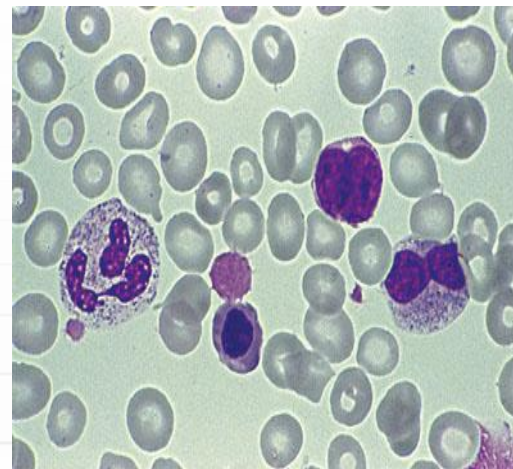
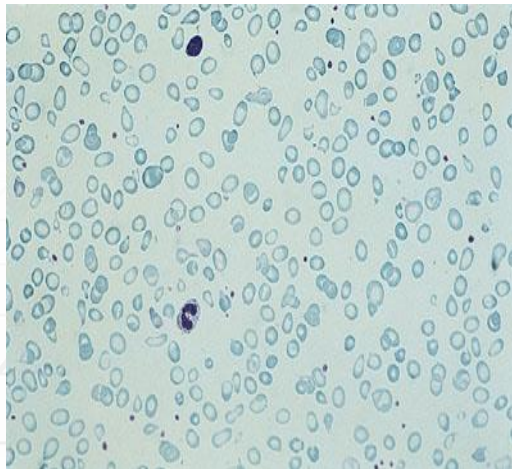
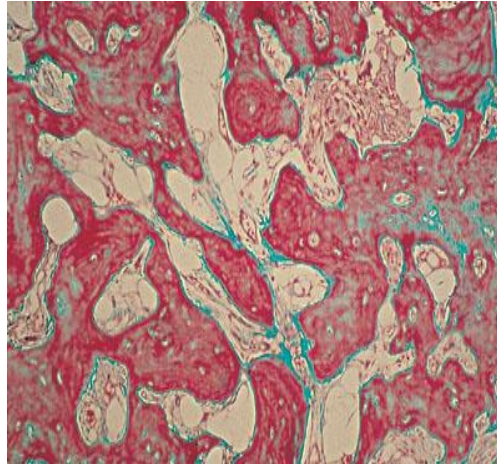
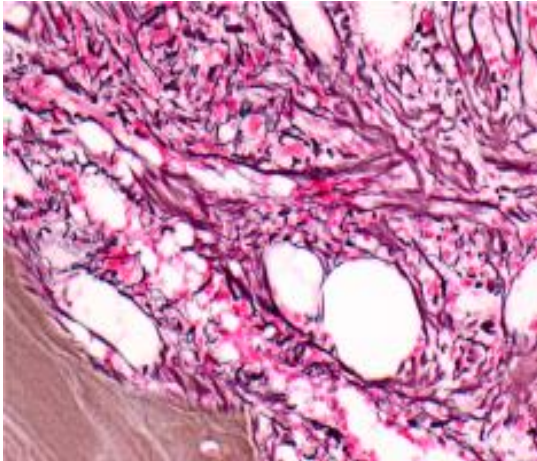


Current and Future Myelofibrosis Treatments

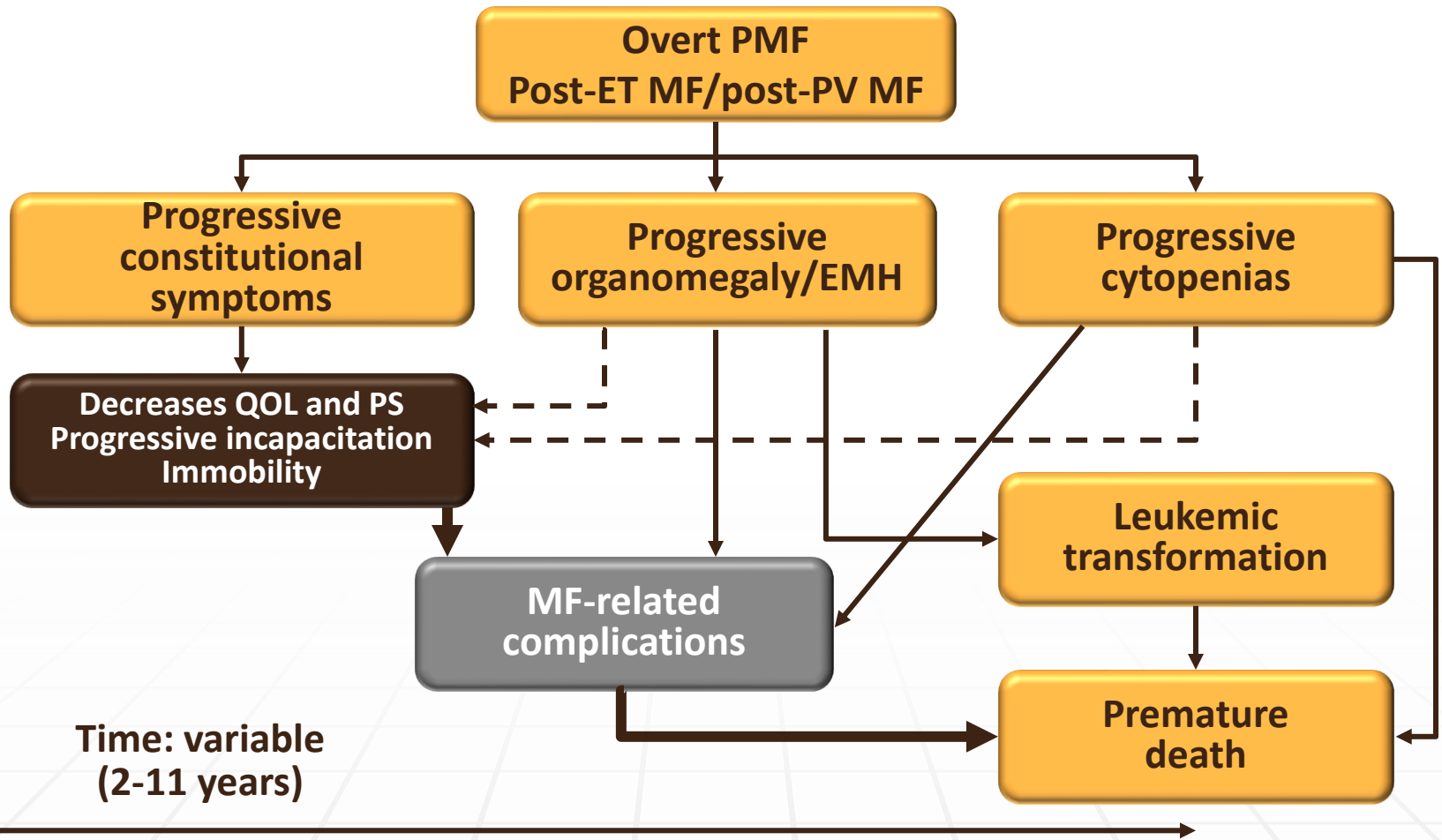
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Myelofibrosis

