

# **Prolonged ATO and ATRA therapy for relapsed acute promyelocytic leukemia**

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# Background

- ATO-ATRA is the standard salvage regimen for relapsed APL
- Optimal consolidation strategy remains controversial (auto-SCT vs allo-SCT vs other therapies)

Age, mCR1 duration, PCR status after salvage,  
age/fitness for SCT

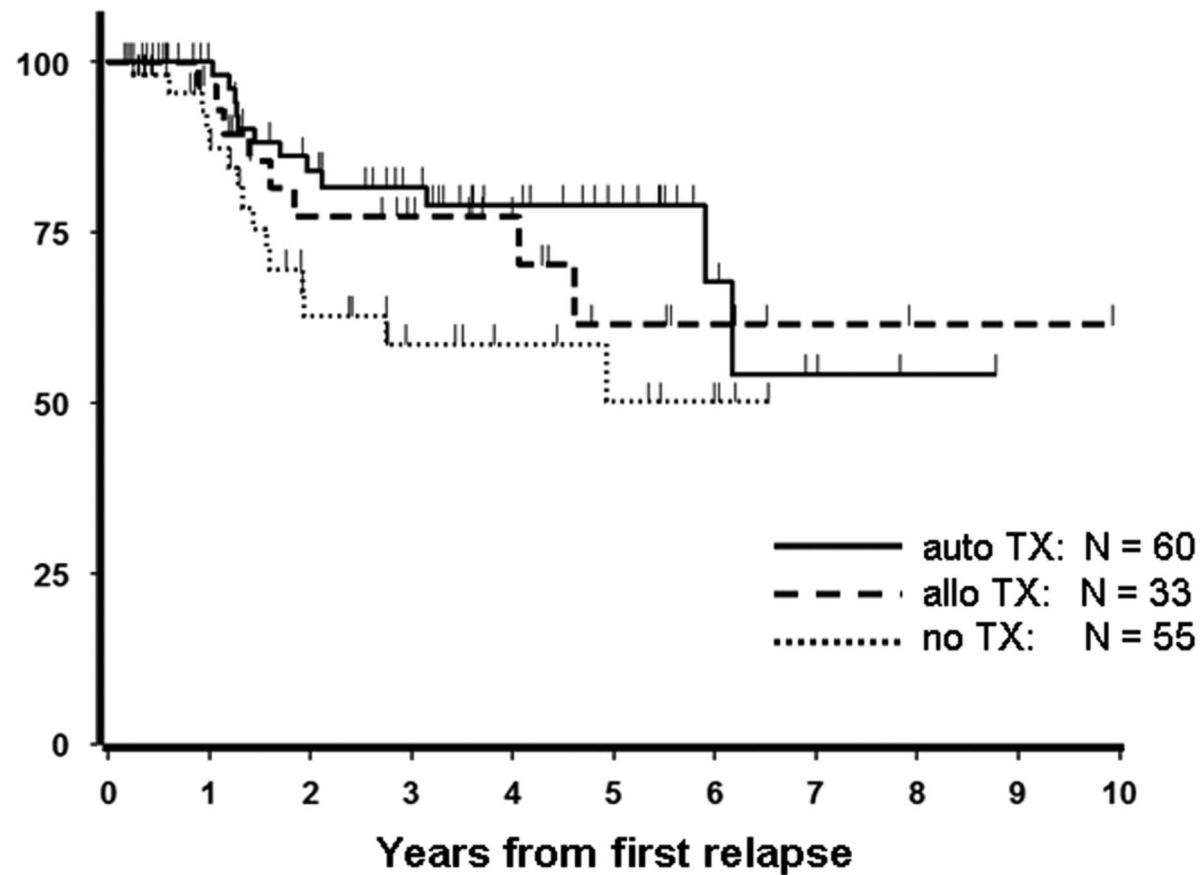
# Auto vs Allo vs non-HSCT

Reference	Type	Arms	Pts (n)	EFS	OS
Yanada et al, 2013	Phase II	ATO+ auto	35	65	77
Fujita et al, 2013	Retro	Auto	6	41	83
		Allo	21	71	76
		Non-HSCT	30	45	75
Pemmaraju et al, 2013	Retro	Auto	10	78	85
		Allo	17	40	49
		Chemo	16	-	40
Ramadan et al, 2012	Retro	Allo	31	-	62
Thirugnanam et al, 2009	Retro	Auto	14	83	100
		Non-HSCT	19	34	38
Chakrabarty et al, 2014	Retro	Auto	62	63	75
		Allo	232	50	54
Lengfelder et al, 2015	Registry	Auto/Allo	33/60	-	80
		Non-HSCT	55	-	59

