# Long-Term Treatment for Patients with AML with IDH Mutations

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# What initial treatment would you recommend for a 77-year-old woman with AML with an IDH1 mutation?



A 58-year-old patient with post-polycythemia vera myelofibrosis presents for management of AML and is found to have acquired an IDH1 mutation at the time of transformation. What would you recommend?



A 48-year-old patient with relapsed AML and an IDH1 mutation attains a complete remission with ivosidenib and proceeds to transplant. Upon engraftment, which of the following would you recommend to maintain remission?



Azacitidine/decitabine 2 maintenance

None

A 64-year-old patient presents with new-onset shortness of breath, hypoxemia and fever 3 weeks into therapy with ivosidenib for relapsed AML. Chest CT reveals diffuse ground glass infiltrates. The patient has an ANC of 600, 27% blasts in the blood and has been receiving prophylaxis with levofloxacin and acyclovir only. What would you recommend?

Continue ivosidenib and begin antibiotics and corticosteroids

Discontinue ivosidenib and begin antibiotics and corticosteroids

Continue ivosidenib and begin antibiotics

N = 26

A 65-year-old man with relapsed/refractory AML and an IDH2 R140 mutation presents with a WBC of 25K and 80% blasts and is started on enasidenib. After 3 weeks, his WBC has risen to 50K and the patient still has 80% blasts. He is clinically stable otherwise. What would you recommend?

Continue enasidenib and begin hydroxyurea

Continue enasidenib and begin hydroxyurea and corticosteroids for differentiation syndrome

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Discontinue enasidenib and begin hydroxyurea and corticosteroids for differentiation syndrome



Stop enasidenib due to disease progression

## Older patient, limited therapy options: 85 yo woman

- August 2015:
  - Several weeks of fatigue
- Past medical history- distant appendectomy, partial oophorectomy
- WBC 0.8, Hgb 8.7, plt 80K
- Bone marrow: 15% blasts
- Cytogenetics: 5q-
- Started therapy with azacitidine (with a community oncologist)
- December 2015:
  - Now transfusion dependent, both platelets and red cells
  - Follow up bone marrow- 95% blasts
- Lenalidomide added to 4<sup>th</sup> cycle of aza:
  - Transfusion dependence worsens
  - Pulmonary edema from recurrent transfusions
  - Fungal pneumonia, voriconazole started

## Older patient, limited therapy options: 85 yo woman

- Referral to tertiary care (Hopkins)
- Admitted for management of fungal pneumonia, volume overload
- Leukemia mutation panel on bone marrow:
  - IDH1 R132L 45% VAF
  - SF3B1 K700E 45% VAF
- March 2016:
  - Pneumonia stabilized on voriconazole
  - Euvolemic on furosemide
  - Enrolls on ivosidenib protocol- 500 mg per day Day 1 3/9/16
  - Admitted on day 13 with leukocytosis, discharged on day 20 (see graph)
  - Proliferative phase of response managed with hydroxyurea.
  - Bone marrow biopsy on Day 28- 10% blasts
- Cycles 2 and 3 uneventful- transfusion independent

## Older patient, limited therapy options: 85 yo woman

- Day 84 of therapy (May 2016)
  - Bone marrow biopsy morphologically normal, no evidence of AML
  - WBC 3.53, ANC 2.3, Hgb 9.6, platelets 142
- June 2016- travels to Europe to visit sister
- March 2017- progressive disease, IDH2 R140Q is now present in addition to IDH1 R132L
- No response to Aza/ven
- Dies of progressive AML October 2017



#### Differentiation syndrome causing acute kidney injury: 63 yo man

- August 2017:
  - Referred to community oncologist for abnormal counts
- Past medical history:
  - Diabetes, hypertension, gout, obesity
  - Mild thrombocytopenia (platelet count ~100K) for prior two years
- WBC 4.8, Hgb 9.1, plt 67K- 10% blasts
- Bone marrow: 15% blasts, high-grade MDS
- Cytogenetics: Normal
- Leukemia mutation panel:
  - IDH2 R140Q, 45% VAF
  - SRSF2 P95L, 49% VAF
  - DNMT3a R882P, 45% VAF
- Azacitidine for 3 cycles

#### Differentiation syndrome causing acute kidney injury: 63 yo man

- December 2017 bone marrow: 20% blasts
  - No change in mutation panel
- January 2018:
  - Enasidenib 100 mg per day
- Day 29 of therapy:
  - Patient complains of "feeling strange"
  - WBC increased to 13K, mostly neutrophils
  - Creatinine increased from 1.2 to 1.7
- Days 29-40 of treatment:
  - Steroids initiated
  - WBC peaks at 20K, creatinine peaks at 2.5 (see graph)
- Day 56 of treatment
  - Bone marrow biopsy- 2% blasts
  - Still requires platelet transfusions weekly

