

# Leukemia and subsequent solid tumors among patients with myeloproliferative neoplasms

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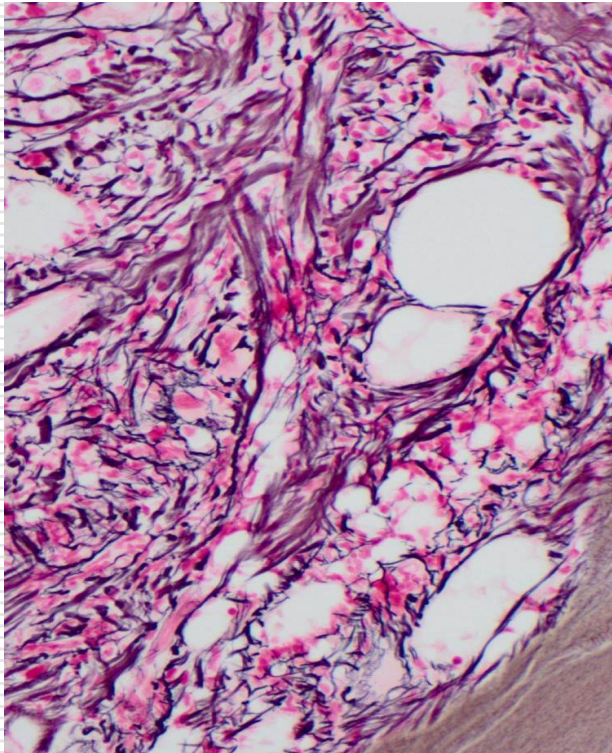
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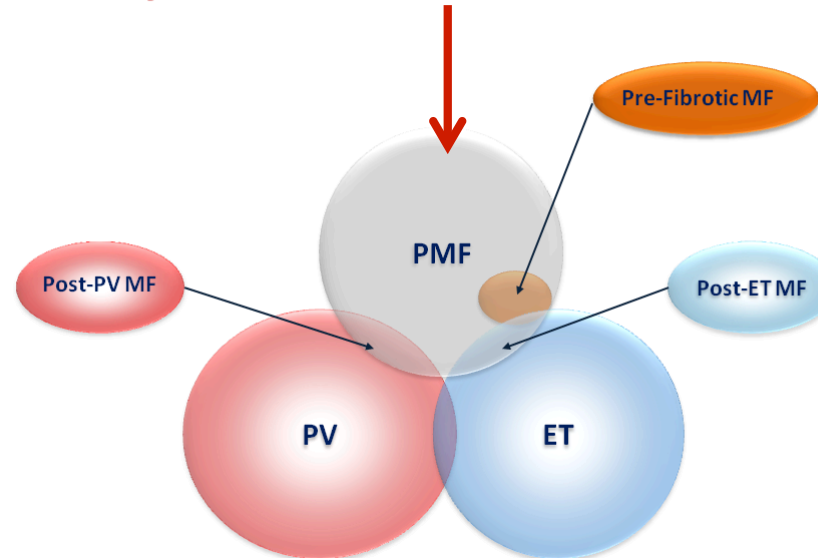
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# Myelofibrosis:

Heterogeneous disease including Primary MF, post ET/PV MF, early PMF

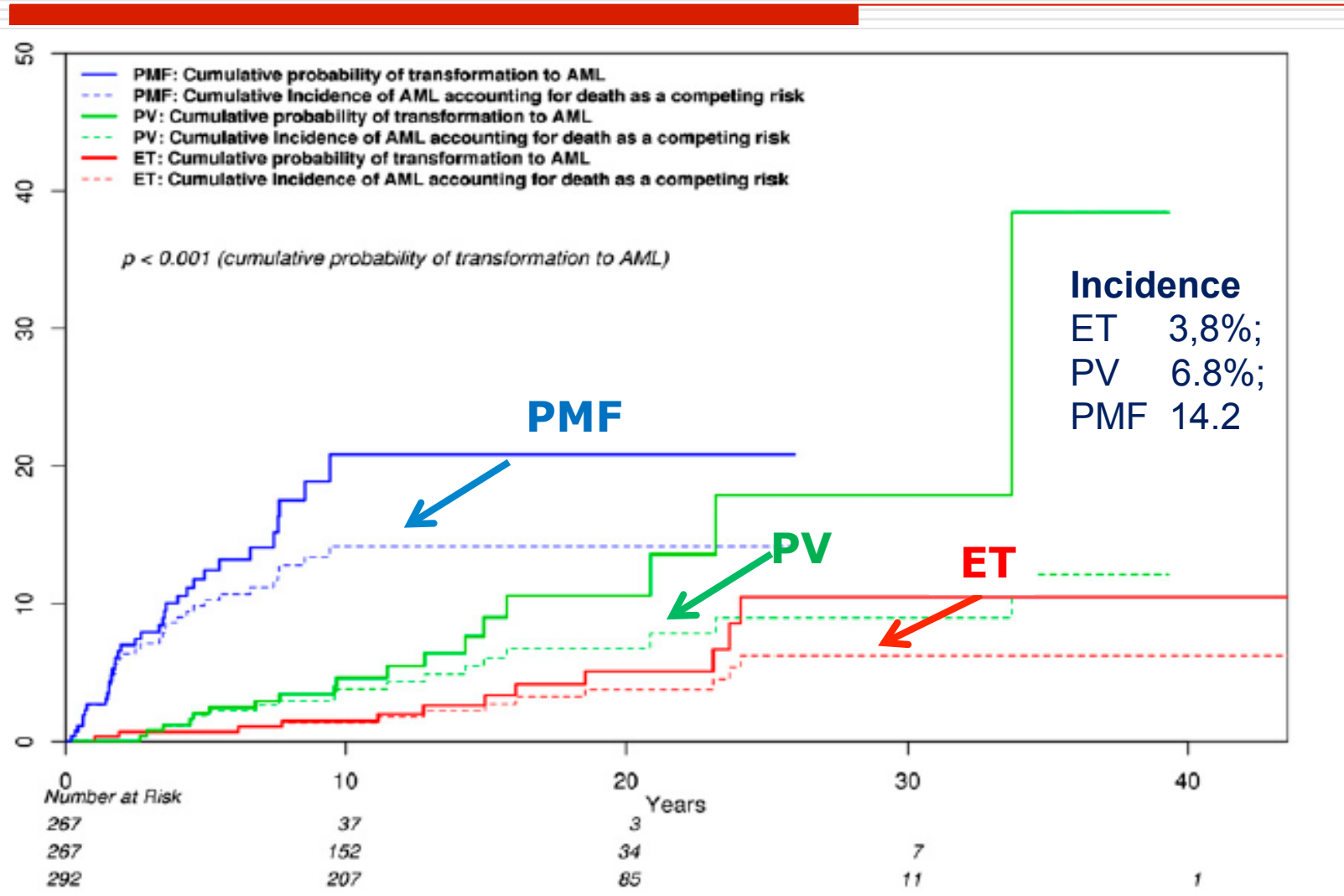


## Myelofibrosis: What's in a Name?



Mesa R et al. Leuk Res 2011; 35:12-3

# Comparison of blastic transformation rates among 865 Mayo Clinic patients with MPN accounting for death as competing risk.



