

Current UK Approaches to the treatment of APL

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UK Protocols post AML17

- Summary of long term follow up from AML17
- AML19 prior to NICE ATO Approval
- NICE ATO Approval for standard risk APL
- Special measures for high risk APL during COVID pandemic
- Future proposals regarding oral ATO

AML17 (2009-2013)

Arsenic Trioxide Schedule

Induction: ATO 0.3mg/kg days 1-5 in week 1
(8 weeks) then: 0.25mg/kg X 2/ week for 7 weeks

Consolidation: ATO 0.3mg/kg d 1-5 in week 1.
(4 cycles) 0.25mg/kg x 2 per week for 3 weeks

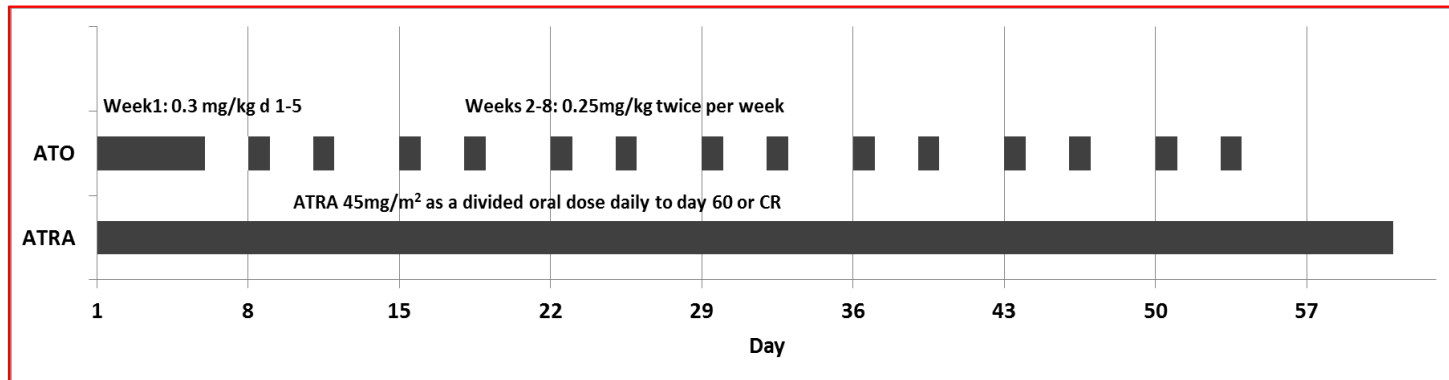
Total of 63 days of ATO

High risk patients received Mylotarg within the first 4 days of induction (6mg/m²)

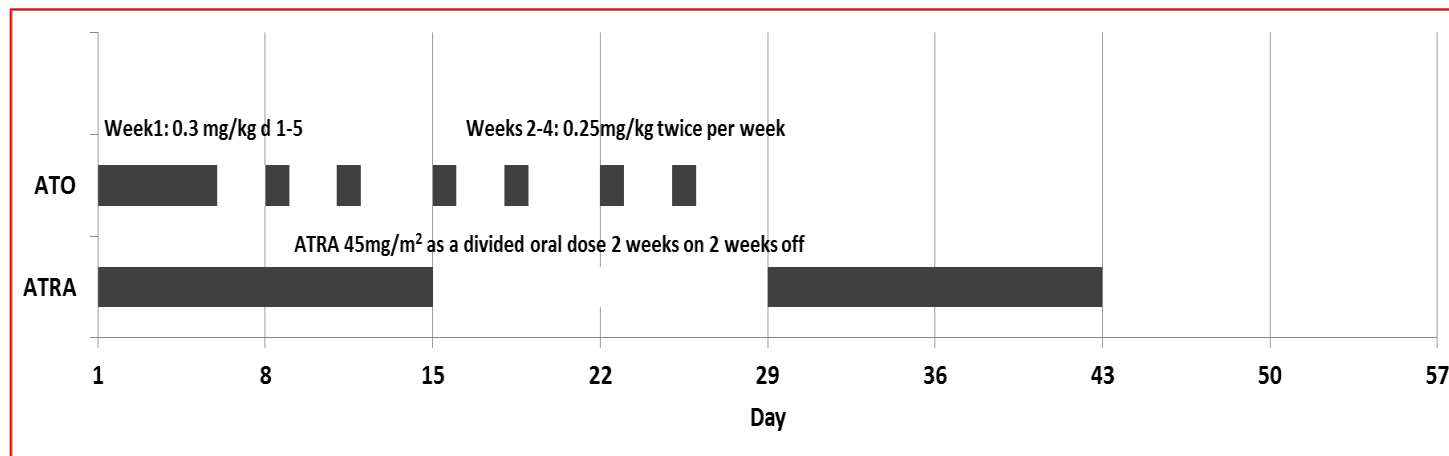
Provision was made for relapse post AIDA to receive the same schedule of ATO

