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# **Combination of Selinexor with High-Dose Cytarabine and Mitoxantrone for Remission Induction in Acute Myeloid Leukemia is Feasible and Tolerable – A Phase I Study (NCT02573363)**

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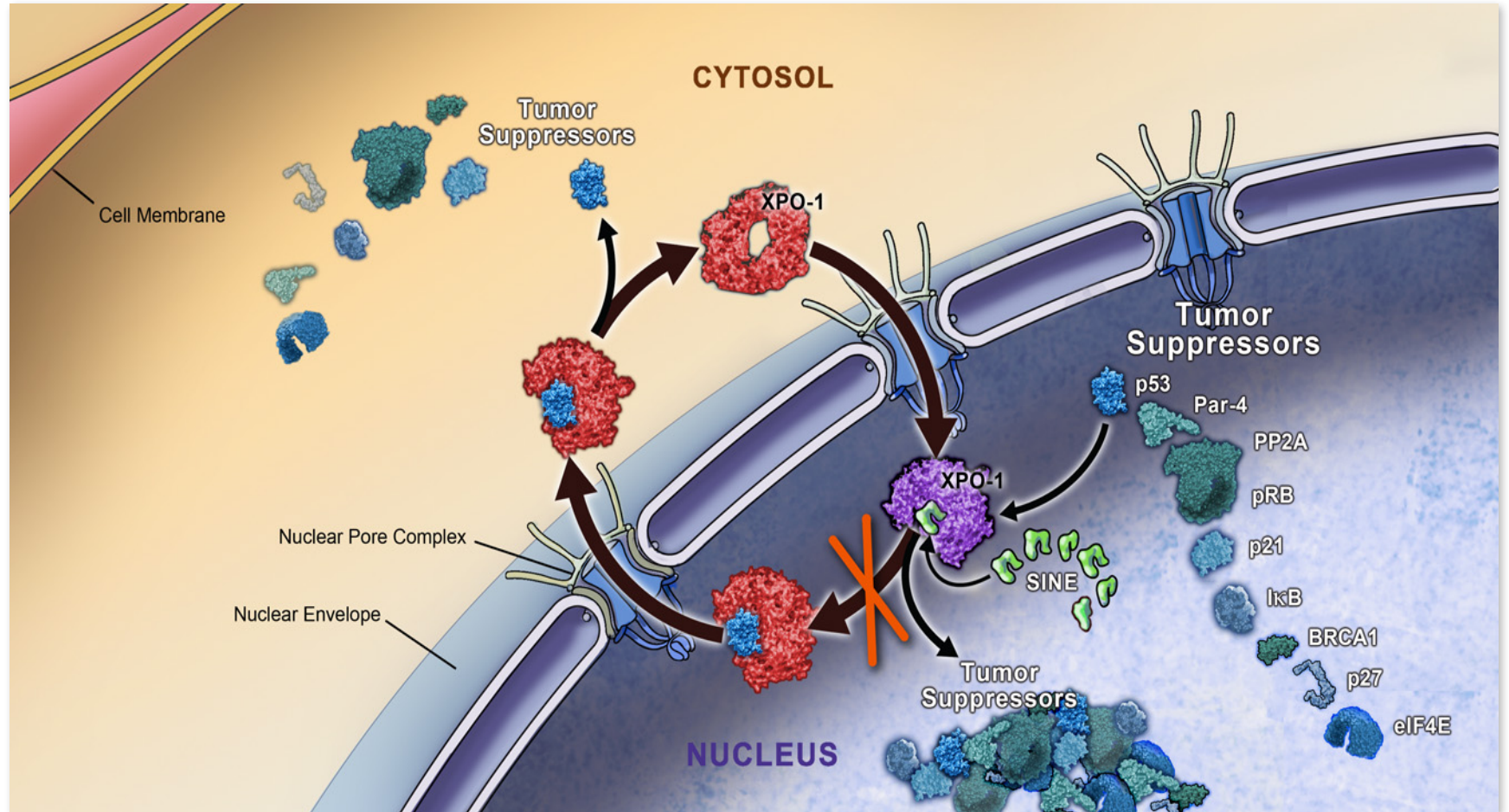
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# Background

