



Mise au point sur l'aplasie médullaire

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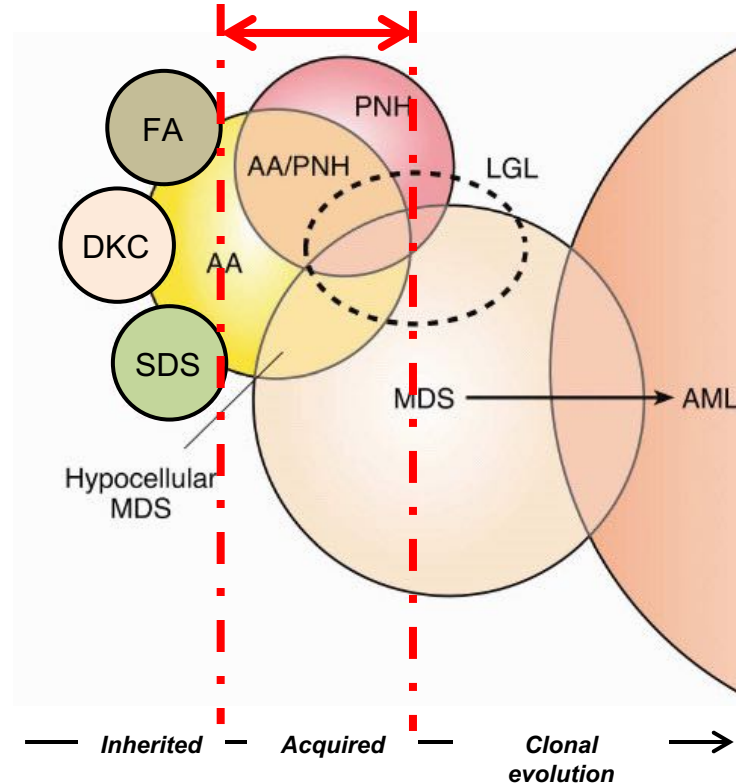
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Idiopathic aplastic anemia

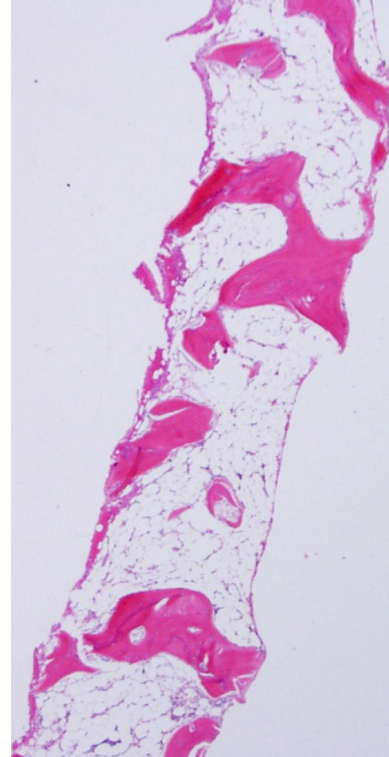
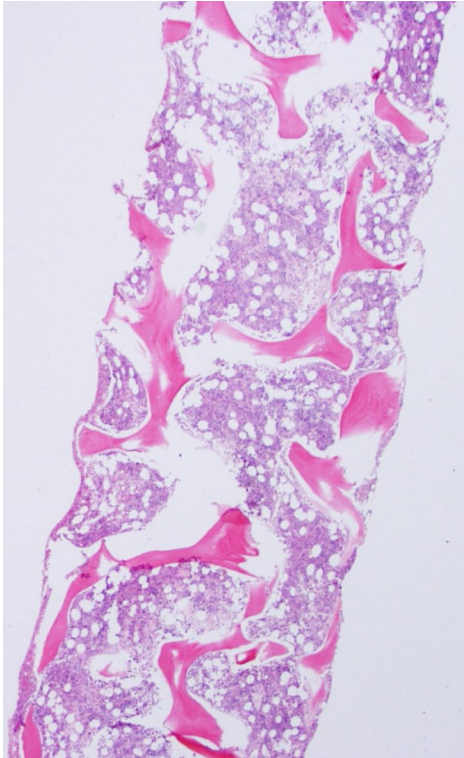
Landscape

Bone marrow failure disorders (BMF)



Idiopathic aplastic anemia

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Aims

- **Diagnosis of aplastic anemia?**
- **How make the difference between acquired (idiopathic) and inherited aplastic anemia?**
 - Clinic
 - Biology
- **When should we start a treatment?**
 - Criteria for treatment
- **How to treat?**
 - Immunosuppressive therapy versus transplantation

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>>>> Aplastic anemia? YES/NO

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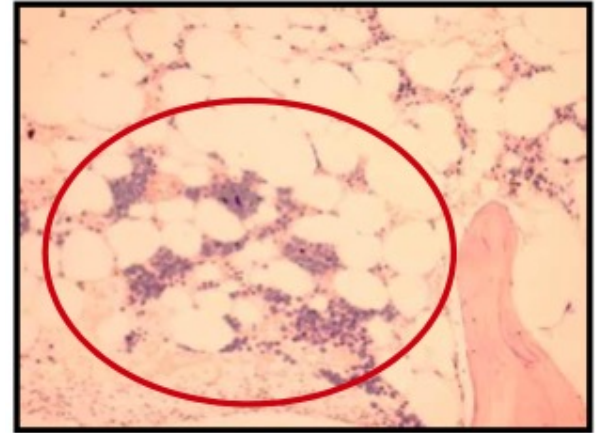
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- **Bone marrow biopsy (diagnosis)**

- Cellularity <30%
- Dyserythropoiesis (usual)
- Mast cells, lymphoid hyperplasia, plasma cells, macrophages



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> Clinic

- **Disease installation**

- Progressive versus acute (CBCs history)

- **Personal history**

- Early development
 - Physical exam

- **Familial history**

- Hematological disorders
 - Extra hematological disorder (Lung and cirrhosis)

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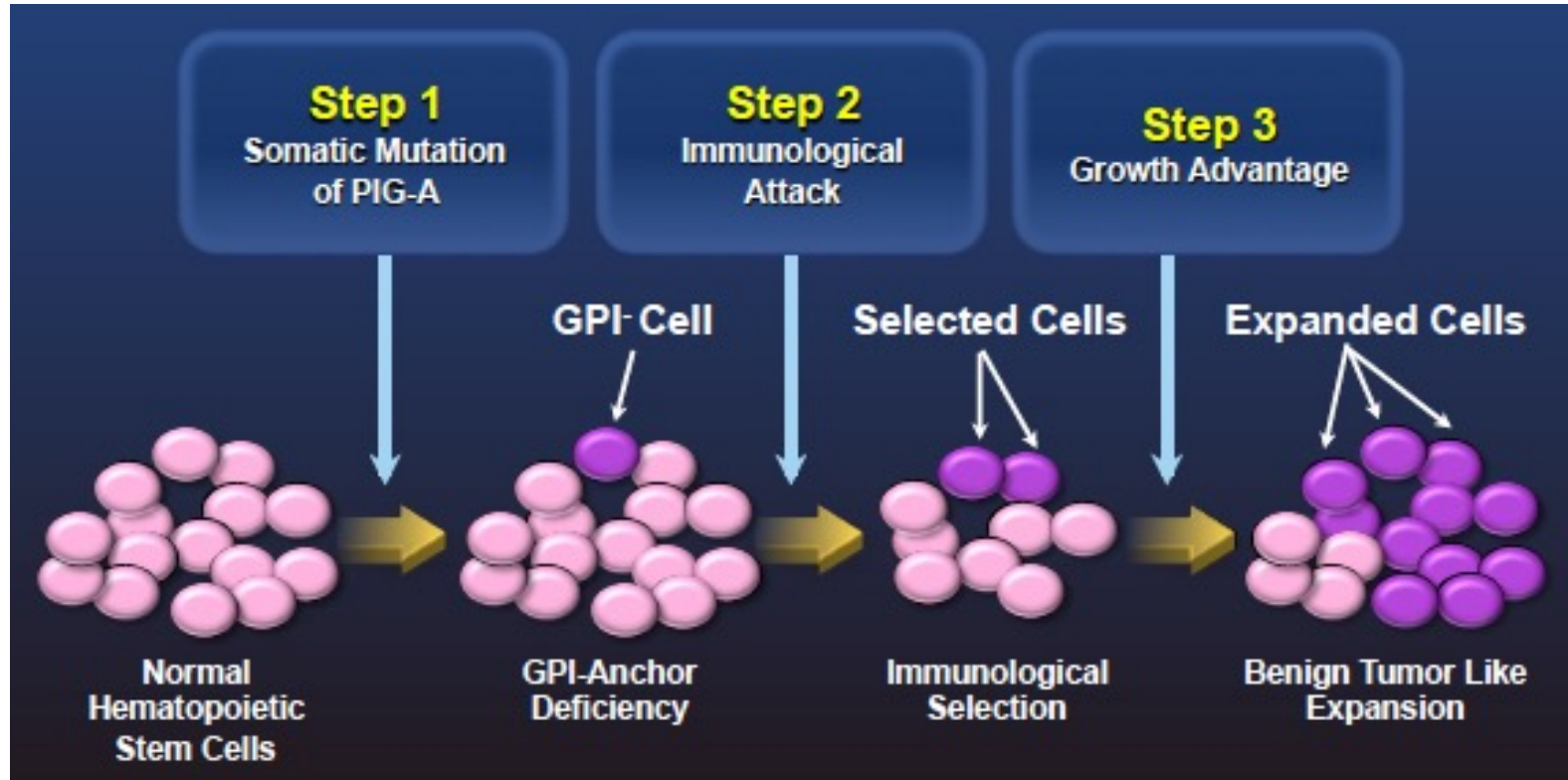
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Idiopathic (80%) – PNH clone

> PNH clone expansion in the context of immune-mediated BMF



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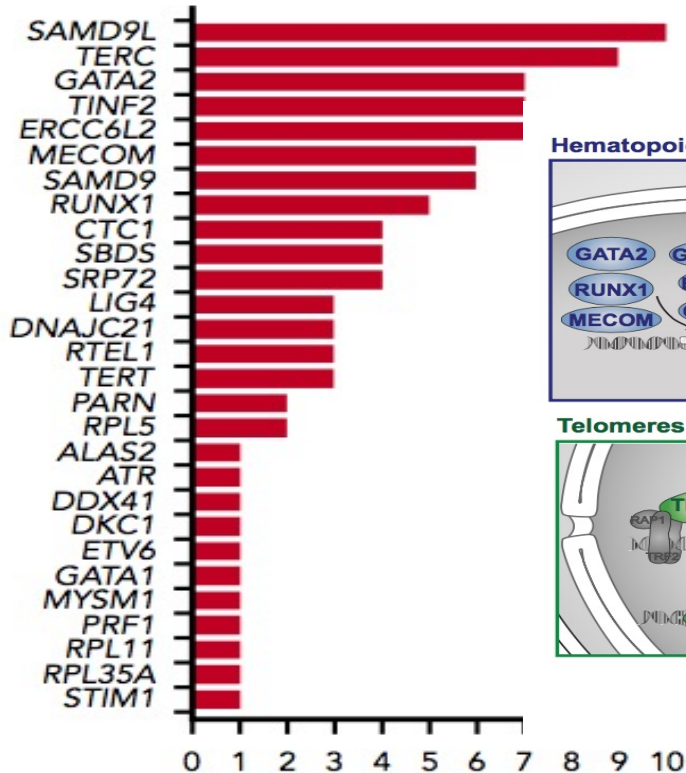
OBJECTIVES: in a cohort of patients with an unresolved, likely-Inherited BMF (FA excluded):
To identify new IBMF/MDS causes; to draw a broad molecular portrait of this heterogeneous group of patients

