

De Novo AML

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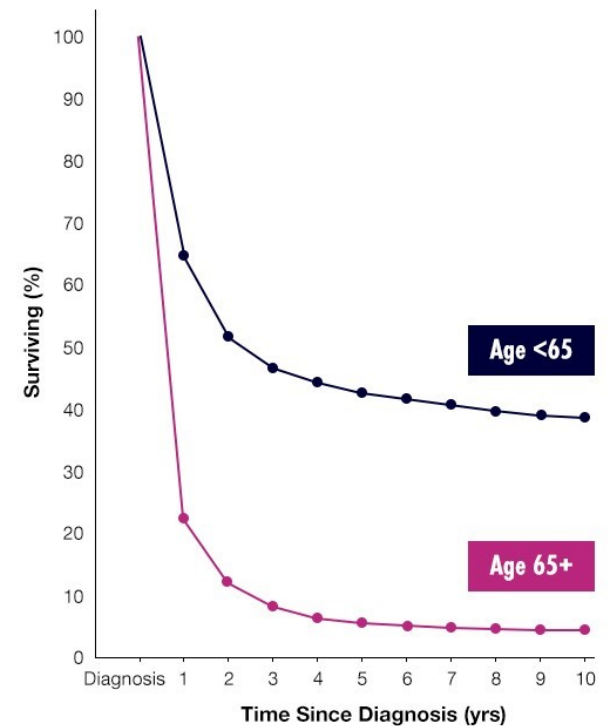
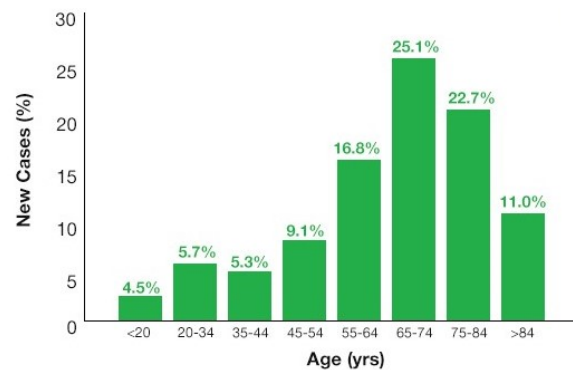
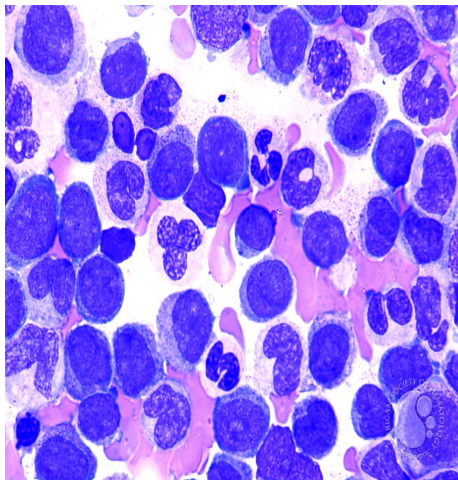
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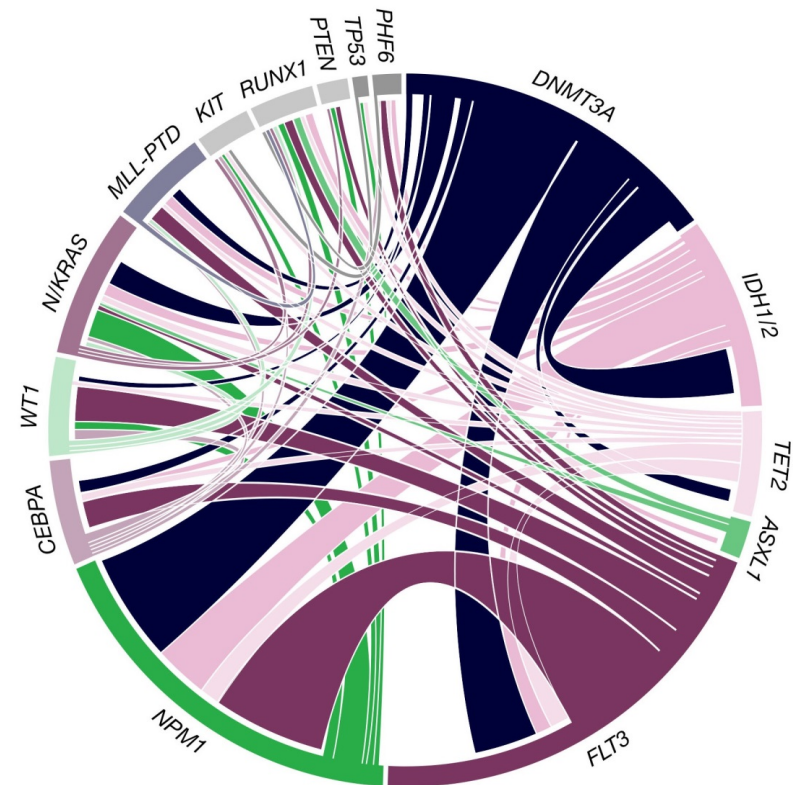
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Acute Myeloid Leukemia



AML is characterized by genetic heterogeneity

- The complexity of each case is illustrated by the presence of multiple leukemic blast clones harboring varying genetic and epigenetic aberrations¹⁻³
- A study of 1540 patients found²:
 - 5234 driver mutations across 76 genes or genomic regions
 - 86% of patients have *at least* 2 mutations
- Clonal evolution involves the acquisition and loss of specific mutations over the course of disease^{4,5}



Adapted from Patel et al, 2012.

AML classification

2016 WHO AML Subcategories¹

AML with recurrent genetic abnormalities

- 11 different subcategories listed

AML with myelodysplasia-related changes (AML-MRC)

Therapy-related myeloid neoplasms (e.g., t-AML)

AML, not otherwise specified

- 9 different subcategories listed

Myeloid sarcoma

Myeloid proliferations related to Down syndrome

- 2 different subcategories listed

- Primary “de novo AML”
- Secondary AML
 - AML with MDS related changes
 - Therapy related AML

The WHO defines AML-MRC as¹:

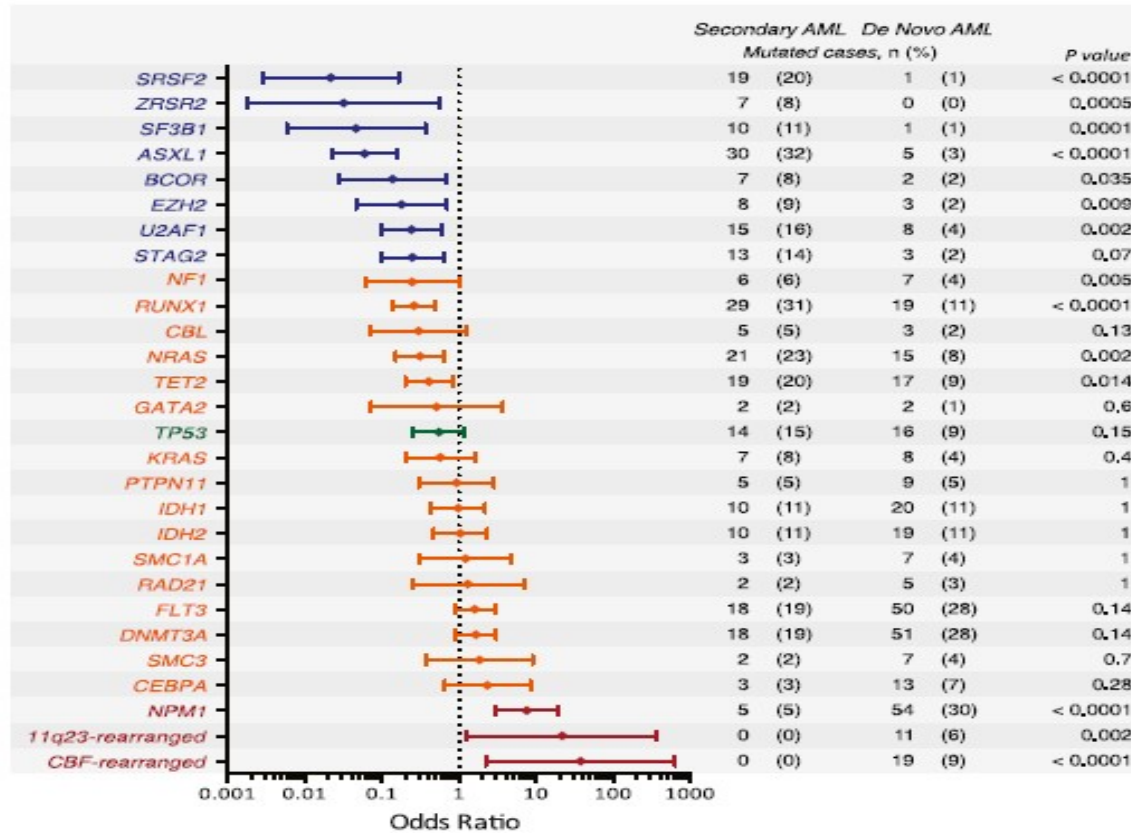
- 20% or more blasts in the peripheral blood or bone marrow and any of the following:
 - Previously documented MDS or MDS/MPN
 - Morphologic detection of multilineage dysplasia (≥50% dysplastic cells in ≥ 2 cell lines, excluding cases when a mutation of *NPM1* or biallelic mutation of *CEBPA* is present)
 - Myelodysplasia-related cytogenetic abnormalities

Complex karyotype (3 or more unbalanced or balanced abnormalities):	
Unbalanced abnormalities	-7/del(7q), del(5q)t(5q), i(17q)t(17p), -13/del(13q), del(11q), del(12p)t(12p), idic(X)(q13)
Balanced abnormalities	t(11;16)(q23.3;p13.3), t(3;21)(q26.2;q22.1), t(1;3)(p36.3;q21.2), t(2;11)(p21;q23.3), t(5;12)(q32;p13.2), t(5;7)(q32;q11.2), t(5;17)(q32;p13.2), t(5;10)(q32;q21.2), t(3;5)(q25.3;q35.1)

MPN=myeloproliferative neoplasm.

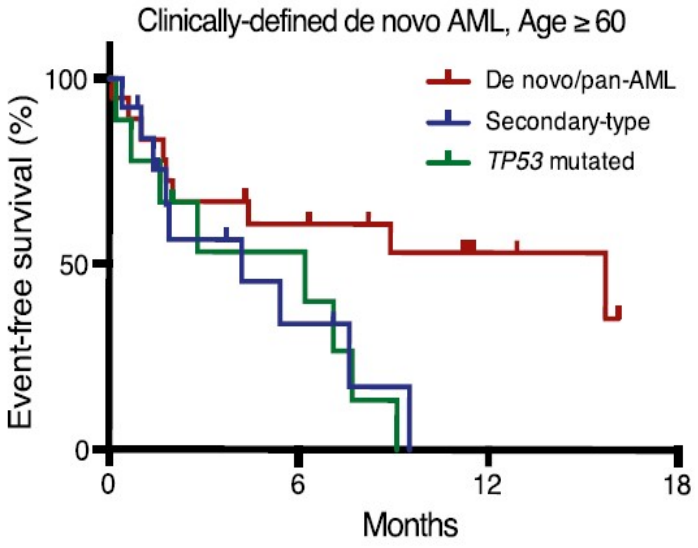
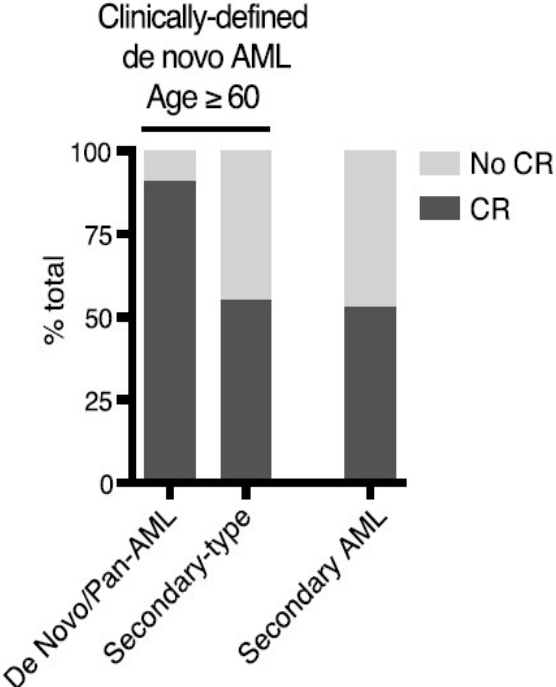
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AML ontogeny can be mutationally defined



Lindsley, et al. Blood 2015

Differential outcomes based on mutational profile



Lindsley, et al. Blood 2015

AML Risk Stratification by Cytogenetics and Molecular Abnormalities (ELN Recommendations)

