



## SELECT-AML-1 Investor Event

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December 10, 2022



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# Today's agenda

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## Opening remarks and corporate overview

Nancy Simonian, M.D., Chief Executive Officer of Syros

## Safety lead-in results from the SELECT-AML-1 Phase 2 trial and next steps

David A. Roth, M.D., Chief Medical Officer of Syros

## Current and emerging treatment landscape in newly diagnosed unfit AML and perspectives on tamibarotene opportunity

Daniel Pollyea, M.D., M.S., Professor of Medicine, Clinical Director of Leukemia Services and Robert H. Allen MD Chair in Hematology Research, University of Colorado School of Medicine

## Q&A

## Here's what you will take away from today

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- Encouraging safety lead-in data from SELECT-AML-1 suggest tamibarotene can augment standard-of-care to improve outcomes for newly diagnosed, unfit AML patients with *RARA* overexpression
- Results support initiation of randomized portion of SELECT-AML-1 trial in 1Q 2023; data expected 2023/2024
- Significant opportunity in frontline unfit AML, with approximately 30% of patients positive for *RARA* overexpression
- Tamibarotene offers optimal product profile to address unmet need in AML and HR-MDS: biologically targeted, oral drug, favorable tolerability and novel mechanism of action important for combination



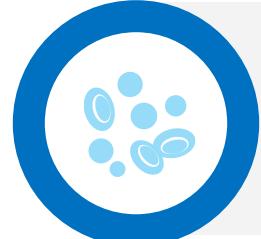
## Company Overview

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Nancy Simonian, MD  
CEO

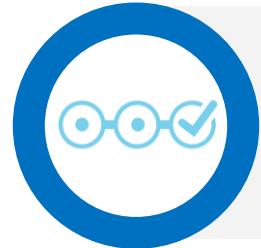


# Developing new standards-of-care for the frontline treatment of hematologic malignancies



## TARGETED HEMATOLOGY PORTFOLIO

Advancing clinical trials in frontline MDS, AML and APL with the potential to set new standards-of-care, supported by a growing body of data



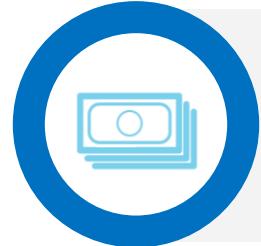
## MULTIPLE NEAR-TERM CATALYSTS

Upcoming opportunities to build momentum and create value, which include pivotal SELECT-MDS-1 data, randomized SELECT-AML-1 data and initiation of Phase 3 trial in APL



## SIGNIFICANT MARKET OPPORTUNITIES IN FRONTLINE

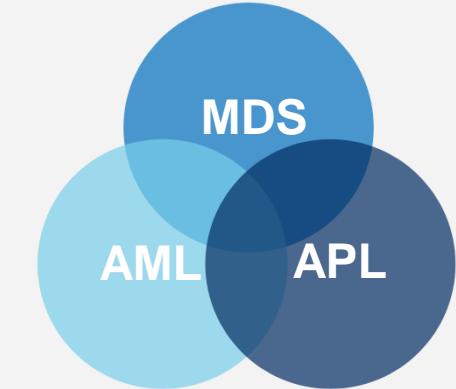
Targeting patient populations underserved by existing options, which are commercially synergistic



## STRONG CORPORATE POSITION

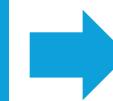
Cash runway to fund operations into 2025

**3 clinical programs**  
from our  
**hematology portfolio**



# Clinical development strategy reinforced by encouraging, consistent data from multiple trials

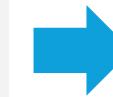
## Growing body of clinical evidence for tamibarotene



## Tamibarotene in HR-MDS

- ✓ Single-agent tamibarotene in R/R HR-MDS patients with *RARA* overexpression showed 60% hematologic response, including one marrow CR<sup>1</sup>
- ✓ Phase 2 data evaluating tamibarotene with azacitidine in ND unfit AML patients with *RARA* overexpression showed:
  - **61% CR/CRi rate<sup>2</sup>**
  - **67% CR rate** in low blast count subset
- ✓ Data from SELECT-AML-1 safety lead-in evaluating tamibarotene with venetoclax and azacitidine in ND unfit AML patients with *RARA* overexpression showed:
  - **83% CR/CRi rate<sup>3</sup>**
- ✓ Safety profile supports ability to use full doses of tamibarotene in combinations with azacitidine in MDS and with venetoclax/azacitidine in AML

Pivotal data from  
SELECT-MDS-1 Phase 3 trial  
**expected late 2023 / early 2024**



## Tamibarotene in AML

Data from randomized portion of  
SELECT-AML-1 trial Phase 2 trial  
**expected 2023 / 2024**

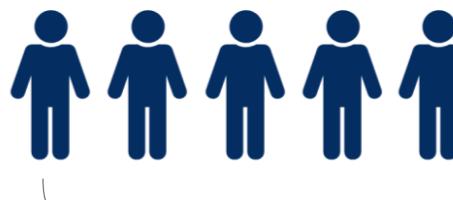
# Large targeted populations and frontline settings provide attractive market opportunities for tamibarotene

~21,000<sup>1</sup> newly diagnosed HR-MDS patients in US and EU estimated annually

MDS represents a  
~\$3.3B\* market by 2026

~ 25,000<sup>2</sup> newly diagnosed Unfit AML patients in US and EU estimated annually

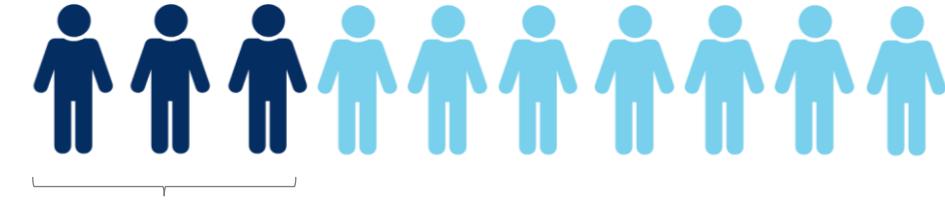
Newly diagnosed AML represents a  
~\$6.6B\*\* market by 2025



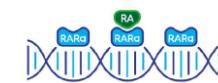
RAR $\alpha$  overexpression



**50%** of patients with HR-MDS are positive for RAR $\alpha$  overexpression<sup>3</sup>



RAR $\alpha$  overexpression



**30%** of patients with AML are positive for RAR $\alpha$  overexpression<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Sources: Decision Resources Group, NCCN guidelines NOTE\*:Evaluate Pharma market estimate includes all risk groups for MDS;

<sup>2</sup>Sources: Evaluate Pharma NOTE\*\*: market estimate includes all AML (fit and unfit);

<sup>3</sup>Patients with MDS: RAR $\alpha$ -positivity based on Syros data on file from Study SY-1425-201 and the SELECT-MDS-1 Study (27May2022) from over 175 patients with MDS;

<sup>4</sup>Patients with AML: Prevalence of RAR $\alpha$ -positive patients based on data presented at ESH 2017 and ESH 2019



