



# 19th Post-ASH Meeting

## Acute Leukemia

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# AML



# The decision-making process in AML

- Clinical evaluation
- Genetic informations
  - MRD data



- Do I treat my patient with an intensive (= possibly curative) versus a non intensive (= probably never curative) approach ?
- Do I have therapeutic targets to improve the current treatment ?
- Is there an indication for SCT, maintenance therapy, ...

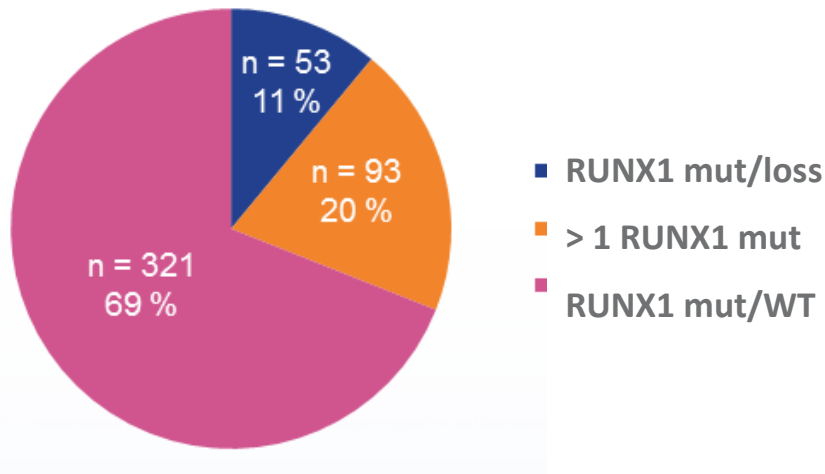
# The headache of prognostication

| <u>RISK STATUS</u>          | <u>CYTOGENETICS</u>   | <u>MOLECULAR ABNORMALITIES</u>  |
|-----------------------------|---|---|
| Favorable-risk <sup>5</sup> | Core binding factor: inv(16) <sup>2,3</sup> or t(16;16) <sup>2</sup> or t(8;21) <sup>2</sup><br>t(15;17)  | Normal cytogenetics:<br>NPM1 mutation in the absence of FLT3-ITD<br>or isolated biallelic CEBPA mutation              |
| Intermediate-risk           | Normal cytogenetics<br>+8 alone<br>t(9;11)<br>Other non-defined   |   |
| Poor-risk                   | Complex (≥3 clonal chromosomal abnormalities)<br>Monosomal karyotype<br>-5, 5q-, -7, 7q-<br>11q23 - non t(9;11)<br>inv(3), t(3;3)<br>t(6;9)<br>t(9;22) <sup>4</sup> | Normal cytogenetics:<br>with FLT3-ITD mutation <sup>6</sup><br>TP53 mutation<br><br>« <b>AML with mutated RUNX1</b> » |

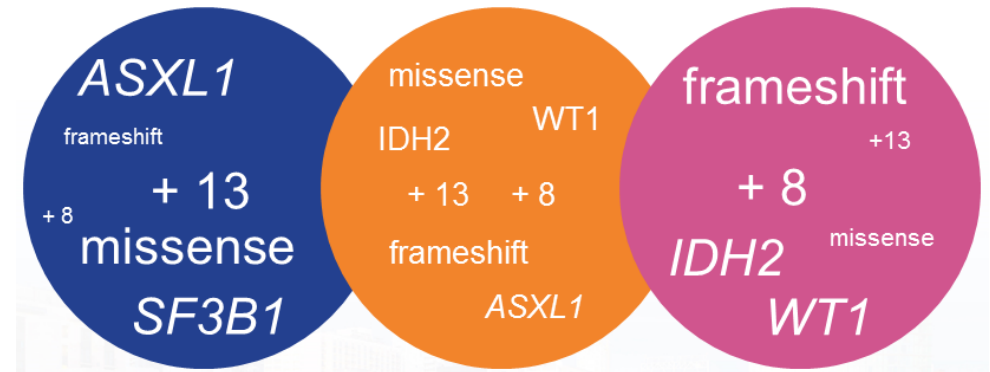
# « AML with mutated RUNX1 » ?

Critical transcription factor involved in HSC differentiation

10-15% AML, associated with therapy-related disease, older age, increased cytopenias, shorter survival and chemoresistance



**RUNX1 mut AML**  
**n = 467**



OS: 5 months

OS: 14 months

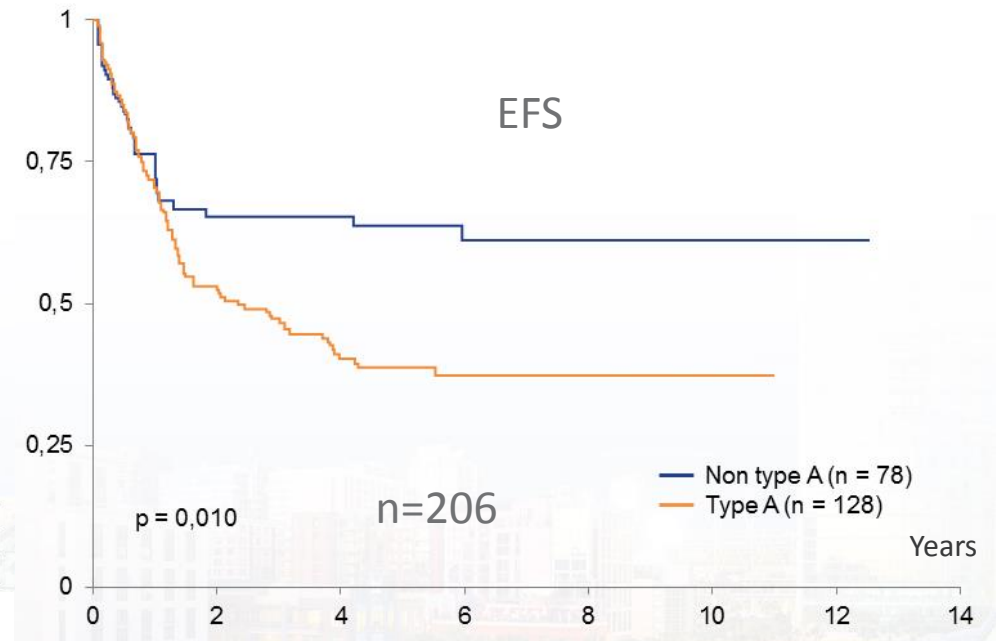
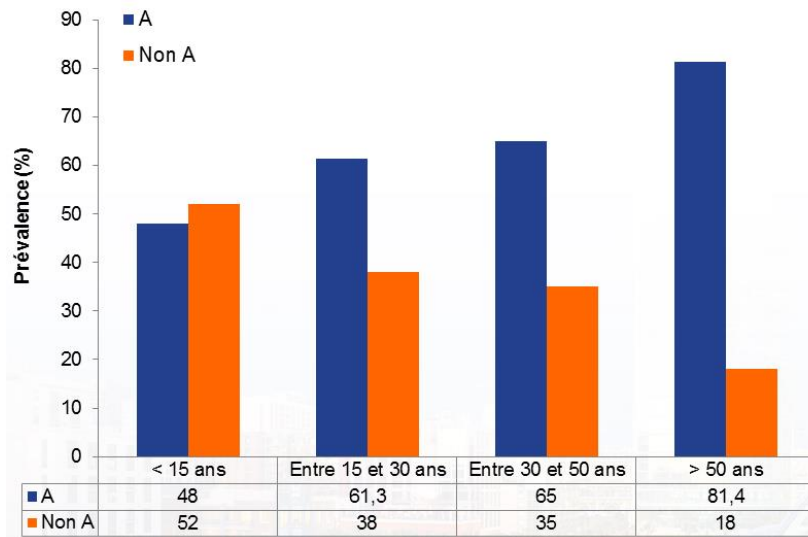
OS: 22 months  
(p=0,002; p=0,048)

**A. Stengel et al. Abstract 284, ASH 2016**

# NPM1 insertion type do matter

Frameshift mutations are the result of 4 base pair (bp) insertions in exon 12

There are several genomic subsets of insertions, type A variant (insertion of TCTG) being the most common

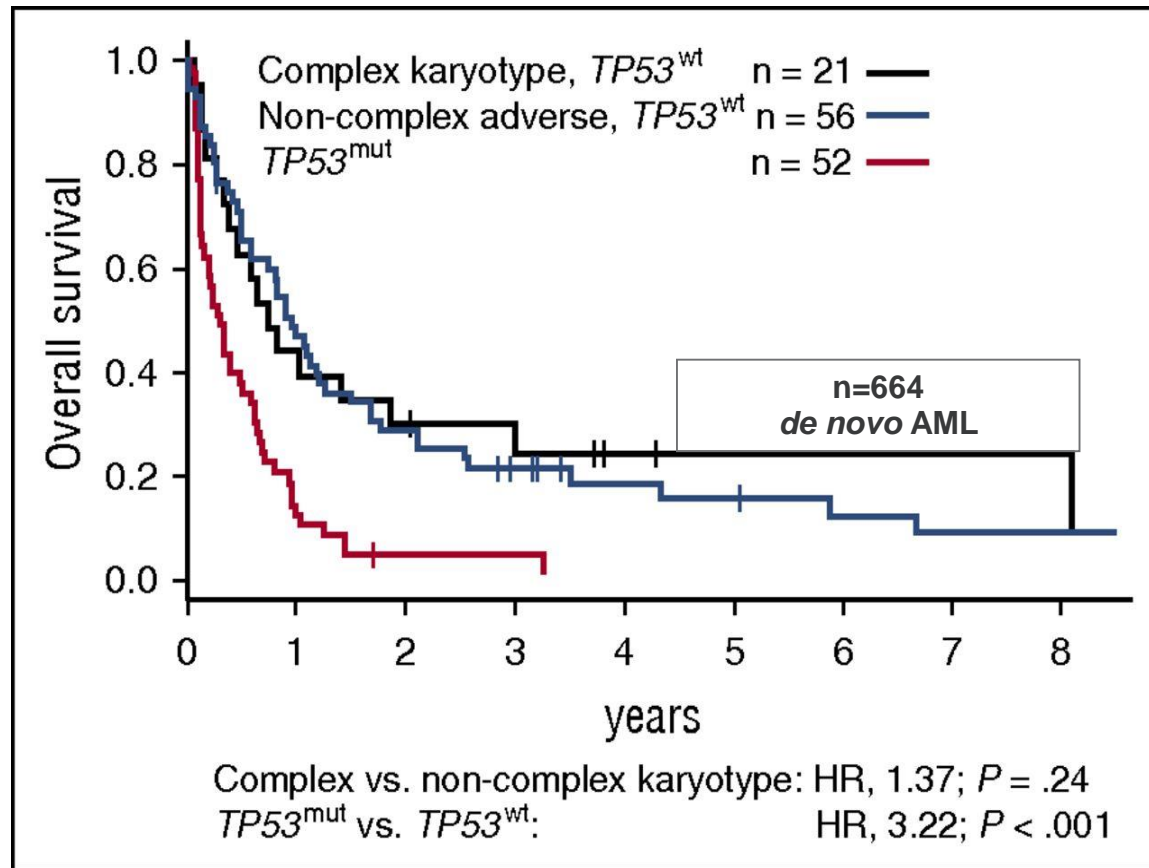


D. Selim et al. Abstract 285, ASH 2016

# TP53 mutations and prediction of response

Key TS involved in genomic stability, cell cycle regulation, metabolism and DNA repair  
Associated with advanced age, complex karyotype, chemo-resistance, and dismal survival

Dohner H et al, NEJM 2015  
Metzeler KH et al, Blood 2016



# TP53 mutations and prediction of response

Prognostic value of TP53 mutation in the AZA-AML-001 study comparing azacytidine (AZA) vs conventional care regimen (CCR) in older patients with AML (Dombret et al, Blood 2015)  
The biomarker cohort comprised 156 of all 488 pts (32%; AZA n=83, CCR n=73)

