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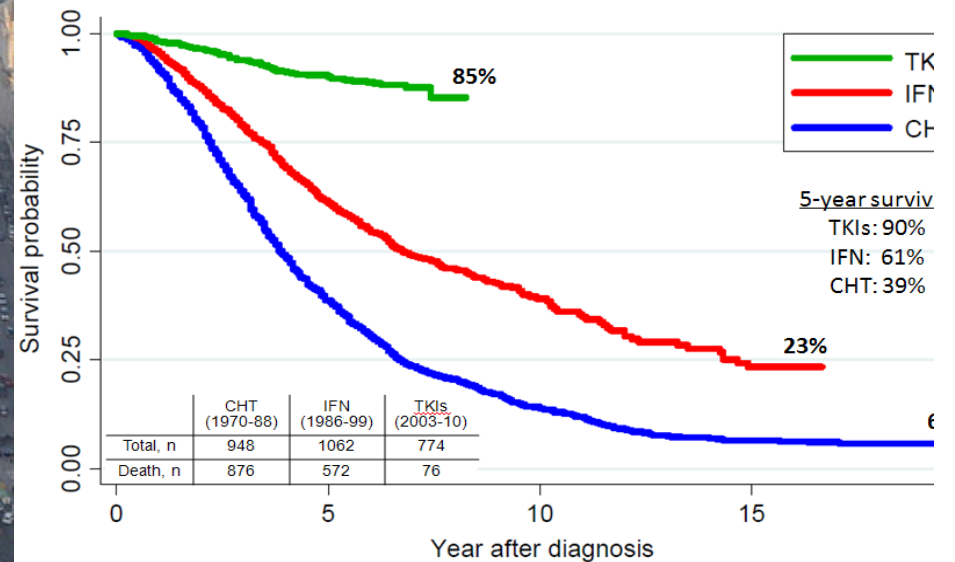
LMC: REMINISCENZA E  
CERTEZZE ATTUALI

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Survival of CML by therapy

N = 278



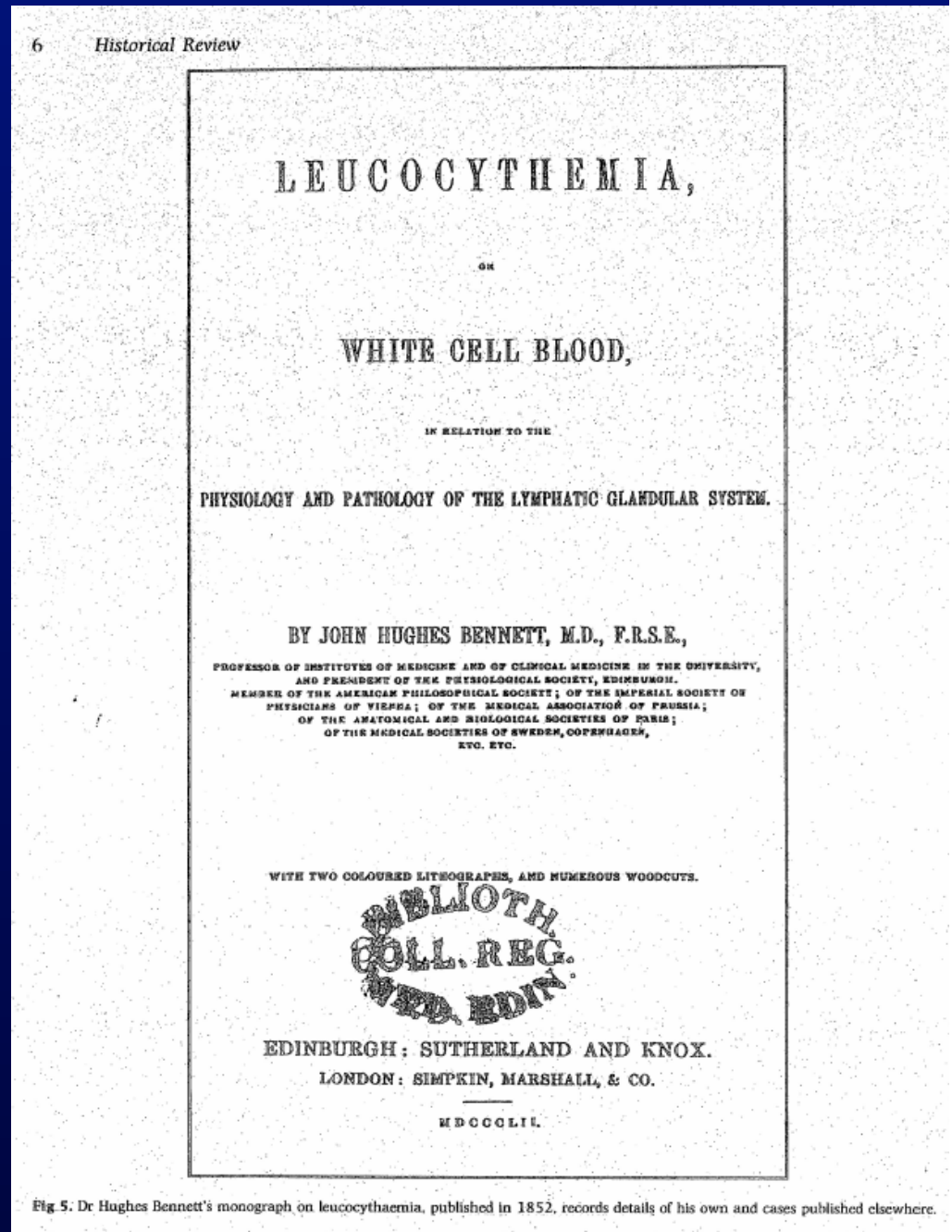
Date of diagnosis: 1970 - 2010

GIMEMA CML Working Party (formerly ICSG on C)

Craigie D (Bennet JH)  
Case of disease of the spleen in  
which death took place from  
suppuration of the blood.  
Edinburgh Medical and Surgical  
Journal, 1845;64:400-412

Virchow R  
Weißes Blut (Leukämie)  
Archiv für Path Anat 1847;1:563

Bennet JH  
Leucocythaemia or white cell  
blood in relation to the physiology  
and the pathology of the lymphatic  
and glandular system.  
1852 Sutherland & Knox, Edinburgh



# A HISTORICAL OVERVIEW OF CHRONIC MYELOID LEUKEMIA

1845 FIRST DESCRIPTION

1879 Ehrlich's BLOOD CELLS  
STAINING METHODS

**1924 EVOLUTION and OUTCOME**  
(Minot)

**1960 Ph1 CHROMOSOME** (Nowell)

**1973 t(9;22)** (Rowley)

**1984 BCR-ABL** (Groffen, Konopka,  
Stivelman)

1990 BCR-ABL LEUKEMOGENIC IN  
MICE (Daley)

**1996 IMATINIB** (Druker)

1865 ARSENIC TRIOXIDE

1895 X-RADIATION

1955 BUSULFAN

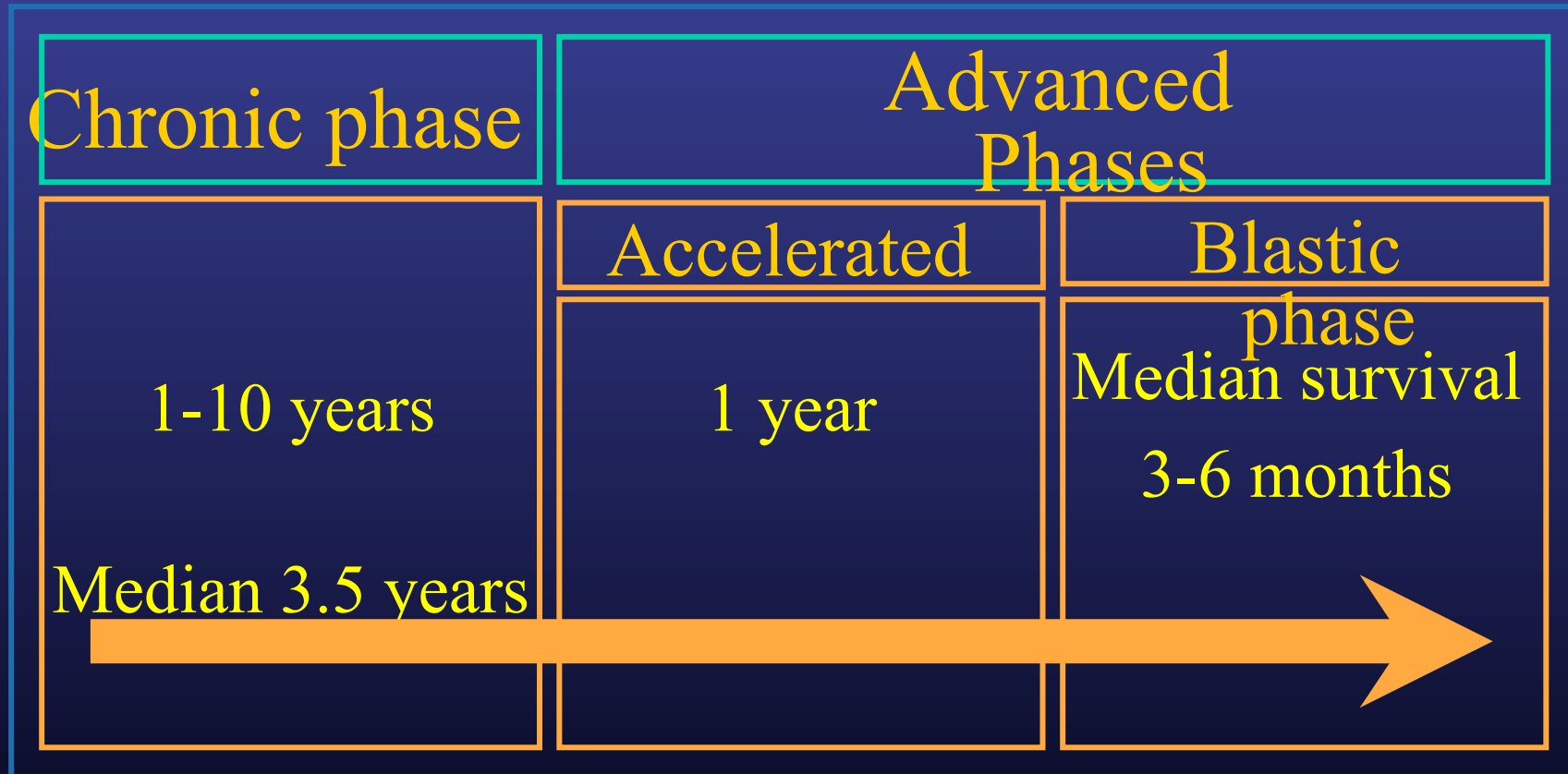
1972 HYDROXYUREA

1979 STEM CELL TRANSPLAN-  
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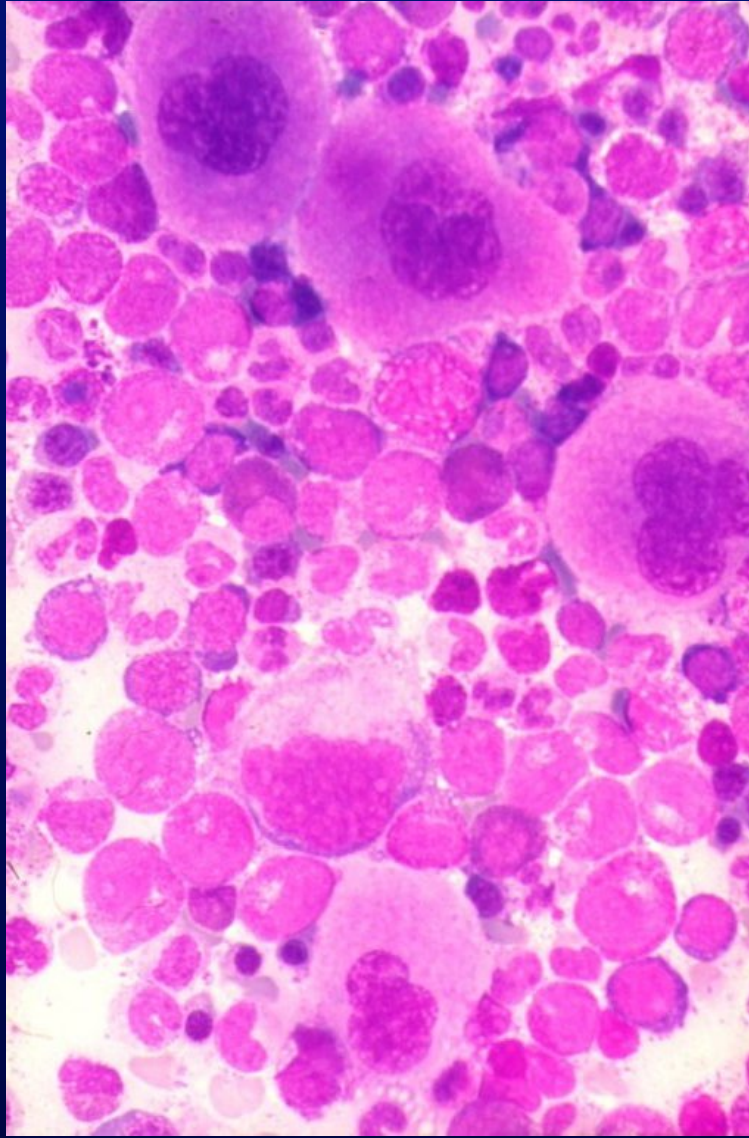
1983 INTERFERON alfa

