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# Current and Future Directions in Chronic and Acute Leukemias

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# **How I Treat CML in 2019**

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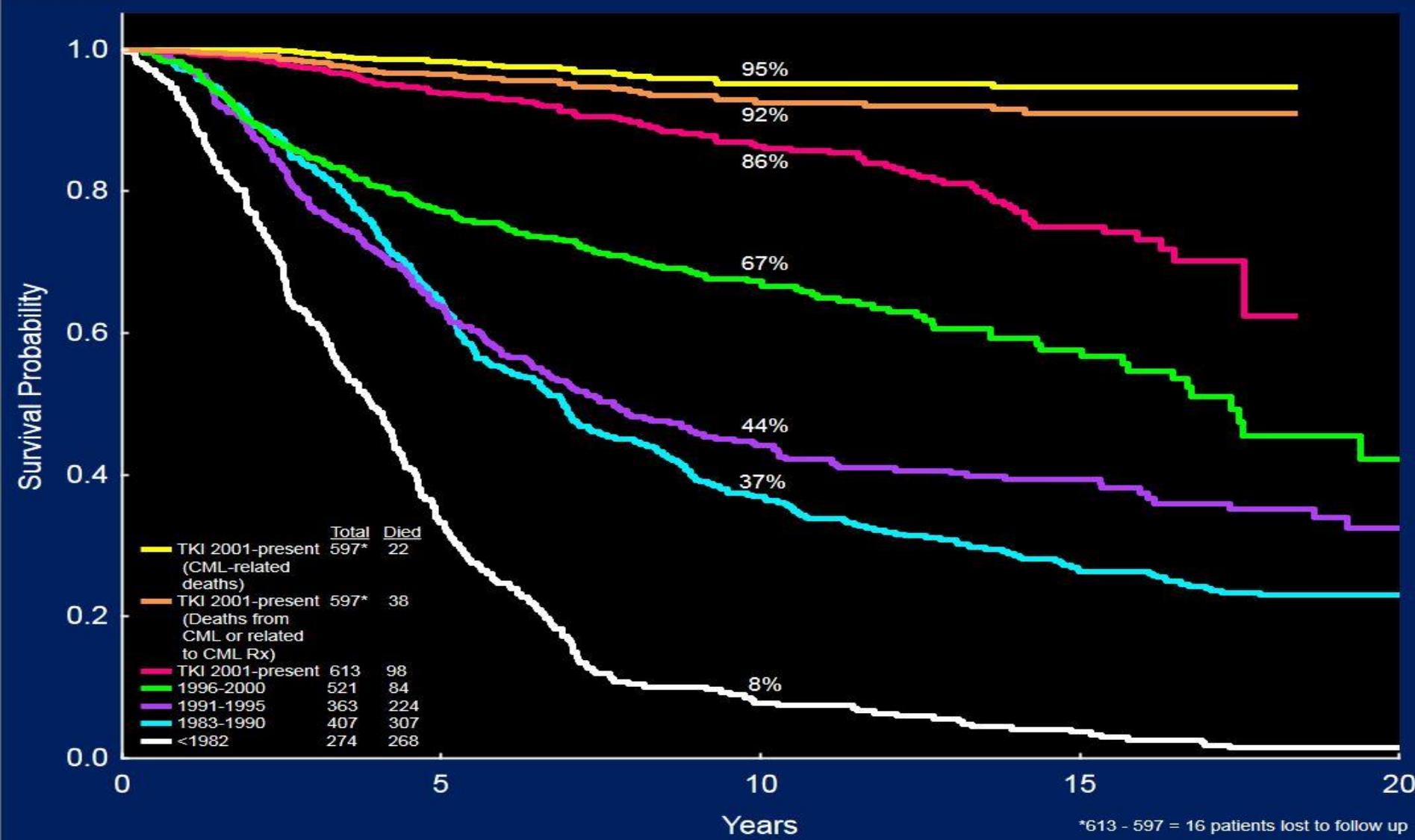
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# CML: The Past and Today

Parameter	Before 2000	Today
Course	Fatal	Indolent
Prognosis	Poor	Excellent
10-yr survival	10%	84%–90%
Frontline Rx	Allo-SCT; IFN- $\alpha$	Imatinib; dasatinib; nilotinib; bosutinib
Second-line Rx	?	Bosutinib; ponatinib; allo-SCT

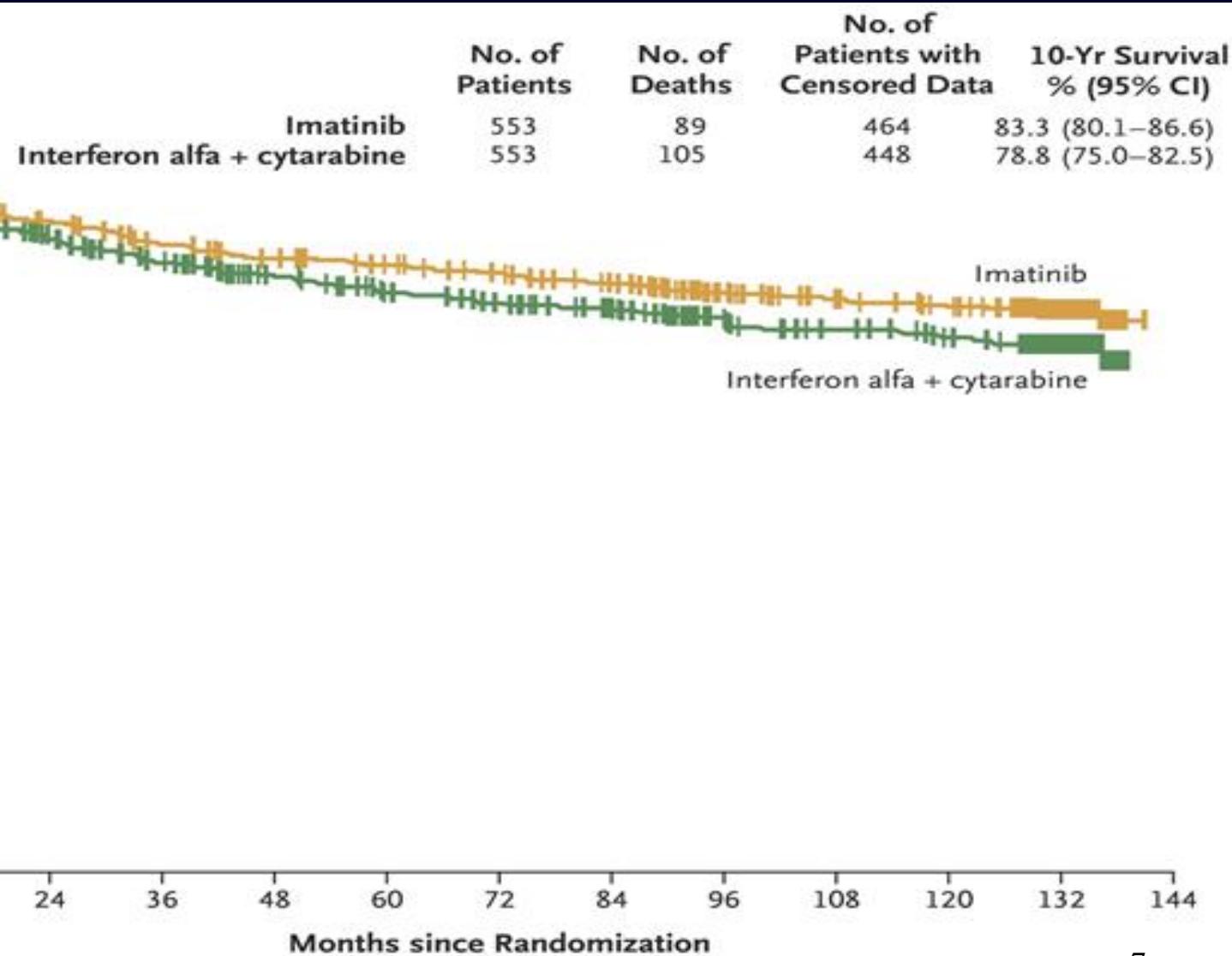
# CML. Survival at MDACC 1975 - 2019



# Therapy of CML in 2019

- Frontline
  - Imatinib 400 mg daily
  - Dasatinib 100 mg daily
  - Nilotinib 300 mg BID
  - Bosutinib 400 mg daily
- Second/third line
  - Nilotinib, dasatinib, bosutinib, ponatinib, omacetaxine
  - Allogeneic SCT
- Other
  - Decitabine, peginterferon α-2a
  - Hydroxyurea, cytarabine, combos of TKIs and with TKIs

