

# Leucemia acuta mieloide ricaduta/refrattaria

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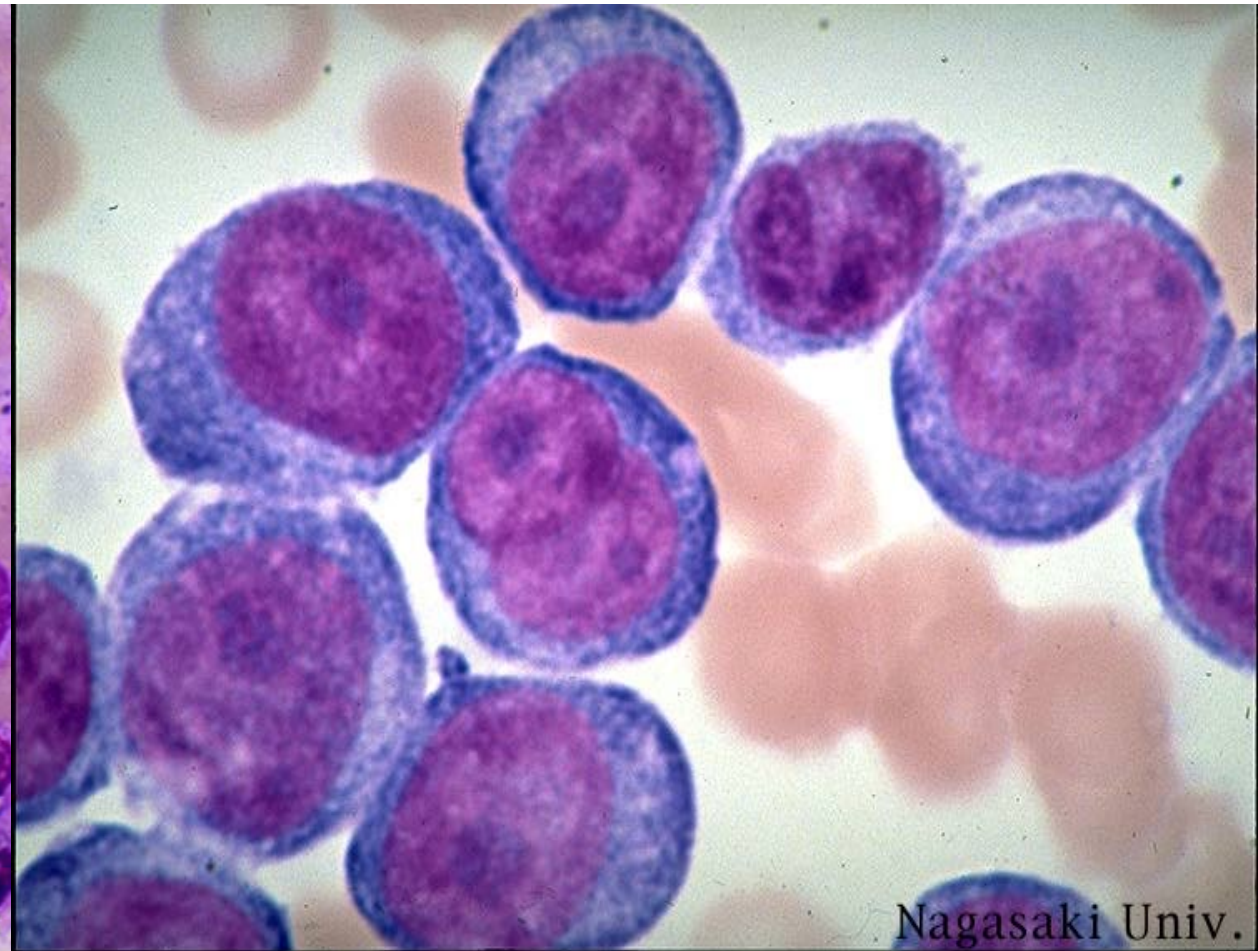
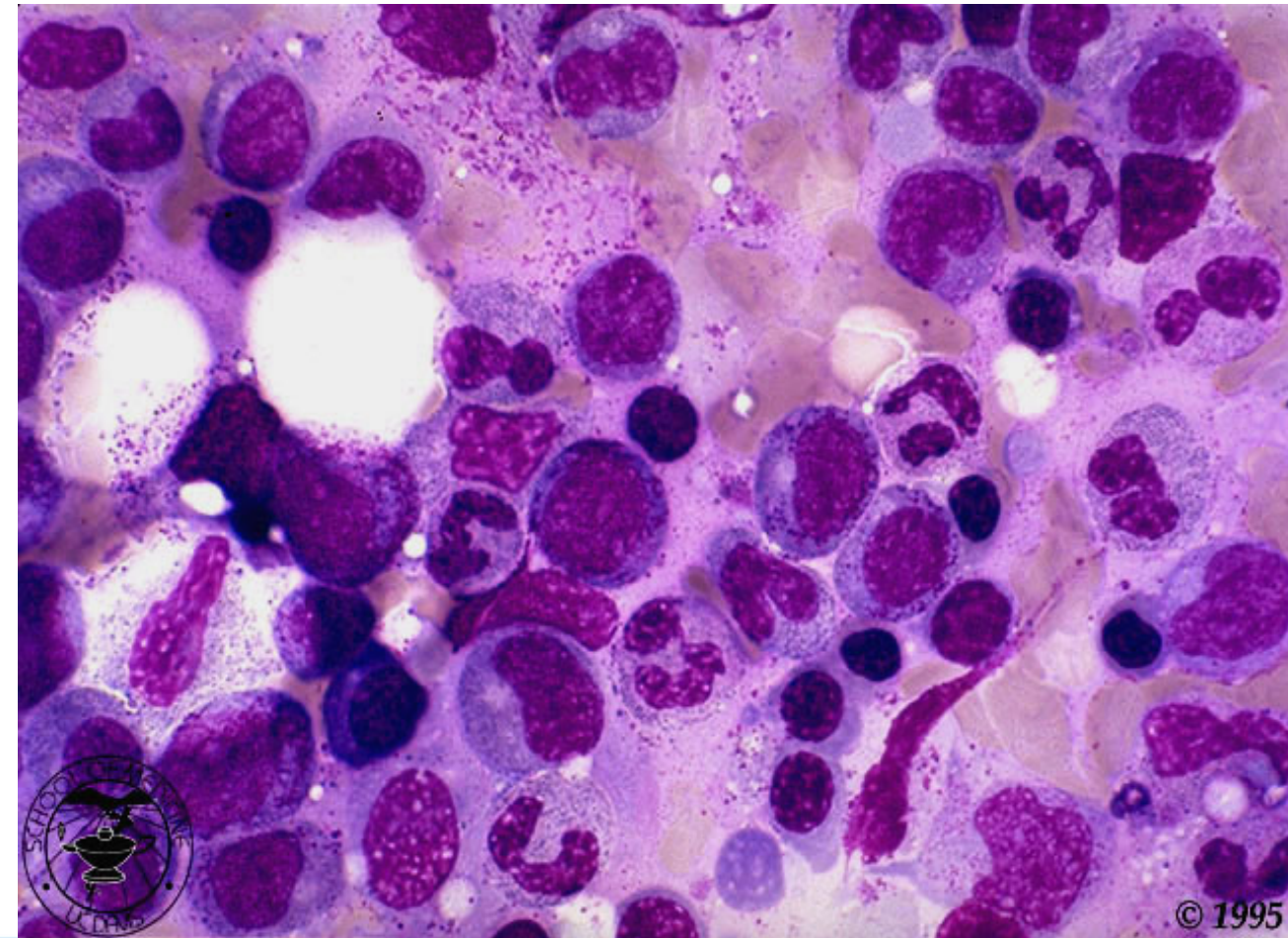
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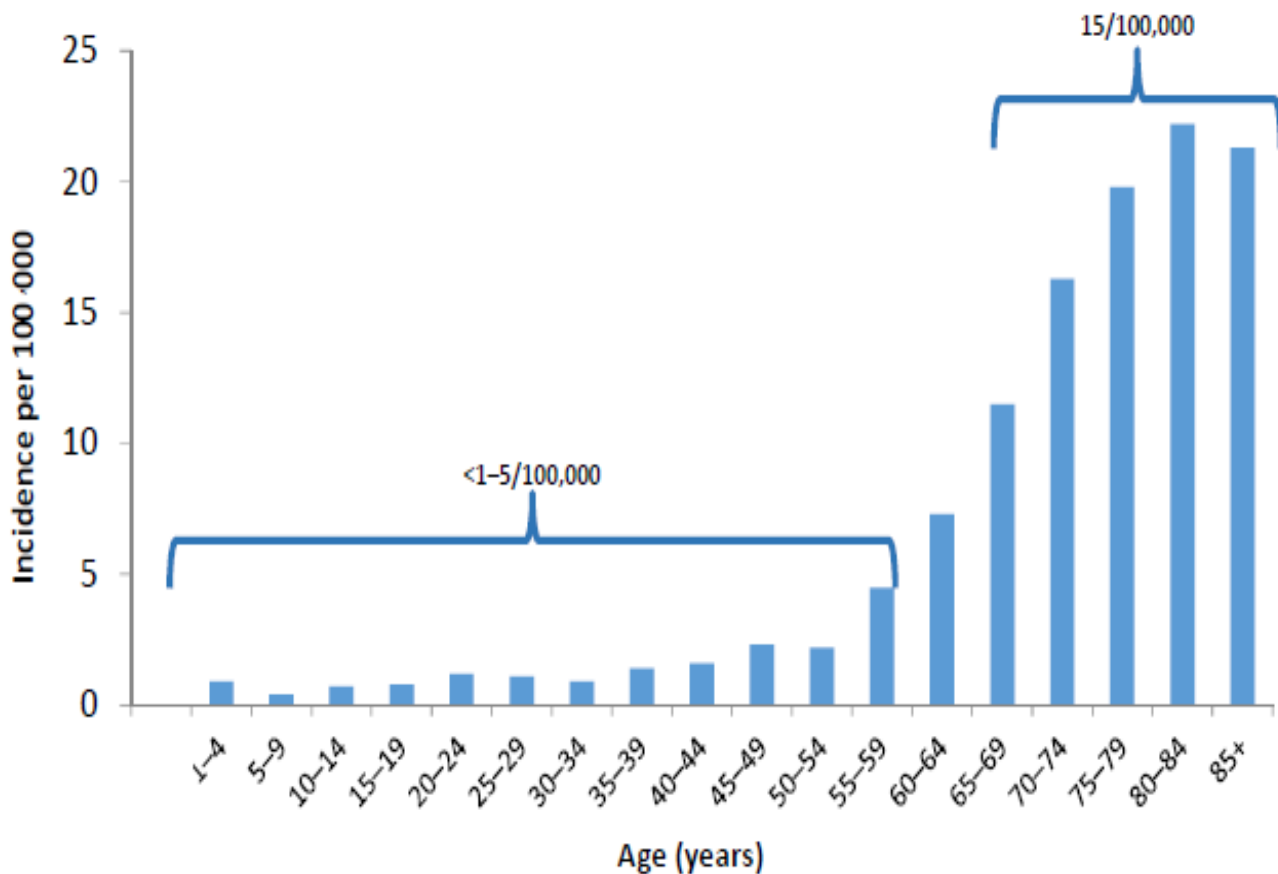


