

Comprehensive Hematology & Oncology Review: MPNs



"We may need to remove your spleen because it might not be doing whatever it is the spleen does."

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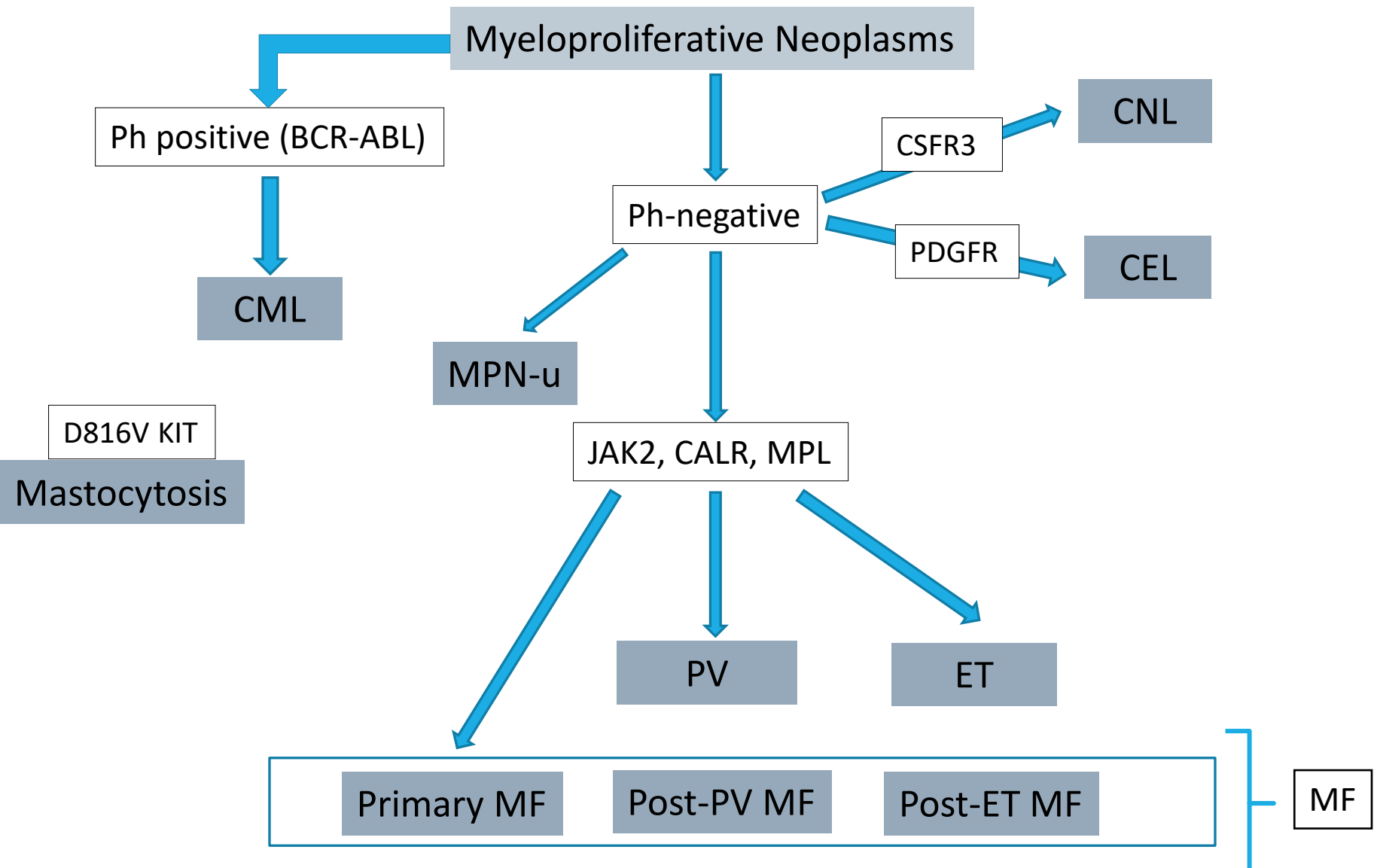
- MPN- 4.5%:
 - CML
 - PV and secondary erythrocytosis
 - Myelofibrosis
 - ET
 - Mastocytosis
 - CNL

Oncology

- CML and MPNs: 2%, focus on diagnosis, testing, treatment/care decisions

Objectives

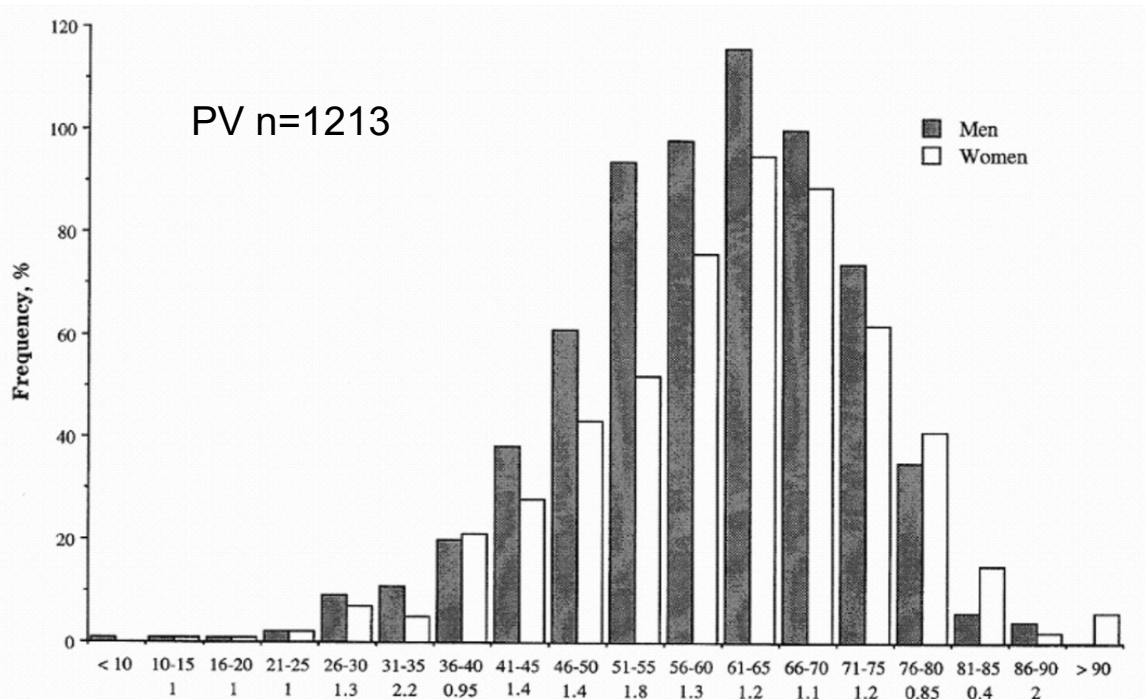
- 1) Overview MPNs: epidemiology and pathophysiology
- 2) Presentation, Diagnosis, Risk Stratification, Treatment
 - Polycythemia vera
 - Essential thrombocythemia
 - Myelofibrosis
 - CMML
- 3) “Pearls” for mastocytosis, chronic neutrophilic leukemia (CNL)



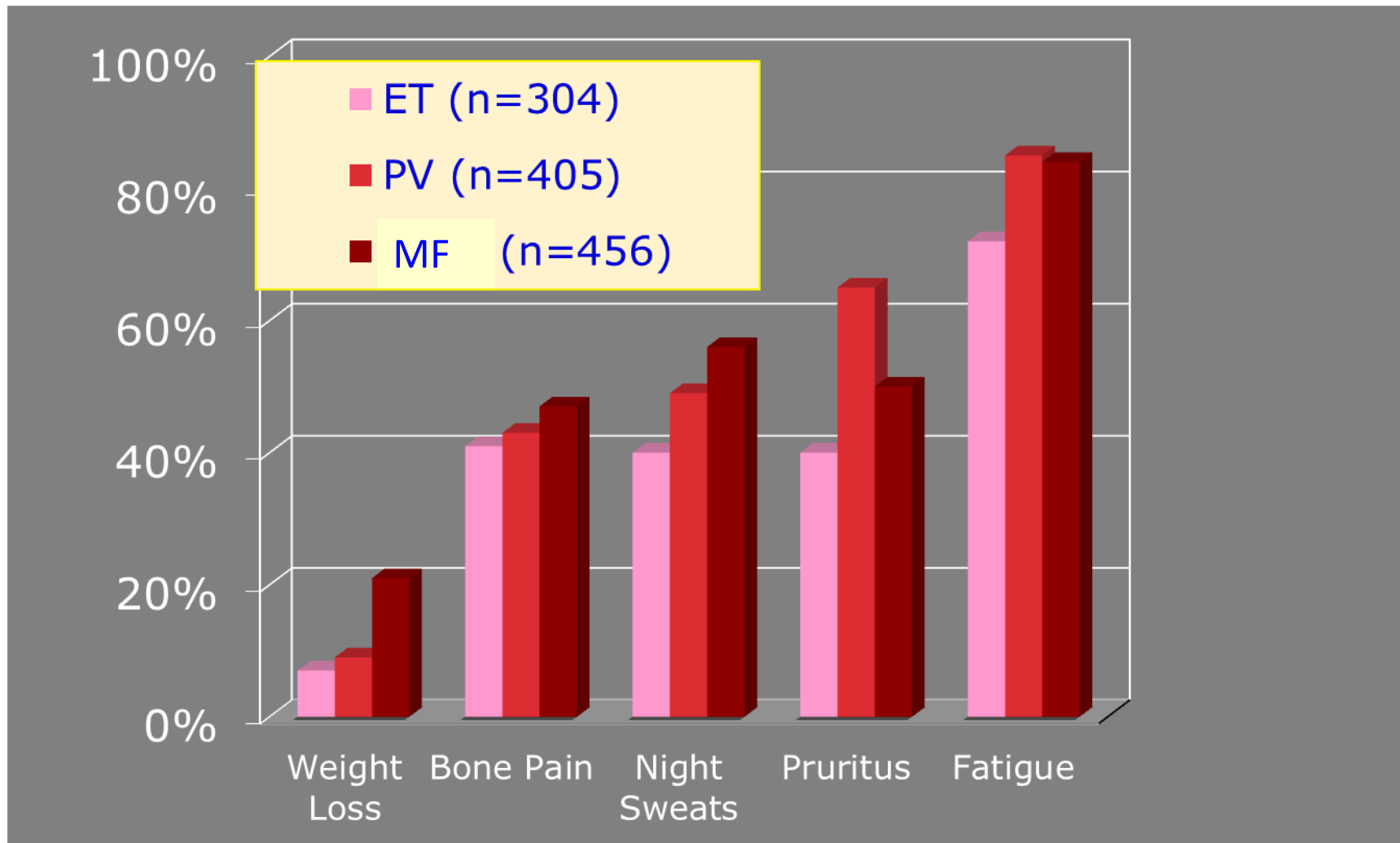
MF=myelofibrosis CNL=Chronic neutrophilic leukemia
 PV=polycythemia vera CEL=Chronic Eosinophilic Leukemia
 ET=essential thrombocythemia CML=chronic myeloid leukemia

Epidemiology of MPN

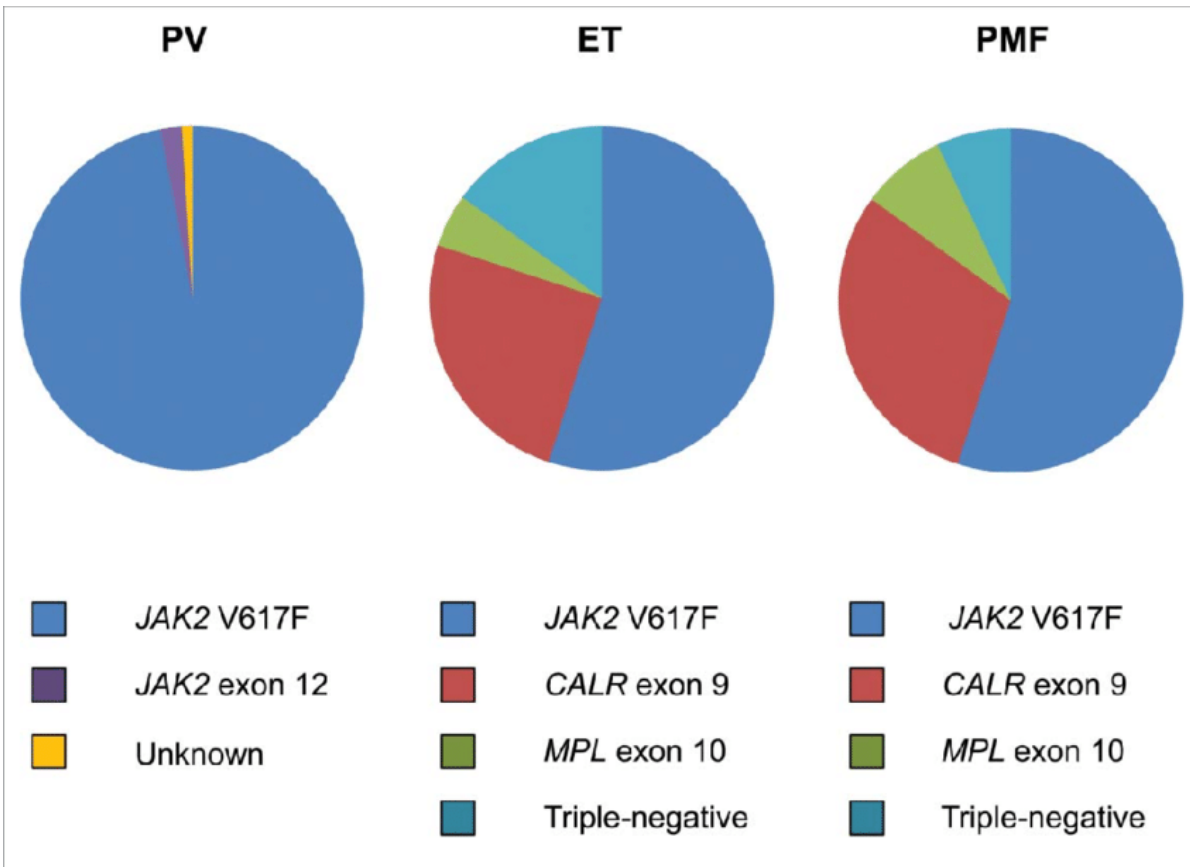
- ET: 1.55-2.53/100,000 Median age 72
- PV: 1.9/100,000 Median age 62
- MF: 0.3-1.46/100,000 Median age 67



Symptoms in 1179 MPN Patients

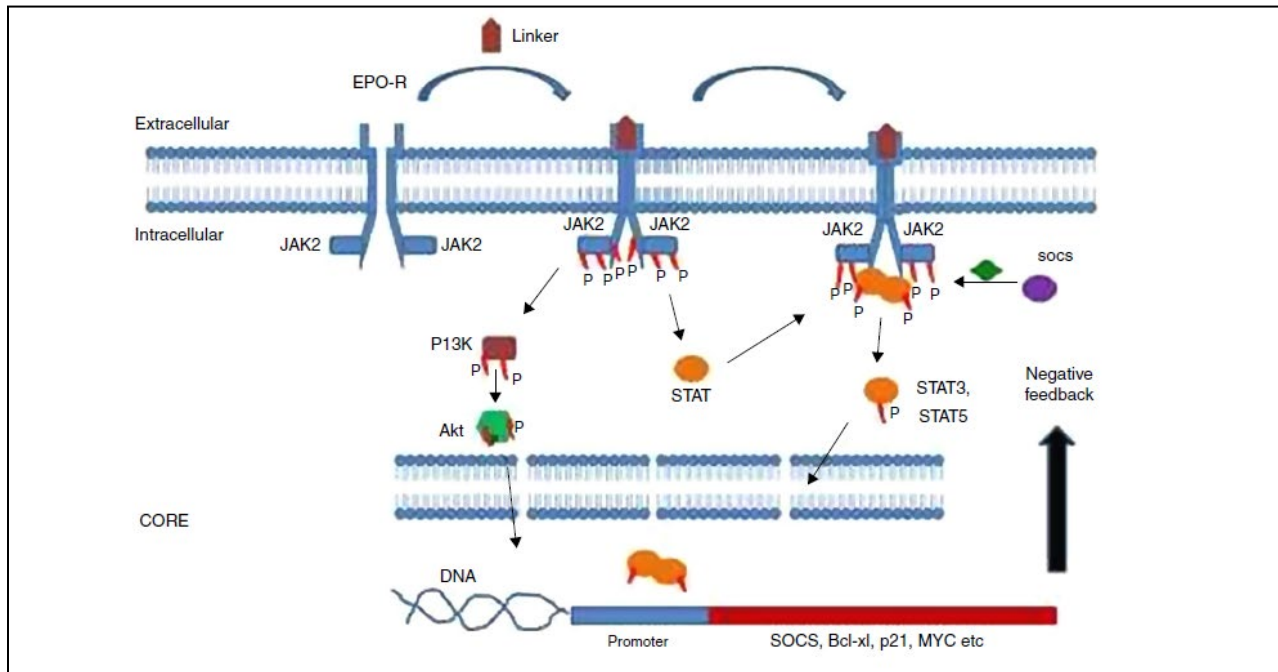


Mutations in MPNs



Disease	Mutation	%Patients
PV	JAK2 V16F	95-97%
	JAK2 Exon 12	2-4%
ET	JAK2 V16F	60-65%
	CALR	20-25%
	MPL	5%
	“triple-neg”	10-15%
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MPN Etiology: Role of *JAK2* Mutation



