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La mielofibrosi vista dal trapiantologo

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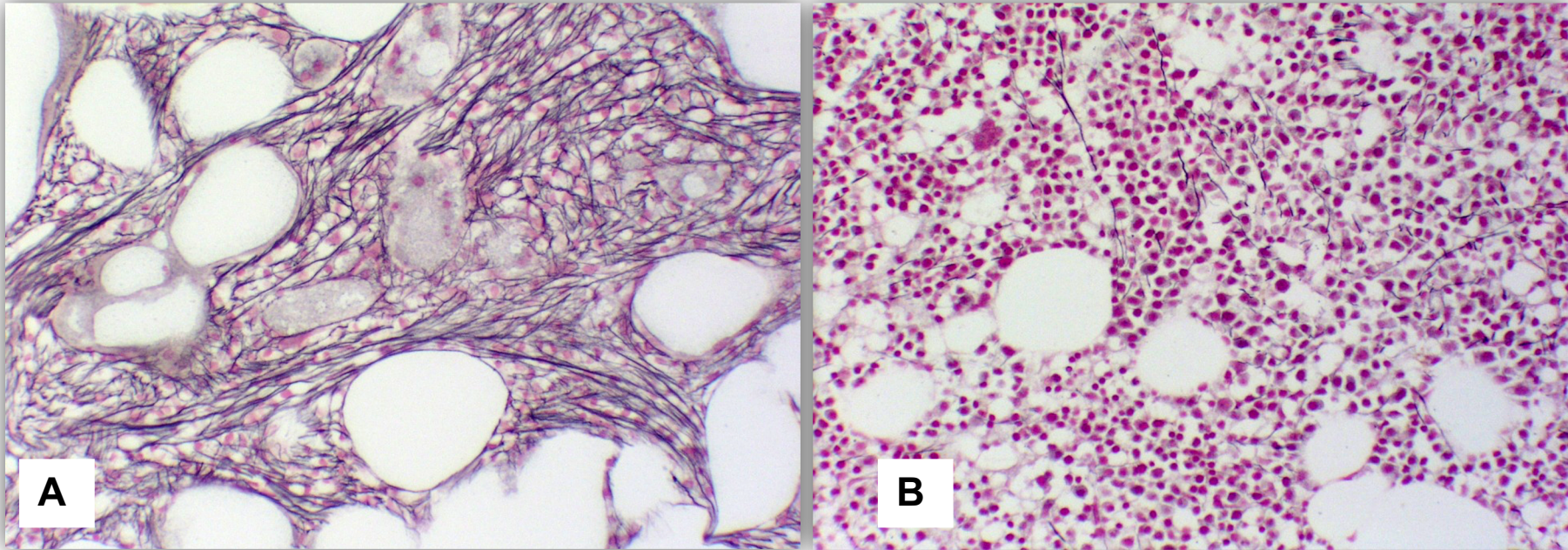
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At present, allogeneic **hematopoietic stem cell transplantation (HSCT)** is the only treatment modality that has the potential to cure myelofibrosis



Reticulin fibrosis in an IM patient before and after allogeneic stem cell transplant. (A) represents bone marrow before transplant; (B) represents bone marrow 12 months post transplant.

Volume Density of Reticulin Fibers (%)

N=4	<u>Pre-transplant</u>	<u>Post-transplant</u>			
		1 mo.	3 mo.	6 mo.	12 mo.
	51.3 ± 19.8	31.2 ± 26	11.5 ± 6	8 ± 5.4	6 ± 1.4

Questions on HSCT in MF

1. What risk factors identify a **candidate for HSCT**?
2. Is an unrelated or haploidentical **donor** a valid option?
3. RIC or MAC **regimen**?
4. Splenomegaly vs **splenectomy**?
5. Role of **Jak-inhibitors** prior to tx?
6. What are the **prognostic factors** for BMT in MF?

International Prognostic Score System (IPSS) in MF

Cervantes, F. et al. Blood 2009;113:2895-2901

Table 2. Risk factors at presentation of primary myelofibrosis selected at the stepwise Cox regression model for significant association with shorter survival*

Risk factor	Frequency in the series, %	Hazard ratio (95% CI)	z test	P
Age > 65 y	44.6	1.95 (1.61-2.36)	6.84	< .001
Constitutional symptoms	26.4	1.97 (1.62-2.40)	6.77	< .001
Hb < 10 g/dL	35.2	2.89 (2.46-3.61)	11.24	< .001
WBC count > 25 x 10⁹/L	9.6	2.40 (1.83-3.14)	6.37	< .001
Blood blasts > 1%	36.2	1.80 (1.50-2.17)	6.29	< .001

* In 1001 patients with the 5 variables available.

Dynamic IPSS/Plus

Risk Model	Risk Factors	Risk Stratification	Median Survival (months)
Dynamic IPSS¹	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Age > 65 years •Hgb < 10g/dL (2 pts) •WBC > 25x10⁹/L •Circulating blasts ≥1% •Constitutional symptoms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Low: 0 •Intermed-1: 1-2 •Intermed-2: 3-4 •High: 5-6 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Not Reached •118 •58 •27
DIPSS-Plus²	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DIPSS Risk + •Platelet < 100x10⁹/L •Unfavorable cytogenetics* •Transfusion requirement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Low: 0 •Intermed-1: 1 •Intermed-2: 2-3 •High: 4-6 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •180 •80 •35 •16

*Unfavorable cytogenetics included complex karyotype, +8, -7/7q-, i(17q), -5/5q-, 12p-, inv(3), 11q23 rearrangement

1. Passamonti et al. Blood 2010
2. Gangat et al. JCO 2011

Indications to allogeneic BMT in MF

Consensus EBMT/ELN WG (Kröger N et al Leukemia 2015)

IPSS
low

IPSS
intermediate I

IPSS
intermediate II

IPSS
high

no transplant
no JAK inhibitors

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anemia**

or

->2% PB blasts

or

- Adv. cytogenetics

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(except: constitutional
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**IPSS
intermediate II**

consider transplant (≤ 70 yrs)

**if splenomegaly or/and constitutional
sympt: JAK2 inhibitor prior transplant**

If no transplant eligible:

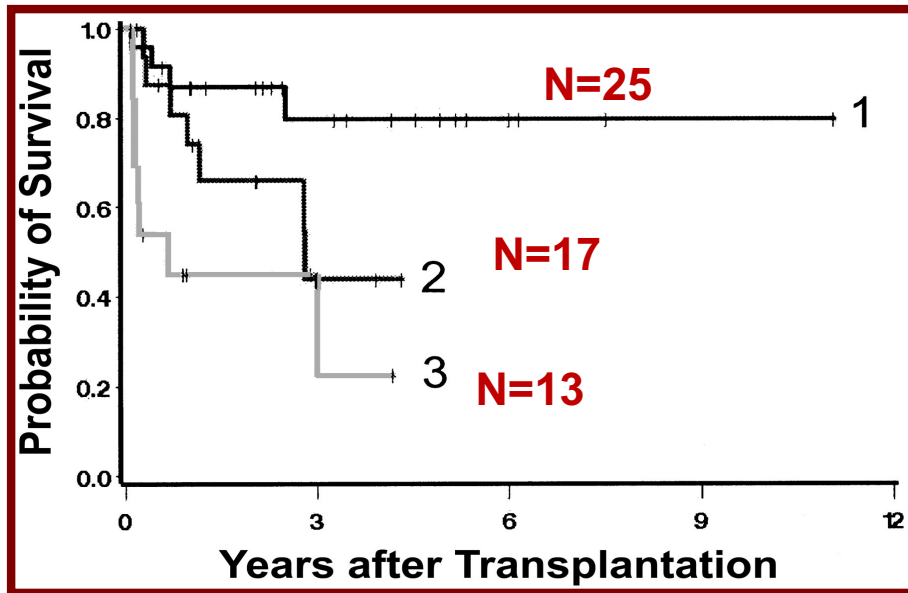
- JAK inhibitors (only if splenomegaly
or/and constitutional sympt.)

- Clinical trials

**IPSS
high**

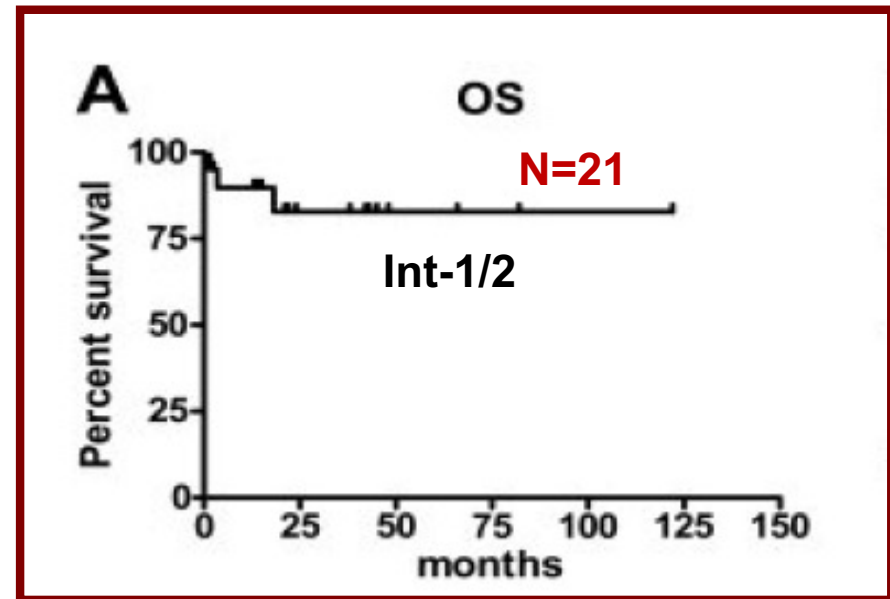
Conditioning regimens in myelofibrosis

Myeloablative (median age:43)



Deeg JH et al. Blood 2003; 12:3912

Reduced Intensity (median age:54)



Rondelli D et al. Blood 2005; 105:4115

First prospective study of allo-SCT (RIC) in MF (n=105 pts)

blood

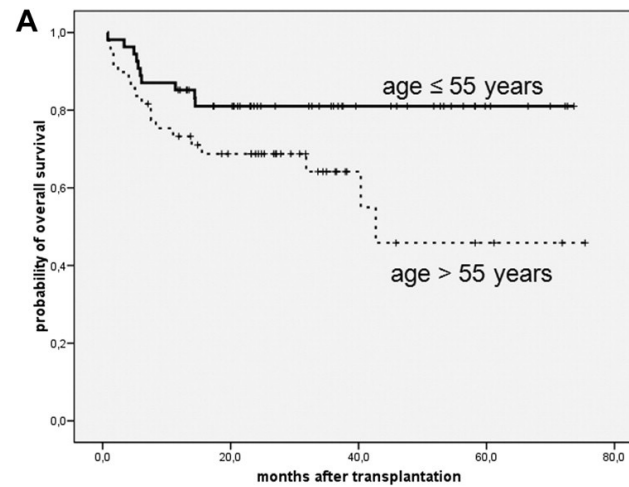
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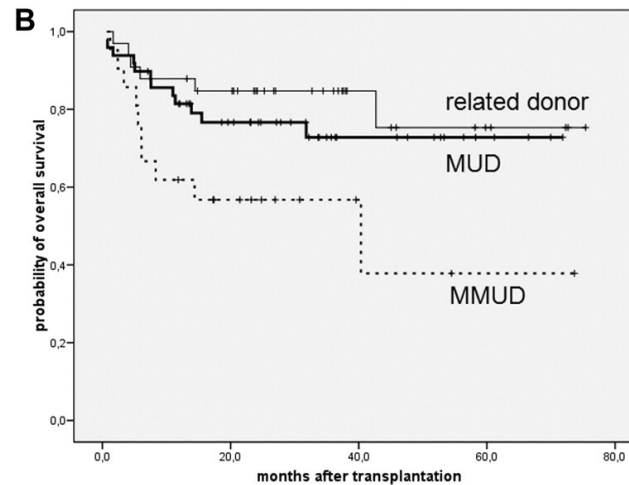
fludarabine
(180 mg/m²)

anti-thymocyte
globulin

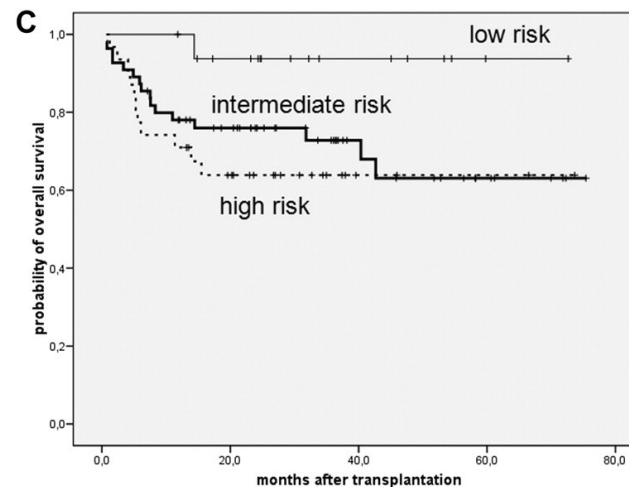
Kroger, N. et al. Blood 2009;114:5264



Age

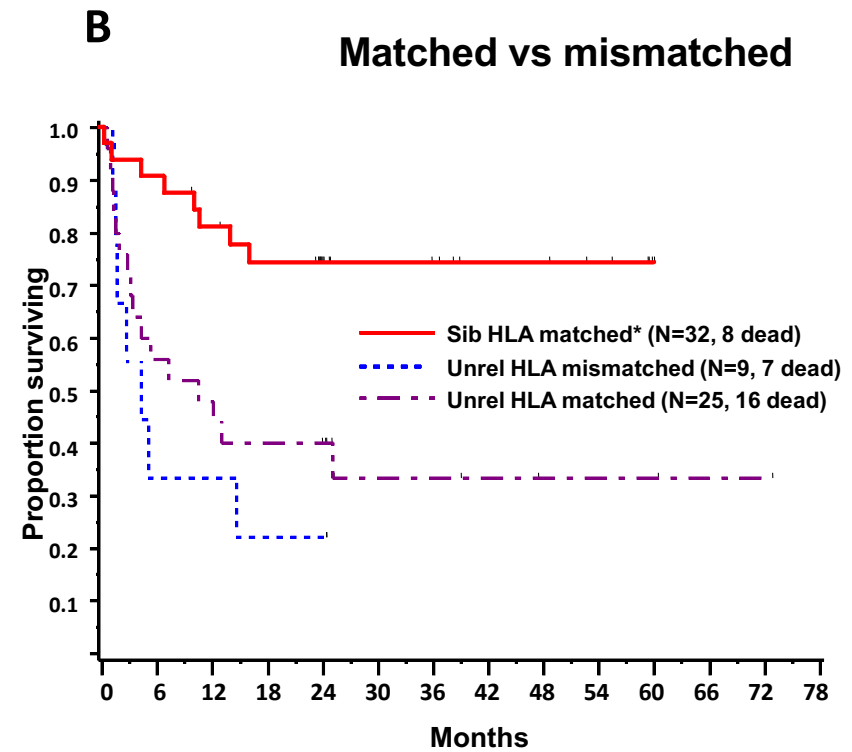
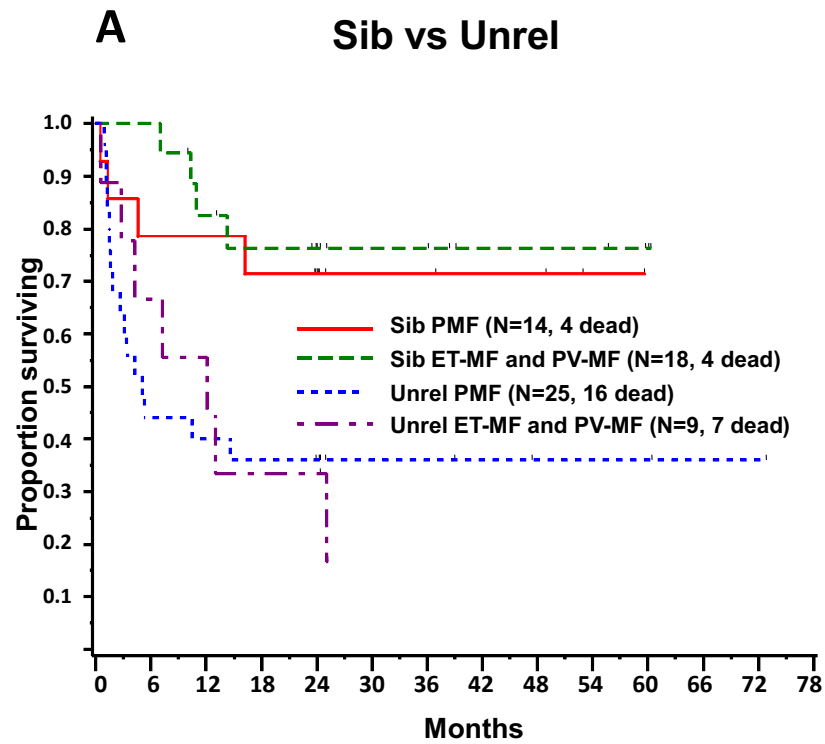