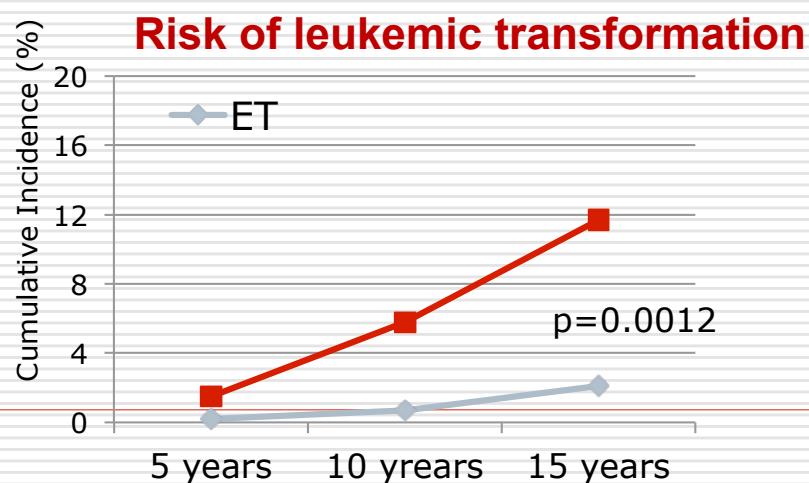
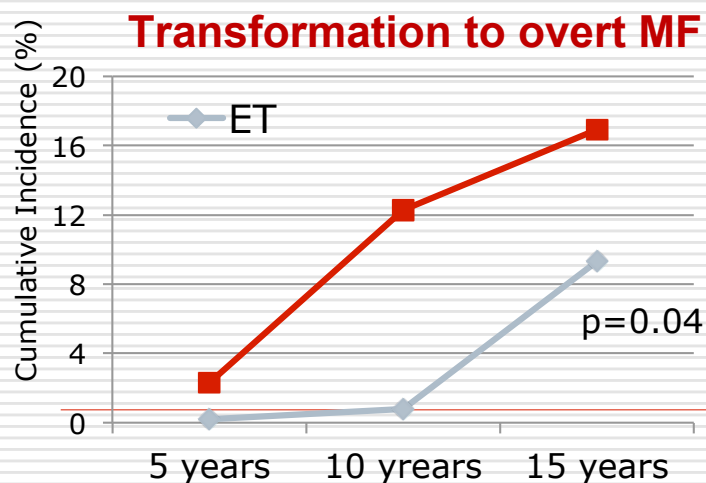
# Cumulative incidence of myelofibrosis in PV/ET and acute leukemia: a literature review of incidence

Diagnosis	at 10 years	at 15 years
Post-PV MF	4.9 – 6%	6 – 14%
Post-ET MF	0.8 – 4.9%	4 – 11%
<b>Post-PV AML</b>	<b>2.3 – 14.4%</b>	<b>5.5 – 18.7%</b>
<b>Post-ET AML</b>	<b>0.7 – 3%</b>	<b>2.1 – 5.3%</b>

# Disease progression in prePMF and ET according to WHO diagnosis

Event	No. of Events	% of Events	Incidence per 100 Patient-Years	IRR	<i>P</i>	5-Year Cumulative Incidence (%)	10-Year Cumulative Incidence (%)	15-Year Cumulative Incidence (%)
<b>Thrombosis</b>								
ET	109	12	1.7	1.1	.57	8.7	16.2	21.5
Early/prefibrotic PMF	26	15	1.9			6.6	17.9	25.4
<b>Transformation to overt myelofibrosis</b>								
ET	32	4	0.5	2.0	.04	0.2	0.8	9.3
Early/prefibrotic PMF	14	8	1			2.3	12.3	16.9
<b>Leukemic transformation</b>								
ET	8	1	0.1	5.2	.0012	0.2	0.7	2.1
Early/prefibrotic PMF	9	5	0.6			1.5	5.8	11.7
<b>Death</b>								
ET	87	10	1.3	2.1	.0002	3.0	14.8	24.6
Early/prefibrotic PMF	40	22	2.7			8.6	24.4	56.1

