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**UNDERSTANDING
YOUR DIAGNOSIS:
ACUTE MYELOID
LEUKEMIA (AML)**

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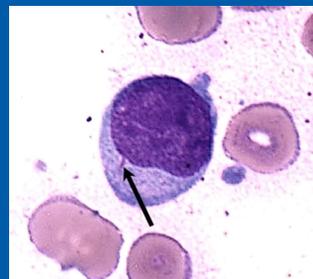
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Understanding Your Diagnosis: Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML)

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Understanding Acute Myeloid Leukemia



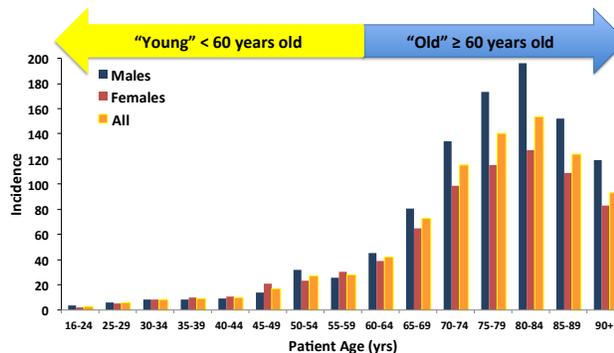
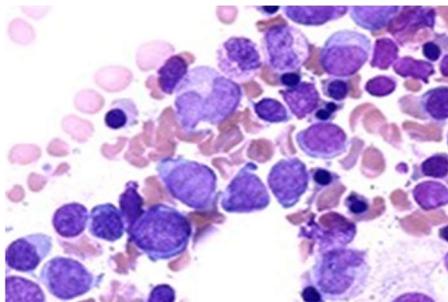
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Understanding AML: 2020

- **Diagnosis and Time to treatment**
- **Improving Venetoclax therapy**
- **Combination approaches**
- **New agents on the horizon**

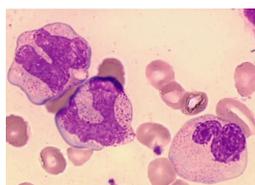
Acute Myeloid Leukemia: Biology

Disease of older adults (median 67-70 years)
 Biologically diverse (karyotype, mutations, antigens)
 Clinically aggressive disease with survival in weeks-months

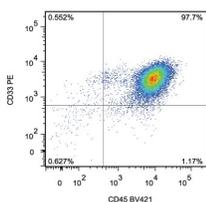


How to diagnose AML

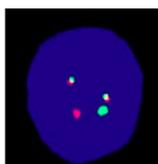
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Flow Cytometry



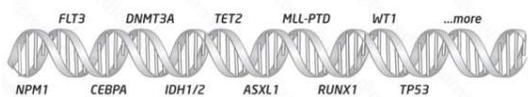
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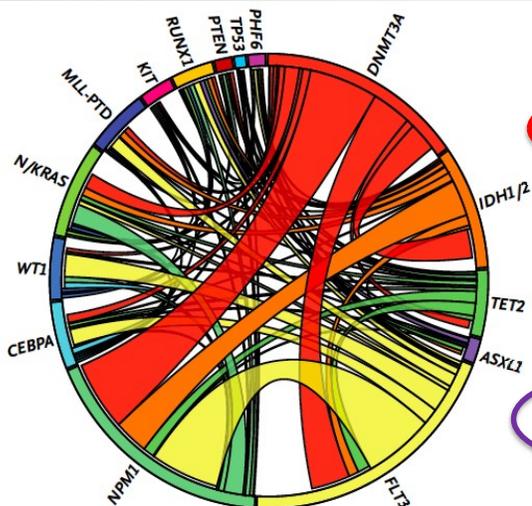


Mutation Profiling



- Risk stratification
- Drug targeting
- Disease monitoring

AML is characterized by many mutations



Gene	Overall Frequency, %	Gene	Overall Frequency, %
FLT3 (ITD, TKD)	37 (30,7)	RUNX1	5
NPM1	29	MLL-PTD	5
DNMT3A	23	ASXL1	3
NRAS	10	PHF6	3
CEBPA	9	KRAS	2
TET2	8	PTEN	2
WT1	8	TP53	2
IDH2	8	HRAS	0
IDH1	7	EZH2	0
KIT	6		

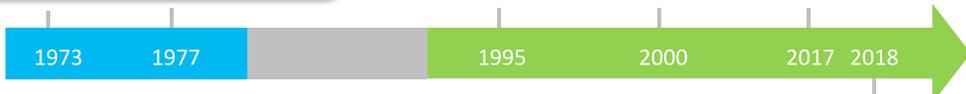
History of AML Therapy

Cytosine Arabinoside (NSC-63878) and Daunorubicin (NSC-83142) Therapy in Acute Nonlymphocytic Leukemia^{1,2,3}

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US FDA approvals



7+3 =  1973 to 2017 (44 years!)

