Novel Therapeutic Strategies for MDS Based on Molecular Profile

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Myelodysplastic Syndromes (MDS) in the United States

10-20K

New cases per year, although some estimates are much higher (40-50 K)



1 in 3 patients will progress to AML



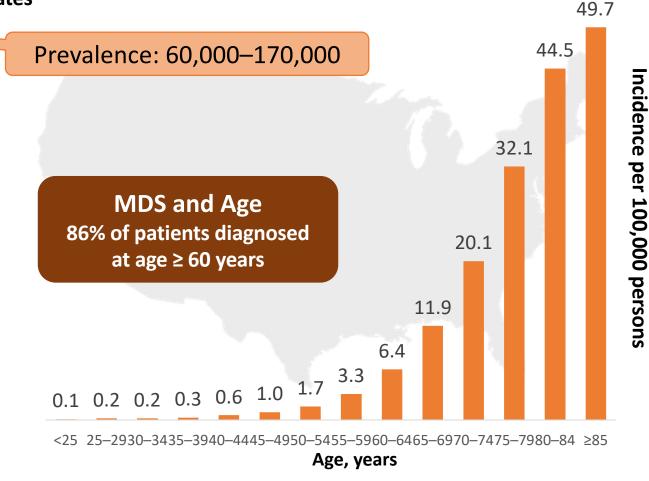
Approximately 5%-10% of cases occur after exposure to previous radiation/chemotherapy



More than 90% of patients harbor somatic mutations



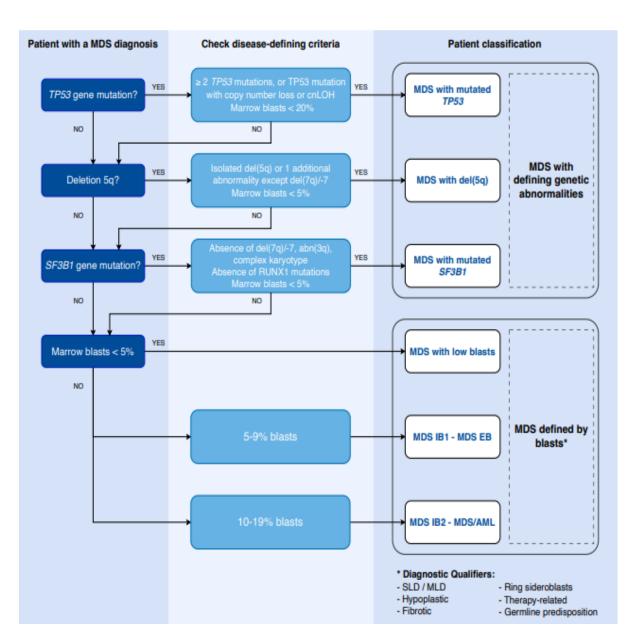
Anemia is the most common clinical feature



AML = Acute Myeloid Leukemia

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Harmonized WHO/ICC 2022 classification



Conceptual classification of MDS: RSK classification

Chronic phase MDS

- MDS-SF3B1
- MDS-del5q
- MDS-LB

Accelerated phase MDS

- MDS-EB (5-19% myeloblasts) (cutoff to be refined)
- Bi-allelic TP53 MDS
- MDS-f

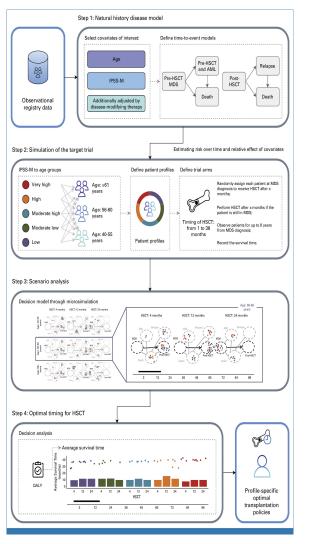
AML-MDS related (AML-MR)

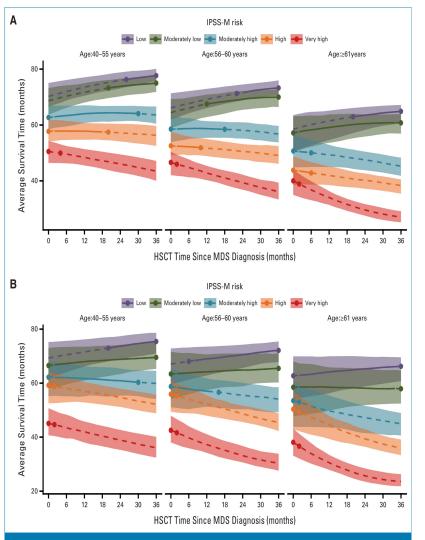
• ≥20% myeloblasts (cutoff to be refined) with prior history of MDS or AML with MDS defining cytogenetic abnormalities or gene mutations.

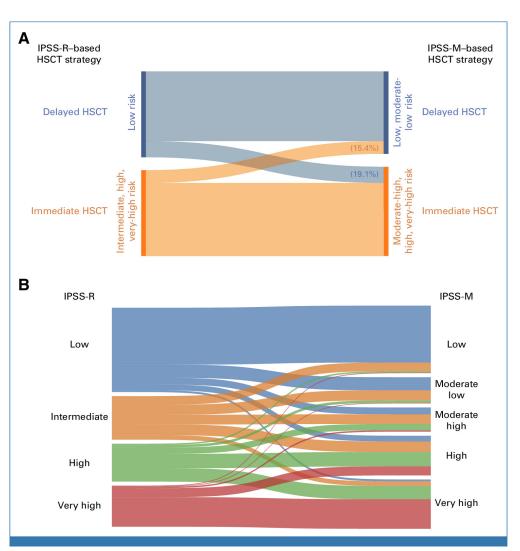
Risk stratification and clinical decisions in MDS – IPSS-M

