

A CLEVER Approach to
Fight Cancer

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Investment Highlights

A CLEVER Approach to Fight Cancer via Re-programming Macrophages and Myeloid Cells



Bexmarilimab (Bex) is a humanized anti-Clever-1 antibody, which by a novel mode of action primes the immune system to attack tumors



Bex is potentially applicable to a wide range of hematologic diseases and solid tumors in combination with traditional therapies, or as maintenance therapy



Bex has shown clinical benefit as a single agent in ~200 patients with advanced solid tumors refractory to PD-1 blockade (MATINS study) and 33 difficult-to-treat patients with myeloid malignancies (BEXMAB study)



Significant ORR achieved (100%) in patients with HR-MDS (5/5) and HMA-failed MDS (5/5), including patients with TP53 mutation (ASH 2023)

Phase 2 focuses on MDS patients who have failed prior HMA therapy, with readouts in 2Q and 4Q 2024



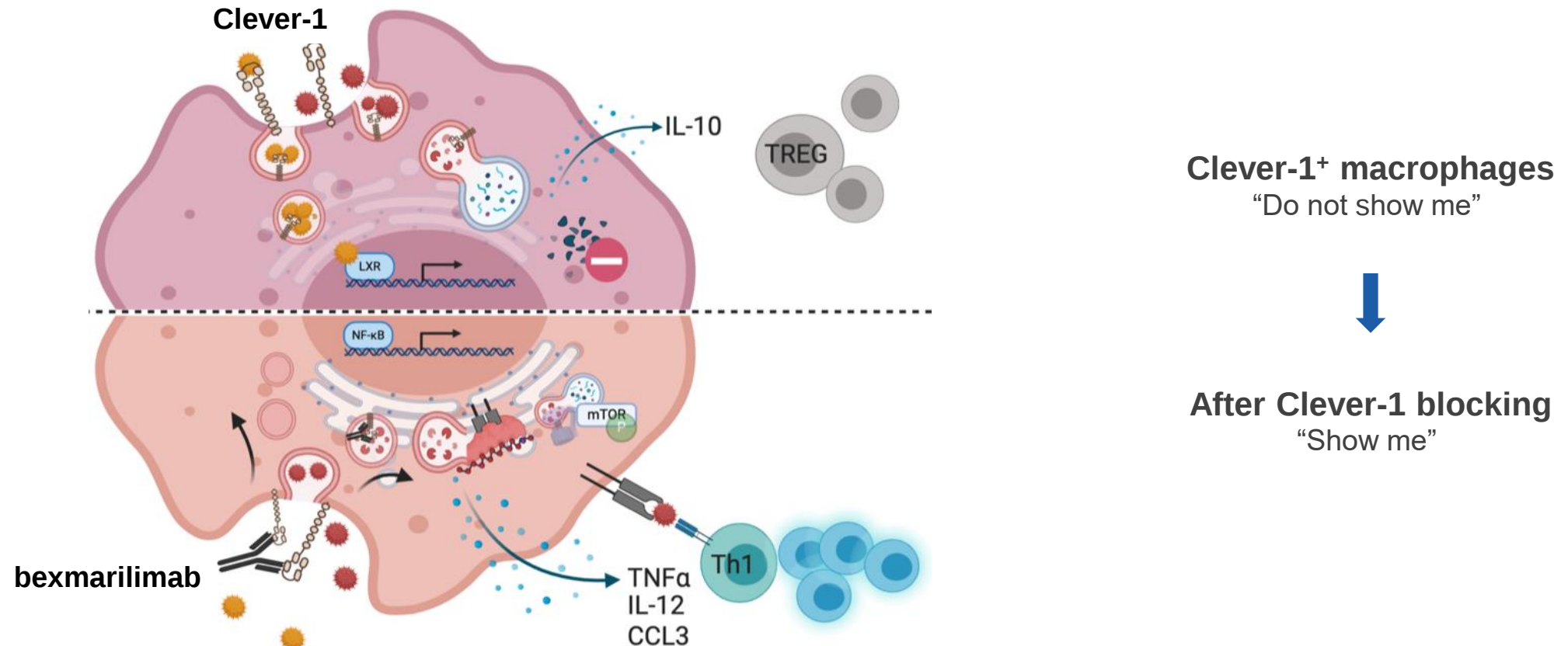
MDS alone represents a large and growing indication with projected sales in 8 major markets of over \$2 billion by 2028*
Patent protection to 2037

*Global Data (2020)

ORR: Overall Response Rate

Bexmarilimab anti-Clever-1 mechanism of action

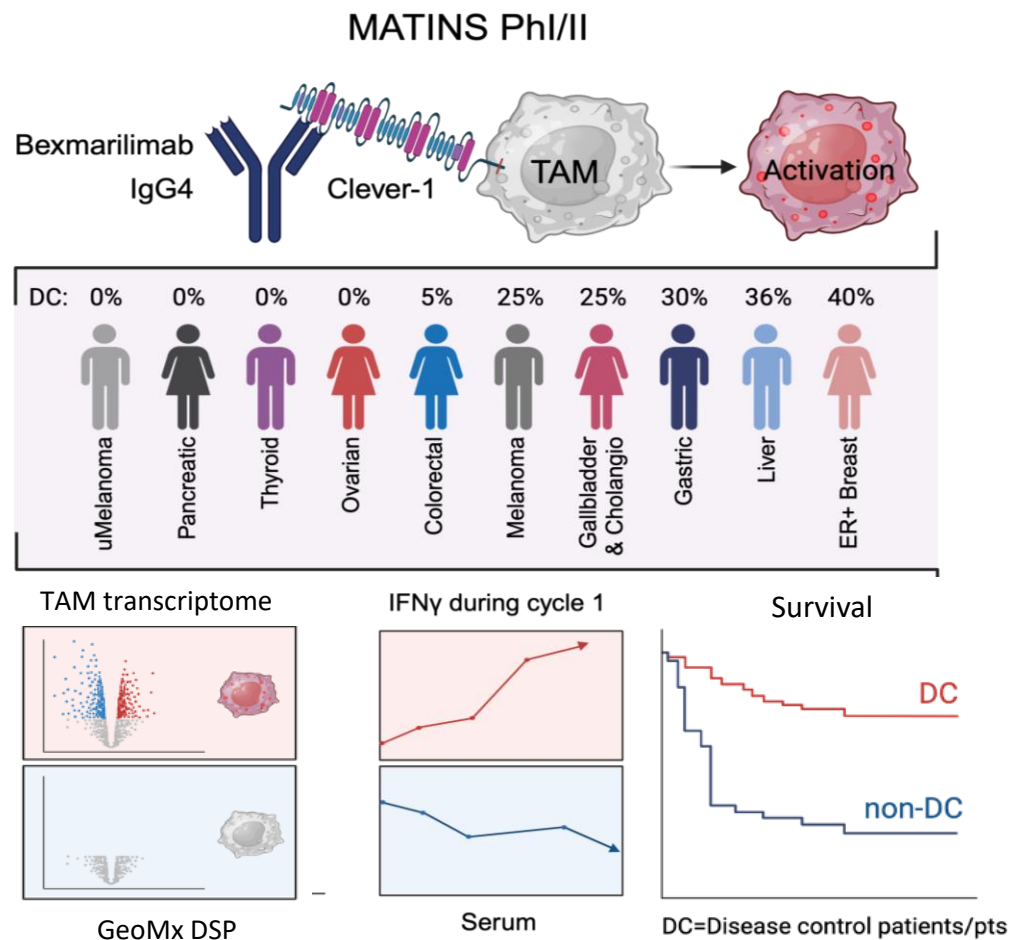
An innovative approach to hematological malignancies and solid tumors



