

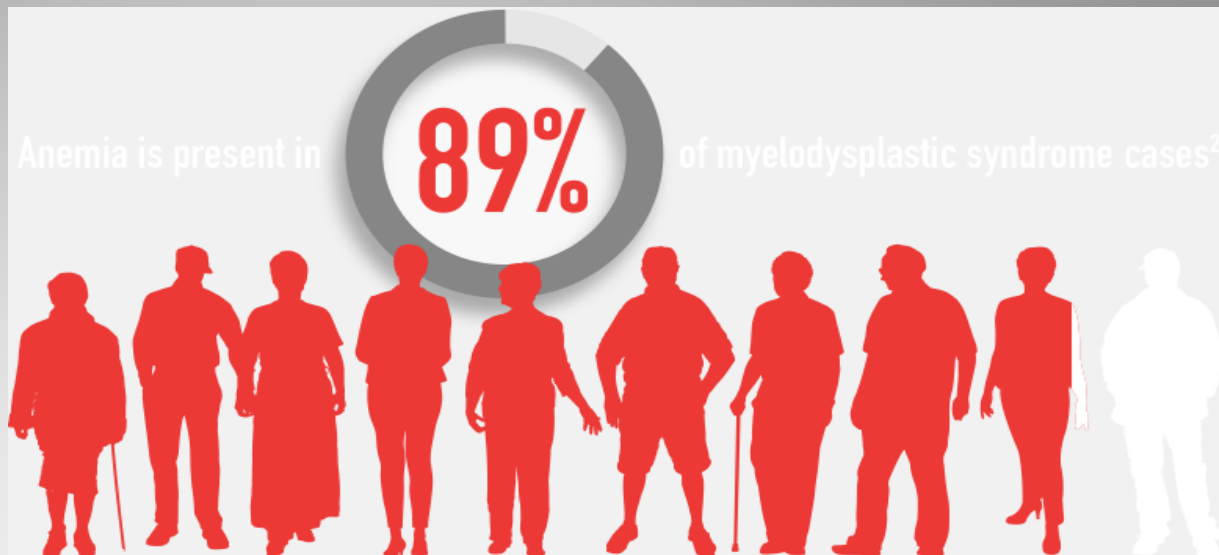


# Nové směry v terapii anemie MDS

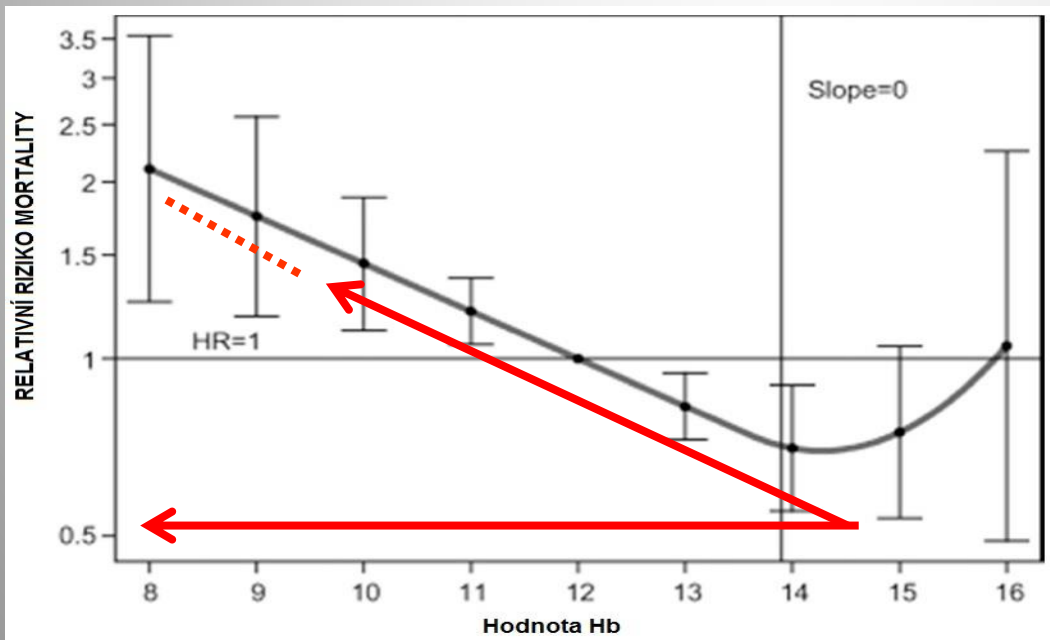
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# Anemie u MDS



## Vztah mezi Hb a mortalitou



60% transfuzní závislost



# Anemie u nízce rizikových MDS nemocných vztah k mortalitě

➤ *Montserrat Arnan Sangerman et al. Impact of Red Blood Cell Transfusion Burden Status in Patients with Lower-Risk MDS, abstract No 3031*

474 lower-risk (R-IPSS risk very low, low a intered.)

Median OS:

NTD (8 years; 95% CI 6.6-9.5),

LTB (6.2 years; 95% CI 4.2-8.1)

HTB (3.1 years; 95% CI 2.4-3.8) ( $p < 0.001$ )

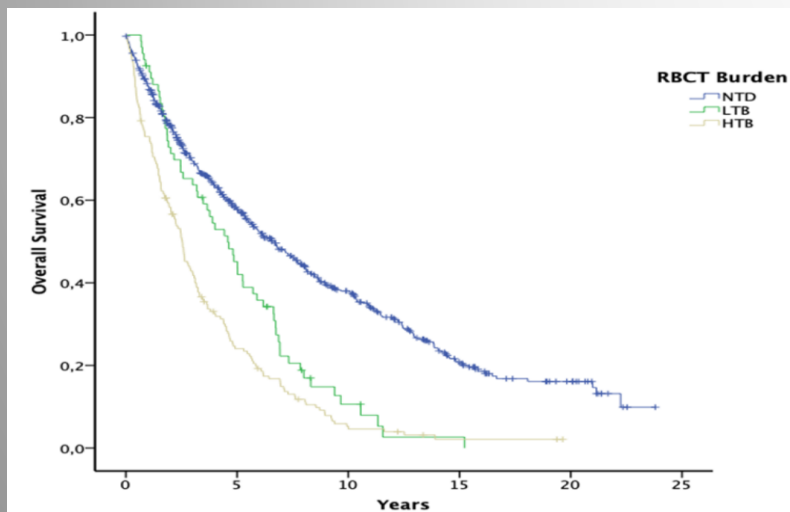


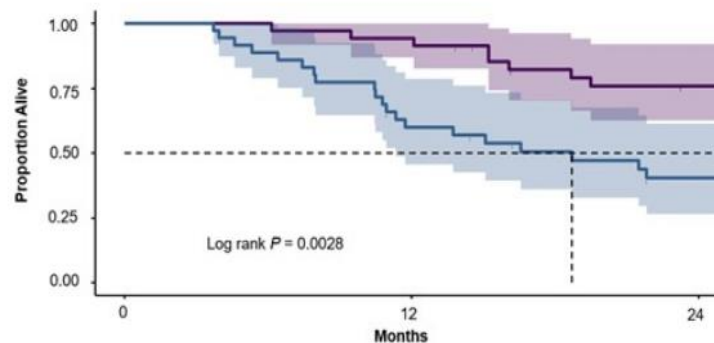
Figure 1. Kaplan-Meier for OS according to RBCT burden status categories.