# Auto-SCT vs Allo-SCT vs other therapies

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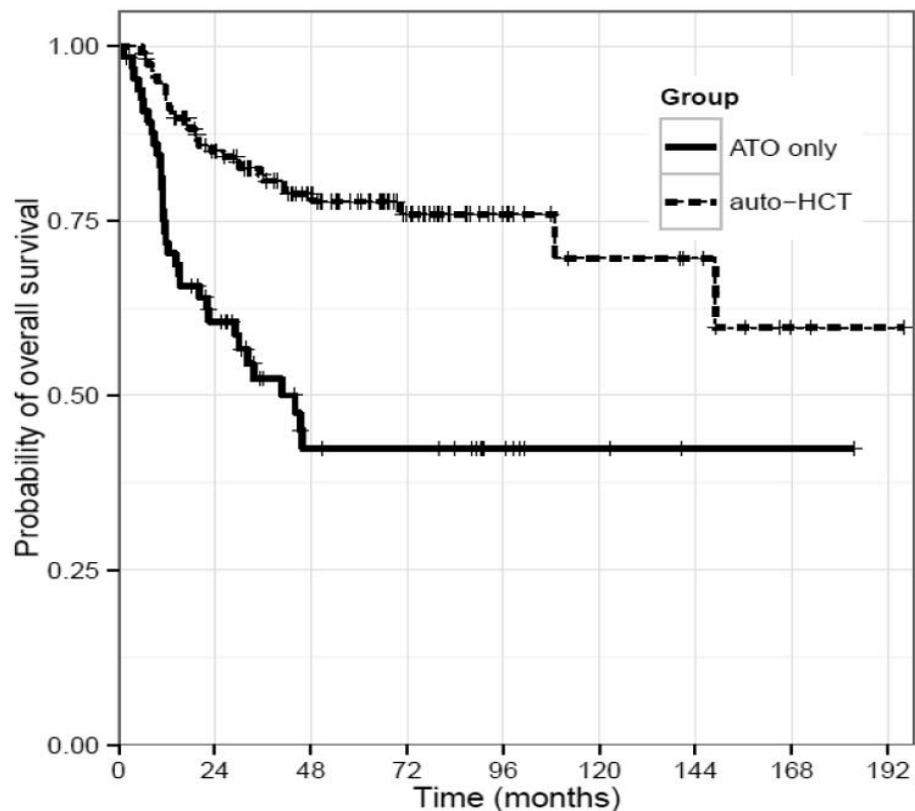
**PROMYSE**  
A pan-European registry  
for relapsed Acute  
Promyelocytic Leukemia  
patients



Lengfelder et al, Leukemia 2015

# Auto-SCT vs ATO alone

242 APL in CR2 (CIBMTR, India, Iran, EBMT)



- 67 ATO-only (76% received ATO front-line)
- 120 auto-SCT (16% received ATO front-line and 59% for salvage)

Variable	HR	95% Lower	95% Upper	p-value
Auto-HCT (Y vs N)	0.495	0.345	0.710	< 0.001
CR1 time (continuous)	0.978	0.965	0.991	< 0.001

# Prolonged therapy with ATO+ATRA

## Efficacy of prolonged therapy with combined arsenic trioxide and ATRA for relapse of acute promyelocytic leukemia

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*Haematologica 2011 [Epub ahead of print]*

UPN	Sex/age*	Relapse risk	Previous treatments	Duration of previous CR(s)	Disease status at time of ATO+ATRA Initiation	Outcome
1	M/51	Low	AIDA <sup>§</sup>	15 months	1 <sup>st</sup> molecular relapse	relapsed at 10 mos
2	M/54	Interm	AIDA	12 months	1 <sup>st</sup> molecular relapse	CRm <sup>^</sup> (22+ mos)
3	F/46	Interm	AIDA	32 months	1 <sup>st</sup> molecular relapse	CRm (28+ mos)
4	F/70	Interm	AIDA	28 months	1 <sup>st</sup> molecular relapse	CRm (18+ mos)
5	M/38	Interm	AIDA	84 months	1 <sup>st</sup> EM <sup>#</sup> and molecular relapse	CRm (39+ mos)
6	F/32	Interm	AIDA	48 months	1 <sup>st</sup> molecular relapse	CRm (50+ mos)
7	M/61	interm	AIDA	17 months	1 <sup>st</sup> molecular relapse	CRm (14+ mos)
8	M/69	Low <sup>∞</sup>	AIDA / GO# + ATRA	22 months /12 months	2 <sup>nd</sup> hematologic relapse	CRm (31+ mos)
9	M/52	High	AIDA / ARA-C + MTZ <sup>®</sup>	17 months /13 months	2 <sup>nd</sup> molecular relapse	CRm(11+ mos)

