

# Innovations thérapeutiques en myélodysplasies

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# Plan

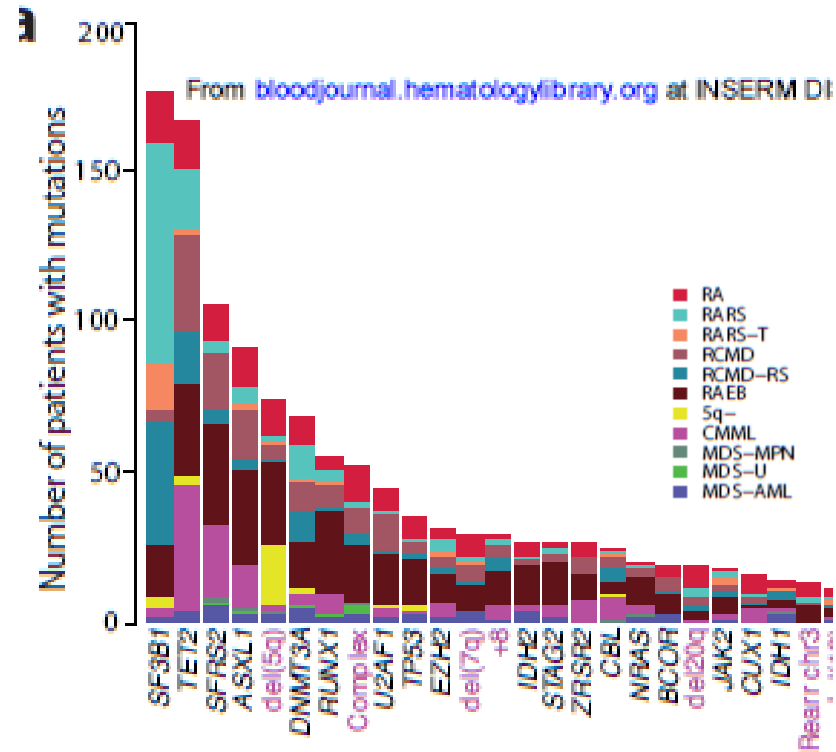
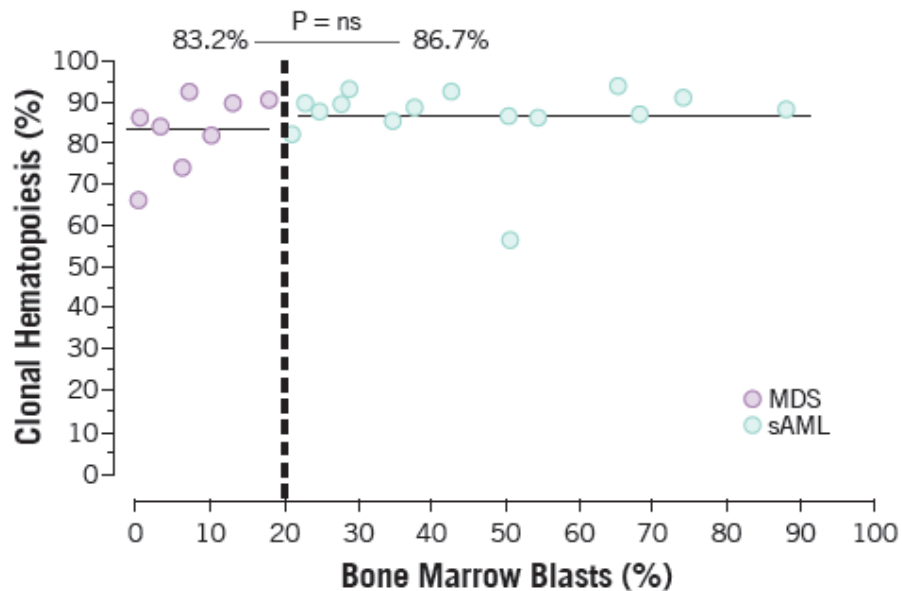
- Physiopathologie des MDS: concepts actuels
- L'évaluation pronostique
- MDS de bas risque
- MDS de haut risque

# Physiopathologie des MDS: Concepts actuels

# Mutations et MDS

- 4 groupes de mutations
  - Kinases
  - Facteurs transcriptionnels
  - Epigenetiques
  - Spliceosome

## MDS and sAML are highly clonal



# Mutations et MDS

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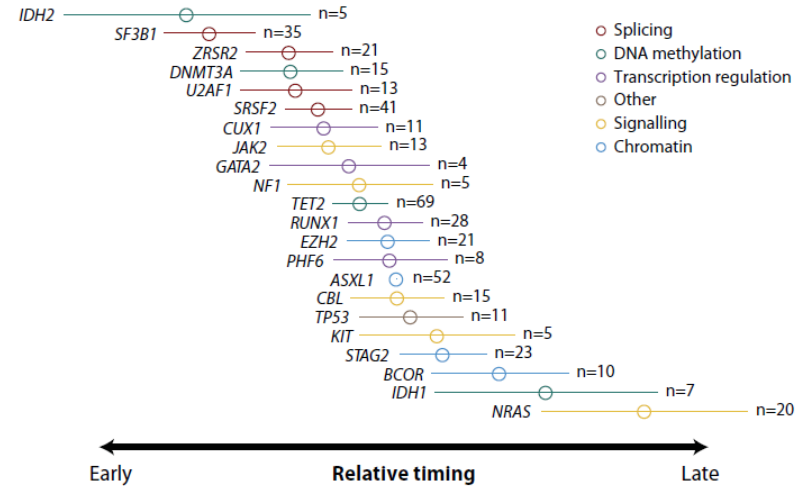
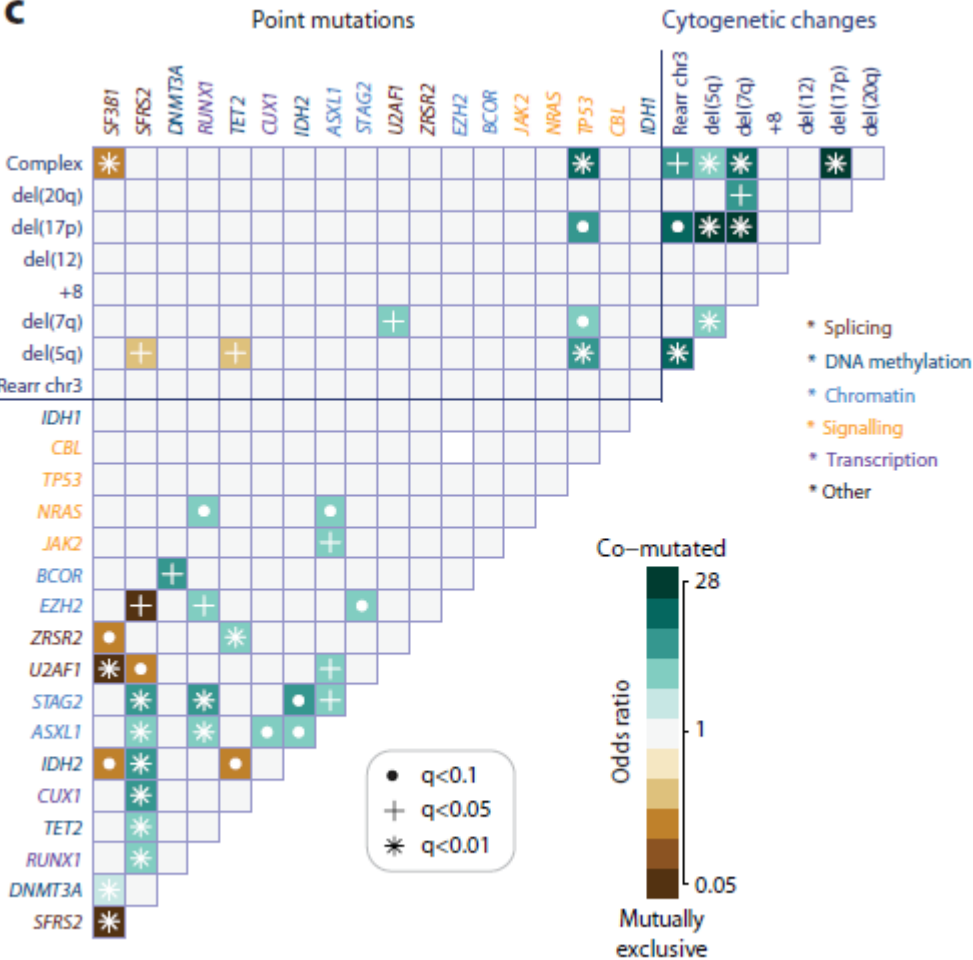
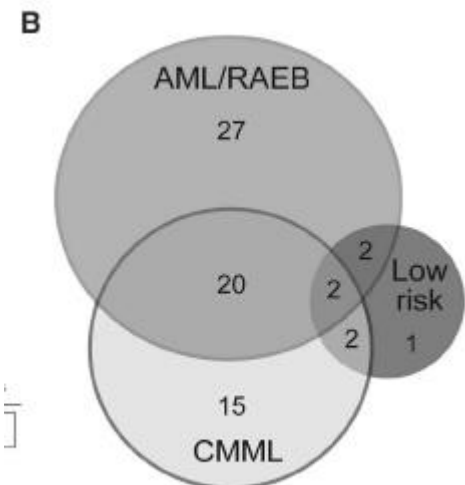
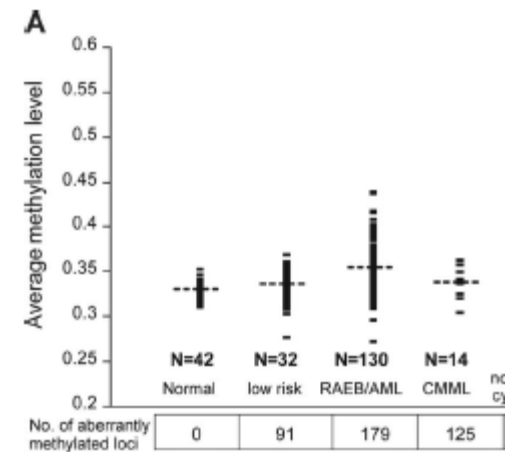