## SELECT-AML-1

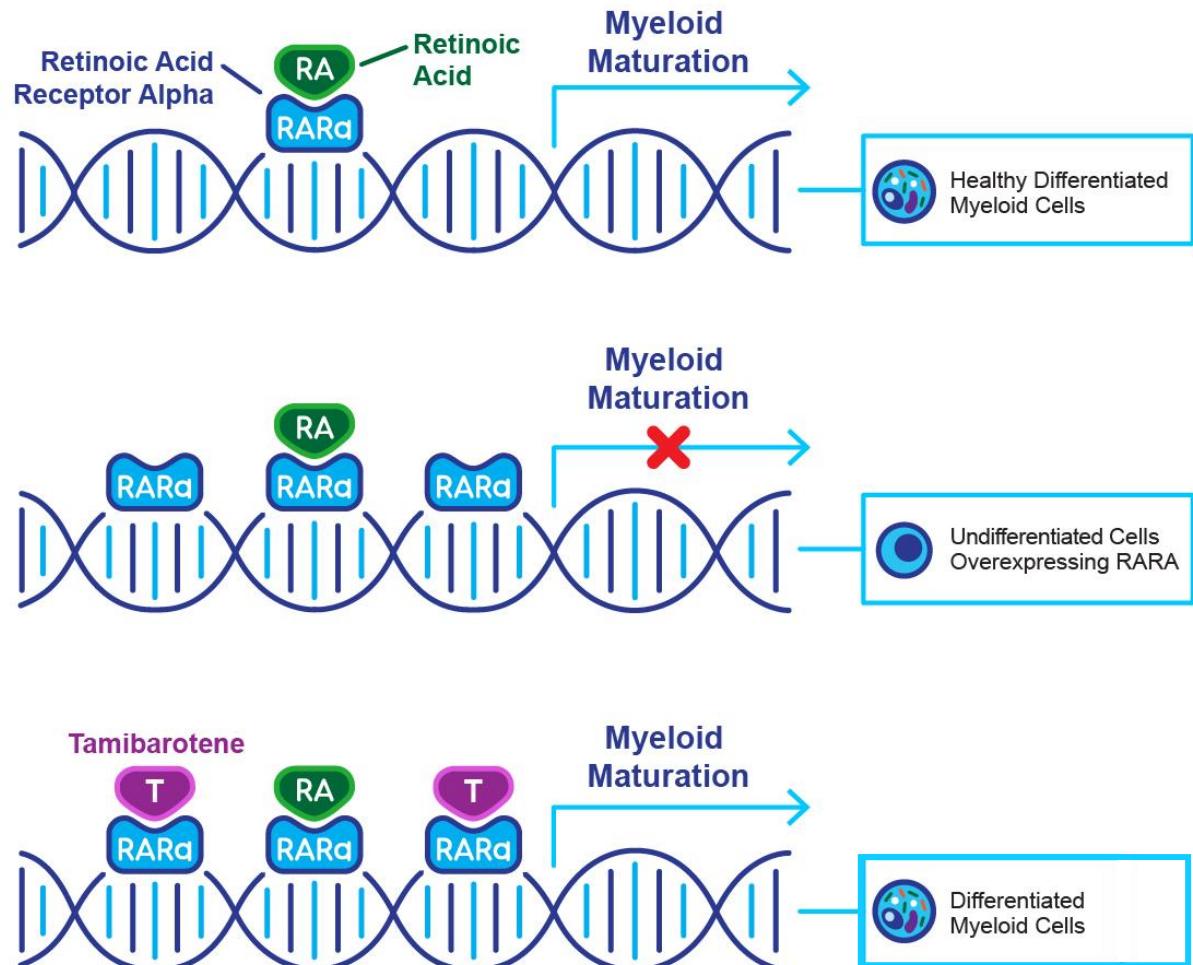
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David A. Roth, MD  
CMO



# AML and MDS with *RARA* overexpression: a novel patient subset with an actionable target for treatment with tamibarotene

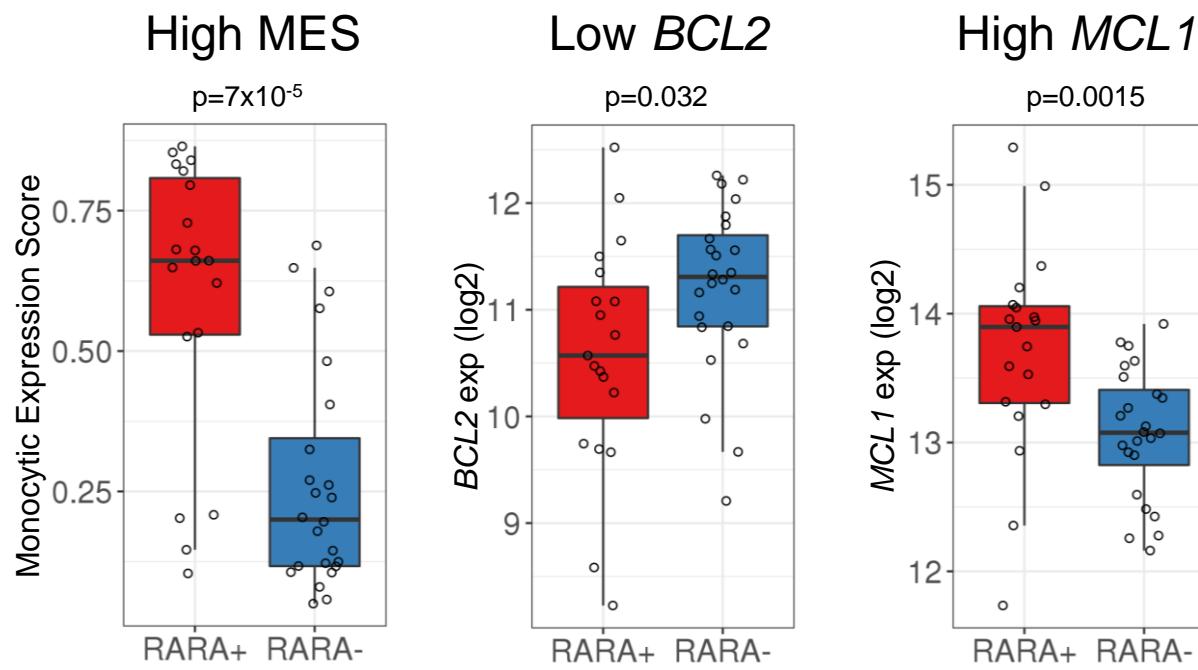
- Tamibarotene, a next generation **synthetic retinoid**, is an **oral, highly selective and potent RAR $\alpha$  agonist**
  - 0.26 nM binding on RAR $\alpha$
  - Greater than 100x selectivity over RAR $\beta$  and RAR $\gamma$
- ***RARA* gene overexpression** inhibits downstream transcription of the myeloid differentiation gene program and **sensitizes cells to tamibarotene**



References: McKeown, Cancer Discovery 2017;  
Sanford et al: Br J Haematol 2015; 171 (4): 471

# AML with *RARA* overexpression is enriched for features associated with venetoclax resistance and clinical response to tamibarotene plus azacitidine

