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New approaches for treatment of MDS

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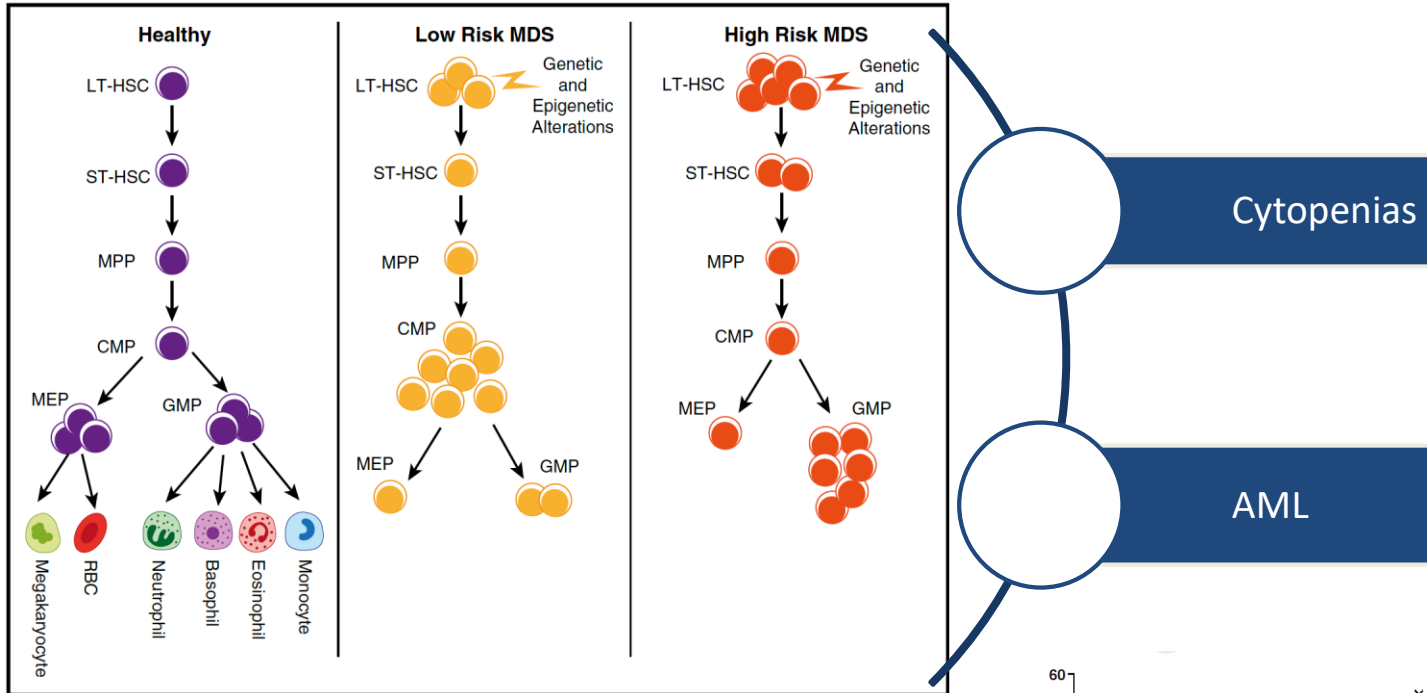


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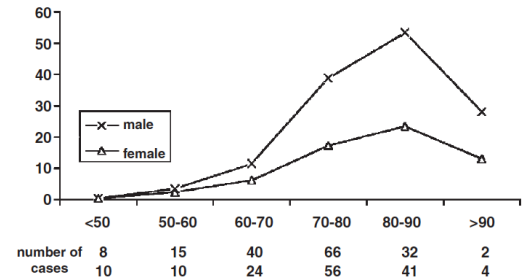
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Incidence 5.0/100,000/year

- Male/female 6.8 vs. 3.7/100,000
- Increases with age. Median age at diagnosis 70 years (80% over 60 years of age).



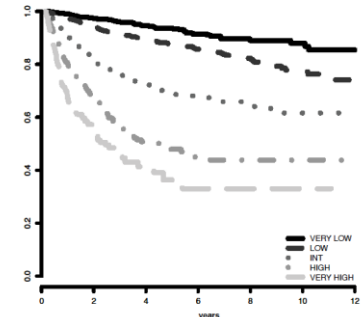
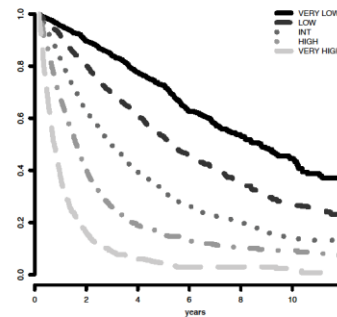


IPSS-R

	0	0.5	1	1.5	2	3	4
Karyotype*	Muy bueno		Bueno		Inter	Pobre	Muy pobre
BM blasts	0-2 %		3-4.9 %		5-10%	> 10%	
Hgb (g/dL)	≥ 10		8-9.9	< 8			
Plt (x10⁹/L)	≥ 100	50-99	< 50				
ANC (x10⁹/L)	≥ 0.8	< 0.8					
* Karyotype							
Very Good	-Y, del(11q)						
Good	Normal, del(20q), isolated del(5q) or +1 additional abnormality, del(12p)						
Intermediate	+8, del(7q), i(17q), +19, any other single or double independent clones						
Poor	3q abnormalities, -7, -7/del(7q), complex with 3 abnormalities						
Very Poor	Complex ≥ 3 abnormalities						

• IPSS-R groups

- ✓ Very low: 0-1.5
- ✓ Low: 2-3
- ✓ Intermediate: 3.5-4.5
- ✓ High: 5-6
- ✓ Very high: >6





IPSS-M

IPSS-M Risk Calculator for Myelodysplastic Syndromes (MDS)

Input Patient Data

1 2 3
Clinical Data Cytogenetics Molecular Data

	Clinical Data	Cytogenetics	Molecular Data
ASXL1	Non-mutated	Mutated	Not Assessed
CBL	Non-mutated	Mutated	Not Assessed
DNMT3A	Non-mutated	Mutated	Not Assessed
ETV6	Non-mutated	Mutated	Not Assessed
EZH2	Non-mutated	Mutated	Not Assessed
IDH2	Non-mutated	Mutated	Not Assessed
KRAS	Non-mutated	Mutated	Not Assessed
NPM1	Non-mutated	Mutated	Not Assessed
NRAS	Non-mutated	Mutated	Not Assessed
RUNX1	Non-mutated	Mutated	Not Assessed
SF3B1	Non-mutated	Mutated	Not Assessed
TP53	Non-mutated	Mutated	Not Assessed

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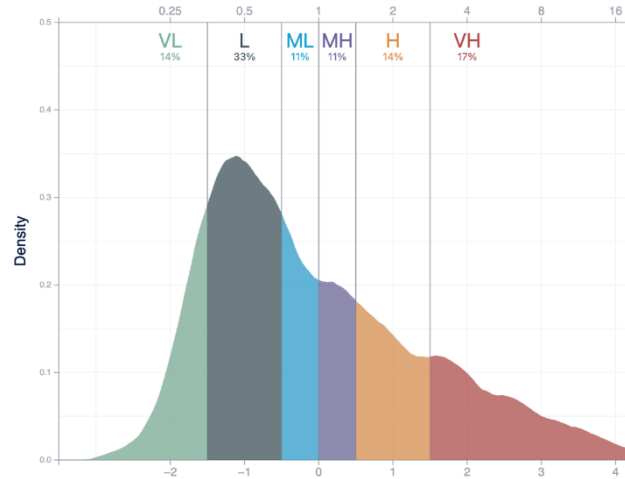
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*Missing required fields : Cytogenetics Category, TP53 mutation count

Risk Stratification

Clinical Outcomes

Hazard ratio (from average patient)



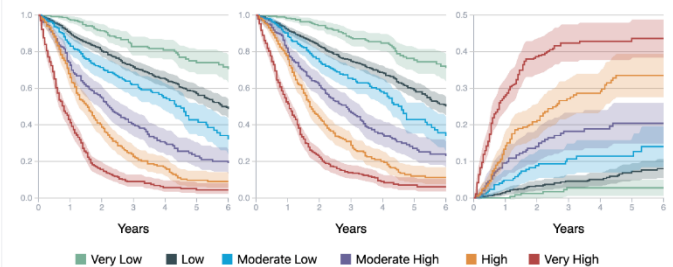
IPSS-M Categories:

- Very Low
- Low
- Moderate Low
- Moderate High
- High
- Very High

Leukemia-Free Survival

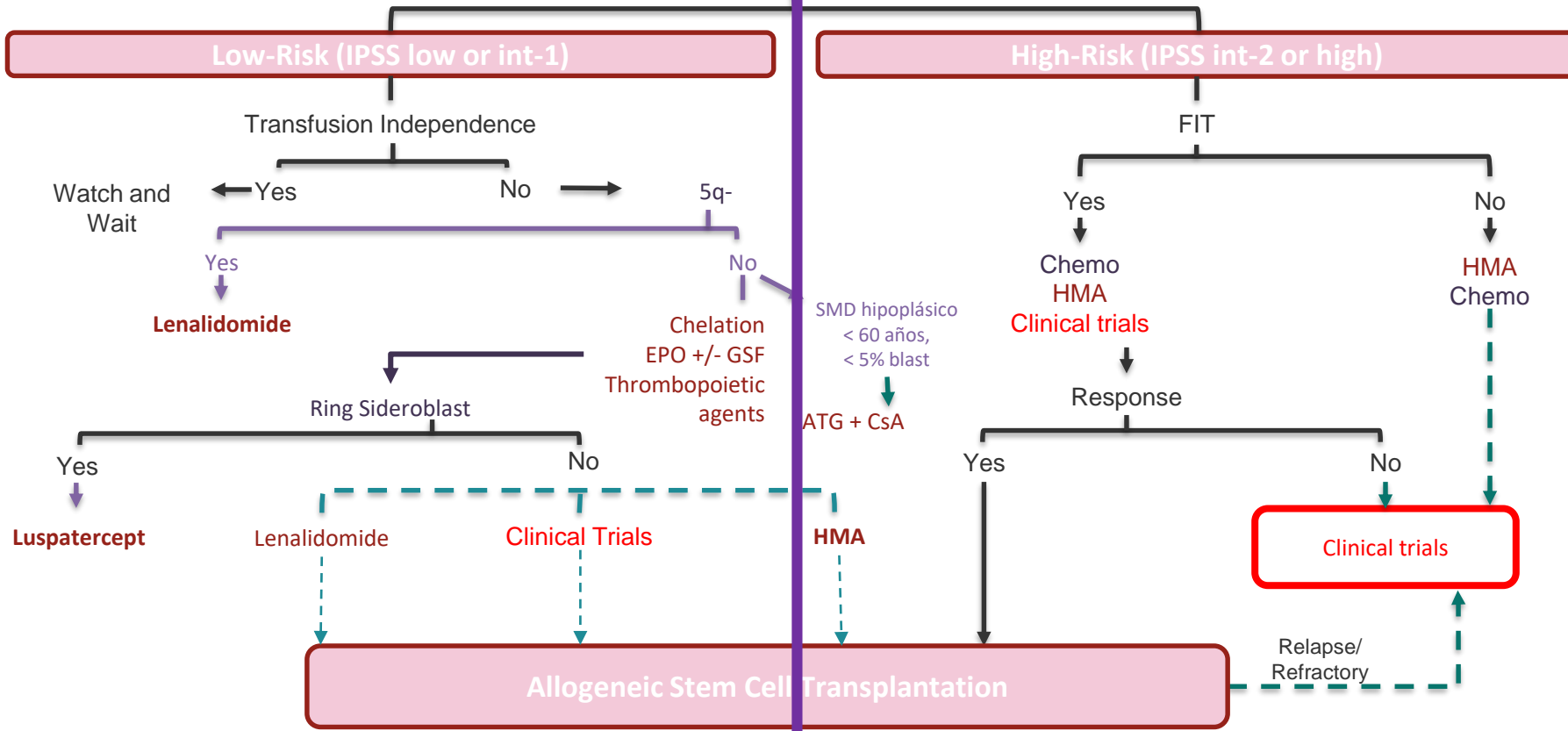
Overall Survival

AML-Transformation





MDS



Allogeneic Stem Cell Transplantation



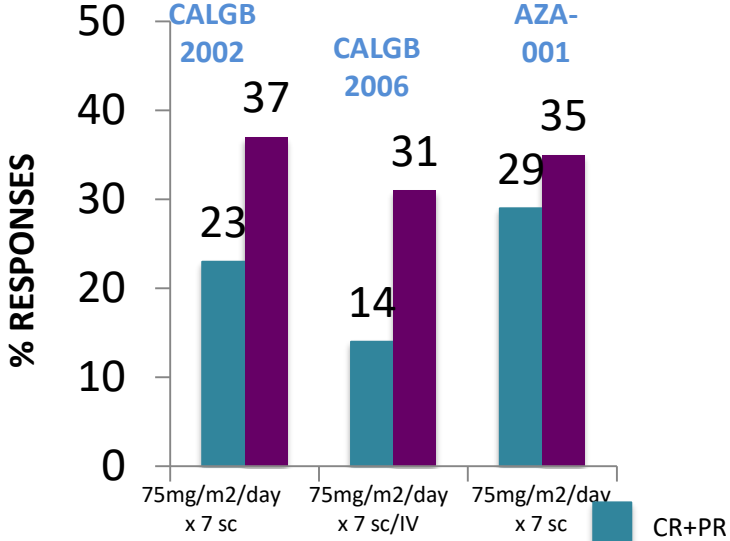
HMA-based regimens



AZA EMA approved: HR-MDS

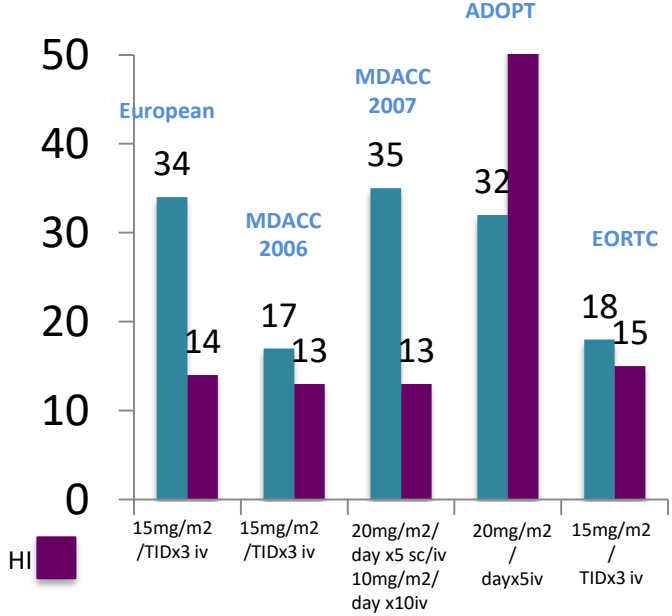
ORR

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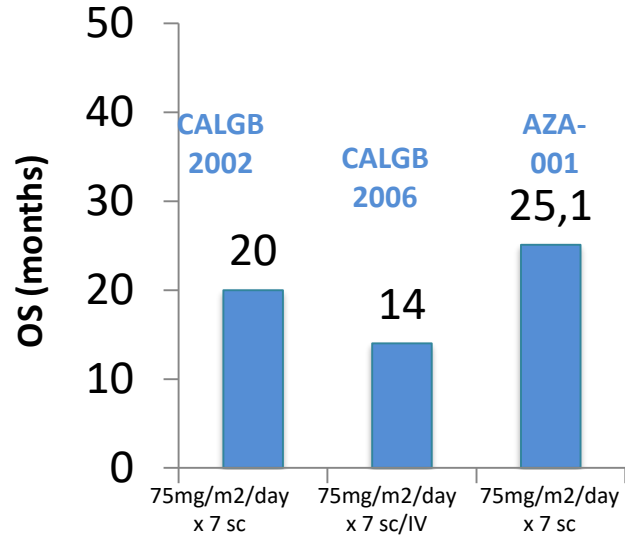


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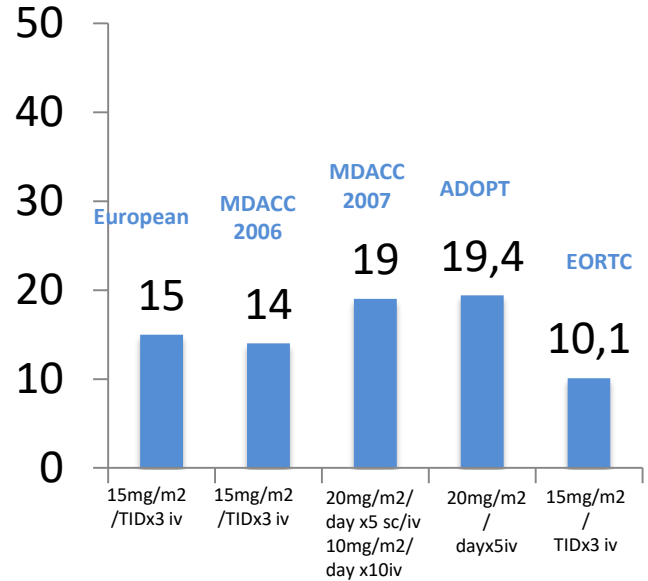
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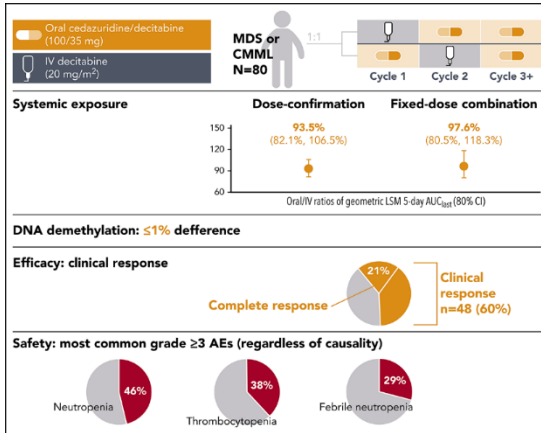
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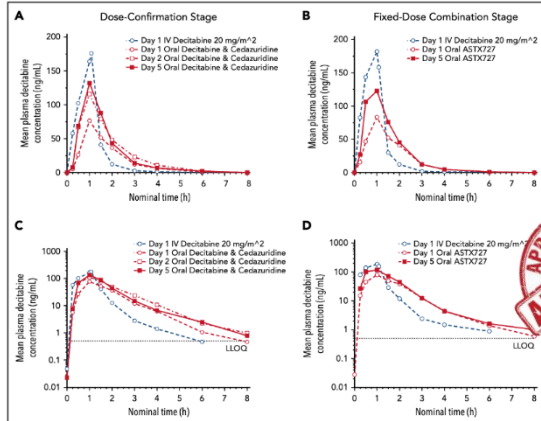
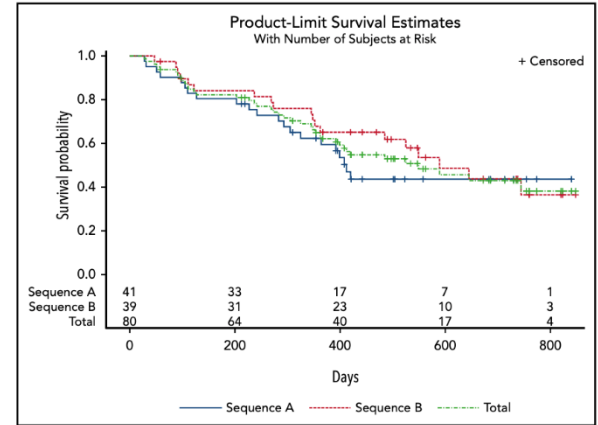


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Oral cedazuridine/decitabine



Type of response	Phase 2 overall (N = 80)	
	n (%)	95% CI
CR	17 (21)	13-32
PR	0	
mCR	18 (22)	14-33
mCR with HI	6 (7)	3-16
HI	13 (16)	9-26
HI-E	8 (10)	4-19
HI-N	2 (2)	0-9
HI-P	11 (14)	7-23
Overall response* (CR + PR + mCR + HI)	48 (60)	48-71
No response	32 (40)	29-52



- Similar PK
- Similar ORR
- Median FUP: 24.3 months (range, 12.0-29.2 months)
- Median overall survival for all patients treated was 18.3 months (95% CI, 9.1-not estimable).

FDA approved: previously untreated MDS patient with IPSS int-1, int-2 and HR

ASCERTAIN Ph III trial: pending results



Sabatolimab

PH. III: STIMULUS

Venetoclax

PH. III: VERONA

Tamibarotene

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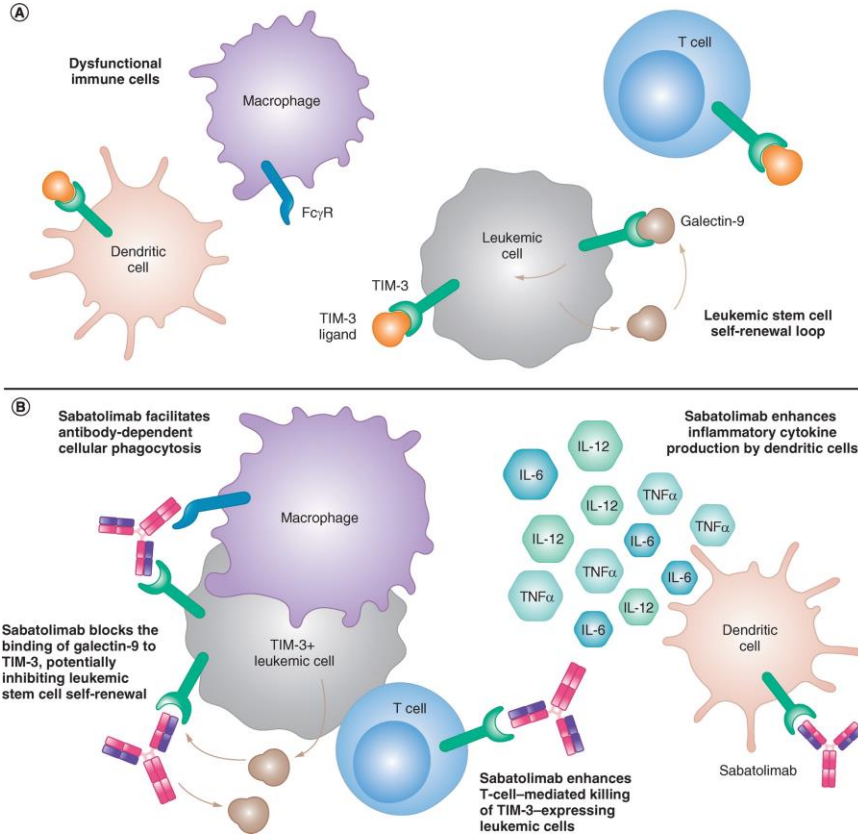
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Sabatolimab