Risk Status	Cytogenetics	Molecular Abnormalities
Favorable	t(8;21)(q22;q22.1); <i>RUNX1-RUNX1T1</i> inv(16)(p13.1q22) or t(16;16)(p13.1;q22); <i>CBFB-MYH11</i>	Mutated <i>NPM1</i> without <i>FLT3-ITD</i> or with <i>FLT3-ITD</i> ^{low} or Biallelic mutated <i>CEBPA</i>
Intermediate	t(9;11)(p21.3;q23.3); <i>MLLT3-KMT2A</i> Cytogenetic abnormalities not classified as favorable or adverse	Mutated <i>NPM1</i> and <i>FLT3-ITD</i> ^{high} Wild-type <i>NPM1</i> without <i>FLT3-ITD</i> or with <i>FLT3-ITD</i> ^{low} (without adverse-risk genetic lesions)
Adverse	t(6;9)(p23;q34.1); <i>DEK-NUP214</i> t(v;11q23.3); <i>KMT2A</i> rearranged t(9;22)(q34.1;q11.2); <i>BCR-ABL1</i> inv(3)(q21.3q26.2) or t(3;3)(q21.3;q26.2); <i>GATA2, MECOM(EVI1)</i> -5 or del(5q); -7; -17/abn(17p) Complex karyotype, monosomal karyotype	Wild-type <i>NPM1</i> and <i>FLT3-ITD</i> ^{high} Mutated <i>RUNX1</i> Mutated <i>ASXL1</i> Mutated <i>TP53</i>

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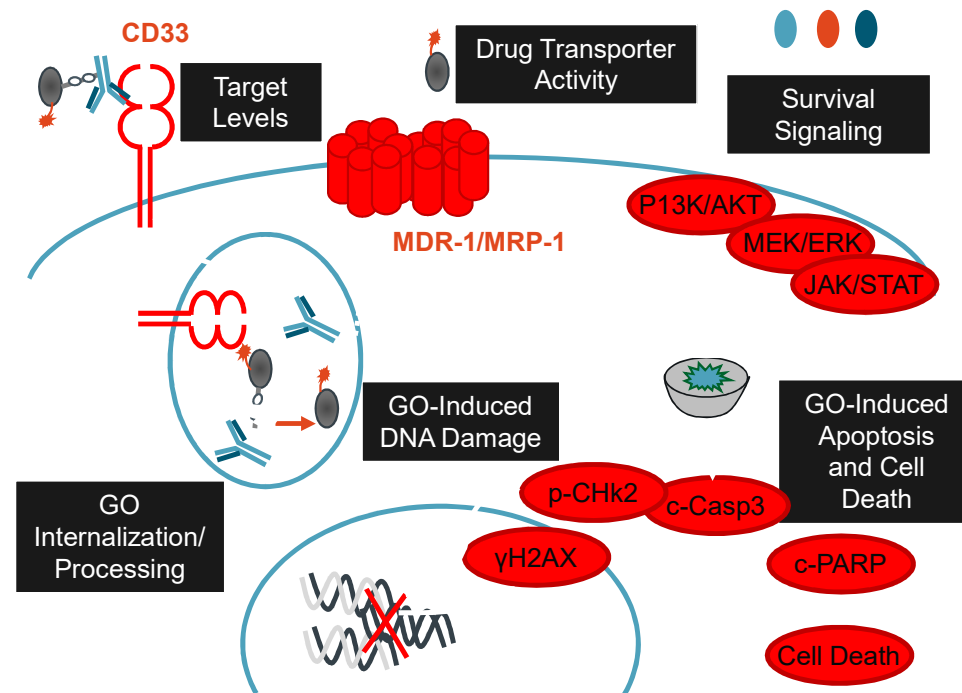
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Gemtuzumab Ozogamicin: MOA

- Monoclonal anti-CD33 antibody linked to calicheamicin- γ 1¹
- Internalized and cleaved in lysosomes to release free calicheamicin moiety²
- Calicheamicin moiety enters nucleus and interacts with DNA causing double-strand breaks initiating apoptosis¹⁻³



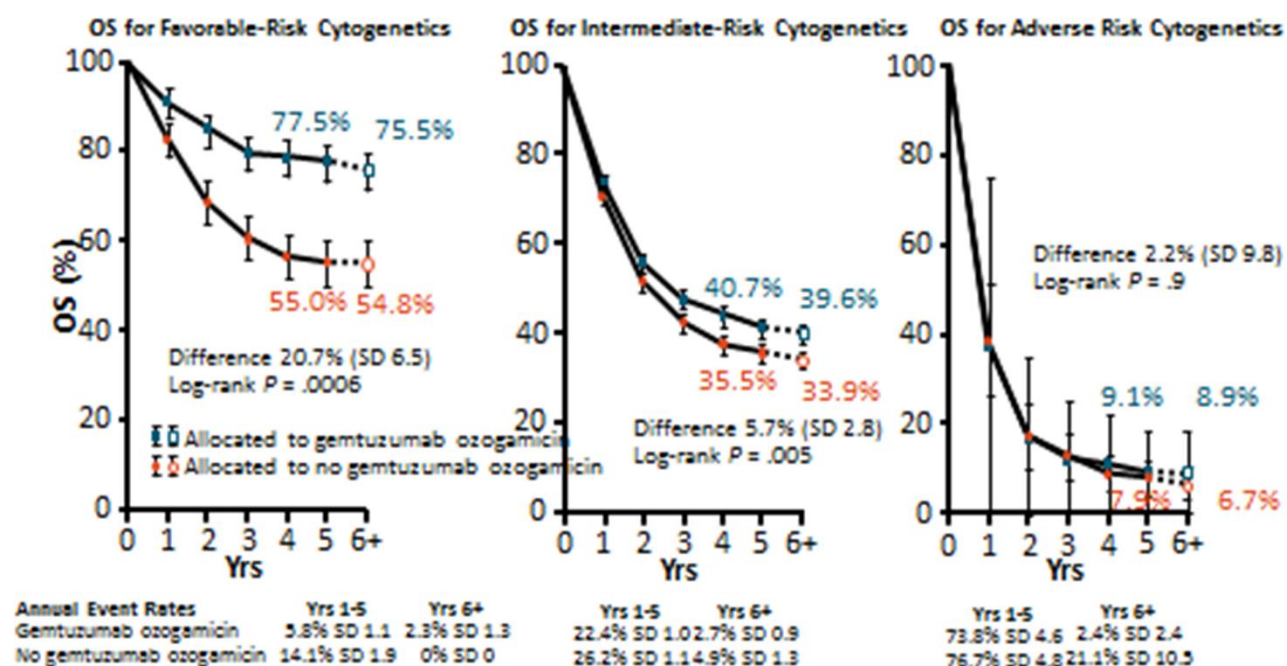
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Gemtuzumab Ozogamicin in AML: Phase III Results

Study ¹	N	Treatment	Results of GO vs Comparator
MRC/NCRI AML15 ²	1113	GO (3 mg/m ²) + either ADE, DA, or FLAG-IDA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved 5-yr OS for favorable-risk group No difference in ORR, TRM, relapse, survival
ALFA 0701 ³	280	GO (3 mg/m ²) + DA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved 2-yr EFS, RFS, OS No difference in ORR or mortality
GOELAMS AML 2006 IR ⁴	238	GO (6 mg/m ²) + DA induction and MA consolidation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved EFS in pts who did not have allogeneic HCT No difference in OS, ORR, TRM, 3-yr EFS
MRC/NCRI AML 16 ⁵	1115	GO (3 mg/m ²) + either DA or DCLo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced 3-yr relapse risk, and superior DFS and OS No difference in TRM
SWOG S0106 ⁶	595	GO (6 mg/m ²) + DA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased TRM No difference in ORR, DFS, or OS

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Addition of Gemtuzumab Ozogamicin to Induction Therapy: Meta-analysis of 5 Randomized Trials



Hills RK, et al. Lancet Oncol. 2014;15:986-996.

Fludarabine, Cytarabine, G-CSF and Gemtuzumab Ozogamicin (FLAG-GO) Regimen Results in Better Molecular Response and Relapse-Free Survival in Core Binding Factor Acute Myeloid Leukemia Than FLAG and Idarubicin (FLAG-Ida)

Figure 1 Relapse free survival (RFS) by treatment regimen

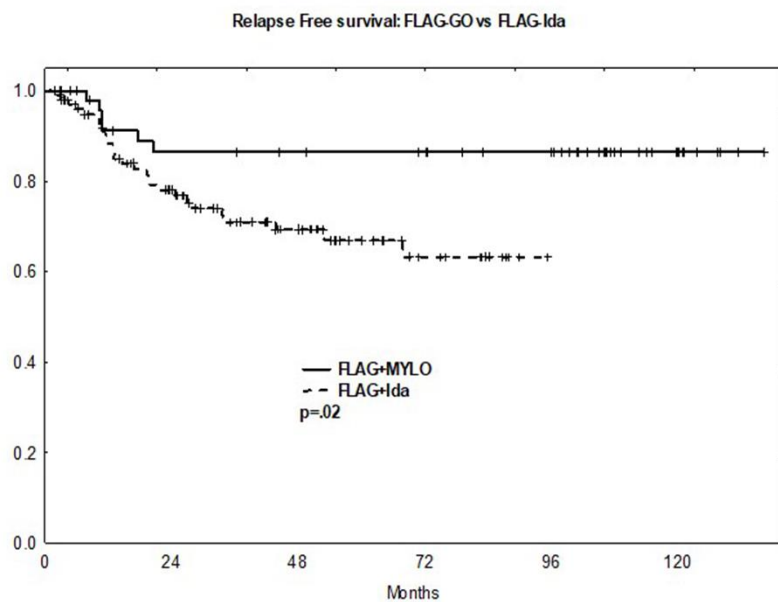
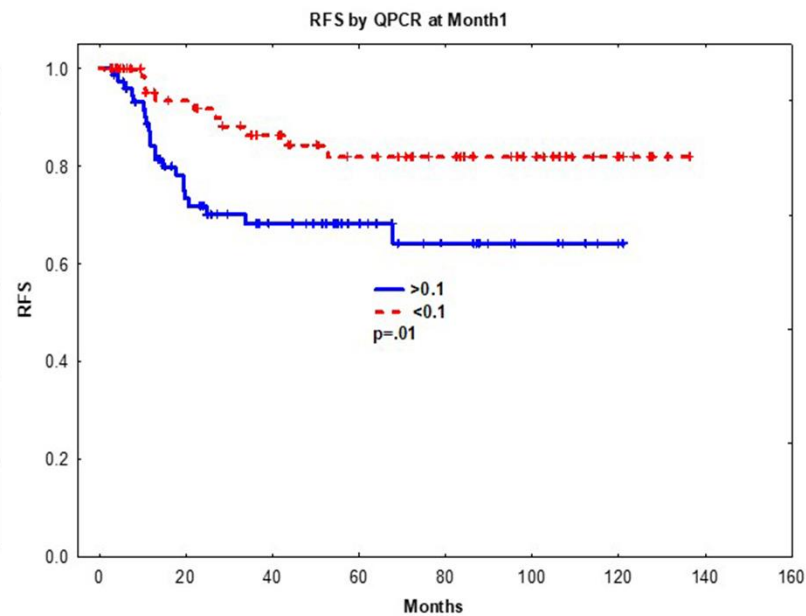


Figure 2 RFS by QPCR response at end of induction



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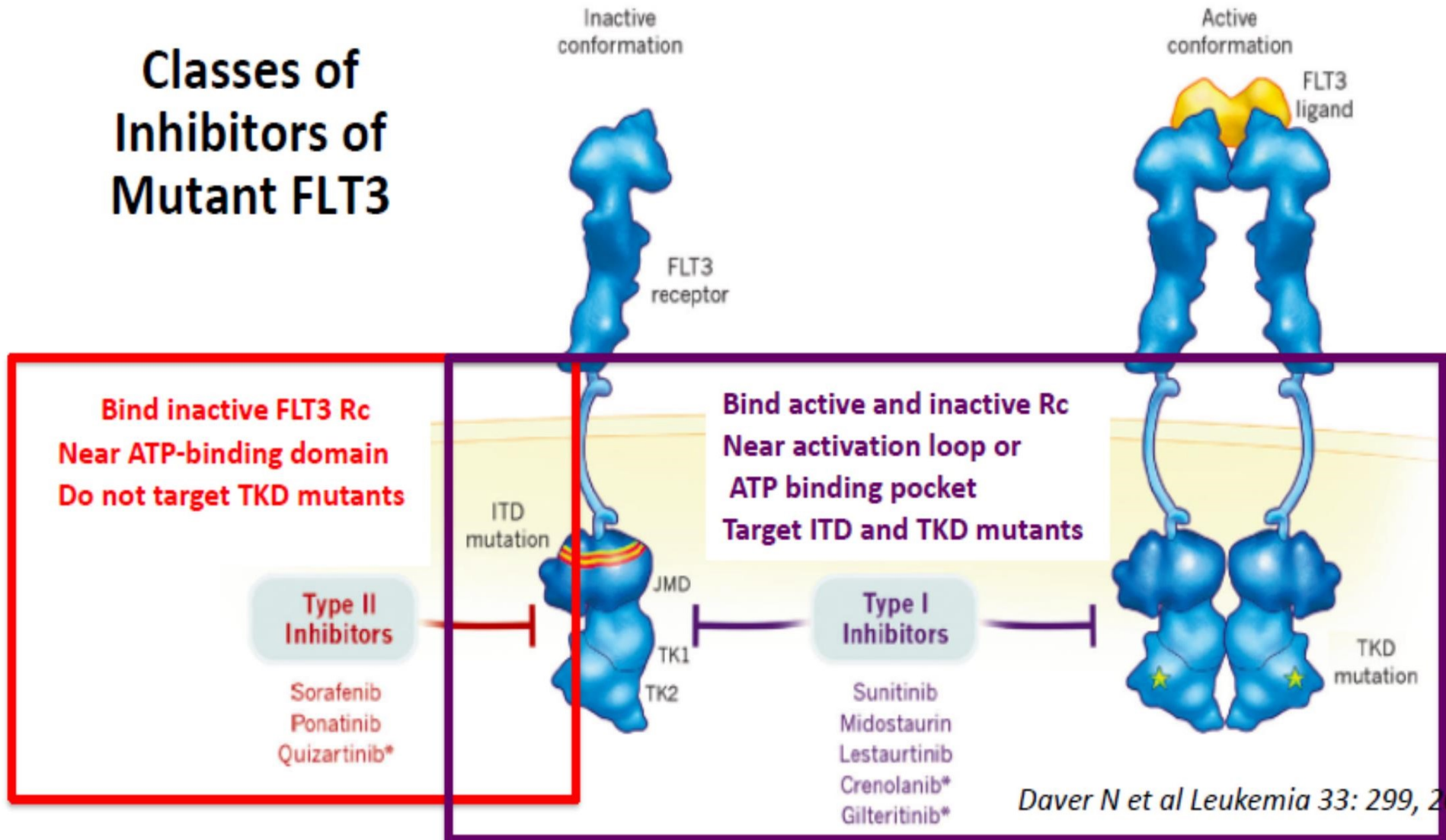
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Consolidation: allo SCT

