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*Myeloproliferative neoplasms (MPN): chronic
myeloid leukaemia, Ph-negative MPN*

Classification of Myeloid Neoplasms According to the 2008 World Health Organization Classification Scheme

1. Myeloproliferative neoplasms (MPN)

1.1. Chronic myelogenous leukemia, *BCR-ABL1*-positive (CML)

1.2. Polycythemia vera (PV)

1.3. Essential thrombocythemia (ET)

1.4. Primary myelofibrosis (PMF)

1.5. Chronic neutrophilic leukemia (CNL)

1.6. Chronic eosinophilic leukemia, not otherwise specified (CEL-NOS)

1.7. Mast cell disease (MCD)

1.8. MPN, unclassifiable

2. Myeloid and lymphoid neoplasms with eosinophilia and abnormalities of *PDGFRA*, *PDGFRB*, and *FGFR1*

3. MDS/MPN

3.1. Chronic myelomonocytic leukemia (CMML)

3.2. Juvenile myelomonocytic leukemia (JMML)

3.3. Atypical chronic myeloid leukemia, *BCR-ABL*-negative (aCML)

3.4. MDS/MPN, unclassifiable

4. Myelodysplastic syndromes (MDS)

5. Acute myeloid leukemia (AML)

		Chronic myeloid neoplasms			
		Myelodysplastic syndromes	Myelodysplastic syndromes/ myeloproliferative neoplasms overlap	Myeloproliferative neoplasms	Myeloid and lymphoid neoplasms with eosinophilia and <i>PDGFR/FGFR1</i> mutation
Peripheral blood or bone marrow morphology		Absence of cytosis			
			Dyserythropoiesis Dysgranulopoiesis	Monocytosis	
				Granulocytosis Thrombocytosis	
					Erythrocytosis
					Mastocytosis
					Eosinophilia
Disease Associated mutation(s) (estimated frequency)	Myelodysplastic syndrome <i>TET2</i> (20%) Refractory anemia with ring sideroblasts <i>SF3B1</i> (80%-90%)	Chronic myelomonocytic leukemia <i>TET2</i> (40%-60%) <i>SRSF2</i> (30%-50%) <i>ASXL1</i> (40%) Refractory anemia with ring sideroblasts associated with marked thrombocytosis <i>SF3B1</i> (80%-90%) <i>JAK2V617F</i> (50%) Atypical chronic myeloid leukemia <i>SETBP1</i> (30%) Myelodysplastic/myeloprolif- erative neoplasm—unclassifiable	Chronic myeloid leukemia <i>BCR-ABL1</i> (100%) Polycythemia vera <i>JAK2</i> (99%) Essential thrombocythemia <i>JAK2/CALR/MPL</i> (85%) Primary myelofibrosis <i>JAK2/CALR/MPL</i> (90%) Chronic neutrophilic leukemia <i>CSF3R</i> (80%-100%) <i>SETBP1</i> (30%) Systemic mastocytosis <i>KITD816V</i> (80%-100%) Chronic eosinophilic leukemia Myeloproliferative neoplasm— unclassifiable	Myeloid and lymphoid neoplasms with eosinophilia and <i>PDGFRA</i> , <i>PDGFRB</i> , or <i>FGFR1</i> mutations	

CML

- results from a somatic mutation in a pluripotential lymphohematopoietic cell
 - is a MPD characterized by increased granulocytic cell line, associated with erythroid and platelet hyperplasia
 - the disease usually involves into an accelerated phase that often terminates in acute phase
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- chronic phase 3-5 years
 - accelerated phase
 - blastic phase 3-6 months

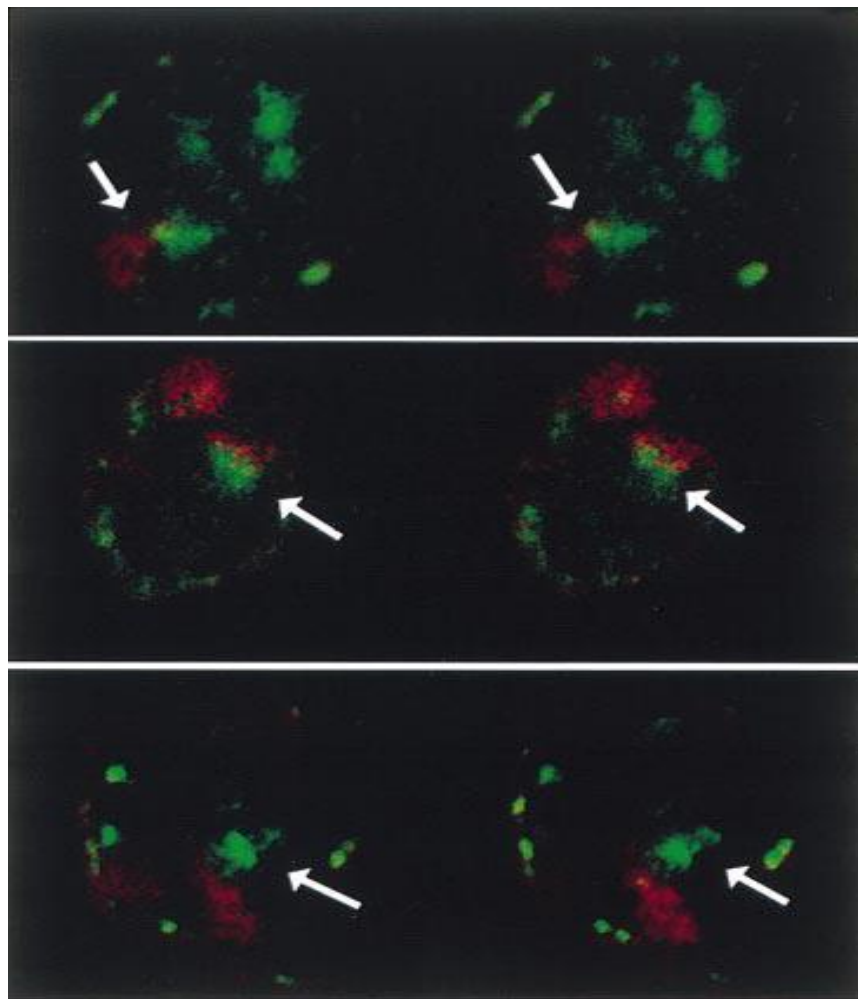
CML epidemiology

- accounts for approximately 15 percent of all cases of leukemia and approximately 3 percent of childhood leukemias
- The median age of onset is 53 years
- Frequency 1/100 000 people from general population

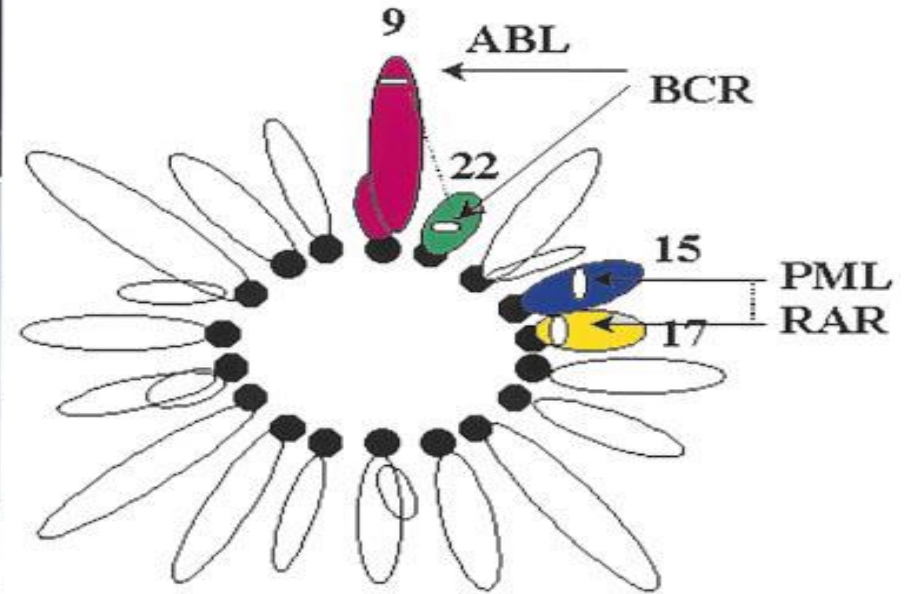
Pathogenesis

Genetic abnormality

- CML is the result of an acquired genetic abnormality
- A translocation between chromosome 9 and 22 [t(9;22)] – the Philadelphia chromosome
- The oncogene BCR-ABL encodes an enzyme – tyrosine phosphokinase (usually p210)



IM 9 - #9 (red) #22 (green)

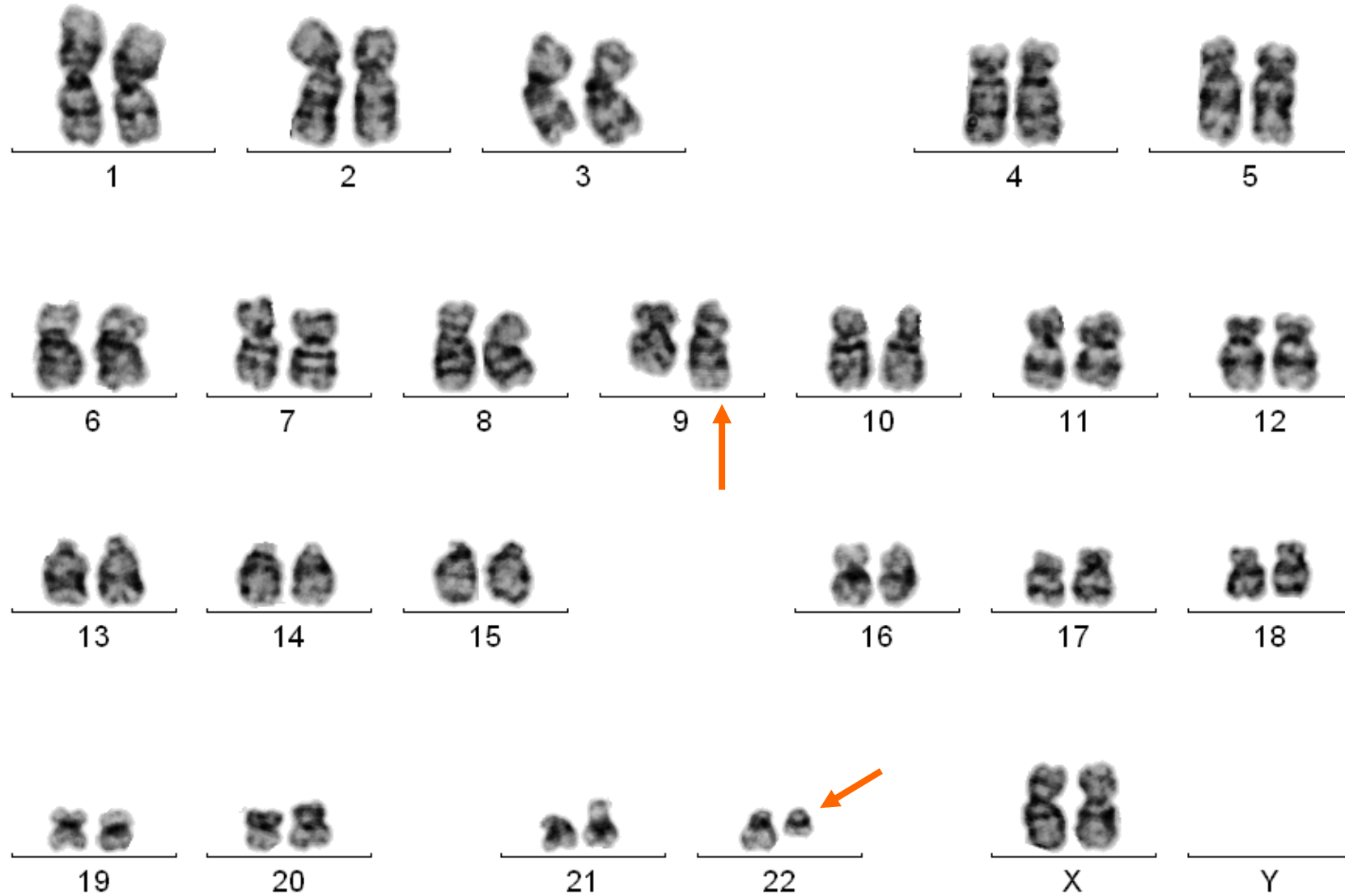


Optical sections from three IM-9 cells in metaphase hybridized with painting probes for chromosomes 9 (red) and 22 (green). Note that the signal corresponding to chromosome 22 is smaller and more centrally located than that of chromosome 9.

