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## **Myeloproliferative Neoplasms—*2018 Update***

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## Objectives

- 2016 WHO highlights
- Practical diagnostic algorithms
- Genetic prognostication
- Treatment algorithms
- Noteworthy abstracts from ASH 2017

# 2016 WHO Classification of Myeloid Malignancies

Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML)

Myelodysplastic Syndromes (MDS)

Myeloproliferative Neoplasms (MPN)

MDS/MPN overlap

Myeloid/Lymphoid neoplasms with eosinophilia and *PDGFR/FGFR1/PCM1-JAK2* mutation

Chronic Myeloid Leukemia (CML)  
*BCR-ABL1*  
100% mutated

Chronic Neutrophilic Leukemia (CNL)  
*CSF3R*  
80-100% mutated

Chronic Eosinophilic Leukemia Not Otherwise Specified (CEL-NOS)

Polycythemia vera (PV)

Essential Thrombocythemia (ET)

Primary Myelofibrosis (PMF)

MPN Unclassifiable (MPN-U)

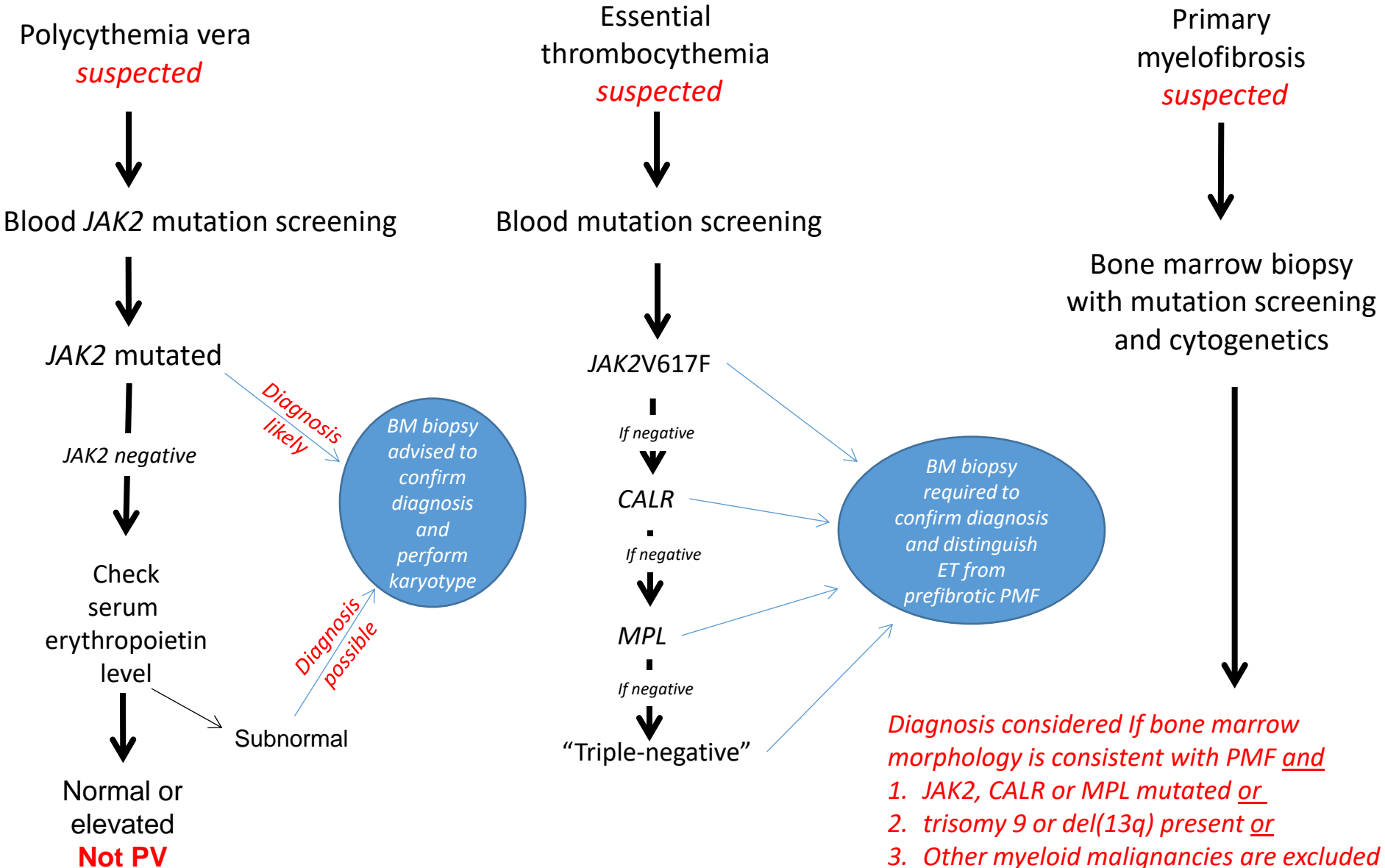
*The JAK2/CALR/MPL mutated MPNs*

97% *JAK2* V617F  
3% other *JAK2* mutations

60% *JAK2* mutated  
22% *CALR* mutated  
3% *MPL* mutated  
15% triple-negative

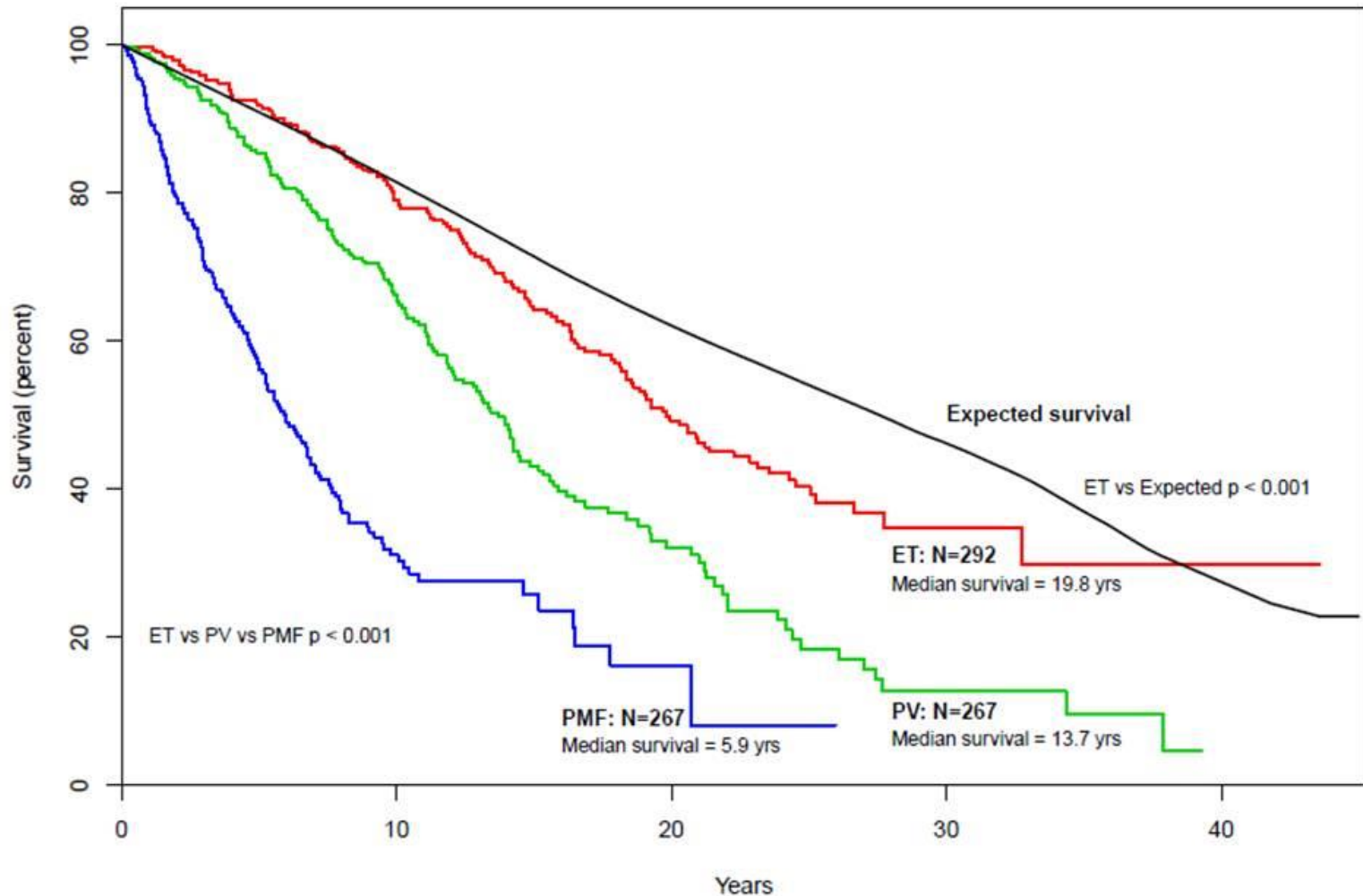
60% *JAK2* mutated  
23% *CALR* mutated  
7% *MPL* mutated  
10% triple-negative