V617F single point mutation in *JAK2* gene → an altered protein that constitutively activates the JAK/STAT signal transducers and activators of transcription pathways

Affects the expression of genes involved in regulation of apoptosis and regulatory proteins and modifies the proliferation rate of hematopoietic stem cells

ET and PV: Sequelae

Short Term

Thrombosis
& Bleeding

**All Risk = ASA*

PV

X

ET

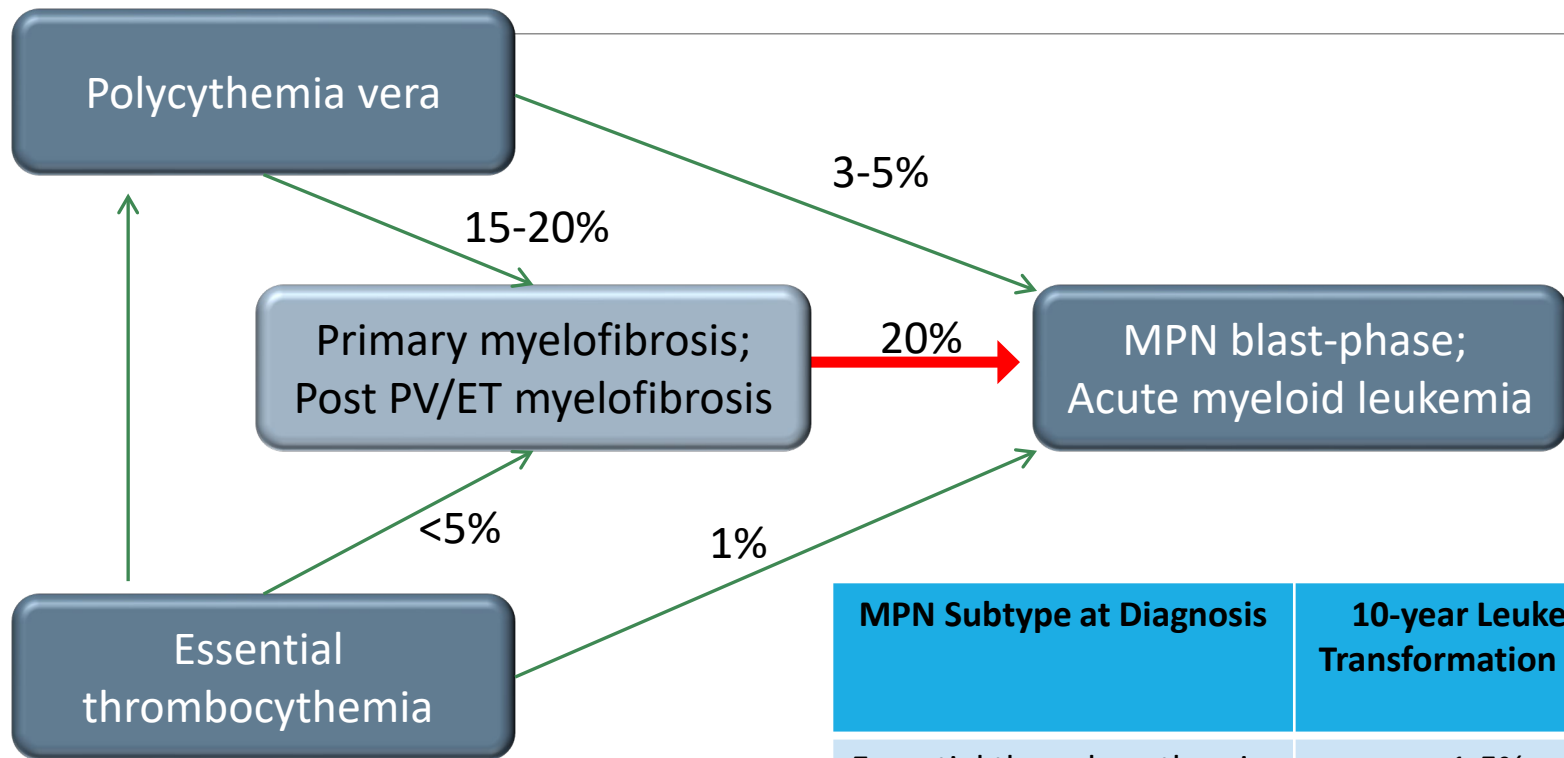
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Long Term

Post ET/PV MF,
MDS, AML

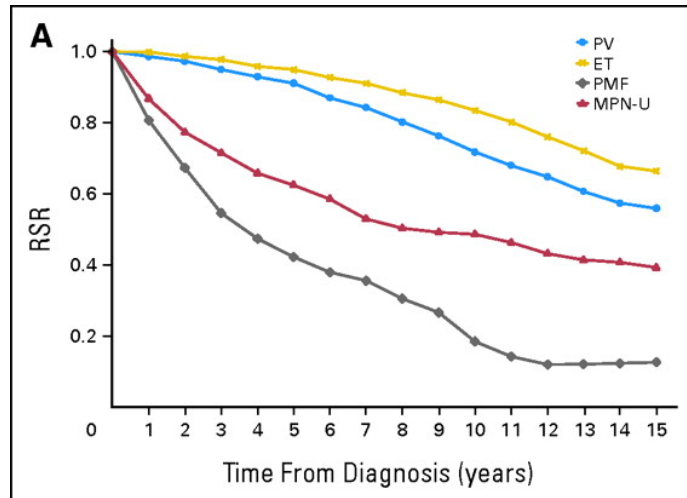
Increased viscosity
Functional platelet abnormalities
Leukocyte activation
Increased platelets lead to acquired VWD

Transformation to MF and AML

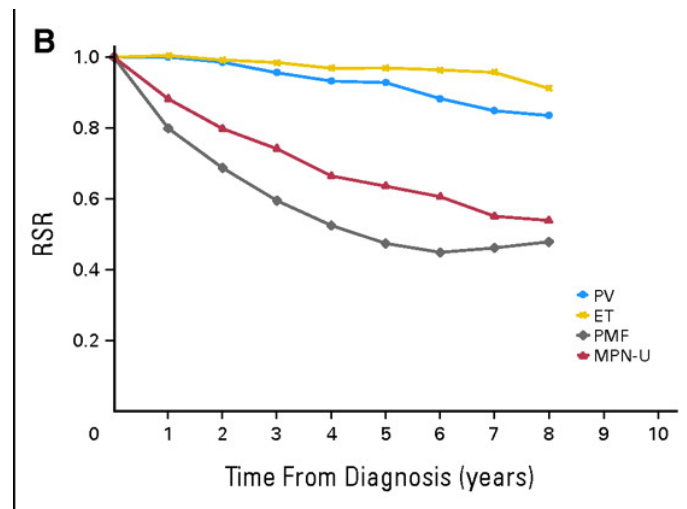


MPN Subtype at Diagnosis	10-year Leukemic Transformation Rate ²
Essential thrombocythemia	1-5%
Polycythemia vera	3-5%
Primary myelofibrosis	20%

MPN survival improving over time



1993-2008



2001-2008

Case 1

33 yo M with no PMH, presented with painful/red toes, later developed joint pain and pruritis

Physical: plethoric, no joint abnormalities

CBC: WBC21, Hgb 18.8, HCT 48, plts 490

- Epo level <1

JAK2 V617F mutation found positive on peripheral blood, BCR-ABL neg

Bone marrow: hypercellular >95%, trilineage hematopoiesis and proliferation, no fibrosis or increased blasts

Diagnosis of PV was made:

- Start Aspirin 81 mg daily
- Started phlebotomy target HCT <45%
- Did not tolerate phlebotomy → hydra → did not control symptoms → ruxolitinib

Erythromelalgia



Polycythemia Vera: Presentation

MPN IWG Study presenting signs/symptoms

- Laboratory evaluation:
 - Hemoglobin – median 18.4 g/dL (range 15.1 to 26.5)
 - Hematocrit – median 55% (range 36 to 78%)
 - Leukocyte count – median 10,400/mL (range 3000 to 172,000)
 - Platelet count – median 466,000/mL (range 70 to 2,370,000)
 - Elevated lactate dehydrogenase – 50%
- Hypertension – 46%
- Palpable spleen – 36%
- Pruritus (aquagenic) – 36%
- Vasomotor symptoms (eg, erythromelalgia) – 29%
- Arterial thrombosis – 16%
- Venous thrombosis – 7%
- Major hemorrhage – 4%

Diagnostic Criteria

Start with CBC, Epo level and JAK2 V16F/BCR-ABL mutation; exclude secondary causes

WHO Criteria: PV

Major Criteria (all 3 major or first 2 with minor)

- Hgb > 16.5 g/dL (HCT 49) in men, 16 g/dL HCT (48) in women or increased RCM*
- †BM Trilineage Proliferation (panmyelosis)
- JAK2V617F or JAK2 exon 12 mutation

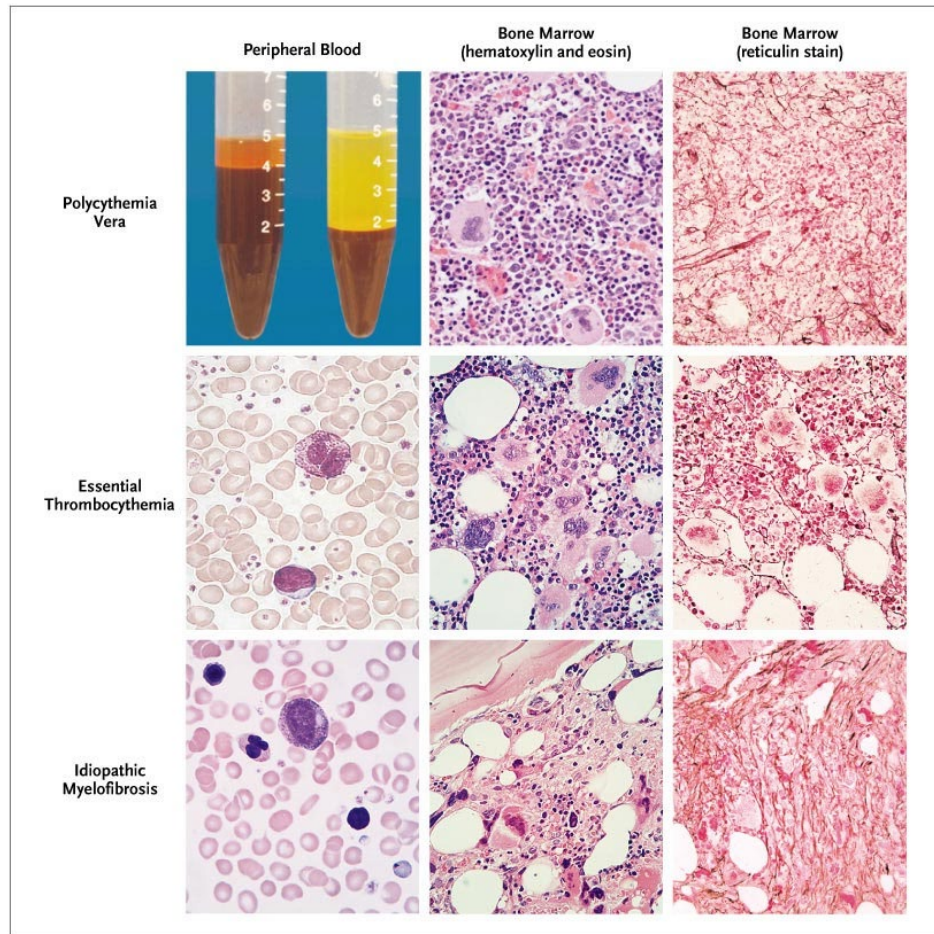
Minor Criteria

- Low Epo level (<3mU/mL)

†Criterion number 2 (BM biopsy) may not be required in cases with sustained absolute erythrocytosis: Hgb > 18.5 g/dL in men (HCT 55.5%) or > 16.5 g/dL in women (HCT 49.5%) if major criterion 3 and the minor criterion are present.

**Initial myelofibrosis (up to 20% of patients) can only be detected by performing a BM biopsy; may predict a more rapid progression to overt myelofibrosis (post-PV MF).

*elevated RCM > 25% above predicted



PV Risk Stratification



LOW RISK:

- Age <60
- No history of thrombosis

HIGH RISK

- Age > 60 OR
- History of thrombosis

Principals of Therapy

- Reduce symptoms
 - Reduce risk of thrombosis/bleeding
 - Reduce splenomegaly
- 
- Aspirin
Reduction of blood counts
- Prevent progression of disease to MF/AML
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- ???
- Cure- stem cell transplant

PV: Treatment

Phlebotomy to maintain HCT <45%

Aspirin

Cardiovascular risk-factor modification

Hydroxyurea

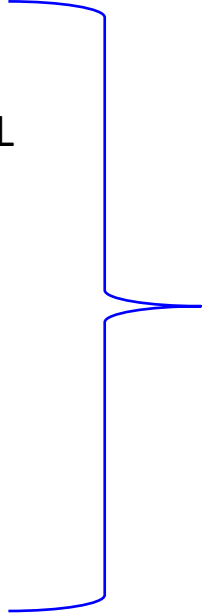
Interferon

Ruxolitinib

~~Chemo~~



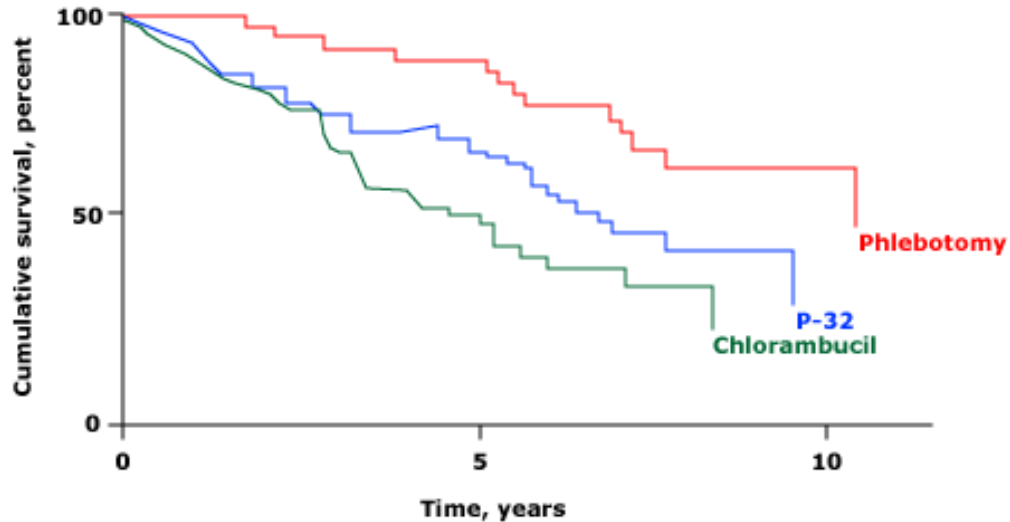
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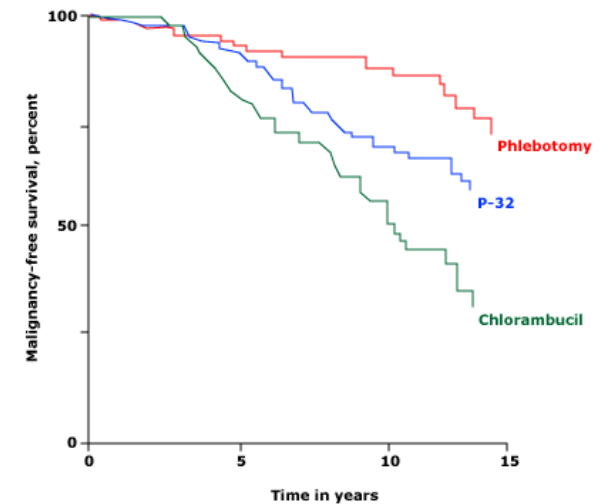
High-risk OR
uncontrolled
PV symptoms