- TIM-3 plays a key role in regulating innate and adaptive immune responses^{1,2}
- TIM-3 is aberrantly expressed on LSCs and blasts, but not on normal HSCs,¹⁻⁵ which makes it a promising target in treatment for MDS and AML^{2,4,6}
- TIM-3/galectin-9 interaction forms an autocrine stimulatory loop, which promotes LSC self-renewal^{2,7,8}

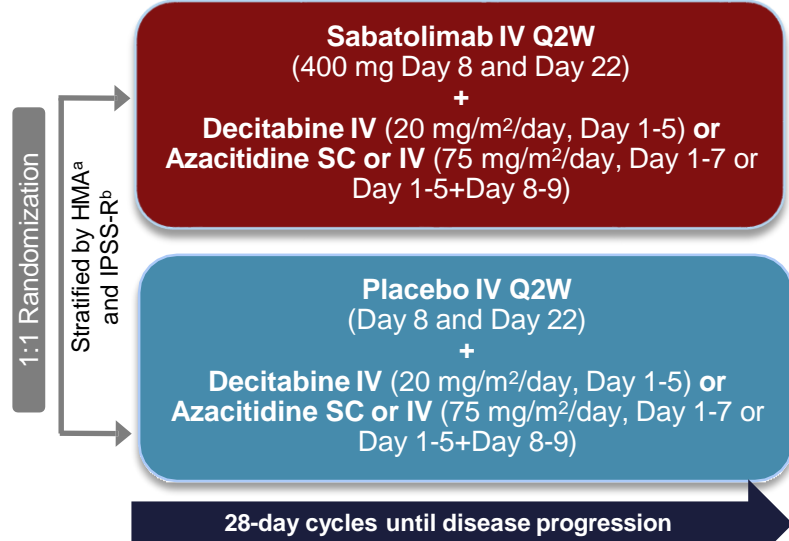


Phase II: HMA +/- Sabatolimab in HR MDS

Patients

- Age ≥18 years
- Morphologically confirmed MDS
- IPSS-R risk: **Very high, high, or intermediate with ≥5% bone marrow blasts at baseline**
- Not suitable for intensive chemotherapy
- No planned HSCT
- ECOG PS 0-2

ClinicalTrials.gov identifier: **NCT03946670**



Primary Endpoints:
Complete remission (CR)^c
Progression-free survival (PFS)^d

Secondary Endpoints:
Overall survival (OS)
Duration of CR
Response rates
Event-free survival
Leukemia-free survival
Transfusion independence
Safety
Pharmacokinetics
Immunogenicity

The study was unblinded following the final PFS analysis. Follow-up will continue up to 4 years after the last patient was randomized.



17 countries



47 study centers

Final PFS analysis data cutoff: March 1, 2022
Median duration of follow-up (randomization to cutoff): 24 months



Phase II: HMA +/- Sabatolimab in HR MDS

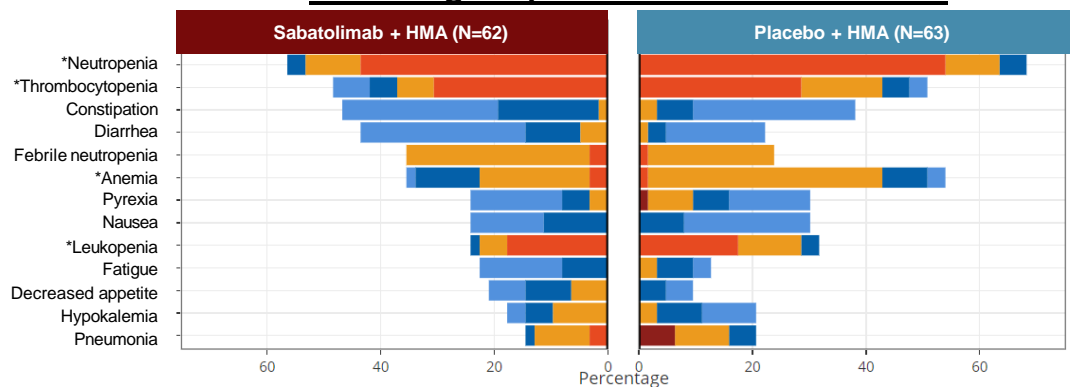
	Sabatolimab + HMA n=65 (%)	Placebo + HMA n=62 (%)	All Patients N=127 (%)
Sabatolimab + decitabine	12.3	9.7	11.0
Sabatolimab + azacitidine	87.7	90.3	89.0
Median age (range), y	73.0 (48-86)	73.0 (32-89)	73.0 (32-89)
Male	63.1	72.6	67.7
ECOG performance status			
0	35.4	33.9	34.6
1	56.9	56.5	56.7
2	7.7	9.7	8.7
IPSS-R category			
Intermediate with \geq 5% blasts	16.9	16.1	16.5
High	36.9	38.7	37.8
Very high	46.2	45.2	45.7
Cytogenetic category			
Very good/good	40.0	41.9	40.9
Intermediate	21.5	16.1	18.9
Poor/very poor	38.5	41.9	40.2
Bone marrow blast category			
<5%	10.8	9.7	10.2
5 to <10%	38.5	37.1	37.8
10 to <20%	50.8	53.2	52.0



Phase II: HMA +/- Sabatolimab in HR MDS

Sabatolimab + HMA is associated with a favorable safety profile in patients with higher-risk MDS

Percentage of patients with AE rate $\geq 20\%$ ^a



- The grade ≥ 3 AEs with $\geq 20\%$ in either arm (sabatolimab + HMA vs placebo + HMA) were

- Grade 1 – Neutropenia (53.2% vs 63.5%)
- Grade 2 – Thrombocytopenia (37.1% vs 42.9%)
- Grade 3 – Febrile neutropenia (35.5% vs 23.8%)
- Grade 4 – Anemia (22.6% vs 42.9%)
- Grade 5 – Leukopenia (22.6% vs 28.6%)

No potential immune-toxicity signal was identified in either arm (sabatolimab + HMA vs placebo + HMA)

- imAEs all grades (9.7% vs 17.5%)
- imAEs grade ≥ 3 (4.8% vs 7.9%)

- Overall, sabatolimab + HMA was safe and well tolerated as compared to placebo + HMA
- Safety findings in this study are consistent with previous reports¹

AE, adverse event assessed by CTCAE version 5; CTCAE, Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events; imAE, immune-mediated adverse event.

*Grouped preferred term.

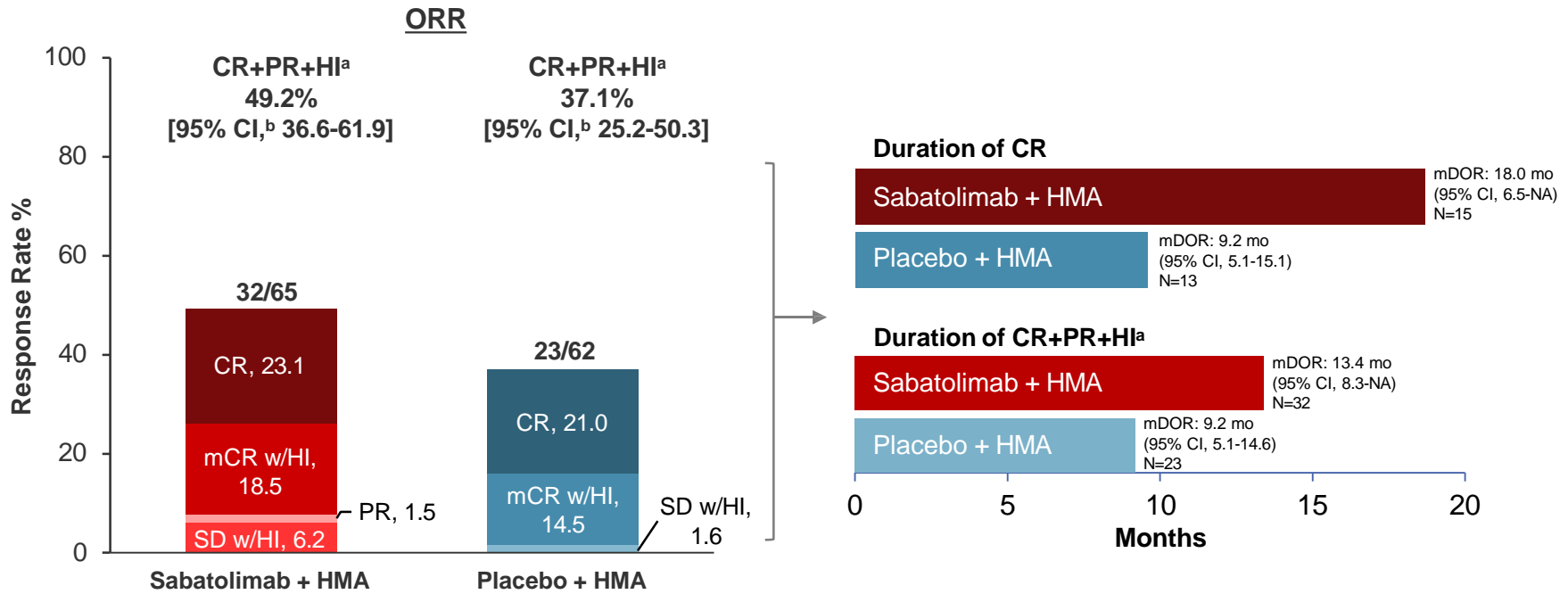
^aSafety analysis set, defined as patients who received ≥ 1 dose of any component of study treatment. Patients who were randomized but did not receive treatment (1 in each arm) were excluded. Patients who were treated with HMA only (2 in sabatolimab + HMA arm and 1 in placebo + HMA arm) were included in the placebo + HMA arm for the safety analyses.

Reference: 1. Brunner AM, et al. ASH 2021. Abstract 244. Oral presentation.



Phase II: HMA +/- Sabatolimab in HR MDS

Sabatolimab + HMA demonstrated a potential benefit in duration of response



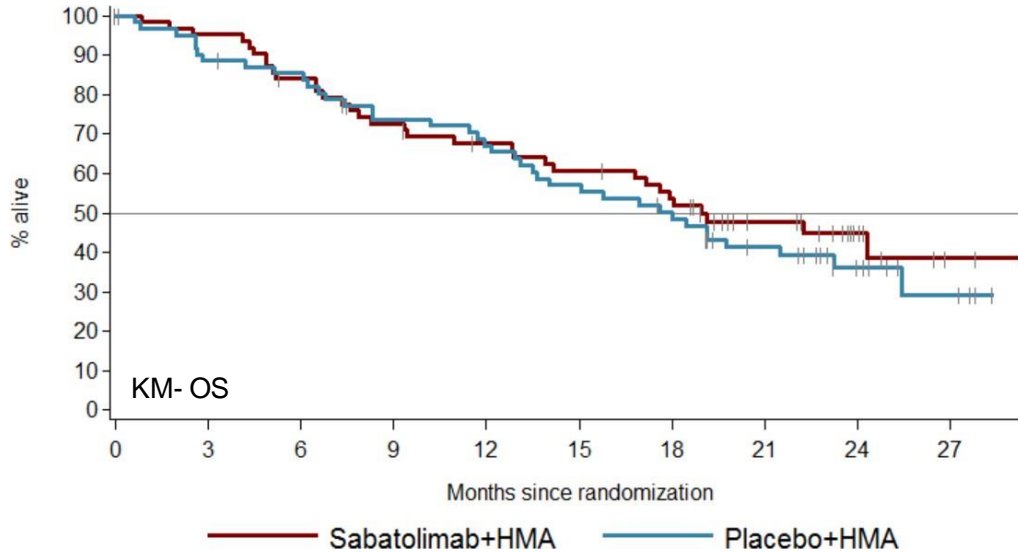
- Updated CR rate assessed at primary analysis (data cutoff March 1, 2022).

