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Goals and Targets

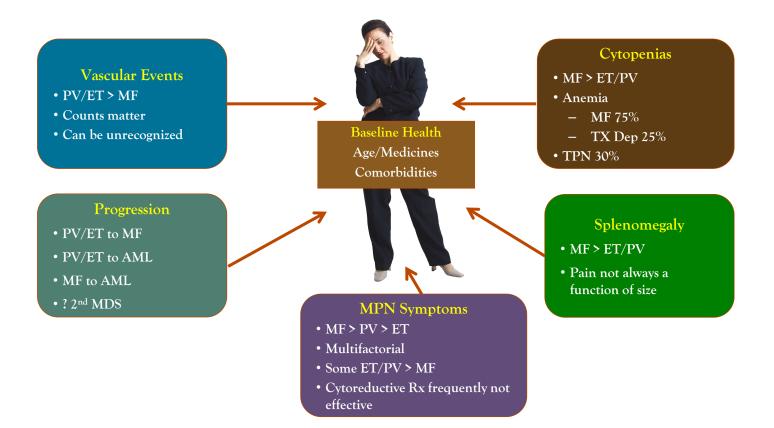
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Assessing MPN Burden

WHO Diagnosis Does Not Tell Whole Story



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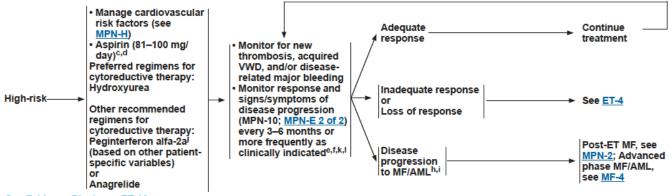




NCCN Guidelines Version 1.2021 Comprehensive **Essential Thrombocythemia** NCCN Evidence Blocks[™] Network®

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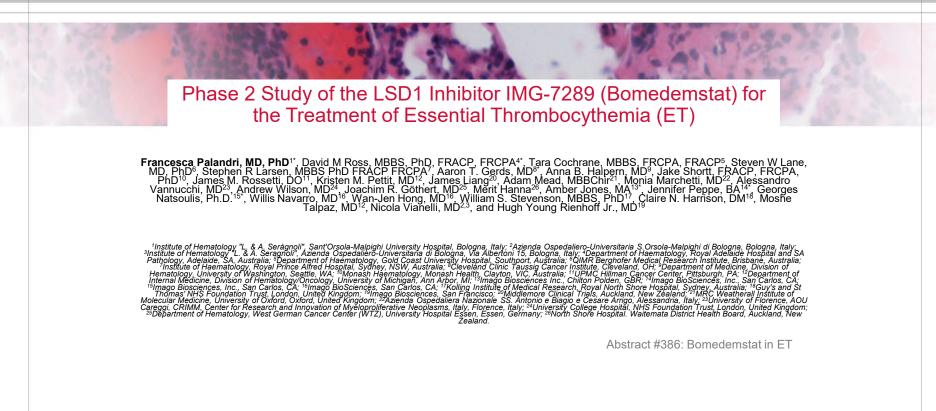






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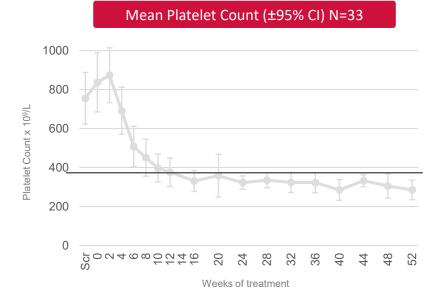
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Primary Objective: Reduction in Platelet Count



In the 29 patients treated for >6 weeks:

- 100% patients experienced a reduction in platelets
- 93% of patients achieved a ٠ platelet count of ≤400 x . 10⁹/L
- Response Rate*: 90% ٠ (26/29) *Platelet count ≤400 x 10⁹/L without

