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Leucemia mieloide cronica Ph+:  
descrizione della patologia, il corretto  
approccio diagnostico e monitoraggio  
secondo le ELN e le nuove tecnologie

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# Cenni storici



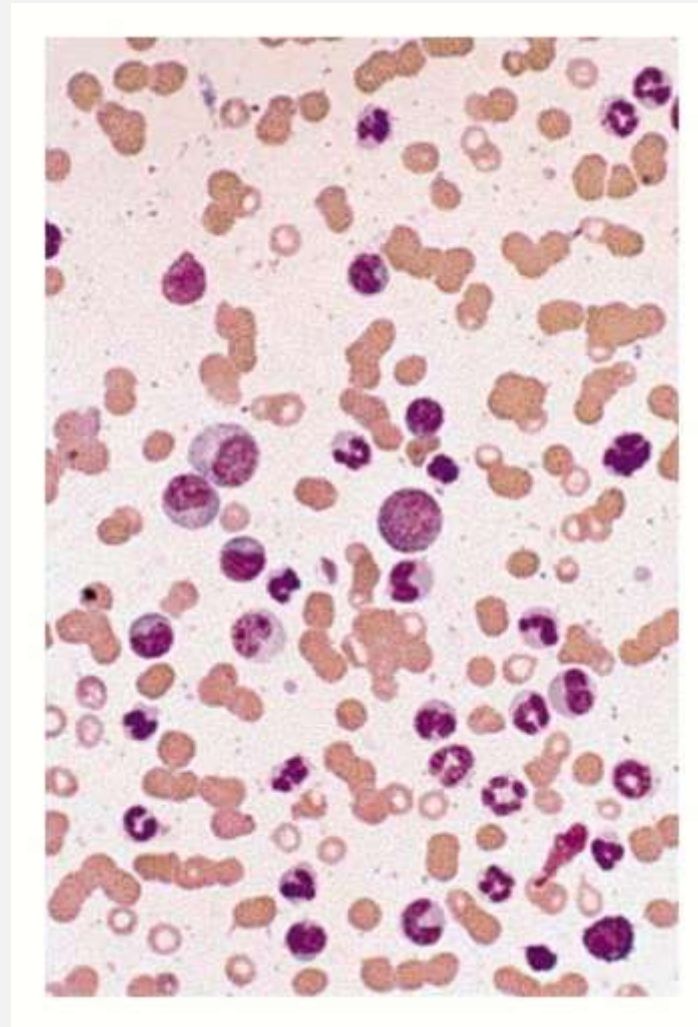
- 1845 H Bennett ad Edimburgo: *“ caso di ipertrofia splenica ed epatica nella quale la morte prende origine dalla suppurazione del sangue”*
- 1845 R Virchow a Berlino “sangue bianco”
- 1847 R Virchow conia il termine “leucemia”
- 1852 H Bennett rilancia il termine “leucocitemia”

# Leucemia mieloide cronica



- 1879 P Erlich: introduzione delle colorazioni specifiche per il sangue
- 1891 Classificazione delle leucemie
- 1900 nascita del profilo morfologico della LMC caratterizzata da una predominanza di granulociti segmentati.
- 1920 Basofilia e trombocitosi caratteristiche

# Photomicrographs of a Peripheral-Blood Sample and Bone Marrow Samples from a Patient with Chronic Myeloid Leukemia



Sawyers, C. L. N Engl J Med 1999;340:1330-1340



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# Andamento clinico e prognosi



- 1924 Minot sopravvivenza mediana 3 anni con 12% di pazienti vivi tra 5 e 10 anni dalla diagnosi
- non ancora riconosciute le fasi di malattia
- 1931 riconosciuto ruolo prognostico della percentuale crescente di mieloblasti
- 1947 contenuto anomalo di fosfatasi alcalina leucocitaria
- 1959 “metamorfosi” in corso di LMC (Bernard)
- 1963 riconosciuta fase blastica linfoide (Mathe')

# Il cromosoma Filadelfia



- 1960 Nowell e Hungerford descrivono un minuto cromosoma acrocentrico nel sangue periferico di 7 pazienti con LMC
- inizialmente ritenuto cromosoma 21, quindi riconosciuto derivare dal cromosoma 22
- 1973 la porzione deleta è traslocata sul cromosoma 9 (Rowley)
- descrizione del breakpoint cluster regions e caratterizzazione del gene di fusione bcr-abl (Sawyers)

# 1960: la scoperta del cromosoma Philadelphia



## A Minute Chromosome in Human Chronic Granulocytic Leukemia

In seven cases thus far investigated (five males, two females), a minute chromosome has been observed replacing one of the four smallest autosomes in the chromosome complement of cells of chronic granulocytic leukemia cultured from peripheral blood. No abnormality was observed in the cells of four cases of acute granulocytic leukemia in adults or of six cases of acute leukemia in children. There have been several recent reports of chromosome abnormalities in a number of cases of human leukemia [including two of the seven cases reported here: Nowell and Hungerford, *J. Natl. Cancer Inst.* **25**, 85 (1960)], but no series has appeared in which there was a consistent change typical of a particular type of leukemia.

Cells of the five new cases were obtained from peripheral blood (and bone marrow in one instance), grown in culture for 24-72 hours, and processed for cytological examination by a recently developed air-drying technique (Moorhead, *et al.*, *Exptl. Cell Research*, in press). The patients varied from asymptomatic untreated cases to extensively treated

cases of several years duration in terminal myeloblastic crisis. All seven individuals showed a similar minute chromosome, and none showed any other frequent or regular chromosome change. In most of the cases, cells with normal chromosomes were also observed. Thus, the minute is not a part of the normal chromosome constitution of such individuals.

The findings suggest a causal relationship between the chromosome abnormality observed and chronic granulocytic leukemia.

PETER C. NOWELL

*School of Medicine,  
University of Pennsylvania*

DAVID A. HUNGERFORD  
*Institute for Cancer Research*

# 1960

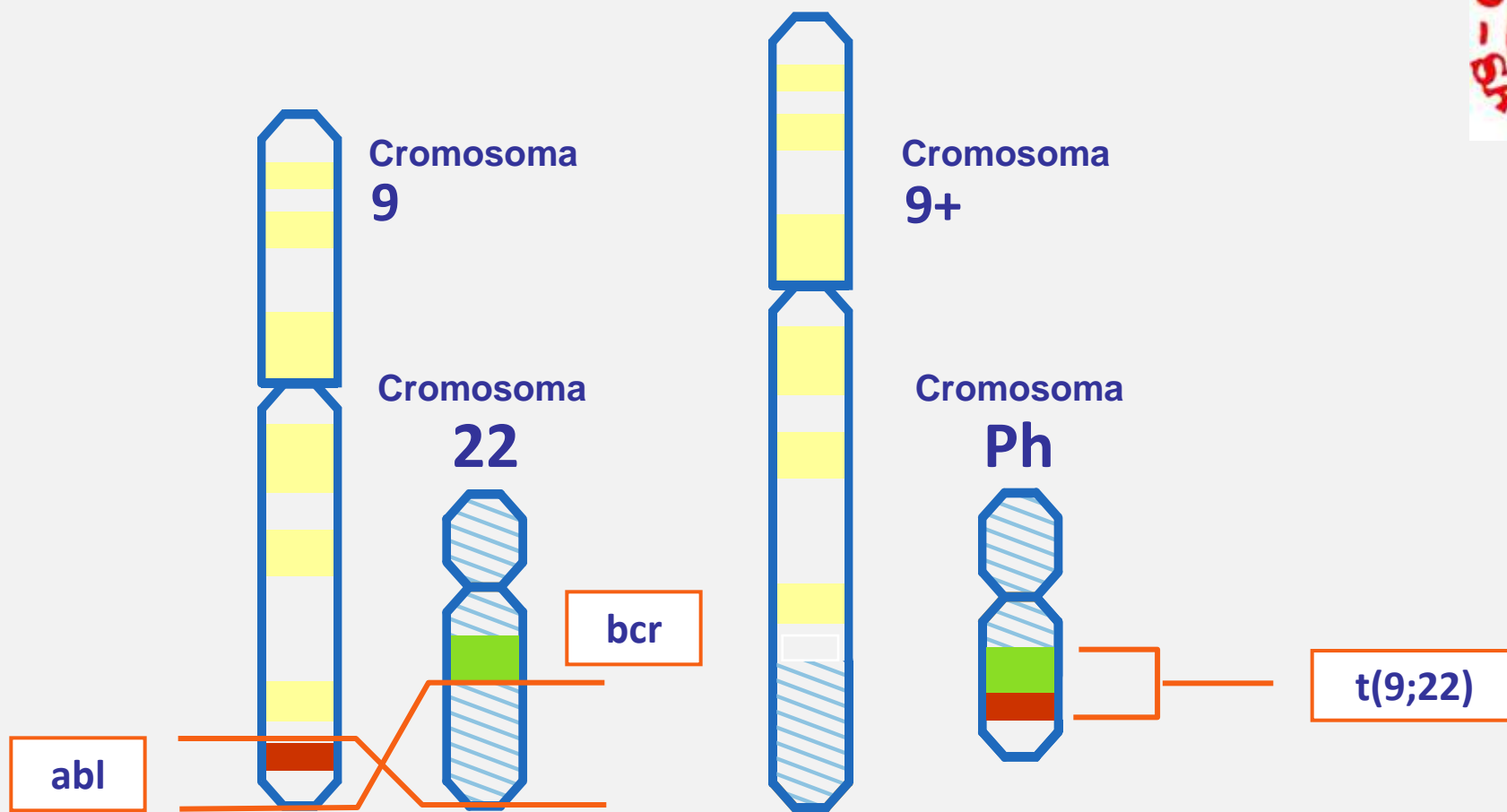
**A minute chromosome in human granulocytic leukemia. *Science* 132, 1960, 1497.**

**P.C. Nowell, D.A. Hungerford,  
University of Pennsylvania in  
Philadelphia**



# 1984: la scoperta della traslocazione t(9;22)

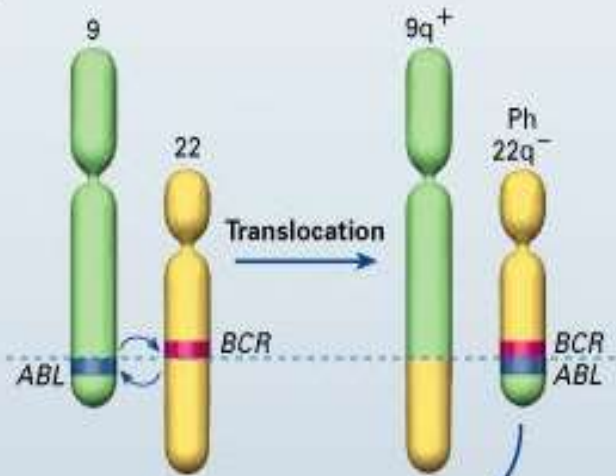
## La traslocazione t (9;22)



Janet Rowley 1973, Sawyers 1984



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Transcription and translation



Inhibition by imatinib



Constitutive tyrosine kinase

Phosphorylation of multiple substrates

Mitogenic signaling and genomic instability increased  
Apoptosis and stromal regulation decreased

Chronic myelogenous leukemia

Bone marrow

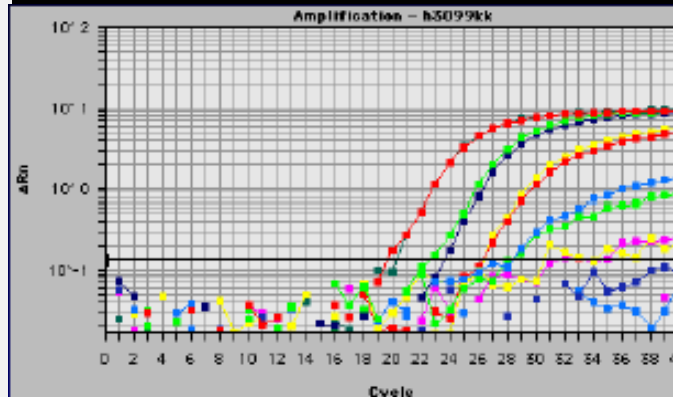
Cytogenetics



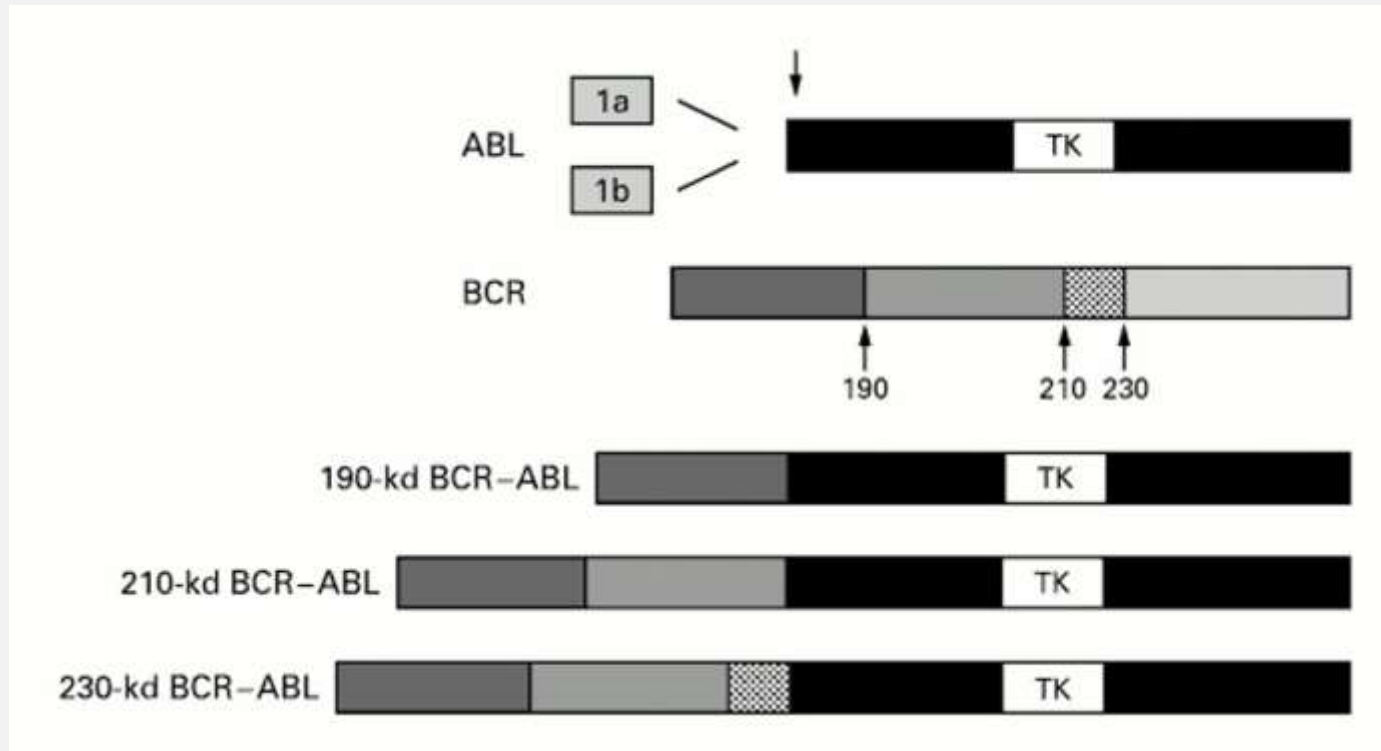
FISH



PCR



## Structure of BCR-ABL Fusion Proteins



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# LMC: classificazione WHO



- “a myeloproliferative disease that originates in an abnormal pluripotential bone marrow stem cell and is consistently associated with a Philadelphia (Ph) chromosome and/or the BCR/ABL fusion gene”

# Characteristics of Patients with Chronic Myeloid Leukemia at Presentation



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**TABLE 1.** CHARACTERISTICS OF PATIENTS WITH CHRONIC MYELOID LEUKEMIA AT PRESENTATION.

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**Clinical findings\***

Fatigue, anorexia, weight loss  
Splenomegaly  
Hepatomegaly

**Peripheral-blood findings**

Elevated white-cell count (usually greater than 25,000/mm<sup>3</sup>)  
Elevated platelet count in 30 to 50 percent of cases  
Basophilia  
Reduced leukocyte alkaline phosphatase activity  
All stages of granulocyte differentiation visible on peripheral smear

**Bone marrow findings**

Hypercellularity, reduced fat content  
Increased ratio of myeloid cells to erythroid cells  
Increased numbers of megakaryocytes  
Blasts and promyelocytes constitute less than 10 percent of all cells

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\*Approximately 40 percent of patients are asymptomatic.

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# Cenni storici del trattamento



- Lissauer 1865: arsenico
- 1903 arsenico
- 1912 benzene → radioterapia
- Senn 1903 rapido effetto di raggi X su milza e leucocitosi
- risposte drammatiche dopo irradiazione splenica

# Chemotherapeutic Drugs Used to Treat the Chronic Phase of Chronic Myeloid Leukemia



**TABLE 2.** CHEMOTHERAPEUTIC DRUGS USED TO TREAT THE CHRONIC PHASE OF CHRONIC MYELOID LEUKEMIA.

DRUG	DOSE*	ADVERSE EFFECTS†
Hydroxyurea	0.5–2.0 g/day orally	Cytopenias, rash, nausea
Busulfan	2.0–6.0 mg/day orally	Cytopenias, rash, bone marrow aplasia
Interferon alfa	5 million U/m <sup>2</sup> /day subcutaneously	Fever, myalgias, rash, depression, thrombocytopenia
Interferon alfa plus cytarabine	Interferon alfa, 5 million U/m <sup>2</sup> /day subcutaneously, plus cytarabine, 20 mg/m <sup>2</sup> /day for 10 days each month	Fever, myalgias, rash, depression, thrombocytopenia, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, mucositis, weight loss

\*Doses are modified on an individual basis according to changes in the patient's peripheral-blood counts.