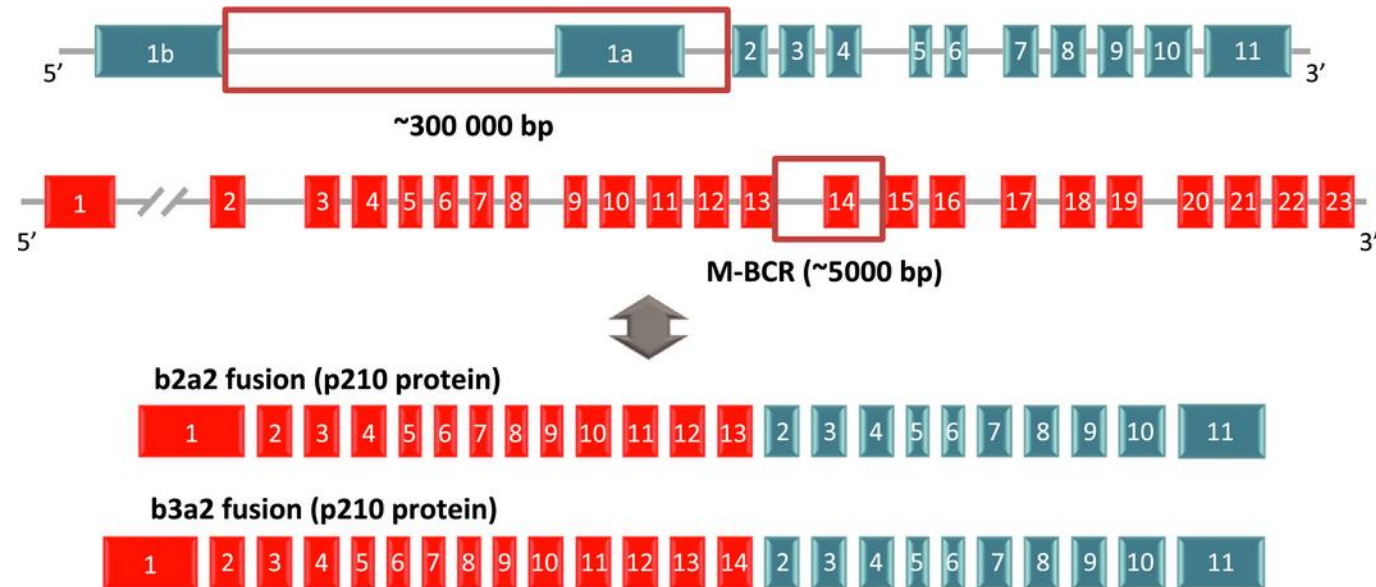
The diagram on the right represents the arrangement of chromosomes in a metaphase rosette and its potential effect on BCR-ABL and PML-RARa interdistances.

Chronic myeloid leukemia

Karyotype analysis, GTG Technique



Localization of genomic breakpoints in the *BCR* and *ABL1* genes. Both *BCR* and *ABL1* display intronic breakpoints dispersed over a wide region, especially in *ABL1*



Clinical features

- 30 percent of patient are asymptomatic at the time of diagnosis
- Symptoms are gradual in onset:
 - easy fatigability, malaise, anorexia, abdominal discomfort, weight loss, excessive sweating
- Less frequent symptoms:
 - Night sweats, heat intolerance- mimicking hyperthyroidism, gouty arthritis, symptoms of leukostasis (tinnitus, stupor), splenic infarction (left upper-quadrant and left shoulder pain), urticaria (result of histamine release)
- Physical signs:
 - Pallor, splenomegaly, sternal pain

Laboratory features

- The hemoglobin concentration is decreased
- Nucleated red cells in blood film
- The leukocyte count above 25000/ μl (often above 100000/ μl), granulocytes at all stages of development
- Hypersegmentated neutrophils
- The basophiles count is increased
- The platelet count is normal or increased
- Neutrophils alkaline phosphatase activity is low or absent (90%)

Laboratory features (2)

- The marrow is hypercellular (granulocytic hyperplasia)
- Reticulin fibrosis
- Hyperuricemia and hyperuricosuria
- Serum vitamin B12-binding proteins and serum vitamin B12 levels are increased
- Pseudohyperkalemia, and spurious hypoxemia and hypoglycemia
- Cytogenetic test- presence of the Ph chromosome
- Molecular test – presence of the BCR-ABL fusion gene

Differential diagnosis

- Polycythemia vera
- Myelofibrosis
- Essential thrombocytemia
- Extreme reactive leukocytosis

CML stages

In chronic phase, fewer than 10% of the cells in the blood and bone marrow are blast cells.

Accelerated phase

In accelerated phase CML, 10% to 19% of the cells in the blood and bone marrow are blast cells.

Blastic phase

In blastic phase CML, 20% or more of the cells in the blood or bone marrow are blast cells. When tiredness, fever, and an enlarged spleen occur during the blastic phase, it is called blast crisis.

Treatment Prognostic factors

- Sokal score =

$$= (11 \times \text{age} + 35 \times \text{spleen} + 89 \times \text{blasts} + 0,4 \times \text{platelet} - 550) / 1000$$

- Euro scale =

$$= (0,666 \times \text{age} / 0 \text{ when age } < 50, 1 \text{ when } > / + 0,0420 \times \text{spleen} + 0,0584 \times \text{blasts} + 0,0413 \times \text{eosinophils} + 0,2039 \times \text{basophils} / 0 \text{ when basophils } < 3\%, 1 \text{ when basophils } > 3\% / + 1,0956 \times \text{platelet} / 0 \text{ when platelet } < 15000 \text{G/l}, 1 \text{ when } > /) \times 1000$$

	Sokal	Euro
Low risk	<0,8	<780
Moderate risk	0,8-1,2	781-1479
High risk	>1,2	>1480

EUTOS SCORE

- The new EUTOS score predicts complete cytogenetic remission (CCgR) 18 months after the start of therapy, which is an important predictor for the course of disease. Patients without CCgR at this point of treatment are less likely to achieve one later on and are at a high risk of progressing to blastic and accelerated phase disease
- The strongest predictors for CCgR at 18 months are spleen size and percentage of basophils. Spleen size is measured in cm under the costal margin, basophils as their percent in peripheral blood. Both need to be assessed at baseline. Their relationship to CCgR is expressed by the formula:

$$7 * \text{basophils} + 4 * \text{spleen size}$$

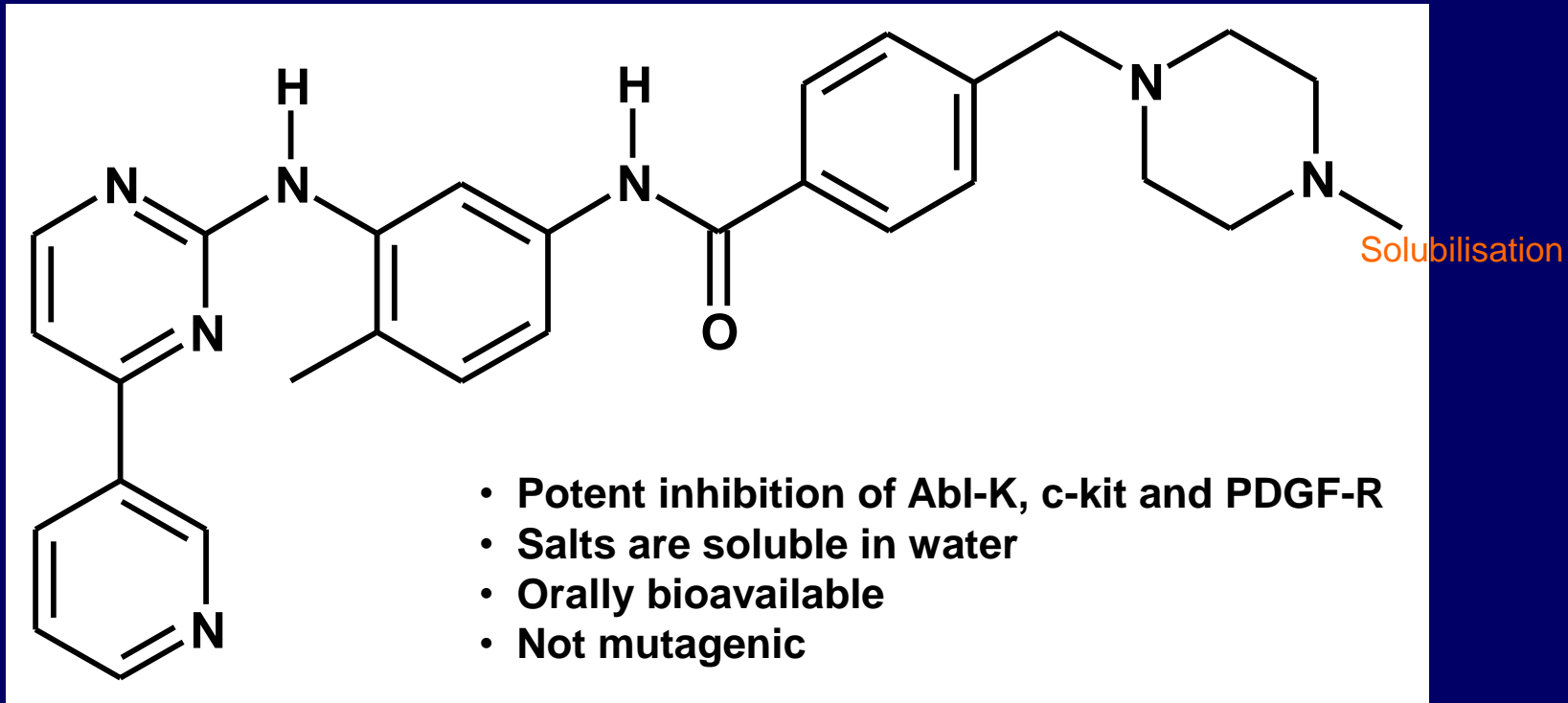
If the sum is greater than 87, the patient is at high risk of not achieving a CCgR at 18 months, while a sum less than or equal to 87 indicates a low risk