# Practical diagnostic algorithm

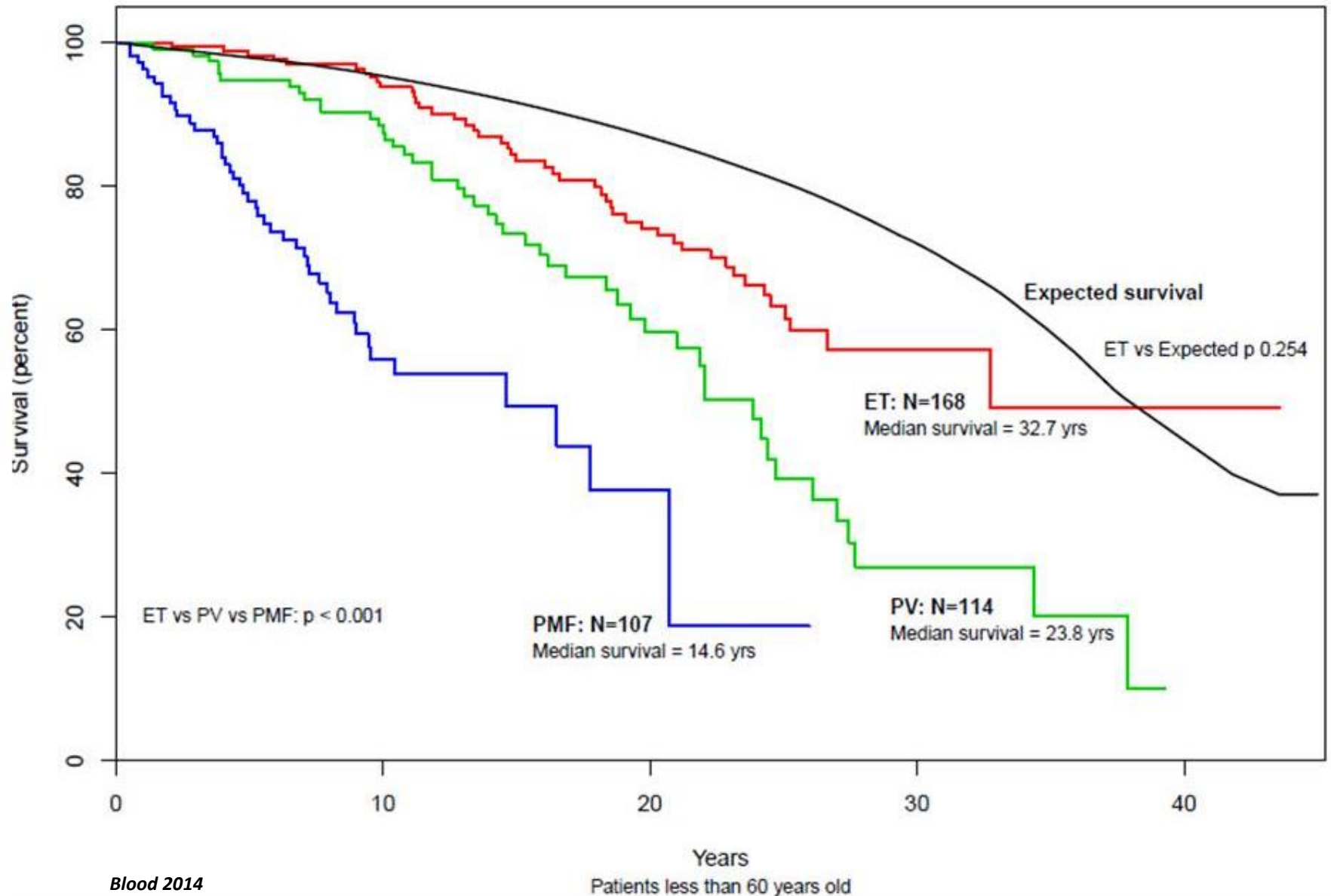


# Survival in myeloproliferative neoplasms

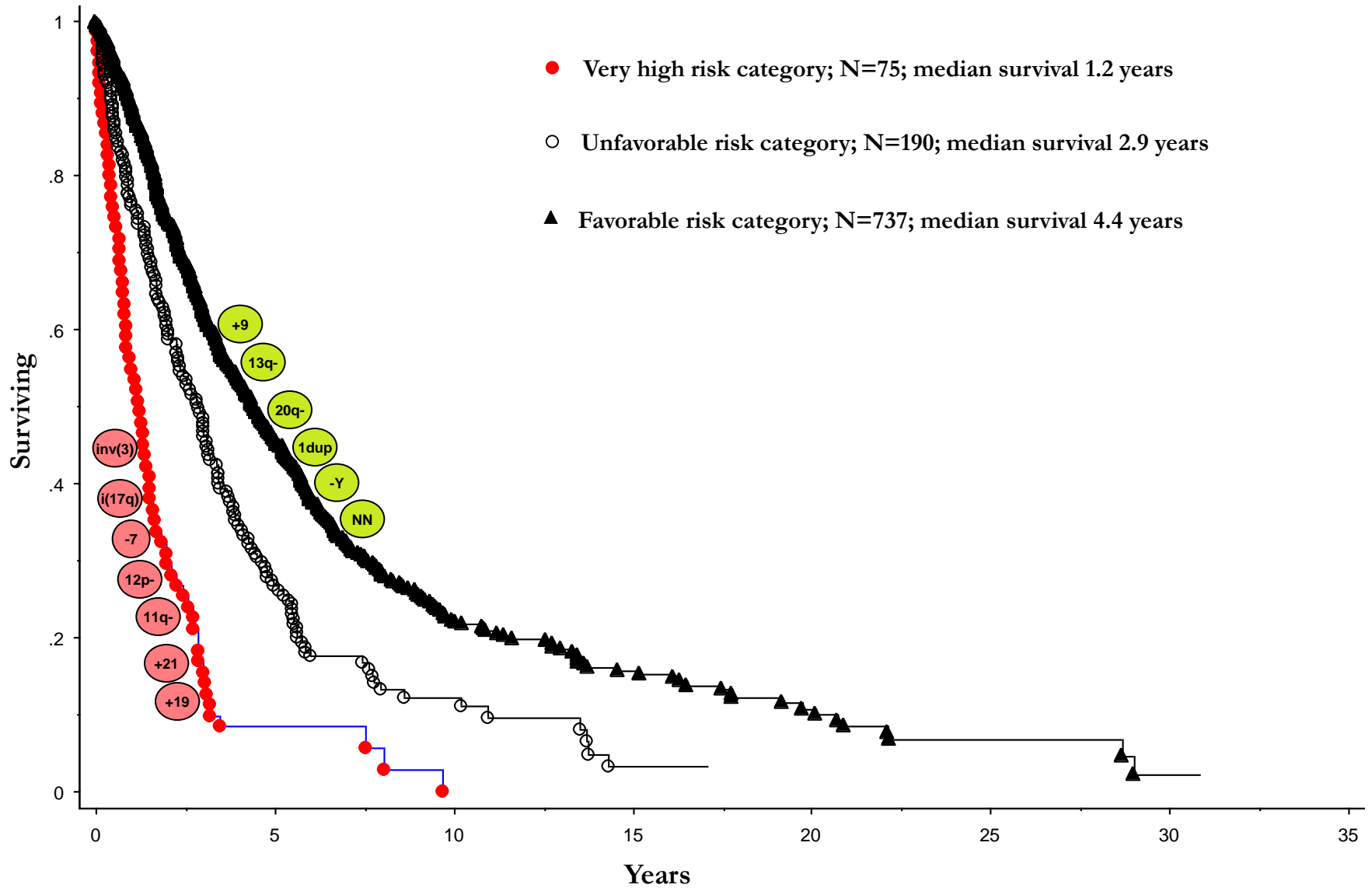
Comparison of survival in 826 Mayo Clinic patients with essential thrombocythemia vs polycythemia vera vs primary myelofibrosis.