†Data are from randomized clinical trials.<sup>54-56</sup>

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# Fattori di rischio



- Sokal score
- score Euro o Hashford
- Eutos score

suddividono la popolazione di pazienti con LMC in rischio basso, intermedio ed alto

parametri valutati: età, dimensioni spleniche, conta piastrinica, eosinofili, basofili (Euro) e mieloblasti  
Euro maggiormente sensibile nel basso rischio

# LMC: HU/BUS - OS per rischio (813 casi) \*



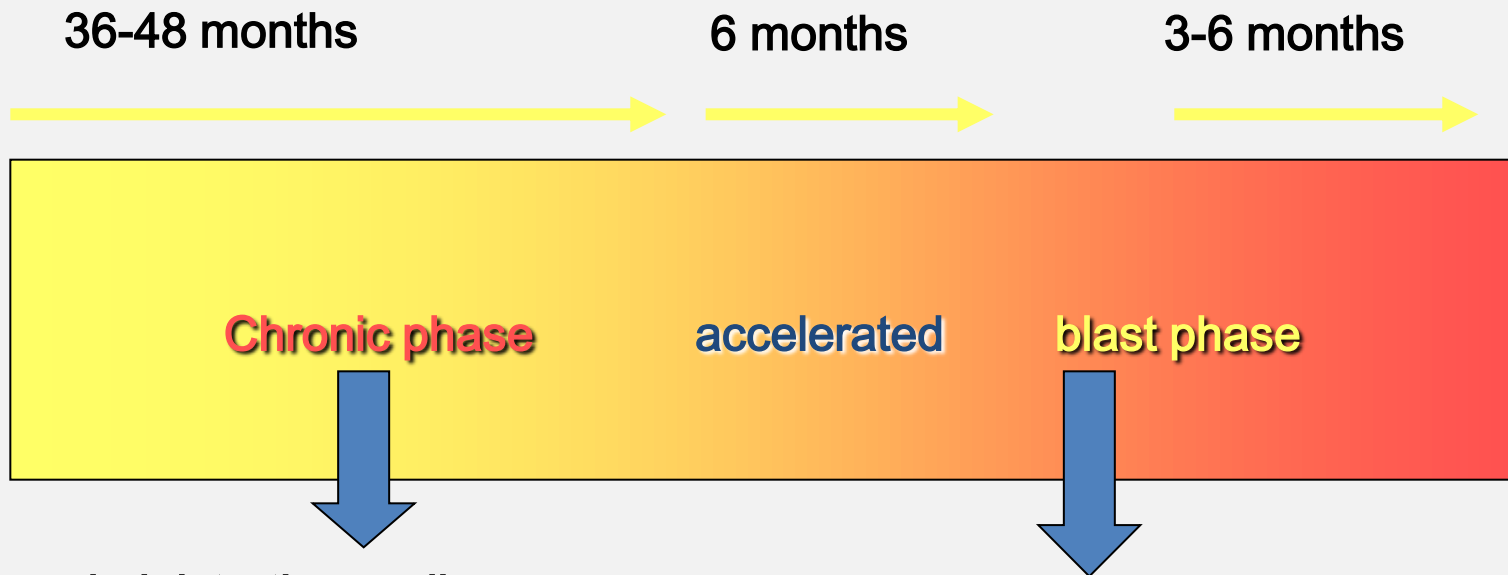
	<b>%</b>	<b>4 anni</b>	<b>6 anni</b>	<b>8 anni</b>
<b>Sokal Low</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>23%</b>
<b>Sokal Int</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>12%</b>
<b>Sokal High</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>&lt;10%</b>

\* Sokal et al (1984)



# CML

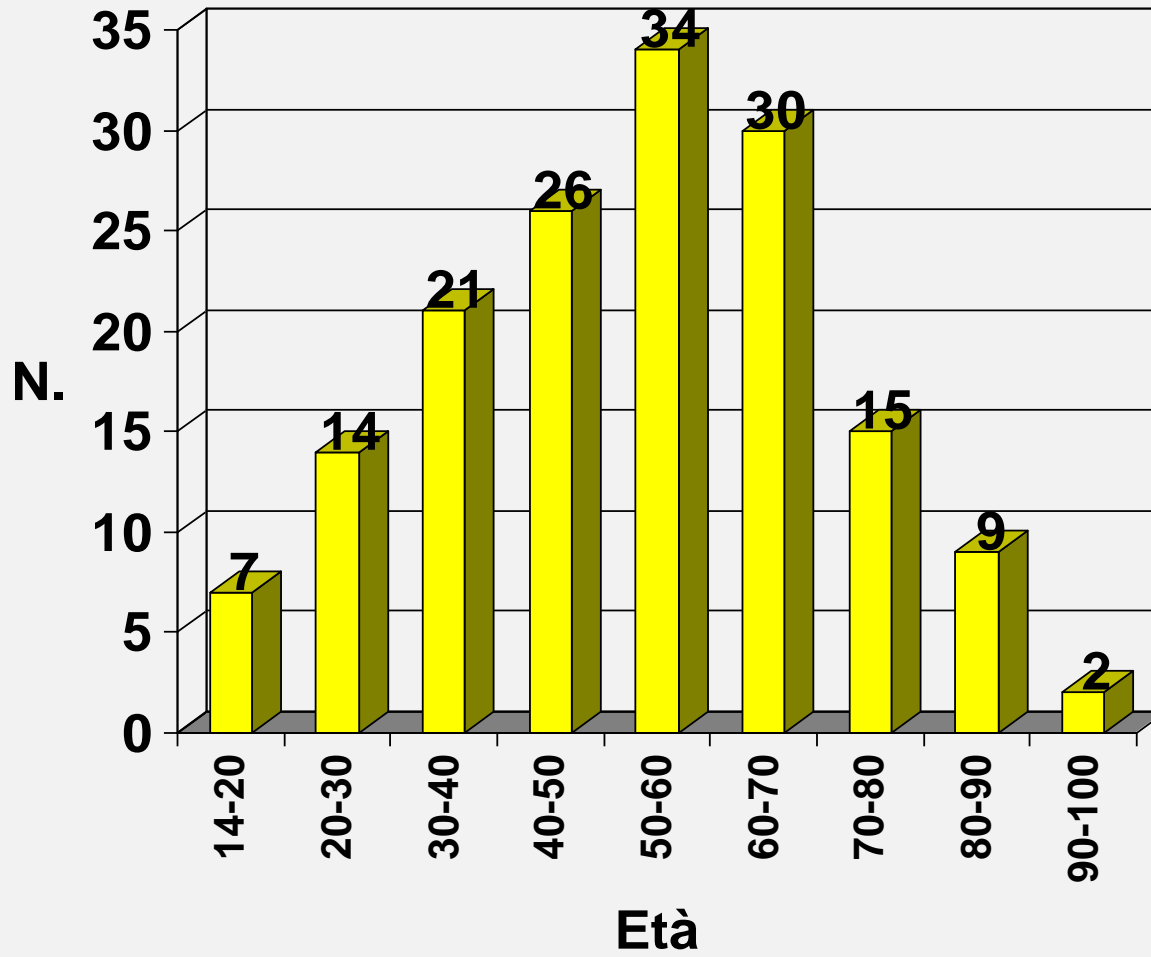
## Hydroxyurea period (1975-1985)



- Easy administration orally
- Easy control of blood cells
- Minor side effects
- No cytogenetic responses
- Natural history unchanged

- Resistance of disease
- Difficult or no control of WBC
- Patient in bad condition

## CML / AGE DISTRIBUTION



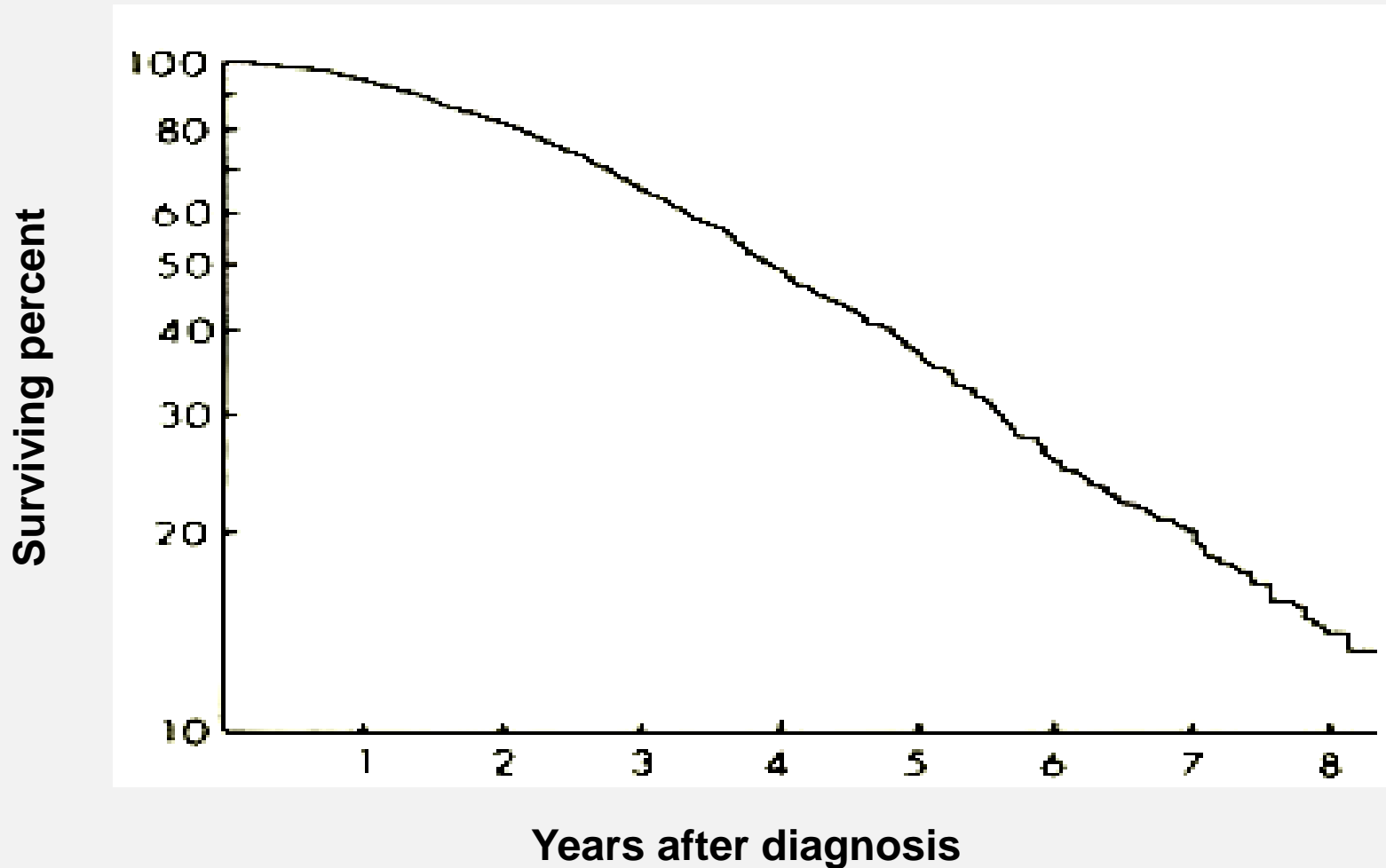
Median age 53  
Range 14-96

90/170 above the age of 50 yrs

# CML



## Survival with hydroxyurea treatment

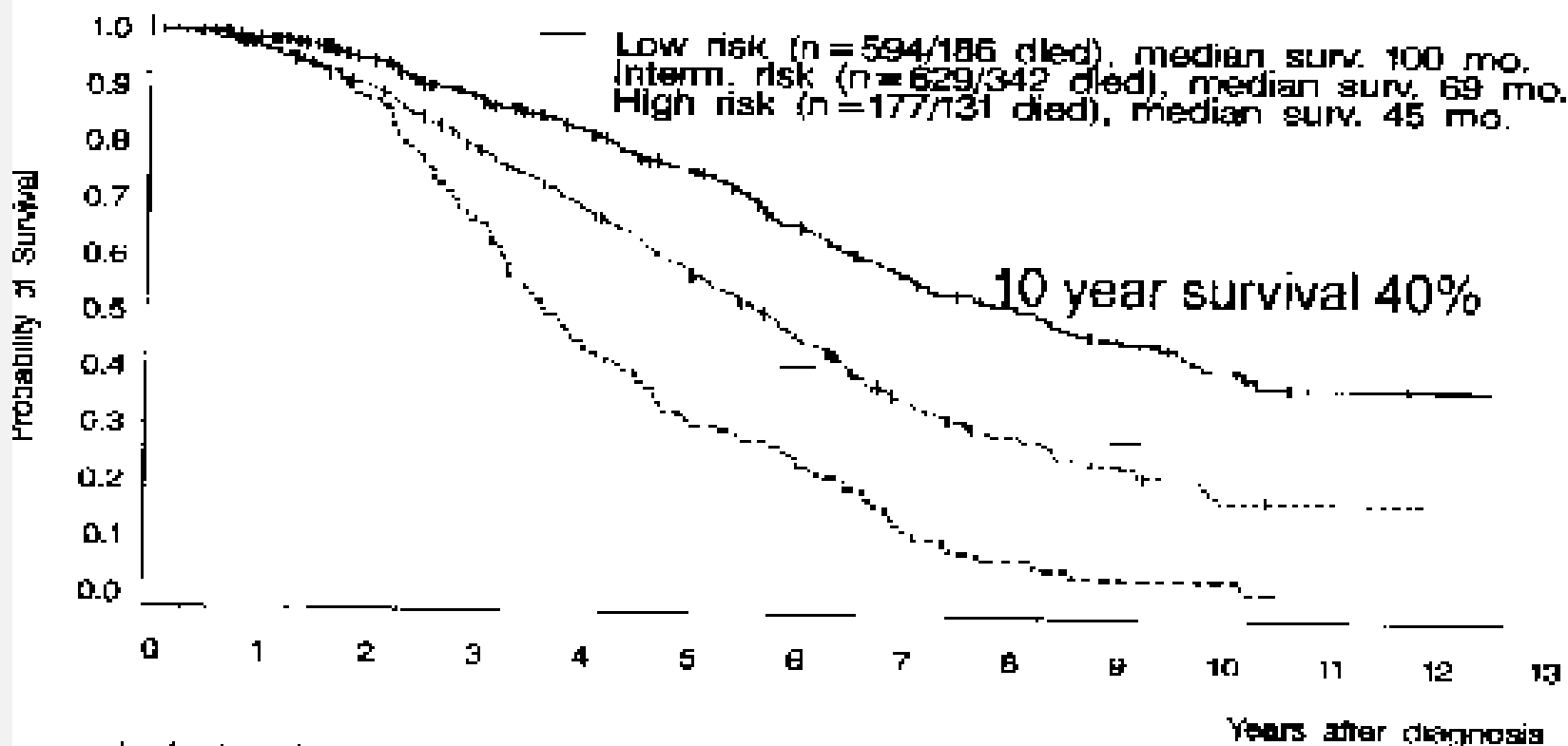


# SURVIVAL BY EURO RISK 1400 IFN TREATED PATIENTS



## Survival stratified for risk groups according to the New Score

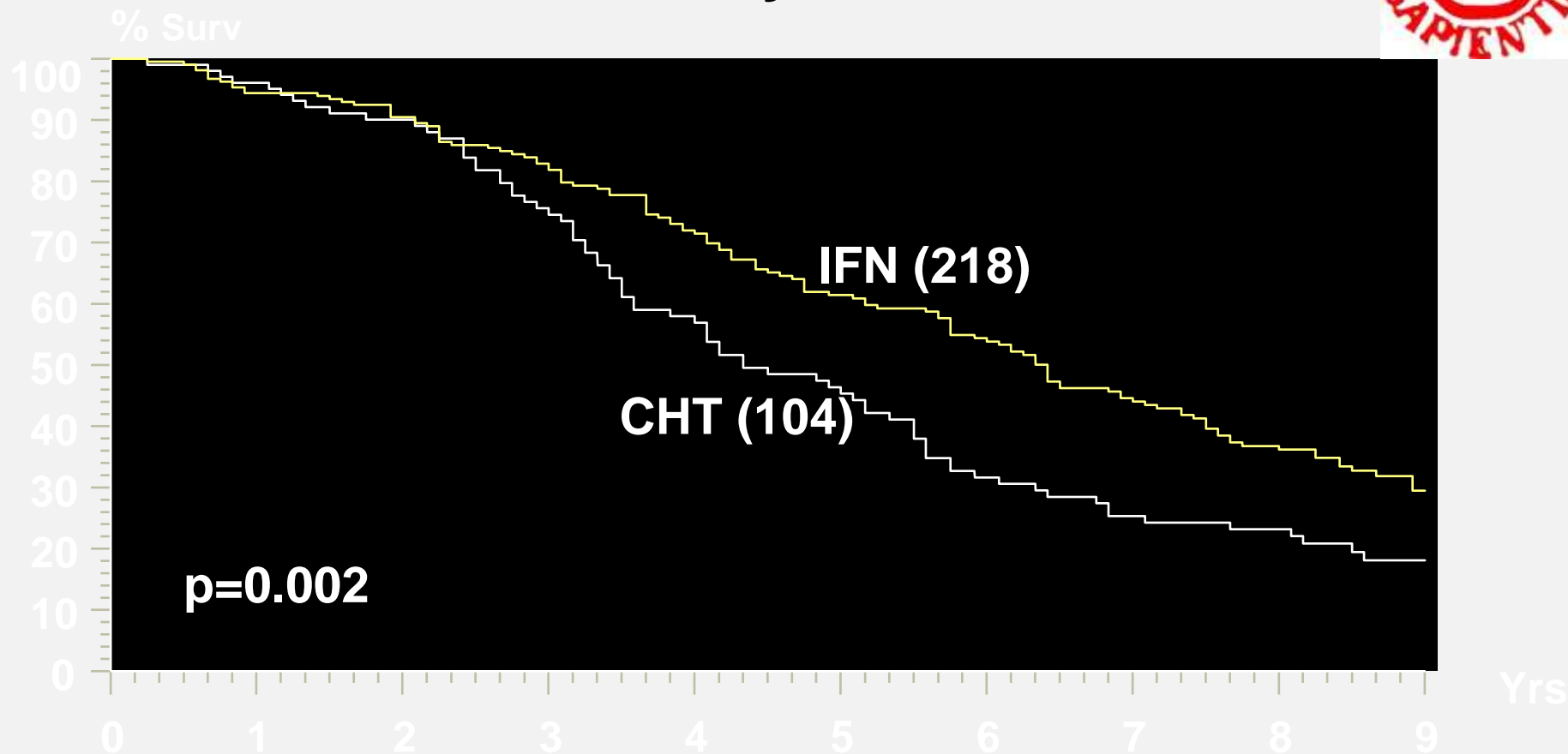
1400 patients diagnosed with early chronic phase CML and treated with IFN



Hasford et al., JNCI 90:850 (1998)<sup>10</sup>



## Survival By Arm



### Median Survival (IC)

IFN 76 m. (69-86)  
CHT 52 m. (43-66)

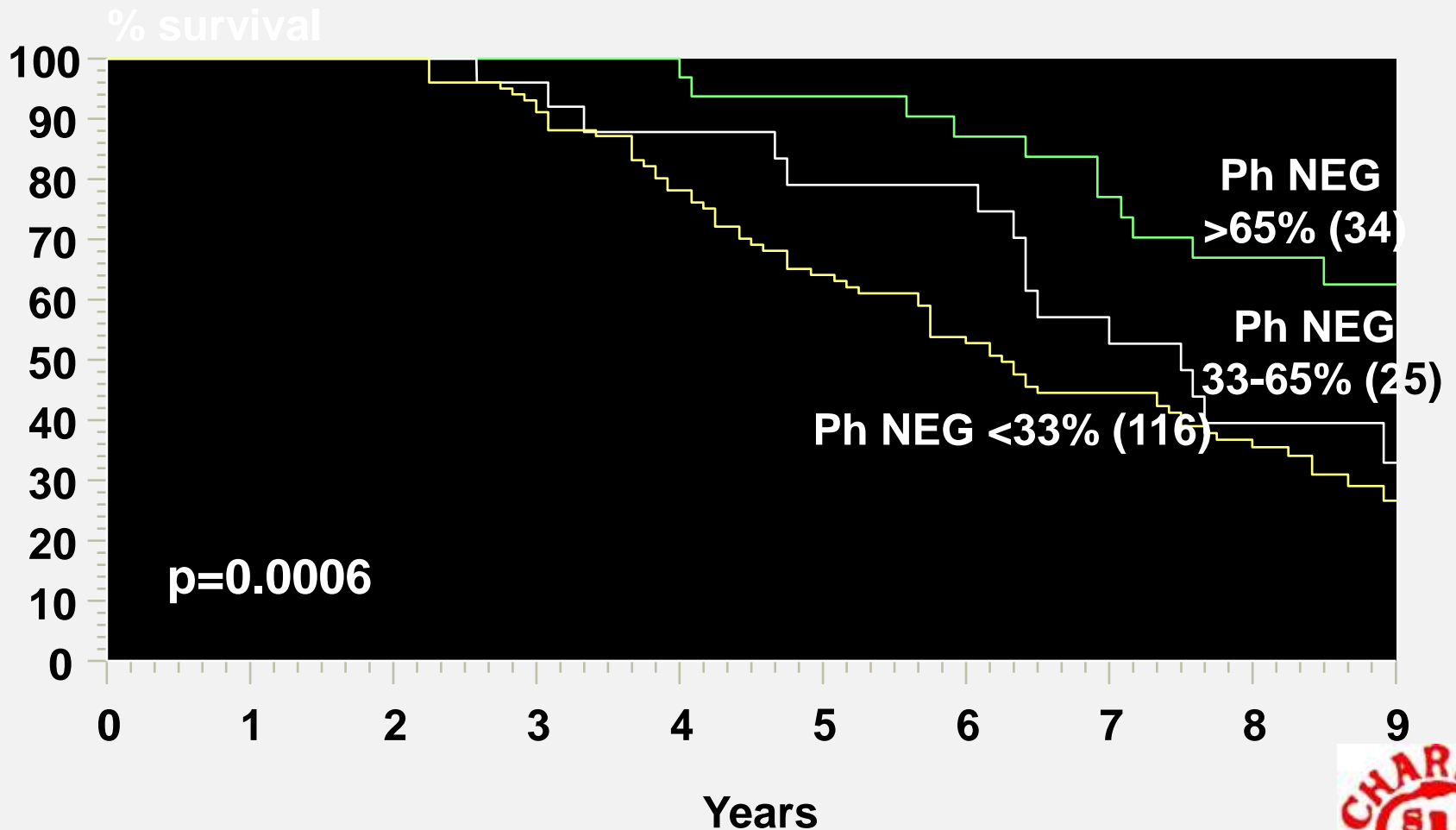
### 10 Years Survival (IC)

