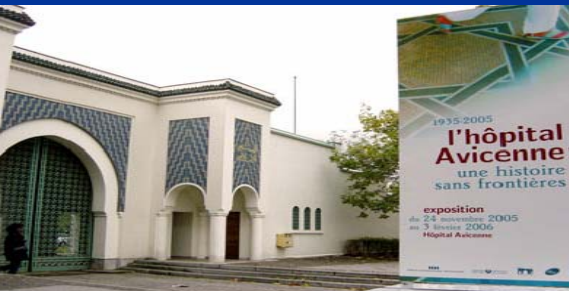


Tratamiento de las LPA en 2008

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- Preguntas actuales sobre el tratamiento de primera línea de las LPA
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Etiology of APL

- 10% of AML
- Incidence depending on ethnic (or environmental ?) factors
- More and more often therapy related (especially after breast carcinoma treated with topo II inhibitors)

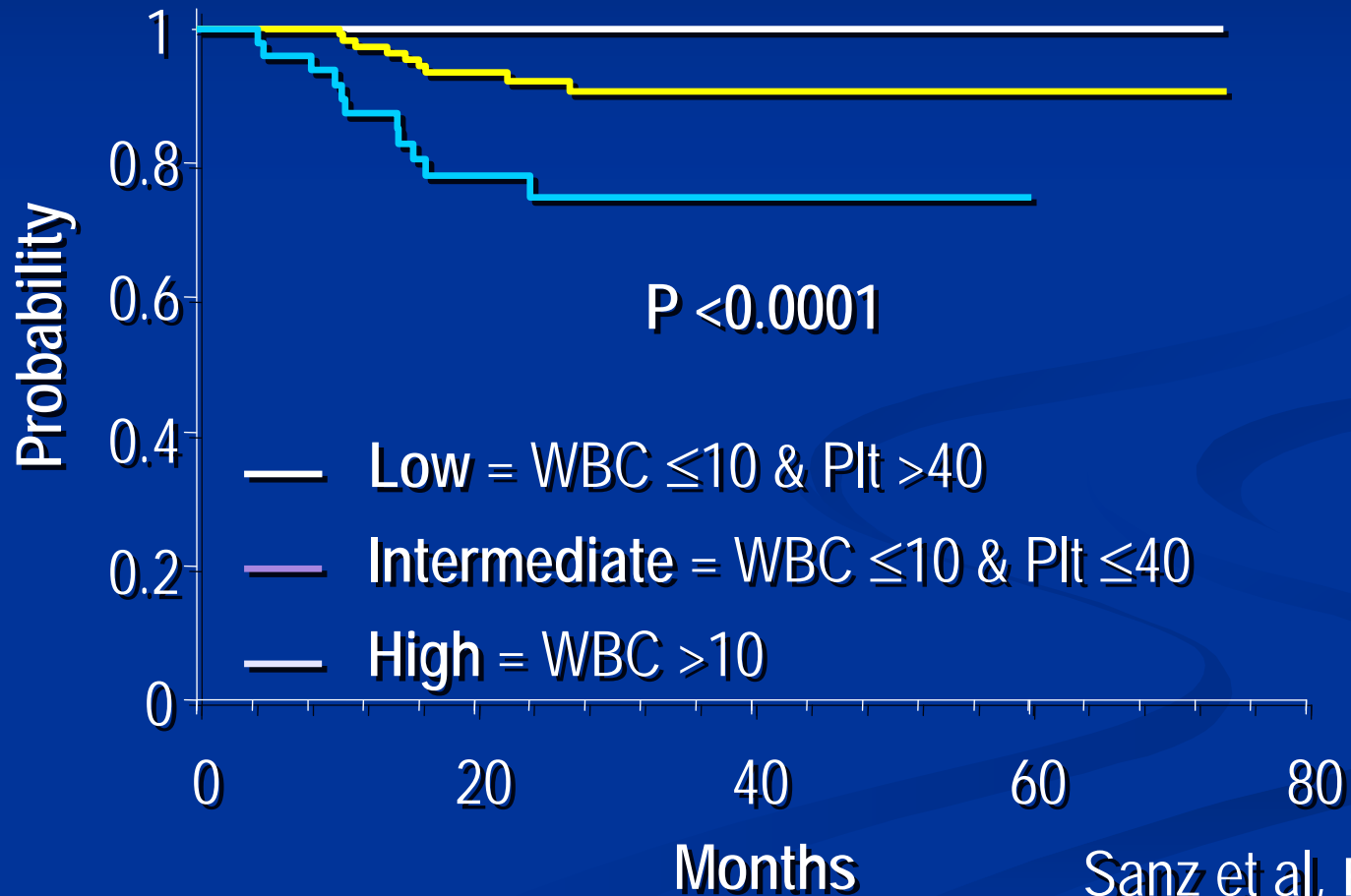
APL characteristics

- Morphology: M3, M3v
- Cytogenetics: t(15;17) (t(11;17), t(5;17) very rare)
complex or variant translocations
- molecular biology: PML-RAR (bcr1 > bcr2 > bcr3)
others (PLZF-RAR, etc very rare)
- Coagulopathy: Diffuse Intravascular
Coagulation(DIC)+fibrinolysis

Prognostic factors in APL

- $WBC > 10000/mm^3$ (Sanz score)
- RT-PCR analysis after consolidation treatment
(but depends on sensitivity of the assay used)
- other factors (M3v, bcr breakpoint, FLT3 ID....:generally redundant with WBC count)

Sanz's score for relapse



Sanz et al, Blood
2000

Treatment of APL

APL sensitive to

- Anthracycline+/- AraC chemotherapy
- ATRA
- Arsenic derivatives
- Gentuzumab ozogamycin

Treatment of APL before the ATRA era: chemotherapy alone

With optimal chemotherapy and treatment of DIC:

- 80% CR rate
- 50% relapses
- almost 40 % cure

ATRA followed by anthracycline based chemotherapy (APL 91 trial)

ATRA : 45 mg/m²/d until CR

chemotherapy : DNR 60 mg/m²/d d₁₋₃

AraC 200 mg/m²/d d₁₋₇

APL 91: CONSOLIDATION TREATMENT

AraC 200 mg/m²/d d₁₋₇

DNR 60 mg/m²/d d₁₋₃ →

AraC 1g/m²/12h d₁₋₄

DNR 45 mg/m²/d d₁₋₃

patients ≤ 65 years

patients 66-75 years

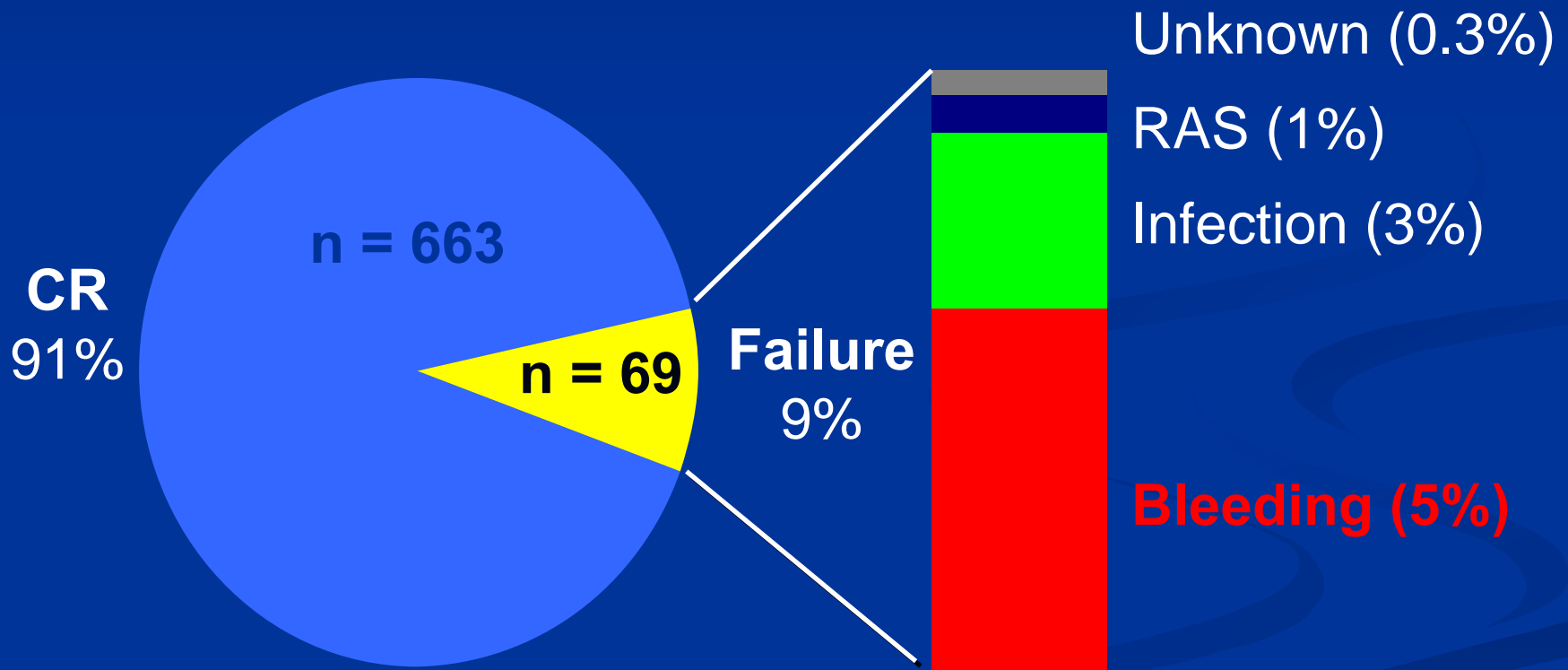
ATRA followed by anthracycline based chemotherapy (APL 91 trial)