HLA



Lille score

MPD-RC 101: Prospective study of RIC BMT in myelofibrosis FLU/MEL ± ATG



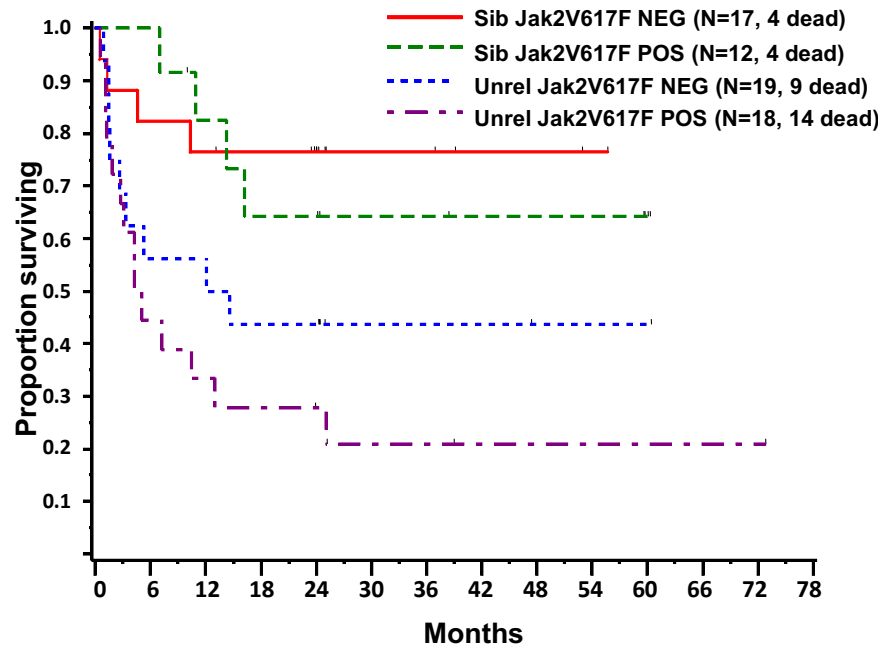
Rondelli D et al. Blood. 2014;124:1183-91

no prognostic effect of Jak2 status

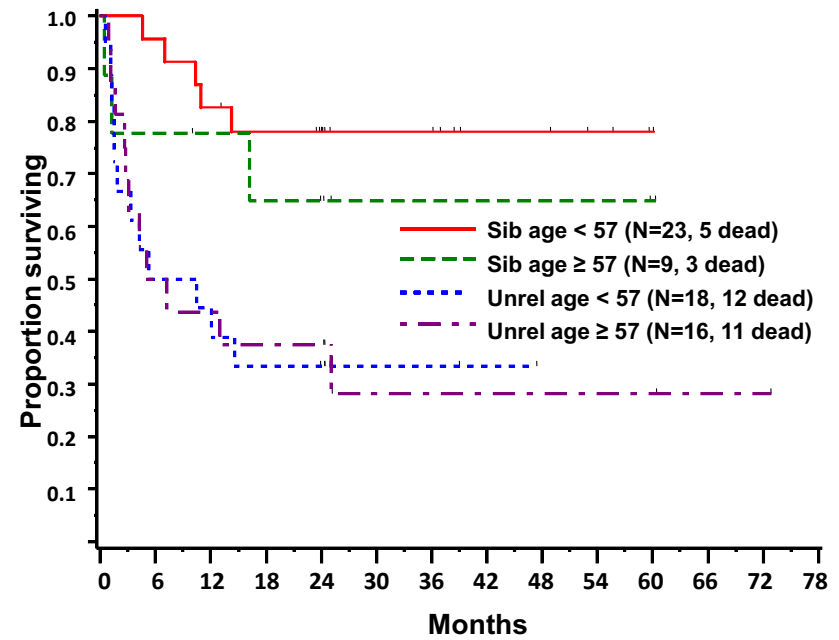
Jak2+ vs Jak2-

<57 vs >57 yo

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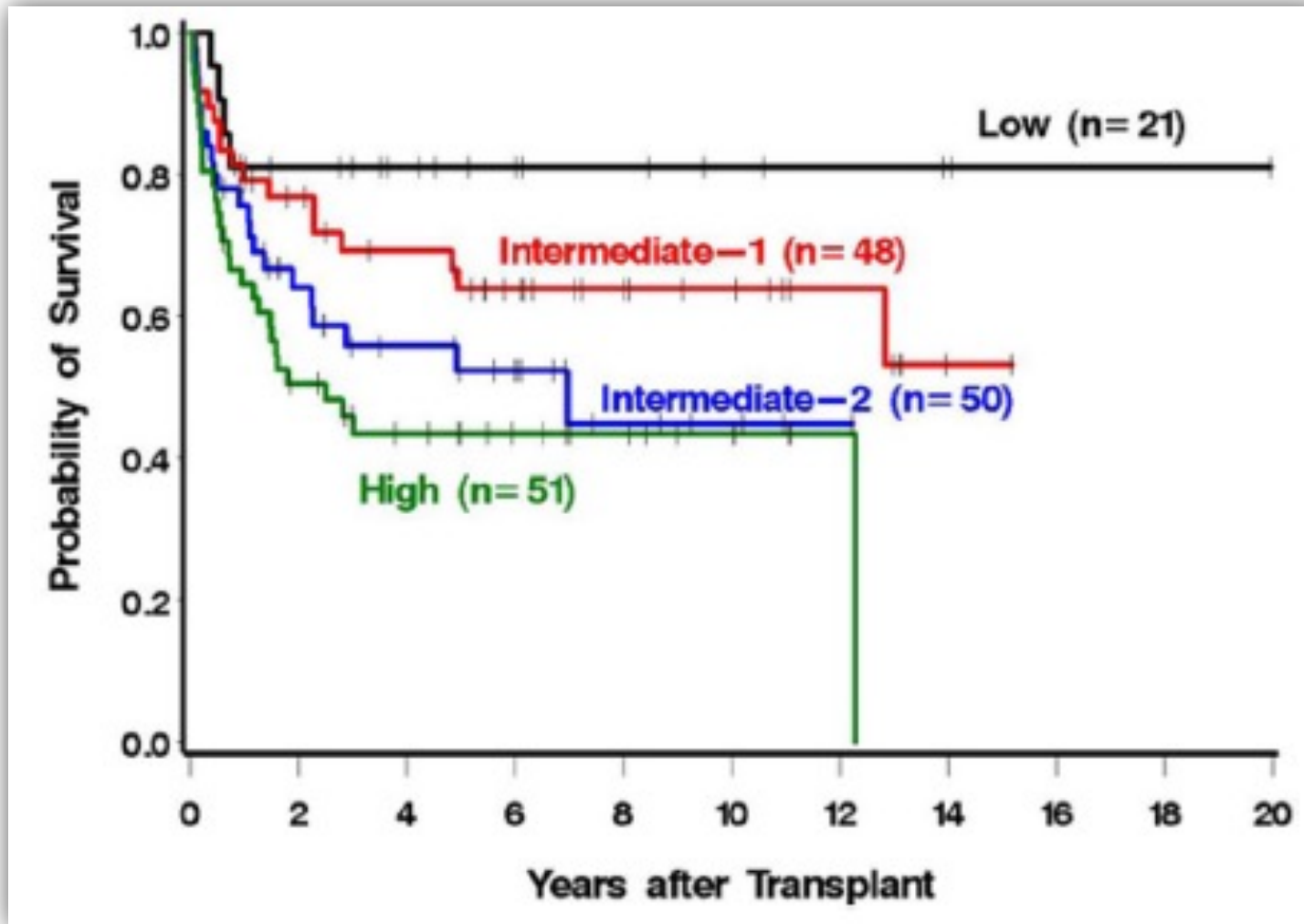


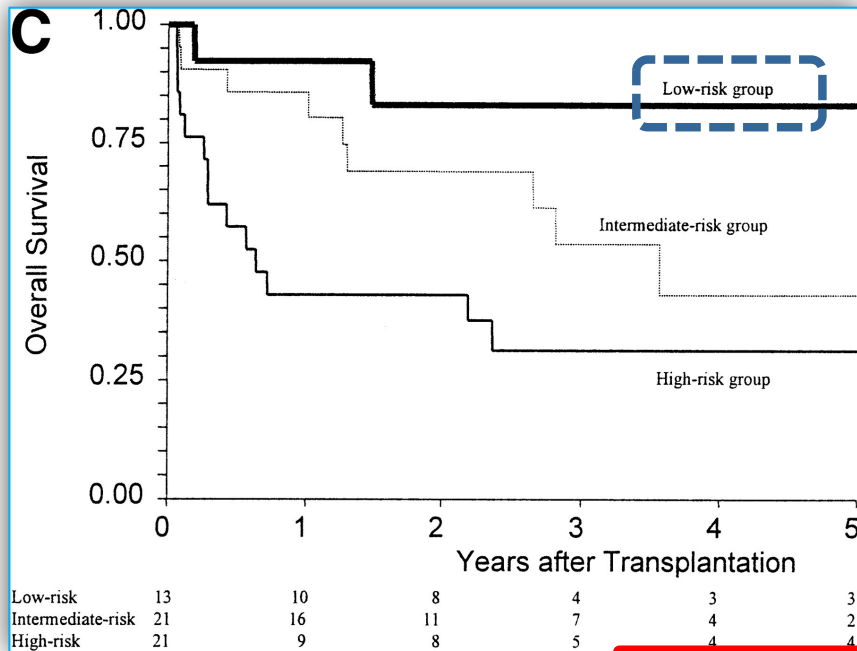
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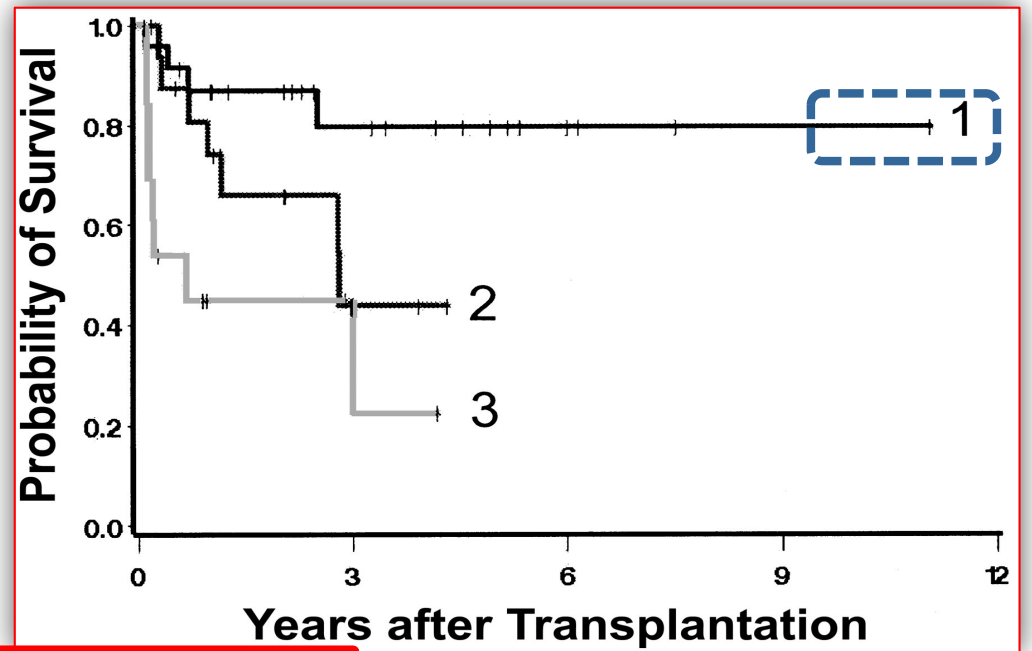
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First results by IPSS score analysis



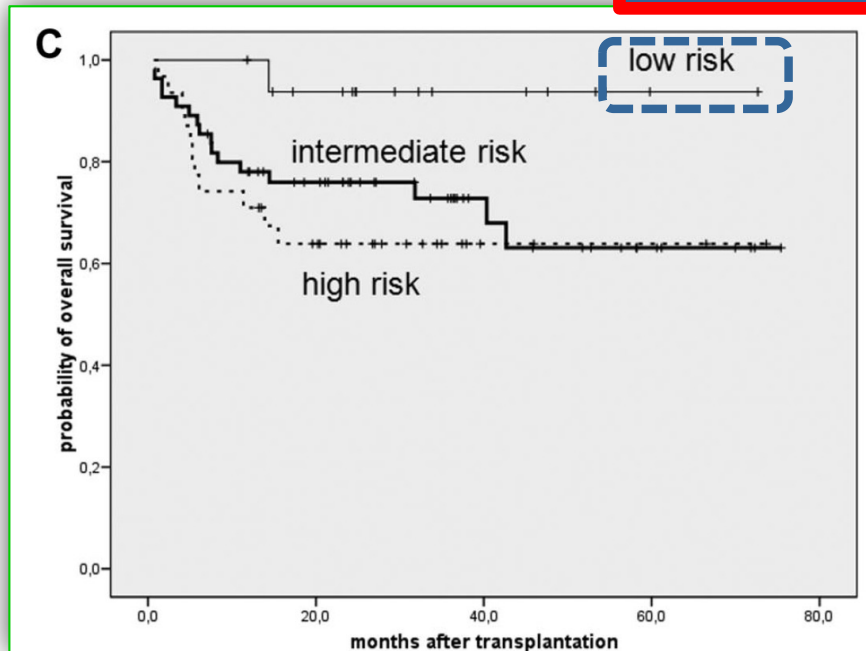


Guardiola P et al. Blood, 1999; 93:2831

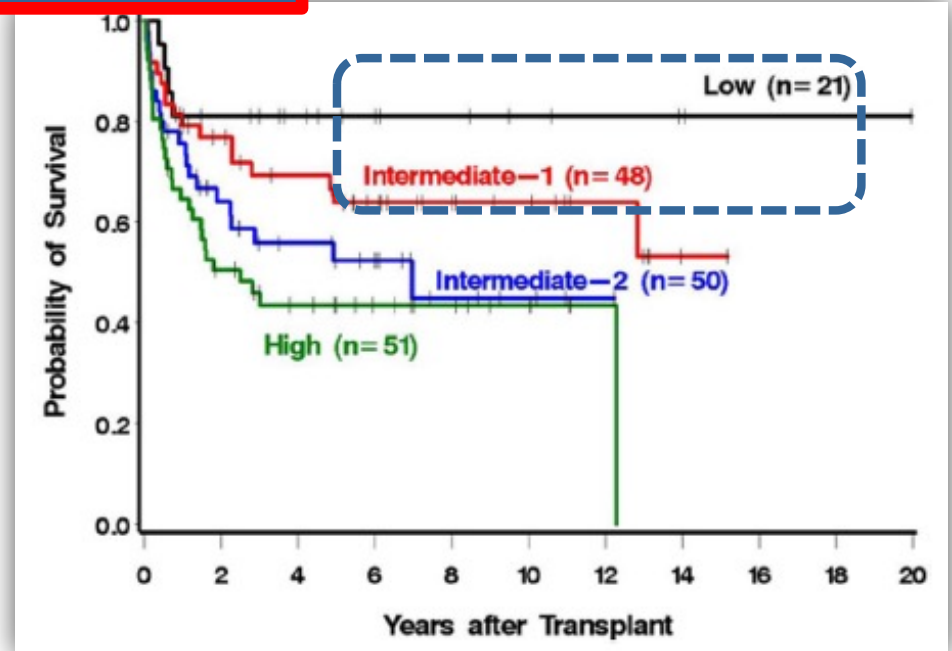


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BMT in low/Int-1 risk



Kröger, N. et al. Blood 2009;114:5264



Scott B et al. Blood 2012; 119:2657-2664

HSCT in myelofibrosis: retrospective studies

Table 2 Allogeneic transplantation in myelofibrosis: main results after myeloablative conditioning regimens

Reference	No. of pts	Median age (years)	Intermediate/high risk (%)	TRM at 1 year (%)	Overall survival at 1 year (%)
Guardiola [10]	55	42	76	27	14 (>45 years) 62 (<45 years)
Przepiorka [56]	5	43		20	60
Daly [57]	25	48	84	48	41
Deeg [58]	56	43	54	32	58
Mittal [59]	5	54		40	60
Ditschkowski [60]	20	37	65	20	38
Kerbauy [11]	95	51	54	32	61

Table 3 Allogeneic transplantation in myelofibrosis: main results after reduced intensity conditioning regimens

Reference	No. of pts	Median age (years)	Intermediate/high risk (%)	TRM (%)	OS (%)
Devine [13]	4	56	100%	0	100
Rondelli [14]	21	54	100	10	85
Merup [61]	10	58	70	10	90
Snyder [62]	9	54	89	44	55
Patriarca [15]	52	53	89	35	54
Bacigalupo [17]	46	51	91	24	45

