

# Algorithms for AML

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# Objectives

- 1) Describe newer treatments for AML
- 2) Outline the latest approaches to the management of AML
- 3) Finish on time
- 4) Make friends

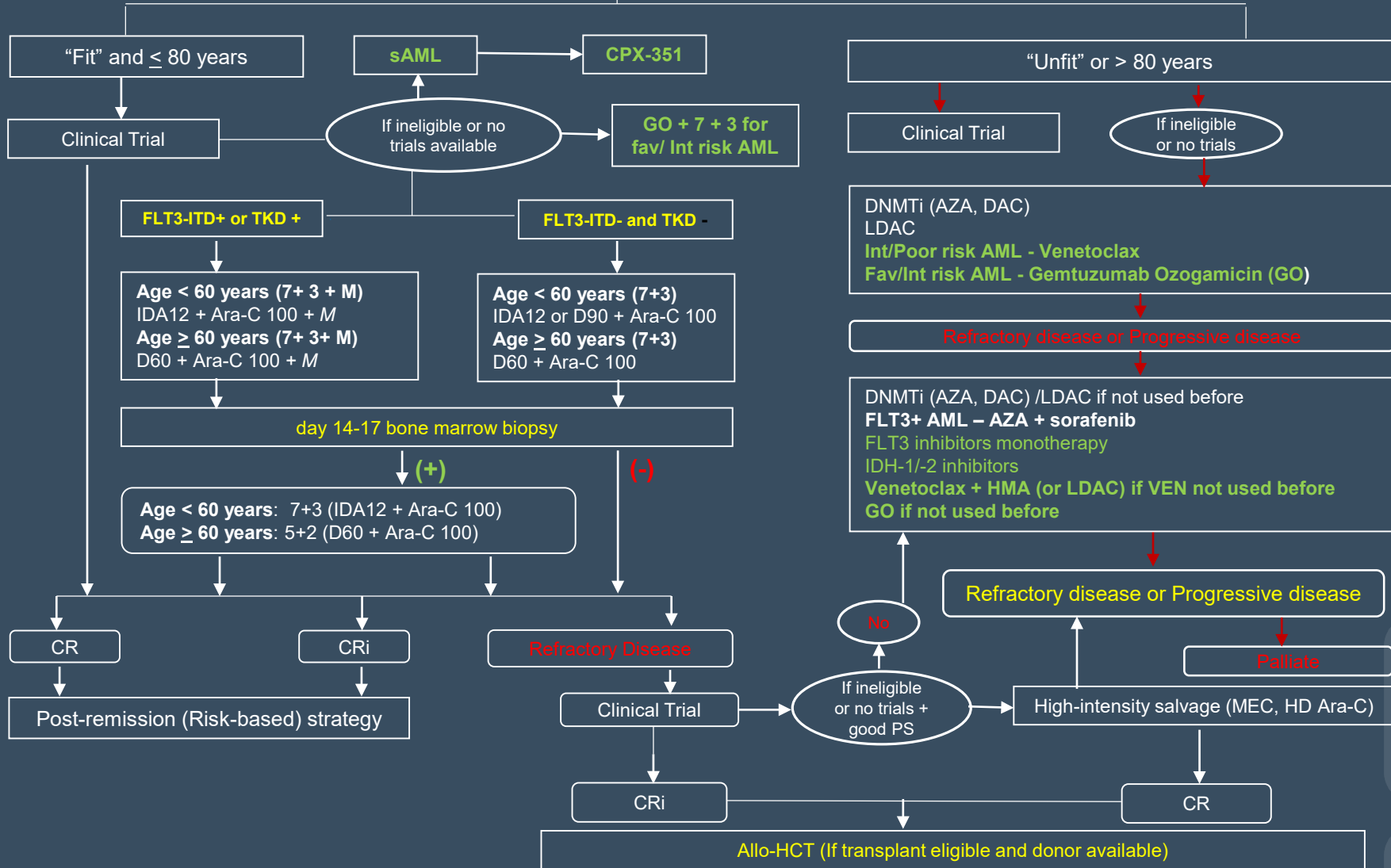


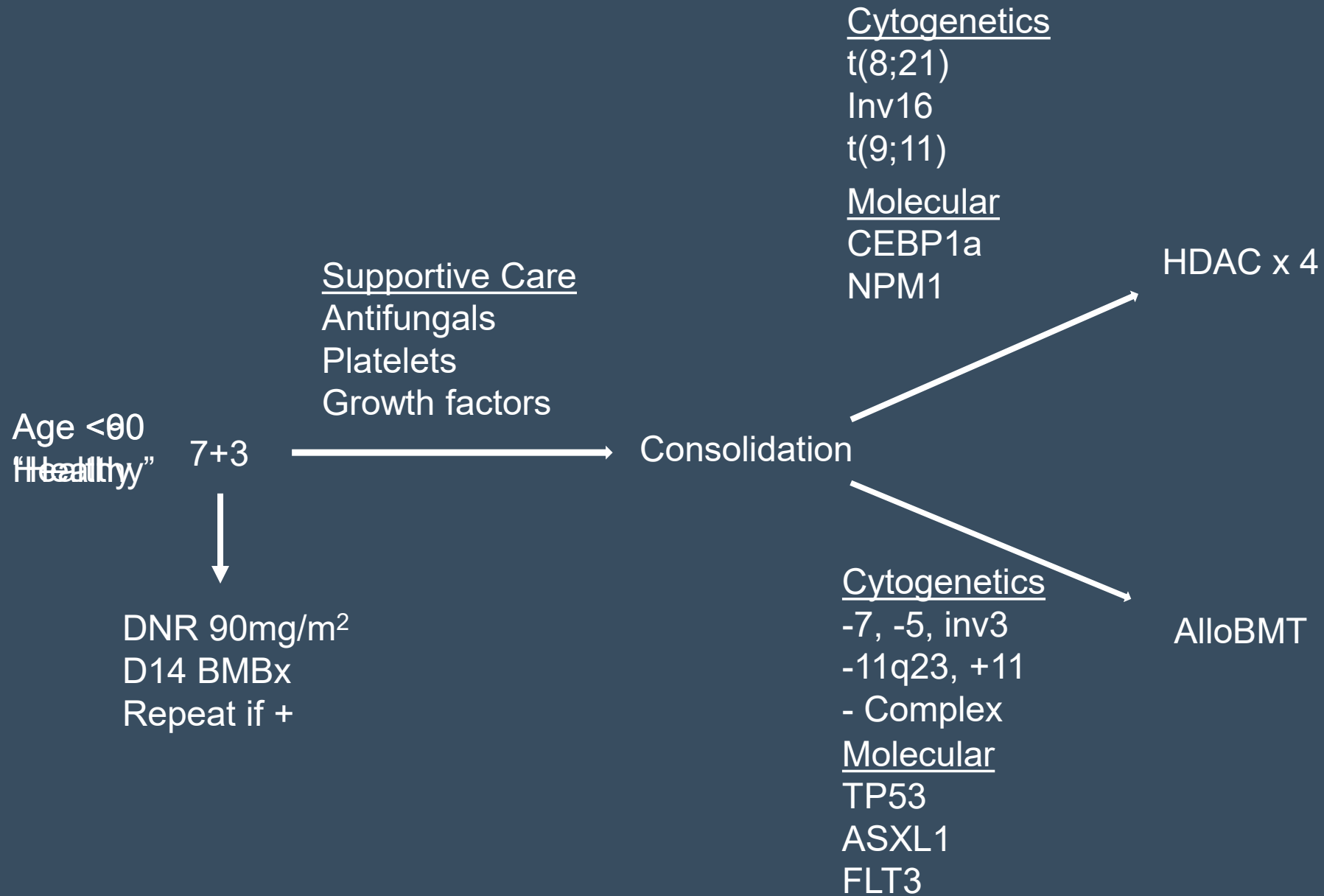
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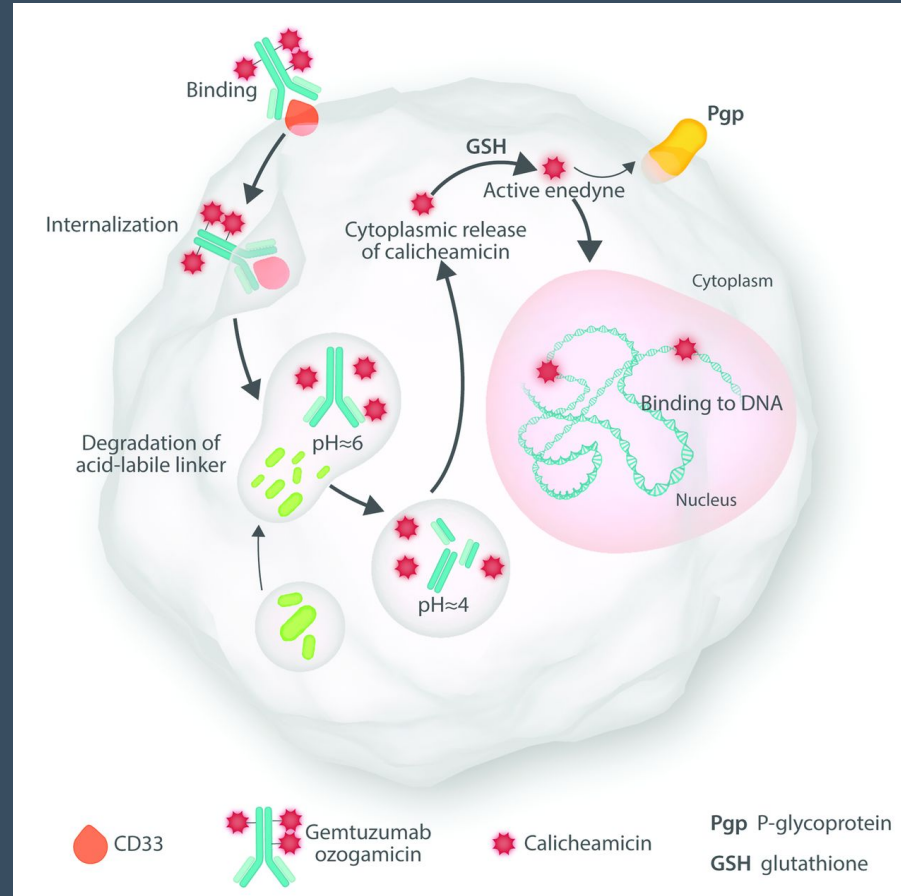
# Newly diagnosed AML

Metaphase Cytogenetics  
 (Molecular analysis –Next generation sequencing) / FLT3 gene mutation analysis  
 Tissue Banking / Research Sample (IRB 5024)  
 HLA typing





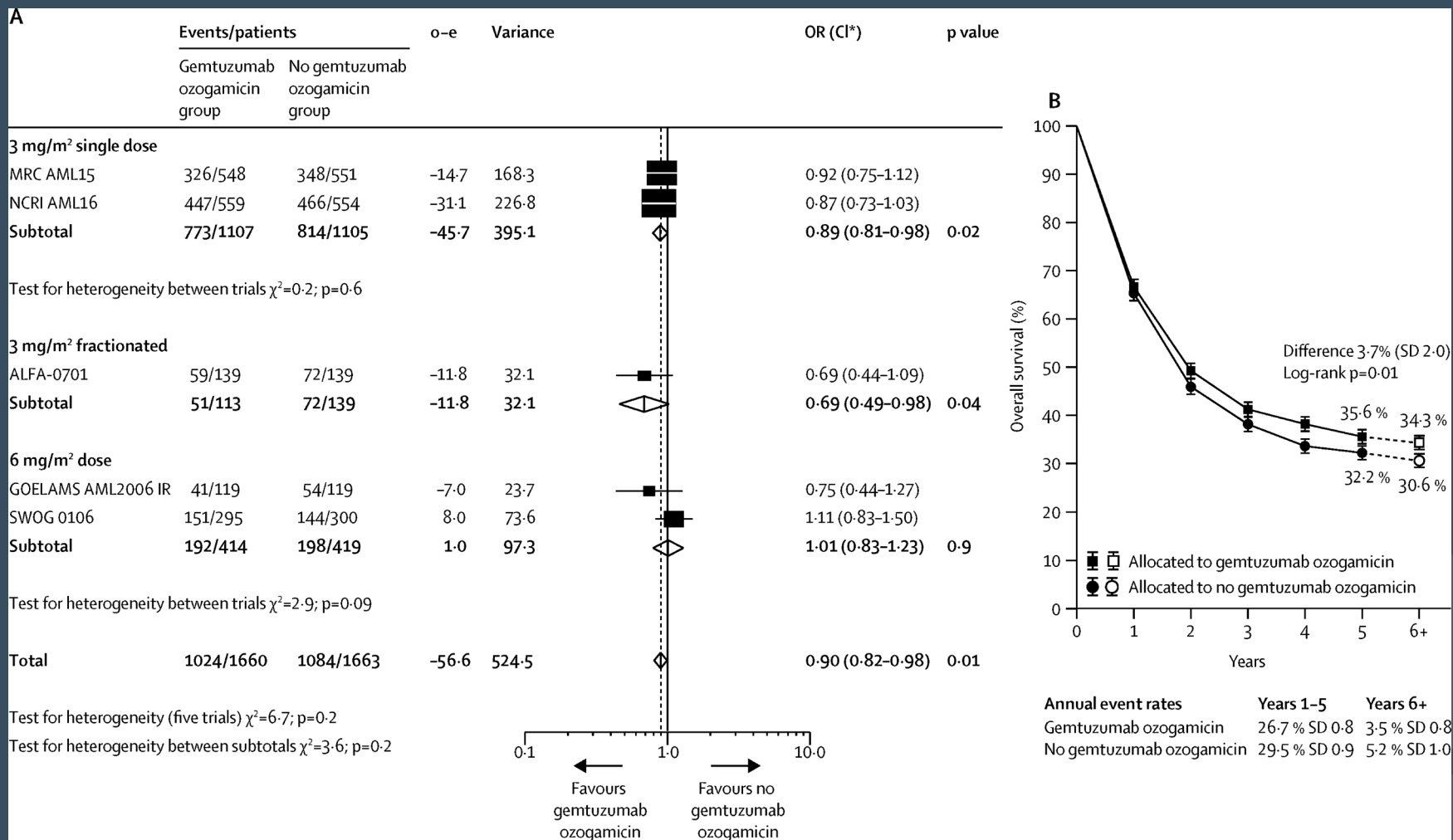
# Gemtuzumab Ozogamicin



Hitzler & Estey. Haematologica 104: 7, 2019

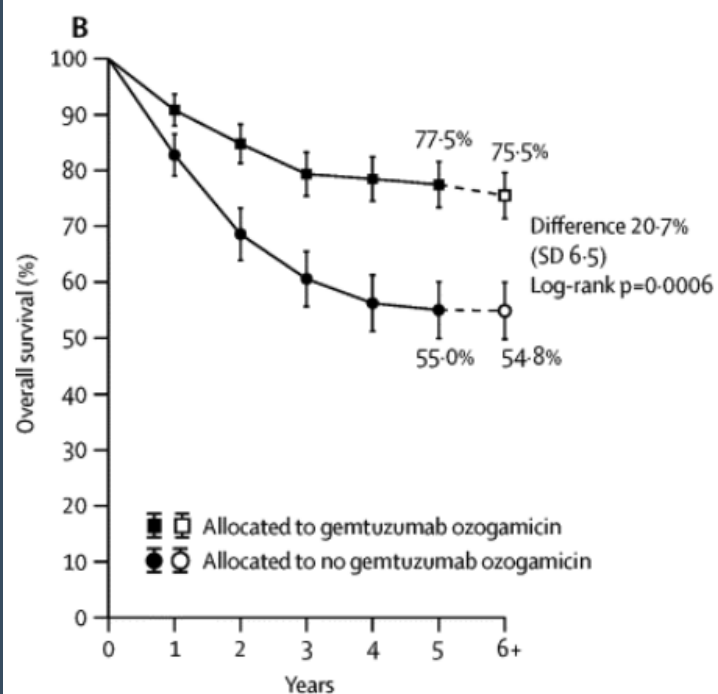
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Hills et al, Lancet Oncol 15:986, 2014

