

Targeted Alpha-Particle Therapy for Acute Myeloid Leukemia

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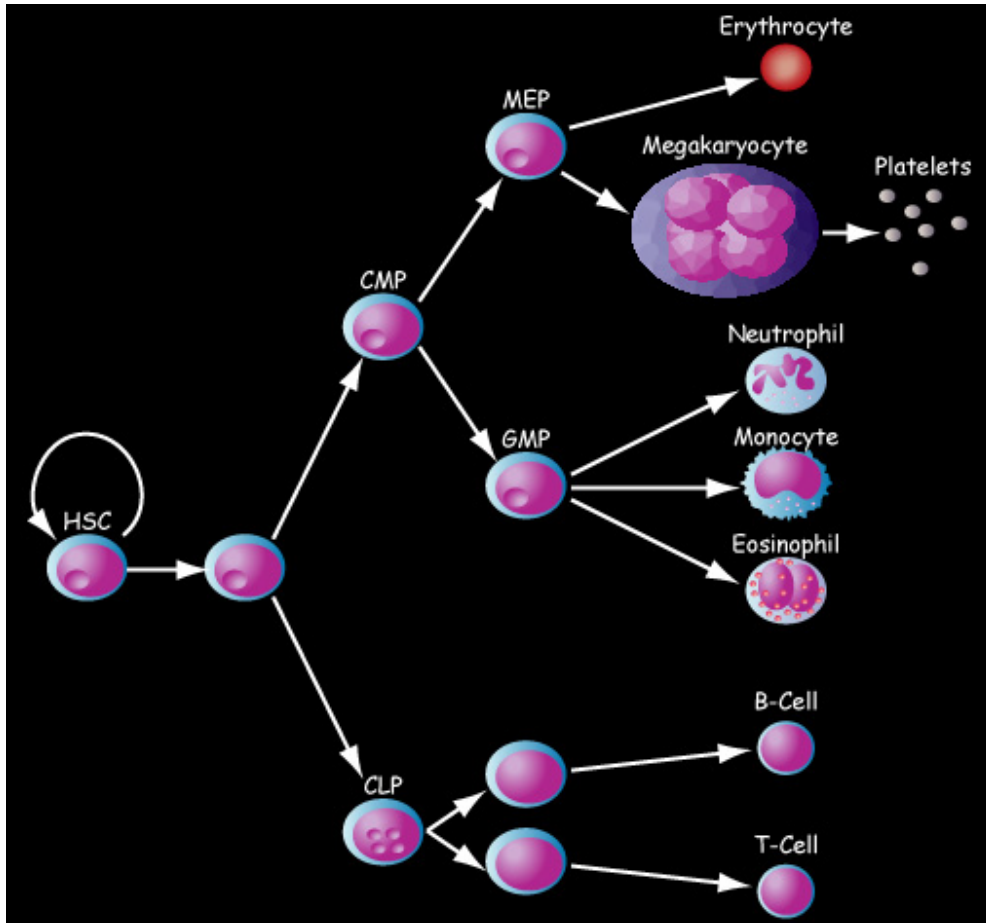
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²²⁵Ac-lintuzumab is an investigational agent currently in development for use in AML and MDS.