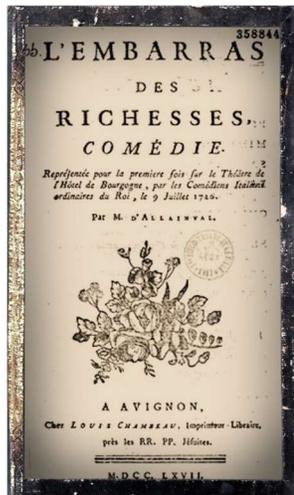
All-trans retinoic acid (ATRA) FDA approved for APL

Gemtuzumab FDA approved and subsequently removed from market in 2010

1. First FLT3 inhibitor midostaurin US FDA approved
2. First IDH2 inhibitor enasidenib US FDA approved
3. Liposomal cytarabine/daunorubicin US FDA approved
4. Gemtuzumab Ozogamicin re-US FDA approved

1. Ivosidenib is FDA approved in 2018 for relapsed or refractory AML with a susceptible IDH1 mutation
2. AZA+VEN and LDAC+Ven approved for older AML (Nov 21 2018)
3. LDAC+glasdegib approved for older AML (Nov 21 2018)

AML Therapy: Many new drugs



Attributed to John Ozell's translation of a French play (1738); Translated in 1725 as The Plague of Riches

Definition: Generally used to describe an abundance of something, (typically positive) with the idea that there are so many of these good things that it's difficult to pick just one.

8 Drugs approved for AML in last 2 years
 Midostaurin, Enasidenib, CPX-351, Gemtuzumab
 Ivosidenib, Gilteritinib, Glasdegib, Venetoclax

Therapy for AML patients based on mutations

Newly diagnosed AML and not fit for intensive chemotherapy and/or age \geq 60 years

No actionable mutations

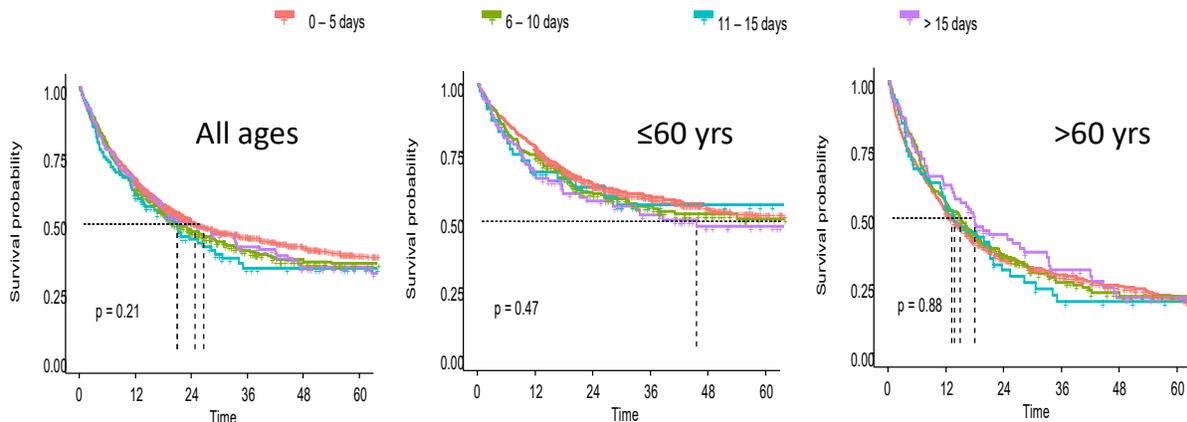
- Venetoclax + decitabine
- Venetoclax + azacitidine
- Venetoclax + LDAC
- Aza or decitabine (HMA)
- Glasdegib + LDAC
- LDAC alone
- GO (CD33+)
- Best supportive care

Actionable mutation

- Ivosidenib (IDH1 mutant)
- Enasidenib (IDH2 mutant)
- Sorafenib + HMA (FLT3 mutant)
- Aza or decitabine
- Venetoclax + HMA/LDAC

Safe to wait for genetic information to start AML therapy

2263 patients with newly dx AML from 46 centers across Germany
 Time from diagnosis to intensive induction did NOT affect outcome or survival