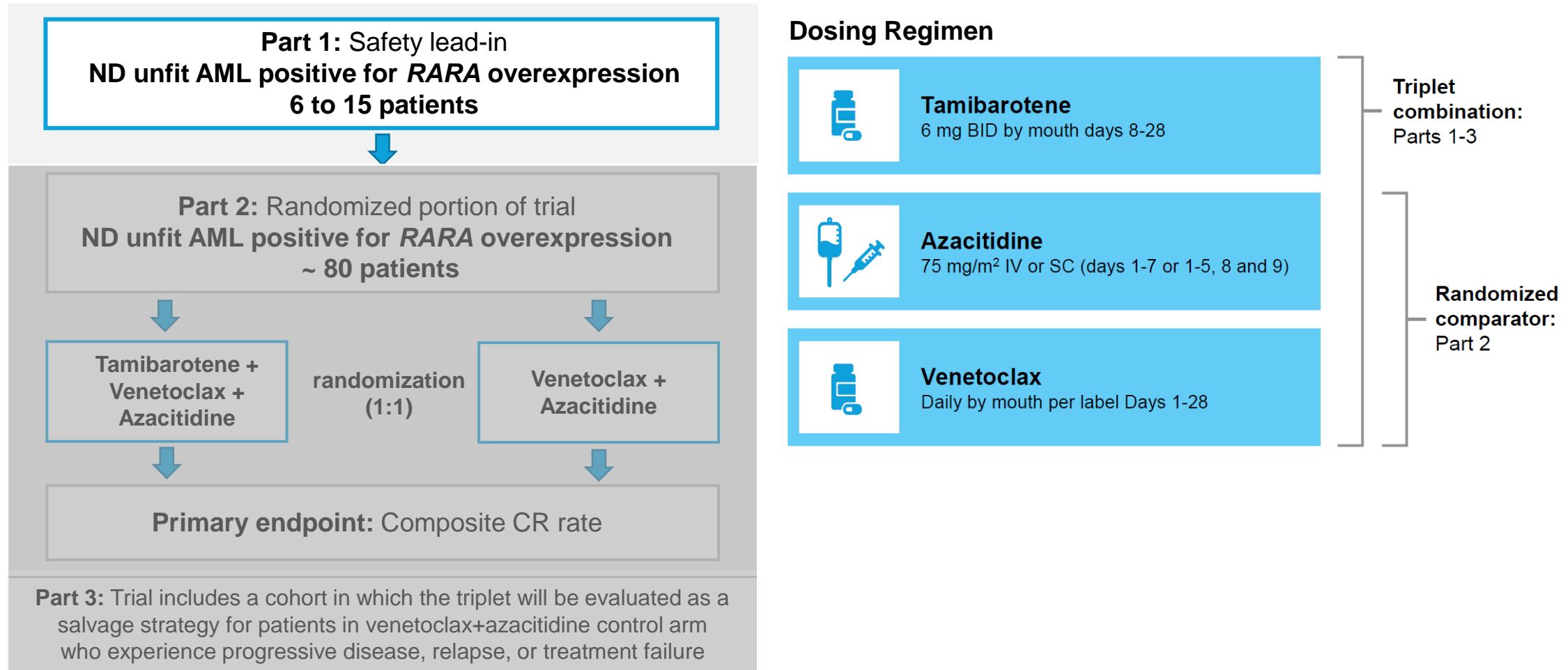
## Patient Sample Analysis from Clinical Trial



- Multiple recent studies report venetoclax resistance is associated with a monocytic phenotype<sup>1-3</sup>
- Majority (~80%) of newly diagnosed unfit AML trial patients with *RARA* overexpression have a monocytic phenotype based on a positive monocytic expression signature score (>0.5), with additional gene expression patterns associated with features of venetoclax resistance, including<sup>4</sup>:
  - Low *BCL2* expression
  - High *MCL1* expression
- ND unfit AML patients with *RARA* overexpression who achieved CR/CRI with tamibarotene/aza also have gene expression patterns associated with venetoclax resistance<sup>4</sup>

# SELECT-AML-1 study design

- Newly diagnosed adult AML patients with *RARA* gene overexpression, ineligible for standard intensive induction therapy based on age, performance status or comorbidities, WBC <25K at study drug initiation



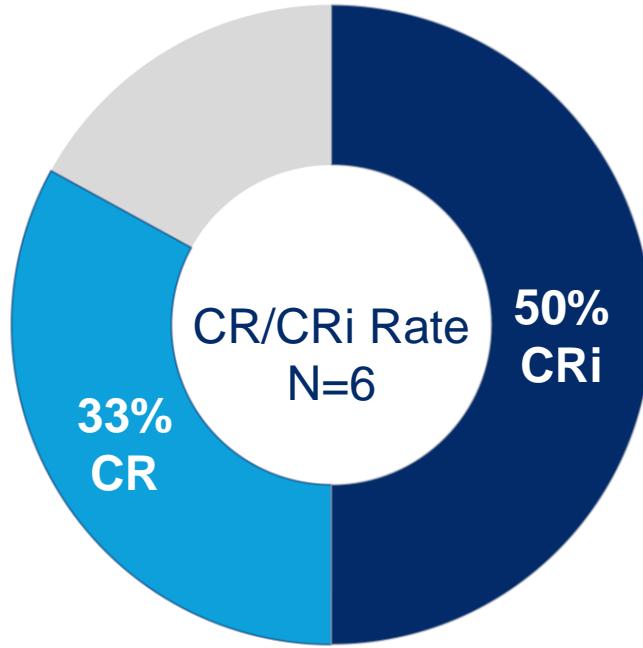
# Demographics and baseline AML characteristics

| Response Evaluable <sup>1</sup> Enrolled Patients     | N=6 (%)     |
|---|-------------|
| Gender n  |             |
| Male  | 3 (50)      |
| Female  | 3 (50)      |
| Median age, years (range)                             | 61 (55-82)  |
| Median blasts, % (range)                              | 63 (39-100) |
| <b>FAB Classification</b>                             |             |
| M1  | 2 (33)      |
| M4  | 1 (17)      |
| Unknown   | 3 (50)      |
| <b>Cytogenetics</b>                                   |             |
| Normal  | 3 (50)      |
| Inversion 16  | 1 (17)      |
| Del 5q and -7   | 1 (17)      |
| -7  | 1 (17)      |
| <b>Molecular Abnormalities</b>                        |             |
| Normal  | 4 (67)      |
| Complex mutations including: IDH2, BCOR, SRSF2, CSF3R | 1 (17)      |
| FLT-3 ITD low   | 1 (17)      |
| <b>MES (Monocytic Expression Score)</b>               |             |
| High  | 4 (67)      |
| Low   | 1 (17)      |
| Undetermined  | 1 (17)      |

<sup>1</sup> 8 patients enrolled, 6 response evaluable, Response evaluable defined as completed at least one cycle of therapy with available data or progressed prior to first assessment; 2 non-evaluable, had no data available at time of data cut-off 13OCT 22.

## Response summary

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**CR/CRi Rate**

**83%**

**Median Time to CR/CRi**

**33 days** (range 25–88 days)

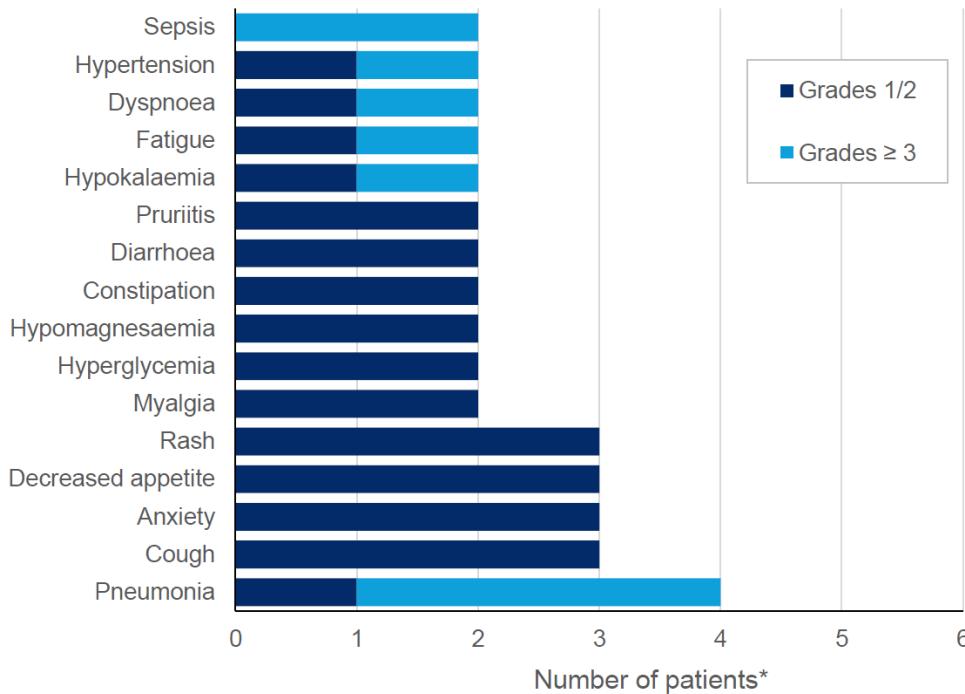
CR = complete response; CRi = CR with incomplete hematologic recovery;



