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Nell'articolo vengono descritti pazienti con gravi emorragie, fibrinolisi, rapido peggioramento delle condizioni cliniche e presenza di promielociti nel sangue periferico e midollo

L'inizio



«...Partimmo in tre, io, Ottaviani e Manai, ognuno con la propria macchina.

Viaggiammo tutta la notte e tutto il giorno, sull'Aurelia – l'autostrada ancora non esisteva – e arrivammo a Roma che era già tardi. Attraversammo tutta la città e, finalmente, fermai la mia macchina davanti al Policlinico Umberto I.»

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Variation in the Duration of Survival of Patients with Acute Leukemia

By BRIAN MACMAHON AND DONALD FORMAN

RESULTS

Variation by Cell Type

Percentage survival for various periods after diagnosis is shown for the total 623 patients in figure 1. Almost half the patients died before the end of the first month after diagnosis, and half again of the survivors to the first month died

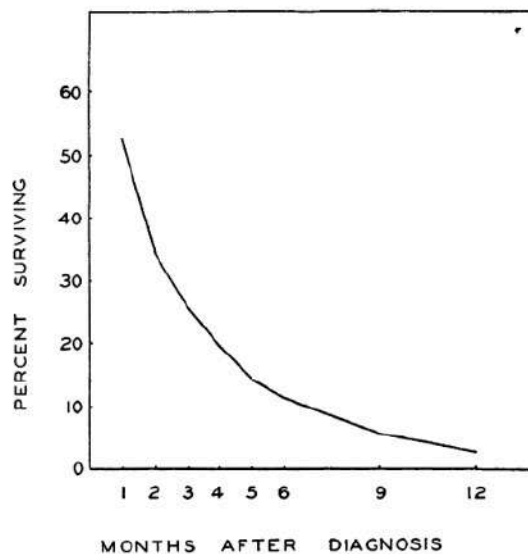


FIG. 1.—Percentage of patients with acute leukemia surviving for various periods after diagnosis, Brooklyn, 1943-52.

...chi non vorrebbe arrivare a un risultato così !

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Curing Acute Promyelocytic Leukemia: Farewell to Chemotherapy

