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Workshop MDS/MPN Overlap Sd

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2 Neutrophilia with CSF3R mutation 0% 0

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FISH BCR-ABL: negative

Arguments against CML?

What are the biological arguments against CML?



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Which pattern fits best?

Feature	CML		
Anemia	±		
Thrombocytosis	✓		
Neutrophilia	✓✓		
Monocytosis	±		
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Are they other hematologic malignancies that could fit?



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Basophilia	✓✓	X
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Thrombocytosis	✓	✓✓	±	✓✓
Neutrophilia	✓✓	±	✓✓	X
Monocytosis	±	X	X	X
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What is your next step?



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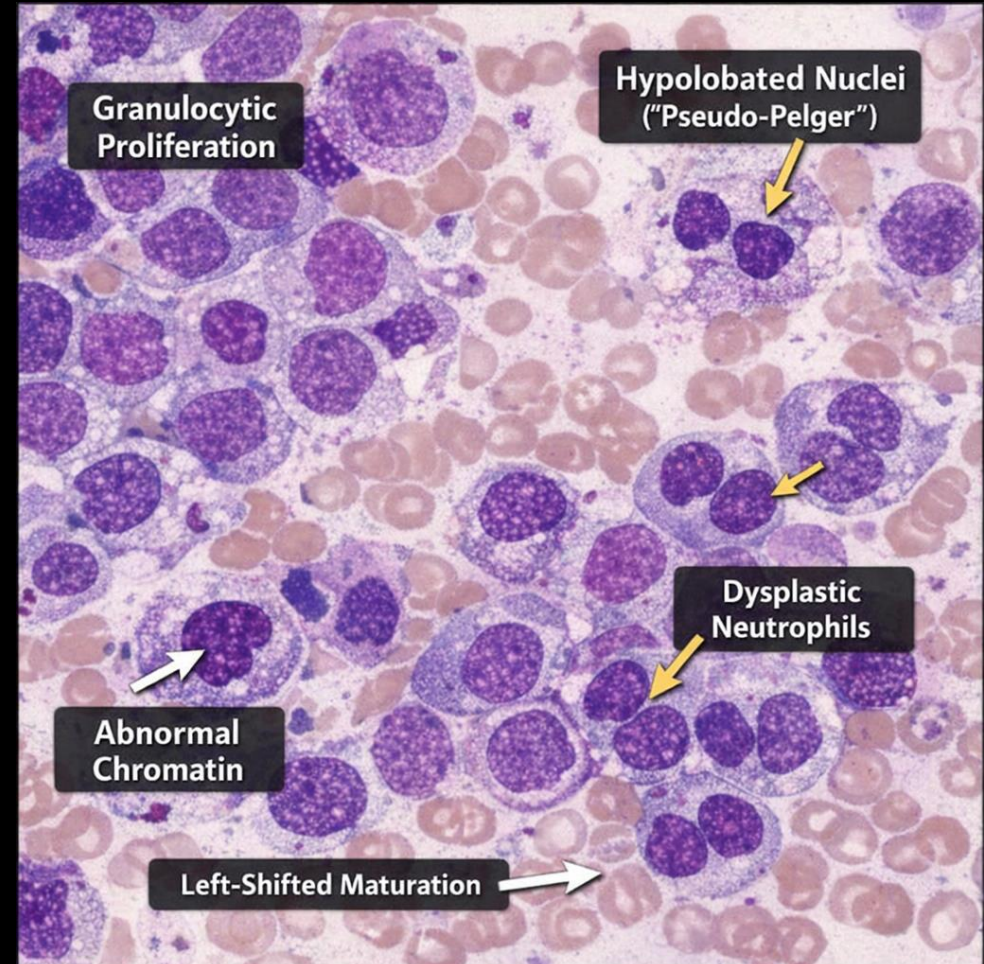
What is the key abnormality here?

- Hypercellular marrow
- Granulocytic proliferation +++
- Dysgranulopoiesis
- Blasts: 3%

Caryotype : Normal

NGS :

- ASXL1 mutation
- SETBP1 mutation
- CSF3R negative
- BCR-ABL1 negative



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Which myeloid neoplasm fits best?

