

Molecular minimal residual disease negativity and decreased stem cell mobilization potential predict excellent outcome after autologous transplant in *NPM1* mutant acute myeloid leukemia

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Supplemental Table S1: Clinical characteristics at diagnosis.

Parameter	All patients (n=42)	High CD34+ (n=21)	Low CD34+ (n=21)	p
Gender, male, n (%)	20 (48)	7 (33)	13 (62)	0.12
Age at diagnosis, (median, range)	55 (23-70)	57 (23-70)	54 (31-66)	0.41
BMI ¹ , kg/m ² (median, range)	25 (19-43)	25 (20-43)	25 (19-41)	0.92
Hb ² , g/L (median, range)	90 (43-133)	88 (43-133)	93 (47-130)	0.71
Lc ³ , G/L (median, range)	15 (1-160)	12 (2-160)	21 (1-144)	0.82
Tc ⁴ , G/L (median, range)	103 (9-522)	114 (28-522)	81 (9-213)	0.17
LDH ⁵ , U/L (median, range)	772 (184-9,134)	745 (184-2,142)	1,108 (280-9,134)	0.10
CRP ⁶ , mg/L (median, range)	35 (3-342)	36 (3-342)	33 (3-224)	0.88
Albumin, g/L (median, range)	34 (20-63)	34 (20-44)	34 (24-63)	0.87
Peripheral blasts, % (median, range)	32 (0-99)	22 (0-99)	80 (8-95)	0.83
Marrow blasts, % (median, range)	65 (0-95)	60 (0-95)	80 (8-95)	0.73
<i>De novo</i> AML ⁷	39 (93%)	19 (90%)	20 (95%)	1.00
Secondary AML from MDS ⁸ , n (%)	1 (2)	0 (0)	1 (5)	1.00
Therapy-related AML, n (%)	1 (2)	1 (5)	0 (0)	1.00
Extramedullary AML, n (%)	1 (2)	1 (5)	0 (0)	1.00
ELN ⁹ favorable risk, n (%)	29 (69)	14 (67)	15 (71)	1.00
intermediate risk, n (%)	13 (31)	7 (33)	6 (29)	1.00
Molecular mutation profiles				
<i>NPM1</i> mut ¹⁰ alone, n (%)	24 (57)	13 (62)	11 (52)	0.76
<i>NPM1</i> mut/ <i>FLT3</i> wt ¹¹ , n (%)	29 (69)	14 (67)	15 (71)	1.00
<i>NPM1</i> mut/ <i>FLT3</i> -ITD ¹² , n (%)	13 (31)	7 (33)	6 (29)	1.00
Other associated mutations				
<i>NPM1</i> mut/ <i>IDH1</i> ¹³ , n (%)	2 (5)	1 (5)	1 (5)	1.00
<i>NPM1</i> mut/ <i>IDH2</i> ¹⁴ , n (%)	3 (7)	0 (0)	3 (15)	0.16
Karyotypes				
Normal karyotype, n (%)	38 (90)	21 (100)	17 (81)	0.11
del(9q), n (%)	1 (2)	0 (0)	1 (5)	1.00
del(7q), n (%)	1 (2)	0 (0)	1 (5)	1.00
Trisomy 8, n (%)	2 (5)	0 (0)	2 (10)	1.00

¹ BMI: body mass index; ² Hb: hemoglobin; ³ Lc: leucocytes; ⁴ Tc: platelets; ⁵ LDH: lactate dehydrogenase; ⁶ CRP: C-reactive protein; ⁷ AML: acute myeloid leukemia; ⁸ MDS: myelodysplastic syndrome; ⁹ ELN: European Leukemia Net classification; ¹⁰ *NPM1*mut: mutation in the Nucleophosmin 1 gene; ¹¹ *FLT3*wt: FMS-like tyrosine kinase 3 gene wild-type; ¹² *FLT3*-ITD: internal tandem duplication of the *FLT3* gene; ¹³ *IDH1*mut: mutation of the isocitrate dehydrogenase 1 gene; ¹⁴ *IDH2*mut: mutation of the isocitrate dehydrogenase 2 gene.