- >90 % CR rate
- 25% relapse (decrease in early relapses)
- Almost 65% cure

- However:
 - Almost 10% absence of CR
 - Still 25% relapses
 - intensive treatment

PETHEMA LPA96 & LPA99 Studies

Induction Response and Causes of Failure



APL 93:DEATHS IN CR

AGE

INCIDENCE

<55

4%

>65

20%

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APL 93:INDUCTION TREATMENT

WBC \leq 5000/mm³ and age \leq 65:



ATRA : 45 mg/m²/d until CR

**chemotherapy : daunorubicin (DNR) 60 mg/m²/d d₁₋₃
AraC 200 mg/m²/d d₁₋₇**

Patients randomized for induction

	ATRA→CT	ATRA+CT	p
n	122	185	
CR (%)	93	96	0.12
Relapse at 5 years (%)	19	12	0.04
EFS at 5 years (%)	66	77	0.01
Survival at 5 years (%)	77	84	0.29

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ATRA syndrome or « leukocyte activation » syndrome (can occur after arsenic)

- 10-20% patients
- Fever
- Pleural +/- pericardial effusion
- Pulmonary infiltrates
- Weight gain
- Cardiac failure
- Renal failure
- Generally preceded by increasing WBC counts

Prophylaxis and treatment of ATRA syndrome

1) **Treatment** :high dose DXM (10mg/12H)

2) **Prophylaxis**

increasing WBC:

- Add chemotherapy+ DXM?
- Add high dose DXM only?

Incidence of ATRA syndrome according to initial randomization

(age < 66 and WBC < 5,000) (De Botton, Leukemia, 2002)

	No ATRA Sd	ATRA Sd	
ATRA CT *	100 (82%)	22 (18%)	p = .026
ATRA + CT	167 (91%)	17 (9%)	

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PETHEMA LPA96

PETHEMA LPA99

INDUCTION

AIDA

Nov/96 - Oct/99

Nov/99 - Present

CONSOLIDATION

**CONSOLIDATION
Risk-Adapted**

All patients

- #1 IDA 5 mg/m²/d (1-4)
- #2 MTZ 10 mg/m²/d (1-5)
- #3 IDA 12 mg/m²/d (1)

Low-risk

- #1 IDA 5 mg/m²/d (1-4)
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- #3 IDA 12 mg/m²/d (1)

Intermediate- and high-risk

- #1 IDA 7 mg/m²/d (1-4) + ATRA (1-15)
- #2 MTZ 10 mg/m²/d (1-5) + ATRA (1-15)
- #3 IDA 12 mg/m²/d (1-2) + ATRA (1-15)

**Median follow up
70 mo.**

MAINTENANCE

**Median follow up
30 mo.**

MTX + 6-MP + ATRA

PETHEMA LPA96

PETHEMA LPA99

INDUCTION



AIDA

	LPA96 n = 174	LPA99 n = 441	TOTAL n = 615
CR (%)	156 (90)	403 (91)	559 (91)
Induction failure	18 (10)	38 (9)	56 (9)
<i>Early death</i>	15	37	52
<i>Resistance</i>	3	1	4

LPA96 & LPA99 Trials

Clinical and molecular relapse

	LPA96 N=156	LPA99 N=403
Molecular persistence	5	2
Molecular relapse	7	6
Clinical relapse*	16	13
	P = 0.03	
	28	21
CNS relapse	5 (5 to 49 mo)	4 (8 to 28 mo)

LPA96 & LPA99 Trials

Deaths in CR

	LPA96 N=156	LPA99 N=403
Before consolidation	0	1 (81 yrs)
During consolidation	2 (50, 54 yrs)	4 (58, 64, 69, 72 yrs)
After consolidation	1 (73 yrs)	3 (33, 78, 81 yrs)
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APL 2000 trial (Ades, JCO, 2006)

Patients aged <60 with $WBC < 10000/mm^3$:

Reference arm (APL 93): **ATRA+DNR+
AraC+ combined maintenance (ARA C+)**

VS

same without AraC (**ARA C -**)

Chemotherapy: AraC + vs AraC-

	n	CR rate	Leukemic resistance	2 yr cum relapse	2 yr EFS	2 yr OS
NO ARAC -	87	94%	2	11.9%	83.4%	89.9%
ARAC +	80	98%	0	3.8%	93.6%	97.4%
P value		NS		0.021	0.019	0.085

**TREATMENT OF NEWLY DIAGNOSED APL :
A COMPARISON BETWEEN FRENCH -BELGIAN-SWISS
(APL group) AND SPANISH APPROACHES
(Blood , 2007)**

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For the European APL group and Spanish PETHEMA group

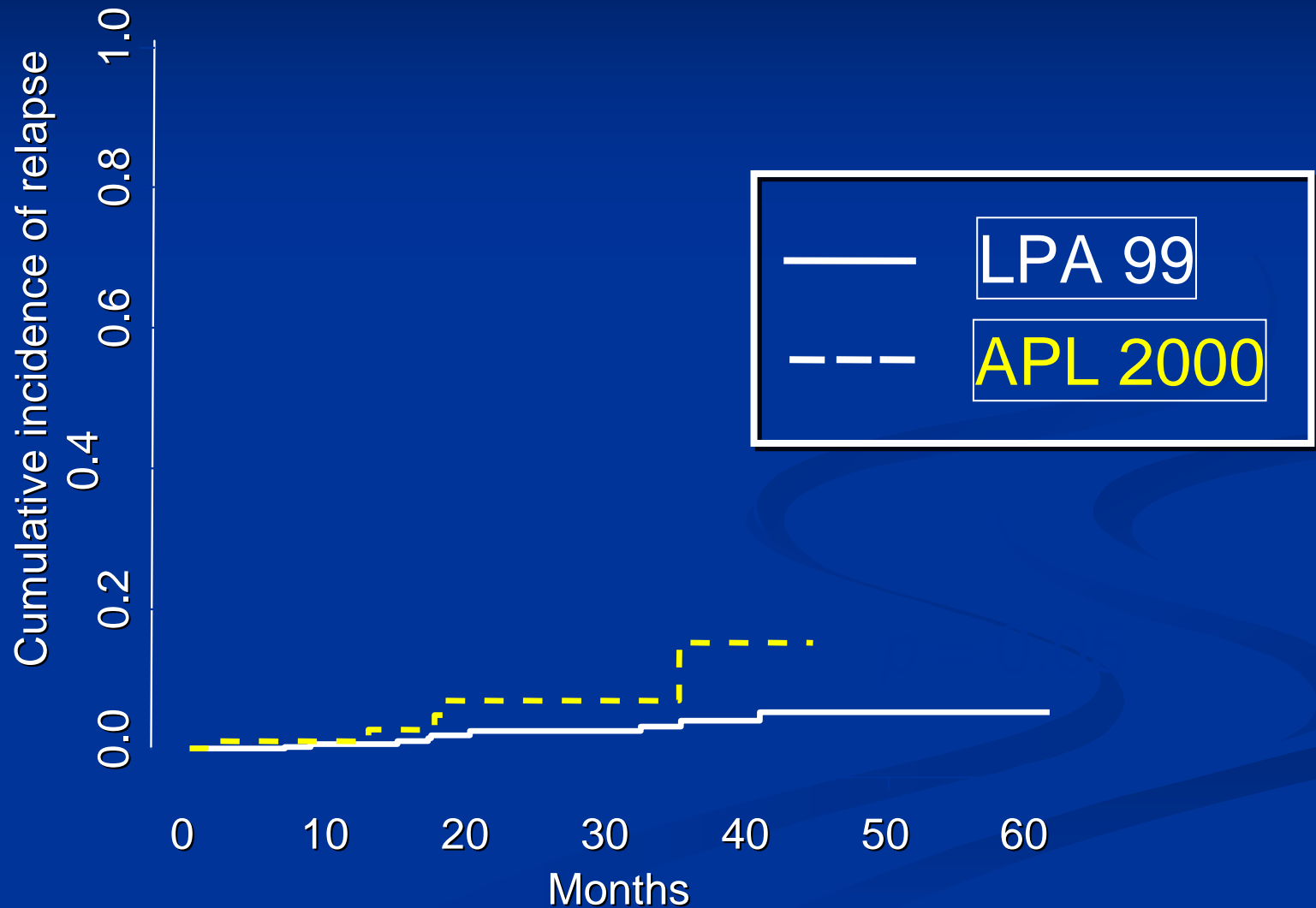
COMPARISON BETWEEN APL2000 & LPA 99

low and intermediate risk groups (WBC < 10000/mm³)

	LPA 99	APL2000	<i>p</i>
n	308	96	
CR rate	96%	99%	0.2
Cumulative incidence of Relapse	2.5%	6.9%	0.05
2-year EFS	93%	91%	0.51
2-year OS	95%	97%	0.41