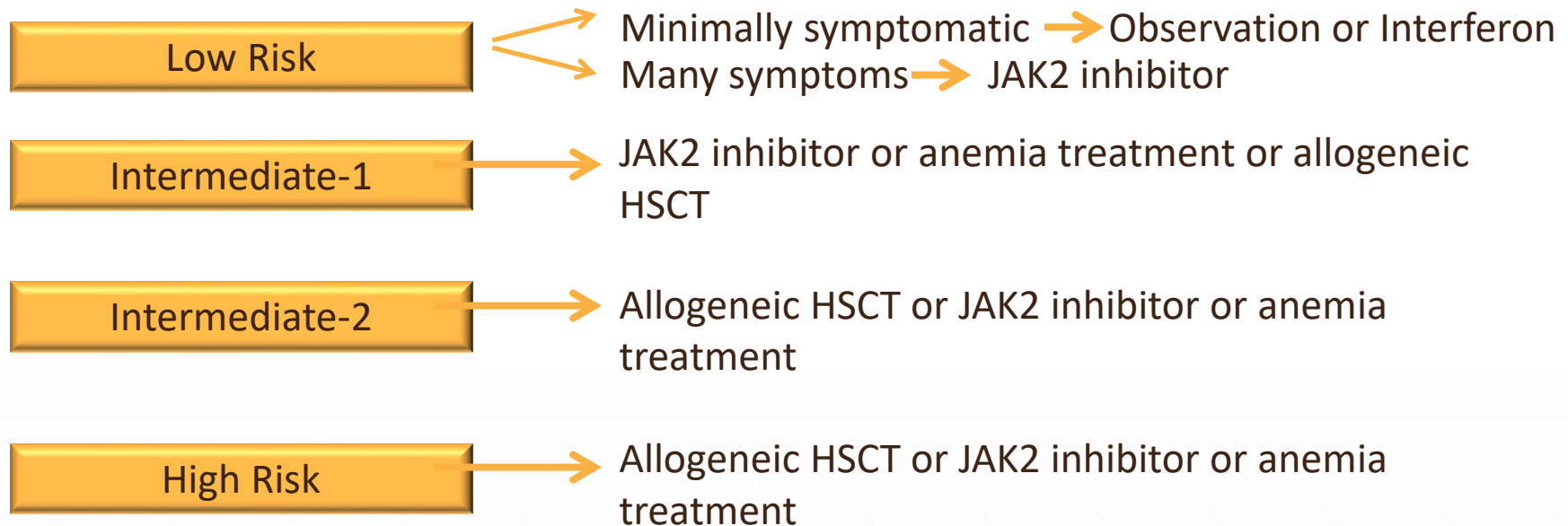


Disease Course and Complications in Patients with Myelofibrosis



Abbreviations: EMH, extramedullary hematopoiesis; ET, essential thrombocythemia; PMF, primary myelofibrosis; PS, performance status; PV, polycythemia vera; QOL, quality of life.

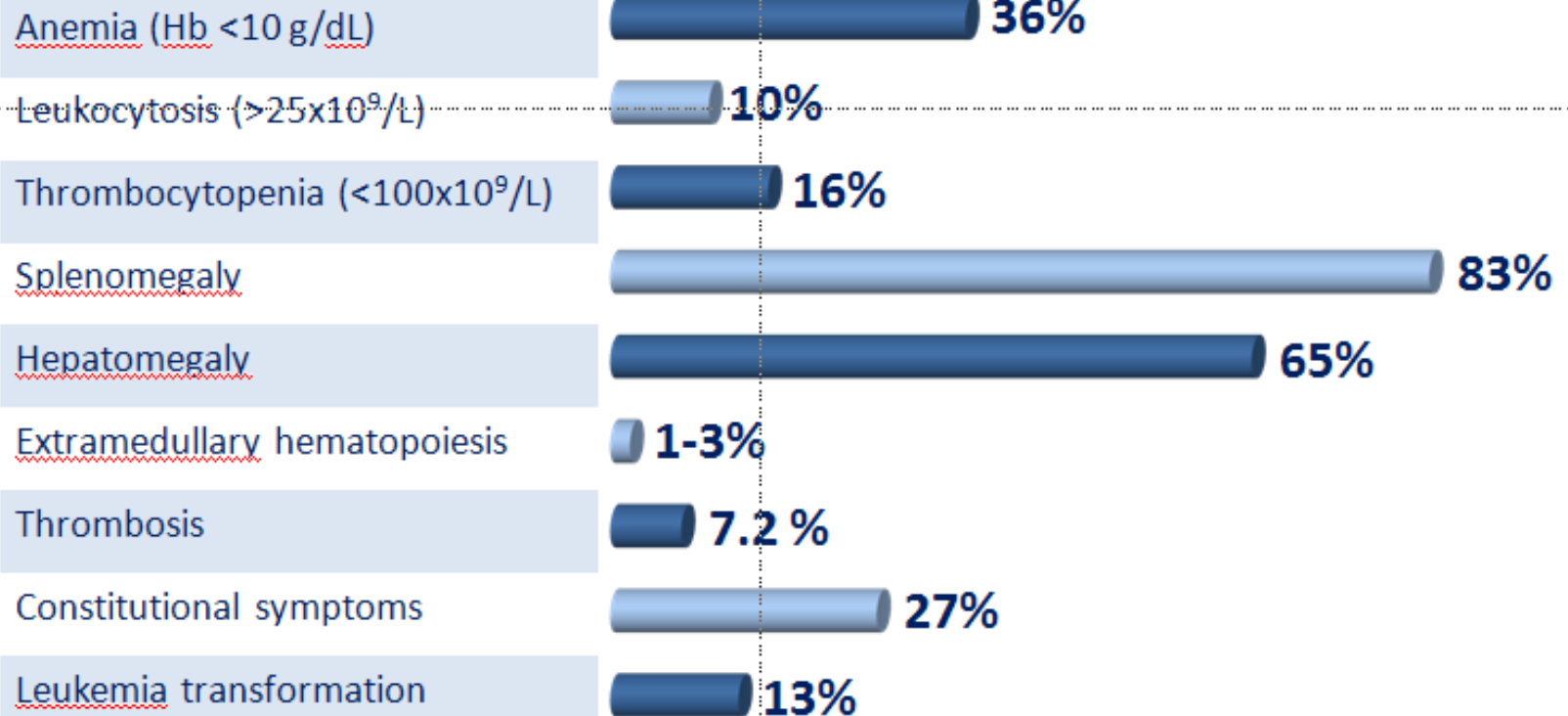
Current MF Treatment is Based on Risk and MF-related Symptoms/Signs



HSCT, hematopoietic stem cell transplantation.

Main Clinical Problems in Myelofibrosis

Clinical need



Patients are treated for specific problems, not based on prognosis

Medicines for Anemia

- *Prednisone*
- *Androgens (danazol)*
- *EPO*
- *Thalidomide or Lenalidomide*
+/- prednisone