IFN 29% (23-36)  
CHT 17% (9-25)

### Median Time to AB/P

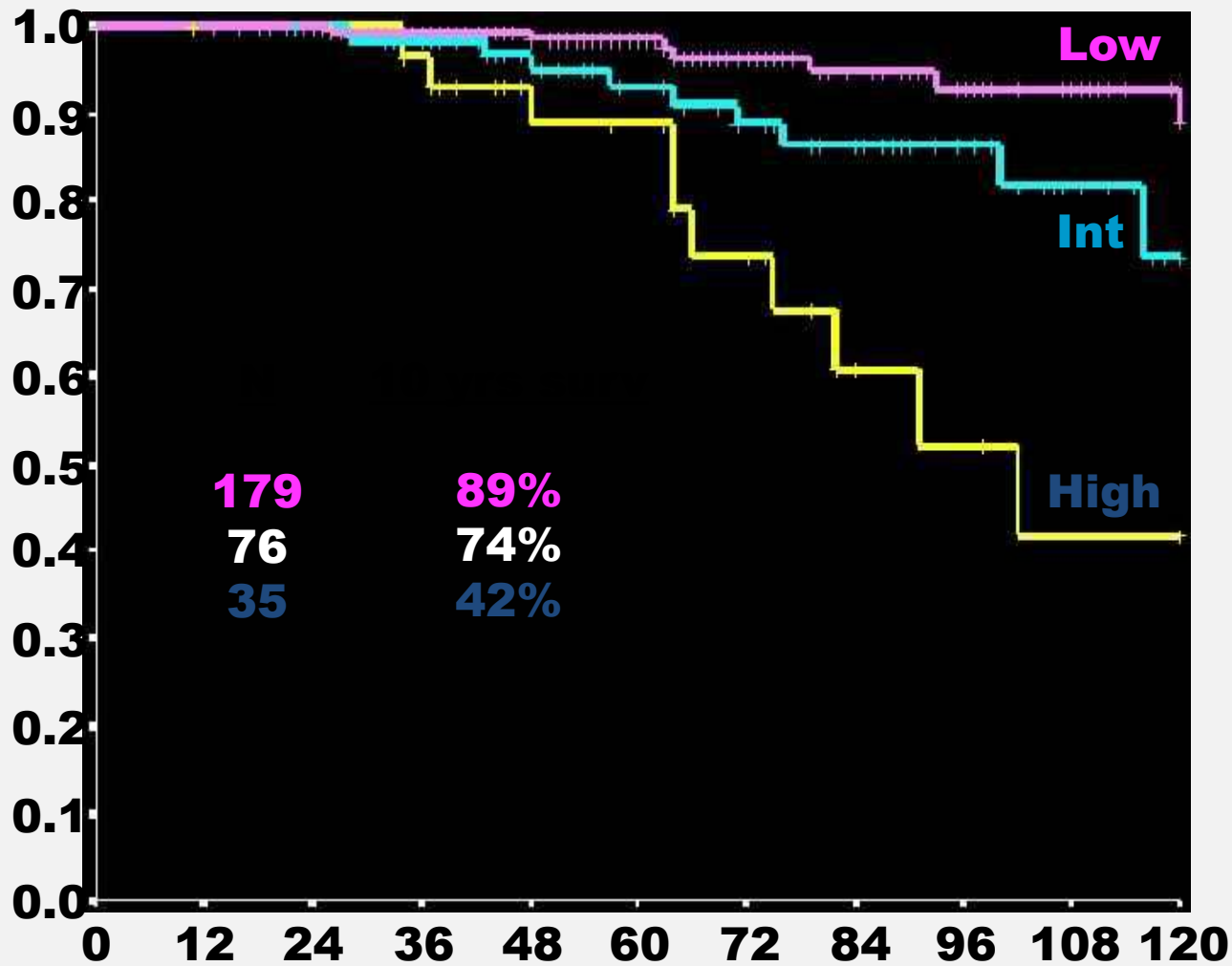
IFN 74 m.  
CHT 46 m.

# SURVIVAL BY CYTOGENETIC RESPONSE LANDMARK AT 2 YEARS





# OVERALL SURVIVAL BY SOKAL SCORE



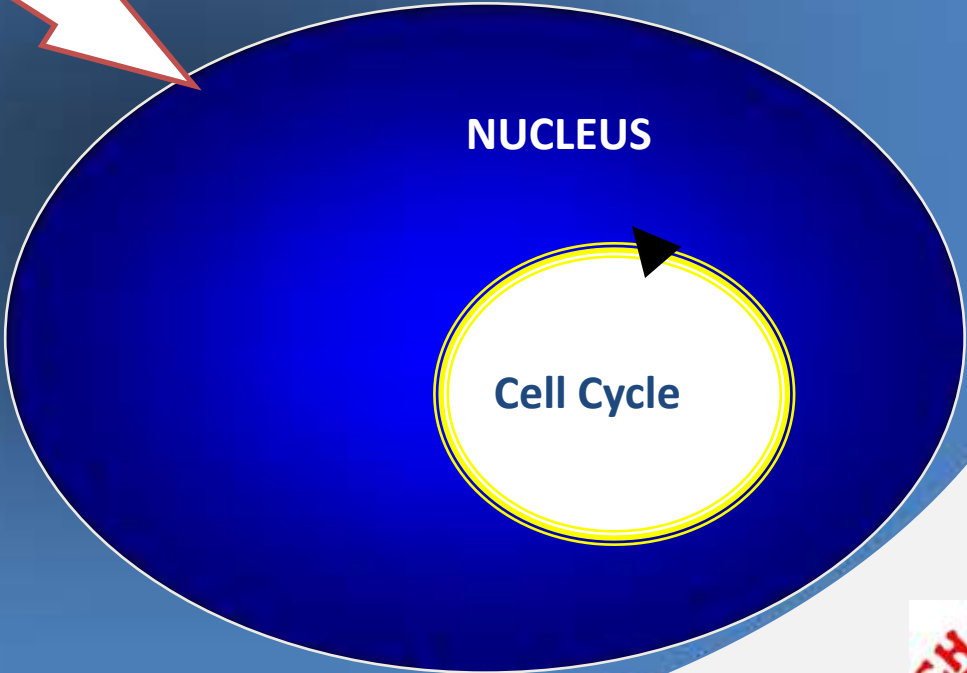
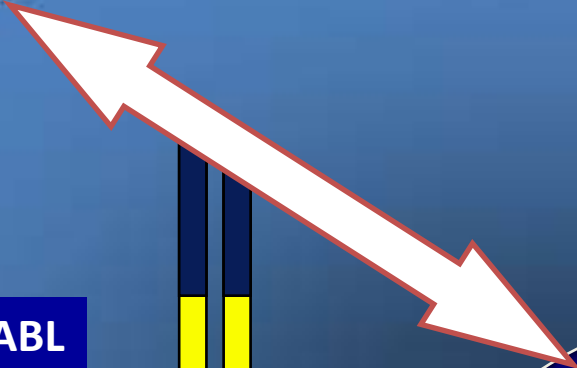
**ERCCR / IFN**

**ICSG on CML**

Ph+ HSC

Cytoplasmic membrane

BCR/ABL

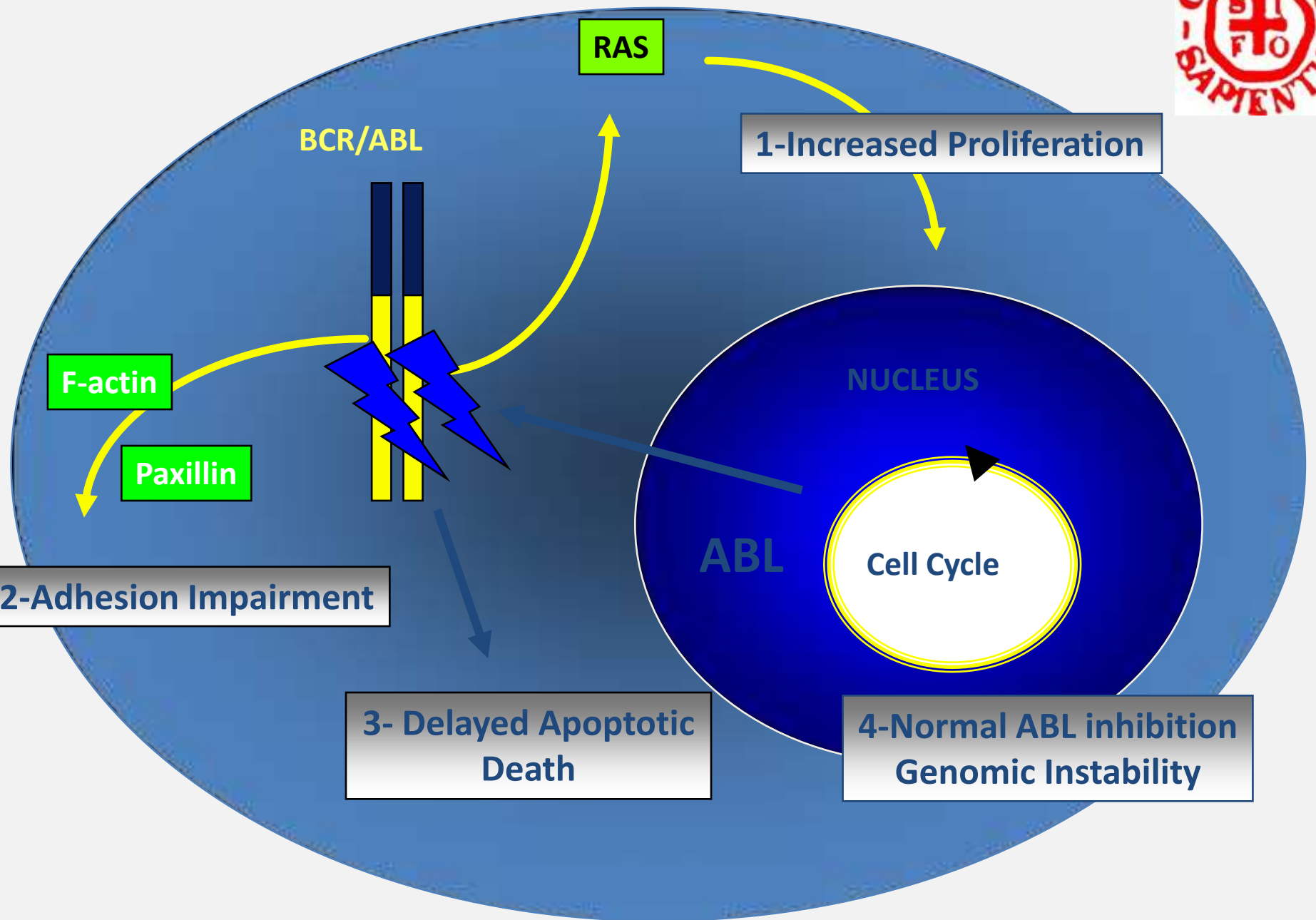


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Cell Cycle







# LMC - Obiettivi del Trattamento

## PRIMARIO

**Prolungare la sopravvivenza e guarire**

**La mediana di sopravvivenza > 5 anni  
Per i bassi rischi > 10 anni  
40% del totale, 89% dei CCR**

## MARKERS SURROGATI

**RE** Risposta Ematologica

**RC** Risposta Citogenetica

**R MOL** Risposta Molecolare





# Historical Milestones in CML

1982-1985

John Groffen, Nora Heisterkamp, Gerald Grosveld, E. Cannani, David Baltimore and Owen Witte show that an abnormal gene and protein called *BCR-ABL* is produced as a consequence of the chromosome rearrangement that characterizes CML

# Historical Milestones in CML



1987

Nicholas Lydon and Alex Matter commence a drug discovery program to target proteins such as BCR-ABL, in collaboration with Brian Druker, Thomas Roberts and Charles Stiles

Using a new technique called high throughput screening, in which thousands of molecules can be tested for their Biological activity, Lydon identified a compound called CGP57148B, later renamed STI-571

# Historical Milestones in CML



1993

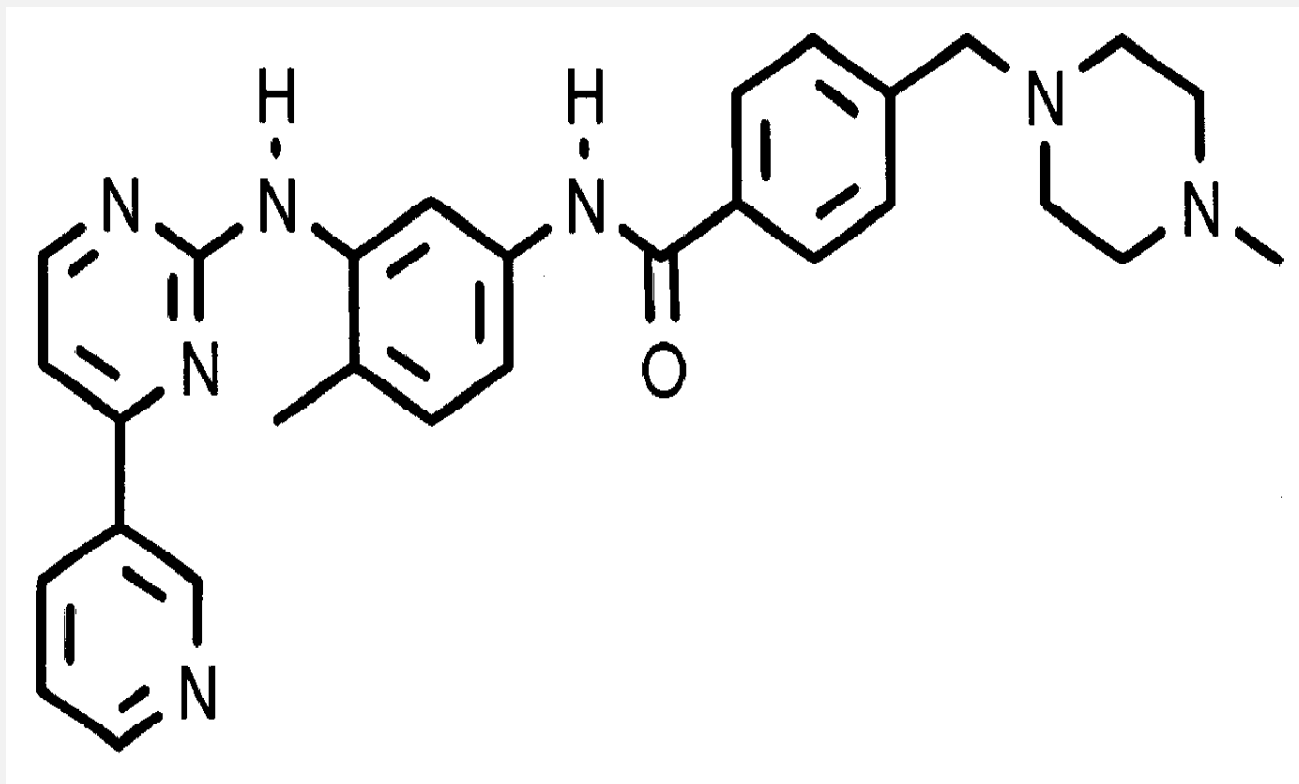
Brian Druker's laboratory shows that STI571 (imatinib) is the best of the compounds developed by Lyndon's group at specifically targeting and killing CML cells

Druker B. et al. *Nat Med* 1996, 2: 561-566

1998

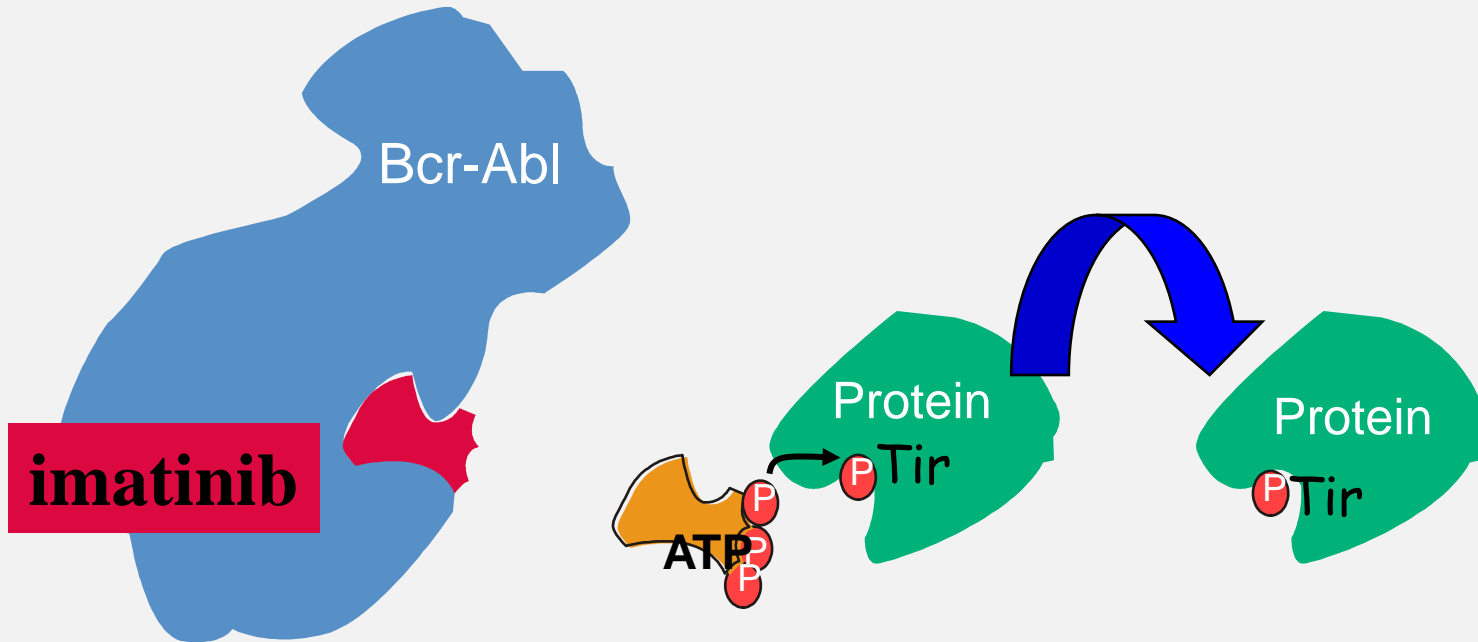
Brian Druker, Charles Sawyers, and Moshe Talpaz begin clinical trials of imatinib