thromboembolic events

Data cut-off date: 01 Nov 2021

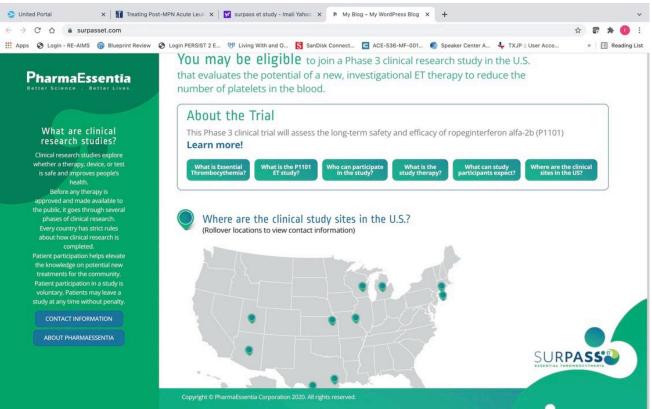
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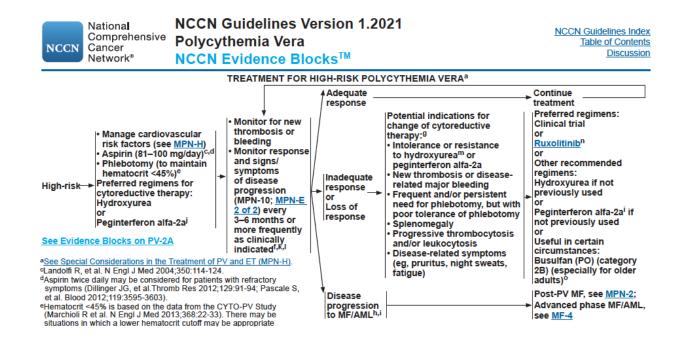
SURPASS ET Study: 2L for ET NCT 04285086 (Clinicaltrials.GOV)



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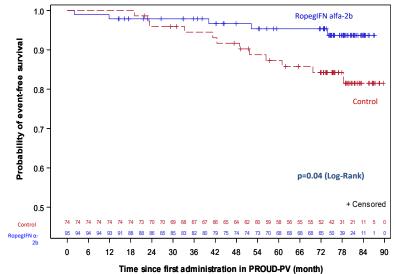
ROPEGINTERFERON ALFA-2B ACHIEVES PATIENT-SPECIFIC TREATMENT GOALS IN POLYCYTHEMIA VERA: FINAL RESULTS FROM THE PROUD-PV/CONTINUATION-PV STUDIES

Heinz Gisslinger, MD, Christoph Klade, PhD, Pencho Georgiev, MD, Dorota Krochmalczyk, MD, Liana Gercheva-Kyuchukova, MD, Miklos Egyed, MD, Petr Dulicek, MD, Arpad Illes, MD, Halyna Pylypenko, MD, Lylia Sivcheva, MD, Jiří Mayer, MD, Vera Yablokova, MD, Kurt Krejcy, MD, Victoria Empson, MSc, Hans C. Hasselbalch, MD, Robert Kralovics, PhD and Jean-Jacques Kiladjian, MD PhD, for the PROUD-PV Study Group





Event-free survival Risk events: death, disease progression and thromboembolic events



The probability of event-free survival was significantly higher among patients treated with ropeginterferon alfa-2b compared to the control arm (maximum treatment period 7.3 years)





WARNING: RISK OF SERIOUS DISORDERS

See full prescribing information for complete boxed warning. Risk of Serious Disorders: Interferon alfa products may cause or aggravate fatal or life-threatening neuropsychiatric, autoimmune, ischemic, and infectious disorders. Monitor closely and withdraw therapy with persistently severe or worsening signs or symptoms of the above disorders.

-ADVERSE REACTIONS--

The most common adverse reactions reported in > 40% of patients were influenza-like illness, arthralgia, fatigue, pruritus, nasopharyngitis, and musculoskeletal pain (6).

Things to watch for

- Mood side effects (i.e. depression)
- Blood counts dropping too much
- Elevated liver function tests
- Rare autoimmune side effects
- Rare endocrine or cardiac side effects

Package insert: RoPEG INF 2021

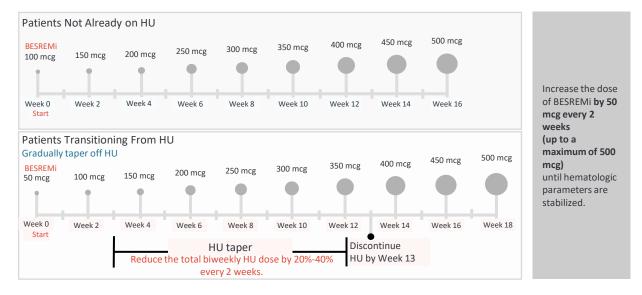
CONTRAINDICATIONS--

- Existence of, or history of severe psychiatric disorders, particularly severe depression, suicidal ideation or suicide attempt (4)
- Hypersensitivity to interferon or to any component of BESREMi (4)
- · Hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh B or C) (4)
- · History or presence of active serious or untreated autoimmune disease (4)
- Immunosuppressed transplant recipients (4)





Recommended BESREMi Dose Titration



Besremi. Package insert. PharmaEssentia Corporation; 2021.