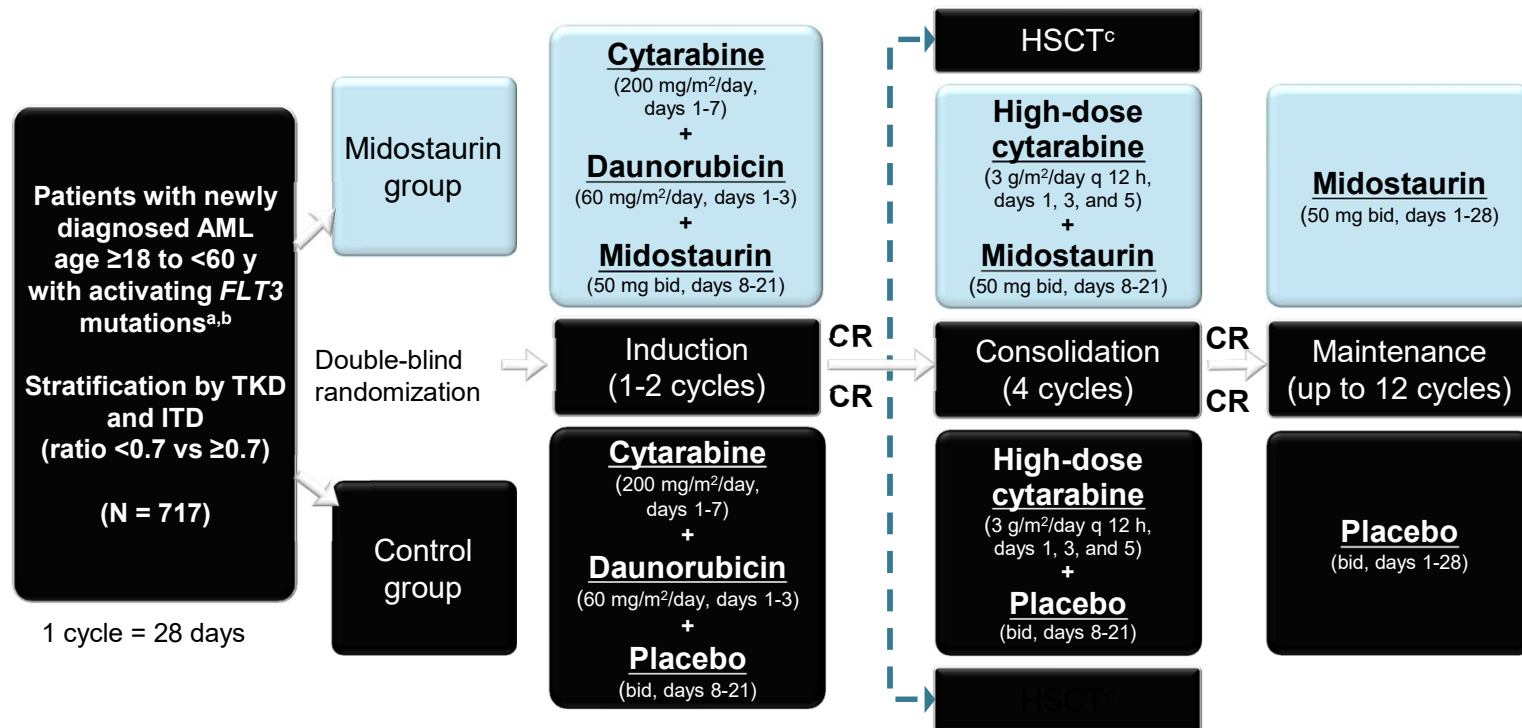
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Classes of Inhibitors of Mutant FLT3



Daver N et al Leukemia 33: 299, 2019

The RATIFY Trial



Primary Endpoint: Overall Survival
not censored for transplantation

^a Documented AML (no APL).

^b Hydroxyurea therapy allowed ≤ 5 days prior to start of study treatment.

^c Patients eligible for HSCT therapy no longer receive the study drug following the HSCT.

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RATIFY: Patient Characteristics

Table 1. Baseline Characteristics of the Patients.

Characteristic	All Patients (N=717)	Midostaurin Group (N=360)	Placebo Group (N=357)	P Value*
Age at trial entry — yr				0.22
Median	47.9	47.1	48.6	
Range	18.0–60.9	19.0–59.8	18.0–60.9	
Female sex — no. (%)	398 (55.5)	186 (51.7)	212 (59.4)	0.04
Race — no./total no. (%)†				0.74
White	275/309 (89.0)	147/165 (89.1)	128/144 (88.9)	
Other	34/309 (11.0)	18/165 (10.9)	16/144 (11.1)	
Subtype of <i>FLT3</i> mutation — no. (%)‡				1.00
TKD	162 (22.6)	81 (22.5)	81 (22.7)	
ITD with low allelic ratio	341 (47.6)	171 (47.5)	170 (47.6)	
ITD with high allelic ratio	214 (29.8)	108 (30.0)	106 (29.7)	
Modified European LeukemiaNet classifica- tion — no./total no. (%)§				0.15
Favorable	29/547 (5.3)	16/269 (5.9)	13/278 (4.7)	
Normal	375/547 (68.6)	172/269 (63.9)	203/278 (73.0)	
Intermediate II	104/547 (19.0)	59/269 (21.9)	45/278 (16.2)	
Adverse	39/547 (7.1)	22/269 (8.2)	17/278 (6.1)	

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RATIFY: Complete Response Rates

Table 3. Summary of Complete Remission.*			
Variable	Midostaurin Group (N=360)	Placebo Group (N=357)	P Value†
Protocol-specified complete remission — no. (%)	212 (59)	191 (54)	0.15
Kaplan–Meier estimate of time to complete remission — days			
Median	35	35	
Range	20–60	20–60	

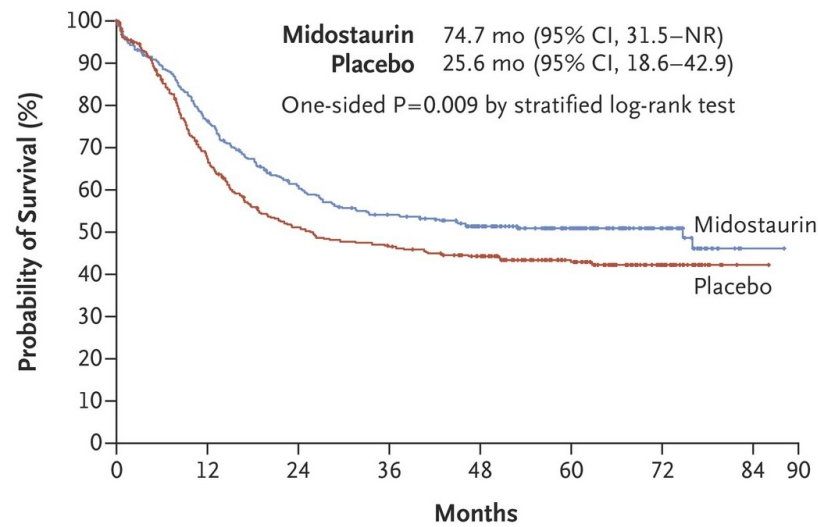
* Complete remission was defined as the presence of less than 5% blasts in the marrow or extramedullary leukemia, an absolute neutrophil count of more than 1000 per microliter, a platelet count of more than 100,000 per microliter, and the absence of blasts in the peripheral blood; in addition, per protocol, complete remission had to occur by day 60.

† P value is two-sided and was calculated with the use of Fisher's exact test.

RATIFY: Overall Survival

23% reduced risk of death in the midostaurin arm

A Median Overall Survival



Arm 4-Year Survival

MIDO 51.4% (95% CI, 46, 57)

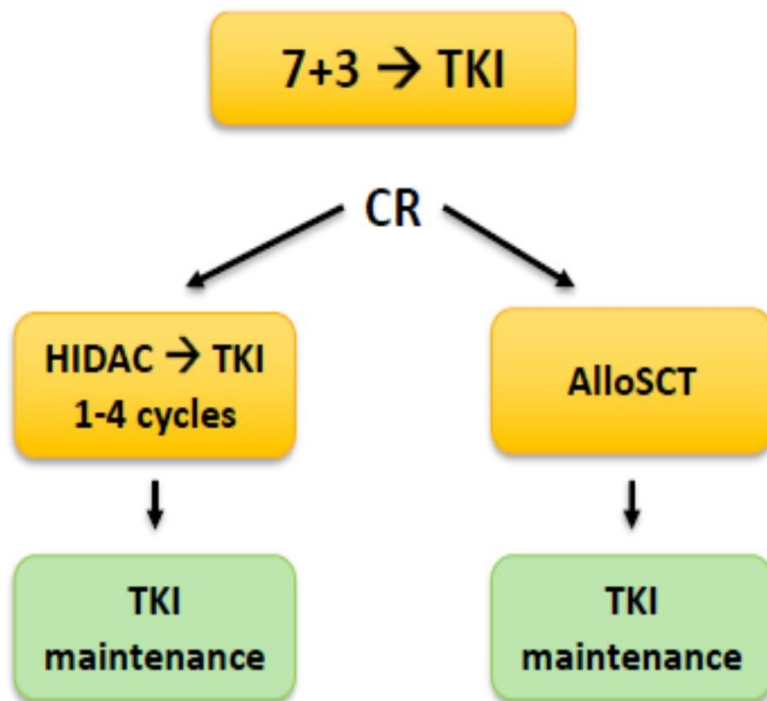
PBO 44.2% (95% CI, 39, 50)

No. at Risk

Midostaurin	360	269	208	181	151	97	37	1
Placebo	357	221	163	147	129	80	30	1

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Upfront intensive therapy + TKI for newly diagnosed AML

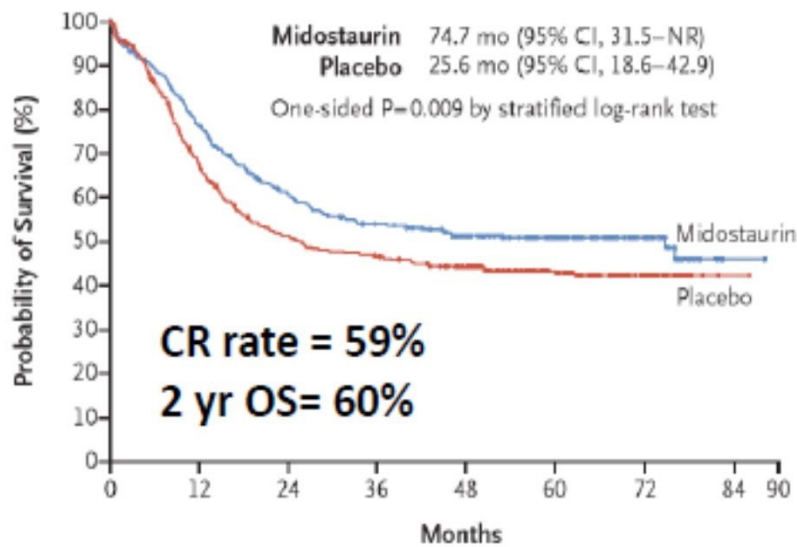


FLT3 TKI	No. pts	CRCR/CRI/CRh
Midostaurin plus 7+3	N=717 (ph 3)	59%
Quizartinib plus 7+3	N=16 (ph 1)	84%
Crenolanib plus 7+3	N=38 (ph 2)	88%
Gilteritinib plus 7+3	N=33 (ph 1)	94%

