Other Novel Agents and Promising Strategies Under Evaluation for Patients with AML

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A 69-year-old woman with a history of myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS) treated with azacitidine for 10 months presents 1 year later with AML with 35% marrow blasts, trisomy 8 and ASXL1, NRAS and U2AF1 mutations (VAFs 45, 20 and 45, respectively). What would you recommend?



What initial treatment would you recommend for a 68-year-old woman with a history of breast cancer, for which she received adjuvant chemotherapy, who now presents with bone marrow findings consistent with therapy-related AML with MDS-related changes, del(20q) cytogenetics and a PS of 1?

CPX-351

Azacitidine + venetoclax

In general, how do you or would you administer CPX-351 to medically stable patients with AML?

Inpatient 17 Outpatient 8

Chemotherapy infusion as outpatient, admit for nadir on day 8

For which patients with AML do you routinely administer gemtuzumab ozogamicin?



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Those with favorable-risk cytogenetics or intermediate-risk AML by cytogenetics and/or ELN

Those with core binding factor (CBF) AML only



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Gemtuzumab ozogamicin

- FDA approved Sept 1st, 2017
- Pivotal phase 3 ALFA-0701 trial in *de novo* AML 50-70yo
 - Induction: GO 3 mg/m² D1,4,7 with daunorubicin 60 mg/m² D1-3 and cytarabine 200 mg/m² D1-7

GO beneficial in favorable and intermediate risk AML

Favorable



GO	13/119	7/106	5/95	1/84	1/73	3/132
No GO	20/109	18/93	10/76	5/61	1/46	0/85

Intermediate

Adverse





GO

No GO



Robert Hills, Lancet Oncol 2014; 986

CPX-351 improves OS vs 7+3 in secondary/therapy related AML

Post HSCT outcomes



Lancet et al, JCO 2018, 2684

Liposomal Cytarabine and Daunorubicin (CPX-351) in Combination with Gemtuzumab Ozogamicin (GO) in Relapsed/Refractory (R/R) Patients with Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML) and Post-Hypomethylating Agent (Post-HMA) Failure High-Risk Myelodysplastic Syndrome (HR-MDS)

Background: Both agents approved. Hypothesized	Objectives: To determine the safety and efficacy of
that combination of CPX-351 and GO would be	CPX-351 in combination with GO in R/R AML and post-
superior to either agent alone	HMA failure HR-MDS

Regimen: CPX-351 (daunorubicin 44 mg/m² and cytarabine 100 mg/m²) IV D1, 3 and 5. GO 3 mg/m² (always capped at one 4.5 mg vial) IV on day 1

Population: CD33 positive R/R AML, post-HMA failure. High-Risk MDS (>10% blasts), and pts with newly diagnosed secondary AML after receiving HMA therapy.

	N	Grade	Percent
Neutropenic Fever	10	3	83%
Bacteremia	7	3	58%
Mucositis	4	2	33%
Lung Infection	2	3	17%
ALT	1	1	8%
Sinusitis	1	3	8%
Creatinine	1	2	8%
Pruritus	1	1	8%
Diarrhea	1	3	8%
Polyneuropathy	1	2	8%
GI Bleed	1	2	8%
Severe Sepsis	1	5	8%
Syncope	1	3	8%

- 12 enrolled
- 10 evaluable patients
- CR/CRi 5/10
- Median time to ANC >0.5 x 10⁹/L was 33 days (range 30-45) and
- Plt >50 x 10⁹/L was 38 days (range 33-45).
- TRM = 1/12

Multi-Center Retrospective Evaluation of High-Dose Cytarabine Based Induction Versus CPX-351 Induction in Patients with Secondary AML

Background: CPX-351 recently approved for sAML based on a randomized trial against 7+3. Superiority to more intensified induction regimens unknown.

