

Best of ASH 2018: Myeloma

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Learning Objectives

- Understand the preferred frontline treatment options in NDMM in the US and recognize ongoing clinical trials with daratumumab in this setting
- Review the data challenging upfront ASCT in NDMM
- Review the role of ixazomib in myeloma maintenance therapy
- Recognize BCMA as an important new target in the treatment of multiple myeloma

Learning Objective 1: **Triplet therapy is SOC for NDMM in 2019**

- Which triplet is debatable
- Holds true for both transplant-eligible and –ineligible pts
- The addition of monoclonal antibody daratumumab to triplet backbones is being studied, but results are not mature

Reference: Rajkumar, SV. "Selection of initial chemotherapy for symptomatic multiple myeloma." UpToDate.com 1/3/2019. <https://www.uptodate.com/contents/selection-of-initial-chemotherapy-for-symptomatic-multiple-myeloma>

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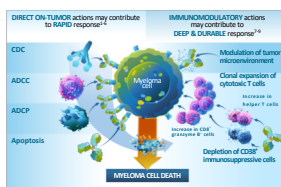
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Griffin: Dara-VRd in Newly Dx'd MM Eligible for Transplant (Abstract 151)

- Phase II
- Safety run-in cohort of 16 pts

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Daratumumab

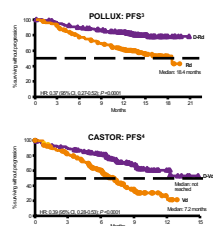


- **Daratumumab**
 - Human IgG₁ monoclonal antibody targeting CD38 with a direct on-tumor and immunomodulatory mechanism of action
- **Efficacy**
 - Daratumumab-based combinations reduce risk of progression or death and induce rapid, deep, and durable responses across all lines of therapy¹⁰⁻¹²
- **Approved**
 - As monotherapy and in combination with standard of care regimens in RRMM in many countries
 - In combination with bortezomib, melphalan, and prednisone in transplant-ineligible NMM in many countries

RRMM: relapsed or refractory multiple myeloma; NMM: newly diagnosed multiple myeloma; CDC: complement-dependent cytotoxicity; ADCC: antibody-dependent cellular cytotoxicity; CD38: antibody-dependent cellular cytotoxicity.

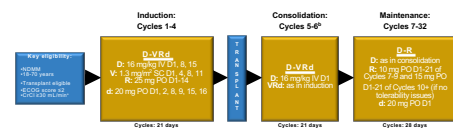
Background

- Attainment of sCR correlates with improved long-term outcomes after ASCT¹
- bortezomib, lenalidomide, and dexamethasone (VRd) followed by HDt, ASCT, and consolidation has yielded high response rates and PFS in NDMM²
- In 5 phase 3 studies, daratumumab added to other SdC regimens improved depth of responses, including sCR and MRD-negative rates, and PFS in patients with RRMM or NDMM³⁻⁷
- Hypothesis: the addition of daratumumab to VRd (D-VRd) will be safe and effective in transplant-eligible patients with NDMM



1. Abudayyeh A, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2016;34(21):2425-2433. 2. Coiffier B, et al. N Engl J Med. 2013;369(11):1099-1107. 3. Palumbo A, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2015;33(18):2061-2070. 4. Palumbo A, et al. Blood. 2015;126(24):6120-6128. 5. Palumbo A, et al. Blood. 2015;126(24):6129-6137. 6. Palumbo A, et al. Blood. 2015;126(24):6138-6146. 7. Palumbo A, et al. Blood. 2015;126(24):6147-6155.

GRIFFIN: Safety Run-in Phase (N = 16)



Patients who complete maintenance cycles 7-32 may continue single-agent lenalidomide thereafter

Safety run-in phase in 16 patients to assess dose-limiting toxicities during 1 Cycle of D-VRd

1. Palumbo A, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2015;33(18):2061-2070. 2. Coiffier B, et al. N Engl J Med. 2013;369(11):1099-1107.