Novel combinations to improve outcomes

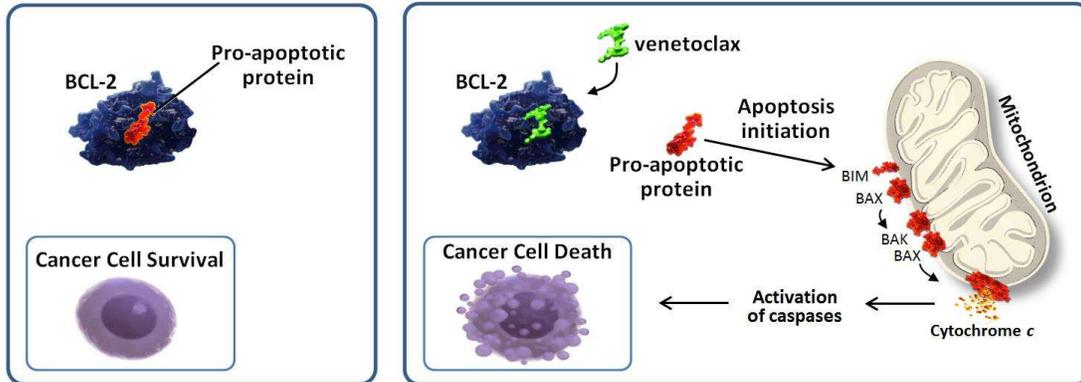


**Backbone
Chemo**

Novel agents

**Combinations
tailored to individual
patients**

Venetoclax: BCL-2 inhibitor



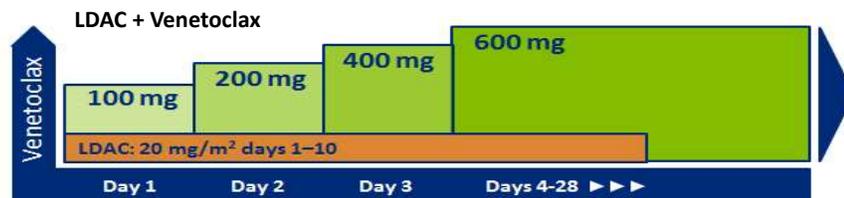
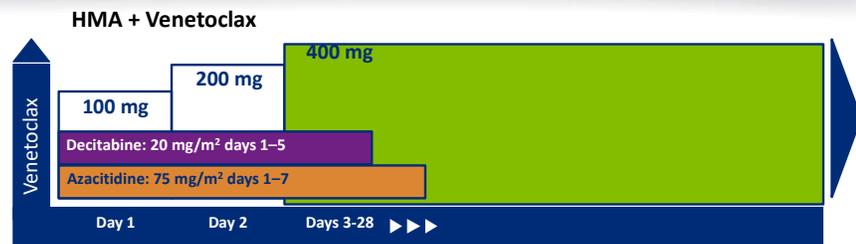
Cancer cells evade cell death through overexpression of BCL-2 which sequesters pro-apoptotic proteins

Venetoclax is a potent small molecule BCL-2 inhibitor which binds to BCL-2, "freeing" pro-apoptotic proteins which then initiate cell death

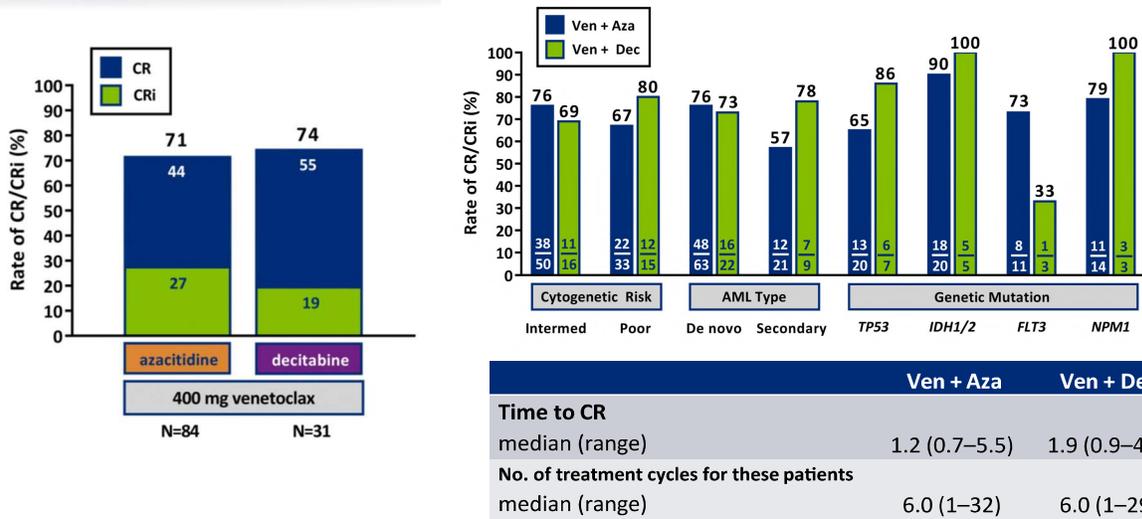
Venetoclax + Chemo for Older Patients

Indicated for:

- Newly Dx AML
- Age \geq 75 yrs
OR
- ECOG 2-3
- Cardiac, lung, liver or renal disease

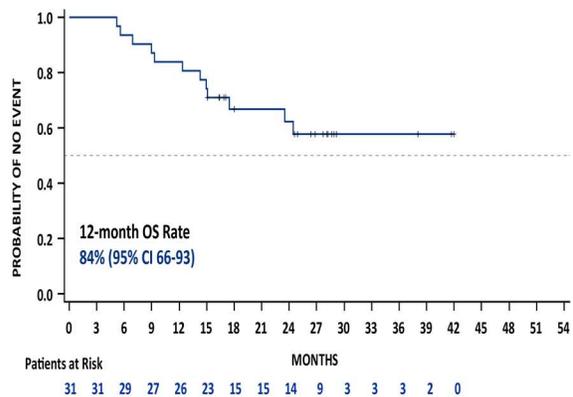


Venetoclax + Chemo: High response rate



Venetoclax-based therapy followed by transplant

- 31 of 304 patients (10%) treated with venetoclax + chemo underwent transplant
- Over two thirds (68%, 21 of 31) patients were alive 12 months after transplant
- 55% (17/31) of all patients undergoing transplant have remission of ≥12 months after transplant
- 71% (12/17) of those patients remained in remission for ≥ 2 years



