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Neoplasie Mieloproliferative Croniche

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- **Ruxolitinib nella PV: RESPONSE-2 e dintorni**
- **Gravidanza nella PV**
- **Efficacia/sicurezza di ruxolitinib - "long-term" e "expanded access " – nella MF**

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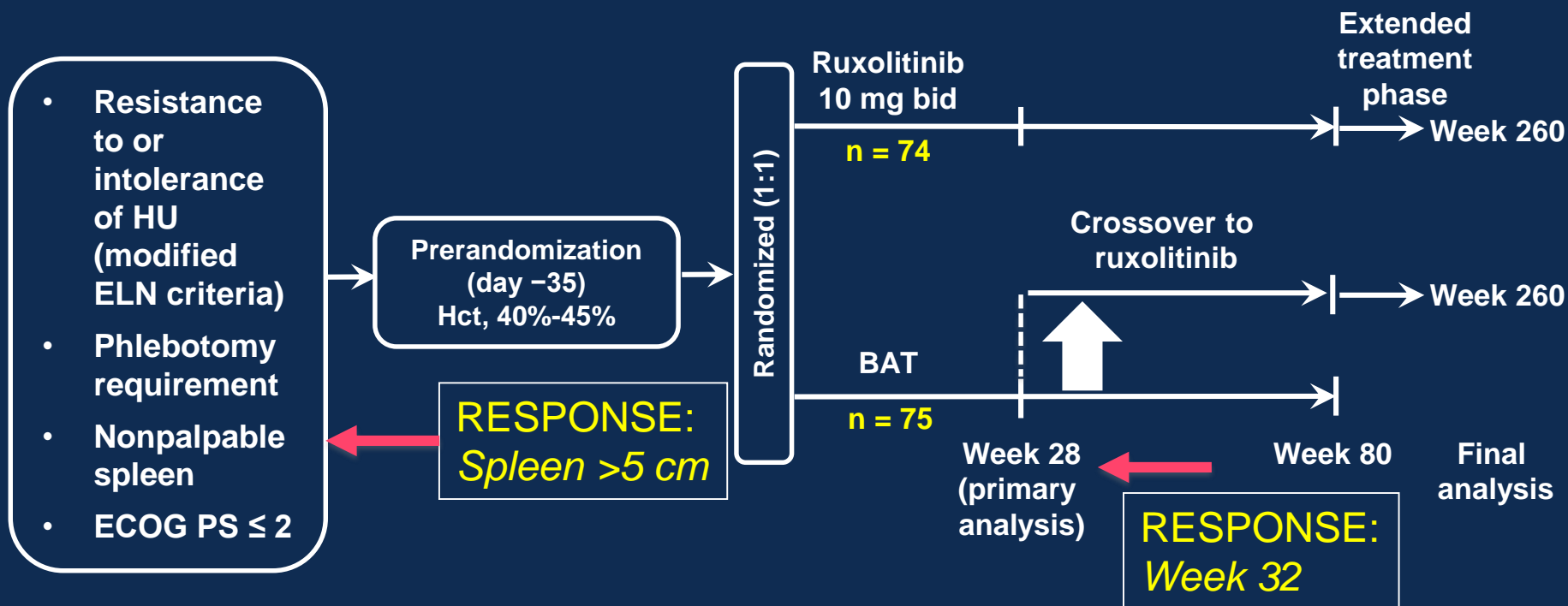
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- **Ruxolitinib nella PV: RESPONSE-2 e dintorni**
- Ruxolitinib Proves Superior to Best Available Therapy in Patients With Polycythemia Vera Resistant to or Intolerant of Hydroxyurea Without Splenomegaly: Results From RESPONSE-2. *F. Passamonti et al.*
- Ruxolitinib Reduces *JAK2V617F* Allele Burden in Patients With Polycythemia Vera Enrolled in the RESPONSE Study- *AM Vannucchi et al.*

RESPONSE-2 Study Design

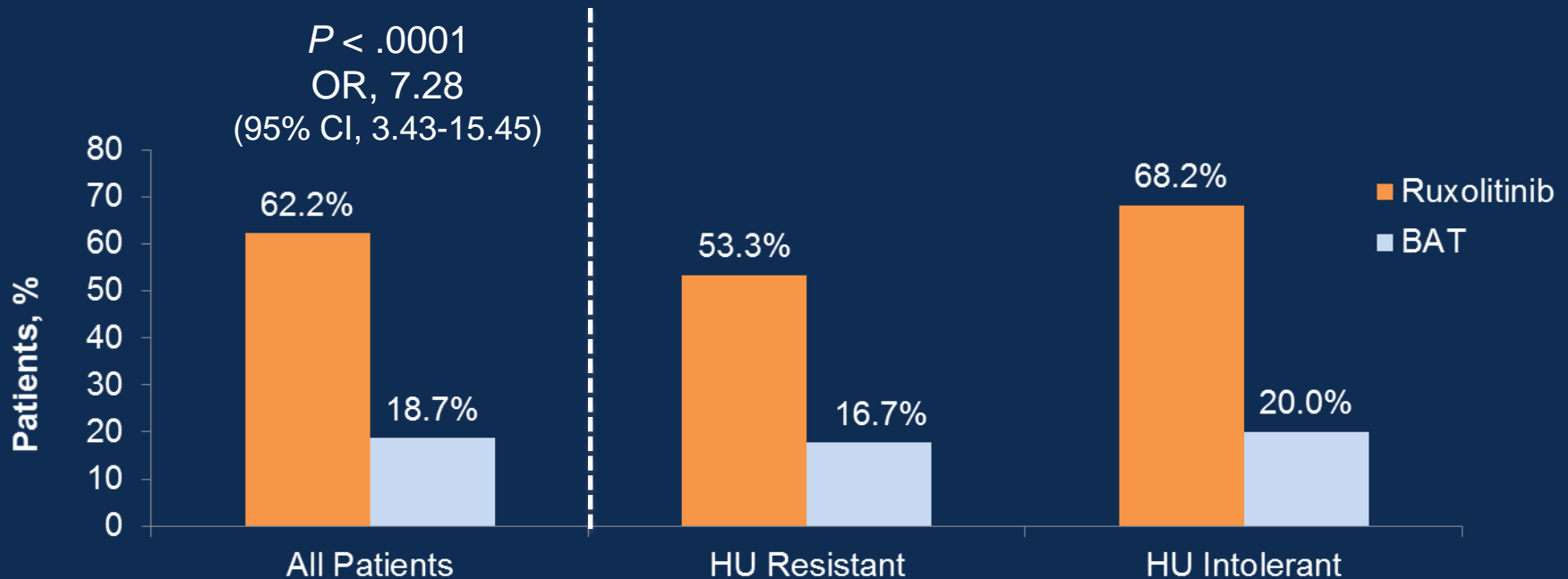


- Ruxolitinib-randomized patients had their doses individually titrated for efficacy and safety (to a maximum of 25 mg bid)
- Investigator-selected BAT as monotherapy included HU (at a tolerated dose if the patient were likely to receive benefit), interferon (IFN)/peg-IFN, anagrelide, pipobroman, immunomodulatory drugs, or observation
- All patients received low-dose aspirin unless medically contraindicated