Initial trials in PV: no more chemo

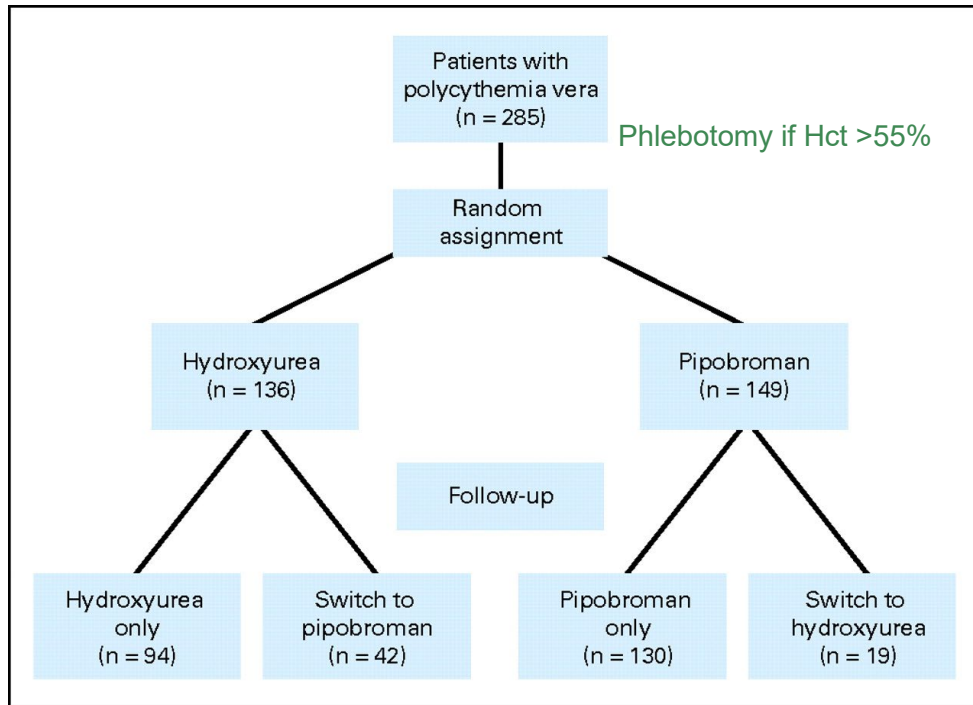
Lower cumulative survival with chemotherapy in polycythemia vera



Lower malignancy-free survival with chemotherapy in polycythemia vera

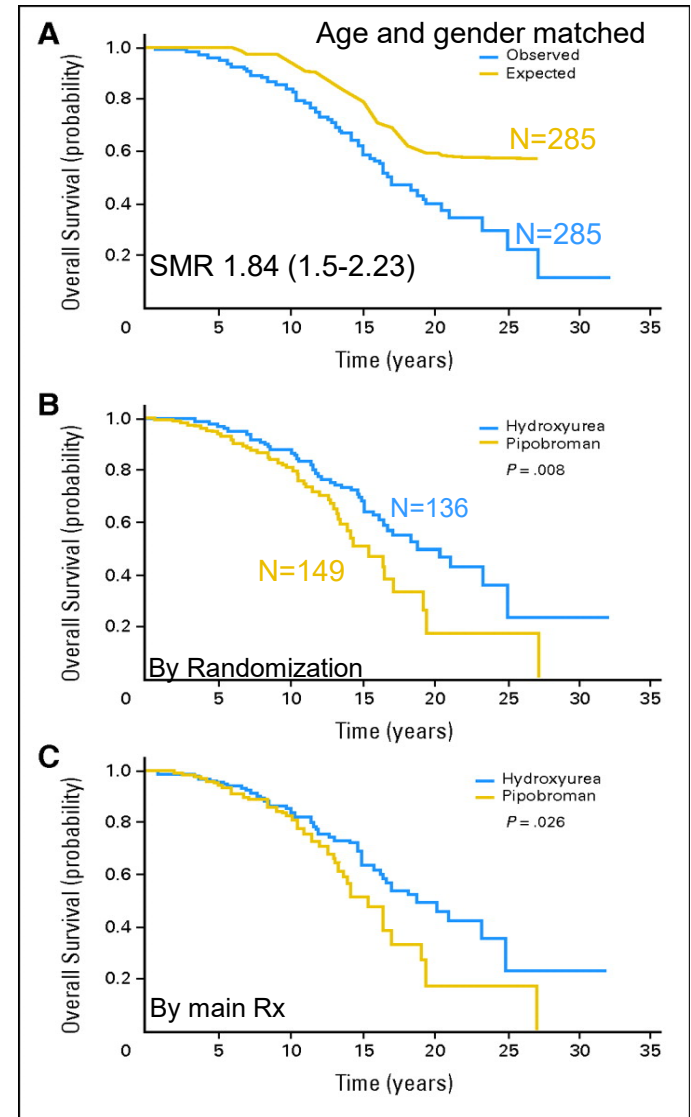


Hydroxyurea vs. Pipobroman (alkylating agent) in PV

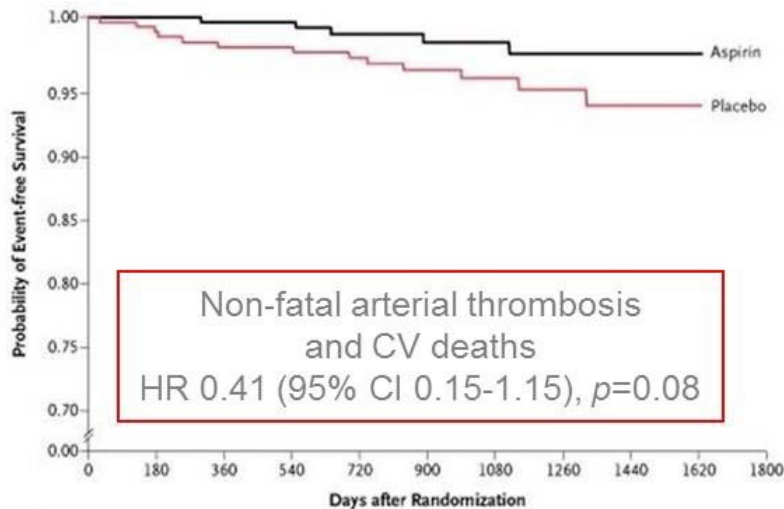


Switch to Pi HR 2.06 (95% CI 1.09-3.87, $p=0.026$) Switch to HU HR 1.37 (95% CI 0.61 to 3.08), $p=0.45$

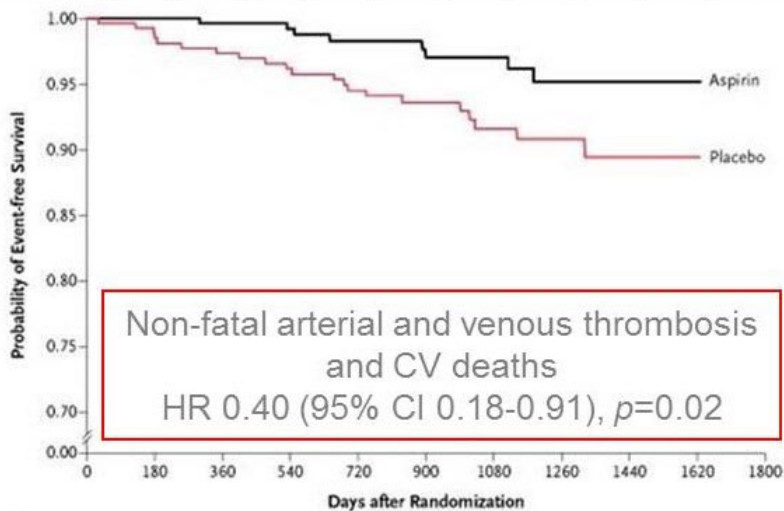
Cause of death
MDS/AML 54%
Thrombosis 15%



ECLAP TRIAL: RCT ASA vs. Placebo in PV



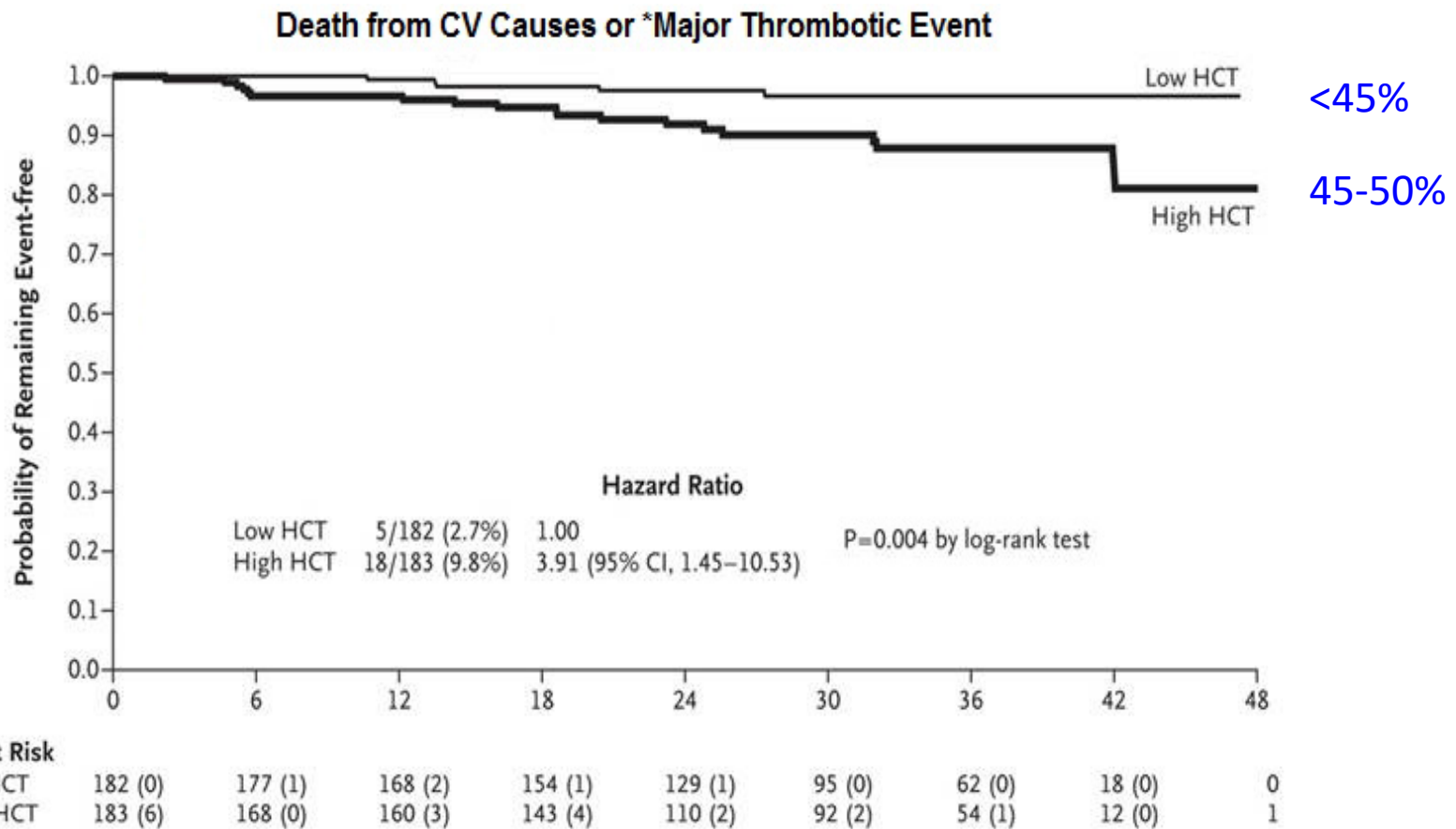
No. at Risk (No. of Events)	0	180	360	540	720	900	1080	1260	1440	1620	1800
Aspirin	253 (0)	250 (1)	249 (0)	232 (2)	213 (1)	155 (0)	113 (1)	82 (0)	24 (0)	1 (0)	0
Placebo	265 (3)	261 (3)	254 (0)	243 (2)	234 (2)	177 (1)	132 (1)	85 (1)	28 (0)	1 (0)	0



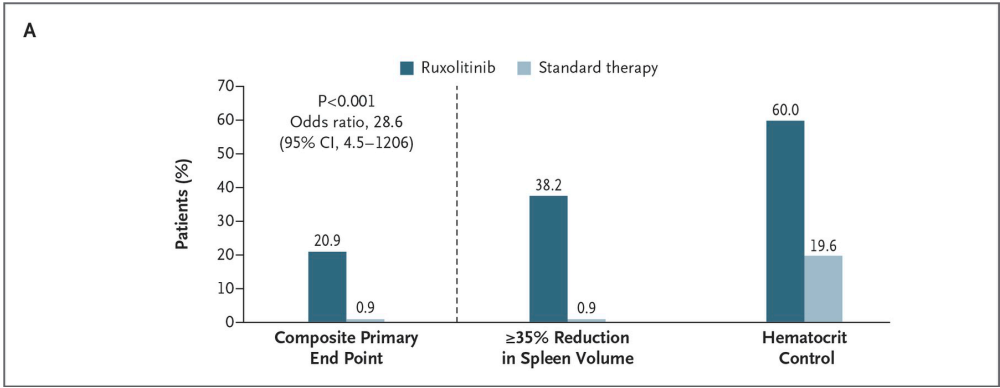
No. at Risk (No. of Events)	0	180	360	540	720	900	1080	1260	1440	1620	1800
Aspirin	253 (0)	250 (1)	249 (1)	231 (2)	212 (2)	153 (0)	112 (2)	81 (0)	24 (0)	1 (0)	0
Placebo	265 (4)	260 (3)	253 (3)	239 (4)	228 (2)	171 (3)	125 (1)	79 (1)	26 (0)	1 (0)	0

- 500 PV patients randomized to Aspirin 100 mg daily vs placebo
- Reduced risk combined endpoint non-fatal arterial+venous thrombosis +CV deaths
- No reduction in overall mortality
- No increase incidence bleeding

Target HCT in PV: CYTO-PV Trial

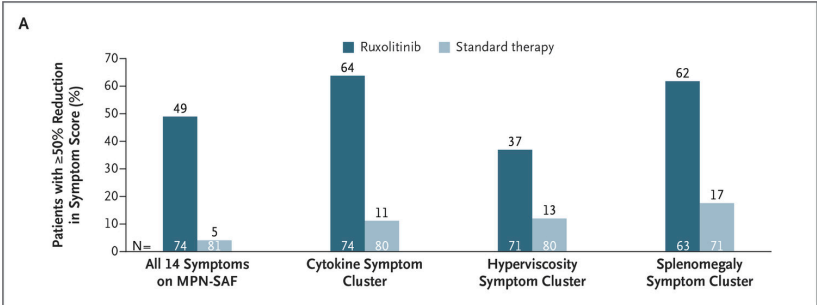


RESPONSE: Ruxolitinib vs BAT in PV

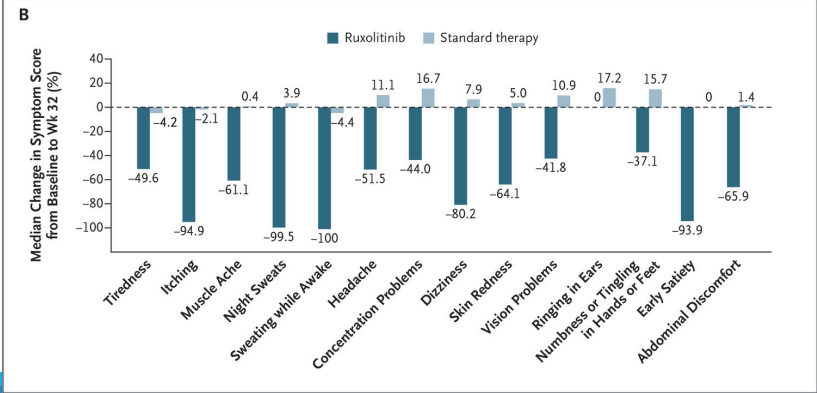


Open label, 222 patients with PV Resistant (46%) or intolerant to HU (54%)

Randomly assigned to:
 Ruxolitinib (110)
 BAT (112): 59% HU, INF 12%,
 pipobroman 2%, no med 15%