HI, hematologic improvement; HR, hazard ratio; mCR, marrow CR; mDOR, median duration of response; NA, not available; ORR, overall response rate; PR, partial remission; SD, stable disease.
^aHI includes marrow CR with HI and SD with HI, and HI must be concurrent with best overall response. ^bThe 95% CIs were computed using exact Clopper-Pearson 1934.



Phase II: HMA +/- Sabatolimab in HR MDS

OS and leukemia-free survival in patients receiving sabatolimab + HMA compared with placebo + HMA



	Sabatolimab + HMA n=65	Placebo + HMA n=62
OS,^a median (95% CI), mo	19.0 (13.9-NE)	18.0 (13.1-23.2)
Hazard ratio (95% CI) ^b	0.905 (0.565-1.450)	
LFS, median (95% CI), mo	16.8 (8.8-NE)	13.6 (9.8-19.8)
Hazard ratio (95% CI) ^b	0.951 (0.578-1.567)	

STIMULUS-MDS Ph III trial: pending results

LFS, leukemia-free survival; NE, not estimable; OS, overall survival.

^aThe median follow-up time for OS (time from the date of randomization to the date of OS event or the date of censoring for OS [i.e., the last contact date]) was 17.15 months

^bCalculated via Cox model stratified by IPSS-R.



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Tamibarotene

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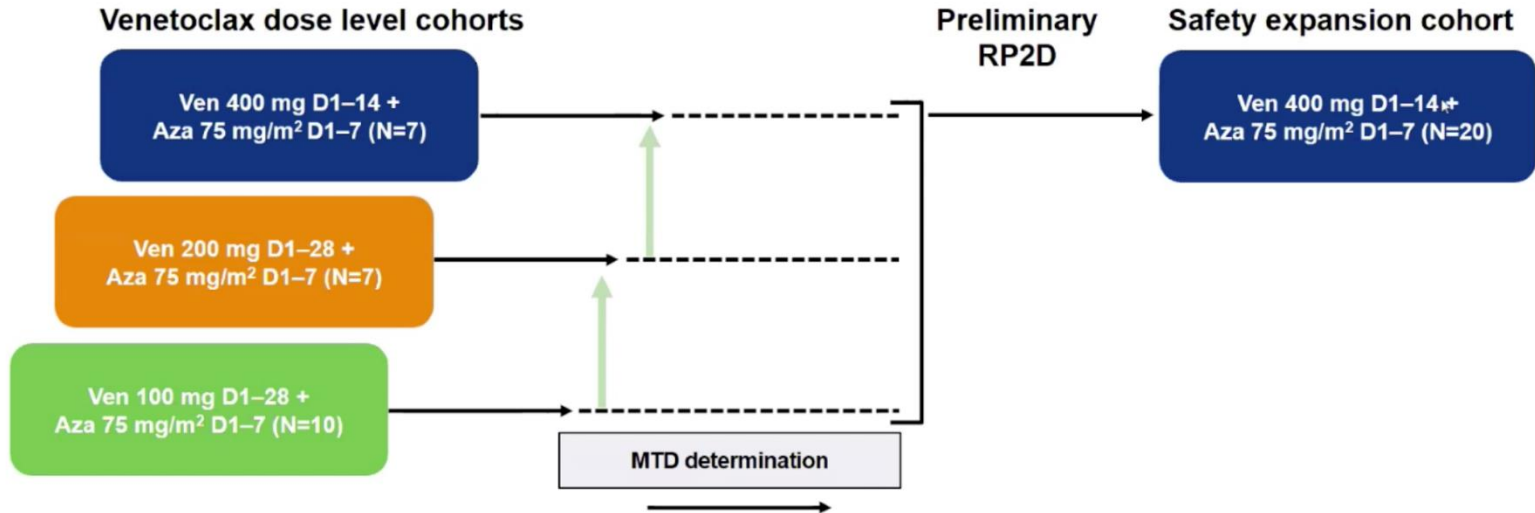
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Phase Ib: HMA + VEN

Study Design, Enrollment, and Dosing of Ven+Aza



Data cut-off December 31, 2019

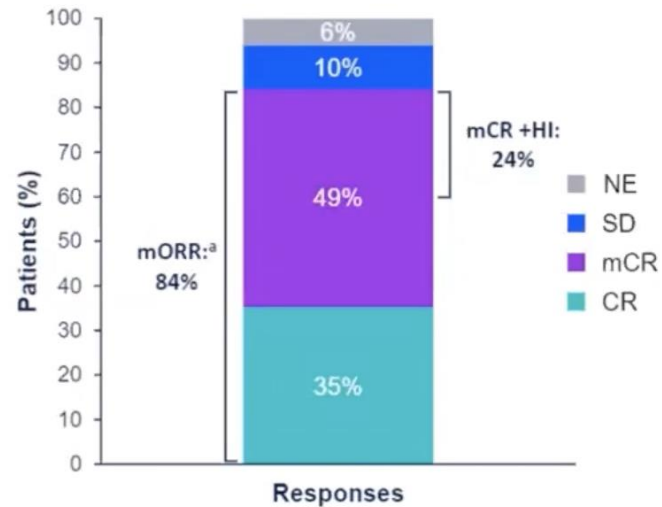
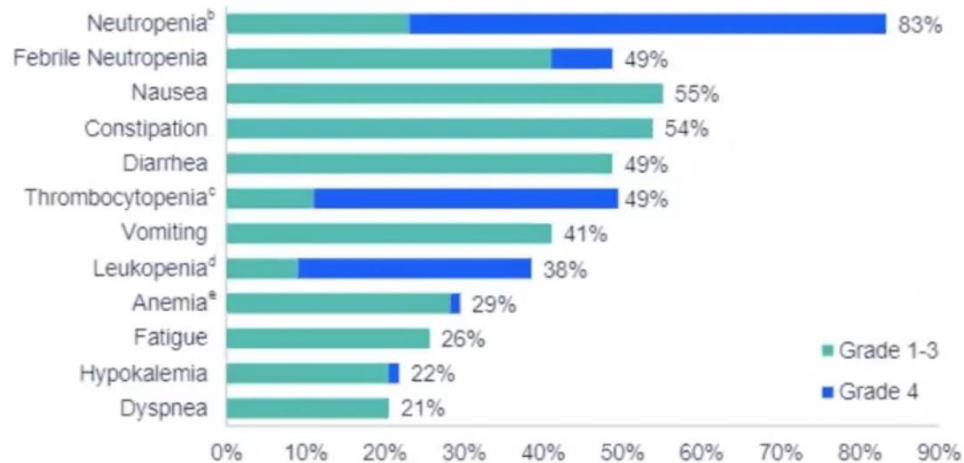
Note: Prophylactic antibiotics mandated.
D, day; MTD, maximum tolerated dose; RP2D, recommended phase 2 dose.



Phase Ib: HMA + VEN (1st line)

N=78

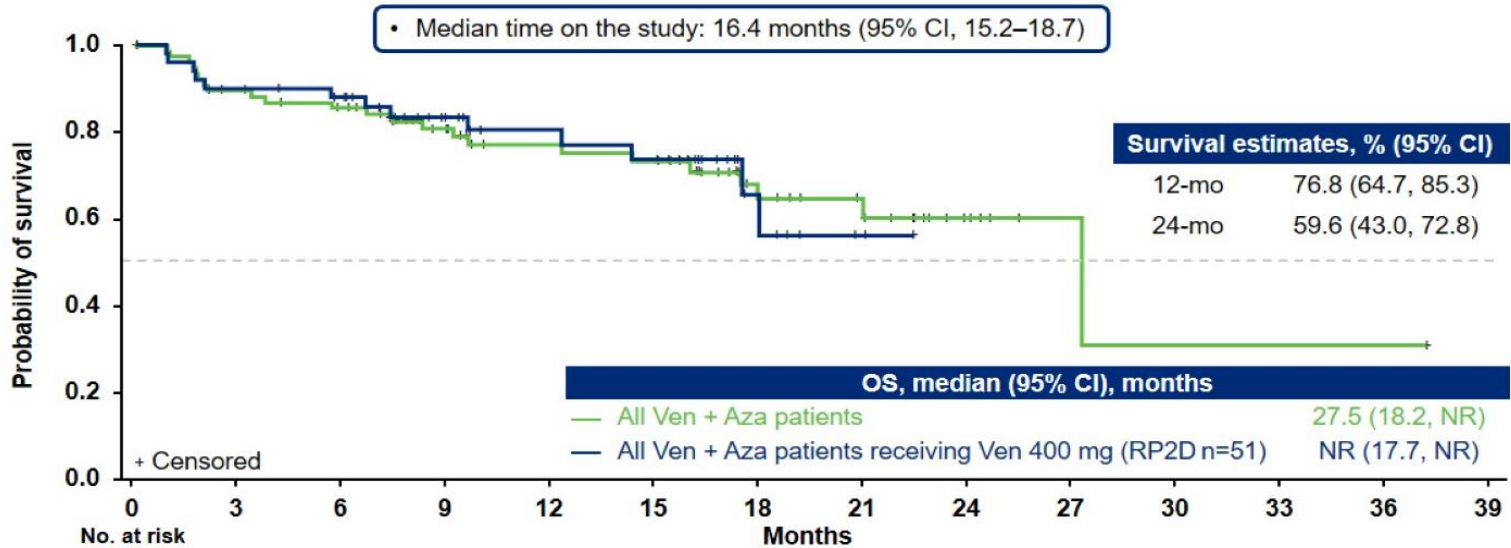
Adverse Events



- Median time to response: 0.9 months (95% CI, 0.7–5.8)
- Median duration of response: 12.4 months (95% CI, 9.9–NR)



Phase Ib: HMA + VEN



	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39
All Ven + Aza patients	78	66	59	46	38	36	20	15	7	2	1	1	1	0
All Ven + Aza patients receiving Ven 400 mg (RP2D)	51	45	42	31	24	22	7	2	0					

Aza, azacitidine; CI, confidence interval; NR, not reached; OS, overall survival; RP2D, recommended phase 2 dose; Ven, venetoclax