➤ *Rena Buckstein et al. Persistent Red Blood Cell (RBC) Transfusion Is Associated with Increased Mortality Risk in Transfusion-Dependent (TD) Patients with MDS with Ring Sideroblasts (RS+), abstract No 3012*

191 MDS Low risk - RS+ TRF dependentních

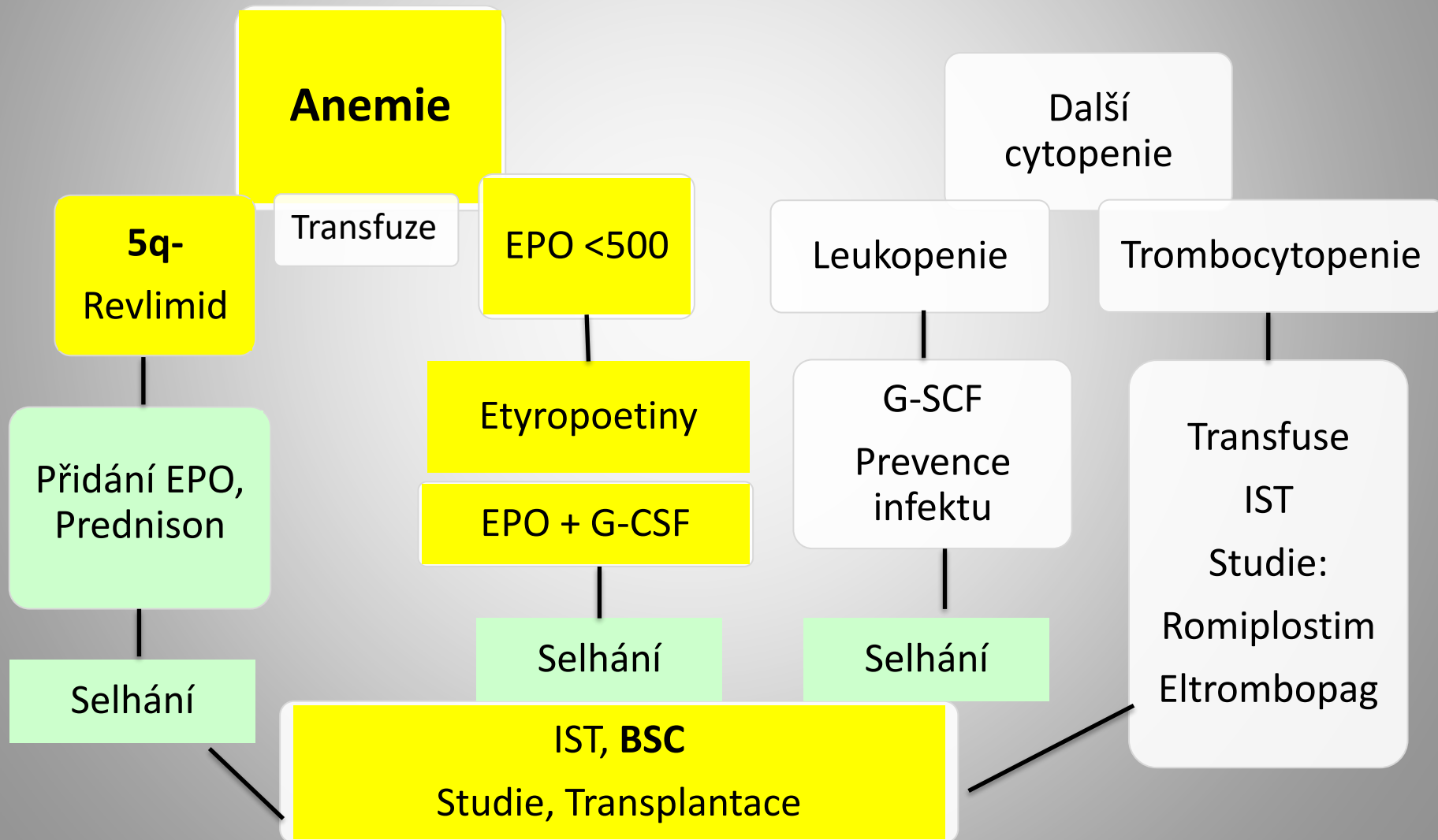
Median OS : 18.7 months TRF dep. X 48.7 months TRF indep.