Diagnosis ¹	Classification ¹	Incidence (%) ¹	Median OS (yrs) ¹	Progression risk (yrs)*,1	Treatment goal ²	Current SoC ²
	Very low (Very low/low)	14	10.6	2.8		Transfusion
))	Low (Very low/low/int)	111 33	6.0	5.1	Hematologic improvement	ESAs Watch & wait
	Moderate low (Low/int)	i i 11	4.6	11.4	of infection & bleeding)	
	Moderate high (Low/int/high)	† 11	2.8	18.9	Alter disease natural	HMAs/ICT +/- ASCT
	High (Int/high/very high)	i i 14	1.7	29.2	history (higher risk of infection	, , , , , ,
ALL STATES	Very high (High/very high)	i i 17	1.0	42.8	& bleeding)	

Comparison of IPSS-R versus IPSS-M for timing of Allo-SCT





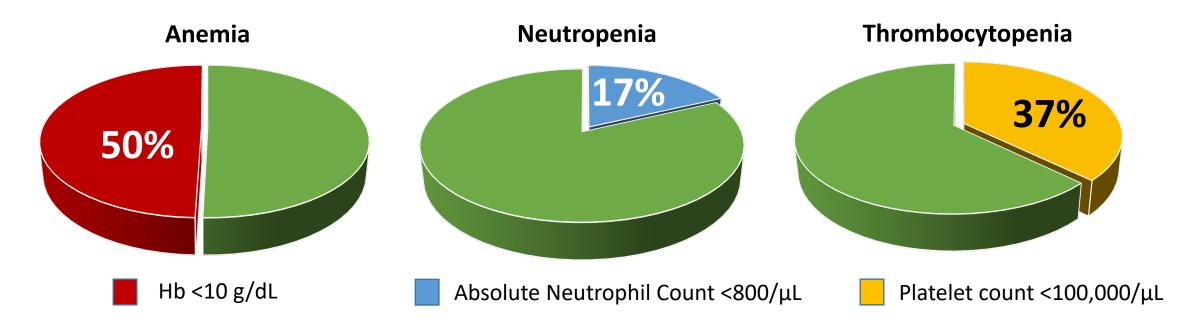


Anemia is the hallmark of lower risk MDS and main indication for treatment

- Lower-risk MDS is characterized foremost by anemia¹
- 50% of MDS patients will need RBC transfusions during the course of their disease²

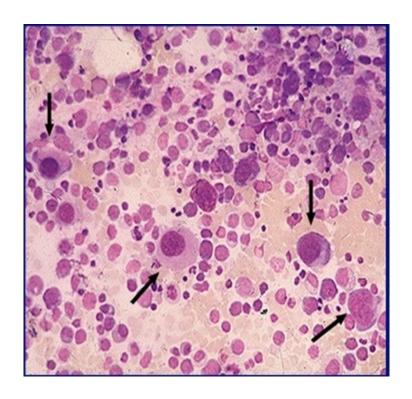
Frequency of cytopenias in patients with Lower-risk MDS:3,4

Data from FISiM Italian registry



5q- Syndrome: Clinical Characteristics

- First described by Van den Berghe in 1974.
- Isolated del(5q) as sole cytogenetic abnormality
- Female predominance
- Median age at diagnosis: 68 yrs
- Macrocytic anemia, mild leukopenia, normal or increased platelet count.
- Erythroid hypoplasia accompanied by megakaryocytic dysplasia with small oligo- or mononuclear forms, less than 5% myeloblasts are the hallmark features in the bone marrow biopsy and aspirate



Lenalidomide in MDS-del(5q)

Phase II MDS 003 Trial

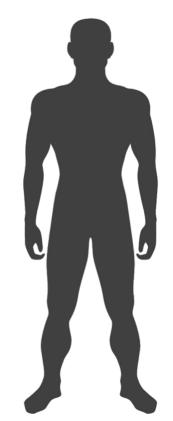


Patient Population

- ✓ Low-risk, or intermediate-risk MDS (IPSS)
- ✓ 5q31 deletion ± additional cytogenetic abnormalities
- ✓ Transfusion-dependent anemia

Most Common Grade 3–4 AEs with Lenalidomide

- Neutropenia (55%)
- Thrombocytopenia (44%)
- *Anemia (7%)*
- Leukopenia (6%)
- Rash (6%)
- Fatigue (3%)
- Febrile neutropenia (1%)



FDA Approval: 12/17/2005

Lenalidomide *N* = 148

67%

Transfusion Independence by week 24

76%

Total transfusion response by week 24



4.6wk

Median time to response

Long-Term Outcomes *Median Follow-Up 3.2 yrs*

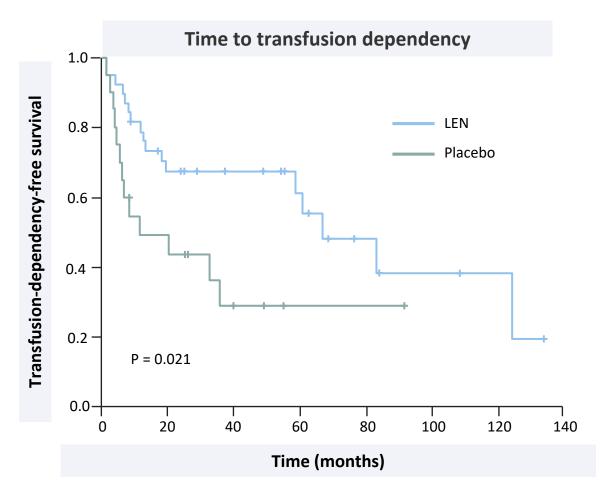


2.2 years

Median duration of transfusion independence

Sintra-REV: Phase 3, multicenter trial investigating LEN versus placebo in non-transfusion-dependent LR-MDS del(5q) patients