Demographics and Disease Characteristics

Characteristic	(N = 16)
Median (range) age, years	62.5 (46-65)
Male, n (%)	8 (50)
Race, n (%)	
White	11 (69)
Black/African American	4 (25)
Asian	1 (6)
ECOG performance status, n (%)	
0	3 (19)
1	10 (63)
2	3 (19)
ISS, n (%)	
Stage I	12 (75)
Stage II	2 (13)
Stage III	2 (13)
High-risk cytogenetics ^a , n (%)	5 (31)

- As of October 24 2018, 16 patients were enrolled in the safety run-in and all completed ≥9 cycles of treatment, including ≥3 cycles of maintenance
- Patients have received a median (range) of 17 (10-19) cycles, including 4-13 maintenance cycles

^aHigh-risk cytogenetics were defined as t(4;14), t(8;21), t(12;21), t(15;17), t(16;16), t(17;17), t(17;22), t(21;21), t(21;22), t(21;22) (reciprocal), t(21;22) (non-reciprocal), t(21;22) (non-reciprocal), t(21;22) (non-reciprocal), t(21;22) (non-reciprocal).

Safety: Most Common TEAEs^a

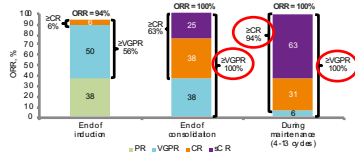
Hematologic TEAEs, n (%)	Any grade	Grade 3 or 4	Nonhematologic TEAEs, n (%)	Any grade	Grade 3 or 4
Neutropenia	12 (75)	5 (31) ^b	Diarrhea	9 (56)	1 (6)
Fibrile neutropenia	2 (13)	2 (13)	Fatigue	9 (56)	1 (6)
Lymphopenia	12 (75)	3 (19)	Hypocalcemia	8 (50)	1 (6)
Thrombocytopenia	8 (50)	4 (25)	Constipation	8 (50)	0
Leukopenia	8 (50)	2 (13)	Nausea	6 (38)	0
Anemia	7 (44)	1 (6)	Vomiting	6 (38)	0
			Peripneumonia	6 (38)	0
			Pyrexia	6 (38)	0
			Upper respiratory tract infection	6 (38)	0
			Hypotension	6 (38)	0
			Cough	5 (31)	0
			Hypodurkemia	5 (31)	0
			Hypomagnesemia	5 (31)	0
			Insomnia	5 (31)	0
			Pain in extremity	5 (31)	0
			neuropathy	5 (31)	0
				4 (25)	4 (25)
				4 (25)	2 (13)

- TEAEs occurred in all 16 patients
 - TEAEs related to daratumumab^c occurred in 15 patients (94%)
- Grade 3 or 4 TEAEs occurred in 14 patients (88%)
 - Grade 3 or 4 TEAEs related to daratumumab^c occurred in 10 patients (63%)

- ✓ No one stopped treatment for AE.
- ✓ Stem cell collection was not impacted by addition of daratumumab.

Efficacy: Investigator-assessed Response Rate

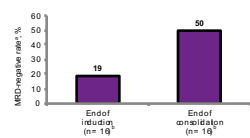
- Median (range) follow-up: 16.8 (15.9-18.7) months



Responses continued to deepen over time

MRD Negativity (10⁻⁵; ITT) and Outcomes

- Median (range) follow-up: 16.8 (15.9-18.7) months



- 15/16 (94%) patients remain progression-free on study treatment

50% of patients achieved MRD negativity at 10⁻⁵

Griffin: Summary

- Addition of daratumumab to VRd backbone in transplant-eligible pts w/NDMM has impressive response rates and deep responses
- The Phase 2 randomized trial of D-VRd vs VRd is closed to accrual (N=222) – *await those results*
- Daratumuamb approved as front-line therapy in combination with VMP, but not yet with VRd.

