



# HEMATOLOGY

2024: NEW TARGETS  
NEW BULLETS  
OLD TOOLS  
...AND LIMITED BUDGET...

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**MRD status nel paziente unfit è clinicamente utile**

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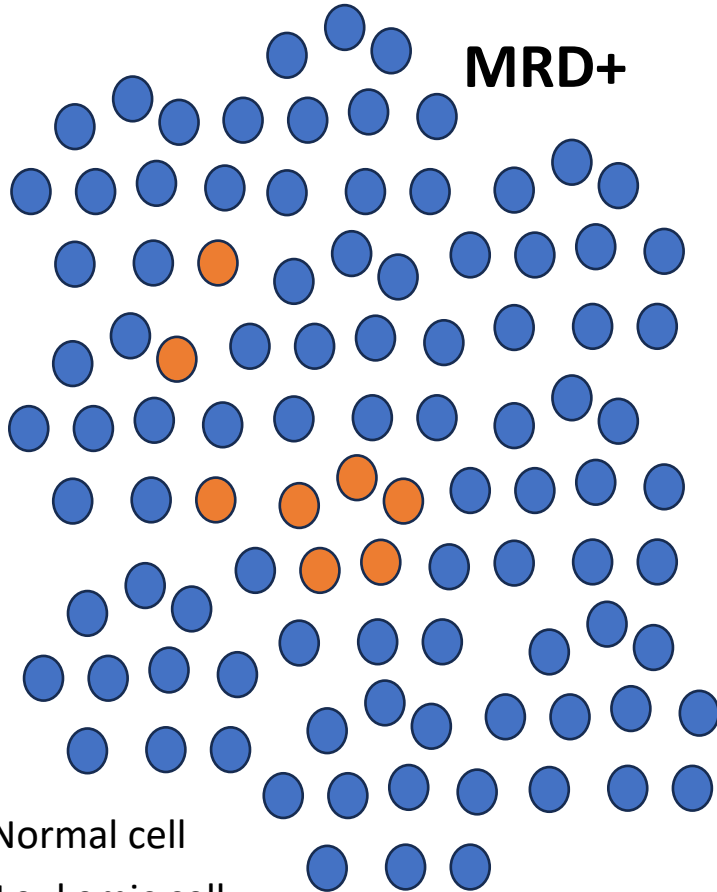
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# Measurable residual disease (MRD)