- 1 CML 0% 0
- 2 Pre-MF 0% 0
- 3 CNL 0% 0
- 4 SF3B1 with thrombocytosis 0% 0
- 5 MDS/MPN with neutrophilia 0% 0
- 6 I have no clue 0% 0



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MDS/MPN with neutrophilia (aCML)

Key features

- **MPN**: Neutrophilia + immatures myeloid cells
- **MDS**: Prominent **dysgranulopoiesis**
- No BCR-ABL1
- Often anemia

Think of it when:

- Looks like CML but no basophilia + BCR-ABL negative

Biology: ASXL1 (20-40%), SETBP1 (25%)

Poor Prognosis : mOS ~1-2 years

Chronic Neutrophilic Leukemia (CNL)

Key features

- Marked **MATURE neutrophilia** (often $>25 \times 10^9/L$)
- **No dysplasia**
- No monocytosis, no basophilia

Think of it when:

- infection but CRP normal + persistent

Molecular hallmark

- CSF3R mutation (80-90%)

Intermediate prognosis: mOS ~2-3 years

MDS/MPN with SF3B1 and thrombocytosis

Key features

- Macrocytic anemia
- Thrombocytosis
- Ring sideroblasts
- Not neutrophils

Molecular hallmark

- SF3B1 mutation (100%), JAK2V617F (40 - 60%)

Think of it when: Looks like ET but anemia + sideroblasts

Good prognosis: mOS ~6 years

Take home message

Disease	CML	pre-MF	CNL	SF3B1 + T	MDS/MPN Neutrophilia
KEY IDEA	BCR-ABL driven	Platelets - Fibrosis	Mature neutrophils	Anemia + platelets	Dysplastic neutrophils
Key mutation	BCR-ABL1	JAK2 / CALR / MPL	CSF3R	SF3B1	ASXL1 / SETBP1
Prognosis	Indolent (with TKI)	Indolent	Intermediate	Indolent	Poor
1st line ttt	TKI	Risk adapted (R-IPSET)	Cytoreduction AlloHSCT	Symptomatic	HU +/- HMA AlloHSCT

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SF3B1 + Thrombocytosis

Differential diagnosis

Feature	SF3B1 + Thrombocytosis	MDS-RS (SF3B1)	ET	Pre-MF
Platelet count	$\geq 450 \times 10^9/L$	Normal or low	$\geq 450 \times 10^9/L$	$\geq 450 \times 10^9/L$ (possible)
Dysplasia	Present	Present	Absent	Absent
Ring sideroblasts	$\geq 5\% + SF3B1$	$\geq 15\%$ (or $\geq 5\% + SF3B1$)	Absent	Absent
SF3B1 mutation	100%	$\geq 80\%$	Rare	Rare
JAK2 V617F	$\sim 50\%$	5%	$\sim 60\%$	$\sim 60\%$
Megakaryocytes	Large, atypical (MPN-like)	Small, hypolobated	Large, hyperlobated	Atypical, clustered
Leukemic transformation	Low ($\sim 5-10\%$)	Low	Very low	Moderate
Median OS	~ 6 years	$\sim 5-6$ years	> 15 years	~ 15 years

Differential diagnosis

Feature	CML	MDS/MPN Neutrophilia	SF3B1 + Thrombocytosis	CNL	CMML
Dominant lineage	All myeloid	Neutrophils	Platelets	Neutrophils	Monocytes
Anemia	No	Yes	Yes	Minimal	Yes
Key mutation	BCR-ABL	SETBP1/ASXL1	SF3B1	CSF3R	TET2/SRSF2
Monocytosis	No	No	No	No	Yes
Basophilia	Yes	No	No	No	No
Ring sideroblasts	No	No	Yes	No	No

