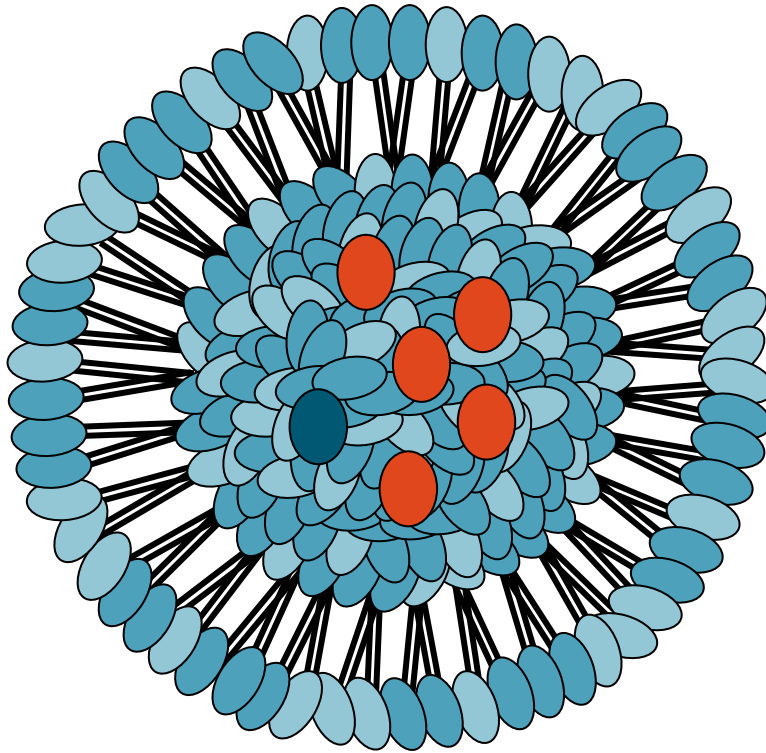
# First-Line Treatment of Older Unfit AML in 2020





CPX-351

# Liposomal Cytarabine and Daunorubicin (CPX-351)



- CPX-351 a 5:1 molar ratio of cytarabine:daunorubicin
- Formulation provides synergistic leukemia cell killing in vitro<sup>[1]</sup>
- In humans
  - CPX-351 preserved delivery of the 5:1 drug ratio for > 24 hours
  - Drug exposure maintained for 7 days<sup>[2]</sup>
- Selective uptake of liposomes by bone marrow leukemia cells in xenograft models<sup>[3]</sup>

# CPX-351 for Secondary AML

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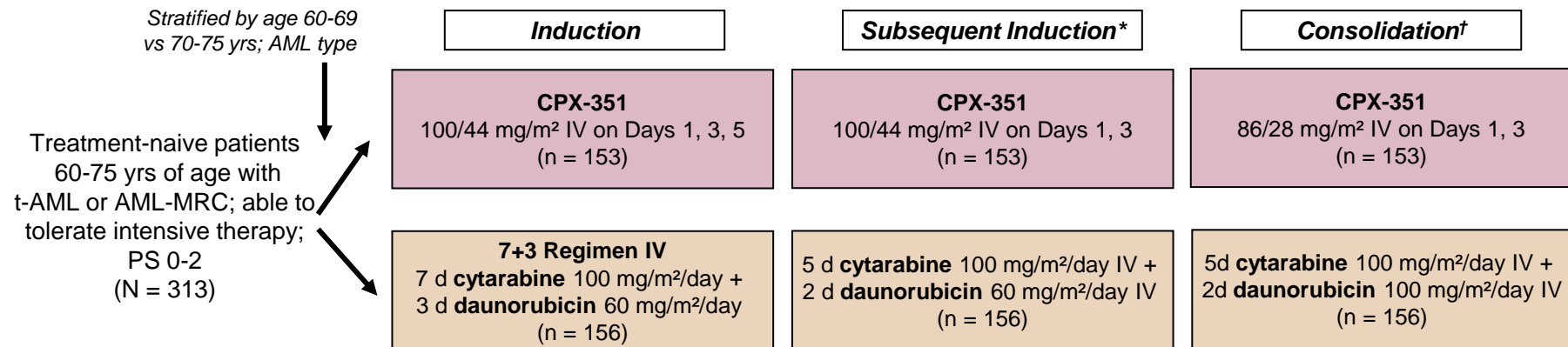


## CPX-351 (cytarabine and daunorubicin) Liposome for Injection Versus Conventional Cytarabine Plus Daunorubicin in Older Patients With Newly Diagnosed Secondary Acute Myeloid Leukemia

*Jeffrey E. Lancet, Geoffrey L. Uy, Jorge E. Cortes, Laura F. Newell, Tara L. Lin, Ellen K. Ritchie, Robert K. Stuart, Stephen A. Strickland, Donna Hogge, Scott R. Solomon, Richard M. Stone, Dale L. Bixby, Jonathan E. Kolitz, Gary J. Schiller, Matthew J. Wieduwilt, Daniel H. Ryan, Antje Hoering, Kamalika Banerjee, Michael Chiarella, Arthur C. Louie, and Bruno C. Medeiros*

# CPX-351 vs Standard 7+3 Chemotherapy in Older Patients with Newly Diagnosed tAML or sAML

- Multicenter, open-label, randomized phase III trial



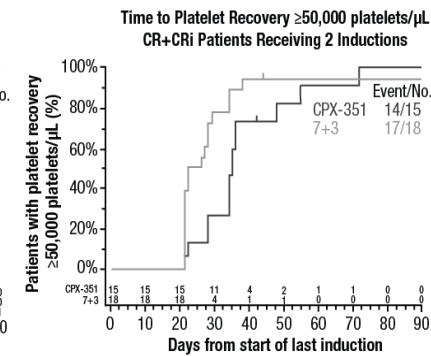
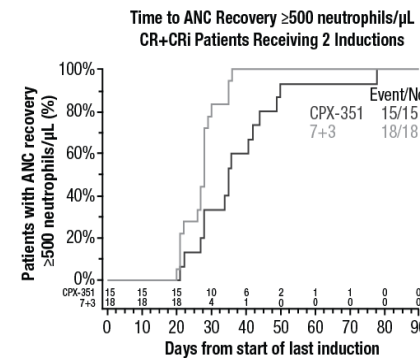
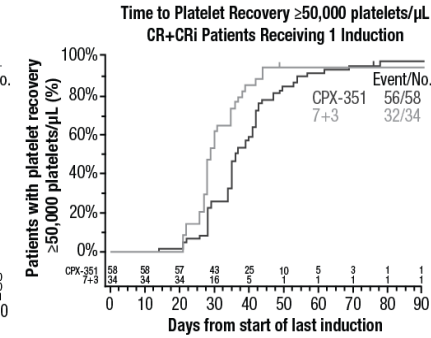
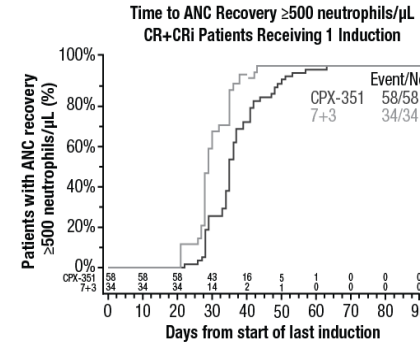
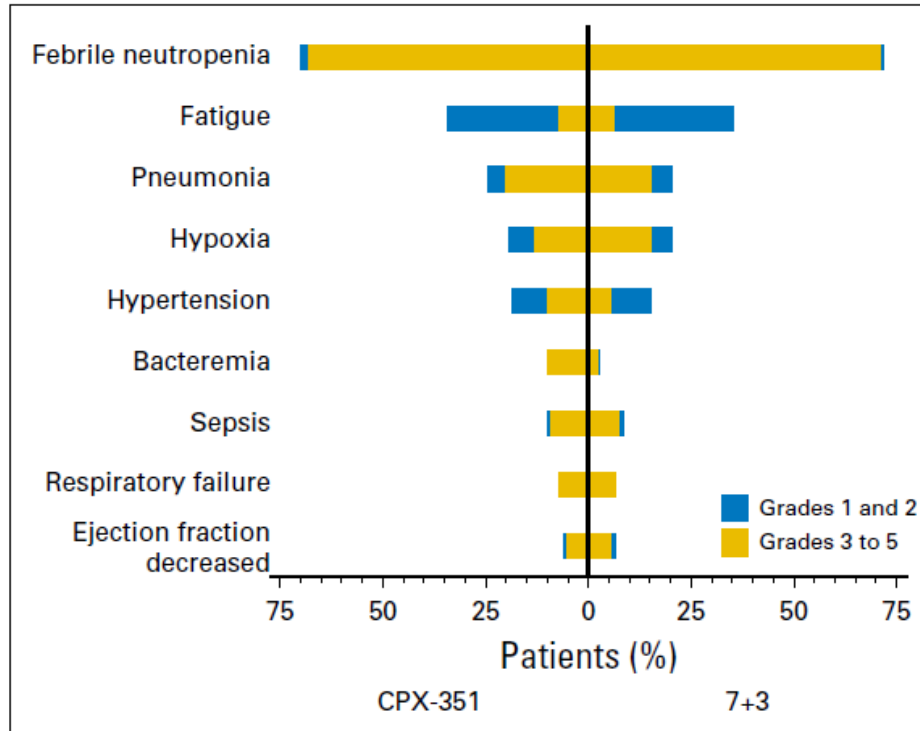
\*Subsequent induction was recommended for patients who did not achieve a CR or CRi and was mandatory for patients achieving > 50% reduction in percent blasts.

†Postremission therapy with allogeneic HCT permitted either in place of or after consolidation.

