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Analysis of Avapritinib Clinical Trial Data Generates A Highly Accurate Predictive Model for Advanced Systemic Mastocytosis *Versus* Indolent Systemic Mastocytosis Based on Peripheral Blood Testing

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# Systemic mastocytosis (SM) is a clonal hematologic neoplasm primarily driven by the *KIT* D816V mutation<sup>1-4</sup>

Disease	ISM	Advanced SM		
		ASM	SM-AHN	MCL
Frequency	~85% present with ISM <sup>2,5,6</sup>	~15% present with AdvSM <sup>2,5,6</sup>		
Disease features	Driven by the <i>KIT</i> D816V mutation in ~95% of cases <sup>2-4</sup>			
	Debilitating symptoms across multiple organ systems, including life-threatening anaphylaxis <sup>7-9</sup>			
	Risk of progression to AdvSM <sup>10</sup>	Organ damage and reduced life expectancy <sup>1,7,11</sup>		
Therapies	Avapritinib 25 mg QD (only approved treatment) <sup>12,13</sup> Other off-label symptom-directed therapies <sup>1,14</sup>	Avapritinib 200 mg QD (approved) <sup>12,13</sup> Midostaurin (approved) <sup>15</sup> Other off-label therapies <sup>1</sup>		

## Differing prognoses and treatment approaches highlight the importance of correctly classifying SM

AdvSM, advanced SM; ASM, aggressive systemic mastocytosis; ISM, indolent SM; MCL, Mast cell leukemia; QD, once daily; SM, systemic mastocytosis; SM-AHN, SM with associated hematologic neoplasm.

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# Invasive procedures and clinicopathologic expertise in this rare disease are needed to distinguish between non-advanced and advanced categories<sup>1,2</sup>

Disease Category<sup>3</sup>

ISM

Advanced SM

Organ involvement/damage<sup>4</sup>

## ASM<sup>3</sup>

- **Cytopenia:** neutropenia, anemia, thrombocytopenia
- **Hepatopathy:** ascites and elevated liver enzymes ± hepatomegaly or cirrhotic liver ± portal hypertension
- **Spleen:** palpable splenomegaly with hypersplenism ± weight loss ± hypoalbuminemia
- **GI tract:** malabsorption with hypoalbuminemia ± weight loss
- **Bone:** osteolysis ± pathologic fractures ± bone pain

## MCL<sup>1</sup>

- >20% mast cells on bone marrow aspirate

## SM-AHN<sup>3</sup>

- Criteria met for an additional hematologic neoplasm in addition to SM, including<sup>3</sup>
  - Myeloproliferative neoplasm
  - Chronic myelomonocytic leukemia
  - Myelodysplastic syndrome

Diagnostic methods potentially used to assess organ involvement/damage include the following **invasive and potentially difficult-to-interpret tests:**

