

ET : Management

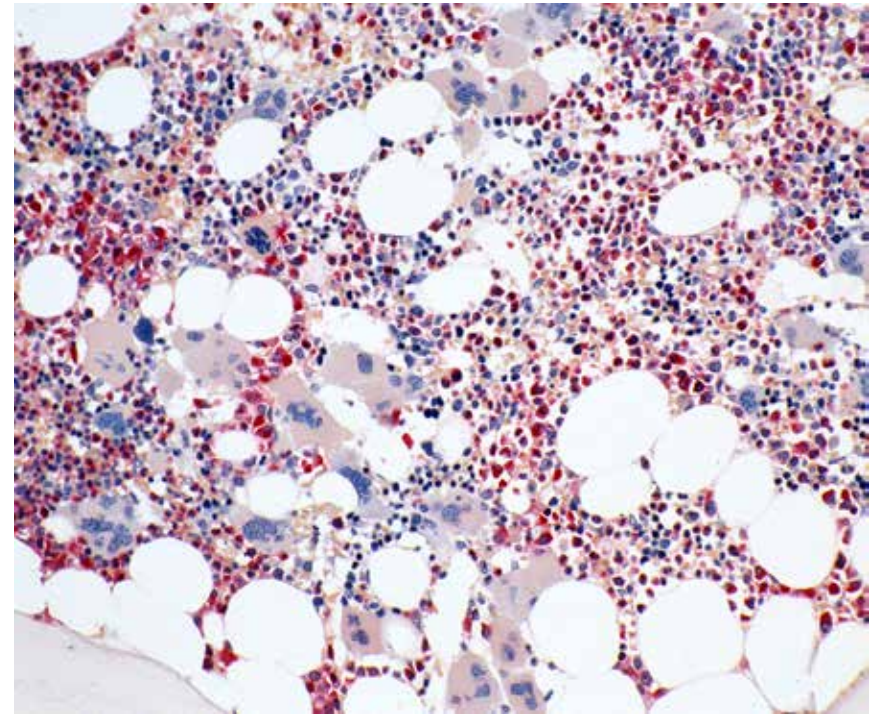
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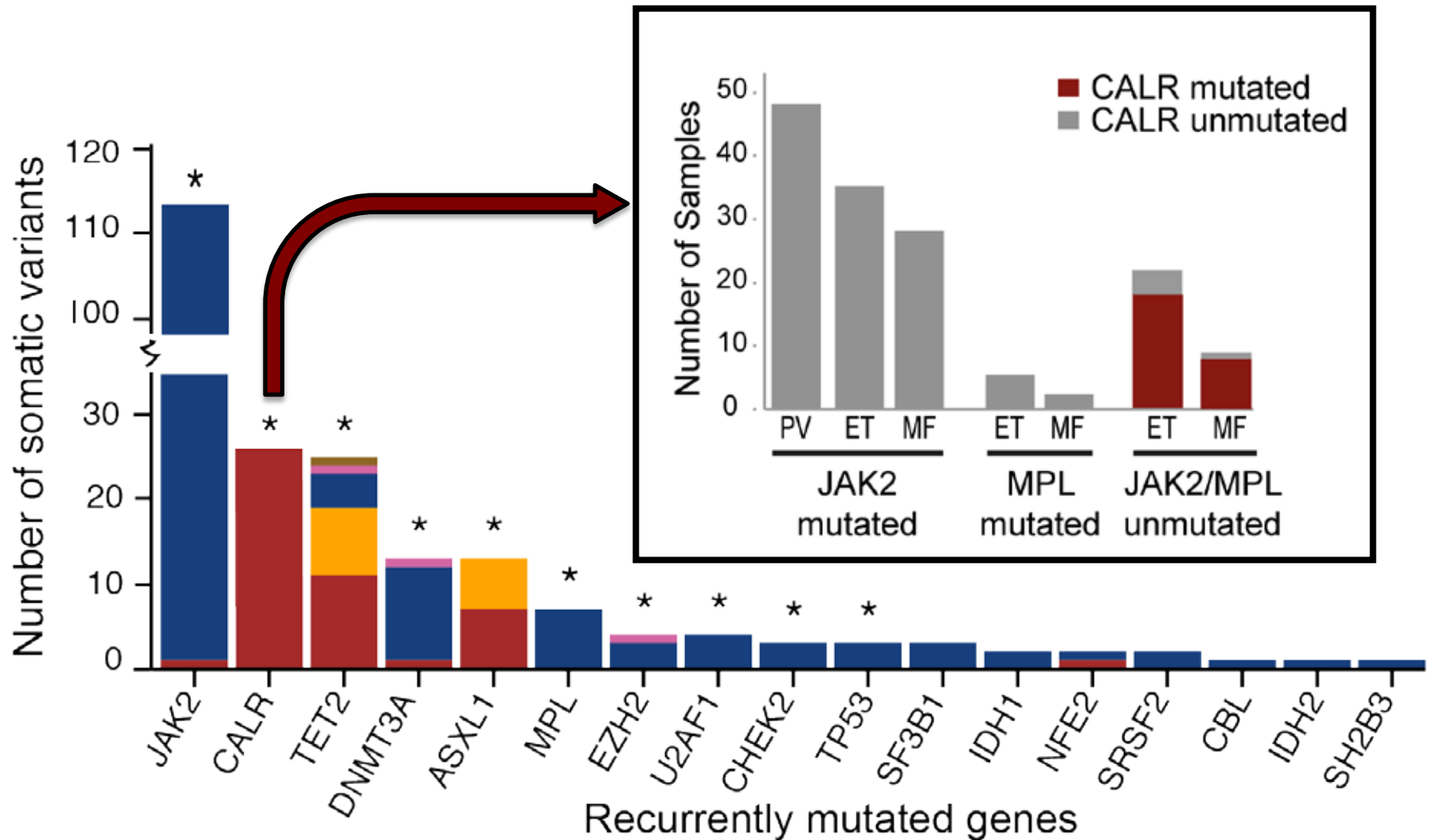
WHO criteria for Essential Thrombocythemia

diagnosis requires meeting all four criteria

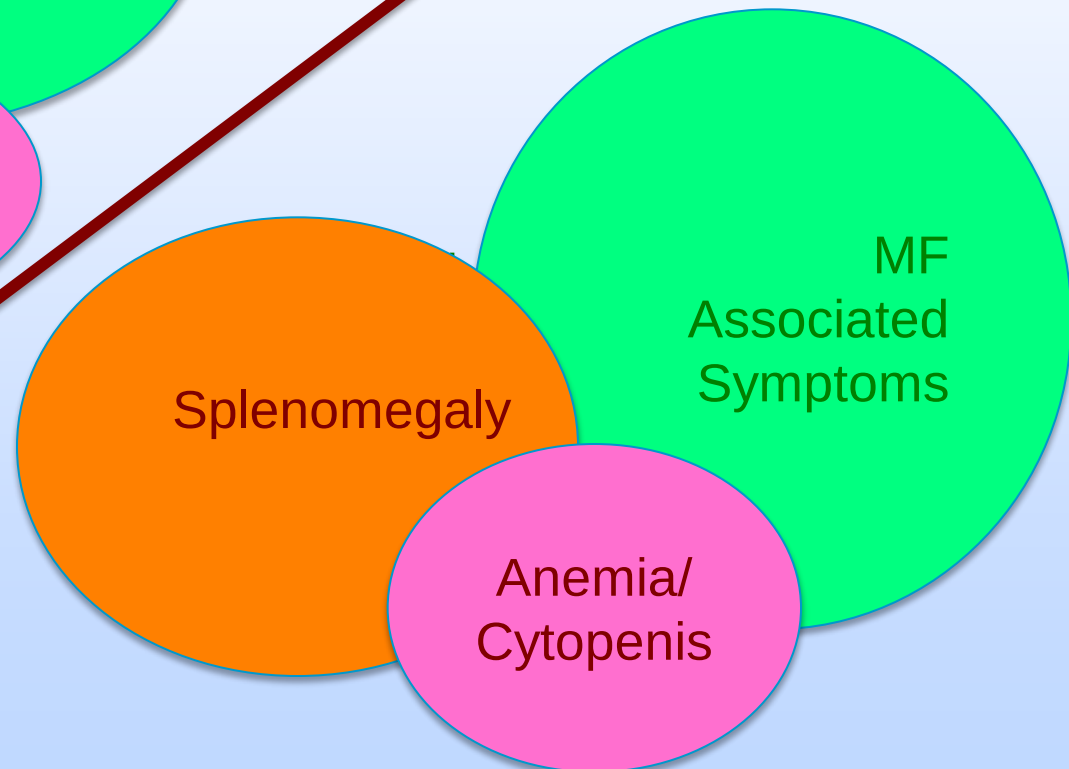
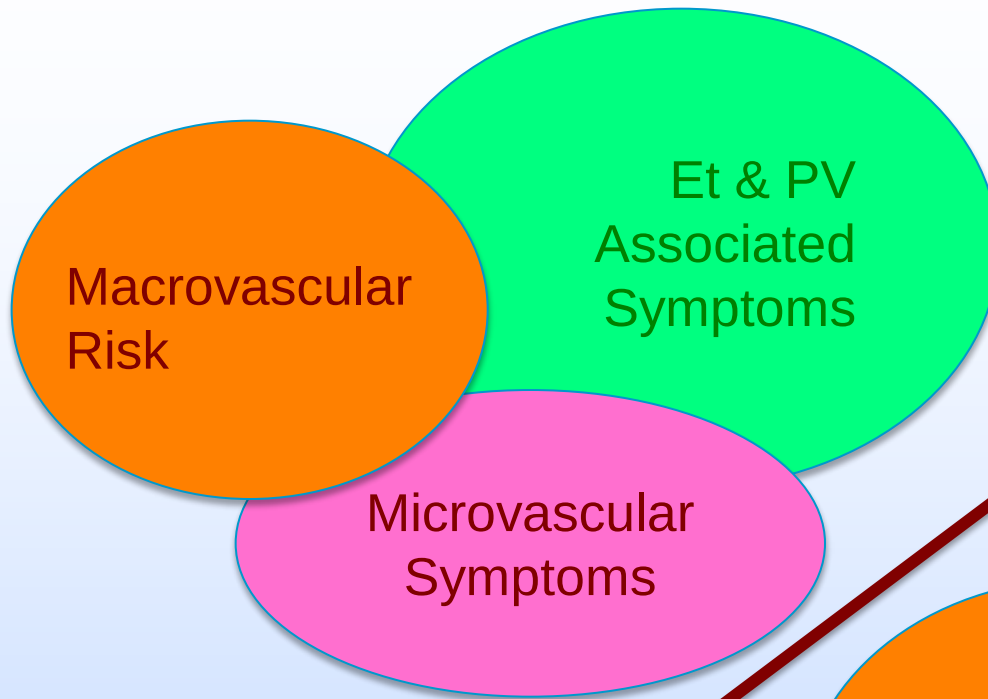
1. Sustained **platelet count** $\geq 450 \times 10^9/L$
2. **Bone marrow biopsy** specimen showing proliferation mainly of megakaryocytic lineage with increased numbers of enlarged, mature megakaryocytes. No significant increase or left-shift of neutrophil granulopoiesis or erythropoiesis
3. **Not meeting the WHO criteria** for polycythemia vera, primary myelofibrosis, BCR-ABL1 positive chronic myelogenous leukemia or myelodysplastic syndrome or other myeloid neoplasm
4. Demonstration of **JAK2 V6127F** or other clonal marker, or in the absence of JAK2 V617F, no evidence for reactive thrombocytosis