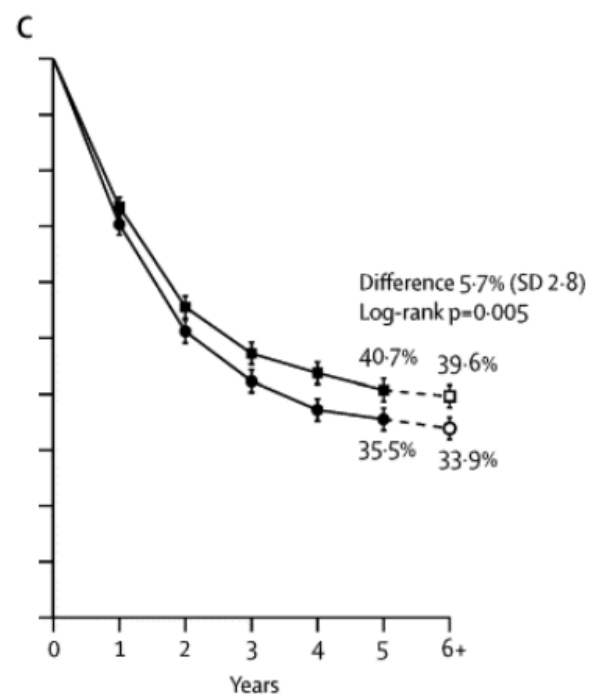


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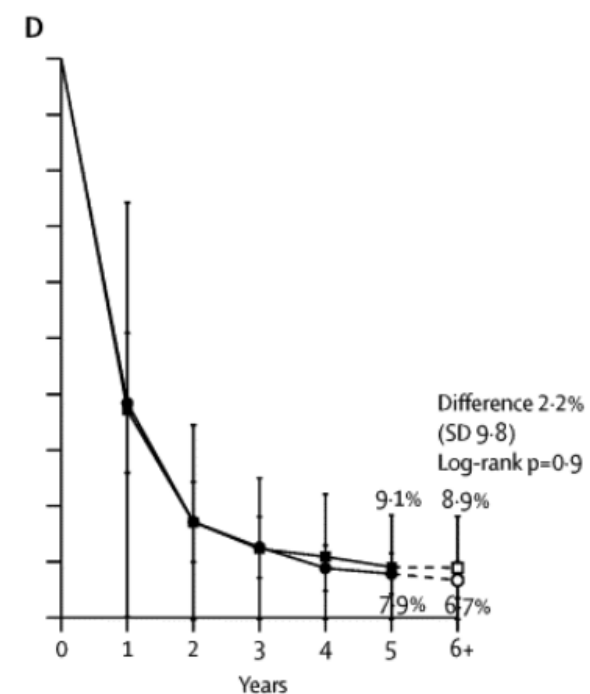
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Annual event rates	Years 1-5	Years 6+
Gemtuzumab ozogamicin	5.8% SD 1.1	2.3% SD 1.3
No gemtuzumab ozogamicin	14.1% SD 1.9	0.0% SD 0.0



Annual event rates	Years 1-5	Years 6+
Gemtuzumab ozogamicin	22.4% SD 1.0	2.7% SD 0.9
No gemtuzumab ozogamicin	26.2% SD 1.1	4.9% SD 1.3



Annual event rates	Years 1-5	Years 6+
Gemtuzumab ozogamicin	73.8% SD 4.6	2.4% SD 2.4
No gemtuzumab ozogamicin	76.7% SD 4.8	21.1% SD 10.5

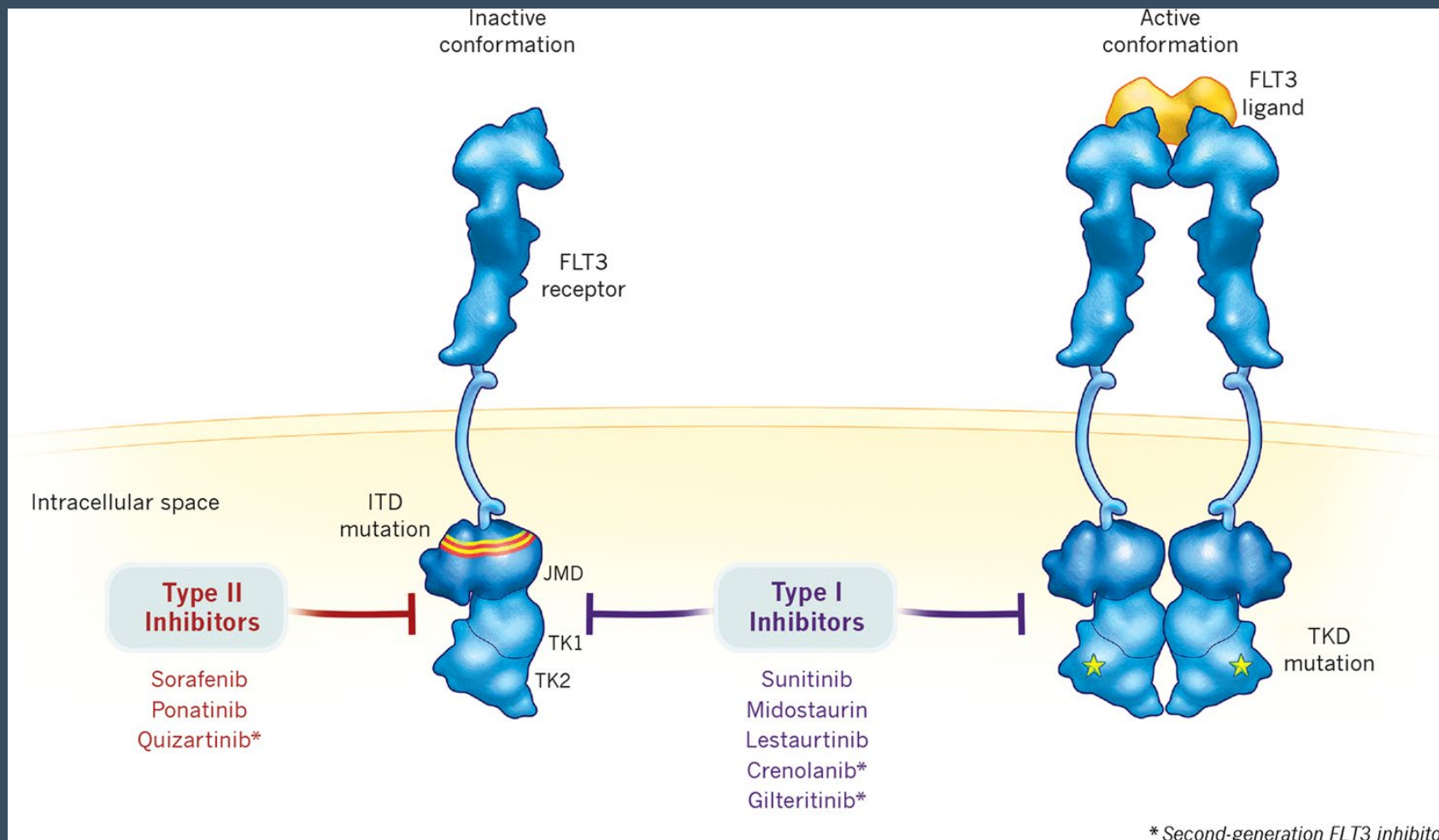


# Gemtuzmab Ozogamicin

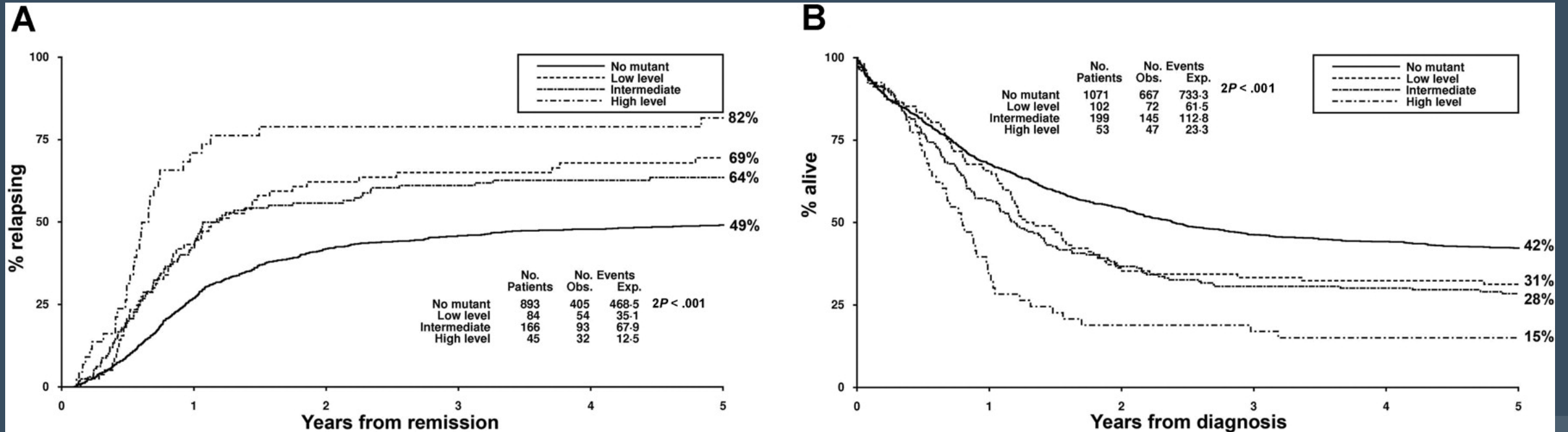
- GO is a new standard of care for patients with favorable cytogenetics
- Less so for those with intermediate CG
- Do not use in those headed to BMT



# FLT3 Inhibitors



# FLT3-ITD+ AML



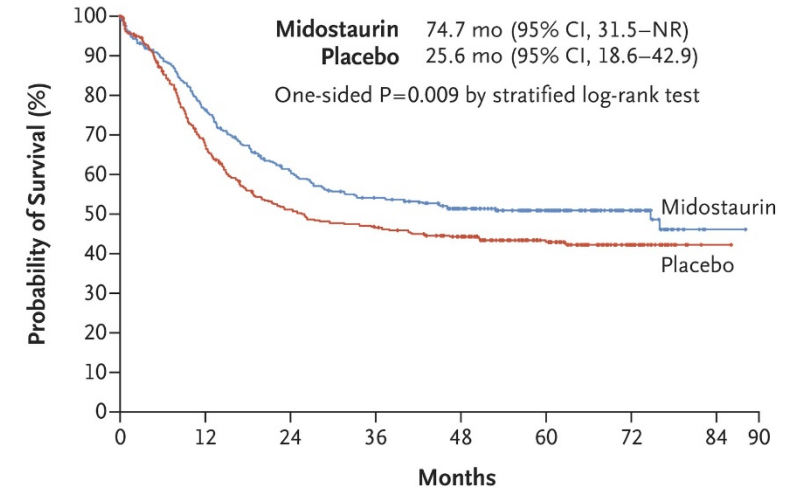
Gale RE et al, Blood 111: 2776, 2008

# FLT3-ITD+ AML

Stone et al, NEJM 377, 454, 2017

- 717 pts randomized before treatment
- 7+3 (60mg/m<sup>2</sup>)
- Midostaurin or placebo 50 mg orally bid D8-21 for induction, consolidation, and maintenance x 1yr
- BMT OK

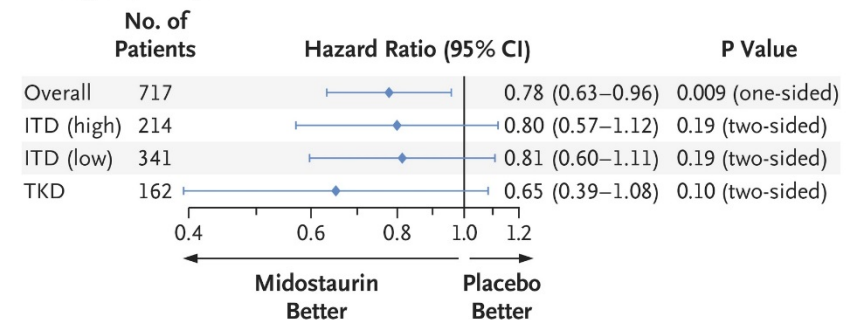
**A Median Overall Survival**



**No. at Risk**

Midostaurin	360	269	208	181	151	97	37	1
Placebo	357	221	163	147	129	80	30	1

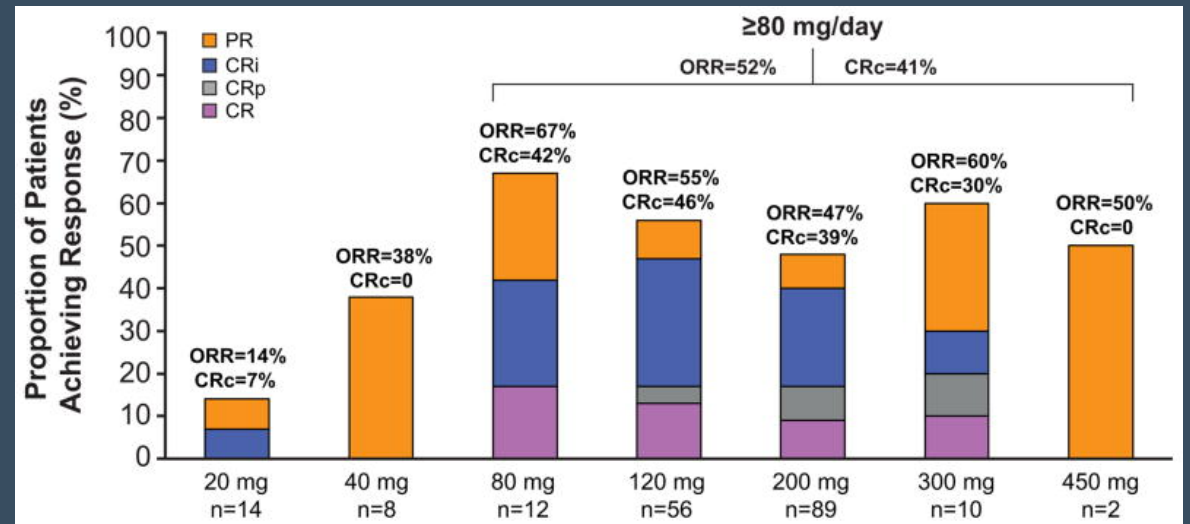
**B Subgroup Analysis**



# FLT3-ITD+ AML

Perl et al, Lancet Oncol 18: 1061, 2017

- 252 pts Phase 1-2
- Gilteritinib once daily
- Very active with GI and hepatic toxicity



In R/R FLT3+ AML, Phase 3 ADMIRAL trial showed Gilt improved 1y OS from 17% with chemo to 37% (95% CI, 31-44%).

