

# Results From the Dose Escalation Phase of a Randomized Phase 1–2 First-in-Human (FIH) Study of SGI-110, a Novel Low Volume Stable Subcutaneous (SQ) Second Generation Hypomethylating Agent (HMA) in Patients with Relapsed/Refractory MDS and AML

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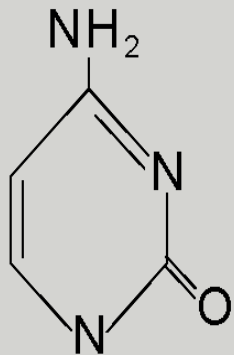
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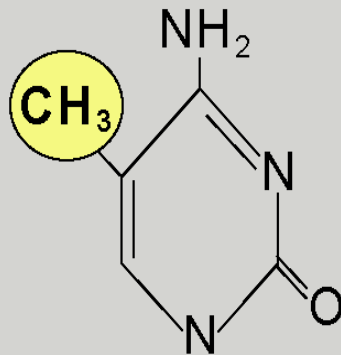
# HMAAs in Leukemia/MDS: Background

- DNA methylation abnormal in most cancers and affects expression of key genes and pathways
- DNA methylation and epigenetic readers and writers often mutated in cancer
  - leukemias: DNMT3a, TET2, EZH2, ASXL1, MLL1-3, CBP, etc.
- Cancer phenotype can be reversed by DNA methylation reprogramming
- DNMT inhibitors or hypomethylating agents (HMAAs) shown efficacy in clinical trials in MDS and AML

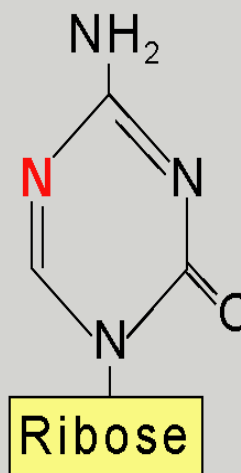
# Cytosine Analogues as HMAs



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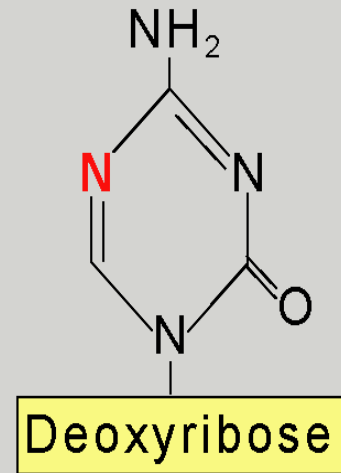
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cytosine*



Ribose

*5-aza-  
cytidine*

**Azacitidine  
(2004)<sup>1</sup>**



Deoxyribose

*5-aza-2'-deoxy-  
cytidine*

**Decitabine  
(2006)<sup>1,2</sup>**

<sup>1</sup>Year approved by FDA for MDS treatment

<sup>2</sup> Approved by EMA for elderly AML in 2012

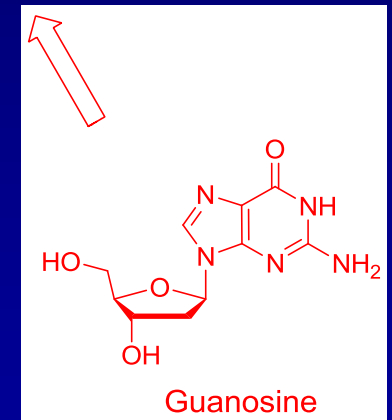
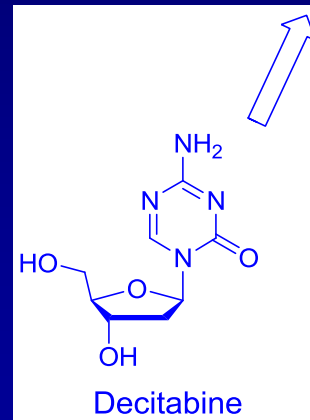
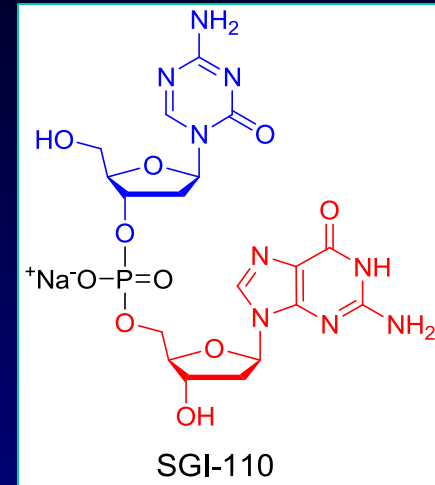
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# HMA Clinical Results