Paz.1

Complete remission

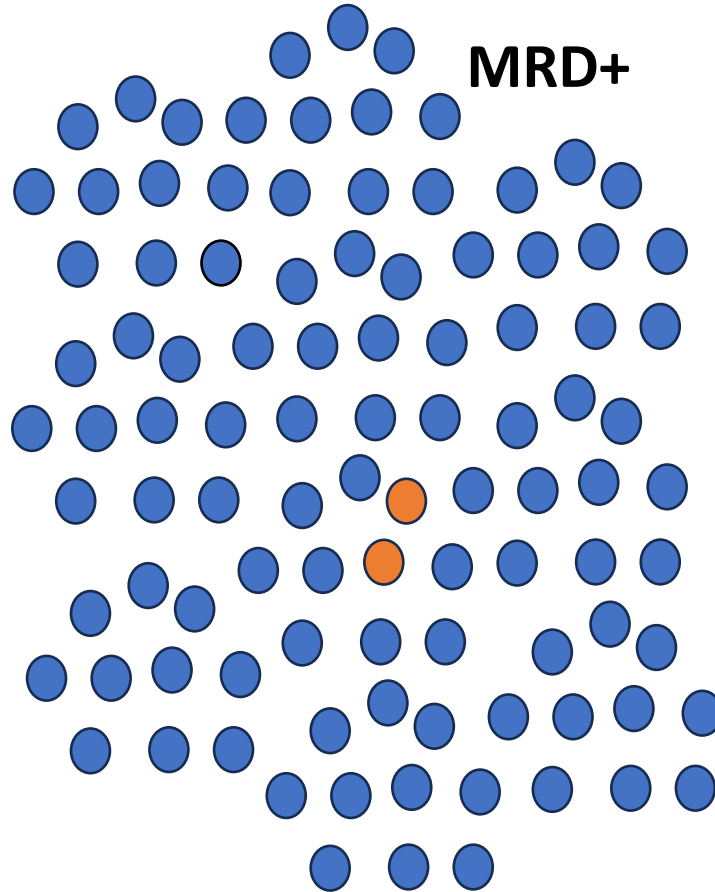
MRD+



Paz.2

Complete remission

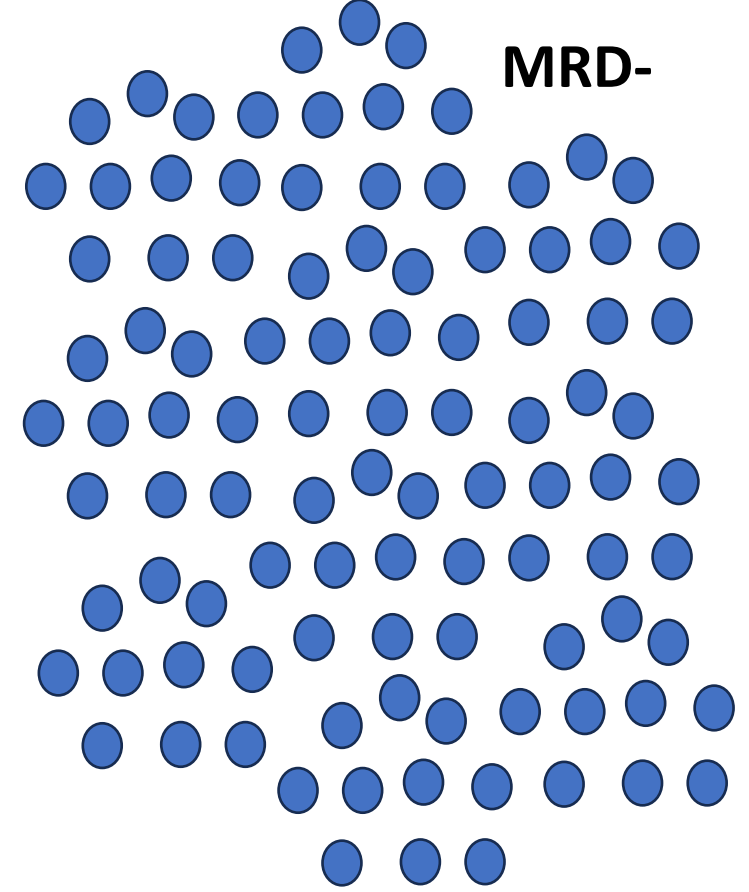
MRD+



Paz.3

Complete remission

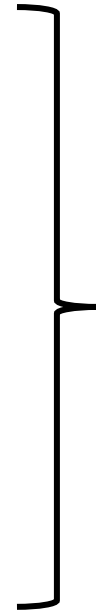
MRD-



● Normal cell  
● Leukemic cell

# “Universal” information provided by MRD

- How deep the response
- How fast the response



Biology of the disease

# Recommended MRD techniques in AML (as of today)

- Flow cytometry
  - Good sensitivity (~1 cell/10000)
  - Very good specificity, but...
- Quantitative PCR (NPM1mut; RUNX1::RUNX1T1; CBFB::MYH11)
  - Very good sensitivity (ca. 1 cell/100000)
  - Excellent specificity