International Study on 1,104 Patients



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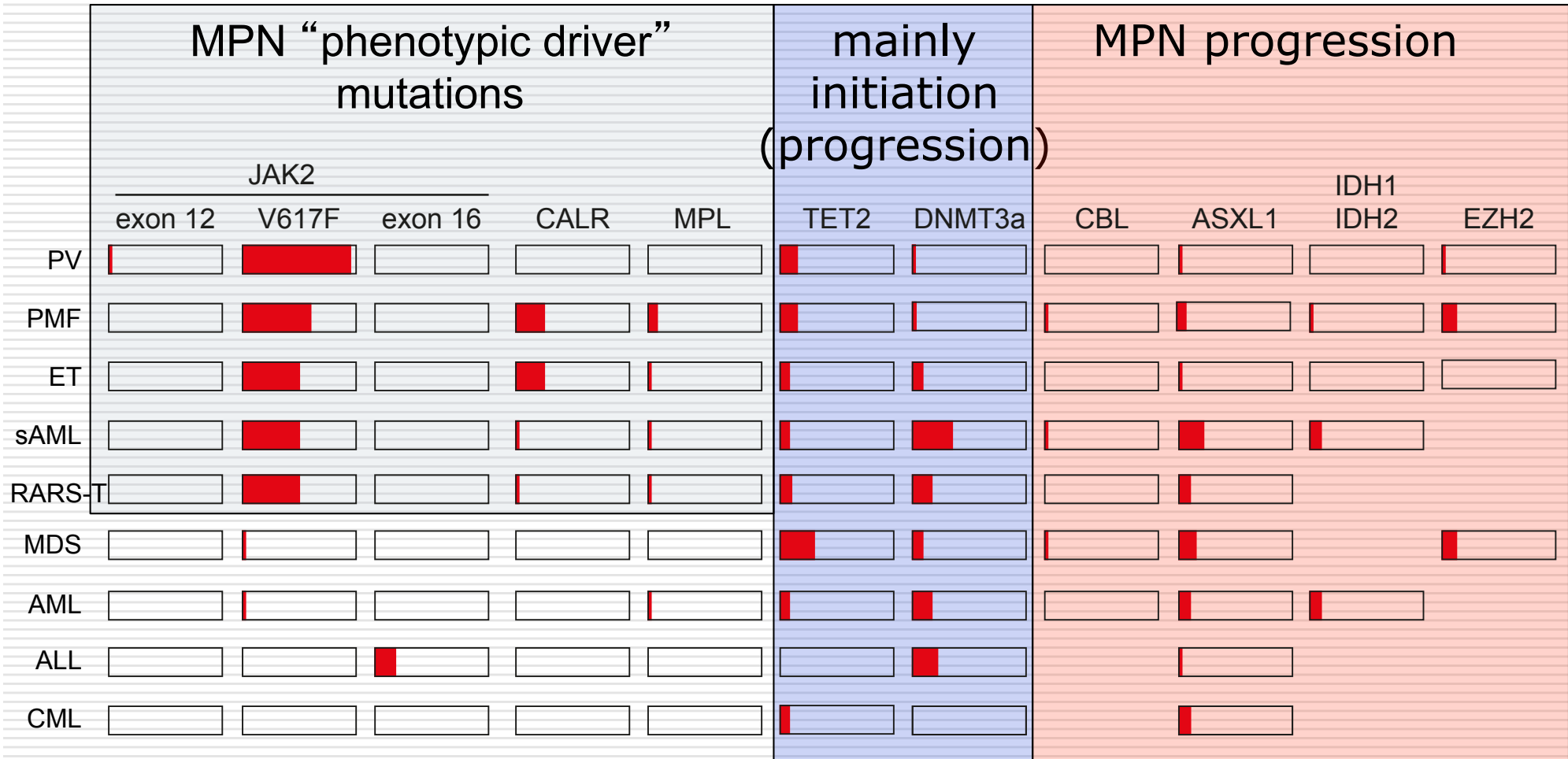
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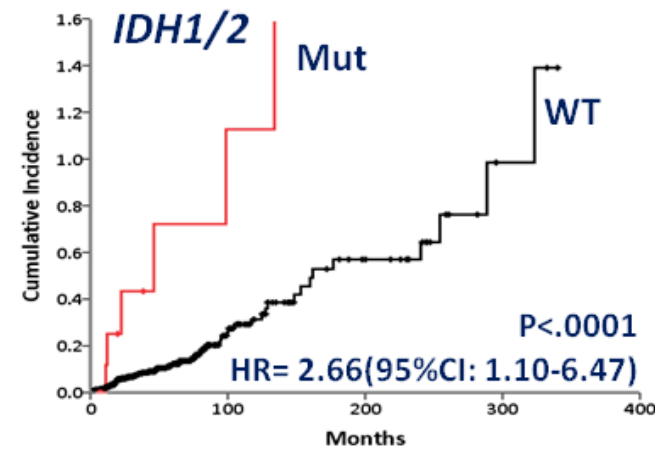
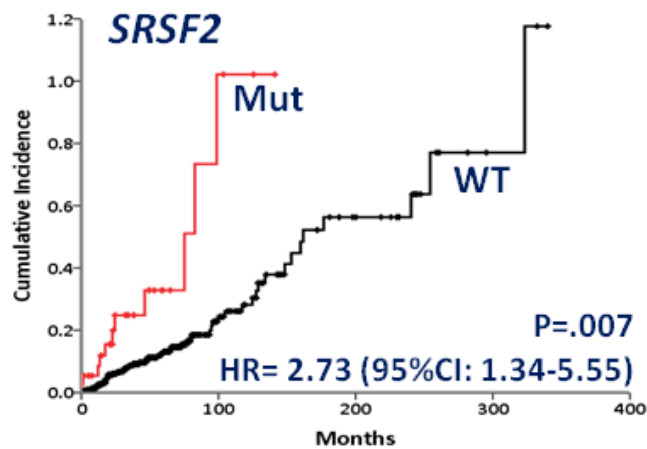
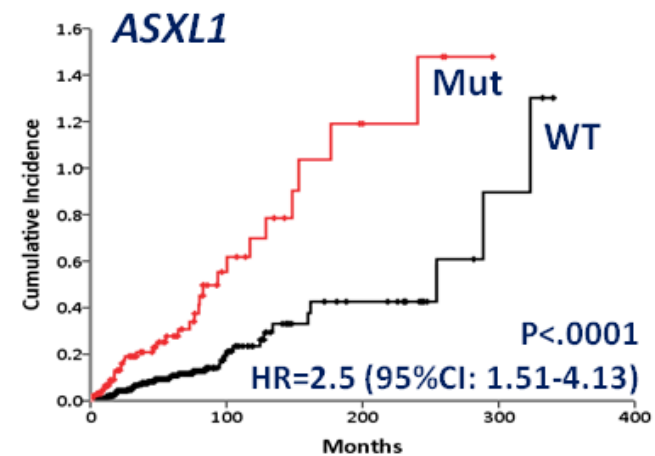
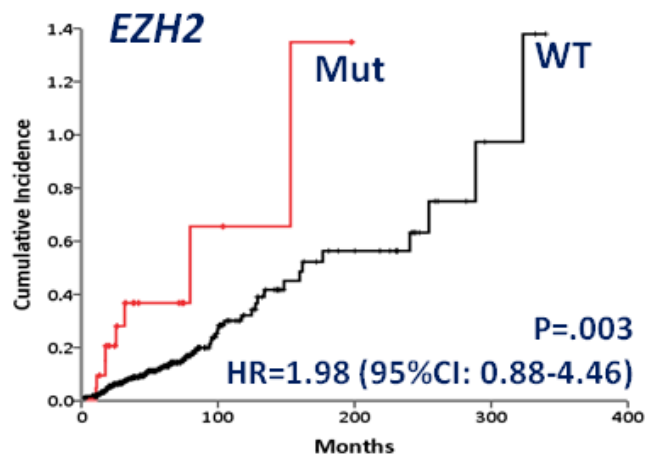
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# Somatic mutations in MPNs





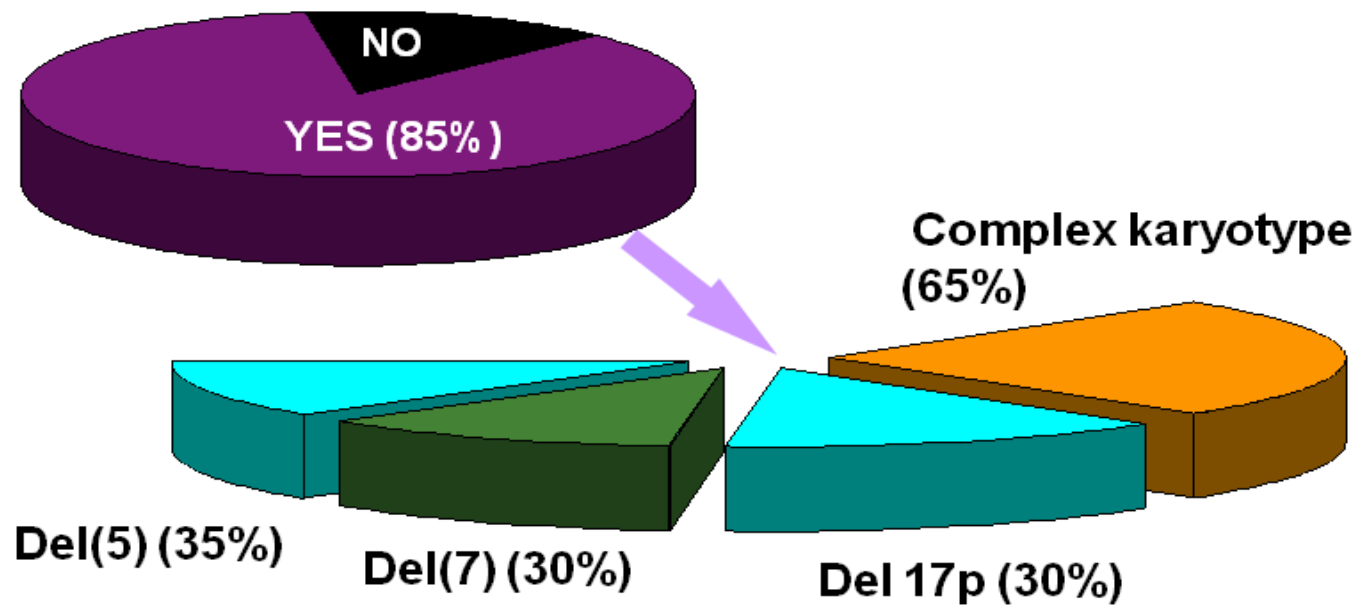
# PMF: Mutations Associated with Blast Phase at Multivariate Analysis