CALR mutations in *JAK2* negative ET and MF

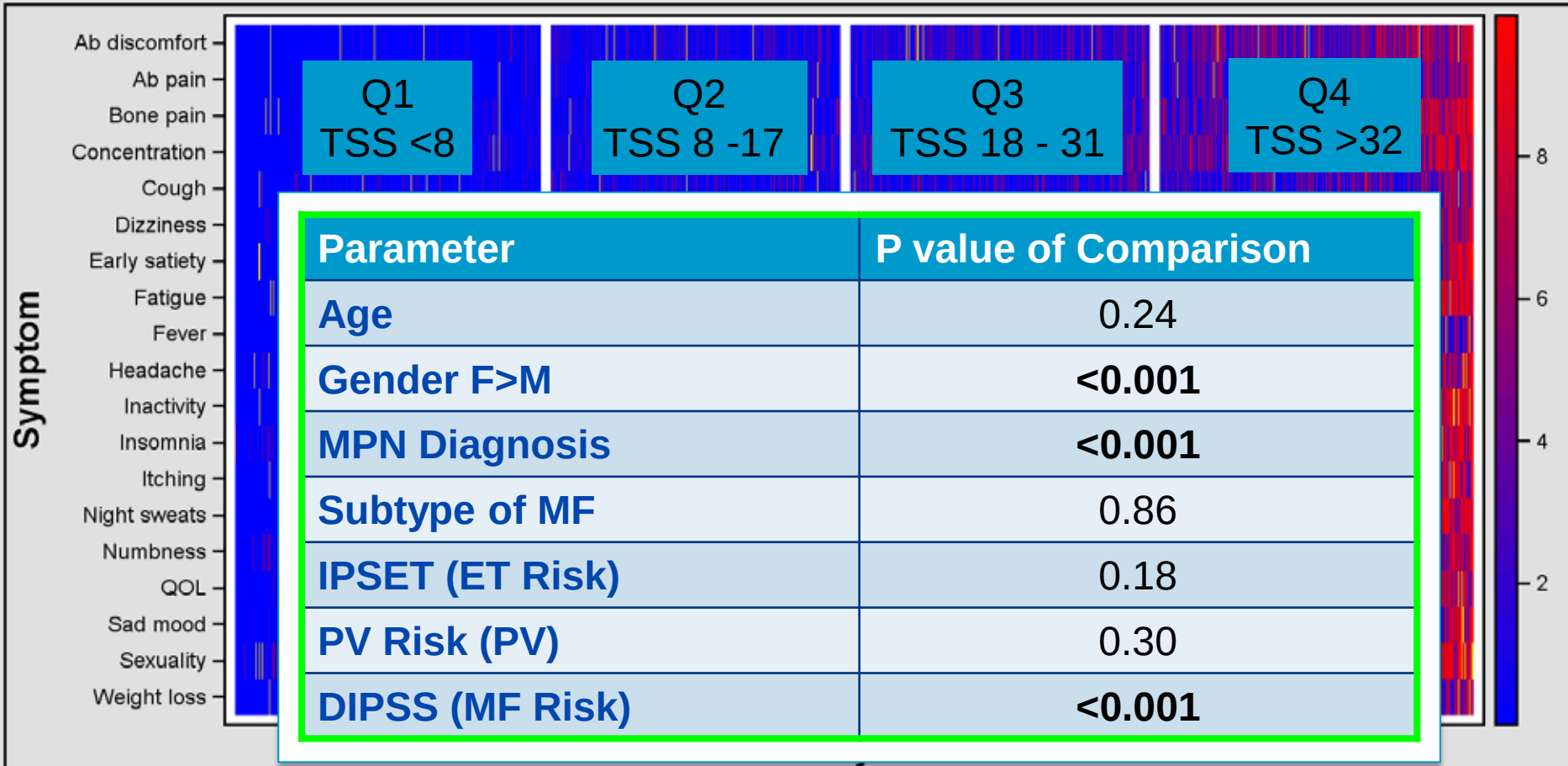


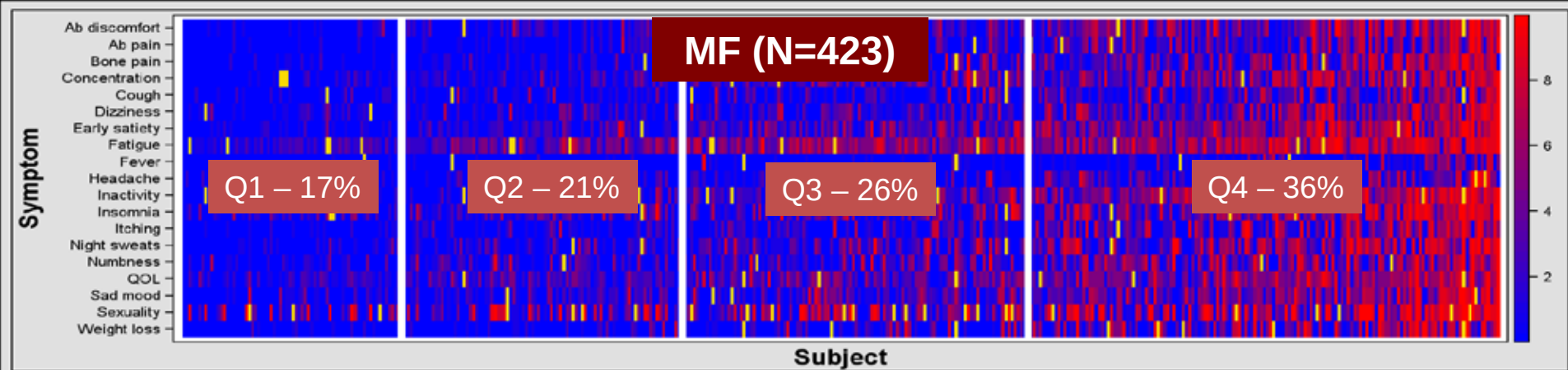
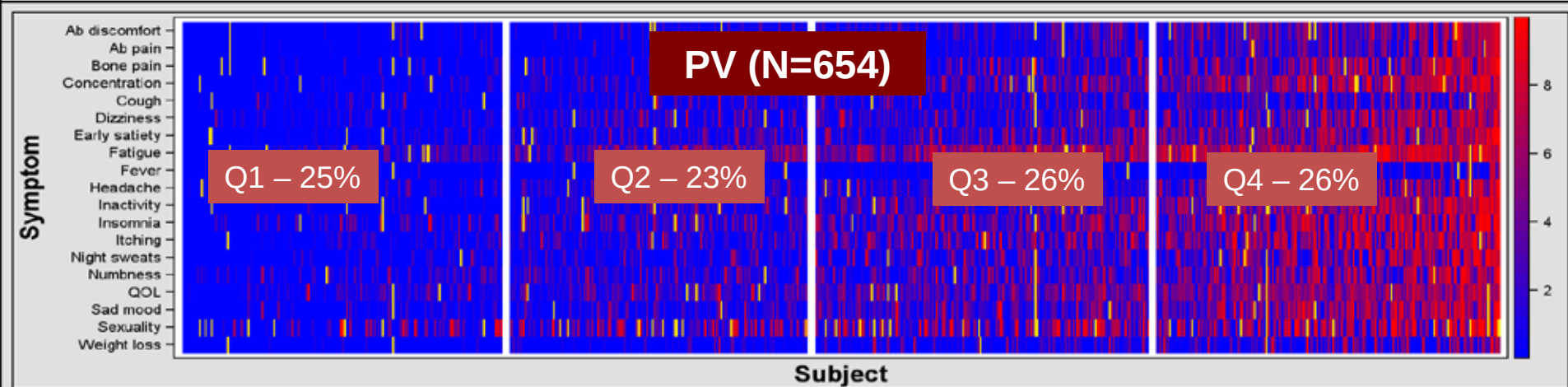
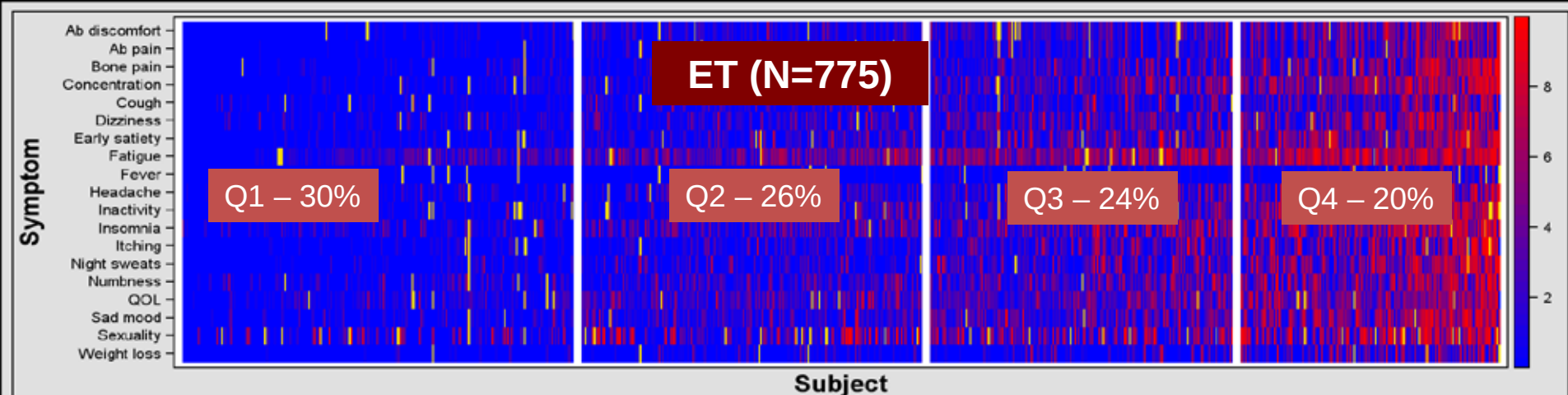
Burden of ET/PV