Stone R et al NEJM 377(5): 454, 2017; Wang E et al ASH 2017;
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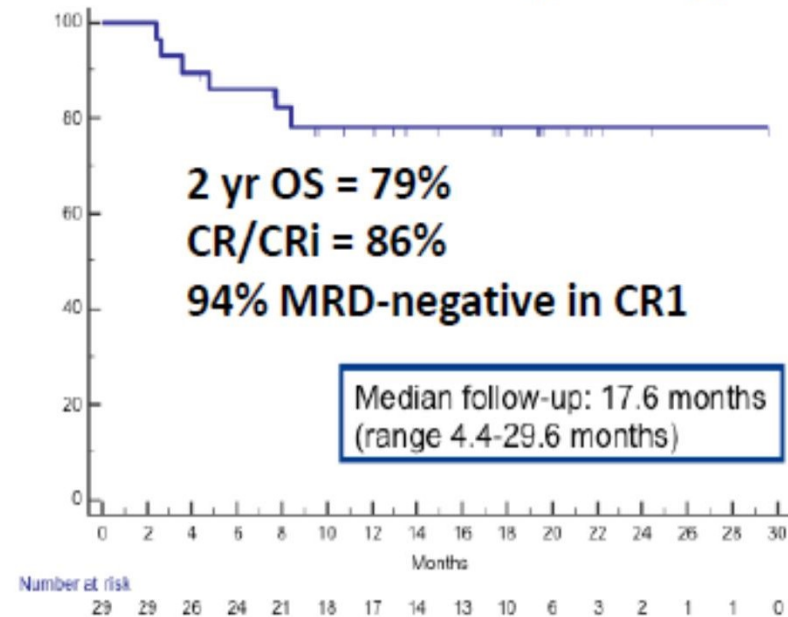
Phase II trial of crenolanib in newly diagnosed FLT3^{mut} AML

Midostaurin/ 7+3 (RATIFY)

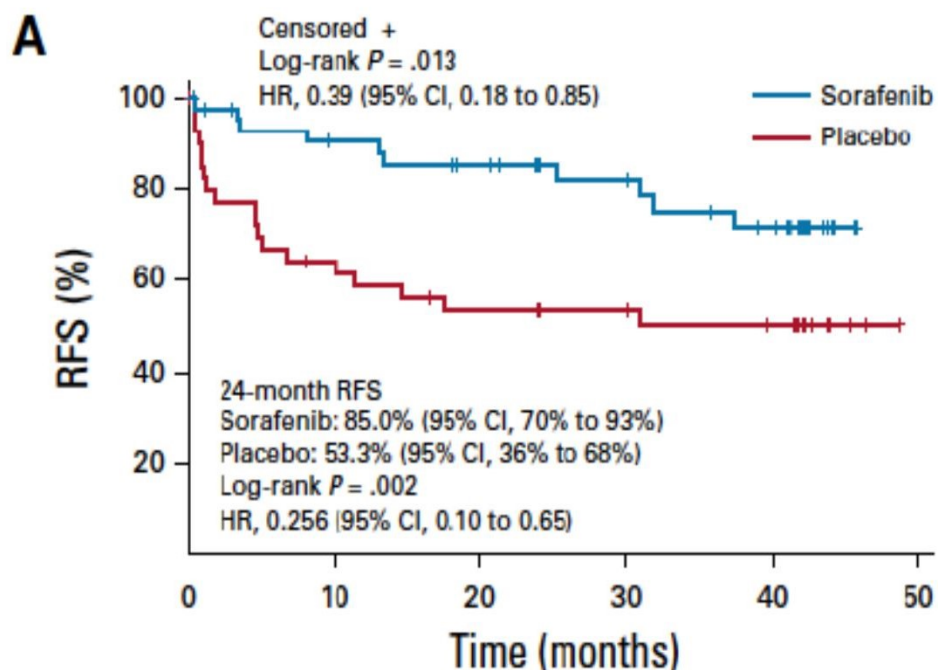


No. at Risk	0	12	24	36	48	60	72	84	90
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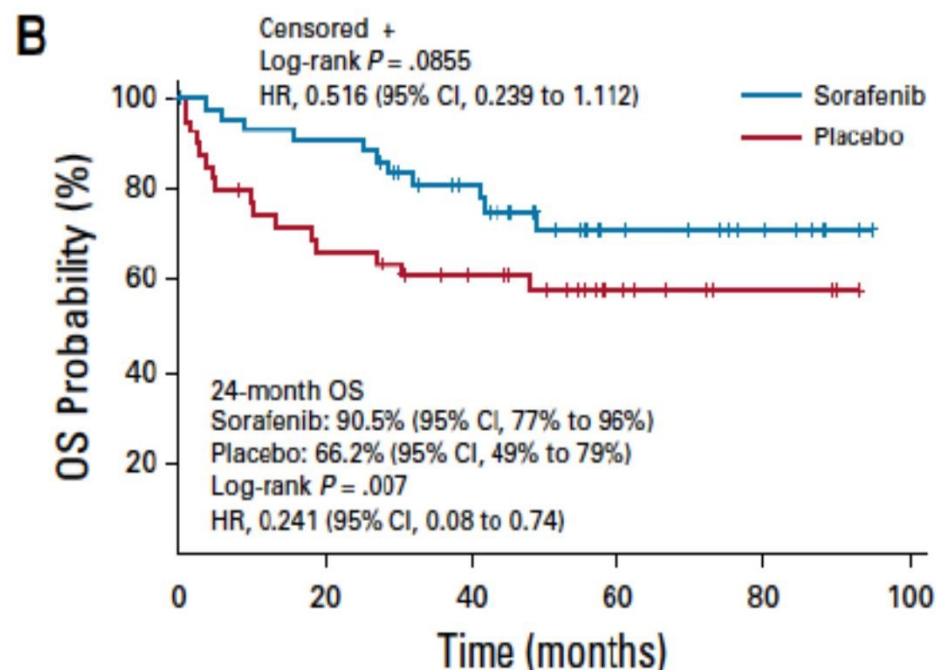
Crenolanib/ 7+3 (phase 2)(n=28)



SORMAIN: TKI maintenance following alloSCT



No. at risk:	0	10	20	30	40	50
Placebo	40	24	19	17	14	0
Sorafenib	43	35	31	25	18	0



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Placebo	40	25	19	9	3	0
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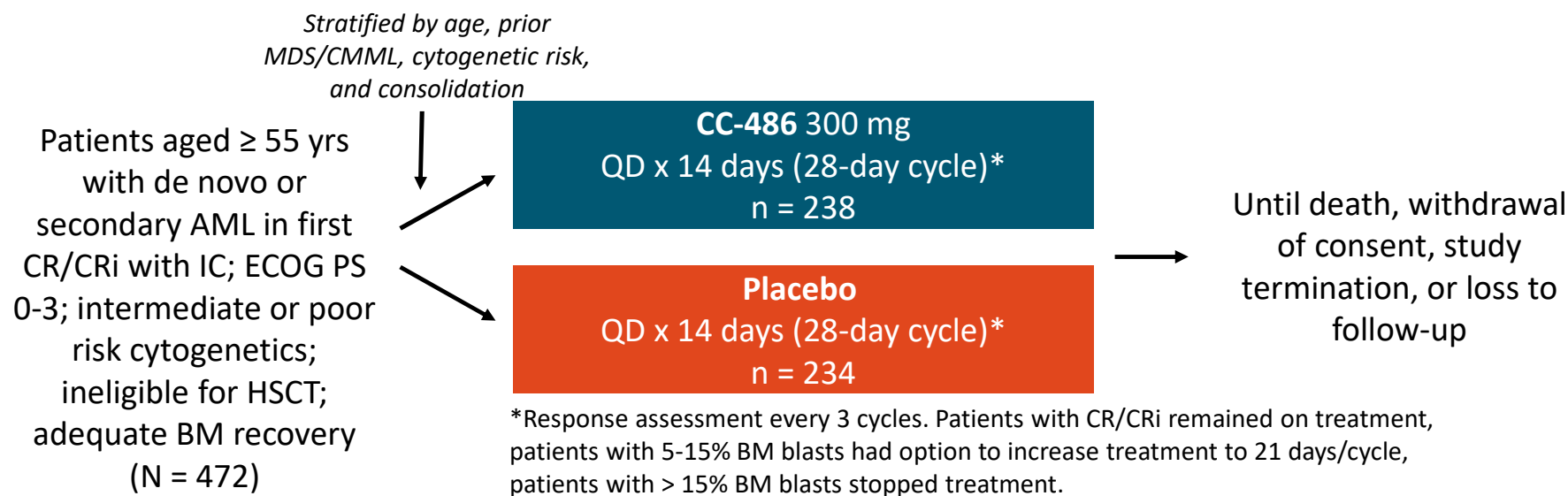
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Phase III QUAZAR AML-001: CC-486 as Maintenance Therapy in First-Remission AML—Study Design

- Multicenter, randomized, placebo-controlled, double-blind, phase III study



- Primary endpoint: overall survival
- Key secondary endpoints: relapse-free survival, health-related QoL, and safety

QUAZAR AML-001: Baseline Characteristics

Characteristic	CC-486 n = 238	Placebo n = 234
Median age, yrs (range)	68 (55-86)	68 (55-82)
▪ ≥ 65 yrs, n (%)	172 (72)	166 (71)
Male, n (%)	118 (50)	127 (54)
ECOG PS score, n (%)		
▪ 0	116 (49)	111 (47)
▪ 1	101 (42)	106 (45)
▪ 2	21 (9)	15 (6)
▪ 3	0	2 (1)
De novo AML, n (%)	213 (89)	216 (92)
WHO classification, n (%)		
▪ Not otherwise specified	148 (62)	145 (62)
▪ Myelodysplasia-related changes	49 (21)	42 (18)
▪ Recurrent genetic abnormalities	39 (16)	46 (20)

Characteristic, n (%)	CC-486 n = 238	Placebo n = 234
NCCN cytogenetic risk		
▪ Intermediate	203 (85)	203 (87)
▪ Poor	35 (15)	31 (13)
Response after induction		
▪ CR	187 (79)	197 (84)
▪ CRi	51 (21)	37 (16)
Received consolidation therapy	186 (78)	192 (82)
▪ 1 cycle	110 (46)	102 (44)
▪ 2 cycles	70 (29)	77 (33)
▪ 3 cycles	6 (3)	13 (6)
MRD status at randomization*		
▪ Positive	103 (43)	116 (50)
▪ Negative	133 (56)	111 (47)

*Central assessment by flow cytometry with a positive threshold of ≥ 0.1% using “different-from-normal” method.

QUAZAR AML-001: Survival

Outcome	CC-486 n = 238	Placebo n = 234
Median OS, mos (95% CI)	24.7 (18.7-30.5)	14.8 (11.7-17.6)
▪ Stratified <i>P</i> value		.0009
▪ Stratified HR (95% CI)		0.69 (0.55-0.86)
1-yr survival rate, % (95% CI)	73 (67-78)	56 (49-62)
2-yr survival rate, % (95% CI)	51 (44-57)	37 (31-43)
Relapse-free survival, mos (95% CI)	10.2 (7.9-12.9)	4.8 (4.6-6.4)
▪ Stratified <i>P</i> value		.0001
▪ Stratified HR (95% CI)		0.65 (0.52-0.81)

- Median follow up: 41.2 months
- 1-yr relapse rate was 53% (95% CI: 46-59) in CC-486 arm vs 71% (95% CI: 65-77) in placebo arm

Upfront Treatment of De Novo AML in patients not eligible for Intensive chemotherapy

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Clinical trials

APR-246

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Azacitidine and Venetoclax in Previously Untreated Acute Myeloid Leukemia

VIALE-A Study Design

(NCT02993523)

Eligibility

Inclusion

- Patients with newly diagnosed confirmed AML
- Ineligible for induction therapy defined as **either**
 - ❖ ≥ 75 years of age
 - ❖ 18 to 74 years of age with at least one of the co-morbidities:
 - CHF requiring treatment or Ejection Fraction $\leq 50\%$
 - Chronic stable angina
 - DLCO $\leq 65\%$ or FEV1 $\leq 65\%$
 - ECOG 2 or 3

Exclusion

- Prior receipt of any HMA, venetoclax, or chemotherapy for myelodysplastic syndrome
- Favorable risk cytogenetics per NCCN
- Active CNS involvement

Treatment

Randomization 2:1
N=433*

Venetoclax + Azacitidine

(N=286)

Venetoclax 400 mg PO, daily, days 1–28 + Azacitidine 75 mg/m² SC /IV days 1–7

Placebo + Azacitidine

(N=145)

Placebo daily, days 1–28 + Azacitidine 75 mg/m² SC /IV days 1–7

Endpoints

Primary

- Overall survival

Secondary

- CR+CRi rate
- CR+CRh rate
- CR+CRi and CR+CRh rates by initiation of cycle 2
- CR rate
- Transfusion independence
- CR+CRi rates and OS in molecular subgroups
- Event-free survival

Randomization Stratification Factors

Age (<75 vs. ≥ 75 years); Cytogenetic Risk (intermediate, Poor); Region

Venetoclax dosing ramp-up

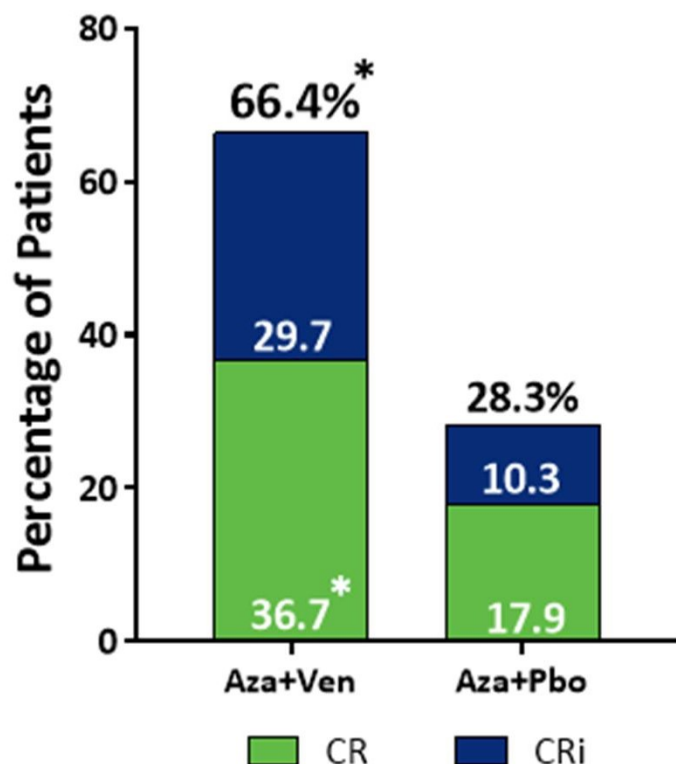
Cycle 1 ramp-up Day 1: 100 mg, Day 2: 200 mg, Day 3 - 28: 400 mg
Cycle 2 → Day 1-28: 400 mg

* 2 patients were not stratified by cytogenetic risk. They were excluded from efficacy analysis but included in the safety analysis. 6 patients who did not receive treatment were excluded from the safety analysis set.

