

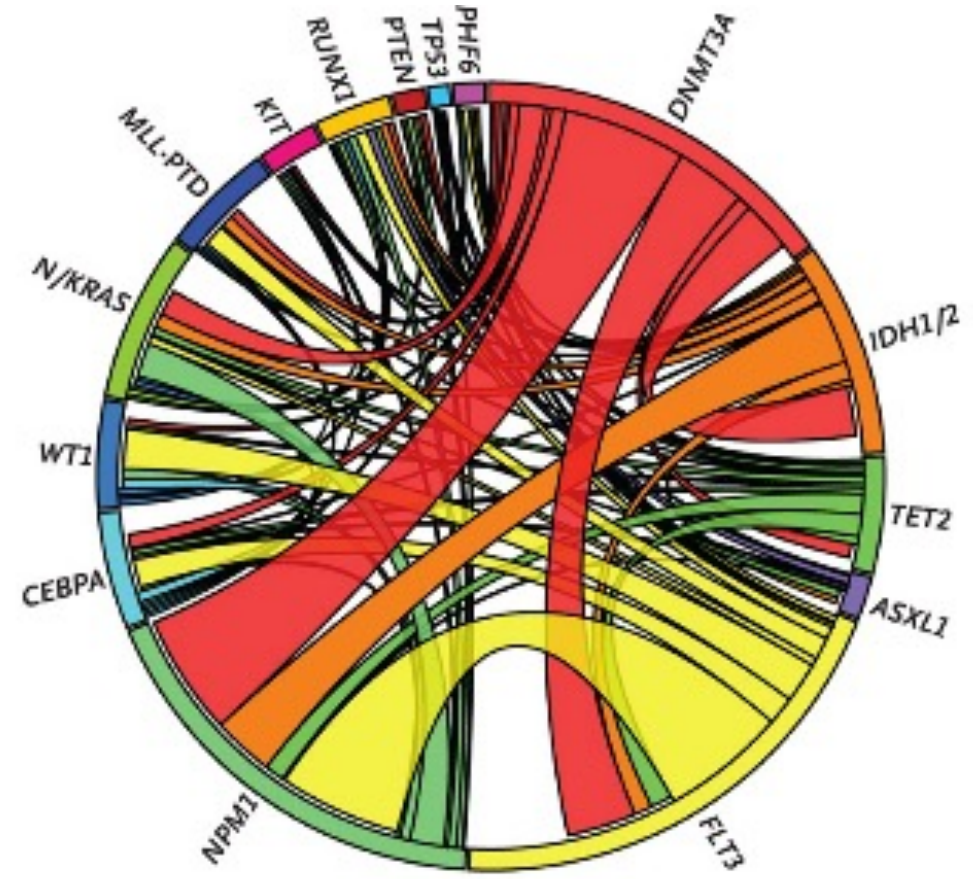
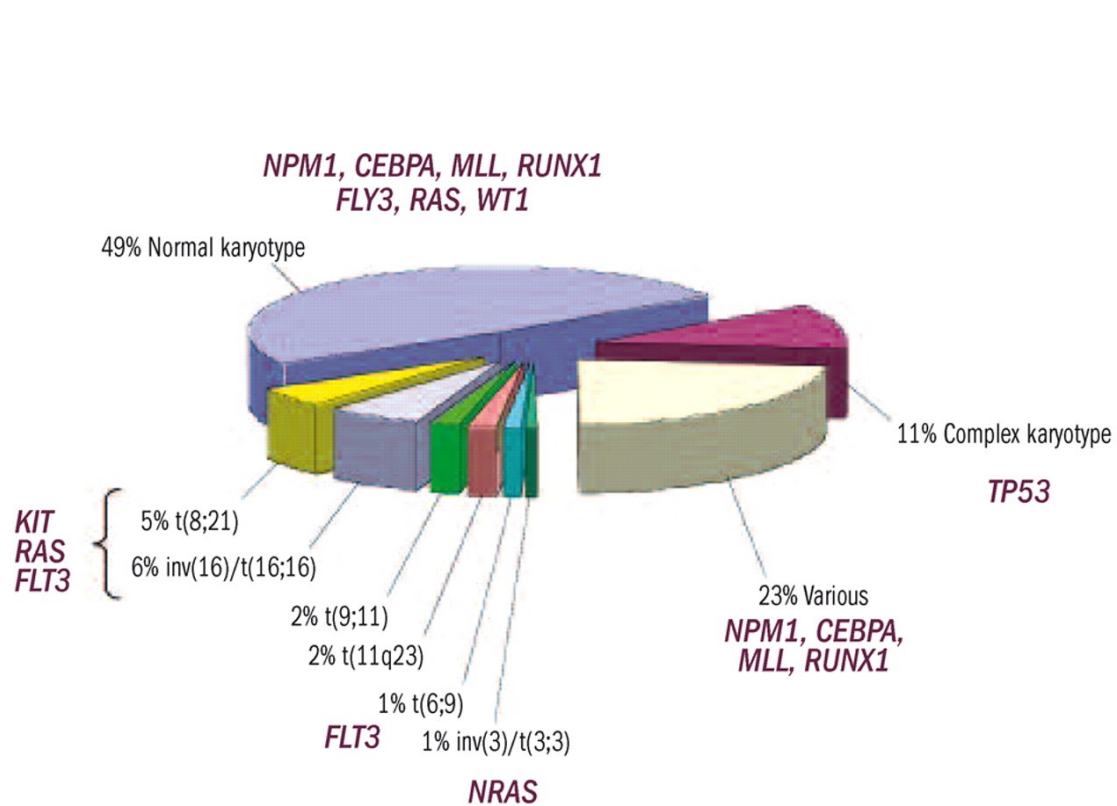
AML: Where are we now? Where are we going?

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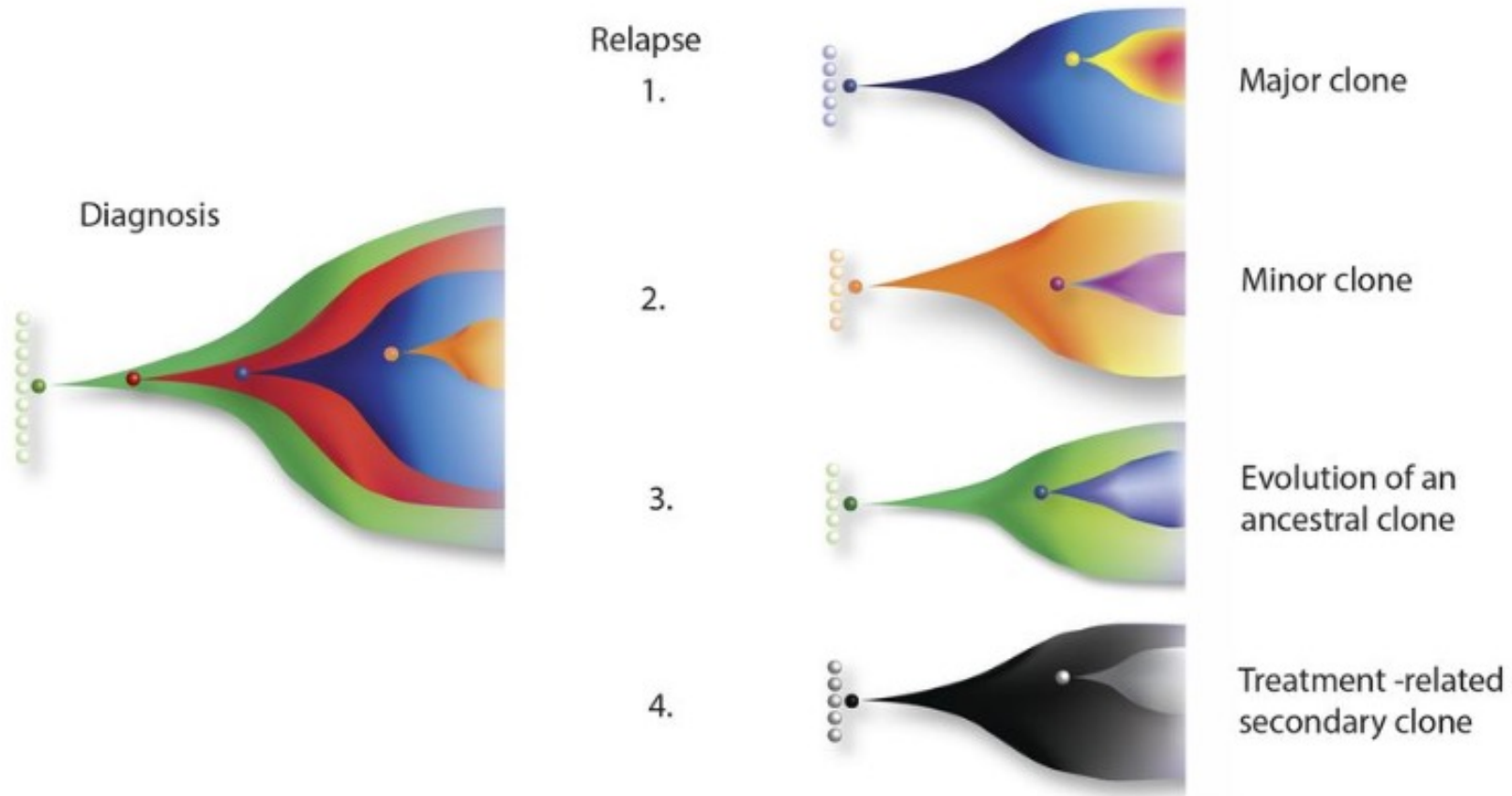
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AML is Not One Disease