- **Acute myeloid leukemia (AML) is a disease with poor prognosis**
- **Standard induction chemotherapy regimen involves combination of cytarabine with anthracycline**
- **High-dose cytarabine (HiDAC) with mitoxantrone (Mito) is frequently used at U. Chicago with good response rates**
  - HiDAC/Mito in high risk AML patients: Overall Response Rate (ORR) of 55% (Larson *et al.*, 2012)
  - HiDAC/Mito in untreated therapy-related myeloid neoplasms: ORR 82% (Godley *et al.*, 2010)

# Selinexor: Novel Oral Anti-Cancer Agent Restores Tumor Suppressors & Reduces Oncoproteins

- Selinexor (KPT-330) is a selective inhibitor of nuclear export (SINE™) that inhibits exportin 1 (XPO1)
- **Mechanism 1:** Nuclear Retention and Activation of Tumor Suppressor Proteins
- **Mechanism 2:** Reduction of Oncoproteins Through Nuclear Retention of their mRNAs
- **Mechanism 3:** Inhibition of DNA damage repair



# Selinexor is Tolerable with Anti-Leukemic Effects

- A phase I study of selinexor monotherapy in relapsed/refractory AML showed that it is well-tolerated and efficacious<sup>1,2</sup>
- Karyopharm's Phase II trial (SOPRA) using single-agent selinexor in patients with relapsed AML is close to full enrollment
  - 60 mg selinexor flat dosing twice weekly (RP2D)
- Other clinical trials that combine selinexor with cytarabine-based regimens show favorable safety and efficacy profiles (NCT02403310, NCT02249091)
- Treatment with selinexor and topoisomerase II inhibitors (e.g. Idarubicin) demonstrated therapeutic synergy recently<sup>3</sup>

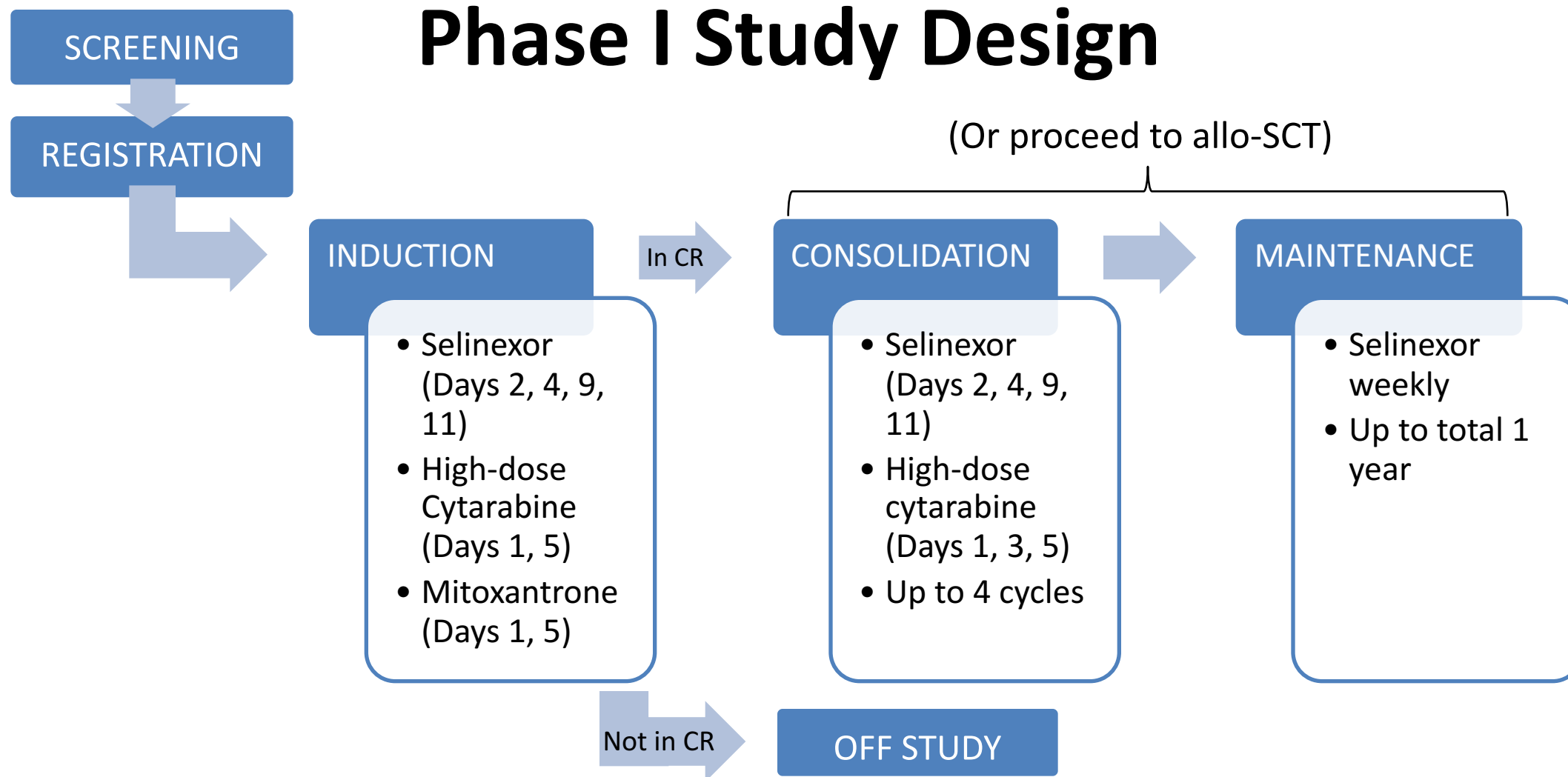
**We hypothesized that adding selinexor to HiDAC/Mito is feasible and has synergistic anti-leukemic effects.**