**2001 GLIVEC**

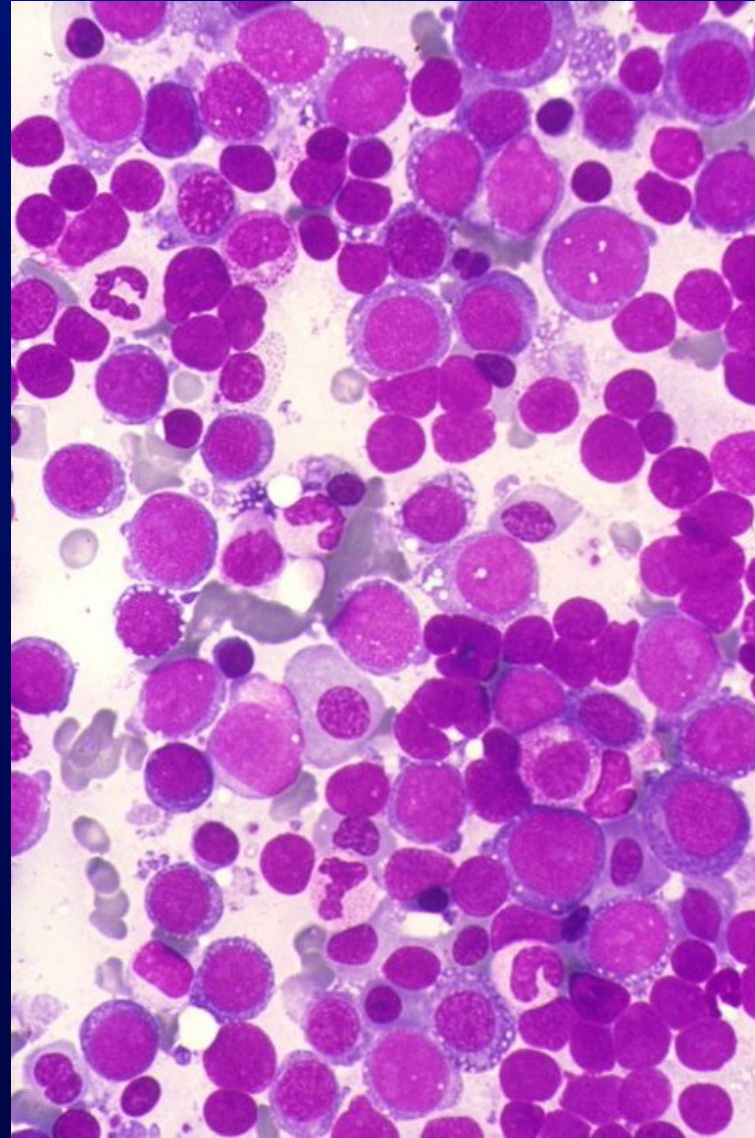
# CML biologic and clinical progression



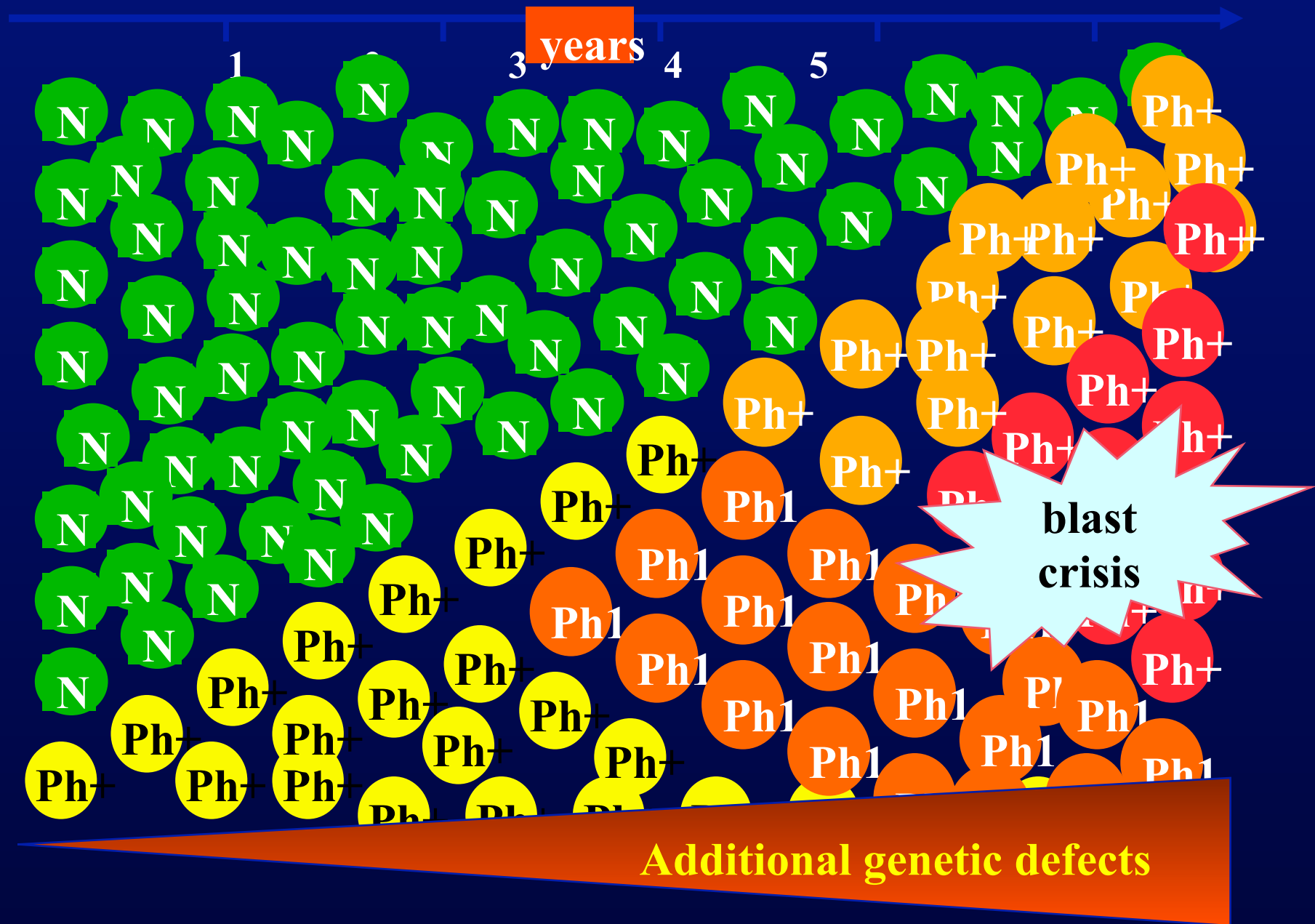
## CHRONIC PHASE



## BLASTIC PHASE



# CML progression is mainly due to genetic instability



## CHRONIC MYELOID LEUKEMIA: CONVENTIONAL THERAPY

1865 ARSENIC TRIOXIDE (Fowler liqueur, Lissauer)

**1895 X-RADIATION**

1912 BENZENE

1924 FIRST REPORT OF TREATMENT OUTCOME (Minot GR et al, JAMA 1924;82:1490-5)

1947 NITROGEN MUSTARD

**1955 BUSULFAN (Galton DAG, Lancet 1955;1:425)**

1968 BUSULFAN vs. X-RADIATION (MRC, BMJ 1968;1:201-8)

**1972 HYDROXYUREA (Kennedy BJ et al, Cancer 1972;29:1052-7)**

1981 INTENSIVE CHEMOTHERAPY AND SPLENECTOMY (ICSG on CML, Leuk Res 1981;5:149-157)

**1993 HYDROXYUREA vs BUSULFAN (Hehlmann R et al, Blood 1993;82:398-407)**

1994 HYDROXYUREA vs INTERFERON-alfa (ICSG on CML, NEJM 1994;330:820-7)

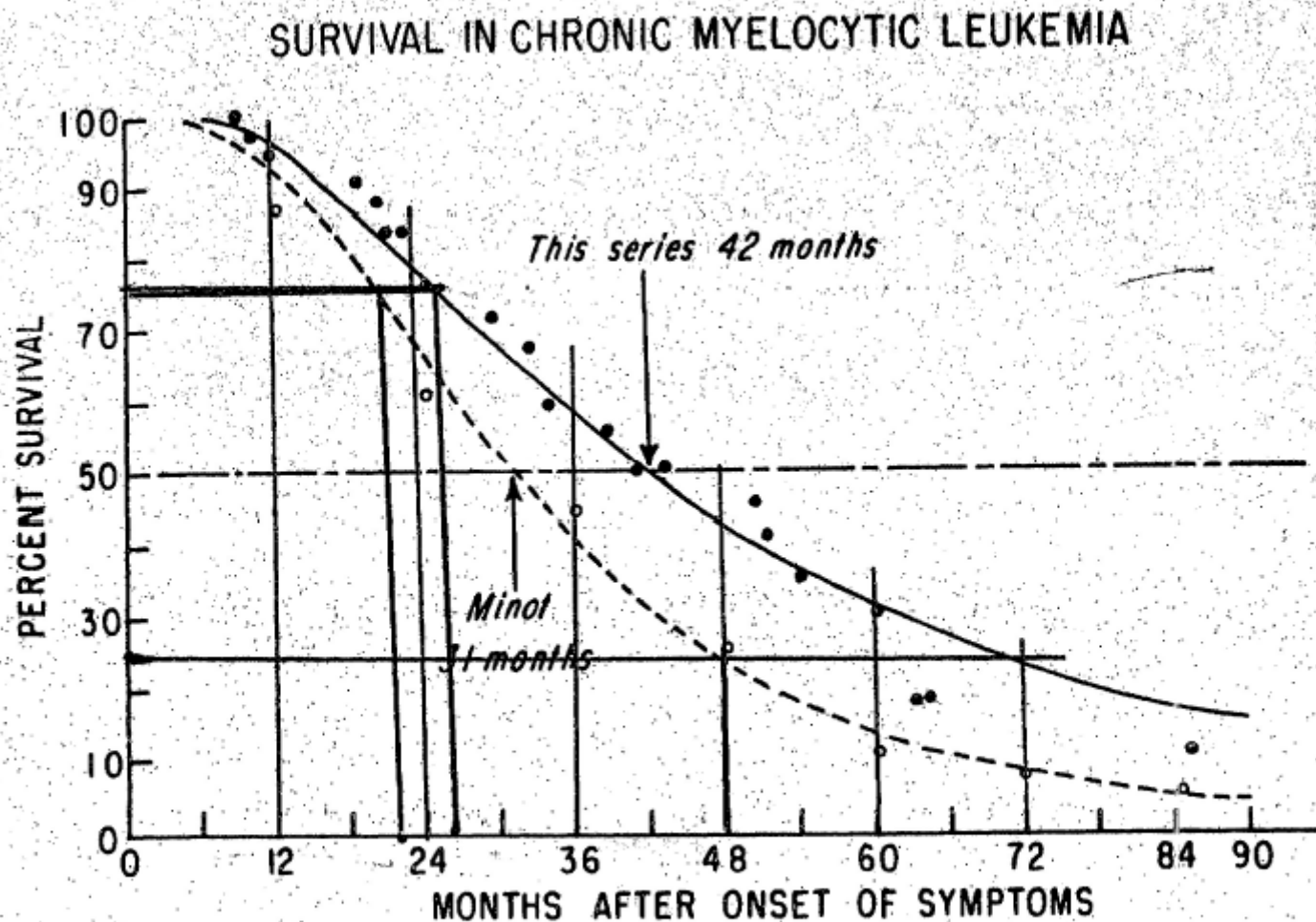


Fig. 9.—Comparison of survival of patients in this report with those reported by Minot in 1924.<sup>10</sup> Points represent original data. The lines are transcribed from log-probability plots of the data.

Haut A et al, Busulfan in the treatment of chronic myelogenous leukemia.  
 The effect of long term intermitten therapy  
 Blood 1961;17:1-19



MRC Working Party for Therapeutic Trials in Leukemia, Chronic Granulocytic Leukemia: comparison of radiotherapy and busulfan therapy.  
Brit Med J 1968;1:201-208

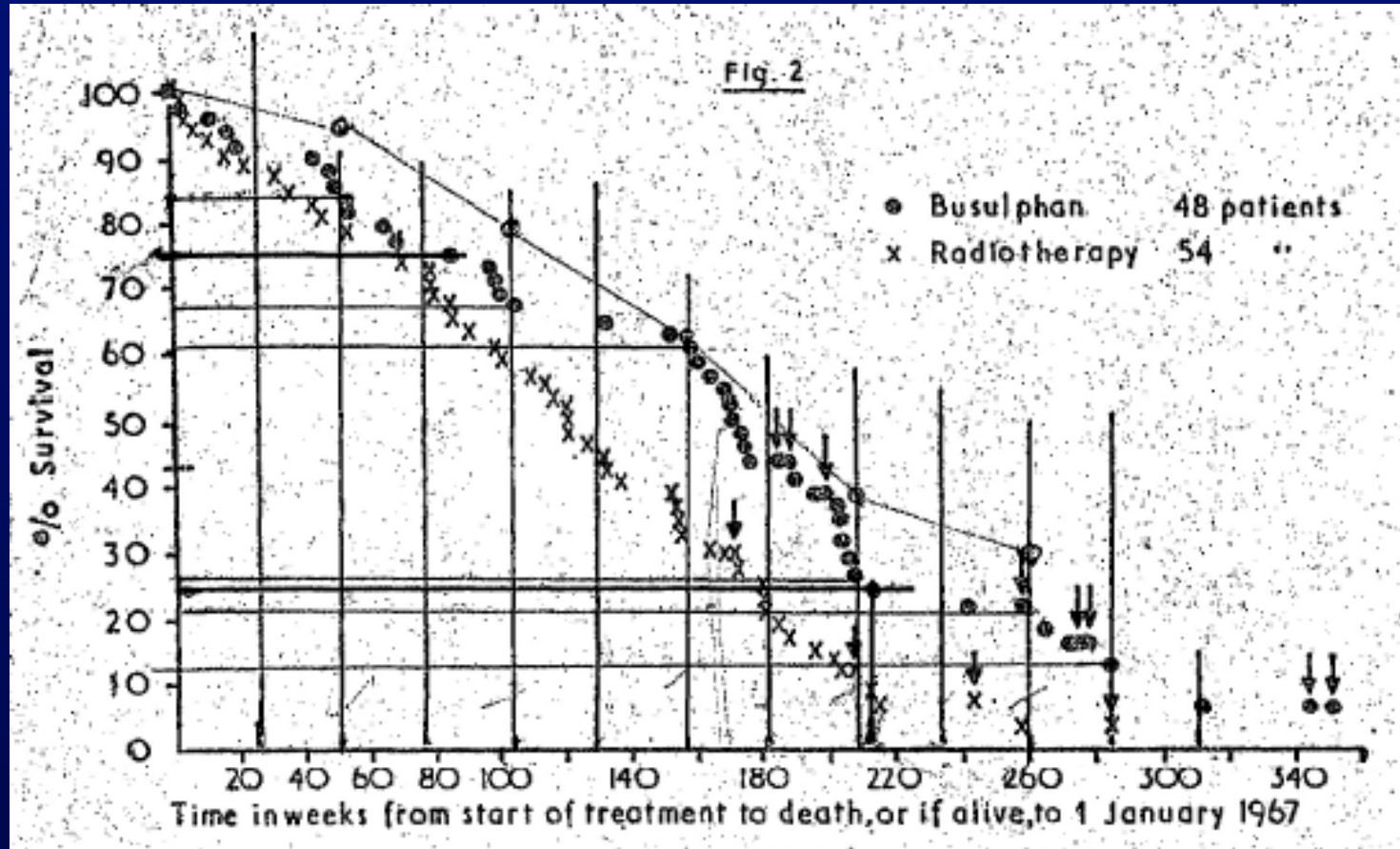
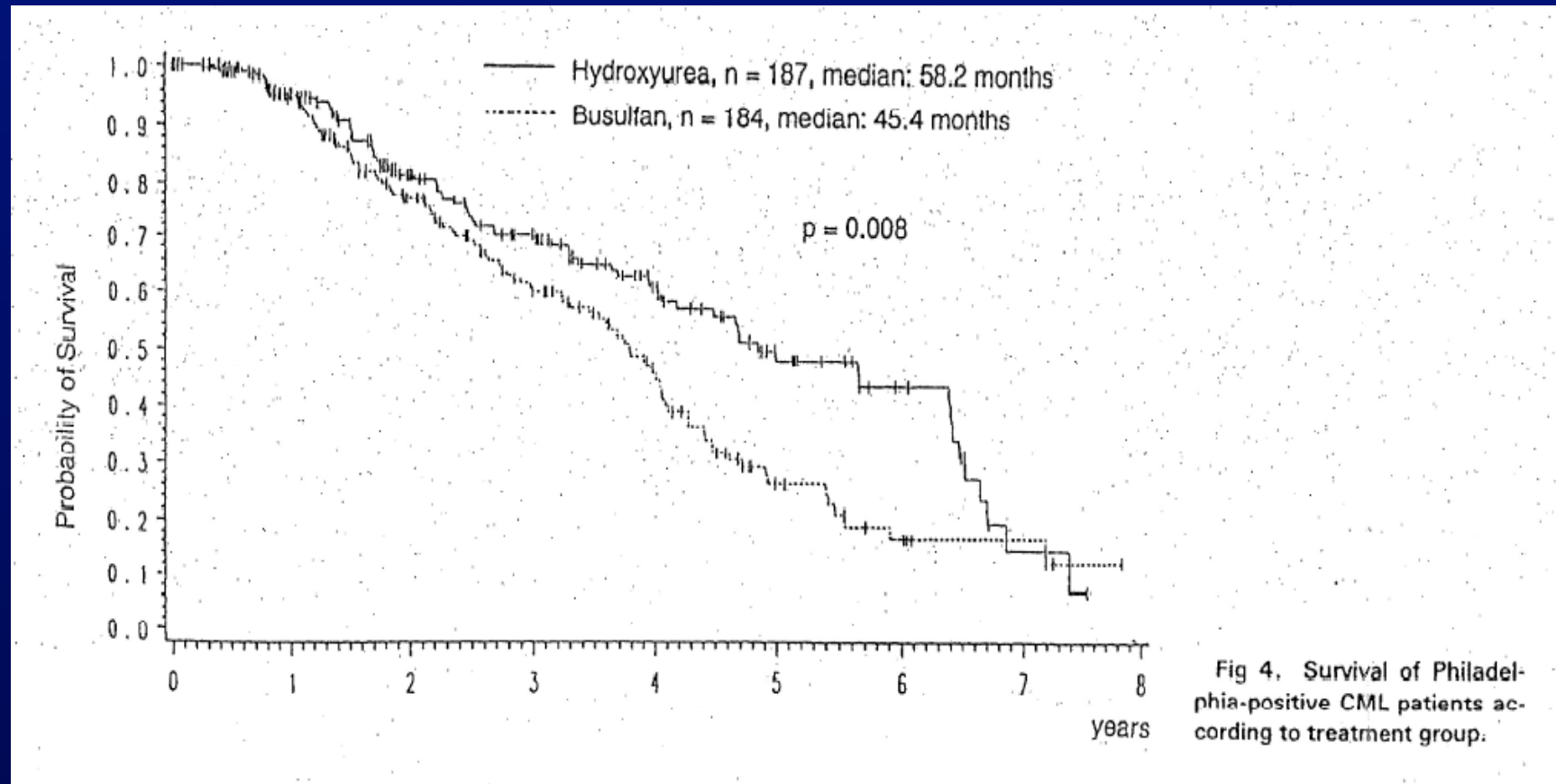
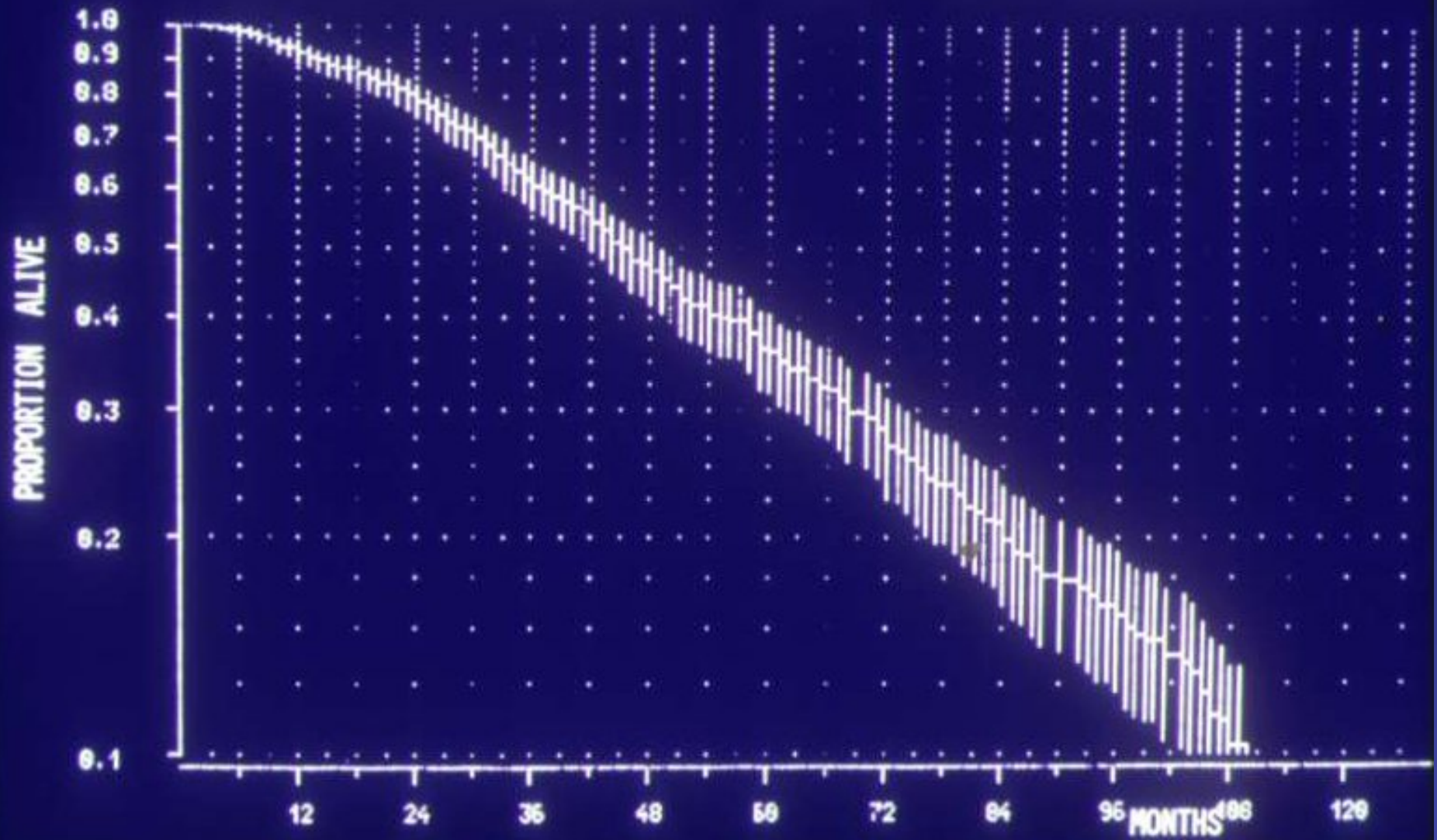


Fig 2. Survival of 102 patients suffering from chronic granulocytic leukaemia from the first day of treatment by busulphan or radiotherapy until 1 January 1967. Each point represent one patient. Arrows indicate living patients.



Hehlmann R et al, Randomized comparison of Busulfan and Hydroxyurea in chronic myelogenous leukemia: prolongation of survival by Hydroxyurea  
Blood 1993;82:398-407

ITALIAN COOP. STUDY GROUP ON CML 1973-77 456 P<sub>H+</sub> NON-BLASTIC Pts.