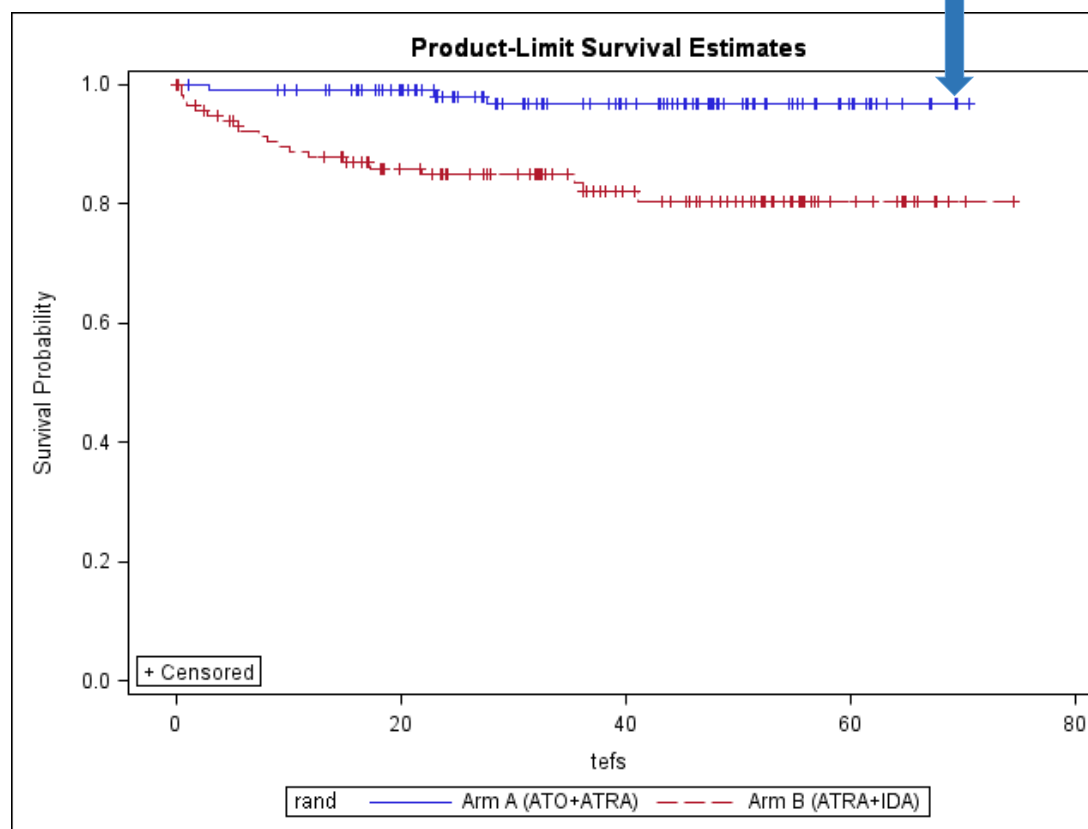
By JOSE A. BUFILL, MD

The treatment of acute promyelocytic leukemia (APL) has evolved rapidly since the 1980s, when hematologists began to acknowledge that the traditional 7+3 regimen was inadequate for this distinctive and deadly type of myeloid leukemia. Thus began a 30-year movement away from empiric, chemotherapy-based approaches and toward targeted trend driven by serendipity, and by exceptional cooperation among clinical scientists.

First, Chinese investigators in the late 1980s reported successful outcomes in patients treated with

Leucemia Acuta Promielocitica

30 anni dopo



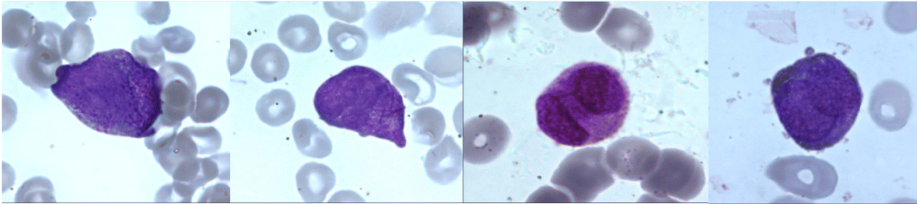
ACUTE PROMYELOCYTIC LEUKEMIA

Hypergranular or typical APL (M3)

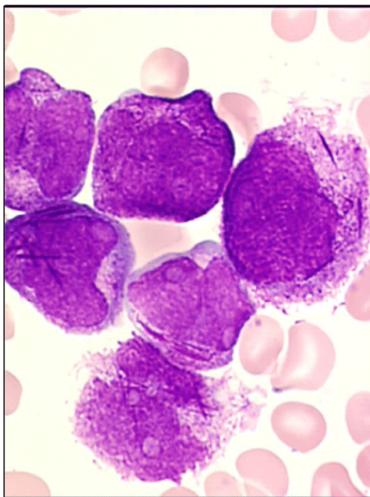
- 60% to 70% of cases.
- Low white blood cell count.
- Abnormal promyelocytes with numerous red to purple cytoplasmic granules that are typically darker and larger than normal neutrophil granules.
- Identifiable faggot/matchstick cells with numerous Auer rods.

Hypogranular or microgranular APL (M3v)

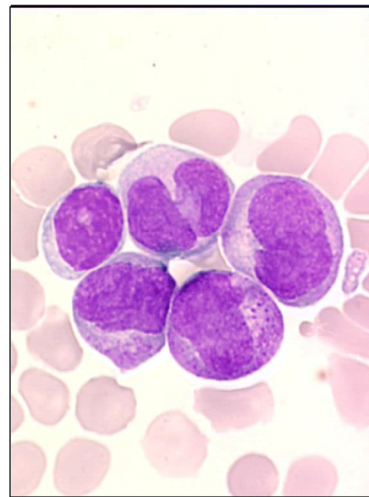
- Leukocytosis.
- Numerous abnormal promyelocytes readily identified on a peripheral blood smear.
- Irregular nucleus and granulations sparser and finer compared with the hypergranular form.
- Faggot cells with multiple Auer rods less commonly seen.



AML-3



AML-3v



La malattia è un raro sottotipo di leucemia acuta mieloide (<10%) con una incidenza stimata in 0.1/100.000 nei paesi occidentali.