**Table. Median OS associated with mutated genes: AZA vs CCR**

| Mutated Gene  | Median OS<br>AZA (mos) | Median OS<br>CCR (mos) | P value |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|---------|
| <i>TP53</i>   | 7.2 (3.9, 18.6)        | 2.4 (1.5, 7.1)         | 0.069   |
| <i>NRAS</i>   | 11.8 (7.7, NR)         | 4.3 (2.3, NR)          | 0.047   |
| <i>FLT3</i> (-ITD or -TKD)  | 5.4 (4.5, NR)          | 6.4 (3.8, NR)          | 0.17    |
| <i>TET2</i>   | 9.6 (4.5, 13.5)        | 11.1 (2.8, NR)         | 0.082   |
| <i>IDH1</i>   | 11.1 (1.3, NR)         | 14.6 (3.7, NR)         | 0.773   |
| <i>IDH2</i>   | 12.6 (4.4, NR)         | 12.5 (5.6, NR)         | 0.914   |
| <i>DNMT3A</i>   | 12.6 (7.0, 20.8)       | 10.3 (3.8, NR)         | 0.963   |
| Any DNA<br>methylation gene<br>( <i>IDH1</i> , <i>IDH2</i> ,<br><i>DNMT3A</i> , <i>TET2</i> ) | 11.1 (5.8, 15.4)       | 12.5 (4.3, 17.6)       | 0.497   |

Similar observations have been reported for decitabine in TP53 mutated and unfavorable karyotype AML

Welch JS et al. NEJM 2016

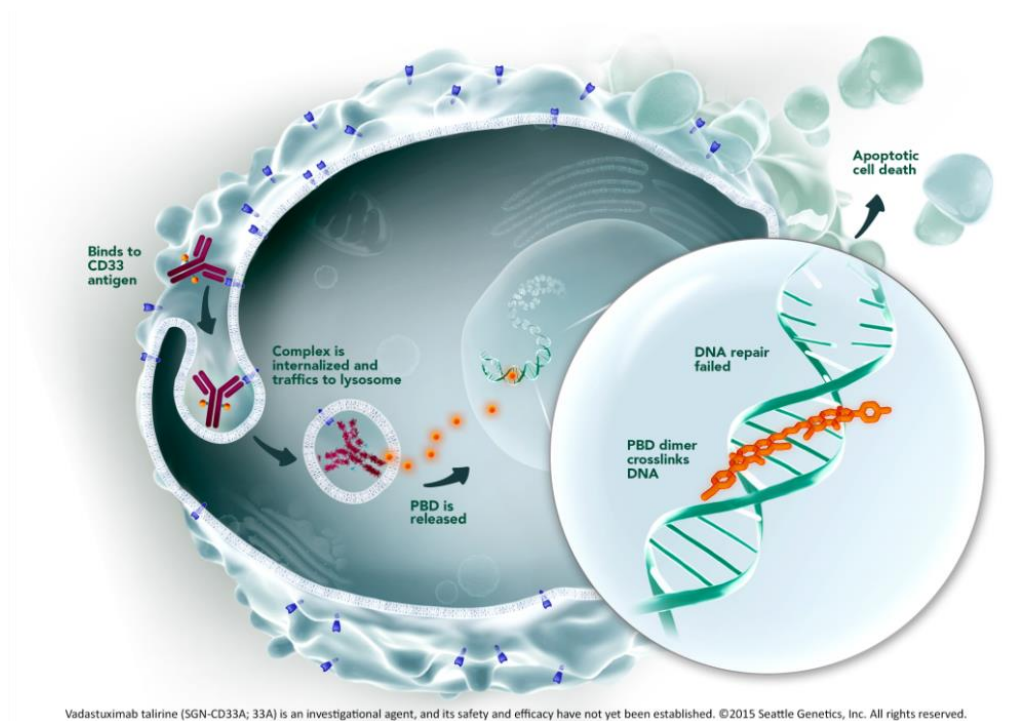
L. Tang et al. Abstract 2859, ASH 2016



# The long parade of HMA combined therapies

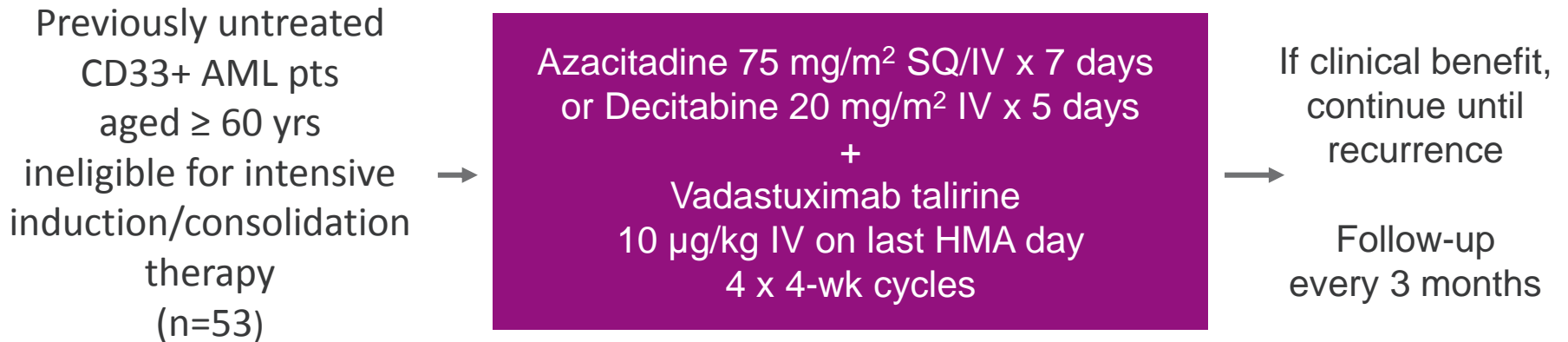
## HMA + vadastuximab talirine (33A)

New CD33-directed antibody-drug conjugate that links to 2 molecules of a pyrrolobenzodiazepine (PBD) dimer, a new agent that crosslinks DNA



# Vadastuximab talirine + HMA

- Open-label, phase I combination cohort study



AT. Fathi et al. Abstract 591, ASH 2016

# Vadastuximab talirine + HMA

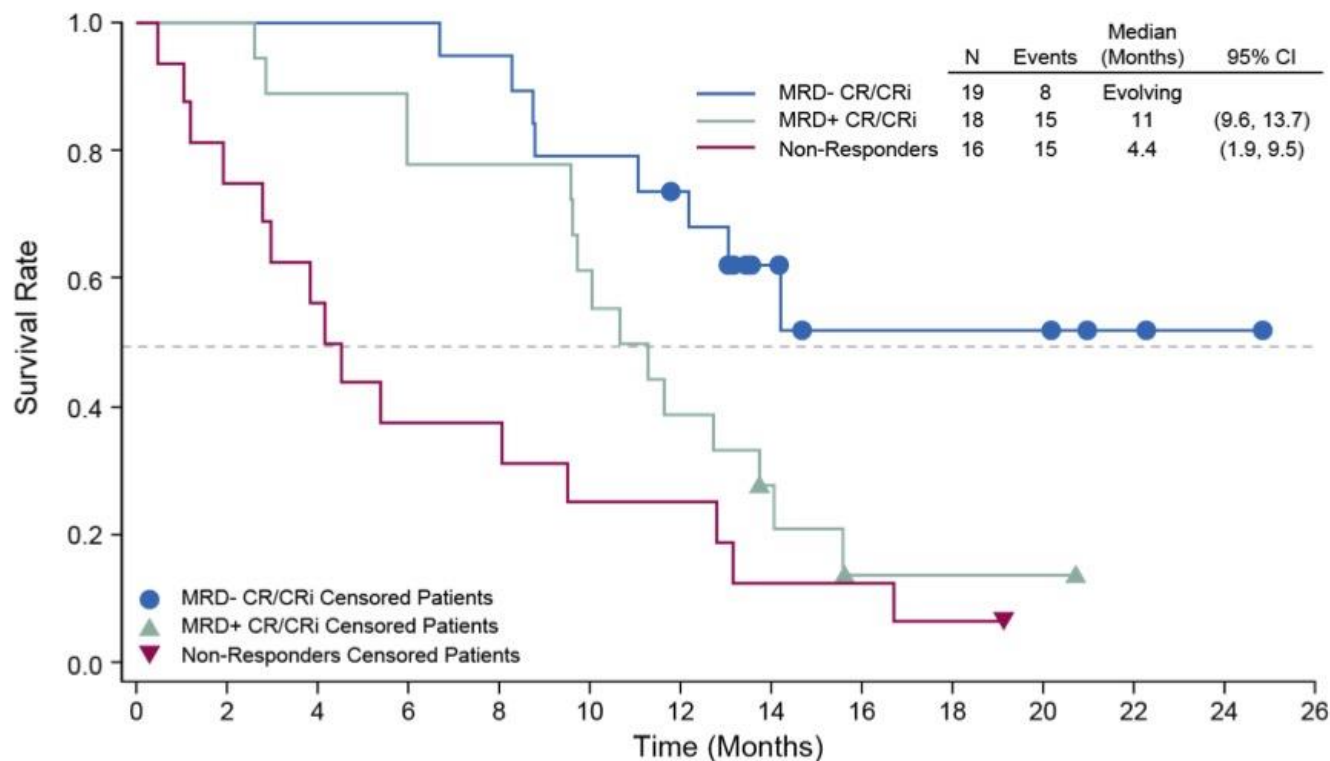
| Outcome, %                   | Evaluable Pts<br>(n = 49) | Secondary AML Pts <sup>‡</sup><br>(n = 22) | Pts with <i>FLT3/ITD</i> +<br>AML<br>(n = 5) | Pts Aged<br>≥ 75 Yrs<br>(n = 26) |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|--|--|----------------------------------|
| Remission rate<br>(CR + CRi) | 73                        | 77   | 100  | 65                               |
| CR                           | 47                        | 50   | 80   | 38                               |
| CRi (p)*                     | 20                        | 18   | 20   | 19                               |
| CRi (n) <sup>†</sup>         | 6                         | 9  | 0  | 8                                |
| mLFS                         | 2                         | 5  | 0  | 4                                |
| ORR<br>(CR+CRi+mLFS)         | 76                        | 82   | 100  | 69                               |

- 50% of pts with response achieved MRD negativity by FCT
- Thrombocytopenia was the main toxicity. No VOD signals

AT. Fathi et al. Abstract 591, ASH 2016

# Vadastuximab talirine + HMA

## Overall Survival by MRD Status



AT. Fathi et al. Abstract 591, ASH 2016

# Pracinostat + AZA

Potent oral HDAC inhibitor expected to induce a reexpression of silenced genes in a synergistic fashion

- Phase 2 study

Untreated *de novo* or  
secondary AML pts ≥ 65 yrs  
not eligible for induction  
(n=50) →

Azacitadine 75 mg/m<sup>2</sup> SC or IV x 7 days  
+  
Pracinostat  
60 mg orally 3 days/week on alternate  
days for 3 weeks

→ If clinical benefit,  
continue until  
recurrence

G. Garcia Manero. Abstract 100, ASH 2016

# Pracinostat + AZA

|                             | CR Rate | cCR Rate | Survival (months)<br>(Median, 95% CI) |
|-----------------------------|---------|----------|---------------------------------------|
| Overall population (N = 50) | 42%     | 52%      | 19.4 (10.0-NR)                        |
| Cytogenetics                |         |          |                                       |
| Intermediate (N = 27)       | 48.1%   | 59.3%    | NR (10.7, NR)                         |
| High risk (N = 21)          | 38.1%   | 47.6%    | 13.5 (2.4, NR)                        |
| Age                         |         |          |                                       |
| ≥75 (N = 26)                | 42.3%   | 57.7%    | 13.5 (9.0, 21.5)                      |
| 66-74 (N = 24)              | 41.7%   | 45.8%    | 26.5 (8.0, 26.5)                      |
| Type AML                    |         |          |                                       |
| De novo (N = 33)            | 42.4%   | 51.5%    | 13.02 (5.7, 26.5)                     |
| Secondary (N = 17)          | 41.2%   | 52.9%    | NR (>16.4, NR)                        |
| ECOG Performance Status     |         |          |                                       |
| 0-1 (N = 42)                | 40.5%   | 50.0%    | 19.08 (10.0, 19.1)                    |
| 2 (N = 8)                   | 50.0%   | 62.5%    | 13.0 (8.0, 26.5)                      |