Clonal Evolution Makes Treatment Challenging



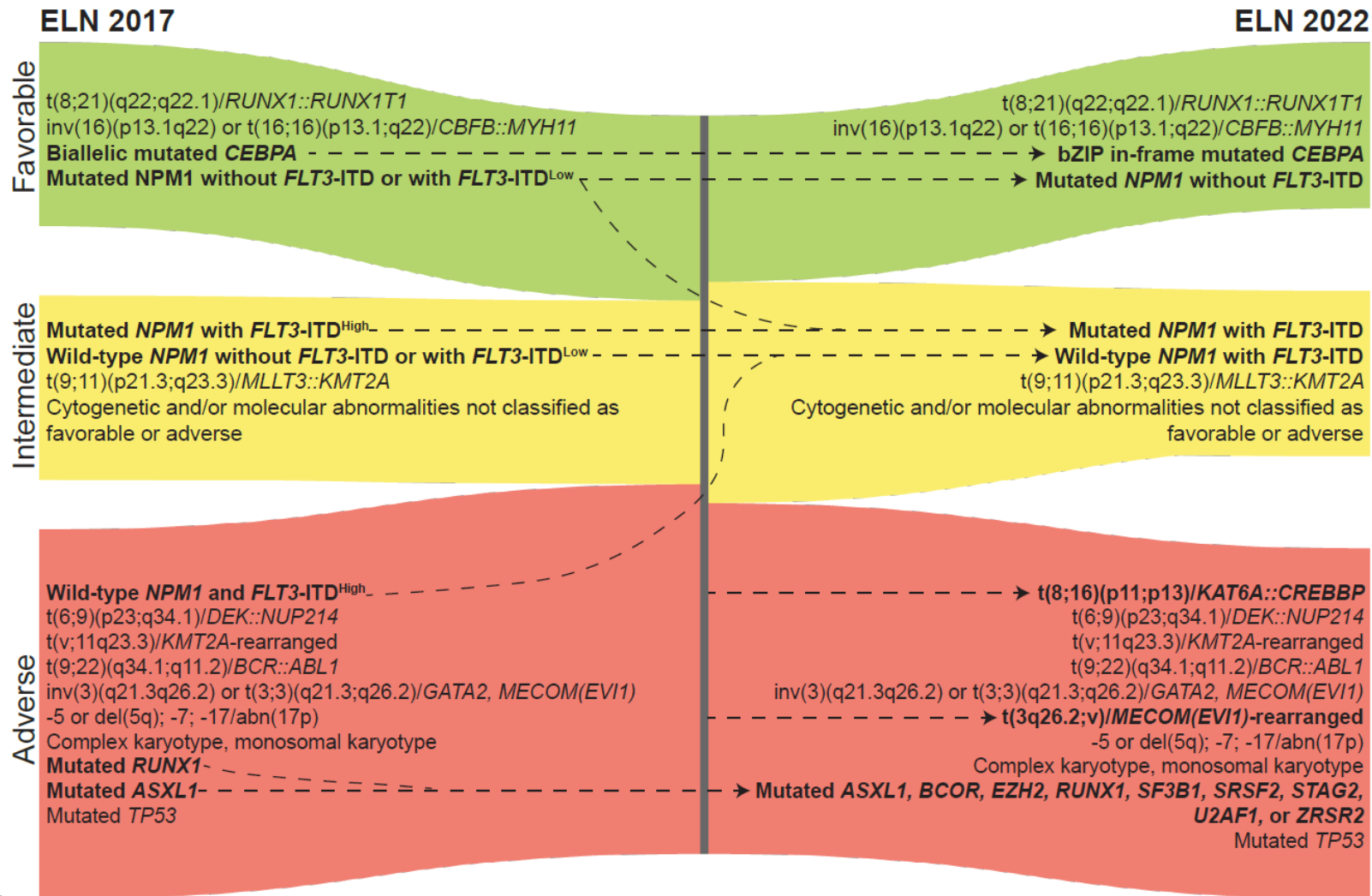
World Health Organization (WHO) and International Consensus Classification Guidelines 2022

	WHO 2022	ICC 2022*
AML with defining genetic abnormalities**	APL with <i>PML::RARA</i> fusion	APL with t(15;17)(q24.1;q21.2)/ <i>PML::RARA</i> [§]
	AML with <i>RUNX1::RUNX1T1</i> fusion	AML with other <i>RARA</i> rearrangements [§]
	AML with <i>CBFβ::MYH11</i> fusion	AML with t(8;21)(q22;q22.1)/ <i>RUNX1::RUNX1T1</i> [§]
	AML with <i>DEK::NUP214</i> fusion	AML with inv(16)(p13.1q22) or t(16;16)(p13.1;q22)/ <i>CBFβ::MYH11</i> [§]
	AML with <i>RBM15::MRTFA</i> fusion	AML with t(6;9)(p22.3;q34.1)/ <i>DEK::NUP214</i> [§]
	AML with <i>BCR::ABL1</i> fusion	<i>Not recognized</i>
	AML with <i>KMT2A</i> rearrangement	AML with t(9;22)(q34.1;q11.2)/ <i>BCR::ABL1</i> [#]
	AML with <i>MECOM</i> rearrangement	AML with t(9;11)(p21.3;q23.3)/ <i>MLL3::KMT2A</i> [§]
	AML with <i>NUP98</i> rearrangement	AML with other <i>KMT2A</i> rearrangements [§]
	AML with <i>NPM1</i> mutation	AML with inv(3)(q21.3q26.2) or t(3;3)(q21.3;q26.2)/ <i>GATA2::MECOM(EVI1)</i> [§]
	AML with <i>CEBPA</i> mutation	AML with other <i>MECOM</i> rearrangements [§]
	AML, myelodysplasia-related†	<i>Not recognized</i>
		AML with mutated <i>NPM1</i> [§]
		AML with in-frame bZIP <i>CEBPA</i> mutations [§]
		AML [#] and MDS/AML [§] with mutated <i>TP53</i>
	AML [#] and MDS/AML [§] with myelodysplasia-related gene mutations	
	AML [#] and MDS/AML [§] with myelodysplasia-related cytogenetic abnormalities	
	MDS/AML NOS [§]	
	AML with other rare recurring translocations [#]	
	Myeloid proliferations associated with Down syndrome	
AML, defined by differentiation	AML with minimal differentiation	AML NOS [#]
	AML without maturation	
	AML with maturation	
	Acute basophilic leukemia	
	Acute myelomonocytic leukemia	
	Acute monocytic leukemia	
	Acute erythroid leukemia	
	Acute megakaryoblastic leukemia	
Myeloid sarcoma	Myeloid sarcoma	
Blastic plasmacytoid dendritic cell neoplasm	Blastic plasmacytoid dendritic cell neoplasm	

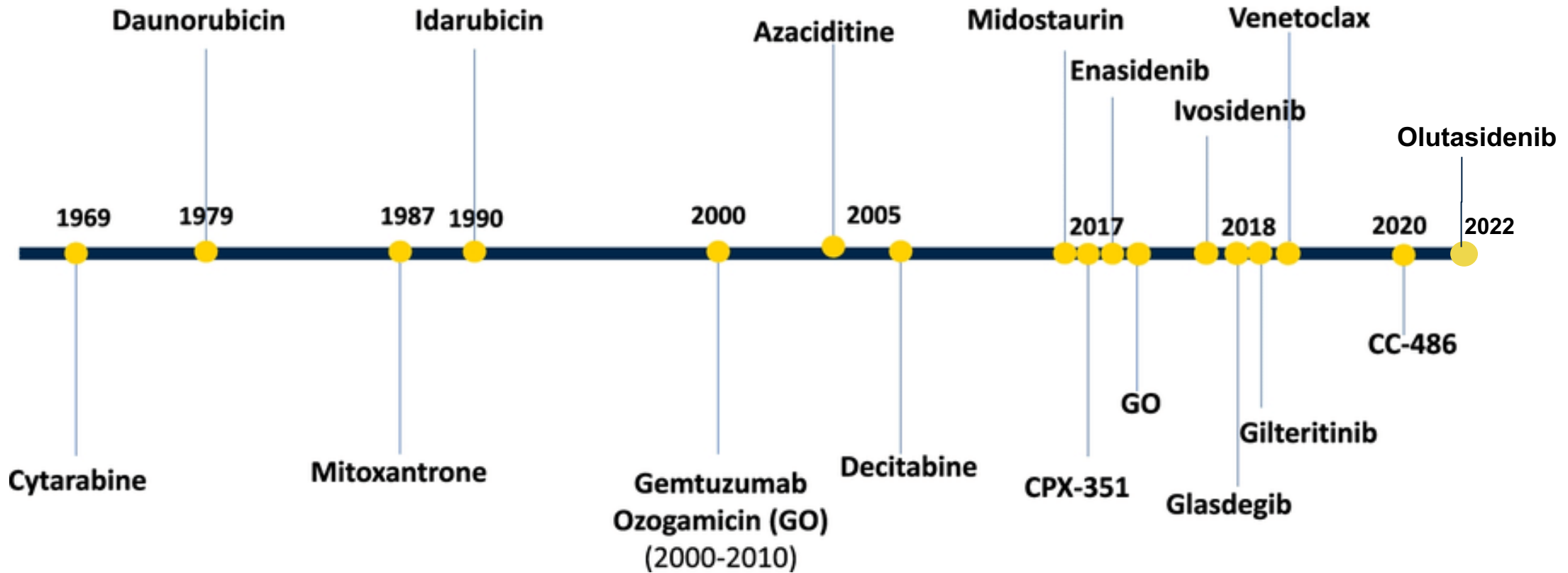
*Requires mention of qualifiers (Therapy-related, Progressing from MDS, Progressing from MDS/MPN, and/or Germline predisposition)
 **≥20% blast cutoff is no longer required for AML with defining genetic abnormalities except for *BCR::ABL* fusion and *CEBPA* mutation
 † AML, myelodysplasia-related encompasses AML transformation from MDS and MDS/MPN
 §Blast cutoff ≥10%
 #Blast cutoff ≥20%

	WHO 2022	ICC 2022
MDS-defining cytogenetics	Complex karyotype (≥3 abnormalities)	Complex karyotype (≥3 abnormalities)
	5q deletion or loss of 5q due to unbalanced translocation	5q deletion, 5q addition, or loss of 5q due to unbalanced translocation
	Monosomy 7, 7q deletion, or loss of 7q due to unbalanced translocation	Monosomy 7 or 7q deletion
	11q deletion	Trisomy 8
	12p deletion or loss of 12p due to unbalanced translocation	12p deletion, 12p addition, or loss of 12p due to unbalanced translocation
	Monosomy 13 or 13q deletion	Isochromosome 17q
	17p deletion or loss of 17p due to unbalanced translocation	17p deletion, 17p addition, or monosomy 17
	Isochromosome 17q	20q deletion
	Idic(X)(q13)	Idic(X)(q13)
MDS-defining somatic mutations	<i>ASXL1</i>	<i>ASXL1</i>
	<i>BCOR</i>	<i>BCOR</i>
	<i>EZH2</i>	<i>EZH2</i>
	<i>RUNX1</i>	<i>RUNX1</i>
	<i>SF3B1</i>	<i>SF3B1</i>
	<i>SRSF2</i>	<i>SRSF2</i>
	<i>STAG2</i>	<i>STAG2</i>
<i>U2AF1</i>	<i>U2AF1</i>	
<i>ZRSR2</i>	<i>ZRSR2</i>	

European Leukemia Network Updated in 2022



What has been accomplished in AML treatment?