Medicines for Spleen

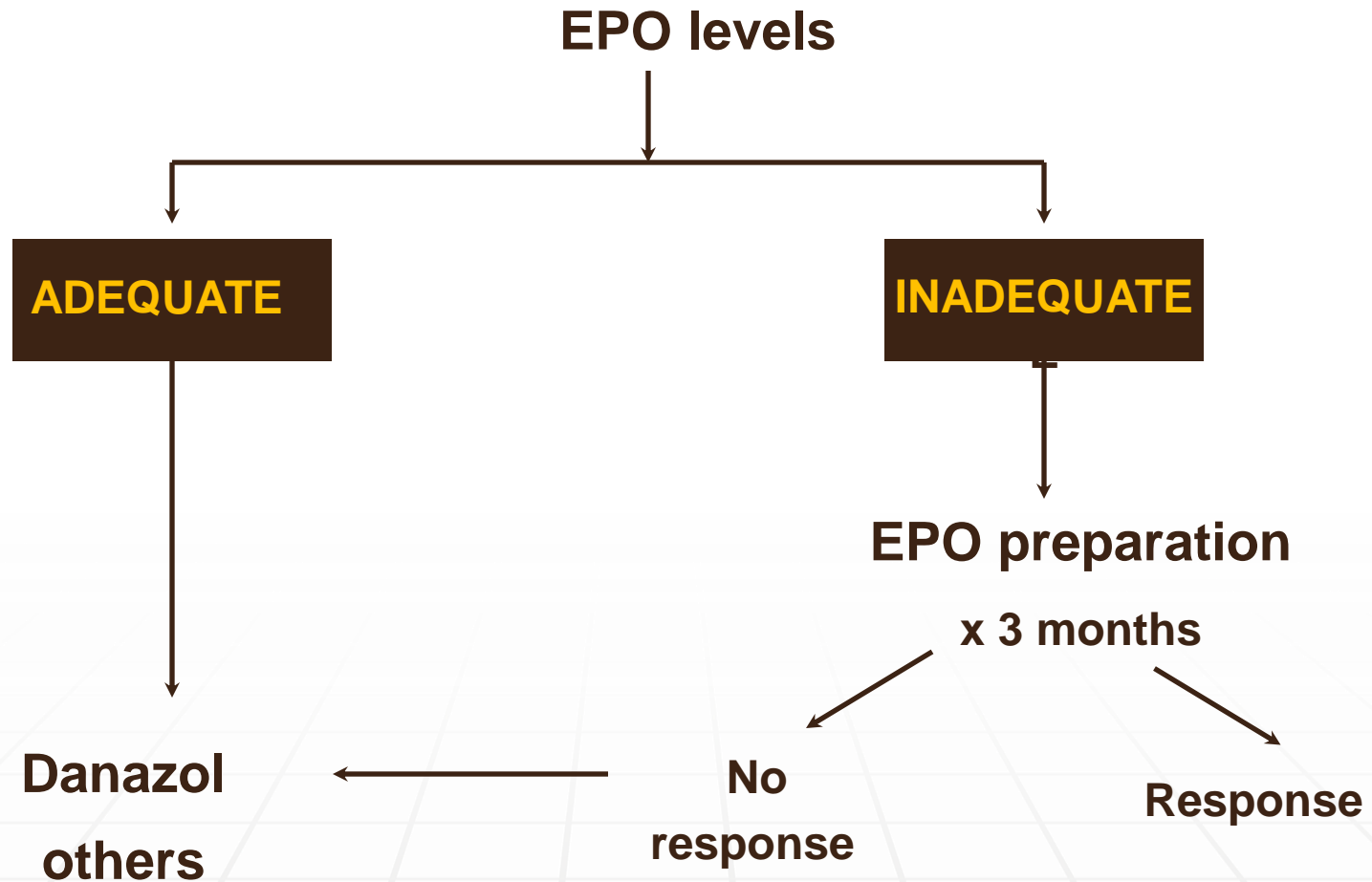
- *Ruxolitinib*
- *Hydroxyurea*
- *Busulfan*
- *Cladribine*

- *Splenectomy*
- *Splenic Radiation*

Medicines for Symptoms

- *Ruxolitinib*
- *Prednisone*

Initial Approach to the Treatment of Anemia of Myelofibrosis



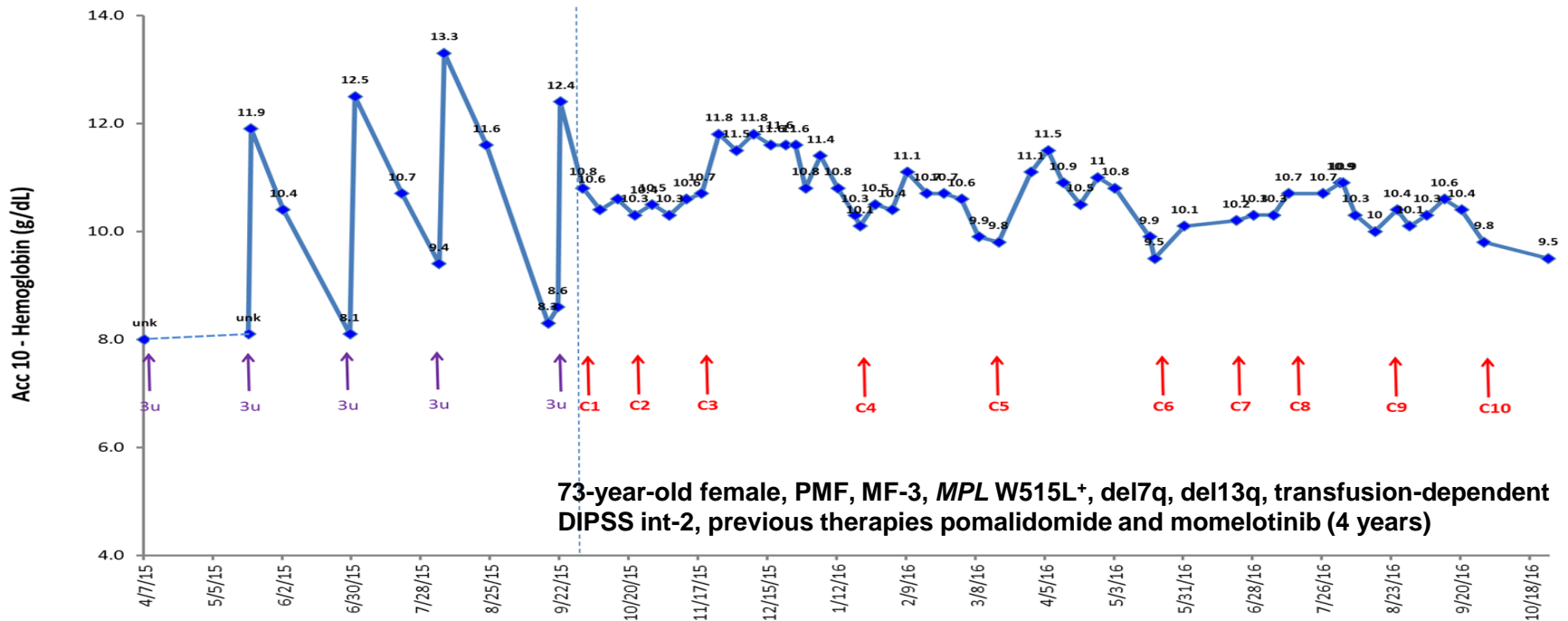
Phase II Study of Sotatercept (ACE-011) in Myeloproliferative Neoplasm-Associated Myelofibrosis and Anemia

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**Bose P, Daver N, Jabbour EJ, Pike A, Newberry KJ, Zhou L, Pierce S, Wang X,
Kantarjian HM, Verstovsek S**

Sotatercept in MF

- Efficacy: ~40% response rate using 0.75 mg/kg dose Q3W



Bose P, et al. *Blood*. 2016;128: Abstract 478.

Splenectomy in Myelofibrosis

ASSOCIATED RISKS

- up to 40% morbidity
- up to 10% mortality
- Liver enlargement and failure
- Higher acute transformation rate?
- Average survival post splenectomy:
18 months

CONTRAINDICATION

Thrombocytosis

MAIN INDICATIONS

- Symptomatic splenomegaly unresponsive to treatment
- Severe refractory anemia and thrombocytopenia
- Unresponsive constitutional symptoms
- Uncontrollable hemolysis
- Portal hypertension

Splenic Irradiation in Myelofibrosis

INDICATIONS

- Symptomatic splenomegaly in poor candidates to surgery
- Severe pain from splenic infarction

RESULTS

- Dose: variable, median 2.8 Gy, fractionated
- Effect duration: median 6 mos.