AML: Acute myeloid leukemia; CHF: Congestive heart failure; CNS: Central nervous system; CR: Complete remission; CRi: CR+ incomplete marrow remission; CRh: CR+ incomplete hematologic recovery; DLCO: diffusion lung capacity for carbon monoxide; ECOG: Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group; FEV1 : Forced expiratory volume; HMA: Hypomethylating agent; NCCN: National Comprehensive Cancer Network

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Composite Response Rate (CR+CRi)



	No. of treatment cycles, median (range)	Median time to CR/CRi, Months (range)	*CR+CRi by initiation of Cycle 2, n (%)
Aza+Ven (n=286)	7.0 (1.0 – 30.0)	1.3 (0.6 – 9.9)	124 (43.4)
Aza+Pbo (n=145)	4.5 (1.0 – 26.0)	2.8 (0.8 – 13.2)	11 (7.6)

*CR+CRi rate, CR rate, and CR+CRi by initiation of cycle 2 are statistically significant with p<0.001 by CMH test

Aza: Azacitidine; Pbo: Placebo; Ven: Venetoclax; CR: Complete remission; CRi: CR with incomplete-count recovery; CR was defined as absolute neutrophil count >10³/μL, platelets >10⁹/μL, red cell transfusion independence (TI), and bone marrow with <5% blasts; CRi was defined as all criteria for CR, except for neutropenia ≤10³/μL or thrombocytopenia ≤10⁹/μL. CR + CRi rate was compared using Cochran-Mantel-Haenszel (CMH) test stratified by age (18 – < 75, ≥ 75) and cytogenetic risk (intermediate, poor).

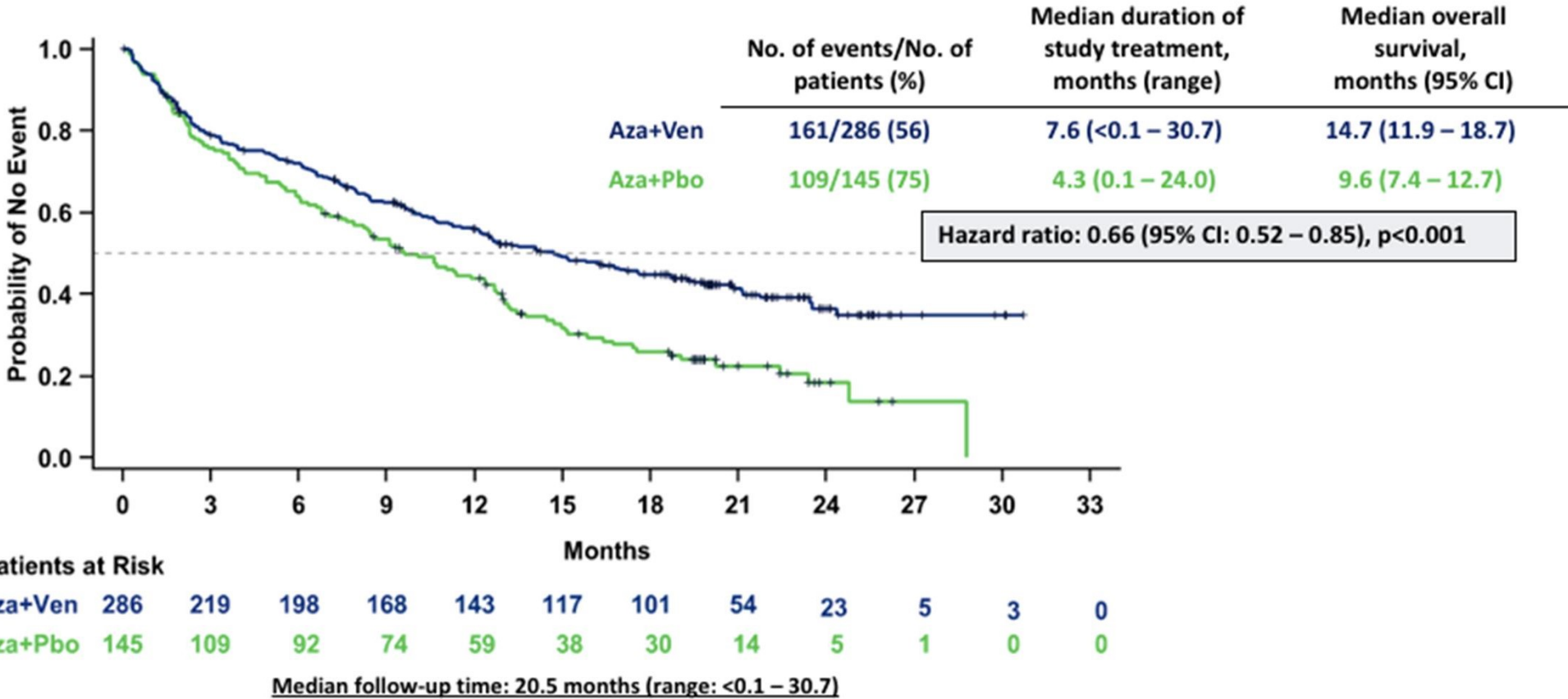
Summary of Adverse Events (cont.)

	Aza+Ven N = 283	Aza+Pbo N = 144
Serious AEs in ≥5% of patients, n (%)		
All serious AEs	235 (83)	105 (73)
Febrile neutropenia	84 (30)	15 (10)
Anemia	14 (5)	6 (4)
Neutropenia	13 (5)	3 (2)
Atrial fibrillation	13 (5)	2 (1)
Pneumonia	47 (17)	32 (22)
Sepsis	16 (6)	12 (8)
Any AE leading to:		
Dose discontinuation	69 (24)	29 (20)
Dose interruption*	204 (72)	82 (57)
Dose reduction†	7 (3)	6 (4)
Deaths, n (%)		
≤30 days after first dose of study drug	21 (7)	9 (6)
≤60 days after first dose of study drug	43 (15)	24 (17)
Other, n (%)		
Tumor lysis syndrome††	3 (1)	0

*Dose interruptions commonly due to neutropenia (19%/10%), febrile neutropenia (20%/4%), and thrombocytopenia (10%/4%); interruptions include delays between cycles and reduced duration from 28 to 21 days per cycle for count recovery after marrow leukemia clearance; †Dose reduction for AEs or other medications; †† 3 cases of TLS during ramp up.

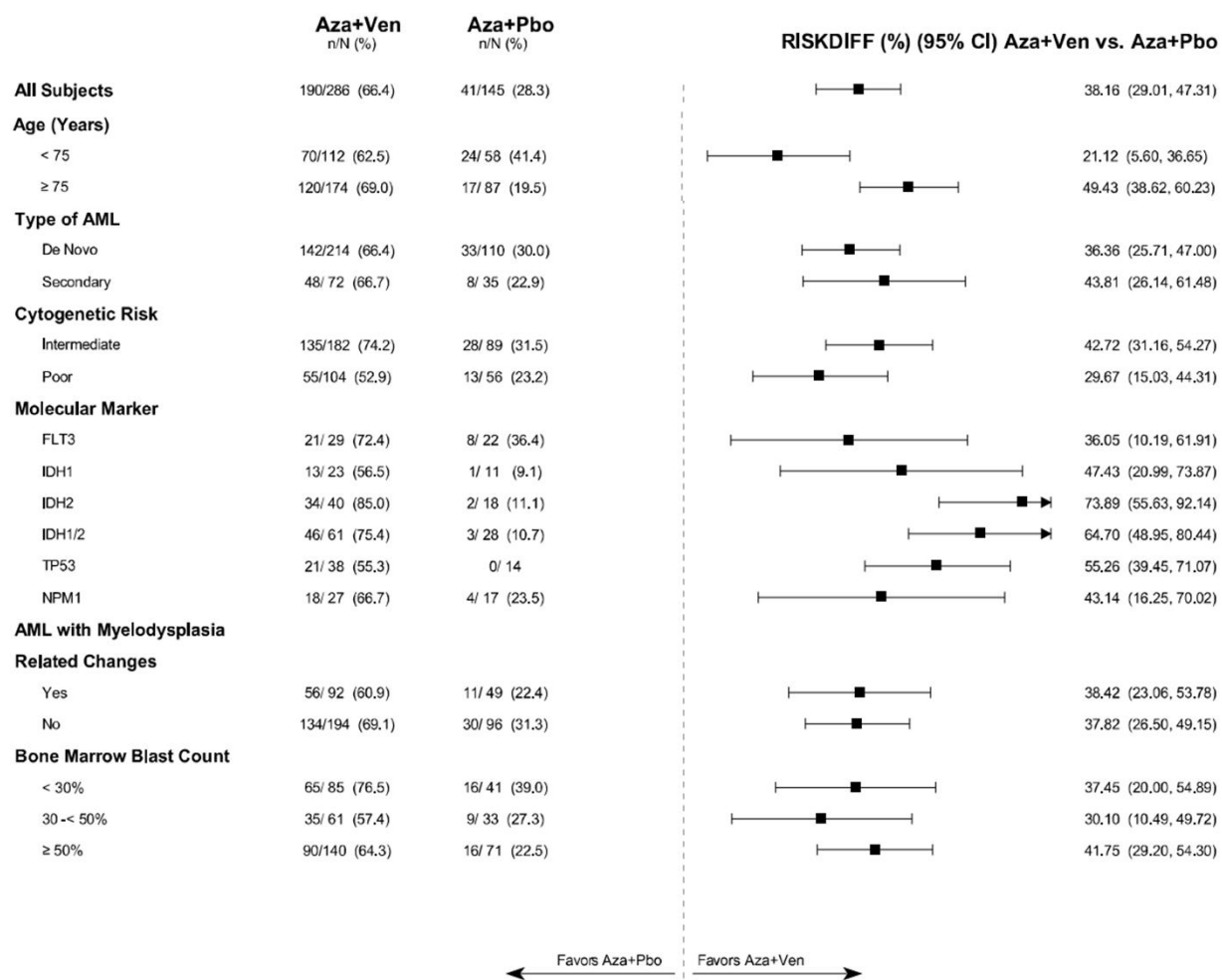
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Overall Survival

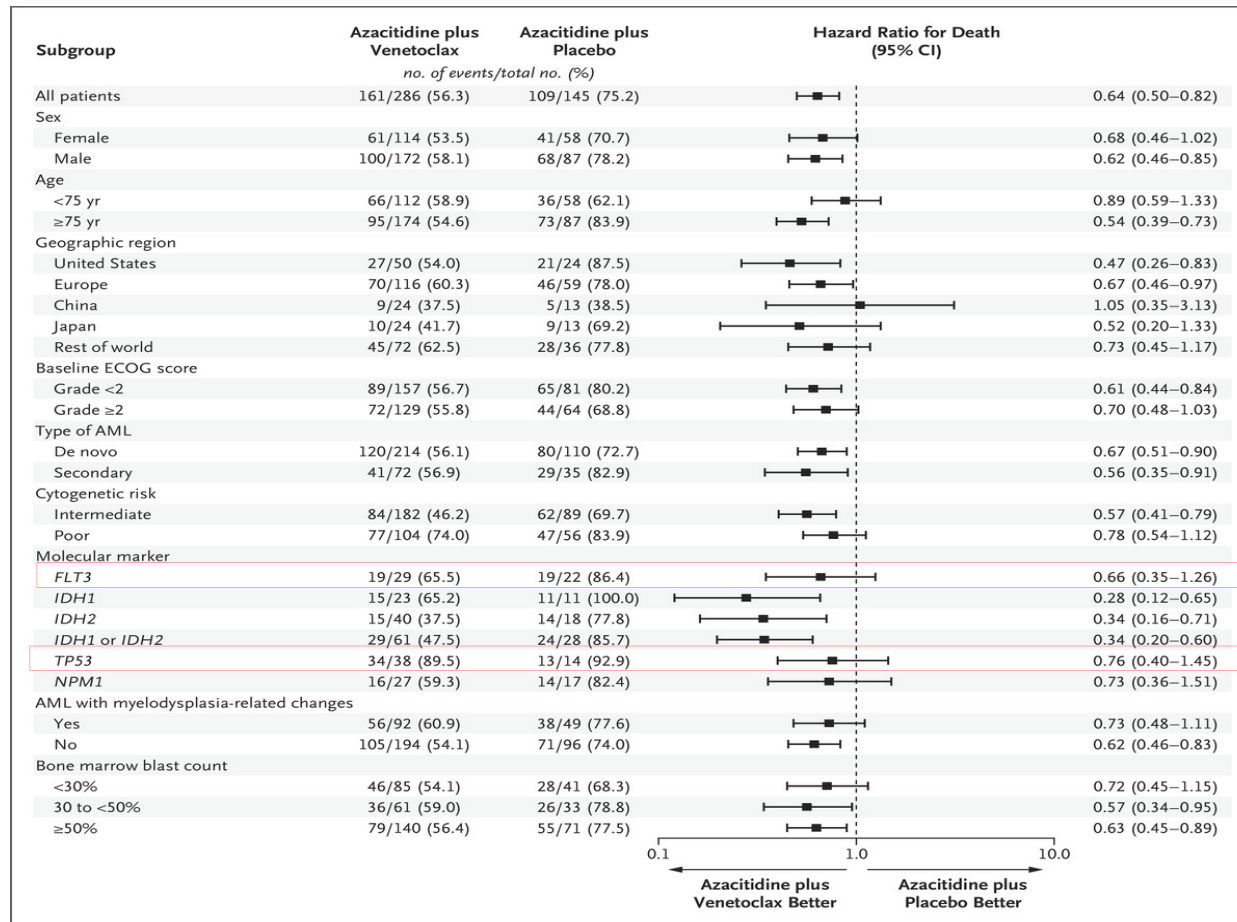


Aza: Azacitidine; Pbo: Placebo; Ven: Venetoclax; The distributions were estimated for each treatment arm using Kaplan-Meier methodology and compared using the log-rank test stratified by age (18-75, ≥75 years) and cytogenetic risk (intermediate risk, poor risk). The hazard ratio between treatment arms were estimated using the Cox proportional hazards model with the same stratification factors used in the log-rank test.

