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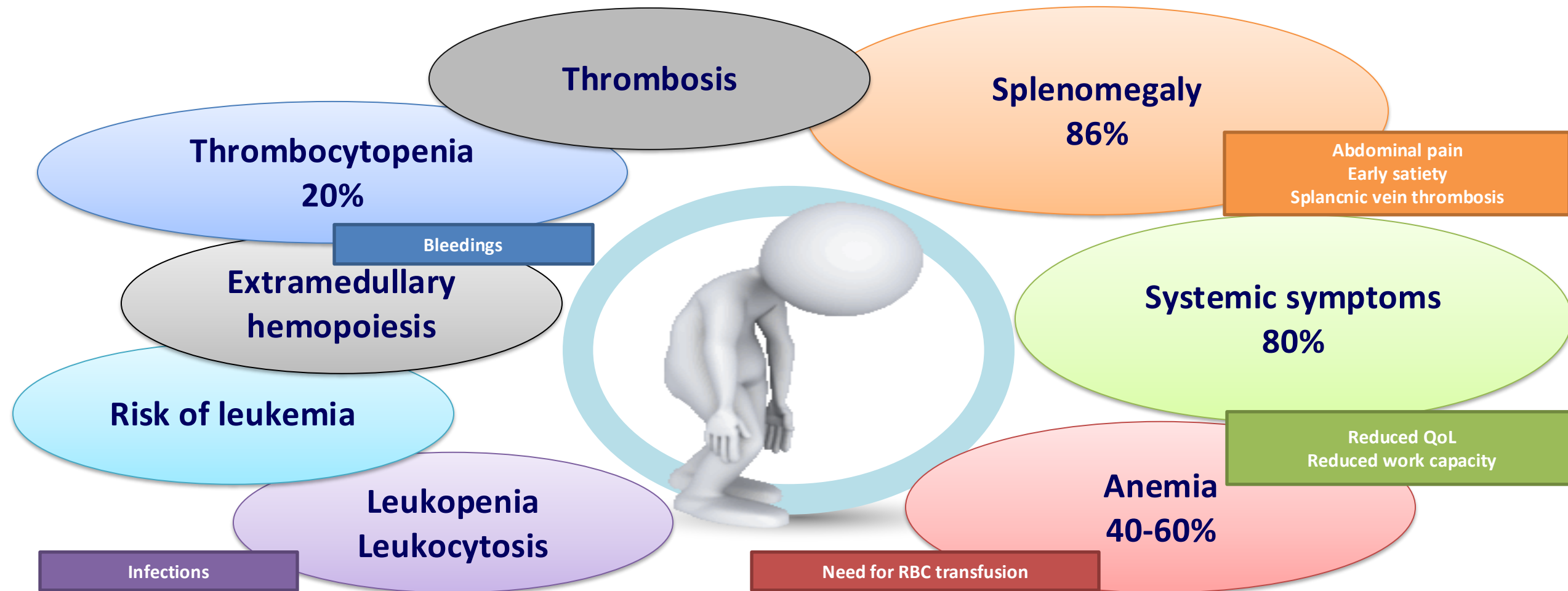


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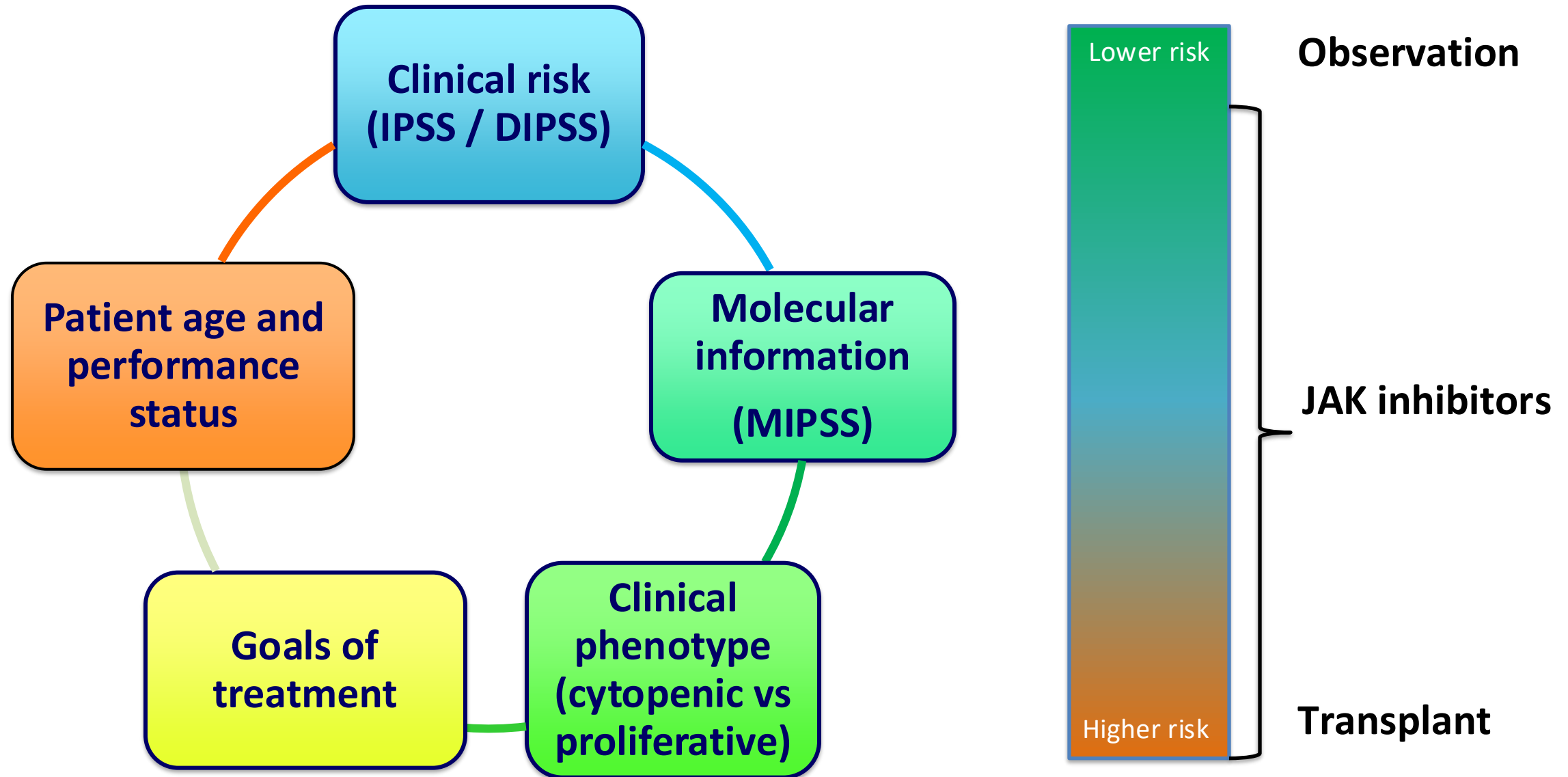
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Myelofibrosis is a personalized disease

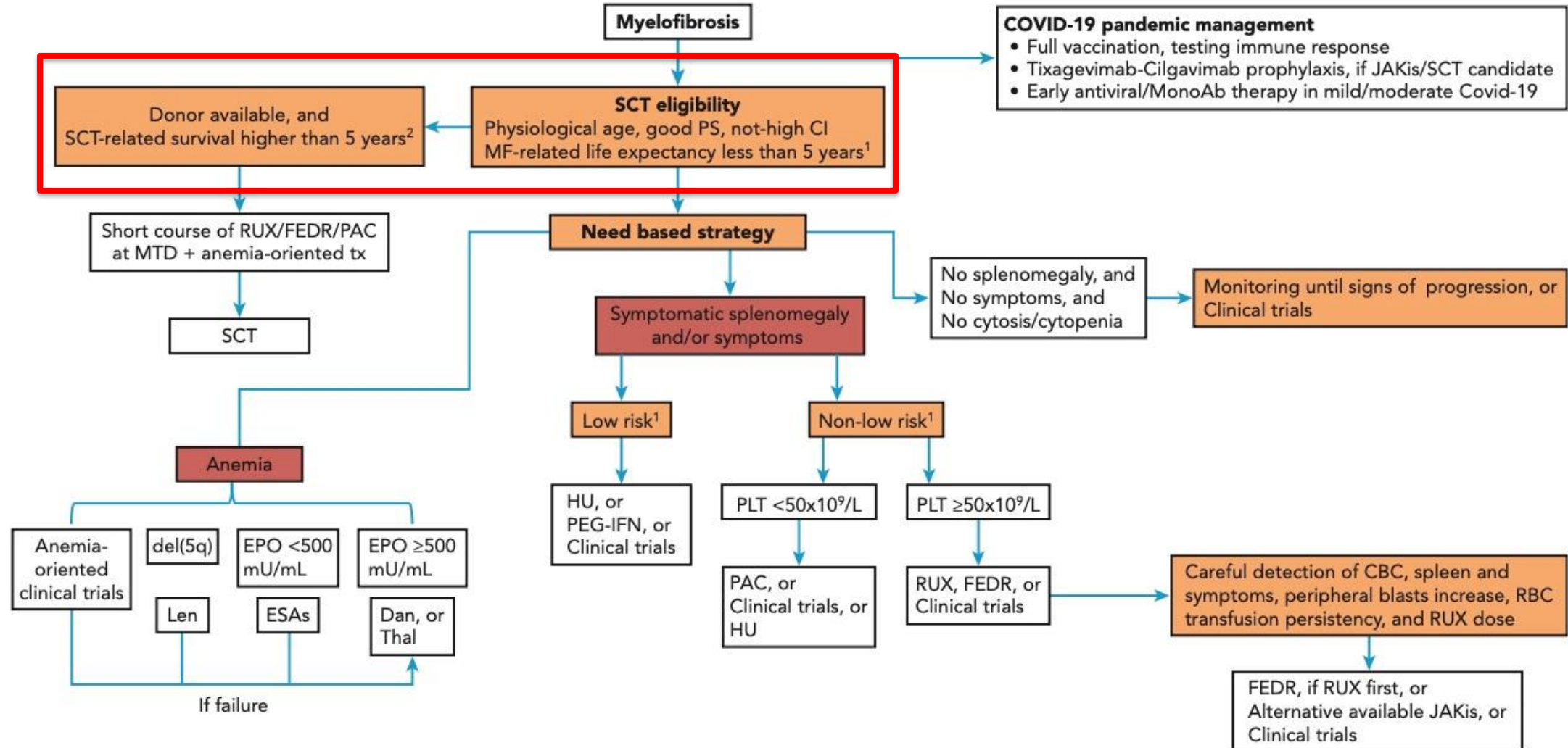


- A patient may present more than one clinical need at the same time
- Prioritization of clinical needs may be necessary and may change over time
- Addressing one clinical need may worsen other clinical needs.

Factors to consider for treatment's choice



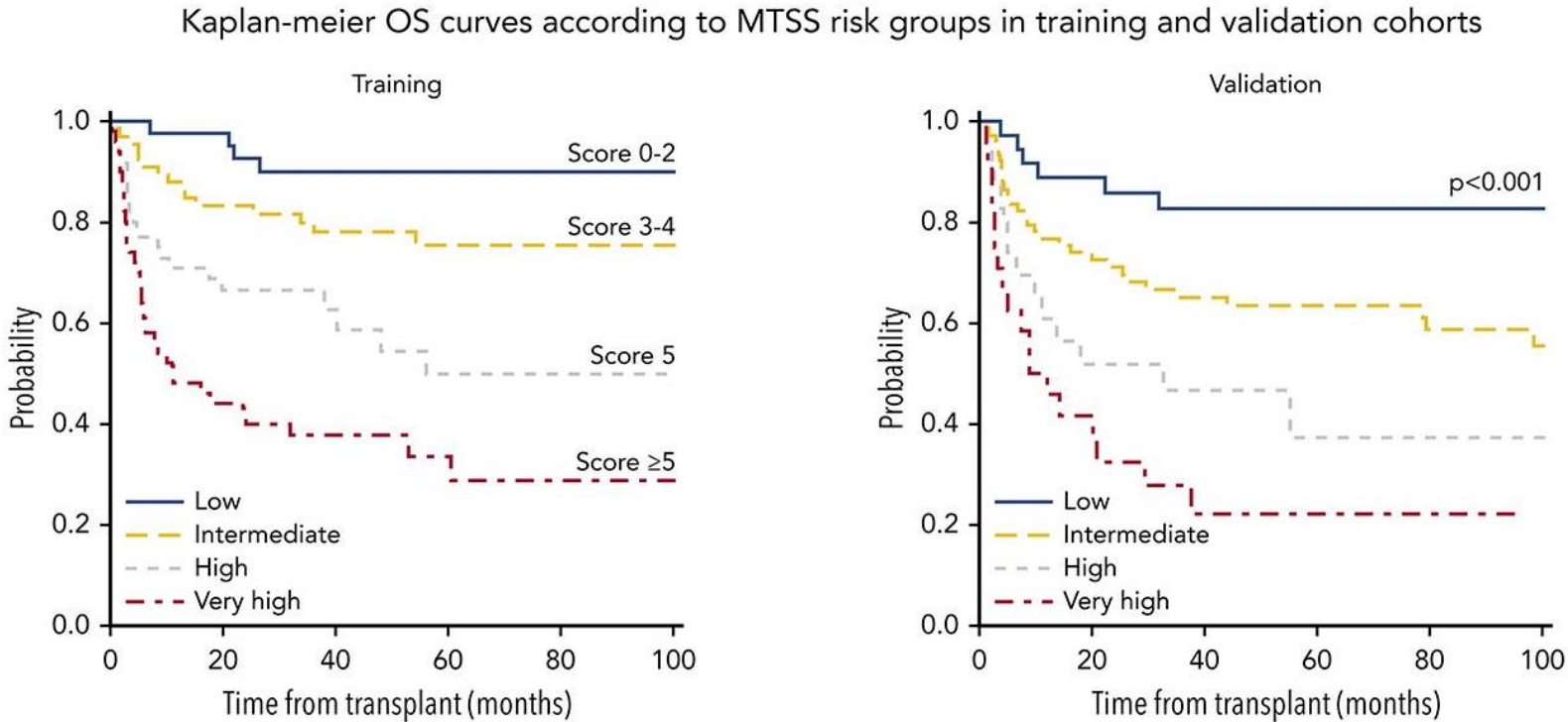
Current management of myelofibrosis



Prognostic models to predict survival in myelofibrosis

	DIPSS	DIPSS+	MIPSS-70	MIPSS-70+ version 2.0	MYSEC-PM
<i>Patients' characteristics (score)</i>	Age > 65 y (1) Constitutional symptoms (1)	Age > 65 y (1) Constitutional symptoms (1) RBC transfusions need (1)	Constitutional symptoms (1)	Constitutional symptoms (2)	Age (0.15 × y) Constitutional symptoms (1)
<i>Laboratory values (score)</i>	Hb < 10 g/dl (2) WBC > 25 × 10 ⁹ /l (1) Blasts ≥ 1% (1)	Hb < 10 g/dl (1) WBC > 25 × 10 ⁹ /l (1) Blasts ≥ 1% (1) PLT < 100 × 10 ⁹ /l (1)	Hb < 10 g/dl (1) WBC > 25 × 10 ⁹ /l (2) Blasts ≥ 2% (1) PLT < 100 × 10 ⁹ /l (2)	Severe anemia ² (2) Moderate anemia ³ (1) Blasts ≥ 2% (1)	Hb < 11 g/dl (2) Blasts ≥ 3% (2) PLT < 150 × 10 ⁹ /l (1)
<i>Driver mutation (score)</i>			Absence of type 1/like CALR (1)	Absence of type 1/like CALR (2)	Absence of CALR (2)
<i>Myeloid-gene variants (score)</i>			1 HMR (1) ≥ 2 HMR (2)	1 HMR included U2AF1Q157 (2) ≥ 2 HMR included U2AF1Q157 (3)	
<i>Karyotype (score)</i>		Unfavourable ¹ (1)		Unfavourable ⁴ (3) Very high-risk ⁵ (4)	
<i>Bone marrow (score)</i>			BMF grade ≥ 2 (1)		
<i>Risk (score), median survival</i>	Low (0), NR Int-1 (1–2), 14.2 y Int-2 (3–4), 4 y High (5–6), 1.5 y	Low (0), 15.4 y Int-1 (1), 6.5 y Int-2 (2–3), 2.9 y High (≥ 4), 1.3 y	Low (0–1), NR Int (2–4), 6.3 y High (≥ 5), 3.1 y	Very low (0), NR Low (1–2), 16.4 y Int (3–4), 7.7 y High (5–8), 4.1 y Very high (≥ 9), 1.8 y	Low (< 11), NR Int-1 (11–13), 9.3 y Int-2 (14–15), 4.4 y High (≥ 16), 2 y

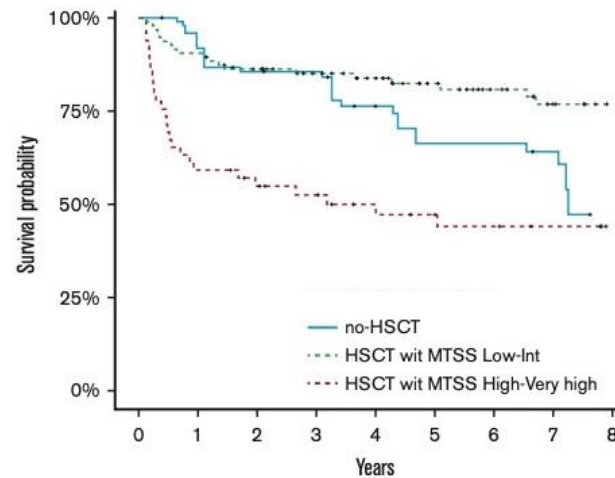
Prognostic models to predict survival after transplant (1)



