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43 **Keywords** secondary acute myeloid leukemia, chromosomal aberrations, karyotype, survival,  
44 lactate dehydrogenase

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## 46 Introduction

47 Secondary acute myeloid leukemia (S-AML) refers to AML developing either after a prior  
48 hematologic disorder, usually myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS), myeloproliferative neoplasms  
49 (MPN), or MDS/MPN.<sup>1,2</sup> Compared with newly diagnosed primary AML (P-AML), S-AML has  
50 a poorer prognosis, lower remission rates, and shorter OS.<sup>3,4</sup> S-AML is usually common in  
51 elderly patients, which may be related to the high incidence of MDS and other malignant tumors  
52 in the elderly population. Although intensive chemotherapy regimens are adopted, S-AML  
53 patients prognosis is still poor, especially in elderly patients.<sup>5</sup>

54 Recent advances in cytogenetic analysis have revealed that many chromosomal aberrations  
55 are associated with the onset and recurrence of AML.<sup>6</sup> The recognition and understanding of  
56 chromosomal aberrations for the diagnosis and treatment of AML patients is of great  
57 significance.<sup>7</sup> Chromosomal aberrations are likely to be associated with disease progression in S-  
58 AML.<sup>8</sup>

59 **Some major clinical** features are poor prognostic factors for AML. For instance, high WBC  
60 and/or LDH levels were identified as significant predictive features for OS.<sup>9,10</sup> Here, we analyzed  
61 the clinical and cytogenetic characteristics of 26 S-AML patients to explore the possible  
62 pathogenesis of S-AML patients further.

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## 64 **Materials & Methods**

### 65 **Patients**

66 A total of 26 S-AML patients diagnosed or treated in the Second Affiliated Hospital of Anhui  
67 Medical University from January 2009 to January 2020 were collected. All the newly diagnosed  
68 S-AML patients met the 2008 or 2016 WHO criteria.<sup>11,12</sup> Clinical characteristics of all the  
69 patients were obtained from medical records. The study was performed in accordance with the  
70 principles expressed in the Declaration of Helsinki. The Institutional Review Board of the  
71 Second Affiliated Hospital of Anhui Medical University approved this study, and the approval  
72 number was PJ-YX2019-008 (F2).

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### 74 **Karyotype analysis**

75 Of the 26 S-AML patients, 25 had a cytogenetic analysis performed at the time of progression to  
76 AML (i.e., at S-AML diagnosis). All cytogenetic analyses were carried out in a **standardized**  
77 **fashion** at the Chromosome Laboratory, Department of Hematology. Bone marrow specimens  
78 were prepared by the short-term culture method and the G-banding method. Twenty (20)  
79 metaphase spreads were examined per patient, if available. The International System for Human  
80 Cytogenetic Nomenclature (ISCN) was used for karyotyping.<sup>13</sup> The S-AML patients were then  
81 divided into two groups: normal karyotype (NK) (chromosome number and structure were  
82 normal) and abnormal karyotype (number or structure abnormalities). According to the number  
83 of chromosomes, the abnormal karyotype group was further subdivided into diploid (46  
84 chromosomes), subdiploid (<46 chromosomes), and hyperdiploid (>46 chromosomes).

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### 86 **Laboratory examination**

87 The differences of some laboratory examination between the normal karyotype and abnormal  
88 karyotype were compared. Laboratory examination were obtained from medical records,  
89 including red blood cell (RBC) counts, white blood cell (WBC) counts, platelet counts (PLT),

90 lymphocyte counts (LYM), mononuclear cell counts (MO), neutrophil counts (NEUT),  
91 hemoglobin (Hb), hypersensitive c-reactive protein (Hs-CRP) and lactate dehydrogenase (LDH),  
92 using the fully automated hematology analyzer Sysmex XE-2100 (Sysmex Corporation, Japan)  
93 and the fully automated biochemical analyzer AU5831 (Beckman Coulter, America).

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### 95 **Follow up**

96 Patients were followed till death, loss to follow-up, or the end of the study follow-up period on  
97 July 20, 2020. OS was calculated from the time of S-AML diagnosis to the date of death or last  
98 follow-up. Medical record retrieval and telephone follow-up were performed during the study  
99 period.

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### 101 **Statistical analysis**

102 The student's t-test was used to test the differences between the two groups for quantitative and  
103 normally distributed variables; the Mann-Whitney U test was used for non-parametric variables.  
104 Kaplan-Meier survival curves were used to estimate OS. Statistical analyses were performed  
105 with the IBM SPSS 25.0. Results were considered significant at  $p < 0.05$ .