- Patients were randomized 2:1 to receive LEN 5 mg/day (n = 40) or placebo (n = 21) on days 1 to 28 of every 28-day cycle
- Treatment phase: 108 weeks
- Follow-up phase: 108 weeks
- Median follow up: 60.6 months (IQR: 32.3–73.9)
- Primary endpoint (time to transfusion dependency):
 - LEN 66.3 months (95% CI: 37.0, 95.5)
 - Placebo 11.6 months
 (HR 0.414; 95% CI: 0.196, 0.875; P = 0.021)



Lenalidomide Discontinuation: HARMONY Alliance study (n=118)

- 42% of patients lost RBC-TI
- 48 patients were re-treated with LEN because of loss of response. Forty-two patients were evaluable for response and 28 of them (67%) achieved RBC-TI again

Prognostic factors for event-free survival on multivariate analysis

		95,0% CI			
Variables	HR	Lower	Upper	p value	
Age at diagnosis*	1.04	1.01	1.07	0.005	
RBC unit/8 weeks >4 at lenalidomide start	1.28	1.05	1.56	0,013	
IPSS-R very low vs low/intermediate	0.33	0,16	0.70	0.004	
Lenalidomide cycles ≥12	0.55	0.32	0.95	0.031	
Hemoglobin level at lenalidomide stop*	0.82	0.69	0.98	0.028	

MDS with mutated SF3B1

Cytopenia defined by standard hematologic values

Somatic SF3B1 mutation

Isolated erythroid or multilineage dysplasia *

Bone marrow blasts <5% and peripheral blood blasts <1%

WHO criteria for MDS with isolated del(5q), MDS/MPN-RS-T or other MDS/MPNs, and primary myelofibrosis or other MPNs are not met

Normal karyotype or any cytogenetic abnormality other than del(5q); monosomy 7; inv(3) or abnormal 3q26, complex (≥3)

Any additional somatically mutated gene other than RUNX1 and/or $EZH2^{\frac{1}{2}}$

^{*}RS are not required for the diagnosis.

[†]Additional *JAK2V617F*, *CALR*, or *MPL* mutations strongly support the diagnosis of MDS/MPN-RS-T.

Anemia Management: Luspatercept

Phase III MEDALIST Trial



Patient Population

- ✓ Very-low-risk, low-risk, or intermediate-risk MDS (IPSS-R) with ring sideroblasts
- ✓ Receiving regular RBC transfusions

Most Common Grade 3–4 AEs with Luspatercept

- *Fatigue* (5%)
- *Asthenia* (3%)
- Back pain (2%)
- Nausea (1%), headache (1%), arthralgia (1%), dyspnea (1%), bronchitis (1%), UTI (1%)

FDA Approval: 04/06/2020

N = 153

38%

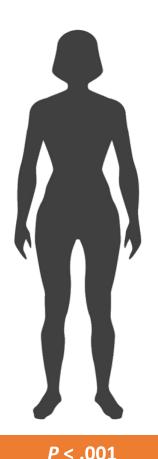
Transfusion Independence ≥ 8 Weeks (Weeks 1–24)

28%

Transfusion Independence ≥ 12 Weeks (Weeks 1–24)

33%

Transfusion Independence ≥ 12 Weeks (Weeks 1–48)



For All Comparisons

Placebo *N* = 76

13%

Transfusion Independence ≥ 8 Weeks (Weeks 1–24)

8%

Transfusion Independence ≥ 12 Weeks (Weeks 1–24)

12%

Transfusion Independence ≥ 12 Weeks (Weeks 1–48)



Oral Abstract 915: Long-Term Data

IPSS-R = Revised International Prognostic Scoring System; RBC = Red Blood Cell; UTI = Urinary Tract Infection Fenaux P, et al. *New Engl J Med*. 2020;82:140-151.

Luspatercept for Frontline Treatment

Phase III COMMANDS Trial

FDA Approval: 08/28/2023



Patient Population

- ✓ Very-low-risk, low-risk, or intermediate-risk MDS (IPSS-R) with ring sideroblasts
- ✓ Require RBC transfusions
- ✓ ESA naïve



Most Common TRAEs with Luspatercept

- Diarrhea (17.6%)
- COVID-19 (14.8%)
- *Hypertension (15.9%)*
- Asthenia (13.7%)
- Anemia (12.1%)

Luspatercept N = 147

59%

RBC TI ≥ 12 weeks with concurrent mean Hb increase ≥ 1.5 g/dL (wk 1-24)

Epoetin alfa N = 154

31%

RBC TI ≥ 12 weeks with concurrent mean Hb increase ≥ 1.5 g/dL (wk 1-24)

Response Rates from ASH 2023 – Data cut-off 3/31/23

	Luspatercept	Epoetin alfa
Overall, n/N (%)	110/182 (60.4%)	63/181 (34.8%)
SF3B1 mutated, n/N (%)	80/114 (70.2%)	33/101 (32.2%)
SF3B1 non-mutated, n/N (%)	29/65 (44.6%)	26/72 (36.1%)
sEPO ≤ 200 U/L, n/N (%)	96/145 (66.2%)	59/144 (41.0%)
sEPO > 200 U/L, n/N (%)	14/37 (37.8%)	4/37 (10.8%)
RS positive, n/N (%)	87/133 (65.4%)	38/130 (29.2%)
RS negative, n/N (%)	23/49 (46.9%)	25/50 (50.0%)

