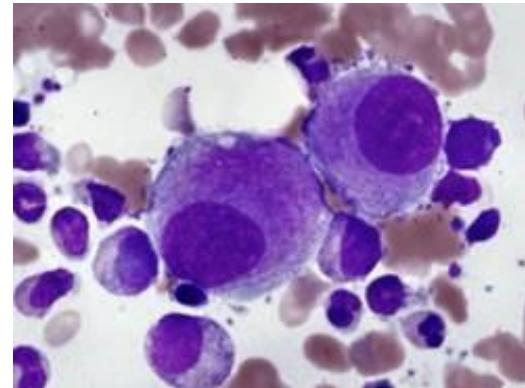


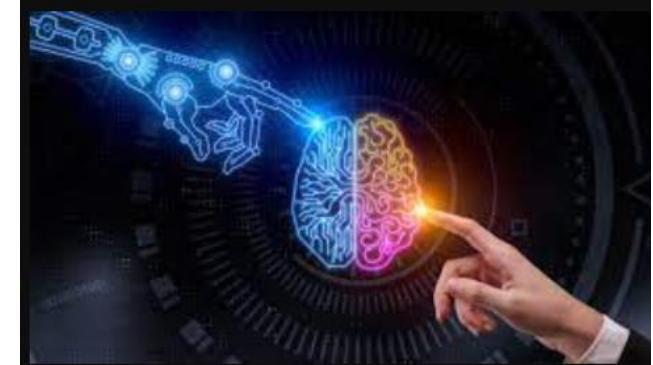
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MDS del(5q) megakaryocytes



High-throughput sequencing



Artificial intelligence

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Potentielle Interessenkonflikte

Anstellungsverhältnis oder Führungsposition: Hämatologie Praxis Bern-Solothurn, Belegarzt Hirslanden

Beratungs- bzw. Gutachtertätigkeit: BMS/Celgene, Novartis, Sandoz, Takeda

Besitz von Geschäftsanteilen, Aktien oder Fonds: Hämatologie Praxis Bern-Solothurn

Patent, Urheberrecht, Verkaufslizenz: keine

Honorare: Keros

Finanzierung wissenschaftlicher Untersuchungen: Astellas, BMS/Celgene, Novartis, Roche, Sandoz, Serviez, Takeda (Fördermittel an Institution)

Andere finanzielle Beziehungen (Reisen): Amgen, BMS/Celgene, Gilead, Janssen, Novartis, Roche

Immaterielle Interessenkonflikte: Mitgründer Swiss MDS Studiengruppe, Register, Biobank

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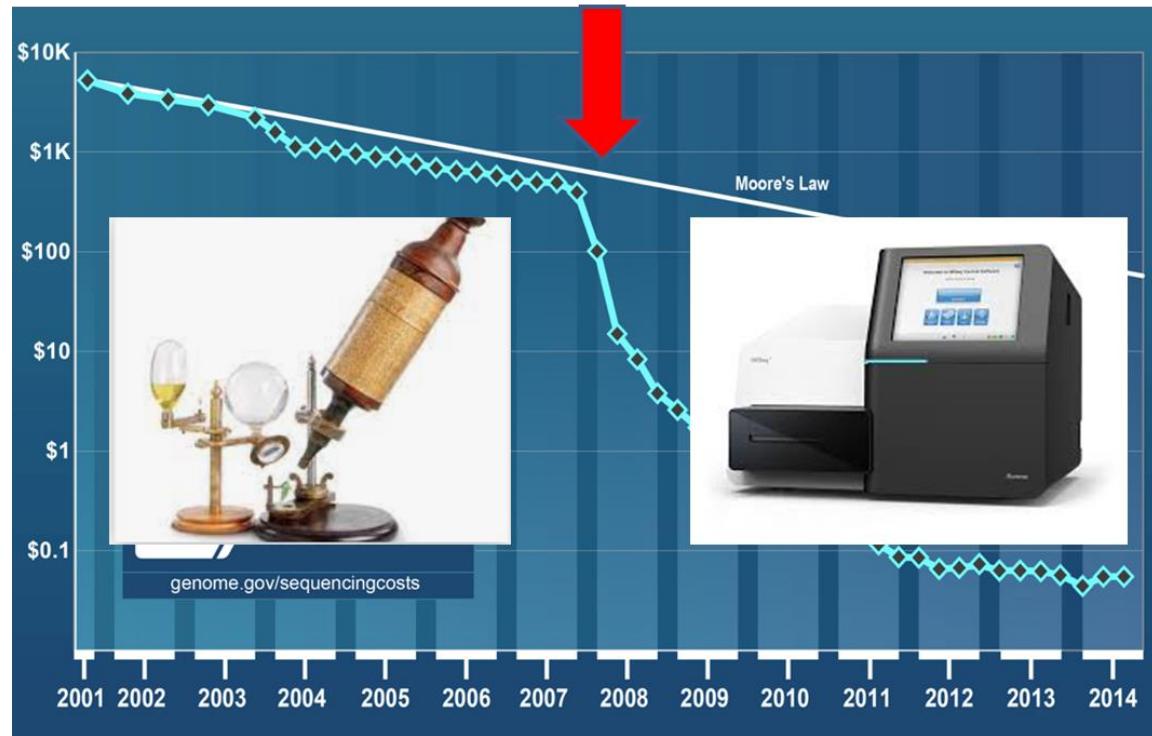
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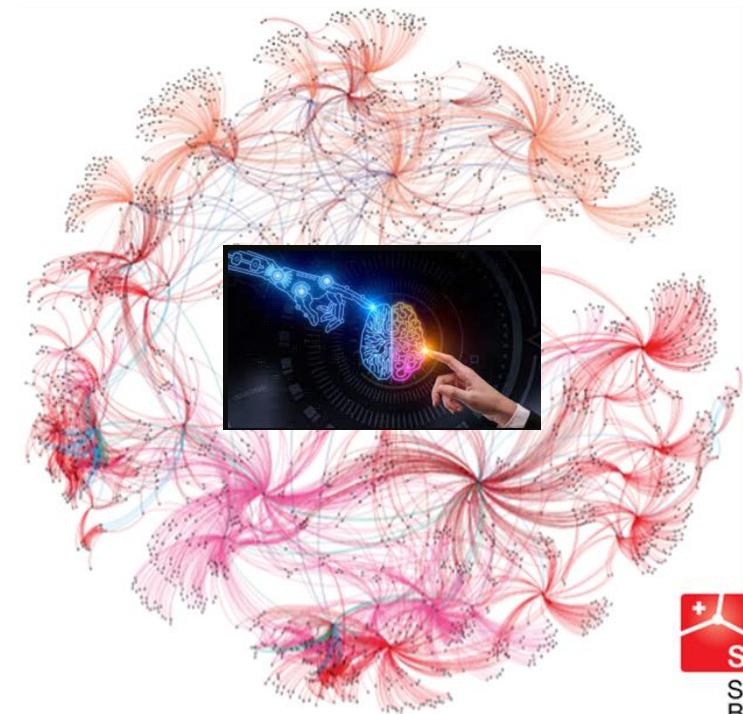
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Technological advances

Costs pro Megabase DNA sequenced



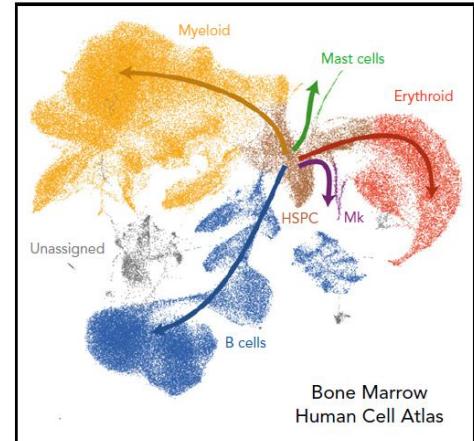
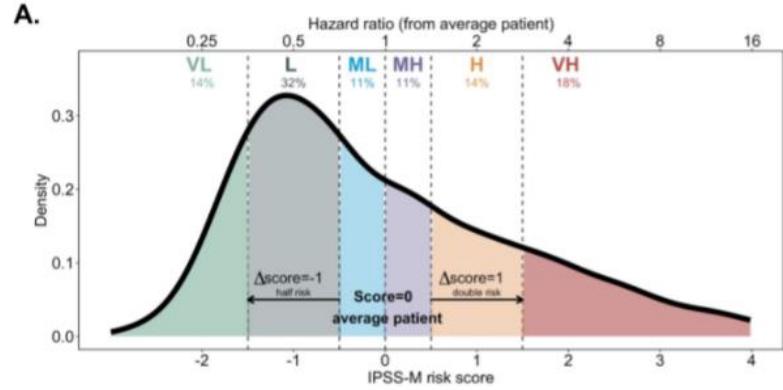
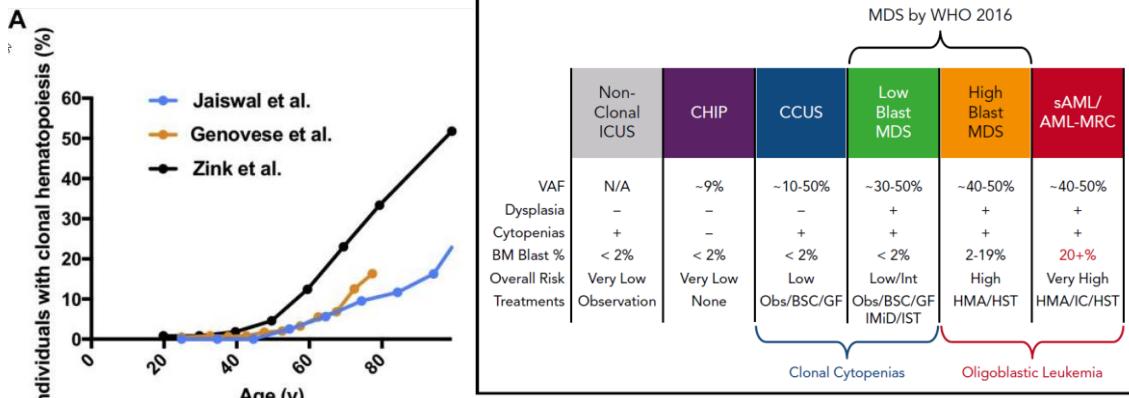
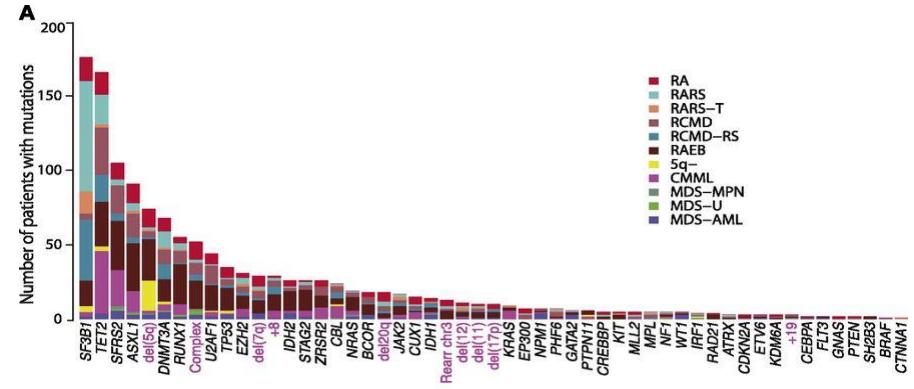
Analysis of high-dimensional data



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Genomic/bioinformatic revolution