## Aims

- Verify in a larger cohort of relapsed APL patients the efficacy of a prolonged ATO-ATRA therapy not followed by auto/allo SCT

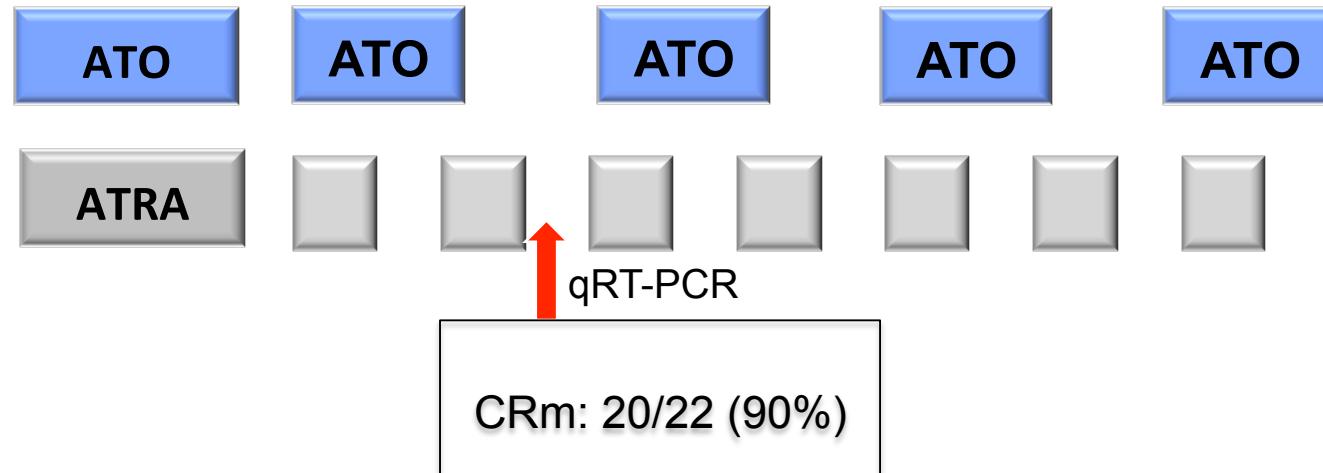
## Patients and methods

- 22 adult patients with relapsed APL treated between 2006-2017 in 2 Italian Institutions (Policlinico Tor Vergata and Policlinico Umberto I, Rome) after obtaining IRB approval
- All patients received ATO-ATRA (Lo-Coco, NEJM 2013) for induction and consolidation followed or not by transplant procedures.
- Molecular analysis of PML/RARA was carried out by RQ-PCR (according to standardized methods)

# Patient characteristics

<b>Age, median (range)</b>	43.5 (18-80)	
<b>Duration of previous CR, median (range)</b>	32.5 (5-120)	
<b>Relapse</b>	1 st relapse	18
	> 1 st relapse	4
<b>Type of relapse</b>	Hematological	7
	Molecular	14
	Extramedullary	3
<b>Front-line therapy</b>	AIDA	20
	AIDA “elderly”	2

# Patient outcome (I)



**Transplant: 2 pts**

Autologous: 1

Allogeneic (HLA-id): 1

**No transplant: 18 pts**  
**ATO-ATRA: median 5 cycles (2-5)**

- Long previous CRm: 9
- Elderly/unfit: 5
- Refusal of HSCT: 2
- Lack of donor: 2

# Patient outcome (II)

Median follow-up: 58 months (21-128)