# STI571 (CGP 57148B) Imatinib mesylate Gleevec<sup>®</sup> (Glivec<sup>®</sup>)



# Glivec

## Inhibition of BCR-ABL mediated Phosphorilation Of Target Proteins

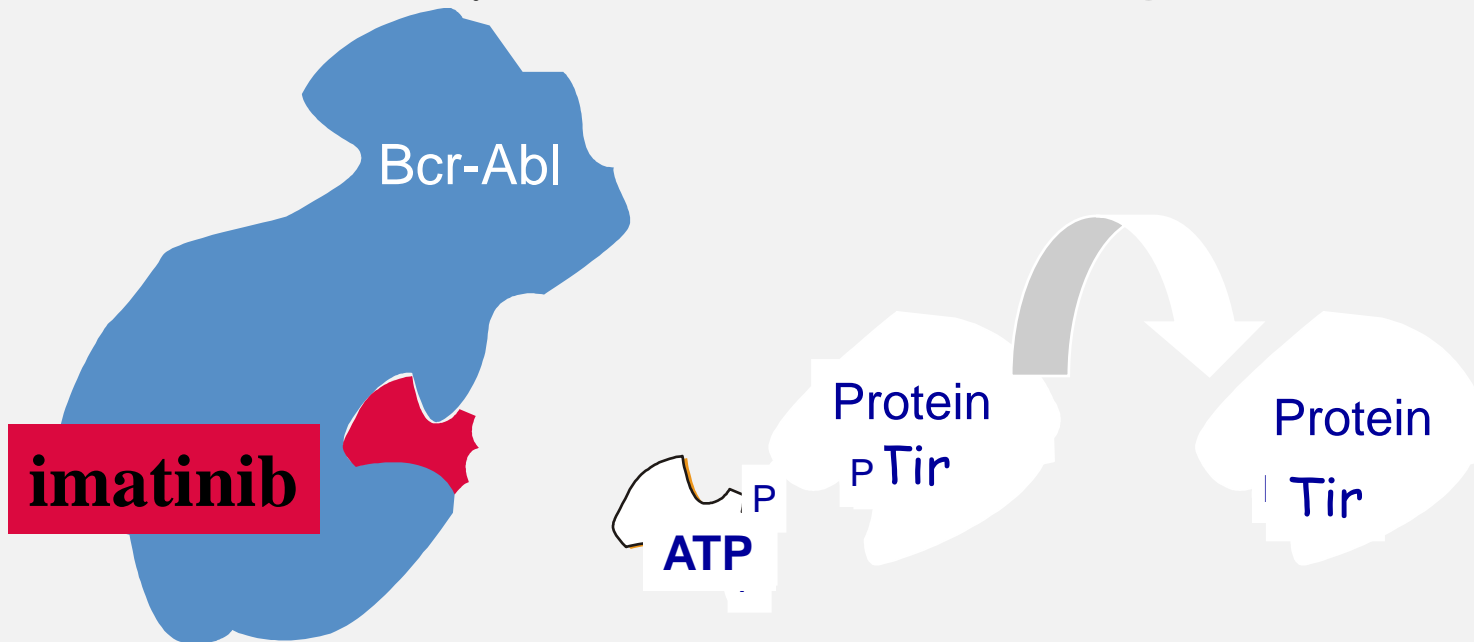


Signal Transduction



# Glivec

## Inhibition of BCR-ABL mediated Phosphorilation Of Target Proteins



Signal Transduction inhibition







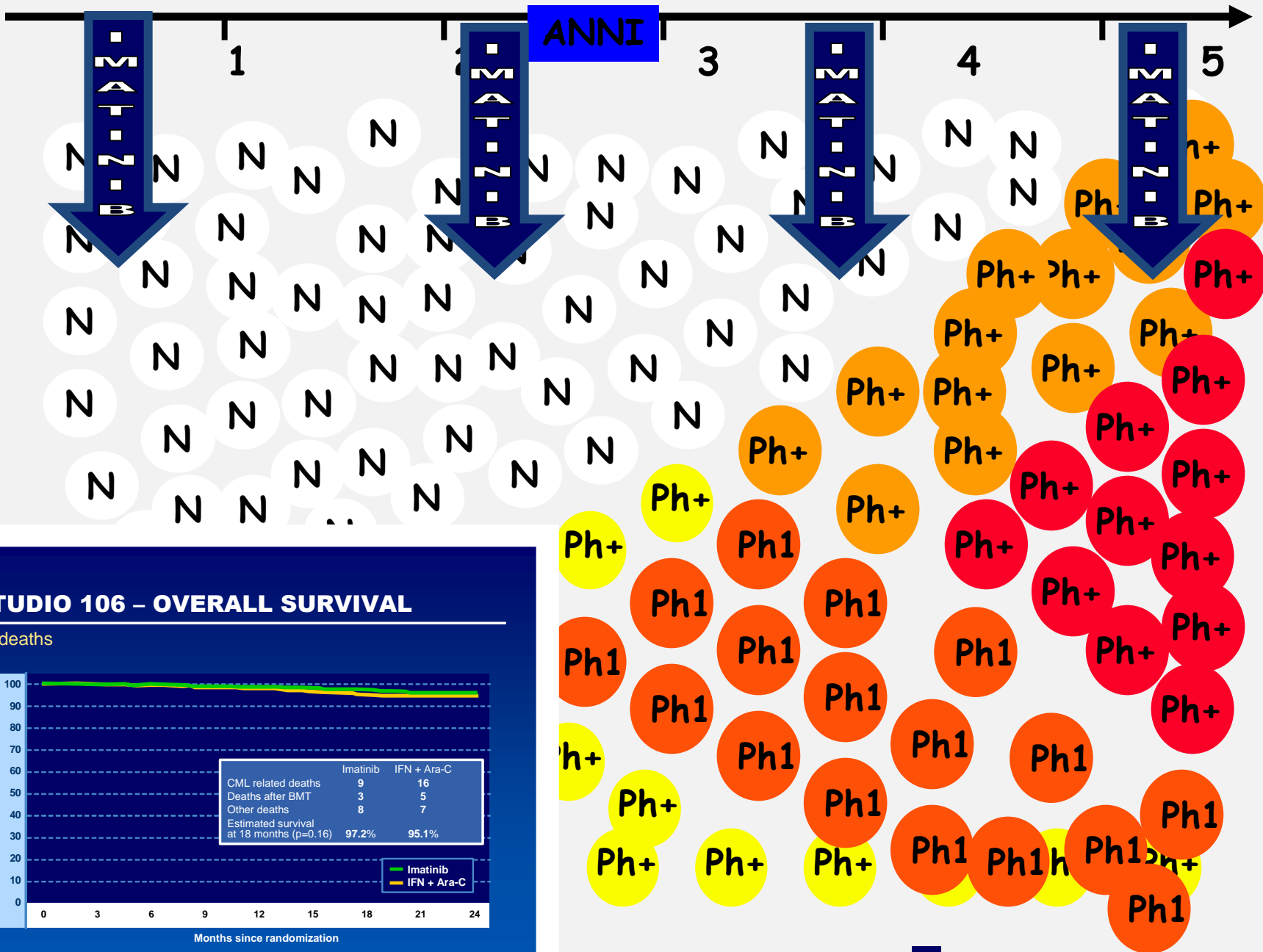
# Historical Milestones in CML

2003

The IRIS trial showed that imatinib was superior to the standard combination of interferon-alpha/cytarabine

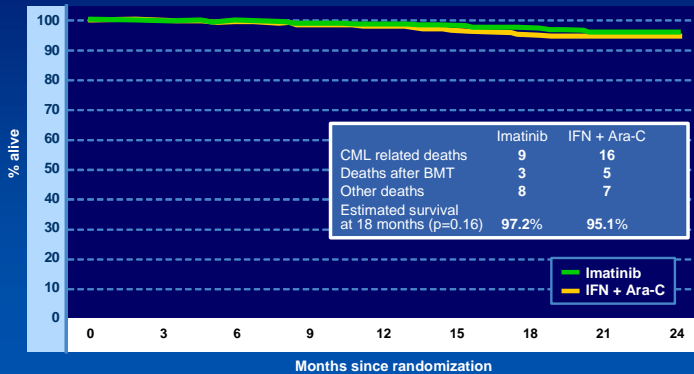
O'Brien S.G. et al . *N Engl J Med* 2003, 348: 994-1004

Charles Sawyers, Brian Druker, Andreas Hochhaus, and Francois-Xavier Mahon report that mutations of BCR-ABL are the major mechanism of imatinib resistance, leading to the development of second generation tyrosine kinase inhibitors such as dasatinib and nilotinib



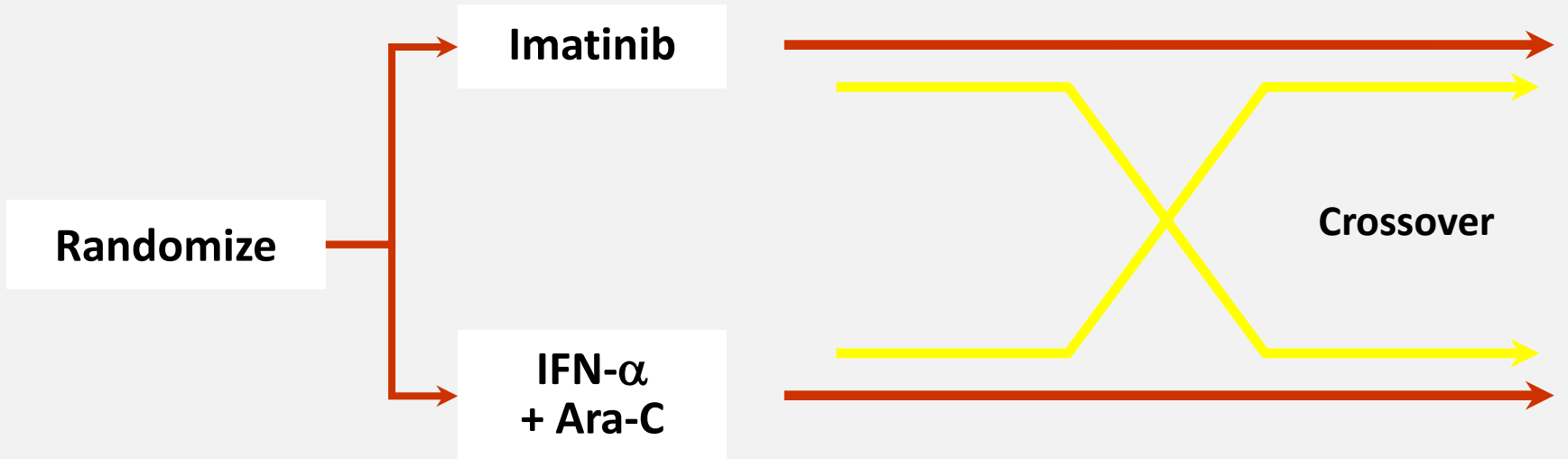
### STUDIO 106 – OVERALL SURVIVAL

All deaths





# Design



- **Crossover for**
  - lack of response
  - loss of response
  - intolerance of treatment

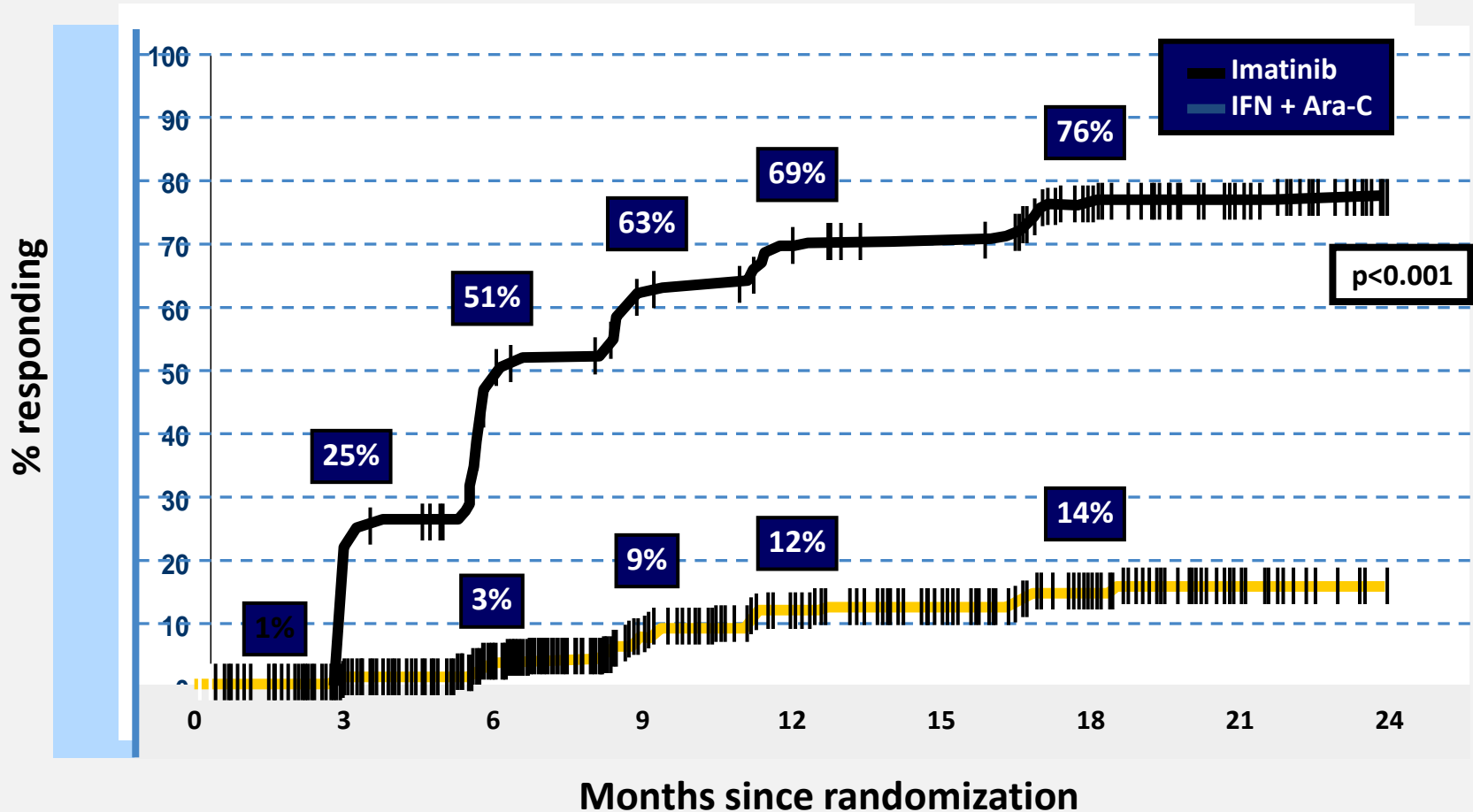


# Best Cytogenetic Response on First-line Treatment

Response	Imatinib n=553	IFN + Ara-C n=553
Major ( $\leq 35$ Ph+)*	<b>471</b> (85%)	<b>122</b> (22%)
• complete (0% Ph+)*	<b>408</b> (74%)	<b>47</b> (8%)
• partial (1-35% Ph+)	<b>63</b> (11%)	<b>75</b> (14%)