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## 107 **Results**

### 108 **Patient characteristics**

109 26 S-AML patients were enrolled in the study, and the median age was 63 years old (range, 20-  
110 77 years old). Of these, half of the patients were men. 57.7% of S-AML patients were secondary  
111 to MDS (one of them was secondary to MDS, but coexisted with chronic lymphocytic anemia  
112 (CLL)), the rest of the patients were secondary to myelodysplastic-myeloproliferative neoplasms  
113 (MDS/MPN), chronic myeloid leukemia (CML), chronic myelomonocytic leukemia (CMML),  
114 primary myelofibrosis (PMF), gastric diffuse large B cell lymphoma and rectal cancer. The basic  
115 characteristics of 26 S-AML patients was shown in Table1. Other clinical features were also  
116 collected, such as treatment, which is an important determinant of OS, as well as factors that are  
117 closely related to patient prognosis.

118 It is of great significance to choose the appropriate chemotherapy regimen to manage  
119 patients with AML effectively. In clinical practice, an individualized treatment regimen is often  
120 tailored to the patient's tolerance and other specific conditions. In our study, many patients were



121 treated with decitabine in combination with other regimens. Decitabine is a demethylation agent  
122 that is effective and safe in older patients with AML; its combination with other regimens (e.g.,  
123 CAG (Ara-C, Aclarubicin, and G-CSF ), retinoic acid) results in a higher OS rate than decitabine  
124 alone.<sup>14</sup> However, other optional regimens such as azacytidine, IA/IAG regimen, and intrathecal  
125 injection have also been used to treat patients, depending on the patient's condition. The detailed  
126 therapeutic regimen of 26 S-AML patients is shown in Table 2.

### 127 **Karyotype test results**

128 More than half of the S-AML patients had chromosomal aberrations (16/26), the majority (10/16)  
129 had detectable aberrations **on chromosome 5 or 7**. Chromosomal aberrations showed numerical  
130 and structural abnormalities in most chromosomes. Hypodiploidy and hyperdiploidy are two  
131 common genetic abnormalities of AML. In our study, hypodiploid karyotype was found in 5  
132 patients and hyperdiploid karyotype in 7 patients. The observed abnormalities included: addition  
133 (add), insertion (ins), deletion (del), marker chromosome (mar), incomplete karyotype (inc),  
134 derived chromosome (der), inversion (inv), isochromosome (i), ring chromosome (r), etc.  
135 Karyotypes from the 26 patients with clonal aberrations were listed in Table 3.

### 136 **Karyotypes and laboratory examination**

137 The S-AML patients were divided into two groups; normal and abnormal karyotypes. The Mann-  
138 Whitney U test was used to compare the two groups. The results showed that LDH level was  
139 statistically higher in patients with S-AML with chromosomal aberrations ( $P < 0.05$ ). The scatter  
140 diagram for the LDH levels between the 2 groups is shown in (Fig. 1). RBC, WBC, PLT, and  
141 other laboratory examination results showed no significant difference between the normal and  
142 abnormal karyotype groups (Table 4).

### 143 **Overall survival (OS)**

144 The normal karyotype group's median OS was 212 days, while patients with abnormal  
145 karyotypes were 162 days. The outcome of S-AML patients with normal karyotype was: 2 died,  
146 3 survived, and 5 lost to follow-up. The abnormal karyotype group's outcome was: 12 died, 1  
147 survived, and 3 lost to follow-up. What is more, all five patients with hypodiploid karyotype died,  
148 with a median survival time of 62 days. Of the 7 patients with hyperdiploid karyotype, 5 died, 1  
149 still alive, and 1 lost to follow-up, with a median survival time of 211 days. The Kaplan-Meier  
150 survival curve results showed that the OS of S-AML patients with abnormal karyotypes was  
151 shorter than those with normal karyotypes ( $P = 0.038$ ) (Fig. 2). Also, compared with normal

152 karyotypes, the OS of hyperdiploid was shorter, while the OS of hypodiploidy was much shorter  
153 (P=0.038) (Fig. 3).