Clever-1 is an immunosuppressive receptor on macrophages that helps cancer evade the immune system.
Bex blocks Clever-1 and primes immune system to attack tumors to enhance clinical benefit of concomitant therapies

Proof of Principle for Modulating Tumor Microenvironment (TME)

Phase 1/2 First-in-Human MATINS Trial



Highlights

In the MATINS Phase 1/2 trial bexmarilimab as a single agent demonstrated proof of principle for anti-Cleaver-1 inhibition in 10 different cancer types and over 200 patients

Targeting Clever-1 with bex is well tolerated

Bex converts intratumoral macrophages to support adaptive immune responses and IFN γ signaling

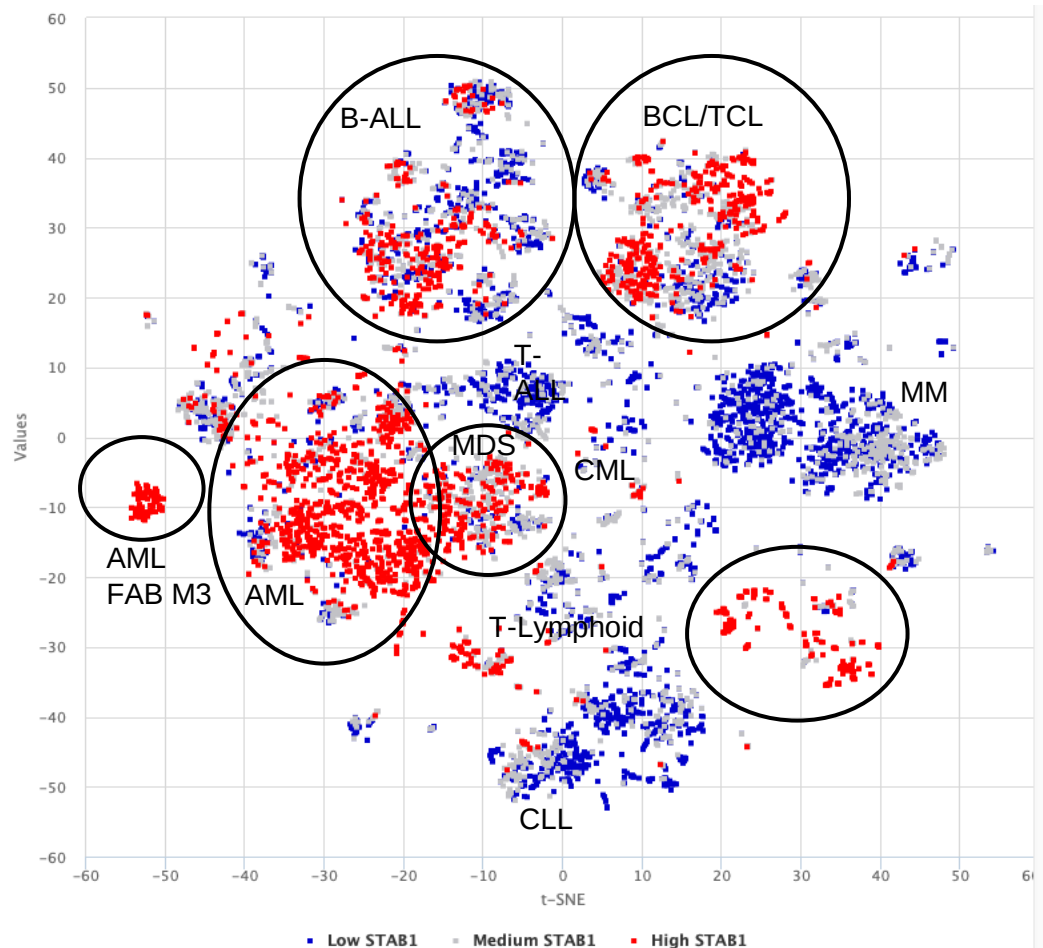
Bex monotherapy changed the TME, which led to increased survival in late-stage cancer patients

Low baseline immune activation associates with bex benefit

MoA: Mechanism of Action, TME: Tumor Microenvironment

Rannikko et al. (2023a) **Cell Reports Medicine**, 4, 101307, available in open access. See Faron release on December 7th, 2023
See also the other Rannikko et al. (2023b) **Cancer Immunol. Res.** 12, 48-59

Clever-1 is highly expressed by malignant blast cells in AML and MDS



HEMAP dataset: Microarray data of 9,544 samples (Pölonen et al. Cancer Research 2019) <http://hemap.uta.fi>