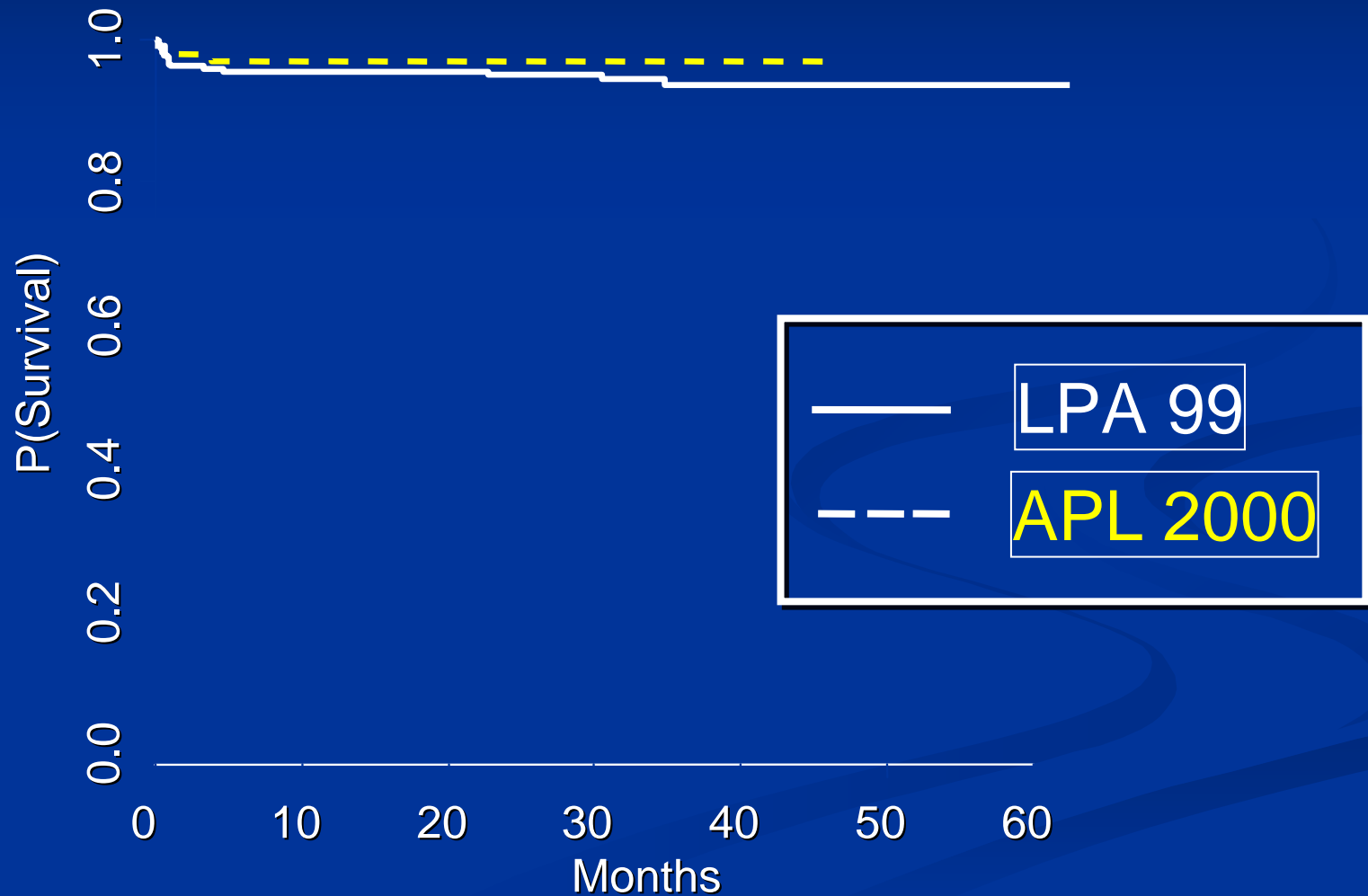
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Low and Intermediate risk group



Overall Survival

Low and Intermediate risk group



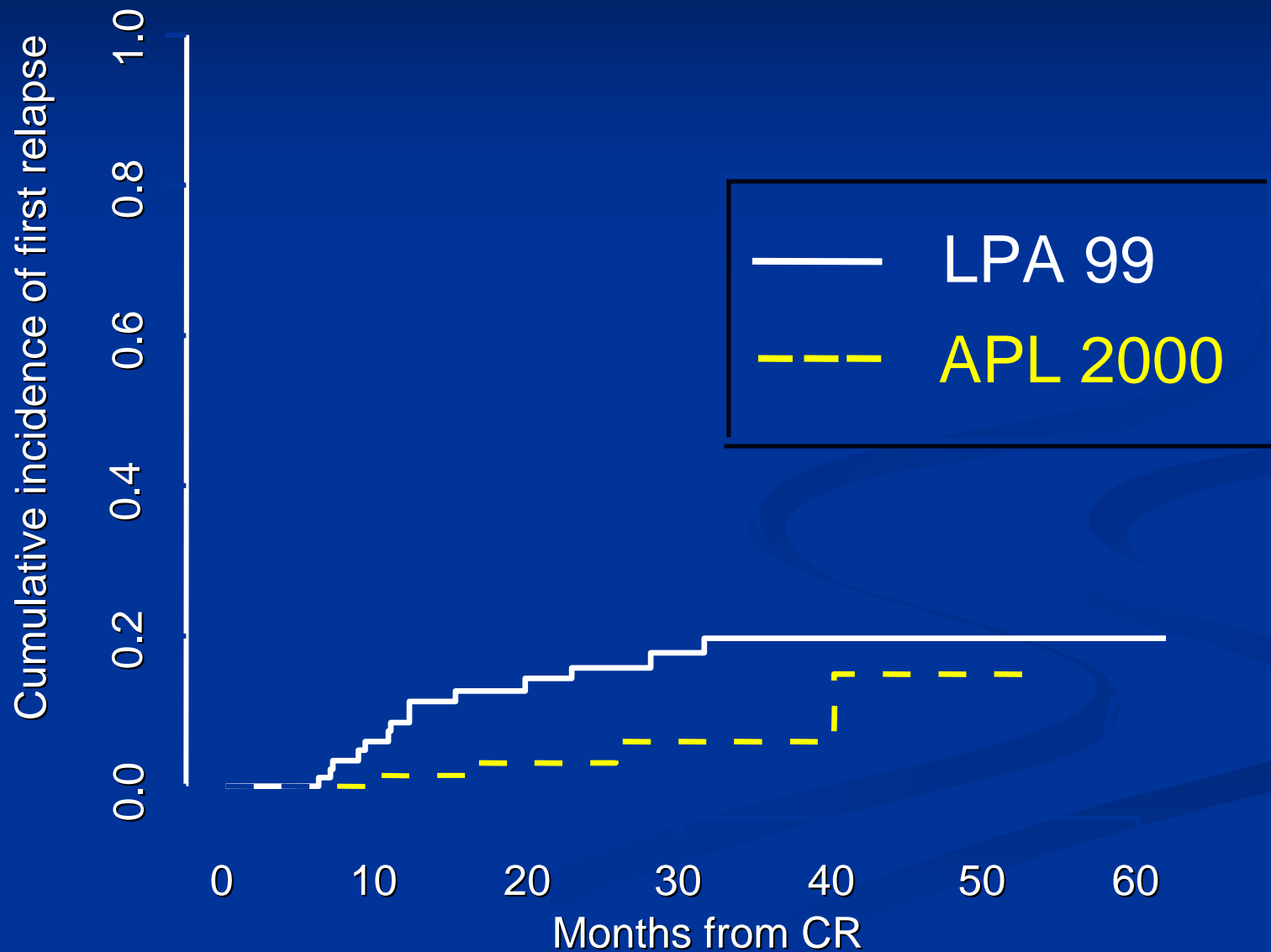
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High risk group (WBC > 10000/mm³)

	LPA 99	APL2000	<i>p</i>
No patients	104	83	
CR	84	95	0.02
Cumulative incidence of Relapse	16%	3.3%	0.04
2-year DFS	69.2%	88%	0.01
2-year OS	82.4%	91%	0.05