Figure 1. Kaplan-Meier Curve for OS by ITD Versus PTD



	0	12	24
ITD	35	33	23
PTD	36	20	11

# Algoritmus terapie MDS s nižším rizikem



# Novinky v terapii anemie

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**Kombinace Len + EPO**

**Kombinace Len + EPO + Prednison**

**Luspatercept (REBLOZYL)**

**Imetelstat**

**Roxadustat (FG-4592)**

**Perorální HMA: Azacitidine (ONUREG)**

**ASTX727(cedazuridine/decitabine)**

# Imunomodulační terapie - Lenalidomid

## MDS-003: lenalidomid pro del(5q) MDS

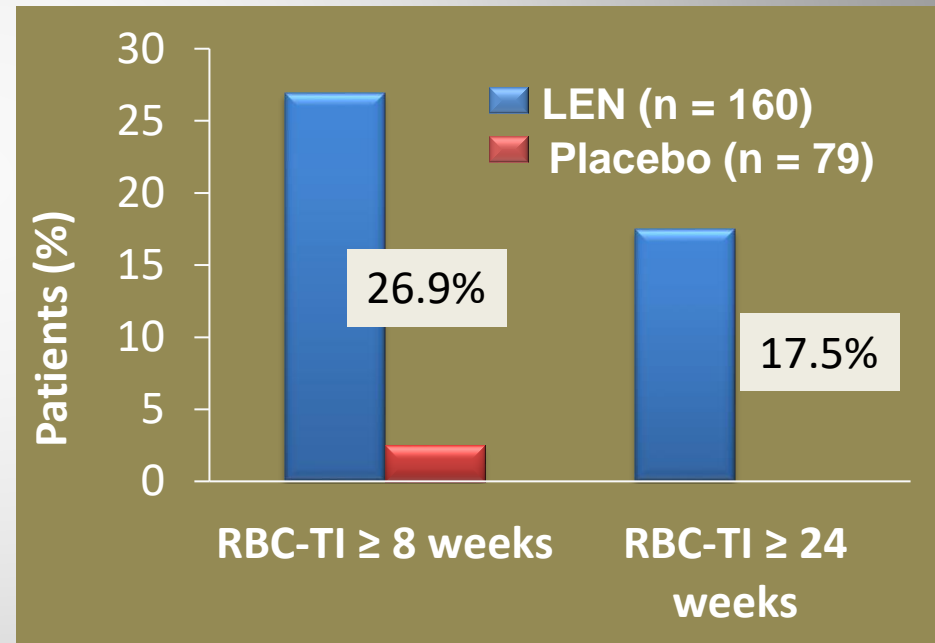
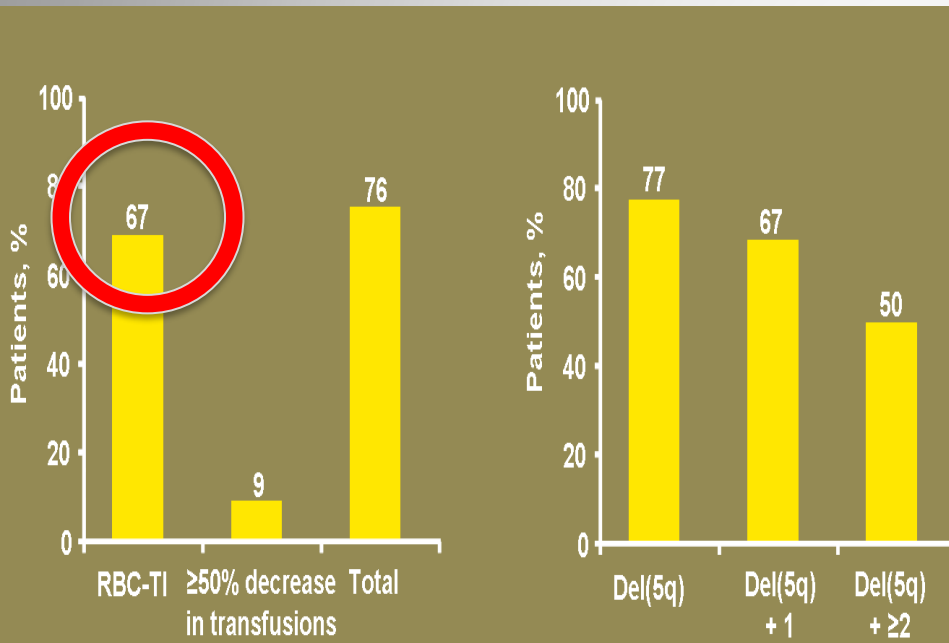
## MDS-005: lenalidomide pro non 5q- MDS

N=148, lenalidomide 10 mg/day for 21/28-day

Odpověď:erytrocyt

Odpověď:cytogen

Odpověď: RBC-TI



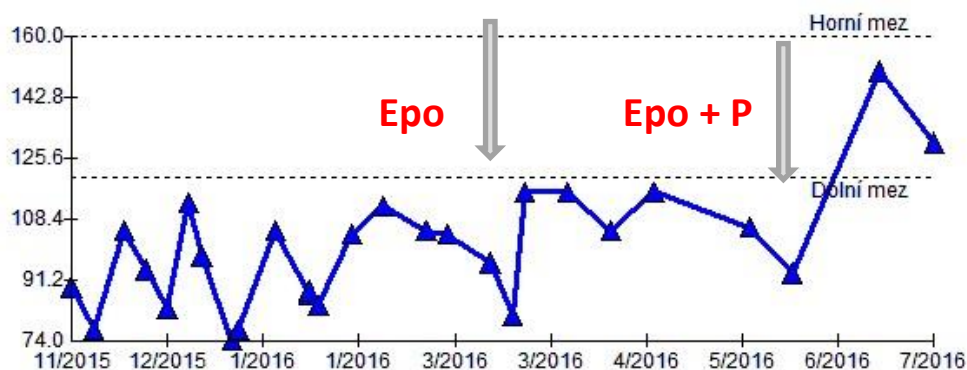
# Kombinace lenalidomid + EPO + prednison u refrakterních či relabujících MDS s nízkým rizikem léčených lenalidomidem pro chronickou transfuzní závilost

➤ *Jonasova A et al. Leuk Res. 2018 Mar 27;69:12-17*

Charakteristiky	Počty
Počet	51
Věk median	72
Sex F/M	36/15
<b>WHO 2008:</b>	
5q- syndrom	26
RCMD	16
RARS-T	2
RAEB-1	7

	Odpověď TI
Skupina 5q-	80%

Primárně refrakterní	Relabující
8 (16%)	8 (30%)
<b>Odpovědi</b>	
4 (50%)	5 (62%)



➤ *Alan F. List et al. Len + Epoetin in Lower Risk Non-Deletion 5q [Del(5q)] MDS: Phase III Study, ASH 2019, abstract No 841*

**Odpovědi (major ery response):**  
Len + Epo : 38,9% , Len : 15,6%

# Luspatercept

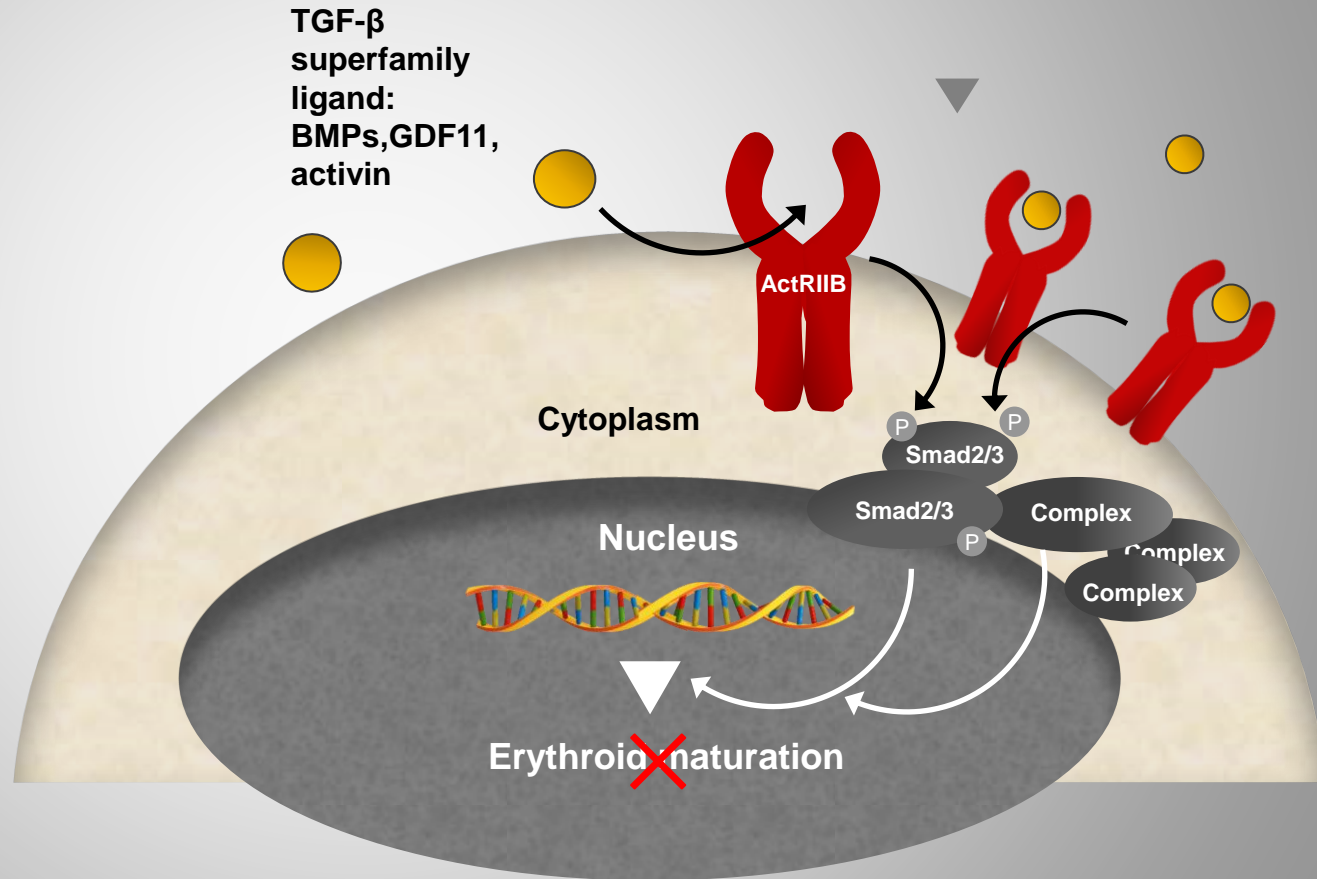
## Ineffectivní Erythropoesa: Negativní vliv "TGF- $\beta$ superfamily" Aberantní SMAD2/3 Signalizace