Data cutoff: June 30, 2020

VERONA Ph III trial: pending results



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Ph II. HMA + Tamibarotene

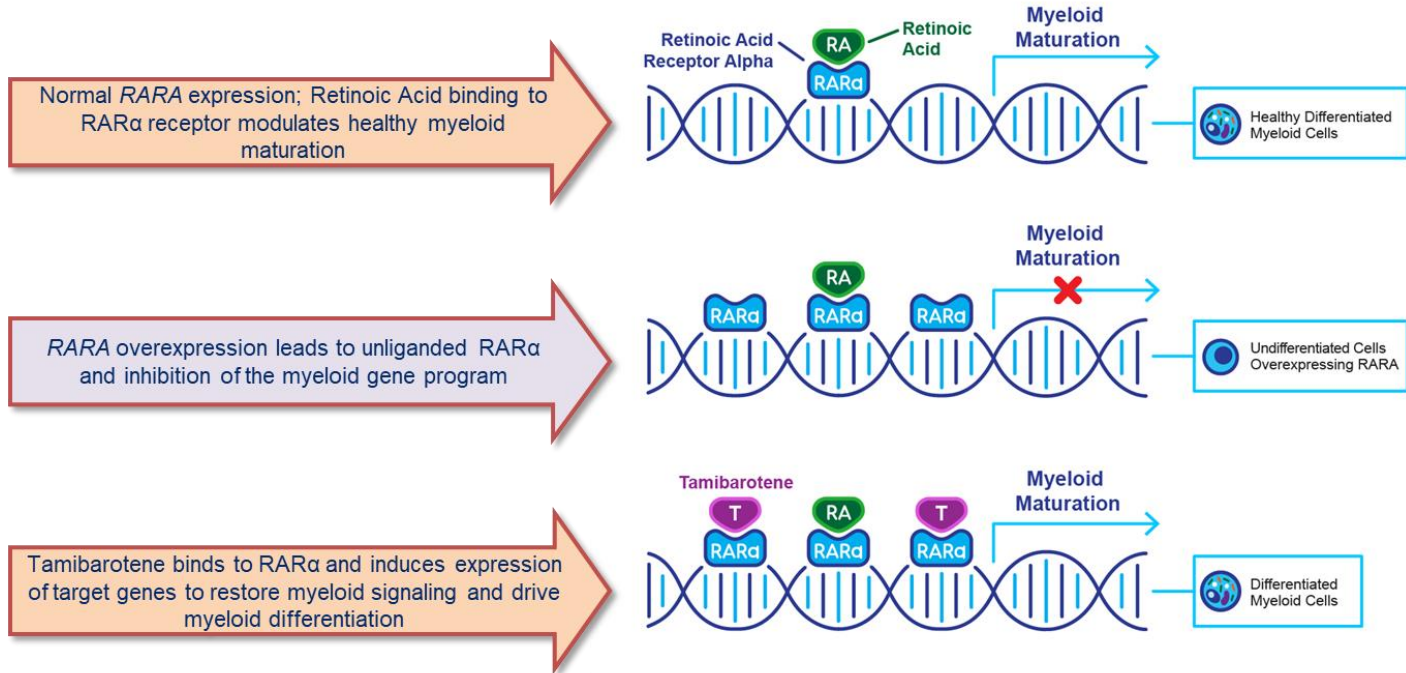
Approximately 50% of higher-risk MDS patients and ~30% of AML patients are positive for *RARA* overexpression¹

- *RARA* encodes retinoid acid receptor alpha (*RARα*)
- *RARα* is a ligand-regulated nuclear receptor that acts as a **transcriptional switch for myeloid differentiation**. *RARα* also has well documented **roles in stem cell self-renewal and blast proliferation in AML²⁻⁴**
 - When *RARα* is **not bound** by ligand it shuts off transcription and acts as a **negative regulator of promyelocyte differentiation**
 - When *RARα* is **bound** by its ligand it **stimulates transcription and drives differentiation²⁻⁴**
- *RARA* overexpression inhibits downstream transcription of the myeloid differentiation gene program⁵
- *RARA* overexpression (but not *RARB* or *RARG*) induces **myeloid progenitor immortalization⁵**



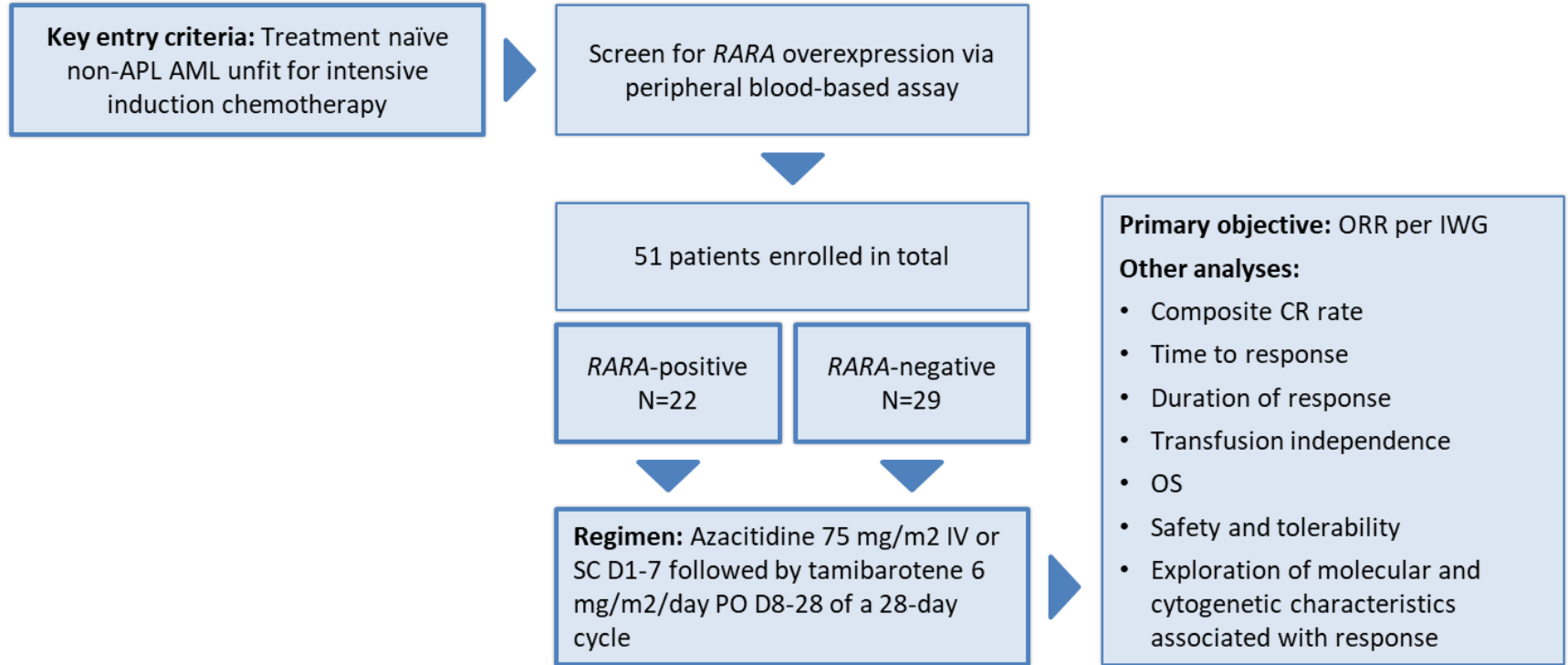
Ph II. HMA + Tamibarotene

In cells that overexpress *RARA*, tamibarotene induces transcription of *RARα* target genes and restores myeloid differentiation





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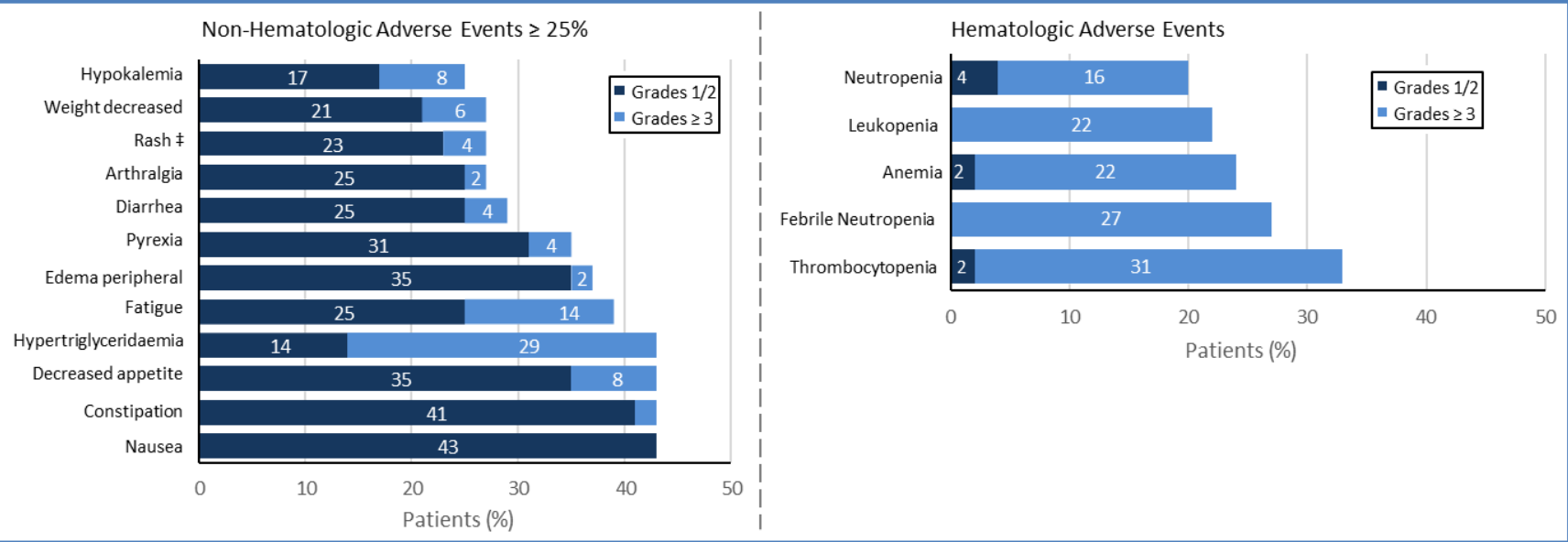




Ph II. HMA + Tamibarotene

Tamibarotene and azacitidine combination generally well-tolerated

- No increase in neutropenia, anemia and thrombocytopenia compared to single-agent aza¹⁻³
- Majority of non-hematologic AEs are low grade and reversible



^aIncludes all enrolled ND unfit patients, N=51. ‡ Rash included preferred terms of rash maculo-papular, rash, drug eruption, nodular rash, rash erythematous, and rash pruritic. Rash maculopapular and rash were each reported in 5 (10%) of patients, with other terms reported in 1 patient each (2%).