**N=179 patients from 173 unrelated families
(median age: 8.3 years)**

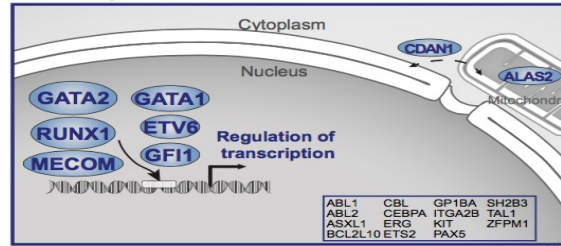
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Molecular diagnosis: N=86 patients (almost 50%)

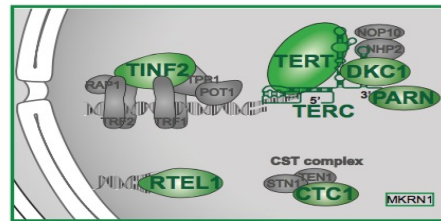
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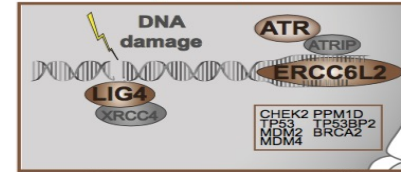
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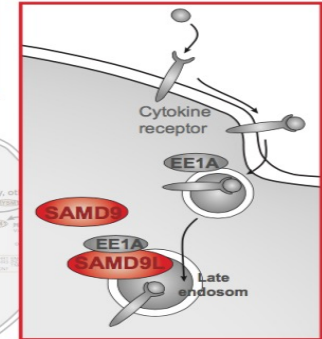
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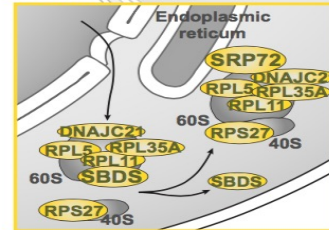
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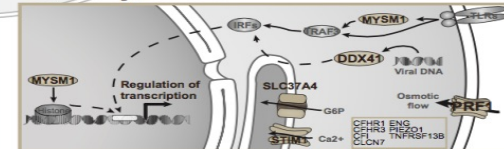
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Ribosomes



Immunity, others

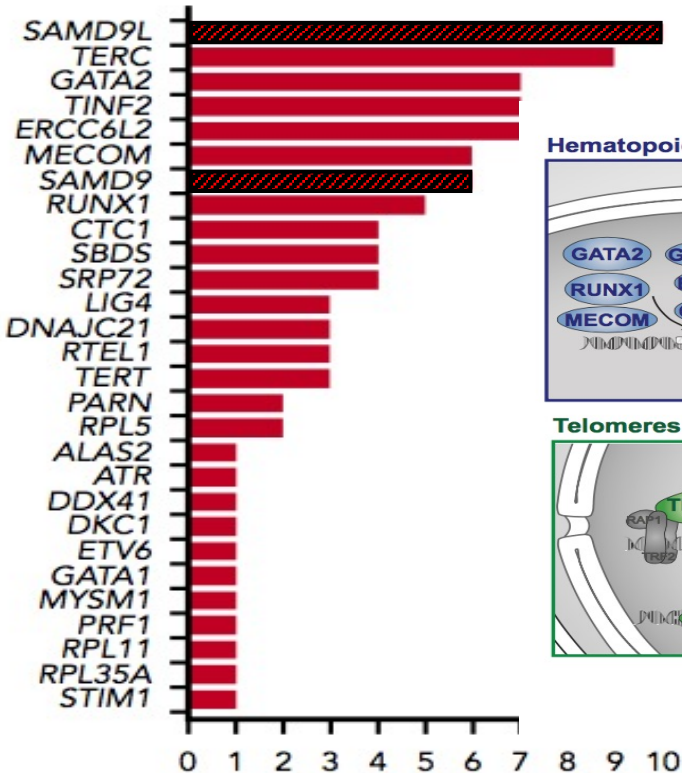


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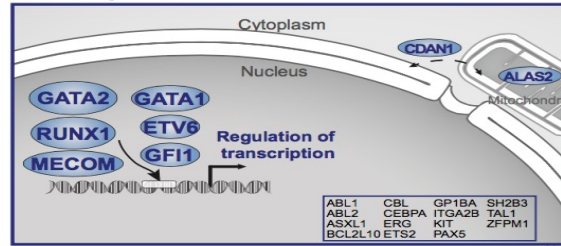
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SAMD9L/SAMD9: N=16 patients (19%)

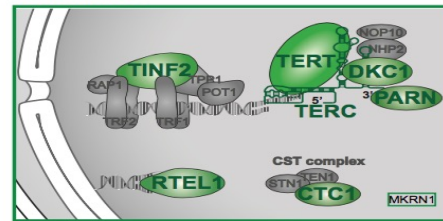
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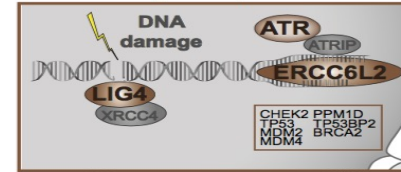
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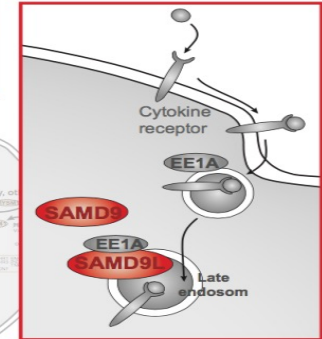
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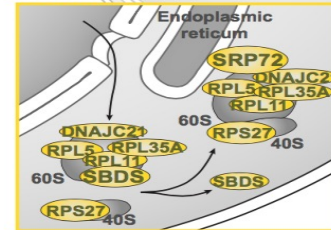
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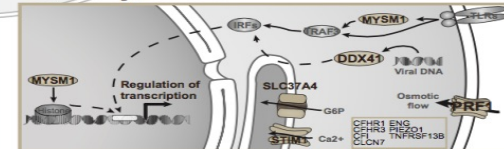
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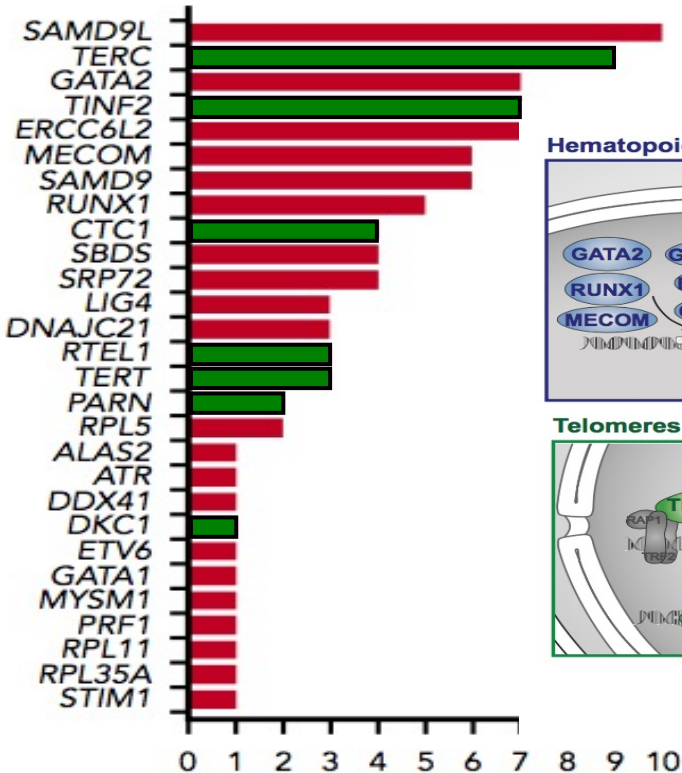


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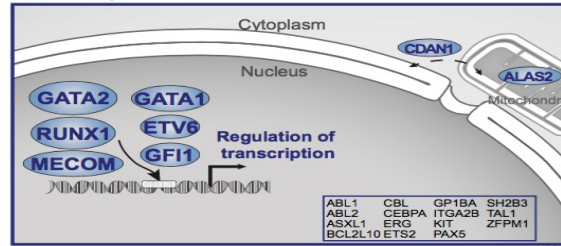
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Telomeres genes: N=29 patients (34%)

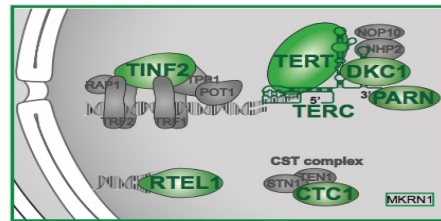
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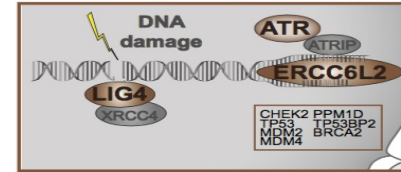
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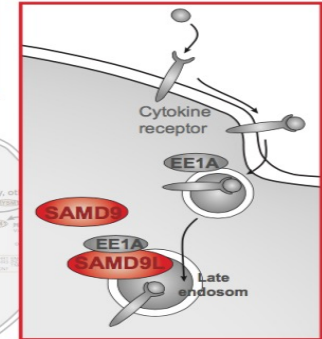
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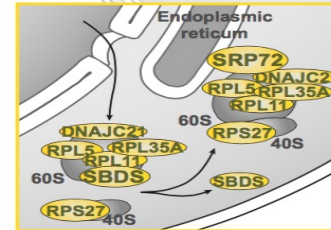
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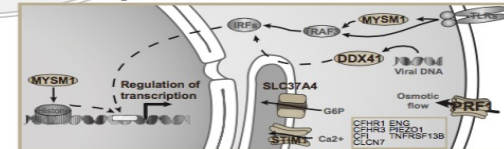
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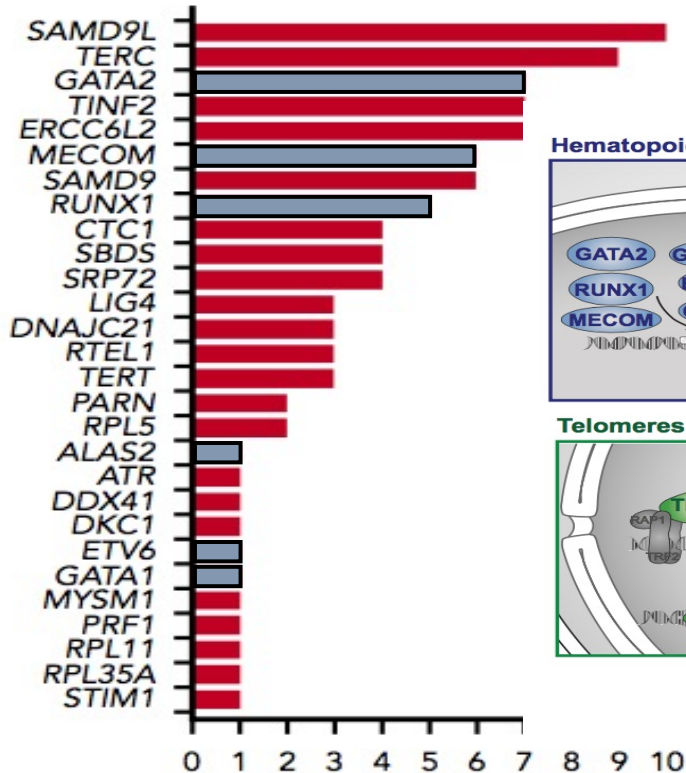


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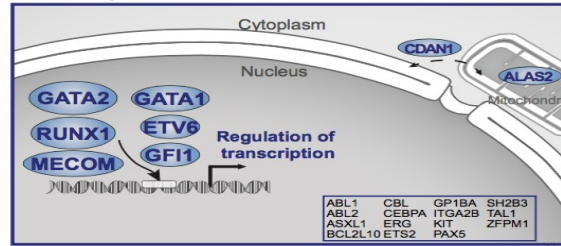
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Hematopoietic genes: N=21 patients (24%)