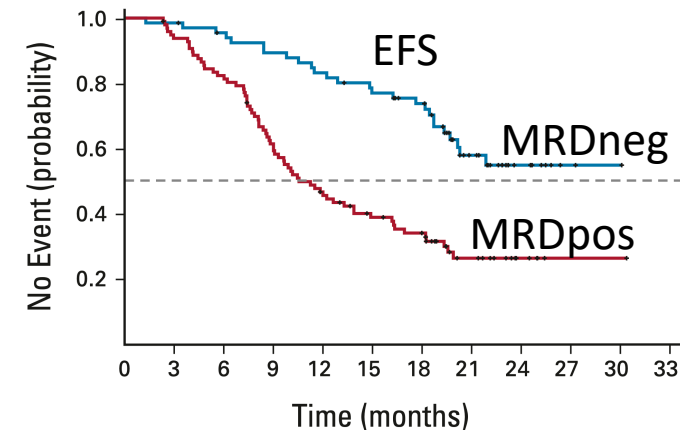
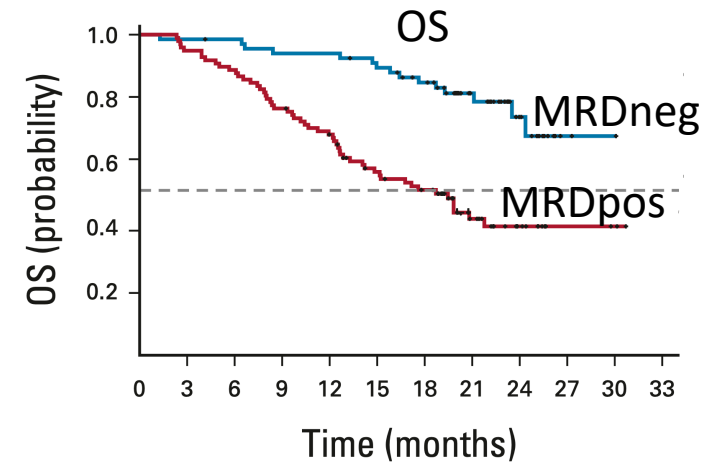
# 2021 Update on MRD in acute myeloid leukemia: a consensus document from the European LeukemiaNet MRD Working Party

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## Patients treated with lower-intensity treatment?

