

# **What I Tell My Patients: New Treatments and Clinical Trial Options**

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## **Acute Myeloid Leukemia and Myelodysplastic Syndromes**

**Friday, April 29, 2022  
8:20 PM – 9:20 PM PT**

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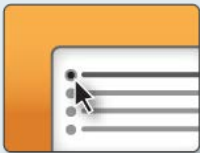
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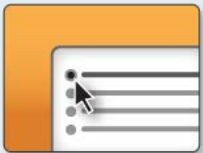
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Sandy Srinivas, MD

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## Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer

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6:00 PM – 8:00 PM PT (9:00 PM – 11:00 PM ET)

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Tara Plues, APRN, MSN

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## Ovarian Cancer

**Thursday, April 28, 2022**

12:15 PM – 1:45 PM PT (3:15 PM – 4:45 PM ET)

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Jennifer Filipi, MSN, NP

Kathleen N Moore, MD, MS

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## Hepatobiliary Cancers

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Amanda K Wagner, APRN-CNP, AOCNP

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## Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia

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Amy Goodrich, CRNP

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## Acute Myeloid Leukemia and Myelodysplastic Syndromes

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Robert L Coleman, MD

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Jaclyn Shaver, MS, APRN, CNP, WHNP

## **Bladder Cancer**

**Saturday, April 30, 2022**

12:15 PM – 1:45 PM PT (3:15 PM – 4:45 PM ET)

### **Faculty**

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## **What I Tell My Patients — A 2-Part NCPD Webinar Series**

### **Hodgkin and Non-Hodgkin Lymphomas**

**Date and time to be announced**

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**Wednesday, May 18, 2022**

**5:00 PM – 6:00 PM ET**

## How often, if at all, do you exercise?

1. Frequently or daily
2. Occasionally
3. Rarely
4. Never

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## SELF-ASSESSMENT QUIZ

A 65-year-old man with relapsed/refractory AML and an IDH2 mutation is started on enasidenib and after 8 weeks is responding well to treatment but now has fever, shortness of breath and rapid weight gain. Which therapy will likely be used?

1. Infliximab
2. Corticosteroids
3. Diuretics
4. I don't know

# SELF-ASSESSMENT QUIZ

**CPX-351 (liposomal cytarabine-daunorubicin) is approved for...**

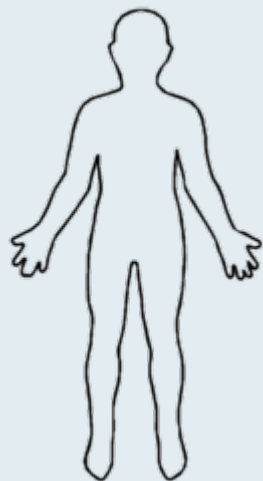
1. AML with a FLT3 mutation
2. Secondary AML
3. CD33-positive AML
4. I don't know

# Management of AML in 2022

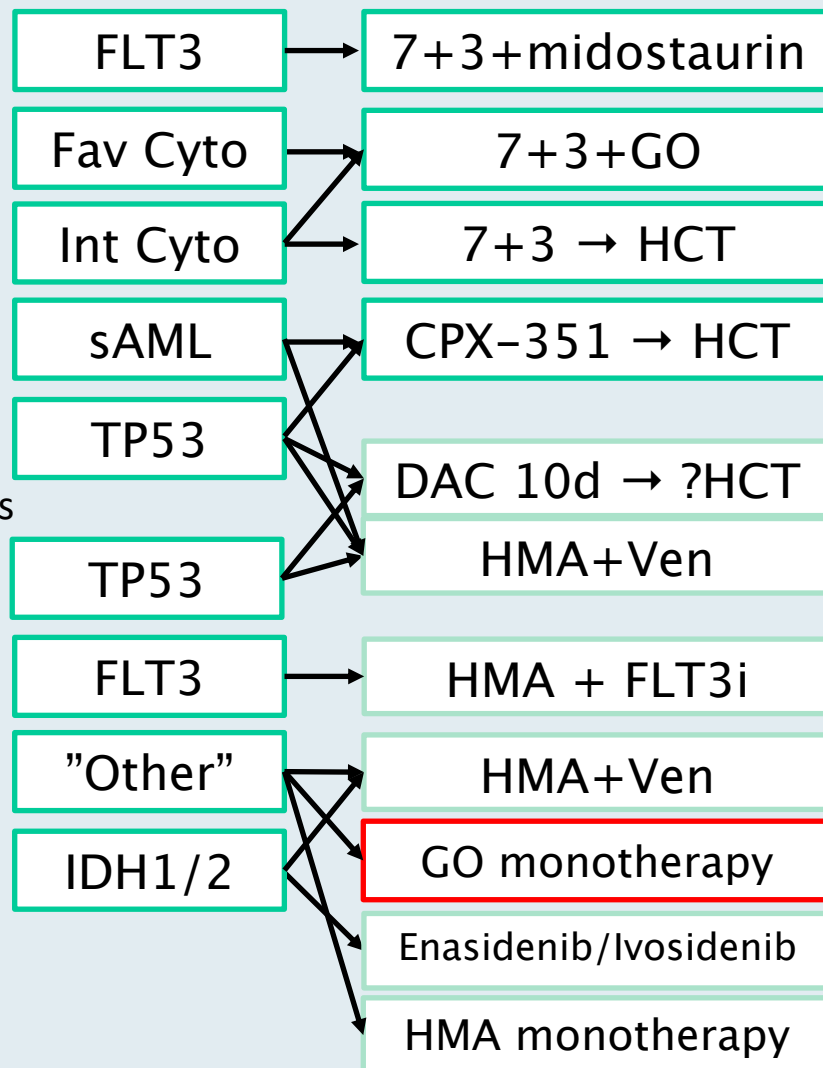
“Fit,” younger patients



“Frail,” older patients



## Initial Treatment



## Relapsed/Refractory

FLT3i ± Reinduction

Reinduction

HMA+IDHi

HMA+Ven

GO monotherapy

FLT3i

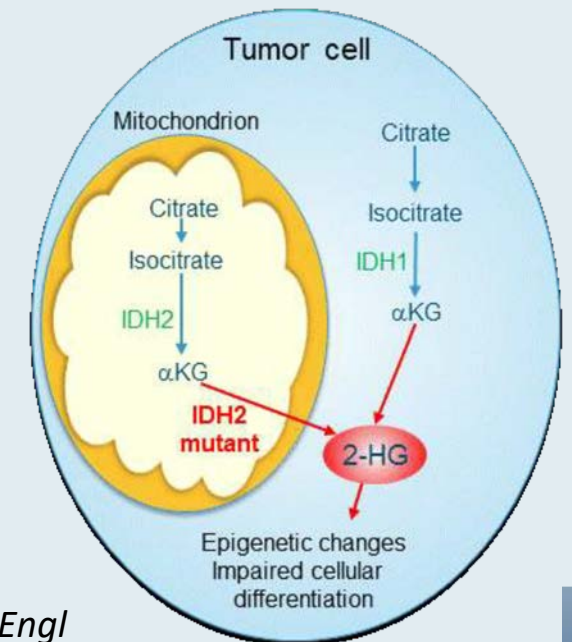
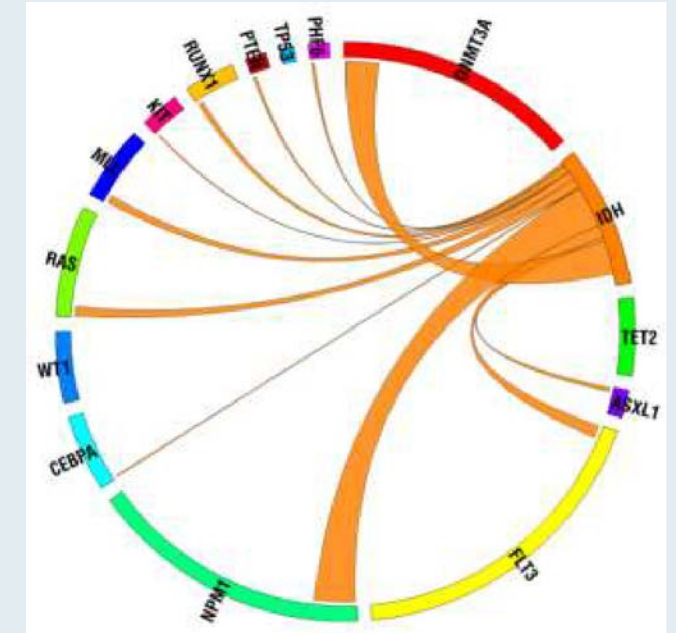
Low Intensity/Palliative

Enasidenib/Ivosidenib

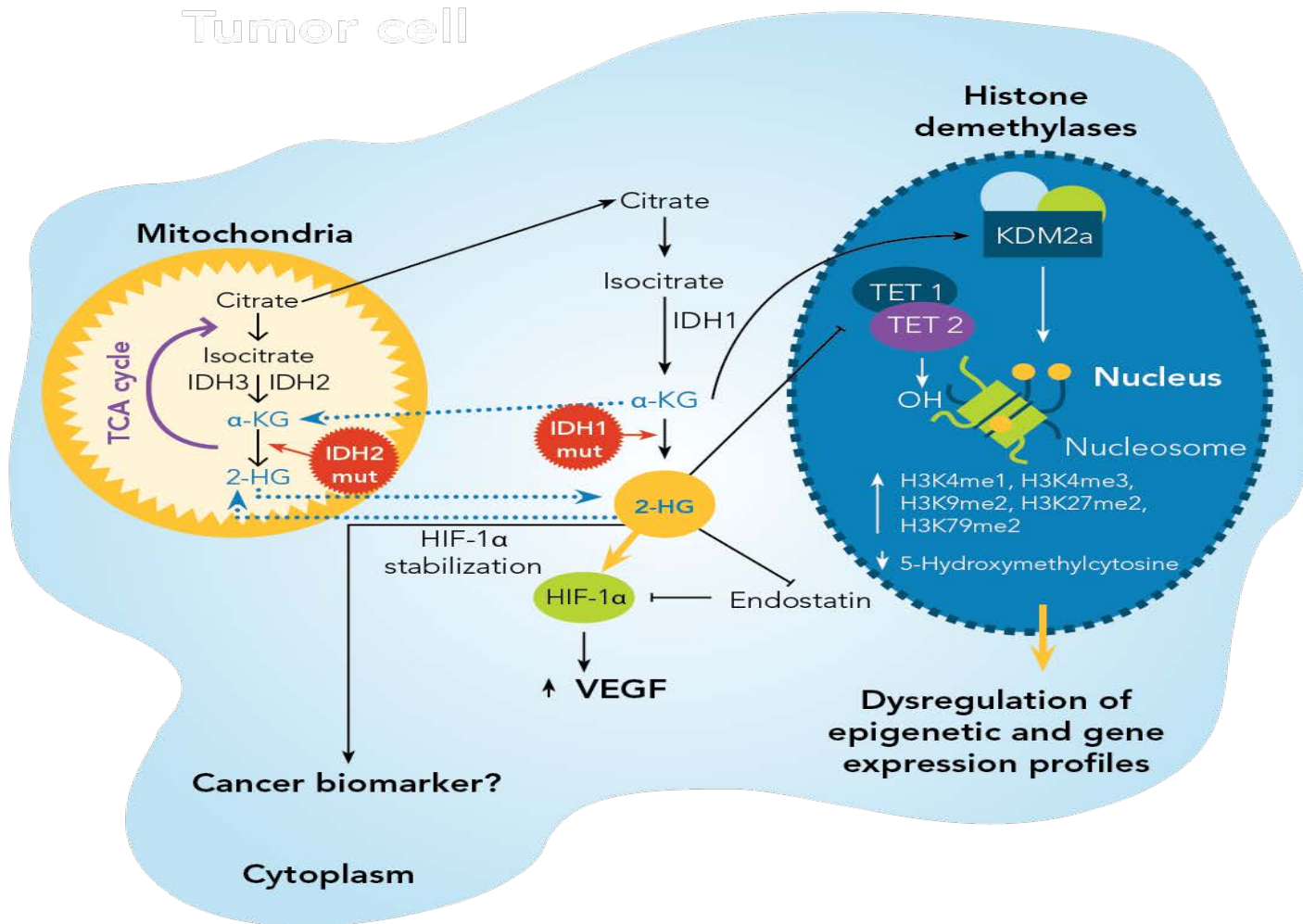
HMA monotherapy

## IDH in Leukemia

- IDH mutations occur in ~20% of AML
  - Frequency: 6%-16% IDH1 and 8%-18% IDH2
  - Majority (85%) with diploid or +8 cytogenetics
  - ↑ prevalence with ↑ patient age
  - Prognostic effect in AML remains controversial
  - IDH1 and IDH2 mutations may have different effects on prognosis





# IDH in AML



- IDH1 in cytoplasm and IDH2 in mitochondria
- Cancer-associated IDHm produces 2-hydroxyglutarate (R-2-HG)
- IDH1/IDH2 mutations induce BCL-2 dependence (Majeti, Nature Medicine, 2015)
- R-2HG suppresses homologous recombination (Bindra, Science Translational Medicine, 2017)

# IDH2m and IDH1m: Distinct Genetically Defined Populations

IDH Mutations Seen in Multiple Cancer Types		
Target	Indication	IDHm (%)
	AML	15%
	MDS/MPN	5%
	Angio-immunoblastic NHL	25%
	Others (melanoma, glioma, chondro) <sup>2</sup>	3-5%
	Type II D-2HG Aciduria (inborn error of metabolism)	100%
	Low-grade glioma & 2 <sup>ary</sup> GBM <sup>1</sup>	70%
	Chondrosarcoma	>50%
	AML	7.5%
	MDS/MPN	5%
	Intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma	20%
	Others (colon, melanoma, lung) <sup>2</sup>	1-2%



## Approved IDH Inhibitors for AML

- **Enasidenib – IDH2 inhibitor. Approved for relapsed and refractory IDH2 mutant AML.**
  - Oral, given once daily, continuous 28 day cycles
  - Indirect hyperbilirubinemia
- **Ivosidenib – IDH1 inhibitor. Approved for relapsed and refractory and newly diagnosed IDH1 mutant AML.**
  - Oral, once daily, continuous 28 day cycles
  - QT prolongation
- **In R/R AML, complete remission rates with IDH inhibitors are about 21%**

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

# Ivosidenib and Azacitidine in *IDH1*-Mutated Acute Myeloid Leukemia

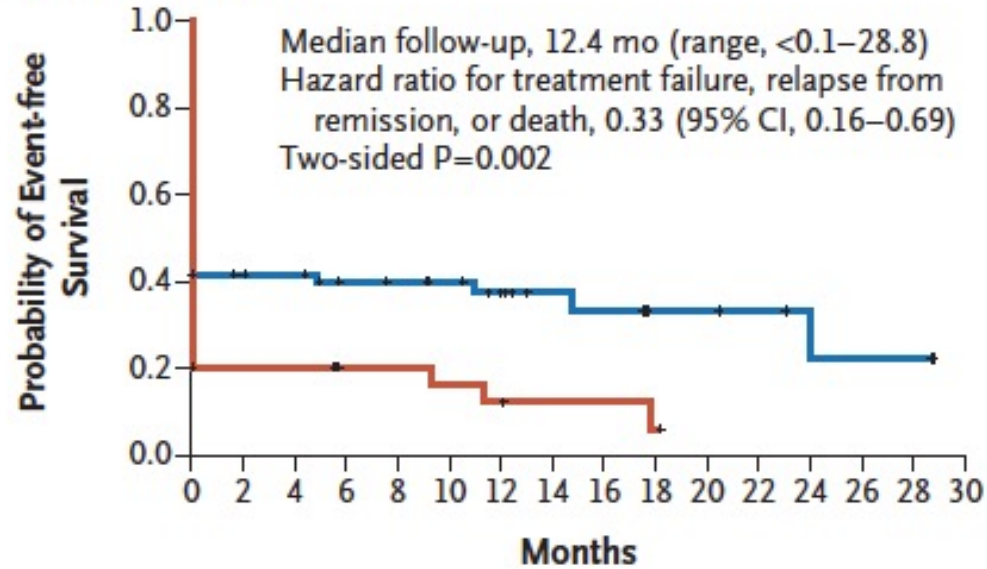
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# AGILE: Event-Free and Overall Survival