Efficacy Measures and Endpoints

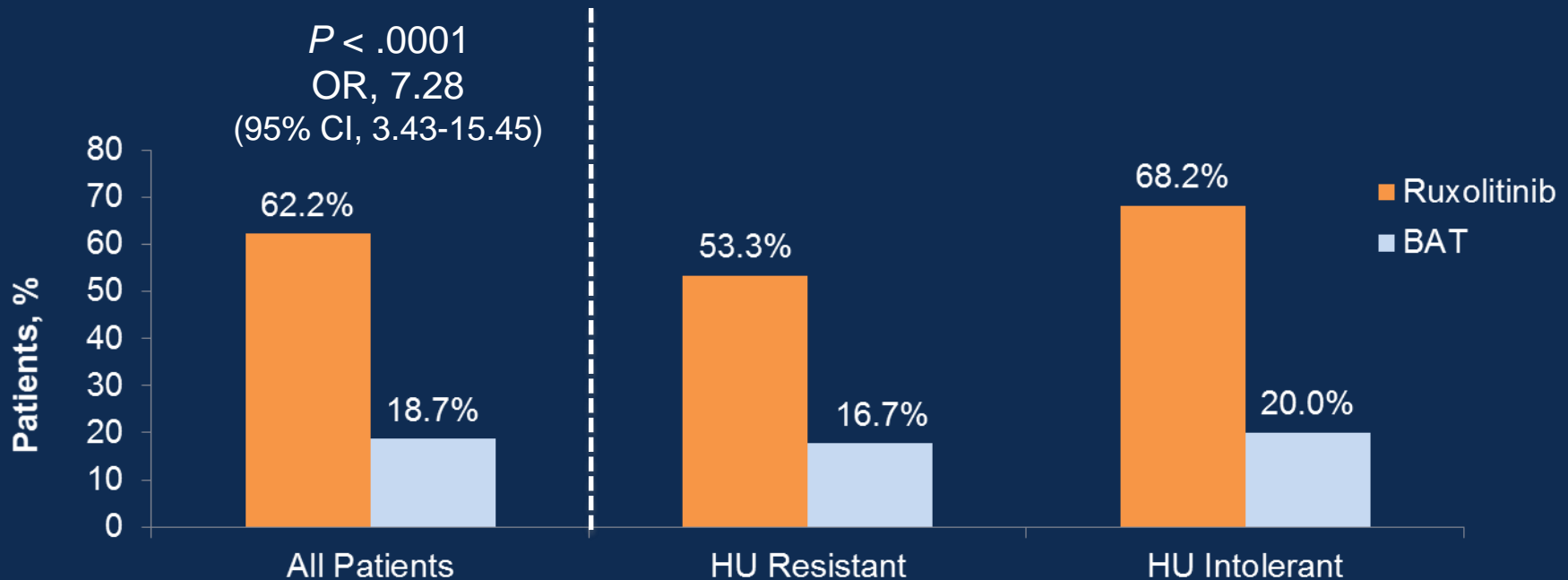
- The **primary objective** of the study is to compare the efficacy of ruxolitinib with that of BAT as assessed by the proportion of patients achieving Hct control (+ SVR \geq 35% by MRI in RESPONSE) at week 28 (week 32 in RESPONSE)
 - Hct control: absence of phlebotomy eligibility from weeks 8 to 28 (32), with only 1 post-randomization phlebotomy allowed prior to week 8
- **Key secondary endpoint** (alpha controlled): to compare complete hematologic remission (CHR) at week 28 (32),
- **Other secondary endpoints** included changes in patient-reported outcomes (PROs) from baseline to each visit where measured
 - Myeloproliferative Neoplasm Symptom Assessment Form (MPN-SAF)
 - Patients with a baseline score \geq 20 to be evaluated (reduction of \geq 10 points from baseline at week 16 and maintained to week 28)
 - Pruritus Symptom Impact Scale (PSIS)
 - Patient Global Impression of Change (PGIC)
 - EuroQol 5 Dimensions 5 Levels (EQ-5D-5L) score
 - Work Productivity and Activity Impairment: Polycythemia Vera (WPAI:PV) V2.0

Primary Response: Hct Control at Week 28



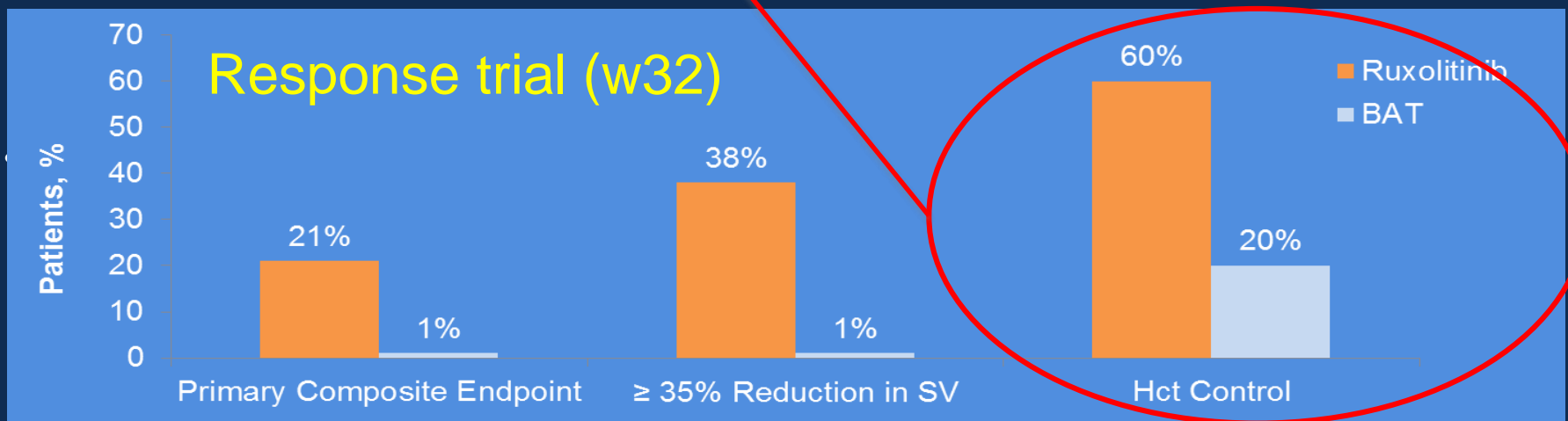
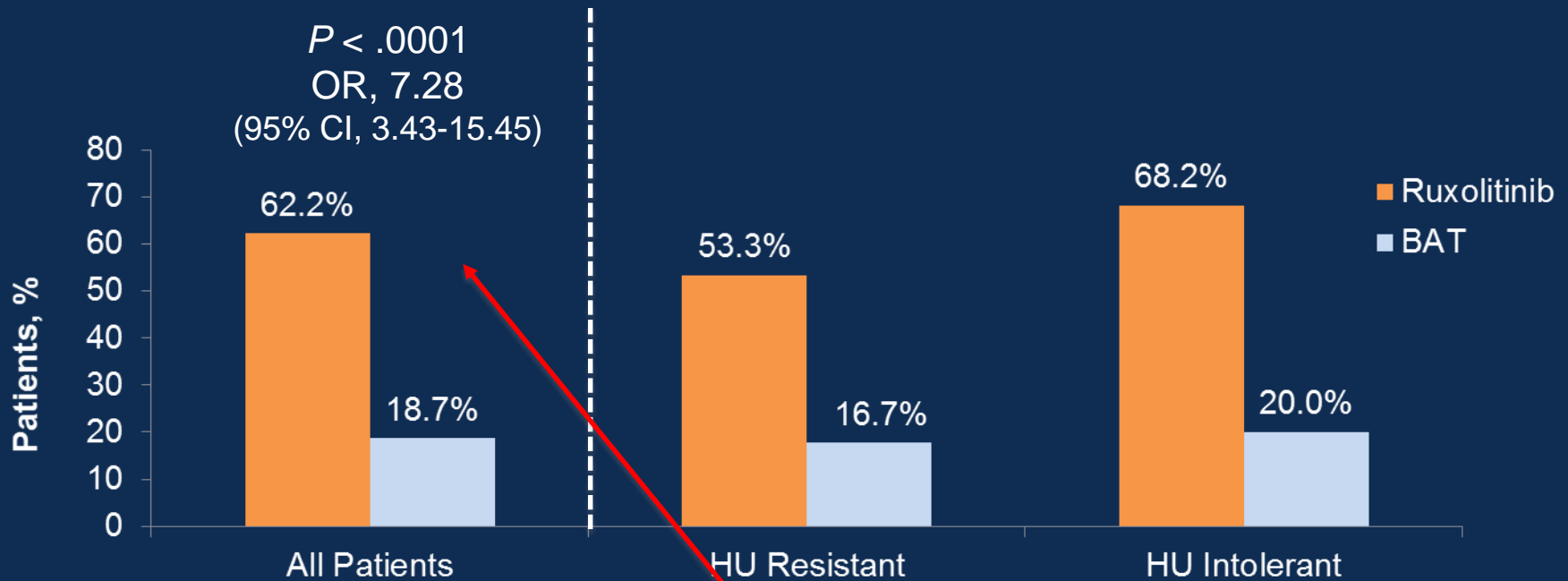
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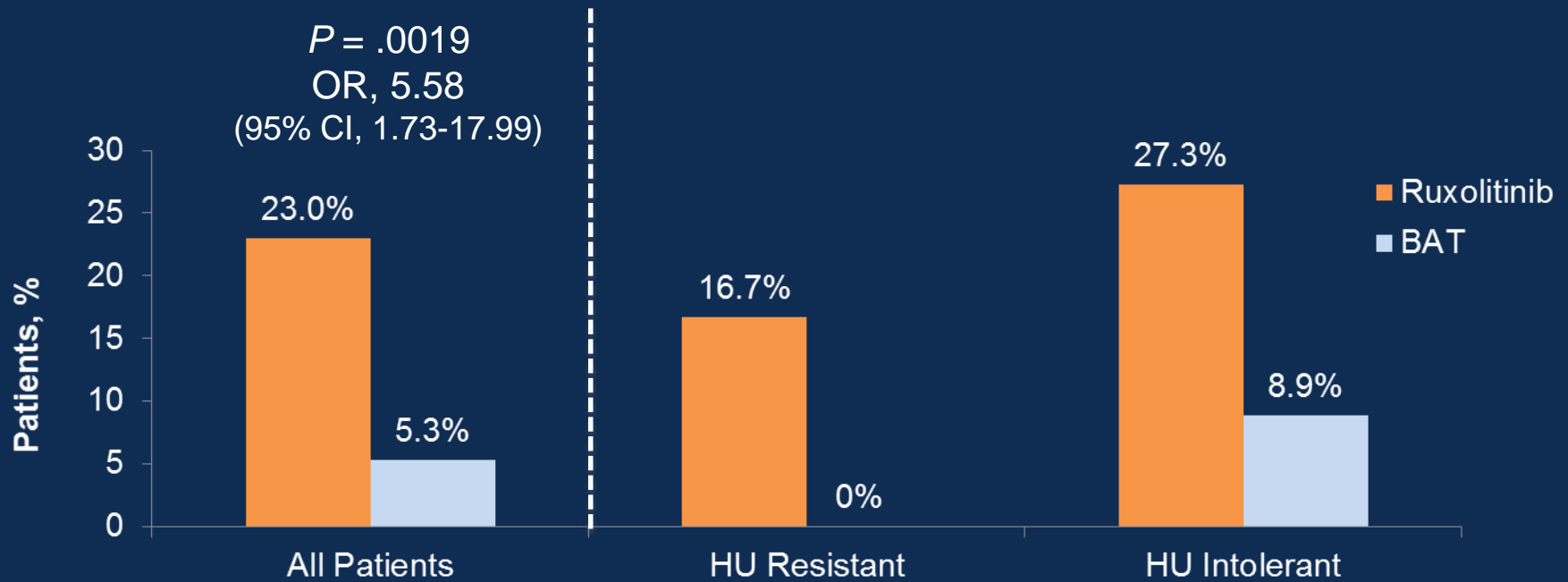
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- **RESPONSE:** BAT included HU (59%), IFN/pegylated IFN (12%), anagrelide (7%), pipobroman (2%), IMiDs (5%), and observation (15%)