Supplemental Table S2: Clinical characteristics at diagnosis of patients with relapse as compared to no relapse.

Parameter	All patients (n=42)	Relapse (n=20)	No relapse (n=22)	P
Gender, male, n (%)	20 (48)	10 (50)	10 (45)	1.00
Age at diagnosis, (range)	55 (23-70)	56 (31-70)	55 (23-69)	0.75
BMI ¹ , kg/cm ² (range)	25 (19-43)	24 (19-32)	25 (20-43)	0.06
Hb ² , g/L (range)	90 (43-133)	91 (43-130)	90 (65-133)	0.34
Lc ³ , G/L (range)	15 (1-160)	26 (2-160)	11 (1-145)	0.32
Tc ⁴ , G/L (range)	103 (9-522)	106 (28-522)	98 (9-213)	0.67
LDH ⁵ , U/L (range)	772 (184-9134)	830 (184-5932)	756 (280-9134)	0.55
CRP ⁶ , mg/L (range)	35 (3-342)	25 (3-342)	52 (3-187)	0.20
Albumin, g/L (range)	34 (20-63)	35 (20-63)	34 (22-41)	0.23
Peripheral blasts, % (range)	32 (0-99)	50 (0-99)	18 (0-99)	0.14
Blasts in BM ⁷ , % (range)	65 (0-95)	70 (0-95)	60 (8-95)	0.47
Deaths, n (%)	17 (40)	14 (70)	3 (15)	<0.001
PFS ⁸ , months (range)	13 (1-182)	5 (1-71)	50 (2-182)	0.0005
OS ⁹ , months (range)	26 (2-182)	12 (3-73)	50 (2-182)	0.049
<i>De novo</i> AML	39 (93%)	17 (85%)	22 (100%)	0.48
Secondary AML ¹⁰ from MDS ¹¹ , n (%)	1 (2)	1 (5)	0 (0)	0.48
Therapy-related AML, n (%)	1 (2)	1 (5)	0 (0)	0.48
Extramedullary (chloroma) AML, n (%)	1 (2)	1 (5)	0 (0)	0.48
ELN ¹² classification favorable risk, n (%)	29 (69)	14 (70)	15 (68)	1.00
intermediate risk, n (%)	13 (31)	6 (30)	7 (32)	1.00
Molecular and cytogenetic abnormalities				
<i>NPM1</i> mut ¹³ alone, n (%)	24 (57)	12 (60)	12 (55)	0.56
<i>NPM1</i> mut/ <i>FLT3</i> wt ¹⁴ , n (%)	29 (69)	14 (70)	15 (68)	1.00
<i>NPM1</i> mut/ <i>FLT3</i> -ITD ¹⁵ n (%)	13 (31)	6 (30)	7 (32)	1.00
<i>NPM1</i> mut/ <i>IDH1</i> R132mut ¹⁶ , n (%)	2 (5)	2 (10)	0 (0)	0.22
<i>NPM1</i> mut/del(9)(q12q32), n (%)	1 (2)	0 (0)	1 (5)	1.00
<i>NPM1</i> mut/del(7), n (%)	1 (2)	0 (0)	1 (5)	1.00
<i>NPM1</i> mut/trisomy 8/-Y, n (%)	1 (2)	0 (0)	1 (5)	1.00
<i>NPM1</i> mut/trisomy 8, n (%)	1 (2)	0 (0)	1 (5)	1.00
<i>NPM1</i> mut/normal karyotype, n (%)	38 (90)	19 (95)	19 (86)	0.61