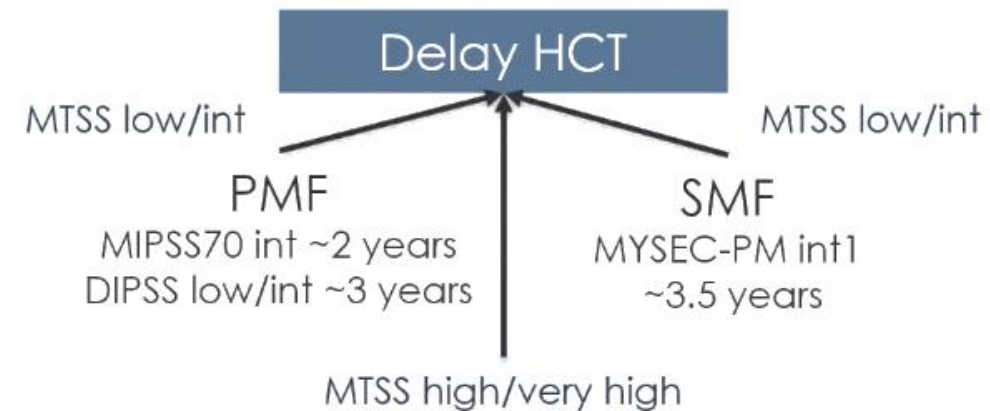
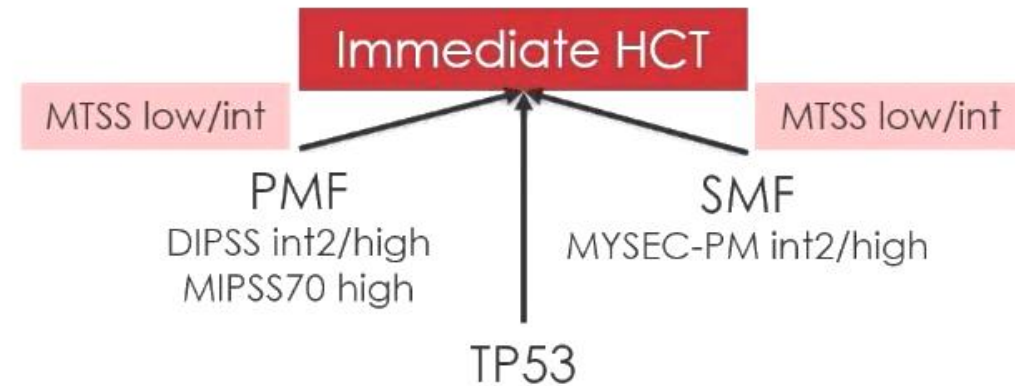
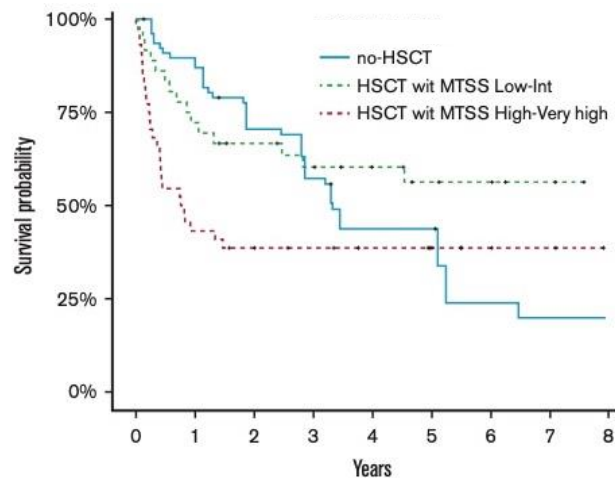
	Variable						
	Platelets <150 x 10 ⁹ /L	Leukocytes >25 x 10 ⁹ /L	Karnofsky performance status <90%	Age ≥57 years	Non-CALR/MPL driver mutation genotype	ASXL1 mutation	HLA-mismatched unrelated donor
HR	1.67	1.57	1.50	1.65	2.40	1.42	2.08
Score	1	1	1	1	2	1	2

Integration of prognostic models for personalized transplant decision making

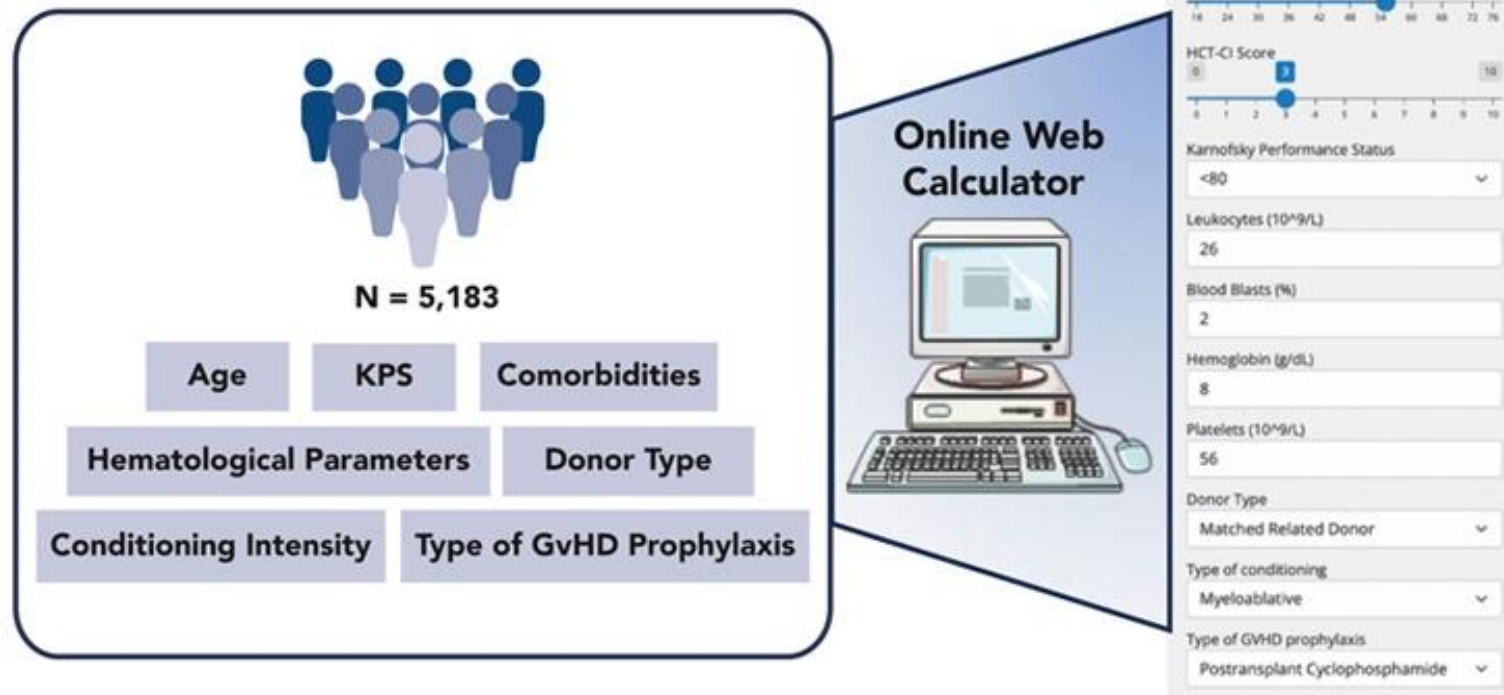
MIPSS70: Intermediate



MIPSS70: High



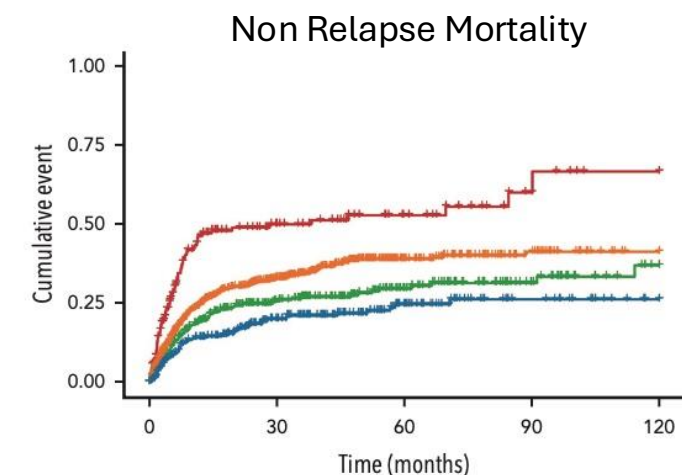
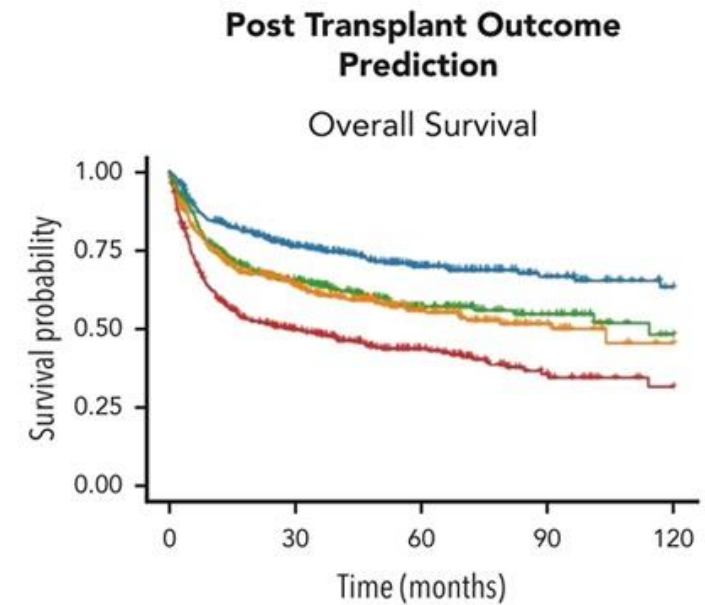
Prognostic models to predict survival after transplant (2)



The diagram illustrates a prognostic model for transplant survival prediction. It features a group of stylized human figures representing a cohort of **N = 5,183** patients. Below this, several factors are listed in boxes: **Age**, **KPS**, **Comorbidities**, **Hematological Parameters**, **Donor Type**, **Conditioning Intensity**, and **Type of GvHD Prophylaxis**. These factors feed into an **Online Web Calculator**, which is depicted as a computer monitor and keyboard. To the right of the calculator, a screenshot of the web interface shows input fields for various clinical parameters:

- Age: 55
- HCT-CI Score: 3
- Karnofsky Performance Status: <80
- Leukocytes ($10^9/L$): 26
- Blood Blasts (%): 2
- Hemoglobin (g/dL): 8
- Platelets ($10^9/L$): 56
- Donor Type: Matched Related Donor
- Type of conditioning: Myeloablative
- Type of GVHD prophylaxis: Posttransplant Cyclophosphamide

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Overview of JAK inhibitors in myelofibrosis

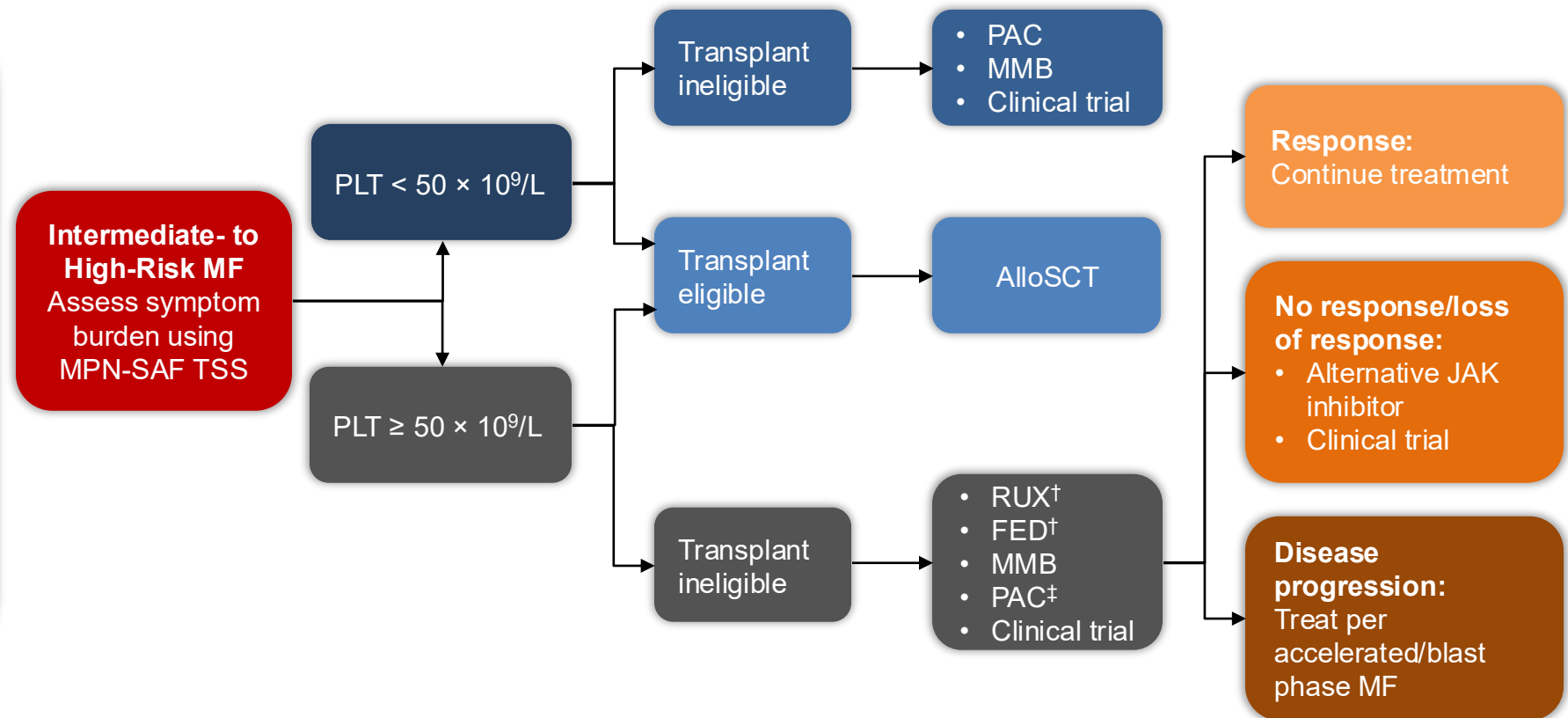
JAK-inhibitors

Potential mechanism of action:

1. Suppresses the growth of malignant cells (*JAK2* inhibition)
2. Down-regulate the cytokines (*JAK1* & *JAK2* inhibition) that contribute to hyperinflammation and hypermetabolic state

Not selective for *JAK2V617F* mutation

1. Benefit for patients with and without mutation
2. On-target side effects related to
 - *JAK2* inhibition (decreased erythropoiesis and thrombocytopoiesis)
 - *JAK1* inhibition (decreased immune surveillance)

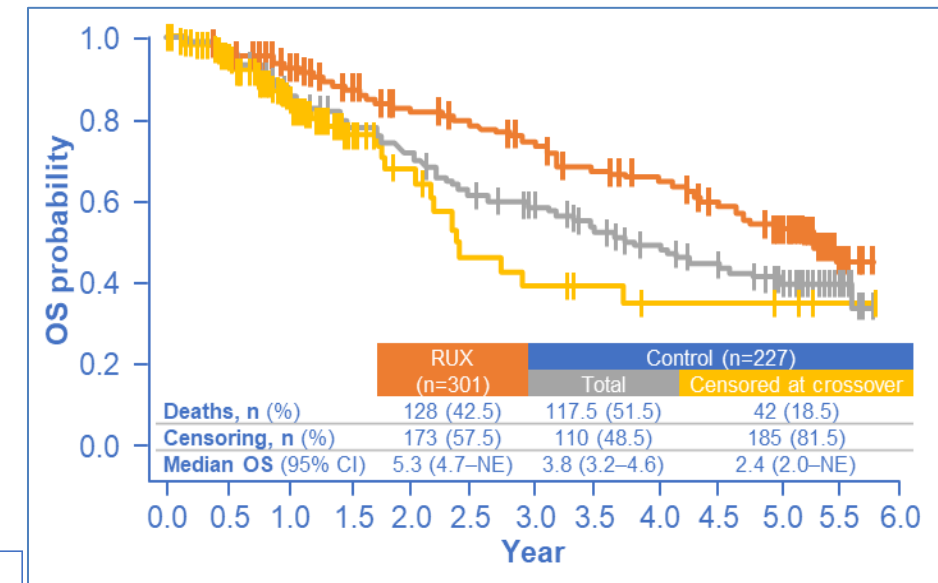
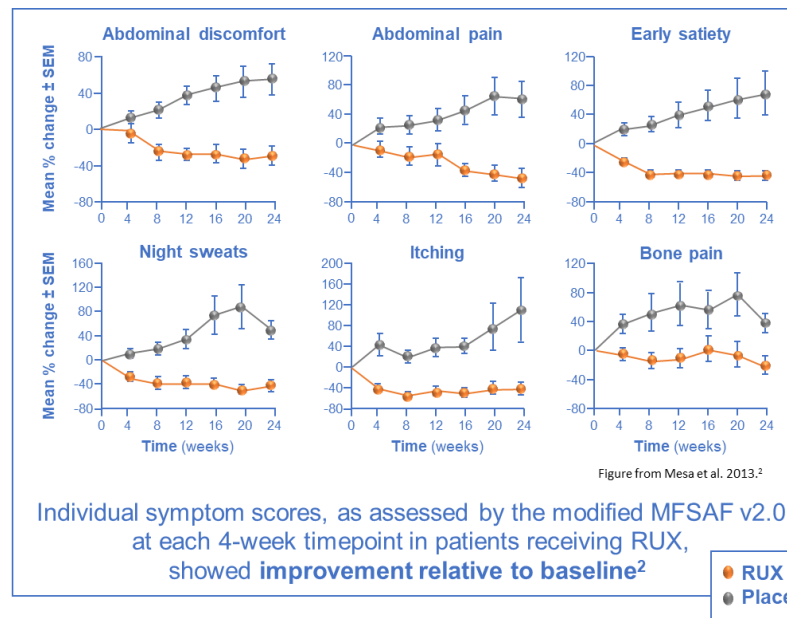
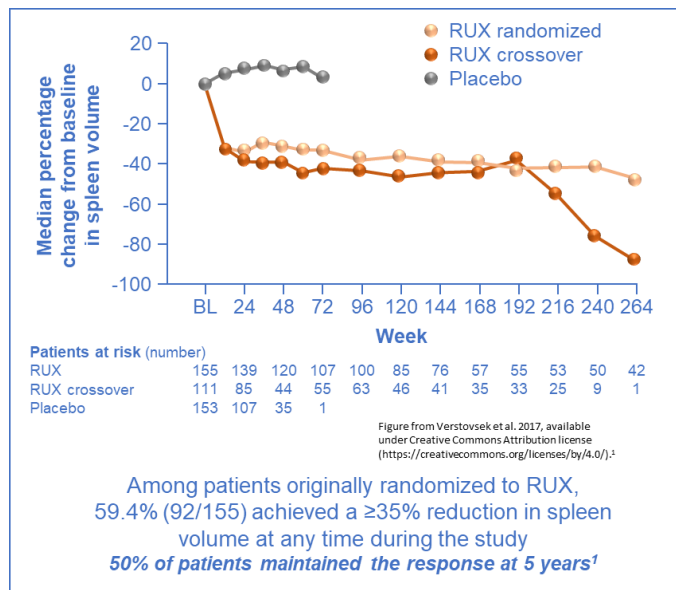


*All recommendations are category 2A unless otherwise indicated. [†]Category 1 recommendation. [‡]Category 2B recommendation.