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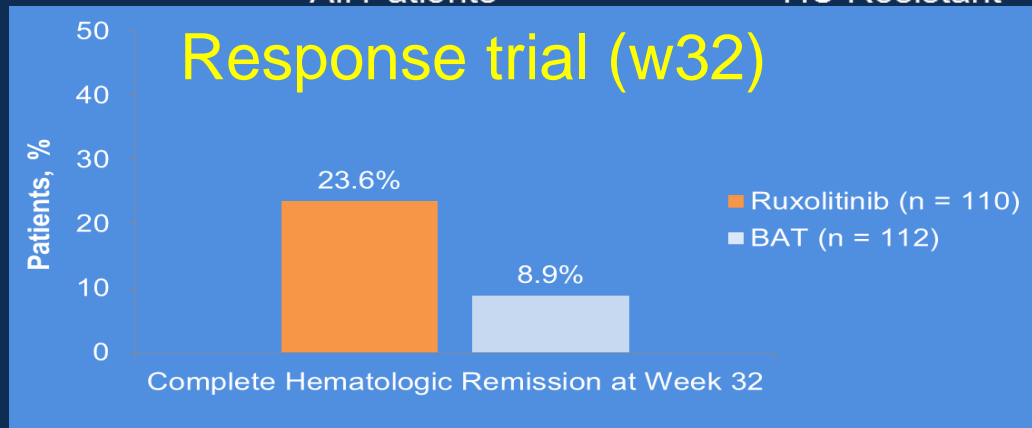
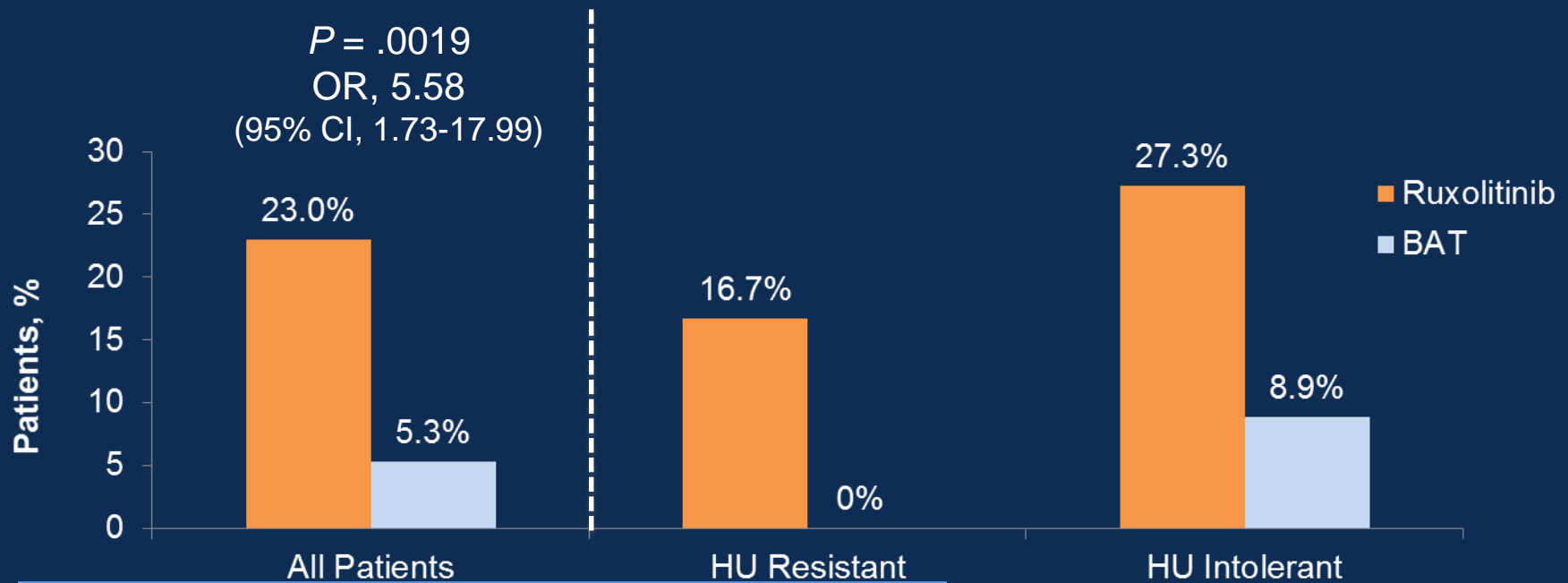
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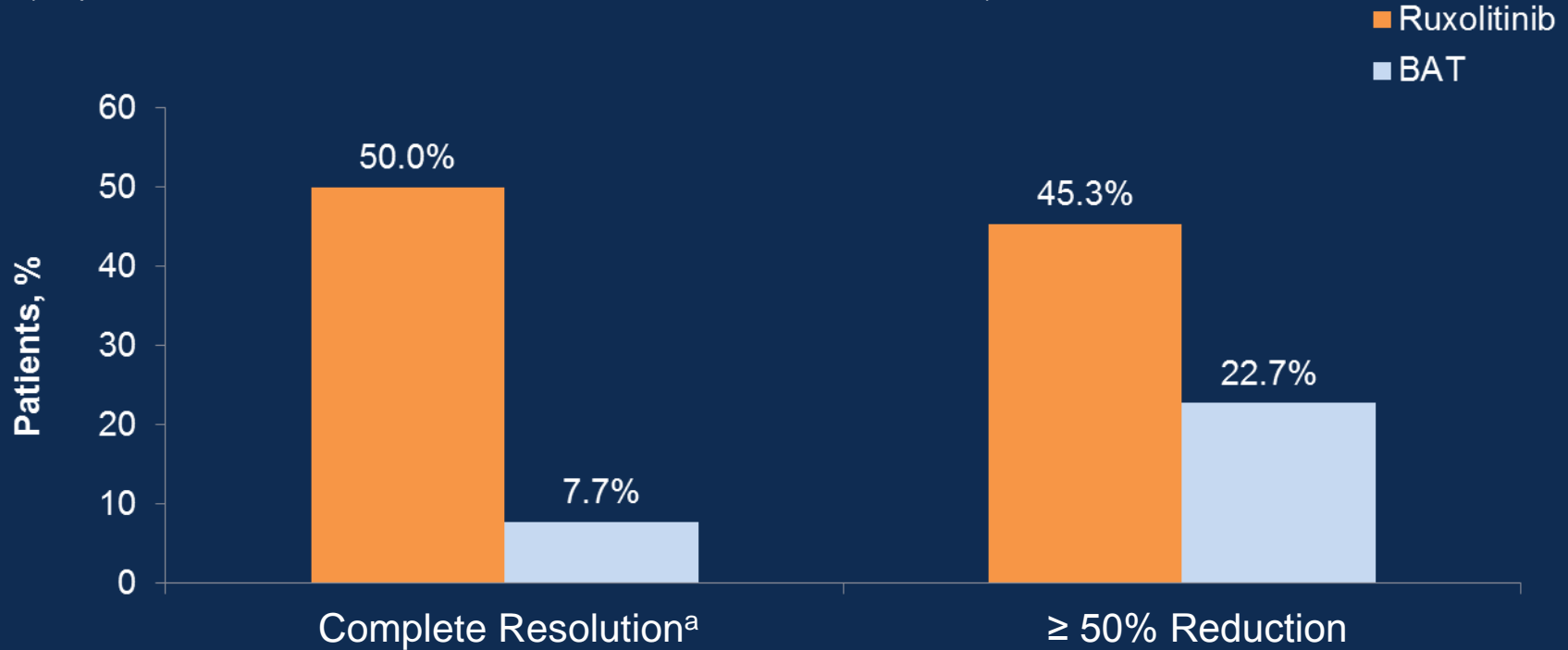
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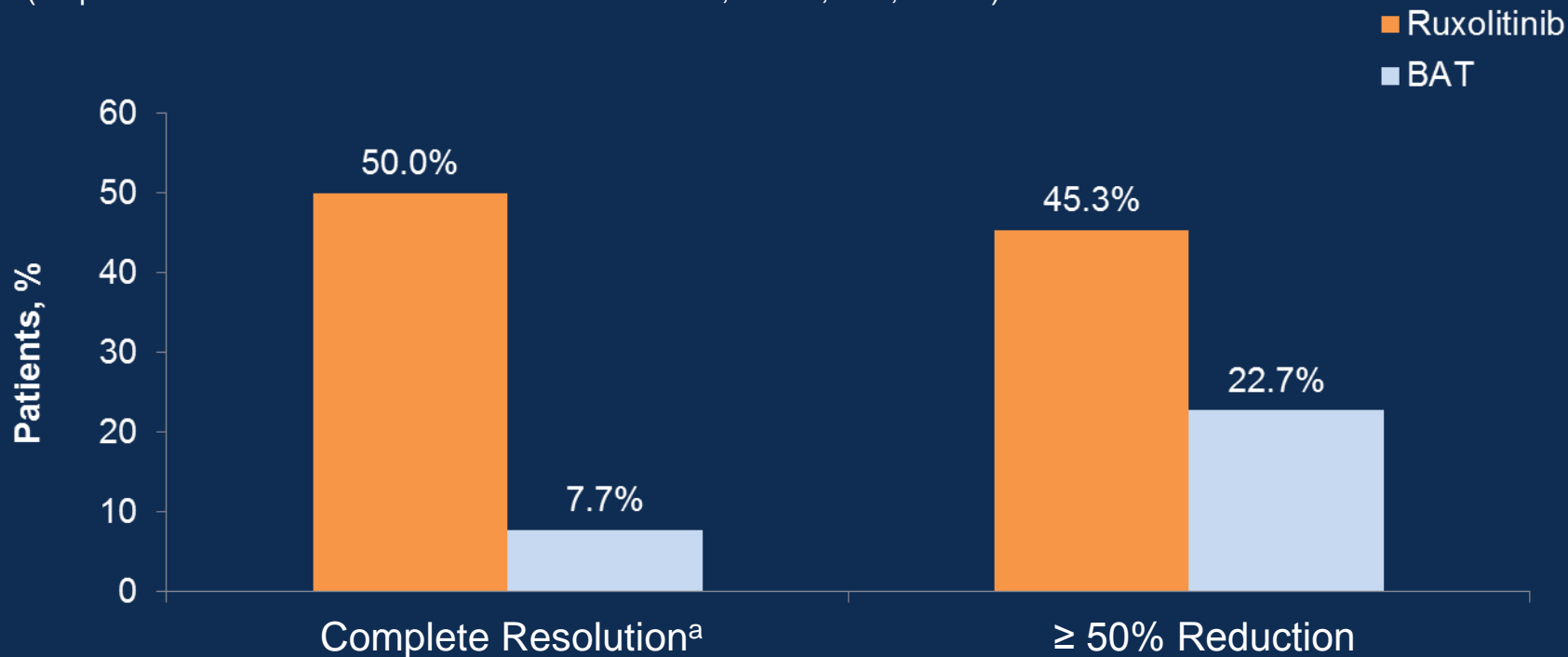
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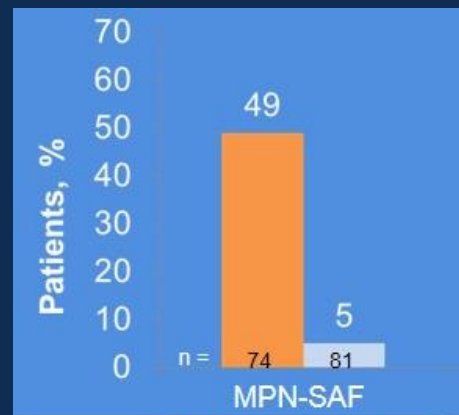