- Bone marrow biopsy
- Liver biopsy
- Colonoscopy
- Bone biopsy

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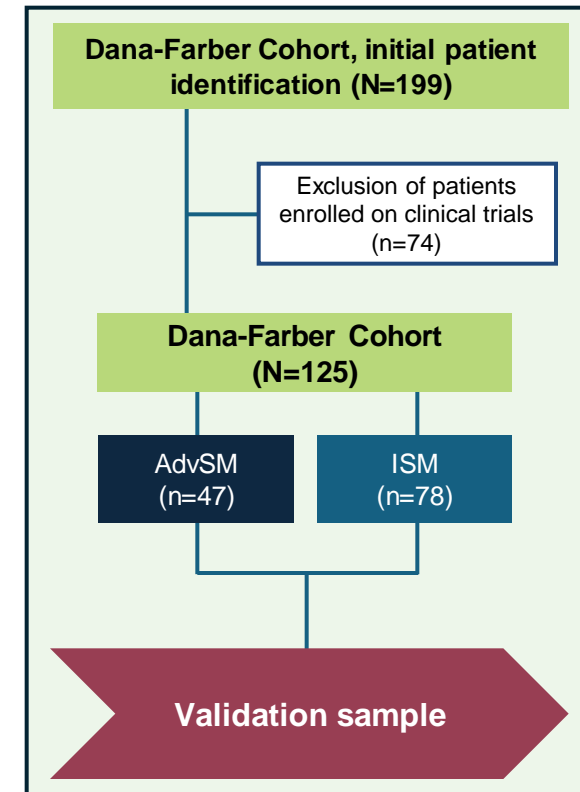
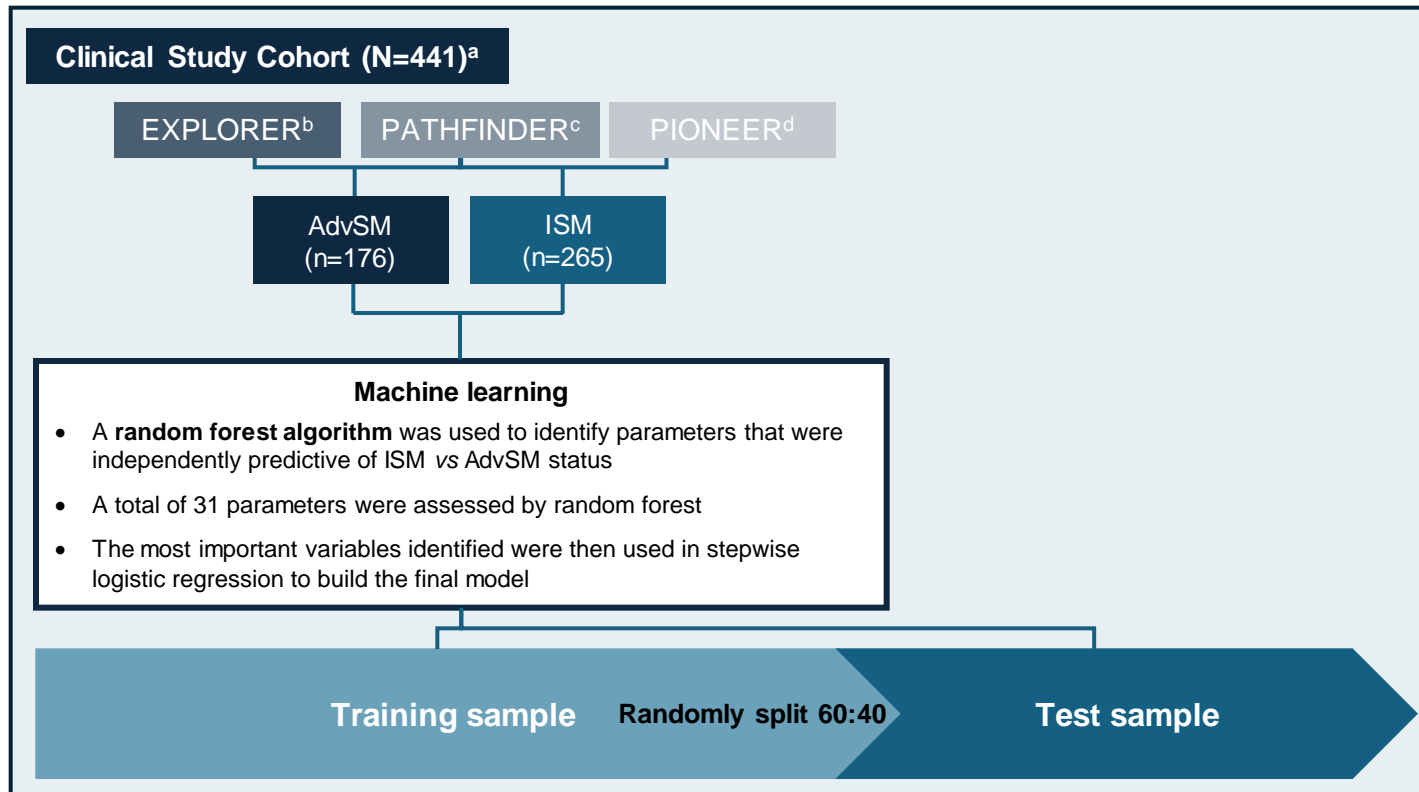
***Non-invasive, broadly applicable tools are needed to aid clinicians to help guide SM subtyping and treatment***

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# Novel predictive models to help guide care, minimize procedural diagnostic interventions and assist with timely classification of SM

- Predictive models were developed using baseline parameters from adult patients enrolled in three clinical studies of avapritinib<sup>1-3</sup>



<sup>a</sup>In total, 441/444 patients were used in model development including 265 patients with ISM, 29 patients with ASM, 119 patients with SM-AHN, and 28 patients with MCL. <sup>b</sup>In EXPLORER (N=83; NCT02561988), 69 patients had AdvSM, 14 patients had ISM, 2 patients had SSM, and 1 patient did not have SM. Patients who had SSM and patients who did not have SM (n=3) were not included in the analyses. <sup>c</sup>PATHFINDER (N=107; NCT03580655). <sup>d</sup>PIONEER (N=251; NCT03731260). DFCI, Dana Farber Cancer Institute.