CI = Confidence Interval, NR = Not Reached

- cCR (CR/CRi/morphologic leukemia free state) was achieved in 52% (42%/4%/6%)
- Median duration of cCR was 13.2 months, CI [10.9-21.5]
- Median OS of 19.1 months CI [10.0-not reached, median follow-up of 21 months)

First-in-class NEDD8-activating enzyme inhibitor disrupting proteasome-mediated protein degradation



# Pevonedistat + AZA

## ○ Phase I

Older AML pts unlikely to benefit from standard induction therapy (n=61) →

Azacitadine 75 mg/m<sup>2</sup> SQ/IV x 7 days  
or Decitabine 20 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV x 5 days  
+  
pevonedistat 20 or 30 mg/m IV  
on days 1, 3 and 5

→ If clinical benefit, continue until recurrence

- CR/CRi was obtained in 44% of response-evaluable pts (n=52).
- Median OS was 7.0 months for the MTD cohort
- There was limited additional toxicity

RT. Swordset al. Abstract 98, ASH 2016



# Pevonedistat + AZA

Figure 2: Kaplan-Meier curve of overall survival for MTD cohort (n=61) by baseline aspirate blast counts subgroup (<30% vs ≥30% marrow blasts)

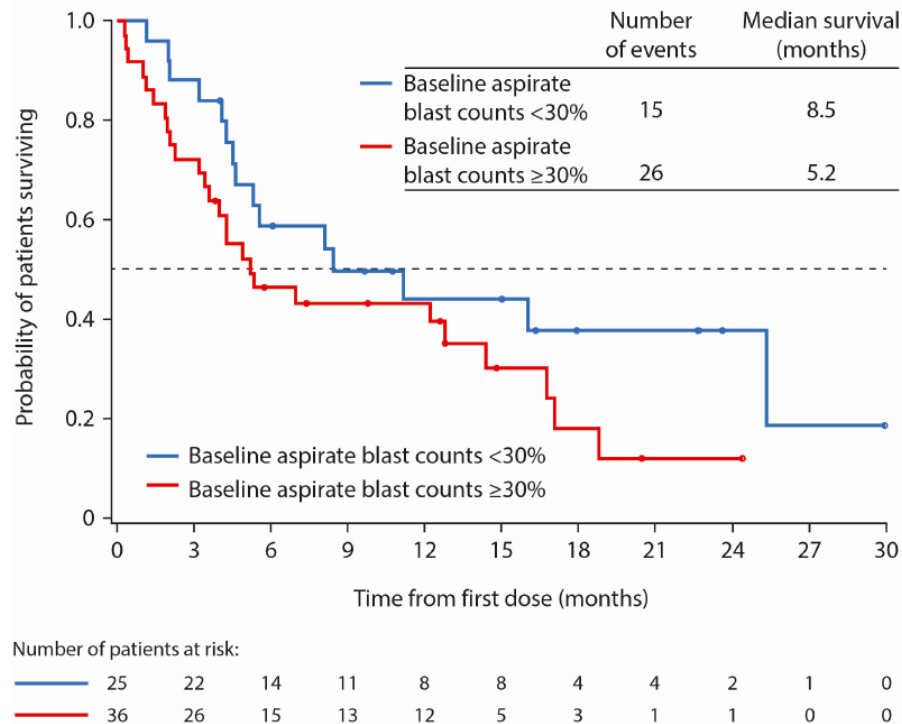
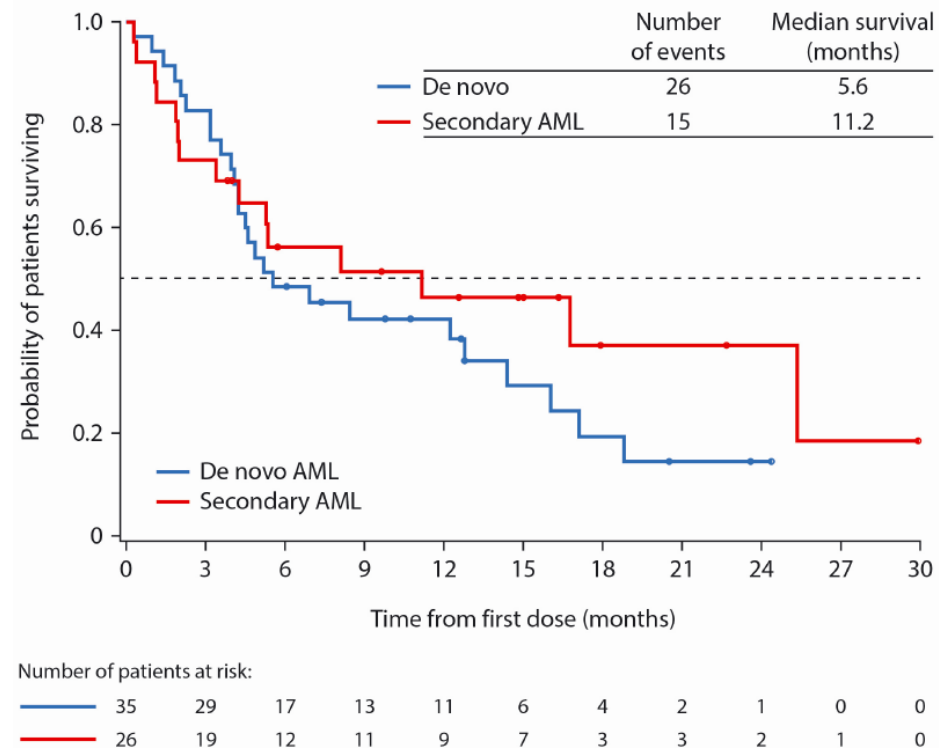


Figure 3: Kaplan-Meier curve of overall survival for MTD cohort (n=61) by disease characteristic subgroup (de novo vs secondary AML)



RT. Swordset al. Abstract 98, ASH 2016

# Nivolumumab + AZA

Monoclonal antibody targeting programmed cell death protein 1 (PD-1)

AZA upregulates PD-1 and PD-L1 in AML → resistance to therapy

- Phase IB/II study conducted at the MDACC

In 51 R/R AML pts  
(n=51) →

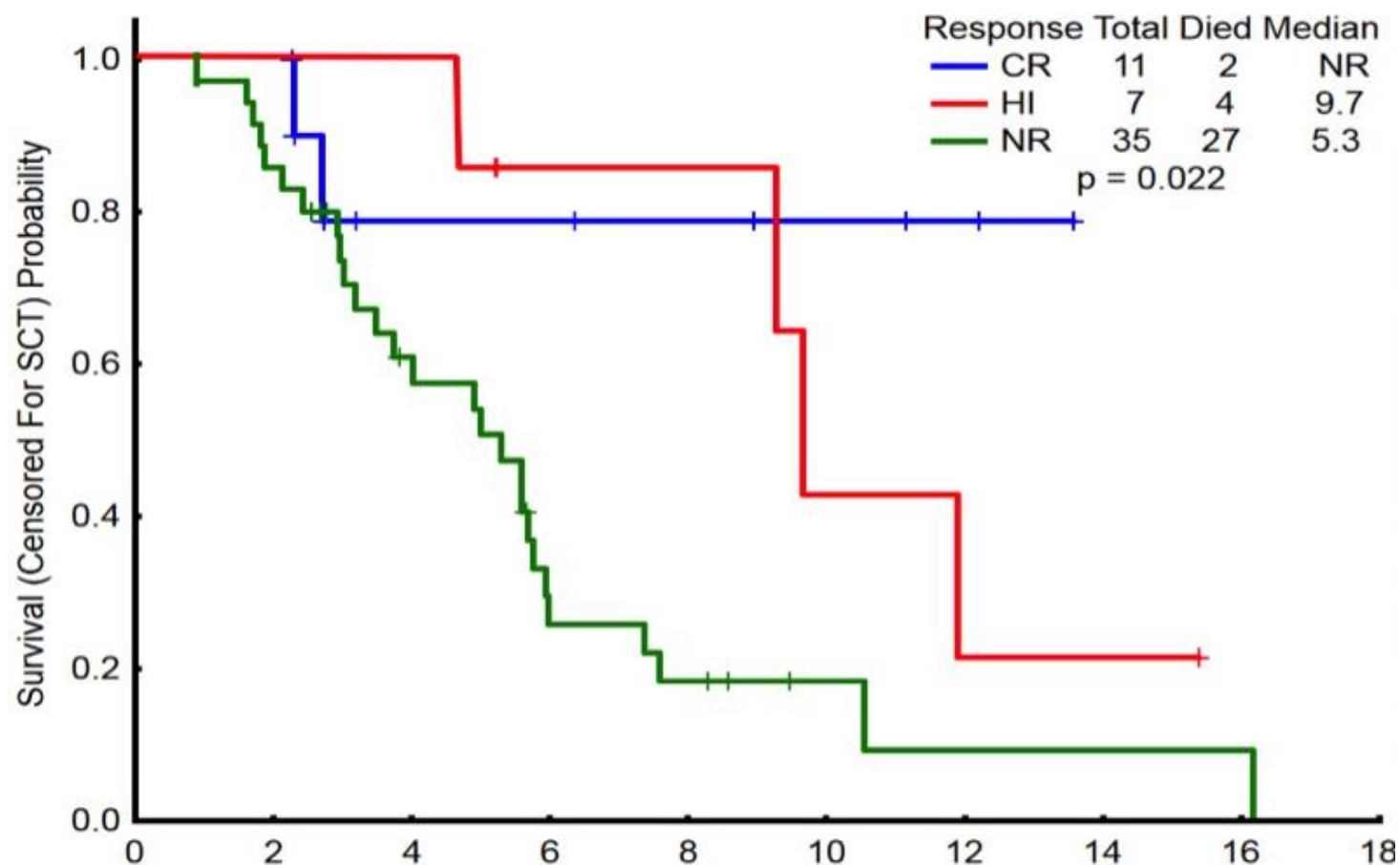
Azacitadine 75 mg/m<sup>2</sup> SQ/IV x 7 days  
+  
Nivolumumab 3mg/kg  
on day 1 and 14

→ Responses were evaluated at the end of 3 courses of therapy so that **only 35/51 pts were evaluable**

- Durable CR/CRi or HI in 18% and 15% respectively
- Median OS was 9.3 months (range, 1.8–14.3)
- Compares favorably to historical survival with AZA-based salvage protocols

**N. Daver et al. Abstract 763, ASH 2016**

# Nivolumumab + AZA



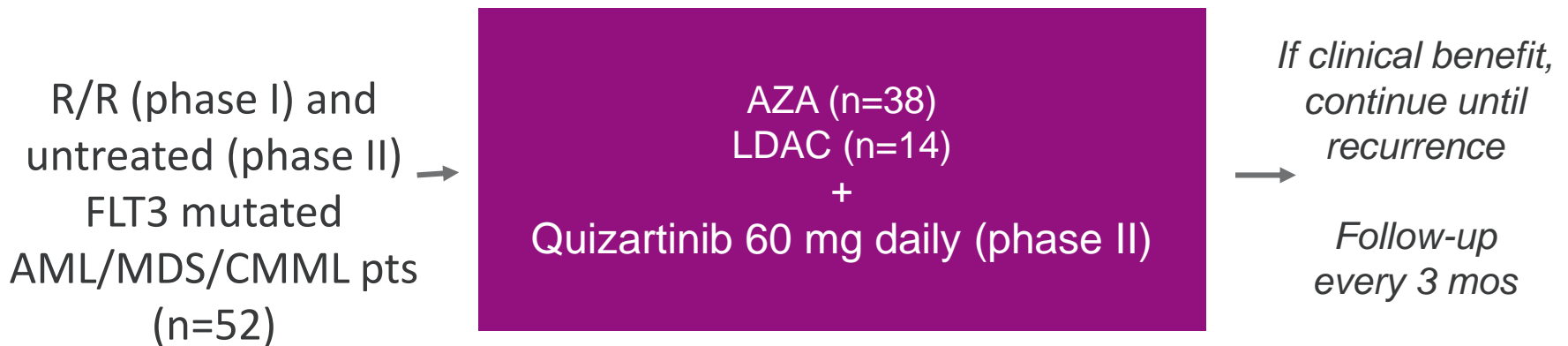
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# Quizartinib + HMA

Activating mutations of FLT3 occur in 30% of AML cases

Quizartinib is a potent, selective FLT3-ITD inhibitor, *in vitro* synergy with AZA/LDAC

## ○ Phase I/II



- ORR of 67% (CR=8, CRp=7, CRi=18, PR=2); 23% for LDAC arm and 77% for AZA arm
- Median OS: 14.8 months (7.5 months for the LDAC arm and not reached for the AZA arm)
- Clinically significant QTcF prolongation was infrequent

Similar results with sorafenib + AZA (M. Ohanian et al. Abstract 1611. ASH 2016)

W. Abdelall et al. Abstract 1642, ASH 2016

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# CD123, the perfect myeloid target?