La APL è caratterizzata a livello molecolare da una traslocazione cromosomica che unisce il gene PML presente sul cromosoma 15 con quello del recettore Alpha dell'acido retinoico (RARA) sul cromosoma 17

Data on large published series of APL patients treated with combinations of cytotoxic agents during the pre-ATRA era

Reference	Period	No. of patients	Induction regimen	CR (%)	Median DFS
Marty et al. [25]	1972–	60	DNR	70	17 months
	1982	18	DNR + AraC	72	48 months (maintenance)
Cordonnier et al. [37]	1972–1982	57	DNR + AraC ± other	53	11 months
Kantarjian et al. [38]	1973–	60	Amsa or DNR + AraC	53	15 months
	1984		Adr + AraC ± other		NA (maintenance)
Goldberg et al. [39]	1974–1985	34	DNR or Adr + AraC	74	24 months
Hoyle et al. [40]	1976–1986	115	DNR + AraC + TG	60	13 months
Sanz et al. [41]	1976–1986	34	DNR	68	24 months
Cunningham et al. [42]	1974–1983	53	DNR or Amsa + AraC + TG	72	15 months
Rodeghiero et al. [31]	1984–1987	131	DNR	67	NA
		137	DNR or Adr + AraC ± other	58	NA
Thomas et al. [43]	1974–1989	67	DNR + AraC ± other	64	16 months
Fenaux et al. [29]	1974–1988	70	DNR	80	17 months
			DNR + AraC		NA (maintenance)
			Amsa or RBZ + AraC		

Adr adriamycin, *Amsa* amsacrine, *AraC* cytarabine, *CR* complete remission, *DFS* disease-free survival, *DNR* daunorubicin, *NA* not available, *RBZ* rubidazole, *TG* thioguanine


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Abstract

In a double-blind study, 12 consecutive patients with acute promyelocytic leukaemia were randomised either to tranexamic acid (TA group) or to placebo (control group) for 6 days to see whether inhibition of fibrinolysis would reduce haemorrhage and transfusion requirements. The total study period was 14 days. In the TA group, there were fewer haemorrhagic episodes, as determined by a scoring system. Packed red cell transfusion requirements decreased; and fewer additional platelet concentrate transfusions were needed. These beneficial effects were more pronounced in the second week. There were no thromboembolic complications.

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Terminal transferase positive acute myeloid leukemia: Immunophenotypic characterization and response to induction therapy

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Idarubicin in combination with intermediate-dose cytarabine in the treatment of refractory or relapsed acute leukemias*

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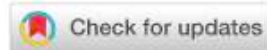
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The records of 268 consecutive patients with acute hypergranular promyelocytic leukemia, treated at 29 Italian centers between January 1984 and December 1987, have been reviewed to assess the incidence of early hemorrhagic deaths and the effectiveness of various anti-hemorrhagic treatments. Three separate groups were considered: 94 patients were treated with heparin, 67 with anti-fibrinolytics (tranexamic acid, ϵ -aminocaproic acid, or aprotinin), and 107 with supportive therapy alone. The overall incidence of early hemorrhagic death (within the first 10 days of treatment) was 9.4%, with no significant

differences between the various groups. Similarly, there were no differences in complete remission rates or duration of survival. The consumption of packed red blood cells and platelet concentrates was similar for two of the groups, and there was a significantly greater use of platelet concentrates for heparin-treated patients. High blast cell counts on the day of admission were significantly associated with hemorrhagic death within the first 10 days. These counts, plus high blast cell counts and low platelet counts, were associated with death within 24 hours.

