Pelabresib (CPI-0610) Monotherapy in High-Risk Essential Thrombocythemia Refractory or Intolerant to Hydroxyurea: Preliminary Results From the MANIFEST Study

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### **OBJECTIVES**

To investigate the efficacy and safety of the investigational drug pelabresib monotherapy in patients with high-risk essential thrombocythemia refractory or intolerant to hydroxyurea

# **SUMMARY**

In Arm 4 of the Phase 2 MANIFEST study, pelabresib monotherapy resulted in hematologic response and symptom improvement in patients with high-risk ET and resistance/intolerance to hydroxyurea

Safety results are as expected in the underlying population and consistent with the known safety profile of pelabresib

These preliminary safety and efficacy results in patients with high-risk ET continue to provide evidence for the potential clinical benefit of pelabresib in myeloid diseases

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Abbreviations: AE, adverse event; BET, bromodomain and extraterminal; BOR, best overall response; CHR, complete hematologic response; ET, essential thrombocythemia; Gr, grade; Hgb, hemoglobin; HU, hydroxyurea; MPN, myeloproliferative neoplasm; NFкВ, nuclear factor kappa В; MPN-SAF, Myeloproliferative Neoplasm Symptom Assessment Form; PHR, partial hematologic response; PI, principal investigator; PO, per oral; PV, polycythemia vera; QD, once per day; SD, standard deviation; SVR35, ≥35% reduction in spleen volume at Week 24; TD, transfusion dependent; TEAE, treatment-emergent adverse event; TI, transfusion independent; TSS, total symptom score; TSS50, ≥50% reduction in total symptom score from baseline; WBC, white blood cell.

Pelabresib (CPI-0610) is an investigational new drug and has not been approved by any regulatory authority

### INTRODUCTION

- > ET is a myeloproliferative neoplasm characterized by thrombocytosis, thrombohemorrhagic events and systemic
- > An unmet medical need persists due to resistance or intolerance to first-line cytoreductive treatments, such as hydroxyurea and interferon alfa-2a. Resistant/intolerant patients have limited options and adverse outcomes<sup>2,3</sup>
- > BET proteins are epigenetic modulators of gene expression and transcription factors that play a role in the development of MPNs, such as ET, PV and MF<sup>4,5</sup> by:
  - increasing BET protein recruitment to hyper-acetylated chromatin<sup>6</sup>
  - modulating NF-κB target gene expression and may result in increased levels of proinflammatory cytokines and aberrant megakaryocyte differentiation<sup>5</sup>
- > BET protein inhibition is a novel therapeutic strategy that downregulates the expression of genes that contribute to the pathology of ET, PV and MF<sup>5,7</sup>
- > Pelabresib, an oral, small-molecule, investigational BET inhibitor, has the potential to modify the pathogenic pathways that contribute to the pathogenesis of MPNs<sup>8</sup>

