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Second-line Therapy of Myelofibrosis

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Limitations with Ruxolitinib-Based Treatment in MF

Cytopenic MF

- Lower peripheral blood counts and will frequently require transfusion support
- More likely primary MF; higher risk scores, advanced fibrosis; more blasts
- More frequent additional somatic mutations outside the JAK/STAT pathway
- Lower JAK2 VAF
- Fewer therapeutic options
- A worse prognosis

Marcellino BK, et al. *Lymphoma Myeloma Leuk.* 2020;20(7):415-421.

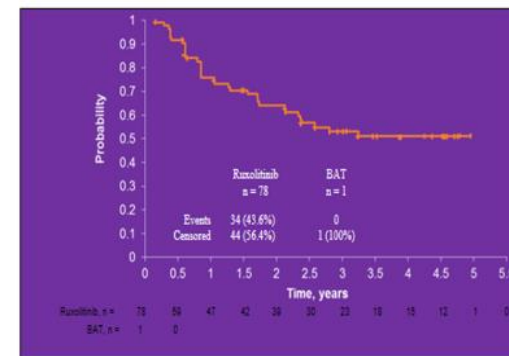
Ruxolitinib-Related Cytopenias

Clinical trial*	Incidence of anemia Grade 3/4, %	Incidence of thrombocytopenia Grade 3/4, %
Int-2- and High-risk patients		
COMFORT-I (n = 155)	45.0	13.0
COMFORT-II (n = 146)	42.0	8.0
Int-1-risk patients		
JUMP (n = 163)	24.5	11.0
ROBUST (n = 14)	N/A	N/A
Italian study (n = 70)	21.7	2.9

1. Verstovsek S, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2012. 2. Harrison C, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2012. 3. Al-Ali HK, et al. *Br J Haematol.* 2020. 4. Al-Ali HK, et al. *Haematologica.* 2016. 5. Mead AJ, et al. *Br J Haematol.* 2015. 6. Palandri F, et al. *Hematol Oncol.* 2018. 7. Harrison CN, et al. *Am J Hematol.* 2020. 8. Gupta V, et al. *Leuk Lymphoma.* 2020.

Loss of response to Ruxolitinib

COMFORT II : Median duration of spleen response is 3,2 years



Harrison C, et al. *Leukemia* 2016;

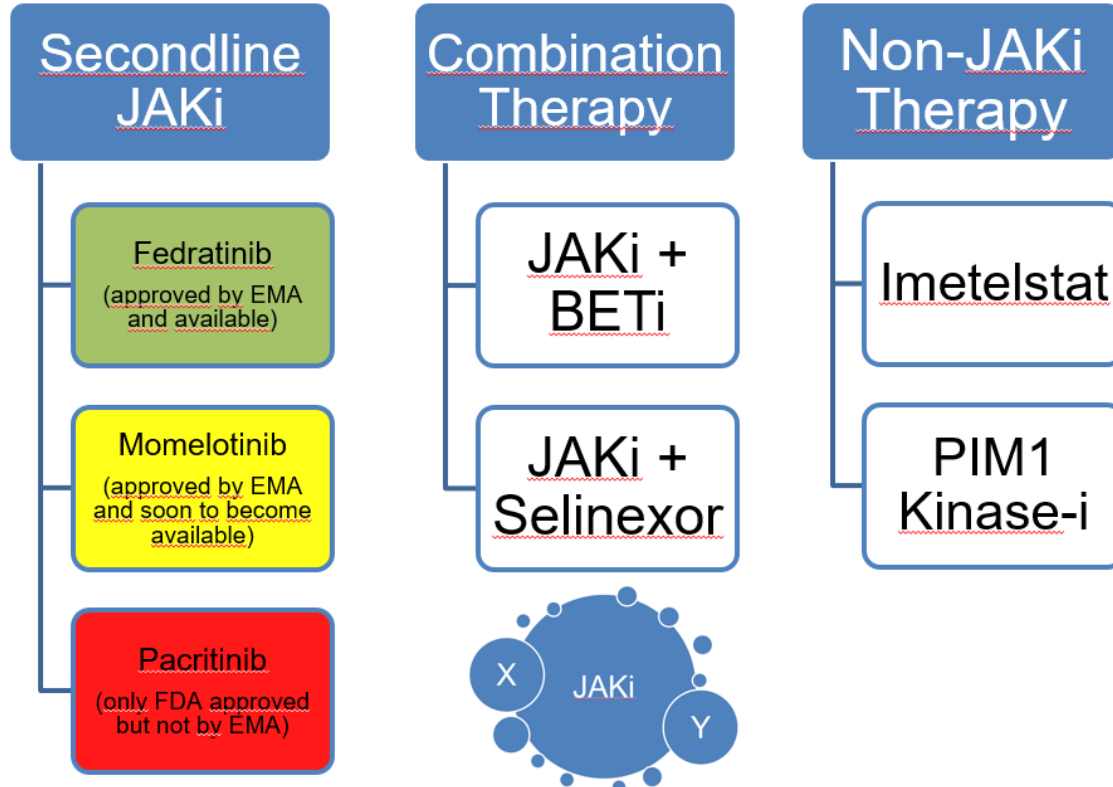
Criteria for ruxolitinib failure used in the re-analysis of the JAKARTA-2, PAC203, and FREEDOM trials (adapted from Bose P., Verstovsek S. Hemasphere, 2020;4:E424)