# Prognostic impact of flow MRD in patients treated with venetoclax

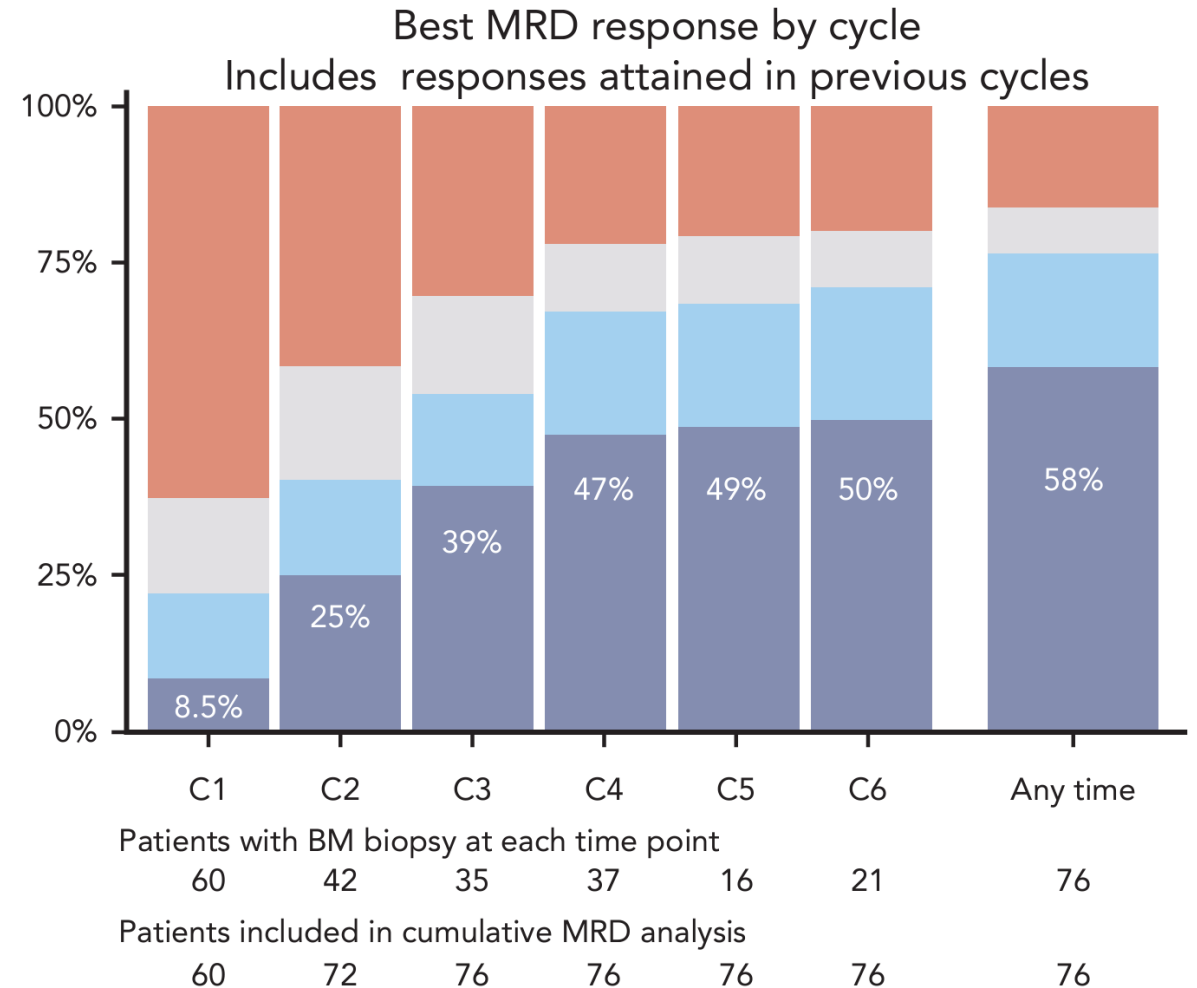
- VIALE-A
- 164 patients treated AZA+VEN in CR/CRi
- Flow cytometry bone marrow
- MRD neg if  $< 0.1\%$  at any time
- 67 achieved MRD neg