<sup>1</sup>Garzon et al., Blood, 2013.

<sup>2</sup>Yee et al., J Clin Onc, 2014.

<sup>3</sup>Ranganathan et al., Clin Cancer Res, 2016.

# Phase I Study Design



- Open-label, dose escalation of selinexor with expansion cohort
  - 3+3 design
  - 60mg (35mg/m<sup>2</sup>) and 80mg (50mg/m<sup>2</sup>)

# Study Objectives

- **Primary Objective**

- To determine the Maximum Tolerated Dose (MTD) of selinexor to combine with HiDAC+mito

- **Secondary Objectives**

- To determine the Complete Remission (CR) rate following induction chemotherapy
- To determine the toxicities of the combination regimen during induction, consolidation, and maintenance
- To determine the Relapse-free Survival (RFS) and Overall Survival (OS) rates during consolidation and maintenance treatment
- To determine the Stem Cell Transplantation (SCT) success rate

# Key Eligibility Criteria

- **Approximately 27 patients to be enrolled**
- **Inclusion criteria:**
  - Newly diagnosed or relapsed/refractory AML patients suitable for intensive therapy
  - LVEF >50%
  - ECOG performance status  $\leq 2$
  - Meets laboratory criteria for renal and hepatic function
- **Exclusion criteria:**
  - Treatment with any investigational agent within 2 weeks
  - AML with CNS involvement
  - Significant co-morbidities that could compromise patient's safety



# Patient Characteristics (as of Nov 2016)

Patient Characteristics	Number (%)
Total Patients Enrolled	20
Selinexor 60 mg	3
Selinexor 80 mg	17
# Female	14 (70%)
Median age	61 (range 44-76)
Initial AML Diagnosis	
De novo AML	12 (60%)
Secondary AML	8 (40%)
Disease state on enrollment	
Newly diagnosed AML	12 (60%)
Relapsed/Refractory (R/R) AML	8 (40%)
Median # of prior regimens (R/R only)	1.5 (range 1-3)
European Leukemia Net risk group	
Favorable	4 (20%)
Intermediate I/II	8 (40%)
Adverse	8 (40%)

**19/20 patients are  
evaluable for safety  
and efficacy, as of  
11/15/2016**

# Definition of DLT

- **Dose Limiting Toxicity (DLT)**
  - Observation period: up to 56 days
  - Any grade 3\* or greater treatment-related, non-hematologic toxicity, except
    - Transient (<48 hours) nausea/vomiting and liver function abnormalities
    - Electrolyte abnormalities correctable with supportive therapy
  - Persistent bone marrow aplasia lasting >56 days in the absence of disease
  - DLTs were not evaluated in patients enrolled in dose expansion

**\*Graded according to the National Cancer Institute Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events (NCI CTCAE) 4.03**