— Ivosidenib+azacitidine — Placebo+azacitidine + Censored

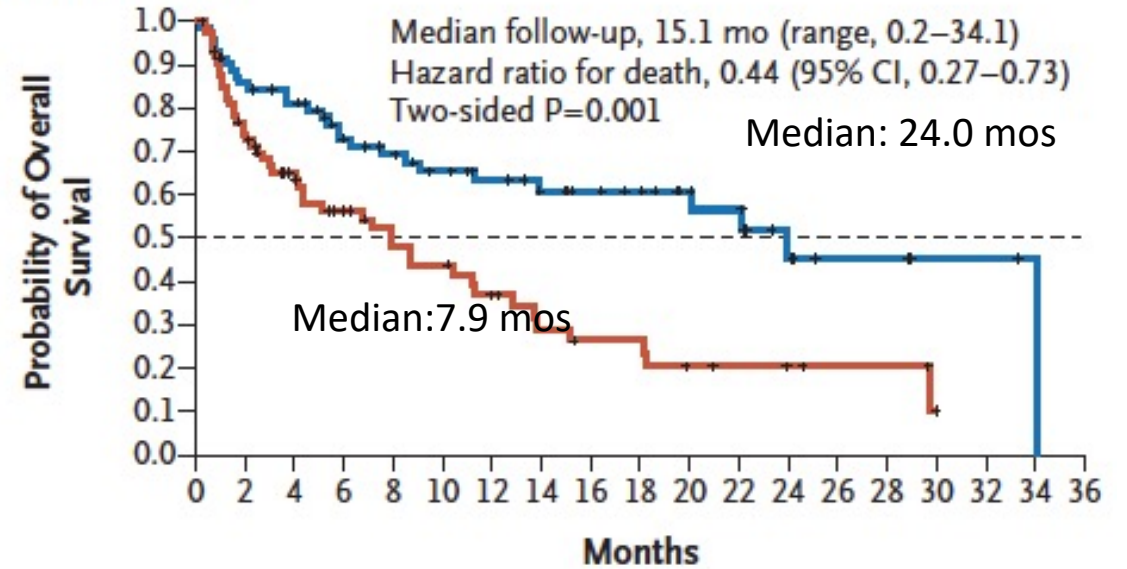
## Event-free Survival



### No. at Risk

Ivosidenib+ azacitidine	72	26	25	20	19	17	13	9	8	5	5	4	2	2	2	0
Placebo+ azacitidine	74	8	8	5	5	4	3	2	2	1	0					

## Overall Survival



### No. at Risk

Ivosidenib+ azacitidine	72	58	53	42	38	33	29	24	21	19	15	13	7	4	4	2	2	1
Placebo+ azacitidine	74	53	38	29	23	21	15	11	9	9	6	5	4	3	3	0		

# Differentiation Syndrome

Frequency of Signs and Symptoms Consistent With IDH-DS<sup>a</sup>

Sign or Symptom	Patients With IDH-DS, No. (%) (n = 33) <sup>b</sup>
Dyspnea	28 (85)
Unexplained fever (body temperature of 38.0°C for 2 d)	26 (79)
Pulmonary infiltrates	24 (73)
Hypoxia	19 (58)
Acute kidney injury (CTCAE grade ≥2)	14 (42)
Pleural effusion	14 (42)
Bone pain or arthralgia	9 (27)
Lymphadenopathy	8 (24)
Rash	8 (24)
Disseminated intravascular coagulopathy	7 (21)
Edema or weight gain of >5 kg from screening	7 (21)
Pericardial effusion	5 (15)

<sup>a</sup> Signs and symptoms are based on retrospective differentiation syndrome review committee review of clinical records.

<sup>b</sup> Patients may have had multiple symptoms.

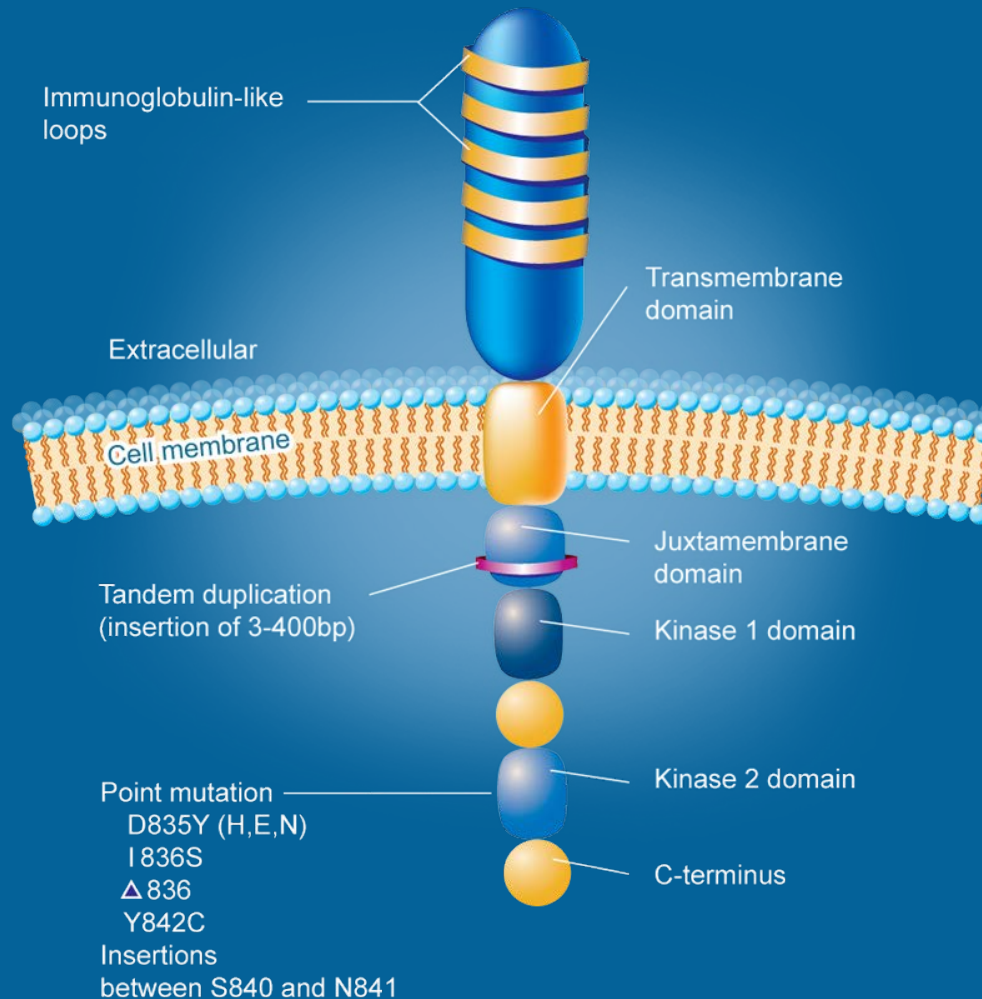


# FLT3 Mutations in AML

Approximately 30% of patients with AML have a FLT3 mutation

**FLT3-ITD: 25% of patients with AML**

**FLT3-TKD: 5% of patients with AML**



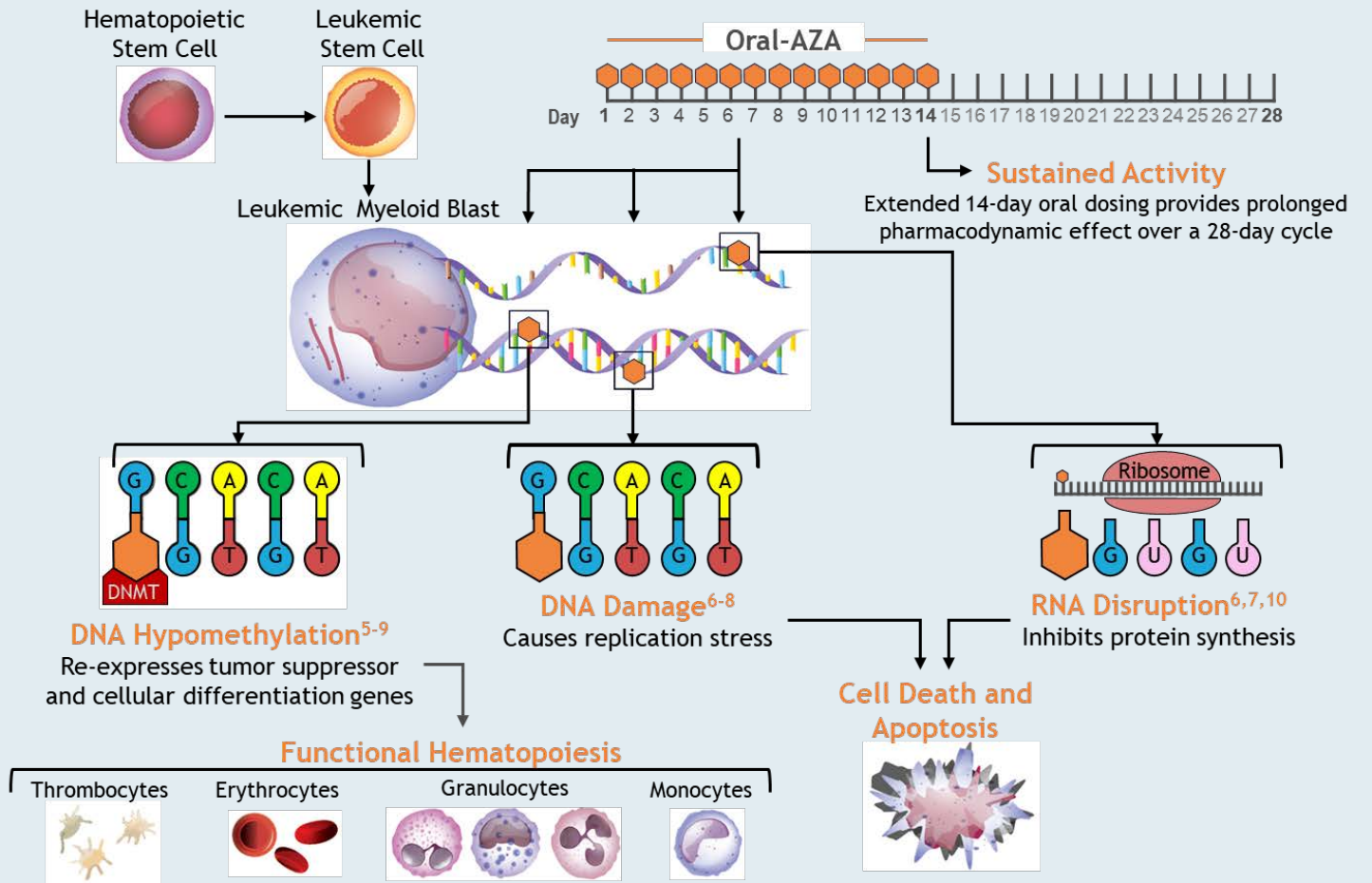
- FLT3 ligand (FL) binding activates downstream pathways (↑ cell proliferation)
- FLT3 mutations associated with a poor prognosis

# Characteristics of Select FLT3 Inhibitors

FLT3 inhibitor	Inhibitory type	FLT3 kinase inhibition IC50 (nmol/L)	Non-FLT3 targets	FLT3-TKD mutation activity	Major toxicities
Sorafenib 400 mg BID	II	58	c-KIT PDGFR RAF VEGFR	No	Rash Hemorrhage Myelosuppression
Midostaurin 50 mg BID	I	6.3	c-KIT PDGFR PKC VEGFR	Yes	GI toxicity Myelosuppression
Quizartinib 30-60 mg qd	II	1.6	c-KIT	No	QTc prolongation Myelosuppression
Gilteritinib 120 mg qd	I	0.29	AXL LTK ALK	Yes	Elevated transaminases Diarrhea

# Oral Azacitidine (Oral-AZA, CC-486)

- Oral HMA with a distinct PK/PD profile from injectable AZA; the two are not bioequivalent<sup>1,2</sup>
- Approved in the United States for continued Tx of adult pts with AML in first CR/CRI post-IC and not able to complete intensive curative therapy (eg, HSCT)<sup>3</sup>
  - Oral dosing allows for extended drug exposure during each Tx cycle to prolong AZA activity<sup>1,2</sup>

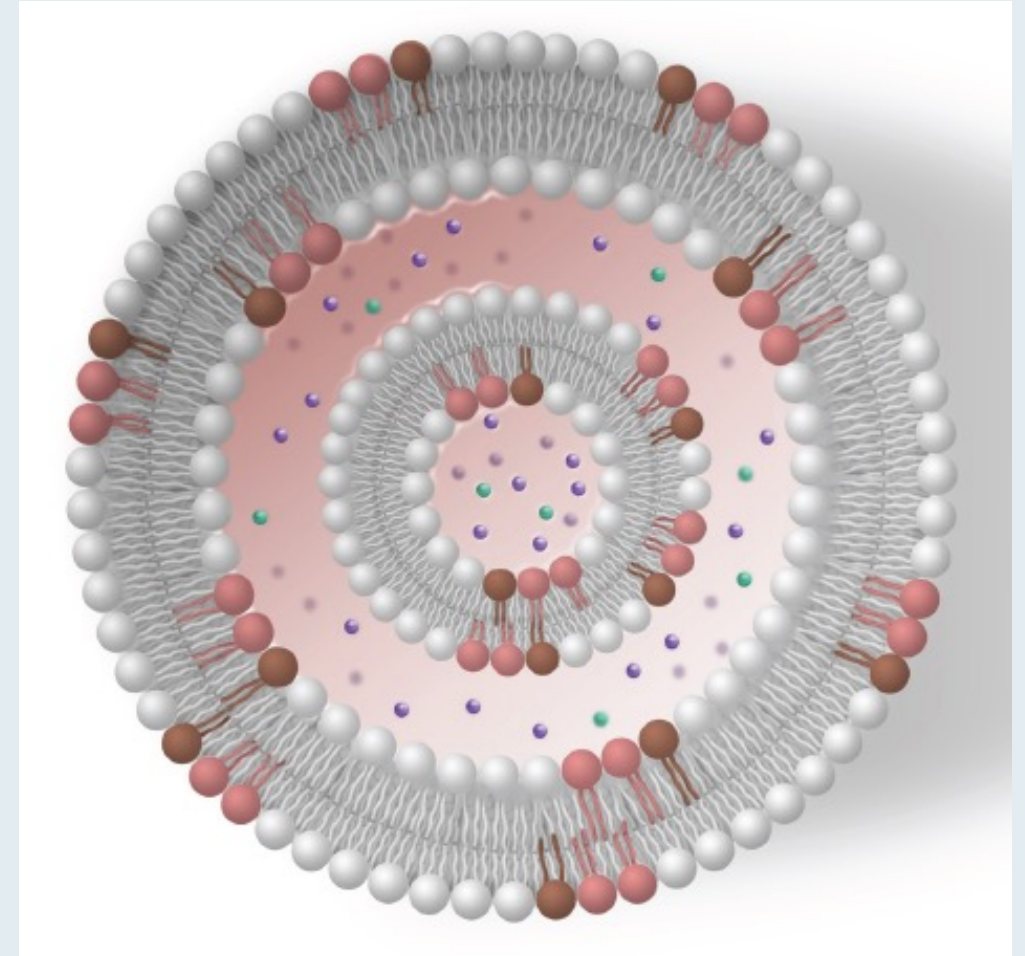


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AML, acute myeloid leukemia; AZA, azacitidine; CR, complete remission; CRI, CR with incomplete blood count recovery; HMA, hypomethylating agent; HSCT, hematopoietic stem cell transplant; IC, intensive chemotherapy; PD, pharmacodynamic; PK, pharmacokinetic; pts, patients; Tx, treatment.