Pratz, et al. JCO 2021

# Prognostic impact of NPM1mut MRD in patients treated with venetoclax

- Retrospective data
- 76 NPM1mut patients who achieved CR/CRi
- LDAC/HMA + VEN
- Median age 72 (34-86)
- 24% FLT3-ITD
- qPCR bone marrow

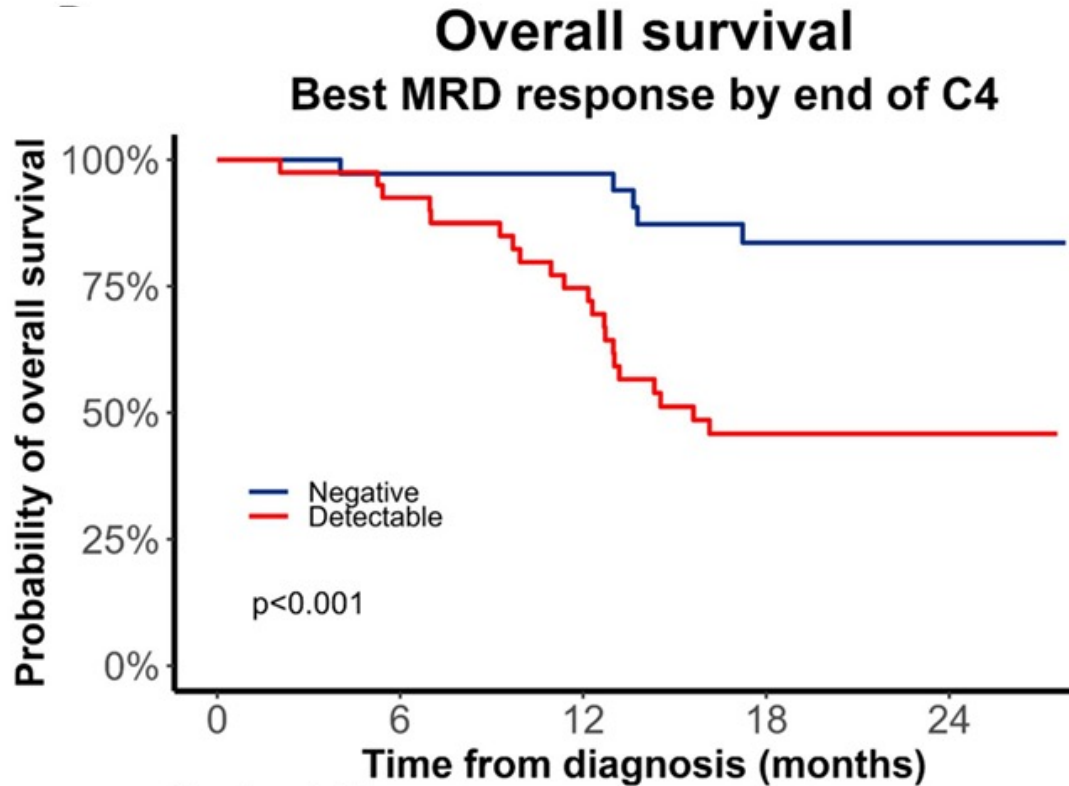


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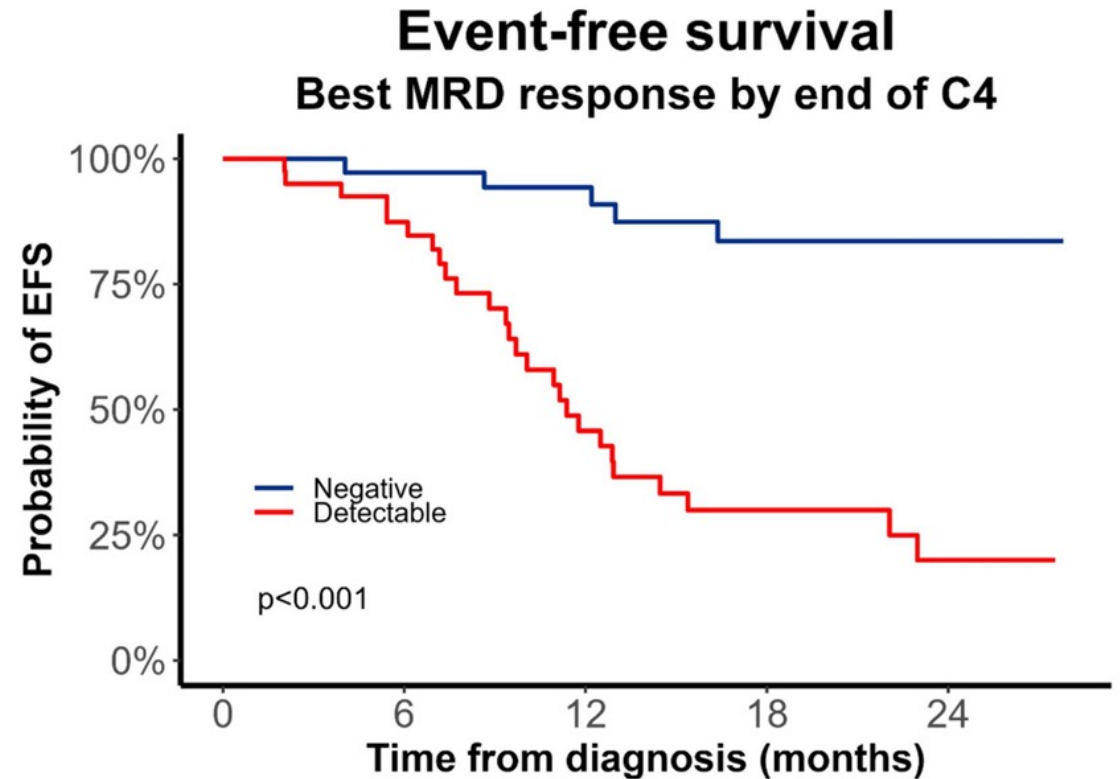
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Number at risk