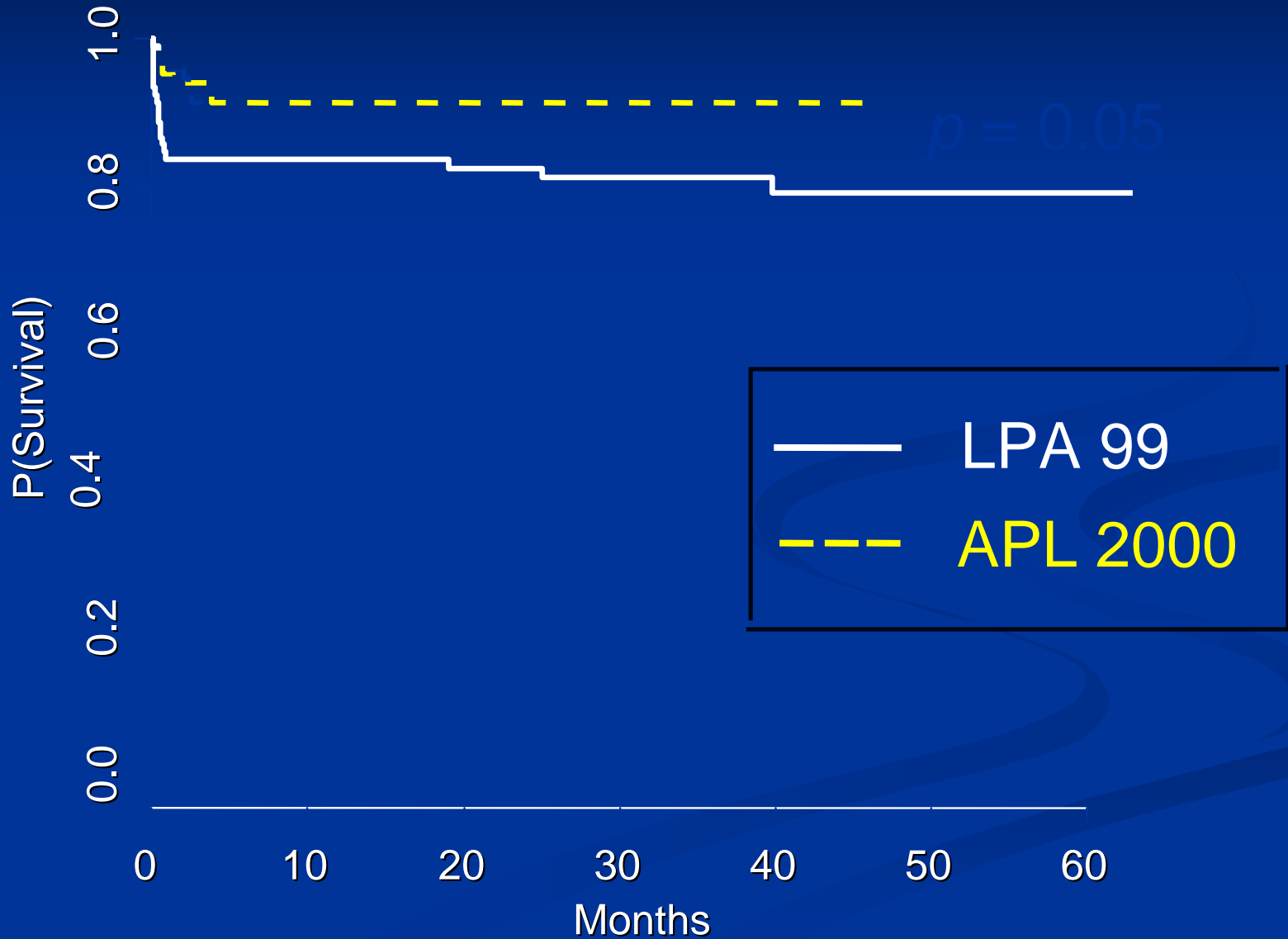
Cumulative incidence of relapse

High risk group



Overall Survival

High risk group



Conclusion (I)

- In patients with $WBC < 10.000/mm^3$, the current PETHEMA approach appears to yield even fewer relapses than a classical ATRA + DNR + AraC regimen, while being less myelosuppressive.
- **Reasons:**
 - Anthracyclines used ?
 - IDA and MTZ instead of DNR
 - Higher cumulative dose of anthracyclines ?
 - Consolidation ATRA for intermediate risk pts?

Conclusion (II)

- In patients with high WBC counts, APL 2000 results yielded better EFS and survival and fewer relapses suggesting a beneficial role for AraC in this subset of patients.
- **(or of other treatments like ATO)**

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Treatment of coagulopathy

- Intensive platelet support (maintain $\text{plts} > 50000 / \text{mm}^3$)
- Other measures (heparin, antifibrinolytic agents, fibrinogen)?

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Extramedullary relapses: European and Pethema group experience (De Botton, Leukemia, 2003)

- 806 pts included in APL91 , APL93 , PETHEMA 96 trial
- 738 (92%) CR . 174 relapses
- 14 EMD relapses =
8% of the relapses

- EM site : CNS (n=10), skin (n=3), orbital (n=1)
- Associated bone marrow (BM) relapse (n=9)

Patients with EM relapse characterized, by

- **younger age** ($p=.03$)
- **higher WBC counts** ($p=.007$)
- **No high dose AraC** ($p=0.03$)

Outcome of EMD relapses

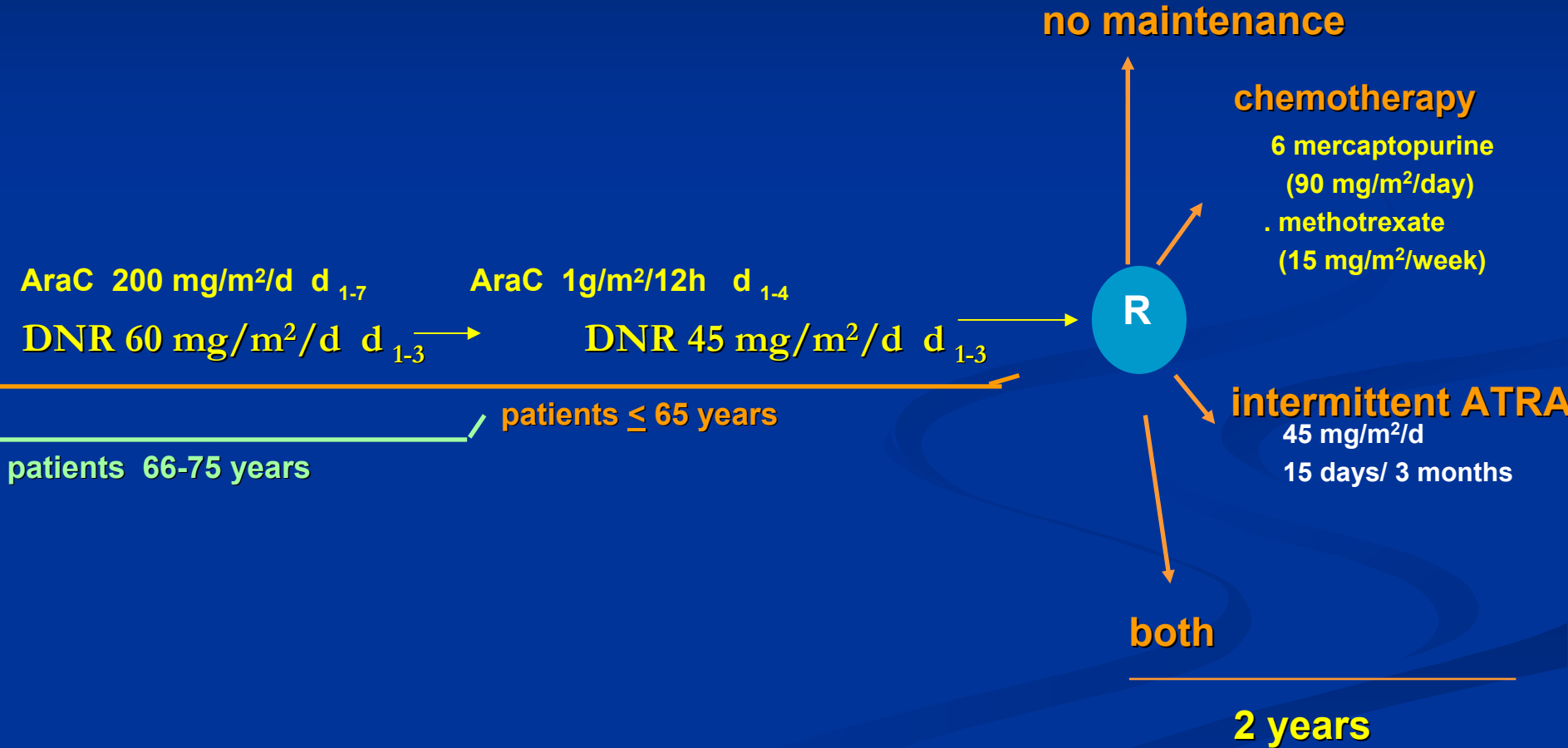
- 4 (29%) pts still alive after 41+ to 53+ months.
- Median survival from EMD 13 months,

Supports CNS treatment in pts with
high WBC counts(>10000)
-intrathecal MTX+ AraC
-high dose AraC?

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APL 93: MAINTENANCE TREATMENT