Relapsed	Ruxolitinib for ≥ 3 months with spleen regrowth (defined as $< 10\%$ SVR or $< 30\%$ decrease in spleen size by palpation from baseline) following an initial response*
Refractory	Ruxolitinib for ≥ 3 months with $< 10\%$ SVR or $< 30\%$ decrease in spleen size by palpation from baseline
Intolerant	Ruxolitinib for ≥ 28 days complicated by development of RBC transfusion requirement (≥ 2 units/month for two consecutive months); or grade ≥ 3 thrombocytopenia, anemia, hematoma/hemorrhage or other, non-hematologic adverse events while on ruxolitinib

*Response is defined as $\geq 35\%$ reduction in spleen volume from baseline or $\geq 50\%$ reduction in spleen size for baseline sizes $> 10\text{cm}$ below LCM, a non-palpable spleen for baseline spleen sizes between 5cm and 10cm below LCM, or not eligible spleen response for baseline spleen $< 5\text{cm}$ below LCM (Harrison CN. et al. Am J Hematol, 2020;95:594-603).

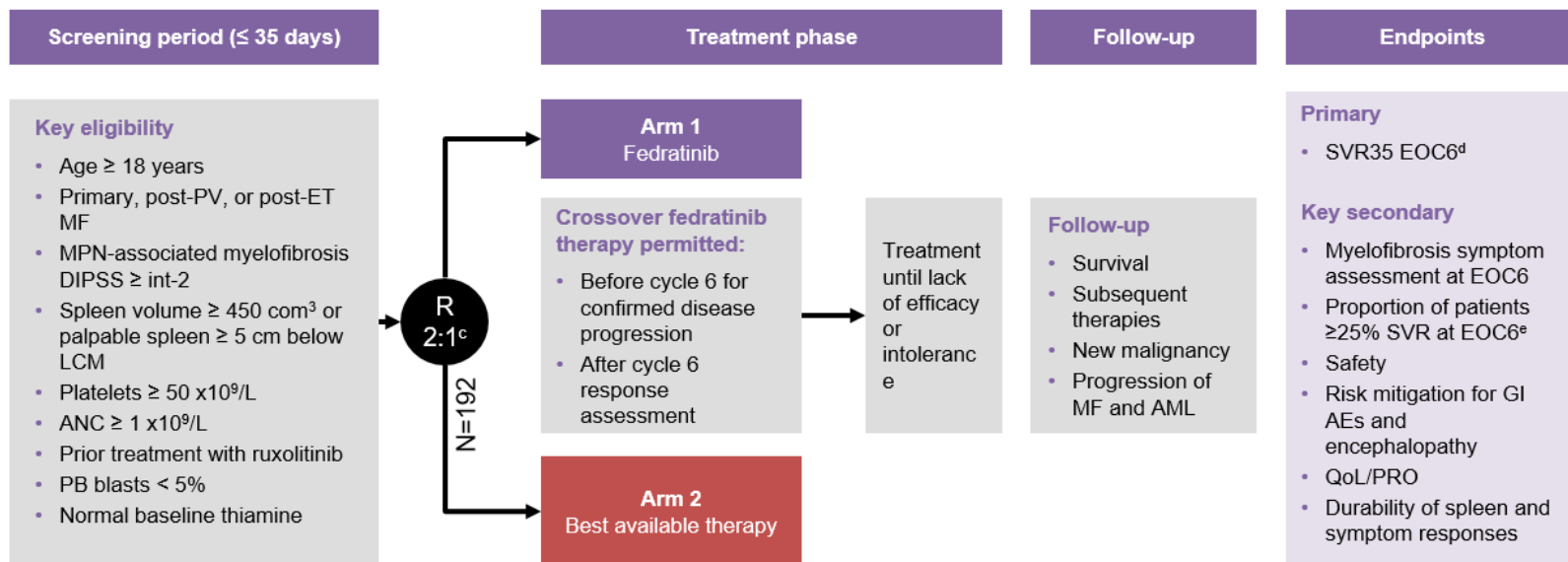
LCM, left costal margin; RBC, red blood cell; SVR, spleen volume reduction.

Where to Go from Here? (allogeneic SCT excluded!)