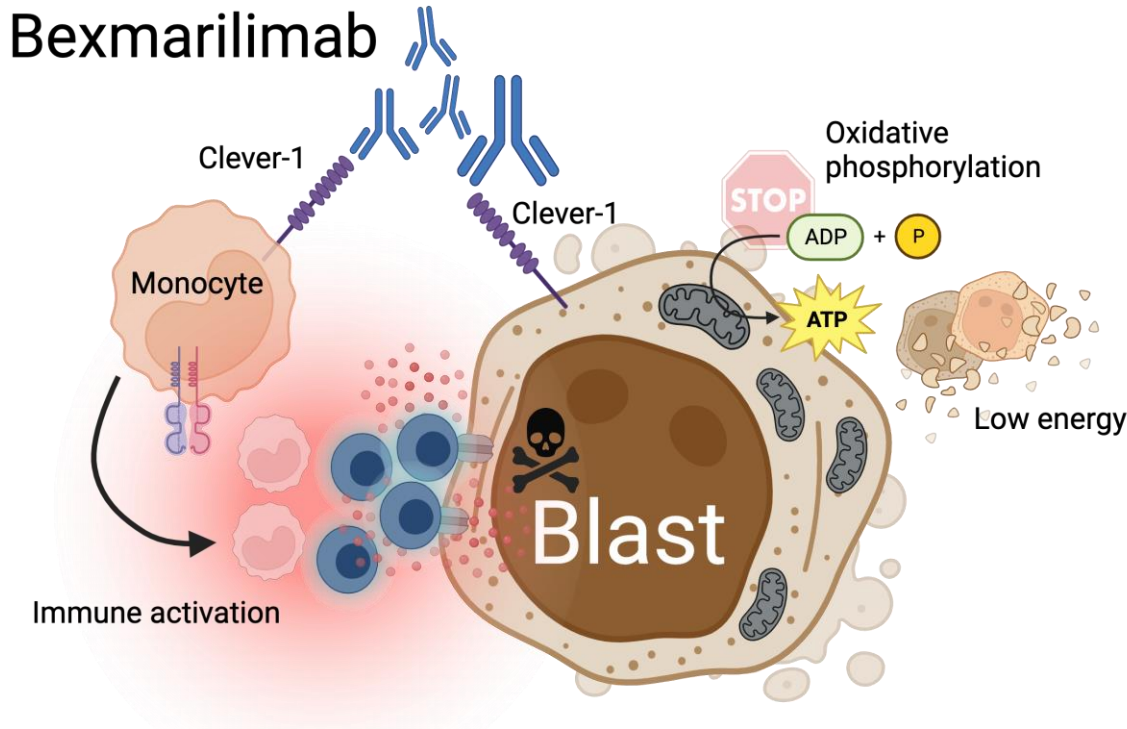
MDS: myelodysplastic syndrome

Clin Lymphoma Myeloma Leuk. 2013 Dec;13(6):711-5. doi: 10.1016/j.clml.2013.07.007. Epub 2013 Sep 17.

Patients with higher-risk MDS, in whom azacitidine (HMA-agent) treatment has failed, have a poor prognosis and low probability of response to salvage treatments

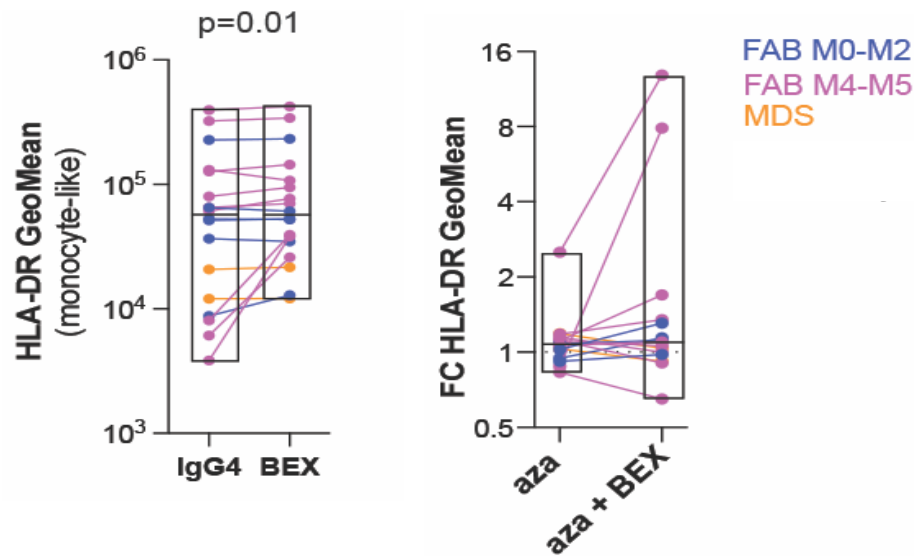
Proof of Concept for Targeting Clever-1 in Myeloid Malignancies

Bex in combination with SOC in hematological malignancies – HR MDS and r/r AML

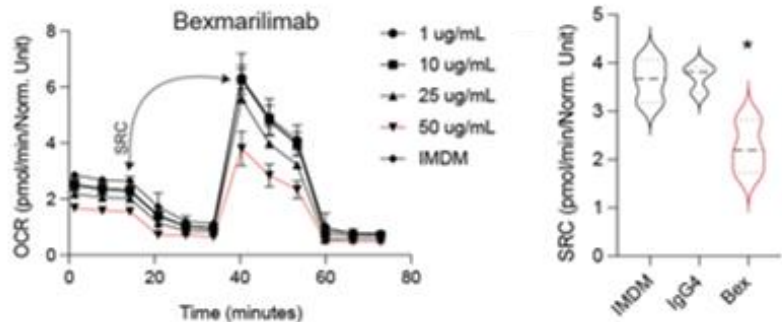


In AML, Clever-1 is expressed by blast cells and adjacent myeloid immune cells. The antibody can activate the immune system in the bone marrow and simultaneously reduce the fitness of AML blasts through impairing cells' energy production.

AML: Acute Myeloid Leukemia, HLA-DR: Human Leukocyte Antigen – DR isotype, aza: azacitidine
Ylitalo et al (2023) Presented AACR AML