# MIDOLLO NORMALE

# MIDOLLO LEUCEMICO

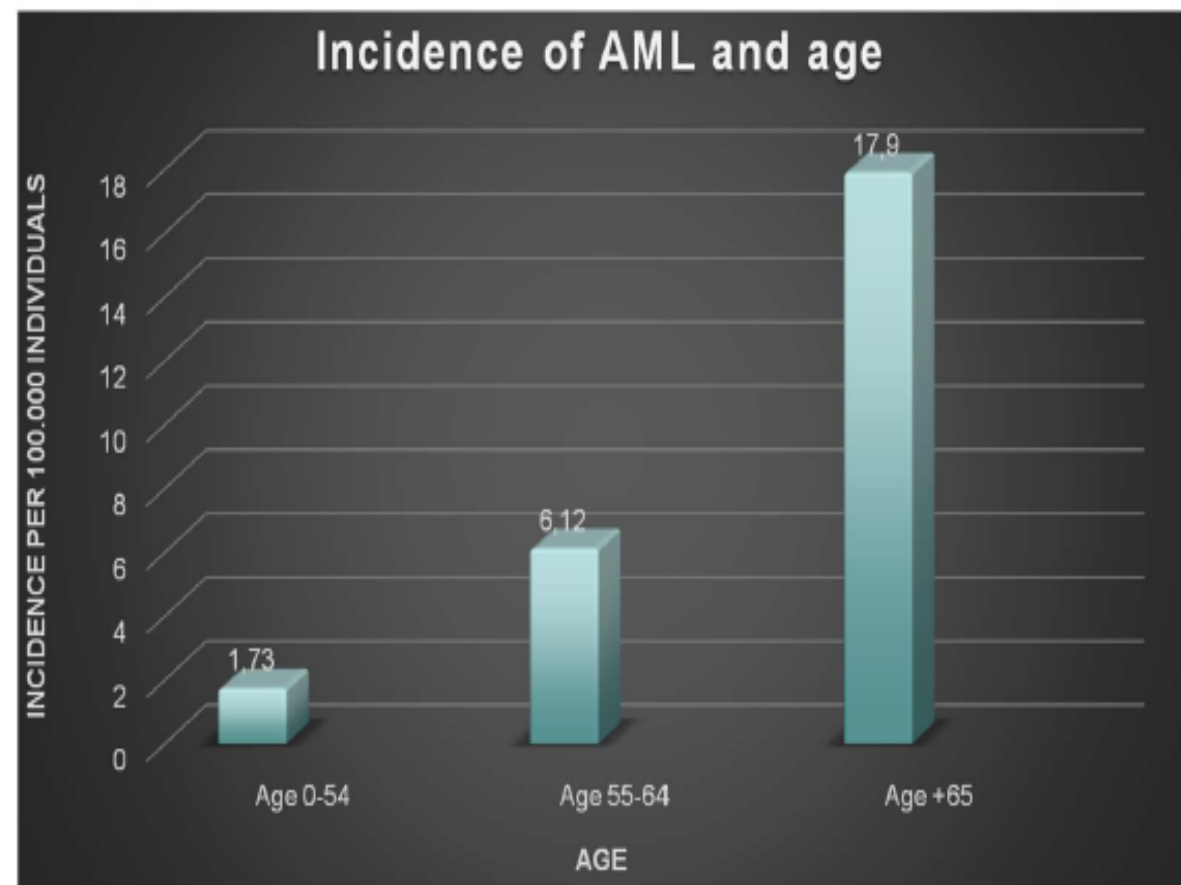


## Incidence of AML increases with ageing



National Cancer Institute. SEER Cancer Statistics Review. 1975–2000.

