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### **Acquired Idiopathic Aplastic Anemia: non-HSCT treatment**





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### **Aplastic anemia**





### **Aplastic anemia**



### Pathophysiology of aplastic anemia

### Hematopoietic stem cell



### Hematopoietic stem cells in AA Hematopoietic progenitor cultures



1990 76: 1748-1757



1996 88: 1983-1991

The hematopoietic defect in aplastic anemia assessed by long-1A severe and consistent deficit in marrow and circulating primitive hematopoietic cells (long-term culture-initiating cells) in acquired aplastic anemia

JC Marsh, J Chang, NG Testa, JM Hows and TM Dexter

JP Maciejewski, C Selleri, T Sato, S Anderson and NS Young



### Pathophysiology of aplastic anemia



### **GENE EXPRESSION PROFILING IN CD34+ FROM AA PATIENTS**

RED CELLS BLOOD, 1 JANUARY 2004 - VOLUME 103, NUMBER 1 Gene expression profiling in CD34 cells to identify differences between aplastic anemia patients and healthy volunteers Weihua Zeng, Guibin Chen, Sachiko Kajigaya, Olga Nunez, Alexandra Charrow, Eric M. Billings, and Neal S. Young down 🔲 up Total numbers -238 1/1 141 Immune -91 39 Cell cycle & proliferation -15 Cell Cycle & Proliferation Anontosis & Antianontos 64 Apoptosis ene Bank M24902 M17017 X57025 M76125 M63193 M15330 M97936 D50683 M97935 LI54198 U02687 Cell growth -15 Stress response X76534 D38583 L07648 Al304854 U03106 X61123 U87947 U72649 AJ01189 X59892 J04164 U26174 M17016 M18733 M57888 M28393 AE0780 115 Cell adhesion -7 AF0792 U21092 M15330 M97936 X51345 M69043 X02910 L19185 M58602 M97935 J04111 AB0145 535 Others -188 800 525 25 25 50 150 525 825 50 n U35139 AL096751 AF053305 U22376 Number of Genes

#### Over-expressed

- Apoptosis  $\bullet$
- **Stress response**  $\bullet$
- Cytokine/chemokine transduction ullet
- Defense/immune response genes  $\bullet$
- **Cell cycle/proliferation inhibitors**

#### <u>Down-expressed</u>

**Cell cycle/proliferation promoters** 

"...the transcriptome analysis of HSC in AA is consistent with the presence of stressed, immunologically activated or dying target cells rather than of an intrinsically abnormal population."

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Proc. Natl. Acad. Sct. USA Vol. 73, No. 8, pp.2890–2894, August 1976 Medical Sciences

### Aplastic anemia: Presence in human bone marrow of cells that suppress myelopoiesis\*

(thymus-derived lymphocytes/suppressor cells/differentiation)

WALT A. KAGAN, JOÃO A. ASCENSÃO, RAJENDRA N. PAHWA, JOHN A. HANSEN, GIDEON GOLDSTEIN, ELISA B. VALERA, GENEVIEVE S. INCEFY, MALCOLM A. S. MOORE, AND ROBERT A. GOOD



N.C. Zoumbos, P. Gascon, J.Y. Djeu, S.R. Trost, and N.S. Young

Volume 312 January 31, 1985 Number 5



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### **T-cell clonality in aplastic anemia** A surrogate marker for Ag-driven immune response

#### Clonal Analysis of CD4<sup>+</sup>/CD8<sup>+</sup> T Cells in a Patient with Aplastic Anemia

#### Ulrich Moebius,\* Friedhelm Herrmann,\* Thierry Hercend,<sup>5</sup> and Stefan C. Meuer\*

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J. Clin. Invest. Volume 87, May 1991, 1567-1574



EXPERIMENTAL HEMATOLOGY

Experimental Hematology 23 (1995): 433

Establishment of a CD4+ T cell clone recognizing autologous hematopoietic progenitor cells from a patient with immune-mediated aplastic anemia.

Nakao S, Takamatsu H, Yachie A, Itoh T, Yamaguchi M, Ueda M, Shiobara S, Matsuda T.

Blood, Vol 89, No 10 (May 15), 1997: pp 3691-3699

#### Isolation of a T-Cell Clone Showing HLA-DRB1\*0405-Restricted Cytotoxicity for Hematopoietic Cells in a Patient With Aplastic Anemia

By Shinji Nakao, Akiyoshi Takami, Hideyuki Takamatsu, Weihua Zeng, Naomi Sugimori, Hiroto Yamazaki, Yuji Miura, Mikio Ueda, Shintaro Shiobara, Takeshi Yoshioka, Toshihiko Kaneshige, Masaki Yasukawa, and Tamotsu Matsuda

Changes in T-cell receptor VB repertoire in aplastic anemia: effects of different immunosuppressive regimens

Hoon Kook, Antonio M. Risitano, Weihua Zeng, Marcin Wlodarski, Craig Lottemann, Ryotaro Nakamura, John Barrett, Neal S. Young, and Jaroslaw P. Maciejewski