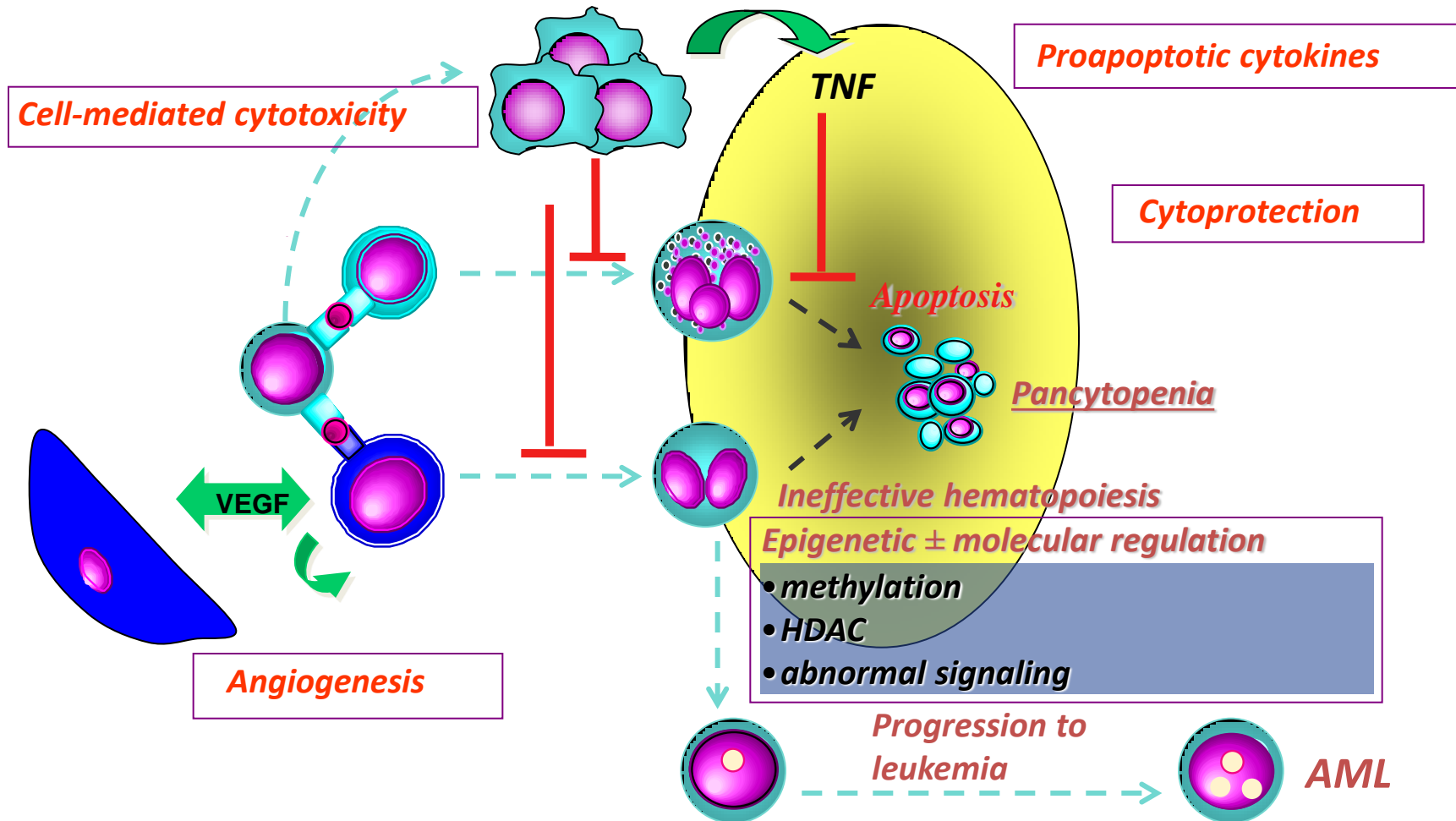
Figure 2

# Impact de l'épigénétique

- Rôles des régulateurs épigénétiques
  - TET2/ IDH / ASXL1
- La méthylation de l'ADN croît avec la progression
- Rôle complémentaire aux mutations



# Rôle du micro environnement



# Evaluation pronostique et MDS



# Révision 2012 de l'IPSS

**Table 3. IPSS-R prognostic score values**

Prognostic variable	0	0.5	1	1.5	2	3	4
Cytogenetics	Very good	—	Good	—	Intermediate	Poor	Very poor
BM blast, %	≤ 2	—	> 2%- < 5%	—	5%-10%	> 10%	—
Hemoglobin	≥ 10	—	8- < 10	< 8	—	—	—
Platelets	≥ 100	50- < 100	< 50	—	—	—	—
ANC	≥ 0.8	< 0.8	—	—	—	—	—

	Score
Very low (19%)	< 2
Low (38%)	2-3
Intermediate (20%)	3,5-4,5
High (13%)	5-6
Very High (10%)	> 6

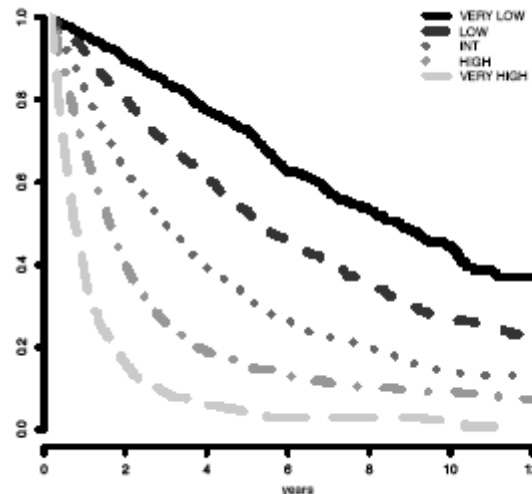


Figure 3. Survival based on IPSS-R prognostic risk-based categories. Survival

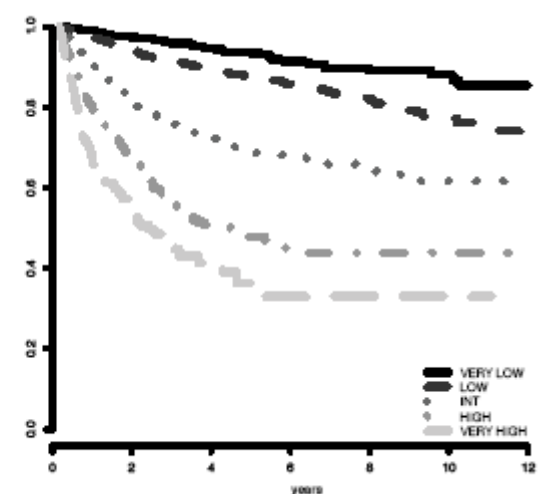
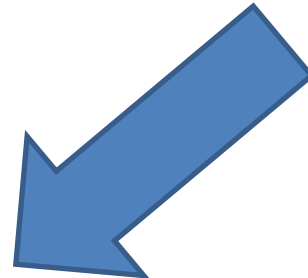
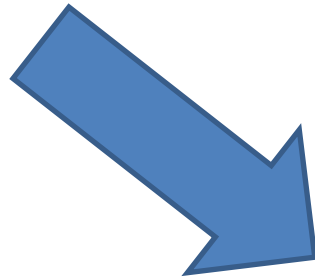


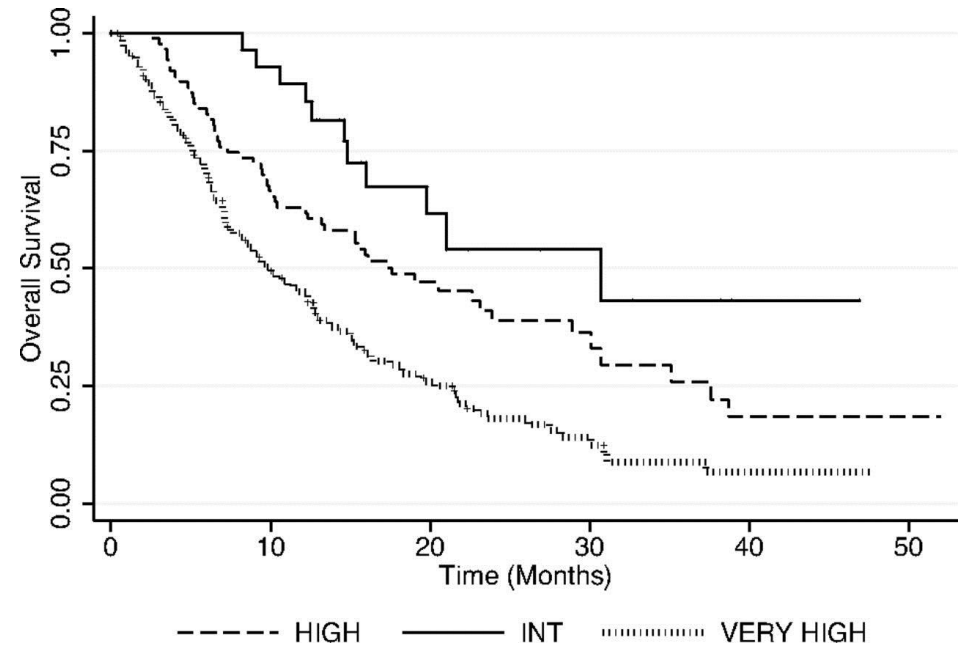
Figure 4. AML evolution based on IPSS-R prognostic risk-based categories.



« *Revised IPSS* »

# Survie pour les patients traités

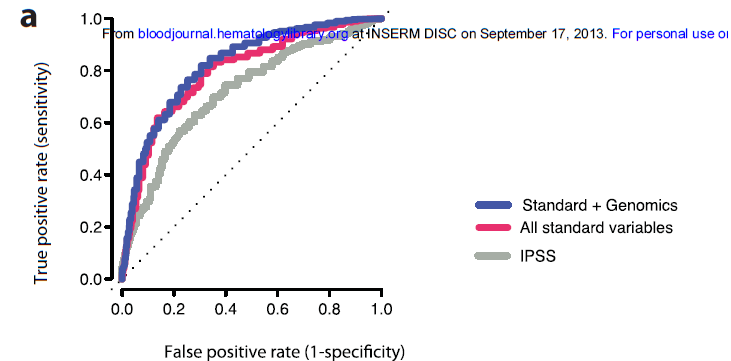
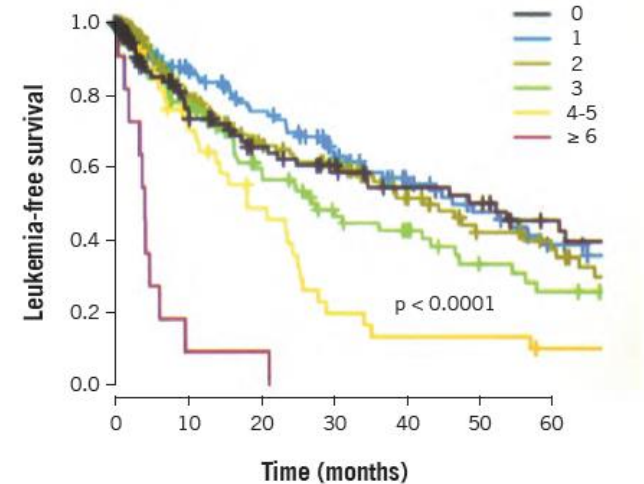
- R IPSS discriminant sous
  - AZA (Lamarque Blood 2012, Zeidan MDS ASCO 2013)
  - LEN (MDS 2013)
  - Allo (MDS 2013)



# Quel impact clinique des mutations?

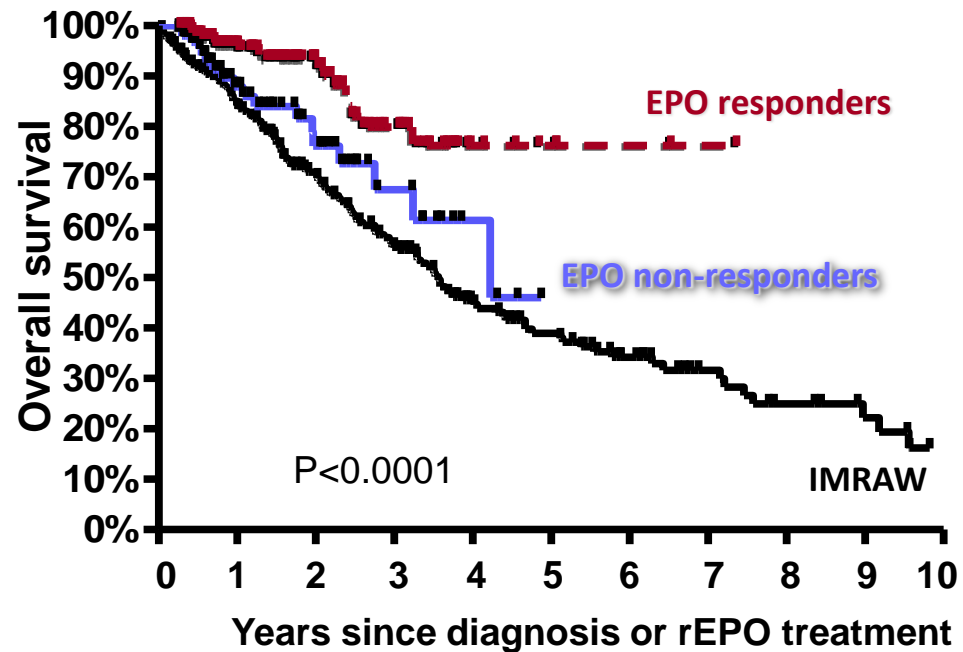
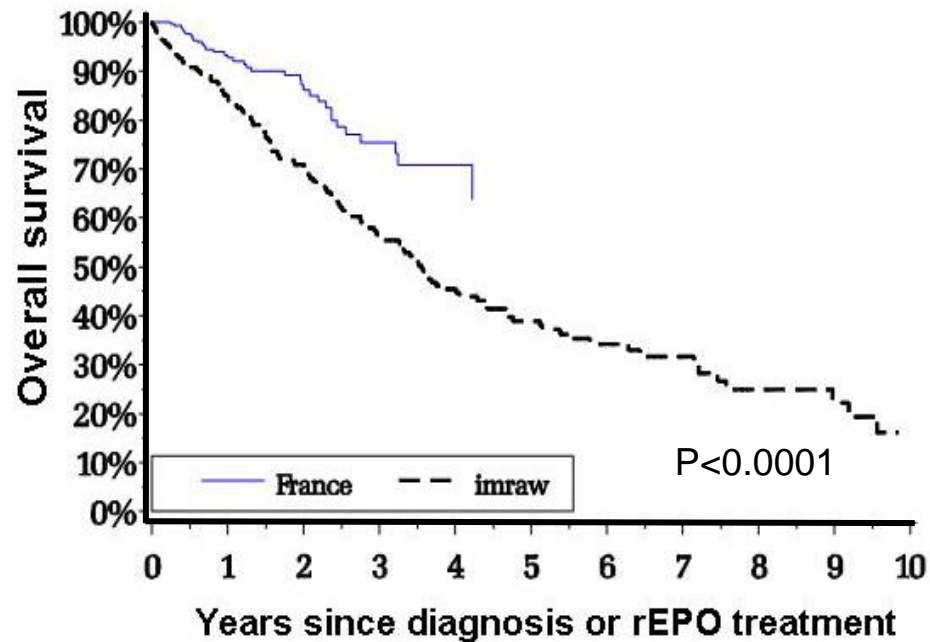
- Aide au diagnostic ? → Rarement...
- Aide au pronostic?
  - Rôle pronostic
    - Association TET2 réponse AZA mais pas d'association OS
    - Association P53 survie AZA mais pas d'association réponse !
  - Éléments discordants sur l'apport des mutations à un modèle « classique » (Ebert/Bejar vs PapaEmmanuelli MDS 2013)
- Cibles thérapeutiques?
  - Spliceosome inhibitors et EZH2 inhibitors (AACR 2013)