Immunotherapy works best when the disease load is reduced and is therefore particularly indicated to eliminate MRD

Leukemic stem cell (LSC) participates to MRD persistence and reappearance. The ideal target for immunotherapy has to be expressed on LSC surface

CD123 (IL-3 receptor  $\alpha$  chain) has emerged as a very promising target for immunotherapeutic strategies in AML

- aberrant expression frequently observed in a subset of leukemic disorders
- increased CD123 expression is associated with a poor prognosis

**N. Arai et al. Abstract 2887, ASH 2016**

# Blastic plasmacytoid dendritic cell neoplasm

BPDCN is a rare myeloid entity

Characterised by a particular CD4, CD56, CD123, TCL-1 expression profil, frequent skin involvement, sometimes as primary site

No standard of care. ALL type treatment usually proposed

OS is poor, arround 8-14 months.

CD123 is overexpressed in nearly 100% of pts with BPDCN

# New strategies targeting CD123: SL-401



The 3D structure shows the IL-3 protein (grey) bound to the SL-401 protein (58 kD). The SL-401 protein is composed of a green 'TRANSLOCATION' domain and a blue 'CATALYTIC' domain. A red arrow points from the text below to the structure.

**SL-401 protein (58 kD)**

- Receptor-mediated endocytosis.
- Irreversibly blocks protein synthesis
- **Induction of apoptosis** (A. Frankel, D. Hogge)

# New strategies targeting CD123: SL-401

## In pts with BPDCN

- Phase 2 trial ongoing expansion stage of SL-401

Daily IV infusion dose of 12 µg/kg

CR/CRc: 81% (13/16) when used in 1ste line and 31% (4/13) in R/R setting

7/32 pts underwent allo or auto

## In pts with AML in CR1 or CR2 with high risk of relapse

- Multicenter, single-arm phase 2 trial

Lead-in stage 1 completed without DLT or MTD, and stage 2 (expansion) still open

Safety profile similar to that observed in other SL-401 clinical studies

Potential to reduce this chemo-resistant cell population and to offer improved long-term outcomes

N. Pemmaraju et al. Abstract 342, ASH 2016

AA. Lane et al. Abstract 215, ASH 2016



# Preclinical studies targeting CD123

## ○ IMGN632

- another CD123-directed antibody-drug conjugate
- conjugation with indolinobenzodiazepine dimers for DNA alkylation

## ○ JNJ-63709178

- anti-CD3/CD123 bispecific humanized IgG4
- recruits CD3+ T cells to CD123+ tumor cells and induces their killing

## ○ Allogeneic TCR $\alpha/\beta$ deficient CAR T-cell targeting CD123

- prolongs OS of AML and BPDCN patient-derived xenografts

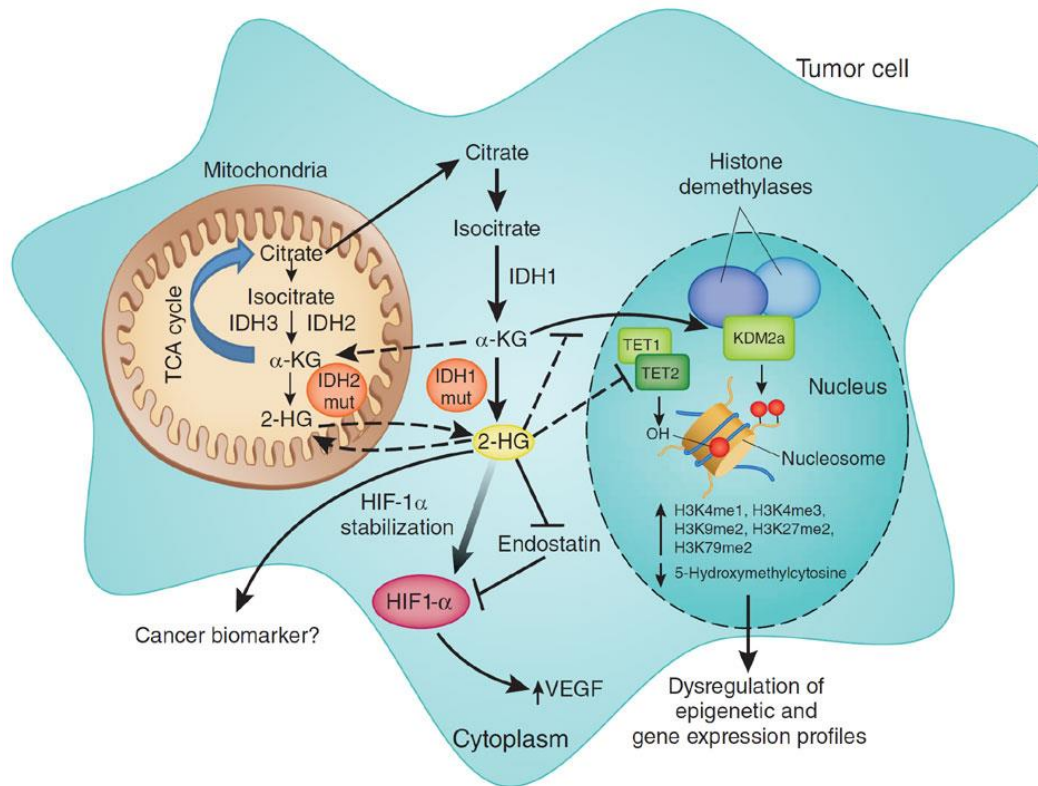
Y. Kovtun et al. Abstract 768, ASH 2016

F. Gaudet et al. Abstract 2824, ASH 2016

R. Mani et al. Abstract 580, ASH 2016

T. Cai et al. Abstract 4039, ASH 2016

# IDH1/2 inhibitors

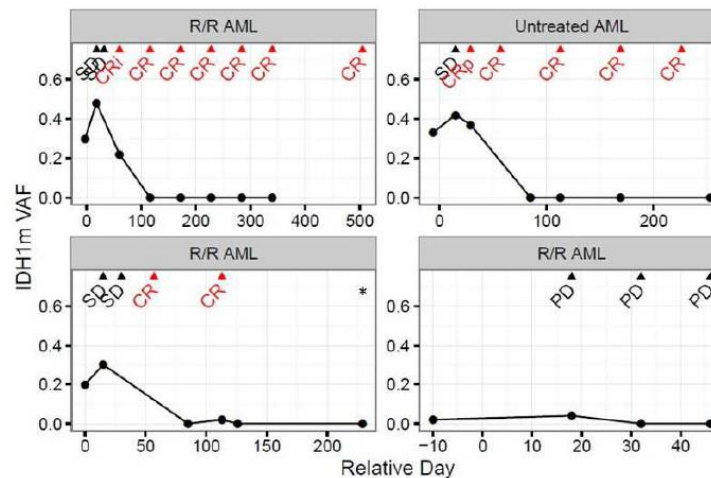


- IDH mutations in ~ 20% of AML, in founding clone
  - 6-10% *IDH1-R132*
  - 9-15% *IDH2-R140* or *IDH2-R172*
- Associate with *NPM1* and *FLT3* mutations, CN-AML
- Accumulation of 2HG competitively inhibits αKG
  - Hypermethylated phenotype via silencing of TET family
  - Block in differentiation via inhibition of histone demethylases
  - Altered hypoxic response
  - BCL2 dependence

# AG-120

AG-120, a first-in-class, oral, potent, reversible, selective inhibitor of the IDH1 mutant enzyme is under evaluation in multiple ongoing single agent and combination clinical trials

- Courtney D. DiNardo presented the first demonstration that treatment with single agent AG-120 can result in mutated IDH1 clearance as determined by NGS

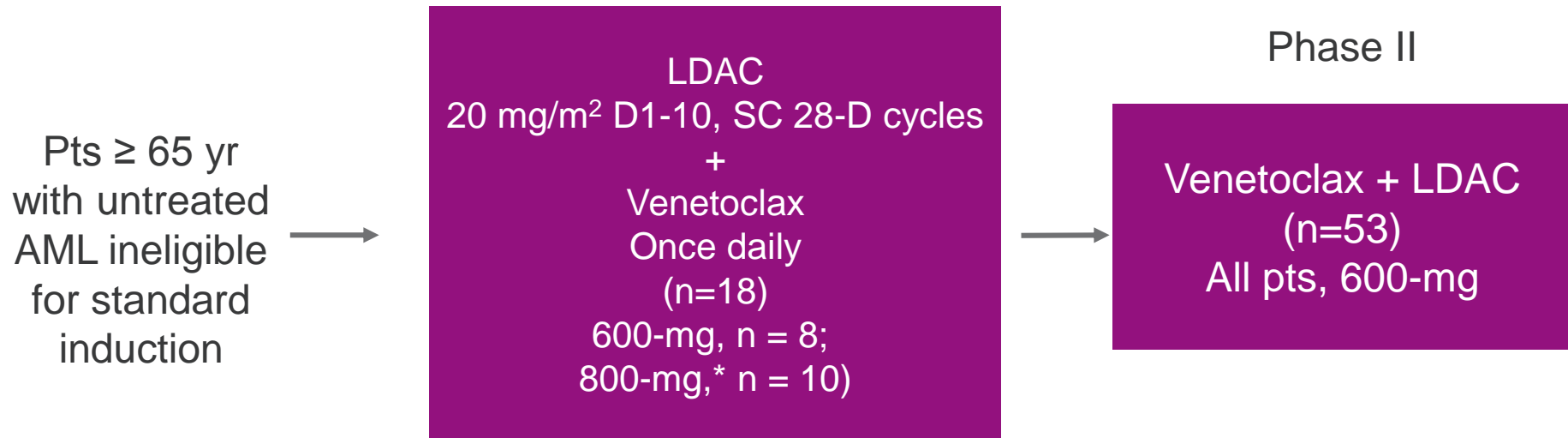


- Studies with the IDH2 inhibitor, enasidenib (AG221) and the pan IDH1/IDH2 inhibitor AG881 are also ongoing

CD. DiNardo et al. Abstract 1070, ASH 2016

# Venetoclax for AML?

## ○ Phase I (3+3 design)



\*2 pts had dose-limiting toxicity at the 800-mg dose level.