Mister M, 72 yo

- No symptoms
- Fit patient
- Normal clinical exam
- Routine blood analysis

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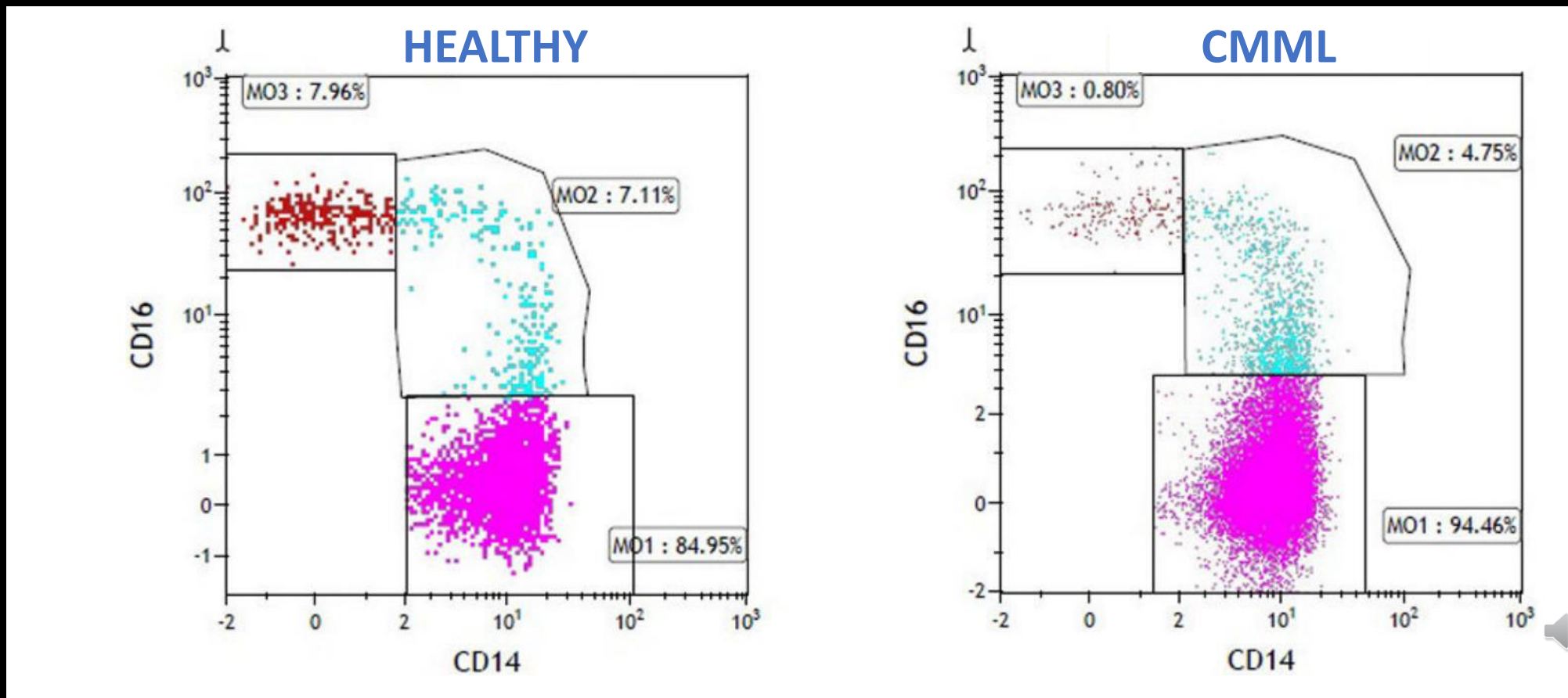
Mister M, 72 yo, 1 year later

- Fatigue
- Weight Loss
- Splenomegaly

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Step 2: Peripheral blood monocyte cytometry

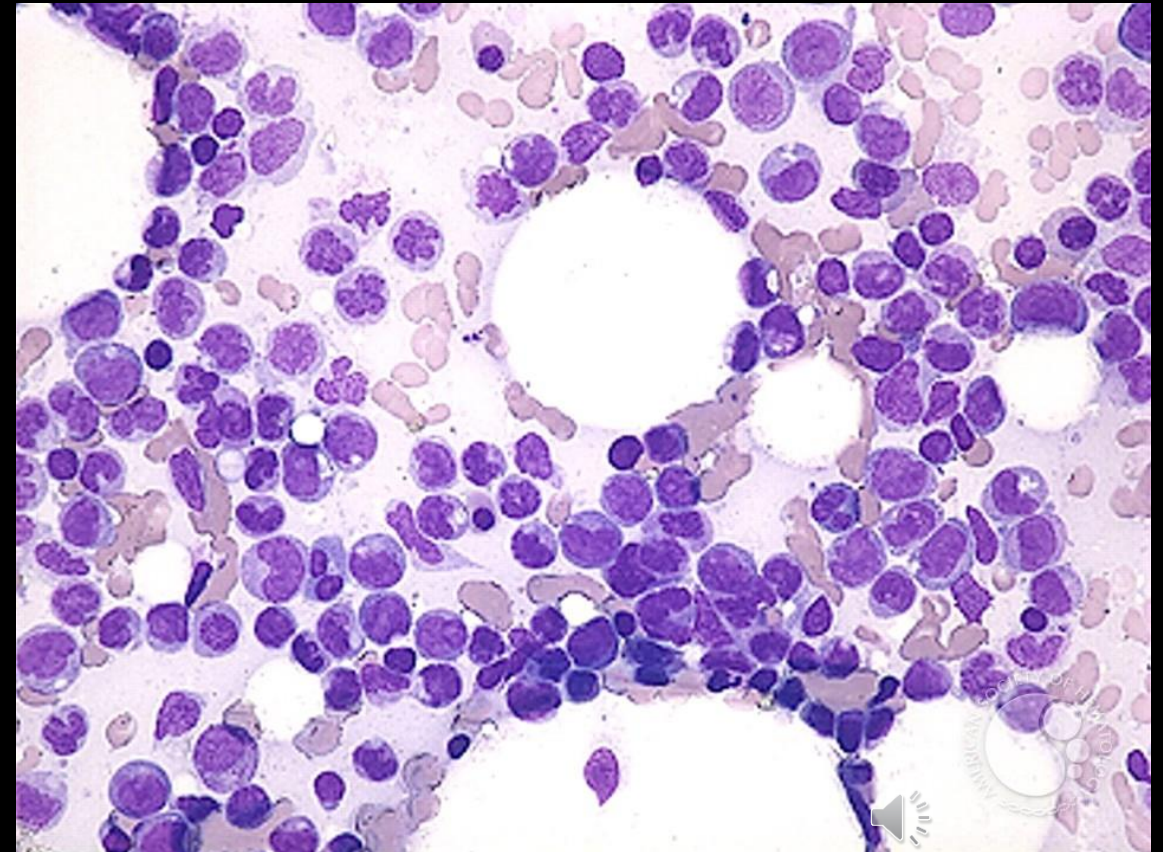
Classical monocytes CD14+ CD16- $\geq 94\%$
CMML diagnosis: se 90–92% sp 94-95%