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MAIA: Phase 3 Randomized Study of D-Rd vs Rd in Newly Dx'd MM Ineligible for Transplant (Abstract LBA-2)¹

- Pre-specified interim analysis
- FIRST trial: Rd significantly prolonged PFS vs MPT in transplant-ineligible NDMM (26.0 vs 21.9 months)²
- Triplet regimens have consistently shown deeper responses and better PFS
 - *Does the addition of daratumumab improve PFS and responses in NDMM?*

1 - Facon T, Kumar SK, Plesner T, et al. Phase 3 randomized study of daratumumab plus lenalidomide and dexamethasone (D-Rd) versus lenalidomide and dexamethasone (Rd) in patients with newly diagnosed multiple myeloma (NDMM) ineligible for transplant (MAIA). Abstract #LBA-2. Presented at the 2018 ASH Annual Meeting, December 4, 2018, San Diego, CA.
2 - N Engl J Med 371:906-917,2014

MAIA Study Design

Phase 3, Randomized, open-label, multi-center

Key eligibility criteria:

- transplant-ineligible
- ECOG 0-2
- CrCl ≥ 30 ml/min

Randomization

D-Rd (n = 368)

Daratumumab (16 mg/kg IV)
Cycles 1-2: qW
Cycles 3-6: q2W
Cycles 7+ : q4W until PD
R: 25mg po daily on days 1-21 until PD
D: 40mg po weekly until PD

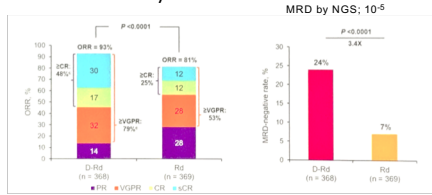
Primary Endpoint:
PFS

Key secondary endpoints:
- sCR
- sVGPR
- MRD-negative rate (NGS; 10⁻⁵)
- OS
- Safety

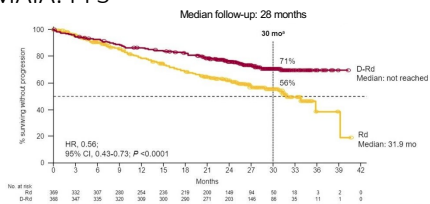
Stratification factors:

- ISS (I vs II vs III)
- Region (NA vs other)
- Age (<75 and ≥ 75 years)

MAIA: Efficacy



MAIA: PFS



MAIA: Summary

- Triplets continue to be better than doublets in MM
- How does DRd compare to VRd?
 - SWOG 50777: Phase 3, VRd vs Rd in NDMM without intent for immediate SCT
 - PFS (months): VRd 43 vs Rd 30
 - OS (months): VRd 75 vs Rd 64
 - HR 0.7 for OS in DRd
 - Bortezomib only given x 8 cycles; Daratumumab given until PFS¹
 - RVD Lite: Phase 2, single arm in transplant-ineligible NDMM
 - 15 cycles RVD lite; no maintenance specified, but 60% got lenalidomide
 - PFS (months): 35.1
- Should DRd be the new SOC for transplant-ineligible NDMM?
 - I await more mature results and a direct comparison of regimens
 - Note: Daratumumab is not yet FDA-approved for frontline treatment of NDMM except in combination with VMP

¹Lancet. 2017 Feb 4;389(10068):519-527.

²Br J Haematol. 2018 Jul;182(2):222-230.

Learning Objective 2: ASCT should still be considered in frontline treatment of NDMM

- ASCT has shown improved depth of response and PFS
- OS benefit remains of debate: IFM2009 trial showed better PFS with upfront vs delayed ASCT, but comparable OS – short follow-up as yet
- Ongoing US Trial: Determination (DFCI 10-106) – VRd – ASCT – lenalidomide maintenance

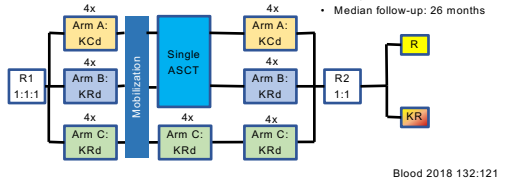
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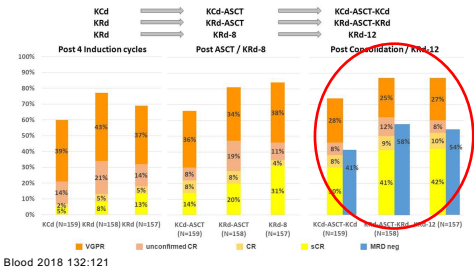
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Forte: KRd – ASCT vs KRd 12 cycles vs KCd in NDMM (Abstract 121)



