

Unmet challenges in high risk
hematological malignancies:
from benchside to clinical practice

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How I treat high risk CML

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Incidence of CML /100,000 people

<small>*¹) World Standard Population **²) United States Standard Population ***³) CML cases with known Ph/BCR-ABL positive status</small>	Time of observation	Number of patients	Incidence crude	Incidence (WSP) *
SEER¹	1998-2000	-	-	1.8 **
	2003-2007	4653	-	1.7 **
France²	1985-2006	906	-	0.8
Swedish Cancer Registry³	1998-2000	260	1	0.7
	2001-2008	704	1	0.7
Scotland Leukemia Registry⁴ ***	1999-2000	64	0.6	-
Thames Registry⁵	1999-2000	180	1.09	0.8
Leukemia Research Fund⁶	1984-1993	1115	-	0.6
Cancer Registry of Saarland⁷	1998-2000	65	2	1
	2001-2007	142	1.9	0.9
Southwest Germany⁸ ***	1998-2000	172	0.6	-
Southeast Germany⁹	2004	201	1.9	1.3

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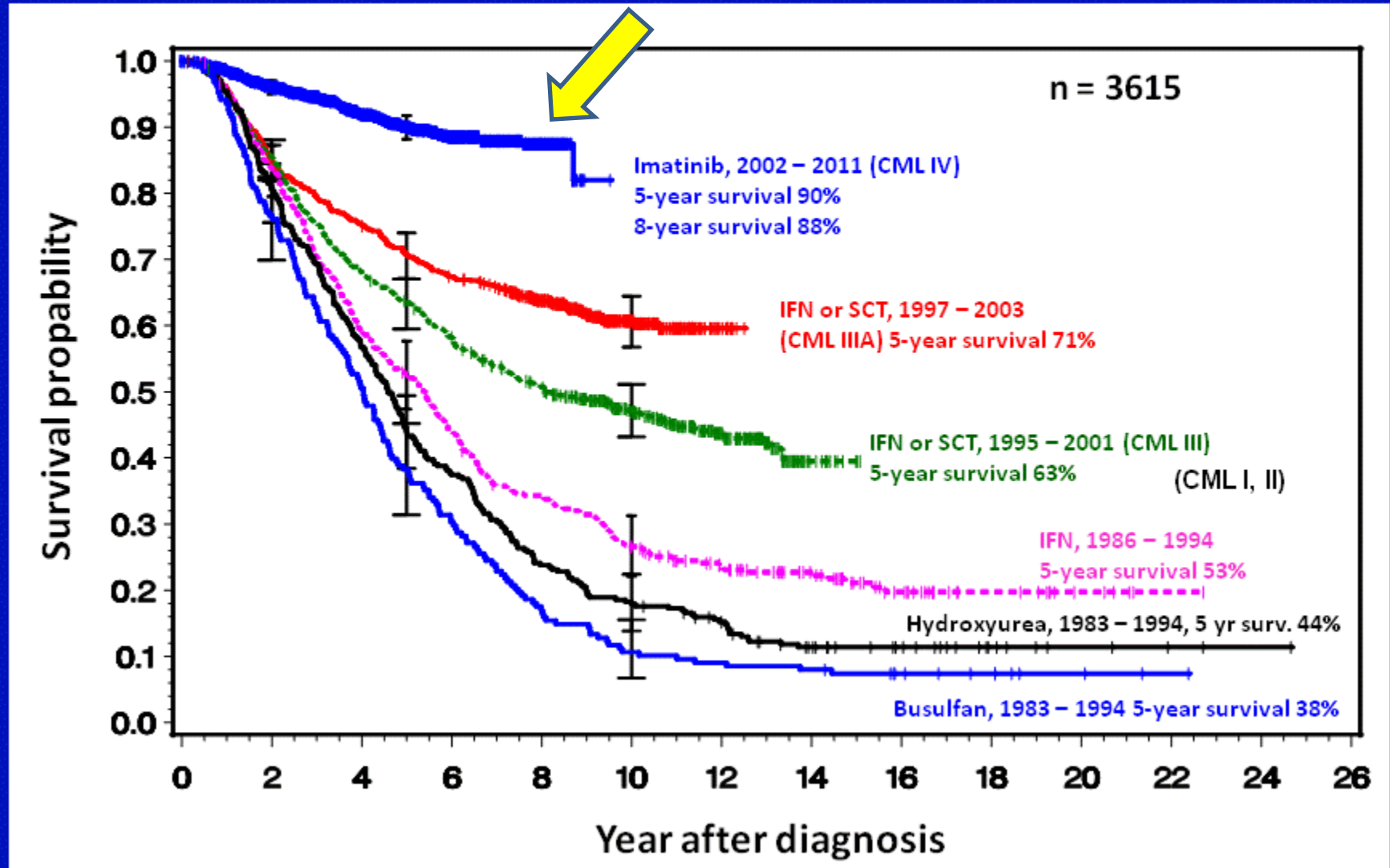
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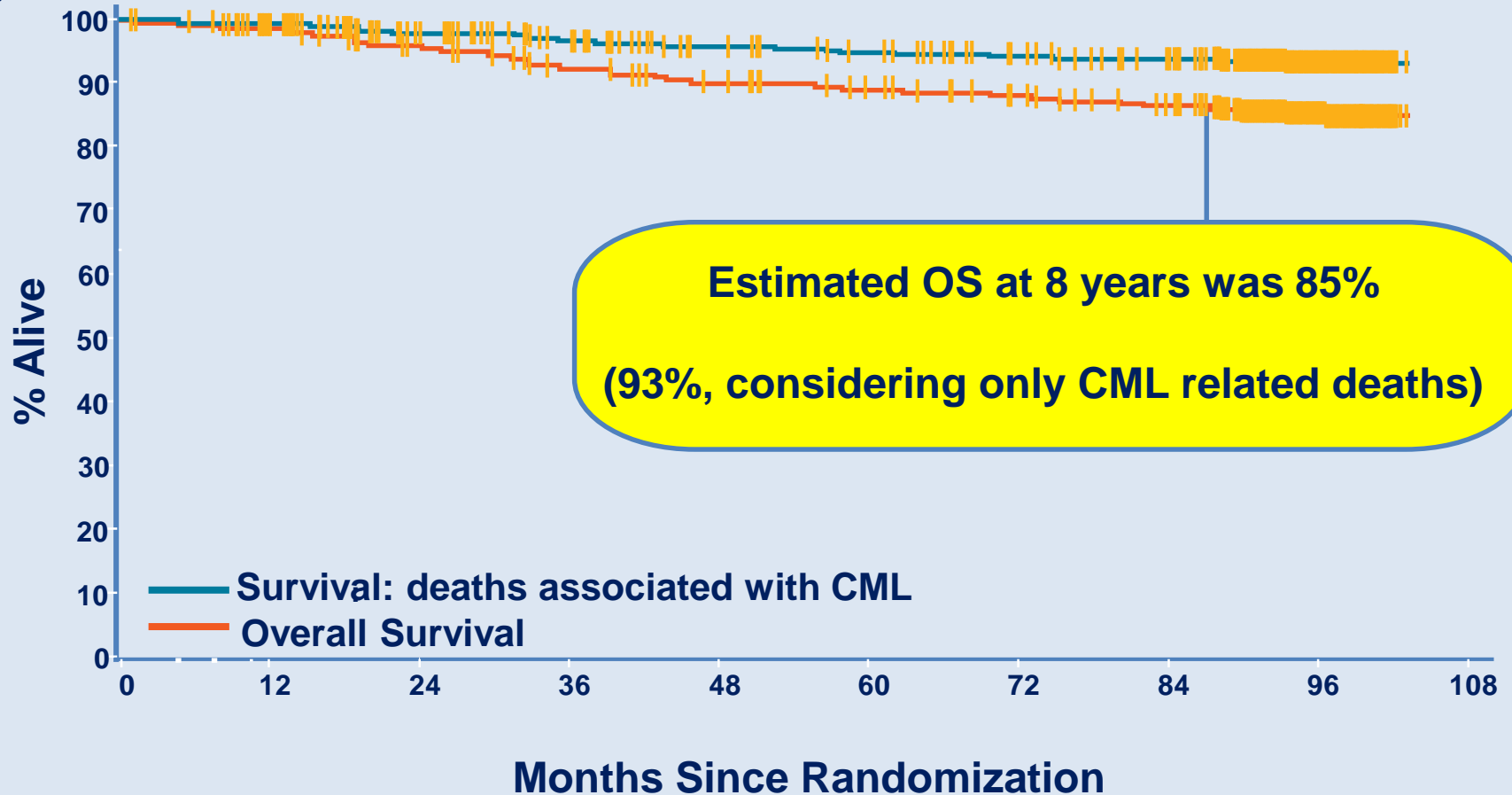
The EUTOS Registry reports that CML currently has an average incidence of 0.99/100,000, ranging from 0,69/100,000 (Poland) to 1,39/100,000 (Italy - Emilia-Romagna and Sicily).