FDA Approved Drugs Since 2017

▶ **Newly diagnosed**

- Midostaurin – April 2017
- CPX-351 – August 2017
- Venetoclax – November 2018
- Glasdegib – November 2018

▶ **Relapsed/refractory**

- Enasidenib – August 2017
- Gilteritinib – November 2018
- Olutasidenib – December 2022

▶ **Newly diagnosed and Relapsed/Refractory**

- Gemtuzumab ozogamicin – September 2017
- Ivosidenib – July 2018, May 2019

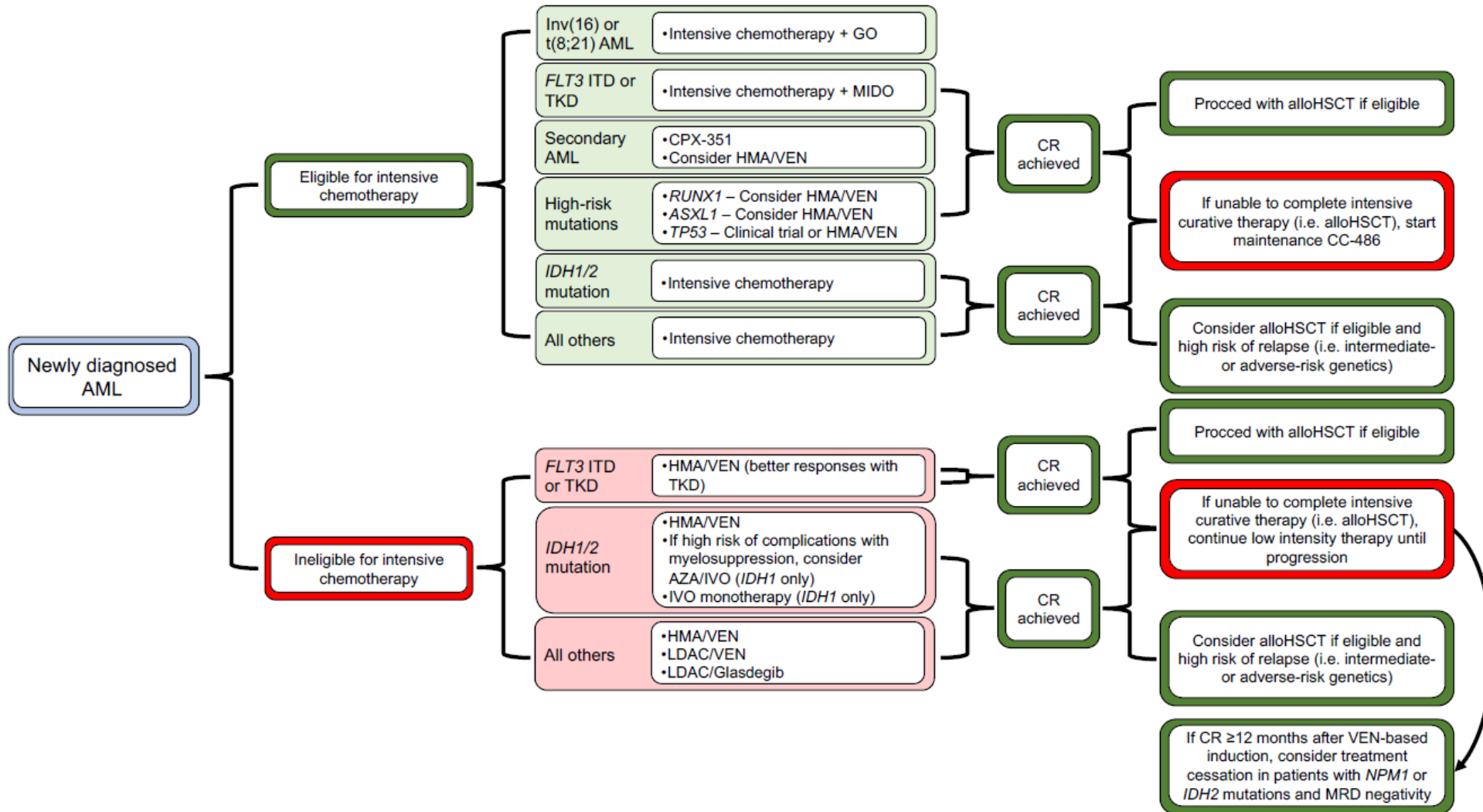
▶ **Maintenance**

- CC-486 – September 2020

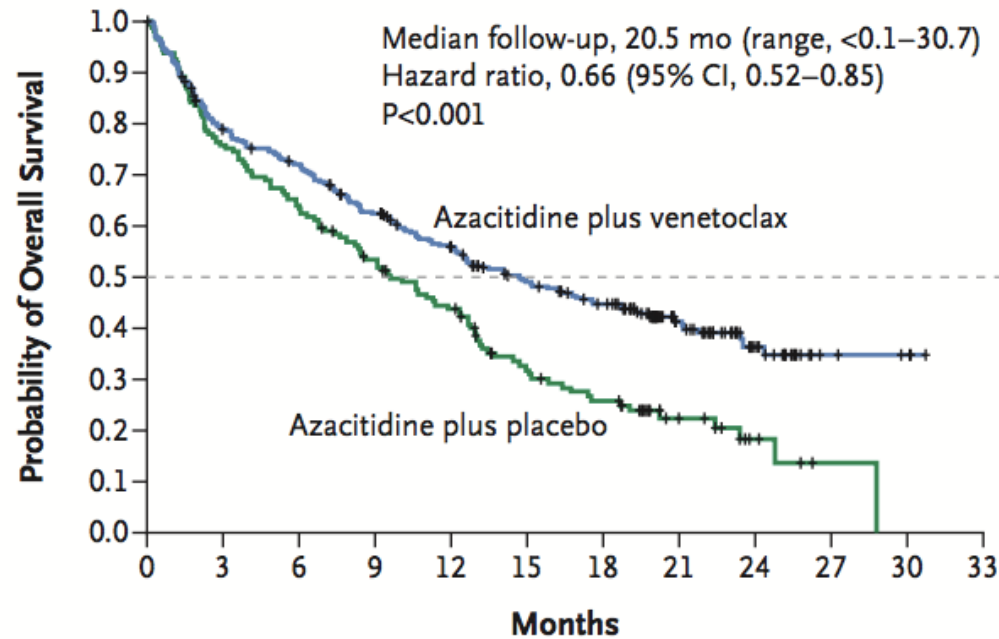
Historical Standard Approach To Induction Chemotherapy



New Standard Approach to Newly Diagnosed AML



VIALE-A: AZA + Venetoclax Superior to AZA alone

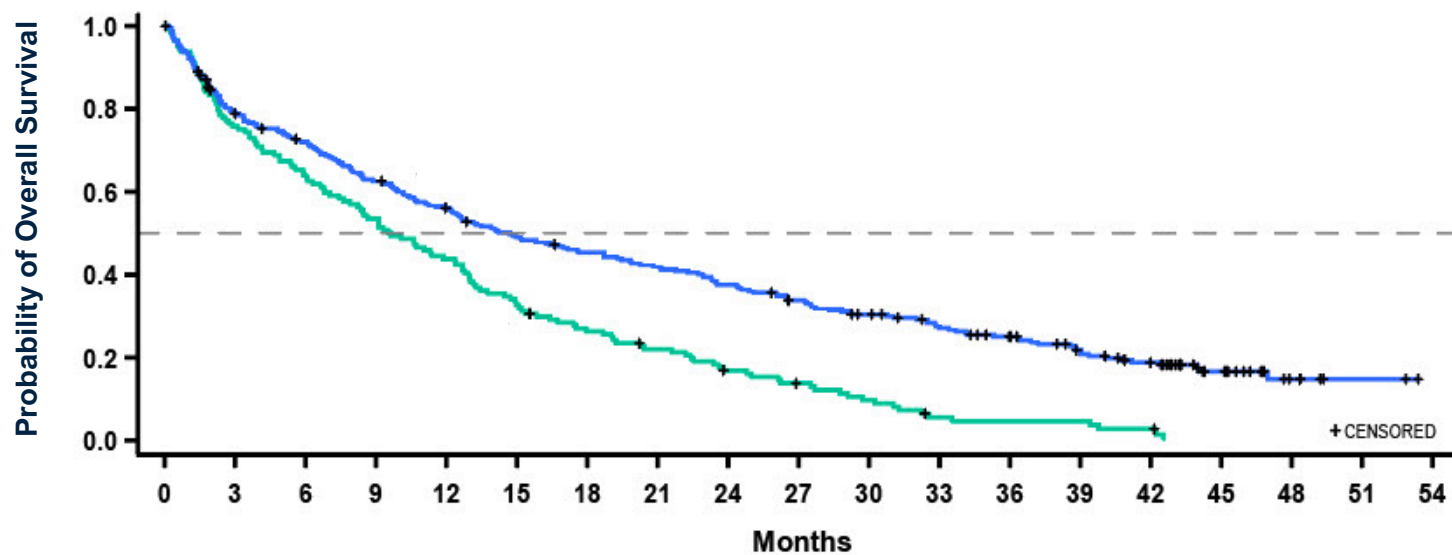


No. at Risk	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33
Azacitidine plus venetoclax	286	219	198	168	143	117	101	54	23	5	3	0
Azacitidine plus placebo	145	109	92	74	59	38	30	14	5	1	0	0

Subgroup	Azacitidine plus Venetoclax no. of events/total no. (%)	Azacitidine plus Placebo no. of events/total no. (%)	Hazard Ratio for Death (95% CI)
All patients	161/286 (56.3)	109/145 (75.2)	0.64 (0.50–0.82)
Sex			
Male	61/114 (53.5)	41/58 (70.7)	0.68 (0.46–1.02)
Female	100/172 (58.1)	68/87 (78.2)	0.62 (0.46–0.85)
Age			
<75 yr	66/112 (58.9)	36/58 (62.1)	0.89 (0.59–1.33)
≥75 yr	95/174 (54.6)	73/87 (83.9)	0.54 (0.39–0.73)
Geographic region			
United States	27/50 (54.0)	21/24 (87.5)	0.47 (0.26–0.83)
Europe	70/116 (60.3)	46/59 (78.0)	0.67 (0.46–0.97)
China	9/24 (37.5)	5/13 (38.5)	1.05 (0.35–3.13)
Japan	10/24 (41.7)	9/13 (69.2)	0.52 (0.20–1.33)
Rest of world	45/72 (62.5)	28/36 (77.8)	0.73 (0.45–1.17)
Baseline ECOG score			
Grade <2	89/157 (56.7)	65/81 (80.2)	0.61 (0.44–0.84)
Grade ≥2	72/129 (55.8)	44/64 (68.8)	0.70 (0.48–1.03)
Type of AML			
De novo	120/214 (56.1)	80/110 (72.7)	0.67 (0.51–0.90)
Secondary	41/72 (56.9)	29/35 (82.9)	0.56 (0.35–0.91)
Cytogenetic risk			
Intermediate	84/182 (46.2)	62/89 (69.7)	0.57 (0.41–0.79)
Poor	77/104 (74.0)	47/56 (83.9)	0.78 (0.54–1.12)
Molecular marker			
FLT3	19/29 (65.5)	19/22 (86.4)	0.66 (0.35–1.26)
IDH1	15/23 (65.2)	11/11 (100.0)	0.28 (0.12–0.65)
IDH2	15/40 (37.5)	14/18 (77.8)	0.34 (0.16–0.71)
IDH1 or IDH2	29/61 (47.5)	24/28 (85.7)	0.34 (0.20–0.60)
TP53	34/38 (89.5)	13/14 (92.9)	0.76 (0.40–1.45)
NPM1	16/27 (59.3)	14/17 (82.4)	0.73 (0.36–1.51)
AML with myelodysplasia-related changes			
Yes	56/92 (60.9)	38/49 (77.6)	0.73 (0.48–1.11)
No	105/194 (54.1)	71/96 (74.0)	0.62 (0.46–0.83)
Bone marrow blast count			
<30%	46/85 (54.1)	28/41 (68.3)	0.72 (0.45–1.15)
30 to <50%	36/61 (59.0)	26/33 (78.8)	0.57 (0.34–0.95)
≥50%	79/140 (56.4)	55/71 (77.5)	0.63 (0.45–0.89)