AlloSCT, allogeneic stem cell transplantation; AML, acute myeloid leukemia; FED, fedratinib; HCT, hematopoietic cell transplant; JAK, Janus kinase; MF, myelofibrosis; MPN, myeloproliferative neoplasms; MPN-SAF-TSS, Myeloproliferative Neoplasms Symptom Assessment Form: Total Symptom Score. PAC, pacritinib; PLT, platelet; RUX, ruxolitinib.

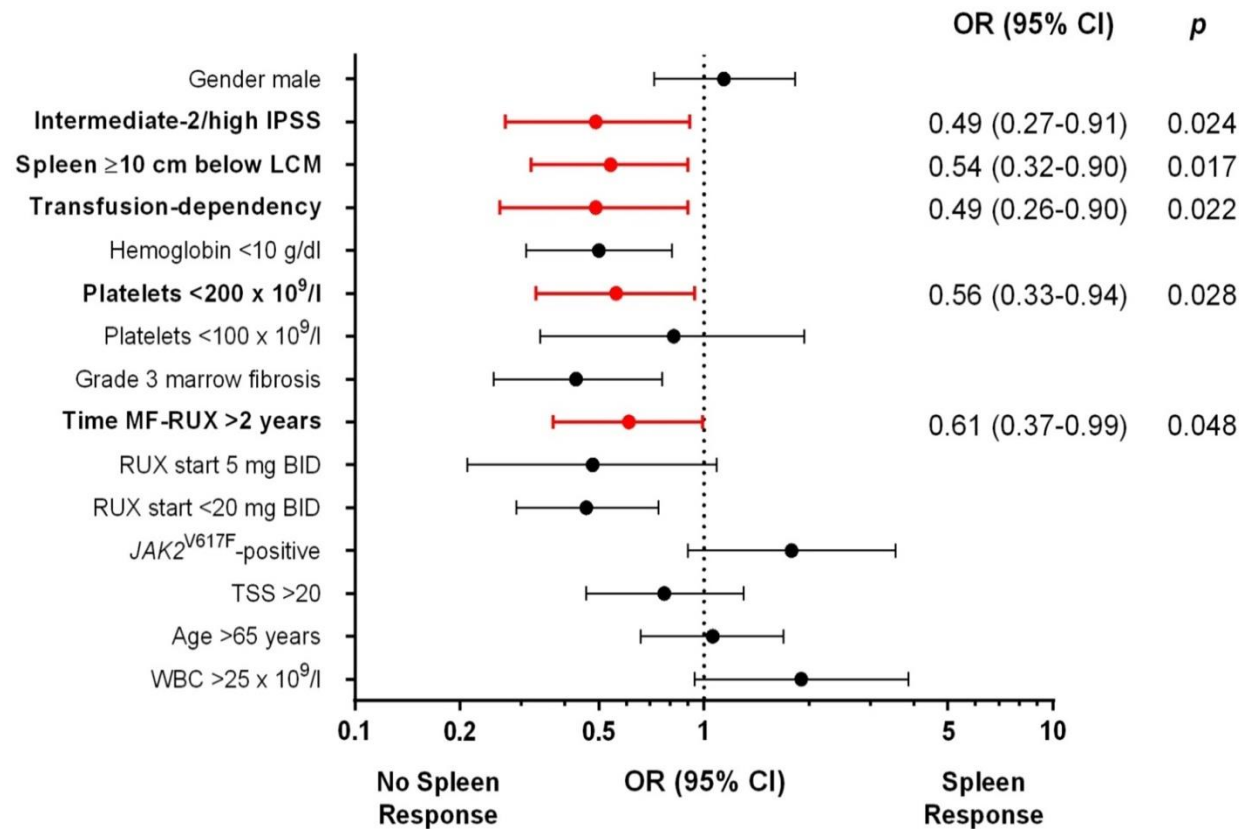
What are the benefits of ruxolitinib in myelofibrosis?

- **Splenomegaly:** Evidence of therapeutic benefit based on SVR35
- **Symptoms:** Evidence of therapeutic benefit based on TSS50
- **Survival:** Evidence of survival benefit for ruxolitinib

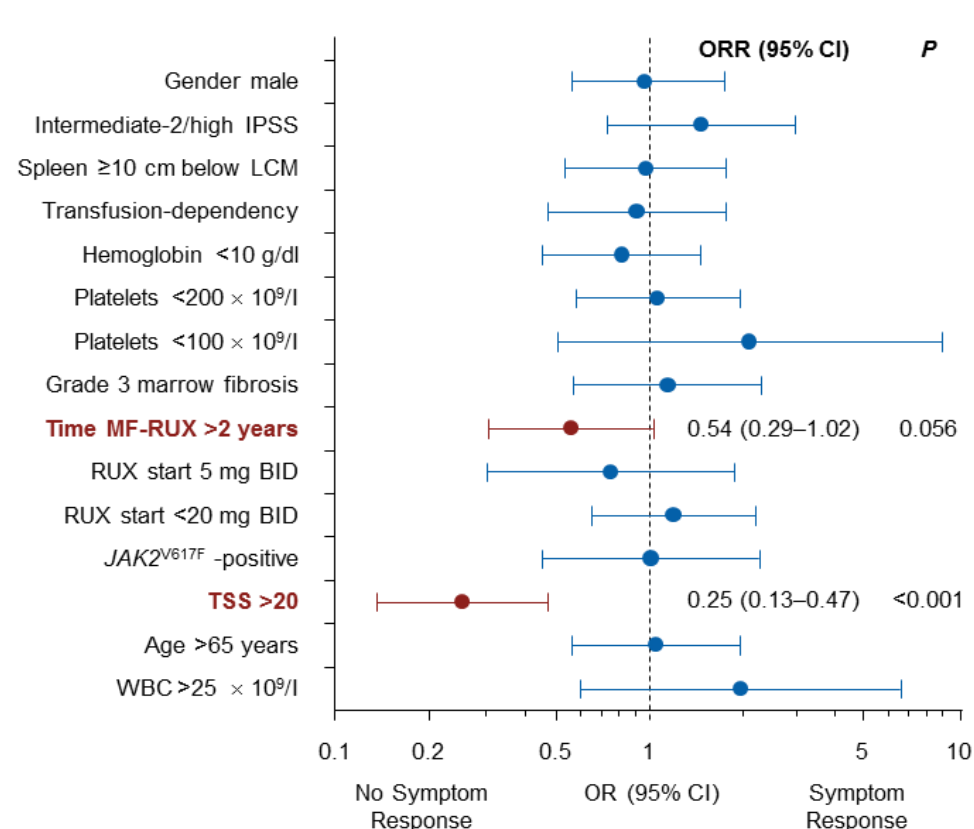


Early intervention with ruxolitinib results in higher rates of response

Predictor of spleen response at 6 months



Predictor of symptom response at 6 months

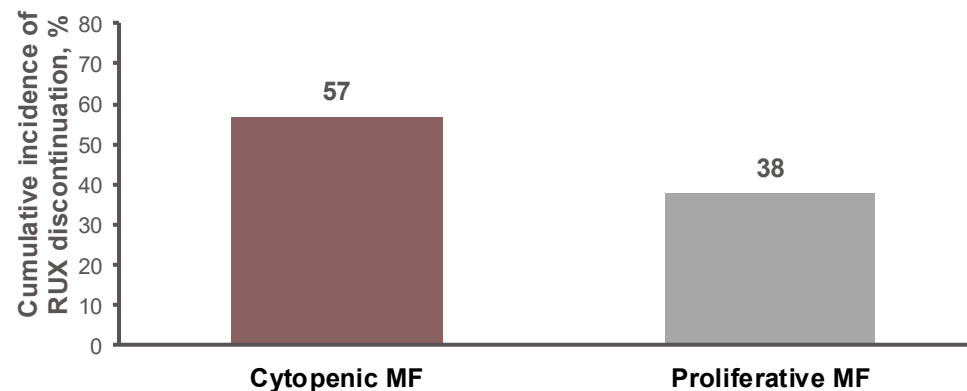


Delaying treatment from MF diagnosis to ruxolitinib start >2 years reduces probability of response by 40-50%

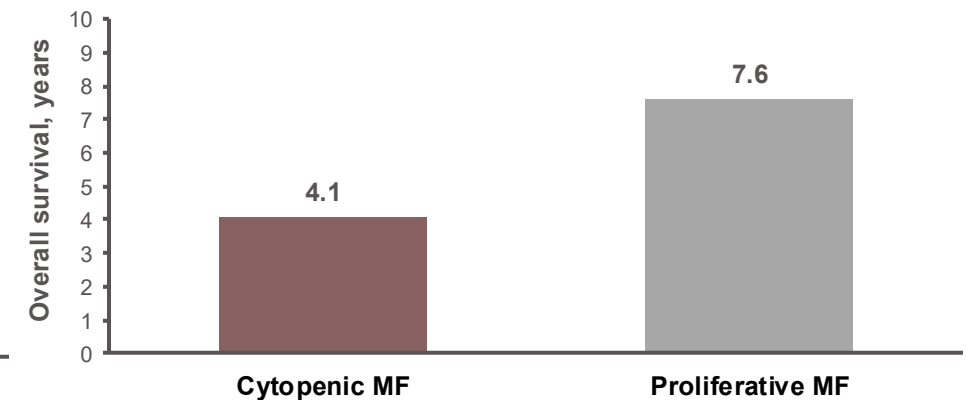
Ruxolitinib has a lower efficacy in cytopenic myelofibrosis

- The RUX-MF retrospective study evaluated 886 RUX-treated chronic-phase patients in 26 hematology centers.
- At ruxolitinib start, a cytopenic phenotype was present in 407 (45.9%) patients. Anemia was present in over 80% of the patients

Rates of spleen response at Week 24 was significantly lower in patients with cytopenic MF (**34.1%**) compared with those with proliferative MF (**26.5%**; $P = 0.04$)



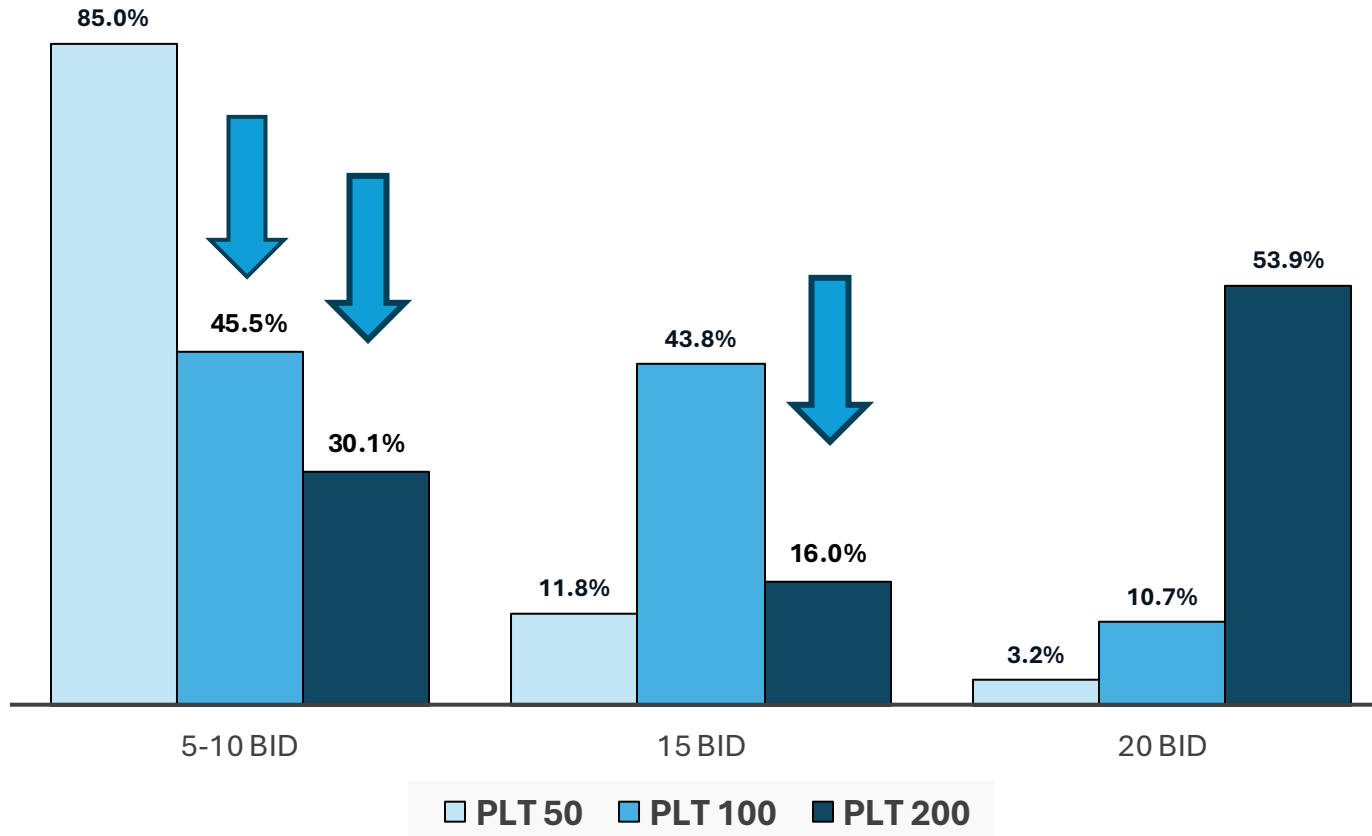
Cumulative incidence of RUX discontinuation at 5 years was 57% and 38% in patients with cytopenic and proliferative MF, respectively



Overall survival was significantly shorter in patients with cytopenic (4.1 years) versus proliferative MF (7.6 years; $P < 0.001$)

Ruxolitinib is underdosed in almost 50% of patients (Italy, real-life)

RUX starting dose

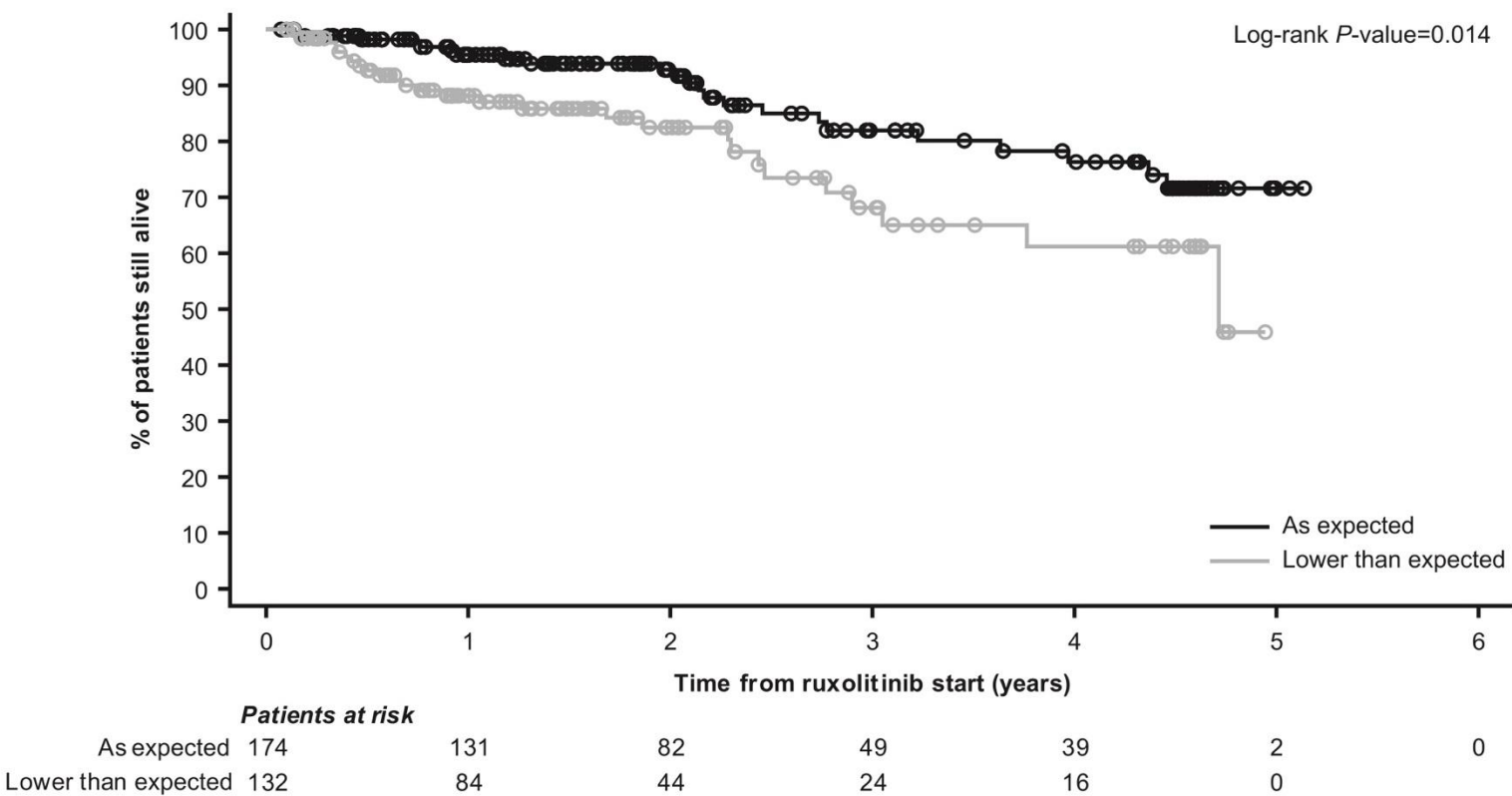


In the real-world “RUX-MF” study including >1000 MF patients treated with ruxolitinib in a real-life context:

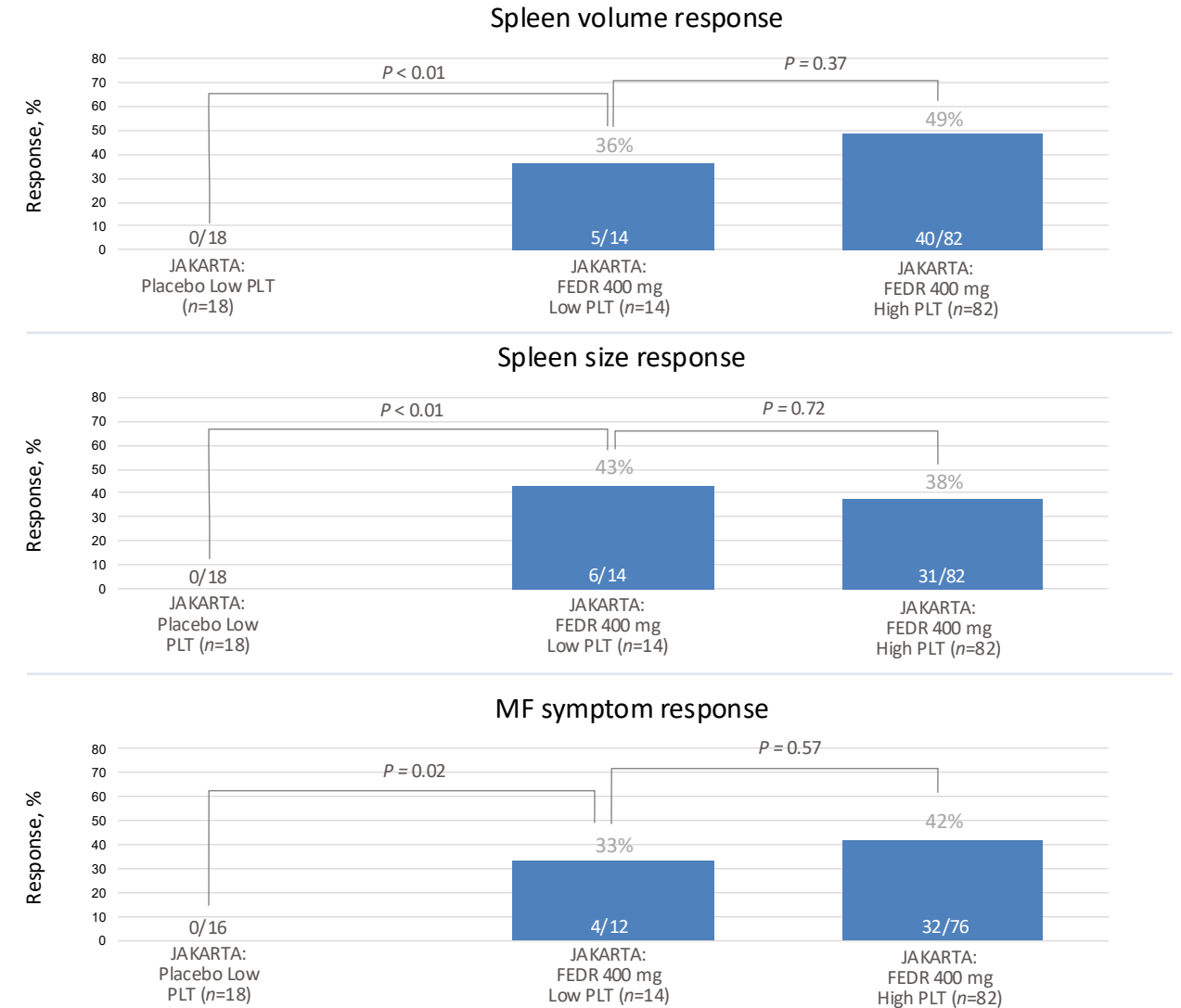
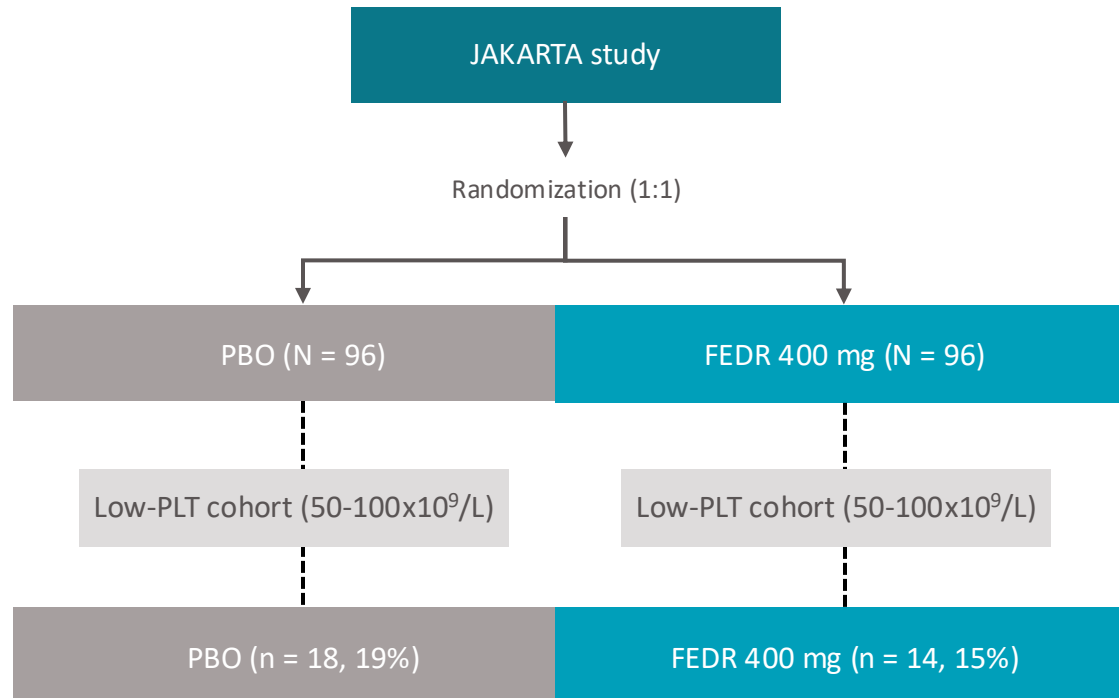
- 45.5% of PLT-100 and 46.1% of PLT-200 patients started with lower doses than expected, mainly 10 mg BID.
- Among the 365 (41.2%) patients who started with lower-than-expected ruxolitinib dose, 177 (48.5%) had anemia and/or leukopenia.

Use of lower ruxolitinib doses has a strong impact on survival

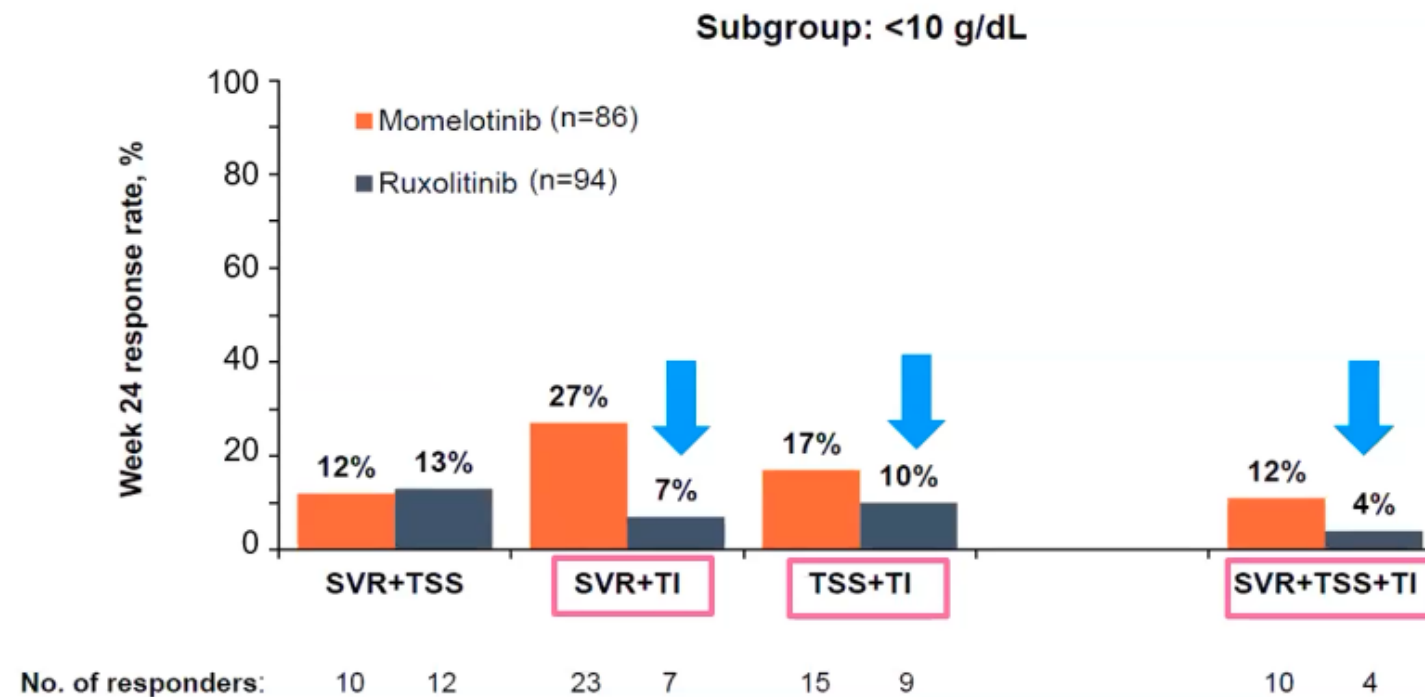
Compared to patients treated as-expected, patients treated with lower-than-expected ruxolitinib doses were older (p=.001), with lower hemoglobin baseline levels (p=.009) and with lower platelets at baseline (p=.021).



Front-line fedratinib: analysis of efficacy per platelet count

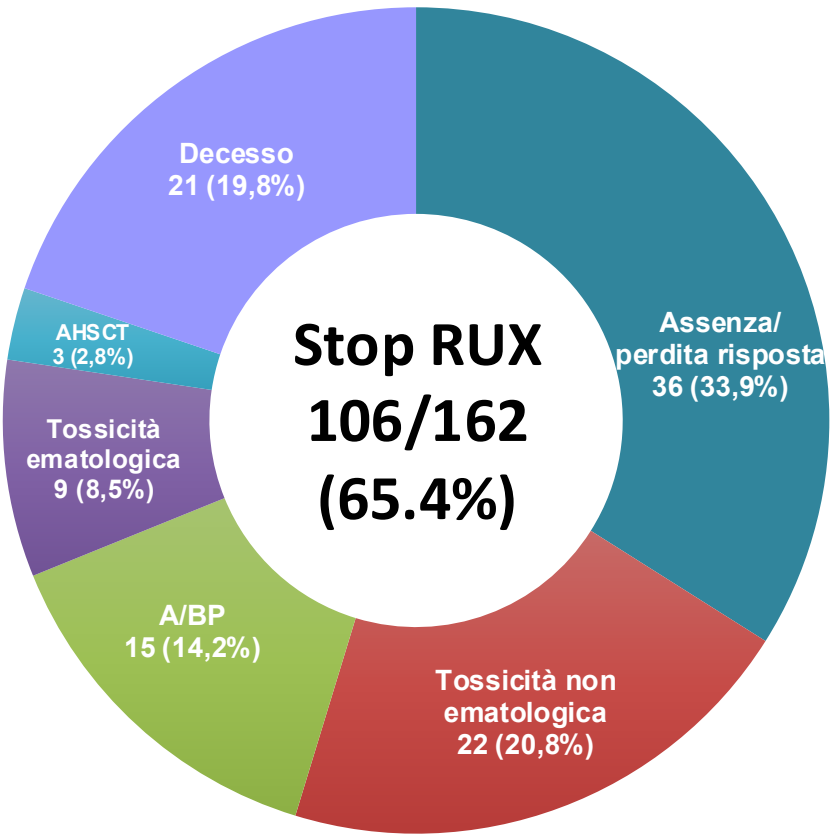
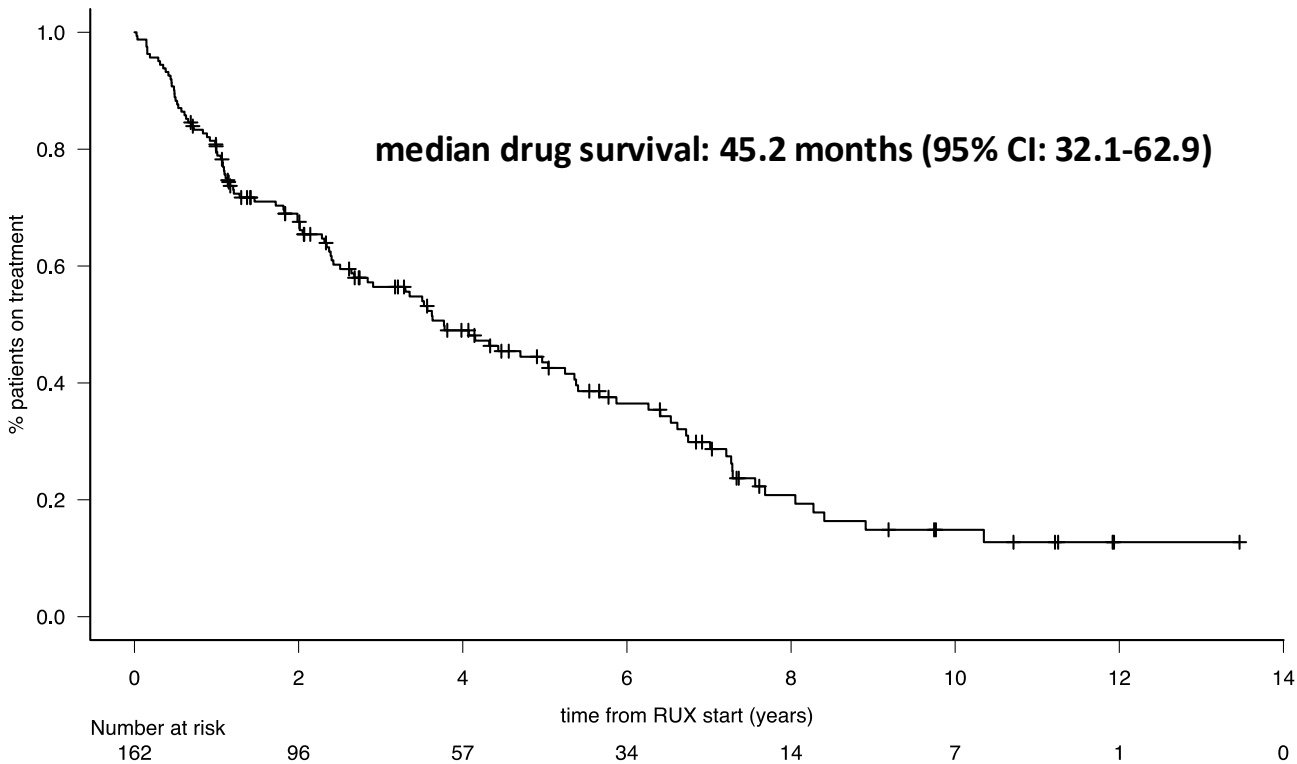


Front-line momelotinib in patients with moderate/severe anemia



- In the **moderately/severely anemic subgroup**
- In the MMB group a dual endpoint of TI was achieved by 23 of 27 (**85.2%**) splenic responders and 15 of 21 (**71.4%**) TSS responders
- Dual endpoint rates were lower with RUX in the anemic subgroups;
- TI was achieved by 7 of 31 (**22.6%**) splenic responders and 9 of 33 (**27.3%**) TSS responders
- Triple responses (SVR, TSS, and TI) were more frequent with MMB vs RUX

Rates and reasons for ruxolitinib discontinuation



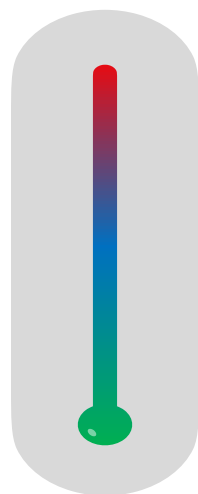
A prognostic model to predict survival with ruxolitinib and guide treatment switch

- RUX at a dose <20 mg twice daily at all time points
- RBC transfusion requirement at 3 and/or 6 months

1 point

- RBC transfusions at all time points
- Palpable spleen length reduction $\leq 30\%$ respect to baseline at 3 and 6 months