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# Approach to generating a mathematical model

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AST	Race
Basophil count (absolute)	Sex
Bilirubin, total	Palpable spleen (Y/N)
BMI	Tryptase
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**Removed variables with too many missing values**  
 BMI had 19 missing values  
 LDH had 86 missing values

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**Remove “subjective” variables of palpable spleen and bone marrow biopsy mast cell percentage**

### Reasoning:

- High inter-observer variability
- High test-retest variability (bone marrow biopsy)
- Requires a set of skills that community clinicians may not have (allergists – spleen palpation, pathologists – mast cell quantitation)

### Benefits:

- Enhances generalizability of eventual model (e.g., can be employed even in resource-limited settings)

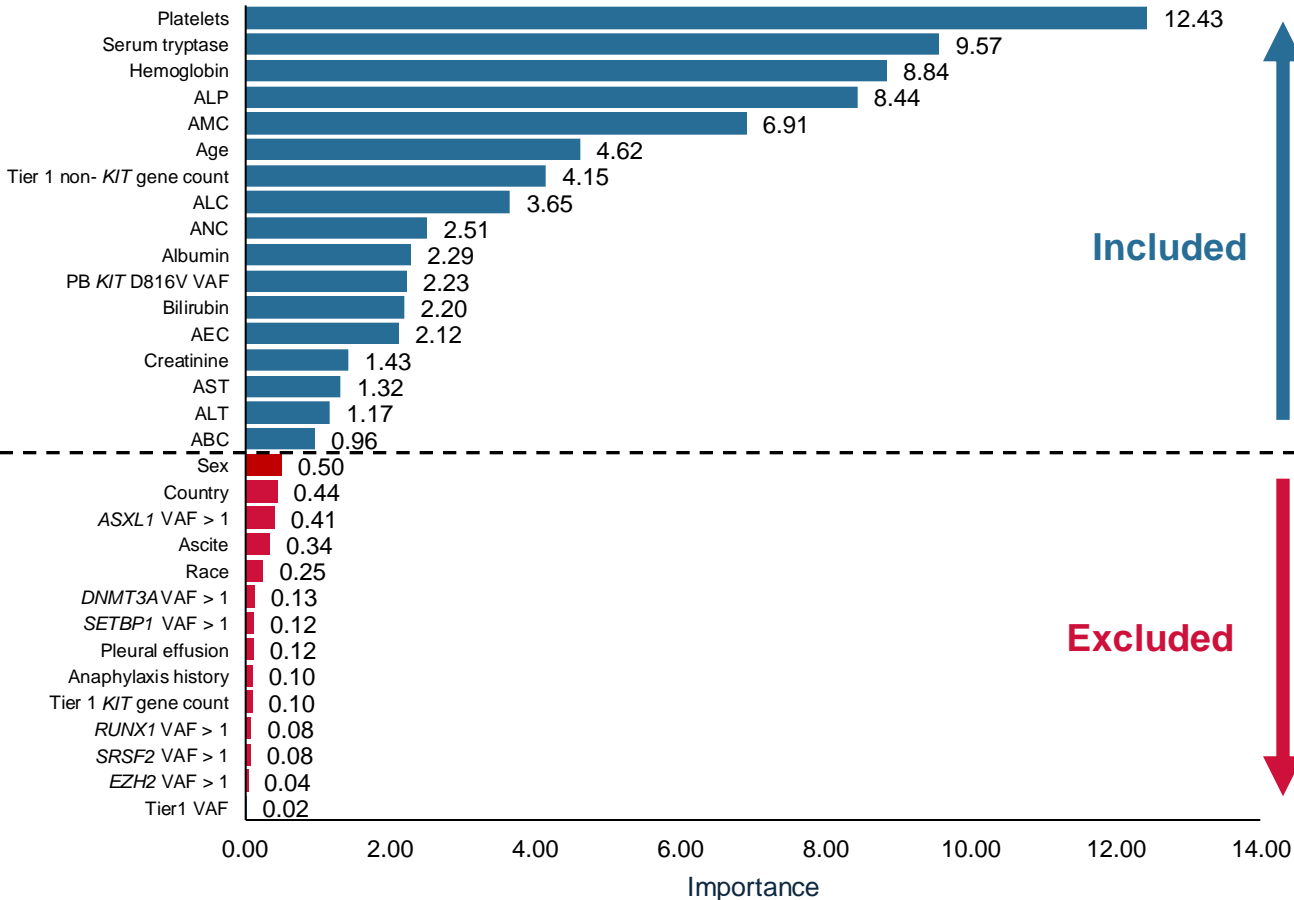
### Drawbacks:

- Removes two presumably very powerful predictors, potentially decreasing performance of the model



# 17 variables were independently predictive of AdvSM versus ISM classification

Random forest according to variable importance



35 variables were assessed in the

Clinical Study Cohort (N=441)

Parameters with low inter-rater reliability (**splenomegaly** and **BM MC percentage**) or high frequency of missing baseline parameters (**BMI** and **LDH**) were **removed**

17/35 variables were independently predictive of **ISM versus AdvSM** classification

Independently predictive variables were used in stepwise logistic regression to develop the final models in the Training sample (n=265)

ABC, absolute basophil count; AEC, absolute eosinophil count; ALC, absolute lymphocyte count; ALP, alkaline phosphatase; AMC, absolute monocyte count; ANC, absolute neutrophil count; BM MC, bone marrow mast cell; PB, peripheral blood.



# Model 1 was highly predictive of AdvSM versus ISM

## Training

Training sample (n=265)

- Model 1 included age, platelets, absolute monocyte count, hemoglobin, alkaline phosphatase, tryptase, and total bilirubin

$$P(\text{AdvSM}) = f(\text{platelets}) + f(\text{tryptase}) + f(\text{hemoglobin}) + f(\text{alkaline phosphatase}) + f(\text{absolute monocytes}) + f(\text{age}) + f(\text{total bilirubin})$$

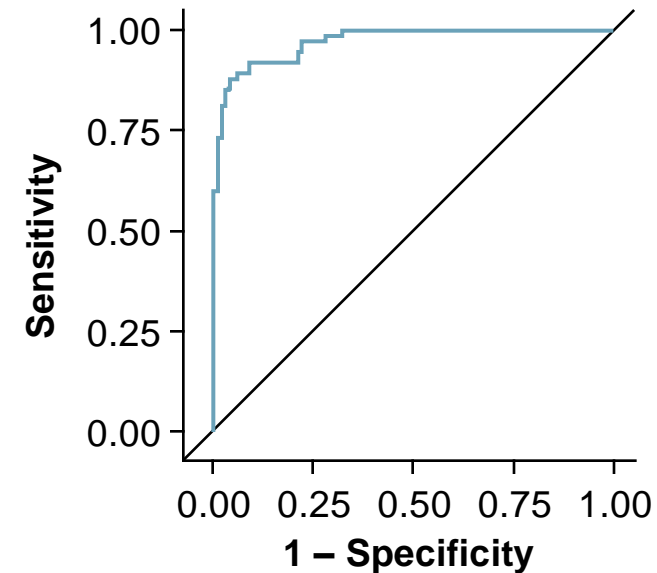
**ISM if  $0 \leq P < 0.5$**   
**AdvSM if  $0.5 \leq P \leq 1^a$**

## Test

Test sample (n=176)

- Model 1 predicted AdvSM versus ISM with an **area under the curve (AUC) of 0.97** in the independent test data

ROC curve



**Model 1 uses age and a combination of objectively and easily measured parameters in the peripheral blood to distinguish between AdvSM and ISM with a high degree of accuracy**

<sup>a</sup>Thresholds for classifying ISM or AdvSM are currently preliminary and will be further refined.  
ROC, receiver operating characteristic.