Treatment

- IKT (imatinib, nilotinib, dasatinib, ponatinib)
- Allo- SCT

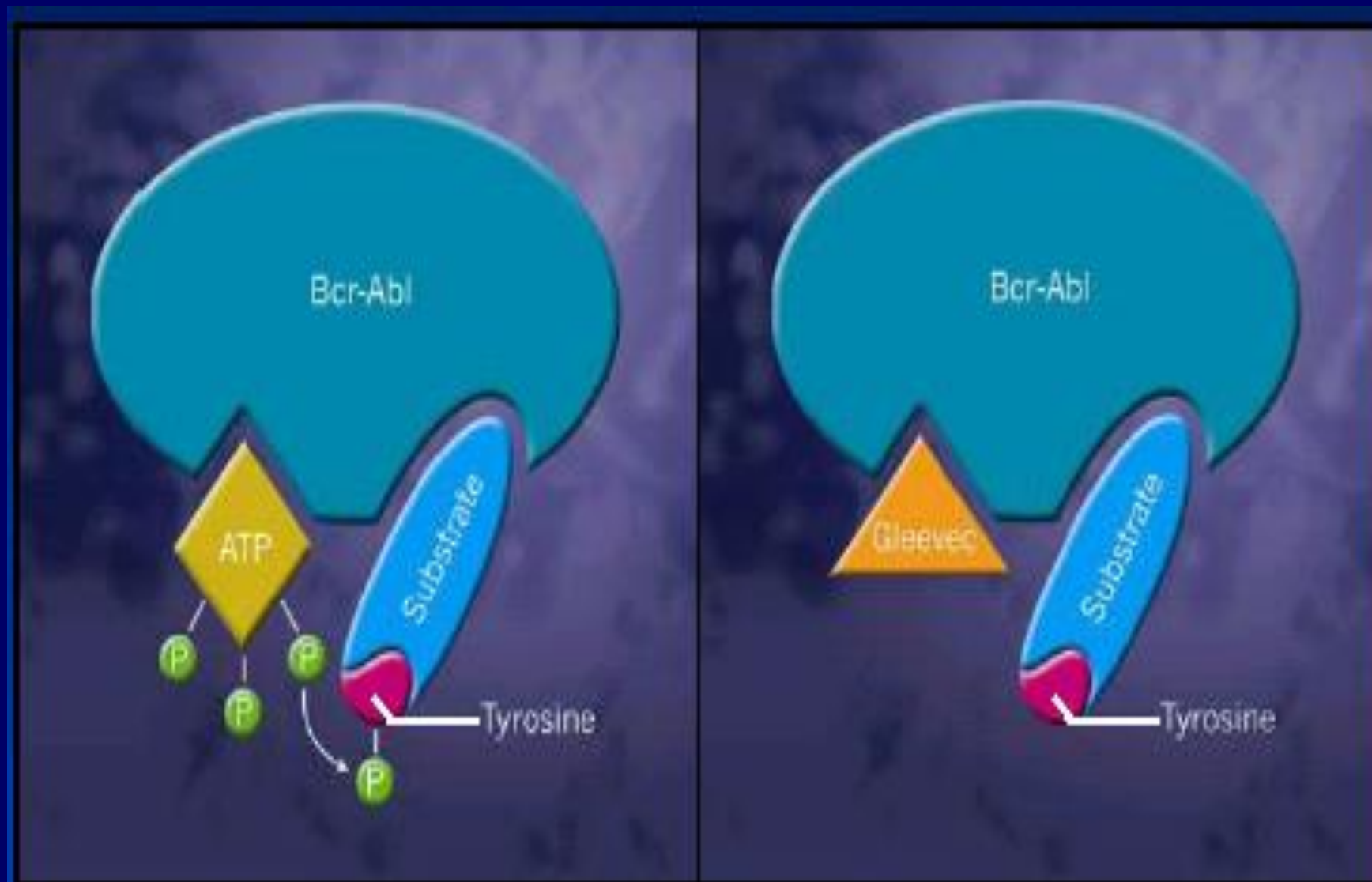
CGP57148; STI571; imatinib; Glivec

TK inhibitory activity
Stability to hydrolysis



Cellular permeability

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Treatment

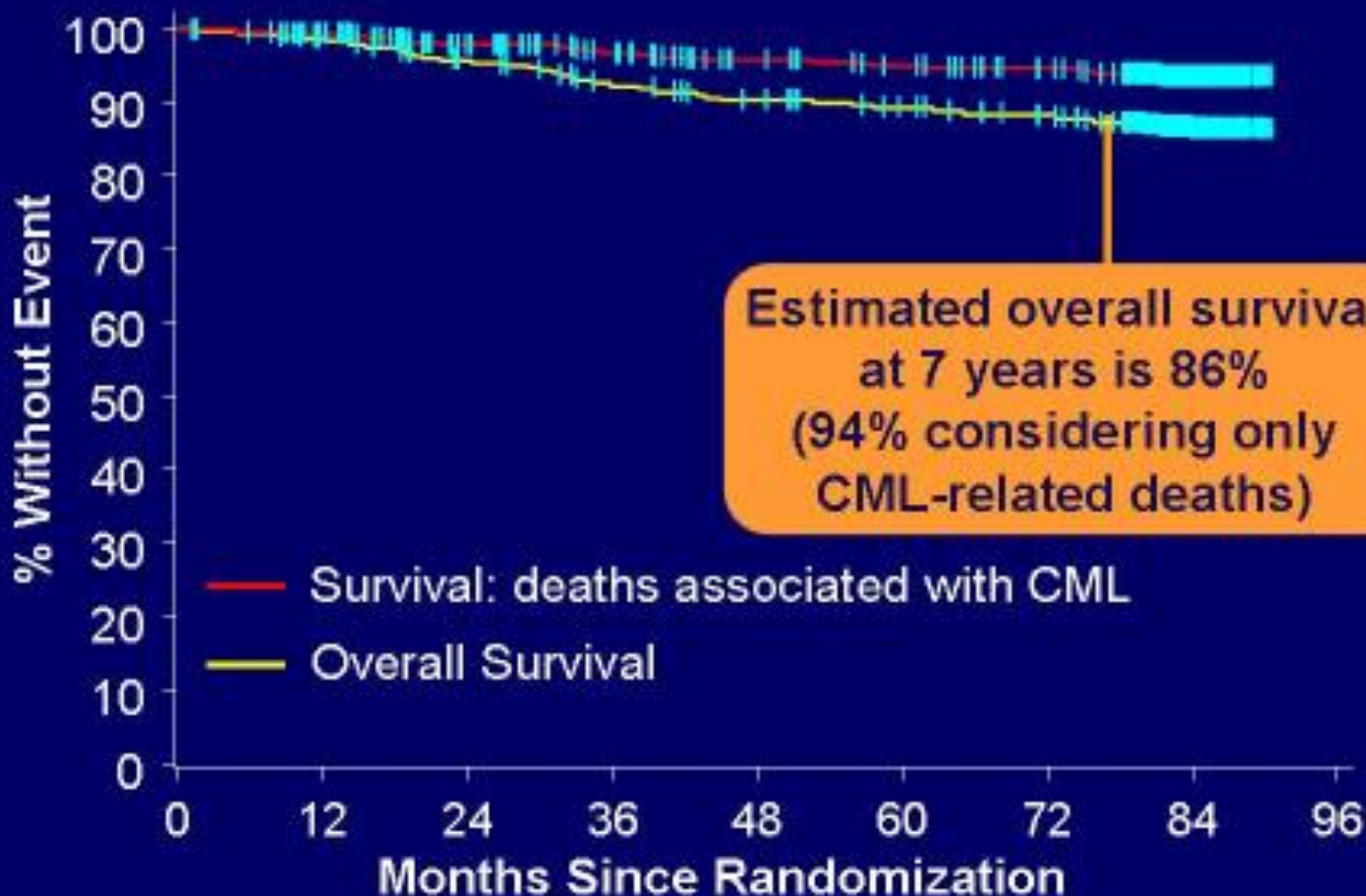
Imatinib mesylate (Gleevec)

- Inhibits activity of mutant tyrosine kinase by blocking ATP binding
- Imatinib has less toxicity, is easier to administer, and induces higher hematologic (90 percent vs. 75percent), cytogenetic (40 percent vs. 10 percent) and molecular (7% vs. 2 %) types of remission

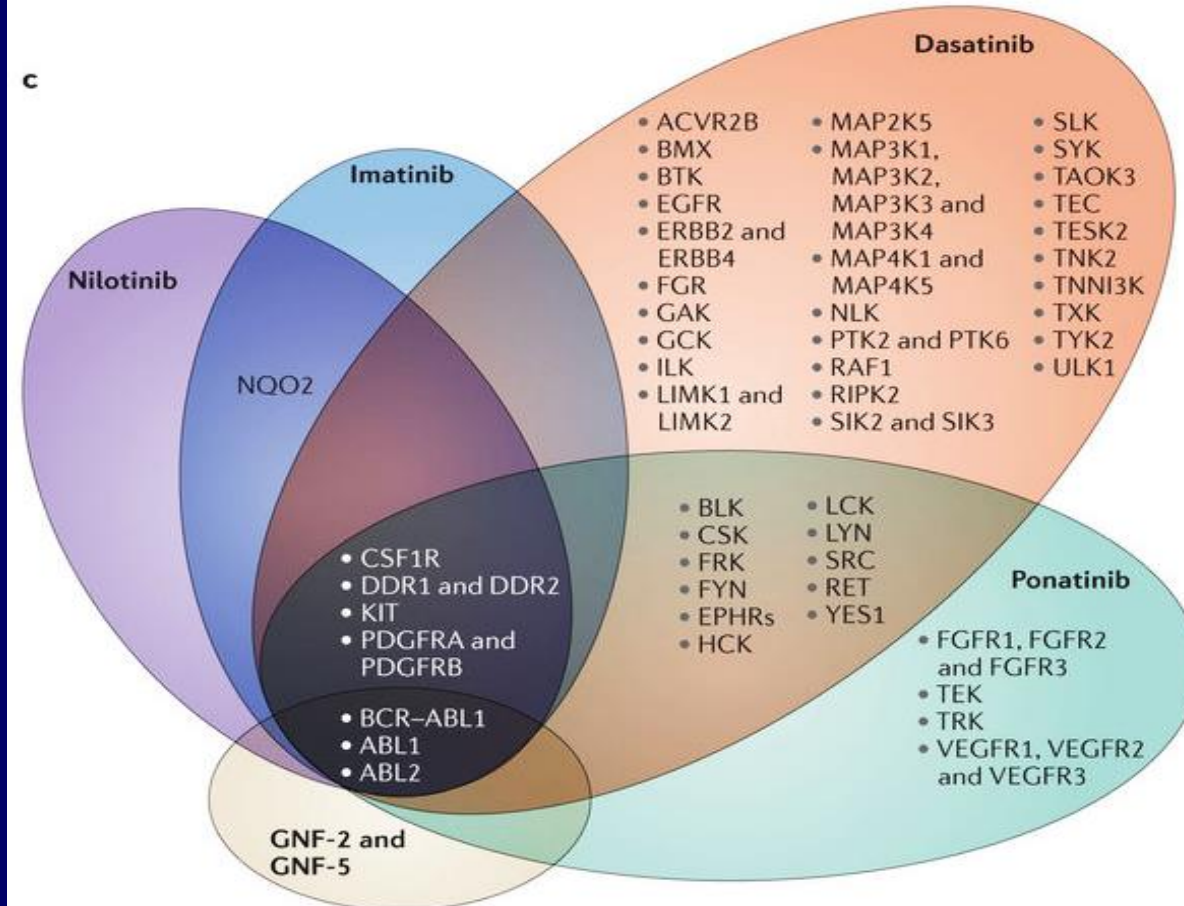
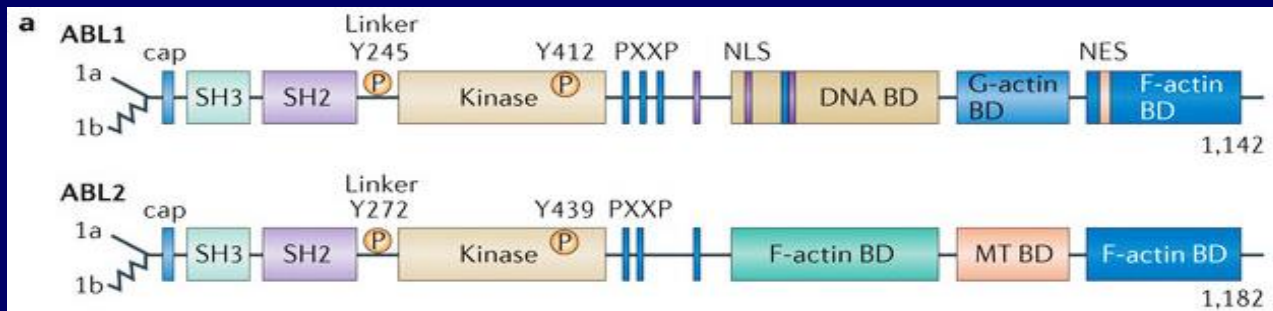
- Dose:

400mg/d orally (chronic phase), 600mg (acceleration phase), 800mg plus chemo (blastic crisis) in two divided doses per day

IRIS: Overall Survival: Imatinib Arm



Modular domain structure of ABL family kinases (a) and molecular targets of different TKI inhibitors (c)