Ph II. HMA + Tamibarotene

Patients with RARA overexpression have a high complete remission rate with a rapid time to response

Best IWG response ¹	RARA overexpression status	
	RARA-positive n (%)	RARA-negative n (%)
Response Evaluable, N ^a	18	28
ORR	12 (67)	12 (43)
CR/CRi	11 (61)	9 (32)
• CR	9 (50)	7 (25)
– CRm	5 (28)	3 (11)
– CRc	3 (17)	1 (4)
– CRi	2 (11)	2 (7)
MLFS	1 (6)	1 (4)
PR	0 (0)	2 (7)

RARA overexpression status: RARA-positive

- High CR/CRi response rate
- Deep CR with 89% (8/9) CRm or CRc
- Rapid time of onset of initial complete response^b with median 1.2 months
- CR rate of 67% (4/6) in response evaluable low-blast count AML patients
- Median duration of complete response^b 10.8 months (95% CI: 2.9, 15.2)

RARA overexpression status: RARA-negative

- Response rates comparable to historical response rates for single agent azacitidine²⁻⁴
- Median time to initial complete remission^b delayed relative to patients with RARA overexpression at 3.0 months

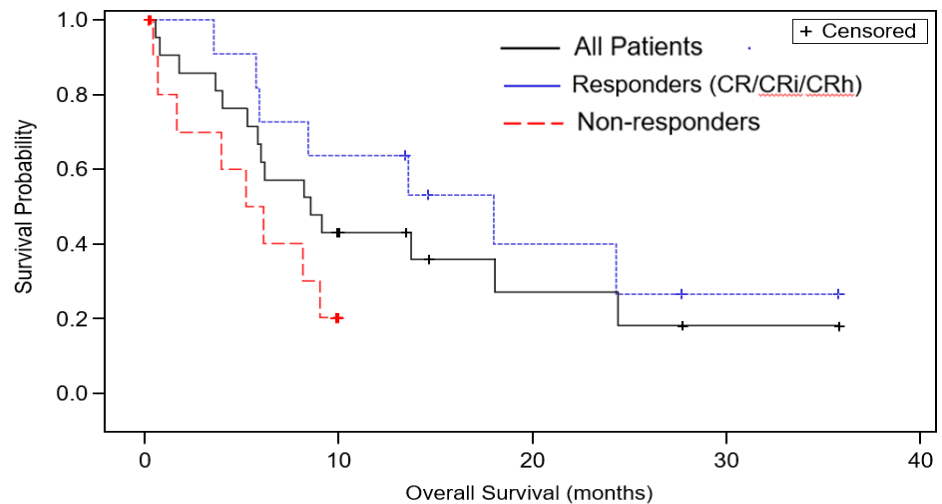
^bComplete remission includes CR, CRi, CRh¹ Cheson, JCO 2003; ² Fenaux, JCO 2010; ³ Dombret, Blood 2015; ⁴ VIDAZA® Prescribing Information; De Botton, Blood Adv 2022 (SY-1425-201 Study, NCT02807558)



Ph II. HMA + Tamibarotene

Overall survival in patients with RARA overexpression summarized by response status

Overall survival in RARA-positive patients summarized by response status



Patients at risk:	0	10	20	30	40
All patients	22	7	3	1	0
Responders	11	7	3	1	0
Non-responders	11	0			

Patients with RARA overexpression with CR/CRi/CRh (N=11)
 — mOS = 18.0 months (95% CI: 5.7, NE)

Patients with RARA overexpression without CR/CRi (N=11)
 — mOS = 5.6 months (95% CI: 0.4, 9.0)

The overall survival graph includes all RARA-positive patients who enrolled in the study. Responders (CR/CRi/CRh) - patients who achieved complete remission (CR), complete remission with incomplete blood count recovery (CRi) or complete remission with partial hematological recovery (CRh). Non-responders – patients who did not achieve CR/CRi or CRh.

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SELECT-MDS Ph III trial: currently enrolling



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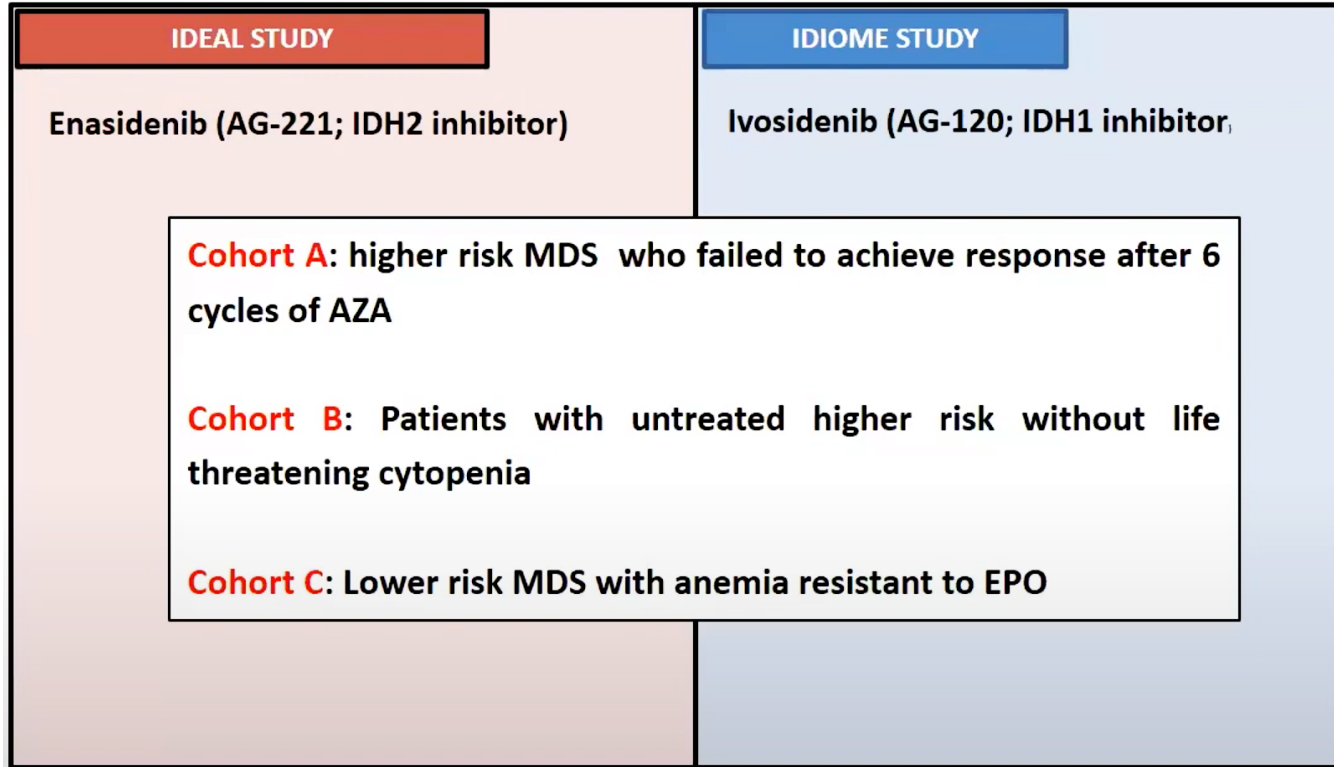
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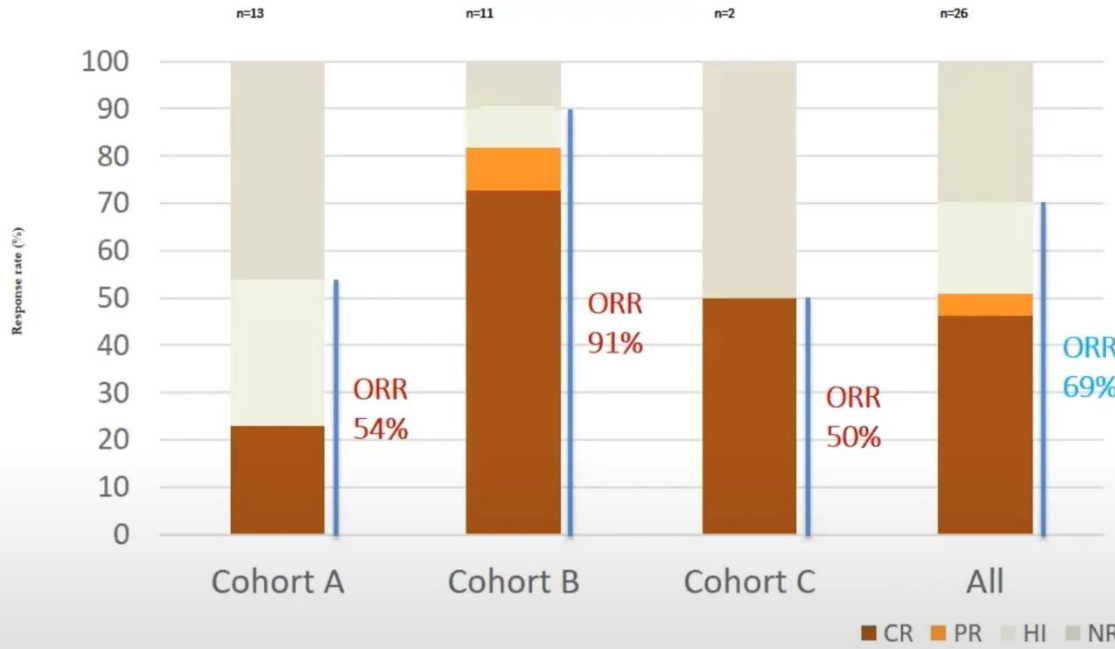
IDH1 & IDH2 inhibitors in MDS (L Adès, M Sébert, ASH 2021)





IDH1 & IDH2 inhibitors in MDS (L Adès, M Sébert, ASH 2021)

Overall response rate (Ivosidenib)

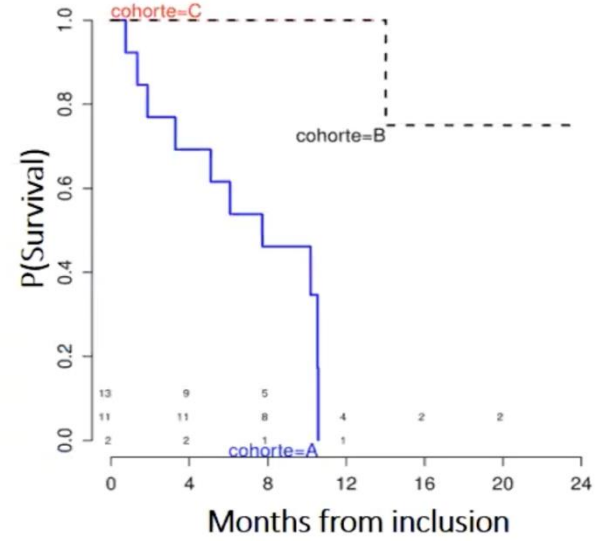
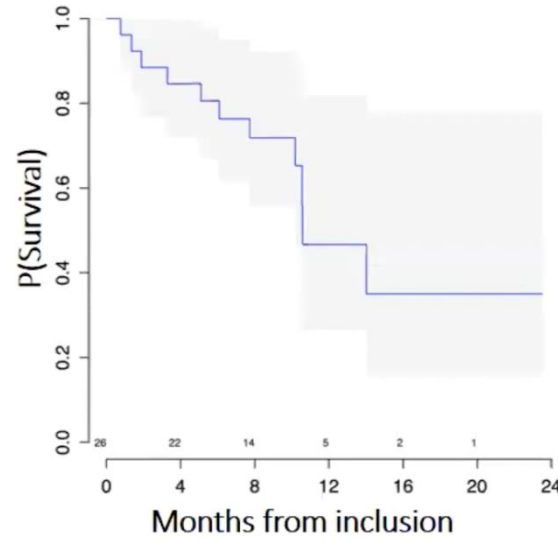


- 46% of CR (including 73% in cohort B)
- 94,4% of the responders achieved response at 3 cycles
- Only one patient received azacitidine in association with Ivo after three cycles of Ivo in cohort B, without additional response



