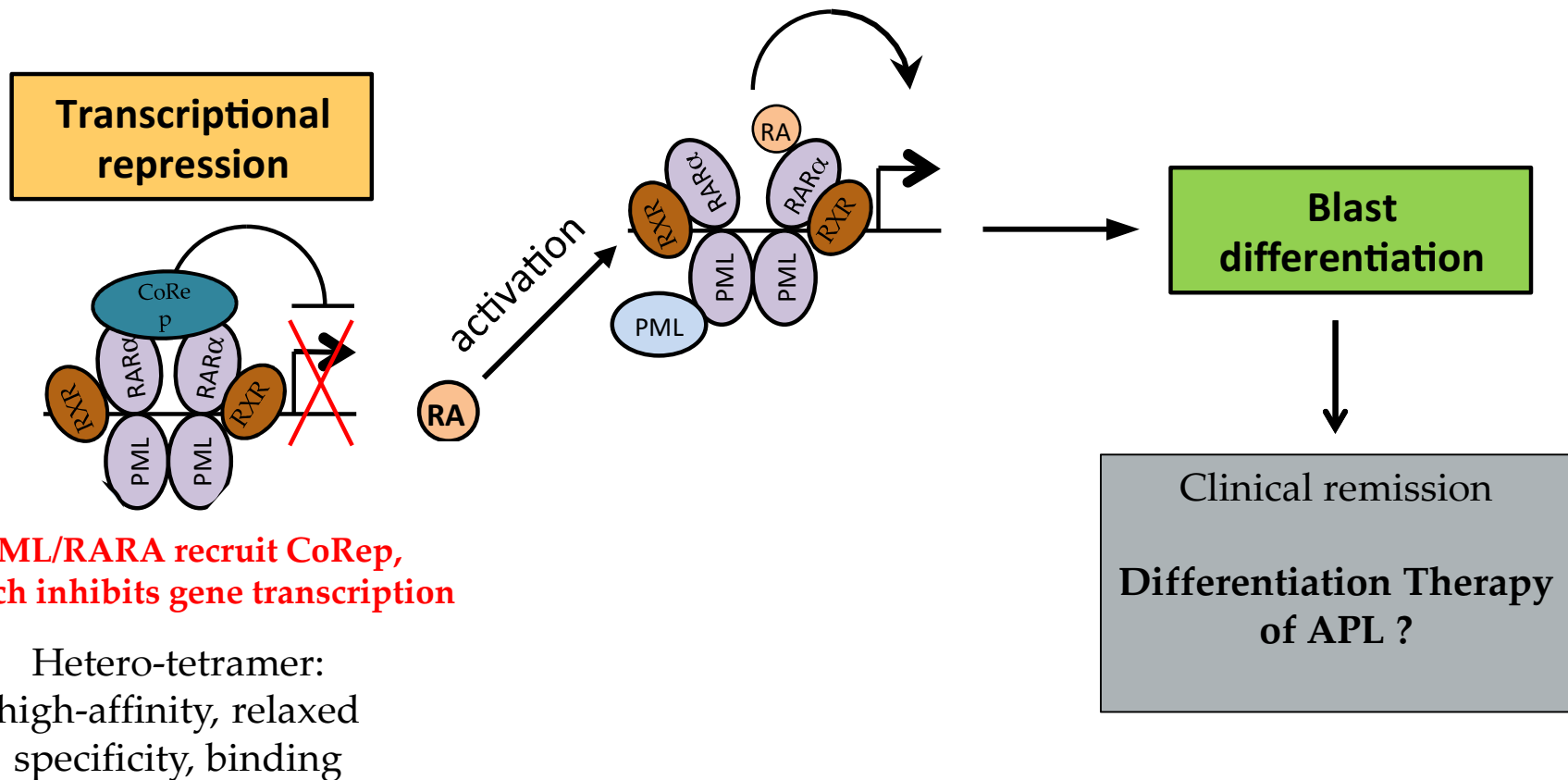


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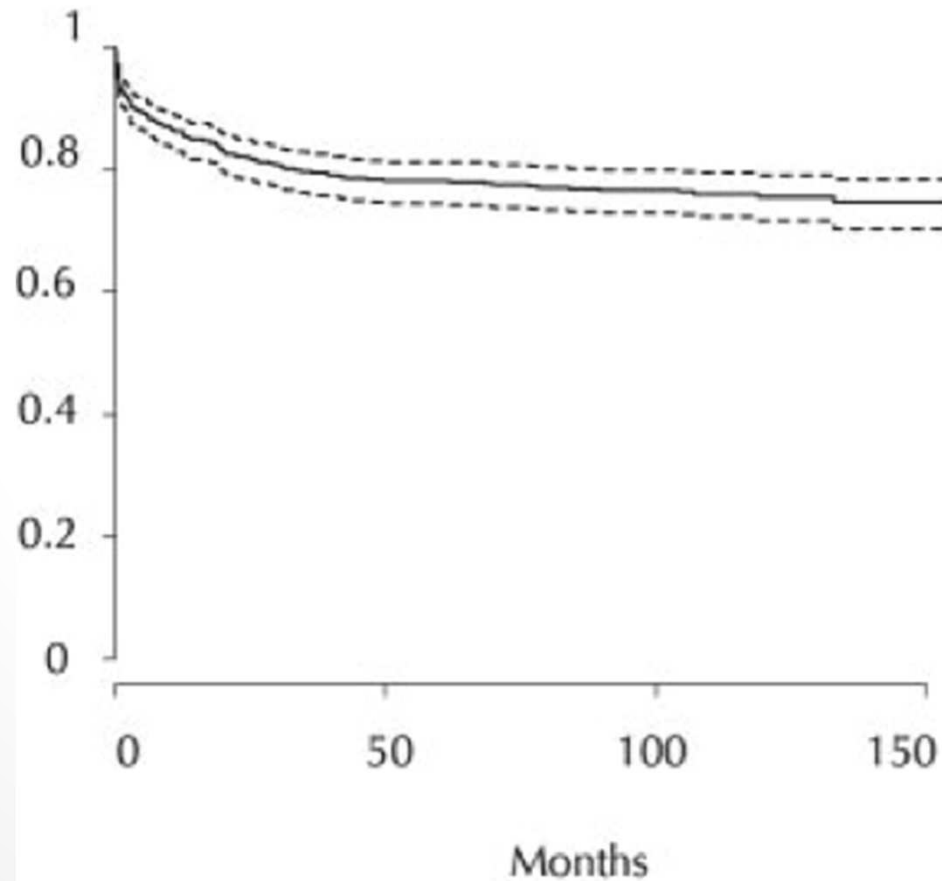