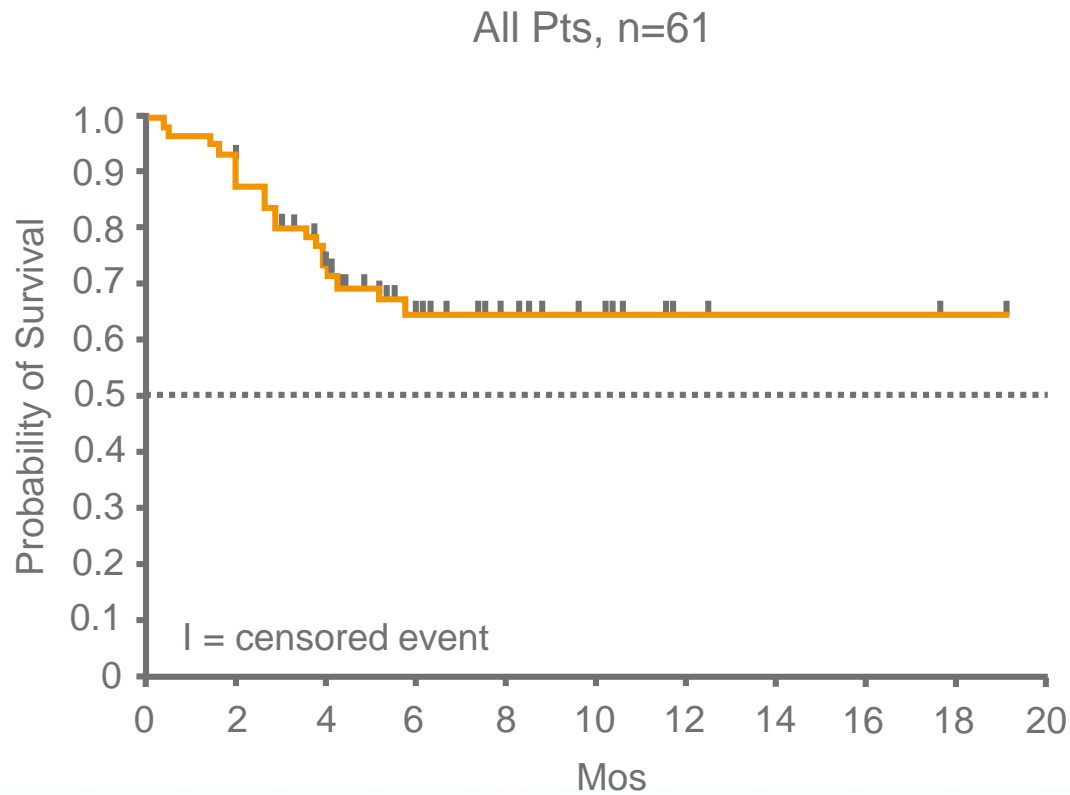
# Venetoclax for AML?

| Overall Response, %           | Venetoclax 600 mg (n=61) |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| CR                            | 21                       |
| CRi                           | 33                       |
| CR + CRi*                     | 54                       |
| PR                            | 7                        |
| ORR (CR + CRi + PR)           | 61                       |
| Resistant/progressive disease | 38                       |

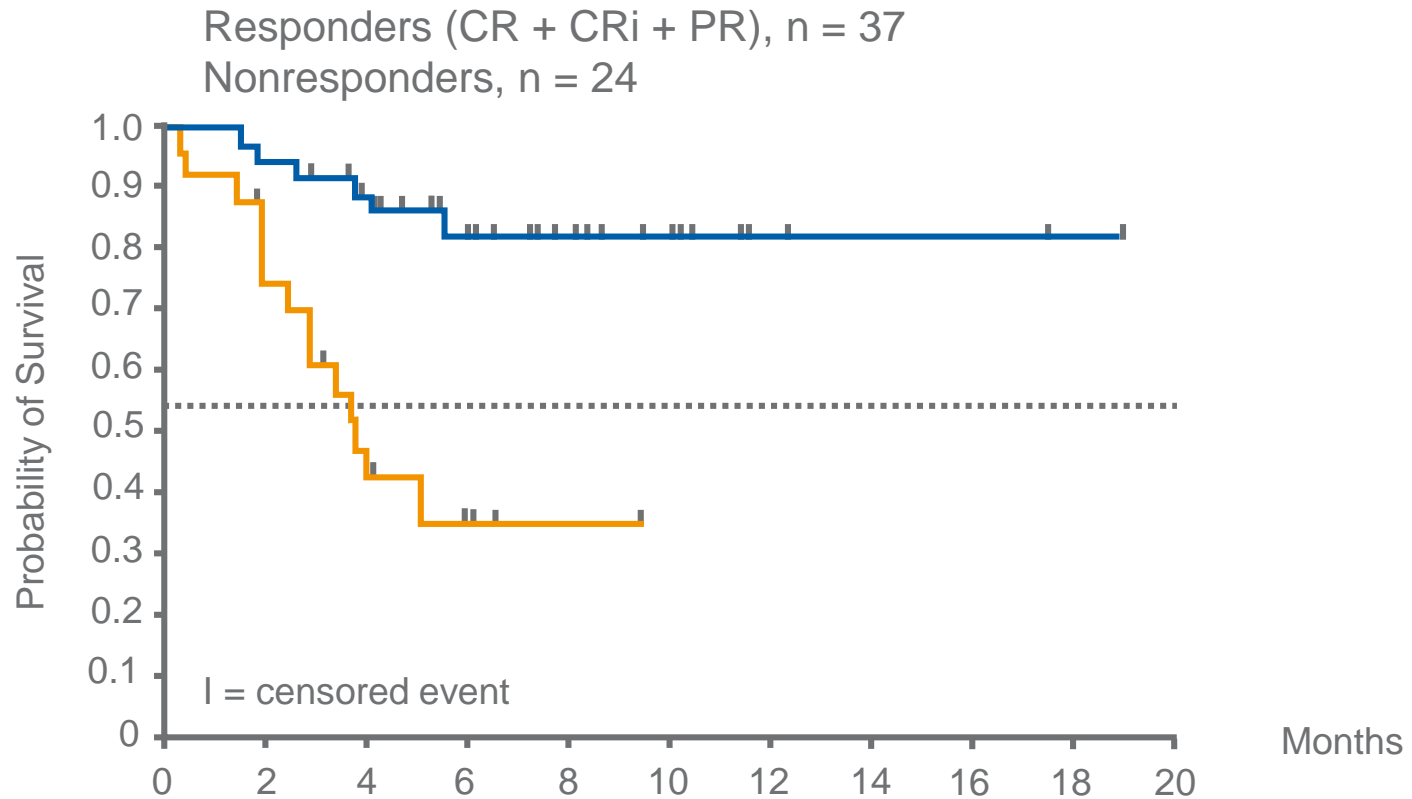
\*70% of CR + CRi achieved during cycle 1 or cycle 2.

- Most frequent TRAEs (any grade) included nausea (72%), hypokalemia (46%), diarrhea (44%), fatigue (43%), decreased appetite (41%)
- Most frequent grade 3/4 TRAEs included febrile neutropenia (34%), hypokalemia (15%), hypophosphatemia (13%), hypertension (10%)

# Venetoclax for AML?



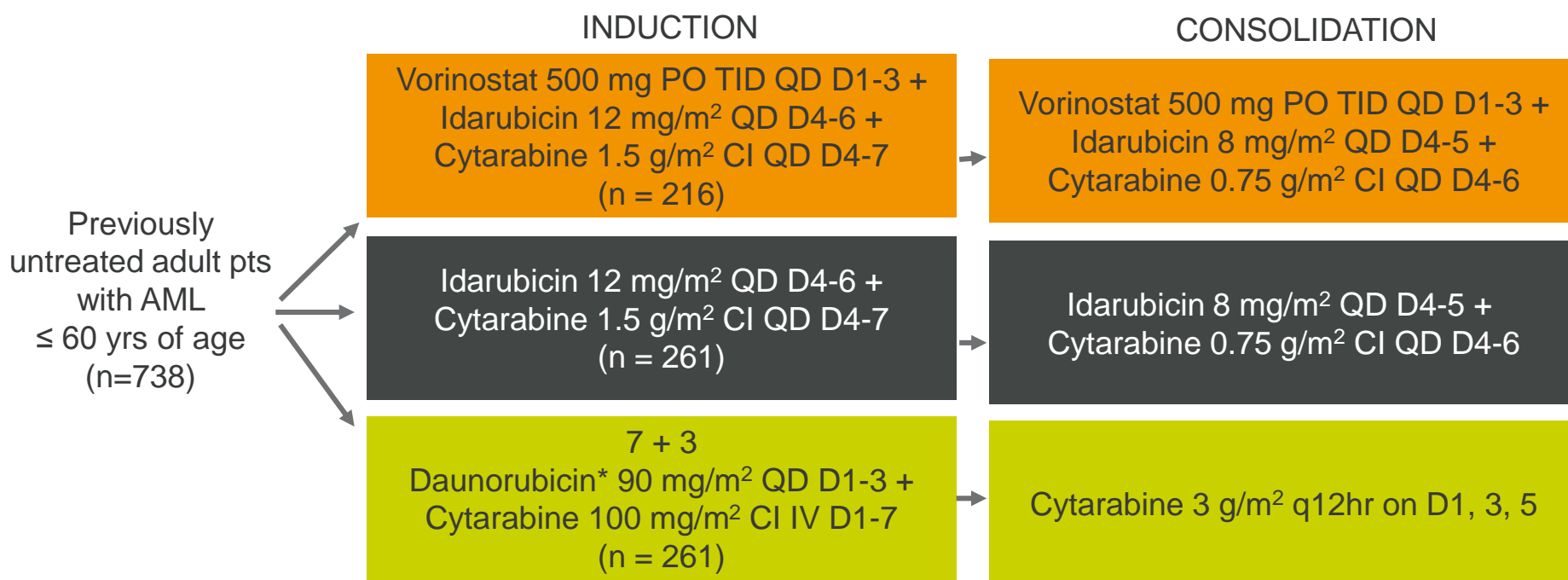
# Venetoclax for AML?



# Induction therapy : less is more ?

High response rate of idarubicin (ida) and high-dose ara-C (IA) in combination with the HDAC inhibitor vorinostat (IA+V) compared to IA or 7+3 (Garcia-Manero et al. JCO 2011)

- Randomized phase III superiority trial of the added value of vorinostat at induction



G. Garcia-Manero et al. Abstract 901, ASH 2016

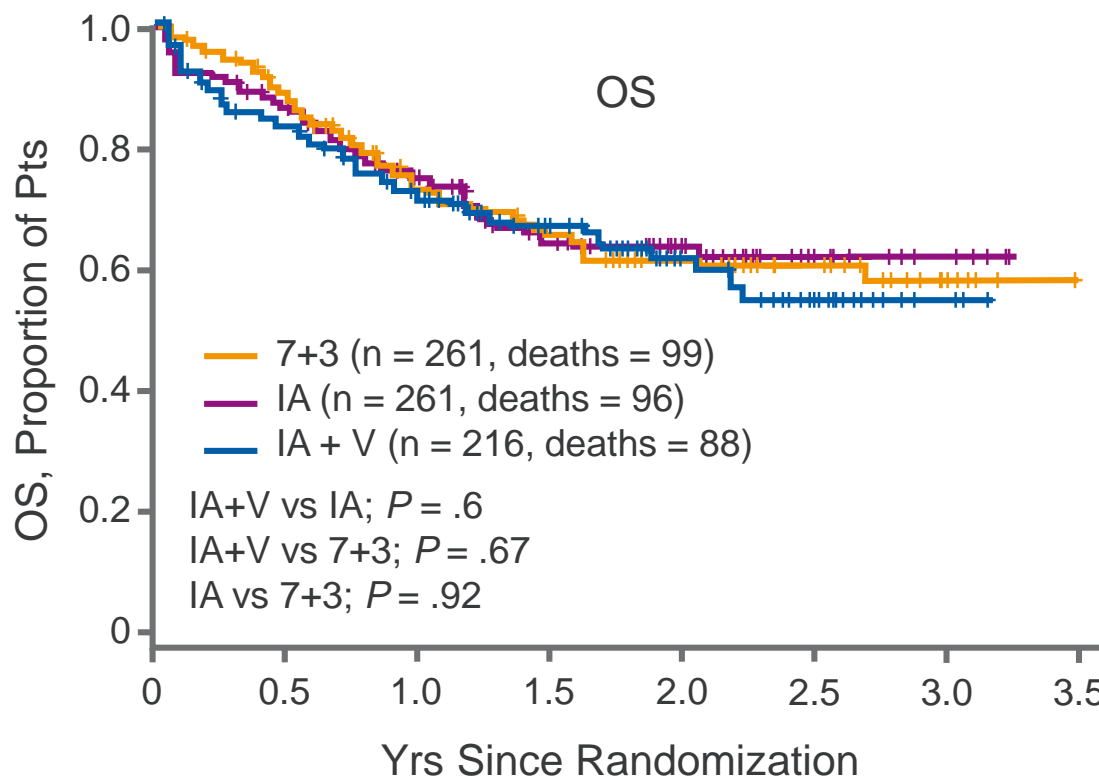


# No added value of vorinostat at induction

| Outcome, % | Vorinostat +<br>Ida + Ara-C<br>(n = 216) | Ida + Ara-C<br>(n = 261) | 7 + 3<br>(n = 261) | All Pts<br>(N = 738) | P<br>Value |
|------------|--|--------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------|
| CR         | 60                                       | 64                       | 63                 | 62                   | .58        |
| CRi        | 17                                       | 16                       | 13                 | 15                   | --         |
| Failure    | 23                                       | 21                       | 25                 | 23                   | --         |
| Mortality  |  |                          |                    |                      |            |
| ▪ 30 day   | 4  | 6                        | 3                  | 4                    | .013       |
| ▪ 60 day   | 9  | 9                        | 5                  | 7                    | .097       |