## Incidence of AML by age in Italy



AIRTUM Working Group – Italian Cancer Figures – Report 2015

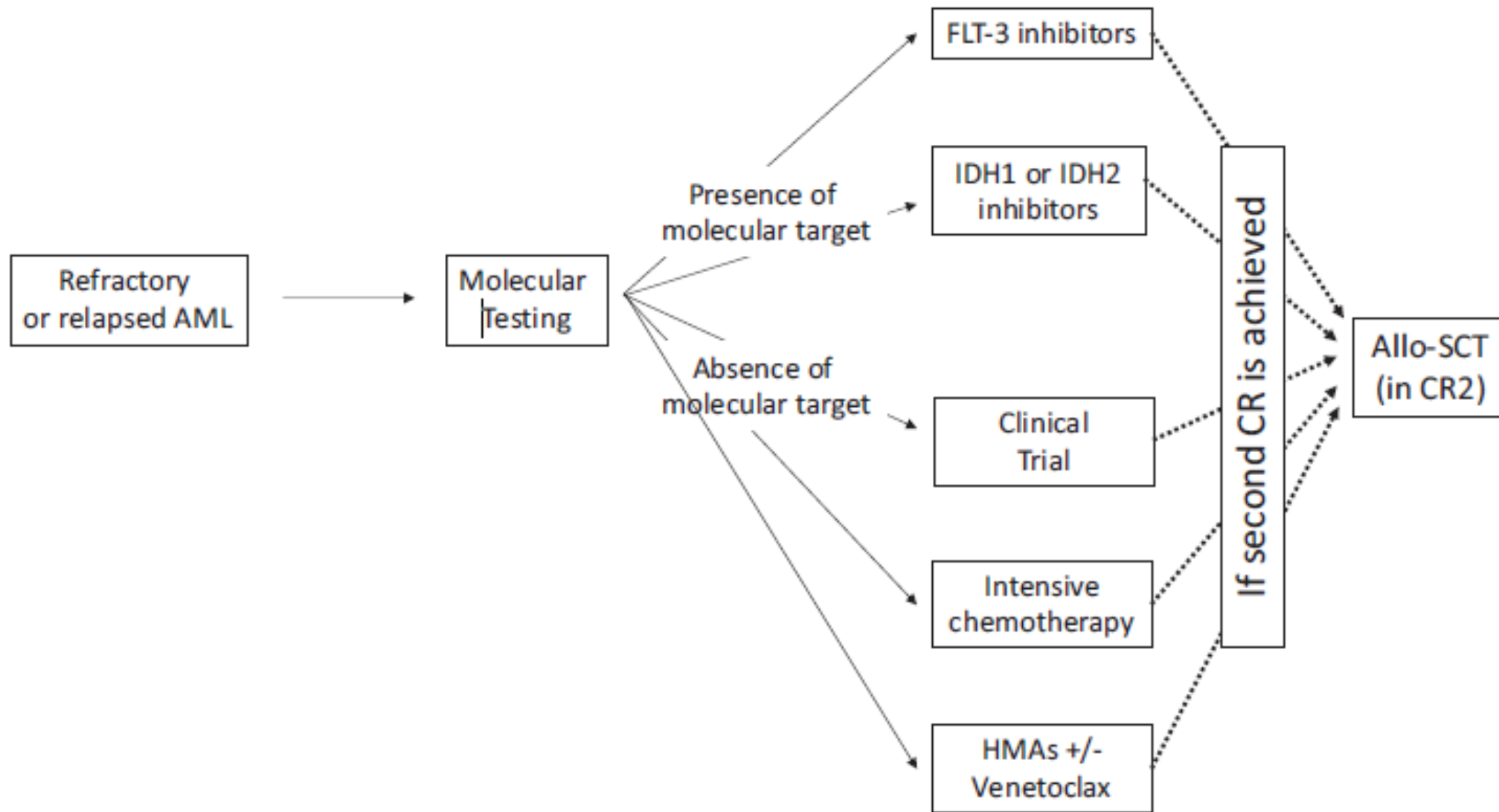


# DEFINITIONS: ELN2022

<b>Treatment failure</b>		
Refractory disease	No CR, CRh or CRi at the response landmark, ie, after 2 courses of intensive induction treatment or a defined landmark, eg, 180 d after commencing less-intensive therapy	Patients not responding to a first cycle of 7 + 3 should be considered for a regimen containing higher doses of cytarabine
Relapsed disease (after CR, CRh or CRi)	Bone marrow blasts $\geq 5\%$ ; or reappearance of blasts in the blood in at least 2 peripheral blood samples at least one week apart; or development of extramedullary disease	



# TREATMENT ALGORITHM FOR R/R AML



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# HISTORICAL SALVAGE REGIMENS FOR FIT PTS

Year	Regimen	N	Ref/Rel	Median age (years)	CR (%)
1985	HiDAC vs. HiDAC + DXR/DNR	78	42/36	37	63 vs. 65
1988	MTZ, etoposide (ME)	61	21/20	47	43
1991	MTZ, etoposide, IDAC (MEC)	32	18/14	24	66
1993	IDA, etoposide, IDAC	97	36/61	37	43
1994	MEC ± G-CSF priming	50	6/44	43 vs. 47	54 vs. 42
1994	HiDAC vs. HiDAC + etoposide	131	–	–	31 vs. 38
1995	Etoposide, MTZ, Ara-C (EMA)	133	22/111	43	60
1998	Fludarabine, HiDAC, G-CSF (FLAG)	38	16/22	41	55
1999	HiDAC vs. HiDAC + MTZ	162	56/106	48 vs. 53	32 vs. 44
1999	EMA ± GM-CSF	192	120/72	47 vs. 46	65 vs. 59
2001	Fludarabine, HiDAC, G-CSF (FLAG)	83	44/21	47/48	37
2003	Fludarabine, HiDAC, G-CSF, IDA	46	10/36	41	52
2008	Cladribine, HiDAC, MTZ (CLAG-M)	118	78/40	45	58
2009	FLAG-IDA ± GO	71	10/61	48	29 vs. 39
2012	Clofarabine + IDAC vs. IDAC	326	171/148	67	35 vs. 18

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# TARGETED THERAPY

Drug	Target	CR rate <sup>a</sup>	Overall survival (median)
Gilteritinib	FLT-3	34%	9.3 months
Ivosidenib	IDH-1	30%	8.8 months
Enasidenib	IDH-2	19.3%	9.3 months
Venetoclax	BCL-2	20.7%	1.8–7.8 months
Venetoclax + Azacitidine	BCL-2	32.3%	3.0–6.6 months

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# Gilteritinib: ADMIRAL trial