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Response trial (w32)



Thromboembolic Events Up to Week 28

Patients, n	Ruxolitinib (n = 74)		BAT (n = 75)	
	Grade 1/2	Grade 3/4	Grade 1/2	Grade 3/4
All thromboembolic events	1	0	2	1
Phlebitis	1	0	0	0
Superficial thrombophlebitis	0	0	1	0
Recurrent syncope due to cerebral microangiopathy	0	0	0	1
Necrosis of the right foot toe	0	0	1	0

- There was 1 thromboembolic event in the ruxolitinib arm and 3 in the BAT arm
- At baseline, 70.3% and 78.7% of patients in the ruxolitinib and BAT arms, respectively, had high-risk PV

Additional Safety Events

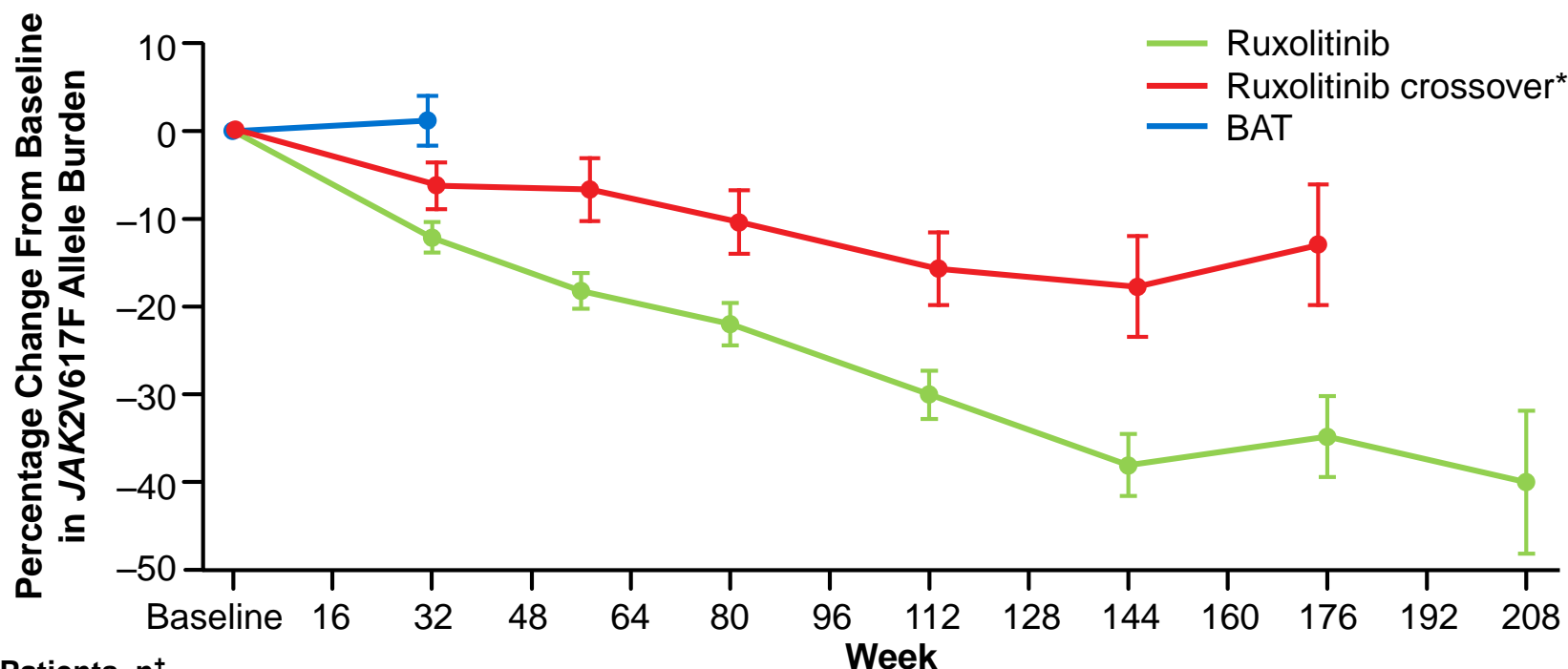
Patients, n (%)	Ruxolitinib (n = 74)	BAT (n = 75)
Infections		
All infections	23 (31.1)	18 (24.0)
Grade 3 or 4	3 (4.1)	1 (1.3)
Herpes zoster		
Grade 3 or 4	1 (1.4)	0
Nonmelanoma skin cancers		
All NMSCs	1 (1.4) ^a	1 (1.3) ^b