- Primary endpoint: OS

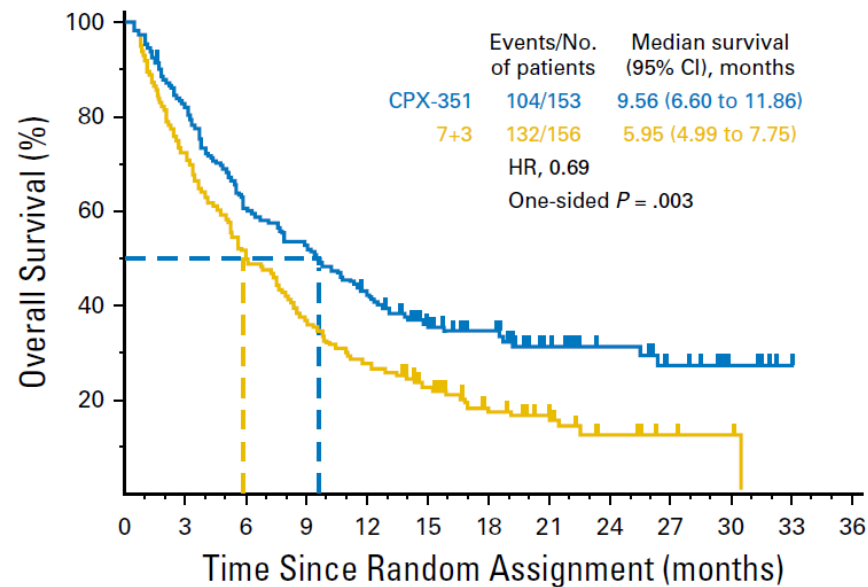
# Safety of CPX-351 Compared to 7+3

	CPX-351 n=153	7+3 n=156		<i>P</i> value
Deaths ≤ 30 Days	5.9%	10.6%		0.149
Deaths ≤ 60 Days	13.8%	21.8%		0.097
Median Time to ANC Recovery	35/35	29/28		
Median Time to Plt Recovery	36.5/35	29/24		



# CPX-351 Improved Outcomes Compared to 7+3

	CPX-351 n=153	7+3 n=156		
			<b>Odds Ratio</b>	<b>P value</b>
<b>CR</b>	37.3%	25.6%	1.67 (1.02, 2.74)	0.040
<b>CR+CRi</b>	47.7%	33.3%	1.77 (1.11, 2.81)	0.016
<b>Stem Cell Transplant</b>	34.0%	25.0%	1.54 (0.92, 2.56)	0.098



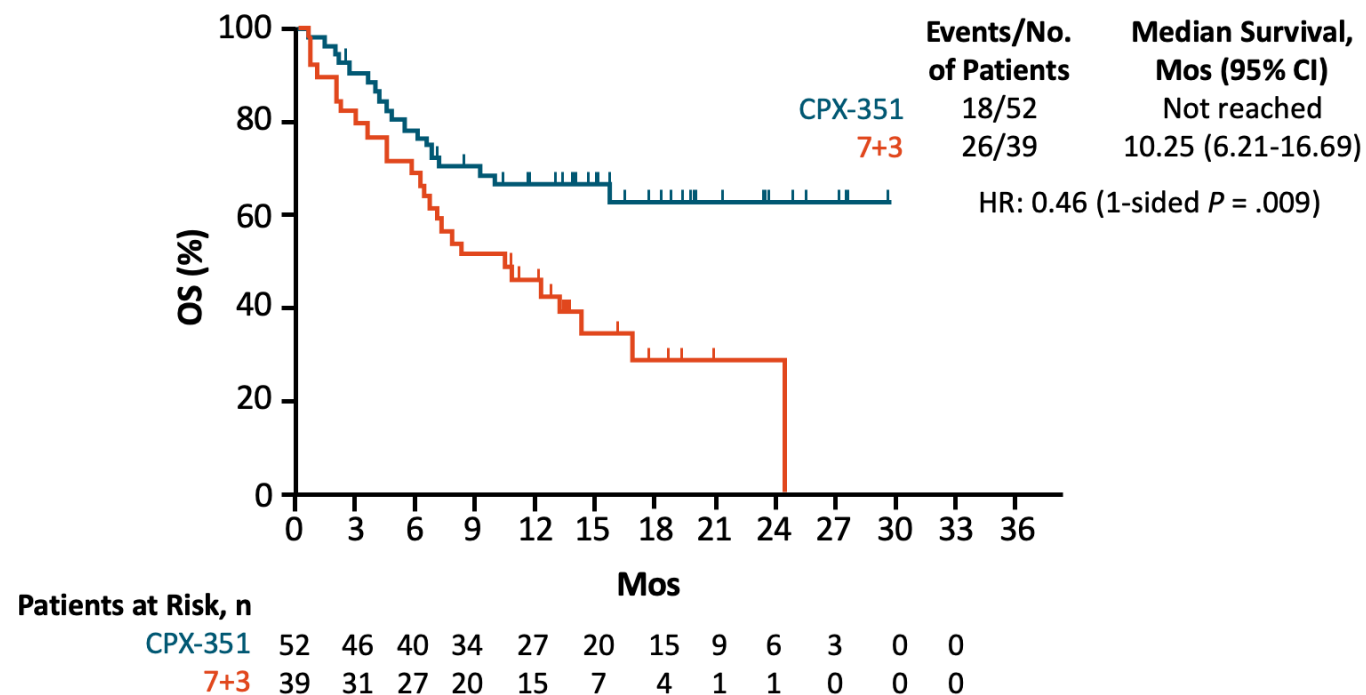
No. at risk

CPX-351	153	122	92	79	62	46	34	21	16	11	5	1
7+3	156	110	77	56	43	31	20	12	7	3	2	0



# Allo-HCT Outcomes after CPX-351 Compared to 7+3

## CPX-351 in Older Patients With tAML/sAML: OS by Time Since Allogeneic Stem Cell Transplantation

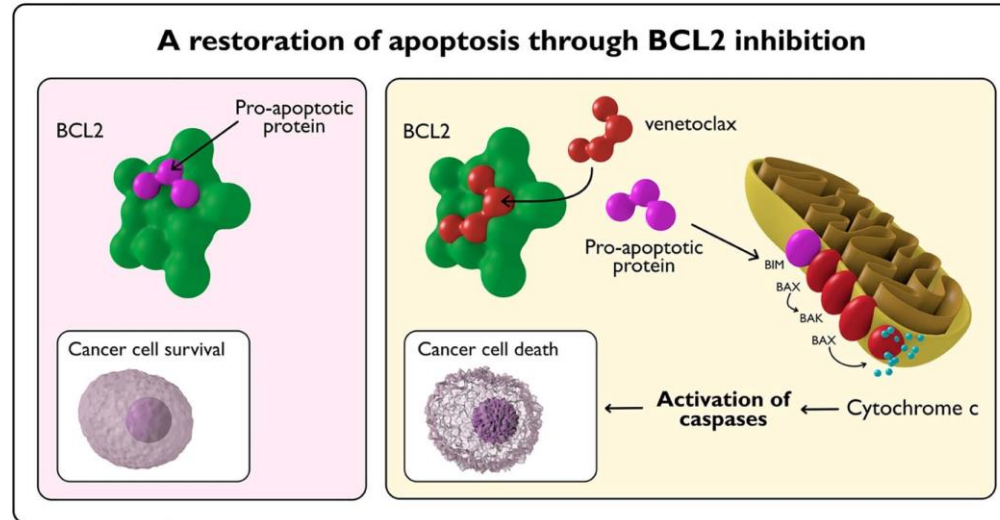




# Bcl-2 Inhibitor Combinations

# Venetoclax and AML

## Venetoclax - a BCL2 specific inhibitor



- BCL-2 is an anti-apoptotic protein that plays key roles in the survival and therapeutic resistance of AML cells, including LSC
- Venetoclax is a potent, selective oral Bcl-2 inhibitor with significant anti-AML and anti-LSC activity in combination with hypomethylating agents (HMA) and low-dose cytarabine (LDAC)

# Venetoclax for AML

## Safety and preliminary efficacy of venetoclax with decitabine or azacitidine in elderly patients with previously untreated acute myeloid leukaemia: a non-randomised, open-label, phase 1b study

*Courtney D DiNardo, Keith W Pratz, Anthony Letai, Brian A Jonas, Andrew H Wei, Michael Thirman, Martha Arellano, Mark G Frattini, Hagop Kantarjian, Relja Popovic, Brenda Chyla, Tu Xu, Martin Dunbar, Suresh K Agarwal, Rod Humerickhouse, Mack Mabry, Jalaja Potluri, Marina Konopleva\*, Daniel A Pollyea\**

*Lancet Oncol 2018; 19: 216-28*

## Venetoclax combined with decitabine or azacitidine in treatment-naive, elderly patients with acute myeloid leukemia

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**(Blood. 2019;133(1):7-17)**

Pollyea et al, Blood 2018, Abstract #285.