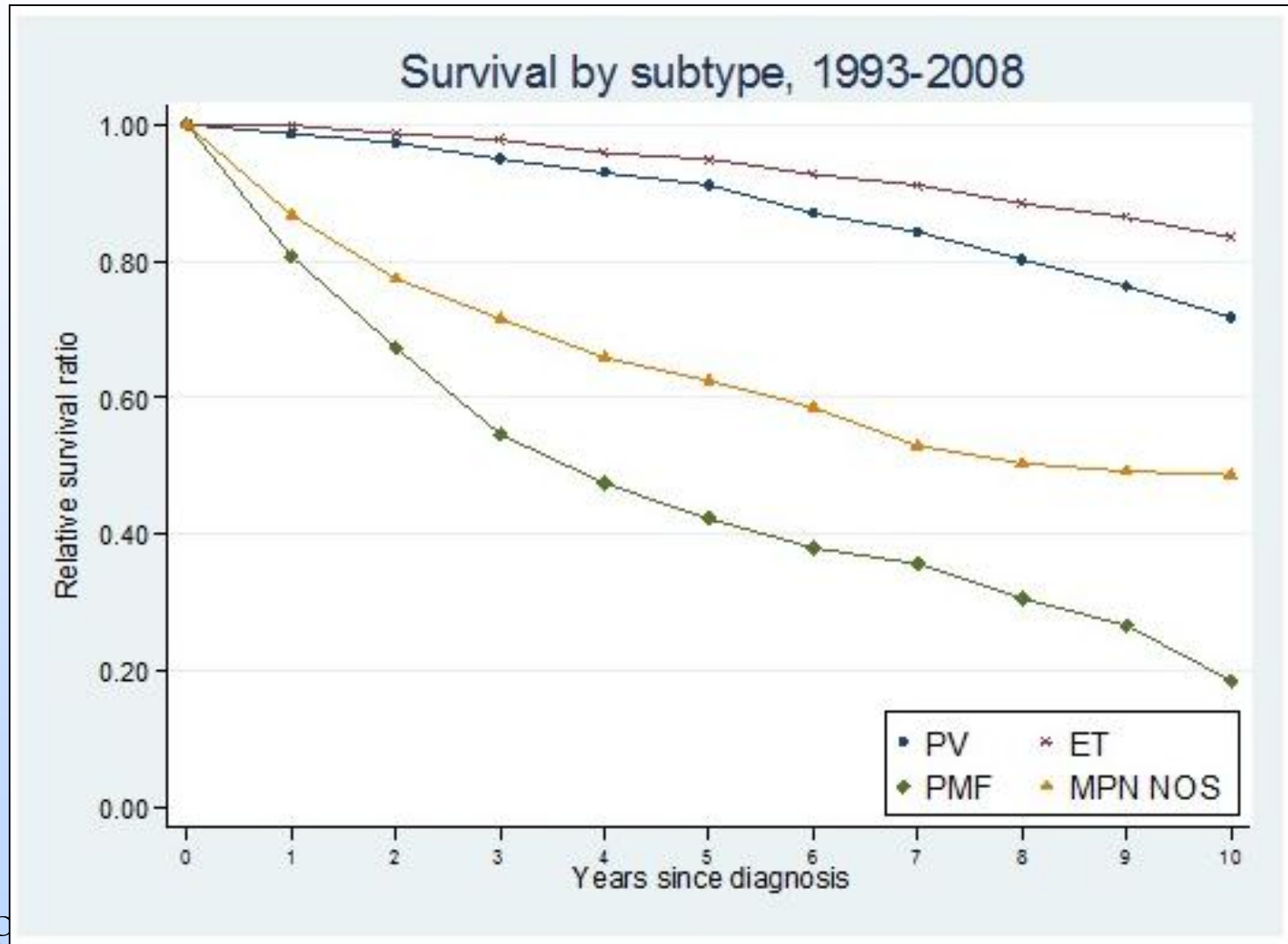
MPN Symptom Burden by Quartiles

1858 MPN-SAF Respondents

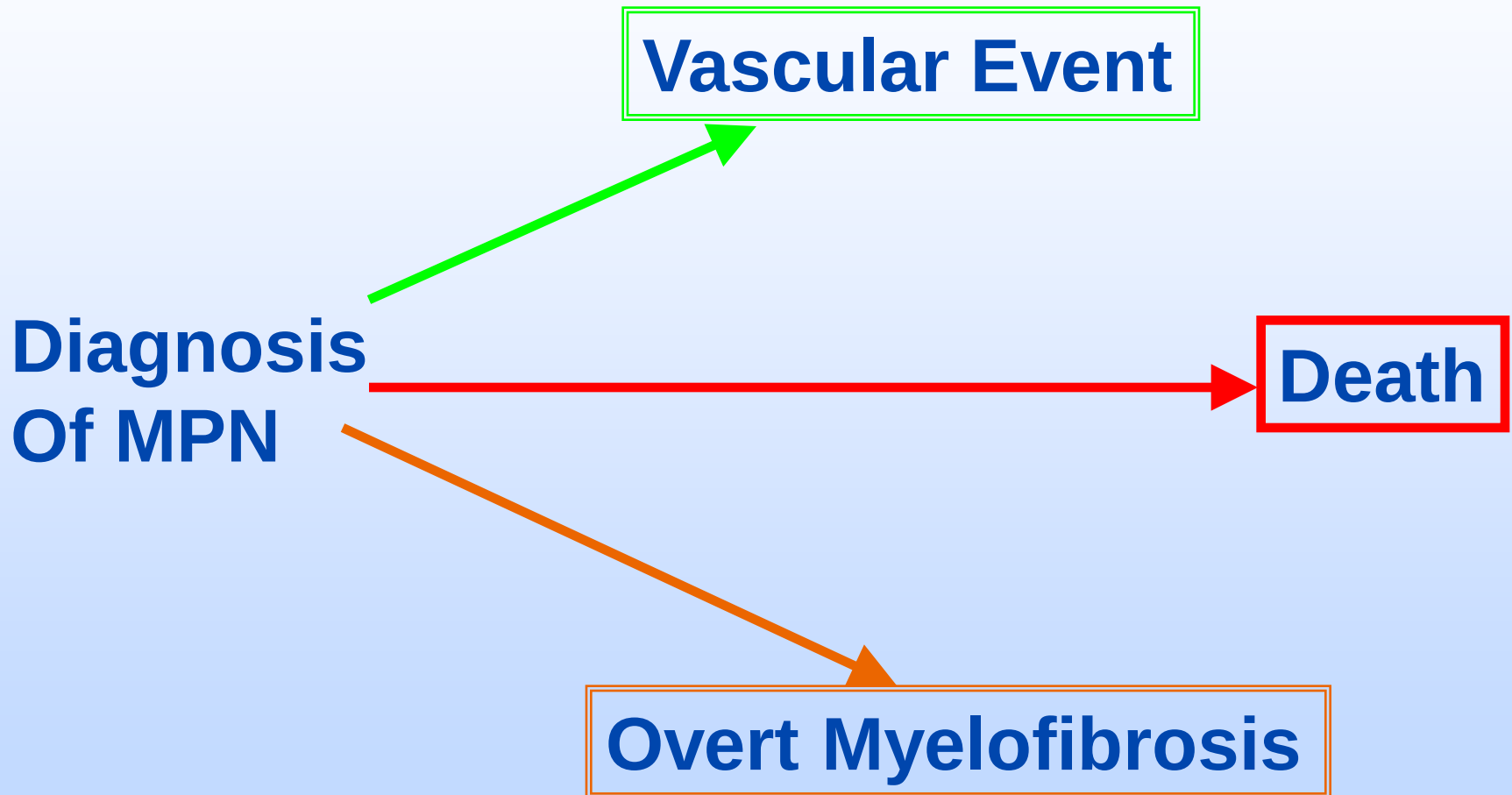




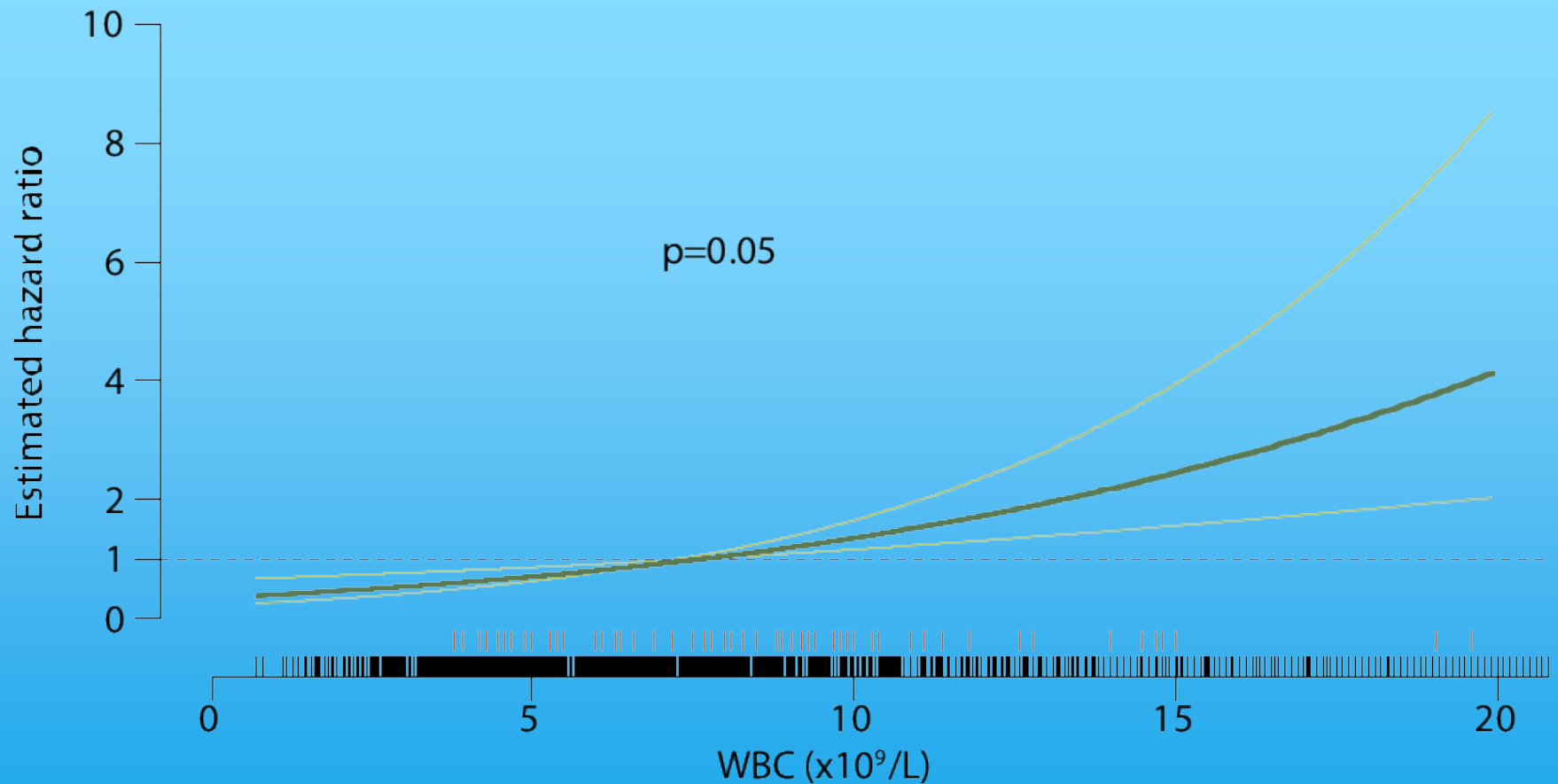
Patterns of Survival and Causes of Death In 9,384 Patients with Myeloproliferative Neoplasms Diagnosed In Sweden Between 1973 and 2008