IDH1 & IDH2 inhibitors in MDS (L Adès, M Sébert, ASH 2021)

- Median overall survival was 14 months in the whole cohort
- Median OS was
 - 7.7 months in cohort A
 - Not reached in cohort B
- 11 patients had died, 10 in cohort A, and 1 in cohort B, mostly from relapse/progression





Intensive Chemotherapy



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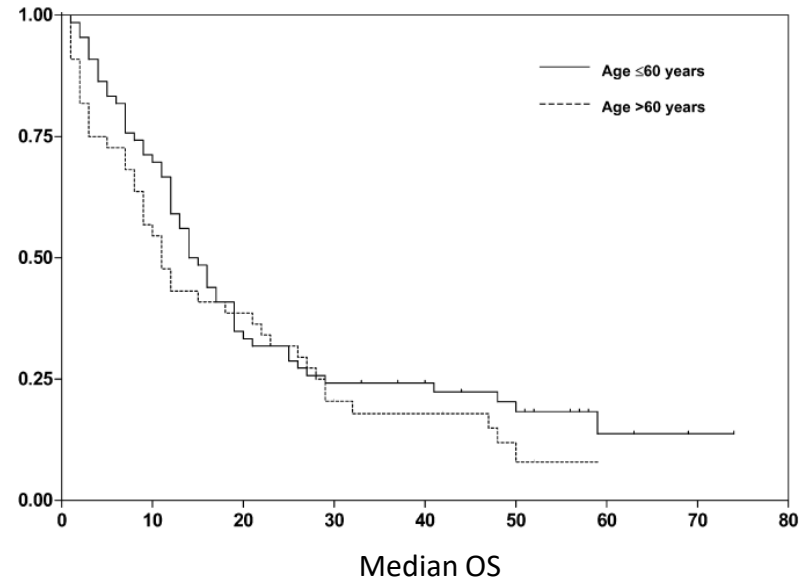
Intensive chemotherapy with idarubicin, cytarabine, etoposide, and G-CSF priming in patients with advanced myelodysplastic syndrome and high-risk acute myeloid leukemia

Table 2 Treatment results according to age groups

Age	No. of patients	CR (%)	Failure (%)	ED (%)
<30	2	2 (100)	–	–
30–39	8	6 (75)	2 (25)	–
40–49	16	11 (69)	4 (25)	1 (6)
50–59	36	23 (64)	11 (30)	2 (6)
60–69	42	24 (57)	11 (26)	7 (17)
>69	8	4 (50)	1 (12)	3 (38)
Total	112	70 (62)	29 (26)	13 (12)

Table 1 Overall treatment results

CR	70 (62%)
Failure	29 (26%)
Early death	13 (12%)
Overall survival at 5 years	
≤60 years	14%
>60 years	8%
Relapse-free survival at 5 years	
≤60 years	20%
>60 years	13%





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COHORT A

First-line treatment

Inclusion Criteria

- Untreated intermediate-2 or higher risk of chronic myelodysplastic syndrome or myelomonocytic leukemia (including proliferative forms with WBC $\geq 13 \times 10^9$ cells per L).
- 18 to 70 years, no contraindications for intensive chemotherapy, less than 20% blasts in the marrow and ECOG of 0 to 1.

COHORT B

After HMA failure

Exclusion Criteria

- Active, uncontrolled infection, HIV, clinically active HIV-related infection or cancer, hepatitis B or C infection, allergy or hypersensitivity to any component of CPX-351, currently active secondary malignancy (other than non-melanoma skin cancer and carcinoma in situ of the cervix).
- History of Wilson's disease or other copper-related disorder, treatment with growth factors within 30 days prior to inclusion, treatment with systemic steroids that had not been stabilized to the equivalent of 10 mg/day or less of prednisone for 4 weeks prior to initiation of study drugs, clinical.
- Evidence of CNS leukemia and pregnancy or breastfeeding for the duration of the study.

Intravenous CPX-351 (100 mg/m² cytarabine and 44 mg/m² daunorubicin) was administered on days 1, 3 and 5, with a second induction cycle administered (same daily dose on days 1 and 3) if at least a partial response was not achieved. Responding patients could receive up to four monthly consolidation cycles (same daily dose on day 1) or allogeneic hematopoietic stem cell transplantation (HSCT).

	Patients (N=31)
Age (years)	62 (56 to 66)
Gender	
Male	21 (68%)
Female	10 (32%)
At baseline	
Myelodysplastic syndrome subtype	
EB-2	26 (84%)
CMML-2	5 (16%)
Bone marrow blasts	13% (11 to 15)
Peripheral blasts	1% (0-00 to 2-25)
IPSS	
Intermediate 2	26 (84%)
High	5 (16%)
ECOG	
0	22 (71%)
1	9 (29%)
Comorbidities by patient*	2-0 (1-0 to 3-7)
Time between diagnosis and induction (days)	55 (28 to 154)
Previous treatment	
ESA	3 (10%)
Lenalidomide	1 (3%)
None	27 (87%)
Transfusion dependency in the 8 weeks before enrollment	12 (39%)
After induction treatment	
Recovery of CD13/CD16 neutrophil maturation pattern	15/19 (79%)
FCM progenitors decrease	-65-2 (-95-6 to -27-9)
rimVAF decrease†	-97-8 (-91-6 to -99-0)
VAF <2%‡	18/29 (62%)
VAF <0-1%§	8/29 (28%)



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	Grade 1		Grade 2		Grade 3		Grade 4	
	Drug-related	Not drug-related	Drug-related	Not drug-related	Drug-related	Not drug-related	Drug-related	Not drug-related
Induction (any event)	0	0	0	0	14	40	0	4
Cardiovascular	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	2
Pulmonary	0	0	0	0	1	7	0	2
Hepatic	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Gastrointestinal	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Genito-urinary	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0
Endocrine-metabolic	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0
Neurological	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Cutaneous	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	7*	21	0	0
Consolidation (any event)	1	0	2	4	2	24	0	2
Cardiovascular	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Gastrointestinal	1	0	0	4	1	1	0	0
Musculoskeletal	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Cutaneous	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	1	20	0	2

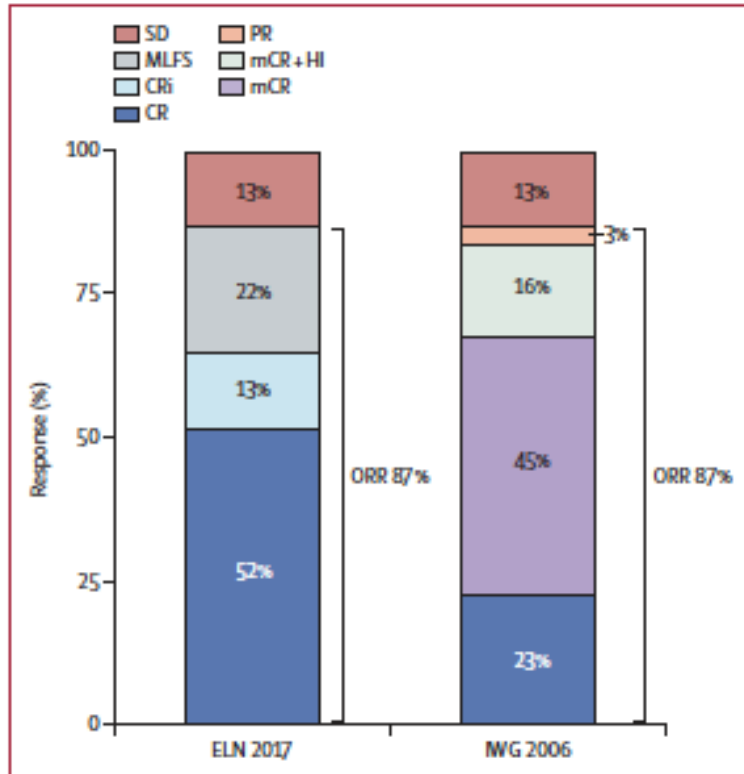
All grade 1-4 events are shown. *One case of sepsis (*Pseudomonas aeruginosa*), three of febrile aplasia, one of aplasia, one of epistaxis, and one alanine aminotransferase increase.

Table 2: Number of non-haematological adverse events according to treatment cycle and grade

- The most common grade 3-4 adverse events were **pulmonary** (eight [26%] of 31 patients) and **cardiovascular** (six [19%] of 31 patients).
- **14 serious adverse** events (mainly hospitalization for **infection** [n=5] and only one was treatment-related).
- There were **no treatment-related deaths**.



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- Overall response rate was observed in 87% (95% CI 70-96) of 31 patients.
- 16 (52%) of 31 patients had CR, 4 (13%) had CRi, 7 (22%) had MLFS and 4 (13%) remained in stable disease.
- 30 of 31 (97%) patients included were initially considered eligible for allogeneic HSCT and **29 (94%) underwent the procedure.**



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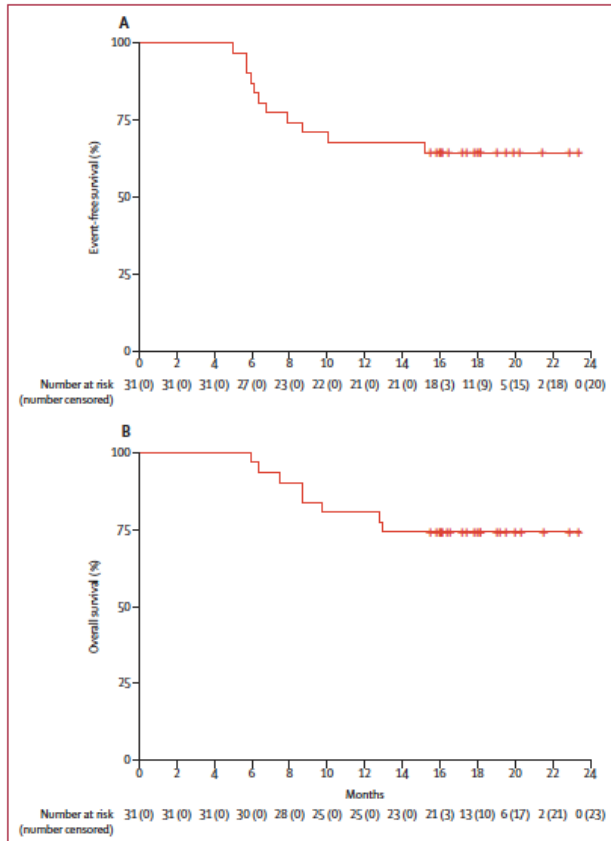


Figure 3: Survival outcomes
(A) Event-free survival and (B) overall survival.