# CPX-351

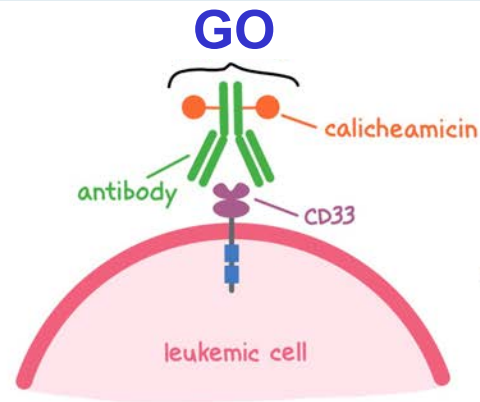
- CPX-351 is a liposomal co-formulation of cytarabine and daunorubicin designed to achieve synergistic antileukemia activity
  - 5:1 molar ratio of cytarabine to daunorubicin provides synergistic leukemia cell killing in vitro<sup>1</sup>
  - In patients, CPX-351 preserved delivery of the 5:1 drug ratio for over 24 hours, with drug exposure maintained for 7 days<sup>2</sup>
  - Selective uptake of liposomes by bone marrow leukemia cells in xenograft models<sup>3</sup>



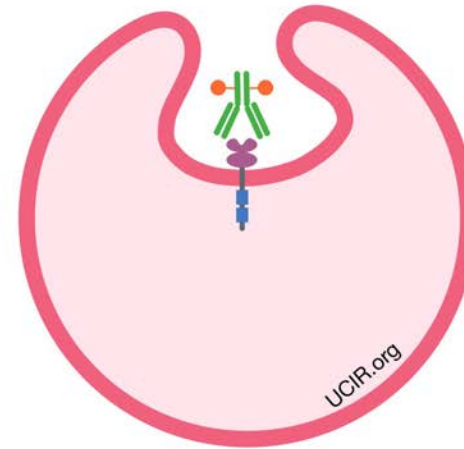
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# Gemtuzumab Ozogamicin (GO): Mechanism of Action

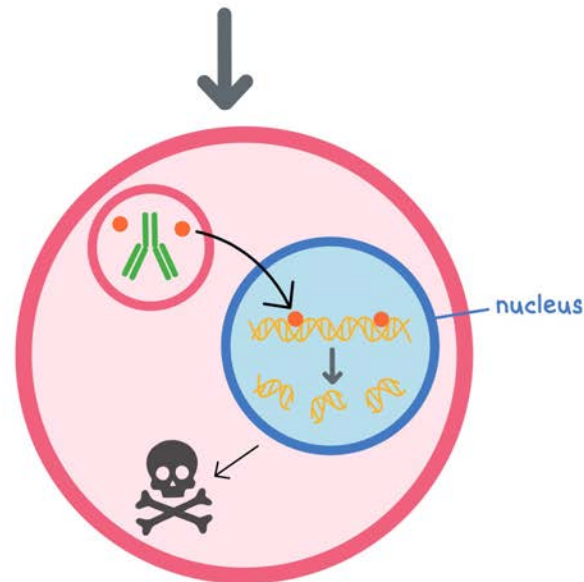


Using its antibody part,  
GO binds to CD33 on the  
surface of the leukemia cell...



...and enters the cell

Inside the cell, the calicheamicin part  
of GO is released, becomes  
activated, and travels to the nucleus  
of the cell, where it binds to the DNA,  
causes DNA breaks and leads to cell  
death



## *Questions — Eunice S Wang, MD*



Younger, fit patients with AML who are eligible for intensive chemotherapy

- **What are the available treatments for these patients, and how do you select which one to use as initial therapy?**

## ***Commentary — Eunice S Wang, MD***



**Younger, fit patients with AML who are eligible for intensive chemotherapy**

**Scenario:  
Younger fit patients  
with AML who are  
eligible for Intensive  
Chemotherapy**

### **Treatment Options**

- **7+3**
- **7+3 plus GO**
- **7+3 plus FLT3 inhibitor**
- **CPX-351**
- **High intensity regimens (CLAG-M, FLAG-Ida)**

## ***Commentary — Eunice S Wang, MD***



### **Younger, fit patients with AML who are eligible for intensive chemotherapy**

#### **7+3 plus GO**

- **Case presentation**

- 41 yo man PMH HTN and chronic kidney disease (solitary kidney s/p donation to father), presented with painless lump in left inguinal regions. Referred for surgical evaluation for possible hernia. Preop labs demonstrated normal WBC with 10% blasts. Underwent surgical excision of a left inguinal mass.
- Pathology showed myeloid sarcoma.
- WBC 5.60, hgb 12.7, plts 137K, 38% peripheral blasts, ANC 0.90.
- Bone marrow: AML with t(8;21) (q22;q22.1).
- Flow cytometry: 92.8% of blasts expressed CD33.
- Mutational profile: RUNX1-RUNX1T1 fusion, IDH2+ KRAS+ ASXL1+ FLT3 wildtype CKIT wildtype.

# ***Commentary — Eunice S Wang, MD***



## **7+3 plus FLT3 inhibitor**

- **Case presentation**

- **34 yo wm h/o substance abuse in remission on methadone maintenance x 14y, h/o back injuries with multiple disc disease. Presented to local ER with shortness of breath and worsening fatigue over several days.**
- **Labs: WBC 140k and hgb 6. Started on IVF and transferred to local cancer center.**
- **Repeat WBC 114.9, hgb 5.7, plts 26K, 61% peripheral blasts.**
- **Bone marrow: AML with Auer rods.**
- **Mutational profile: FLT3 ITD+, WT1+.**
- **Karyotype: Normal XY.**

# ***Commentary — Eunice S Wang, MD***



## **CPX-351**

- **Case presentation**

- 59 year-old man with Hx a-fib, MM s/p multiple chemotherapies (RVD) and autologous stem cell transplant 3 yrs ago who was found incidentally on routine bloodwork by PCP to have new pancytopenia with 2% blasts.
- Repeat CBC showed WBC 1.6, hgb 9.7, plts 23K, ANC 0.75, 10% unclassified cells.
- BMBX demonstrated hypercellular marrow with severely dysplastic myeloid cells, significant reticulin fibrosis and 24% blasts with no evidence of plasma cell disorder.
- Cytogenetics: complex karyotype with numerous structural and numerical rearrangements.
- Mutational profile: TP53 mutant, DNMT3A mutant.

## *Questions — Ilene Galinsky, NP*



**Younger, fit patients with AML who are eligible for intensive chemotherapy**

- **What are some of the clinical issues that arise with younger, fit patients with AML who are beginning treatment, and what are some key points you address with them prior to starting treatment?**
- **What are some of the psychosocial issues that arise in these situations?**

## ***Commentary — Ilene Galinsky, NP***



### **Younger, fit patients with AML who are eligible for intensive chemotherapy**

- Side effects of the therapy — prolonged hospitalizations, hair loss, “loss of control,” myelosuppression
- Change in personal relationships (sexual, missing out on things due to restrictions)
- Discuss sperm banking and egg harvesting, fertility issues
- Tailor discussions to the patient, their age, support network, where they are in the life cycle
- Funny story about sperm banking with a 17 year old — parents present



# Agenda

**Module 1 – Younger Patients with Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML)**

**Module 2 – Older Patients with AML**

**Module 3 – Myelodysplastic Syndromes**

## SELF-ASSESSMENT QUIZ

The short-term response to treatment and survival for patients in their 80s with AML is similar to that observed for patients with pancreatic cancer.

1. Agree
2. Disagree
3. I don't know

# SELF-ASSESSMENT QUIZ

**Which of the following agents is FDA approved in combination with venetoclax for AML?**

1. Decitabine
2. Azacitidine
3. Low-dose cytarabine
4. All of the above
5. Both decitabine and azacitidine
6. I don't know

## SELF-ASSESSMENT QUIZ

All patients with AML who are receiving venetoclax in combination with a hypomethylating agent (HMA) should be admitted to the hospital to begin treatment and receive tumor lysis syndrome prophylaxis, regardless of disease burden or performance status.

1. Agree
2. Disagree
3. I don't know

# SELF-ASSESSMENT QUIZ

**Patients with AML receiving venetoclax/HMA generally undergo first repeat bone marrow examination after...**

1. 1 cycle of treatment
2. 2 cycles of treatment
3. 3 cycles of treatment
4. 4 cycles of treatment
5. I don't know

## SELF-ASSESSMENT QUIZ

**What is the most common side effect associated with venetoclax that leads to dose reduction or withholding therapy?**

1. GI toxicity
2. Cytopenias
3. Renal dysfunction
4. Peripheral neuropathy

## SELF-ASSESSMENT QUIZ

The usual approach to a patient with asymptomatic AML who has successfully been receiving venetoclax/HMA therapy is to...

1. Discontinue treatment
2. Continue treatment
3. I don't know

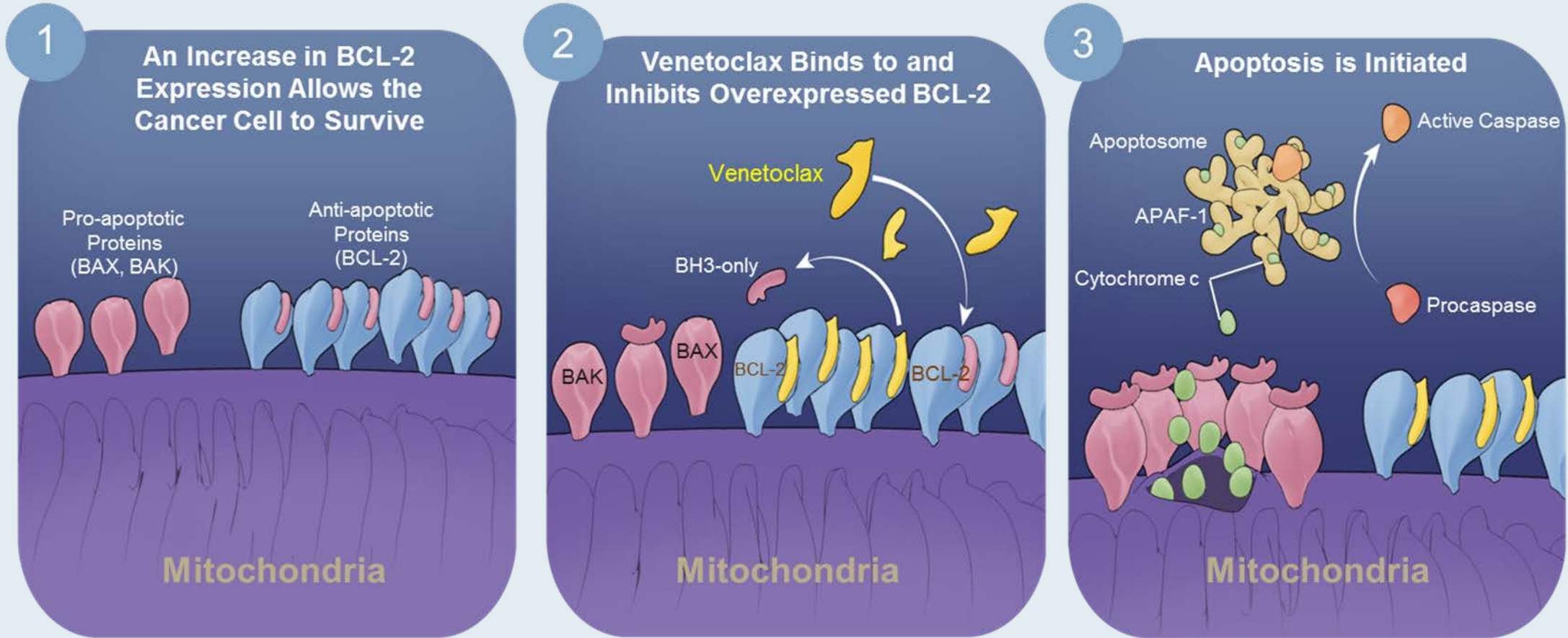
## SELF-ASSESSMENT QUIZ

**Is it safe and effective to use an oral HMA in combination with venetoclax?**

1. Yes, oral azacitidine
2. Yes, oral decitabine
3. Yes, either oral azacitidine or oral decitabine
4. No, neither oral azacitidine nor oral decitabine
5. I don't know



# Venetoclax Mechanism of Action



- Cancer cells increase the expression of anti-apoptotic proteins to offset the increase in pro-apoptotic proteins, tipping the balance toward cell survival
- The large # of pro-apoptotic proteins bound and sequestered by Bcl-2 in AML make them “primed” for death

# VIALE-A Study Design

(NCT02993523)

## Eligibility

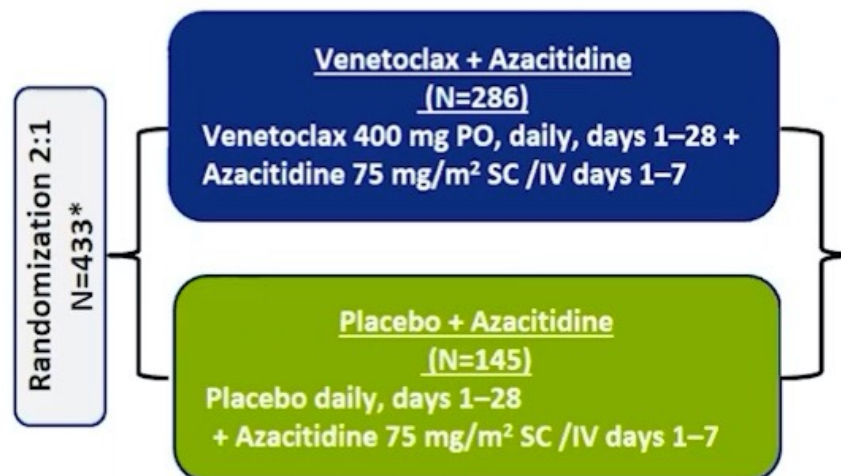
### Inclusion

- Patients with newly diagnosed confirmed AML
- Ineligible for induction therapy defined as **either**
  - ❖  $\geq 75$  years of age
  - ❖ 18 to 74 years of age with at least one of the co-morbidities:
    - CHF requiring treatment or Ejection Fraction  $\leq 50\%$
    - Chronic stable angina
    - DLCO  $\leq 65\%$  or FEV1  $\leq 65\%$
    - ECOG 2 or 3

### Exclusion

- Prior receipt of any HMA, venetoclax, or chemotherapy for myelodysplastic syndrome
- Favorable risk cytogenetics per NCCN
- Active CNS involvement

## Treatment



## Endpoints

### Primary

- Overall survival

### Secondary

- CR+CRi rate
- CR+CRh rate
- CR+CRi and CR+CRh rates by initiation of cycle 2
- CR rate
- Transfusion independence
- CR+CRi rates and OS in molecular subgroups
- Event-free survival

**Randomization Stratification Factors** Age ( $<75$  vs.  $\geq 75$  years); Cytogenetic Risk (intermediate, Poor); Region

### Venetoclax dosing ramp-up

**Cycle 1 ramp-up** Day 1: 100 mg, Day 2: 200 mg, Day 3 - 28: 400 mg  
**Cycle 2** → Day 1-28: 400 mg

\* 2 patients were not stratified by cytogenetic risk. They were excluded from efficacy analysis but included in the safety analysis. 6 patients who did not receive treatment were excluded from the safety analysis set.