Assessing Risk in MPNs

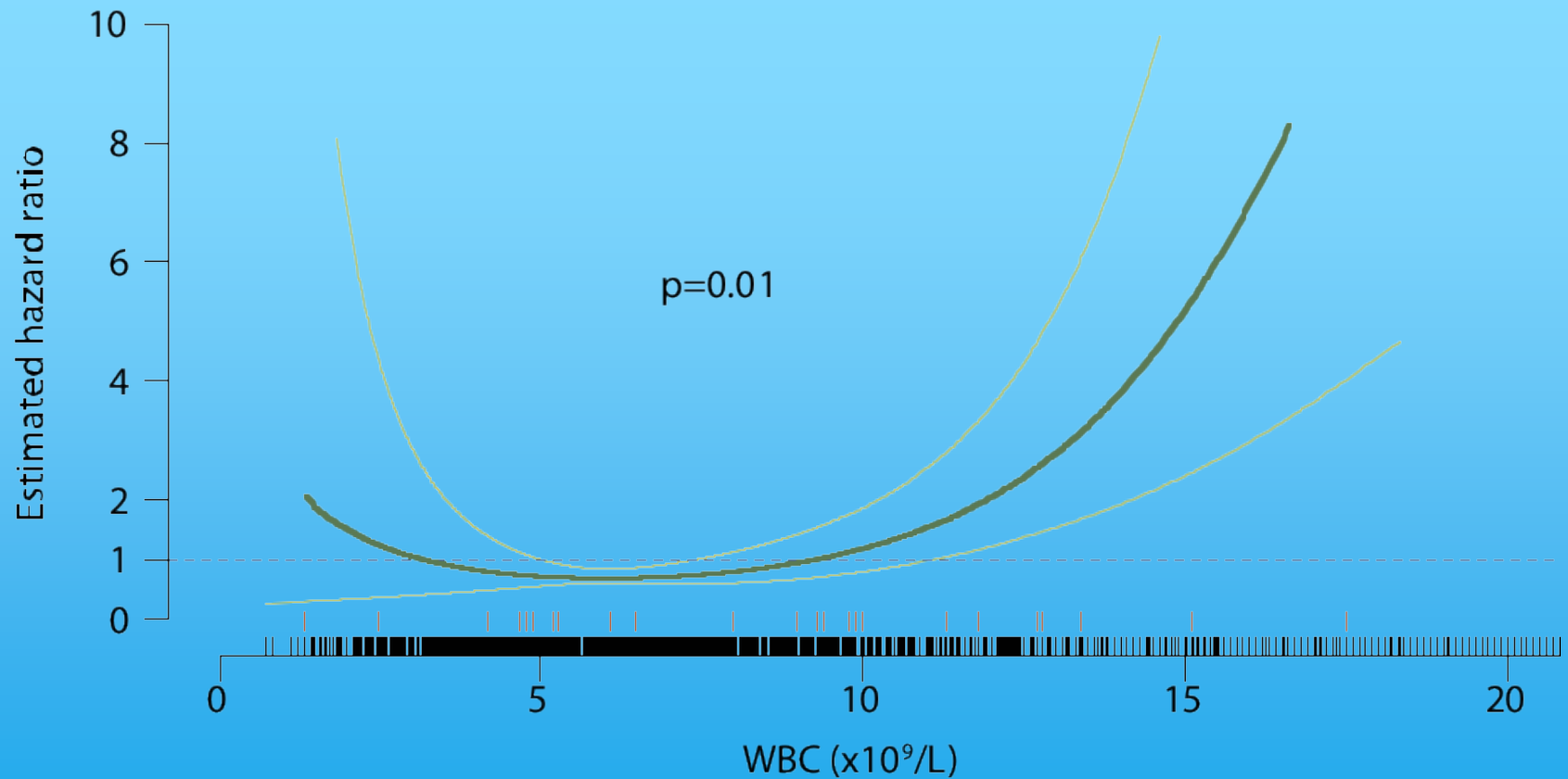


White cell count & thrombosis

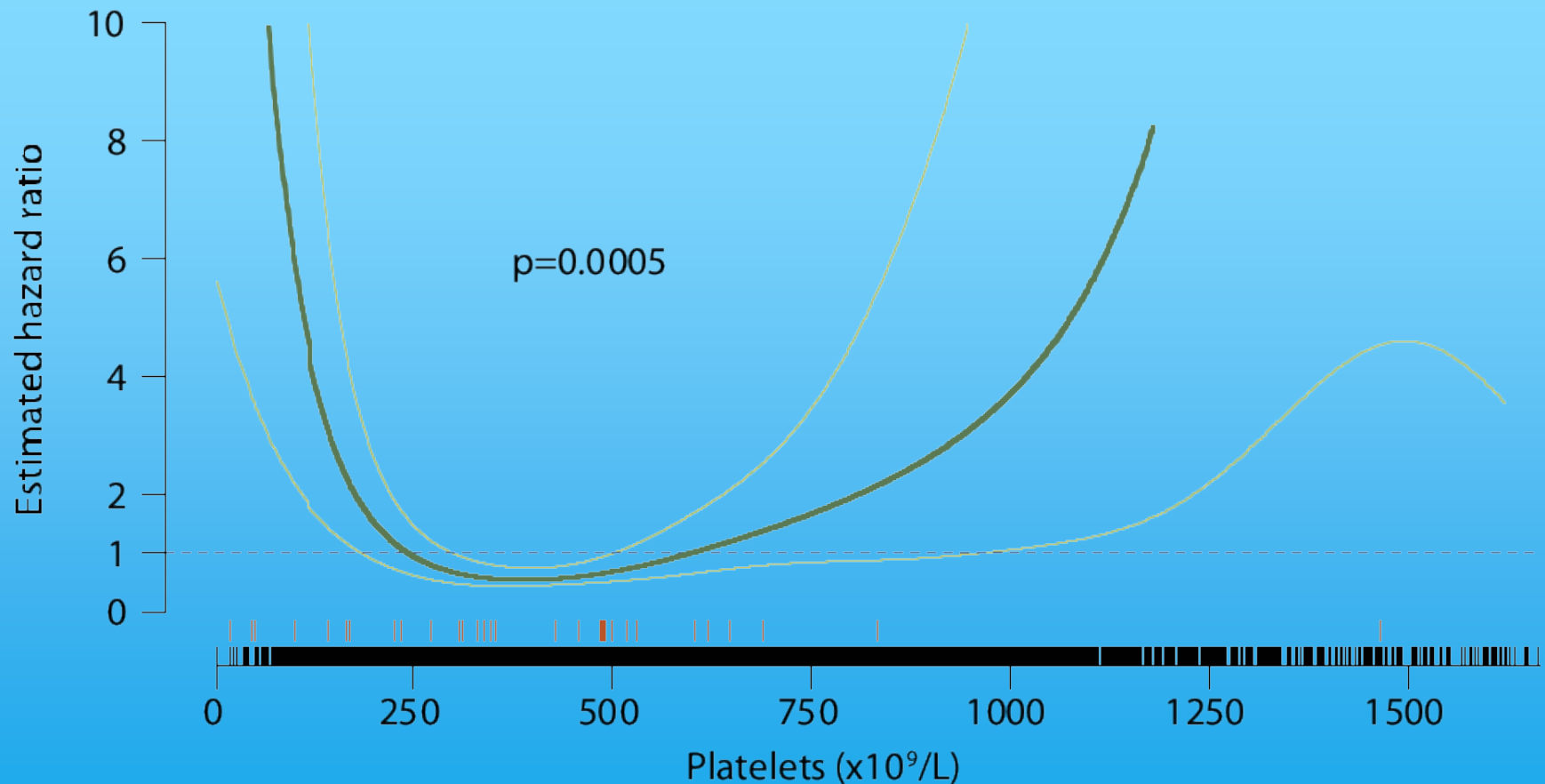


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WCC & major hemorrhage

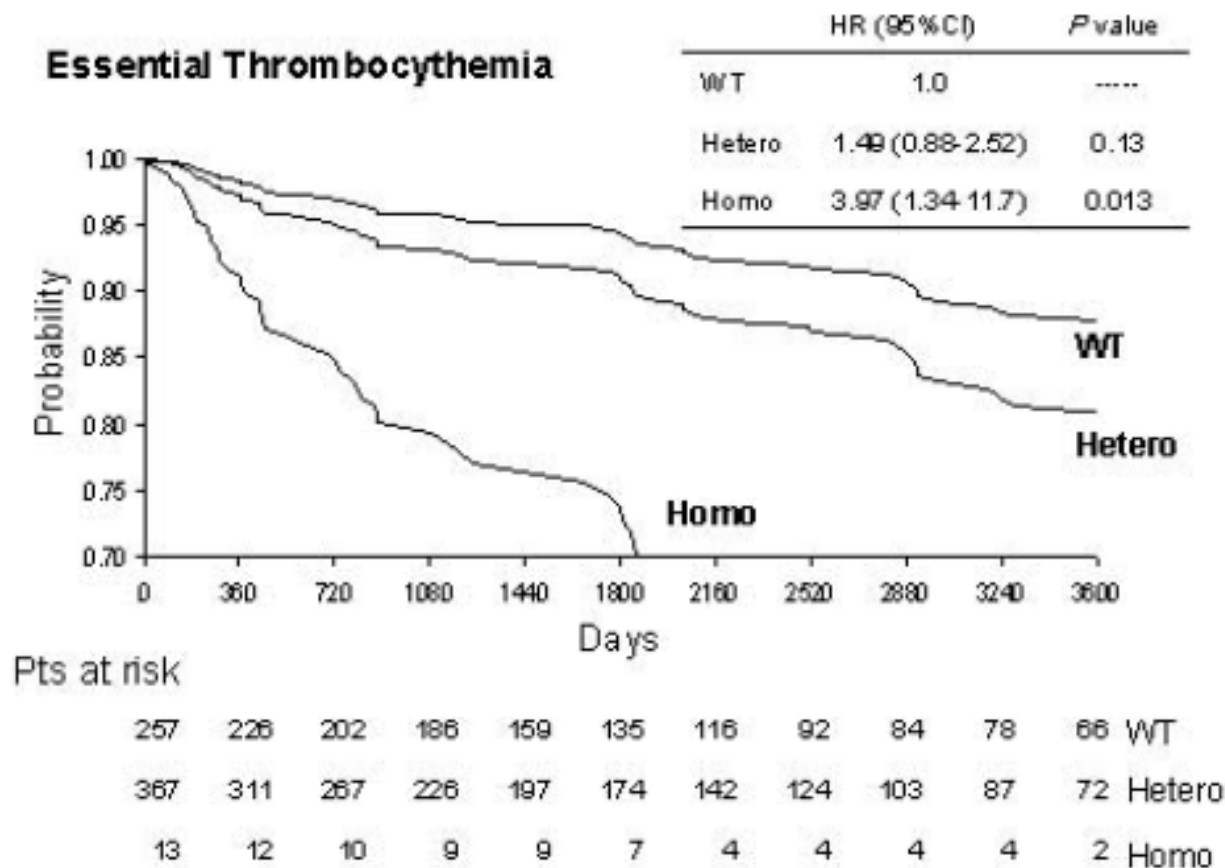


Platelets & major hemorrhage



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Significance of JAK2V617F homozygosity