# Basal transcription therapy by ATRA



# APL-93

- *OS, 77% at 10 years*

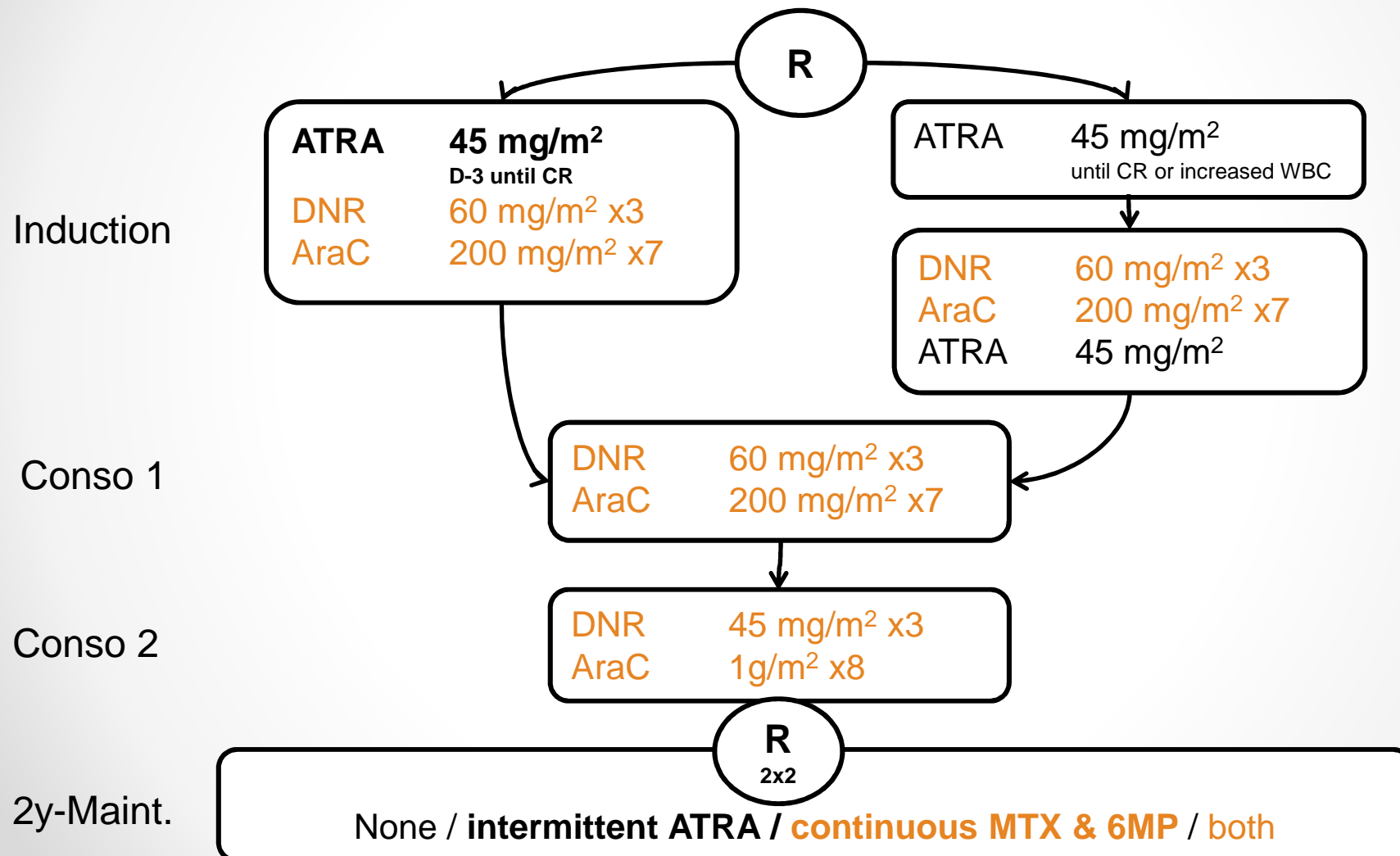


# APL in 2014

- **Too much chemotherapy in standard-risk patients?**
  - *Hospitalizations*
  - *Long-term events*
- **Place for arsenic trioxide (ATO)?**
  - *Biological effects of ATO*
  - *ATO therapy*
    - *Standard-risk patients: « no-chemo treatment »*
    - *High-WBC patients*
    - *Elderly patients*
- **Optimal management of high-WBC patients?**
  - *Early deaths*

**Reduce CTx intensity in  
standard-risk patients**

# APL-93 standard-risk



# APL trials without AraC

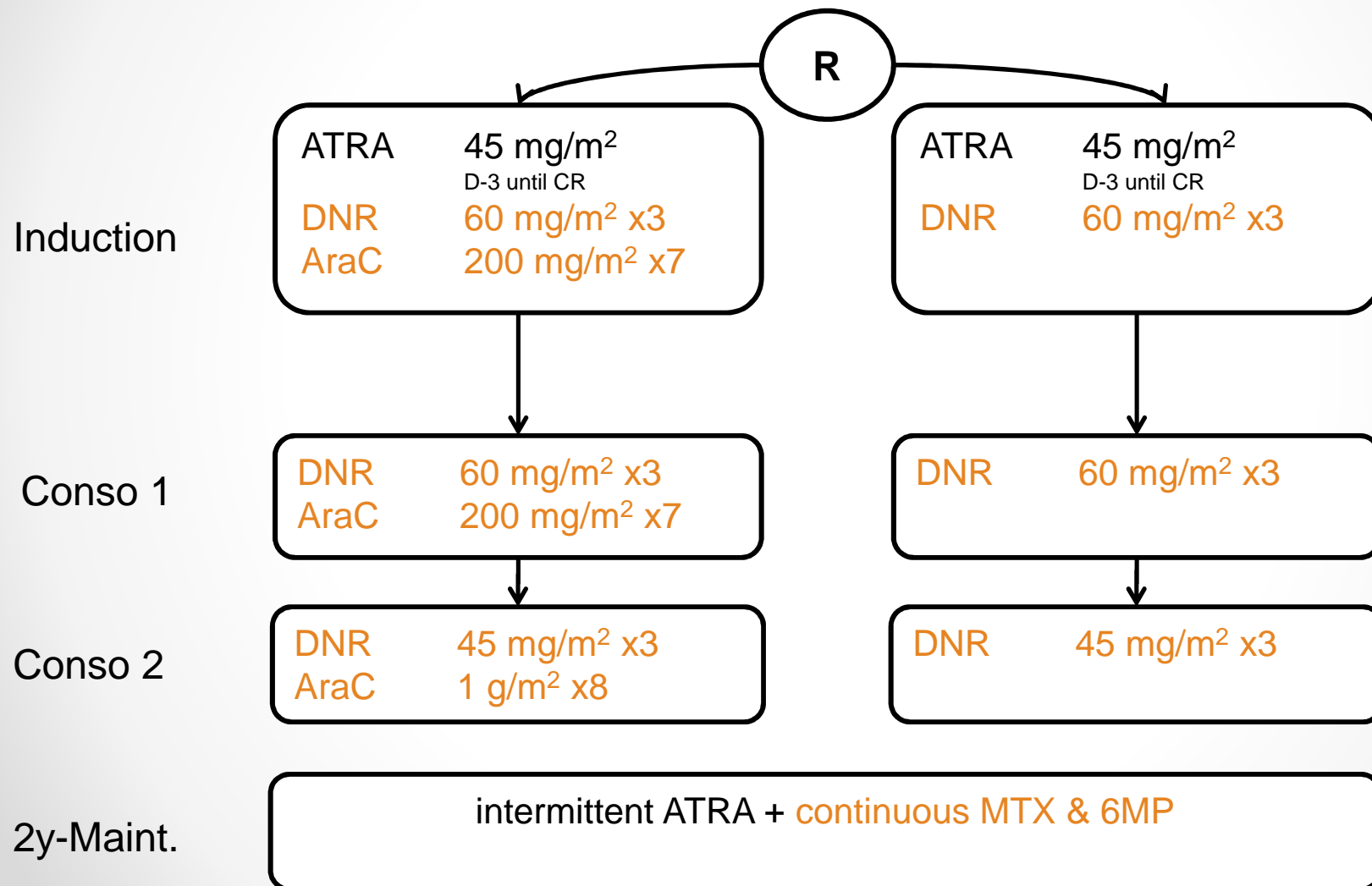
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- Lo-Coco F, Avvisati G, Vignetti M, et al.  
*Front-line treatment of acute promyelocytic leukemia with AIDA induction followed by risk-adapted consolidation for adults younger than 61 years: Results of the AIDA-2000 trial of the GIMEMA Group.*  
*Blood* 2011;116:3171–3179.

