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# **Neoplasias Mieloproliferativas Crónicas**

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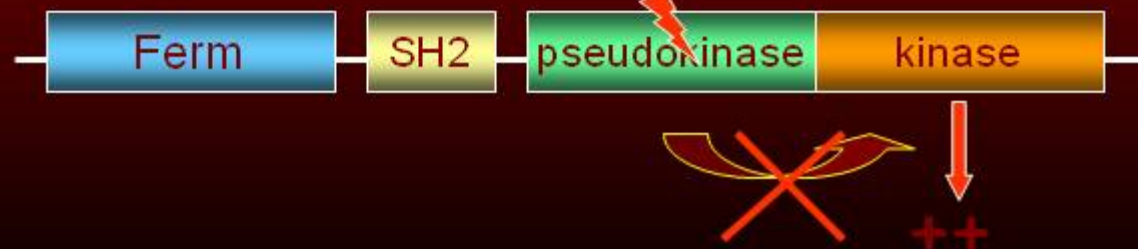
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# New insights give new therapy possibilities

JAK2V617F  
TET2  
MPL  
ASXL1  
LNK  
EZH2  
IDH1/2

These mutations and other findings

- explain the pathogenesis of MPNs
- give basis for targeted therapies
  - ✓ JAK2 inhibitors
  - ✓ Epigenetic drugs
  - ✓ mTOR inhibitors
  - ✓ Immunomodulators
  - ✓ HDAC inhibitors etc

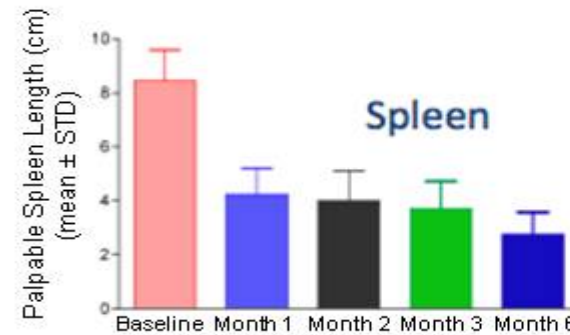
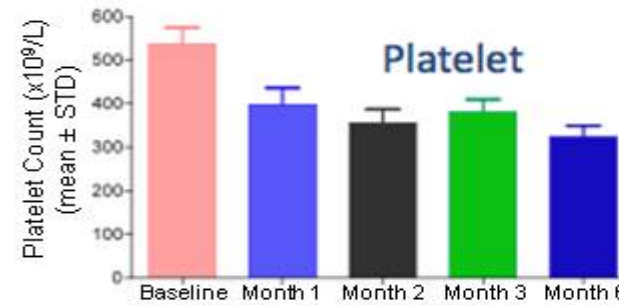
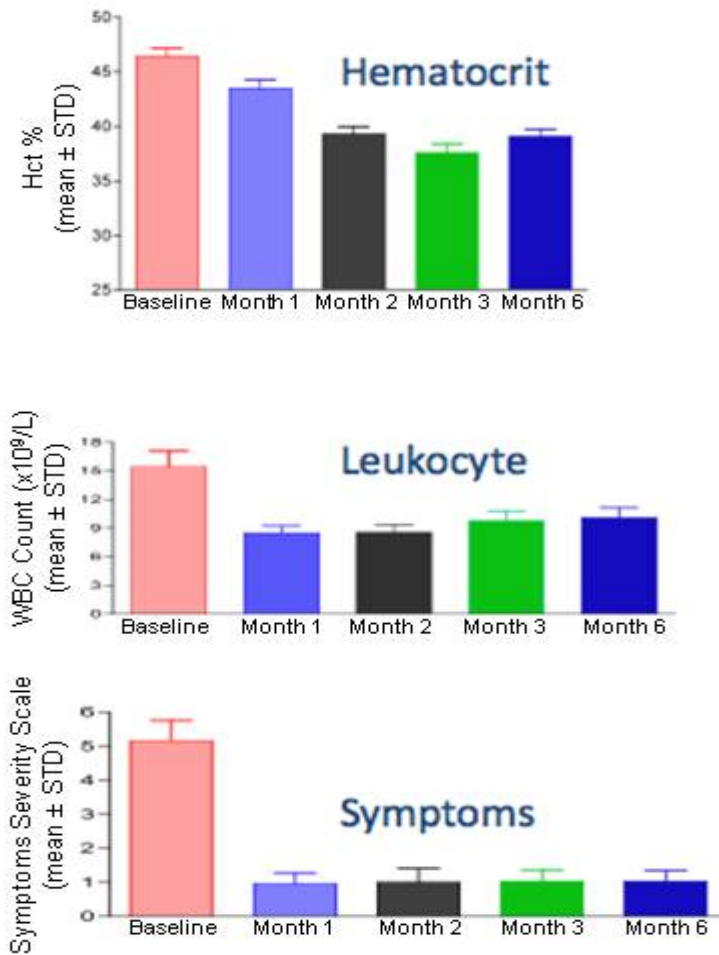