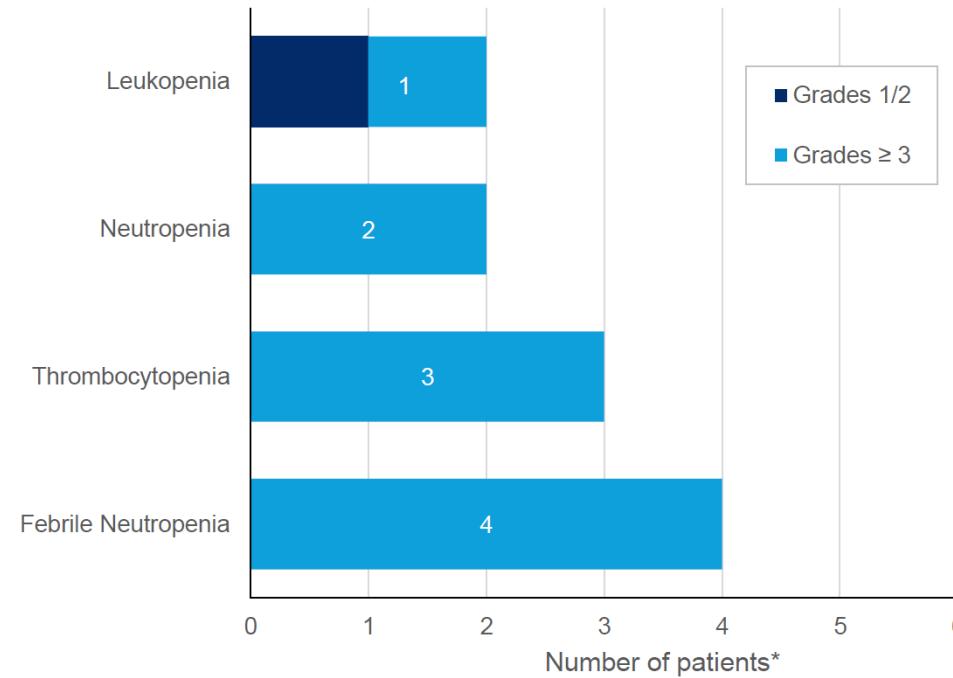
**4/5 patients with CR/CRi had high monocytic expression score (MES) associated with venetoclax resistance**

# Safety summary

Non-Hematologic AEs  $\geq 2$  patients



Hematologic AEs  $\geq 2$  patients



- Myelosuppression is comparable to reports of venetoclax + azacitidine in this population
- The majority of non-hematologic AEs are low grade and reversible
- SAEs were reported in 6 patients; the most frequent (occurring in  $\geq 2$  pts) included febrile neutropenia (4 pts) and pneumonia (3 pts)
- Median duration of therapy was 76.5 days (20-104); Median duration of follow-up was 107 days (56-314)

## Safety lead-in data conclusions



Early results of tamibarotene/ven/aza in newly diagnosed unfit AML patients with *RARA* overexpression demonstrate 83% (5/6) CR/CRI rate with rapid onset of action

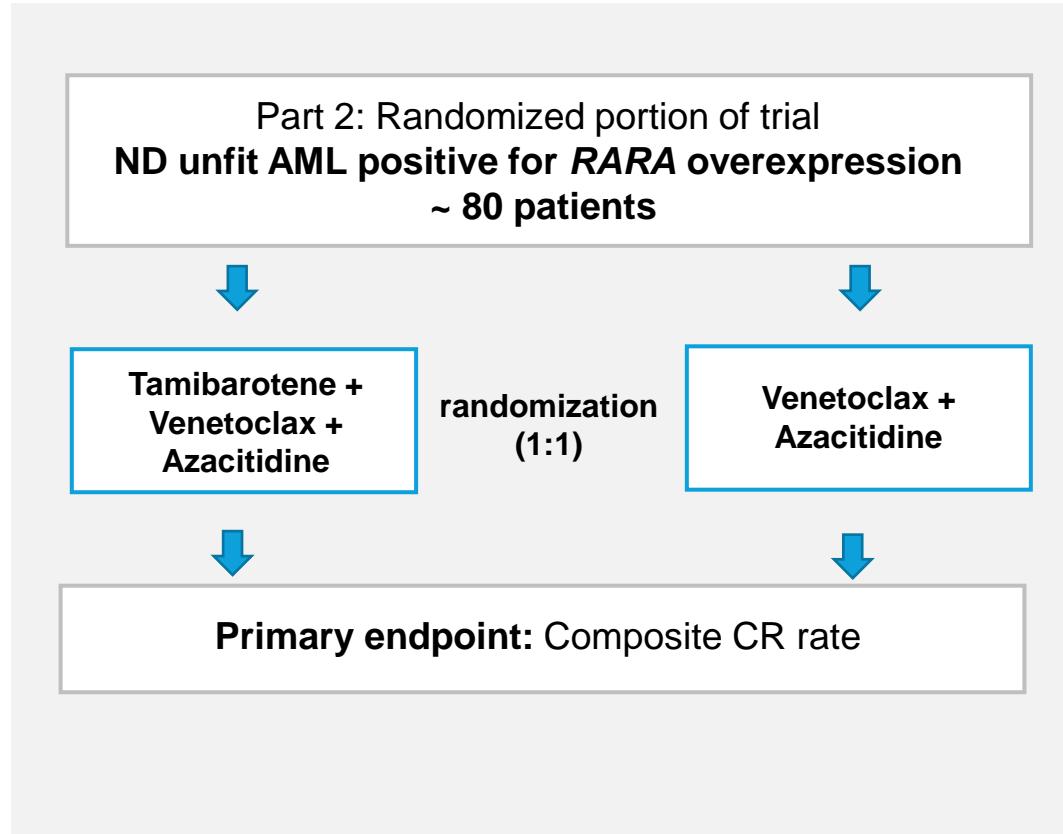


No new safety signal identified with triplet tami/ven/aza compared to ven/aza



Data support initiation of the randomized portion of SELECT-AML-1 comparing tami/ven/aza to ven/aza in patients with *RARA* overexpression

# Plan to initiate randomized portion of the SELECT-AML-1 trial



## Dosing Regimen

|   |  |
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|  | <b>Tamibarotene</b><br>6 mg BID by mouth days 8-28                             |
|  | <b>Azacitidine</b><br>75 mg/m <sup>2</sup> IV or SC (days 1-7 or 1-5, 8 and 9) |
|  | <b>Venetoclax</b><br>Daily by mouth per label Days 1-28                        |

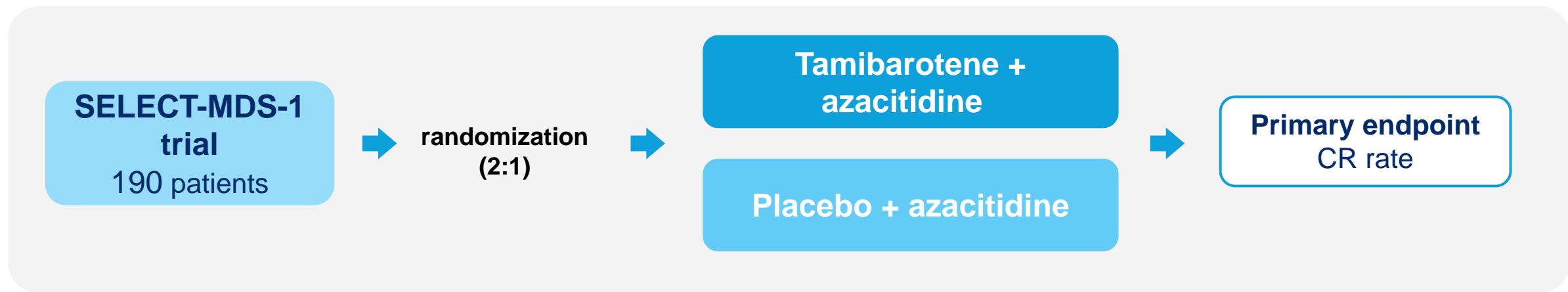
Triplet combination:  
Parts 1-3

Randomized comparator:  
Part 2

Recently published guidance on venetoclax dose modifications (ELN 2022) will be incorporated into both arms of the randomized portion of the trial.