Secondline JAKi - Fedratinib

Efficacy and Safety of Fedratinib in Patients with MF Previously Treated with Ruxolitinib: Results from the Phase 3 Randomized FREEDOM2 Study

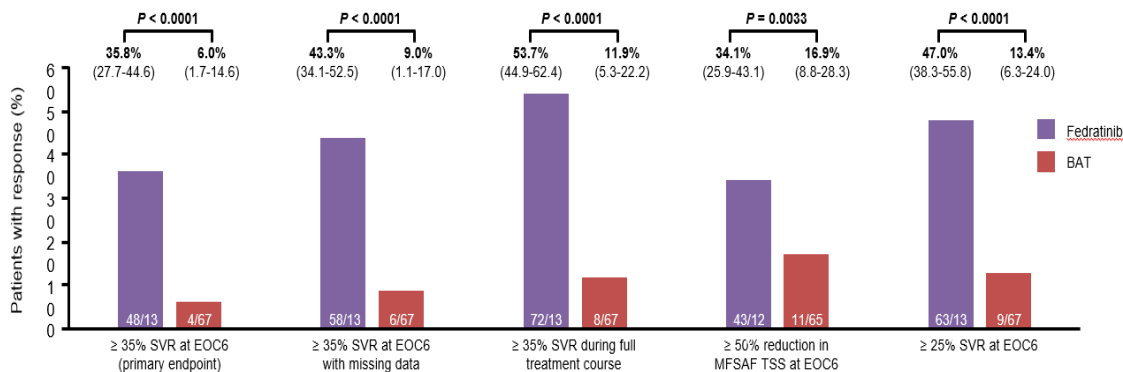


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Adverse events during the first 6 cycles in > 5% of patients

Percentage change in spleen volume and symptom response from baseline

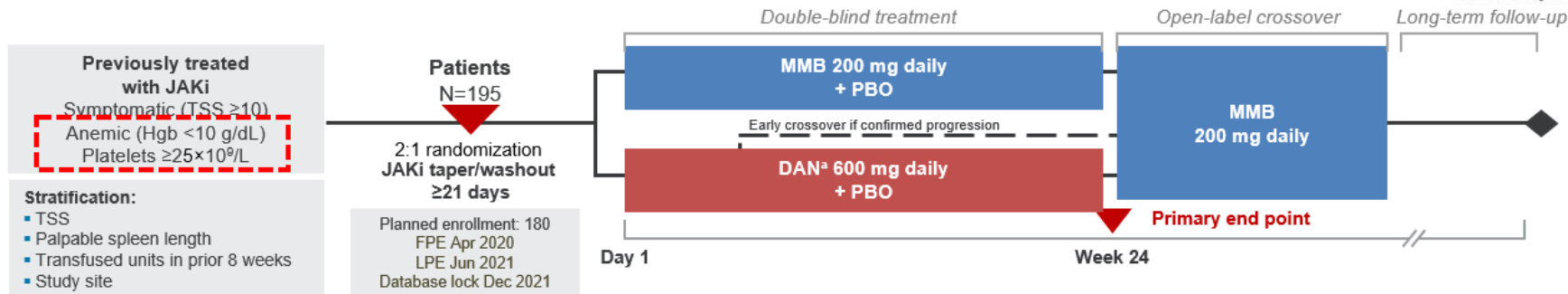
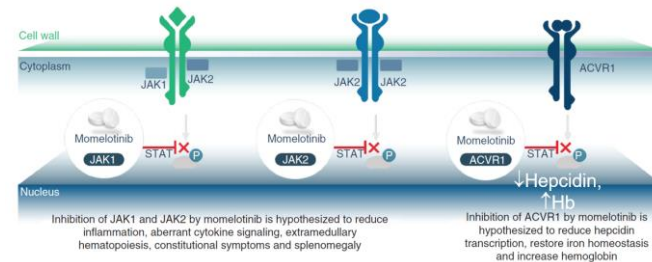


System organ class	Grade 3/4	
	Fedratinib (n=134)	BAT (n=67)
Preferred term		
Patients with ≥1 TRAE related to study drug	52 (38.8)	8 (11.9)
Gastrointestinal disorders	5 (3.7)	0
Diarrhea	1 (0.7)	0
Nausea	1 (0.7)	0
Vomiting	0	0
Constipation	0	0
Blood and lymphatic system disorders	26 (19.4)	8 (11.9)
Thrombocytopenia	16 (11.9)	2 (3.0)
Anemia	12 (9.0)	6 (9.0)
Investigations	7 (5.2)	0
Alanine aminotransferase increased	4 (3.0)	0
Vitamin B1 decreased	0	0
Renal and urinary disorders	13 (9.7)	0
Metabolism and nutrition disorders	8 (6.0)	0
General disorders and administration site conditions	4 (3.0)	0
Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders	0	0
Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders	0	0
Nervous system disorders	0	0

Secondline JAKi - Momelotinib

Results from the Momentum of Momelotinib (MMB) Versus Danazol (DAN) in Symptomatic and Anemic MF Patients Previously Treated with a JAKi