¹ BMI: body mass index; ² Hb: hemoglobin; ³ Lc: leukocytes; ⁴ Tc: thrombocytes; ⁵ LDH: lactate dehydrogenase; ⁶ CRP: C-reactive protein; ⁷ BM: bone marrow; ⁸ PFS: progression-free survival; ⁹ OS: overall survival; ¹⁰ AML: acute myeloid leukemia; ¹¹ MDS: myelodysplastic syndrome; ¹² ELN: European Leukemia Net classification; ¹³ *NPM1*mut: mutation in the Nucleophosmin 1 gene; ¹⁴ *FLT3*wt: FMS-like tyrosine kinase 3 gene wild-type; ¹⁵ *FLT3*-ITD: internal tandem duplication of the *FLT3* gene; ¹⁶ *IDH1*R132mut: R132 mutation of the isocitrate dehydrogenase 1 gene.

Supplemental Table S3: Mobilization of CD34+ cells and MRD¹ status at stem cell collection.

Parameter	All patients (n=42)	High CD34+ (n=21)	Low CD34+ (n=21)	p
Day of apheresis after start 2 nd chemotherapy cycle, n (range) ²	24 (18-83)	23 (18-54)	28 (20-83)	0.01
Single day of apheresis, n (%)	40 (95)	21 (100)	19 (91)	0.49
Two days of apheresis, n (%)	2 (5)	0 (0)	2 (10)	0.49
Median peripheral CD34+ cells at day of collection, / μ L (range) ³	45 (4-1573)	106 (47-1573)	21 (4-43)	<0.0001
Median total yield of collected CD34+ cells, x10 ⁶ /kg (range)	8 (3-130)	12 (6-130)	5 (3-13)	<0.0001
Median total amount of transfused CD34+ cells, x10 ⁶ /kg (range) ⁴	5.0 (2-17)	5.5 (3-17)	3.8 (2-7)	0.0072
MRD-negative in peripheral blood, n (%)	25 (60)	10 (48)	15 (71)	0.21
MRD-positive in peripheral blood, n (%)	17 (40)	11 (52)	6 (29)	0.21
MRD-negative in BM ⁵ , n (%)	20 (48)	9 (43)	11 (52)	0.76
MRD-positive in BM, n (%)	22 (52)	12 (57)	10 (48)	0.76

¹ MRD: minimal residual disease; ² median number of days since first day of start of the second induction cycle; ³ circulating peripheral CD34+ per microliter; ⁴ data missing in one patient in the low CD34+ group; ⁵ BM: bone marrow.

Supplemental Table S4: Mobilization of CD34+ cells and MRD status at stem cell collection of patients with relapse compared to no relapse.

Parameter	All patients (n=42)	Relapse (n=20)	No relapse (n=22)	P
Day of apheresis after start second cycle of chemotherapy, n (range) ²	24 (18-83)	23 (18-67)	27 (20-83)	0.06
Single day of apheresis, n (%)	40 (95)	20 (100)	20 (91)	0.49
Two days of apheresis, n (%)	2 (5)	0 (0)	2 (9)	0.49
Peripheral CD34+ cells at day of collection, x10 ⁶ /L (range) ³	45 (4-1574)	55 (12-1025)	36 (4-1574)	0.23
Median total yield of collected CD34+ cells, x10 ⁶ /kg (range)	8 (3-130)	12 (3-130)	6 (3-71)	0.06
Median total amount of transfused CD34+ cells, x10 ⁶ /kg (range) ⁴	5 (2-17)	5 (2-17)	4 (3-7)	0.2154
MRD-negative in blood, n (%)	25 (60)	7 (35)	18 (82)	0.004
MRD-positive in blood, n (%)	17 (40)	13 (65)	4 (18)	0.004
MRD-negative in BM ⁵ , n (%)	20 (48)	4 (20)	16 (73)	0.0008
MRD-positive in BM, n (%)	22 (52)	16 (80)	6 (27)	0.0008

¹ MRD: minimal residual disease; ² median number of days since start of second induction cycle; ³ median number of circulating peripheral CD34+ cells per liter; ⁴ data missing in one patient in the no relapse group; ⁵ BM: bone marrow.

Supplemental Table S5: Overview on clinical outcomes.