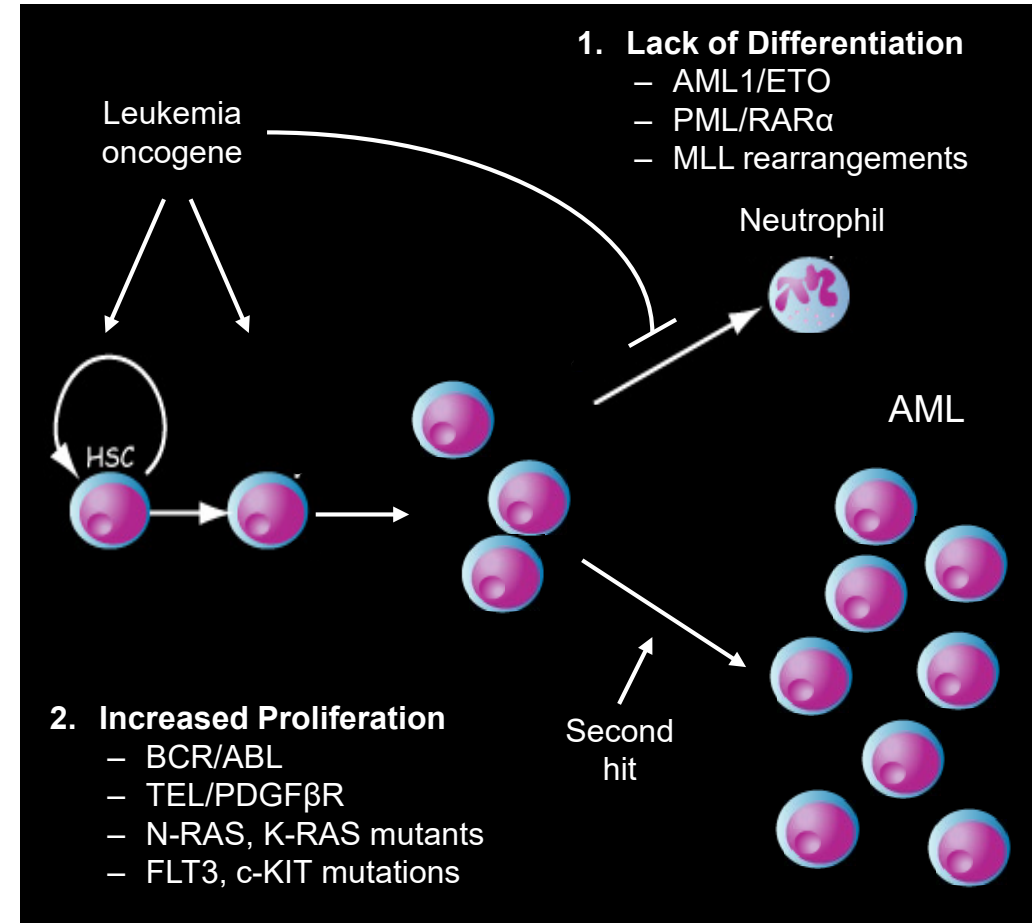


Pathogenesis of Acute Myeloid Leukemia

Normal Hematopoiesis



Leukemogenesis

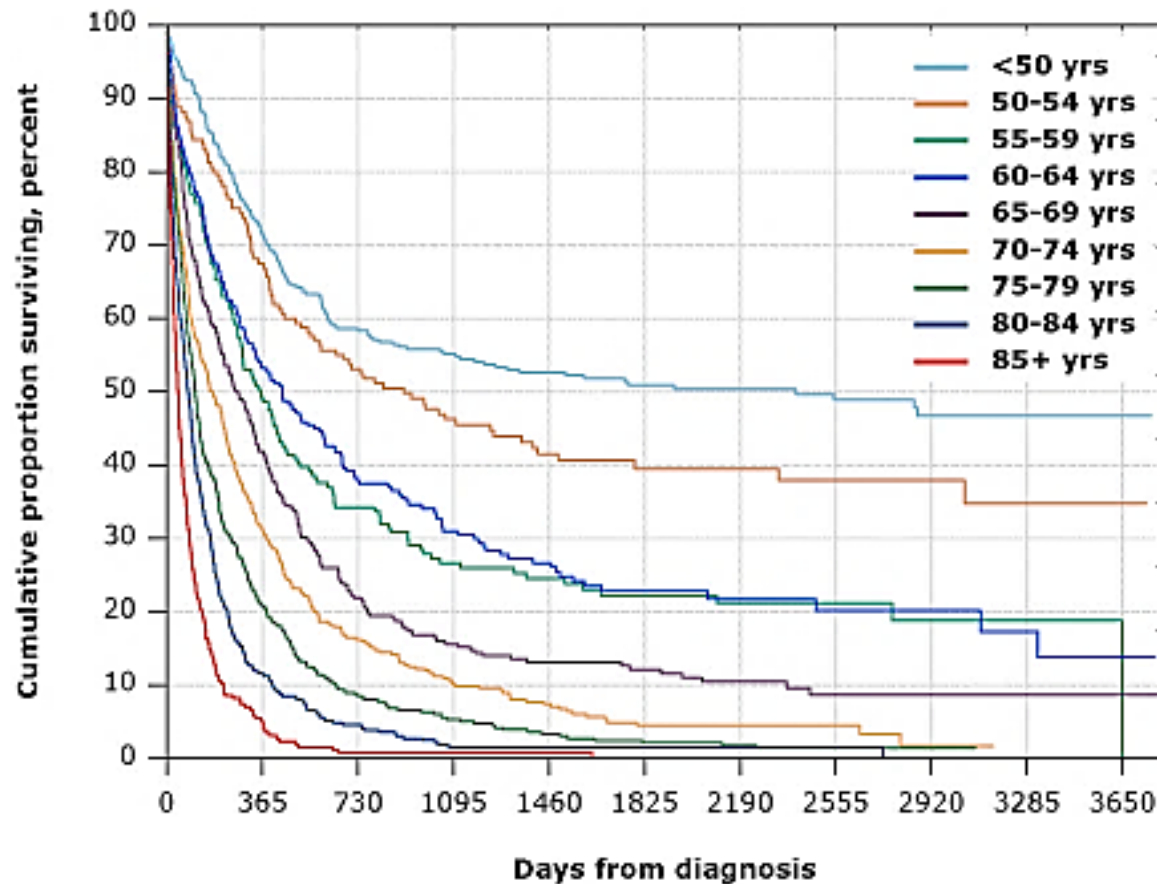


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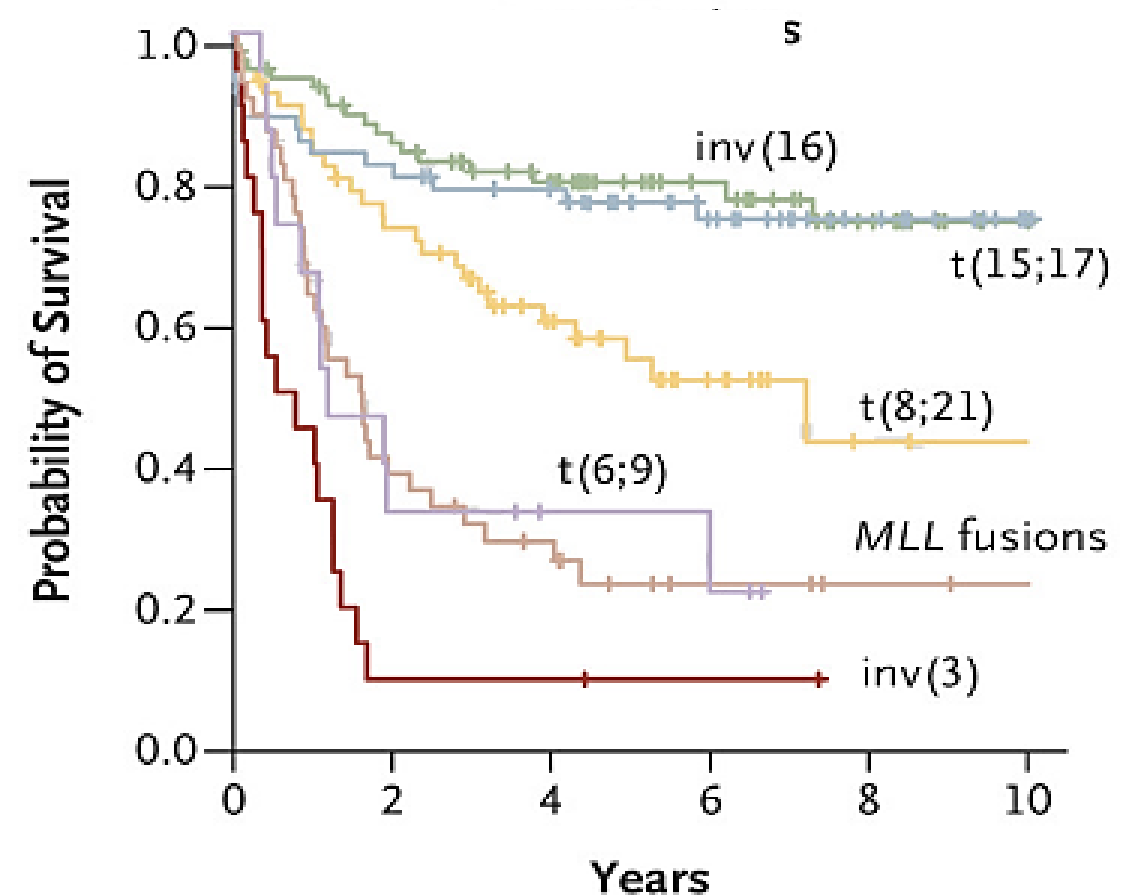