- PETHEMA

- Sanz MA, Montesinos P, Rayon C, et al.  
*Risk-adapted treatment of acute promyelocytic leukemia based on all-trans retinoic acid and anthracycline with addition of cytarabine in consolidation therapy for high-risk patients: Further improvements in treatment outcome.*  
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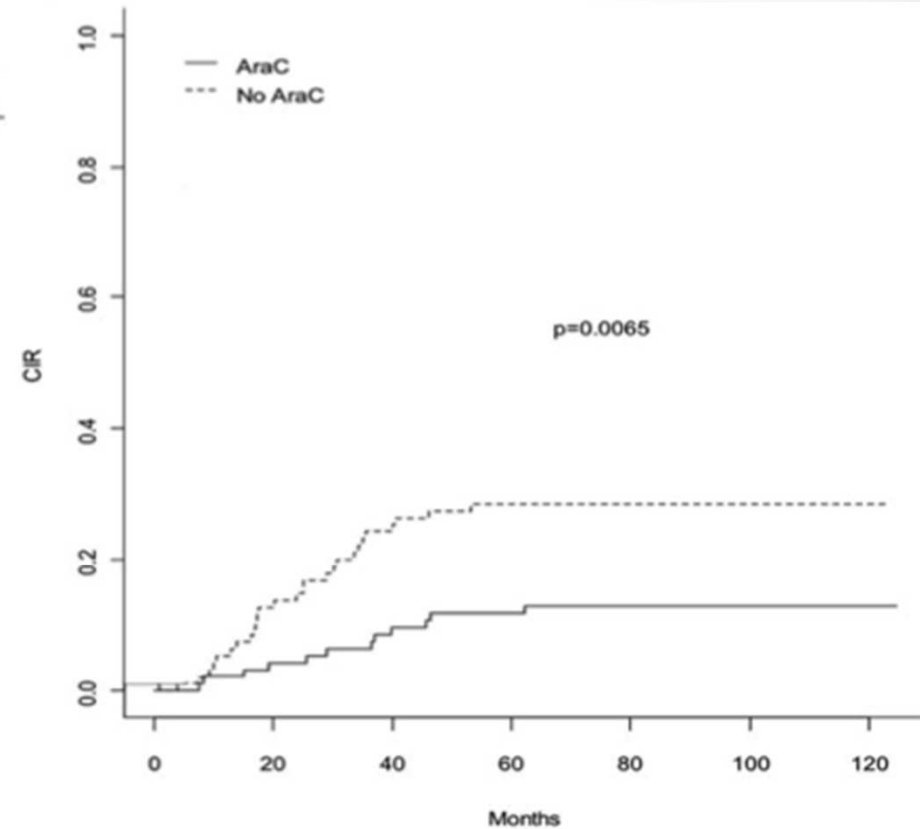
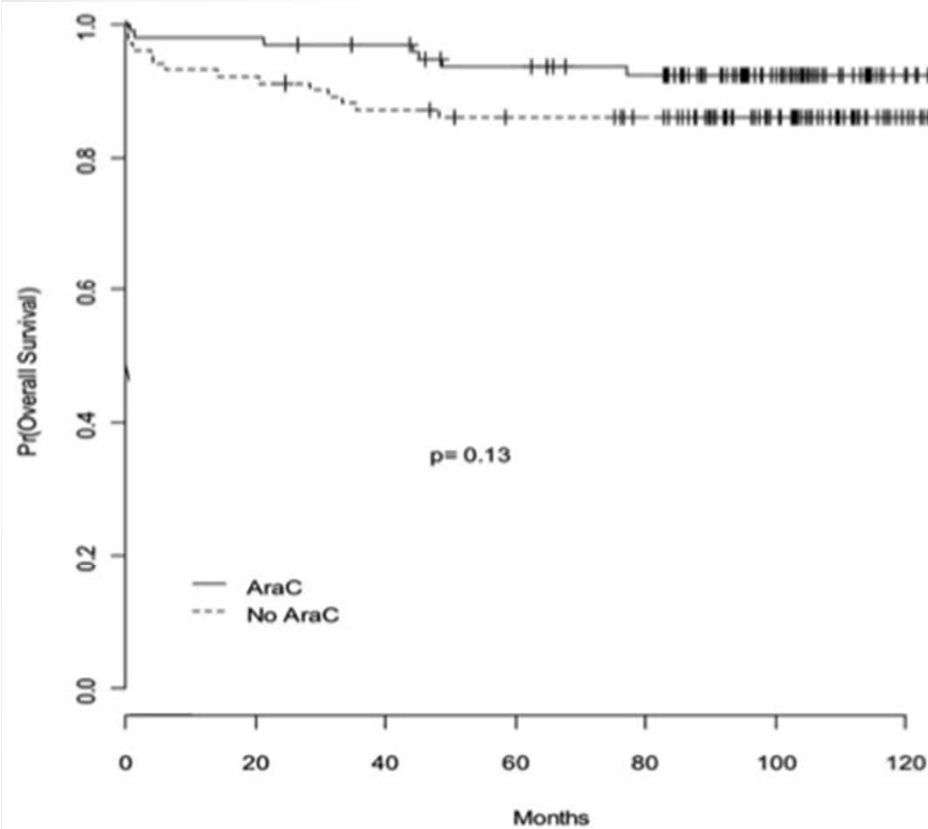
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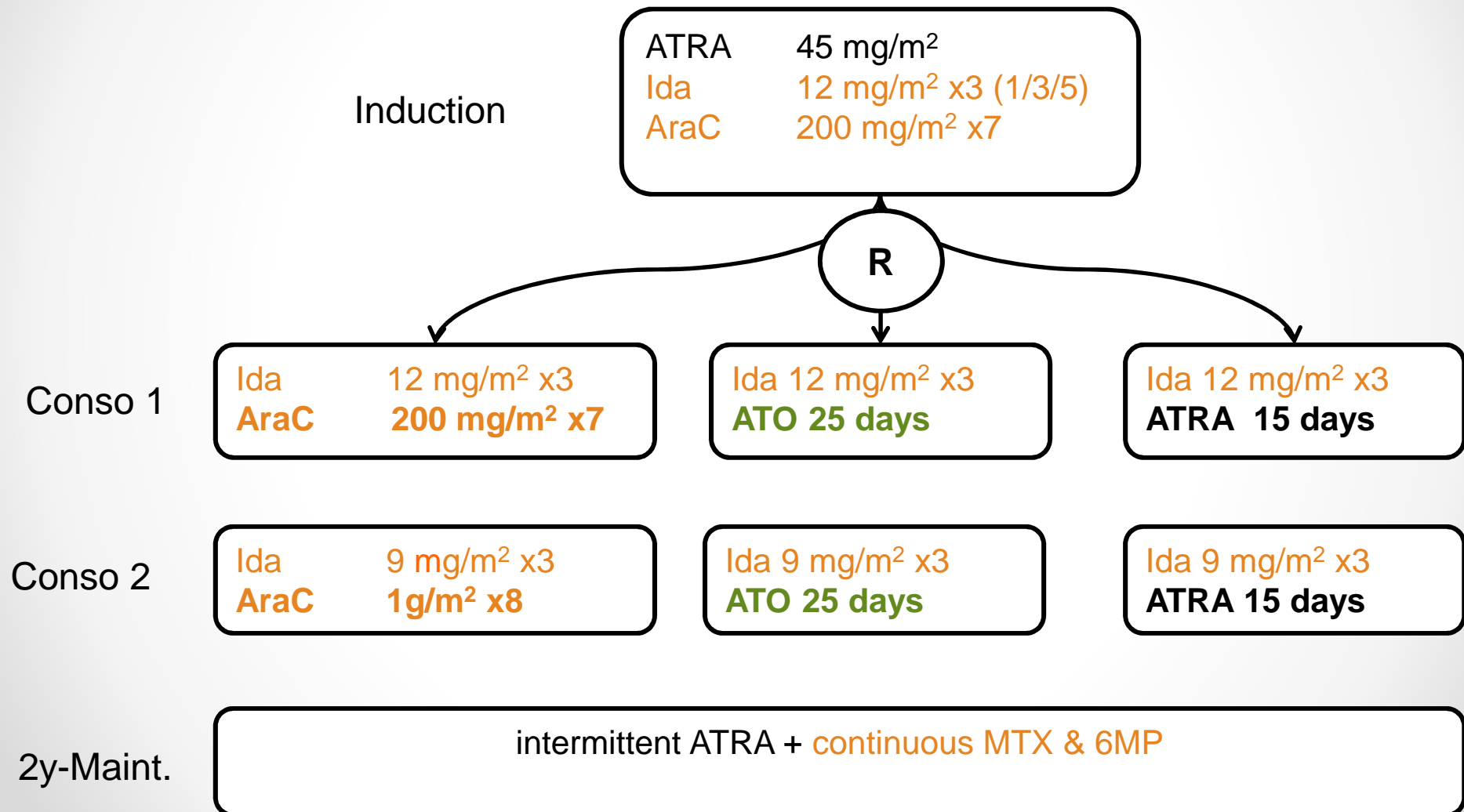


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- *Closed after the first interim analysis*

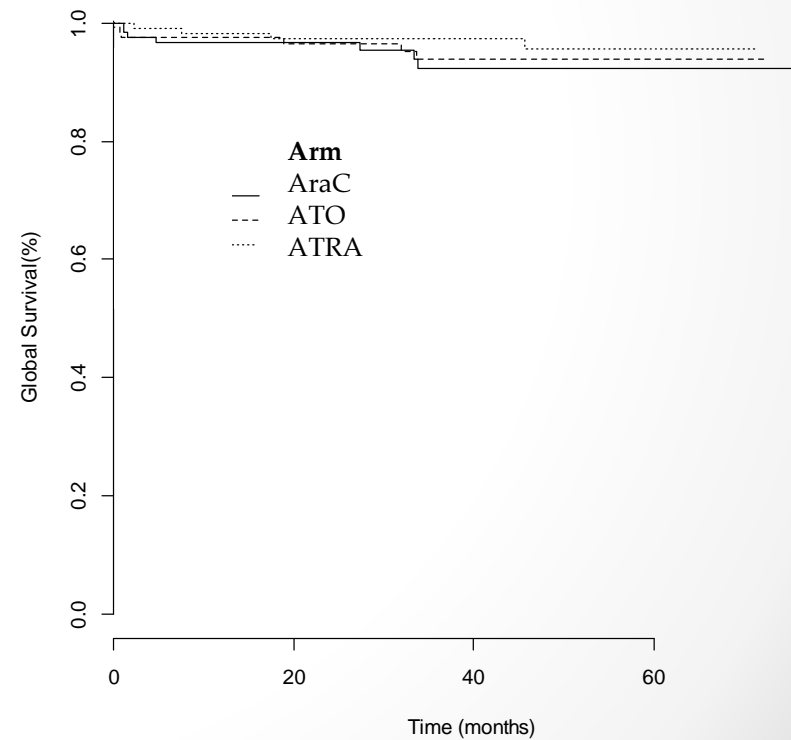
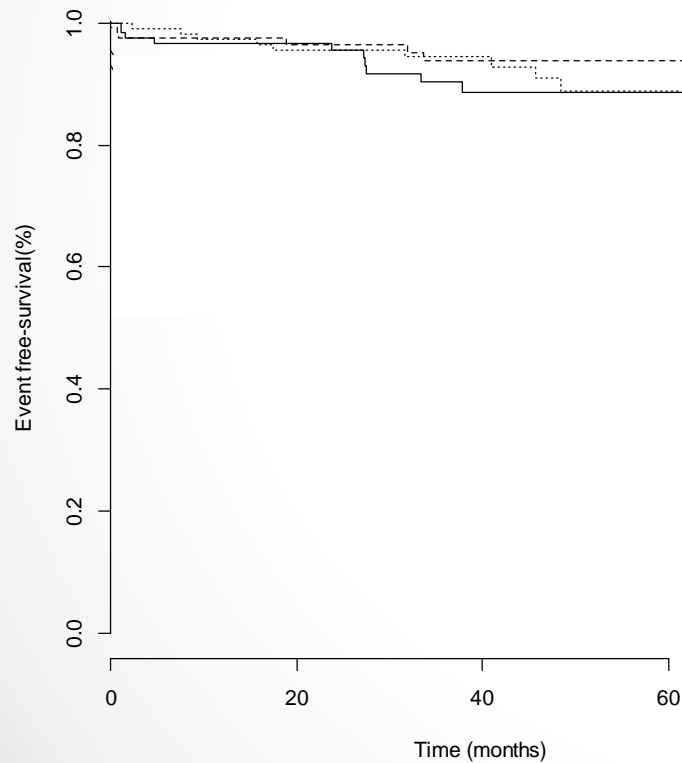