BLOOD, 15 MAY 2002 · VOLUME 99, NUMBER 10

Oligoclonal and polyclonal CD4 and CD8 lymphocytes in aplastic anemia and paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria measured by V $\beta$  CDR3 spectratyping and flow cytometry BLOOD, 1 JULY 2002 · VOLUME 100, NUMBER 1

Antonio M. Risitano, Hoon Kook, Weihua Zeng, Guibin Chen, Neal S. Young, and Jaroslaw P. Maciejewski

### **Molecular Tracking of Pathogenic Clonotypic T-cells**

Lancet 2004; 364: 355-64

Mechanisms of Disease

In-vivo dominant immune responses in aplastic anaemia: molecular tracking of putatively pathogenetic T-cell clones by TCR  $\beta$ -CDR3 sequencing

Antonio M Risitano, Jaroslaw P Maciejewski, Spencer Green, Magdalena Plasilova, Weihua Zeng, Neal S Young





#### T-REGULATORY CELLS IN APLASTIC ANEMIA Solomou et al., Blood 2007



#### Th17 CELLS IN APLASTIC ANEMIA Peffault De Latour et al., Blood 2010 First Edition



Increased in AA patients

Correlate with disease status

 Normalize after treatment in good responders only



### Pathophysiology of aplastic anemia

#### Acquired Idiopathic: multifactorial?



### TELOMERASE REPAIR COMPLEX GENE MUTATION AND BONE MARROW FAILURE



Calado and Young, Blood 2008

#### **TELOMERE LENGHT OF PERIPHERAL BLOOD LEUKOCYTES** *Patients with TERT or TERC mutations*



Calado and Young, Blood 2008

### The actual meaning of somatic mutations in hematology Do all mutations imply cancer (especially in marrow failure)?





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#### CONCLUSIONS

Clonal hematopoiesis was prevalent in aplastic anemia. Some mutations were related to clinical outcomes. A highly biased set of mutations is evidence of Darwinian selection in the failed bone marrow environment. The pattern of somatic clones in individual patients over time was variable and frequently unpredictable.

### **Treatment options for aplastic anemia**





**Original Article** 

Outcome of patients with acquired aplastic anemia given first line bone marrow transplantation or immunosuppressive treatment in the last decade: a report from the European Group for Blood and Marrow Transplantation

Anna Locasciulli, Rosi Oneto, Andrea Bacigalupo, Gerard Socié, Elisabeth Korthof, Albert Bekassy, Hubert Schrezenmeier, Jakob Passweg, Monika Führer on the Behalf of the Severe Aplastic Anemia Working Party of the European Blood and Marrow Transplant Group (SAA-WP, BMT).



Locasciulli et al, Haematologica 2007



AA and...

... supportive care

### **Supportive care**

The improvement in anti-infectious management

#### **CID 2011**

n=420 (174 non-responders)
Infection-related mortality from 37% to 11%
Incidence of IFIs from 49% to 8%

Group 1: 12/1989-10/1986 Group 2: 11/1986-10/2002 Group 3: 11/2002-04/2008



The most relevant breakthrough in AA treatment was the anti-infectious supportive care: keeping AA patients alive until they recover (IST or SCT)



NIH retrospective analysis (1997-2007) on the use of granulocyte transfusions in life-threatening infectious complications in AA A 9000

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- ✓ 32 AA patients (9/32 with anti-HLA alloantibodies)
- Median transfusions n=9 (range 2-43); mean granulocyte 6.8±2.3x10<sup>10</sup> cells
- Daily or alternate day schedule

✓OS 58% (correlating with hematological recovery)

Response with anti-HLA-Ab



Quillen et al Haematologica 2011

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	Day7 response: N. of patients (%)	Survival to discharge	Day30 response: N. of patients (%)	Survival to discharge	Long-term follow-up			
All patients								
Complete response	10 (30%)	9/10 (90%)	11 (33%)	11/11 (100%)	3 in CR(median 4 yr); 2 retreated for SAA relapses over 5 yr ; 1 with low platelets, hepatitis C recurrence 2 yr post-HSCT; 2 at 1 yr post HSCT; 1 died 3 months post-HSCT; 1 died in relapse 1 yr post ATG therapy			
Partial response	10 (30%)	6/10 (60%)	9 (27%)	7/9 (78%)	2 in CR (5, 8 yr); 2 in CR 1 yr post-HSCT; 1 umbilical HSCT one yr after SAA diagnosis			
Stable disease	6 (18%)	3/6 (50%)	1 (3%)	0/1	Not applicable			
Progressive disease	7 (21%)	1/7 (14%)	12 (36%)	1/12 (8%)	Death 16 months post HSCT from GVHD, sepsis			
Overall				19/33=58%				
Patients with invasive fungal infection					Organism involved			
Complete response	6 (33%)	5/6 (83%)	6 (33%)	6/6 (100%)	2 Aspergillus, 1 Zygomycete, 1 Bipolaris, 2 Alternaria/Fusarium			
Partial response	4 (22%)	2/4 (50%)	3 (17%)	2/3 (67%)	Aspergillus, Alternaria; Hyphomycete			
Stable disease	3 (17%)	1/3 (33%)	0	not applicable				
Progressive disease	5 (28%)	0/5 (0)	9 (50%)	0/9 (0)	6 Aspergillus, 1 Fusarium, 1 Paecilomyces, 1 Alternaria			
Overall				8/18=44%				
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## Supportive care <u>The management of iron</u> overload: deferasirox (1)