■ Number of oncogenic variants present – a significant outcome predictor



MDS de bas risque

# EPO treated versus IMRAW cohort : Overall Survival



## Predictive factors of response to ESA n=419 patients

	response rate %	p value
EPO <200	69%	0,0001
EPO >200	42%	
Transfusion requirement	51%	0,0001
No transfusion	76%	
IPSS score		0,0003
low (38%)	68%	
int-1 (41%)	64%	
int-2 (9%)	38%	
high (1.5%)	33%	

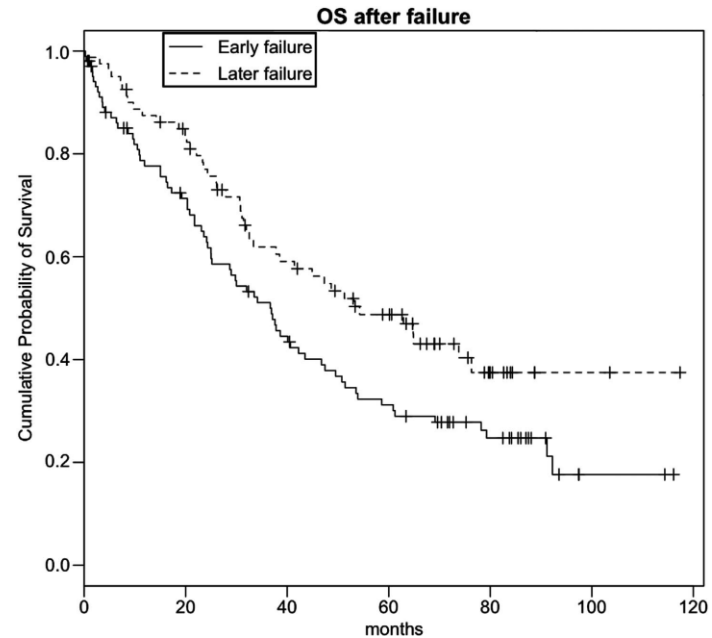
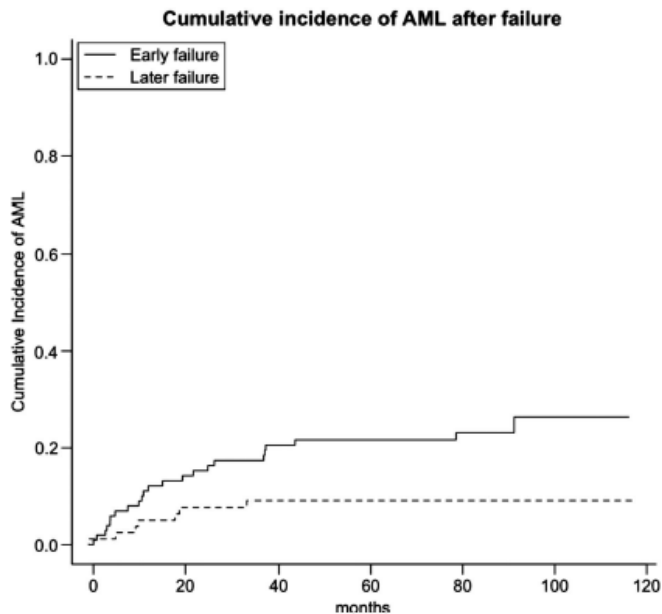
# ESAs are the first line treatment

- ESA are not approved in EU for the treatment of low risk MDS
- 2 registration ongoing studies
  - EPO alfa vs BSC
  - Darbepoietin vs BSC
- “intensive” frontline Darbepo
  - Phase 2 trial (Kelaidi, Ann Hematol. 2013;92(5):633)
  - 99 patients
  - IWG 2006 H1e rate: 56 % at 24 weeks
  - Addition of G-CSF rescued 22 % of non-responders
  - Response predicted by EPO levels (100 U/ml)
  - Significant impact on QoL and exercise functioning

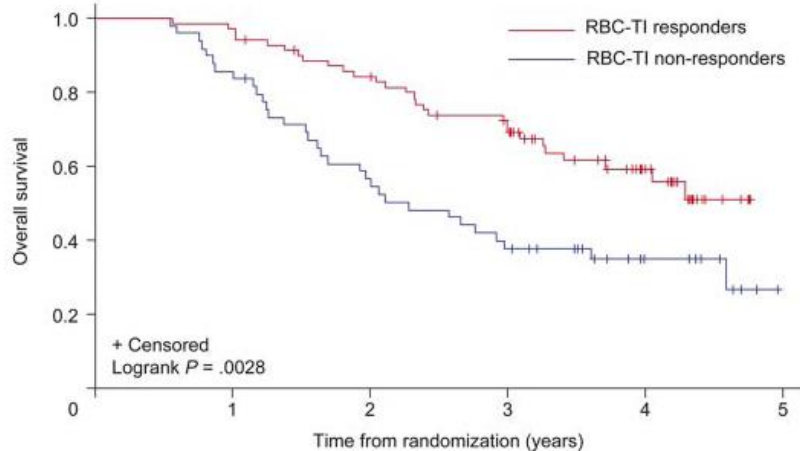
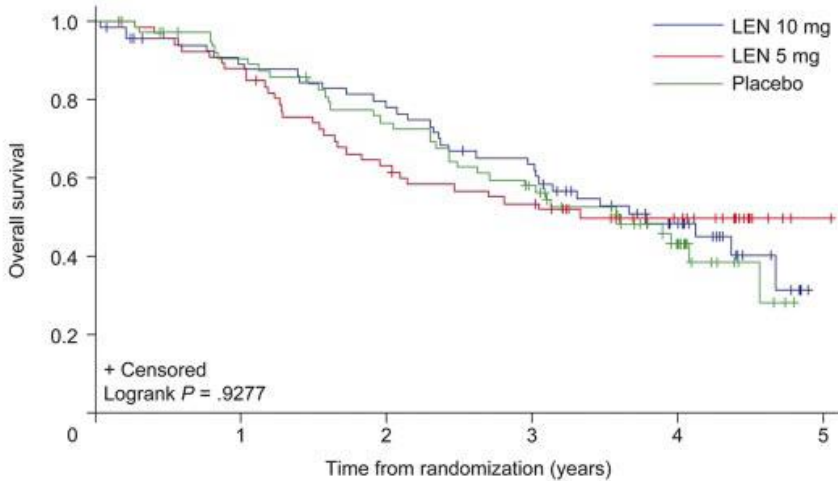
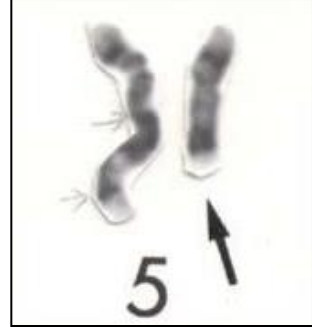


# Outcome after ESA failure

- Retrospective analysis of 186 non del5q IPSS lower-risk patients who failed ESA treatment
  - Early failure (primary or relapse <6 months)
  - Late failure (relapse >6 months)



# MDS 5q: LENALIDOMIDE



- Actualité...

- Rôle des mutations de P53 (Jadersten Blood 2011)

- Place du Cereblon dans l'immunomodulation et la cytotoxicité ?

# MDS non 5q: LEN échec EPO

- Efficacité dans les MDS non 5q- inférieure...
- Groupe favorable (Maciewzki Blood 2012)= trisomy 8, caryotype normaux
- Taux de réponse= 25%-30% durée de réponse = 18-24 mois
- Synergie avec l'EPO= taux de réponse 50-55%

Komroji Blood 2012  
Sibon BJH 2012  
Toma ASCO 2013



Données confirmée par étude  
GFM-LEN-EPO

# GFM LEN EPO :Inclusion criteria

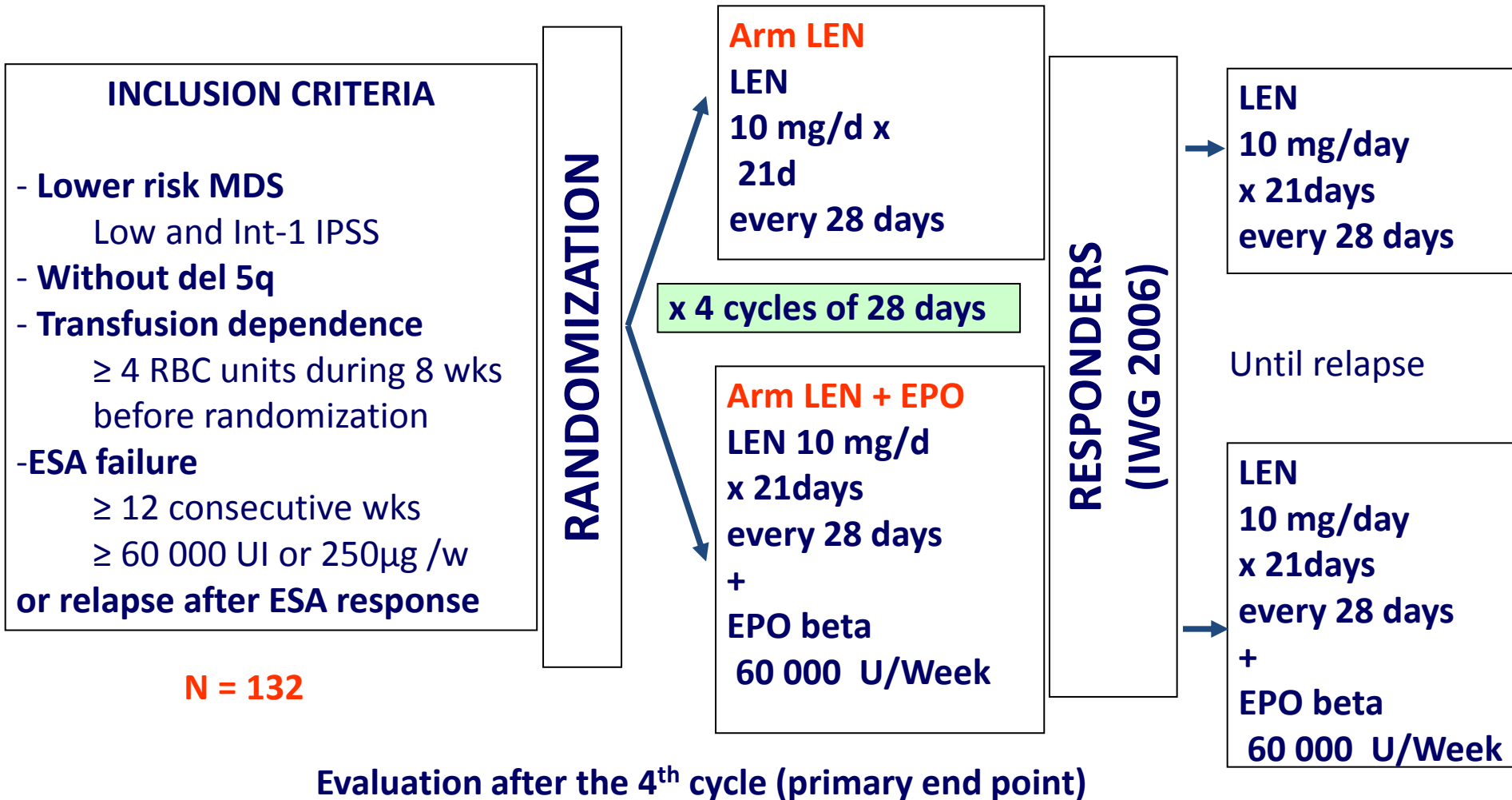
## MDS defined as

- RCMD, RA with or without ring sideroblasts
- RAEB 1, or CMML 1, if WBC < 13 G /L
- with a low or int-1 IPSS score

