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# Highlights from EHA

## **NOVITA' DALL'EHA: LE MIELODISPLASIE**

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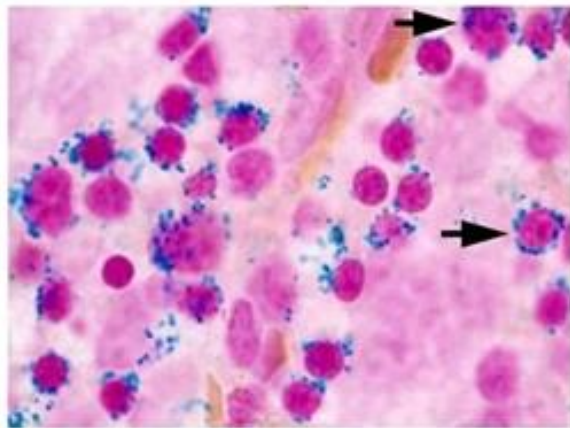
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## **SINDROMI MIELODISPLASTICHE: IN QUALI ASPETTI LE PIU'IMPORTANTI NOVITA' DALL'EHA?**

- **CLASSIFICAZIONE (WHO 2016)**
- **PROGNOSI (le alterazioni molecolari servono?)**
- **TERAPIA (bassi rischi/alti rischi)**

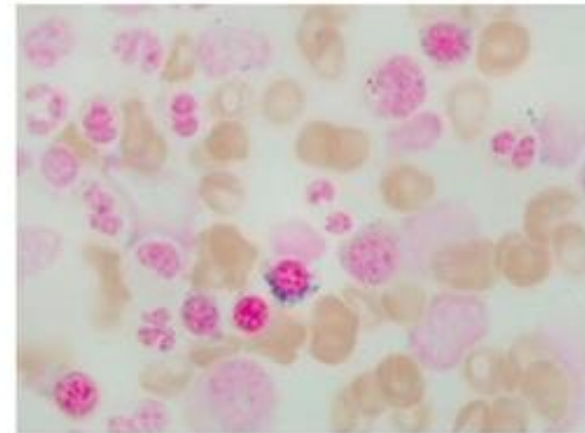
# CLASSIFICAZIONE WHO 2008

Sideroblasti ad anello  $\geq 15\%$



**RARS**

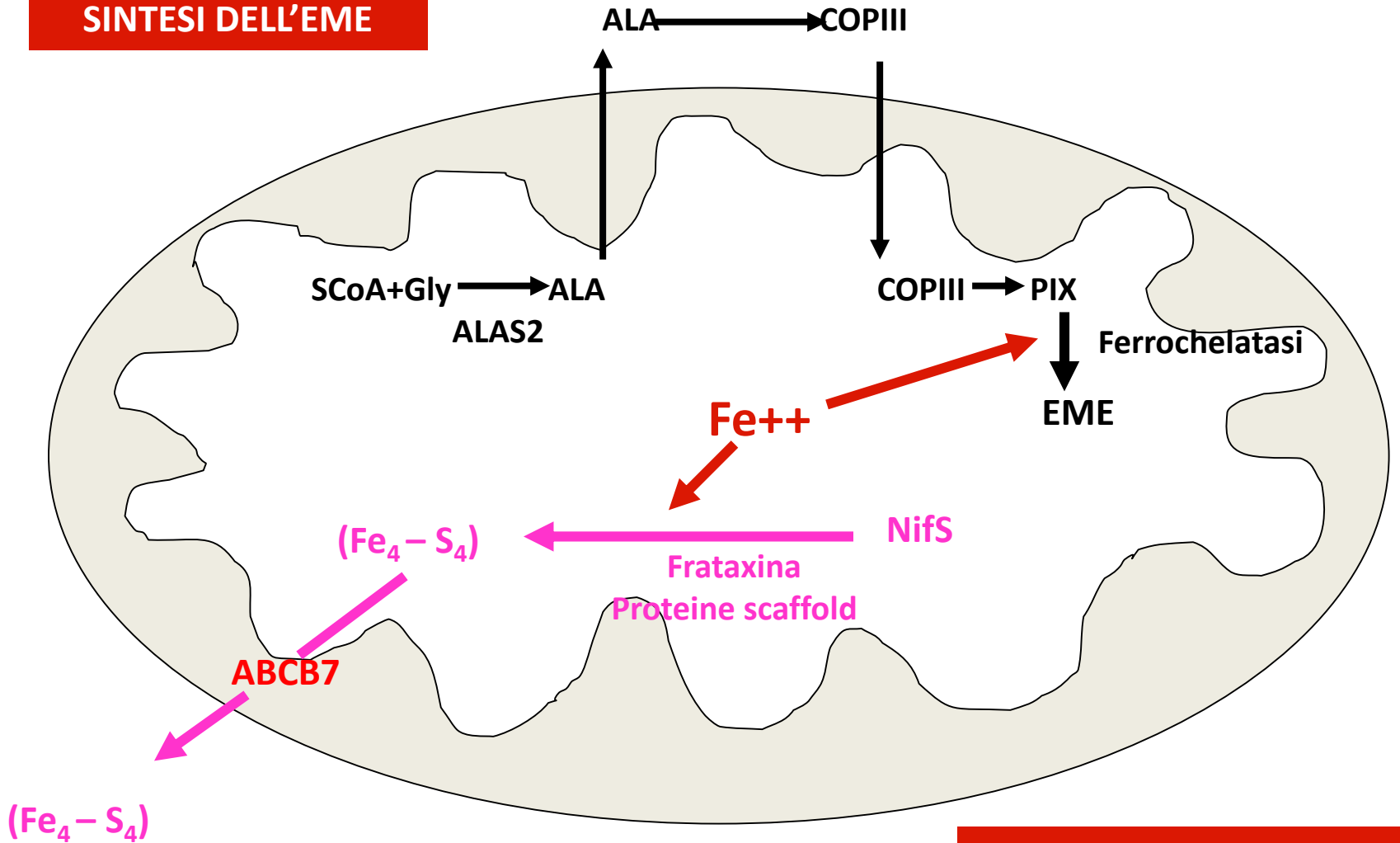
Sideroblasti ad anello 5 -14%



**RA/ICUS**

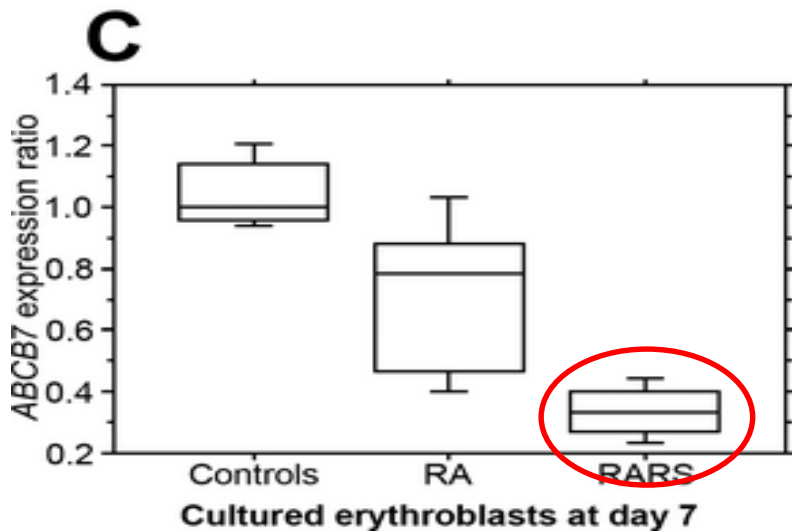
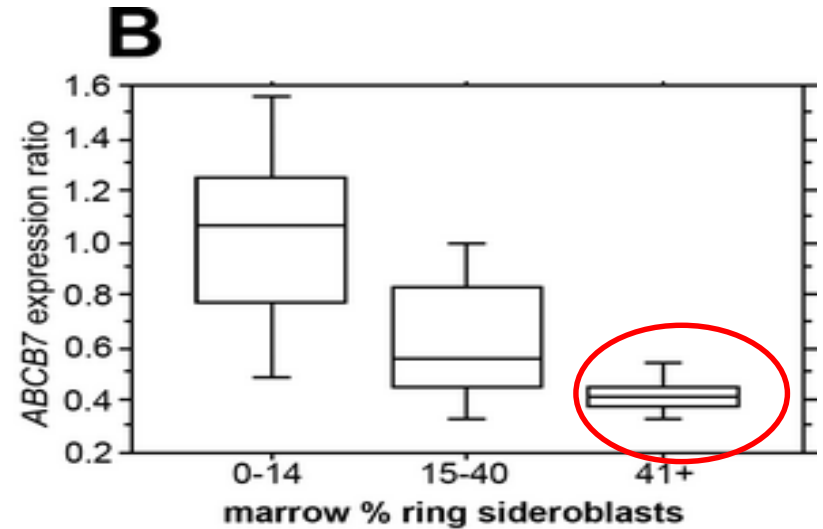
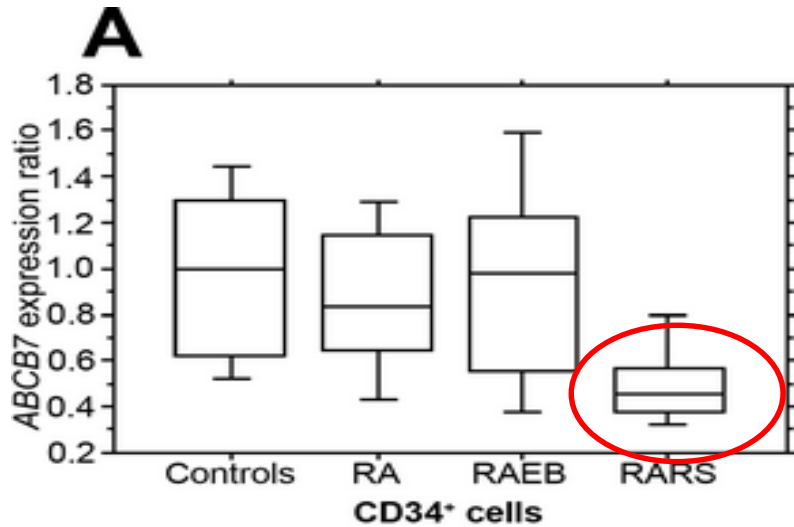
# METABOLISMO MITOCONDRIALE DEL FERRO

## SINTESI DELL'EME



## SINTESI DEI GRUPPI Fe-S

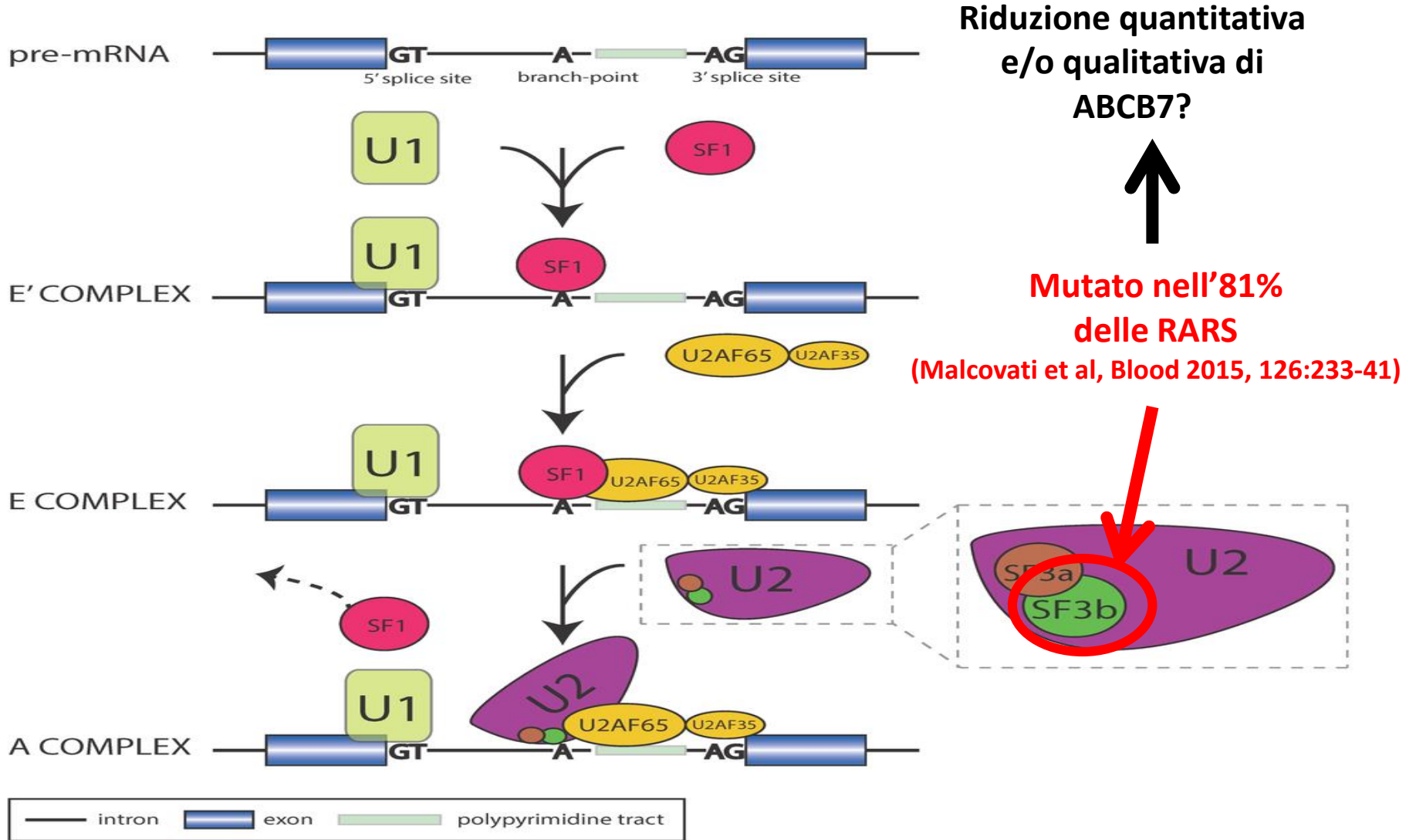
## DEREGOLAZIONE PRIMITIVA DEL FERRO NELLE MIELODISPLASIE: ALTERATA ESPRESSIONE DI ABCB7