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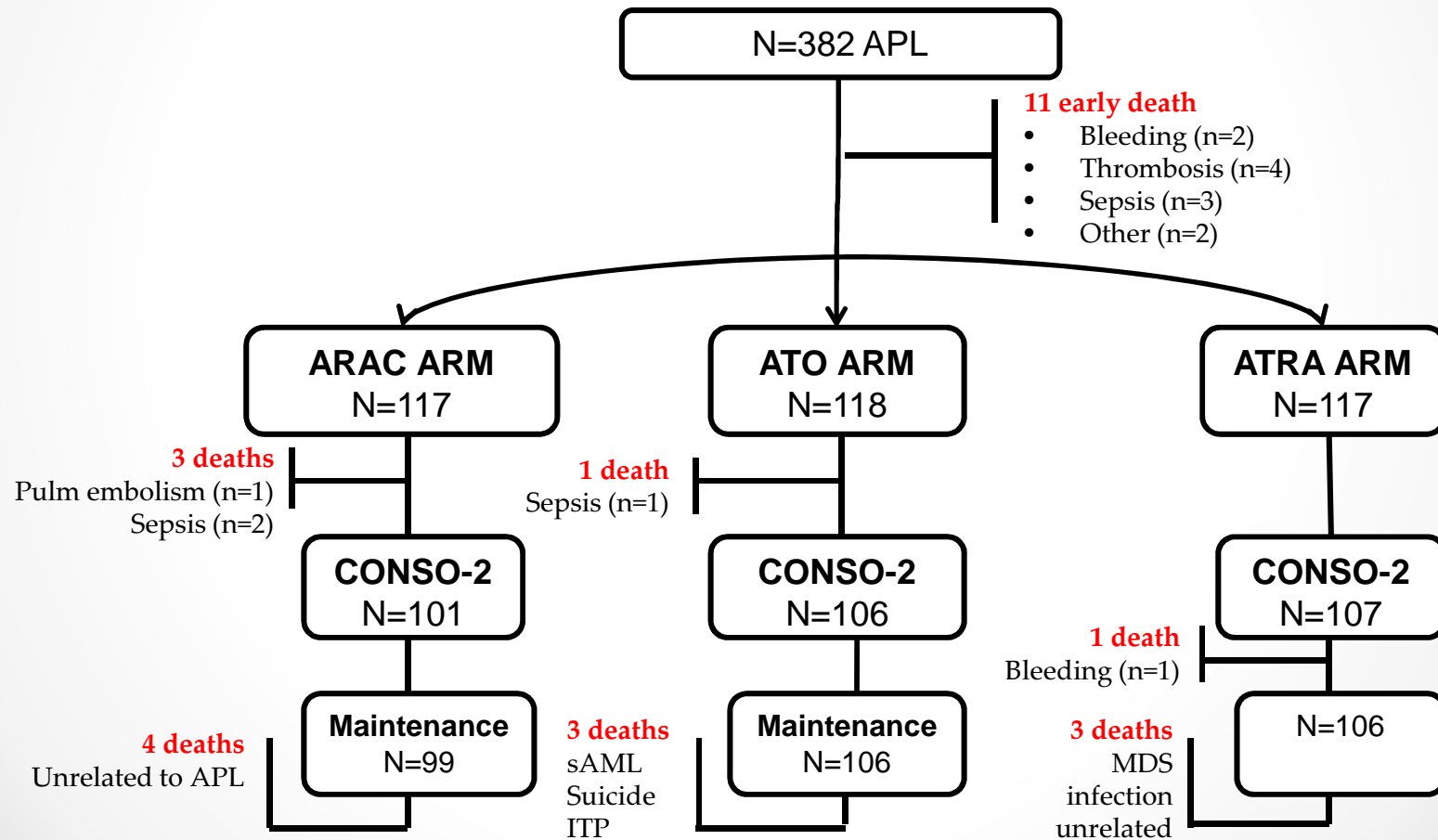
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- *Standard-risk patients (<70y, WBC<10 G/L)*



# APL-2006 standard-risk

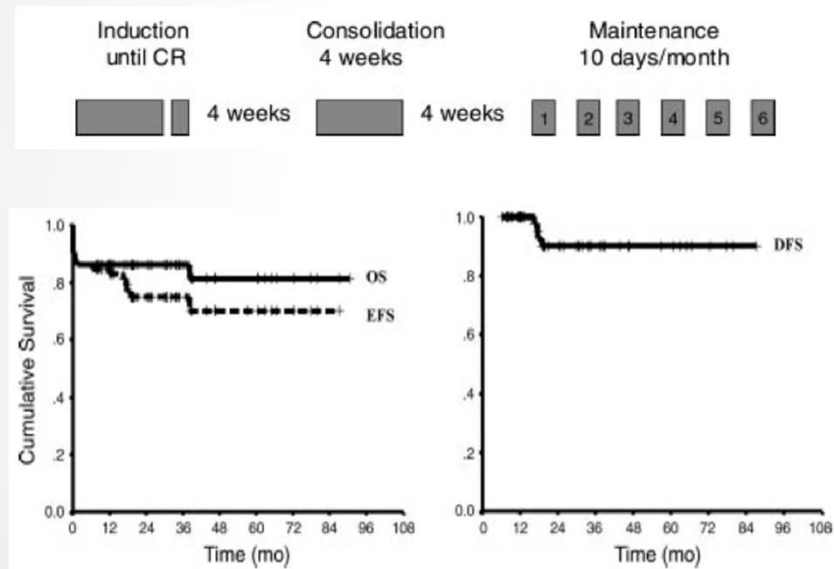
- Deaths during Tx



**Introduce ATO  
during front-line Tx**

# ATO alone

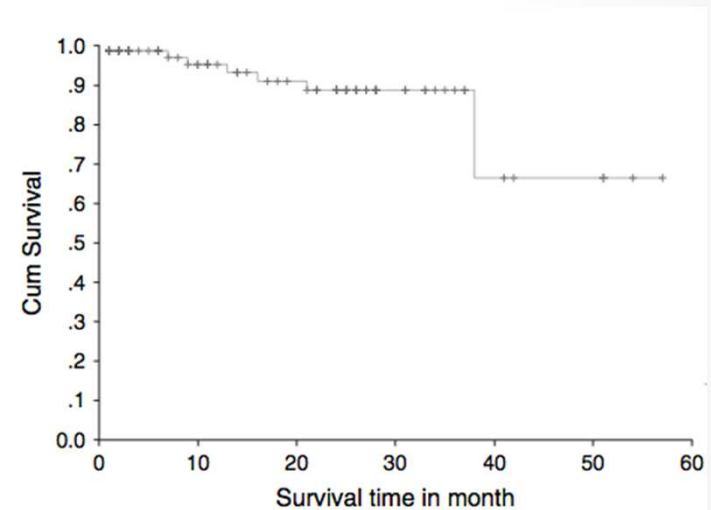
- *India*



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- *Iran*

- 2 ATO cycles only

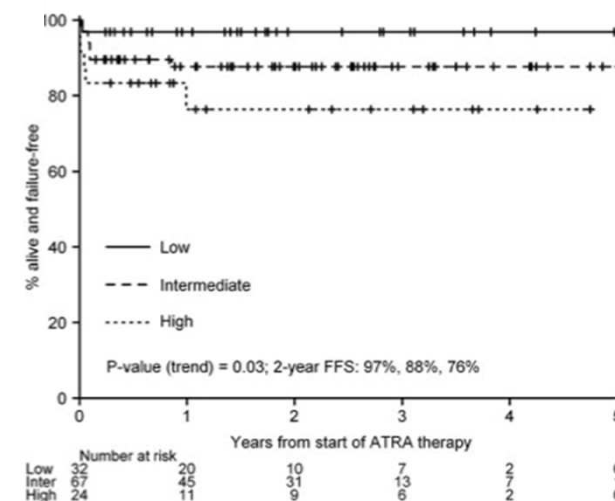
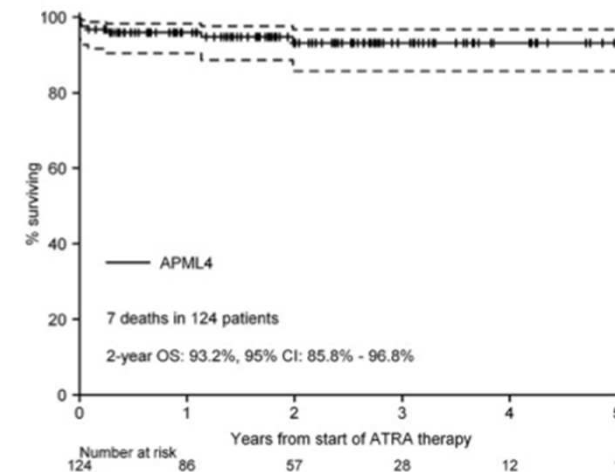