Prognostic Factors for AML

Survival by Age¹



Survival by Karyotype²

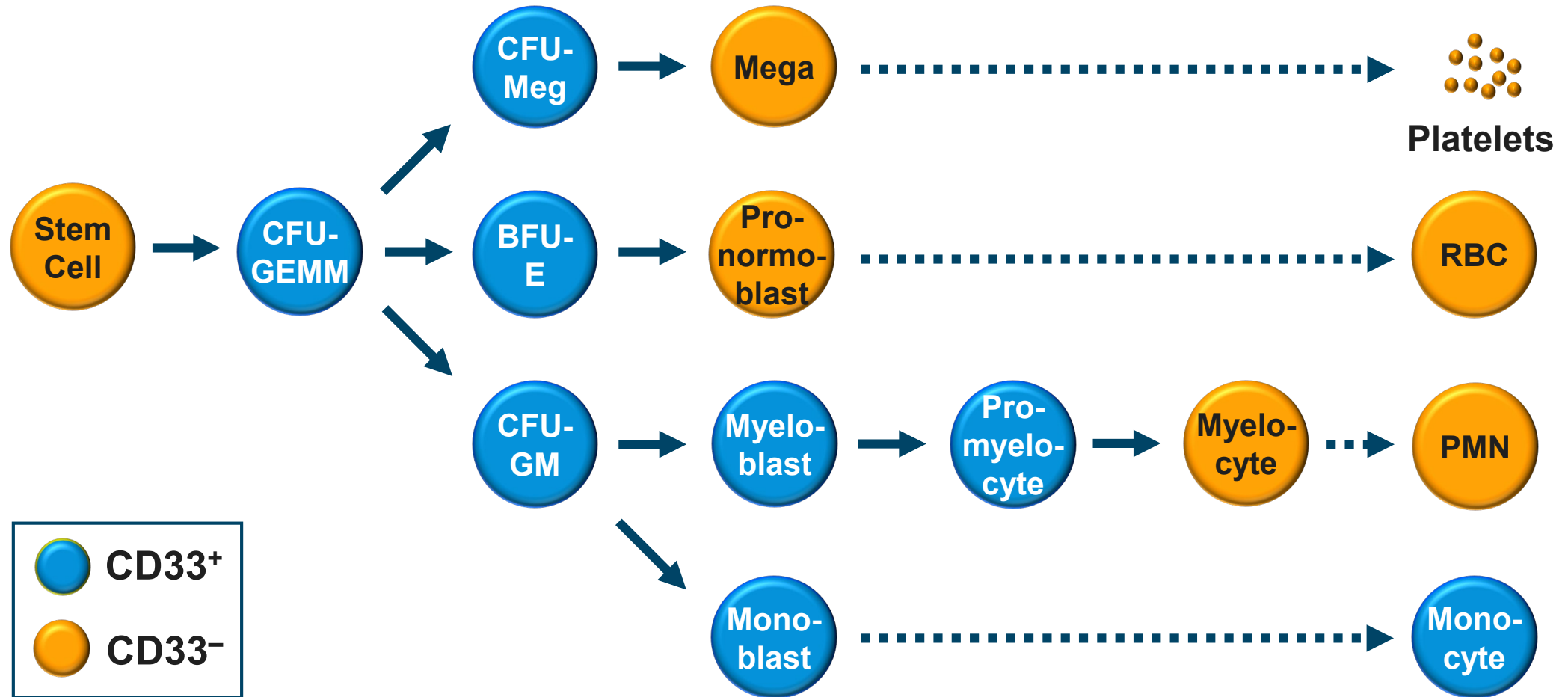


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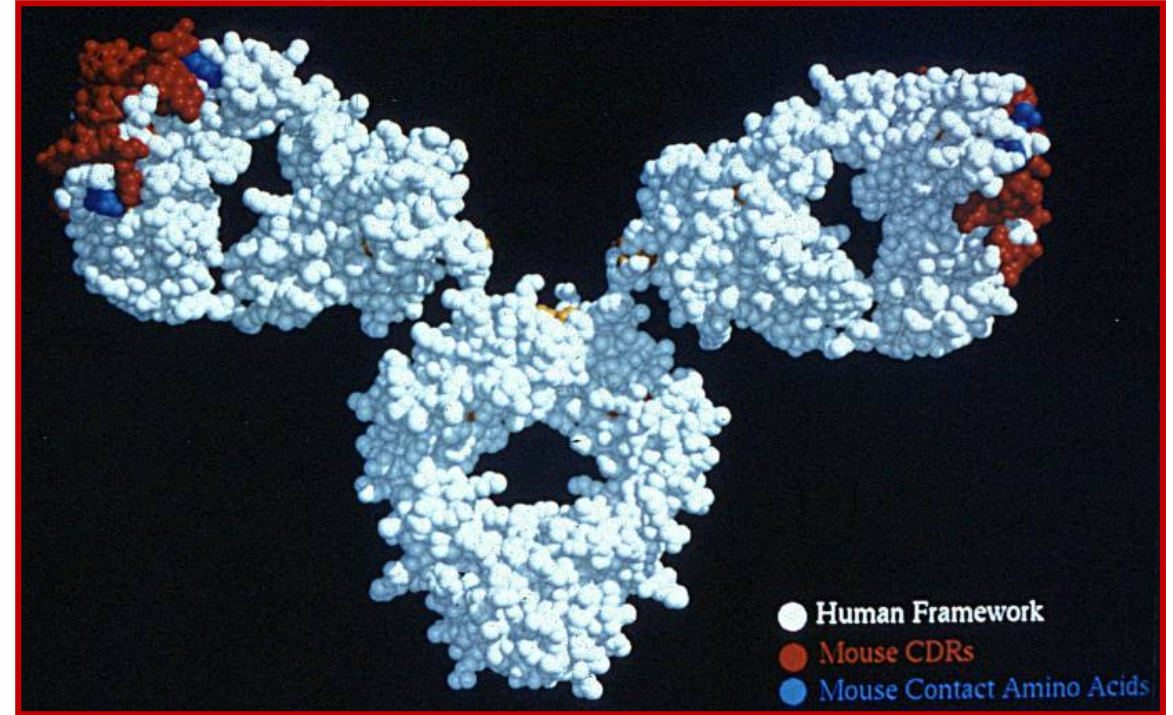


CD33 Surface Antigen Expression



Lintuzumab (HuM195, SGN-33)

- Humanized anti-CD33 monoclonal antibody
- Kills target cells by ADCC and fixes complement¹
- Rapidly targets leukemia cells in patients without immunogenicity²
- Has modest activity in relapsed AML³
- Can eliminate large leukemic burdens when labeled with the β -emitters ¹³¹I and ⁹⁰Y^{4,5}