# LO SPLICEOSOMA: COSA E' E COME FUNZIONA



# LO SPLICEOSOMA: COSA E' E COME FUNZIONA (2)



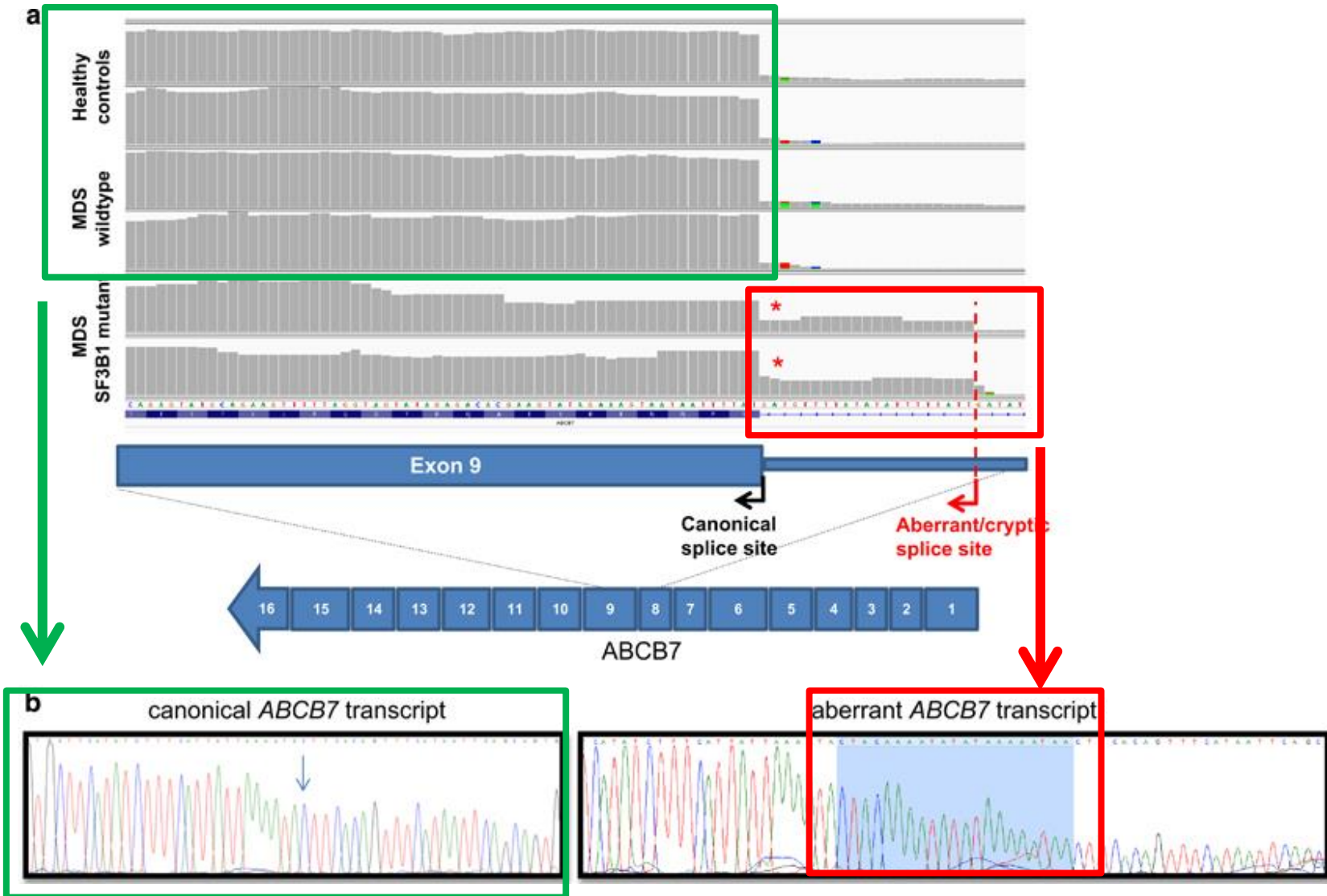
Riduzione quantitativa  
e/o qualitativa di  
ABCB7?



**Mutato nell'81%  
delle RARS**

(Malcovati et al, Blood 2015, 126:233-41)

# DALLA MUTAZIONE DI SF3B1 ALL'ALTERAZIONE DI ABCB7

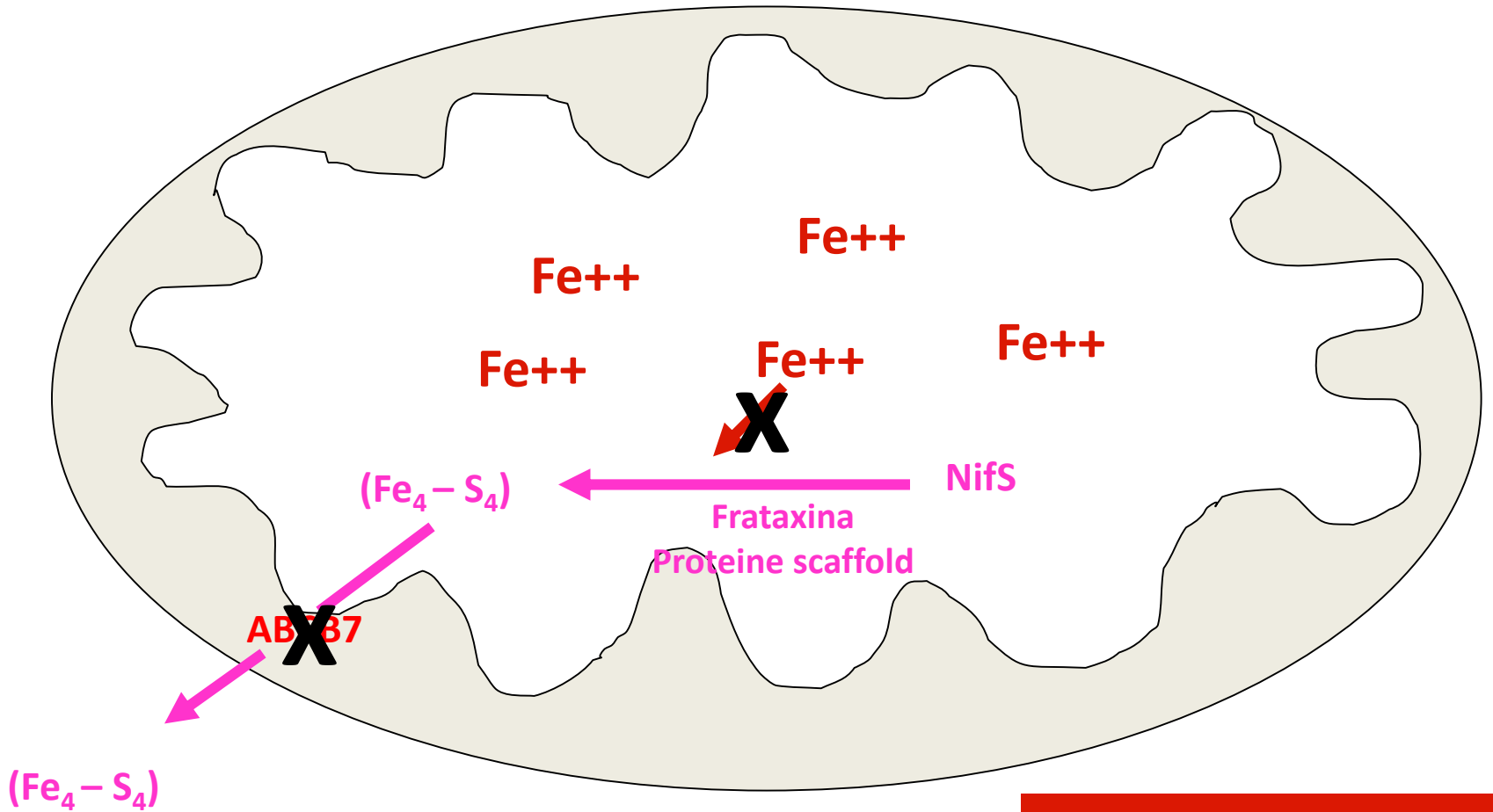


Boulwood J, EHA 2016, SWG - MDS

Dolatshad H et al, Leukemia 2016 [Epub ahead of print]



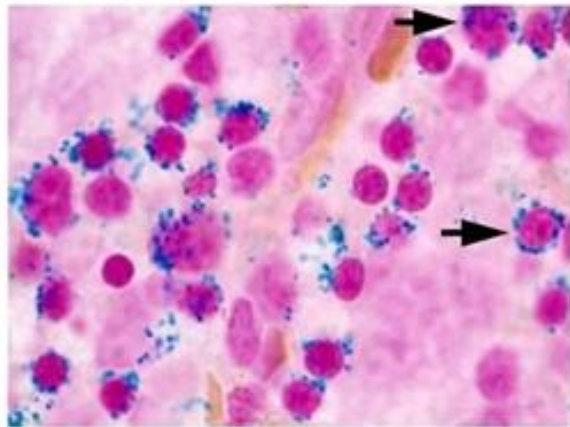
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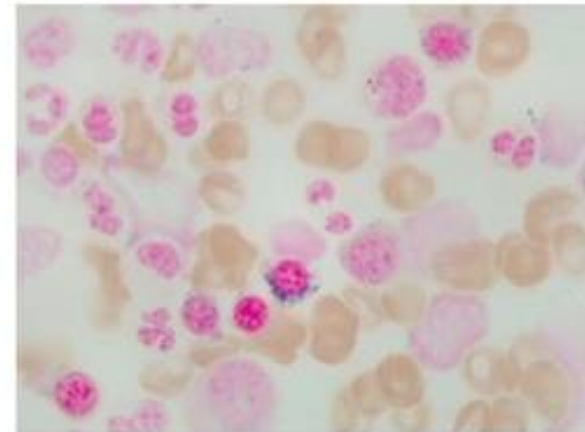
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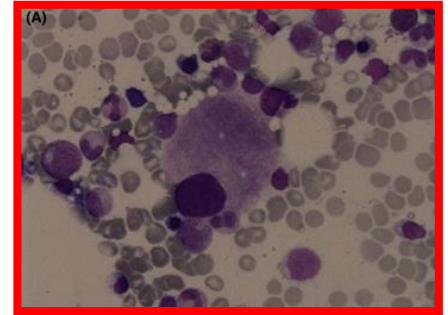
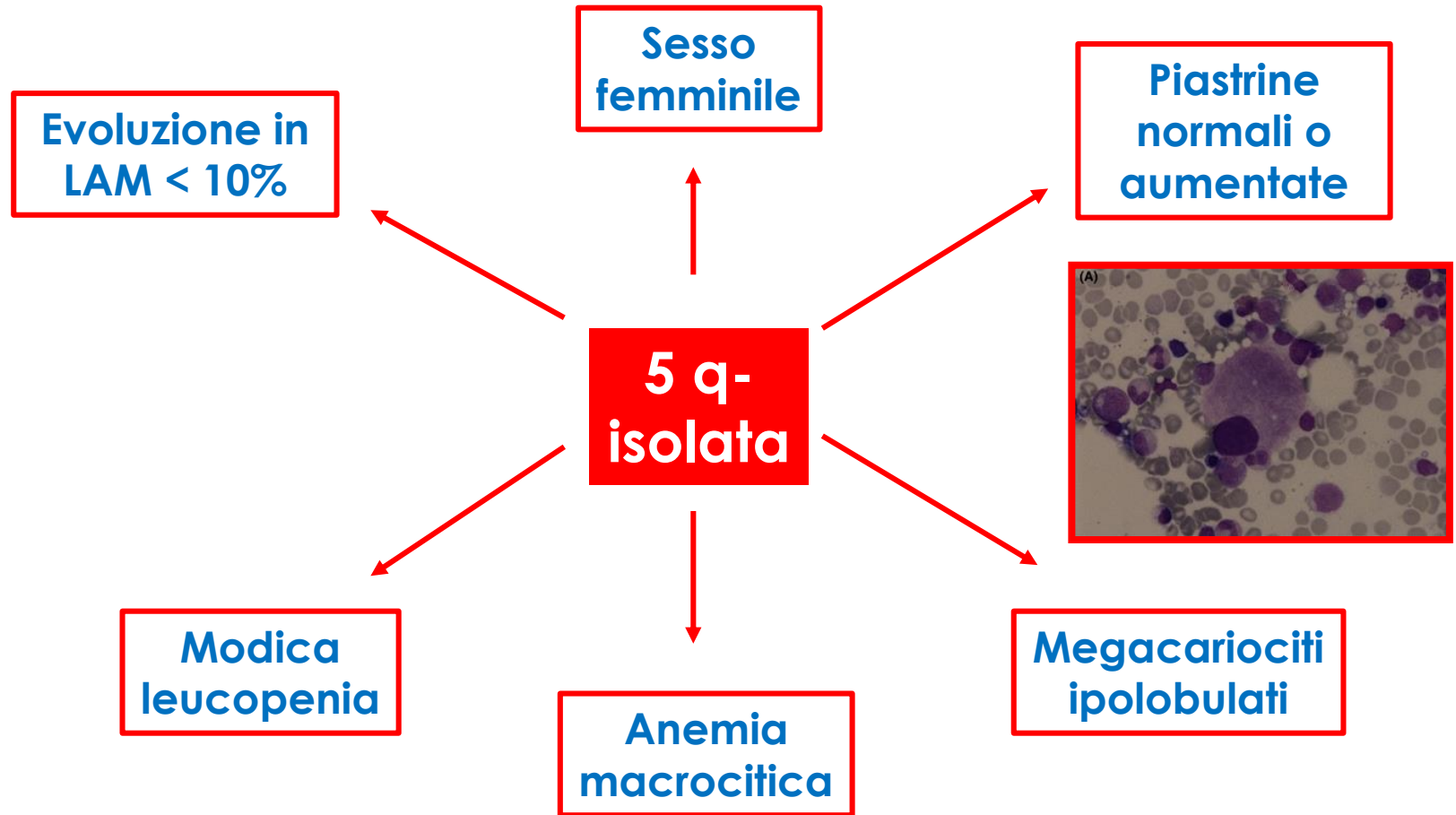
**+ mutazione  
SF3B1**

**RA/ICUS**



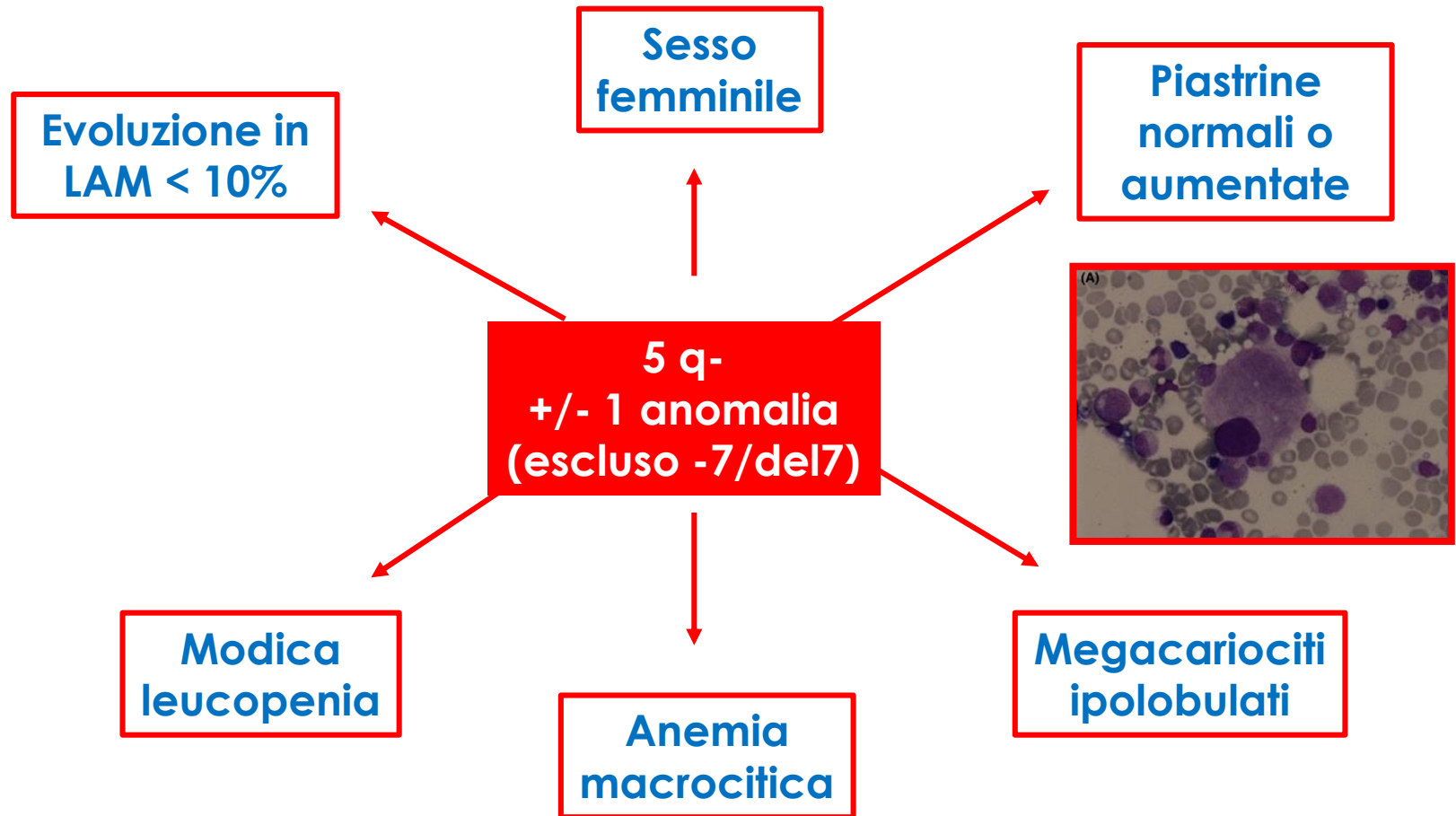
# SINDROME DEL 5q- (WHO 2008)

## CARATTERISTICHE CLINICO-MORFOLOGICHE



# SINDROME DEL 5q- (WHO 2016)

## CARATTERISTICHE CLINICO-MORFOLOGICHE



# SMD ED ERITROLEUCEMIA: COSA CAMBIA?

SE ERB > 50%  
NEL MIDOLLO....