Biological/clinical impact



Increasing heterogeneity/complexity

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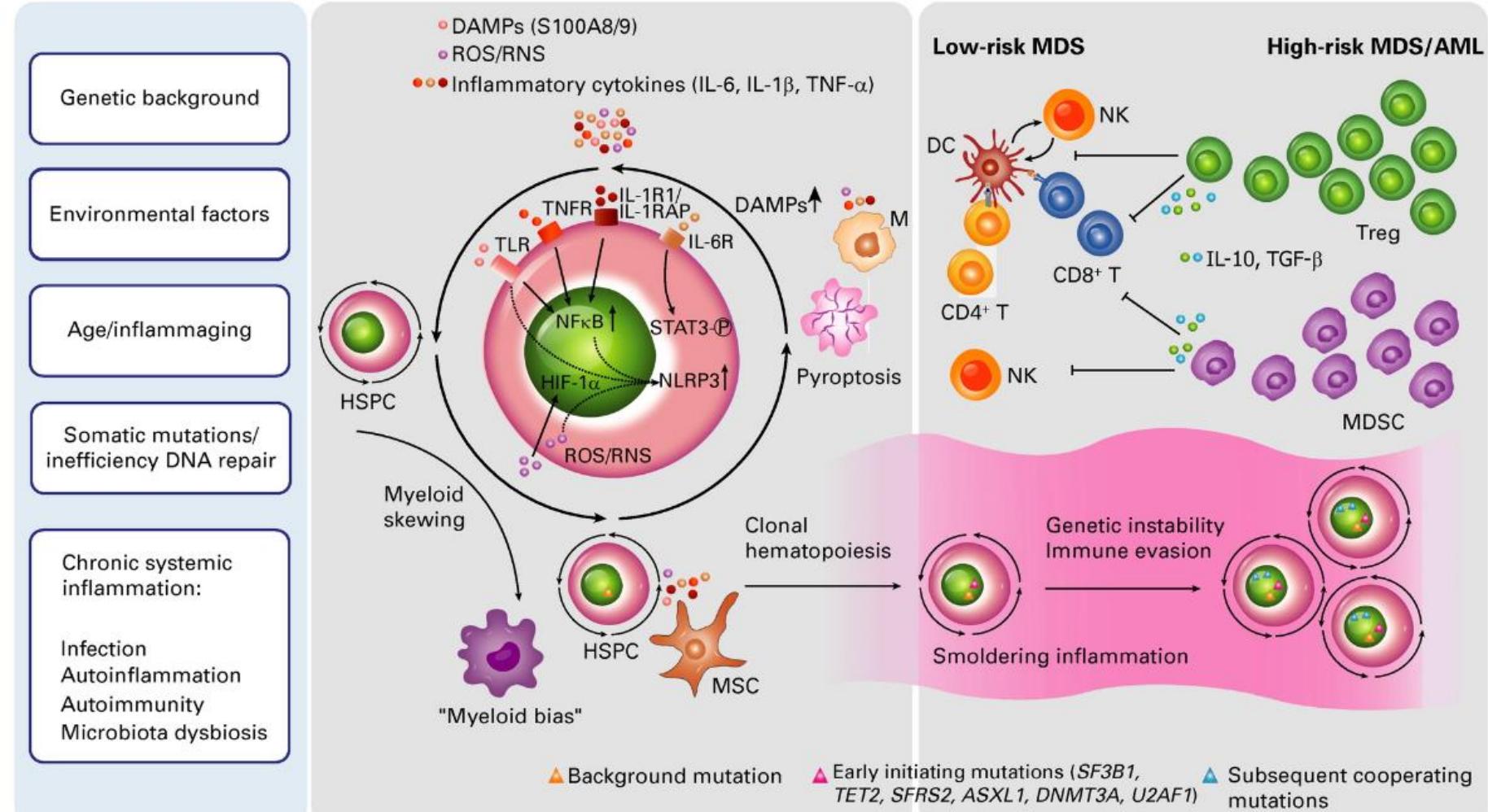
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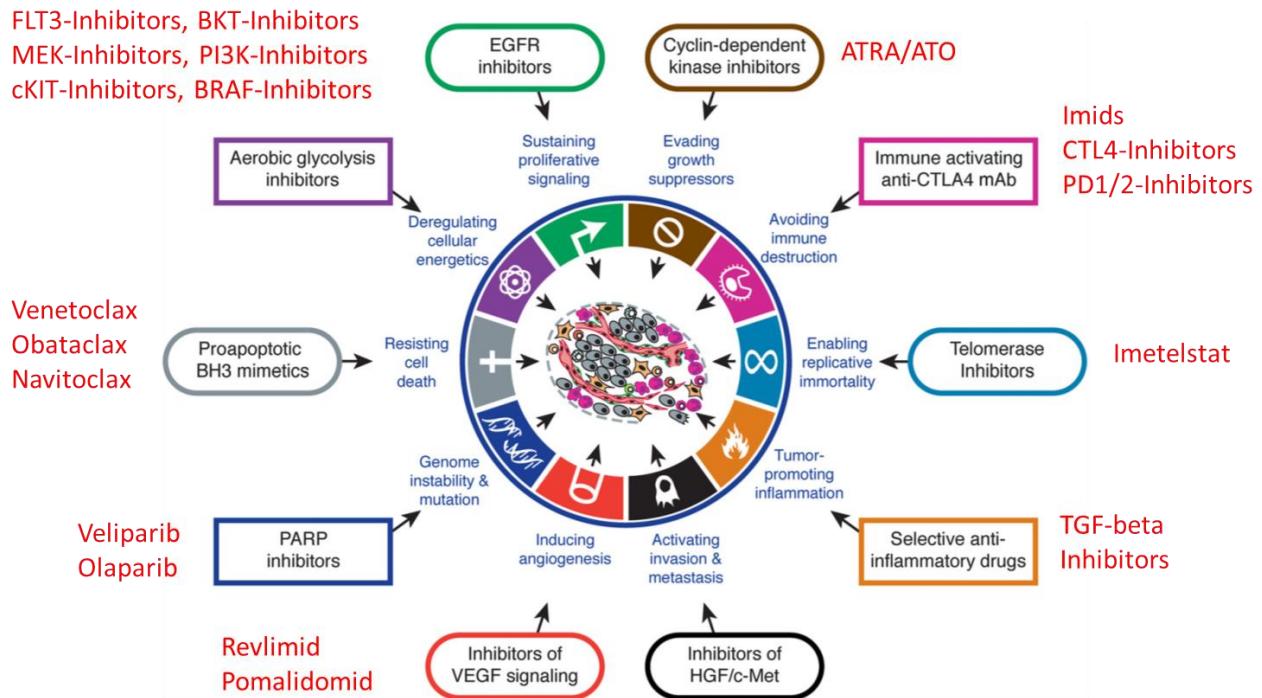
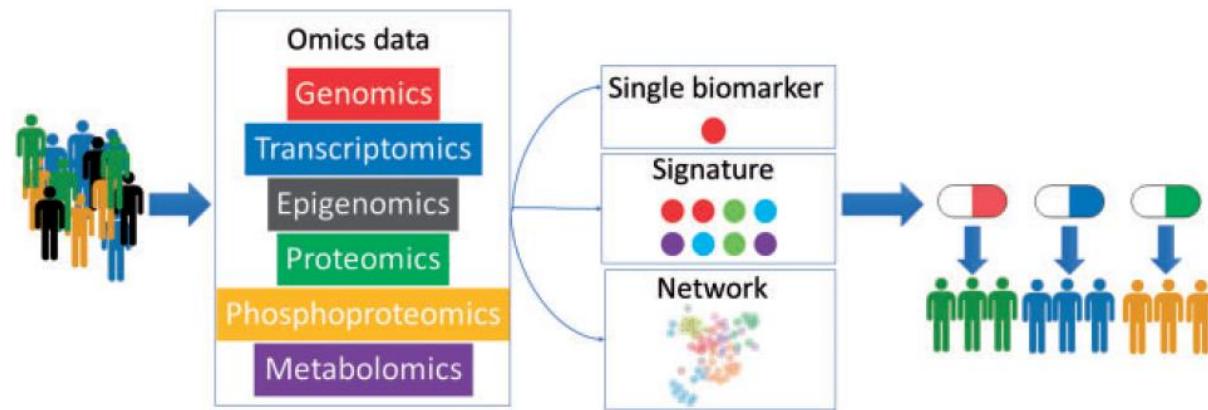
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Immune-mediated pathophysiology of MDS



Precision Medicine/Targeted Therapies

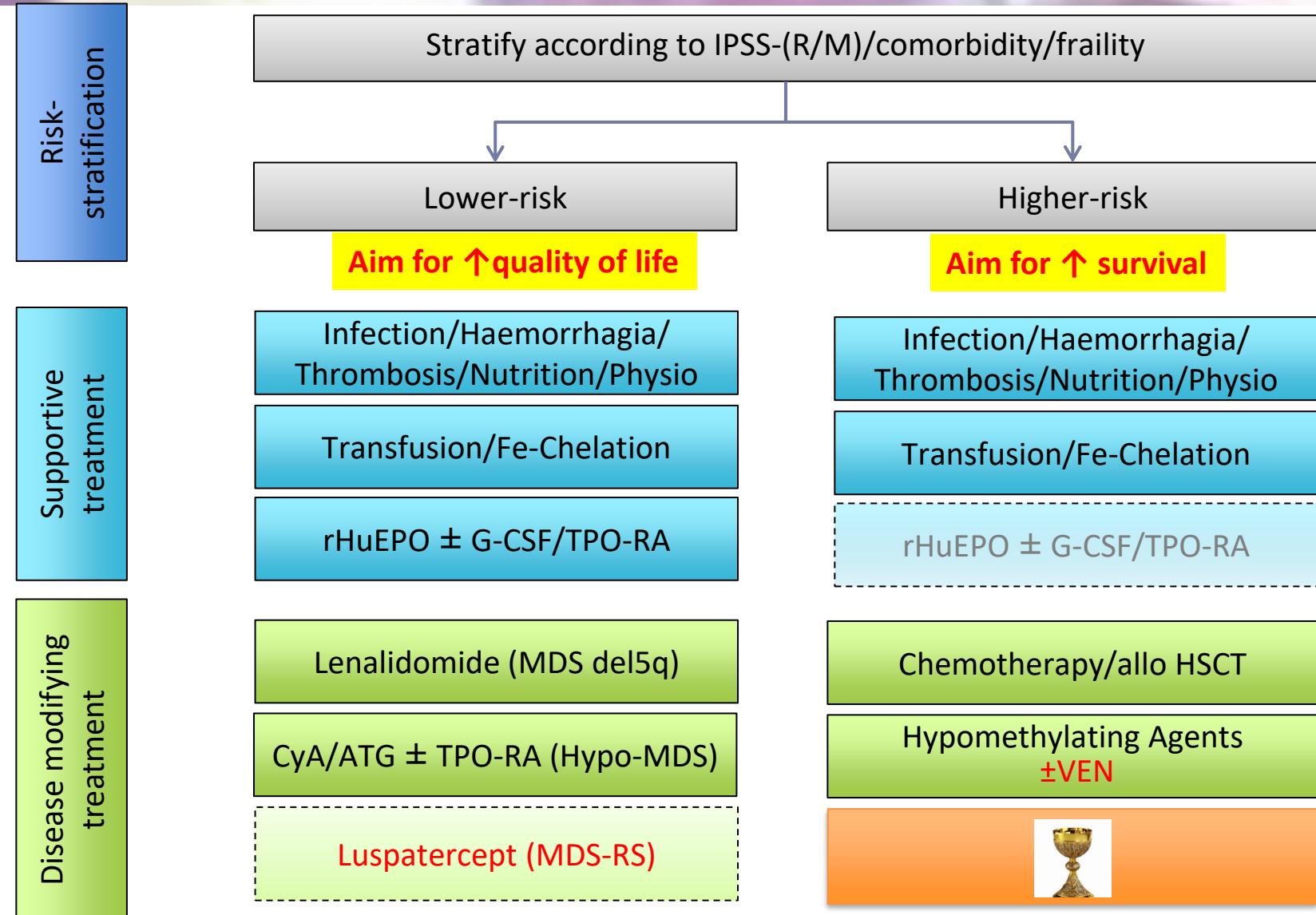


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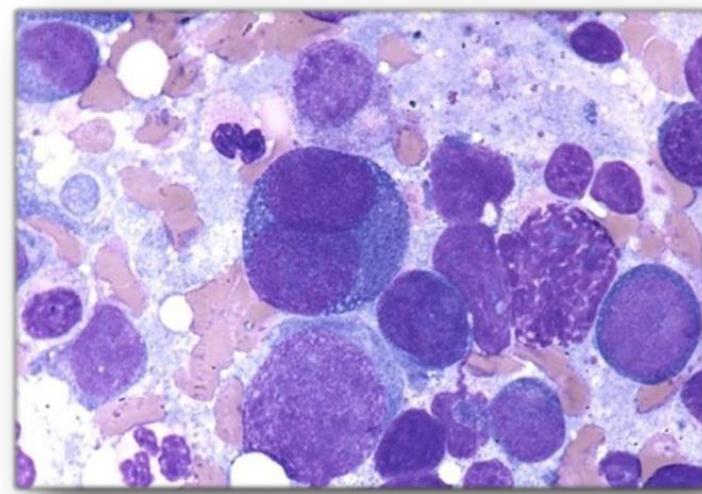
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MDS Management Plan



Natural Course

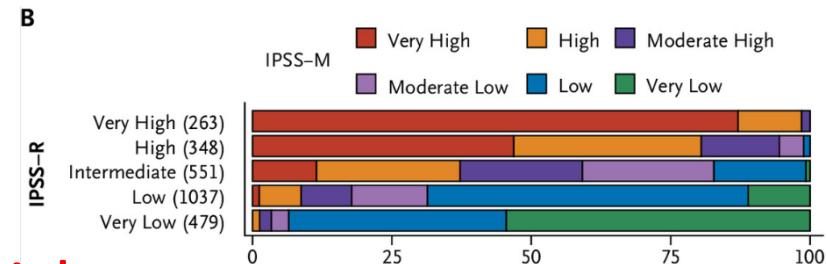


~1/3 sAML

Higher-risk

Lower-risk

~2/3 BMF



Disease-based factors

Patient-based factors

Risk Assessment

Disease-based factors

- IPSS
- WPSS
- IPSS-R
- IPSS-M
- Hypoplastic model
- CPSS (molecular)

Patient-based factors

Caregiver-based:

- Karnofsky-Index, ECOG
- HSC-CI (Sorror) for fit
- MDS-CI for unfit
- MDS Transplantation Risk Index
- MDS Survival Score

Patient-based:

- QoL scoring systems (PROs)
 - EORTC QLQ C30, EQ-5D, FACT-An, QUALMS
- MPN-SAF Score (MDS/MPN)

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Functionality Assessment



Response Assessment

ESA: 3 months

Imid: 4 months

CyA/ATG, LUSPA, HMA: 6 months

Allo HSCT: 3/6/9/12 months

Proposals for revised IWG 2018 hematological response criteria in patients with MDS included in clinical trials

U. Platzbecker, P. Fenaux, L. Adès, A. Giagounidis, V. Santini, A. A. van de Loosdrecht, D. Bowen, T. de Witte, G. Garcia-Manero, E. Hellström-Lindberg, U. Germing, R. Stauder, L. Malcovati, Mikael A. Sekeres, David P. Steensma and S. Gloaguen

Toxicity Assessment

Common Terminology Criteria
for Adverse Events (CTCAE)