TGF- $\beta$  superfamily skrze aberantní aktivaci Smad2/3 signální dráhy ovlivňuje erytroidní maturaci v pozdních fázích erythropoesy<sup>1</sup>

TGF- $\beta$  superfamily ligandy se vážou na ActRIIB spouštějí Smad2/3 signální dráhu<sup>1-3</sup>

Dochází k fosforilaci Smad2/3 k jejich aktivaci a tvorbě Smad komplexů<sup>3,4</sup>

Smad komplexy se dostávají do jádra kde modifikují/blokuje transkripci genů důležitých v pozdní fázi erythropoesy

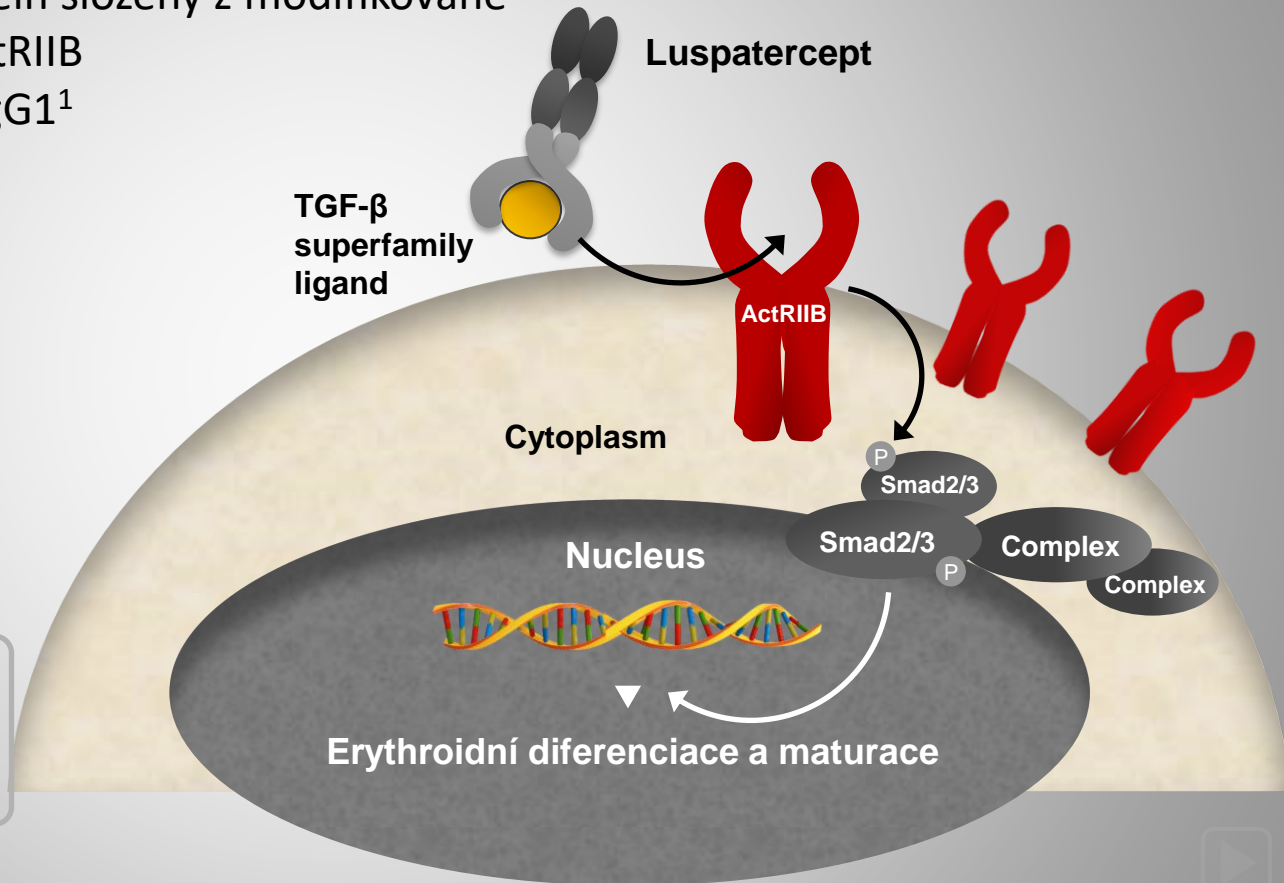
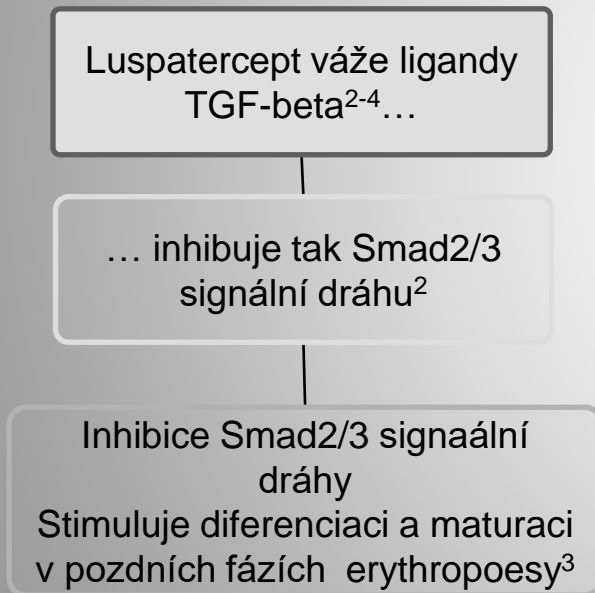