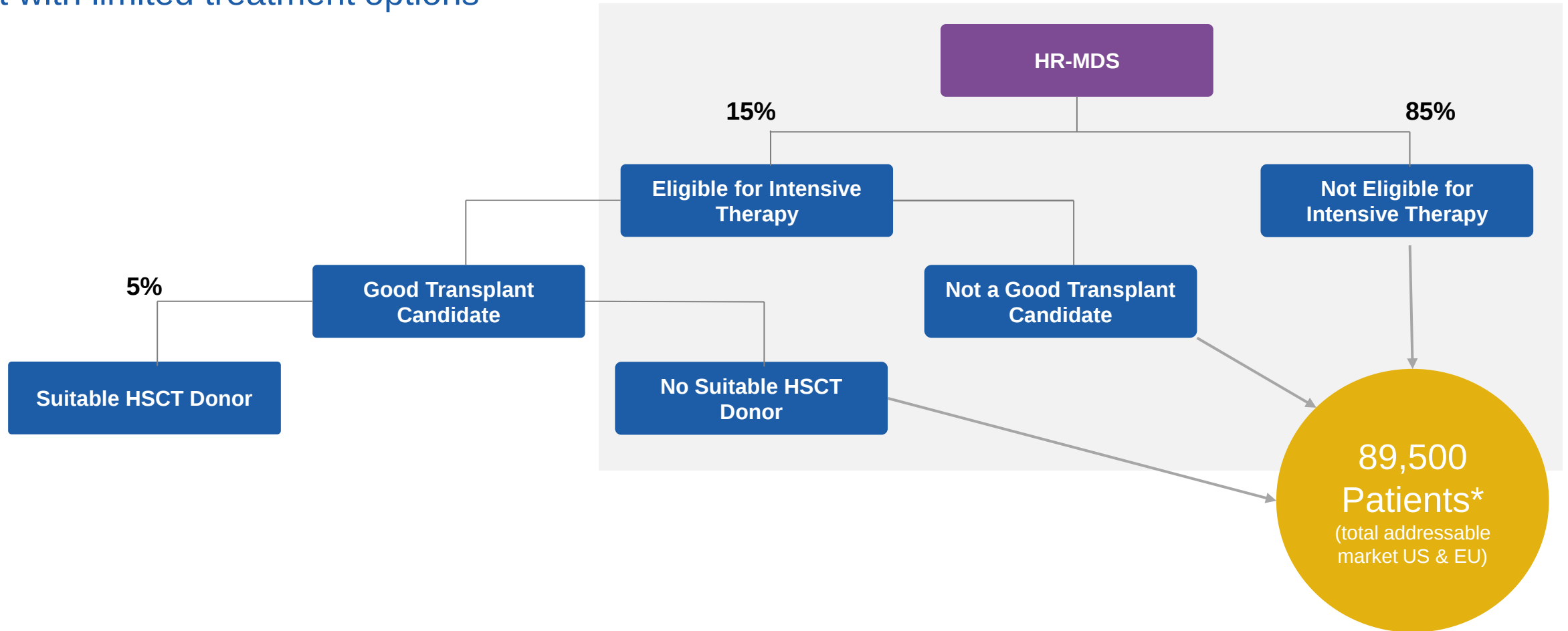
Bexmarilimab increases HLA-DR expression by monocyte-like cells and improves azacitidine-induced HLA-DR in a subset of patient samples. Data from AML bone marrow ex vivo cultures (n = 18). Aakko et al., submitted.



Seahorse Mito stress test kit was used for measuring mitochondrial function after 48h treatment on KG1 cells.

Higher-Risk MDS Patient Journey

"HMA or nothing" – significant unmet need with 85% of patients not eligible for intensive therapy and left with limited treatment options



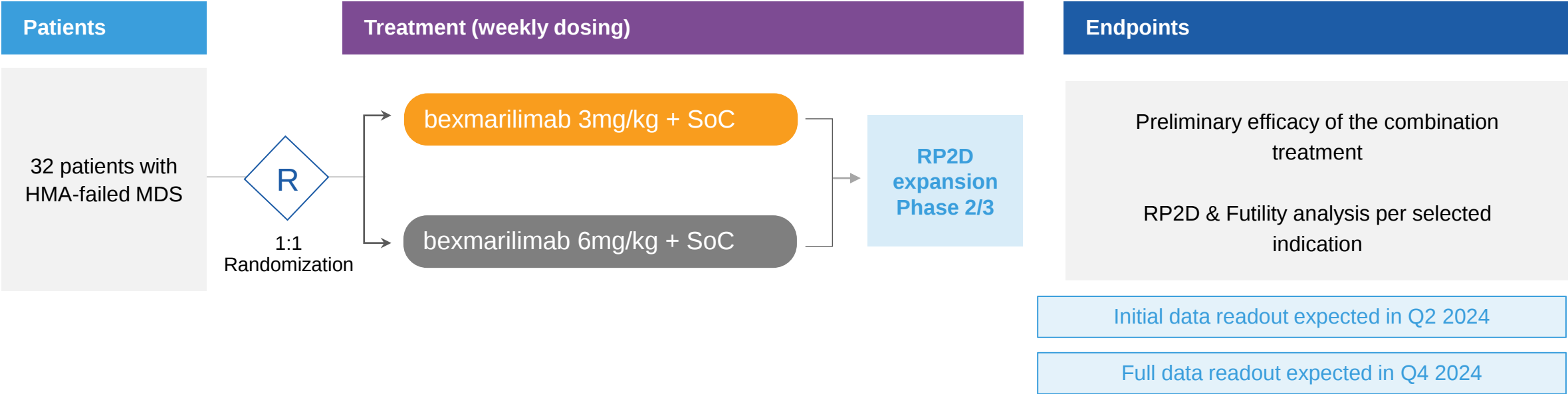
*Source: GlobalData; adapted from Montalban-Bravo and Garcia-Manero, 2018, Steensma, 2018, NCCN, PharmaVentures market assessment
MDS: myelodysplastic syndrome, HSCT: Hematopoietic stem-cell transplantation

BEXMAB Phase 1/2 Study Evaluating Bex with SoC in Myeloid Malignancies

First patient dosed for Phase 2 (total of 32) in January 2024

Phase 1 Findings	36 patients treated in doublet/triplet with 3 dose levels have been evaluated - Highest immune activation, as observed in the accumulation of activated immune cells in patient bone marrow, was observed in both 3 mg/kg and 6mg/kg cohorts - Significant overall response rate observed in HMA-failed (5 out of 5) and higher-risk MDS patients (5 out of 5) - Both dose levels (3 mg/kg and 6mg/kg) have been safe and well tolerated to date
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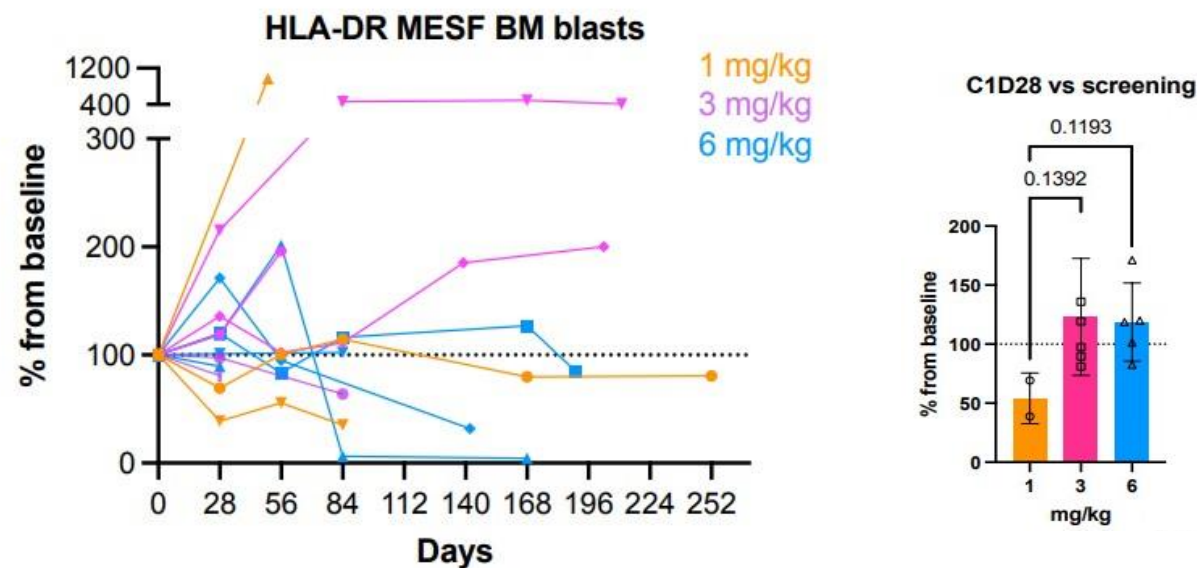
Phase 2