## AND

- primary or secondary resistance to
  - epoetin alpha/ beta (> 60000 U/w) or
  - darbepoetin (> 300ug/w)
  - administered for at least 12 weeks
- requirement of RBC transfusions

# Study design

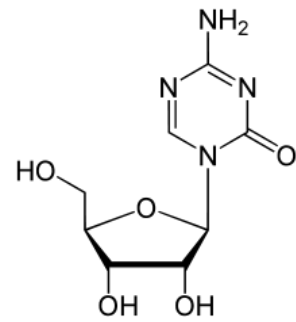


Evaluation after the 4<sup>th</sup> cycle (primary end point)

# HI-E (primary endpoint) and RBC-TI in the ITT population (n=129)

	<b>LEN + EPO</b>	<b>LEN</b>	
	N = 65	N = 64	
<b>HI-E</b>	40 %	23.4 %	RR1.7; p= 0.043
<b>RBC-TI</b>	24.6 %	14.1 %	RR1.7; p= 0.13

# AZA échec EPO



- Les agents déméthylants permettent des réponses érythroïdes
  - Lyons 2009= 30- 40% de patients transfusion indépendants
- Etude rétrospective italienne (Musto Hematologica 2011)= MDS bas risque
  - Réponse 40%
  - OS= 15 mois
- Etude prospective française (GFM AZA EPO)
  - AZA 75mg/m<sup>2</sup>/j 5J +/- EPO 60 000u/w
  - 98 patients MDS bas risque, échec EPO, transfusés
  - Réponse 34%, Taux d'indépendance transfusionnelle 17 %! , pas de bénéfice EPO
  - OS =18 mois

# Oral Azacitidine

- Formulation orale de l'azacitidine
- Biodisponibilité très variable (6% → 20%)
- Phase I
  - Cycle 1 AZA sous cutanée puis cycle 2+ AZA orale J1-J7
  - DLT= diarrhées, dose recommandée 480 mg/j
  - 41 patients, MDS en majorité + 8 AML
  - ORR (CR+ HI)= 35% si pré traités, 73% si naïf de traitement , 0% si AML
  - Cinétiques de déméthylation comparables S.C. et P.O

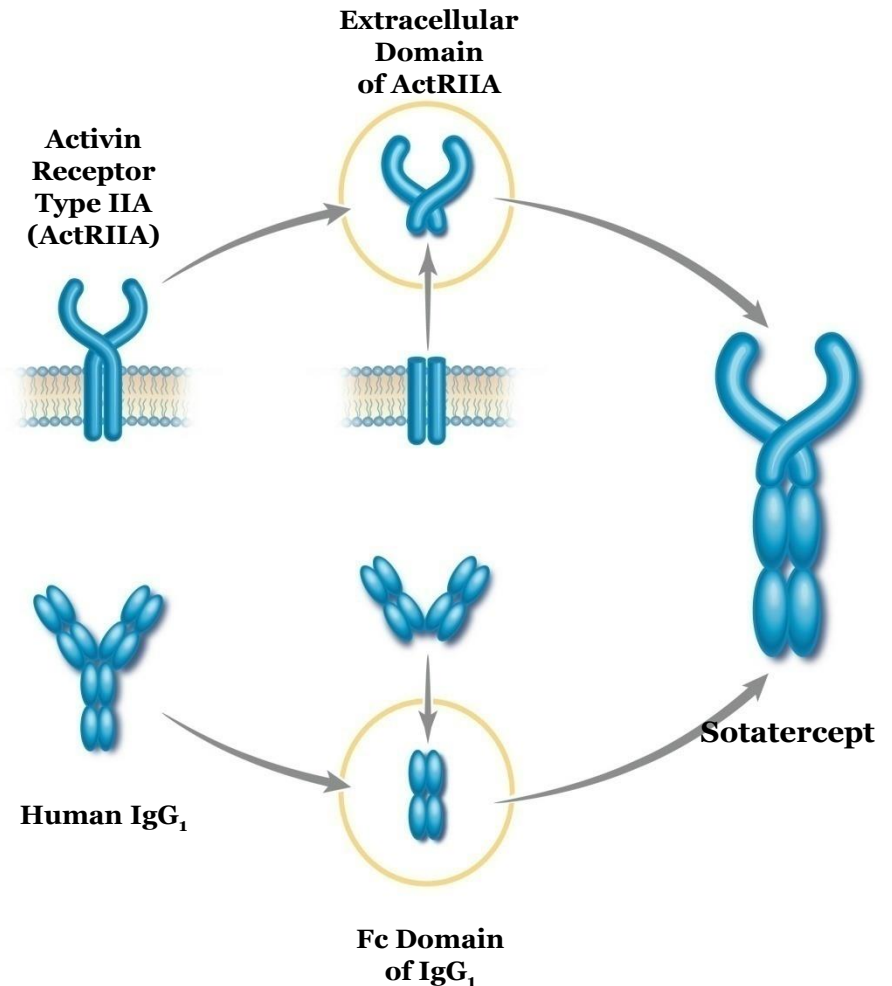


# Chélateurs ferriques

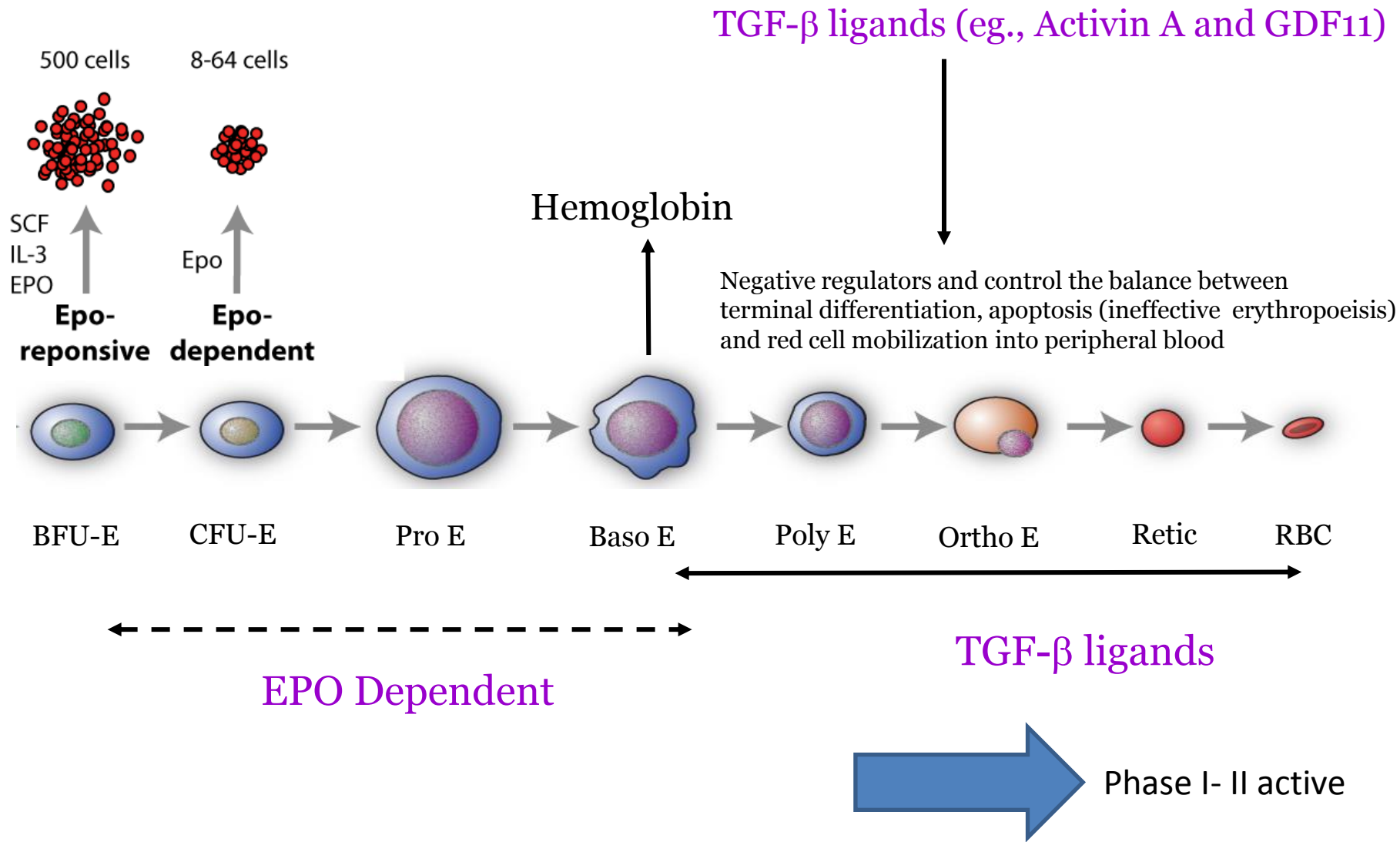
- 227 patients MDS bas risque transfusés
  - traités par Deferasirox (EPIC study) sans autres traitements
  - 22% de réponse érythroïde durée moyenne 80J
  - Confirmé par une étude Nord américaine
- ➔ Développement en monothérapie et combinaison (EPO/AZA)

# SOTATERCEPT

- Recombinant Trap protein
- Cible l'activine (TGF Beta)
- DLT chez le sujet sain= Augmentation de l'hémoglobine!
- Autres AE= HTA et diminution FSH



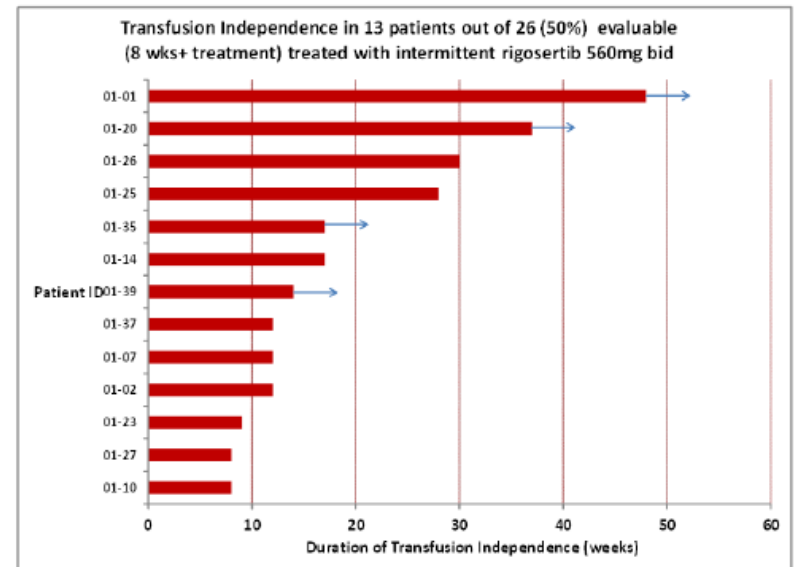
# mécanisme d'action



# Rigosertib oral

- Rigosertib = PLK /PI3K inhibitor
- Phase II MDS low risk
- 43 pts, 22 préalablement EPO et ou LEN/AZA