Sustained OS benefit to Azacitidine/Venetoclax Over Azacitidine/Placebo with Long-term Follow Up of VIALE-A

Median follow-up time: 43.2 months (range: < 0.1 - 53.4)



Patients at Risk

	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39	42	45	48	51	54
Ven+Az	286	220	199	173	153	133	122	113	101	89	78	67	57	45	34	18	6	2	0
Pbo+Az	145	109	92	77	63	47	37	30	22	17	12	6	5	5	3	0	0	0	0

	No. of events/No. of patients (%)	OS (months) median (95% CI)
Ven+Az	222/286 (77.6)	14.7 (12.1 - 18.7)
Pbo+Az	138/145 (95.2)	9.6 (7.4 - 12.7)

Hazard ratio: 0.58 (95% CI, 0.465 - 0.723), P < 0.001
 HR reduction from 0.66 (95% CI, 0.52 - 0.85) at 75% OS analysis

Doublets versus Triplets : Is More Better?



vs.



Doublets

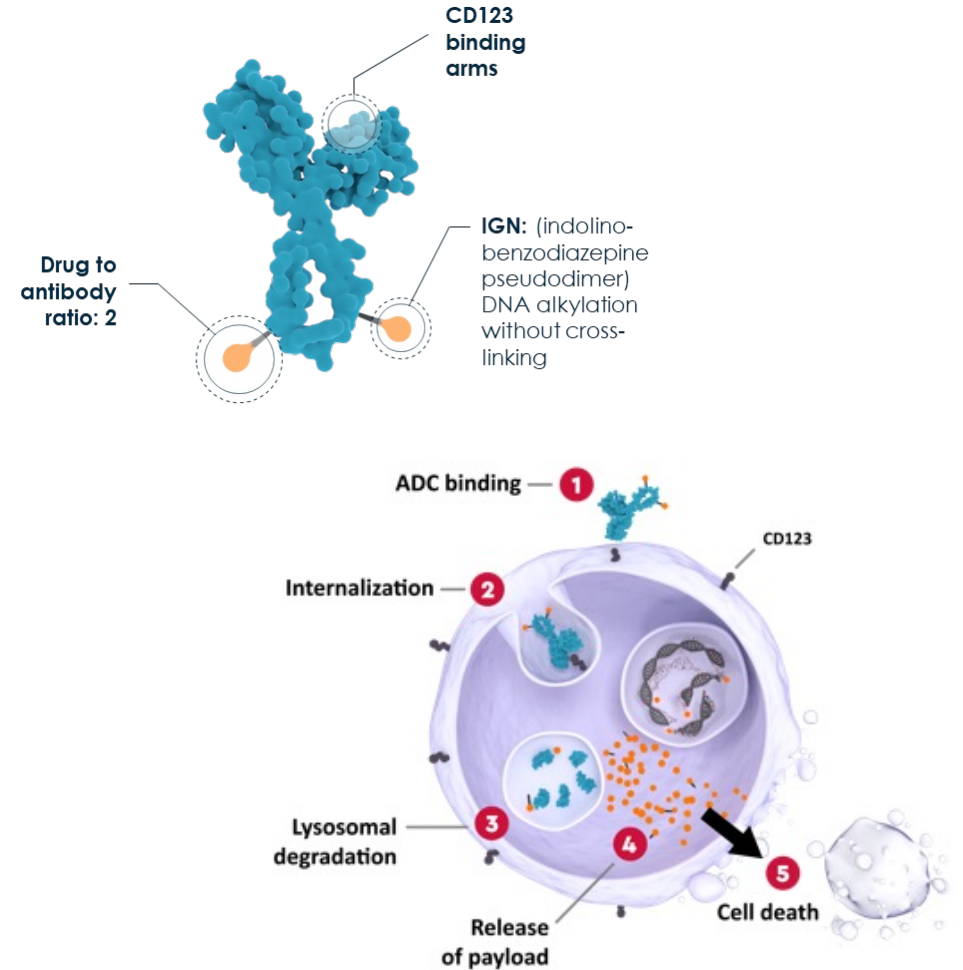
vs.

Triplets

- ▶ 7+3
 - ▶ Venetoclax + HMA (azacitidine or decitabine)
 - ▶ Ivosidenib + azacitidine
 - ▶ CPX-351
 - ▶ FLAG-IDA
- ▶ 7+3+midostaurin
 - ▶ Venetoclax + HMA + novel target (e.g.- gilteritinib, ivosidenib, enasidenib, magrolimab, PVEK) – not FDA approved
 - ▶ FLAG-IDA + venetoclax – not FDA approved

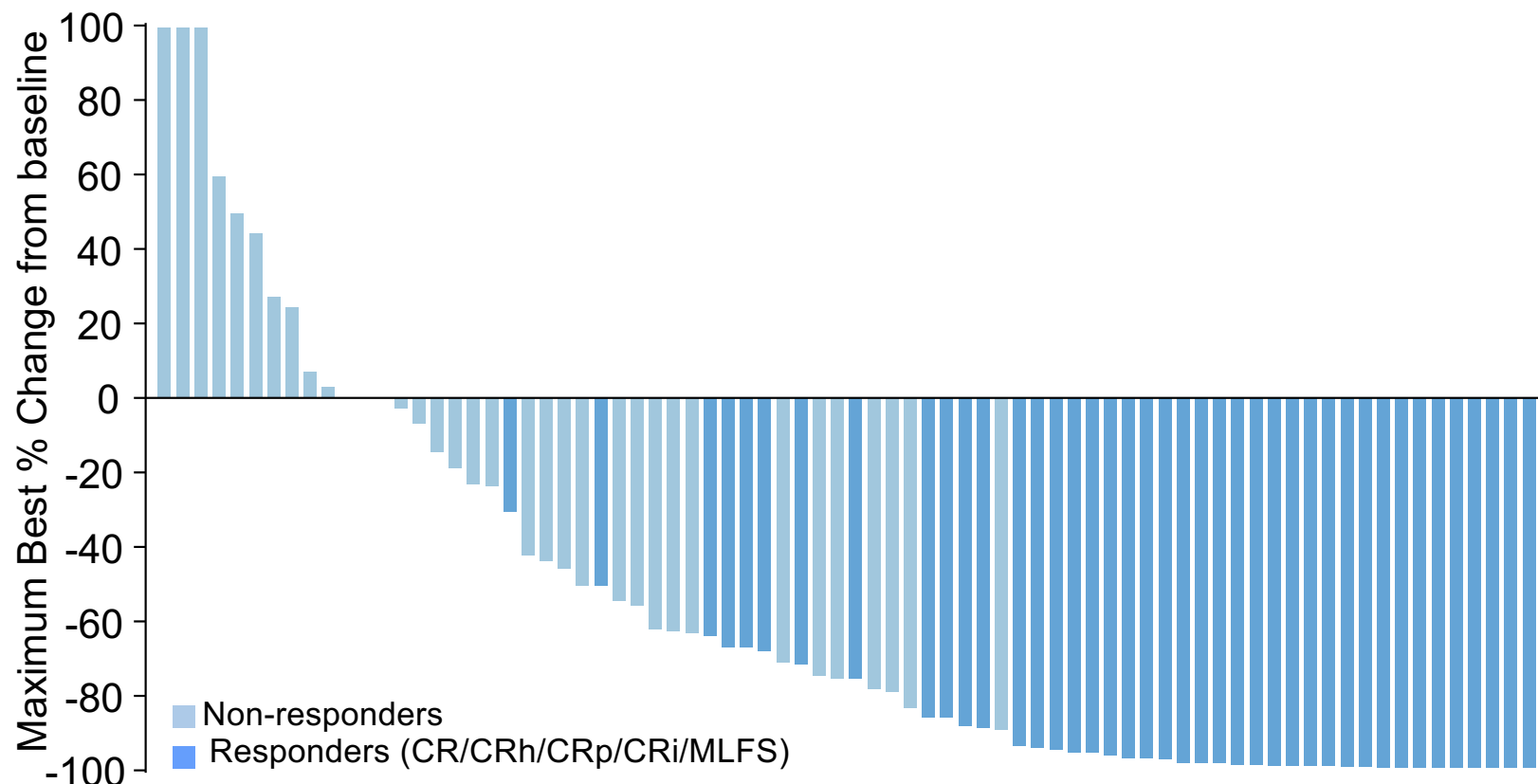
Pivekimab sunirine (PVEK)

- ▶ CD123 is expressed on the majority of AML blasts and leukemic stem cells, while minimally expressed on normal hematopoietic stem cells⁴
- ▶ Pivekimab sunirine (PVEK) is a novel CD123-targeted antibody drug conjugate with single agent activity in BPDCN⁴ and single agent CR/CRi rates of 22-40% in R/R AML⁵
- ▶ Preclinical data demonstrated synergy between PVEK and AZA and/or VEN, including overcoming AZA/VEN resistance in murine AML models⁶
- ▶ Here we report safety and anti-leukemic activity of PVEK+AZA+VEN from the dose-escalation and expansion cohort in patients with:
 - R/R AML
 - Ongoing expansion cohort in frontline AML



Slide courtesy of Naval Daver, presented at ASH 2022

Phase IB/II PVEK + Azacitidine + Venetoclax: Anti-Leukemic Activity in R/R AML



- Median time to CCR was 1.1 months (range 0.5-6.5)
- Median duration of CCR was 7.7 months (range 0.3-15.6 months)
- Of MRD-evaluable responders, 8 (32%) achieved MRD-negativity*
- 24% of responders (10/41) proceeded to SCT

Note: 15 patients are not represented on the plot due to missing bone marrow data: 10 had clinical disease progression; 3 died without an assessment; 2 were otherwise unevaluable

*MRD assessed centrally by multiparameter flow cytometry with threshold of <0.1% by Hematologies, Inc.