- Phase 2, Randomized
- NDMM, transplant eligible, <65 yr
- Last pt enrolled March 2017
- Median follow-up: 26 months

FORTE: Results



Forte: Safety

- Discontinuation for AEs similar in the 3 arms
 - KRd-ASCT: 6%
 - KRd12: 8%
 - KCd-ASCT: 7%

Forte: Summary

- At completion of consolidation, KRd regimens vs KCd-ASCT-KCd had
 - improved >VGPR rates, 89% vs 76%
 - Improved MRD negative rates, 56% vs 42% (statistically significant)
 - Second generation flow cytometry, 10³ sensitivity
- Maintenance data are not mature
- When feasible, use lenalidomide over cyclophosphamide
- High-dose melphalan with ASCT is still the standard of care, but I await results of DETERMINATION (Rvd with either upfront or delayed ASCT) and FORTE for OS data and factors that influence response to ASCT

Learning Objective 3: Lenalidomide maintenance after ASCT in standard-risk disease remains the SOC

- Lenalidomide maintenance has shown improved PFS and OS over placebo (53 vs 24 months; 62% vs 50% at 7 years) in standard-risk MM
- For high-risk MM, bortezomib is considered over lenalidomide, however, there is no trial comparing these head-to-head.

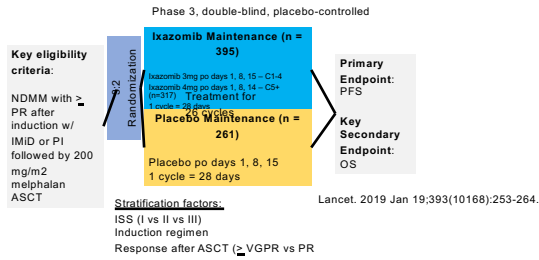
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Tourmaline-MM3: Maintenance Therapy with Ixazomib Significantly Prolongs PFS following ASCT in Newly Dx'd MM (abstract 301)



Safety

- Only 7% discontinued ixazomib d/t AE
- Neuropathy not different, improved in 75% and resolved in 70%
- No increase in SPM

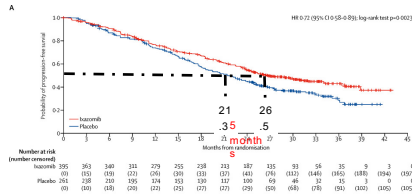
	Ixazomib group (n=395)		Placebo group (n=259)	
	No. patients	Grade	No. patients	Grade
Common hematological adverse events of any cause				
Neutropenia	38 (9%)	3 (3%)	30 (11%)	3 (1%)
Thrombocytopenia	53 (13%)	4 (4%)	42 (16%)	2 (1%)
Anemia	39 (10%)	4 (10%)	39 (15%)	2 (1%)
Common non-hematological adverse events of any cause				
Diarrhea and upper respiratory tract infection	242 (61%)	11 (3%)	152 (59%)	11 (4%)
Upper respiratory tract infection	193 (49%)	1 (0%)	143 (55%)	1 (0%)
Lower respiratory tract infection	49 (12%)	1 (0%)	9 (4%)	0
Common adverse events (Grade 1/2)	429 (108%)	2 (0%)	333 (129%)	1 (0%)
Diarrhea	137 (35%)	1 (0%)	111 (43%)	0
Upper respiratory tract infection	136 (34%)	1 (0%)	101 (39%)	0
Headache	105 (27%)	2 (0%)	57 (22%)	0
Constipation	82 (21%)	0	52 (20%)	1 (0%)
Arthralgia	88 (22%)	1 (0%)	30 (12%)	1 (0%)
Fatigue	78 (20%)	1 (0%)	43 (17%)	1 (0%)
Neuropathy	112 (28%)	4 (1%)	103 (40%)	2 (1%)
Adverse events of special interest				
Influenza	41 (10%)	0	30 (12%)	0
Acute renal failure	11 (3%)	1 (0%)	8 (3%)	0
Cardiac arrhythmia	10 (3%)	0	7 (3%)	0
Liver impairment	14 (4%)	0	11 (4%)	1 (0%)
Common adverse events (Grade 3/4)	23 (6%)	0	11 (4%)	0
Upper respiratory tract infection	23 (6%)	0	11 (4%)	0