- **Response rates 10–50% in MDS, AML and CMML; side-effects primarily myelosuppression**
- **Response duration up to 18 months but resistance eventually develops**
- **Prolonged survival in MDS compared to supportive care or chemotherapy**
- **Anecdotal responses in solid tumors**

# SGI-110: New DNMT Inhibitor

- Decitabine rapidly eliminated by Cytidine Deaminase limiting drug exposure time to cancer cells *in vivo*
- SGI-110 is dinucleotide of decitabine and deoxyguanosine; increases *in vivo* exposure of decitabine by protecting it from deamination
- Stable SQ formulation (up to 1 month after reconstitution)
- Small volume of injection: 100 mg/mL



# SGI-110: Phase 1/2 Design

Relapsed or Refractory Intermediate to High Risk MDS or Relapsed or Refractory AML; ECOG PS 0–2

**Part A**  
**Dose Escalation**  
(78 pts)

**Regimen 1**  
Daily SQ Days 1–5 of a 28-day cycle

**Regimen 2**  
Weekly SQ x 3 of a 28-day cycle

**PK-PD guided dose escalation**

Safety, Efficacy, PK – PD Assessments  
 $C_{max}$ , AUC, Global Hypomethylation, Gene Re-Expression Studies

**Part B**  
**Dose Expansion**  
(~ 160 pts)

**BED: 60 mg/m<sup>2</sup> dailyx5**

**MTD: 90 mg/m<sup>2</sup> dailyx5**

**60 mg/m<sup>2</sup> dailyx10**

**3 Groups: Relapsed/refractory AML; Rx naïve elderly AML; Rx naïve MDS**

**Results from the Dose  
Escalation Phase 1 Part of  
Study SGI-110-01**



# SGI-110: Patients and Methods

- **Main eligibility criteria:**
  - Adults with relapsed or refractory intermediate or high risk MDS or AML
  - ECOG PS 0–2
  - Acceptable hepatorenal functions
  - Signed informed consent
- **Methods:**
  - Design: modified 3+3 design (6 patients/cohort)
  - Dose escalation guided by PK (decitabine AUC) and PD (LINE1 hypomethylation)
- **Treatment:**
  - SGI-110 administered SQ
  - **Randomization dailyx5 or once weeklyx3 Q 28 days**

# SGI-110: Endpoints

- **Primary:**
  - Define Biological Effective Dose (BED) and MTD
  - BED determined by lowest dose that achieves maximum hypomethylation or gene expression in at least 3 successive dose levels
  - MTD determined by DLT incidence in Cycle 1
- **Secondary:**
  - Incidence and severity grades of DLT, AEs, and labs
  - PK profile of SGI-110 and decitabine
  - Response rates, hematologic improvement and duration of remission
  - Time to AML (MDS patients)
  - Survival
  - Incidence of blood and platelet transfusions
- **Exploratory:**
  - Identification of biomarkers of response to SGI-110

# SGI-110: Dose Levels (mg/m<sup>2</sup>)\*

Cohorts	Dose/Schedule (mg/m <sup>2</sup> )		Number of Patients	
	Dailyx5	Weeklyx3	Dailyx5	Weeklyx3
1	3	6	4	5
2	9	18	4	3
3	18	36	5	6
4	36	60	6	6
5	60	90	7	8
6	90	125	6	6
7	125	NA	12	NA
Total			44	34