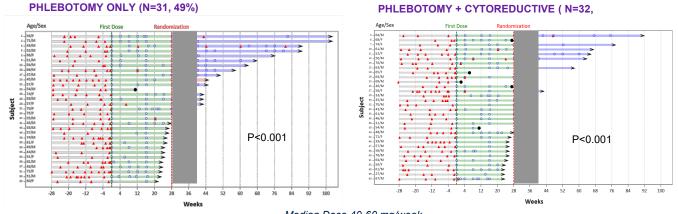
Rusfertide (PTG-300) Treatment in Phlebotomy-Dependent Polycythemia Vera

The Tisch Cancer Institute, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, New York; Protagonist Therapeutics, Newark, CA





Effect of Rusfertide on Reducing Phlebotomy Frequency



Median Dose 40-60 mg/week

During the first 28 weeks of treatment, **84% of patients did not require a phlebotomy**, 14% required one and 2% required two phlebotomies.

Data cut off Sept 30, 2021





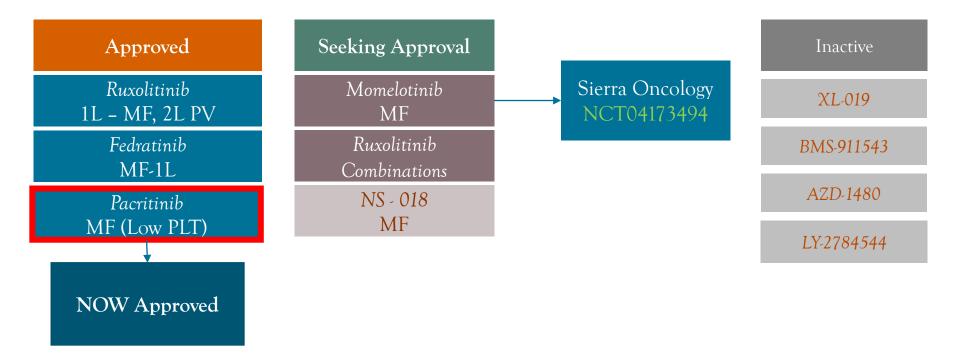
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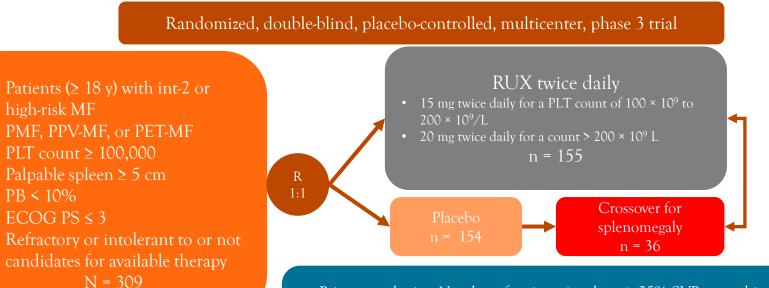


JAK Inhibitor Landscape 2023



Ruxolitinib FDA Approved (MF) November 16,2011

COMFORT-I Study Design



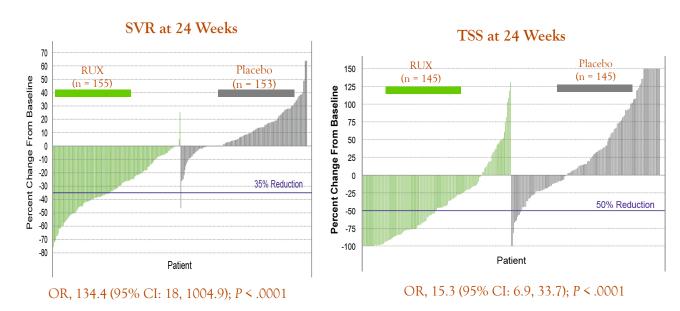
- Primary endpoint: Number of patients in whom \geq 35% SVR was achieved from BL to week 24 as measured by MRI (or CT scan in applicable patients)
- Secondary endpoints: Proportion of patients with \geq 50% reduction in TSS from BL to week 24 as measured by the MF-SAF 2.0, OS, duration of SVR

CT, computed tomography; ECOG, Eastern Cochestern Basessment Form; MRI, magnetic resonance imaging; PB, peripheral blast; R, randomized; SVR, spleen volume reduction. Verstovsek S, et al. N Engl J Med. 2012;366:799-807.