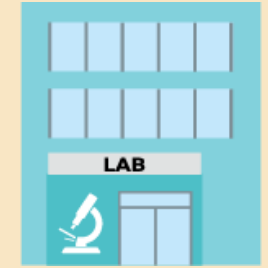
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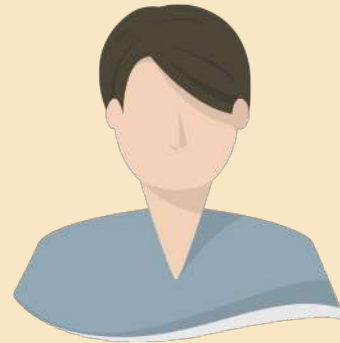
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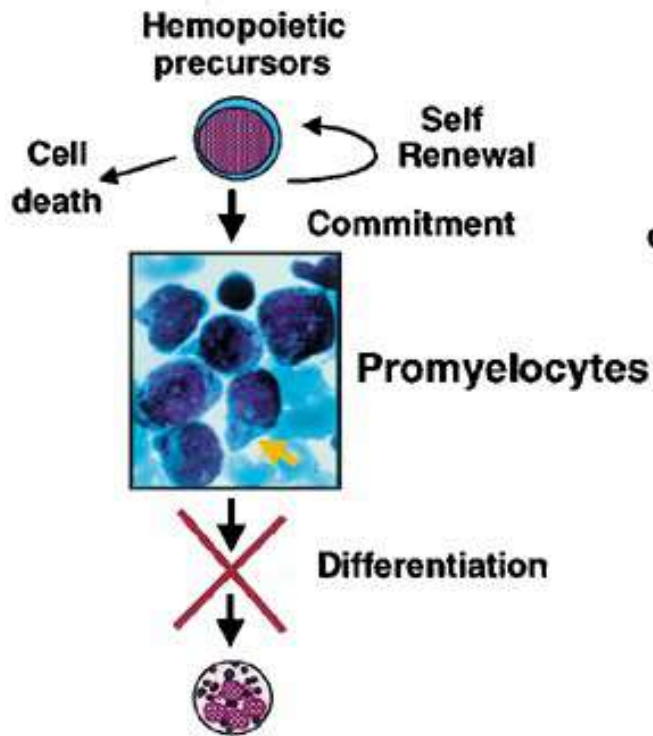
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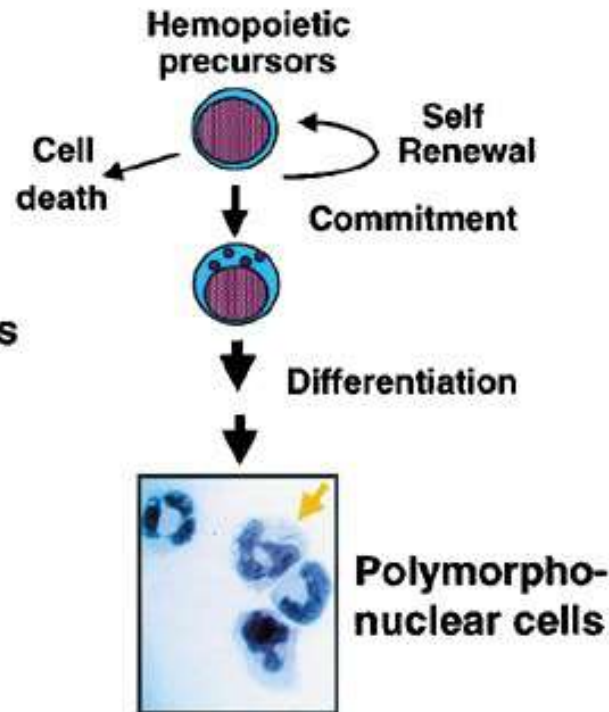
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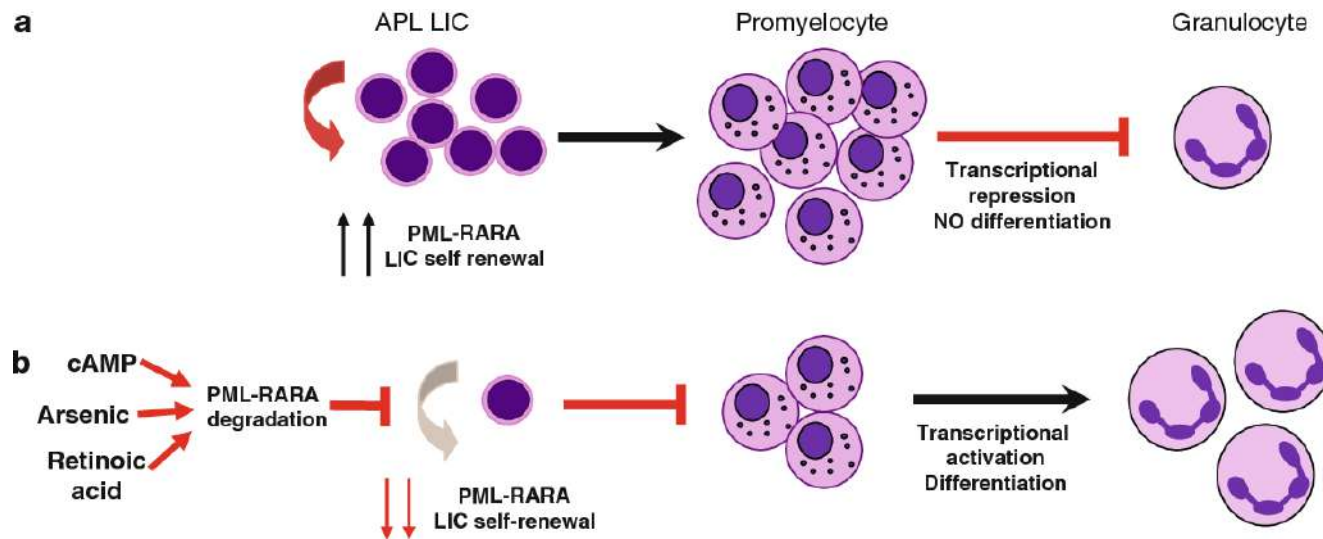