\*  $p < 0.001$

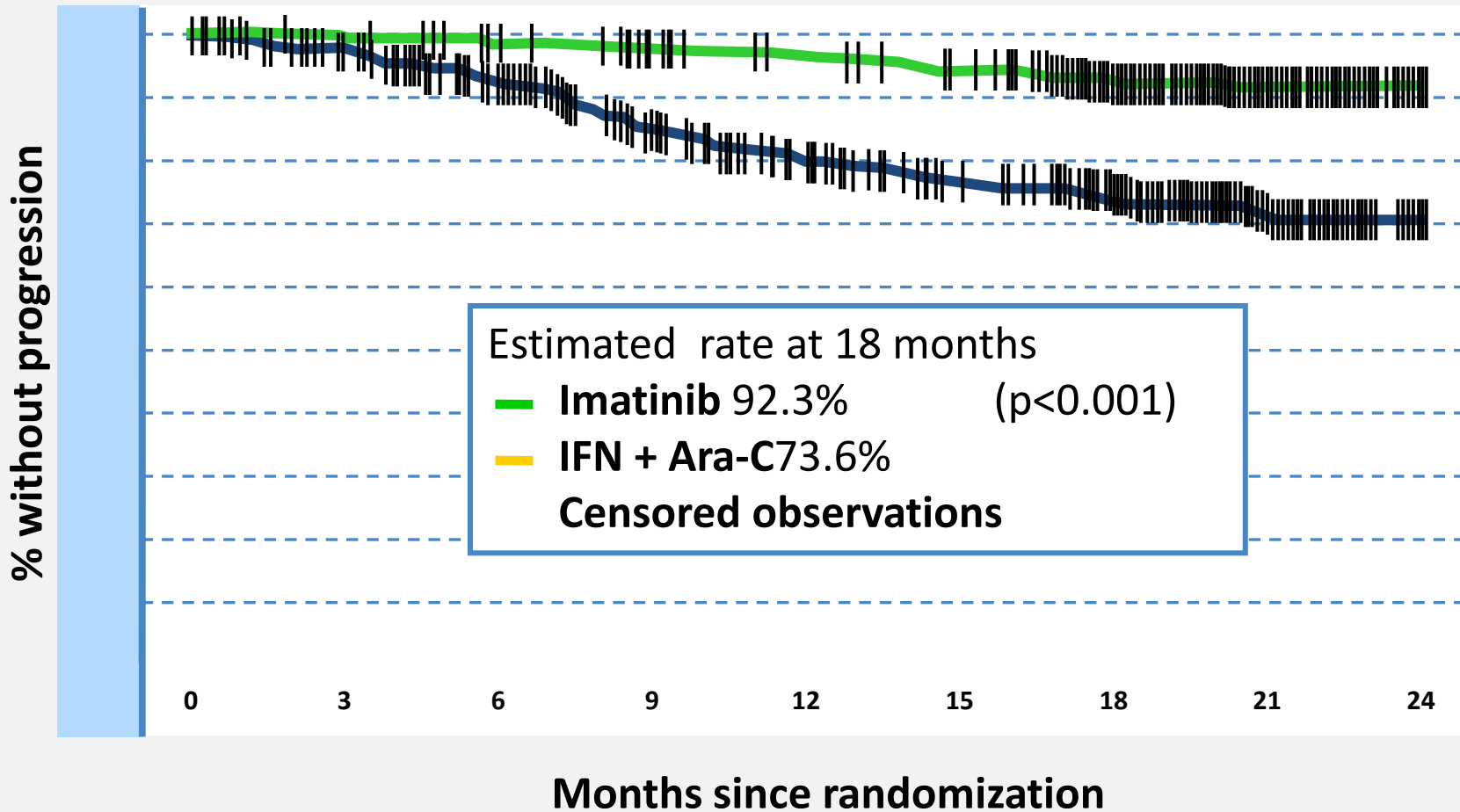
## Complete Cytogenetic Responses



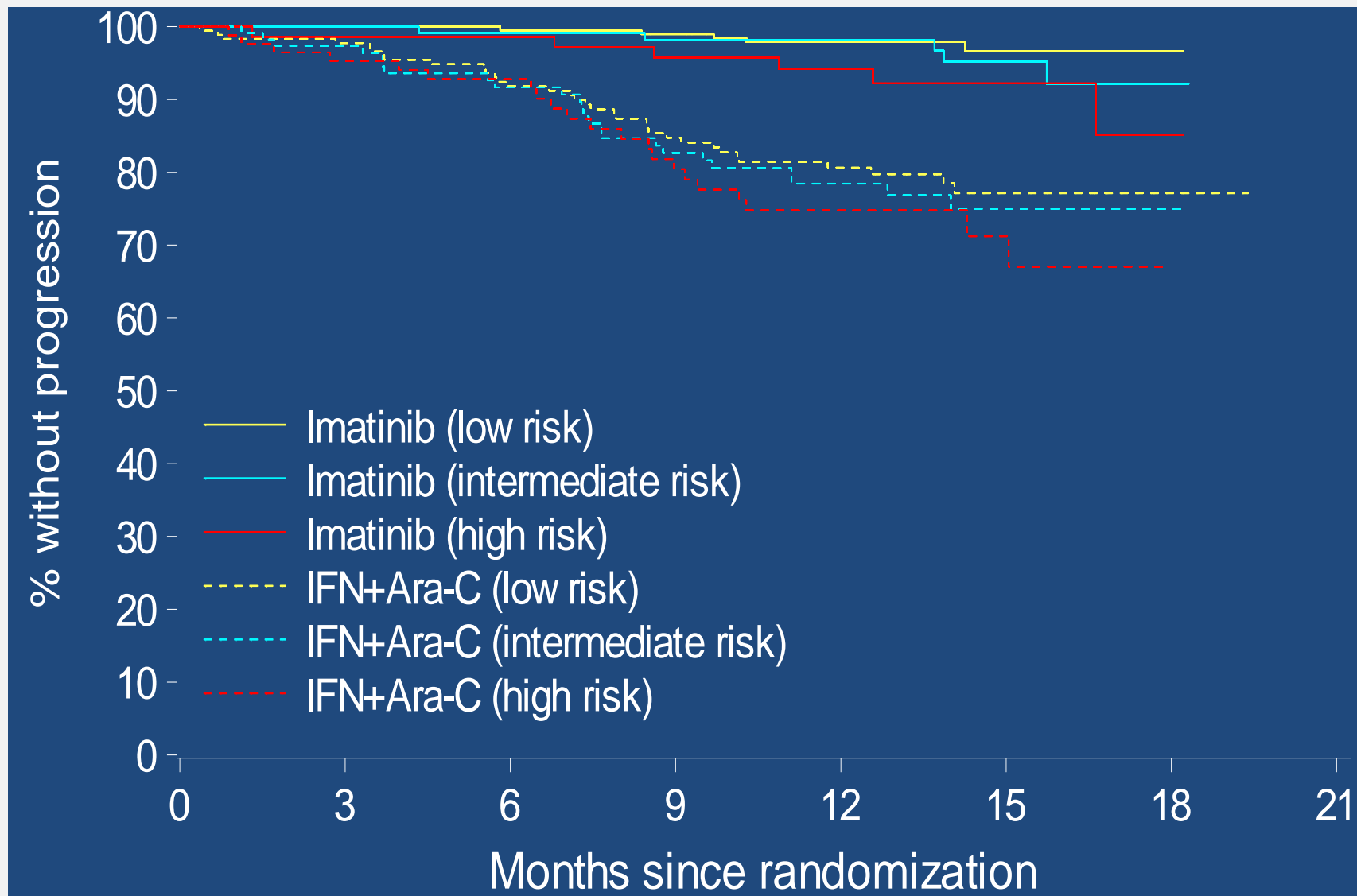


# Progression-free Survival

Intention to treat



# Progression - by Sokal risk group



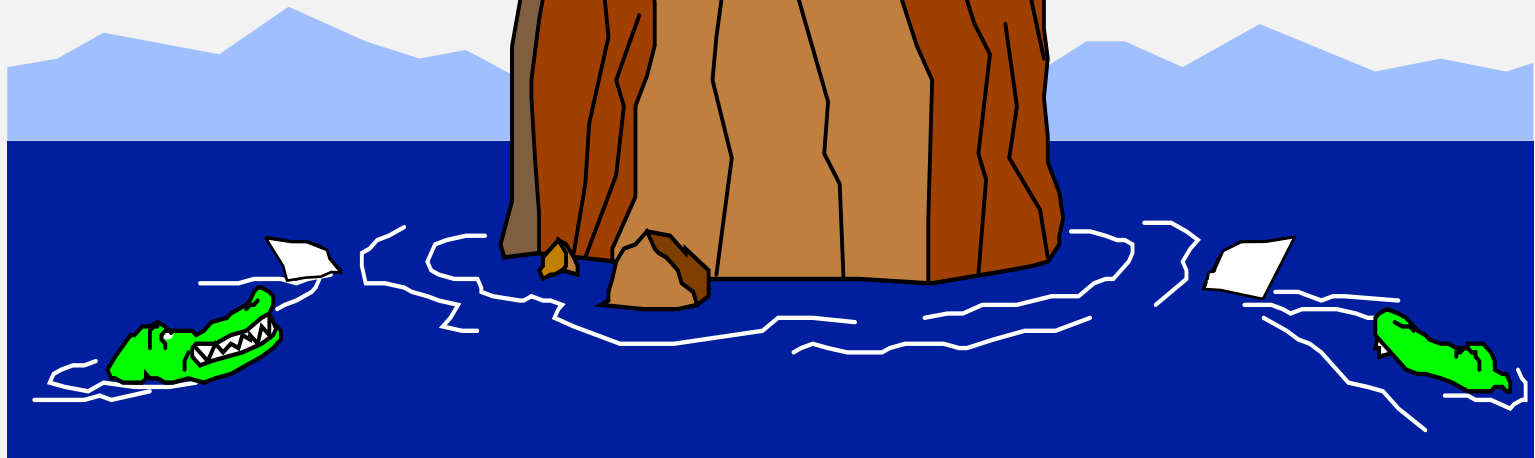
# Trattare la LMC nel 2003



Imatinib

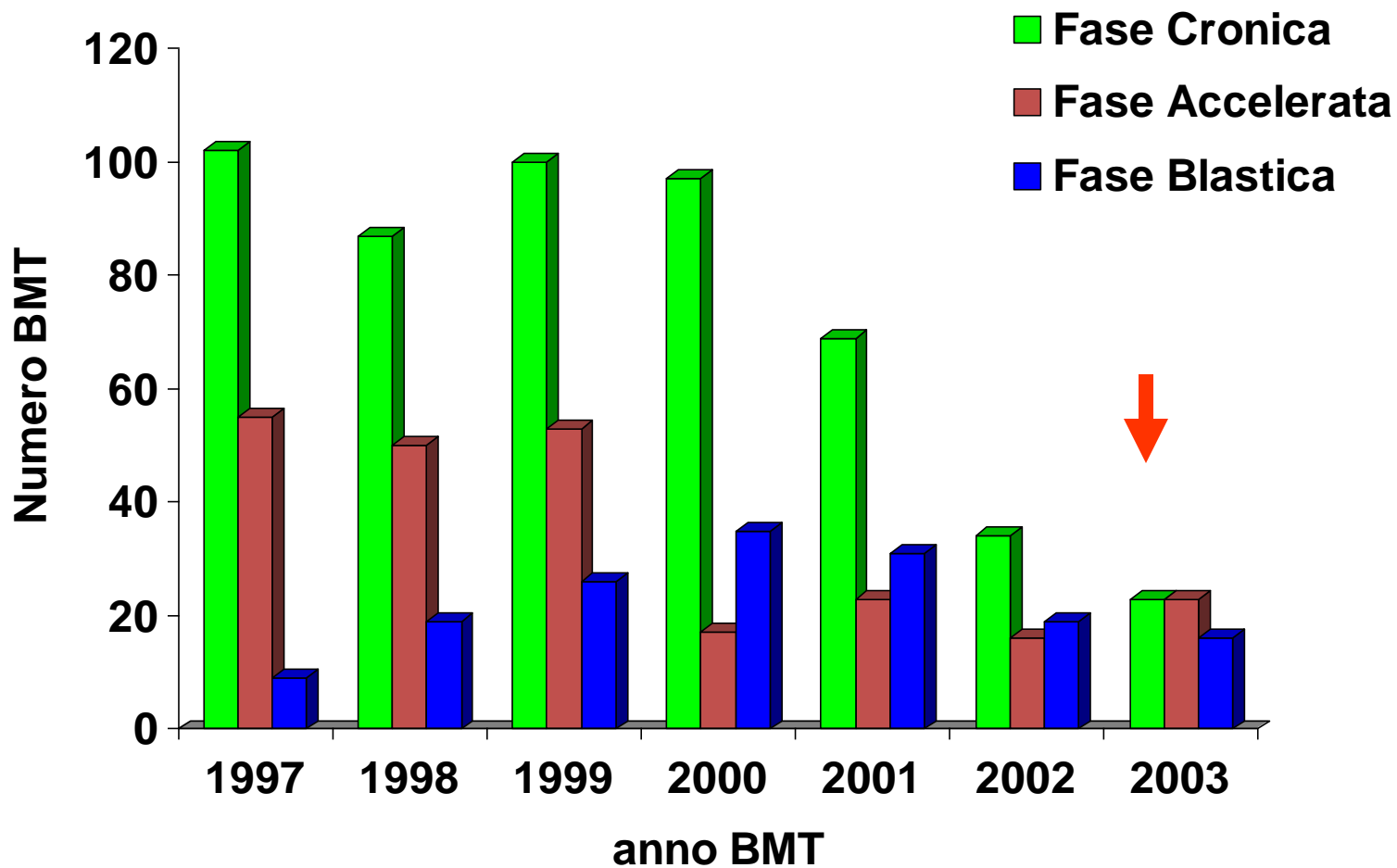


Trapianto





## Andamento delle LMC negli ultimi 6 anni



# Imatinib Resistance

- Resistance at the maximum tolerated dose of imatinib
  - Primary resistance
    - No complete hematologic response at 3 months
    - No cytogenetic response at 6 months
    - No major cytogenetic response at 1 year
  - Secondary resistance
    - Loss of complete hematologic response
    - Loss of major cytogenetic response
    - Progression to accelerated / blast



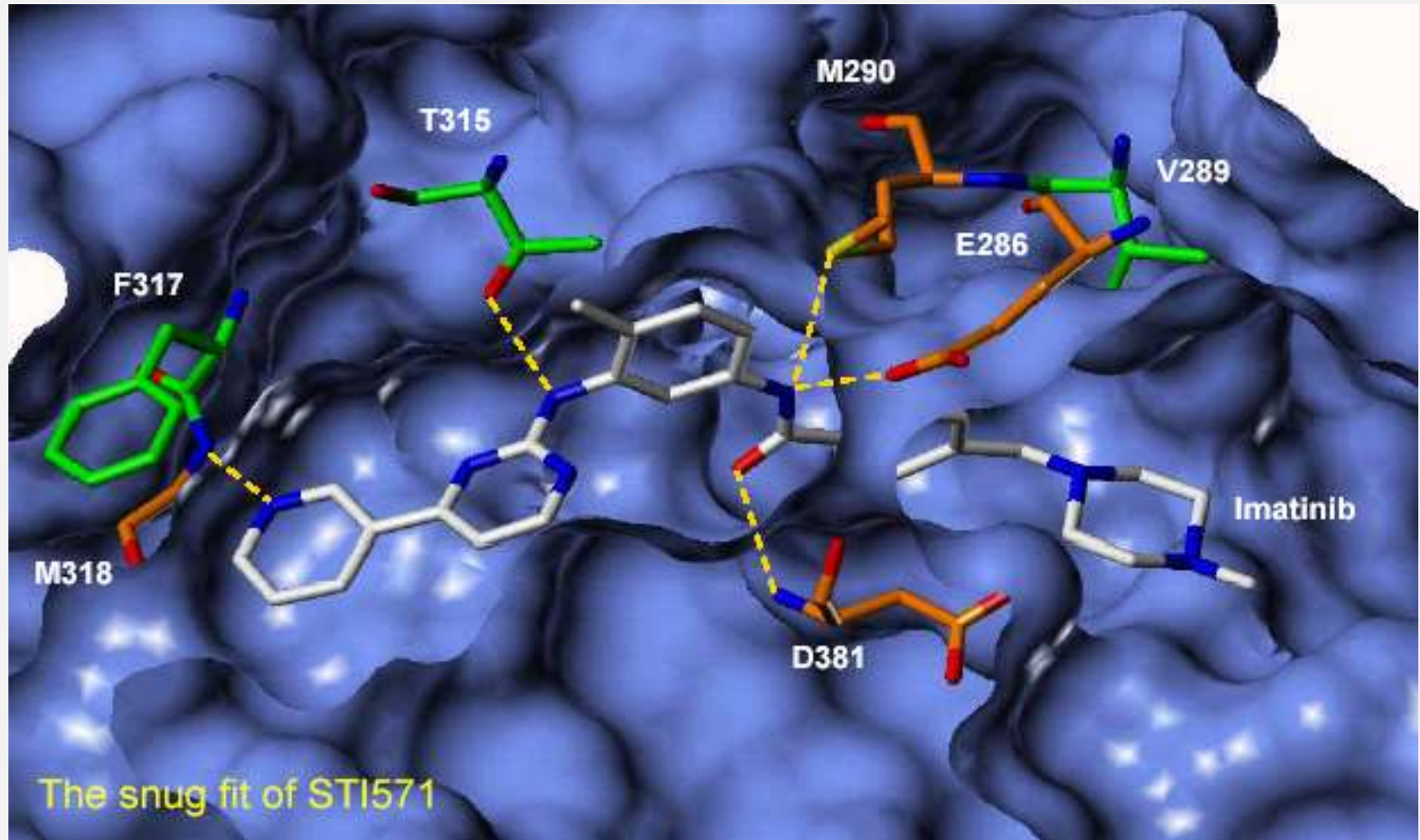
# The entity of imatinib resistance

- Resistance to imatinib is a well-recognized problem
  - 31% of chronic phase (CP) CML patients discontinue imatinib within 4.5 years<sup>1</sup>
  - 16% of CP patients either lose an established response to imatinib or progress to accelerated (AP) or blast phase (BP) after 42 months
  - 15% of CP patients fail to achieve a major cytogenetic response (MCyR) after 12 months and have a significantly increased risk of disease progression
- Patients who progress on imatinib to accelerated (AP) or blast phase (BP) have a poor prognosis<sup>2\*</sup>

**1Druker *et al.* J Clin Oncol. 2006;24(Suppl):338s**

**2Kantarjian H *et al* Cancer 2007\*\***

# *BCR-ABL: mutazioni puntiformi*





# Imatinib failure/suboptimal response

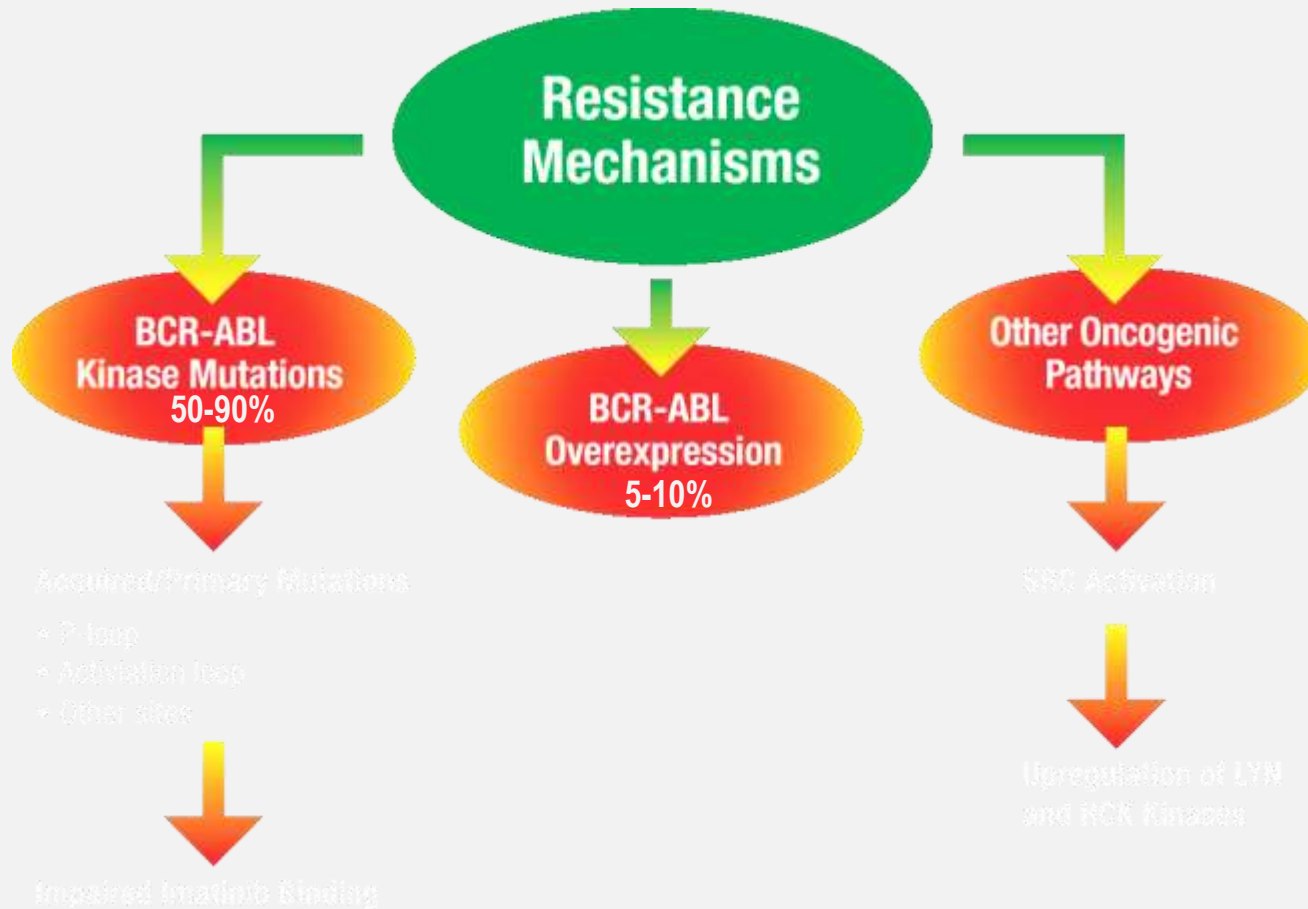
- Maximizing imatinib dose
  - Addition of other agent
  - switching to alternate ABL kinase inhibitors
- Abandon kinase inhibitors for SCT
- Prevention
  - High dose imatinib
  - Imatinib combinations (Ara-C, IFN  $\alpha$ )

# Imatinib Intolerance



- Imatinib toxicities leading to intolerance
  - Grade 3-4 non-hematologic toxicity
  - Grade 4 hematologic toxicity lasting more than 7 days
- Patients who responded to imatinib
  - Developed intolerance while in response
  - Unable to resume therapy
- Patients who never responded to imatinib
  - Unable to tolerate imatinib at a dose of at least 400 mg

# Proposed Mechanisms of Imatinib Resistance



1. Branford S, Rudzki Z, Walsh S, *et al. Blood.* 2003;102:276-283.

2. Donato NJ, Wu JY, Stapley, *et al. Blood.* 2003;101:690-698.



# Historical Milestones in CML

2006-2007

Dasatinib and nilotinib are FDA approved for Patients with imatinib resistance

June 2010

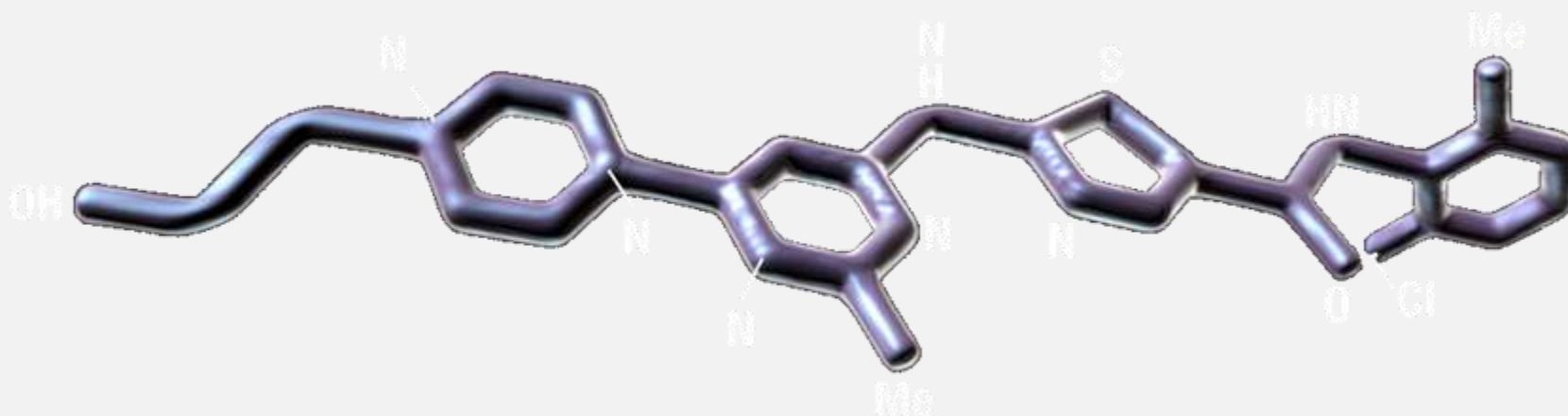
FDA approval granted to nilotinib as first-line treatment in Ph+ CML