Parameter	All patients (n=42)	High CD34+ (n=21)	Low CD34+ (n=21)	P
Relapse, n (%)	20 (48)	11 (52)	9 (43)	0.76
in MRD+ ¹ bone marrow	16 (38)	9 (43)	7 (33)	1.00
in MRD- bone marrow	4 (10)	2 (10)	2 (10)	1.00
in <i>NPM1</i> mut ² / <i>FLT3</i> wt ³ , n (%)	14 (33)	9 (43)	5 (24)	0.14
in <i>NPM1</i> mut/ <i>FLT3</i> -ITD ⁴ , n (%)	6 (14)	2 (10)	4 (44)	0.29
Death, n (%)	17 (40)	13 (62)	4 (19)	0.01
in MRD+ bone marrow	14 (33)	10 (48)	4 (19)	0.07
in MRD- bone marrow	3 (7)	3 (14)	0 (0)	0.07
in <i>NPM1</i> mut/ <i>FLT3</i> wt, n (%)	9 (21)	8 (38)	1 (5)	0.005
in <i>NPM1</i> mut/ <i>FLT3</i> -ITD, n (%)	8 (19)	5 (24)	3 (14)	0.59
PFS ⁵ , median, months (range)	13 (1-182)	8 (1-182)	19 (1-174)	0.36
OS ⁶ , median, months (range)	26 (2-182)	23 (2-182)	39 (3-174)	0.33
Patients with allo-SCT ⁷ , n (%)	11 (26)	4 (19)	7 (33)	0.48
Allo-SCT at relapse, n (%)	10 (24)	4 (19)	6 (29)	0.70
Relapse after allo-SCT, n (%)	3 (7)	1 (5)	2 (10)	1.00

¹ MRD: minimal residual disease; ² *NPM1*mut: mutation in the Nucleophosmin 1 gene; ³ *FLT3*wt: FMS-like tyrosine kinase 3 gene wild-type; ⁴ *FLT3*-ITD: internal tandem duplication of the *FLT3* gene; ⁵ PFS: progression-free survival; ⁶ OS: overall survival; ⁷ SCT: stem cell transplantation.

Supplementary Table S6: Clinical characteristics at diagnosis comparing MRD positive and negative patients based on *NPM1* mutation analysis from bone marrow (BM).

Parameter	All patients (n=42)	MRD ¹ positive (BM; n=22)	MRD negative (BM; n=20)	p
Gender, male, n (%)	20 (48)	8 (36)	12 (60)	0.22
Age at diagnosis, (median, range)	55 (23-70)	58 (31-70)	54 (23-66)	0.54
BMI ² , kg/m ² (median, range)	25 (19-43)	24 (19-33)	25 (20-43)	0.08
Hb ³ , g/L (median, range)	90 (43-133)	88 (43-130)	95 (68-133)	0.11
Lc ⁴ , G/L (median, range)	14 (1-160)	28 (2-160)	8 (1-144)	0.06
Tc ⁵ , G/L (median, range)	103 (9-522)	109 (31-522)	89 (9-213)	0.22
LDH ⁶ , U/L (median, range)	772 (184-9134)	775 (184-5932)	767 (280-9134)	0.63
CRP ⁷ , mg/L (median, range)	35 (3-342)	35 (3-342)	36 (3-187)	0.51
Albumin, g/L (median, range)	34 (20-63)	34 (20-41)	35 (22-63)	0.43
Peripheral blasts, % (median, range)	32 (0-99)	42 (0-99)	18 (0-97)	0.42
Marrow blasts, % (median, range)	65 (0-95)	83 (0-95)	55 (8-95)	0.15
De novo AML, n (%)	39 (93%)	20 (91%)	19 (95%)	0.22
Secondary AML ⁸ from MDS ⁹ , n (%)	1 (2)	0 (0)	1 (5)	0.48
Therapy-related AML, n (%)	1 (2)	1 (5)	0 (0)	1.00
Extramedullary (chloroma) AML, n (%)	1 (2)	1 (5)	0 (0)	1.00
ELN ¹⁰ favorable risk, n (%)	29 (69)	15 (68)	14 (70)	1.00
intermediate risk, n (%)	13 (31)	7 (32)	6 (30)	1.00
Mutation profiles				
<i>NPM1</i> mut ¹¹ alone, n (%)	24 (57)	12 (55)	12 (60)	0.76
<i>NPM1</i> mut/ <i>FLT3</i> wt ¹² , n (%)	29 (69)	15 (68)	14 (70)	1.00
<i>NPM1</i> mut/ <i>FLT3</i> -ITD ¹³ , n (%)	13 (31)	7 (32)	6 (30)	1.00
Other associated mutations				
<i>NPM1</i> mut/ <i>IDH1</i> ¹⁴ , n (%)	2 (5)	2 (9)	0 (0)	0.49
<i>NPM1</i> mut/ <i>IDH2</i> ¹⁵ , n (%)	3 (7)	3 (14)	0 (0)	0.12
Karyotypes				
normal karyotype, n (%)	38 (90)	20 (91)	18 (90)	1.00
del(9q), n (%)	1 (2)	0 (0)	1 (5)	0.48
del(7q), n (%)	1 (2)	1 (5)	0 (0)	1.00
trisomy 8, n (%)	2 (5)	1 (5)	1 (5)	1.00

