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OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITY

Myeloproliferative neoplasms (MPNs) largely consist of 3 diseases all heralding from clonal disorders in which an initial molecular event results in excessive production of blood cells. Importantly, although essential thrombocythemia (ET), polycythemia vera (PV) and myelofibrosis (MF) are clinically distinguishable by laboratory and molecular parameters, they may represent a disease continuum whereby transformation from ET or PV to the more aggressive MF results in a homogenous pathologic entity with a uniformly poor prognosis. In contrast to the rather indolent natural history of untransformed ET and PV, primary MF or post-PV/ET MF is a debilitating disease. Historically no FDA-approved therapy existed, but after the FDA approval of ruxolitinib in 2011 for intermediate- and high-risk MF, including primary, post-PV and post-ET MF, this agent has rapidly been adopted in clinical practice. Patient selection and dosing of ruxolitinib remain relevant topics of discussion and debate. Not surprisingly, JAK inhibitors have been and continue to be critically evaluated for patients with both PV and ET. Most notably, in December 2014, the US FDA approved ruxolitinib as treatment for PV in patients who have experienced an inadequate response to or are intolerant of hydroxyurea. To bridge the gap between research and patient care, this issue of *Myeloproliferative Neoplasms Update* features one-on-one discussions with leading hematology-oncology investigators. Upon completion of this CME activity, medical oncologists and hematologists should be able to formulate an up-to-date and more complete approach to the care of patients with MPNs.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Appraise the evidence-based therapeutic options for patients with PV, ET and MF, and develop clinical algorithms intended to enhance quality and quantity of life for these individuals.
- Determine the role of ruxolitinib in the treatment of MF in patients with thrombocytopenia and anemia.
- Formulate a plan for managing the side effects associated with ruxolitinib to support quality of life and continuation of treatment.
- Recall emerging research data with the use of novel JAK inhibitors in the treatment of MF, and prepare for their potential availability in clinical practice.
- Appreciate the biologic rationale for and available efficacy and safety data with novel agents under investigation for the treatment of MPNs.

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QUESTIONS (PLEASE CIRCLE ANSWER):

1. A pooled analysis of 5-year data from the COMFORT-I and COMFORT-II studies demonstrated that ruxolitinib _____ prolong overall survival for patients with intermediate-2 or high-risk MF compared to those who received best available therapy or placebo.
 - a. Did
 - b. Did not
2. The SIMPLIFY-2 study investigating momelotinib versus best available therapy for patients with MF previously treated with ruxolitinib _____ demonstrate a significant reduction in spleen size with momelotinib.
 - a. Did
 - b. Did not
3. Which of the following best describes the mechanism of action of idasanutlin?
 - a. Hypomethylating agent
 - b. JAK1/2 inhibitor
 - c. MDM2 antagonist
4. Which of the following statements is true about ruxolitinib in the treatment of MF?
 - a. It is associated with an increased risk of infection
 - b. It improves anemia
 - c. It is associated with thrombocytopenia
 - d. All of the above
 - e. Both b and c
 - f. Both a and c
5. The JAKARTA-2 study investigated the JAK2 inhibitor fedratinib in the _____ setting for patients with MF.
 - a. First-line
 - b. Second-line
6. The CYTO-PV study evaluating the intensity of cytoreductive therapy to prevent cardiovascular events in patients with PV demonstrated a significantly lower rate of cardiovascular death and major thrombosis with a hematocrit target of _____ compared to the arm with a hematocrit target of _____.
 - a. Less than 45%; 45% to 50%
 - b. 45% to 50%; less than 45%
7. Results from the MPD-RC 112 study comparing front-line pegylated interferon alpha-2a to hydroxyurea for patients with high-risk PV or ET demonstrated higher response rates in the interferon arm.
 - a. True
 - b. False
8. Patients experiencing benefit with JAK inhibitor therapy should immediately discontinue treatment when the response to therapy begins to diminish.
 - a. True
 - b. False
9. In a retrospective analysis, an improvement in overall survival was not reported after allogeneic hematopoietic stem cell transplant among patients with MF and an intermediate-1 risk score.
 - a. True
 - b. False
10. Which of the following drug types best describes the mechanism of action of PRM-151?
 - a. Antifibrotic immunomodulator
 - b. JAK2 inhibitor
 - c. PI3-kinase inhibitor

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