PROGNOSTIC FACTORS IN SCT FOR MYELOFIBROSIS

Prognostic factors in Tx for MF

Jak2 V617F wild type

Age >57

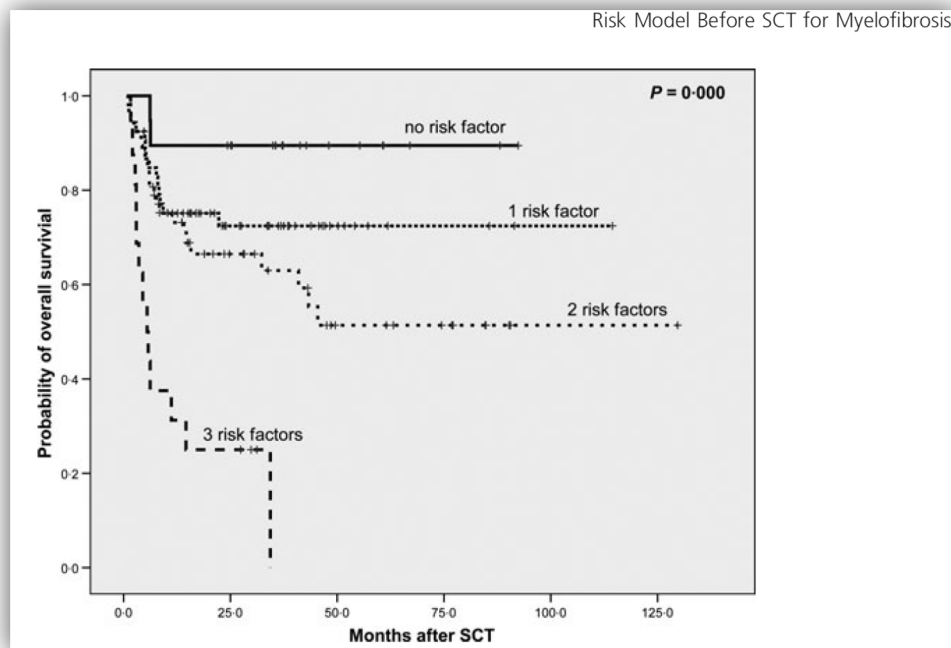
Constitutional symptoms

Prognostic factors in Tx for MF

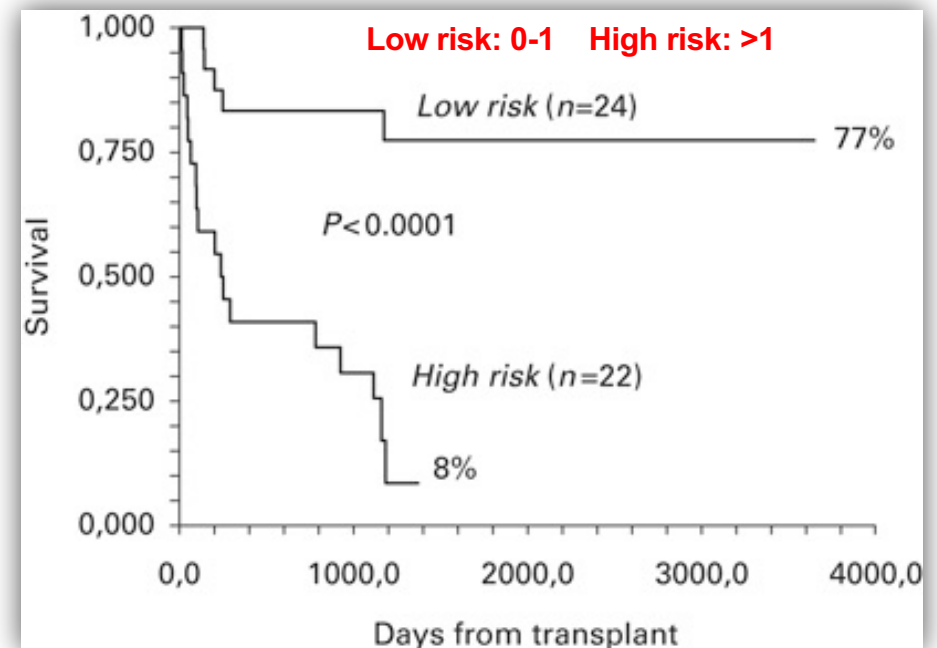
Spleen >22 cm

RBC transfusions >20

Donor other than matched sibling



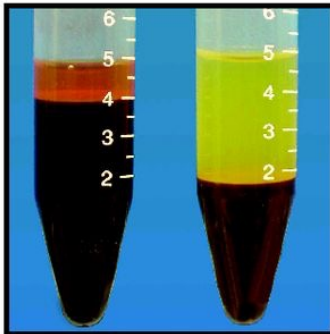
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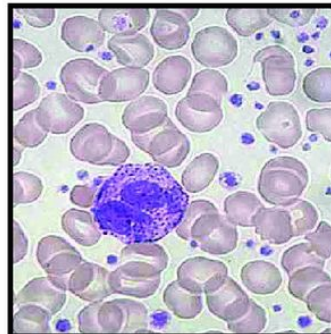
Bacigalupo A et al, BMT 2010;45:458-63

Genomic landscape of MPNs

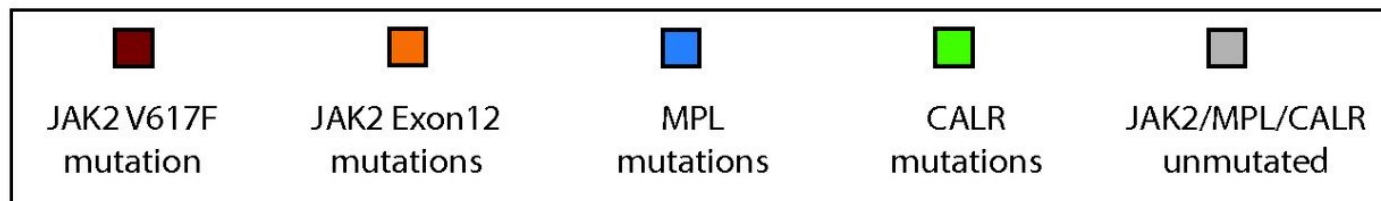
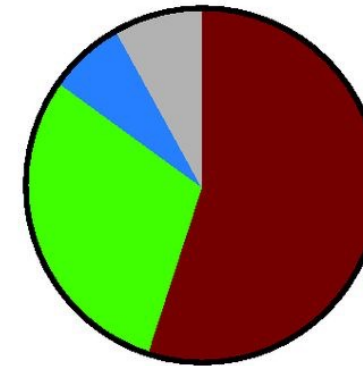
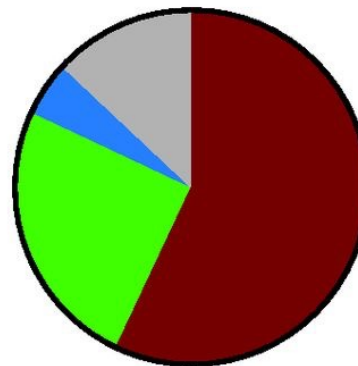
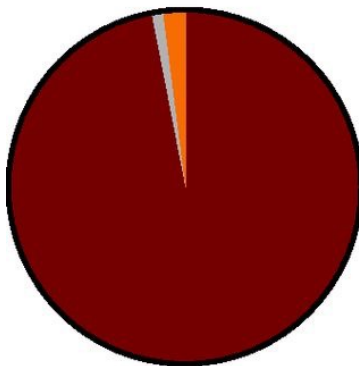
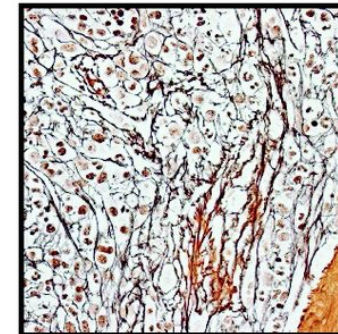
Polycythemia
vera