# Survival With Imatinib vs IFN + Ara-C in Newly Dx CML (IRIS; 10-yr)



# CML Frontline Therapy

- Up to 16, and 8 main studies compared new-generation TKIs to imatinib frontline: ENESTnd (nilotinib), DASISION (dasatinib), BFORE (bosutinib), EPIC (ponatinib), others
- All showed higher rates of favorable early surrogate endpoints: CGCR, MMR, MR4.5, ↓ AP/BP
- Increased uncommon toxicities with newer TKIs: PAOD-MI-TIA, pancreatitis, pleural effusions; HT and pulmonary HT, ↑ BS, vasospastic reactions, ↑ non-CML deaths

# DASISION – The Final Report

- 519 pts randomized to dasatinib (n=259) or imatinib (n=260)
- Minimum follow-up 5 yrs

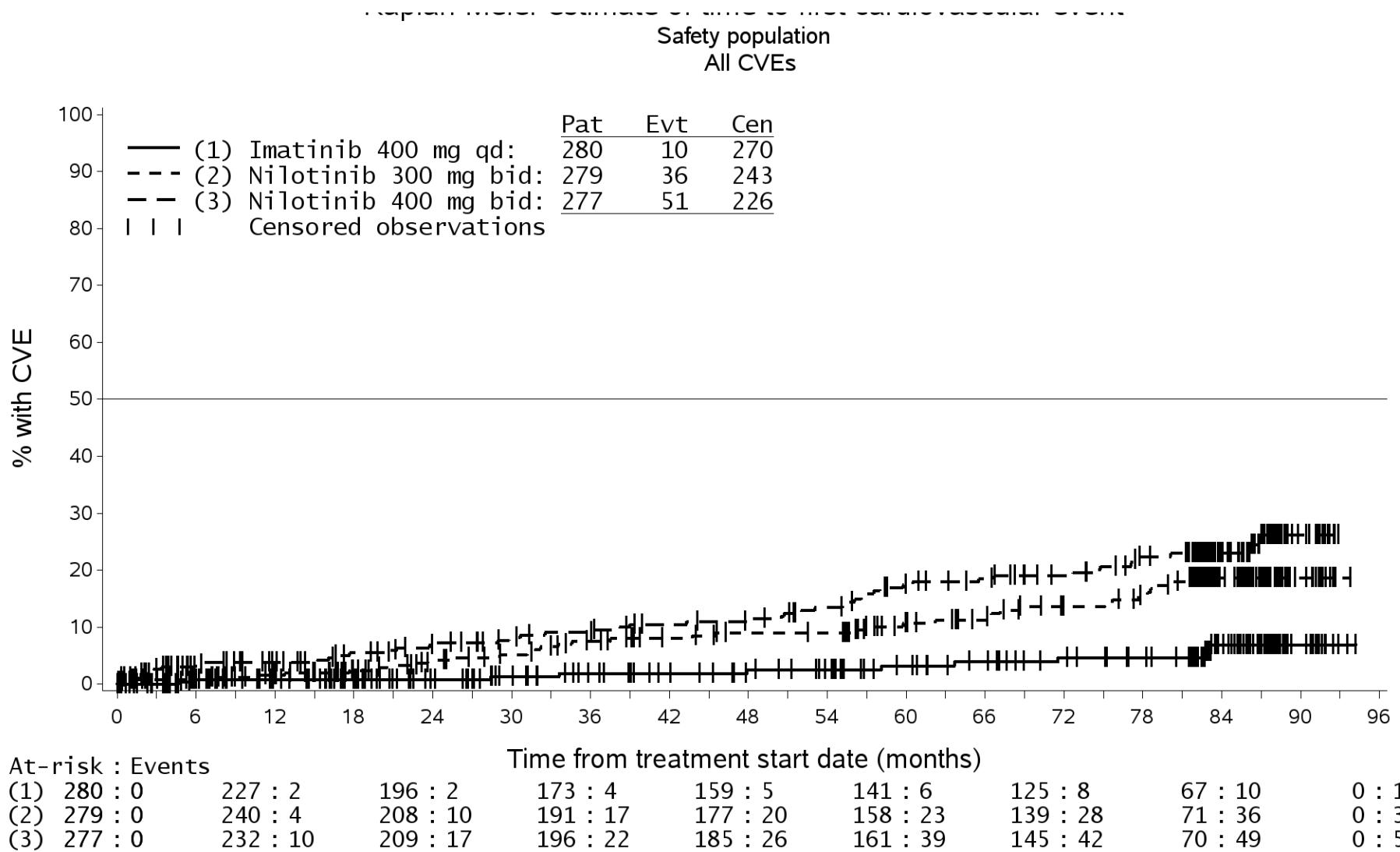
Outcome (%)	Dasatinib	Imatinib	P value or HR
Discontinued	39	37	
12m cCCyR	77	66	P=0.007
5y MMR	76	64	P=0.0022
5y MR4.5	42	33	P=0.025
3m <10%	84	64	
5y AP/BP	4.6	7.3	
5y OS	91	90	HR 1.01
5y PFS	85	86	HR 1.06

# ENESTnd – The 6-Year Update

- 846 pts: nilotinib 600 (n=282), nilotinib 800 (n=281) or imatinib (n=283)
- Minimum follow-up 6 yrs

Outcome (%)	Nil 600	Nil 800	Imatinib	P value or HR
Discontinued*	40	38	50	
5y MMR*	77	77	60	P<0.0001
6y MR4.5	56	55	33	P<0.0001
3m <10%	91	89	67	
6y AP/BP	3.9	2.1	7.4	P=0.06/0.003
6y OS	92	96	92	HR 0.9/0.46

# ENEST-nd-CV Events



# BFORE – The 2-Year Report

	<b>Bosutinib n=268</b>	<b>Imatinib n=268</b>	<b>P value</b>
<b>BCR-ABL1 ≤10% at 3 mo, % (95% CI)</b>	<b>75.2 (69.8–80.6)</b>	<b>57.3 (51.0–63.5)</b>	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
<b>MMR 12 mo, %</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>0.0126</b>
<b>MMR 24 mo, %</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>0.0146</b>
<b>AP/BP, %</b>	<b>2.2 (1.1/1.1)</b>	<b>2.6 (2.2/0.4)</b>	
<b>EFS events, n (%)*</b>	<b>14 (5)</b>	<b>17 (6)</b>	
<b>Deaths, n (%)†</b>	<b>3 (1)</b>	<b>9 (3)</b>	
<b>OS, % (95% CI)</b>	<b>99 (97–100)</b>	<b>97 (94–99)</b>	

# Generic Imatinib Overview

Study	Design	Results
Poland	N=726 with generic 99 frontline, 627 switched from brand	Frontline: 3 mo BCR-ABL <10% 66%, 12 mo MMR 50%  Switch: 84% maintained or improved response; response lost: 10% MR4.5, MMR 1%, CCyR 0.3%
MDACC	N=27 switched brand → generic	21 MR4.5: all maintained 6 no MR4.5: all improved (2 MR4.5)
India	N=1367 newly diagnosed: 1193 brand, 174 generic	CCyR: brand 67% v generic 64%; MR4 17% v 24%  EFS: 68 m v 58 m ( $p=0.012$ ); TFS: 75 m v 67 m ( $p=0.03$ ); OS: 78 m v 72 m ( $p=0.148$ )
Canada	N=334 frontline (matched cohorts: 167 brand, 167 generic)	Switched to another TKI: generic 22% (15% toxicity), brand 10% (5% toxicity)  Discontinued: 8% v 2%

Sacha et al. ASH 2016; abstract #629; Madhav et al. ASH 2016; abstract #630; Klii-Drori A, et al. ASH 2017; abstract #315; Aboudalle I, et al. ASH 2017; abstract #2906