Step 3: When to perform bone marrow and genetic testing

Indications


- Persistent unexplained monocytosis
- Cytopenias
- Circulating blasts
- Splenomegaly
or constitutional symptoms
- >94% classical monocytes



Features

WHO 2022

ICC 2022

Monocyte threshold	AMC $\geq 0.5 \times 10^9/L$ and monocytes $\geq 10\%$ of WBC differential	
Duration of monocytosis	Persistent (≥ 3 months)	
Blast/promonocyte threshold	20% blasts (including promonocytes) in PB and BM	
Clonality requirement	Cytogenetic or molecular evidence of clonality (acquired mutation or cytogenetic)	
Monocyte immunophenotyping	Increase in classical monocytes ($\geq 94\%$) supportive but not required	
Exclusions	Absence of <i>BCR::ABL1</i> , <i>PDGFRA/PDGFRB/FGFR1</i> rearrangements, <i>PCM1::JAK2</i> ; absence of AML-defining genetic abnormalities	
Cytopenia requirement	Not an explicit separate criterion	≥ 1 cytopenia (ineffective hematopoiesis)
Morphologic criteria	BM morphology consistent with CMML; dysplasia in ≥ 1 lineage	More stringent morphologic criteria (myeloid proliferation and monocytes) \rightarrow fewer cases qualifying as CMML compared to WHO
Practical impact	More oligomonocytosis cases as CMML than ICC.	More oligomonocytosis cases as MDS, MDS/MPN-NOS than WHO. 
Prognostic impact	NO DIFFERENCE	

Step 5: Classify the CMML subtype

COMPLEMENTARY

WHO 2022°
Blast-based

ICC 2022
WBC-based

CMML-1	CMML-2*	CMML-MD	CMML-MP*
PB blasts <5%	5-19%	WBC <13 x10 ⁹ /L	WBC ≥13 x10 ⁹ /L
BM blasts <10%	10-19% Auer rods+		

*higher risk of AML transformation 

Mister M, 72 yo, 1 year later

Monocyte cytometry

Classical monocytes CD14+ CD16^{neg}: 97% (N 80-90)


Myelogram

- Hypercellular (80% cellularity)
- Monocytic proliferation
- Dysplasia in ≥ 1 lineages
- Blasts + promocytes : 6%

Diagnosis CMML-1, Proliferative subtype

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Molecular Studies TET2, SRSF2, ASXL1

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Molecular landscape

Gene	Frequency mutation	Prognostic impact
TET2*	60%	Favorable (if no adverse mutation)
SRSF2**	50%	Neutral
ASXL1*	40%	Adverse
NRAS***	15%	Adverse
RUNX1****	15%	Adverse
DNMT3A*	15%	Adverse
SETBP1	10%	Adverse

Co-mutation TET2+ SRSF2
Highly specific of CMML

- * Epigenetic regulators
- ** Spliceosome genes
- *** Signaling pathway
- **** Transcription factor

Step 6: Risk stratification

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Variable	CPSS ¹ (2013)	CPSS-Mol ² (2016)	BLAST ³ (2025)	BLAST-Mol ³ (2025)	iCPSS ⁴ (2026)
WBC ≥13	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hb / TD	RBC-TD	RBC-TD	Hb	Hb	Hb
PLT					✓
Blasts	✓ BM	✓ BM	✓ PB ≥2%	✓ PB ≥2%	✓ BM
Cytogenetics	✓	✓		✓	✓
Molecular		✓ ASXL1, RUNX1, NRAS, SETBP1		✓ favorable: TET2, PHF6 Adverse: ASXL1, RUNX1, NRAS, SETBP1, DNMT3A, TP53, U2AF1, BCOR, PTPN11	✓ ASXL1, RUNX1, TET2, SETBP1, DNMT3A, TP53, EZH2, STAG2, U2AF1
Risk groups	4	4	3	3	5
mOS (mo)	72/31/18/12	144/59/31/18	63/28/13	N/A	N/A
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Best value	Baseline, no NGS	HSCT if no BLAST-Mol or iCPSS	Blood → routine monitoring	HSCT	Transplant timing decisions