AML17: ATRA + ATO Schedule

Induction

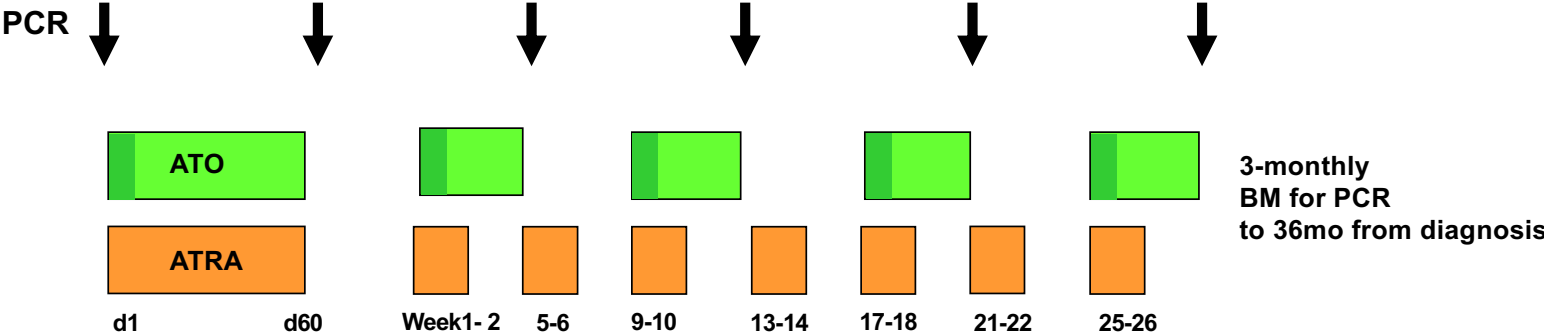


Consolidation

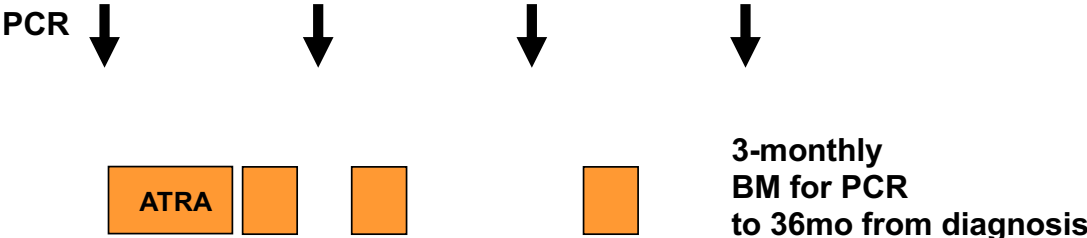


Strict Centralised MRD monitoring to guide treatment in NCRI AML17 trial

ATO-ATRA



AIDA

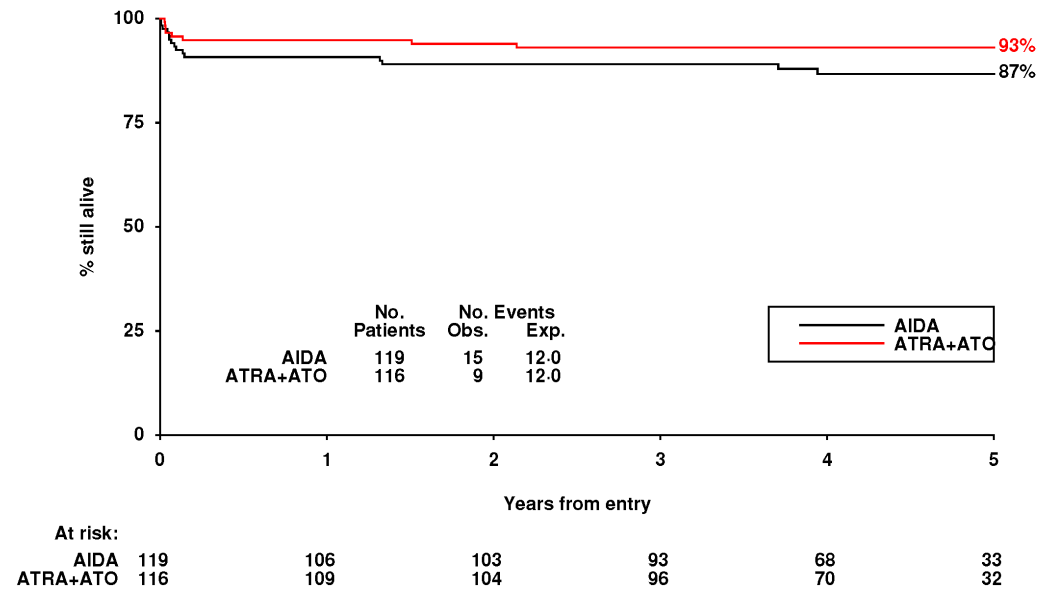


AML 17 APL Randomisation: Outcomes

Outcome	AIDA	ATRA+ATO	HR/OR & CI	p-value
CR	91%	96%	0.46 (0.17-1.27)	0.13
Molecular negativity	90%	93%	0.67 (0.27-1.66)	0.4
30-day mortality	6%	4%	0.72 (0.23-2.31)	0.6
Resistant disease	3%	0%	0.14 (0.02-0.97)	0.05
60-day mortality	9%	5%	0.55 (0.21-1.43)	0.2
5-year survival	87%	93%	0.61 (0.27-1.35)	0.2
5-year EFS	79%	93%	0.38 (0.19-0.77)	0.007
5-year Frank RFS	87%	97%	0.33 (0.13-0.85)	0.02
5-year Molecular RFS*	77%	98%	0.19 (0.09-0.41)	<.0001
5-year CIDCR	2%	2%	1.72 (0.18-16.6)	0.6
5-year CIHR	10%	1%	0.16 (0.05-0.48)	0.001
5-year CIMR*	21%	0%	0.12 (0.05-0.30)	<.0001
5-year CITAML	1%	0%	0.15 (0.003-7.48)	0.3