# No DLTs Were Observed During Dose-Escalation

- **No DLTs based on protocol definition**
  - 1 patient in expansion cohort had aplastic marrow beyond day 56; however, she had pre-existing hypocellular marrow
  - 1 patient in expansion cohort died during induction of hemorrhagic stroke with a platelet of 4K
- **RP2D: Selinexor 80 mg+HiDAC+mitoxantrone**

# Non-Hematologic Adverse Events

Adverse Events	Total	Grade 1&2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
Febrile neutropenia	14 (74%)	0	14 (74%) <sup>#</sup>	0	0
Diarrhea	6 (32%)	6 (32%)	0	0	0
Anorexia	5 (26%)	5 (26%)	0	0	0
Electrolyte abnormalities	5 (26%)	5 (26%)	0	0	0
Bacteremia	5 (26%)	0	5 (26%)	0	0
Nausea/vomiting	4 (21%)	4 (21%)	0	0	0
Fatigue	4 (21%)	4 (21%)	0	0	0
Typhlitis/colitis	4 (21%)	3 (16%)	1 (5%)	0	0
Cardiac toxicity	4 (21%)	2 (11%)	2 (11%)	0	0
Alopecia	3 (16%)	3 (16%)	0	0	0
Line-associated DVT	3 (16%)	0	3 (16%)	0	0
Pneumonia	2 (11%)	0	2 (11%)	0	0
Syncope/Pre-syncope	2 (11%)	1 (5%)	1 (5%)	0	0
Hypoxia	1 (5%)	0	1 (5%)	0	0
Urinary tract infection*	1 (5%)	0	1 (5%)	0	0
Cerebellar toxicity*	1 (5%)	0	1 (5%)	0	0
Hemorrhagic stroke*	1 (5%)	0	0	0	1 (5%) <sup>&amp;</sup>
Cellulitis*	1 (5%)	0	1 (5%)	0	0
Endocarditis*	1 (5%)	0	1 (5%)	0	0
Diverticulitis	1 (5%)	1 (5%)	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

\*= Serious Adverse Events (5/19 = 26%)

<sup>#</sup>= 64% in HiDAC+mitoxantrone (*Larson et al., 2012*)

<sup>&</sup>=Intracranial bleeding after 2<sup>nd</sup> selinexor dose on day 4 of induction

# **Selinexor + HiDAC/Mito is Tolerable**

- **The most common non-infectious adverse effects were all Grade 1 or 2 and manageable with supportive care**
  - Diarrhea, anorexia, electrolyte abnormalities, nausea/vomiting, fatigue
- **19/20 patients completed induction therapy**
  - 1 induction death
  - All responding patients went onto consolidation or stem cell transplant

# Response Rates by Selinexor Dose

Dose Level	# Patients Evaluated	Response				
		TF	CR	CRi	PR	ORR
60 mg	3	2	1	0	0	1
80 mg	16	4	8	3	1	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>6</b> <b>(32%)</b>	<b>9</b> <b>(47%)</b>	<b>3</b> <b>(16%)</b>	<b>1</b> <b>(5%)</b>	<b>13</b> <b>(68%)</b>