SoC: Standard of Care, MDS: myelodysplastic syndrome, RP2D: Recommended Phase 2 Dose

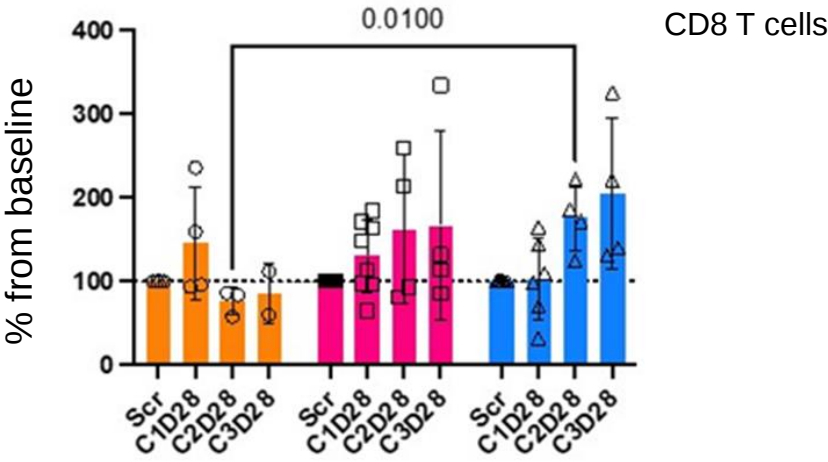
Bex Increases Bone Marrow Immune Activation

CD8 T and NK cell numbers increase from screening to end-Cycle 3 in Bex-Aza patients

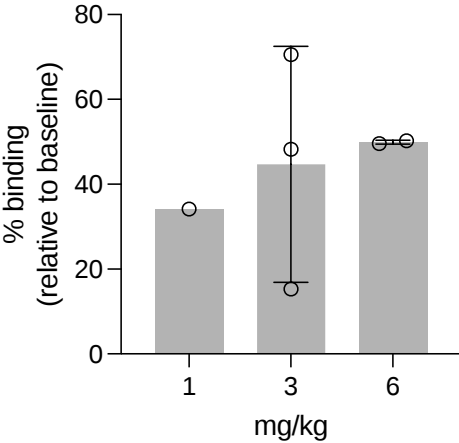


Upregulation of antigen presentation molecules on blasts during treatment across dose levels

* MESF = Molecules of Equivalent Soluble Fluorochrome, normalized fluorescence for comparison across timepoints



Target engagement in the bone marrow of HR MDS patients



Adding Bexmarilimab to SoC is Well Tolerated

No DLTs have been reported and most AEs are of Grade 1/2

	All (n=28) %	1.0mg/kg (n=7) %	3.0mg/kg (n=11) %	6.0mg/kg (n=10) %
Any TRAE	12 (43)	3 (43)	4 (36)	5 (50)
Pyrexia	3 (11)	1 (14)	0	2 (20)
Blood TSH increased	2 (8)	0	0	2 (20)
Constipation	2 (8)	2 (29)	0	0
Nausea	2 (8)	0	1 (9)	1 (10)
Worsening of neutropenia	2 (8)	0	2 (18)	0
ALT increases	1 (4)	0	1 (9)	0
CLS (capillary leak syndrome)	1 (4)	0	1 (9)	0
HLH (hemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis)	1 (4)	0	1 (9)	0
Cryptic organizing pneumonia	1 (4)	0	0	1 (10)
Pain	1 (4)	0	0	1 (10)
Post-procedural bleeding	1 (4)	0	0	1 (10)
Rash	1 (4)	0	0	1 (10)
Vomiting	1 (4)	1 (14)	0	0

Any Grade

AEs n

244

≥ Grade 3

81

SAEs

37

Related AEs

Any Grade

24

≥ Grade 3

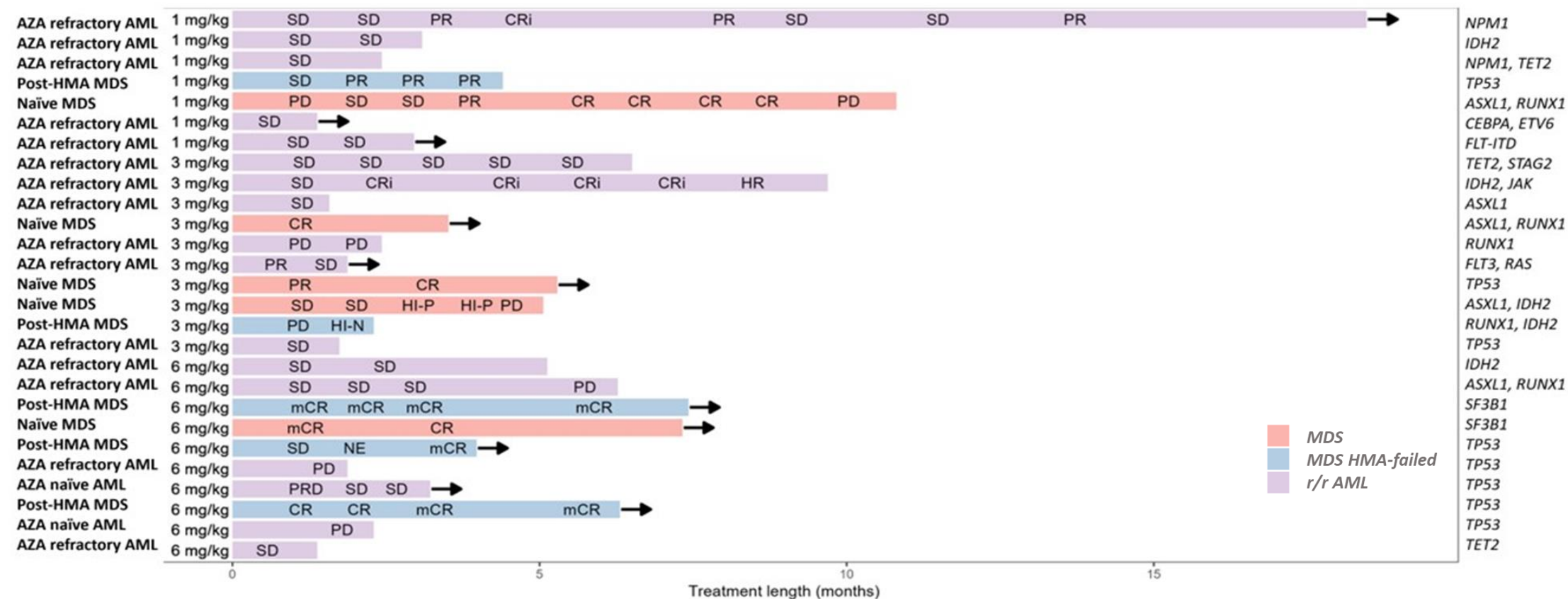
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- No dose-limiting toxicities (DLT)
- SAEs related to Bex:
 - n=2 at 3mg/kg: Capillary leak syndrome (Gr 3); Hemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis (Gr 5);
 - 6mg/kg Cryptogenic organizing pneumonia (Gr 3)
- Discontinuation in 2 patients due to BEX-related AEs
- Immune-related AEs reported at 3.0 and 6.0mg/kg across indications