RESPONSE

Patients, n (%)	Ruxolitinib (n = 110)	BAT (n = 111)
Infections		
All infections	46 (41.8)	41 (36.9)
Grade 3 or 4	4 (3.6)	3 (2.7)
Herpes zoster		
Grade 3 or 4	7 (6.4)	0
	0	0
Non-melanoma skin cancers^b		
All NMSC	4 (3.6)	2 (1.8)
Grade 3 or 4	3 (1.8)	1 (0.9)

Change From Baseline in *JAK2V617F* Allele Burden With Long-Term Treatment

- Patients randomized to ruxolitinib had consistent allele burden reductions from Baseline to Week 208
- Patients who crossed over to ruxolitinib had markedly reduced allele burden over time



Patients, n[†]

Ruxolitinib	102	92	89	84	83	74	48	20
Ruxolitinib crossover	94	89	72	79	71	41	21	
BAT	85	80						

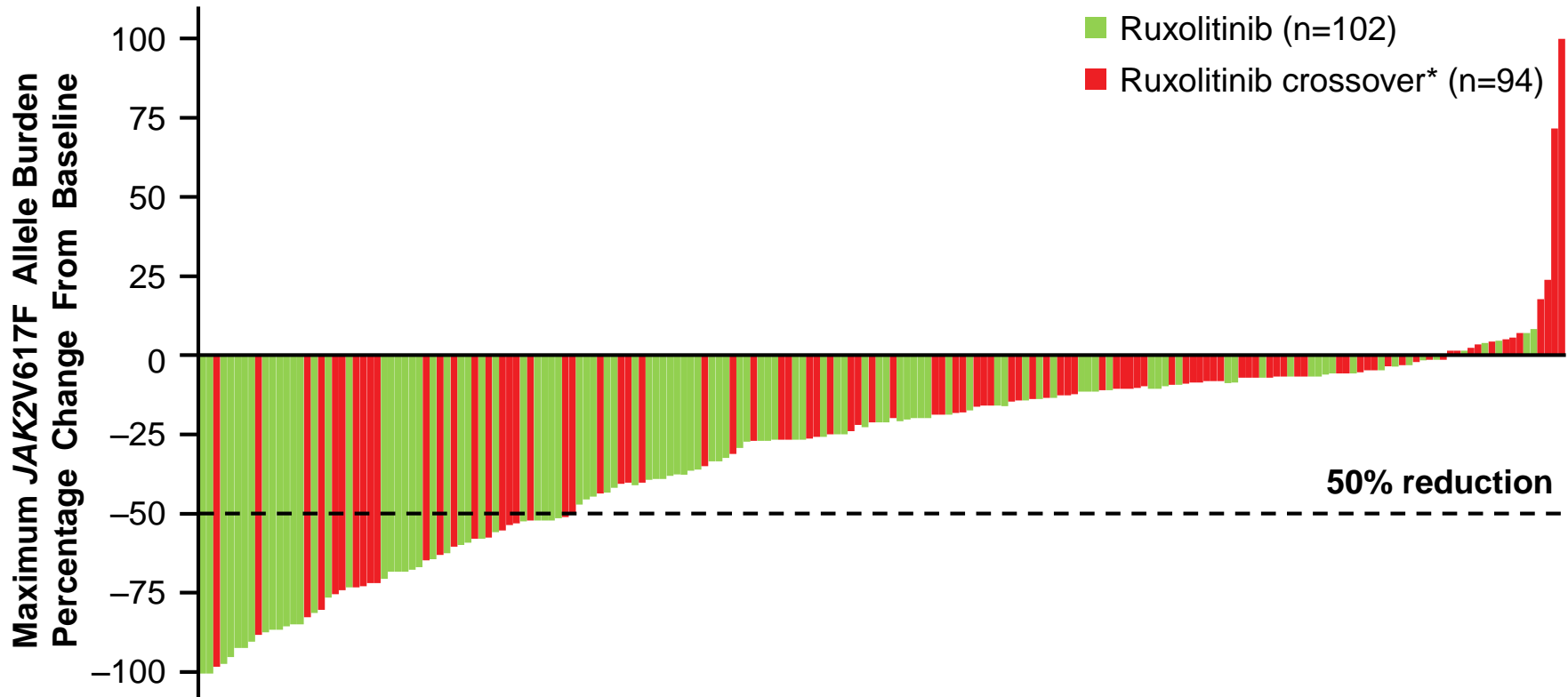
BAT, best available therapy

* Baseline in the ruxolitinib crossover arm was the final assessment before crossing over from BAT to ruxolitinib

† If there were <5 data points at a visit within a treatment group, data were excluded from the figure

Maximum Percentage Change From Baseline in *JAK2V617F* Allele Burden

- The average maximal percentage reductions in allele burden (median time to maximal reduction) in ruxolitinib randomized and ruxolitinib crossover arms were -35.9% (25.9 mo) and -21.2% (18.2 mo), respectively



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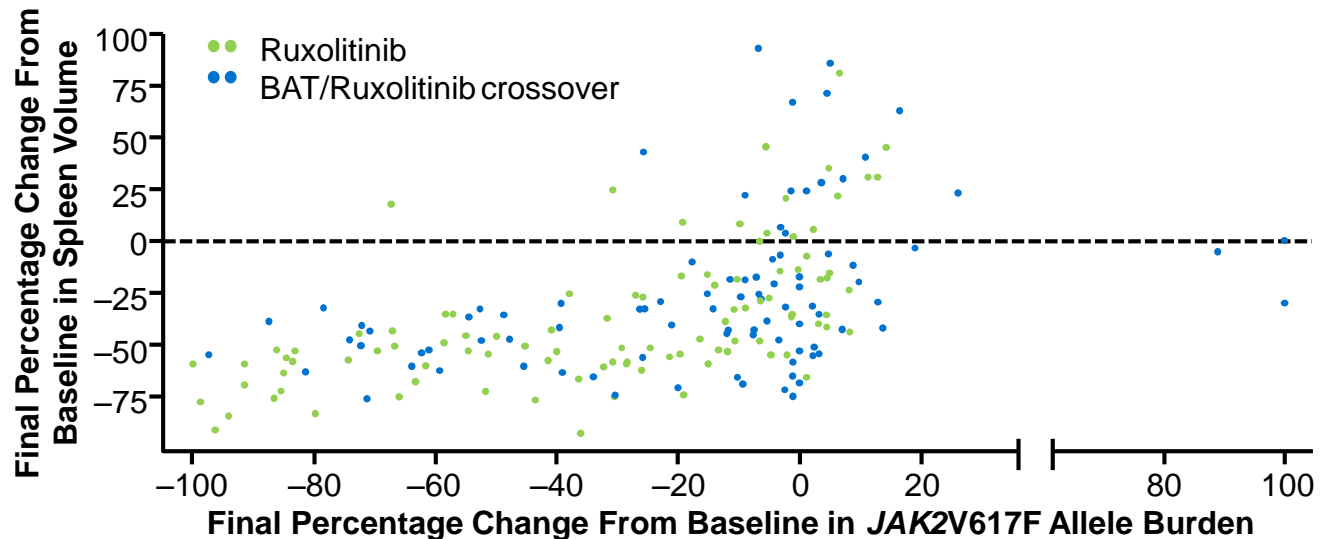
JAK2V617F Allele Burden

Relation to Clinical Correlates

- No correlation was observed between allele burden changes and changes in hematocrit, white blood cell count, or platelet levels
- Spleen volume reductions tended to be larger for patients who had a JAK2V617F allele burden reduction of $\geq 20\%$ from Baseline compared with patients who had a reduction of $< 20\%$

Final Percentage Change From Baseline in JAK2V617F Allele Burden and Spleen Volume*

JAK2V617F Allele Burden	Ruxolitinib		Ruxolitinib Crossover	
	$\geq 20\%$ (n=52)	$< 20\%$ (n=47)	$\geq 20\%$ (n=32)	$< 20\%$ (n=60)
Spleen Volume, n (%)				
$\geq 35\%$	45 (86.5)	18 (38.3)	25 (78.1)	20 (33.3)
$< 35\%$	7 (13.5)	29 (61.7)	7 (21.9)	40 (66.7)



* Only patients with Baseline and post-Baseline values for both spleen volume and allele burden were included
 BAT, best available therapy

Topics

- **Gravidanza nella PV**
 - Outcome of 121 pregnancies in 49 patients with polycythemia vera (PV).
M. Griesshammer et al.