Luspatercept



128.1 weeks



Epoetin alfa

89.7 weeks

Median Duration of TI ≥ 12 wks HR 0.534 (95% CI, 0.330-

IPSS-R = Revised International Prognostic Scoring System; RBC = Red Blood Cell; ESA = Erythroid Stimulating Agent; Hb = Hemoglobin; TI = Transfusion 60864 ence; sEPO = serum Erythropoietin

Elritercept (KER-050) is Designed to Target Disorders of Ineffective Hematopoiesis Including MDS

Beenenders/N (%)	m	mITT ₂₄ ^a		O < 500 U/L ^b
Responders/N (%)	AII (N=81)	HTB (N=46)	AII (N=66)	HTB (N=35)
Overall Response ^c	45/81 (55.6)	23/46 (50.0)	40/66 (60.6)	20/35 (57.1)
Modified IWG 2006 HI-Ed	40/81 (49.4)	22/46 (47.8)	35/66 (53)	19/35 (54.3)
RS+	33/57 (57.9)	19/33 (57.6)	29/51 (56.9)	16/29 (55.2)
non-RS	7/24 (29.2)	3/13 (23.1)	6/15 (40)	3/6 (50)
TI ≥8 weeks ^e	26/63 (41.3)	16/46 (34.8)	25/50 (50.0)	15/35 (42.9)
RS+	22/45 (48.9)	13/33 (39.4)	21/40 (52.5)	12/29 (41.4)
non-RS	4/18 (22.2)	3/13 (23.1)	4/10 (40)	3/6 (50)

Response rates in mITT₂₄ participants with HTB were similar to those observed in the overall mITT₂₄ population, with higher rates observed in the EPO < 500 U/L population particularly in non-RS participants. These data support potential for elritercept to treat a broad array of patients with LR-MDS.

^a Includes data for Weeks 0-24 in mITT₂₄ participants; ^b Includes data for Weeks 0-24 in mITT₂₄ participants with baseline EPO < 500 U/L, excluding one participant with del5q MDS; ^c Defined as achieving modified IWG 2006 HI-E and/or TI; ^d Modified IWG 2006 HI-E = mean increase in hemoglobin ≥1.5 g/dL (NT+LTB) or reduction in transfusion of ≥4 RBC units (HTB) over 8 weeks on treatment compared to 8-week pre-treatment period; ^eTI-evaluable participants received at least 2 RBC units in the 8-week pre-treatment period.

Imetelstat

Phase III IMerge Trial



Patient Population

- ✓ Low-risk or intermediate-risk MDS (IPSS) with ring sideroblasts
- ✓ Require RBC transfusions



Most Common Grade 3/4 AEs with Imetelstat

- Thrombocytopenia (62%)
- Neutropenia (68%)
- Anemia (19%)
- Leukopenia (8%)

FDA Approval: 06/06/24

Imetelstat Placebo N = 118 N = 60

39.8% 15%

RBC TI ≥ 8 weeks RBC TI ≥ 8 weeks

3.3%

RBC TI ≥ 24 weeks RBC TI ≥ 24 weeks

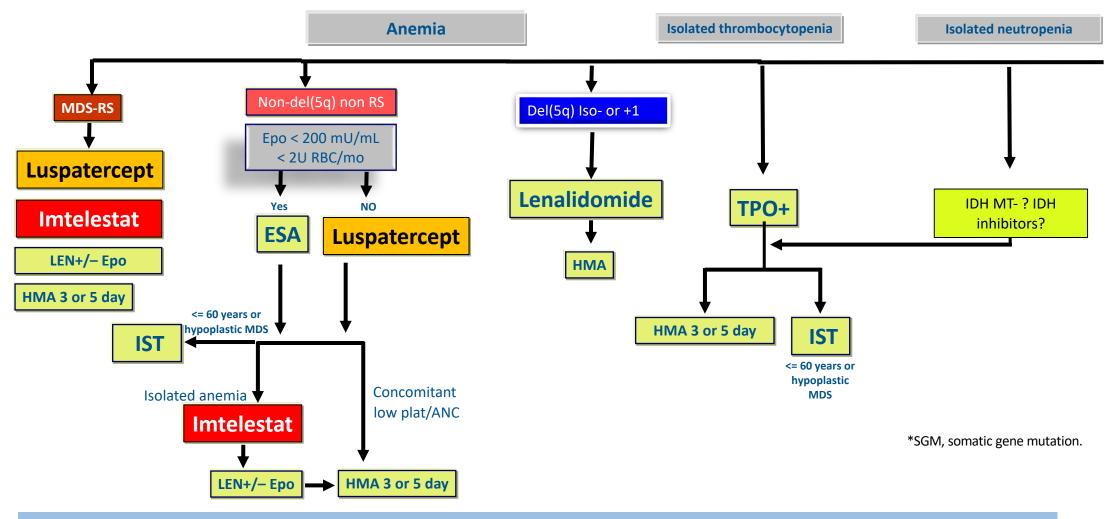
17.8% 1.7%

RBC TI ≥ 1 year RBC TI ≥ 1 year

	1-year RBC-TI	
	Imetelstat	Placebo
IPSS		
Low	10/80 (12.5%)	1/39 (2.6%)
Int-1	5/38 (15.8%)	0/21 (0%)
IPSS-R		
Very low	0/3 (0%)	0/2 (0%)
Low	10/87 (11.5%)	1/46 (2.2%)
Int	4/20 (20.0%)	0/8 (0%)
IPSS-M		
Very low/low	10/69 (14.5)	0/33 (0%)

Superior RBC-TI response rates in patients with SF3B1, TET2, ASXL1, DNMT3a, or CUX1 mutations treated with imetelstat

