



Il trattamento delle Aplasie acquisite nell'era dei TPO-mimetici

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STORIA della IMMUNOSOPPRESSIONE in SAA

- CsA da sola < 10% risposta long-term
- ATG da solo 30-40% risposta long-term
- ATG+ CsA fino al 77% di risposta

Non responders hanno maggiori probabilità di disturbo clonale

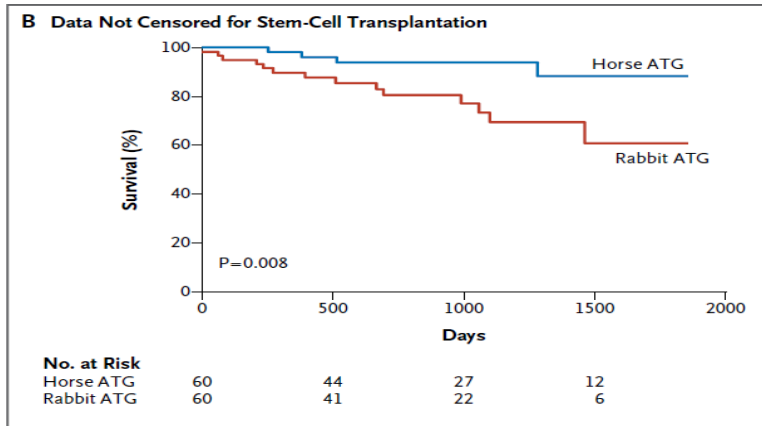
EBMT/GITMO Bacigalupo, Blood 2000.

- ATG+CsA fanno significativamente meglio di ATG e CsA da soli

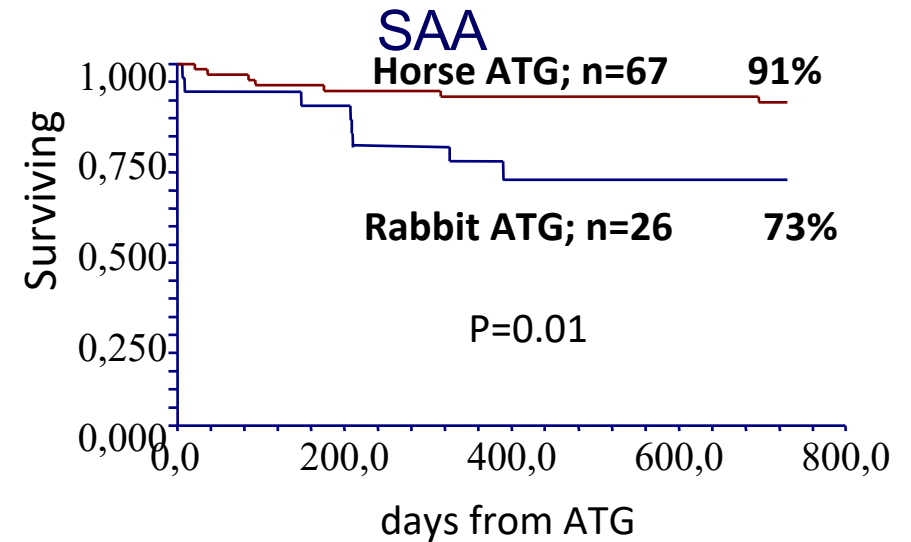
SAAWP EBMT, Locasciulli, Haematologica 2007



Horse ATG +CsA



Scheinberg P, NEJM, 2011



Marsh J for SAAWP EBMT, Blood 2012

OS \approx 90 %

OR 60-70%

CR 30-40%

Horse ATG better than Rabbit ATG



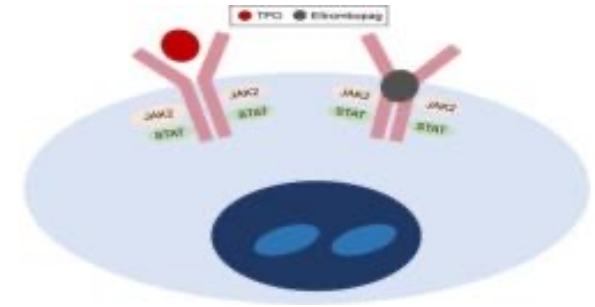
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ELTROMBOPAG