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## 155 **Discussion**

156 S-AML is a heterogeneous disease; its incidence increases with age, but therapy remains a  
157 challenge.<sup>15</sup> Myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS) is characterized by cytopenia,  
158 osteomyelodysplasia, hematopoietic dysfunction, and a high risk of transition to AML.<sup>16</sup> More  
159 than half of the S-AML patients reported in this study transformed from MDS to AML.  
160 Compared with primary AML patients (P-AML), S-AML patients have a worse clinical  
161 prognosis regarding complete remission rate (CR), recurrence-free survival rate, and OS rate.<sup>17</sup>  
162 Many factors can cause the poor curative effect, poor prognosis, and short survival time of S-  
163 AML patients. Our previous study showed that abnormally increased peripheral blood regulatory  
164 T cells (Treg) might cause an imbalance in the immune status of S-AML patients, which might  
165 be relevant to the poor chemotherapy response and short survival time of S-AML patients.<sup>18</sup>  
166 There is growing evidence that chromosomal aberrations represent a common genomic  
167 imbalance of cancer and are associated with cancer prognosis and response to chemotherapy and  
168 immunotherapy.<sup>19</sup> It has been reported that there are tumor suppressor genes on chromosome 6q,  
169 7p, 10p, 11q, 14q, and 20q, which is essential for the transformation from MDS to AML.<sup>20</sup>  
170 Chromosomal aberrations are common in hematological malignancies. Larson et al <sup>21</sup> have  
171 shown that the characteristics of cytogenetic abnormalities in S-AML are similar to those in P-  
172 AML. However, compared with P-AML, S-AML patients' prognosis is worse; S-AML patients  
173 also have a higher frequency of adverse and moderate risk chromosomal aberrations.

174 Chromosomal aberrations are associated with progression to S-AML and deserved further  
175 study. The purpose of this study was to analyze the chromosomal aberrations of S-AML patients  
176 and further explore the factors connected with the survival and prognosis of S-AML in  
177 combination with relevant laboratory examinations. Our results indicated that most S-AML  
178 patients had abnormal karyotypes, including autosomal and sex chromosome aberrations.  
179 Abnormal changes in autosomal karyotypes were more common in S-AML patients and were  
180 closely related to survival and prognosis. Studies have demonstrated an increased incidence of  
181 abnormalities on chromosomes 5 and 7 in patients with S-AML.<sup>22,23</sup> In our study, 62.5% (10/16)  
182 abnormal karyotypes had aberrations on chromosomes 5 and 7. Admittedly, our sample size and

183 the data were limited; we could not get much information based on the results of the 26 S-AML  
184 patients. Abnormal changes of sex chromosomes have been rarely reported in myeloid  
185 malignancies.<sup>24</sup> We found an extra sex chromosome (X chromosome) in an elderly woman (65  
186 years old) with FAB-M4 who transformed from MDS; the abnormal karyotypes were:  
187 48,XXX,del(20)(q13),+X,+marker.[8]/48,XX,del(20)(q13),+14,+marker.[3]. The patient was  
188 alive at the end of the study follow-up period. Recently, a report associated the X chromosome  
189 loss with a better prognosis in female AML patients with t (8;21).<sup>25</sup> We also detected Y  
190 chromosome deletion in an elderly male (61 years old) patient who progressed from MDS; the  
191 abnormal karyotype was: 43,X,t(5;19)(q21;q13),7q+,-7,-12,-20,-Y,+marker.[7]/44,XY,5q-,7q+,-  
192 12,-18,-20,+marker1,+marker2.[13]. Unfortunately, the patient was lost to follow-up, and we do  
193 not know whether the patient is alive or not. Some studies have suggested that Y chromosome  
194 loss is an age-related phenomenon with no prognostic significance.<sup>26</sup> Another study also  
195 indicated that Y chromosome loss increases with age, but it reduces the risk of transformation  
196 from MDS to leukemia.<sup>27</sup> In contrast, the loss of Y chromosome was associated with a high  
197 recurrence/relapse rate in AML male patients with t (8;21).<sup>25</sup> The relationship between sex  
198 chromosome aberrations and survival in S-AML patients needs to be further explored on larger  
199 cohorts.

200 LDH not only plays a vital role in the early diagnosis and prognosis of many solid tumors  
201 but also plays a crucial role in evaluating the severity of leukemia patients.<sup>28,29</sup> LDH positively  
202 correlated with tumor burden and is an independent prognostic factor for early death in  
203 hyperleukocytic AML.<sup>30</sup> Our results showed a significantly increased LDH level in the abnormal  
204 karyotype group than the normal group. It suggests that the higher the LDH level in S-AML  
205 patients, the greater the tumor burden, the greater the possibility of karyotype abnormality, and  
206 the worse the OS rate. LDH is a valuable enzyme among many biochemical parameters and can  
207 be easily detected routinely in many clinical laboratories. In brief, abnormalities of LDH and  
208 karyotypes are closely related to the severity, survival, and prognosis of S-AML patients that can  
209 be a very valuable indicator for further risk stratification of S-AML in the future. Most AML  
210 patients with chromosome number abnormalities may manifest with an increase of 1-2  
211 chromosomes (47-48 chromosomes), known as low hyperdiploid, or rare high hyperdiploidy (49-  
212 65 chromosomes), both of which are associated with poor outcome in AML.<sup>31-33</sup> Holmfeldt et  
213 al<sup>34</sup> reported no difference in 5-year OS and EFS (event-free survival) between AML patients