Monitoring MPNs

Evolving MPN prognostic scales

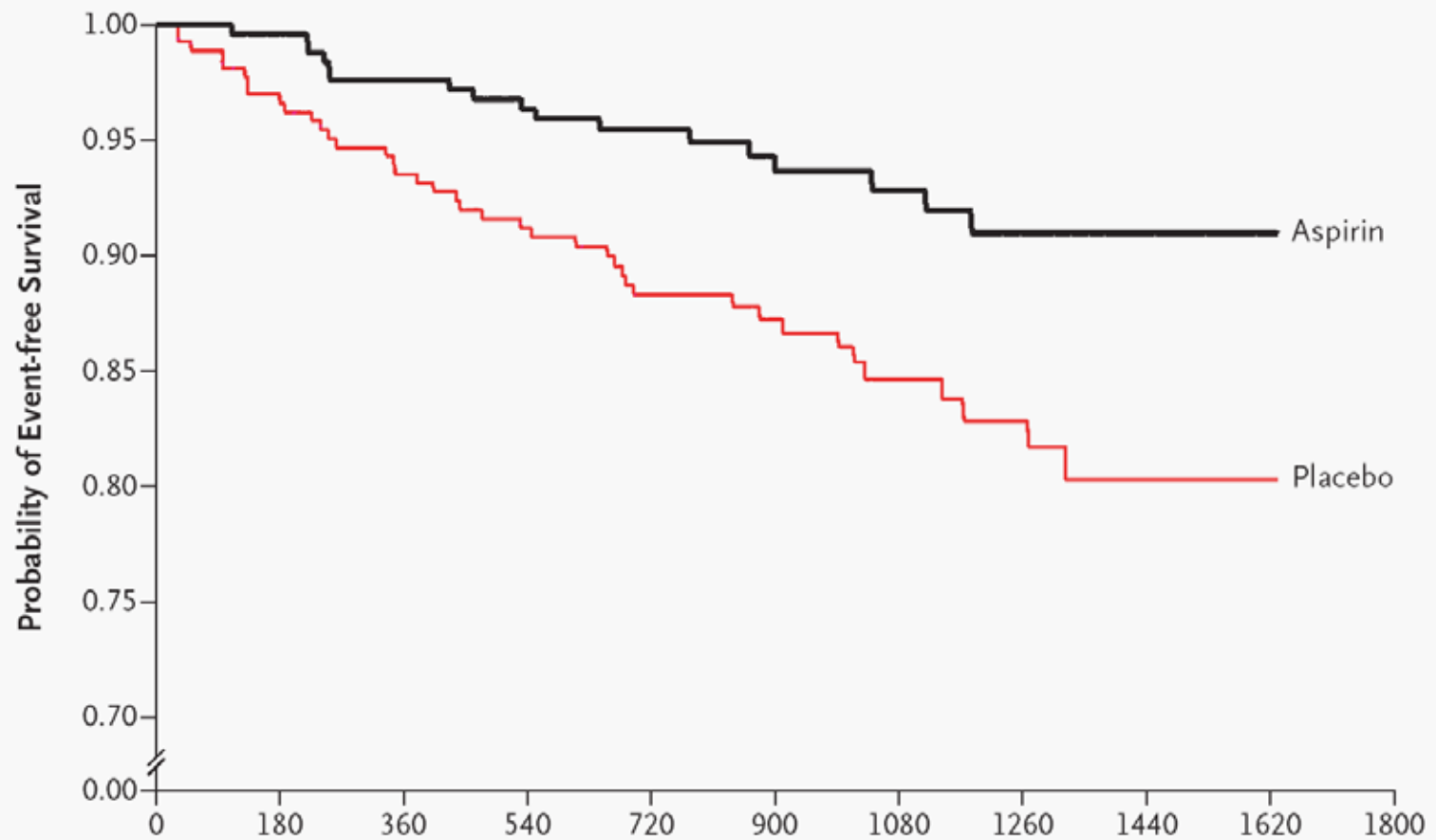
	IPSET (ET—3 groups) <i>Survival thrombosis risk</i>	PV Risk (4 groups) <i>Survival leukemia rates</i>	DIPSS (PMF—4 groups) <i>Survival</i>
Age, years	≥ 60 (2 pts) vs < 60	≥ 67 (5 pts) 57-66 (2 pts), < 60 (0)	≥ 65 (1 pt) vs < 65
Leukocytes	≥ 11 (1 pt) vs < 11 x 10 ⁹ /L	≥ 15 (1 point) vs < 15 x 10 ⁹ /L	> 25 (1 pt) vs ≤ 25 x 10 ⁹ /L
Hemoglobin			< 10 (2 pts) vs ≥ 10 g/dL
Constitutional symptoms			Present ^a (1pt) vs absent
Blasts			≥ 1% (1pt) vs < 1%
Prior thrombosis	Yes (1 point) vs No	Yes (1 Point) vs No	
Risk group point cutoffs	0; 1-2; 3-4 pts	0; 1-2; 3; 4 pts	0; 1-2; 3-4; ≥ 4 pts

Passamonti
Blood 2012

Tefferi
Leuk 2014

Passamonti
Blood 2010

^a 10% weight loss over prior 6 months, night sweats, unexplained fever.

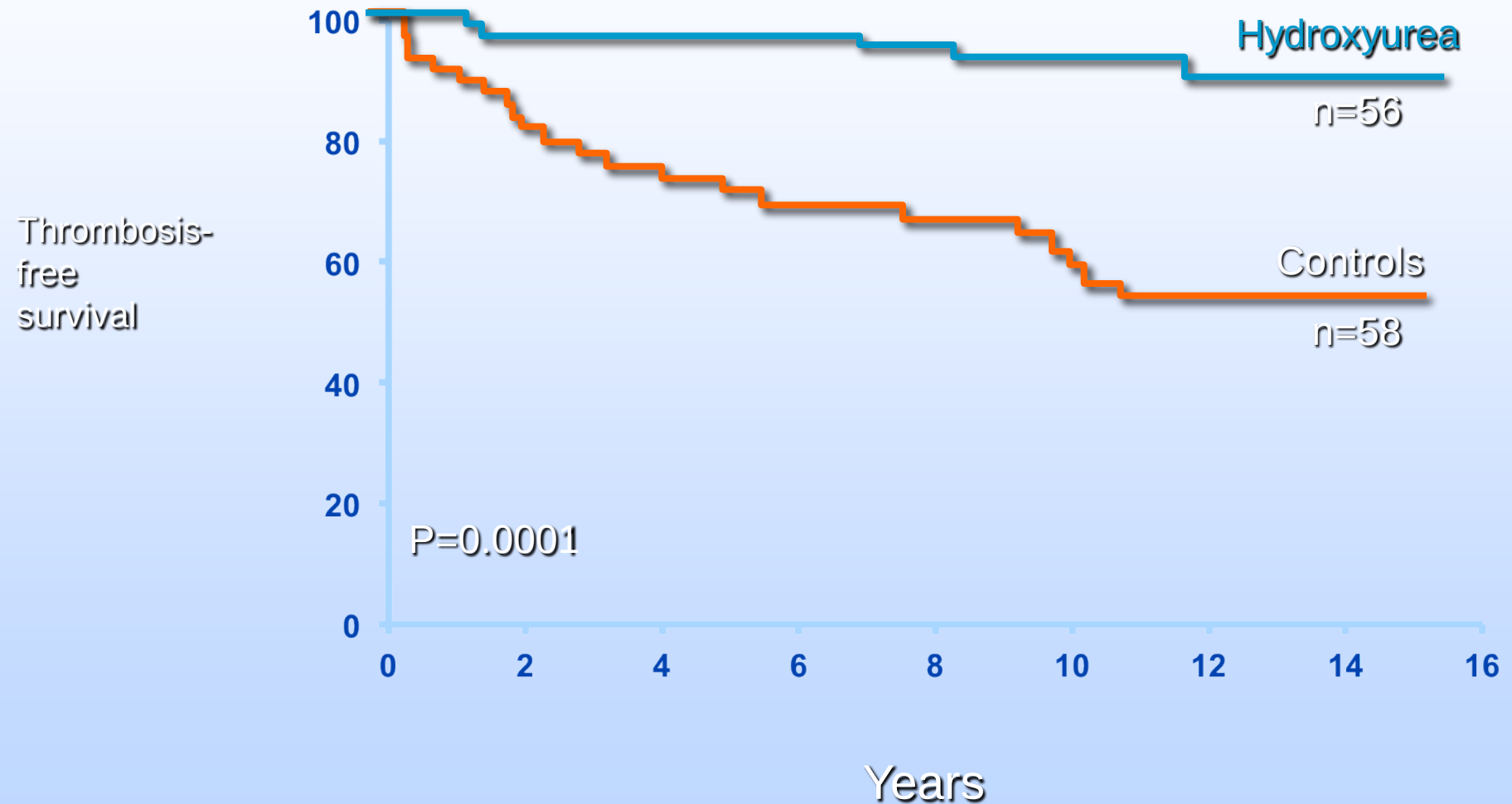


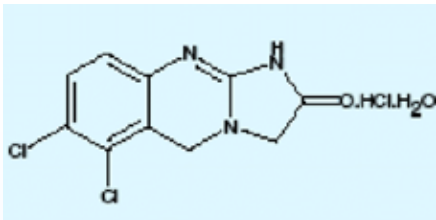
ECLAP analysis:

Antiplatelet therapy was significantly associated with a lower risk of fatal and non-fatal cardiovascular events.

Marchioli 2005

HU-Treatment Effect in High-Risk ET





Published Anagrelide Experience

<i>Study</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>ET</i>	<i>PV</i>	<i>CML</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Impact</i>
Silverstein 1988	20	17	2	1	0	Initial Trial
ASG 1992	577	355	68	114	60	Response rate 79%
Petit 1997	942	546	113	179	108	Basis for FDA Approval
Storen 2001	35	35	0	0	0	Long Term Safety
Fruchtman 2005	3590	2425	506	561	458	Basis for EMEA License
Harrison 2005	805	809	0	0	0	PT 1 Trial

PT-1 Trial

Hydrea Vs. Anagrelide (Plus ASA)

- 809 High Risk ET patients randomized
 - Hydrea plus ASA
 - Anagrelide plus ASA
- Composite Endpoints
 - Thrombosis (arterial or venous)
 - Hemorrhage
 - Death