Response

- Deepened in both arms
- Not powered for MRD comparison

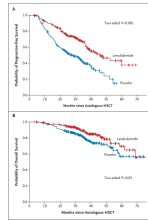
	Ixazomib group (n=395)	Placebo group (n=259)	HR (95% CI) or HR (95% CI) p-value
Response at study entry			
Complete response	81 (20%)	54 (21%)	-
Very good partial response	113 (29%)	52 (20%)	-
Converted to complete response during study	83 (21%)	48 (19%)	HR 1.07 (1.03-1.10)
Partial response	192 (49%)	201 (78%)	HR 1.54 (1.54-1.54)
Converted to very good partial response or better during study	419 (106%)	412 (159%)	-
Stable disease	71 (18%)	1 (0%)	-
Very good partial response or greater response	367 (92%)	307 (119%)	HR 1.41 (1.39-1.43) p<0.001
Response at study end			
Complete response	122 (31%)	113 (44%)	-
Very good partial response or greater response	329 (83%)	393 (152%)	-
Very good partial response or greater response at study entry			
By 12 months post study entry	375 (95%)	0	-
By 18 months post study entry	335 (85%)	81 (31%)	-
By 24 months post study entry	320 (81%)	9 (4%)	-
By 36 months post study entry	230 (58%)	10 (4%)	-
Time to MRD response (days post-entry)	Not estimable	Not estimable	HR 1.64 (1.70-1.62) p<0.01
Progression-free survival (months)	23 (6-36.7)	15 (5-27.0)	HR 0.70 (0.54-0.93) p<0.01
MRD response rate at study entry	11 (3%)	7 (3%)	-
Patients with MRD negative status retained at any subsequent evaluation	73 (18%)	38 (15%)	p=0.11
Time to discontinuation MRD-positive status, progression or death (months)	Not estimable	24 (11- not estimable)	HR 0.52 (0.32-0.86) p<0.01
Progression-free survival (months)	15 (5-28 not estimable)	31 (12- not estimable)	HR 0.41 (0.30-0.55) p<0.01

Tourmaline-MM3: Results



How does this compare to lenalidomide maintenance?

- IFM 2005-02 study¹: Len until progression vs placebo
 - PFS: 41 vs 23 months
- CALGB 100104²: Len until progression vs placebo
 - PFS: 46 vs 27 months



¹N Engl J Med. 2012 May 10;366(19):1782-91.
²N Engl J Med. 2012; 366: 1770-1781

Tourmaline-MM3: Summary

- Ixazomib vs placebo resulted in 5 months additional PFS
- Good safety profile
- I would not use this in place of lenalidomide for maintenance at this time
- Await results of ongoing studies of ixazomib and lenalidomide in combination or alone, in high-risk patients, and in an alternating strategy

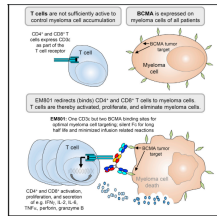
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AMG 420 anti-BCMA BiTE (abstract 1010)

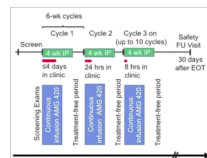
- B-cell Maturation Antigen (BCMA) is expressed on multiple myeloma cells, plasma cells, and mature B-cells
- AMG 420 is a mAb for CD3 joined by a flexible linker to mAb for BCMA
- T-cell mediated lysis of BCMA+ cells



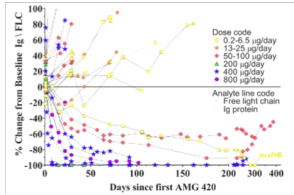
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AMG 420

- Phase 1, First-in-human dose escalation study
- RRMM with progression after >2 prior lines of treatment (including PI and IMiD)
- Tx for up to 5 cycles or PD, 5 additional cycles could be given
- 35 pts received drug as of May 2018



AMG 420 anti-BCMA BiTE (1010)