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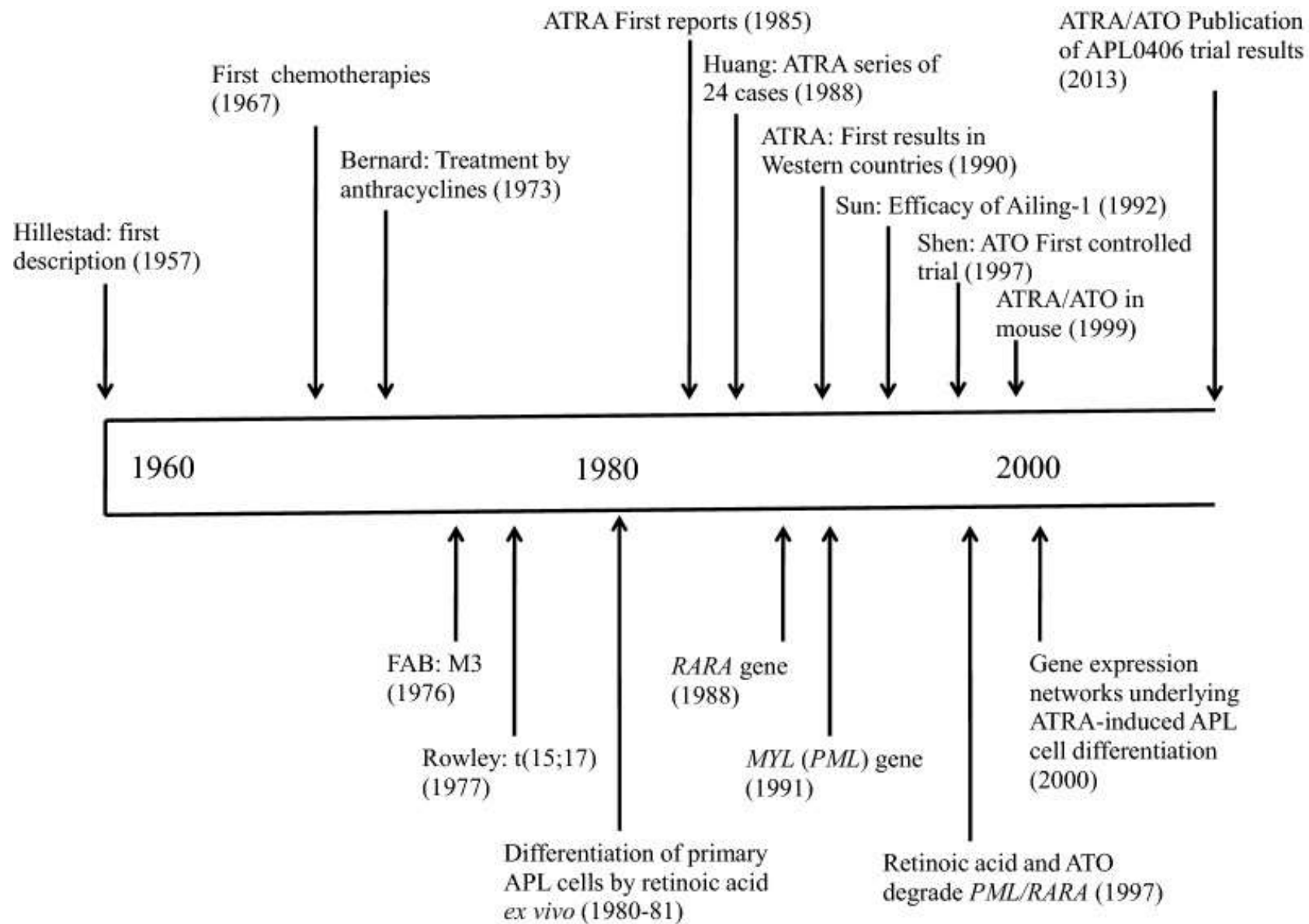
Differentiation therapy in APL. APL is characterized by the clonal expansion of malignant myeloid cells blocked at the promyelocytic stage of hemopoietic differentiation. All-trans retinoic acid (RA) induces the malignant promyelocytes to terminally differentiate towards mature granulocytes. Occasionally, Auer rods (indicated by the yellow arrows), pathognomonic structures found in the cytoplasm of APL malignant promyelocytes, are still observed in the mature granulocytes upon RA treatment demonstrating that these mature cells originated from the neoplastic clone