- Activates SC proliferation via JAK2/STAT & MAPK
- Additive effect with TPO
- Long half life 21-32 hrs
- Blocks pro inflammatory cytokines (IFN- γ , TNF- α)
Schiffer A. et al, Semin Hematol 2016, Alvarado LJ, Blood 2017
- Reduces intracellular iron content and related ROS production
Zhao et al, Blood 2018
- Increases T-Regs



EPAG IMPROVES HEMATOPOIESIS IN REFRACTORY SAA



Phase II study

25 pts

Eltrombopag 50-150 mg, orally, for 12 weeks

44% hematological response (at least 1 lineage)

Plt response 36%

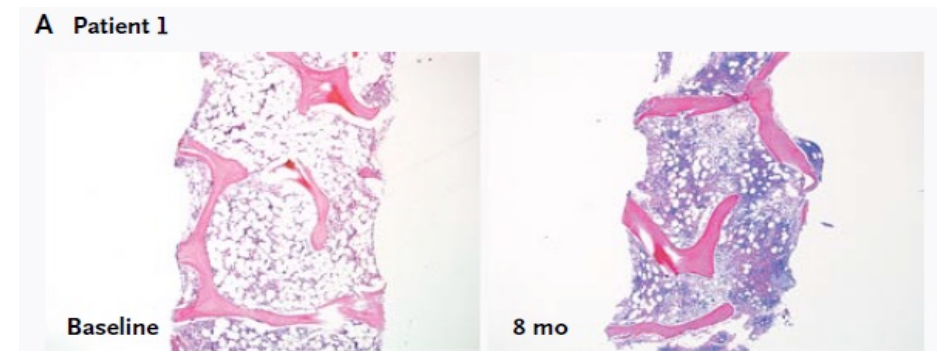
Hb response 24%

ANC response 36%

Some bi-lineage

Increased marrow cellularity (resp.)

Minimal toxicity (transaminitis), no fibrosis



Olnes MJ et al, N Engl J Med. 2012 Jul 5;367(1):11-9. doi:

EPAG RESTORES TRILINEAGE HEMATOPOIESIS IN REFRACTORY SAA

Additional 18 patients (total 43)

OR 17/43 = 40%

Long-term follow up

Eltrombopag **discontinued** in 5 robust VGPR, with sustained response.

Clonal evolution in 8/43 = 18%, mostly in non-responders (6/8);

NR 7-/del(7) [n=5], +8 [n=1]

R del(13) [n=2]

no RAEB/AML

Regular Article

CLINICAL TRIALS AND OBSERVATIONS

CME Article

Eltrombopag restores trilineage hematopoiesis in refractory severe aplastic anemia that can be sustained on discontinuation of drug

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Desmond R et al, Blood 20, March, 2014, 123, 12



IST + EPAG

OR at 6 months 87%

CR at 6 months 37%

Relapse 32% at 6 months

Clonal evolution 8%. All «high grade» MDS.

Neutrophils >500 d+ 48.

Ts independence 32 dd platelets; 39 dd Red Cells.