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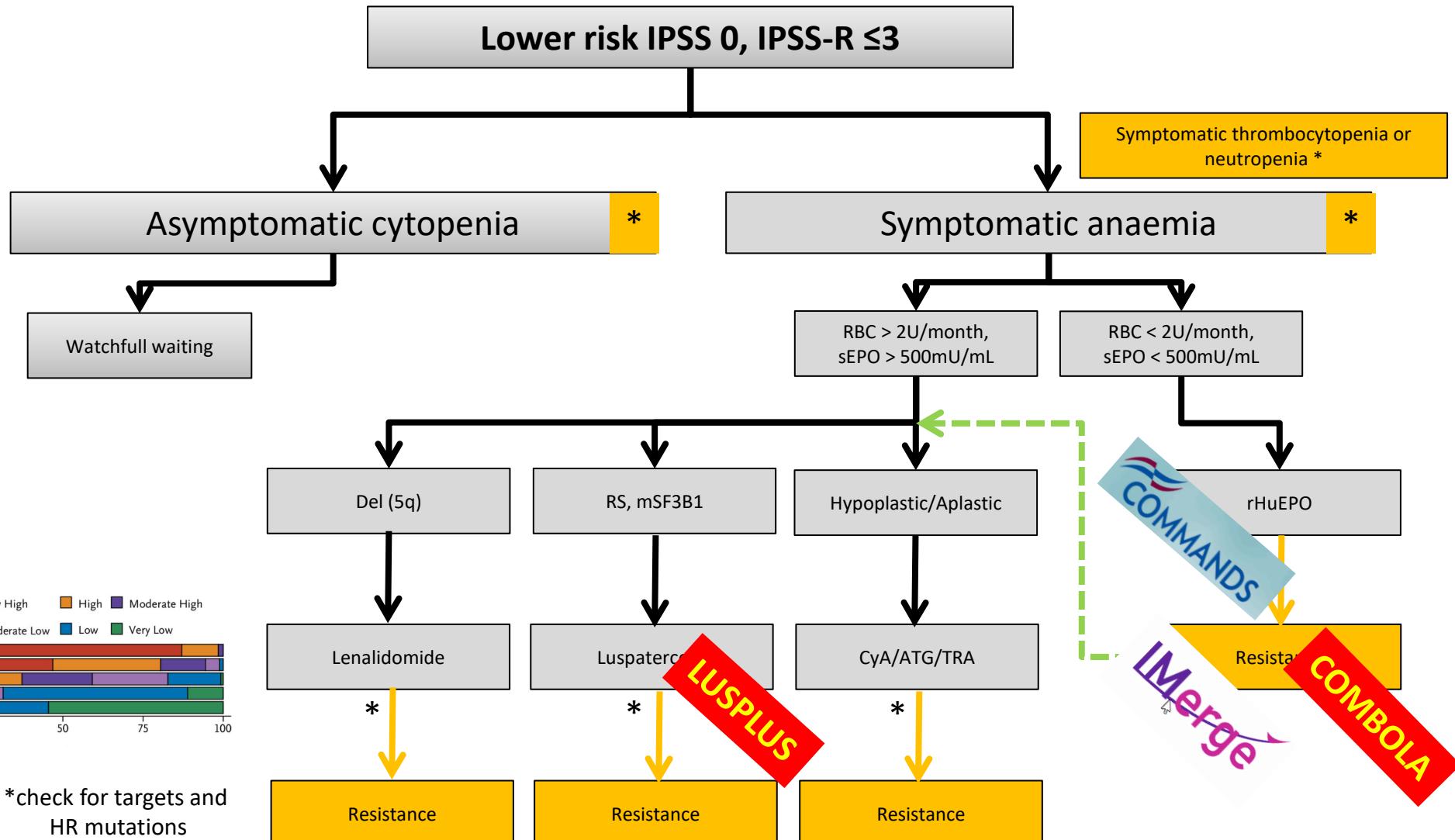
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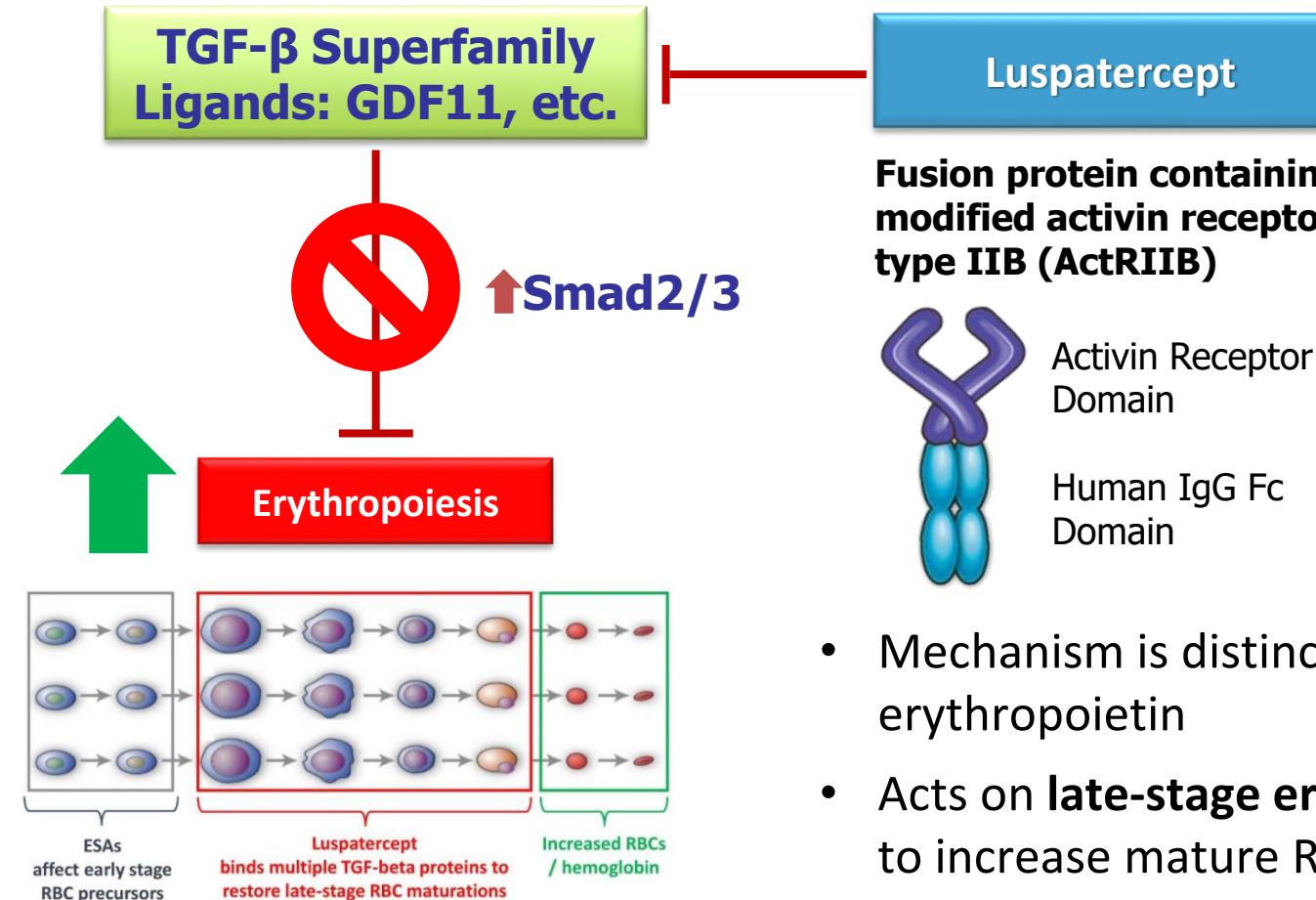
The aim of the treatment has to be agreed with patients

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Luspatercept in RS+/SF3B1+ (5-10%) (EMA, erythrocyte maturation agent)



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Zhou L, et al., Blood 2008

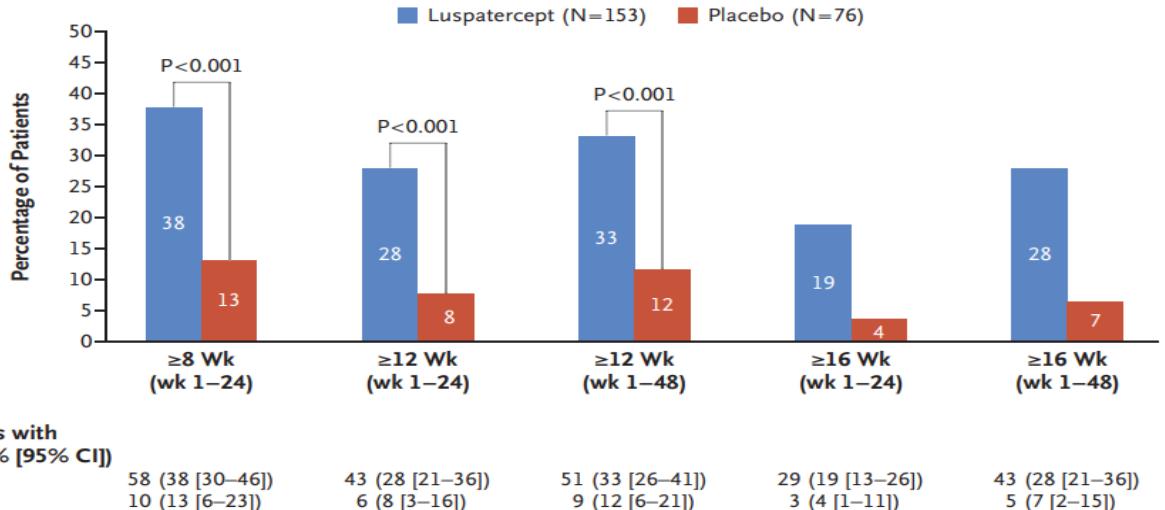
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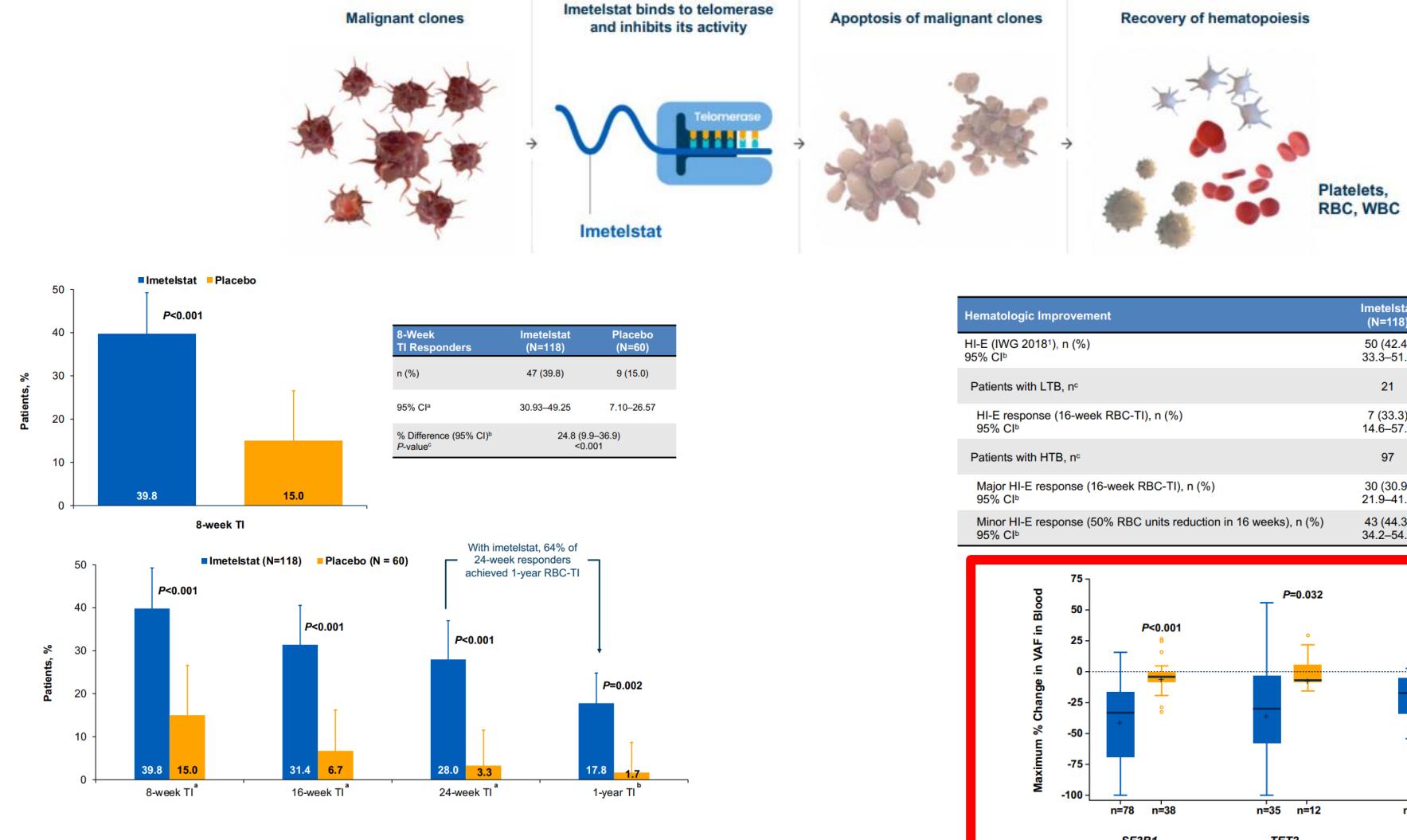
No. of Patients with Response (% [95% CI])

Luspatercept
Placebo

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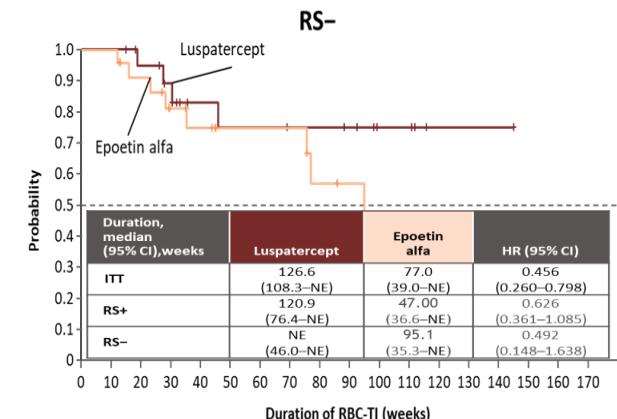
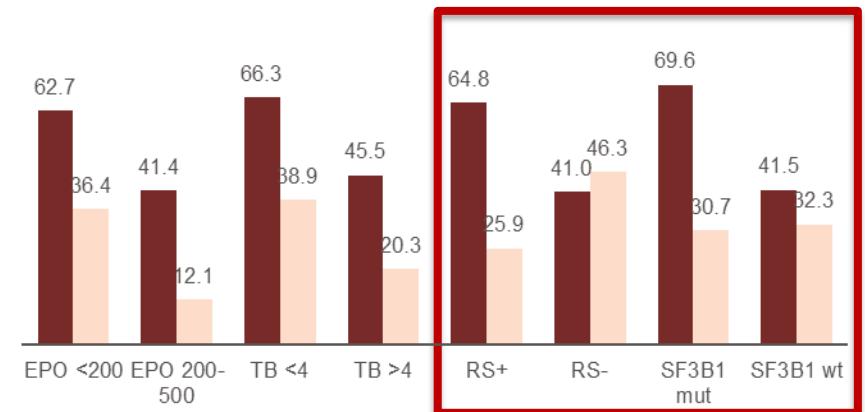
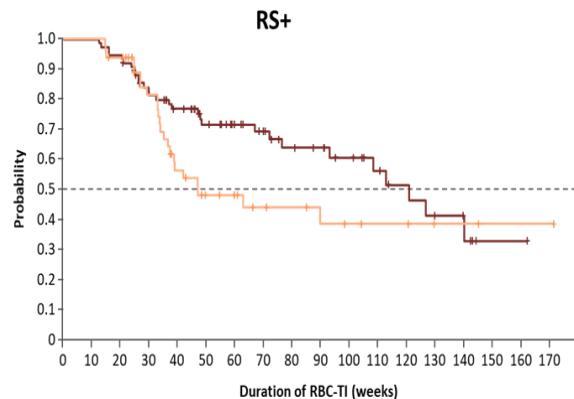
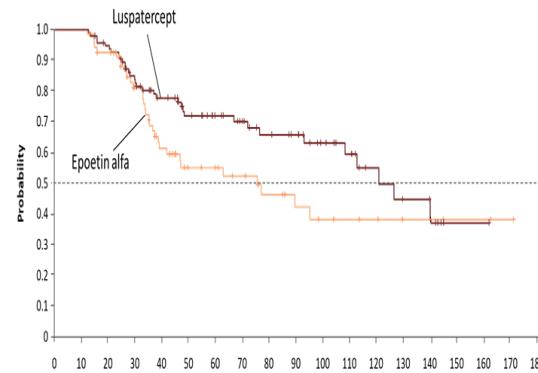
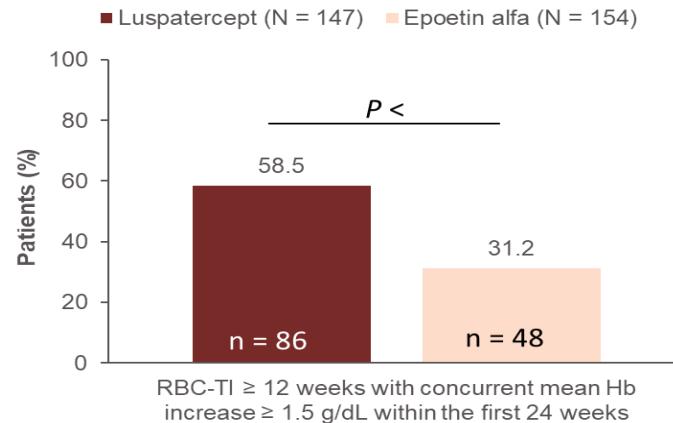
End Point	Luspatercept (N=153)	Placebo (N=76)
Erythroid response during wk 1–24*		
No. of patients (% [95% CI])	81 (53 [45–61])	9 (12 [6–21])
Reduction of ≥4 red-cell units/8 wk — no./total no. (%)†	52/107 (49)	8/56 (14)
Mean increase in hemoglobin level of ≥1.5 g/dl — no./total no. (%)‡	29/46 (63)	1/20 (5)
Erythroid response during wk 1–48*		
No. of patients (% [95% CI])	90 (59 [51–67])	13 (17 [9–27])
Reduction of ≥4 red-cell units/8 wk — no./total no. (%)†	58/107 (54)	12/56 (21)
Mean increase in hemoglobin level of ≥1.5 g/dl — no./total no. (%)‡	32/46 (70)	1/20 (5)
Mean increase in hemoglobin level of ≥1.0 g/dl — no. (% [95% CI])§		
During wk 1–24	54 (35 [28–43])	6 (8 [3–16])
During wk 1–48	63 (41 [33–49])	8 (11 [5–20])

IMERGE (interim phase 3)



COMMANDS (interim phase 3)

RBC-TI \geq 12 weeks with concurrent mean Hb increase \geq 1.5g/dL (weeks 1–24)



«LR-MDS» with HR-behaviour

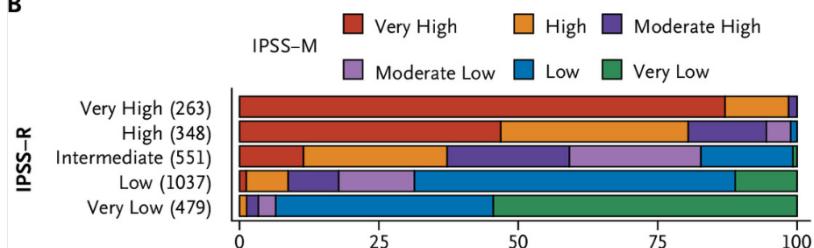


Regonzie the wolf in sheep's clothing

- age, kinetics, severity and multi-lineage affection
- Co-mutations?
- Specific therapeutic consequences
(i.e. TP53, IDH1/2, FLT3 others..)