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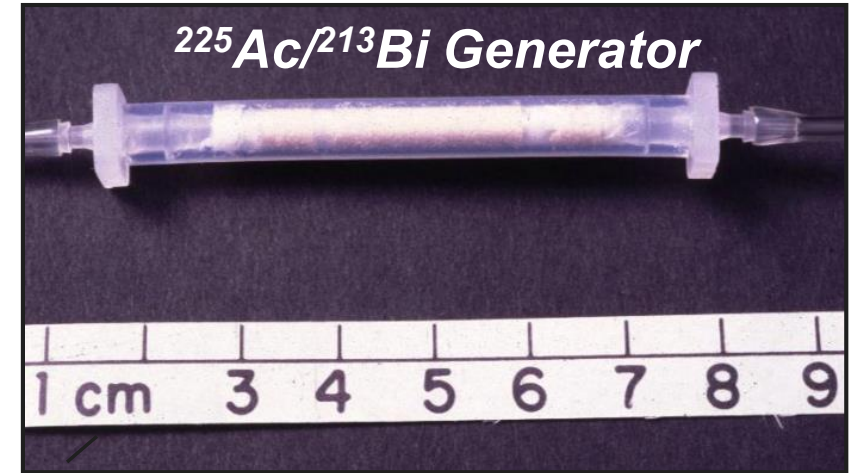
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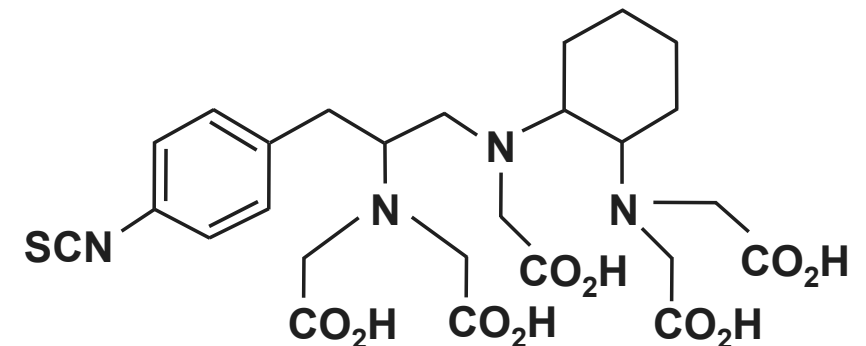
^{213}Bi -Lintuzumab: A 1st Generation α -Emitting Conjugate



- 10.36-37 MBq/kg delivered in 3-7 fractions over 2-4 days
- Myelosuppression lasted 12-41 days (median, 22 days)
- Transient liver function abnormalities seen in 6 patients
- MTD was not reached
- 14/18 patients had reductions in marrow blasts



SCN-CHX-A-DTPA



Jurcic JG *et al. Blood* 2002; 100:1233-1239.



Comparison of ^{131}I , ^{90}Y , and ^{213}Bi Dosimetry for Lintuzumab

Isotope	Mean Absorbed Dose (mSv/MBq)			Marrow/ Whole Body Ratio
	Marrow	Liver	Whole Body	
^{131}I	2.7	0.8	0.16	14.4
^{90}Y	6.8	4.0	0.49	13.9
^{213}Bi	9.8	5.8	0.0004	27,300

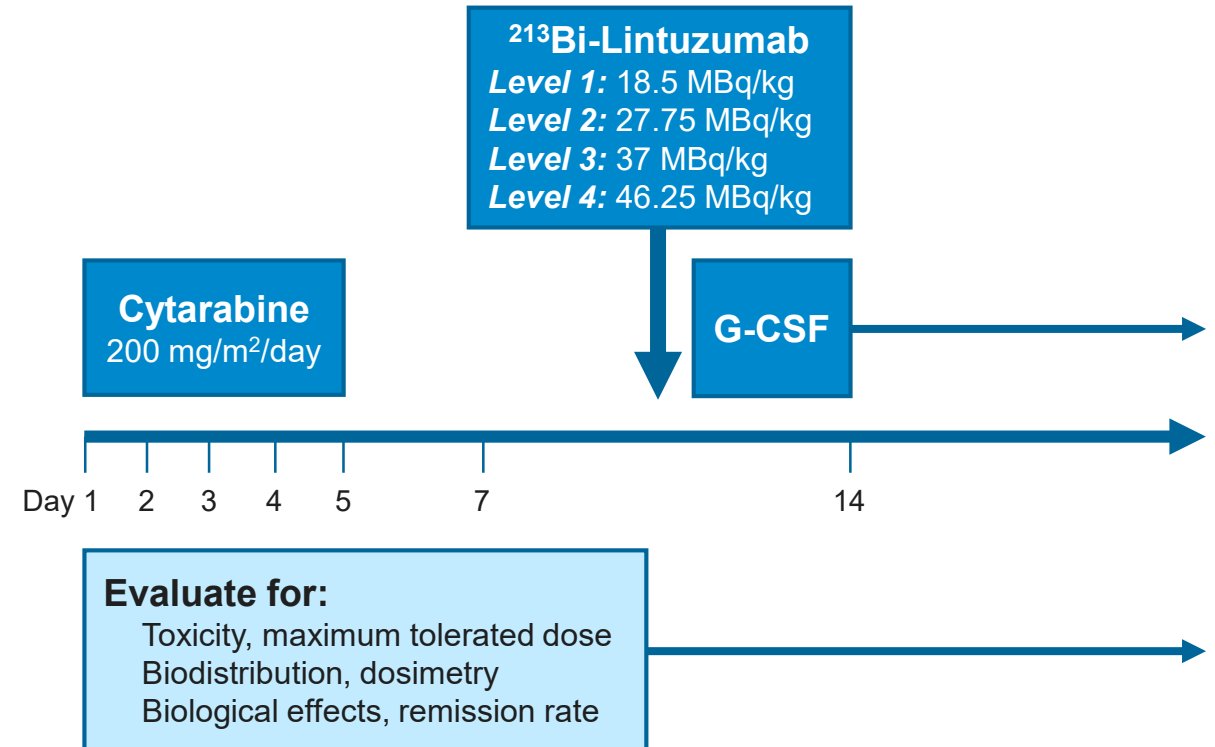
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^{213}Bi -Lintuzumab for Cyto-reduced Disease

Rationale and Study Design

- The short range and high LET make α -particles best suited for treatment of small-volume disease.
- Given the number of CD33 binding sites in AML and achievable specific activity, it is difficult to target adequate numbers of ^{213}Bi atoms to each leukemia cell.
- **Hypothesis:** Cyto-reduction with cytarabine should decrease tumor burden by 1-2 logs and increase the ratio of ^{213}Bi atoms to target cells.



Rosenblat TL *et al. Clin Cancer Res* 2010; 16:5303-5311.