Perl et al, AACR 2019

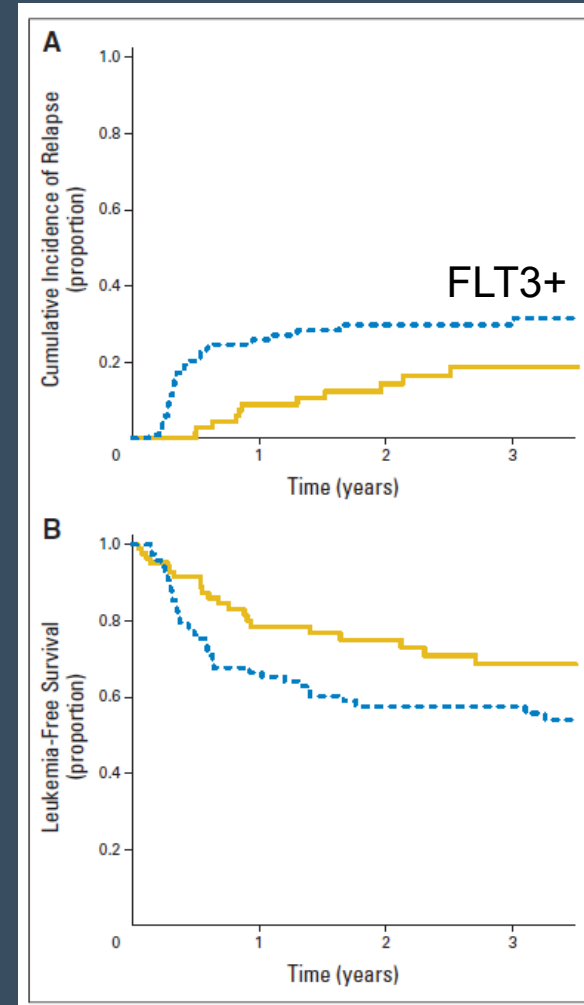
# FLT3-ITD+ AML

- Midostaurin is new standard of care for newly diagnosed patients
- Gilteritinib is new standard of care for relapsed/refractory patients
  - What about those pts previously treated with midostaurin?
- BMT still indicated
  - Maintenance?



# Indications for BMT

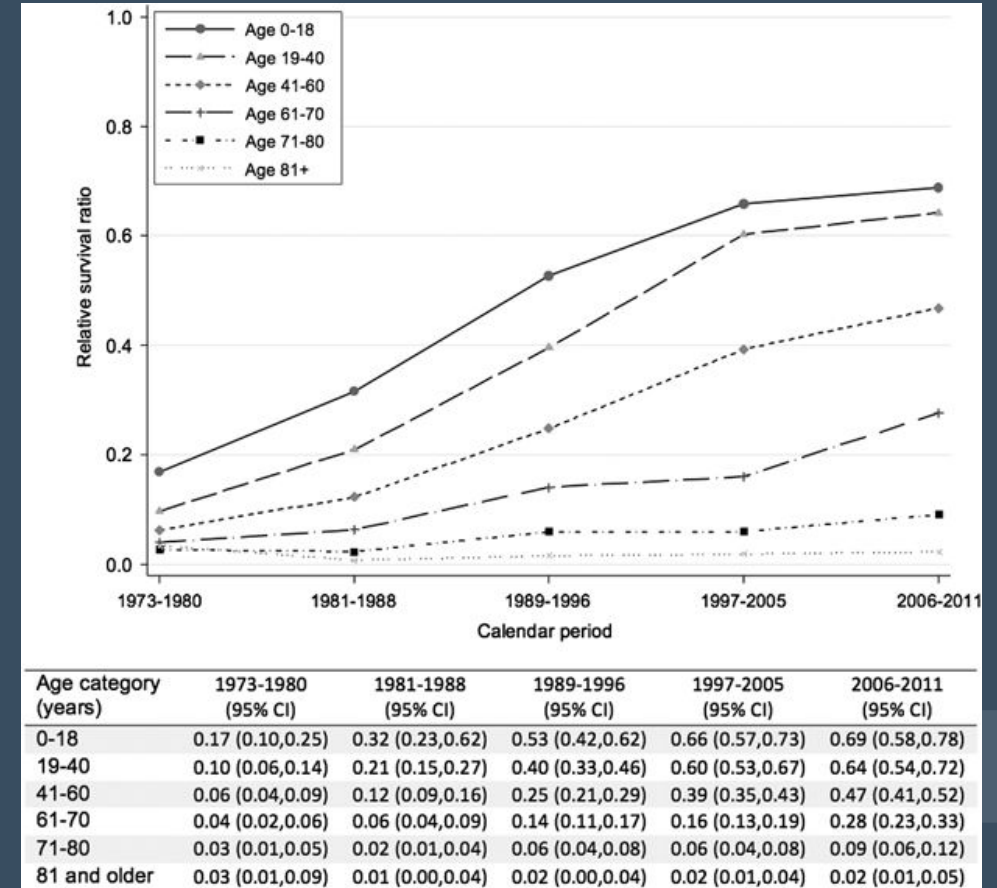
- Primary refractory
- sAML and tAML
- High-risk
  - Cytogenetics
  - Molecular
    - FLT3 ITD
    - TP53



Brunet et al,  
JCO 30: 735,  
2012

# AML in Younger Patients

- Algorithm fails
  - Borderline cases
  - Fertility issues
  - Patient preference
- Goal remains cure
- Not much has changed
  - GO
  - FLT3+



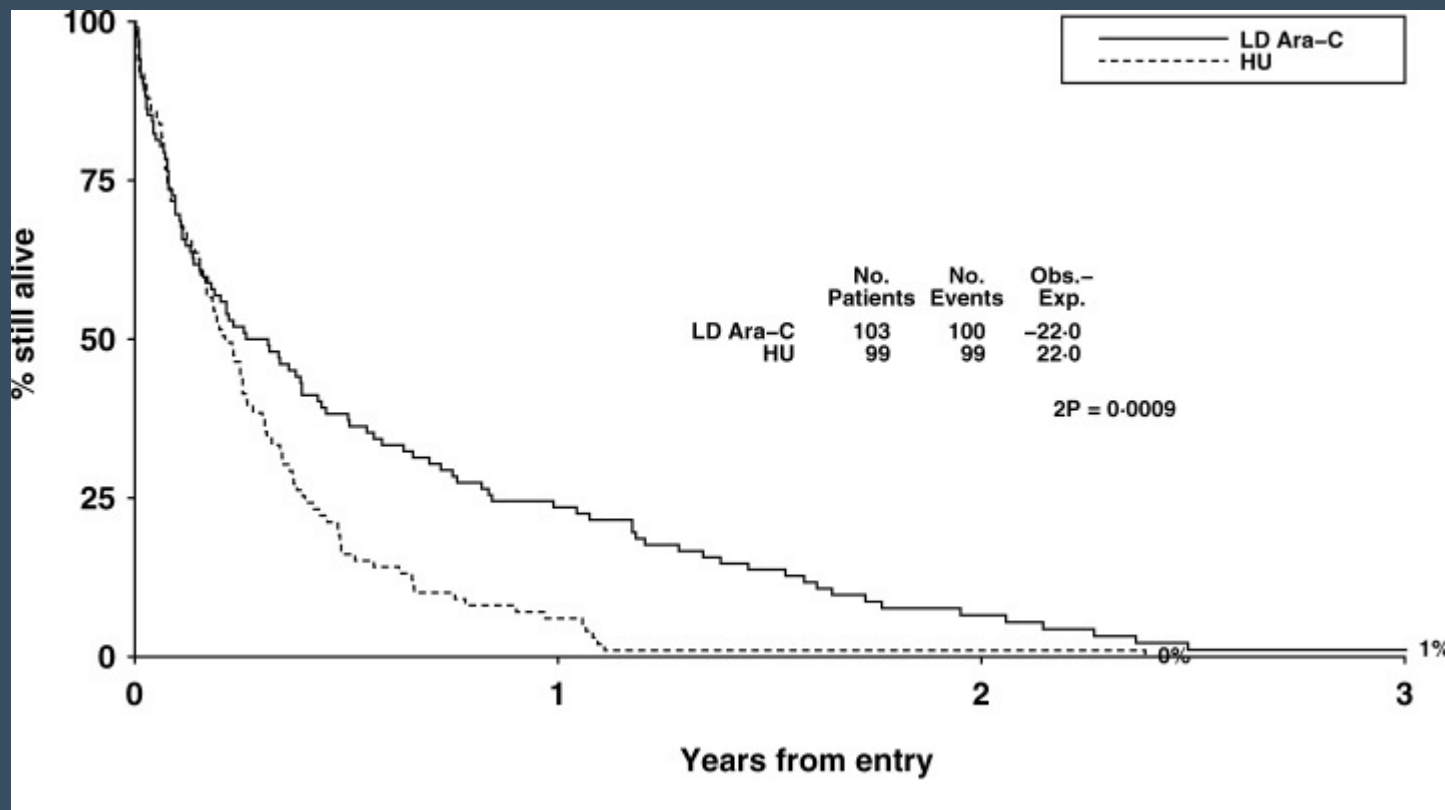


# Treating Older Patients

- Low-dose AraC bid improves OS vs BSC
- Neither 5AZA nor Decitabine have been compared to LDAC with bid schedule
  - No FDA approval, but OK by NCCN
- LDAC is the standard of care ?



# LDAC



Burnett AK et al, Cancer 109: 1114, 2007

# Trying to improve on LDAC

Table 1. Outcome of **Low-dose Ara-C** Over Time Compared With Other Treatment

Outcome	Comparator, %							
	BSC	LDAC + GO	LDAC + Tipifarnib	LDAC + ATO	Clofarabine	Sapacitabine	Vosaroxin	Vosaroxin + LDAC
CR	0	19	25	22	19	29	29	18
OS								
1 y	24	24	34	30	26	27	31	37
2 y	7	12	13	15	13	10	10	NA

Table 2. Pick a Winner Trial Options

Study Arm	Era	Stage 1 Success	Phase III Success
LDAC + tipifarnib	2006-2008	No	NA
LDAC + ATO	2007-2009	No	NA
LDAC + GO	2006-2010	Yes	No
Clofarabine	2006-2010	Yes	No
Sapacitabine	2010-2012	No	NA
LDAC + quizartinib	2012	Yes	Unknown
Vosaroxin	2012-2013	No	NA
LDAC + vosaroxin	2012-2013	No	NA
LDAC + ganetespib	2012-2014	No	NA
LDAC + tosedostat	2014-2017	Yes	No

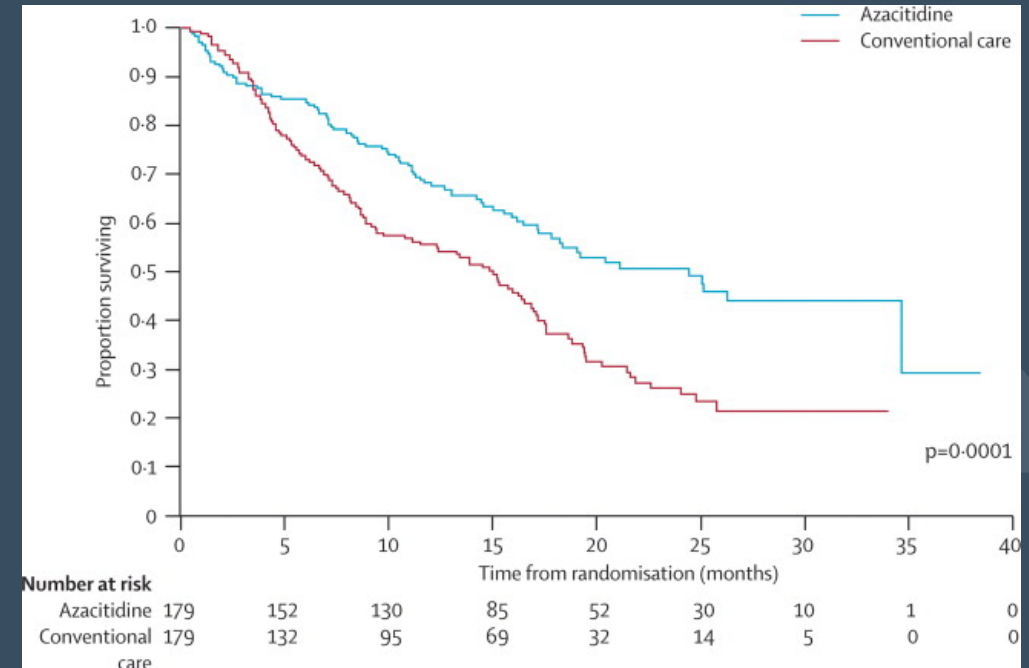
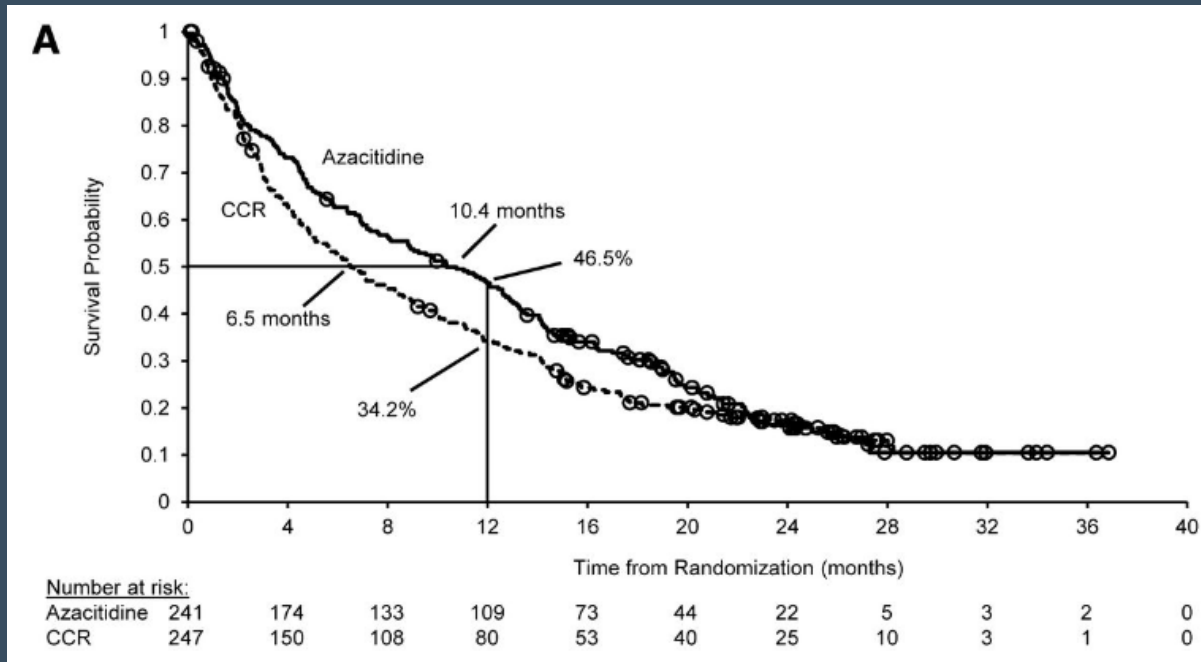
# LDAC?