# CML Therapy in 2019

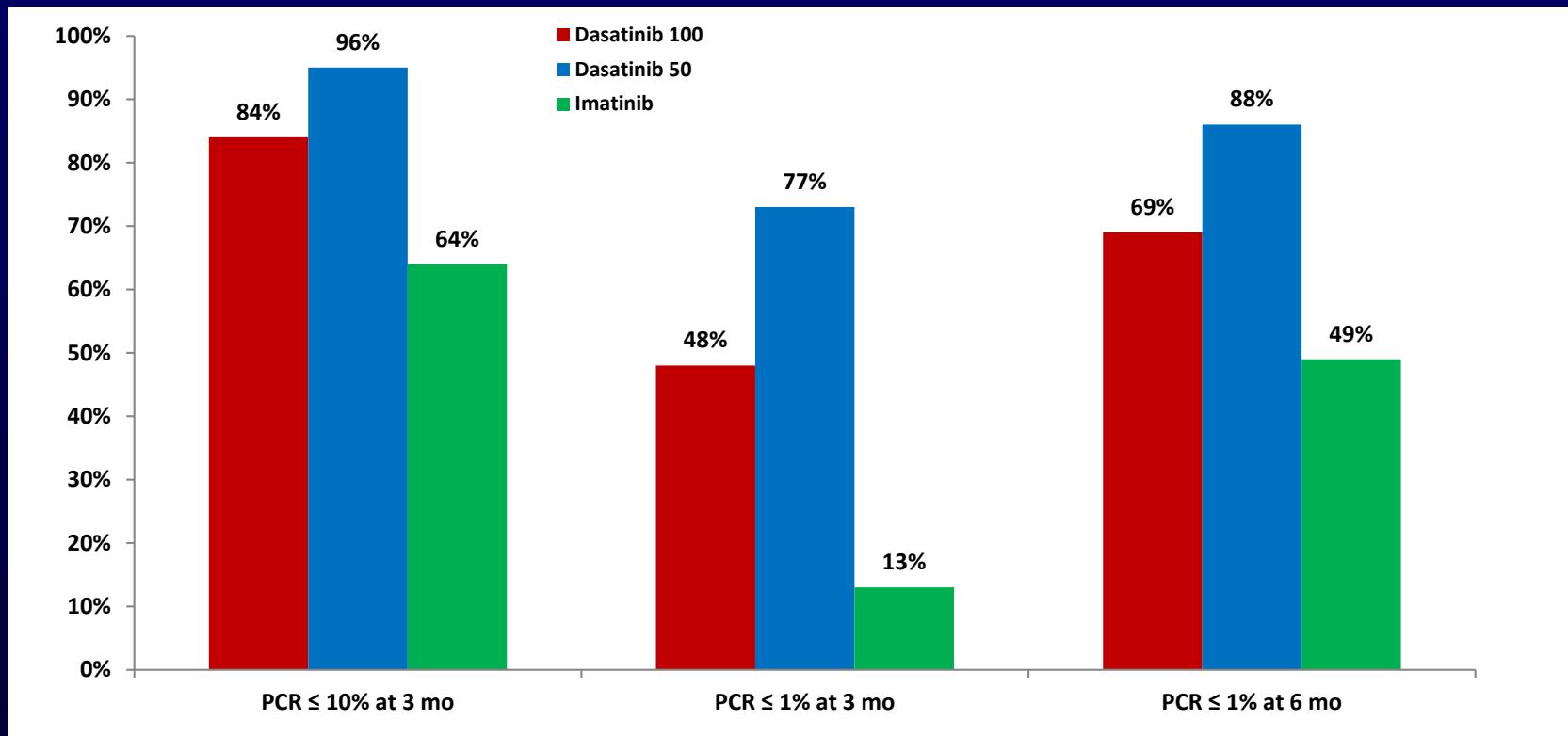
- Imatinib for lower-risk Sokal and older pts ( $\geq 65\text{-}70$  yrs); or for all CMLs until second TKIs prices lower?
- Second TKIs for high-risk Sokal
- Second TKIs for younger pts ( $< 50$  yrs) in whom Rx DC important (?); but higher cost and toxicities

# Low-dose Dasatinib in CML-CP. Response

No. Response/ Total (%)	3 month	6 month	12 month	18 month	24 month	30 month
BCR-ABL1 transcripts (IS) ≤10%	78/81 (96)	79/81 (98)	---	---	---	---
PCR ≤1%	62/81 (77)	73/81 (88)	---	---	---	---
CCyR	40/81 (49)	70/81 (86)	76/81 (94)	61/65 (94)	44/47 (94)	18/18 (100)
MMR	27/81 (33)	53/81 (65)	65/81 (80)	57/65 (88)	41/47 (87)	18/18 (100)
MR4.0	5/81 (6)	28/81 (35)	48/81 (59)	48/65 (74)	31/47 (66)	15/18 (83)
MR4.5	3/81 (4)	21/81 (26)	40/81 (49)	44/65 (68)	27/47 (57)	14/18 (78)

Naqvi. Cancer (In Press); 2018.

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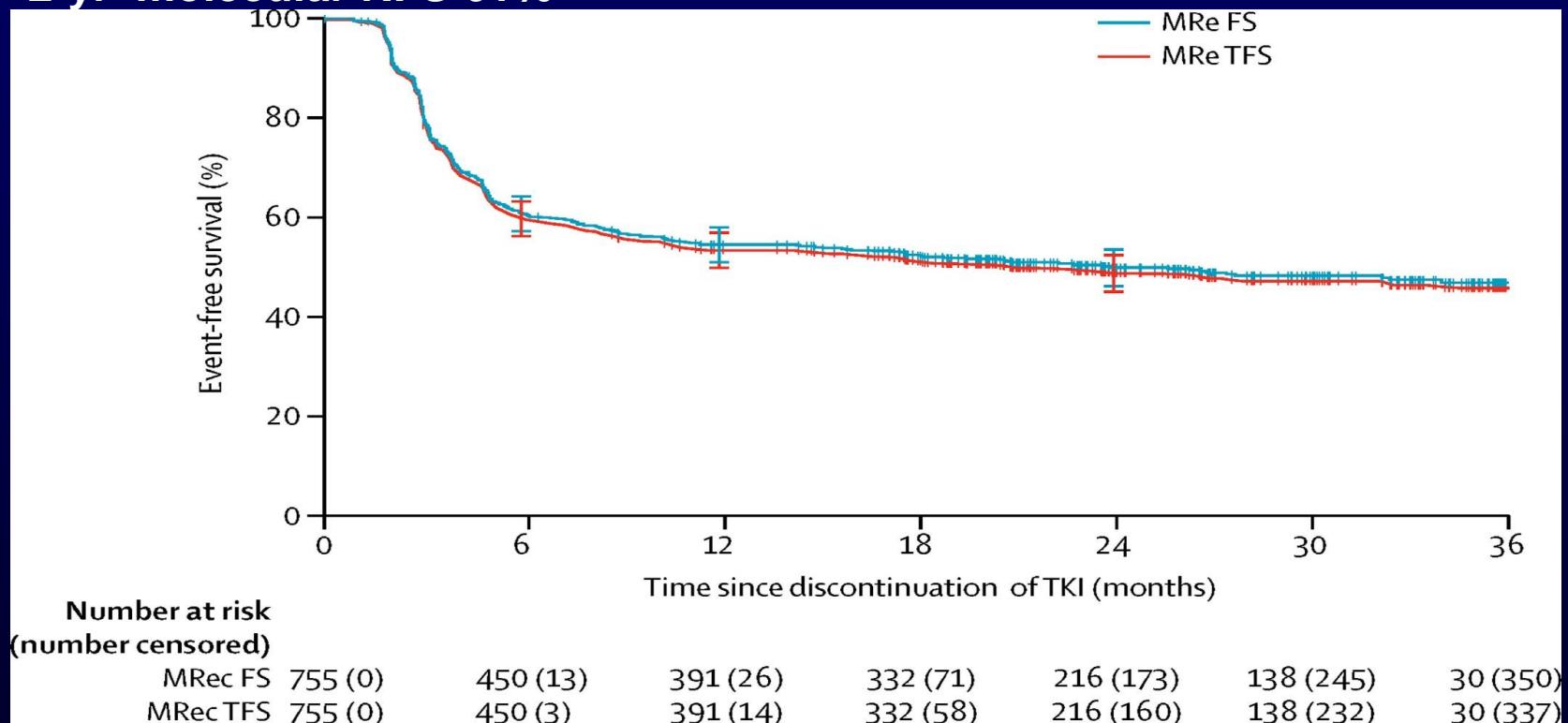
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# **Frontline CML Therapy in 2019+**

- Dasatinib 50mg daily produces similar efficacy and significantly less toxicity than 100mg daily
- Current frontline: dasatinib 50mg daily+venetoclax 200mg daily. Aim to achieve high rates of durable CMRs and Rx discontinuation=molecular cures