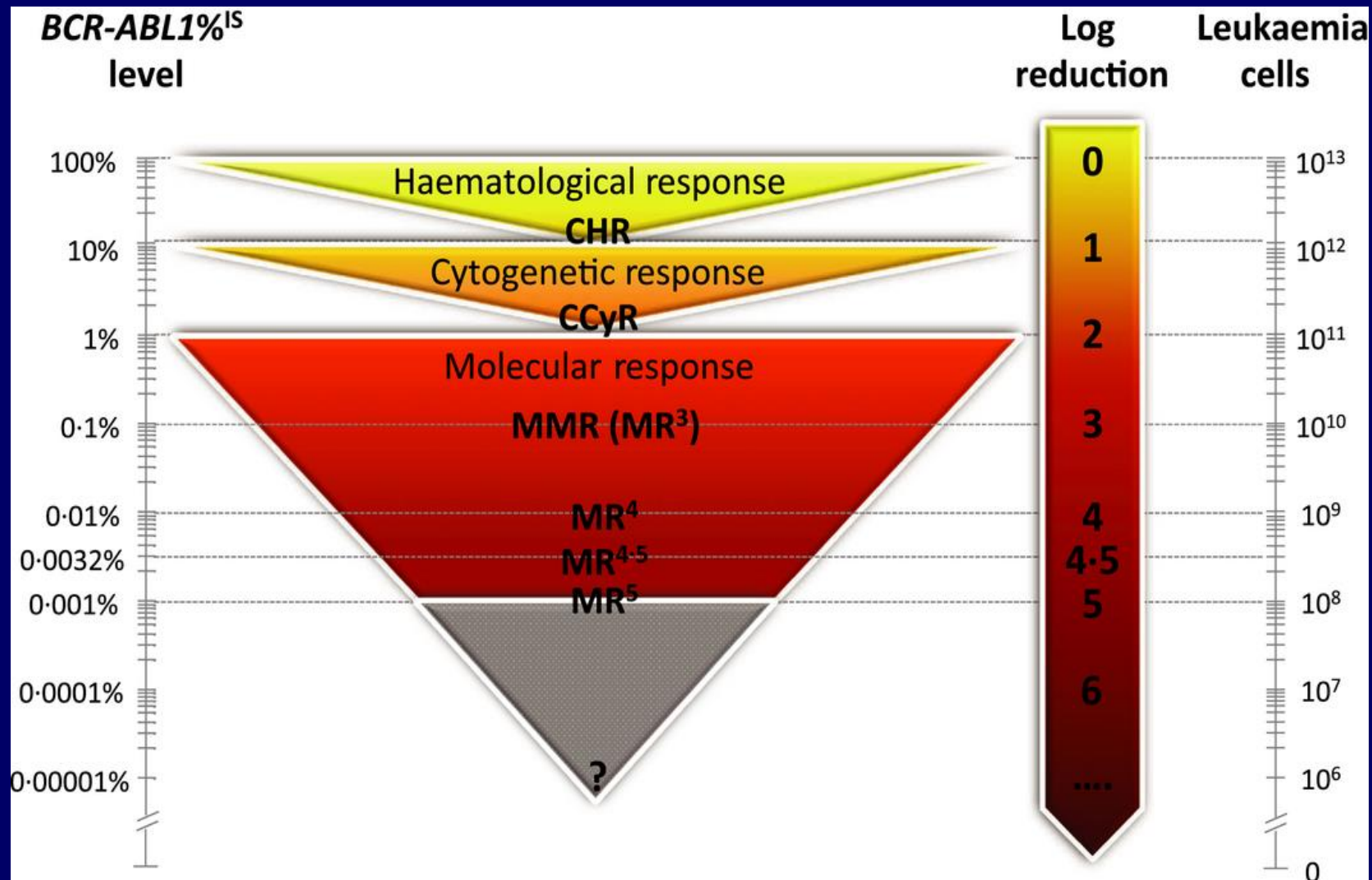
Specificity of selected ABL TKIs:

imatinib (Gleevec, STI571; Novartis),
 nilotinib (Tasigna, AMN107; Novartis),
 dasatinib (Sprycel, BMS-354825; Bristol-Myers Squibb),
 ponatinib (Iclusig, AP24534; Ariad Pharmaceuticals)
 and
 GNF-2, GNF-5 (allosteric inhibitors in preclinical studies).

The kinase selectivity profiles for imatinib, nilotinib, and dasatinib were generated based on the binding of cellular kinases to inhibitors immobilized on solid support matrices

Ponatinib-sensitive kinases were identified by in vitro kinase assays; shown are targets with IC₅₀ values of less than 20 nM. Kinases sensitive to GNF-2 and GNF-5 were identified by in vitro kinase assays

Key levels of molecular response (MR) on the International Scale (IS)



CML - definitions of hematologic, cytogenetic, and molecular response

Response by Type	Definitions
Hematologic	
Complete (CHR)	<p>WBC < $10 \times 10^9/L$</p> <p>Basophils < 5%</p> <p>No myelocytes, promyelocytes, myeloblasts in the differential</p> <p>Platelet count < $450 \times 10^9/L$</p> <p>Spleen nonpalpable</p>
Cytogenetic*	
Complete (CCgR)	No Ph+ metaphases
Partial (PCgR)	1% to 35% Ph+ metaphases
Minor (mCgR)	36% to 65% Ph+ metaphases
Minimal (minCgR)	66% to 95% Ph+ metaphases
None (noCgR)	> 95% Ph+ metaphases
Molecular†	
Complete (CMoIR)	Undetectable <i>BCR-ABL</i> mRNA transcripts by real time quantitative and/or nested PCR in two consecutive blood samples of adequate quality (sensitivity > 10^4)
Major (MMoIR)	Ratio of <i>BCR-ABL</i> to <i>ABL</i> (or other housekeeping genes) $\leq 0.1\%$ on the international scale

European LeukemiaNet Recommendations for the Management of Chronic Myeloid Leukemia (CML)

Timing of Cytogenetic and Molecular Monitoring

At diagnosis	CBA, FISH in case of Ph- (for cryptic or variant translocations), qualitative PCR (transcript type)
During treatment	RQ-PCR every 3 months until MMR has been achieved, then every 3 to 6 months and/or CBA at 3, 6, and 12 months until CCyR has been achieved, then every 12 months . Once CCyR is achieved, FISH on blood cells can be used.
Failure, progression	RQ-PCR, mutational analysis, and CBA. Immunophenotyping in blast phase.
Warning	Molecular and cytogenetic tests more frequently . CBA in case of myelodysplasia or CCA/Ph-

CBA: Chromosome banding analysis of marrow cell metaphases at least 20 metaphases analysed

DESIGN AND REALISATION: WWW.

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Baccarani et al, Blood 2013;122:872-884

Response definitions for any TKI **first line**, and 2nd line in case of intolerance, all patients (CP, AP, and BC)

Time	Optimal response	Warning	Failure
Baseline		High risk Major route CCA/Ph+	
3 mos.	BCR-ABL ^{IS} ≤10%* Ph+ ≤35% (PCyR)	BCR-ABL ^{IS} >10%* Ph+ 36-95%	No CHR* Ph+ >95%
6 mos.	BCR-ABL ^{IS} <1%* Ph+ 0% (CCyR)	BCR-ABL ^{IS} 1-10%* Ph+ 1-35%	BCR-ABL ^{IS} >10%* Ph+ >35%
12 mos.	BCR-ABL ^{IS} ≤0.1%* (MMR)	BCR-ABL ^{IS} 0.1-1%*	BCR-ABL ^{IS} >1%* Ph+ >0%
Then, and at any time	MMR or better	CCA/Ph- (-7, or 7q-)	Loss of CHR Loss of CCyR Loss of MMR, confirmed** Mutations CCA/Ph+

*and/or **in 2 consecutive tests, of which one ≥1% IS: BCR-ABL on International Scale

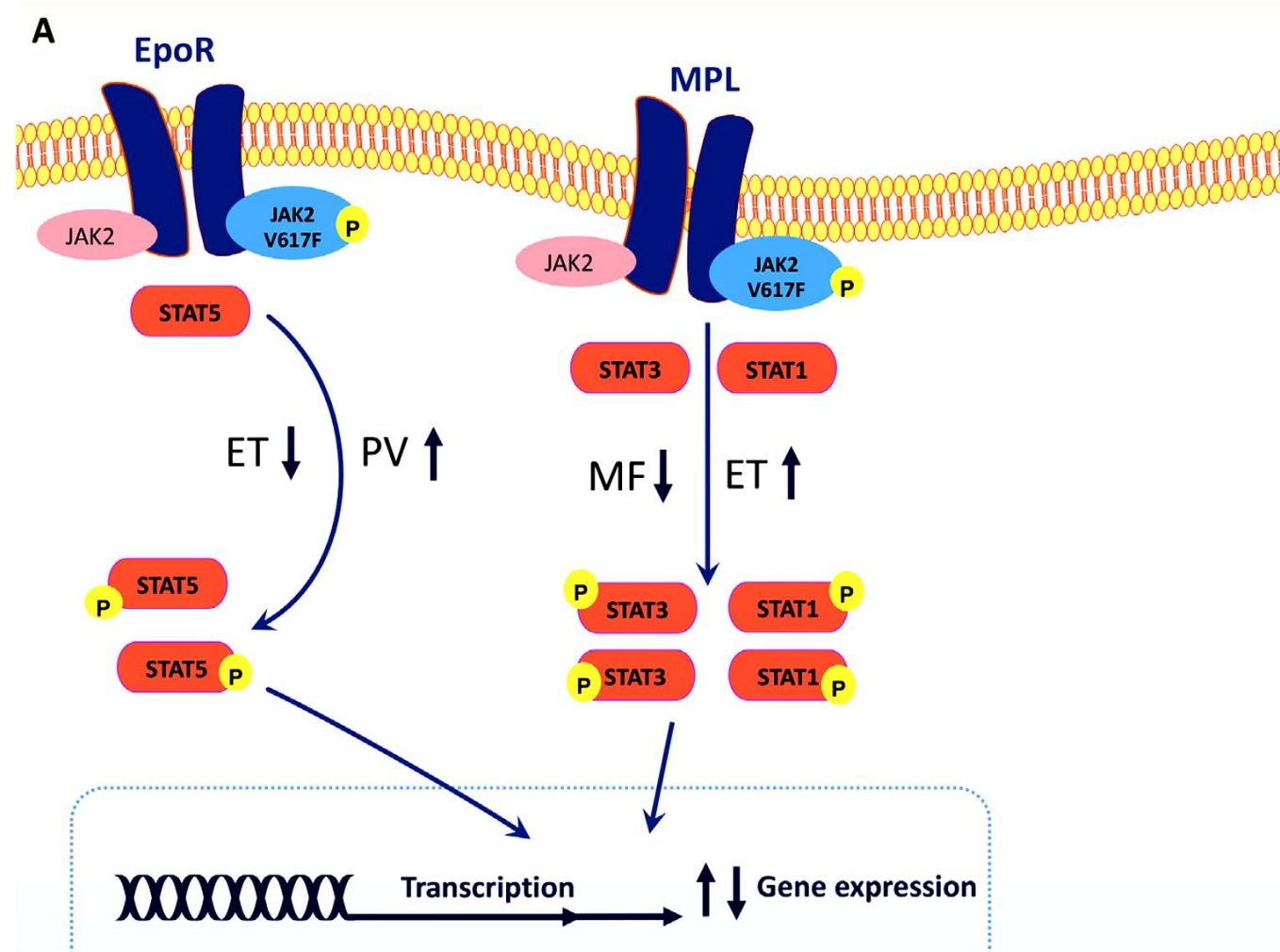
Classical myeloproliferative neoplasms

polycythaemia vera (PV)

essential thrombocythaemia (ET)