Resistance/refractoriness

- Co-mutations?
- Specific therapeutic consequences
(i.e. TP53, IDH1/2, FLT3 others..)



Oral AZA (CC-486) in MDS



Patients were randomly assigned 1:1 to CC-486 300-mg or placebo for 21 days/28-day cycle. Primary end point RBC transfusion independence (TI) was met, but too toxic.

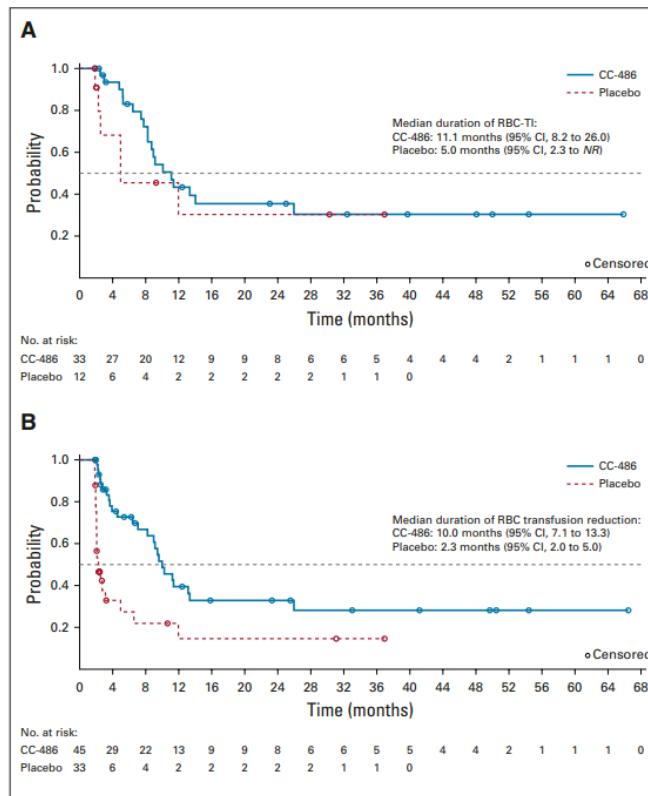


FIG 2. Kaplan-Meier estimated durations of (A) RBC transfusion independence and (B) RBC transfusion reductions (≥ 4 units). Data cutoff: January 25, 2019. NR, not reached; RBC-TI, RBC transfusion independence.

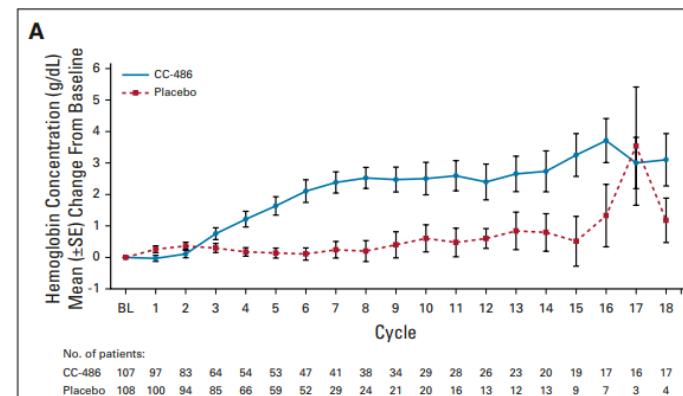
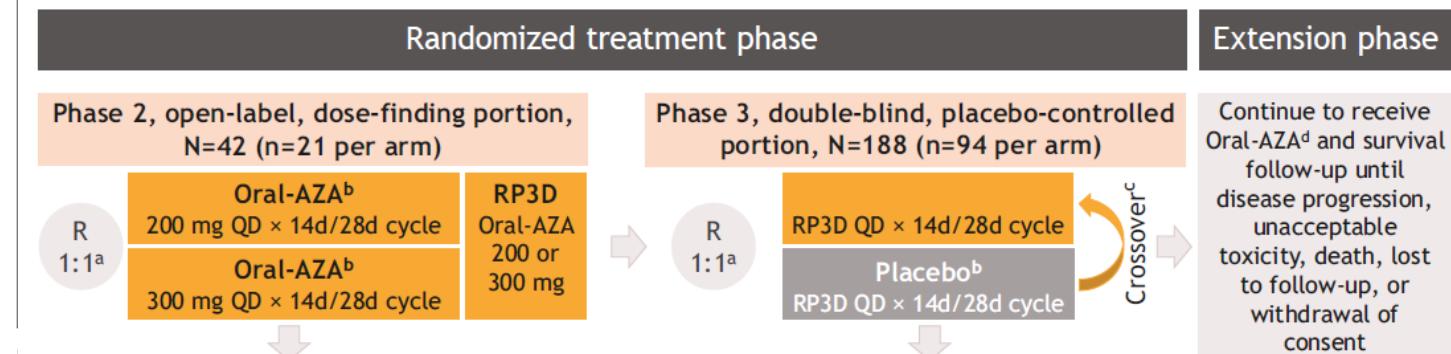


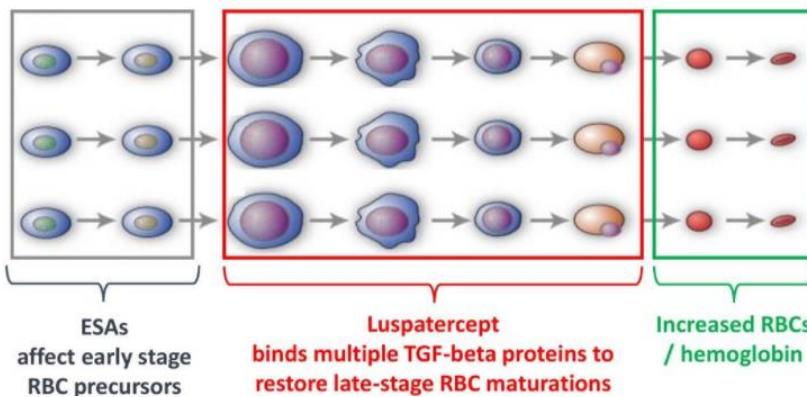
TABLE 2. Grade 3-4 Treatment-Emergent Adverse Events Reported in $\geq 10\%$ of Patients Randomly Assigned to CC-486	
CC-486 (n = 107)	Placebo (n = 109)
Preferred Term	n (%)
≥ 1 Grade 3-4 TEAE	96 (89.7) 80 (73.4)
Neutropenia	50 (46.7) 13 (11.9)
Thrombocytopenia	31 (29.0) 17 (15.6)
Febrile neutropenia	30 (28.0) 11 (10.1)
Anemia	20 (18.7) 18 (16.5)
Pneumonia	13 (12.1) 10 (9.2)

Figure 1. CA055-026 trial design and endpoints



COMBOLA (phase 2/3)

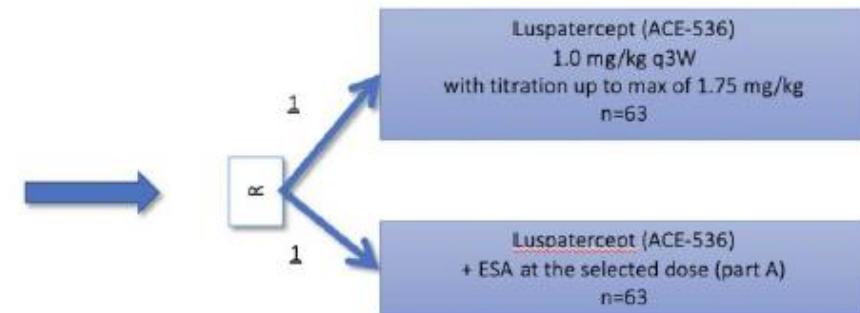
Combola Trial
EudraCT number 2021-000596-37



- Patients with lower risk MDS according to IPSS classification (LOW, INT-1) without RS
- failed to achieve a response or who subsequently relapse after ESA (at least 50000 U EPO-a over at least 12 weeks or equivalent), without disease progression (Or ineligible to ESA defined by EPO > 500 UI/l)
- Hemoglobin < 9 gr/dl or Transfusion dependant (at least 3 RBCs)
- No del(5q) MDS

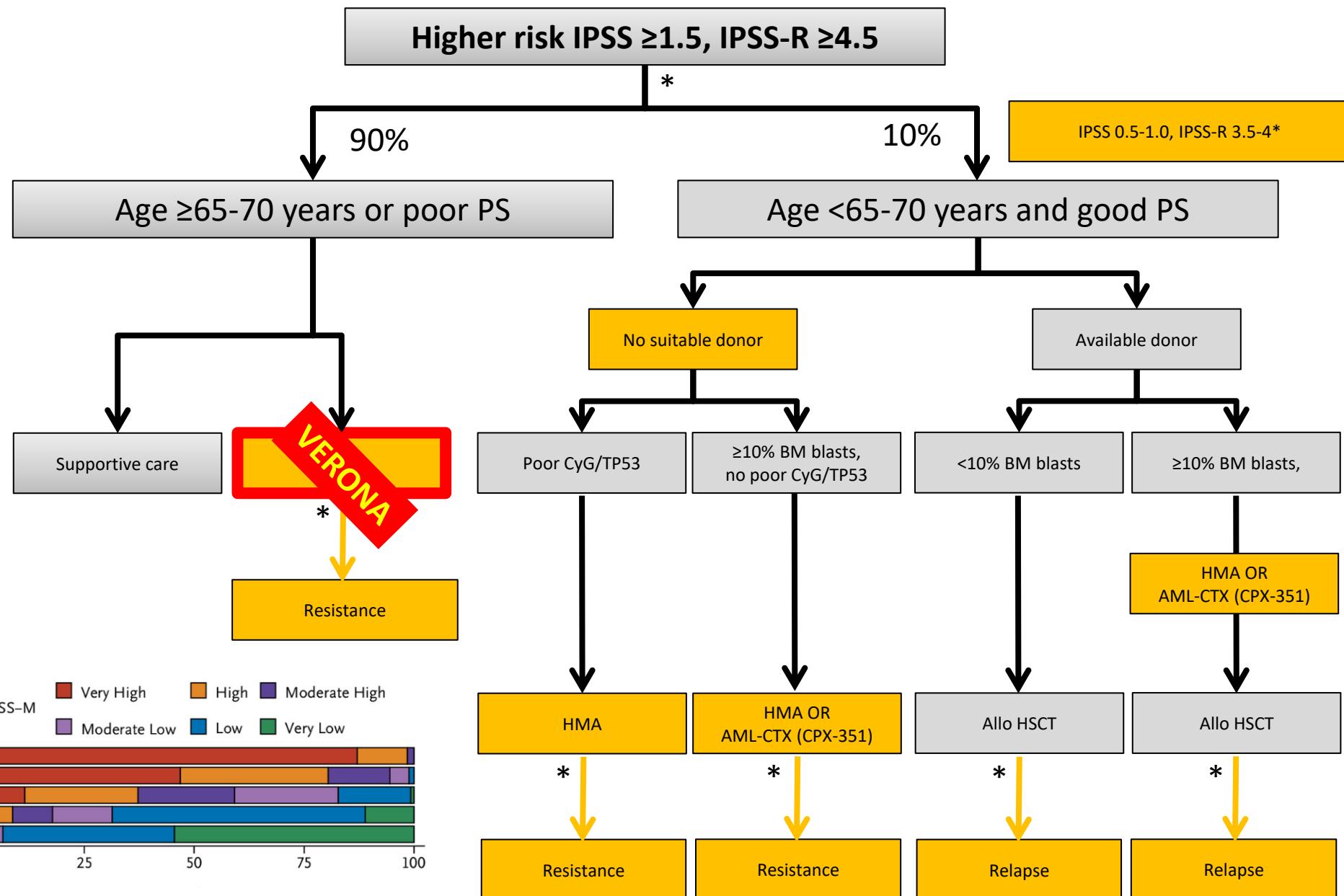
gfm Groupe Francophone des Myélodysplasies

1° Endpoint: transfusion independence for TD dependent patients and hematological improvement for non TD dependent patient at W25



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- **Higher-risk MDS**
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Definition of eligibility for allo HSCT



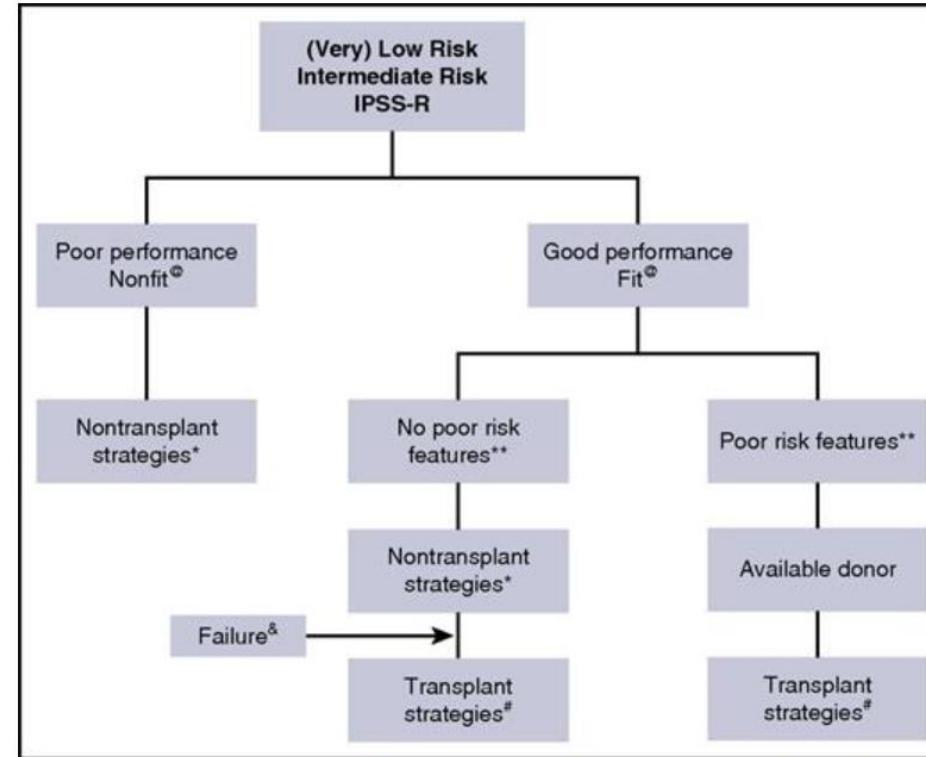
Table 1. Prognostic risk factors relevant for HSCT eligibility and for outcome after HSCT