Childfren not different from adults

Cohort 3 (32 patients) ETPAG from d +1

OR at 6 months 94%

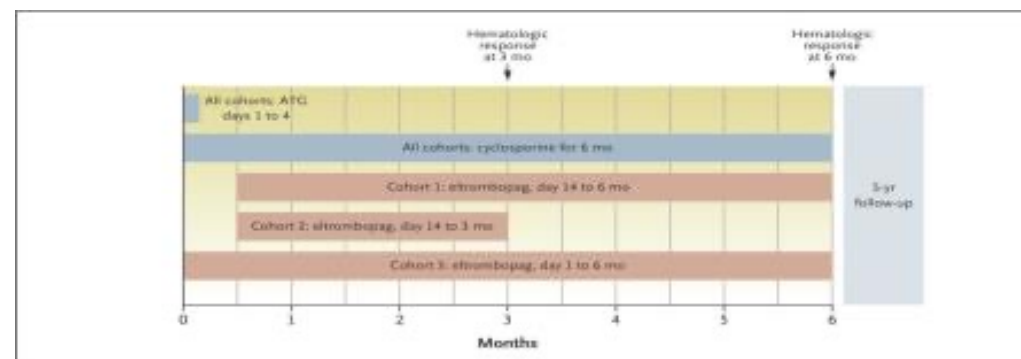
CR a 6 months 58%

Neutrophils > 500 d + 35

NOT a RCT

Eltrombopag Added to Standard Immunosuppression for Aplastic Anemia

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RCT

Inclusion July 2015- April 2019

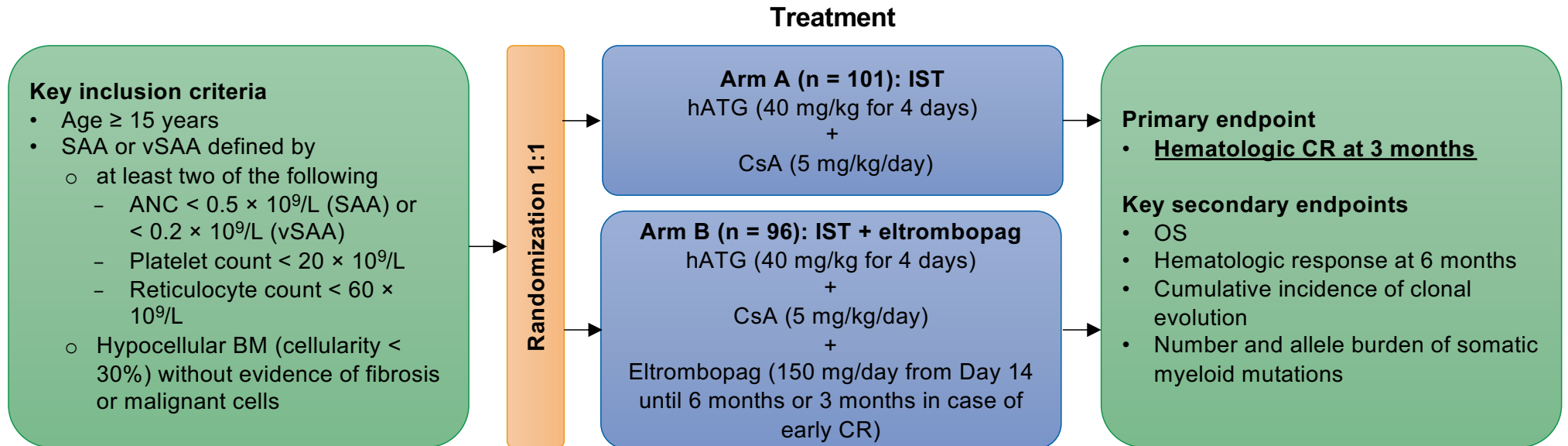
205 treatment naïve patients

6 nations, 26 centres



RACE TRIAL DESIGN

Investigator-driven, open-label, phase 3, randomized trial comparing the combination of hATG, CsA, and eltrombopag with IST alone in patients with SAA



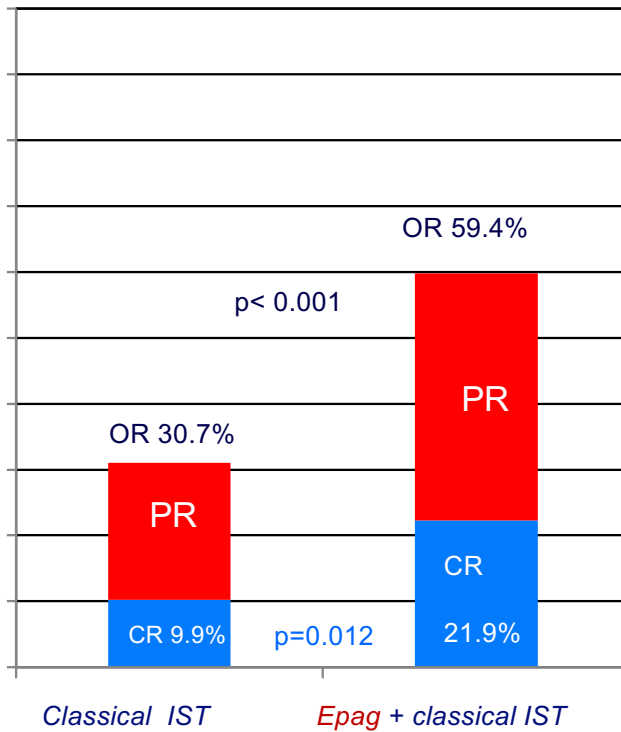
Central laboratory King's college, London