Objectives: To compare outcomes of CPX-351 with HIDAC based regimens in a retrospective multi-institutional comparison in secondary AML

Regimen: HIDAC-based regimen distribution was as follows: fludarabine/cytarabine ± G-CSF (n=73) and clofarabine/cytarabine ± G-CSF (n=2)

University of Michigan n=73, MD Anderson Cancer Center n=27, Barnes Jewish Hospital n=22, University of North Carolina n=21, Huntsman Cancer Institute n=9, University of Rochester n=9, Indiana University n=8

	HIDAC-based (n= 75)	CPX-351 (n = 94)	P-value
CR/CRi	47 (62.7)	45 (47.9)	0.002 (one-sided for non-inferiority)
CR	37 (49.3)	39 (41.5)	0.352
CRi	10 (13.3)	6 (6.4)	0.125
MLFS	1 (1.3)	14 (14.9)	0.002
No response	27 (36)	35 (37.2)	0.869
AlloHCT	30 (40)	29 (30.9)	0.215
AlloHCT in CR/CRi	23/30 (76.7)	27/29 (93.1)	0.079



Changing clinical landscape in AML

1st line therapy



A 61 yo woman with *de novo* AML

Di	agnosis:	Prognosis and fitness:
•	FBE: Hb 86, WCC 3.5, Neut 0.3 , Plt 24	Trisomy 4
•	Bone marrow: 91% blasts	FLT3, NPM1, IDH1/2 negative for mutations
•	Flow cytometry: MPO+, CD34+, DR+, CD33+, CD7+	Obese

Treatment history:

(1L) 2016: 7+3 \rightarrow Resistant (57% blasts)

(2L) FLAG-Ida \rightarrow CRi (4% blasts)

Severe peripheral neuropathy \rightarrow walking frame, incontinent, ECOG 2

Not fit for further intensive chemotherapy or transplant

Is there a role for maintenance therapy?

Objectives of maintenance therapy

- Suppress MRD
- Prolong remission
- Increase overall survival

When would maintenance be considered?

- Not eligible for allogeneic SCT
- Unable to tolerate repeated rounds of consolidation therapy
- Higher risk of relapse
 - Elderly
 - Adverse CG or molecular risk
 - CRi
 - MRD positive

Selected maintenance trials in CR1

Population	Intervention	Control	Ν	Prior therapy	DFS	OS	Ref
CR1 >60y	Azacitidine 9 cycles	Observation	530	2 cycles of chemo		Not significant	UK MRC Burnett
CR1 ≥60y	Azacitidine 5 cycles	Observation	116	2 cycles of chemo	3-year DFS↑	Not significant	HOVON97 Gerwin Huls Blood 2019, 1457-1464
CR1 ≥60y	Norethandrolone 2 years post induction	Observation	330	Induction with ida (5d), ara-C (7d), lomustine re-induction (5+1) x6 + MTX/6MP	5-year DFS ↑	5-year OS ↑ (OS curve crossed at 2.5y)	Arnaud Pigneux, JCO 35:387- 393, 2016
CR1/CR>1: <6 mo ≥18y	Histamine dichloride +IL-2 10 cycles	IL-2	320	Induction/ consolidation	3-year DFS↑	Not significant	Mats Brune Blood 2006;108: 88-96
CR1 <6 mo 60-80y	Lirilumab 1mg/kg or 0.1 mg/kg	Placebo	151	1-2 induction and 1- 2 consolidation cycles	Not significant		FILO/ALFA Norbert Vey ASH 2018

A 61 yo woman with *de novo* AML

Diagnosis:	Prognosis and fitness:
• FBE: Hb 112, WCC 3.5, Neut 0.7 , Plt 56	Trisomy 4
 Bone marrow: 91% blasts 	FLT3, NPM, IDH WT
 Flow cytometry: CD34+, DR+, CD33+, CD7+ 	

Treatment history:

(1L) 2016: 7+3 \rightarrow Resistant (57% blasts)

(2L) IDAC \rightarrow CRi (4% blasts)

Severe peripheral neuropathy \rightarrow walking frame, incontinent, obese, ECOG 2

Not fit for further intensive chemotherapy or transplant

Aug 2016: QUAZAR maintenance trial, randomized to oral azacitidine (CC-486) or placebo (14d schedule)