## WHO 2008

....I BLASTI SI CONTANO  
SOLO SULLE CELLULE  
NON ERITROIDI



**LAM-M6**

....paziente con ERB 55%  
e blasti 12%....

## WHO 2016

....I BLASTI SI CONTANO  
SU TUTTE LE CELLULE  
COME QUANDO ERB < 50%



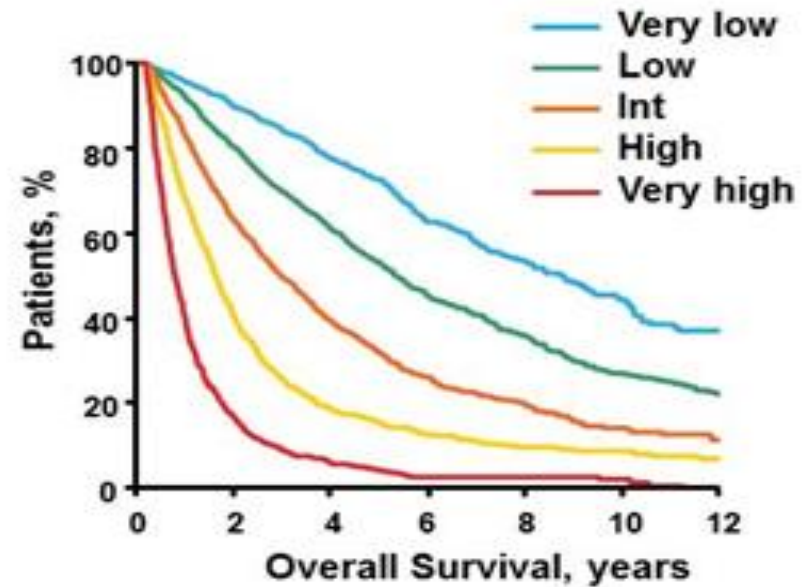
**MDS-EB**

# LA PROGNOSI: E' POSSIBILE ANDARE OLTRE L'r-IPSS?

Risk group	Included karyotypes (19 categories)	Median survival, months	Proportion of patients in this group
Very good	del(11q), -Y	60.8	2.9%
Good	Normal, del(20q), del(5q) alone or with 1 other anomaly, del(12p)	48.6	65.7%
Intermediate	+8, del(7q), i(17q), +19, +21, any single or double abnormality not listed, two or more independent clones	26.1	19.2%
Poor	der(3q), -7, double with del(7q), complex with 3 abnormalities	15.8	5.4%
Very poor	Complex with > 3 abnormalities	5.9	6.8%

Parameter	Categories and Associated Scores				
	Very good	Good	Intermediate	Poor	Very Poor
Cytogenetic risk group	0	1	2	3	4
Marrow blast proportion	≤ 2%	> 2% - < 5%	5% - 10%	> 10%	
Hemoglobin (g/dL)	≥ 10	8 - < 10	< 8		
Platelet count (x 10 <sup>9</sup> /L)	≥ 100	50 - < 100	< 50		
Abs. neutrophil count (x 10 <sup>9</sup> /L)	≥ 0.8	< 0.8			

Risk group	Points	% of Patients	Median survival, years	Time until 25% of patients develop AML, years
Very low	≤ 1.5	19 %	8.8	Not reached
Low	> 1.5 - 3	38 %	5.3	10.8
Intermediate	> 3 - 4.5	20 %	3.0	3.2
High	> 4.5 - 6	13 %	1.6	1.4
Very High	> 6	10 %	0.8	0.73



- L'r-IPSS non considera le mutazioni somatiche
- Le mutazioni somatiche sono comuni nelle MDS
- Molte mutazioni somatiche hanno un significato prognostico indipendente dall'r-IPSS
- Non è ancora chiaro come impiegare le mutazioni somatiche nella pratica clinica



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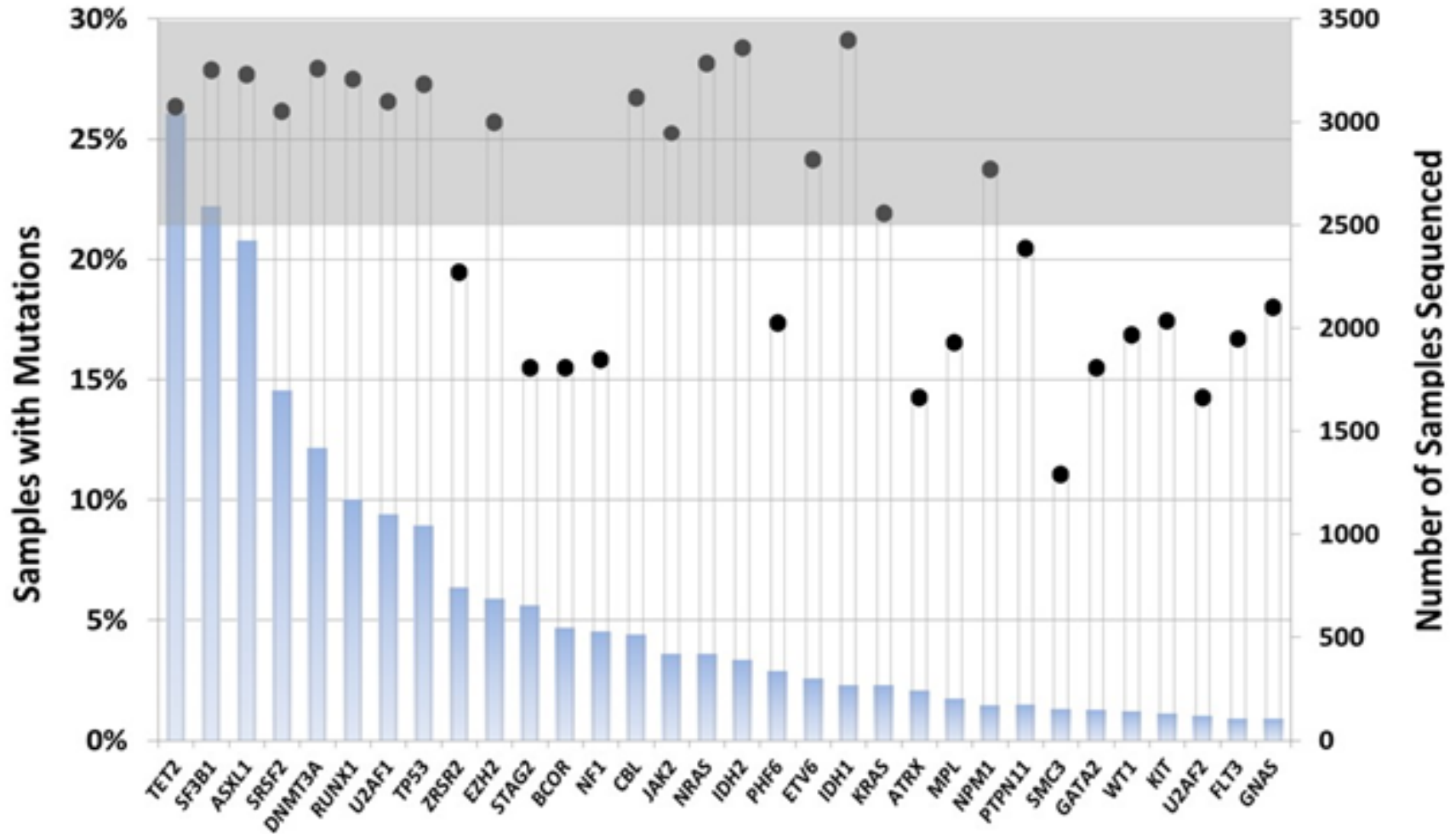
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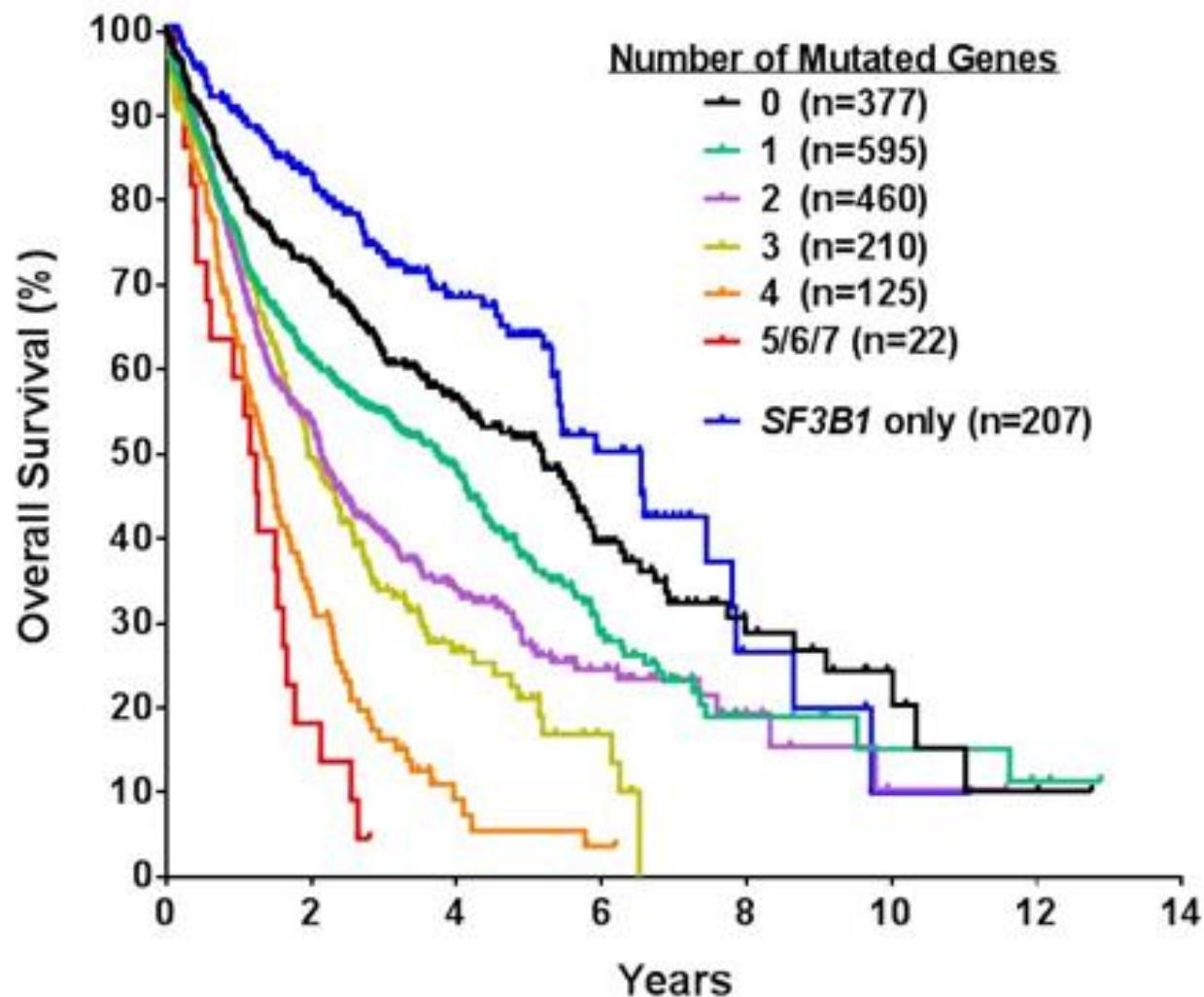
# INCIDENZA COMPLESSIVA DELLE MUTAZIONI