CR = complete remission

CRi = remission with incomplete count recovery

PR = partial remission

ORR = overall response rate

DLT = dose limiting toxicity

TF = treatment failure

**ORR = 13/19 = 68.4%**

**CR/CRi rate = 12/19 = 63%**

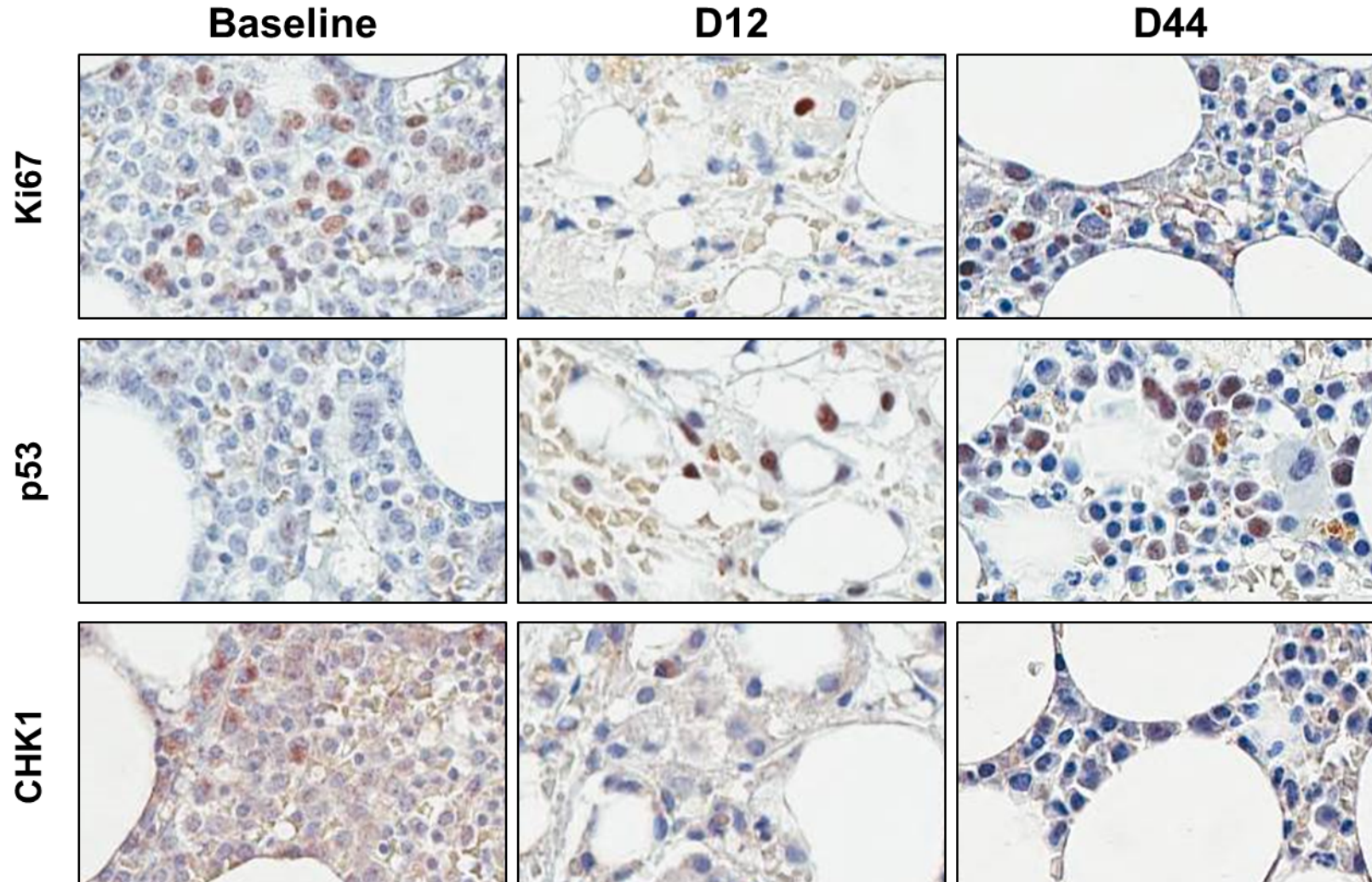
# Subgroup Response Rates

	CR	CRi	PR	TF	Total	ORR
<b>AML Risk</b>						
Newly diagnosed	6 (55%)	3 (27%)	1 (9%)	1 (9%)	11	10 (91%)
Relapsed/Refractory	3 (38%)	0	0	5 (63%)	8	3 (38%)
<b>European Leukemia Net Risk Group</b>						
Favorable	3 (100%)	0	0	0	3	3 (100%)
Int I/II	3 (38%)	2 (25%)	0	3 (38%)	8	5 (63%)
Adverse	3 (38%)	1 (13%)	1 (13%)	3 (38%)	8	5 (63%)
<b>Age</b>						
Age >60	3 (33%)	2 (22%)	0	4 (44%)	9	5 (56%)
Age ≤60	6 (60%)	1 (10%)	1 (10%)	2 (20%)	10	8 (80%)