\* Competitive Risk Analysis

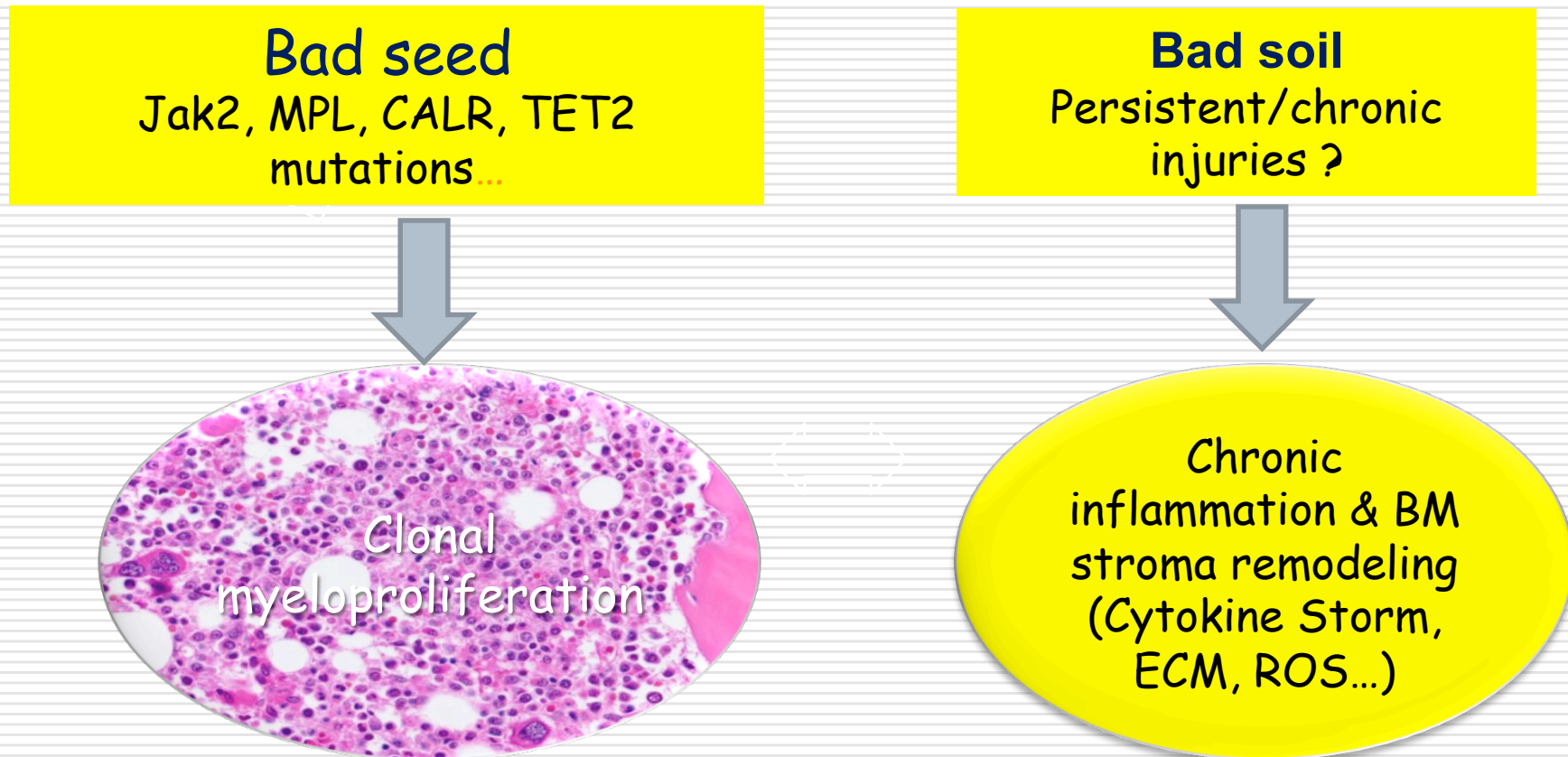
Guglielmelli, P. et al., ASH 2012; Abs. 431

## Blast Phase MPN: Cytogenetic Abnormalities

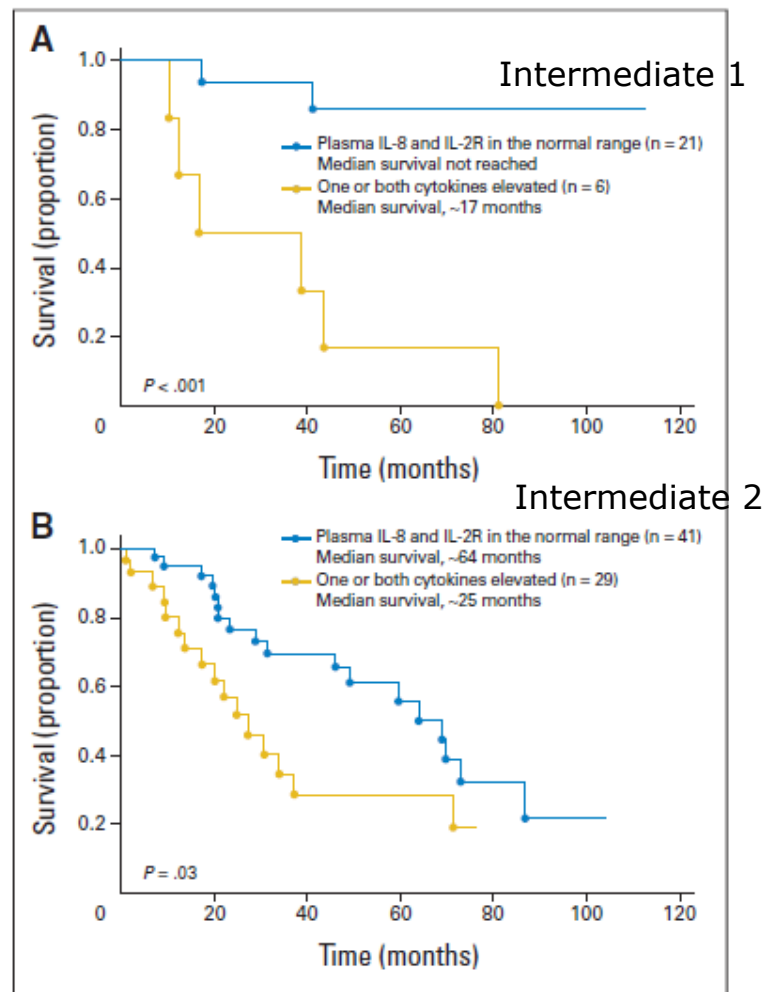
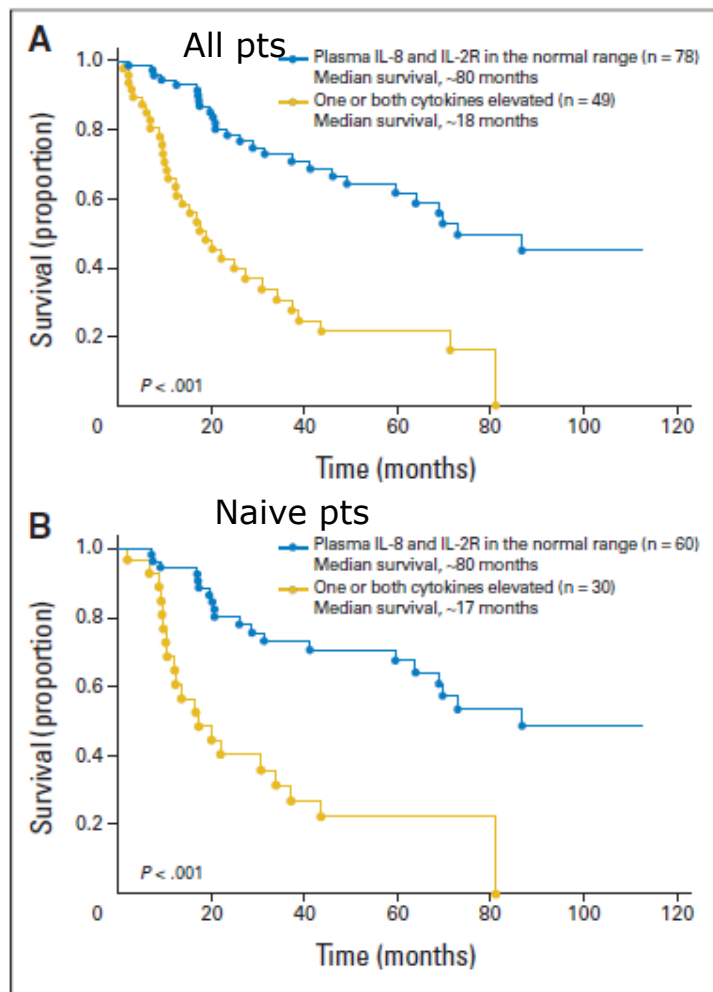