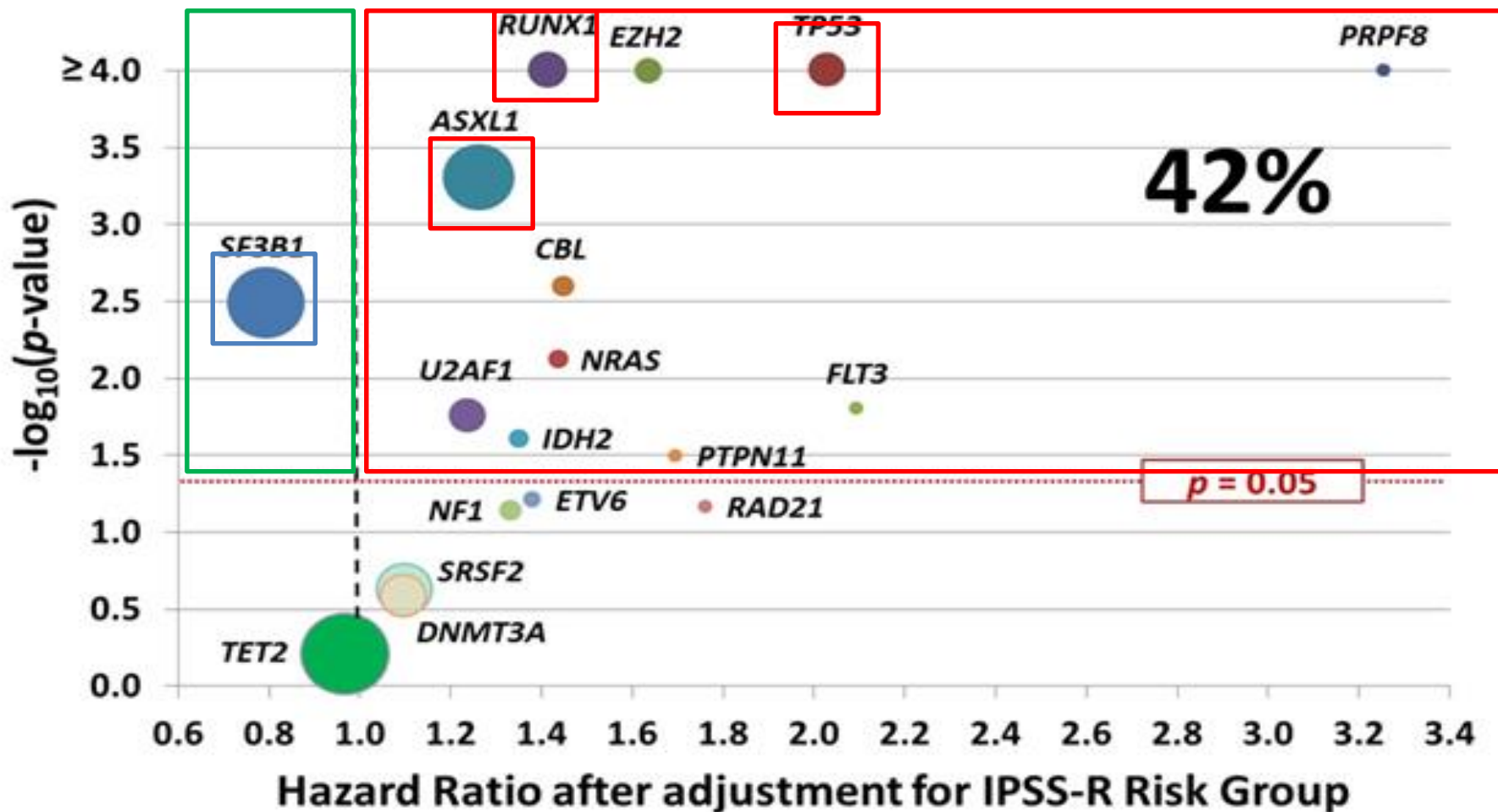


# SOPRAVVIVENZA GLOBALE IN BASE AL NUMERO DELLE MUTAZIONI

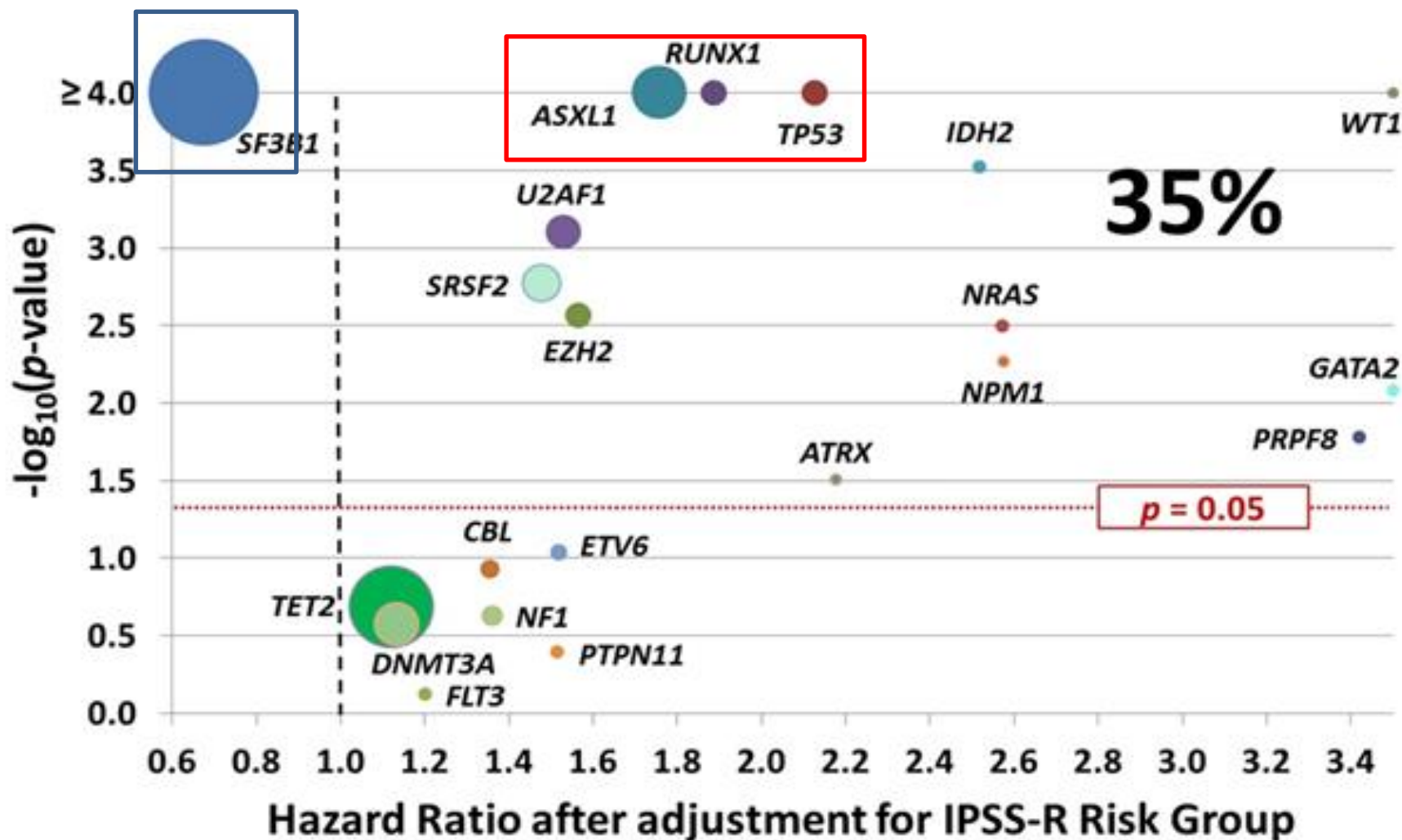
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*TP53*  
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***SF3B1***



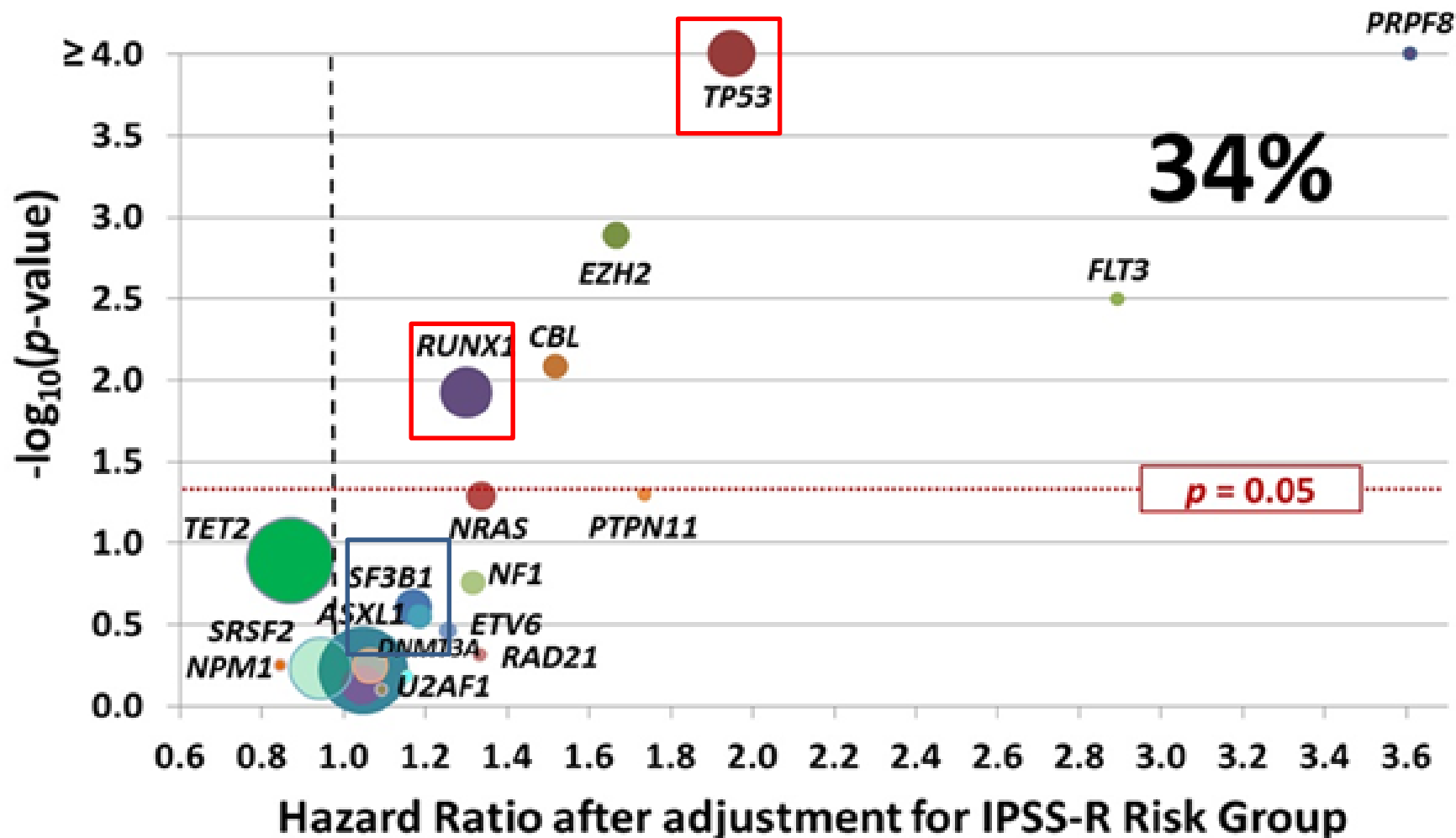
# PROGNOSI E MUTAZIONI: CASISTICA GLOBALE



# PROGNOSI E MUTAZIONI: BLASTI MIDOLLARI < 5%



# PROGNOSI E MUTAZIONI: BLASTI MIDOLLARI > 5%



# PROGNOSI E SOPRAVVIVENZA IN 309 PAZIENTI CON CARIOTIPO COMPLESSO

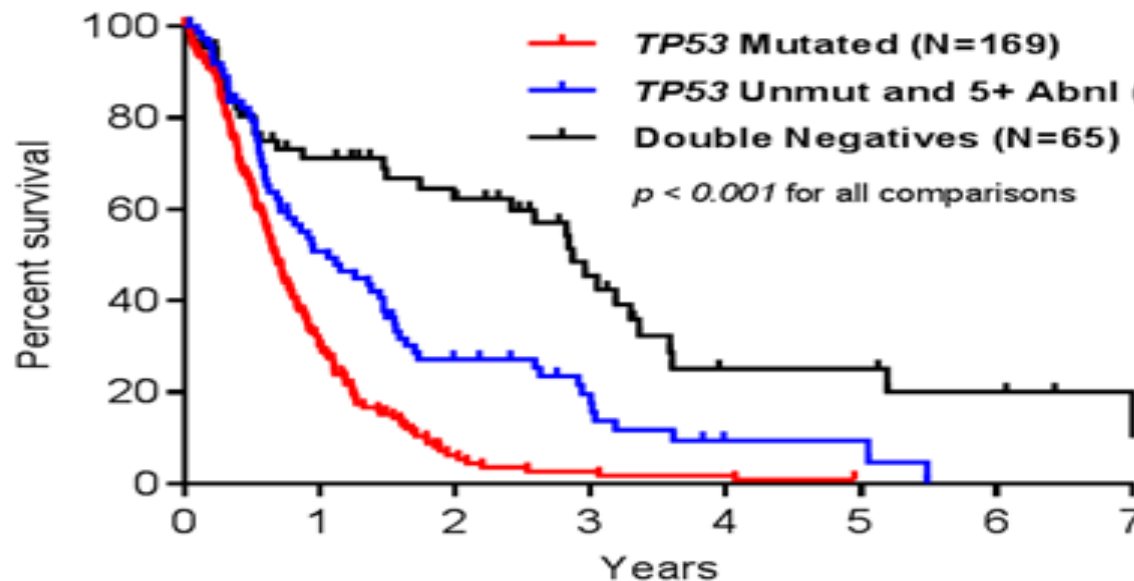
Three element model	Univariate		Multivariable	
	HR [95% CI]	p-value	HR [95% CI]	p-value
Monosomal Yes vs. No	2.01 [1.48-2.74]	<0.001	1.34 [0.95-1.89]	0.092
Number of Abnormalities 5+ vs. 3 or 4	2.33 [1.71-3.17]	<0.001	1.58 [1.11-2.25]	0.011
TP53 Mutation vs. No mutation	2.55 [1.93-3.35]	<0.001	2.08 [1.56-2.77]	<0.001

**Median Overall Survival:**

**8.1 months**

**12.8 months**

**34.3 months**



# PROGNOSI E MUTAZIONI NELLE MDS: QUALCHE CONSIDERAZIONE DALL'EHA 2016

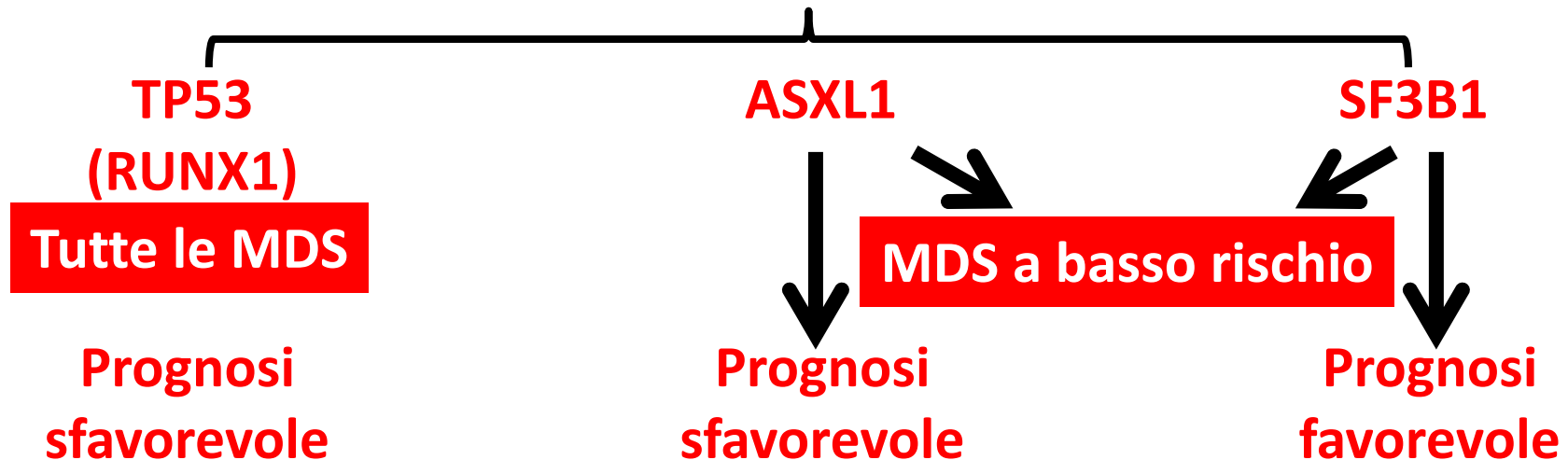
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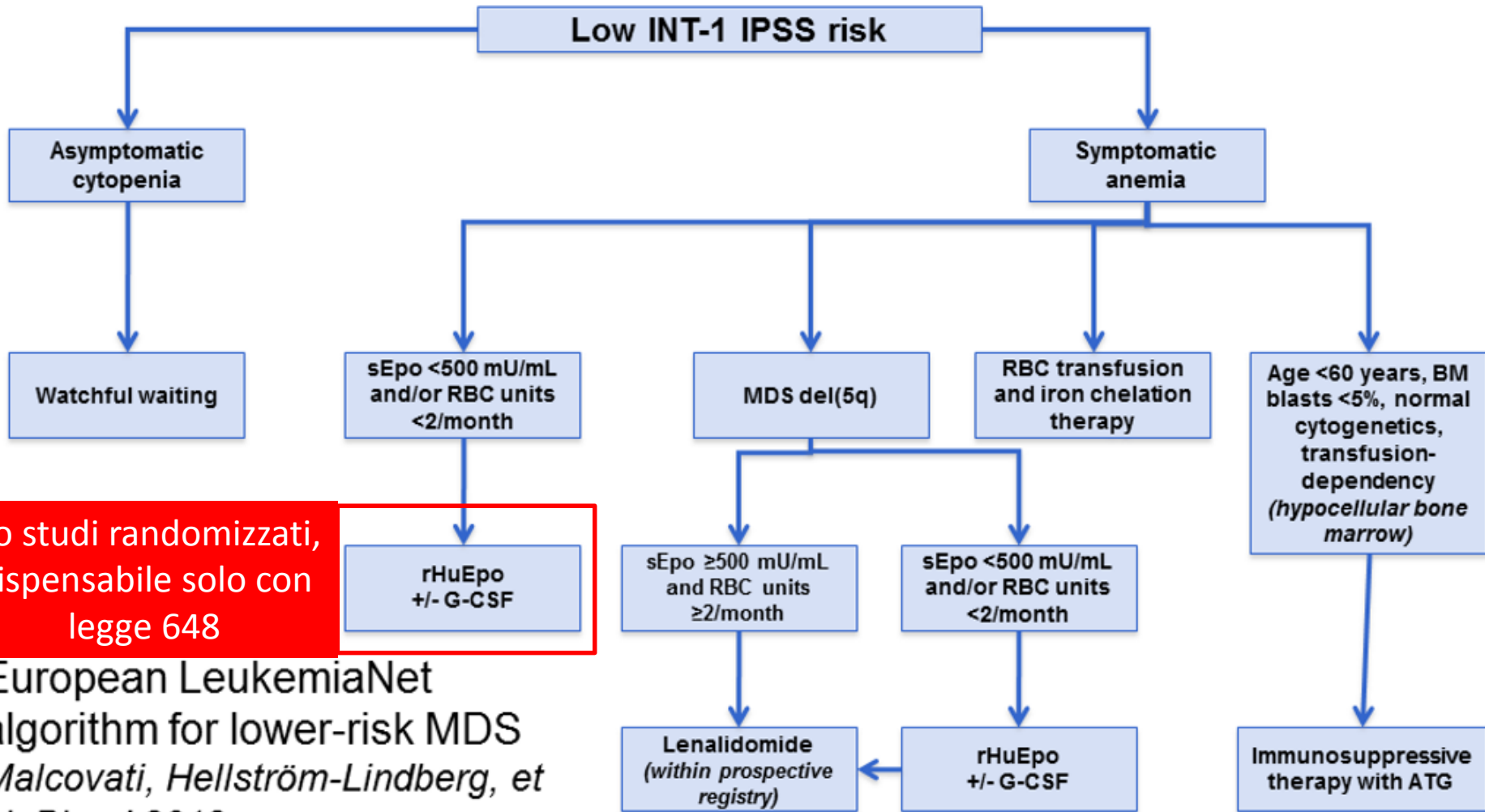
**BISOGNA INIZIARE AD ORGANIZZARSI PER FARLE NELLA PRATICA CLINICA**



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# TERAPIA DELLE MDS A BASSO RISCHIO: DA DOVE PARTIVAMO PRIMA DELL'EHA 2016?