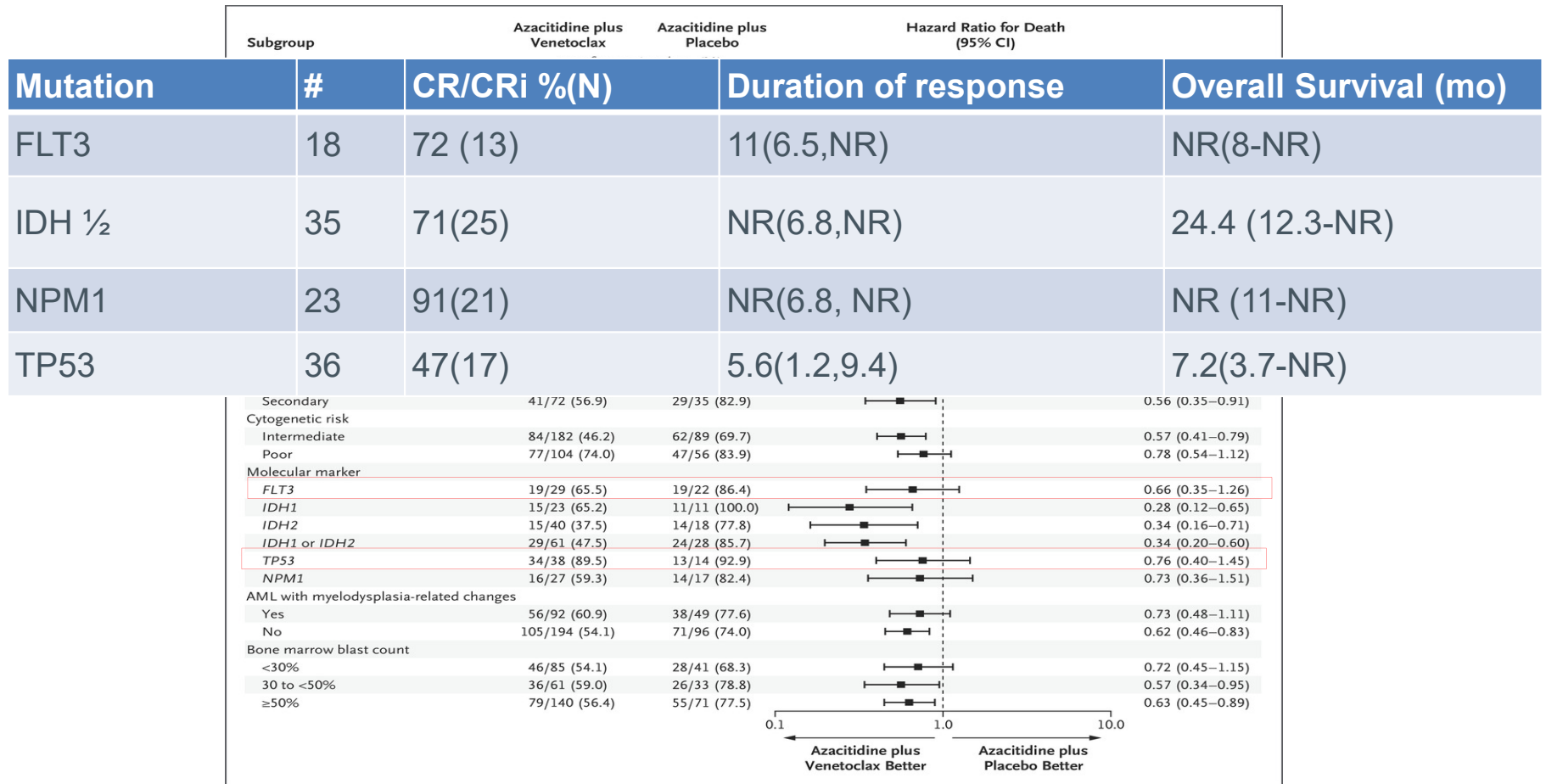
Response to Azacitidine + Venetoclax



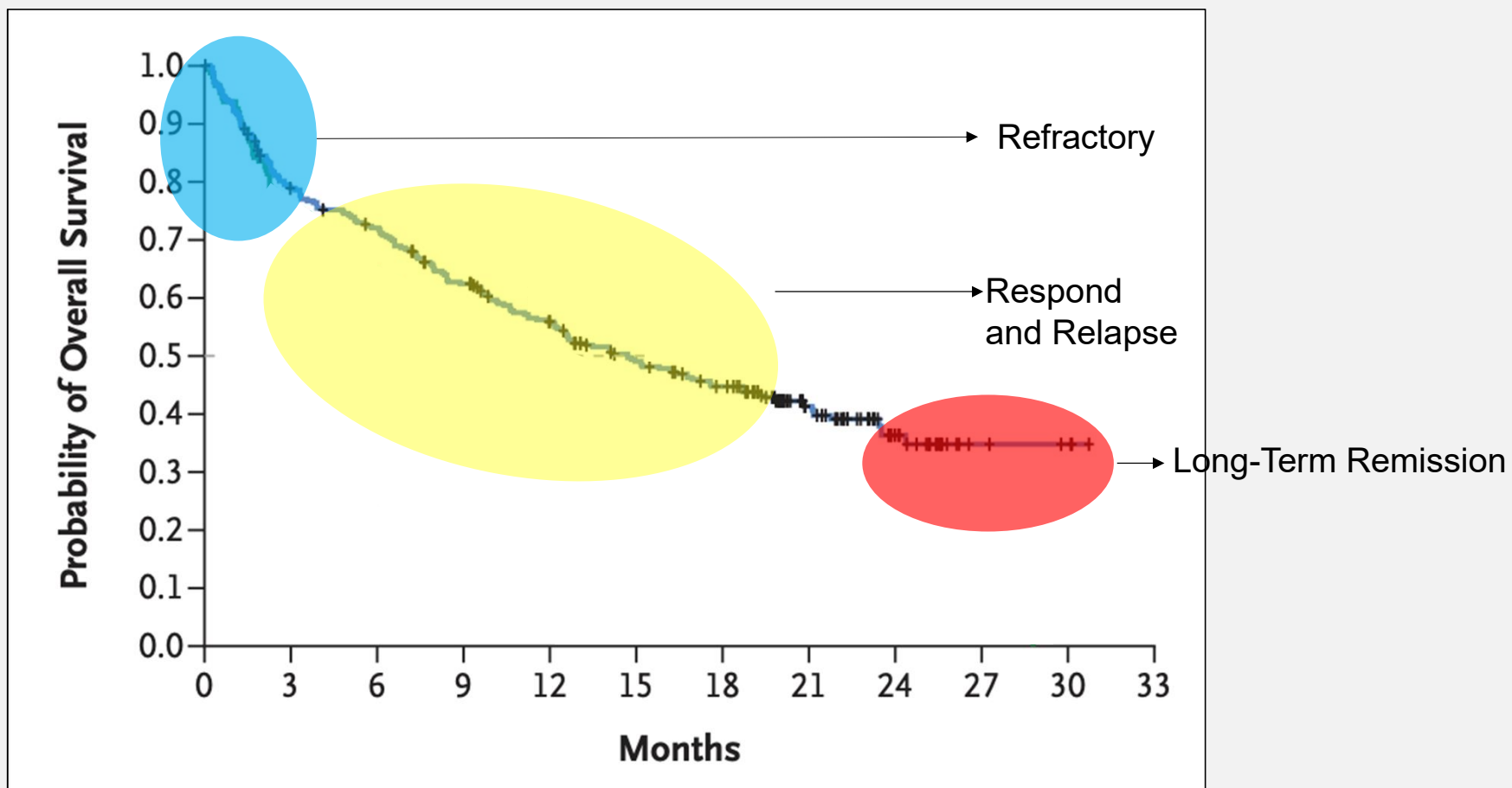
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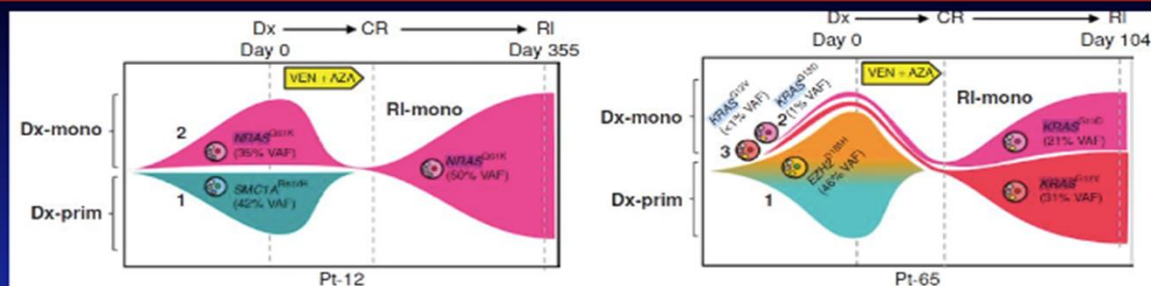
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Breaking Down the Azacitidine + Venetoclax Outcomes



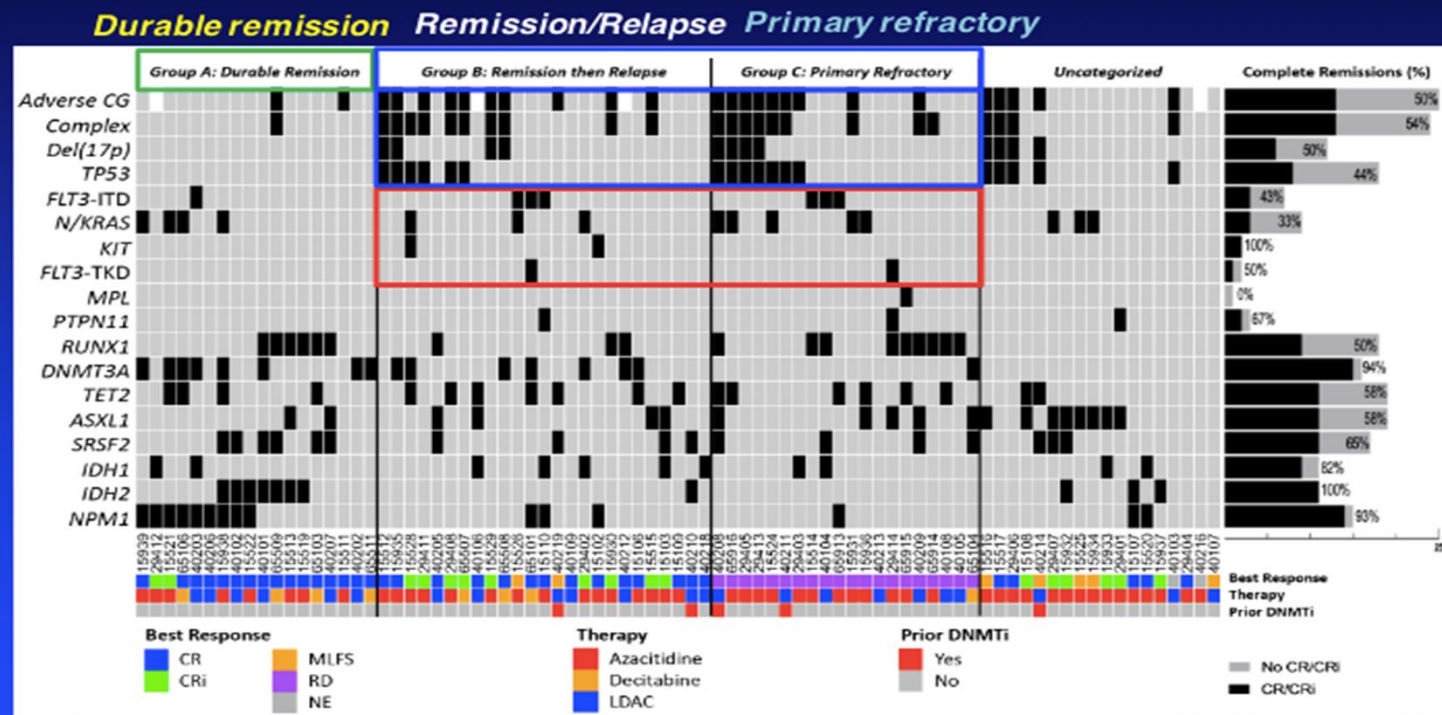
Monocytic (M5) and RAS Mutations in VEN + AZA