## STUDY DESIGN<sup>9,10</sup>

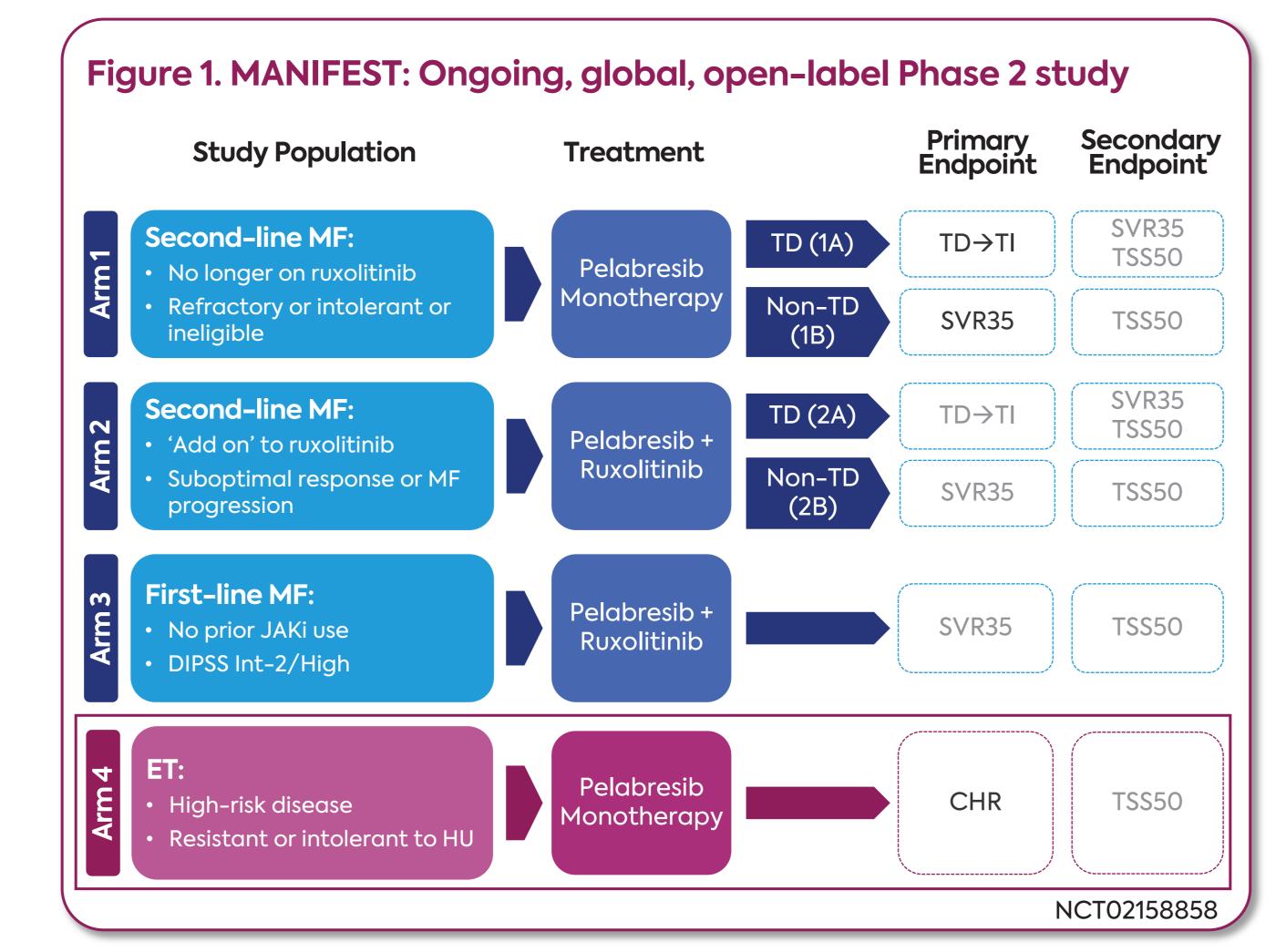
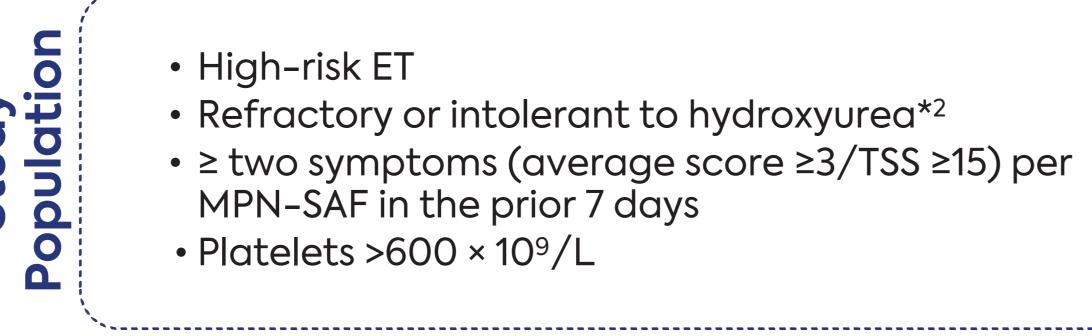


Figure 2. MANIFEST Arm 4: Pelabresib monotherapy in patients with high-risk ET refractory or intolerant to hydroxyurea



Pelabresib monotherapy 225 mg PO QD in 21-day cycles (14 days on, 7 days off)

#### Complete hematologic response (confirmed) Normalization of platelet count (≤400 × 10<sup>9</sup>/L) WBC within normal range (≤10 × 10<sup>9</sup>/L) Laboratory results confirmed after 1 cycle (3 wks) Normal spleen size **Secondary Endpoints** Partial hematologic response (confirmed) • Platelets 400-600 × 10<sup>9</sup>/L WBC within normal range (≤10 × 10<sup>9</sup>/L)

Laboratory results confirmed after 1 cycle (3 wks)