July 2017 (C12): Relapsed with 8% blasts. Treatment changed to 21 day schedule

July 2019 (C36): 12% blasts. Sudden onset of non-neutropenic sepsis

Treatment unblinded in September 2019: patient was randomized to CC-486 arm

The QUAZAR AML-001 Maintenance Trial: Results of a Phase III International, Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Study of CC-486 (Oral Formulation of Azacitidine) in Patients with Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML) in First Remission

Background: RP2D of oral CC-486 is 300 mg 14-21 days. Prolonged exposure and longer duration of therapy than inkectable AZA **Objectives:** Report results of 472 pts with AML \geq 55 yrs randomized within 4 months of first CR or CRi after intensive induction +/- consolidation therapy

Median F/U 41 mo	CC-486	Placebo
Ν	238	234
Prior induction, CR/CRi	81%/1	9%
Median cycles (range)	12 (1-80)	6 (1-73)
Median OS (mo)	24.7	14.8
Median RFS (mo)	9.7	4.8
Notable AEs	N+V	
	Diarrhea	

CC-486 improved OS and RFS regardless of baseline CG risk, # of prior consolidations, CR/CRi status



Regimen: CC-486 300 mg D1-14 q 28 days

Presentation: LBA-3 Tuesday, December 10, 2019, 7:30 AM-9:00 AM

A 69 yo woman with *de novo* AML

Diagnosis: March 2016 FBE 36/4.5/38 ECOG 2 BMAT: 28% blasts with dysplastic changes.	Prognosis: Karyotype: complex and monosomal AML panel: TP53 V272M
10-day decitabine TP53 VAF	AML
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Welch, NEJM 2016

A 69 yo woman with *de novo* AML

Diagnosis:	Prognosis:
March 2016 FBE Hb 36, WBC 4.5, Neut 0.3,	Karyotype: complex and monosomal
Platelets 38;	AML panel: TP53 V272M
BMAT: 29% blasts with dysplastic changes	

Treatment

- Decitabine + venetoclax \rightarrow MLFS
- Cycle $4 \rightarrow$ CRi with CG remission
- Cycle 7 \rightarrow PD with 67% blasts



Emerging therapies for TP53 mutant AML

Therapy	Ν	CR/CRi	OS	Ref
5d DAC	7	29%	5.5m	Short, et al. Lancet Haematol 2019
10d DAC	17	47%	4.9m	Short, et al. Lancet Haematol 2019
CPX-351	24	29%	4.5m	Lindsley, et al. <i>Blood</i> 2018
AZA	21	NA	7.2m	Tang, et al. <i>Blood</i> 2016
HMA + VEN	36	47%	7.2m	DiNardo, et al. <i>Blood</i> 2019
AZA + APR-246	11	80%	NA	Sallman, et al. ASH 2019
AZA + Hu5F9-G4	5	83%	NR	Sallman, et al. ASCO 2019

AML, acute myeloid leukaemia; CR, complete remission; CRi, incomplete blood count recovery; DAC, decitabine; HMA, hypomethylating agent; LDAC, low-dose AraC; m, months; MUT, mutated; OS, overall survival; TP53, tumour protein 53; VEN, venetoclax.

DiNardo CD, et al. *Blood* 2019;133(1):7–17; Sallman DA, et al. *Blood* 2018;132:3091; Short NJ, et al. *Lancet Haematol* 2019; 6(1):e29–e37; Tang L, et al. *Blood* 2016; 128:2859; Wei AH, et al. *J Clin Oncol.* 2019;37(15):1277–1284.