Baseline variables	Value	Univariate analysis as a predictor for refractory disease		Multivariate analysis as a predictor for refractory disease	
		OR (95% CI)	P value	OR (95% CI)	P value
Age (median)	71.5 (22-89)	0.984 (0.947-1.022)	0.4028		
Sex (female)	51 (51%)	3.401 (1.002-11.539)	0.0495	2.096 (0.417-10.544)	0.3694
Antecedent hematologic disorder	20 (20%)	0.573 (0.118-2.772)	0.4884		
Complex cytogenetics	28 (28%)	2.667 (0.863-8.237)	0.0883		
ELN Prognostic Group					
Favorable	18 (18%)				
Intermediate	17 (17%)	4.078 (0.494-33.642)	0.0697		
Adverse	64 (64%)				
NA	1 (1%)				
RAS pathway mutations	14 (14%)	6.417 (1.813-22.708)	0.0039	2.266 (0.201-25.522)	0.5080
TP53	10 (10%)	1.481 (0.282-7.766)	0.6424		
IDH1/IDH2	27 (27%)	NE	0.9521		
NPM1	27 (27%)	0.162 (0.020-1.298)	0.0865	0.488 (0.034-6.966)	0.5967
FLT3-ITD	18 (18%)	0.663 (0.136-3.273)	0.6119		
ASXL1	24 (24%)	1.182 (0.339-4.122)	0.7932		
FAB classification					
M0/M1	77 (77%)	0.131 (0.040-0.428)	0.0008		
M2	1 (1%)				
M4	8 (8%)	NE	0.9745		
M5	13 (13%)	18.285 (4.701-71.129)	<0.0001	33.481 (2.657-421.90)	0.0066
M6a	1 (1%)				

Pei, ..., Jordan, Cancer Discovery 2020

Mechanisms of Treatment Failure After Ven + HMA/LDAC: Mutant p53



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Upfront Treatment of De Novo AML in patients not eligible for Intensive chemotherapy

Who is ineligible?

1. P53 MT AML
2. Age > 75
3. Major comorbidities
4. frail

Intermediate/poor risk

Azacitidine + Venetoclax

FLt-3 MT AML

Azacitidine + Venetoclax

Or

Azacitidine+Flt-3 inhibitor

P53 MT AML

Clinical trials

APR-246

Magrolimab

Upfront therapy of older/unfit patient with FLT3 mutant AML

FLT3 TKI	No pts	ORR	Duration of response
Midostaurin + Aza	27	33%	31 wks (no prior TKI) vs. 16 wks (prior TKI)
Sorafenib + Aza	27	78%	14.5 mos (1.1 to 28.7 mos)
Sorafenib + Dec	6	83% (CR16%, CRi 66%)	Not determined
Gilteritinib + Aza	15	60% (2CR, 8CRi)	Not determined

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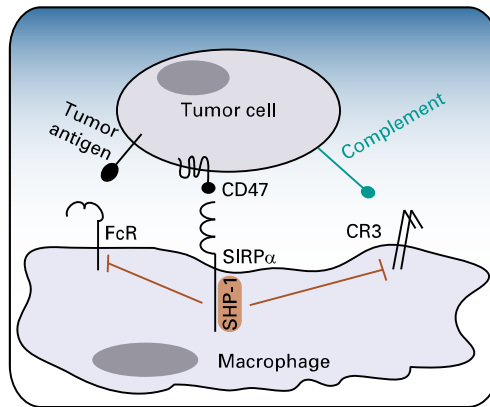
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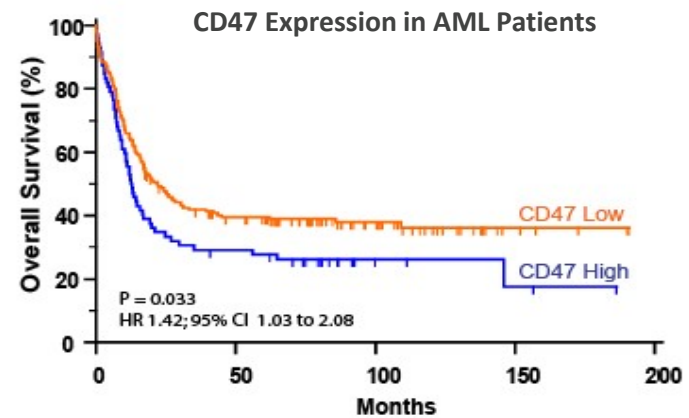
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CD47 is a Major Macrophage Immune Checkpoint and “Do Not Eat Me” Signal in Myeloid Malignancies including MDS and AML



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No phagocytosis

Veillette and Tang, JCO 2019
Chao et al, Current Opin Immunol 2012



Majeti, Chao et al., Cell 2009

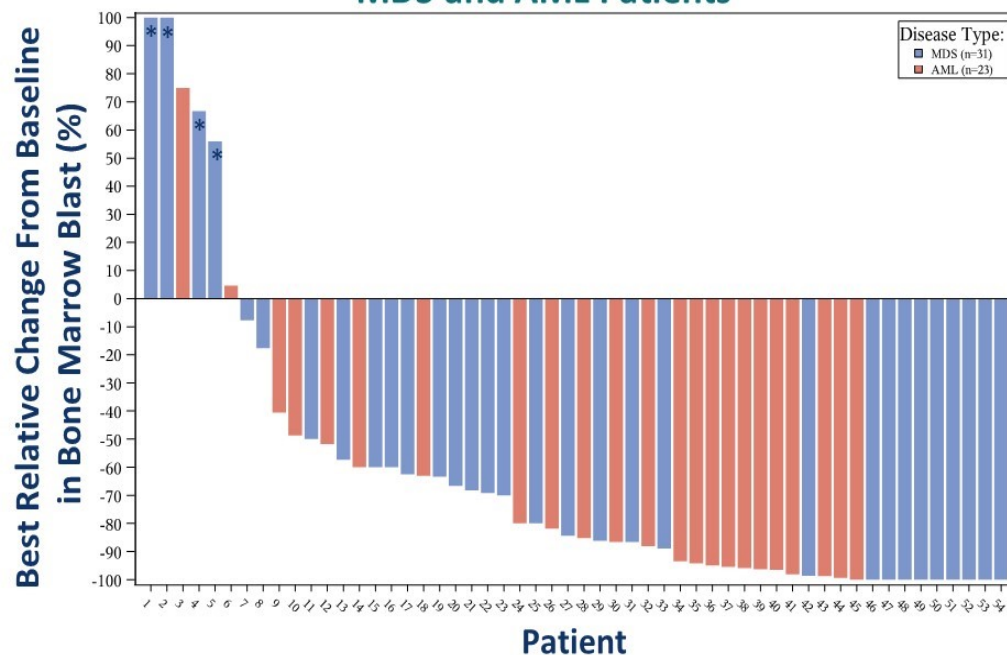
- CD47 is a “do not eat me” signal on cancers that enables macrophage immune evasion
- Increased CD47 expression predicts worse prognosis in AML patients

Magrolimab + AZA Induces High Response Rates in MDS and AML

Best Overall Response	1L MDS N=33	1L AML N=25
ORR	30 (91%)	16 (64%)
CR	14 (42%)	10 (40%)
CRi	NA	4 (16%)
PR	1 (3%)	1 (4%)
MLFS/marrow CR	8 (24%) 4 with marrow CR + HI	1 (4%)
Hematologic improvement (HI)	7 (21%)	NA
SD	3 (9%)	8 (32%)
PD	0	1 (4%)

Response assessments per 2006 IWG MDS criteria and 2017 AML ELN criteria. Patients with at least 1 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 patients (1 AE, 2 early withdrawal).

MDS and AML Patients



- Magrolimab + AZA induces a 91% ORR (42% CR) in MDS and 64% ORR (56% CR/CRi) in AML
- Responses deepened over time with a 56% 6-month CR rate in MDS patients (assessed in all patients 6 months after initial treatment)
- Median time to response is 1.9 months, more rapid than AZA alone
- Magrolimab + AZA efficacy compares favorably to AZA monotherapy (CR rate 6-17%^{1,2})

1. Azacitidine USPI. 2. Fenaux P, et al. *Lancet Oncol.* 2009 ;10(3):223-232.

Deep and Durable Responses Are Seen in Magrolimab + AZA Treated Patients

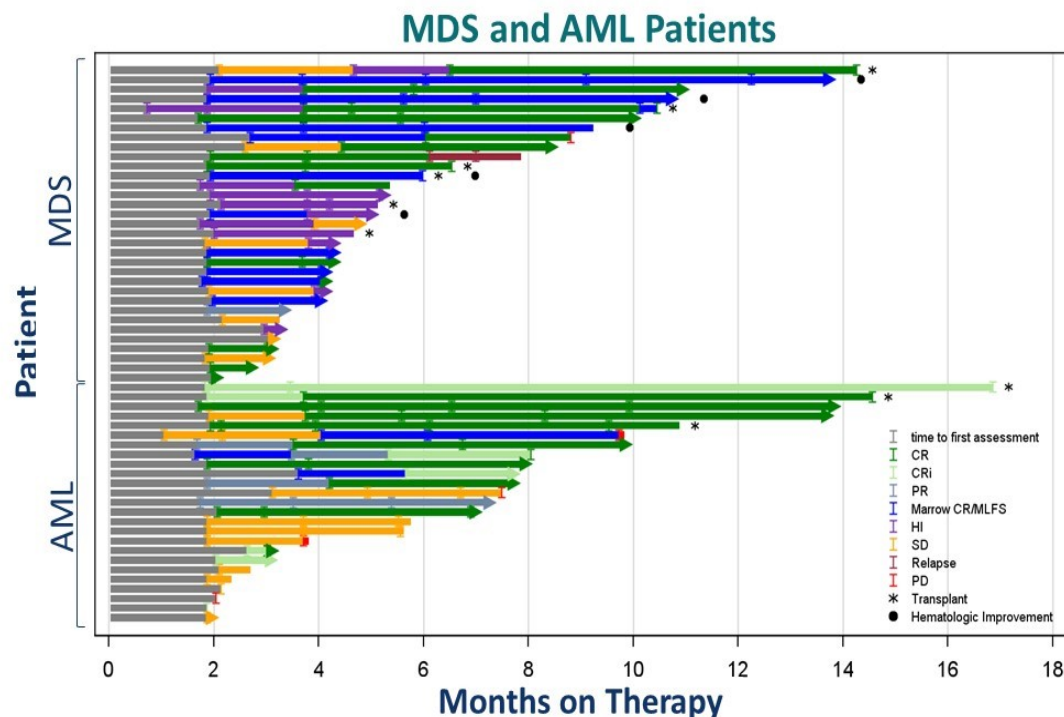
Parameter	1L MDS N=33	1L AML N=25
RBC transfusion independence*	11/19 (58%)	9/14 (64%)
Complete cytogenetic response [†]	9/26 (35%)	6/12 (50%)
MRD negativity in responders	6/30 (20%)	8/16 (50%)
Median duration of response (months)	Not reached (0.03+ – 10.4+)	Not reached (0.03+ – 15.1+)
Median follow-up (range) (months)	5.8 (2.0–15.0)	9.4 (1.9–16.9)

MRD was evaluated by multiparameter flow cytometry; cytogenetic response defined per 2003 and 2006 IWG criteria.

*Patients shown for those who were RBC transfusion dependent at baseline and achieved RBC transfusion independence at any time on study.

[†]Responses shown for all responding patients with abnormal cytogenetics at baseline.