Transfusion Independence in 50% of 26 Evaluable Patients



# MDS bas risque: Au total

- Première ligne de traitement
  - Gestion des cytopénies/ Qualité de vie
  - Optimisation des réponses (associations)
- Deuxième ligne de traitement
  - Survie « courte » des échecs précoces EPO (progression et cytopénies) → attitudes agressives

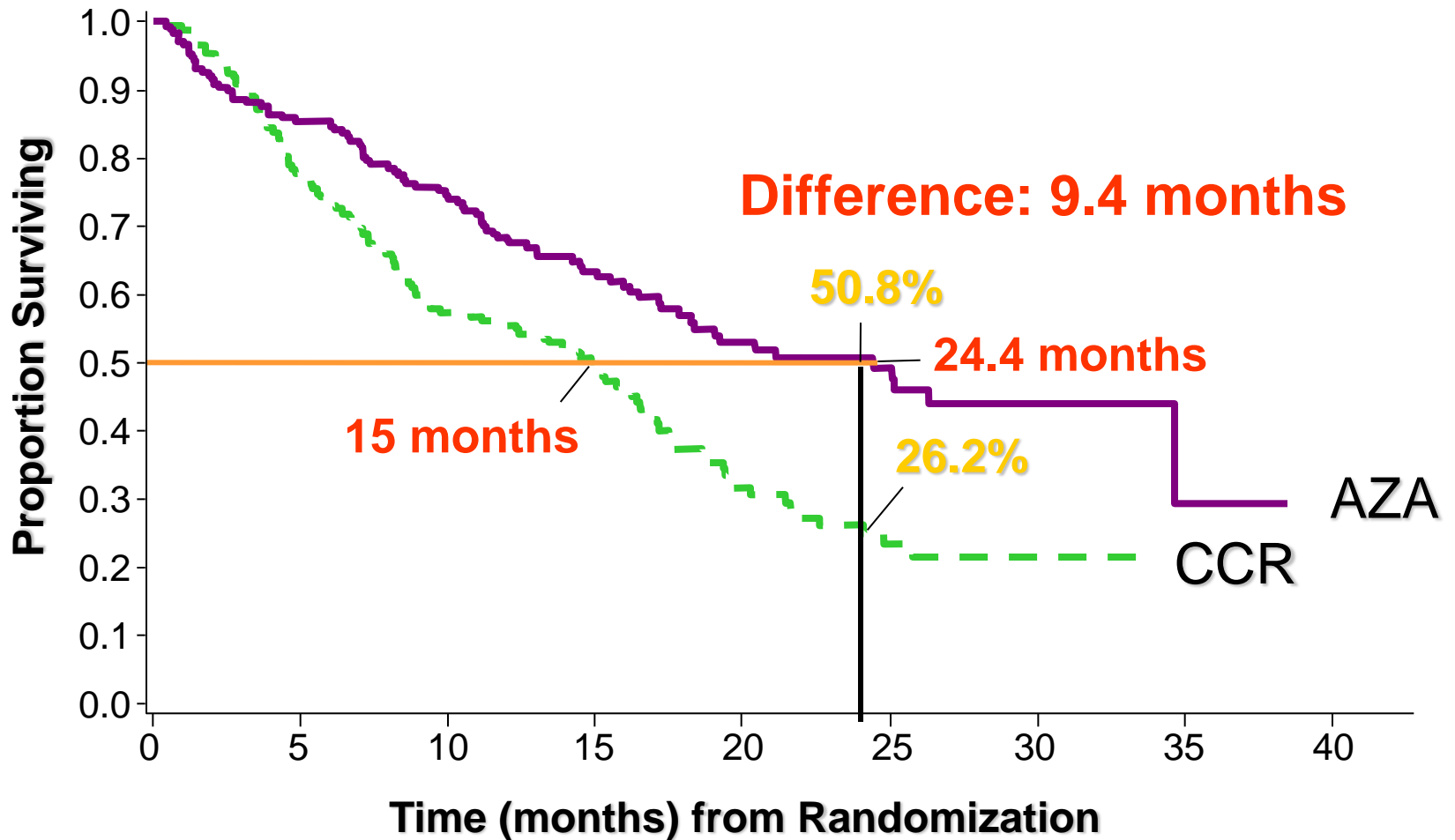
# Myélodysplasies de haut risque

# Agents déméthylants

	5-azacytidine (Silverman, JCO 2001 et 2006)	Decitabine (Kantarjian Cancer 2006)
Étude	Randomisée vs SC	Randomisée vs SC
Nombre de patients	99	89
Réponses:		
- CR + PR	11%	22 (25%)
- HI	36%	NA
Response duration	15 months	9 months
Time to AML transf.	21 months	11 months
Survie	20 months	NA

# AZA 001 study: Overall Survival analysis

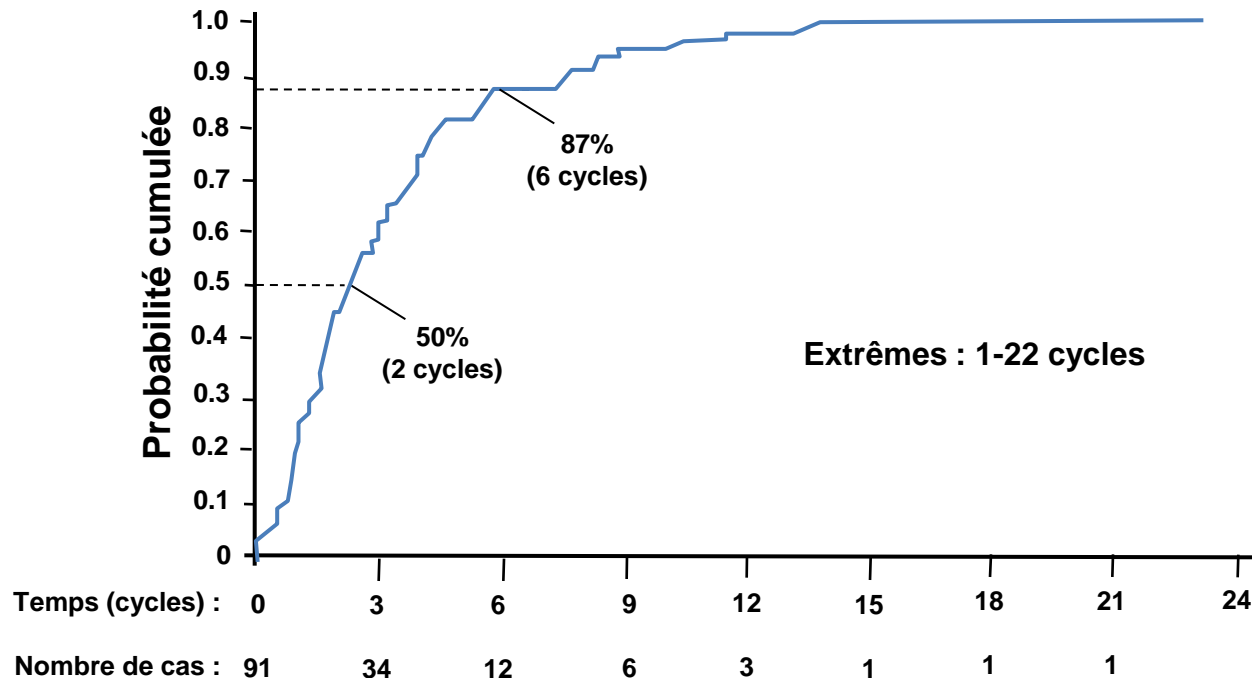
## Azacitidine vs CCR ITT Population



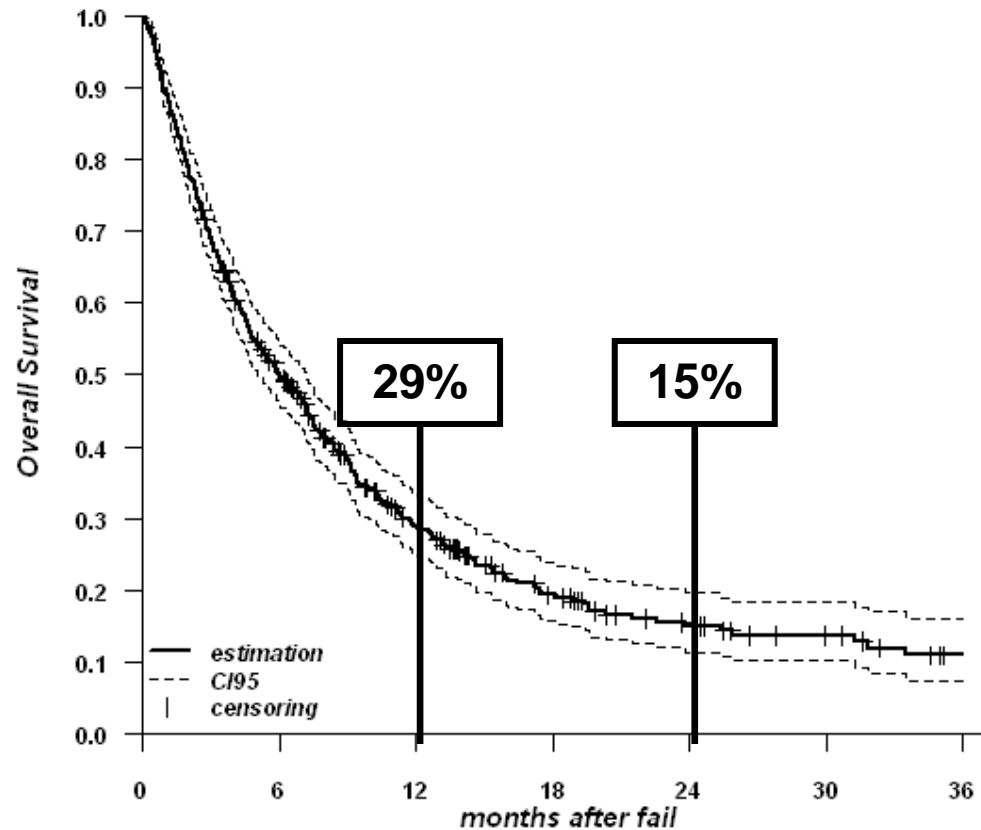


# Importance de la durée de traitement par déméthylant

- Etude AZA 001: taux de réponse de 51% (IWG 2000)
- Le nombre médian de cycles reçus varie entre 11,5 et 16,5
- Le délai médian pour passer d'une RP/HI à une RC est de 3,2 mois



# Survie des Echecs d'AZA



# 1<sup>ère</sup> ligne: Approches actuelles....

- Combinaison AZA + ...
  - HDAC inhibiteur
  - Revlimid (Sekeris JCO 2012) + GFM
  - Idarubicin (GFM)
  - TNF inhibitor (Raza BJH 2009)
  - Chélateurs du fer, ...
- Autres approches
  - AZA intensif (GFM)

# E1905 study

- Phase II randomized study in MDS and AML
  - Arm A= Azacitidine alone 50mg/m<sup>2</sup>/d **10 days**
  - Arm B= AZA 10 days + Entinostat day 3 and day 10
  - 6 cycles planned, extension up to 24 cycles for responders
- Primary objective
  - To determine the rate of Hematologic trilineage response (TR= CR+PR+ tri lineage HI)
  - Aim= doubling of TR rate/CALGB9221 (15%→30%)

# Response evaluation (IWG 2000)

	<b>Arm A AZA alone</b>	<b>Arm B AZA+ Entinostat</b>
Complete Remission	12%	7%
Partial Remission	9%	7%
Trilineage HI	10%	10%
HI not trilineage	12%	19%
No response	57%	56%