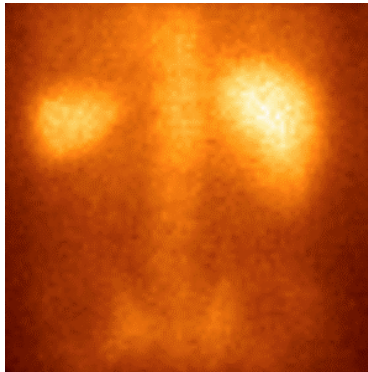


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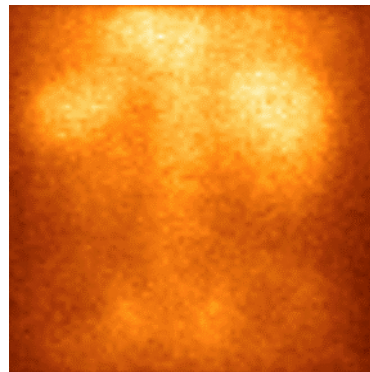
Biodistribution and Clinical Outcomes

Posterior
60-Minute
Summation

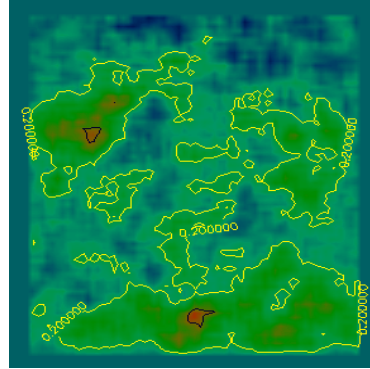
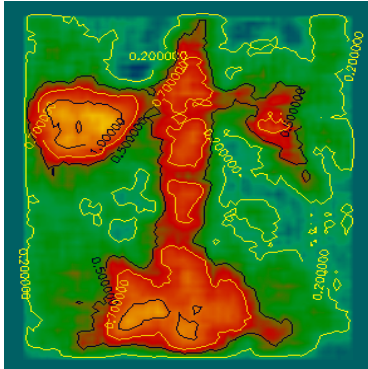
Dose 1



Dose 4



Rate/Minute



Results by Disease Status for Doses ≥ 37 MBq/kg

Disease Status	No. of Patients	CR	CRp	PR	Overall Response
Untreated AML, Untreated relapse	18	2	2	2	6 (33%)
1° refractory, Refractory relapse	7	0	0	0	0

Abbreviations: CR, complete remission; CRp, CR with incomplete platelet recovery; PR, partial remission.

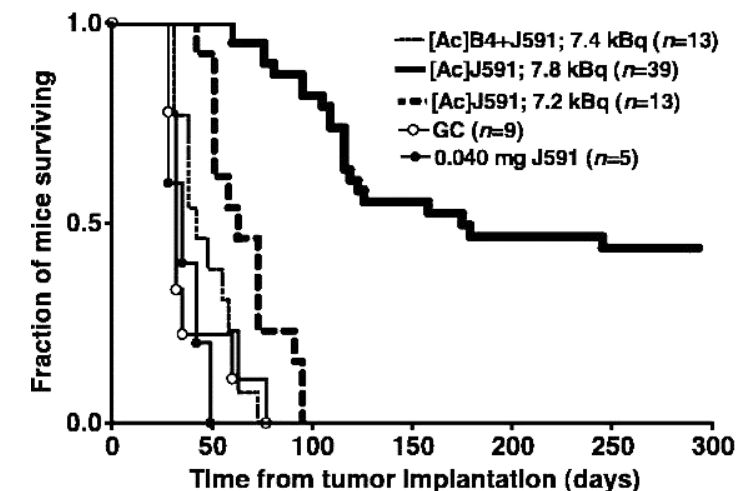
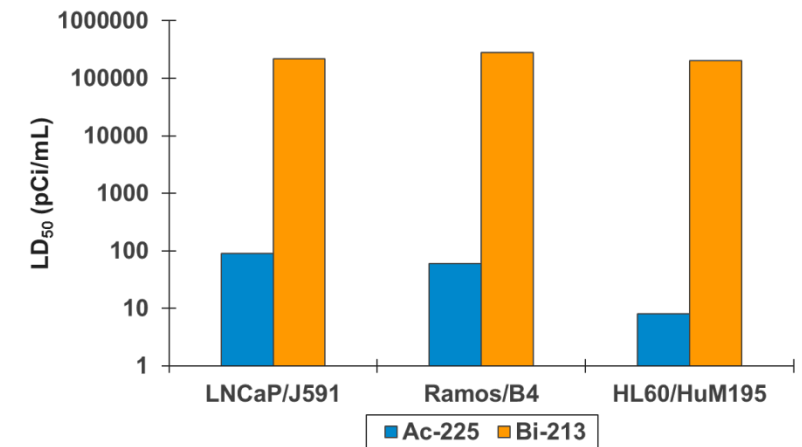
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Actinium-225: An Alpha-Particle Nanogenerator



- Short half-life and need for on-site generator limit use of ^{213}Bi .
- ^{225}Ac can be stably conjugated to antibodies using DOTA.
- ^{225}Ac -labeled antibodies are 1,000-10,000 times more potent *in vitro* compared to ^{213}Bi analogs.
- Nanocurie doses of ^{225}Ac -labeled antibodies prolong survival of mice in xenograft models.

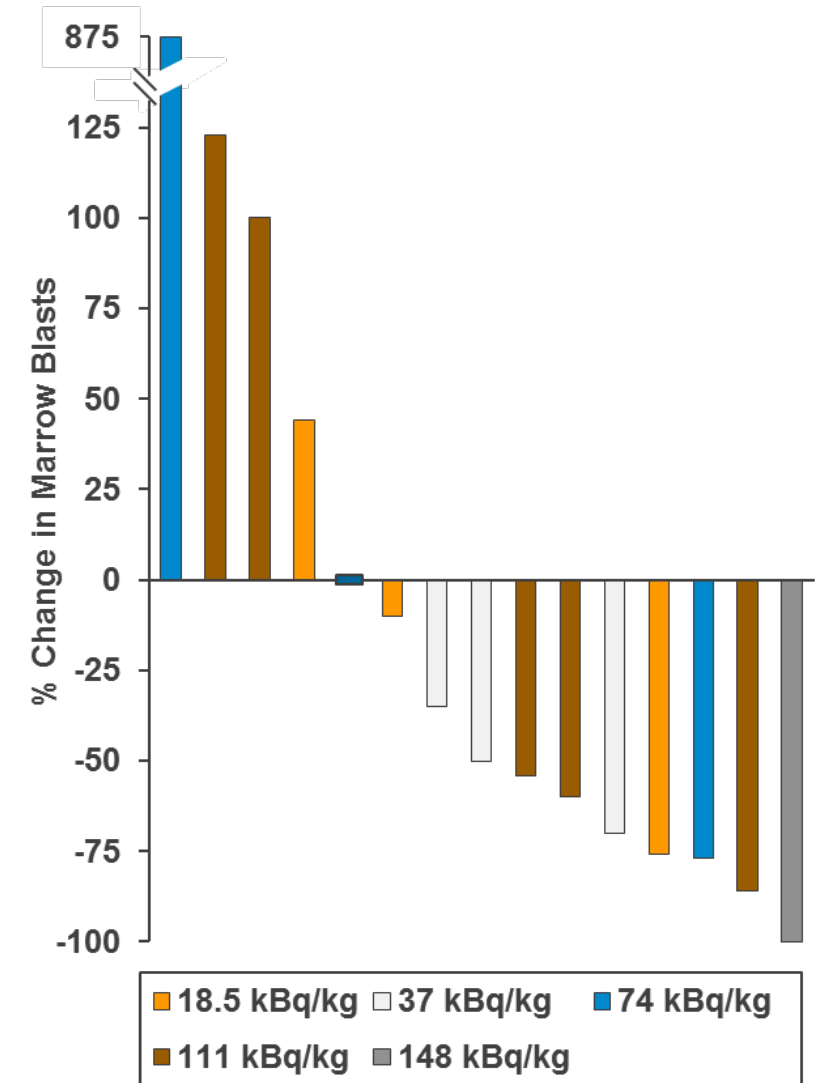


McDevitt MR *et al.* *Science* 2001; 294:1537-1540.