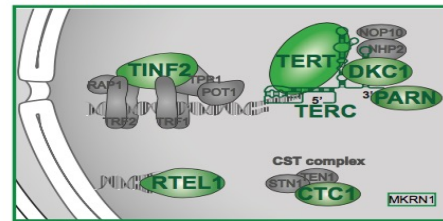
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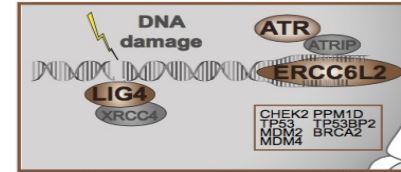
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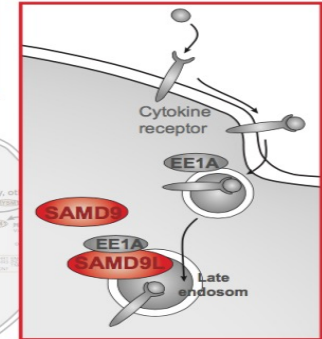
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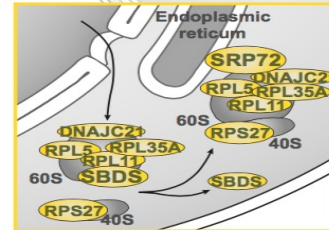
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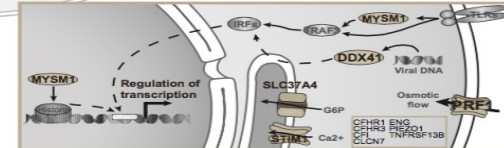
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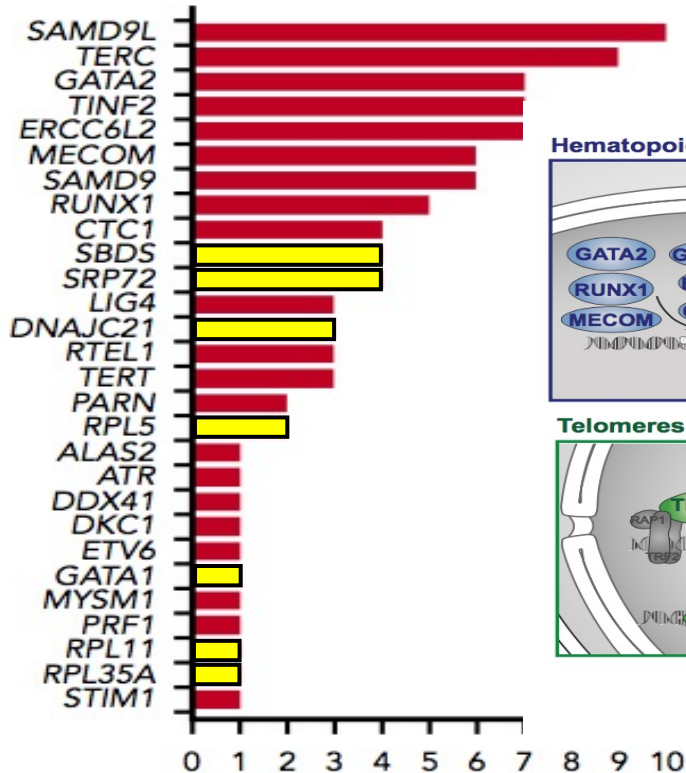


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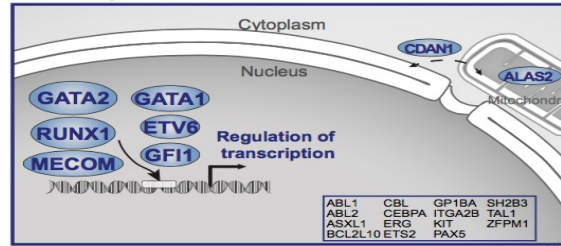
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Ribosome biogenesis: N=12 patients (14%)

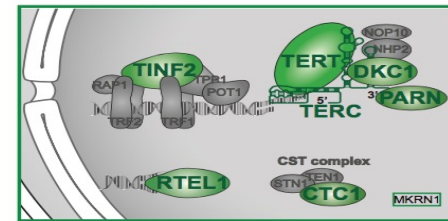
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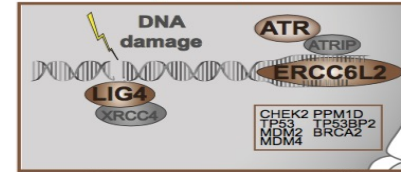
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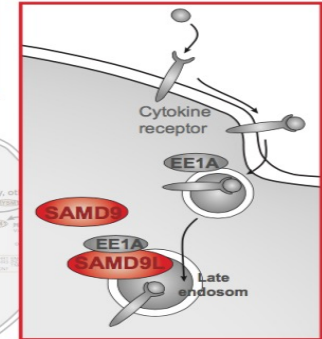
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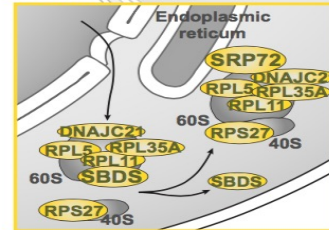
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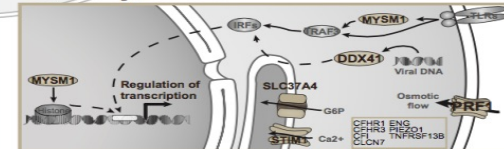
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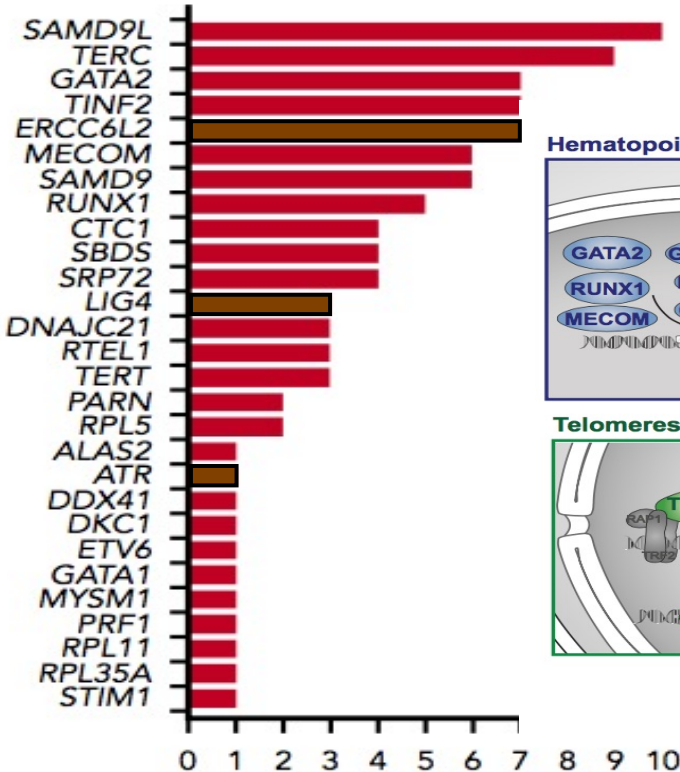


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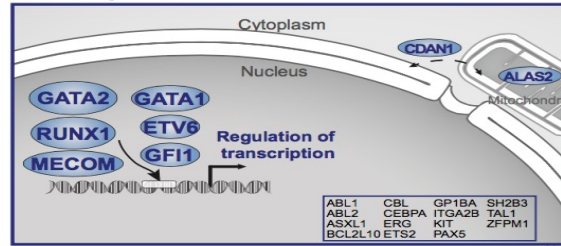
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DNA damage: N=11 patients (13%)

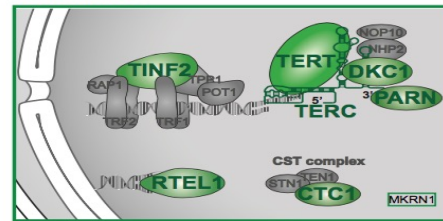
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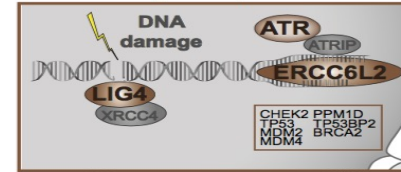
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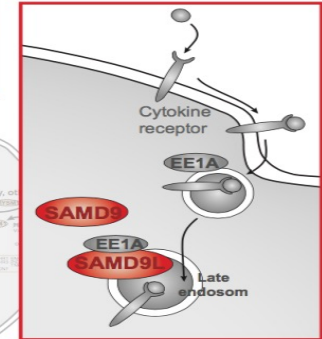
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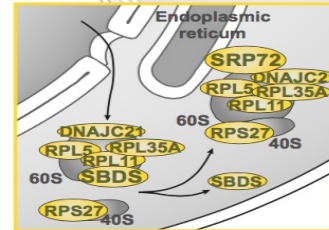
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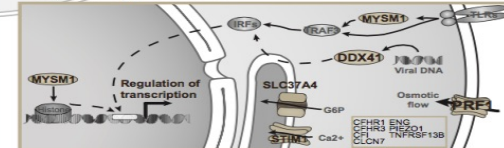
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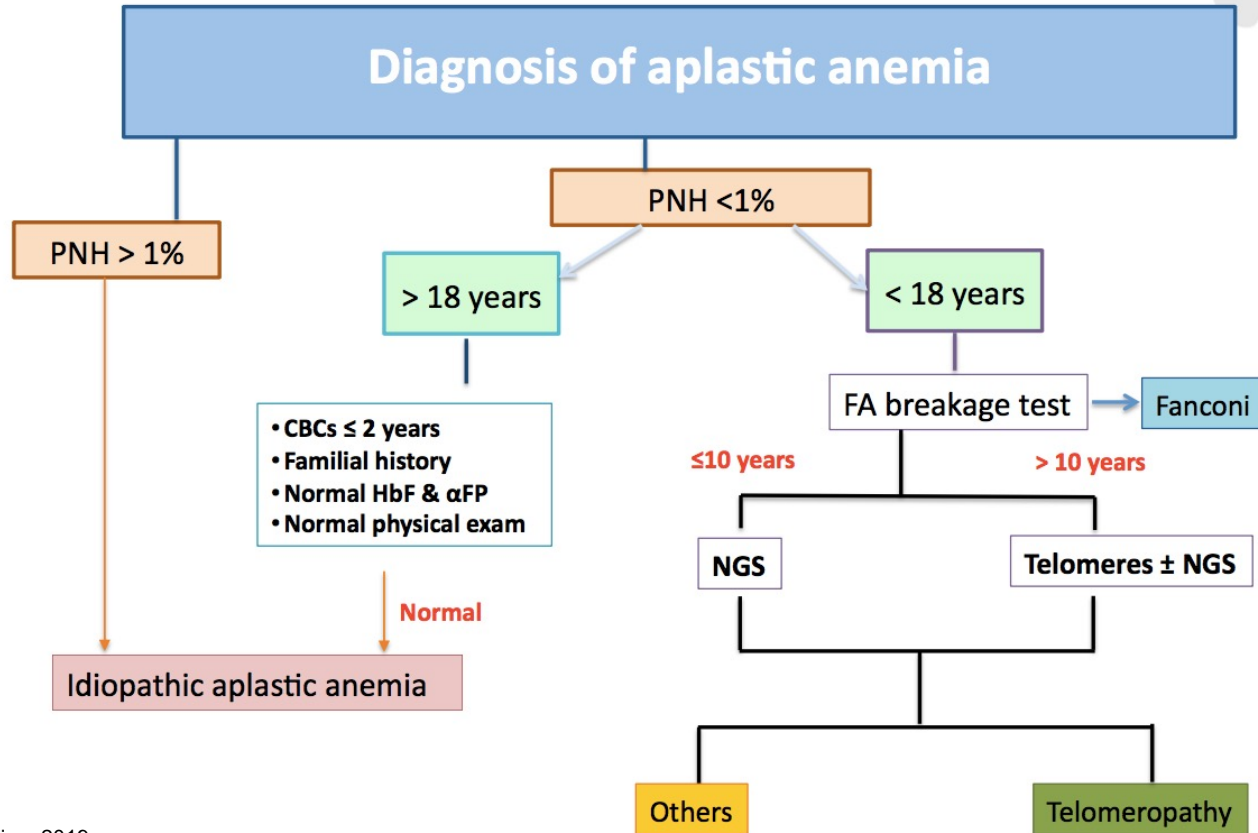
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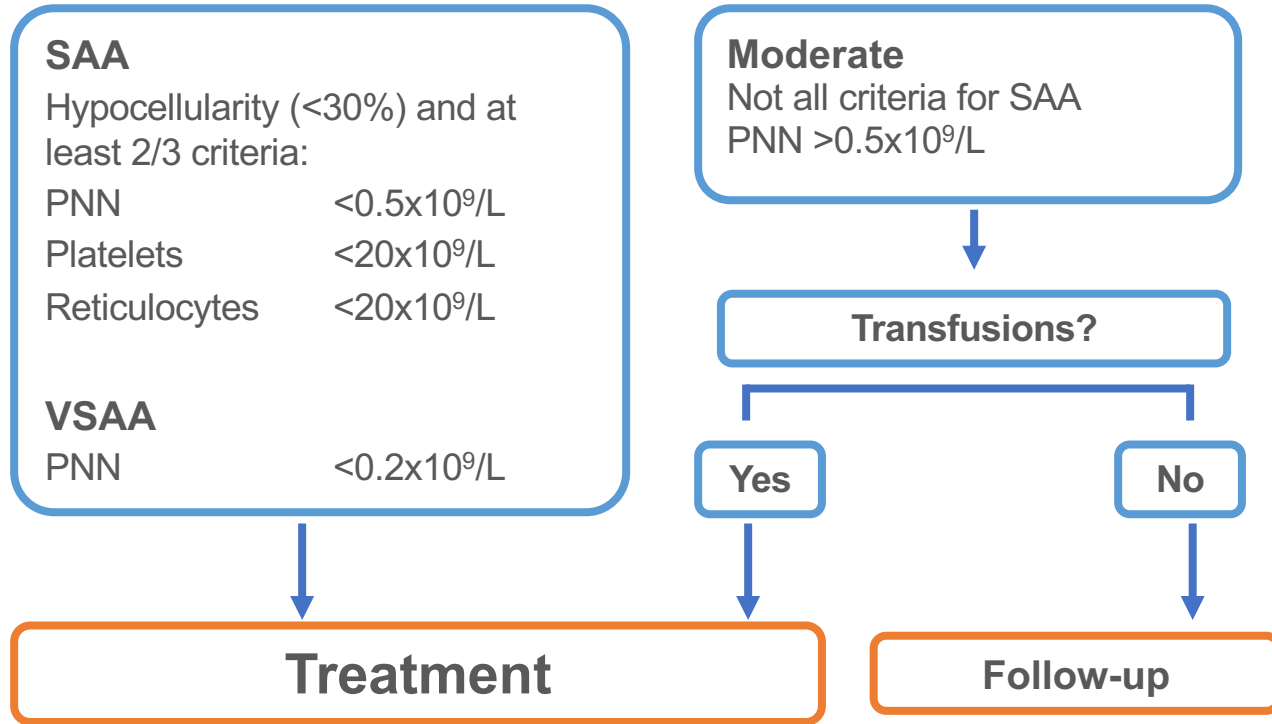
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Laboratory test	Patient's result	Reference range
Haemoglobin	6.8 g/dL	12–16 g/dL
White blood cell count	$0.8 \times 10^9/\text{L}$	$4.0\text{--}10 \times 10^9/\text{L}$
Absolute neutrophil count	$0.15 \times 10^9/\text{L}$	$1.4\text{--}7.5 \times 10^9/\text{L}$
Absolute reticulocyte count	$7 \times 10^9/\text{L}$	$20\text{--}80 \times 10^9/\text{L}$
Platelet count	$7 \times 10^9/\text{L}$	$150\text{--}450 \times 10^9/\text{L}$