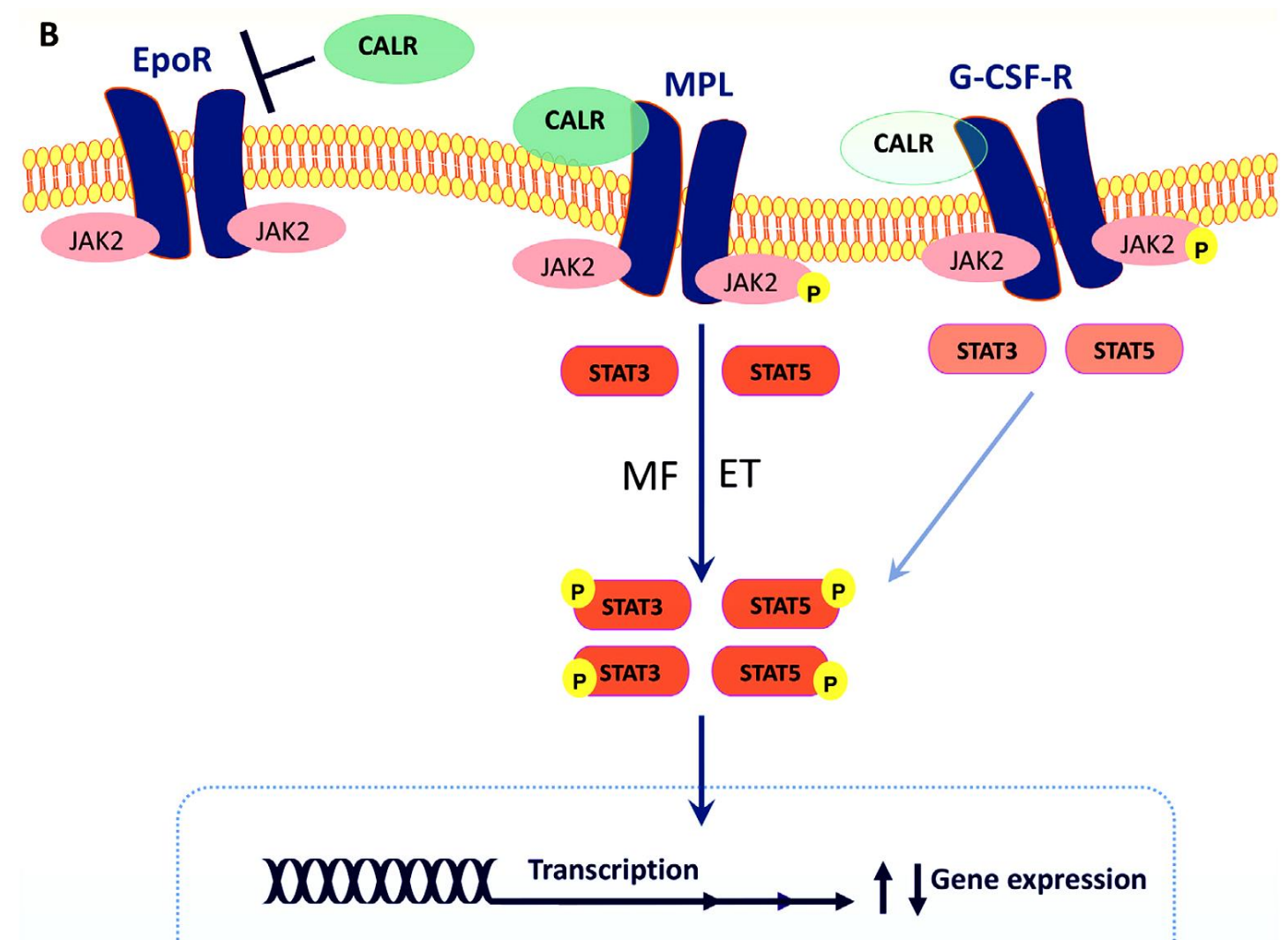
primary myelofibrosis (PMF)

Differential STAT protein activation in myeloproliferative neoplasms



JAK2 V617F, when phosphorylated, activates STAT proteins. In PV, JAK2 V617F binds to EPOR in the cytosol causing an increase in STAT5 activation. In ET, JAK2 V617F binding to MPL causes increased STAT1 and STAT3 but decreased STAT5 activation. In MF reduced activation occurs in STAT3

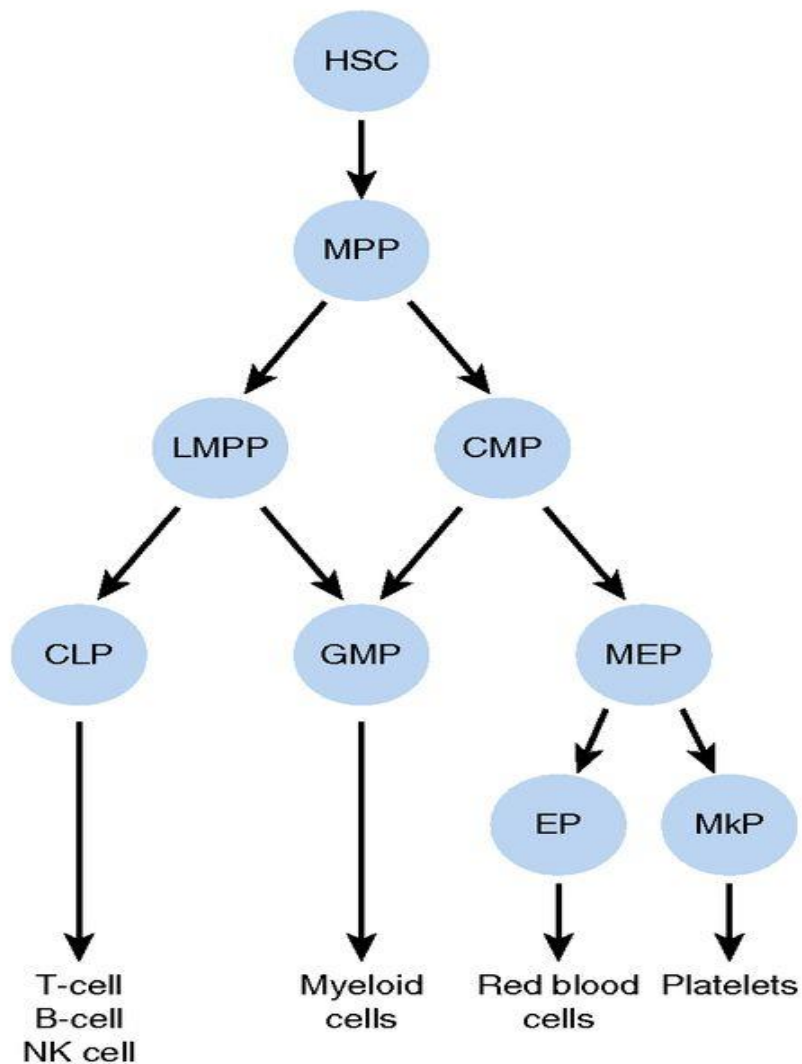
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In CALR-mutant MPN, CALR binds directly to MPL, signaling through JAK2 to upregulate STAT3 and STAT5. It binds weakly to G-CSF-R to activate these STAT proteins but does not bind to EPOR explaining only ET and MF phenotypes associated with CALR

Key somatic mutations and growth factor receptors important for MPN development

A



B

Stem and progenitors	HSC	MPP	LMPP/CLP	CMP
Key receptors	MPL	MPL	IL7R FLT3	MPL GMCSFR IL3R GCSFR
Impacting Mutation	JAK2V617F Mutant CALR MPLW515L	JAK2V617F Mutant CALR MPLW515L	None	JAK2V617F Mutant CALR MPLW515L
Progenitors and precursors	GMP	MEP	EP	MkP
Key receptors	GMCSFR IL3R GCSFR	IL3R EPOR MPL	EPOR	MPL
Impacting Mutation	JAK2V617F	JAK2V617F Mutant CALR MPLW515L	JAK2V617F	JAK2V617F Mutant CALR MPLW515L

HSC = hematopoietic stem cell
 MPP = multipotent progenitor
 LMPP = lymphoid primed multipotent progenitor
 CMP = common myeloid progenitor
 MEP = megakaryocyte erythroid progenitor
 GMP = granulocyte macrophage progenitor
 MkP = megakaryocyte precursor
 EP = erythroid precursor
 CLP = common lymphoid progenitor

Proposed 2016 WHO diagnostic criteria for *BCR-ABL1*-negative myeloproliferative neoplasms

PV	ET	PMF	
Major criteria			
1 Hemoglobin > 16.5 g/dl (men) > 16 g/dl (women) or hematocrit > 49% (men) > 48% (women) or increased red cell mass (RCM)	Platelet count $\geq 450 \times 10^9/l$	prePM Megakaryocytic proliferation and atypia ^d , without reticulin fibrosis > grade 1, ^e accompanied by increased age-adjusted bone marrow cellularity, granulocytic proliferation and often decreased erythropoiesis	Overt PMF Megakaryocyte proliferation and atypia ^d accompanied by either reticulin and/or collagen fibrosis (grade 2 or 3)
2 BM with age-adjusted hypercellularity and trilineage myeloproliferation with pleomorphic, mature megakaryocytes (differences in size)	BM with megakaryocyte proliferation with large and mature morphology. No significant left-shift of neutrophil granulopoiesis or erythropoiesis and very rarely minor (grade 1) increase in reticulin fibers	Not meeting WHO criteria for <i>BCR-ABL1</i> + CML, PV, ET, MDS or other myeloid neoplasm	Not meeting WHO criteria for <i>BCR-ABL1</i> + CML, PV, ET, MDS or other myeloid neoplasm
3 Presence of <i>JAK2</i> mutation	Not meeting WHO criteria for <i>BCR-ABL1</i> + CML, PV, PMF, MDS or other myeloid neoplasm	Presence of <i>JAK2</i> , <i>CALR</i> or <i>MPL</i> mutation or in the absence of these mutations, presence of another clonal marker ^f or absence of minor reactive bone marrow reticulin fibrosis ^g	Presence of <i>JAK2</i> , <i>CALR</i> or <i>MPL</i> mutation or in the absence, the presence of another clonal marker ^f or absence of evidence for reactive bone marrow fibrosis ^h
4	Presence of <i>JAK2</i> , <i>CALR</i> or <i>MPL</i> mutation		

PV	ET	PMF	
Minor criteria			
1 Subnormal serum erythropoietin level	Presence of a clonal marker (e.g. abnormal karyotype) or absence of evidence for reactive thrombocytosis	Presence of one or more of the following ⁱ : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anemia not attributed to a comorbid condition Palpable splenomegaly Leukocytosis $\geq 11 \times 10^9/L$ Elevated LDH^j 	Presence of one or more of the following ⁱ : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anemia not attributed to a comorbid condition Palpable splenomegaly Leukocytosis $\geq 11 \times 10^9/L$ Elevated LDH^j Leukoerythroblastosisⁱ

a PV diagnosis requires meeting either all three major criteria or the first two major criteria and one minor criterion

b ET diagnosis requires meeting all four major criteria or first three major criteria and one minor criterion

c prePMF diagnosis requires all three major criteria and at least one minor criterion. Overt PMF diagnosis requires meeting all three major criteria and at least one minor criterion

^d Small-to-large megakaryocytes with aberrant nuclear/cytoplasmic ratio and hyperchromatic and irregularly folded nuclei and dense clustering.
^e In cases with grade 1 reticulin fibrosis, the megakaryocyte changes must be accompanied by increased marrow cellularity, granulocytic proliferation and often decreased erythropoiesis (that is, prePMF).

^f In the absence of any of the 3 major clonal mutations, the search for the most frequent accompanying mutations (*ASXL1*, *EZH2*, *TET2*, *IDH1/IDH2*, *SRSF2*, *SF3B1*) are of help in determining the clonal nature of the disease.

^g Minor (grade 1) reticulin fibrosis secondary to infection, autoimmune disorder or other chronic inflammatory conditions, hairy cell leukemia or other lymphoid neoplasm, metastatic malignancy, or toxic (chronic) myelopathies.

^h Bone marrow fibrosis secondary to infection, autoimmune disorder or other chronic inflammatory conditions, hairy cell leukemia or other lymphoid neoplasm, metastatic malignancy or toxic (chronic) myelopathies.