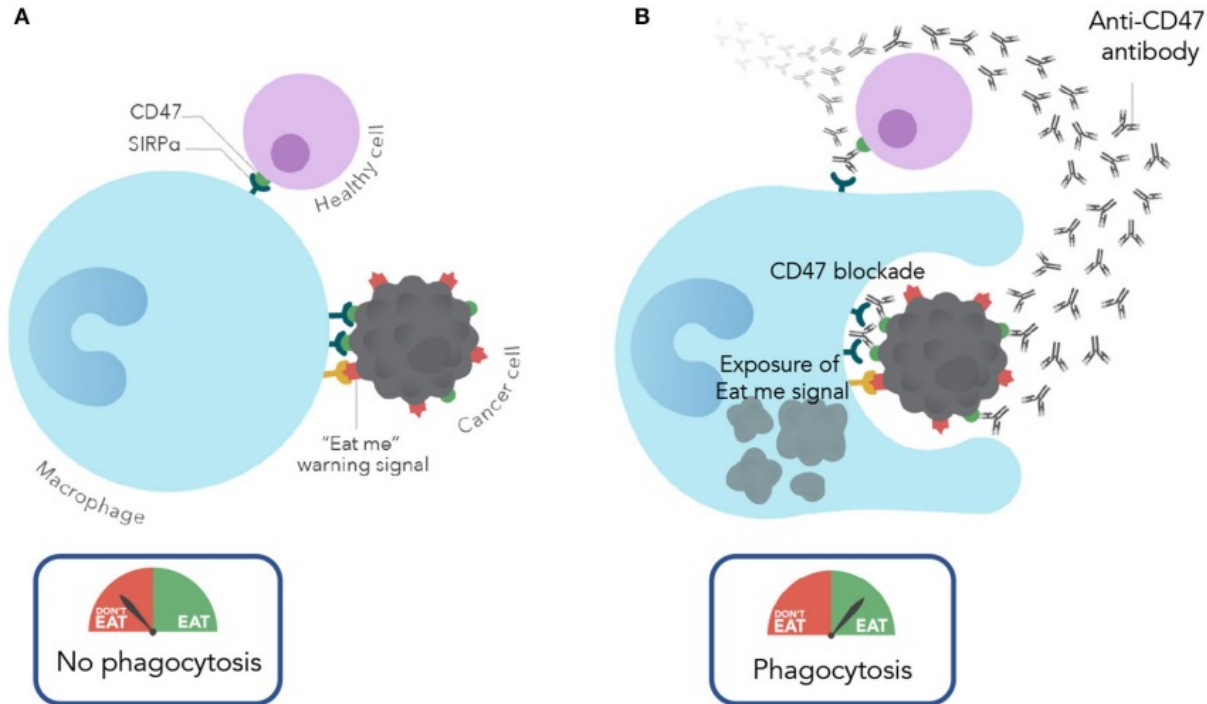
Responses in R/R AML Subsets

ITT Population (all doses and schedules), n=91					
Previous Treatments	N	ORR	CCR	CR	CR/CRh
VEN naïve	47	53%	38%	26%	34%
Prior VEN	44	36%	11%	0%	9%
First Relapse	32	56%	44%	22%	41%
First Relapse & VEN Naïve	17	65%	59%	41%	53%
Prior Stem Cell Transplant	23	43%	26%	13%	22%
Cytogenetics	N	ORR	CCR	CR	CR/CRh
ELN Adverse Risk	48	42%	21%	10%	16%
IDH2 Mutant	12	67%	50%	33%	50%
FLT3-ITD	11	82%	64%	18%	54%

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CCR, composite complete remission; CR, complete remission; CRh, complete remission with partial hematologic recovery; CRi, complete remission/response with incomplete recovery; ELN, European LeukemiaNet; ITD, internal tandem duplication; ITT, intention-to-treat; ORR, overall response rate; RP2D, recommended phase 2 dose; R/R, relapsed/refractory; VEN, venetoclax.

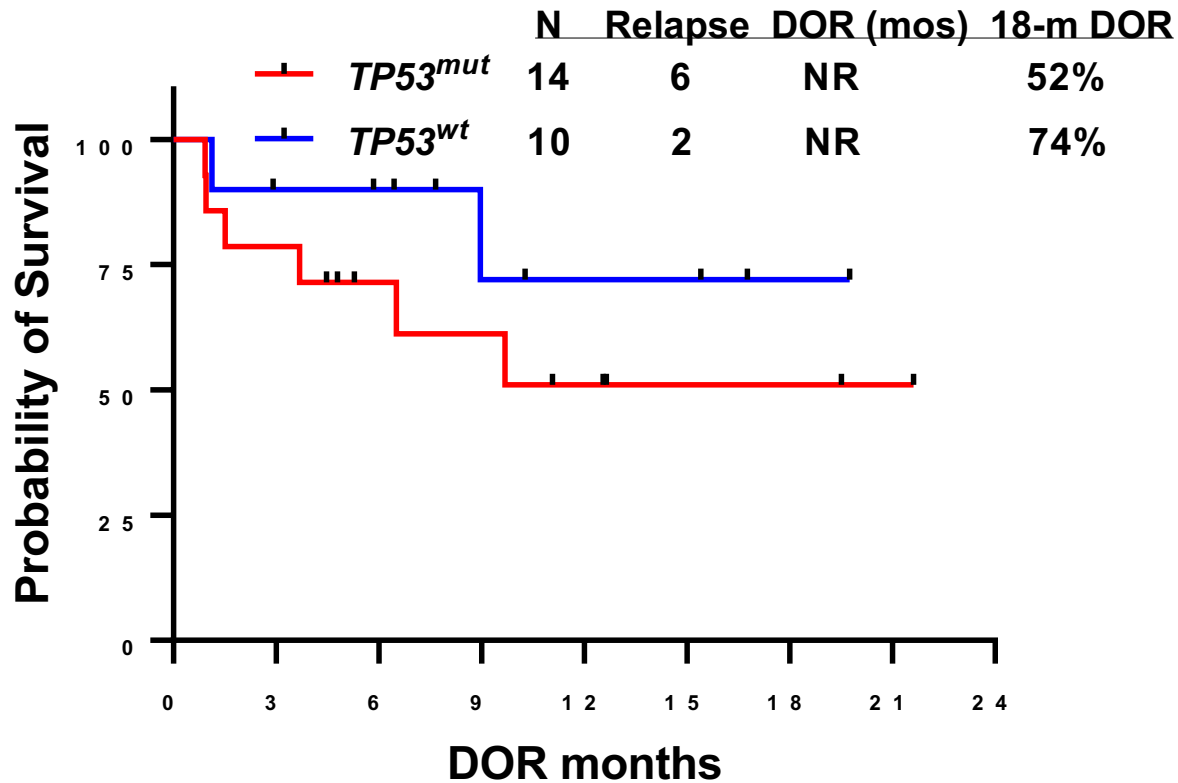
Magrolimab



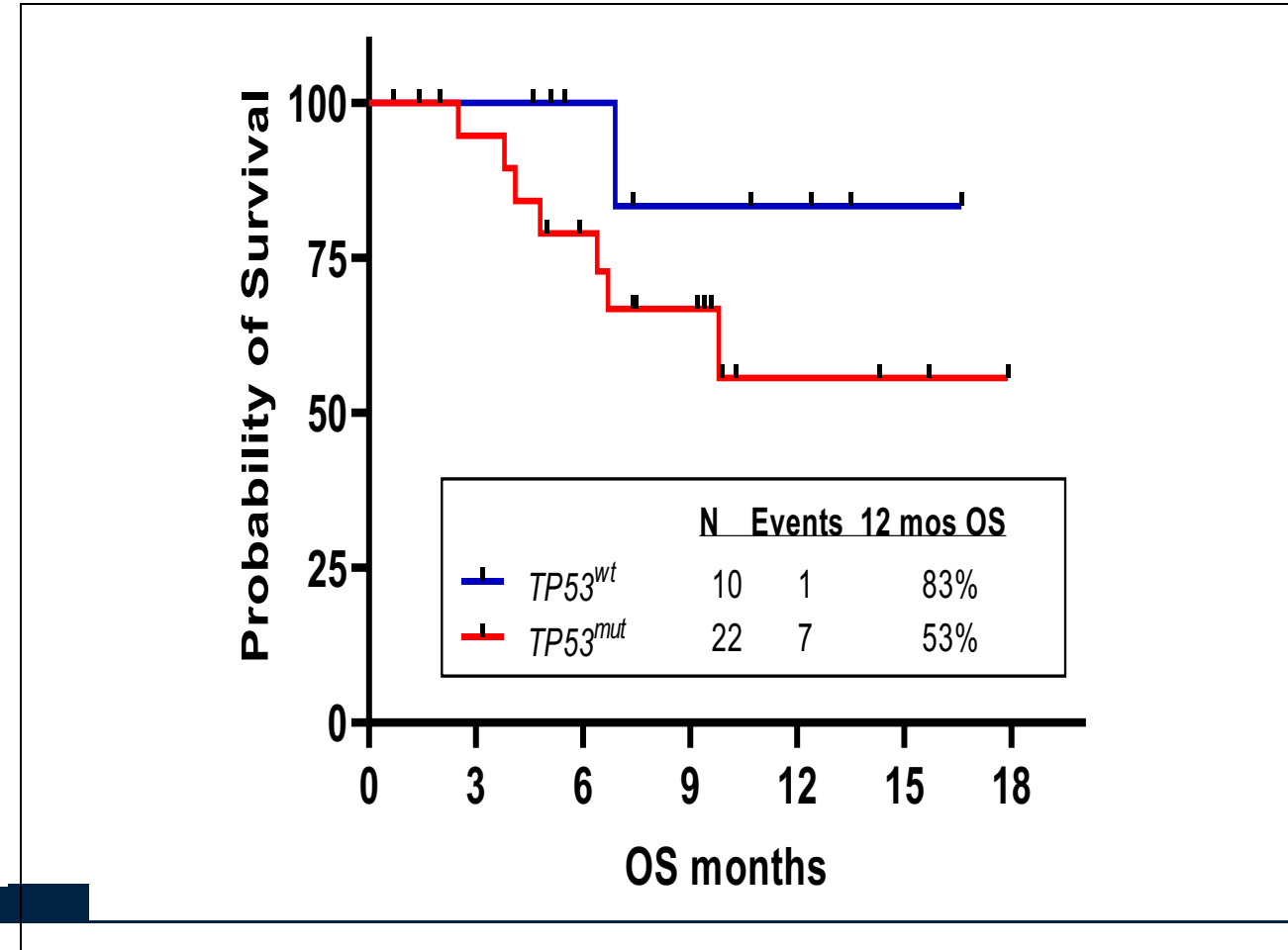
- ▶ Mechanism: Anti CD47 monoclonal antibody
- ▶ Despite CR/CRi rates of 65-70% in frontline older/unfit AML with AZA-VEN, only 35-40% remain alive beyond 2 yrs
- ▶ HMA + CD47 blockade with encouraging safety and activity in single-arm studies in frontline $TP53^{\text{mut}}$ (CR 33%, mOS 10m) and $TP53^{\text{WT}}$ AML (CR 42%, mOS 18m)
- ▶ Frontline $TP53^{\text{mut}}$ AML have dismal outcomes with CR/CRi 30-45% (CR 20-30%) and median OS of 5-7 months with intensive or HMA-VEN based approach.