Adding Venetoclax to intensive AML chemotherapy

- Single-center, phase Ib/II trial with FLAG-IDA plus venetoclax

Adult, fit patients with AML; ECOG PS ≤ 2; AML or high-risk MDS (≥ 10% blasts); satisfactory organ function

Phase Ib: Dose escalation
 Filgrastim 5 mcg/kg D1-7* + Fludarabine 30 mg/m² IV D2-6 + Idarubicin 6 mg/m² D4-6 + Cytarabine + Venetoclax†
 (N = 16 R/R AML)

*Or peg-filgrastim 6 mg x 1 after D5
 †3-level dosing of cytarabine + venetoclax:
 1) CYT 2 g/m² D2-6 /VEN 200 mg D1-21; 2) CYT 1.5 g/m² D2-6 /VEN 200 mg D1-14; 3) CYT 1.5 g/m² D2-6 /VEN 400 mg D1-14

Phase II: Dose expansion
 Filgrastim 5 mcg/kg D1-7* + Fludarabine 30 mg/m² IV D2-6 + Idarubicin 6 mg/m² D4-6 + Cytarabine 1.5 g/m² IV D2-6 + Venetoclax 400 mg D1-14
 (N = 14 ND, 26 R/R‡ AML)

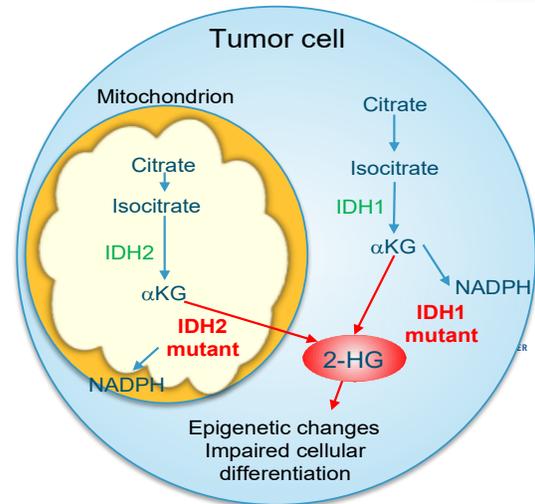
‡Including the 16 R/R AML patients from phase I

Consolidation
 Filgrastim 5 mcg/kg D1-7* + Fludarabine 30 mg/m² IV D2-6 + Cytarabine 1.5 g/m² IV D2-6 + Venetoclax 400 mg D1-14

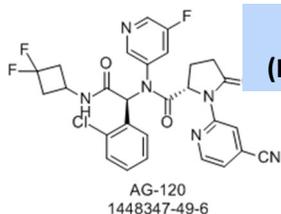
Maintenance (if no ASCT)
 Venetoclax 400 mg D1-14 up to 1 year

IDH mutations in AML

- **Isocitrate dehydrogenase (IDH)** is a critical enzyme regulating tumor metabolism
- IDH mutations promote AML development
- IDH mutations infrequent in AML
 - IDH1 mut found in 6-9% of AML
 - IDH2 mut found in 8-12% of AML



IDH1 and IDH2 inhibitors in AML



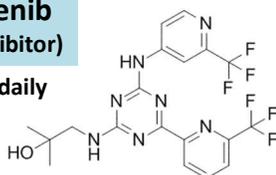
Ivosidenib
(IDH1 inhibitor)

500 mg daily



Enasidenib
(IDH2 inhibitor)

100 mg daily

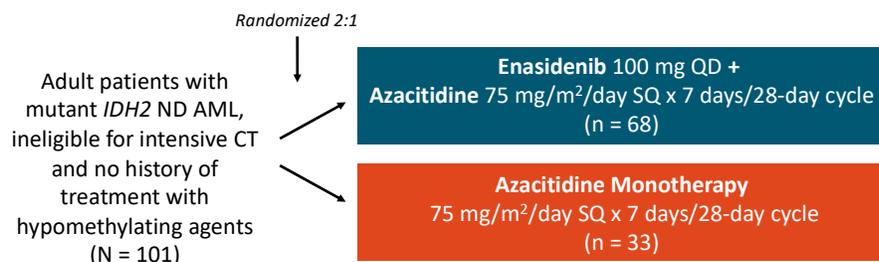


Differentiation Syndrome

New onset or worsening of fever, rapid weight gain or swelling in legs, respiratory symptoms, fluid in lungs or surrounding the heart, low blood pressure, kidney problems