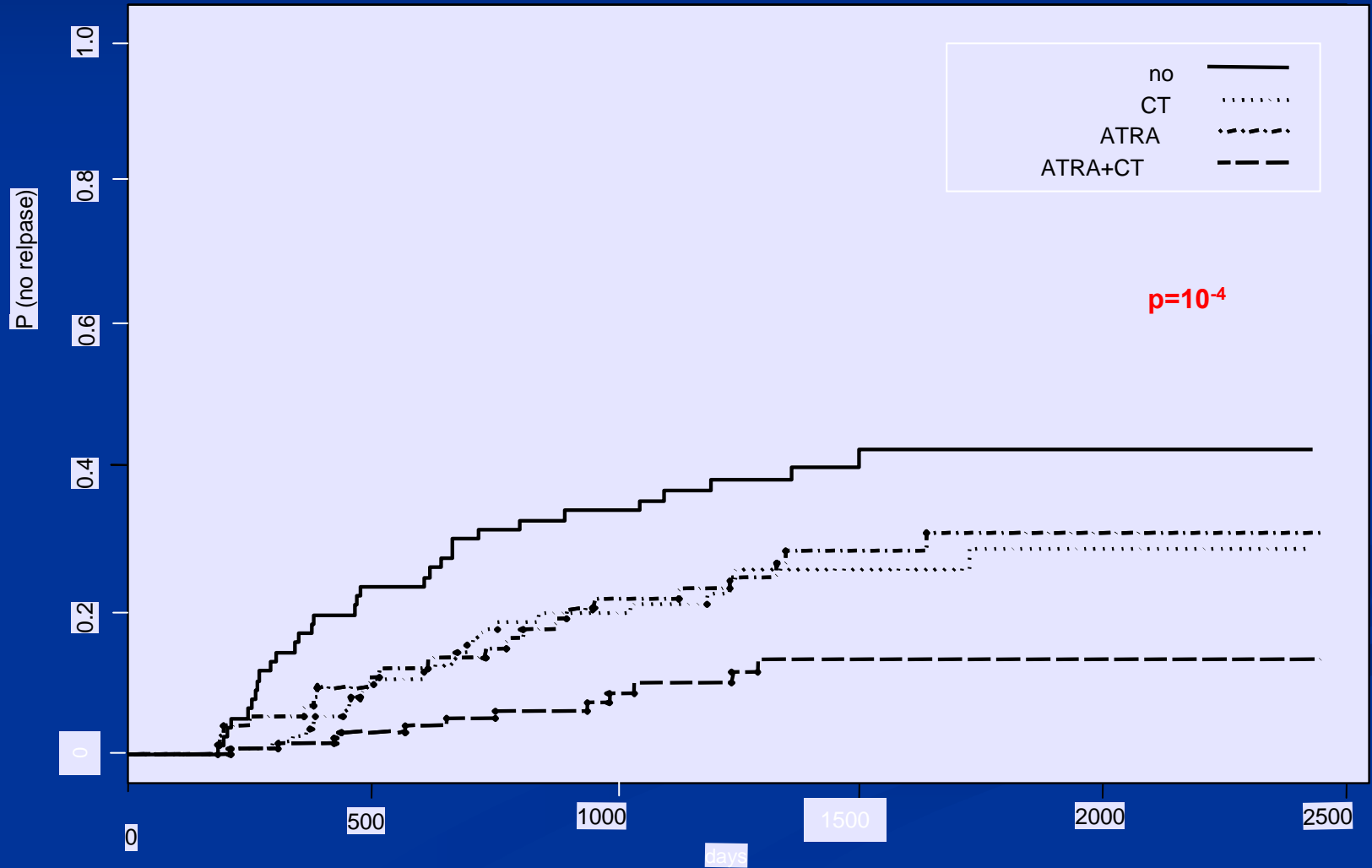


Time to relapse according to maintenance

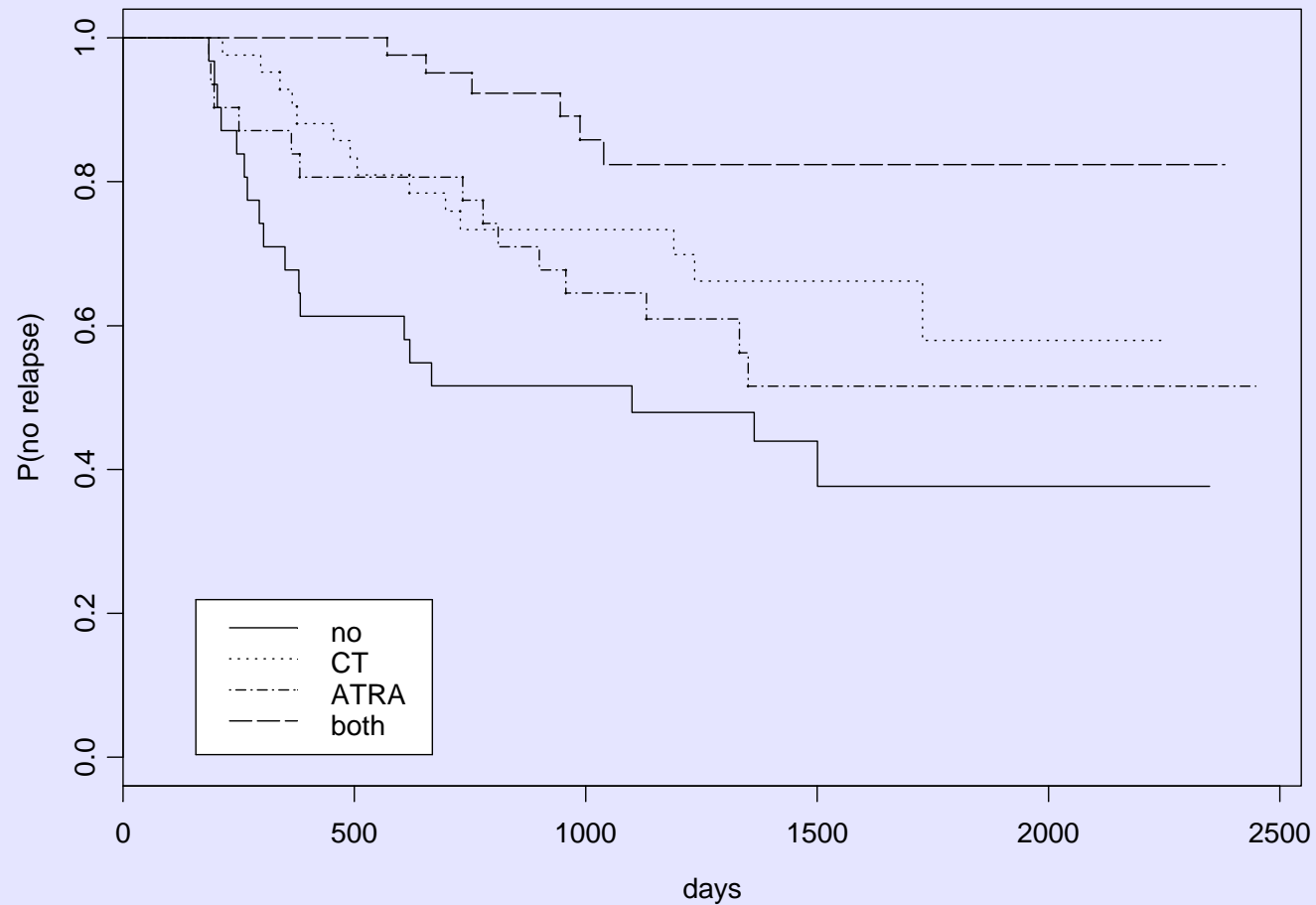
	No CT	CT	
n	155	246	
N. of relapses	57	47	
relapses at 5 years	37%	21%	p=10⁻⁴

	No ATRA	ATRA	
n	205	196	
N. of relapses	61	43	
relapses at 5 years	34%	21%	p=10⁻⁴

Time to relapse according to second randomization



Time to relapse according to second randomization
in patients with WBC counts $>5000/\text{mm}^3$



Duration of maintenance treatment (APL 93 trial):

**46 patients < 1 year (due
to side effects): 21/46
(45%) relapses**

**313 patients > 1 year:
49/313 (16%) relapses**

 **Maintenance discontinuation <1 year may be deleterious**

SIDE EFFECTS OF MAINTENANCE TREATMENT

. Increased Liver enzymes :

- ATRA	7%
- CT	35%
- ATRA+CT	34%

- Cytopenias with CT usual
- Pneumocystis pneumonia 3

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Allo SCT in first CR

: very rarely indicated

- For patients remaining RT-PCR positive after consolidation treatment? NO: arsenicos
- For patients with VERY high WBC counts (eg >50000/mm³) NO

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USA intergroup APL trial

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TWO CYCLES OF:
As₂O₃ 0.15 mg/kg/d
5 days/wk for 5 wks
Cycle 2 after 2 wk
rest

TWO CYCLES OF:
ATRA 45 mg/m²
PO d1-7
Daunorubicin
(same doses)
x 3 days, age ≥ 15 yr
x 2 days, age < 15 yr