## Model 2 still highly predictive with fewer variables and C-findings removed

### Training

Training sample (n=265)

- Model 2 included age, alkaline phosphatase, tryptase, total bilirubin, albumin, absolute monocyte count, absolute lymphocyte count

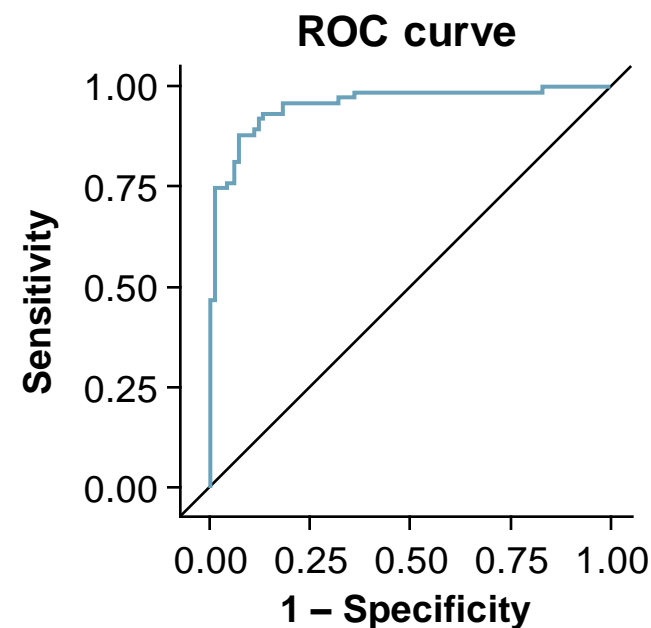
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### Test

Test sample (n=176)

- Model 2 predicted AdvSM versus ISM with an **AUC of 0.96** in the independent test data



As C-findings are already used for AdvSM diagnosis, parameters such as pleural effusion, ascites, hemoglobin, ANC, and platelets were removed. Model 2 exhibited a high degree of accuracy, despite using fewer parameters than Model<sup>1</sup>

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ROC, receiver operating characteristic.

## Clinical study cohort: Most patients with ISM misclassified as AdvSM had high disease burden

- Patients misclassified as having AdvSM *versus* ISM (per expert-adjudicated classification<sup>a</sup>) generally had high disease burden – mathematical modelling may provide objective prediction to aid expert classification

Patient characteristic	Model 1 (n=31)		Model 2 (n=33)	
	ISM Misclassified as AdvSM (n=14)	AdvSM Misclassified as ISM (n=17)	ISM Misclassified as AdvSM (n=12)	AdvSM Misclassified as ISM (n=21)
Age (years), median (range)	64 (52–72)	59 (38–77)	64 (51–72)	59 (31–81)
Female, n (%)	11 (79)	9 (53)	7 (58)	12 (57)
<b>Disease burden measures</b>				
Median serum tryptase (central), ng/mL (range)	194.0 (46.0–501.6)	129.0 (19.9–524.0)	187.0 (21.8–501.6)	70.5 (12.4–334.0)
Median <i>KIT</i> D816V VAF in peripheral blood, % (range) <sup>b</sup>	10.83 (undetectable–41.70)	1.44 (undetectable–42.98)	7.70 (undetectable–41.70)	0.79 (undetectable–40.20)
Median bone marrow mast cells, % (range)	23 (7–70)	18 (1–80)	25 (5–70)	20 (5–90)
Median haemoglobin g/L (range)	120 (104–134)	129 (116–167)	125 (113–161)	123 (86–144)
Median platelet count 1x10 <sup>3</sup> platelets/μL (range)	233 (101–341)	178 (60–602)	259 (101–341)	153 (60–602)