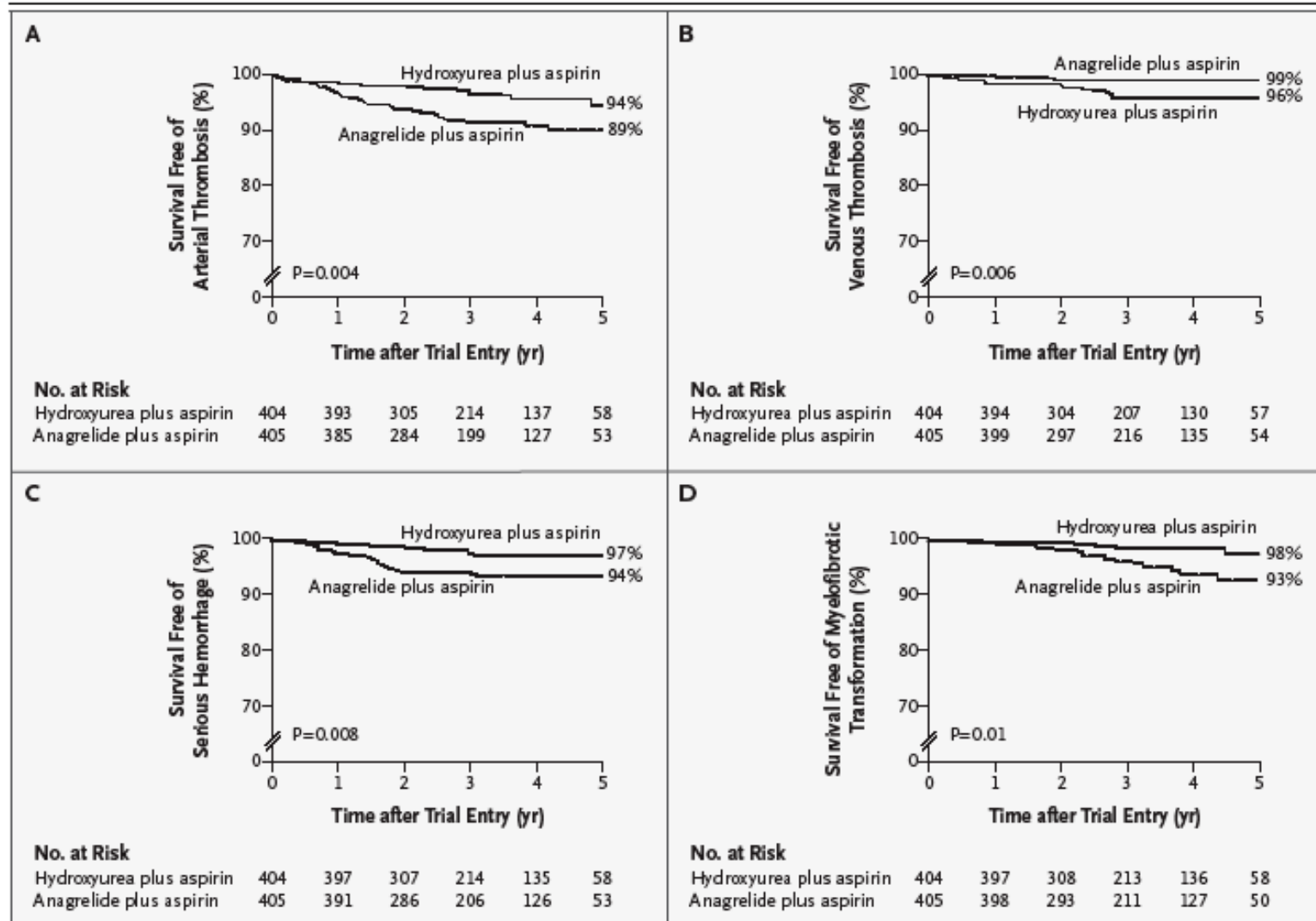


Figure 3. Kaplan–Meier Estimates of Survival Free of the Secondary End Points of Arterial Thrombosis (Panel A), Venous Thrombosis (Panel B), Serious Hemorrhage (Panel C), and Myelofibrotic Transformation (Panel D).

ANAHYDRET study vs. UK-PT1 study

	ANAHYDRET* (n=258)	PT1** (n=805)
Diagnosis according to (applied criteria)	WHO criteria mandatory BM biopsy with central review	PVSG criteria
Pretreatment	only newly diagnosed WHO-ET patients	pretreated PVSG-cohort
Concomitant therapy	preferred mono therapy	fixed combination with Asprin

* Gisslinger et al., Blood 2008, ASH Abstract 661

**Harrison et al., N Engl J Med 2005; 353:33-45

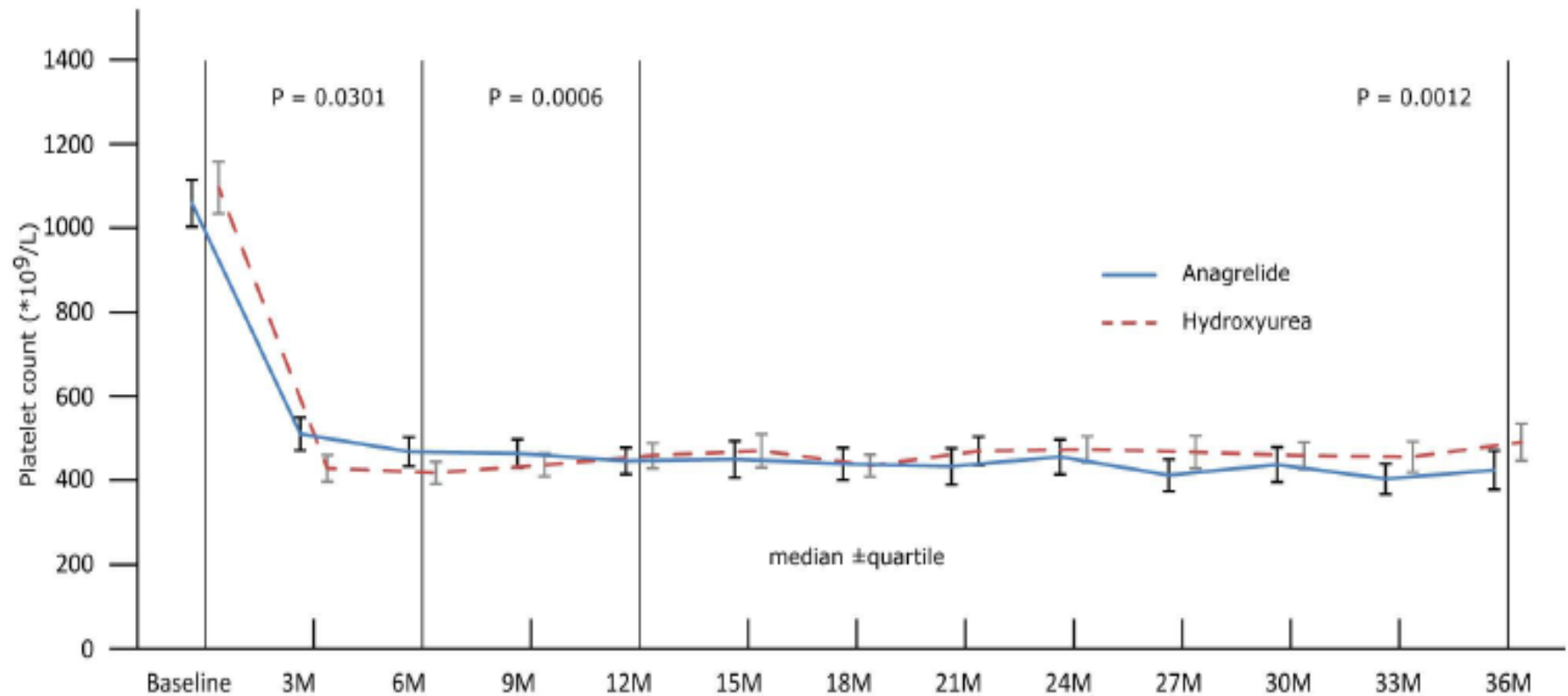
Results of the central bone marrow histopathology and JAK2V617F analysis in 235 study patients

	n	%	JAK2 pos.	JAK2 allele burden Median (%)	JAK2 neg.
ET	194	82.5	79	8.7	73
PMF-0 (fiber grade 0)	16	6.8	10	11.7**	3
PMF-1 (fiber grade 1)	3	1.3	1	-	0
PV (PV-like pattern)	16	6.8	8	10.4	5
UC - unclassifiable	6	2.6	9*		11*

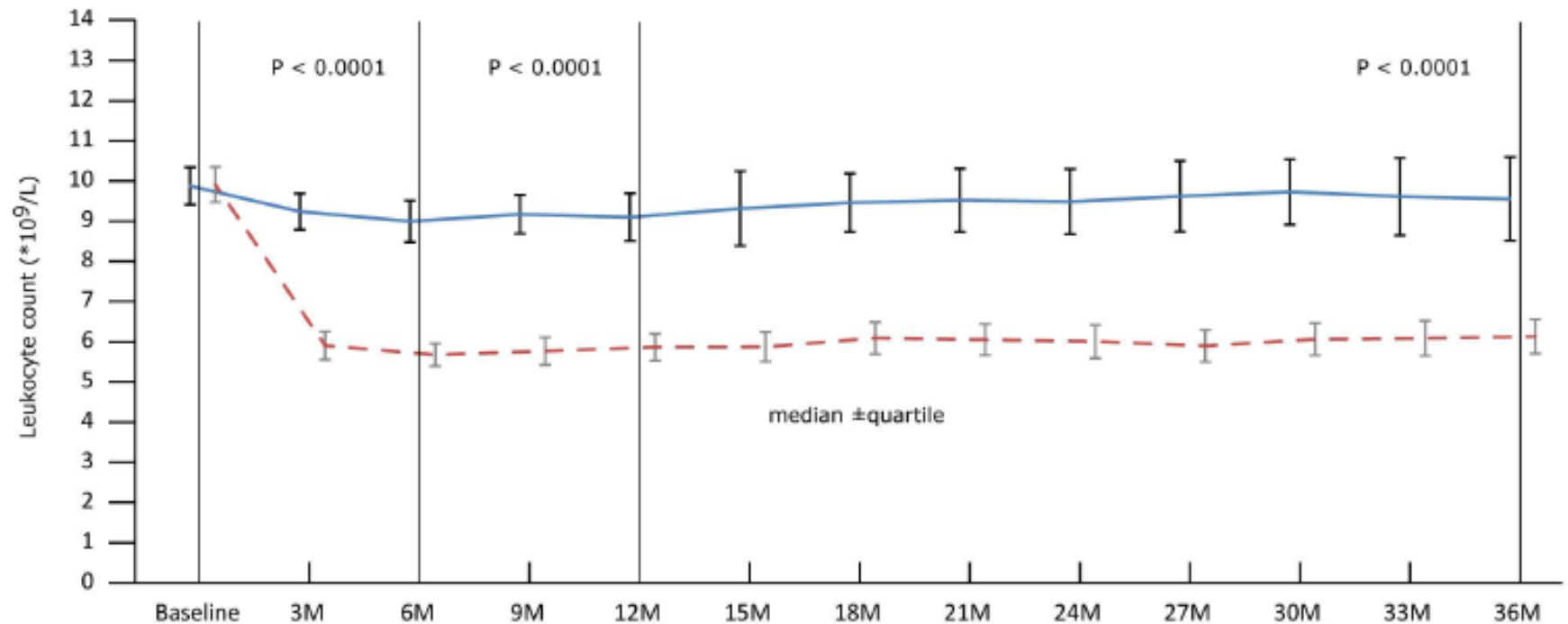
* JAK2V617F analysis was performed in more patients than the bone marrow re-evaluation

** Value denotes pooled PMF-0 and PMF-1

No difference in platelet lowering effect ANA vs. HU



Leukocyte counts remained unchanged in ANA treated patients



Patient no.