Induction Therapy

Consolidation Therapy

USA intergroup APL trial– Event Free Survival at 3 Years

As_2O_3 81%

No As_2O_3 66%

$p^*=0.0007$

*Kaplan-Meier

USA intergroup APL trial

Survival at 3 Years

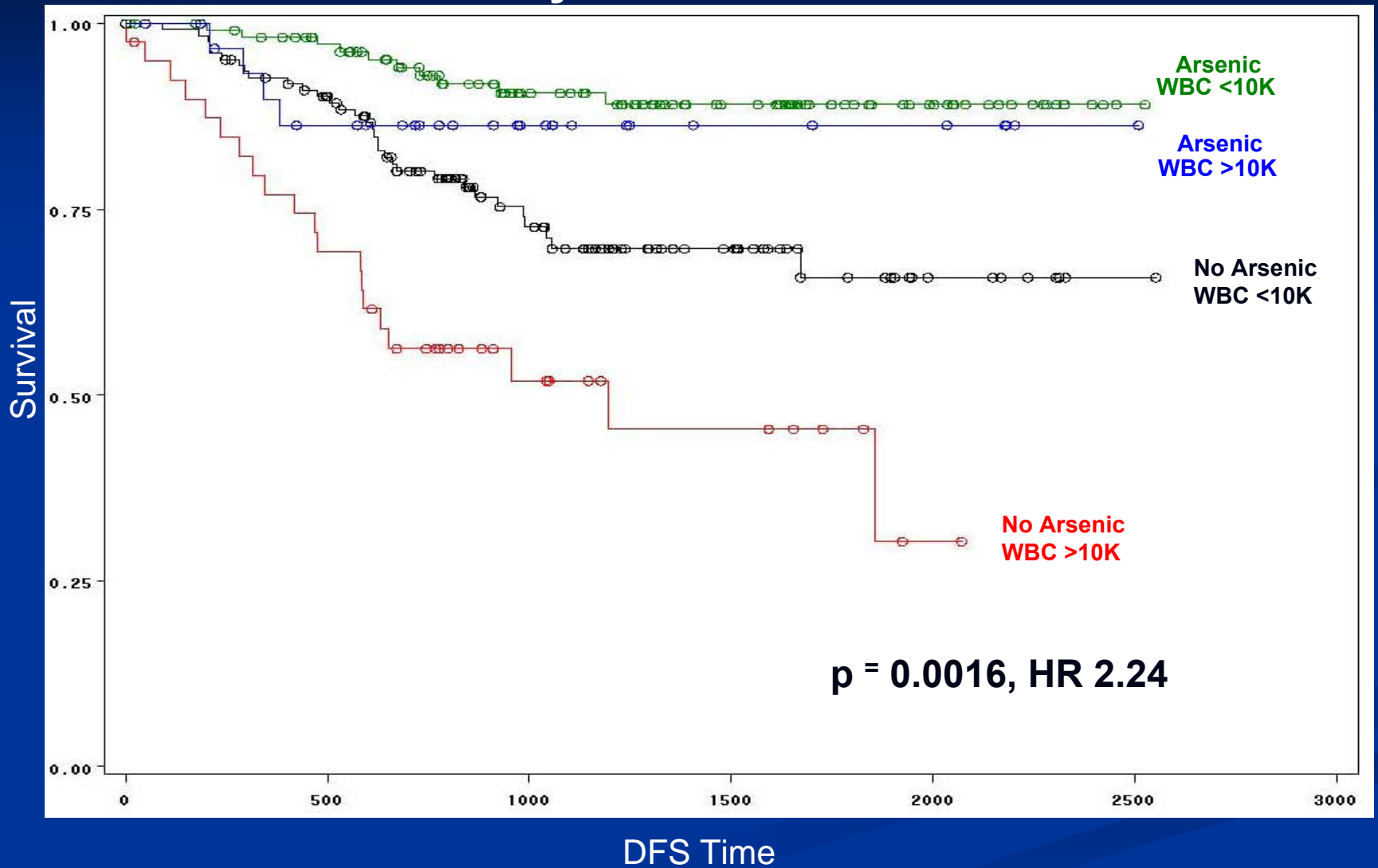
As_2O_3 86%

No As_2O_3 79%

$p^* = 0.063$

*Kaplan-Meier

DFS By Treatment and WBC



Induction treatment of APL with ATRA and ATO (Shen,PNAS,2004,101,5328)

- **ATRA vs ATO vs ATO+ATRA followed by 9 cycles of chemotherapy** (3 DNR-AraC, 3 AraC, 3 homoharringtonine-AraC)
- 61 pts; similar CR rates
- **0/20 relapses in the combined arm, vs 7/37 with monotherapy ($p < 0.05$)**

Treatment of newly diagnosed APL with ATO alone (Ghavamzabeh, Ann Oncol, 2006, 17, 131)

- ATO 0.15 mg/kg/d until CR , then one consolidation course of 28 days
- 111 pts. 95 (85.6 %) CR
- Treatment Complications:
 - Leukocyte activation syndrome (10 cases,4 fatal)
- 2 year DFS 63.7%

Treatment of newly diagnosed APL with ATO alone (Mathews, Blood, 2006, 107, 2627)

- ATO 0.15 mg/kg/d until CR , then one consolidation course of 28 days, then 10 days/month during 6 months
- 72 pts. 86% CR
- HY added in 53 pts, anthr in 8 pts
- 3 year DFS 87 %

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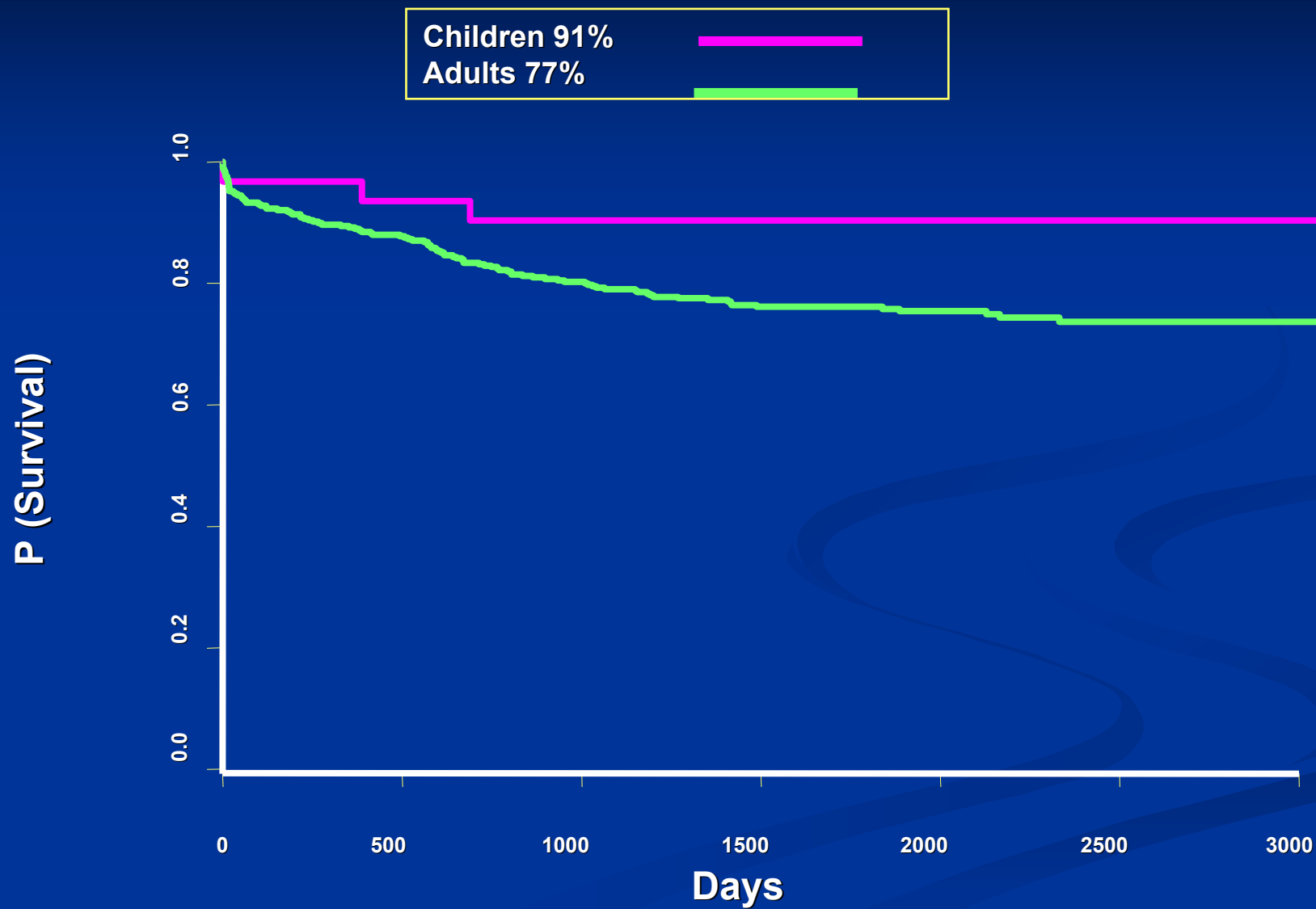
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APL in children

(De Botton, JCO, 2004)

- 10% of APL
- Often high WBC counts
- More relapses with ATRA+ chemo than in adults
- **Concerns about:**
 - Initial doses of ATRA (25 mg/m²)
 - High cumulative doses of anthracyclines

5-year OS



APL in the elderly

(Ades, Leukemia, 2006)

- 20% of APL aged >60

- CR rate (APL 93)

< 60	94 %
> 60	86 %
> 70	85 %

} difference due to
early death
rate

APL in the elderly (2)

- Relapse at 4 years
 - 26 % in pts < 60
 - 20 % in pts > 60
 - Survival at 4 years
 - 79 % in pts < 60
 - 55 % in pts > 60
- due to deaths in CR

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Outcome of APL with very high WBC count

(C Kelaidi, ASH 2007)

- **High** WBC count: $> 10000/\text{mm}^3$
- **Very High** WBC counts $> 50000/\text{mm}^3$

Outcome of APL with high WBC count (APL 93)

	WBC<10	10-50	>50	P value
CR rate	94%	90%	82%	0.07
ED rate	6%	10%	18%	0.02
5 y CIR	18%	40%	59%	<0.0001
5y OS	77%	68%	36%	<0.0001

Outcome of APL with high WBC count (APL 2000)

	WBC<10	10-50	>50	P value
CR rate	95%	93%	92%	0.35
ED rate	5%	7%	8%	0.47
3 y CIR	11%	13%	24%	0.15
3 y OS	91%	88%	86%	0.25

Improvement of APL with high and very high WBC count

■ For CR rate

- Intensive platelet support
- High dose steroids ?