Verstovsek et al Front Oncol 2021

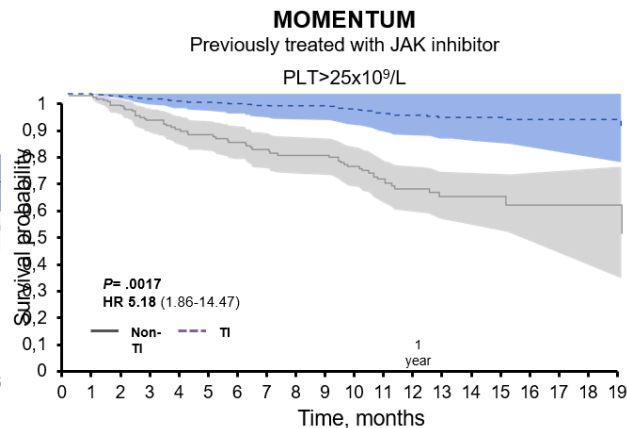
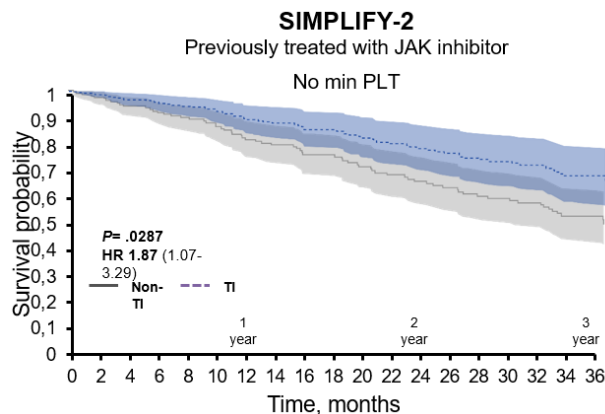
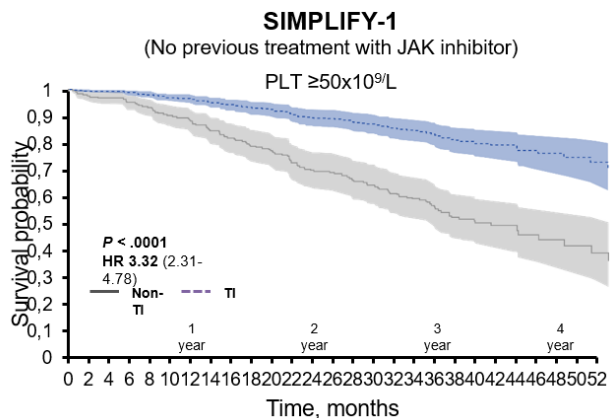


MOMENTUM Topline Results at Week 24: All Primary and Key Secondary End Points Met^{1,2}

	MFSAF TSS response rate (primary end point)	Tl response rate	SRR ^d (35% reduction)
MMB (N=130)	32 (24.6%)	40 (30.8%)	30 (23.1%)
DAN (N=65)	6 (9.2%)	13 (20.0%)	2 (3.1%)
	P=.0095 (superior)	1-sided P=.0064 (noninferior)	P=.0006 (superior)

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RBC Transfusion Independence Is an Independent Predictor of Survival: A Post Hoc Time-Dependent Analysis of the Phase 3 Simplify-1, Simplify-2, and Momentum Trials



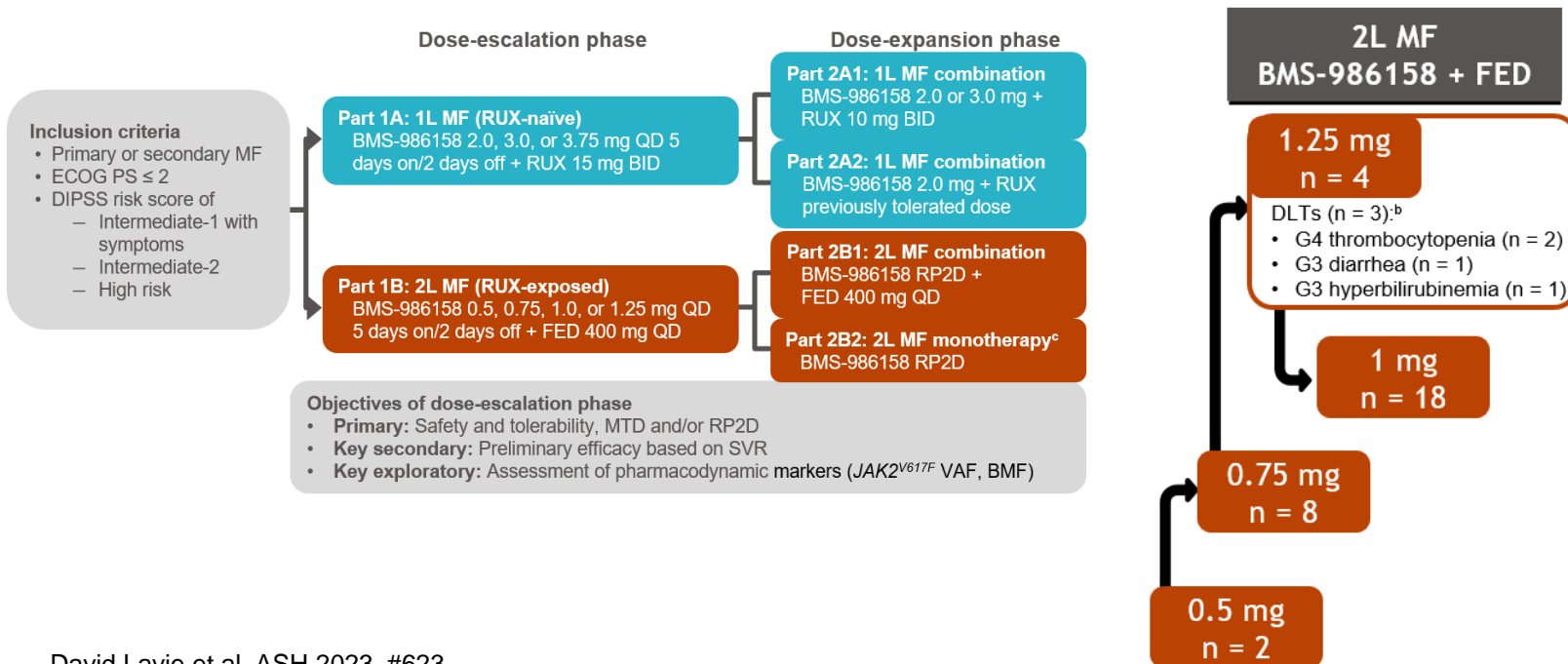
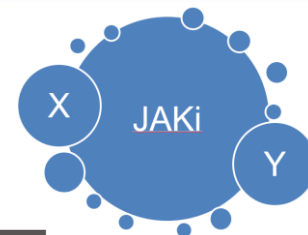
Secondline JAKi - Pacritinib