Phase 2 Results of APR-246 and Azacitidine (AZA) in Patients with *TP53* mutant Myelodysplastic Syndromes (MDS) and Oligoblastic Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML)

Background: TP53 mut poor outcomes in MDS and	Objectives: Report results of completed phase 2
AML. Preliminary results for APR-246 in combination	results in 55pts with treatment naïve MDS and
with AZA promising (Sallman ASH 2018)	oligoblastic AML (<30%)

Regimen: APR-246 RP2D 4500 mg d1-4 + AZA 75 mg/m2 D4-10 or 4-5 and 8-12

Median F/U 10.5 mo	MDS	AML	MDS/MPN	
Ν	40	11	4	
Evaluable	33	8	4	
CR	61%	50%	0%	
ORR	88%	88%		
Median DoR	6.5 mo			
Median OS	11.6 mo			
Notable AEs	Dizziness 33%, Neuropathy 22%			



Next step: Randomized phase 3 study of APR-246+AZA versus AZA alone in mTP53 MDS (NCT03745716)

APR-246 Combined with Azacitidine (AZA) in TP53 Mutated Myelodysplastic Syndrome (MDS) and Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML). a Phase 2 Study By the Groupe Francophone Des Myélodysplasies (GFM)

Background: TP53 mut poor outcomes in MDS and	Objectives: Report results of completed phase 2
AML. Preliminary results for APR-246 in combination	results in 53pts with treatment naïve MDS and
with AZA promising (Sallman ASH 2018)	oligoblastic AML

Regimen: APR-246 RP2D 4500 mg d1-4 + AZA 75 mg/m2 D4-10

	MDS	AML	
Ν	34	19	
Evaluable	16		
CR	56%		
ORR	75%		
Notable AEs	Neurologic	Neurological 40%*	
	Mainly a	ataxia	

* correlated with lower GFR at treatment onset. Spontaneously regressed within 5 days of drug discontinuation. Did not recur in subsequent cycles after APR 246 dose reductions The First-in-Class Anti-CD47 Antibody Hu5F9-G4 is Well Tolerated and Active Alone or with Azacitidine in AML and MDS Patients: Initial Phase 1b Results

Background: CD47 is a "do not eat me" signal on	Objectives: Report results of 5F9 Alone or in
cancers enabling macrophage immune evasion. 5F9 is	Combination with Azacitidine in AML and MDS
a Macrophage Immune Checkpoint Inhibitor Targeting	(5F9005 Study)
CD47	

5F9: 1, 30 mg/kg* weekly and AZA: 75 mg/m² D1-7. * Dose ramp up from 1 to 30 mg/kg by week 2,



TP53 mutant cases	1L AML (N=6)	1L MDS (N=2)	Total (N=8)
ORR	5/6 (83%)	2/2 (100%)	7/8 (88%)
Median duration of response	NR	NR	NR
Median overall survival	NR	NR	NR
Median follow-up*	5.8 months	4.9 months	

Updated data: presented at ASH Abstract 569: December 9th at 8am

Immunotherapeutic strategies targeting AML at ASH



Selected immunotherapy papers at ASH 2019

Treatment	N	CR/CRi	Presentation
Unfit older AML (checkpoint inhibitors)			
AZA + Durvalumab (PD-L1) vs AZA in unfit older AML	64 65	31% 35%	829- Zeidan, Monday, 4:30 PM
Relapsed/refractory AML (checkpoint inhibitors)			
HiDAC + Pembrolizumab (PD-1)	37	38%	831- Zeidner, Monday, 5:00 PM
AZA + Nivolumab (PD-1) AZA + Nivo + Ipilimumab (CTLA4)	70 25	22% 36%	830- Daver, Monday, 4:45 PM
DAC + MBG453 (TIM3)	17	29%	570- Borate, Monday, 8:15 AM
Relapsed/refractory AML (BiTES)			
Anti-CD33 x CD3 (AMG673)	30	1	833- Subklewe, Monday, 5:30 PM
Anti-CD33 x CD3 (AMV564)	36	2	834- Cortes, Monday, 5:45 PM
Anti-CD123 x CD3 (Flotetuzumab)	30 1º Ref	32%	733- Uy, Monday, 2:45 PM

Concluding statements

- Maintenance therapy newly defined role in AML
- New treatment options for TP53 mutant AML emerging
- Immunotherapy options still evolving