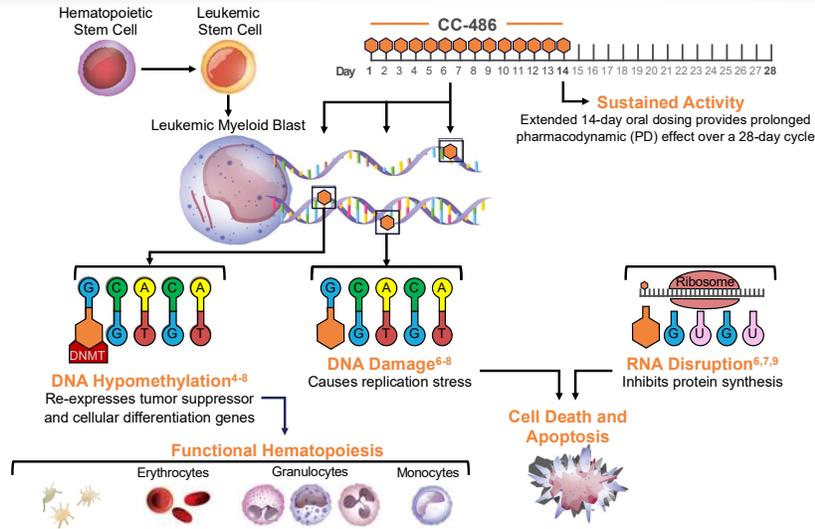
Enasidenib + Azacitidine for newly dx IDH2 mutant AML

- Randomized phase I/II study
 - Phase I portion consisted of 3 + 3 dose-finding for enasidenib + azacitidine

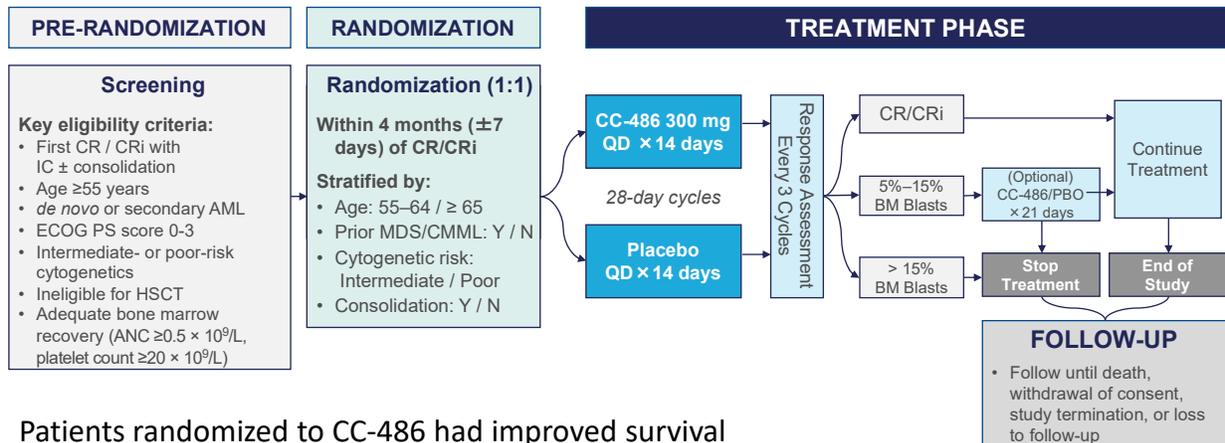


- Results: Higher response rates with combination therapy
- Safety: Combination therapy was tolerated well by patients

Oral azacitidine: First drug for AML maintenance?

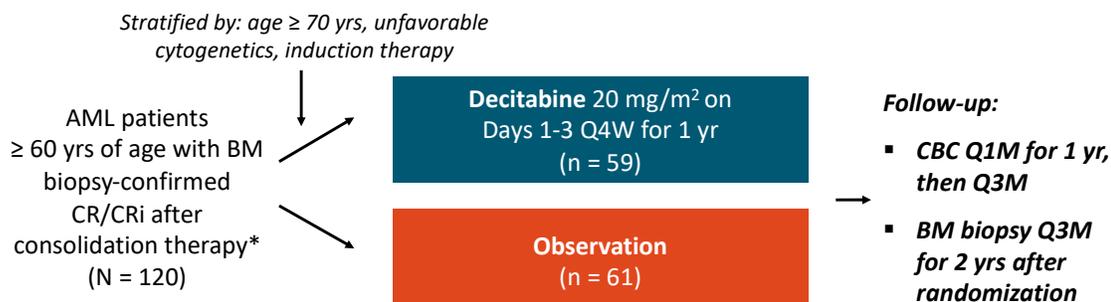


Oral azacitidine (CC-486): First drug for AML maintenance?



Patients randomized to CC-486 had improved survival

Low dose Decitabine can also be used as maintenance

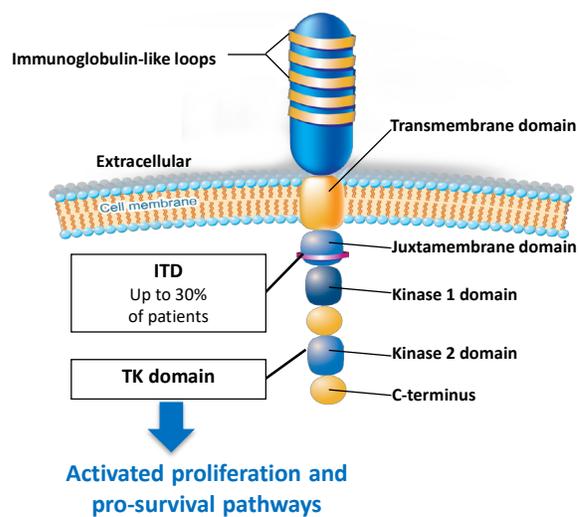


*Cytarabine after 7+3 induction, or clofarabine after clofarabine induction.