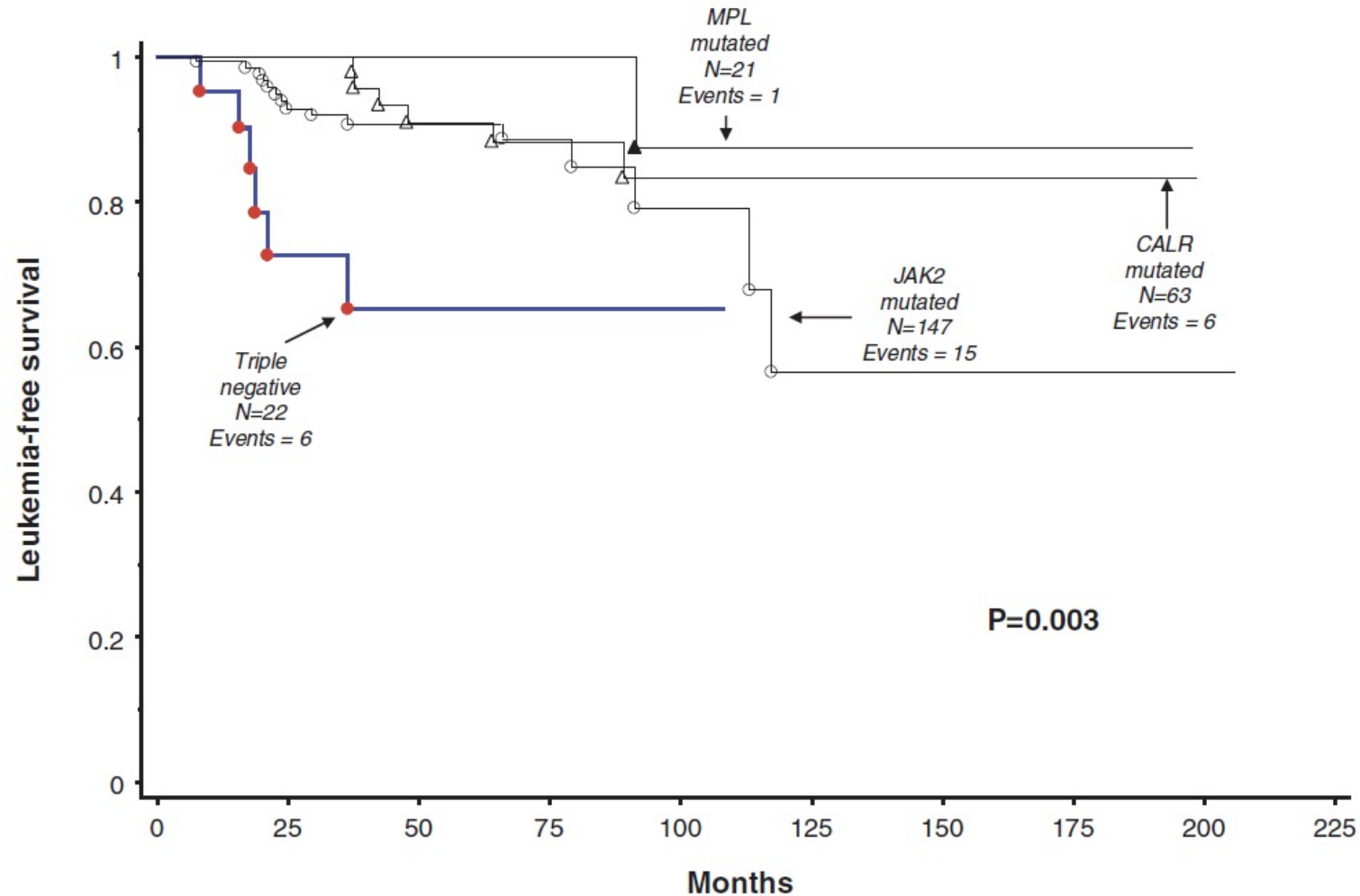
Essential
thrombocythemia



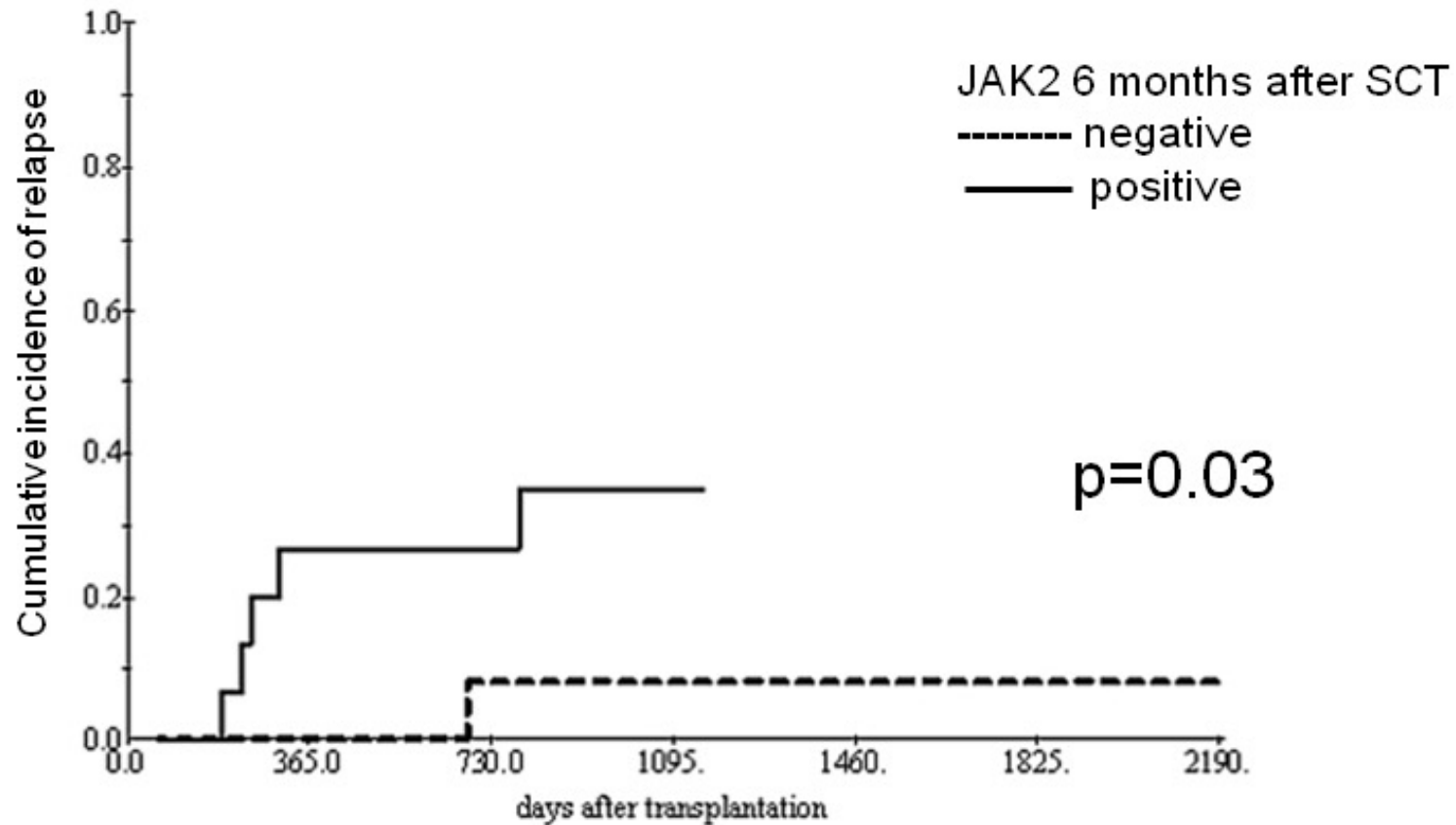
Primary
myelofibrosis



Poor outcome in Triple negative MF



Persistence of JAK2 mutation post- RIC SCT correlates with relapse

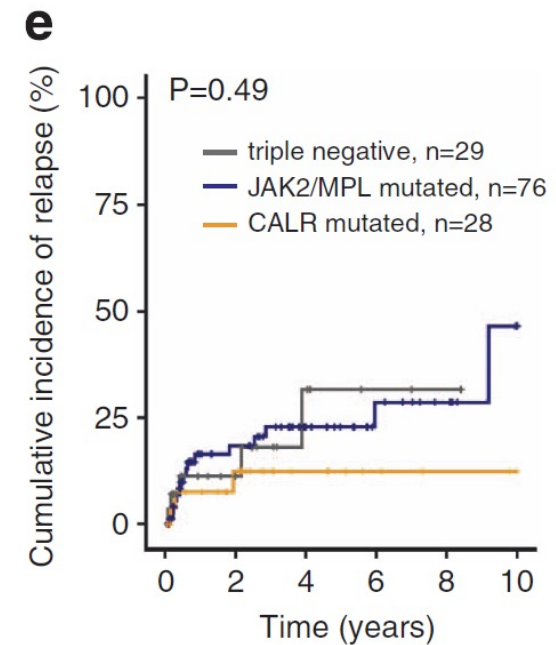
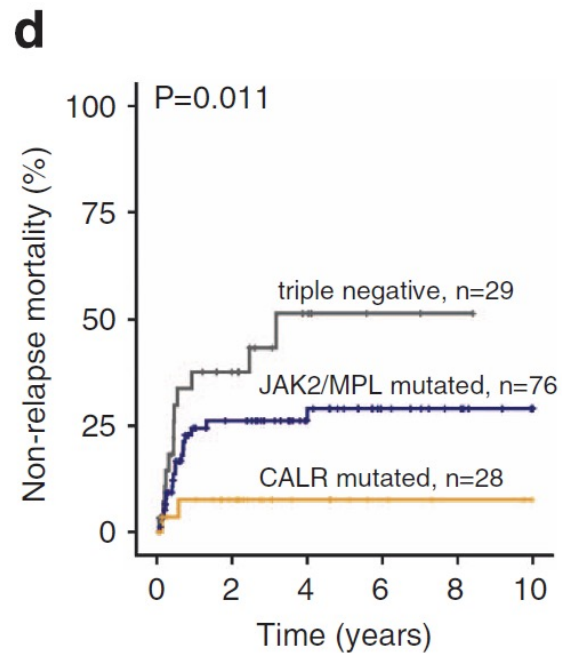
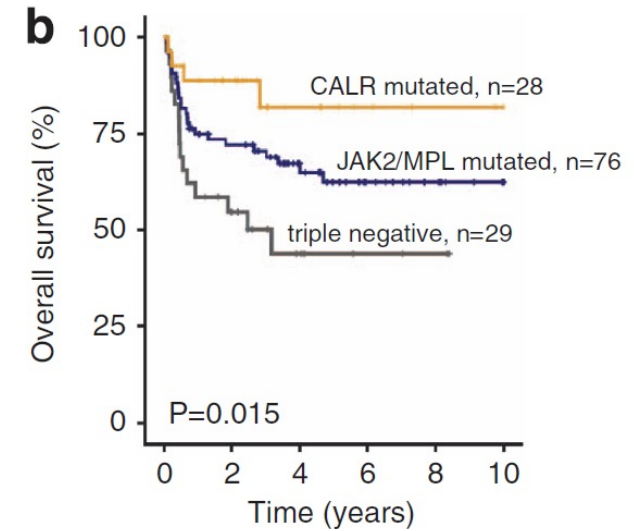
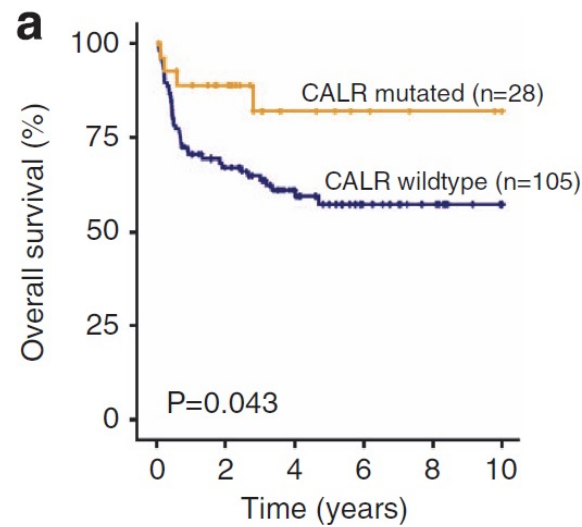


Number at Risk							
-----	23	23	11	11	11	11	11
————	15	11	11	7	2	2	2
Total	38	34	22	18	13	13	13

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Prognostic effect of calreticulin mutations in patients with myelofibrosis after allogeneic hematopoietic stem cell transplantation

Panagiota V et al, *Leukemia* 2014



Comparison of Dynamic International Prognostic Scoring System and MYelofibrosis SECondary to PV and ET Prognostic Model for Prediction of Outcome in Polycythemia Vera and Essential Thrombocythemia Myelofibrosis after Allogeneic Stem Cell Transplantation



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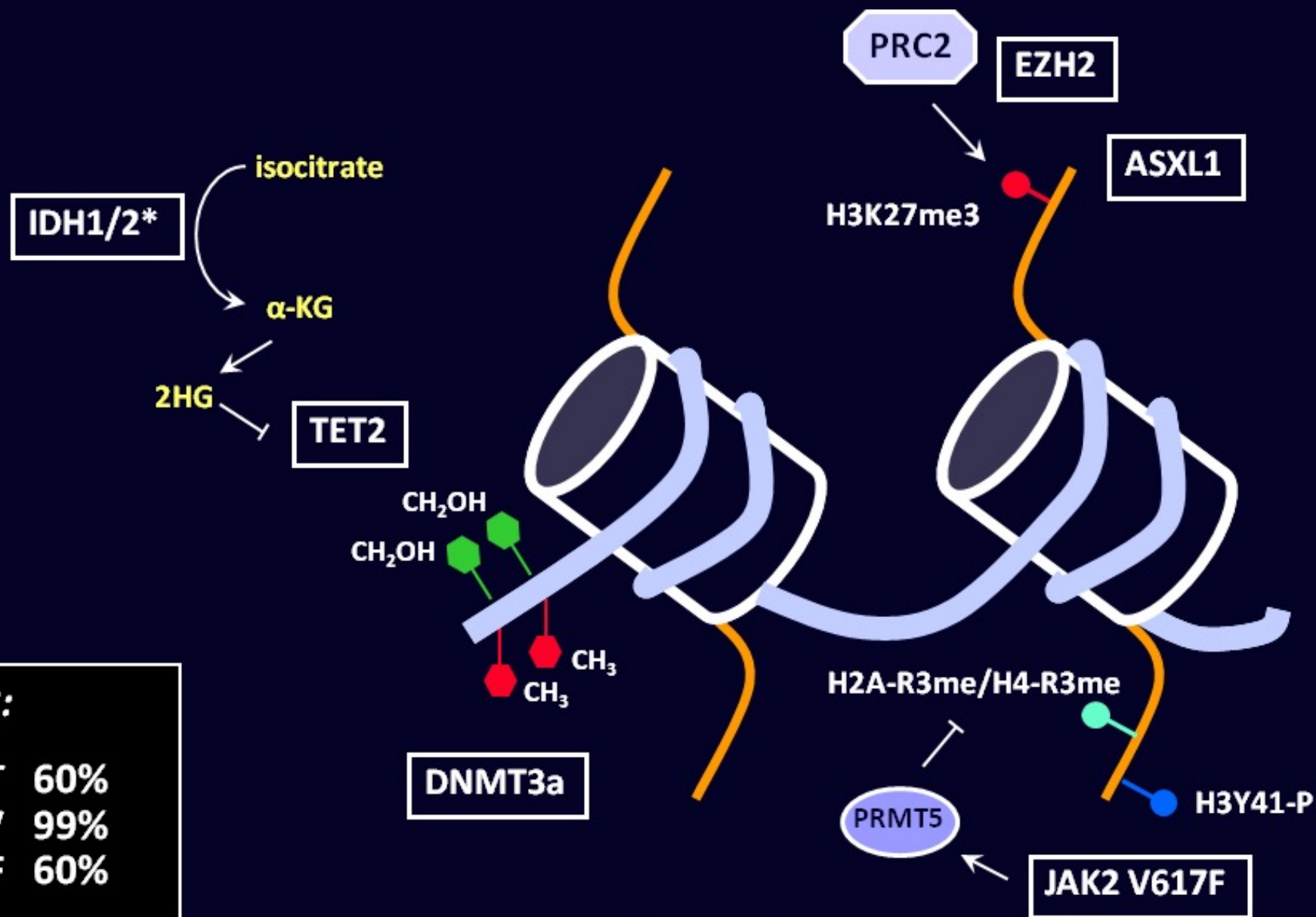
Table 2

Multivariate Analysis Predictive Factors According to DIPSS and MYSEC-PM for the Outcome of Allogeneic Transplant in Post-PV and Post-ET MF

Clinical Variables	HR	95% CI	P
DIPSS			
Hemoglobin < 10 g/dL	1.05	.65-1.72	.84
WBC count > 25 × 10 ⁹ /L	1.58	.87-2.87	.14
Blood blasts > 0%	.83	.49-1.41	.50
Age > 65 yr	1.34	.70-2.54	.37
Constitutional symptoms	1.41	.84-2.39	.20
MYSEC-PM			
CALR-unmutated	3.02	1.19-7.63	.02
Blood blasts > 2%	1.34	.79-2.30	.28
Hemoglobin < 11 g/dL	.97	.54-1.76	.44
Platelets < 150 × 10 ⁹ /L	1.29	.76-2.18	.35
Constitutional symptoms	1.22	.73-2.02	.45
Age, yr	1.24	1.01-1.52	.04

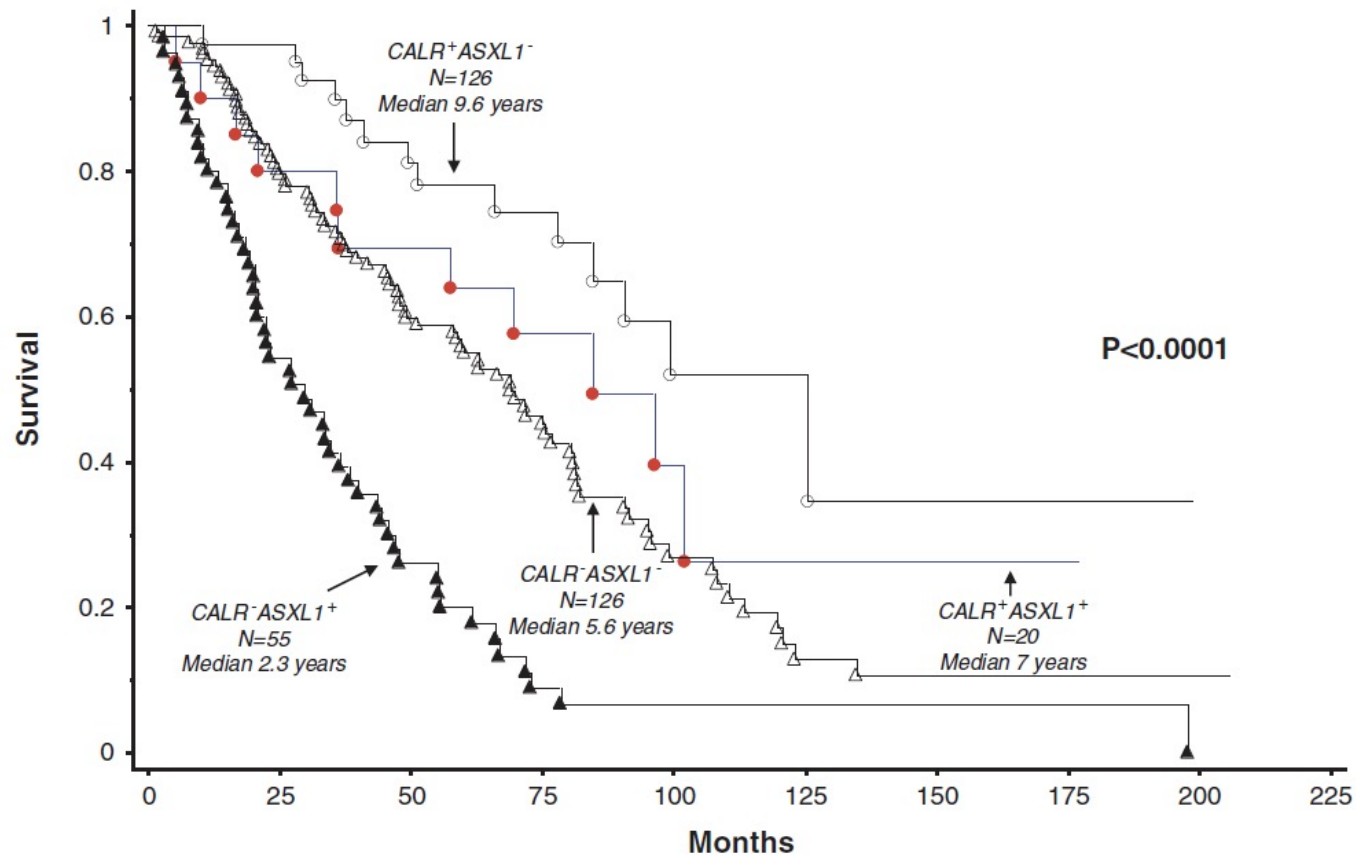


Epigenetic mutations in MPN



JAK2:	
ET	60%
PV	99%
PMF	60%

ASXL1 mutation is an adverse prognostic factor in MF



**“triple negative” or
CALR- ASXL1+ patients have a
worse prognosis independently of
DIPSS.**



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Impact of High-Molecular-Risk Mutations on Transplantation Outcomes in Patients with Myelofibrosis



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N=101 allotransplants in MF
18% MAC HSCT
82% RIC HSCT

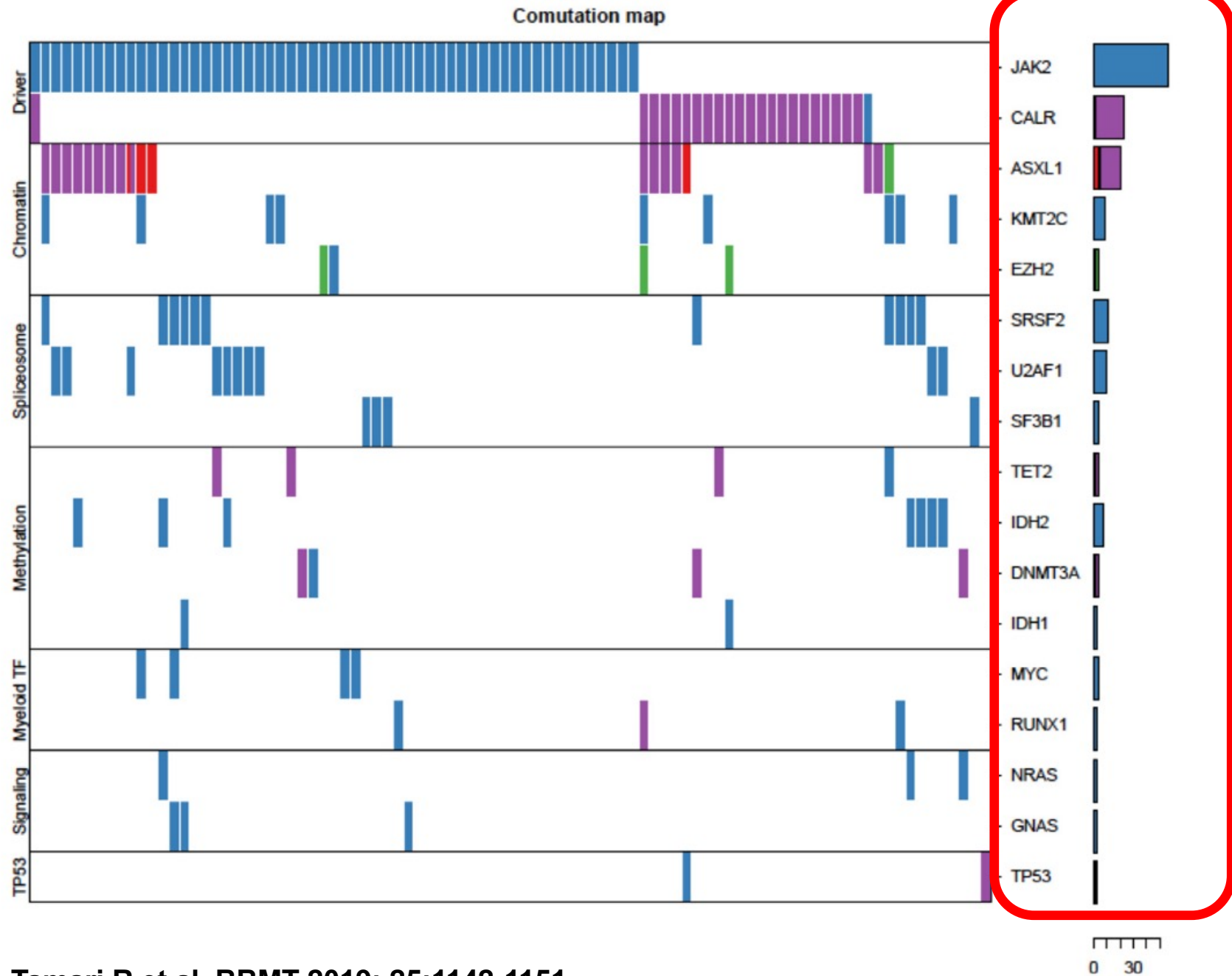
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Table 2
Univariate Analysis of Clinical Characteristics and Mutation Analysis for OS