## Key eligibility criteria

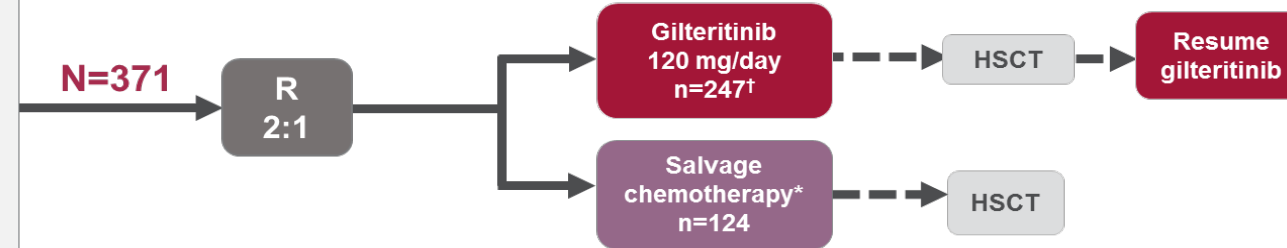
- Adults with AML refractory to, or relapsed after, first-line AML therapy ± HSCT
- *FLT3* mutation (*FLT3*-ITD, or *FLT3*-TKD D835/I836) in blood or bone marrow

## Stratification factors

- Response to first-line AML therapy
  - >6 months versus ≤6 months<sup>2</sup>
- Preselected chemotherapy
  - High versus low intensity

Of 625 pts screened:

Between October 2015 and February 2018, 625 patients were screened and 371 were randomised in the trial



\*The salvage chemotherapy regimen was selected prior to randomisation from the following options:

- **High-intensity regimens (1–2 cycles):** MEC or FLAG-IDA
- **Low-intensity regimens†:** Low-dose cytarabine or azacitidine

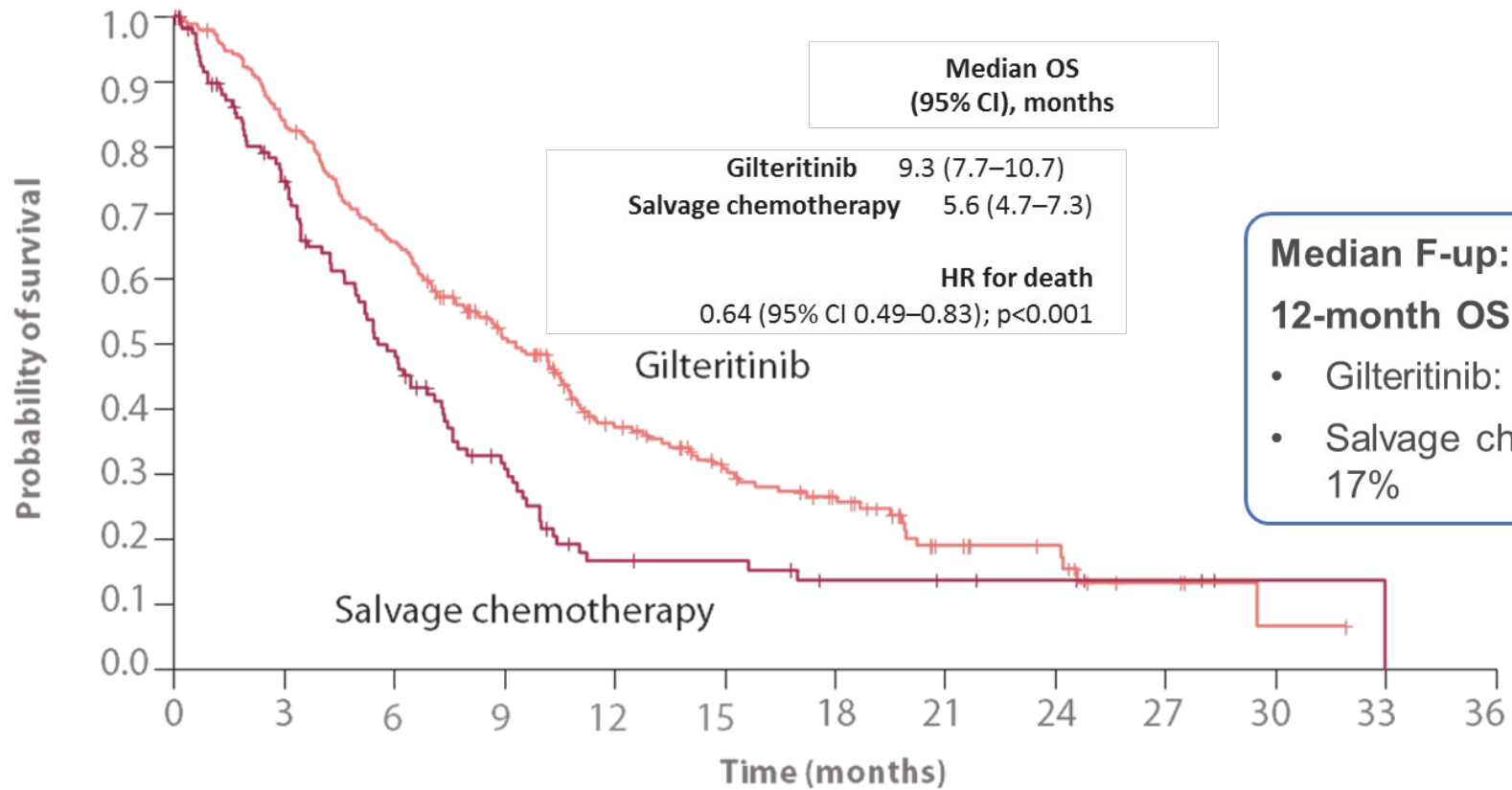
	Gilteritinib (N=247)	Salvage Chemotherapy (N=124)	Hazard Ratio or Risk Difference (95% CI) <sup>†</sup>
<b>Response — no. (%)</b>			
Complete remission	52 (21.1)	13 (10.5)	10.6 (2.8-18.4)
Complete remission or complete remission with partial hematologic recovery	84 (34.0)	19 (15.3)	18.6 (9.8-27.4)
Complete remission with partial hematologic recovery	32 (13.0)	6 (4.8)	ND
Complete remission with incomplete hematologic recovery	63 (25.5)	14 (11.3)	ND
Complete remission with incomplete platelet recovery	19 (7.7)	0 (0)	ND
Partial remission	33 (13.4)	5 (4.0)	ND
No response	66 (26.7)	43 (34.7)	ND
<b>Composite complete remission<sup>‡</sup></b>	<b>134 (54.3)</b>	<b>27 (21.8)</b>	<b>32.5 (22.3-42.6)</b>
Overall response	167 (67.6)	32 (25.8)	
<b>Median duration of remission (95% CI) — mo<sup>§</sup></b>	11.0 (4.6-NE)	NE (NE-NE)	NE
<b>Time to composite complete remission — mo</b>	2.3 ± 1.9	1.3 ± 0.5	NA
<b>Median leukemia-free survival (95% CI) — mo</b>	4.4 (3.6-5.2)	6.7 (2.1-8.5)	NE