**Part 3:** Trial includes a cohort in which the triplet will be evaluated as a salvage strategy for patients in venetoclax+azacitidine control arm who experience progressive disease, relapse, or treatment failure

# Ongoing SELECT-MDS-1 Phase 3 trial in newly diagnosed HR-MDS patients with *RARA* overexpression



- Robustly designed, double-blind, placebo-controlled study
- 90% power to detect a difference in CR rates between experimental and control arms
- 2:1 randomization with one-sided alpha of 0.025
- FDA feedback supports:
  - Focus on population with *RARA* overexpression
  - CR as primary endpoint for approval
  - Azacitidine as appropriate comparator

## Key Milestones

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| Phase 3 data         | 4Q23/1Q24 |
| Potential NDA filing | 2024      |



# Treatment landscape in newly diagnosed unfit AML

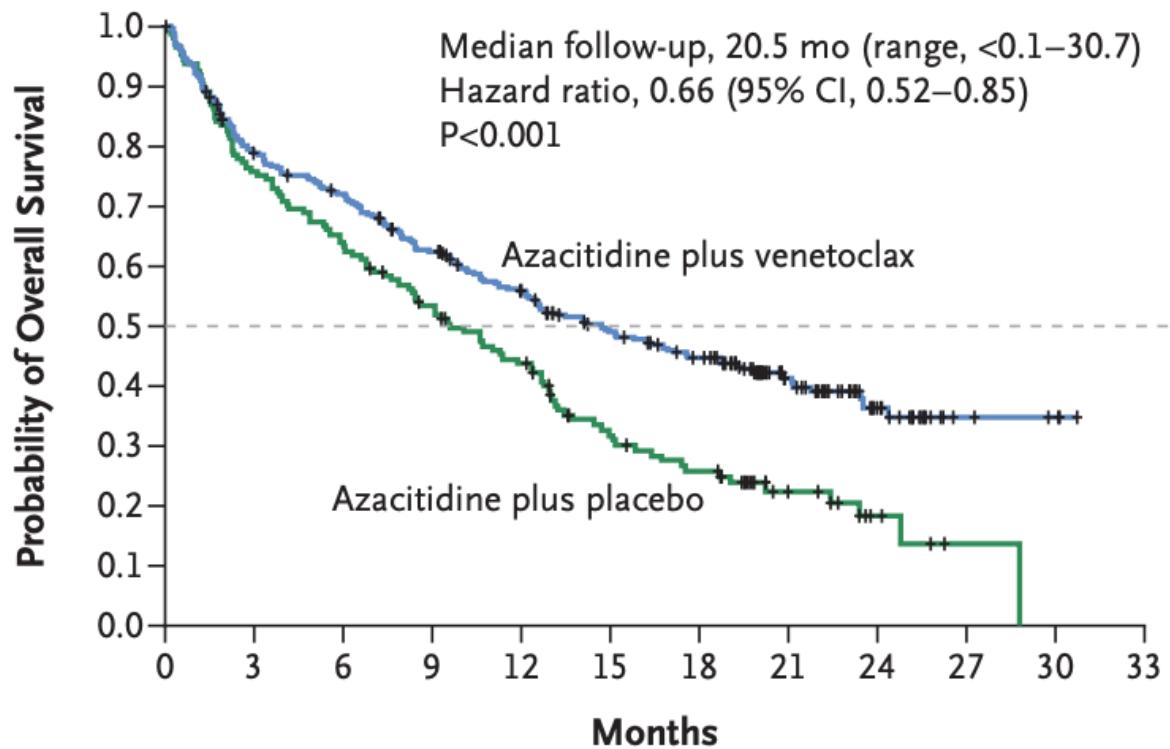
DAN POLLYEA, M.D., M.S

# Acute Myeloid Leukemia

- Most common acute leukemia in adults; ~20,000 cases/year in US<sup>1</sup>
- Impacts elderly with median age 68<sup>1</sup>
- Historically only relevant treatment was intensive induction chemotherapy which was not appropriate for older/comorbid patients
- Questions of "fitness" for intensive induction were important
- Disconnect between a standard of care treatment and the reality of the disease, plus improved understanding of its molecular basis, led to approvals for multiple therapies starting in 2017

<sup>1</sup>Shallis et al. Blood Reviews, 2019

# Venetoclax: Most Impactful New Therapy

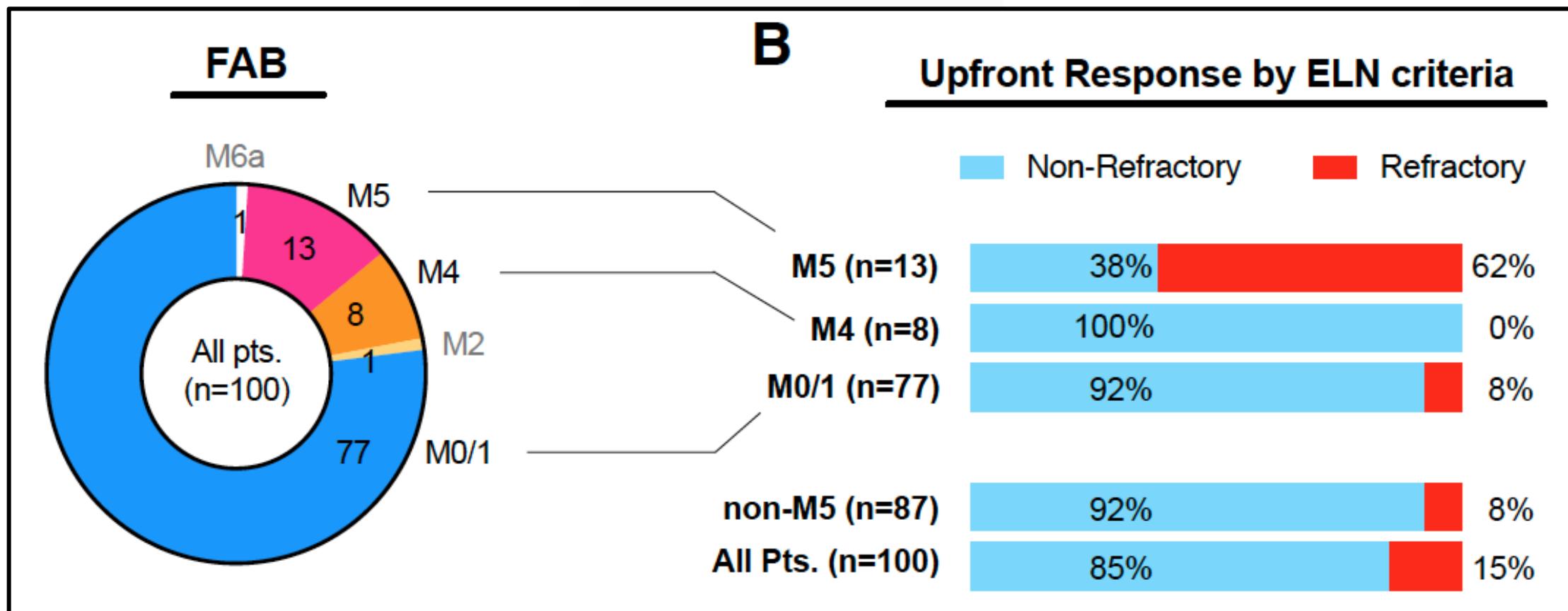


- Clinically (and statistically) meaningful improvement in outcomes for “unfit” newly diagnosed AML
- Widespread use
- Makes “fitness” discussions less relevant
- But not a panacea