Outcome of 121 pregnancies in 49 patients with polycythemia vera

- European Leukemia Net project starting 2006
- 121 PV pregnancies in 49 women with PV in hematological centers in France, Italy, Serbia, Romania, Switzerland and Germany
- Retrospective and prospective REGISTER of pregnancies in MPN
- **Group A:** pregnancies **before** diagnosis of PV (n=38)
- **Group B:** represents all pregnancies **after** diagnosis PV (n=83)

Outcome of 121 pregnancies in 49 patients with PV - Live birth rate vs. miscarriages -

- **113 pregnancies** -> 75 live births (66,4%)
-> 38 miscarriages (33,6%)
- **6 twin pregnancies** -> 5 live births (83%)
-> 1 stillbirth in week 22 (17%)
- **Group A (n=38)** -> 17 live births (44,7%*)
-> 21 miscarriages (55,3%)
- **Group B (n=75)** -> 58 live births (77,3%*)
-> 17 miscarriages (22,4%)

*Chi-square $p < 0.001$

Group A: pregnancies before diagnosis of PV (n=38)

Group B: represents all pregnancies after diagnosis PV (n=75 evaluable)

Outcome of 121 pregnancies in 49 patients with PV

- Fetal outcome -

	Overall (n=113)	Group A (n=38)	Group B (n=75)
Full term normal delivery (FTND)	50,4 %	26,3 %	62,6 %
Spontaneous abortion (SA)	22 %	26,3 %	20 %
Stillbirth (SB)	8,8 %	18,4 %	4 %
Late fetal loss (LFL)	3,5 %	10,5 %	0 %
Preterm delivery (PTD)	12,9 %	18,4 %	9,3 %
Growth retardation	9,7 %	13,1 %	8 %

SA: miscarriage before 20th week

SB: miscarriage from 20th to 28 week

LFL: 28 completed weeks of gestation and later

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- Maternal complications -

	Group A (n=38)	Group B (n=75)
Thrombosis*	1 (2,6%)	2 (2,7%)
Bleeding	1 (2,6%)	11 (14,6%)
Major bleeding	-	4 (5,3%)
Minor bleeding	1 (2,6%)	7 (9,3%)
Pre-eclampsia	3 (7,9%)	-
Hypertension	0	2 (2,7%)
Placental insufficiency	1 (2,6%)	-
Ectopic pregnancy	-	1 (1,3%)

- *Group A : n= 1, one post partum pulmonary embolism with cardiogenic shock
- *Group B: n = 2, one post partum Budd Chiari and another 3. trimester Budd Chiari

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Outcome of 121 pregnancies in 49 patients with PV

- Conclusions -

- **Success rate** was significantly better (**49% versus 77%**) for patients in whom the diagnosis of PV was known and appropriate management was performed
- Thrombosis rate ~ **2,6 %**
- Bleeding rate ~ 15 % with a **major bleeding ~ 5 %**
- **Aspirin + LMWH** ↑ live birth rate, **PEG INF** is a good option in high risk PV pregnancy

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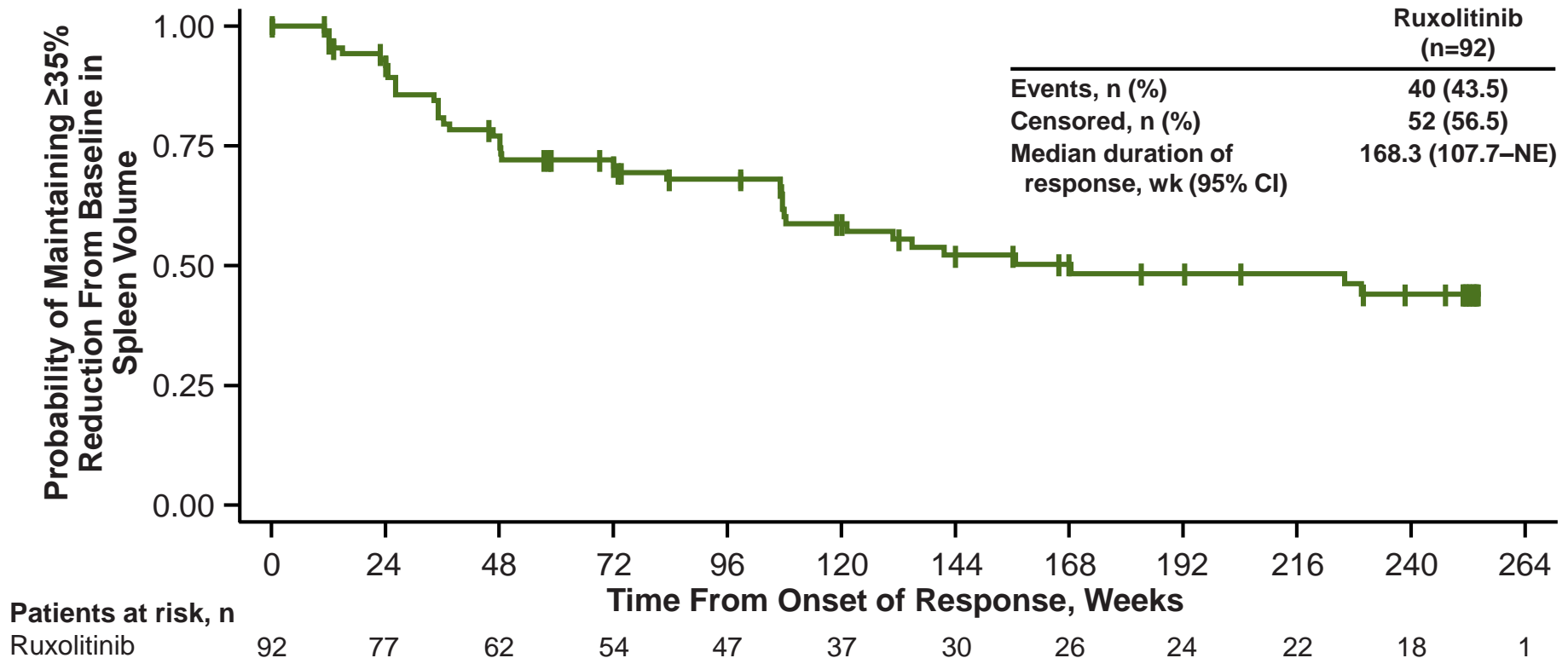
- Efficacia/sicurezza di ruxolitinib - "long-term" e "expanded access " – nella MF
- Long-Term Outcomes of Ruxolitinib Therapy in Patients With Myelofibrosis: 5-Year Final Efficacy and Safety Analysis From COMFORT-I. *Verstovsek et al.*
- SAFETY AND EFFICACY OF RUXOLITINIB IN PATIENTS WITH DIPSS INTERMEDIATE-1–RISK MYELOFIBROSIS (MF) FROM JUMP: AN OPEN-LABEL, MULTICENTER, SINGLE-ARM, EXPANDED-ACCESS STUDY. *Passamonti F et al.* (poster)

Patient Disposition and Treatment Exposure

	Ruxolitinib Randomized (n=155)	Placebo Randomized (n=151*)	Ruxolitinib Crossover (n=111)
Overall Exposure, median (range), weeks	149 (4-296)	37 (4-65)	111 (1-256)
Patient Disposition, n (%)			
Patients on treatment at data cutoff	43 (27.7)	0	28 (25.2)
Discontinued before the 5-year data cutoff	112 (72.3)	40 (26.5)	83 (74.8)
Adverse event	47 (30.3)	16 (10.6)	33 (29.7)
Disease progression	23 (14.8)	13 (8.6)	22 (19.8)
Patient consent withdrawn	14 (9.0)	7 (4.6)	14 (12.6)
Noncompliance or protocol deviation	3 (1.9)	0	2 (1.8)
Other†	25 (16.1)	4 (2.6)	12 (10.8)
*3 additional patients were randomized to placebo but were not evaluable for safety and were excluded from the percentage of patients who discontinued			
†Including, but not limited to, receiving a different therapy, transitioning to commercial ruxolitinib, and loss of response			