## TKIs Rx DC and Rx-Free Remissions in CML

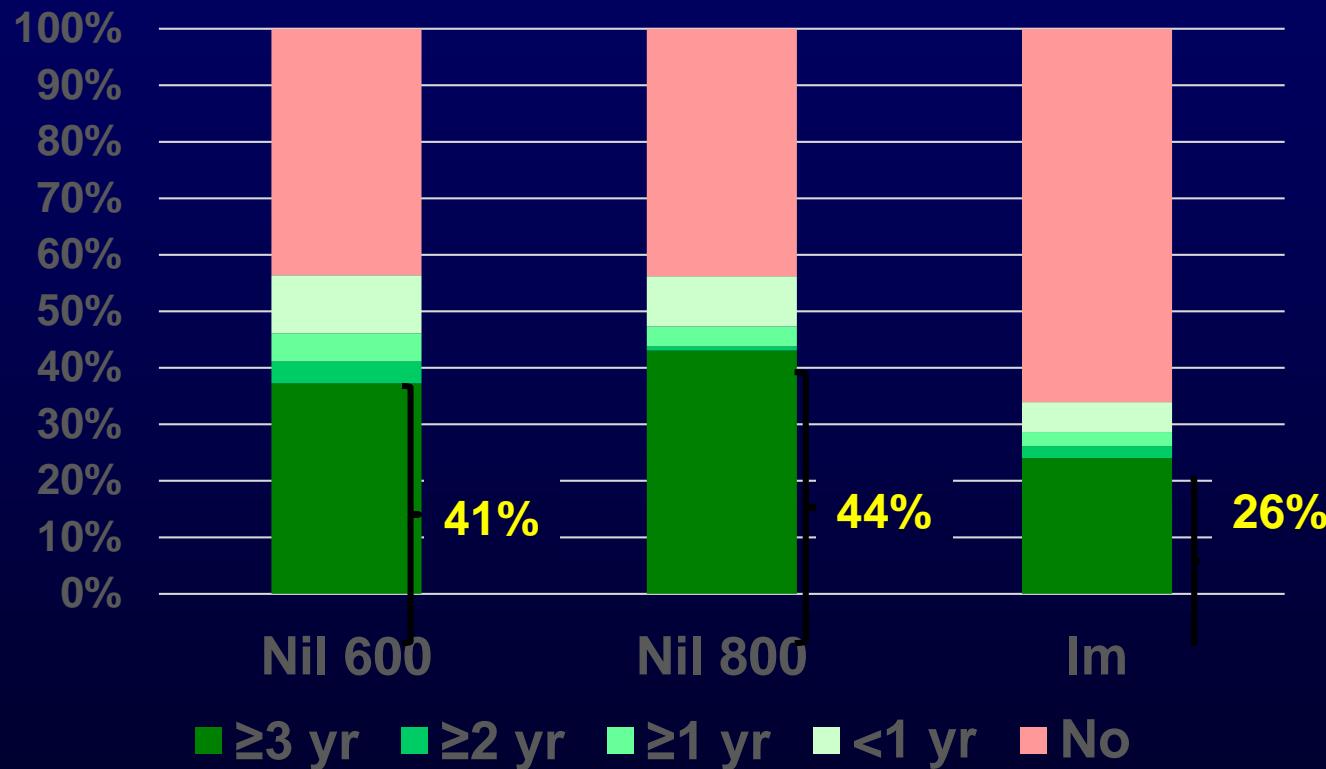
- 758 pts Rx with TKIs for >3 yrs and in Deep MR for >1 yr Relapse=loss of MMR; *BCR-ABL* transcripts [IS] >0.1%
- 2-yr molecular RFS 61%



Saussele. Lancet Oncology 19: 747-757, 2018

## ENESTnd - Probability of Sustained MR4.5

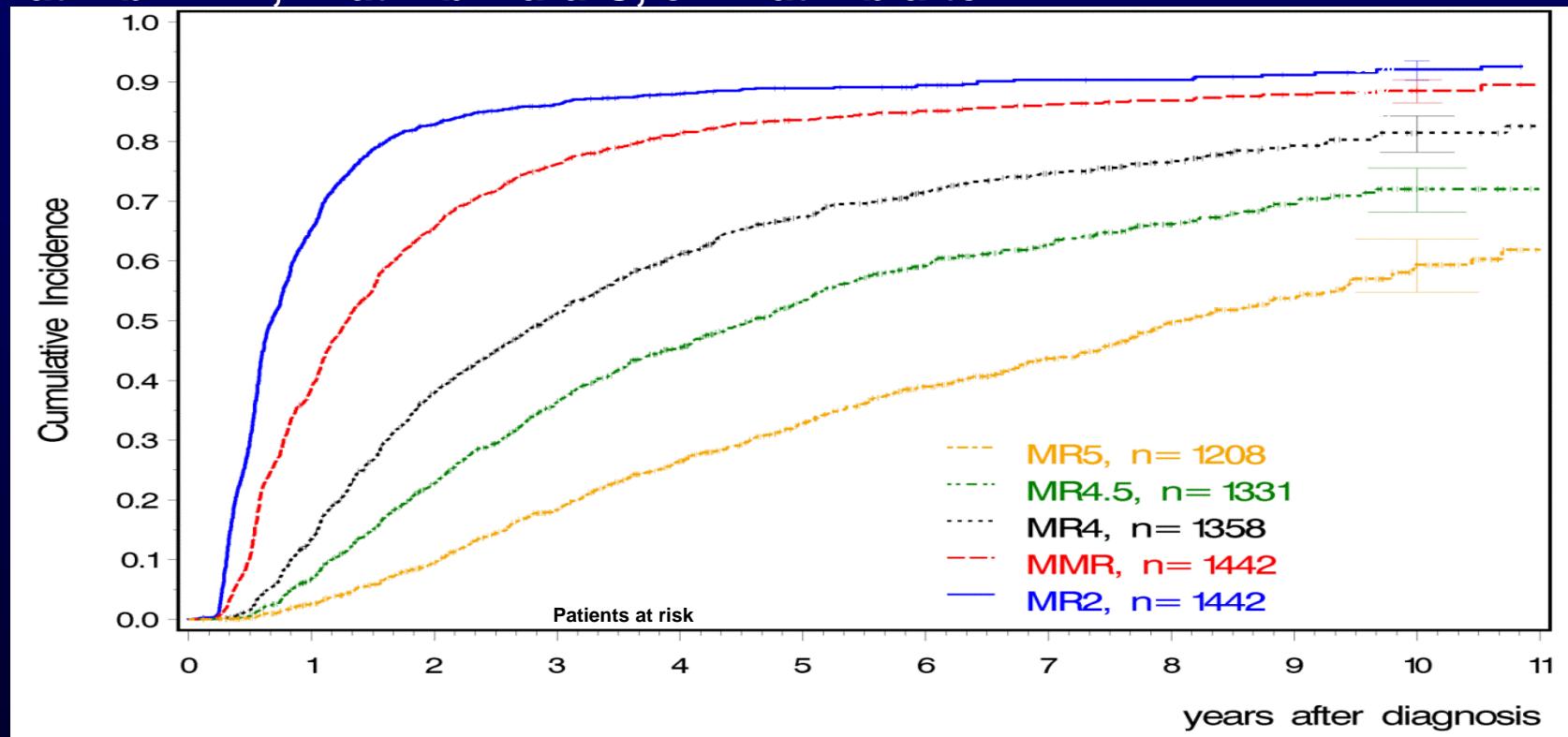
- Cumulative incidence MR4.5: Nil 600 56%, Nil 800 55%, Imatinib 33%



Hochhaus A, et al. *Blood*. 2015;126 [abstract 2781].

# Final Results CML-IV. Molecular Response with Imatinib

- 1538 pts newly diagnosed CML-CP randomized to imatinib 400, imatinib 800, imatinib + IFN, imatinib + ara-C, or imatinib after IFN



Kalmanti L, et al. *Leukemia*. 2015;29(5):1123-1132. Hehlmann R, et al. *Blood*. 2017;130(suppl): Abstract 897.