COMFORT-I Results

- Primary endpoint: the proportion of patients in whom ≥ 35% SVR was achieved from BL to week 24 (as measured by MRI or CT scan)
 - 41.9% in RUX group reached the primary endpoint vs 0.7% in the placebo group (P < .0001)
 - A similar proportion of patients in the RUX group had a ≥ 50% reduction in palpable spleen length
 - SVR responses were seen with RUX in JAK2 V617F-positive patients and JAK2 V617Fnegative patients, relative to placebo

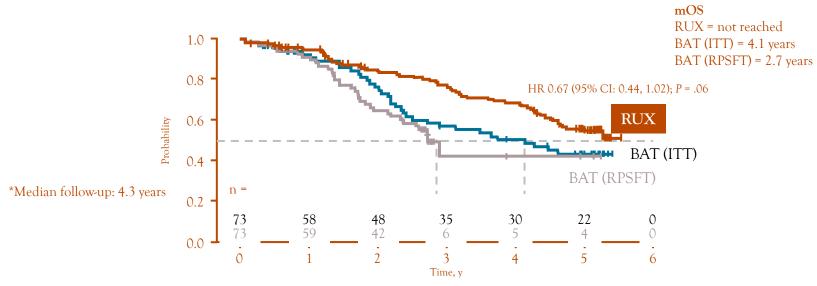
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OR, odds ratio. Verstovsek S, et al. N Engl J Med. 2012;366:799-807.

COMFORT-II: 5-Year* Final Study Results RUX vs BAT in MF

33% reduced risk of death among patients treated with RUX vs those treated with BAT Most patients in the BAT arm crossed over to receive ruxolitinib



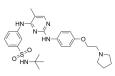
ITT, intent to treat; RPSFT, rank-preserving structural failure time. Modified from Harrison CN, et al. Blood. 2015;126(23):59.

Fedratinib FDA Approved (MF) August 16,2019

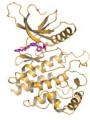
Fedratinib

INREBIC[®] (Fedratinib)

- Oral, JAK2-selective inhibitor recently approved in the US for treatment of intermediate-2 or high-risk primary or secondary (post-PV or post-ET) MF with platelet counts ≥50 × 10⁹/L³
- Fedratinib has higher inhibitory activity for JAK2 over JAK1, JAK3, and TYK24
- Fedratinib was investigated for treatment of MF in JAK-inhibitor-naïve patients in the phase III JAKARTA trial, and in patients previously treated with RUX in the phase II JAKARTA2 trial
- JAKARTA and JAKARTA2 allowed enrollment of patients with platelet counts of ≥50 × 10⁹/L at study entry



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FEDRATINIB
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JAK2 KINASE DOMAIN - Fedratinib Complex⁷

1. Jakafi (ruxolitinib) prescribing information. Incyte Corporation; 05/2019. 2. Center for Drug Evaluation and Research. Clinical Pharmacology Genomics Group Review; 2011.

3. INREBIC[®] (fedratinib) prescribing information. Celgene Corporation; 08/2019. 4. Wernig et al. *Cancer Cell*. 2008;13:311–20. 5. Pardanani et al. *JAMA Oncol*. 2015;1(5):643–51.

6. Harrison et al. Lancet Haematol. 2017;4:e317-24. 7. Hantschel O. ACS Chem Biol. 2015;10(1):234-45.

BL, baseline ET, essential thrombocythemia; JAK, Janus kinase; MF, myelofibrosis; MPN, myeloproliferative neoplasm; PV, polycythemia vera; RUX, ruxolitinib.

FREEDOM: Fedratinib Safety Data

Any grade AEs	Patients, %
At least one TEAE	89.5%
Serious AEs	7.9%
Anemia	60.5%
Thrombocytopenia	34.2%
GI-related	
Nausea	39.5%
Vomiting	18.4%
Diarrhea	39.5%

- Most GI AEs were grade 1/2, and decreased in subsequent cycles.
- No pts required tx discontinuation due to low thiamine levels.
- There were no cases of WE reported.
- Few deaths occurred during tx and follow-up; none were related to study medication.

Pacritinib FDA Approved (MF) February 28th, 2022



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Pacritinib Is a Potent ACVR1 Inhibitor with Significant Anemia Benefit in Patients with Myelofibrosis

Session 634. Myeloproliferative Syndromes: Clinical and Epidemiological: Towards Personalized Medicine in Myeloproliferative Neoplasms and Mastocytosis: New and Repurposed Drugs for Unmet Clinical Needs Dec 11, 2022, #628

Pacritinib in Cytopenic Myelofibrosis

- Approved in patients with MF who have a platelet count <50x10⁹/L
- Able to be administered at the full approved dose (200 mg BID) regardless of cytopenias¹⁻³
- Demonstrated hemoglobin improvement in randomized PERSIST-2 study²
- The mechanism behind / extent of anemia benefit has not been fully described

IWG criteria: among patients with baseline hemoglobin <10 g/dL, increase of \geq 2.0 g/dL or RBC transfusion independence for \geq 8 weeks

BAT=best available therapy; BID=twice daily; IWG= ; MF=myelofibrosis; RBC=red blood cell. [1] Mesa R, et al. *Lancet Oncology*; 2017. [2] Mascarenhas J, et al. *JAMA Oncol*. 2018;4(5):652-659. [3] Gerds A, et al. *Blood Advances*. 2020;4(22):5825-35.