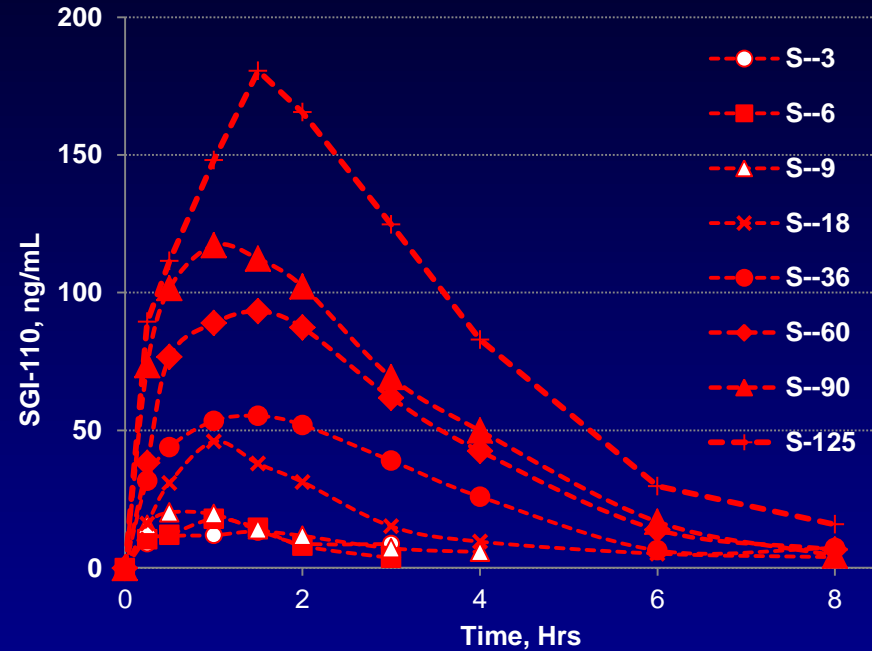
\*PK guided dose escalation based on IV decitabine published PK parameters

# SGI-110: Baseline Characteristics

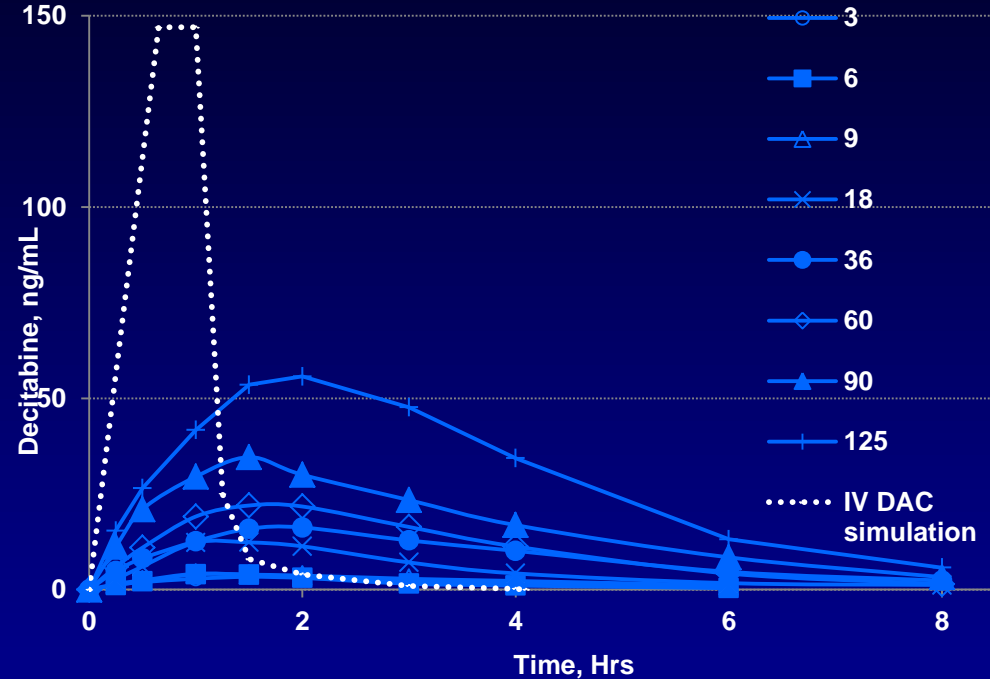
	All (n=78)	AML (n=64)	MDS (n=14)
Median age (range)	69 y (29–86)	67 y (29–86)	74 y (46–82)
Gender, M	51 (65%)	42 (66%)	9 (64%)
F	27 (35%)	22 (34%)	5 (36%)
ECOG PS			
0–1	68 (87%)	55 (86%)	13 (93%)
2	10 (13%)	9 (14%)	1 (7%)
Secondary AML	-	26 (41%)	-
BM blasts % median (range)	31 (1–98)	46 (1–98)	5 (2–23)
Median prior regimens (range)	3 (1–9)	3 (1–9)	2 (2–6)
Prior DAC	31 (40%)	24 (38%)	7 (50%)
Prior AZA	31 (40%)	18 (28%)	13 (93%)
Prior DAC and/or AZA	49 (63%)	35 (55%)	14 (100%)