Improvement of survival of CML by therapy 1983 – 2011



IRIS Study 8 year Follow-up

Overall Survival (ITT Principle): Imatinib Arm



Treatment goals in CML in 2018

- **Complete hematologic response, complete cytogenetic response and major molecular response**
- **Normal lifespan, normal quality of life**
- **Safe procreation**
- **Discontinuation of therapy?**

Prognostic Significance of Molecular Response

- Early molecular response (<10% IS BCR-ABL1) is associated with:
 - Higher probability of MMR (<0.1% IS BCR-ABL1)^{1,2}
 - Higher rates of event-free survival (EFS)^{2,3,4,5} and progression-free survival (PFS)³
- Achievement of MMR is associated with:
 - Higher rates of EFS⁵ and PFS⁶
 - Longer duration of CCyR^{7,8,9,10}
 - Deep MR achievement (\geq MR4.5)¹²
- Durable MMR is associated with prolonged PFS¹¹

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Goals of CML Therapy – Different Sensitivities of Methods

Leukemia cells



Is this true in all CML patients?

CML = chronic myelogenous leukemia; CHR = complete hematologic response; CCyR = complete cytogenetic response; MMR = major molecular response; CMR = complete molecular response.

Calculation of relative risk in CML

We have several ways to calculate the risk of the disease in each patient, with the meaning of a risk related to progression to advanced phases

Table 2. Calculation of relative risk

Study	Calculation	Risk definition by calculation
Sokal et al. 1984 ⁷	$\text{Exp } 0.0116 \times (\text{age} - 43.4) + 0.0345 \times (\text{spleen} - 7.51) + 0.188 \times [(\text{platelet count} \div 700)^2 - 0.563] + 0.0887 \times (\text{blast cells} - 2.10)$	Low risk: <0.8 Intermediate risk: 0.8-1.2 High risk: >1.2
Euro Hasford et al. 1998 ⁸	0.666 when age ≥ 50 y + (0.042 \times spleen) + 1.0956 when platelet count $>1500 \times 10^9$ L + (0.0584 \times blast cells) + 0.20399 when basophils $>3\%$ + (0.0413 \times eosinophils) $\times 100$	Low risk: ≤ 780 Intermediate risk: 781-1480 High risk: >1480
EUTOS Hasford et al. 2011 ⁹	Spleen $\times 4$ + basophils $\times 7$	Low risk: ≤ 87 High risk: >87

Age is given in years. Spleen is given in centimeters below the costal margin (maximum distance). Blast cells, eosinophils, and basophils are given in percent of peripheral blood differential. All values must be collected before any treatment. To calculate Sokal and Euro risk score, go to http://www.leukemia-net.org/content/leukemias/cml/cml_score/index_eng.html. To calculate EUTOS risk score, go to http://www.leukemia-net.org/content/leukemias/cml/eutos_score/index_eng.html.

EUTOS long-term survival score

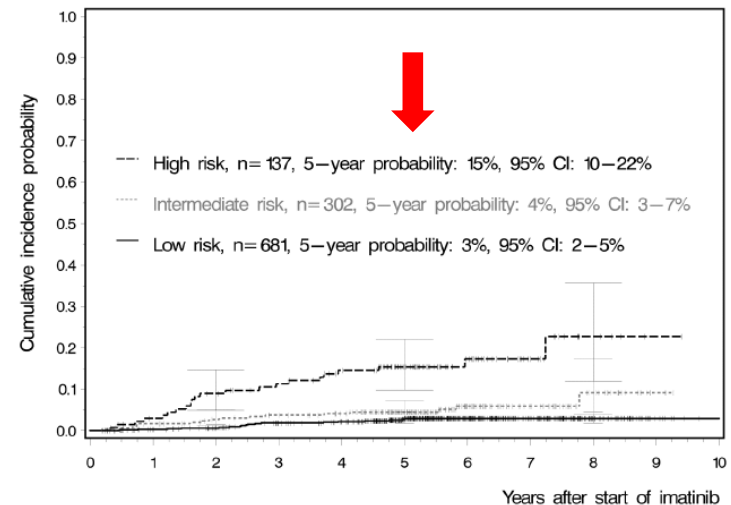
$$0.0025 \times (\text{age}/10)^3 + 0.0615 \times \text{spleen size} + 0.1052 \times \text{blasts in PB} + 0.4104 \times (\text{PLT count}/1000)^{-0.5}$$

LOW: < 1.5680

INTERMEDIATE: 1.568 - 2.2185

HIGH: > 2.2185

Baccarani M., Blood 2013; Sokal J. et al, Blood 1984; Hasford J. et al, Natl Cancer Inst. 1998; Hasford J. et al, Blood 2011; Pfirrmann M. Leukemia 2016.



Chromosomal Abnormalities in CML clones

- ✓ Metaphase karyotyping may reveal **additional clonal chromosomal abnormality in Ph+ cells (ACA/Ph+)**, a situation referred to as clonal cytogenetic evolution and defines TKI failure if emerging on treatment.
- ✓ CCA/Ph+ in case of so called **«Major Route»** abnormalities at the diagnosis have been reported to have an adverse prognostic value:
 - Trisomy 8
 - Trisomy Ph
 - Isochromosome 17
 - Trisomy 19
 - Ider22
- ✓ Others baseline factors, including gene expression profiles, specific polymorfism of gene coding for TKI transmembrane transporters or TKI-mediated apoptosis have been reported to have prognostic implication, but data are not yet sufficiently strong to use for planning treatment