1.5 points



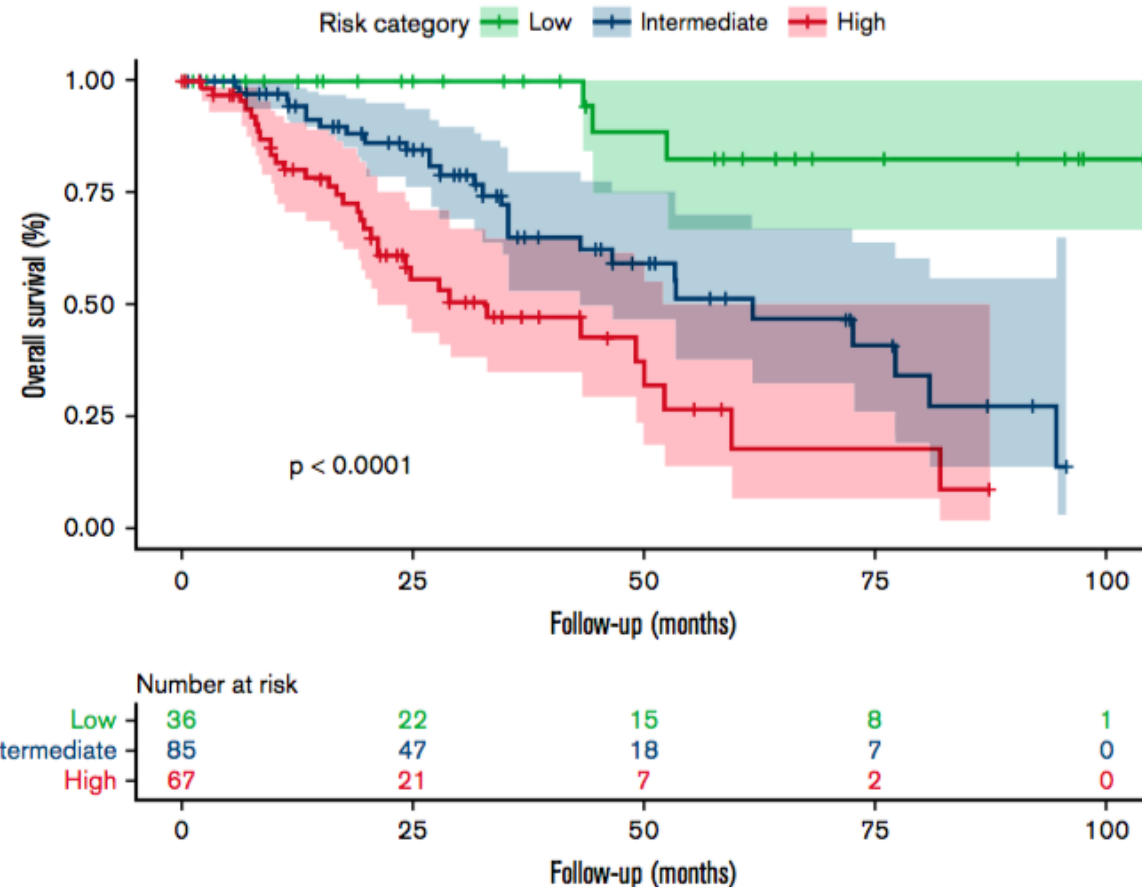
High Risk: >2

median OS 33 months

Intermediate Risk: 1-2 median OS 61 months

Low Risk: 0

median OS not reached



Efficacy of fedratinib in second-line treatment: the FREEDOM-2 trial

Adult patients with int-2/high-risk MF with $\text{Plt} \geq 50 \times 10^9/\text{L}$; relapsed, refractory, or intolerant to ruxolitinib; normal baseline thiamine; prophylactic antiemetics and thiamine supplementation, symptomatic antidiarrheals as required (N = 201)

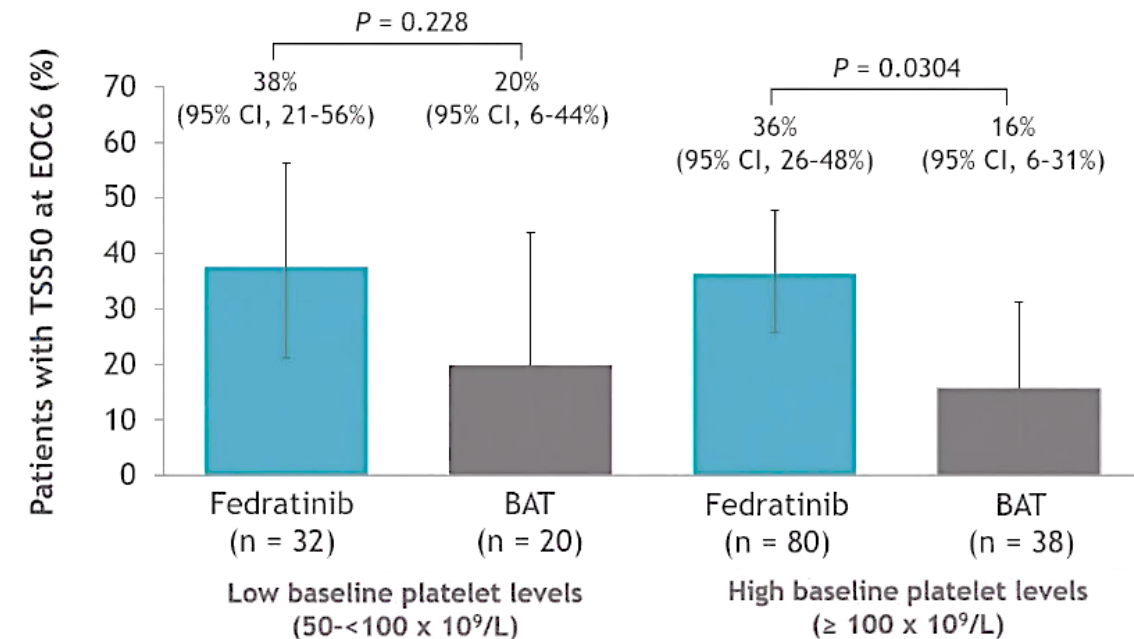
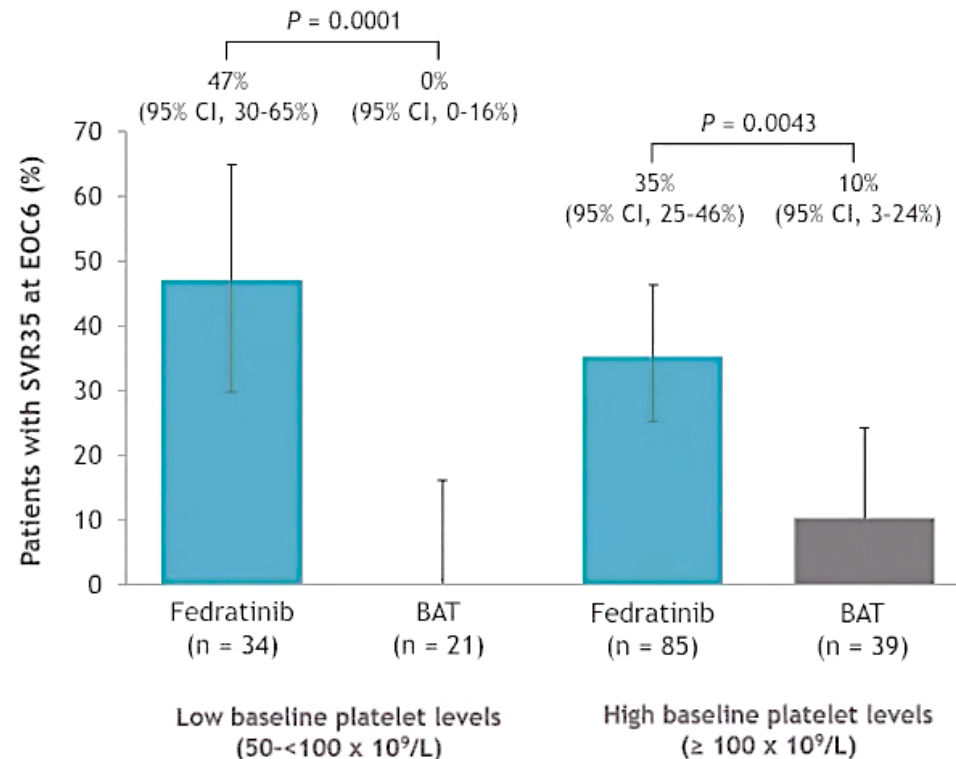
Fedratinib 400 mg daily

BAT (78% received RUX as BAT)

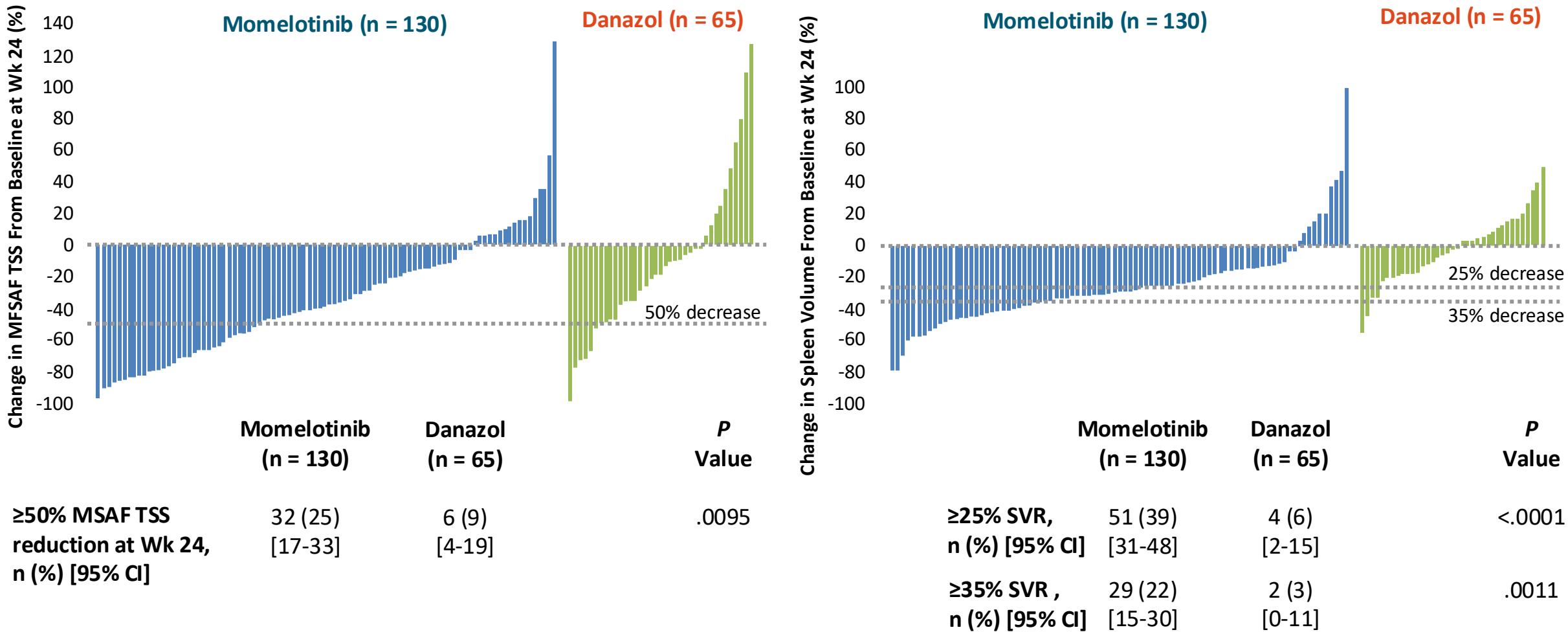
Crossover permitted

Primary EP: SVR35 at EOC6

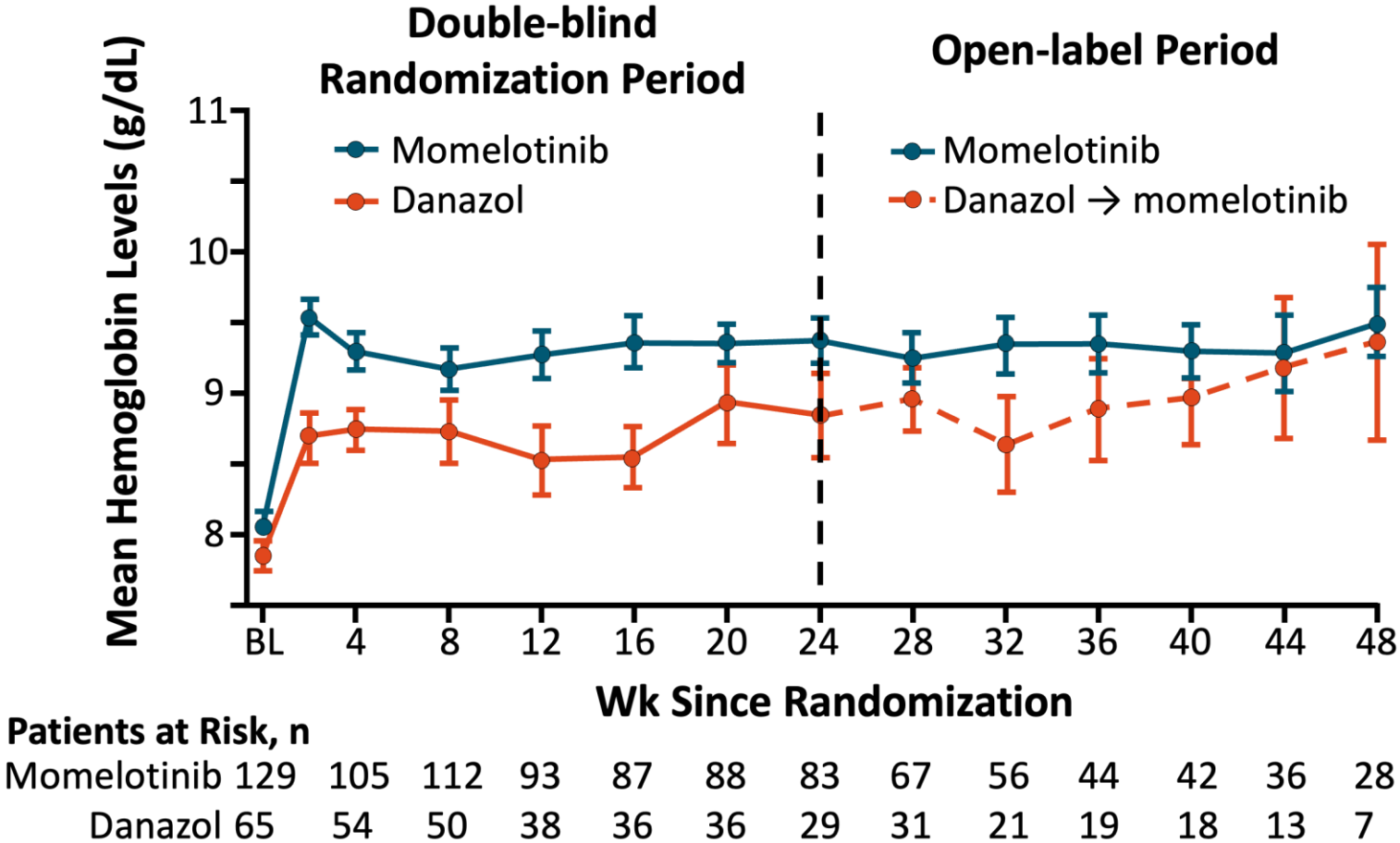
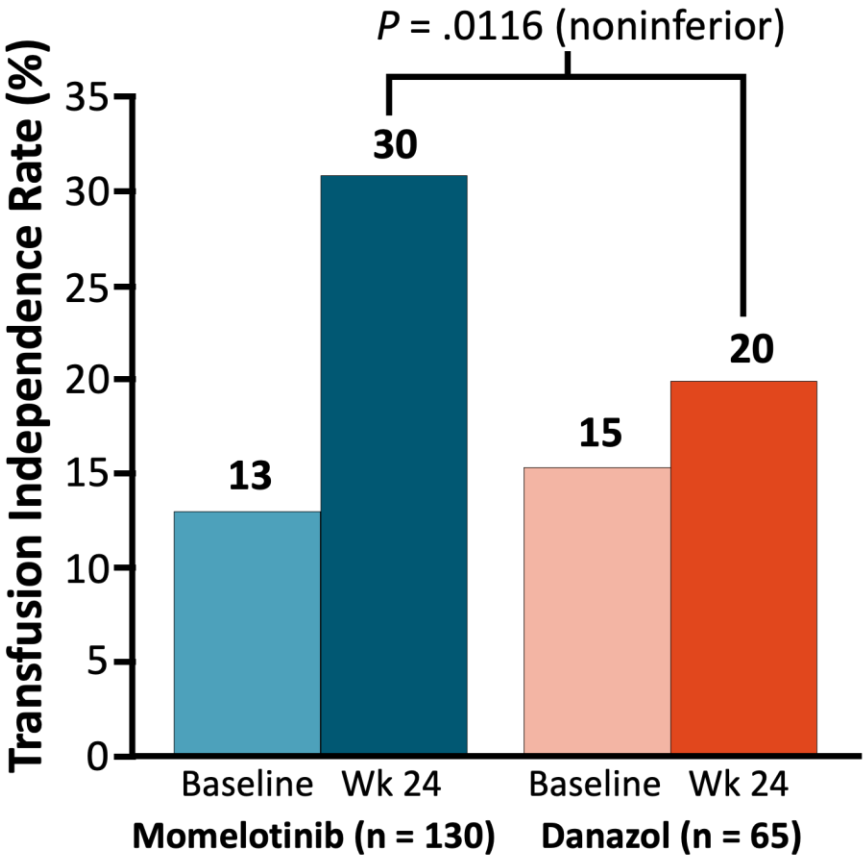
Key Secondary EP: TSS50 and SVR25 at EOC6, Safety