ONLINE CALCULATORS

CPSS-Mol

- https://qxmd.com/calculate/calculator_609/cmml-cpss-mol

BLAST and BLAST-MOL

- <https://sudheshk.com/projects/blast-model>

iCPSS

- <https://icpss-risk.com/>



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Step 7: Determine transplant eligibility

- Age and performance status
- Comorbidity index (HCT-CI)
- Donor availability → early HLA typing
- Risk score (CPSS-Mol, BLAST-mol, iCPSS)
- Patient preference and goals of care



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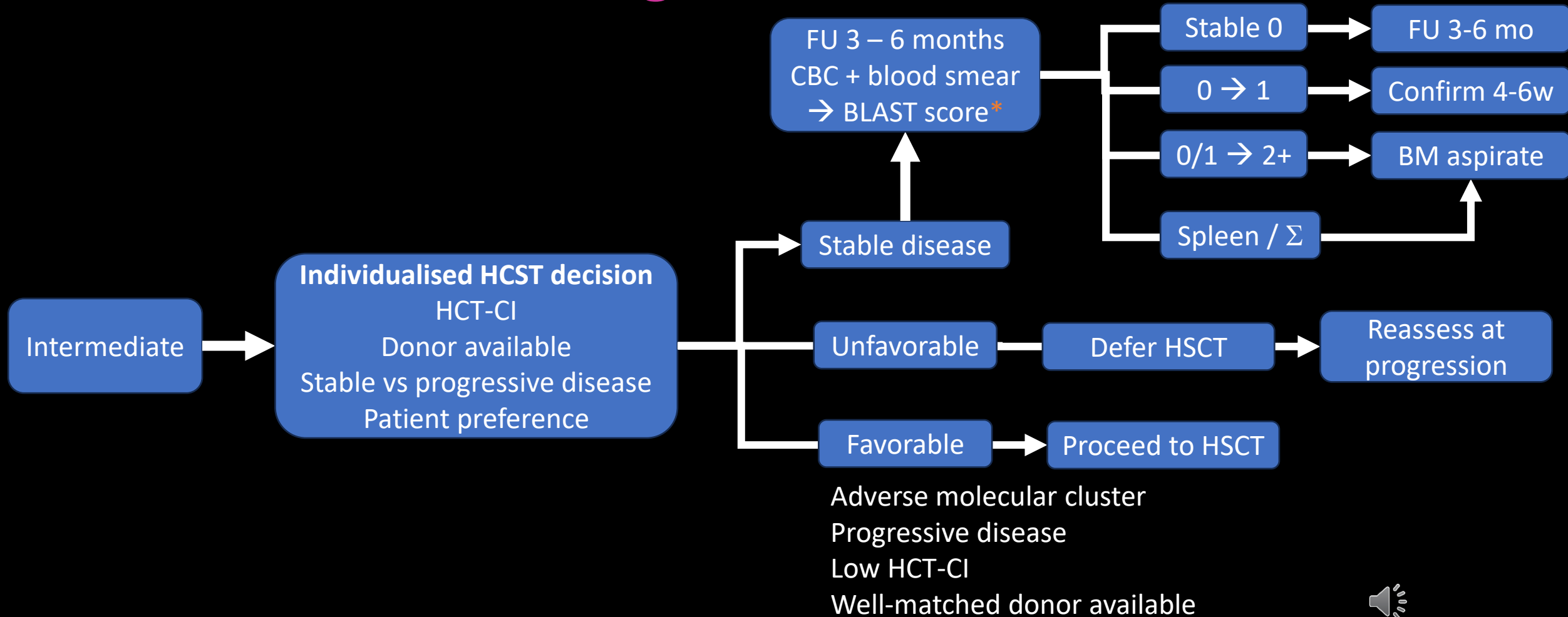
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→ **Transplant should be discussed early but not performed immediately.**