# Ongoing and future clinical trials in PV

Agent(s)	MOA	Phase	Status
Ruxolitinib (INCB018424)	JAK inhibition	2 3	Ongoing Ongoing
Lestaurtinib (CEP-701)	JAK inhibition	2	Completed
SAR302503	JAK inhibition	2	Ongoing
PEG Interferon $\alpha$	Multiple MOAs	3 3	Ongoing Ongoing
GIVINOSTAT (ITF2357) in combination with HU	HDAC inhibition	3	Completed
MK-0683	HDAC inhibition	2	Ongoing
Erlotinib	TKI	2	Ongoing
Imatinib	TKI	2	Completed

# RUXOLITINIB IN POLYCYTEMIA VERA

## Trend of Improvement of Outcomes





# RUXOLITINIB IN IDIOPATHIC MYELOFIBROSIS

*Spleen Size Reduction in Patient Treated With INC424*



**MF Patient Pre-Therapy**



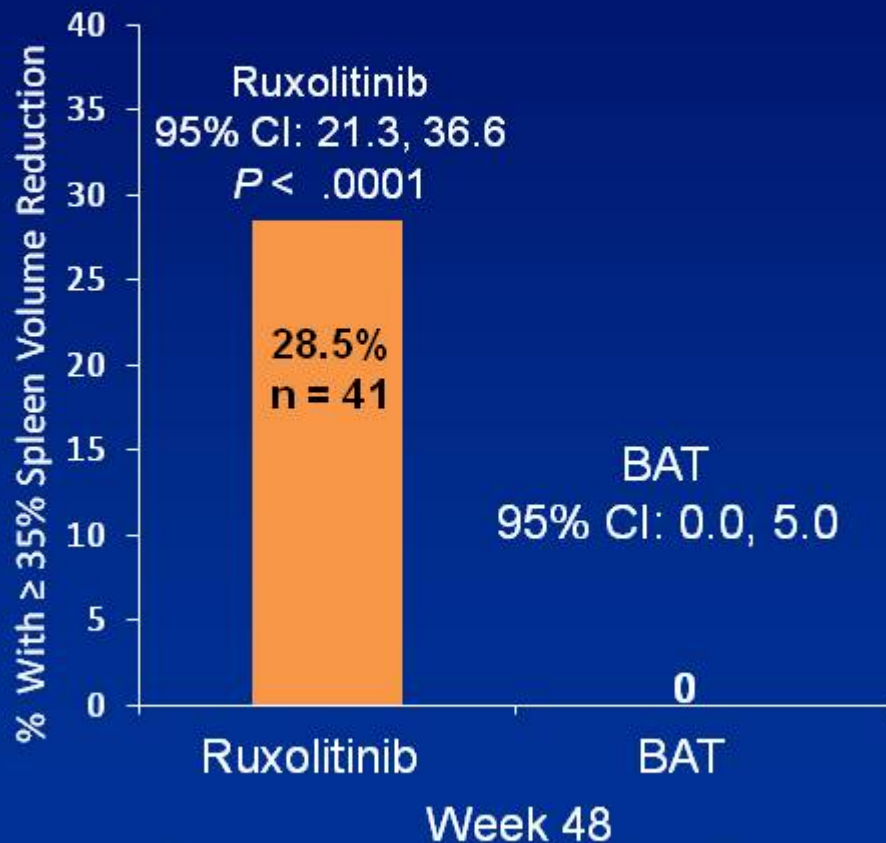
**Patient After 2 Months of Therapy**

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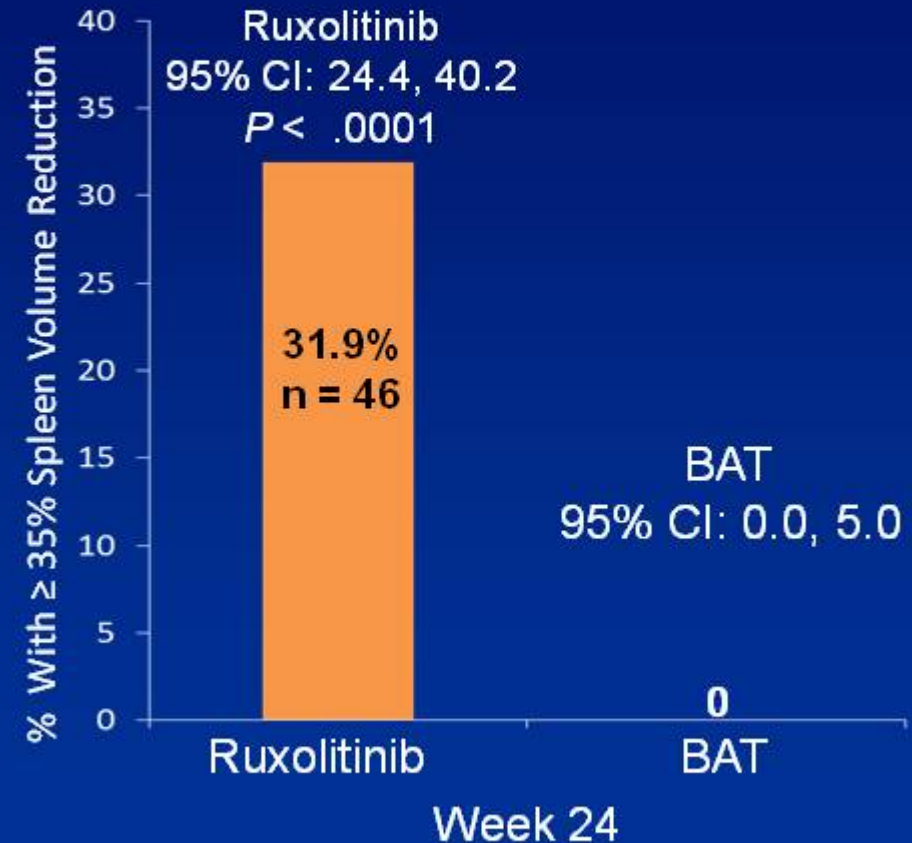
# COMFORT-II