### ✓ EPIC study (deferasirox): a total of 1174 patients (AA n=116) ✓ Significant reduction of ferritine and LPI (but normal at baseline)

Table 3. Most common (> 5% overall) drug-related AEs by dose group							
	< 20 mg/kg/d (n = 75), no. (%)	≥ 20-< 30 mg/kg/d (n = 41), no. (%)	All (n = 116), no. (%)				
Nausea	19 (25.3)	7 (17.1)	26 (22.4)				
Diarrhea	10 (13.3)	8 (19.5)	18 (15.5)				
Rash	9 (12.0)	4 (9.8)	13 (11.2)				
Vomiting	9 (12.0)	1 (2.4)	10 (8.6)				
Dyspepsia	8 (10.7)	1 (2.4)	9 (7.8)				
Abdominal pain	5 (6.7)	2 (4.9)	7 (6.0)				
Upper abdominal pain	4 (5.3)	3 (7.3)	7 (6.0)				
Anorexia	6 (8.0)	1 (2.4)	7 (6.0)				



Table 2. Change from baseline in median serum ferritin by average actual dose

		Average actual deferasirox dose				
	< 20 mg/kg/d (n = 75)	≥ 20-< 30 mg/kg/d (n = 41)	All (n = 116)			
Baseline serum ferritin, ng/mL	3263 (908-18 635)	3238 (1129-25 346)	3254 (908-25 346)			
Serum ferritin at 1 y, ng/mL	1819 (212-14 509)	2191 (87-17 233)	1854 (87-17 233)			
Absolute change in serum ferritin, ng/mL*	-970 (-11 753 to -7883)	-884 (-15 704 to -13 894)	-964 (-15 704 to -13 894)			
P	< .001	< 278	< .001			
Mean iron intake ± SD, mg/kg/d	0.21 ± 0.18	0.31 ± 0.20	0.25 ± 0.19			

Deferasirox (at 20 mg/kg) results in effective iron chelation in AA patients, with minimal side effects (no drug-related cytopenia)

Lee et al Blood 2010, Cappellini et al Haematologica 2010



#### OUTCOME OF IMMUNOSUPPRESSION FOR SAA Improvement over the years



Courtesy of Jakob Passweg

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### Hematological response is the main predictor for outcome

OR 60% @ 3m, 61% @ 6m, 58% @ 1y

Stephen Rosenfeld, MD

Dean Follmann, PhD

Neal S. Young, MD

Olga Nunez, RN



### **IMPROVING ATG-BASED IMMUNOSUPPRESSION** The benefit of combining ATG and cyclosporine A

Treatment of aplastic anemia with antilymphocyte globulin and methylprednisolone with or without cyclosporine. The German **Aplastic Anemia Study Group NEJM 1991** 

N Frickhofen, JP Kaltwasser, H Schrezenmeier, A Raghavachar, HG Vogt, F Herrmann, M Freund, P Meusers, A Salama, and H Heimpel



CyA speed hematological response without affecting survival

Antithymocyte globulin with or without cyclosporin A: 11-year follow-up of a randomized trial comparing treatments of aplastic anemia

Norbert Frickhofen, Hermann Heimpel, Joachim P. Kaltwasser, and Hubert Schrezenmeier, for the German Aplastic Anemia Study Group





✓ CyA reduces early treatment failure but not long-term relapse rate

Years after Remission

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#### **RELAPSES AFTER IST** The role of maintenance CyA therapy



### **REASONS FOR BAD OUTCOME IN SAA**

### Primary failures

- Refractoriness (about a third: predicting factors and early identification)
- Partial responses

### Secondary failures

- CyA-dependent responses
- Relapses
- Recurrent diseases

### Late failures

- Clonal evolution
- Secondary malignancies

### Many AA patients are not cured by IST!!!





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### **REASONS FOR TREATMENT FAILURE**

Pathophysiology other than immune-mediated
Irreversible stem cell deficit
Insufficient immunosuppression

*Improve front line immunosuppressive therapies* 

### **STRATEGIES OF IMMUNOSUPPRESSION** (Risitano, BJH 2010)



# Improving IST for AA: chronicle of a failure



rATG is inferior to hATG in first line treatment of SAA, as indicated by hematological response and survival

## Prospective study of rabbit antithymocyte globulin and cyclosporine for aplastic anemia from the EBMT Severe Aplastic Anaemia Working Party