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# P1 Study Design

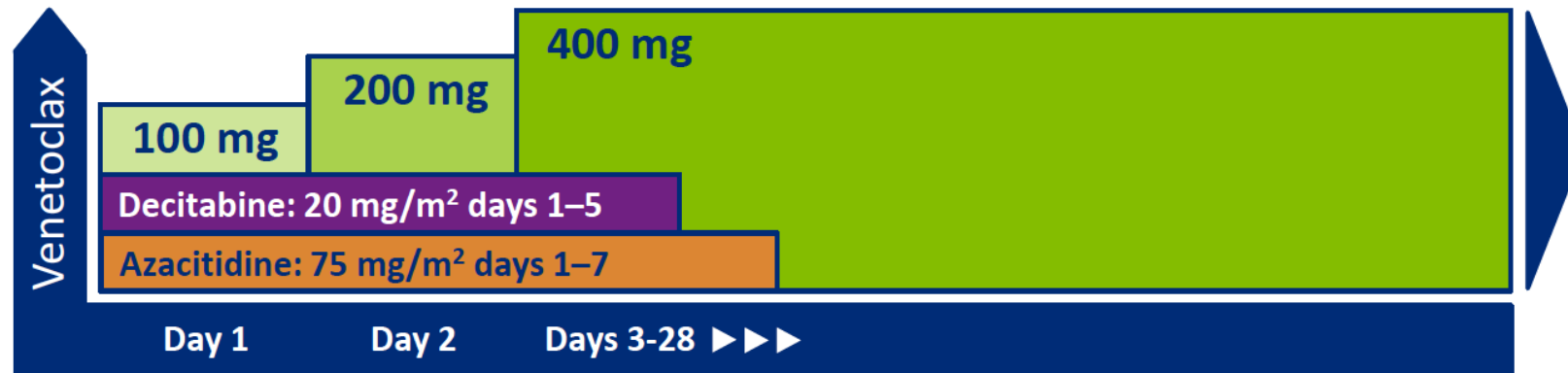
## KEY INCLUSION CRITERIA

- AML by WHO criteria
- Age  $\geq$  60 years
- Ineligible for standard induction therapy with cytarabine and anthracycline as determined by medical criteria
- ECOG score 0–3

\* Favorable risk cytogenetics (now known as non-adverse cytogenetics) is defined as: core binding factor: inv(16), t(16;16), t(8;21), or t(15;17)

## KEY EXCLUSION CRITERIA

- Prior therapy for AML or any antecedent hematologic disorder
- Favorable risk cytogenetics per NCCN\*
- Active CNS involvement
- WBC count  $>25 \times 10^9$  per liter (hydreia was permitted)
- Known infection with HIV, HBV, or HCV



- RP2D was 400mg
- Safety demonstrated at 800mg and 1200mg
- Dose adjustments for concurrent CYP3A4 inhibitors (e.g. Azoles)

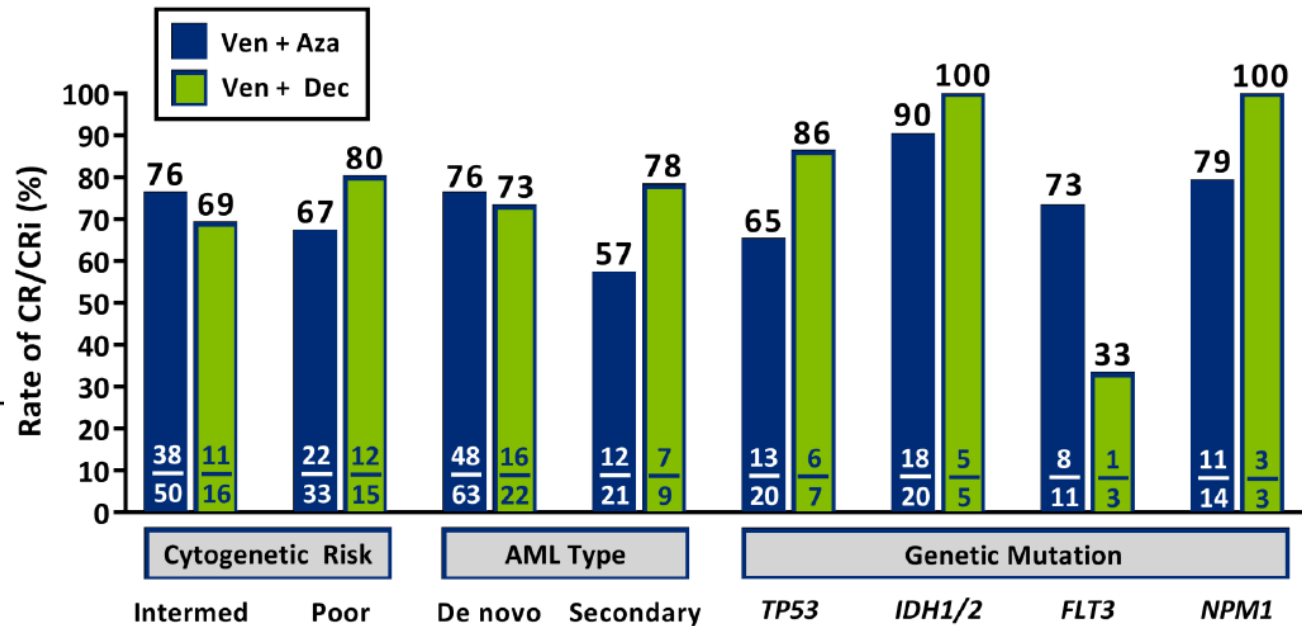
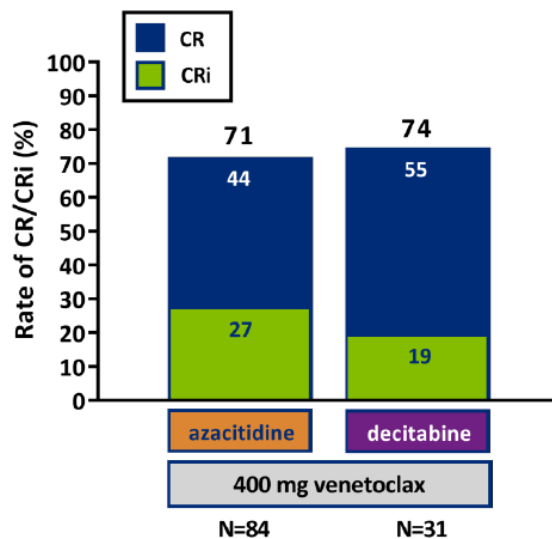
# Adverse Events

AEs in ≥30% of patients	Venetoclax + Aza (n = 84)		Venetoclax + Dec (n=31)	
	Any grade	Grade ≥3	Any grade	Grade ≥3
Anemia	26 (31)	26 (31)	8 (26)	8 (26)
Platelet count decreased	25 (30)	22 (26)	15 (48)	14 (45)
WBC count decreased	28 (33)	28 (33)	14 (45)	14 (45)
Febrile neutropenia	33 (39)	33 (39)	20 (65)	20 (65)
Pneumonia	23 (27)	23 (27)	12 (39)	10 (32)
Decreased appetite	24 (29)	2 (2)	10 (32)	1 (3)
Constipation	42 (50)	3 (4)	16 (52)	0
Diarrhea	49 (58)	2 (2)	14 (45)	2 (6)
Nausea	54 (64)	2 (2)	20 (65)	0
Vomiting	32 (38)	0	12 (39)	0
Fatigue	28 (33)	5 (6)	14 (45)	3 (10)
Edema peripheral	34 (41)	1 (1)	10 (32)	0
Hypokalemia	28 (33)	5 (6)	11 (36)	5 (16)
<b>Early Deaths, n (%)</b>	<b>Venetoclax + Aza (n = 84)</b>		<b>Venetoclax + Dec (n=31)</b>	
≤30 days after beginning treatment	2 (2)		2 (7)	
≤60 days after beginning treatment	7 (8)		3 (10)	

**No events of laboratory or clinical tumor lysis syndrome were reported**

**Most common SAEs include febrile neutropenia, pneumonia, bacteriemia, sepsis and respiratory failure**

# Responses



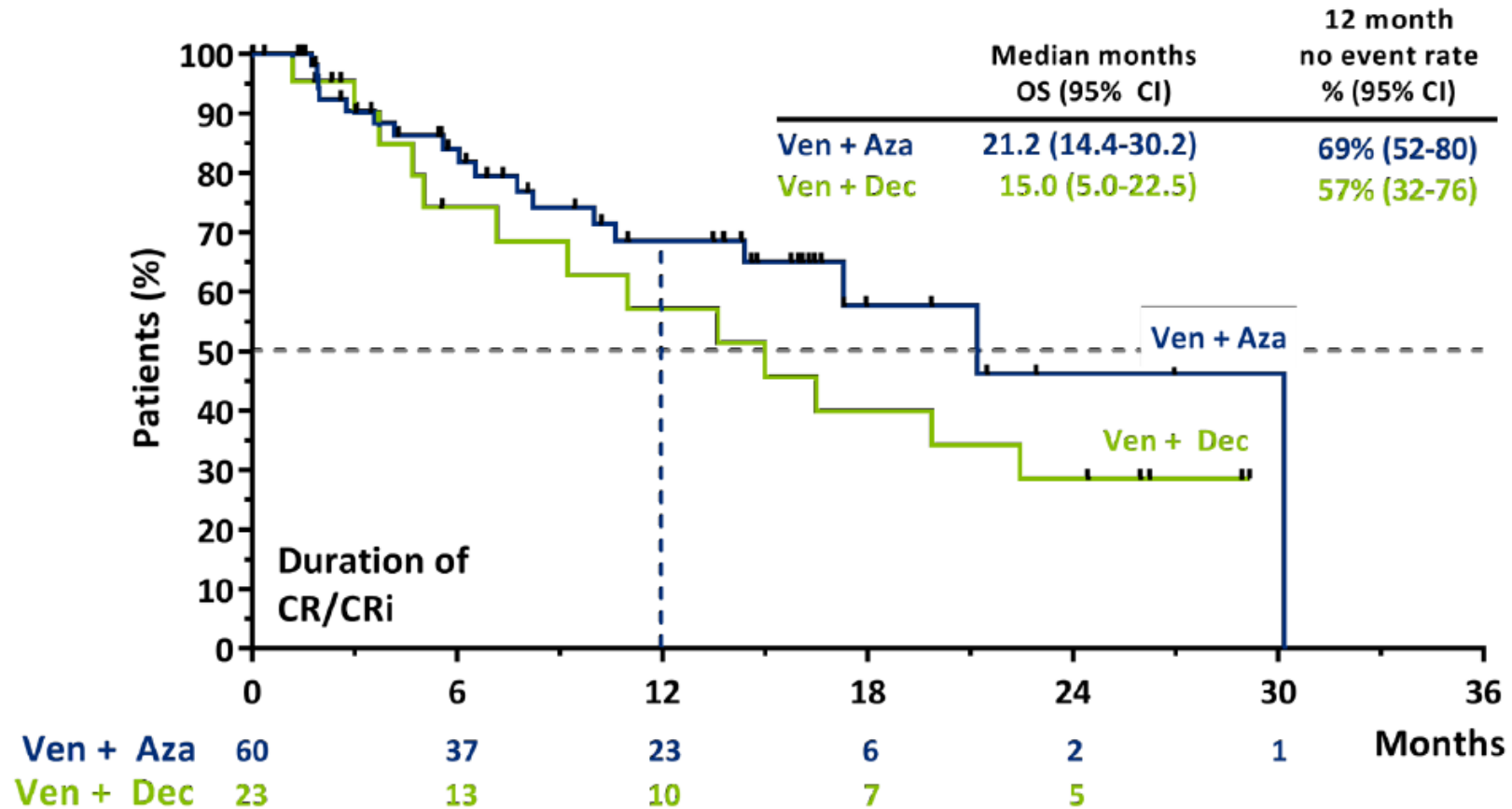
## CR/CRi and MRD Negative:

48% AZA

39% DEC

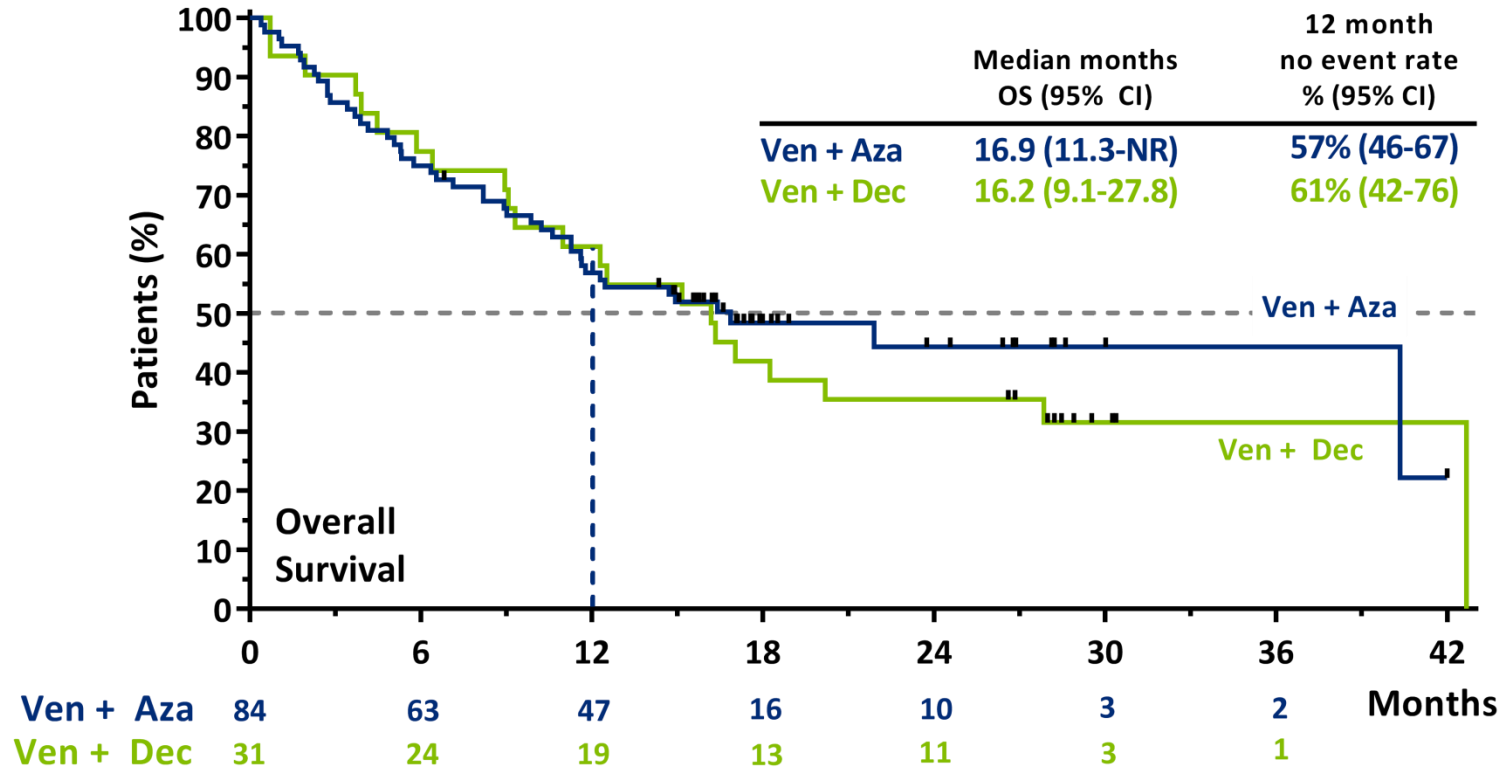
$10^{-3}$  at any time

# DoR after CR/CRi





# Overall Survival



### Median Survival Follow-up

Venetoclax + azacitidine  
**14.9 months** (range 0.4–42.0)

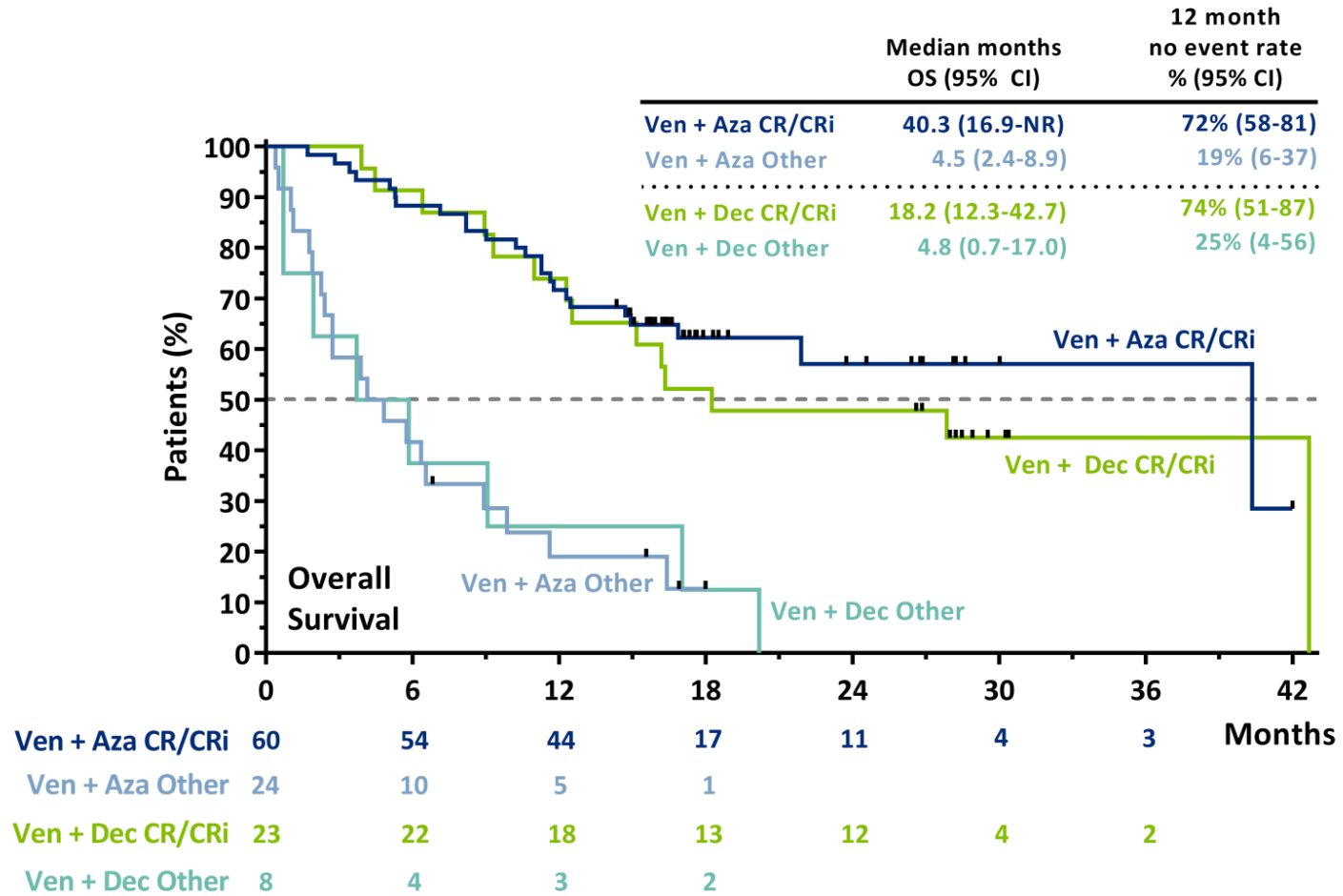
Venetoclax + decitabine  
**16.2 months** (range 0.7–42.7)