Stratification based on disease severity age and center

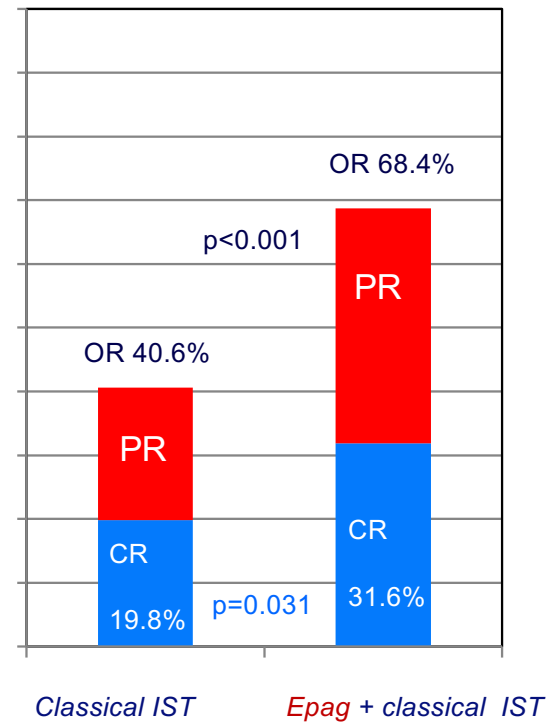


Hematologic Response

3 months



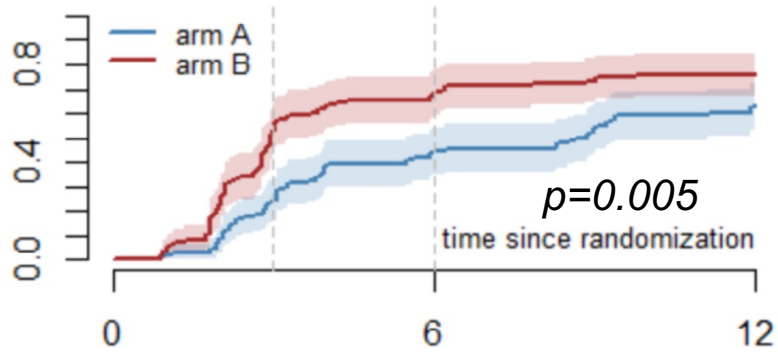
6 months



Hematological response

Time to first response:

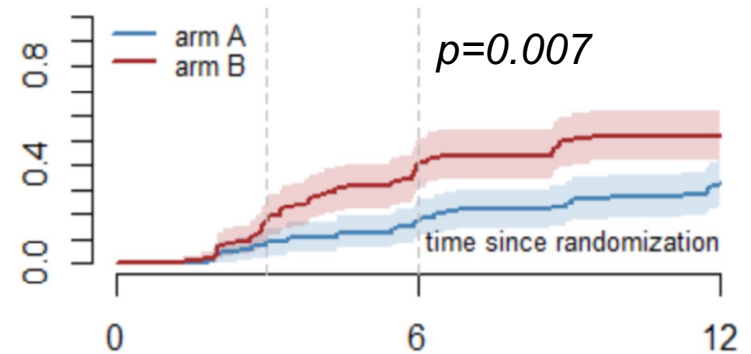
3 months in EPAG arm vs 8.8 months in NON EPAG arm



101	40	14
96	25	4

Time to complete response:

9.1 months in EPAG arm vs not reached in NON EPAG arm

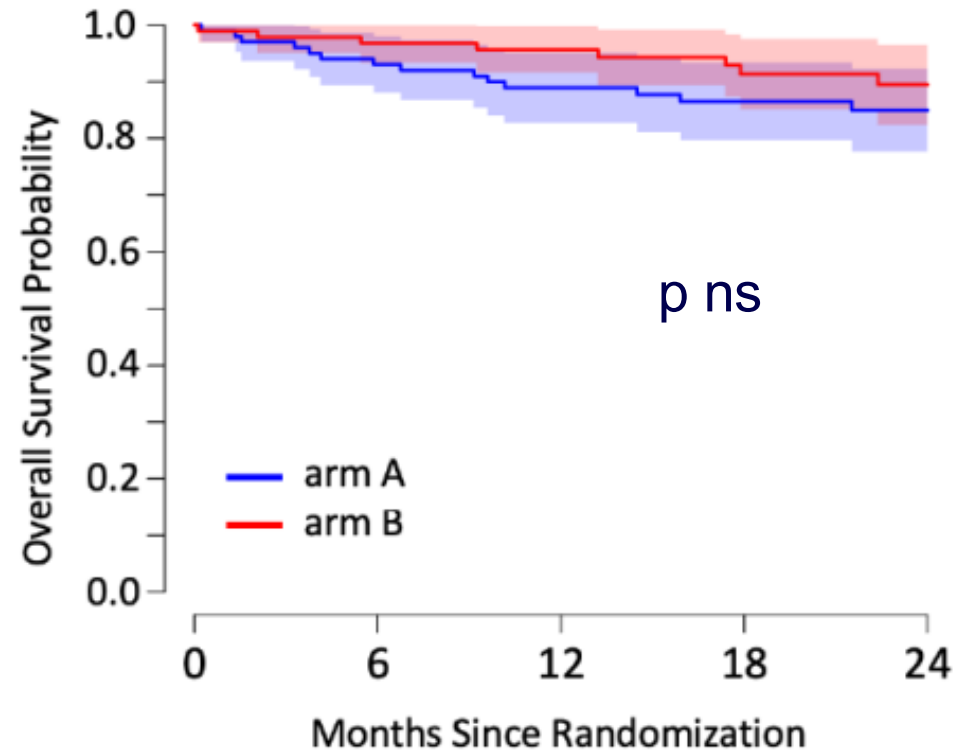


101	64	35
96	52	16

Faster and better quality response in the EPAG Arm



Overall Survival



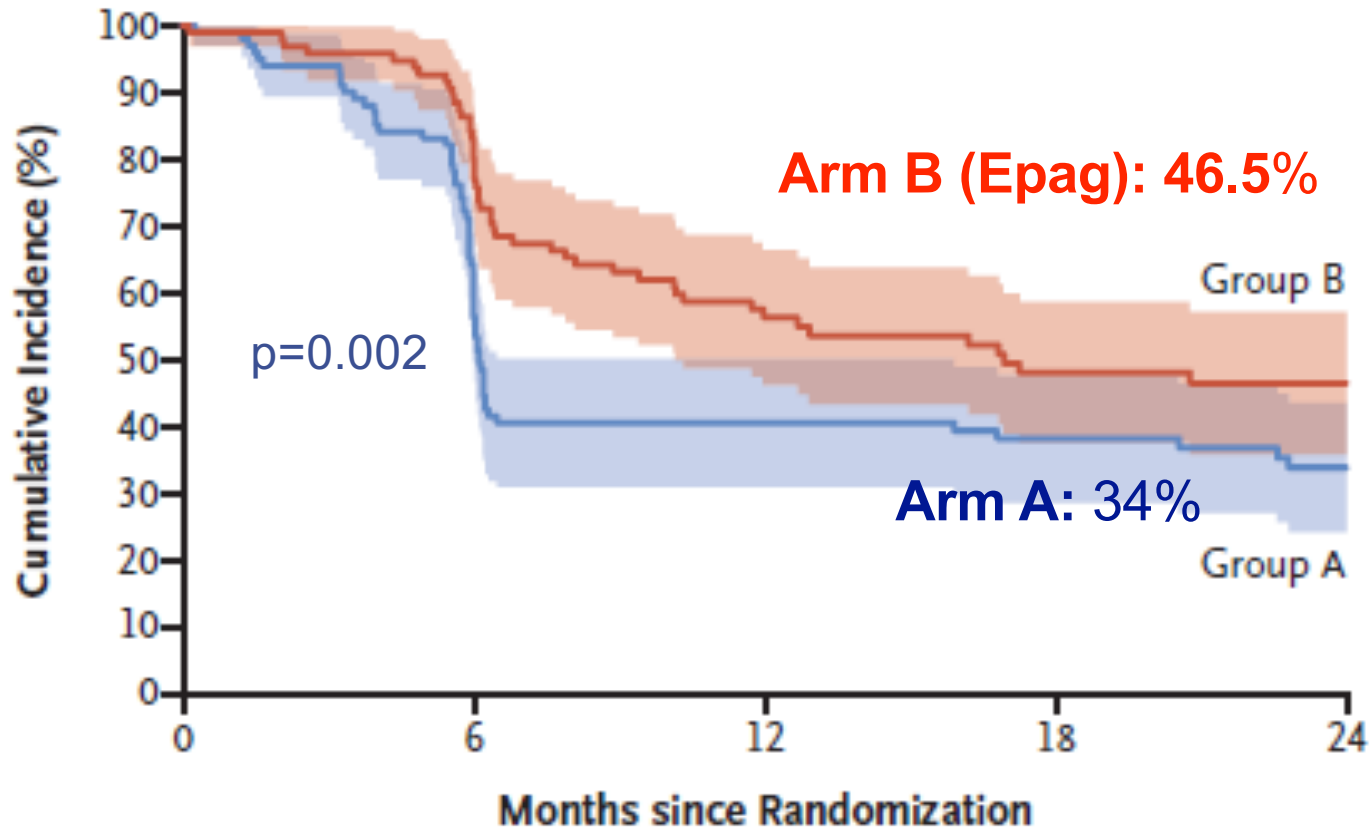
Median Follow-up
24 months

Number of Patients at Risk

arm A	101	93	80	64	26
arm B	96	92	74	58	25



2yrs -EFS



No. at Risk
Group B
Group A

96	76	45	31	15
101	60	38	30	10



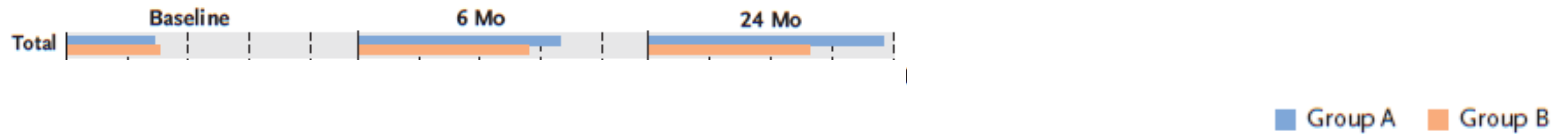
Karyotypic Abnormalities

- 1 in arm A
 - 1 mono 7, with BCOR, DNMT3 and TET2 mutations,
- 2 in arm B
 - 1 del 13q, with PIGA mutation
 - 1 del 13q, with no mutations

No morphologic evidence of MDS in all



Somatic mutations



No increase of somatic mutations in EPAG over NO EPAG arm

Both total and specific gene mutations

Somatic mutations increased but did not affect the hematologic response and 2-year outcome.

0 20 40 60 80 0 20 40 60 80 0 20 40 60 80
Frequency of Mutation (%)

Eltrombopag did not increase high-risk evolution.

Groarke EM et al.; Leukemia. 2022 Jul 27. doi: 10.1038/s41375-022-01636-8



Safety

	Arm A	Arm B	Total
Serious Adverse Events*	135	145	280
Fatal cases (most infections)	14	8	22
Drop off patients requiring second line HSCT	13	11	24
Pregnancy	3	1	4

**Events are classified per SOC (system organ class) according to the CTCAE (Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events (US National Cancer Institute of the National Institutes of Health).*



Long-term outcomes