Perl et al, New Engl J Med 2019





## Gilteritinib: ADMIRAL trial



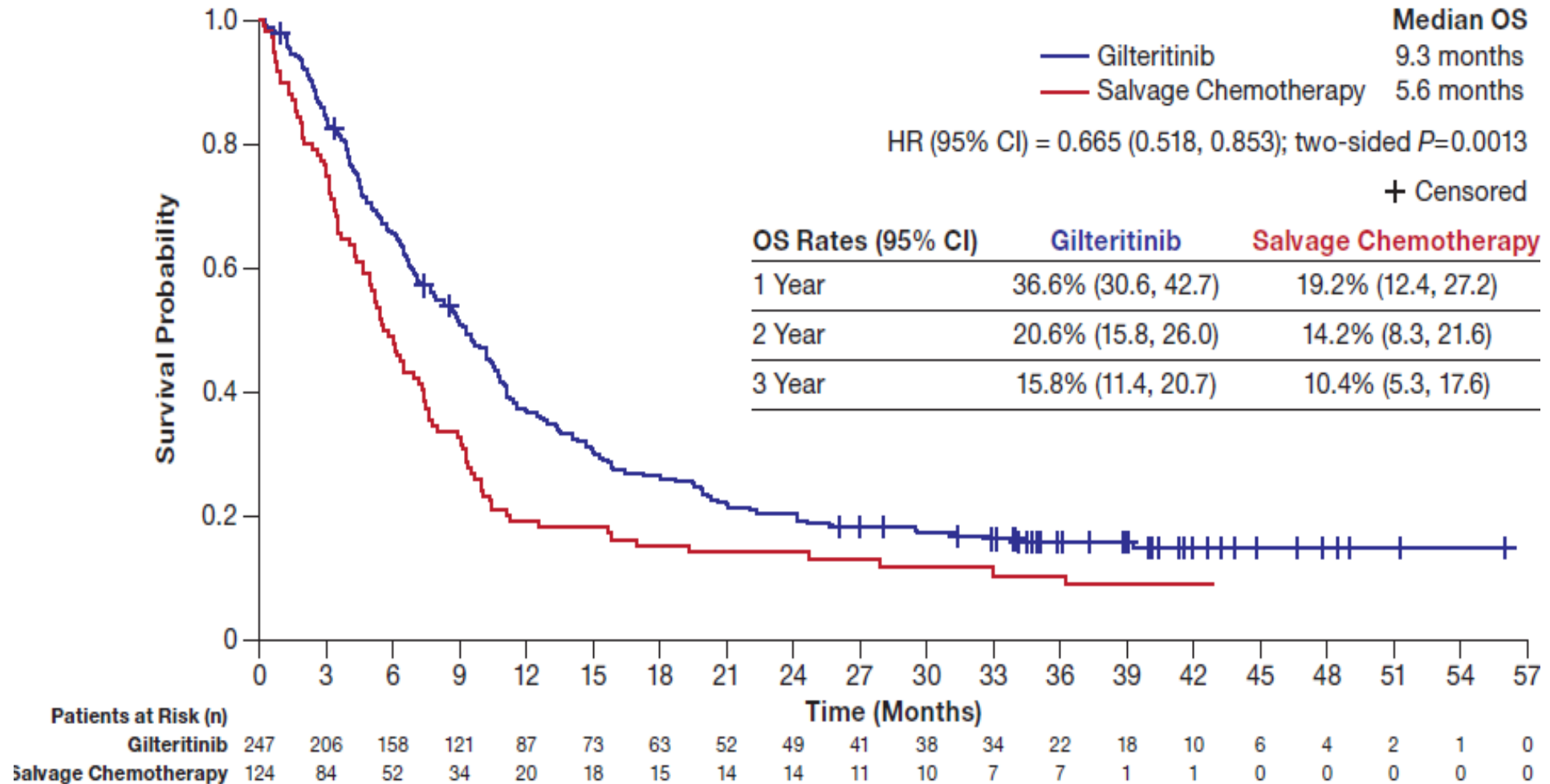
Patients at risk (n)

	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36
Gilteritinib	247	206	157	106	64	44	31	14	11	4	1	0	0
Salvage chemotherapy	124	84	52	29	13	12	8	7	5	3	1	0	0

Perl et al, New Engl J Med 2019,  
Smith C et al, Blood Adv 2021



# ADMIRAL trial: prolonged Follow-up



Perl et al, Blood 2022



# Conclusions

- Single-agent oral gilteritinib improves response and survival compared with parenteral salvage chemotherapy in patients with *FLT3*<sup>mut+</sup> R/R AML
- Compared with salvage chemotherapy, gilteritinib was generally associated with lower toxicity during the first 30 days of treatment, which facilitated outpatient administration of the drug
- Gilteritinib allowed many patients (n=63) to undergo HSCT
  - The relative contribution of HSCT to the observed survival benefit from gilteritinib appears small
  - Long-term survival after HSCT appeared to be associated with restart of gilteritinib therapy
- The number of patients with *FLT3*-TKD mutations only was too small (n=31) for statistically robust conclusions in this group, however:
  - Similar CR rates (~20%) with gilteritinib therapy were observed in *FLT3*-TKD and -ITD subgroups
  - Overall survival of patients in the *FLT3*-TKD subgroup was similar to that of patients in the *FLT3*-ITD subgroup
- Findings from the ADMIRAL study have practice-changing implications that will establish a new treatment paradigm for AML