# SGI-110 and Decitabine PK Profile after SGI-110 SQ

## SGI-110 Conc-Time Profile



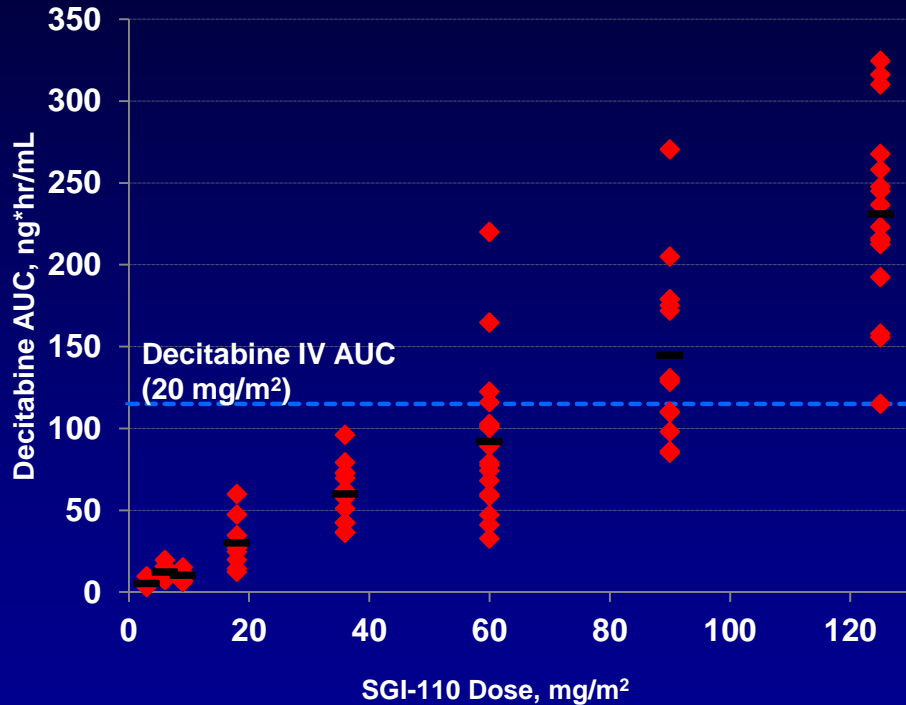
## Decitabine Conc-Time Profile



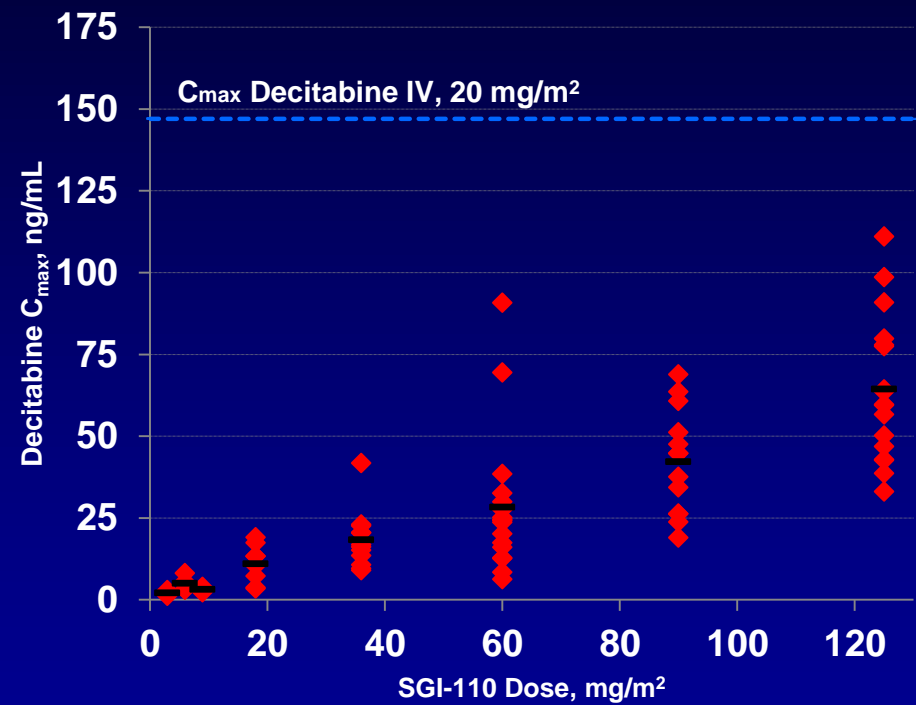
- Decitabine effective  $T_{1/2}$  after SQ SGI-110 ~ 1.5-2.5 hours, (decitabine IV  $T_{1/2}$  ~ 0.6 hours): 4-fold longer  $T_{1/2}$  of decitabine from SGI-110 compared to decitabine IV