## **CHRONIC MYELOID LEUKEMIA: STEM CELL TRANSPLANTATION**

1978 AUTOLOGOUS SCT FOR BLASTIC PHASE (Goldman JM et al, 1978;40:185-195)

**1979 ALLOGENEIC STEM CELL TRANSPLANTATION FROM IDENTICAL TWINS (Feferet al, NEJM 1979;300-33-37)**

**1981 THE ANTILEUKEMIC EFFECT OF GVHD (Werden PL et al NEJM 1981;304:1529-1533)**

1987 UNRELATED MARROW DONOR FOR CML (McGlave P et al, Blood 1987;70:877-881)

1988 T-CELL DEPLETION (Goldman J et al, Ann Intern Med 1988;108:806-814)

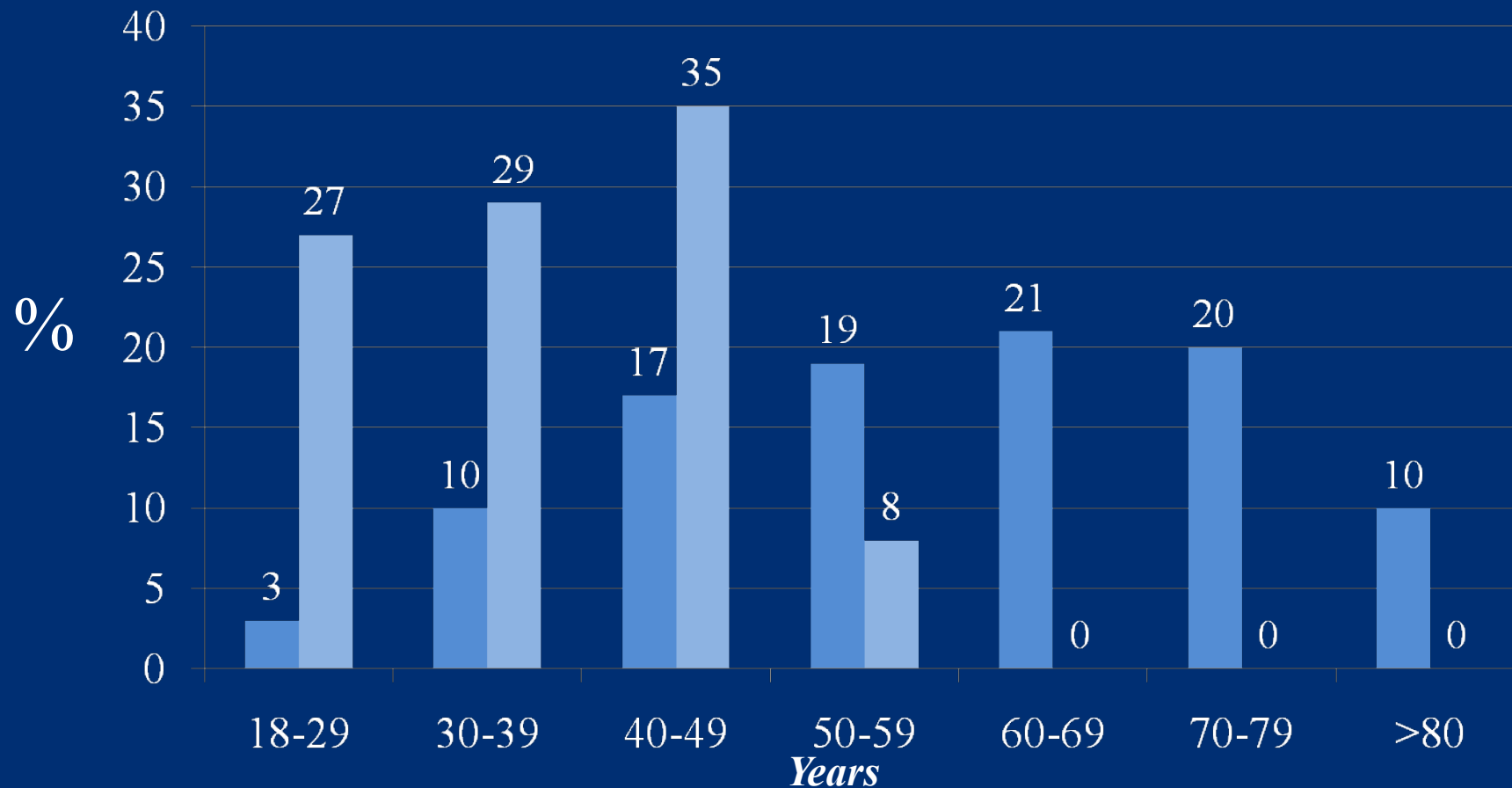
**1990 DONOR LYMPHOCYTE INFUSION (Kolb H et al, Blood 1990;76:462-465)**

**1998 EBMT RISK SCORE (Gratwohl A et al, Lancet 1998;352:1087-1092)**

## ITALY (EMILIA-ROMAGNA and SICILY)

**AGE DISTRIBUTION OF 350 NEWLY DIAGNOSED Ph+ BCR-ABL+ CML PATIENTS, 2008-2011**

**AGE DISTRIBUTION OF 205 CML PATIENTS WHO HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO ALLOGENEIC STEM CELL TRANSPLANTATION IN BOLOGNA, 1983-2012**



## CHRONIC MYELOID LEUKEMIA and INTERFERON $\alpha$

**1983-1986 FIRST CLINICAL RESULTS (Talpaz M et al, Blood 1983;62:689-692, and NEJM 1986; 314:1065-9)**

**1994-1998 INTERFERON $\alpha$  vs HYDROXYUREA (ICSG on CML, NEJM, 994;330:820-7, and BLOOD 1998;92:1541-1548)**

**1997 META-ANALYSIS OF INTERFERON $\alpha$  vs CHEMOTHERAPY (CML Trialists' Collaborative Group, JNCI 1997;89:1616-1620)**

1997-2002 INTERFERON $\alpha$  vs INTERFERON $\alpha$  and LOW DOSE ARA-C (Guilhot F et al, NEJM 1997;337:223-230, and Baccarani M et al, Blood, 2002;99:1527-1535)

1999 INTERFERON $\alpha$  and AUTOLOGOUS SCT (ICSG on CML, (Haematologica 1999;84:707-715)

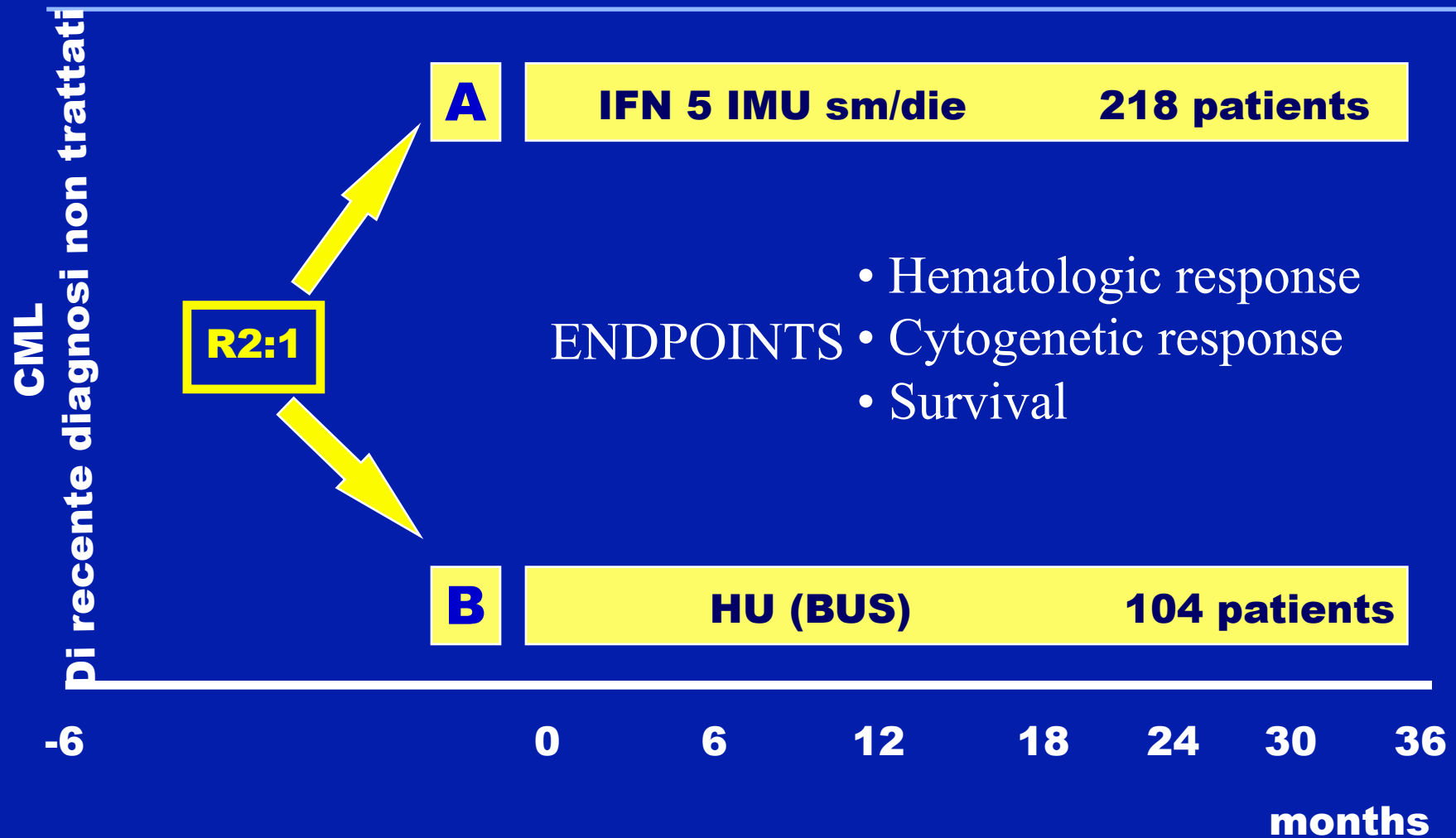
2001 OUTCOME OF COMPLETE CYTOGENETIC RESPONDERS (Bonifazi F et al, Blood 2001;98:3074-3081)

2004 HIGH DOSE vs LOW DOSE (Kluin-Nelemans HC et al, Blood 2004, 103:4408-4415)

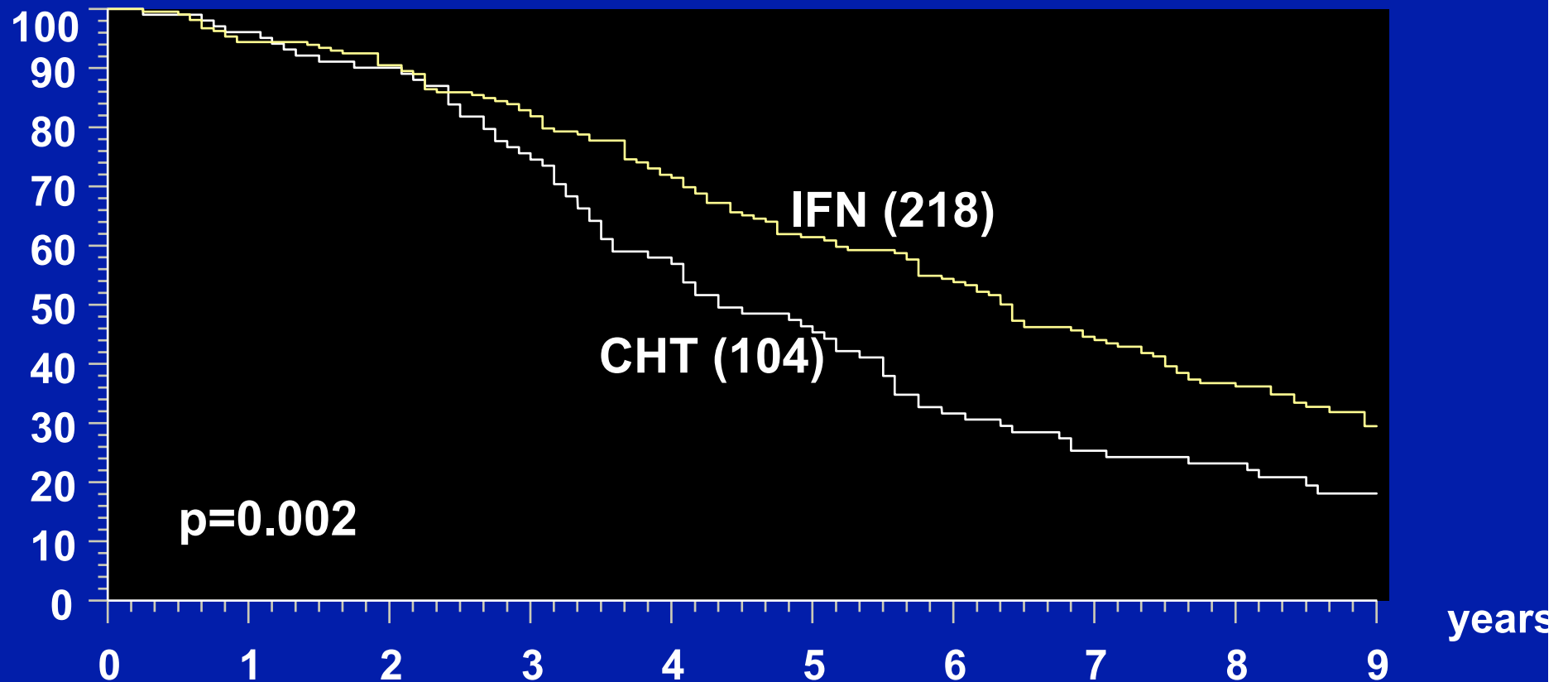
2003 INTERFERON $\alpha$  vs. IMATINIB (O'Brien SG et al, NEJM 2003;348: 994-1004)

2004-2010 INTERFERON $\alpha$  and IMATINIB (Baccarani M et al, Blood 2004;104: 4245-4251, and Preudhomme C et al, NEJM 2010;363:2511-2520)

# ICSG on CML, PROTOCOL CML/86



## SURVIVAL BY ARM



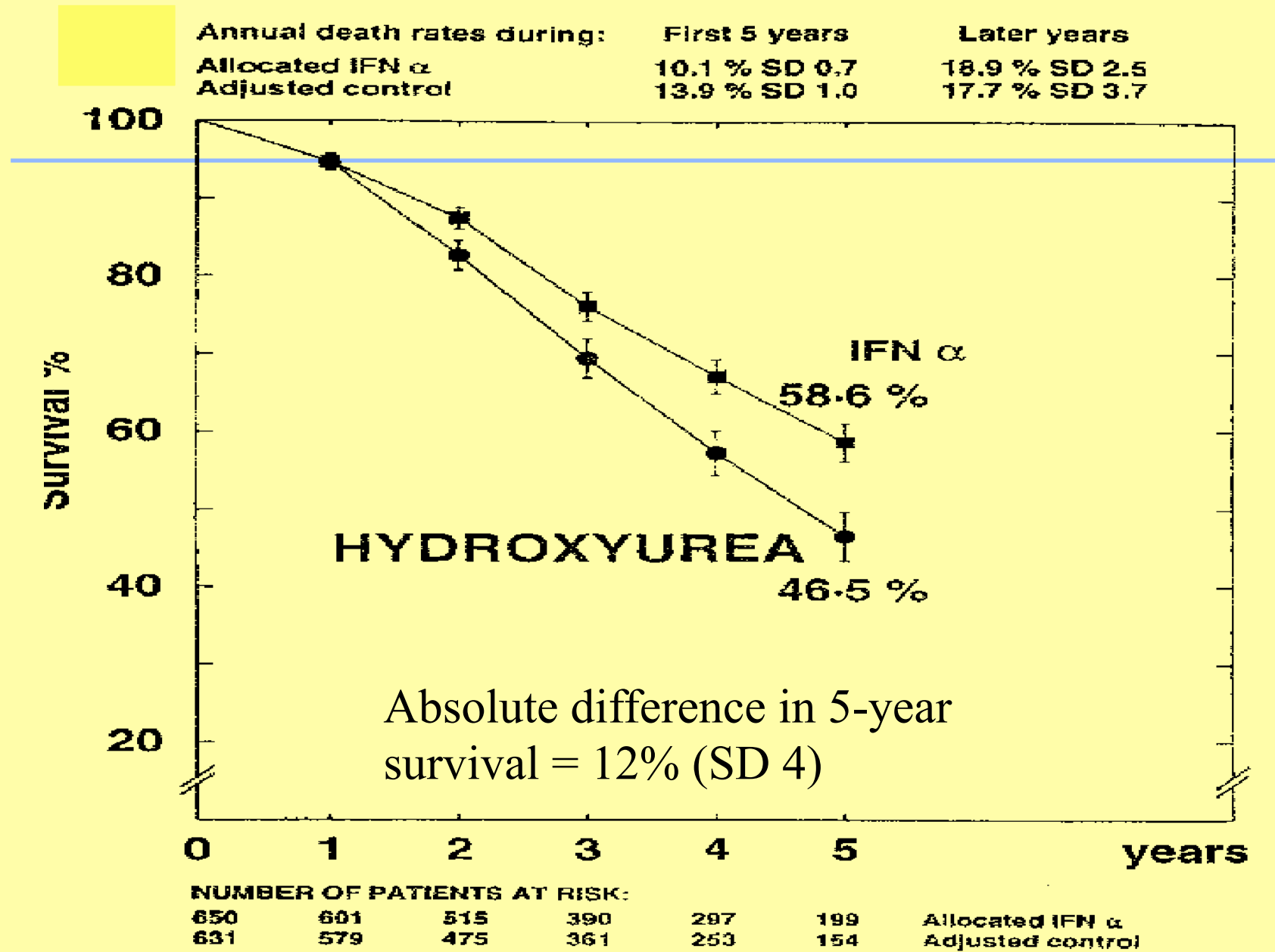
### Median survival

IFN 76 months (69-86)  
CHT 52 months (43-66)