CONTRAINDICATION

As preparation for splenectomy

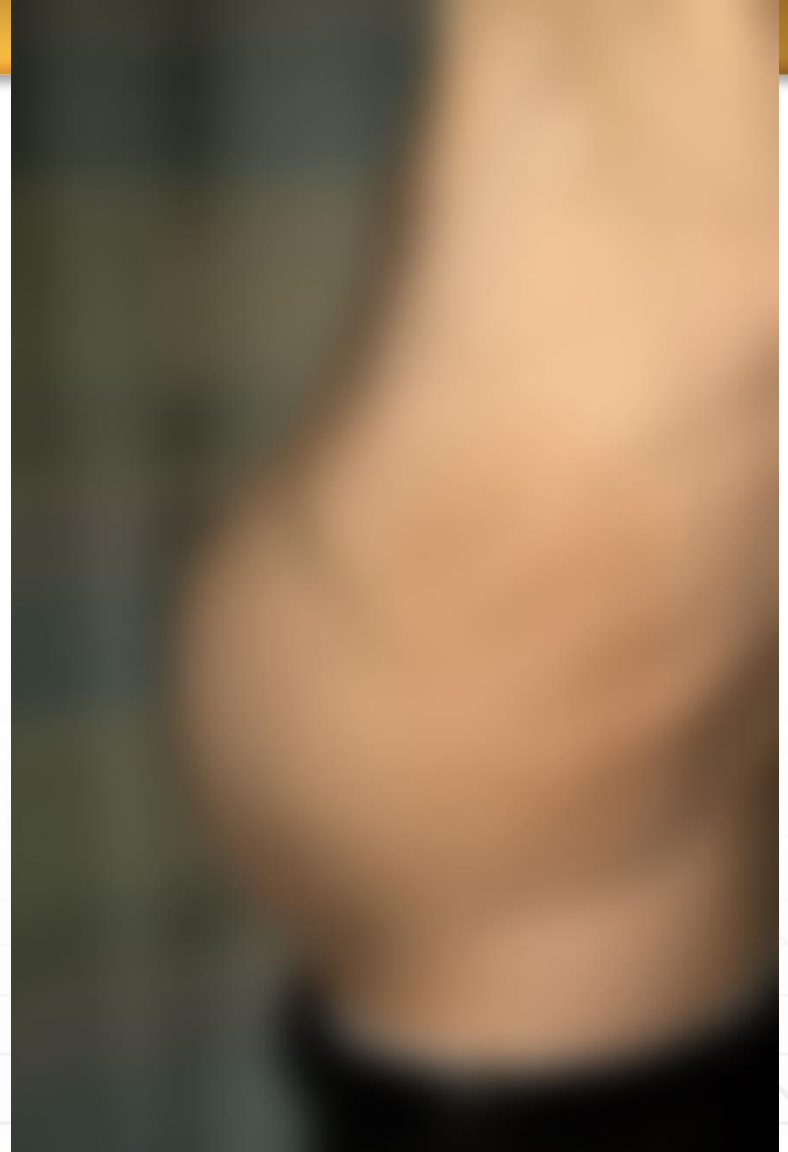
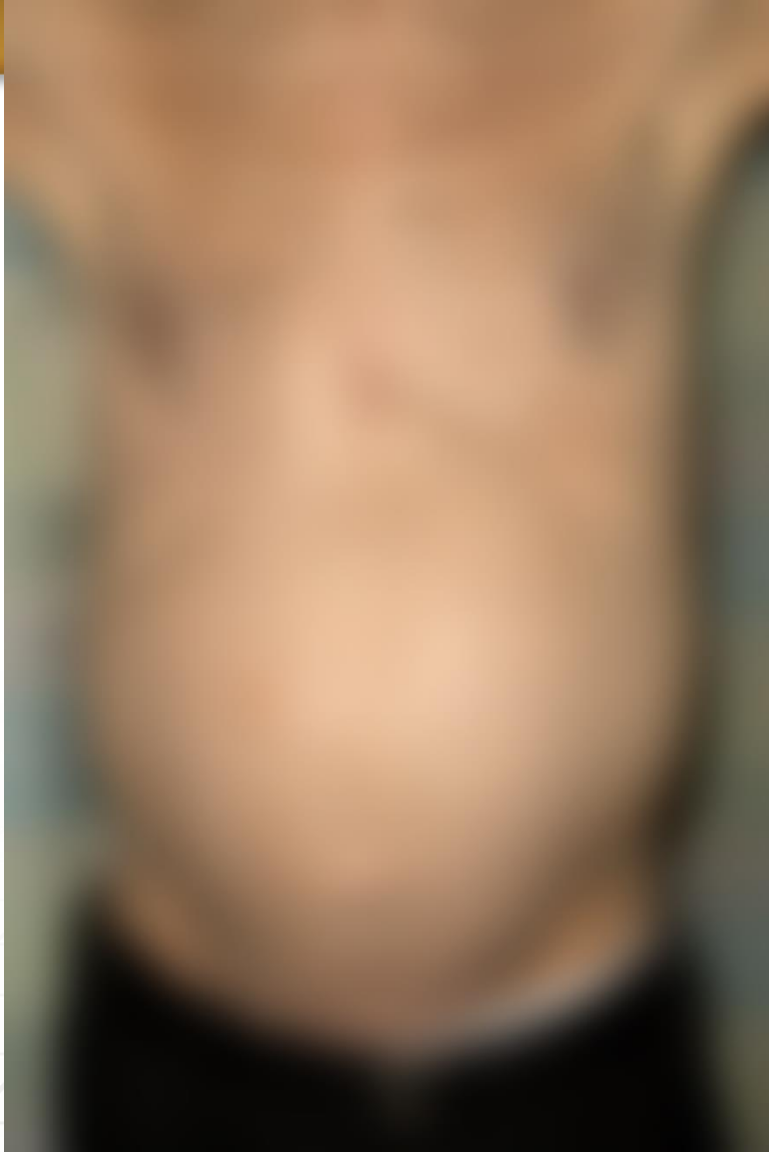
ASSOCIATED RISK

Long-lasting cytopenias (43%)

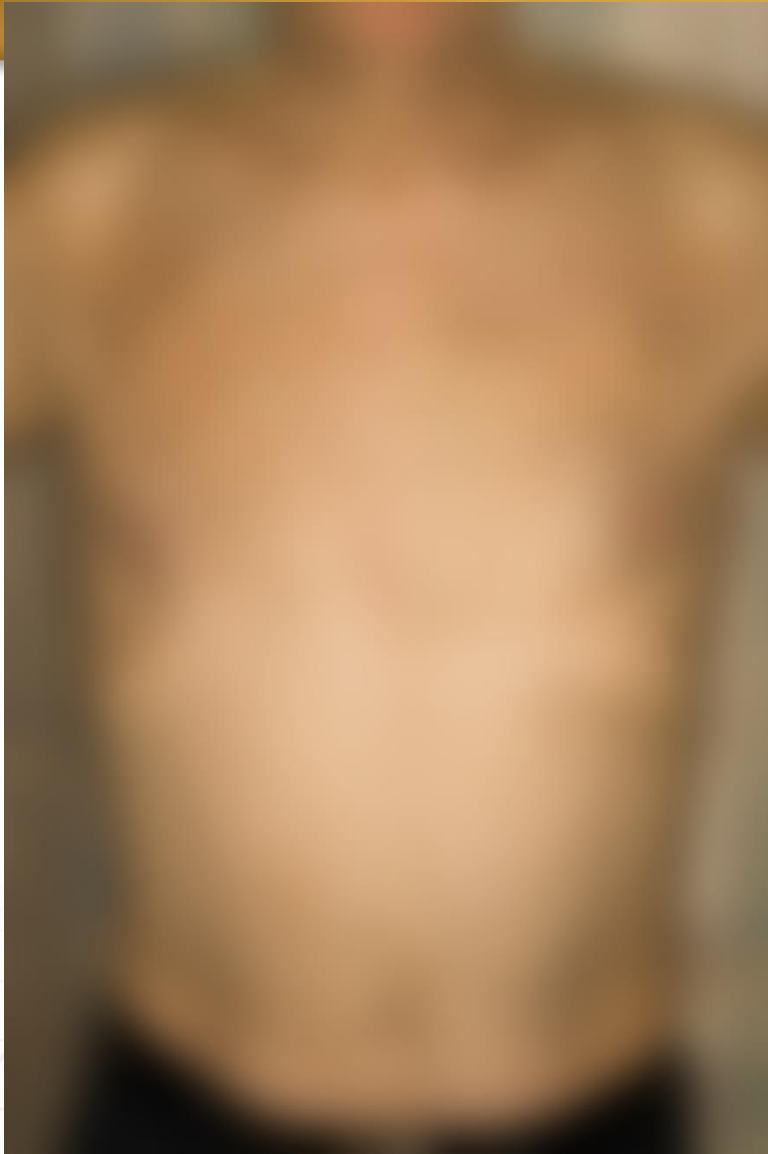
Ruxolitinib

- Not selective for mutated JAK2V617F enzyme (ATP binding inhibitors)
- Inhibit JAK-STAT pathway
- Lowering of platelets and red blood cells is expected side effect due to inhibition of wild type (normal) JAK2
- Elimination of the disease very unlikely