Anagrelide	122	122	115	104	105	65	70	66	66	60	57	44	39
Hydroxyurea	131	131	127	121	122	87	84	83	77	74	61	44	46

Resistance/Intolerance to Hydroxycarbamide in ET

- Platelet count $>600 \times 10^9/\text{L}$ after 3 months of at least 2 g/day of HU (2.5 g/day in patients >80 kg)
 - Platelets $>400 \times 10^9/\text{L}$ and WBC count $<2.5 \times 10^9/\text{L}$ or Hb <100 g/L at any dose of HU
 - Presence of leg ulcers or other unacceptable mucocutaneous manifestations at any dose of HU
 - HU-related fever
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Hydroxycarbamide
(Hydroxyurea)

Anagrelide
(Xagrid)

P-32

Busulfan

Juggling ET Options

Interferon

Aspirin



ACTIVITIES OF INTERFERONS IN MPN

- ü Inhibit MK proliferation and TPO-induced MPL signaling

Wang, Blood, 2000

- ü Inhibit EEC and endogenous MK colony growth

Dudley, Br J H, 1990

Castello, Br J H, 1994

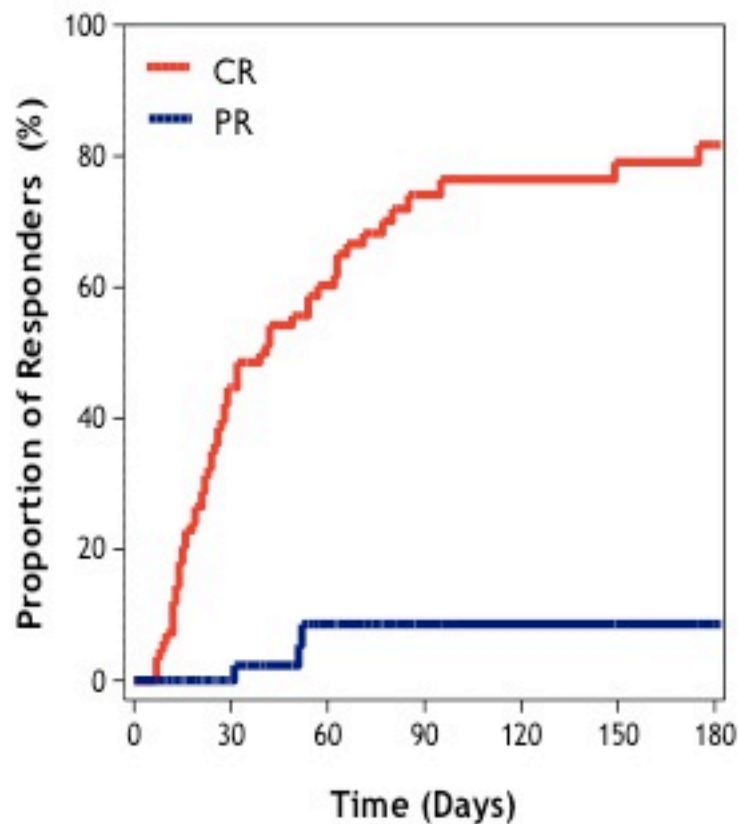
- ü Predominant activity against clonal BFU-E

- ü Antagonize PDGF, inhibit the growth of marrow-derived fibroblasts

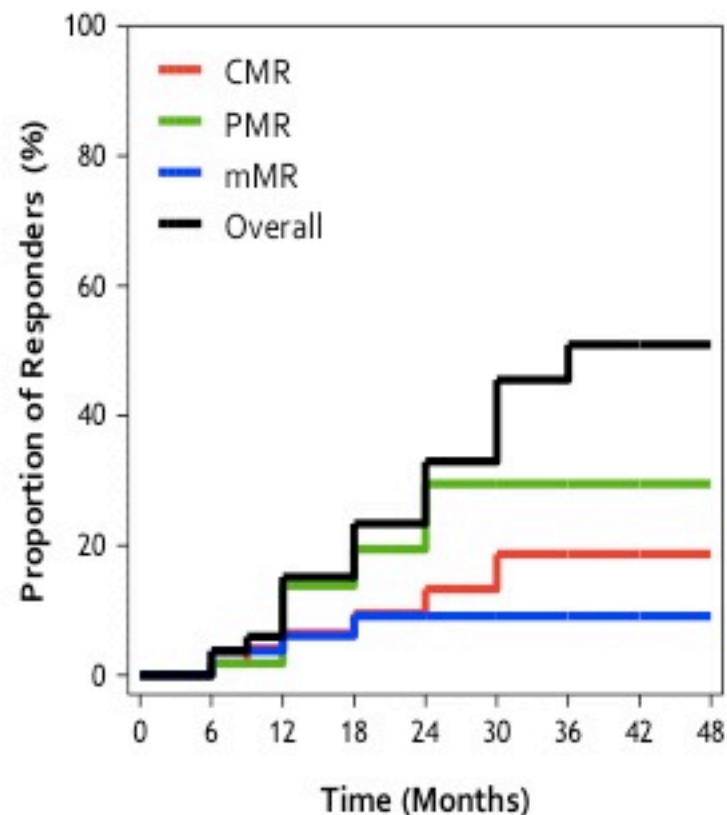
Patient Characteristics

	PV (n=43)	ET (n=40)
Median Age (range)	54 (24-78)	53 (19-75)
Months Dx to Study entry	50 (0-350)	34 (1-277)
No. JAK2 ^{V617F} + (%)	40 (93)	19 (48)
Median % JAK2 ^{V617F} allele	65	23
Abnormal Karyotype (%)	3 (7)	3 (7.5)
No. Prior Therapies (range)	1 (0-4)	2 (0-4)
Phlebotomy (%)	32 (74)	Not Applicable
Hydroxyurea (%)	20 (47)	28 (70)
Anagrelide (%)	9 (21)	22 (55)
IFN α (%)	9 (21)	6 (15)
Untreated (except phlebotomy in PV)	22 (51)	9 (23)

Cumulative Incidence of Response



Hematologic Response



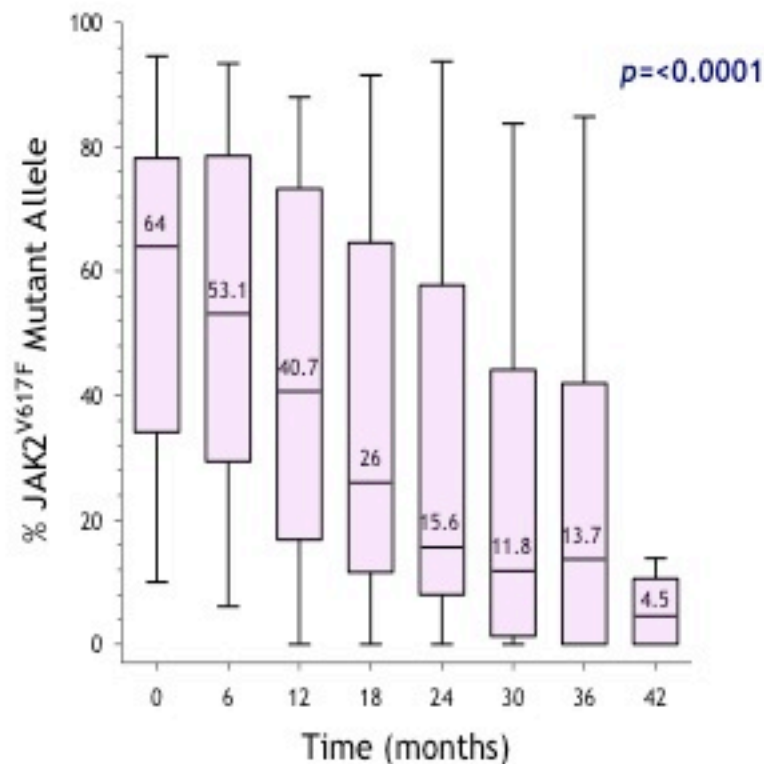
Molecular Response

Dynamics of Molecular Response

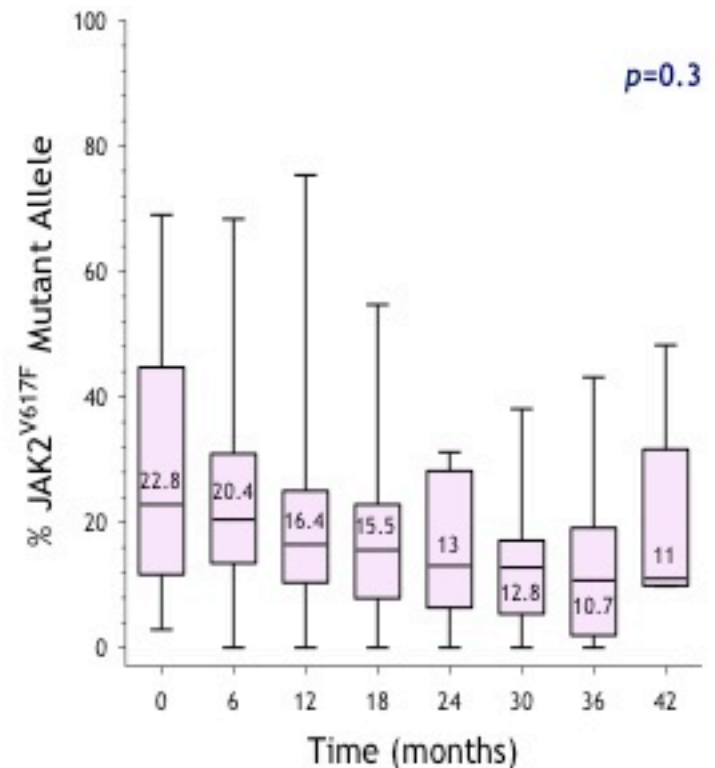
PV and ET Cohorts

No. Patients	42	32	30	28	26	19	18	8
CMR	0	0	1	2	4	4	5	4
PMR	0	3	8	10	10	8	7	4

No. Patients	19	13	14	13	12	10	8	5
CMR	0	1	2	2	2	1	2	0
PMR	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	2



PV



ET

Quintas-Cardama et. Al
. Blood 2010: a461

Myeloproliferative Disorders Research Consortium Trial Polycythemia Vera and Essential Thrombocythemia



MPD-RC 112 (NCT01259856 – clinicaltrials.gov)

Randomized Trial of *Pegylated* Interferon Alfa-2a versus Hydroxyurea Therapy in the Treatment of High Risk Polycythemia Vera (PV) and High Risk Essential Thrombocythemia (ET)

Registered & Randomized
High Risk ET and PV
(< 3 Months Prior Hydroxyurea)

PEG INF Alfa-2a

- Target dose 90 mcg/week
- Weekly Dosing
- ≥ 2 years of therapy in responders

HYDROXYUREA

- Titrated Dosing to Response
- Daily Dosing
- MPD-RC 111 in HYDROXYUREA Failures

ENDPOINTS

Primary: Complete response by ELN Criteria

Secondary: Partial response rate by ELN criteria, JAK2-V617F Allele Burden, Vascular Events, MPN Symptoms, Tolerability, Progression

Key Eligibility Criteria

- High risk PV or ET within 3 years from diagnosis
- No prior cytoreductive treatment (interferon or pegasys) other than hydroxyurea for up to 3 months (prior phlebotomy, aspirin, and/or anagrelide allowed)
- Age of 18 or older with relatively normal kidney and liver function
- No other serious medical problems

Questions contact MPD-RC (www.mpd-rc.org)