Primary endpoint HCT control (wk 32) and >35% reduction spleen volume



Symptoms evaluated by MPN-SAF TSS

Thrombosis Risk-Adapted Management of PV

Category	Characteristics	Treatment
Low-risk	Age <60 AND No thrombosis	Phlebotomy : goal HCT <45 Aspirin 81 mg daily Address CV risk factors
High-risk	Age ≥ 60 OR Thrombosis history	All of the above AND Cytoreductive Therapy: 1) 1 st Line: Hydrea PegIFN 1) 2 nd Line: Ruxolitinib PegIFN Busulfan (age >70)

Indications for cytoreduction in low-risk pts may include:

- Poor tolerance of phlebotomy
- Progressive leukocytosis
- Platelets > 1500 x 10⁹/L (risk of bleeding)
- Severe disease-related symptoms

****Pts with plts >1 million should be tested for acquired VWD prior to initiation of Aspirin**

Case #1.5

40 yo M with presenting with fatigue, pruritus and burning after showers and sexual activity

On exam: ruddy, plethoric, obese

CBC: white count of 8, hemoglobin of 18.5, plts 455

History:

- Non-smoker
- Lives in Seattle area
- No history of lung disease
- Not on diuretics
- Girlfriend says he snores and “stops breathing” all night long
- Self-injects testosterone x 4 years
- **Epo level is18**

Primary vs secondary polycythemia

Polycythemia vera: EPO independent

Secondary polycythemia: EPO dependent

- Appropriate Epo production:
 - High altitude
 - COPD
 - **OSA/obesity**
 - Smoking
 - Diuretics
 - Carbon monoxide poisoning (chronic)
 - *****Anabolic steroids, testosterone, blood doping*****
- Inappropriate Epo production:
 - Tumors: RCC, HCC, uterine leiomyoma
 - Renal ischemia
 - Hereditary defects in Epo/associated proteins/high-affinity oxygen Hgb (familial polycythemia)

Distinguish these by history and Epo level

Case 2

31 yo F found to have thrombocytosis to 550k on routine lab check 2010

JAK2, MPL negative; +CALR

Bone marrow: normocellular, trilineage hematopoiesis, atypical megakaryocytic proliferation, no increased blasts, no fibrosis, normal cytogenetics

Monitored for 10 years, plts decreased in 2 pregnancies

2018 – plts rose to 1.85 million, developed headaches, fatigue, chest tightness, heavy menstrual bleeding

VWF testing negative

Initiated on Aspirin and PegIFN → plts now 500K, symptoms improved

Essential Thrombocythemia (ET)

- Asymptomatic ~50%
- Vasomotor symptoms – 13-40%
 - Headache
 - Lightheadedness
 - Syncope
 - Atypical chest pain
 - Acral paresthesia
 - Livedo reticularis
 - Erythromelalgia (burning pain of the hands or feet with erythema and warmth)
 - Transient visual disturbances (eg, amaurosis fugax, scintillating scotomata, ophthalmic migraine)
- Splenomegaly – 35%
- Thrombosis – 9-20% (fetal loss 11%)
- Hemorrhage – 3-37%



Diagnostic Criteria

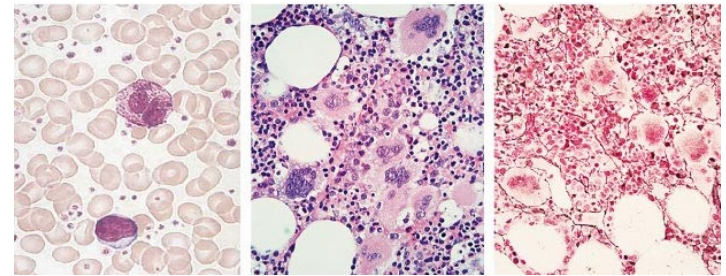
WHO Criteria: ET

Major Criteria (all 4 major or first 3 with minor)

- Plt Count $\geq 450 \times 10^9/L$ sustained
- BM bx: megakaryocyte proliferation with increased # of enlarged mature megakaryocytes. No significant increase in granulo/erythropoiesis
- Not meeting WHO criteria for : PV ¥ , MF † , CML ‡ , MDS §
- JAK2V617F*, *CALR*, or *MPL* mutation

Minor Criteria (all 3 major or first 2 with minor)

- Presence of a clonal marker or no evidence of reactive thrombosis §



¥ failure of Fe to increase Hgb in setting of a low ferritin
 † absence of relevant reticulin or collagen fibrosis, leukoerythroblastosis, or abnormal meg morphology (n/c ratio, hyperchromatic, bulbous, irregularly folded nuclei, and clustering)
 ‡ absence of BCR-ABL1.

§ absence of erythroid and granulocytic dysplasia

§ the presence of a condition associated with reactive thrombocytosis (Fe def, infection, inflammation, met cancer, connective tissue disease, lymphoproliferative d/o) does not exclude possibility of ET

ET Prognostic Models

IPSET

Risk factors	Scores		
	0	1	2
Age, y	< 60		≥ 60
WBC count, × 10 ⁹ /L	< 11	≥ 11	
History of thrombosis	No	Yes	

Low risk implies a sum of scores equal to 0; intermediate risk, a sum of scores equal to 1-2; and high risk, a sum of scores equal to 3-4.

ET indicates essential thrombocythemia; and WBC, white blood cell count.

IPSET-Thrombosis

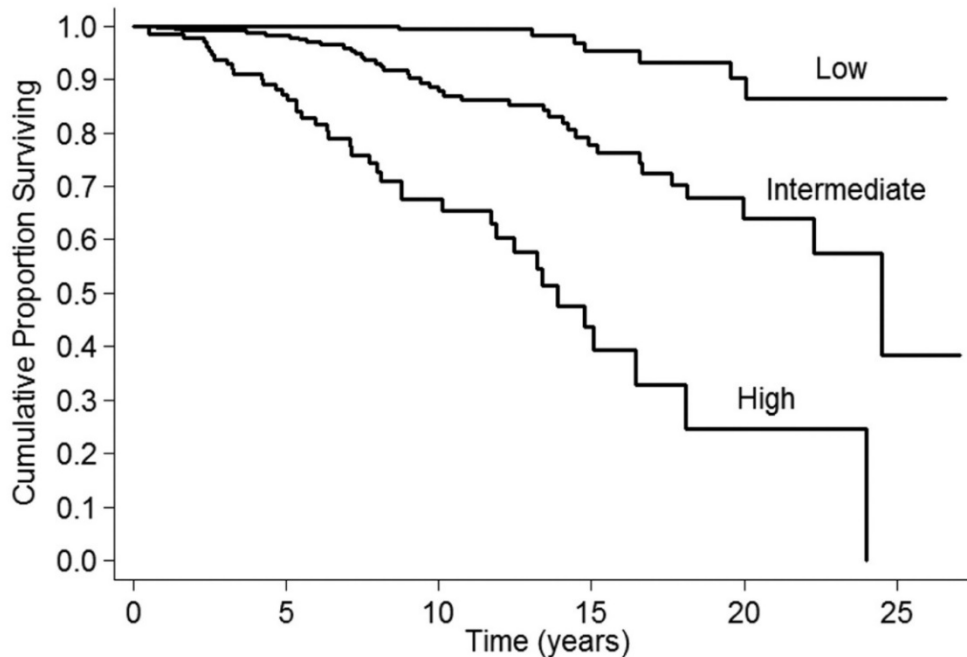
Risk factor	HR	Score
Age > 60 y	1.50	1
Cardiovascular risk factors	1.56	1
Previous thrombosis	1.93	2
JAK2V617F	2.04	2

Low risk implies a score = 0-1; intermediate risk, score = 2; and high risk, score ≥ 3.

Risk	% Pts	Median OS
Low (0)	48%	NR
Intermediate (1-2)	47%	24.5 years
High-risk (3-4)	5%	13.8 years

Risk	%/year thrombosis
Low (0-1)	1%
Intermediate (2)	2.4%
High-risk (>2)	3.6%

IPSET Risk Stratification



867 patients total

87 patients died

51% thrombosis

10% hemorrhage

17% AML/MDS

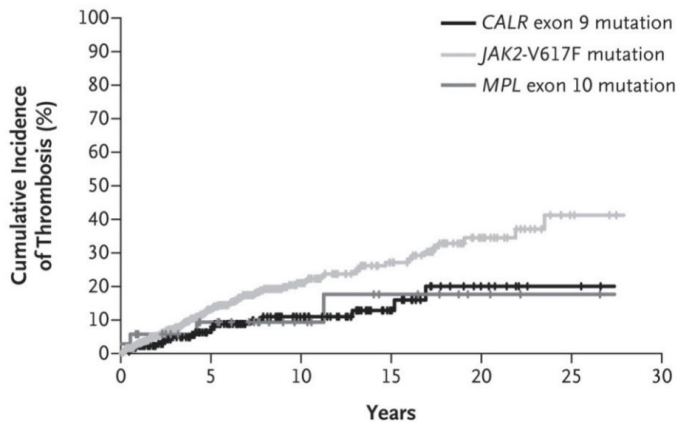
22% other cancer

Number at risk	0	5	10	15	20	25
Low	342	211	123	63	25	3
Intermediate	374	223	109	51	15	2
High	151	84	32	10	2	0

Impact of Mutations on prognosis

JAK2 associated with higher thrombotic risk than CALR

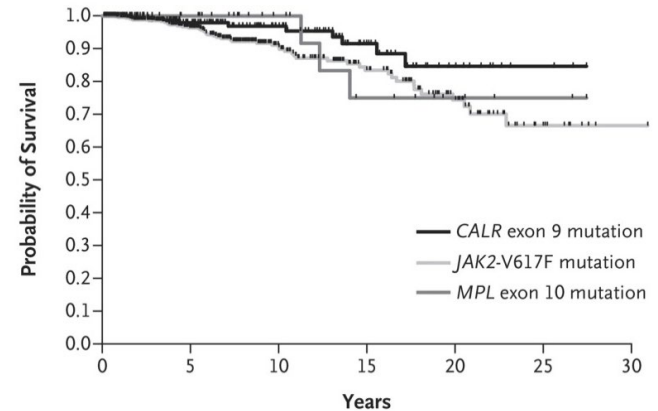
C Thrombosis in Essential Thrombocythemia



No. at Risk

	0	5	10	15	20	25	30
CALR mutation	186	115	63	27	9	3	0
JAK2 mutation	575	267	116	62	25	5	0
MPL mutation	35	21	13	8	4	2	0

B Survival in Essential Thrombocythemia



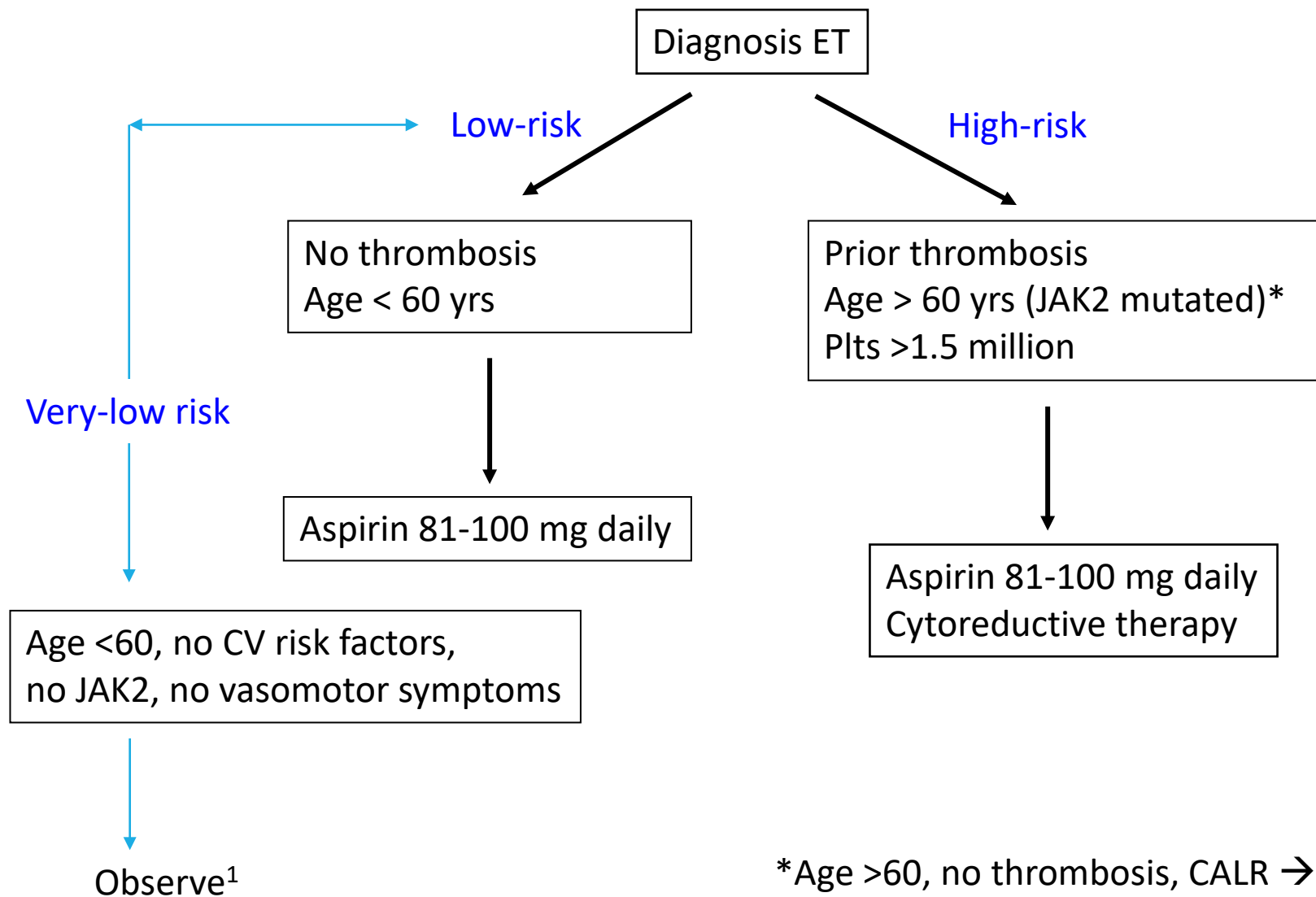
No. at Risk

	0	5	10	15	20	25	30
CALR mutation	186	122	71	33	11	3	0
JAK2 mutation	576	310	145	83	42	10	1
MPL mutation	35	25	14	8	4	2	0

ET: Treatment Options

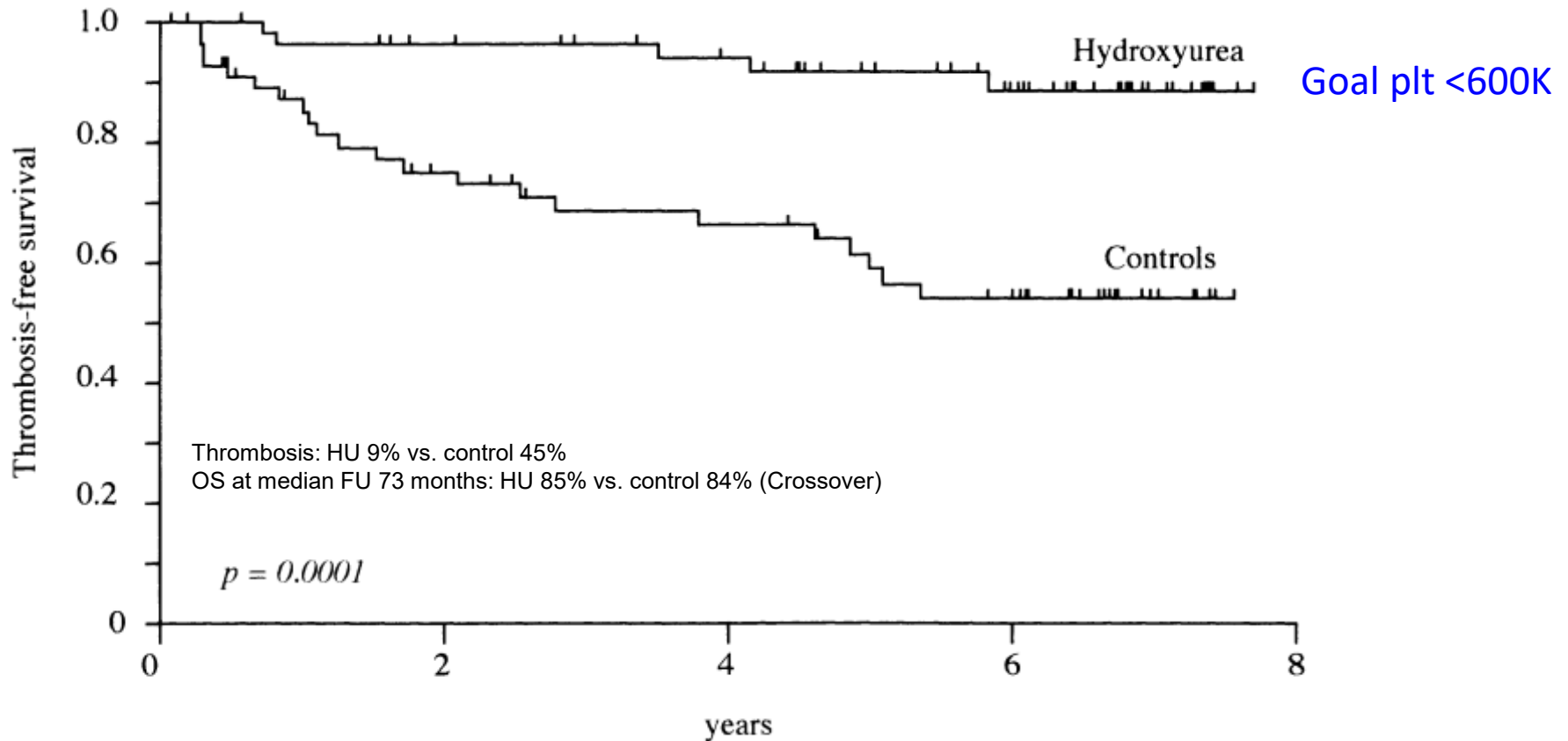
- Observation
- Aspirin
- Hydroxyurea
- Interferon
- Anagrelide
- ~~Ruxolitinib~~

