

**S3 Table. All patients exposed 30 months.** All patients exposed to deferiprone for  $31.9 \pm 3.7$  months compared to all patients exposed to deferasirox at  $30 \pm 6$  months. Lab values of iron over-load (mean $\pm$ SEM(range)). Serum ferritin, SF; Hepatic iron concentration, HIC; baseline, BL; follow-up, FU; significant p values, bold; p values indicating worsening

	Deferiprone		Deferasirox	
Deferasirox dose (mg/kg/day)	–		25.3 $\pm$ 0.9(10–38)	
Deferiprone dose (mg/kg/day)	103.9 $\pm$ 2.3(75–127)		–	p value deferiprone vs deferasirox
Age at start (years)	33.8 $\pm$ 1.6(21.3–60.2)		29.6 $\pm$ 1.3(13.4–59)	
Duration of therapy (months)	31.9 $\pm$ 3.7		<i>See individual parameters</i>	
SF( $\mu$ g/L)	BL	2665 $\pm$ 420(135–11455)	2113 $\pm$ 202(339–8117)	<i>p</i> < 0.24
	FU	3364 $\pm$ 504(311–12715)	1600 $\pm$ 162(159–6102)	<b><i>p</i> &lt; 0.002</b>
	BL vs FU	<b><i>p</i> &lt; 0.0238</b>	<b><i>p</i> &lt; 0.037</b>	
Proportion of intervals with SF >2500 $\mu$ g/L	FU	37%	33%	<i>p</i> < 0.38
	BL	51%	21%	<b><i>p</i> &lt; 0.0001</b>
	BL vs FU	<i>p</i> < 0.34	<i>p</i> < 0.22	
Months between SF	30.6 $\pm$ 3.7		33.6 $\pm$ 0.7	
HIC mg/g dry weight	BL	10.5 $\pm$ 1.9(0.9–43)	10.4 $\pm$ 1.1(1.1–38.1)	<i>p</i> < 0.96
	FU	18.2 $\pm$ 2.3(1.5–43)	6.3 $\pm$ 0.9(0.9–32.8)	<b><i>p</i> &lt; 0.0001</b>
	BL vs FU	<b><i>p</i> &lt; 0.0003</b>	<b><i>p</i> &lt; 0.0005</b>	
Proportion of intervals HIC $\leq$ 7 mg/g	BL	56%	44%	<i>p</i> < 0.28
	FU	24%	74%	<b><i>p</i> &lt; 0.0001</b>
	BL vs FU	<b><i>p</i> &lt; 0.0045</b>	<b><i>p</i> &lt; 0.002</b>	
Proportion of intervals with HIC >15 mg/g	BL	20.5%	22%	<i>p</i> < 1.0
	FU	50%	9%	<b><i>p</i> &lt; 0.0001</b>
	BL vs FU	<b><i>p</i> &lt; 0.002</b>	<i>p</i> < 0.1	
Months between HIC	29.9 $\pm$ 3.2		31.8 $\pm$ 0.9	
Myocardial T2* (msec)	BL	17.4 $\pm$ 1.4(5.3–35.9)	25.9 $\pm$ 1.4(10.9–41.9)	<b><i>p</i> &lt; 0.0001</b>
	FU	21.5 $\pm$ 1.7(4.6–40.0)	29.9 $\pm$ 1.3(11.8–48)	<b><i>p</i> &lt; 0.0006</b>
	BL vs FU	<b><i>p</i> &lt; 0.03</b>	<b><i>p</i> &lt; 0.03</b>	
Proportion of intervals with T2* $\leq$ 10 msec	BL	17.60%	No patients	N/A
	FU	6%	No patients	N/A
	BL vs FU	<i>p</i> < 0.26		
Proportion of intervals with T2*<20 msec	BL	73%	37%	<b><i>p</i> &lt; 0.002</b>
	FU	50%	23%	<b><i>p</i> &lt; 0.012</b>
	BL vs FU	<i>p</i> < 0.08	<i>p</i> < 0.16	
Months between myocardial T2*s	28.5 $\pm$ 3.7		32.6 $\pm$ 1.4	