# MDS Clinical Trials at Einstein and Montefiore



## MYELODYSPLASTIC SYNDROME CENTER at the Albert Einstein Cancer Center & Montefiore Medical Center



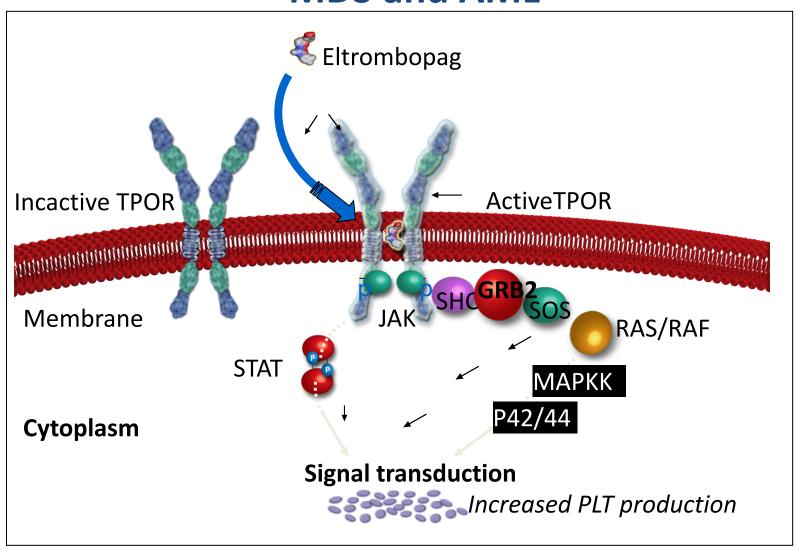
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### Low Platelets are a problem in MDS

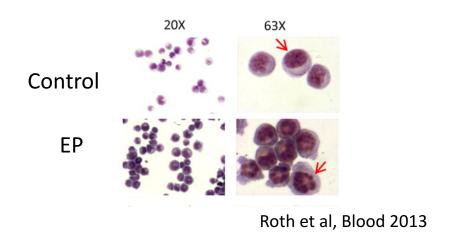
## Eltrombopag can stimulate platelet production in MDS and AML



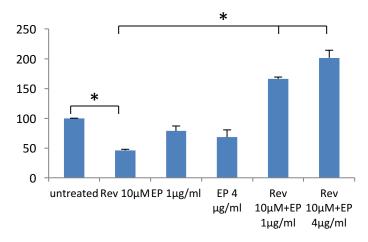
## **Eltrombopag in MDS and AML**

Eltrombopag can have anti-leukemic activity:

Can induce differentiation



## Eltrombopag can reverse Revlimid induced thrombocytopenia



Tamari et al, Leuk Lymp 2014

PHASE II STUDY OF LENALIDOMIDE AND ELTROMBOPAG IN PATIENTS WITH SYMPTOMATIC ANEMIA IN LOW OR INTERMEDIATE I MYELODYSPLASTIC SYNDROME (MDS)