- Pacritinib has demonstrated clinical benefit at the recommended dose of 200 mg BID in patients with cytopenias in the Phase 2 dose-finding PAC203 and Phase 3 PERSIST-2 studies
- Patients with baseline platelets $< 50 \times 10^9/L$ treated with pacritinib 200 mg BID in PERSIST-2 and PAC203 or BAT in PERSIST-2 were included in a retrospective analysis

Baseline characteristics (pacritinib 200 mg BID)	N = 71
Median platelet count, $10^9/L$	30
Platelet transfusion dependent, n (%)	13 (18)
Prior JAKi, n (%)	45 (63)
Some AEs (all grades)	N (%)
Thrombocytopenia	23 (32)
Any grade bleeding	49 (58)
Grade ≥ 3 bleeding	11 (16)
Grade ≥ 3 cardiac AE	6 (9)

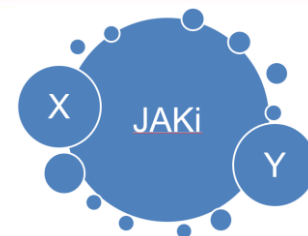
Combination Therapy

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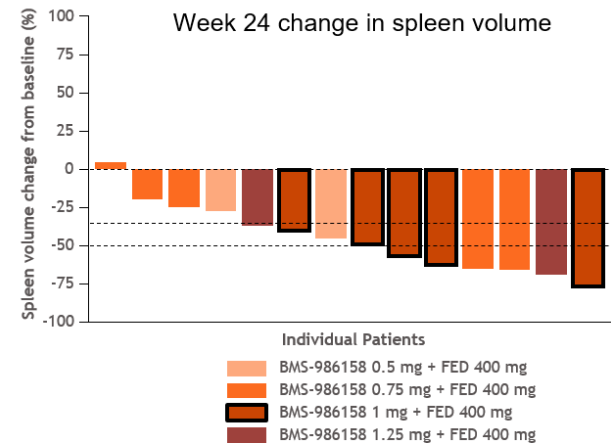
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TRAEs	2L MF, Part 1B BMS-986158 + FED (n = 32)							
	0.5 mg (n = 2)		0.75 mg (n = 8)		1.0 mg (n = 18)		1.25 mg (n = 4)	
	Any grade	Grade 3/4	Any grade	Grade 3/4	Any grade	Grade 3/4	Any grade	Grade 3/4
Patients with ≥ 1 TRAE, n (%)	2 (100)	1 (50)	6 (75)	3 (38)	13 (72)	6 (33)	4 (100)	4 (100)
Diarrhea	0	0	3 (38)	0	11 (61)	0	4 (100)	1 (25)
Thrombocytopenia	1 (50)	0	3 (38)	2 (25)	6 (33)	4 (22)	4 (100)	4 (100)
Anemia	1 (50)	1 (50)	4 (50)	2 (25)	5 (28)	4 (22)	3 (75)	3 (75)
Nausea	1 (50)	0	2 (25)	0	4 (22)	0	2 (50)	0
Vomiting	1 (50)	0	2 (25)	0	3 (17)	0	0	0
Dysgeusia	0	0	0	0	5 (28)	0	0	0
Dry mouth	0	0	0	0	2 (11)	0	2 (50)	0

- No grade 5 TRAEs
- Three serious TRAEs: grade 2 anemia (1.25 mg), grade 4 thrombocytopenia (1.25 mg), and grade 3 viral gastroenteritis (0.75 mg)
- Two TRAEs led to treatment discontinuation: grade 4 thrombocytopenia (1.25 mg) and grade 3 hyperbilirubinemia (1.25 mg)