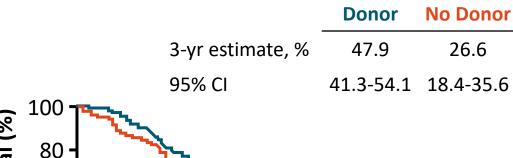
How Do I Manage LR-MDS in 2024

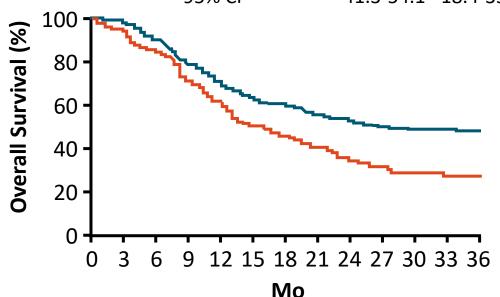


- Allogeneic stem cell transplant maybe considered after standard therapy failure or in younger patients with higher-risk disease features by IPSS-M.
- Iron chelation should be considered in patients with evidence of iron overload.

BMT CTN 1102: RIC Plus Allo-HSCT vs BSC in Older Patients With Higher-Risk MDS

Overall Survival

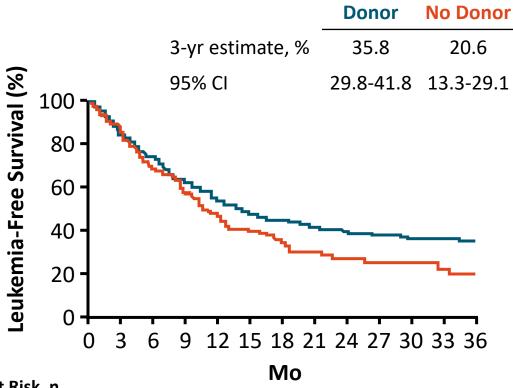




Patients at Risk, n

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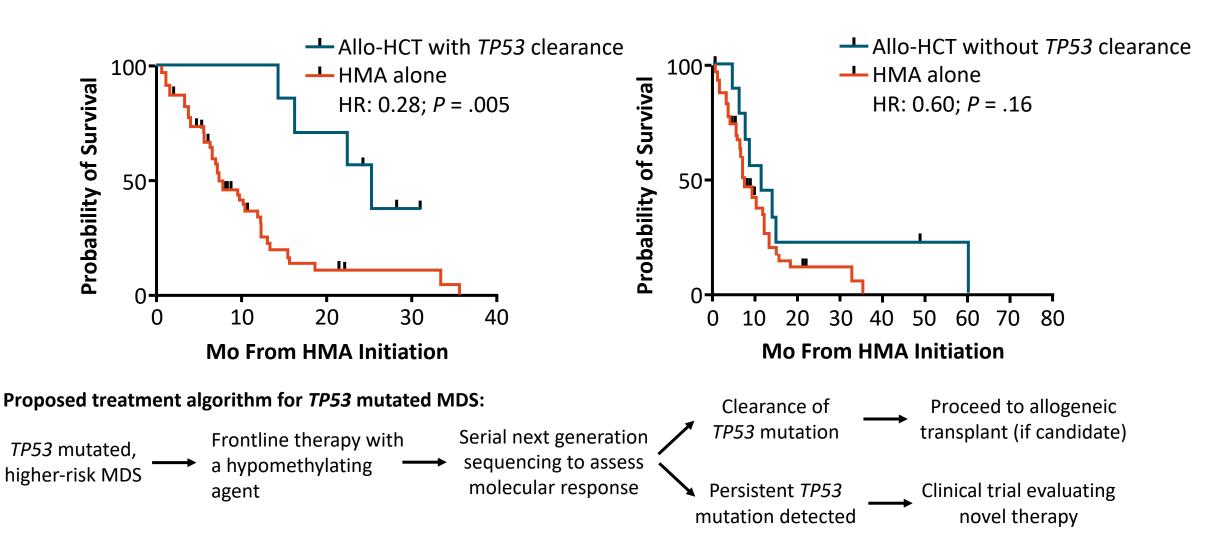
Leukemia-Free Survival



Patients at Risk, n

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Managing *TP53* mutant MDS



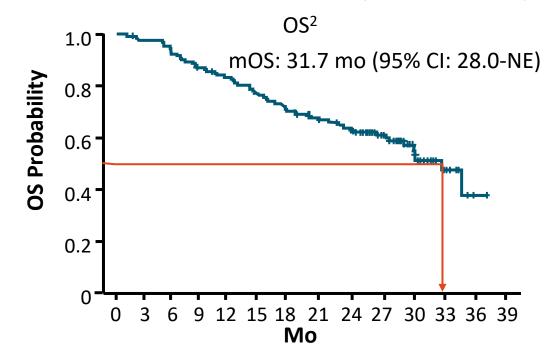
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ASCERTAIN: Update on Efficacy and Safety of Oral Decitabine/Cedazuridine in Patients With MDS and CMML

Response Category ^{1,2}	Treated Patients (N = 133)
CR, n (%)	29 (22)
PR, n (%)	0
mCR, n (%)	43 (32.3)
■ mCR with HI	22 (16.5)
HI, n (%)	10 (7.5)
HI-erythroid	2 (1.5)
HI-neutrophils	1 (0.8)
HI-platelet	7 (5.3)
Overall response (CR + PR + mCR + HI), n (%)	82 (61.7)
RBC transfusion independence, n/N (%)*	27/53 (51)
Platelet transfusion independence, n/N (%)*	6/12 (50)

^{*#} patients TI/# patients TD at baseline.

- Median duration of best response: 12.7 mo (range: 1-33)
- Number of patients proceeding to HCT: 34 (26%)
- Leukemia-free survival: 29.1 mo (95% CI: 22.1-NE)



Median CR duration: 14.0 mo (range: 2-29)

^{1.} Savona. ASH 2020. Abstr 1230. 2. Savona. MDS 2021. Abstr P48.