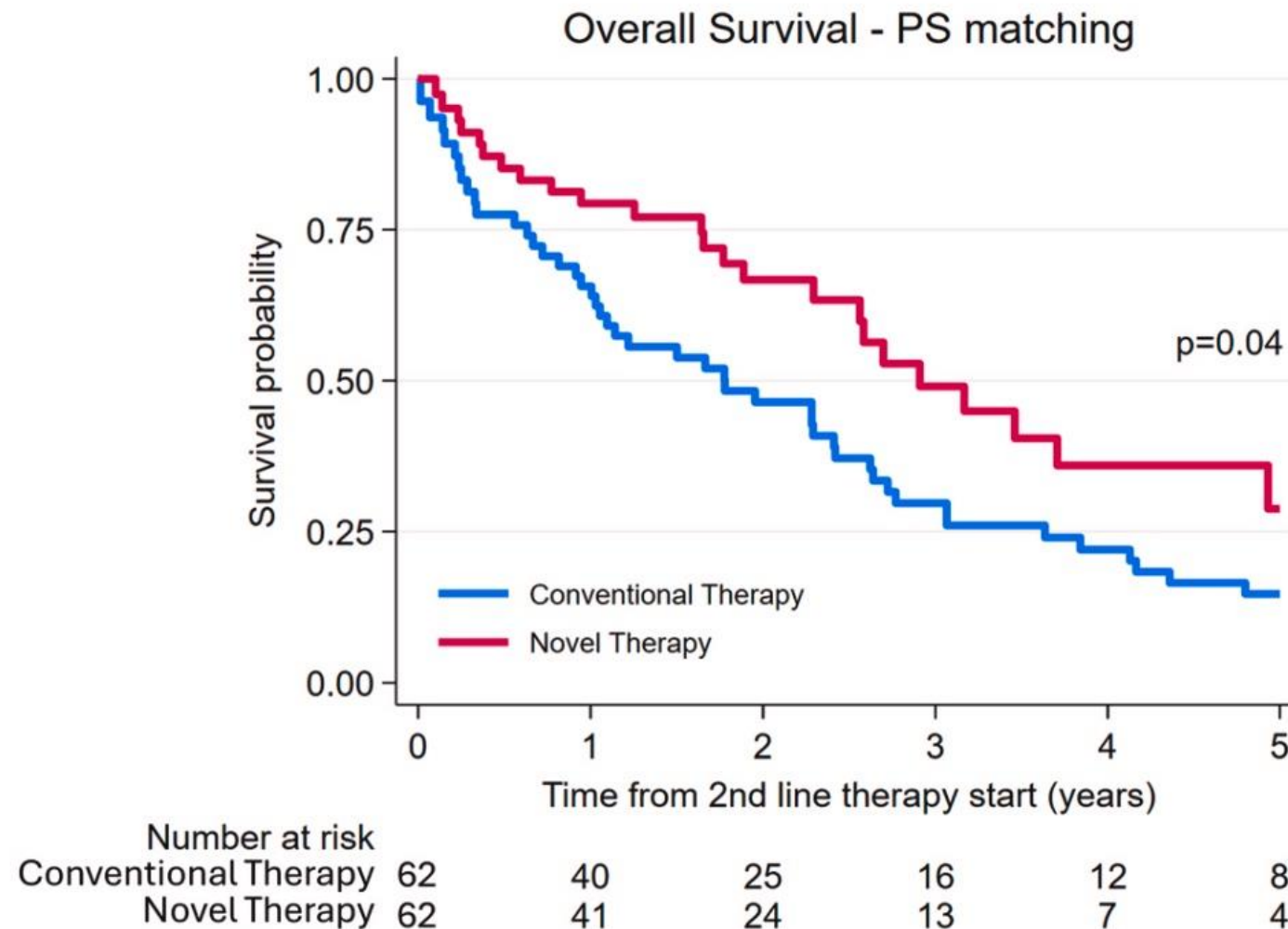
Efficacy of momelotinib in second-line treatment: the MOMENTUM trial



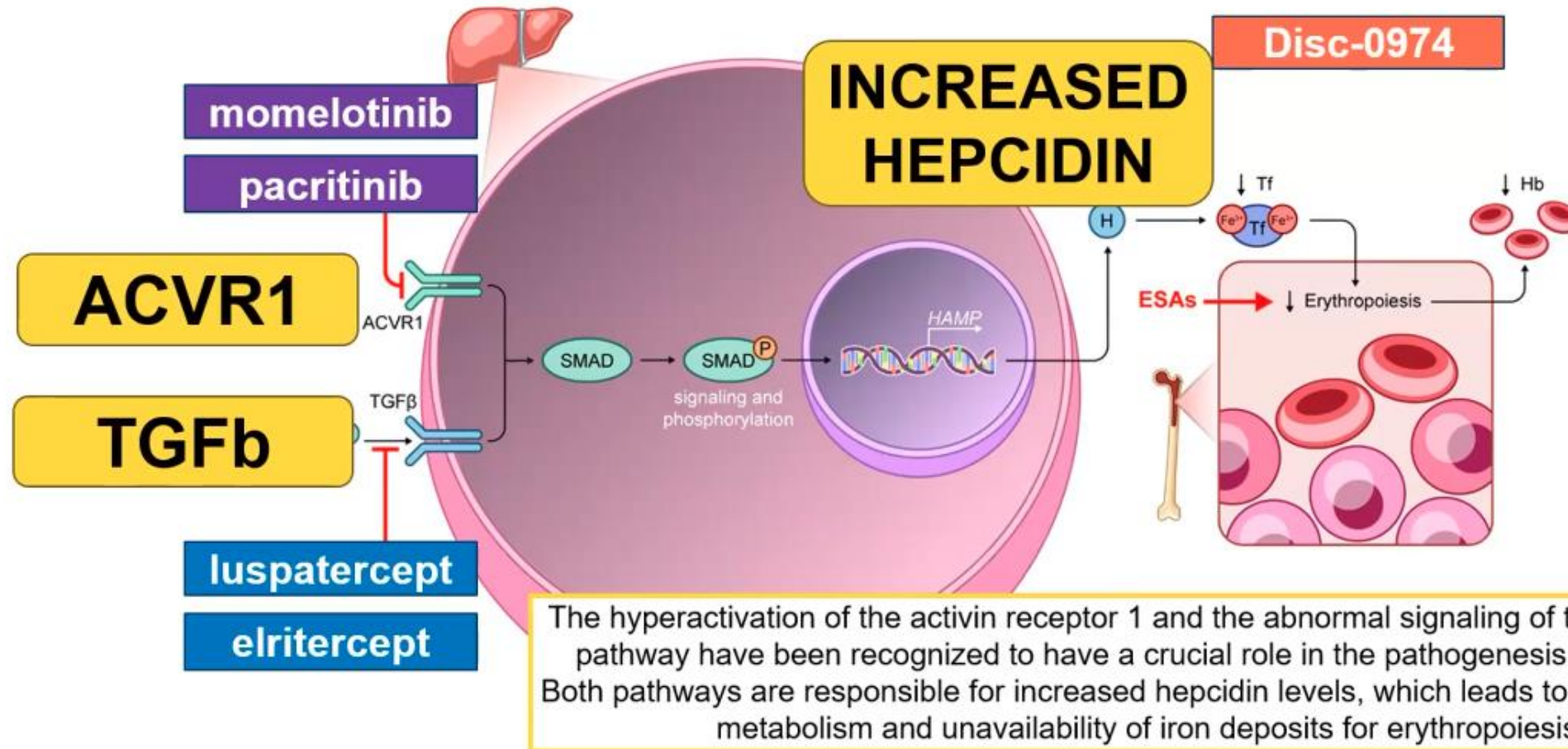
Momelotinib leads to a superior transfusion independence rate



Benefit of switching to effective 2L therapies



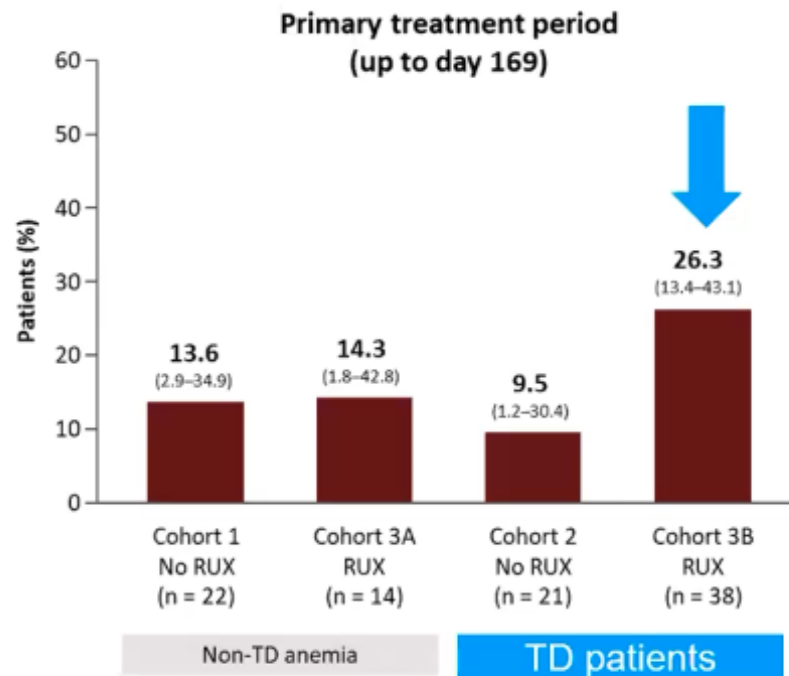
Other options for treating myelofibrosis-associated anemia



ACVR1, Activin A receptor, type 1; ESA, erythropoietin stimulating agent; MF, myelofibrosis; Hb, hemoglobin; RBC, red blood cell; SMAD, small mothers against decapentaplegic; Tf, transferrin; TGFβ, transforming growth factor beta.

Anemia response and transfusion independency to luspatercept

Anemia response seen across all cohorts, with greatest responses seen in pts who received the combination with RUX

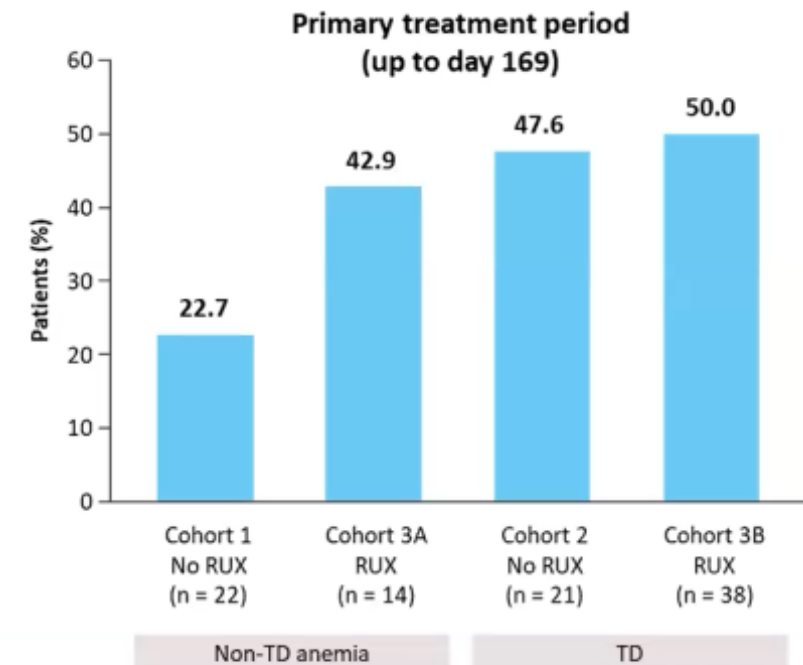


Primary endpoint: anemia response

TD patients: 84 consecutive days without RBC transfusion

Non-TD patients: 84 consecutive days with ≥ 1.5 g/dL Hb increase from BL without transfusion

Approximately half of TD patients receiving luspatercept achieved a 50% reduction in transfusion burden



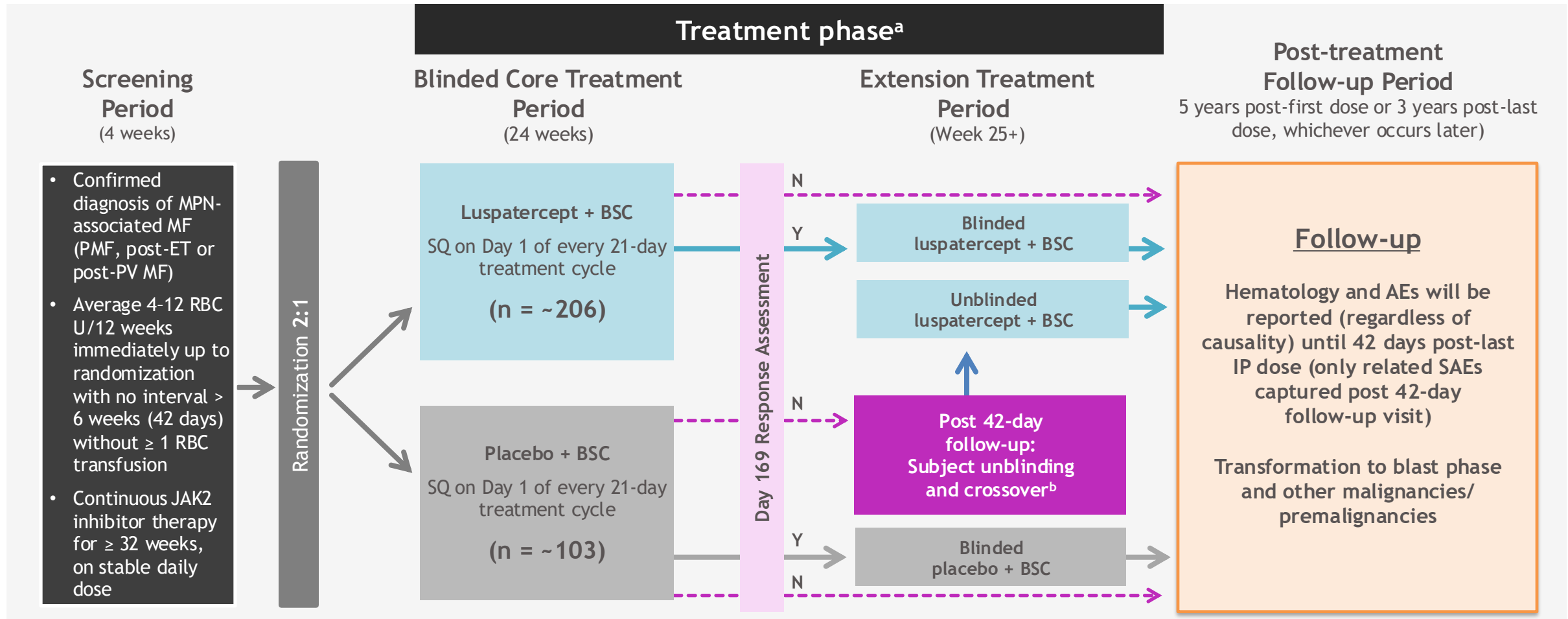
Primary endpoint: anemia response

TD patients: $\geq 50\%$ reduction in RBC transfusion burden from baseline

Non-TD patients: mean Hgb increase ≥ 1.5 g/dL from baseline

Most pts continued RUX at stable dose

Phase 3 randomized, placebo-controlled trial of luspatercept in myelofibrosis

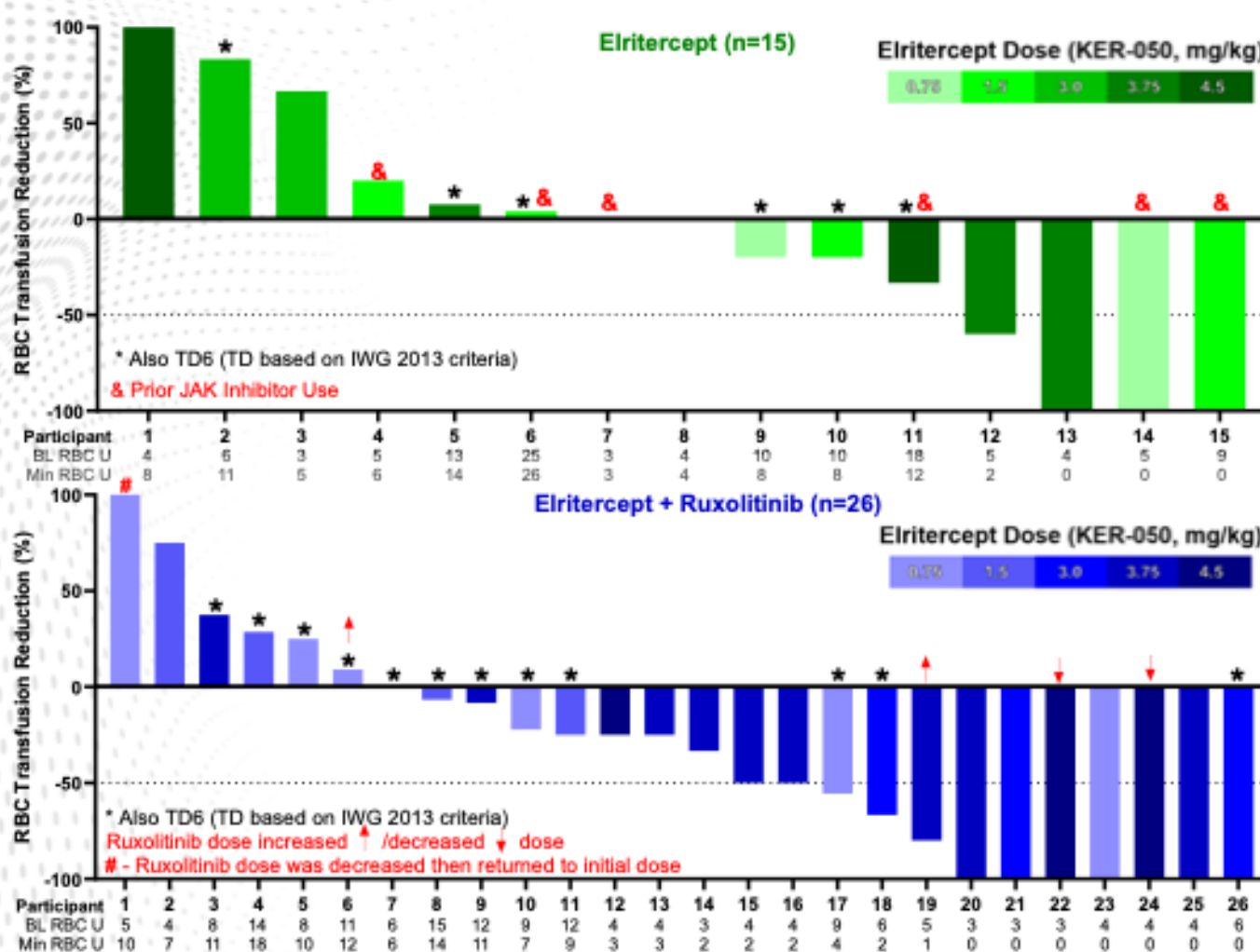


^a Study unblinding will occur after analysis of the primary endpoint and with DMC consultation; ^b Subjects who do not meet any of the clinical benefit criteria (defined in the Day 169 Response Assessment as “no”) will have the option to unblind. If the subject is on placebo, they may crossover into the Open-label Extension Treatment Period and have the opportunity to receive luspatercept after meeting the safety-related eligibility criteria (all inclusion and exclusion criteria are met except inclusion criteria 1 through 4). Unblinding can only occur after completion of the Day 169 Response Assessment, EOT visit, and 42-day Follow-up Period. Those subjects on placebo have the opportunity to receive luspatercept treatment and be treated for at least 24 weeks in the Open-label Extension Treatment Period as long as they continue to demonstrate clinical benefit from treatment, or they experience transformation to blast phase, unacceptable toxicities, or meet any other criteria for treatment discontinuation.

AE, adverse event; BSC, best supportive care; DMC, Data Monitoring Committee; EOT, end of treatment; IP, investigational product; n, number of subjects; N, Patient did not meet Day 169 Response Assessment criteria; SAE, serious adverse event; SQ, subcutaneously; Y, Patient met Day 169 Response Assessment criteria.