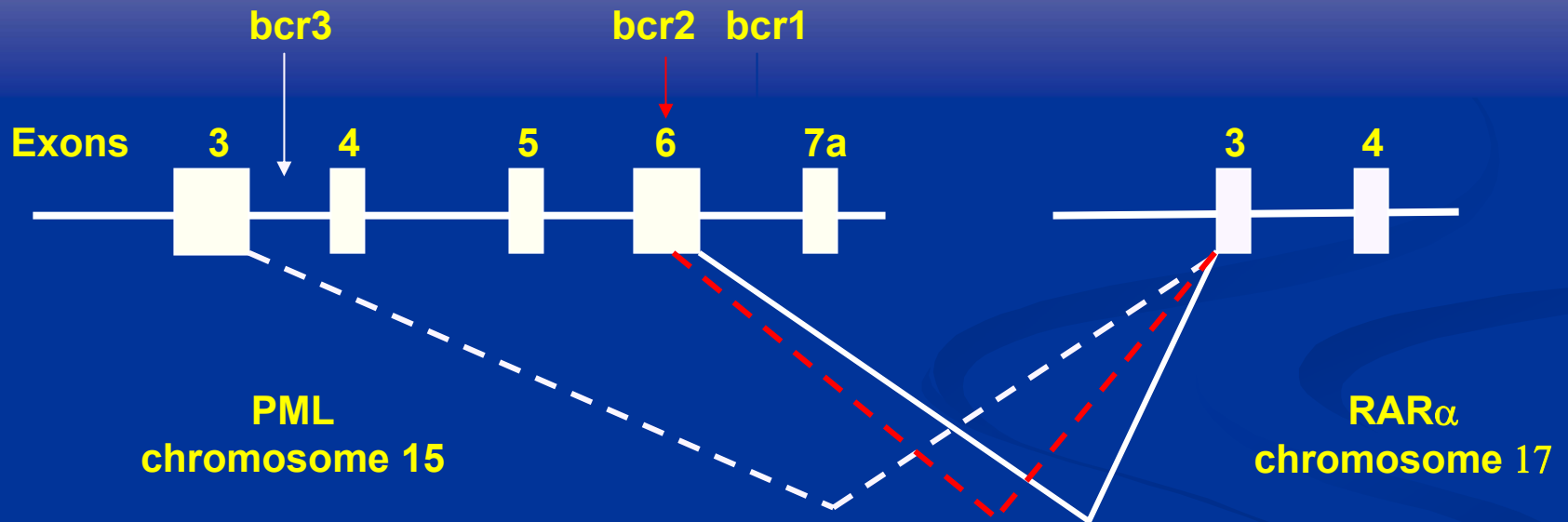
■ For relapse

- Combined maintenance treatment

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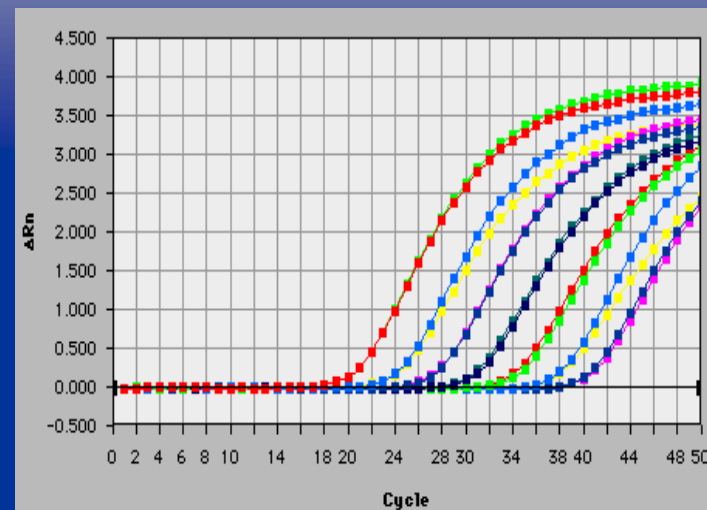
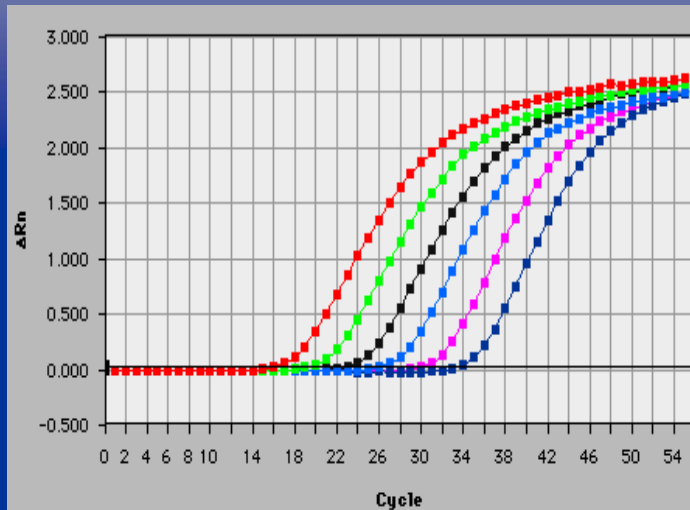
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- **papel de la RT-PCR cuantitativa**

PML-RAR α RQ-PCR Protocol (B Cassinat)



APL: 3 transcripts (bcr1, 2, 3)

RQ-PCR Protocol



- standards: plasmids
- reference gene: PBGD
- results: $PML-RAR\alpha$ copy number / 104 PBGD copy number

RQ -PCR follow up (**B Cassinat**)

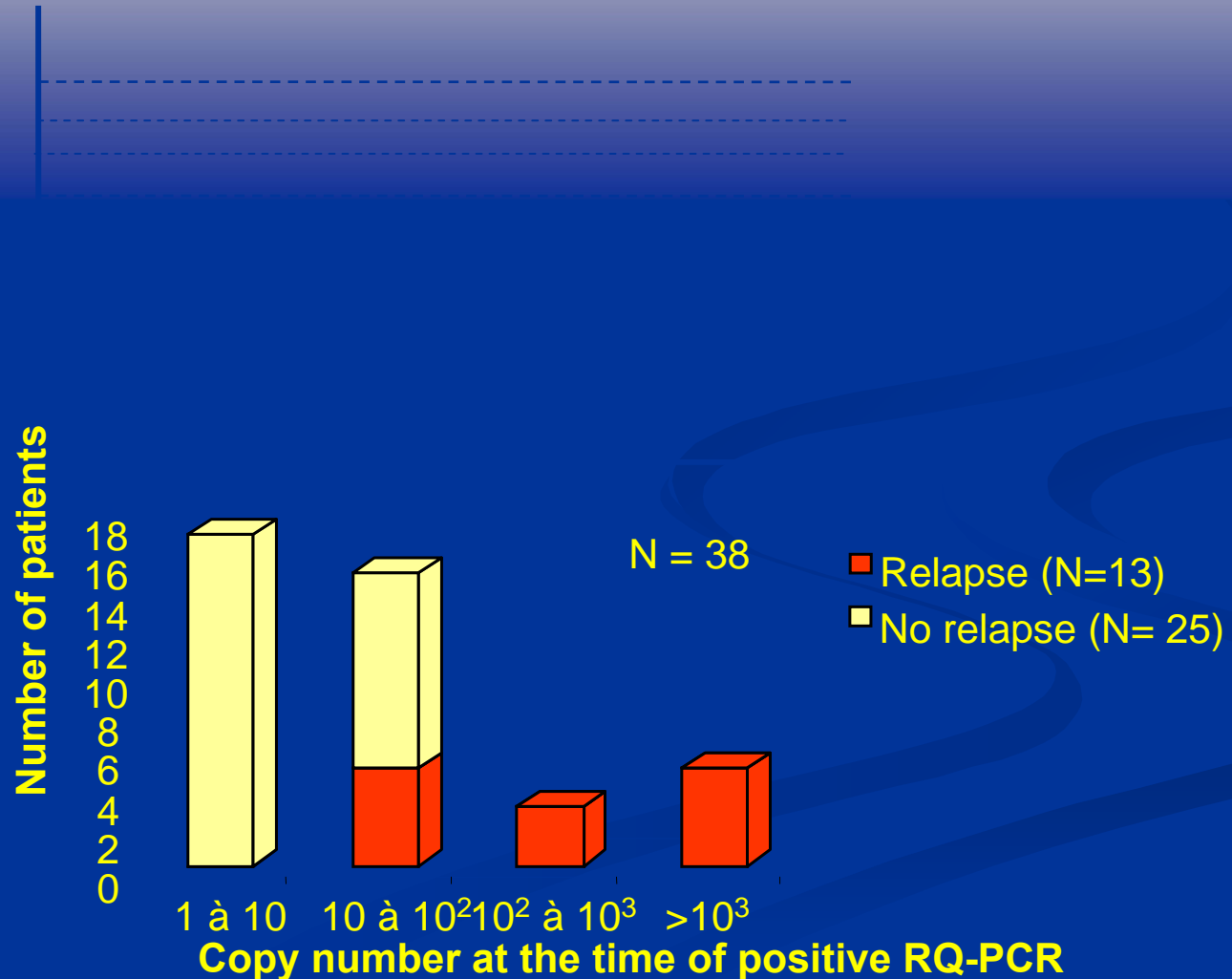
260 APL patients followed during 4 years

- Median follow up: 25 months (1 to 83 months)
Median 6 samples/patient

38 patients positive at least once after negative samples

- 13 relapsed after 1 to 9 months
- 25 had not relapsed after > 12 months

Prognosis of APL patients according to level of RQ-PCR positivity



Tratamiento de las LPA

- Fundamentos
- Preguntas actuales sobre el tratamiento de primera línea de las LPA
- **Tratamiento de las recaídas**

■ TREATMENT OF RELAPSING APL WITHOUT As2O3 (European APL group experience)

(De Botton, JCO, 2005)

■ 564 patients <66 years in APL 91 and APL 93 trials :525 (93%) achieved CR.