Effect	Level	HR (95% CI)	P value
Age at transplant	50 - 65 vs. < 50	1.10 (0.43,2.84)	0.9635
	> 65 vs. < 50	1.01 (0.31,3.31)	
Gender	F vs. M	0.95 (0.51,1.76)	0.8613
Cytogenetic risk	unfavorable vs. favorable	2.01 (1.01,4.00)	0.0547 *
	NA vs. favorable	2.19 (0.96,4.98)	
DIPSS	High Risk vs. Low Risk	1.33 (0.40,4.42)	0.4426
	Int-1 vs. Low Risk	1.24 (0.42,3.68)	
	Int-2 vs. Low Risk	0.73 (0.24,2.24)	
Spleen status	Splenectomy vs. No splenomegaly	1.95 (0.67,5.63)	0.4527
	Splenomegaly vs. No splenomegaly	1.43 (0.65,3.14)	
Conditioning intensity	RIC vs. MAC	5.94 (1.43,24.62)	0.0052 *
Time from diagnosis to transplant	>2 years vs. <= 2 years	1.07 (0.58,1.95)	0.8363
Primary vs secondary MF	Other dx vs. PMF	0.75 (0.40,1.43)	0.3816
Donor	Unrelated vs. Related	1.59 (0.85,2.96)	0.1436
Donor age	>=50 vs. <50	0.91 (0.46,1.80)	0.2808
	NA vs. <50	0.46 (0.18,1.22)	
Mutations	At least one positive vs. triple negative	1.22 (0.56,2.64)	0.6145
HMR presence	Yes vs. No	1.36 (0.73,2.56)	0.3334
3 or more somatic mutations	Yes vs. No	1.22 (0.64,2.31)	0.5467
JAK2	Yes vs. No	1.34 (0.71,2.53)	0.3572
CALR	Yes vs. No	0.72 (0.32,1.63)	0.4328
ASXL1	Yes vs. No	1.39 (0.67,2.92)	0.3755
SRSF2	Yes vs. No	0.95 (0.37,2.42)	0.9174
KMT2C	Yes vs. No	0.78 (0.28,2.19)	0.6342
U2AF1	Yes vs. No	2.76 (1.28,5.99)	0.0071 *
TET2	Yes vs. No	1.60 (0.63,4.08)	0.317
IDH2	Yes vs. No	2.23 (0.94,5.29)	0.0626
DNMT3A_cat	Yes vs. No	2.91 (1.03,8.24)	0.0345 *
MIPSS-70	High Risk vs. Intermediate/low risk	1.25 (0.62,2.52)	0.5372

U2AF1
DNMT3A



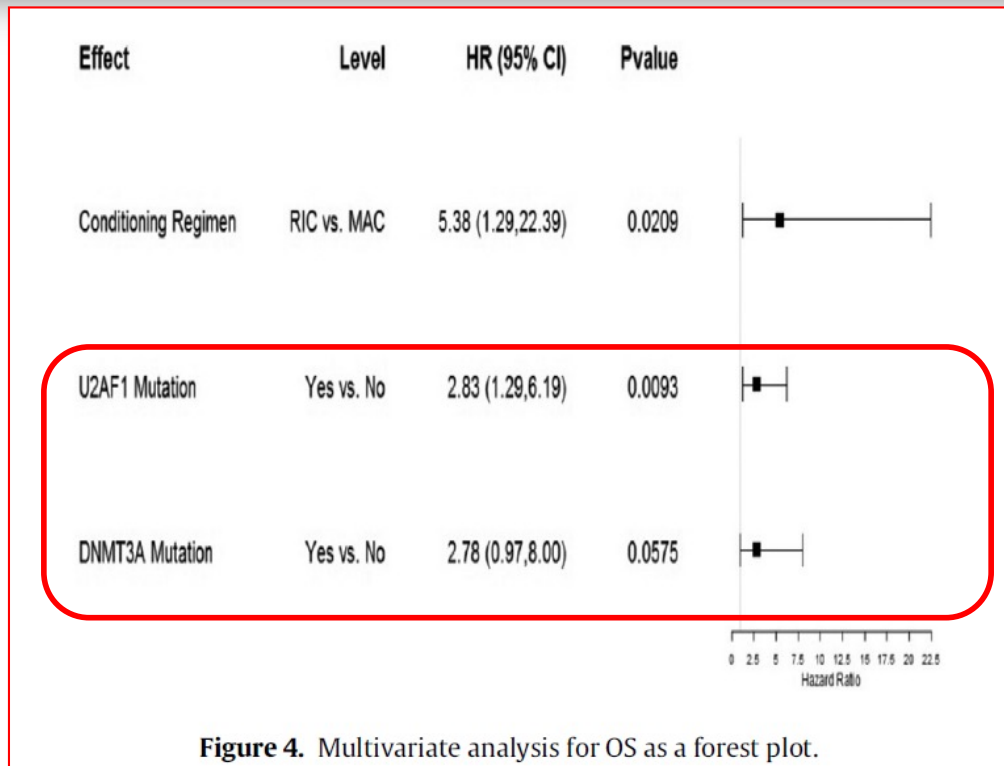
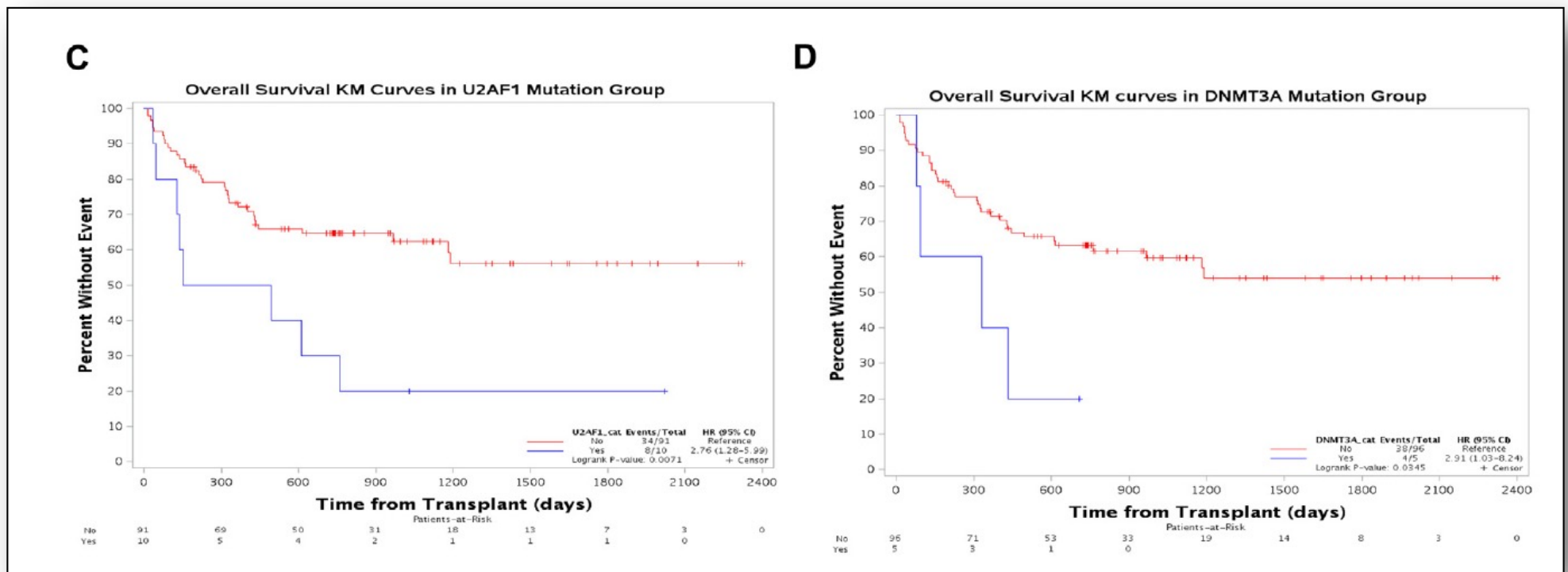


Figure 4. Multivariate analysis for OS as a forest plot.

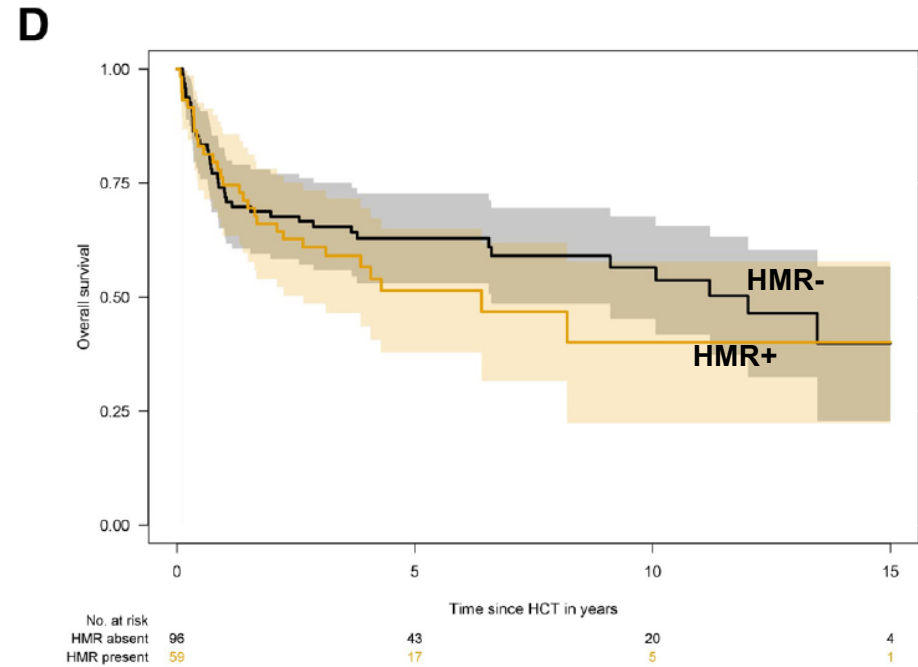
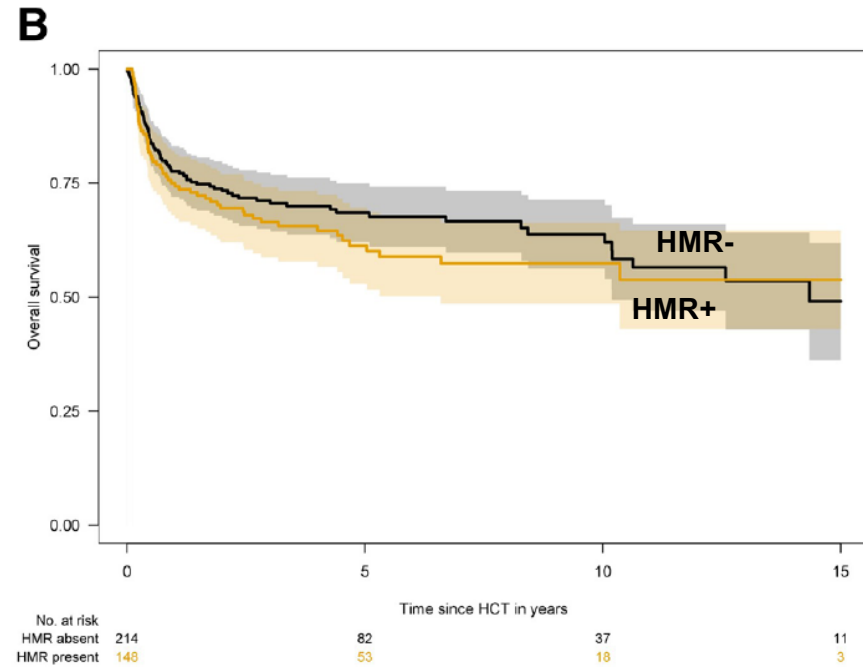
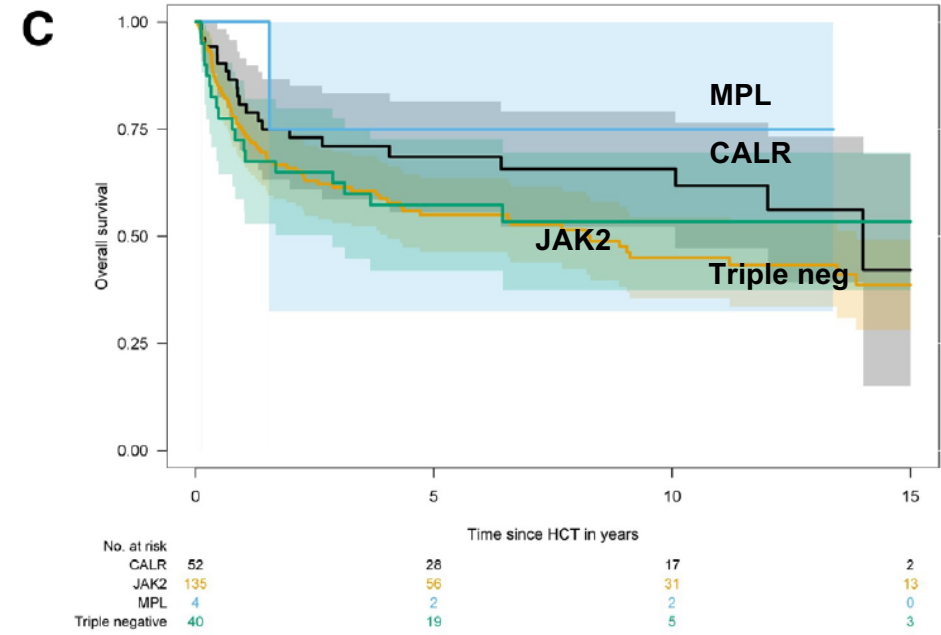
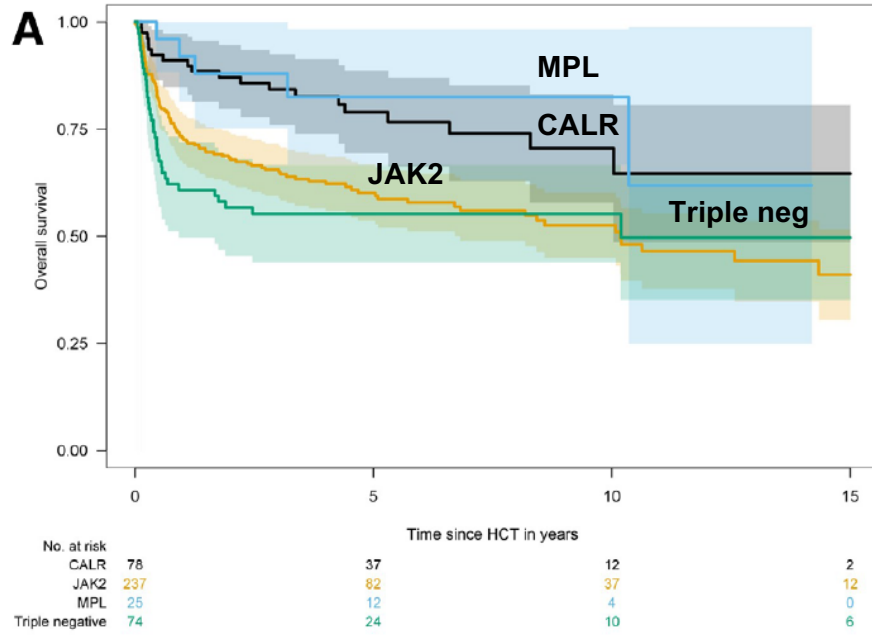
Do High Risk patients benefit from a myeloablative conditioning (MAC)?

Patients and Transplant Characteristics

Characteristic	RIC (n = 414)	MAC (n = 231)	P
Age at HCT in years, median (range)	58 (18–78)	54 (21–71)	<0.001
Female sex, n (%)	165 (40)	106 (46)	0.15
Diagnosis, n (%)			0.001
PMF	290 (70)	133 (58)	
SMF	124 (30)	98 (42)	
Transfusion dependence	202 (49)	127 (55)	0.16
Blood levels, median (range)			
Hemoglobin, g/dL	9.5 (5.6–17.6)	9.9 (5.6–16.0)	0.12
Circulating blasts, %	1 (0–19)	1 (0–19)	0.51
Platelets, $\times 10^6/L$	144 (5–2437)	165 (4–3506)	0.18
Leukocytes, $\times 10^6/L$	8.1 (0.6–168.8)	8.6 (0.4–93.7)	0.70
Karnofsky performance status, n (%)			0.03
90%–100%	244 (59)	159 (69)	
<90%	170 (41)	72 (31)	
Driver mutation genotype, n (%)			0.07
<i>CALR</i>	78 (19)	52 (23)	
<i>MPL</i>	25 (6)	4 (2)	
<i>JAK2</i>	237 (57)	135 (58)	
Triple negative	74 (18)	40 (18)	
<i>ASXL1</i> mutation present ^a	119 (29)	50 (29)	0.97
HMR present ^b	148 (41)	59 (38)	0.55

RIC

MAC



Do patients in accelerated-phase (blasts: 10-19%) benefit from a reduced intensity conditioning (RIC) vs patients in chronic-phase?