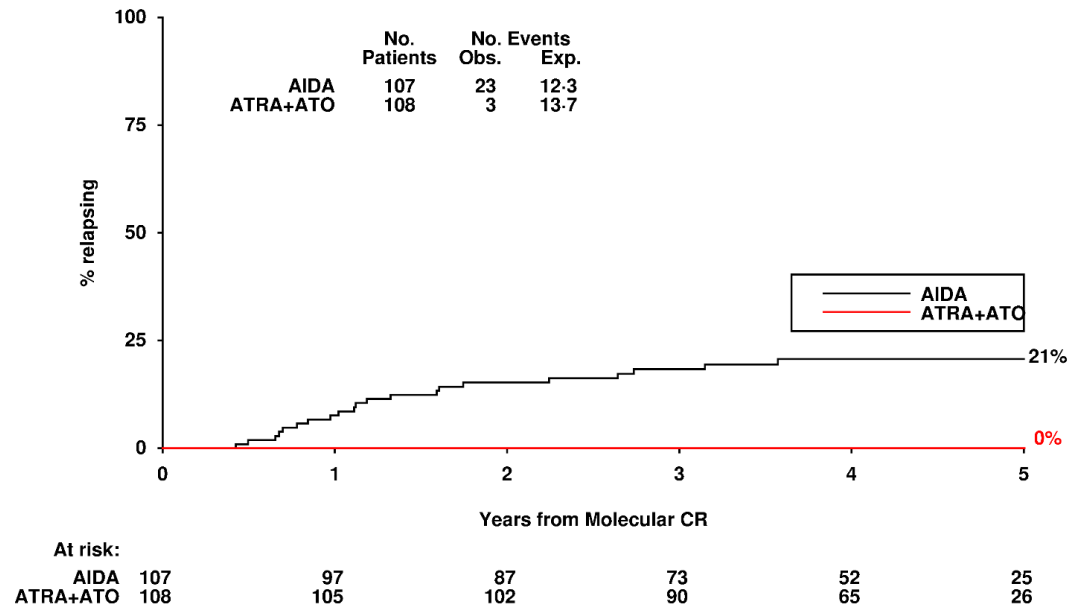
Overall Survival

AML17: Overall Survival



Cumulative Incidence of Molecular Relapse

AML17: Cumulative Incidence of Molecular Relapse



AML17 Scheduling of ATO patients relapsing post AIDA

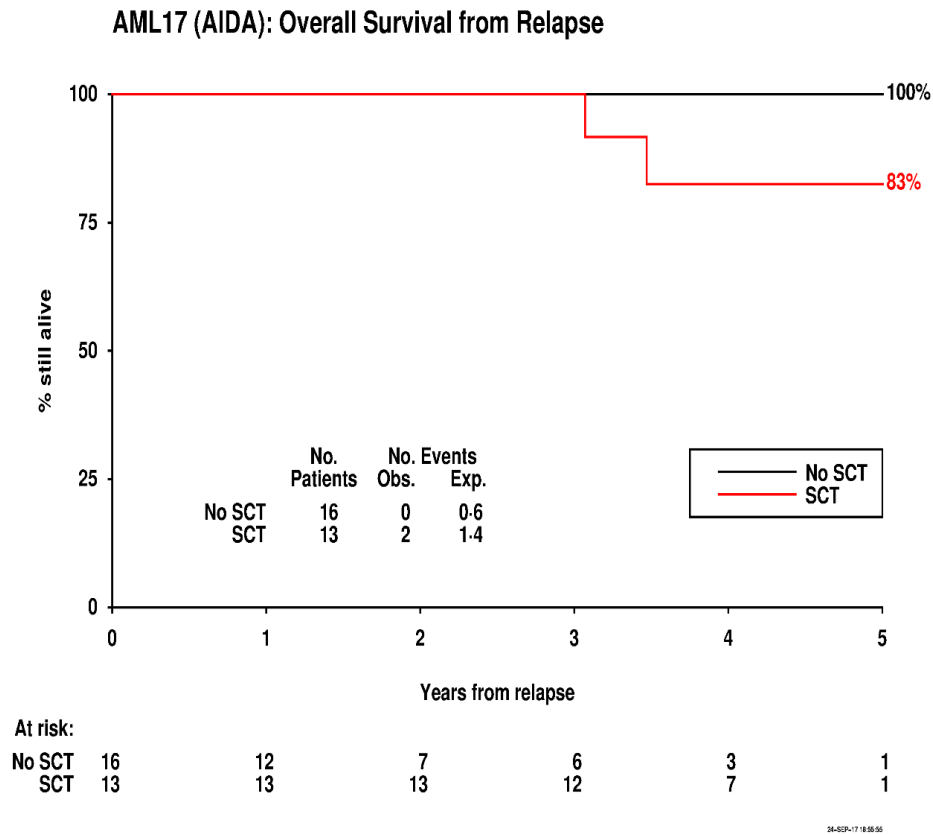
- In AML17 a total of 189 patients were treated with AIDA
- 30 patients relapsed following AIDA therapy (including 5 with CNS disease)
- 1 patient died in relapse before any salvage could be initiated
- 29 patients were treated with the same attenuated ATO+ATRA schedule
- 18 were treated at molecular relapse, reflecting the value of centralized MRD monitoring
- **All 29 treated patients achieved molecular CR post ATO+ATRA**

Survival after ATO/ATRA salvage in AML17

- Of the 29 patients 13 were transplanted in molecular remission (10 autograft, 3 allograft) including 4 of the 5 patients with CNS disease
- 16 patients were treated with a full course (induction plus 4 consolidation) of ATO/ATRA alone without chemotherapy
- 3/16 patients had a second molecular relapse after ATO + ATRA salvage (1 later transplanted and 2 not transplanted)
- All patients treated with ATO/ATRA alone remain alive

AML17. Survival after relapse (n=29)