214 with non-hyperdiploid and hyperdiploid karyotypes (48-65 chromosomes). Hypodiploidy (<46  
215 chromosomes) has been reported mostly in acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL) but rarely in  
216 AML.<sup>35-37</sup> However, there is a current lack of further research on the prognosis and survival in S-  
217 AML patients with hyperdiploidy or hypodiploidy. In addition to other factors affecting OS, such  
218 as various treatment regimens, our research found that karyotypes were closely related to S-AML  
219 patients' survival; patients with abnormal karyotypes demonstrated inferior OS compared with  
220 those with normal karyotype. What is more, S-AML patients with hypodiploidy showed worse  
221 outcomes than those with hyperdiploidy.

222 There are some limitations to our study. Firstly, the abnormality of sex chromosomes may  
223 relate to the survival and prognosis of S-AML, but no definite conclusion could be drawn  
224 because of the small number of sex chromosome aberrations in our study. Apart from this, the  
225 accurate information of all patients could not be obtained through telephone follow-up in this  
226 study, which may interfere with the experimental results. Additionally, this study is a single-  
227 center retrospective study; the number of included cases was relatively small, so further study  
228 expanding the sample size is needed to validate our results. Moreover, with the heterogeneity of  
229 the individualized treatment among AML patients, the treatment regimens could constitute an  
230 important source of limitation, which may have influenced the results.

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## 232 **Conclusions**

233 In conclusion, our research highlights chromosomes and LDH contributions to the poor  
234 prognosis of S-AML patients. Also, the abnormality of sex chromosomes may be associated with  
235 the survival and prognosis of S-AML patients. Understanding the multifactorial contributions  
236 will lead to more precise risk classification and treatment strategies. More factors related to the  
237 survival and prognosis of S-AML need to be explored, which may contribute to monitoring the  
238 progression of the disease, early diagnosis, and improved treatment.

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250 manuscript and read and approved the final version.

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**252 Data availability**

253 The datasets used and/or analyzed during the current study are available from the corresponding  
254 author on reasonable request.

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**256 Compliance with ethical standards**

257 **Conflicts of interest** The authors declare no potential conflict of interest.

258 **Ethics approval and consent to participate** The study was performed in accordance with the  
259 principles expressed in the Declaration of Helsinki.