Venetoclax and HMA in Higher-Risk MDS: Efficacy of First-line Therapy

Best Response, %	HMA + Ven (n = 35)	HMA Alone (n = 1127)	P Value
ORR CR MCR PR HI	77 34 37 (62 + HI) 3 3	40 13 11 1 15	<.005
ASXL-1 mut	(n = 16)	(n = 106)	
ORR ■ CR	87 44	32 8	<.005
<i>TP53</i> mut	(n = 12)	(n = 137)	
ORR ■ CR	75 25	44 17	.038 .47

Outcome	HMA + Ven (n = 35)	HMA Alone (n = 1127)	P Value
 Median OS, mo From diagnosis (95% CI) From start of treatment* 	21 (11-32) 19.4	20 (19-22) 17.2	.86
treatment	19.4	17.2	.88
AML transformation, %	23	37	.08
AHSCT cohort [†]	(n = 13)	(n = 256)	
Median OS, mo (95% CI)	NR	38 (27-50)	.20
2-yr OS, %	91	51	

^{*}Median time from diagnosis to treatment was 1 mo in both arms.

[†]Patients who went on to AHCST.

Oral decitabine/cedazuridine + venetoclax in 1L HR MDS or CMML

Key eligibility criteria

- ≥ 18 years of age
- IPSS intermediate 2 or high risk
- WHO 2016, with > 5% blasts in bone marrow
- Treatment-naive MDS or CMML

Phase 1: dose escalation 3 pts ASTX727 100/35mg day 1-5 + VEN 200mg 1-14

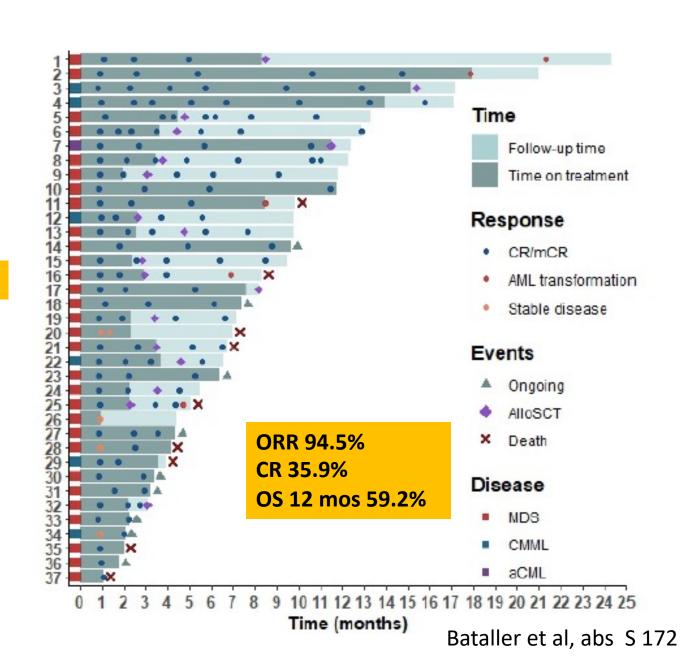
6 pts ASTX727 100/35mg day 1-5 + VEN 400mg 1-14

ORR

Phase 2: dose expansion

28 pts ASTX727 100/35mg day 1-5 + VEN 400mg 1-14

Median age 71 yrs
MDS EB2 65%, CMML 2 16%
IPSS-M very high 68.7%
mTP53 20%. 7/8 multiallelic
Median n cycles 2
Median Time to response 1 cycle



Ongoing Phase 2 trial (NCT05184842)

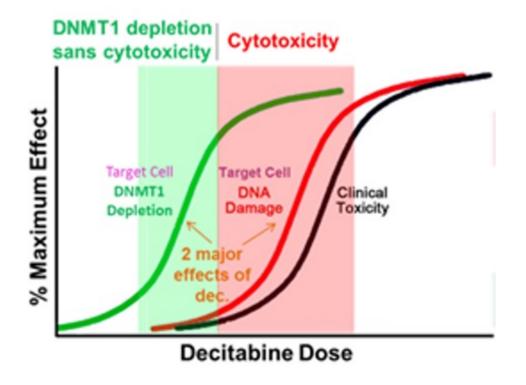
Metronomic Once Weekly Dosing of Decitabine and Venetoclax in MDS/AML

Treatment (28-day cycles):

- Venetoclax 400 mg on days 1, 8, 15, 22
- Decitabine 0.2 mg/kg SQ on days 1, 8, 15, 22 (for aggressive disease can add a second dose of decitabine on days 2, 9, 16 and 23)

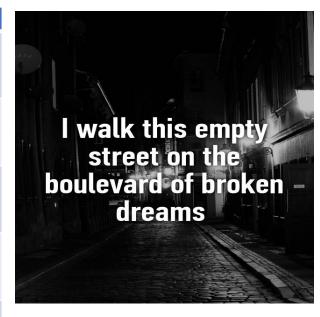
Week 1-12 (Induction phase)

Week 13 and beyond (Long-term treatment phase)