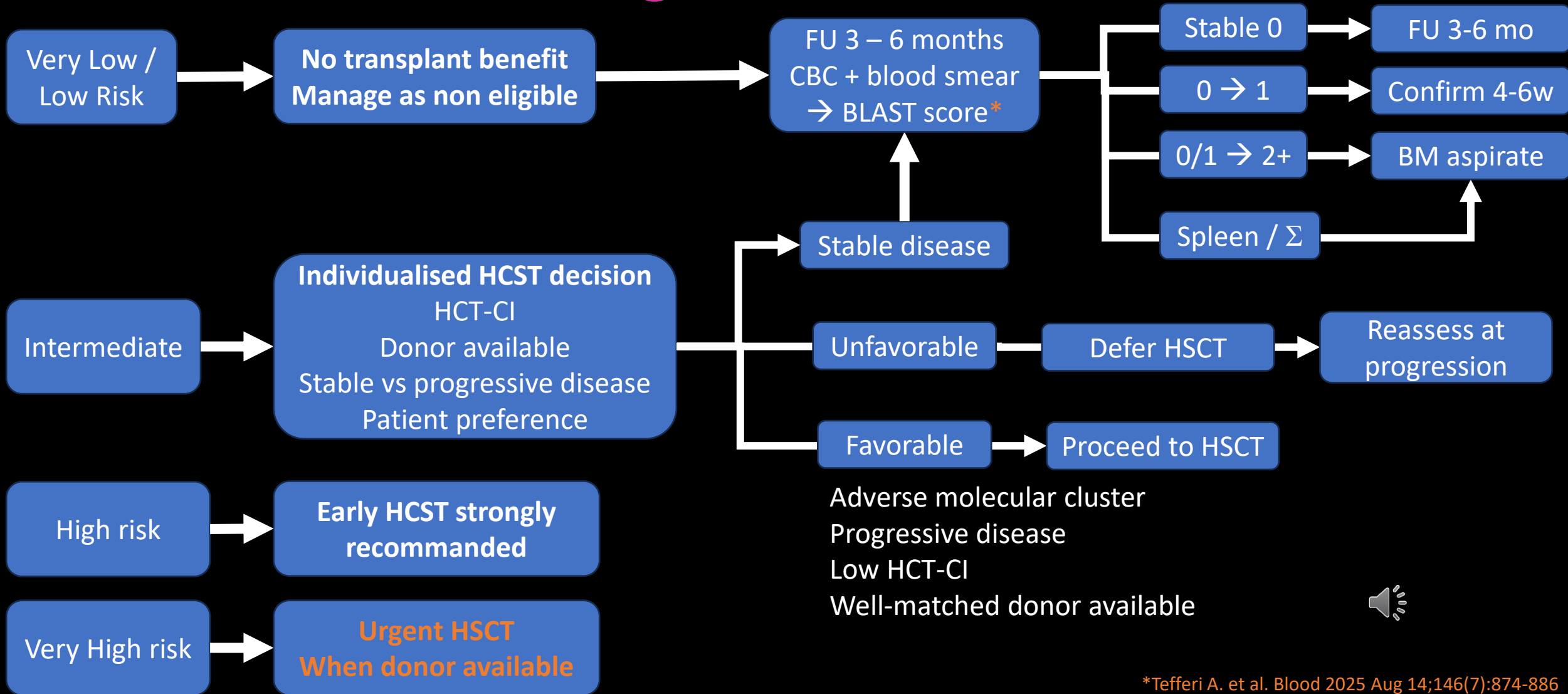
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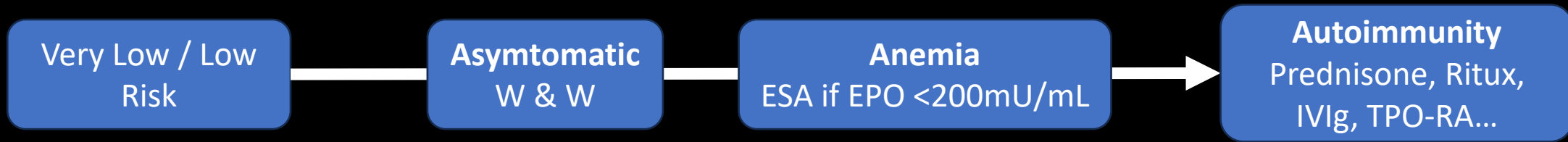
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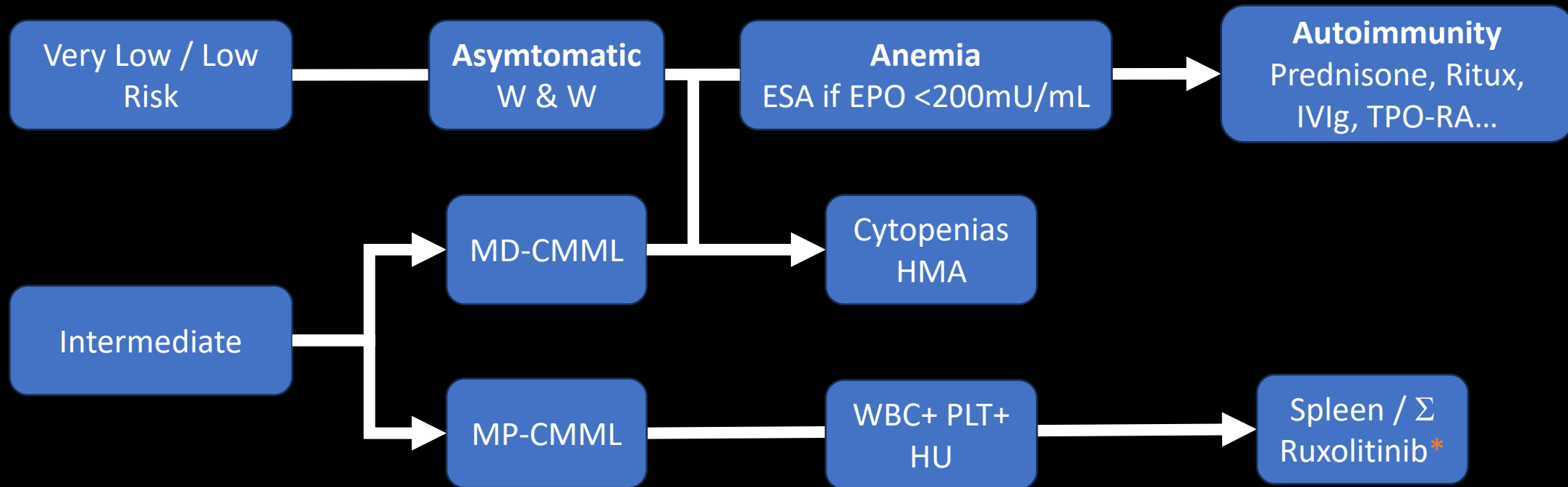