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How to treat?

Aim #4

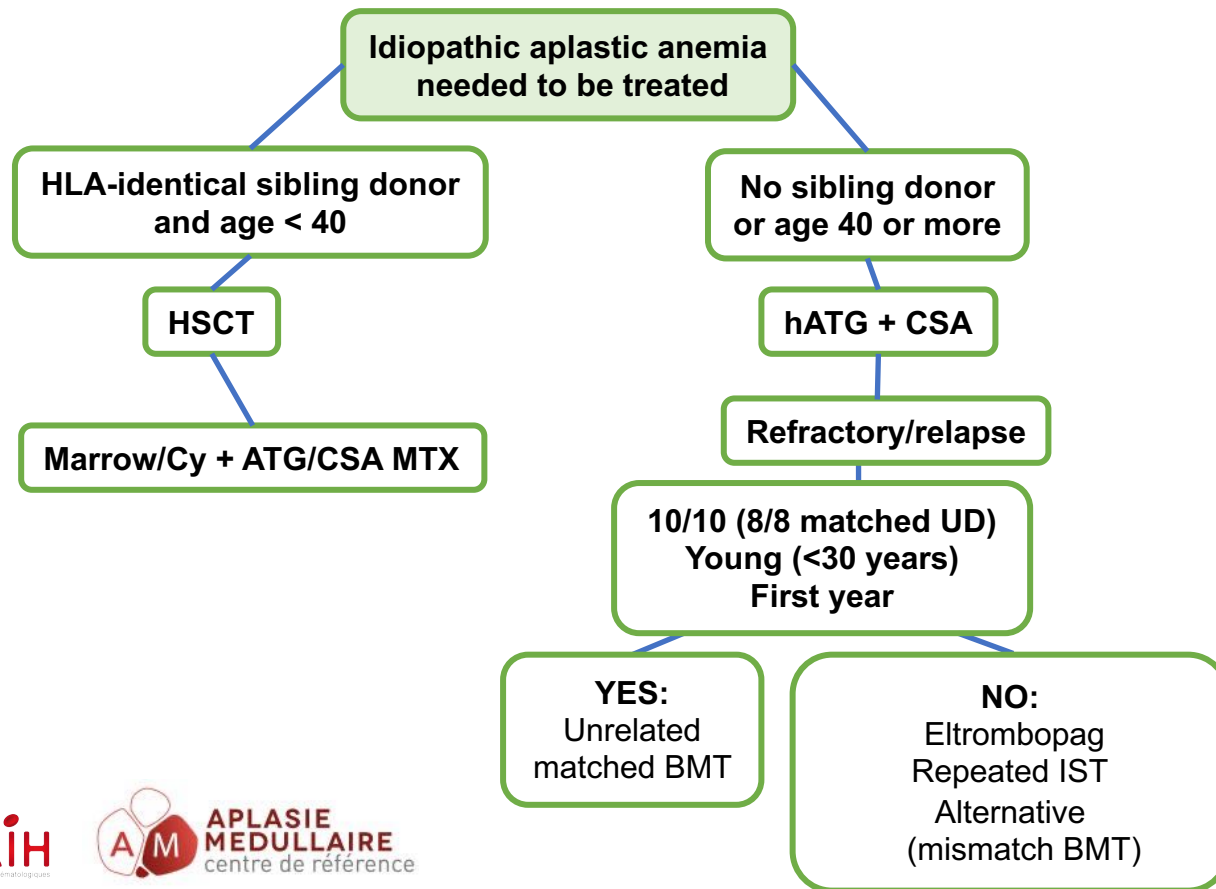
- **Treatment**

- Idiopathic aplastic anemia: immunosuppressive treatment or transplantation
- Inherited aplastic anemia: androgens or transplantation

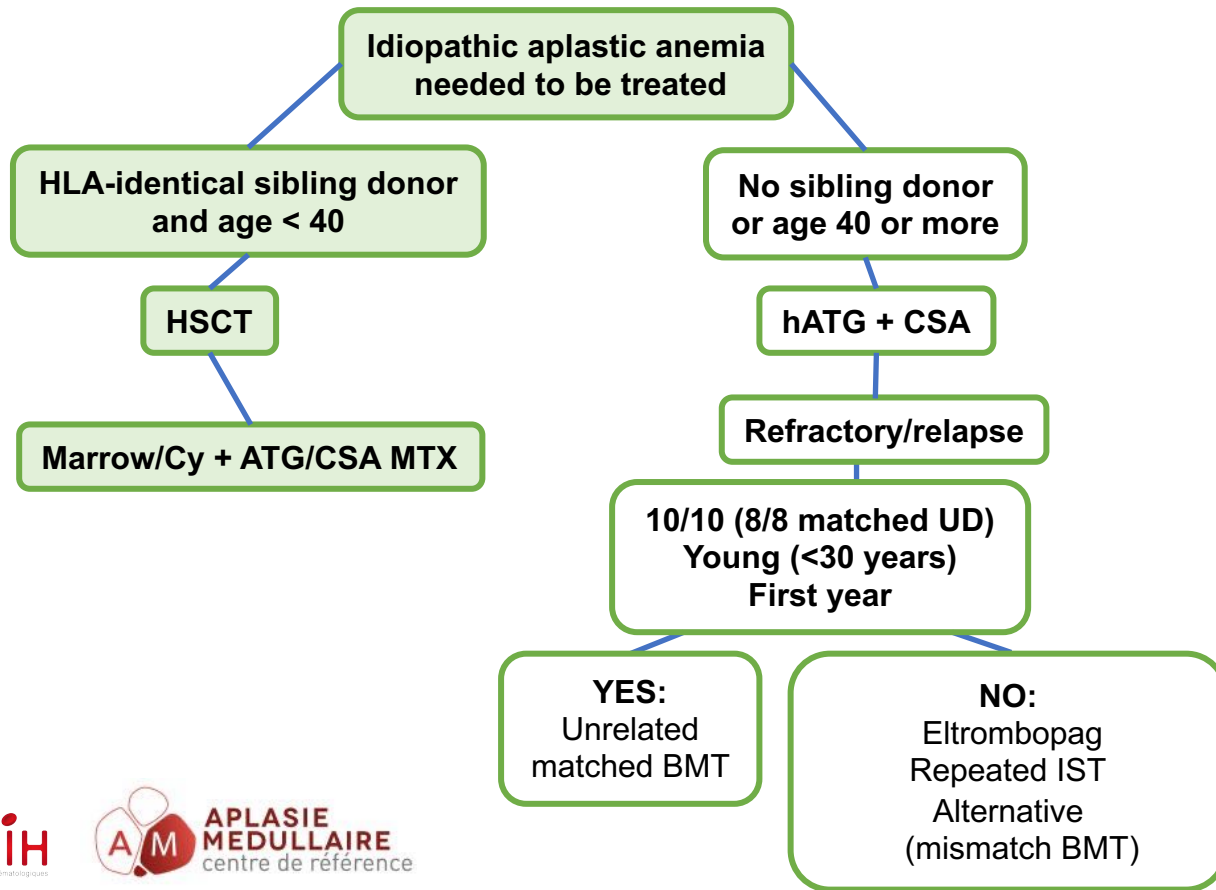
- **Long-term follow-up**

- Clonal evolution for both causes (MDS, AML)
- Solid cancer for inherited disorders

Treatment (guidelines)



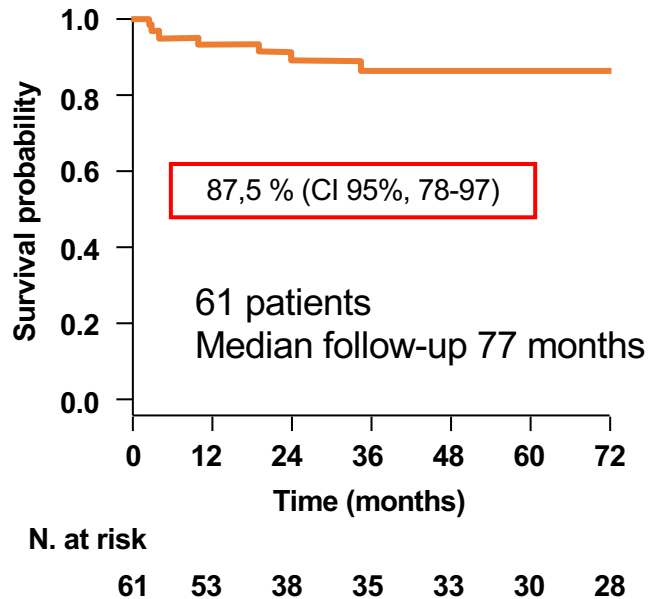
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Sibling transplantation