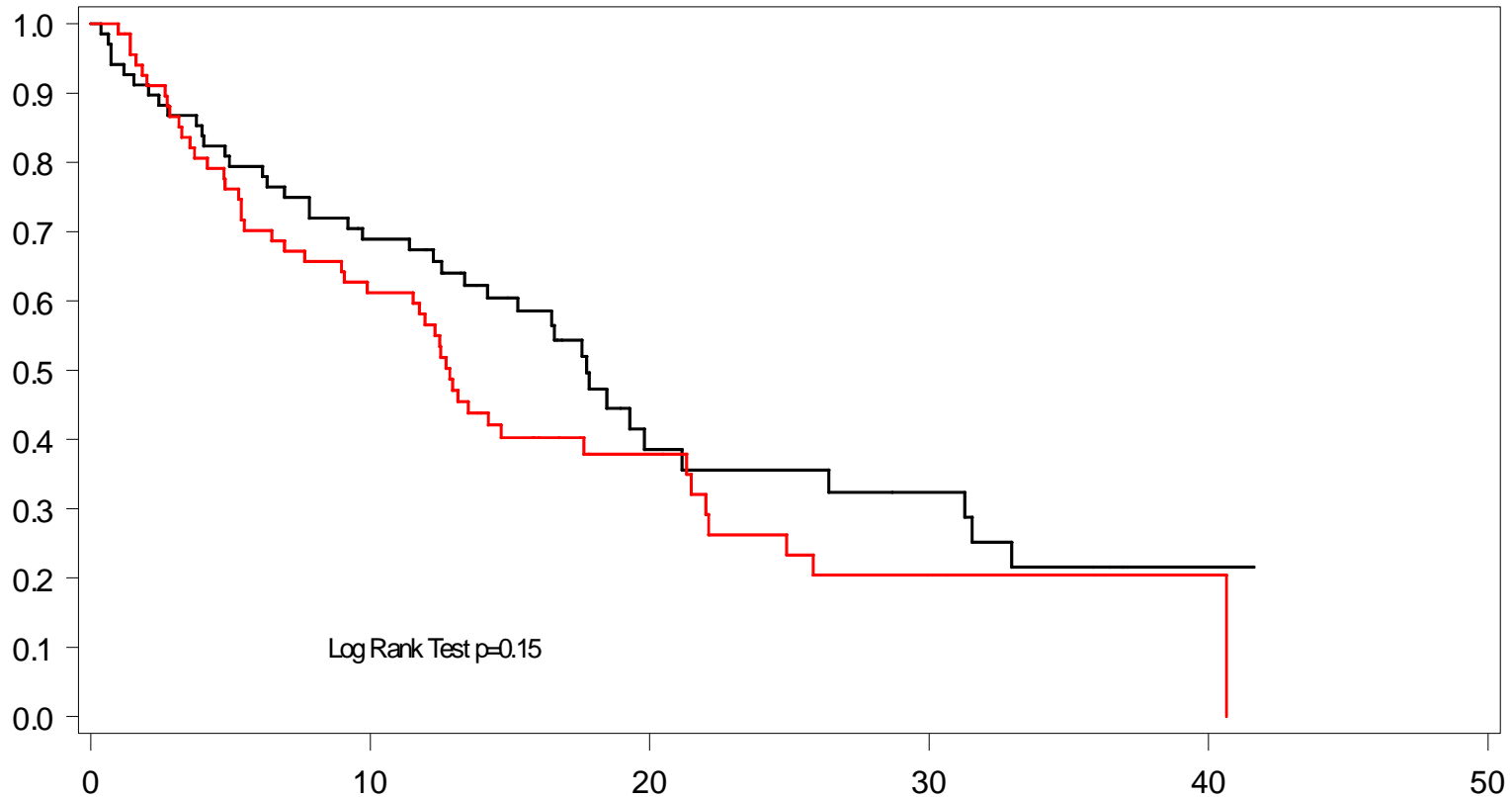
# Response evaluation (IWG 2000)

	Arm A AZA alone	Arm B AZA+ Entinostat
Complete Remission	<b>Trilineage Response: 31%</b>	<b>Trilineage Response: 24%</b>
Partial Remission		
Trilineage HI		
HI not trilineage	12%	19%
No response	57%	56%

# Overall survival analysis

OS Comparison

Follow-up 17 months



Treatment	TOTAL	FAIL	CNSR	MEDIAN
Azacitidine	68	40	28	17.7
Azacitidine+Entinostat	68	47	21	12.8

# AZA+ LENALIDOMIDE

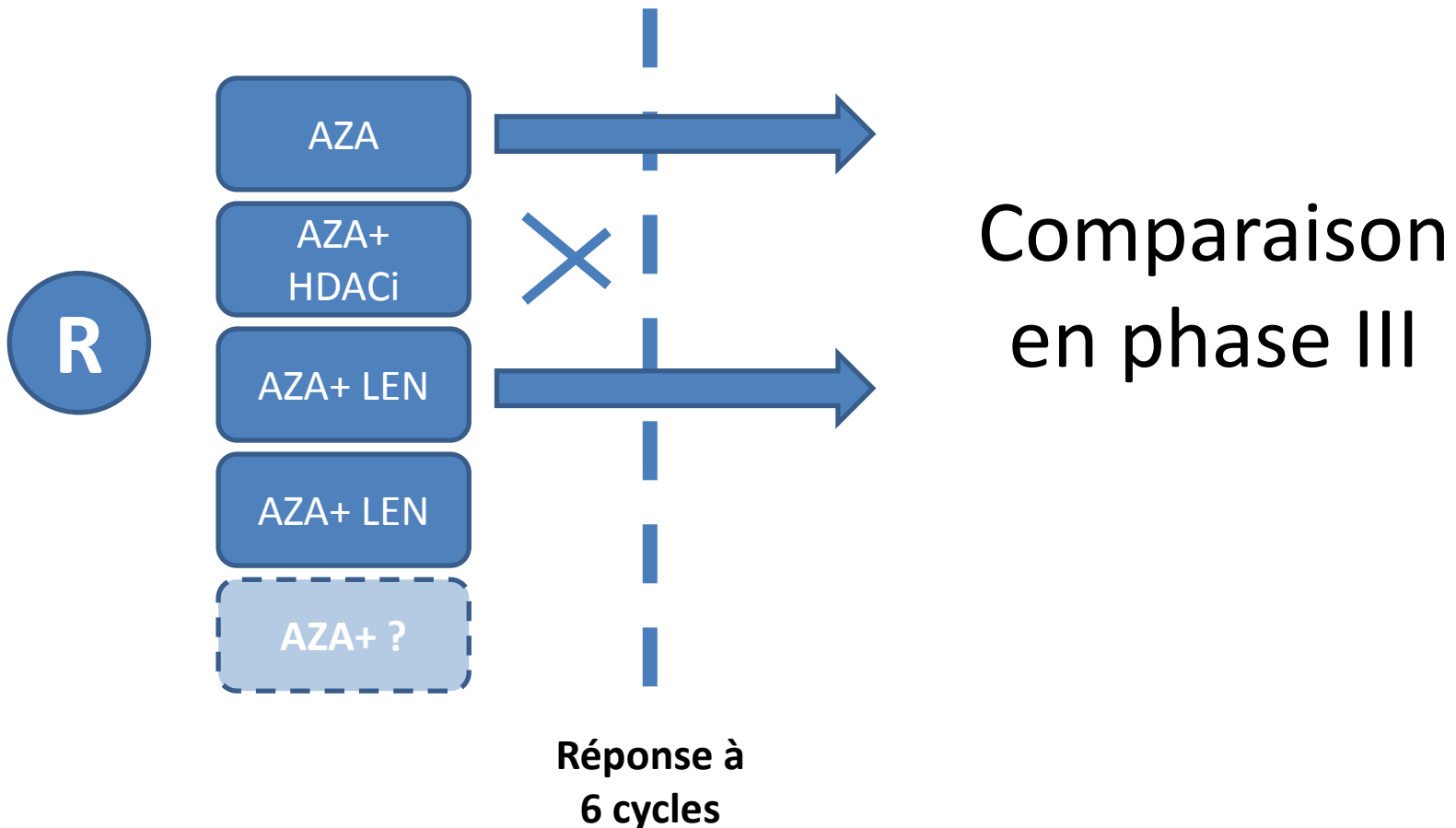
- Combinaison concomitante ou séquentielle phase I/II
- Majoration de la toxicité hématologique
- Biomarqueur= Mutations de type 3 (TET2, DNMT3a, IDH) favorables?

Characteristic	N (% or Range)
Overall Response Rate	26/36 (72)
Complete Response (CR)	16 (44)
Hematologic Improvement (HI)	10 (28)
HI – erythroid	3 (30%)
HI – platelet	3 (30%)
HI – neutrophil	4 (40%)
Median Time to Initial Response (Months)	3.7 (1.4-7.4)
Median CR Duration (Months)	17+ (3-39+)
Median Overall Survival (Months, n=36)	13.6 (3-55)
Median Overall Survival Among CR Patients (Months, n=16)	37+ (7-55+)

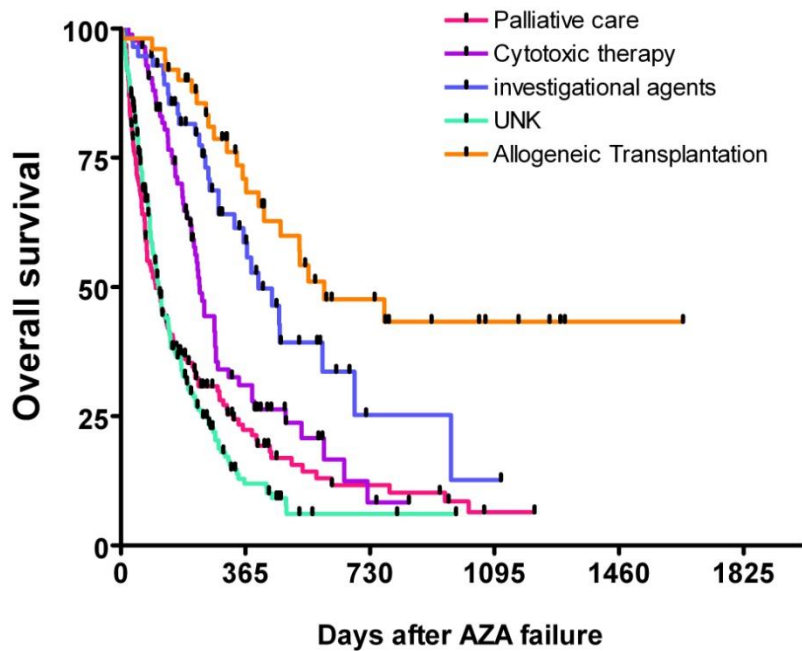


# « Pick the winner »

- Protocole GFM ... et protocole intergroup US



# Effect of treatment options after AZA failure (n=350)

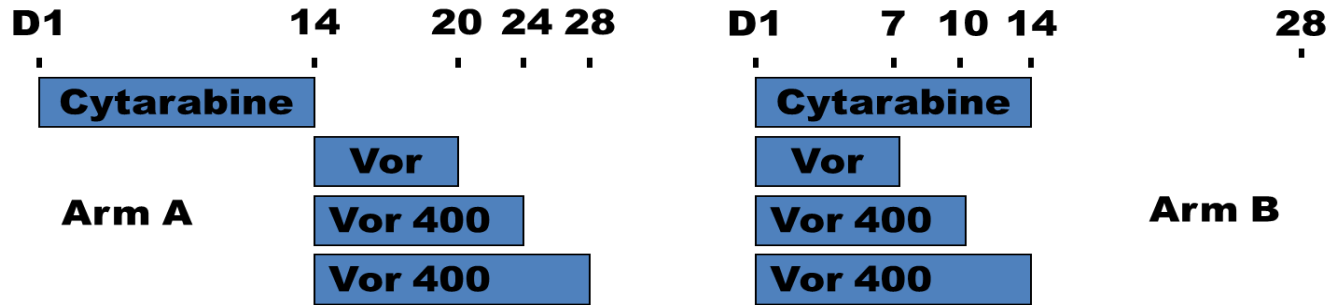
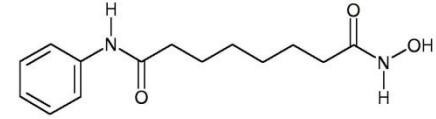


Type of salvage	N=	ORR <sup>1</sup>	Median OS (months)
Unknown	215	NA	3.6
Supportive Care	160	NA	3.3
Cytotoxic therapy	84	1/25 and 5/33 <sup>2</sup>	7.6
Investigational therapy	56	4/39	13.2
Allogeneic Transplantation	50	17/25	18.3