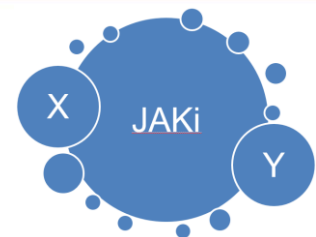
SVR35, BMS-986158 1 mg + FED 400 mg

12 weeks
9/11 (82%)

24 weeks
5/5 (100%)

Combination Therapy

The Efficacy and Safety of Selinexor in Combination with Rux in Rux-Treated MF Patients: the Interim Analysis of a Prospective, Open-Label, Multicenter, Parallel-Cohort, Phase 2 Study



Key inclusion criteria:

- Diagnosed MF patients, including PMF or Post-ET MF or Post-PV MF
- Enlarged spleen or systemic constitutional symptoms
- No stem cell transplant program within 6 months



SEL
(40/60 mg QW)
+
RUX
(5 - 20 mg bid, dosage per
investigator judgement)



Primary endpoint:

- Spleen response

Secondary endpoints:

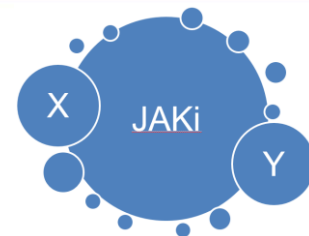
- Anemia response
- Symptom response
- Safety

Exploratory endpoints:

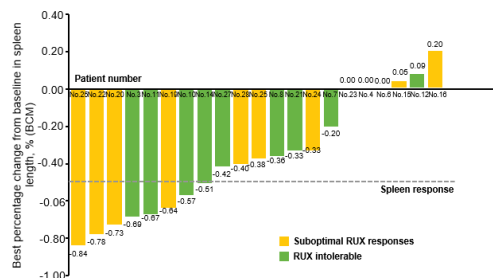
- Duration of response
- 2-year PFS rate
- 2-year OS rate

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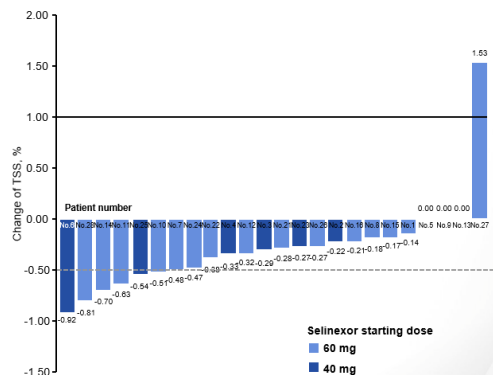
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Change in spleen length



Change in TSS



Safety and reasons for discontinuation

The most common TEAEs

- Nausea 14 (50.00%)
- Vomiting 9 (32.14%)
- Decreased appetite 8 (28.57%)
- Anemia 7 (25.00%)

The most frequent TEAEs ≥ grade 3

- Anemia 3 (10.71%)
- Thrombocytopenia 2 (7.14%)

Treatment discontinuation

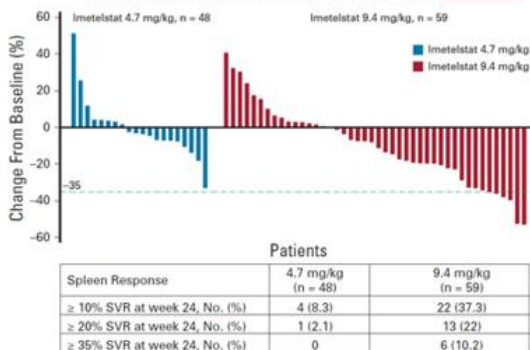
- Death in 4 patients (3 from covid-19, 1 sepsis)
- Participation in clinical trial (2 patients)
- Unsatisfactory response (2 patients)
- Transplantation (1 patient)
- Toxicity (2 patients)
- Economic burden (1 patient)
- Lost to follow-up (3 patients)

Cohort	Evaluable patients, n	Spleen reduction, n (%)	Spleen response, n (%)
RUX intolerable (n=16)	11	8 (72.73)	4 (36.36)
Suboptimal RUX responses (n=12)	10	7 (70.00)	4 (40.00)
Total (n=28)	21	15 (71.42)	8 (38.09)