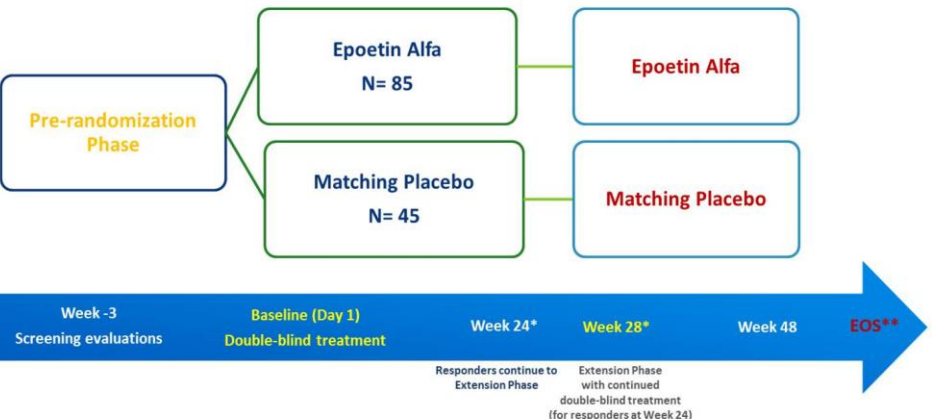


No studi randomizzati, dispensabile solo con legge 648

European LeukemiaNet algorithm for lower-risk MDS  
*Malcovati, Hellström-Lindberg, et al, Blood 2013*



# TERAPIA DELLE MDS A BASSO RISCHIO: STUDI RANDOMIZZATI EPO vs PLACEBO

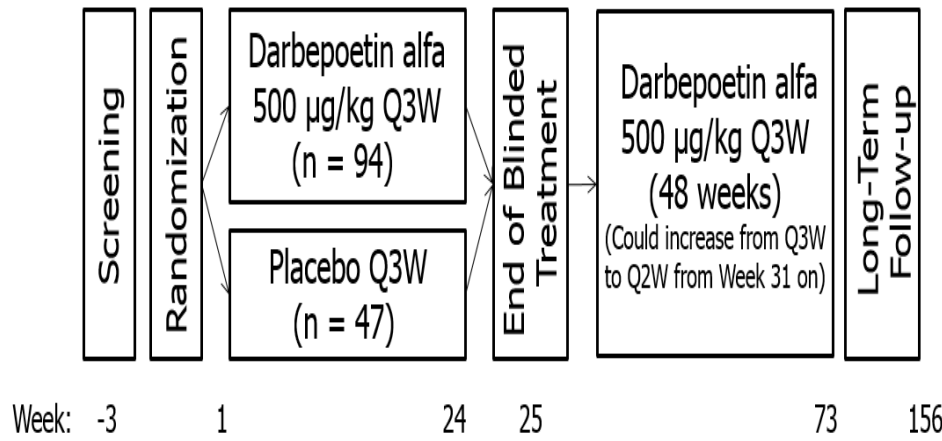


**EPO-ANE**  
**(Epo alfa vs placebo)**  
**Fenaux et al, EHA 2016, P248**

\* If no Erythroid response, as defined by IWG 2006 criteria, withdraw subject from study; code-break after Week 28 assessments for non-responders at Week 24, other than those who enter the treatment extension phase.

\*\* End-of-study (EOS) visit should be completed 4 weeks after the last dose of study drug (Week 28 or Week 52), or 4 weeks after early withdrawal.

**ARCADE**  
**(Darbepoietin alfa vs placebo)**  
**Platzbecker et al, EHA 2016, S128**





# STUDI RANDOMIZZATI EPO vs PLACEBO: LE CASISTICHE

## EPO-ANE

	Placebo	Epoetin Alfa	Total
	45	85	130
<b>Age (years)</b>			
Mean (SD)	74.1 (9.2)	74.3 (8.6)	74.2 (8.8)
Median	75.0	75.0	75.0
Range	(36, 87)	(40, 94)	(36, 94)
(Lower 95% CI, Upper 95% CI for the mean)	(71.3, 76.8)	(72.4, 76.1)	(72.7, 75.7)
<b>Sex</b>			
Male	25 (55.6%)	46 (54.1%)	71 (54.6%)
Female	20 (44.4%)	39 (45.9%)	59 (45.4%)
<b>IPSS Risk Category</b>			
Low = 0	23 (51.1%)	35 (41.2%)	58 (44.6%)
Intermediate 1 = 0.5 to 1.0	22 (48.9%)	49 (57.6%)	71 (54.6%)

Fenaux et al, EHA 2016, P248

## ARCADE

	Placebo (N = 49)	Darbepoetin alfa (N = 97)	Total (N = 146)
Male	29 (59.2)	51 (52.6)	80 (54.8)
Race, white	49 (100.0)	97 (100.0)	146 (100.0)
Age, years, median (Q1, Q3)	73 (55, 80)	74 (68, 79)	74 (67, 79)
IPSS risk category – Low	25 (51.0)	49 (50.5)	74 (50.7)
- Intermediate-1	24 (49.0)	48 (49.5)	72 (49.3)

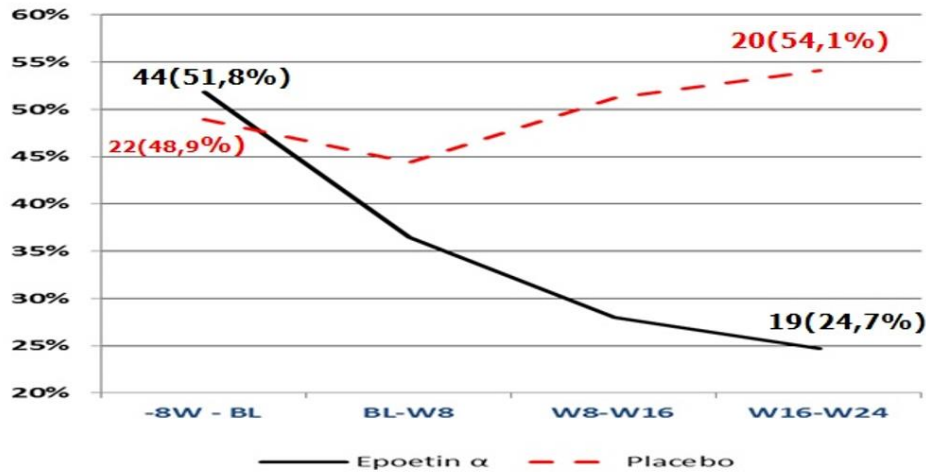
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# STUDO EPO-ANE: RISPOSTA ERITROIDE (IWG 2006)

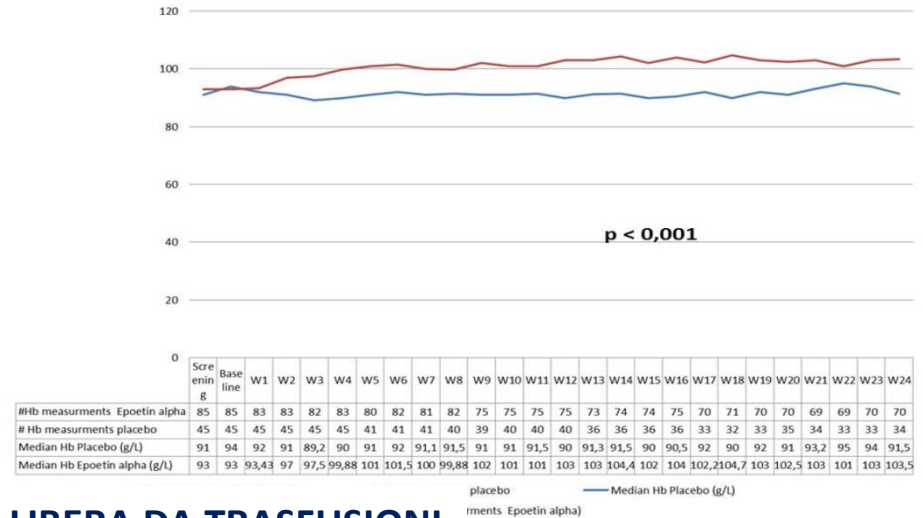
	Placebo	Epoetin Alfa
	45	85
Subjects with Erythroid Response at 24 weeks	2 ( 4.4%)	27 (31.8%)
<b>p-value &lt;.001</b>		
Subjects with Erythroid Response at any time during the first 24 weeks of study	2 (4.4%)	39 (45.9%)
<b>p-value &lt;.001</b>		

# STUDO EPO-ANE: ALTRI RISULTATI

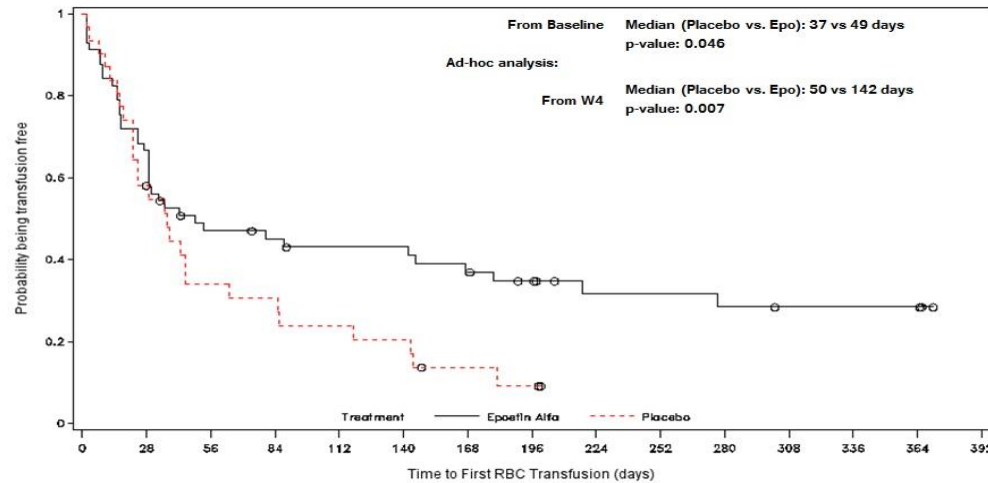
## PAZIENTI TRASFUSIONE-DIPENDENTI



## INCREMENTO Hb MEDIANA

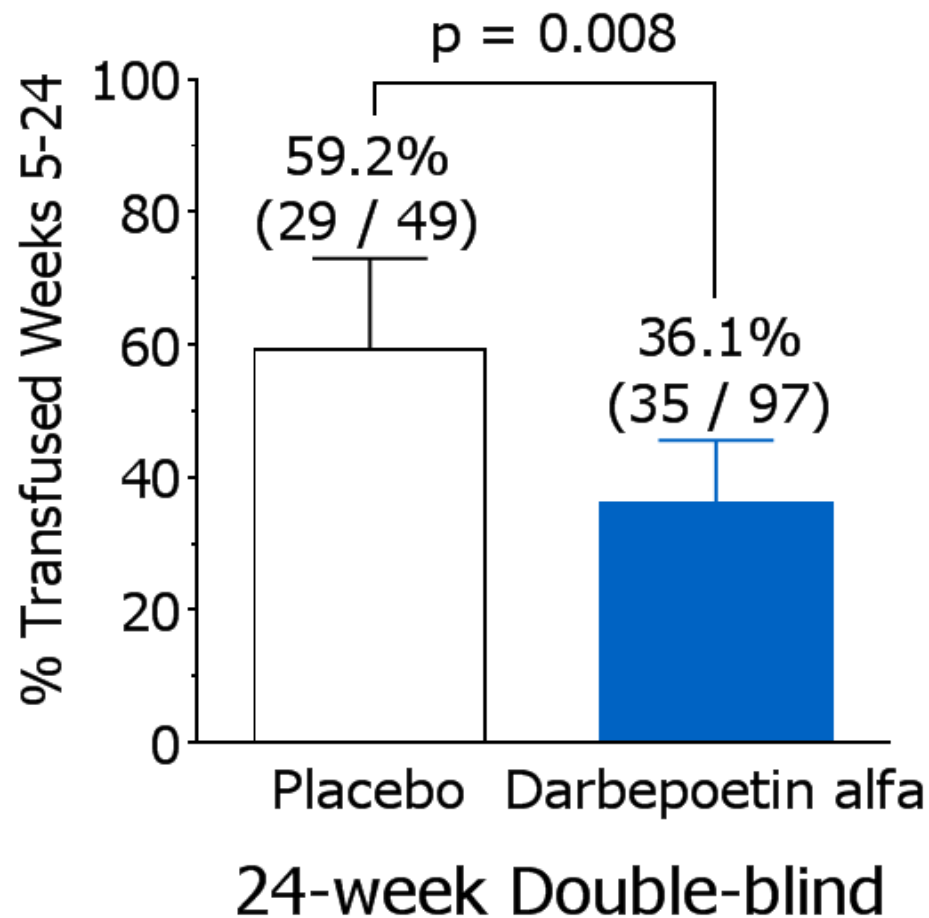
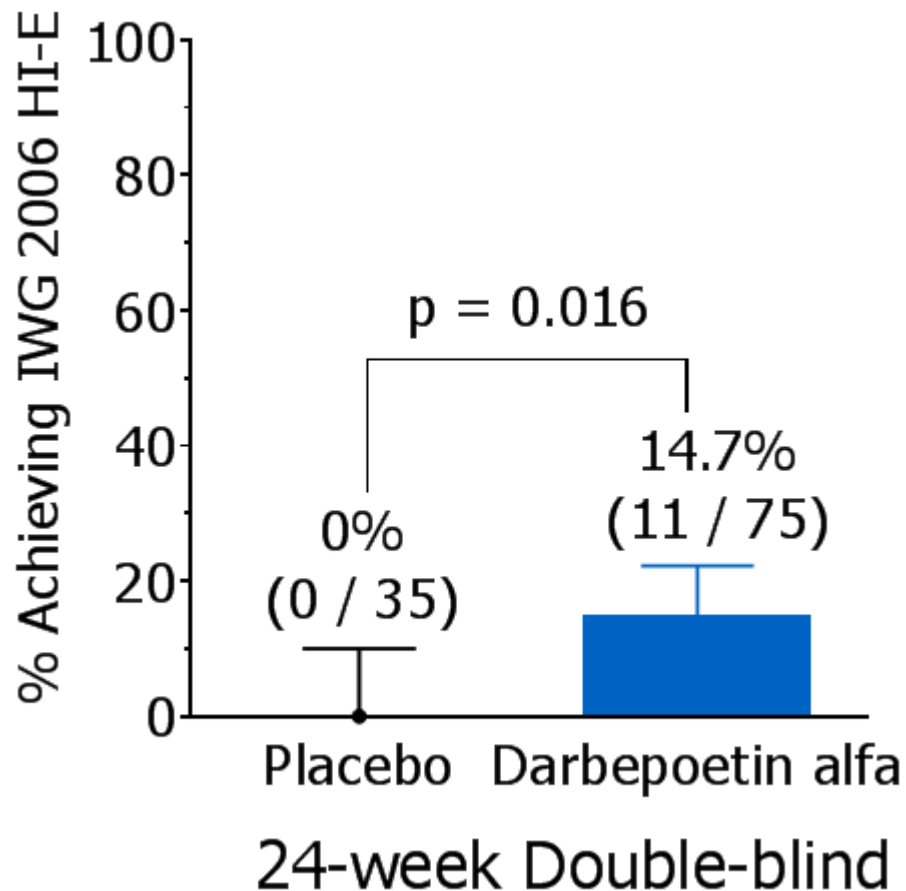