Prognostic risk factor	Tools to measure risk factors in patients with MDS	Outcome after	
		Nontransplant interventions, including supportive care	HSCT
Patient related			
Age (chronological)	Calendar, IPSS-R ²⁰	Age influences prognostic impact of disease-related factors ²⁰	Impact age influenced by other patient-related factors ¹⁵
Performance status (functional ability)	Karnofsky status ≥ 80%		Better survival after HSCT ¹⁵
Frailty (reduced physical fitness)	Specific tools have to be tested in HSCT ¹¹⁷		Fit patients better outcome ^{12,16-18}
Comorbidities	HSCT-specific CI (HCT-CI) ¹⁴		Low CI better outcome ¹³
Disease related			
Percentage of marrow blasts	IPSS(-R), WPSS, WHO ^{20,21}	Related to prognosis ^{20,21}	Only impact if <5% marrow blasts ²²
Cytogenetic risk groups	IPSS(-R), WPSS, CPSS ^{20,21,44}	5 prognostic groups ¹⁹	Only very-poor-risk ²³ and monosomal karyotype ³⁰
Severity of cytopenias	IPSS(-R), WPSS ^{41,42}	IPSS-R better prediction of prognosis compared with IPSS ⁴²	Only very-poor-risk group of IPSS-R prognostic
Marrow fibrosis	WHO criteria ⁵¹	Severity fibrosis prognostic ⁵¹	Severity fibrosis prognostic ⁵²
Transfusions burden	WPSS ^{41,63}	WPSS ⁴¹	WPSS ⁶⁴
FCM	ELN FCM score ^{25,27}	ELN FCM score ²⁴	Not validated yet ²⁷
Molecular mutations	No specific tools yet ³⁴	Mutations in RUNX1, U2AF1, ASXL1, TP53, and others: poor prognosis ³⁴	Mutations in TP53, EZH2, ETV6 poor prognostic ^{23,35}
Disease status (after nontransplant treatment interventions)			
ESA failure	High Epo levels, high transfusion intensity ^{6,68}	High Epo levels, high transfusion intensity ^{6,68}	No direct impact reported
Lenalidomide failure	Absence of 5q- ⁵	Absence of 5q- ⁵	No direct impact reported
HMA failure	HMA-therapy-specific risk score ⁷¹	HMA-therapy-specific risk score, ⁷¹ complex karyotype ¹¹⁸ TET2 and TP53 mutations ^{72,73}	Best available treatment after HMA failure, ⁷⁶ but response status prognostic factor
ICT	MDS-specific risk score ⁴	MDS-specific risk score ⁴	Best available treatment available after failure of first-line ICT, ⁷⁰ but response status and remission duration prognostic factor ³¹

Fit: HCT-CI of 0-2 and age ≤75 years old, without limiting co-morbidities for intensive treatment and/or allo HSCT

Unfit: HCT-CI >2 or age >75 years old or otherwise unfit for intensive treatment and/or allo HSCT

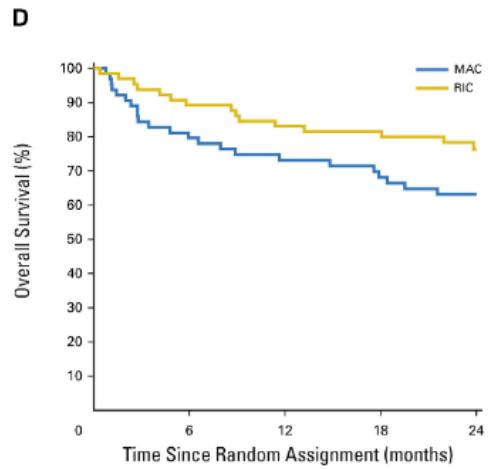
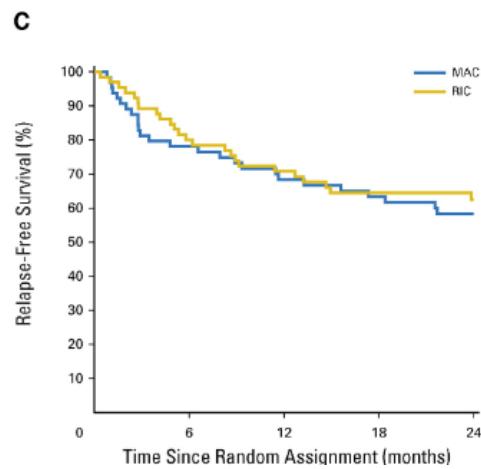
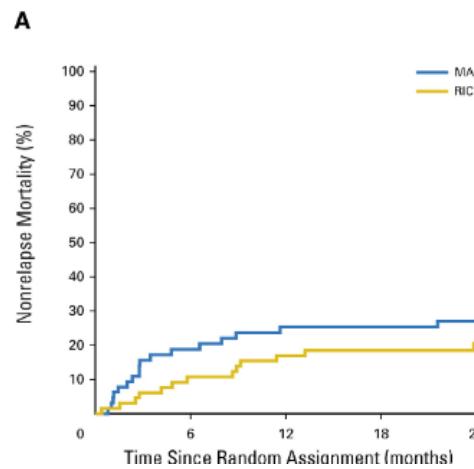
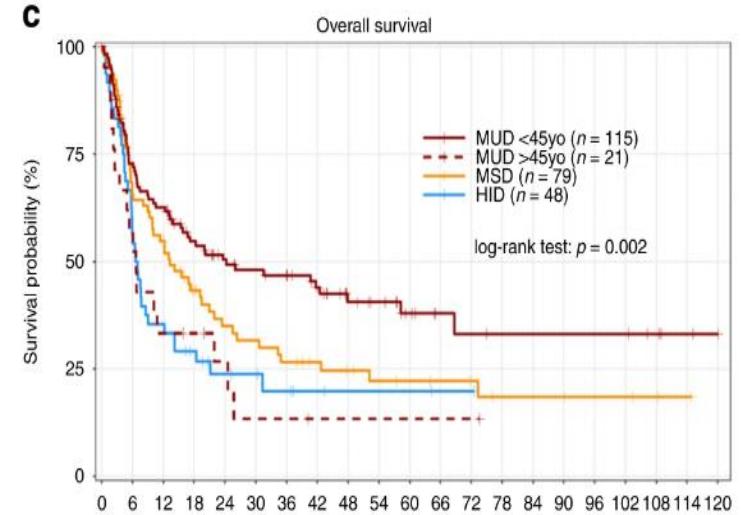
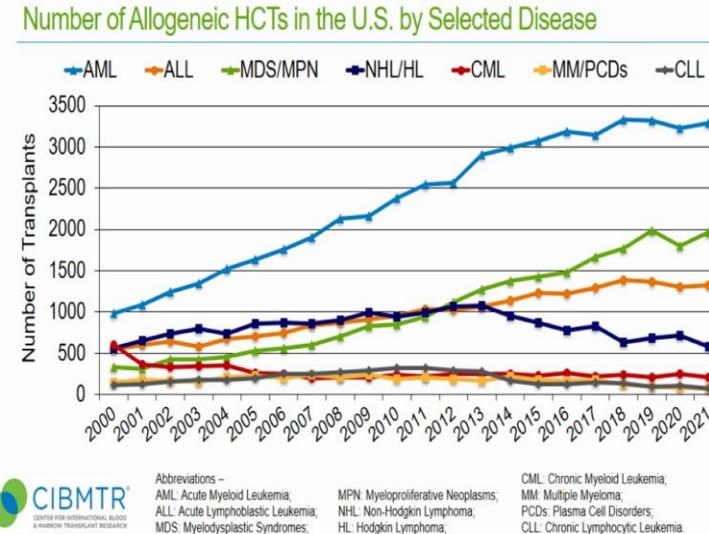
Allo HSCT in «lower-risk» MDS



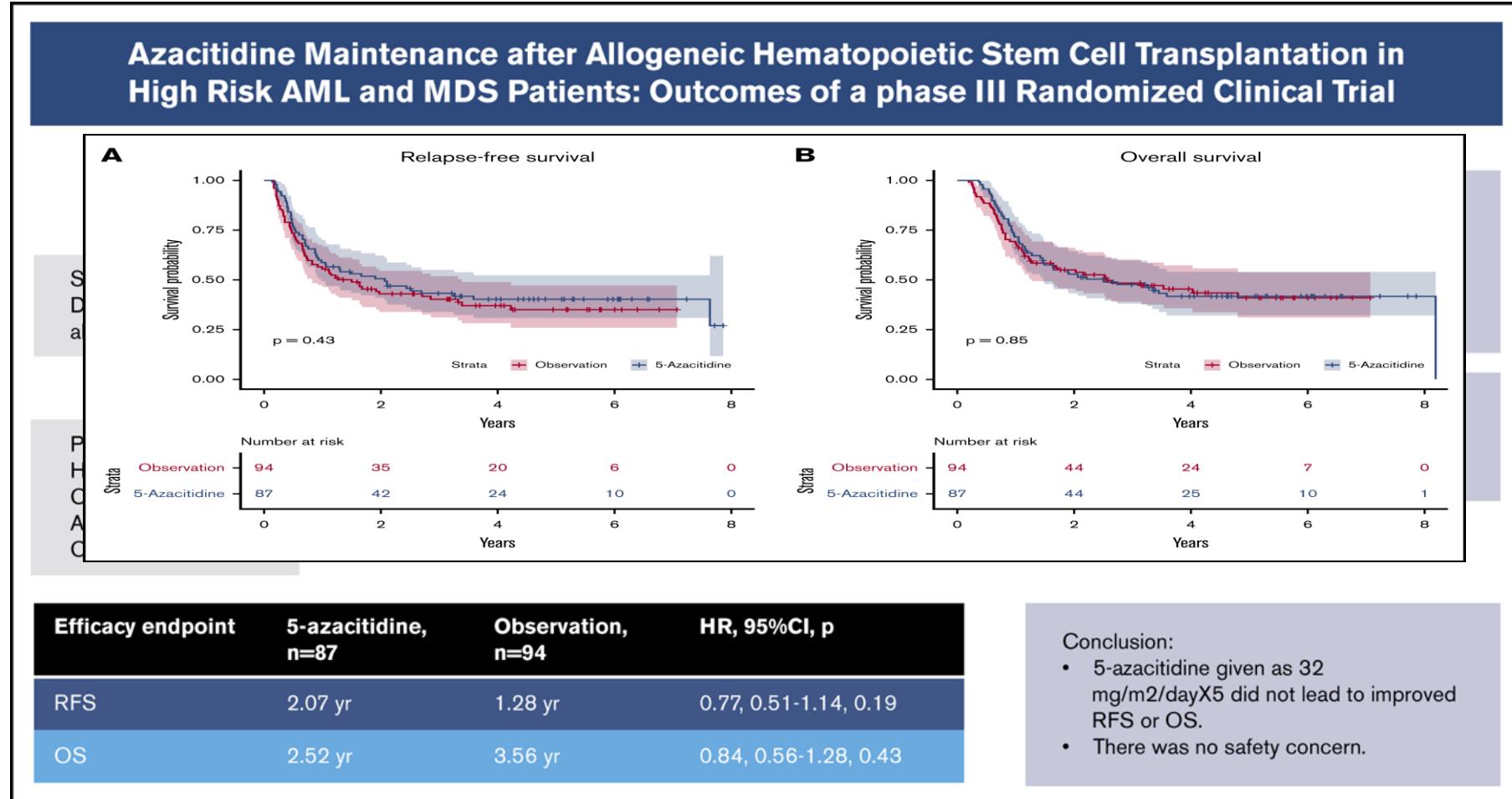
Poor-risk features in lower-/intermediate-risk patients may justify allo HSCT early after diagnosis

- frequent RBC transfusions (>2 units per month)
- life-threatening cytopenias (neutrophil counts $<0.3 \times 10^9/L$ or platelet counts $<30 \times 10^9/L$)
- very-poor prognostic cytogenetic or molecular (?) markers

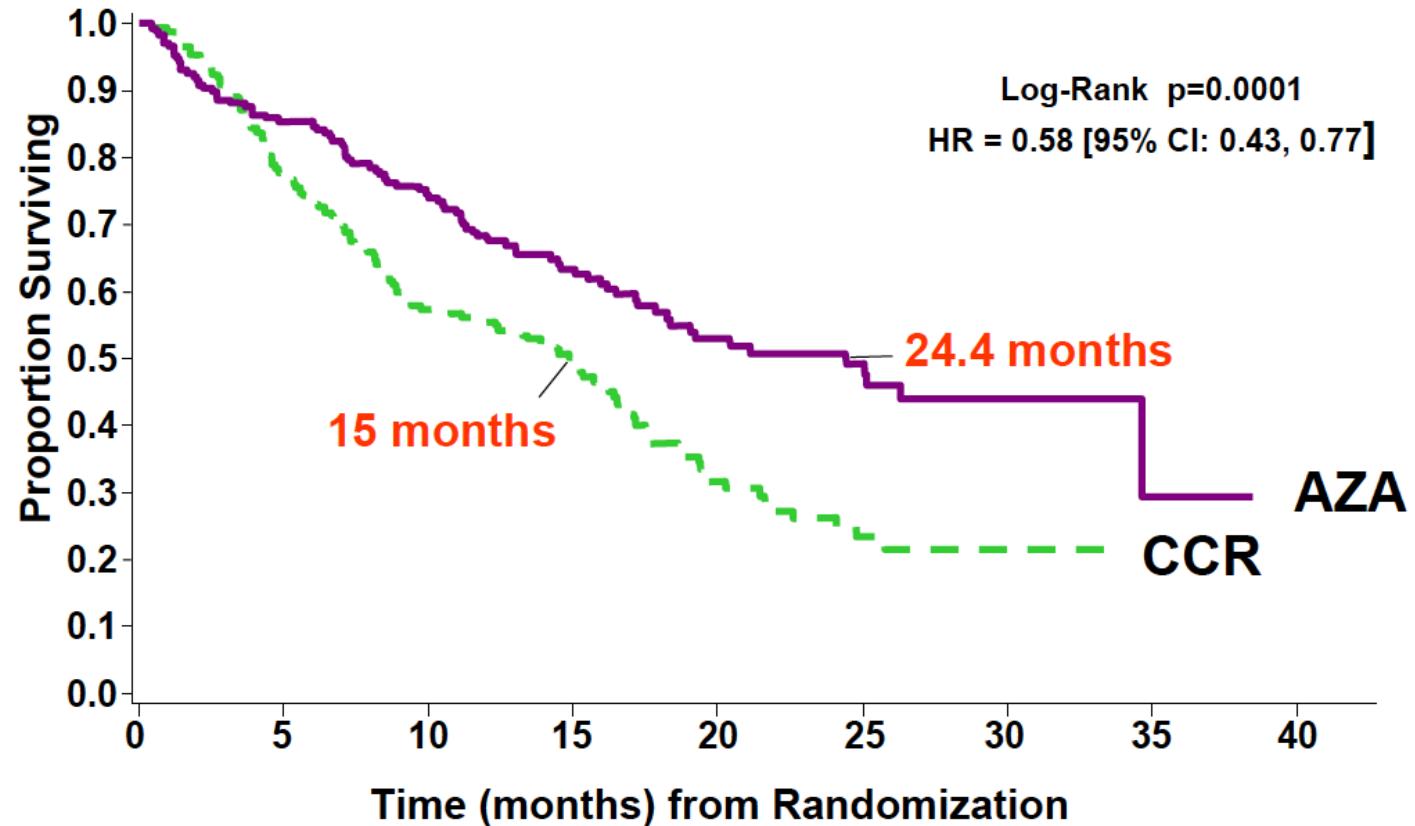
Allo HSCT in MDS



Consolidation after allo HSCT



AZA remains SOC in NTE HR-MDS



No impact on clonal composition !!!