18/29 treated at molecular relapse All 29 patients became MRD-

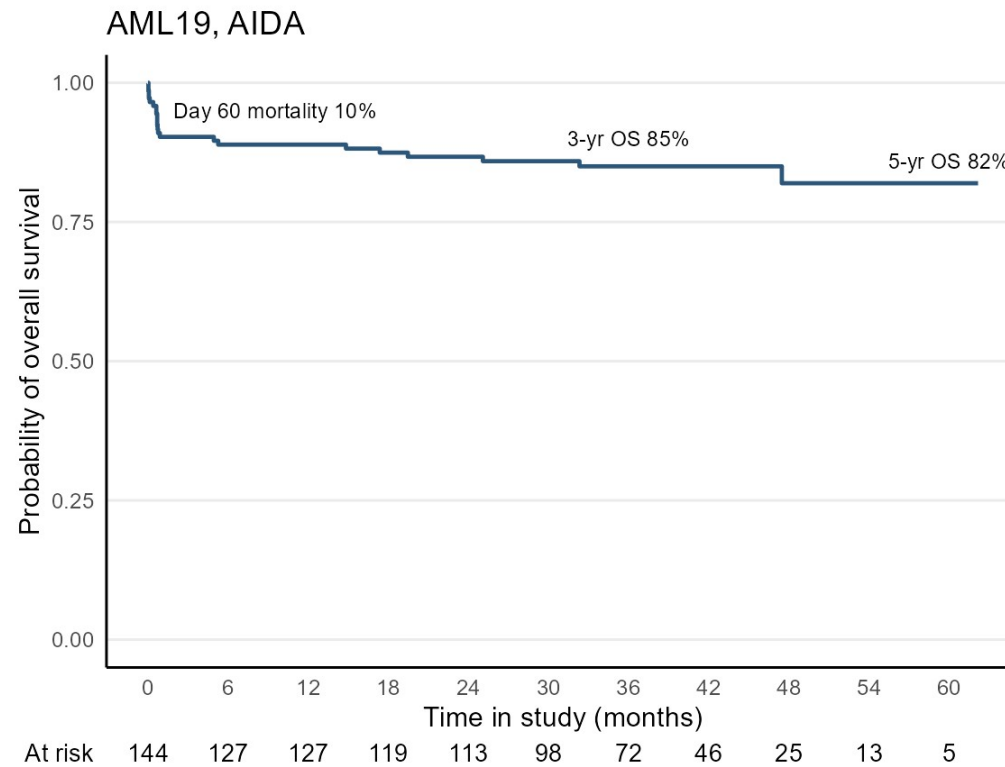


Russell et al. Blood 132,13 (2018):

Post AML17 APL in UK

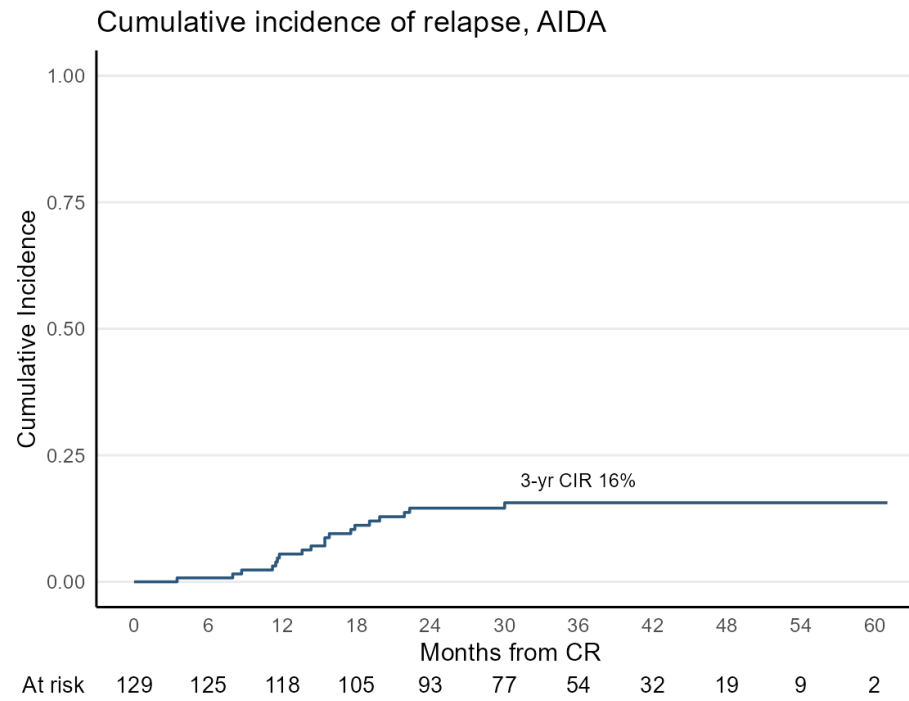
- Following closure of the AML17 trial ATO was not available for front line treatment until NICE approval in June 2018
- In the interim APL patients could be registered on the AML19 trial and receive AIDA as first line therapy
- 146 patients were registered
- 44 (25%) had a WCC >10 which was comparable to 24% with high risk disease in AML17
- ATO only available only for relapse