### 10-year survival

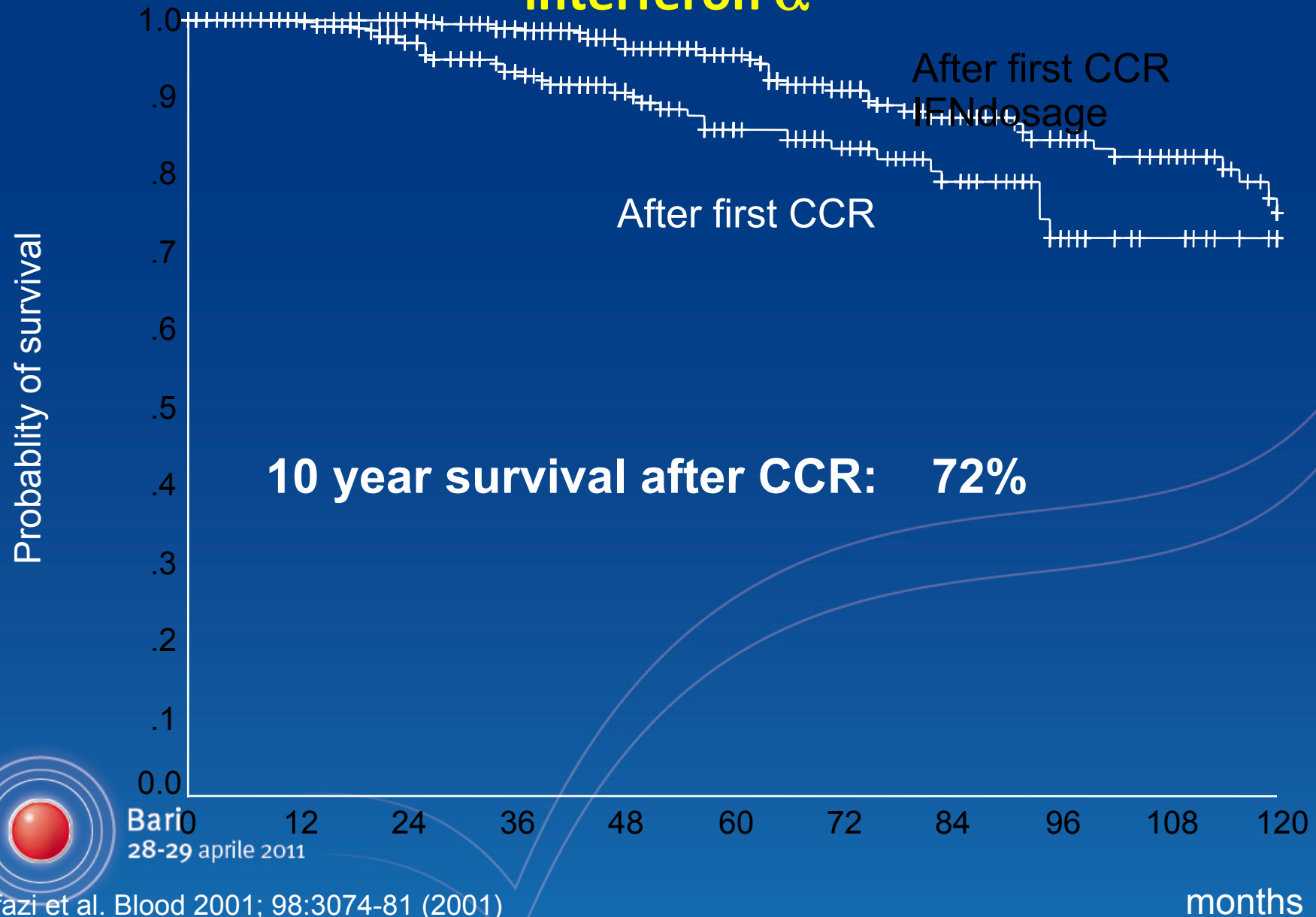
IFN 29% (23-36)  
CHT 17% (9-25)



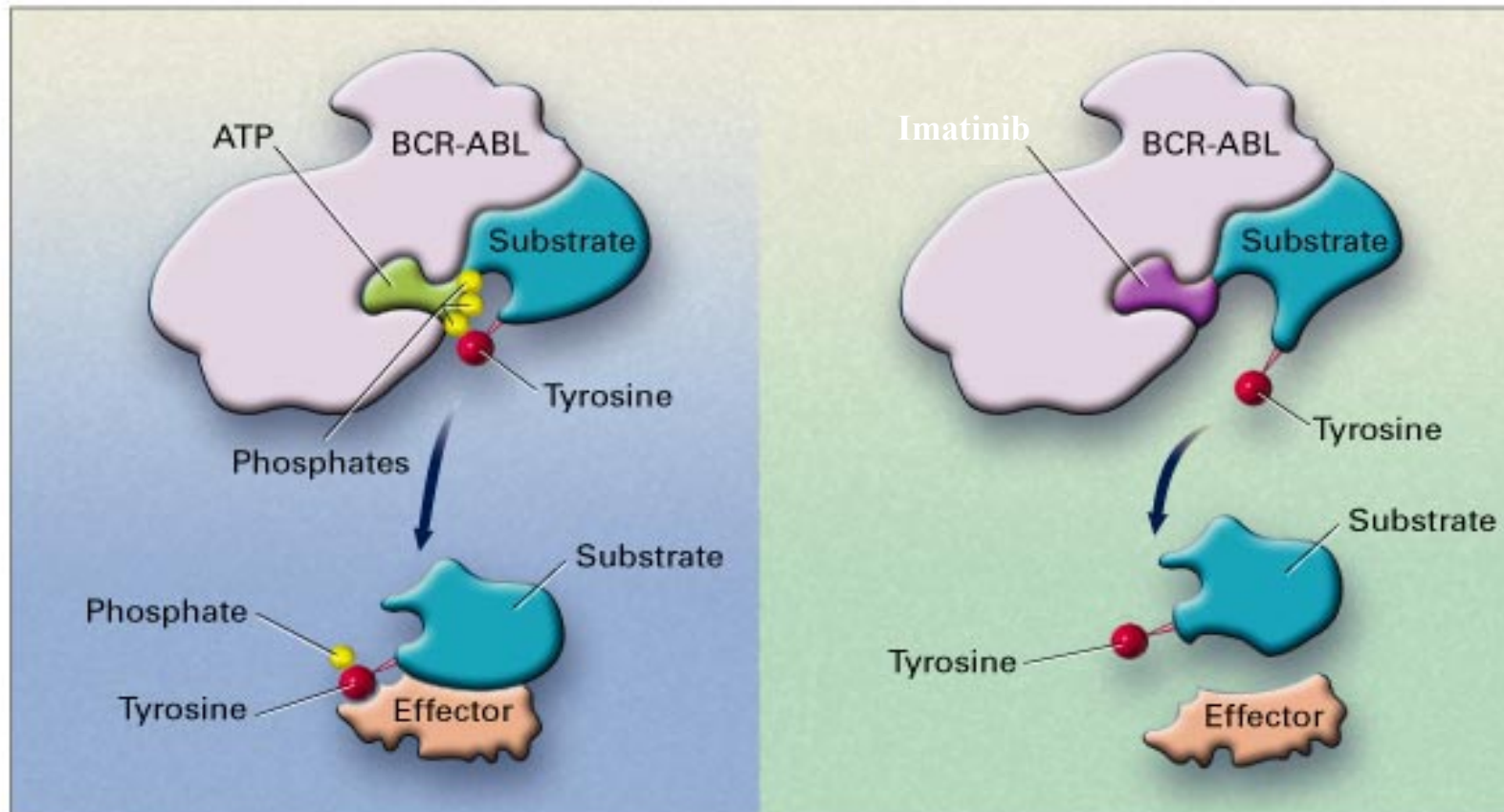


CML Trialists' Collaborative Group, JNCI (1987)

# Survival of complete cytogenetic responders to interferon $\alpha$



# Inhibition of BCR-ABL Kinase Activity by Imatinib



## CHRONIC MYELOID LEUKEMIA : TYROSINE KINASE INHIBITORS

- 1996-2001 **IMATINIB, IN VITRO and IN VIVO (Druker BJ et al, Nat Med 1996;2:561-566, and NEJM 2001;344:1031-7)**
- 2001 IMATINIB RESISTANCE, MUTATIONS (Weisberg E et al, Blood 2000;95:3498-3505, and Gorre ME et al, Science 2001;293:876-880)
- 2002 **IMATINIB SECOND LINE** (Kantarjian HM et al, NEJM **2002**;346:645-657)
- 2003 **IMATINIB FIRST LINE vs IFN $\alpha$  (IRIS STUDY, O'Brien SG et al, NEJM 2003;348:994-1004)**
- 2003-2006 MOLECULAR RESPONSE, STANDARDIZATION (Hughes et al, NEJM 2003;349:1423-1432, and Blood 2006;108:28-37)
- 2006 **DASATINIB SECOND LINE** (Talpaz M et al, NEJM **2006**;354:2531-2541)
- 2006 **NILOTINIB SECOND LINE** (Kantarjian HM et al, NEJM **2006**;354:2542-2551)
- 2007 IMATINIB DISCONTINUATION (Rousselot P et al, Blood 2007;109:58-60)
- 2004-2010 IMATINIB AND IFN $\alpha$  (Baccarani M et al, Blood 2004;104:4245-4251, and Preudhomme C et al, NEJM 2010;363:2511-2520)

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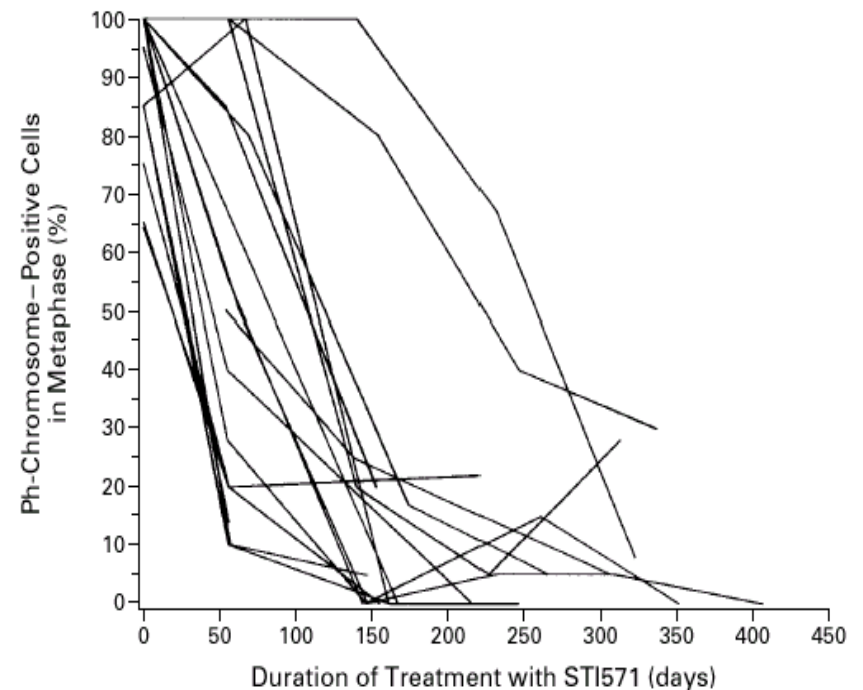
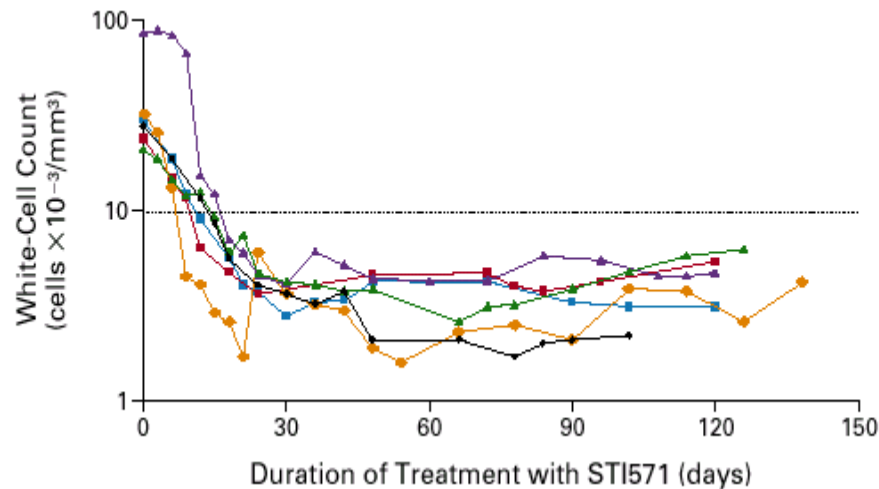
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## EFFICACY AND SAFETY OF A SPECIFIC INHIBITOR OF THE BCR-ABL TYROSINE KINASE IN CHRONIC MYELOID LEUKEMIA

BRIAN J. DRUKER, M.D., MOSHE TALPAZ, M.D., DEBRA J. RESTA, R.N., BIN PENG, PH.D., ELISABETH BUCHDUNGER, PH.D.,  
JOHN M. FORD, M.D., NICHOLAS B. LYDON, PH.D., HAGOP KANTARJIAN, M.D., RENAUD CAPDEVILLE, M.D.,  
SAYURI OHNO-JONES, B.S., AND CHARLES L. SAWYERS, M.D.



# **The IRIS Study**

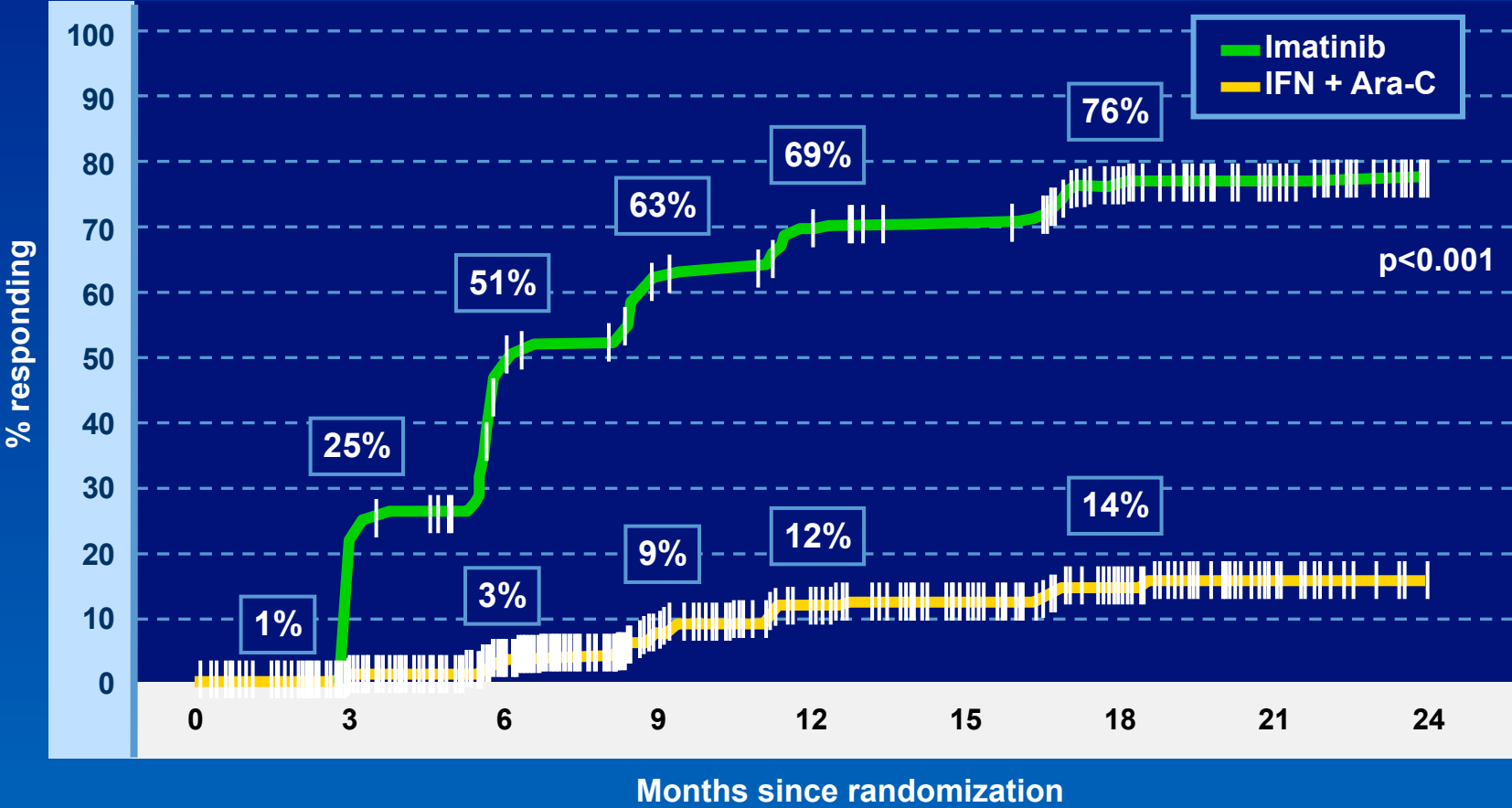
**International Randomized Study of Interferon  
+ Ara-C vs STI571\*  
in Chronic Myeloid Leukemia**

**ASH 2002**

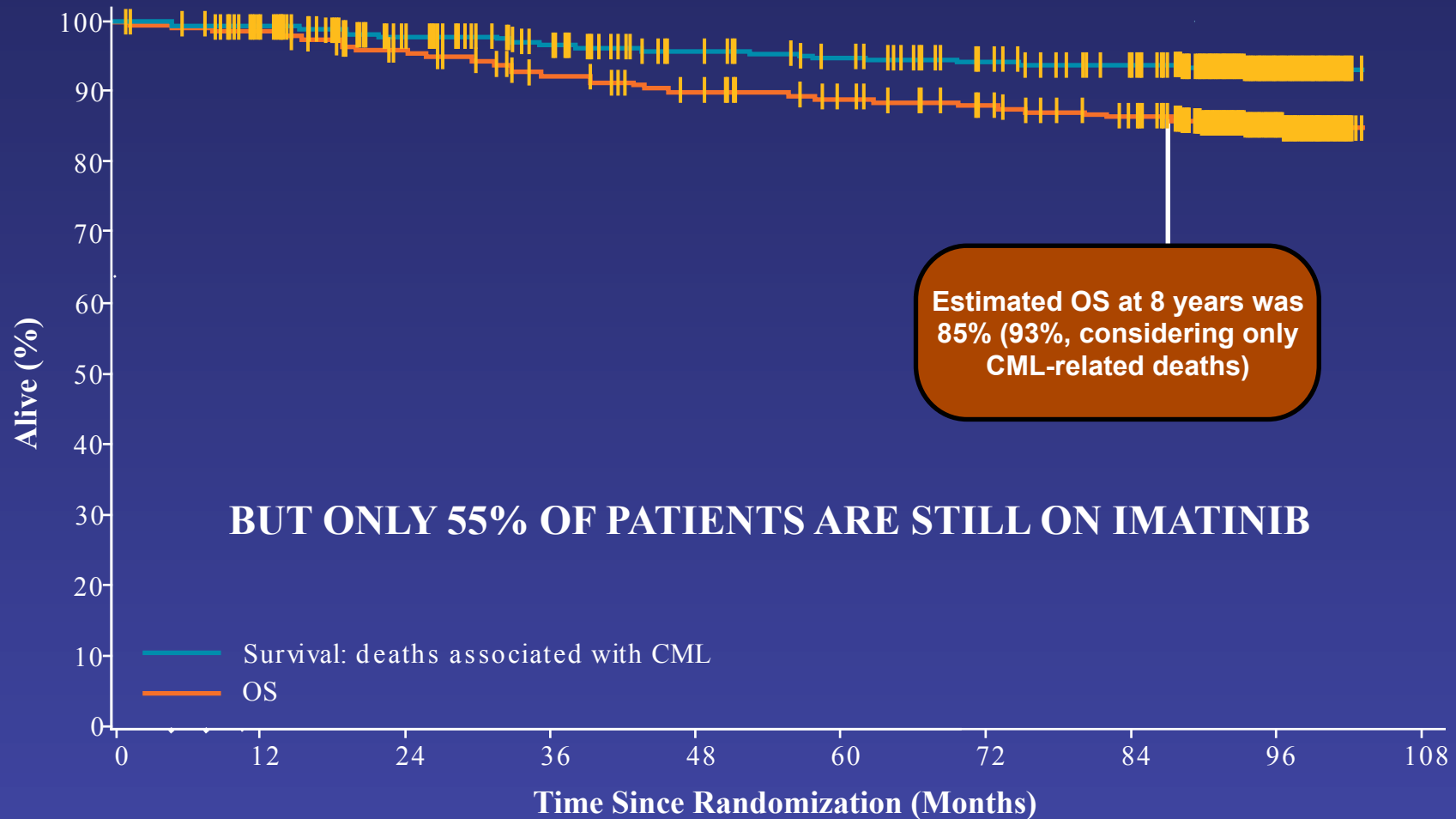
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\* Imatinib / Gleevec / Glivec