# Survival and prognosis in young patients with myeloproliferative neoplasms

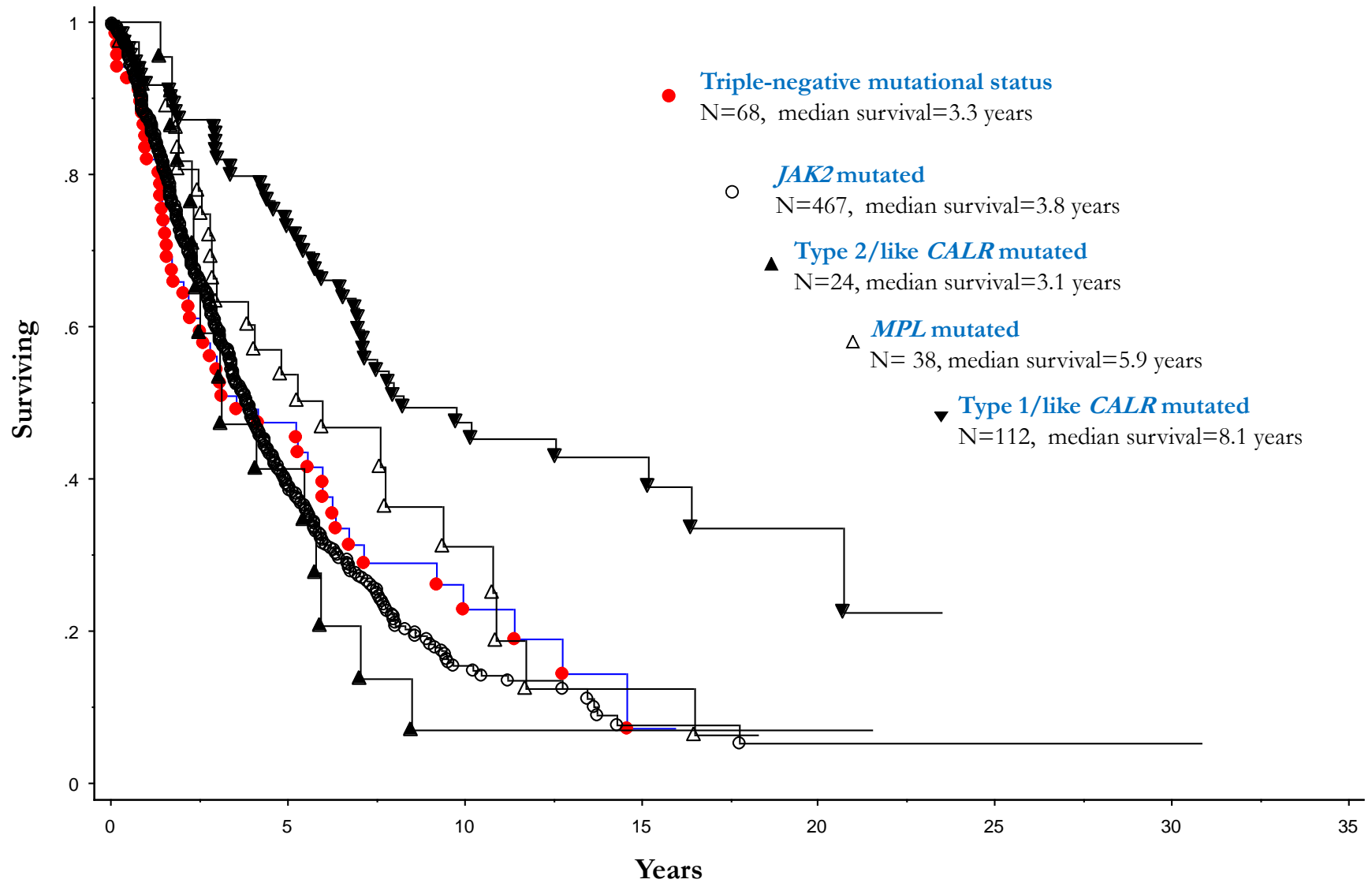


# Survival of 1,002 patients with primary myelofibrosis stratified by the revised three-tiered cytogenetic risk model

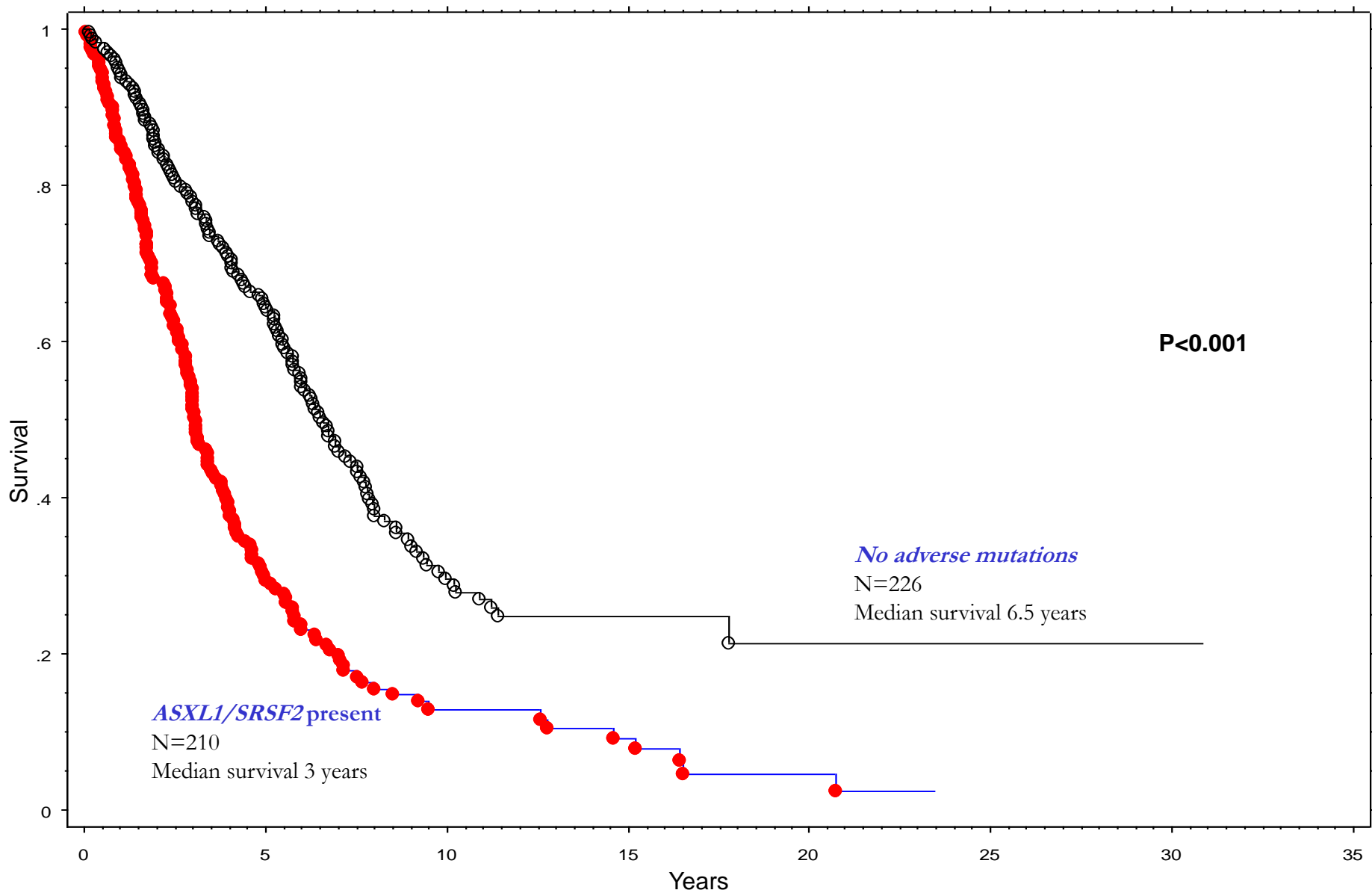




# Survival of 709 primary myelofibrosis patients from the Mayo Clinic, stratified by driver mutational status

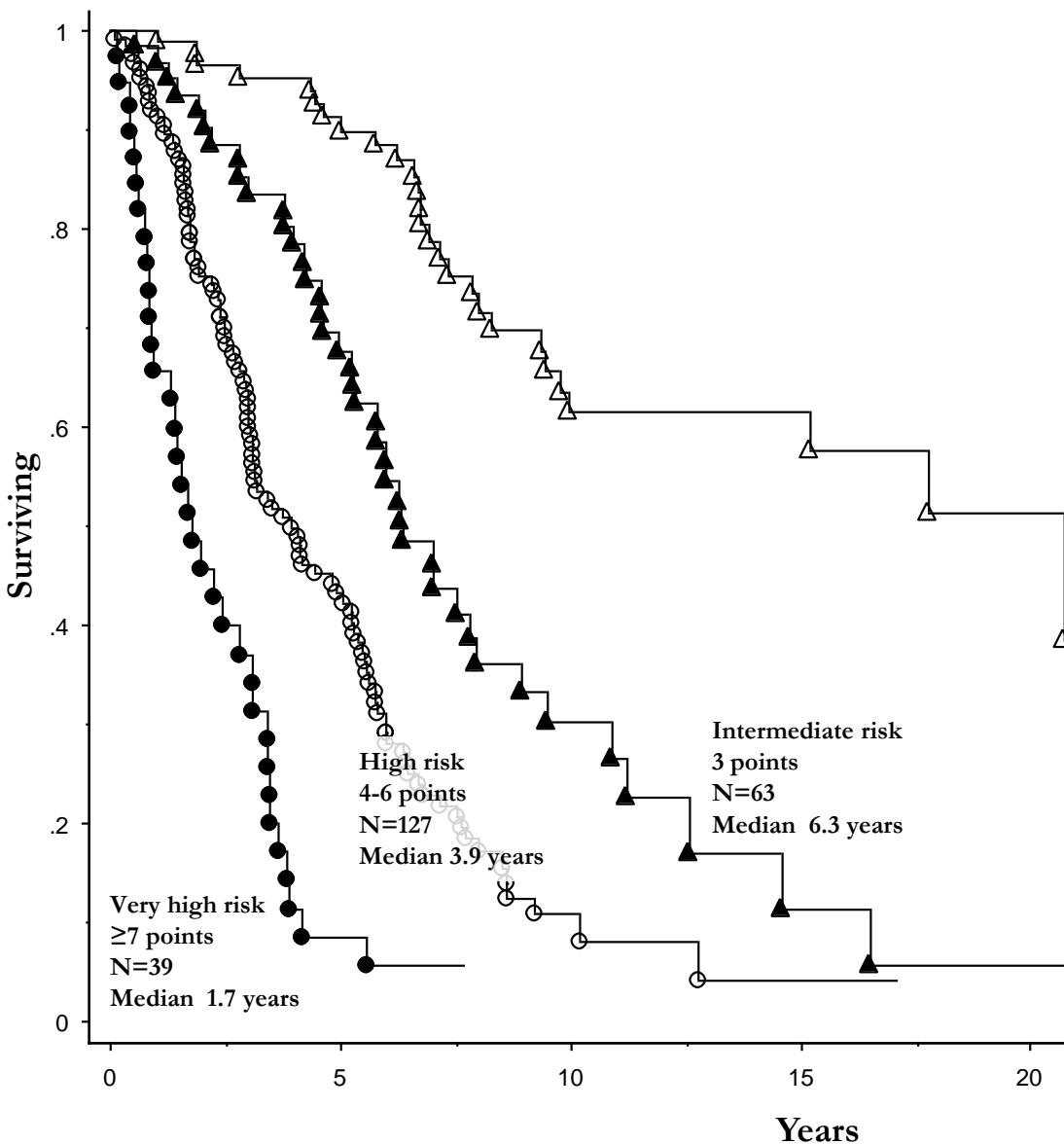


# Survival in 436 patients with primary myelofibrosis stratified by presence or absence of *ASXL1* or *SRSF2* mutations



# MIPSS70: mutation-enhanced international prognostic scoring system

Survival of 315 patients with primary myelofibrosis and age  $\leq 70$  years, stratified according to MIPSS70-plus



### Adverse points

#### Genetic risk factors:

- Karyotype (unfavorable) 3
- Driver mutation (type 1/like *CALR* absent) 2
- Two or more high risk mutations 2
- One high risk mutation 1

#### Clinical risk factors:

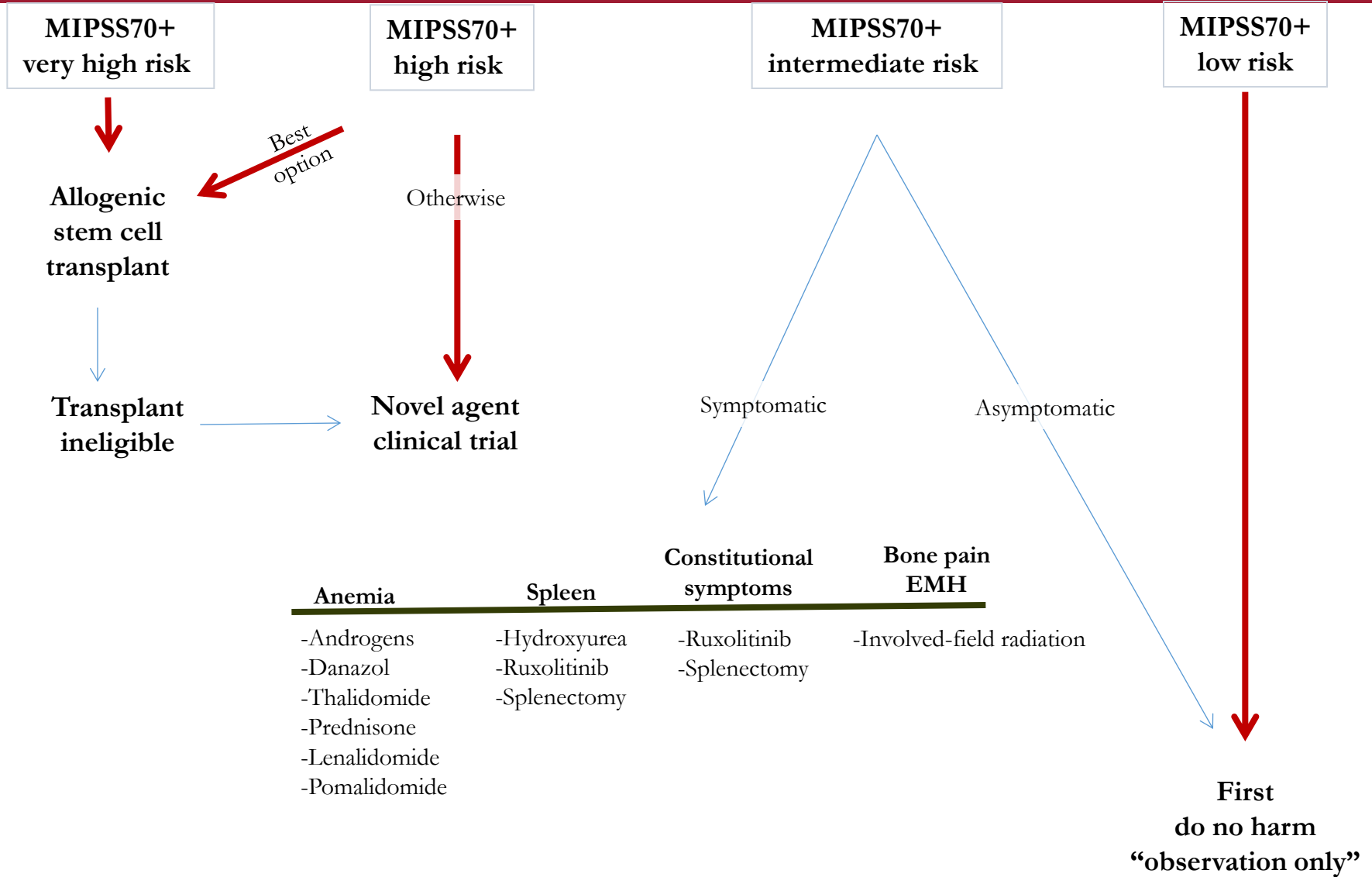
- Hemoglobin  $< 10$  g/dl 1
- Leukocyte count  $> 25 \times 10^9/l$  1
- PB blasts  $\geq 2\%$  1
- Constitutional symptoms 1