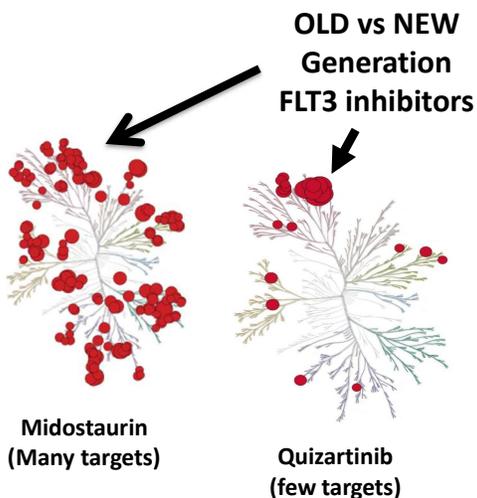
- Primary endpoint: disease-free survival (relapse or death from any cause)
- Trend to improved survival in FLT3 negative AML patients receiving decitabine

FLT3 mutations in AML

- *FLT3-ITD* occurs in ~25-37% of AML
- *FLT3-TKD* occurs in ~10% of AML
- More frequent in younger patients, *de novo* AML and diploid cytogenetics
- Associated with resistance to 7+3
- Increased risk of relapse
- Many FLT3 inhibitors developed



FLT3 inhibitors for AML

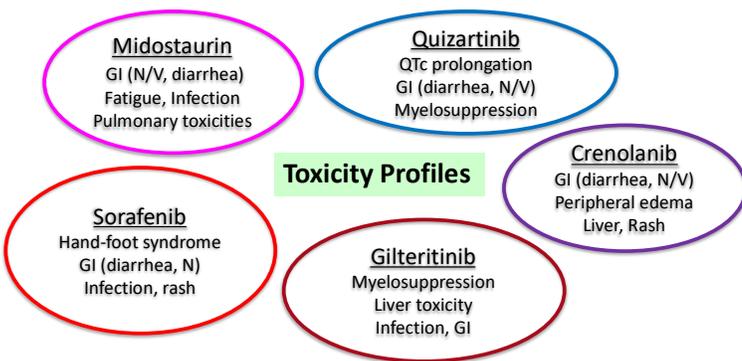


	Targets	FLT3 inhibitory dose
Lestaurtinib	FLT3, JAK2, TrkA	700 nM
Midostaurin*	FLT3, KIT, PKC, PDGFR, VEGFR	1000 nM
Sorafenib*	FLT3, KIT, PDGFR, RAF, VEGFR	265 nM
Quizartinib	FLT3, KIT, PDGFR, RET	18 nM
Crenolanib	FLT3, PDGFR	48 nM
Gilteritinib*	FLT3, AXL	43 nM