DLTs: Dose-Limiting Toxicities, AEs: Adverse Events, TRAE: Treatment Related Adverse Event

Objective Responses Observed in ~50% of Patients Across Indications

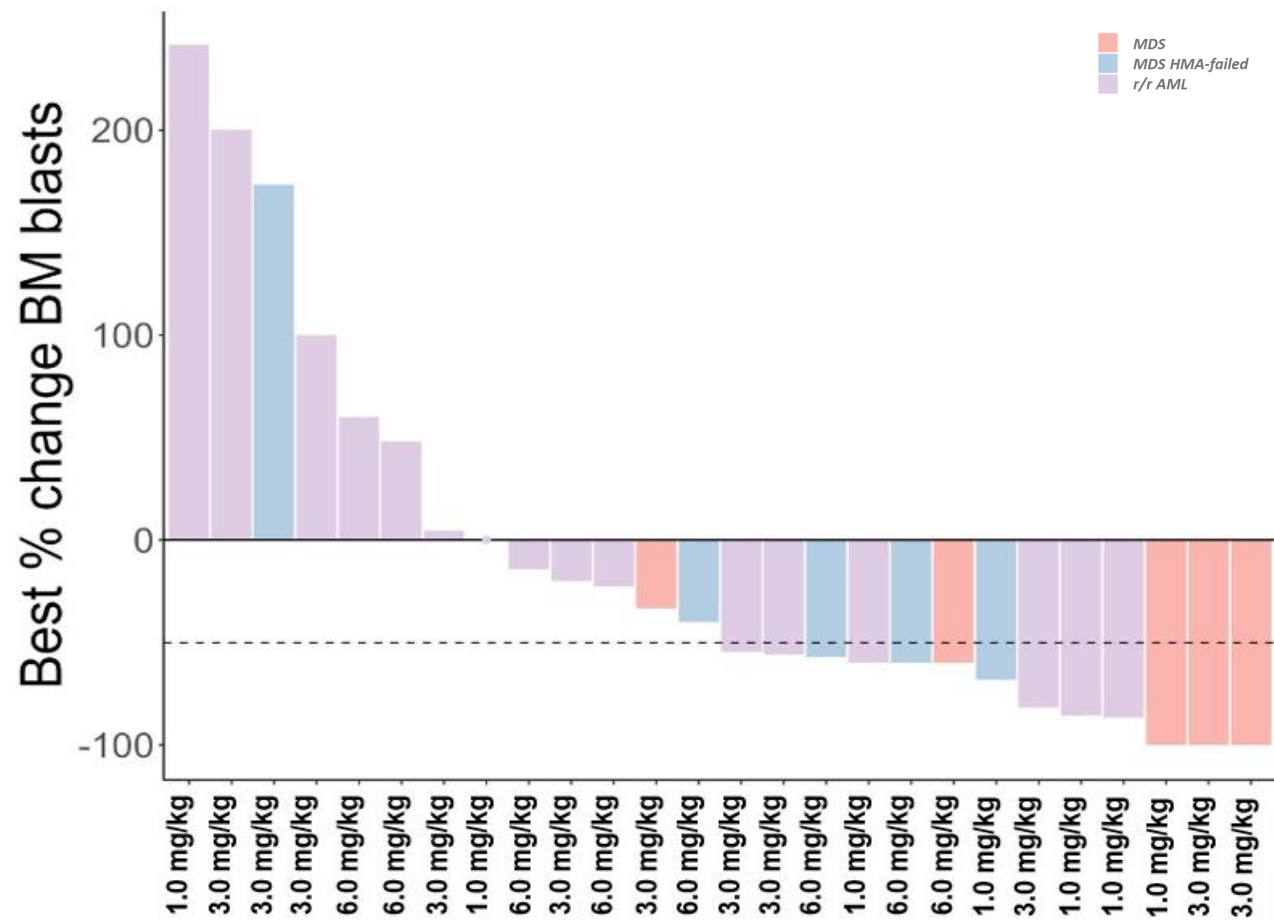
Swimmer plot of doublet patients at 1.0, 3.0, and 6.0 mg/kg bexmarilimab combined with azacitidine (n=27). Readout November 06, 2023. Data released December 11, 2023 at ASH



Responses are deep and durable with 7/10 MDS patients achieving CR/mCR and one additional patient progressing to bone marrow transplant, majority of them being TP53 mutated

Efficacy Read-out (II)