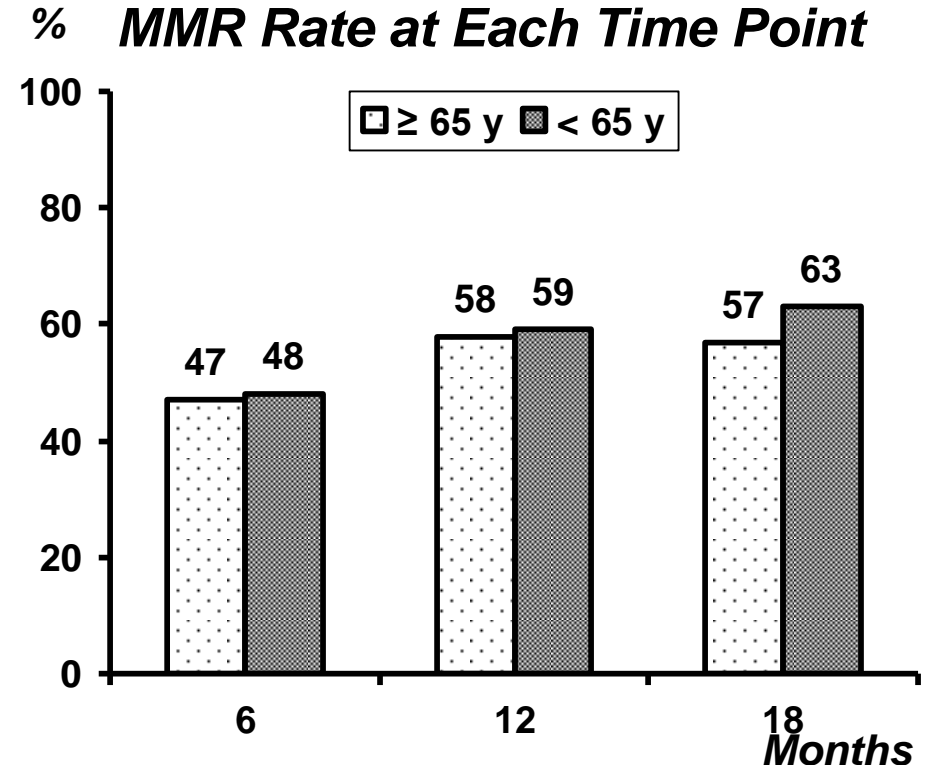
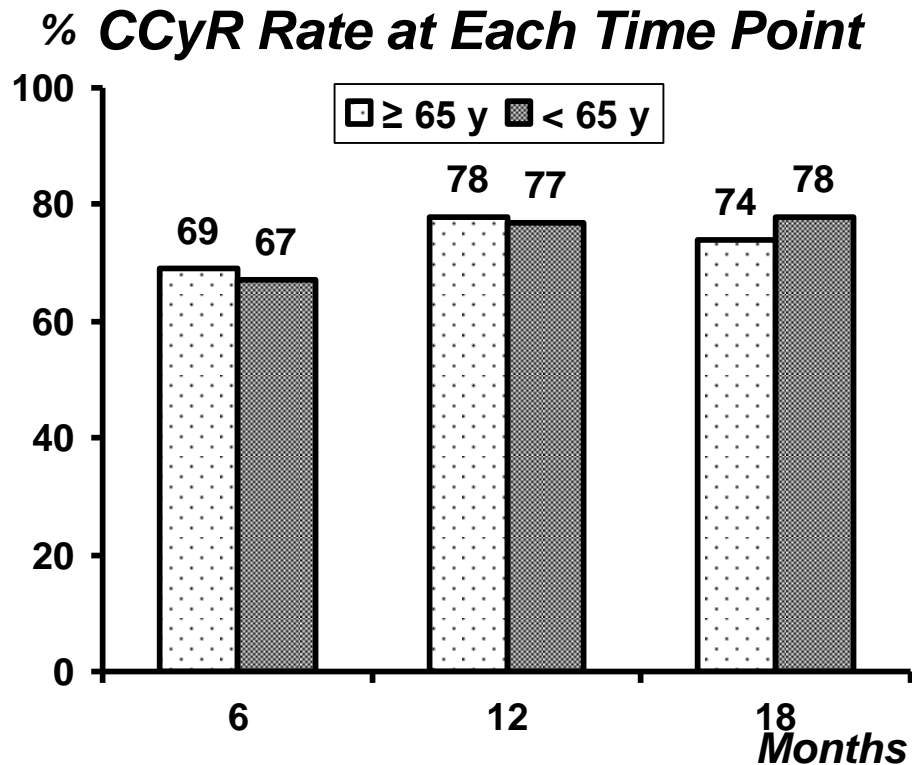
ICSG on CML 86-97 / 1114 patients

Distributions by age groups and Sokal Risk

Sokal Risk	<40 n. 421	41-60 n. 562	>61 n.131
Low	60%	41%	22%
Intermediate /High	40%	59%	78%



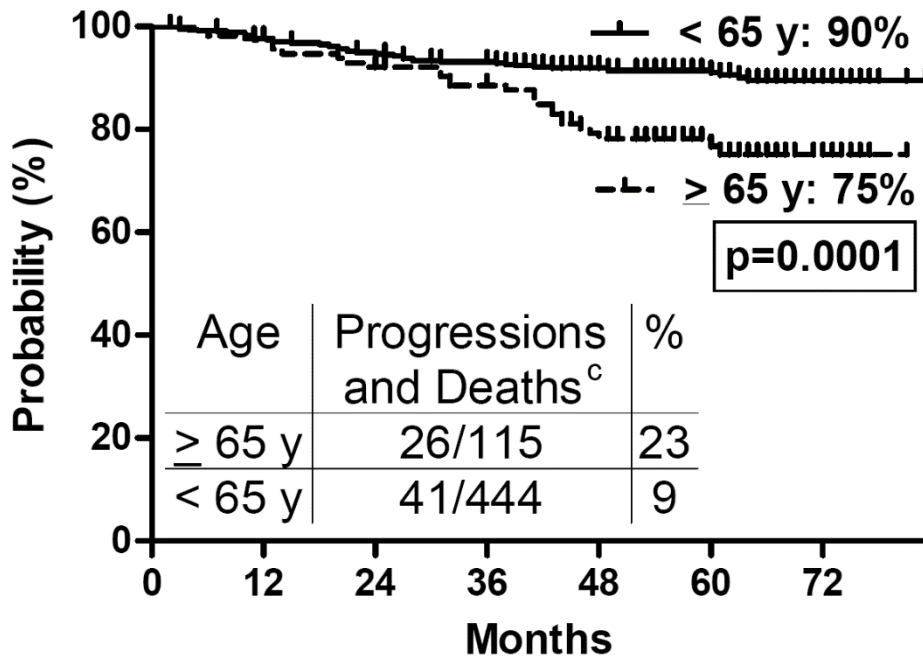
IMATINIB AND AGE – Early CP RESPONSE



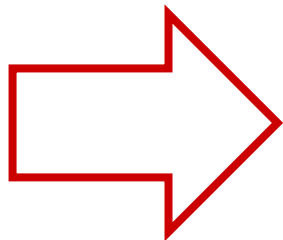
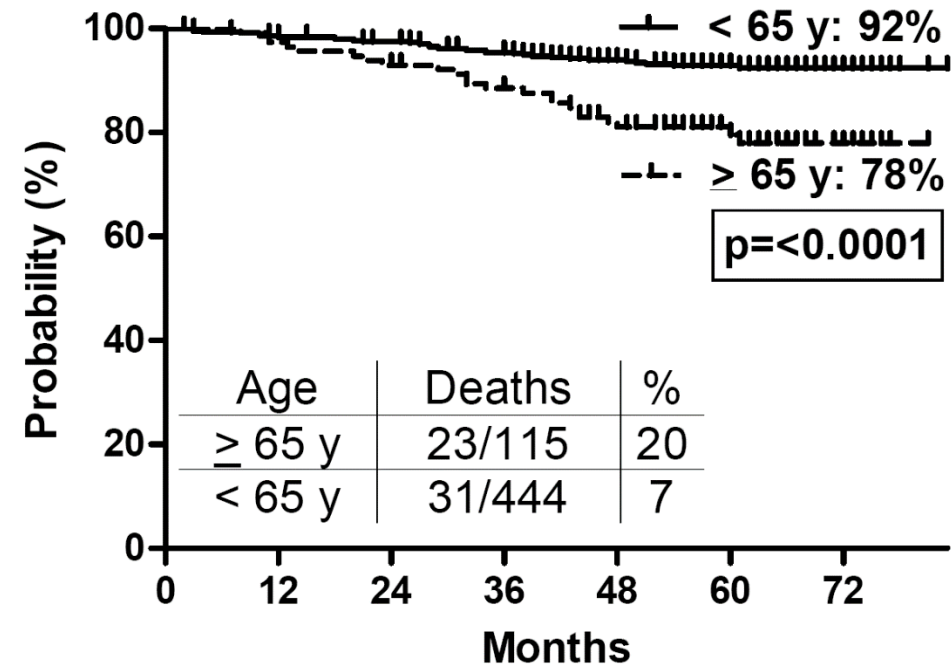
IMATINIB AND AGE - Early CP OUTCOME