Total ITT (n=358)		
	Azacitidine (n=179)	CCR (n=179)
Haematological response		
Any remission	51 (29%)	21 (12%)
Complete remission	30 (17%)	14 (8%)
Partial remission	21 (12%)	7 (4%)
Stable disease	75 (42%)	65 (36%)

DoR (any response)
13.6m (95%CI 10.1-16.3m) vs
5.2m (95% CI 4.1-9.7m) (p.0002)

DoR (CR/PR)
3.2m (95%CI 2.4-4.2m) vs
3.0m (95% CI 2.1-4.0) (p.48)

Oral HMA for MDS (ASCERTAIN iv vs po)

Inquovi® (FDA approved not by EMA)

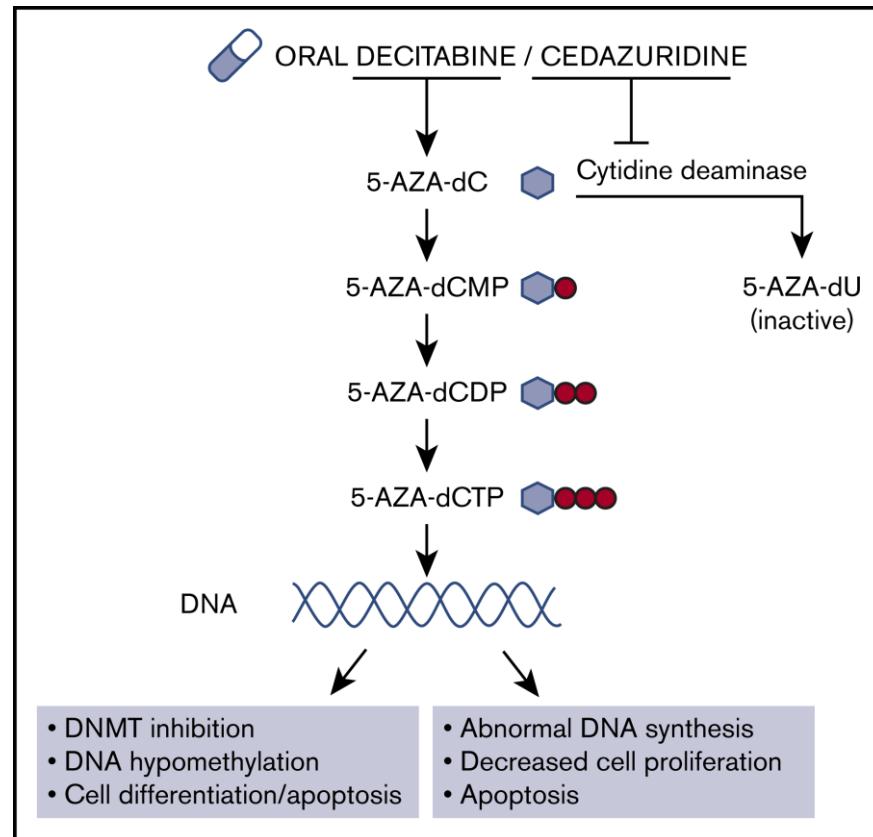
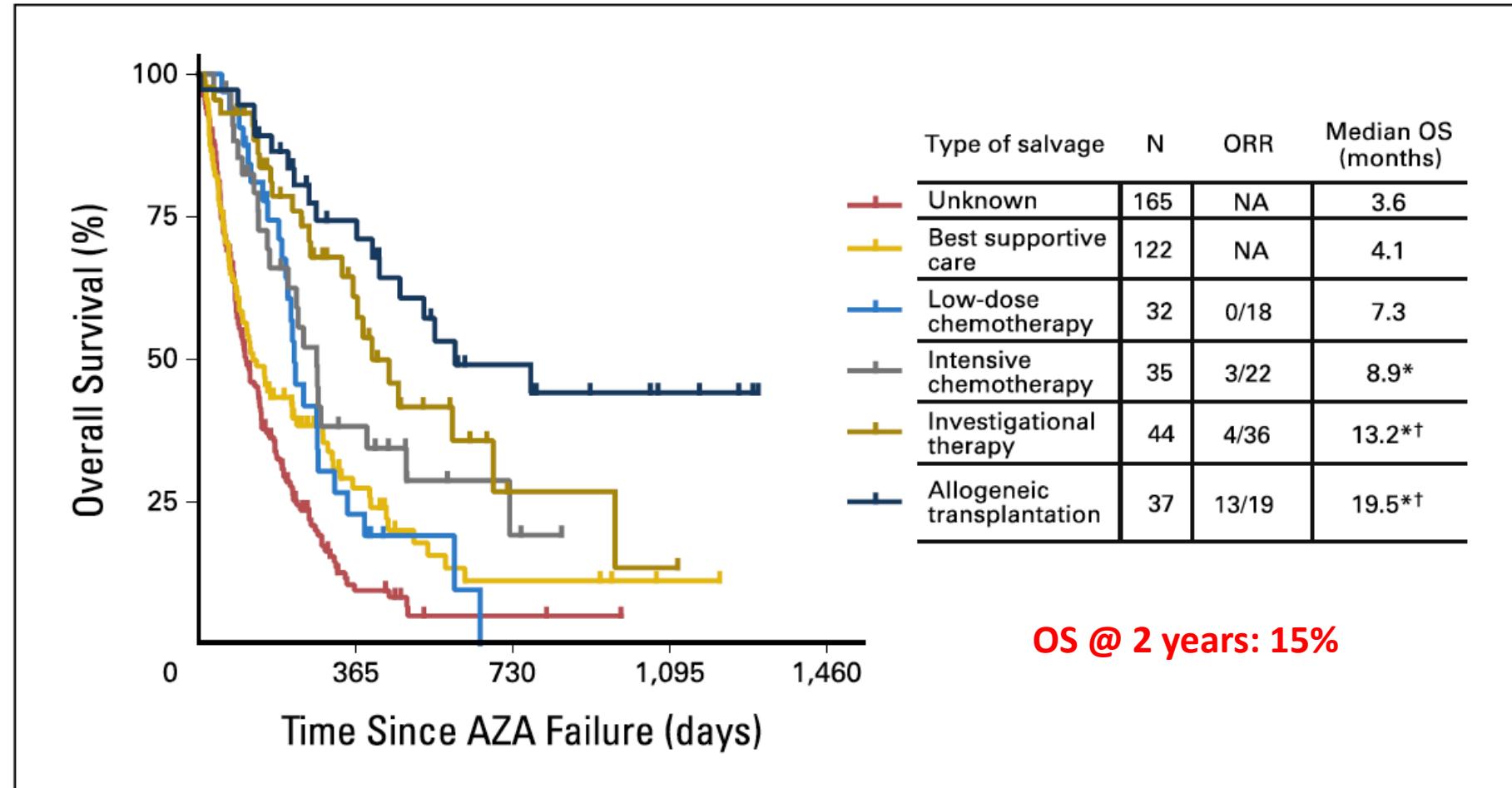


Table 3. Outcomes of phase 2 and 3 trials of oral decitabine/cedazuridine

Characteristic	Phase 2 (NCT02103478) ASTX727-01-B ⁴⁵	Phase 3 (NCT03306264) ASTX727-02 ^{46,47}
Total patients, N	80	133
Mean age (range), y	71 (32-90)	71 (44-88)
MDS (intermediate-1), n (%)	35 (44)	11 (8)
MDS (intermediate-2), n (%)	19 (24)	85 (64)
MDS (high risk), n (%)	9 (11)	21 (16)
CMMI, n (%)	17 (21)	16 (12)
Median number of cycles (range)	7 (1-29)	8 (1-18)
Oral/IV ratio of geometric LSM 5-d AUC, %	97.6	98.9
Difference (oral-IV) in mean maximum LINE-1 demethylation, %	0.017-1.079	0.7-0.8
Patients with CR, n (%)	17 (21)	29 (22)
Patients with PR, n (%)	0	0
Patients with mCR, n (%)	18 (22)	43 (32)
Overall response (CR + PR + mCR + HI), n (%)	48 (60)	82 (62)
Median follow-up, mo	24	24.7
Median overall survival, mo	18.3	NR
Most common grade ≥ 3 TEAEs, %	Neutropenia: 46 Thrombocytopenia: 38 Febrile neutropenia: 29 Leukopenia: 24 Anemia: 22 Pneumonia: 13 Sepsis 10	Neutropenia: 52 Thrombocytopenia: 50 Anemia: 40 Febrile neutropenia: 26 Leukopenia: 21 Pneumonia: 12

Prognosis after HMA failure



HMA and more



Combinations with approved compounds

- **G-CSF, ESA, TPO-RA**
- Litalir, **Ruxolitinib (CMMI phase 2)**
- **Interferon (MDS/MPN)**



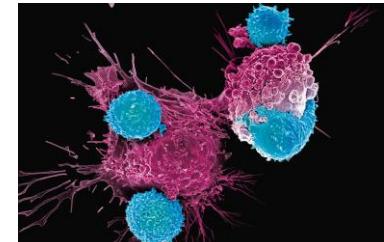
Combinations with new oral compounds (**AML context**)

- iIDH1/iIDH2 (blasts $\geq 20\%$)
- iFLT3 (blasts $\geq 20\%$)
- **VEN (blasts $\geq 20\%$)**



Combinations with new parenteral compounds

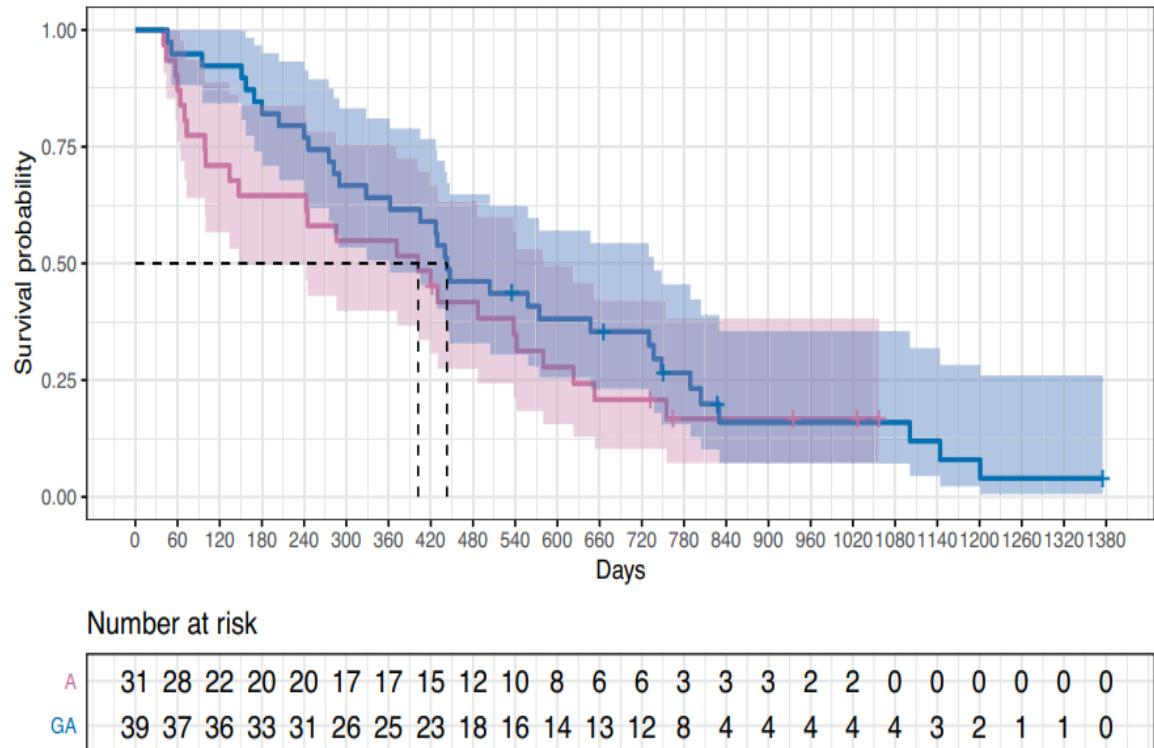
- ~~iNAE (NEED8 activating enzyme: Pevonedistat)~~
- ~~ICI (CD47 Ab: magrolimab, TIM3-Ab: Sabatolimab, CD70-Ab: cusatuzumab, others)~~
- ~~APR-246 (TP53 reconfiguring agent: Epremetapopt) (???)~~



Combinations with cellular-based therapies

- CAR-T or NK-cell based therapies

AZA + pulsed G-CSF (Czech approach)



- Median survival GA /A: 14.8 /13.4 Mo (n.s.)
- ORR (CR, CRm, PR, HI) GA/A: 77%/61 % ($p < 0.001$)
- **ORR (@ 4 cycles): GA/A 72%/45%**
- PFS GA/A: 9.7/6.1 Mo (n. s.)
- **AML transformation GA/A: 52%/68% (comparable)**
- Unfavorable mutations: DNMT3A, EZH2, ETV6

Venetoclax + AZA

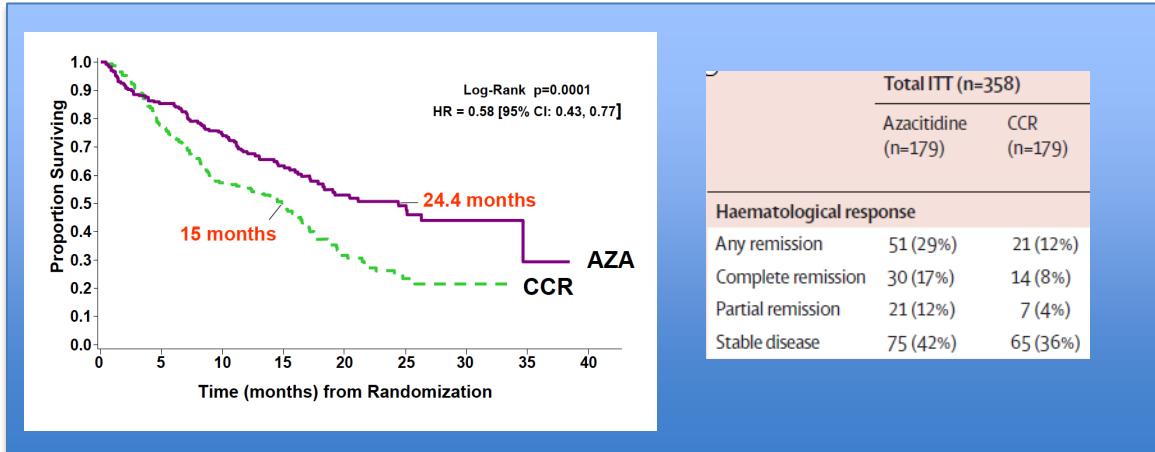
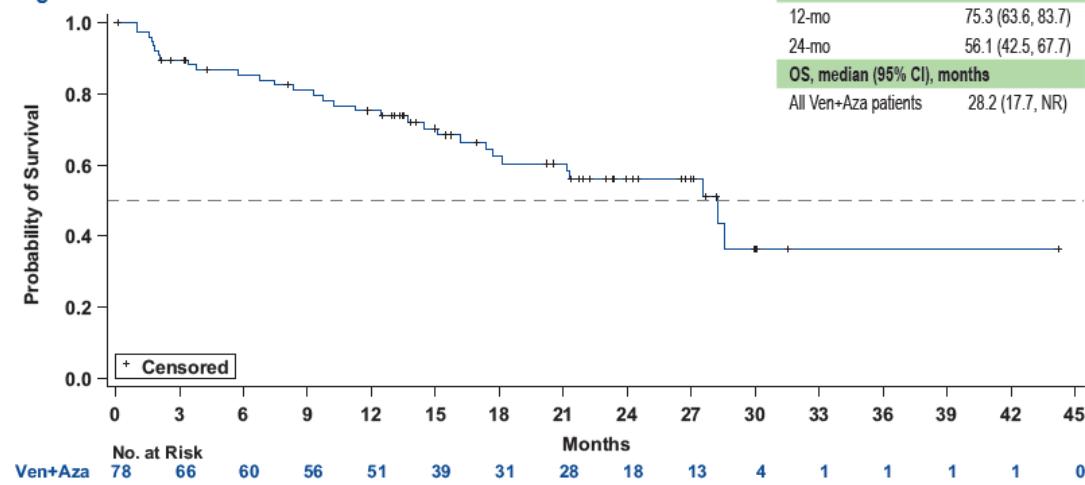


Figure 5. Overall Survival for All Patients



Aza, azacitidine; CI, confidence interval; NR, not reached; OS, overall survival; RP2D, recommended phase 2 dose; Ven, venetoclax.