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#### **Blood 2012**

Phase II pilot study rATG + CyA (n=35)

Retrospective matched comparison (pair-matched) with hATG + CyA (n=105)
 Pilot rATG + CyA study: OR 40% @ 6m (CR 3%, PR 37%)



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### IMPROVING IMMUNOSUPPRSSIVE TREATMENT FOR AA The history of a failure

1. No benefit from the addition of a third drug over the hATG-CsA platform

- Mycophenolate mofetil (randomized NIH trial)
- Rapamicine (open-label NIH trial)
- 2. No benefit from using non-hATG based regimens
  - Rabbit ATG (NIH, EBMT, etc)
  - Alemtuzumab (NIH, Naples)
  - Cyclophosphamide (John Hopkins, NIH)
- 3. Novel immunosuppressive strategies
  - Anti-cytokine mAbs (TNF, IFN, IL2/IL23, etc)
  - Daclizumab (anti-IL2R), alefacept (anti-LFA-3), efalizumab (anti-LFA-1)
  - Mesenchimal stem cells
  - Anti-CD26 (Begedina®): in development for aGvHD

Scheinberg et al BJH 2006; Scheinberg et al Haematologica 2009; Risitano et al BJH 2009; Scheinberg et al NEJM 2011; Marsh et al Blood 2013; Scheinberg et al Blood 2012
## **CYCLOPHOSPHAMIDE FOR TREATMENT OF SAA** *The Johns Hopkins experience*

High-dose cyclophosphamide for severe aplastic anemia: long-term follow-up

BLOOD, 18 MARCH 2010 · VOLUME 115, NUMBER 11

Robert A. Brodsky,<sup>1,2</sup> Allen R. Chen,<sup>2</sup> Donna Dorr,<sup>1</sup> Ephraim J. Fuchs,<sup>2</sup> Carol Ann Huff,<sup>2</sup> Leo Luznik,<sup>2</sup> B. Douglas Smith,<sup>2</sup> William H. Matsui,<sup>2</sup> Steven N. Goodman,<sup>2</sup> Richard F. Ambinder,<sup>2</sup> and Richard J. Jones<sup>2</sup>

✓ N=67 (44 naive, 23 refractory); 50 mg/kg/day for 4 days (total 200 mg)

✓ OR 71% in naive, 48% in refractory patients

✓ OS and FFS 88% and 58% in naive patients, 62% and 27% in refractory patients

**Overall Survival** Failure Free Survival n=44 Treatment näiv n=23 n=44 Refractory Treatment naiv n=23 Refractor 1.00 -0.2 0.2 TFR 0.75 0.0 12 24 108 120 132 24 48 60 72 84 96 108 120 72 84 0,50 CR Probability CI of fungal infections: 21% (naive) and 39% (refractory) 0.25 Slower but more robust and durable responses 0,00 No clonal evolution 20 60 Month

## **CYCLOPHOSPHAMIDE FOR TREATMENT OF SAA** *NIH randomized trial*

ARTICLES Lancet 2000: **356**: 1554–59 High-dose cyclophosphamide in severe aplastic anaemia: a randomised trial John F Tisdale, Daniel E Dunn, Nancy Geller, Michelle Plante, Olga Nunez, Cynthia E Dunbar, A John Barrett, Thomas J Walsh, Stephen J Rosenfeld, Neal S Young n=31 ATG+CsA vs CTX+CsA Early termination due to increased toxicity in the CTX arm (3 early deaths because of infections, plus additional cases rescued by granulocyte transfusions)





Late complications following treatment for severe aplastic anemia (SAA) with high-dose cyclophosphamide (Cy): follow-up of a randomized trial

John F. Tisdale, Jaroslaw P. Maciejewski, Olga Nuñez, Stephen J. Rosenfeld, and Neal S. Young

BLOOD. 15 DECEMBER 2002 · VOLUME 100. NUMBER 13

Long-term analysis (median 38m):PRi<br/>Relapse<br/>Cytogenetic evolution•No difference in responseCytogenetic evolution•No prevention of late complication of SAA/SAA treatment

Table 1. Results at median follow-up of 38 months			
	ATG/CSA (%)	Cy/CSA (%)	
Overall response	13/16 (81)	8/15 (53)	
CR	10 (63)	6 (40)	
PRi	3 (18)	2 (13)	
Relapse	6/13 (46)	2/8 (25)	
Cytogenetic evolution	2/14 (14)	1/12 (8)	



Activity of alemtuzumab monotherapy in treatment-naive, relapsed, and refractory severe acquired aplastic anemia

Phillip Scheinberg,<sup>1</sup> Olga Nunez,<sup>1</sup> Barbara Weinstein,<sup>1</sup> Priscila Scheinberg,<sup>1</sup> Colin O. Wu,<sup>2</sup> and Neal S. Young<sup>1</sup>