# Cost of TKIs in CML--2019

TKI	Annual WAC (\$/yr)
9 generic imatinibs	4,400 – 82,000
Gleevec( 400mg/D)	121,000
Nilotinib (300 BID)	153,000
Dasatinib (100mg/D)	232,000
Bosutinib (400mg/D)	170,000

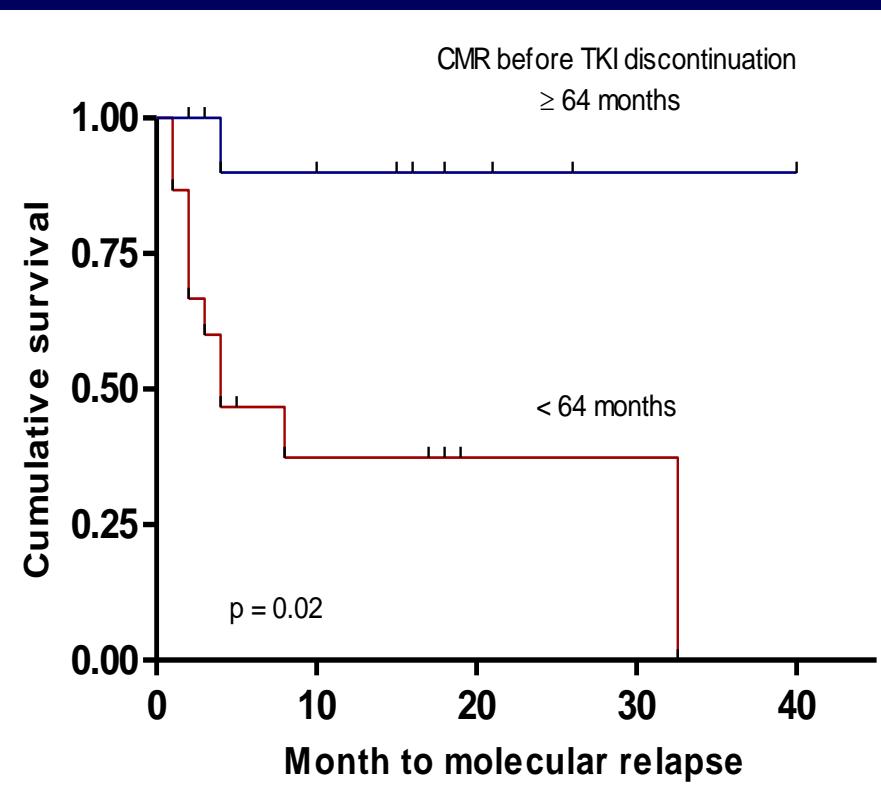
# **Cost-Benefit of TKIs. “Treatment Value” with Survival as Rx Endpoint**

- Using frontline second TKIs vs imatinib generic (**at 1/3 of patent price**) results in cost of \$800,000/QALY
- Simply stated, cost per additional year lived in \$800,000, 16x more than accepted threshold of \$50,000/QALY
- Therefore, we need strong justification to use second TKIs as frontline CML Rx (vs generic imatinib)

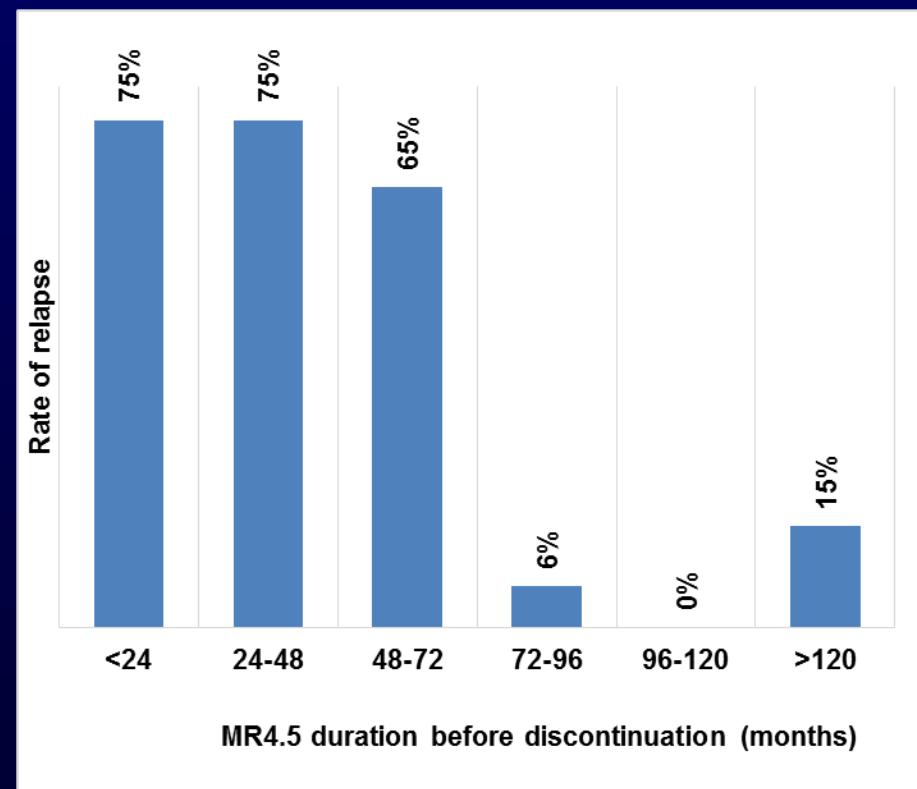
Padula. JNCI 108; 2016. Kantarjian. Lancet Oncology 13: May 2016. Chhatwal. Cancer 121:3372;2015

# Outcome of CML Patients After TKI Discontinuation - MDACC

## Initial Report



## Updated Report



# TKIs Rx DC in Clinical Practice-- Requirements

Parameter	Yes	No
Sokal risk	low-intermediate	high
BCR-ABL transcripts	quantifiable-B2A2, B3A2 (e13a2 or e14a2)	not quantifiable
CML past Hx	chronic	AP-BP
Response to first TKI	optimal	failure
Duration of all TKIs Rx	> 8 yrs	< 3 yrs
Depth of molecular response	CMR (MR 4.5)	less than MR 4.0
Duration of molecular response	> 2-3 yrs	< 2 yrs
Monitoring availability/center-pt	ideal (q2 mo in yrs 1-2)	poor; non-compliant

# CML Monitoring

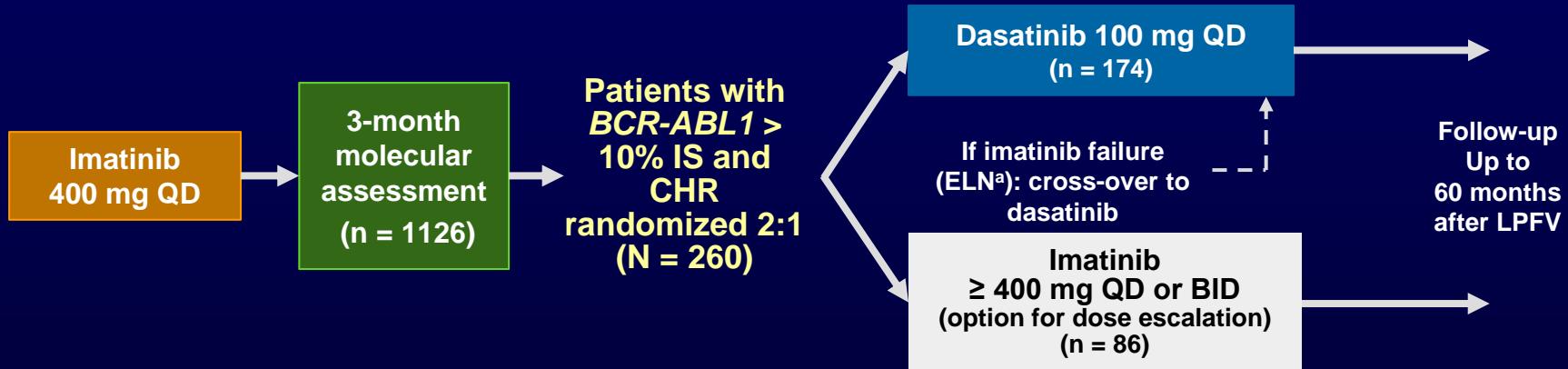
- Establish confirmed CGCR in first year (BM at 6-12 mo)
- In CGCR
  - FISH and QPCR every 6 mos
  - If MMR (QPCR < 0.1%), may monitor with QPCR only (watch for false results)
  - If QPCR ↑ by 0.5 – 1 log and/or loss of MMR (PCR > 0.1%) → monitor more frequently
- Mutations studies if resistance / need to change TKIs
- Change TKI only for loss of CGCR, not based on MMR/QPCR

# BCR-ABL Transcripts < 10% at 6 mos Associated with Better Outcome

Response					
3 Mo	6 Mo	No.	% Survival	% PFS	% FFS
≤ 10	≤ 1	342	97	97	87
≤ 10	1-10	42	100	97	79
≤ 10	> 10	10	89	90	51
> 10	≤ 1	18	100	100	76
> 10	1-10	36	100	94	79
> 10	> 10	35	74	69	11