GIMEMA CML 021-022-023 ¹

Progression-Free Survival



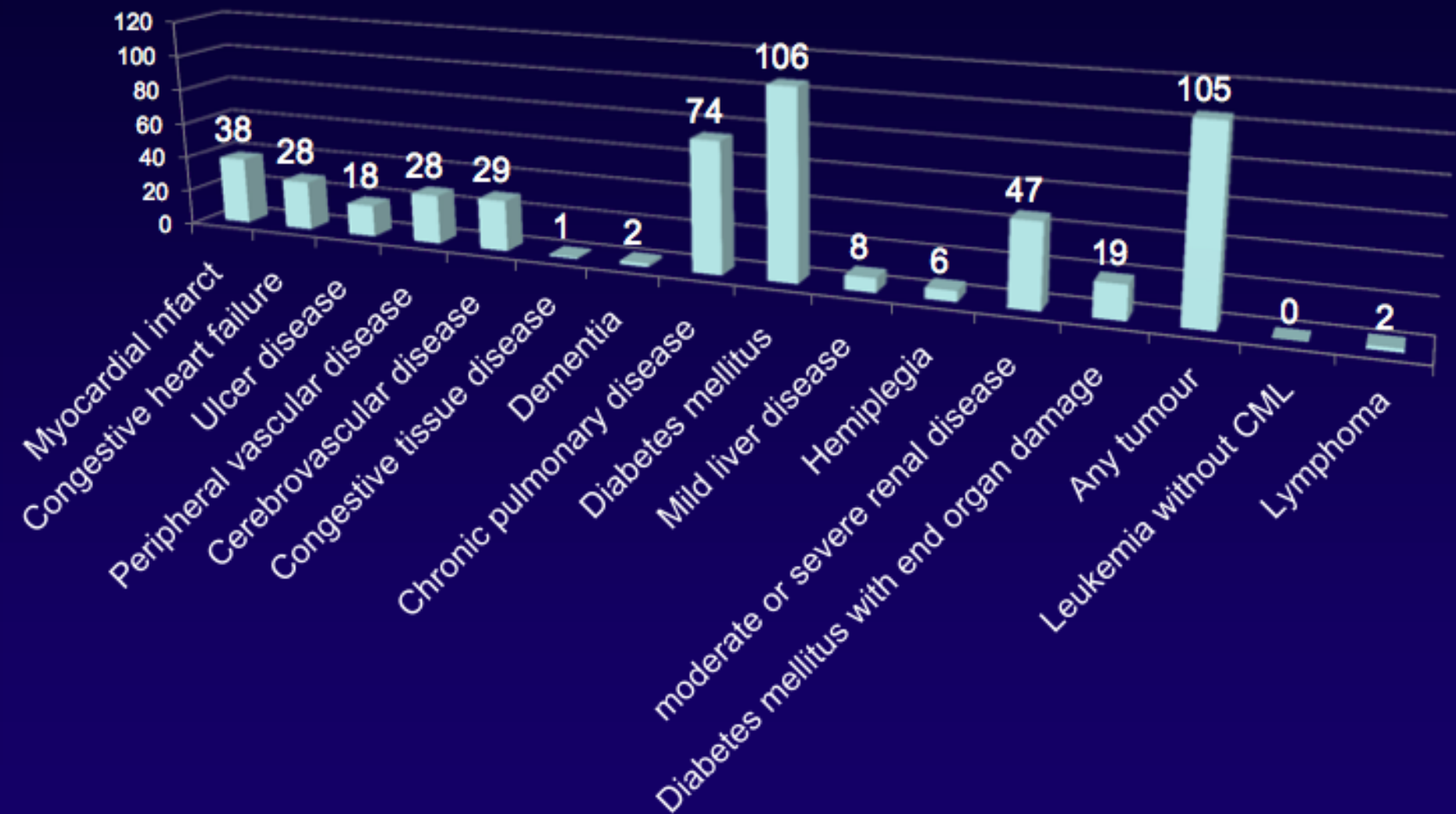
Overall Survival



Considering all events, the 6-years survival rates are lower for older patients



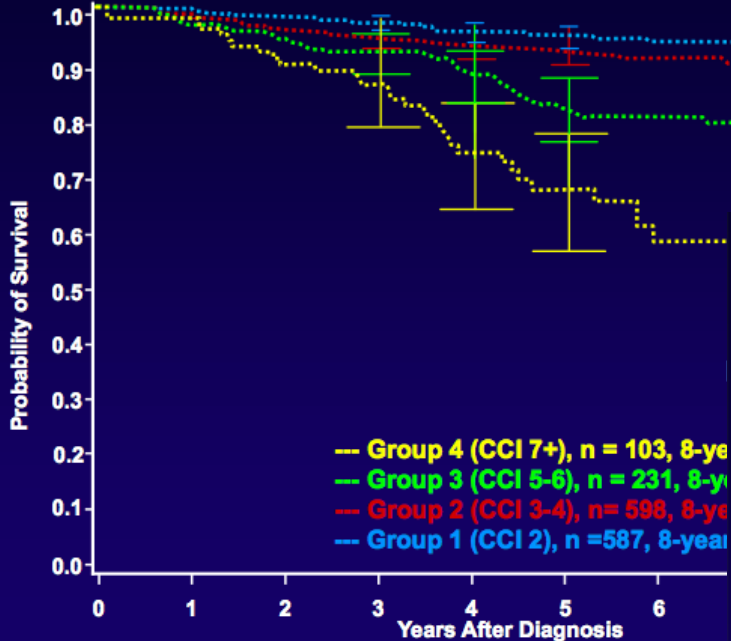
Documented Comorbidities (n = 511)



- **511 comorbidities and 384 patients with comorbidity**

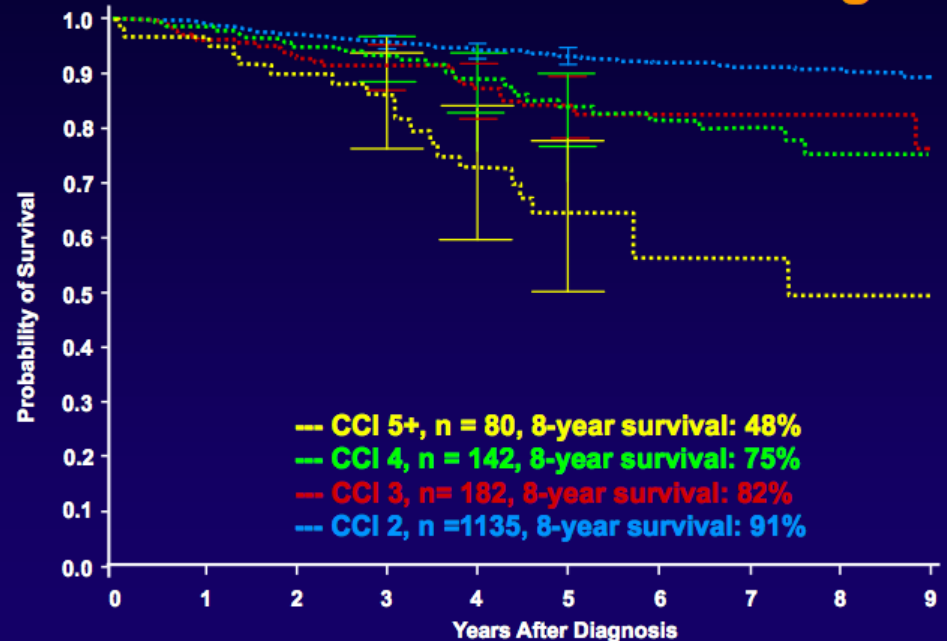
Outcome is influenced by comorbidities

Overall Survival Depending on Charlson Index



Saußele S, et al. *Blood*. 2013;122: Abstract 91.