Lessons Learned from Phase III clinical trials in HR-MDS

Drug	Patient characteristics	Intervention	Study outcomes
Venetoclax	Newly-diagnosed HR-MDS Estimated enrollment: 500	Venetoclax + AZA vs. placebo + AZA	Primary Outcome: - Complete Remission (CR) based on IWG 2006 MDS criteria (Up to 36 Months) - Overall survival (OS) (Up to 5 years)
MBG453 (Sabatolimab)	Newly-diagnosed HR-MDS or CMML-2 Estimated enrollment: 500	MBG453+ AZA vs. placebo + AZA	Primary Outcome: - Overall Survival (Up to 5 years after last patient randomized)
Pevonedistat	Newly-diagnosed HR-MDS, CMML, or Low-Blast AML Estimated enrollment: 502	Pevonedistat + AZA vs. AZA alone Open-label	Primary Outcome: - Event-Free Survival (From randomization until transformation to AML, or death due to any cause; up to 6 years)
Magrolimab	Newly-diagnosed HR-MDS Estimated enrollment: 520	Magrolimab + AZA vs. AZA + placebo	Primary Outcomes: - Complete Remission (CR) based on IWG 2006 MDS criteria (Up to 24 Months) - Overall survival (OS) (Up to 5 years)
APR-246	Newly-diagnosed TP53-mutated HR-MDS Estimated enrollment: 154	APR-246 + AZA Vs. AZA alone Open-label	Primary Outcome: - Complete response rate (CR) with APR 246 + azacitidine vs. azacitidine only
SY-1425 (Tamibarotene)	Newly-diagnosed RARA-positive HR-MDS Estimated enrollment: 190	SY-1425 + AZA Vs. placebo + AZA	Primary outcome: - Complete response rate (CR) with SY-1425 + azacitidine vs. azacitidine only



- Bi-allelic *TP53* MDS specific clinical trials.
- Survival= CR rate x duration
- Studies are under-powered to detect small improvements

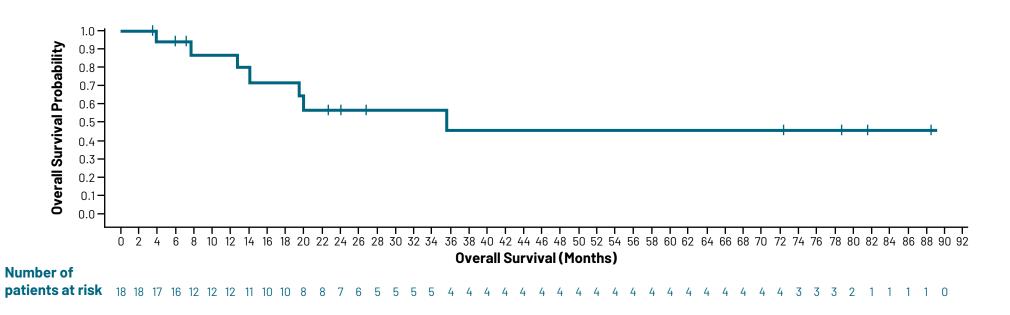
Targeting IDH mutant MDS

- IDH-1/IDH-2 mutations occur in 5-10% of MDS patients.
- Enriched in patients with neutropenia.
- Recent correlation of IDH-1 mutant myeloid diseases with seronegative Rheumatoid arthritis and connective tissue disease.

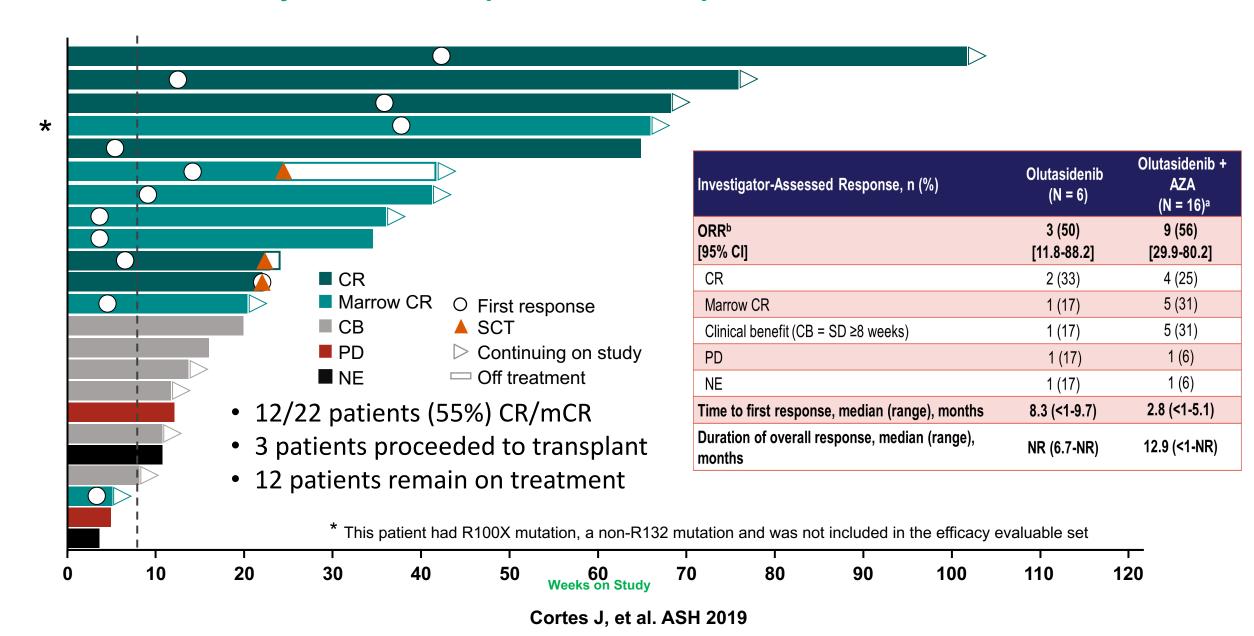
Overall Survival with Ivosidenib of Approximately 3 Years Was Observed

	lvosidenib (500 mg Daily) (N=18)
mOS, months (range)	35.7 (3.7-88.7)
95% CI	13.1-NE