AML19 AIDA pre ATO approval



Russell and Othman 2024 unpublished

AML19. AIDA. Relapse



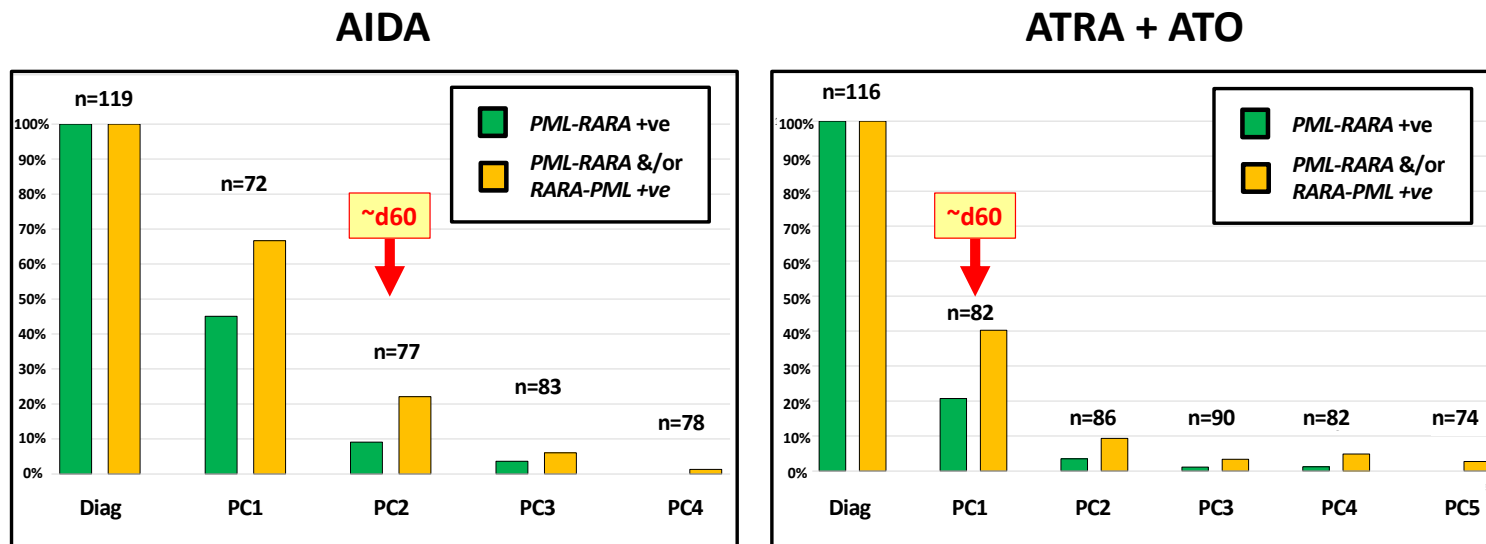
NICE ATO approval

- ATO approved by NICE and reimbursed for low and intermediate risk APL as first line therapy (June 2018.)
- All patients in the UK in these groups are now treated with ATO/ATRA
- Although both AML17 schedule and GIMEMA-AMLSG-SAL schedule were approved for funding the AML17 schedule is universally used.
- NICE also approved ATO for relapsed or refractory APL following first line treatment with chemotherapy.
- Refractory APL was not defined so has been variably interpreted to include persisting MRD positivity during or following AIDA

NCRI AML17: Kinetics of molecular response to AIDA and ATRA/ATO protocols

Median time to molecular remission: AIDA 83 days, ATO+ATRA 111days (p=0.06)

60-day PCR negativity: AIDA 73%, ATO+ATRA 56% (p=0.03).