<http://www.mipss70score.it/>

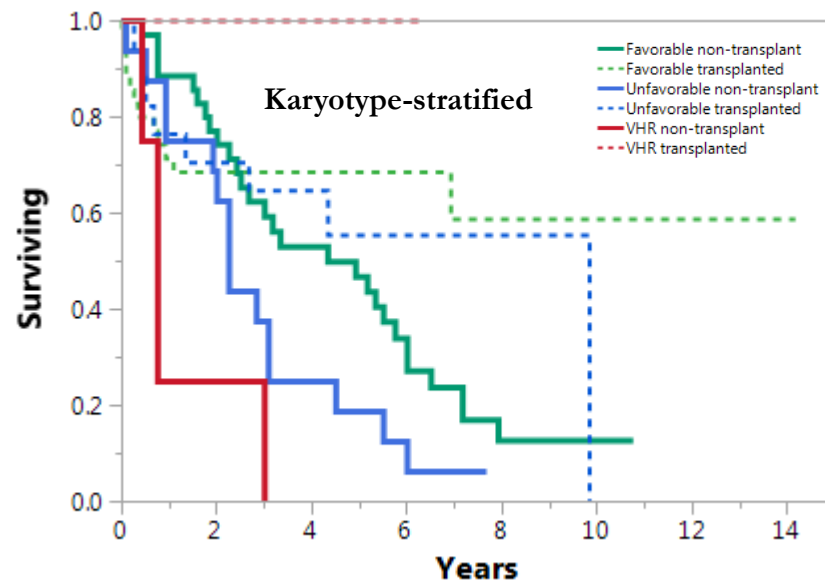
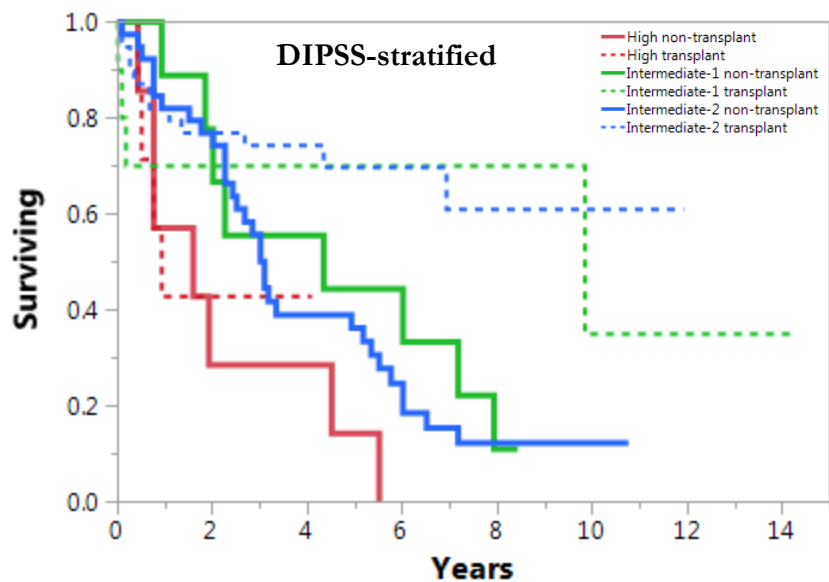
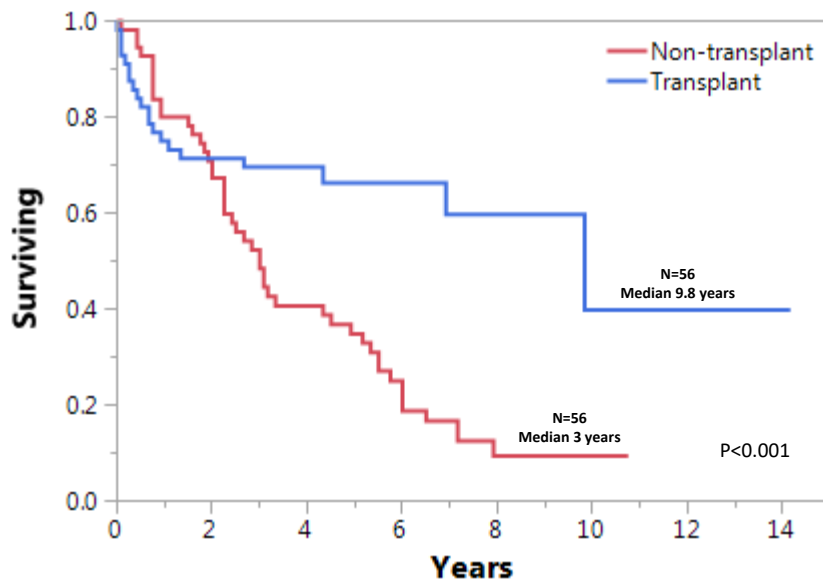
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3	Thrombocytopenia (platelet count $< 100 \times 10^9/L$ )	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
4	Peripheral blood blast count $\geq 2\%$	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
5	Bone marrow fibrosis grade $\geq 2$	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
6	Constitutional symptoms	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
7	Absence of <i>CALR</i> type 1/like mutation	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
8	HMR* category	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
9	$\geq 2$ HMR mutated genes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
10	Unfavorable karyotype**	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Not available

Score	Result
MIPSS70	<b>HIGH RISK</b> [5-year OS= 34%]
MIPSS70-plus	<b>VERY HIGH RISK</b> [5-year OS= 46%]