Patient with Myelofibrosis

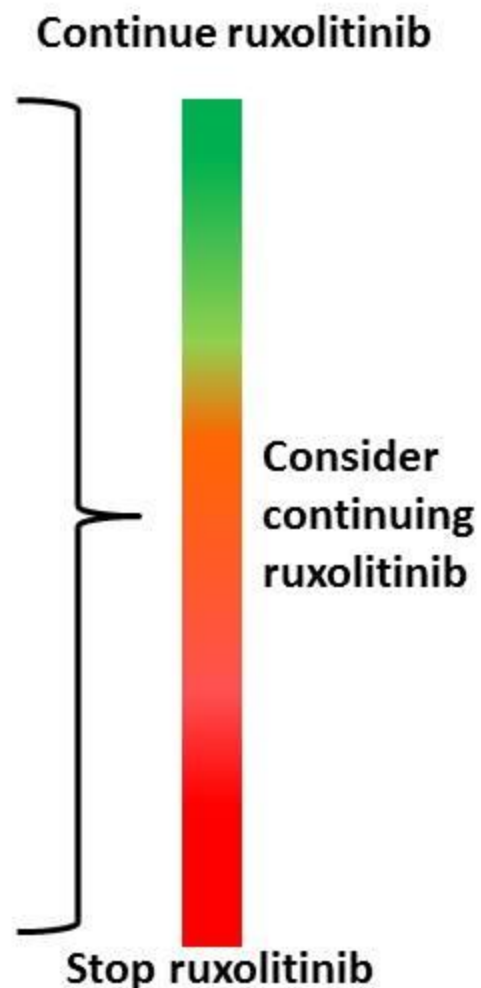


MF Patient after 2 Months of Therapy



British Guidelines for myelofibrosis & use of JAK inhibitors

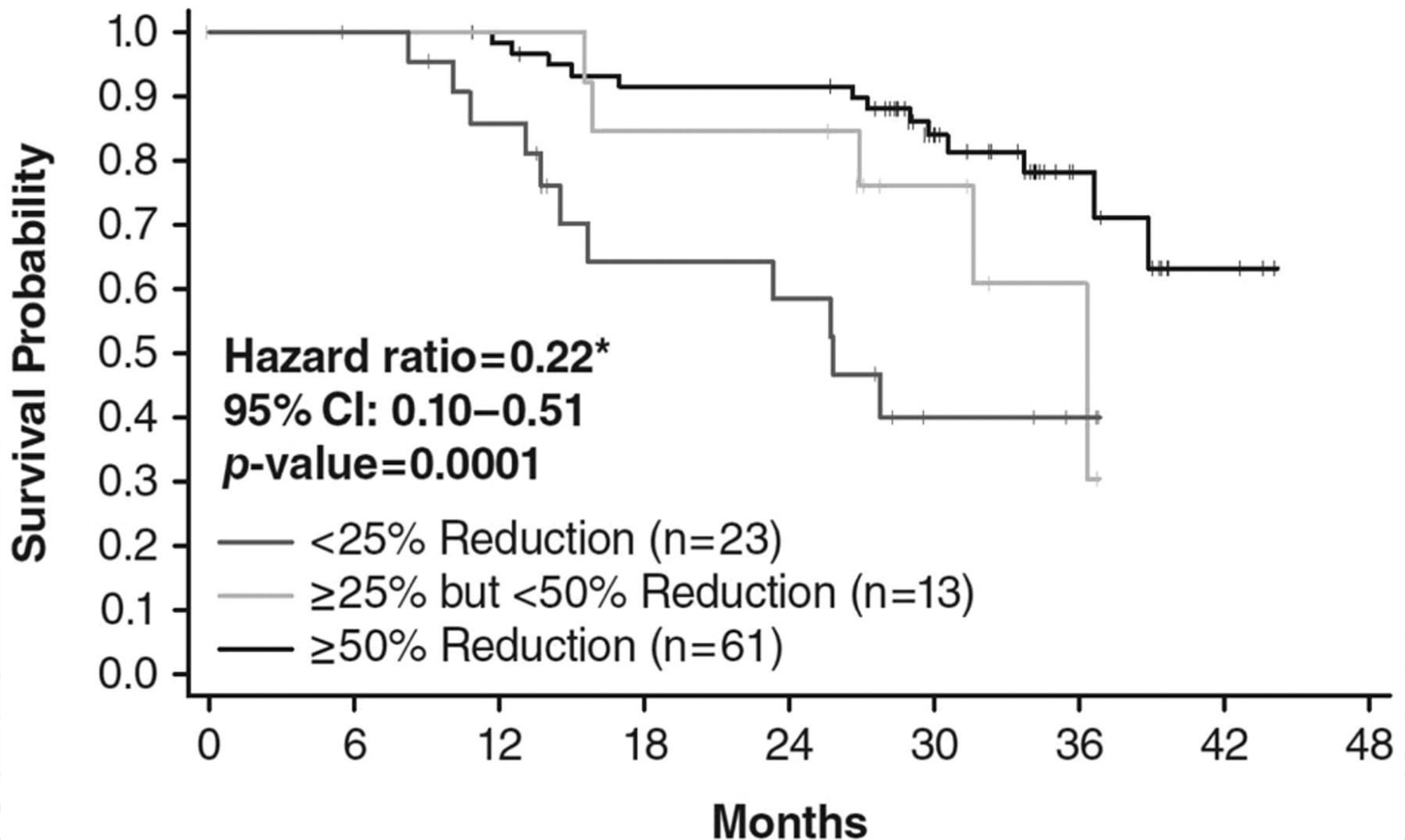
Symptoms	Spleen	Haematological toxicity
Clear	Clear	No
		Yes
Suboptimal	Suboptimal	No
		Yes
Minimal	Equivocal	No
		Yes
None	None	No
		Yes



British guidelines for Myelofibrosis & use of JAK Inhibitors

- Target spleen and symptom reduction will be **individual** for each patient
- Starting dose selected based on platelet number; anemia is NOT contraindication for use of JAK2 inhibitors
- Dose should be modified to the **maximum** tolerated where response is not adequate, and treatment should be continued for 6 months
- Decision to stop ruxolitinib will depend upon a **combination** of different factors, including benefit and presence or absence of toxicity
- Avoid abrupt interruption of ruxolitinib in patients responding well to therapy
- Development of anemia DOES NOT affect benefits of JAK2 inhibitor