Duration of $\geq 35\%$ Reduction From Baseline in Spleen Volume

- 59% (92/155) of patients originally randomized to ruxolitinib had a $\geq 35\%$ spleen volume response at any time on study*
- The median duration of response was 168.3 weeks

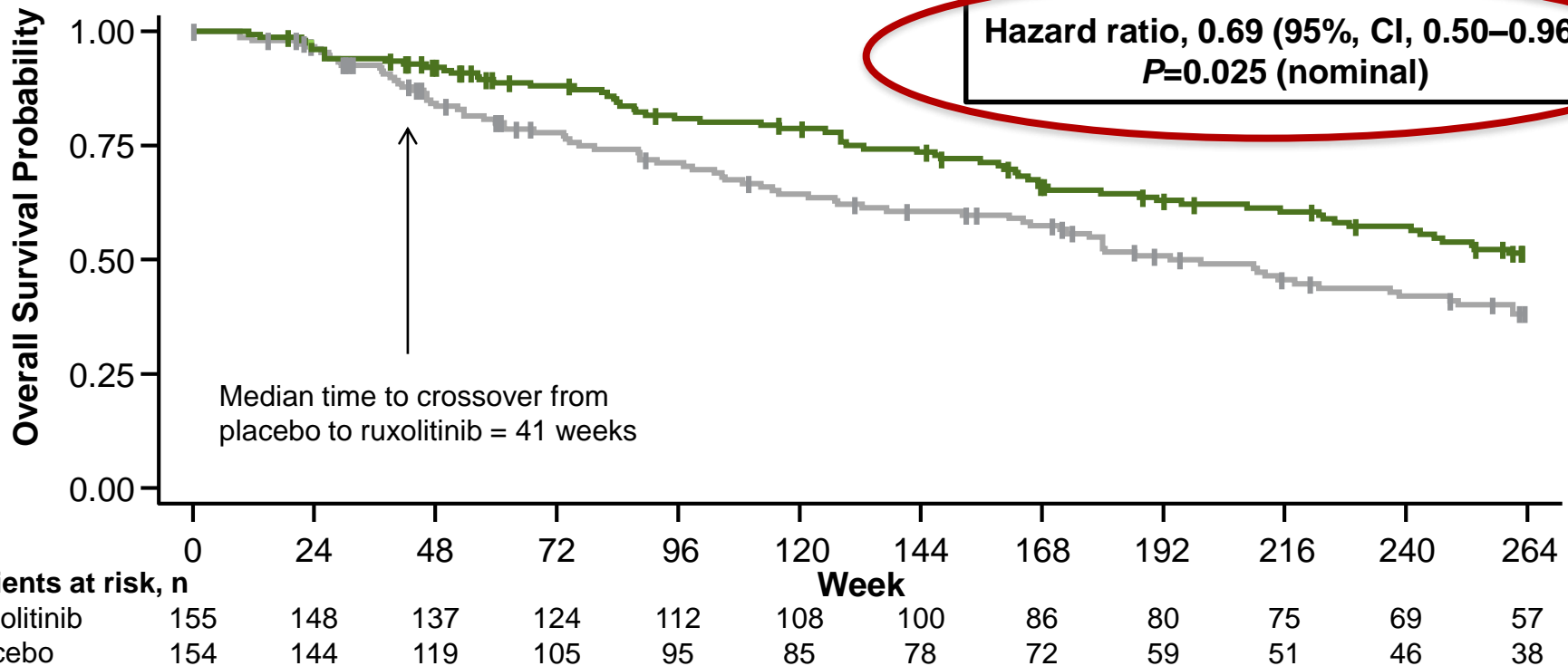


*The median time to loss of spleen response was defined as the interval from the first spleen response to the first spleen volume that was a $< 35\%$ reduction from Baseline and a $> 25\%$ increase from the nadir

Overall Survival: 5-Year Analysis (ITT)

- Median OS was not reached for patients randomized to ruxolitinib (median follow-up 268 weeks) and was 200 weeks for patients in the placebo arm (median follow-up 269 weeks)

	Deaths, n/N (%)	Censored, n/N (%)
Ruxolitinib	69/155 (44.5)	86/155 (55.5)
Placebo	82/154 (53.2)	72/154 (46.8)



Hematologic Abnormalities Based on Laboratory Values

	Ruxolitinib Randomized (n=155)		Placebo (n=151)		Ruxolitinib Crossover (n=111)	
Patient-years of study drug exposure	460.4		98.9		254.9	
Hematologic abnormality,* %	All Grades	Grades 3 or 4	All Grades	Grades 3 or 4	All Grades	Grades 3 or 4
Anemia	98.7	54.2	88.1	20.5	95.5	54.1
Thrombocytopenia	83.9	22.6	33.1	2.6	90.1	28.8
Neutropenia	26.5	14.2	4.6	3.3	18.9	5.4
*The data shown are for events of the worst grade during the study, regardless of whether this grade was a change from the Baseline grade						

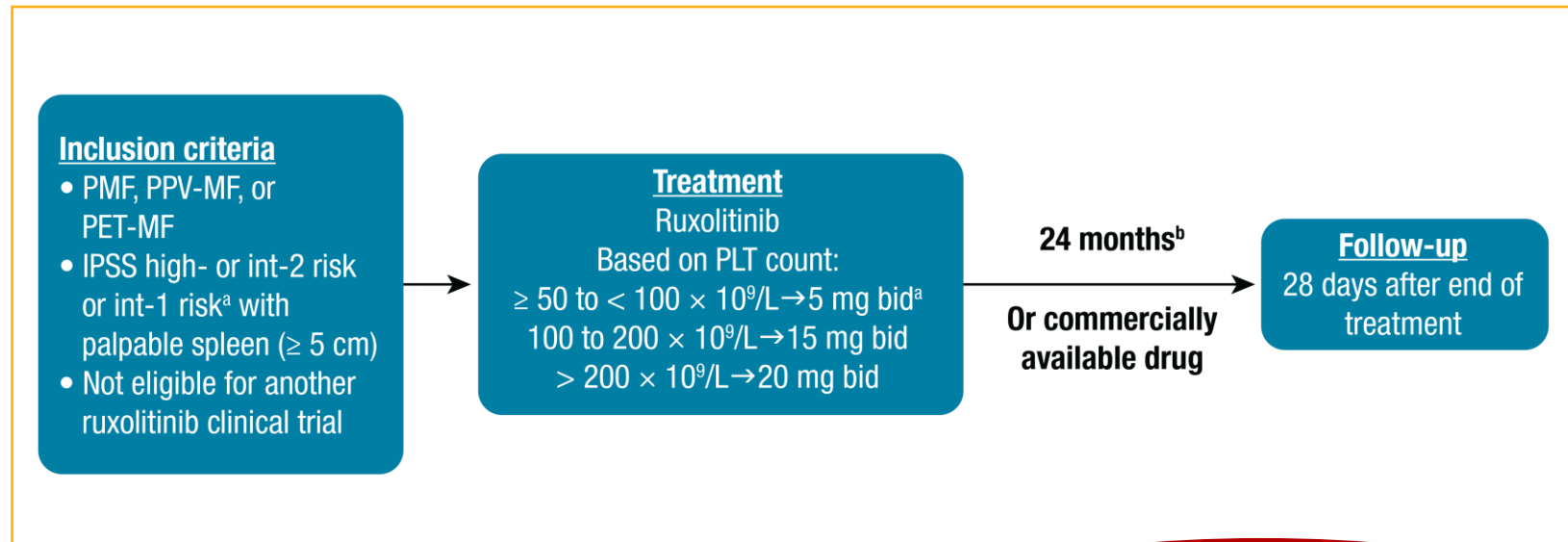
- Percentages consistent with those observed at the primary analysis

Most Common Treatment-Emergent AEs Leading to Death

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Patient-years of study drug exposure	460.4	98.9	254.9
Adverse event,* n (%)			
Sepsis/septic shock	6 (3.9)	1 (0.7)	4 (3.6)
Disease progression	3 (1.9)	3 (2.0)	4 (3.6)
Pneumonia/pneumonia aspiration	3 (1.9)	1 (0.7)	3 (2.7)
AML	2 (1.3)	0	3 (2.7)
Renal failure/acute renal failure	2 (1.3)	0	1 (0.9)
Cardiac failure/congestive cardiac failure	0	0	3 (2.7)
MF	0	1 (0.7)	2 (1.8)
*Adverse events leading to death in ≥2 patients treated with ruxolitinib			

DIPSS Intermediate-1 Patients in JUMP Study

Figure 1. Study Design



- This analysis includes results for 700 patients DIPSS Int-1 with ≥ 1 year of follow-up from baseline to data cutoff (median follow-up, 65 weeks)