High Risk APL in the UK

- Currently ATO not routinely approved or reimbursed although some local approval has been given for high risk patients in special situations (t-APL, older patients) on an ad-hoc basis
- High risk APL usually treated with AIDA.
- Recent (May 2020) NICE guidance for COVID precautions permitted ATO consolidation after initial 1st course of AIDA induction.
- Possibility that ATO will be approved for high risk APL including paediatric APL

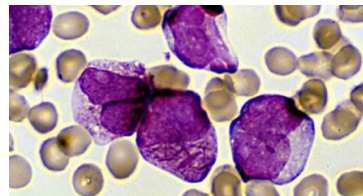
Proposed APL Study

OVATION



A randomised comparison of Oral and intraVenous Arsenic TriOxide consolidation therapy in acute promyelocytic leukaemia

Steve Knapper / Richard Dillon



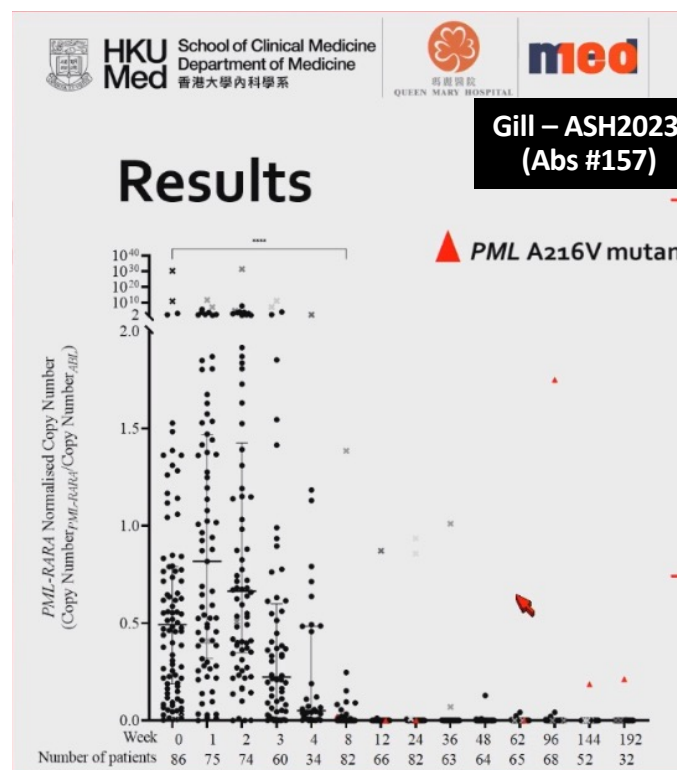
Oral Arsenic Trioxide



- Patented by Hong Kong University
- Systemic bioavailability similar to IV ATO

Evaluation to date in:

- APL at 1st relapse (n=73): 100% molecular CR2
- As maintenance following 1st line Chemo+ATRA (n=129)
- As front-line induction in combination with daunorubicin/ATRA (n=62)
- Front-line schedule with no or minimal chemotherapy (n=114; 5 paed, 90 standard risk/24 high risk)
 - all achieved CR
 - 100% MRD negative at end of consolidation
 - 97% 3-year OS and RFS



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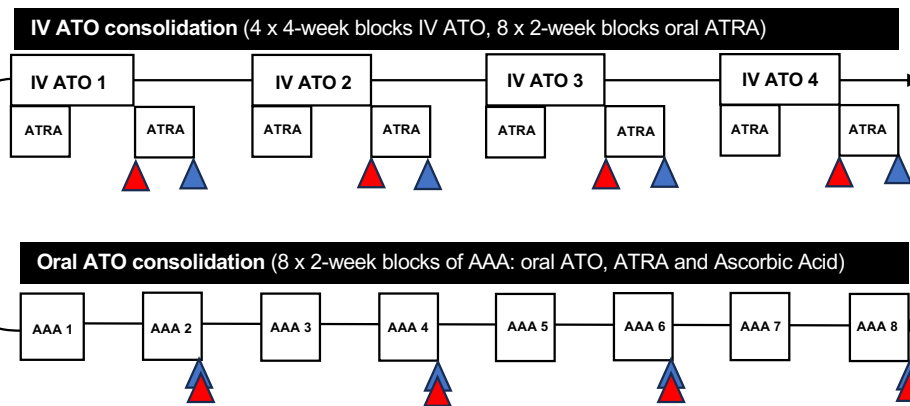
Study flow diagram