Phase I Trial of ^{225}Ac -Lintuzumab

- 18 patients with R/R AML received a single dose of 18.5-148 kBq/kg
- DLT was myelosuppression
- No renal toxicity was seen
- MTD was 111 kBq/kg
- Bone marrow blasts were reduced in 10/15 (67%) evaluable patients
- 8 patients (53%) had marrow blast reductions of $\geq 50\%$
- 3 patients achieved $\leq 5\%$ marrow blasts at doses of 37, 111, and 148 kBq/kg

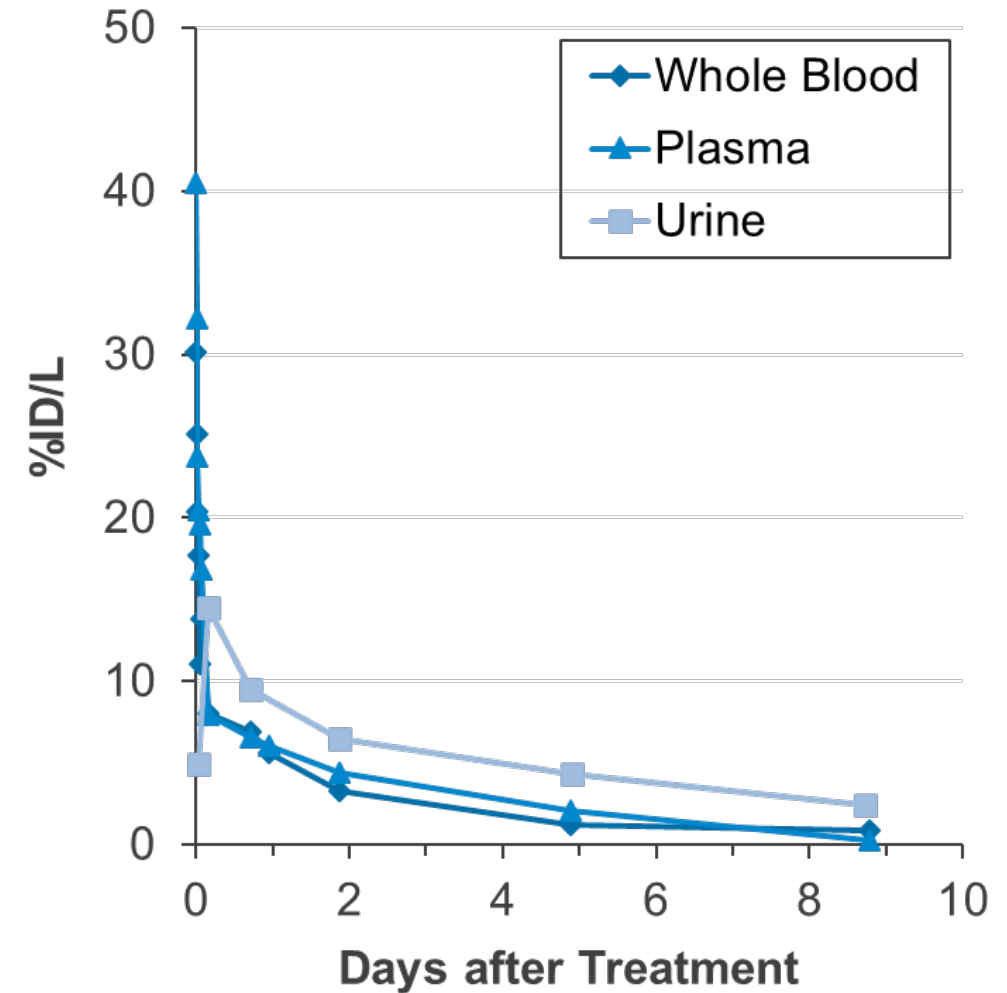


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Pharmacokinetics of ^{225}Ac -Lintuzumab

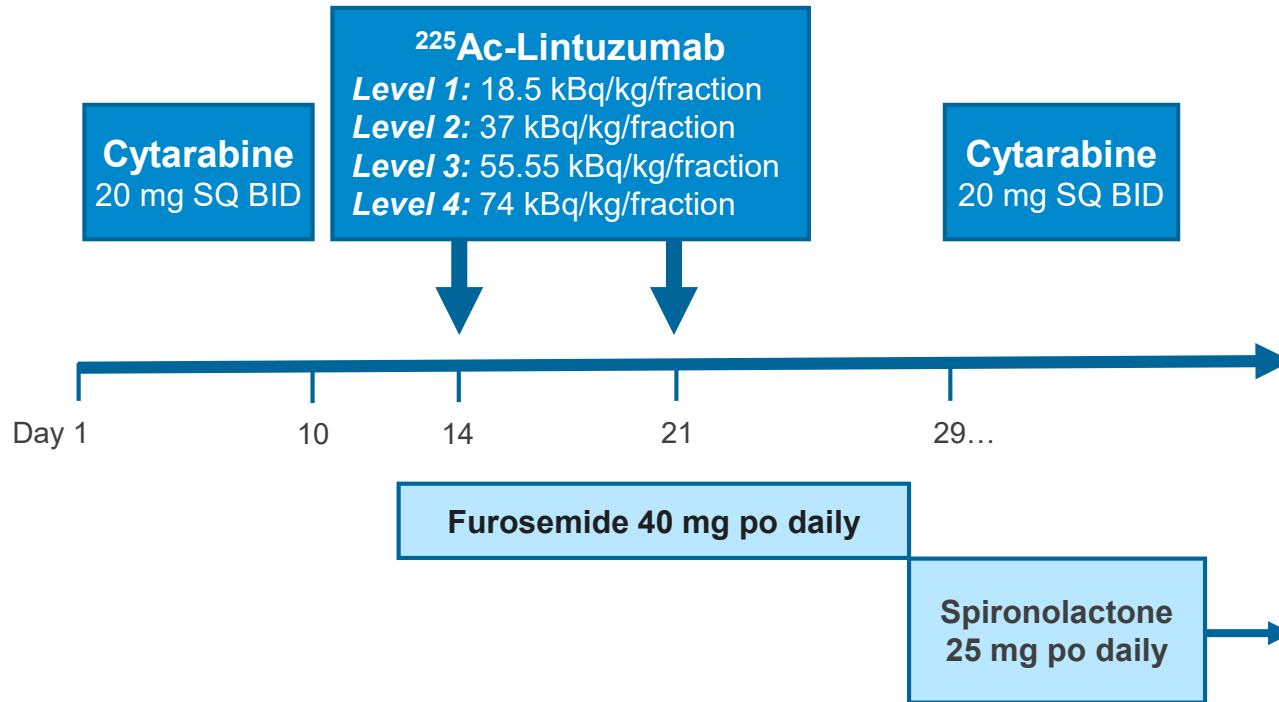
- Determined by γ counting at energy windows for:
 - ^{221}Fr (185-250 KeV)
 - ^{213}Bi (360-480 KeV)
- Two-phase elimination kinetics were seen:
 - Mean plasma $t_{1/2}-\alpha = 1.9$ hrs
 - Mean plasma $t_{1/2}-\beta = 38$ hrs
- Similar to ^{131}I - and ^{90}Y - but distinct from ^{213}Bi -lintuzumab