AML: Acute myeloid leukemia; CHF: Congestive heart failure; CNS: Central nervous system; CR: Complete remission; CRi: CR+ incomplete marrow remission; CRh: CR+ incomplete hematologic recovery; DLCO: diffusion lung capacity for carbon monoxide; ECOG: Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group; FEV1: Forced expiratory volume; HMA: Hypomethylating agent; NCCN: National Comprehensive Cancer Network

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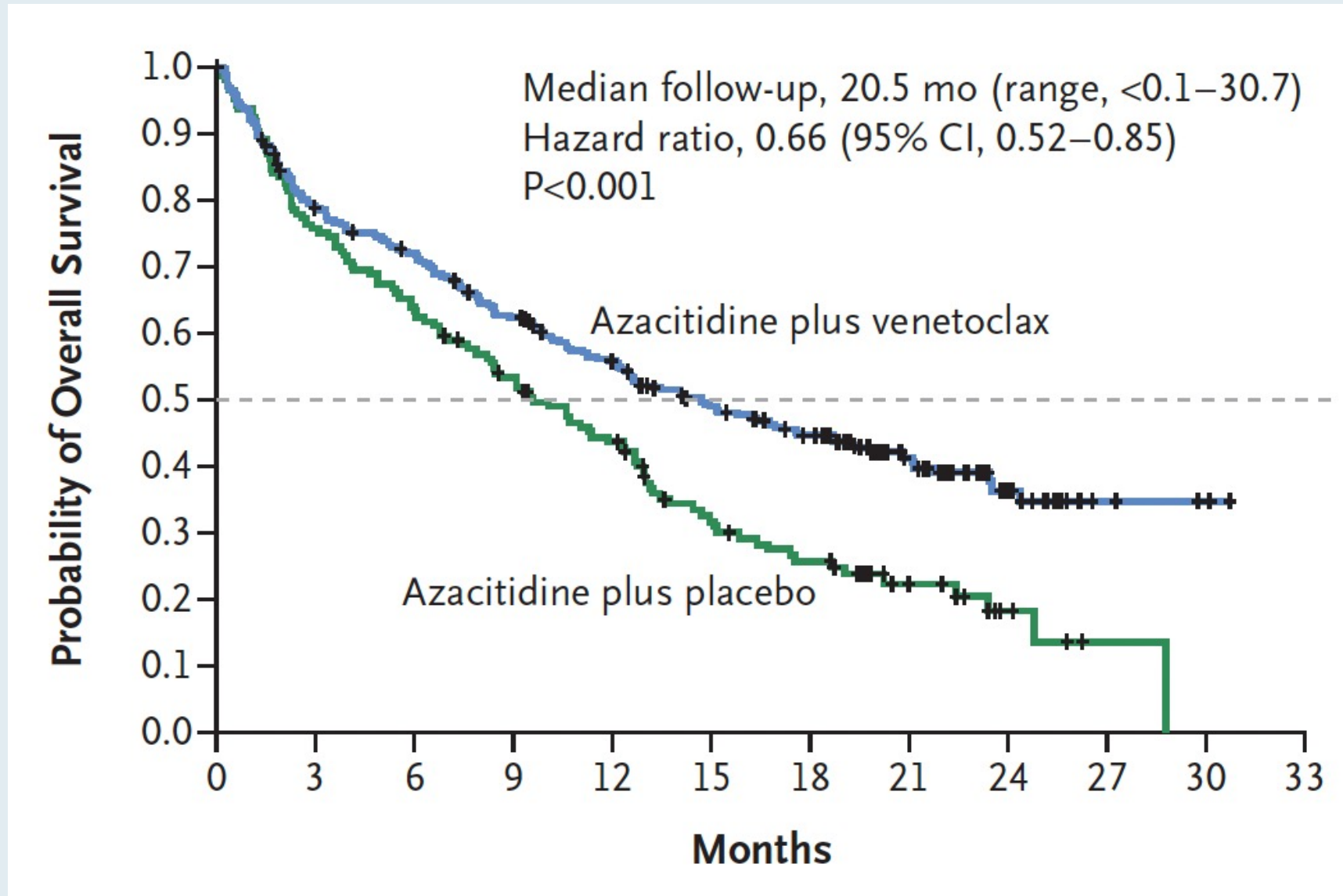
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## Azacitidine and Venetoclax in Previously Untreated Acute Myeloid Leukemia

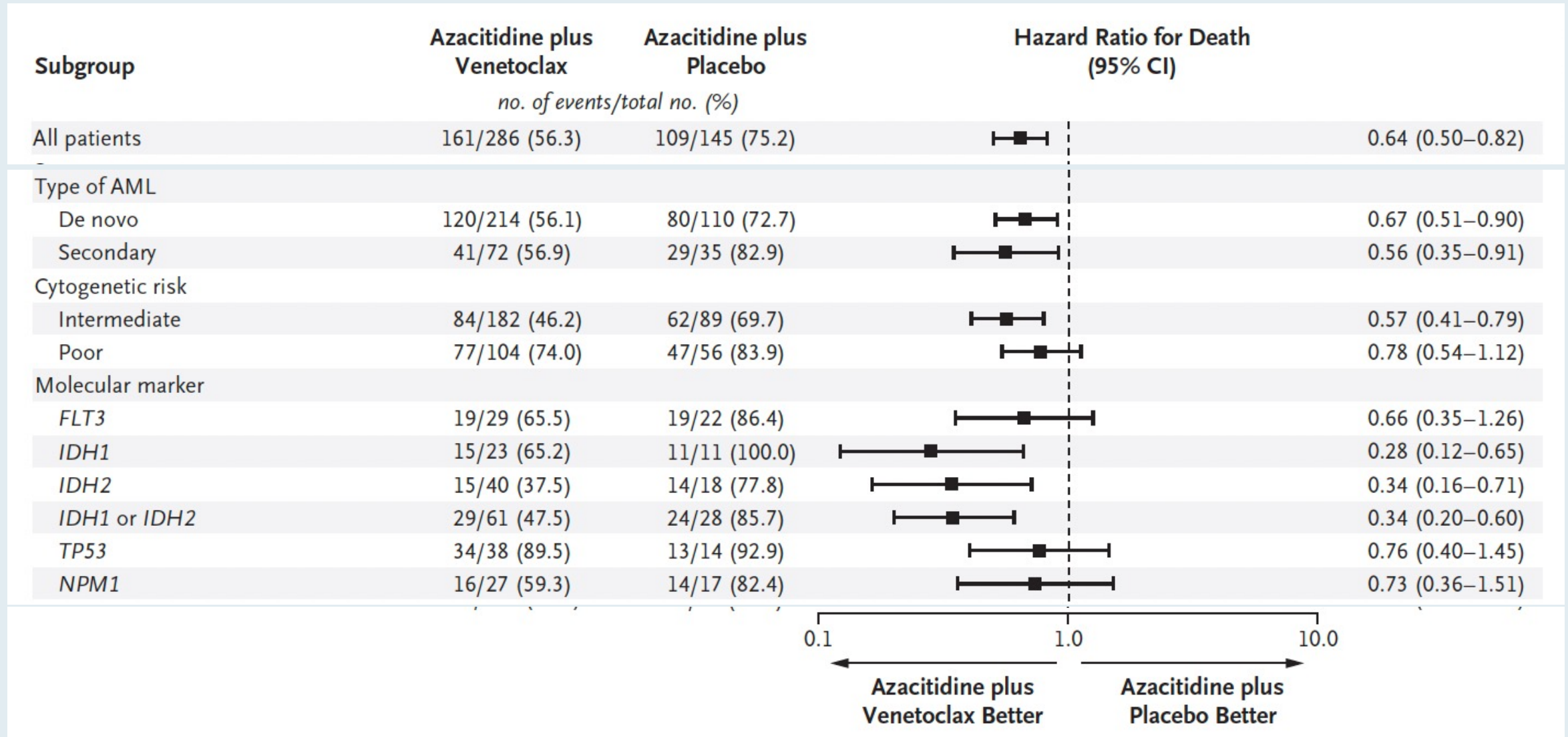
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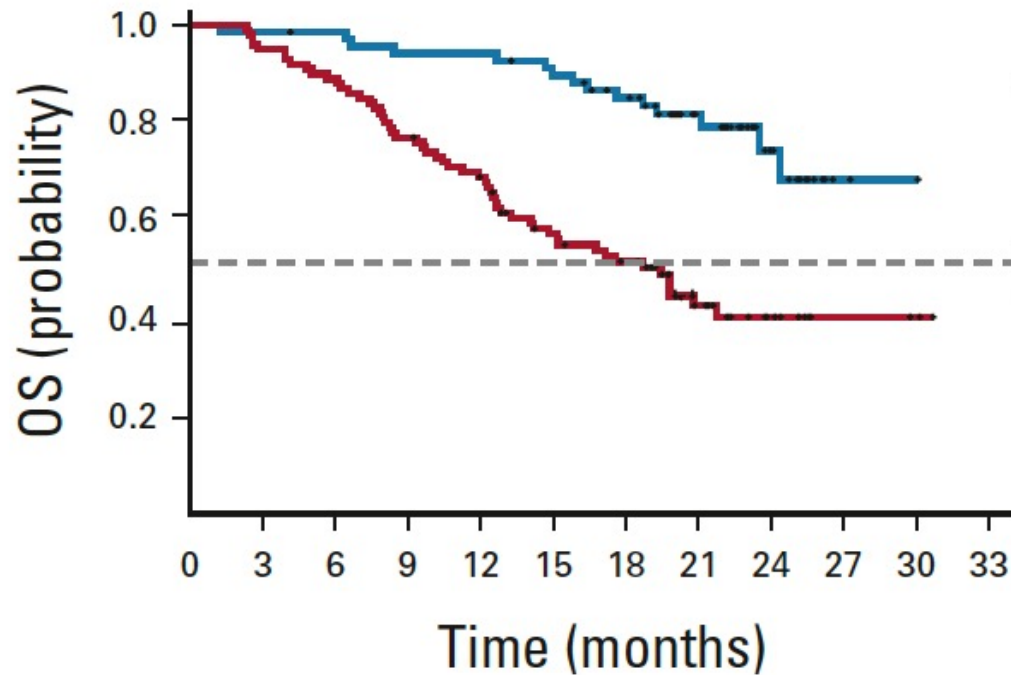
## VIALE-A: Overall Survival



# VIALE-A: Overall Survival Subgroup Analysis

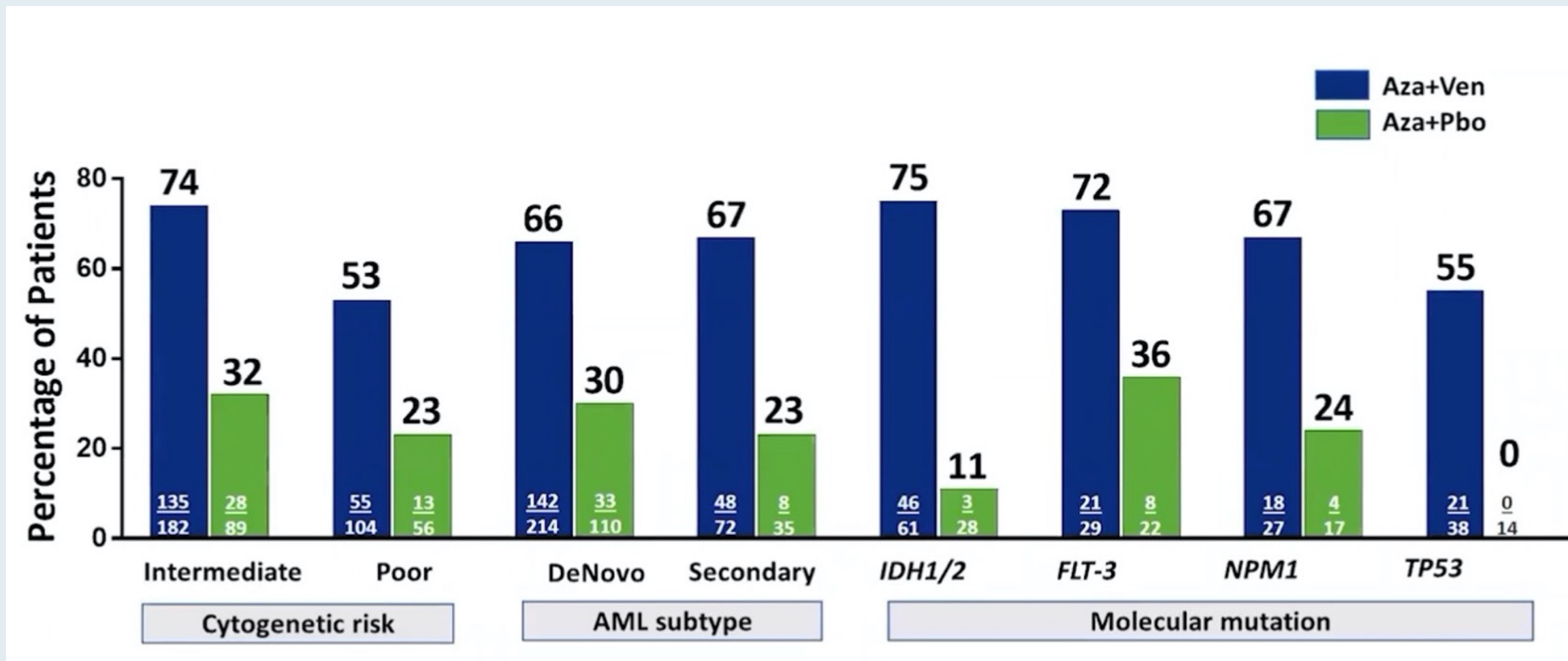


# VIALE-A: Overall Survival by Minimal Residual Disease (MRD) Status



OS	No. of Events	12 Months, % (95% CI)	18 Months, % (95% CI)	Median OS, Months (95% CI)
CR + CRi + MRD < 10 <sup>-3</sup>	15	94.0 (84.7 to 97.7)	84.6 (73.3 to 91.4)	NR (24.4 to NR)
CR + CRi + MRD ≥ 10 <sup>-3</sup>	52	67.9 (57.6 to 76.2)	50.1 (39.6 to 59.8)	18.7 (12.9 to NR)

## VIALE-A: Response Rates (CR + CRi) in Subgroups



CR = complete response; CRi = CR with incomplete blood-count recovery

## VIALE-A: Serious Adverse Events

Adverse event	Azacitidine/venetoclax (N = 283)		Azacitidine/placebo (N = 144)	
	All Grades	Grade ≥3	All Grades	Grade ≥3
<b>Serious adverse events</b>	83%	82%	73%	71%
Febrile neutropenia	30%	30%	10%	10%
Anemia	5%	5%	4%	4%
Neutropenia	5%	5%	2%	2%
Atrial fibrillation	5%	4%	1%	1%
Pneumonia	17%	16%	22%	22%
Sepsis	6%	6%	8%	8%

Tumor lysis syndrome observed during ramp-up (days 1-3) in 3 patients (1%) receiving azacitidine/venetoclax, without interruption of treatment



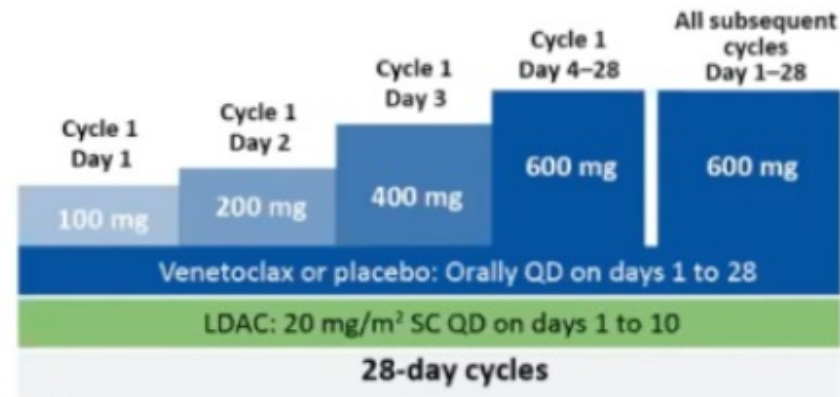
# VIALE-C: Phase III Trial of Venetoclax Plus Low-Dose Cytarabine in Previously Untreated Older Patients with AML

## ■ Randomized 2:1, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial



### Stratification factors

- AML status (secondary vs de novo)
- Age (18 to <75 vs ≥75)
- Region (US, EU, China, Japan, ROW)