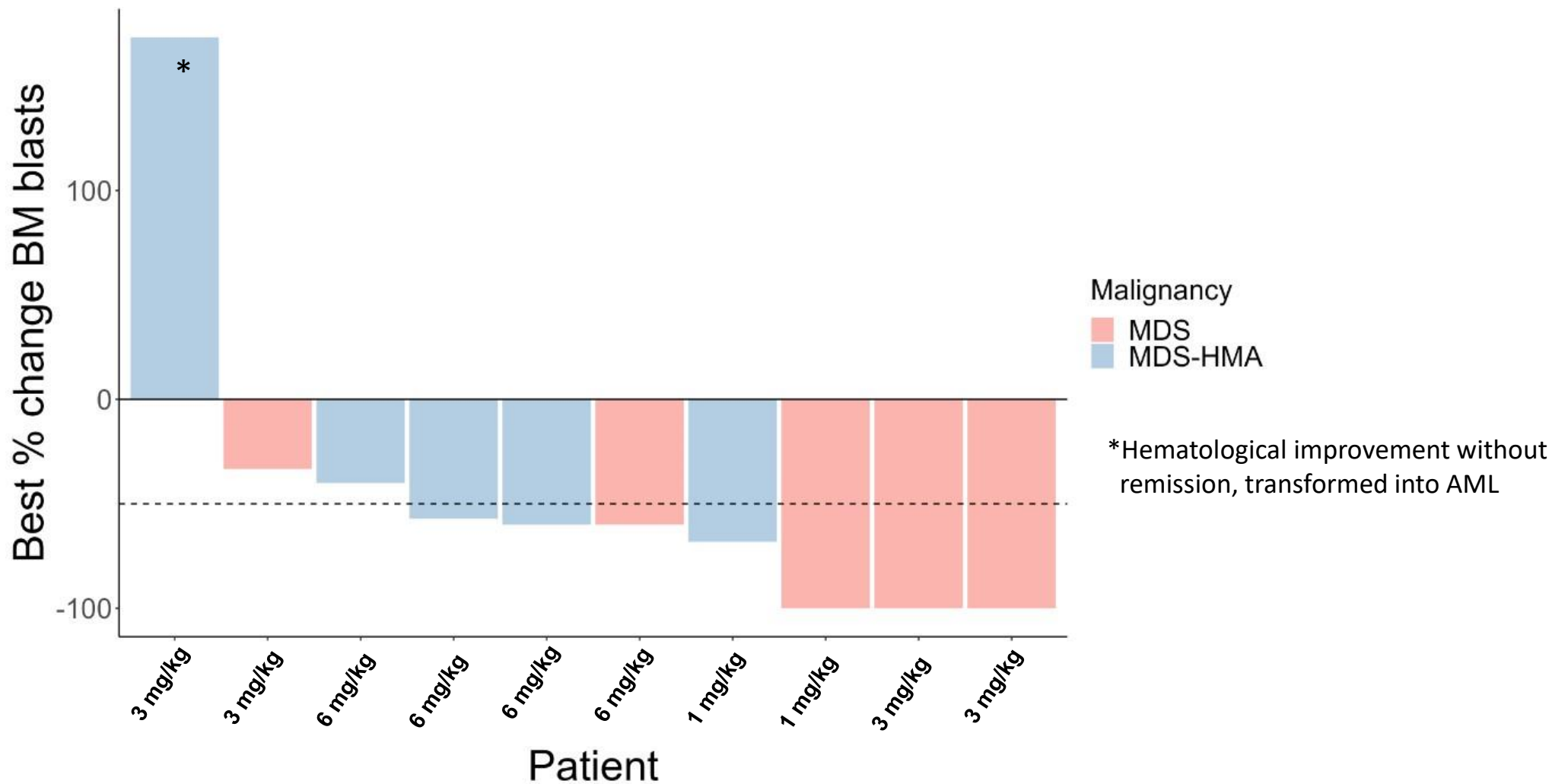
Reduction of BM blasts in >50% of Doublet patients



Waterfall plot of doublet patients at 1.0, 3.0 and 6.0 mg/kg bexmarilimab combined with azacitidine

Significant Bone Marrow Blast Reduction in HR MDS Patients Treated with Bex + Aza

Durable cancer blast eradication



MDS HMA-failed

Summary of efficacy: 100% of patients responded to Bex+Aza

5/5 patients in the HMA-failed HR MDS cohort have responded to Bex+Aza treatment

- 3/5 patients were refractory to previous HMA-therapy, best responses being PD or SD
- 2/5 had relapsed after azacitidine (or azacitidine combined with venetoclax) therapy

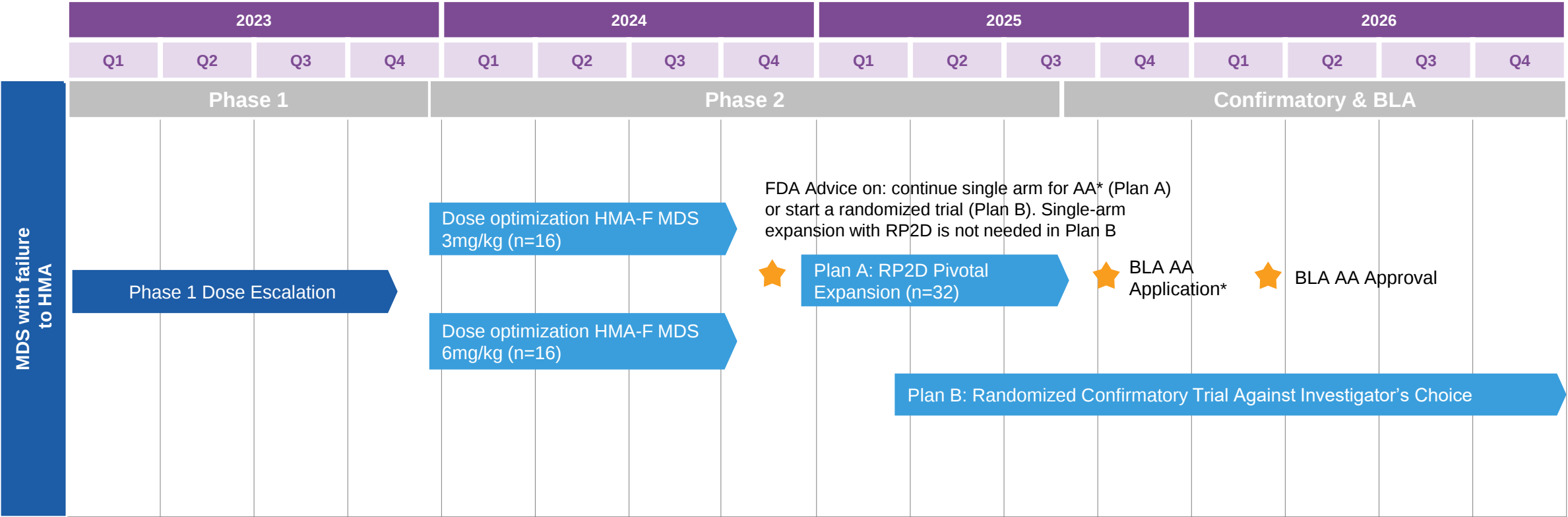
Patient profile	Prior therapy				Type	BEXMAB study	
	HMA	No of cycles	Timeline	Best response		Study start	Response
Patient #1	Aza	6 cycles	Jan 2022 – Jul 2022	PD	Refractory	Sep 2022	PR (allo-HSCT)
Patient #2	Aza	4 cycles	Jul 2022 – Dec 2022	PD	Refractory	May 2023	HI-N
Patient #3	Aza + Magro Decitabine + Ven	4 cycles 1 cycle	Aug 2022 – Dec 2022 Jan 2023	PD SD	Relapsed / refractory	Apr 2023	CR
Patient #4	Aza ± sabatolimab	28 cycles	Sep 2020 – Sep 2022	mCR	Relapsed	Mar 2023	mCR
Patient #5	Aza + Ven Aza	3 cycles 13 cycles	Jan 2022 – Apr 2022 May 2022 – May 2023	CR CR	Relapsed	Jul 2023	mCR