## Dombret et al, Blood 126:291, 2015

- AML Age >65
- AZA vs CCR (BSC, LDAC, or IC)

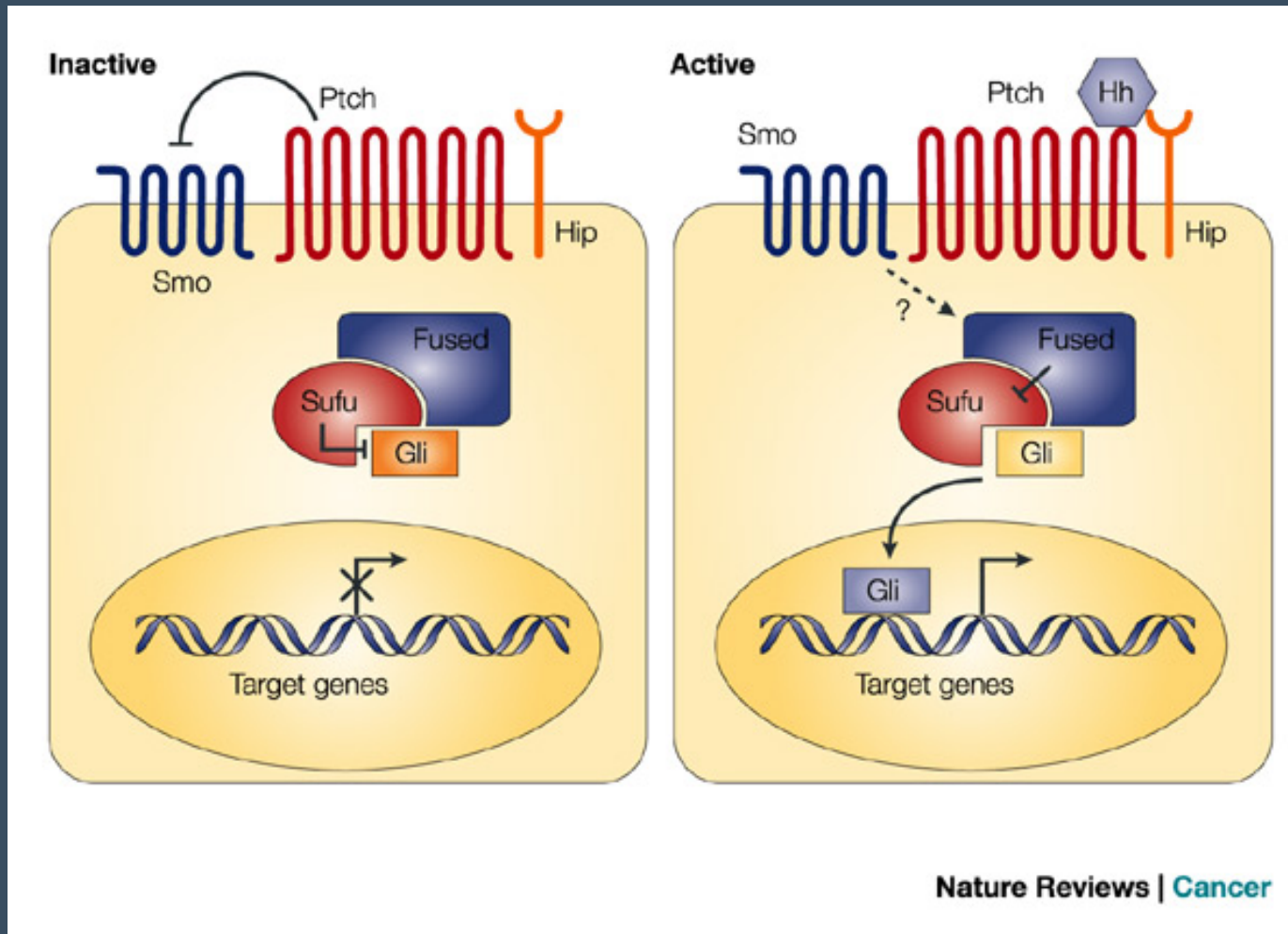
## Fenaux et al, Lancet Oncol 10: 223, 2009

- RAEB Blasts >10%
- AZA vs CCR



# Hedgehog Signaling Pathway

Pasca de Magliano et al, Nat Rev Cancer 3: 903, 2004



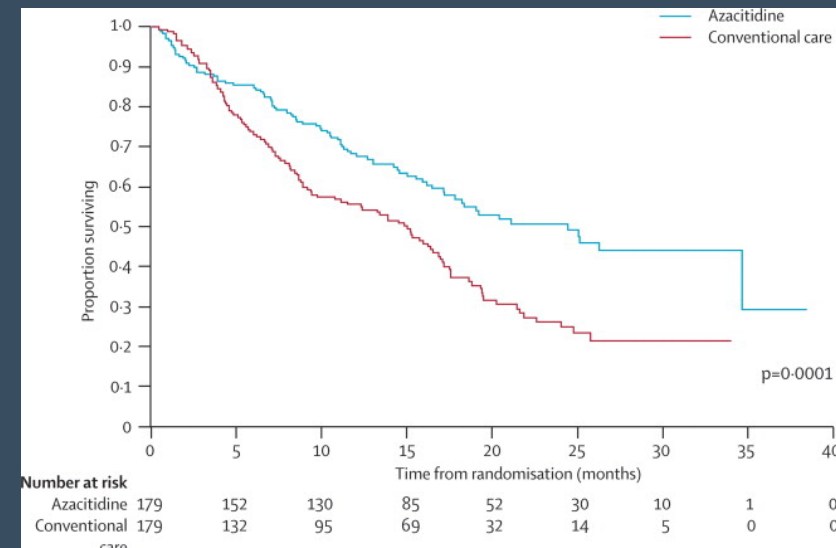
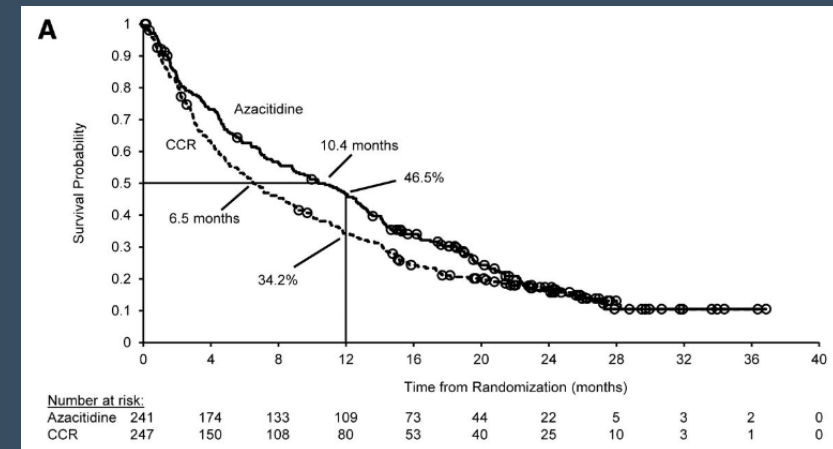
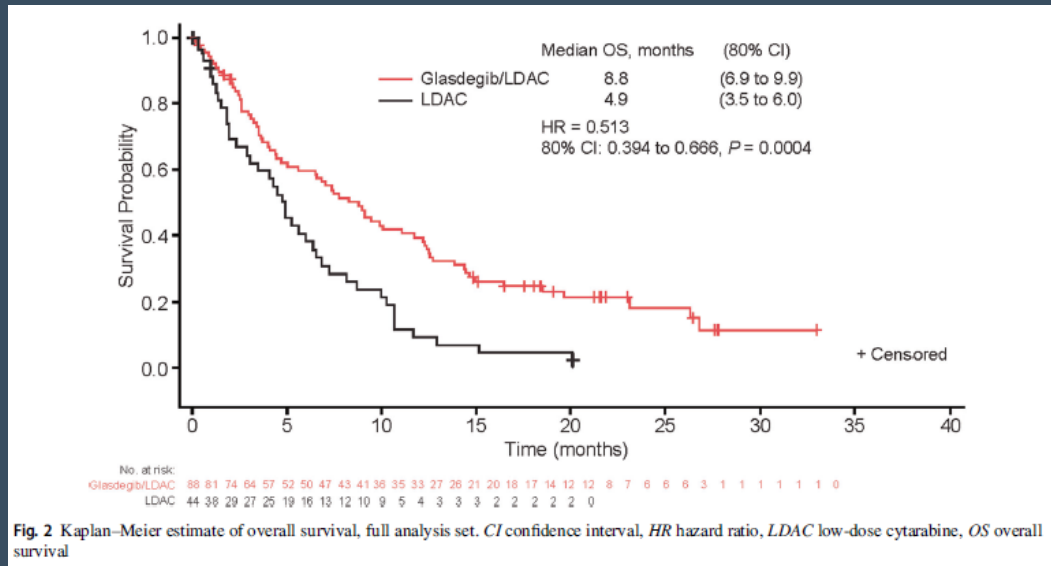
# Glasdegib

Cortes et al, Leukemia 33: 379, 2019

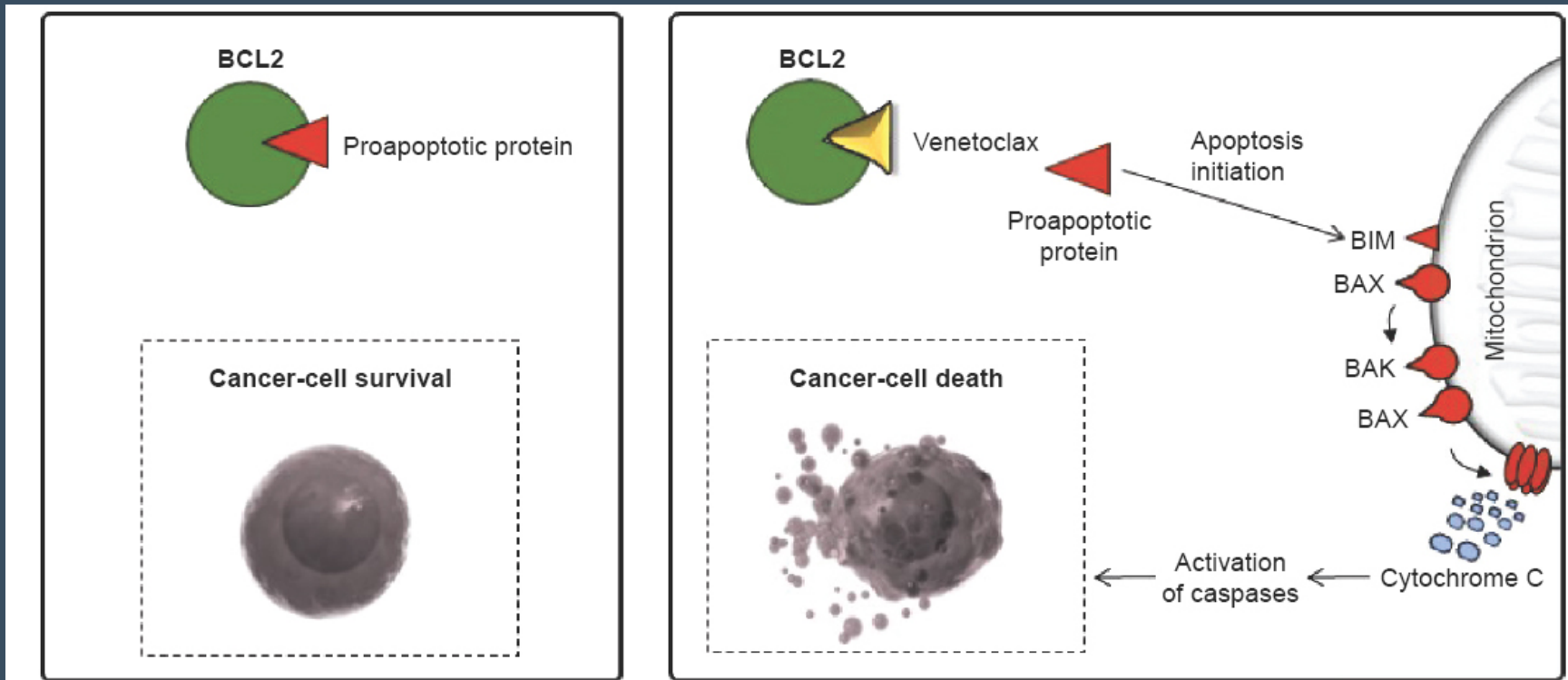
- Age >55 with AML or RAEB >10% blasts
- Unsuitable for induction
  - Age >75, Creat >1.3, LVEF < 45%
- Randomized 2:1 to LDAC +/- Glasdegib
  - LDAC 20mg sq bid for 10 days
  - Glasdegib 100mg once daily



# Glasdegib/LDAC vs Azacytidine



# Venetoclax



Under **BCL2** overexpression cancer cells evade apoptosis by sequestering proapoptotic proteins

Venetoclax selectively binds to **BCL2** and liberates proapoptotic proteins that initiate apoptosis

**Figure 1** Many cancer cells are able to evade apoptosis through impairment of the mitochondrial apoptotic pathway, controlled by proapoptotic (eg, BAK, BAX, BIM) and prosurvival (eg, BCL2, BCL-X<sub>L</sub>) members of the BCL2 family.

**Notes:** In CLL, cells show BCL2 overexpression. The BCL2 inhibitor venetoclax selectively binds to BCL2 and liberates proapoptotic proteins, inducing mitochondrial outer-membrane permeabilization and leading to caspase activation. This reaction induces apoptosis.