Long-term

Marrow / Cy-ATG / CSA + MTX (standard)
As soon as possible (<100 days)

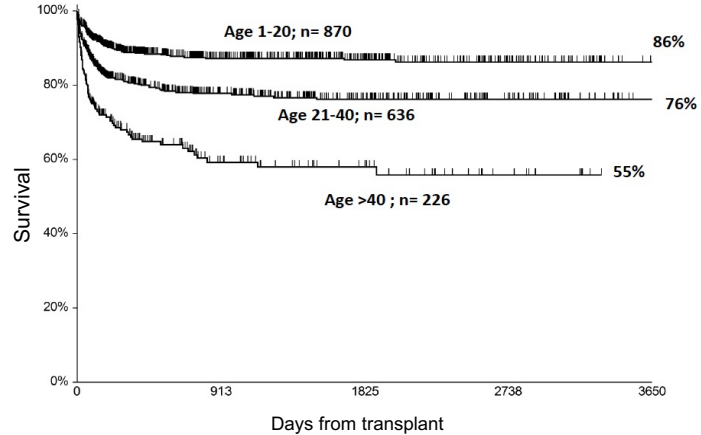
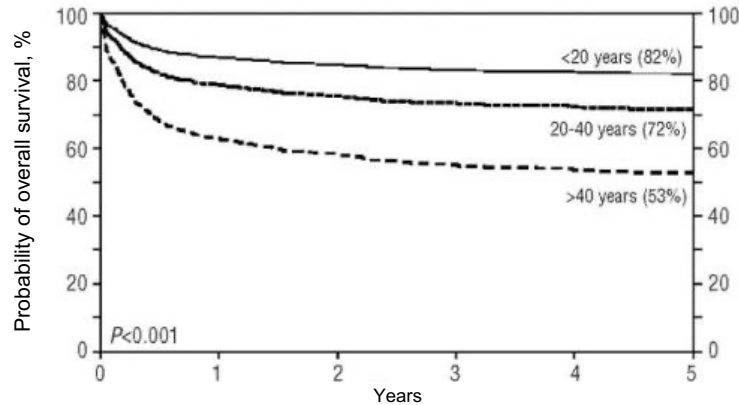


Event	No of events	6yr-CI (%)
Secondary cancer	1	2 (0-9)
Osteonecrosis	10	21 (10-36)
Cardiovascular complications	1	2 (0-9)
Endocrine dysfunctions	7	19 (9-31)

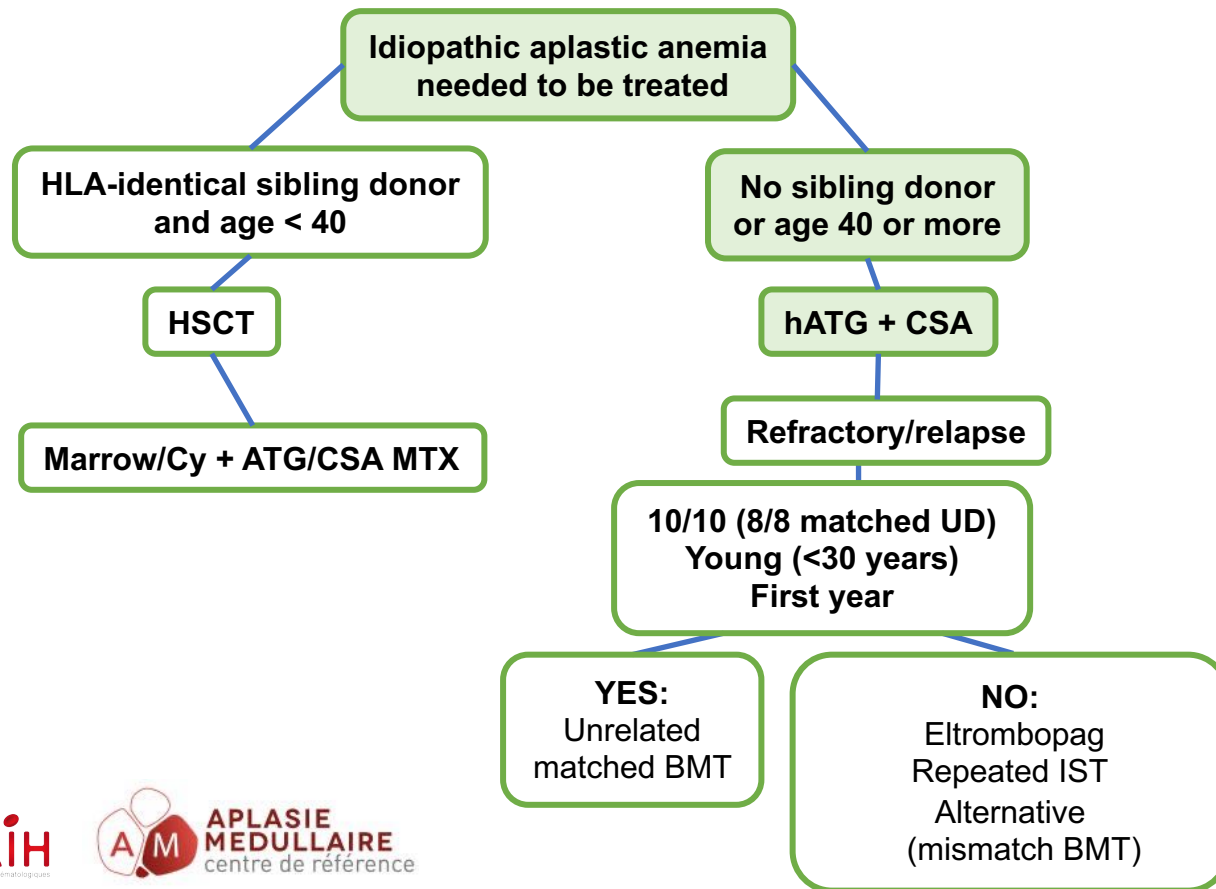
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Sibling transplantation

Age



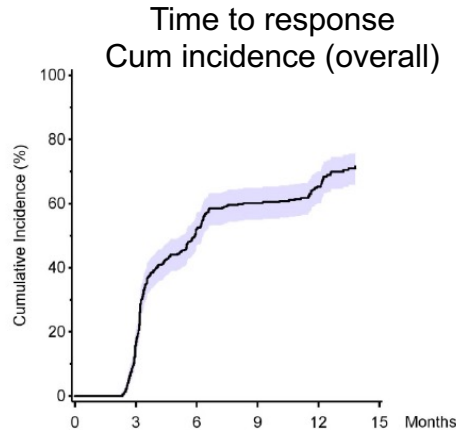
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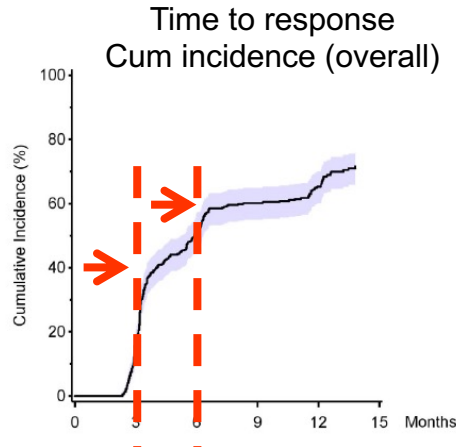
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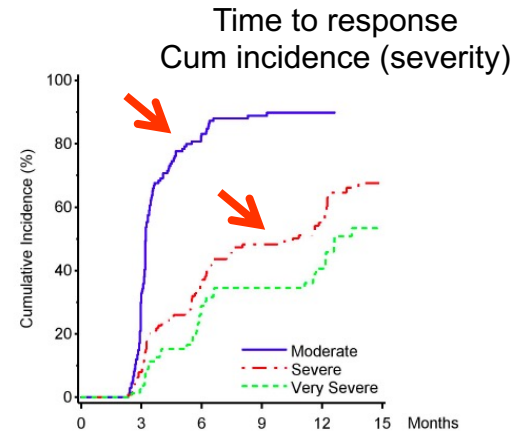
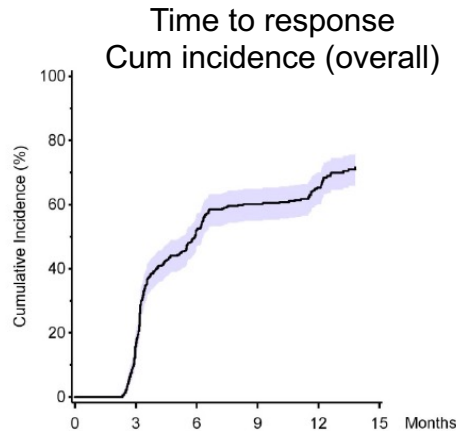
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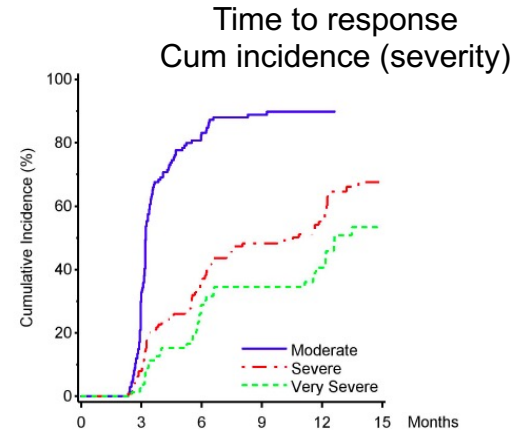
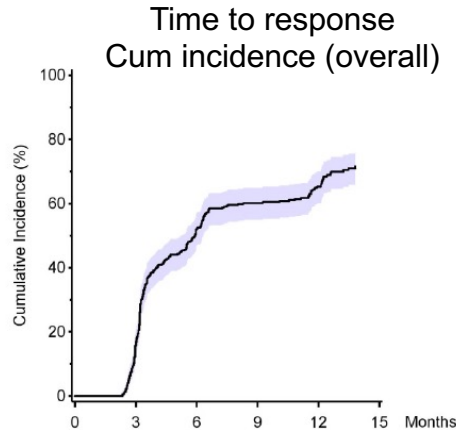
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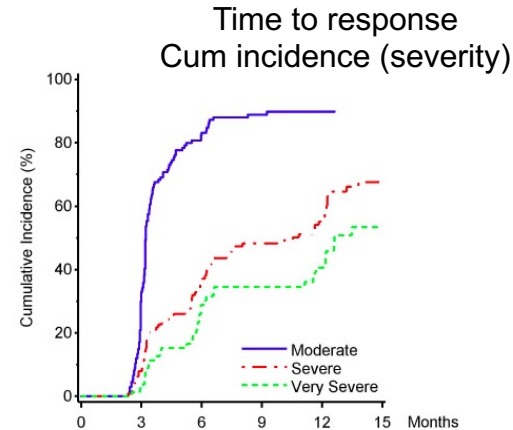
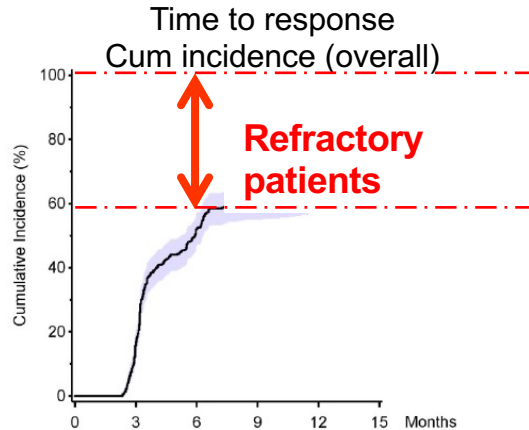
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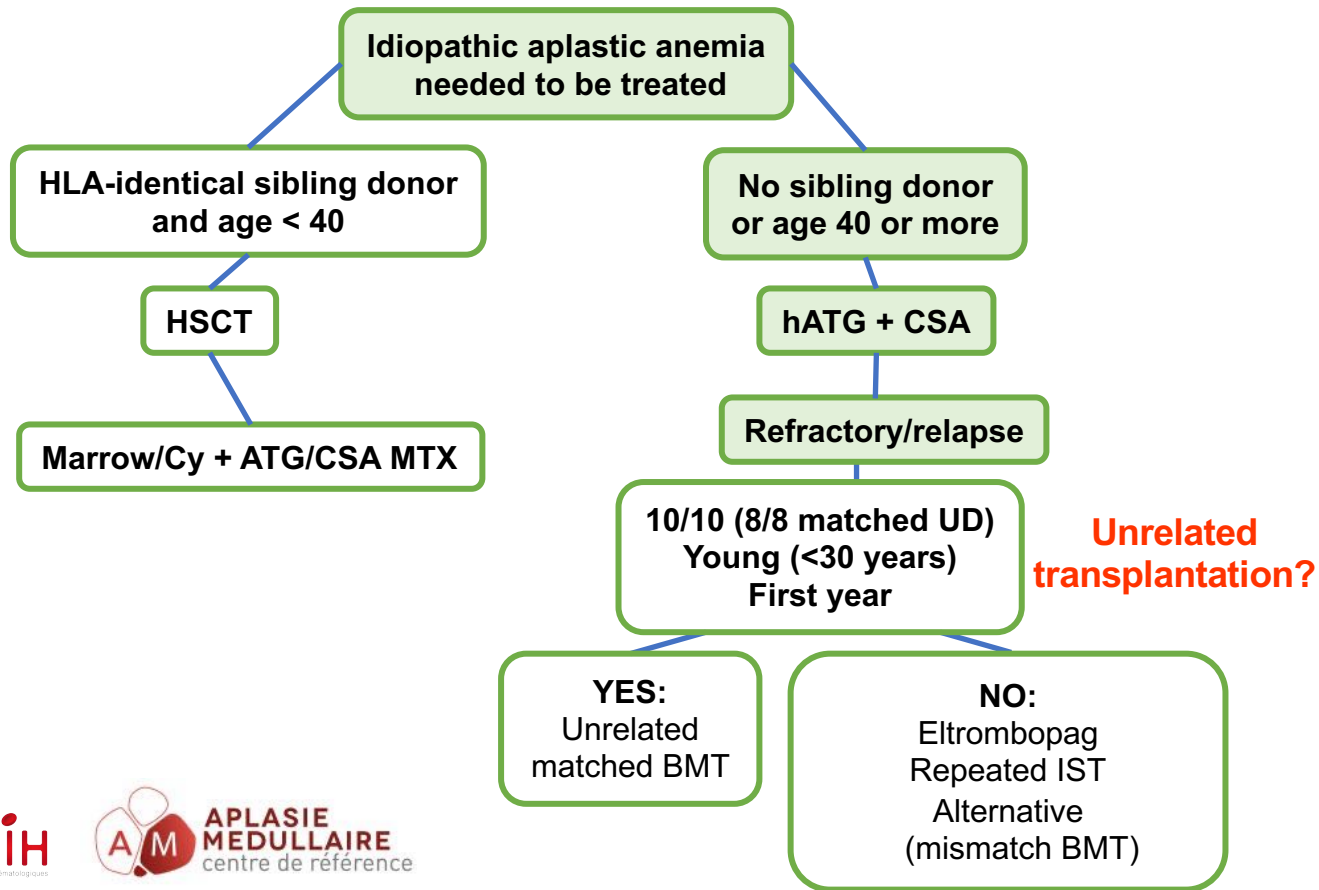
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- **Refractory patients (about 30-40%)**