Overall survival of patients by degree of spleen length reduction on ruxolitinib



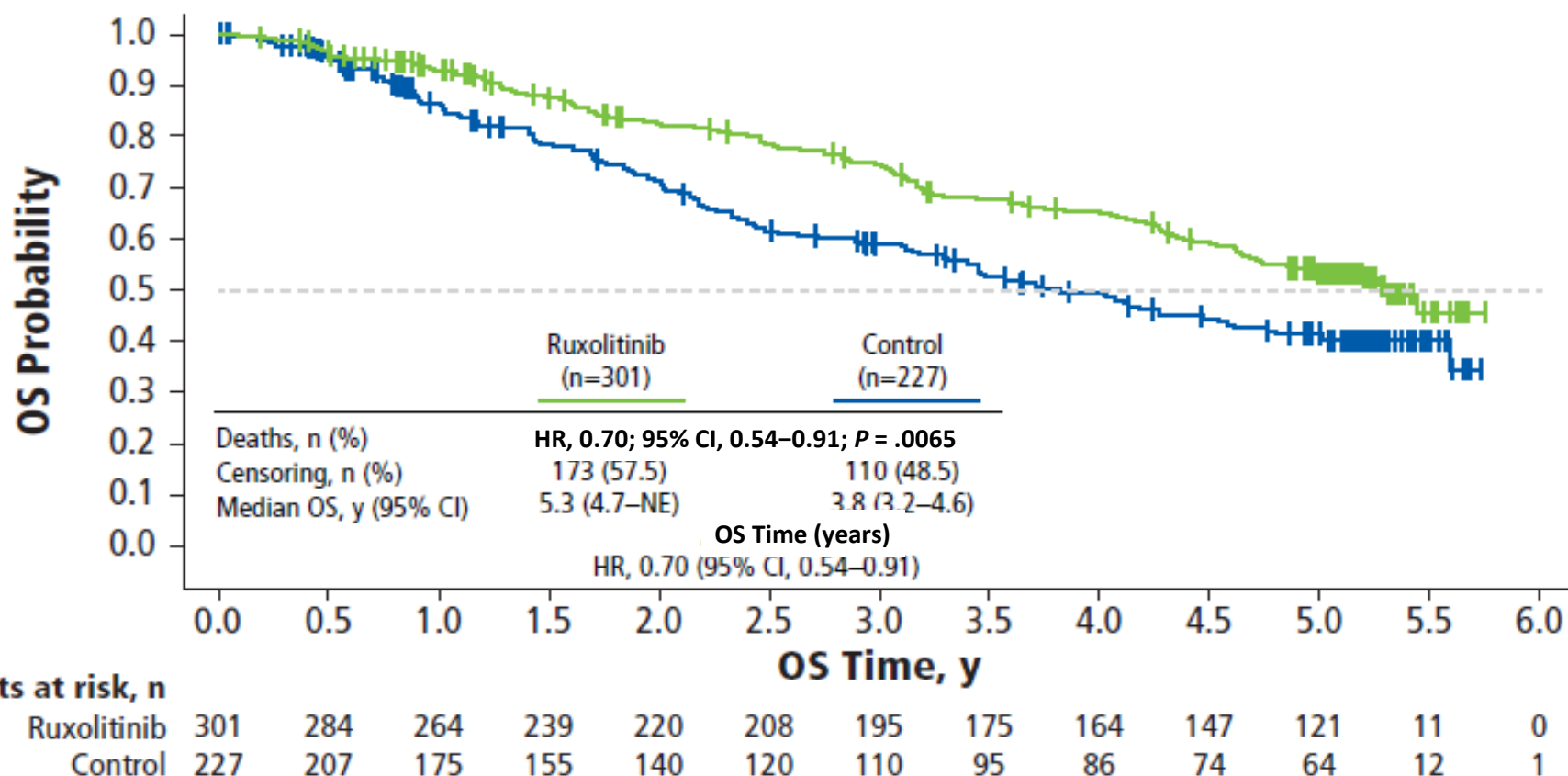
**Present
time**

***Almost 9
years***



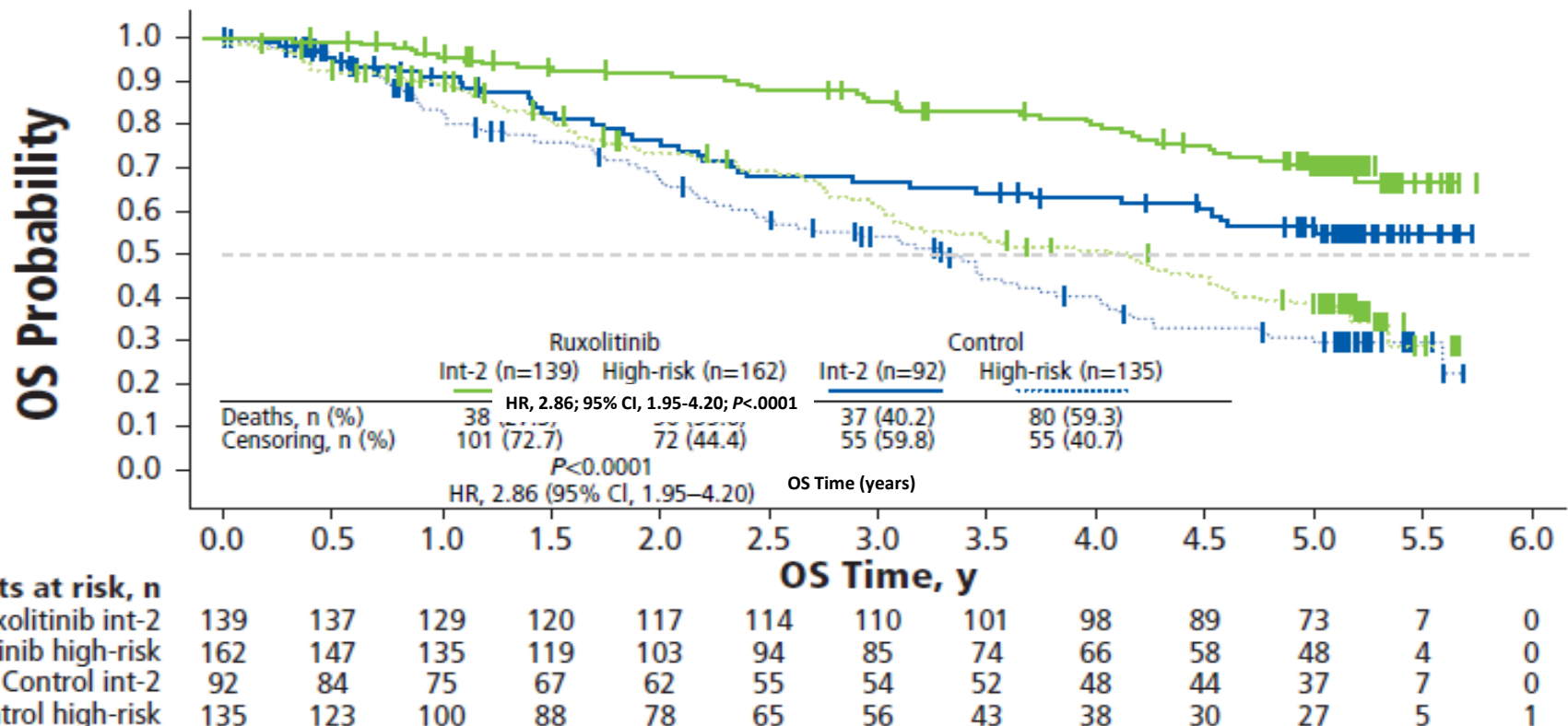
Ruxolitinib Randomized Trials: Overall Survival

The risk of death was reduced by 30% among patients randomized to ruxolitinib compared with control patients (median overall survival (OS): ruxolitinib, 5.3 years; control, 3.8 years; HR (ruxolitinib vs control), 0.70; 95% CI, 0.54-0.91; $P = .0065$)



Results: OS Among Ruxolitinib-Treated Patients, Stratified by IPSS Risk Status

Among patients randomized to ruxolitinib, intermediate-2 (int-2) patients had longer median OS than those with high-risk disease (median OS: int-2, not reached, estimated, 8.5 years; high-risk, 4.2 years; HR (high risk vs int-2), 2.86; 95% CI, 1.95-4.20; $P < .0001$)