- 400 ug/day was MTD – CRS and polyneuropathy at 800 ug/day
- 7/10 pts in 400 ug/day group responded
- 4/10 were MRD-negative sCR
- 6/10 pts still responding at 7.5 months

AMG 420: Summary

- BCMA has been a good target in myeloma
 - mAb-drug conjugates
 - CAR-T
 - BiTE
- This construct showed very promising results, and would potentially offer “off-the-shelf” option for tx, rather than the wait time for CAR-T production
- FDA granted “Fast Track” designation



Final Summary

None of these data are as yet practice-changing in my opinion, but the mature data over the next few years will inform practice

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Best of ASH 2018--Leukemia

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Patient Characteristics Were Well Balanced

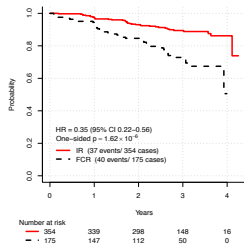
Baseline characteristics	IR n=354	FCR n=175	Total
Median age (y)	58	57	58
Age ≥ 60	41.0%	40.0%	40.6%
Female	33.3%	31.4%	32.7%
ECOG = 0	63.8%	62.3%	63.3%
Rai stage 0	3.3%	5.1%	3.8%
Rai stage I-III	52.8%	53.7%	53.1%
Rai stage III-IV	44.1%	41.1%	43.1%
FISH			
11q deletion	22.0%	22.3%	22.2%
Trisomy 12	19.8%	15.4%	18.3%
13q deletion	24.2%	33.1%	29.3%
B2M > 3.5 mg/L	51.9%	48.0%	50.6%
IgHV Unmutated*	75.0%	61.7%	71.1%

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* Tested in 437 (82%) patients



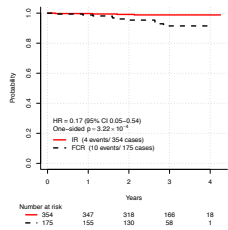
Progression-free Survival—Intent to treat



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Overall Survival—Intent to treat



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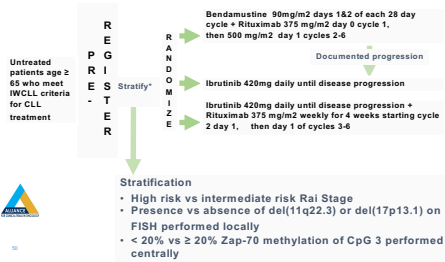
Grade 3-5 Treatment Related Adverse Events Throughout Observation

Adverse event	IR (%) N=352	ICR (%) N=158	p value
Neutropenia	22.7%	43.7%	<0.001
Anemia	2.6%	12.0%	<0.001
Thrombocytopenia	2.9%	13.9%	<0.001
Any infection	7.1%	19.0%	<0.001
Infection	5.4%	8.2%	0.24
Neutropenic fever	2.3%	15.8%	<0.001
Abnormal fibrillation	2.9%	0.0%	0.04
Bleeding	1.1%	0.0%	0.32
Hypertension	7.4%	1.9%	0.01
Diarrhea	2.6%	0.6%	0.19
Any Grade 3 or higher AE	58.5%	72.1%	P=0.004

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Patient Characteristics

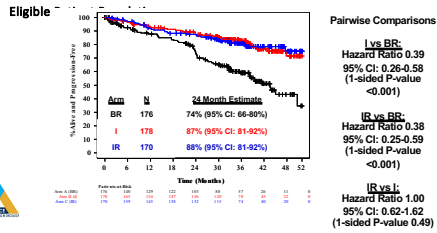
Characteristic	Total N=352	IR N=158	ICR N=192	IR N=158
Age (years), median (range)	71 (65-89)	70 (65-86)	71 (65-89)	71 (65-86)
Male, %	67	65	68	69
ECOG 0-1, %	97	95	97	99
White blood cell count x10 ⁹ /μL, median (range)	82 (4-518)	92 (7-518)	79 (6-438)	70 (4-481)
FISH Characteristics, %				
Del (17p)	6	8	5	6
Del (11q)	19	18	19	21
TP53 mutation, %	10	9	9	12
Complex karyotype, %	29	27	24	36
Zap-70 Unmethylated, %	53	52	53	53
IGHV unmutated*, %	61	58	63	61