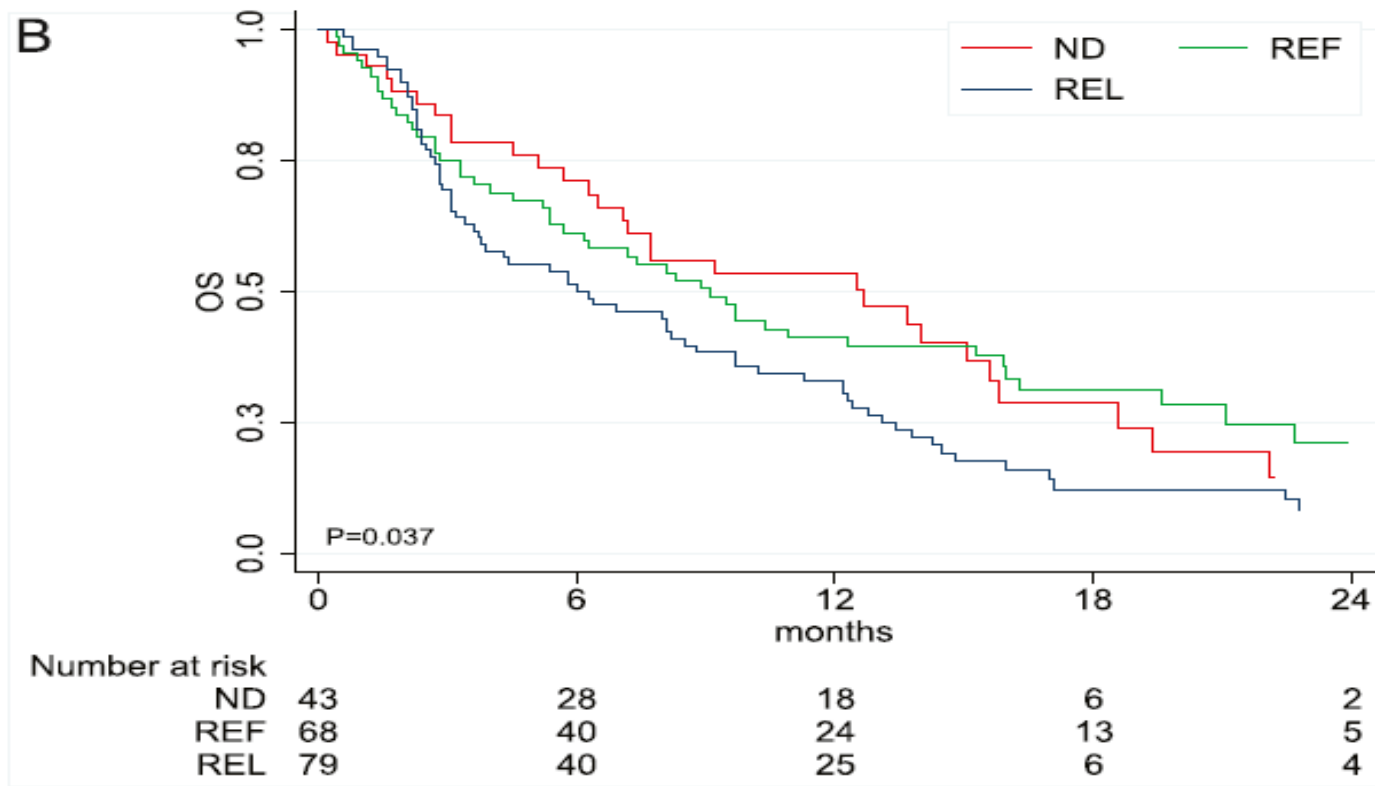
**ORIGINAL ARTICLE**

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# **AVALON: The Italian cohort study on real-life efficacy of hypomethylating agents plus venetoclax in newly diagnosed or relapsed/refractory patients with acute myeloid leukemia**

*Todisco E et al. Cancer. 2023;129:992–1004*





	Total (n=190)		ND (n=43)		REF (n=68)		REL (n=79)	
	n	(%)	n	(%)	n	(%)	n	(%)
<b>Events</b>	146	(76.8)	29	(67.4)	48	(70.6)	69	(87.3)
<b>Median follow-up time (months) [95% CI]</b>	20.9 [17.0 – 25.9]		17.3 [12.8 – 25.9]		20.7 [15.9 – 24.9]		26.1 [16.9 – NR]	
<b>Median OS (months) [95% CI]</b>	8.1 [6.3 – 9.7]		12.7 [6.5 – 15.6]		9.1 [5.7 – 15.3]		6.3 [3.6 – 8.8]	

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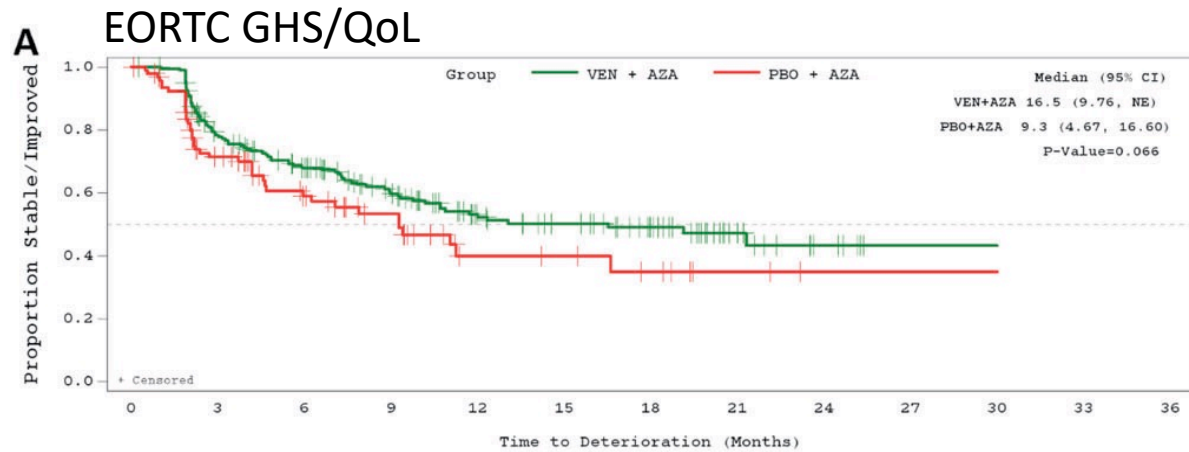


	Total		ND		REF		REL		p
	(n = 190)		(n = 43)		(n = 68)		(n = 79)		
Best response	n	(%)	n	(%)	n	(%)	n	(%)	
ORR	96	(50.5)	28	(65.1)	35	(51.5)	33	(41.8)	
cCR	74	(39.0)	21	(48.8)	26	(38.2)	27	(34.2)	
PR	22	(11.6)	7	(16.3)	9	(13.2)	6	(7.6)	
SD/PD <sup>a</sup>	70	(36.8)	11	(25.6)	24	(35.3)	35	(44.3)	
Not evaluable	24	(12.6)	4	(9.3)	9	(13.2)	11	(13.9)	
									.639
Median time to best response (months) [1Q-3Q]	2.2	[1.2-4.4]	2.8	[1.5-5.9]	1.9	[1.1-4.0]	2.3	[1.2-3.8]	
									.336
Median DOR (months) [95% CI]	7.6	[5.1-11.2]	10.6	[4.0-11.9]	6.8	[4.4-12.6]	8.3	[4.7-11.9]	
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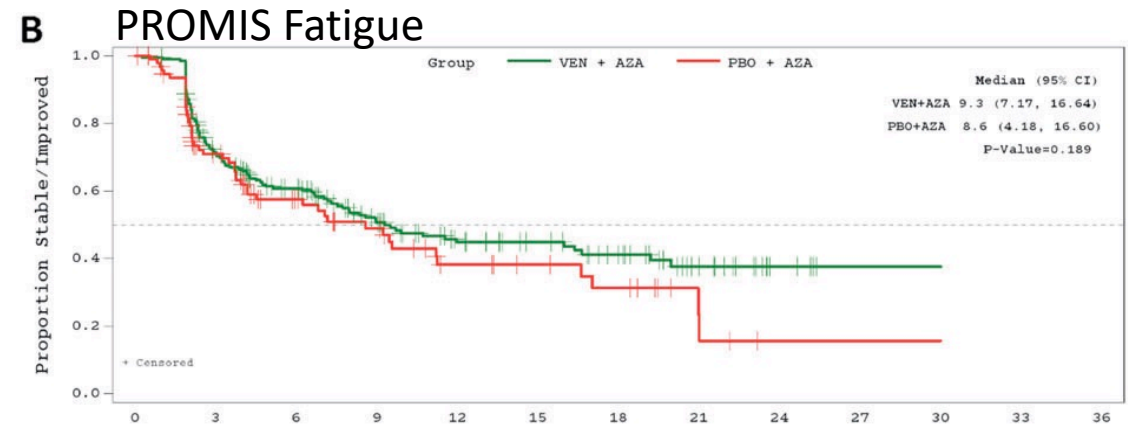
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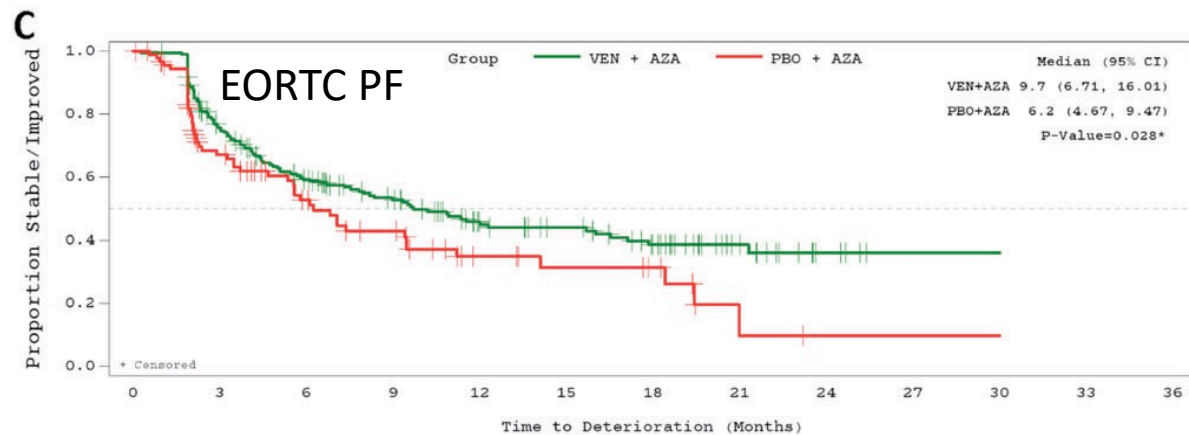
# Time to deterioration of PROs for pts on VEN+AZA vs AZA+PBO