CONSENT, SCREENING & RANDOMISATION



Acute Promyelocytic Leukaemia (APL) patients in morphological complete remission following intravenous ATO-based induction therapy
(n=240) †



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Follow-up (24 months)

- 3-monthly full blood count
- QoL and socio-economic assessments at 3, 6, 12 and 24 months
- Bone marrow qPCR every 3 months (*only for high-risk patients where this is standard of care*)

At screening / Study entry

- Informed consent
-  Baseline bone marrow assessment taken at end of induction therapy to confirm morphological remission status
- ECOG, ECG
-  Baseline Quality of Life (QoL) assessments

Consolidation Therapy (30 weeks)

-  Bone marrow qPCR assessments after completion of 25%, 50% and 75% of consolidation and at end of treatment
-  QoL, socio-economic and healthcare resource use assessment following completion of each 4 weeks of ATO therapy
- ECOG, ECG at start of each consolidation block
- Whole blood arsenic levels (Weeks 1&2, Weeks 17&18)

Dual Primary Endpoints:

- Health-related QoL (based on EORTC QLQ-C30 role functioning measured cumulatively across 4 separate timepoints during consolidation therapy)
- Incidence of molecular remission at mid-point of consolidation therapy

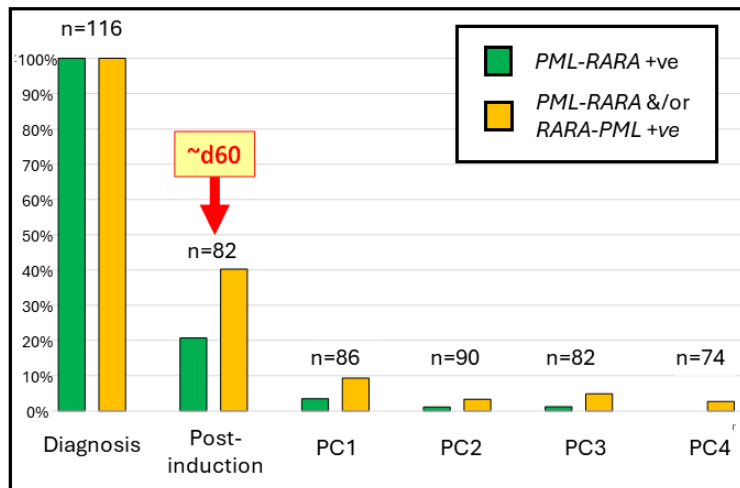
Secondary Endpoints include:

Incidence of molecular remission at end of consolidation therapy, 24-month molecular event free survival, overall survival, incidence of relapse, toxicity, other measures of QoL, measures of healthcare resource use and socio-economic functioning, arsenic exposure

* 1:1 Randomisation. Stratified by age, sex and APL risk group

† Allows for 10% dropout rate (n=216 required for primary endpoint analysis) + 9-12 additional paediatric APL patients

Fig 3: Kinetics of molecular response for APL patients receiving IV ATO with ATRA in the previous NCRI AML17 Trial



In AML17:

- 60-day PCR negativity: 56%
- Post-consolidation cycle 2 PCR negativity: 97%

Bone marrow assessments were taken at baseline and following each cycle of IV ATO therapy

Histogram illustrates % of assessed patients with residual *PML/RARA* or *RARA/PML* positivity at each timepoint

- ‘Diagnosis’ = point of APL diagnosis (AML17 trial entry)
- ‘Post-induction’ = end of ATO/ATRA induction (this will equate to the point of entry to the OVATION study)
- ‘PC1’ = end of 1st consolidation IV ATO block
- ‘PC2’ = end of 2nd consolidation IV ATO block (this will be the point of primary endpoint analysis of non-inferiority of molecular response with PO ATO in OVATION)
- ‘PC3’ = end of 3rd consolidation IV ATO block
- ‘PC4’ = end of 4th consolidation IV ATO block (end of therapy)

from Burnett AK et al, Lancet Oncology. 2015; 16(13): 1295-1305