# SGI-110: Decitabine Exposures (Individual Patients) after SGI-110 SQ

Decitabine AUC vs. Dose

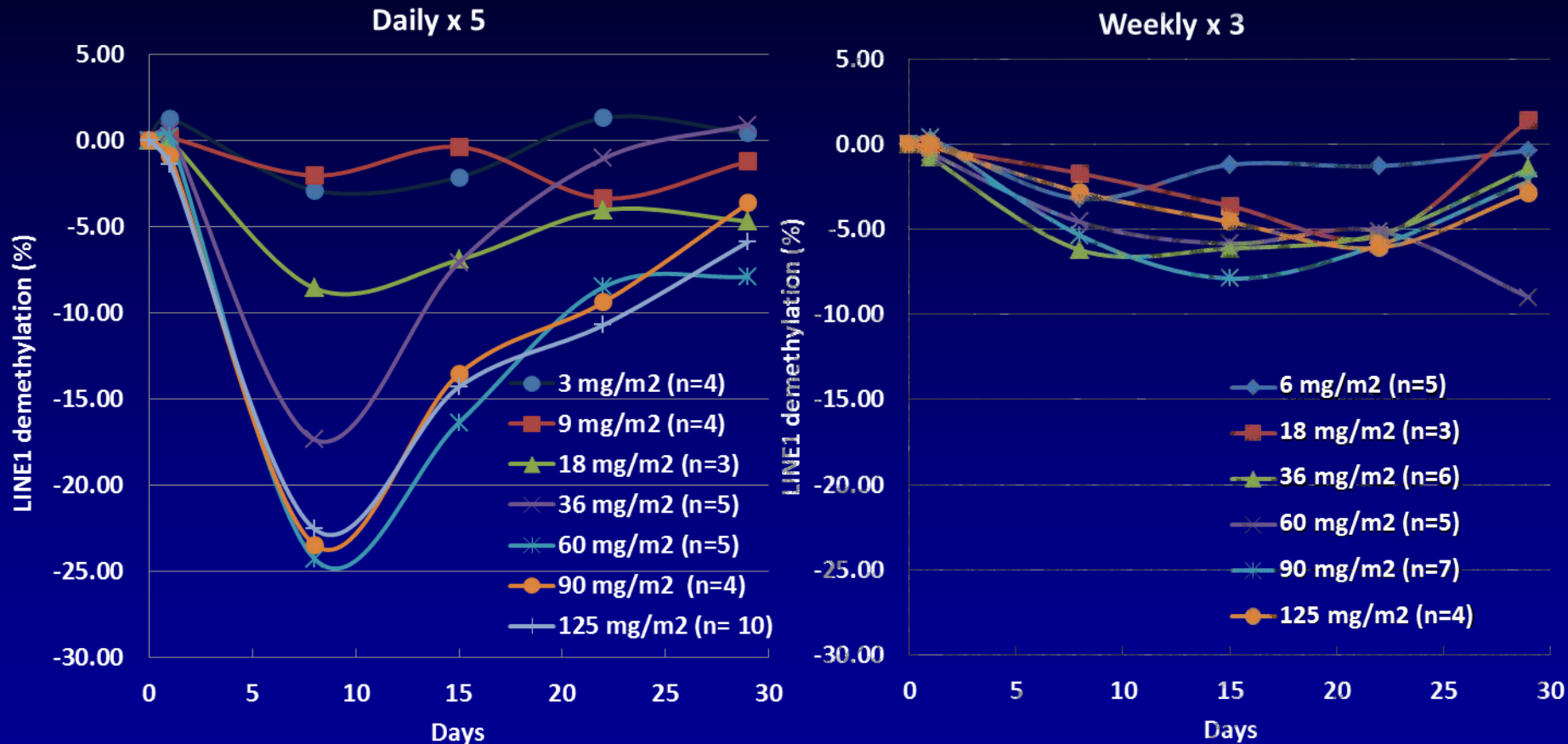


Decitabine C<sub>max</sub> vs. Dose



- Equivalent or higher AUCs reached with lower C<sub>max</sub> compared to reference levels from decitabine IV (20 mg/m<sup>2</sup>)