October 2010

FDA approval granted to dasatinib as first-line treatment in Ph+ CML



# Dasatinib: A Novel Oral Multi-Targeted Kinase Inhibitor

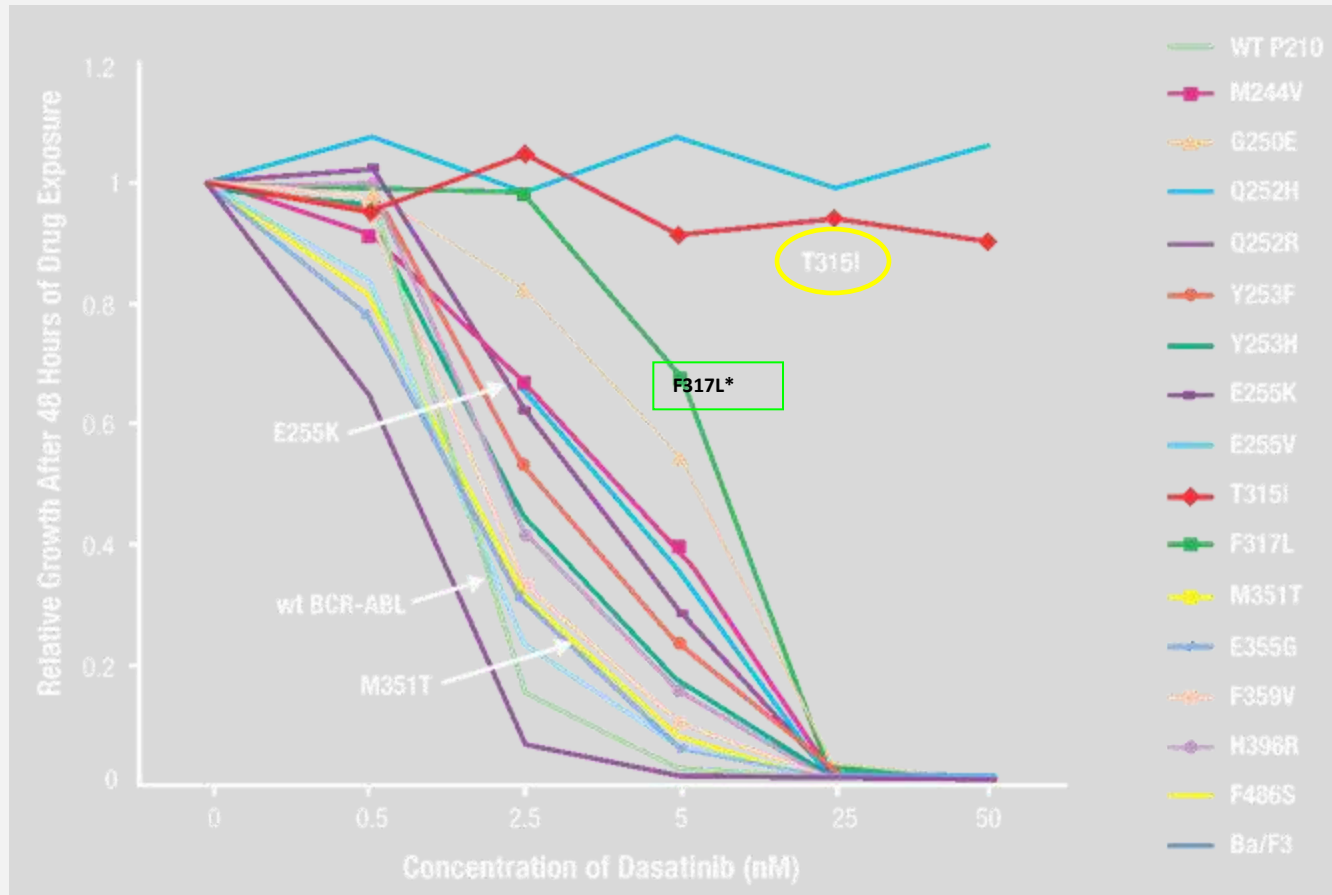


- A novel multi-targeted kinase inhibitor with activity in hematologic and solid tumor cell lines<sup>1</sup>
- Dasatinib binds to Bcr-Abl in both the active and inactive conformations<sup>1,2</sup>

1. Shah NP, Tran C, Lee FY, *et al.* *Science*. 2004;305:399-401.

2. Sawyers CL, Shah NP, Kantarjian HM, *et al.* *ASH* 2004. Abstract 1.

# Dasatinib Inhibition of Imatinib-Resistant BCR-ABL Mutations



- Dasatinib IC<sub>50</sub> value <25 nM in 14 of 15 imatinib-resistant mutations tested<sup>1</sup>

1. Shah NP, Tran C, Lee FY, *et al.* *Science*. 2004;305:399-401.

\* Soverini et al, *Haematologica* 2007

# Historical Milestones in CML



December 2010

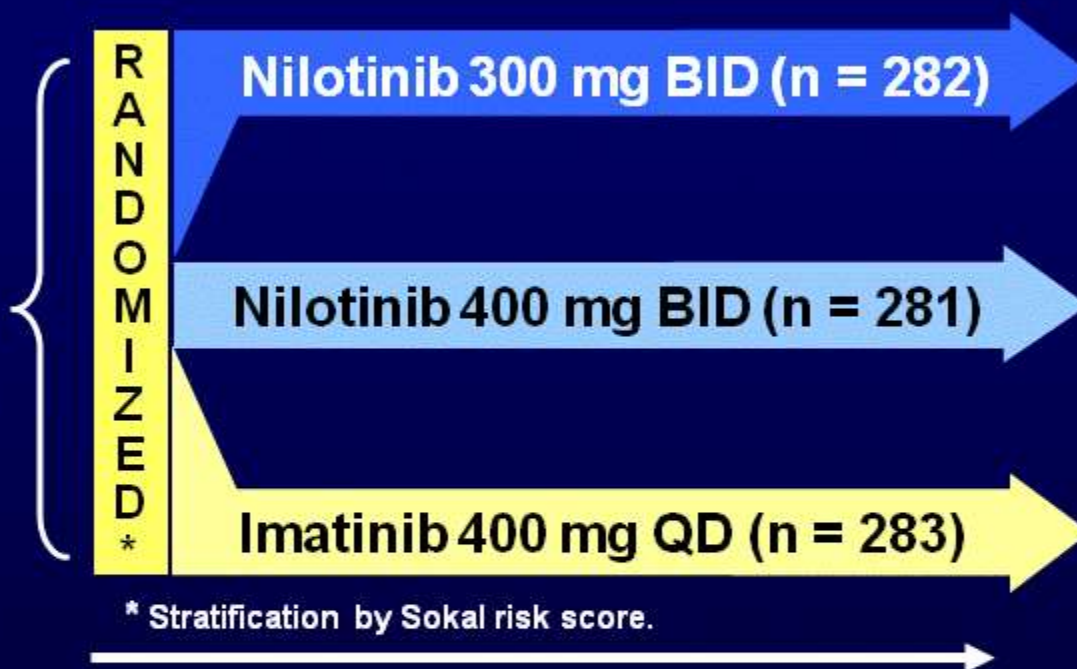
EMA and Swiss Medic approve nilotinib as first line treatment in Ph+ CML

EMA approved dasatinib as first-line treatment in Ph+ CML

(Taken, in part, from “50 Years in Hematology: Research that revolutionized patient care”. Published by the American Society of Hematology. Chapter 2. Targeted Therapy for Chronic Myeloid Leukemia. P 13.)

# Study Design

- N = 846
- 217 centers
- 35 countries

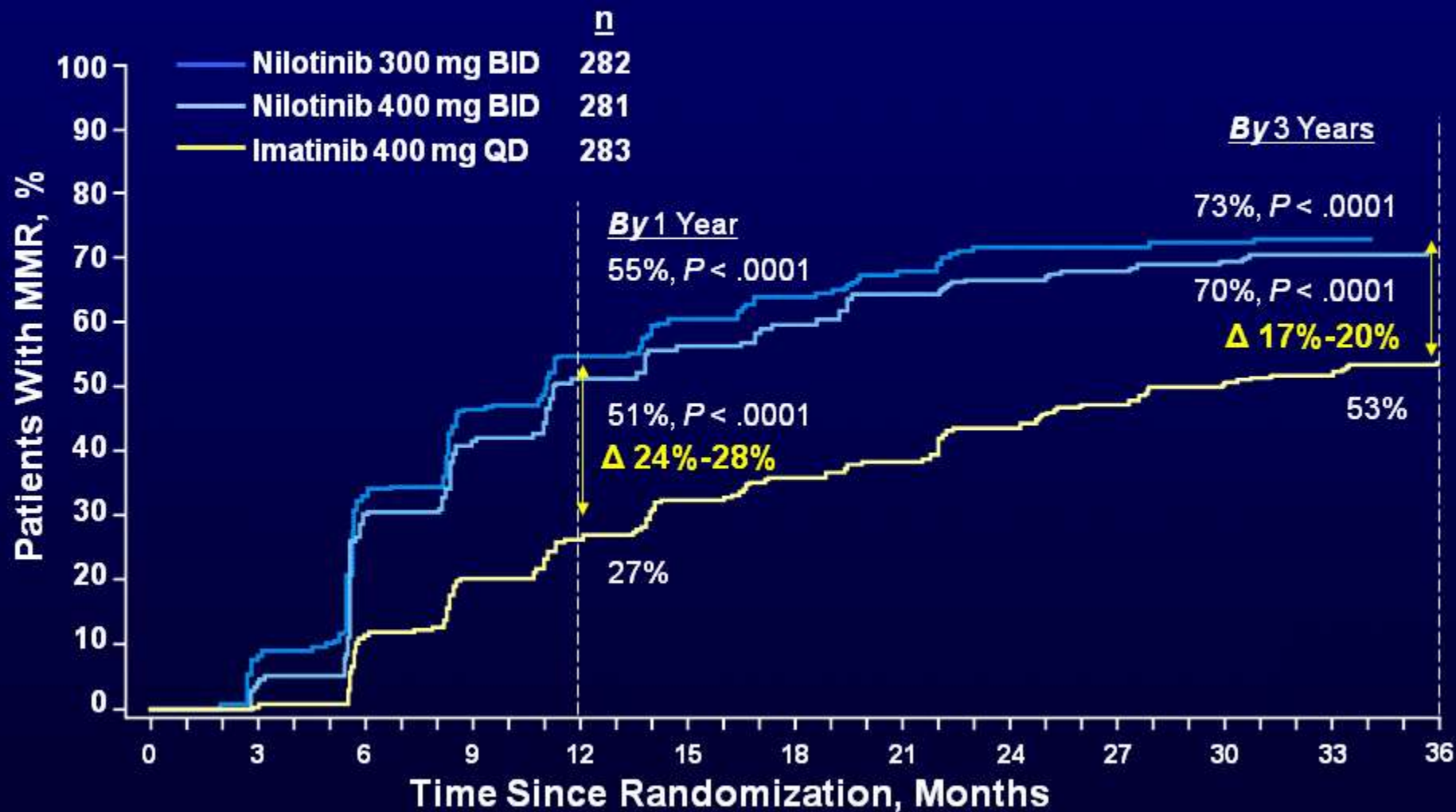


**Follow-up of 10 years**

- The ENESTnd trial met its primary endpoint of MMR at 12 months in patients treated with nilotinib 300 or 400 mg BID vs imatinib ( $P < .0001$ )<sup>1,2</sup>
- 3-year follow-up data from ENESTnd have now been published<sup>3</sup>

1. Saglio G, et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2010;362:2251-2259.  
 2. Kantarjian HM, et al. *Lancet Oncol*. 2011;12(9):841-851.  
 3. Larson RA et al. *Leukemia*, May 2012; Epub ahead of print.  
 DOI 10.1038/leu.2012.134.

# Cumulative Incidence of MMR\*

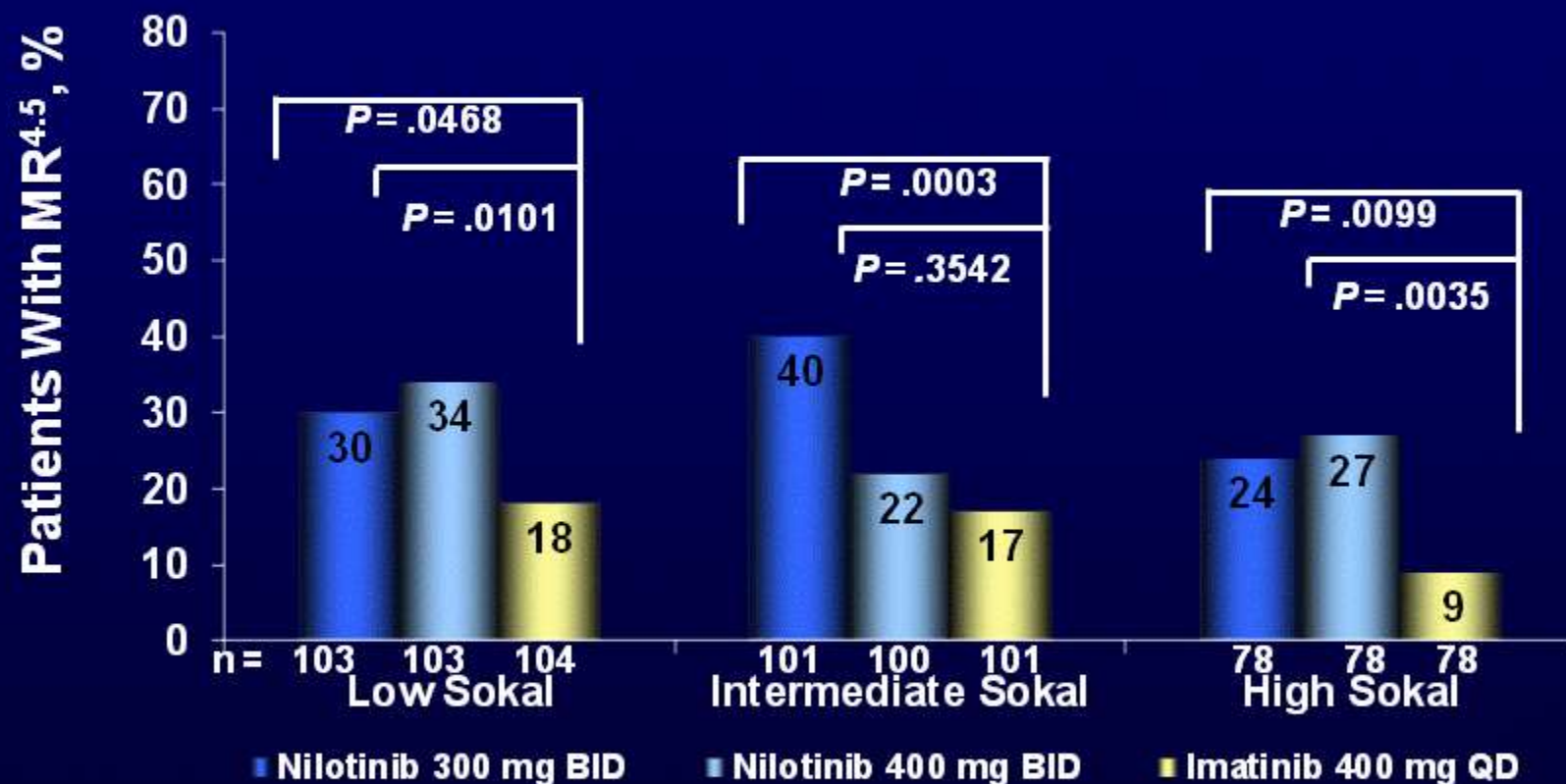


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\* Equivalent to BCR-ABL transcript levels of  $\leq 0.1\%$  (IS).

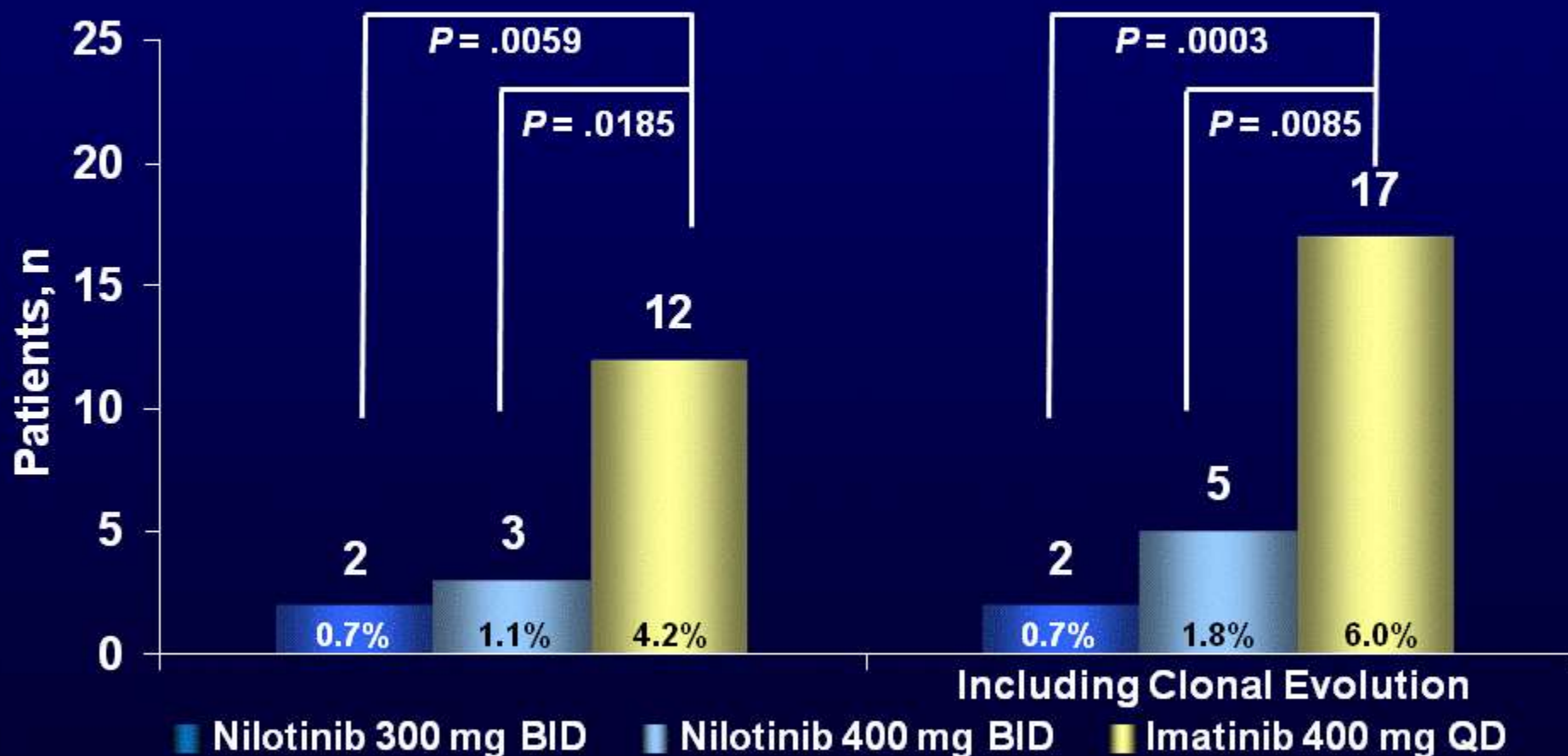


# MR<sup>4.5</sup> by 3 Years According to Sokal Risk



- Rates of MR<sup>4.5</sup> were consistently higher in patients treated with nilotinib vs imatinib across low, intermediate, and high Sokal risk scores

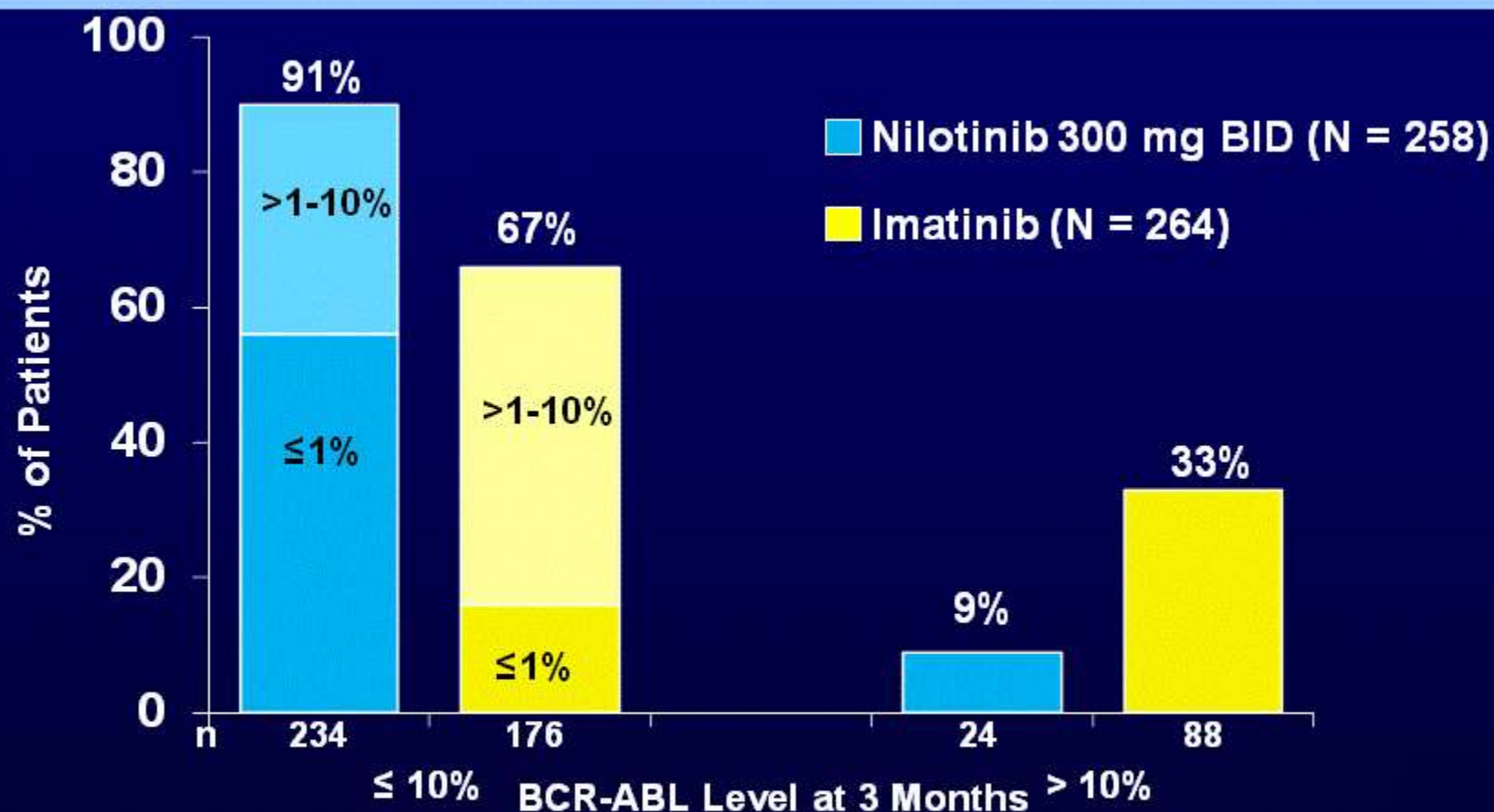
# Progression to AP/BC on Treatment



- No new progressions on treatment were observed since the 2-year analysis
- Nilotinib has a significantly lower risk of progression than imatinib