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Pacritinib is a Potent ACVR1 Inhibitor

Pacritinib is ~4x more potent than momelotinib against ACVR1

	+ Control LDN 193189ª	PAC C _{max} 213 nM	MMB C _{max} 168 nM	FED C _{max} 275 nM	RUX C _{max} 47 nM	Legend
Replicate 1 ACVR1 IC ₅₀ (nM)	20.4	22.6	70.2	312.0	>1000	Higher potency
Replicate 2 ACVR1 IC ₅₀ (nM)	32.4	10.8	34.9	235.0	>1000	
Mean ACVR1 IC ₅₀ (nM)	26.4	16.7	52.6	273.5	>1000	
Potency ^b (C _{max} :IC ₅₀)	N/A	12.7	3.2	1.0	<0.01	Lower potency

^aLDN 193189 is an ACVR1 inhibitor.

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^bC_{max} is the maximum unbound plasma concentration at the clinical recommended dose in humans.

ACVR1= Activin A receptor type 1; FED=fedratinib; IC₅₀=half maximal inhibitory concentration; MOM=momelotinib; PAC=pacritinib; RUX=ruxolitinib.

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More Pacritinib Patients Achieved TI

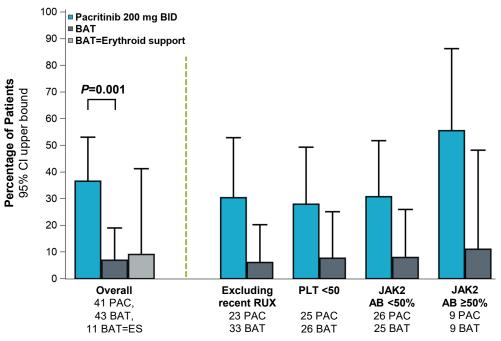
TI Conversion Rate

Pacritinib N=41	BAT N=43	P-value
37%	7%	0.001

- TI conversion better on pacritinib than BAT, including patients receiving erythroid support agents as BAT
 - Erythroid support agents were prohibited on the pacritinib arm

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Rate of TI (Gale criteria) through Week 24



AB=allele burden; BAT=best available therapy; ES=erythroid support; JAK=Janus associated kinase; PAC=pacritinib; PLT=platelets; recent RUX=no ruxolitinib in prior 30 days; TI=transfusion independence.

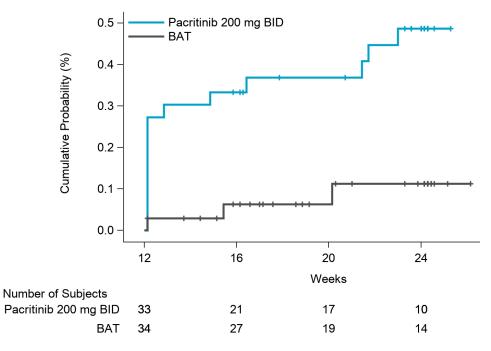
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TI Conversion Can Occur Late in Treatment

- Many responses occurred early during treatment
- Some responses occurred after several months on treatment

Cumulative Incidence of TI (Gale criteria)



BAT=best available therapy; BID=twice daily; TI=transfusion independence.

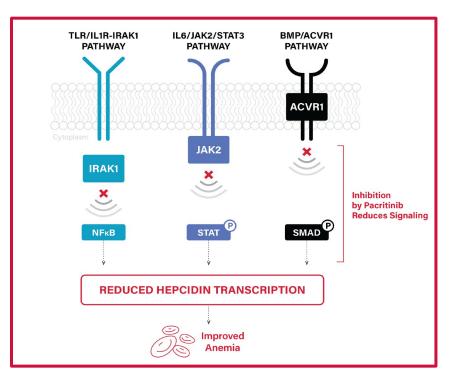
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Hypothesized Mechanism of Anemia Benefit

- Potent, 24-hour inhibition of ACVR1 may function in conjunction with IRAK1 and JAK2 inhibition to reduce levels of hepcidin
- Hepcidin reduction ameliorates anemia of inflammation that occurs in myelofibrosis