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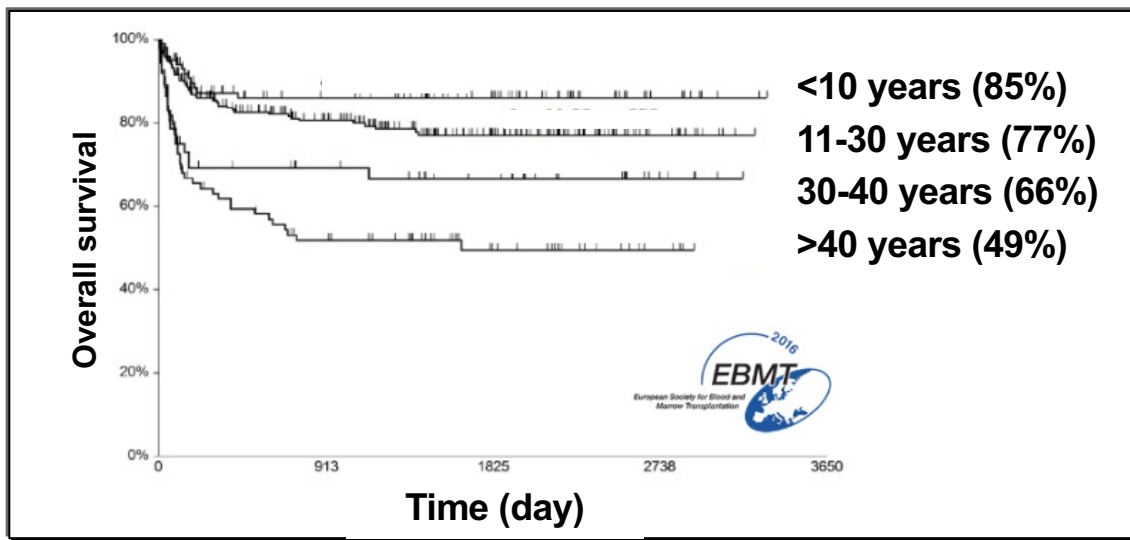
Unrelated transplantation

Guidelines & role of age

Marrow as source of stem cells

In the first year after diagnosis for refractory patients

Flu Cy ATG Low dose TBI (EBMT / BMT CTN / Japan)



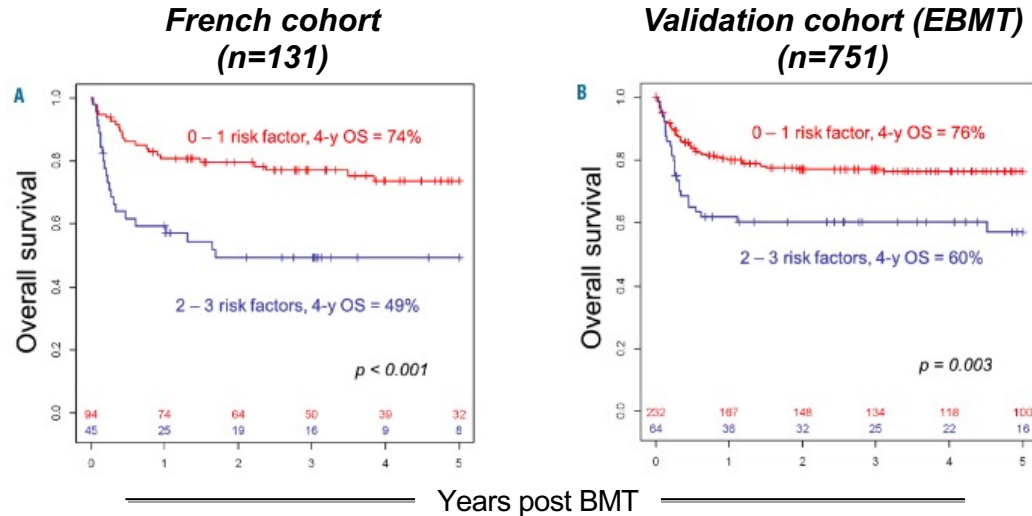
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Unrelated transplantation