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# BCR-ABL Categories at 3 Months\*



- Reasons for unevaluable samples:

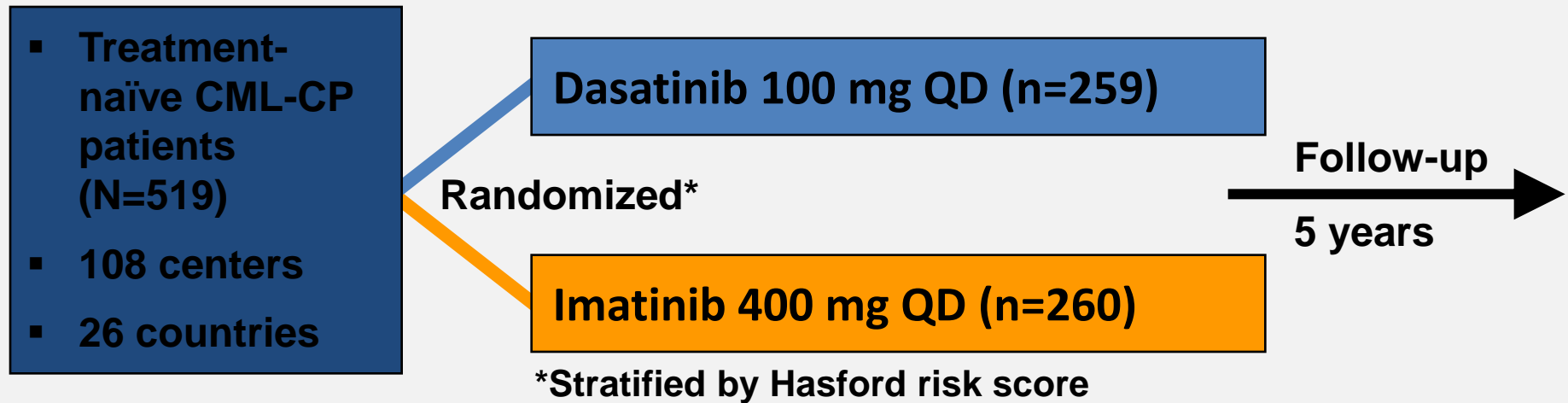
- Atypical transcripts: 5 patients on nilotinib, 2 patients on imatinib
- Missing samples: 4 patients on nilotinib, 5 patients on imatinib
- Discontinued: 15 patients (incl. 1 progression) on nilotinib, 12 patients (incl. 1 progression) on imatinib

- PFS/OS events prior to 3 months: 1 PFS event in each arm, no deaths

\*Calculated from total number of evaluable patients with PCR assessments at 3 months.

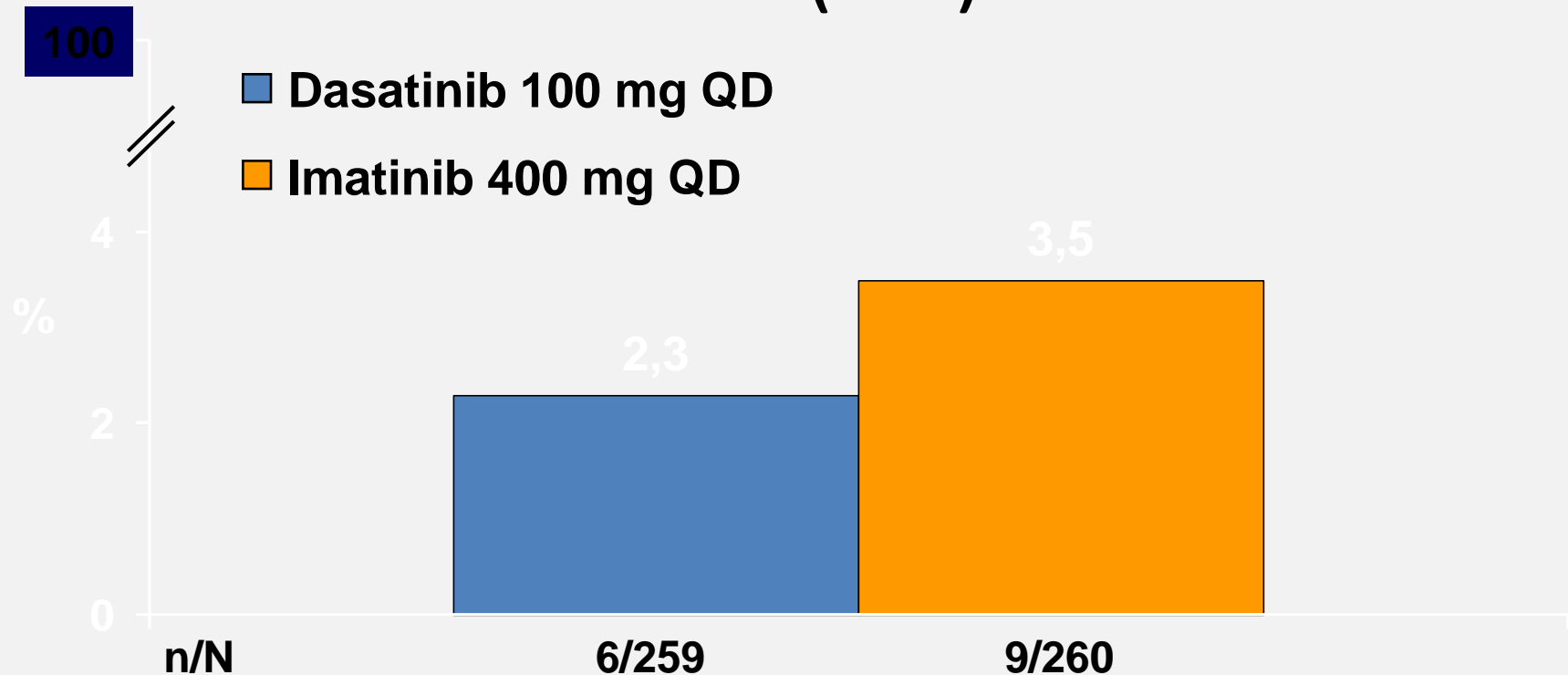


# DASISION (CA180-056) Study Design, an Ongoing Global Phase 3 Study



- **Primary endpoint** Confirmed CCyR by 12 mos
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# Transformation to Advanced Phase CML (ITT)



- 5 patients who achieved a CCyR transformed to AP/BP CML (2 dasatinib, 3 imatinib)
- No patient who achieved a MMR transformed to AP/BP CML to date
- Patients were followed for transformation for up to 60 days after the last dose of study drug; clonal evolution without additional criteria for AP CML was NOT counted as transformation

# I dati scientifici: l'esperienza Hammersmith



**Poor adherence is the main reason for loss of CCyR and imatinib failure for CML on long term therapy**

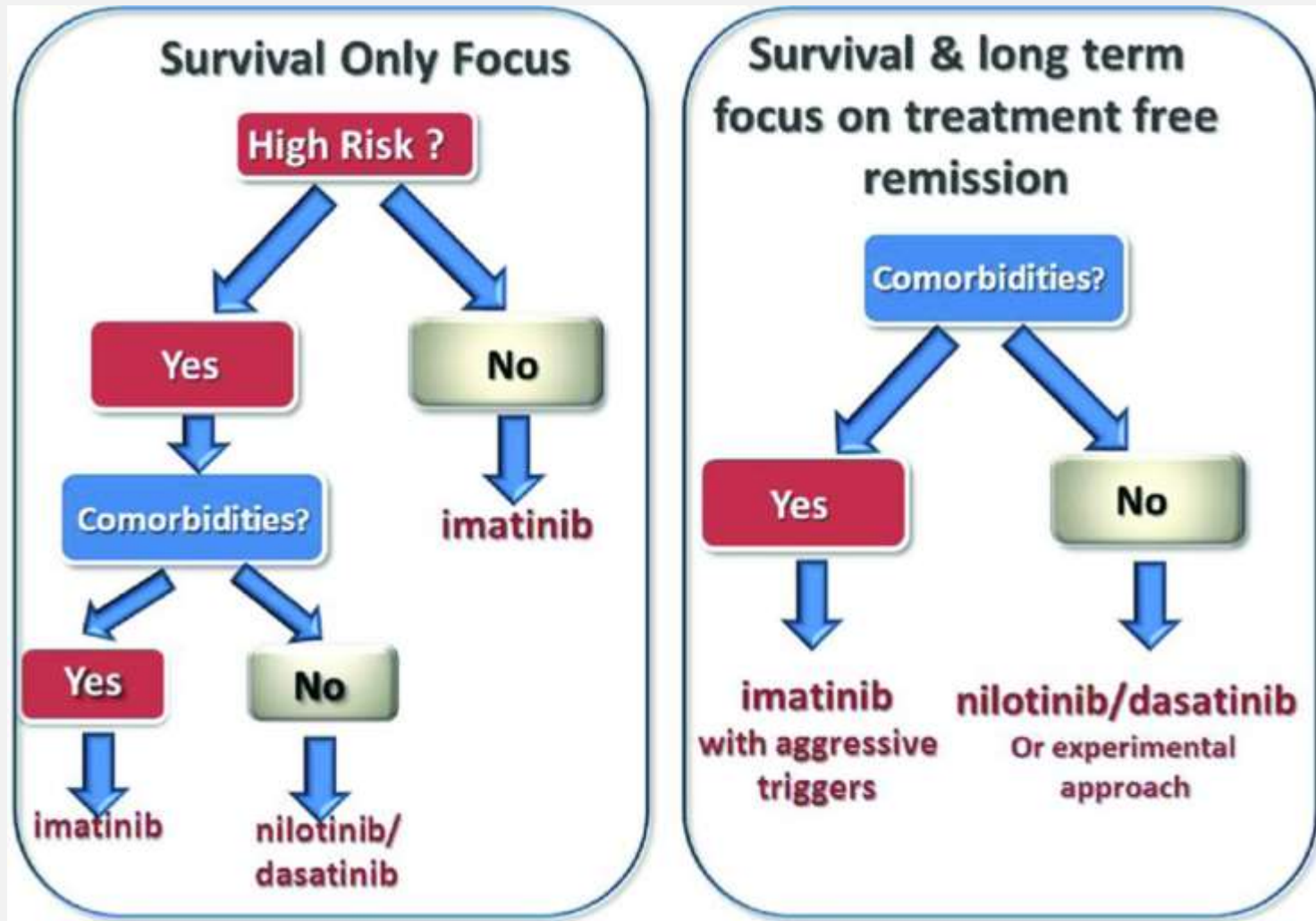
Ibrahim et al, Blood. 2011 Feb 23 prepublished on line.



**Correlazione tra risposta e compliance al trattamento**

**“ pazienti con una aderenza <85% hanno una più alta probabilità di perdere la risposta citogenetica completa e hanno una più alta probabilità di interrompere Glivec rispetto a pazienti con aderenza >85% ”**

Proposed schema for individualizing therapy based on comorbidities, goals of therapy, and disease risk profile.



Timothy Hughes, and Deborah White Hematology  
2013;2013:168-175



# Definitions of hematologic, cytogenetic, and molecular response



Response by Type	Definitions
Hematologic	
Complete (CHR)	<p>WBC <math>&lt; 10 \times 10^9/L</math></p> <p>Basophils <math>&lt; 5\%</math></p> <p>No myelocytes, promyelocytes, myeloblasts in the differential</p> <p>Platelet count <math>&lt; 450 \times 10^9/L</math></p> <p>Spleen nonpalpable</p>
Cytogenetic*	
Complete (CCgR)	No Ph+ metaphases
Partial (PCgR)	1% to 35% Ph+ metaphases
Minor (mCgR)	36% to 65% Ph+ metaphases
Minimal (minCgR)	66% to 95% Ph+ metaphases
None (noCgR)	$> 95\%$ Ph+ metaphases
Molecular†	
Complete (CMoIR)	Undetectable <i>BCR-ABL</i> mRNA transcripts by real time quantitative and/or nested PCR in two consecutive blood samples of adequate quality (sensitivity $> 10^4$ )
Major (MMoIR)	Ratio of <i>BCR-ABL</i> to <i>ABL</i> (or other housekeeping genes) $\leq 0.1\%$ on the international scale

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DESIGN AND REALISATION: WWW.



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*Baccarani et al, Blood 2013;122:872-884*

Response definitions for any TKI **first line**, and 2nd line in case of intolerance, all patients (CP, AP, and BC)

Time	Optimal response	Warning	Failure
<b>Baseline</b>		High risk Major route CCA/Ph+	
<b>3 mos.</b>	BCR-ABL <sup>IS</sup> ≤10%* Ph+ ≤35% (PCyR)	BCR-ABL <sup>IS</sup> >10%* Ph+ 36-95%	No CHR* Ph+ >95%
<b>6 mos.</b>	BCR-ABL <sup>IS</sup> <1%* Ph+ 0% (CCyR)	BCR-ABL <sup>IS</sup> 1-10%* Ph+ 1-35%	BCR-ABL <sup>IS</sup> >10%* Ph+ >35%
<b>12 mos.</b>	BCR-ABL <sup>IS</sup> ≤0.1%* (MMR)	BCR-ABL <sup>IS</sup> 0.1-1%*	BCR-ABL <sup>IS</sup> >1%* Ph+ >0%
<b>Then, and at any time</b>	MMR or better	CCA/Ph- (-7, or 7q-)	Loss of CHR Loss of CCyR Loss of MMR, confirmed** Mutations CCA/Ph+

\*and/or

\*\*in 2 consecutive tests, of which one ≥1%

IS: BCR-ABL on International Scale



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## Treatment recommendations

Line	Event	TKI, standard dosage <sup>1</sup>					Transplantation				
		Imatinib 400 mg/qd	Nilotinib 300 mg/bid	Dasatinib 100 mg/qd	Bosutinib 500 mg/qd	Ponatinib 45 mg/qd	Search for		alloSCT		Chemotherapy
<b>Chronic phase</b>											
							HLA type + sibs	unrelated donor	consider	recommended	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Baseline	X	X	X			X <sup>2</sup>				
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Intolerance to 1 <sup>st</sup> TKI		Any other TKI approved 1 <sup>st</sup> line								
	Failure 1 <sup>st</sup> line of	imatinib		X <sup>8</sup>	X	X	X	X			
		nilotinib			X	X	X	X	X	X	
		dasatinib		X <sup>6</sup>		X	X	X	X	X	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Intolerance to/failure of two TKI		Any remaining TKI						X		
Any	T315I mutation					X	X	X	X		
<b>Accelerated or blast phase</b>											
In newly diagnosed, TKI naïve patients	start with		X <sup>3</sup>		X <sup>4</sup>		X	X			
	no optimal response, BP									X <sup>7</sup>	X <sup>5</sup>
TKI pre-treated patients		Any other TKI				X <sup>6</sup>				X <sup>7</sup>	X <sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup>choice of the TKI consider tolerability and safety, and patient characteristics (age, comorbidities), <sup>2</sup>only in case of baseline warnings (high risk, major route CCA/Ph+), <sup>3</sup>400 mg/bid, <sup>4</sup>70 mg/bid or 140 mg/qd, <sup>5</sup>may be required before SCT to control disease and to make patients eligible to alloSCT, <sup>6</sup>in case of T315I mutation, <sup>7</sup>only patients who are eligible for alloSCT, not in case of uncontrolled, resistant BP, <sup>8</sup>400 mg bid in failure setting  
qd: Once daily bid: Twice daily





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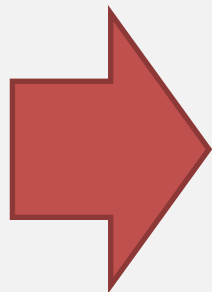
## Response definitions to 2<sup>nd</sup> line therapy in case of failure of imatinib (can be used provisionally, NOT for the response to 3<sup>rd</sup> line treatment).

Time	Optimal response	Warnings	Failure
<b>Baseline</b>		No CHR Loss of CHR on imatinib Lack of CyR to 1 <sup>st</sup> line TKI High risk	
<b>3 mos.</b>	BCR-ABL <sup>IS</sup> ≤10%* Ph+ <65%	BCR-ABL <sup>IS</sup> >10%* Ph+ 65-95%	No CHR, or Ph+ >95%, or New mutations
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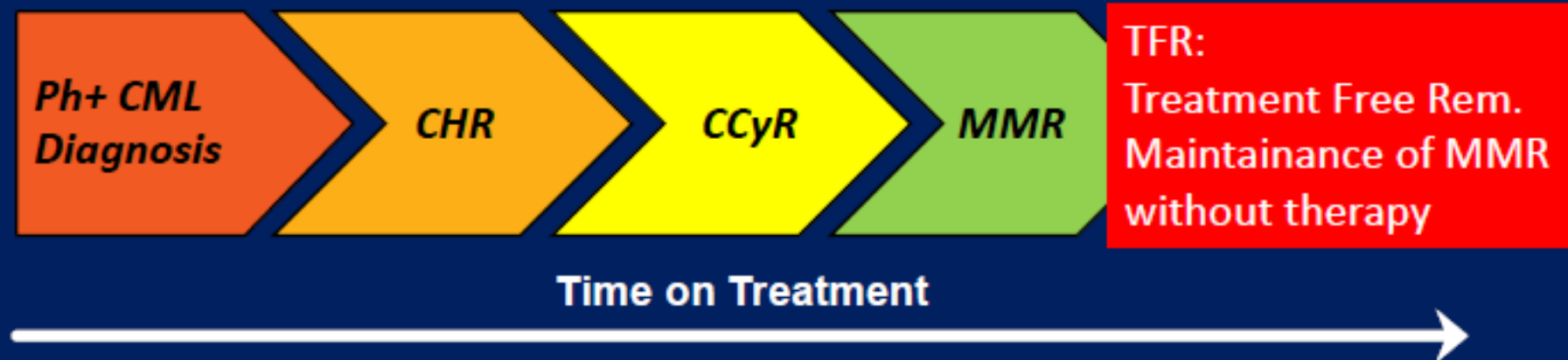
## Definition of response

<b>Optimal response</b>	Best long-term outcome No indication for a change of treatment.
<b>Failure</b>	Patient should receive a different treatment to limit the risk of progression and death
<b>Warning</b>	Characteristics of disease and response to treatment require more frequent monitoring to permit timely changes in therapy, in case of treatment failure.