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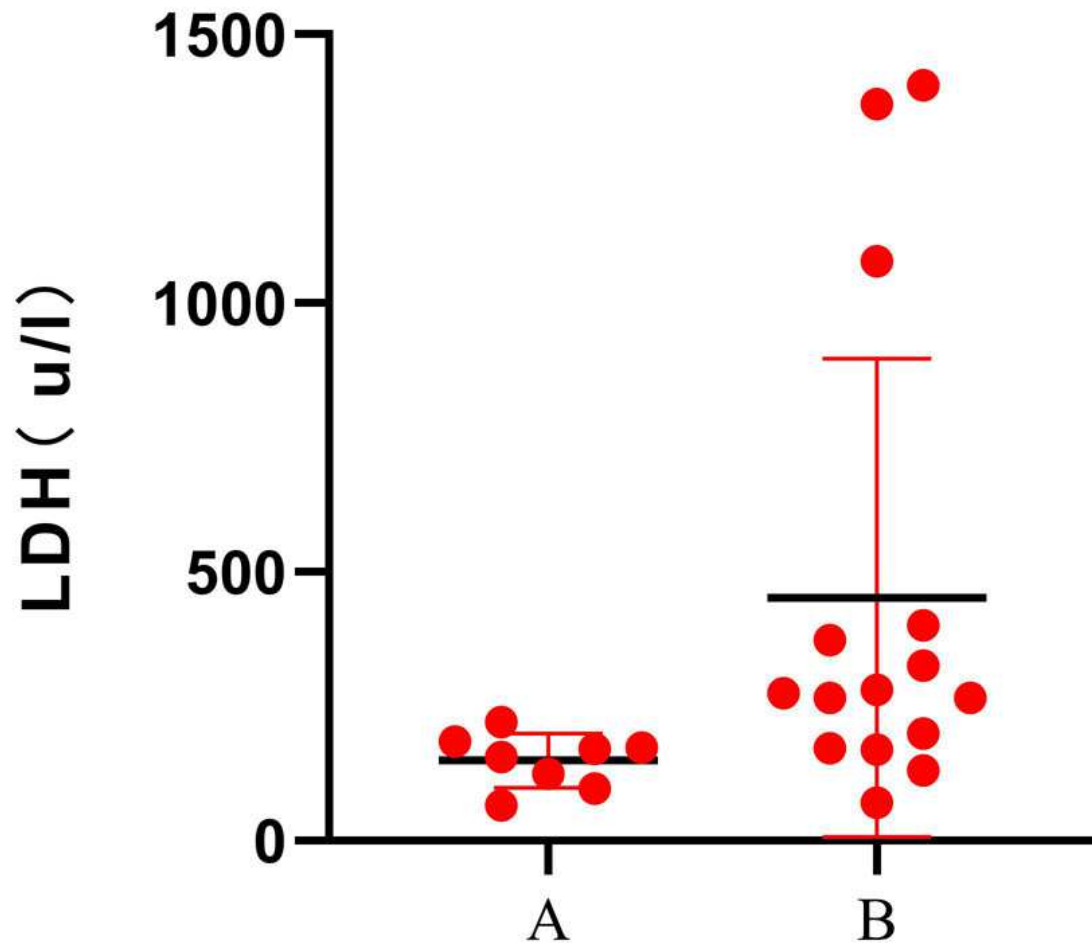
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## Figure 1