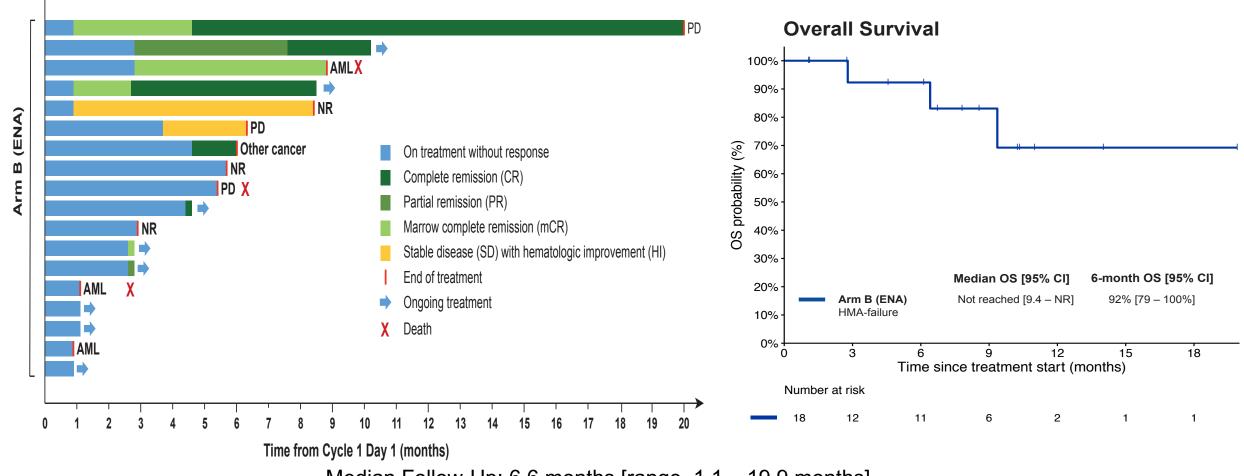
- Median OS follow-up was 27.1 months
- 87% survival rate at 12 months per Kaplan-Meier estimation
- Because there was no control arm in this study, OS results should be interpreted cautiously



Efficacy of FT-2102 (Olutasidenib) in IDH1-mutated MDS



Phase II Study of Enasidenib in Patients With *IDH2*-Mutated HR-MDS Arm B (ENA monotherapy) for Patients with HMA-failure



Median Follow-Up: 6.6 months [range, 1.1 – 19.9 months]

Median time to **INITIAL** response: **2.8 months** [range, 0.9 — 4.6 months]

Median time to **BEST** response: **4.6 months** [range, 2.7 — 7.6 months]

Targeting R/R IDH1/IDH2^{mut} MDS with ivosidenib/enasidenib

IDIOME: phase 2 study of Ivo in 3 cohorts (N=26)¹

- A: HR-MDS, failed AZA (n=13)
- **B**: Untreated HR-MDS (n=11)
- C: LR-MDS, failed EPO (n=2)

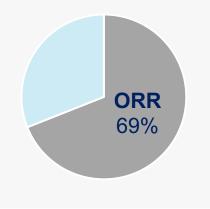
Median follow-up: 9.1 months

Median DoR: 7.4 months

Median OS: 14 months

Differentiation syndrome, n=4,

febrile neutropenia, n=1



ORR

42%

IDEAL: phase 2 study of Ena in 3 cohorts (N=26)²

- A: HR-MDS, failed AZA (n=11)
- **B**: Untreated HR-MDS (n=9)
- **C**: LR-MDS, failed ESA (n=6)

Median follow-up: 8.6 months

Median OS: 17.3 months

Differentiation syndrome, n=3;

nausea/diarrhea, n=4; thrombocytopenia, n=5

Ivosidenib in R/R IDH1/IDH2^{mut} MDS³

Updated results of a phase 1 dose-escalation study (500 mg QD)

81%
44%
31% 6%
69%
60%

Safety outcomes	
Grade ≥3 AEs	69%
Grade ≥3 TRAEs	13%
SAEs	44%

	Cohort B (n=23)
ORR after 3 cycles	78.3% (95% CI, 56.3 – 92.5)
Median DOR	NR, after median follow-up of 25.2 months
Median OS	NR, after median follow-up of 25.2 months
12-month OS rate	91.3% (95% CI, 80.5-100)

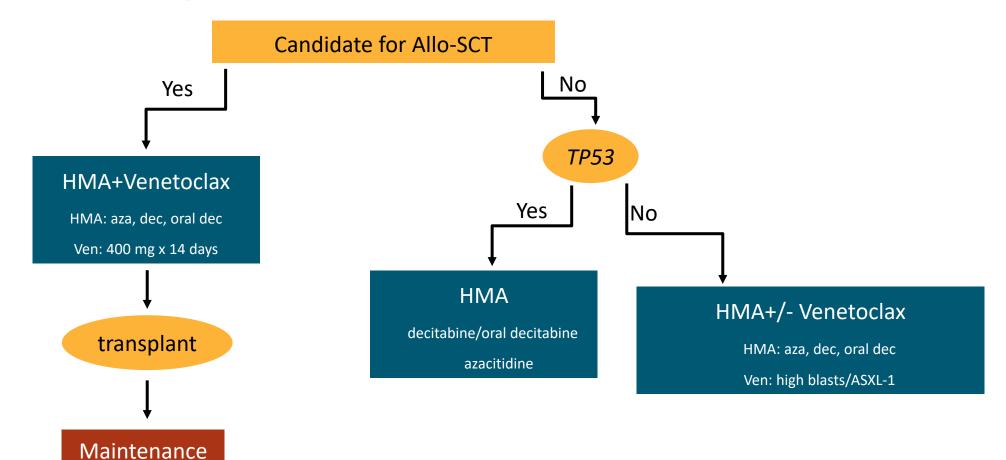
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How do I treat Higher risk MDS?

TP53

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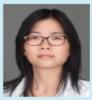


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