**Abbreviation:** CLL, chronic lymphocytic leukemia.



# LDAC+ Venetoclax

Wei et al, JCO prepublished, 2019

- Venetoclax began at 50 or 100 mg and increased over 4 to 5 days to the target venetoclax dose; dosing was continued through day 28 of each cycle.
- Age >60, secondary AML, unfit for induction, WBC <25, no CBF
- No DLT or TLS, 600mg daily was target dose
- CR 26%, CR/Cri 54%, DOR 8.1m



# HMA + Venetoclax

DiNardo et al, Blood 133:7, 2019

- Ramp up dosing starting D1 in hospital
  - Target doses of 400 (n=60), 800 (n=74), or 1200mg (n=11) daily
- Age >65, secondary AML, unfit for induction, WBC <25, no CBF
- No DLT or TLS, but more AE at 1200mg daily
  - Febrile neutropenia in 32%



# HMA + Venetoclax

DiNardo et al, Blood 133: 7, 2019

	N	CR + CRi	Med DOR	Med OS
LDAC + V600	82	54%	8.1m	10.1m
HMA + V400	60	73%	12.5m	NR
HMA + V800	74	65%	11m	17.5m

21 patients proceeded to stem cell transplant

No difference in CR by age, cytogenetics, or secondary AML

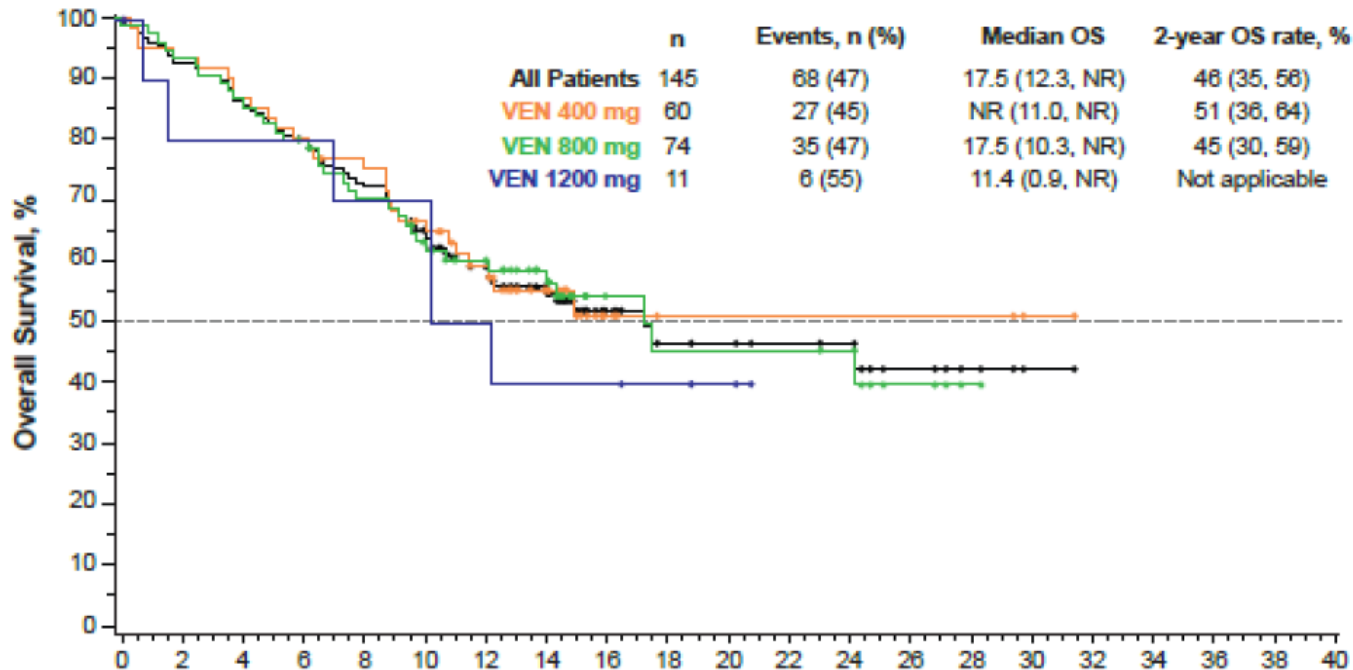
CR = 71% in 35 with IDH1/2 mutations

CR = 47% in 36 with TP53 mutations and 5.6m DOR

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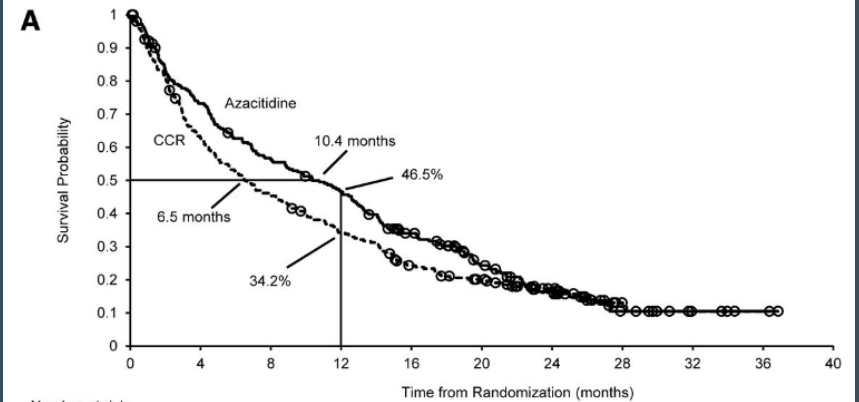
## DiNardo et al, Blood 133: 7, 2019

Figure 2. Overall survival by venetoclax dose levels (dose escalation + dose expansion cohorts)



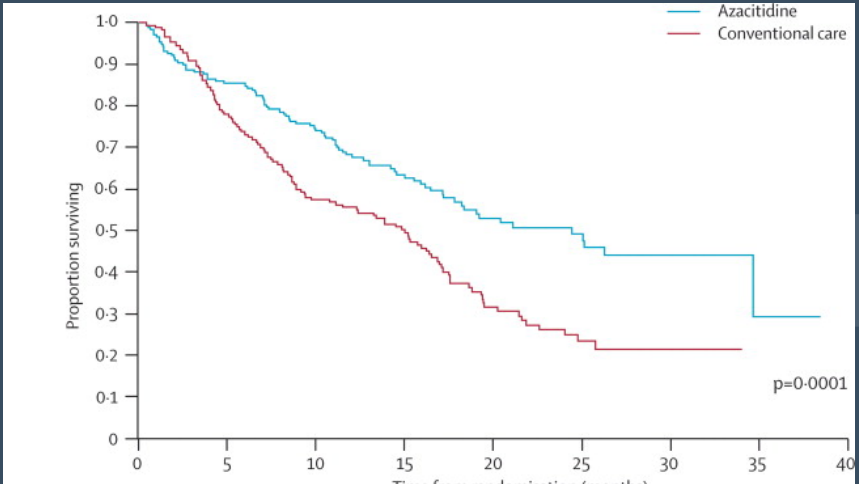
Patients at risk

	Months	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28	30	32	34	36	38	40
All patients	145	133	124	115	102	89	73	53	25	18	15	13	12	7	4	2						
VEN 400 mg	60	56	52	48	45	38	30	20	8	3	3	3	3	3	3	2						
VEN 800 mg	74	69	64	59	50	44	38	29	13	10	10	10	9	4	1							
VEN 1200 mg	11	8	8	8	7	7	5	4	4	3	2											



Number at risk:

	0	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40
Azacitidine	241	174	133	109	73	44	22	5	3	2	0
CCR	247	150	108	80	53	40	25	10	3	1	0



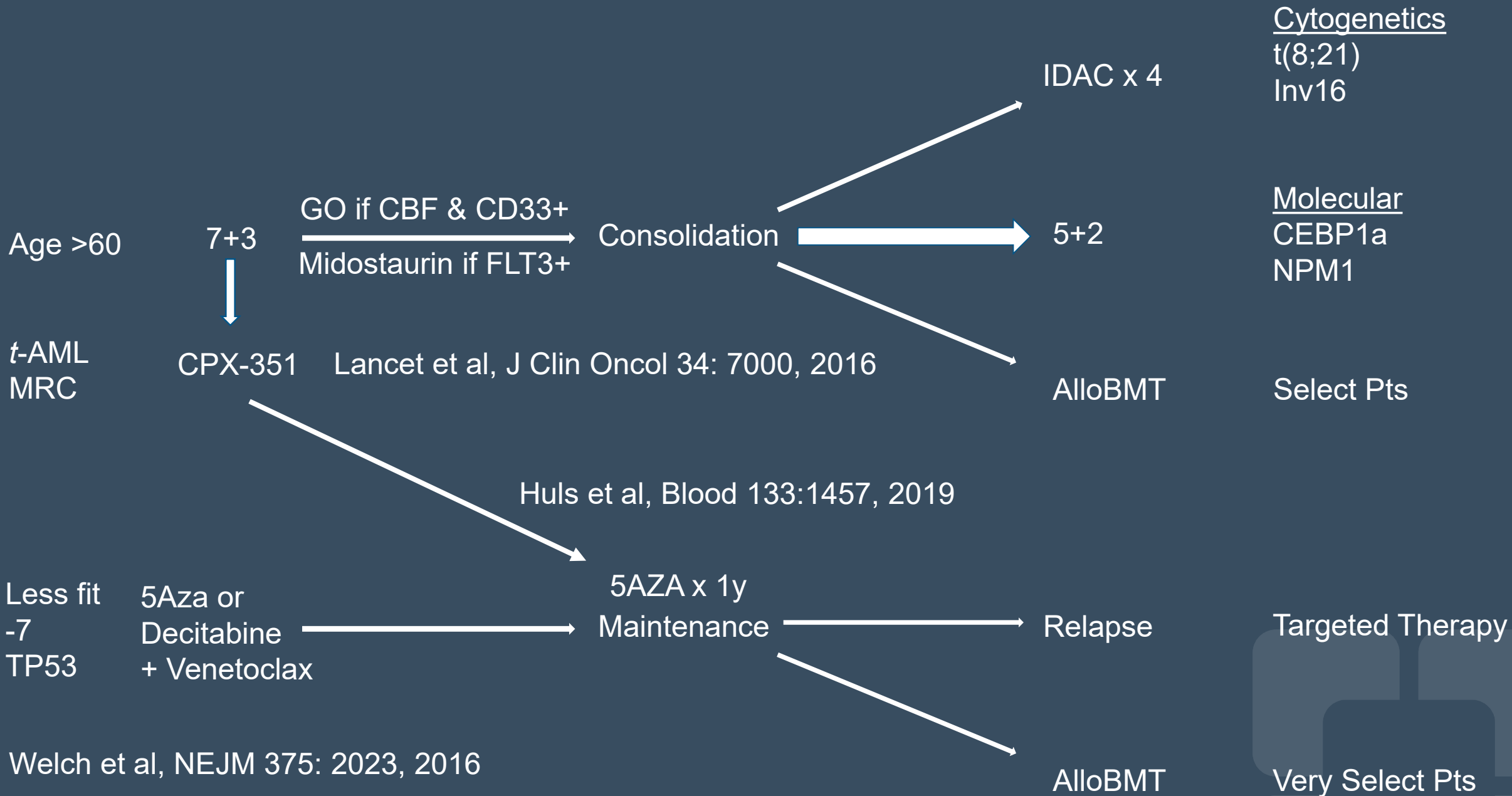
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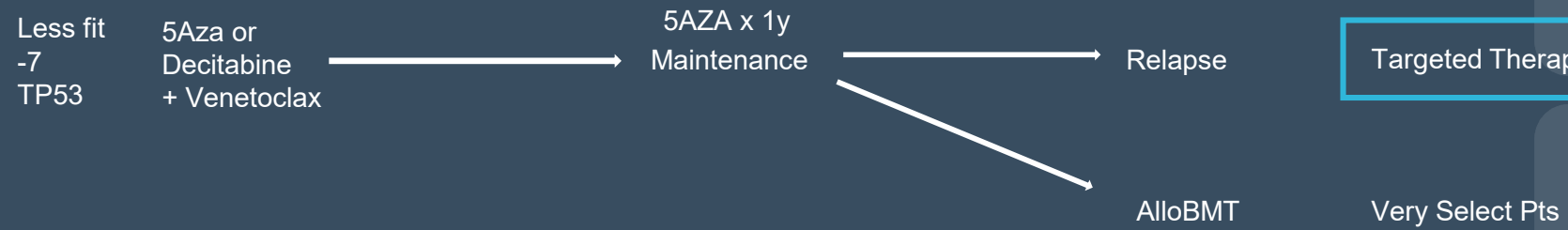
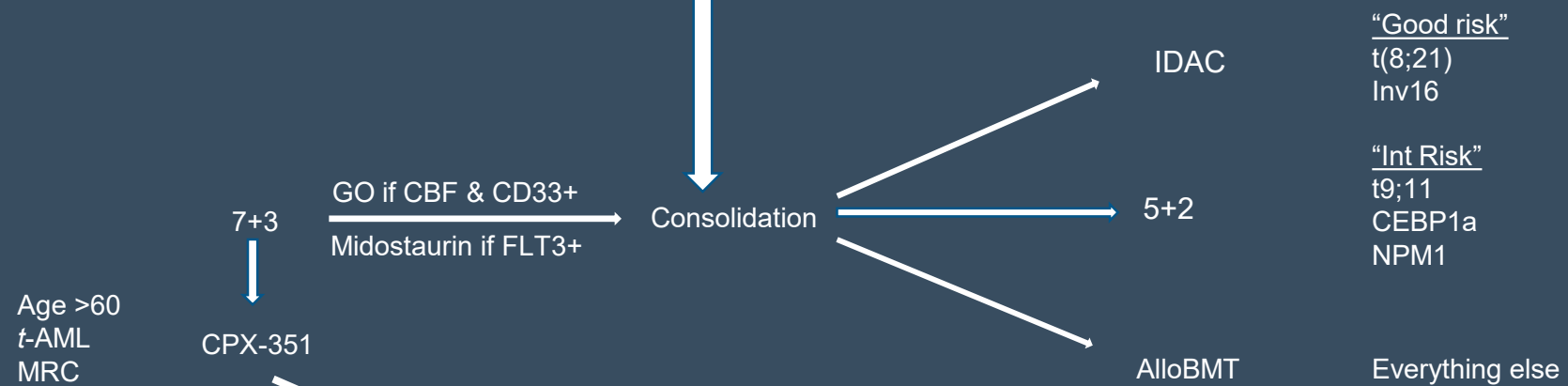
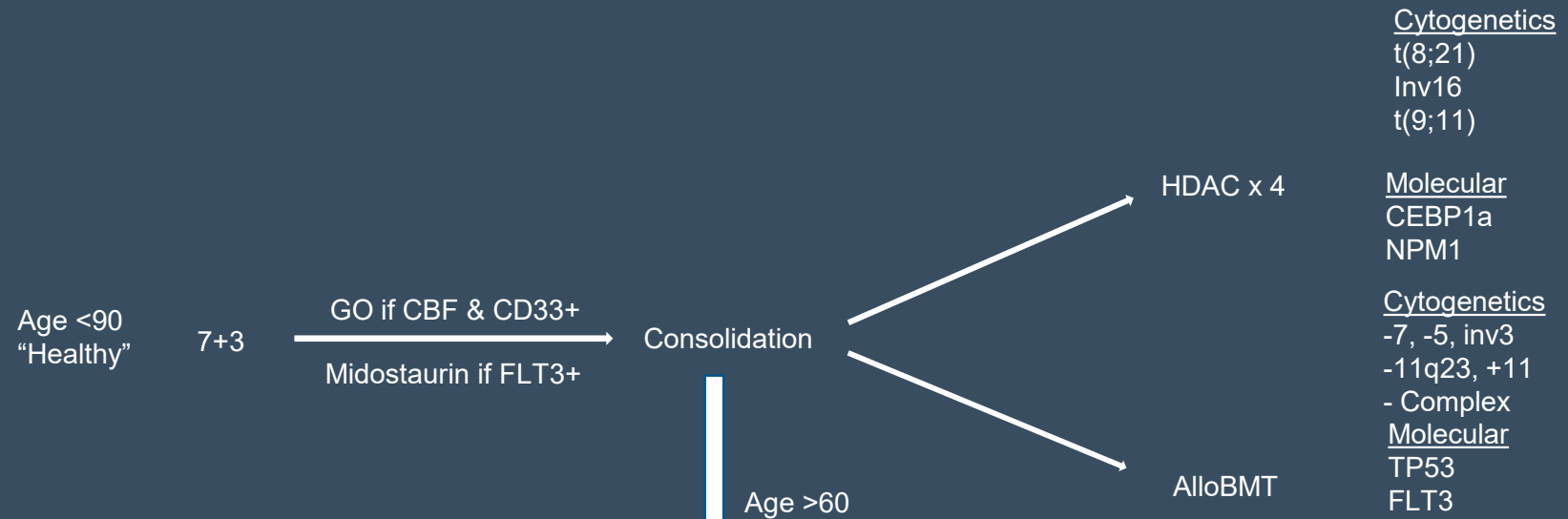
	0	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40
Azacitidine	179	152	130	85	52	30	10	1	0
Conventional care	179	132	95	69	32	14	5	0	0