LDH level in normal and abnormal chromosome karyotypes

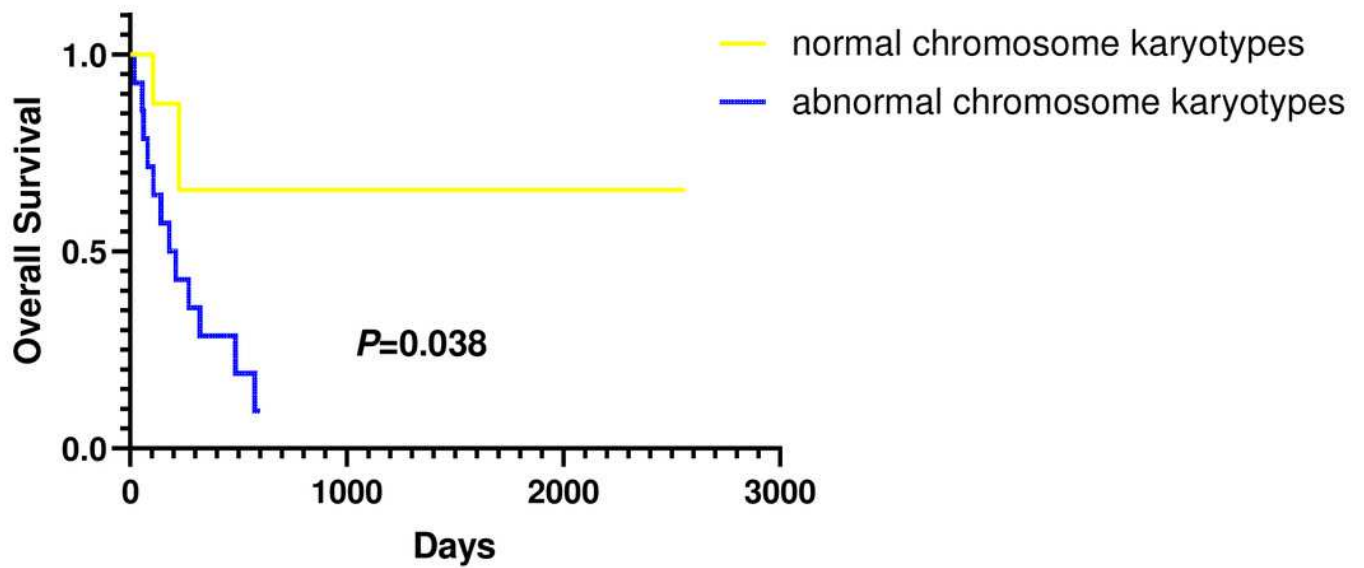


**A=Normal chromosome karyotypes(n=8)**

**B=Abnormal chromosome karyotypes(n=15)**

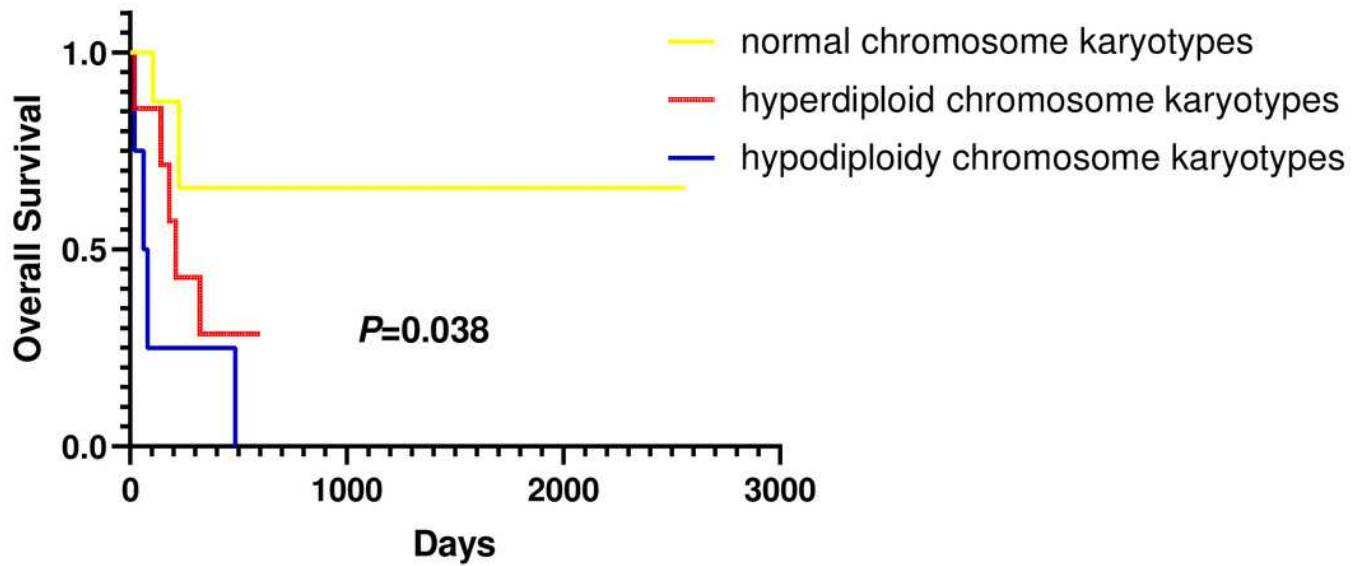
## Figure 2

OS in normal and abnormal chromosome karyotypes of S-AML patients.



## Figure 3

OS in normal, hyperdiploid and hypodiploidy chromosome karyotypes of S-AML patients.



**Table 1** (on next page)

The basic characteristics of 26 S-AML patients.

1 **Table1. The basic characteristics of 26 S-AML patients**

<b>Characteristics</b>	<b>Patients (N=26)</b>
<b>Median age (range)</b>	63 (20-77)
<b>Gender</b>	
Male	13 (50.0%)
Female	13 (50.0%)
<b>FAB subtype</b>	
M2	11 (42.3%)
M3	1 (3.8%)
M4	2 (7.7%)
M5	1 (3.8%)
M7	1 (3.8%)
unclassified	10 (38.5%)
<b>Diagnosis prior to AML</b>	
MDS	15 (57.7%)
MDS/MPN	1 (3.8%)
CML	3 (11.5%)
CMML	2 (7.7%)
PMF	2 (7.7%)
rectal cancer	2 (7.7%)
gastric diffuse large B cell lymphom	1 (3.8%)

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**Table 2** (on next page)