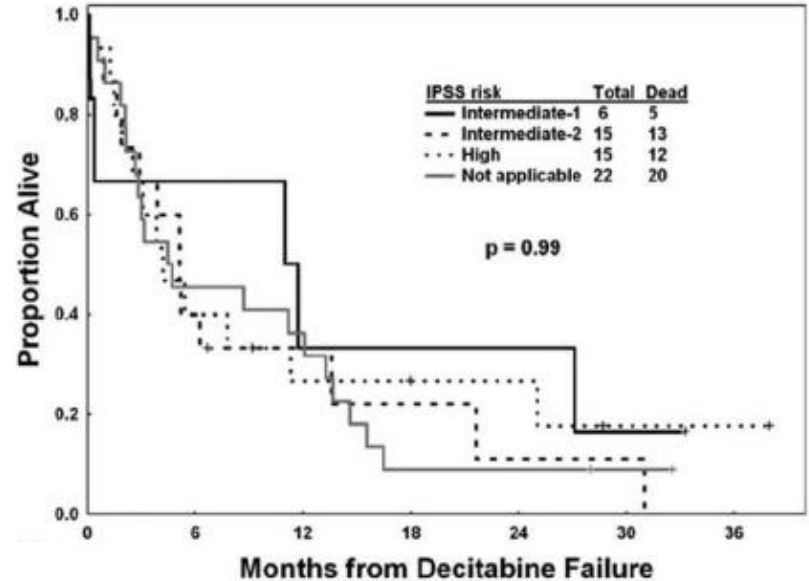
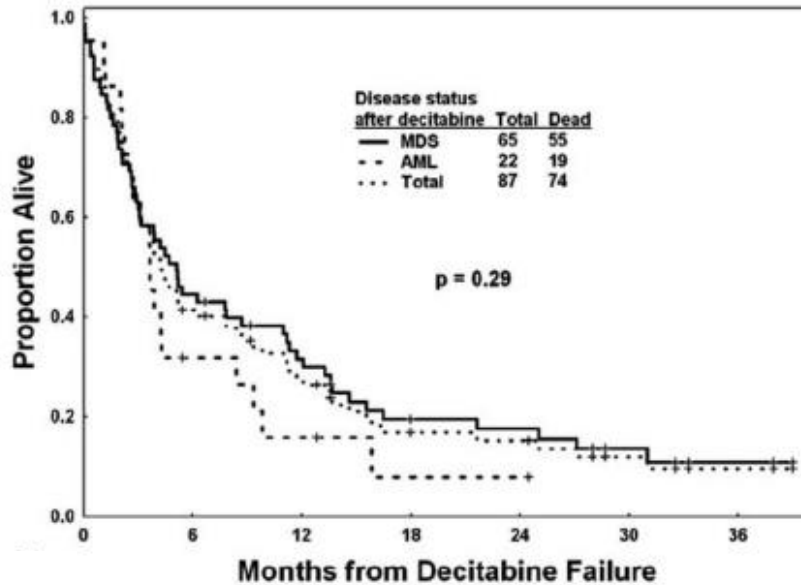
- Median follow-up was 16.1 months (IQR 8.3-18.1).
- Median EFS was not reached, with an **estimated 12-month EFS of 67.7 %** (95 % CI 53.1-86.4).
- Median OS was also not reached, **estimated 12-month OS of 80.6 %** (95 % CI 67.9-95.8).

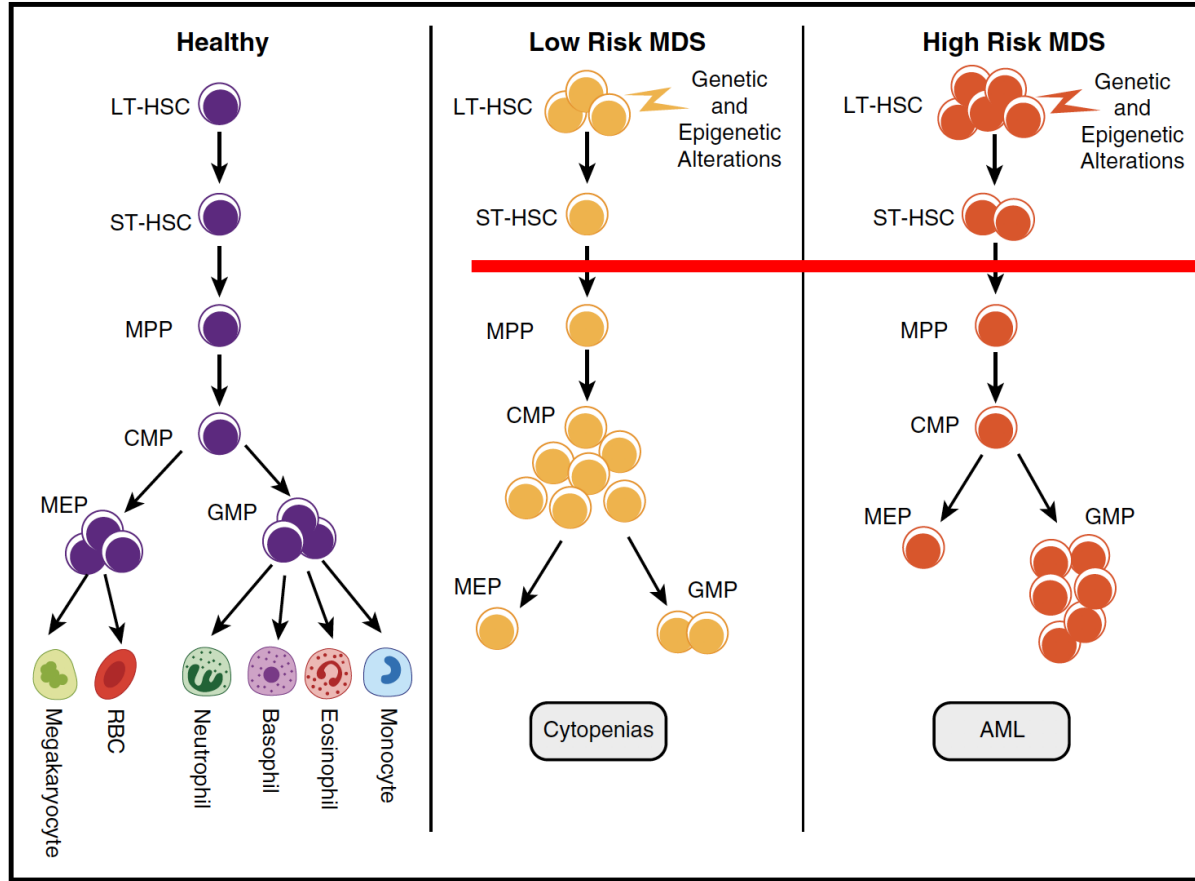


HMA failure



- Failure to hypomethylating agents (HMA) associated to disease progression and dismal prognosis
- Poorly understood, unpredictable, unpreventable
- Independent of genetic alterations





Allogeneic Stem-Cell Transplant

Lenalidomide

Hypomethylating Agents

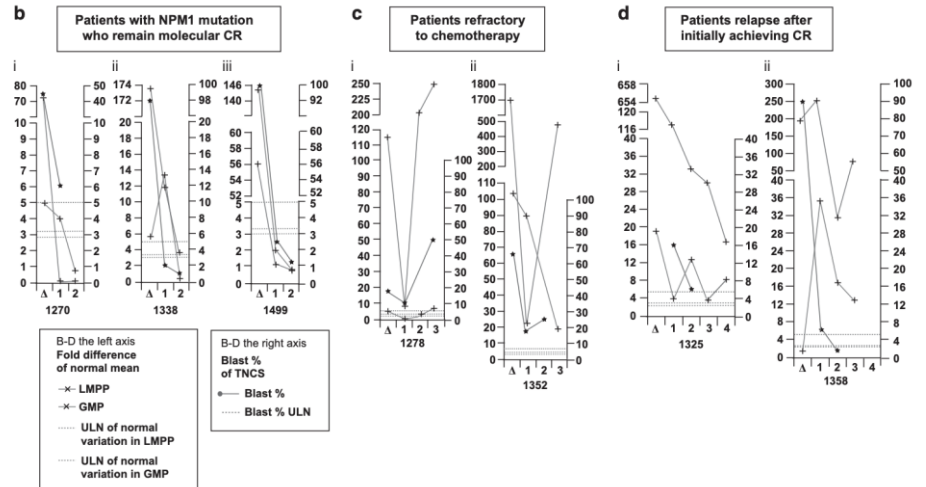


Role of HSPCs in disease relapse

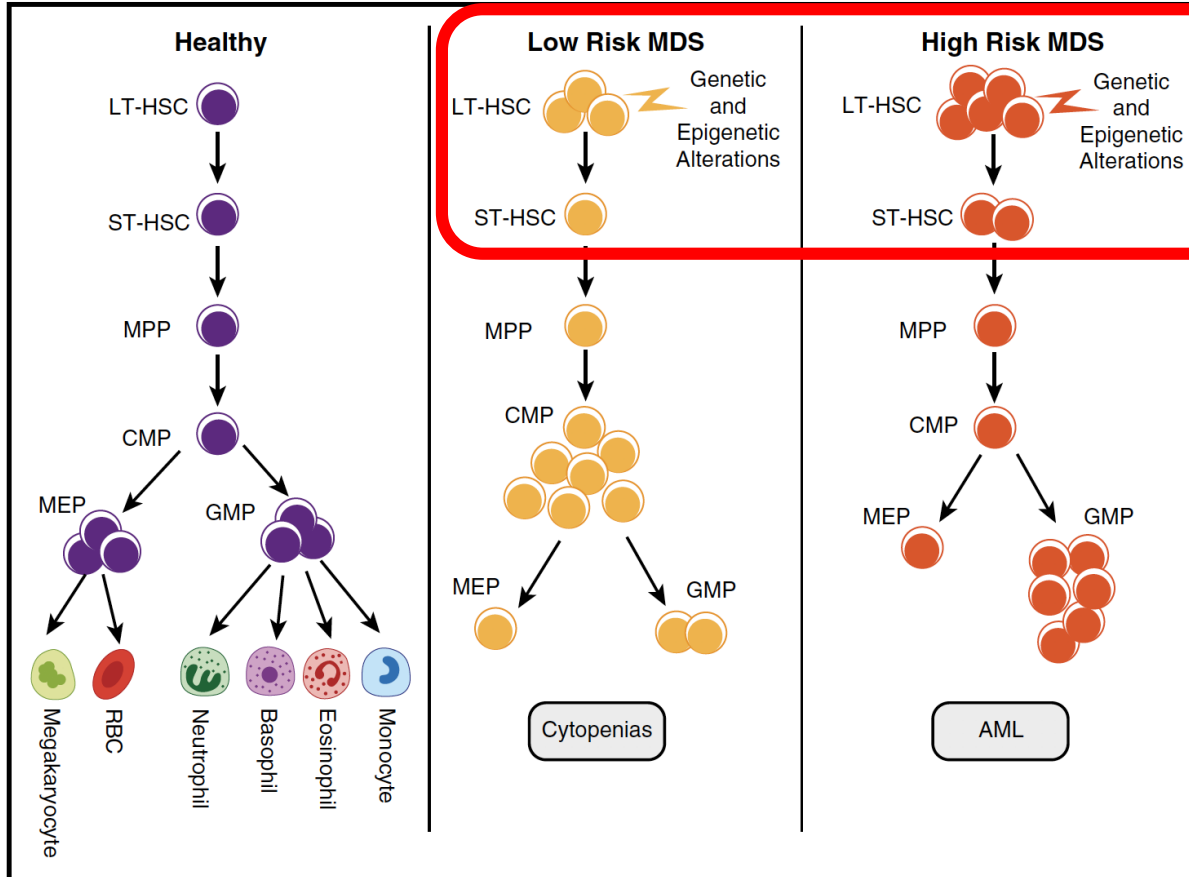
ORIGINAL ARTICLE

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- Understand altered pathways in HSC
- Design treatments aimed at reversing these HSC alterations → Improve the outcomes of MDS patients

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