## Efficacy Results (ITT)

### Primary Endpoint



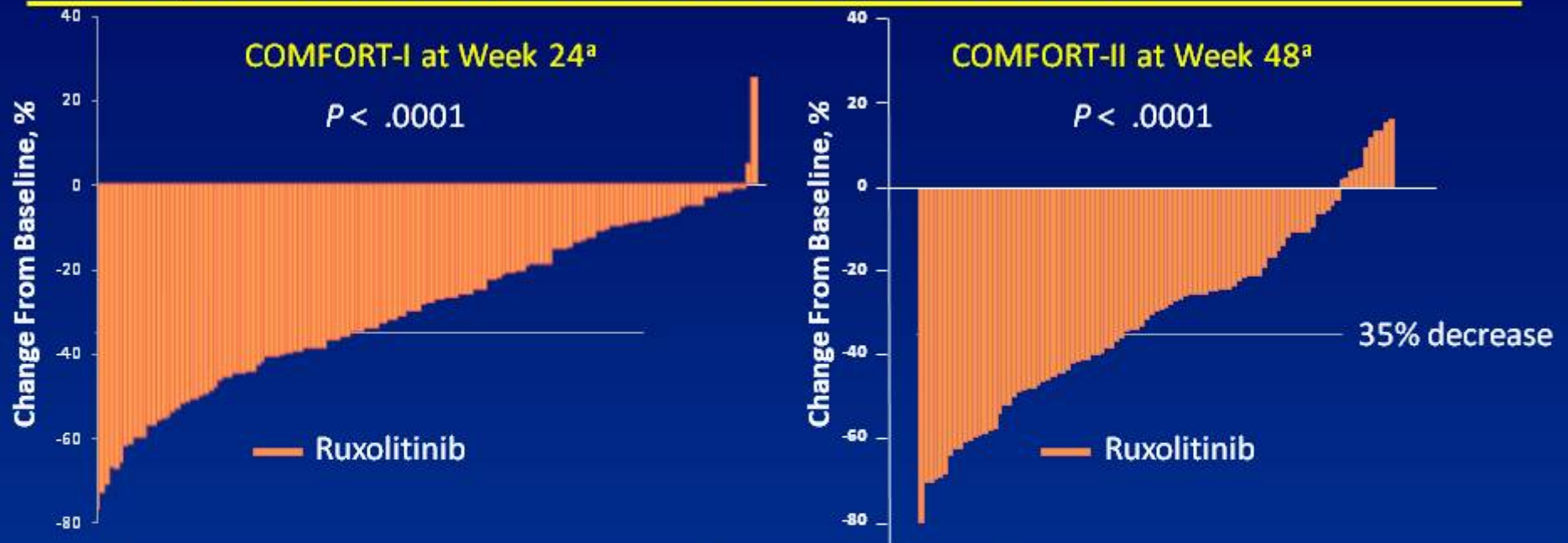
### Key Secondary Endpoint



- Median time to response, 12.29 weeks
- Median duration has not been reached

# COMFORT-I and COMFORT-II

## Comparison of Spleen Volume Reductions

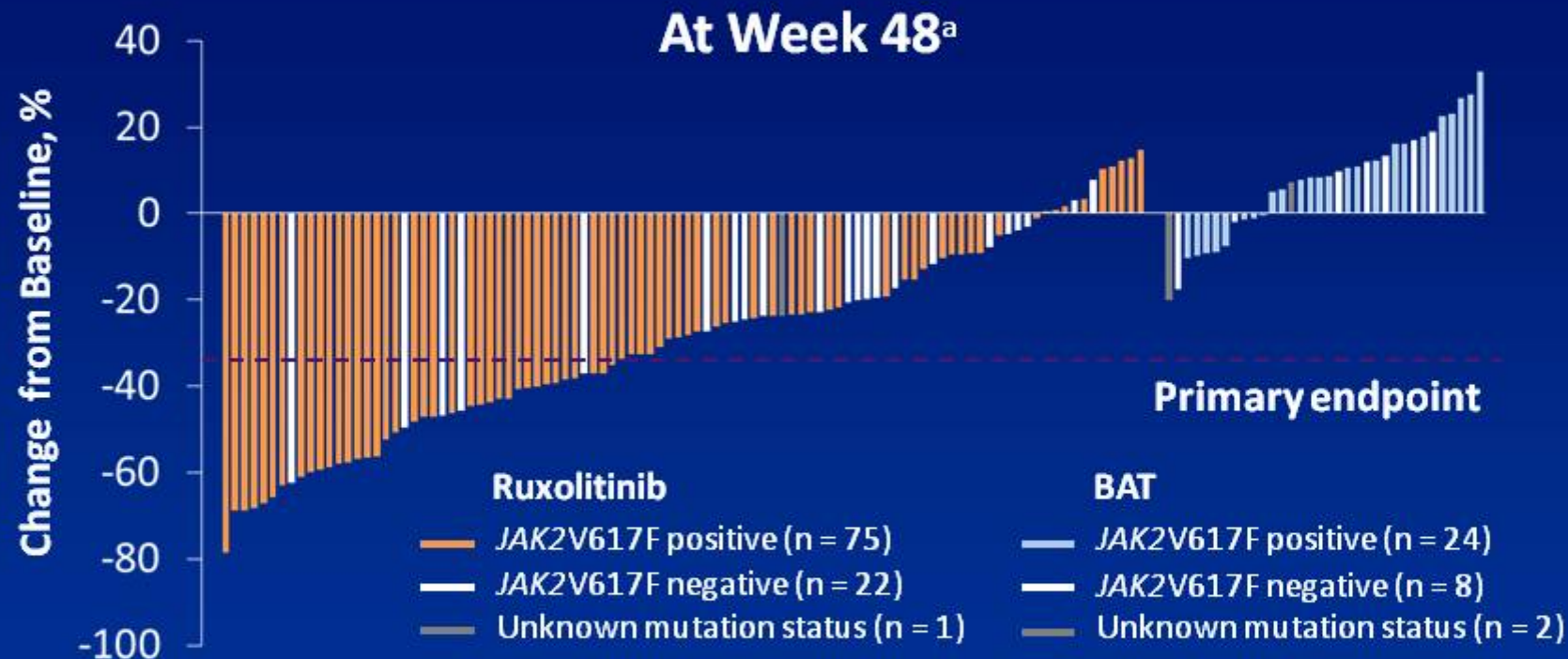


Ruxolitinib Arm	COMFORT-I		COMFORT-II	
	Week 24	Week 24	Week 24	Week 48
≥ 35% spleen vol. ↓, n (%)	65 (41.9) <sup>a</sup>	46 (31.9) <sup>b</sup>	41 (28.5) <sup>a</sup>	
95% CI	(34.1, 50.1)	(24.4, 40.2)	(21.3, 36.6)	
P value	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< .0001	
Percentage spleen vol. ↓, mean (SD)	-31.6 (18.9)	-29.2 (19.5)	-30.1 (22.1)	
Median	-33.0	-27.5	-28.3	

<sup>a</sup>Primary endpoint; <sup>b</sup>Key secondary endpoint.