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# ATO-ATRA-Ida

- Australasian Leukaemia and Lymphoma Group

<b>Induction</b>	
ATRA	45 mg/m <sup>2</sup> /d PO
Idarubicin	12 mg/m <sup>2</sup> /d IV (ages 1-60) 9 mg/m <sup>2</sup> /d IV (ages 61-70) 6 mg/m <sup>2</sup> /d IV (ages > 70)
ATO	0.15 mg/kg/d IV
Prednisone	1 mg/kg/d PO
Hemostatic support	Products administered once or twice daily as required to achieve specified targets
<b>Consolidation cycle 1 (3-4 wks after the end of induction)</b>	
ATRA	45 mg/m <sup>2</sup> /d PO
ATO	0.15 mg/kg/d IV
<b>Consolidation cycle 2 (3-4 wks after the end of consolidation cycle 1)</b>	
ATRA	45 mg/m <sup>2</sup> /d PO
ATO	0.15 mg/kg/d IV
<b>Maintenance: 8 cycles (3-4 wks after the end of consolidation cycle 2)</b>	
ATRA	45 mg/m <sup>2</sup> /d PO
MTX	5-15 mg/m <sup>2</sup> /wk PO
6MP	50-90 mg/m <sup>2</sup> /d PO



Iland et al. Blood 2012

# ATRA-ATO

## standard-risk patients

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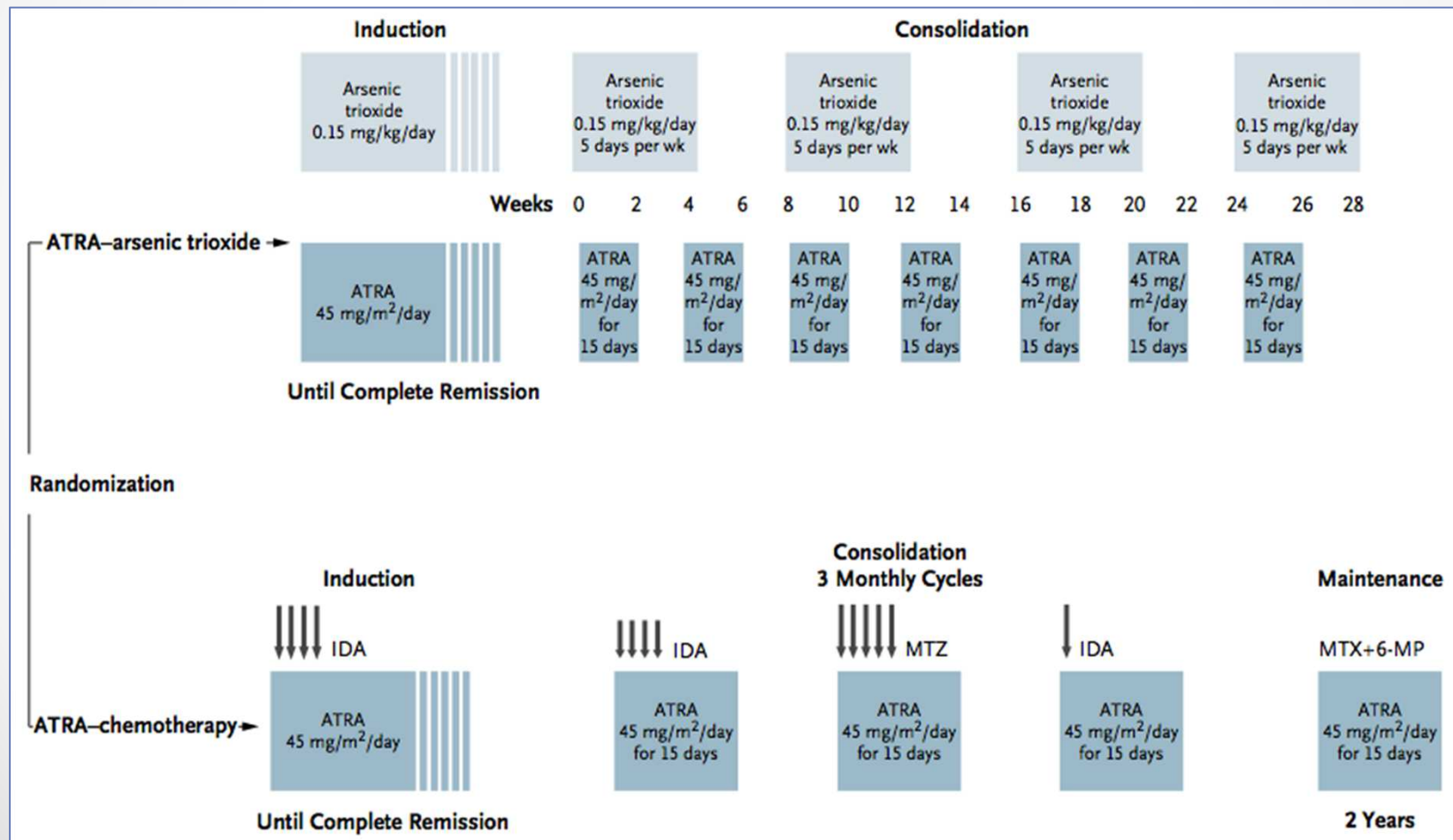
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# ATRA-ATO