#### bjh short report

#### Risitano et al, 2010

Alemtuzumab is safe and effective as immunosuppressive treatment for aplastic anaemia and single-lineage marrow failure: a pilot study and a survey from the EBMT WPSAA



✓ Phase II prospective study
 ✓ Alemtuzumab s.c. (73-103 mg in 5 days)
 ✓ N=28: AA=13, PRCA=13, PWCA=2 (1<sup>st</sup> and higher)

#### Long-term follow up (median 4y, March 2014)



4 late failures: 2 clonal evolution (nonresponders), 2 refractory relapses

s.c. alemtuzumab is feasible and safe (no increased infectious morbidity)

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- Remarkably effective, especially in single lineage marrow failures
- Frequent relapses (maintenance IS or retreatment needed)
- ✓ Late failures due to refractory relapses (15%) or clonal evolution (15%)

## The lesson from alternative IST for AA Take home messages

## 1. Different IS agents are biologically active as IST for AA

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- Different ATG preparations, cyclophosphamide, alemtuzumab
- Other (novel) agents seems failing in demonstrating any benefit (mostly as third drug)

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# Alternative IST: a narrow path but not a dead end

- Targeted IST agents may have a role in specific phase of AA treatment (i.e. induction or maintenance) or in combination with some standard agents (i.e., synergism)
- ✓ Non-IST agent may play a more relevant role: eltrombopag

## CD26-antiCD26

## A possible role in auto-immune diseases?

✓ CD26 (T cell activation antigen) or dipeptidyl peptidase-4 (DPP4) or adenosine deaminase complexing protein 2 (ADCP 2)

 CD26 is involved in T-cell activation, proliferation and tissue migration
 Inhibition of CD26 seems to prevent immune-mediated tissue damage by impairint T-cell migration (mouse model)

- experimental autoimmune encephalitis
- pancreatic islands transplantation
- lung transplantation

**BEGEDINA®** An anti-CD26 mAb

✓ Murine mAb

Under investigation for GvHD

Encouraging data in a phase I-II single-institution study (Bacigalupo et al)

✓ Large multi-center registrative study already planned

✓ Any room for its use in AA???







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## **REASONS FOR TREATMENT FAILURE**

Pathophysiology other than immune-mediated
Irreversible stem cell deficit
Insufficient immunosuppression

Eltrombopag???



## ELTROMBOPAG IN REFRACTORY SAA The status of art



## Eltrombopag and Improved Hematopoiesis in Refractory Aplastic Anemia

A Patient 1

Phase II study n=25 Refractory SAA *Eltrombopag 50-150 mg, orally, for 12 weeks* 



✓ 44% hematological response (at least 1 lineage)

- ✓ Plt response 36%
- ✓ Hb response 24%
- ✓ ANC response 36%

Increased marrow cellularity (resp.)
Minimal toxicity (liver?), no fibrosis





## **ELTROMBOPAG IN REFRACTORY SAA** *The risk of clonal evolution*



#### **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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## Additional 18 patients (n=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); no RAEB/AML

CGH

- NR: 7-/del(7) [n=5], +8 [n=1]
- R: del(13) [n=2]



Age (y)	Response	(SNP-based) Baseline	At evolution	eltrombopag (mo)	Dysplasia	Outcome
60	NR	46XY[20]	-7[20]	3	Ν	Died of progressive cytopenias
18	NB	46XX[6]	+8[9]/46XX[11]	3	N	Transplanted successfully
20	NR	46XY[20]	-7[5]t(1;16) [3]/46XY[12]	3	N	Transplanted successfully
67	R	46XY[20]	del(13)[19]/46XY[1]	13	Mild	Transplanted
					dyserythropoeisis	
41	NR	46XY[20]	+21[3]/46XY[17]	3	Mild	Awaiting transplant
			-7[2]/46XY[19]	6	dyserythropoeisis	
66	R	46XY[20]	46XYdel13q[2]/46XY[18]	9	N	Under observation
23	NR	46XY[20]	-7[5],XY[15]	3	N	Transplanted successfully
17	NR	No metaphases	+1,der(1;7) [4]/46XY[16]	3	N	Transplanted successfully

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## ELTROMBOPAG IN REFRACTORY SAA Kinetics of blood count recovery



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#### **Key Points**

- Eltrombopag promotes hematopoiesis in patients with severe aplastic anemia by stimulating stem and progenitor cells.
- Eltrombopag can be discontinued safely in robust responders with maintenance of hematopoiesis.



## ELTROMBOPAG IN REFRACTORY SAA The risk of clonal evolution

Comment on Desmond et al, page 1818





In all recent studies, the incidence of clonal evolution is about 10-15%, regardless the specific treatment

Log-rank

n = 0.11

Months

R-ATG/CsA, 3-year evolution = 16%

Alemtuzumab, 3-year evolution

Months

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Alemtuzumab, 3-year evolution = 11%

Days 0

Horse ATG 60

Rabbit ATG 60

Rabbit ATG

**ELTROMBOPAG IN SAA** *The status of art* 

# FDA U.S. Food and Drug Administration Protecting and Promoting Your Health

#### FDA Approvals > Medscape Medical News

#### FDA OKs Eltrombopag (Promacta) for Severe Aplastic Anemia

HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION These highlights do not include all the information needed to use PROMACTA safely and effectively. See full prescribing information for PROMACTA.