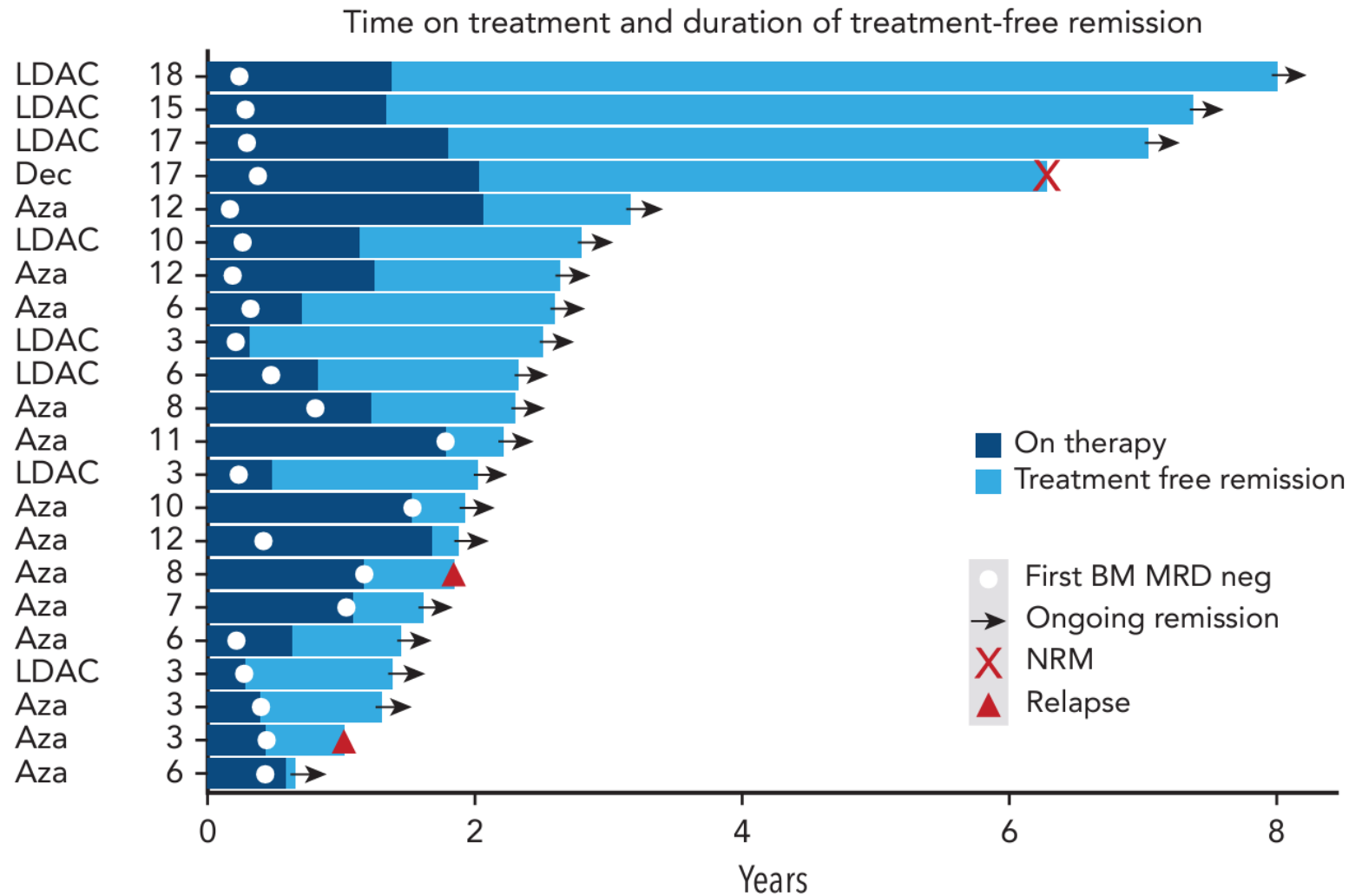
•	36	35	30	22	19
•	40	37	29	17	11



Number at risk

•	36	35	28	20	18
•	40	33	15	9	3

# In NPM1mut patients with stable MRDneg, TFR is possible



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# MRD in (my) clinical practice in patients treated with venetoclax

- Integration with genetics for accurate survival estimates
- More accurate patient information
- Helps decision-making if poor tolerance/toxicities