Table 3. Efficacy Summary

	n (% of N = 78)
Overall Response Rate ^a	62 (80%)
CR	31 (40%)
mCR	31 (40%)
mCR + hematologic improvement ^b n/N (%)	13/31 (42%)
Transfusion Independence Rate ^c n/N (%)	20/43 (46.5%)
[95% CI]	[31.2, 62.3]
	Months [95% CI]
Median time on study	23 [16.9, 24.5]
Overall Survival, median	28.2 [17.7, NE]
Overall Survival for CR, median ^d	28.6 [27.5, NE]
Duration of Response for CR, median	13.8 [8.9, NE]
Median time to CR, months (range)	2.6 (1.2–19.6)
Median time to mCR, months (range)	0.9 (0.7–4.6)

^aORR = CR+mCR+PR; PR n = 0; per IWG 2006; ^bHematologic Improvement (HI) includes patients who are eligible for HI evaluations and achieved neutrophil, erythroid, or platelet responses; ^cDefined as no transfusion \geq 8 weeks; calculated for patients who were transfusion-dependent on RBC or platelet at baseline; ^dmOS for mCR+HI has not been reached; ^eincluding bone marrow and peripheral blood stem cell.

CI, confidence interval; CR, complete remission; DoR, duration of response; mCR, marrow complete remission; NE, not estimable; ORR, overall response rate; PD, disease progression; PR, partial remission; SD, stable disease.

Improvement responses > survival

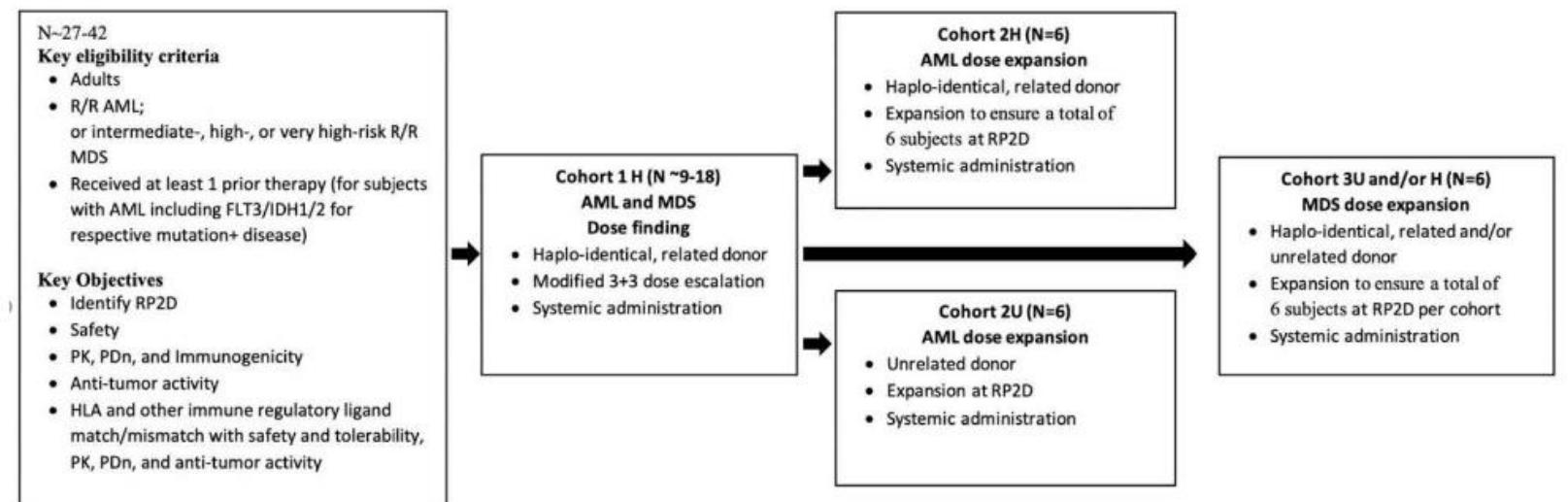
Awaiting phase 3 data in MDS (VERONA)

CAR-NKs for AML and HR-MDS

Chimeric NKG2D receptor fused to co-stimulatory (OX40) and signaling (CD3ζ) domains

3+3 Design, 3 Cohorts, $1 \times 10^8 / 3 \times 10^8 / 1 \times 10^9$ CAR NK Cells/Dose —————> Dose Expansion													
	Lymphodepletion (LD) Conditioning					NKX101 (28-Day Cycle)							
Study Day	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1-6	7	8-13	14	15-26	27	
	LD	LD	LD			NKX101		NKX101		NKX101		Response Assessment	

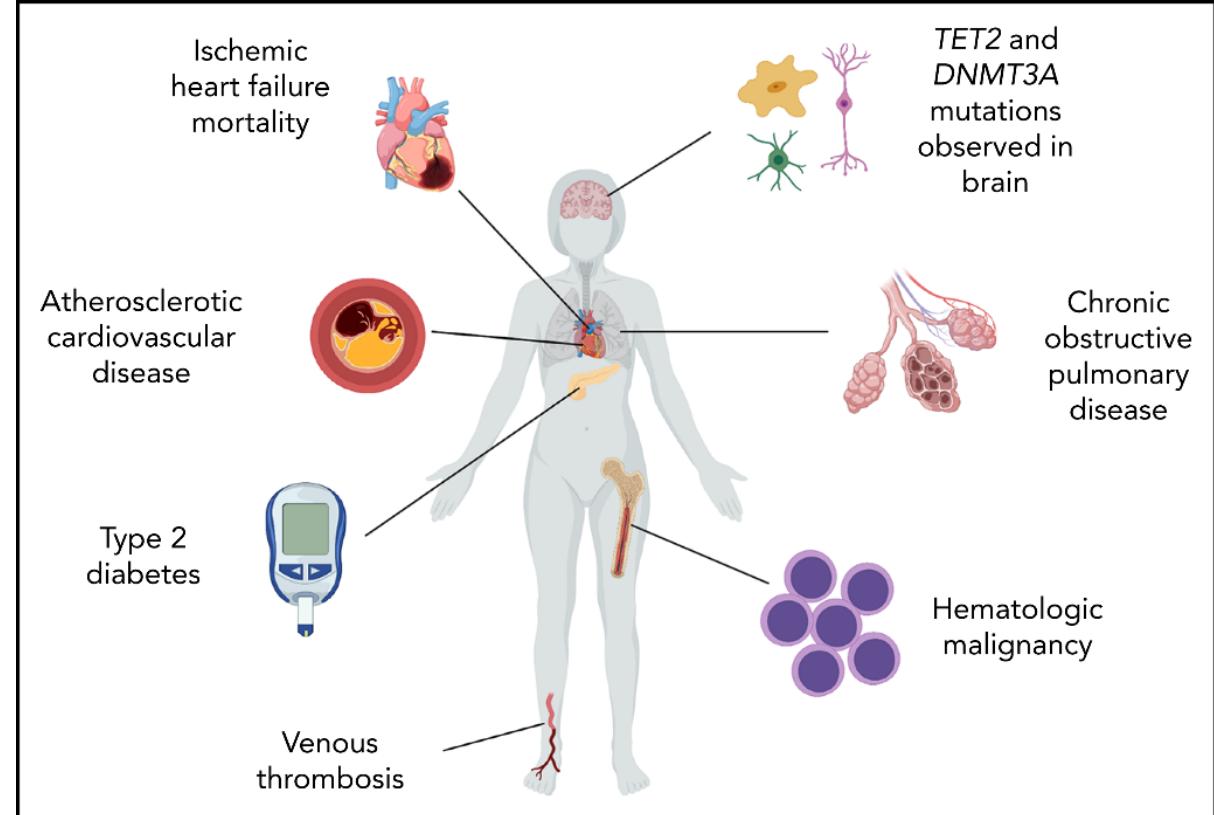
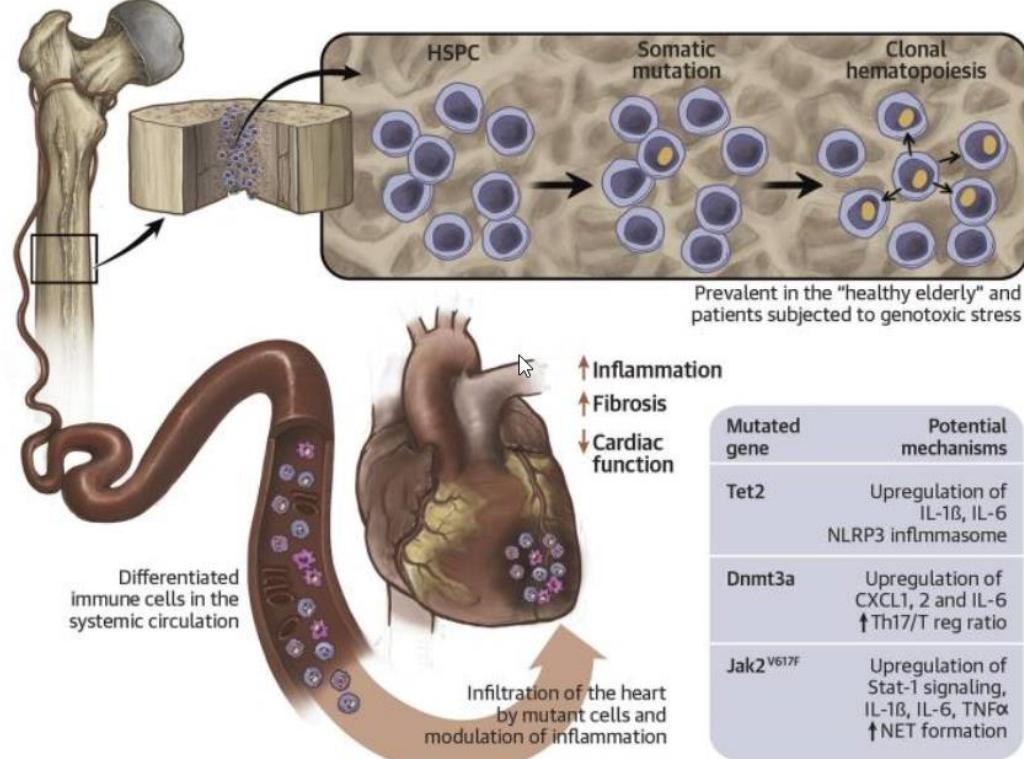
Figure. Study Design Overview



Overview

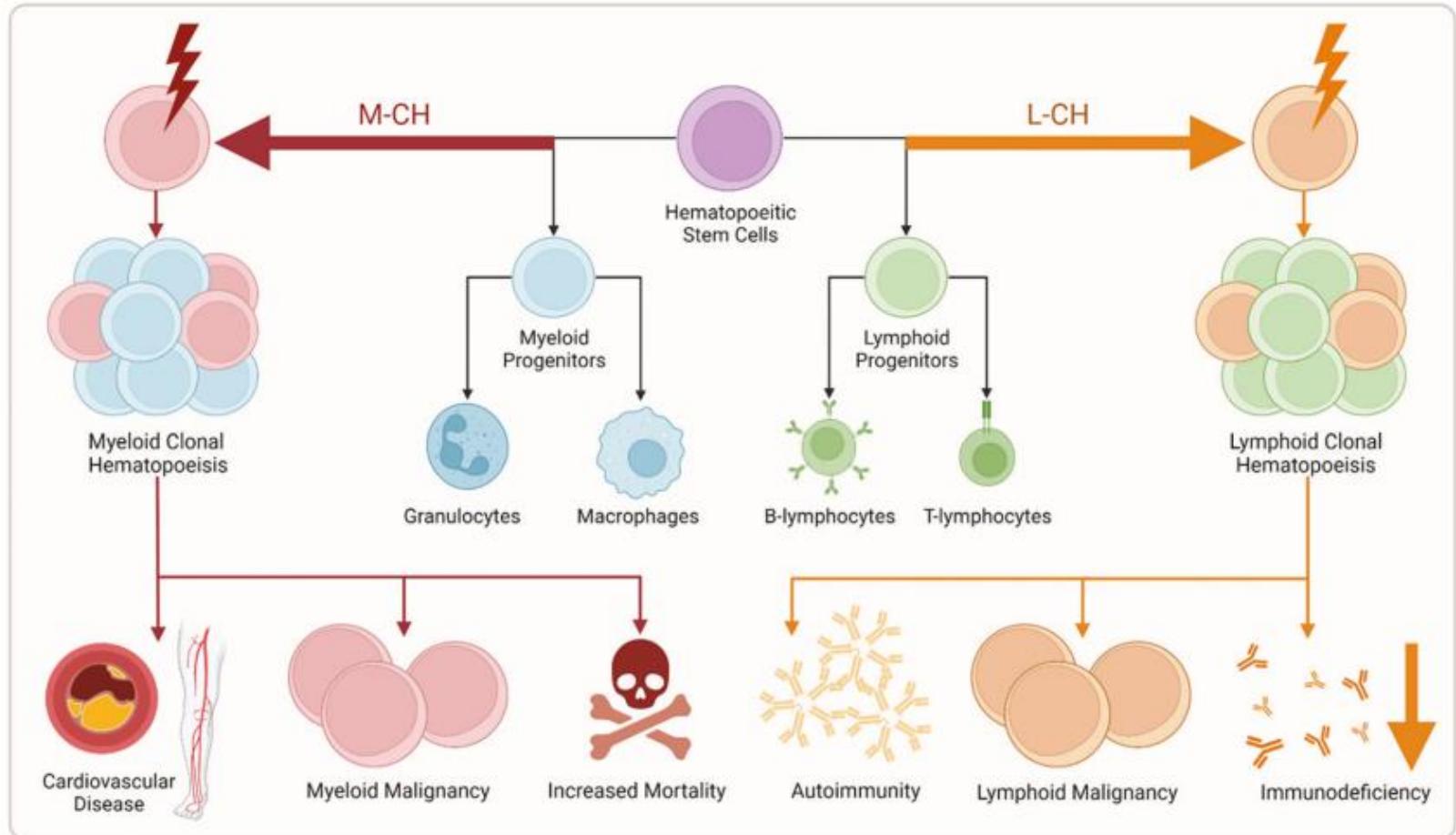
- General aspects
- Lower-risk MDS
- Higher-risk MDS
- Future outlook