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# OS by Response





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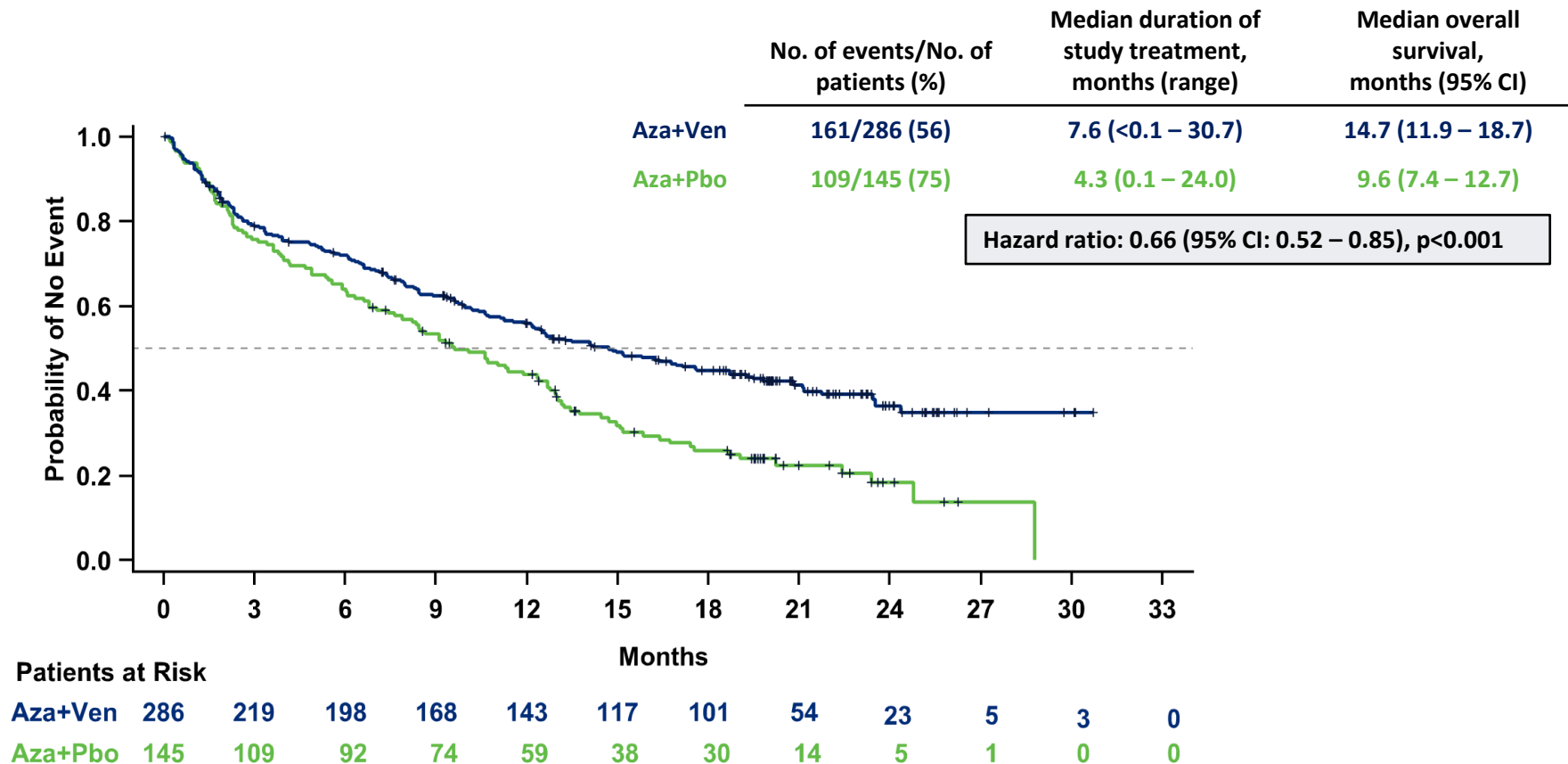
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Azacitidine and Venetoclax in Previously Untreated  
Acute Myeloid Leukemia

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# Azacitidine plus Venetoclax vs Azacitidine - OS



**Median follow-up time: 20.5 months (range: <0.1 – 30.7)**

# Outcomes after stem cell transplant in older patients with acute myeloid leukemia treated with venetoclax-based therapies

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# Objective and Included Studies

## OBJECTIVE

- To assess the clinical outcomes of SCT after venetoclax-based treatment on patients with newly diagnosed AML, ineligible for intensive chemotherapy

- **Studies included in secondary analysis (n=304):**
  - Open-label phase 1b: **venetoclax + azacitidine/decitabine**
  - Open-label phase 1/2: **venetoclax + LDAC**
- **Endpoints:** Best response, time to best response, time from last dose of venetoclax until SCT, and 12-month post-SCT survival

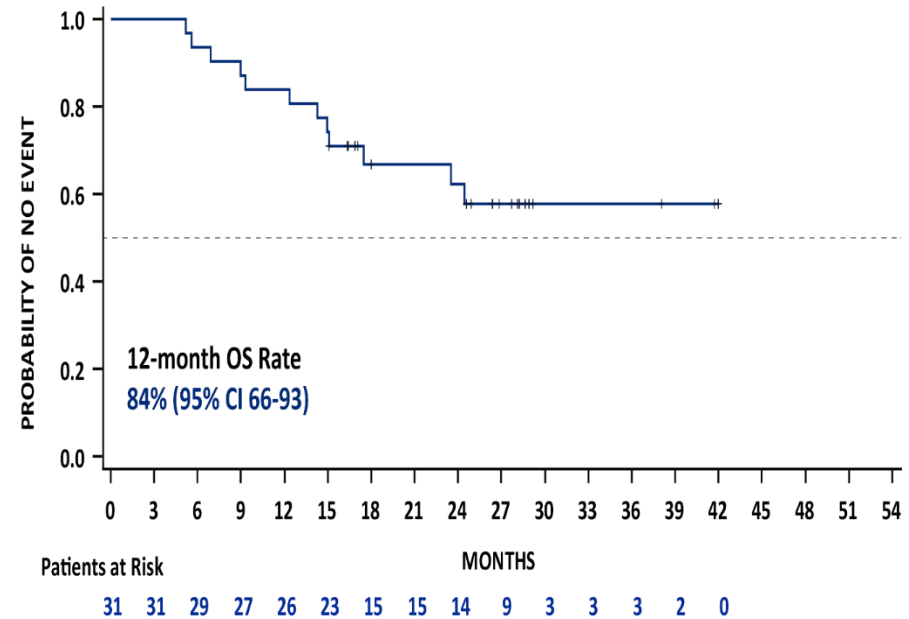
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# Outcomes of HCT in Patients After Ven-Based Regimens

- **10%** 31 of 304 patients received Allo-HCT
  - 26/31 in CR/CRi
- **68%** (21/31) of patients remained alive at 12 months post-allo-HCT
- **55%** (17/31) of all patients that had allo-HCT had posttransplant remission of  $\geq 12$  months
  - **71%** (12/17) of those patients remained in remission for  $\geq 2$  years

***VEN-based regimens, even in patients deemed unfit for intensive induction, may provide a path to curative allo-HCT***



Leukemia

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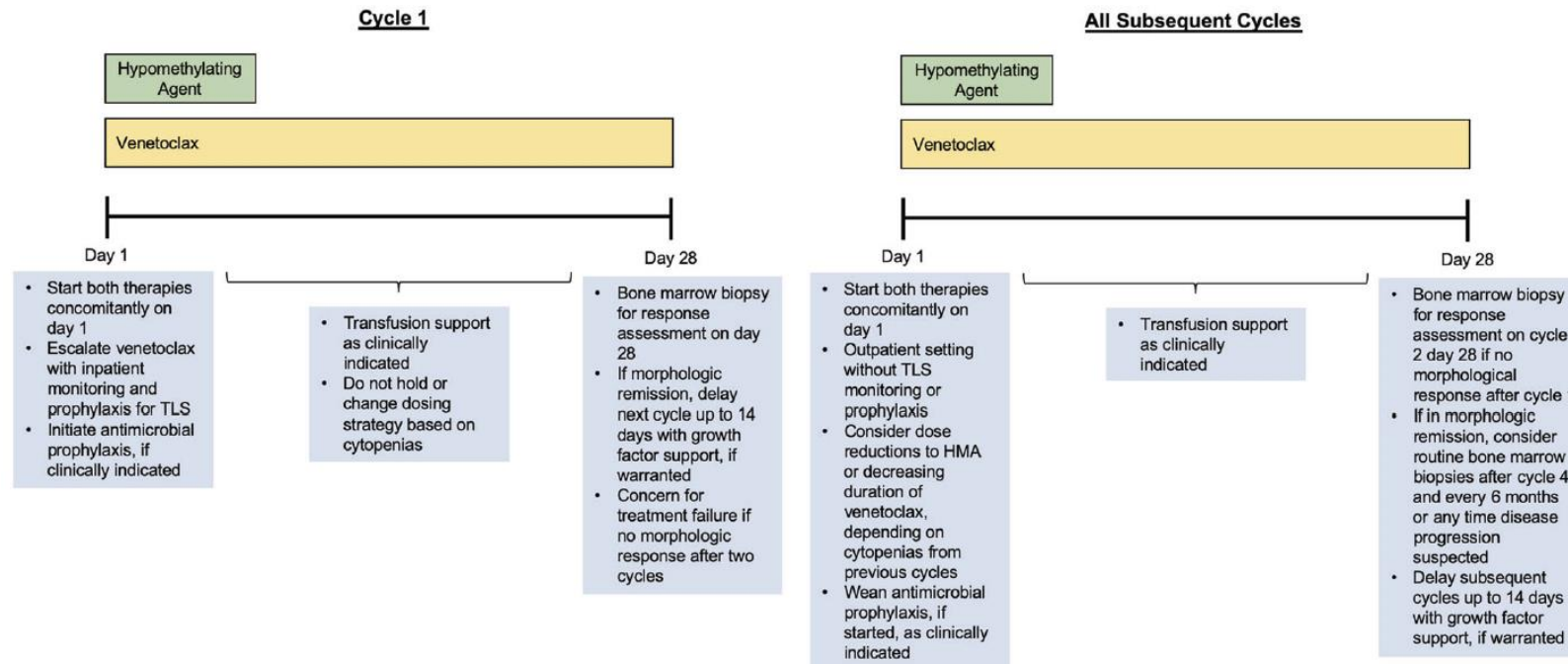
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Acute myeloid leukemia

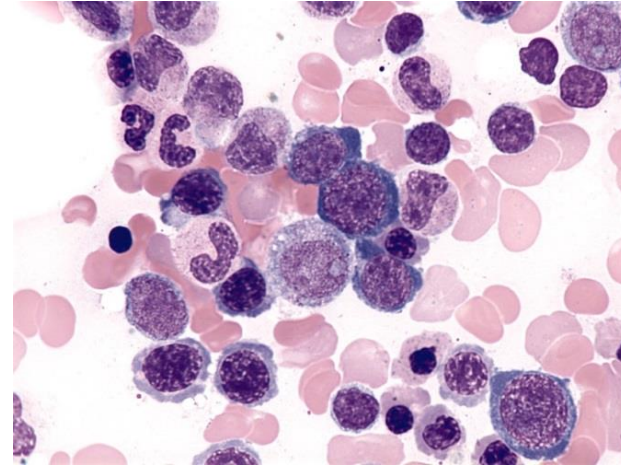
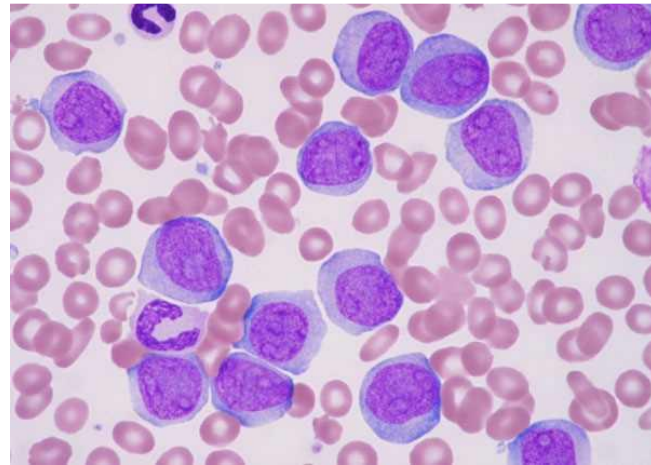
# How we use venetoclax with hypomethylating agents for the treatment of newly diagnosed patients with acute myeloid leukemia

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# Recent Approvals of Oral HMA for AML and MDS



# Oral HMA Approved by the FDA

## “Oral Azacitidine”

### HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

These highlights do not include all the information needed to use ONUREG safely and effectively. See full prescribing information for ONUREG.