Symptom Improvement

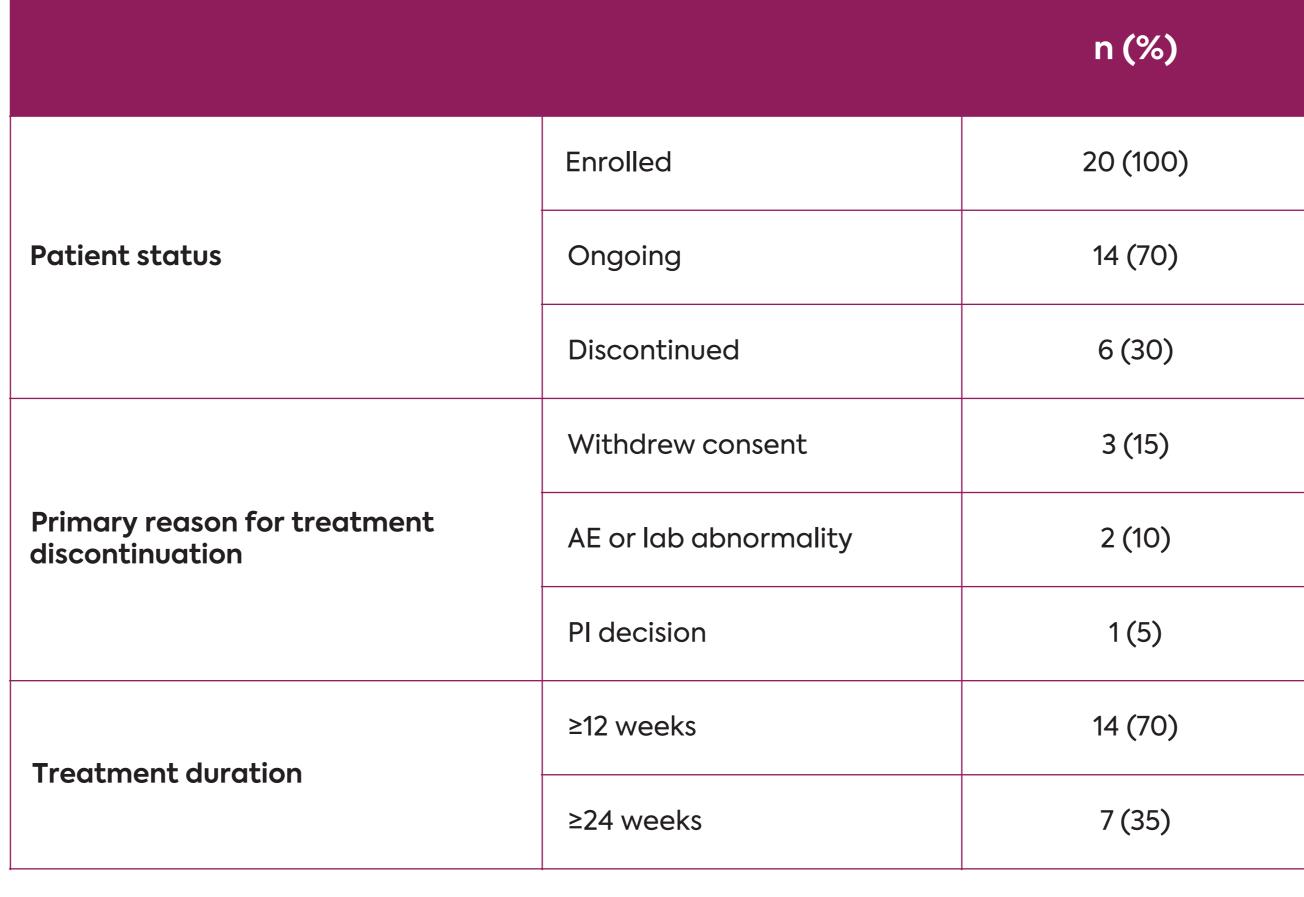
\*Refractory or intolerant criteria, as per Barosi, et al. 2007.