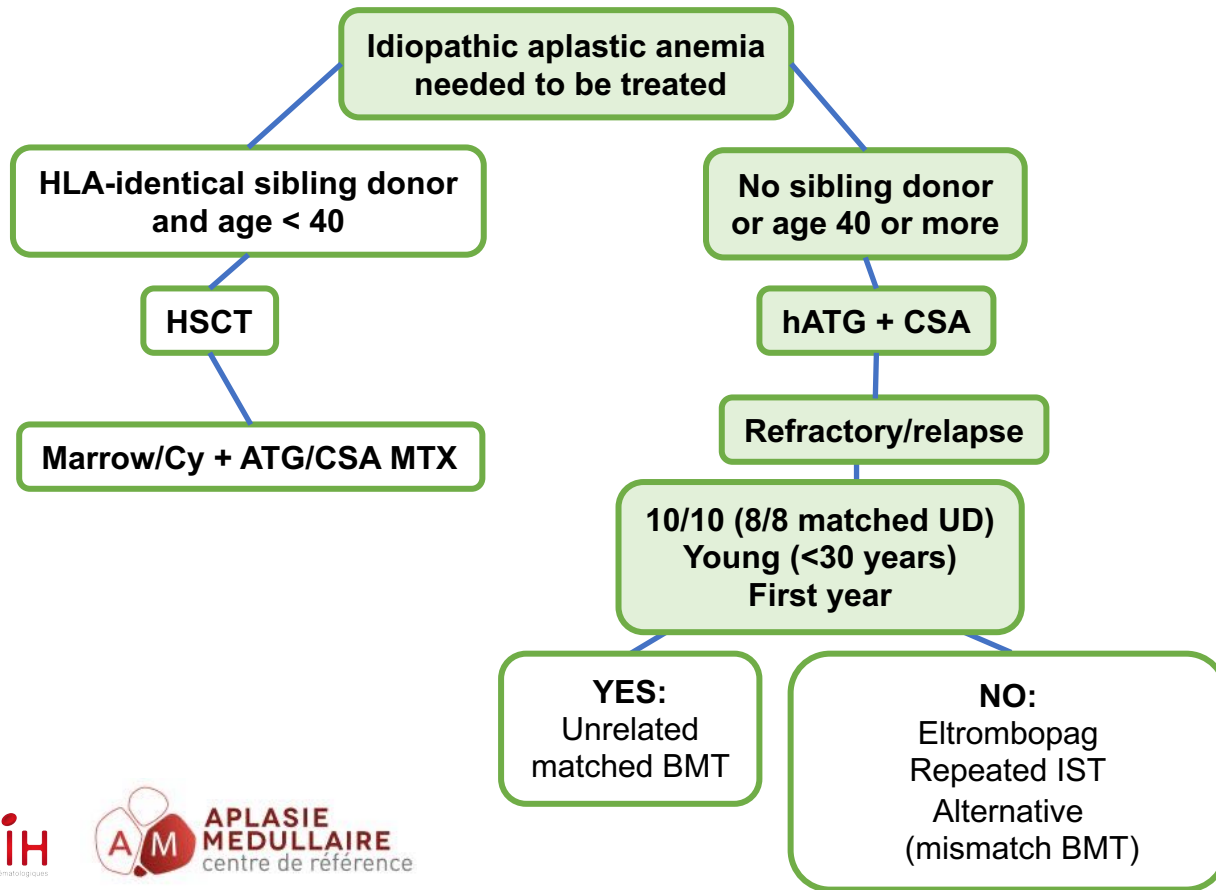
Decision making process

3 Risk factors

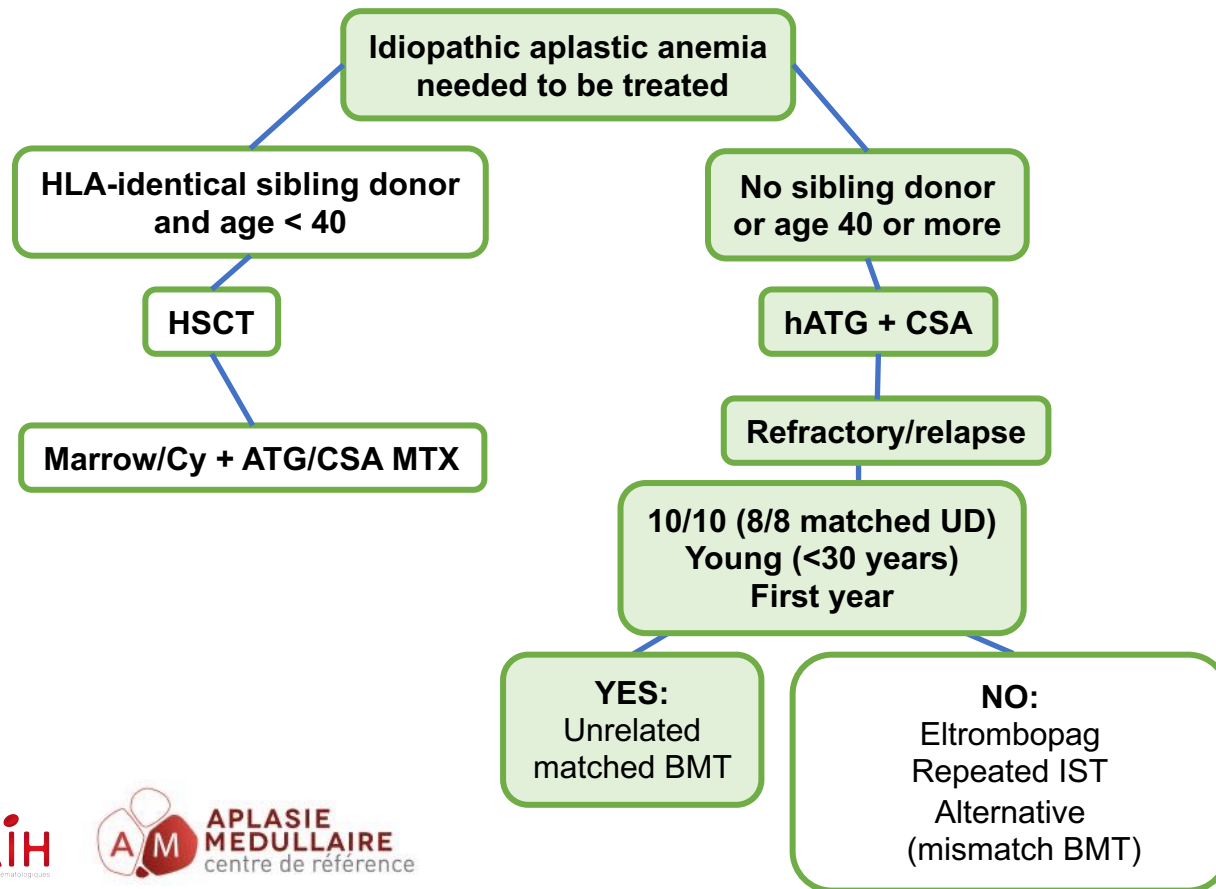
- Age (30)
- MUD versus mismatch UD
- BMT in the first year post AA versus after



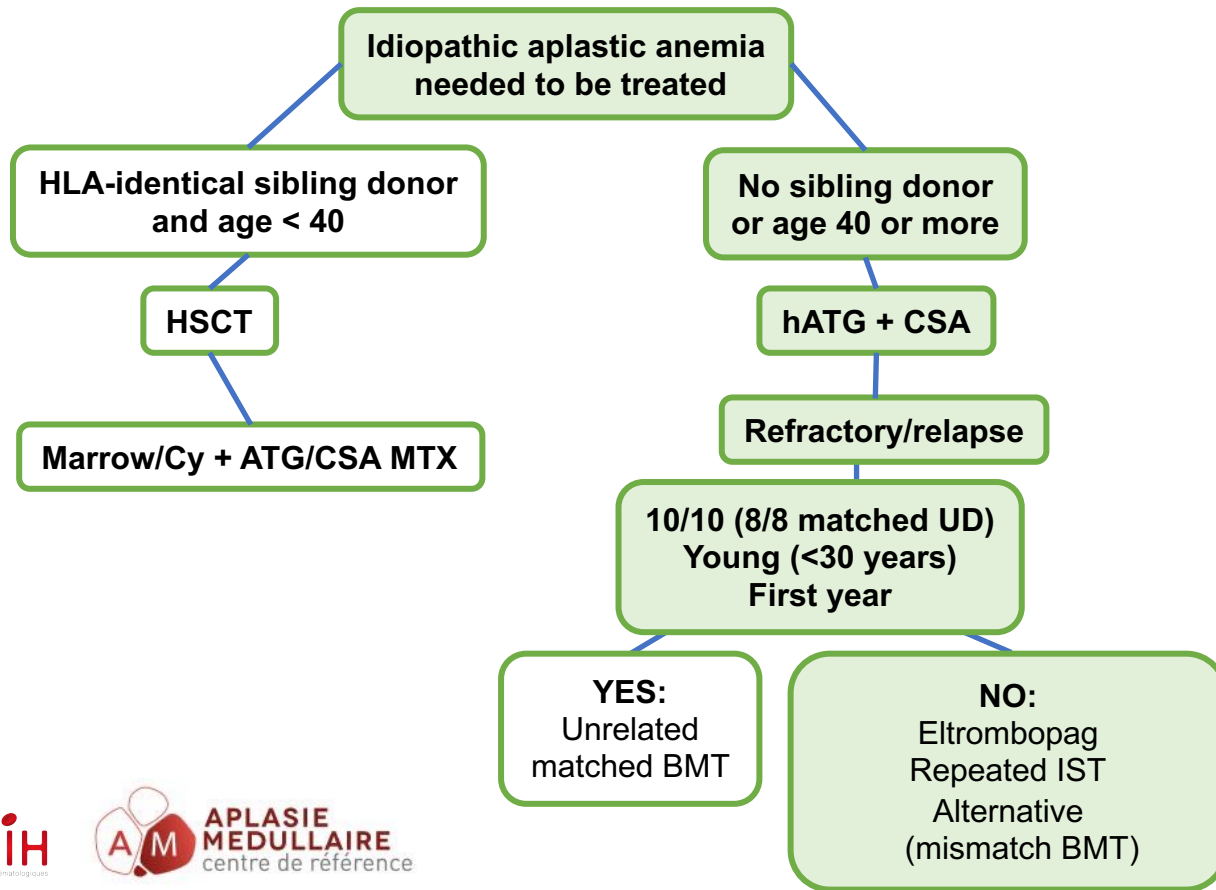
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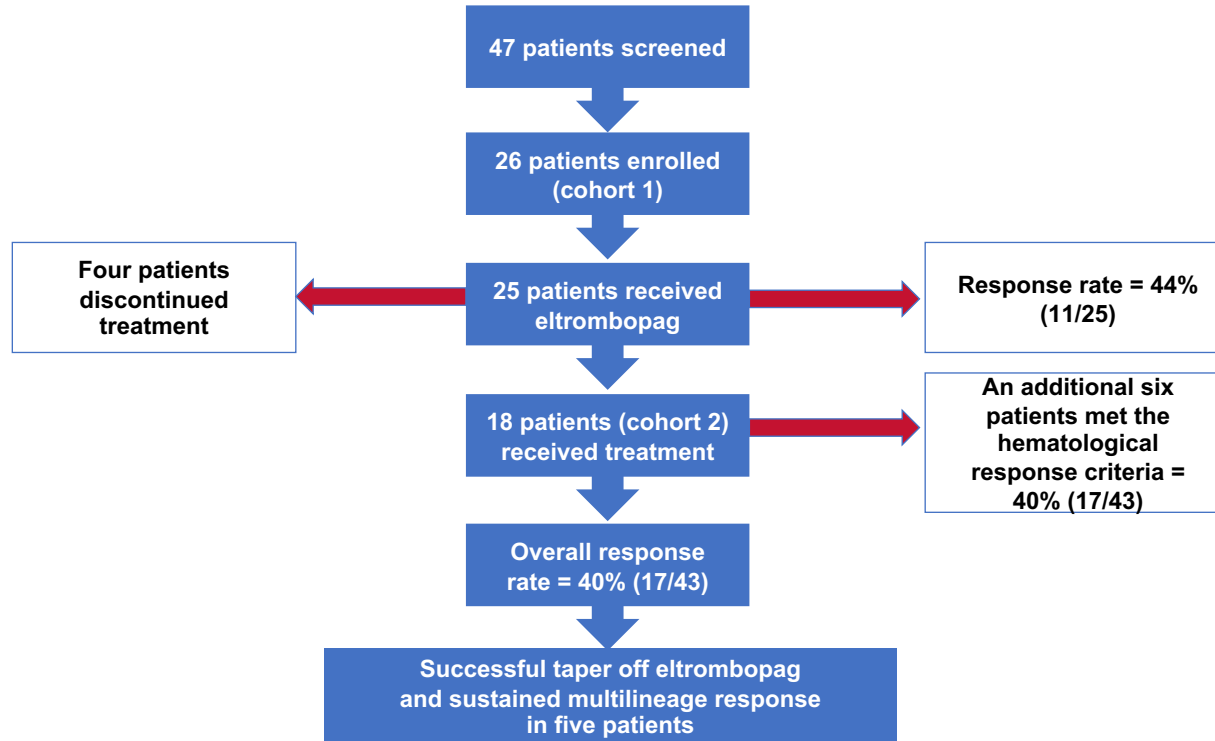