Associated Inflammatory degenerative disorders



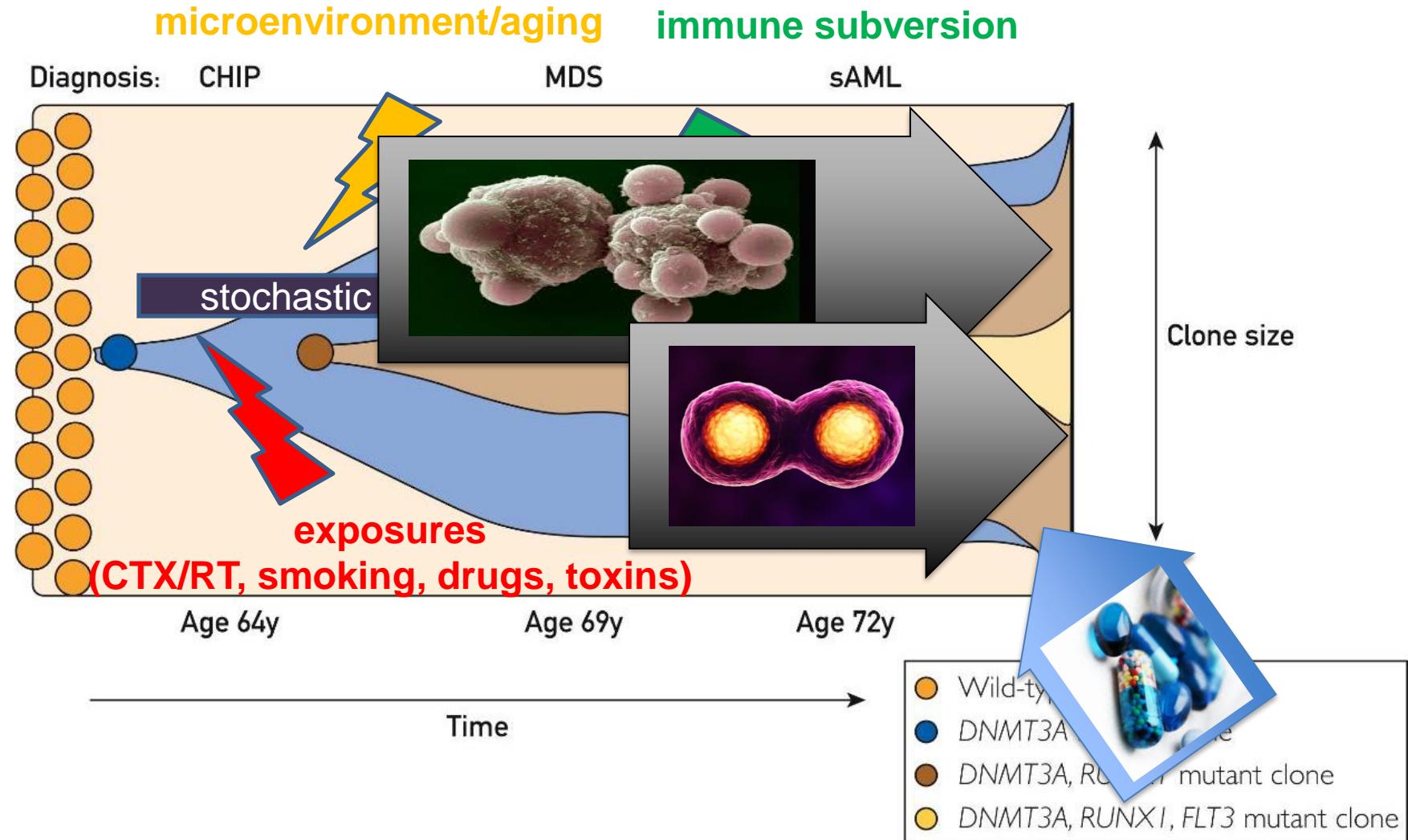
Clonal hematopoiesis influences inflammatory/degenerative disorders

Genetic origin of Immune-dysregulation

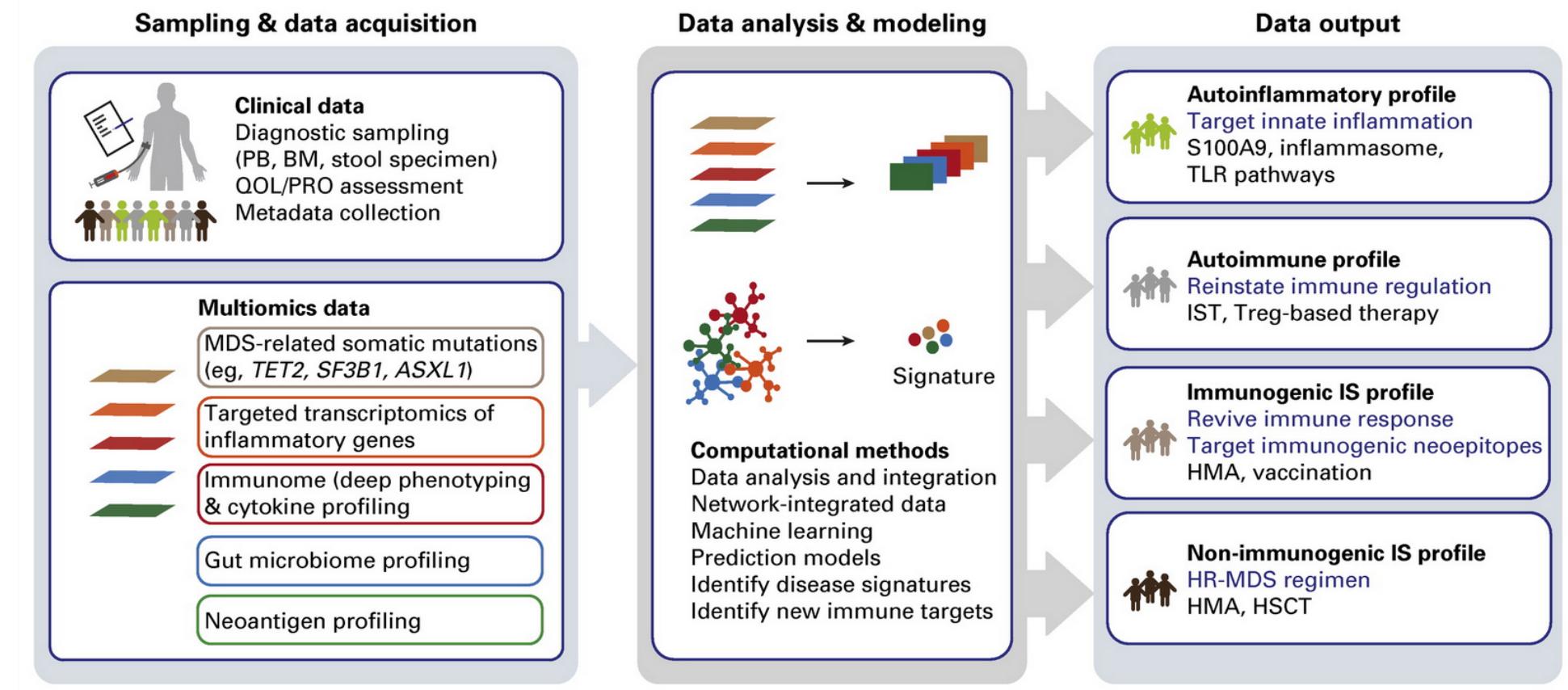


Immune system is shaped by MDS

How to Defeat Clonal Evolution?



Assessment of immune state «Immunometer»



EMSCO Trials

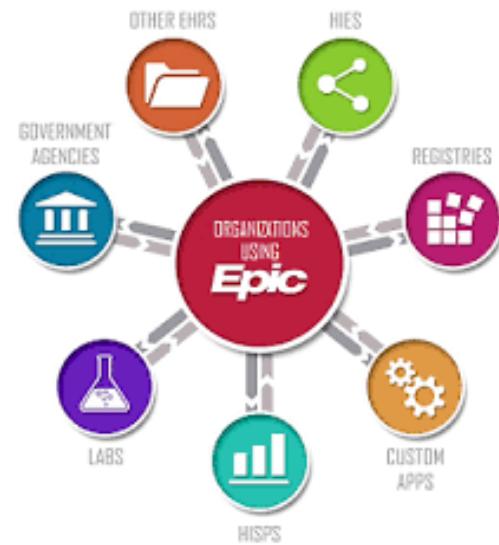


Recruitment ongoing

LUCAS TRIAL (NCT05178342)	Treatment of Anemia in patients with very low, low or intermediate risk myelodysplastic syndromes with CA-4948 Status: recruiting in Germany
IDEAL TRIAL (NCT03744390)	A single-arm phase II multicenter study of IDH2 (AG-221) inhibitor in patients with IDH2-mutated MDS Status: recruiting in France and Germany
PALOMA TRIAL (NCT04061239)	Comparison of therapies before stem cell transplantation in patients with higher risk MDS and oligoblastic AML Status: recruiting in Germany
IDIOME TRIAL (NCT03503409)	A single-arm phase II multicenter study of IDH1 (AG 120) inhibitor in patients with IDH1 mutated myelodysplastic syndrome Status: recruiting in France and Italy
LUSPLUS TRIAL (NCT05181592)	A phase IIIb, open-label, single arm study to evaluate the efficacy and safety of luspatercept in patients with lower-risk MDS and ring sideroblastic phenotype (MDS-RS) Status: recruiting in Germany
CANFIRE TRIAL (NCT05237713)	A Phase II, Single-Arm, Open-Label Study to Assess the Efficacy and Safety of Canakinumab for the Treatment of Anemia in Patients With IPSS-R Very Low, Low, or Intermediate Risk Myelodysplastic Syndromes or MDS/MPN

Clinical Development Cycles with Indicators

Hospital Information Management System



Patient management



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Assess and compare quality of care in economically driven health care environments

Conclusions

MDS incident cases are rising with a relevant impact on health care resources.

Experienced physicians should assess MDS patients to provide the most appropriate management plan based on disease- and patient-based factors.

NGS allows identifying early stages of clonal hematopoiesis and monitoring of clonal evolution.

Allo-HSCT remains the only curative treatment option for the minority of eligible MDS patients.

New treatment options are on the horizon, but abrogation of clonal evolution remains out of reach.

Economically driven health systems require standardized assessment of procedural aspects to maintain high quality of care

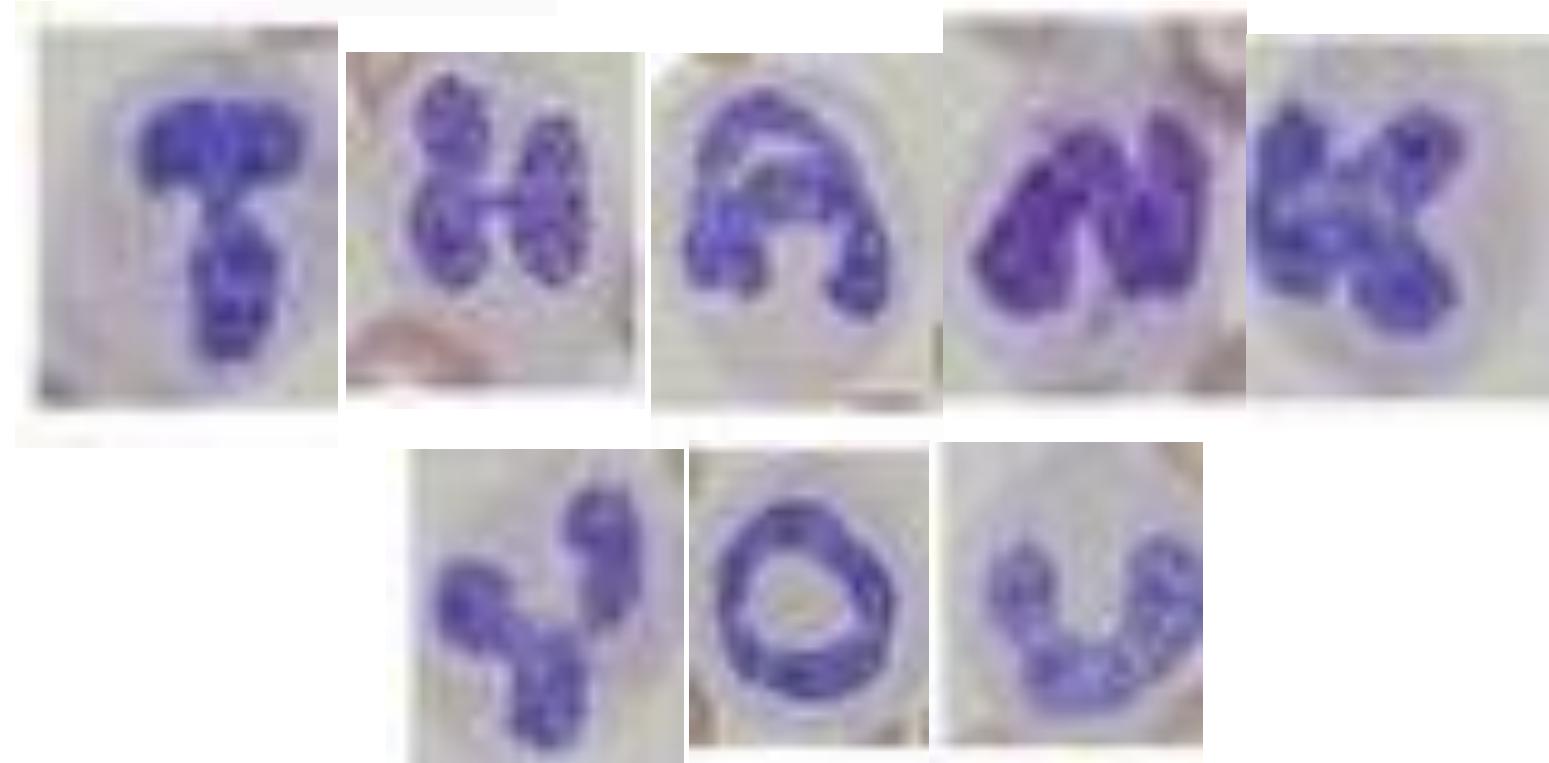
Patients



Families



Collaborators



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