# Role for inflammation as a driver and/or a consequence of clonal evolution in MPNs?

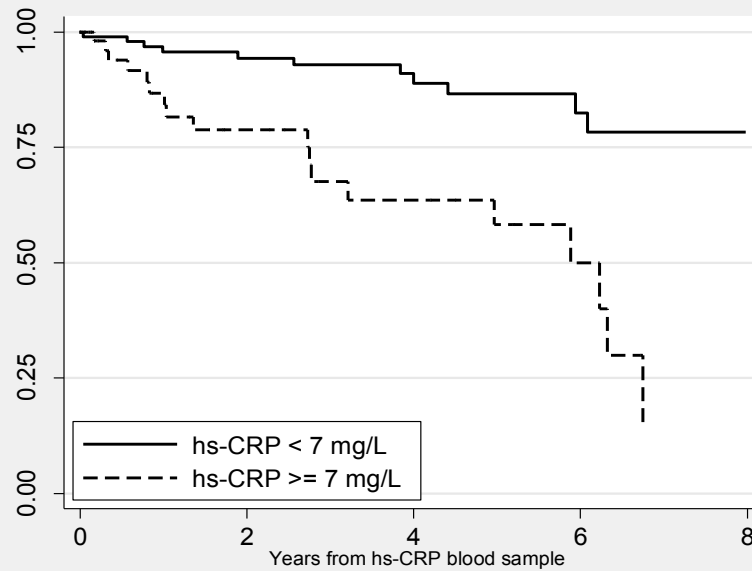
*Clonal disorders in an inflammatory context*



# Changes in the levels of cytokines in Myelofibrosis distinguish two prognostic groups in intermediate-1 and 2.

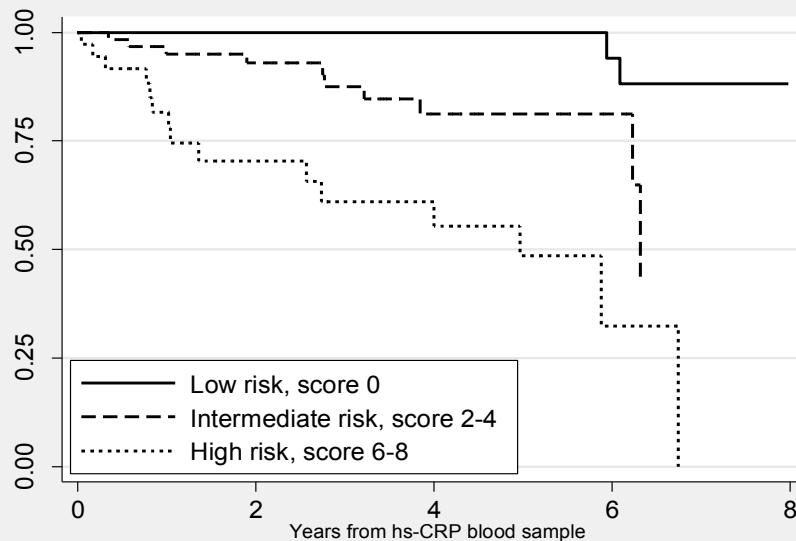


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Number at risk		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
hs-CRP < 7 mg/L	99	(5)	72	(2)	45	(3)	20	(1)	6	
hs-CRP ≥ 7 mg/L	56	(9)	25	(4)	16	(2)	5	(3)	1	

B



Number at risk		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Low Risk	37	(0)	30	(0)	26	(1)	16	(1)	5	
Interm. Risk	71	(4)	45	(4)	22	(0)	6	(2)	2	
High Risk	37	(9)	15	(2)	11	(3)	2	(1)	0	

## CRP and Leukemia-free survival in PMF

by high ( $\geq 7$ mg/L) and low ( $< 7$ mg/L) levels of hs-CRP (A) and according to the new scoring system (B).

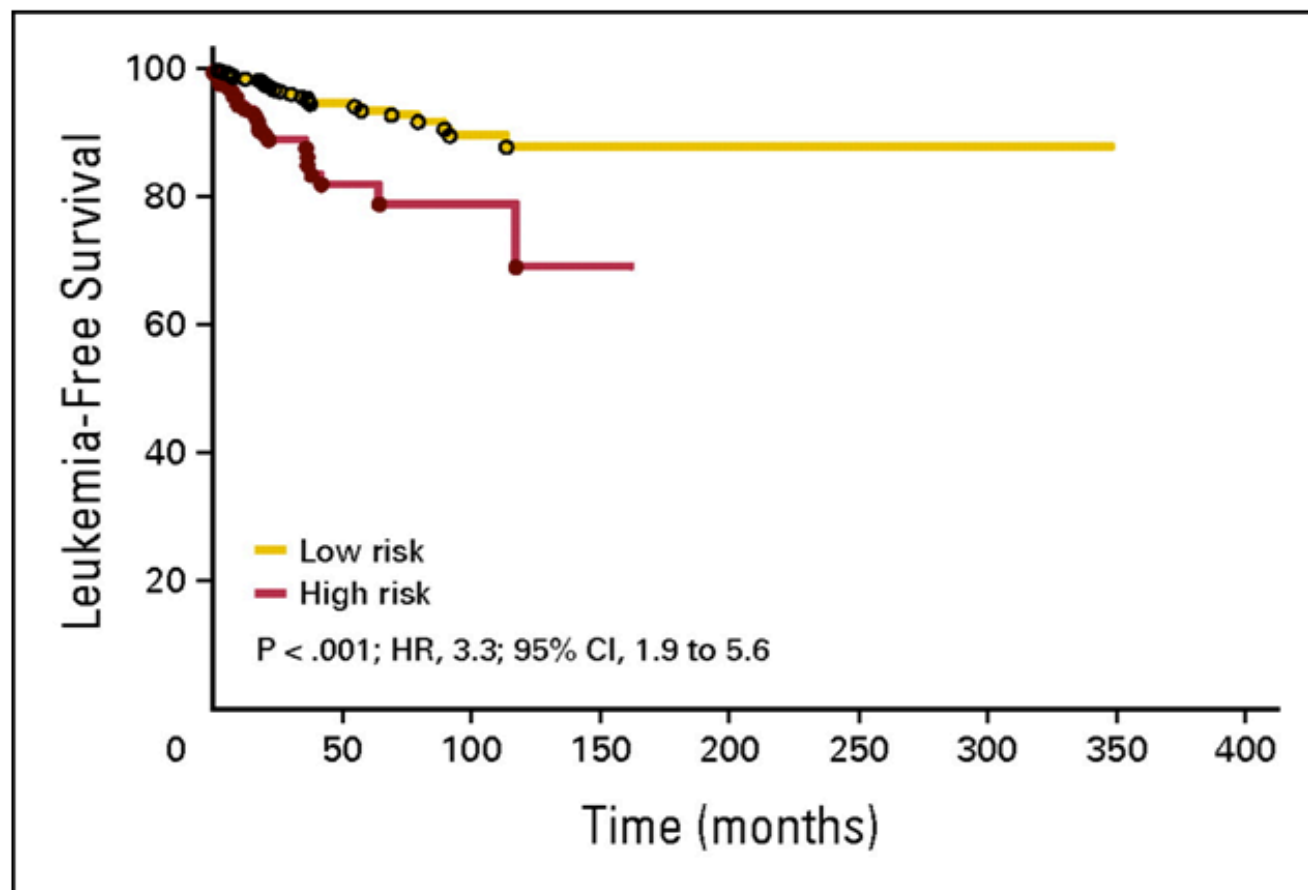
Barbui T, et al.