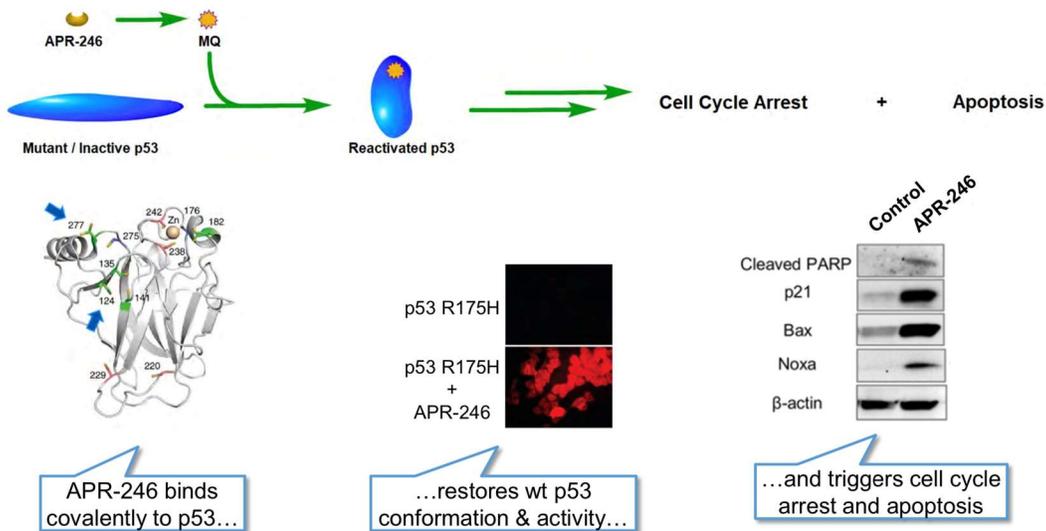
*FDA approved drugs

Best FLT3 inhibitor is context dependent

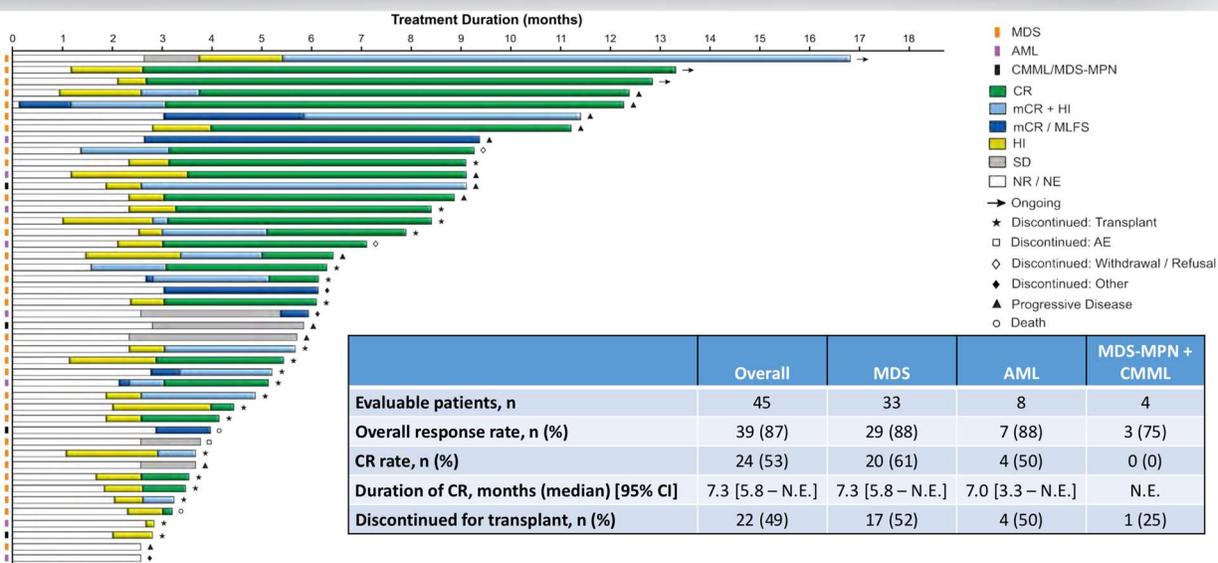
Clinical setting	Standard of care
Newly diagnosed FLT3^{mut}	Midostaurin plus 7+3
Older newly diagnosed FLT3^{mut}	Sorafenib plus Azacitidine
FLT3^{mut} after transplant	Sorafenib
Relapsed FLT3^{mut}	Gilteritinib



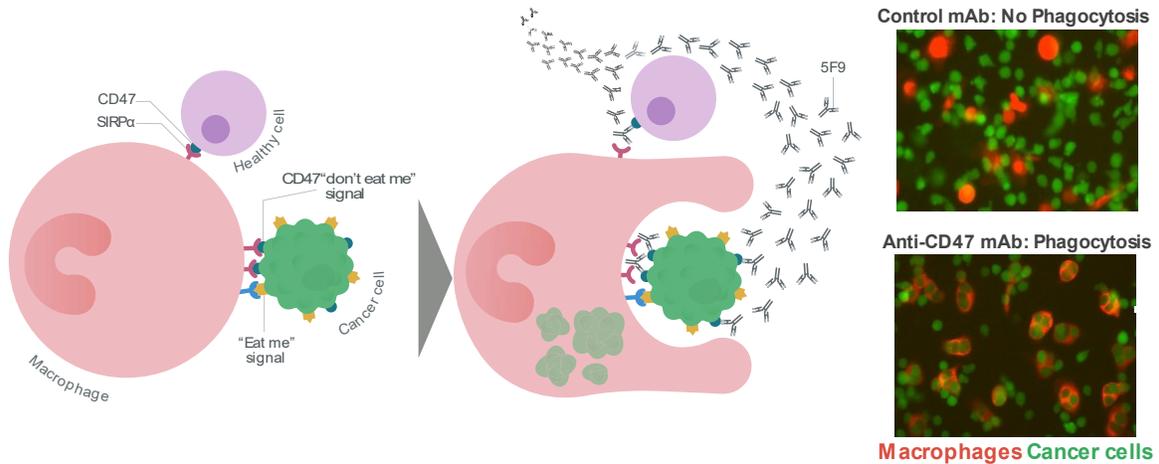
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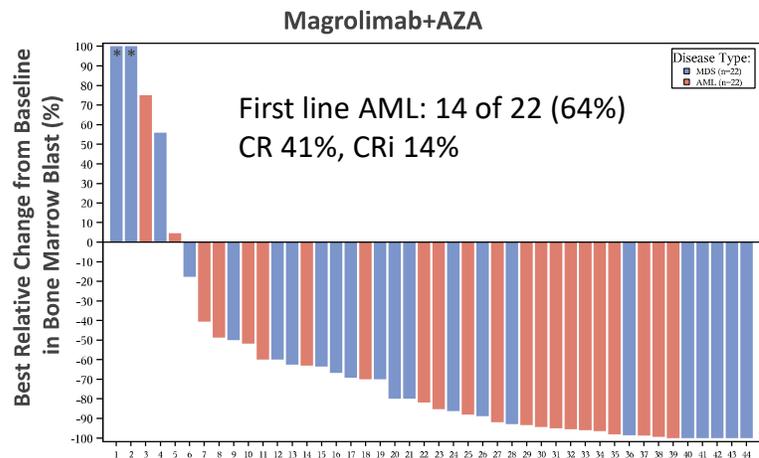
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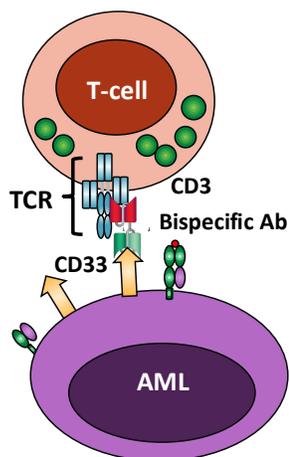
Magrolimab is an anti-CD47 antibody