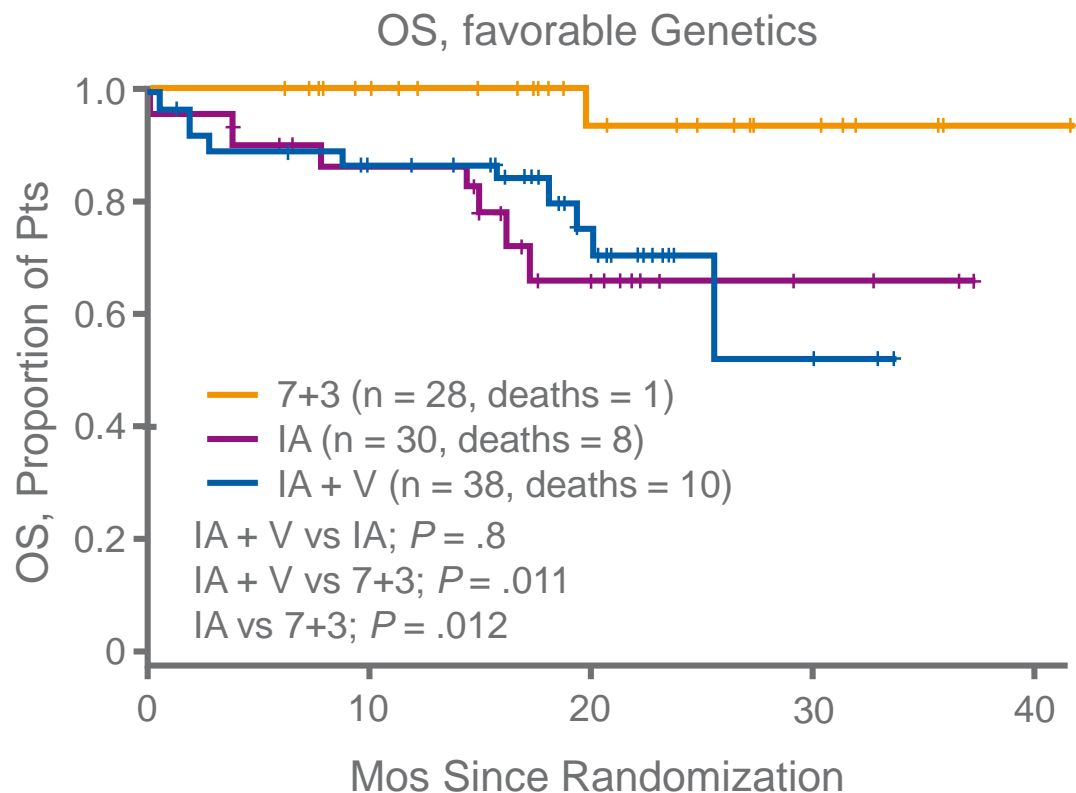
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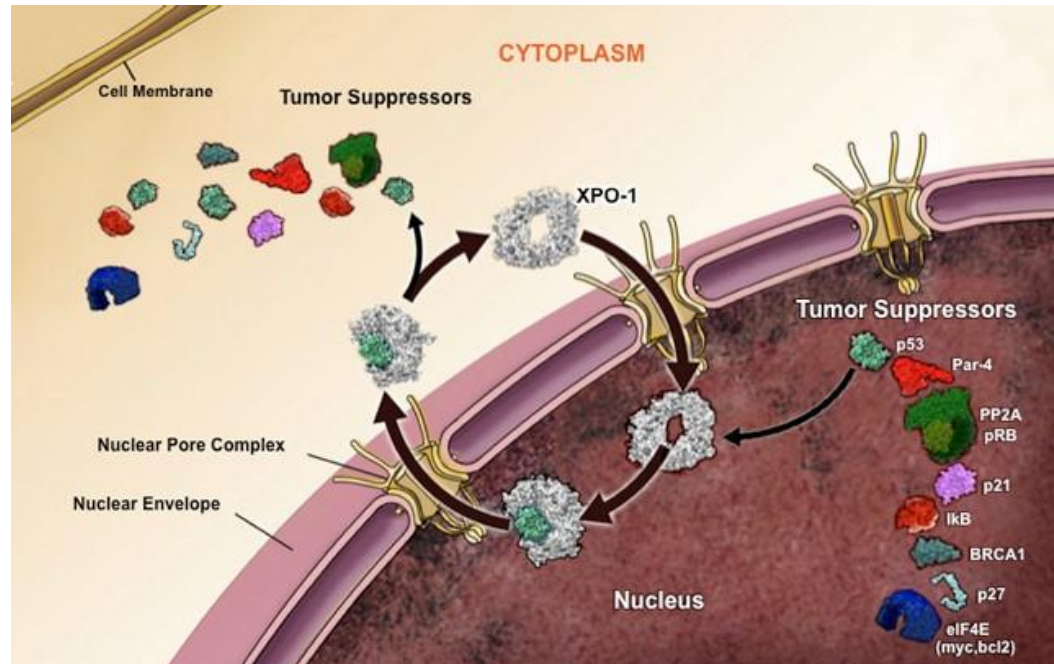


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# Selinexor combined with 7+3

By inhibiting the primary export protein, XPO1, selinexor maintains tumor suppressor proteins to the nucleus leading to their activation and an anti-leukemic effect as a single agent

It inhibits DNA damage repair, rationalizing its use in combination with DNA damaging agents



# Selinexor combined with 7+3

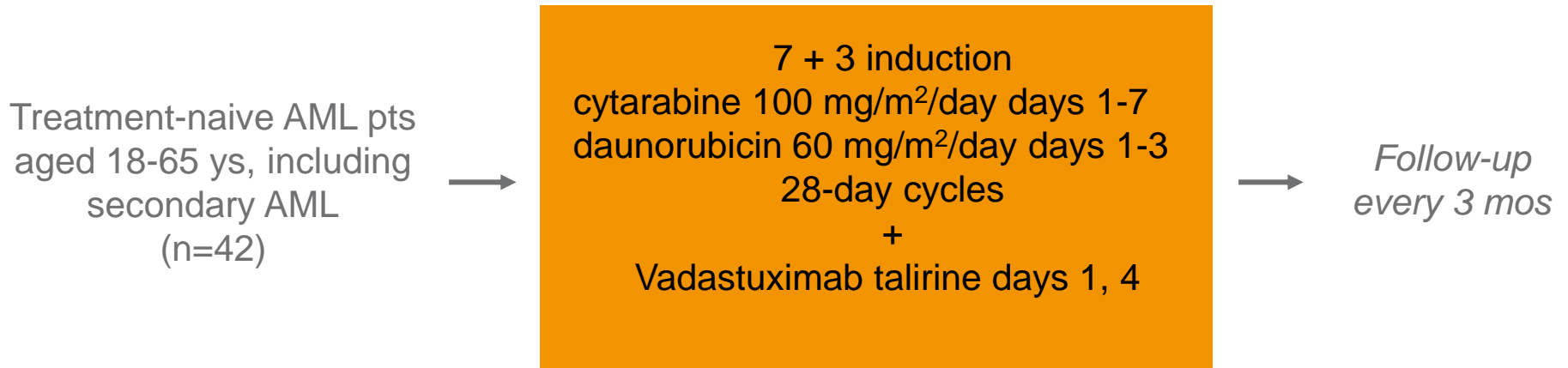
- Phase I of Selinexor in combination with daunorubicin and cytarabine in newly diagnosed poor-risk AML patients
- Phase II of Ara-C and Idarubicin in combination with Selinexor (KPT-330) in R/R AML
- Both indicate that the combination can be safely administered. The encouraging activity presents as an interesting bridge to transplant

**KL. Sweet et al. Abstract 4040, ASH 2016**

**W. Fiedler et al. Abstract 34, ASH 2016**

# Vadastuximab talirine combined with 7+3

- Phase Ib dose escalation/expansion study



dose escalation/expansion from 10 + 10 µg/kg to 20 + 10 µg/kg per SMC

# 7+3 combined with vadastuximab talirine

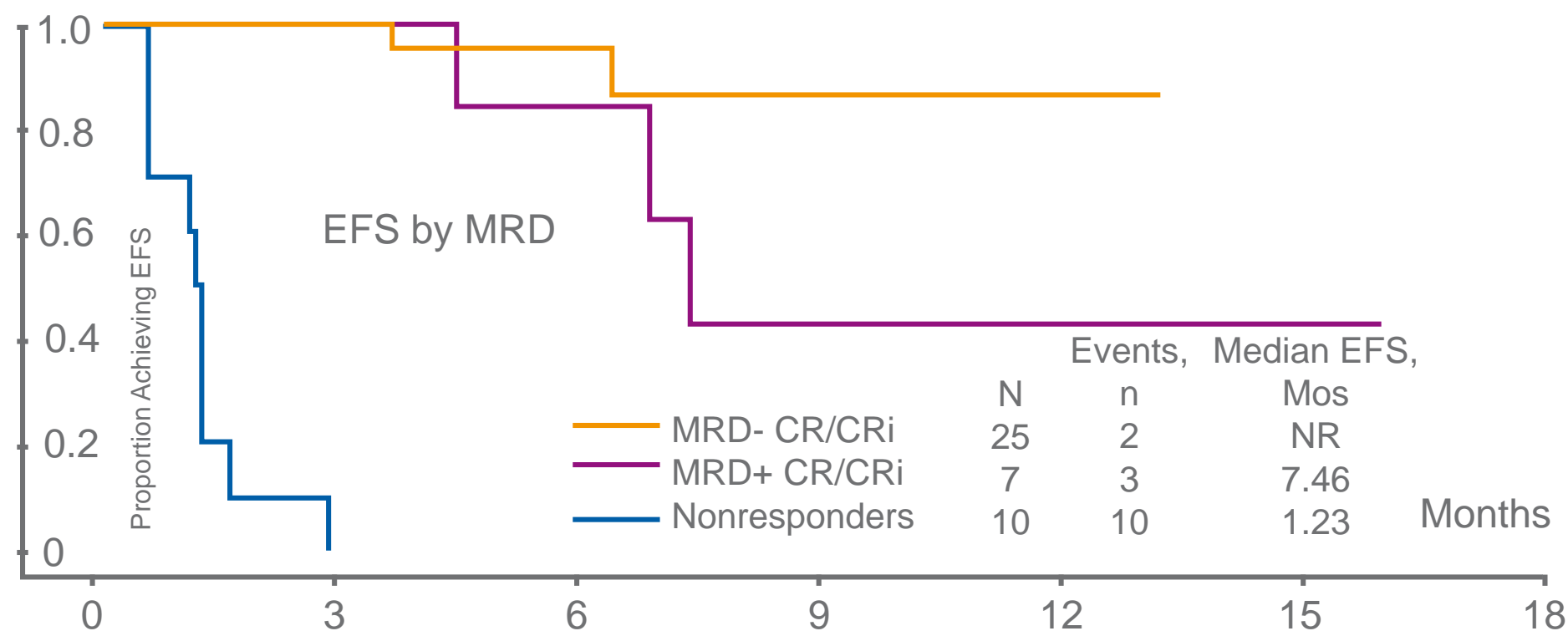
| Response, %             | CR  | CRi* | CRc<br>(CR + CRi) |
|-------------------------|-----|------|-------------------|
| Evaluable pts (n=42)    | 60  | 17   | 76                |
| Cytogenetic risk by MRC |     |      |                   |
| ▪ Favorable (n = 5)     | 100 | 0    | 100               |
| ▪ Intermediate (n = 21) | 67  | 19   | 86                |
| ▪ Adverse (n = 15)      | 40  | 20   | 60                |

\*All pts with CRi had CR with ANC  $\geq$  1000/uL, incomplete platelet recovery.