Treatment Recs for ET



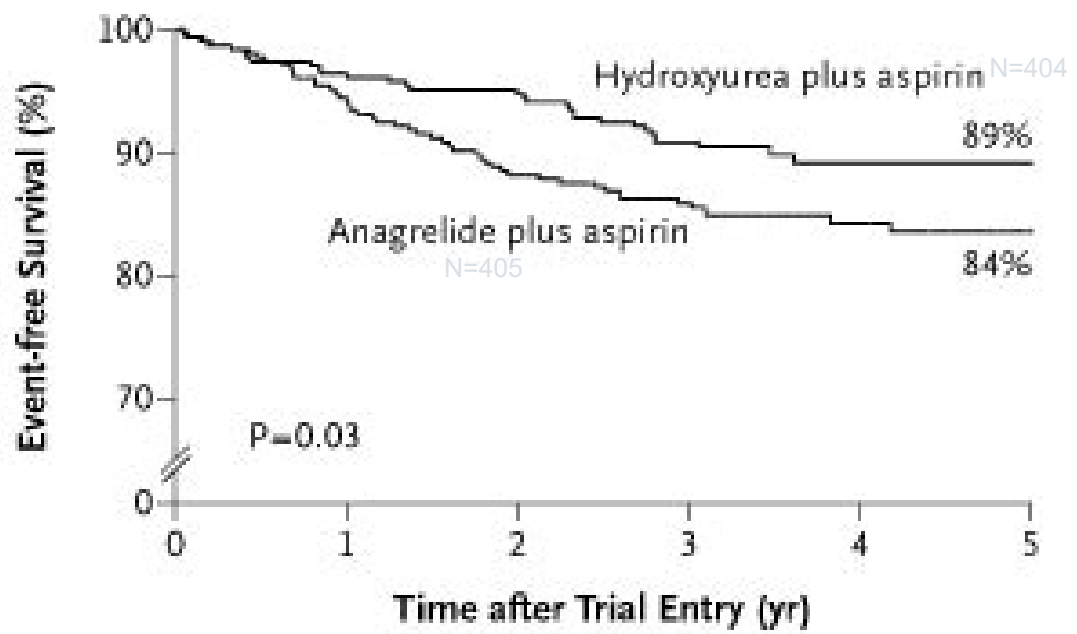
*Age >60, no thrombosis, CALR → no HU?

Hydrea in High-Risk ET: RCT



Age > 60 or previous thrombosis and plt ≤ 1.5 million

Hydrea vs. Anagrelide (+ASA)



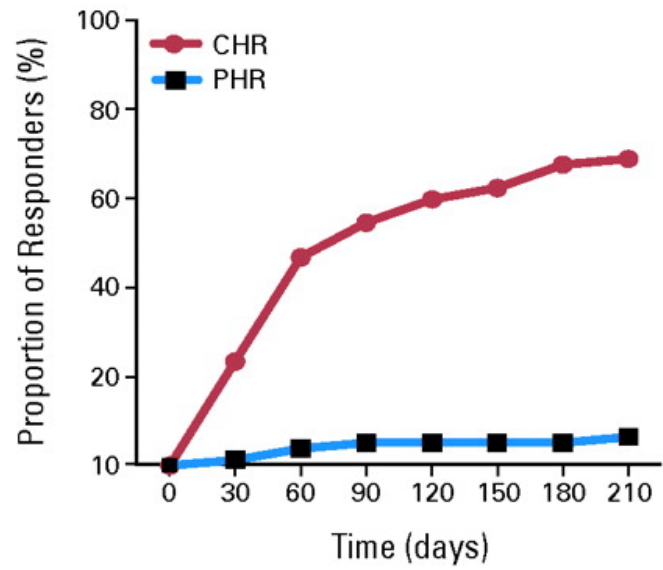
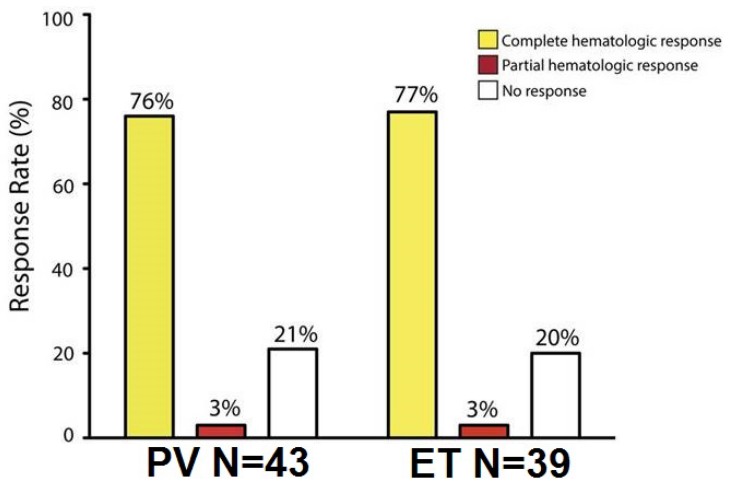
Composite endpoint:
arterial and venous thrombosis, hemorrhage, death from vascular causes

No. at Risk		0	1	2	3	4	5
Hydroxyurea plus aspirin	404	388	298	204	129	57	
Anagrelide plus aspirin	405	379	272	190	119	52	

Anagrelide-treated patients had a significantly greater increase in bone marrow reticulin and a higher rate of transformation into myelofibrosis at five years (7 versus 2 percent, odds ratio 2.9, 95% CI 1.2-6.9)

PEG-IFN- α -2a

Hematologic Response



Molecular Response

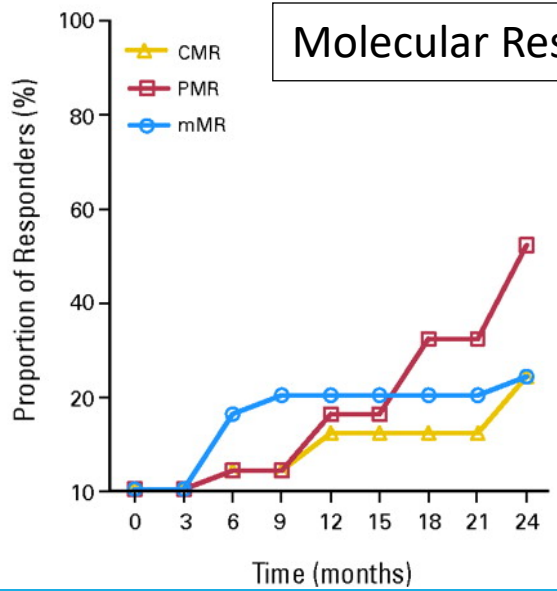


Table 2. Molecular response rates to PEG-IFN- α -2a therapy

<i>JAK2V617F</i> allele burden	PV (n = 40) number (%)	ET (n = 18) number (%)
CMR (undetectable)	7 (18)	3 (17)
PMR (>50% decrease)	14 (35)	6 (33)
mMR (20%-49% decrease)	3 (8)	3 (17)
No response	16 (40)	6 (33)

*Gowin et al. *Haematologica* 2012;97:1570-1573

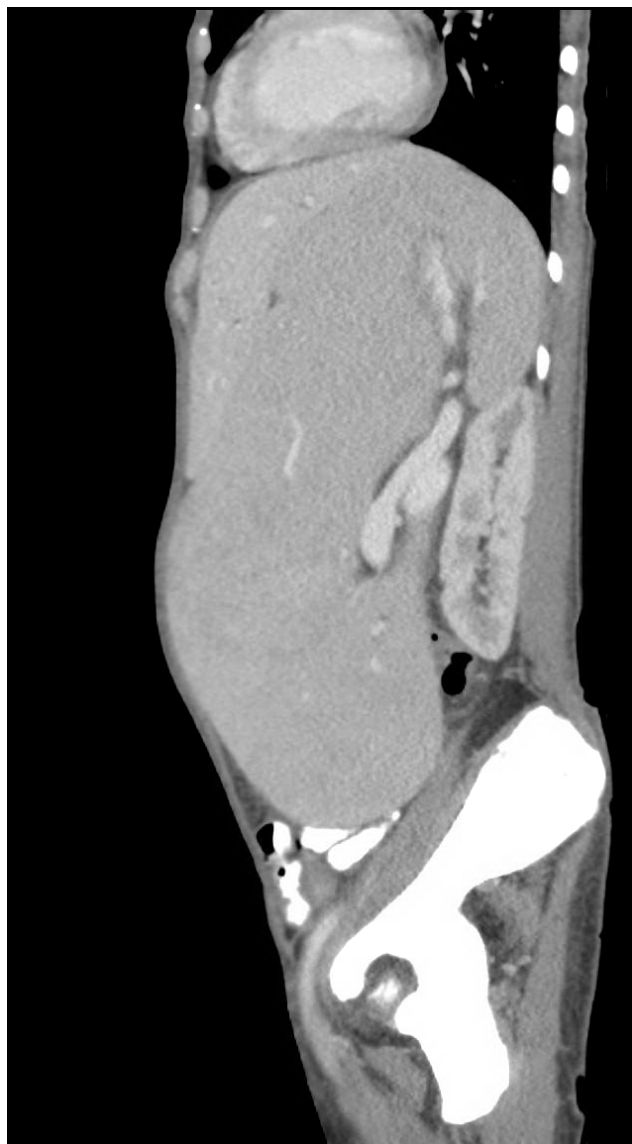
Quintás-Cardama et al. *J Clin Oncol*. 2009;27:5418-5424
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Case 3

55 yo F with no PMH p/w bilateral leg swelling and DOE. Did not respond to herbal tea/supplements/CBD oil

- ROS: 20 lb wt loss/2 months, night sweats
- PE: tachycardia, holosystolic murmur, JVD, LE edema, splenomegaly
- Labs: Hgb 3.4, WBC 5.9, plts 79, normal BMP, ferritin 487, iron sat 38%, B12 548, folate >24, LDH 584, INR 1, Hapto 64, normal BR, smear: tear drop cells
 - → 13 units of PRBCS
 - CT Abdomen
 - Bone marrow biopsy

CT Abdomen



Bone marrow biopsy

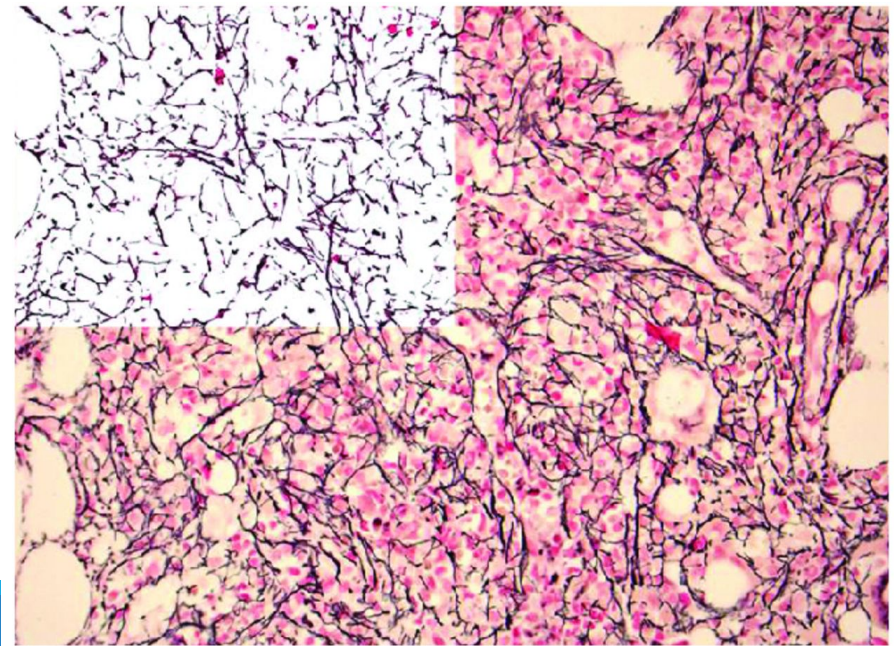
Hypercellular 90%; Megakaryocytic atypia

WHO Grade 3/3 fibrosis

No increased blasts on morphology or flow

Cytogenetics: 46, XX, del(7)(q11.2q22)[4]/46, XX[2]

+ JAK2 V617F and ASXL1 mutation



MF Diagnostic Criteria

WHO Criteria: Primary MF

Major criteria *(all 3 major + 1 minor)*

- Megakaryocyte proliferation and atypia with reticulin or collagen fibrosis grade 2 or 3
- Does not meet WHO criteria for other myeloid disorders (ET, PV, CML, MDS)
- Clonal marker (*JAK2, MPL, CALR*), presence of another clonal marker, or absence of reactive fibrosis §

Minor criteria *(2 consecutive determinations)*

- Increase in serum LDH >ULN
- Palpable splenomegaly
- Leukocytosis ($\geq 11 \times 10^9/L$)
- Anemia
- Leukoerythroblastosis

§ infection, autoimmune, chronic inflammatory, hairy cell leukemia or other lymphoid neoplasm, met malignancy, or toxic chronic myelopathies

IWG Criteria²: Post-ET MF & Post-PV MF

Major criteria *(all required)*

- Previous diagnosis of ET or PV
- Grade 2-3 bone marrow fibrosis (on 0-3 scale) or Grade 3-4 bone marrow fibrosis (on 0-4 scale)

Minor criteria *(must meet 2)*

- ≥ 5 cm increase in palpable splenomegaly or new splenomegaly
- Leukoerythroblastosis
- One or more constitutional symptoms
- Increase in serum LDH (**Post-ET MF only**)
- Anemia with a Hgb ≥ 2 mg/mL decrease from baseline (**Post-ET MF only**)
- Anemia or sustained loss of requirement for either cytoreductive treatment or phlebotomy (**Post-PV MF only**)

¹ Arber, et al. *Blood*. 2016;127(20):2391-2405

² Barosi G, et al. *Leukemia*. 2008;22(2):437-438.