*N=300 total

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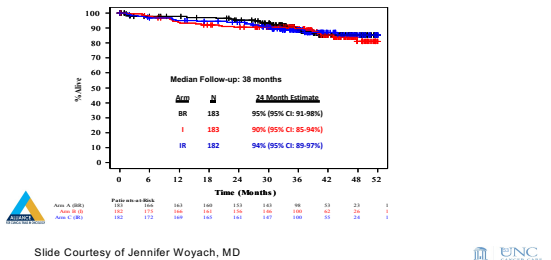


Primary Endpoint: Progression Free Survival



Overall Survival

Intention-to-Treat Patient Population



Grade 3, 4, or 5 Adverse Events

During treatment or follow-up (excluding crossover)

Adverse Event	BR N=176	Ibrutinib N=180	IR N=181	P-value
All Hematologic - no. (%)	107 (61)	74 (41)	70 (38)	<0.001
Anemia	22 (13)	22 (12)	11 (6)	0.09
Neutropenia	71 (40)	22 (12)	39 (22)	<0.001
Thrombocytopenia	26 (15)	12 (7)	9 (5)	0.008
All Non-hematologic - no. (%)	111 (63)	133 (74)	134 (74)	0.04
Bleeding	0 (0)	3 (2)	5 (3)	0.46
Infections	26 (15)	37 (21)	37 (20)	0.62
Febrile neutropenia	13 (7)	3 (2)	1 (1)	<0.001
Atrial fibrillation	5 (3)	17 (9)	10 (6)	0.05
Hypertension	25	53 (29)	61 (34)	<0.001
Unexplained/Unwitnessed death	2 (1)	7 (4)	4 (2)	0.24

- Deaths during active treatment + 30 days: 2 (1%), 13 (7%), 13 (7%)
- Deaths during active treatment + 30 days, up to 6 cycles: 2 (1%), 3 (2%), 6 (3%)

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- II. Lower Risk MDS
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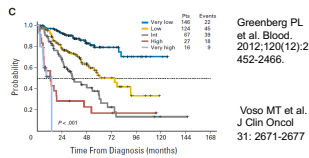


Myelodysplastic Syndromes

Table 3. IPSS-II prognostic score values

Prognostic variable	0	0.5	1	1.5	2	3	4
Cytopenias	Very good	—	Good	—	Intermediate	Poor	Very poor
BM blast, %	< 5	—	> 5% - 5%	—	0% - 10%	> 10%	—
Hemoglobin	> 90	—	80 - 90	< 8	—	—	—
Platelets	> 100	50 - 100	< 50	—	—	—	—
WBC	> 4.0	< 4.0	—	—	—	—	—

— indicates not applicable.

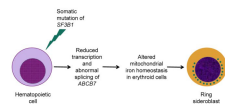
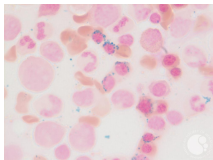


Greenberg PL et al. Blood. 2012;120(12):2452-2466.

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MDS with Ring Sideroblasts



Cazzola M et al. Blood. 2013; 121(2):260-269.

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Luspatercept

BMPs: bone morphogenetic proteins

Fenaux P et al. Blood 2019 Jan 2 [Epub ahead of print]

**(ACE-536)
Luspatercept**

Modified Extracellular Domain of **ActRIIB**
Fc Domain of human IgG, Antibody

GDF-15 inhibits differentiation of erythropoiesis

EPO dependent

LUSPATERCEPT

Luspatercept "a signal stop"

Luspatercept response associated with SF3B1 mutations

IWG H+E responder IWG H+E non-responder

Platzbecker U et al. Lancet Oncol 2017;18:1338-47.