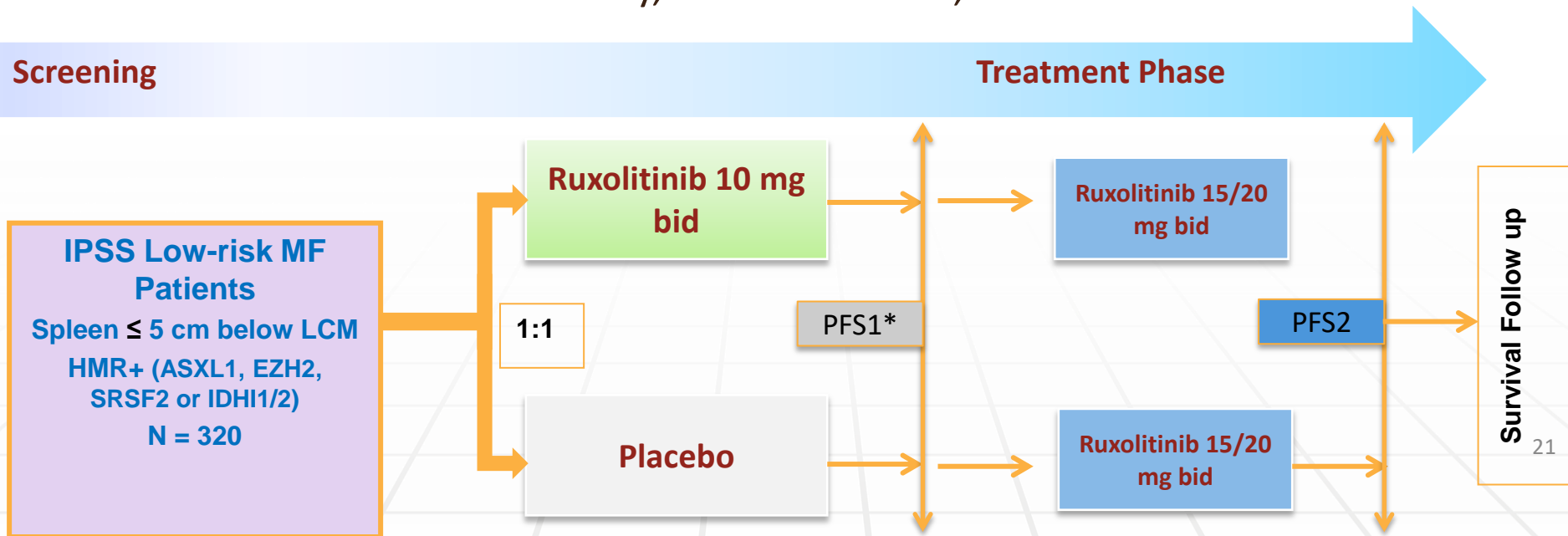


ReTHINK: prevention study in early MF

Objectives & Study design

Primary Objective : Progression-free survival

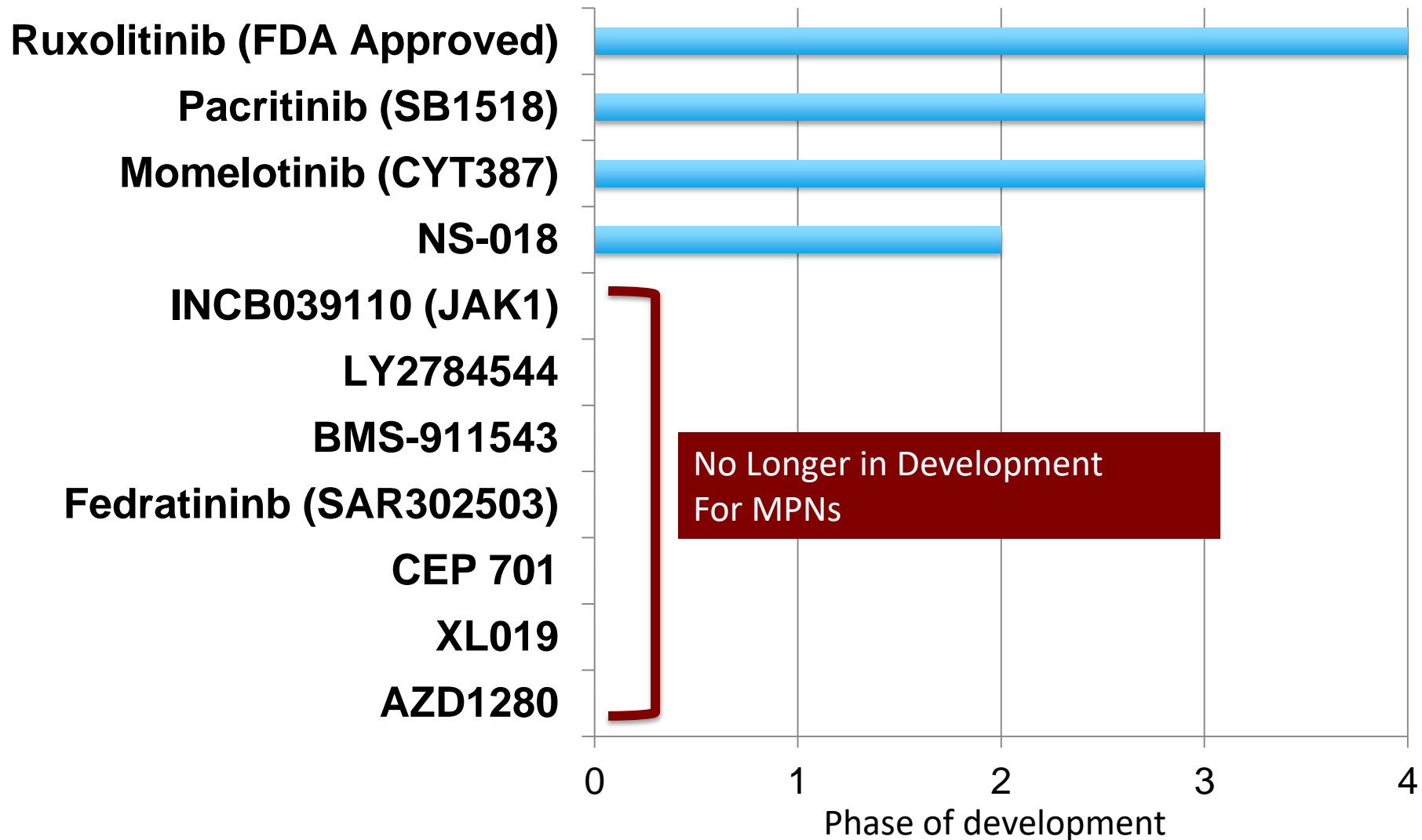
Secondary Objectives : Time to progression in spleen/symptoms,
Safety, Overall Survival,