# Complete Cytogenetic Responses



# IRIS – OS (ITT) on Imatinib Arm





# CHRONIC MYELOID LEUKEMIA : SECOND GENERATION TYROSINE KINASE INHIBITORS

**2010 NILOTINIB FIRST LINE, vs. IMATINIB (ENESTnd STUDY, Saglio G et al, NEJM 2010;362:2251-2259)**

**2010 DASATINIB FIRSTLINE, vs. IMATINIB (DASISION STUDY, Kantarjian HM et al, NEJM 2010;362:2260-2270)**

2011 BOSUTINIB SECONDLINE (Cortes JE et al, Blood 2011;118:4567-4576)

2012 BOSUTINIB FIRSTLINE, vs. IMATINIB (BELA STUDY, Cortes JE et al, JCO 2012;30:3486-3492)

2012 PONATINIB SECONDLINE (Cortes JE et al, NEJM 2012;367:2075-2088)

## **2016, LA TERAPIA DELLA LMC, LO STATO DELL'ARTE**

### **- TERAPIA STANDARD, APPROVATA**

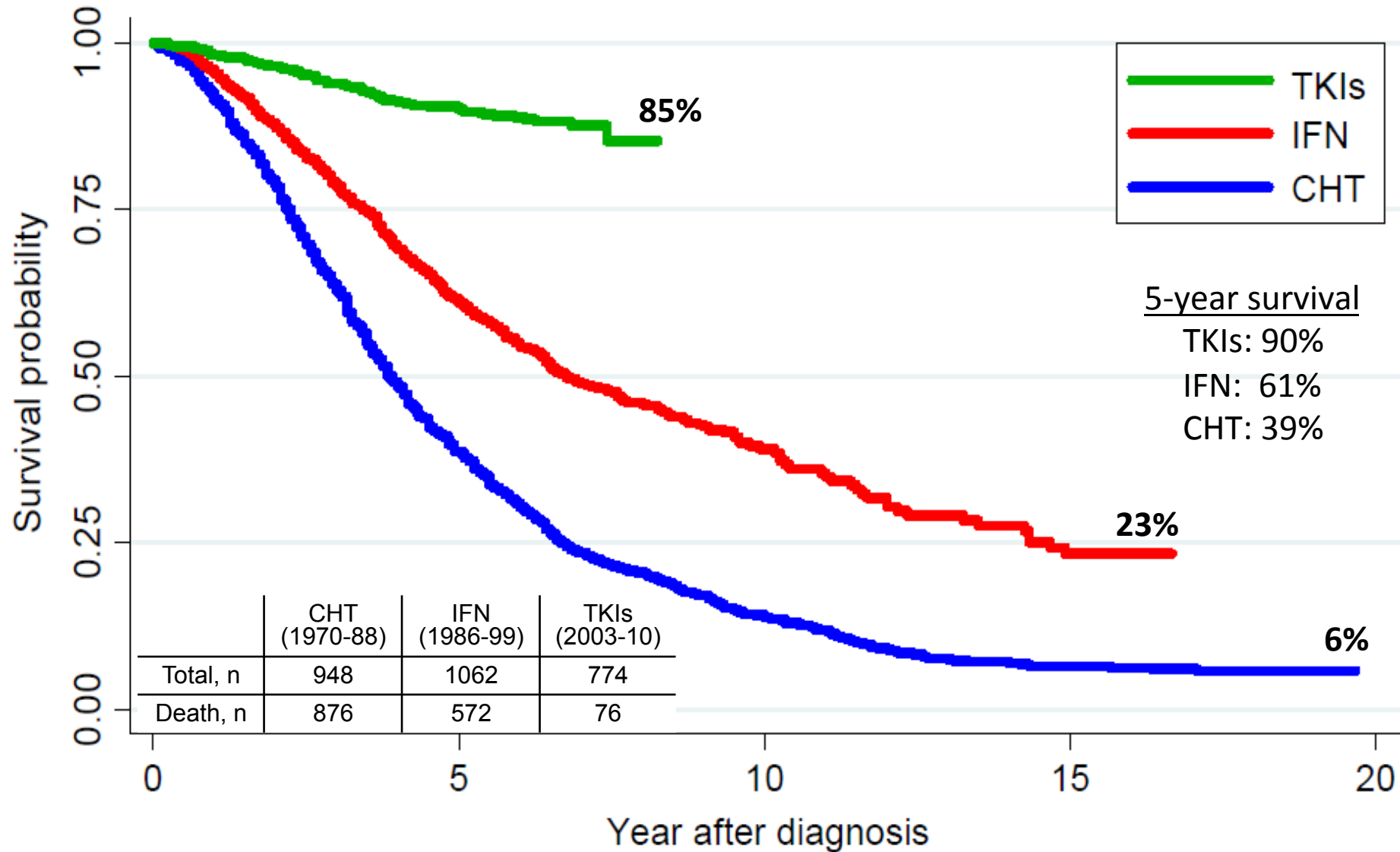
- IMATINIB, NILOTINIB e DASATINIB, in prima linea
- BOSUTINIB, in seconda linea
- PONATINIB, in terza linea sempre, in seconda linea in caso di mutazione T315I o di resistenza a nilotinib o dasatinib.

### **- TERAPIE “SPERIMENTALI”**

- ALTRI INIBITORI DELLE TIROSINO CHINASI
- INTERFERON $\alpha$  in combinazione con TKIs
- ALTRI FARMACI E ANTICORPI MONOCLONALI
  
- TRAPIANTO DI MIDOLLO ALLOGENICO

# Survival of CML by therapy

N = 2784



Date of diagnosis: 1970 - 2010

GIMEMA CML Working Party (formerly ICSG on CML)

## **CML in 2016: NEWS and CHANGES**

GOAL: from survival to cure (treatment-free remission)

MONITORING: from cytogenetics to standardized PCR

MUTATIONS: from Sanger Sequencing to Ultra Deep or Next  
Generation Sequencing  
from imatinib to second generation TKIs to  
ponatinib

COMPLIANCE and LIFE QUALITY: from one drug to many

THERAPY: from “gold standard” to patient-adapted

**FOR MANY PATIENTS, CML IS NOT THE  
MAJOR FACTOR LIMITING LIFE AND  
AFFECTING THE QUALITY OF LIFE**

**SEVERAL PATIENT-RELATED FACTORS  
LIMITS THE USE, THE CHOICE AND  
THE DOSE OF TKIs**

## **PATIENT RELATED FACTORS LIMITING THE CHOICE, THE DOSE AND THE USE OF TKIs**

ATHEROSCLEROSIS

ARTERIAL THROMBOTIC DISEASE

CEREBROVASCULAR DISEASE

HYPERTENSION

HEART FAILURE

ISCHEMIC HEART DISEASE

THROMBOPHILIC STATE

DIABETES MELLITUS

DYSLIPIDEMIA

CHRONIC PULMONARY DISEASE (obstructive, enfisema, fibrosis, etc)

AUTOIMMUNE DISEASE

OTHER TUMOR

PSYCHIATRIC DISORDER

ALZHEIMER

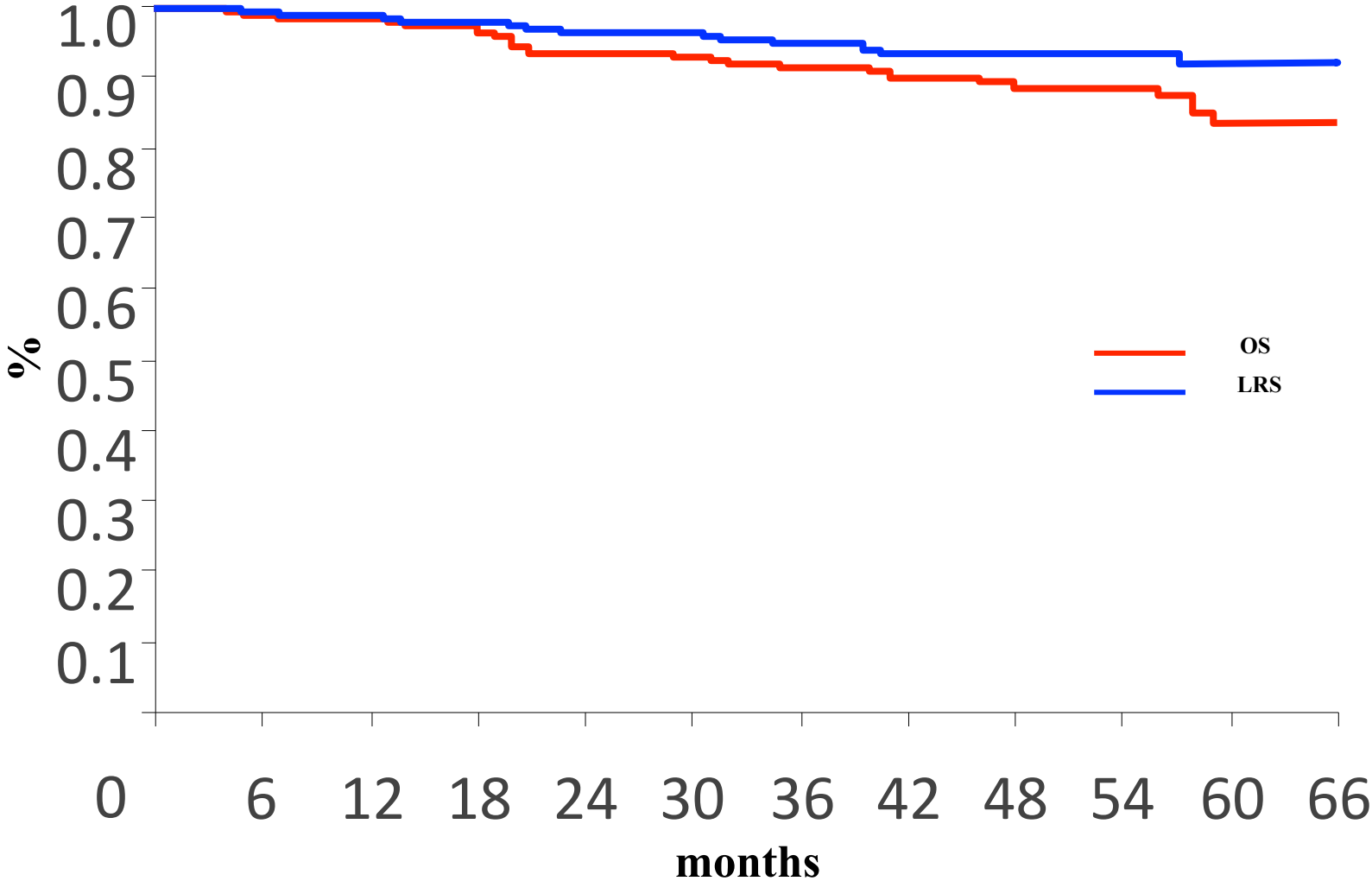
PARKINSON

HANDICAP.....

**AGE, LIFE STYLE, EDUCATION, WILLING.....**

**BACK-UP**

# OS vs LRS





**LA LMC E' UNA MALATTIA "SEMPLICE", PROVOCATA  
DA UNA SOLA ANOMALIA GENICA E MOLECOLARE,**

**MA.....**

I PAZIENTI SONO TUTTI UGUALI ? Sesso, età, altre malattie

I CASI SONO TUTTI UGUALI ? Fase, rischio, ecc

I TKI SONO TUTTI UGUALI ? Specificità, potenza, tossicità,  
farmacocinetica, costo

GLI SCOPI DELLA TERAPIA SONO SEMPRE GLI STESSI, PER  
TUTTI ?

Durata di vita, qualità di vita, remissione senza terapia

# QUALE TERAPIA DI PRIMA LINEA ?

## IMATINIB o TKI DI SECONDA GENERAZIONE ?

DUE STUDI PROSPETTICI CONTROLLATI RANDOMIZZATI CHE HANNO CONFRONTATO IMATINIB 400 MG CON DASATINIB (DASISION) E NILOTINIB (ENEST<sup>nd</sup>) HANNO DIMOSTRATO UN BENEFICIO MARGINALE PER LA SOPRAVVIVENZA LIBERA DA PROGRESSIONE MA NON PER LA SOPRAVVIVENZA GLOBALE.

MA HANNO MOSTRATO PIU' RISPOSTE MOLECOLARI, PIU' PRECOCI E PIU' PROFONDE.

DA QUI IN AVANTI LA GRANDE SFIDA NON E' PIU' SOLO QUELLA DI MIGLIORARE LA SOPRAVVIVENZA, MA DI OTTENERE UNA REMISSIONE CHE SI MANTENGA ANCHE DOPO LA SOSPENSIONE DELLA TERAPIA.

E UNA MIGLIORE QUALITA' DI VITA.

<sup>1</sup>Kantarjian HM et al, NEJM 2010;362(24);2260-2270; Cortes J et al, JCO 2016

<sup>2</sup>Saglio G et al, NEJM 2010;36:2251-2259; Hochhaus A et al, Leukemia 2016

## TERAPIA DI PRIMA LINEA, IN FASE CRONICA

### TKI DI SECONDA GENERAZIONE

- TUTTI I PAZIENTI ??? Oppure solo
- “GIOVANI”, SENZA COMORBIDITA' IMPORTANTI, e
- ALTI RISCHI (Sokal, EURO, EUTOS, CCA/Ph+)

### IMATINIB

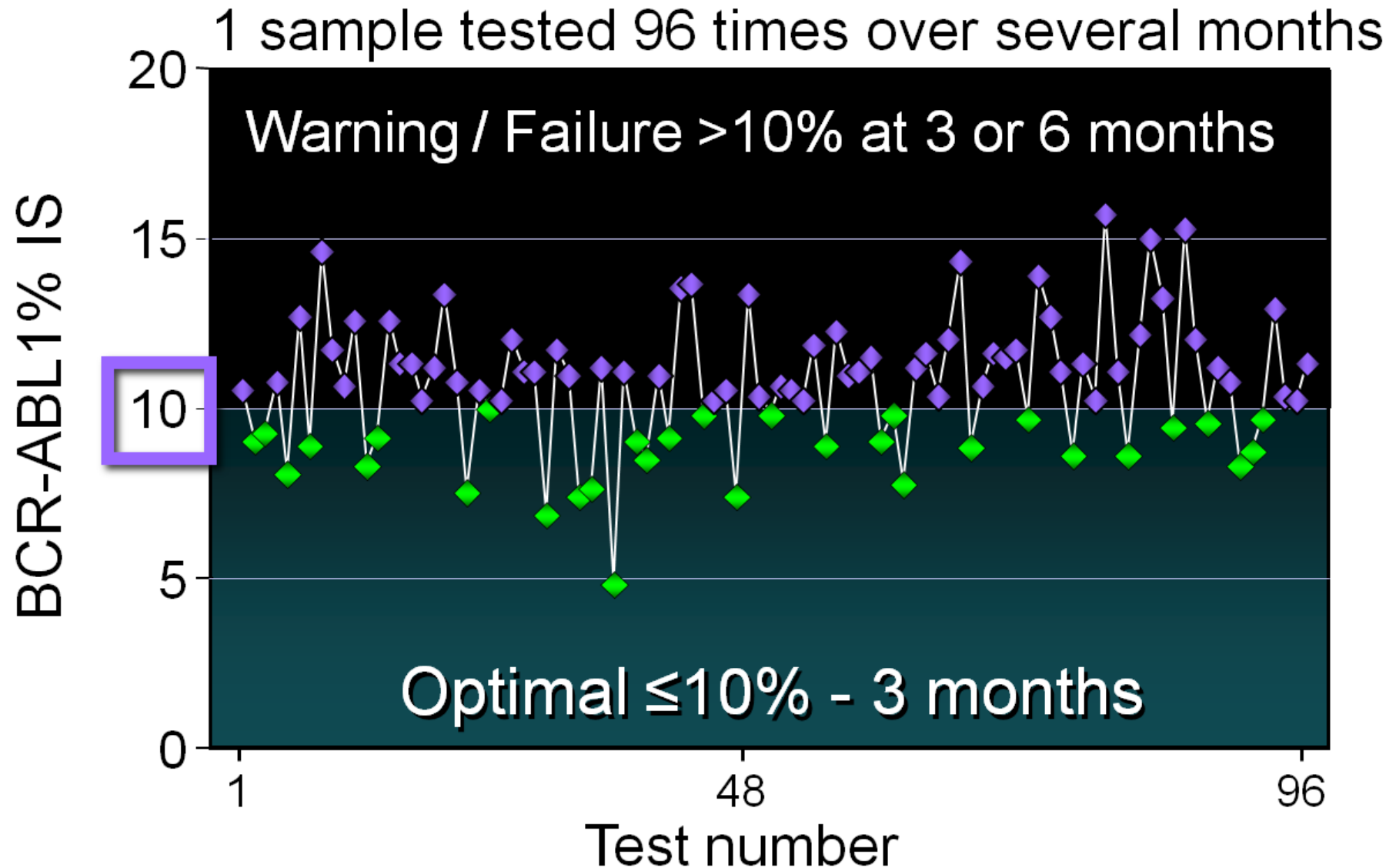
- TUTTI I PAZIENTI ??? Oppure solo
- “ANZIANI”, CON COMORBIDITA' IMPORTANTI, e
- BASSI RISCHI
- **“SWITCH”** SOLO IN CASO DI FALLIMENTO O ANCHE IN CASO DI RISPOSTA NON OTTIMALE ?