# SGI-110: Average LINE1 Demethylation by Cohort



- Dose-dependent increase in demethylation up to 60 mg/m<sup>2</sup> dailyx5
- Similar demethylation of 60, 90, and 125 mg/m<sup>2</sup> dailyx5
- BED established at 60 mg/m<sup>2</sup> dailyx5

# SGI-110: Efficacy

## Daily x 5 Regimen

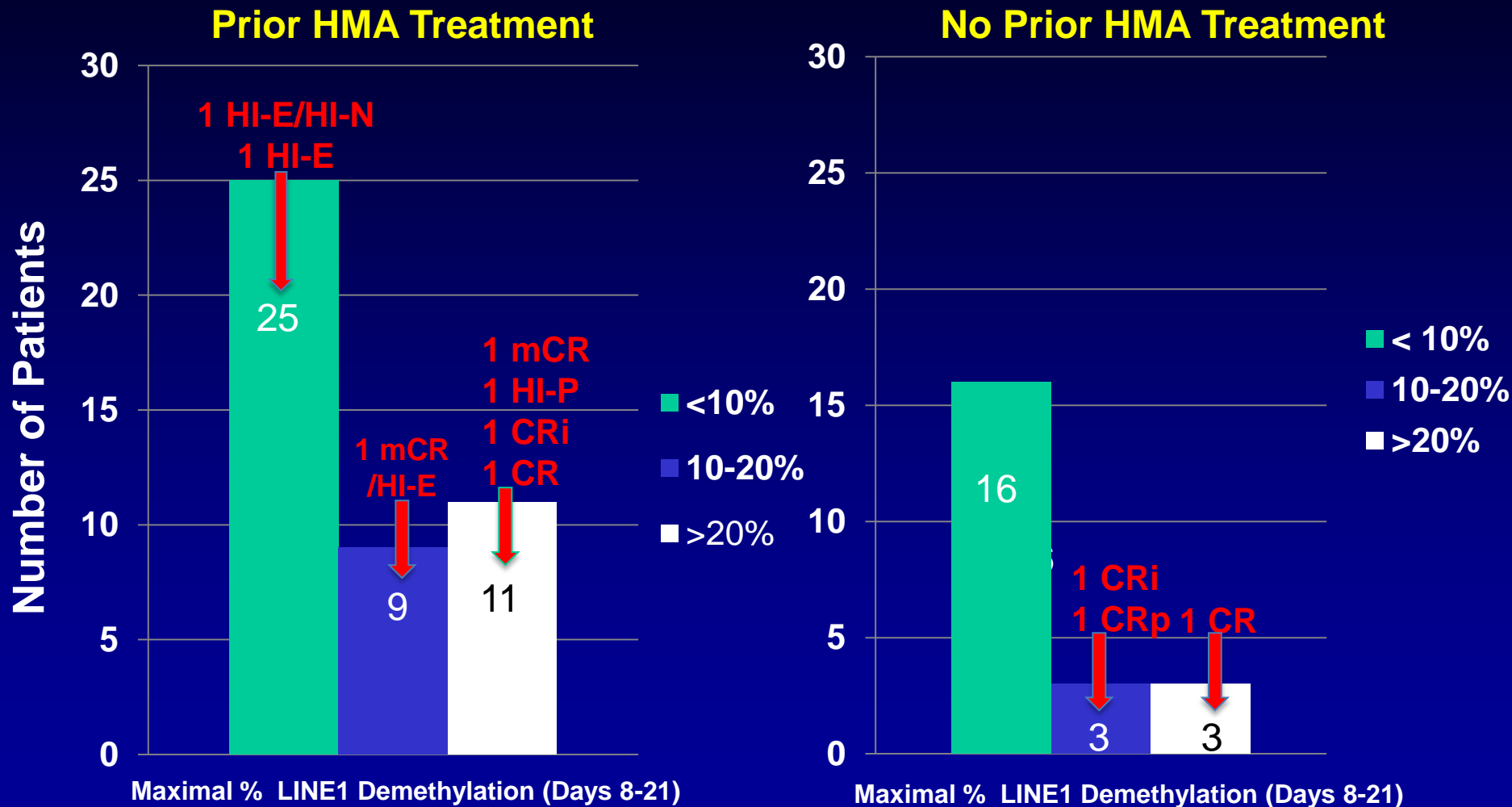
Cohort	AML	MDS	Responses
3 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	3	1	NR
9 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	4	0	NR
18 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	3	2	1 mCR/Hi-E (MDS-HR)
36 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	5	1	1 CRi (AML)
60 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	7	0	1 CR (AML), 1 CRi (AML)
90 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	5	1	NR
125 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	9	3	mCR (MDS-2)