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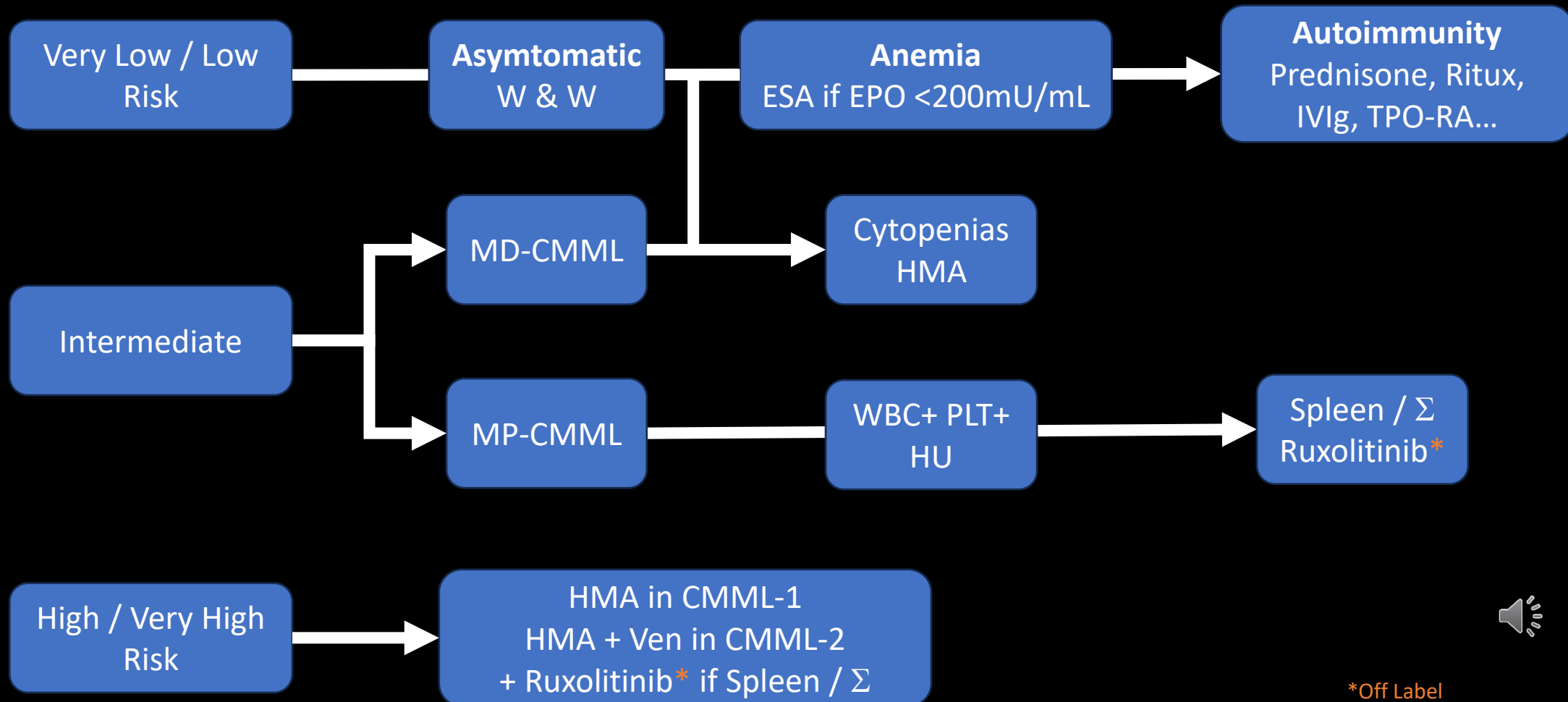
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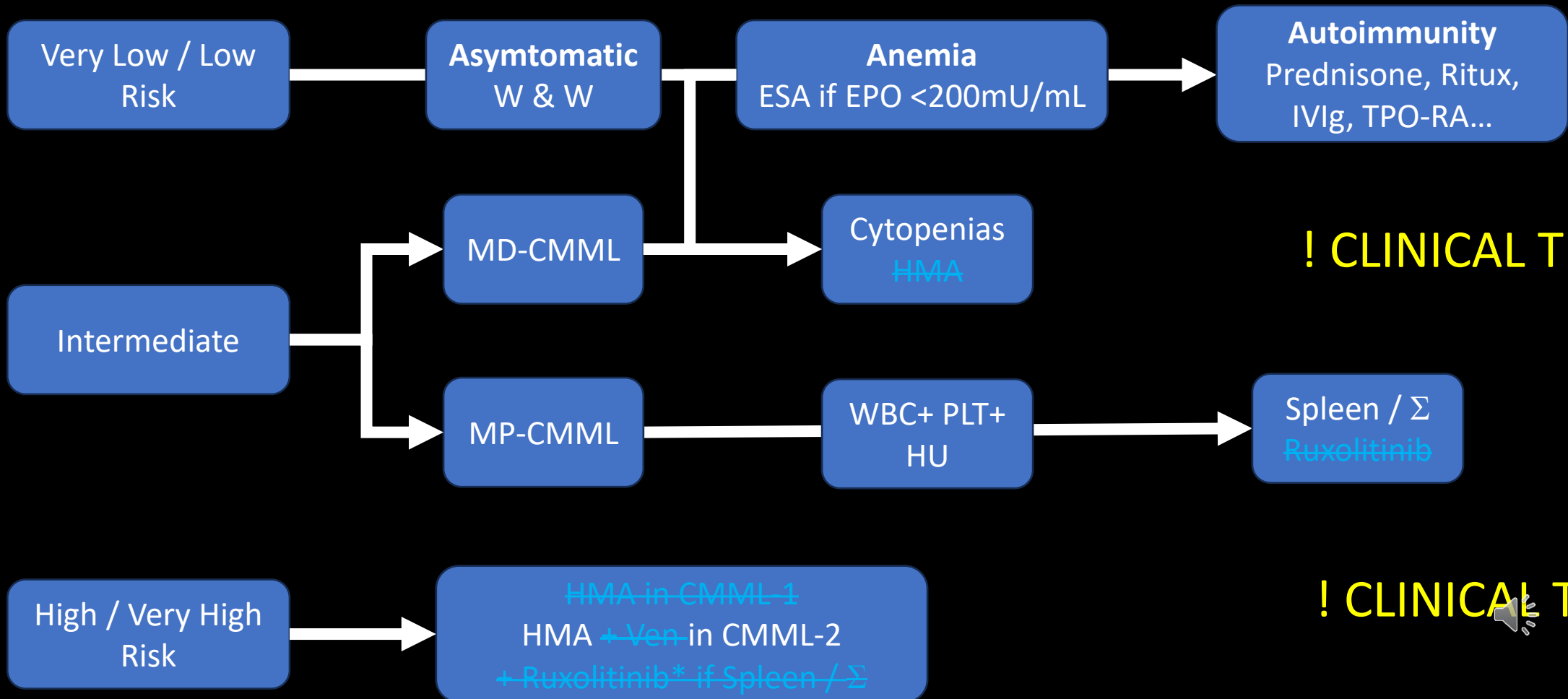


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Treatment of non transplant eligible patients according to iCPSS risk assessment ... in the Belgium setting ...



Blue crossed items = not reimbursed in Belgium

Thank you

*Good judgment comes from experience.
Experience comes from bad judgment.*

Rita Mae Brown