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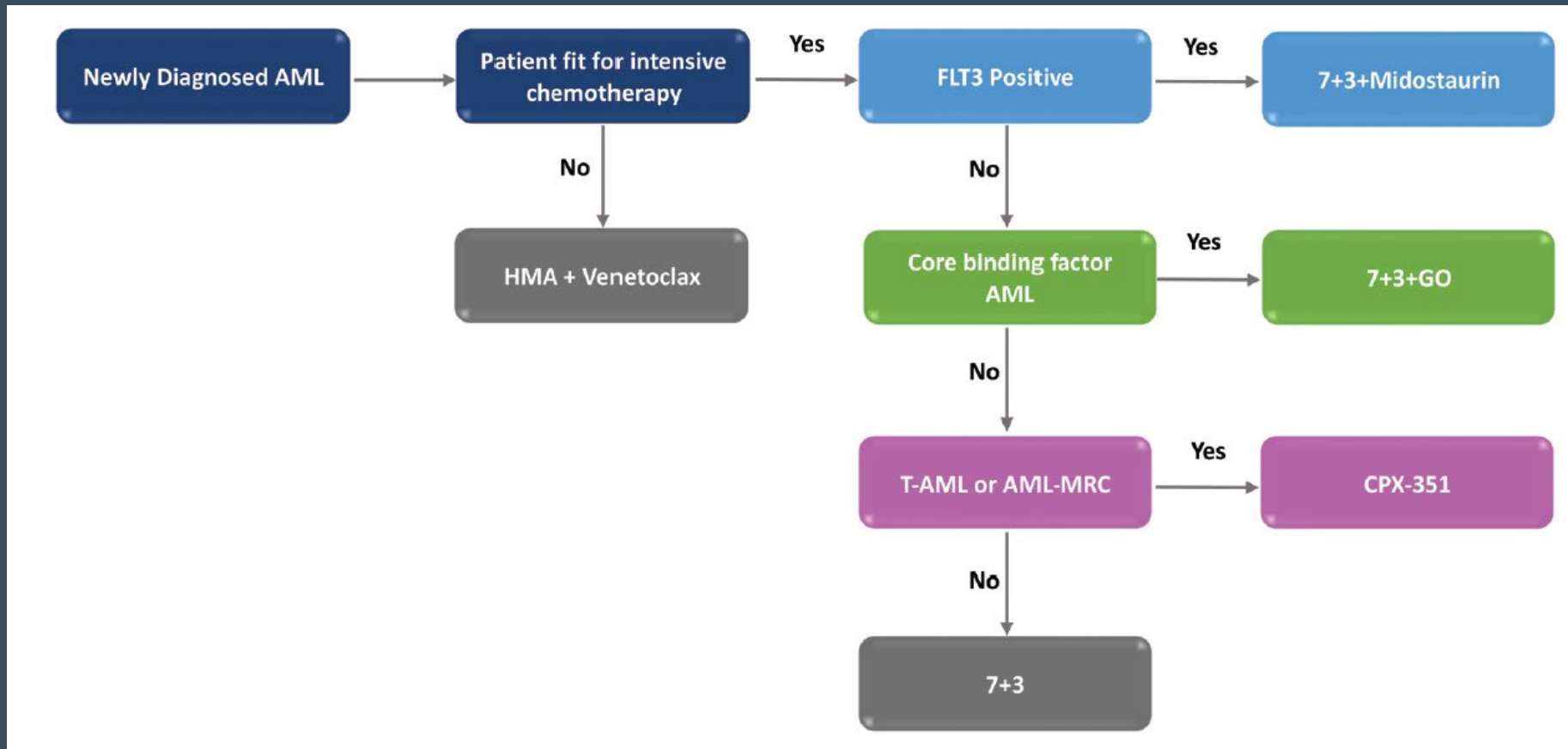
- In combination with azacitidine, or decitabine, or low-dose cytarabine for the treatment of newly-diagnosed acute myeloid leukemia (AML) in adults who are age 75 years or older, or who have comorbidities that preclude use of intensive induction chemotherapy.
  - This indication is approved under accelerated approval based on response rates. Continued approval for this indication may be contingent upon verification and description of clinical benefit in confirmatory trials.
- Comorbidities that preclude the use of intensive induction chemotherapy?







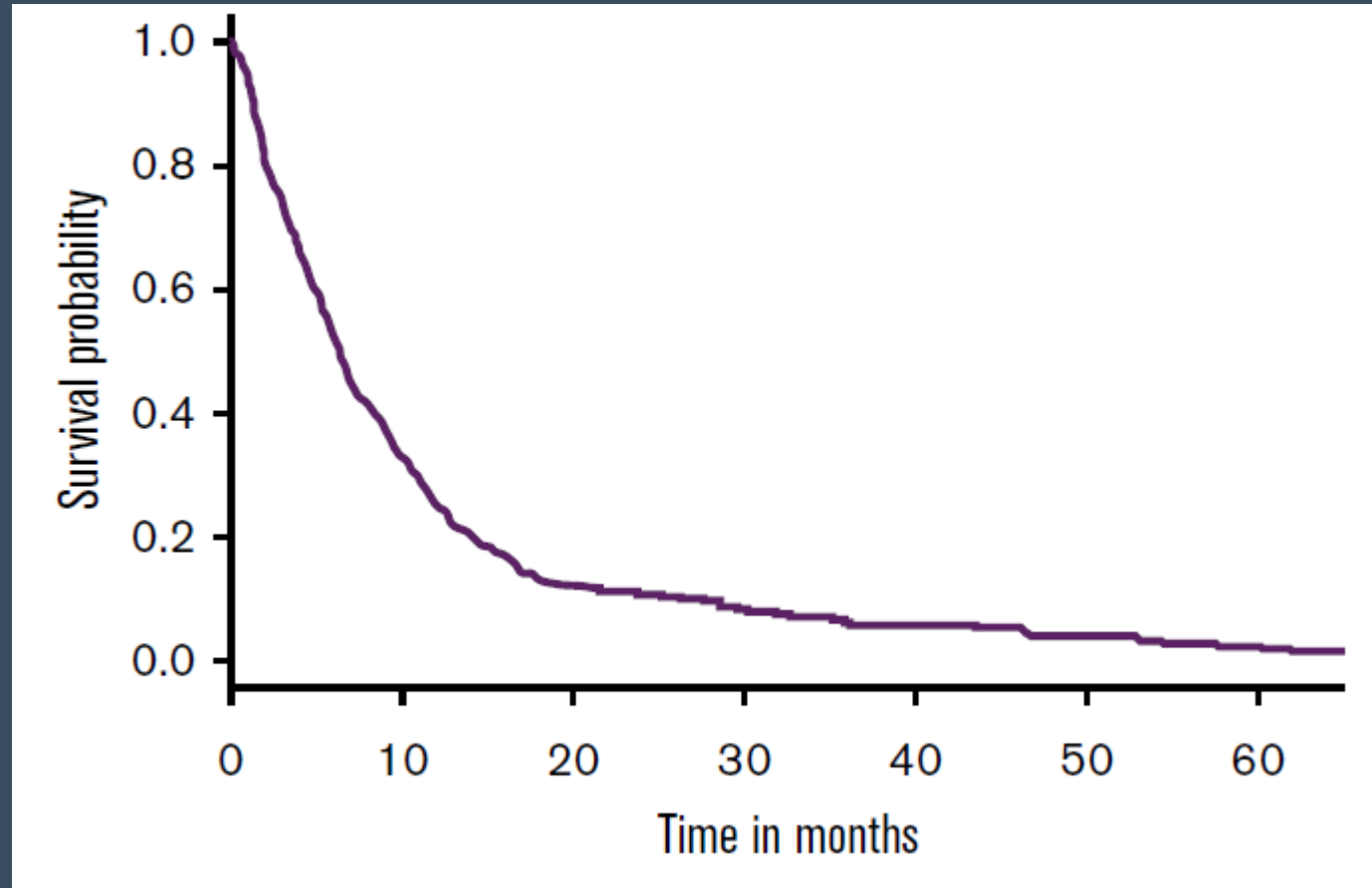
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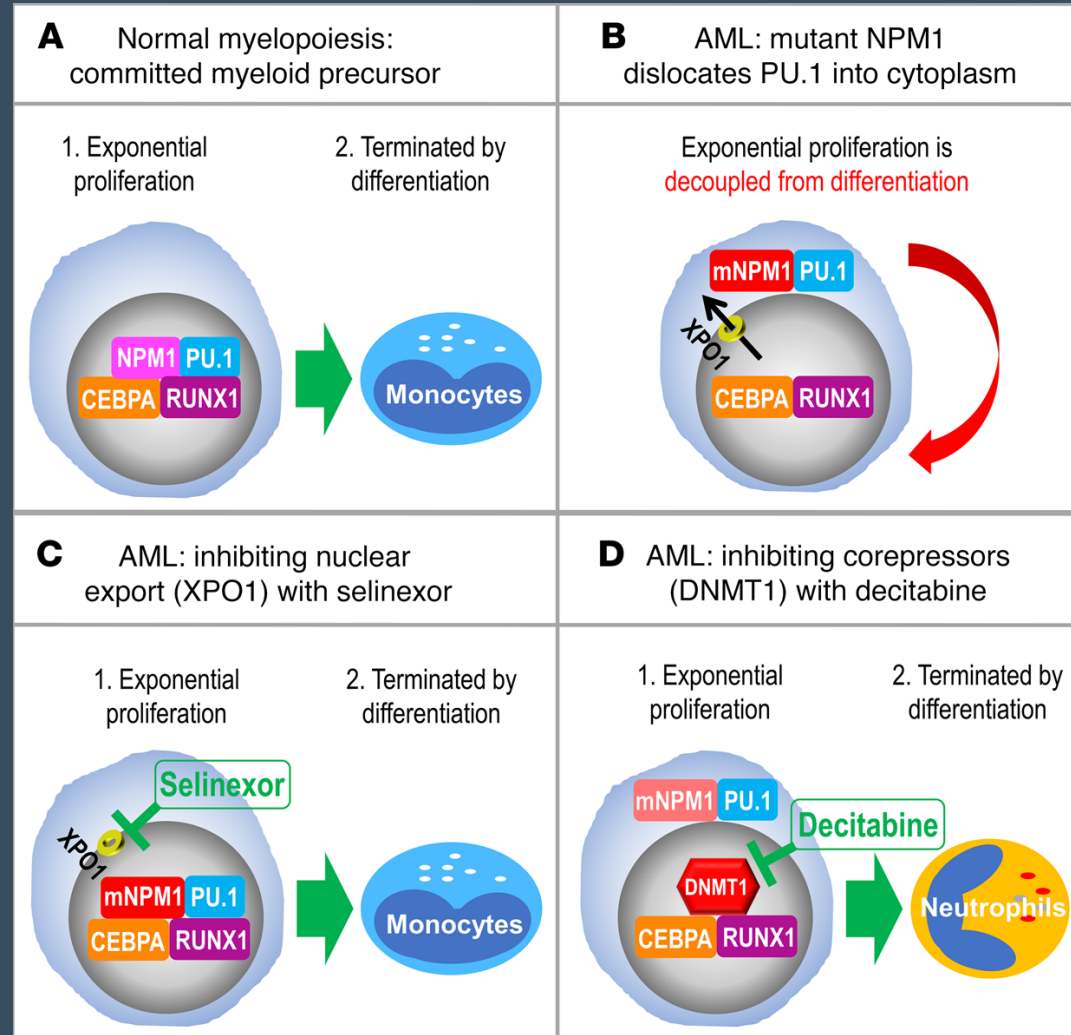
# HMA for Relapsed/Refractory AML