**Elevated C-Reactive Protein is associated with shortened leukemia-free survival in patients with myelofibrosis**

Leukemia (2013) 27, 2084–2086

# Leukemia-free survival in PMF stratified by DIPSS-plus (n = 793)

Thrombocytopenia and unfavourable karyotype predicted for leukemic transformation



# Risk for AML/MDS transformation in PH-neg Chronic Myeloproliferative Neoplasms-

A population based nested case-control study

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**11,039** pts with MPN from the Swedish Cancer Registry  
PV=138 ET=32 MF=21

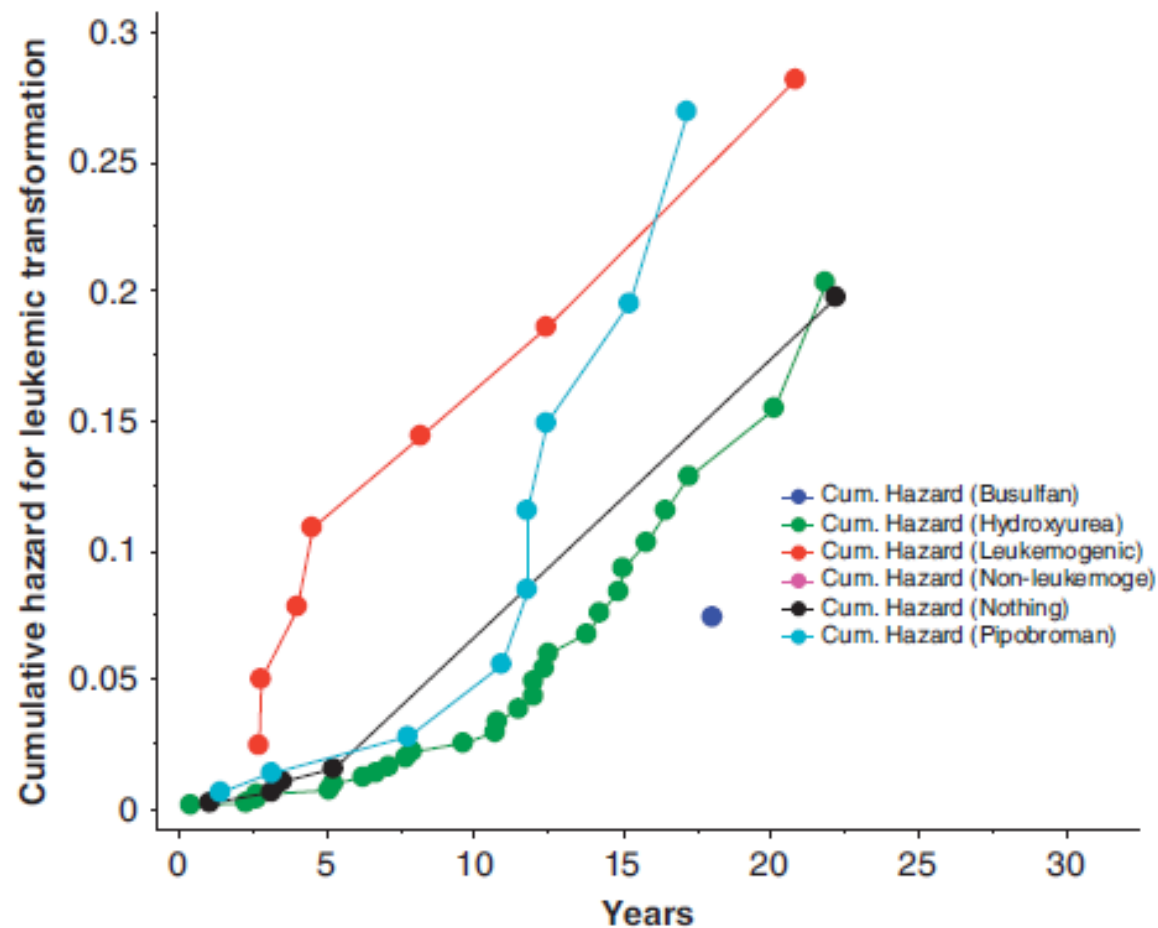
**193 AML** and **13 MDS** ( cases) compared with matched controls  
**Median time** from diagnosis to AML/MDS was 7 years ( 0.5-35 yr)

**Exposure to Hydroxyurea** (different dosage from <500g to >1000 g)  
compared to no exposure : Odd Ratio 1.07 (0.42-2.70)

**25% of AML/MDS in untreated patients**

**Conclusion:** HU did not significantly increase the Risk for  
transformation to AML/MDS

# Cumulative incidence and time to event for AML transformation among 1545 pts stratified by the first cytoreductive drugs they were exposed to.



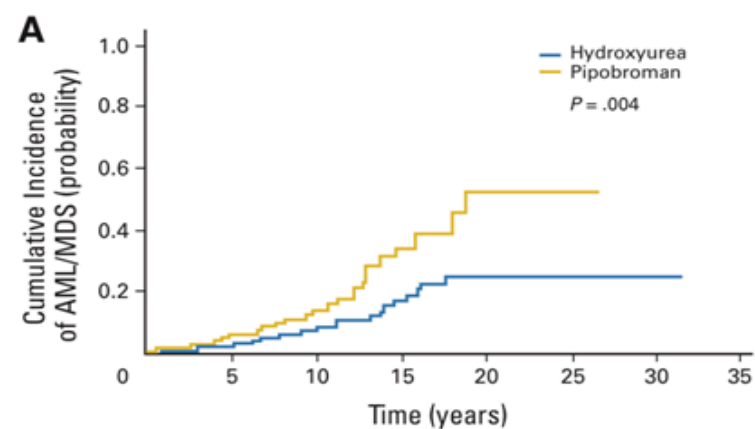


## Treatment of Polycythemia Vera With Hydroxyurea and Pipobroman: Final Results of a Randomized Trial Initiated in 1980

Jean-Jacques Kiladjian, Sylvie Chevret, Christine Dosquet, Christine Chomienne, and Jean-Didier Rain

- Evolution to AML/MDS

	10 years	15 years	20 years
Total cohort	9.8%	24%	34%
HU (ITT)	6.6%	16.5%	24%
Pipo (ITT)	13%	34%	52%