#### Differentiation syndrome causing acute kidney injury: 63 yo man

- March 2018
  - Non-myeloablative allogeneic transplant
- Grade 1 chronic GVHD
- Currently well (as of Dec 2019), no evidence of leukemia or GVHD



#### Isocitrate Dehydrogenase and Cancer

#### An Integrated Genomic Analysis of Human Glioblastoma Multiforme

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Glioblastoma multiforme (GBM) is the most common and lethal type of brain cancer. To identify the genetic alterations in GBMs, we sequenced 20,661 protein coding genes, determined the presence of amplifications and deletions using high-density oligonucleotide arrays, and performed gene expression analyses using next-generation sequencing technologies in 22 human tumor samples. This comprehensive analysis led to the discovery of a variety of genes that were not known to be altered in GBMs. Most notably, we found recurrent mutations in the active site of isocitrate dehydrogenase 1 (*IDH1*) in 12% of GBM patients. Mutations in *IDH1* occurred in a large fraction of young patients and in most patients with secondary GBMs and were associated with an increase in overall survival. These studies demonstrate the value of unbiased genomic analyses in the characterization of human brain cancer and identify a potentially useful genetic alteration for the classification and targeted therapy of GBMs.

#### Science 2008; 321:1807-12

The NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL of MEDICINE

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

#### Recurring Mutations Found by Sequencing an Acute Myeloid Leukemia Genome

We identified 12 acquired (somatic) mutations within the coding sequences of genes and 52 somatic point mutations in conserved or regulatory portions of the genome. All mutations appeared to be heterozygous and present in nearly all cells in the tumor sample. Four of the 64 mutations occurred in at least 1 additional AML sample in 188 samples that were tested. Mutations in NRAS and NPM1 had been identified previously in patients with AML, but two other mutations had not been identified. One of these mutations, in the *IDH1* gene, was present in 15 of 187 additional AML genomes tested and was strongly associated with normal cytogenetic status: it was present in 13 of 80 cytogenetically normal samples (16%). The other was a nongenic mutation in a genomic region with regulatory potential and conservation in higher mammals; we detected it in one additional AML tumor. The AML genome that we sequenced contains approximately 750 point mutations, of which only a small fraction are likely to be relevant to pathogenesis.

#### N Engl J Med 2009; 361:1058-66



# **IDH** mutations

- Identified in clinical specimens using NGS "hotspot" panel or targeted sequencing assay
- Occur only at specific sites
  - Destabilize a regulatory segment in the enzyme
  - IDH1: R132
  - IDH2: R140 and R172
- Confer a "neomorphic" enzyme function
  - Generates the "oncometabolite" 2-HG
- Open an allosteric pocket in the enzyme...
  - ...making them susceptible to an inhibitor.



Structure 2017; 25:506-513



Transforming effects on neighboring cells, microenvironment

Sci Rep 2016; 6:32428

# The impact of IDH mutations on myeloid stem cells

Clonal evolution of AML patient treated with the FLT3 inhibitor, gilteritinib



Cancer Discovery 2019; 9:1050-66

#### Incidence of IDH mutations in AML

# <u>IDH 1</u>

<u>IDH 2</u>

~7%



Blood. 2010;116:2122-2126 J Clin Oncol 2010; 28:3636-3643 Blood. 2010;116:5486-5496 Eur J Haematol. 2014; 92:471-477

### Prognostic impact of IDH mutations in AML







## Enasidenib

- Study AG221-C-001 (NCT01915498)
- 199 patients with relapsed/refractory IDH2-mutated AML
  - Median age 68
  - 78% R140
  - 22% R172
- 100 mg daily dose

	199 patients treated
<u>Endpoint</u>	with 100 mg/day enasidenib
CR	19%
CRh	4%
CR/CRh	23%

Median duration of response 8.2 months

Blood 2017;130:722-731 FDA label

**Approved for treatment of** 

relapsed or refractory AML

with an IDH2 mutation



# What the heck is a "CRh"?

"Complete remission with partial hematological recovery if platelets > 50,000/microliter and absolute neutrophil counts > 500/microliter."