**Primary Endpoint** 

 The proportion of patients with ≥50% reduction from baseline in the MPN-SAF total score

### **RESULTS**

#### **Table 1. Patient Disposition**



> 25% (5/20) of patients had thrombosis or hypertension prior to enrollment

Figure 3. Hematologic responses

Cycle number\*

- > 45% (9/20) of patients had ≥1 grade bone marrow fibrosis at baseline
- > 60% (12/20) of patients had ≥2 prior line of therapies (range: 1–4)

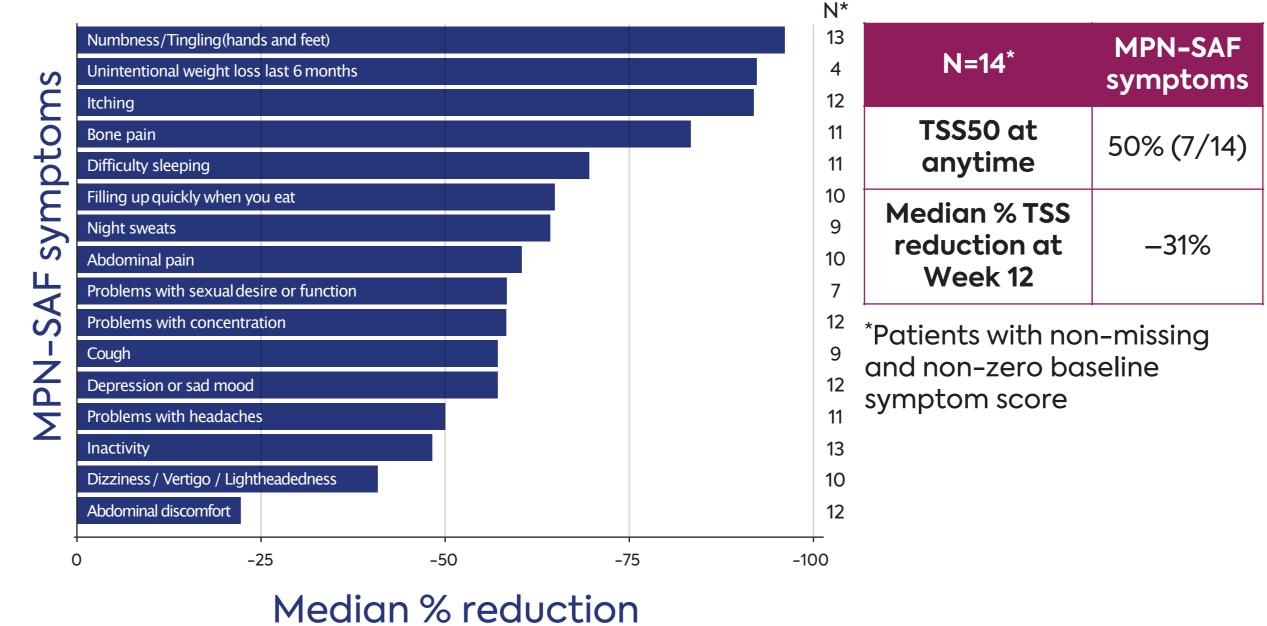
Table 2. Patient Demographics and Baseline Characteristics

		N=20
Age (years)	Mean (SD) Median (range)	62.4 (12.95) 64 (42–83)
Patients <60 yrs old	n (%)	8 (40)
Gender	Male, n (%)	8 (40)
Hemoglobin (g/dL)	Median (min–max)	13 (10–16)
Platelet (× 10 <sup>9</sup> /L)	Median (min–max)	722 (418–1255)
WBC (x10 <sup>9</sup> /L)	Median (min–max)	7.9 (4–12.3)
Spleen volume (cc)	Median (min–max)	402 (124–907)
Spleen by palpitation (n)	Not palpable	18*
TSS (MPN-SAF)	Median (min–max)	32.7 (6.9–123)
HU treatment duration	Median (min–max)	103 mo (0.7–245)
Time from diagnosis (mo)	Median (min–max)	11.4 (1.9–35.3 )

<sup>\*</sup>Two patients missing palpation assessment.

# Figure 4. Total symptom score improvement

Best percent reduction in MPN-SAF symptoms



Symptom reduction was observed across all

## Majority of patients (90%) with high-risk ET had complete or partial hematologic responses

# domains of MPN-SAF

**Confirmed Unconfirmed** 

8 (40%)

4 (20%)