# Interferon and malignancies in Polycythemia Vera. Case-control study from ECLAP

	<b>Control N=120</b> N (%) IR x 100 pts/yrs	<b>Only INF N=40</b> N (%) IR x 100 pts/yrs
<b>Death from any cause</b>	6 (5.0) 2.0	2 (5.0) 1.8
<b>Total thrombosis</b>	8 (6.7) 2.8	6 (15.0) 5.8
<b>Hematological transformation and cancer</b>	<b>9 (7.5)</b> <b>3.0</b>	<b>0 (0.0)</b> <b>0.0</b>
Hematological transformation (acute leukemia + MDS)	2 (1.7) 0.6	0 (0.0) 0.0
Myelofibrosis	4 (3.3) 1.4	0 (0.0) 0.0
Solid tumors	4 (3.3) 1.4	0 (0.0) 0.0

# Ruxolitinib in MF Adverse Events: 5-Year Final Study Results (exposure adjusted)

Preferred Term, n (exposure-adjusted rate)	Ruxolitinib Randomized (n = 146)	Ruxolitinib Randomized + Extension (n = 146)	BAT Randomized (n = 73)	Ruxolitinib Crossover (n = 45)	Total Ruxolitinib (n = 191)
Patient-year exposure	170.12	409.52	66.98	79.70	489.22
<b>Bleeding events</b>					
Bruising	24 (14.1)	38 (9.3)	6 (9.0)	12 (15.1)	50 (10.2)
GI bleeding	10 (5.9)	16 (3.9)	2 (3.0)	4 (5.0)	20 (4.1)
Intracranial	2 (1.2)	2 (0.5)	0	1 (1.3)	3 (0.6)
Other	42 (24.7)	60 (14.7)	14 (20.9)	18 (22.6)	78 (15.9)
<b>Infections</b>					
Herpes zoster	9 (5.3)	16 (3.9)	0	6 (7.5)	22 (4.5)
Pneumonia	8 (4.7)	21 (5.1)	7 (10.5)	4 (5.0)	25 (5.1)
Sepsis/septic shock	5 (2.9)	12 (2.9)	0	3 (3.8)	15 (3.1)
Tuberculosis	1 (0.6)	2 (0.5)	0	0	2 (0.4)
UTI	23 (13.5)	37 (9.0)	5 (7.5)	10 (12.5)	47 (9.6)
<b>Tumors</b>					
Malignancies	12 (7.1)	31 (7.6)	3 (4.5)	4 (5.0)	35 (7.2)
NMSC	9 (5.3)	25 (6.1)	2 (3.0)	1 (1.3)	26 (5.3)

8 patients (5.5%) in the ruxolitinib arm and 5 patients (6.8%) in the BAT arm developed AML over the course of follow-up

AML, acute myeloid leukemia; GI, gastrointestinal; NMSC, nonmelanoma

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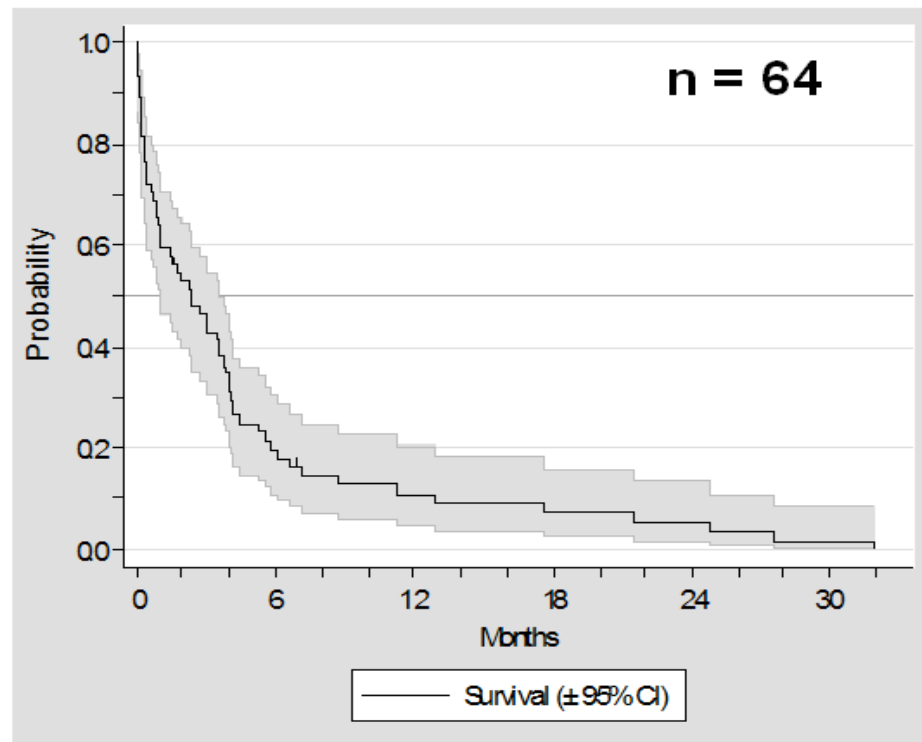
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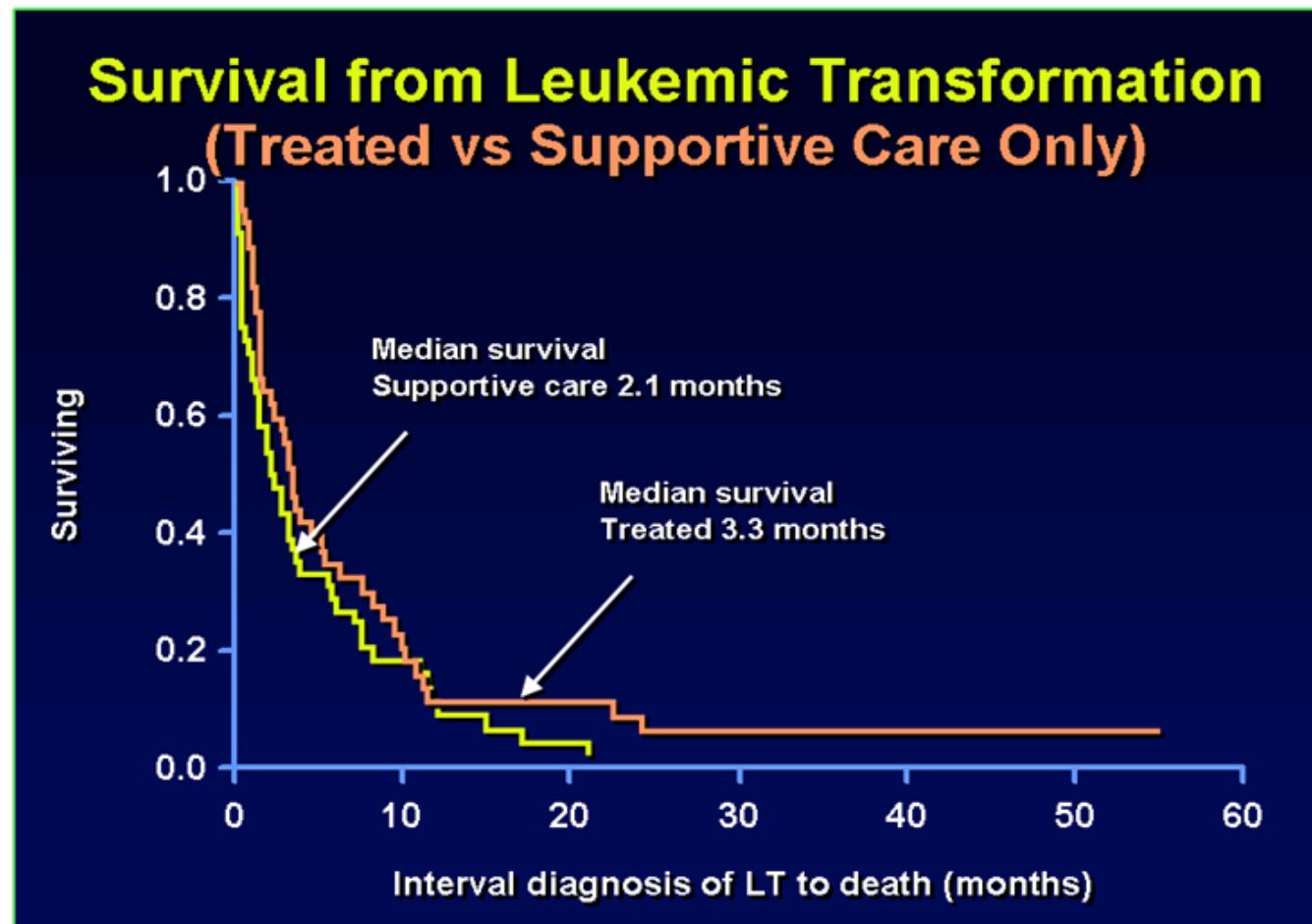
- Supportive
  - AML-like treatment
  - Stem cell transplantation
  - JAK2 inhibitors
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## Survival after Leukemic Transformation in ET and PV