## standard-risk patients



# ATRA-ATO

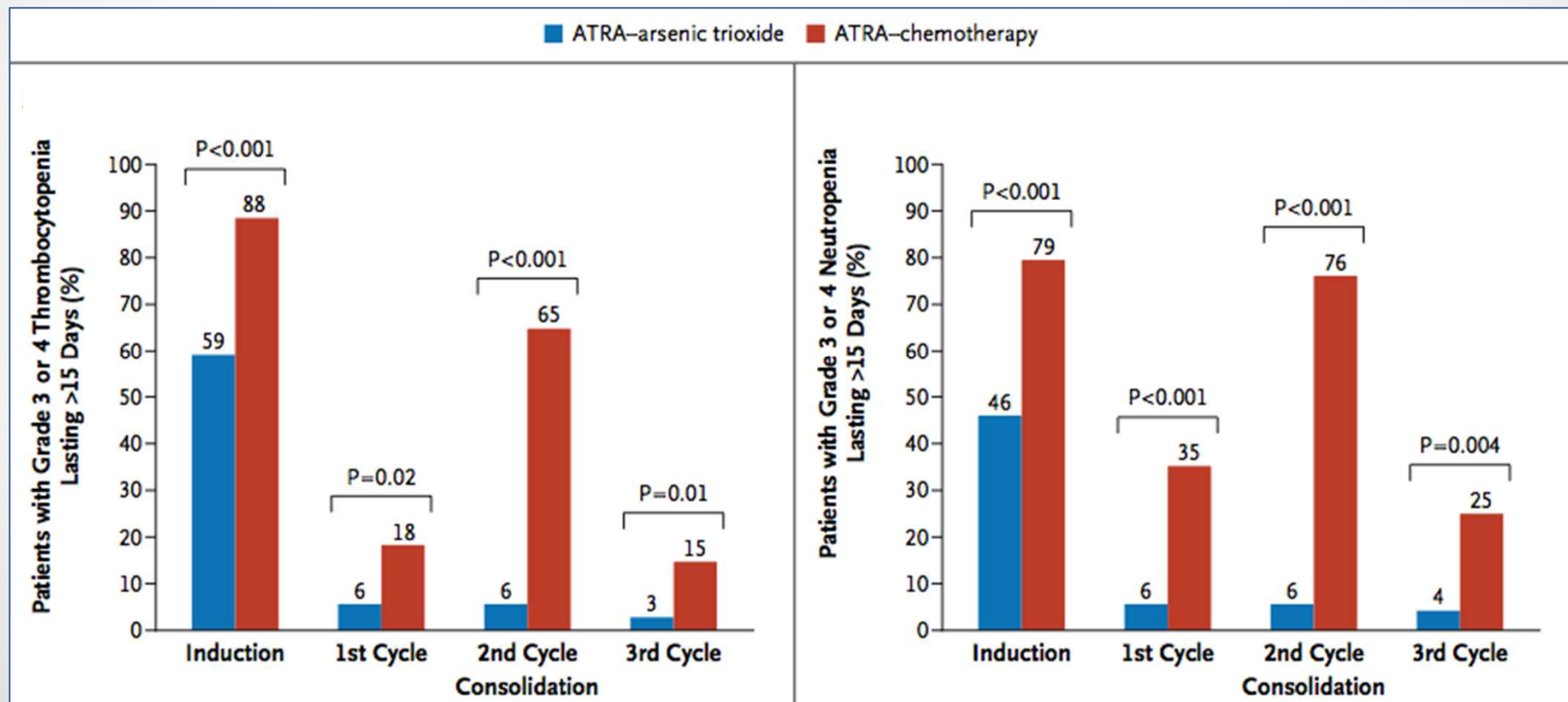
## standard-risk patients

- ATRA-ATO, 100% CR
- ATRA-CTx, 95% CR, 5% ED

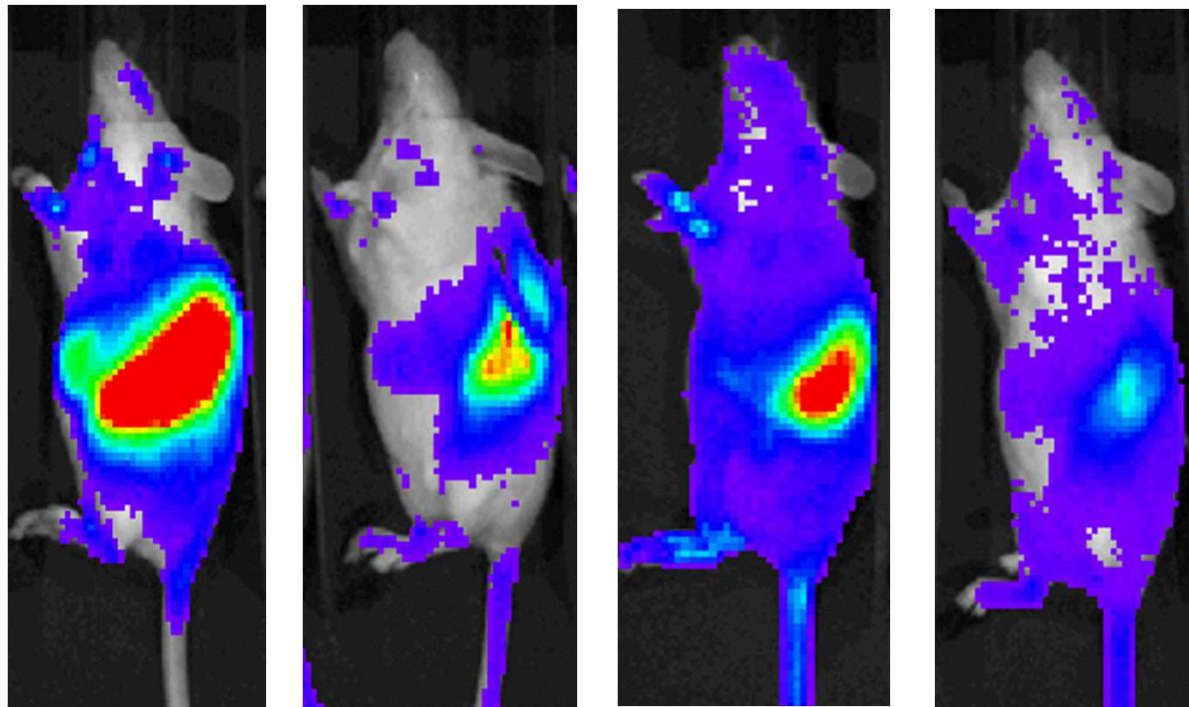
- More hepatic toxicities in the ATRA-ATO group (63% vs 6%).
- QTc prolongation in the ATRA-ATO group (16%)
- Differentiation syndrome occurred in 15 patients in the ATRA-ATO group (19%) and in 13 patients in the ATRA-CTx group (16%)
- Severe differentiation syndrome occurred in 10 patients (5 in each group) and was fatal in 2 patients assigned to ATRA-CTx

# ATRA-ATO

## standard-risk patients



# ATRA & Arsenic synergy



Control

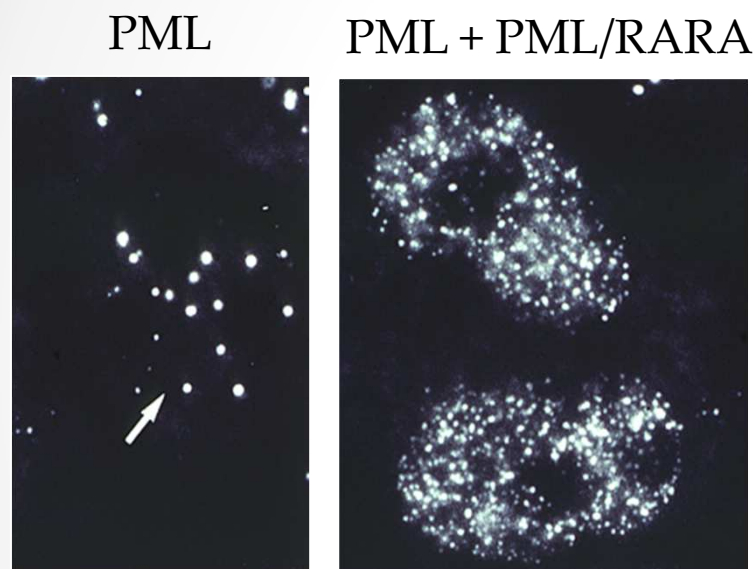
ATRA

As<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>

ATRA+As<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>

Seen in different APL  
models

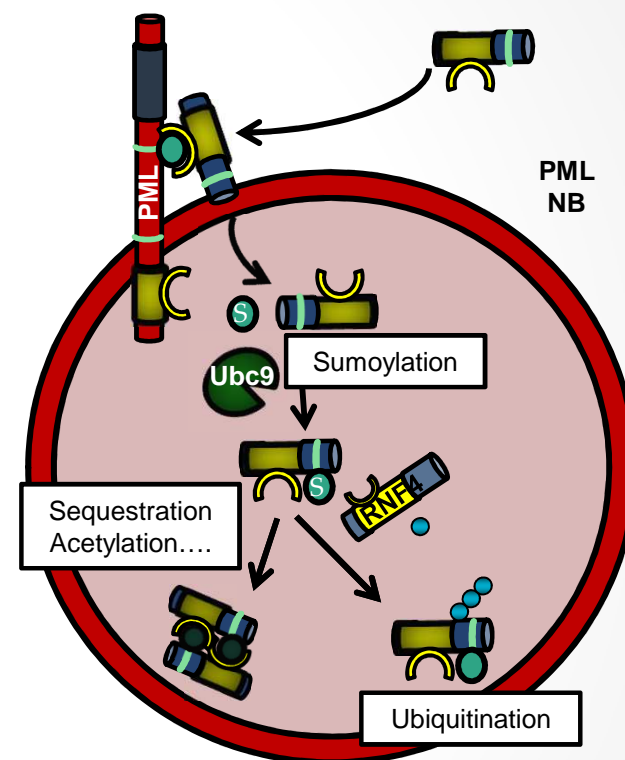
# PML NBs are disrupted in APL



PML titration

**PML/RARA recruit PML,  
which disrupts PML nuclear bodies**

No effect of PLZF/RARA  
on NBs assembly

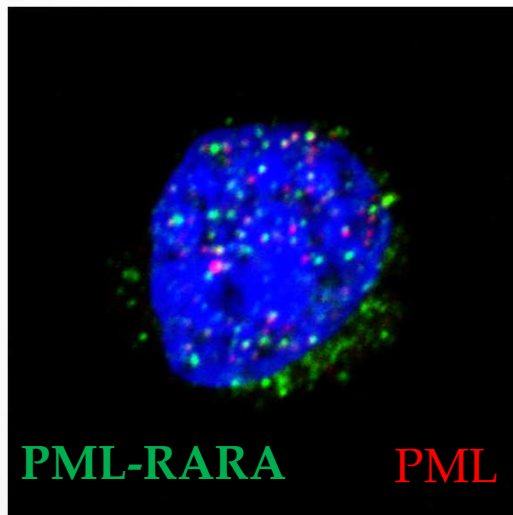


- PML NBs facilitate several post-translational modifications (PTM).
- PML NBs regulates P53 (Senescence).

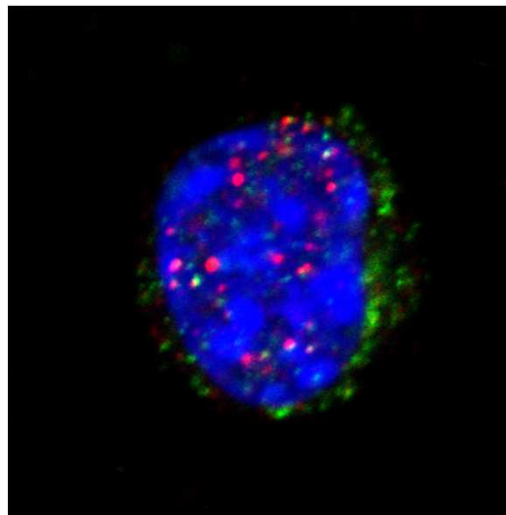
# ATRA & Arsenic restore NBs

6h *in vivo* treatment

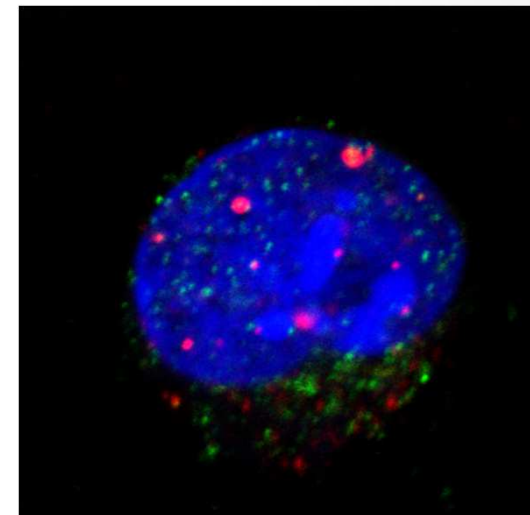
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RA