# Reduction of DNA Damage Response Protein and Nuclear Localization of P53 by Selinexor

## Patient #2

- Female
- Selinexor 60mg
- De novo
- Adverse risk
- Achieved CR



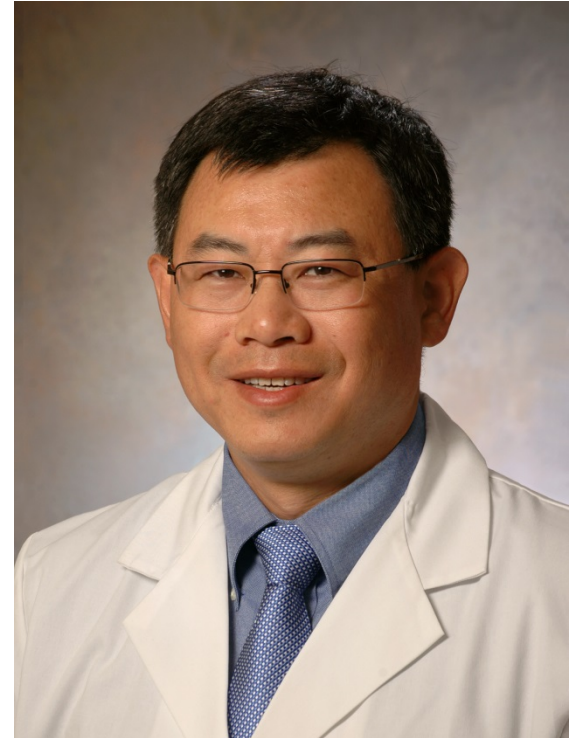


# Conclusions

- **Combination of Selinexor with HiDAC/Mitoxantrone is well tolerated with RP2D of selinexor at 80 mg**
- **The most common toxicities included febrile neutropenia and GI-related toxicities, such as anorexia, diarrhea, and nausea.**
- **Selinexor with HiDAC/Mitoxantrone has a promising ORR of 68% out of 19 patients, as well as an ORR of 91% in patients with newly diagnosed AML**
- **The combination of selinexor + HiDAC + mitoxantrone warrants further investigation in a larger study**

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# Post-induction Outcomes

- **4 total deaths**
  - 2 TF with progression of disease
  - 1 relapse after remission x 5 months
  - 1 induction death
- **Post-induction plan for those in remission:**
  - 6 have undergone allogeneic SCT
  - 4 went on to consolidation
  - 2 are planning for SCT
  - 1 awaiting for count recovery

# Treatment History

Prior Treatment	Number (%)
Untreated	12 (60%)
1 <sup>st</sup> relapse	3 (15%)
Beyond 1 <sup>st</sup> relapse	1 (5%)
Primary refractory	4 (20%)
Prior therapies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Combination cytarabine with anthracycline</li><li>• HiDAC</li><li>• Hypomethylating agents (eg. Decitabine)</li><li>• Tyrosine kinase inhibitors</li><li>• FLAG-IDA</li><li>• ATRA</li><li>• Clinical trial agents</li></ul>

# Results

- **Median time to CR: 35 days**
  - With G-CSF: 31 days
  - Without G-CSF: 37.5 days

# Post-Induction Outcomes

Patient ID	Diagnosis	Selinexor Dose	Response	Outcome
1	De novo	60mg	TF	Off study
2	De novo	60mg	CR	In consolidation
3	Refractory	60mg	TF	Off study
4	Relapsed	80mg	TF	Off study; died of disease progression
5	De novo	80mg	CR	In remission for 5 months before relapse; died of disease progression
6	Refractory	80mg	TF	Off study
7	De novo	80mg	CR	Allo-SCT
8	De novo	80mg	CRi	Early relapse, then decitabine bridge to allo-SCT
9	De novo	80mg	PR	Selinexor bridge to allo-SCT
10	De novo	80mg	CR	Sorafenib bridge to allo-SCT
11	Refractory	80mg	CR	Allo-SCT
12	De novo	80mg	CRi	Allo-SCT
13	Relapsed	80mg	CR	In consolidation
14	De novo	80mg	CR	In maintenance
15	De novo	80mg	CRi	Awaiting count recovery
16	Relapsed	80mg	TF	Off study
17	De novo	80mg	CR	In consolidation, planning for allo-SCT
18	Refractory	80mg	CR	In consolidation, planning for allo-SCT
19	Relapsed	80mg	TF	Off study; died during induction of hemorrhagic stroke
20	De novo	80mg	Pending	n/a