Myelofibrosis: “Clinical needs”-oriented current therapy

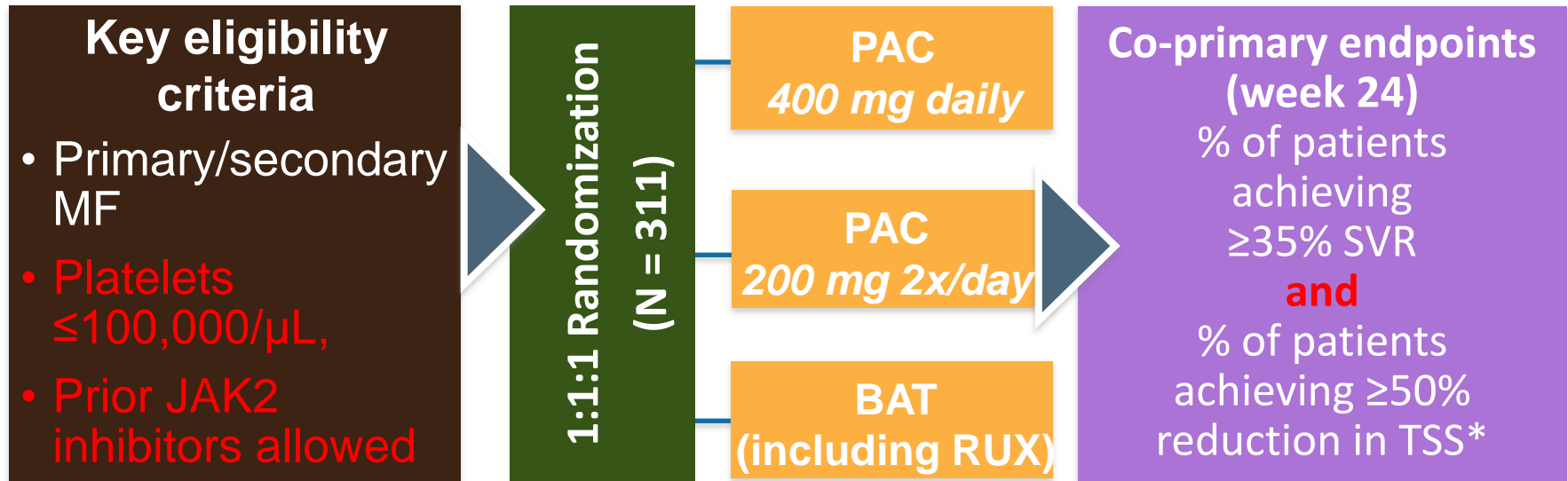
Clinical need	Drugs / Intervention	
Anemia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prednisone • Danazol • erythropoietin 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thalidomide • Lenalidomide
Symptomatic splenomegaly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ruxolitinib • Hydroxyurea 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cladribine, IMiDs • Splenectomy
Extramedullary hematopoiesis	• Radiation therapy	
Hyperproliferative (early) disease	• Interferon	
Risk of thrombosis	• Low-dose ASA	
Constitutional symptoms/ QoL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ruxolitinib • Prednisone 	
Accelerated/blastic Phase	• Hypomethylating agents	
Improved survival	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allo SCT • Ruxolitinib 	

JAK Inhibitors and Status of Development: *Myelofibrosis as lead indication*



Pacritinib

PERSIST-2 Phase III Study Design



*TSS, total symptom score by MPN-SAF 2.0
SVR, spleen volume reduction;

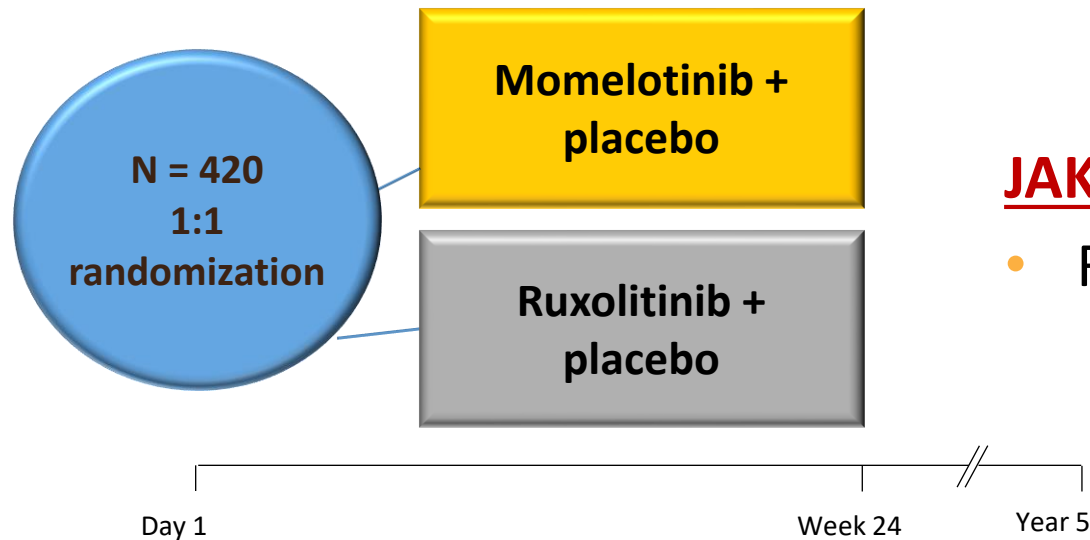
- Crossover from BAT (best available therapy) allowed after progression (anytime) or at week 24
- **Study objectives:**
 - **Primary: Efficacy of pooled PAC arms vs. BAT**

Key Efficacy Results From PERSIST-2

Phase 3

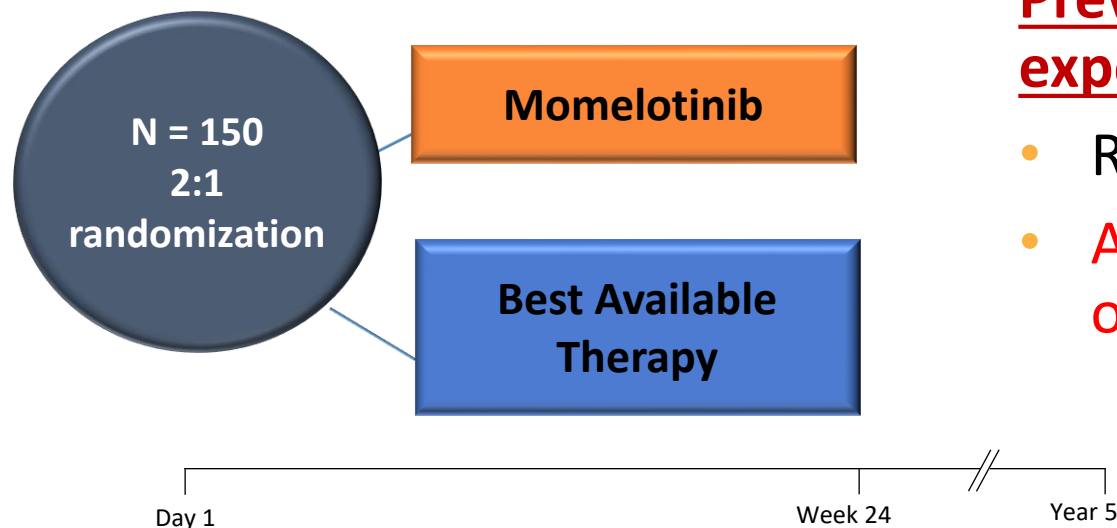
- PERSIST-2 trial met one of its two primary endpoints
 - Patients treated with pacritinib demonstrated a statistically significant response rate in spleen volume reduction in patients with myelofibrosis treated with pacritinib compared with BAT, including ruxolitinib
 - The primary endpoint of ≥ 50 percent reduction in total symptom score was not met
 - HOWEVER: PAC 2x/day appeared more effective than PAC daily versus BAT for BOTH spleen and symptom control
 - Plan for more studies to define proper dose and schedule of PAC

Phase 3 SIMPLIFY Studies of Mometotinib for Myelofibrosis



JAK inhibitor naïve

- Randomized, Double Blind



Previous JAK inhibitor exposure

- Randomized, Open Label
- Allows continuation/restart of ruxolitinib on BAT arm

Phase 3 SIMPLIFY Studies (Momelotinib): Top-line Results, November 2016

- SIMPLIFY-1: Momelotinib vs ruxolitinib
 - Met primary endpoint of splenic response BEING SIMILAR between two treatments
 - Did not meet secondary endpoint: was LESS effective for symptom control
 - Improvement in anemia-related endpoints with momelotinib
- SIMPLIFY-2: Momelotinib vs BAT
 - Did not meet primary endpoint: was NOT better for spleen than BAT

Thank You

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