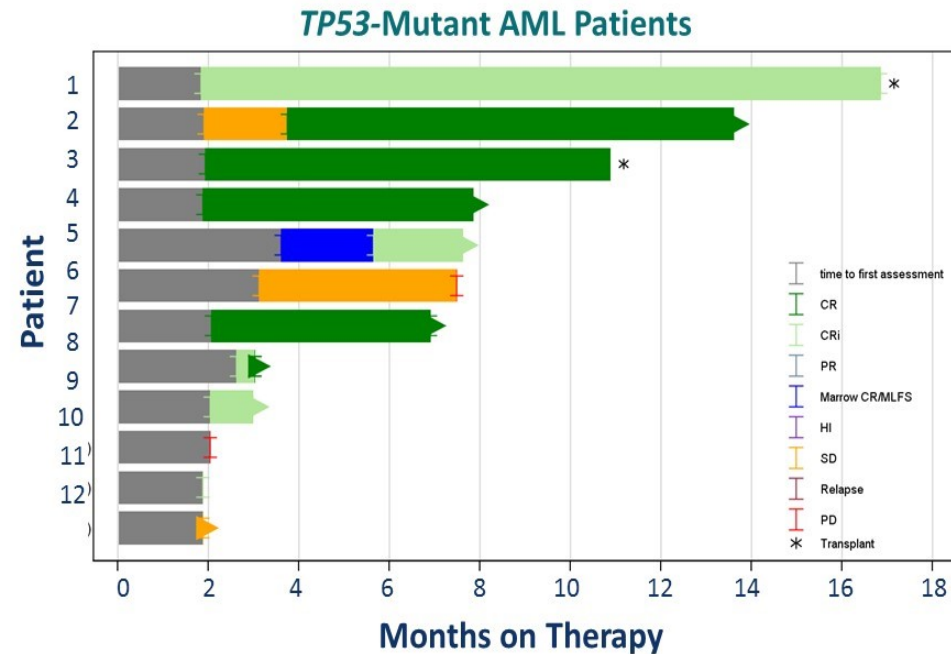
- Complete cytogenetic responses and MRD negativity is observed in MDS and AML patients
- No median duration of response has been reached for MDS or AML
- 16% of patients (9/58) received an allogeneic stem cell transplant
- Median OS has not been reached in either MDS or AML patients



Magrolimab + AZA Eliminates Disease in AML and MDS Patients With *TP53* Mutation

Efficacy in *TP53*-Mutant Patients

Best Overall Response	AML <i>TP53</i> Mutant (N=12)	MDS <i>TP53</i> Mutant (N=4)
ORR	9 (75%)	3 (75%)
CR	5 (42%)	2 (50%)
CRi/marrow CR	4 (33%)	1 (25%)
Complete cytogenetic response *	4/8 (50%)	3/3 (100%)
MRD negative of responders	4/9 (44%)	0
Median duration of response (months)	Not reached (0.03+ – 15.1+)	Not reached (0.03+ – 5.2+)
Survival probability at 6 months	91%	100%
Median follow-up (range) (months)	8.8 (1.9 – 16.9)	7 (4.2 – 12.2)



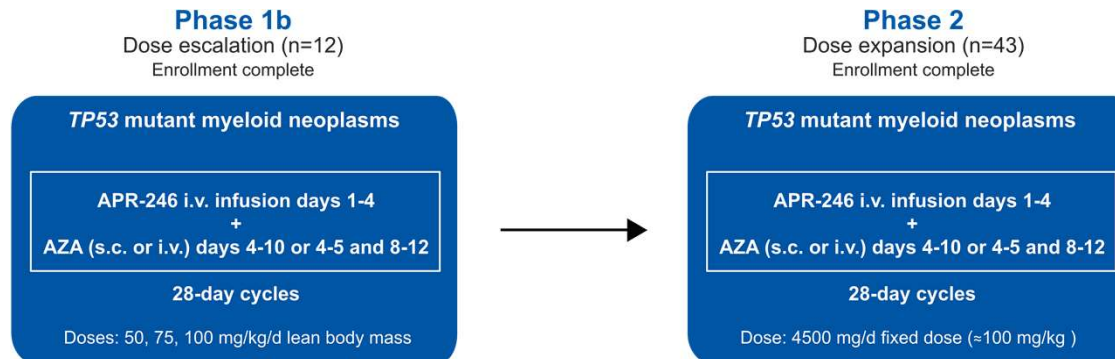
*Responding patients with abnormal cytogenetics at baseline.

- Magrolimab + AZA has a high response rate with deep responses in *TP53*-mutant AML and MDS patients
- The estimated 6-month survival is 91% and 100% in AML and MDS patients, respectively
- Median duration and survival has not been reached, which compares favorably to current therapies
 - Venetoclax + AZA in AML: ORR 47%, DOR 5.6 mo, OS 7.2 mo¹

1. DiNardo CD, et al. *Blood*. 2019;133(1):7-17.

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

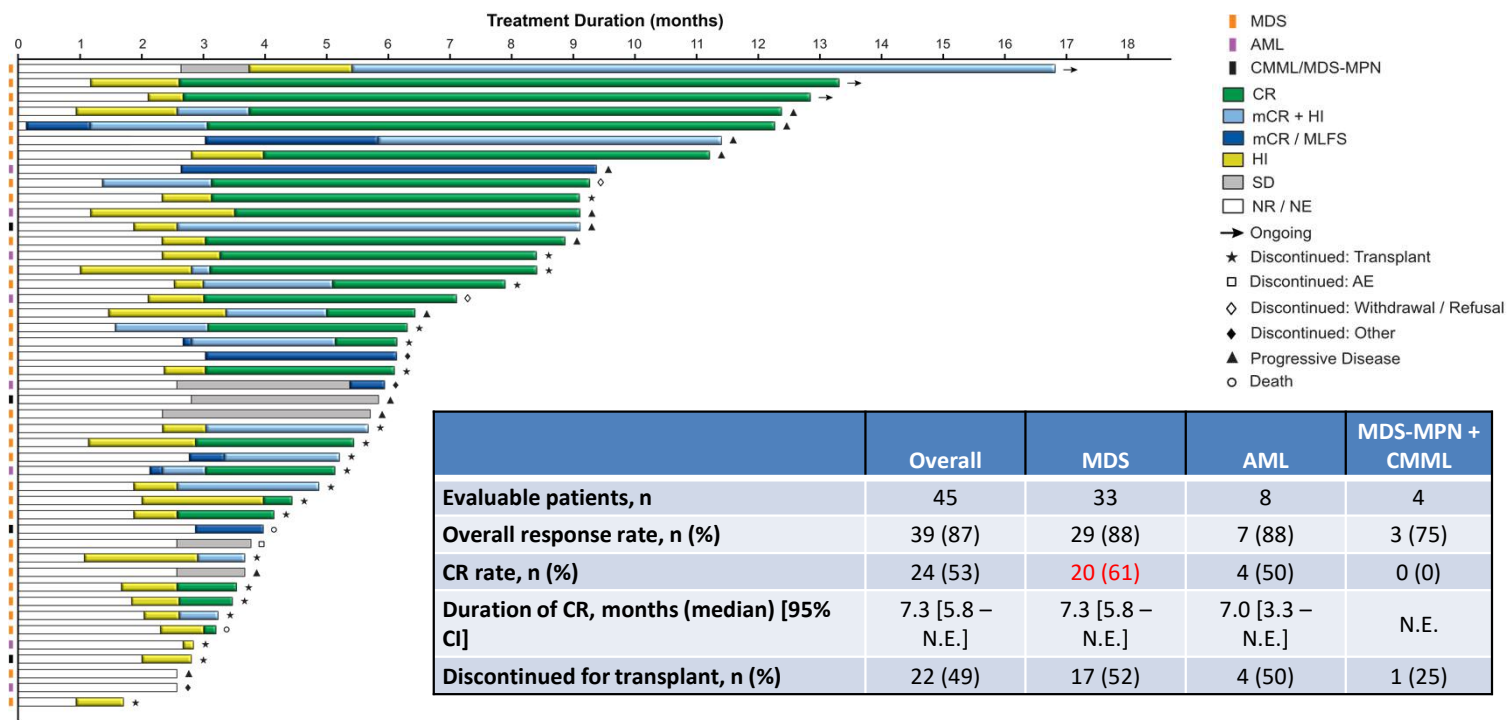
- IIT evaluating frontline APR-246 + azacitidine in *TP53* MT HMA-naïve MDS, oligoblastic AML ($\leq 30\%$ blasts) and MDS-MPN
- Phase 1b Results (Sallman D et al., ASH 2018)
 - RP2D of 4500mg/day days 1-4 (~100mg/kg LBM) + azacitidine (75mg/m²)
 - Manageable G1/G2 nausea and transient neurological AEs (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

Response to Treatment in Evaluable Patients (n=45)

Cutoff: November 15, 2019



Median duration of follow-up = 10.8 months

WHY? Not all CRs are the same--MRD

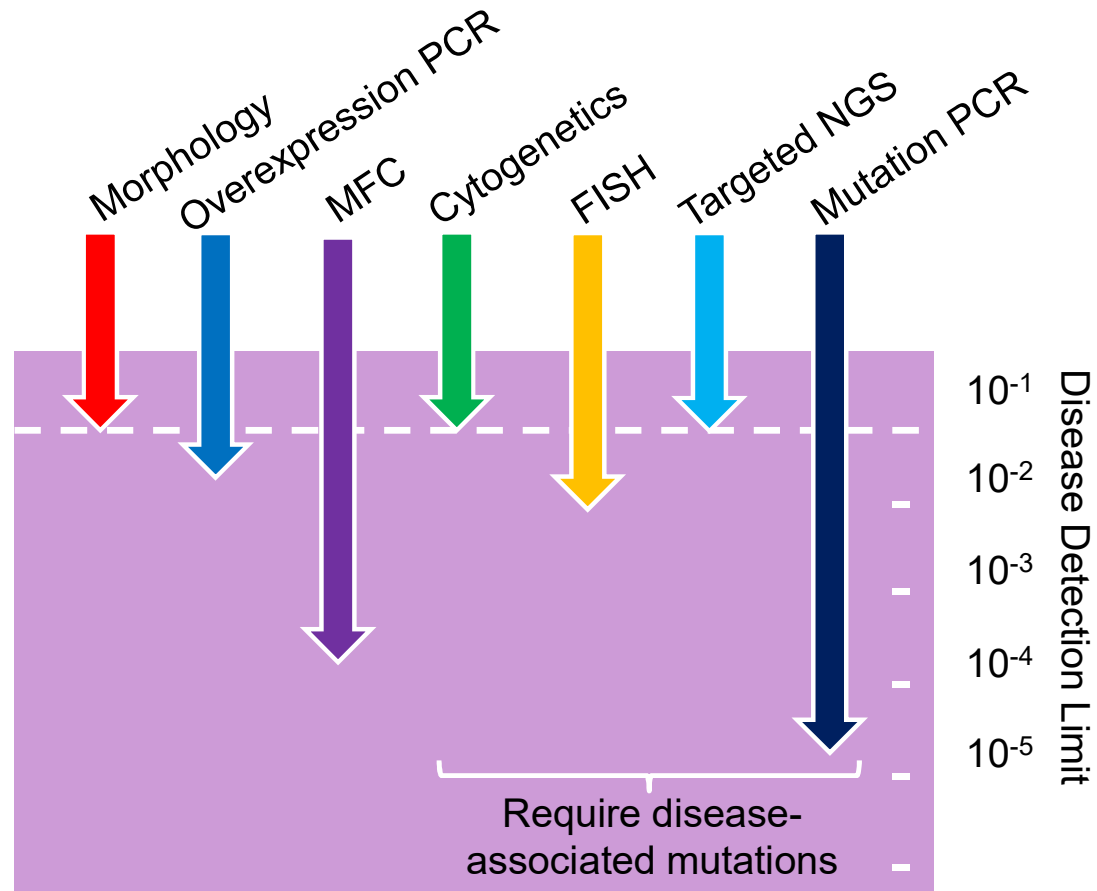
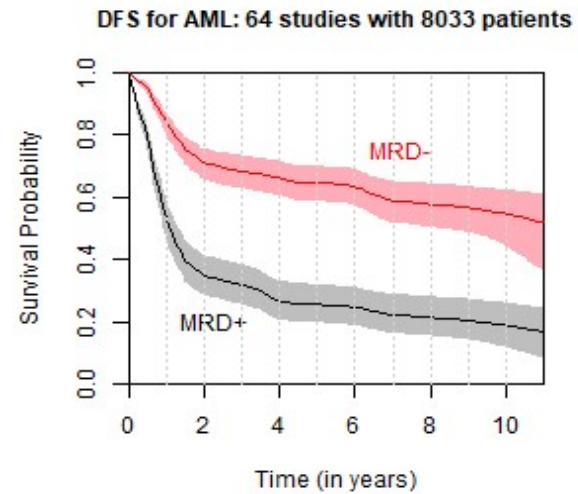
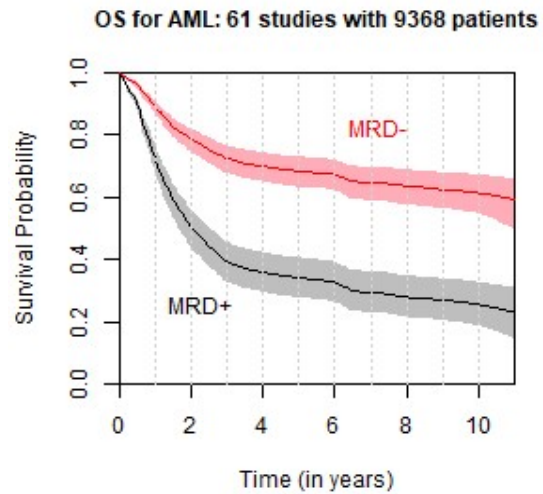


Figure 1. Comparison of detection limits for methods of MRD assessment. Standard morphological assessment defines CR as <5% blasts. Cytogenetics and targeted NGS have similar detection limits to morphology though can detect if the residual blasts harbor clonal abnormalities. Overexpression PCR (e.g.WT1) requires at least a 2-log difference in expression to discriminate from healthy BM. FISH has the sensitivity to detect 0.5% residual disease. MFC and mutation PCR have vastly improved the sensitivity of detection of MRD with detection limits ranging from 0.01% to 0.001%.

MRD and survival

- Meta-analysis of 81 Publications



Conclusions

- GO addition to intensive chemotherapy (IC) improves overall survival in Good risk AML and future directions to eliminate anthracycline use.
 - Flt-3 inhibitors combinations with IC is standard of care for FLT-3 MT AML.
 - Maintenance therapy in AML is standard care now in FLT-3 AML after allo-SCT and for intermediate and poor risk AML after IC if no allo-SCT.
 - Azacitidine and venetoclax combination is the new standard of upfront treatment in AML patients not eligible for IC.
 - Exceptions?: TP53, M5, FLT-3?
 - Patients with TP53 MT AML should be enrolled on clinical trials.
 - MRD assessment and disease status will guide our future tailoring of treatment.
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