Overall Survival Depending on Charlson Index – Without Age



Saußele S, et al. *Blood*. 2013;122: Abstract 91.

EUROPEAN LEUKEMIA NET 2013: TREATMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

Table 7. Chronic phase treatment recommendations for first, second, and subsequent lines of treatment

First line

Imatinib or nilotinib or dasatinib

HLA type patients and siblings only in case of baseline warnings (high risk, major route CCA/Ph+)

Second line, intolerance to the first TKI

Anyone of the other TKIs approved first line (imatinib, nilotinib, dasatinib)

Second line, failure of imatinib first line

Dasatinib or nilotinib or bosutinib or ponatinib

HLA type patients and siblings

Second line, failure of nilotinib first line

Dasatinib or bosutinib or ponatinib

HLA type patients and siblings; search for an unrelated stem cell donor; consider alloSCT

Second line, failure of dasatinib first line

Nilotinib or bosutinib or ponatinib

HLA type patients and siblings; search for an unrelated stem cell donor; consider alloSCT

Third line, failure of and/or intolerance to 2 TKIs

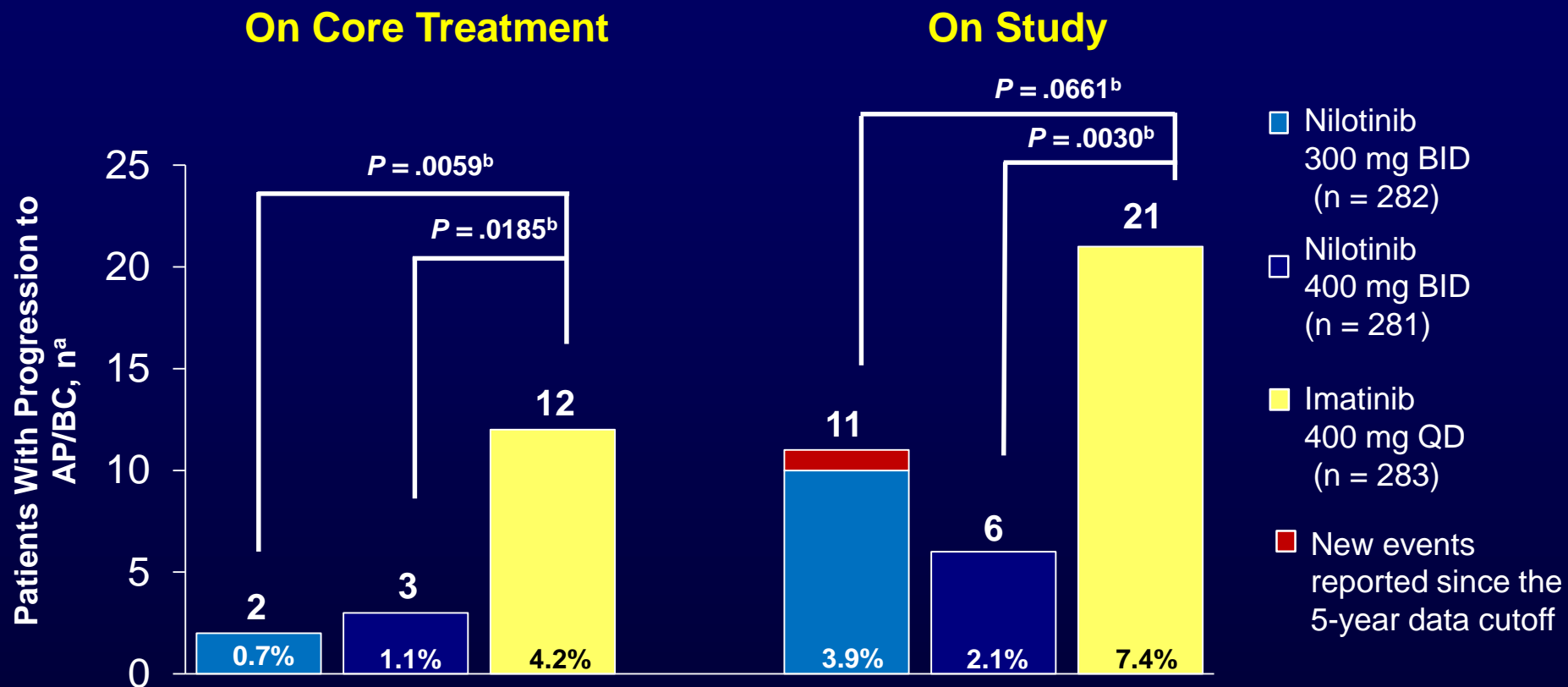
Anyone of the remaining TKIs; alloSCT recommended in all eligible patients

Any line, T315I mutation

Ponatinib

HLA type patients and siblings; search for an unrelated stem cell donor; consider alloSCT

Figure 5. Progression to AP/BC

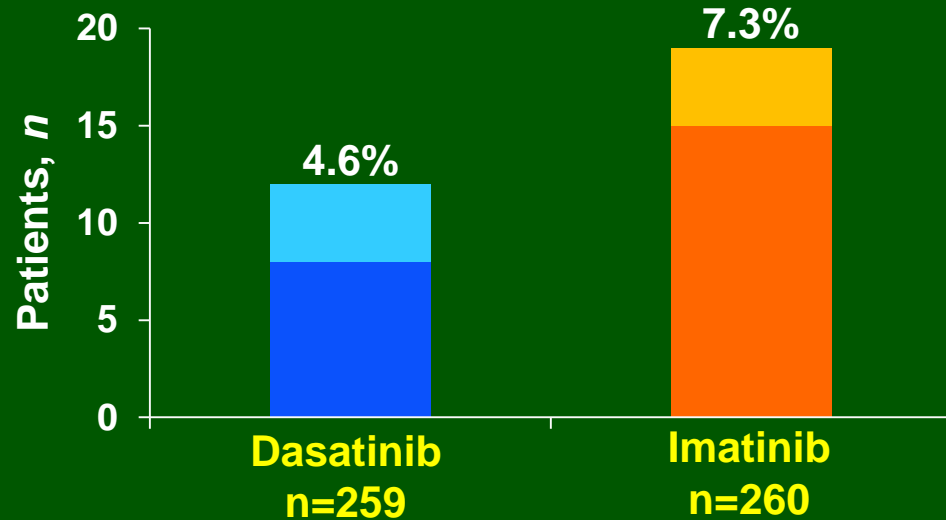


^a Defined as progression to AP/BC or death due to advanced CML. ^b P values are nominal, were provided for descriptive purposes only, and were not adjusted for multiple comparisons

Transformation to AP/BP CML by 5 Years

Overall transformations to AP/BP

■ On study
 ■ ■ During follow-up beyond discontinuation



	Dasatinib 100 mg QD (n=259)		Imatinib 400 mg QD (n=260)	
	≤10% n=198	>10% n=37	≤10% n=154	>10% n=85
BCR-ABL at 3 Months ^a				
Transformation to AP/BP ^b , n (%)	6 (3)	5 (14)	5 (3)	13 (15)

- One imatinib patient and no dasatinib patients transformed between 4 and 5 years

^aOne dasatinib and one imatinib patient transformed but did not have 3-month molecular assessments.

^bIncluding follow-up beyond discontinuation (intent to treat).