Stahl et al, Blood Adv 2: 923, 2018

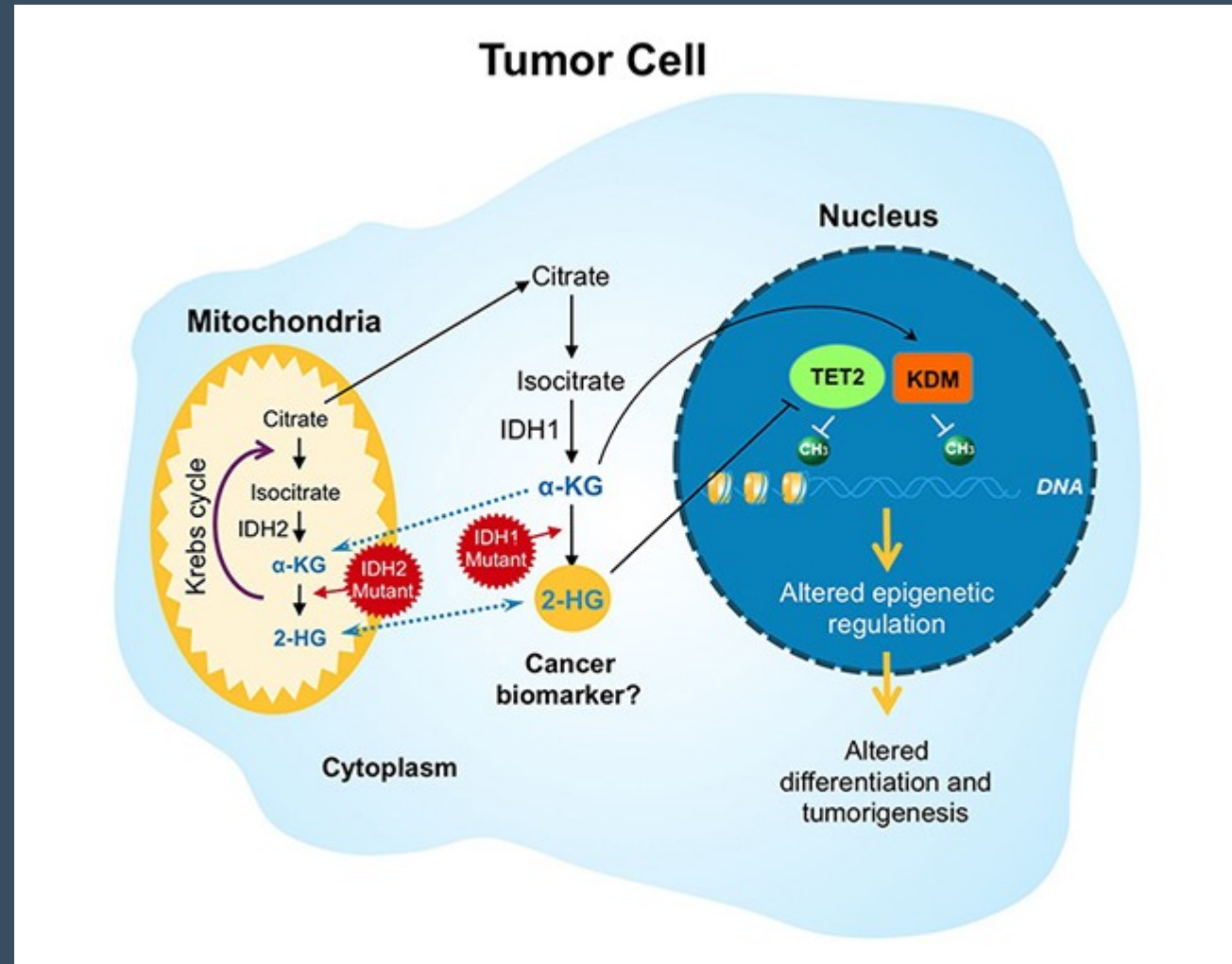


# Identifying AML Targets

Gu et al, J Clin Invest 128: 4260, 2018



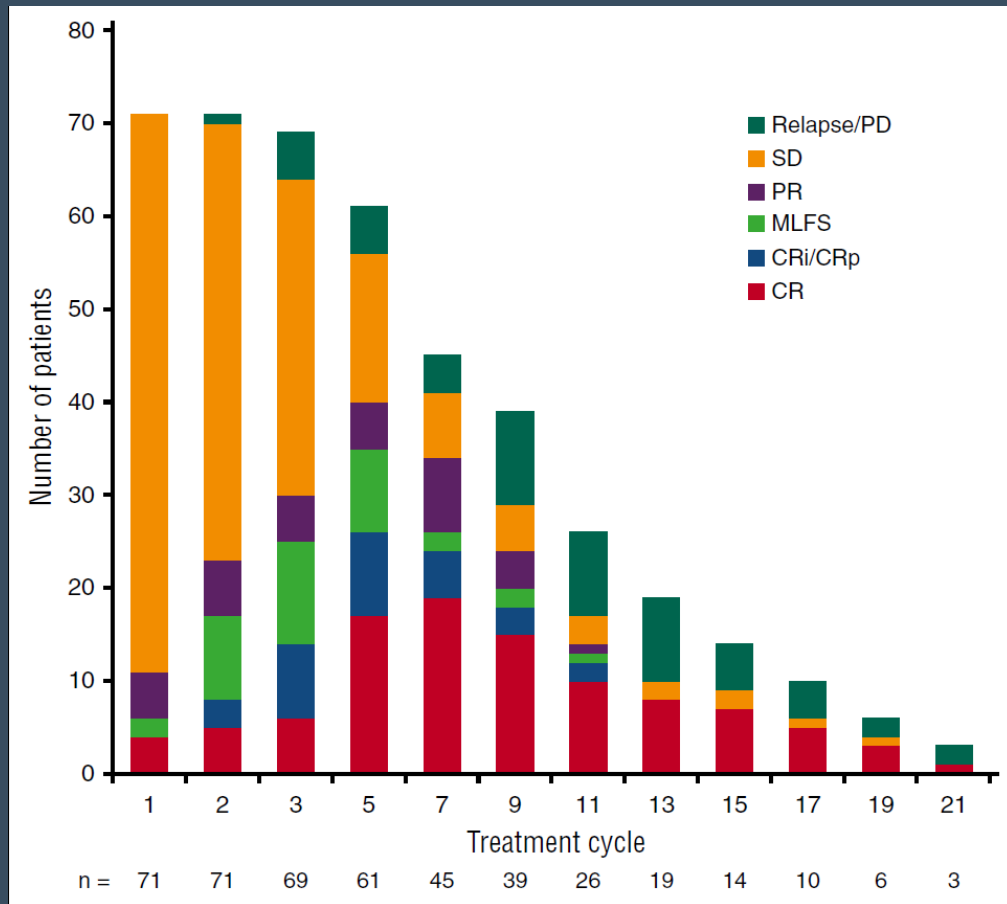
# IDH Mutations



# IDH inhibitors

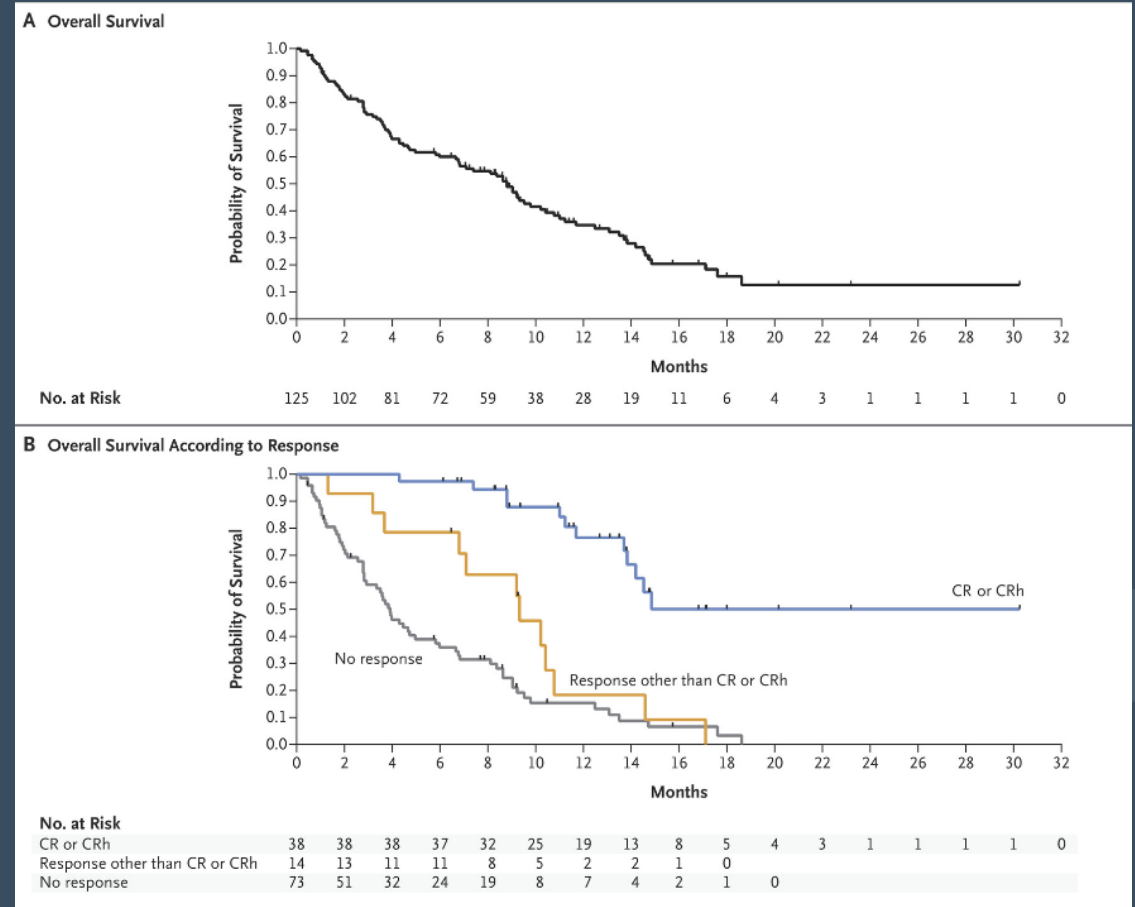
## Enasidenib

Stein et al, Blood 130:722, 2017



## Ivosidenib

DiNardo et al, NEJM 378:2386, 2018



# IDH inhibitors as initial therapy

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IVO

V+HMA

27

71%

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PFS 75%

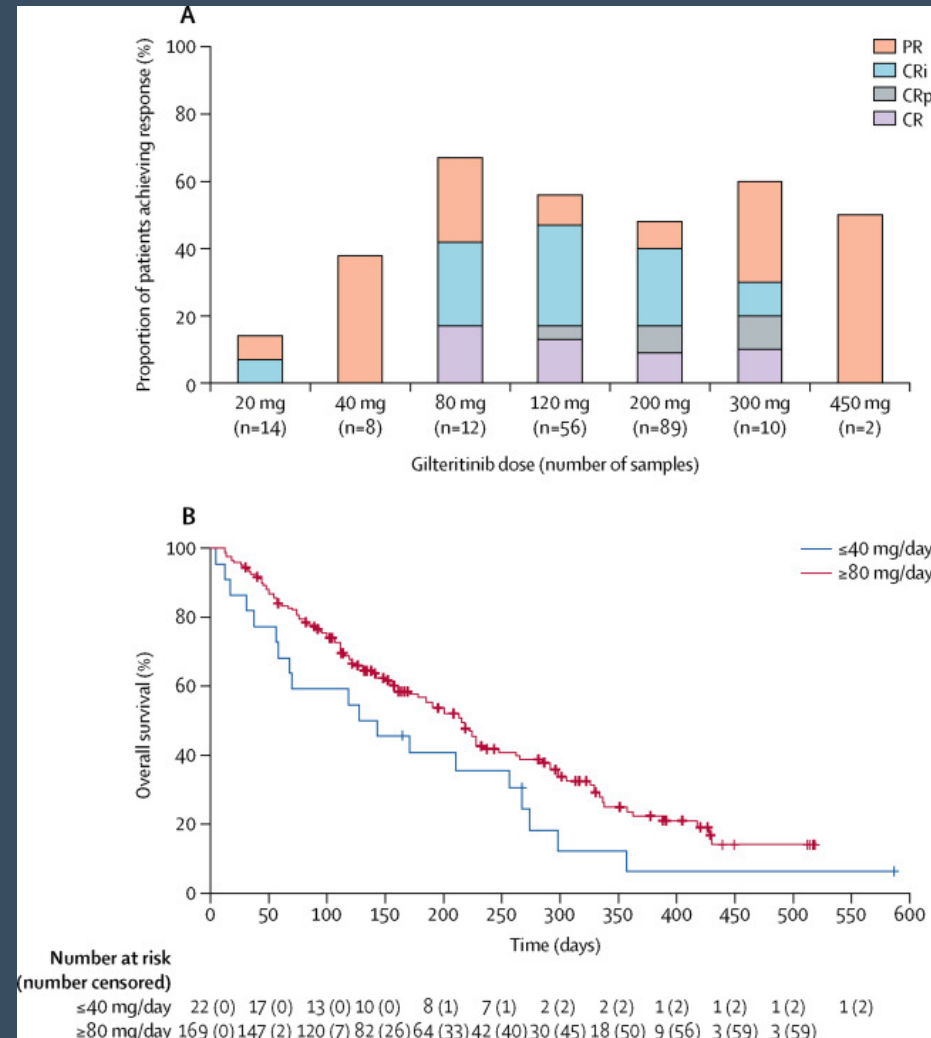
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Burnett AK, Clin Lymphoma Myeloma & Leuk 18:553, 2018

Roboz et al, ASH 2018, Abs 561  
DiNardo et al, Blood 133: 7, 2019

# Gilteritinib for FLT3+ R/R AML

Perl et al, Lancet Oncol 18:1061, 2017



	Frequency	Impact on prognosis	Comments
<b>FLT3</b>	20–25% (ITD) and 5–10% (D835 TKD)	Inferior survival for ITD mutations and prognostic significance of D835 TKD mutations unclear	More common in NK acute myeloid leukaemia (<35% for ITD mutations), <i>FLT3</i> -ITD mutation with high allelic burden (ie, $\geq 0.5$ ) associated with worse prognosis <sup>29,30</sup> than lower allelic burden, prognosis affected by concomitant <i>NPM1</i> mutation status, and prognostic significance not fully established with widespread use of <i>FLT3</i> inhibitors
<i>NPM1</i>	About 30%	Superior survival in the absence of high allelic burden <i>FLT3</i> -ITD mutation	More common in NK acute myeloid leukaemia (<60%) than in acute myeloid leukaemia with cytogenetic abnormalities, increased incidence in younger patients, coexisting chromosomal abnormalities do not affect prognosis <sup>31,32</sup> , substantial association with concomitant <i>FLT3</i> , <i>IDH1/2</i> , and <i>DNMT3A</i> mutations, <sup>26</sup> and can be used to monitor for minimal residual disease <sup>33</sup>
<i>CEBPA</i>	About 10%	Superior survival (only if biallelic)	More common in NK acute myeloid leukaemia (<20%) than in acute myeloid leukaemia with cytogenetic abnormalities, increased incidence in younger patients, coexisting chromosomal abnormalities do not affect prognosis, <sup>34</sup> and germline mutations with familial predisposition to acute myeloid leukaemia have been described <sup>35</sup>
<b>KIT</b>	About 10%	Inferior survival in CBF acute myeloid leukaemia	More common in CBF acute myeloid leukaemia (present in 25–35%) than in non-CBF, poor prognosis more notable in acute myeloid leukaemia with t(8;21) than with inv(16), <i>KIT</i> inhibitors (eg, dasatinib) are being evaluated in clinical trials of CBF acute myeloid leukaemia
<i>DNMT3A</i>	About 20%	Conflicting reports on impact on survival	More common in NK acute myeloid leukaemia (<35%) than in acute myeloid leukaemia with cytogenetic abnormalities, increased incidence in older adults, CHIP mutation <sup>18</sup> , inferior prognosis particularly when present with other mutations (eg, <i>IDH2</i> <sup>R140V</sup> ) <sup>26</sup> , prognosis affected by type of <i>DNMT3A</i> mutation (ie, R882 vs non-R882) and patient age
<b>IDH1 and IDH2</b>	5–15% ( <i>IDH1</i> ) and 10–20% ( <i>IDH2</i> )	Conflicting reports on impact on survival	More common in NK acute myeloid leukaemia (<30%) than in acute myeloid leukaemia with cytogenetic abnormalities, <i>IDH1</i> and <i>IDH2</i> <sup>R140V</sup> are associated with concomitant <i>NPM1</i> mutations, <i>IDH2</i> <sup>R172</sup> can represent distinct acute myeloid leukaemia disease subtype, <sup>26</sup> enasidenib ( <i>IDH2</i> inhibitor) has been approved for use in relapsed or refractory <i>IDH2</i> -mutated acute myeloid leukaemia, and <i>IDH1</i> inhibitors are in clinical development
<i>NRAS</i>	About 15%	Conflicting reports on impact on survival	Associated with <i>NPM1</i> and biallelic <i>CEBPA</i> mutations, and with inv(16) or t(16;16) and inv(3) or t(3;3), superior outcomes with <i>NRAS</i> <sup>G12/G13</sup> mutation in presence of <i>NPM1</i> and <i>DNMT3A</i> mutations, <sup>26</sup> and RAS pathway inhibitors are in clinical development
<i>TET2</i>	5–20%	Conflicting reports on impact on survival	More common in NK acute myeloid leukaemia (<25%) than in acute myeloid leukaemia with cytogenetic abnormalities, increased incidence in older adults, CHIP mutation, <sup>18</sup> mutually exclusive with <i>IDH1</i> and <i>IDH2</i> mutations
<i>ASXL1</i>	5–15%	Inferior survival	Increased incidence in older adults, CHIP mutation, <sup>18</sup> associated with secondary acute myeloid leukaemia that has progressed from antecedent haematologic malignancy <sup>36</sup>
<i>RUNX1</i>	5–20%	Inferior survival	Increased incidence in older adults, associated with secondary acute myeloid leukaemia that has progressed from antecedent haematologic malignancy, <sup>37</sup> and germline mutations with familial predisposition to acute myeloid leukaemia have been described <sup>38</sup>
<b>TP53</b>	5–20%	Inferior survival	Increased incidence in older adults, and associated with complex karyotype, monosomal karyotype, and secondary acute myeloid leukaemia (from antecedent haematological malignancy or therapy related)