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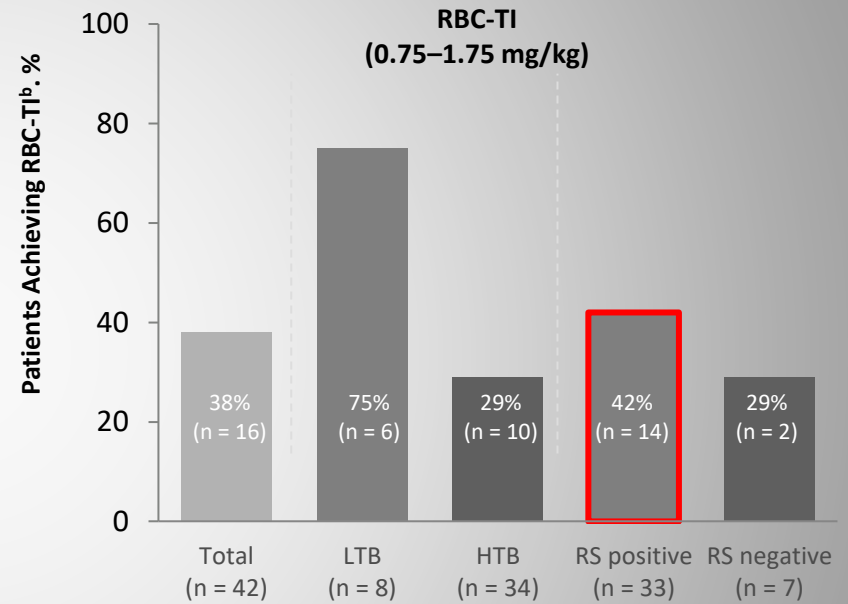
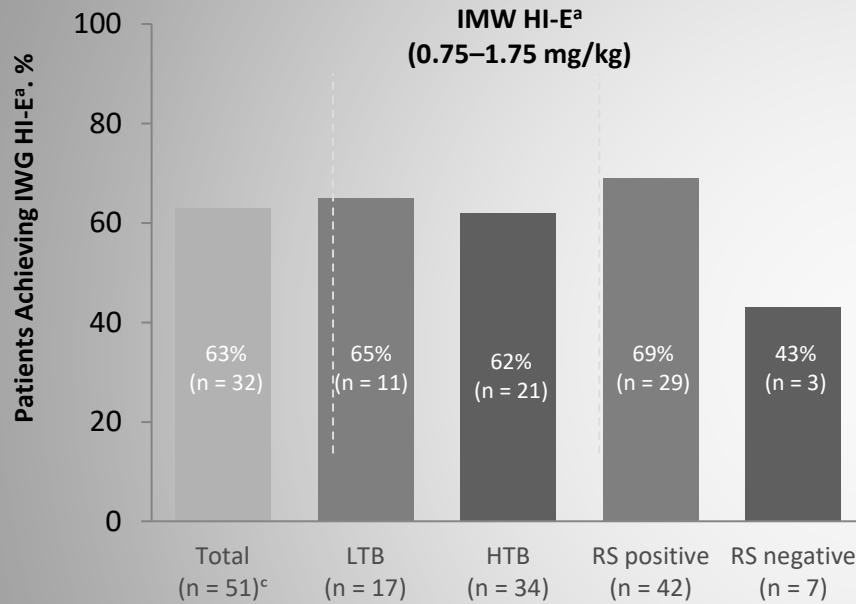
# Luspatercept - mechanismus účinku (inhibice SMAD2/3 signální dráhy)

- Luspatercept – stimuluje diferenciaci a zrání červené řady
- Recombinantní fúzní protein složený z modifikované extracelulární domény ActRIIB a Fc domény humánního IgG1<sup>1</sup>



# Luspatercept for the Treatment of Anaemia in Patients with Lower-Risk Myelodysplastic Syndromes (**PACE-MDS**): A Multicentre, Open-Label Phase 2 Dose-Finding Study with Long-Term Extension Study

*Platzbecker U et al. , Lancet Oncology 2017, Oct*



- Treatment-related grade 3 AEs: myalgia (2%), increased blast cell count (2%), and general physical health deterioration (2%)
- No grade 4 AEs , no treatment-related deaths
- 2 (3%) patients discontinued treatment due to AEs

<sup>a</sup> Defined as  $\geq 1.5$  g/dL Hb increase over 8 weeks (LTB) or  $\geq 4$  U RBC reduction over 8 weeks (HTB).

LTB < 4TU/8 týdnů, HTB > 4 TU/8 týdnů

# Luspatercept

## PACE-MDS – Fáze 2

*Platzbecker U et al. , Lancet Oncology 2017, Oct*

Subgroup n (%)	IWG HI-E Response Rate	RBC-TI Response Rate
EPO < 200 U/L	<b>16 of 25 (64)</b>	<b>10 of 18 (56)</b>
EPO 200–500 U/L	4 of 11 (36)	3 of 9 (33)
EPO > 500 U/L	4 of 13 (31)	1 of 13 (8)
<b>Prior ESA</b>	<b>16 of 35 (46)</b>	<b>10 of 29 (35)</b>
ESA naïve	8 of 14 (57)	4 of 11 (36)

*Guillermo Garcia-Manero et al. Hematologic Improvement–Neutrophil and –Platelet in the MEDALIST  
ASH 2019 abstract No 4243 - Odpovědi : 5/8 (62.5%) HI-P, 3/15 (20%) HI-N*

# The **MEDALIST** Trial: Results of a **Phase 3**, Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Study of Luspatercept to Treat Patients With Very Low-, Low-, or Intermediate-Risk Myelodysplastic Syndromes (MDS) Associated **Anemia With Ring Sideroblasts (RS)** Who Require Red Blood Cell (RBC) Transfusions

*Pierre Fenaux et al. N.Eng.J Med. 2020 Jan 9;382(2):140-151*

## Patient Population

- MDS-RS (WHO):  $\geq 15\%$  RS or  $\geq 5\%$  with *SF3B1* mutation
- $< 5\%$  blasts in bone marrow
- No del(5q) MDS
- IPSS-R Very Low-, Low-, or Intermediate-risk
- Prior ESA response
  - Refractory, intolerant
  - ESA naive: EPO  $> 200$  U/L
- Average RBC transfusion burden  $\geq 2$  units/8 weeks