The detailed therapeutic regimen of 26 S-AML patients

1 **Table2. The detailed therapeutic regimen of 26 S-AML patients**

No	Gender	Age	Original diagnosis	AML	Treatment (after the time of S-AML diagnosis)	Outcome (until July 20, 2020)	OS (Days)
1	Male	72	MDS	M7	Decitabine alone	death	80
2	Female	56	MDS	M2	Decitabine+CAG(Ara-C, Aclarubicin, and G-CSF ), HAAG(Homoharringtonine, Ara-C, Aclarubicin, and G-CSF)	death	211
3	Male	76	MDS	M2	Decitabine+CAG(Ara-C, Aclarubicin, and G-CSF )+ATO	death	575
4	Female	65	MDS	M4	No, and we don't know if the patient was treated at any other hospital	survival	600
5	Female	66	MDS	AML (unclassified)	No, and we don't know if the patient was treated at any other hospital	death	485
6	Female	62	MDS	AML (unclassified)	CAG(low dose Cytarabine, Aclarubicin, and G-CSF )+ATO+EPO	death	55
7	Female	65	MDS	M2	IAG(idarubicin+Ara-C+G-CSF)+ DA (Daunorubicin+Ara-C) Azacitidine+HAG (Homoharringtonine, Ara-C, and G-CSF) intrathecal injection (MTX, DXM, and Ara-C) Decitabine, thalidomide, ubenimex, Lenalidomide, Tretinoin, TPO	death	108
8	Male	61	MDS	AML (unclassified)	Decitabine+CAG(Ara-C, Aclarubicin, and G-CSF )	loss to follow-up	10
9	Male	70	MDS	AML (unclassified)	low dose Decitabine+EAG(epirubicin , Ara-C, and G-CSF) Decitabine+MAG (mitoxantrone, Ara-C, and G-CSF) Decitabine+CMG (Ara-C, mitoxantrone, and G-CSF) Thalidomide	death	105
10	Male	61	MDS	AML (unclassified)	Decitabine+HAG (homoharringtonine, Ara-C, and G-CSF) ubenimex, Tretinoin, azacitidine	survival	210

11	Female	77	MDS	M2	Tretinoin+ATO+decitabine+HAG (homoharringtonine, Ara-C, and G-CSF)+EAG (epirubicin , Ara-C, and G-CSF) +MAG(mitoxantrone , Ara-C, and G-CSF)	loss to follow-up	213
12	Female	20	MDS	M2	IA (Idarubicin, Ara-C) Decitabine+CAG(Ara-C, Aclarubicin, and G-CSF )+ATO Decitabine+CHG(Ara-C, Homoharringtonine, and G-CSF)+ATO	loss to follow-up	150
13	Female	66	MDS	AML (unclassified)	No	loss to follow-up	60
14	Male	69	MDS/MPN	M2	Low dose Ara-C, interferon, and dasatinib	loss to follow-up	60
15	Female	64	MDS	M2	CAG(Ara-C, Aclarubicin, and G-CSF )+decitabine	death	226
16	Female	30	gastric diffuse large B cell lymphom	M3	Tretinoin+ATO+intrathecal injection (MTX, DXM, and Ara-C)	survival	1305
17	Male	46	CML	AML (unclassified)	DA (Daunorubicin+Ara-C)+Idarubicin HAG (Homoharringtonine, Ara-C, and G-CSF) Dasatinib+Imatinib(Oral administration of dasatinib and imatinib was subsequently discontinued because of the T325I mutation, which suggested resistance to all tyrosine kinases), Hydroxycarbamide, etoposide, and ATO.	death	180
18	Male	61	CMML	M2	IA (Idarubicin, Ara-C) Decitabine+CAG(Ara-C, Aclarubicin, and G-CSF ) Decitabine+HAG (homoharringtonine, Ara-C, and G-CSF) +Tretinoin+ATO Stanozolol, etoposide, ubenimex, and thalidomide Dorubicin liposomes and hexadecadrol Low dose methotrexate, and azacitidine	death	323



19	Female	55	PMF	M2	Decitabine+IA (Idarubicin, Ara-C) Hematopoietic stem cell microtransplantation DAE (Doxorubicin+Ara-C+Etoposide)	death	143
20	Male	61	MDS (coexist with CLL)	AML (unclassified)	ATO+VP-16+Ara-C+G-CSF	death	62
21	Female	66	CMML	M4	Decitabine+HAG (homoharringtonine, Ara-C, and G-CSF) Low dose Decitabine+ATO+DAG(Daunorubicin+Ara-C+G-CSF) Etoposide, Ara-C, and azacitidine	loss to follow-up	328
22	Male	38	PMF	M5	ME ( Mitoxantrone, Etoposide), homoharringtonine, Ara-C, ATO	loss to follow-up	450
23	Male	72	rectal cancer	M2	Decitabine+CAG(Ara-C, Aclarubicin, and G-CSF ) CTK cell infusion G-CSF, Ara-C, ATO Decitabine+darubicin or Pirarubicin +Ara-C	survival	2560
24	Female	67	rectal cancer	AML (unclassified)	Decitabine+Ara-C	death	21
25	Male	32	CML	AML (unclassified)	MA(Mitoxantrone, and Ara-C) CAG(Ara-C, Aclarubicin, and G-CSF ) Dasatinib, methotrexate intrathecal injection (MTX, DXM, and Ara-C)	death	270
26	Male	44	CML	M2	No	loss to follow-up	5

**Table 3** (on next page)

Chromosome karyotypes of the 26 S-AML patients.