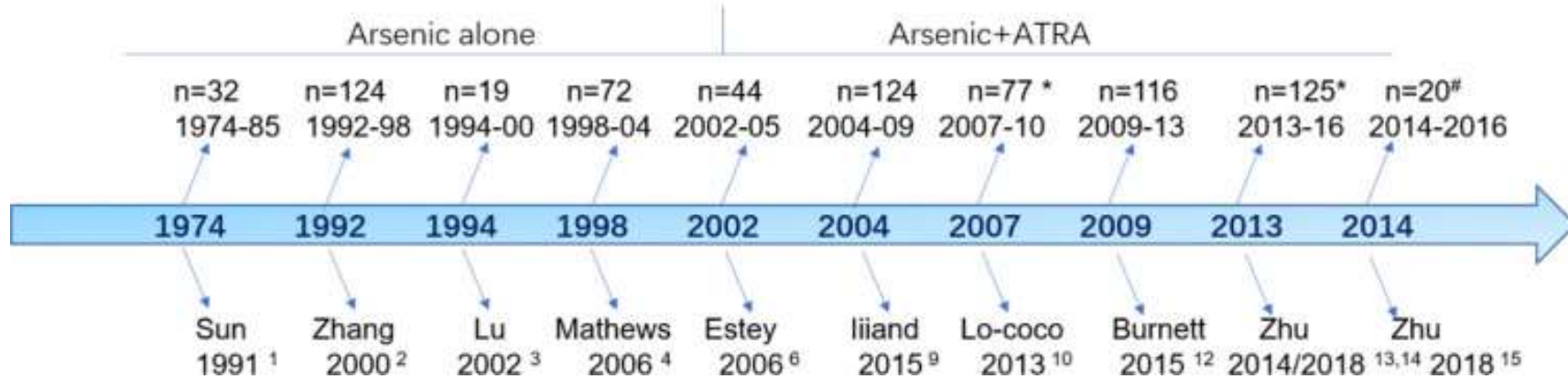
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APL pathogenesis and mechanisms of action of retinoic acid, arsenic and cAMP. a Expression of PML/RARA confers self-renewal properties to APL leukemic cells and blocks their differentiation at the promyelocytic stage. b RA, As and cAMP trigger PML/RARA degradation that is mainly responsible for the eradication of APL leukemic stem cells and correlates to the cure from APL. These drugs also induce PML/RARA transcriptional activation that leads to the differentiation of promyelocytes

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Chemo-free Era of APL





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“Il valore di una persona risiede in ciò che è capace di dare e non in ciò che è capace di prendere.”

Albert Einstein