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Low-Dose Cytarabine Plus ^{225}Ac -Lintuzumab



Objective Responses

Response	Dose Level (kBq/kg/fraction)				Total (N=18)
	18.5 (n=3)	37 (n=6)	55.5 (n=3)	74 (n=6)	
CR	0	0	1 (33%)	0	1 (6%)
CRp	0	1 (17%)	0	1 (17%)	2 (11%)
CRi*	0	0	1 (33%)	1 (17%)	2 (11%)
Overall	0	1 (17%)	2 (67%)	2 (33%)	5 (28%)

Abbreviations: CR, complete remission; CRp, CR with incomplete platelet recovery; CRi, CR with incomplete blood count recovery.

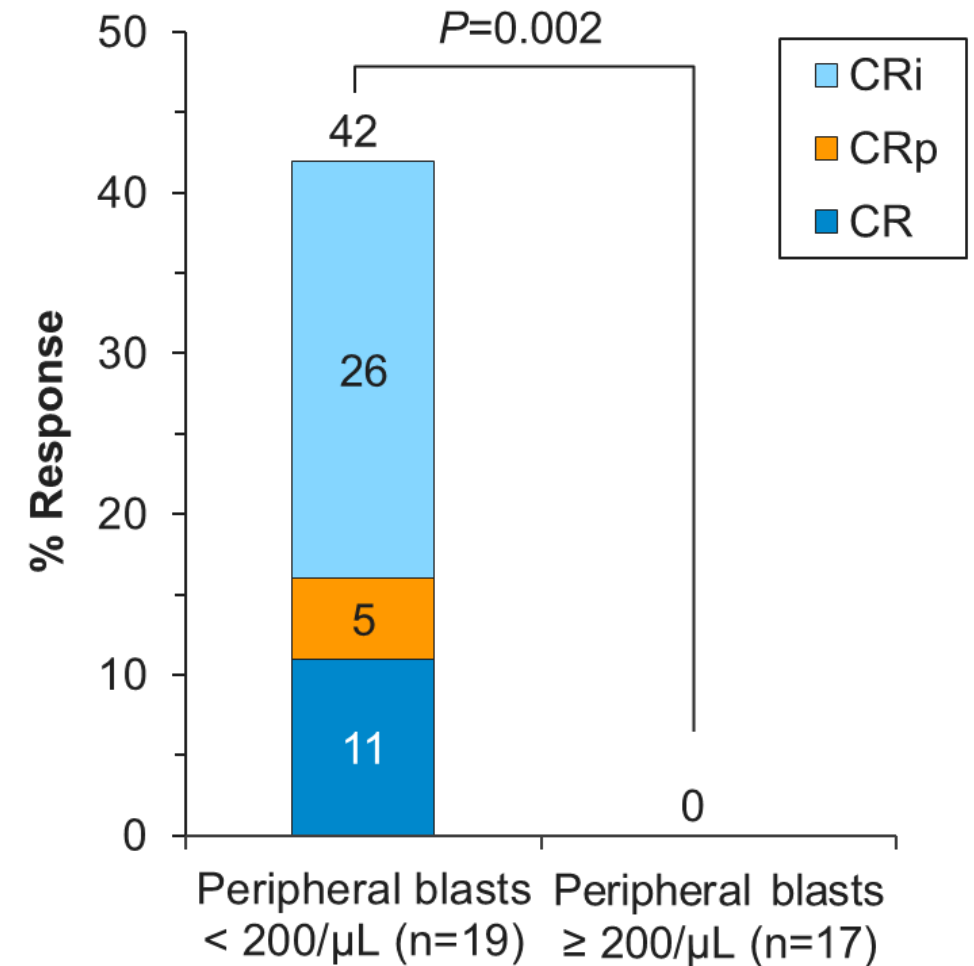
All responses seen after Cycle 1.

Jurcic JG *et al.* SNMMI 2017; abstract 456.



Effect of Peripheral Blasts on Response

- 36 patients from initial 2 trials analyzed for response by:
 - Age
 - Disease characteristics
 - Newly diagnosed vs. relapsed
 - *De novo* vs. secondary AML
 - Genetic risk category
 - Disease burden
 - Bone marrow blast percentage
 - Peripheral blood blast count
 - Treatment regimen
 - Administered activity
 - Single vs. fractionated dose
 - Monotherapy vs. prior LDAC
- Only significant predictor of response was peripheral blood blast count
 - Circulating blasts may alter biodistribution leading to decreased delivery of isotope to marrow