- Need for HSCT during study follow-up
 - Arm A: n=12
 - Arm B: n=11
- Relapse (CI at 18 months)
 - Arm A: 11.3% (95% CI, 2.2% to 20.4%)
 - Arm B: 19.1% (95% CI, 9.2% to 28.9%) **Epag dependence?**
- Ciclosporine independence (at 2 years)
 - Arm A: 18.8%
 - Arm B: 27.6%



RACE conclusion - Perspective

- EPAG + standard IST (hATG and CsA), **significantly increases the rate of CR at 3 months with no safety concern** (18 months median follow-up).
- At 24 months, clonal evolution is very rare (2-3%) with no difference between arms.
But a far longer follow up (10-15 years after diagnosis) is needed for appropriate assessment
- So far no increased frequency of somatic mutation in eltrombopag arm
No impact of somatic mutations on any outcome, but follow- up still short
- **Long Term Follow-Up study (RACE-2)** is ongoing to answer these questions in the future



IST + ETPAG in CHILDREN

- 40 evaluable pts. IBMF excluded by germ-line testing
- Median age 13 years.
- hATG + CsA + EPAG

	IST+EPAG	Only IST	p
OS	94%	84%	0.092
EFS	57%	69%	0.049
ORR	70%	72%	0.78
CR	30%	23%	0.42
Relapse	43%	27	0.66
CE	13%	9%	0.215



RCT
 49 pt hATG + CsA age 8.7 yrs
 49 pts hATG + CsA+ EPAG (2mg/kg/day, from day 1) age 10.5 yrs

	IST	IST+EPAG	p
ORR at 4 mos	53%	65%	0.218
PR	40.8%	34.7%	ns
CR	12.2%	30.6%	0.027
ORR SAA	57%	89%	0.028
ORR VSAA	50%	52%	0.902
3y OS	91%	89%	0.673
3y EFS	41%	53%	0.326
Time to CR	371 d	384 d	ns
Time to PR	123 d	78 d	0.096