■ **122 /140 (87%) relapsing patients achieved CR2**

ATRA:8

ATO:4

Chemotherapy(CT):24

ATRA+CT:98

. 47 pts received no auto or allograft: 3 year EFS of 36%

APL in CR2:Allo and auto SCT

(De Botton,JCO,2005)

	Auto SCT		Allo SCT	
		APL Study Group** (Europe)		APL Study Group** (Europe)
No. Pts		50		25
Relapse		21% (7 yrs)		8%
DFS		79%₀(7 yrs.)		52%
OS		60%₀(7 yrs.)		52%
TRM		6%		39%

Arsenic trioxide in relapsing APL

Ref	Dosing	Nb pts	CR rate	Post induction As ₂ O ₃ alone (n =18)	Long term outcome 12/18 relapses
Niu	0.15mg/kg/	47	85 %	As ₂ O ₃ + CT (n =11)	2/11 relapses
Shen	0.08 mg/kg	20	80 %	variable	2 year relapse free survival : 61 %
Kwong	10 mg	8	100 %	Ida	7/8 still in CR 6 in molecular CR
Soignet	0.15 mg/kg	52	87 %	Allo (n = 9) or auto (n = 3) As ₂ O ₃ (n = 21)	11 still in CR 9 still in CR
Ohnishi	0.15 mg/kg	14	78 %	As ₂ O ₃	median CR duration : 8 months

As203 in relapsing APL: recent French experience

(X Thomas et al, Hematologica, 2006)

- 28 pts (R1=22;R>1=6) between 2002 and 2005
- Median previous CR duration 20 m (1-74)
- 24 CR, 2 early deaths, 2 leukemic resistance
- 24% grade III-IV infections, 20% APL differentiation syndrome

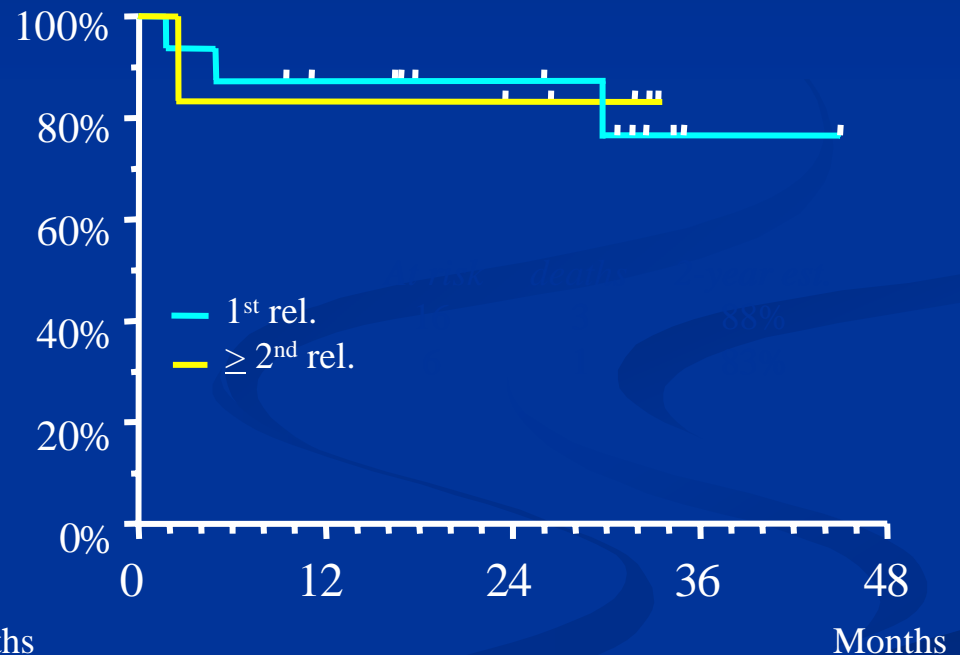
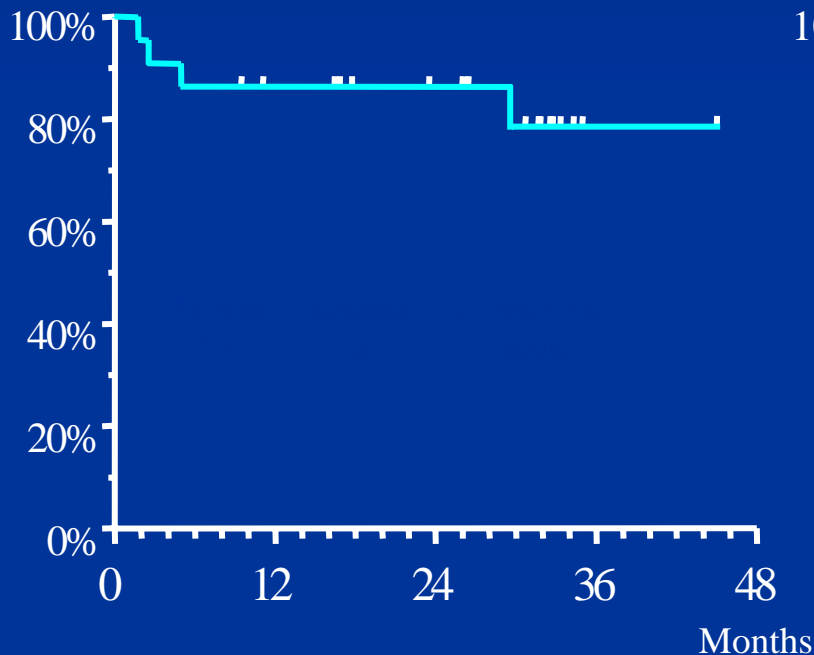
As₂O₃ in relapsing APL: recent French experience

(X Thomas et al)

	With As ₂ O ₃	Without As ₂ O ₃
2 y LFS	84%	47%
2y OS	79%	51%
Grade III-IV infections	24%	54%

Allo SCT after ATO Salvage

Post-transplant survival (Soignet,Dombret)



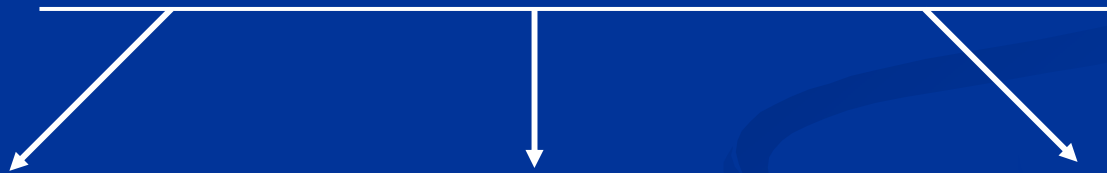
Median follow-up: 30 months post SCT (range, 9.5 to 45)

Treatment of APL molecular relapse by Gentuzumab ozogamycin(GO) (Lo Coco,Blood,2004)

- 16 pts with molecular relapse (8,5,2,1)
- GO 6mg/m² x 2 + 1
- 14 molecular CR achieved
- 7 pts still in CR (7+ to 31+ months),7 relapses after 3 to 15 months

European recommendations for APL patients in first relapse

- Induction with ATO (0.15 mg/kg, max 50 days)
- Consolidation with ATO (5 days/w for 25 doses)



donor and <40yrs:allo

no donor:Ida AraC

elderly pts:maintenance

-if PCR neg:auto

ATO,ATRA

-if PCR pos:GO,etc..

low dose CT,GO

APL 2006 trial: Patients <70 , WBC <10000/mm³

IDA 12 mg/m² x4

IDA 9 mg/m² x3

AraC 200 mg/m²

AraC 1 g/m² x 8

ATRA 45 mg/m²

IDA 12 mg/m² d1-d3-d5

AraC 200 mg/m²

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IDA 12 mg/m² x4 ATRA day 1-15

IDA 9 mg/m² 3 ATRA day 1-15

IDA 12 mg/m² x4

Trisenox d1-d25

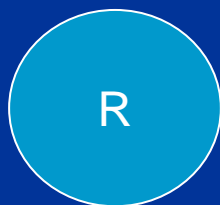
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MAINTENANCE : ATRA – GMP+MTX

APL 2006 trial: Patients < 70 yrs with WBC>10000/mm³

ATRA 45 mg/m²
IDA 12 mg/m² d1-d3-d5
AraC 200 mg/m²



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Trisenox d1-d25

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Trisenox d1-d25

APL 2006 trial: patients < 70 yrs, WBC < 10000/mm³

ATRA 45 mg/m²

IDA 9 mg/m² d1-d3

ATRA 45 mg/m² d1-d15

IDA 9 mg/m² d1 d3 d5

Trisenox d1-d25

Trisenox d1-d25

MAINTENANCE : During the 1st year
, ATO will be added to the classical maintenance
with continuous low dose chemotherapy
and intermittent ATRA (2 years).

French Belgian Swiss APL group

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 - C Kelaidi
 - S de Botton
 - B Beve
- Minimal residual disease
 - B Cassinat
 - C Chomienne
- Biostatistics
 - C Chevret