**“EARLY SWITCH” DALL’ IMATINIB AI TKI DI SECONDA GENERAZIONE: UNA QUESTIONE CALDA E CONTROVERSA : DUE RACCOMANDAZIONI DIVERSE**

- **NCCN:** POICHE’ UNA RISPOSTA MOLECOLARE PRECOCE SI OTTIENE PIU’ CON I TKI DI SECONDA GENERAZIONE, UN “EARLY SWITCH” DA IMATINIB A TKI DI SECONDA GENERAZIONE E’ RACCOMANDATO
- **ELN:** NON CI SONO DATI NE’ STUDI CHE DIMOSTRINO CHE L’ “EARLY SWITCH” SIA CONVENIENTE, E QUANTO POSSA ESSERE CONVENIENTE

**MA PER DECIDERE LO SWITCH E’ SUFFICIENTE UNA SOLA PCR ?**

Mean value = 11%



**LA DINAMICA DELLA RISPOSTA MOLECOLARE  
PRECOCE E' PIU' IMPORTANTE DI UN UNICO DATO DI  
qPCR A TRE MESI**

**LA RIDUZIONE RELATIVA (PIU' O MENO DEL 35%) DEL  
TRASCritto BCR-ABL1 NEI PRIMI TRE MESI**

**oppure**

**IL TEMPO DI DIMEZZAMENTO (PIU' O MENO DI 90  
GIORNI) DEL TRASCritto BCR-ABL1 NEI PRIMI TRE  
MESI**

**HANNO UN VALORE PROGNOSTICO PIU' PRECISO DI UN  
SINGOLO VALORE DI qPCR A TRE MESI**

Hanfstein B et al, ASH 2013 and LEUKEMIA 2014

Branford S et al. ASH 2013 and BLOOD 2014

## “EARLY SWITCH” e “LATE SWITCH”

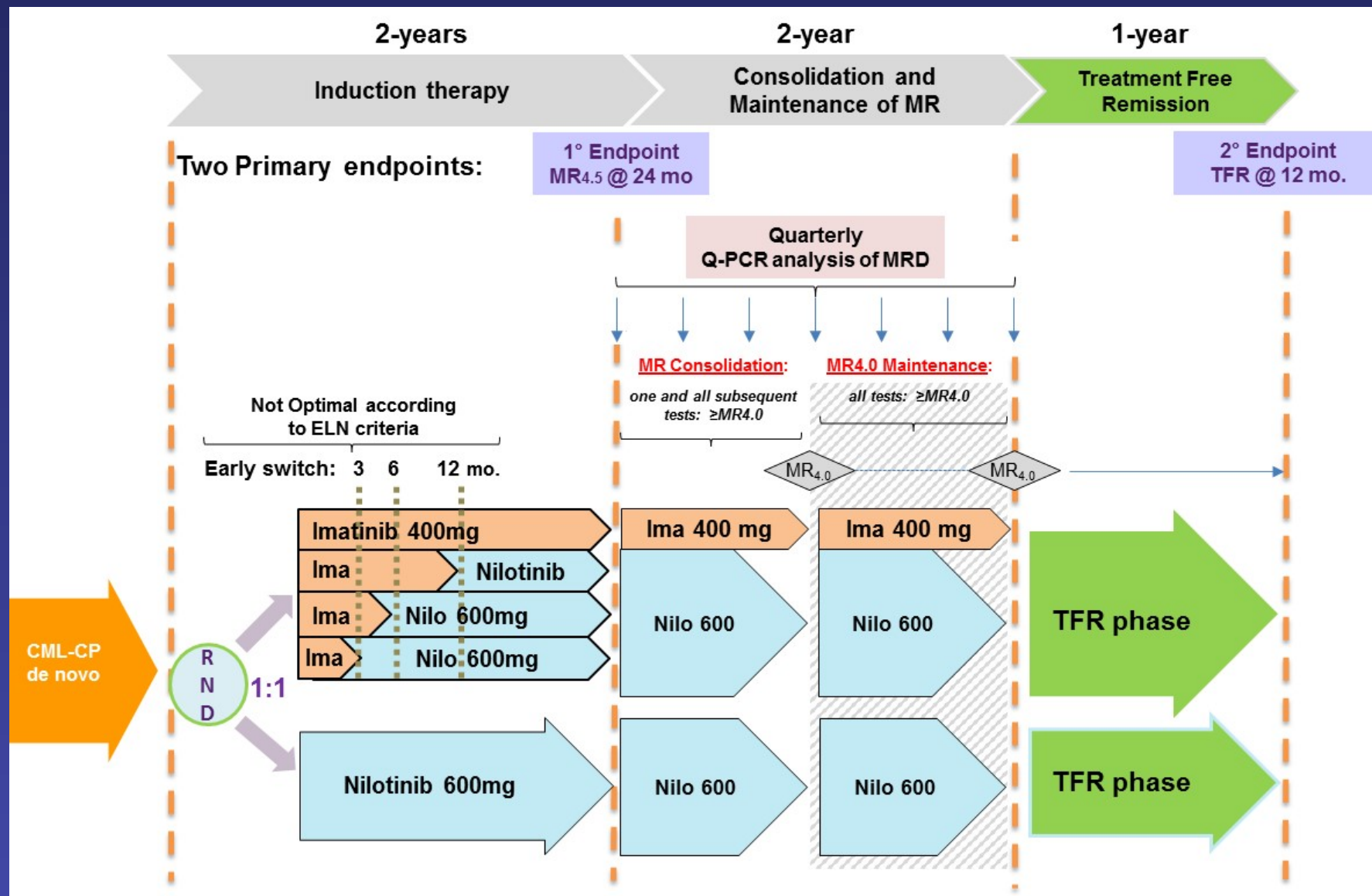
POICHE' UNA RISPOSTA MOLECOLARE PRECOCE (BCR-ABL1  $\leq$  10% A TRE MESI) HA VALORE PROGNOSTICO (PIU' RISPOSTE MOLECOLARI PROFONDE, PIU' RAPIDAMENTE, MIGLIORE SOPRAVVIVENZA)

SI DEVE CAMBIARE IL TKI SE A TRE MESI NON E' STATA ANCORA OTTENUTA LA RISPOSTA MOLECOLARE PRECOCE (SE IL TRASCritto BCR-ABL1 E' ANCORA SUPERIORE A 10%) ?

POICHE' UNA RISPOSTA MOLECOLARE PROFONDA È NECESSARIA PER OTTENERE UNA REMISSIONE LIBERA DA TERAPIA

SI DEVE CAMBIARE IL TKI SE DOPO UNO O DUE ANNI IL TRASCritto BCR-ABL1 E' ANCORA SUPERIORE A 0.01%

# Study Design





# **LA TERAPIA DI SECONDA LINEA (SWITCH)**

**IN ALCUNI CASI E' OBBLIGATORIA :**

IN CASO DI FALLIMENTO (ELN 2013)

IN CASO DI TOSSICITA'

**IN ALCUNI CASI E' OPZIONALE:**

IN CASO DI EFFETTI TOSSICI LIEVI, CRONICI,  
RICORRENTI

IN CASO DI RISPOSTA NON OTTIMALE  
(EARLY e LATE SWITCH)

# LEUCEMIA MIELOIDE CRONICA: LA SCELTA DELLA TERAPIA DI SECONDA E DI TERZA LINEA

STUDI “VECCHI” IN PAZIENTI CHE SPESSO ERANO STATI TRATTATI CON IMATINIB IN SECONDA LINEA

NESSUNO STUDIO CHE CONFRONTI NILOTINIB, DASATINIB, BOSUTINIB E PONATINIB

LA SELEZIONE VA FATTA TENENDO CONTO DELLE MUTAZIONI, DELLE COMORBIDITA', DELLA TOSSICITA' DEL PRIMO TKI, E DELL' ESPERIENZA DEL MEDICO. IN MOLTI PAESI E' DETTATA DAL COSTO

IL MONITORAGGIO DEVE ESSERE MOLTO ATTENTO: UN TKI “sbagliato” COSTA MOLTO DI PIU' DI UNA PCR

# **LE CAUSE DEL “FALLIMENTO” TERAPEUTICO POSSONO ESSERE MOLTE**

**LA MALATTIA : RISCHIO, CARATTERISTICHE BIOLOGICHE**

**IL PAZIENTE: ETA', EDUCAZIONE, COMORBIDITA',  
TOLLERANZA, ADERENZA**

**IL MEDICO:**

- SCARSA ESPERIENZA (la LMC è una malattia rara)
  - MONITORAGGIO INADEGUATO
  - PRESCRIZIONE INAPPROPRIATA
  - TIMORE DELLA TOSSICITA'
- IN ALCUNI CASI LO SWITCH NON E' IL MODO GIUSTO  
PER MIGLIORARE IL RISULTATO DELLA TERAPIA**

# **CAMBIARE TKI PER EFFETTI TOSSICI MINORI: UN PROBLEMA DI DIFFICILE SOLUZIONE**

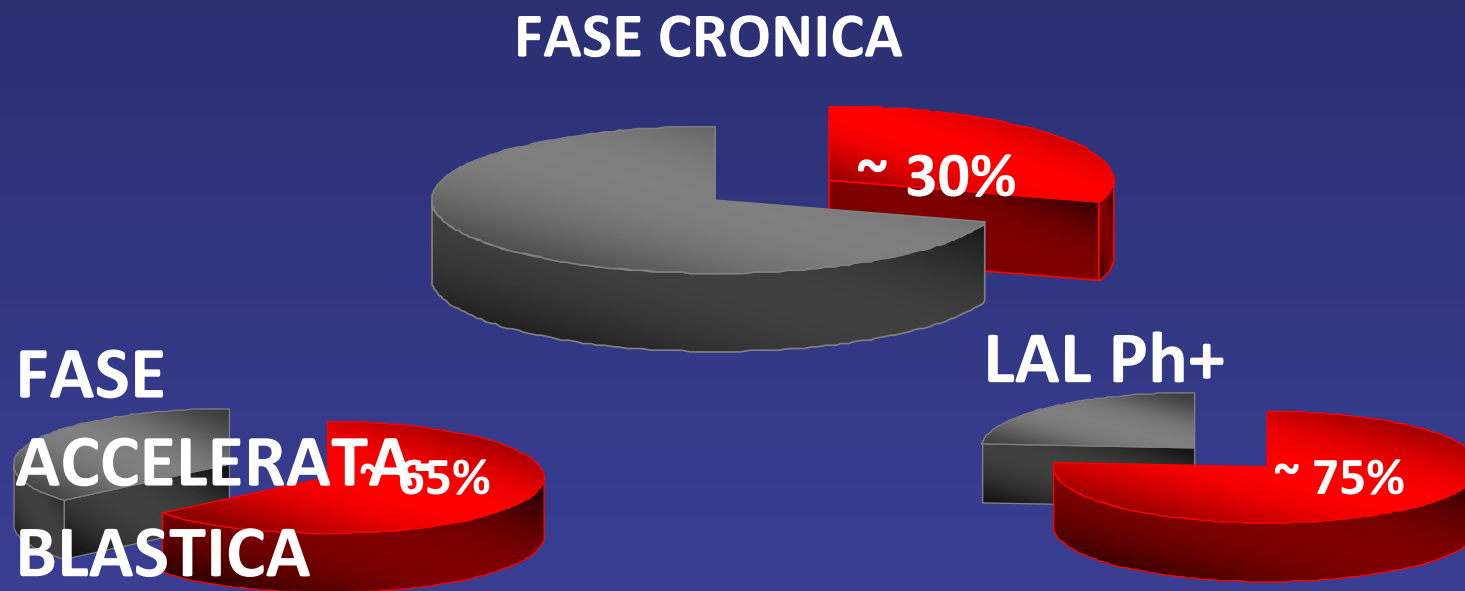
**IL NUMERO:** QUANTI EFFETTI TOSSICI POSSONO ESSERE TOLLERATI ?

**L' INTENSITA' :** FINO A CHE PUNTO UN EFFETTO TOSSICO E' TOLLERABILE ?

**LA DURATA:** PER QUANTO TEMPO SI PUO' TOLLERARE ?

**LA RIPETIZIONE:** PER QUANTE VOLTE PUO' ESSERE TOLLERATO ?

# LA FREQUENZA E IL TIPO DI MUTAZIONI DI BCR-ABL1 VARIANO MOLTO DA FASE A FASE



■ **Pazienti resistenti, con mutazioni**

**VIVERE (TRANQUILLI) SENZA TERAPIA**

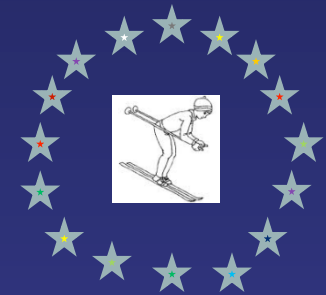
**(TREATMENT-FREE REMISSION)**

**SONO I TKI CAPACI DI ELIMINARE  
TUTTE LE CELLULE (STAMINALI) Ph+ ?**

**SONO I TKI CAPACI DI RIDURRE IL NUMERO DELLE  
CELLULE (STAMINALI) Ph+ IN MANIERA TALE CHE  
LA TERAPIA POSSA ESSERE INTERROTTA SENZA  
CONSEGUENZE ?**