RCT Luspatercept vs Placebo

MEDALIST Trial
Study Design – A Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled, Phase 3 Study

Patient Population

- Median hemoglobin < 105 g/L or < 16.5 wt% (Hb) at baseline
- No anemia at baseline
- No transfusion in 12 weeks prior to randomization
- No prior ESA treatment
- Renal failure (creatinine > 2.0 mg/dL)
- Average Hb transfusion burden > 2.0 units
- No prior treatment with disease-modifying agents (e.g., JAK2, JAK2)

Randomize 2:1

Luspatercept 1.0 mg/kg (s.c.) every 21 days
Dose titrated up to a maximum of 1.7 mg/kg
n=28

Placebo (s.c.) every 21 days
n=16

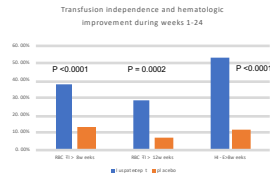
Disease & Response Assessment week 24 & every 6 months
Treatment discontinued for lack of clinical benefit or adverse progression per IWG criteria; no crossover allowed

Subjects followed for 3 years post final dose for AEs, progression, subsequent rMDS treatment and overall survival

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RCT Luspatercept vs Placebo

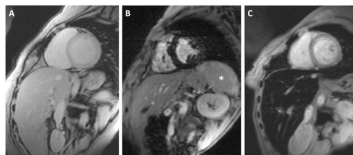


Median duration of transfusion independence (95% CI): 30.6 weeks (20.6-40.6) versus 13.6 (9.1-54.9)

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Iron overload in MDS



Hoffbrand AV et al. Blood. 2012; 120(16): 3657-69.

- Each unit of blood has 200-250 mg iron.
- Annual intake of excess iron for 2-4 units/month: 5-10 grams
- MDS patients with longer life expectancy who get >20-30 units and elevated ferritin previously recommended for chelation
- Previously unknown if benefits of chelation outweigh risks



Deferasirox vs placebo in lower risk MDS

Eligibility:

- IPSS low/Intermediate-1 MDS
- Ferritin >1000 ng/mL
- Transfusion history: 15-75 units RBC
- No cardiac or hepatic abnormalities

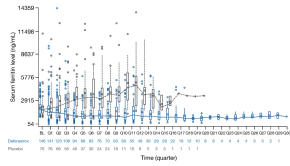
Composite Primary Endpoint: Event-Free Survival (by independent review)

- Cardiac events
- Hepatic events
- Transformation to AML
- Death

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Changes in Serum Ferritin

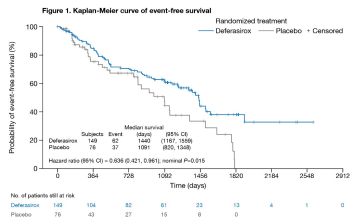


Wetters with 100% at 80% percentiles, lines after lower and upper quartiles, horizontal line shows the median and represents the mean values, circles (95% CI) are the 95% CI of the median.

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Event-Free Survival



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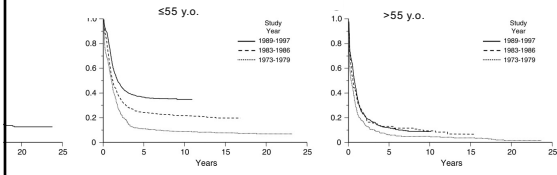


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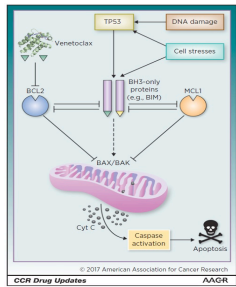
Lack of progress in older adults



Tallman, M. S. et al. *Blood* 2005;106:1154-1163



Venetoclax



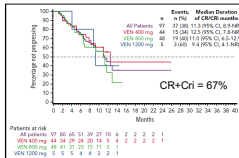
Roberts AW et al. *Clin Cancer Res*; 23(16): 4527-33.

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Venetoclax + HMA phase 1b

Study	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4
Patients	100	100	100	100
CR+CrI	100%	100%	100%	100%



DiNardo CD et al. *Blood*. 2019;133(1):7-17.

DiNardo CD et al. *Lancet Oncol* 2018;19:216-28.

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CR/CRi, n = 97	MRD < 10 ⁻⁴	MRD > 10 ⁻⁴	Non-evaluable
25 (26%)	55 (57%)	14 (14%)	
DOE, mo	NR	11.3	6.4
OC, mo	NR	NR	10.6