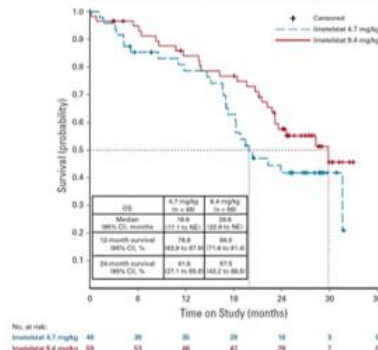
Non-JAKi Therapy - Imetelstat

Imetelstat in relapsed or refractory myelofibrosis

A. Waterfall plot of maximum percent change in SVR at Week 24 in patients with MF treated with imetelstat



B. Kaplan-Meier ITT analysis of OS. All patients on study by random assignment arm

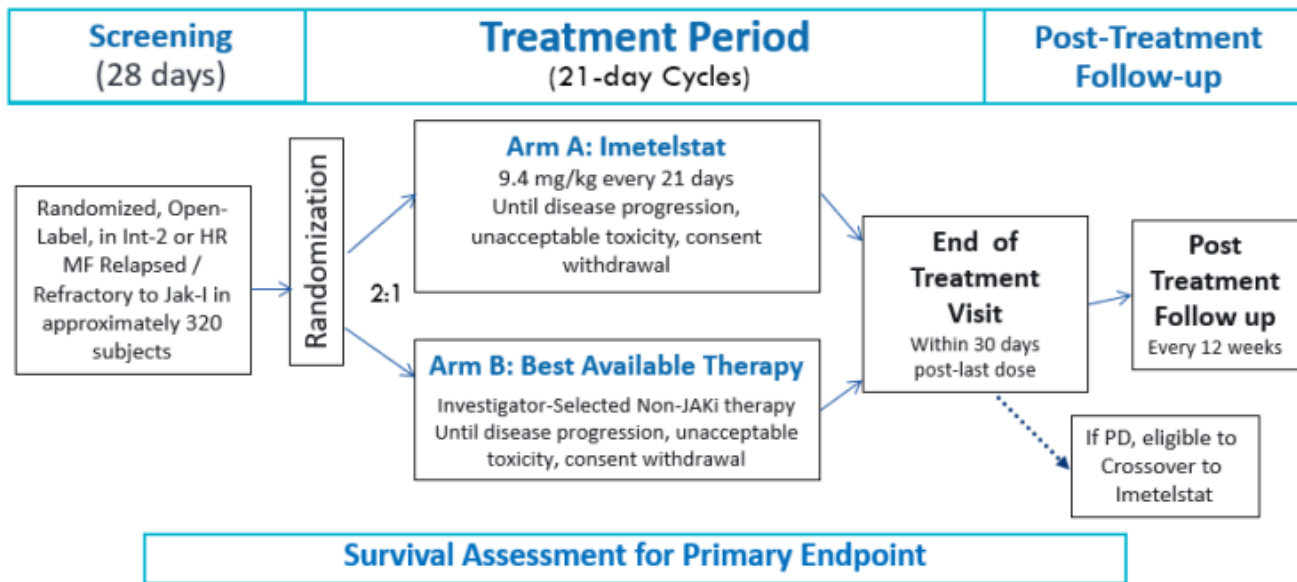


- The most common grade 3 or 4 treatment-emergent AEs were hematologic and included anemia (4.7 mg/kg: 31%; 9.4 mg/kg: 39%), thrombocytopenia (4.7 mg/kg: 23%; 9.4 mg/kg: 41%), and neutropenia (4.7 mg/kg: 10%; 9.4 mg/kg: 32%) – Most cytopenias were manageable and resolved within 4 weeks
- The most common grade ≥ 3 nonhematologic treatment-emergent AEs with 9.4 mg/kg were asthenia (10%) and fatigue (7%) and with 4.7 mg/kg were dyspnea (13%), asthenia (6%), and fatigue (6%)

Non-JAKi Therapy - Imetelstat

A Randomized Open-Label, Phase 3 Study to Evaluate Imetelstat (GRN163L) Versus BAT in Patients with Int.-2 or High-risk MF Relapse / Refractory to JAKi

Protocol GRN163LMYF3001



Non-JAKi Therapy – PIM1 Kinase-i

Phase 1/2 Study of TP-3654: Preliminary Data Showed Clinical Activity and Cytokine Reductions in Patients with Relapsed/Refractory MF

Key eligibility

- DIPSS Intermediate-1, 2, or high-risk
- Platelet count $\geq 25 \times 10^9/L$
- No restriction on hemoglobin
- ECOG performance status ≤ 2
- Splenomegaly ($\geq 450 \text{ cm}^3$ by MRI/CT)
- At least 2 symptoms by MF-SAF v4.0



Study population

- Primary, post-PV, post-ET MF
- Relapsed, refractory, intolerant to or ineligible for treatment with JAK inhibitors

Endpoints

Primary:

- Safety and tolerability

Secondary:

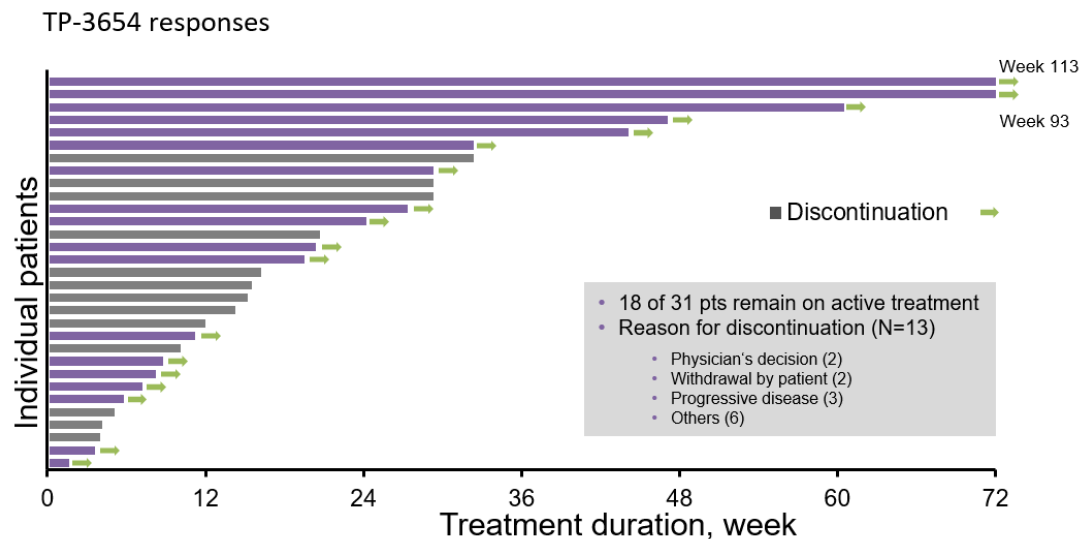
- Spleen volume reduction (SVR)
- Total symptoms score (TTS) reduction
- Overall survival
- Bone marrow fibrosis change
- Pharmacokinetics

Patient disposition (N=31)

Cohort	Number of patients	DLT
480 mg QD	1	None
720 mg QD	2	None
360 mg BID	5	None
480 mg BID	13	None
720 mg BID	10	None

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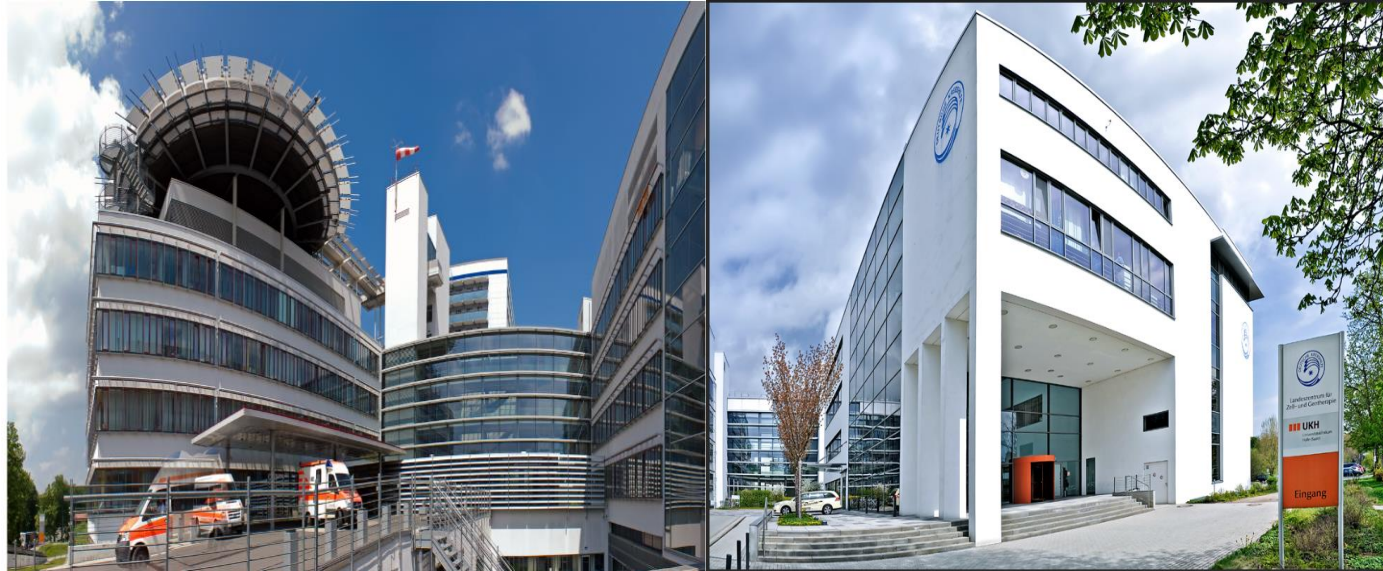


Treatment emergent adverse events

AE preferred term (n=31)	Grade ≥3
Non-hematological (n, %)	
Diarrhea	2 (6.5%)
Nausea	0 (0.0)
Vomiting	0 (0.0)
Abdominal pain	1 (3.2%)
Fatigue	0 (0.0)
Blood bilirubin increased ^a	2 (6.5%)
Decreased appetite	1 (3.2%)
Abdominal distension	0 (0.0)
Hyperhidrosis	0 (0.0)
Dyspnoea	0 (0.0)
Hematological (n, %)	
Platelet count decreased ^b	5 (16.1%)
Anemia	3 (9.7%)

Thank you

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Fedratinib
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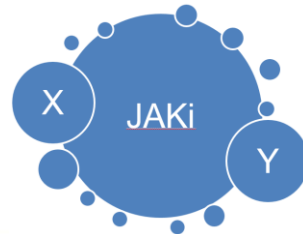
Momelotinib
(approved by EMA and soon to become available)

Pacritinib
(only FDA approved but not by EMA)

Combination Therapy

JAKi + BETi

JAKi + Selinexor



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