# Percent Change from Baseline in Spleen Volume by *JAK2V617F* Mutation Status



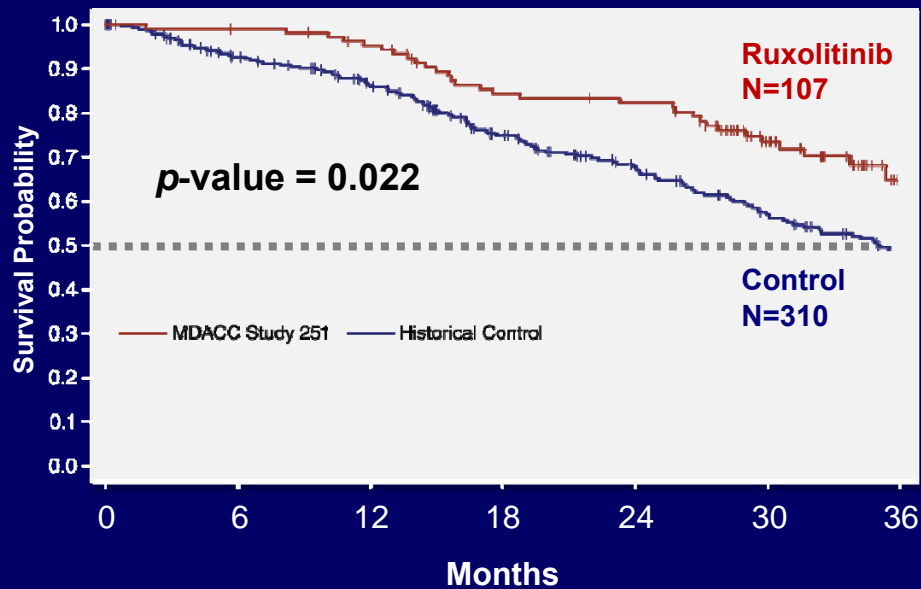
- At week 48, the vast majority of patients receiving ruxolitinib experienced spleen volume reductions, including *JAK2V617F*-positive (88% [66/75]) and *JAK2V617F*-negative (91% [20/22]) patients

<sup>a</sup> For patients with spleen volume assessments by MRI/CT at both baseline and week 48.



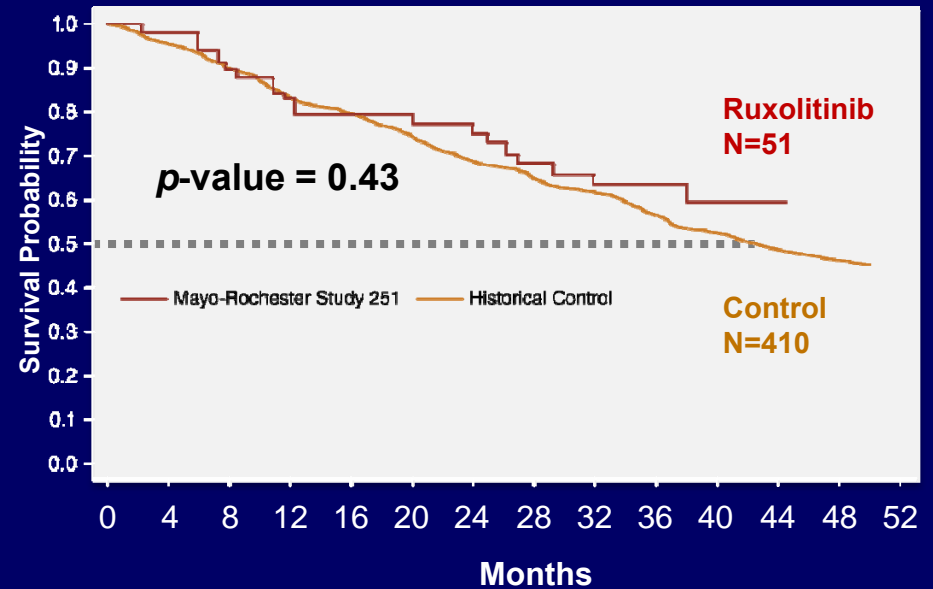
# Overall Survival: Phase 1-2 Study Cohorts vs. Historical Controls

## MDACC



Estimated survival (%)	Ruxolitinib	Historical Control
12 months	95	86
24 months	82	67
36 months	65	49