MF Disease Features

85% or more of MF patients present with palpable splenomegaly at the time of diagnosis¹

60% to 80% of MF patients report spleen-related symptoms²

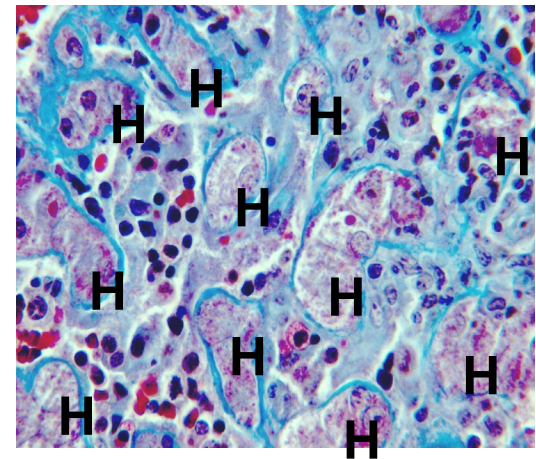
- Abdominal pain/discomfort, early satiety

Other MF symptoms that can be present include³

- Pruritus- 50%
- Night sweats – 56%
- Bone pain – 47%

Extramedullary features:

- Sinusoidal hepatic fibrosis
- Extramedullary hematopoiesis (collage deposition blue)
- Pulmonary and portal HTN

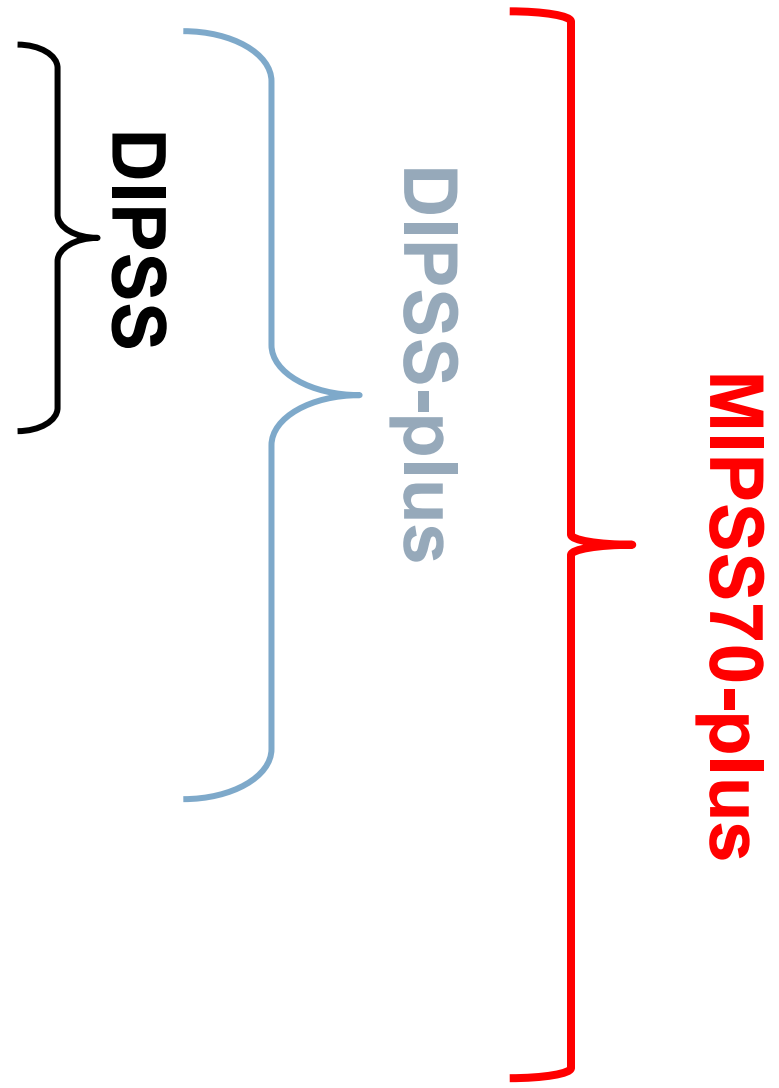


PMF - Risk Classification

- Age > 65 years (1)
- Constitutional symptoms (1)
- Hgb < 10 /L (2)
- WBC > 25,000 (1)
- PB blasts ≥ 1% (1)

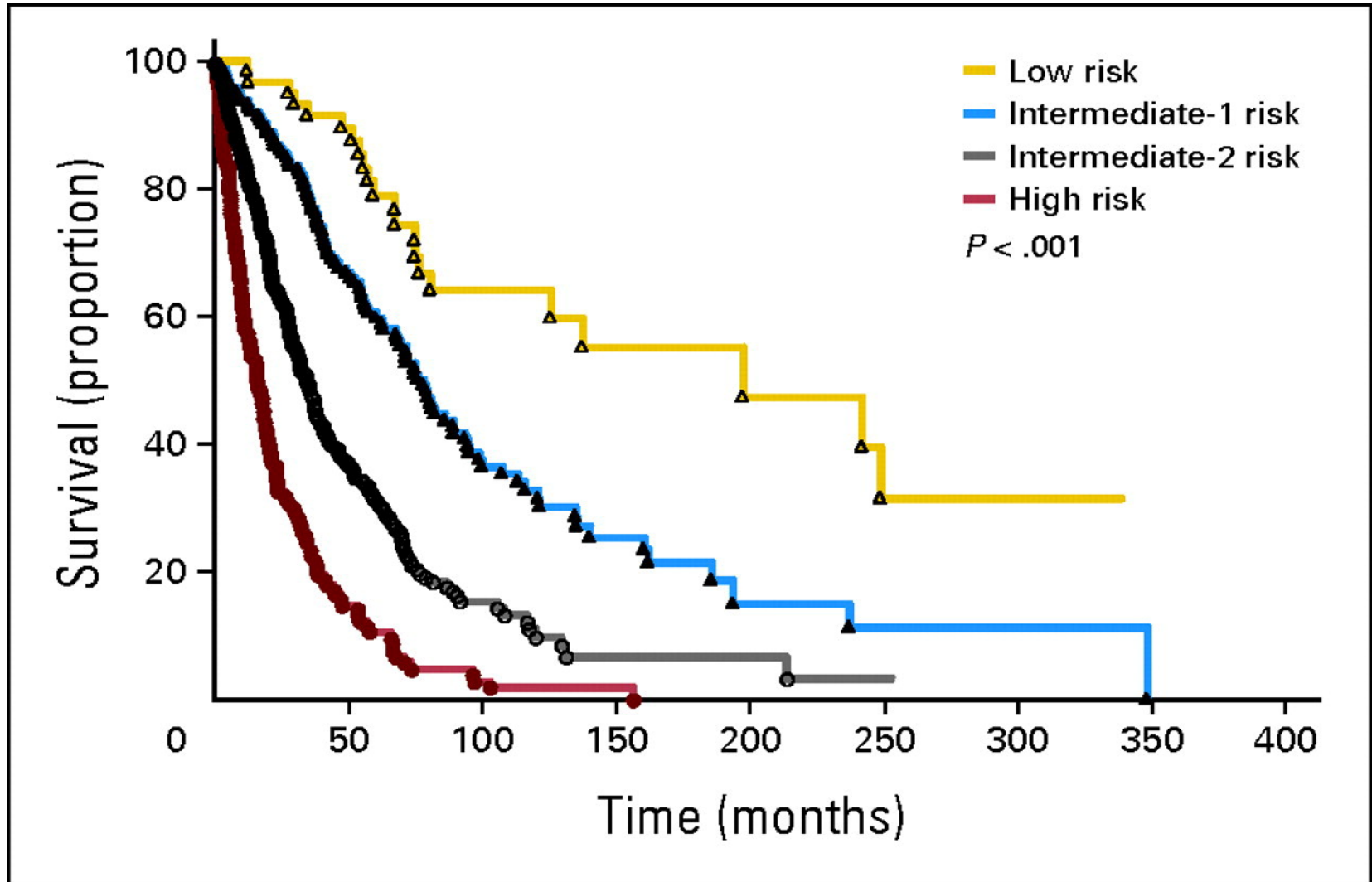
- Abnormal chromosomes*
- Plts <100,000
- Transfusion dependence

- Absence of CALR
- High-risk mutations^
- Marrow fibrosis ≥ grade 2
- HMR genes: ASXL1, EZH2, SRSF2, IDH 1/2, U2AF1

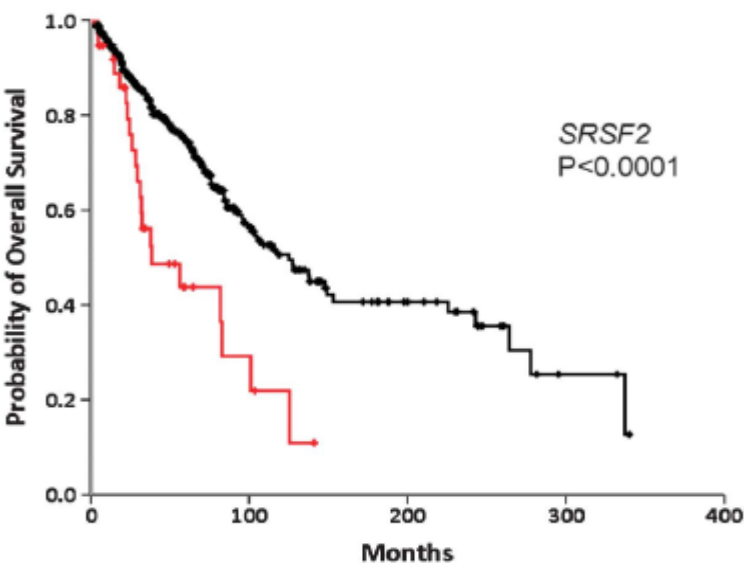
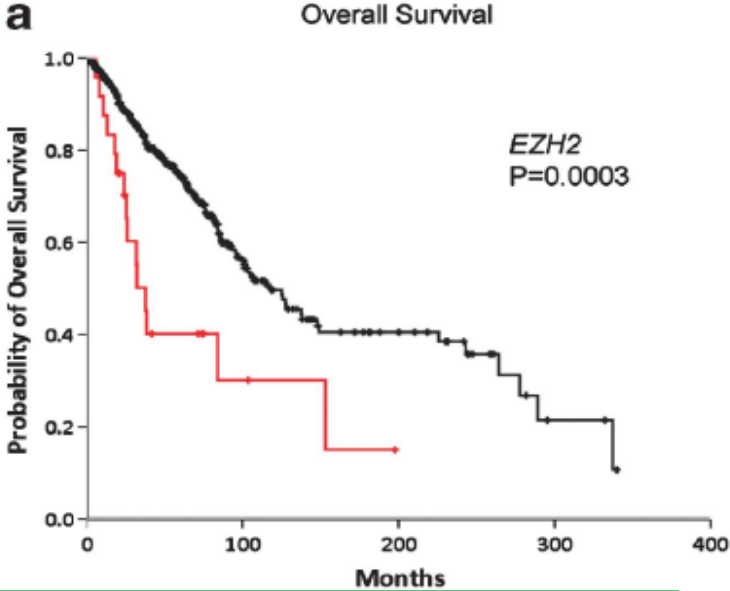


*+8, -7/7q-, i(17q), -5/5q-, 12p-, inv(3) or 11q23 rearrangement ^ any abnormal karyotype other than normal or sole abnormalities in 20q-, 13q-, +9, chromosome 1 translocation/duplication, -Y or sex chromosome abnormality other than -Y

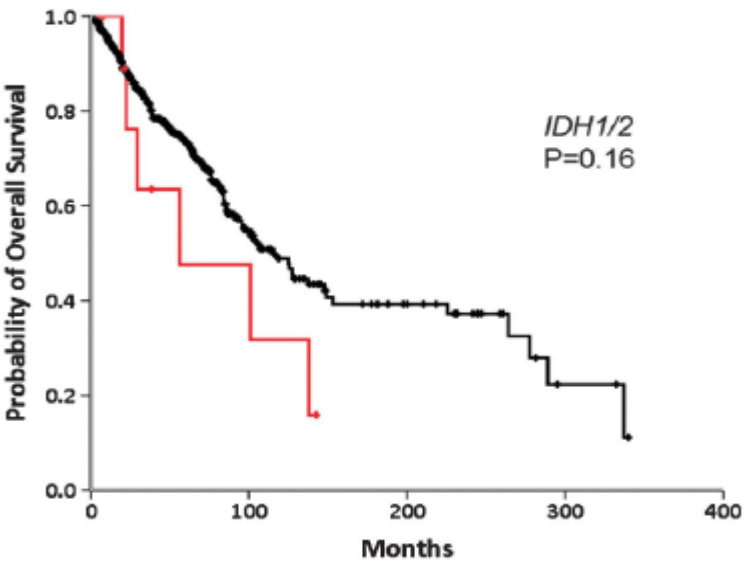
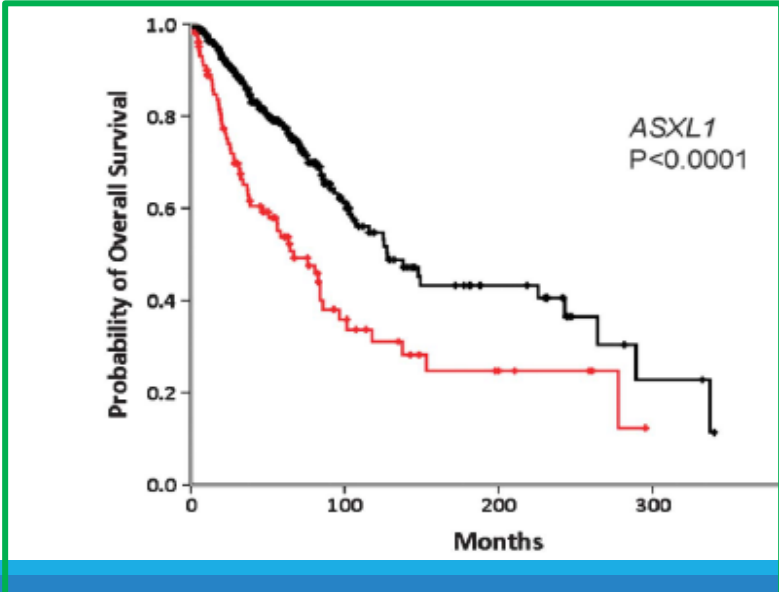
DIPSS-plus and Survival



Overall Survival by Mutation



— WT
— Mut

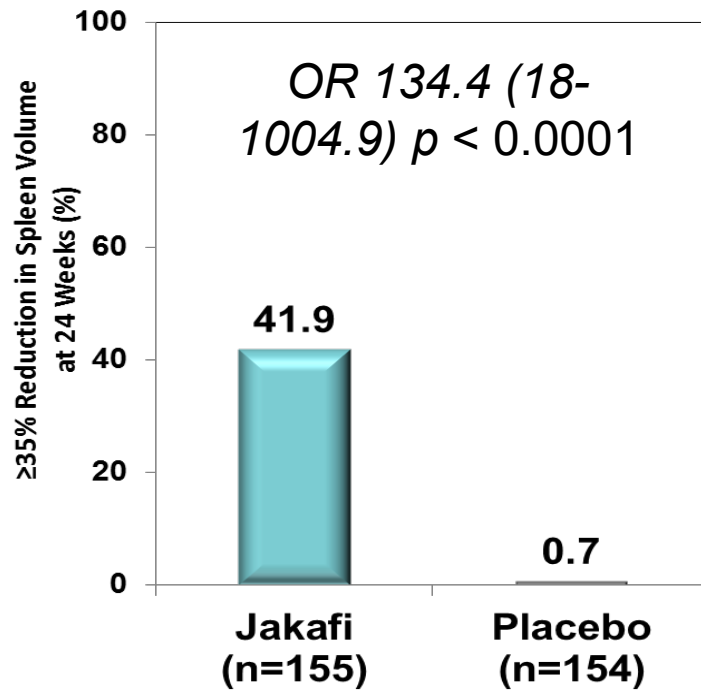


Treatment Options

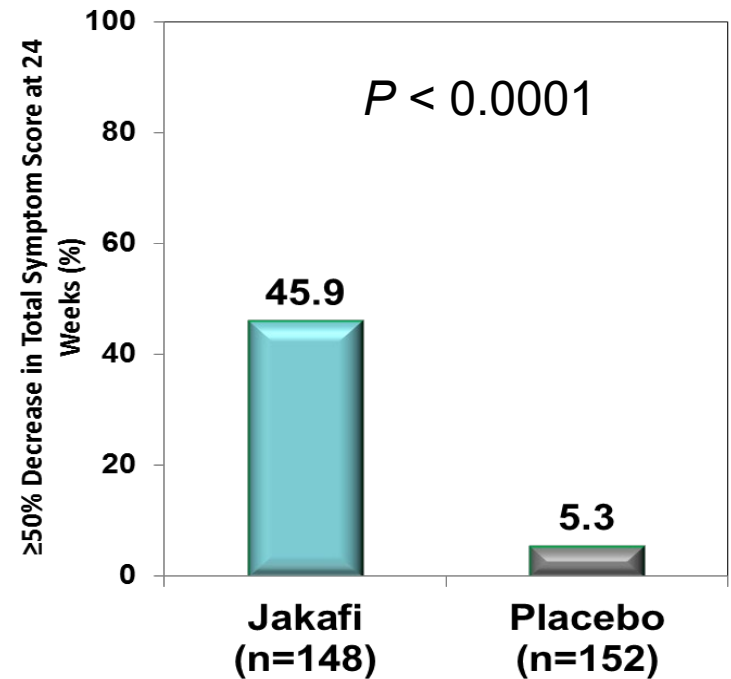
- Active surveillance in low-risk disease
- Hydrea for proliferative disease, splenomegaly
- Anemia: Lenalidomide/prednisone, danazol
- Newest options:
 - Ruxolitinib (Jakafi) – JAK1/2 inhibitor: best for splenomegaly, constitutional symptoms, pruritis
 - Fedratinib (Inrebic) – JAK2 inhibitor; 2019 for int-2/high-risk MF, plts >50
- Allogeneic stem cell transplant for higher risk disease (generally DIPSS int-2 and high-risk)