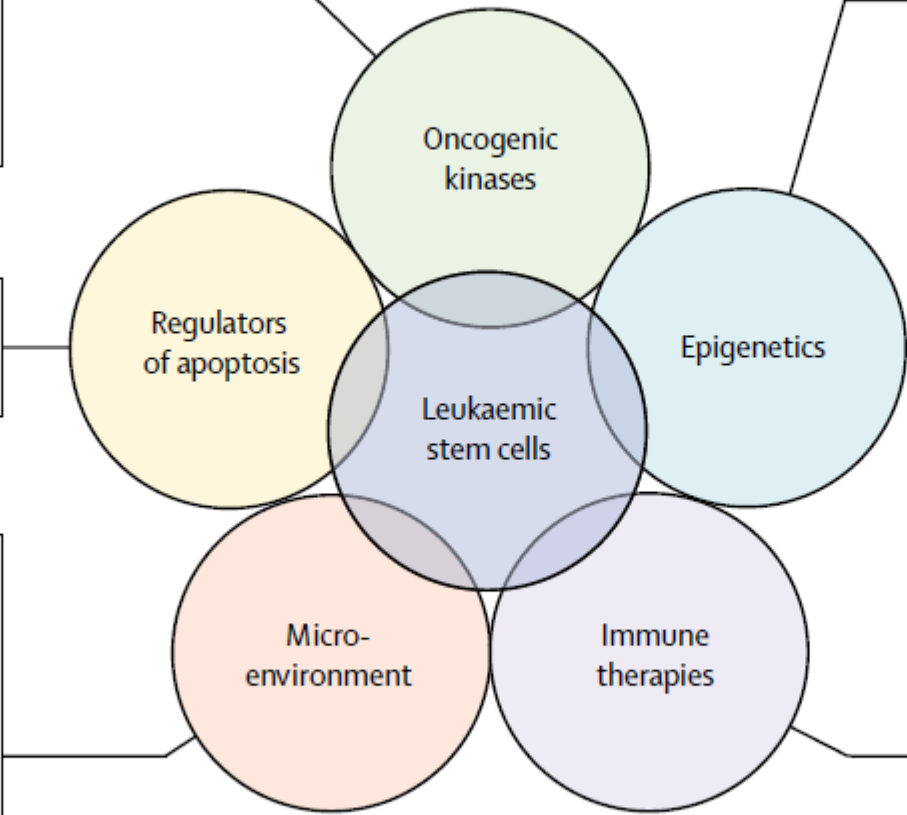
ITD=internal tandem duplication. TKD=tyrosine kinase domain. NK=normal karyotype. CBF=core-binding factor. CHIP=clonal haemopoiesis of indeterminate potential.

**Table 1:** Recurrent genomic mutations in newly diagnosed acute myeloid leukaemia in adults

- FLT3 inhibitors (eg, midostaurin, sorafenib, quizartinib, and crenolanib)
- KIT inhibitors (eg, dasatinib for CBF-AML)
- MEK inhibitors (eg, trametinib, and cobimetinib)

- BH3 mimetics (eg, venetoclax)
- MDM2 inhibitors (eg, idasanutlin)

- CXCR4 antagonists (eg, plerixafor)
- E-selectin antagonists (eg, GMI-1271)
- VLA-4 inhibitor (eg, AS101)
- Hypoxia-targeting agents (eg, TH-302)



- Novel hypomethylating agents (eg. oral azacitidine, and guadecitabine)
- IDH1/2 inhibitors (eg, AG-120, and enasidenib)
- Bromodomain inhibitors (eg, OTX015)
- Histone deacetylase inhibitors (eg, vorinostat, pracinostat, and panobinostat)
- DOTL1 inhibitor (eg, EPZ-5676)

- Antibody-drug conjugates (eg, vadastuximab talirine)
- Bispecific antibodies (eg, AMG 330: anti-CD33/CD3 bispecific T-cell engager)
- Immune checkpoint blockade (eg, ipilimumab, nivolumab, durvalumab)
- Vaccines (eg, WT1 and PR1 peptide vaccines, dendritic cell vaccines)
- Chimeric antigen receptor T cells (eg, anti-CD123 CAR T-cells CART-123)



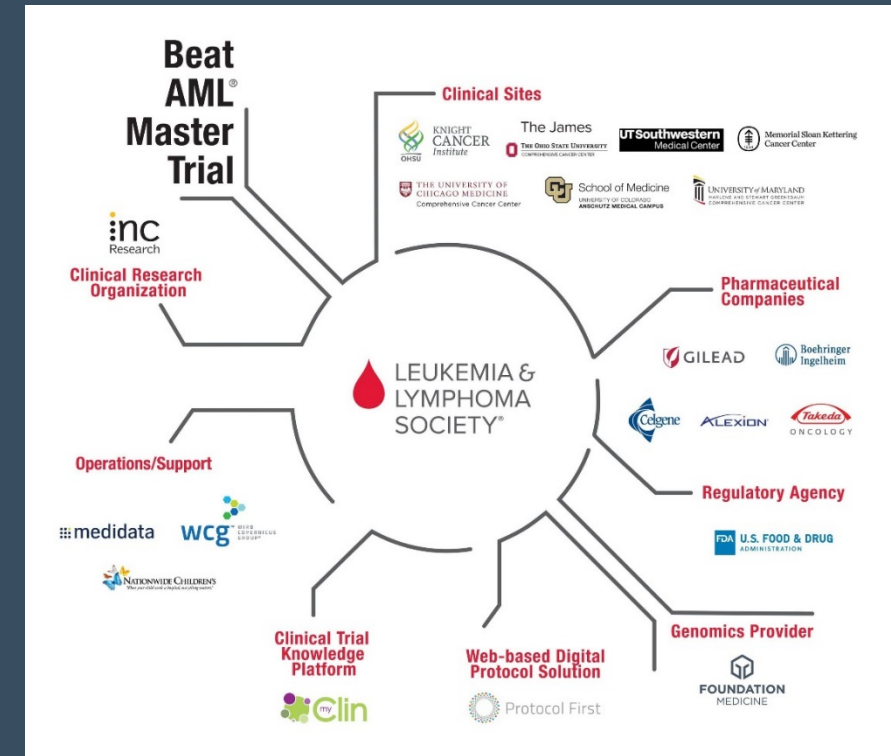
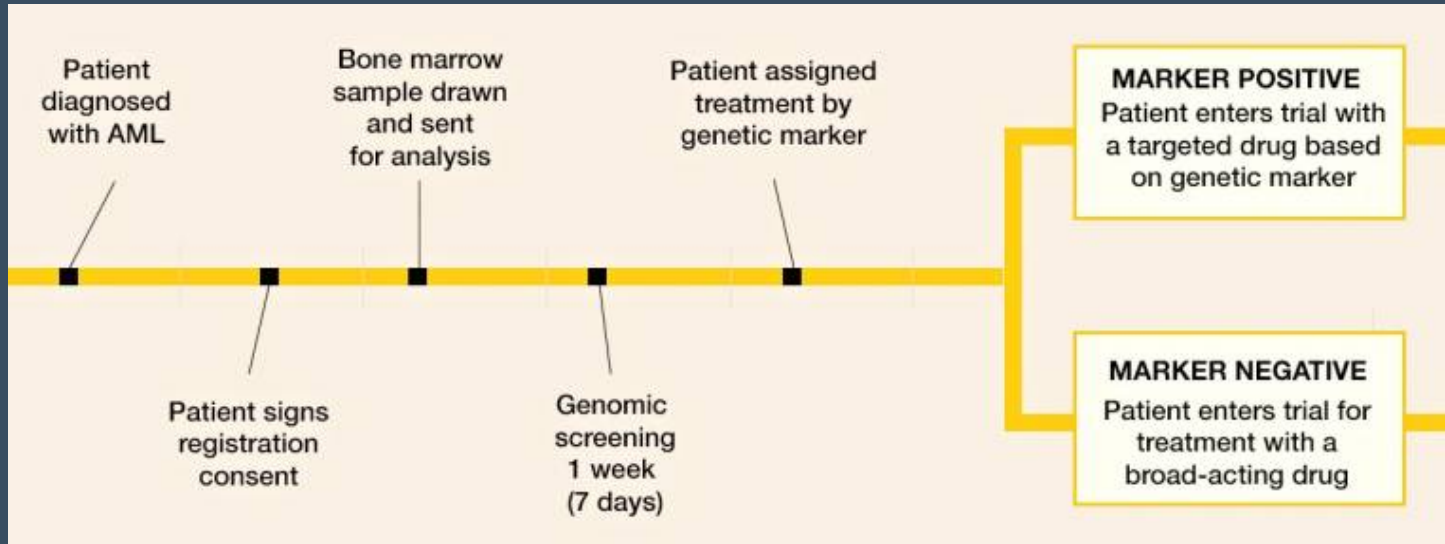
# Beat AML

- Functional Genomic Landscape of AML
  - <http://www.vizome.org/aml/>

**Table 1** Publicly available databases and web portals with current URL links for data mining in AML

Database	AML	Primary tumor derived	Cell line derived	Mutation	Expression	CNV	Methylation	shRNA	Drug efficacy	Drug-target	Survival	URL
Beat AML	√	√		√	√	√			√		√	<a href="http://www.vizome.org/aml/">http://www.vizome.org/aml/</a>
TCGA	√	√		√	√	√	√				√	<a href="https://cancergenome.nih.gov">https://cancergenome.nih.gov</a>
TARGET-AML	√	√		√	√	√	√				√	<a href="https://oc.g.cancer.gov/programs/target/data-matrix/">https://oc.g.cancer.gov/programs/target/data-matrix/</a>
ICGC	√	√		√	√	√	√				√	<a href="https://icgc.org">https://icgc.org</a>
Leucegene	√	√		√	√						√	<a href="https://leucegene.ca">https://leucegene.ca</a>
AML-Multistage	√	√		√		√					√	<a href="https://cancer.sanger.ac.uk/aml-multistage/">https://cancer.sanger.ac.uk/aml-multistage/</a>
Gene Expression Commons	√	√			√							<a href="https://gecx.riken.jp/">https://gecx.riken.jp/</a>
cBioPortal	√	√	√	√		√					√	<a href="http://www.cbioportal.org/index.do">http://www.cbioportal.org/index.do</a>
COSMIC	√	√	√	√					√			<a href="https://cancer.sanger.ac.uk/cosmic">https://cancer.sanger.ac.uk/cosmic</a>
Leukemia Gene Atlas	√	√	√	√	√		√				√	<a href="http://www.leukemia-gene-atlas.org">http://www.leukemia-gene-atlas.org</a>
BloodSpot	√	√	√	√	√	√						<a href="http://servers.binf.ku.dk/bloodspot/">http://servers.binf.ku.dk/bloodspot/</a>
ArrayExpress	√	√	√	√	√		√					<a href="https://www.ebi.ac.uk/arrayexpress/">https://www.ebi.ac.uk/arrayexpress/</a>
SynLethDB	√	√	√	√	√	√		√	√	√		<a href="http://histone.scc.ntu.edu.sg/SynLethDB/index.php">http://histone.scc.ntu.edu.sg/SynLethDB/index.php</a>
Expression Atlas	√	√	√	√	√				√			<a href="https://www.ebi.ac.uk/gxa/about.html">https://www.ebi.ac.uk/gxa/about.html</a>
CCLE	√		√	√	√				√			<a href="https://portals.broadinstitute.org/cle">https://portals.broadinstitute.org/cle</a>
GEO	√		√	√	√							<a href="https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/">https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/</a>
Project Achilles			√	√	√	√		√	√			<a href="https://portals.broadinstitute.org/achilles">https://portals.broadinstitute.org/achilles</a>
LINCS			√					√	√			<a href="http://lincs.hms.harvard.edu/db/">http://lincs.hms.harvard.edu/db/</a>
Genomics of Drug Sensitivity in Cancer			√	√		√		√				<a href="https://www.cancernxgene.org">https://www.cancernxgene.org</a>
Cancer Therapeutics Response Portal			√	√	√	√				√		<a href="https://portals.broadinstitute.org/ctrp/">https://portals.broadinstitute.org/ctrp/</a>
ChEMBL			√						√			<a href="https://www.ebi.ac.uk/chembl/">https://www.ebi.ac.uk/chembl/</a>
Comparative Toxicogenomic Database (CTD)			√							√		<a href="http://ctdbase.org">http://ctdbase.org</a>
TARGET	√	√		√	√	√	√			√	√	<a href="https://software.broadinstitute.org/cancer/cga/target">https://software.broadinstitute.org/cancer/cga/target</a>

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# Algorithms for AML

- Easiest algorithm is to just refer patients to a teaching hospital with expertise
- 6 physicians
- 5 APPs
- 2 pharmacists
- 22 bed floor
- 6 OPD nurses
- Social workers
- 160-180 pts/year