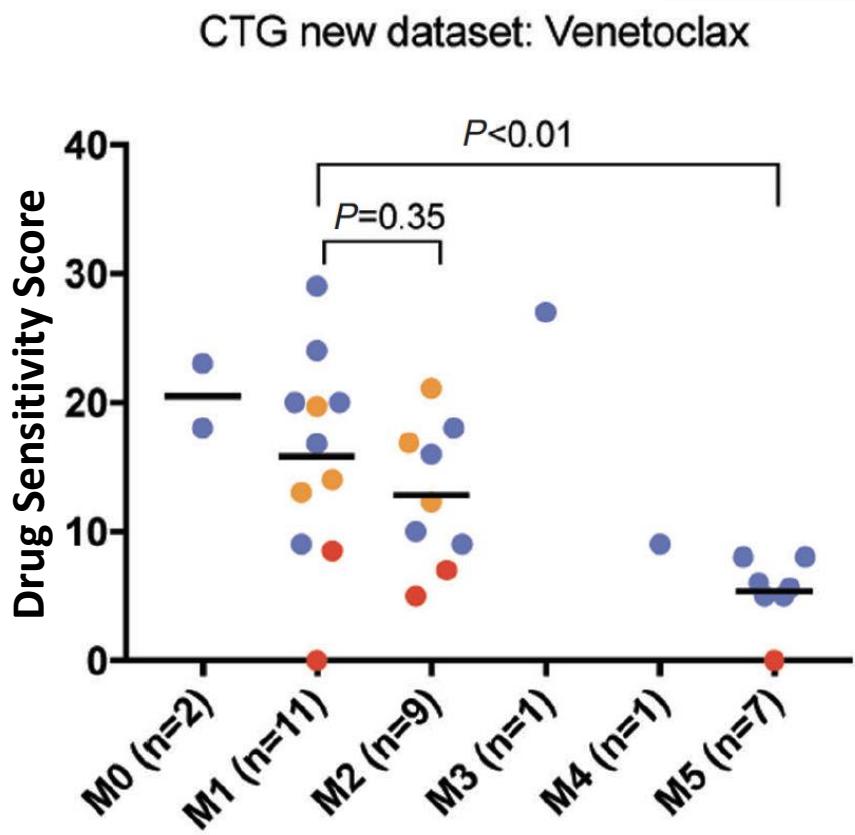
# Venetoclax Resistance

- ~30% do not respond
- Almost all responders will relapse
- “Traditional” risk factors do not always seem to apply
- What factors predict venetoclax resistance?