PROMACTA (eltrombopag) tablets, for oral use Initial U.S. Approval: 2008

#### WARNING: RISK FOR HEPATIC DECOMPENSATION IN PATIENTS WITH CHRONIC HEPATITIS C

See full prescribing information for complete boxed warning

In patients with chronic hepatitis C, PROMACTA in combination with interferon and ribavirin may increase the risk of hepatic decompensation. (5.1)

- Chronic ITP: Initiate PROMACTA at 50 mg once daily for most patients. Reduce initial dose in patients with hepatic impairment and/or patients of East Asian ancestry. Adjust to maintain platelet count greater than or equal to 50 x 10<sup>9</sup>/L. Do not exceed 75 mg per day. (2.1)
- Chronic Hepatitis C-associated Thrombocytopenia: Initiate PROMACTA at 25 mg once daily for all patients. Adjust to achieve target platelet count required to initiate antiviral therapy. Do not exceed a daily dose of 100 mg. (2.2)
- Severe Aplastic Anemia: Initiate PROMACTA at 50 mg once daily for most patients. Reduce initial dose in patients with hepatic impairment or patients of East Asian ancestry. Adjust to maintain platelet count greater than 50 x 10<sup>9</sup>/L. Do not exceed 150 mg per day. (2.3)

------ DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS ------12.5-mg, 25-mg, 50-mg, 75-mg, and 100-mg tablets. (3)









# **EBMT studies for AA**

	moderate AA <mark>(EMAA)</mark>	vSAA / SAA <mark>(RACE)</mark>
Primary objective	PR + CR at 6 months	CR at 3 months
Inclusion criteria	<ul> <li>age <u>&gt; 18 years</u></li> <li>Treatment requiring MAA</li> <li>(transfusion dependency or ANC &lt; 1G/I or Thrombo &lt; 30G/I or Hb &lt; 8,5g/dI &amp; Reti &lt; 60G/I)</li> </ul>	- age <u>&gt;</u> 15 years - SAA/ vSAA - No primary allo-SCT
Treatment	<b>CsA + Eltrombopag</b> versus CsA + Placebo	hATG (ATGAM) + CsA + Eltrombopag versus h ATG + CsA
Eltrombopag Dosage	150 mg (225 mg)	150 mg
Design	Placebo controlled	Open lable
Patient number	2 x 58	2 x 100
Sponsor	University hospital Ulm	EBMT



# Eltrombopag in moderate Aplastic Anemia (MAA) and Supportive Care in Aplastic Anemia





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# **Trial Protocol**

## Efficacy and Safety of Eltrombopag in Patients with Acquired Moderate Aplastic Anemia (EMAA) who are treated with Ciclosporin A

#### Type of trial:

This is a prospective, randomized, placebo-controlled, double-blind multicenter study.

Patient numbers: 116 evaluable patients (58 each group)

#### **Treatment:**

Patients are randomized to receive either Cyclosporine + Eltrombopag or Cyclosporine + placebo

Eltrombopag (or Placebo) starting dose: of 150 mg orally per day

Option of dose modification regarding to response



# **THE RACE trial**

A prospective Randomized multicenter study comparing horse Antithymocyte globuline (hATG) + Cyclosporine A (CsA) ± Eltrombopag as front-line therapy for severe aplastic anemia patients.

## **PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS**

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A prospective Randomized multicenter study comparing horse Antithymocyte globuline (hATG) + Cyclosporine A (CsA) with or without Eltrombopag as front-line therapy for severe aplastic anemia patients – RACE STUDY(1)

	Working party	Principal investigators	Trial Coordinator
DACE Trial		Antonio M Risitano / Regis Peffault de Latour	Marleen van Os
RACE IRIAI 11 March 2016	<u>SAA-WP</u>	To investigate whether <b>Eltro</b> GSK) added to standard in treatment, CsA + hATG ( <u>ATGA</u> the rate of early complete respondents patients* * Patients will be stratified by age a	<b>mbopag</b> (Revolade, mmune-suppressive <u>M</u> , Pfizer) increases onse in untreated AA nd disease severity
	Participating countries		



## THE EBMT RACE STUDY Study design

 An EBMT Severe Aplastic Anemia Working Party study (approved by the CTO), entirely funded by Novartis and Pfizer

- ✓Aim of the study: to improve the current standard treatment for SAA
  - To improve the robustness of hematological response of SAA patients receiving IST
- Prospective, open label, phase III randomized study
  - Control arm: horse ATG (40 mg/kg x 4dd, iv) + cyclosporine (5 mg/kg, os)
  - Investigational arm: horse ATG + cyclosporine + eltrombopag (150 mg/ die, os)