COMFORT-1 : MF patients randomized to Ruxolitinib or placebo

DECREASE SPLEEN VOLUME

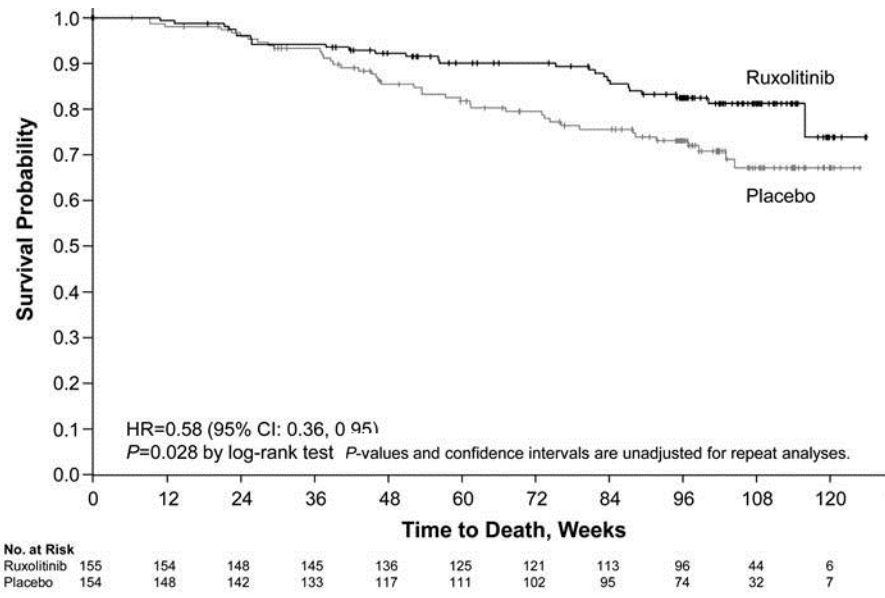


IMPROVEMENT MF SYMPTOMS

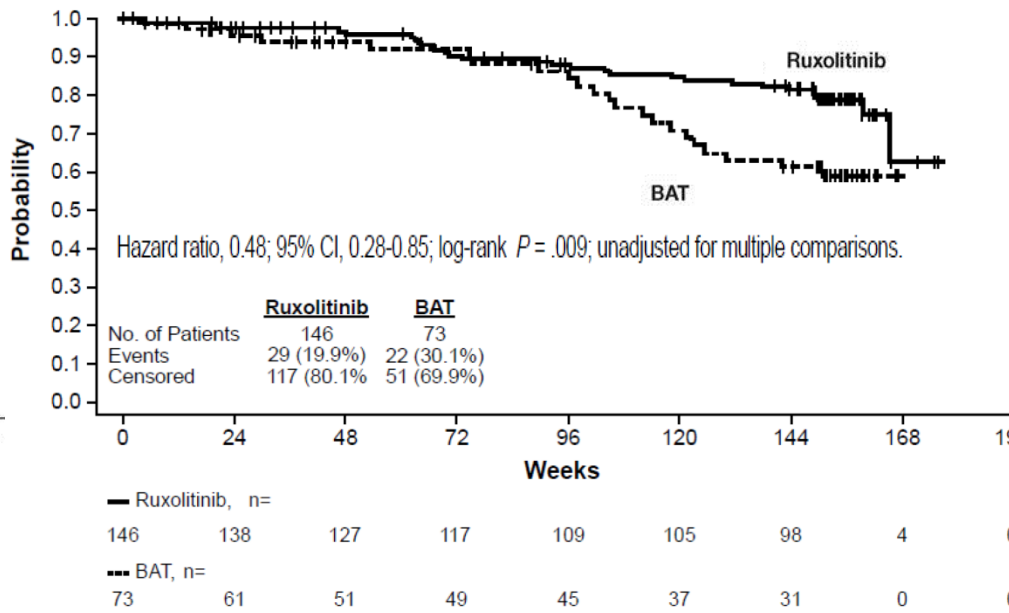


Comfort 2: MF patients randomized to Ruxolitinib vs. BAT

COMFORT 1

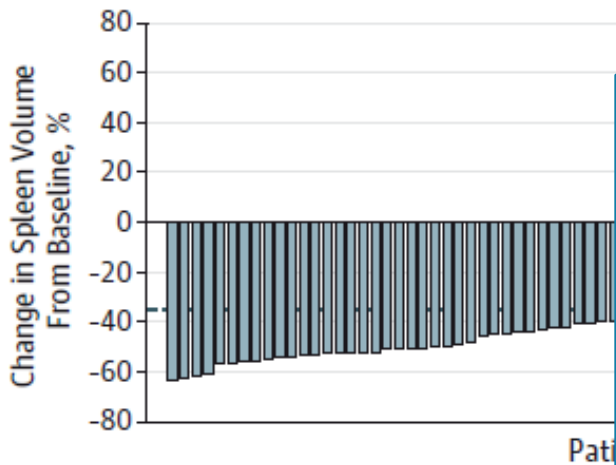


COMFORT 2



Fedratinib: JAKARTA Trials

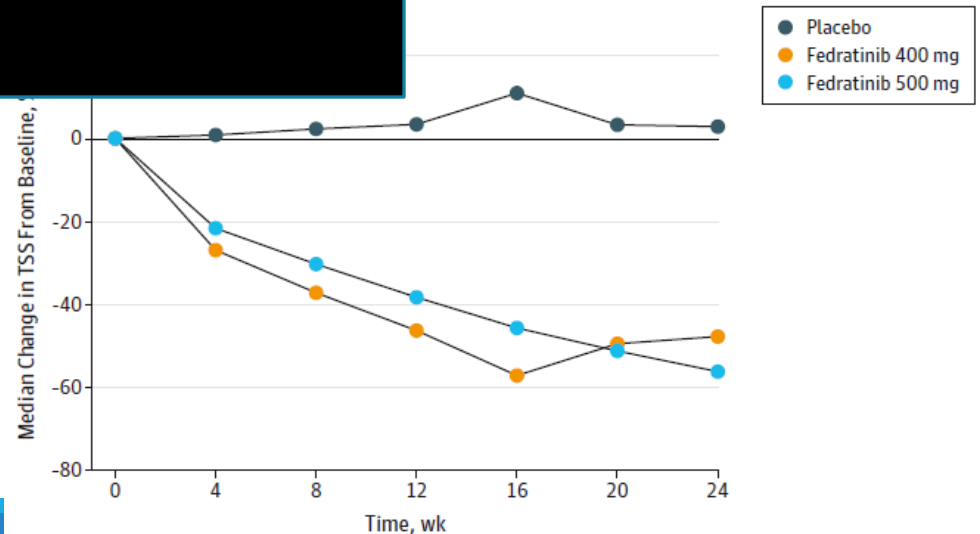
Fedratinib 400 mg



37% >35% spleen volume reduction vs. 1% placebo; med duration 18 mo

**BLACK BOX WARNING:
WERNICKE ENCEPHALOPATHY:
CHECK THIAMINE level (B1)
PRIOR TO STARTING THERAPY**

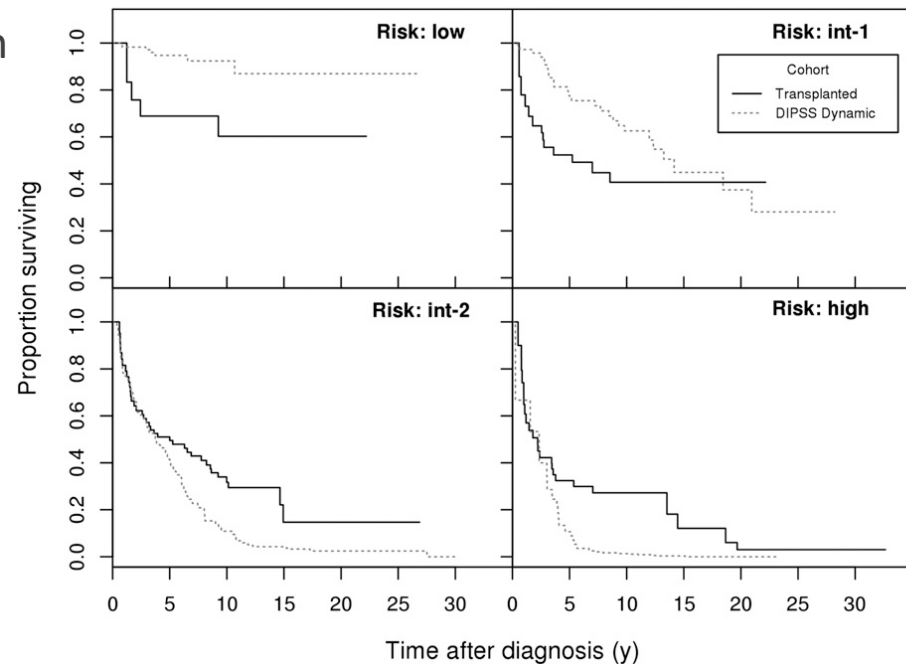
40%: > 50% reduction in MF-TSS vs. 9% placebo



So, Whom and When to Transplant?

Disease characteristics:

- DIPSS int 1 – some patients (adverse risk mutations, 2+ mutations?, triple negative disease?) will benefit
- DIPSS int 2/high – indication for HCT
- Disease progression – HCT only real option
- Loss of response to JAK inhibitor



Risk Factors for transplant

Comorbidities

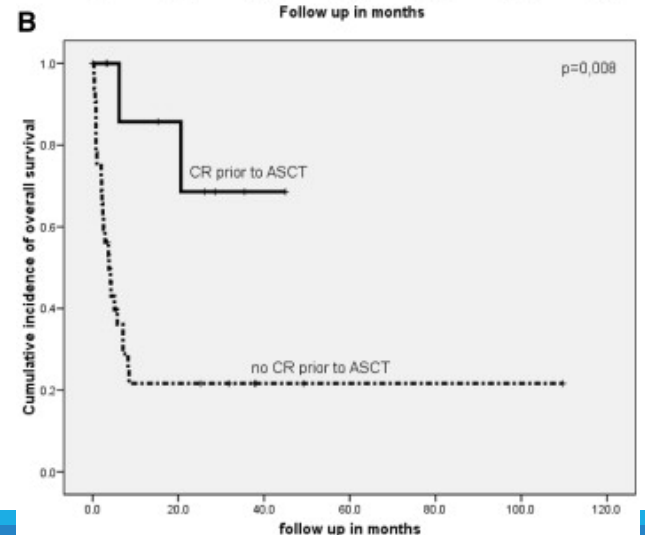
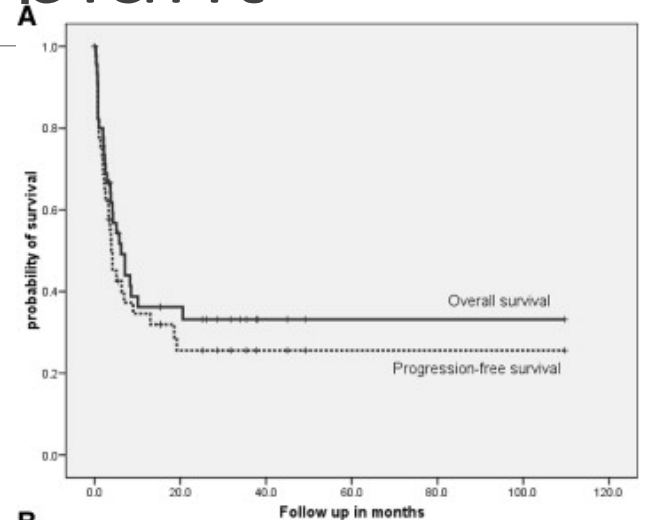
Pulmonary or portal HTN

Extramedullary hematopoiesis/disease

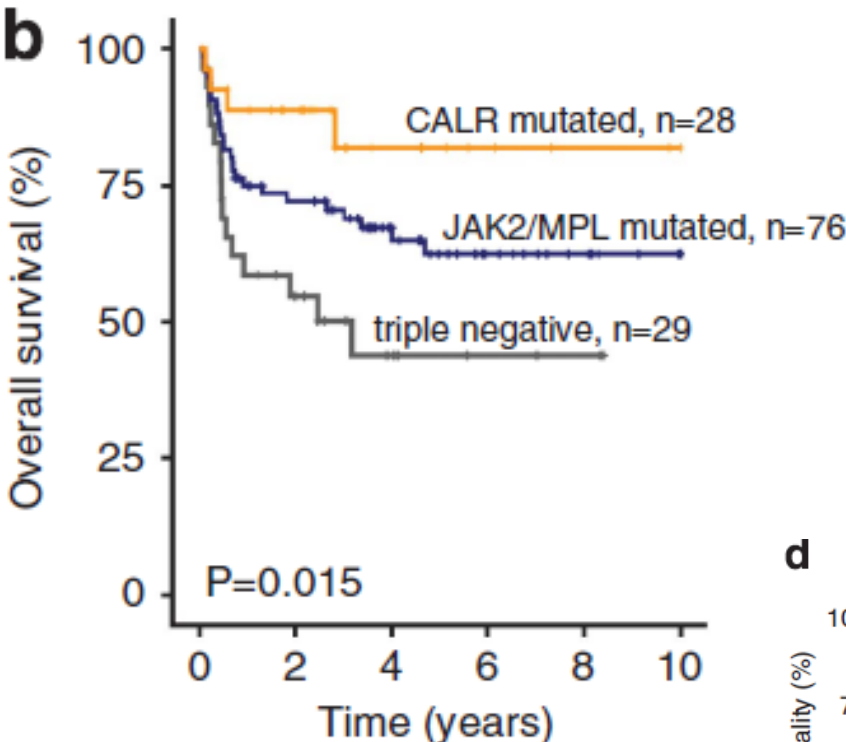
Massive splenomegaly (>22 cm)

Adverse mutations

Leukemic transformation

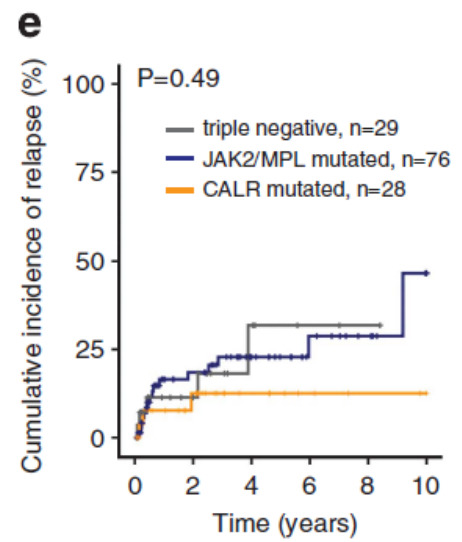
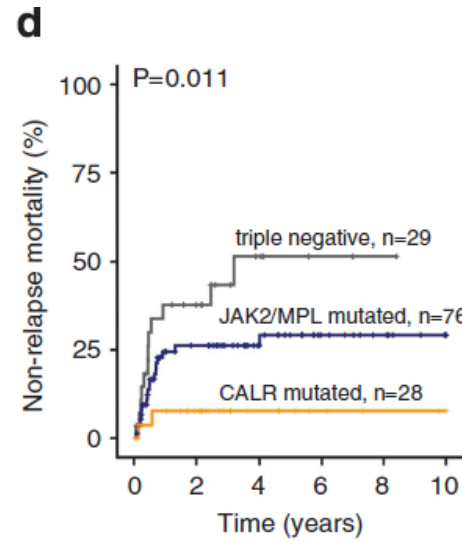


Mutations and transplant outcome



CALR mutated patients have prolonged OS after HCT, both due to decreased relapse and non-relapse mortality

Triple-negative patients do worst



Case 3

High-risk DIPSS plus score

No response to Ruxolitinib (low dose due to baseline plts)

Referred to transplant, still with massive splenomegaly up to 27 cm, cachexia at 38 kg (BMI 15)