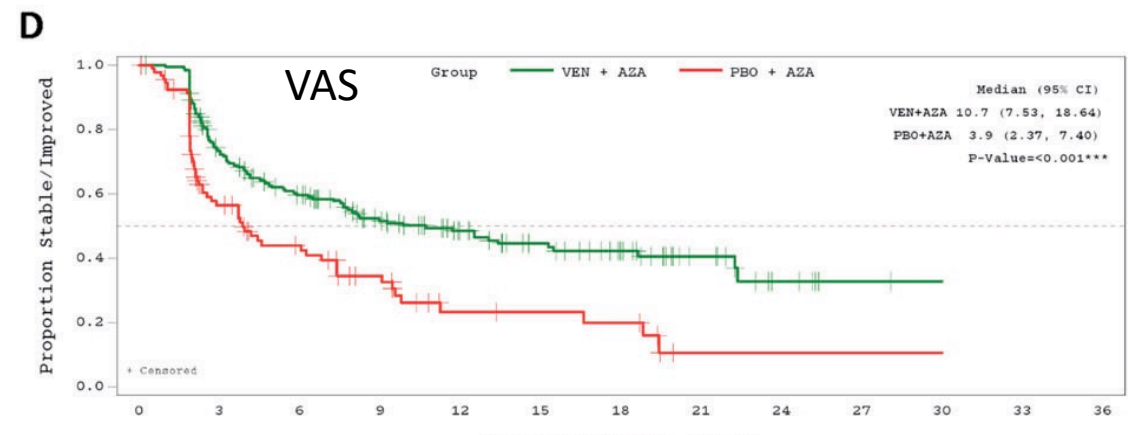
	Number of At Risk												
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VEN+AZA	262	141	113	83	55	44	32	14	5	0	0	0	0
PBO+AZA	130	56	35	24	10	9	6	2	1	0	0	0	0



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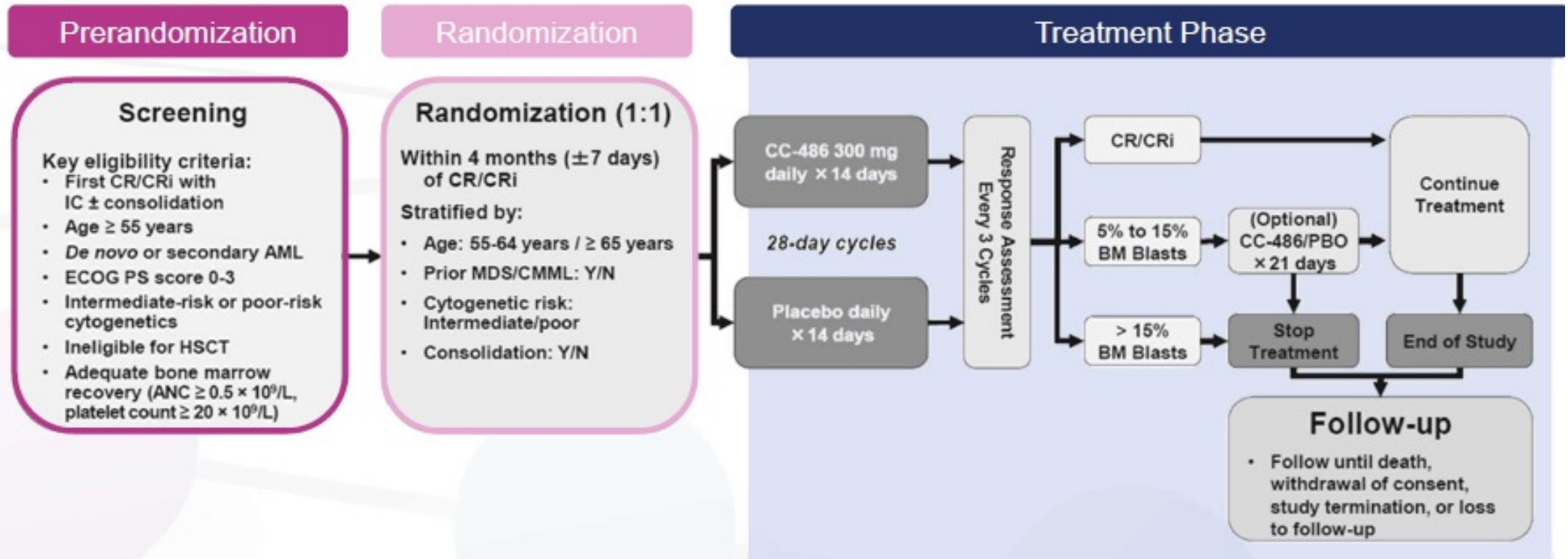
Pratz K et al, Blood Cancer Journal (2022) 12:71





# QUAZAR AML001: Study Design

- International, multicenter, placebo-controlled, double-blind, randomized, phase III study that enrolled patients from 148 sites in 23 countries (NCT01757535)