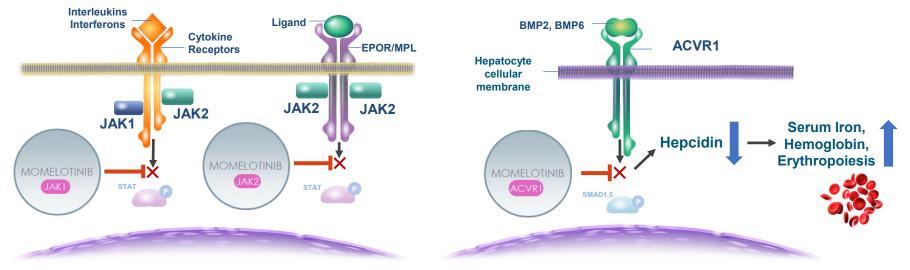
ACVR1= Activin A receptor type 1; JAK2=Janus associated kinase 2; IL6=interleukin-6; IRAK=interleukin receptor-associated kinase.

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Momelotinib Seeking Approval

Momelotinib Inhibits JAK1, JAK2 and ACVR1 to Address MF Symptoms, Spleen, and Anemia



Dysregulated **JAK-STAT signaling** in MF drives overproduction of inflammatory cytokines, **bone marrow fibrosis, systemic symptoms,** and clonal proliferation resulting in extramedullary hematopoiesis and **splenomegaly**.^{1,2} Chronic inflammation also drives hyperactivation of **ACVR1**, elevated **hepcidin**, dysregulated iron metabolism, and **anemia** of MF.^{3,4}

ACVR1=activin A receptor type 1; BMP=bone morphogenic protein; EPOR=erythropoietin receptor; JAK=Janus kinase; MMB=momelotinib; MPL=myeloproliferative leukemia protein; STAT=signal transducer and activator of transcription. 1. Chifotides HT, et al. *J Hematol Oncol.* 2022;15(1):7; 2. Verstovsek S, et al. *Future Oncol.* 2021;17(12):1449-1458; 3. Asshoff M, et al. *Blood.* 2017;129(13):1823-1830; 4. Oh S, et al. *Blood Adv.* 2020;4(18):4282-4291.





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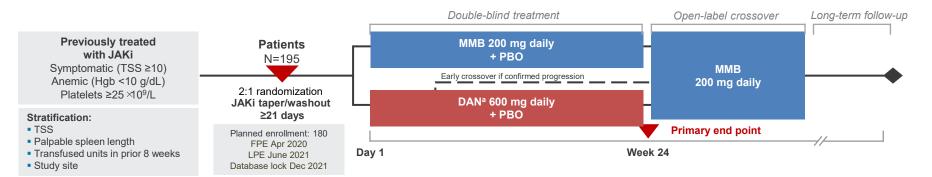
Updated Results from the Momentum Phase 3 Study of Momelotinib (MMB) Versus Danazol (DAN) in Symptomatic and Anemic Myelofibrosis (MF) Patients Previously Treated with a JAK Inhibitor

Aaron T. Gerds,¹ Ruben A. Mesa,² Alessandro M. Vannucchi,³ Haifa Kathrin Al-Ali,⁴ David Lavie,⁵ Andrew Kuykendall,⁶ Sebastian Grosicki,⁷ Alessandra lurlo,⁸ Yeow Tee Goh,⁹ Mihaela Lazaroiu,¹⁰ Miklos Egyed,¹¹ Maria Laura Fox,¹² Donal P. McLornan,¹³ Andrew Charles Perkins,¹⁴ Sung-Soo Yoon,¹⁵ Vikas Gupta,¹⁶ Jean-Jacques Kiladjian,¹⁷ Rafe Donahue,¹⁸ Jun Kawashima,¹⁸ Srdan Verstovsek¹⁹

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MOMENTUM Is an Ongoing Phase 3 Study of Momelotinib Versus DAN in Symptomatic, Anemic, JAKi-Experienced Patients



MOMENTUM Topline Results at Week 24: All Primary and Key Secondary End Points Met^{1,2}

	MFSAF TSS ^b response rate (primary end point)	TI response ^c rate	SRR ^d (35% reduction)
MMB (N=130)	32 (24.6%)	40 (30.8%)	30 (23.1%)
DAN (N=65)	6 (9.2%)	13 (20.0%)	2 (3.1%)
	<i>P</i> =.0095 (superior)	1-sided P =.0064 (noninferior)	<i>P</i> =.0006 (superior)

ClinicalTrials.gov: NCT04173494.