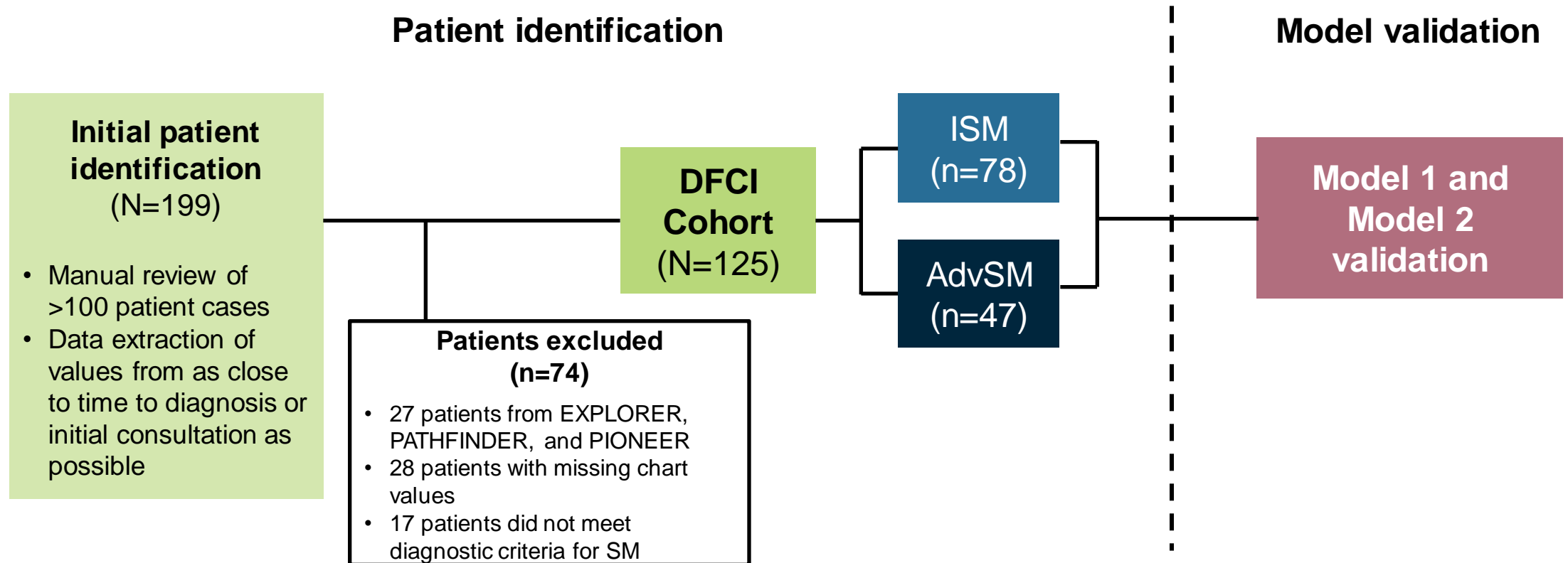
<sup>a</sup>Per WHO 2016 guidelines, in effect when patients were enrolled on studies.<sup>1</sup> <sup>b</sup>A *KIT* D816V VAF in peripheral blood of less than the limit of detection, 0.022%, is considered undetectable.

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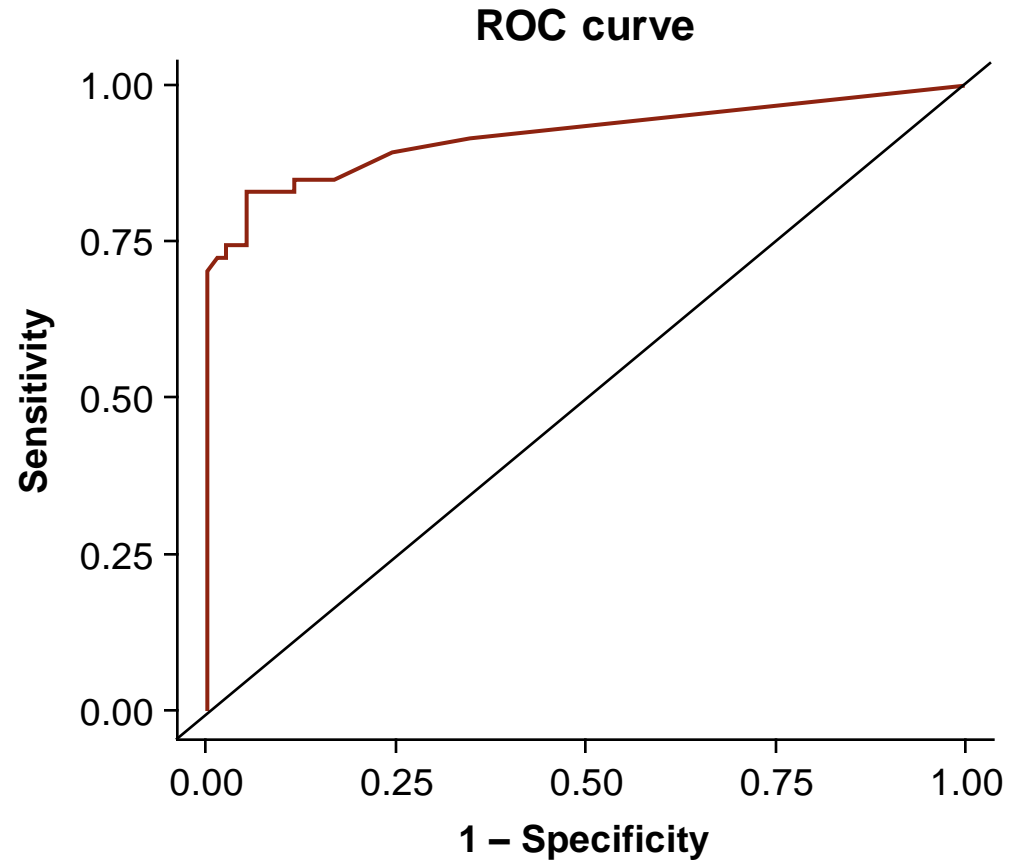
# Model validation: Dana-Farber Cancer Institute (DFCI) cohort overview