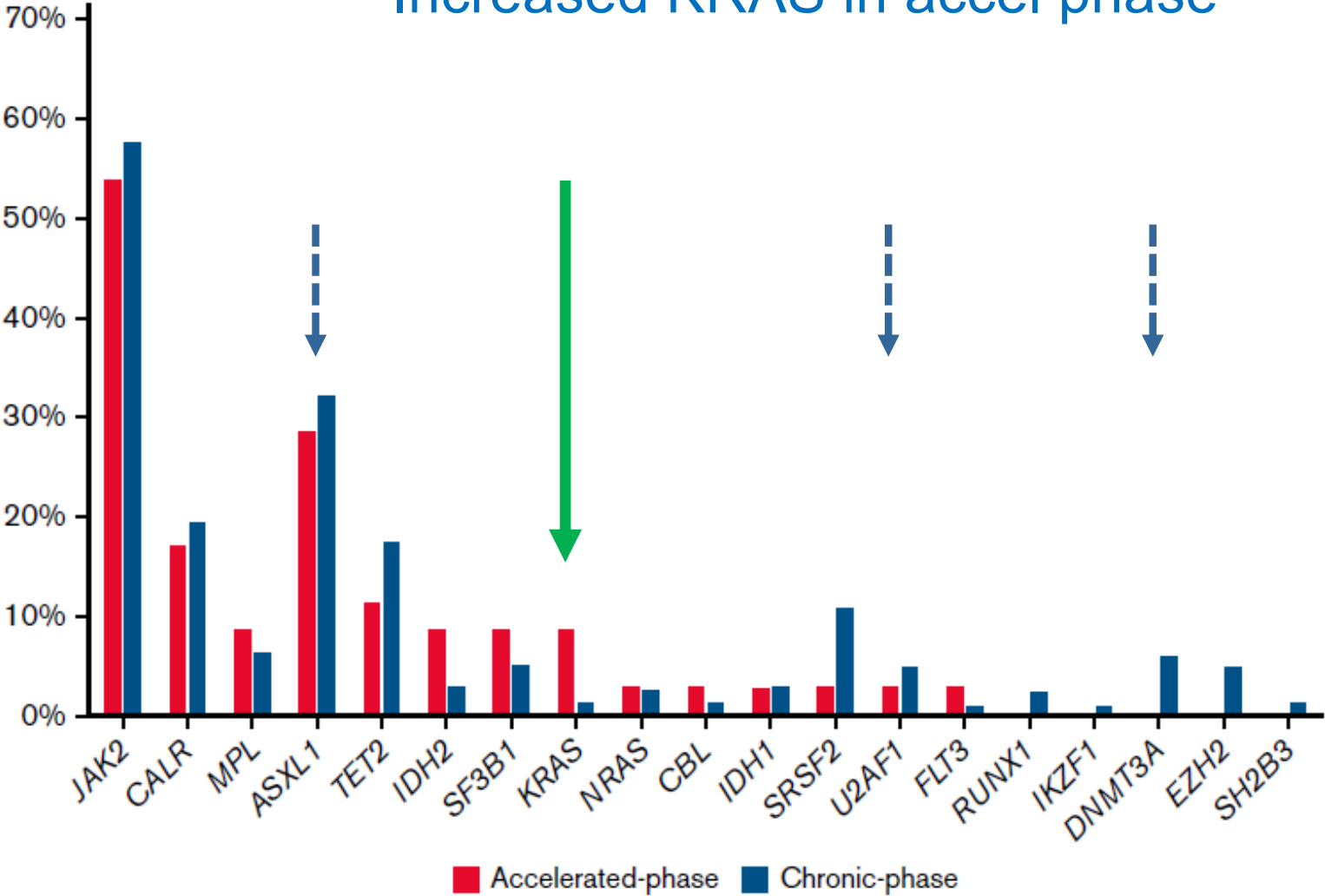
Reduced intensity hematopoietic stem cell transplantation
 for accelerated-phase myelofibrosis

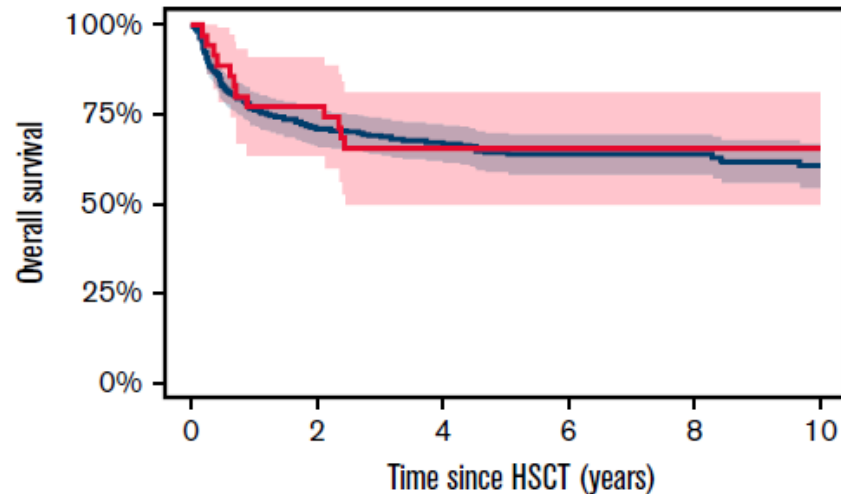
 Nico Gagelmann,¹ Christine Wolschke,¹ Rachel B. Salit,² Thomas Schroeder,³ Markus Ditschkowski,³ Victoria Panagiota,⁴

chronic phase: N. 314
 accel phase: N. 35
 Median age: 58 yrs in both groups

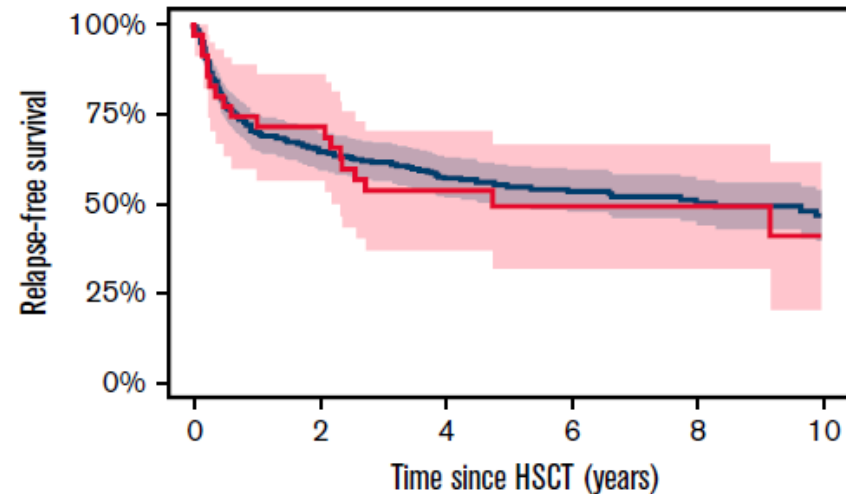
Characteristic	Entire cohort	Chronic-phase	Accelerated-phase	P
DIPSS, no. (%)				.05
Low	15	15 (6)	0	
Intermediate-1	75	72 (31)	3 (14)	
Intermediate-2	123	112 (49)	11 (52)	
High	39	32 (14)	7 (34)	
Triple negative	59	52 (17)	7 (20)	
HMR, no. (%)				.86
Present	140	126 (40)	14 (40)	
Donor relation, no. (%)				.36
Matched related	89	81 (26)	8 (23)	
Matched unrelated	174	152 (48)	22 (63)	
Mismatched related	2	2 (1)	0	
Mismatched unrelated	84	79 (25)	5 (14)	
Regimen				.92
Busulfan-fludarabine	293	264 (74)	29 (83)	
Fludarabine-melphalan	55	49 (15)	6 (17)	
TBI-fludarabine	1	1 (1)	0	
Time to transplant, y				.36
Median (range)	2.2 (0.1-47.3)	2.1 (0.1-47.3)	3.2 (0.2-47.2)	
Ruxolitinib pretransplant, no. (%)				.26
	117	102 (33)	15 (43)	
Follow-up, y				.62
Median (range)	6.0 (5.2-6.7)	6.0 (5.2-6.7)	5.9 (2.8-9.0)	

Increased KRAS in accel phase

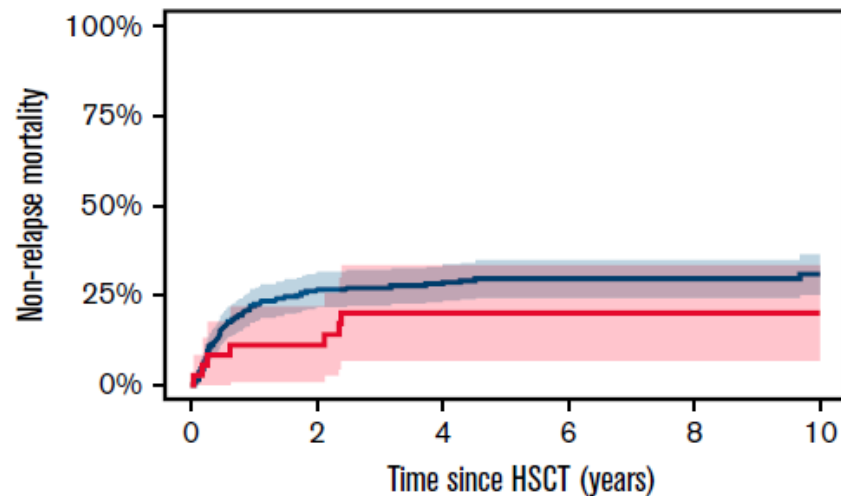




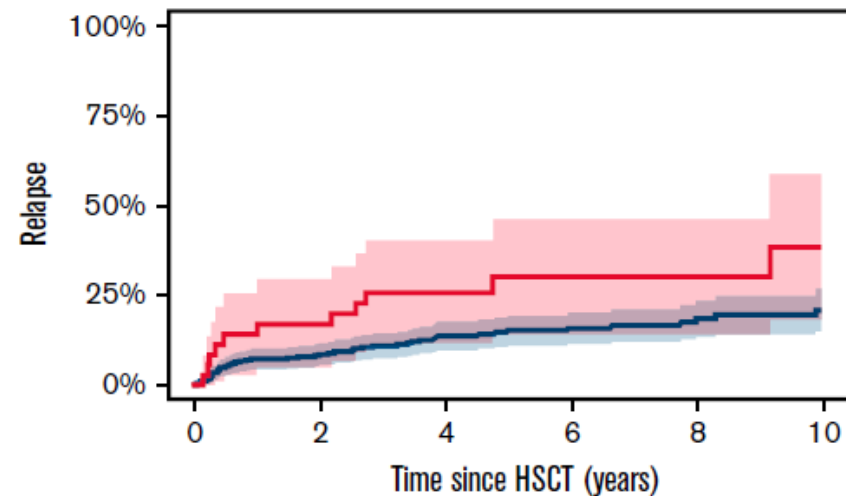
No. at risk		0	2	4	6	8	10
Chronic-phase	314	217	150	101	70	48	
Accelerated-phase	35	27	16	11	9	4	



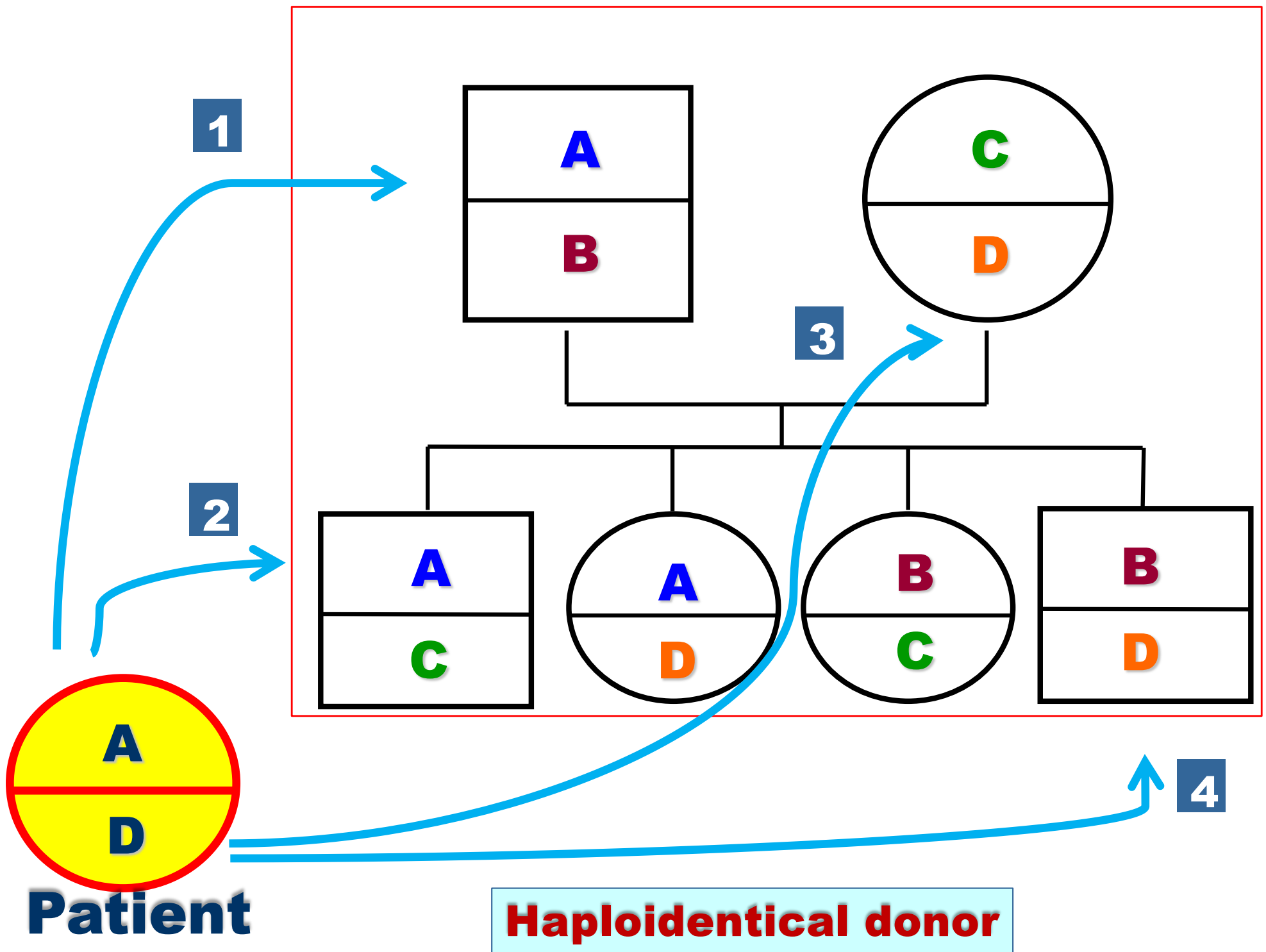
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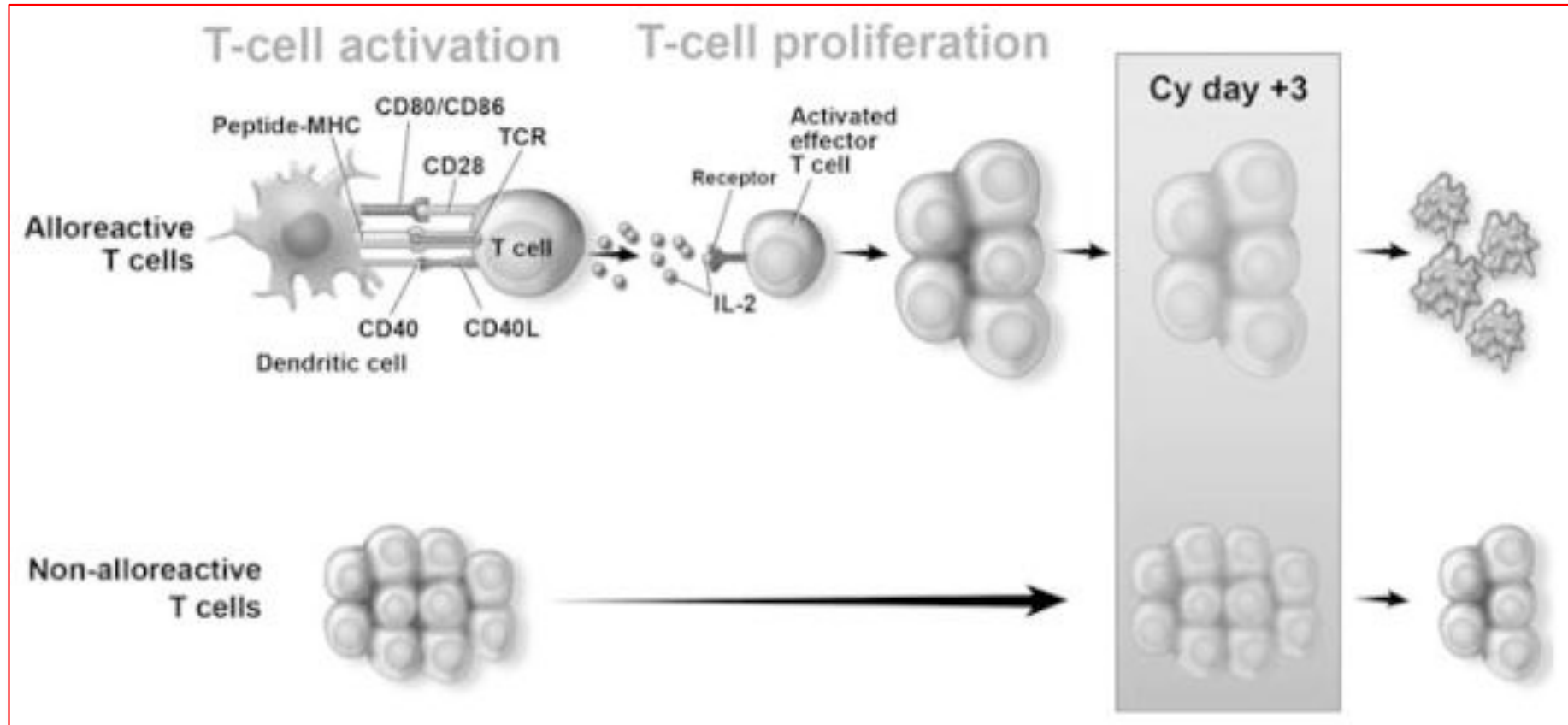
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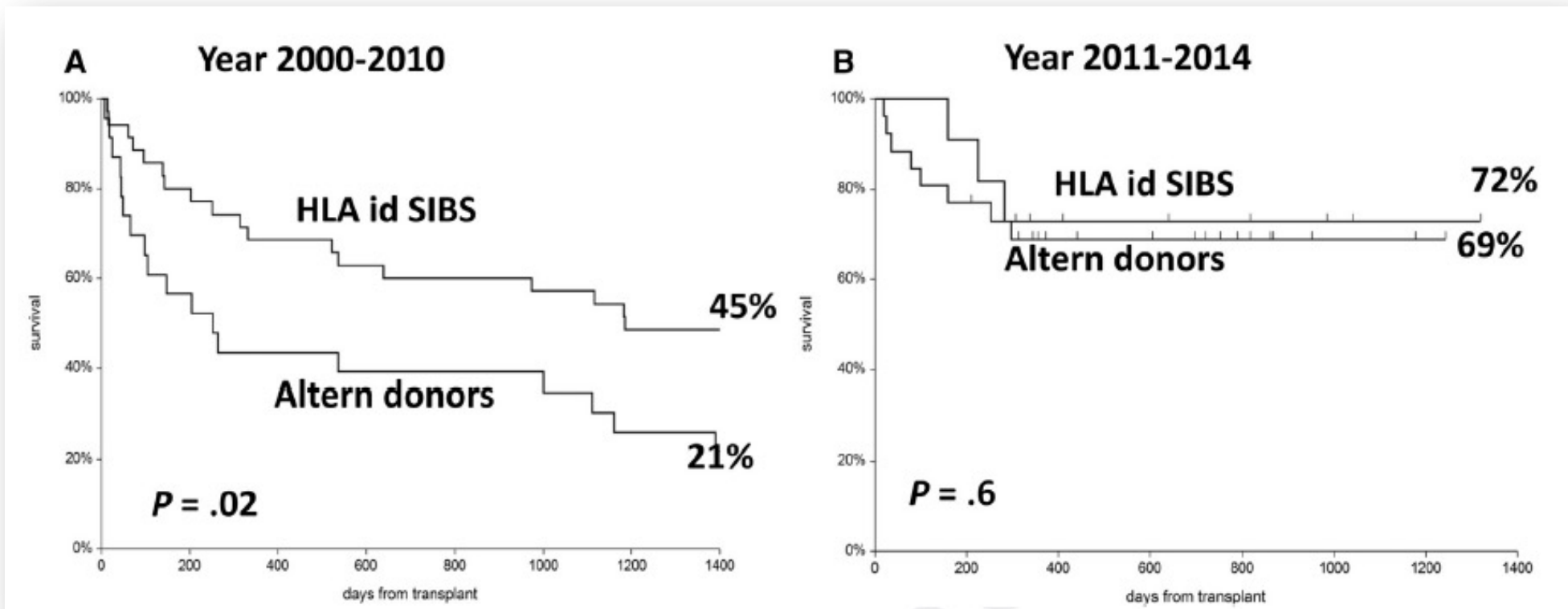
The PTCy Strategy