> Sincerely, The FDA

(Sometimes referred to as "CR-Bahamas")

. CH,SO,H Enasidenib

`OH

- Responses take time...
  - Median time to CR = 3.7 months
  - VAF doesn't seem to matter
- IDH2 inhibition leads to differentiation
- Clearance of IDH2 clone associated with CR

Screening 37% BM blasts Cycle 1 Day 15 Evidence of cellular differentiation

Cycle 3 Day 1 4% BM blasts



#### Blood 2017;130:722-731



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- Study AG120-C-001 (NCT02074839)
- Two cohorts
  - Relapsed/Refractory
    - 174 patients, median age 67
  - Older/unfit, untreated
    - 28 patients, median age 77
    - 13/28 (46%) prior HMA
- 500 mg daily dose

N Engl J Med. 2018;378:2386-2398 FDA label

Relapsed/refracto	ny 174 patients
<u>Endpoint</u>	500 mg/day ivosidenib
CR	25%
CRh	8%
CR/CRh	33%
Median duration	on of response 8.2 months

Untreated/older	28 patients
<u>Endpoint</u>	<u>500 mg/day ivosidenib</u>
CR	29%
CRh	14%
CR/CRh	43%

Approved for treatment of relapsed or refractory AML with an IDH1 mutation, or for newly diagnosed IDH1 AML in patients who are ≥ 75 or unfit



- Study AG120-C-001 (NCT02074839)
- Median time to CR: 2.8 months
- Clearance of mutation associated with longer survival



N Engl J Med. 2018;378:2386-239

# **IDH** inhibitors

- Response not predicted by mutant allelic burden/VAF
- Kinetics of response may be SLOW
- Proliferative phase initially, followed by differentiation
- MTD not reached for either ivosidenib or enasidenib

# IDH 1 Adverse Effects IDH 2

QTc prolongation Guillain-Barré Syndrome Indirect hyperbilirubinemia

...and differentiation syndrome.

Blood 2017;130:722-731 N Engl J Med. 2018;378:2386-239 FDA label

## IDH Inhibitor-induced Differentiation Syndrome

#### **Features**

- Develops anywhere from 2 weeks to 3 months after start of therapy.
- ~20% of patients treated.
- Signs, Symptoms
  - Fever, dyspnea, pulmonary infiltrates, pleural or pericardial effusions, rapid weight gain or peripheral edema, bone pain, and hepatic, renal, or multiorgan dysfunction.
- Can be fatal...
- Not associated with response.



#### **Management**

- Be looking for it!
- Initiate corticosteroids.
  - APL/ATRA syndrome is a useful guide
- Hospitalization often indicated.
- Empiric therapy for other possible conditions
  - i.e., infections
- Hydroxyurea for leukocytosis.
- Consider holding temporarily
  IDH inhibitor

Birendra and DiNardo. Clin Lymphoma Myeloma Leuk 2016;16:460–465; Fathi et al. JAMA Oncol 2018;4:1106–1110

# **Resistance to IDH inhibition**

# **Primary Resistance**

(Patient doesn't respond at all)

- Remember- a low VAF doesn't predict for resistance.
- RAS-pathway mutations
  - RAS, FLT3, CBL, PTPN11
- For IDH2 mutations, having 6 or more co-occurring mutations predicted for lower response.

# **Secondary Resistance**

(Patient relapses after initial response)

- Isoform switching
  - i.e., going from an IDH1 to an IDH2 mutation, or the reverse.
- Trans or cis dimer interface mutations.
  - Prevents inhibitor from binding

Cancer Discovery 2018; 8; 1540-7. Nature 2018; 55: 125-129. Blood 2019;133:676-687.

## Other IDH inhibitors

- Vorasidenib (AG-881)
  - Oral, brain-penetrant
  - Dual IDH1/2 inhibitor
  - Phase 1 study in gliomas (ongoing)
    - 9.1% ORR

ASCO 2019

- Olutasidenib (FT-2102)
  - Oral, brain-penetrant
  - IDH1 inhibitor
  - Phase 1 study in gliomas (ongoing)

SNO 2019

#### Combinations with HMAs

- Enasidenib + Aza
  - DiNardo (ASH 2019 abstract #643)
  - Randomized
  - CR rate 50% v 12%
- Ivosidenib + Aza
  - Daigle (ASH 2019 abstract # 2706)
    - CR.CRh rate 70%
  - AGILE trial (randomized P3 trial underway)
- Combinations with targeted agents
  - Venetoclax
  - FLT3 inhibitors

Combination strategies

- Maintenance therapy after consolidation chemotherapy or transplant.
  - Phase 1/2 trials underway

- Combinations with chemotherapy
  - Stein et al (ASH 2018 abstract #560)
  - Safe, effective
  - High rate of mutation clearance

#### HOVON/AML-SG Phase 3 Intergroup Frontline AML Trial



EFS = Event Free Survival HCT = Hematopoietic Cell Transplantation

## **Primary Endpoint: EFS**

## Lots of work still to do...but we are making progress!



Newton- William Blake 1805