**Primary endpoint:** overall survival

### Secondary endpoints

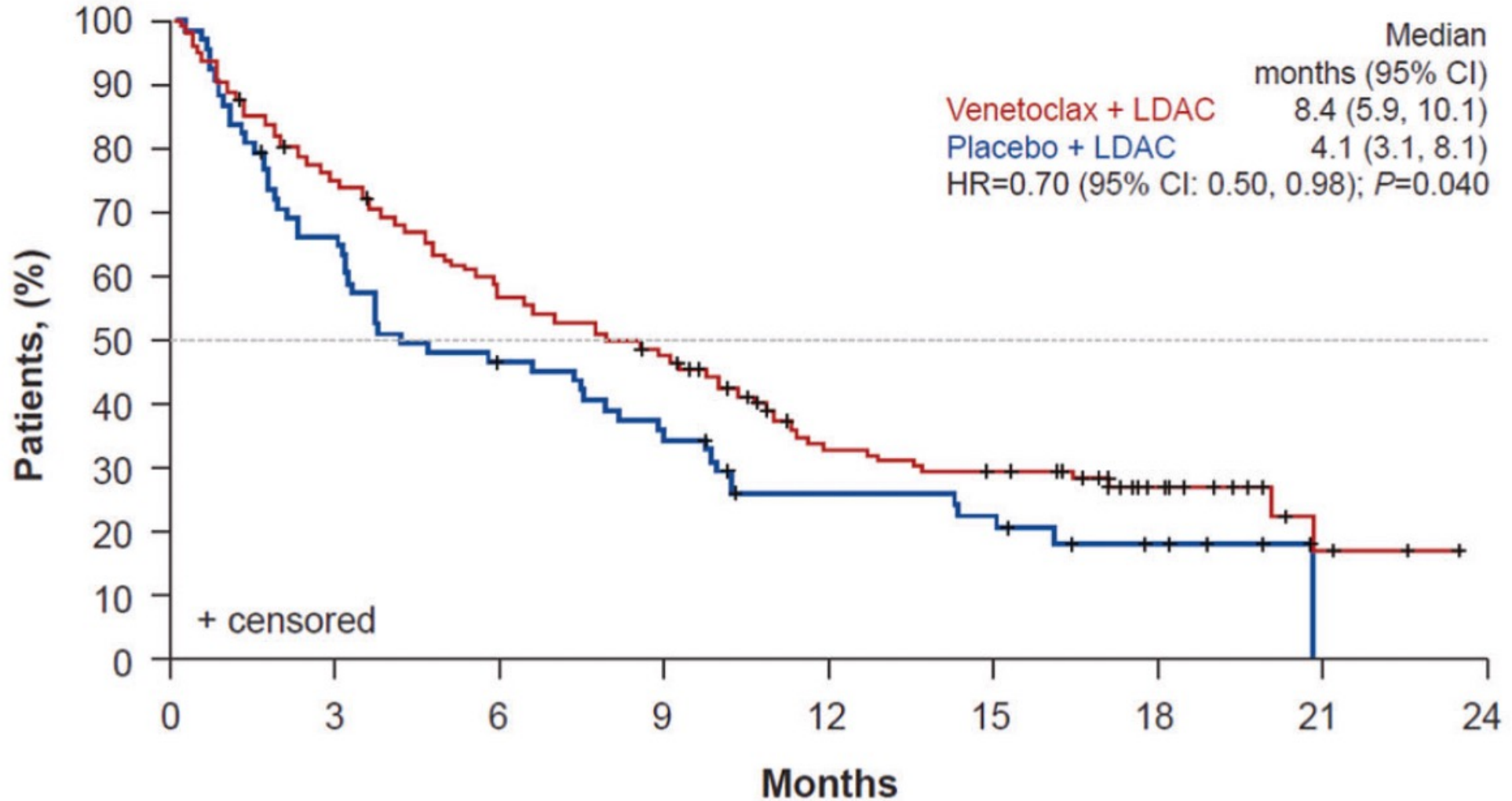
- CR, CRh, and CRi (modified IWG criteria<sup>1</sup>)
- Rate of transfusion independence
- EFS
- MRD

Progressive disease was defined per ELN recommendations.<sup>2</sup>

AML, acute myeloid leukemia; CR, complete remission; CRh, CR with partial hematologic recovery; CRi, CR with incomplete blood count recovery; EFS, event-free survival; ELN, European LeukemiaNet; IRT, Interactive Response Technology; IWG, International Working Group; LDAC, low-dose cytarabine; MRD, minimal residual disease; OS, overall survival; QD, once a day; ROW, rest of world; SC, subcutaneous.

1. Cheson BD, et al. *J Clin Oncol*. 2003;21:4642-4649; 2. Döhner H, et al. *Blood*. 2017;129:424-447.

# VIALE-C: Overall Survival



# VIALE-T: Phase III Trial of Venetoclax with Azacitidine and Best Supportive Care Compared to Best Supportive Care Alone for Newly Diagnosed AML

## Key eligibility criteria (N = 424)

- Newly diagnosed AML
- *Allogeneic SCT within the past 30 days or planned*
- Adequate renal, hepatic and hematologic criteria
- KPS score >50
- *Age ≥17 years*

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Venetoclax

+

azacitidine

+

best supportive care

Best supportive care

- Primary endpoints: Dose-limiting toxicities (Part 1), relapse-free survival (Part 2)
- Select secondary endpoints: Overall survival (Part 2), graft versus host disease-free survival (Part 2)

## *Questions — Eunice S Wang, MD*



Older patients with AML who are not eligible for intensive chemotherapy

- **What are the available treatments for these patients, and how do you select which one to use as initial therapy?**

## ***Commentary — Eunice S Wang, MD***



### **Older patients with AML who are not eligible for intensive chemotherapy**

**Scenario:  
Older patients with  
AML who are not  
eligible for Intensive  
Chemotherapy**

### **Treatment Options**

- **Venetoclax + Azacitidine**
- **Venetoclax + LDAC**
- **IDH1 inhibitor (ivosidenib)**
- **IDH2 inhibitor (enasidenib)**
- **Glasdegib + LDAC**
- **Gemtuzumab ozogamicin**

## ***Commentary — Eunice S Wang, MD***



### **Older patients with AML who are not eligible for intensive chemotherapy**

#### **Venetoclax + Azacitidine**

- **Case presentation**
  - 75 yo woman hx HTN, hyperlipidemia, DM, neuropathy, gout, adrenal insufficiency, ulcerative colitis presented with persistent upper respiratory infections, extreme fatigue, chills, gum bleeding, intermittent blurred vision.
  - WBC 3.61, hgb 11, plts 48K with 76% blasts.
  - BMBx consistent with AML.
  - Normal karyotype.
  - Mutational profile: No mutations. FLT3/IDH1/IDH2 wildtype.

# ***Commentary — Eunice S Wang, MD***



## **Venetoclax + LDAC**

- **Case presentation**
  - 90 yo woman PMHx COPD, HTN, polymyalgia rheumatica presented with pancytopenia 4 yrs ago and diagnosed with MDS (10% blasts). Received EPO growth factor (progressive anemia) followed by 4 cycles of azacitidine therapy.
  - Presented to local ER with worsening SOB and found to have anemia (hgb 5.1).
  - Repeat BMBX: AML with MDS related changes (21% blasts).
  - Karyotype: Normal XX.
  - Mutational profile: TET2+ NRAS+ AXSL1+ EZH2+ MLL2+, RUNX1.

# ***Commentary — Eunice S Wang, MD***



## **IDH inhibitor**

- **Case presentation**
  - **74 yo man hx cardiomyopathy s/p heart transplant 2006 and hypothyroidism who was admitted to outside hospital with new right sided heart failure and hyponatremia.**
  - **WBC noted to be 150K, hgb 7.9, plts 74K.**
  - **BMBX showed AML with monocytic features.**
  - **Karyotype: trisomy 8.**
  - **Mutational profile: DNMT3A+ NPM1+ U2AF1+ EZH2+. IDH1+.**



## *Questions — Ilene Galinsky, NP*



### **Older patients with AML who are not eligible for intensive chemotherapy**

- **What are some of the clinical issues that arise with older patients with AML that are beginning treatment, and what are some key points you address with them prior to starting treatment?**
- **What are some of the psychosocial issues that arise in these situations?**

## ***Commentary — Ilene Galinsky, NP***



### **Older patients with AML who are not eligible for intensive chemotherapy**

- **Quality of life, end of life, caretaking, family support, friends?**
- **Change in lifestyle — feeling they are a burden; transportation issues — as most therapy is an outpatient treatment — azacitidine + ven for example**
- **Clinical trials, supportive care, vs no care**
- **Bone marrow examinations, line care, frequent visits**
- **Comorbidities — “Is it worth it?” “Why go through this if I am not going to be cured?” “I don’t want to be a burden to my family,” “I can’t ask them to take time away from their children to bring me to the MDs.”**
- **Discussions between family members and their parent — “Who wants the therapy?” and why do they want it — fear of death? I’m going to do it because my daughter wants me to?**

## ***Commentary — Ilene Galinsky, NP***



- **89-year-old male with newly dx AML on a clinical trial — in remission now, stopped trial because he felt schedule too much, so now on soc azacitidine still in remission, great quality of life — I want to stop the trial, because it is working, so why not?**
- **I try to say it is a chronic disease — like HTN: you treat it, control it, but don't stop it**

## *Questions — Eunice S Wang, MD*



Supportive care issues that arise during  
HMA/venetoclax treatment for older patients

- **What are some of the potential side effects associated with HMA/venetoclax?**
- **How do you approach prevention and management of tumor lysis syndrome?**

## ***Commentary — Eunice S Wang, MD***



### **Supportive care issues that arise during treatment of older patients with HMA/venetoclax**

- **Most common side effects are myelosuppression (neutropenia, leukopenia, anemia, thrombocytopenia), risk of infection/pneumonia/bacteremia in addition to GI side effects (constipation, nausea/vomiting, skin rash at injection site).**
- **We admit patients for the first cycle of ven/HMA to manage TLS with daily IVF, allopurinol, rasburicase as needed for uric acid >9 and monitor renal function.**
- **Actual side effects include severe cytopenia, (particularly single digit thrombocytopenia requiring daily platelets), neutropenic fever, pneumonia, cellulitis, bacteremia.**

## ***Commentary — Eunice S Wang, MD***



- **First case: 82 yo woman with COPD on oxygen, hypertension, thyroid cancer, 50 pack year smoker who was diagnosed with AML (TET2, NRAS, ASXL1, SRSF2). Course complicated by acalculous cholecystitis (gallbladder infection) with sepsis presenting with neutropenic fever and abdominal pain. Improved on broad spectrum antibiotics, not surgical candidate. Also developed urinary tract infection (UTI) with enterococcus identified in the urine and treated with linezolid.**
- **Second case: 73 yo woman with prior history of ET on hydrea for 2.5 years now diagnosed with secondary AML with TP53 and CALR mutations. Platelet transfusion dependent with daily single digit platelet counts refractory to transfusions, Developed headache last week and CT showed a small subdural bleed which is stable. Also deconditioning s/p total knee replacement 10 weeks ago and working with PT. Also completed cefepime/azithromycin for neutropenic fever with pulmonary infiltrates.**

## ***Questions — Ilene Galinsky, NP***



### **Supportive care issues that arise during HMA/venetoclax treatment for older patients**

- **What are some of the supportive care issues that arise for older patients receiving HMA/venetoclax?**
- **What are some of the key points you address with older patients who are receiving HMA/venetoclax in terms of what to expect related to side effects?**
- **What are some of the psychosocial issues that arise in this situation?**

## ***Commentary — Ilene Galinsky, NP***



### **Supportive care issues that arise during HMA/venetoclax treatment for older patients**

- **Fluid issues; constipation from the ven and antiemetics; fatigue; sleep disturbance; decrease in PO intake**
- **Comorbidities, drug-drug interactions; polypharmacy; “too many pills to take”**
- **Myelosuppression, SOB, fatigue, anemia, bleeding issues**
- **Similar to previous, burden, frequent visits, why can’t I stop, it is working**
- **My children have their lives, they shouldn’t need to help me — but they do, how to let loved ones help? For those that outlived their friends, this is difficult for them to want to be treated**



# Agenda

**Module 1 – Younger Patients with Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML)**

**Module 2 – Older Patients with AML**

**Module 3 – Myelodysplastic Syndromes**

# Defining MDS Risk

Goal: Identify patients whose disease, left untreated, is high risk of:

- Death (most often from infection/bleed/cardiac disease) or
- Leukemic progression within months (generally <18 months)

IPSS

INT-2 Risk  
High Risk

IPSS-R

Score > 3.5  
Intermediate  
High  
Very High

Disease  
History

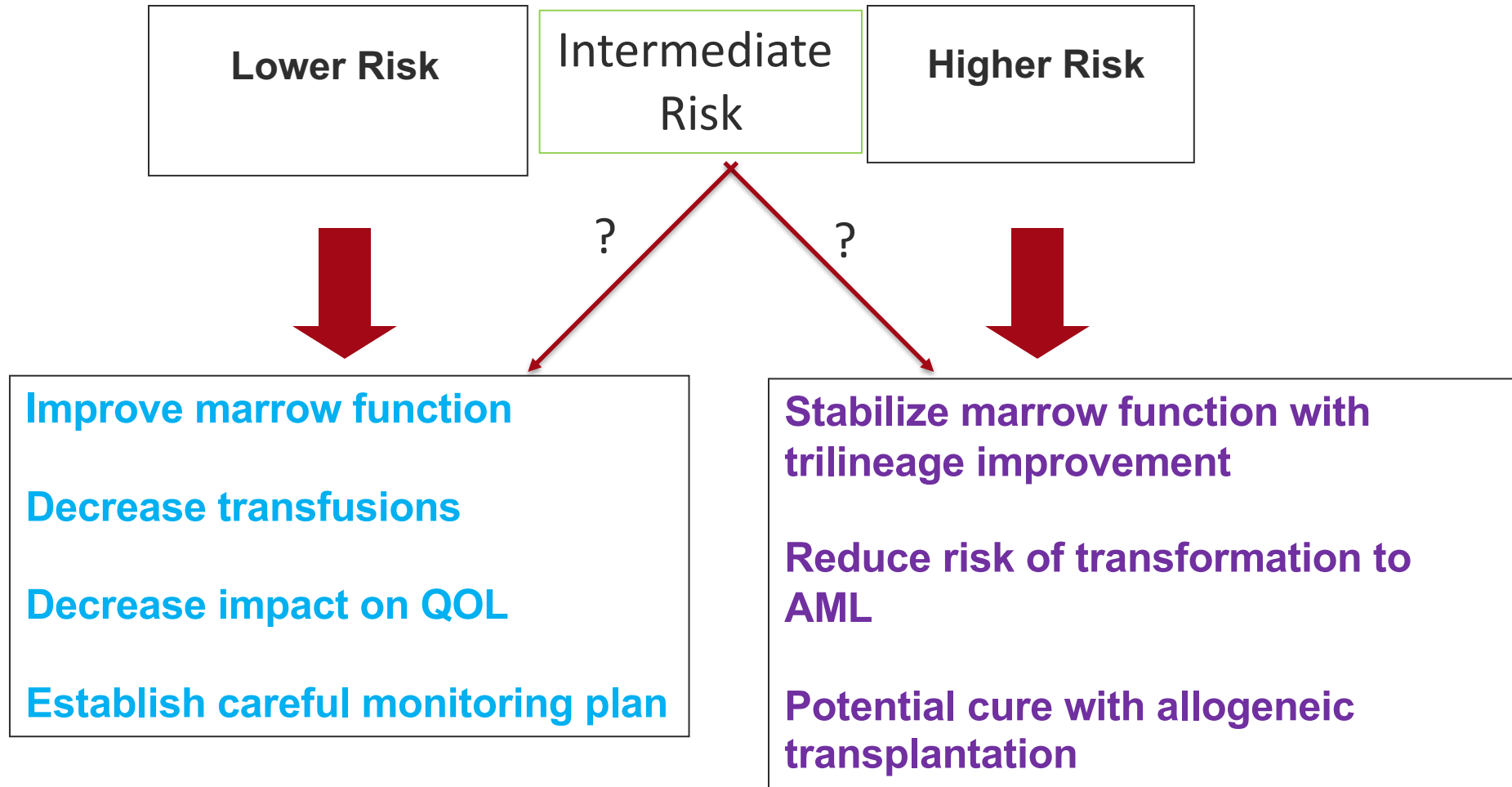
Progression after  
prior therapies e.g.  
formerly low risk