- 1) Depletion of alloreactive T cells
- 2) Preservation of stem cells due to chemo-resistance
- 3) Expansion of Tregs

Improved Outcome of Alternative Donor Transplantations in Patients with Myelofibrosis: From Unrelated to Haploidentical Family Donors

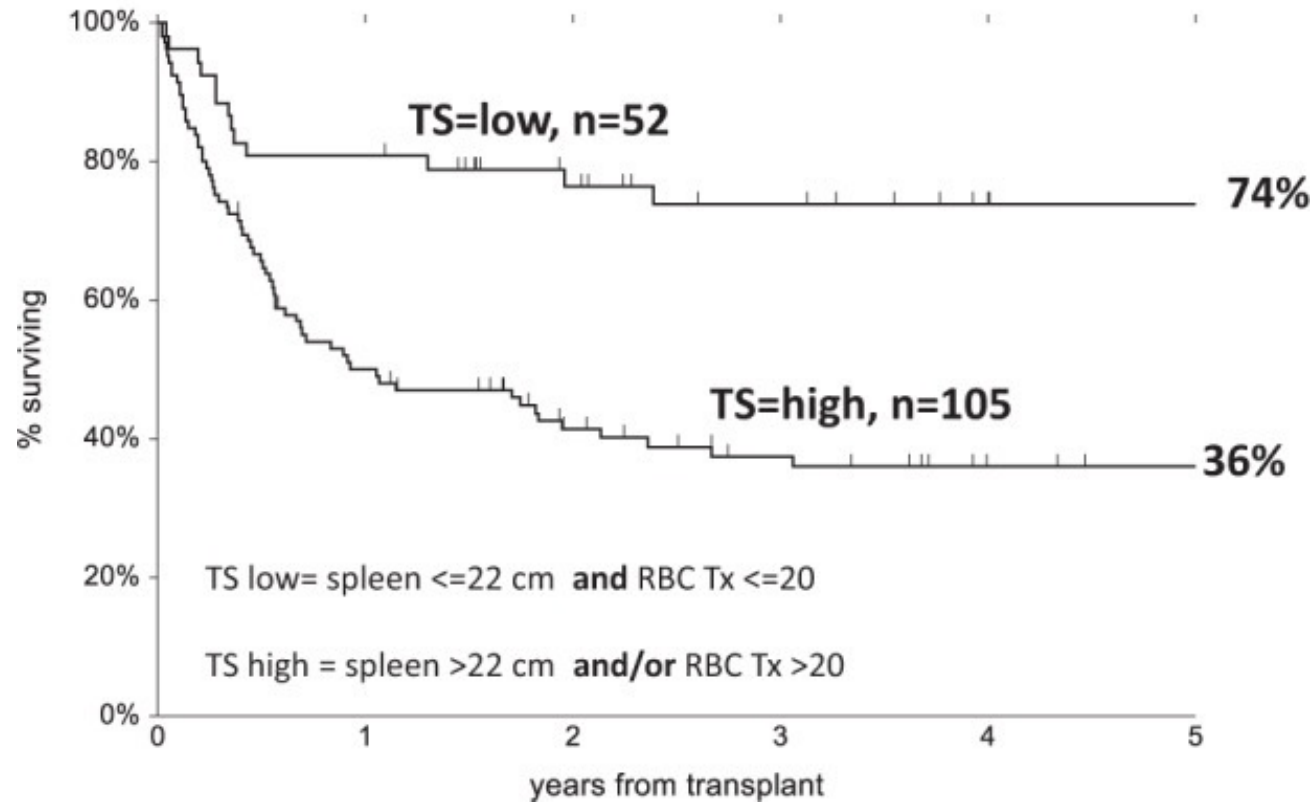
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2000-2010
Cytoxan
Thiotepa

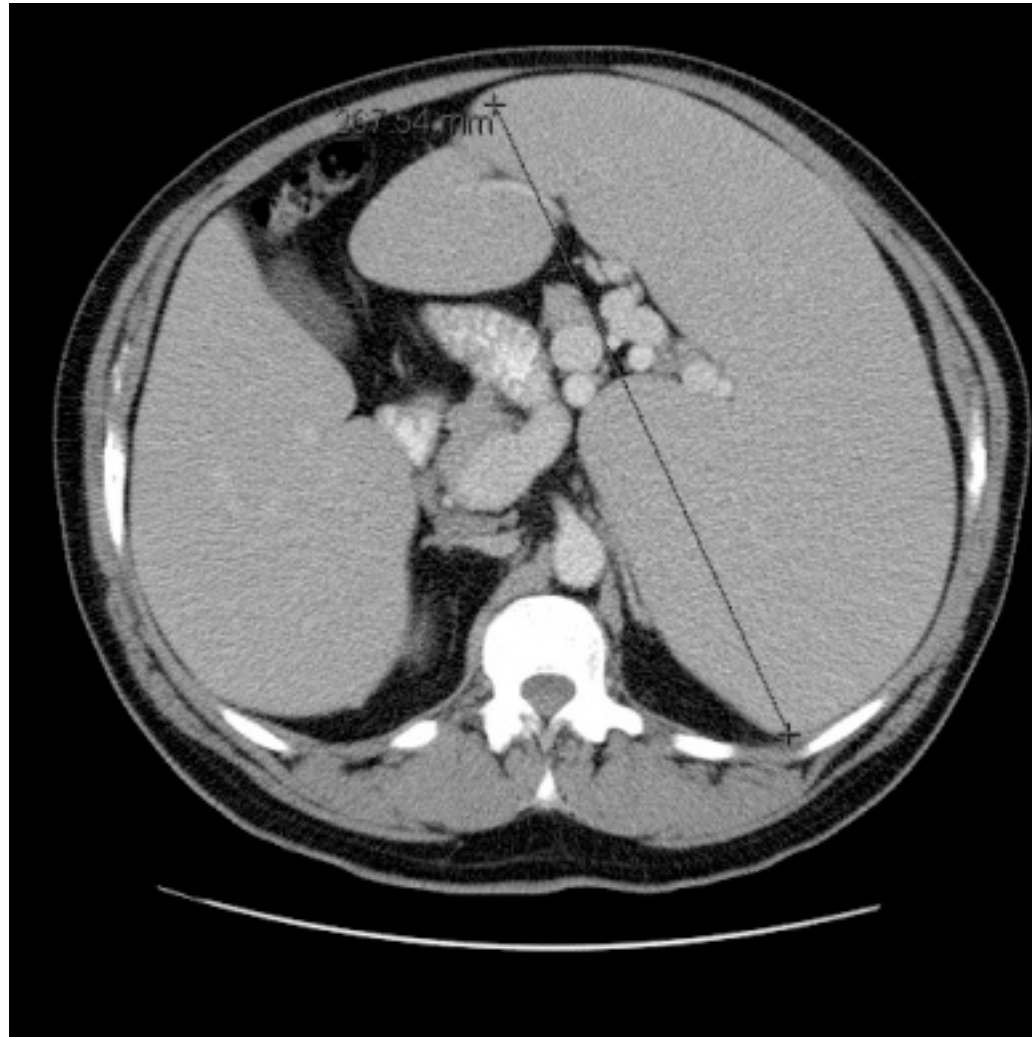
2011-2014
Fluda
Thiotepa
Bus

DFS myelofibrosis 157 patients



A low transplant score (TS) is identified as red blood cell transfusions (RBC Tx) $<$ 20 units and spleen size less than 22 cm.
A high TS is identified as red blood cell transfusions (RBC Tx) $>$ 20 units and/or spleen size than $>$ 22 cm.

EXTENSIVE SPLENOMEGALY PRIOR TO ALLOGENEIC STEM CELL TRANSPLANTATION

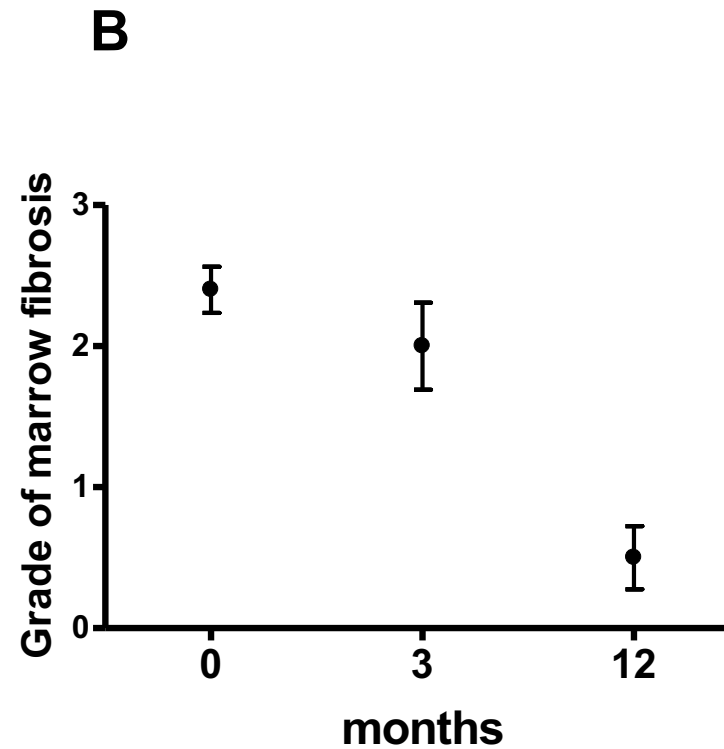
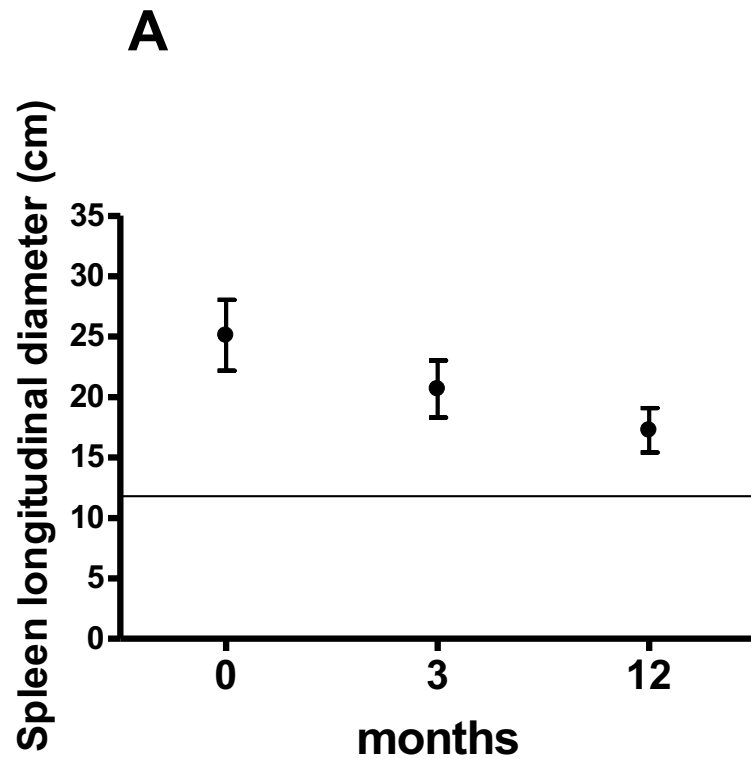


EXTENSIVE SPLENOMEGALY PRIOR TO ALLOGENEIC STEM CELL TRANSPLANTATION: engraftment

Pt. No	Spleen long. diameter at DX (cm)	BM fibrosis at DX (grade)	Dx to Tx (mo)	ANC >500 (days)	PLT >20K (days)	Follow-up (mo)	Spleen long. diameter at last follow-up (cm)	Clinical response§
1	34	3	6	18	77	81+	21	CRp
2	12.5	2	12	16	N/A*	2	10.5	N/A
3	32	2	7	15	15	54+	15	CR
4	21	3	6	12	15	55+	14	CR
5	30.5	3	24	28	256	14+	24.5	CI
6	12	3	6	12	12	57+	9.5	CR
7	20.5	2	12	15	8	79+	13.5	CR
8	30	2	2	12	12	48+	25	CR
9	33.5	3	264	19	14	6+	23	CI
10	34	2	22	15	15	5+	23	CRp