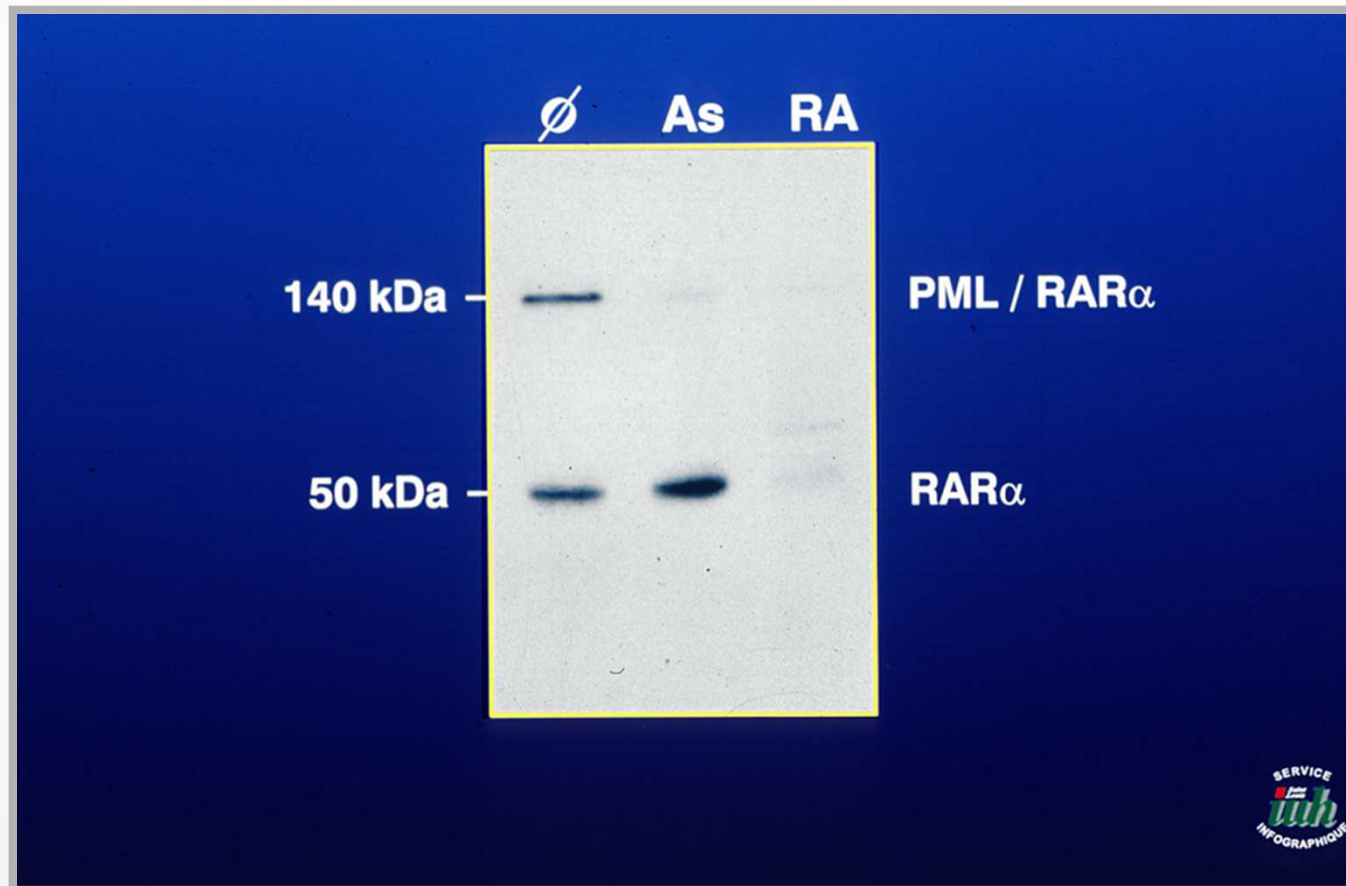
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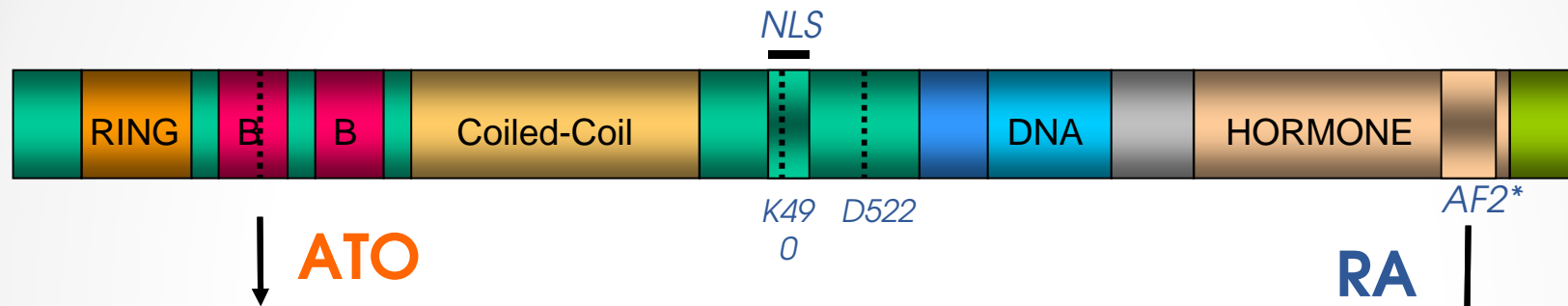
*Daniel, Blood 1993; Koken, EMBO J 1994; Weiss, Dyck, Cell 1994*



# ATRA o& Arsenic degrade PML/RARA



# PML/RARA degradation pathways



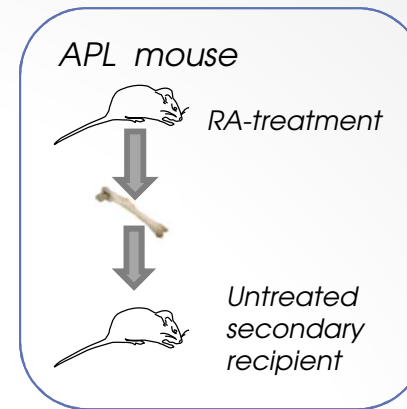
- Binding + Dimerization
- **NB reformation**
- SUMO conjugation
- RNF4-induced poly-ubiquitination

- **Conformation change**
- Dose-dependent 26S proteasome association

Proteasome-dependent  
DEGRADATION



# Recent findings



## 1. Differentiation reflects transcriptional activation, but does not suffice for cure

- Other retinoids, which activate transcription but do not degrade RARA, can differentiate APL, but never cure mice.
- In PLZF-RARA models, RA induces differentiation but does not clear APL nor induce loss of clonogenic activity.

## 2. PML-RARA degradation re-activates a **PML-P53 axis**, which is responsible for cure

- Genes selectively induced by high-dose RA are associated with cell cycle arrest and are P53 targets.
- PML drives P53 activation, APL clearance, and loss of clonogenic activity

# Manage high WBC APL patients

# APL-2000 high-risk

Induction

ATRA 45 mg/m<sup>2</sup>  
DNR 60 mg/m<sup>2</sup> x3  
AraC 200 mg/m<sup>2</sup> x7

Conso 1

DNR 60 mg/m<sup>2</sup> x3  
AraC 200 mg/m<sup>2</sup> x7

+ IT CTx  
prophylaxis

Conso 2

DNR 45 mg/m<sup>2</sup> x3  
AraC 2 g/m<sup>2</sup> x10

2y-Maint.