Data read-out November 6th, 2023

- Data from AML & MDS patient cohorts, as well as our biobank patient samples, indicate that Clever-1 expression is associated with non-responsiveness to SoC and poor outcome
- Non-clinical data shows that bexmarilimab can overcome resistance to SoC in AML & MDS patient samples
- Phase 1 clinical data now shows that deep and durable responses can be achieved in AML and MDS patients that have previously been primarily refractory to an HMA or relapsed on HMA or a combination of HMA + venetoclax

Accelerated Development Plan for HMA-failed HR MDS

Frontline HR MDS and r/r AML development plans explored separately



* Accelerated Approval (AA) may be achievable with outstanding efficacy from a single arm trial with on-going confirmatory trial, e.g. in HMA-failed MDS, otherwise see below
** Per FDA's recent guidance, start producing randomized data against comparator as early as possible. AA achievable with ORR of registrational trial and full approval with OS readout

Bexmarilimab has the Potential to Establish a New Standard of Care in Myeloid Malignancies

Mechanism of Action

Bexmarilimab is a humanized monoclonal antibody to Clever-1 which reprograms myeloid blasts and primes the immune system to attack tumor cells

Safety

Bexmarilimab is well-tolerated in combination with standard-of-care azacitidine in patients with MDS and AML

Efficacy

Durable objective responses (ORs) observed in 50% of patients across three dosing cohorts (doublet) in both frontline and r/r settings. Significant 100% overall response rates observed in both previously HMA-failed (5 out of 5) and higher-risk MDS (5 out of 5) patients

Future development

Given the encouraging and durable responses and high unmet medical need, Phase 2/3 development will focus on HMA-failed MDS as the first indication, seeking BLA filing as early as 2025

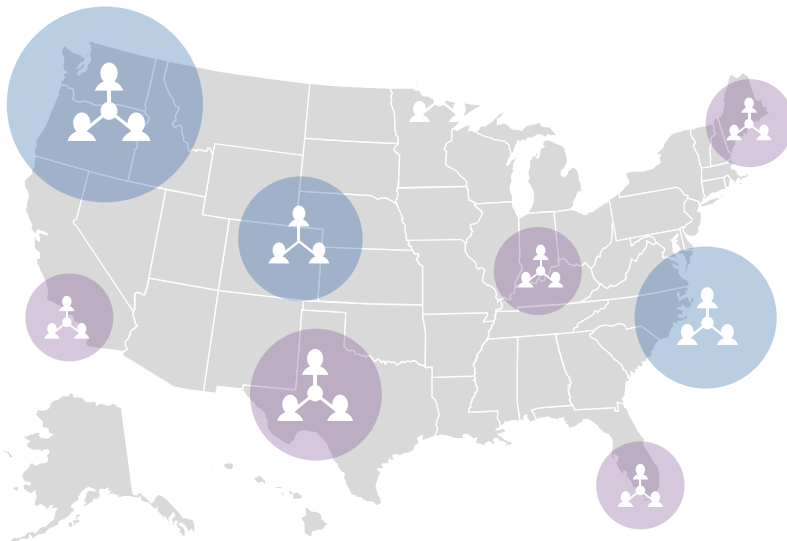
Outlook for the Next 12 Months

Clinical development plans

- Bexmab**
- ▶ **Q1 2024** Phase 2 initiation on HMA-failed MDS
 - ▶ **Q2 2024** Initial Phase 2 data read out
 - ▶ **Q2 2024** Durability analysis of Phase 1 frontline HR MDS, HMA-failed MDS patients and r/r AML
 - ▶ **Q4 2024** Full Phase 2 data read out

Regulatory interactions for additional designations & advice leading to registrational study design

Corporate



- 1 Continue to expand clinical network in US and Europe
- 2 Proceed with partnering discussions to competitive auction process
- 3 Potential for future expansion into a variety of haemato-oncology indications

Bexmarilimab Pipeline

Programs	Indication	Phase of Development				Next Steps/Near-Term Milestones
		Preclinical	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	
Hematological malignancies						
bexmarilimab Expect first BLA filing as early as 2025	HMA Failed MDS	BEXMAB Trial 				Phase 2 readouts in Q2 and Q4 2024
	Frontline HR MDS	SOC + BEX				Waiting for dose from project Optimus phase 2 part of study
	r/r AML	SOC + BEX				Awaiting to move to project Optimus phase 2 part of study
	CMML	SOC + BEX				Recruiting
	Frontline AML non-fit for chemo	Aza + venetoclax + BEX				Safety dose escalation
Solid Tumors						
bexmarilimab Targeting cold PD-1 refractory tumors	Solid tumors	MATINS Trial				Completed
	Combo with CPIs in solid tumors	BEXCOMBO Trial				IND approved and Phase 2 ready

Corporate Summary

Potential to Establish New Standard of Care in Myeloid Malignancies

Faron's Lead Asset



Proven anti-Clever-1 dual mechanism of action – immune activation and reduce viability of leukemic cells that are otherwise resistant to standard-of-care therapies

Validated Platform



- ✓ Proof of principle for anti-Clever-1 Bex monotherapy demonstrated in MATINS Ph 1/2 trial in solid tumors (~200 pts)
- ✓ PoC for Bex in combination with SOC in MDS and r/r AML patients
- ✓ Significant Overall Response Rate in HR-MDS (5/5) and HMA-failed MDS (5/5 patients including patients with TP53 mutation, reported at ASH 2023)

Position



Potential for future expansion into a variety of haemato-oncology indications

Patent protection to 2037

Robust large-scale manufacturing process in place with readiness to move into registrational trials

Exceptional scientific founders & leadership

Planned milestones



BEXMAB Phase 1/2 readouts in 2Q and 4Q 2024

Followed by FDA registrational study plan and size

Actively pursuing Fast Track, Breakthrough, Accelerated Approval, and BLA filing

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Market Capitalization: EUR ~250M

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Thank You