**Randomize**  
**2:1**

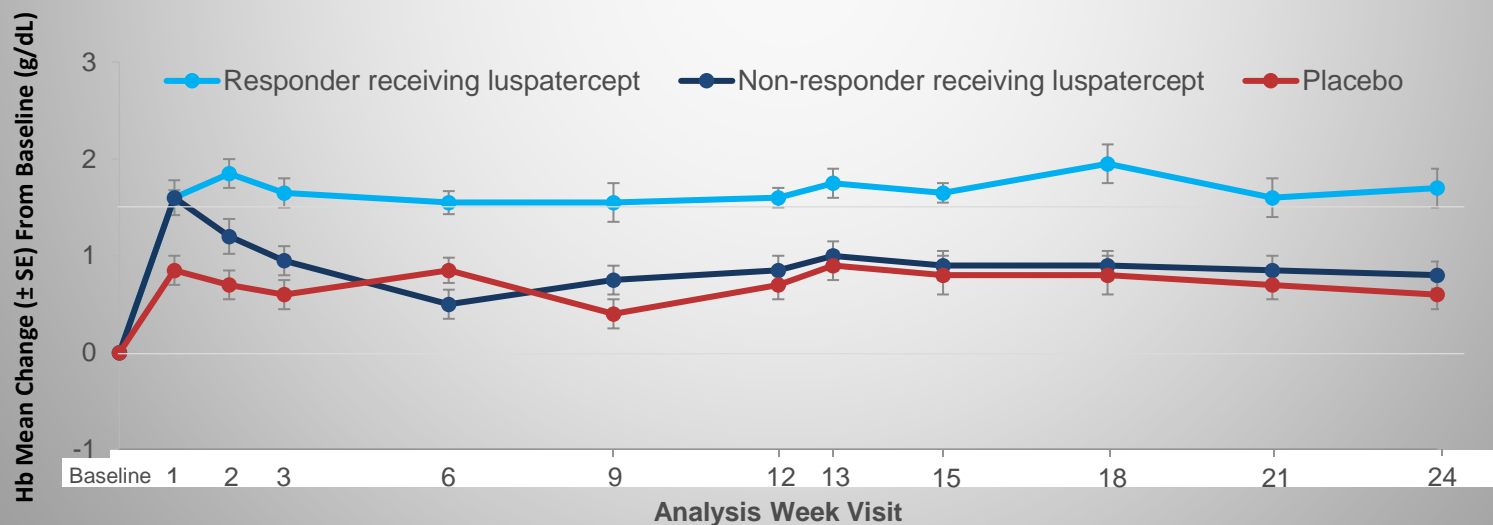
**Luspatercept 1.0 mg/kg (s.c.) every 21 days**  
n = 153

Dose titrated up to a maximum of 1.75 mg/kg

**Placebo (s.c.) every 21 days**  
n = 76

<b>RBC-TI <math>\geq 12</math> Weeks</b>	<b>Luspatercept pt (n = 153)</b>	<b>Placebo (n = 76)</b>
<b>Weeks 1–24, n (%)</b>	<b>43 (28.1)</b>	<b>6 (7.9)</b>
95% CI	21.14–35.93	2.95–16.40
<i>P</i> value <sup>a</sup>	0.0002	
<b>Weeks 1–48, n (%)</b>	<b>51 (33.3)</b>	<b>9 (11.8)</b>
95% CI	25.93–41.40	5.56–21.29
<i>P</i> value <sup>a</sup>	0.0003	

	Luspatercept (n = 153)	Placebo (n = 76)
<b>Achieved HI-E<sup>a</sup> (weeks 1–24), n (%)</b>	<b>81 (52.9)</b>	<b>9 (11.8)</b>
Reduction of ≥ 4 RBC units/8 weeks (baseline transfusion burden ≥ 4 units/8 weeks)	52/107 (48.6)	8/56 (14.3)
Hb increase of ≥ 1.5 g/dL (baseline transfusion burden < 4 units/8 weeks)	29/46 (63.0)	1/20 (5.0)
95% CI	44.72–61.05	5.56–21.29
P value <sup>b</sup>		< 0.0001
<b>Achieved HI-E<sup>a</sup> (weeks 1–48), n (%)</b>	<b>90 (58.8)</b>	<b>13 (17.1)</b>
Reduction of ≥ 4 RBC units/8 weeks (baseline RBC transfusion burden ≥ 4 units/8 weeks)	58/107 (54.2)	12/56 (21.4)
Hb increase of ≥ 1.5 g/dL (baseline RBC transfusion burden < 4 units/8 weeks)	32/46 (69.6)	1/20 (5.0)
95% CI	50.59–66.71	9.43–27.47
P value <sup>b</sup>		< 0.0001

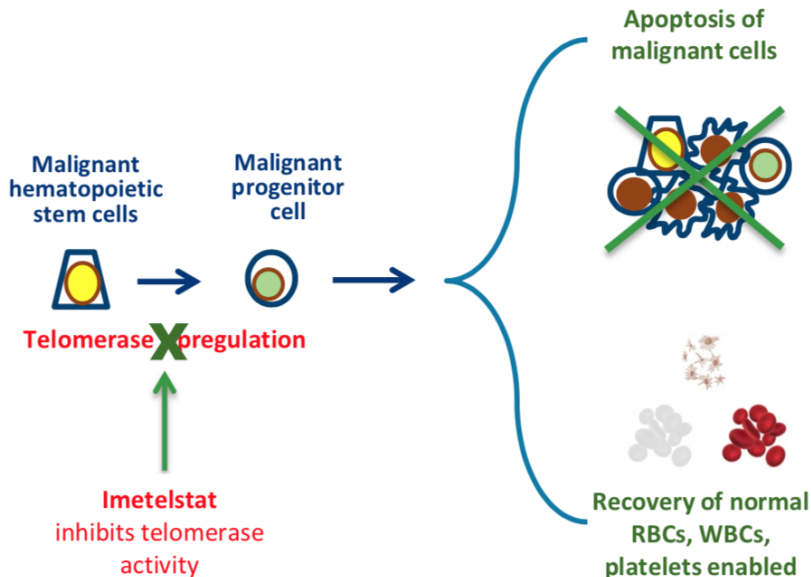


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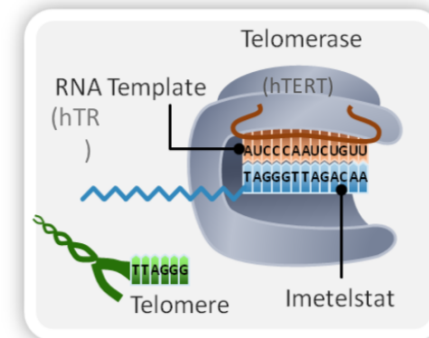
# Imetelstat

## Inhibitor telomerázové aktivity

- MDS - významně kratší teloméry ve srovnání se zdravou populací
- vyšší aktivitu telomeráz



Imetelstat binds to RNA template, preventing maintenance of telomeres



### Mechanism of Action

- **Potent competitive inhibitor of telomerase activity**
- **Structure:** Proprietary 13-mer thio-phosphoramidate (NPS) oligonucleotide, with covalently-bound lipid tail to increase cell permeability/tissue distribution
- **Disease-modifying potential: selective killing** of malignant stem and progenitor cells enabling normal blood cell production

**TREATMENT WITH IMETELSTAT PROVIDES DURABLE TRANSFUSION INDEPENDENCE (TI) IN HEAVILY TRANSFUSED NON-DEL(5Q) LOWER RISK MDS (LR-MDS) RELAPSED/REFRACTORY (R/R) TO ERYTHROPOIESIS STIMULATING AGENTS (ESAs)**