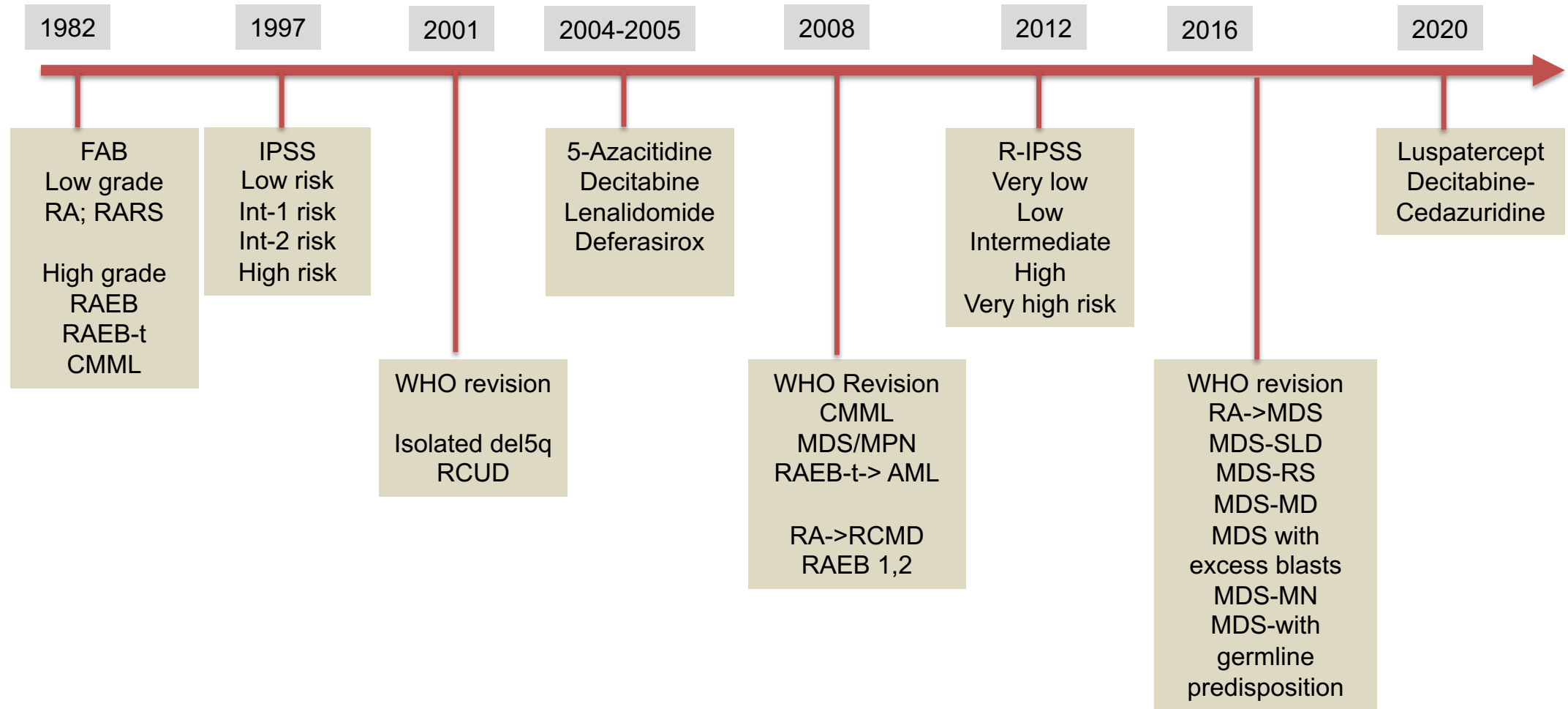
Molecular

TP53  
EZH2, RUNX1, ASXL1  
“AML-like” mutations

# Treatment goals in MDS



# Timeline in MDS



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## Oral Decitabine/Cedazuridine in Patients with Lower Risk Myelodysplastic Syndrome: a Longer-Term Follow-Up of from the ASCERTAIN Study

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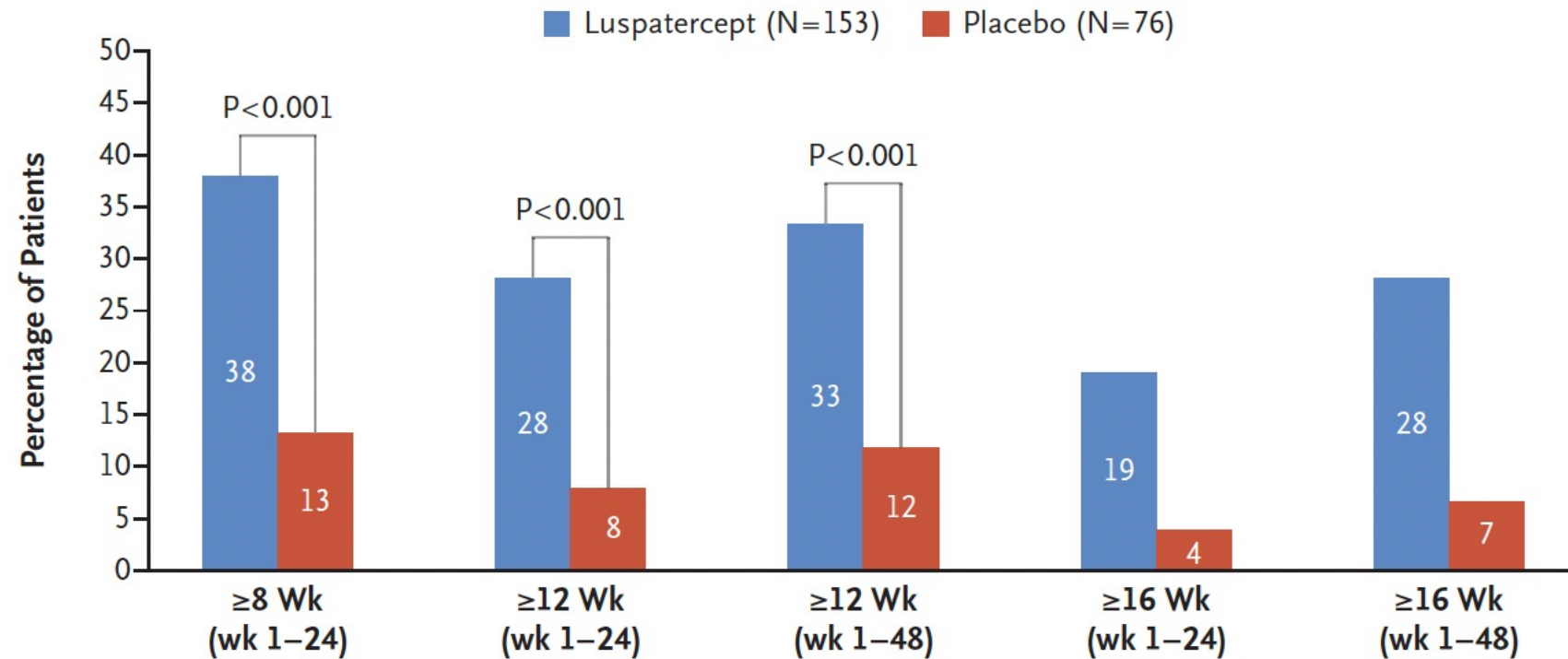
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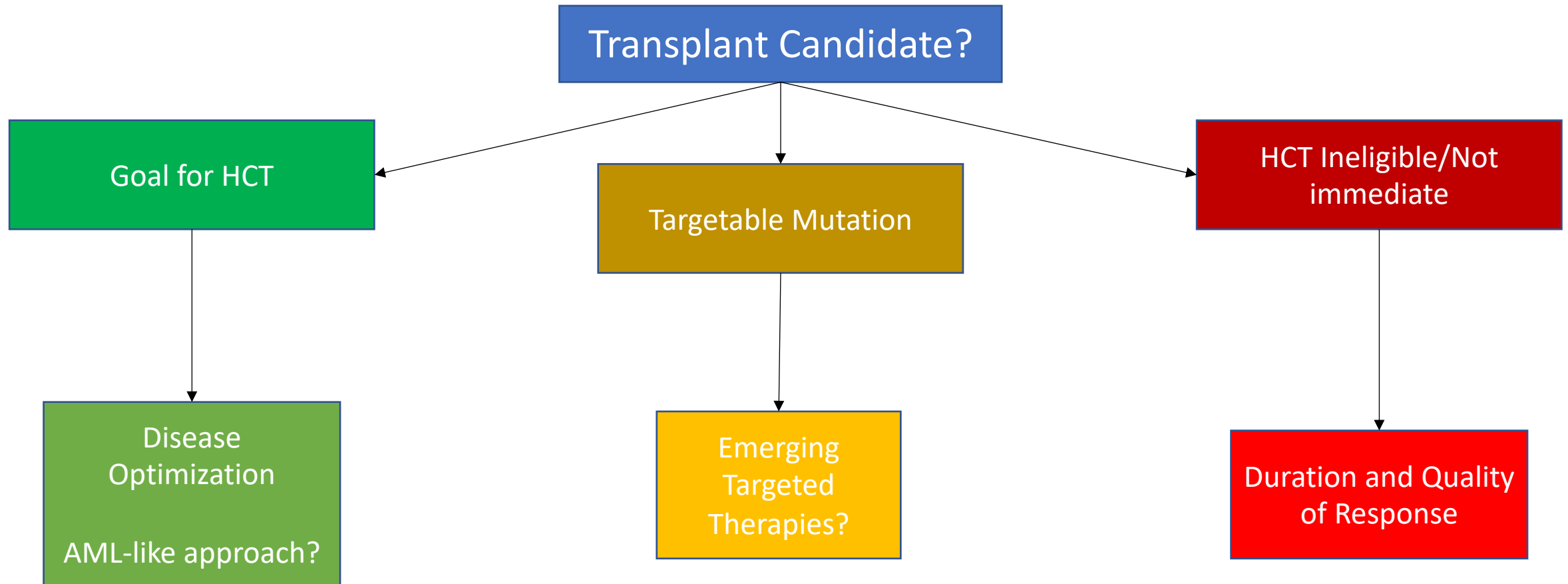
# MEDALIST: Independence from Red Blood Cell Transfusion



## No. of Patients with Response (% [95% CI])

Luspatercept	58 (38 [30–46])	43 (28 [21–36])	51 (33 [26–41])	29 (19 [13–26])	43 (28 [21–36])
Placebo	10 (13 [6–23])	6 (8 [3–16])	9 (12 [6–21])	3 (4 [1–11])	5 (7 [2–15])




# Approaching Higher Risk MDS





# Higher-Risk MDS: Improving Response and Duration of Response Is an Unmet Medical Need

**AZACITIDINE  
(HMA)** +

- Magrolimab 
- APR246
- Pevonedistat 
- Ivosidenib
- Gilteritinib
- Enasidenib 
- Venetoclax
- Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors
  - MBG453
  - Ipilimumab
  - Nivolumab
  - Durvalumab
- Rigosertib
- Others.....

# Venetoclax in Combination with Azacitidine Granted FDA Breakthrough Therapy Designation for Higher-Risk MDS

Press Release: July 21, 2021

“...the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) granted a Breakthrough Therapy Designation (BTD) to venetoclax in combination with azacitidine for the potential treatment of adult patients with previously untreated intermediate-, high- and very high-risk myelodysplastic syndromes (MDS) based on revised International Prognostic Scoring System (IPSS-R).

This designation is supported by data from the Phase 1b M15-531 study. In addition to the Phase 1b M15-531 study, venetoclax is being investigated in combination with azacitidine for the treatment of MDS in the Phase 1b M15-522 study in patients with relapsed or refractory disease, and the Phase 3 randomized VERONA study in patients with newly diagnosed higher-risk MDS.”

# Molecular Responses Are Observed Across Mutational Spectrum in Treatment-Naïve Higher-Risk Myelodysplastic Syndrome Patients Treated With Venetoclax Plus Azacitidine

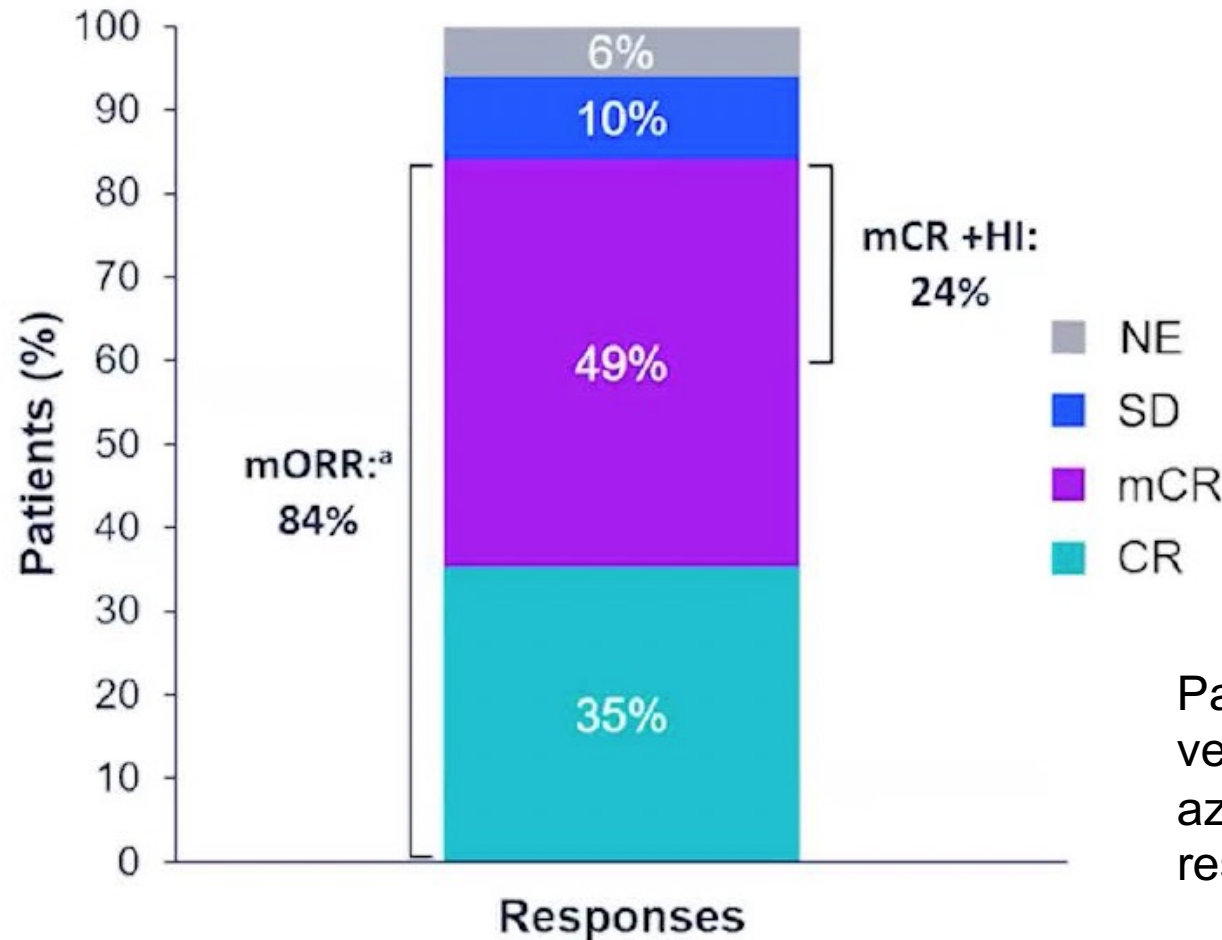
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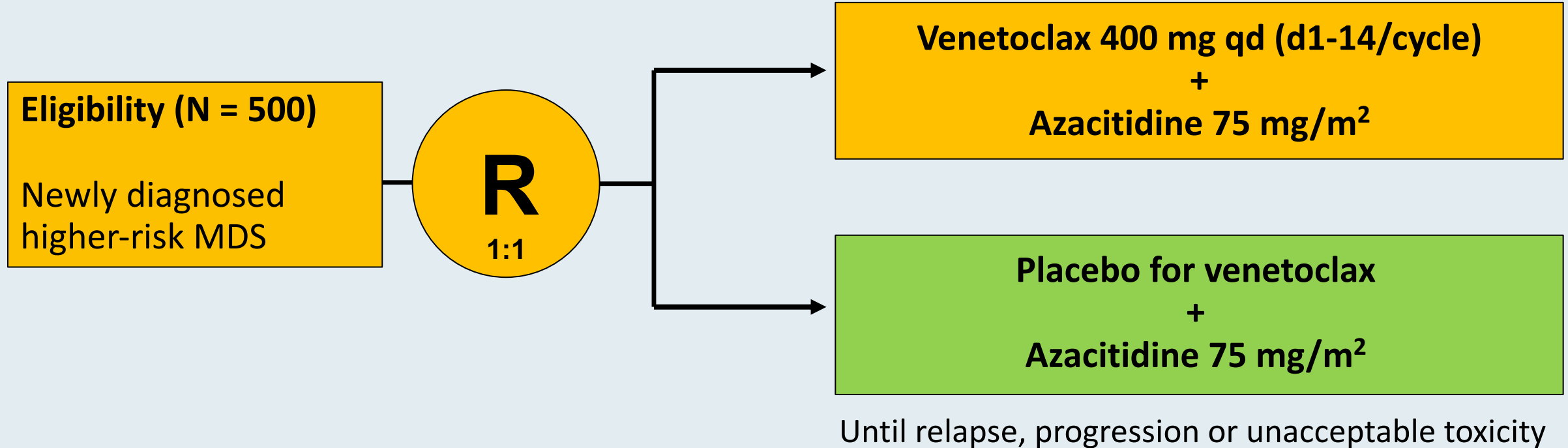
# Response to Venetoclax with Azacitidine