ONUREG (azacitidine) tablets, for oral use  
Initial U.S. Approval: 2004

### INDICATIONS AND USAGE

ONUREG is a nucleoside metabolic inhibitor indicated for continued treatment of adult patients with acute myeloid leukemia who achieved first complete remission (CR) or complete remission with incomplete blood count recovery (CRi) following intensive induction chemotherapy and are not able to complete intensive curative therapy (1).

### DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

- Do not substitute ONUREG for intravenous or subcutaneous azacitidine. The indications and dosing regimen for ONUREG differ from that of intravenous or subcutaneous azacitidine (2.1, 5.1).
- Administer ONUREG 300 mg orally once daily on Days 1 through 14 of each 28-day cycle (2.2).
- Administer an antiemetic before each dose for at least the first 2 cycles (2.2).

## “Oral Decitabine”

### HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

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INQOVI® (decitabine and cedazuridine) tablets, for oral use  
Initial U.S. Approval: 2020

### INDICATIONS AND USAGE

INQOVI is a combination of decitabine, a nucleoside metabolic inhibitor, and cedazuridine, a cytidine deaminase inhibitor, indicated for treatment of adult patients with myelodysplastic syndromes (MDS), including previously treated and untreated, de novo and secondary MDS with the following French-American-British subtypes (refractory anemia, refractory anemia with ringed sideroblasts, refractory anemia with excess blasts, and chronic myelomonocytic leukemia [CMML]) and intermediate-1, intermediate-2, and high-risk International Prognostic Scoring System groups. (1)

### DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

- The recommended dosage of INQOVI is 1 tablet (35 mg decitabine and 100 mg cedazuridine) taken orally once daily on Days 1 through 5 of each 28-day cycle. (2.2)
- Take INQOVI on an empty stomach. (2.2)

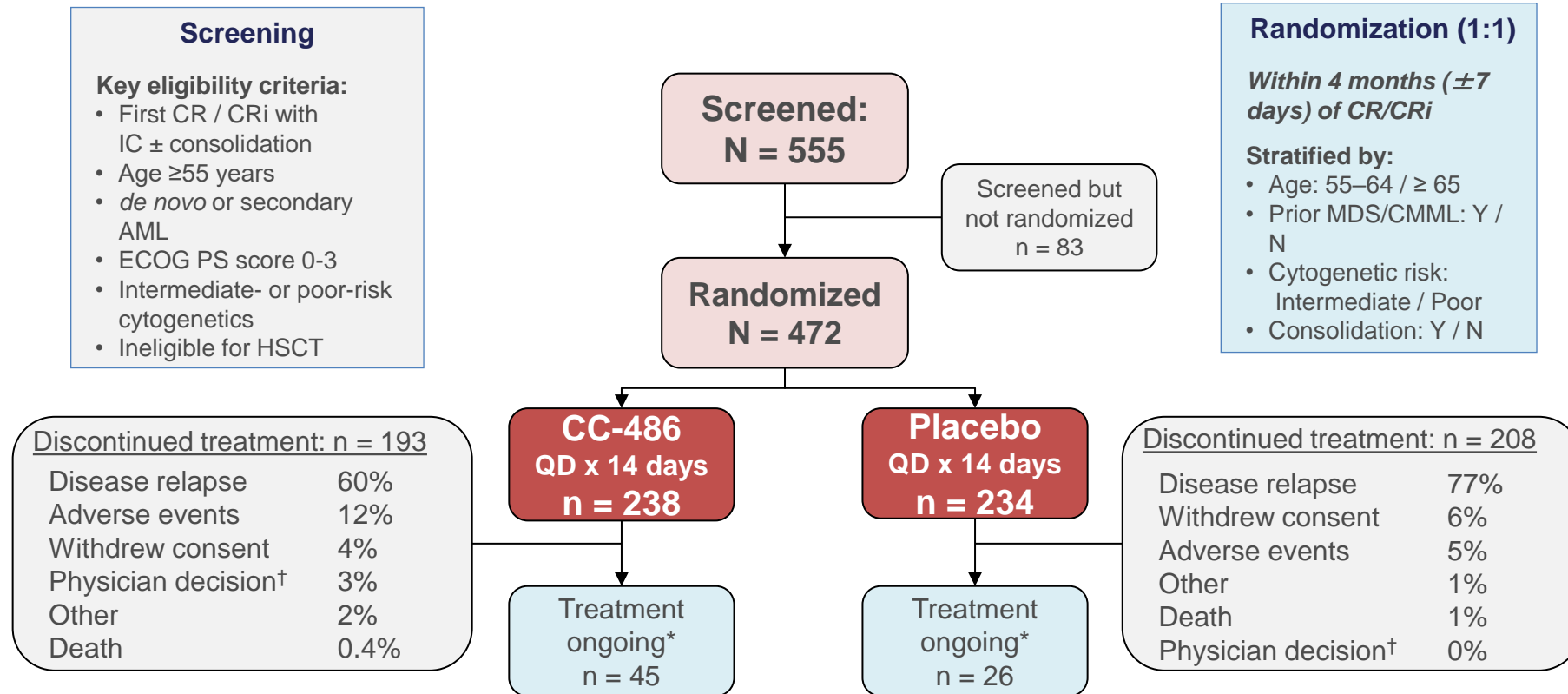
# The QUAZAR AML-001 Maintenance Trial: Results of a Phase III International, Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Study of CC-486 in Patients with Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML) in First Remission

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# QUAZAR: Schema and Patients

Primary Endpoint: OS; Secondary Endpoints: RFS, QoL and Safety.



\*Still receiving study drug at data cutoff (July 15, 2019).

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# QUAZAR: Safety

- Median treatment durations:
  - CC-486: 12 cycles (range 1–80)
  - Placebo: 6 cycles (range 1–73)
- CC-486 safety profile was generally consistent with that of injectable AZA<sup>1</sup>
- Gastrointestinal adverse events (AEs) in the CC-486 arm were most common during the first 2 treatment cycles
- Serious AEs were reported for 34% and 25% of patients in the CC-486 and placebo arms, respectively
- No treatment-related deaths

## AEs reported in ≥15% of patients in either arm

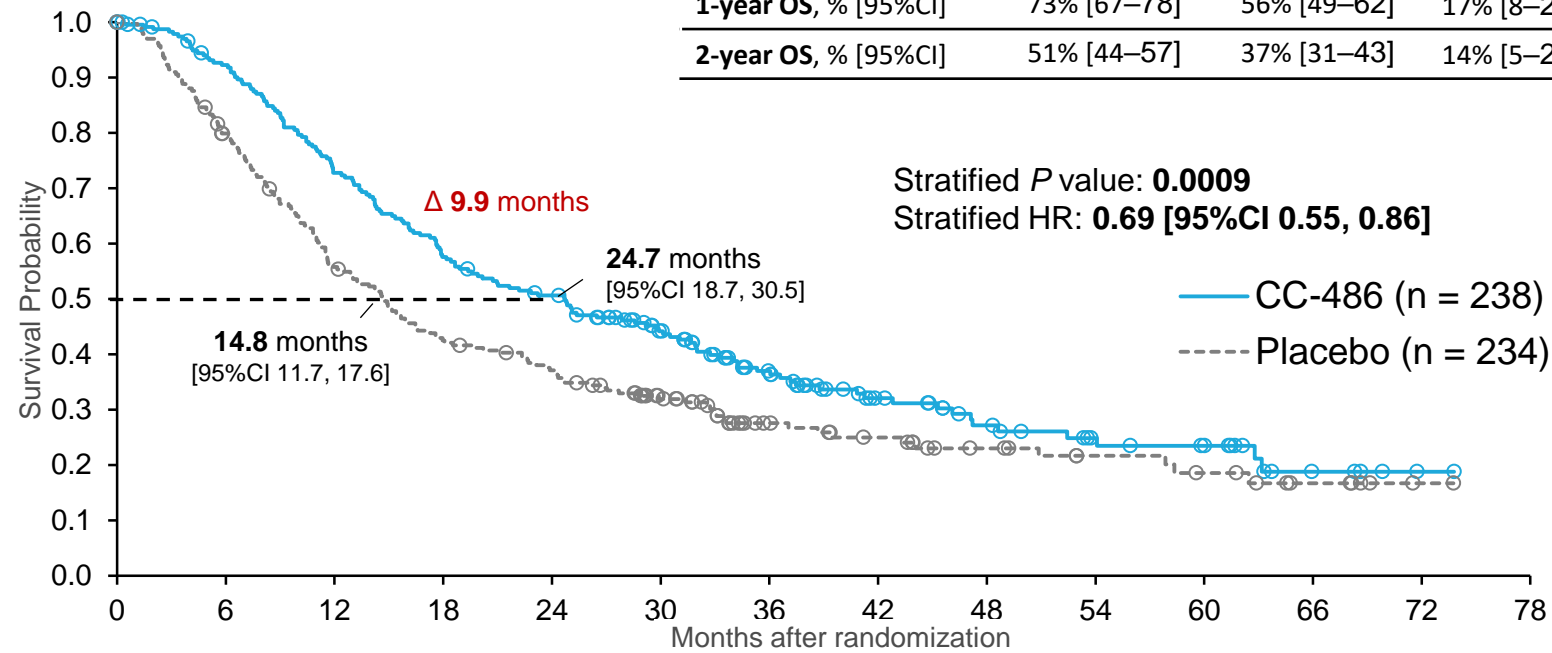
	CC-486 n = 236		Placebo n = 233	
	All Grades	Grade 3–4	All Grades	Grade 3–4
<b>Preferred term</b>	n (%)			
<b>Patients with ≥1 AE</b>	<b>231 (98)</b>	<b>169 (72)</b>	<b>225 (97)</b>	<b>147 (63)</b>
<b>Gastrointestinal</b>				
Nausea	153 (65)	6 (3)	55 (24)	1 (0.4)
Vomiting	141 (60)	7 (3)	23 (10)	0
Diarrhea	119 (50)	12 (5)	50 (22)	3 (1)
Constipation	91 (39)	3 (1)	56 (24)	0
<b>Hematologic</b>				
Neutropenia	105 (45)	97 (41)	61 (26)	55 (24)
Thrombocytopenia	79 (34)	53 (23)	63 (27)	50 (22)
Anemia	48 (20)	33 (14)	42 (18)	30 (13)
<b>Other</b>				
Fatigue	70 (30)	7 (3)	45 (19)	2 (1)
Asthenia	44 (19)	2 (1)	13 (6)	1 (0.4)
Pyrexia	36 (15)	4 (2)	44 (19)	1 (0.4)
Cough	29 (12)	0	39 (17)	0