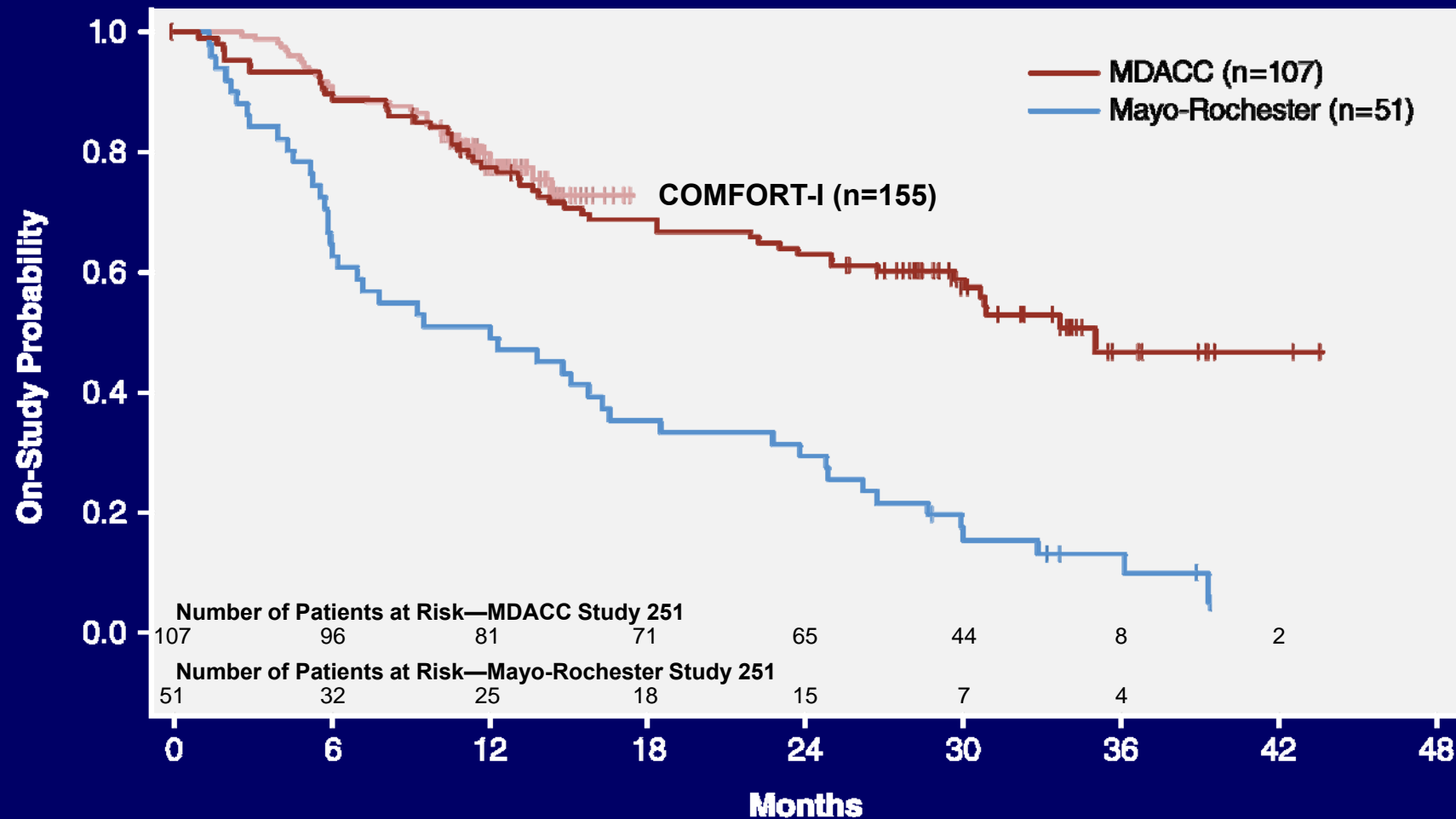
## Mayo-Rochester\*



Estimated survival (%)*	Ruxolitinib	Historical Control
12 months	83	83
24 months	75	69
36 months	62	57