Phase I/II of Azacitidine + Venetoclax + Magrolimab : Duration of Response and Overall Survival in Newly Diagnosed AML with a Median Follow up of 14.5months

DOR (De Novo patients, N=33)

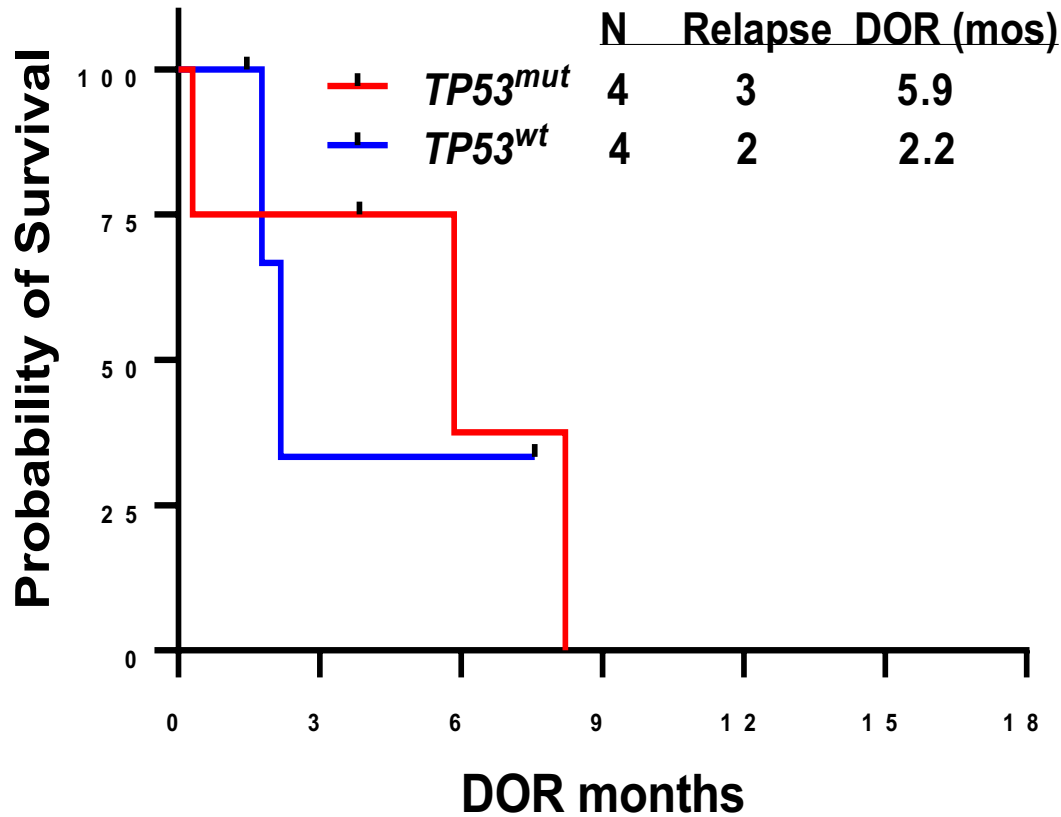


Overall Survival (De Novo patients, n=33)

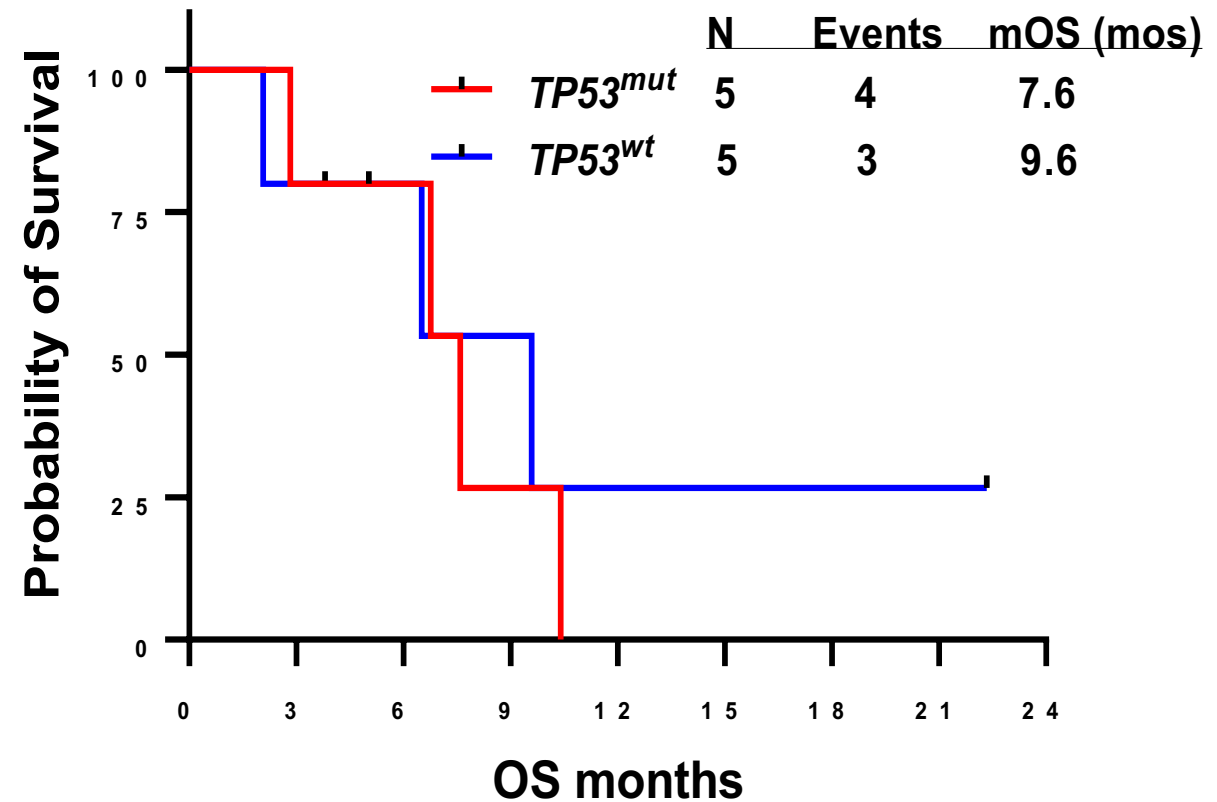


DOR and OS is Not Better for All Subtypes of AML

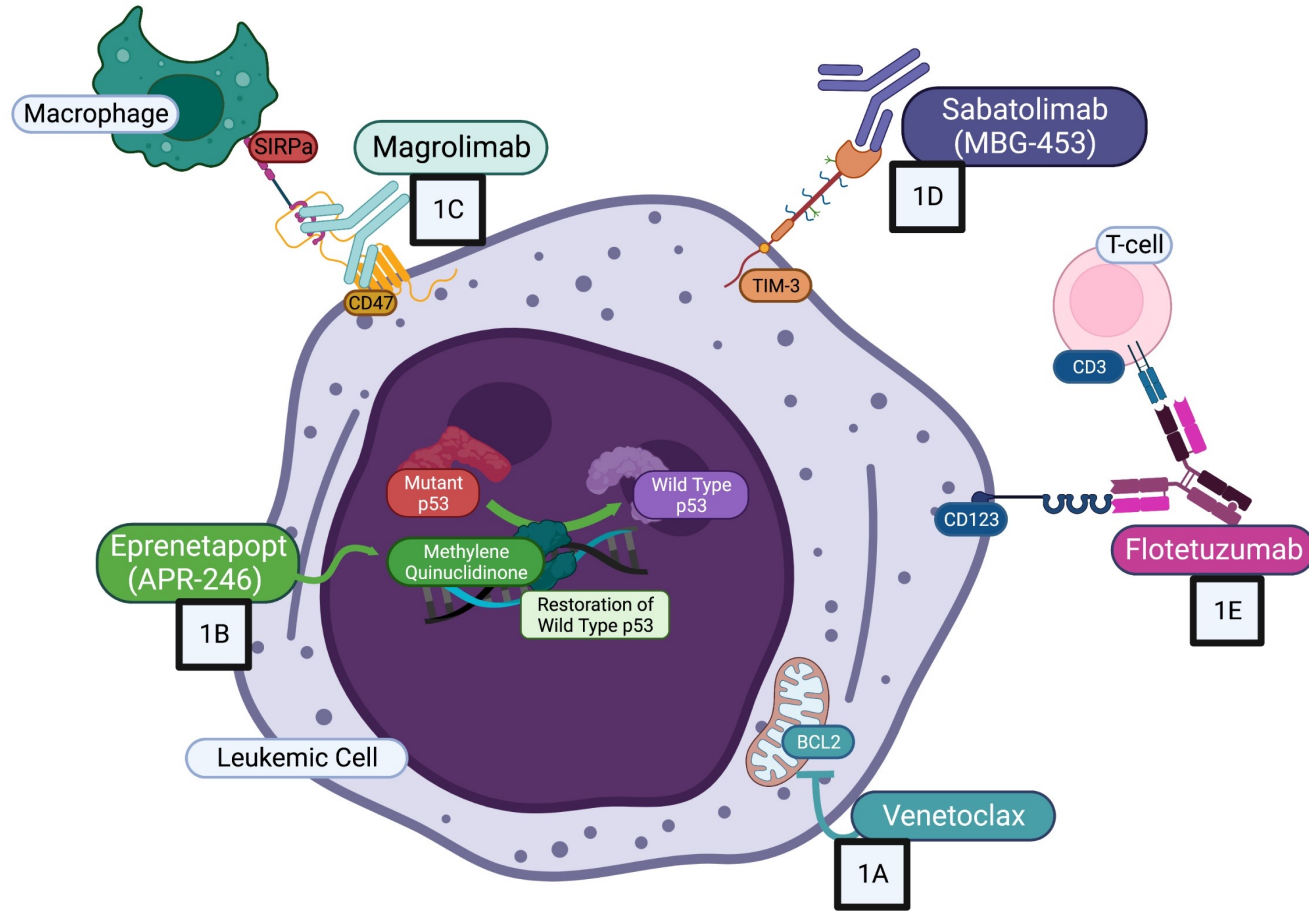
DOR (Secondary AML, N=10)