1 **Table3. Chromosome karyotypes of the 26 S-AML patients**

Karyotypes (N)		Chromosome of S-AML	
Normal (10)	Diploid (10)	46,XY  46,XY,-7,+marker.[10] 46,XX[3]/46, XX,+der(8)del(q22),del(12)(p11),-2,-5,-7,-11,-17,+22,+marker*3[17]	
	Diploid *# (7)	46,XY,del(5)q(23),add(17)p(12),-9,12,20,marker×3.[5] 46,XY,t(9;22)(q34;q11),t(2;12;15),(p13;q13;p11),+8.[20] ↑46,XY,t(9;22)(q34;q11)[8]/46,XY,t(9;22)(q34;q11),ins(3;3)(q25;q21q25)[5] 45,XY,add(3)(q29),del(5)(q23),add(12)(p15),-7.[20] #43-46,XX,-2,-3,?add(3)(q11),del(5)(q13q31),del(7)(q31),add(11)(p15),-15,-17,add(17)(p13),-18,add(19)(p13),add(22)(q13)+mar,inc[cp20].	
	hypodiploid* (5)	43,X,t(5;19)(q21;q13),7q+,-7,-12,-20,-Y,+marker.[7]/44,XY,5q-,7q+,-12,-18,-20,+marker1,+marker2.[13]	
	Abnormal (16)		45,XY,-5,-9,+mar[7]/45,XY,del(5)(q15),-9,add(11)(q25)[4]/44,XY,add(5)(p15),del(5)(q15),del(7)(q11),der(12)del(12)(p12)add(12)(p12),-13,-19,-21,+mar[5]  *40-48 XX, add(1)(p36),add(2)(q37),del(5)(q15),add(12)(p13),-8,-9,-11,-22,+marker×3.inc.[cp15]  47,XX,+8.[20] 48,XXX,del(20)(q13),+X,+marker.[8]/48,XX,del(20)(q13),+14,+marker.[3] 48,XY,inv(3)(q21q26),+8,t(9;22)(q34;q11),i(17)(q11),+der(22)t(9;22)(q34;q11)[20] 48,XY,20q-,+8,+13.[5] 48,XX,t(1;?)(q21;?),+der(1)t(1;?)(p32;?)-6,-7,+14,+19,+r.[8]/48,XX,t(1;?)(q21;?)+der(1)t(1;?)(p32;?)-6,-7,+14,+19,+marker.[2] 47,XY,5q-,+8.[15]

2 ↑the chromosome of the patient was collected at primary diagnosis (2 months ago); \*the chromosome contains in all the three kinds of abnormal karyotypes of chromosome ; #the

3 chromosome contains in both diploid and hypodiploid of abnormal karyotypes of chromosome.

**Table 4**(on next page)

Laboratory examination in normal and abnormal chromosome karyotypes.

1 **Table4. Laboratory examination in normal and abnormal chromosome karyotypes**

laboratory examination	Normal	Abnormal	<i>P</i>
	chromosome karyotypes (n=10) median (range)	chromosome karyotypes (n=16) median (range)	
RBC ( $\times 10^{12}/L$ )	2.16 (1.47-3.94)	1.98 (1.38-5.49)	0.551
WBC ( $\times 10^9/L$ )	1.96 (0.3-11.13)	3.28 (0.33-47.17)	0.391
PLT ( $\times 10^9/L$ )	13.5 (3-269)	28.5 (5-207)	0.262
LYM ( $\times 10^9/L$ )	1.09 (0.27-2.82)	0.82 (0.14-22.08)	0.816
MO ( $\times 10^9/L$ )	0.14 (0-2.09)	0.41 (0-15.89)	0.165
NEUT ( $\times 10^9/L$ )	0.34 (0-9.35)	1.72 (0.02-36.62)	0.182
Hb (g/L)	66.5 (44-121)	64 (49-152)	0.363
hsCRP (mg/L)	61 (0.3-87.2) <sup>a</sup>	39 (1.5-193.7)	0.452
<b>LDH (U/L)</b>	163.5 (65-220) <sup>b</sup>	274 (71-1406) <sup>c</sup>	<b>0.008</b>

2 <sup>a</sup> n=9; <sup>b</sup> n=8; <sup>c</sup> n=15

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