## Identification of the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute (DFCI) cohort

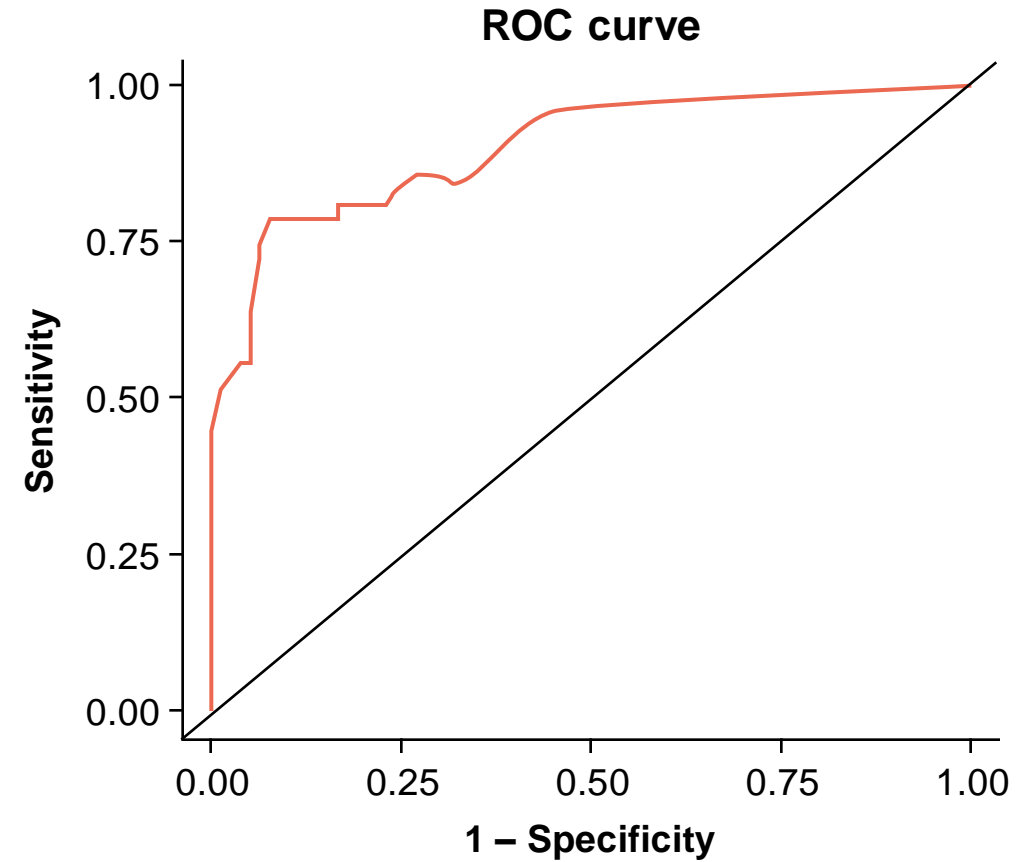


# Model validation: DFCI cohort

Model 1: AUC 0.92



Model 2: AUC 0.90



ROC, receiver operating characteristic



## Model validation: Most patients with ISM misclassified as AdvSM in the independent DFCl cohort had high disease burden