1. Dombret et al. *Blood*. 2015;126(3):291-9.  
AE, adverse event; AZA, azacitidine; GI, gastrointestinal.

# QUAZAR: Primary Endpoint OS

- Median follow-up: 41.2 months

	CC-486	Placebo	Difference
1-year OS, % [95%CI]	73% [67–78]	56% [49–62]	17% [8–26]
2-year OS, % [95%CI]	51% [44–57]	37% [31–43]	14% [5–23]



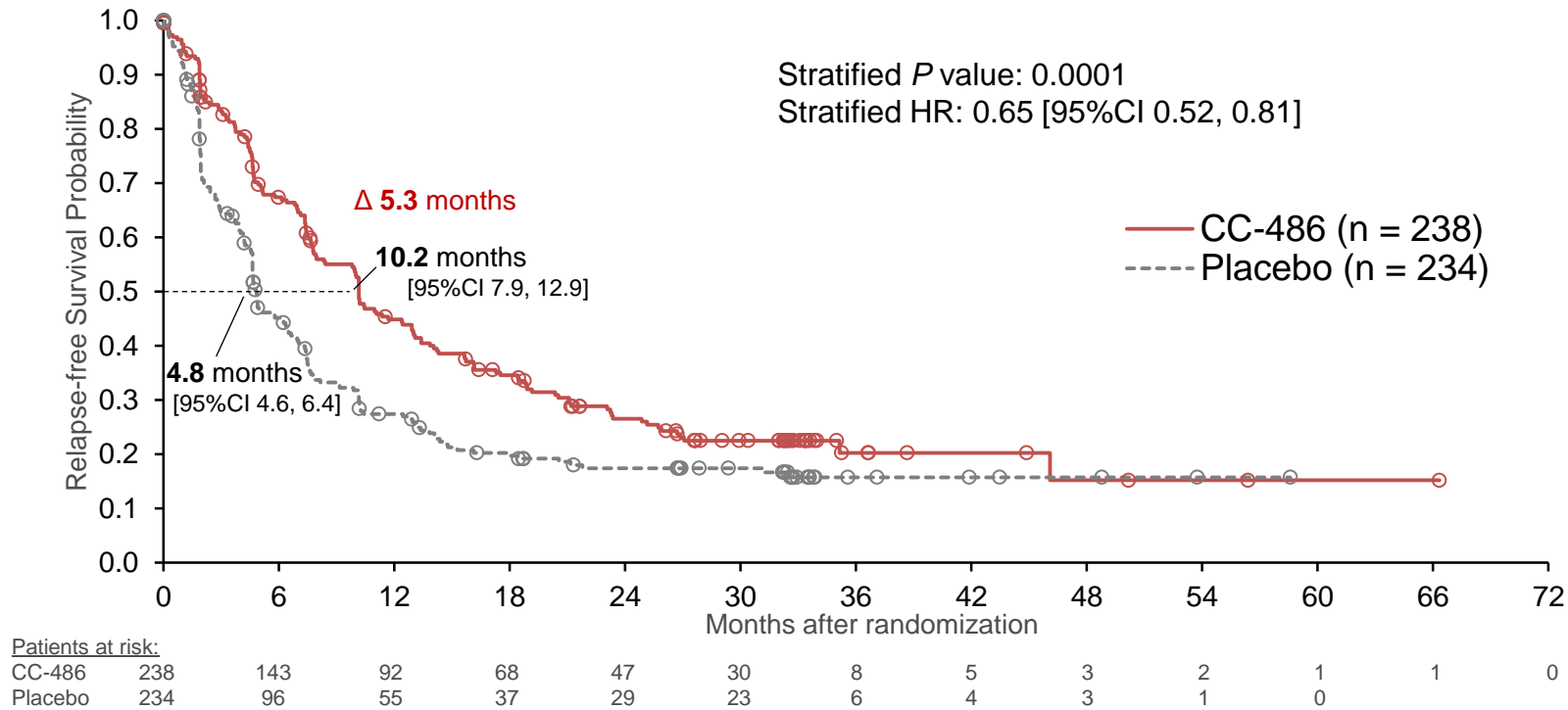
Patients at risk:

CC-486	238	213	169	133	115	87	59	37	26	18	15	5	1	0
Placebo	234	183	128	96	82	58	34	27	19	15	11	6	1	0

Data cutoff: July 15, 2019

OS was defined as the time from randomization to death by any cause. Kaplan-Meier estimated OS was compared for CC-486 vs. placebo by stratified log-rank test. HRs and 95%CIs were generated using a stratified Cox proportional hazards model.

# QUAZAR: Secondary Endpoint RFS



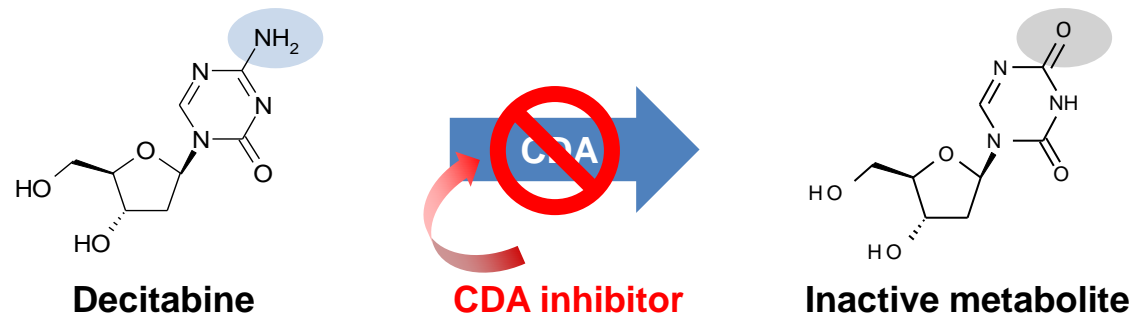
- 1-year relapse rate was 53% in the CC-486 arm [95%CI 46, 59] and was 71% in the placebo arm [65, 77]

Data cutoff: July 15, 2019

RFS was defined as the time from randomization to relapse or death by any cause, whichever occurred first. Kaplan-Meier estimated RFS was compared for CC-486 vs. placebo by stratified log-rank test. HRs and 95%CIs were generated using a stratified Cox proportional hazards model.

# Oral decitabine + cedazuridine (ASTX727)

- 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



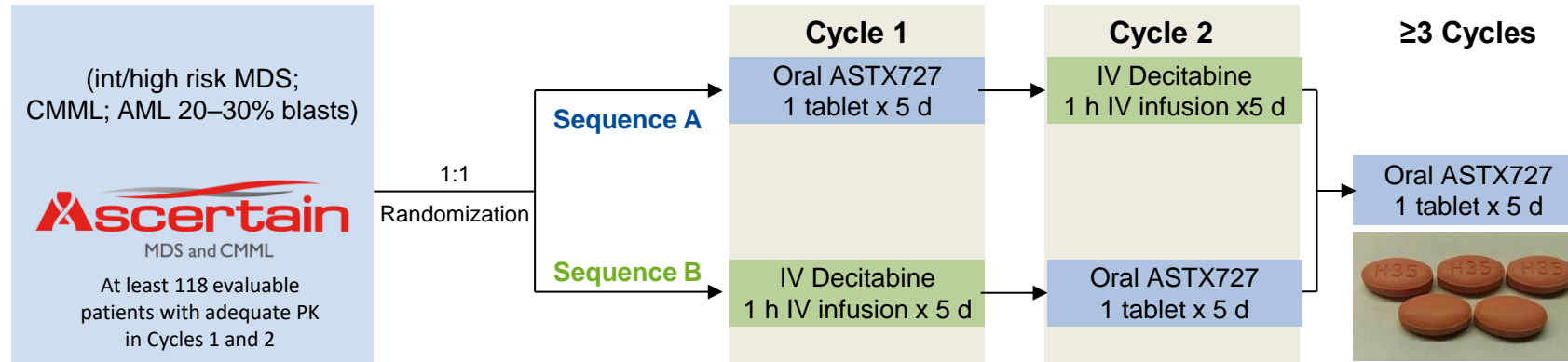
- Cedazuridine is a novel, potent, and safe CDA inhibitor
  - Large safety margin, with no adverse events at up to 200 mg/kg in monkeys (~2400 mg/m<sup>2</sup> human equivalent)

CDA, cytidine deaminase.