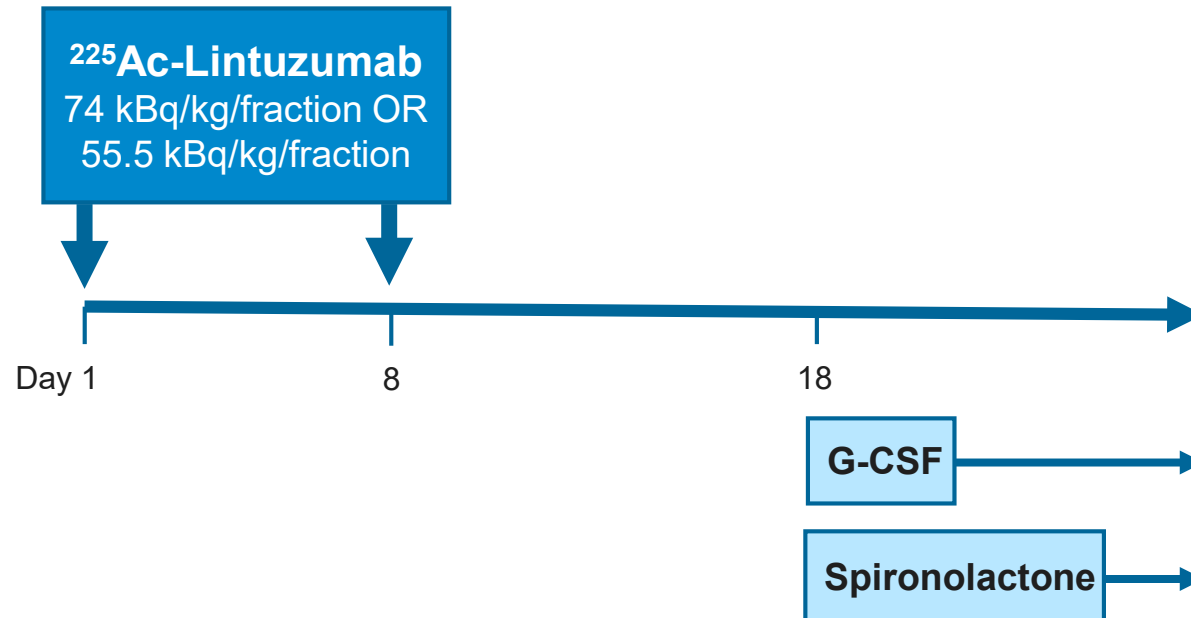


Berger M *et al.* Proc TAT 10 2017.



Phase II Trial of ^{225}Ac -Lintuzumab Monotherapy

Study Design and Clinical Outcomes



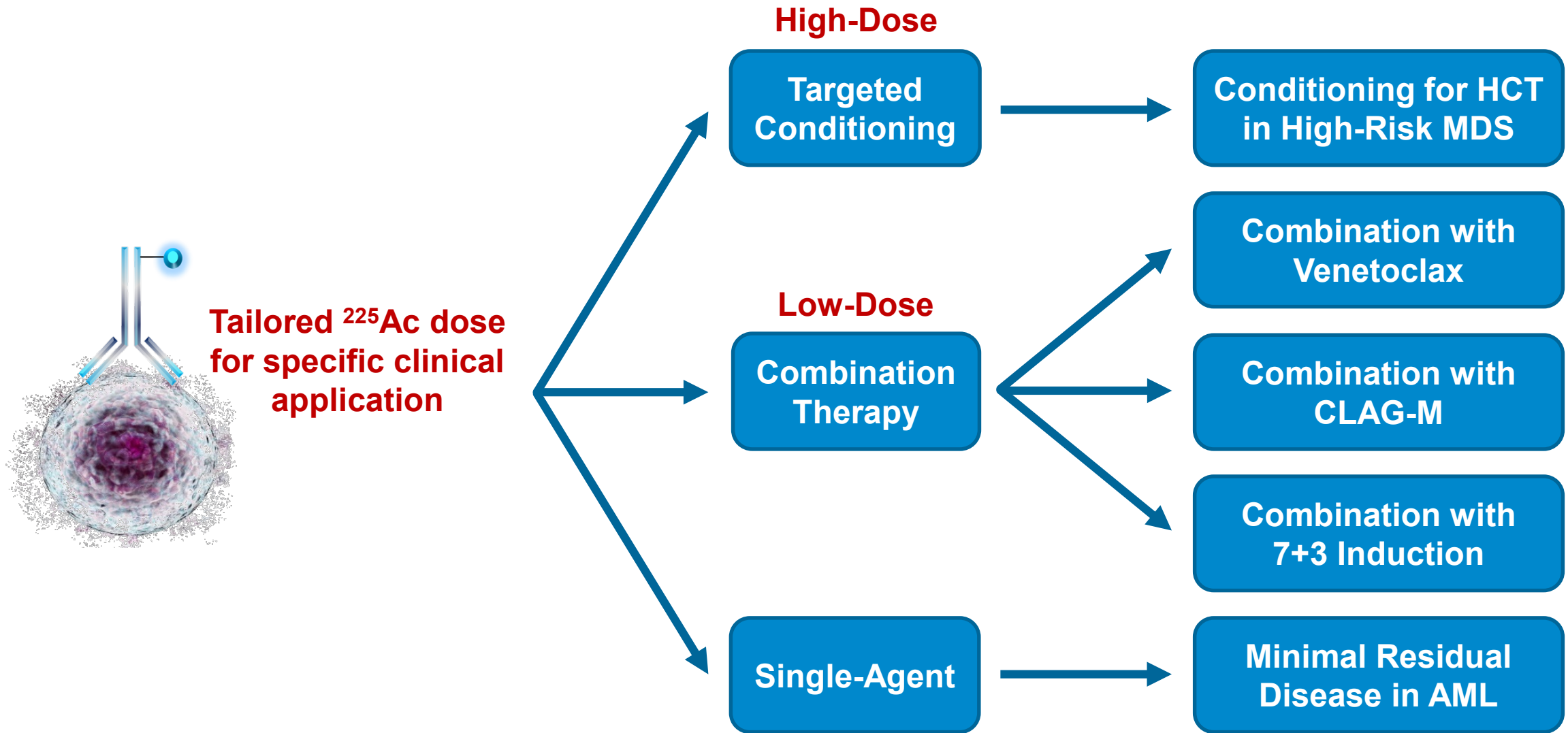
Dose (kBq/kg)	Response Rate	Patients with Gr 4 Thrombocytopenia > 6 weeks	Patients with Gr 4 Neutropenia > 6 weeks
74 (n=13)	69% 1 CR, 2 CRp, 6 CRi	46%	38%
55.5 (n=27)	22% 3 CRp, 3 CRi	30%	40%

Abbreviations: CR, complete remission; CRp, CR with incomplete platelet recovery; CRi, CR with incomplete blood count recovery.

Finn LE *et al. Blood* 2017; 130:2638; Atallah EL *et al. Blood* 2018; 130:1457; Berger M *et al. TAT* 11 2019; poster 61.



Future Development of ^{225}Ac -Lintuzumab in AML/MDS



Conclusions

- Early studies with ^{213}Bi -lintuzumab provided proof-of-principle that systemically administered targeted α -particle therapy is feasible.
- ^{225}Ac -lintuzumab is active against advanced AML.
- ^{225}Ac -lintuzumab has produced remissions in older patients with untreated AML as a single agent and in combination with LDAC.
- These studies provide the rationale for use of ^{225}Ac -lintuzumab in combination with other agents in AML and MDS.



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