**Confirmed vs Unconfirmed Response** 

Confirmed CHR/PHR: When CHR/PHR

conditions are met in two consecutive

Unconfirmed CHR/PHR: When CHR/PHR

conditions are met in one cycle but not

\*Cycles of 14 days of daily dosing and

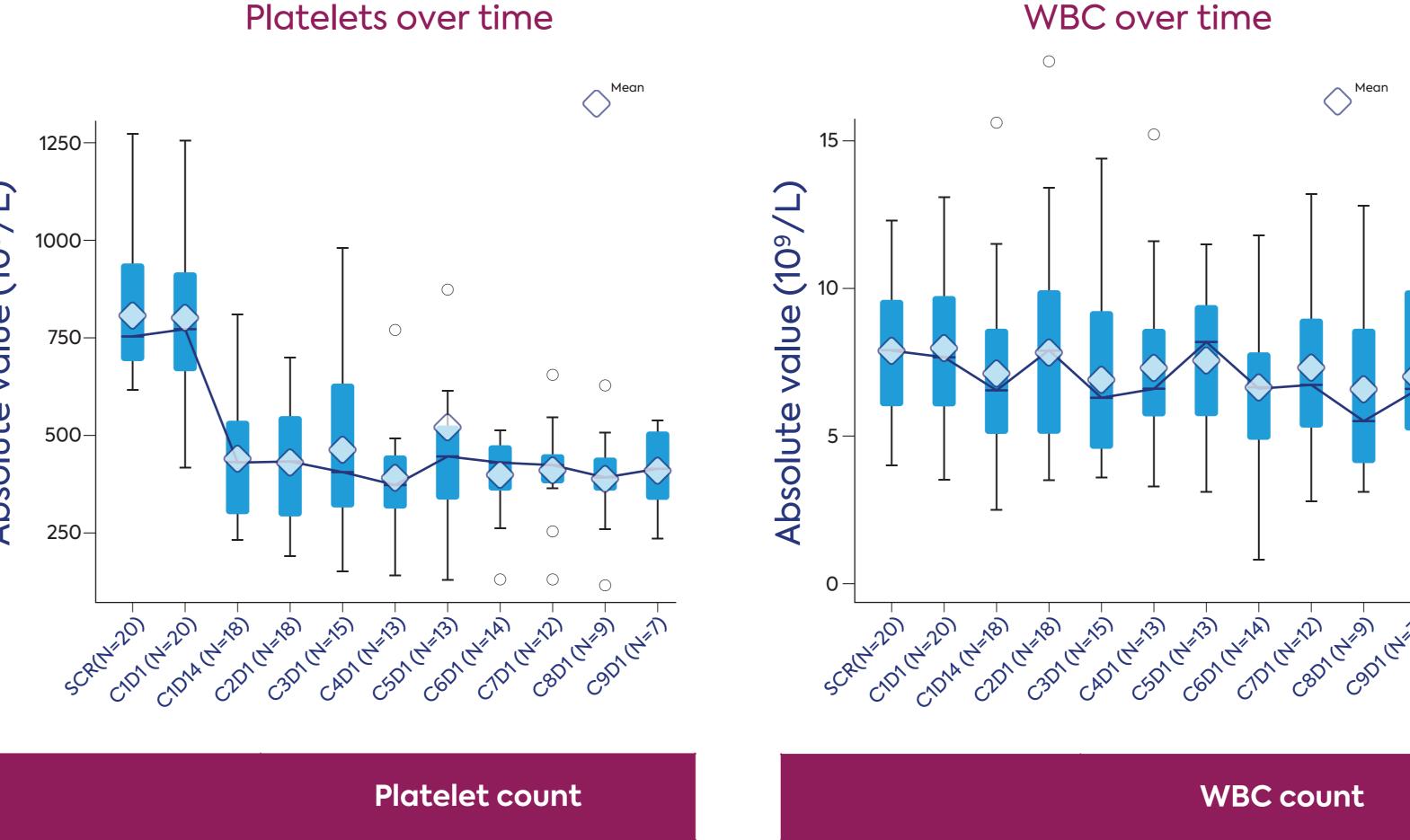