Wei et al. NEJM 2020;383:2526-2537





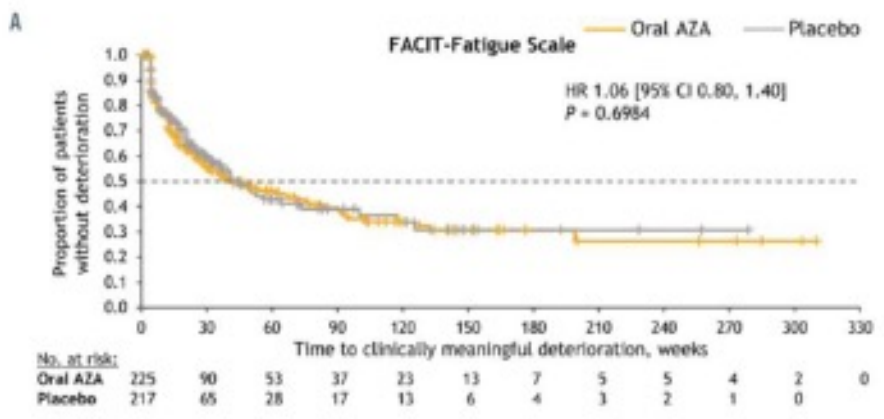
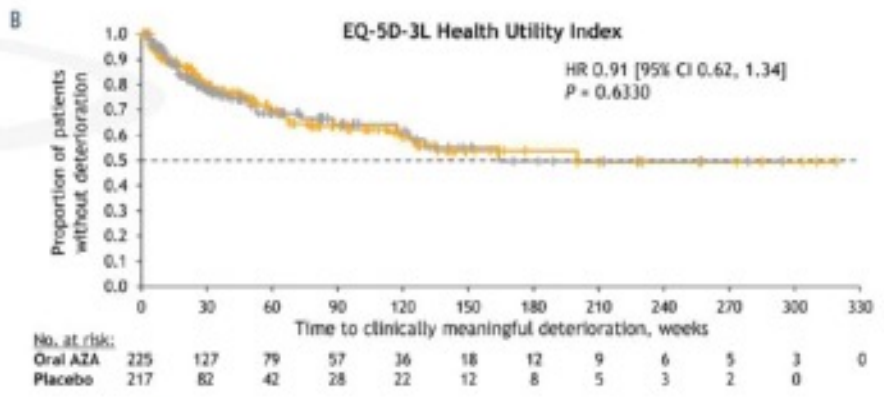
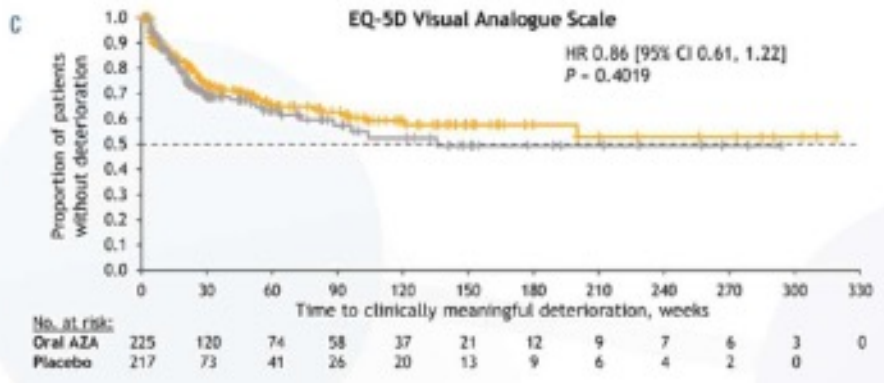


# Fatigue and HR-QoL in QUAZAR-AML001

- **The FACIT-Fatigue Scale** is a 13-item questionnaire that measures an individual's level of fatigue during daily activities over the previous week
- **The EQ-5D-3L** includes a questionnaire that investigates 5 dimensions (mobility, self-care, pain/discomfort, usual activities, anxiety/depression) reported as absent, moderate, severe, and a visual analogue scale (VAS) that asks patients to rate their perceived HRQoL from 0-100
- Both instruments were completed on day 1 of each cycle and end-of-treatment

*Roboz G, et al. Haematologica 2021;106(12);3240-3243*

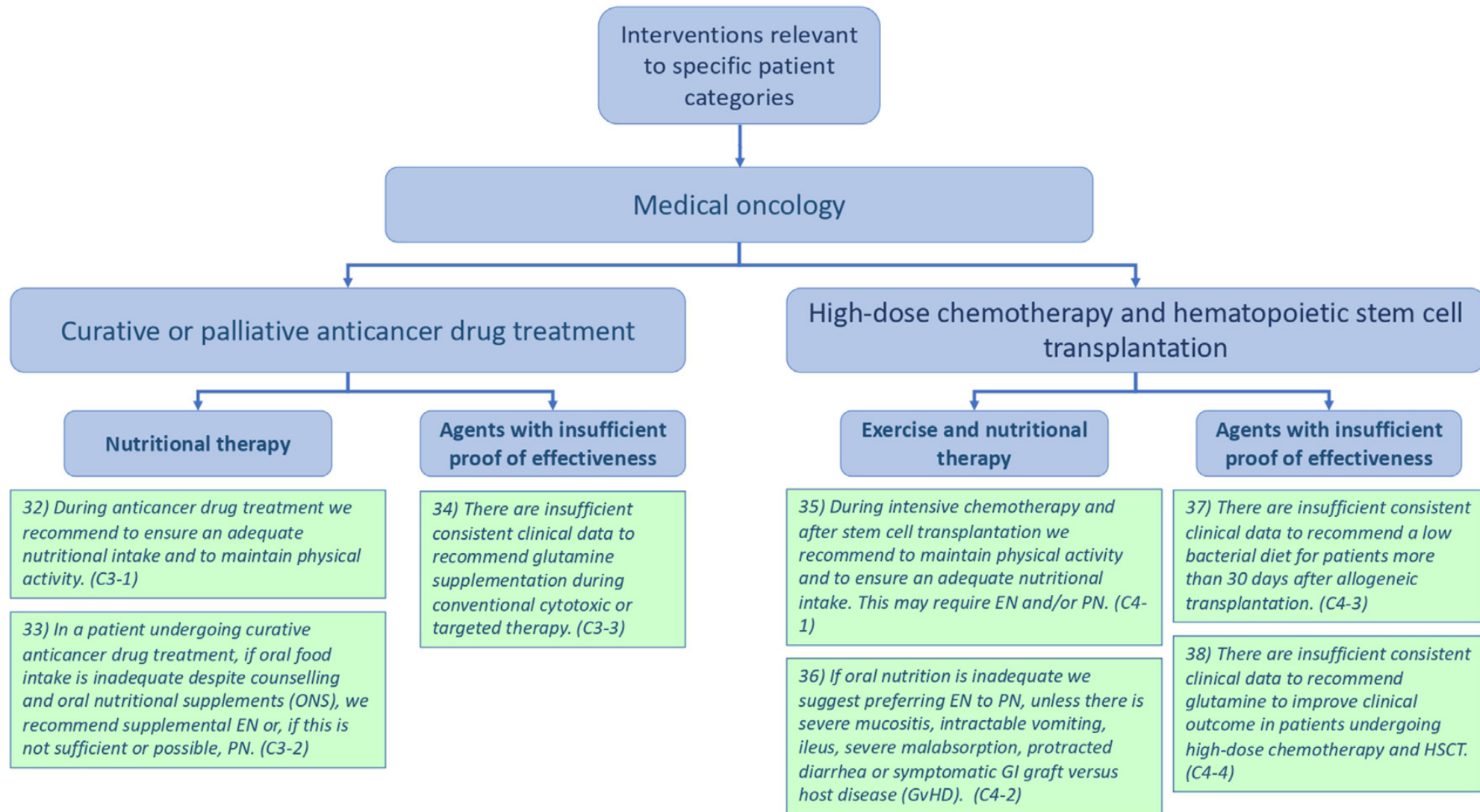


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# ESPEN European Society for Clinical Nutrition and Metabolism guidelines for nutrition in cancer



Muscaritoli et al Clinical Nutrition 2021