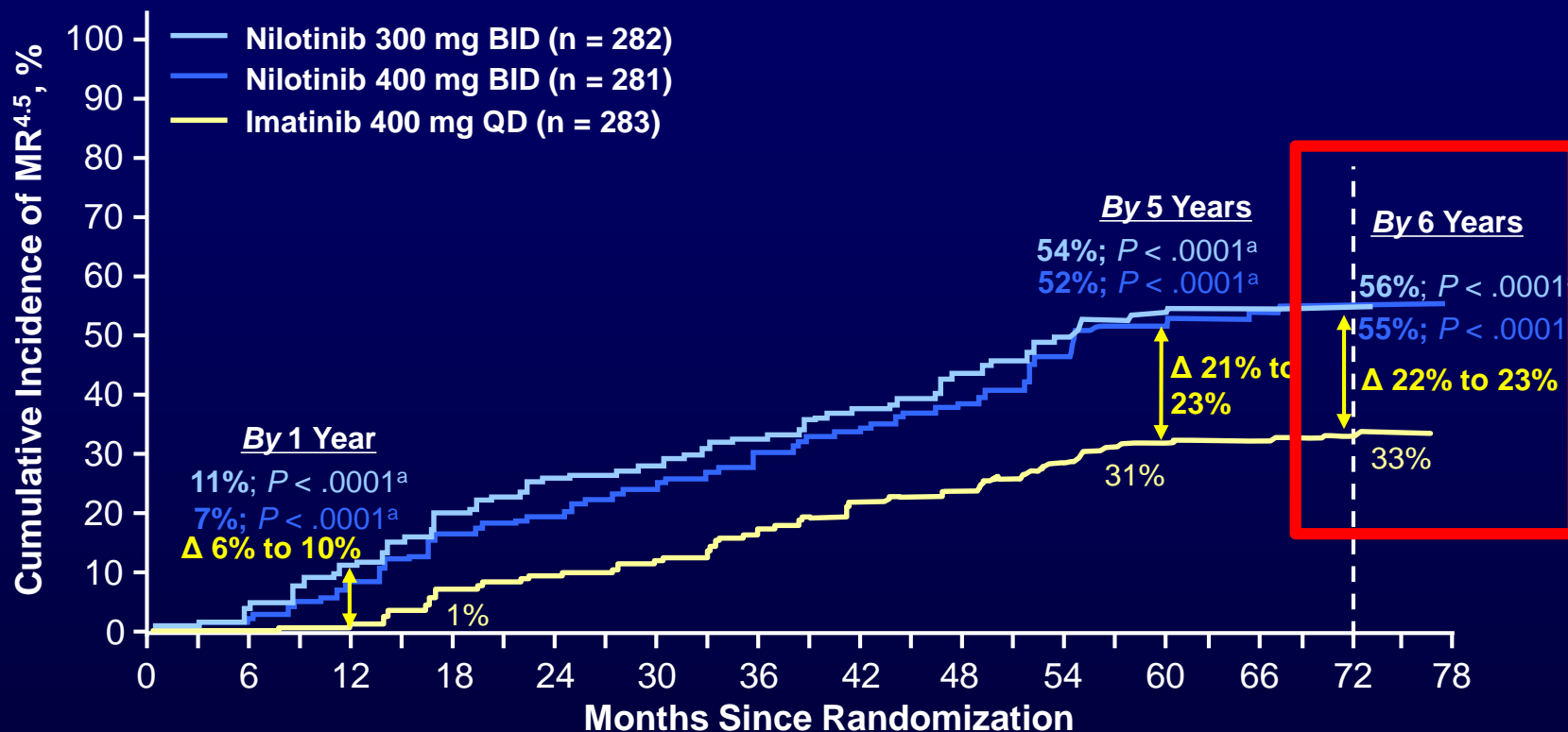
First line Tki therapy for CP-CML: Long-term FU data from phase III studies

Trial	Study Arms	N° pts	Median FU	CCyR %	MMR%	Disease progression n (%)	PFS %	OS %
IRIS ¹	Imatinib 400	553	11 ys	83	-	38 (37)	92	83
	α-IFN+LD ARA-C	553		-	-	71 (13)	-	79
DASISION ²	Dasatinib 100	259	5 ys	-	76 P=.002	12 (5)	85	91
	Imatinib 400	260		-	64	19 (7)	86	90
ENESTnd ³	Nilotinib 600	282	5 ys	-	77 P vs IMA <.0001	10 (4)	92	94
	Nilotinib 800	281		-	77 P vs IMA <.0001	8 (2)	96	96
	Imatinib 400	283		-	60	21 (7)	91	92
BFORE ⁴	Bosutinib 400	268	12 ms	77 P=.0075	47 P=.02	4 (2)	-	-
	Imatinib 400	268		66	37	6 (3)	-	-

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NCCN Guidelines 1/19, August 2018 modified

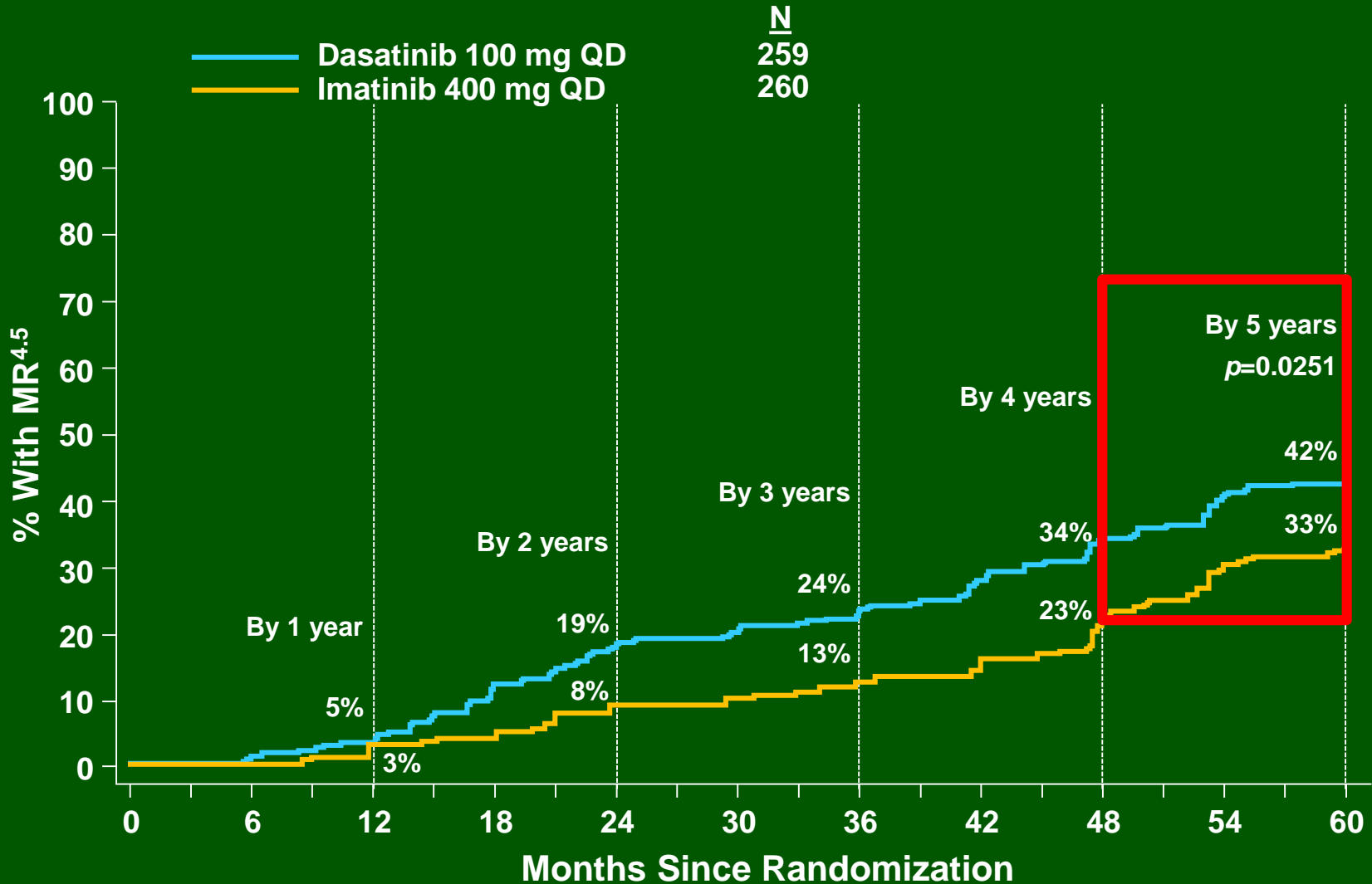
Figure 3. Cumulative Incidence of MR^{4.5} and Time to First MR^{4.5}