intermittent ATRA + continuous MTX & 6MP

# APL *versus* PETHEMA

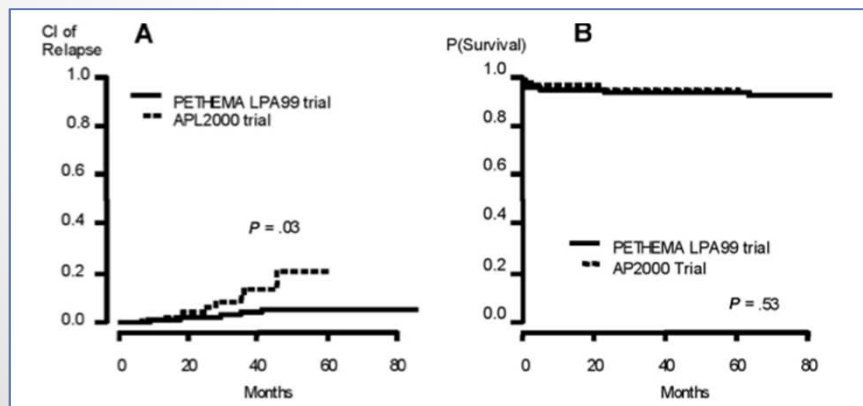
- *PETHEMA LPA99*

- IDA, MTZ
- No AraC

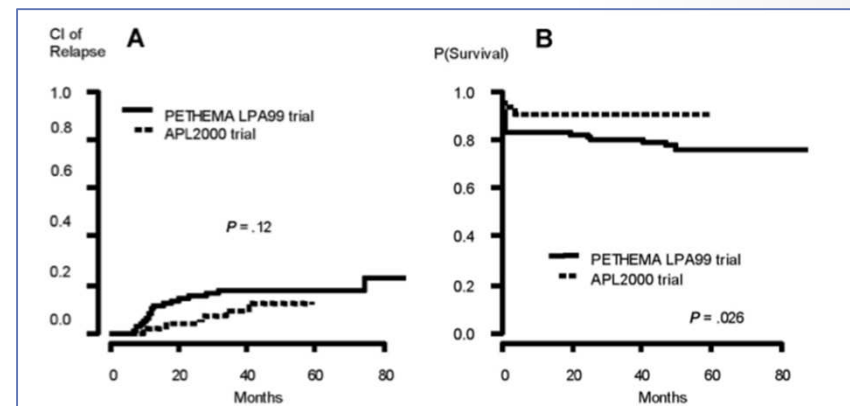
- *APL-2000 with AraC*

- DNR
- AraC
- ID-AraC (conso 2)
  - 1g x 8 to 2g x 10

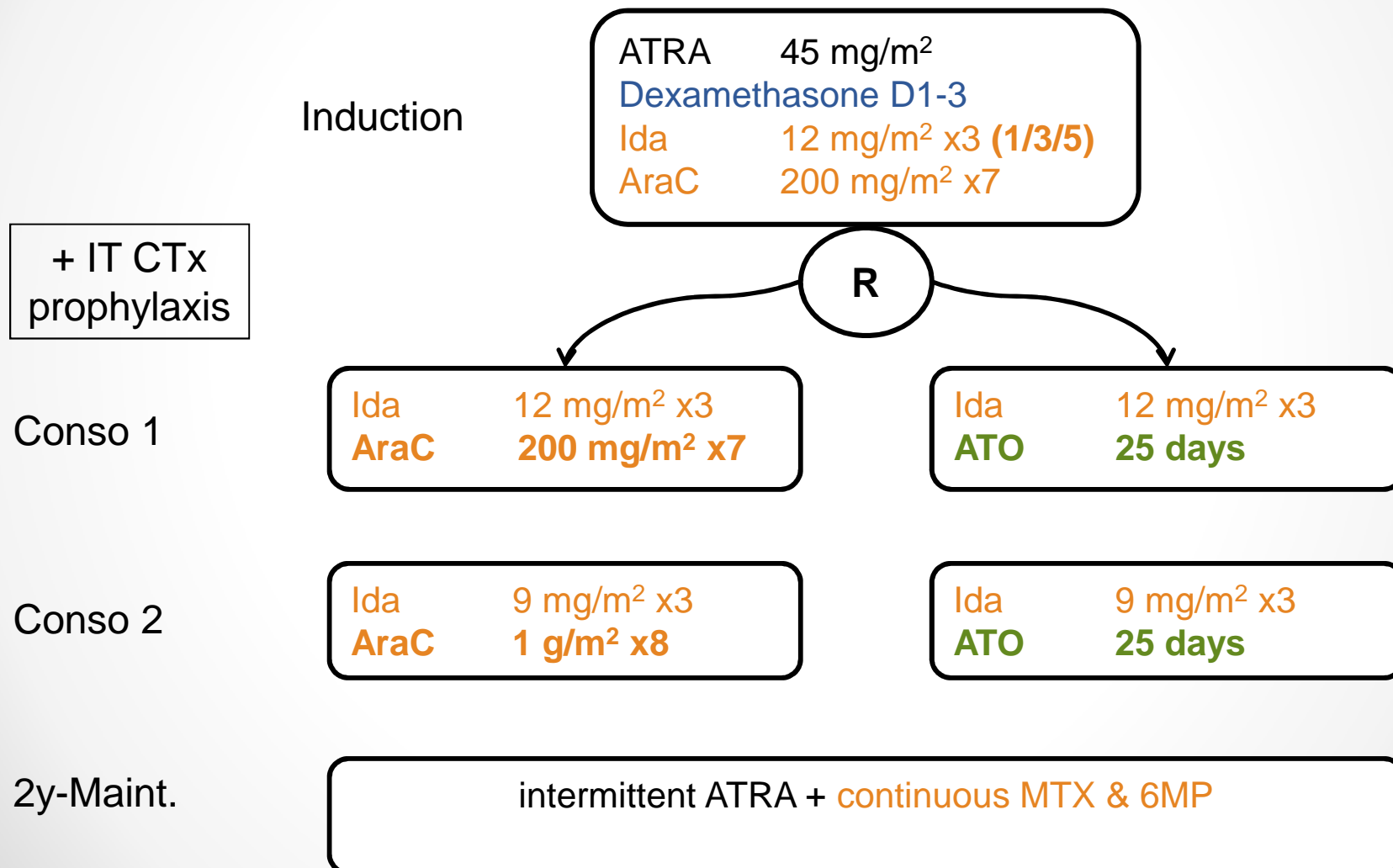
## Standard-risk



## High WBC



# APL-2006 high-risk



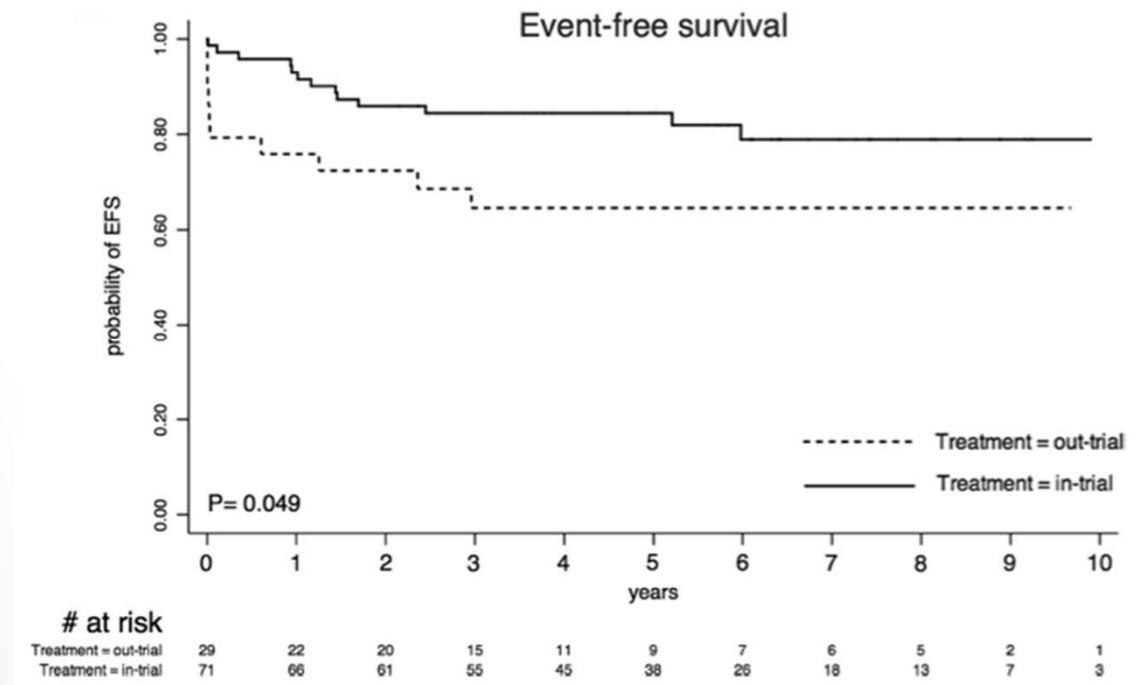
# Single-center experience

- *N= 100 APL patients*
  - *29 not included in a clinical trial (41% treated in ICU)*

Characteristics	Enrolled (n = 71)		Non-enrolled (n = 29)		p
	No	%	No	%	
Age, years					
Median	46		40		.97
Range	4-81		4-79		
Sex					
Male	36	51	14	48	.99
Female	35	49	15	52	
Fever					
Yes	35	49	23	79	.007
No	36	51	6	21	
Admission					
Direct	34	48	3	10	<.001
Transfer	37	52	26	90	
WBC count > $10 \times 10^9/L$					
Yes	22	31	15	52	.07
No	49	69	14	48	
WBC count > $50 \times 10^9/L$					
Yes	6	8	9	31	.01
No	65	92	20	69	
Platelets count < $40 \times 10^9/L$					
Yes	46	65	28	97	.001
No	25	35	1	3	
Fibrinogen level < 1 g/L					
Yes	12	17	5	17	.99
No	59	83	24	83	
Creatinine level > 1.4 mg/dL					
Yes	5	7	7	24	.04
No	66	93	22	76	
Microgranular variant					
Yes	8	11	11	38	.004
No	63	89	18	62	

# Single-center experience

- *Early death is still a problem, underestimated in clinical trials*



# Conclusions

- *In the clinical setting, ATO or ATO + ATRA may be sufficient for cure (not possible with ATRA alone)*
  - *This is currently used to decrease front-line CTx, and even suppress it in standard-risk patients.*
  - *Oral ATO formulations should permit oral APL Tx in the very next future.*
  - *Long-term effects of ATO remain to be defined.*
- *Early events remain the main APL issue*
  - *Very early hemorrhagic deaths.*
  - *Differentiation syndrome during induction.*