# DASCERN: Study Design

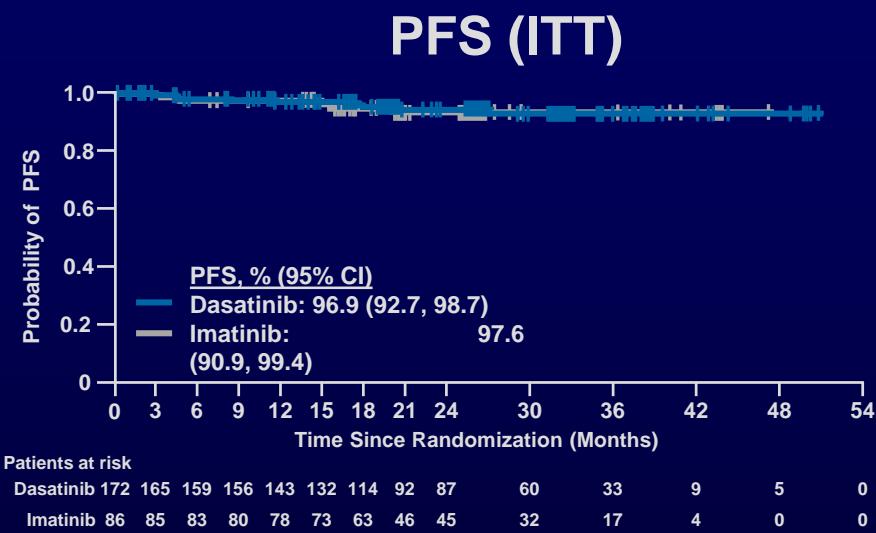
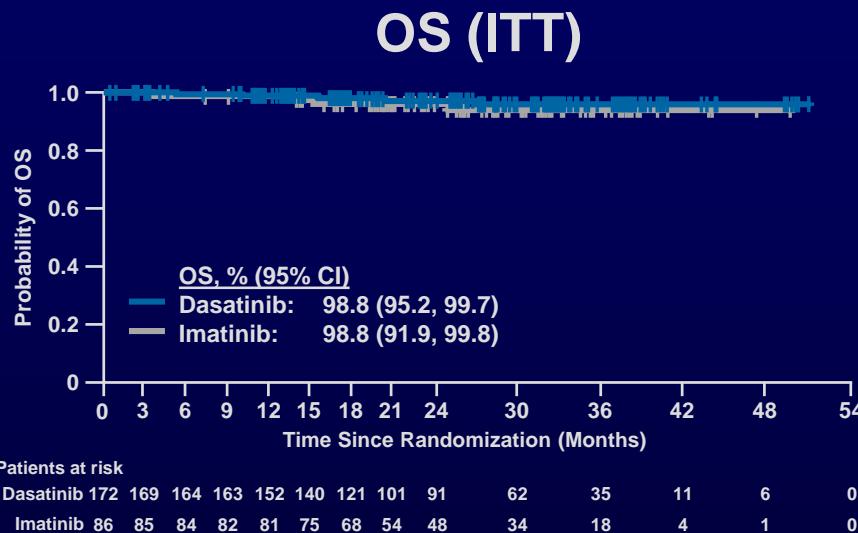
- Randomized, open-label, international phase 2b trial in adults with CML-CP with CHR but *BCR-ABL1* >10% IS at 3 months after initial treatment with imatinib 400 mg QD



- Stratified by Sokal and time from molecular assessment to randomization
  - Randomization may occur up to 8 weeks after the 3-month molecular assessment

<sup>a</sup>Patients initially randomized to imatinib, meeting ELN 2013 failure criteria, and without dasatinib-resistant mutations were crossed over to the dasatinib arm.

# DASCERN Secondary Endpoint: Survival Outcomes

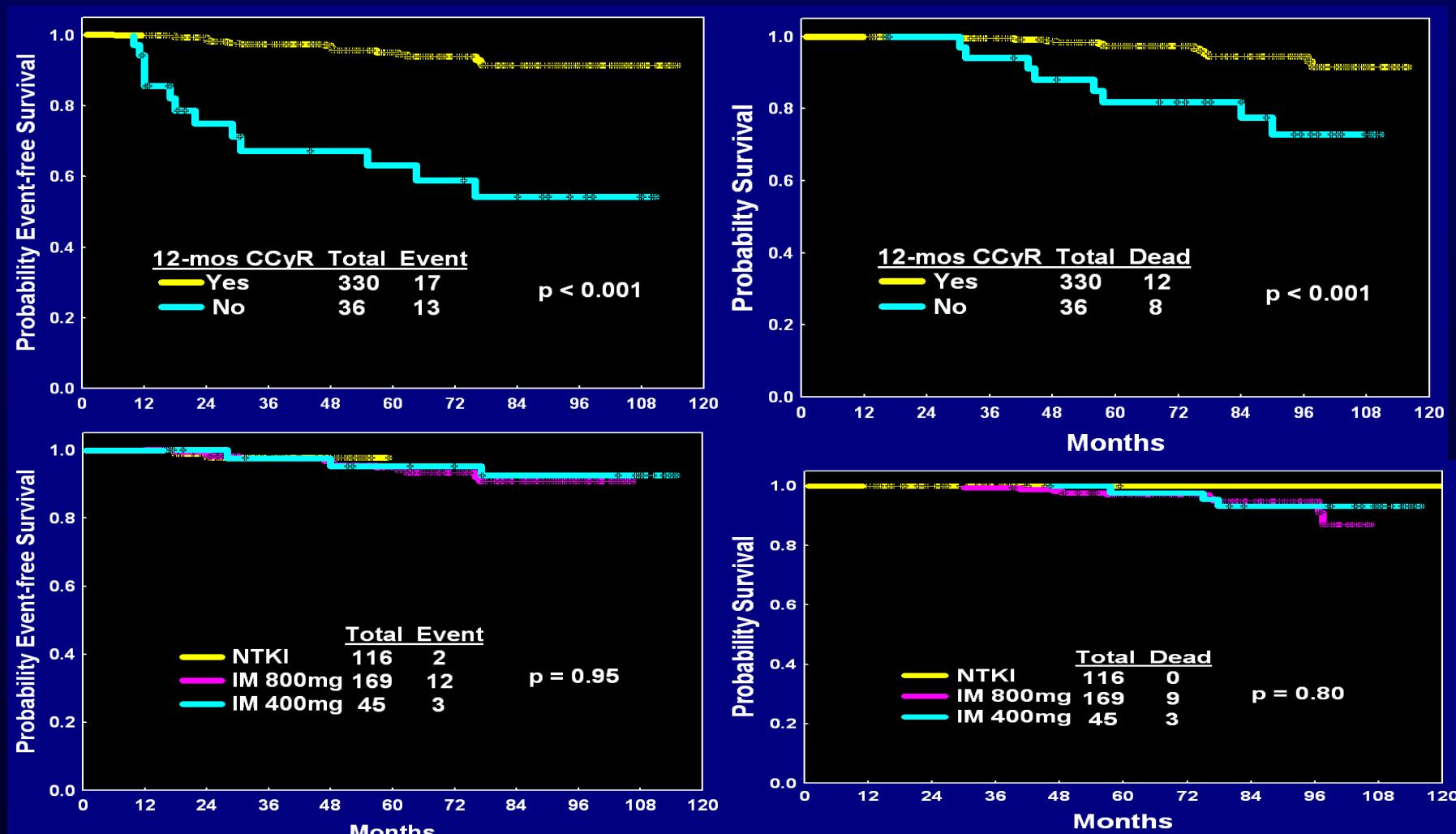


- Median duration of follow-up:
  - 30 months (range 12-56) in patients randomized to dasatinib
  - 30 months (range 12-65) in patients randomized to imatinib