- No unexpected toxicity related to Epag (transaminitis)
- Second course of IST+Epag resulted in a high ORI in initial ELTR (-)
- Second course of IST+Epag limited efficacy in who received ELTR upfront

Goronkova O et al. Blood Advances apr 2022

Addition of EPAG in children not as beneficial as in adults



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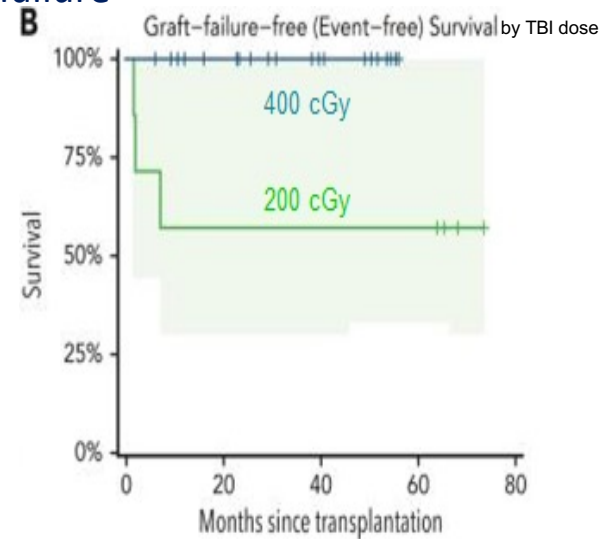
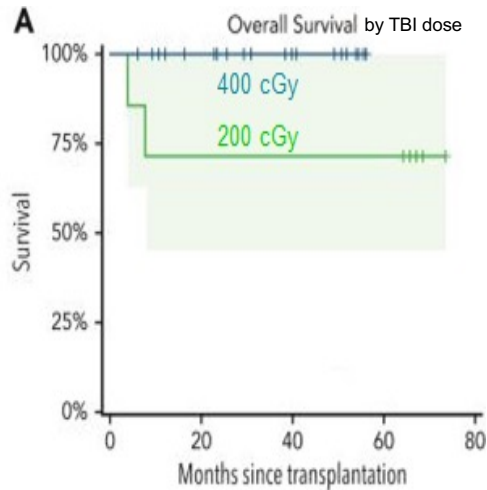
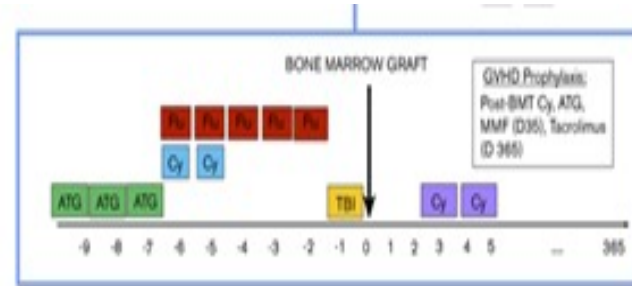
Haplo PTCY

27 treatment naive pts
 Median age 25 y, but 11 > 40y, 9 >50y
 Diagn- transpl 78 d