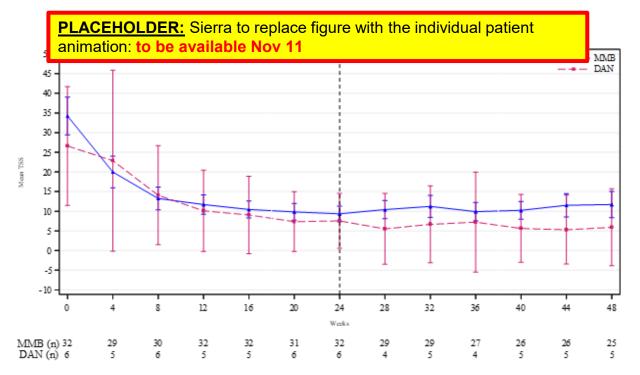
*Danazol was selected as an appropriate comparator given its use to ameliorate anemia in patients with MF.*5 *DSS response defined as achieving >50% reduction in TSS over the 28 days immediately before the end of week 24 compared with baseline. *TI response defined as not requiring red blood cell transfusion in the last 12 weeks of the 24-week randomized period, with all Hgb levels during the 12-week interval of >8 g/dL. *SRR defined as achieving a >25% or >35% reduction in spleen volume from baseline.

DAN, danazol; Hgb, hemoglobin; JAKi, Janus kinase inhibitor; MF, myelofibrosis; MFSAF, Myelofibrosis Symptom Assessment Form; MMB, momelotinib; PBO, placebo; SRR, splenic response rate; TI, transfusion independence; TSS, total symptom score.

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Sustained Responses Were Observed in Week 24 Symptom Responders^a



Of TSS responders at week 24, 1 of 32 (3%) MMB→MMB patients and 0 of 6 (0%) DAN→MMB patients had TSS ≥baseline in OL

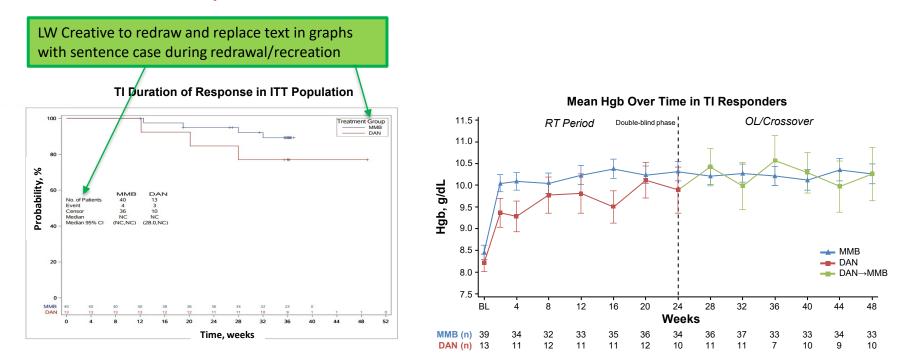
*Defined as the proportion of patients who achieve ≥50% reduction in TSS over the 28 days immediately before the end of week 24 compared with baseline DAN, danazol; MMB, momelotinib; OL, open-label; TSS, total symptom score.

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Sustained Responses Were Observed in Week 24 TI Response^a



Of TI responders at week 24, 4 of 40 (10%) MMB→MMB patients and 3 of 13 (23%) DAN→MMB patients had an RBC transfusion or Hgb <8 g/dL in OL

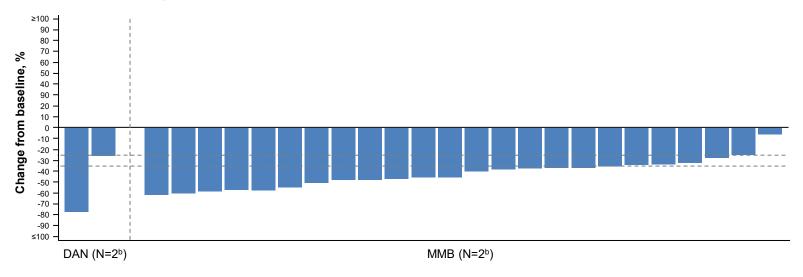
^aDefined as not requiring RBC transfusion in the prior 12 weeks and Hgb levels ≥8 g/dL.