# Treatment Algorithm in Myelofibrosis



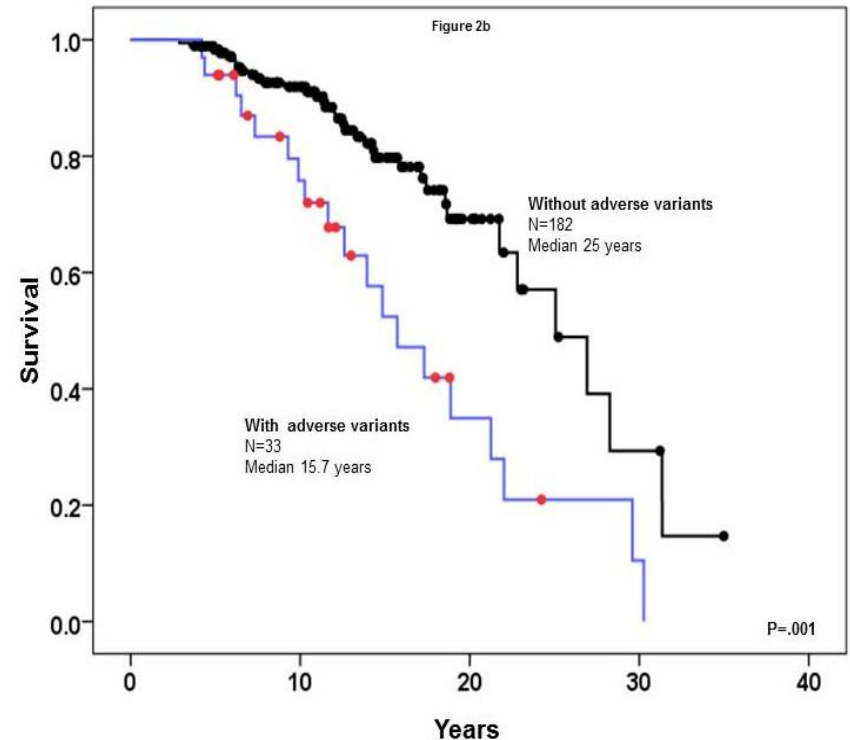
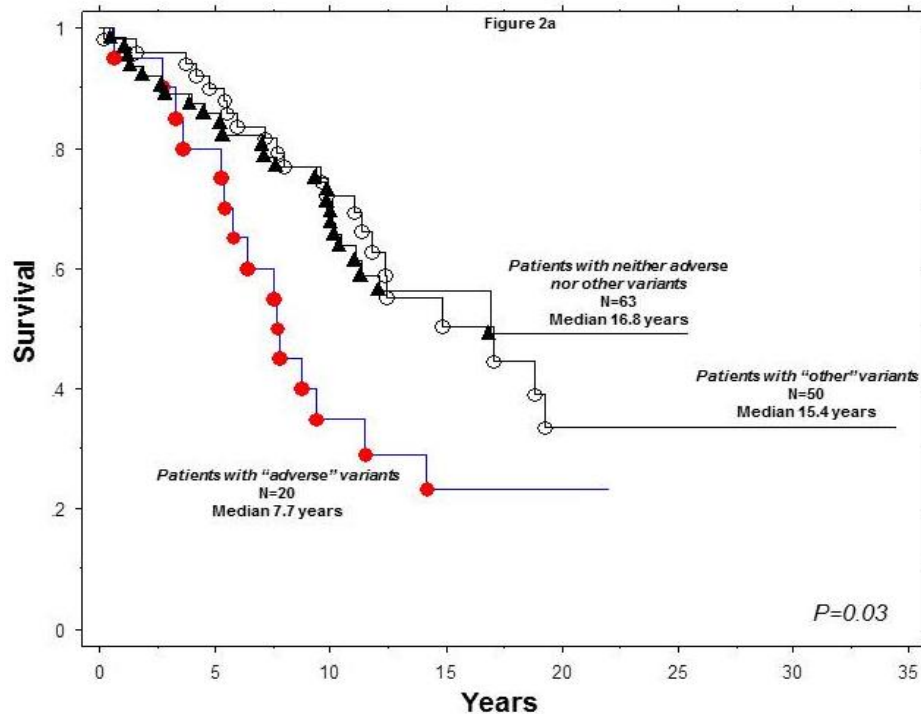
# Transplant myelofibrosis ( $n=56$ ) vs no transplant primary myelofibrosis ( $n=56$ ), stringently matched for age, DIPSS and karyotype



# Genetic prognostication in polycythemia vera

- Prevalence of mutations other than JAK2/CALR/MPL = 53%
- Most frequent were *ASXL1* and *TET2*
- 30%, 20% and 3% harbored 1, 2 or  $\geq 3$  such mutations
- “3” genes were identified as being affected by adverse mutations/variants  
***ASXL1, SRSF2, IDH2***

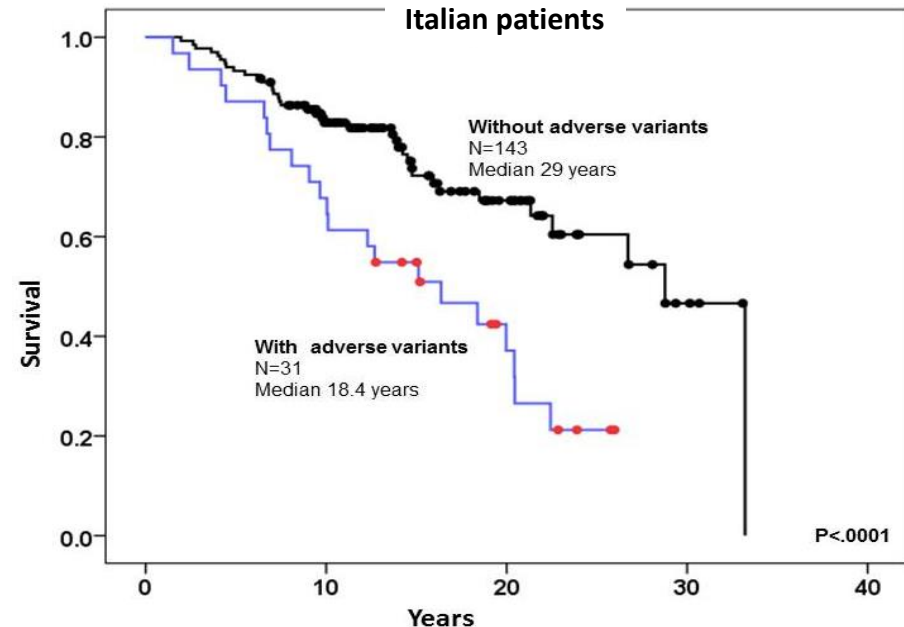
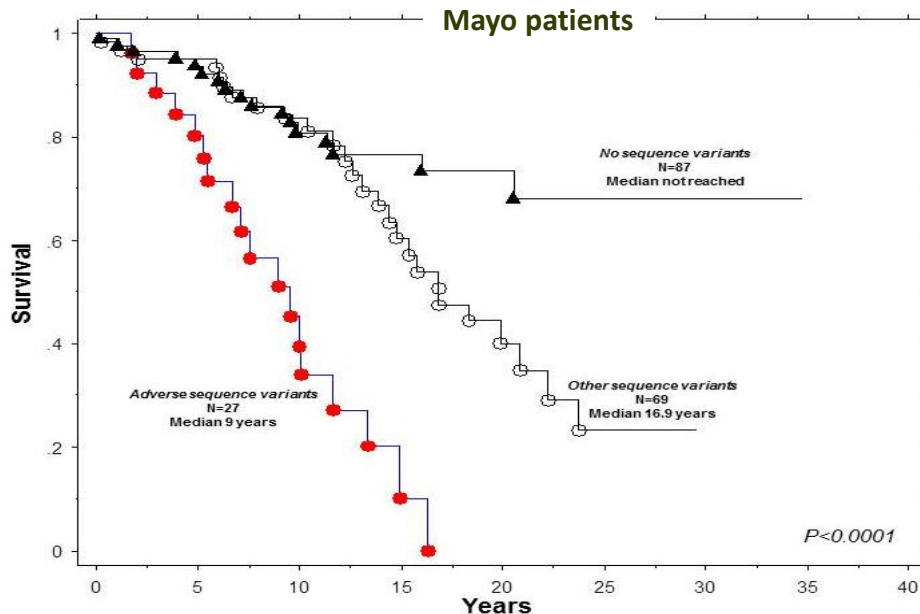
PV