- Targets CD47 on AML cells
- Induces macrophage cells to “eat” AML cells
- Eliminates leukemic stem cells in AML models
- Azacitidine induces CD47 expression on AML blasts and increases efficacy of magrolimab

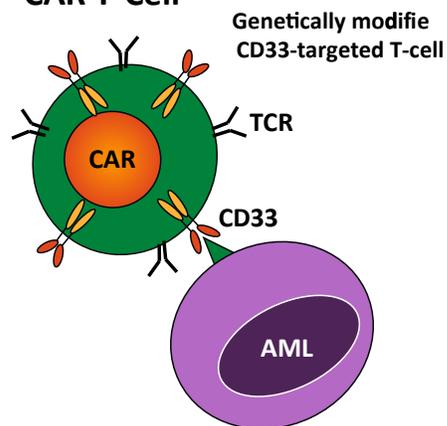


Immunotherapy for AML

Bispecific Antibody (BiTE)



CAR T-Cell

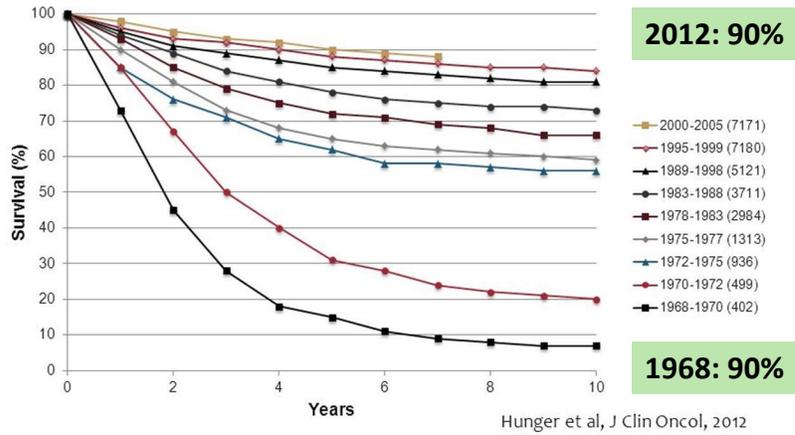


Understanding AML: 2020

- **Diagnosis and Time to treatment**
- **Improving Venetoclax therapy**
- **Combination approaches**
- **New agents on the horizon**

Example of pediatric ALL

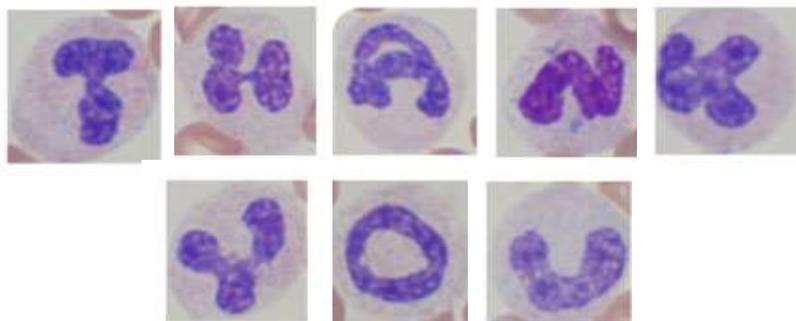
Outcomes of pediatric B-ALL



Current survival rate for childhood ALL = >90%

To cure AML, we need to:

- Introduce new drugs
- Design combo Rx
- Conduct clinical trials



Q&A SESSION

Understanding Your Diagnosis: Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML)

- **Ask a question by phone:**
 - Press star (*) then the number 1 on your keypad.
- **Ask a question by web:**
 - Click “Ask a question”
 - Type your question
 - Click “Submit”

Due to time constraints, we can only take one question per person. Once you’ve asked your question, the operator will transfer you back into the audience line.

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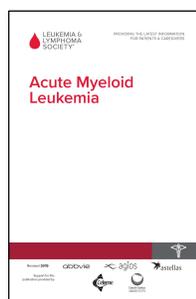
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