- Median time to response:  
0.9 months (95% CI, 0.7–5.8)
- Median duration of response:  
12.4 months (95% CI, 9.9–NR)

Patients with HR-MDS treated with venetoclax (400 mg D1-14) and azacitidine (75 mg/m<sup>2</sup>) had rapid, durable responses with high remission rates

# VERONA Phase III Trial of Venetoclax with Azacitidine Compared to Azacitidine with Placebo for Newly Diagnosed Higher-Risk MDS



**Dual primary endpoints:** Complete remission and overall survival

**Secondary endpoints:** RBC and platelet transfusion independence for patients who are transfusion dependent at baseline, change from baseline in fatigue, time to deterioration of physical functioning and overall response

# Appendix



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## Azacitidine and Venetoclax in Previously Untreated Acute Myeloid Leukemia

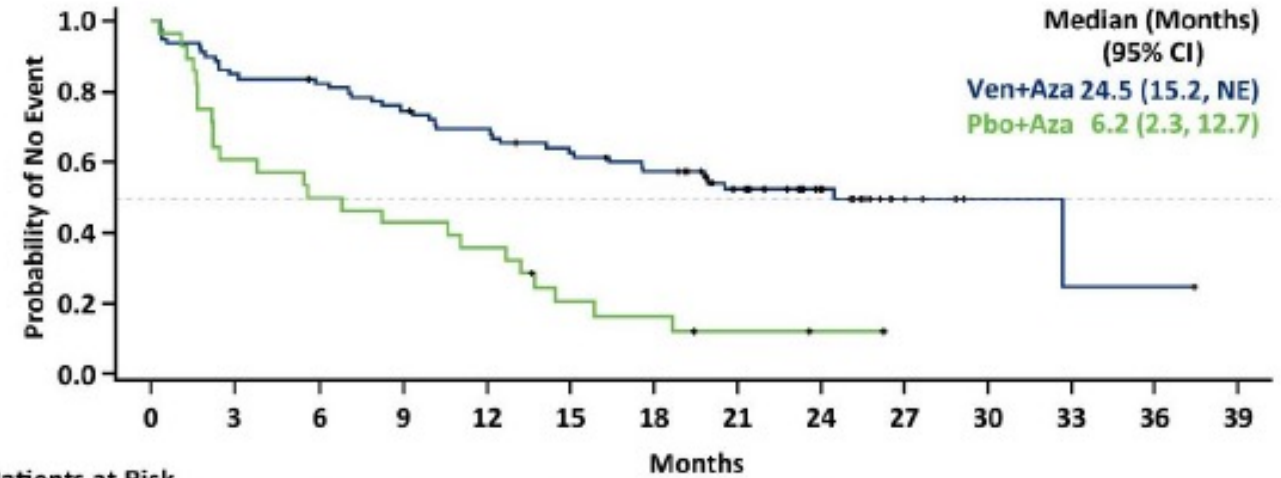
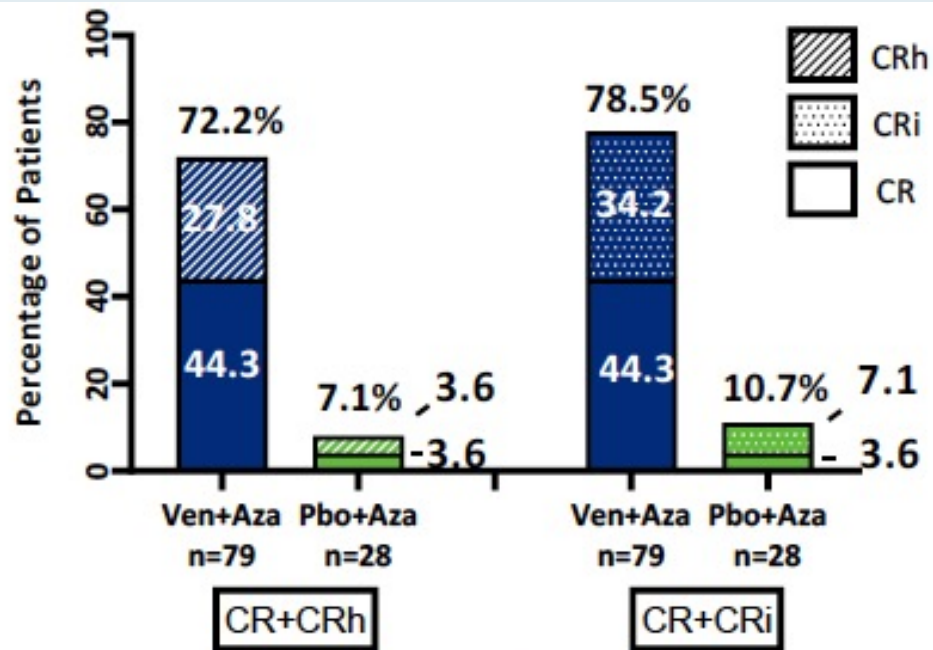
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# VIALE-A: Baseline Characteristics of Patients

Characteristic	Azacitidine–Venetoclax Group (N = 286)	Azacitidine–Placebo Group (N = 145)
Age		
Median (range) — yr	76 (49–91)	76 (60–90)
≥75 yr — no. (%)	174 (61)	87 (60)
Somatic mutations — no./total no. (%)		
<i>IDH1</i> or <i>IDH2</i>	61/245 (25)	28/127 (22)
<i>FLT3</i> ITD or TKD	29/206 (14)	22/108 (20)
<i>NPM1</i>	27/163 (17)	17/86 (20)
<i>TP53</i>	38/163 (23)	14/86 (16)
Baseline cytopenia grade ≥3¶		
Anemia — no. (%)	88 (31)	52 (36)
Neutropenia — no./total no. (%)	206/286 (72)	90/144 (62)
Thrombocytopenia — no. (%)	145 (51)	73 (50)
Baseline transfusion dependence — no. (%)		
Red cells	144 (50)	76 (52)
Platelets	68 (24)	32 (22)
≥2 Reasons for ineligibility to receive intensive therapy — no. (%)	141 (49)	65 (45)



# VIALE-A: Outcomes with Venetoclax and Azacitidine for AML with IDH1/2 Mutations



Patients at Risk

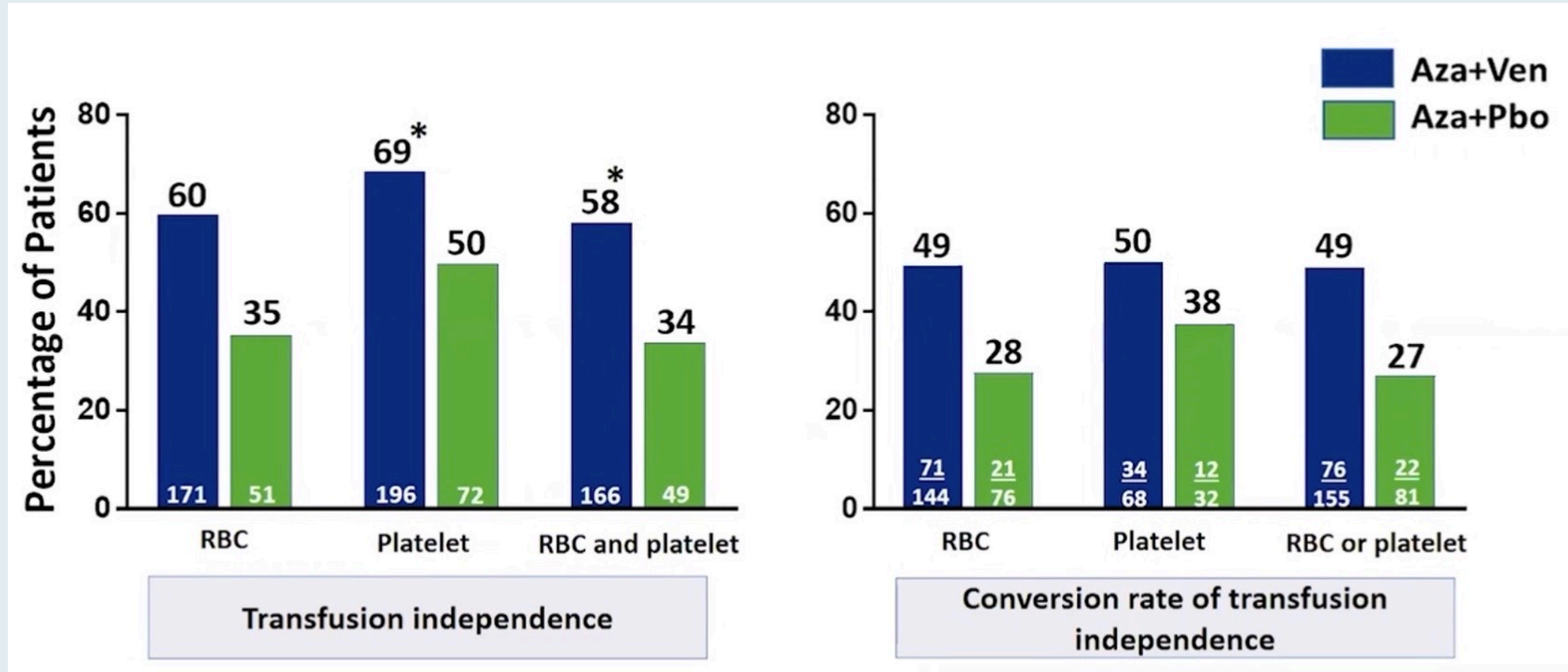
	79	67	64	58	53	47	42	29	19	7	2	1	1	0
Ven+Aza	79	67	64	58	53	47	42	29	19	7	2	1	1	0
Pbo+Aza	28	17	14	12	10	5	4	2	1	0				

Survival Estimate (%) (95% CI)

Month 6	Month 12	Month 24
82.3 (71.9, 89.1)	69.3 (57.8, 78.3)	52.4 (40.4, 63.1)
50.0 (30.6, 66.6)	35.7 (18.9, 53.0)	12.2 (3.2, 27.8)

	Ven + Aza n = 79	Pbo + Aza n = 28
<b>CR+CRh:</b>		
Median time to first response, mo. (min, max)	1.0 (0.7, 9.6)	2.6 (2.1, 3.1)
Median DoR, mo. (95% CI)*	29.6 (16.7, NE)	15.5 (NE)
<b>CR + CRi:</b>		
Median time to first response, mo. (min, max)	1.1 (0.7, 8.8)	3.4 (2.1, 7.1)
Median DoR, mo. (95% CI)*	29.5 (16.7, NE)	9.5 (3.5, 15.5)
<b>Median treatment cycles (min,max)</b>	8.0 (1, 37)	2.5 (1, 18)

## VIALE-A: Patients with $\geq 8$ Weeks Transfusion-Free Interval



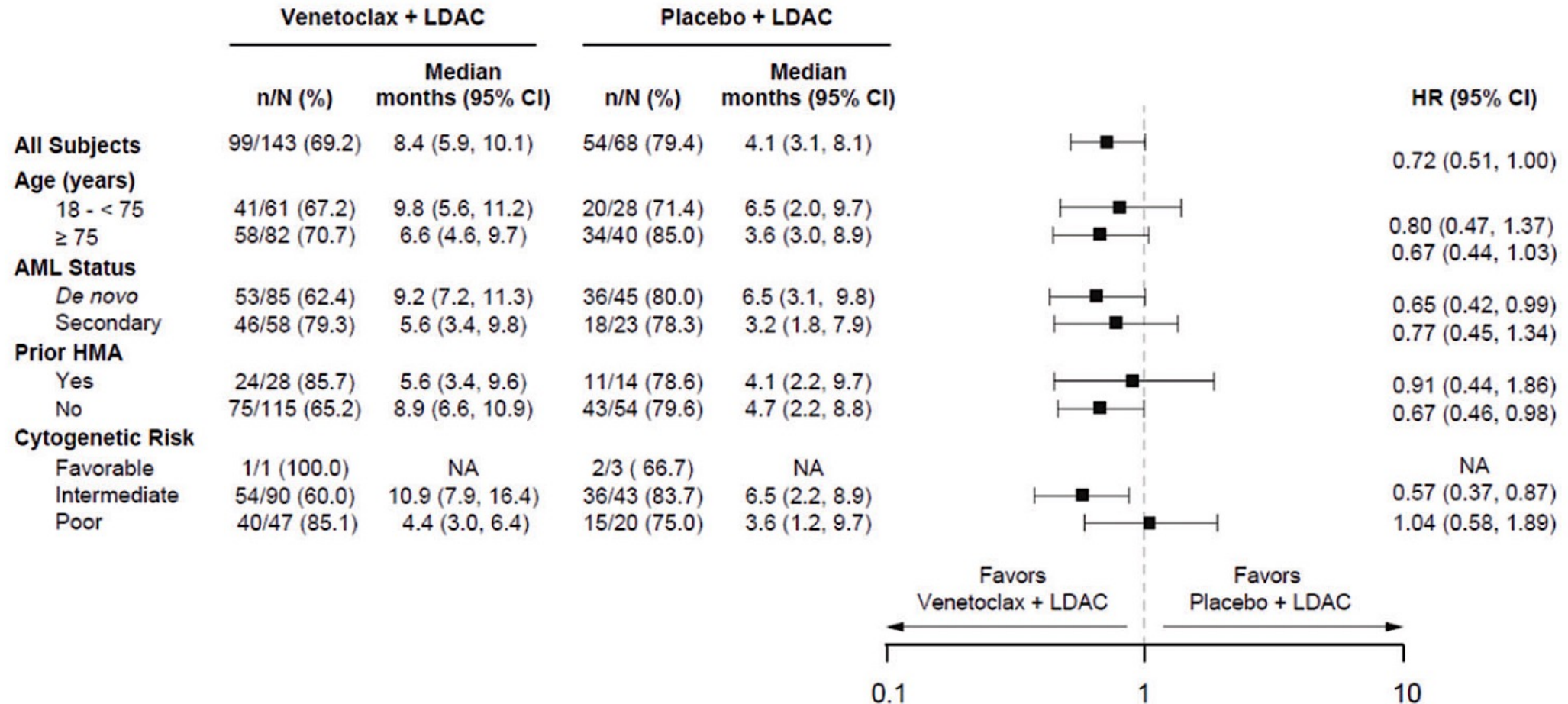
## VIALE-A: Common Hematologic Adverse Events

Adverse event (AE)	Azacitidine/venetoclax (N = 283)		Azacitidine/placebo (N = 144)	
	All Grades	Grade ≥3	All Grades	Grade ≥3
<b>Hematologic AEs</b>	83%	82%	69%	68%
Thrombocytopenia	46%	45%	40%	38%
Neutropenia	42%	42%	29%	28%
Febrile neutropenia	42%	42%	19%	19%
Anemia	28%	26%	21%	20%
Leukopenia	21%	21%	14%	12%

## VIALE-A: Common Gastrointestinal Adverse Events

Adverse event	Azacitidine/venetoclax (N = 283)		Azacitidine/placebo (N = 144)	
	All Grades	Grade ≥3	All grades	Grade ≥3
Nausea	44%	2%	35%	1%
Constipation	43%	1%	39%	1%
Diarrhea	41%	5%	33%	3%
Vomiting	30%	2%	23%	1%
Decreased appetite	25%	4%	17%	1%