- 78% (25/32) of pts in CRc were MRD negative
- Similar AE rate to 7 + 3 alone
- 2% 30-day mortality rate
- 50% (21/42) of pts received allo-SCT

HP. Erba et al. Abstract 211, ASH 2016

# 7+3 combined with vadastuximab talirine



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# 7+3 combined with vadastuximab talirine

| Characteristics             | Vadastuximab<br>talirine +<br>7 + 3<br>SWOG Eligible*<br>(n=30) | 7 + 3<br>± GO<br>SWOG 0106†<br>(n=595) |
|-----------------------------|---|--|
| Median age, yrs             | 45  | 48                                     |
| Adverse cytogenetic risk, % | 27  | 23                                     |
| CRc rate (CR + CRi), %      | 80  | 75                                     |
| CRc with 1 cycle, %         | 77  | 60                                     |
| MRD-negative CRc, %         | 73  | ~ 54‡                                  |

\*SWOG eligibility: 60 yrs of age or younger, de novo only. †Aggregate data from Othus M, et al. Leukemia. 2016;30:2080-2083.

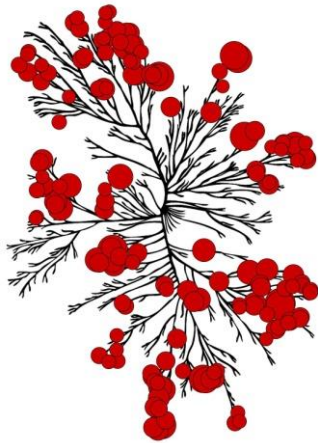
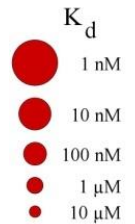
‡Calculated MRD-negative rate

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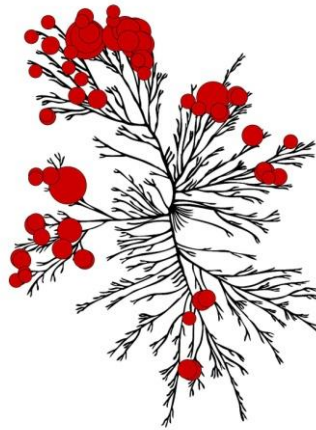
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# 7+3 combined with crenolanib

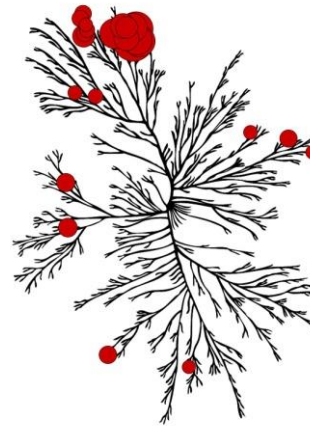
Type I oral FLT3 TKI that inhibits both FLT3-ITD and FLT3-TKD mutations



Midostaurin  
(PKC-412)



Sorafenib



Quizartinib  
(AC220)



**Crenolanib**

Zarrinkar PP et al, Blood 2009  
Galanis A et al, Cancer Res 2012

# 7+3 combined with crenolanib

- Patients with newly diagnosed FLT3 mutant AML

Table 1. Overall Complete Response Rate in Newly Diagnosed FLT3 mutant AML

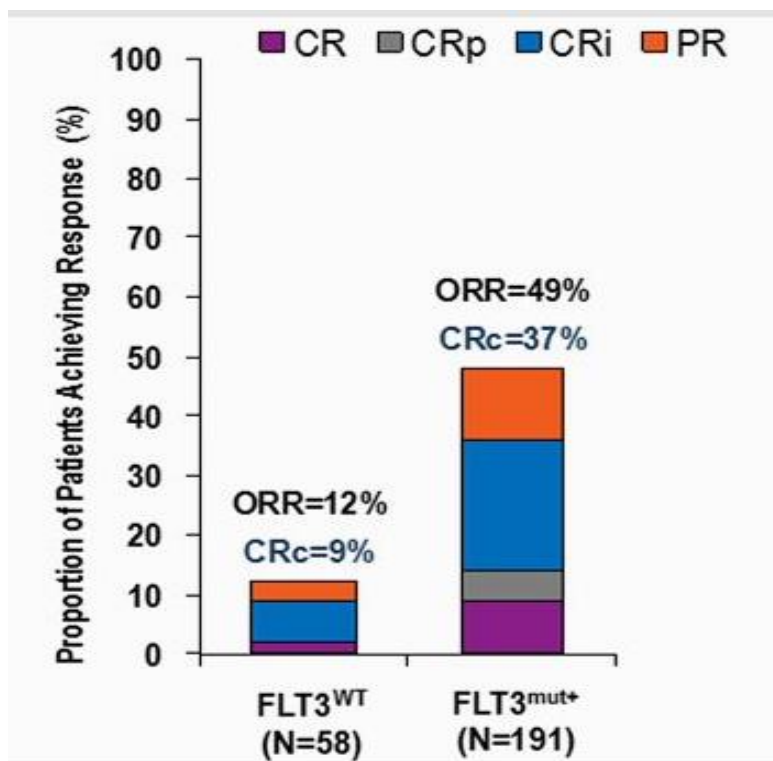
| Induction Chemotherapy Regimen   | # Evaluable Patients | CR after 1 Cycle of Induction | CR after Additional Cycle of Chemotherapy* | Overall Complete Response |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| Cytarabine + Daunorubicin (n=18) | 18                   | 16                            | 1  | 17/18 (94%)               |
| Cytarabine + Idarubicin (n=8)    | 7                    | 6                             | 1  | 7/7 (100%)                |
| <b>TOTAL (n= 26 pts)</b>         | 25                   | 22                            | 2  | 24/25(96%)                |

*\*1 pt re-induced with cytarabine/idarubicin and 1 pt received HiDAC*

# Gilteritinib (ASP2215): the winner ?

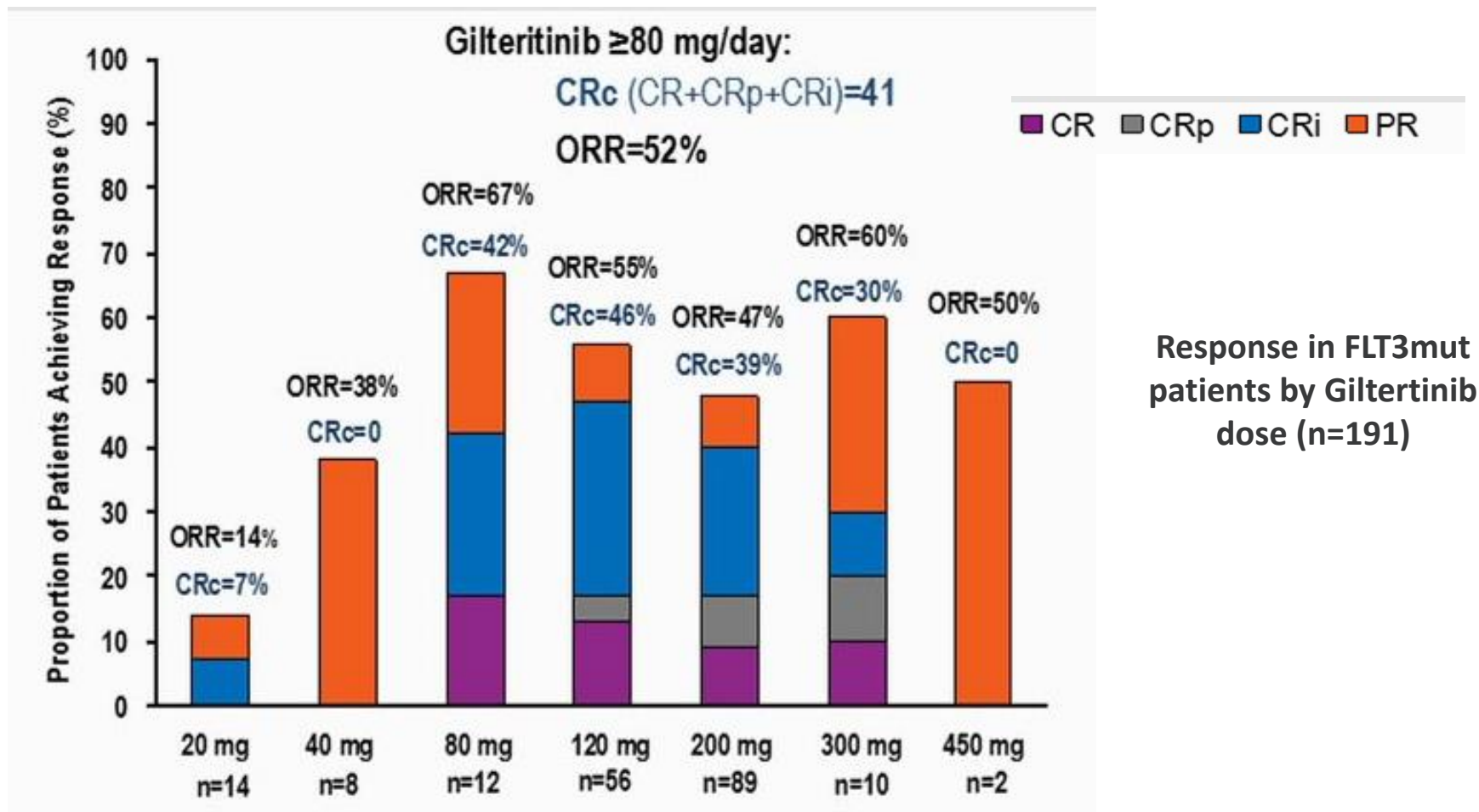
Novel, highly potent and selective oral FLT3 inhibitor with preclinical activity against FLT3-ITD activating and FLT3-D835 resistance mutations

- First-in-human phase 1/2 study (CHRYSLIS) of once-daily oral gilteritinib given to pts with R/R AML irrespective of FLT3 mutation status