# Integration with genetics: ELN 2024 for lower intensity treatments

Rischio	Anomalie genetiche	Sopravvivenza mediana
<b>Favorevole</b>	NPM1 mutato (FLT3-ITDneg; NRASwt; KRASwt; TP53wt) IDH2 mutato (FLT3-ITDneg; NRASwt; KRASwt; TP53wt) IDH1 mutato* (TP53wt) DDX41 mutato Anomalie genetiche MDS-relate (FLT3-ITDneg; NRASwt; KRASwt; TP53wt)	39 mesi 37 mesi 29 mesi 24 mesi 23 mesi
<b>Intermedio</b>	Anomalie genetiche MDS-relate (FLT3-ITDpos e/o NRASmut e/o KRASmut, TP53wt) Altre anomalie citogenetiche e/o molecolari** (FLT3-ITDpos e/o NRASmut e/o KRASmut, TP53wt)	13 mesi 12 mesi
<b>Sfavorevole</b>	TP53 mutato	5-8 mesi

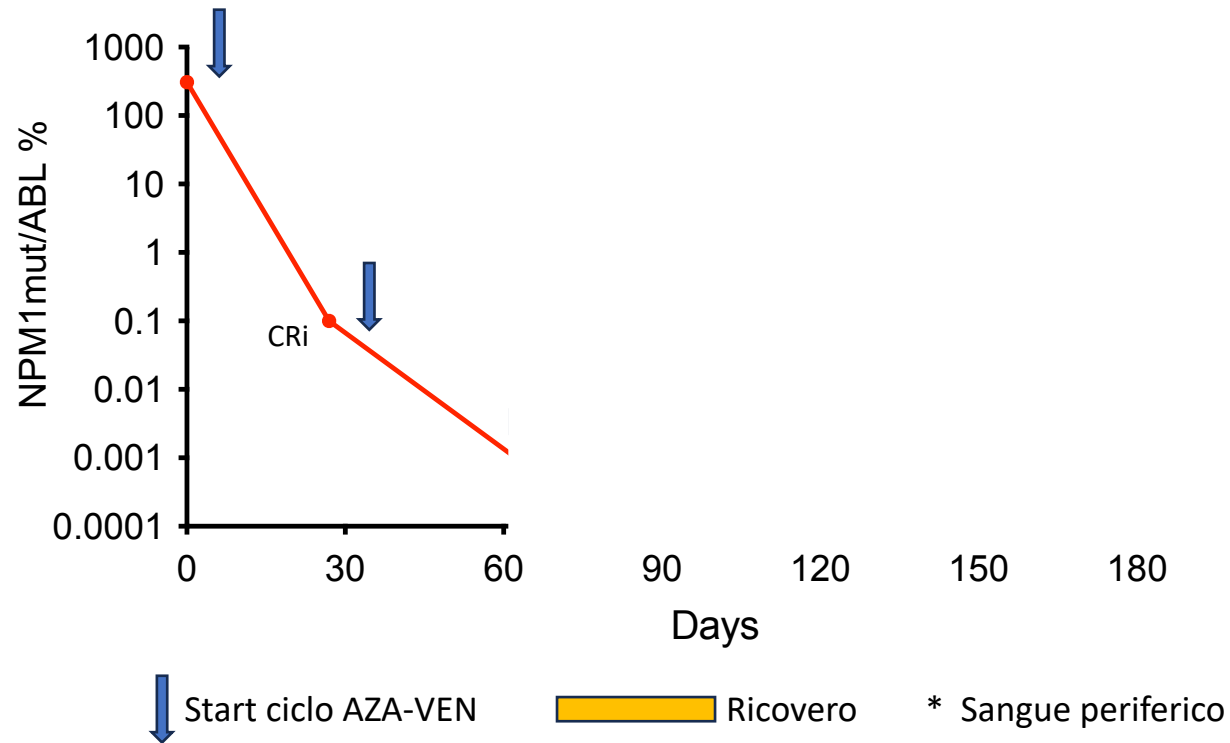
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# Scenario 1