## SOPRAVVIVENZA LIBERA DA TRASFUSIONI



0 = Censored Observation

# STUDO ARCADE: RISULTATI



# STUDI RANDOMIZZATI EPO vs PLACEBO: CONCLUSIONI

## EPO-ANE

“Epoetin-a significantly improved anemia by increasing Hb and reducing transfusion requirement in patients with Low or Int-1 MDS. Improved QoL was observed in responders. No new safety signals were detected in this study. These results confirm experience from clinical practice”

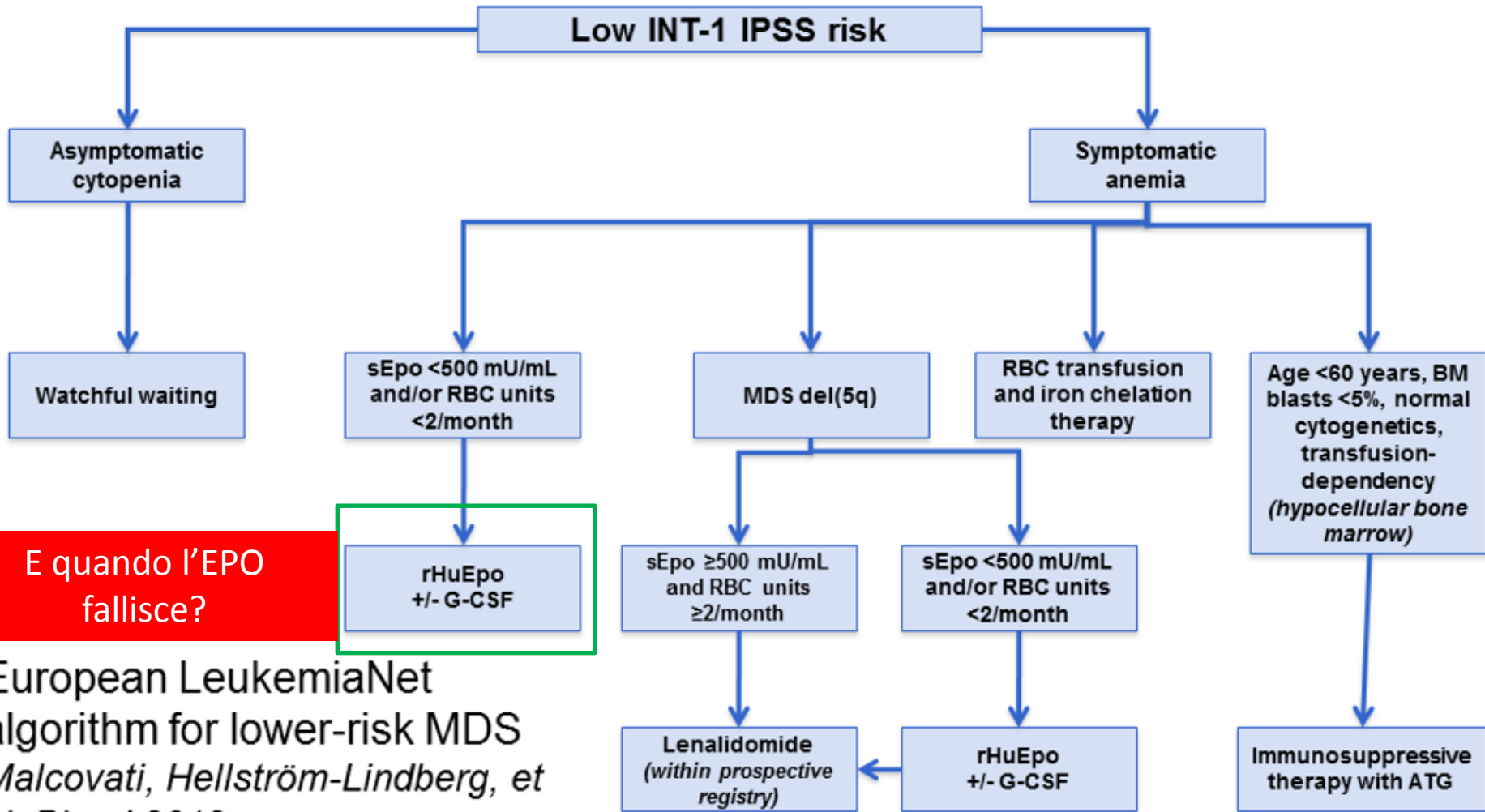
**Fenaux et al, EHA 2016, P248**

## ARCADE

“In this phase 3, randomized, double-blind, PBO-controlled trial in low/int-1 MDS patients with anemia, 24 weeks of darbepoietin alfa Q3W significantly reduced transfusions and increased rates of erythroid response compared with placebo with no new safety signals”

**Platzbecker et al, EHA 2016, S128**

# TERAPIA DELLE MDS A BASSO RISCHIO: DA DOVE PARTIVAMO PRIMA DELL'EHA 2016?



European LeukemiaNet  
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# TERAPIA DELLE MDS A BASSO RISCHIO: CHE NOVITA' DALL'EHA 2016 QUANDO L'EPO FALLISCE?

## LENALIDOMIDE in MDS non-del5q

Hellstrom E, EHA 2016, educational session

## AZACITIDINA ORALE (CC-486)

Garcia-Manero et al, EHA 2016, S129

## LUSPATERCEPT

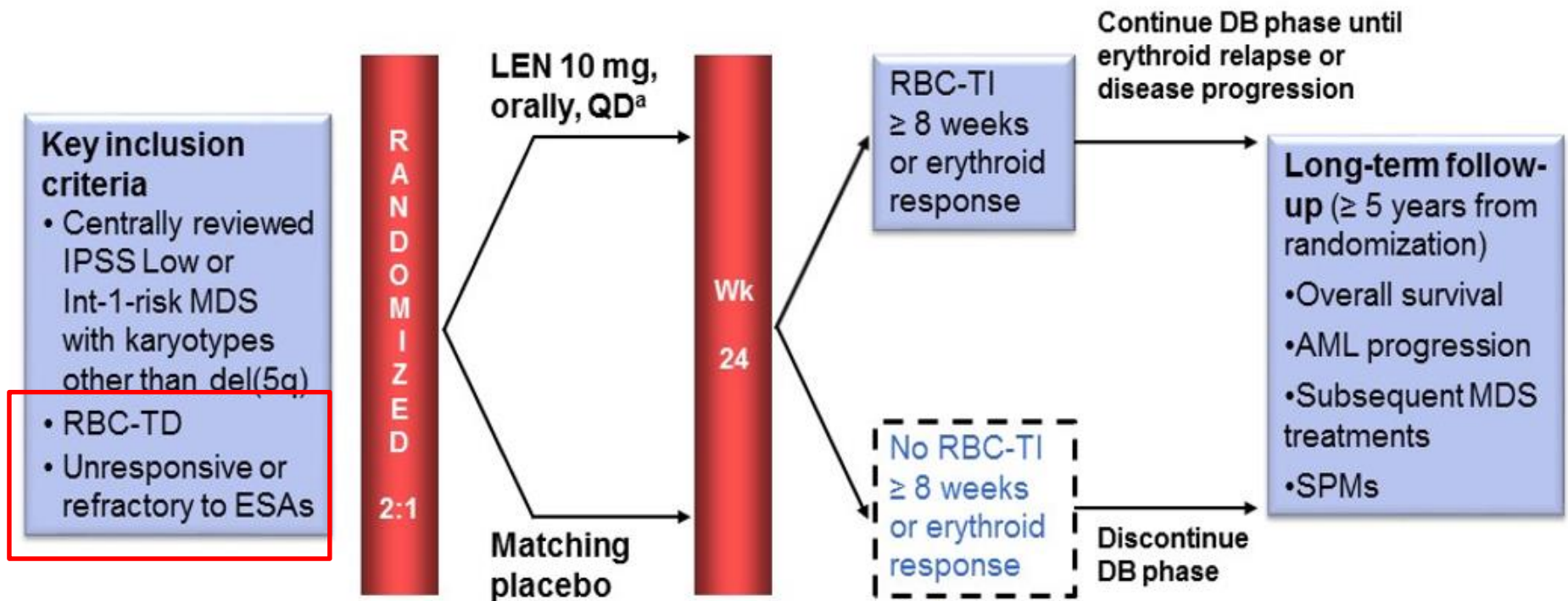
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# LENALIDOMIDE IN MDS NON DEL5q: DISEGNO DEL PROTOCOLLO MDS-005

Pretreatment

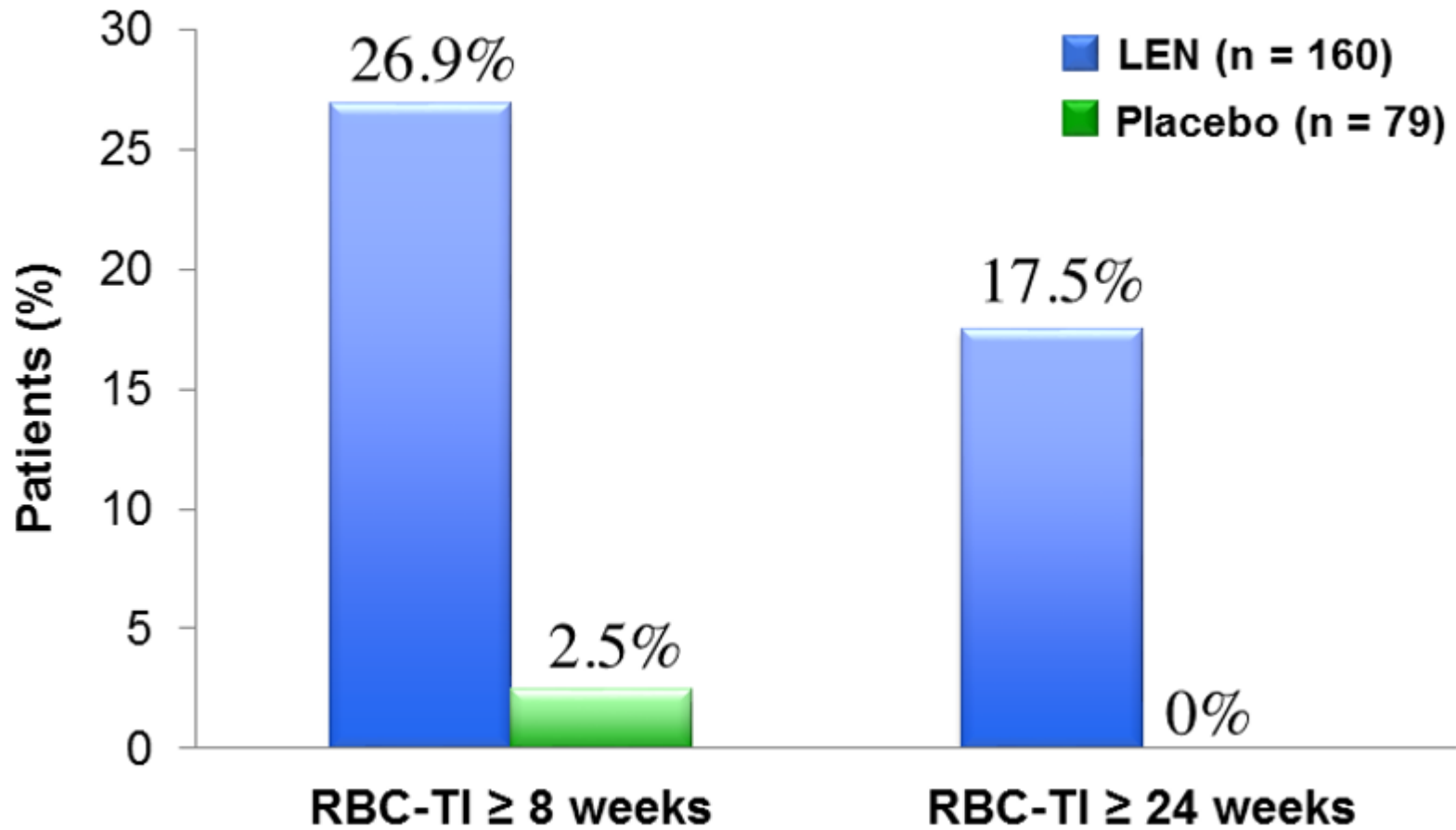
Double-blind (DB) treatment

Off-treatment





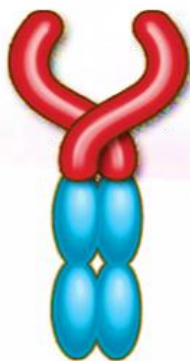
# LENALIDOMIDE IN MDS NON DEL5q: RISULTATI DEL PROTOCOLLO MDS-005



# AZACITIDINA ORALE: RISULTATI

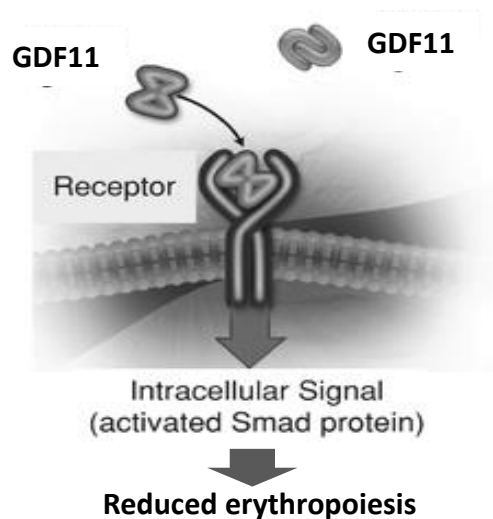
Hematologic Response	LowPlt ≤75x10 <sup>9</sup> /L (n=72) n/N (%)	HiPlt >75x10 <sup>9</sup> /L (n=64)* n/N (%)	All patients (n=136)* n/N (%)
<b>Overall Response Rate (CR + PR + Any HI + Any TI)</b>	30/72 (42)	27/64 (42)	57/136 (42)
CR†	8/36 (22)	2/29 (7)	10/65 (15)
PR†	0/24	0/28	0/52
Any HI	24/72 (33)	21/62 (34)	45/134 (34)
HI-E	12/65 (18)	16/55 (29)	28/120 (23)
HI-P	17/72 (24)	6/13 (46)	23/85 (27)
HI-N	4/37 (11)	4/21 (19)	8/58 (14)
Any TI	9/32 (28)	14/33 (42)	23/65 (35)
RBC TI	7/27 (26)	14/33 (42)	21/60 (35)
Platelet TI	2/14 (14)	0/0	2/14 (14)
n = number of pts with response / N = number of pts eligible for response			
*No response assessment available for 1 pt			
†CR and PR were investigator-assessed for 19 patients (1 CR, 0 PR)			