Type B trial, because eltrombopag may theoretically result in a somewhat higher risk (mostly clonal evolution) in comparison to standard medical care

 Participating centers: 30 sites from 7 EU Countries (France, Italy, UK, Germany, Spain, Netherlands, Switzerland)



## THE EBMT RACE STUDY Statistical design

## Superiority study

### ✓ Sample size calculation

- Aiming to increase the 3m CR rate from 7% (Scheinberg, Haematologica 2010) to 21% (current NIH data)
- Sample size to reject the null hypothesis at 5% significance level (alpha-error) and with 80% power (two-sided test) is n=96 patients for treatment arm
- Sample size increased by 4% to compensate for possibly not evaluable patients: total number of 200 patients (100 each arm)

### ✓ Randomization

- 1:1 randomization, including a stratified block design
- Stratification according to:
  - Disease severity:
    - Severe aplastic anemia (SAA)
    - Very severe aplastic anemia (VSAA: SAA plus ANC <200/µL)</li>
  - Age:
    - >=15 and <40 year old</p>
    - >=40 year old

No stopping rules (study continuation led to discretion of the DMSB)
 No interim analysis

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# **SAA-WP**





## THE EBMT RACE STUDY Study flow-chart



3 month evaluation: primary endpoint

**Initial treatment** 

6 month evaluation: stop eltrombopag Possible cross-over (standard arm only)

12 month evaluation:

Relapse: possible eltrombopag re-starting (investigational arm only)

24 month evaluation: end of the study



## RACE trial – participating sites



Country	# sites
France	6 (6 open) +2
Germany	5 (on hold)
Italy	6 (2 open) +3
Netherlands	4 (3 open)
Spain	5 (1 open)
Switzerland	1 (0 open) +1
United Kingdom	5
Total	32 (up to 40)

Brazil	Back up site?
BIGEN	Baon ap ono.

# Patient recruitment (October 10, 2016)

46 patients, 16 sites open (10 sites recruiting) out of 27 sites (not DE)



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Patient recruitment is excellent for the number of sites

Delays are in site opening (contracts and regulatory hurdles) – improving

 Target of 50 patients (milestone Novartis) by end Oct – on track (September 14 patients, October 10 so far) ELTROMBOPAG ADDED TO STANDARD IMMUNOSUPPRESSION AS FIRST TREATMENT IN APLASTIC ANEMIA

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# STUDY DESIGN ELTROMBOPAG ADDED TO IST



clinicaltrials.gov NCT01623167

## **RESPONSE RATES**

	Cohort 1 N=30	Cohort 2 N=31	Cohort 3 N=31	All Cohorts N=92
	N (%)	N (%)	N (%)	N (%)
3 months				<u>86/92</u>
OR	23 (77)	24 (77)	23/25 (92)	70 (81)
CR	5 (17)	8 (26)	11/25 (44)	24 (28)
6 months				<u>81/92</u>
OR	24 (80)	27 (87)	19/20 (95)	70 (86)
CR	10 (33)	8 (26)	12/20 (60)	30 (37)



## **RESPONSE RATES**

	Cohort 1 N=30	Co <mark>hort 2</mark> N=31	Cohort 3 N=31	All Co N=	Historic rates N=388*
	N (%)	N (%)	N (%)		
3 months				<u>86/</u>	<u>92</u>
OR	23 (77)	2 <mark>4</mark> (77)	2 <mark>3/2</mark> 5·( <del>92</del> )· · -	—• <del>• 81</del>	<mark>%──</mark> ── 60%
CR	5 (17)	8 (26)	1 <mark>1#2</mark> 5 (44)···-	—· <del>←28</del>	<del>%                                    </del>
6 months				<u>81/</u>	9 <u>2</u>
OR	24 (80)	2 <mark>7</mark> (87)	1 <mark>9/2</mark> 0·( <del>95</del> ) · -	- · • <del>* 86</del>	<mark>% 6</mark> 3%
CR	10 (33)	8 (26)	1 <mark>2/2</mark> 0 ( <del>60</del> )···-	<mark>- · → 37</mark>	<mark>%</mark> 12%

\* IST only (hATG and CsA)



## RACE trial – ancillary biological study (King's College)

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#### **Regular Article**

#### **MYELOID NEOPLASIA**

#### Somatic mutations identify a subgroup of aplastic anemia patients who progress to myelodysplastic syndrome

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#### Table 3. Details of all the somatic mutations in the study