UPN	HSCT	PCR after therapy	Outcome
1	No	Negative	CRm, 20+
2	No	Negative	CRm, 60+
3	No	Negative	CRm, 62+
4	Auto-HSCT	Negative	CRm, 105+
5	No	Negative	CRm, 60+
6	No	Negative	CRm, 38+
7	No	Negative	CRm, 120+
8	No	Negative	CRm, 128+
9	No	Negative	CRm, 62+
10	No	Negative	CRm, 50+
11	No	Negative	CRm, 110+
12	No	Negative	CRm, 109+
13	No	Negative	CRm, 72+
14	No	Negative	CRm, 66+
15	No	Negative	Death in CRm
16	Allo-HSCT	Negative	Relapsed
17	No	Negative	Relapsed
18	No	Negative	Relapsed
19	No	Negative	Relapsed
20	No	Negative	Relapsed
21	No	Positive	Resistant
22	No	Positive	Resistant

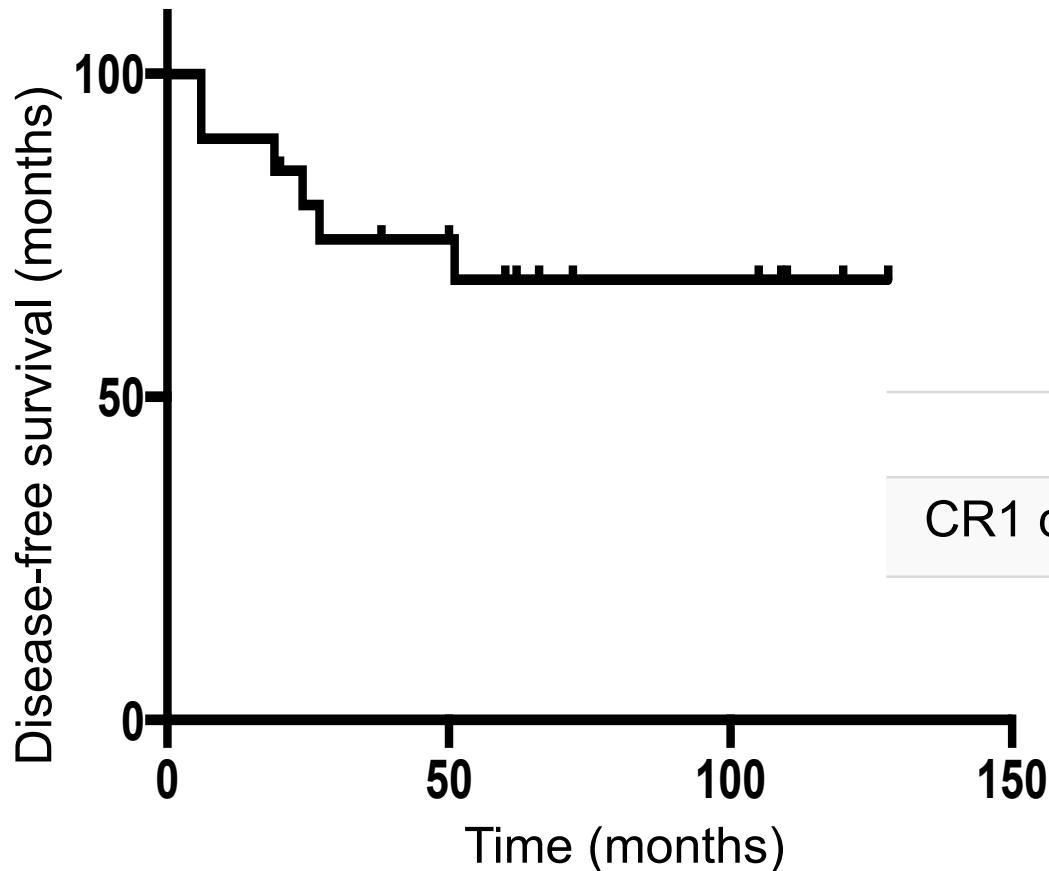
14 alive in CRm  
(68%)

1 death in CRm

7 rel/refractory (32%)

# Survival analysis

Median follow-up: 58 months (21-128)



Variable	CI 95%	P-value
CR1 duration, months	0.19-0.8	0.0056

# Conclusions

- Our data suggest that prolonged ATO-ATRA therapy without SCT intensification might be an option for relapsed APL
- Long CR1 is associated with a higher probability of long-term CRm with prolonged ATRA-ATO
- Prospective studies are warranted to confirm our preliminary data

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