# FAB-M5: The Ven/Aza Soft Spot

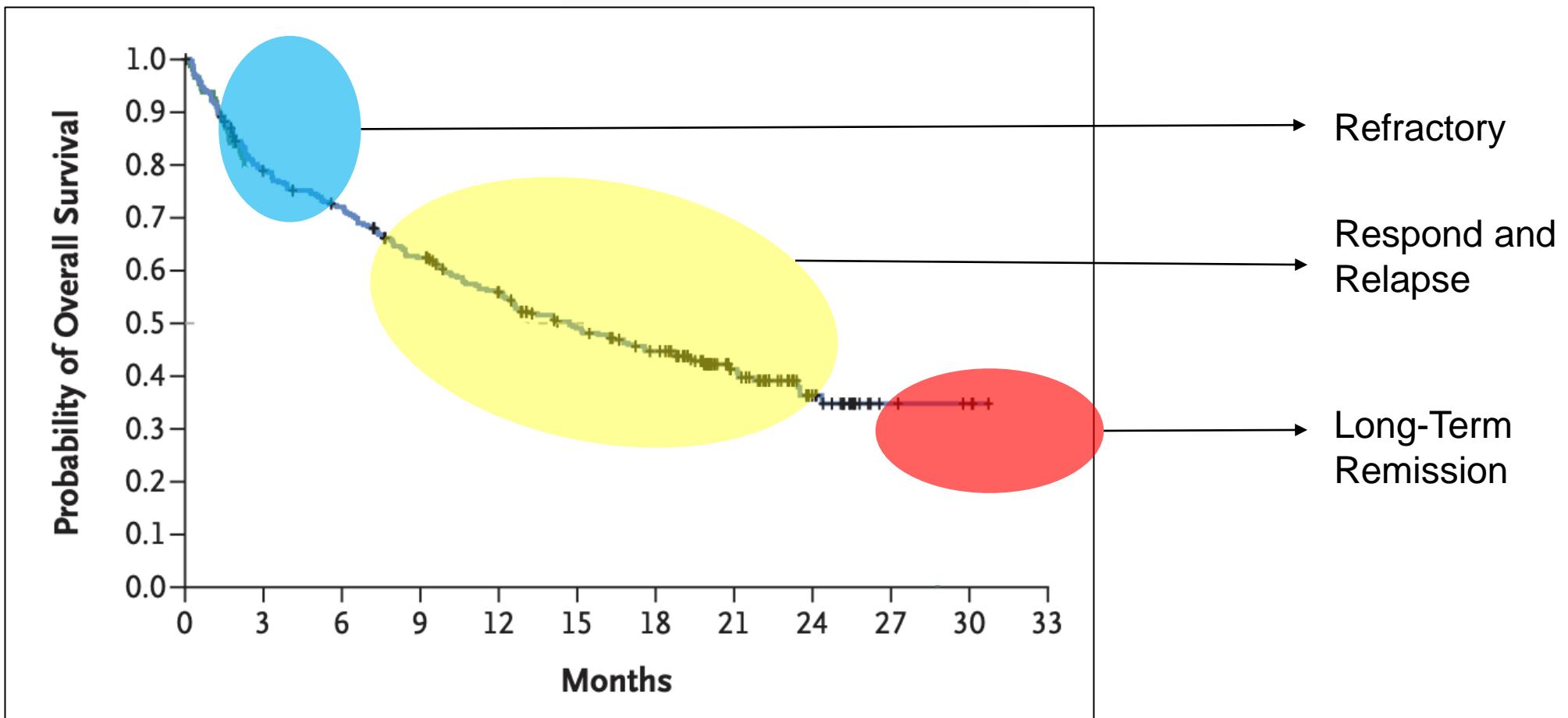


# Similar Observations Published



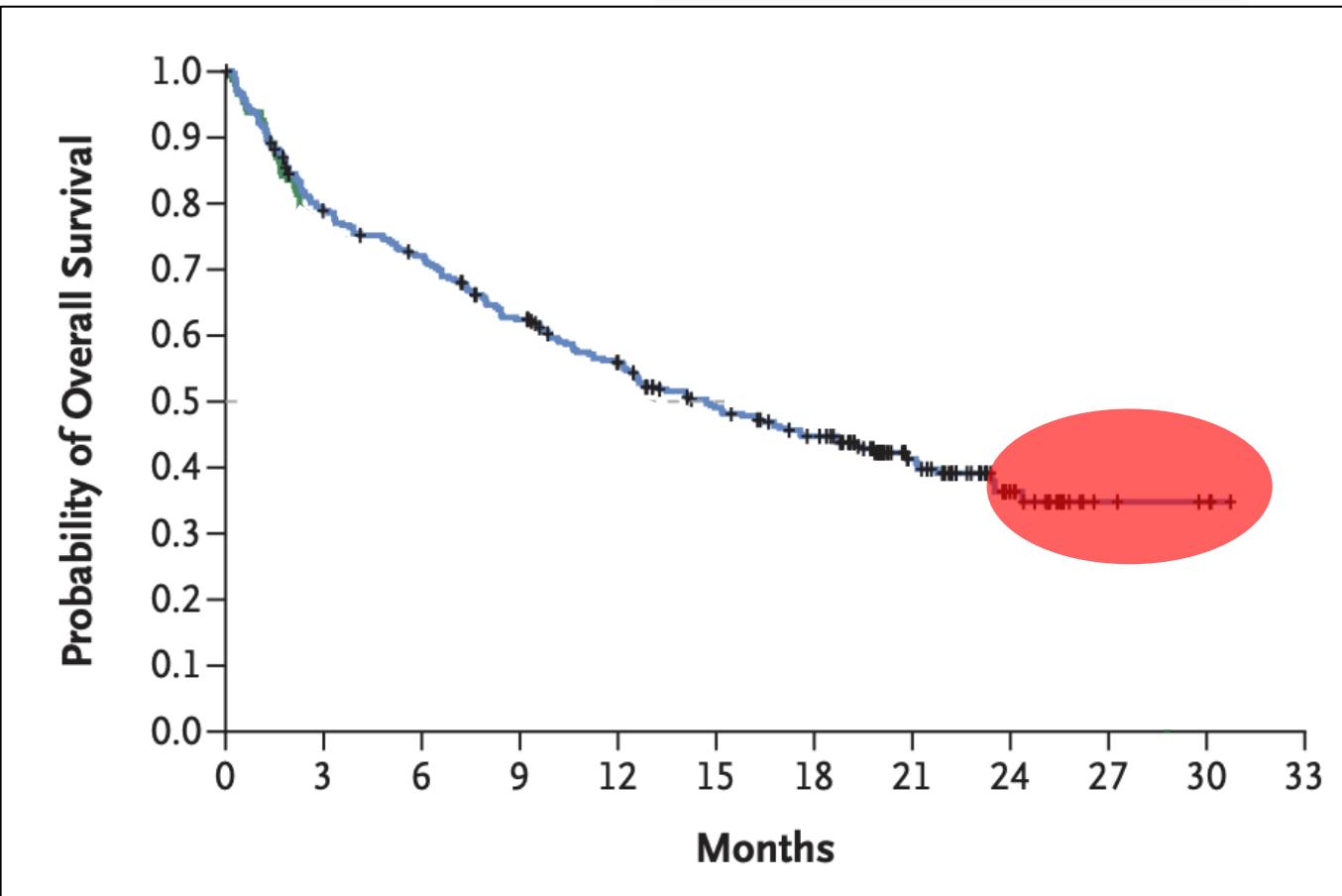
- Bottomly et al, Cancer Cell 2022
- White et al, NPJ Precis Oncol 2021
- Zhang et al, Nat Cancer 2020

# My Vision for a Post-Ven/Aza Future



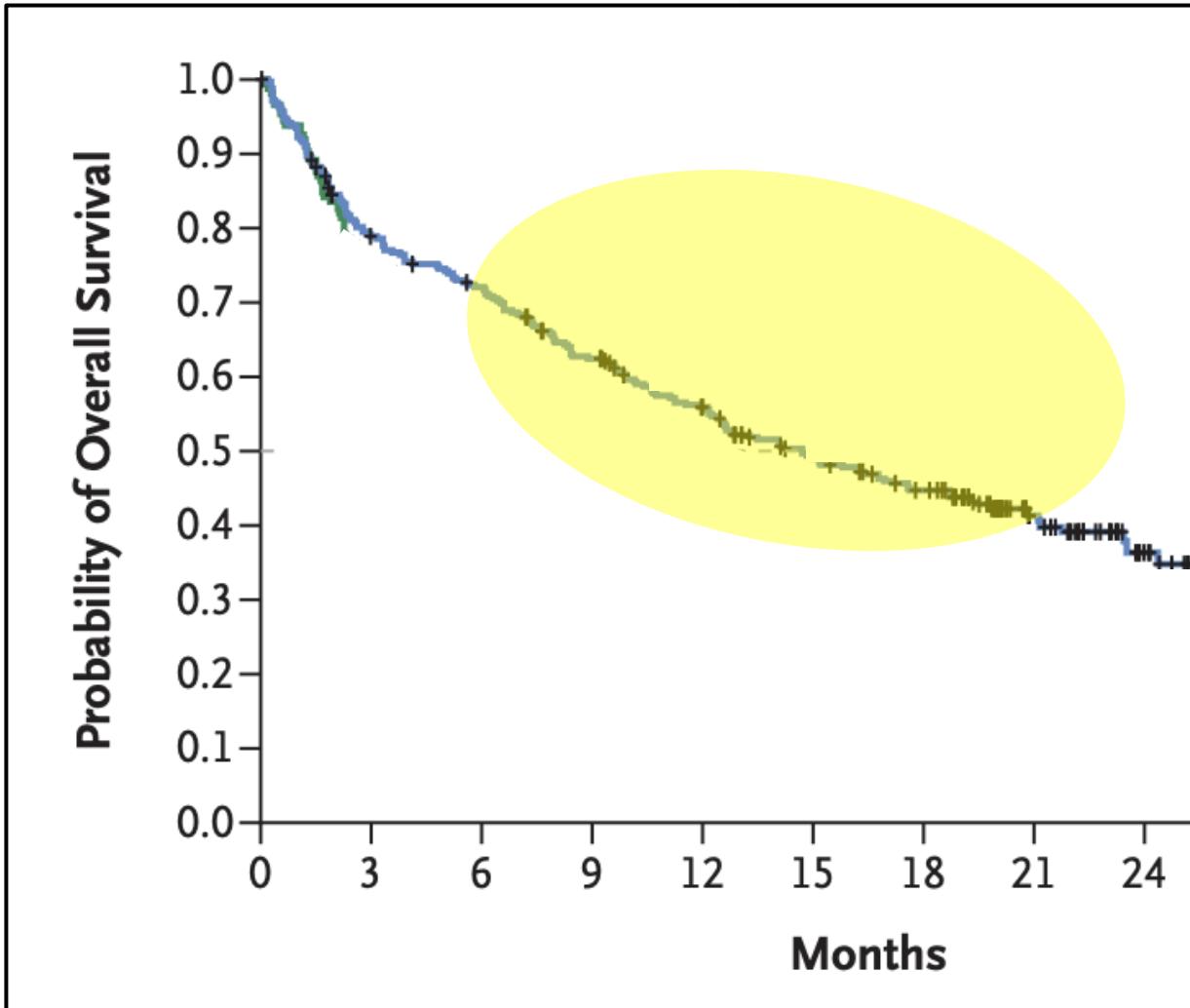
DiNardo et al, NEJM 2020

# Long Term Responders



- Identify who these patients are and leave them alone
- Primary effort should be to determine how to minimize therapy

# What To Do For the Majority of Patients Who Will Respond and Then Relapse?



- Relapse after frontline ven/aza associated with very poor outcomes<sup>1,2,3</sup>

Until we have more effective treatments the only logical strategy:

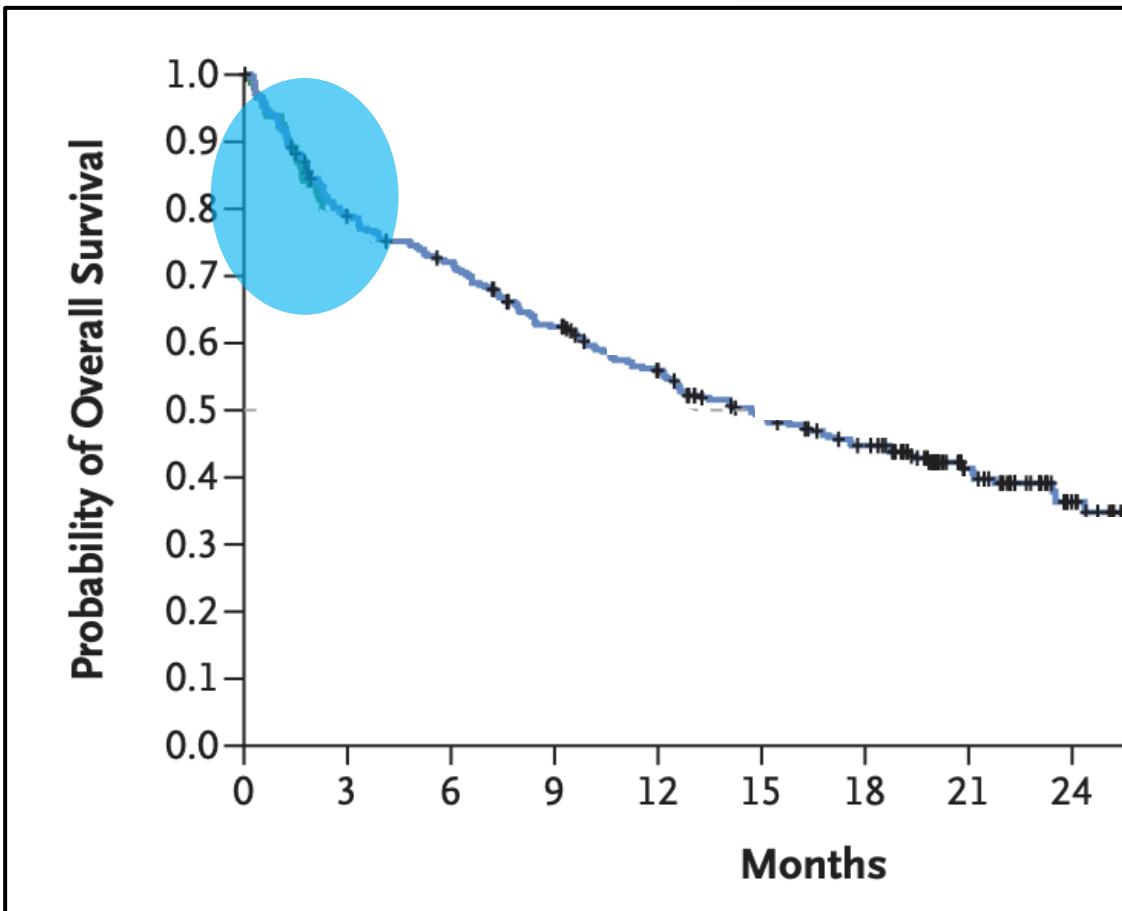
Prevent Relapse

<sup>1</sup>Maiti et al, Haematologica 2021

<sup>2</sup>Zainaldin et al, Leukemia Lymphoma 2022

<sup>3</sup>Bewersdorf et al, Leuk Res 2022

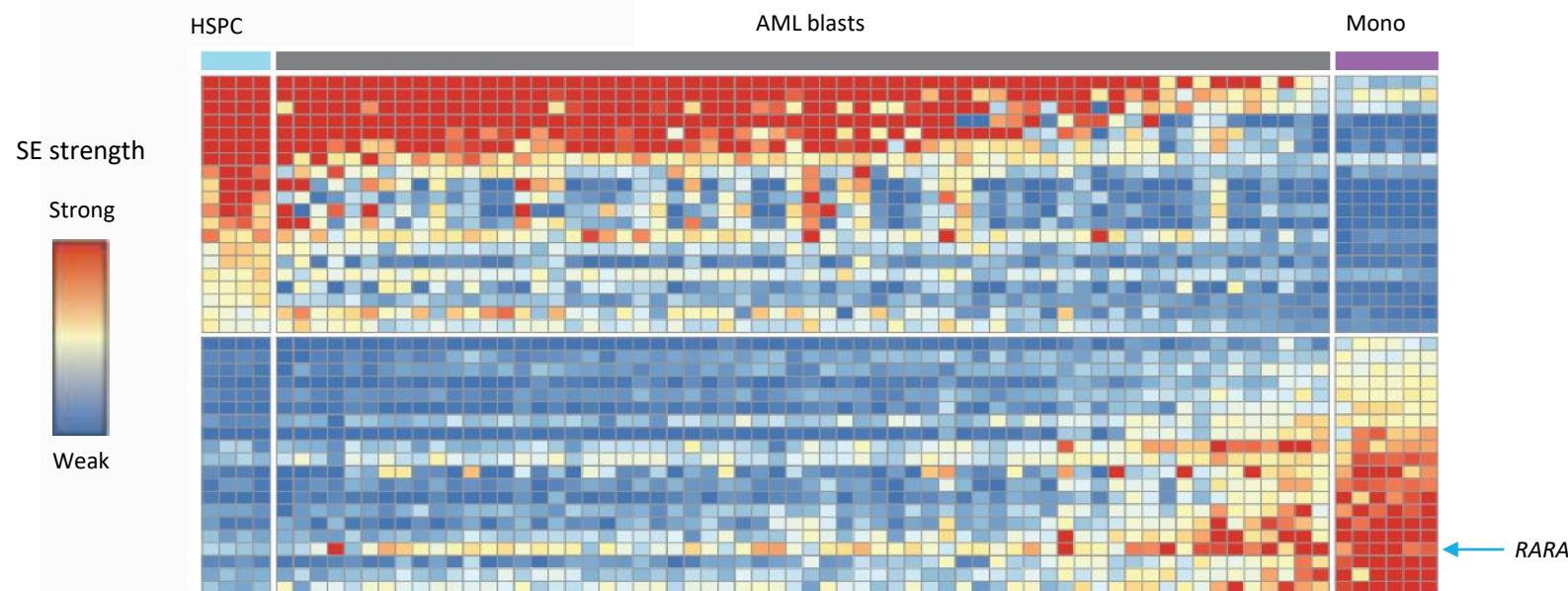
# Refractory Patients: Can We Overcome Resistance to Ven/Aza (or Replace it)?



- No indiscriminate triple combinations
- Understand this biology, recognize and try to target it

# Overcoming Resistance with RAR $\alpha$ Agonist Tamibarotene

- ~1/3 non-APL AML overexpresses *RARA*
- These are associated with features of monocytic AML
- Monocytic AML responds poorly to ven/aza alone
- Phase 2 study of ven/aza vs tamibarotene + ven/aza (NCT04905407)



# Where the Field is Going vs Where the Field Should go

## CONVENTIONAL WISDOM

- AML drug development will proceed like multiple myeloma
- Develop potent therapies and use them all up-front

## MY BET

- Continue to develop drugs for specific niches based on biological observations (biologically targeted therapies)
- Ven/aza is the framework but be selective of the drug and situation in which combinations to this backbone will occur
- Focus on oral well-tolerated therapies that could combine with ven/aza based on non-overlapping MoA



## Closing Remarks

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Nancy Simonian, MD  
CEO



## Key takeaways from today's event

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- Encouraging safety lead-in data from SELECT-AML-1 suggest tamibarotene can augment standard-of-care to improve outcomes for newly diagnosed, unfit AML patients with *RARA* overexpression
- Today's results add to growing body of evidence demonstrating encouraging, consistent data across multiple trials and reinforces our clinical development strategy
- Planning to initiate randomized portion of SELECT-AML-1 trial in 1Q 2023; data expected 2023/2024
- Large targeted populations and frontline settings with sizeable market opportunities
- Tamibarotene offers an optimal product profile to address unmet needs: biologically targeted, oral drug, favorable tolerability, novel mechanism of action

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