# Genetic prognostication in essential thrombocythemia

- Prevalence of mutations other than JAK2/CALR/MPL = 53%
- Driver mutational status did not affect prevalence
- Most frequent were *ASXL1* and *TET2*
- 41%, 8% and 4% harbored 1, 2 or  $\geq 3$  mutations
- “6” genes were identified as being affected by adverse mutations/variants  
*SF3B1*, *SH2B3*, *EZH2*, *TP53*, *U2AF1*, *IDH2* (15% affected)

ET



# Current Treatment Algorithm in Polycythemia Vera



Phlebotomy to hematocrit <45% in both male and female patients  
+  
Once-daily baby aspirin (81 mg)

## Low-risk Disease

- No history of thrombosis
- Age ≤60 years

Consider twice-daily aspirin in the presence of:

- Cardiovascular risk factors*
- Hypertension*
- Leukocytosis*
- Persistent microvascular symptoms*

## High-risk disease

- History of thrombosis or
- Age >60 years

Hydroxyurea (500 mg BID starting dose)



Hydroxyurea intolerant or resistant

*Arterial thrombosis history*

*Venous thrombosis history*

Consider twice-daily aspirin

Add systemic anticoagulation

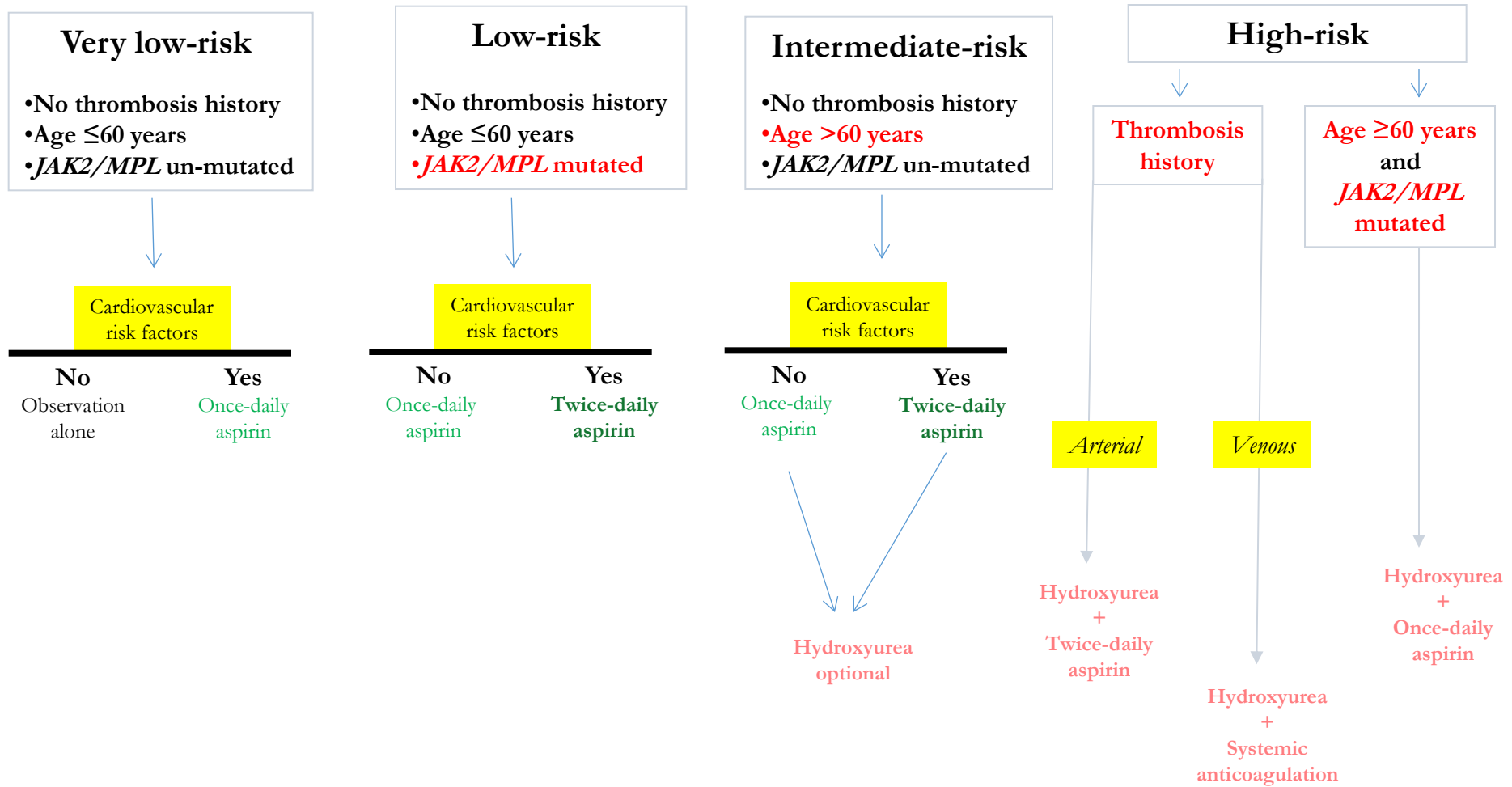
Pegylated IFN- $\alpha$   
(Age <65 years)

Busulfan  
(Age ≥65 years)

Ruxolitinib  
(If all the above fails)



# Current Treatment Algorithm in Essential Thrombocythemia



## Additional points:

-Must consider the possibility of AvWS before instituting aspirin therapy, especially in the presence of extreme thrombocytosis

-Second-line treatment in hydroxyurea intolerant or refractory patients is pegylated IFN- $\alpha$  or busulfan

# Phase-3 tested JAK2 inhibitors in myelofibrosis

2013 revised IWG-MRT response rates for 166 JAKi treated Mayo Clinic patients

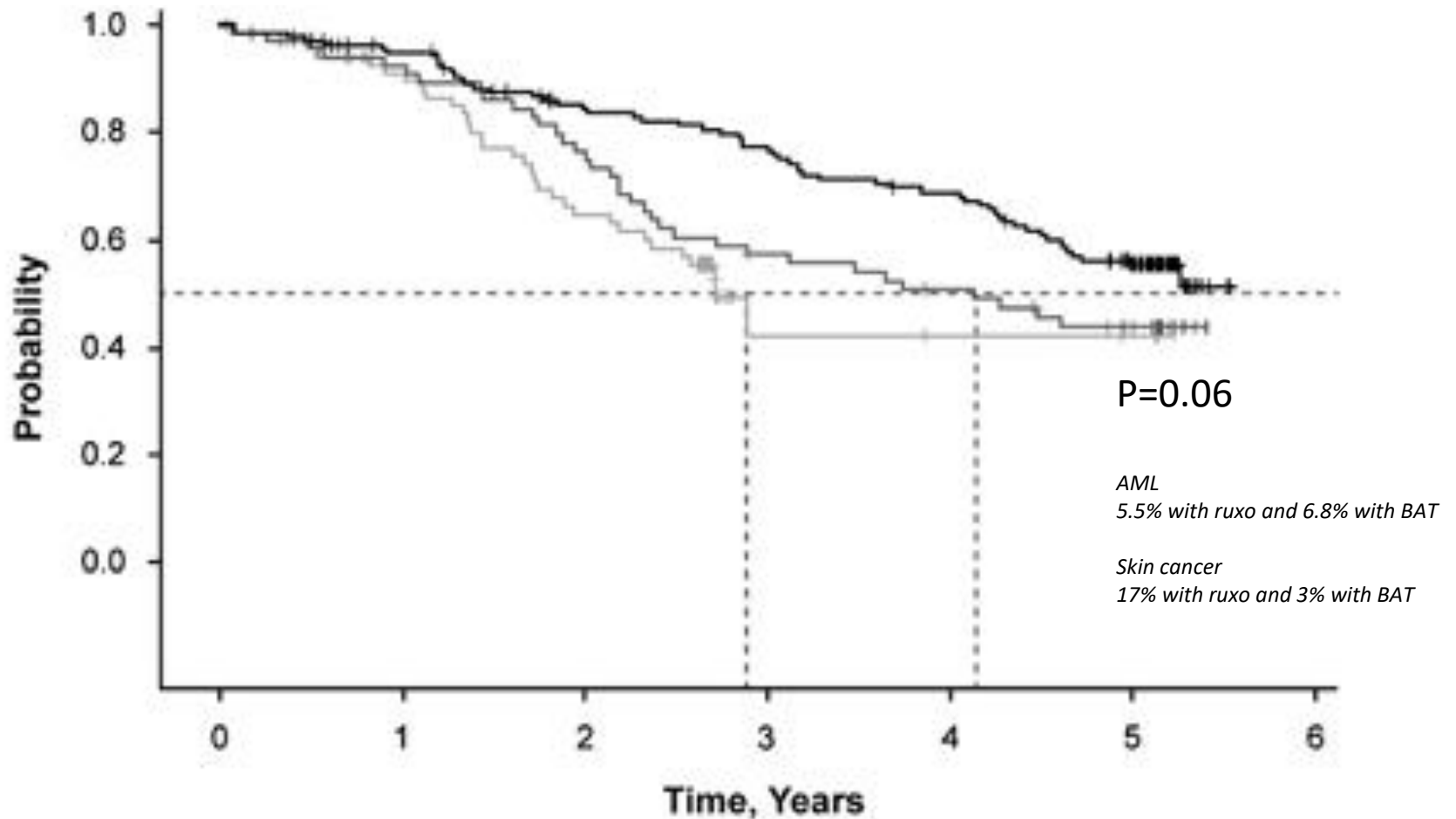
	CR	PR	1-2-3 years discontinuation rates
Momelotinib (n=100)	0%	1%	31%-52%-71%
Ruxolitinib (n=51)	0%	0%	49%-71%-86%
Fedratinib (n=15)	0%	0%	20%-67%-80%