## Weekly x 3 Regimen

Cohort	AML	MDS	Responses
6 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	4	1	1 HI-E/Hi-N (MDS-HR)
18 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	1	3	NR
36 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	6	0	NR
60 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	6	0	1 CR (AML)
90 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	6	2	1 HI-E (MDS HR), 1 HI-P (MDS-1)
125 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	6	0	CRp (AML)



# SGI-110: Maximum % LINE1 Demethylation vs. Response (Cohorts 1–7)



67 patients with LINE1 results, Cohorts 1–7; Daily 3–125mg/m<sup>2</sup> and Weekly 6–125 mg/m<sup>2</sup>

# SGI-110: r/r AML Responses vs. Demethylation<sup>1</sup>

<b>LINE1 Demethylation</b>	<b>Number Treated</b>	<b>Responders (CR/CRi/CRp)</b>	<b>Percent</b>
< 10%	32	0	0%
≥ 10%	17	5	29%
Total	49	5	10%

<sup>1</sup> All 49 r/rAML patients with LINE1 data

# SGI-110:

## Related AEs ( $\geq 5\%$ ) – Dailyx5 regimen (n=44)

Adverse Event	All Grades (%)	Grade 3 (%)	Grade 4 (%)
Injection Site Pain	18%	0	0
Thrombocytopenia	16%	2%	9%
Anemia	14%	11%	0
Nausea	11%	0	0
Neutropenia	9%	2%	7%
Fatigue	9%	0	0
Decreased Appetite	9%	0	0
Diarrhea	9%	0	0
Leukopenia	7%	2%	2%
Asthenia	7%	0	0
Dry Mouth	7%	0	0
Febrile Neutropenia	5%	2%	2%
Injection Site Events	5%	0	0
Epistaxis	5%	0	0
Vomiting	5%	0	0
Constipation	5%	0	0

# SGI-110:

## Related AEs ( $\geq 5\%$ )- Weekly x3 regimen (n=34)

Adverse Event	All Grades (%)	Grade 3 (%)	Grade 4 (%)
Injection Site Pain	29%	0	0
Nausea	9%	0	0
Fatigue	9%	0	0
Anemia	6%	6%	0
Febrile Neutropenia	6%	6%	0
Diarrhea	6%	0	0
Asthenia	6%	0	0
Pyrexia	6%	0	0
Arthralgia	6%	0	0
Cough	6%	0	0

# **SGI-110: DLTs**

- **No DLTs with weeklyx3 regimen**
- **Two patients with DLTs on dailyx5 at 125 mg/m<sup>2</sup> (12 patients treated: 3 MDS and 9 AML)**
  - **Both MDS (2/3 MDS):**
    - **1 patient febrile neutropenia + bacteremia**
    - **1 patient febrile neutropenia + sepsis Gr5, thrombocytopenia Gr4**
  - **No DLTs in 9 patients with AML at that dose**

# **SGI-110: Summary**

- **SGI-110 delivers extended exposure of decitabine**
  - Longer exposure window of decitabine up to 8+ hours
  - T<sub>1/2</sub> of decitabine from SGI-110 is 4-fold longer than decitabine IV
  - Lower C<sub>max</sub> than decitabine IV
- **Excellent hypomethylation induction with dailyx5; less adequate hypomethylation with weeklyx3**
- **Major responses observed in relapsed/refractory AML when adequate hypomethylation achieved regardless of regimen**
- **BED 60 mg/m<sup>2</sup> dailyx5**
- **90 mg/m<sup>2</sup> dailyx5 highest tolerable dose for both MDS and AML**
- **Most common AEs: Injection site pain (mostly Grade 1), and myelosuppression**
- **Phase 2 Expansion: randomization to 60 or 90 mg/m<sup>2</sup> dailyx5; new arm of 60 mg/m<sup>2</sup> dailyx10 is also now open**

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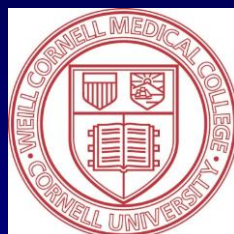
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