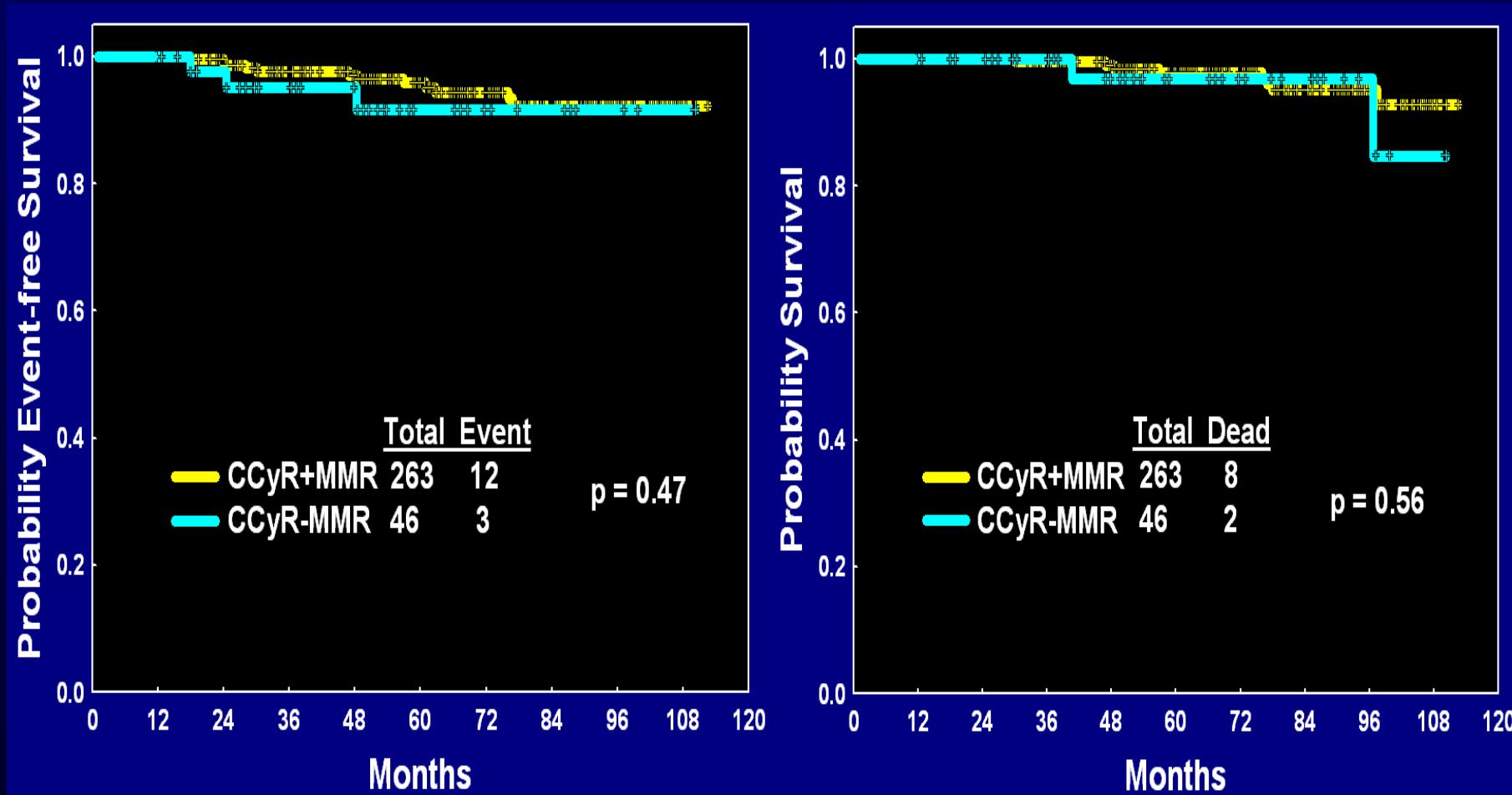
CI = confidence interval; ITT = intent-to-treat; OS = overall survival; PFS = progression-free survival.

Cortes et al. ASH 2018; abstract #788

# EFS and Survival by 12-month Response- CCyR vs Others with TKI Frontline Rx



# EFS and Survival by 12-month Response-CCyR with vs without MMR with TKI Frontline Rx



# CML. Criteria for Failure and Suboptimal Response to Imatinib – ELN 2013

Time (mo)	Failure	Warning	Optimal
3	No CHR, And/or Ph+ >95%	BCR-ABL >10%, and/or Ph+ 36-95%	BCR-ABL ≤10%, and/or Ph+ <35%
6	BCR-ABL >10% and/or Ph+ >35%	BCR-ABL 1-10%, and/or Ph+ 1-35%	BCR-ABL <1%, and/or Ph+ ≤35%
12 and beyond	BCR-ABL >1% and/or Ph+ >0%	BCR-ABL >0.1-1%	BCR-ABL <0.1%
Any	Loss of CHR Loss of CCyR Confirmed loss of MMR Mutations CCA/Ph+	CCA/Ph- (-7, or 7q-)	BCR-ABL <0.1%

# Therapy of CML Post Frontline Failure

- Dasatinib 100 mg/D
- Nilotnib 400 mg BID
- Bosutinib 500 mg/D
- Ponatinib 45 mg/D approved dose  
(T315I; failure $\geq$ 2 TKIs)
- Omacetxine, hydrea, HMA, LD  
ara-C can be added to TKI

# **2<sup>nd</sup> Line TKI in CML CP**

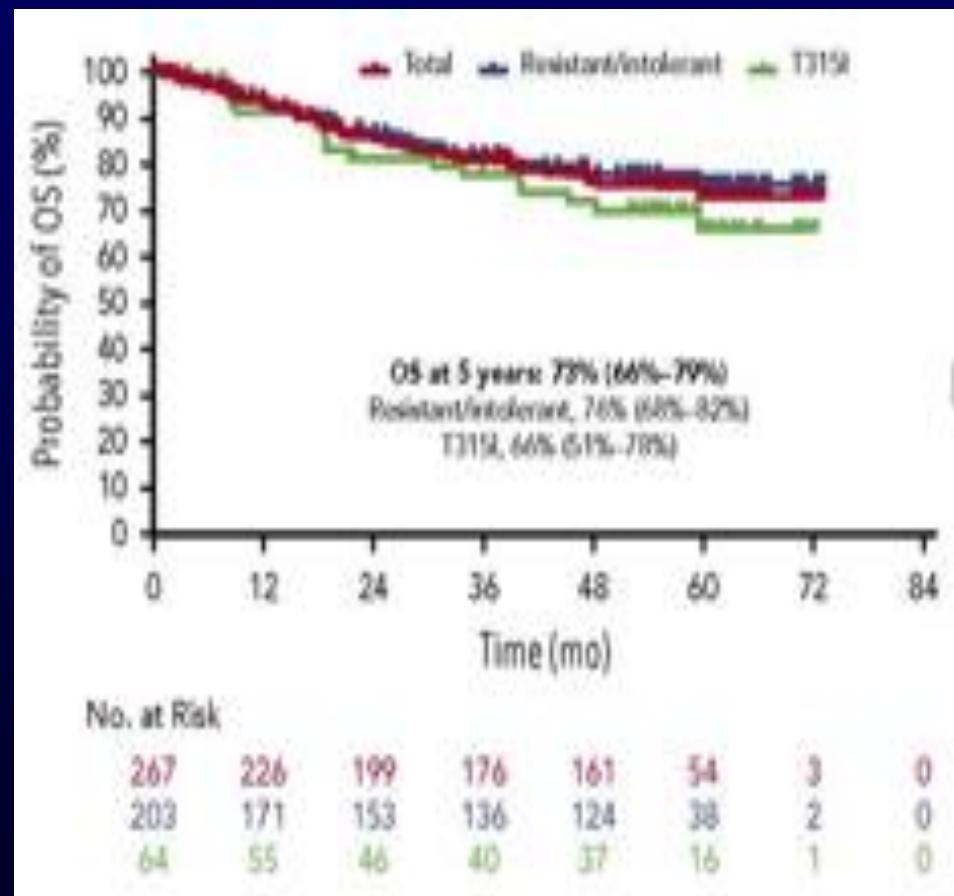
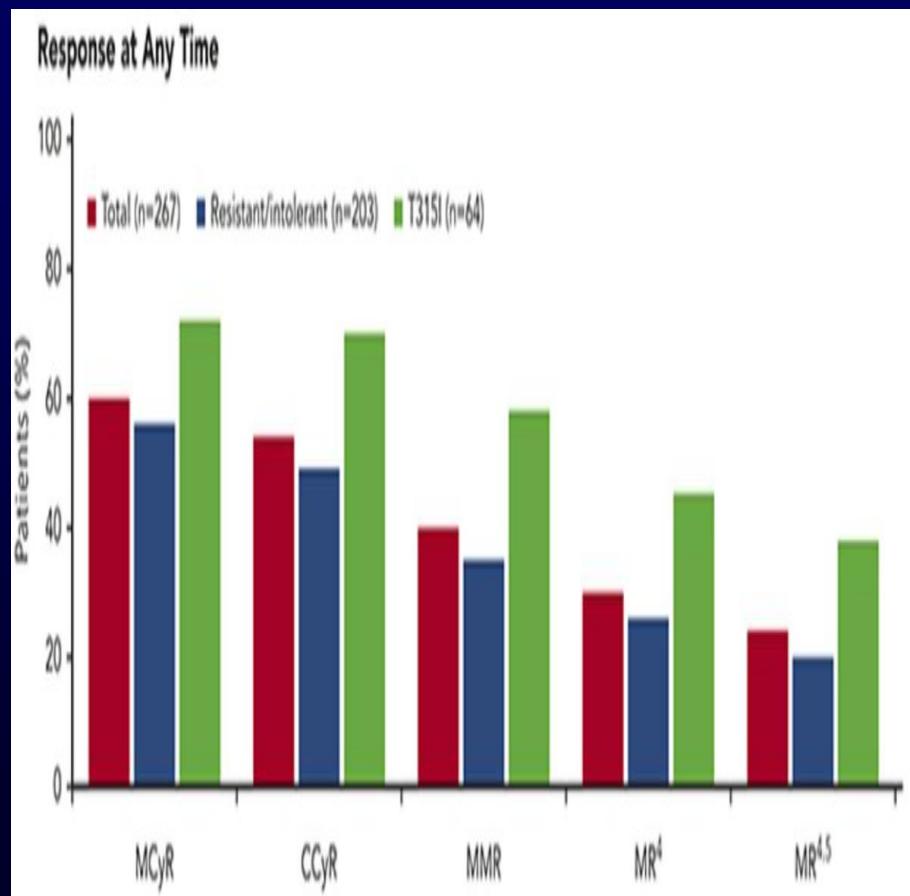
- 621 pts treated with 2<sup>nd</sup> TKI: dasatinib 55%, nilotinib 31%, bosutinib 6%, other (7%)
- 1<sup>st</sup> TKI: imatinib (85%), ponatinib (7%), nilotinib (5%), dasatinib (3%) or bosutinib (<1%)
- Reason to switch: resistance 55%, intolerance 45%
- Median F/U: 50 mo (0.1-139 mo)
- Response: CCyR 50%; Best molecular: MMR 13%, MR4.5 38%
- MVA: specific TKI no impact in OS or TFS; nilotinib or other inferior EFS and FFS