Hemoglobin responses and transfusion-independence with elritercept treatment

Maximum Reduction in RBC Transfusions over 12 Weeks Within First 24 Weeks



BL RBC U = baseline RBC U/12 weeks; Min RBC U = minimum postbaseline RBC U/12 weeks; TD = transfusion dependent, TD3 = received ≥ 3 RBC U/12 weeks at baseline; TI = transfusion independence.

*Denotes TD3 participants who also qualified as transfusion dependent based on IWG 2013 criteria (TD6); **Evaluable = TD3 with at least 12 consecutive weeks of postbaseline RBC transfusion data in the first 24 weeks. Participants without 12 consecutive weeks of transfusion data (n = 10; 6 monotherapy, 4 combination) were excluded from the analysis.

- Overall, in both arms, reductions in transfusion burden were observed in evaluable** TD3 participants over the first 24 weeks of treatment
 - 16/41 (39%) had reduction $\geq 50\%$
 - 10/41 (24%) achieved transfusion independence (TI)
- For evaluable** TD3 participants in the combination arm treated with a starting dose of elritercept of 3 mg/kg or higher:
 - 10/16 (62.5%) had reduction $\geq 50\%$
 - 6/16 (37.5%) achieved TI

Reductions in transfusion burden observed in both arms further support potential to address ruxolitinib-associated anemia as well as anemia due to underlying MF



Data as of 30Aug2024

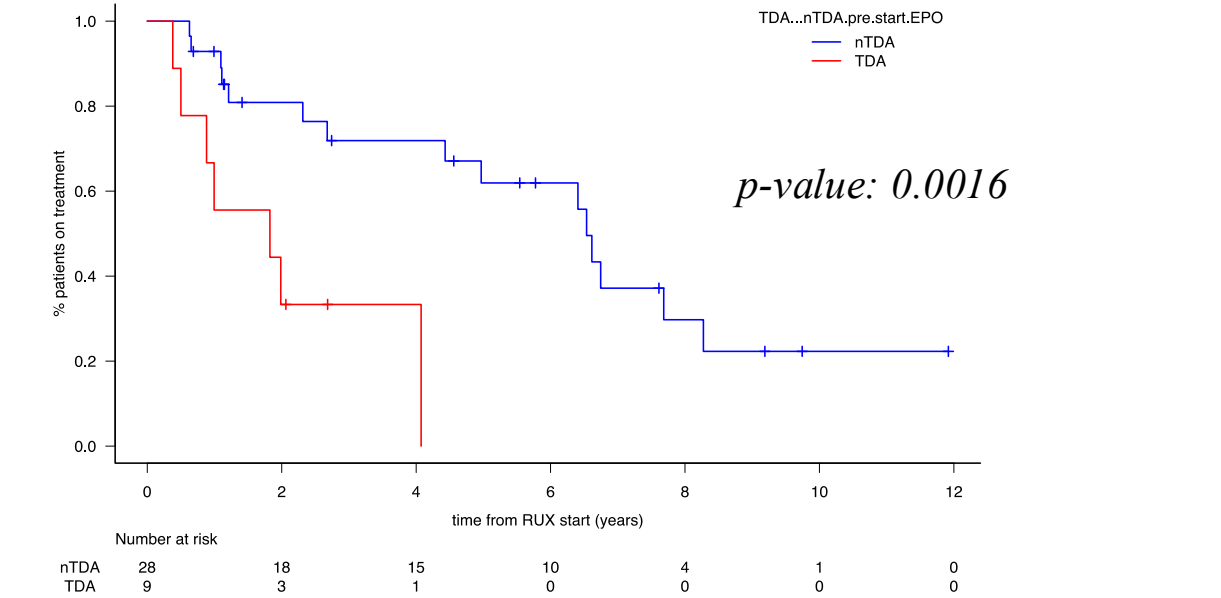
Predictive factors of erythroid response to standard anemia-directed therapies

	Patients N (%)	TDA baseline n (%)	nTDA baseline n (%)	Δ T startRUX- startADT, months (range)	Duration of concomitant treatment, months (range)
rhEPO	37 (57,8)	9 (24,3)	28 (75,7)	6 (0-138)	8 (0-83)
Steroids	20 (31,3)	11 (55)	9 (45)	14,5 (0-52)	7 (2-50)
Danazol	13 (20,3)	7 (53,8)	6 (46,2)	20 (3-87)	6 (2-74)
IMiDs	4 (6,3)	2 (50)	2 (50)	44,5 (24-55)	10,5 (2-26)

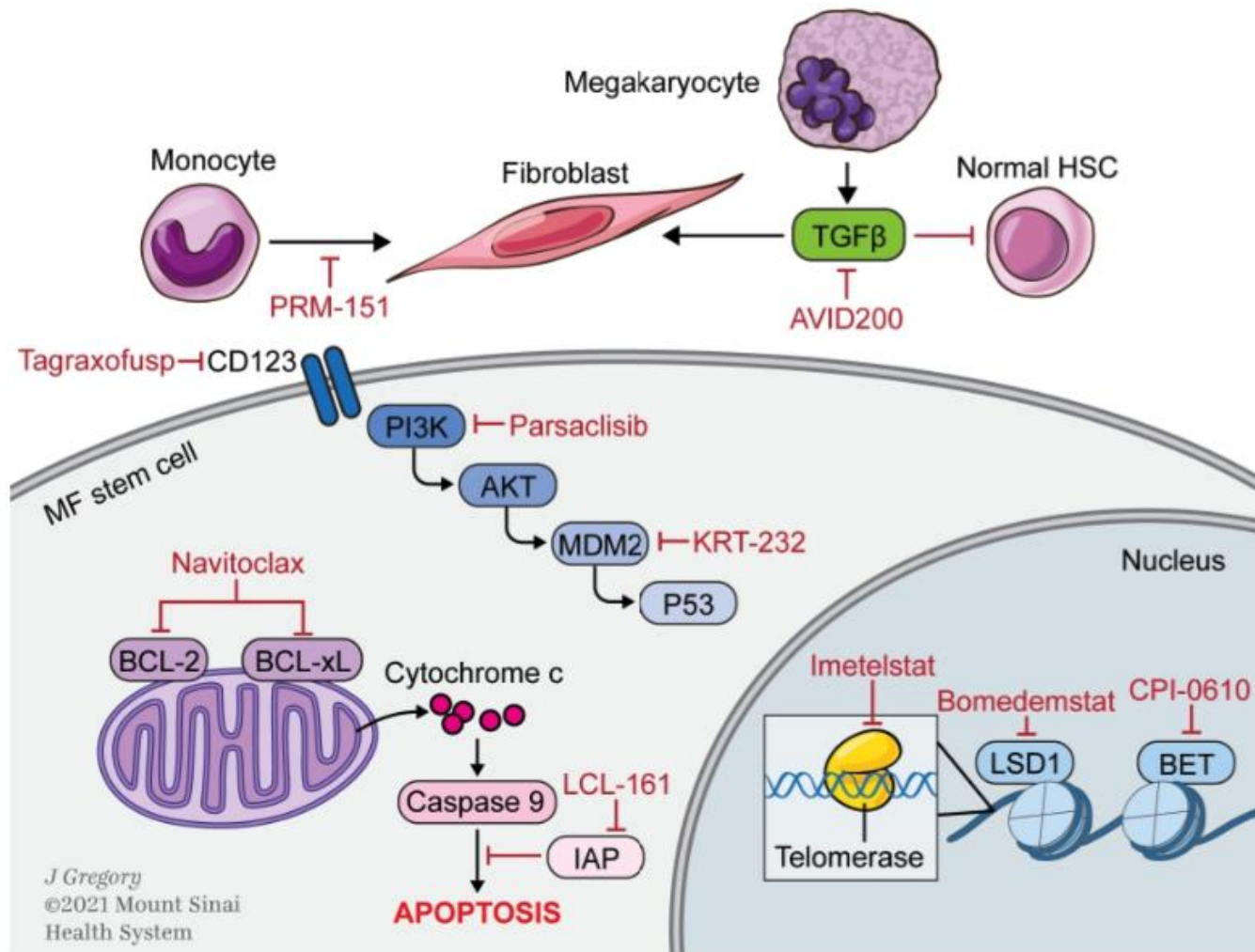
	On treatment n (%)	Discontinued n (%)	MAJOR RESPONSE n (%)	MINOR RESPONSE n (%)	NO RESPONSE n (%)
rhEPO (n=37, 57.8%)					
3m	34 (91,9)	3 (8,1)	11 (32,4)	5 (14,7)	18 (52,9)
6m	24 (64,9)	13 (35,1)	9 (37,5)	8 (33,3)	7 (29,2)
9m	15 (40,5)	22 (59,5)	5 (33,3)	4 (26,7)	6 (40)
12m	14 (37,8)	23 (62,2)	5 (35,7)	2 (14,3)	7 (50)

	rhEPO Major Response (A)	rhEPO minor response (B)	rhEPO no response (C)	p A vs (B+C)
Pz = 37	20 (54,1)	6 (16,2)	11 (29,7)	
RR6, n (%)			N=10	
LOW	6 (30)	0	1 (10)	0,0123
INT	14 (70)	4 (66,7)	6 (60)	
HIGH	0	2 (33,3)	3 (30)	

	Other ADT Major Response (A)	Other ADT minor response (B)	Other ADT no response (C)	p A vs (B+C)
Pz tot	8	4	21	
JAKi reduction anytime, n (%)	7 (87,5)	0	11 (52,4)	0,046
TDA, n (%)	1 (12,5)	2 (50)	14 (66,7)	0,016
nTDA, n (%)	7 (87,5)	2 (50)	7 (33,3)	



Beyond JAK inhibition: novel therapies and combinations



Apoptosis

- BCL-2/xL inhibitors (navitoclax)
- SMAC mimetics (LCL-161)
- MDM2 antagonists (idasanutlin, navtemadlin, siremadlin)

Epigenetic modulation

- BET inhibitors (pelabresib, BMS-986158, INCB-57643)
- LSD1 inhibitors (bodememstat)

Microenvironment

- TGFβ-1 and -3 traps (AVID200)
- Activin receptor ligand traps (luspatercept, elritercept)
- Aurora kinase A inhibitors (alisertib)

Signaling pathways

- PI3K inhibitors (buparlisib, parsaclisib)

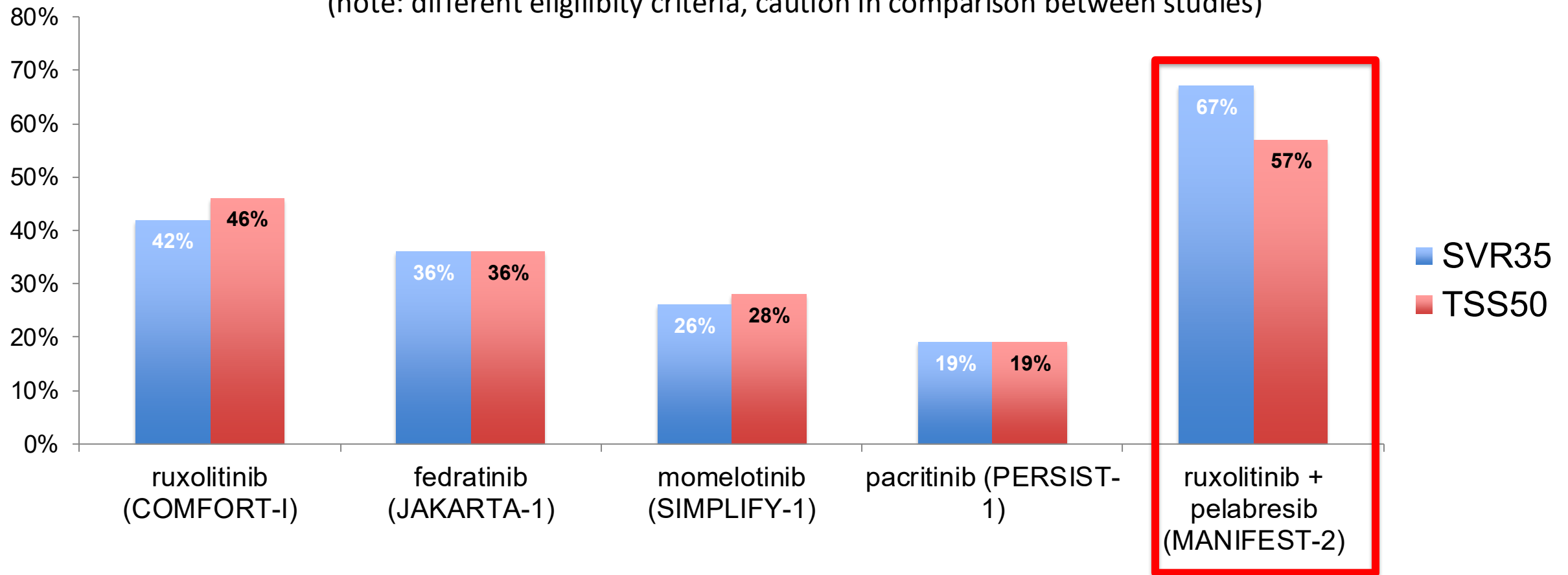
Other targets

- Anti-CD123 antibodies (tagraxofusp)
- Telomerase inhibitors (imetelstat)
- Checkpoint inhibitors (MBG453)

Pelabresib plus ruxolitinib in front-line treatment

1L studies in patients with MF

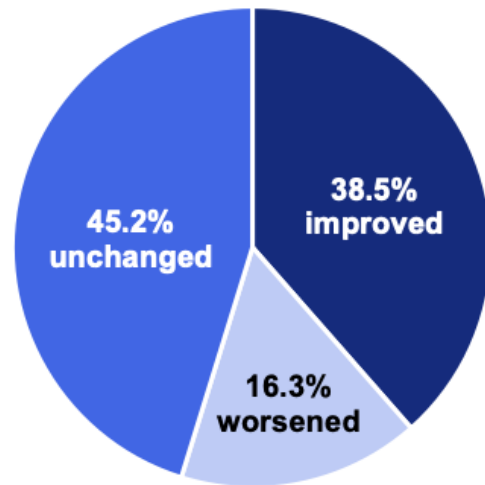
(note: different eligibility criteria, caution in comparison between studies)



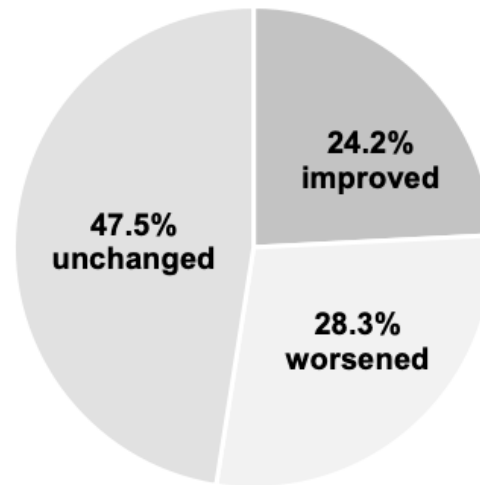
Potential disease modification with pelabresib

BMF grade changes W24

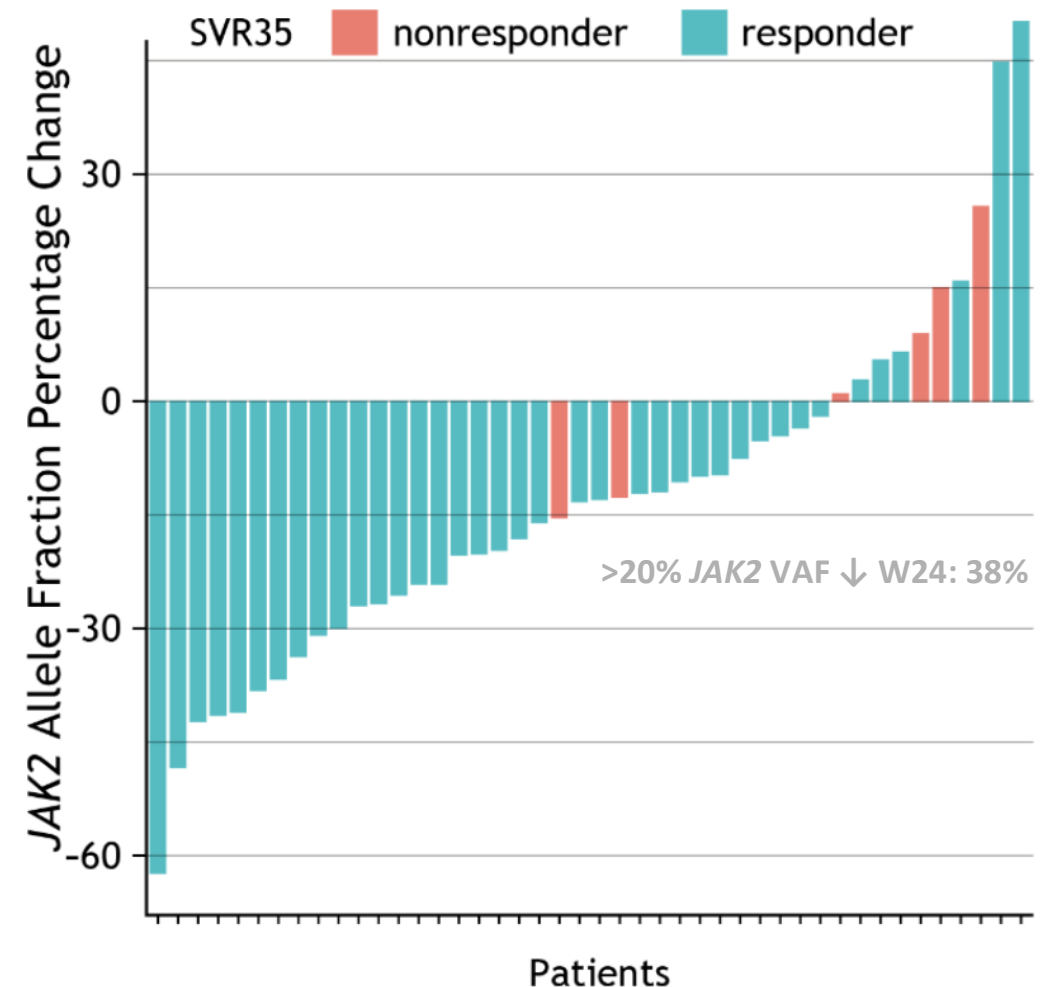
Pelabresib + ruxolitinib (n=104*)