# TERAPIA DELLE MDS A BASSO RISCHIO: COS'E' IL LUSPATERCEPT E COME FUNZIONA?

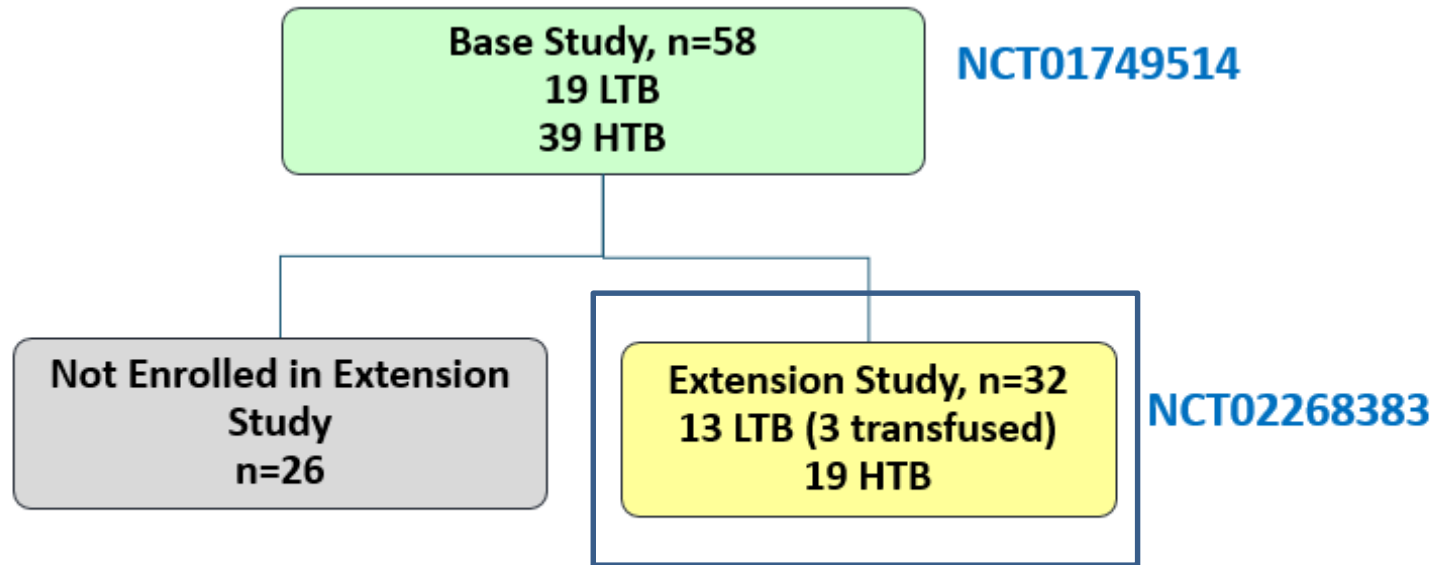


Dominio extracellulare modificato del recettore ActRIIB

Dominio Fc di IgG<sub>1</sub> umana

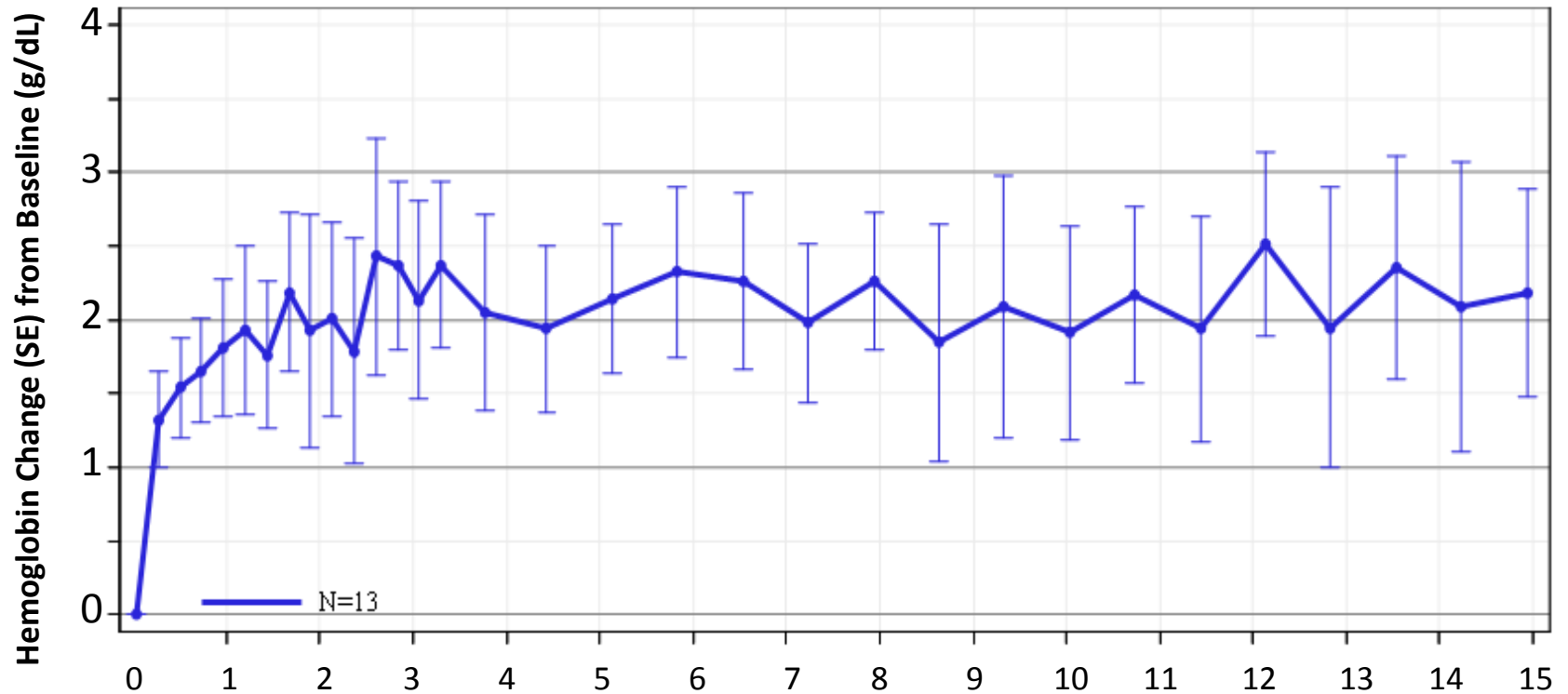


# IL LUSPATERCEPT NELLE MDS A BASSO RISCHIO: LO STUDIO PACE-MDS



Parameter	Base Study N=58	Extension Study N=32
Age, yr, median (range)	71.5 (27-90)	71.5 (29-90)
Sex, male, n (%)	34 (59%)	22 (69%)
Time since diagnosis, yr, median (range)	2.4 (0-14)	2.9 (0-14)
Prior lenalidomide treatment, n (%)	10 (17%)	6 (19%)
<b>Prior ESA treatment, n (%)</b>	<b>38 (66%)</b>	<b>19 (59%)</b>
<b>Baseline EPO</b>		
<200 U/L	28 (48%)	19 (59%)
200-500 U/L	13 (22%)	7 (22%)
>500 U/L	17 (29%)	6 (19%)
<b>RS+ (ring sideroblast ≥ 15%)</b>	<b>45 (78%)</b>	<b>29 (91%)</b>
<b>SF3B1 mutation</b>	<b>33 (57%)</b>	<b>23 (72%)</b>

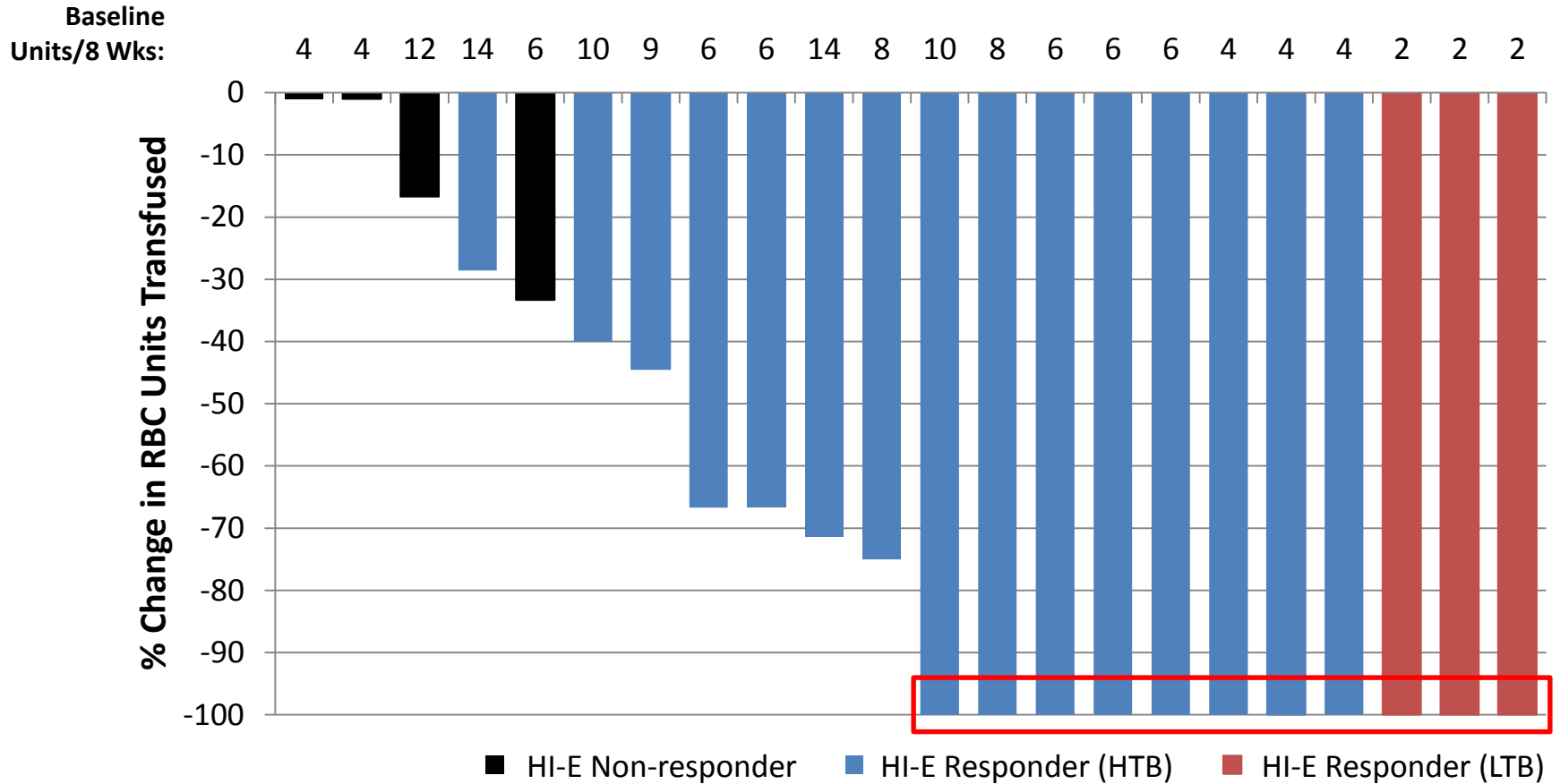
# LUSPATERCEPT: INCREMENTO MEDIANO DELL'Hb NEI PAZIENTI LTB



- 11/13 (85%) HI-E responders; median time to response: 6 weeks

# LUSPATERCEPT:

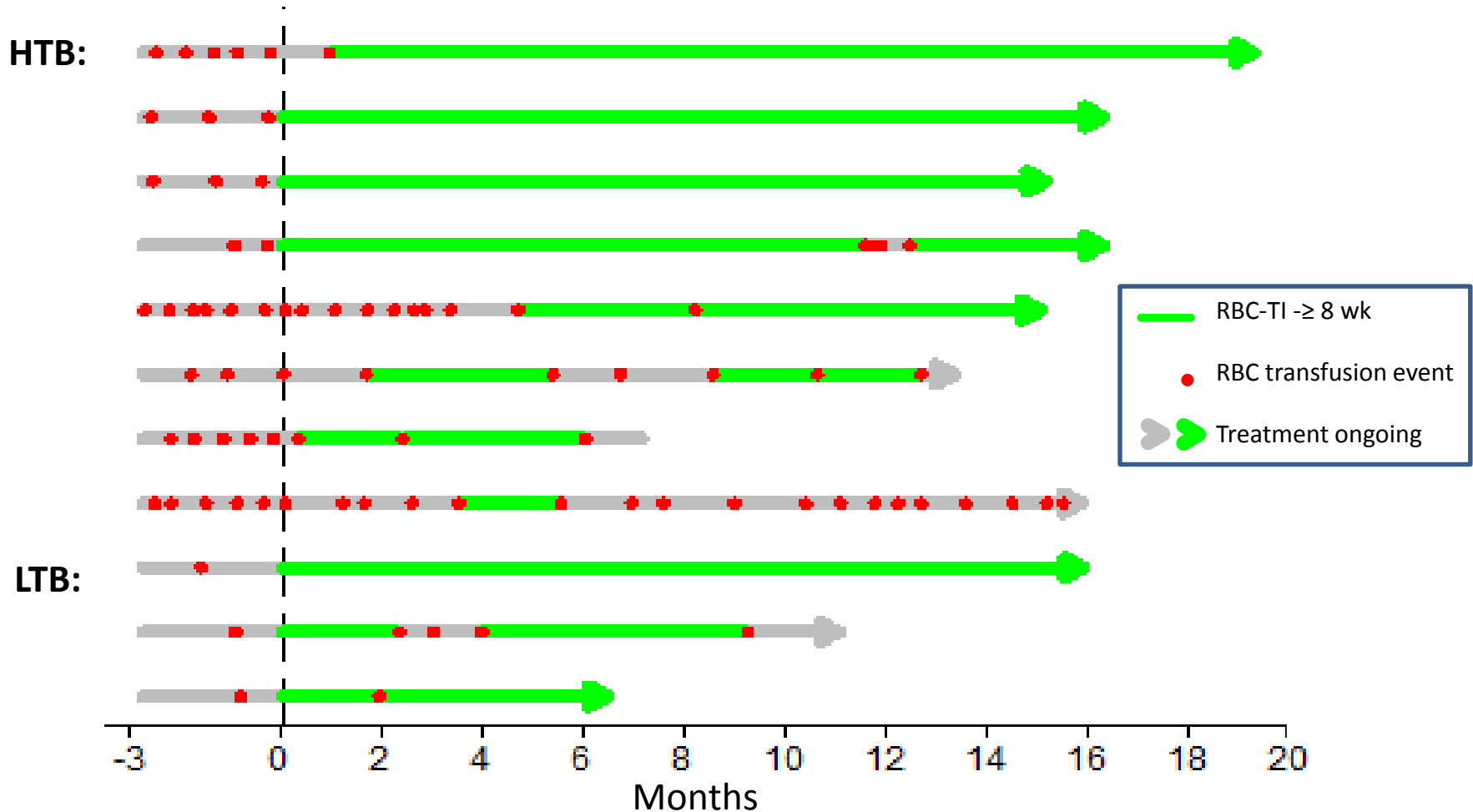
## % DI RIDUZIONE DEL FABBISOGNO TRASFUSIONALE