PHR

in the next one

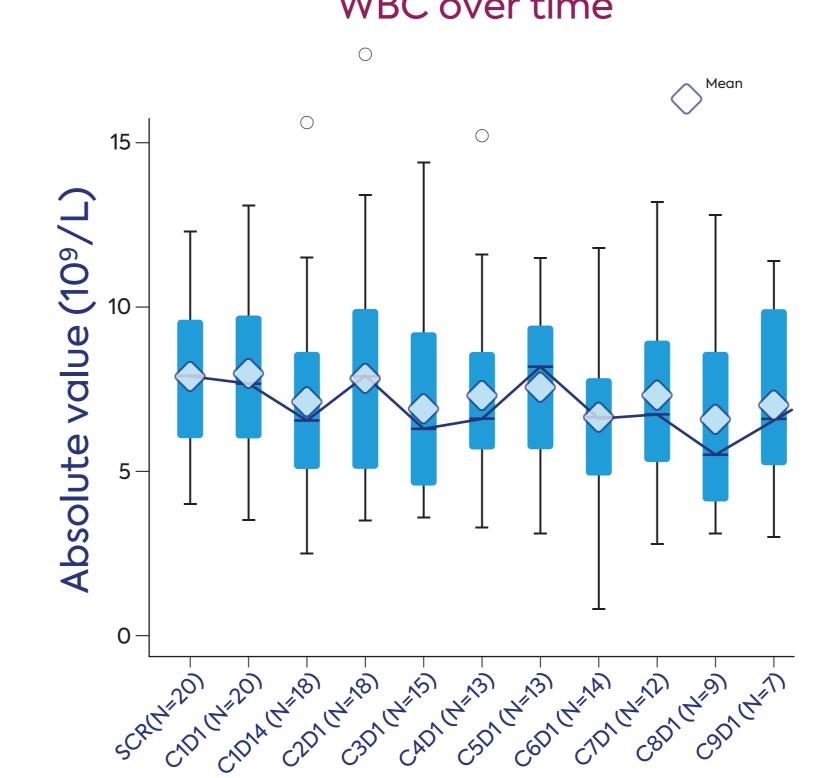
12 (60%)

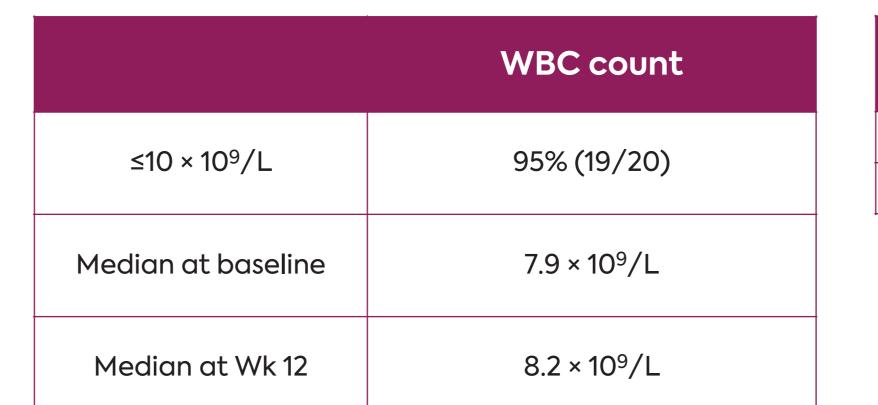
18 (90%)

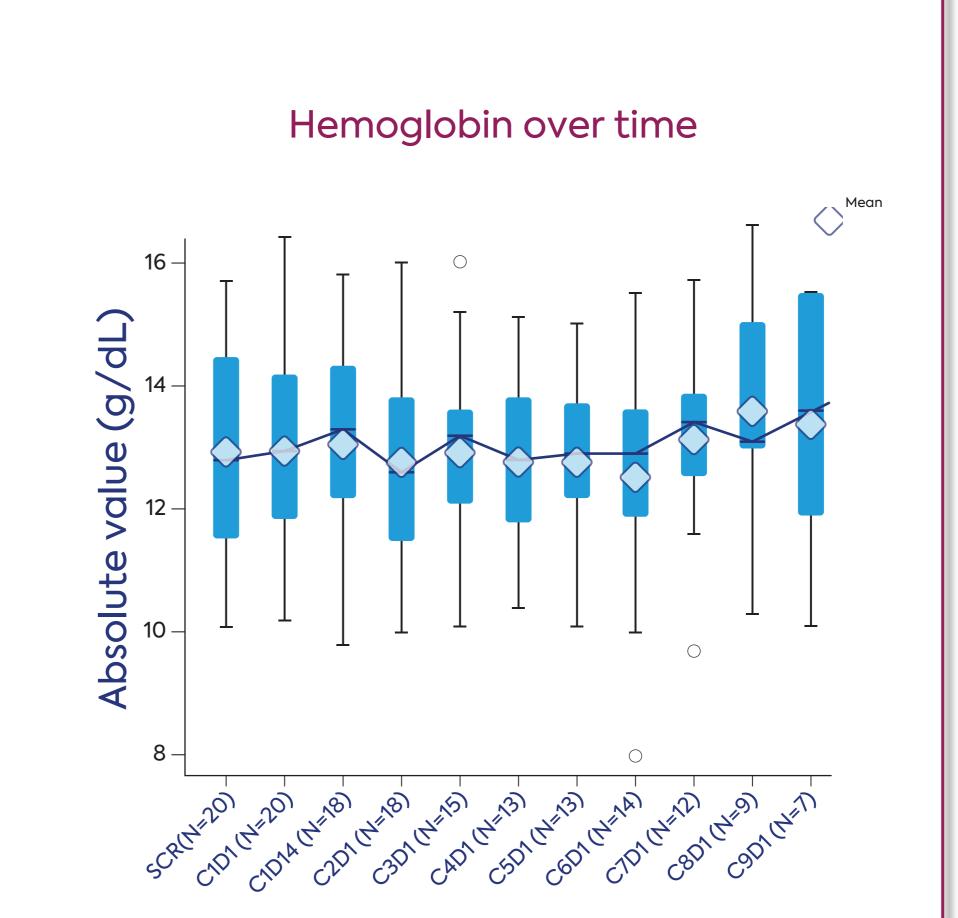
#### Figure 5. Platelet count, white blood cell count and hemoglobin