Hernandez-Boluda et al., *Blood* 2012; 119:5221-5228

## Survival after Diagnosis of Blast Phase MPN (N= 91; BP post-MF)



# Allo-SCT in Blast Phase MPN

	MD Anderson	Mayo Clinic
No. of patients	14	8
Median age (range)	59 (50-67)	54 (44-72)
Status at SCT	CR: 6	CR: 5
RIC regimen	9	6
TRM *	29%	0%
PFS *	49%	75% **

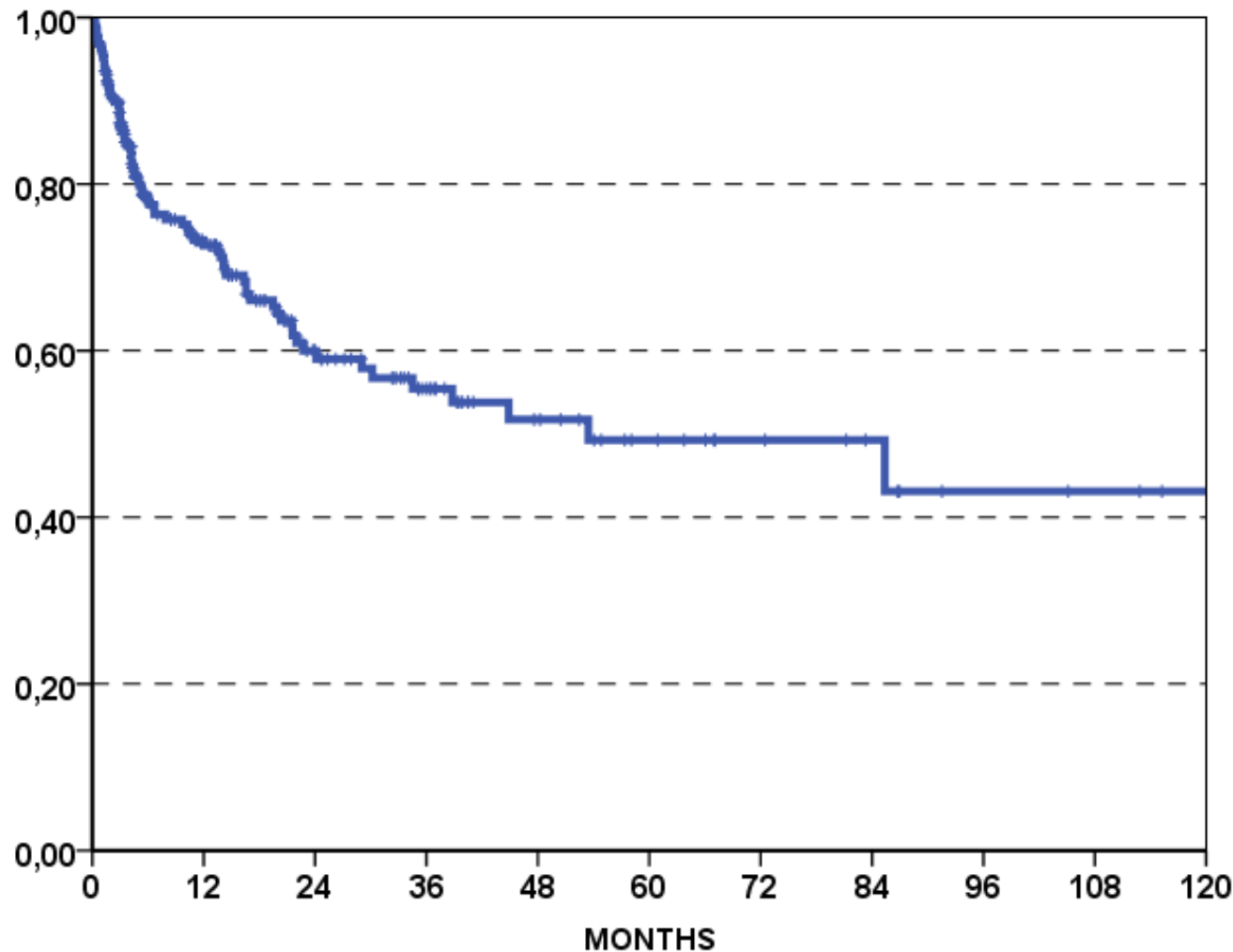
\* At 2 years; \*\* all patients were in CR at SCT

Ciurea *et al.*, Biol Blood Marrow Transplant 2010;16:555

Cherington *et al.*, Leuk Res 2012;36:1147

# Allogeneic SCT in AML and post-PV/ET MF

EBMT database (n=250)



## Overall survival

<55y: 65%

>55y: 47%

sAML: 28%

sMF: 62%

Related: 65%

Unrelated: 50%

Mismatch : 30%

[Rambaldi et al. EBMT 2011](#)



## Investigational drugs (II)

### New Drugs in BP-PMF

Drug	No. of pts.	Outcome
Ruxolitinib <sup>1</sup>	18	CR: 2; PR:1 (OR 17%)
Azacitidine <sup>2</sup>	26	CR: 2; PR:1 (OR 12%)

<sup>1</sup> Eghtedar *et al.*, Blood 2012; 119:4614-18

<sup>2</sup> Thepot *et al.*, Blood 2010; 116:3735-42

# CONCLUSION

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- The MPNs have a tendency to evolve into a blast phase. And are associated with higher risk to develop second tumors  
This tendency can be exacerbated by the genetic profile and by the use of some drugs
  - In PMF, the role of the *JAK2* mutation is controversial; mutations in the *ASXL1*, *EZH2*, *IDH1/2* and *SRSF2* genes are strong predictors of blast phase
  - The prognosis is very poor. In candidates for allo-SCT, CR should be achieved by AML therapy; for the remainder palliative or experimental therapies are reasonable options.
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