	JAK targets	Other targets	Symp. resp.	Spleen resp.	Anemia resp.	Side effects
<b>Ruxolitinib (FDA-approved)</b>	JAK1 JAK2	TRK-B, ACK1 FAK, LCK RET	Yes	32-42% (MRI)	14%	↓Hgb/Plts Ruxolitinib withdrawal synd. Opportunistic infections
<b>Fedratinib (SAR302501)</b> Phase-3 completed <small>FDA approval pending</small>	JAK2	FLT3, RET, ACK1 JNK1	Yes	47% (MRI)	NR	↓Hgb/Plts Nausea/Diarrhea ↑LFTs/Lipase/amylase Encephalopathy
<b>Pacritinib (SB1518)</b> Phase-3 completed	JAK2	FLT3	Yes	37% (MRI)	NR	Diarrhea/Nausea
<b>Momelotinib (CYT387)</b> Phase-3 completed	JAK1 JAK2	PKD3, PKC $\mu$ CDK2, ROCK2 JNK1, TBK1  ALK-2	Yes	39% (PE)	53%	↓Plts 1 <sup>st</sup> dose effect ↓BP/dizzy Neuropathy/Headache ↑LFTs/Lipase/Amylase

# COMFORT-2 Ruxolitinib vs best available therapy (BAT) long-term follow-up

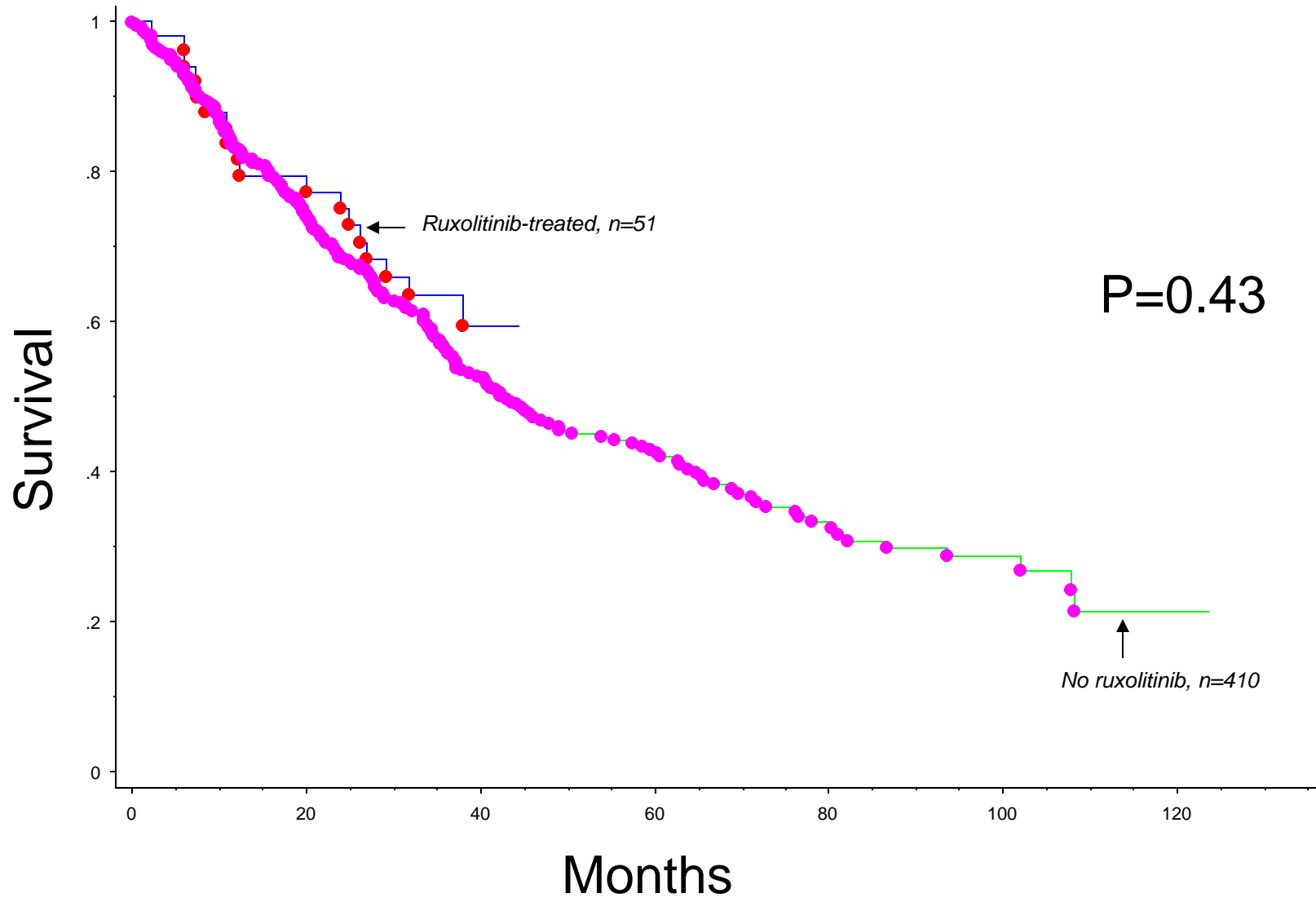
Median f/u 4.3 years

27% ruxo-randomized patients completed 5-year treatment



Ruxolitinib, n =	146	130	109	100	88	61	0
BAT (ITT), n =	73	58	48	35	30	22	0
BAT (RPSFT), n =	73	59	42	8	5	4	0

# Survival impact of ruxolitinib in myelofibrosis: MC study



# Ruxolitinib practice points

## Indications

1. Marked splenomegaly that is symptomatic and resistant to hydroxyurea
2. Severe constitutional symptoms including pruritus, night sweats, fatigue and cachexia
3. Sometimes there is no other option, even in the presence of severe cytopenias

## Short-term side effects

1. Anemia, including becoming transfusion-dependent
2. Thrombocytopenia

## Long-term side effects

1. Immunosuppression
2. Opportunistic infections
3. Protracted myelosuppression

## Special concerns

1. Might compromise future eligibility for clinical trials because of protracted myelosuppression
2. Effect lasts for an average of approximately one year; might be prudent to save it until HU fails
3. **BEWARE** of withdrawal symptoms that might include SIRS and overt and immediate relapse of splenomegaly/symptoms