Treatment Arm	Kaplan-Meier Estimated Median Time to First MR ^{4.5} , months	Hazard Ratio vs Imatinib (95% Confidence Interval)	P value ^a
Nilotinib 300 mg BID	45.5	2.0387 (1.5807-2.6295)	< .0001
Nilotinib 400 mg BID	49.8	1.7770 (1.3780-2.2915)	< .0001
Imatinib 400 mg QD	61.1	–	–

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Cumulative MR^{4.5} Rates Over Time



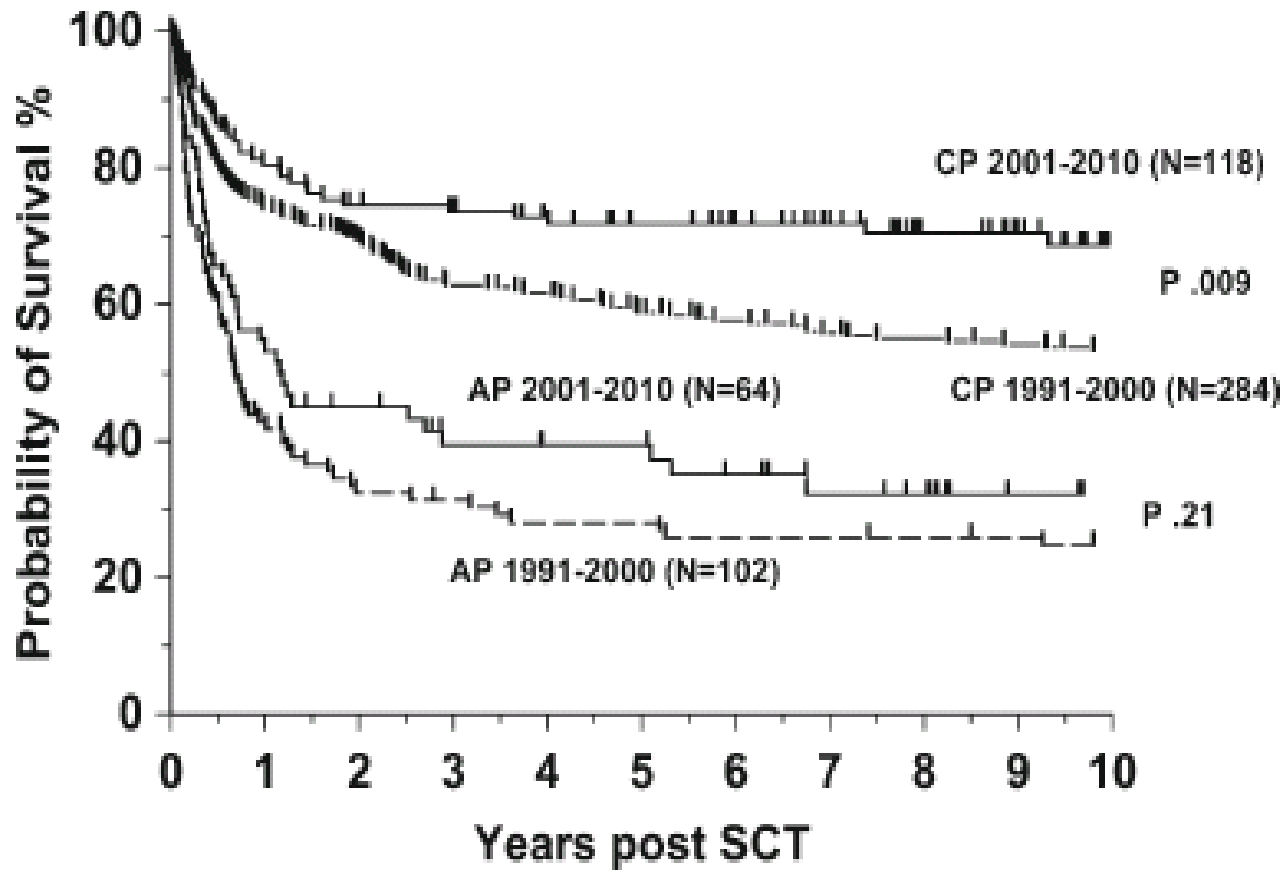
MR^{4.5}, BCR-ABL (IS) $\leq 0.0032\%$ (for subjects with B2a2 and B3A2 transcripts).

First line II Gen-TKI therapy for CP-CML: Molecular Response (MR) according to Sokal or Euro Risk Score

Trial	Study Arms (mg/daily)	Low-risk		Intermediate- risk		High-risk	
		MMR%	MR4.5%	MMR%	MR4.5%	MMR%	MR4.5%
DASISION ¹	Dasatinib 100	90	55	71	43	67	31
	Imatinib 400	69	44	65	28	54	30
ENESTnd ²	Nilotinib 600	-	53	-	60	-	45
	Nilotinib 800	-	62	-	50	-	42
	Imatinib 400	-	38	-	33	-	23
BFORE ³	Bosutinib 400	58	-	45	-	34	-
	Imatinib 400	46	-	39	-	17	-

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Outcome of stem cell transplantation