*Uwe Platzbecker, EHA 2020*

[NCT02598661](#)

**Currently Enrolling**

**Phase 3**

double-blind, placebo-controlled

N~170

**Enrollment Complete**

**Phase 2**

single arm, open label

LR MDS R/R to ESA

**Imetelstat (n=38)**

7.5 mg/kg IV q4w

**Imetelstat (n~115)**

7.5 mg/kg IV q4w

Stratification:

- Transfusion burden ( $\leq 6$  vs.  $>6$  units)
- IPSS risk category (low vs intermediate-1)

**Placebo (n~55)**

R  
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2:1

# Odpoředi faze II

Platzbecker et al. EHA 2020

Parameters	N = 38
8-week TI, n (%)	<b>16 (42)</b>
Time to onset of 8-week TI, weeks, median (range)	8.3 (0.1-40.7)
Duration of TI, weeks, median (95% CI) <sup>a</sup>	<b>88.0 (23.1 – 140.9*)</b>
Cumulative duration of TI ≥ 8 weeks <sup>b</sup> , median (95% CI) <sup>a</sup>	92.3 (42.9, 140.9)
Hb rise ≥ 3.0 g/dL during TI <sup>c</sup> , n (%)	12 (32)
24-week TI, n (%)	<b>12 (32)</b>
Hb rise ≥ 3.0 g/dL during TI <sup>c</sup> , n (%)	11 (29)
1-year TI, n (%)	<b>11 (29)</b>

Parameters	N = 38
HI-E per IWG 2006, n (%)	<b>26 (68)</b>
≥1.5 g/dL increase in Hb lasting ≥ 8 weeks <sup>a</sup> , n (%)	13 (34)
Transfusion reduction by ≥ 4 units/8 weeks, n (%)	26 (68)
Duration of HI-E, weeks, median (95% CI) <sup>b</sup>	<b>92.7 (37.1, 149.4)</b>
Major and Minor Response per IWG 2018	
Major response: 16-week TI, n (%)	<b>14 (37)</b>
Minor response: ≥ 50% transfusion reduction/16 weeks, n (%)	21 (55)

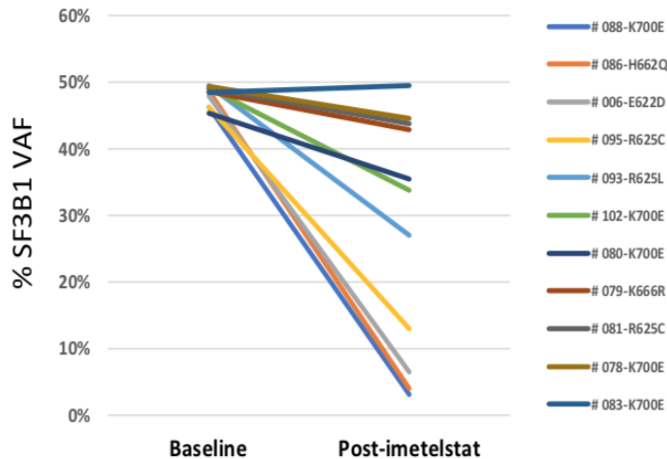


# Potential Disease-Modifying Activity with Imetelstat Treatment: Reduction of Malignant Clones Associated with Treatment Response

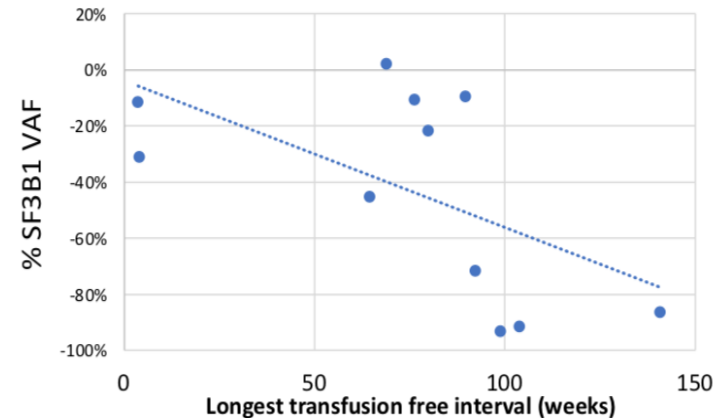
11 patients had SF3B1 mutations detected at baseline and had paired post-treatment mutation data available:

- A. 10/11 had reduction (ranging 10-93%) in SF3B1 variant allele frequency (VAF)
- B. The greater reduction of SF3B1 VAF, the longer TI duration patients maintained
- C. Significant correlation between greater reduction of SF3B1 VAF and shorter onset time to achieve the longest TI interval (Pearson correlation coefficient  $r=0.646$ ,  $p=0.032$ )

## A. Reduction of SF3B1 VAF with Imetelstat treatment



## B. Reduction of SF3B1 VAF vs the longest TI duration



## C. Reduction of SF3B1 VAF vs time to the longest TI

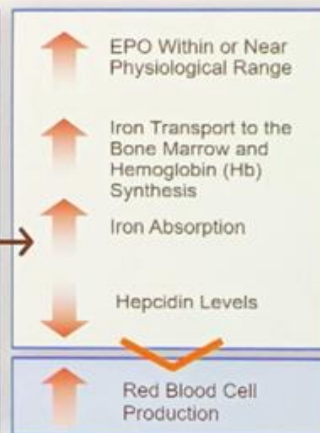
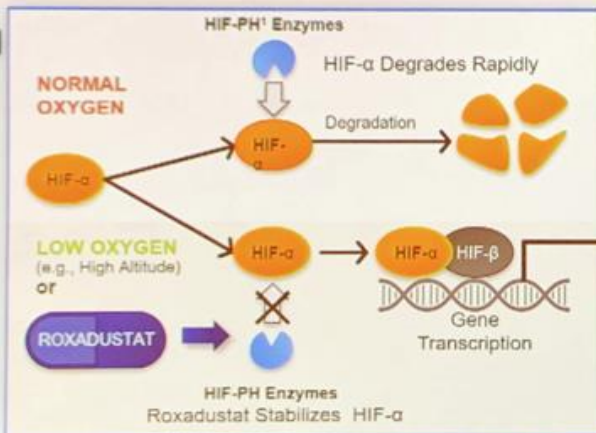
Patient ID	The longest TI interval (weeks)	Time to the longest TI interval start (weeks)	% SF3B1 VAF reduction
200088*	98.9	6.6	-93.3%
200086*	104	4.3	-91.8%
200006	140.9	9.9	-86.4%
200095	92.4	5.4	-71.9%
200093*	64.6	40.7	-45.5%
200102*	4	32.9	-31.2%
200080	79.9	44.1	-21.9%
200079	3.6	20.7	-11.6%
200081*	76.3	12.1	-10.9%
200078*	89.7	23.1	-9.8%
200083*	68.9	37.1	2.0%