Recovery: ANC day 17
 Red cells day 25.5
 Platelets day 25.5

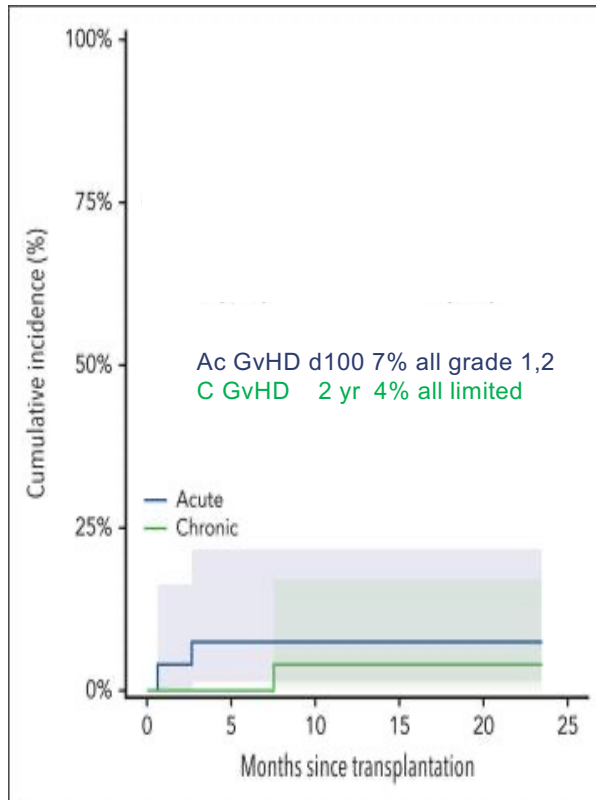
OS 92% at 1, 2, and 3 years

Two deaths (6%) all in 200 cGy cohort due to viral infection in graft failure



Some concern on 400cGY for late effects in young pts

Haplo PTCY



Infection episodes 39

Grade 2 37

Grade 5 2

Type n. of patients

Bacterial 11

Viral 20

Fungal 4

CMV infection 11

CMV infection requiring therapy 6

EBV infection 2

EBV infection requiring therapy 1

PTLD 1

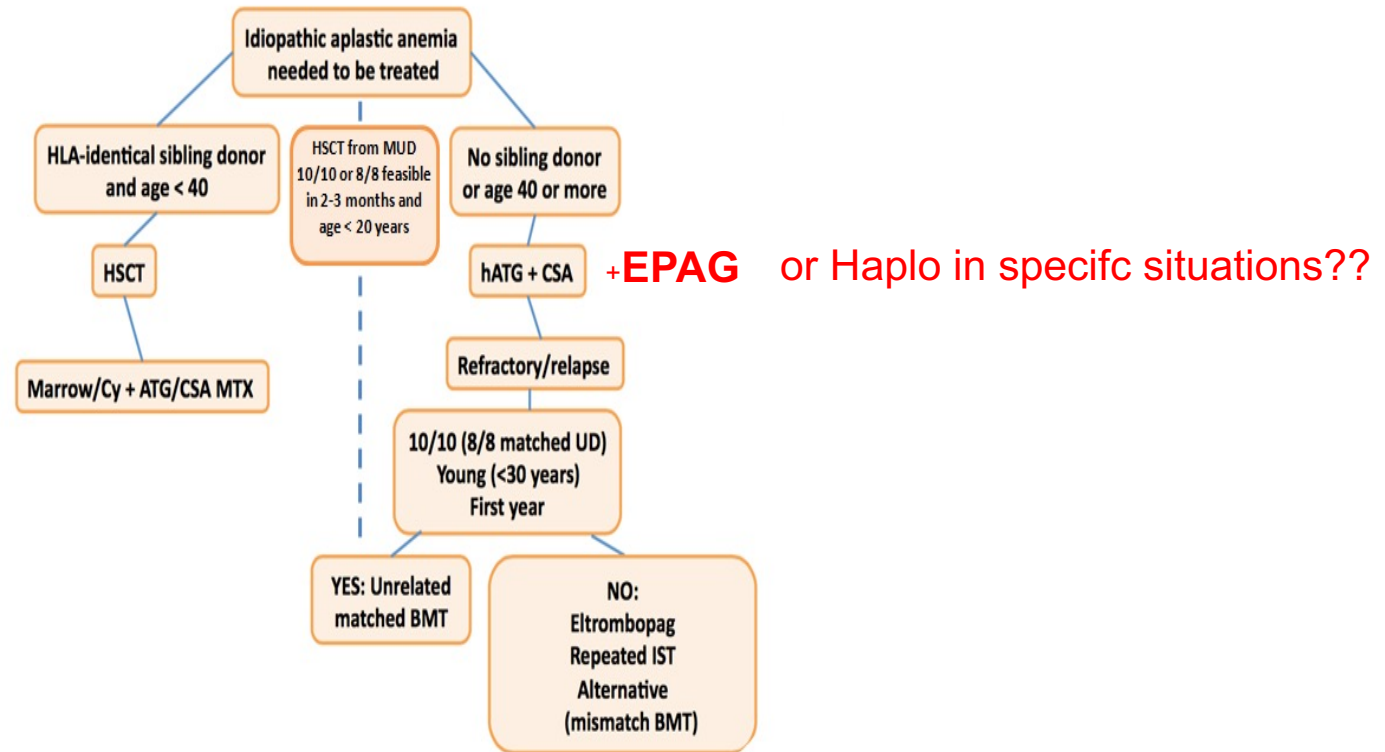


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Changes in the algo in adults



FDA ok
EMA no
National agencies ongoing

R. Peffault de Latour, A. Risitano, C Dufour, EBMT textbook 2019

NCT02833805 ongoing study comparing Haplo with MUD HSCT for newly diagnosed SAA
Recruitment completed