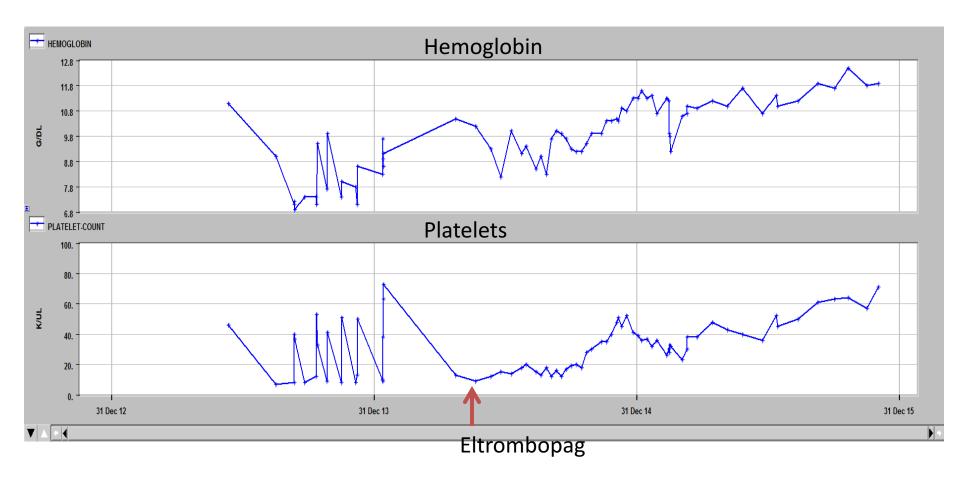
### Results

27 patients accrued so far 15 Patients evaluable

Response Rate: 8/15 (55%)
6 patients achieved Red cell transfusion independence

2 Patients achieved Platelet transfusion independance

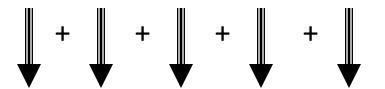
### Response to Eltrombopag



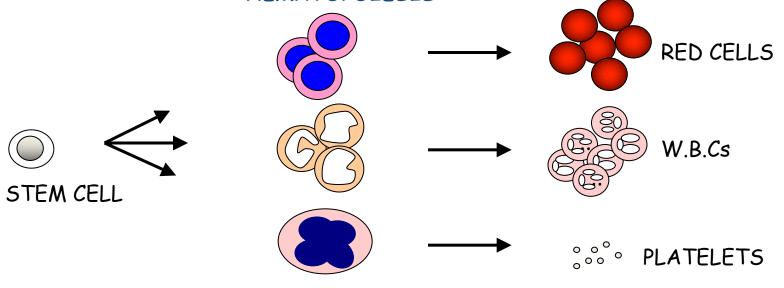
MDS patient with ASXL1 mutation

#### STIMULATORY GROWTH FACTORS

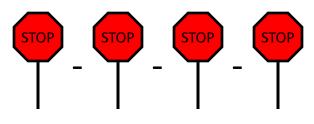
Erythropoietin (EPO), GCSF, GMCSF, TPO, IL-3, SCF



#### **HEMATOPOIESIS**



#### **PROGENITORS**



Phase II trial of TGF inhibitor in MDS

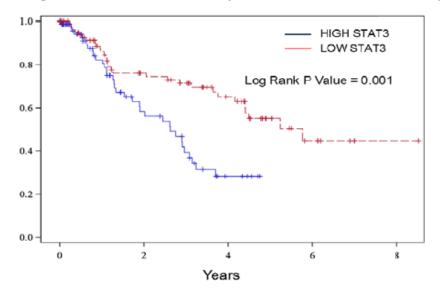
**INHIBITORY CYTOKINES** 

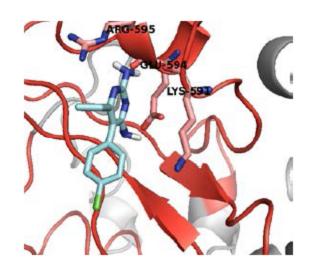
**TGF-beta** 

## STAT3 INHIBITION IN MDS

STAT3 is overexpressed in MDS stem cells High STAT3 levels are predictive of adverse prognosis

Pyrimethamine is a STAT3 inhibitor!

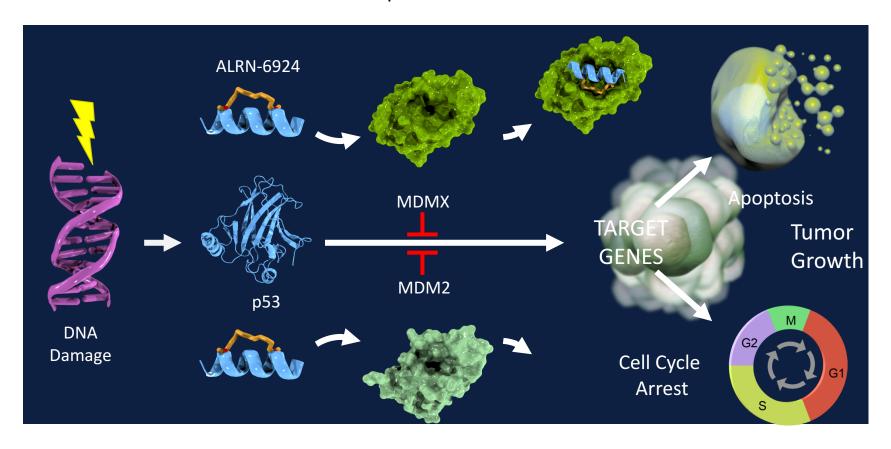




A Phase II Study of Pyrimethamine, a STAT3 Inhibitor, for the Treatment of Intermediate/ High-risk MDS that has Relapsed or is Refractory to Azanucleosides

# Trials for patients that have failed azacytidine

ALRN-6924: First Dual Inhibitor of MDM2 & MDMX Activates p53 and kills tumor cells



Phase II trial of ALRN 6924 in patients with MDS and AML

# Trials for patients that have failed azacytidine

Phase II trial of LSD1 inhibitor and Retinoic acid in MDS and AML

Causes leukemic blast cells to die

Open at Cornell and Montefiore

Combination of Aza with PD1 antibody

Stimulates the immune system to attack the cancer cells

## Questions?