Placebo + ruxolitinib (n=99*)



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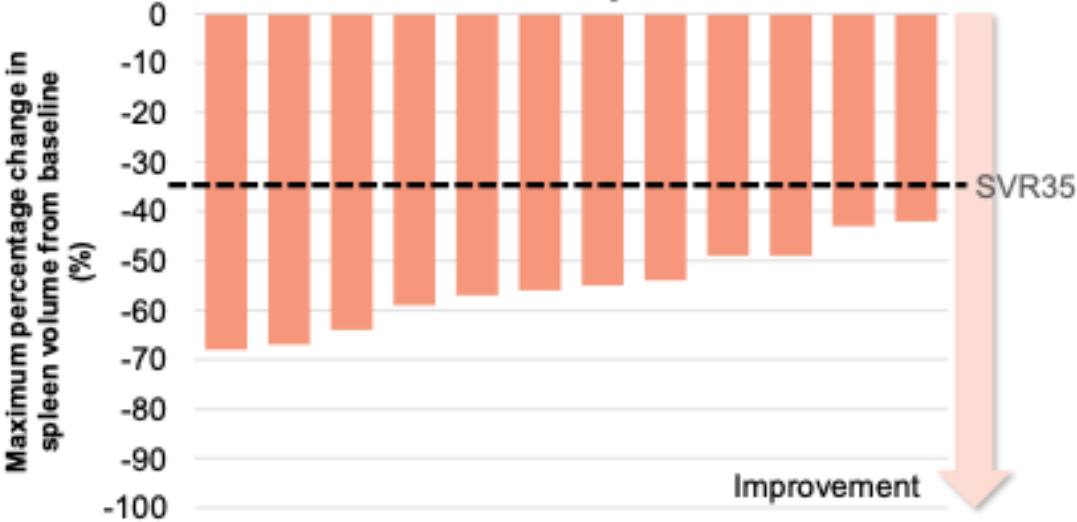


Responses with selinexor (60 mg QW) plus ruxolitinib

SVR35		
Population	Timepoint	Selinexor 60 mg QW + ruxolitinib n (%)
Efficacy evaluable	Week 12	10/12 [†] (83)
	Week 24	11/12 (92)
Intent-to- treat	Week 12	10/14 (71)
	Week 24	11/14 (79)

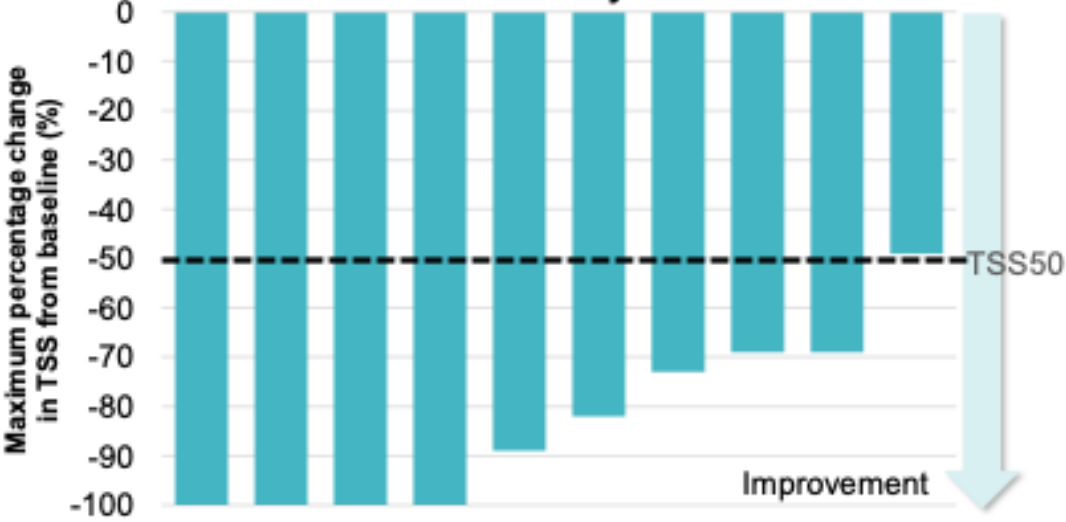
TSS50		
Population	Timepoint	Selinexor 60 mg QW + ruxolitinib n (%)
Efficacy evaluable	Week 12	8/10 [†] (80)
	Week 24	7/9[§] (78)
Intent-to- treat	Week 12	8/12 (67)
	Week 24	7/12 (58)

SVR35 at Anytime



All patients in the efficacy evaluable population treated with selinexor 60 mg QW achieved an SVR35 at anytime

TSS50 at Anytime



90% of patients in the efficacy evaluable population treated with selinexor 60 mg QW achieved an TSS50 at anytime

SENTRY (XPORT-MF-034) phase 3 trial of selinexor plus ruxolitinib in JAKi naïve MF

Abs-TSS is Replacing TSS50 as a Co-Primary Endpoint*



Randomization stratified by:

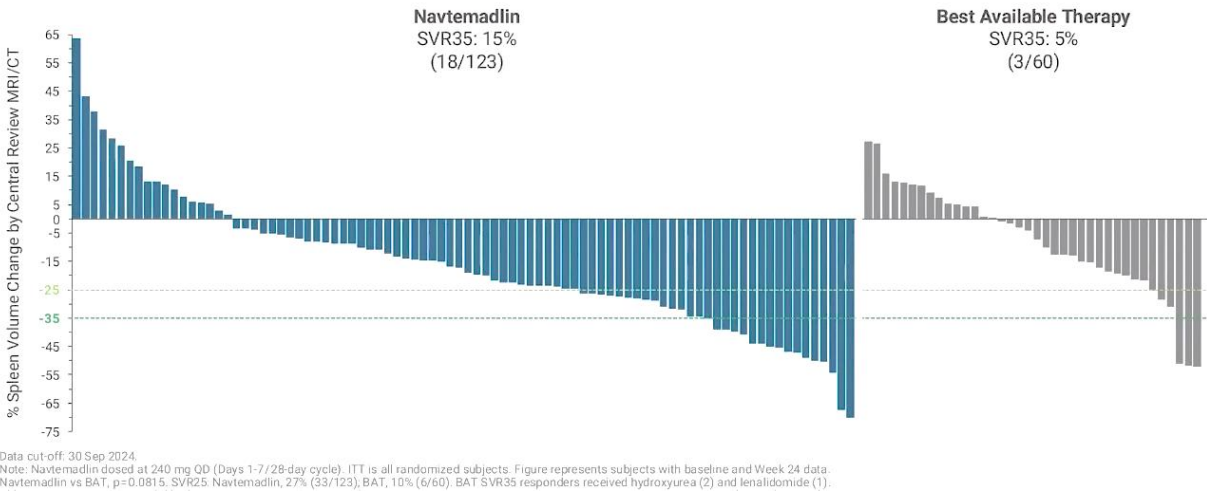
- Dynamic International Prognostic Scoring System (DIPSS) risk category intermediate -1 vs. intermediate -2 or high-risk
- Spleen volume $<1800 \text{ cm}^3$ vs. $\geq 1800 \text{ cm}^3$ by MRI/CT scan
- Baseline platelet counts $100\text{-}200 \times 10^9/L$ vs. $>200 \times 10^9/L$

BID: Twice daily; Plt: Platelet; QW: Once weekly; SVR 35: Spleen volume reduction $\geq 35\%$:

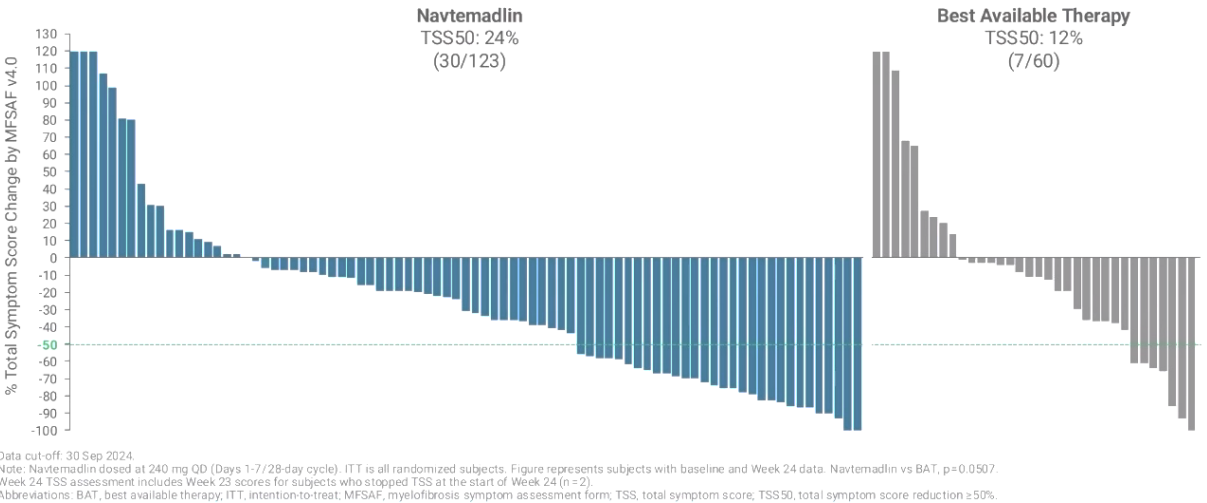
*Pending submission of protocol amendment to FDA

Navtemadlin in TP53^{wild-type} patients relapsed or refractory after JAK inhibitors

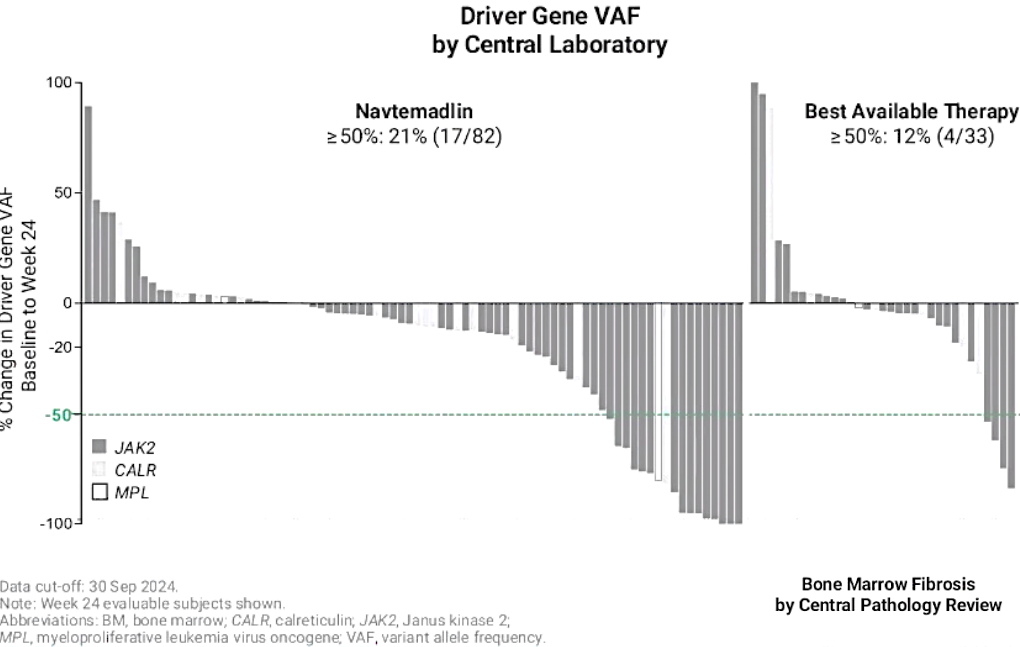
Spleen Volume Reduction by Central Review MRI/CT – Baseline to Week 24



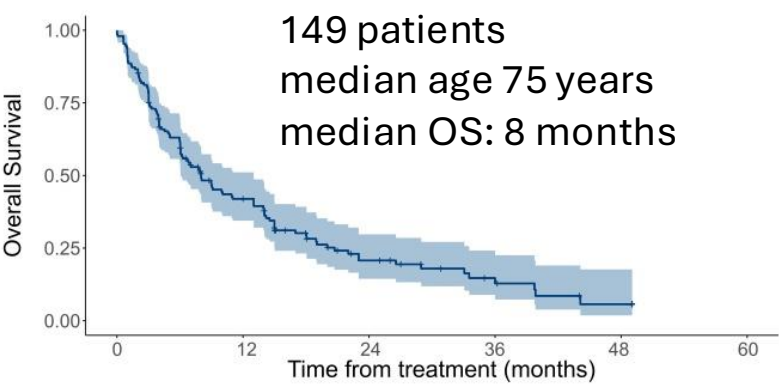
Total Symptom Score Reduction by MFSAF v4.0 – Baseline to Week 24



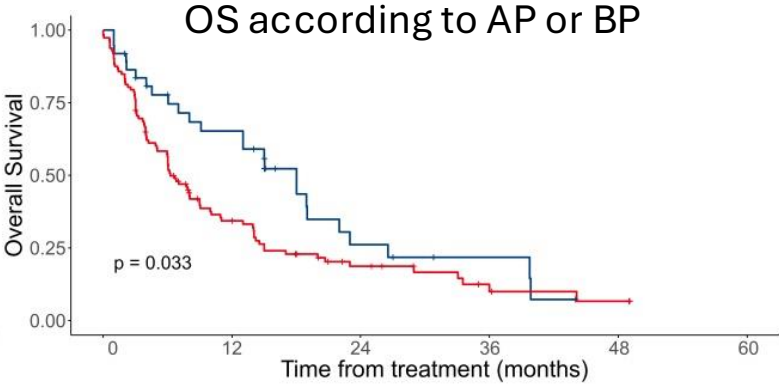
Driver Gene VAF Reduction and Bone Marrow Fibrosis Improvement



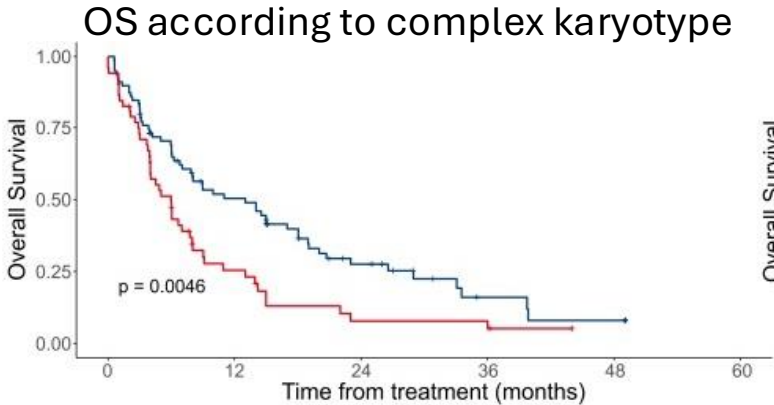
Accelerated and blast phase MPN still represent a high unmet need



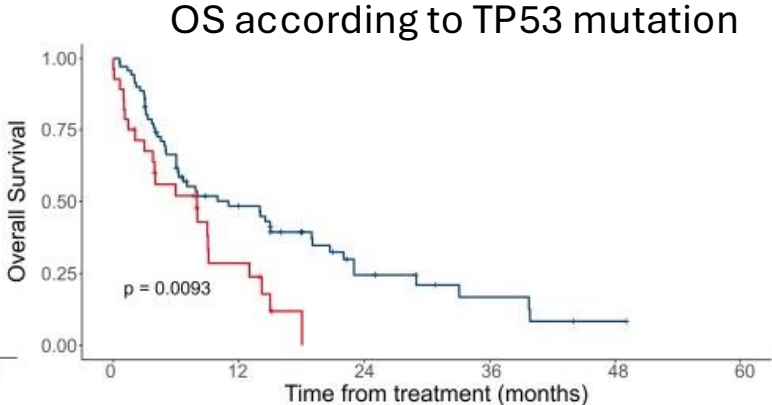
Full cohort	149	53	18	8	2	0
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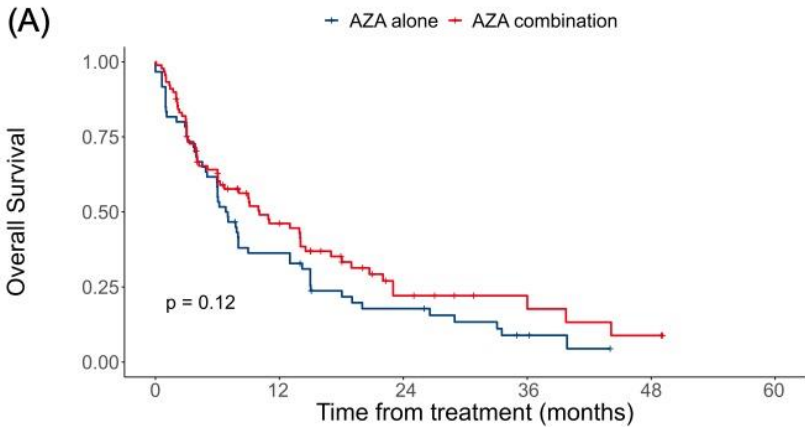
AP	37	21	6	3	0	0
BP	112	32	12	5	2	0



Non-CK	79	34	14	4	2	0
CK	52	11	3	3	0	0



TP53wt	71	28	9	4	1	0
TP53mut	28	6	0	0	0	0



AZA alone	60	21	9	3	0	0
AZA combination	89	32	9	5	2	0

Conclusions

- JAK inhibition marked a revolutionary breakthrough in the treatment of myelofibrosis.
- Most patients treated with JAKi have consistent spleen and symptoms response, ameliorating quality of life and possibly extending OS; however, many of them lose their response in the long-term.
- Different potency and selectivity against JAK1 vs JAK2 vs other kinases (e.g. ACVR1) may explain different levels of response and drug-associated toxicities
 - Cytokine reduction, symptoms control and immunosuppression are more related to JAK1 inhibition
 - Control of myeloproliferation and myelosuppression are more related to JAK2 inhibition
- Drug combinations including a JAK inhibitor and non JAK-targeting drugs have the potential of improving quality and duration of response, including disease-modifying effects (reduction of fibrosis, molecular responses).
- All young and fit patients must be evaluated integrating information from prognostic tools which predict survival with JAKi treatment, survival according to response to ruxolitinib, and survival after transplant.