	Platelet count		
≤400 × 10 <sup>9</sup> /L	60% (12/20)		
Median at Wk 12	446 × 10 <sup>9</sup> /L		
Median % change at Wk 12	-40%		







Hemoglobin	Baseline	Week 12 (N=13)	Week 24 (N=7)
Mean (g/dL)	13.0	13.0	13.6
Median (g/dL)	13.0	13.0	13.4

> Hgb levels remained stable through Wk 24

2 (10) 2 (10)

> > Serious adverse events reported in three patients: leukocytosis, thrombocytosis and eyelid bleeding in one patient; infection in one

\*Leukopenia includes neutropenia and decreased neutrophil count; †Diarrhea

includes hemorrhagic diarrhea; <sup>‡</sup>Abdominal pain includes upper abdominal pain;

§Rash includes macular rash; ¶Respiratory tract infection includes nasopharyngitis,

> 3/20 (15%) reported TEAEs that led to pelabresib discontinuation

patient; dyspnea and pulmonary embolism in one patient

> No Grade 5 TEAEs reported

#### Table 4. Hemorrhagic and thromboembolic events

pharyngitis, rhinitis and upper respiratory tract infection.

Table 3. Treatment-Emergent Adverse Events

**Gastrointestinal Events** 

Other Nonhematologic Events

Respiratory tract infection¶

2 (10)

12 (60)

7 (35)

6 (30)

5 (25)

2 (10)

7 (35)

4 (20)

2 (10)

2 (10)

2 (10)

2 (10)

1(5)

2(10)

All Grades That Occurred in ≥10% of Patients

Diarrhea<sup>1</sup>

Constipation

Abdominal pain<sup>‡</sup>

Weight decreased

Muscle spasms

Hematologic Events Leukopenia\*

	All Grade N=20 n (%)	Grade 3 N=20 n (%)
Pulmonary embolism*	1(5)	1(5)
Deep vein thrombosis*	1 (5)	0
Acute myocardial infarction*	1 (5)	0
Diarrhea hemorrhagic	1(5)	1(5)
Eyelid bleeding	1 (5)	1(5)
Hematoma	1(5)	0
Hematuria	1(5)	0
Petechia	1 (5)	0

\*AEs reported by the same patient.

> 6 (30%) patients reported hemorrhagic and thromboembolic events

> These patients received ≥ 2 lines of prior therapies (max: 4)

> 2 patients had previous history of thrombosis or hypertension

> 3 patients achieved confirmed CHR and 3 patients achieved unconfirmed PHR

> Pulmonary embolism (Gr3), deep vein thrombosis (Gr2) and acute myocardial infarction (Gr2) were reported in a 65 yo patient with a history of portal vein thrombosis and hypertension. All events were unrelated to pelabresib and resolved. The patient restarted

> Eyelid bleeding (Gr3) occurred shortly after a chalazion removal

and continued pelabresib treatment for 6 cycles

and was unrelated to pelabresib

<sup>\*</sup>Based on BET activity in neoplasms, not specifically in MPNs.<sup>5</sup>