**SI**

# EURO-SKI Study Design

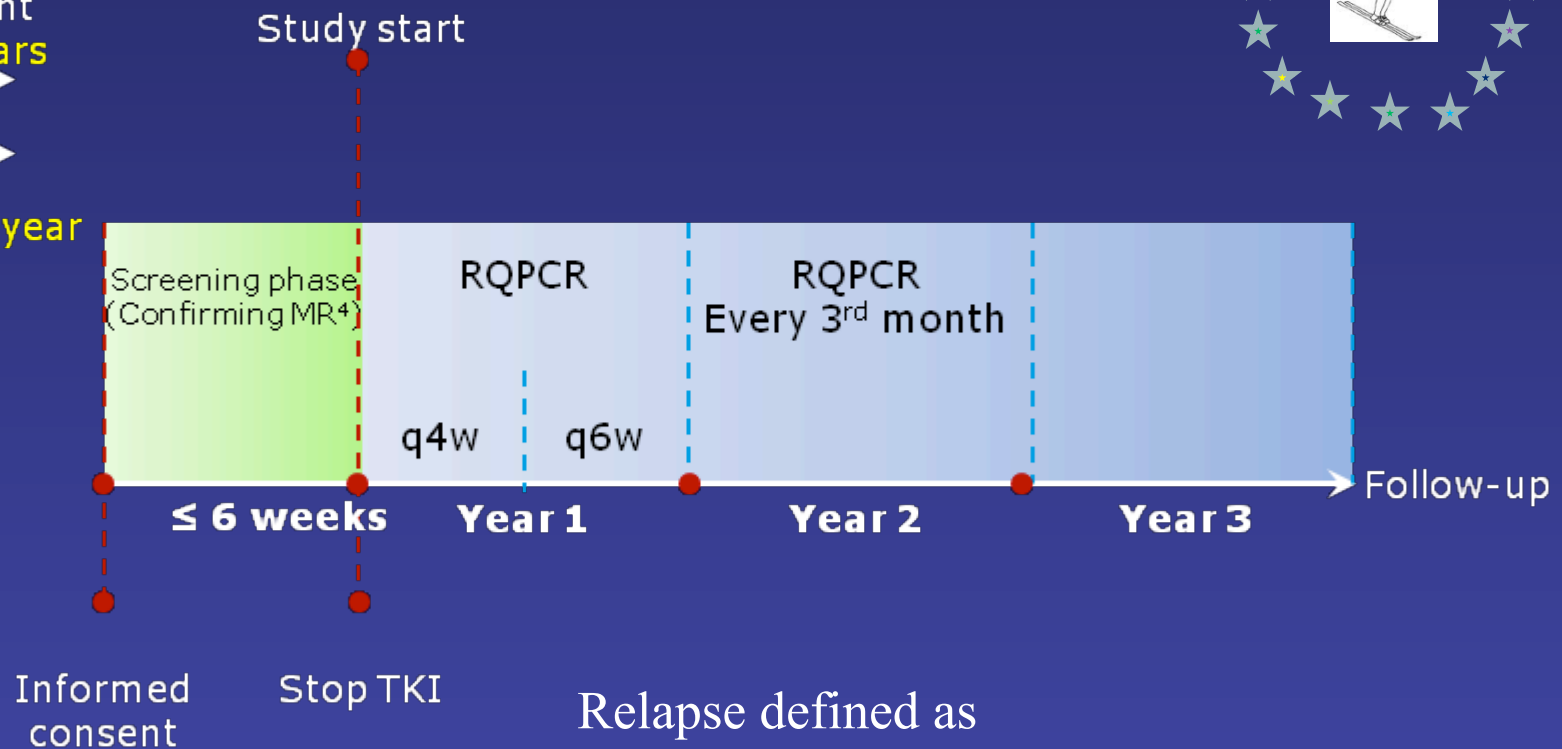


## Inclusion criteria

TKI treatment  
at least 3 years

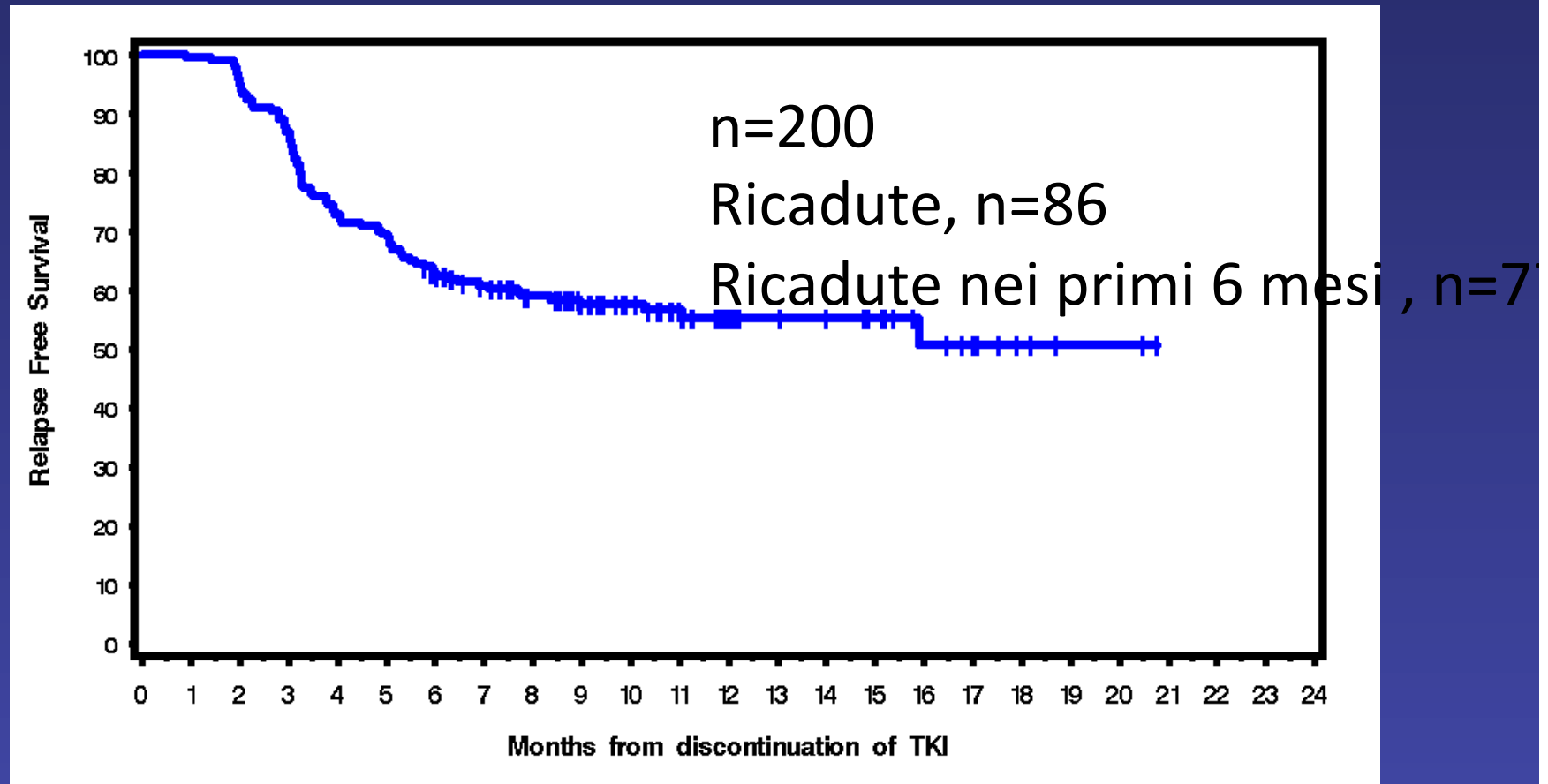


MR<sup>4</sup>  
at least 1 year



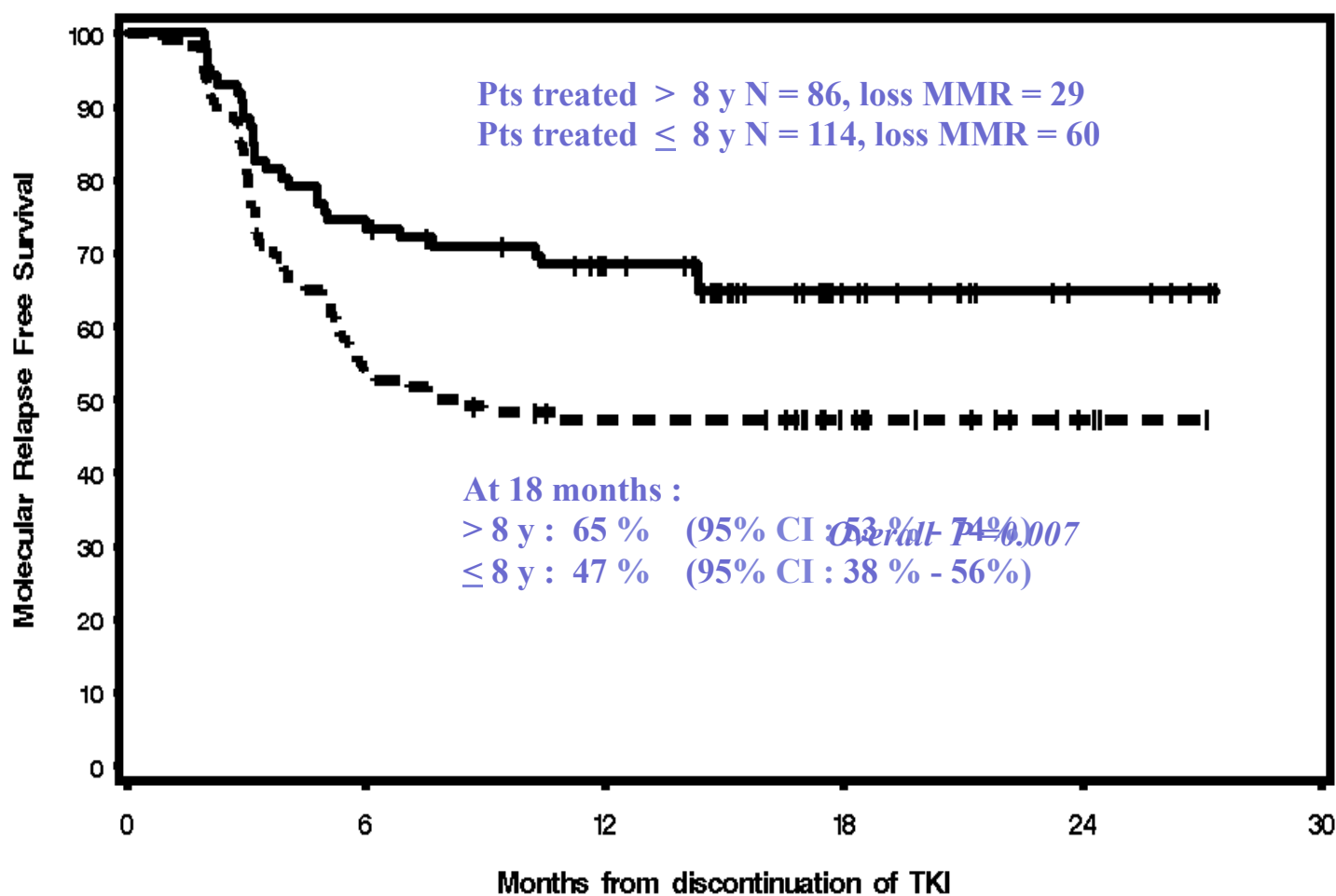
Relapse defined as  
BCR-ABL > 0.1% (loss of MMR) on the  
IS at one time point

# EURO-SKI, perdita della risposta molecolare maggiore





# EUROSKI: MAGGIORE LA DURATA DELLA TERAPIA CON IMATINIB, MINORE LA PROBABILITA' DI RICADUTA MOLECOLARE



# **SOSPENSIONE DELLA TERAPIA REMISSIONE LIBERA DA TERAPIA “GUARIGIONE”**

**E' POSSIBILE ? SI**

**QUANDO ? Dopo “parecchi” anni di terapia**

**IN QUALI PAZIENTI ? Pazienti in risposta molecolare  
“profonda”**

**HA SUCCESSO ? In circa il 50% dei casi**

**E' SICURA ? SI**

# QUANTI PAZIENTI SONO ELEGGIBILI PER UN TRIAL DI SOSPENSIONE DELLA TERAPIA ?

CON IMATINIB DA SOLO, E SWITCH A UN TKI DI SECONDA GENERAZIONE IN CASO DI FALLIMENTO 15-30%

CON TKI DI SECONDA GENERAZIONE 30-60%

CON IMATINIB E SWITCH A UN TKI DI SECONDA GENERAZIONE IN CASO DI RISPOSTA NON OTTIMALE ???

**CIRCA IL 60% DEI PAZIENTI ELEGGIBILI RIMARRA' LIBERO DA TERAPIA (9%- 36% DEI PAZIENTI INIZIALI)**

# PROSPETTIVE NELLA TERAPIA DELLA LEUCEMIA MIELOIDE CRONICA

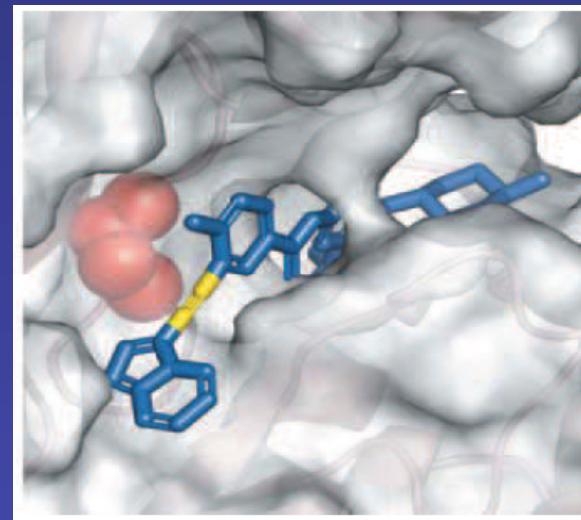
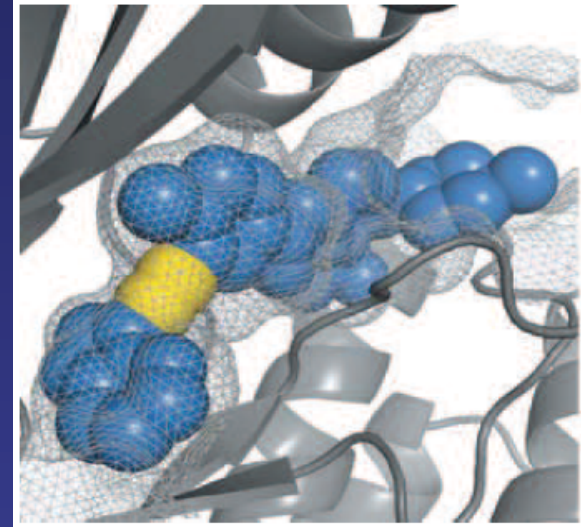
- TKI e INTERFERON $\alpha$
- NUOVI TKI

## OLTRE I TKI

- FARMACI MIRATI SU ALTRI BERSAGLI
- FARMACI CHE AGISCONO SULLE CELLULE STAMINALI
- FARMACI CHE INIBISCONO L' AUTOFAGIA
- VACCINI
- ANTICORPI
- INIBITORI DEL CHECK-POINT
- LINFOCITI T MODIFICATI (CAR-T)
  
- PROGESSI NEL TRAPIANTO DI MIDOLLO ALLOGENICO

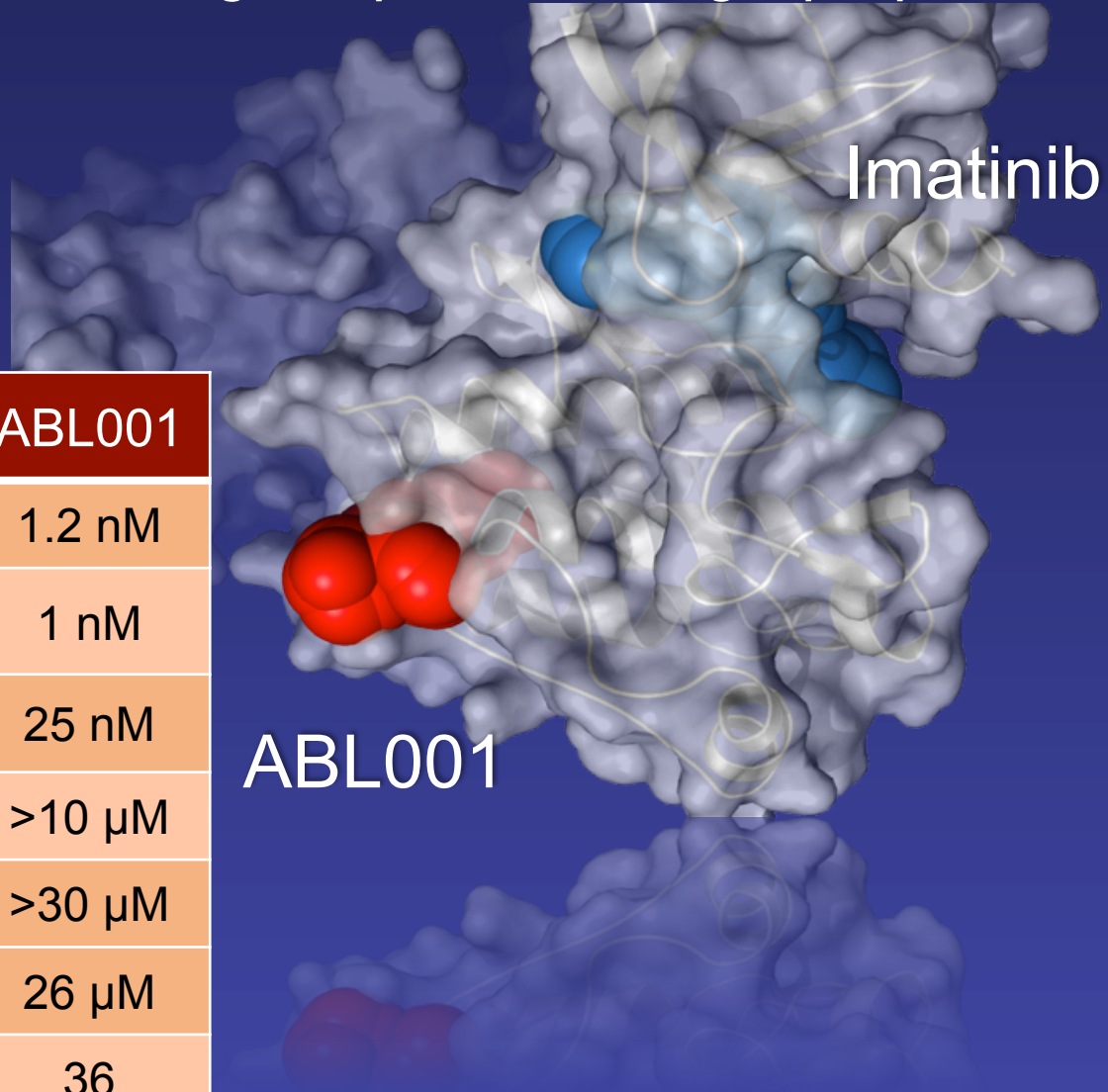
# Ponatinib

- Rationally designed inhibitor of BCR-ABL
- Active against T315I mutant
  - Unique approach to accommodating gatekeeper residue
- Potent activity against an array of BCR-ABL variants
- Once-daily oral activity
- Half-life  $\approx$  22 hours
- Also targets other therapeutically relevant kinases:
  - Inhibits FLT3, FGFR, VEGFR and PDGFR, and c-KIT



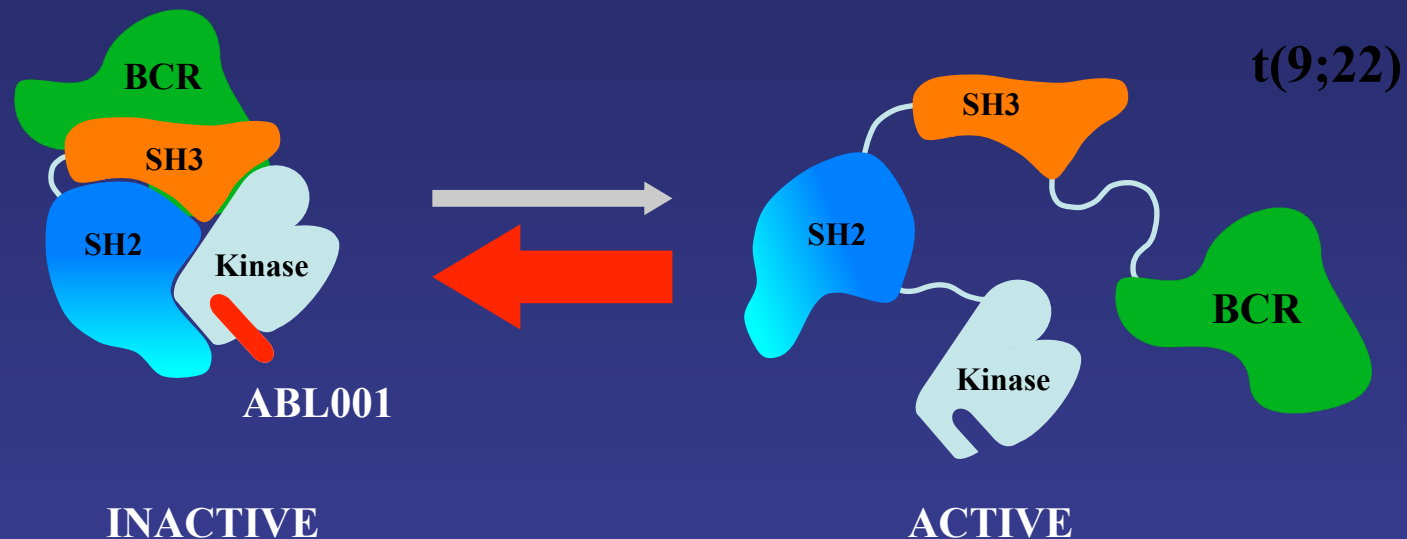
# ABL001

*Potent allosteric inhibitor with good pharmacologic properties*



Assay	ABL001
Biochemical IC <sub>50</sub> , ABL <sup>WT</sup>	1.2 nM
Cellular IC <sub>50</sub> BCR-ABL <sup>WT</sup>	1 nM
Cellular IC <sub>50</sub> BCR-ABL <sup>T315I</sup>	25 nM
Cellular IC <sub>50</sub> WT BaF/3	>10 μM
hERG	>30 μM
Qpatch Clamp	26 μM
PAMPA class, F %	36
CYP3A4,2D6,2C9	>20 μM

# ABL001 Allosterically Inhibits BCR-ABL1 Kinase Activity



- ABL001 functionally mimics the role of myristoylated peptide by occupying its vacant binding site and restoring the negative regulation to the kinase activity

ABL001

# Gli inibitori del check-point nella LMC: un sogno ?

- Alcuni inibitori (Nivolumab) sono già stati testati con successo nelle leucemie e nei linfomi

La combinazione di un inibitore del check-point con un TKI è probabilmente sicura e non tossica

- La combinazione merita di essere testata in caso di fallimento dei TKI
- Gli inibitori del check-point potrebbero aumentare il numero di remissioni senza terapia



# MONITORARE IL CORSO DELLA CML

MONITORARE LA RISPOSTA :  
MOLECOLARE e CITOGENETICA

MONITORARE LA TOSSICITA'  
E LE COMPLICAZIONI :

SISTEMA EMOPOIETICO, FEGATO, PANCREAS,  
SISTEMA CARDIOVASCOLARE, METABOLISMO  
SISTEMA RESPIRATORIO, INFEZIONI, etc.