ⁱ Confirmed in two consecutive determinations

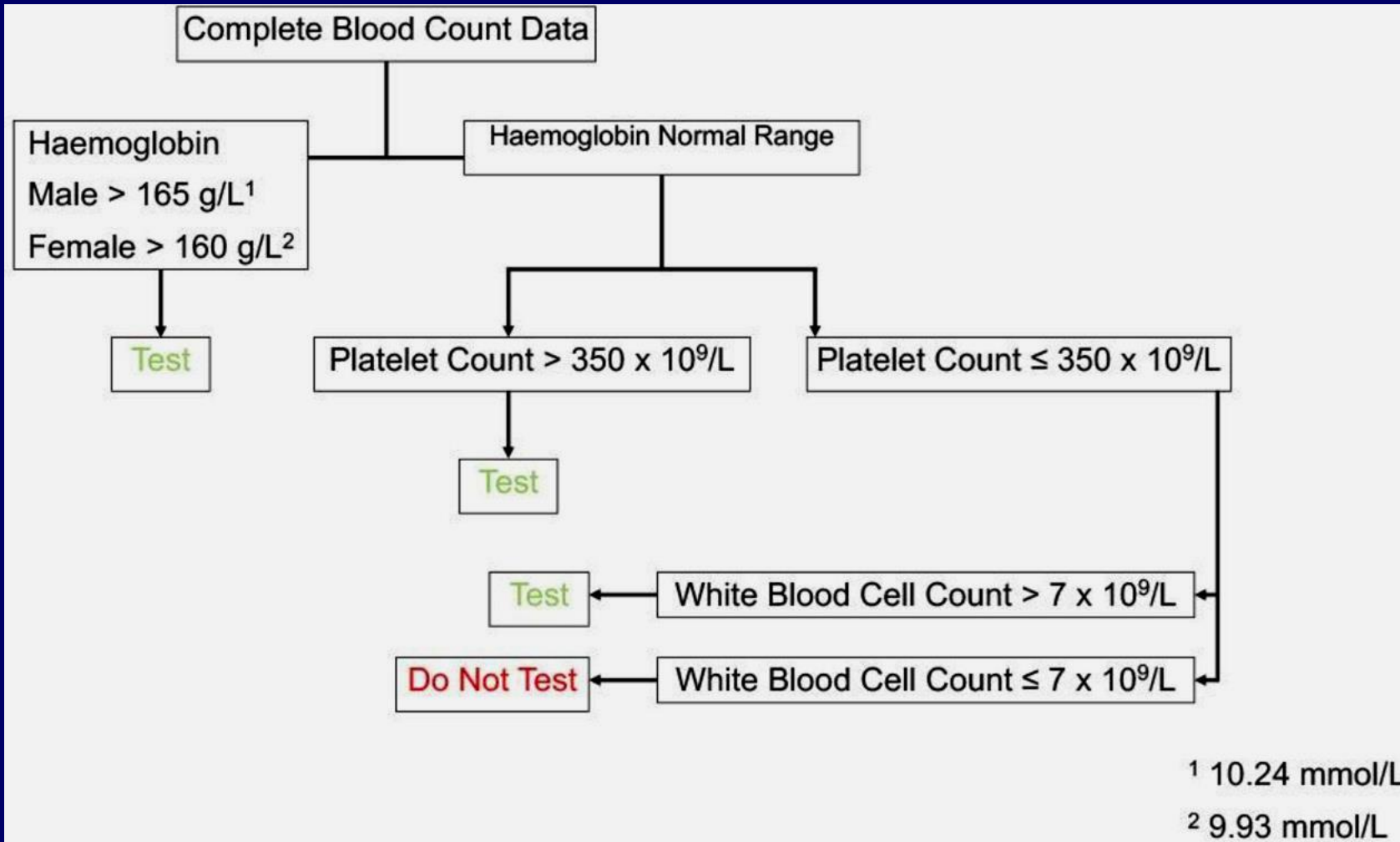
^j Degree of abnormality can be borderline or marked and institutional reference range should be used for lactate dehydrogenase level (LDH)

MPN symptoms by subtype

Symptom	ET (n=874)		PV (n=729)		MF (n=486)		Total (n=2089)	
	Mean (SD)	Incidence (%)*	Mean (SD)	Incidence (%)*	Mean (SD)	Incidence (%)*	Mean (SD)	Incidence (%)*
Worst fatigue (one-item BFI)	3.9 (2.9)	84	4.2 (2.9)	85	4.9 (2.8)	94	4.3 (2.9)	87
Early satiety	2.1 (2.6)	56	2.4 (2.7)	60	3.2 (3.0)	74	2.4 (2.8)	61
Abdominal discomfort	1.6 (2.3)	48	1.6 (2.3)	48	2.6 (2.8)	65	1.8 (2.5)	52
Inactivity	1.9 (2.5)	54	2.4 (2.8)	60	3.3 (3.0)	76	2.4 (2.7)	61
Concentration	2.2 (2.7)	58	2.6 (2.8)	62	2.8 (2.9)	68	2.5 (2.8)	62
Night sweats	1.9 (2.7)	47	2.1 (2.8)	52	2.9 (3.2)	63	2.2 (2.9)	53
Itching	1.7 (2.6)	46	2.7 (3.1)	62	2.1 (2.9)	52	2.1 (2.9)	53
Bone pain	1.7 (2.6)	45	2.0 (2.8)	48	2.2 (2.9)	53	1.9 (2.7)	48
Fever	0.4 (1.2)	17	0.4 (1.2)	19	0.6 (1.6)	24	0.5 (1.3)	19
Weight loss	0.9 (2.0)	28	1.2 (2.2)	33	2.2 (3.1)	47	1.3 (2.4)	34
MPN - 10	18.3 (15.4)	---	21.6 (16.7)	---	26.6 (18.0)	---	21.4 (16.8)	---

ET, essential thrombocythemia; MF, myelofibrosis; PV, polycythemia vera

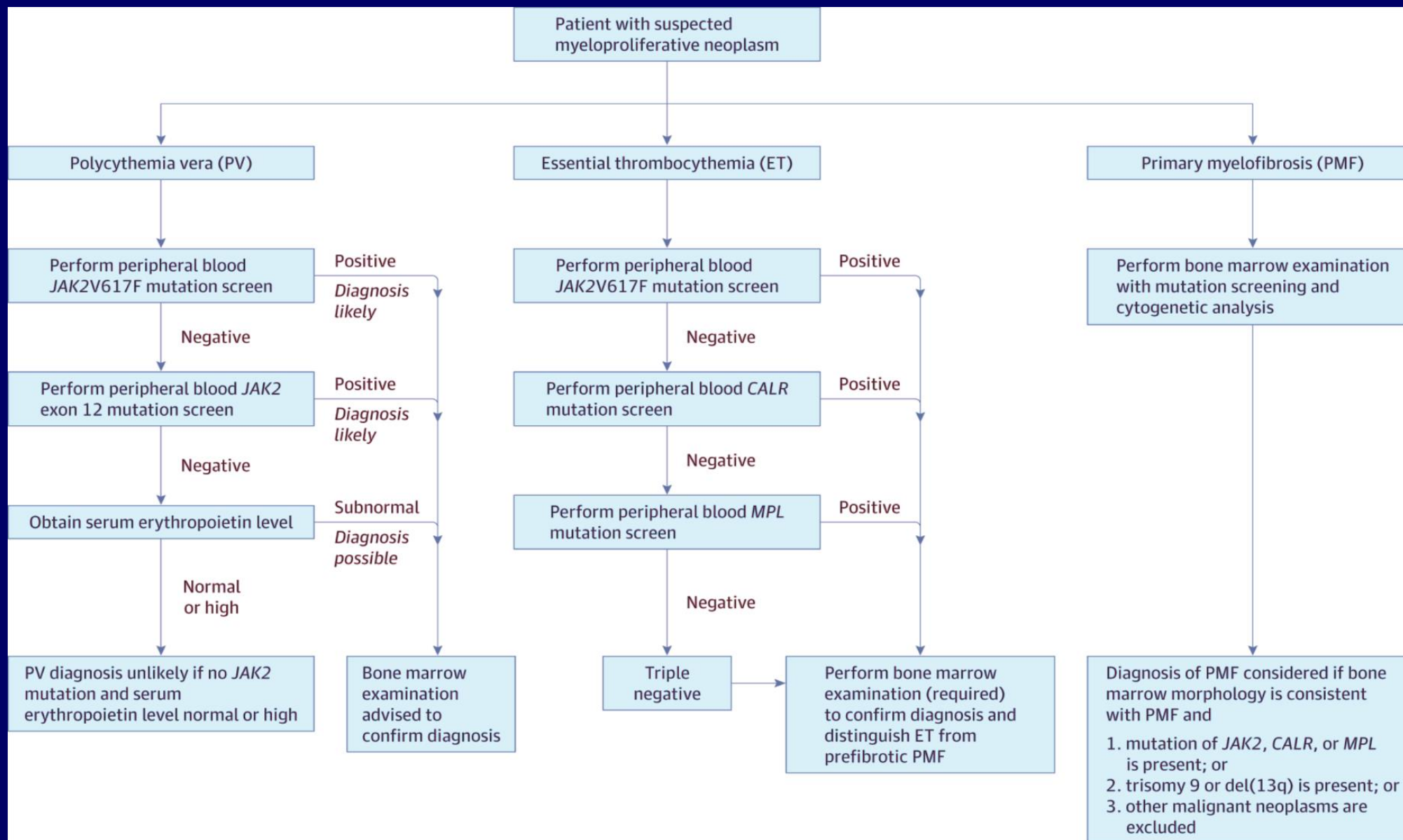
JAK2-tree: a simple CBC-based decision rule to guide appropriate JAK2 V617F mutation testing



Copenhagen General Population Study JAK2-tree confusion matrix

	JAK2 V617F status (%)	
	Positive	Negative
JAK2-tree algorithm (%)		
Test	62 (0.12%)	28 623 (57%)
Do not test	6 (0.01%)	21 672 (43%)

Practical Algorithm for Diagnosis of Polycythemia Vera (PV), Essential Thrombocythemia (ET), and Primary Myelofibrosis (PMF)



POLYCYTHEMIA VERA

treatment

- Phlebotomy
 - initially 450-500 ml phlebotomy every other day until the hematocrit is less than 45% (M), 42% (F)
 - older patients or these with underlying cardiovascular disease should undergo smaller phlebotomies 200-300mL twice weeklyor
 - 100-150mL every day until Ht<45%
 - fluid replacement so that the patients remains isovolemic
- Hydroxycabamide (Hydroxyurea) – 10-30mg/kg bw orally daily

Recommendations for second-line therapy in PV

Current drug options

Interferon- α , if hydroxyurea resistant / intolerant

Hydroxyurea, if Interferon- α resistant / intolerant

Busulfan, for patients with short life expectancy

Pipobroman, ^{32}P (not frequently used)

Barbui *et al*, J Clin Oncol 2011;29(6):761-70

Ruxolitinib, in patients with inadequate response or intolerant to hydroxyurea



http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda_docs/label/2014/202192s008lbl.pdf

POLYCYTHEMIA VERA - supportive care

Severe itching (pruritus) — antihistamines, H₂-receptor blockers, serotonin reuptake inhibitors, interferon alpha, and in resistant cases, myelosuppression.