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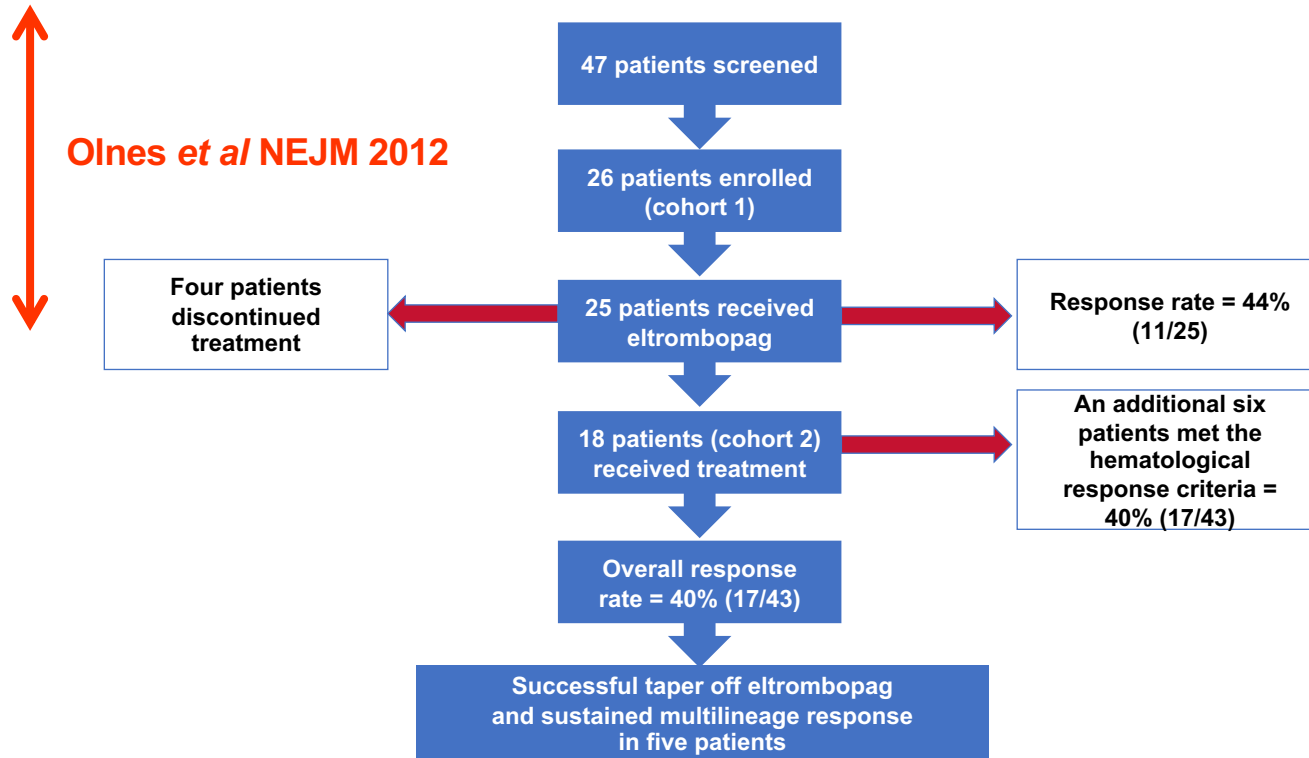
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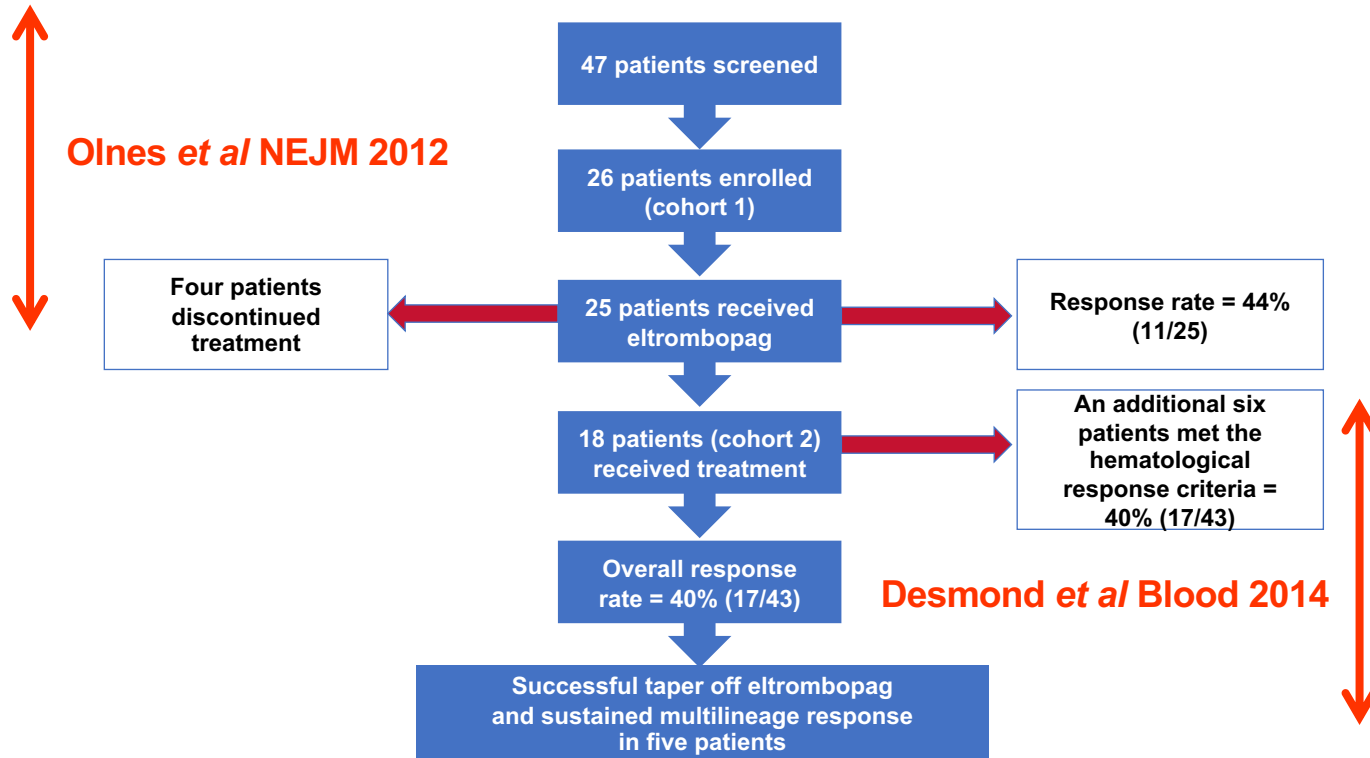
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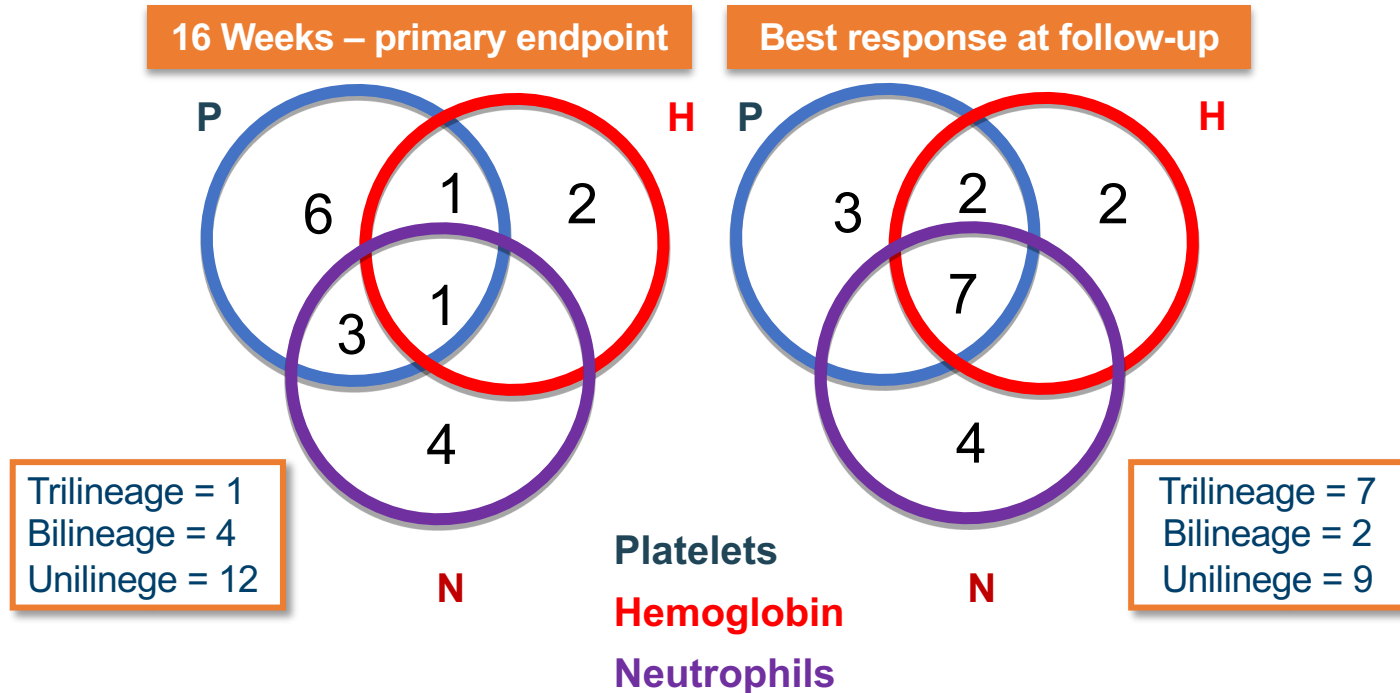
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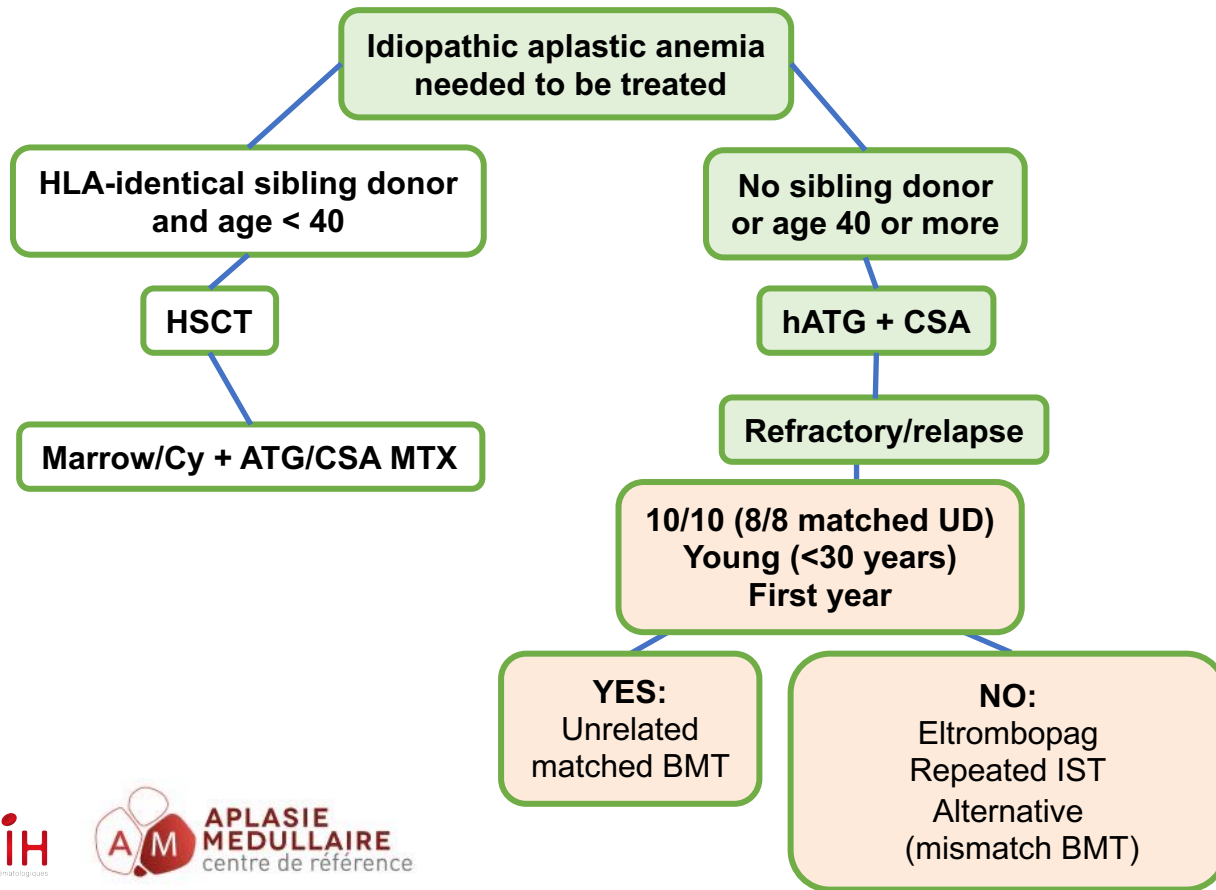
Phase II study of eltrombopag in refractory AA

Multilineage responses



Durable multilineage responses are possible after treatment with eltrombopag in refractory AA
Patients can become red blood cell and platelet transfusion independent

Treatment (guidelines)



Perspectives – eltrombopag first line

Naive patients *clinicaltrials.gov* NCT01623167

- **Phase II study**

- Horse ATG + Cyclosporine + eltrombopag
- Responders 86%; complete response 37% (6 months)



Perspectives – eltrombopag first line

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	Cohort 1 N=30	Cohort 2 N=31	Cohort 3 N=31	All Cohorts N=92
	N (%)	N (%)	N (%)	N (%)
3 months				<u>86/92</u>
OR	23 (77)	24 (77)	23/25 (92)	70 (81)
CR	5 (17)	8 (26)	11/25 (44)	24 (28)
6 months				<u>81/92</u>
OR	24 (80)	27 (87)	19/20 (95)	70 (86)
CR	10 (33)	8 (26)	12/20 (60)	30 (37)

Perspectives – eltrombopag first line

Naive patients *clinicaltrials.gov* NCT02099747

RACE study



A prospective **R**andomized multicenter study comparing horse
Antithymocyte globuline (hATG) + **C**yclosporine A (CsA) ±
Eltrombopag as front-line therapy for severe aplastic anemia patients.

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Mise au point sur l'aplasie médullaire

Conclusion

- **Diagnosis of aplastic anemia? Biopsy**
- **How make the difference between acquired (idiopathic) and inherited aplastic anemia?**
 - Clinic – **personal and familial history**
 - Biology – **PNH – HbF/alpha FP/ Immune deficiency – FA/Telomeres – Gene screening**
- **When should we start a treatment?**
 - Criteria for treatment **SAA or moderate AA with transfusions**
- **How to treat?**
 - Immunosuppressive therapy versus transplantation

Thank you!

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