MONITORARE LA COMPLIANCE E LA QUALITA' DI  
VITA

# IL PAZIENTE DEVE AVERE UN RUOLO CENTRALE NEL PROCESSO DECISIONALE DELLA TERAPIA DELLA LMC

## EORTC QLQ-CML 24

Efficace F, Baccarani M, Breccia M et al, Qual Life Res 2013

<http://groups.eortc.be/qol/>

## MDASI CML

Williams LA, Gonzales AG, Ault P et al, Blood 2013;122:641-647

<http://www3.mdanderson.org/depts/symptomresearch>

Baccarani M, Efficace F and Rosti G. Moving towards patient-centered decision-making in chronic myeloid leukemia: assessment of quality of life and symptoms burden. Haematologica, 2013

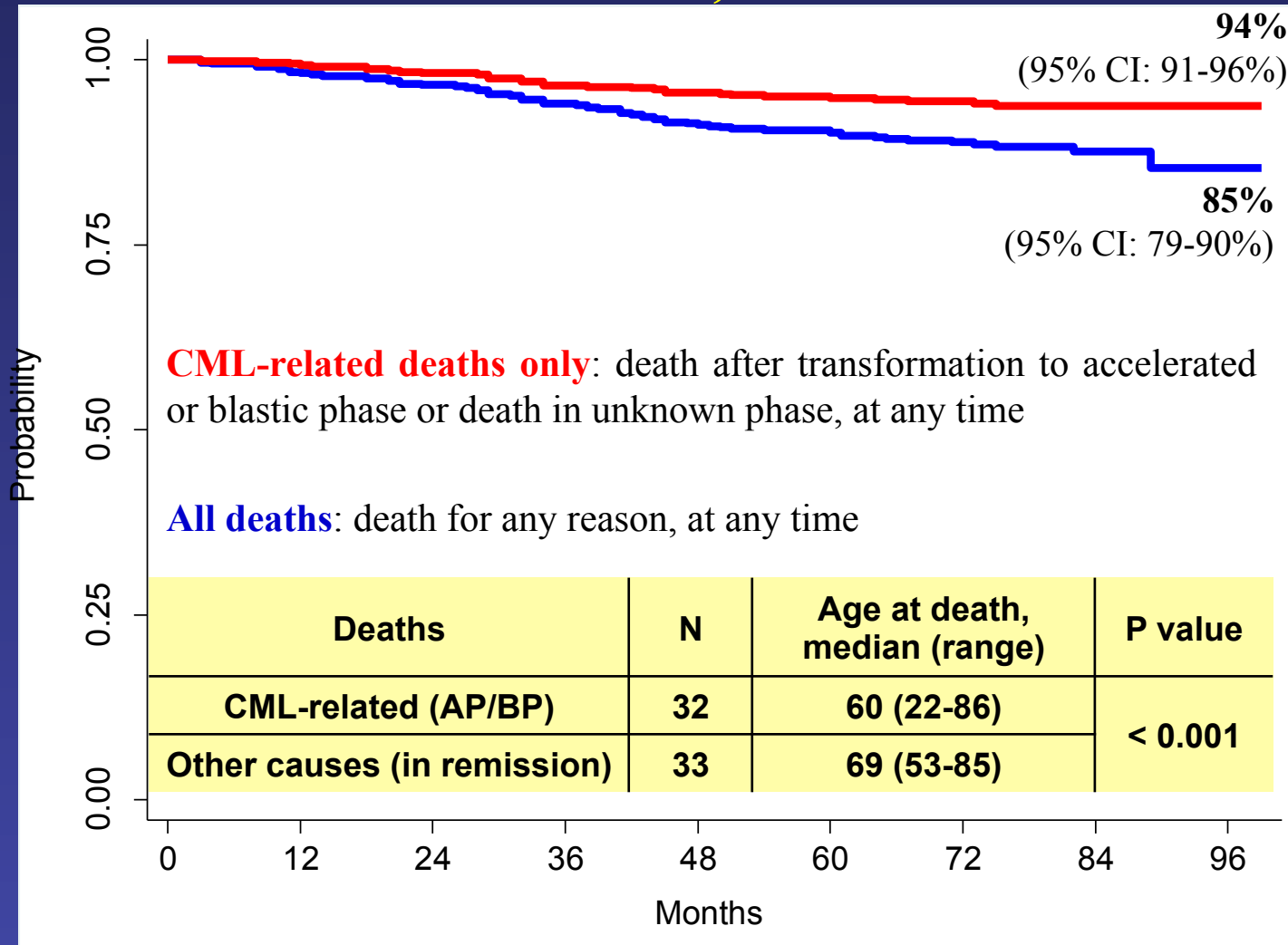
# **MONITORARE LA TERAPIA DELLA LMC**

**QUANDO I RISULTATI DEI TEST MOLECOLARI O CITOGENETICI SONO AL LIMITE O CONTRADDITORI, E' SEMPRE RACCOMANDABILE RIPETERE I MEDESIMI TEST**

- IL COSTO DEI TEST E' MOLTO INFERIORE AL COSTO DEI FARMACI**
- MONITORARE AIUTA A SELEZIONARE IL FARMACO PIU' ADATTO E A OTTIMIZZARE LA TERAPIA
- UN "ECCESSO" DI MONITORAGGIO PUO' FAR MALE AL PORTAFOGLIO E PUO' ESSERE CAUSA DI CONFUSIONE E ANSIA, **MA**
- UN MONITORAGGIO OTTIMALE FA' BENE SIA ALLA VITA CHE AL PORTAFOGLIO, PERCHE' SI TRADUCE IN UN TERAPIA OTTIMALE E IN UN IMPIEGO OTTIMALE DELLE RISORSE

**POCHI GIORNI DI UNA TERAPIA INAPPROPRIATA COSTANO MOLTO DI PIU' DI UN TEST, E SONO DANNOSI PER IL PAZIENTE**

# Survival, overall, and CML-related 550 CP CML Patients, Front-line IMATINIB



## CHRONIC MYELOID LEUKEMIA : THE COST OF PROGRESS

1994 ITALIAN COOPERATIVE STUDY GROUP ON CML

New Engl J Med 1994;330:820-827

INTERFERON ALFA AS COMPARED WITH CONVENTIONAL  
CHEMOTHERAPY FOR THE TREATMENT OF CHRONIC MYELOID  
LEUKEMIA

“The cost of interferon treatment was 200 times that of conventional  
treatment”

2013 EXPERTS IN CML

Blood 2013;121:4439-4442

PRICE OF DRUGS FOR CML

“Reflection on the unsustainable cancer drug prices: perspectives of CML  
experts”

## FIRST-LINE TREATMENT

### SECOND GENERATION TKIs

#### CHRONIC PHASE

- ALL PATIENTS ???
- YOUNG, NO COMORBIDITIES
- HIGH RISK (Sokal, EURO, EUTOS, CCA/Ph+)

**ACCELERATED and BLAST PHASE: ALL PATIENTS**

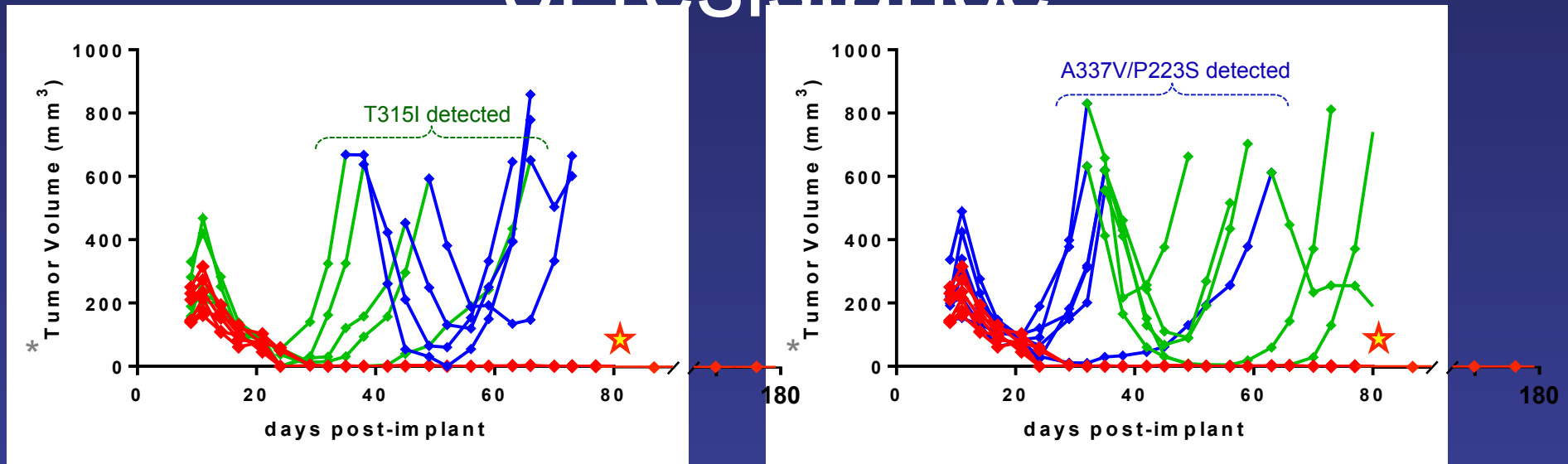
### IMATINIB

#### CHRONIC PHASE

- ALL PATIENTS ???
- ELDERLY, COMORBIDITIES
- LOW RISK
- SWITCH IN CASE OF FAILURE OR IN CASE OF NON-OPTIMAL RESPONSE?

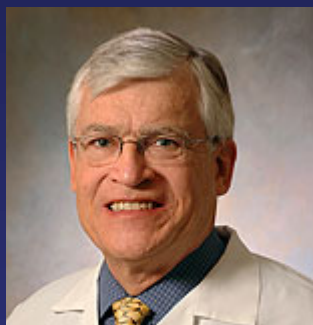
# Combination of ABL001 and Nilotinib prevents the emergence of resistance

EICML-22 CML Xenograft



- ◆ Nilotinib (75mg/kg) BID
- ◆ ABL001 (30mg/kg) BID
- ◆ Nilotinib (75mg/kg) BID + ABL001 (30mg/kg) BID
- ★ Dosing stopped on day 77, all mice remain disease free >176 days

\* Each line represents individual animals



**LARSON RA et al, ASH 2014,  
abstract 738**



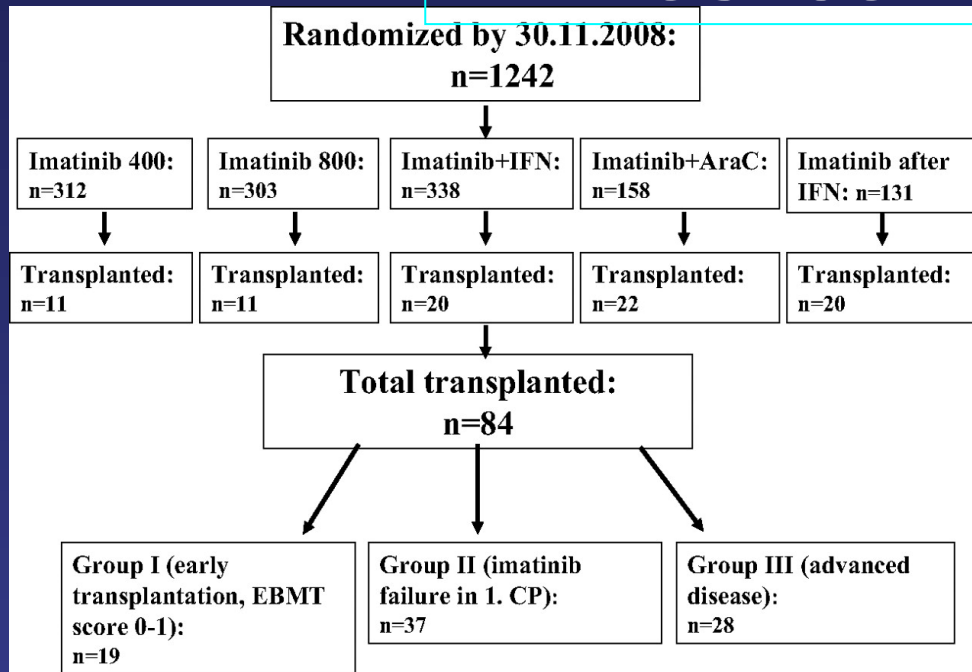
WE CALCULATED THE COST-EFFECTIVENESS OF IMATINIB vs PHYSICIAN'S CHOICE OF IMATINIB vs DASATINIB OR NILOTINIB, FIRST-LINE FOR A PERIOD OF 5 YEARS: "WHEN GENERIC IMATINIB WILL BE AVAILABLE WORLDWIDE, ITS PRICE WILL DECLINE, AND IT WILL BE COST-EFFECTIVE COMPARED TO OTHER TKIs"

**Padula WV, Larson RA, et al. J Natl Cancer Inst 2016;108(7):**

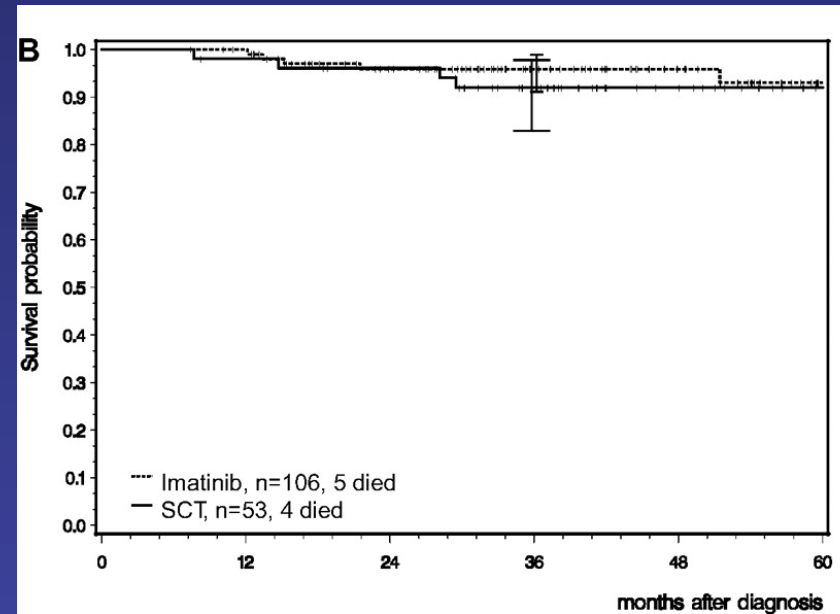


# •THE OUTCOME

Saussele Blood 2010



## OUTCOME OF ALLO TRANSPLANTED PATIENTS



	allo	IMA
N	53	106
age	37	36.5
Euro risk score		
low	41.5%	41.5 %
int	35.8 %	35.8 %
high	22.6 %	22.6 %

## MATCHED ANALYSIS WITH PTS IN IMATINIB

**CCA/Ph+, major route, unbalanced (trisomy 8, i(17)q10, trisomy 19, +der(22)t(9;22)(q34;q11) (10,12,13)**

Chromosome 3 abnormalities (14)

Trisomy 8 plus other CCA/Ph+ (9,11,15)

OCT1 low expression and function (41-48)

MDR1(ABCB1, Pgp, P170) polymorphisms and high expression (49-51)

CIP2A (cancerous inhibitor of PP2A) high level (52,53)

BIM deletion polymorphisms (54-57)

KIR2DS1 genotype (58,59)

Triptase high serum level (60)

PTCH1 low expression (61)

Gene expression profile (62,63)

In-vitro sensitivity and dose-response slope (64)

Immunophenotype (detection of lymphoid markers) (65)

**TABLE 5 :** A list of some of the factors that have been reported to affect the response to TKIs (mainly imatinib 400 mg OD), baseline. Only the first (CCA/Ph+) has been recognized internationally.

# **PATIENT RELATED FACTORS LIMITING THE CHOICE, THE DOSE AND THE USE OF TKIs**

ATHEROSCLEROSIS

ARTERIAL THROMBOTIC DISEASE

CEREBROVASCULAR DISEASE

HYPERTENSION

HEART FAILURE

ISCHEMIC HEART DISEASE

THROMBOPHILIC STATE

DIABETES MELLITUS

DYSLIPIDEMIA

CHRONIC PULMONARY DISEASE (obstructive, enfisema, fibrosis, etc)

AUTOIMMUNE DISEASE

OTHER TUMOR

PSYCHIATRIC DISORDER

ALZHEIMER

PARKINSON

HANDICAP.....

**AGE, LIFE STYLE, EDUCATION, WILLING.....**

## PERSONALIZED TREATMENT ?

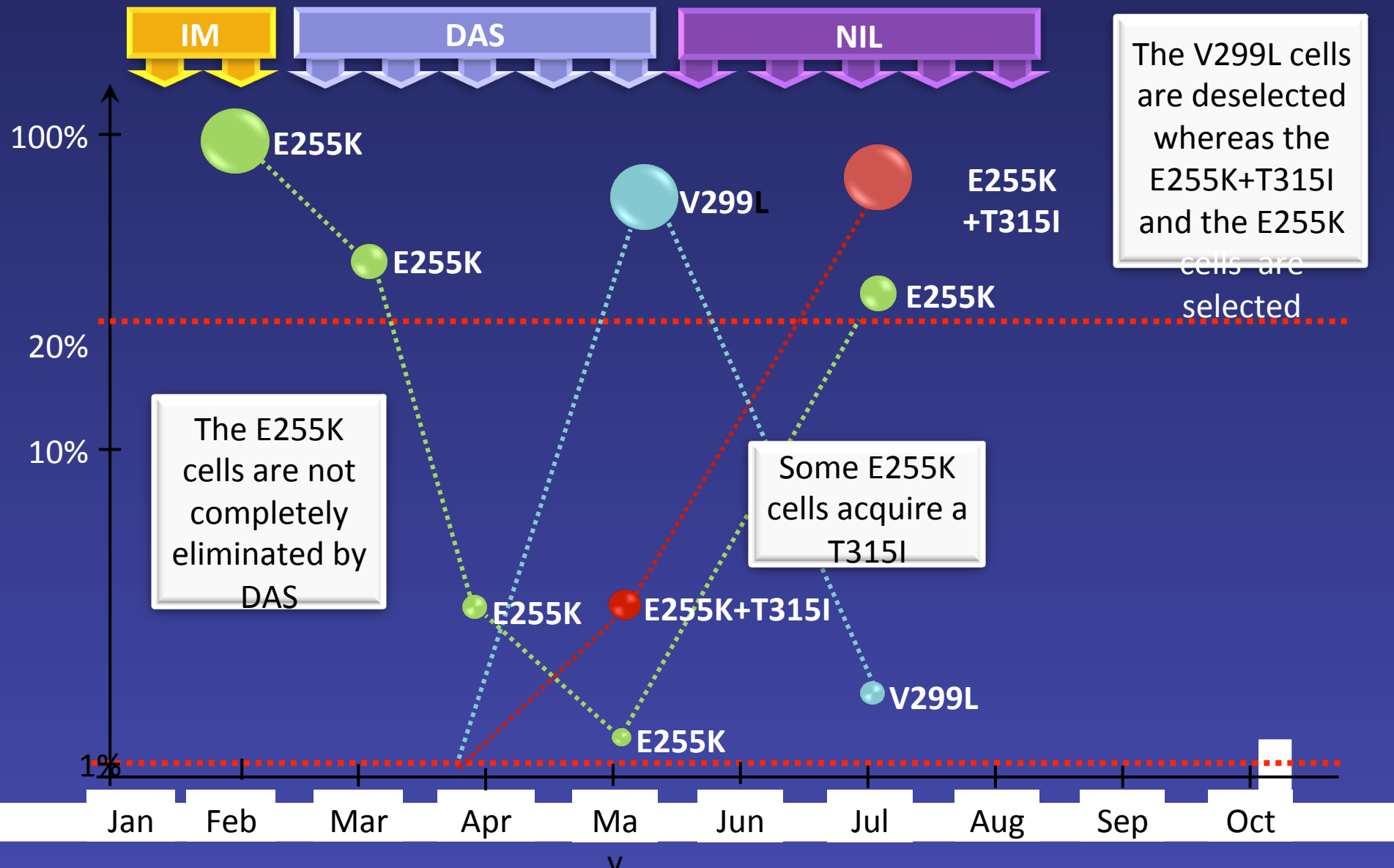
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2nd GENERATION TKI

YOUNG, NO COMORBIDITIES, HIGH RISK :  
2nd GENERATION TKI FIRST-LINE

ELDERLY, COMORBIDITIES, LOW RISK :  
IMATINIB FIRST-LINE

A PERSONALIZED TREATMENT IS NONSENSE  
WITHOUT A CAREFUL AND PERSONALIZED  
MONITORING

# The complex and dynamic landscape of mutant populations can be best followed by NGS



# CML IN THE 21<sup>st</sup> CENTURY

WHITH FIVE TKIs AVAILABLE, OVERALL SURVIVAL IS 80-90% AND ABOUT 50% OF DEATHS OCCUR IN REMISSION. WE ARE REASONABLY HAPPY, MUCH HAPPIER THAN IN MANY OTHER LEUKEMIAS AND CANCERS.

CAN WE DO BETTER ?

THE MAJOR OBSTACLE TO FULL SATISFACTION IS THE ACCESS TO TYROSINE KINASE INHIBITORS, WORLDWIDE.