¹ MRD: minimal residual disease; ² BMI: body mass index; ³ Hb: hemoglobin; ⁴ Lc: leucocytes; ⁵ Tc: platelets; ⁶ LDH: lactate dehydrogenase; ⁷ CRP: C-reactive protein; ⁸ AML: acute myeloid leukemia; ⁹ MDS: myelodysplastic syndrome; ¹⁰ ELN: European Leukemia Net classification; ¹¹ *NPM1*mut: mutation in the Nucleophosmin 1 gene; ¹² *FLT3*wt: FMS-like tyrosine kinase 3 gene wild-type; ¹³ *FLT3*-ITD: internal tandem duplication of the *FLT3* gene; ¹⁴ *IDH1*mut: mutation of the isocitrate dehydrogenase 1 gene; ¹⁵ *IDH2*mut: mutation of the isocitrate dehydrogenase 2 gene.

Supplemental Table S7: Multivariable predictors of progression-free survival and overall survival.

Parameter	Progression-free survival		Overall survival	
	Hazard ratio (95% CI)	p	Hazard ratio (95% CI)	p
MRD-negative ¹	0.68 (0.56 to 0.81)	<0.001	0.62 (0.49 to 0.78)	<0.001
CD34+ low ²	0.89 (0.67 to 0.96)	0.022	0.84 (0.68 to 0.91)	0.018
Age ³	1.08 (0.88 to 1.21)	0.682	1.10 (0.94 to 1.33)	0.053
LDH ⁴	1.12 (0.91 to 1.25)	0.372	1.16 (0.87 to 1.41)	0.317
Leukocytes ⁵	1.21 (0.85 to 1.42)	0.503	1.23 (0.92 to 1.51)	0.541
ELN risk group ⁶	0.81 (0.60 to 0.95)	0.027	0.68 (0.62 to 0.94)	0.029

¹ *NPM1*mut negativity (versus positivity) assessed by quantitative PCR in the bone marrow after two cycles of induction chemotherapy at peripheral stem cell collection; ² Low mobilization of CD34+ cells at stem cell collection compared to high CD34 mobilization dichotomized according to the median CD34+ level of the cohort; ³ Age below 60 years compared to age ≥60 years at first diagnosis of AML; ⁴ normal LDH (ULN: 480 U/L) versus increased levels (>480 U/L) at diagnosis of AML; ⁵ Peripheral leucocytes at diagnosis of AML below median value (15 G/L) versus above median value; ⁶ European LeukemiaNet risk category favorable versus intermediate.