# VIALE-C: Overall Survival Subgroup Analysis with Venetoclax and Low-Dose Cytarabine for Previously Untreated Older Patients with AML



## VIALE-C: Selected Serious Adverse Events

Adverse event	Placebo + LDAC (N = 68)	Venetoclax + LDAC (N = 142)
Febrile neutropenia	18%	16%
Pneumonia	10%	13%
Sepsis	6%	6%
Thrombocytopenia	3%	5%
Anemia	0	3%
Neutropenia	0	3%

# Venetoclax Dosing Schedule for 3- or 4-Day Ramp-Up Phase for Patients with AML

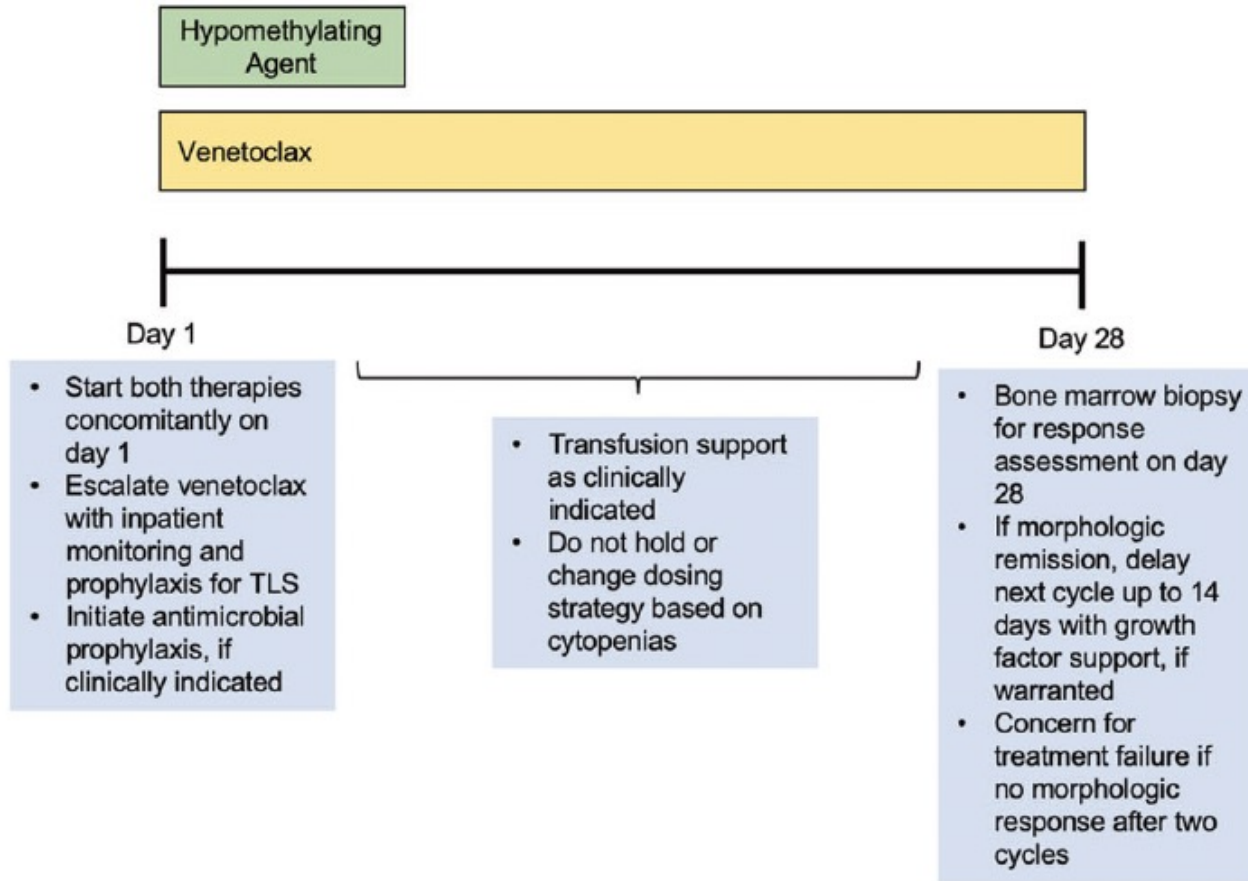
Day	Venetoclax oral daily dose	
Day 1	100 mg	
Day 2	200 mg	
Day 3	400 mg	
Day 4 and beyond	400 mg qd of each 28-day cycle in combination with <b>azacitidine or decitabine</b>	600 mg qd of each 28-day cycle in combination with <b>low-dose cytarabine</b>

- Assess patient-specific factors for level of risk of tumor lysis syndrome (TLS)
- Provide prophylactic hydration and antihyperuricemics to patients prior to first dose of venetoclax to reduce risk of TLS

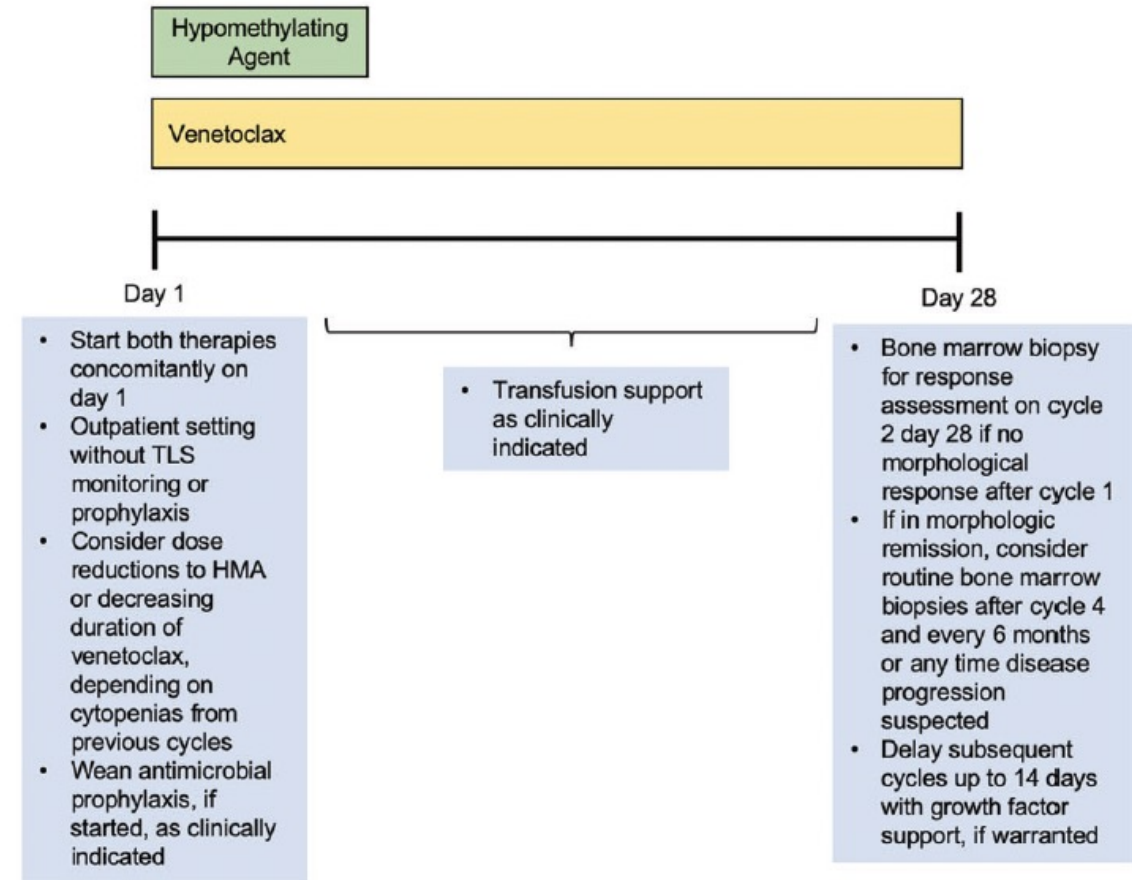


# Venetoclax/HMA Treatment Schema for Cycle 1 and Subsequent Cycles

## Cycle 1

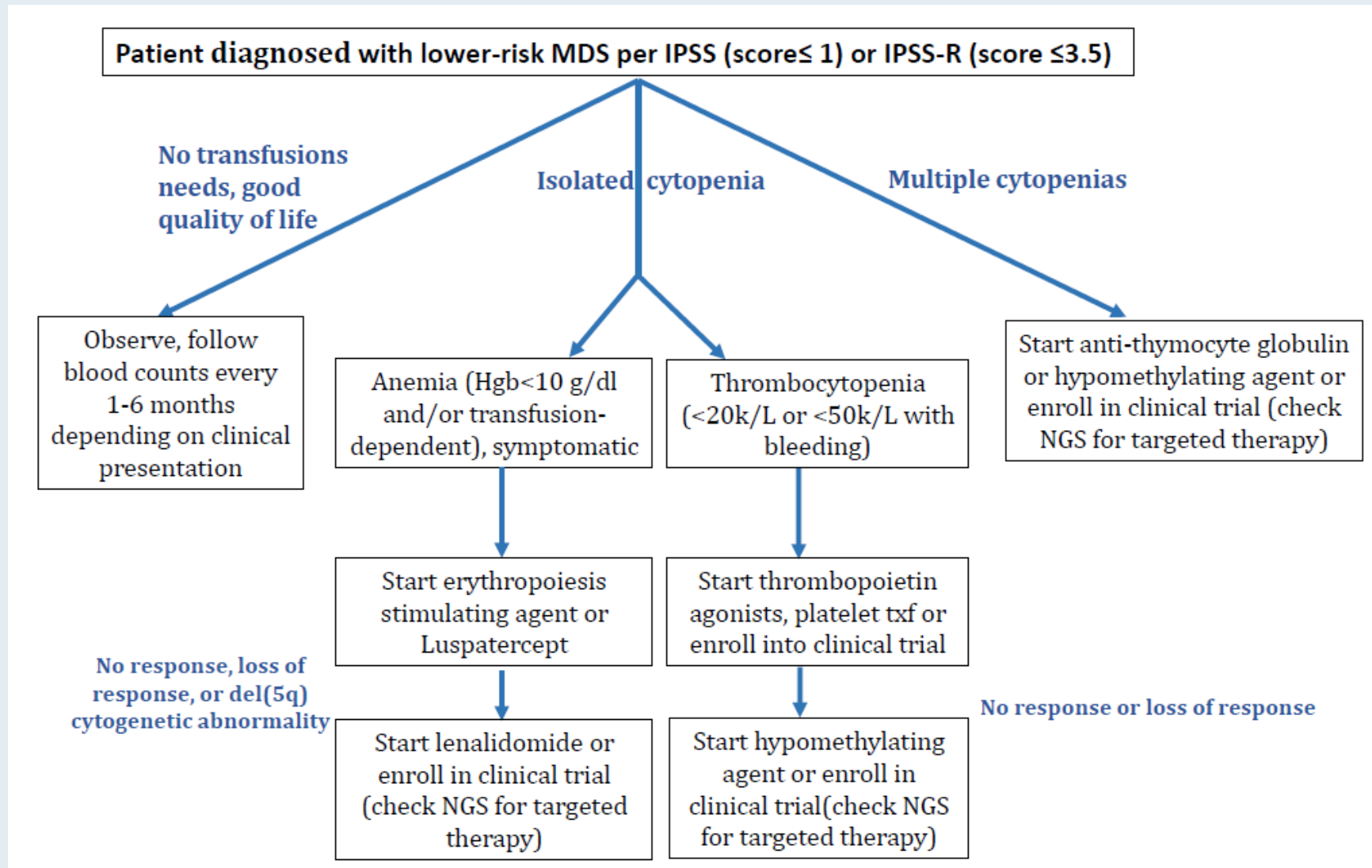


## All Subsequent Cycles





# Treating MDS: Lower-Risk Disease



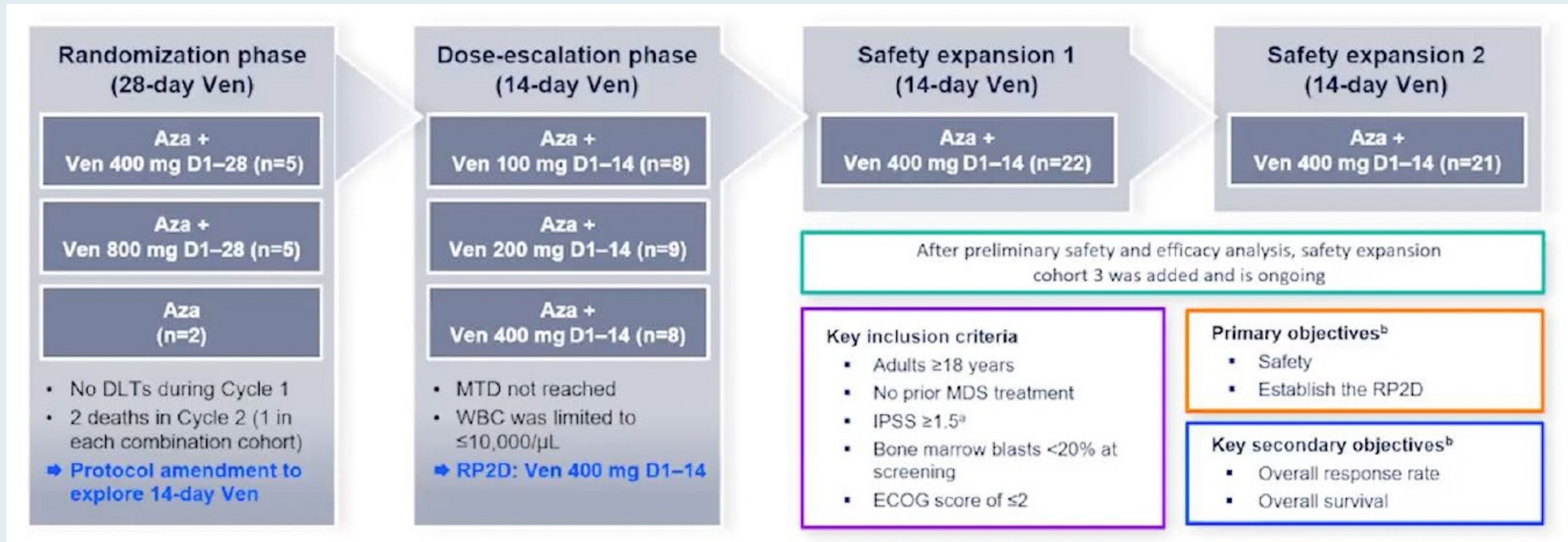
# ASCERTAIN: Efficacy of Decitabine/Cedazuridine in Patients with Lower-Risk MDS

Response Category	Treated Patients (N=69 <sup>a</sup> ), n (%)	95% CI	
Complete response (CR)	16 (23.2%)	(13.9, 34.9)	<b><u>For subjects with <math>\geq 5\%</math> bone marrow blasts (n=26):</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CR 7 (26.9%)</li> <li>• mCR 11 (42.3%)</li> </ul>
Partial response (PR)	0		
Marrow CR (mCR)	18 (26.1%)	(16.3, 38.1)	<b><u>For the entire group (n=69):</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Median CR duration was 15.3 months</li> <li>• Median duration of best response was 13.4 months</li> <li>• Median time to first and best response were 3.0 months and 4.3 months, respectively</li> <li>• 18 (26.0%) subjects proceeded to HCT</li> </ul>
mCR with hematologic improvement	9 (13.0%)	(6.1, 23.3)	
Hematologic improvement (HI)	5 (7.2%)	(2.4, 16.1)	
HI-erythroid <sup>3</sup>	1 (1.4%)	(0.0, 7.8)	
HI-neutrophils <sup>3</sup>	0		
HI-platelet <sup>3</sup>	4 (5.8%)	(1.6, 14.2)	
Overall response (CR + PR + mCR + HI)	39 (56.5)	(44.0, 68.4)	

<sup>3</sup>Responses adjudicated by independent review committee per IWG 2006

<sup>a</sup> Includes 3 subjects who did not receive ASTX727 (received IV decitabine cycle 1 and did not continue)

# Phase Ib Study of Venetoclax with Azacitidine for Patients with Treatment-Naïve High-Risk MDS



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