- 15/19 (79%) HTB patients were HI-E responders ( $\geq 4$  unit decrease /8 wk)

# LUSPATERCEPT: DURATA DELLA TI

- 50% (11/22\*) patients who were transfused prior to study achieved RBC transfusion independence (TI)  $\geq 8$  weeks (range 9-80+ weeks)



\* Includes 19 HTB patients and 3 LTB patients evaluable for transfusion independence

# The MEDALIST Study

Phase 3 Study of Luspatercept in MDS: **NOW ENROLLING**



## Patient Population / Study Design

Randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study in very low, low or intermediate risk (IPSS-R) MDS patients with ring sideroblasts (RS+) who require RBC transfusion  
210 patients randomized 2:1; luspatercept 1 mg/kg SC every 3 weeks, titration up to 1.75 mg/kg possible

## Key Inclusion Criteria

Refractory / intolerant to prior ESA or EPO > 200 U/L  
RS+; <5% blasts; no prior HMA or lenalidomide  
≥ 2 units RBCs transfused / 8 weeks  
Excluded: del(5q), secondary MDS

## Primary Efficacy Endpoint

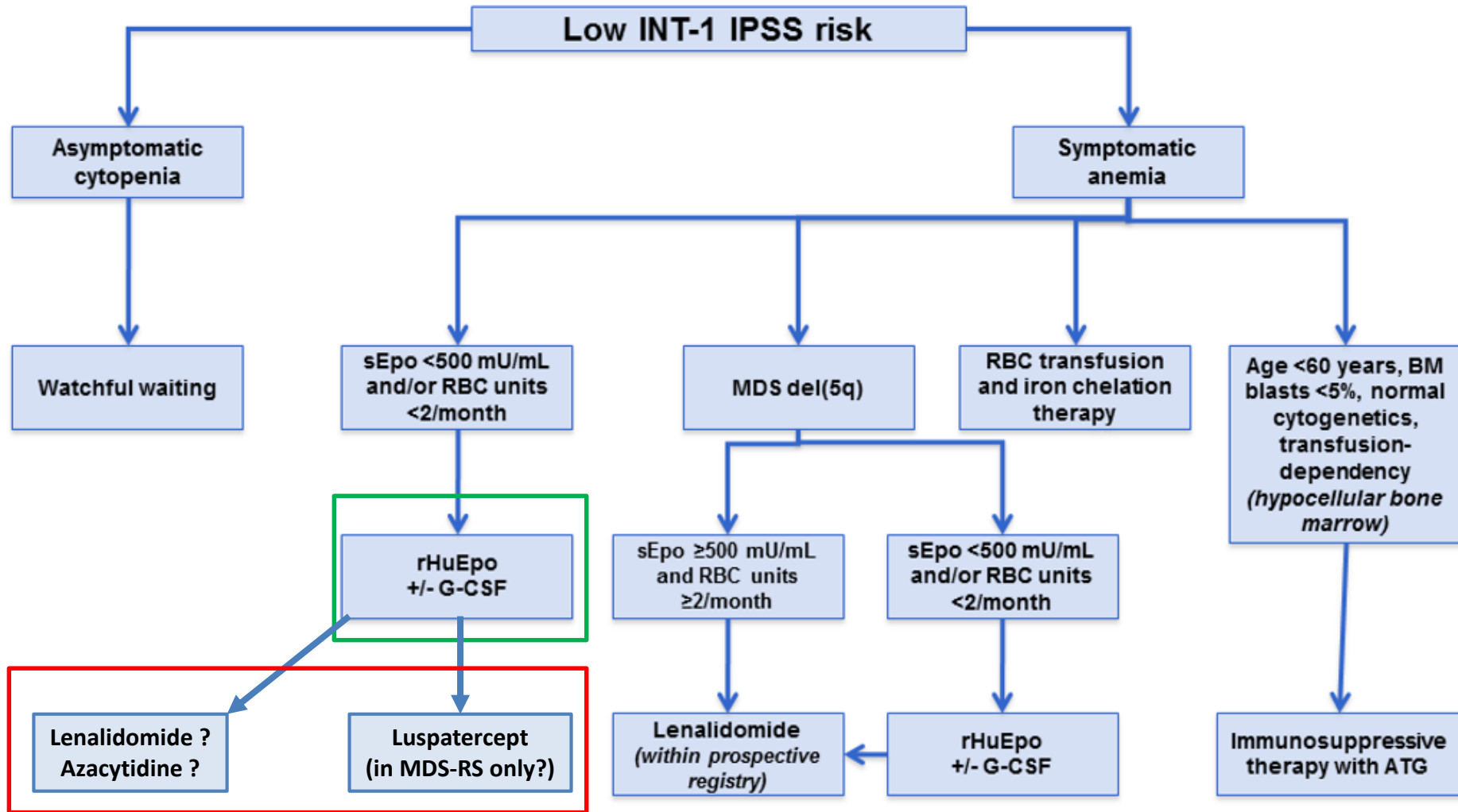
Proportion of patients that become RBC-transfusion independent (≥ 8 weeks) during the first 24 weeks

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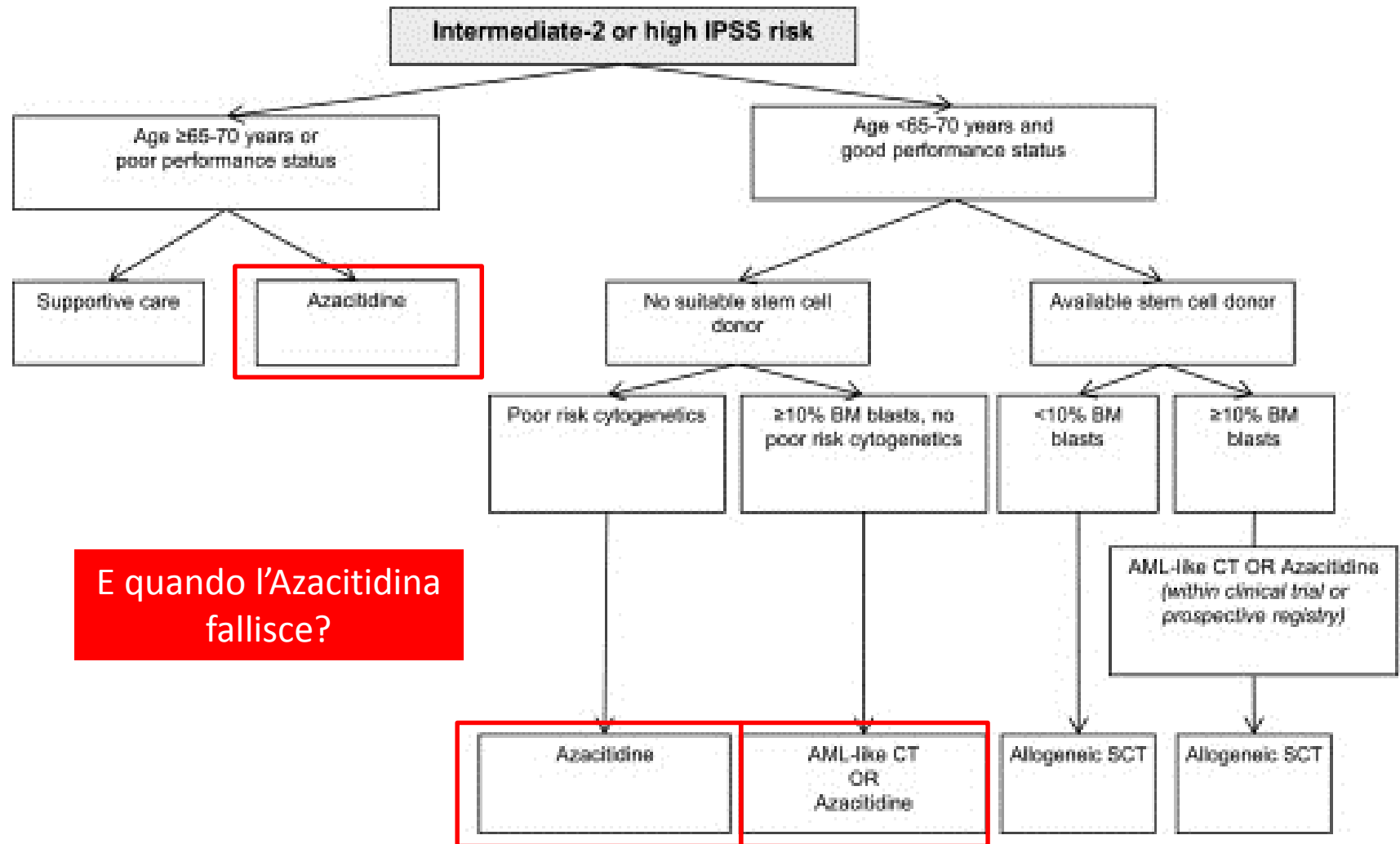
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# TERAPIA DELLE MDS A BASSO RISCHIO: UN NUOVO ALGORITMO DOPO L'EHA 2016?



# TERAPIA DELLE MDS AD ALTO RISCHIO: DA DOVE PARTIVAMO PRIMA DELL'EHA 2016?



**TERAPIA DELLE MDS AD ALTO RISCHIO:  
CHE NOVITA' DALL'EHA 2016 QUANDO L'AZACITIDINA FALLISCE?  
(O PER PREVENIRNE IL FALLIMENTO)**

**FARMACI  
ALTERNATIVI**



**GUADECITABINA**

**Garcia-Manero et al, EHA 2016, P249**

**ASSOCIAZIONE  
DI AZACITIDINA  
CON ALTRI FARMACI**

**AZACITIDINA + GLASDEGIB**

**Borate U et al, EHA 2016, P255**

**AZACITIDINA + RIGOSERTIB**

**Navada S et al, EHA 2016, P256**

# TERAPIA DELLE MDS AD ALTO RISCHIO: MECCANISMI DI AZIONE DEI NUOVI FARMACI

**GUADECITABINA**



**Dinucleotide  
(decitabina +  
deossiguanina)**



**Resistente  
alla citidina-  
deaminasi (CDA)**

**GLASDEGIB**



**Inibitore  
di SMO**



**Inibizione  
della pathway  
di Hedgehog**

**RIGOSERTIB**



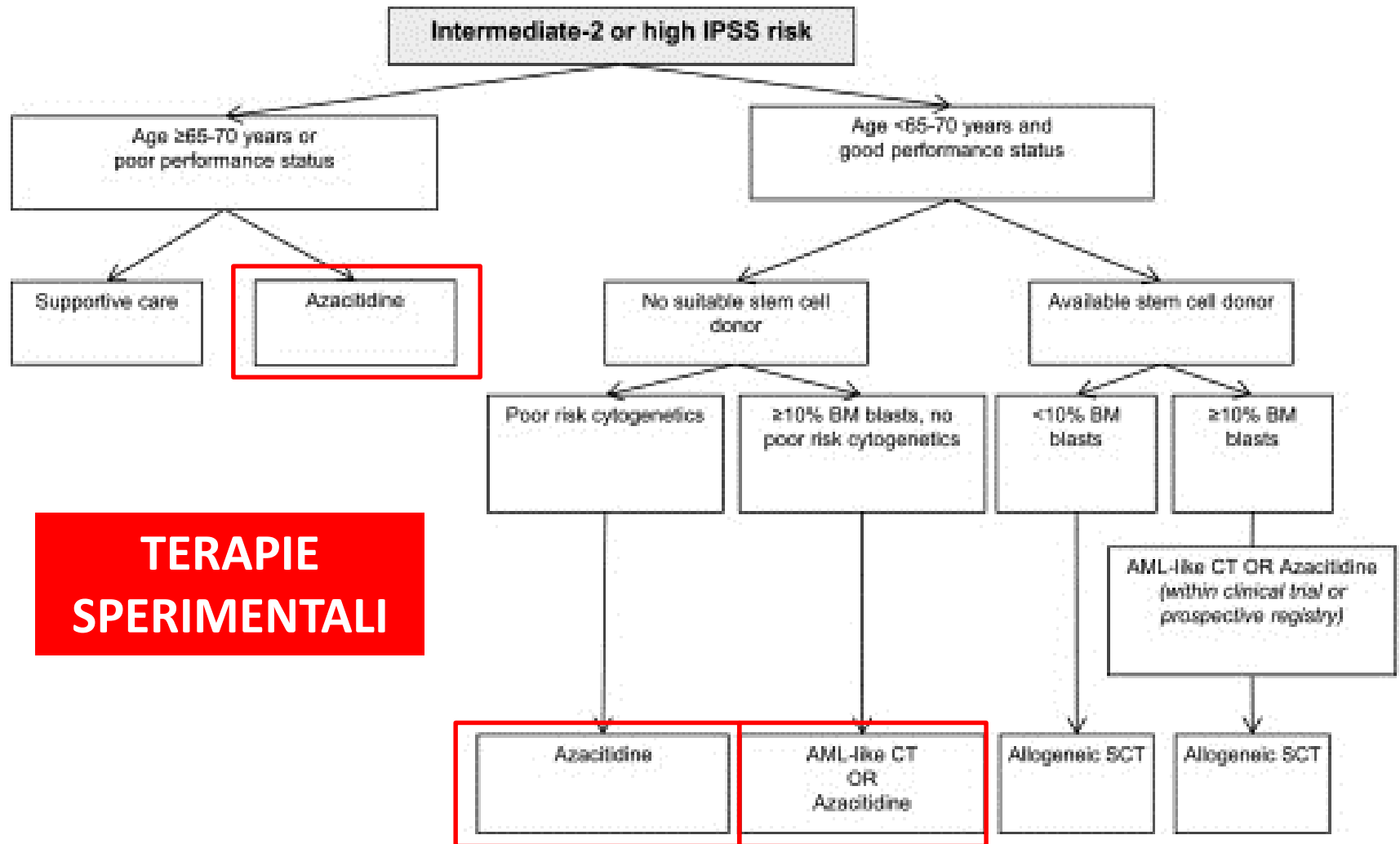
**Inibitore  
di PI3K**

## TERAPIA DELLE MDS AD ALTO RISCHIO: RISULTATI DEI NUOVI FARMACI

	<b>GUADECITABINA</b>	<b>AZACITIDINA + GLASDEGIB</b>	<b>AZACITIDINA + RIGOSERTIB</b>
N° pazienti: AZA naive AZA refrattari	53 / 53	7 7 /	30 19 11
Dose e schedula	60 – 90 mg/m <sup>2</sup> sc gg 1-5	AZA 75 mg/m <sup>2</sup> gg 1-7 sc GLA 100 mg po gg 1-28	AZA 75 mg/m <sup>2</sup> gg 8-15 sc RIG 840 mg bid po gg 1-21
Risposte globali: RC mRC HI	28/53 (52%) 2 15 11	2/7 1 1 /	23/30 (77%) 6 16 1
Sopravvivenza	11.7 mesi (mediana)	70.7% a 6 mesi	NR

**Dati molto preliminari, sui quali si può dire poco**

# TERAPIA DELLE MDS AD ALTO RISCHIO: NESSUN NUOVO ALGORITMO DOPO EHA 2016!



**TERAPIE  
SPERIMENTALI**

**IN CONCLUSIONE...**



**...ABBIAMO UNA LUNGA STRADA DA FARE!**