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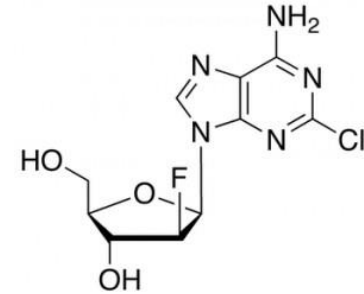
1: Overall response rate  
2: intensive chemotherapy

# GFM VOR 2007



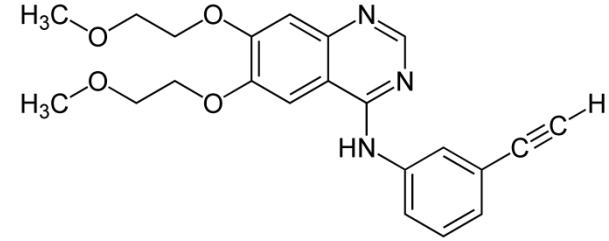
- 42 patients included, 40 patients treated
- Tox: fatigue / GI / thrombocytopenia
- Overall response rate 15% (2CRi, 2 HI, 2 marrow CR)
- Median duration of response 3 months (2-6+)
- Median overall survival 7.3 months
- 2/24 responses in arm A (10%) vs 4/16 in arm B (25%, including the 2 CRi)

# CLOFARABINE



- Nucleosidic analogue IV and oral
- Clinical activity in ALL and AML
- For MDS patients...
  - Clinical activity **BUT** high toxicities at conventional doses
- GFM experience for AZA failure (Phase I):
  - Clofarabine low dose 5-10 mg/m<sup>2</sup> D1 to D5 or 1D/2 D1-D10
  - 27 patients treated, DLT: cytopenias and infections
  - 7/25 (28%) responders after 1 cycle

# ERLOTINIB

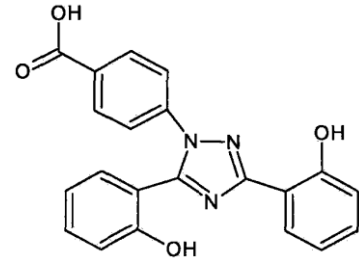


- EGFR inhibitor
- Off target activity in MDS through STAT signalling
- Phase I-II GFM
  - 29 patients AZA failure
  - no DLT in phase I , Phase II recommended dose 150mg/d
  - 3/22 (13%) responders

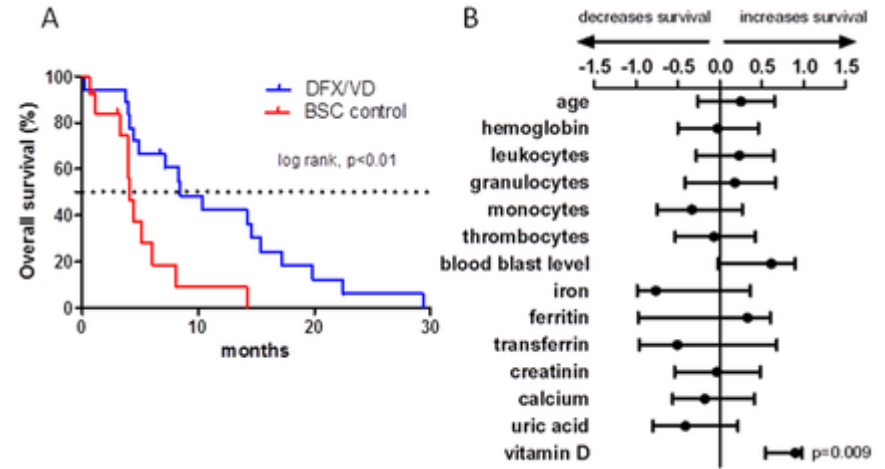
# LENALIDOMIDE POST AZA

Patient #	demographics	Disease status before AZA	Cytogenetics	IPSS before AZA	AZA treatment <sup>§</sup>	AZA Failure	LEN schedule and response <sup>§</sup>	LEN duration and failure	Overall Survival (months)
1	M, 63y	RAEB-2, EPO resistant	Deletion 11	Int-2	75*7d, HI	12 cycles, PD	5*21d, NR	2 cycles, TOX	20
2	M, 78y	RARS, EPO resistant	Trisomy 8	Int-1	75*5d, HI	10 cycles, PD	5*21d, HI	6 cycles, loss of HI	22+
3	F, 72y	RA, EPO resistant	Deletion 5q complex K.	Int-1	75*7d, NR	7 cycles, SD	5*21d, CR	10 cycles ongoing	16+
4	M, 49y	RARS, EPO resistant	Deletion Y	Int-1	75*5d, NR	6 cycles, SD	10*21d, NR	6 cycles, SD	17 <sup>&amp;</sup>
5	F, 71y	RARS, EPO resistant	Normal	Int-1	75*5d, NR	6 cycles, SD	5*21d, NR	1 cycle, SD	4
6	M, 78y	RARS, EPO resistant	Deletion 20q	Int-1	75*5d, NR	9 cycles, SD	5*21d, NR	3 cycles, SD	22
7	F, 62y	AML (RAEB-T), relapsed after Allogeneic HSCT	Deletion 5q	NA	75*7d + DLI, PR	6 cycles, PD	10*21d, CR	3 cycles, PD	7
8	M, 77y	RAEB-2, EPO resistant	Deletion 5q complex K.	Int-2	75*7d, HI	12 cycles, PD	10*21d, NR	2 cycles, TOX	5+
9	F, 69y	RAEB-2, EPO resistant	Deletion 5q, complex K.	Int-2	75*7d, NR	8 cycles, SD	10*21d, CR	12 cycles, ongoing	14+
10	F, 71y	RAEB-2, EPO resistant	Deletion 5q Inversion 3	High	75*5d, CR	5 cycles, PD	10*21d, NR	3 cycles, SD	5

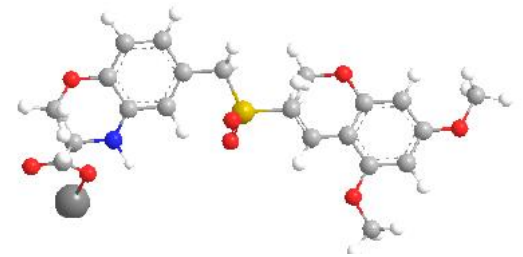
# DEFERASIROX+ vitamine D?



- 17 pts (vs 13 BSC)
- AML-MRC or sec AML previously treated with AZA
- No objective response
- OS 10 ms vs 4 ms (BSC)



# RIGOSERTIB



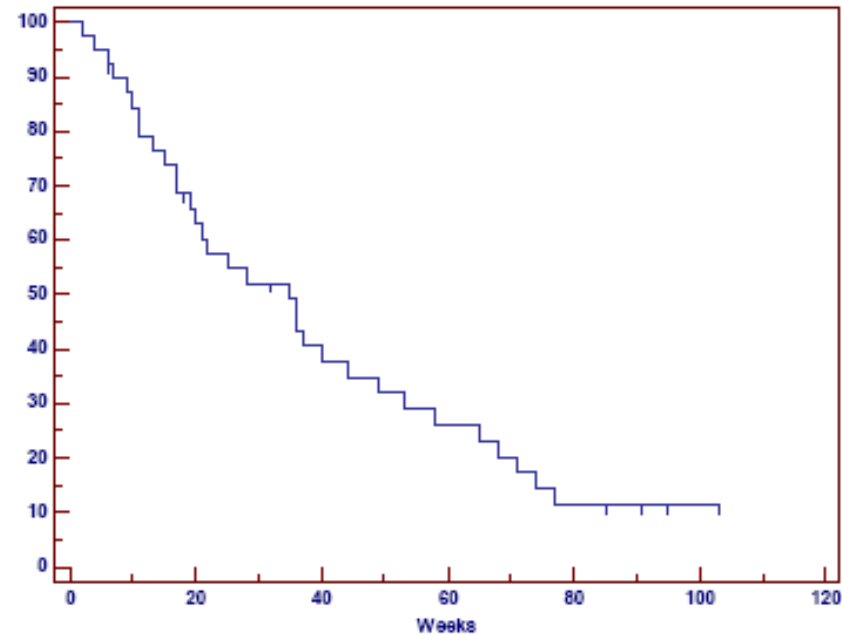
- Multi Hit Kinase inhibitor
  - Not binding in ATP pocket
  - PLK-1 pathway inhibitor
  - PI3 Kinase inhibitor
- Inhibits activation of anti apoptotic proteins such as MCL-1



# RIGOSERTIB

## Clinical data phase I-II

- IV and oral formulation
- High risk MDS AZA failur
  - ORR\*\*= 23% (9/39)
  - OS= 9 months
- Toxicity
  - Urinary symptoms

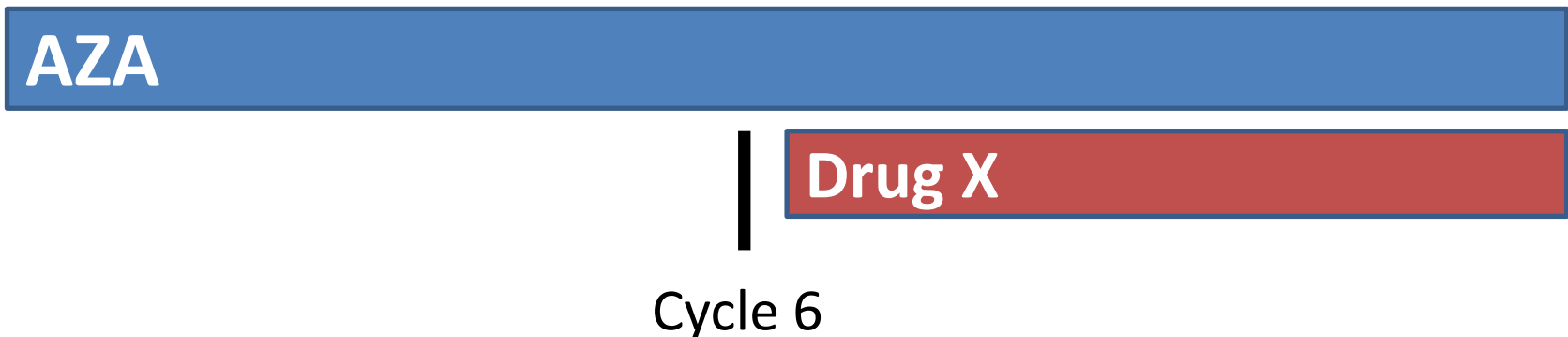


# ADD-ON CONCEPT

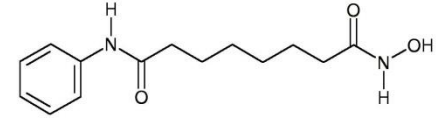
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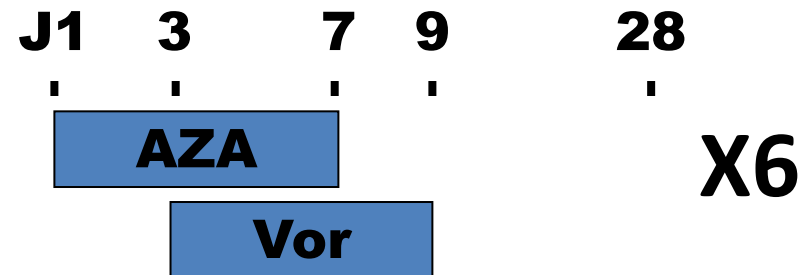
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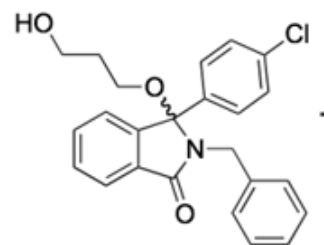
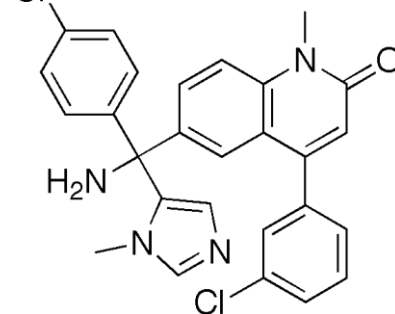
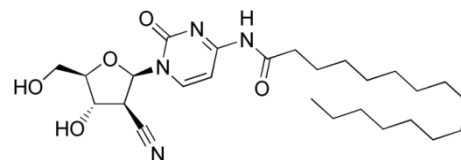
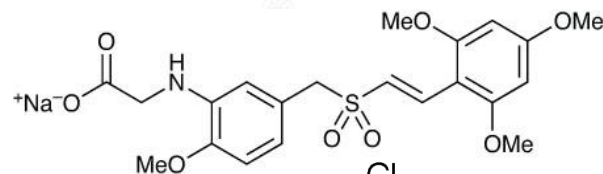
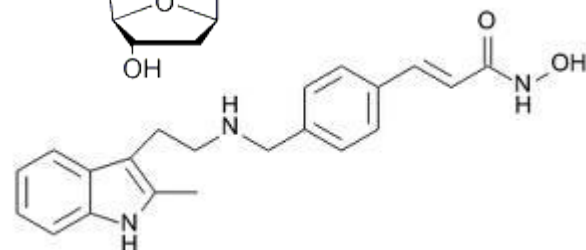
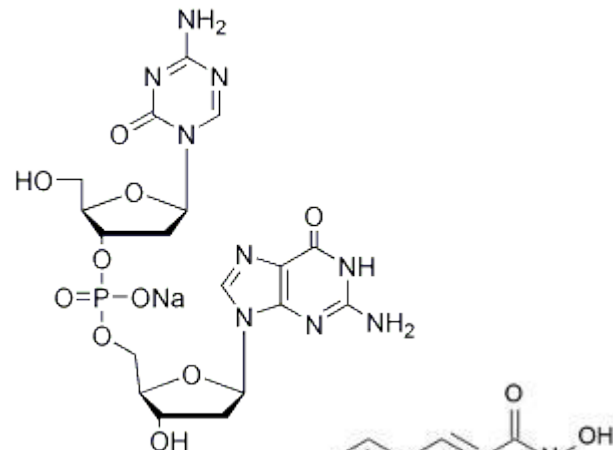