DISCONTINUATION OF TKI THERAPY

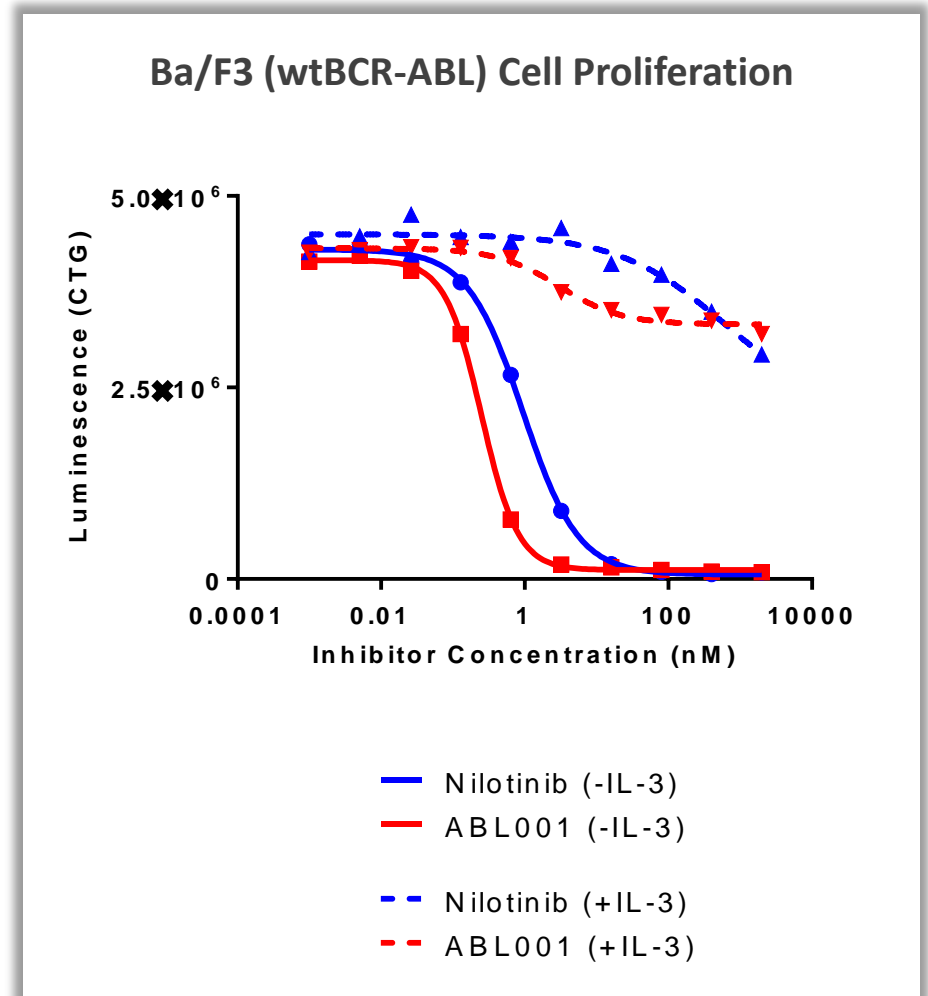
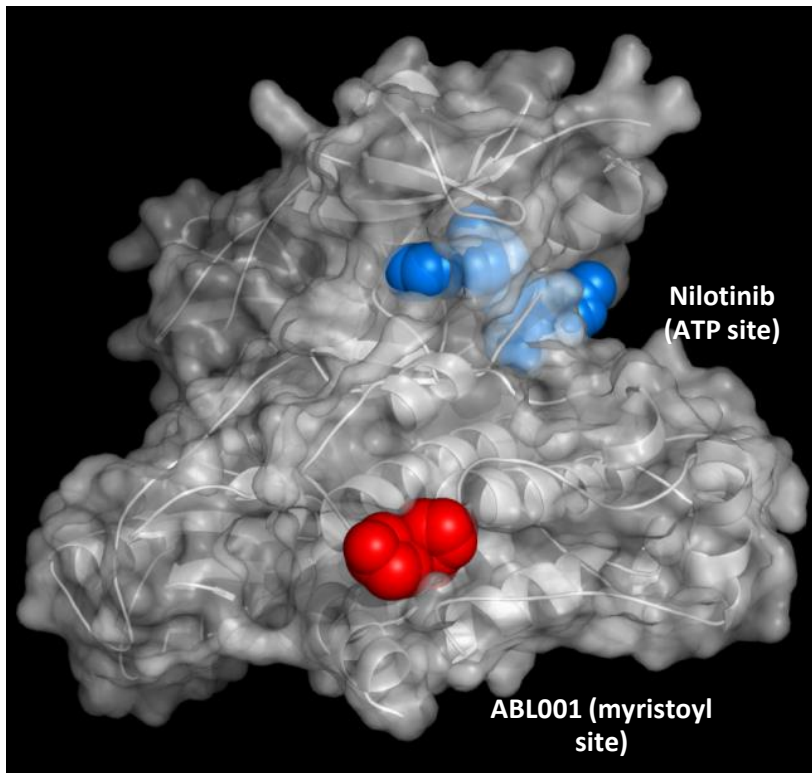
Criteria	Green	Yellow	Red
Institutional criteria met (per table 1)	Yes	-	No
Sokal score at diagnosis	Non-high	High	-
BCR-ABL transcript at diagnosis	Typical - B2A2 or B3A2 (e13a2 or e14a2)	Atypical, but can be accurately quantified	Not quantifiable
CML past history	CP only	Resistance or KD mutation	Prior AP or BC
Response to first line TKI therapy	Optimal	Warning	Failure
Duration of all TKI therapy	> 8 years	3–8 years	< 3 years
Depth of deep molecular response	MR4.5	MR4.0	Not in MR4.0
Duration of deep molecular response monitored in a standardized laboratory	> 2 years	1–2 years	< 1 year

All green lights: strong recommendation to consider TKI withdrawal

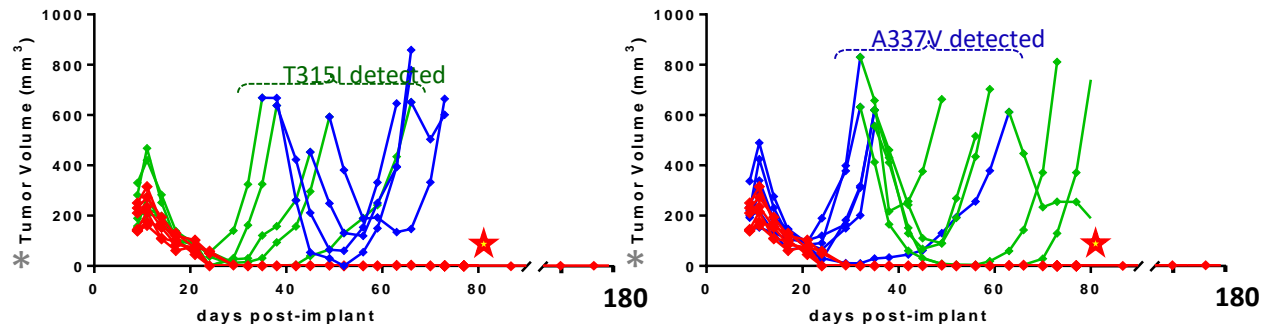
Any yellow lights: only consider TKI withdrawal in high priority circumstances
(e.g. significant toxicity or planned pregnancy)

Any red lights: TKI withdrawal not recommended except in clinical trial

ABL001 is a potent, selective inhibitor of ABL1

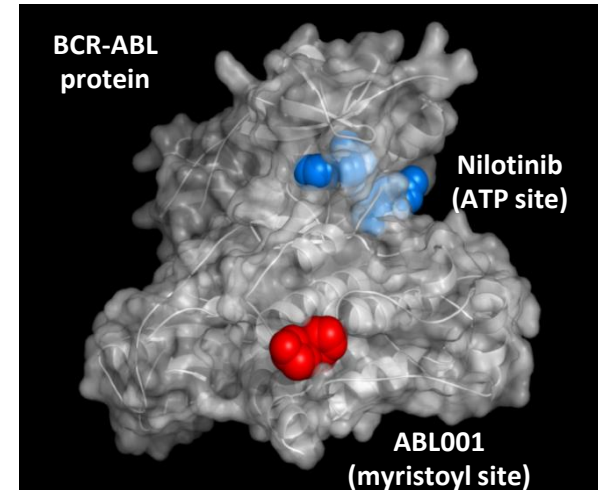


Combination of ABL001 and Nilotinib prevents the emergence of resistance



KCL-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



A Multicenter, Open-Label, Randomized, Phase 3 Study of Oral Asciminib (ABL001) vs Bosutinib in Patients With Chronic Myeloid Leukemia in Chronic Phase Previously Treated With ≥ 2 Tyrosine Kinase Inhibitors
 ClinicalTrials.gov NCT03106779

*Each line represents individual animals

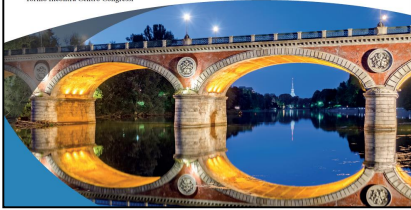
Conclusions

- ✓ The selection of first-line TKI therapy (IMA, NILO or DAS) in a given patient should be based on the risk score, toxicity profile of TKI, patient' age and comorbidity.
- ✓ IMA and II Gen-TKI are all appropriate options for patients across all risk scores.
- ✓ The prevention of disease progression to AP-CML or BC-CML is the primary endpoint of TKI therapy in CP-CML patients and disease progression is more frequent in patients with intermediate-or high-risk score.
- ✓ II Gen-TKI are associated with lower risk of disease progression than IMA and are therefore preferred for patients with an intermediate- or high-risk score.
- ✓ Moreover, II Gen TKI can induce higher rates of deeper (MMR and MR4.5) and faster responses in patients across all risk scores, which may facilitate subsequent discontinuation of TKI Therapy in selected patients. Particular caution should be needed in high-risk patients
- ✓ IMA may be preferred for older patients with comorbidities especially cardiovascular diseases.

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