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29* ASXL1 41	Stopgain SNV	c.G4068A:p.W1356X	Skin
33* BCOR 68	Stopgain SNV	c.G4832A:p.W1611X	Skin
40* ASXL1 31	Nonframeshift deletion	c.2894_2896del:p.965_966del	Buccal
46* MPL 10	Nonsynonymous SNV	c.G1544T:p.W515L	Buccal
64 DNMT3A 47	Nonsynonymous SNV	c.C2644T:p.R882C	Skin
66 ASXL1 37	Frameshift deletion	c.2433delT:p.N811fs	Skin
67 U2AF1 19	Nonsynonymous SNV	c.C101A:p.S34Y	Skin
69 ASXL1 34	Stopgain SNV	c.C2077T:p.R693X	Buccal
70 ASXL1 2	Stopgain SNV	c.G2026T:p.E676X	Buccal
70 BCOR 14	Stopgain SNV	c.T912G:p.Y304X	Buccal
73 BCOR 6	Frameshift insertion	c.4834_4835insC:p.L1612fs	Skin
79 ASXL1 36	Stopgain SNV	c.G2026T:p.E676X	Buccal
81 ASXL1 3	Stopgain SNV	c.T2324G:p.L775X	Skin
88 ASXL1 7	Frameshift deletion	c.2126delC:p.A709fs	Skin
93 DNMT3A 8	Stopgain SNV	C2311T:p.R771X	Skin
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107 ASXL1 30	Stopgain SNV	c.T2468G:p.L823X	Buccal
129 DNMT3A 5	Nonsynonymous SNV	c.G2207A:p.R736H	Skin
130 DNMT3A 5	Nonsynonymous SNV	c.G2645A:p.R882H	Skin
140 BCOR 5	Frameshift deletion	c.4760delC:p.P1587fs	Buccal
142 DNMT3A 1.5	Nonsynonymous SNV	c.C2644T:p.B882C	Buccal

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## **CLONAL EVOLUTION** *A matter of definition*

Consider oligoclonal hematopoiesis in AA due to HSC reduction

Pre-existing vs subsequent?



Fixation of neutral mutation (founder effect) vs true clonal complication



# Clonal evolution VS evolution of clones
# **DISMAL vs BENIGN CLONAL EVOLUTION**



## 5 luglio 1984

# SOMATIC MUTATION IN HSC The lesson from ageing

The NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL of MEDICINE

#### ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Age-Related Clonal Hematopoiesis Associated with Adverse Outcomes

- 17,182 individuals unselected for hematologic phenotypes
- detectable mutations in 746 persons (4.3%)
- Most common variants in three genes: DNMT3A, TET2, and ASXL1
- The presence of a somatic mutation was associated with increased risk:
  - hematologic cancer (hazard ratio, 11.1; 95% CI 3.9-32.6)
  - all-cause mortality (HR 1.4; 95% CI 1.1-1.8)
  - incident coronary heart disease (HR 2.0; 95% CI 1.2-3.4)
  - ischemic stroke (HR 2.6; 95% CI 1.4-4.8)





**Figure 1. Prevalence of Somatic Mutations, According to Age.** Colored bands, in increasingly lighter shades, represent the 50th, 75th, and 95th percentiles.

#### Siddhartha Jaiswal et al, Dec 2014

# **THE DUAL PATHOPHYSIOLOGY OF PNH** *Rotoli and Luzzatto, Baillieres Clin Haematol 1989; Cell, 1997*





Bruno Rotoli

1937-2009

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### Somatic Mutations in Paroxysmal Nocturnal Hemoglobinuria: A Blessing in Disguise?

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Figure 2. A Model for the Pathogenesis of PNH

# Deep sequencing reveals stepwise mutation acquisition in paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria

0%

10%

20%

30%

40%

MDS clone

**PNH** clone

50%

60%

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# **HEMATOPOIESIS AND PNH** Long-term support from a single HSC

HEMATOPOIESIS



# Long-term support of hematopoiesis by a single stem cell clone in patients with paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria

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Patient	Mutation	Previous analysis			Current analysis			
		PB PMN		BM Colonies/bursts	PB PMN		BM MNC	Duration
		CD59- (%)	mRNA (AS)	DNA (AS)	CD59- (%)	DNA (AS)	DNA (AS)	(y)
J4	298C to T	50	11/22	ND	98	3/10	ND	7
	273C to A		0/10	ND		2/10	ND	
J5	1309C del	65	10/20	ND	97	9/9	ND	7
J3	383A to G	97	18/20	ND	93	4/10	ND	7
J11	408T del	83	15/20	ND	82	7/18	ND	7
J13	116C to A	87	18/20	ND	73	7/10	ND	7
J19	987 T ins	78	14/27	13/25	61	5/10	10/10	8
	338 T to C		ND	2/25		0/15	1/16	
	1003 G to T		2/27	4/25		0/10	0/10	
	1028 AA del		0/27	2/25		0/10	0/10	
J12	936A del	94	14/20	ND	33	4/16	ND	6
	322A del		1/12	ND		2/11	ND	
J15	Int 5	99	(Major)	ND	57	4/10	ND	7
	3'splice site							
	G to A							
	368A ins		(Minor)	ND		1/9	ND	
J16	Int 5	98	5/5	ND	43	4/18	ND	10
	5'splice site							
	T del							

AS indicates amplified subclones; Duration, the period between the previous analysis and the current analysis; ND, not done.





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