Hyperuricemia — allopurinol 300mg/day

Erythromelalgia (a burning pain in the feet or hands accompanied by erythema, pallor or cyanosis) — low-dose aspirin. Erythromelalgia unresponsive to treatment with low-dose aspirin should be treated with myelosuppression

Bleeding — extraneous causes for bleeding (eg, use of high-dose aspirin, antiplatelet agents, anticoagulants) should be stopped. Patients should be evaluated for acquired von Willebrand disease and treated accordingly (vWF ristocetin cofactor activity)

ESSENTIAL THROMBOCYTHEMIA

clinical picture

1. Thrombotic complications (intermittent or permanent occlusion of small blood vessels)

- transient cerebral and ocular ischemic episodes that may progress to infarction
- peripheral arterial occlusive disease associated with „erythromelalgia” (intermittent, painful erythema and cyanosis of the fingers and toes)

2. Hemorrhagic complications

- bleeding after surgery and spontaneous upper gastrointestinal bleeding (the hemorrhagic tendency is worsened if nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory agents are administered)

3. Splenomegaly - 20-50% patients

4. Hepatomegaly - rarely

Risk assessment model—IPSET thrombosis study

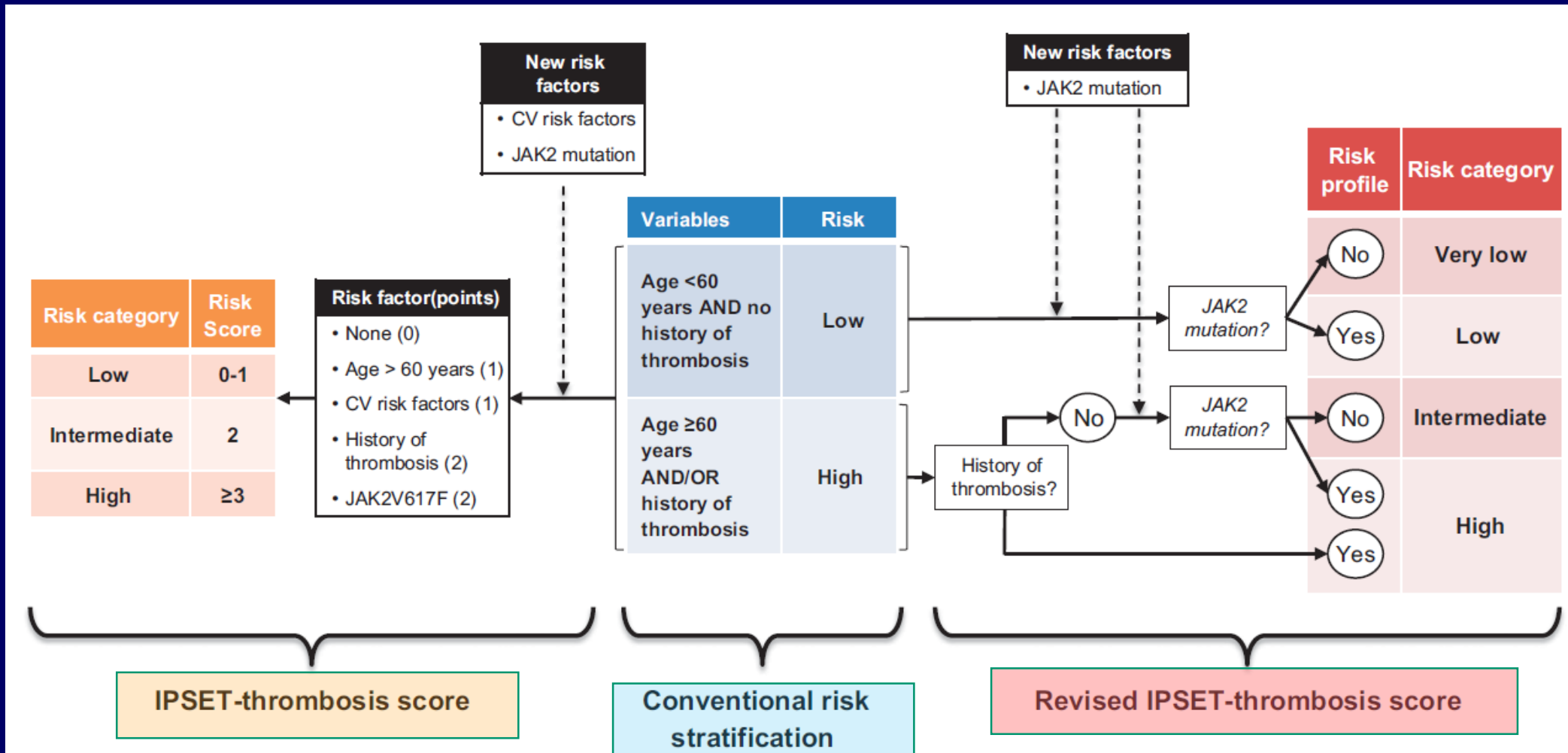
IPSET thrombosis model ^a			
Risk factor	HR	Score	
Age > 60 years	1.50	1 point	
CV risk factors	1.56	1 point	
Prior thrombosis	1.93	2 points	
JAK2V617F	2.04	2 points	
Distribution and event rate ^b			
Risk category	Points	Distribution	Event rate
Low risk	0–1 points	39%	1.03% pts/year
Intermediate risk	2 points	39%	2.35% pts /year
High risk	≥ 3 points	23%	3.56% pts /year

IPSET International Prognostic Score of Thrombosis, *CV* cardiovascular, % *pts/y* percentage of patients per year]

^a891 patients

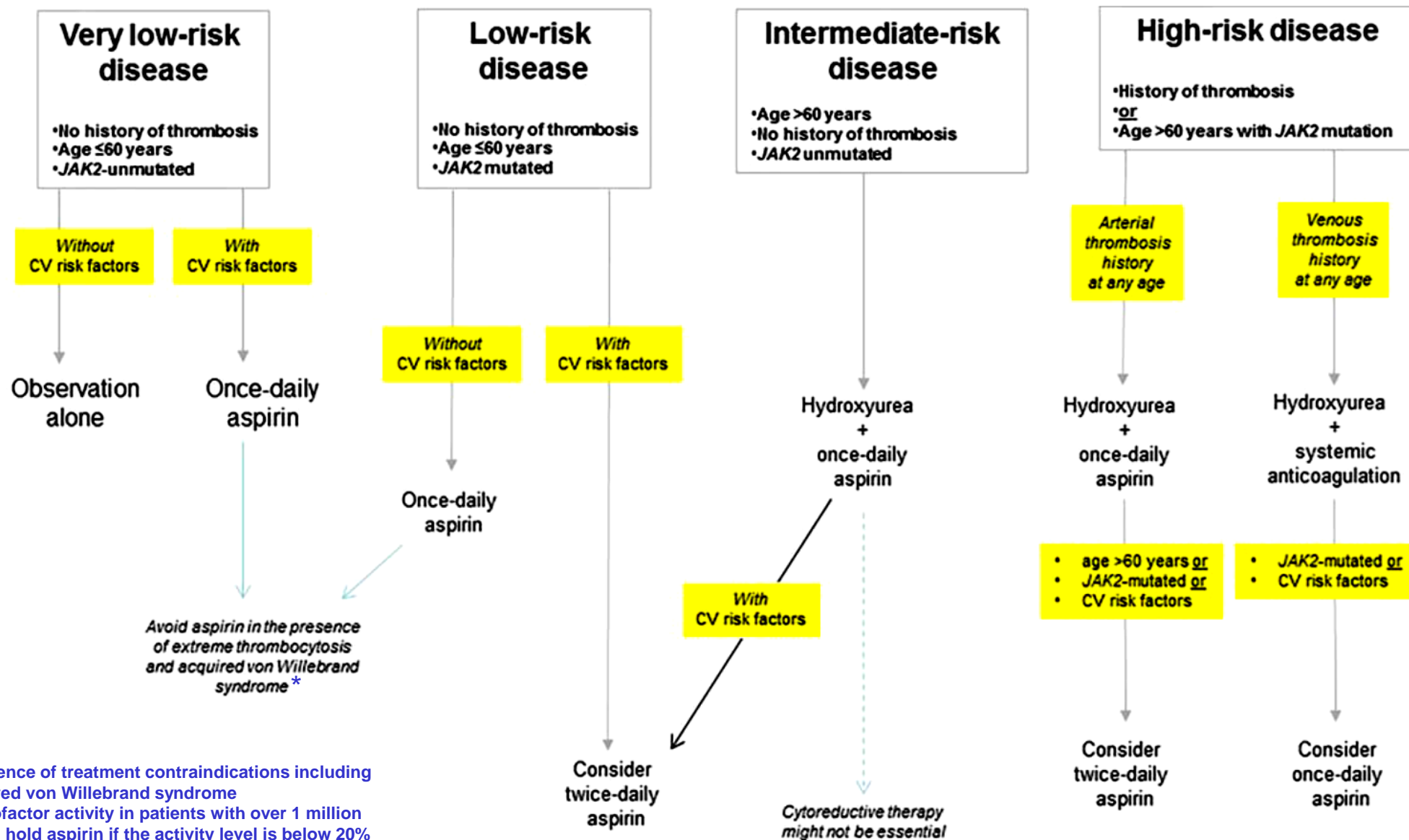
^b1220 patients

Essential thrombocythaemia thrombotic risk assessment



CV, cardiovascular risk factors, IPSET, International Prognostic Score for Thrombosis in Essential Thrombocythemia

Contemporary treatment algorithm in essential thrombocythemia (ET)



*Aspirin is used in the absence of treatment contraindications including clinically significant acquired von Willebrand syndrome → measure of ristocetin cofactor activity in patients with over 1 million platelets per microliter and hold aspirin if the activity level is below 20%

Primary myelofibrosis (PMF)

MYELOFIBROSIS

- The incidence of Myelofibrosis is about 0,5/100.000. The median age at diagnosis was approximately 65 years.
- Common complaints: fatigue, weight loss, night sweats, bone pain, abdominal pain, fever
- Physical findings: splenomegaly (often huge), hepatomegaly (in about 50% of patients), symptoms of anaemia and thrombocytopenia

MYELOFIBROSIS

- laboratory findings (1)

- Anemia - Hb < 10g/dL in 60% of patients
- Leukocytosis with counts generally below 50 G/L (in about 50%), leukopenia (in about 25% at the time of diagnosis)
- thrombocytosis in 50% at the time of diagnosis, with disease progression thrombocytopenia becomes common
- eosinophilia and basophilia may be present
- reticulocytosis
- LAP score is usually elevated
- Increased level of lactate dehydrogenase
- uric acid level is increased in most patients

PMF prognostic scale

Dynamic IPSS :

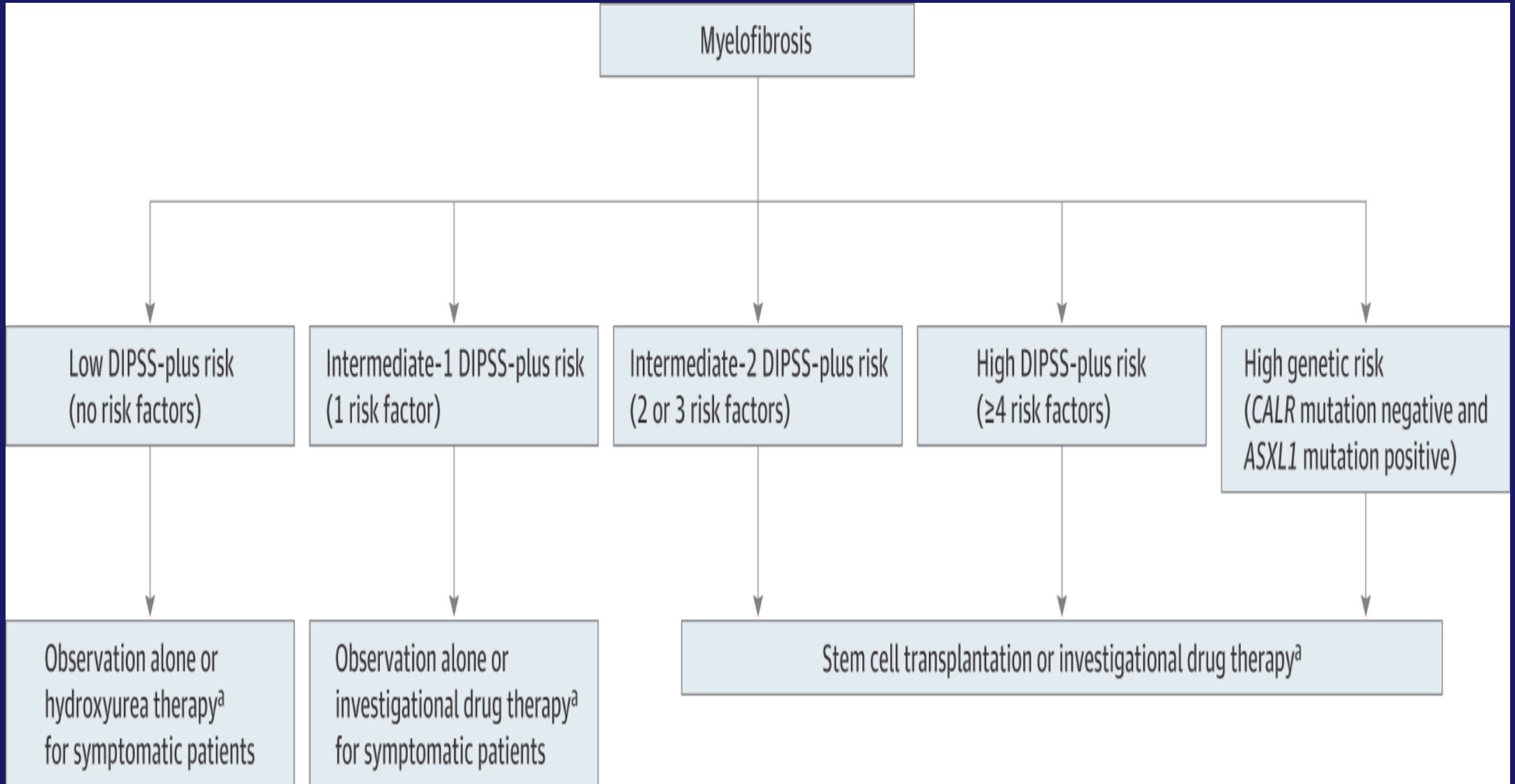
- Age >65 years: 1 point
- Leukocyte count >25,000/microL: 1 point
- Hemoglobin <10 g/dL: 2 points
- Circulating blast cells \geq 1 percent: 1 point
- Presence of constitutional symptoms: 1 point

Subjects with zero, one to two, three to four, or 5 to 6 points were considered low, intermediate-1, intermediate-2, or high risk, respectively.