# CML. Role and Timing of allo SCT

Status	TKIs	Allo SCT
AP-BP	Interim Rx to MRD	ASAP
IM failure in CP, T315I	Ponatinib	If no/loss response to ponatinib
IM failure in CP – no CE, no mutations, good initial response	Long-term second line TKIs	Third line post second TKI failure
IM failure in CP – CE, bad mutations, no CG response	Interim Rx to MRD	Second line
Older $\geq 65$ – 70 post IM failure	Long-term	May forgo allo SCT for many yrs of QOL

# Ponatinib in CML—CP (PACE)

- 449 pts Rx; 270 in CP
- CG major 60%, MMR 40%, 5-yr OS 73%



# 3<sup>rd</sup> Line TKI in CML

- 185 pts Rx with 3<sup>rd</sup> TKI: nilotinib 36%, dasatinib 35%, ponatinib 12%, imatinib 10%, bosutinib 7%
- Median time from Dx: 58 mo (3 – 199 mo)
- 1<sup>st</sup> TKI: intolerance 44%, resistance 67%; 2<sup>nd</sup> TKI: intolerance 60%, resistance 49%

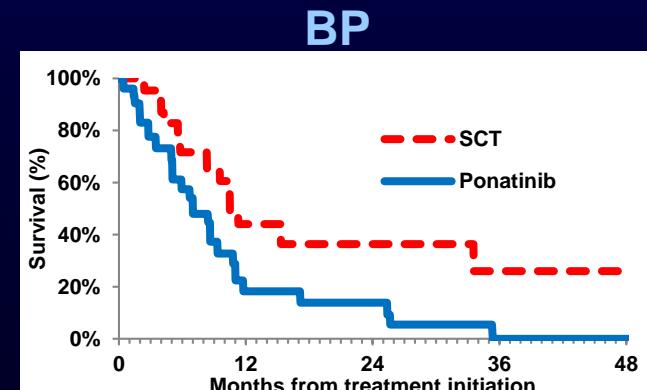
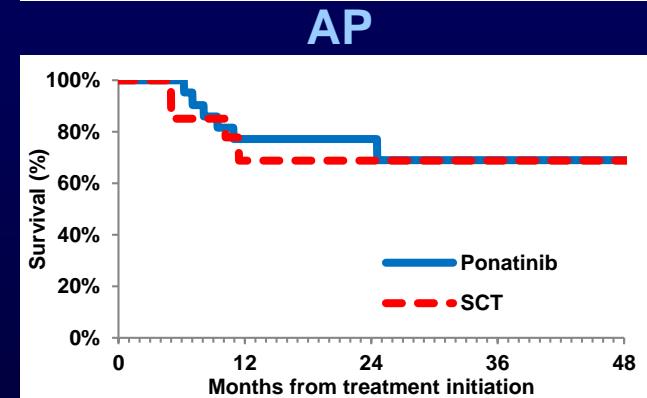
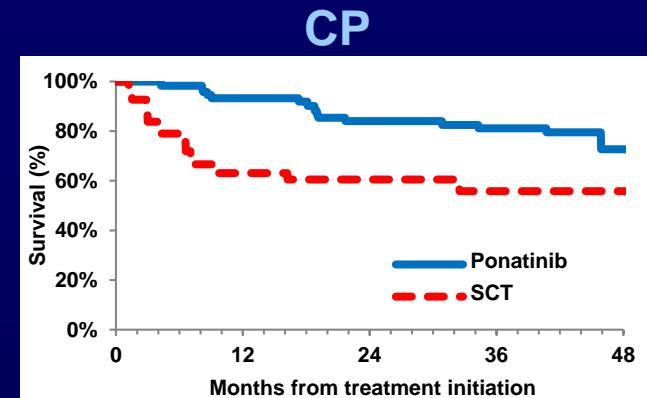
Response	%
CCyR	38
MMR	41
MR4	33
MR4.5	29

- MVA predictors of CCyR and MMR: **ponatinib, Hgb, intolerance**

# Ponatinib or SCT for T315I CML

- Pts ≥18 yrs with CML T315I in any stage enrolled in PACE (n=449) or EBMT (1999-2010; n=222)
- Median age (yr): CP 53 vs 48; AP 55 vs 46; BP 47 vs 44; Ph+ ALL 55 vs 36

Disease group	Median survival (mo)	
	PACE	EBMT
CP	NR	103
AP	NR	56
BP	7	11
Ph+ ALL	7	32



# Use of Ponatinib in CML and Ph+ ALL

- Ponatinib 30mg daily (not 45mg daily as FDA approved), and reduce to 15mg daily for side effects or in CMR
- Watch for: veno-occlusive disease (heart, CNS, mesenteric, peripheral), pancreatitis, severe hypertension, skin rashes
- Use in CML: 1) T315I; 2) post second TKI failure (do not wait for failure of multiple TKIs) and if no guiding mutations
- Use in Ph+ ALL: preferred TKI

# New TKI Under Development

TKI	Features	Current status
Asciminib (ABL-001)	Allosteric inhibitor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Completed phase 1, single agent and combination</li><li>Pivotal phase 3 3<sup>rd</sup> line vs bosutinib started</li></ul>
Radotinib	2 <sup>nd</sup> generation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Approved in South Korea 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> line</li><li>Pending studies elsewhere</li></ul>
PF-114	Ponatinib analog, not binding VEGFR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Nearing MTD</li><li>Starting phase 2</li></ul>
HQP1351	Active against T315I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Phase 1 completed</li></ul>
K0706	3 <sup>rd</sup> generation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Phase 1 ongoing</li></ul>

## CMLBP-MDACC Experience (1997-2016)

- 477 pts Rx: lymphoid BP 28%; TKI alone 35%, TKI + ChemoRx 48%; allo SCT 22%
- MHR 50%; CGCR 21%; MHR with TKI alone 43%; TKI + chemo 64%
- Median OS 12 mos
- MVA for OS: TKI combo, allo SCT, lymphoid BP favorable

# CML Summary – 2019

- Frontline therapy good (and getting better, safer and cheaper?)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> line options grossly equivalent; 3<sup>rd</sup> line ponatinib better (new ones safer?)
- CCyR (PCR of 1%) endpoint of Rx = improves survival
- Aim for PCR<10% by 6 mos, and for CG CR by 12+mos—these are only indications to change Rx
- Dose reductions effective and safe in most instances (e.g dasatinib 50 mg)
- TFR feasible for a few if done right (better to wait for long MR4.5); integrating biology and depth/duration of response
- Patients comorbidities be optimized

# Leukemia Questions?

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