Ciurea et al, Brit J Haematol, 2008

Decreased fibrosis after allo SCT in pts with extensive splenomegaly



Ciurea et al, Brit J Haematol 2008;141:80-83

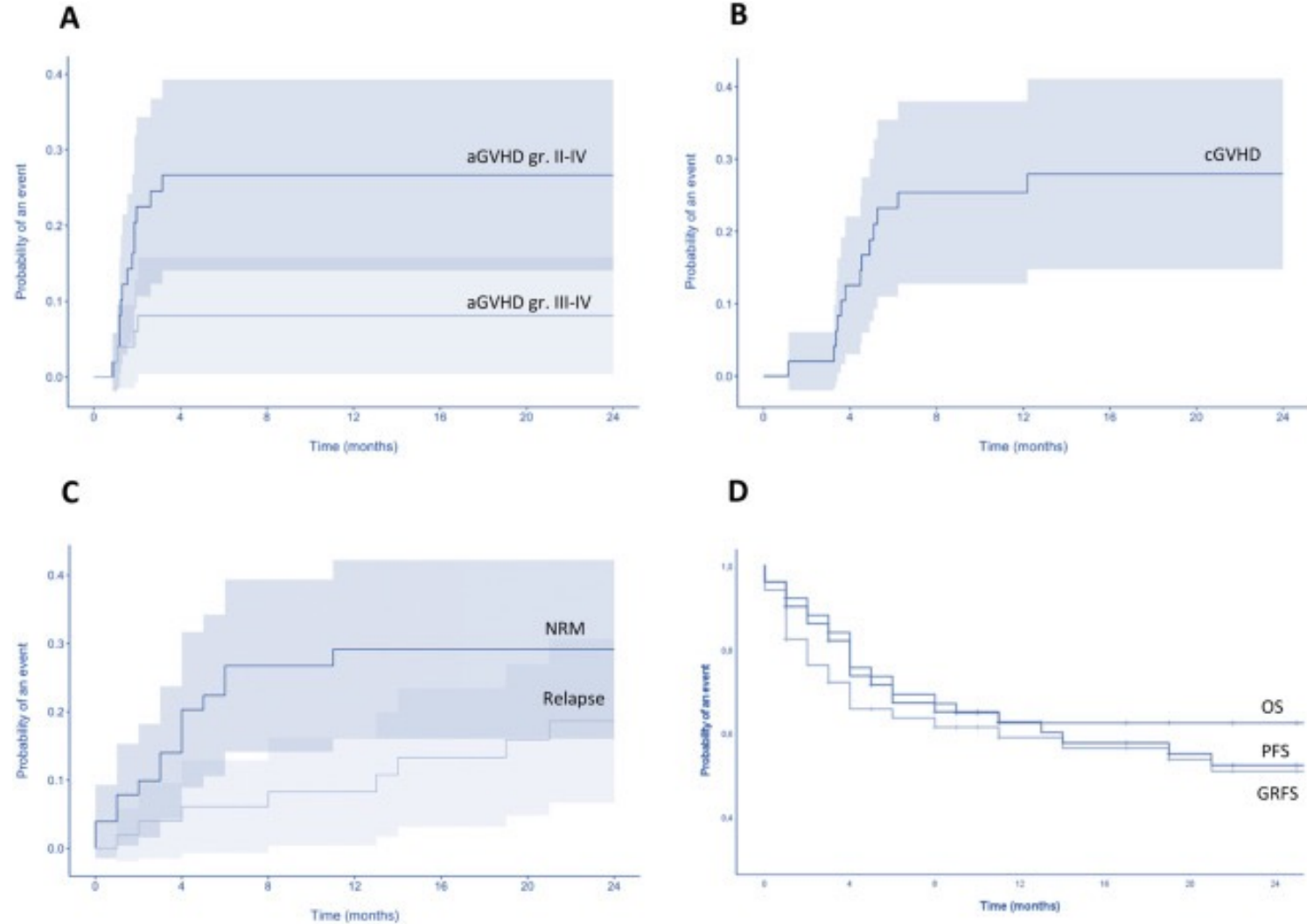


Haploidentical hemopoietic cell transplantation for myelofibrosis, in ruxolitinib era

2012-2020
N.51 pts
Age: 58 (42-72)
Splenectomy: 14

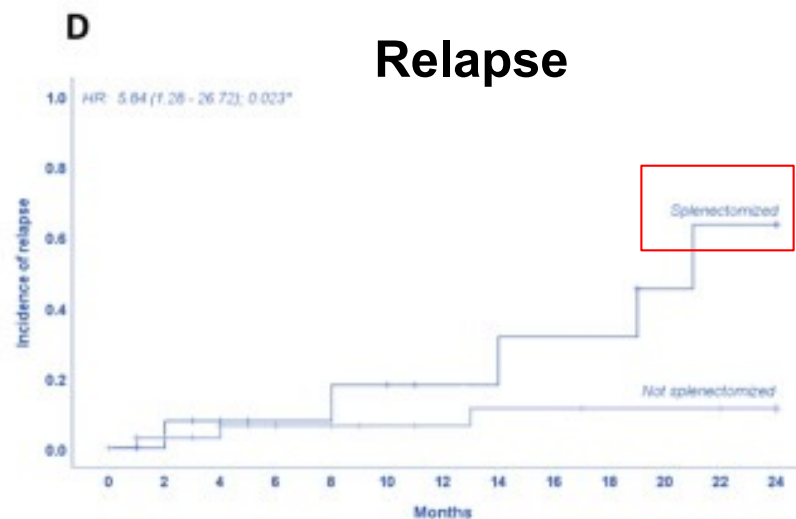
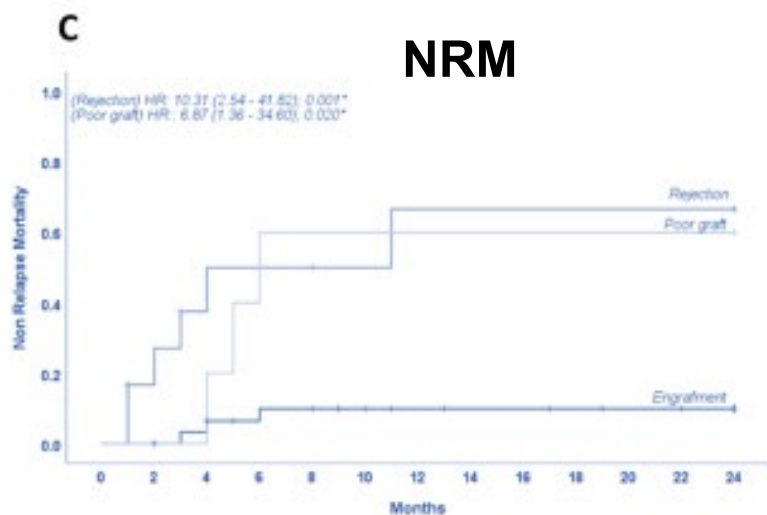
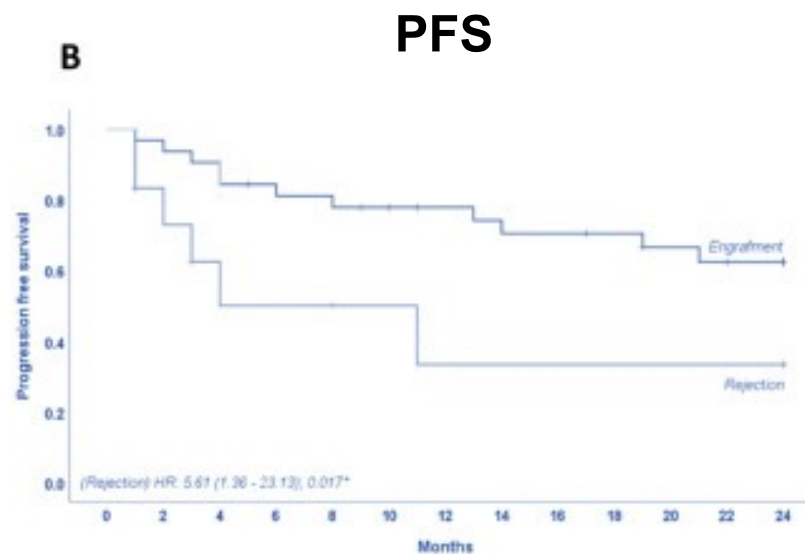
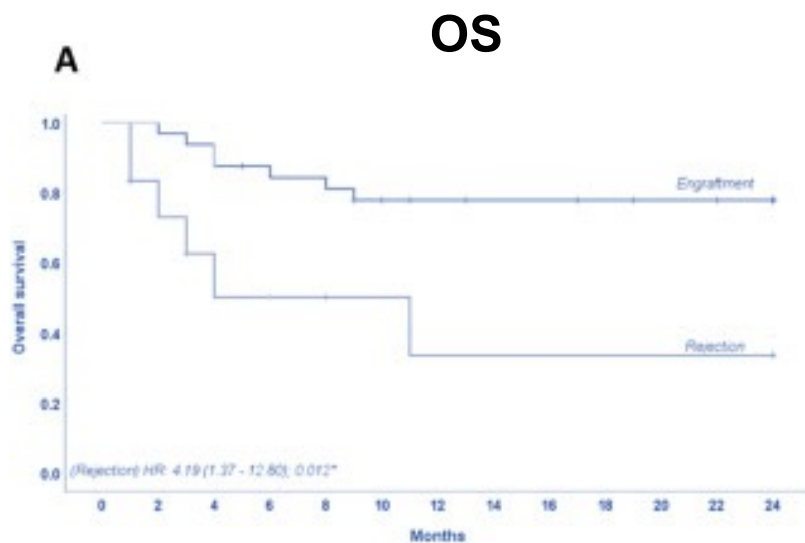
Cond Regim
TBF2: 32
TBF3: 19

GVHD prophyl
PTCy
CsA x 180 dd
MMF x 28 d



Splenectomy pre-HSCT: good for engraftment and bad for relapse?

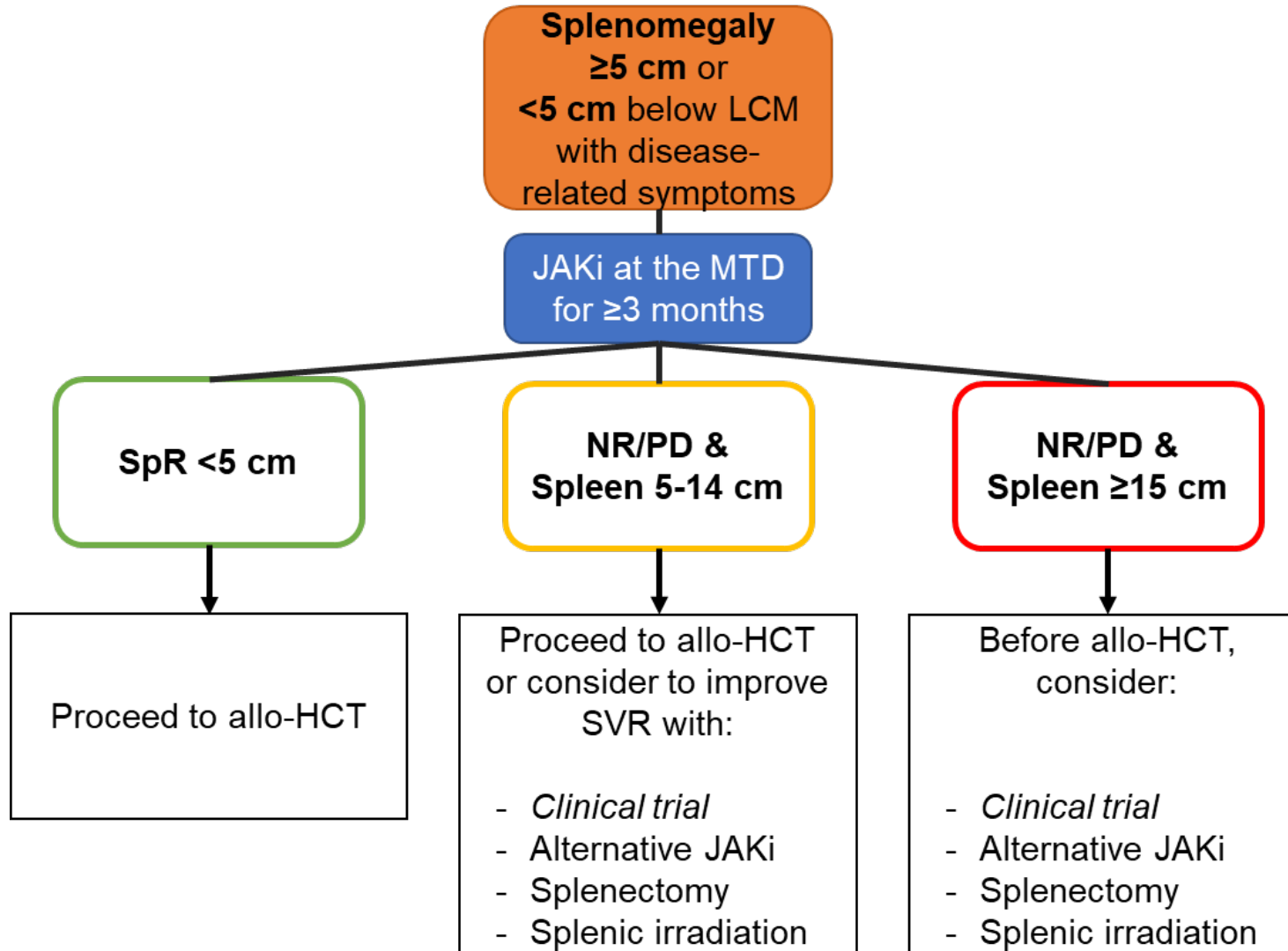
Gambella M, et al. Transplantation and Cellular Therapy (2022)



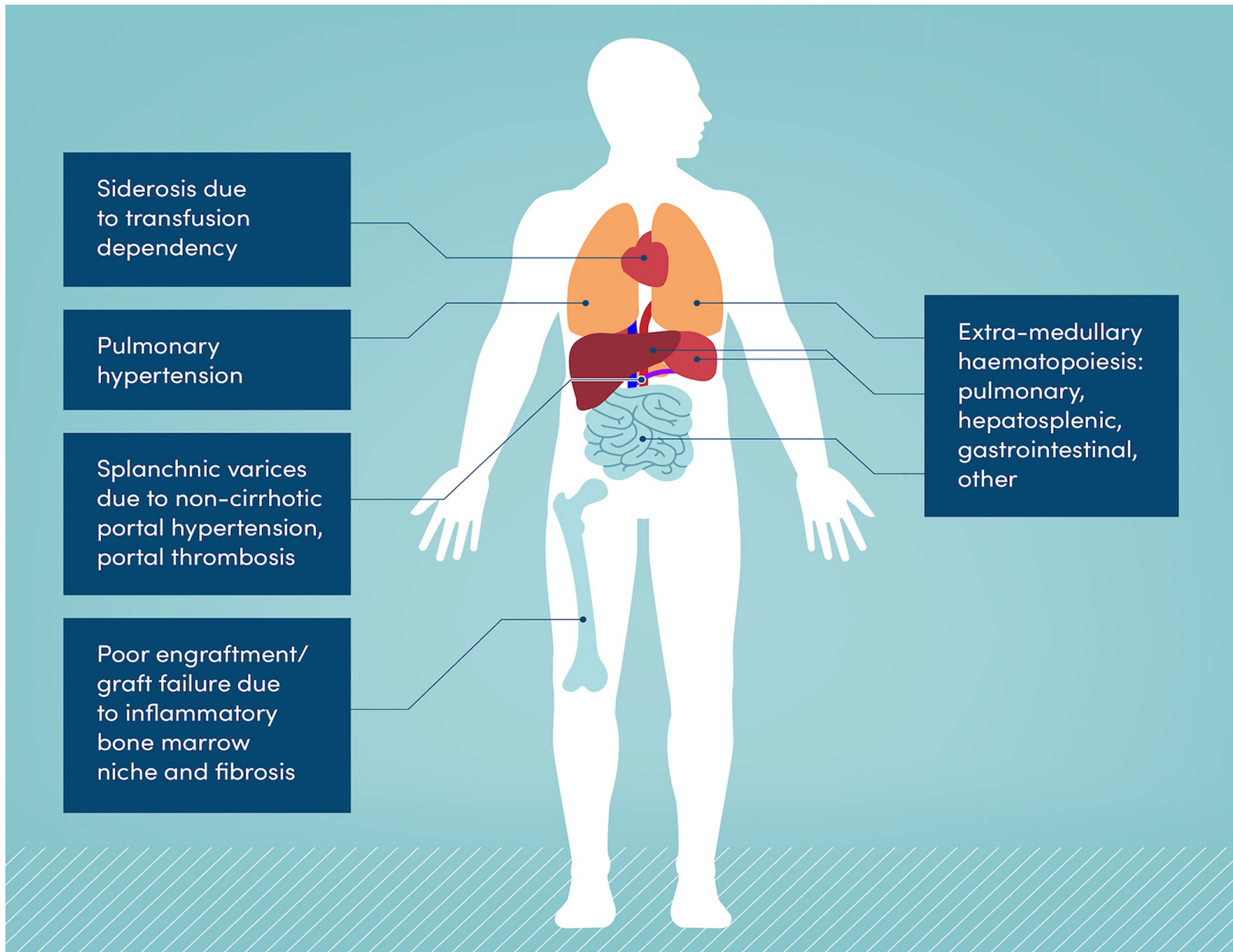
In multivariate analysis: **splenectomy** correlated with PFS (0.026) and with relapse (0.023), **graft failure** correlated with OS (0.012)

MANAGEMENT OF SPLENOMEGALY IN PATIENTS WITH PRIMARY OR SECONDARY MYELOFIBROSIS WHO ARE CANDIDATES FOR ALLOGENEIC HEMATOPOIETIC STEM CELL TRANSPLANTATION: A POSITION PAPER ON BEHALF OF THE CHRONIC MALIGNANCIES WORKING PARTY OF EBMT

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Factors potentially contributing to poor transplant outcomes



A few answers on HSCT in MF

- 1. DIPPS score, cytogen and molec studies needed**
- 2. Consider HSCT if transfusion dependent or increasing spleen size**
- 3. Jak inhib (≥ 3 months) useful to reduce spleen pre-HSCT**
- 4. HSCT is successful with MRD, MUD or haplo- donors**
- 5. MAC not superior to RIC. RIC can be used also in HR or accel phase patients**
- 6. Very large spleen can affect engraftment (and survival), but splenectomy can increase the risk of relapse. Yes, splenectomy in symptomatic patients**



thank you!



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