Patient had splenectomy given size and severe malnutrition, tolerated it well

Now >1 year s/p matched, unrelated donor stem cell transplant, doing well

MPN-accelerated/blast phase

MPN-AP (10-19% blasts) and MPN-BP ($\geq 20\%$ blasts) difficult to treat

- ~15% PV, 3-5% ET, 20% MF will progress to AML

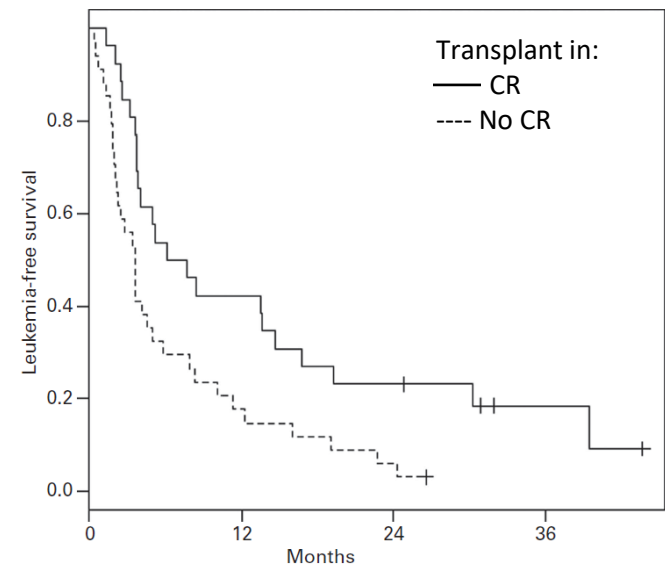
Sequelae of their chronic underlying MPN (eg splenomegaly, fibrosis) often complicate their treatment

Prognosis in absence HCT 3-6 months

Treatment options:

- Hypomethylating therapy (HMA)
- AML-induction type therapy
- Early clinical experience with HMA+ruxolitinib

Myeloproliferative neoplasms in blast phase
X Cahu *et al*



Mastocytosis

No longer considered an MPN in WHO 2016

Cutaneous mastocytosis- limited to skin

Systemic mastocytosis (SM) involves extracutaneous organs

- >70% adults have **D816V KIT mutations**
- Systemic mastocytosis with an associated hematologic neoplasm (SM-AHN)

Skin, GI, neuropsychiatric, anaphylaxis, episodic mediator release:

- episodes of vasodilation, hypotension, flushing, pruritus, syncope, abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, and headache

+ **KIT mutations: Midostaurin** FDA approved for aggressive SM or SM-AHN

- **NO KIT mutations: Imatinib** approved for aggressive SM

Chronic Neutrophilic Leukemia (CNL)

WHO Criteria: CNL

- 1) PB WBC $>25 \times 10^9/L$
- 2) Hypercellular BM
- 3) Not meeting WHO criteria for CML, PV, ET, PMF
- 4) No PDGFRA, PDGFRB, FGFR1, or PCM1-JAK2
- 5) **Presence of CSF3R T6181** or other activating CSF3R mutation
OR if no CSF3R mutation: persistent neutrophilia >3 months, no cause of reactive neutrophilia, splenomegaly, or clonality of myeloid cells by cytogenetic or molecular studies

Mature granulocytic proliferative in blood and marrow, hepatosplenomegaly

Short survival (<2 years)

Treatment (?): hydroxyurea, ruxolitinib, interferon, cladribine, TKI- dasatanib, transplant

The challenge of CMML

MDS/MPN overlap syndrome WHO 2016

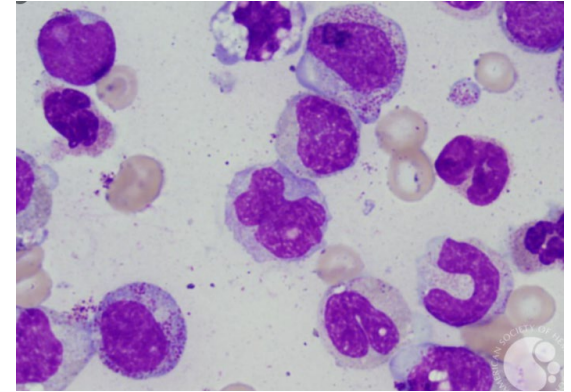
Few CMML-specific studies

“MDS-CMML” WBC <13

- Ineffective hematopoiesis
- Cytopenias- mostly anemia, less thrombocytopenia
- Dysplasia

“MPN- CMML” wbc >13

- Leukocytosis
- Constitutional symptoms
- Splenomegaly
- Extramedullary disease
- Autoimmune/inflammatory disease



WHO Criteria: CMML¹

- 1) Persistent (>3 months) PB monocytosis $\geq 1 \times 10^9/L$, with monocytes accounting for $\geq 10\%$ of the WBC count
- 2) Not meeting WHO criteria CML, PMF, PV, ET*
- 3) No evidence of PDGFRA, PDGFRB, FGFR1, PCM1-JAK2
- 4) <20% blasts/blast equivalents in blood and marrow
- 5) Dysplasia in ≥ 1 myeloid lineages, unless:
 - 1) There is a clonal cytogenetic/molecular abnormality[§]
 - 2) Monocytosis persisted >3 months
 - 3) Reactive causes excluded

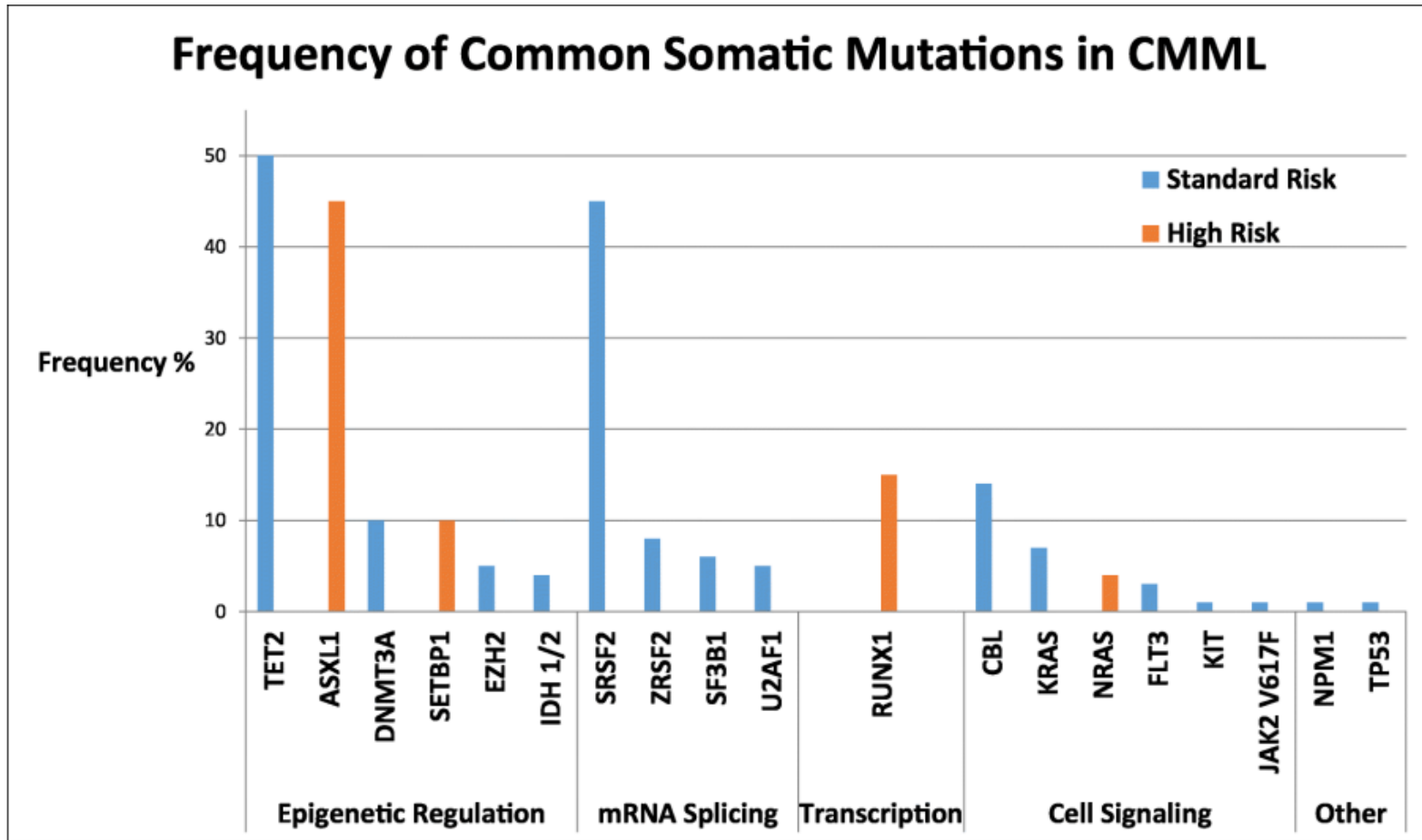
CMML-0: <5% marrow blasts

CMML-1: 5-9% marrow blasts

CMML-2: 10-19% marrow blasts

>20% =AML arising from CMML

Common mutations CMML



CMML Risk stratification

Multiple risk models for CMML with various factors:

- Cytopenias, WBC, blast %, transfusion, cytogenetics, age
- These have recently been upgraded to include mutational information

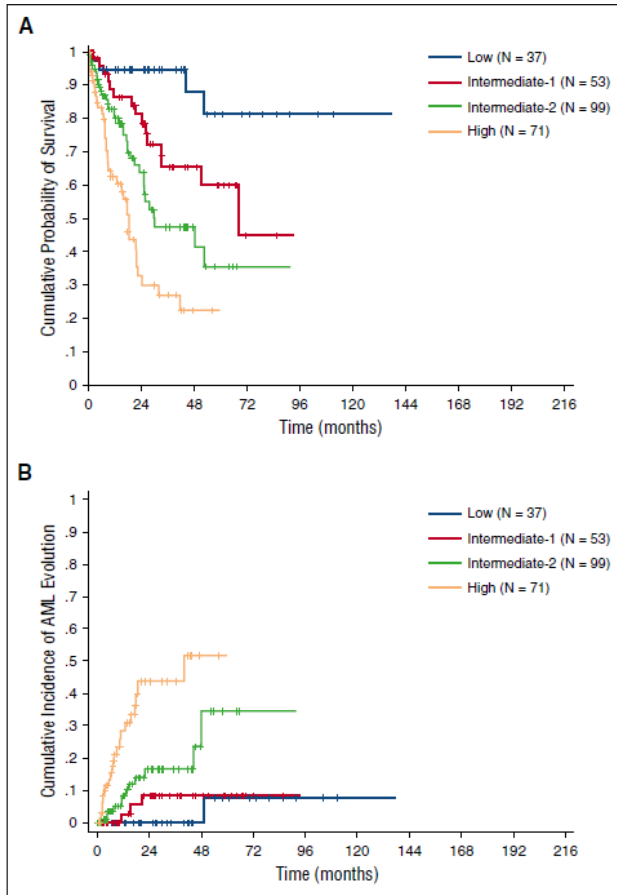
Mayo molecular model: AMC \geq 10K, circulating immature cells, Hgb $<$ 10, plts $<$ 100, ASXL1

GFM Score: age $>$ 65, WBC \geq 15K, Hgb $<$ 10, plt $<$ 100, ASXL1

CPSS-Mol: WBC \geq 13K, BM blasts \geq 5%, RBC transfusion dependence, cytogenetic risk group, ASXL1, NRAS, SETBP1, RUNX1 (2 pts)

MD Anderson Score: 8 features including PS, no molecular

CPSS-Mol



Factor	Points
Clinical features	
WBC $\geq 13,000$	1
BM blasts $\geq 5\%$	1
RBC transfusion dependence	1
Genetic Risk Group	
Low: normal or isolated -Y	0
Int: other	1
High: trisomy 8, complex (≥ 3), chrom 7	2
Mutation risk	
ASXL1, NRAS, SETBP1	1
RUNX1	2

Risk Group	Median OS	CIL at 48 mo
Low	Not reached	0
Intermediate-1	64 months	3%
Intermediate-2	37 months	21%
High	18 months	38%

CMML- Treatment Options

Strategies from MDS and MPNs

Indications for treatment

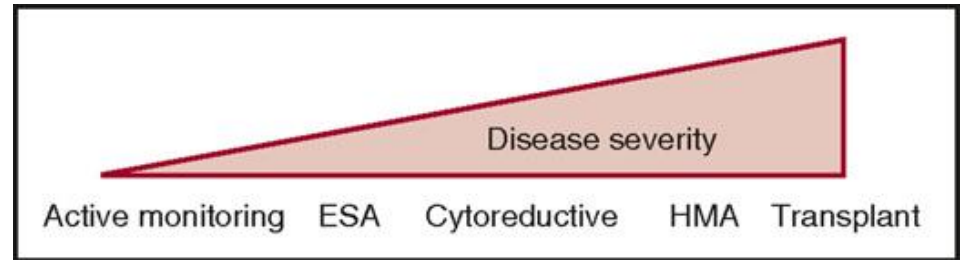
- Systemic symptoms
- Organ involvement
- Alterations in blood counts
- High-risk disease

Lower-risk patients

- Active surveillance
- ESA for anemia
- Hydroxyurea for leukocytosis/splenomegaly/extramedullary disease

Higher-risk patients (+/- young)

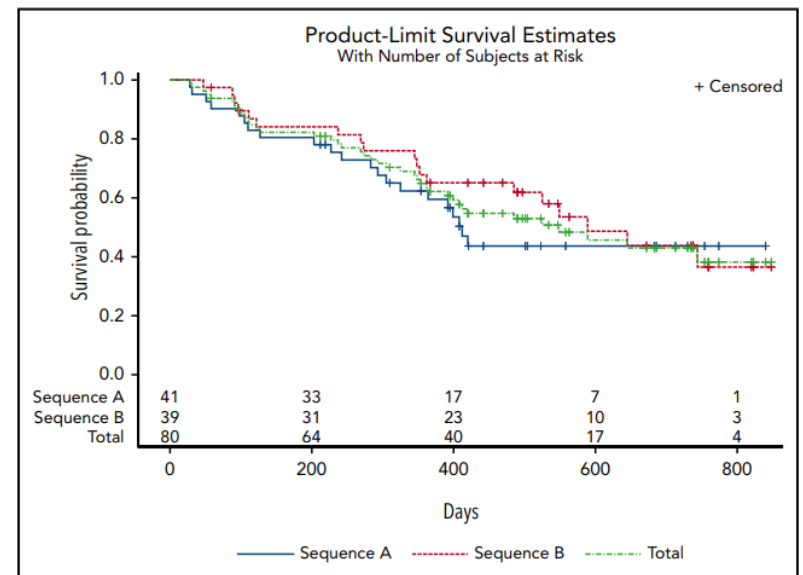
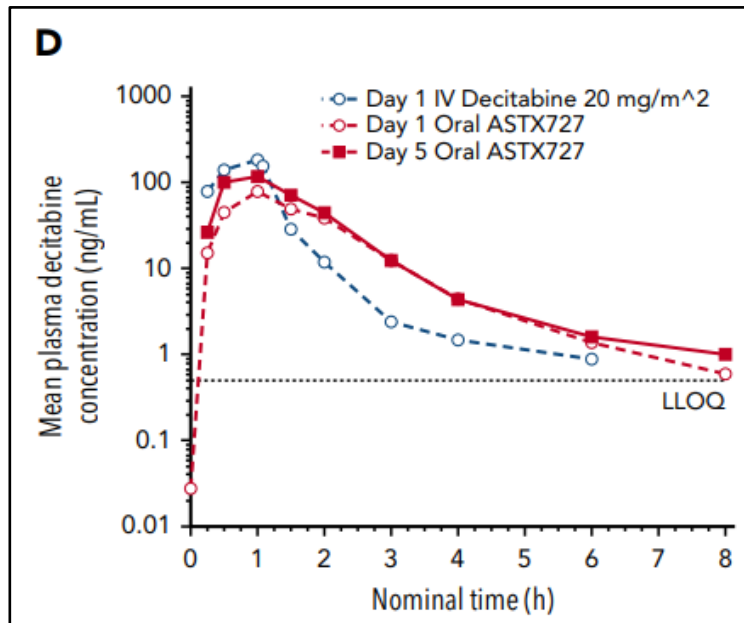
- Hypomethylating agents
 - ORR ~30-60%
 - CR ~15%
 - OS 12-37 months
- Multi-agent induction chemotherapy
- Allogeneic stem cell transplant – only curative approach



Inqovi (decitabine+cedazuridine) for CMML

Oral therapy taken days 1-5 q28 day cycle

Approved for: MDS and CMML-1/2



A= oral first B = IV first