- Pts with AZA failure w/o BM progression
- **Phase II trial:** Addition de Vorinostat 300mg bid J3-9
- 6 cycles of treatment
- 12 pts included



# Lot's of other drugs...

- New epidrugs
  - SGI 110
  - 3rd generation HDACi
- TK inhibitors
  - Rigosertib/volasertib
  - PI3K/AKT targeting
- Sapacitabine
- RAS/RAF pathway inhibitors (back to FTI?)
- P53 inhibitors



# MDS haut risque: Au total

- Première ligne
  - HMA= un standard perfectible
  - Place des associations+++ mais attention aux tox
- Deuxième ligne
  - Survie globale courte, pas de standard
  - Développement de nouvelle drogues +++ mais évaluation difficile

# Conclusions

- Changement de paradigme au cours des dernières années (AMM AZA et LEN),
- Les myélodysplasies représentent un nouveau champs d'investigation clinique
  - 1<sup>ère</sup> ligne= combinaisons EPO/ AZA
  - 2<sup>ème</sup> ligne= nouvelles drogues



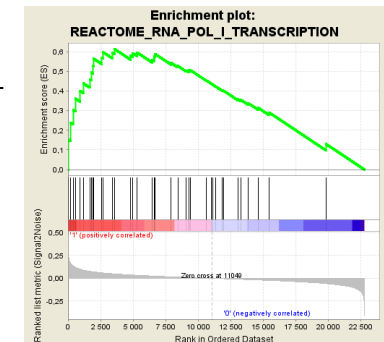
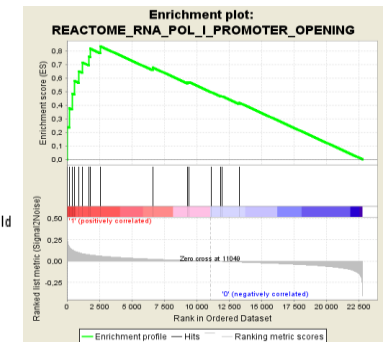
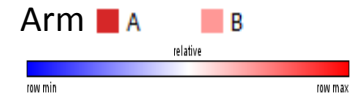
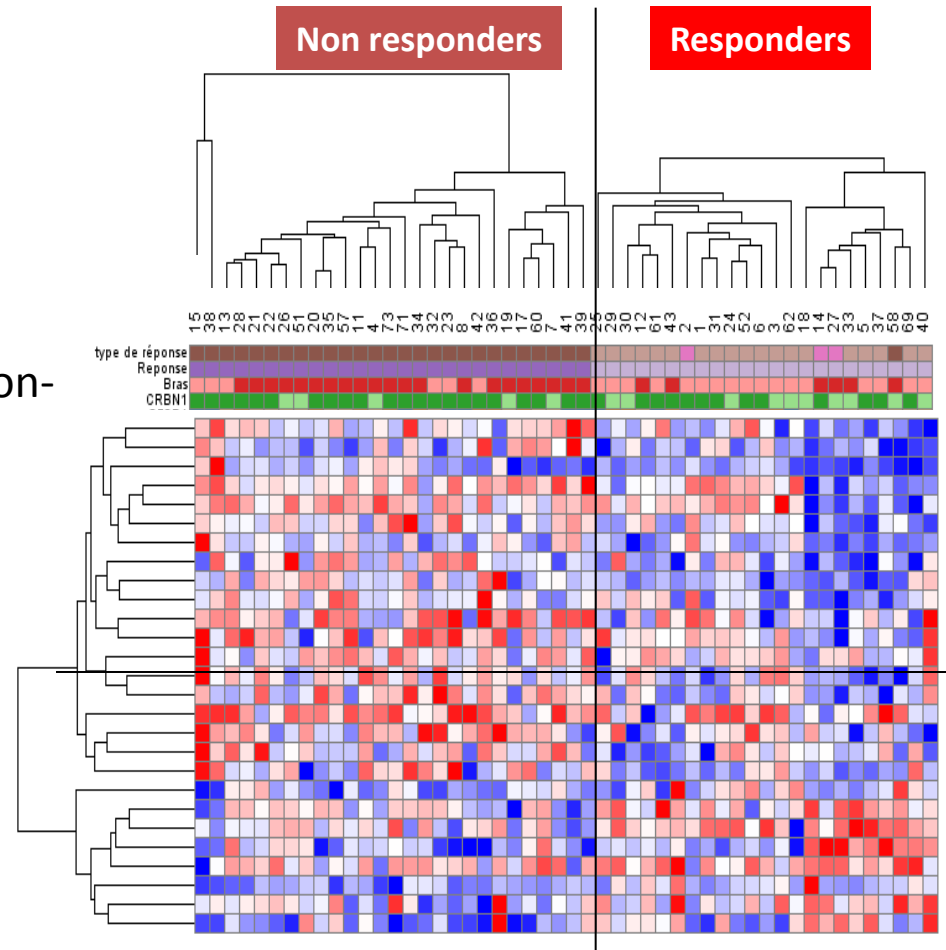


# A predictive gene expression signature of response to LEN

50 patients at diagnosis  
 - LEN arm: 27 pts  
 - LEN+ EPO arm : 23 pts

Comparison:  
 23 responders vs. 27 Non-resp

Anova test



- 8 genes upregulated
- 19 genes down-regulated
- functions : transcription, epigenetics, signaling, DNA repair

# Cereblon gene polymorphism as a marker of response to LEN+/- EPO

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General population: G 25% A 75%

NM\_016302.3: Homo sapiens cereblon (CRBN), transcript variant 1, mRNA.



<i>All pts</i> <i>(n=90)</i>	R (%)
A polym	33
G polym	59

**P=0.019**

Patients with G polymorphism had a significantly higher HI-E rate than patients with A polymorphism  
**OR 3.1 (CI95%: 1.2-8.2)**

<i>LEN alone</i> <i>(n=44)</i>	R (%)
A polym	17
G polym	47

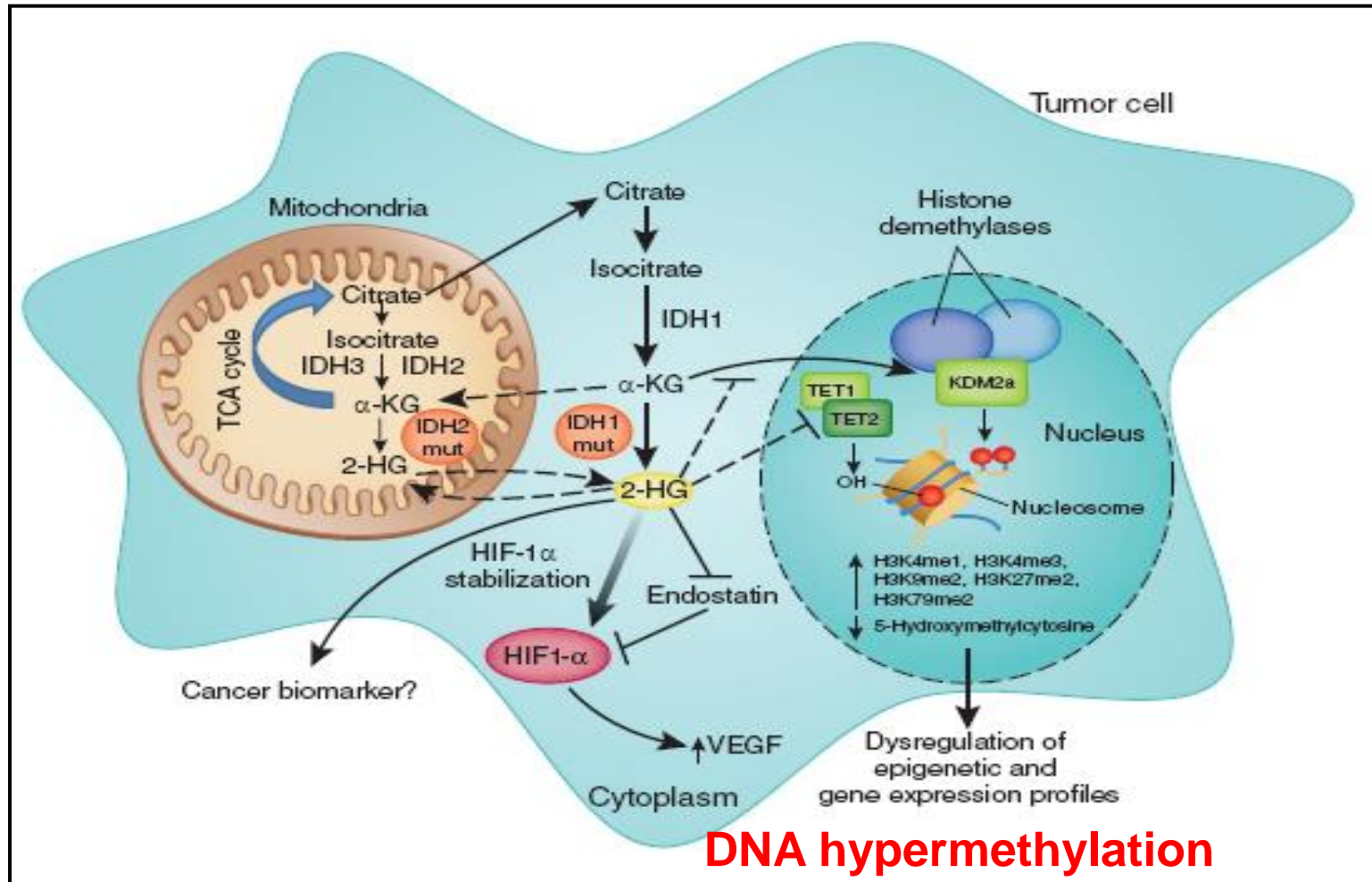
**P=0.037**

<i>LEN+EPO</i> <i>(n=46)</i>	R (%)
A polym	47
G polym	71

**P=0.124**

Less impact of CRBN G polymorphism in LEN+ EPO arm

# Régulation de la méthylation de l'ADN



# RAS/RAF pathway inhibition

- Farnesyltransferase inhibitor tipifarnib
  - 82 IPSS Int-1, Int-2, or High risk MDS
  - Responses 26/82 (31.7%; 7 CR, 4 CRp, 2 PR, 13 HI)
  - median OS 11.7 months, median TTL 19.0 months
- MEK inhibitor in RAS mutated patients
  - CMML
  - Phase I GSK oral drug
  - Toxicité Hémato, ophtalmo et cardiaque