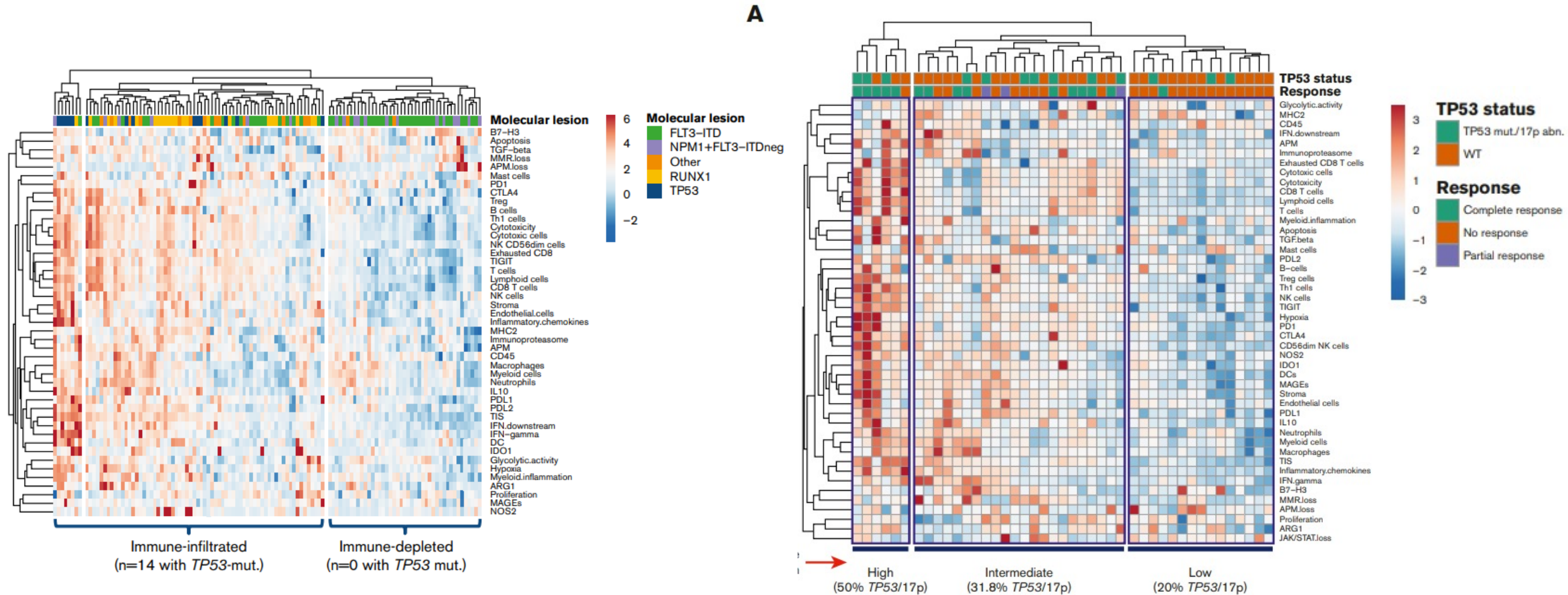
Overall survival (Secondary AML, n=10)



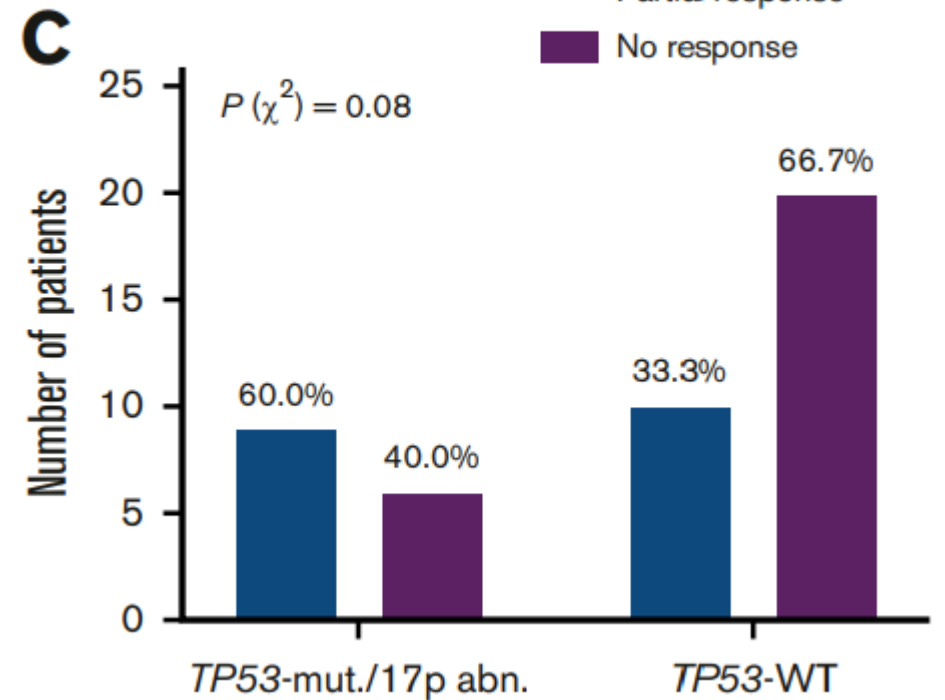
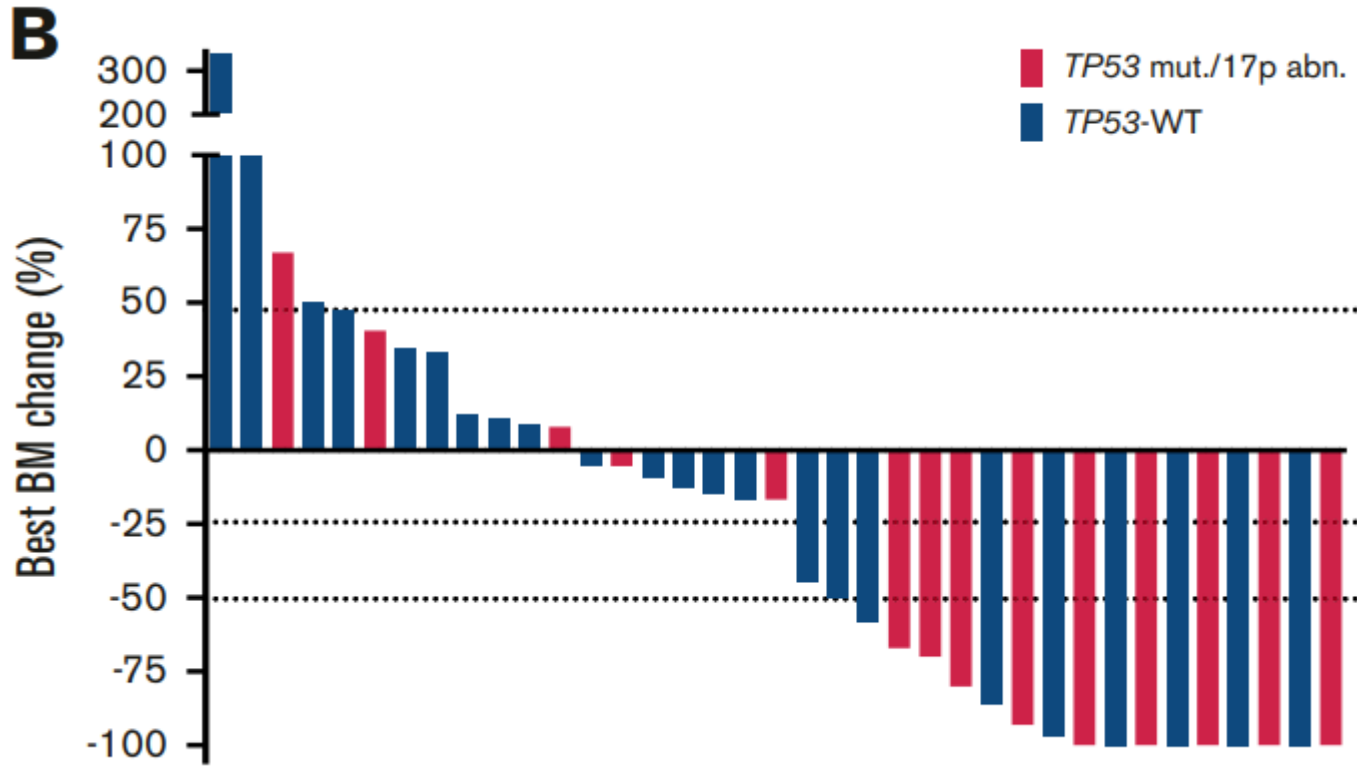
TP53 Remains the Most Challenging to Treat



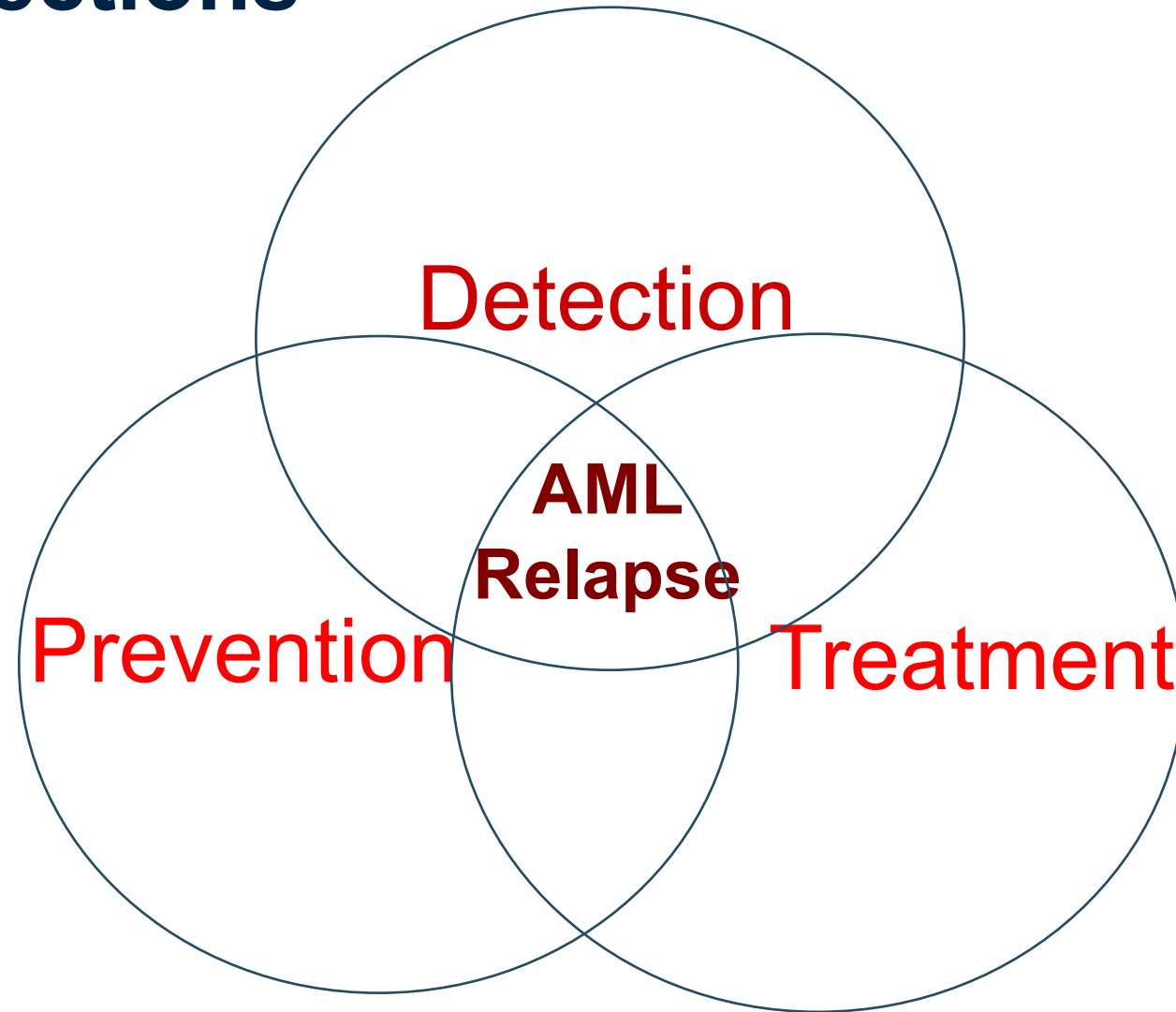
TP53 Mutations Correlate with an Immune-infiltrated Tumor Microenvironment and Response to Flotetuzumab



