

## ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor:

Please find enclosed our edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 140420\_BPG\_8017\_Rv.doc).

**Title:** Age is an independent adverse prognostic factor for overall survival in acute myeloid leukemia in Japan

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of the reviewers. Specific changes include the following.

1. The format has been updated.
2. Revisions have been made according to the suggestions of the reviewers.

(1) Responses to Reviewer 1

- i) Since the population-based studies are restricted in Japanese patients, and prognostic factors may differ among races, there should be an additional "in Japan" in the title.

Response: Thank you for your suggestion. We revised the title of our manuscript according to your advice. (Title page, in Title)

- ii) Minor concern: the decimal point presents in the manuscript should be ".", not "•". For example, it should be "21.1%", not "21•1%".

Response: Thank you for your suggestion. We have corrected the decimal points throughout.

(2) Responses to Reviewer 2

Although the results of this study are not very surprising, the authors presented the clear data and discussed the results reasonably. They also clarified some limitations in this study in the discussion section. Overall, the manuscript is well-written, and this study will be of interest for broad readers of the *World Journal of Hematology*.

Response: Thank you for the comment. We appreciate your very concise description of our study, and have taken the liberty of adding your comments in the Peer Review section of the Conclusion. (Page 19, lines 1 to 2, in the DISCUSSION). We hope that you approve of this

usage.

(3) Responses to Reviewer 3

i) Table 1; why does total number of patients in each parameter not coincide with 197? For example, total number of patients in FAB classification is 184 whereas that in myelodysplasia and performance status is 193, and so on. Authors should explain the discrepancy.

Response: Thank you for your attention. In our study some data were missing in each Parameter. Therefore, the sum of patients in each Parameter differs between the columns. We added the explanation of this discrepancy in the description of Table 1 (From page 12 lines 13 to 15).

ii) Page 13, line 5; 22.3~29.9% should be 22.8~29.9% according to Table 1.

Response: Thank you for your attention. We corrected the discrepancy.

3. References and typesetting were corrected.

4. The corresponding author was changed to the second author, Osamu Imataki, because the previous corresponding author, Takuya Matsunaga, has retired and will not be able to keep up with the requests from the publisher or readers.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Hematology*.

Sincerely yours,



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