75 years

NPM1mut, FLT3-D835

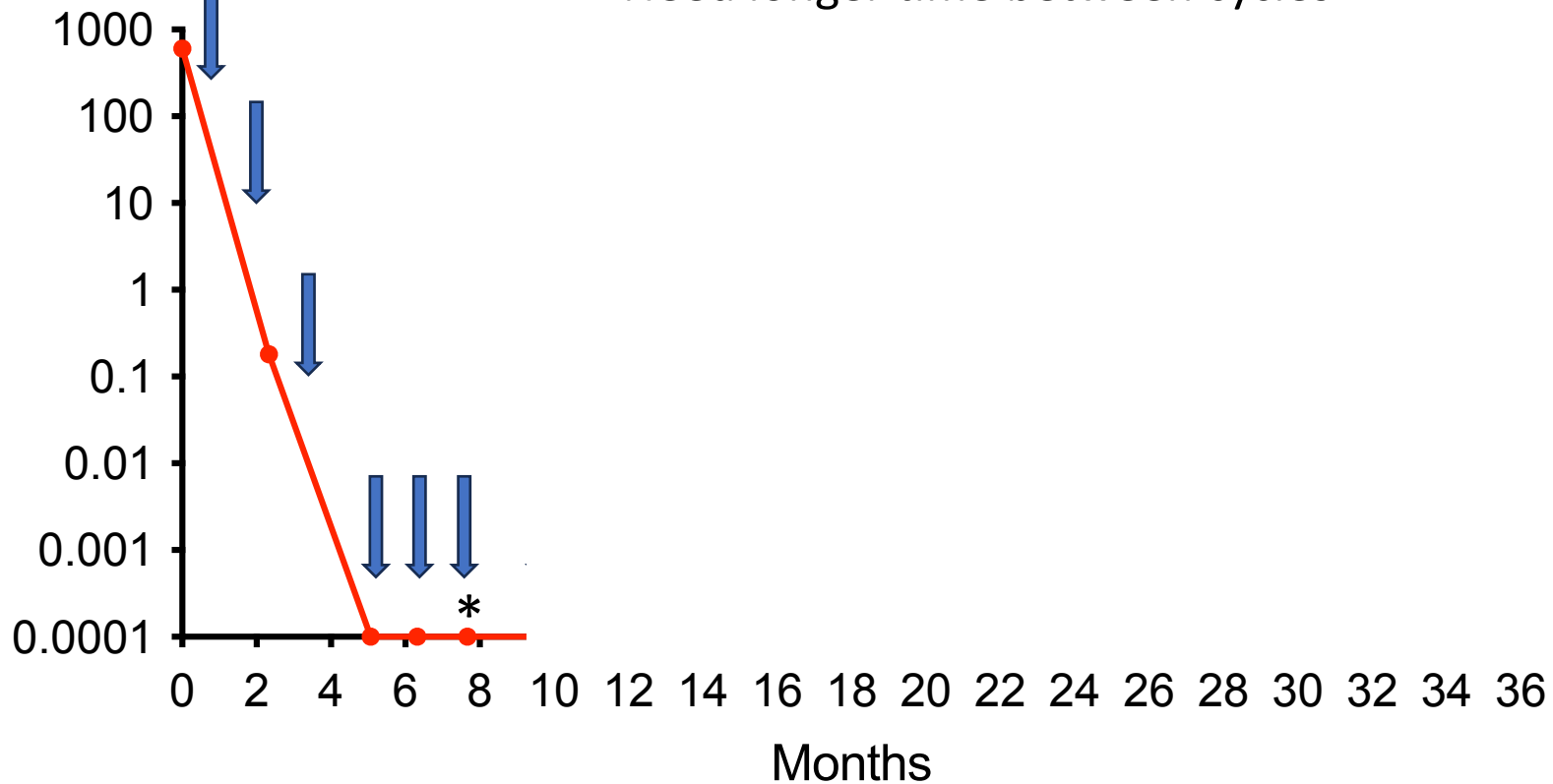
46,XY



# Scenario 2

74 years,  
NPM1mut, FLT3 wt  
46,XX

Poor QoL  
Need longer time between cycles



\* Peripheral blood

↓ Start cycle AZA-VEN

# Conclusions e take-home messages

- More data needed
- If CR/CRi is target, MRD provides more accurate info on the quality of response
- MRD negativity should not be pursued at all costs
- Prognostic impact: integration with genetics
- Helps in decision-making if toxicity/poor tolerance
- Imperative studying TFR in NPM1mut MRDneg patients