# ASTX727 Phase 3 Study (ASCERTAIN) in MDS/CMML

## Trial Design: Randomized Cross-Over



### Major entry criteria

- Candidates for IV decitabine
- ECOG PS 0–1
- Life expectancy of  $\geq 3$  months
- Adequate Organ Function
- One prior cycle of HMA is allowed

### Primary endpoint

- Total 5-d decitabine AUC equivalence (Oral/IV 90% CI between 80% and 125%)

### Secondary endpoints

- Efficacy: Response rate; Transfusion independence; duration of response; Leukemia-free and overall survival
- Safety of ASTX727
- Max LINE-1 demethylation

# Primary Endpoint: (5-day Decitabine AUC Equivalence)

Decitabine 5-day AUC <sub>0-24</sub> (h·ng/mL)		IV DEC		Oral ASTX727		Ratio of Geo. LSM Oral/IV, % (90% CI)	Intrasubject (%CV)
		N	Geo. LSM	N	Geo. LSM		
<b>Primary Analysis</b>	<b>Paired<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>123</b>	<b>864.9</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>855.7</b>	<b>98.9 (92.7, 105.6)</b>	<b>31.7</b>

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

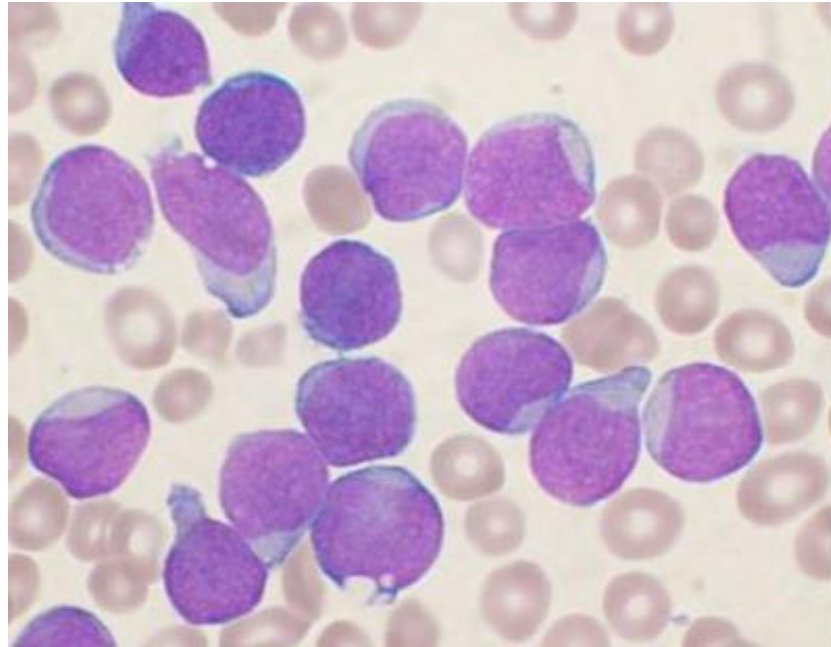
- Study met its primary endpoint with high confidence: Oral/IV 5-day decitabine AUC ~99% with 90% CI of ~93-106%
- All Sensitivity and secondary PK AUC analyses confirmed findings from primary analysis

# Efficacy: Preliminary Response in MDS/CMML

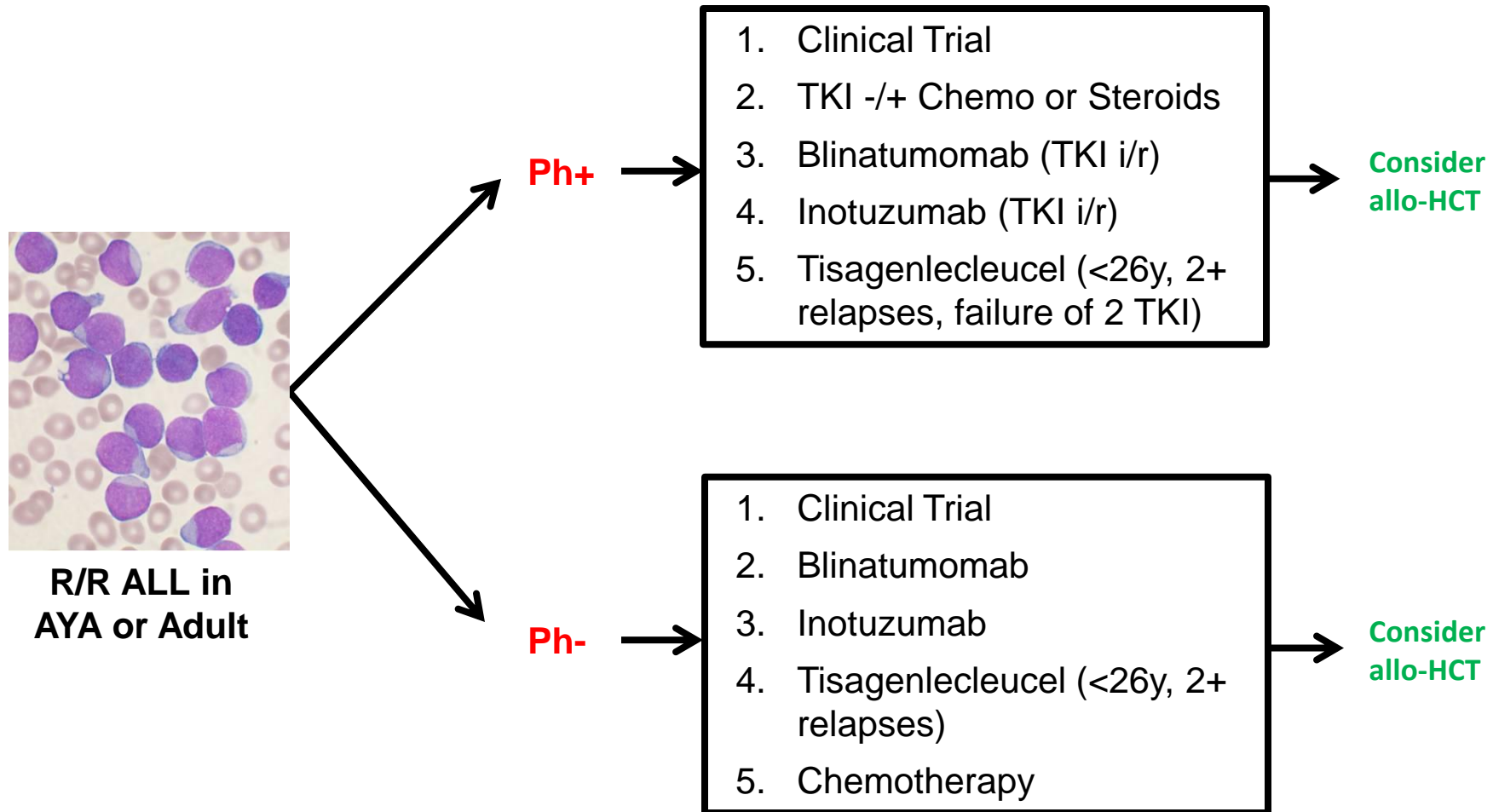
	Evaluable Patients <sup>1</sup> N=101 n (%)
Complete response (CR)	12 (11.9%)
Partial response (PR)	0
Marrow CR (mCR)	46 (45.5%)
mCR with hematologic improvement	14 (13.9%)
Hematologic improvement (HI)	7 (5.3%)
HI-erythroid	2 (2.0%)
HI-neutrophils	1 (1.0%)
HI-platelet	6 (5.9%)
Overall response (CR + PR + HI)	33 (31%)
Stable disease	28 (27.7%)
Progressive disease	8 (7.9%)

<sup>1</sup> 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

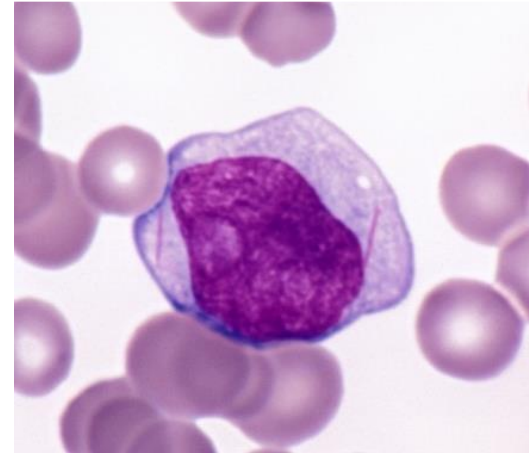
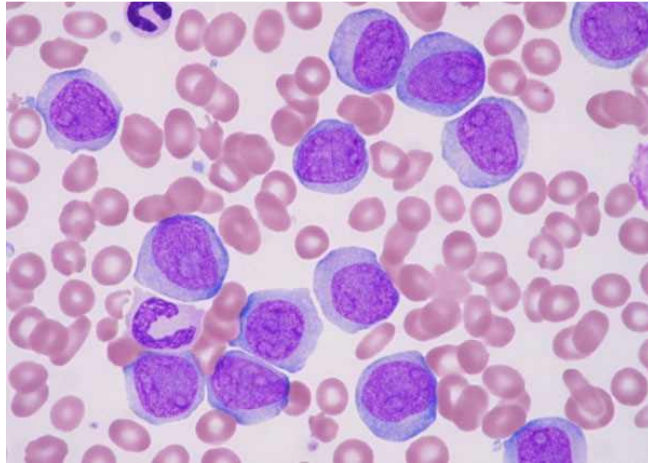
# Current Approaches to the Treatment of Relapsed/Refractory Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL)



# AYA and Adult R/R ALL Treatment Algorithm



# Summary and Conclusions



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- Exciting time for new FDA therapy approvals for AML, MDS and ALL
  - 9 new drugs approved since 4/2017
  - 2 new drugs approved for MDS in 2020
  - 3 new drugs recently approved for ALL
- Standards of care for acute leukemia are rapidly evolving
- Clinical trials continue to advance new treatments

Questions?

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