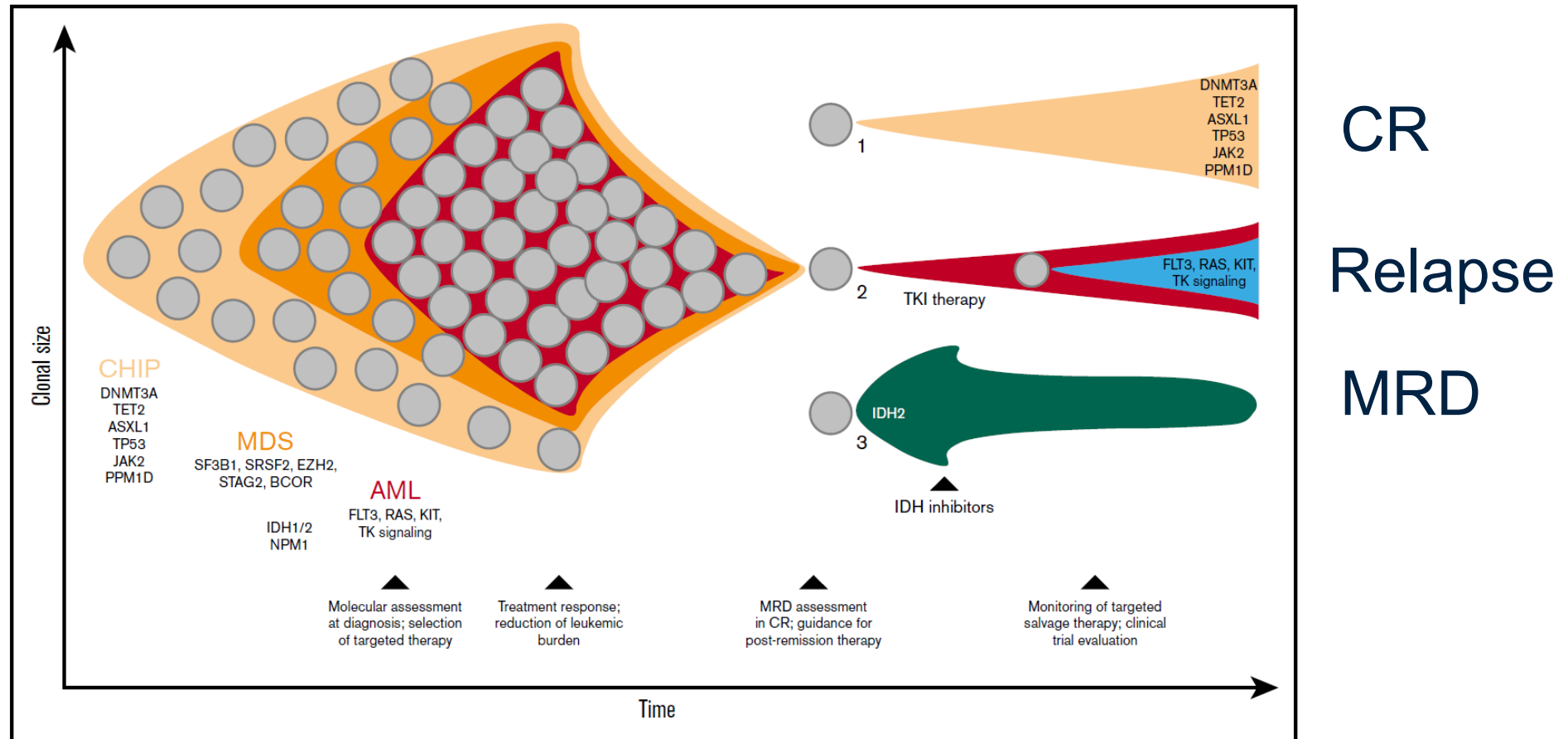
Response to Flotetuzumab in Patients with *TP53* Mutations and/or 17p deletion



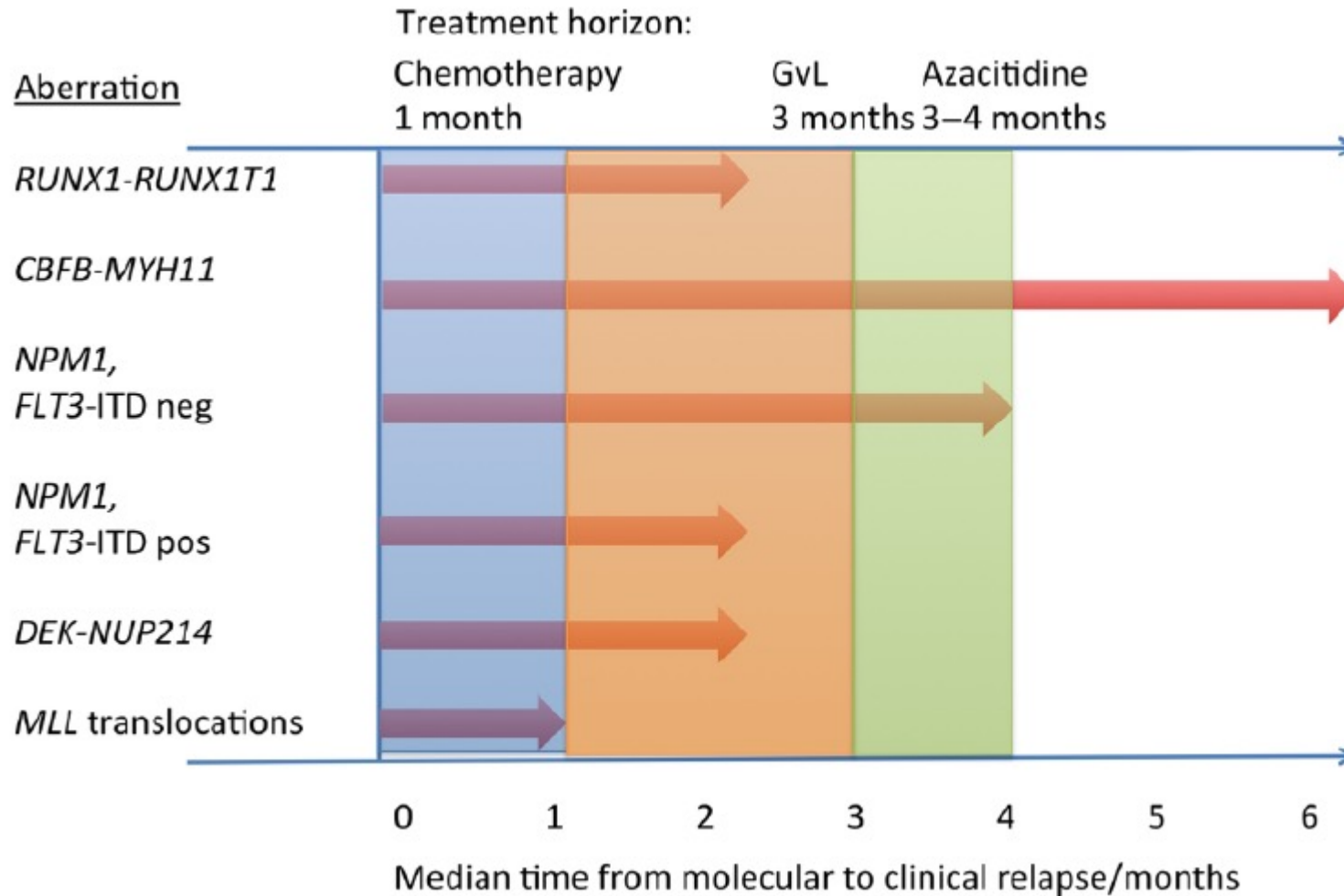
Future Directions



Molecular Profiling Plays a Role at Diagnosis and Response to Treatment



Understand Relapse Kinetics of AML



Target Pathways

Functional class	Specific example mutations
Signaling and kinase pathway	<i>FLT3, KRAS, NRAS, KIT, PTPN11, and NF1</i>
Epigenetic modifiers (DNA methylation and chromatin modification)	<i>DNMT3A, IDH1, IDH2, TET2, ASXL1, EZH2, and MLL/KMT2A</i>
Nucleophosmin	<i>NPM1</i>
Transcription factors	<i>CEBPA, RUNX1, and GATA2</i>
Tumor suppressors	<i>TP53</i>
Spliceosome complex	<i>SRSF2, U2AF1, SF3B1, and ZRSR2</i>
Cohesin complex*	<i>RAD21, STAG1, STAG2, SMC1A, and SMC3</i>

Take home message

Normal bone marrow



Bone marrow with AML



- Know the types of flowers in your garden = What molecular abnormalities are present? What mutations are driving the disease burden?
- Understand the optimal conditions for growth = Modify how we approach standard therapy in older AML
- Use the appropriate weed killer = Tailor treatment to individual genetic profiles and physiologic function to change survival outcomes

“The greater our knowledge increases, the greater our ignorance unfolds.”

- John F. Kennedy

Questions?

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Thank you!