DIPSS Plus — IPSS-independent prognostic factors for survival in PMF:

1. unfavorable karyotype [complex karyotype or sole or two abnormalities that include +8, -7/7q-, i(17q), -5/5q-, 12p-, inv(3), or 11q23 rearrangements]
2. red cell transfusion need
3. thrombocytopenia

Contemporary Treatment Algorithm for Primary Myelofibrosis



MYELOFIBROSIS - therapy (1)

Drug used for the control of leukocytosis, thrombocytosis:

hydroxyurea

Drugs used for treatment of splenomegaly and constitutional symptoms:

hydroxyurea (HU), ruxolitinib in cases with HU resistance/intolerance

Drugs used for treatment of anemia:

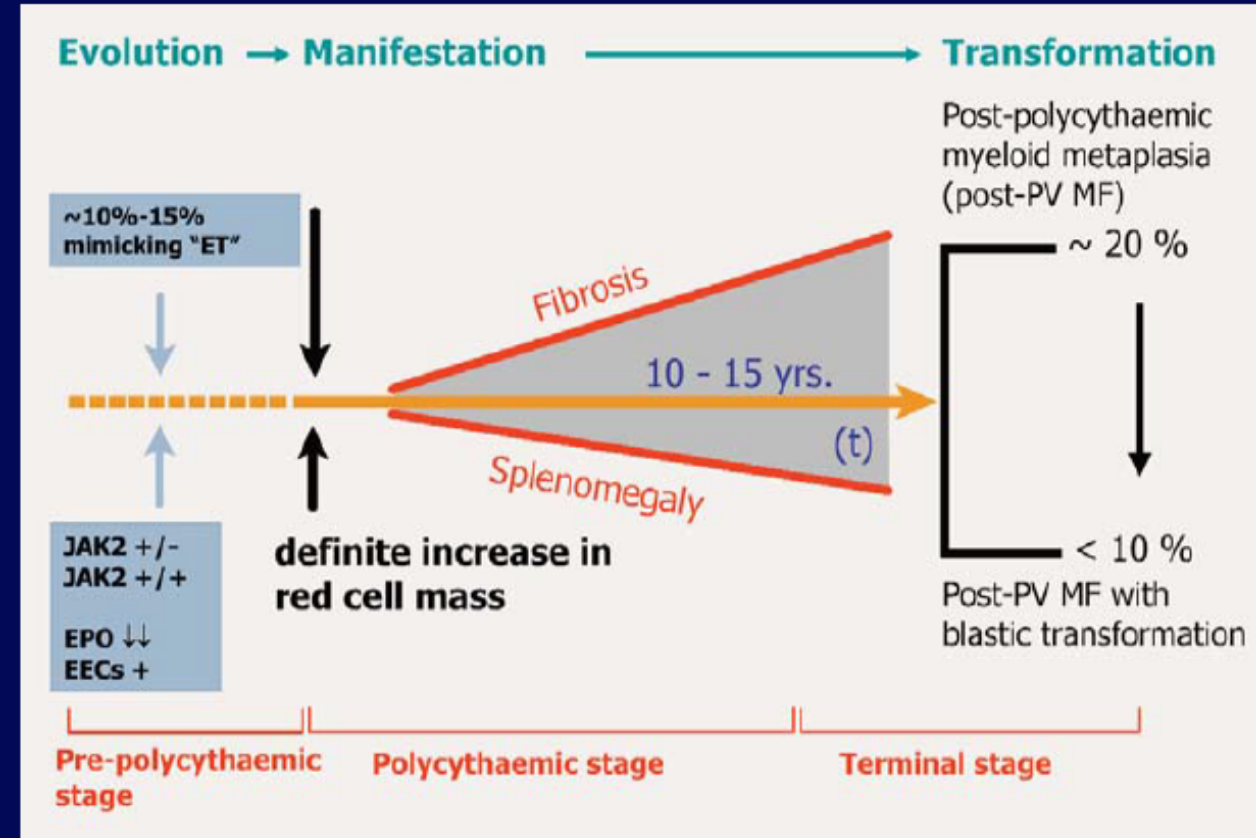
androgen preparations, prednisone, danazol, thalidomide, lenalidomide (in the presence of del(5q))

MYELOFIBROSIS - therapy (2)

- **Allogeneic stem-cell transplantation:** for young patients who have a poor prognosis and have a suitable donor identified
- **Hydroxyurea (HU)**
- **JAK2 inhibitors in case of HU resistance/intolerance**
- **Supportive care:**
 - Allopurinol-to prevent hyperuricaemia.
 - Transfusions of packed red cells for anemia or platelets for thrombocytopenia with bleeding

PV: a dynamic disease that evolves in stages

- A pre-polycythemic phase characterized by borderline to only mild erythrocytosis
- An overt polycythemic phase, (erythrocytotic phase)
- A post-polycythemic myelofibrotic phase in which cytopenias develop due to ineffective hematopoiesis in association with bone marrow fibrosis and extramedullary hematopoiesis
- Accelerated/Blast phase



post-PV myelofibrosis

Criteria for post-polycythemia vera myelofibrosis

Required criteria:

- 1 Documentation of a previous diagnosis of polycythemia vera as defined by the WHO criteria (see Table II)
- 2 Bone marrow fibrosis grade 2-3 (on 0-3 scale) or grade 3-4 (on 0-4 scale) (see footnote for details)

Additional criteria (two are required):

- 1 Anemia or sustained loss of requirement for phlebotomy in the absence of cytoreductive therapy
- 2 A leukoerythroblastic peripheral blood picture
- 3 Increasing splenomegaly defined as either an increase in palpable splenomegaly of ≥ 5 cm (distance of the tip of the spleen from the left costal margin) or the appearance of a newly palpable splenomegaly
- 4 Development of ≥ 1 of three constitutional symptoms: $>10\%$ weight loss in 6 months, night sweats, unexplained fever ($>37.5^{\circ}\text{C}$)

Criteria for post-essential thrombocythemia myelofibrosis

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Required criteria:

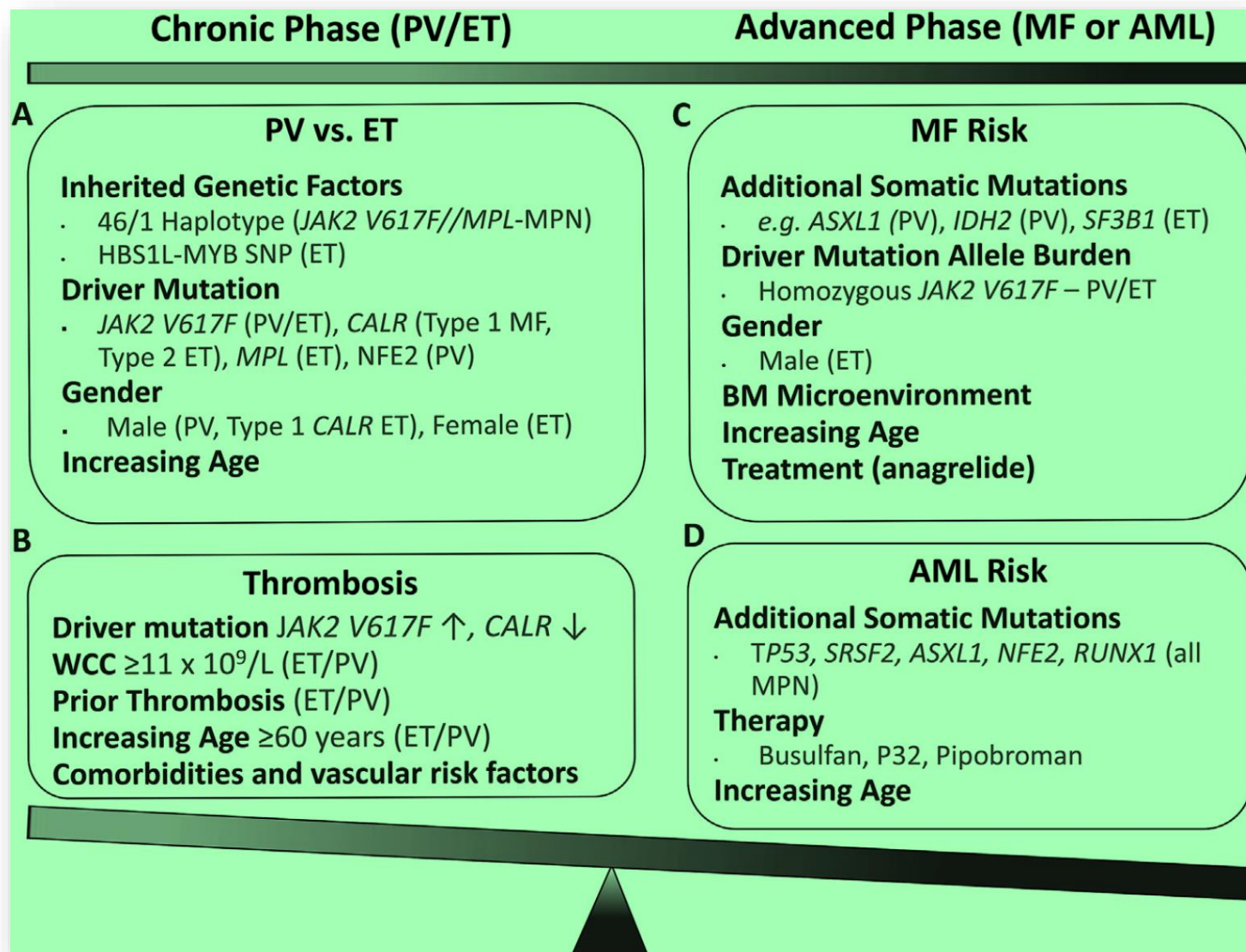
- 1 Documentation of a previous diagnosis of essential thrombocythemia as defined by the WHO criteria (see Table 2)
- 2 Bone marrow fibrosis grade 2–3 (on 0–3 scale) or grade 3–4 (on 0–4 scale) (see footnote for details)

Additional criteria (two are required):

- 1 Anemia and a ≥ 2 g/dL decrease from baseline hemoglobin level
- 2 A leukoerythroblastic peripheral blood picture
- 3 Increasing splenomegaly defined as either an increase in palpable splenomegaly of ≥ 5 cm (distance of the tip of the spleen from the left costal margin) or the appearance of a newly palpable splenomegaly
- 4 Increased lactate dehydrogenase
- 5 Development of ≥ 1 of three constitutional symptoms: $>10\%$ weight loss in 6 mo, night sweats, unexplained fever ($>37.5^{\circ}\text{C}$)

Grade 2–3 according to the European classification:[2] diffuse, often coarse fiber network with no evidence of collagenization (negative trichrome stain) or diffuse, coarse fiber network with areas of collagenization (positive trichrome stain). Grade 3–4 according to the standard classification:[3] diffuse and dense increase in reticulin with extensive intersections, occasionally with only focal bundles of collagen and/or focal osteosclerosis or diffuse and dense increase in reticulin with extensive intersections with coarse bundles of collagen, often associated with significant osteosclerosis

An overview of the principal factors influencing disease heterogeneity in chronic and advanced MPN



A) Risk factors predisposing to development of PV versus (vs.) ET

B) Risk factors predisposing to thrombosis in PV and ET

C) Factors influencing risk of transformation to MF

D) Factors influencing risk of transformation to AML