BL, baseline; DAN, danazol; Hgb, hemoglobin; ITT, intention-to-treat; MMB, momelotinib; OL, open-label; RBC, red blood cell; RT, randomized treatment; TI, transfusion independence

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Sustained Responses Were Observed in Week 24 Spleen Responders^a



Change From Baseline in Spleen Volume at Week 24 in Spleen Responders

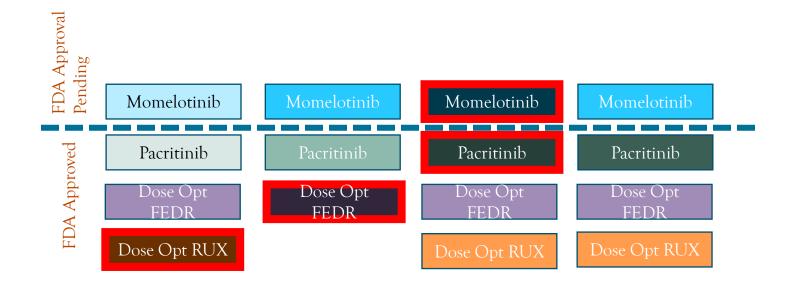
Of SRR35 responders at week 24 who had a week 48 scan, 0 of 24 (0%) MMB \rightarrow MMB patients and 0 of 2 (0%) DAN \rightarrow MMB patients had splenic volume \geq baseline at week 48

aDefined as the proportion of patients who have a reduction in spleen volume of ≥35% from baseline. N is the number of patients with percent change in spleen volume at week 48 available. DAN, danazol; MMB, momelotinib; SRR35, splenic response rate >35%.

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Step 1 for MF Management: Optimize JAK Inhibition



Clinical Spectrum of MF requiring Therapy (> Symptomatic Low Risk)

Proliferative 1L

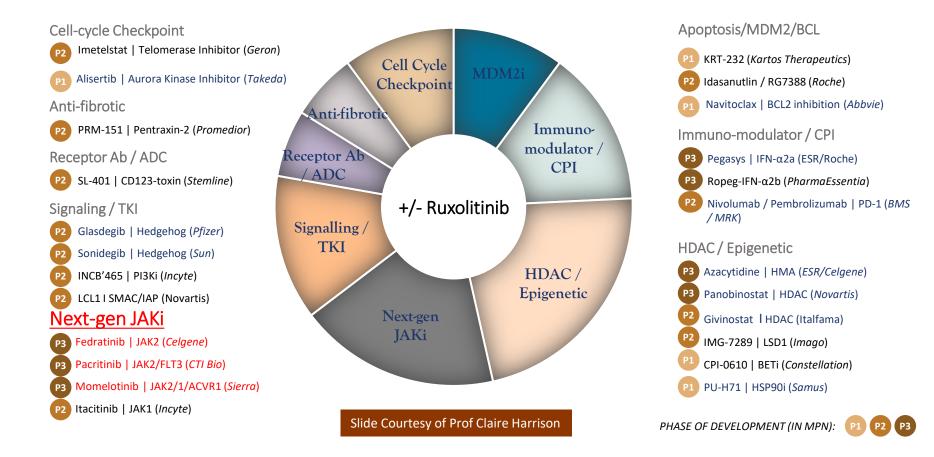
Proliferative 2L

Cytopenic MF

AP/BP MF

R Mesa developed Slide

A selection of novel agents/targets being developed in MPN particularly MF



Current Phase III trials in MF



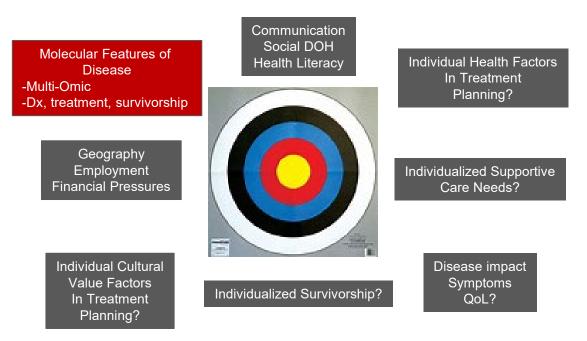
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What is Precise and Personalized Cancer Care?







MPN Patient Community

MPN Group	Focus	Website
MPN Research Foundation	RES-ED-ADV	www.Mpnresearchfoundation.org
Leukemia and Lymphoma Society*	RES-ED-ADV	www.lls.org
MPN Advocacy & Education International*	ED-ADV	www.mpnadvocacy.com
MPN Education Foundation*	ED-COMM	www.mpninfo.org
AAMDS Foundation	ED	www.aamds.org
MPN Voice	ED	www.mpnvoice.org.uk
MPN HUB*	ED	www.mpn-hub.com
MPN Advocates Network	ED-ADV	www.mpn-advocates.net
Global MPN Scientific Foundation*	RES-ED-ADV	www.gmpnsf.org
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