# Expectations for Best Achievable Response to Therapy in CML Continue to Increase

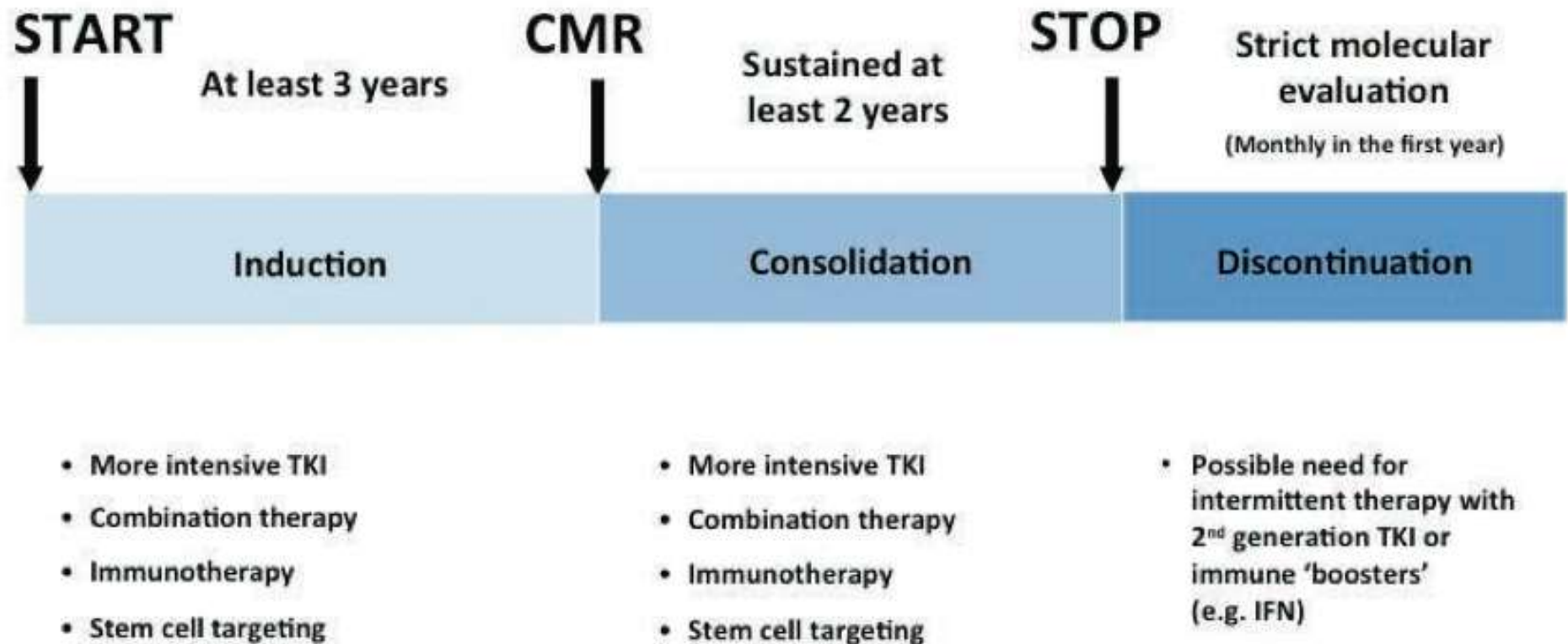
- As treatments for chronic myeloid leukaemia (Ph+ CML) have improved, expectations for responses have increased: HR → CCyR → MMR<sup>1</sup> UMRD



CCyR, complete cytogenetic response; CHR, complete haematologic response;  
UMRD, undetectable molecular residual disease; HR, haematologic response; MMR, major molecular response.

# La necessità di raggiungere una risposta molecolare profonda e sostenuta

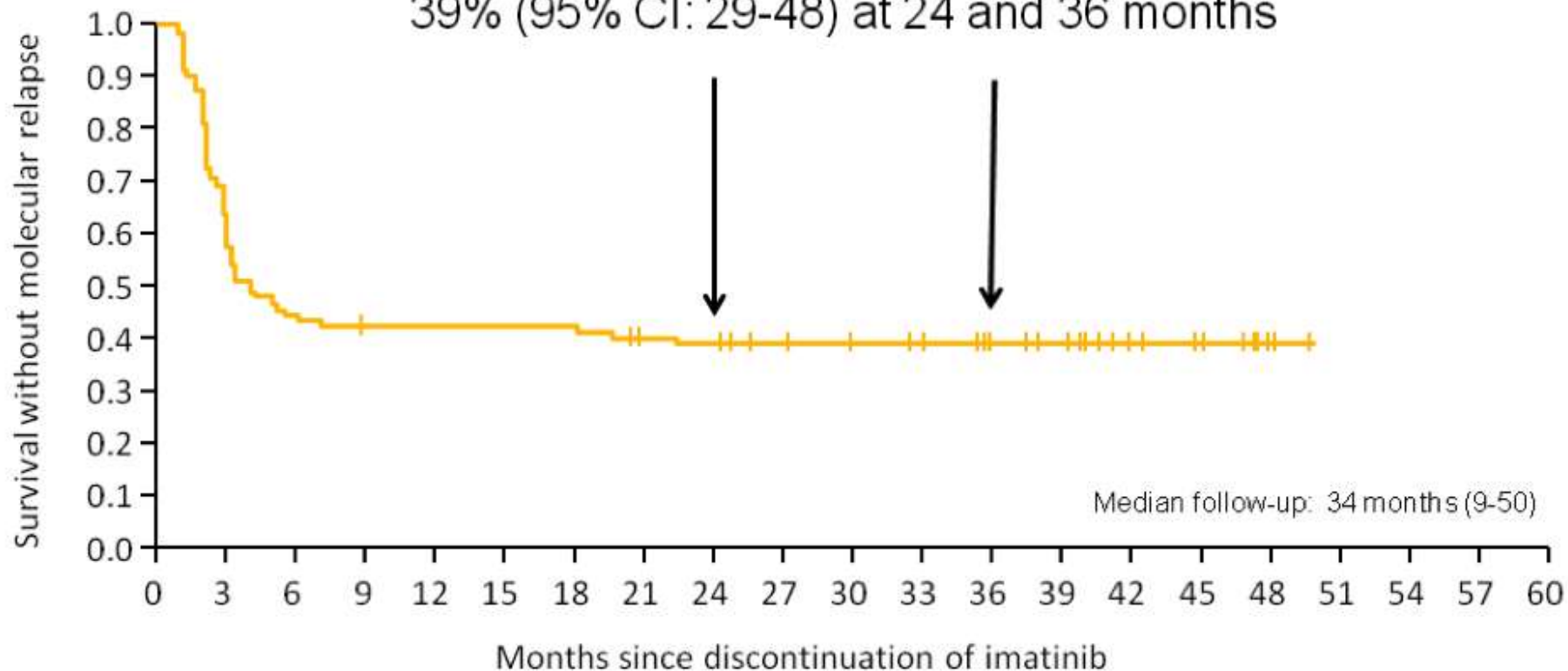
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# STIM trial: 36-mos follow-up

STIM trial

Survival without molecular relapse:  
39% (95% CI: 29-48) at 24 and 36 months



# Altre esperienze di discontinuazione

Studio	Criteri di eleggibilità	No	Definizione di recidiva molecolare	Follow-up e Relapse rate
<b>Japanese Survey</b>	Imatinib > 36 mos Undetectable BCR-ABL >24 mos	43	BCR-ABL in 2 RQ-PCR consecutive	FU mediano 22.4 mos  Relapse rate 44%
<b>Korean Retrospective study</b>	Undetectable BCR-ABL >12 mos	14	BCR-ABL in 2 RQ-PCR consecutive	FU mediano 23 mos  Relapse rate 71.4%
<b>A-STIM (according to)</b>	Undetectable BCR-ABL >24 mos Or CMR (MR4.5) > 24 mos	58	Perdita di MMR Incremento 1 log in 2 RQ-PCR consecutive	FU mediano 23 mos  Relapse rate 34%
<b>KEIO STIM</b>	Undetectable BCR-ABL >24 mos	41	BCR-ABL in 2 RQ-PCR consecutive	FU mediano 15 mos Relapse rate 55.4%

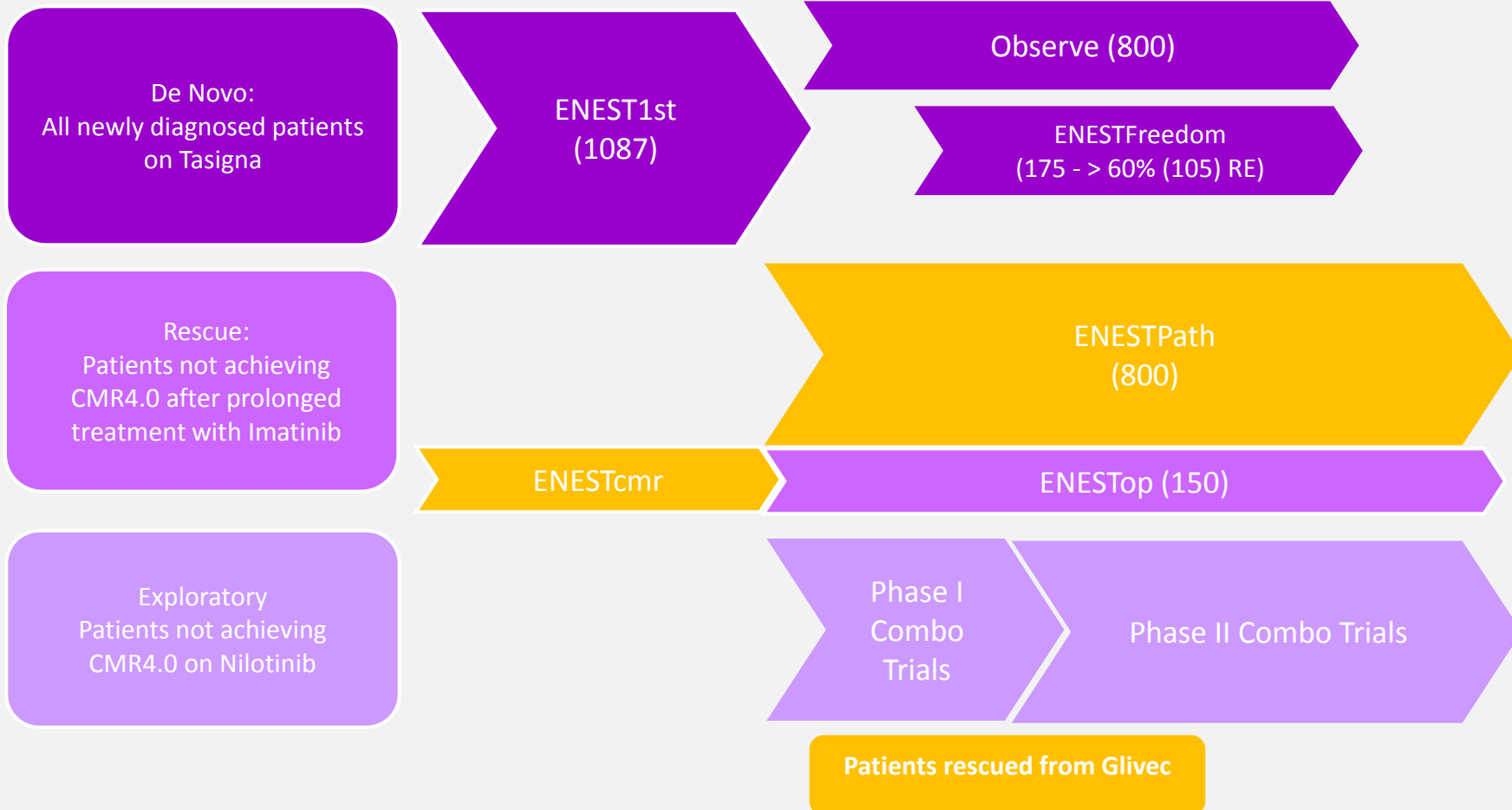
# STUDI DI INTERRUZIONE

	Tx before stop/ MR	Def relapse	RFS	Median fu	Pts responding new Tx
STIM	IM36m <b>MR5</b> 24m	Loss MR5	39%	30m	56/61
A-STIM	IM36m <b>MR4.5</b> 24m	Loss MR3	64%	23m	24/24
KOREAN	IM36m <b>MR4</b> 24m	Loss MR3	81%	16m	8/9
JAPANESE	IM stop >6m <b>MR4</b>	Loss MR4	44%	23m	NA
TWISTER	IM36m <b>MR4.5</b> 24m	Loss MR4.5	45%	42m	22/22
STOP 2G-TKI	DAS/NIL 36m <b>MR4.5</b> 24m	Loss MR3	58%	12m	10/13

# A comprehensive trial program on the Path to Cure: ENEST



2010      2011      2012      2013      2014      2015      2016

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# I dati scientifici: lo studio ADAGIO



**Prevalence, determinants, and outcomes of nonadherence to imatinib therapy in patients with chronic myeloid leukemia: the ADAGIO study.**

Noens L, Blood. 2009 May 28;113(22):5401-11.



**Correlazione tra risposta e compliance al trattamento**

**“ pazienti con risposta sub-ottimale hanno un tasso superiore di mancata assunzione di imatinib (23.2%) rispetto a pazienti con risposta ottimale (7.3%)”**

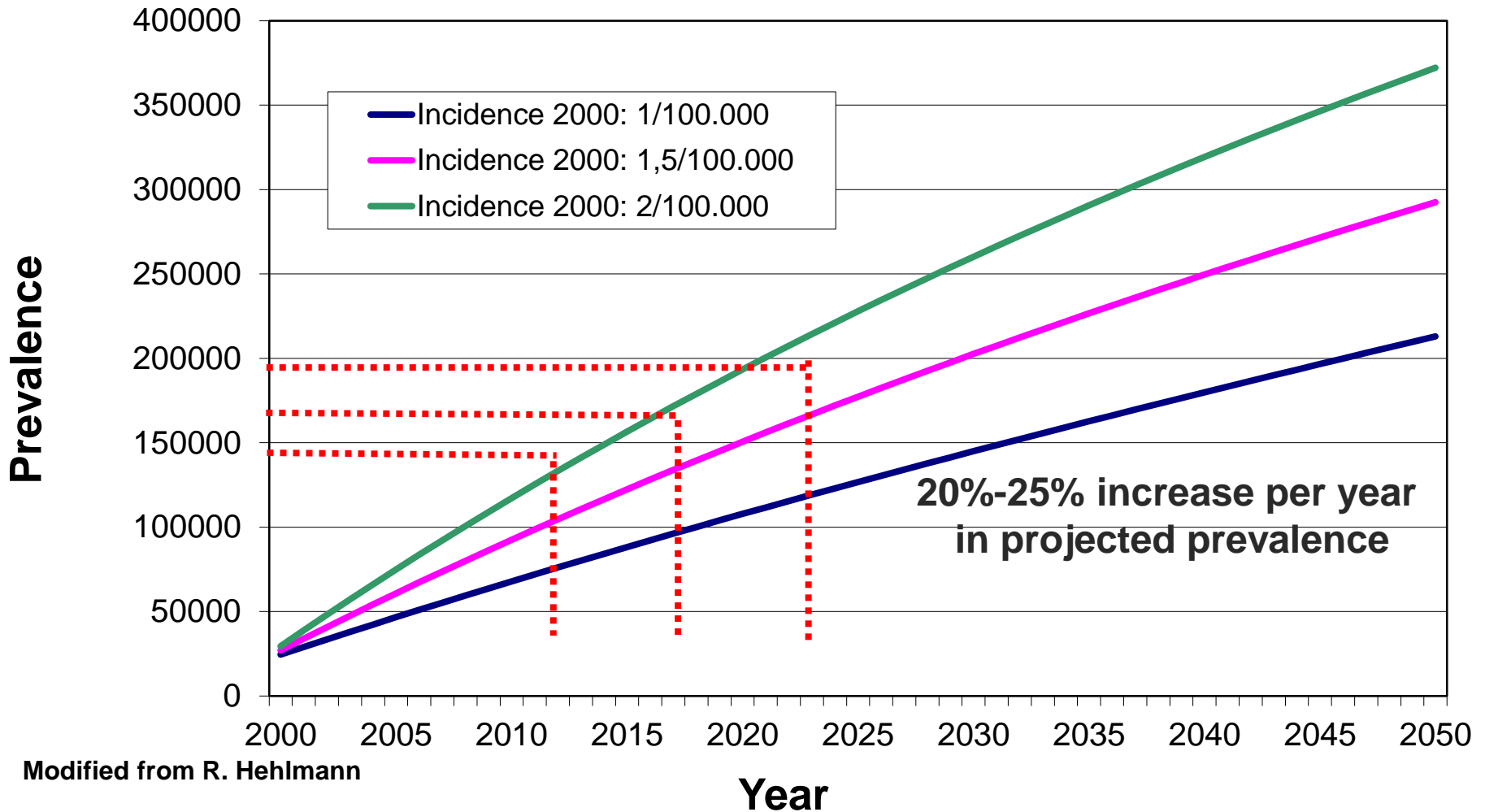




# Projection of CML Prevalence up to 2050

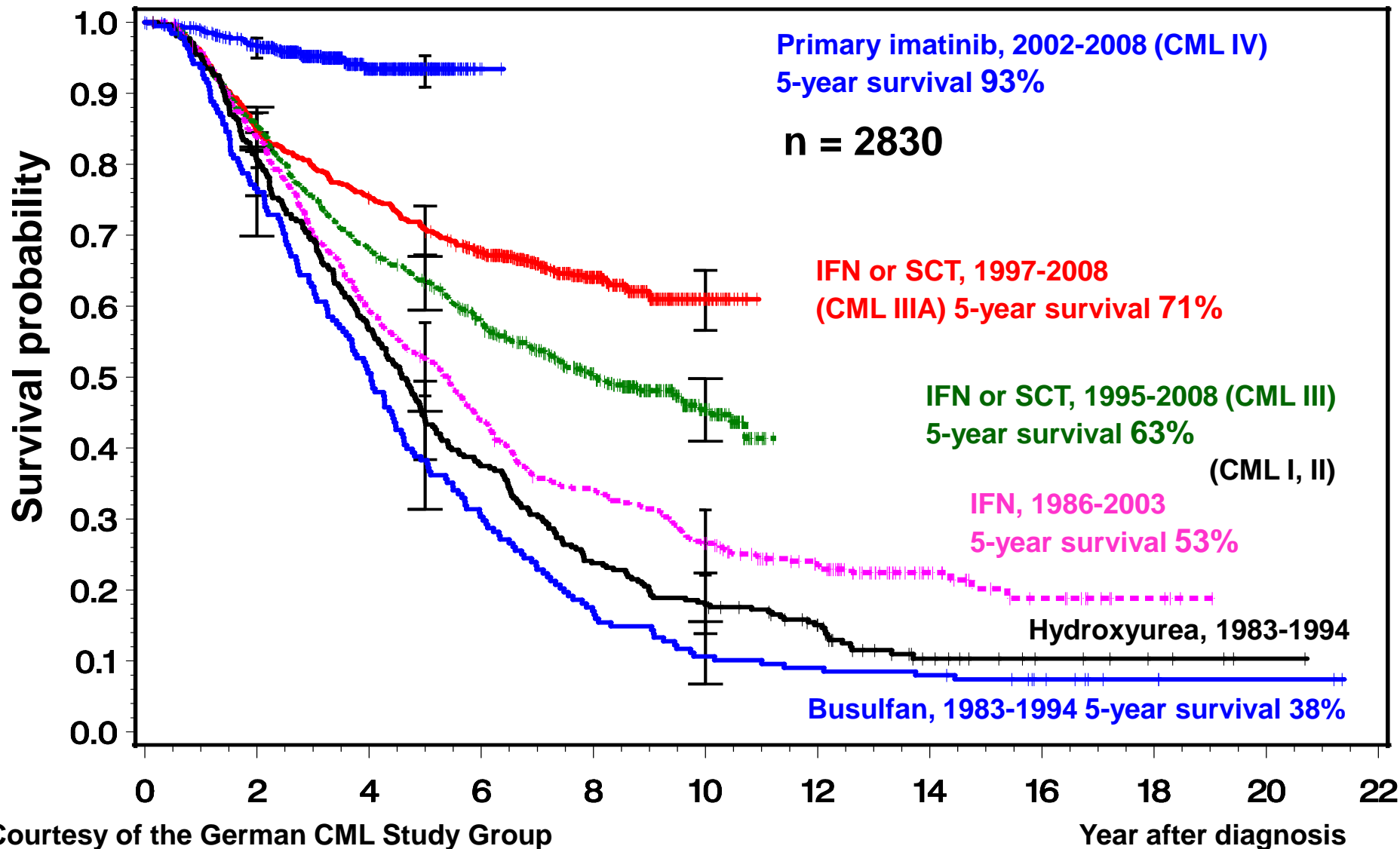


**Assumptions:** Population: 500 Mill., mortality: 2% per year,  
Incidence increasing by about 0.01/100.000 per year



Modified from R. Hehlmann

# Survival 1983-2008





# *Dedicato a Cosima*

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