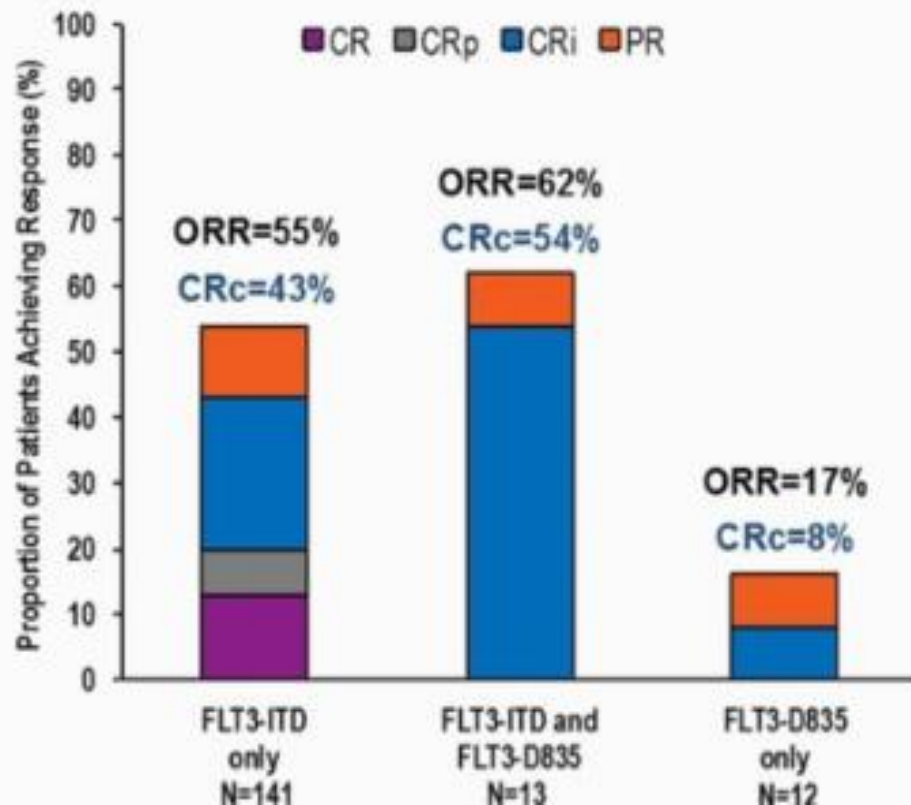
Response in FLT3 mut  
and  
FLT3 WT patients  
(n=249)

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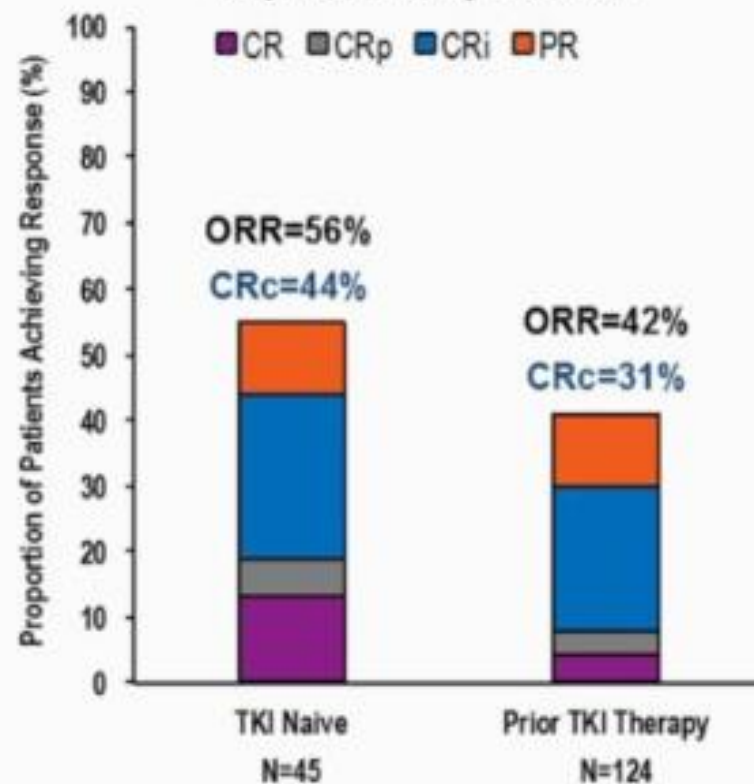


# Gilteritinib (ASP2215): the winner ?

Response Rates By FLT3 Mutation Type



Response Rates By TKI Status



# ALL





# The good place for ponatinib in Ph+ ALL?

T315I mutations commonly associated with relapse to TKI  
Potent BCR-ABL inhibitor effective against *T315I* mutant ALL

- Single-center, open-label phase II trial *8 x 21-day cycles*

Pts ≥ 18 yrs with  
untreated (n=50)  
or previously  
treated (n=8\*)  
Ph+ ALL



Hyper-CVAD: cycle 1-3-5-7

cyclophosphamide (300 mg/m<sup>2</sup> x 6; D1-3)  
vincristine (2 mg, D1, 11),  
doxorubicin (50 mg/m<sup>2</sup> D4),  
dexamethasone (40 mg, D1-4, D11-14)

MTX-Ara-C: cycle 2-4-6-8

methotrexate (12 mg),  
cytarabine (3 mg/m<sup>2</sup>, D2-3)

Ponatinib:

cycle 1: 45 mg for d1-14  
cycle 2-8: 45 mg daily

Due to vascular toxicity at 45 mg, protocol amended to allow 30 mg daily  
beyond induction, then 15 mg daily in pts achieving CMR

!!!!!!! Rituximab given for first 4 courses, if CD20+!!!!!!!



Pts with CR  
received  
maintenance  
therapy of daily  
ponatinib +  
monthly  
vincristine and  
prednisone or  
hyper-CVAD for  
2 yrs

\*2 non responders, 6 in CR

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# The good place for ponatinib?

| Response, n/N (%)      | Pts         |
|------------------------|-------------|
| CR*                    | 52/52 (100) |
| CCyR†                  | 48/48 (100) |
| CyR after induction    |             |
| ▪ Complete             | 44/48 (92)  |
| ▪ Minor                | 2/48 (4)    |
| ▪ Not done             | 2/48 (4)    |
| CyR after second cycle |             |
| ▪ Complete             | 48/48 (100) |
| MMR                    | 56/58 (97)  |
| MMR after induction    | 31/48 (65)  |
| CMR                    | 46/58 (79)  |

- No early deaths on study
- Median time to
  - MMR: 3 wks (2-14)
  - CMR: 10 wks (2-96)
- Median follow-up: 39 mos (range: 2-59)
  - 10 pts received alloSCT
  - 21 pts (47%) remain on ponatinib
  - 11 pts (24%) switched to other TKI

\*6 pts in CR at enrollment

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# The good place for ponatinib?

| Outcome, %                                | Pts<br>(N = 58) |
|---|-----------------|
| 3-yr CRD                                  | 78              |
| 3-yr OS                                   | 75              |
| <b>Landmark analysis at 4 mos by ASCT</b> |                 |
| 3-yr CRD*                                 |                 |
| ▪ ASCT                                    | 88              |
| ▪ No ASCT                                 | 75              |
| 3-yr OS†                                  |                 |
| ▪ ASCT                                    | 79              |
| ▪ No ASCT                                 | 86              |

\* $P = .36$

† $P = .81$

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# The good place for ponatinib?

| Grade 3/4 Nonhematologic AE, % | Pts (N = 58) |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Infections during induction    | 52           |
| ALT/AST increase               | 31           |
| Bilirubin increase             | 17           |
| Pancreatitis                   | 17           |
| Skin rash                      | 16           |
| Amylase/lipase                 | 16           |
| Hypertension                   | 14           |
| Hemorrhage                     | 10           |
| Mucositis                      | 9            |
| Abdominal pain                 | 7            |
| Thrombotic events              | 7            |
| Myocardial infarction*         | 5            |

12%

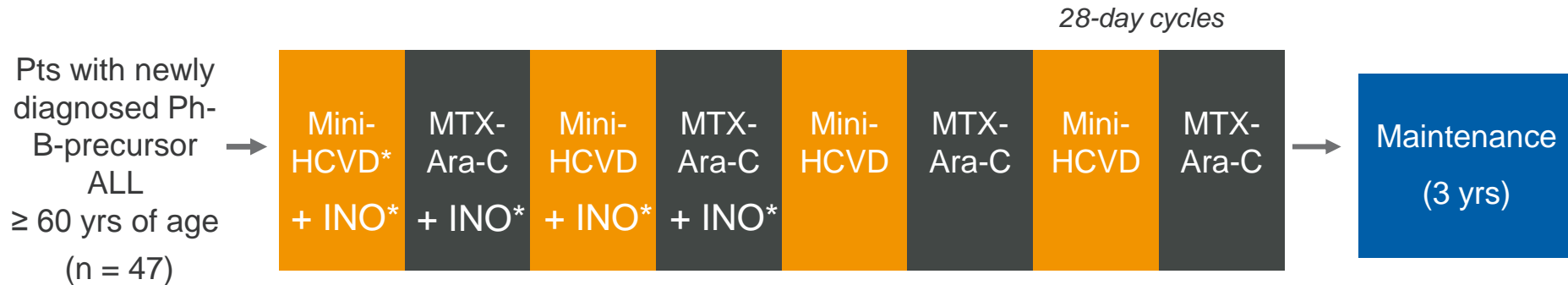
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\*Since protocol amendment, 1 pt with grade 2 angina possibly related to treatment

# Frontline InO + Mini-HCVD in older ALL pts

Inotuzumab Ozogamicin (InO), an anti-CD22 antibody-calicheamicin conjugate  
 Superior clinical activity versus standard of care (SOC; intensive chemotherapy) R/R B-ALL in the phase 3 INO-VATE trial (Kantarjian. *N Engl J Med.* June 12, 2016)

- Single-center, open-label phase I/II trial



“Mini-HyperCVD”: cyclophosphamide (150 mg/m<sup>2</sup> x 6), dexamethasone (20 mg)

MTX-Ara-C: methotrexate (250 mg/m<sup>2</sup>), cytarabine (0.5 g/m<sup>2</sup> x 4)

InO given on day 3 of cycles 1-4

Rituximab given on days 2, 8 of cycles 1-4 if CD20+

|   | INO dose, mg/m <sup>2</sup> | First 6 Pts <sup>†</sup> | 7-34 | 35 and Beyond <sup>‡</sup> |
|---|-----------------------------|--------------------------|------|----------------------------|
|   | Cycle 1                     | 1.3                      | 1.8  | 1.3                        |
| Koji Sasaki et al. Abstract 1606 ASH 2016 | Cycles 2-4                  | 0.8                      | 1.3  | 1.0                        |

# Frontline InO + Mini-HCVD in older ALL pts

| Response, %            | INO + Mini-HCVD<br>(N = 43) |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ORR                    | 98                          |
| ▪ CR                   | 84                          |
| ▪ CRp                  | 12                          |
| ▪ CRi                  | 2                           |
| Cytogenetic CR*        | 100                         |
| MRD negativity         |                             |
| ▪ D21 <sup>†</sup>     | 76                          |
| ▪ Overall <sup>‡</sup> | 96                          |

No early deaths on study

Median follow-up: 24 mos (range: 1-55)

○ 3-yr OS: 54%

○ 3-yr CRD: 72%

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# Frontline InO + Mini-HCVD in older ALL pts

| Grade 3/4 AEs in ≥ 10% of Pts, % | INO + Mini-HCVD (N = 47) |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Prolonged thrombocytopenia       | 79                       |
| Infection (consolidation)        | 74                       |
| Infection (induction)            | 53                       |
| Hyperglycemia                    | 53                       |
| Hypokalemia                      | 34                       |
| ALT/AST elevation                | 19                       |
| Bilirubin elevation              | 17                       |
| Hemorrhage                       | 15                       |

- Thrombocytopenia > 6 wks in 37 pts (79%), 8 in induction, 36 in subsequent courses
- 4 pts experienced VOD after 2-4 cycles of INO
  - All received 1.8 mg/m<sup>2</sup> dose in cycle 1

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# Frontline InO + Mini-HCVD in older ALL pts

- Combination of inotuzumab ozogamicin with reduced-intensity mini-HCVD highly effective as frontline treatment in older pts with ALL
  - ORR: 98%
  - Low early mortality rate
- 54% 3-yr OS compares favorably with 31% 3-yr OS reported with HCVAD ± rituximab
- Manageable safety profile with inotuzumab ozogamicin plus mini-HCVD
  - VOD events in 4 pts led to inotuzumab ozogamicin dose reduction
- Investigators suggest inotuzumab ozogamicin + mini-HCVD may become a new frontline standard of care for older pts with ALL

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# Conclusion

- The effective translation of research-based innovations into the treatment of our AML patients will require collaborative efforts of academics and companies to organise big trials that provide personalized treatment decisions, based on genomic informations
- It'll imply the characterisation of all known mutations in AML at the time of diagnosis and their monitoring during therapy
- NGS open new perspectives for clono specific evaluation of MRD

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