\*Remain on treatment as of 4 Feb 2020

# Roxadustat (FG-4592)

Roxadustat is an oral hypoxia-inducible factor (HIF) prolyl hydroxylase inhibitor

- 2019 Nobel Prize winning science is the foundation of roxadustat
- Increases Hb by mimicking body's natural response to low oxygen
- Studied for treatment of anemia in Stage 3 to 5 CKD patients, dialysis and non-dialysis
- Approved in China: (dialysis 12/2018, non-dialysis 8/2019) and Japan: (dialysis 9/2019)



**2019 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine**

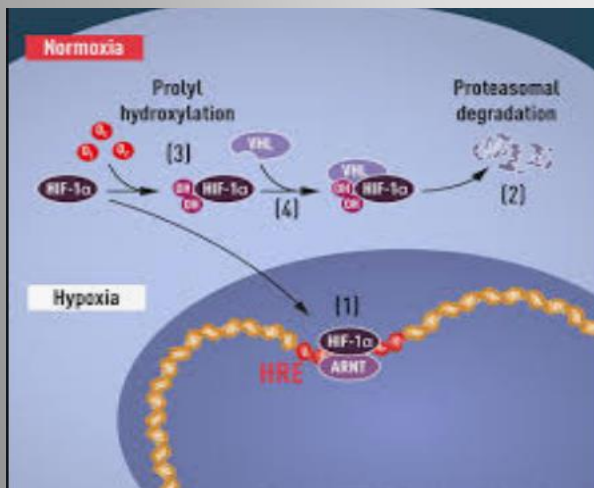
*"For their discoveries of how cells sense and adapt to oxygen availability."*

*Awarded Jointly to:*

**William G. Kaelin Jr.**  
Harvard University

**Gregg L. Semenza**  
Johns Hopkins University

**Peter J. Ratcliffe**  
Francis Crick Institute London



**Roxadustat - orální** HIF prolyl hydroxylase inhibitor → ke stabilizaci a aktivaci HIF →

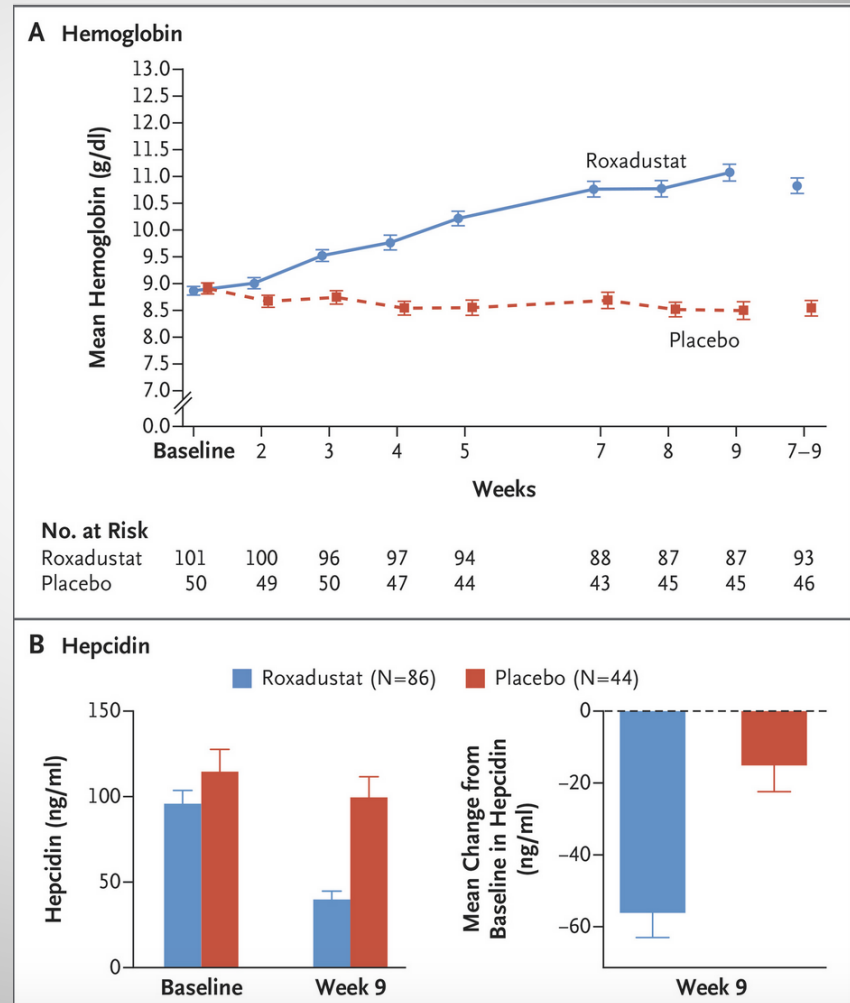
↑ syntese EPO, ↑ citlivosti a produkci EPO receptorů, inhibice hepcidinu →

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# Roxadustat for Anemia in Patients with Kidney Disease Not Receiving Dialysis

*N Engl J Med. 2019 Sep 12;381(11):1001-1010 Nan Chen et al.*

Randomizovaná studie fáze 3  
2:1 (Roxadustat : Placebo)  
154 nemocných s chronickým  
renálním selháním



# **Roxadustat (FG4592; ASP1517; AZD9941) in the Treatment of Anemia in Patients with Lower Risk Myelodysplastic Syndrome (LR-MDS) and Low Red Blood Cell (RBC) Transfusion Burden (LTB)**

*David H. Henry et al. , ASH 2019, abstract No 843*

## **Otevřená studie faze 2:**

No = 24 epo refrakterní -TRF dependentní - nízcce rizikové MDS

**Odpovědi: 38% TI, > 58% redukce TRF**

**Dávka 2,5 mg největší aktivita**

**Nízká toxicita, dobrá tolerabilita**

**V současnosti probíhá náběr studie faze 3**

[\(NCT03263091\)](#)

# Hypometylační látky

*Randomized controlled trial of azacitidine in patients with the myelodysplastic syndrome: a study of CALGB. Silverman LR, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2002*

➤ **A Phase III, Randomized, Placebo-Controlled Trial of CC-486** in Patients with Red Blood Cell Transfusion-Dependent Anemia and Thrombocytopenia Due to IPSS Lower-Risk MDS. *Guillermo Garcia-Manero, Valeria Santini, Antonio Almeida, Uwe Platzbecker, Anna Jonasova et al. (EHA 2020)*

216 Nízce rizikových TRF dep nemocných s  $PLT < 75 \times 10^9$

**TI: 31%**

**HI-E 43%**

**HI-PLT 24%**

➤ **Fáze 1-2 "Study of Low Dose **ASTX727** (ASTX727 LD) in Lower Risk MDS"**

[NCT03502668](#) – probíhající studie

Testování bezpečnosti a účinnosti malých dávek perorálního decitabinu s citidin deaminasovým inhibitorem cedazuridinem

(tento inhibuje degradaci decitabinu v GIT)



**Budoucností terapie anemie budou velmi pravděpodobně  
kombinace výše uvedených preparátů**

**DĚKUJI ZA POZORNOST**