

Response by Prof Dr JJ Michiels

The manuscript has appeal to hematology specialists; definitive treatment recommendations for non-specialist who may be called upon to treat these patients during emergencies would be a useful addition. This is not possible simple because good data from prospective randomized clinical trials are under investigation but not yet published. The results of RCTs comparing IFN vs Hydroxyurea will be published within 2 years by Prof Gisslinger Vienna and from studies in the USA

definitive treatment recommendations for non-specialist who may be called upon to treat these patients during emergencies **should be based on results from prospective studies, which we will perform in the next 5 years.**

Corrections to be made are indicated in yellow and corrections in red

The title **Myeloproliferative and thrombotic burden and treatment outcome of thrombocythemia patients**

Should be changed into:

Myeloproliferative symptoms and thrombotic burden related to therapy outcome in thrombocythemia patients

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ETT → erythromelalgic thrombotic thrombocythemia (ETT)

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artificially → delete

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the 2007 Italian → this

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2008^[23] → 2008^[13,23,24]

on top → on top of aspirin

Since 2000 and 2006, diagnosis of the MPDs followed the ECMP criteria for ET, PV and MF^[13].

Delete this sentence

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the Italian → delete

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microvascular circulation disturbances including → delete these words

but no → change into → and major thrombosis

your loval → the local

persist → please add → persist when not on aspirin

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this → the

the → delete

Kind regards,

Prof Dr JJ Michiels