Safety

The most common hematologic AEs were

- anemia (55.1%; grade 3/4, 22.0%),
- thrombocytopenia (39.7%; grade 3/4, 10.3%),
- leukopenia (5.4%; grade 3/4, 2.4%)

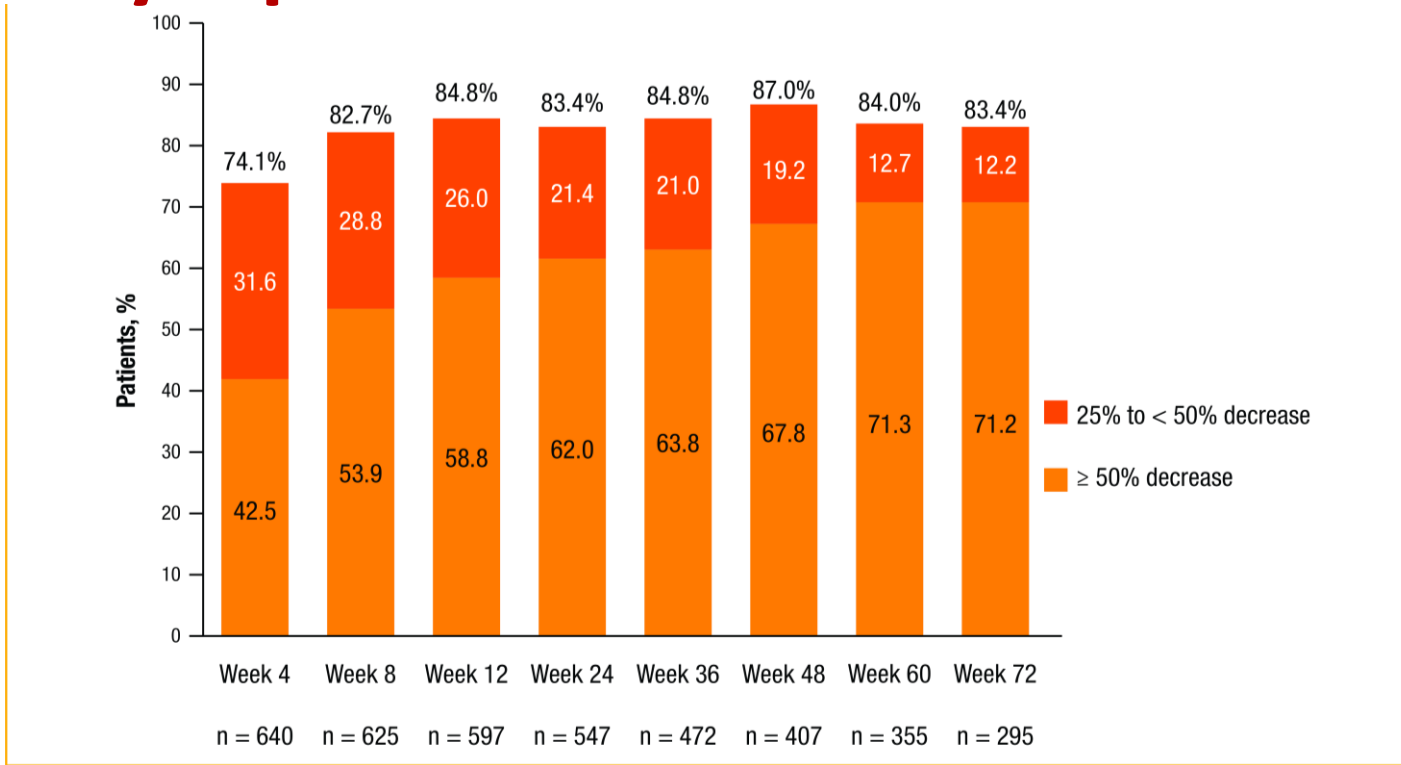
The most common nonhematologic AEs (in $\geq 5\%$ of patients) were primarily grade 1/2 infections ($\geq 5\%$) including

- urinary tract infection (6.4%),
- herpes zoster (6.0%)
- nasopharyngitis (5.4%)
- 1 report of hepatitis B reactivation (grade 3/4)

• **Serious AEs** were reported for 26.6% of patients

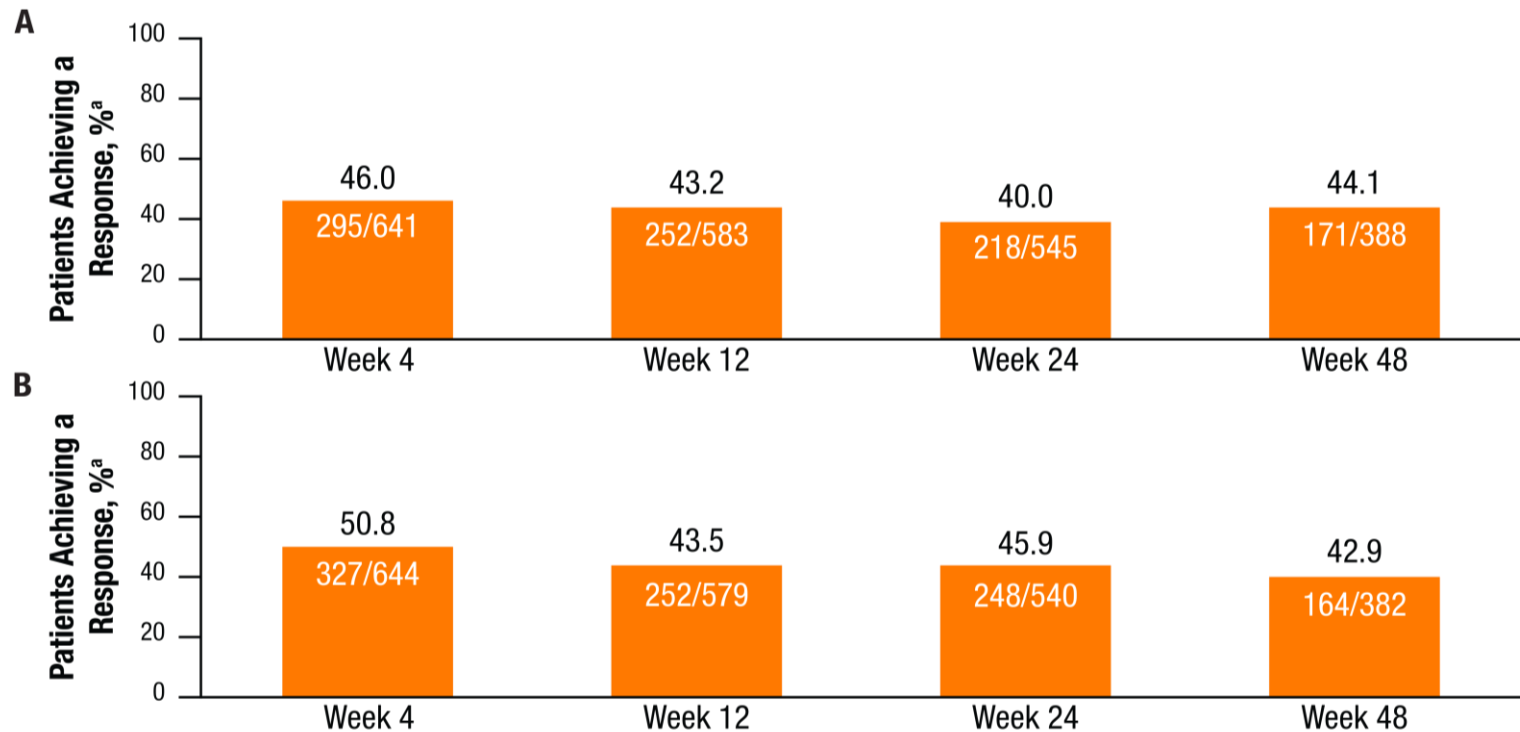
- pneumonia (3.7%)
- anemia (2.2%)
- cardiac failure (1.6%)
- sepsis (1.1%)

Efficacy: Spleen Volume Reduction



- 78.5% of the patients experienced a $\geq 50\%$ reduction in spleen length from baseline at any time by week 72;
 - 29.4% of patients (192/652) had a spleen that became nonpalpable
- The median time to first $\geq 50\%$ reduction in spleen length was 4.7 weeks (range, 0.1-75.0 weeks)
- The Kaplan-Meier estimated probability of maintaining a $\geq 50\%$ reduction from baseline in palpable spleen length for 48 weeks was 0.92 (95% CI, 0.89-0.94)

Proportion of Patients Achieving a Response (A) in the FACT-Lym TS and (B) on the FACIT-Fatigue Scale



Response was defined as the upper limit of the minimally important difference (FACT-Lym TS, 11.2 points⁷; FACIT-Fatigue scale, 3 points⁸).

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