Patient characteristic	Model 1 (n=14)		Model 2 (n= 17)	
	ISM Misclassified as AdvSM (n=6)	AdvSM Misclassified as ISM (n=8)	ISM Misclassified as AdvSM (n=7)	AdvSM Misclassified as ISM (n=10)
Age (years), median (range)	63.0 (47–83)	64.1 (47–77)	66.5 (47–83)	63.1 (47–77)
Female, n (%)	5 (83)	6 (75)	5 (71)	8 (80)
<b>Disease burden measures</b>				
Median serum tryptase (central), ng/mL (range)	159.5 (33.2–341)	63.6 (21.5–377)	110 (64–341)	44 (20–149)
Median <i>KIT</i> D816V VAF in peripheral blood, % (range) <sup>a</sup>	7.8 (0–41.8)	0.8 (0–39.9)	13.9 (0–47)	0.8 (0–39.9)
Median bone marrow mast cells, % (range)	15 (4–30)	10 (5–30)	5 (1–30)	15 (5–40)
Median hemoglobin g/L (range)	121 (104–136)	136 (116–181)	135 (111–161)	117 (77–181)
Median platelet count 1x10 <sup>3</sup> platelets/ $\mu$ L (range)	182 (126–333)	482 (179–804)	186 (126–234)	261 (47–804)

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## Conclusions

- Pathologic diagnosis of SM is only the first step. Following this, it is important to categorize SM subtype to determine prognosis and treatment
- Using B-findings and C-findings to categorize SM subtypes is cumbersome and complicated
- Two predictive mathematical models used age and peripheral blood laboratory parameters (N=265) to distinguish between ISM and AdvSM with a high degree of accuracy
  - Model 1 correctly classified **93.0% of patients in the Clinical Study Cohort** and **88.8% in the independent validation cohort** (DFCI)
  - Model 2 correctly classified **92.5% of patients in the Clinical Study Cohort** and **86.4% in the independent validation cohort** (DFCI)
- Both models remained highly accurate when tested on an independent validation cohort of patients
  - However, the current threshold used (0.5) may not be fully optimized. Further enhancements could increase the success rate even further





## Conclusions (cont.)

- Most patients with clinically diagnosed ISM who were misclassified as AdvSM had high-risk disease characteristics
  - Over half of these patients possessed ***KIT D816V VAFs >6%*** and **tryptase >100 ng/mL**
  - The number of patients with ISM misclassified as AdvSM by our model suggest that the ‘high-risk’ ISM population may be larger than previously thought
- These models are broadly applicable irrespective of clinical practice setting or provider expertise and can assist clinicians in accurately determining a patient’s SM diagnosis, thus ensuring that patients receive the appropriate treatment and follow up
  - A web-based tool will be made available to allow broad access to these models

## SM Variant Type Probability Calculator

**DISCLAIMER:** This tool is intended to aid healthcare providers in the differentiation between indolent systemic mastocytosis (SM) and advanced SM. This tool is for informational purposes only and should not be used without confirming the patient's diagnosis based on the World Health Organization (WHO) 2024 diagnostic criteria (5th ed.) [1](#), [2](#) or as a substitute for clinical judgement.

### Instructions:

- **Required Fields:** Please enter values for Tryptase, Alkaline Phosphatase (U/L), Absolute Monocyte Count ( $\times 10^9$  cells/L or cells/ $\mu$ L), Age (years), Absolute Lymphocyte Count ( $\times 10^9$  cells/L or cells/ $\mu$ L), Albumin (g/L or g/dL), and Total Bilirubin ( $\mu$ mol/L or mg/dL).
- **Optional Fields:** If you have Platelets ( $10^9$ /L) and Hemoglobin (g/L or g/dL), enter them to use Formula 1. If not, Formula 2 will be used.

### Enter values here:

Tryptase:  ng/mL

Alkaline Phosphatase (U/L):

Absolute Monocyte Count:   $\times 10^9$  cells/L

Age (years):

Absolute Lymphocyte Count:   $\times 10^9$  cells/L

Albumin:  g/L

Total Bilirubin:   $\mu$ mol/L

Platelets ( $10^9$ /L):

Hemoglobin:  g/L



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