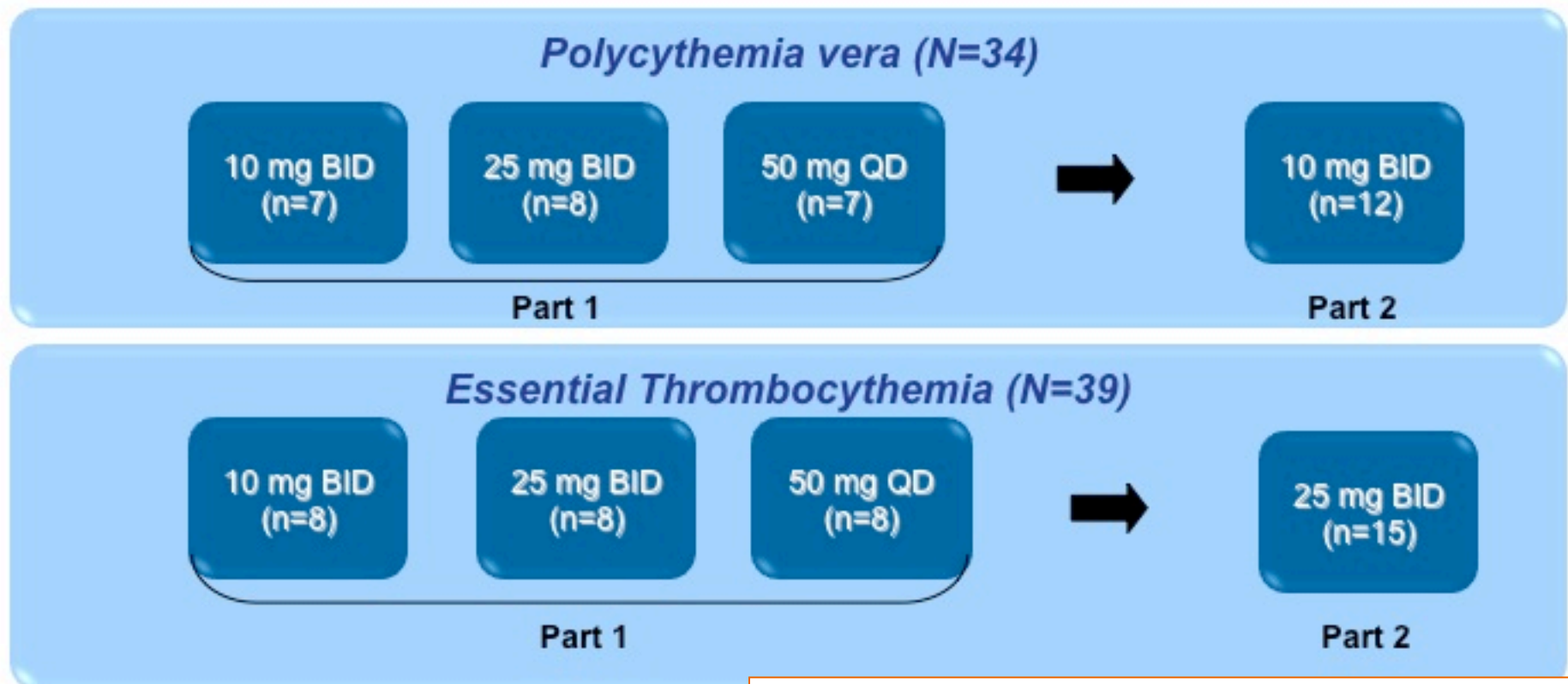
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Phase II Study of INCB 18424 in Patients with Advanced ET and PV

Eligibility Criteria:

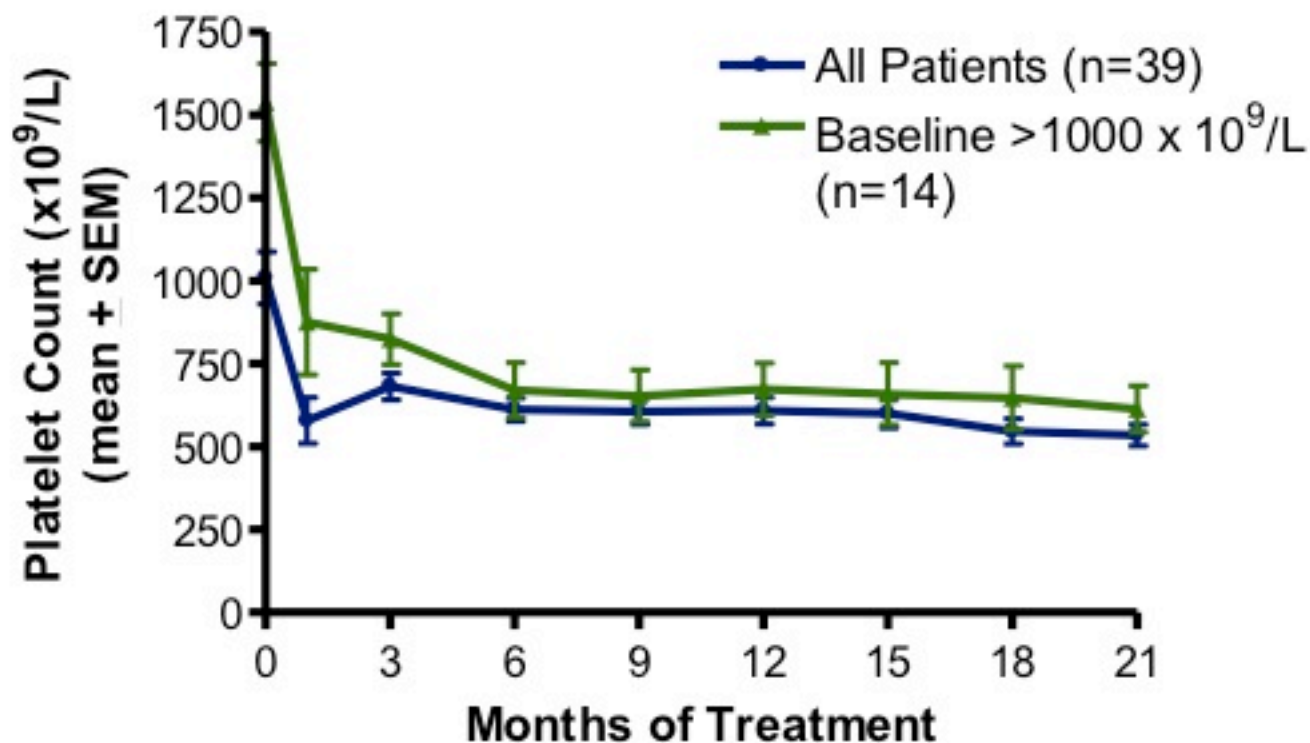
- Refractory or intolerant to hydroxyurea (HU) or HU contraindicated
- PV: Hct > 45% OR phlebotomy 2 times in last 6 months, with at least one phlebotomy in last 3 months
- ET: Platelets > 650 x 10⁹/L unless on therapy



Patient Characteristics

Characteristic (median)	ET (n = 39)	PV (n = 34)
Age, years	51	58
Female	64%	50%
Months from Diagnosis	88	115
Refractory to HU	87%	74%
No. Prior Therapies	1 (1-3)	1 (1-3)
Hct %	41.0	46.7
Platelets x10 ⁹ /L	849 (mean 1009)	76%
WBC x10 ⁹ /L	8.2	527
Splenomegaly Size, cm (range)	10% 5 (3-7)	13.2
JAK2 ^{V617F} positive	65%	74% 9 (1-21)
JAK2 ^{V617F} allele burden	16%	100%

Platelet Count Reduction in ET

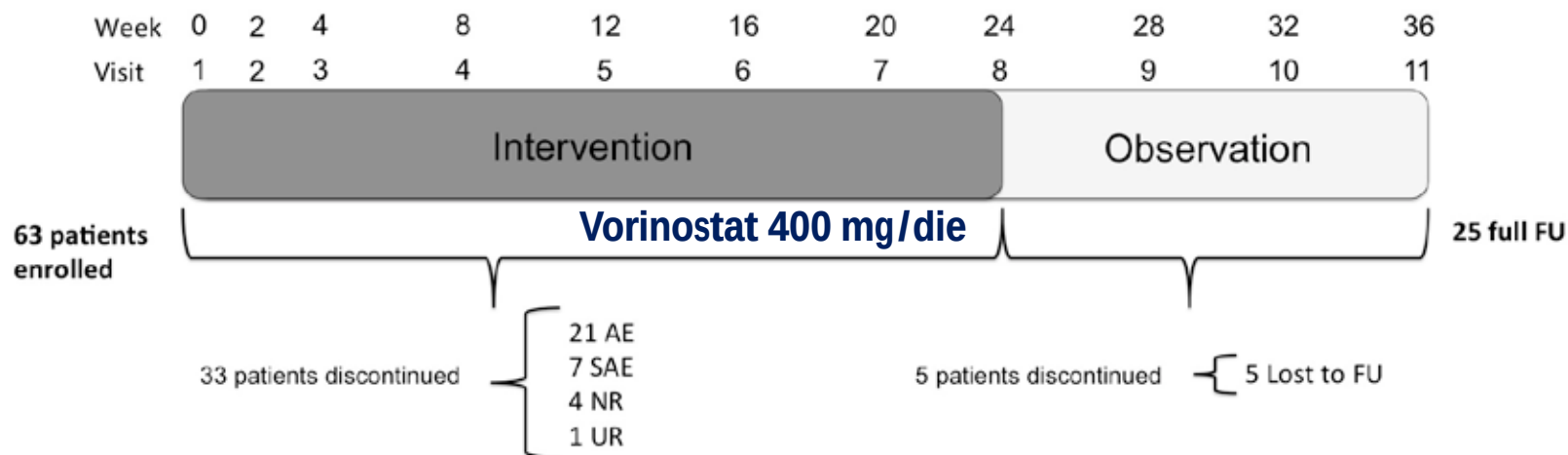


- 49% achieved normal platelet counts and 79% achieved <600,000 or a $\geq 50\%$ reduction as of last follow-up visit
- 13 of 14 subjects with baseline platelet counts >1,000,000 have achieved a greater than 50% reduction

Oral Session

A Phase II Study of Vorinostat (MK-0683) in Patients with Polycythemia Vera and Essential Thrombocythemia

Christen Lykkegaard Andersen, On Behalf of The COSMYD Group and The Nordic MPN Group (A803)



- **Vorinostat** inhibits enzymes (histone deacetylases) that regulate the transcription of genes in proteins
- Approved for some cutaneous lymphomas

RESULTS

- RESPONSES : 35% at the end of intervention phase, 9% at the end of observation phase
- No effect on the amount of JAK2V617F mutation
- High discontinuation rate with 52% during intervention phase due to side effects

----- à **at least at the dose employed, Vorinostat had minimal clinical activity and frequent side effects**

Oral Session

Imetelstat Rapidly Induces and Maintains Substantial Hematologic and Molecular Responses in Patients with Essential Thrombocythemia Who Are Refractory or Intolerant to Prior Therapy: Preliminary Phase II Results.

GM. Baerlocher, E Oppliger Leibundgut, C Ayran, M Blaney, B Burington, D Morfeld, O Odenike, O Ottman, A Reddy, A Roeth, G Spitzer, M J. Stuart, S Verstovsek, D S. Snyder

- Abnormally high levels of **telomerase**, an enzyme that acts on DNA, are expressed by neoplastic progenitor cells
- There is evidence that Imetelstat can reduce the growth of abnormal megakaryocyte progenitors in ET more selectively compared with control subjects
- **IMETELSTAT** is the first specific telomerase inhibitor in clinical development

Proposed Algorithm of Therapy of ET in 2015

Assess Symptom Quartile by MPN 10

Q1:TSS <8
Q2:TSS 8-17
Q3:TSS 18-31
Q4:TSS ≥32

Diagnosis of ET

Assess MPN Risk Score (Table 1) &
Assess MPN Symptoms (MPN 10)
Control of Hematocrit (<45%)
Low dose aspirin in appropriate patients

JAK2 Inhibitor (Experimental Indication)

- Ruxolitinib (Jakifi/ Jakivi)
- Other Clinical Trial JAK2 Inhib

Decide on need for concurrent cytoreduction based on Risk and Symptoms

NO

Monitor for symptom
burden, vascular events,
progression

Worsening symptom burden
Vascular event, progression
Phlebotomy intolerance

YES

Front Line Cytoreduction
HU, or HU vs INF Clinical Trial

Worsening symptom burden
Vascular event, progression
HU Resistance/ Intolerance

**Consider JAK2 Inhibitor (Trial) or
INF (Trial)/HU** if not previously received

ET in 2015

- ET is also a heterogeneous MPN
- Amongst those with JAK2 mutations an overlapping phenotype with PV exists
- Management begins with anti-platelet therapy
- HU, anagrelide, and even interferon all have a role
- JAK inhibition for control of thrombocytosis, as single agent, not yet established