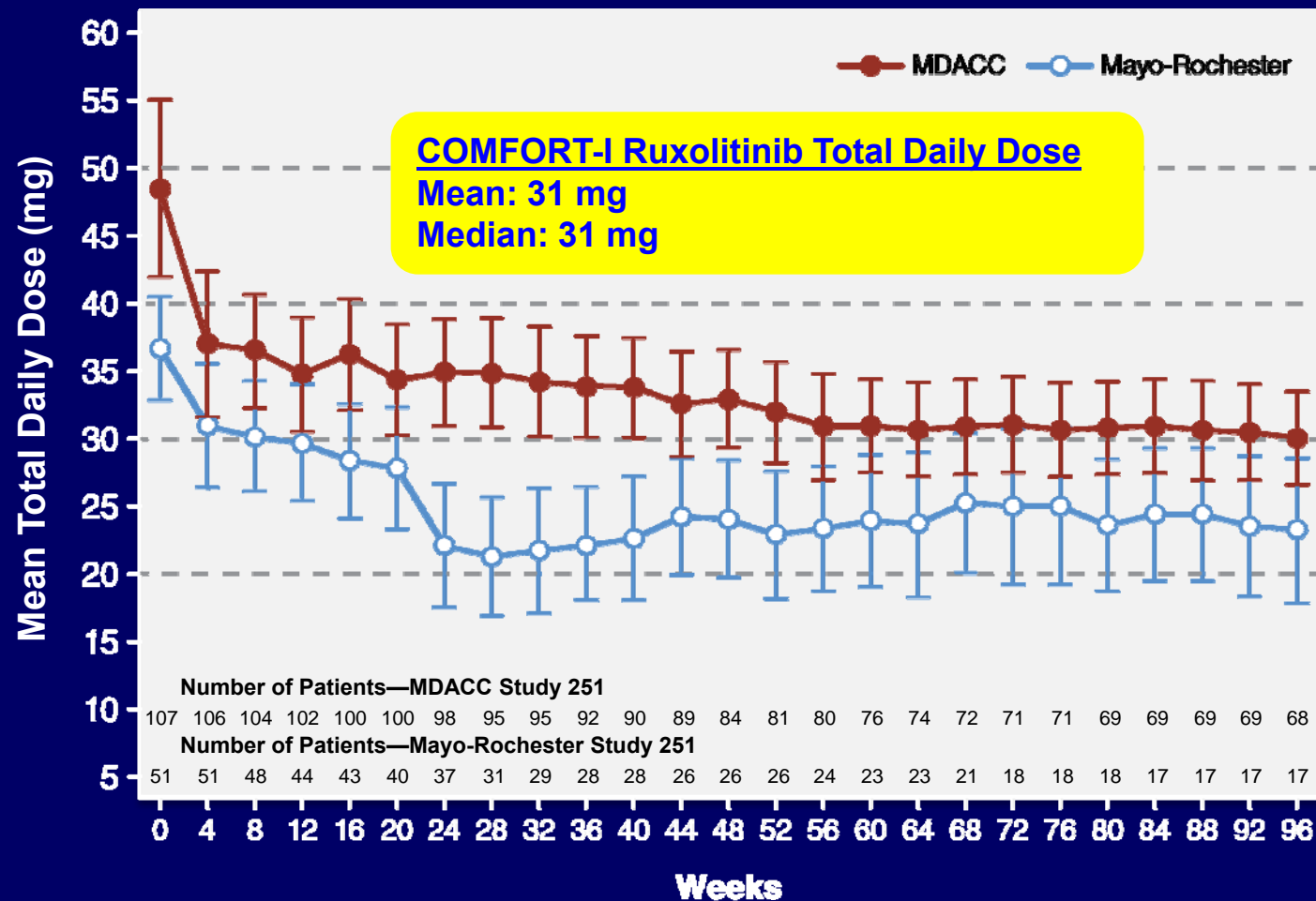
\*Estimated from Tefferi A, et al (Correspondence). *N Engl J Med.* 2011;365(15):1455-7.

# Discontinuation Rates: Phase 1-2 Study MDACC and Mayo-Rochester Cohorts



Data provided by Incyte Corporation upon MDACC request.

# Mean Ruxolitinib Dosing Over Time in Phase 1-2 Study: MDACC and Mayo-Rochester Cohorts



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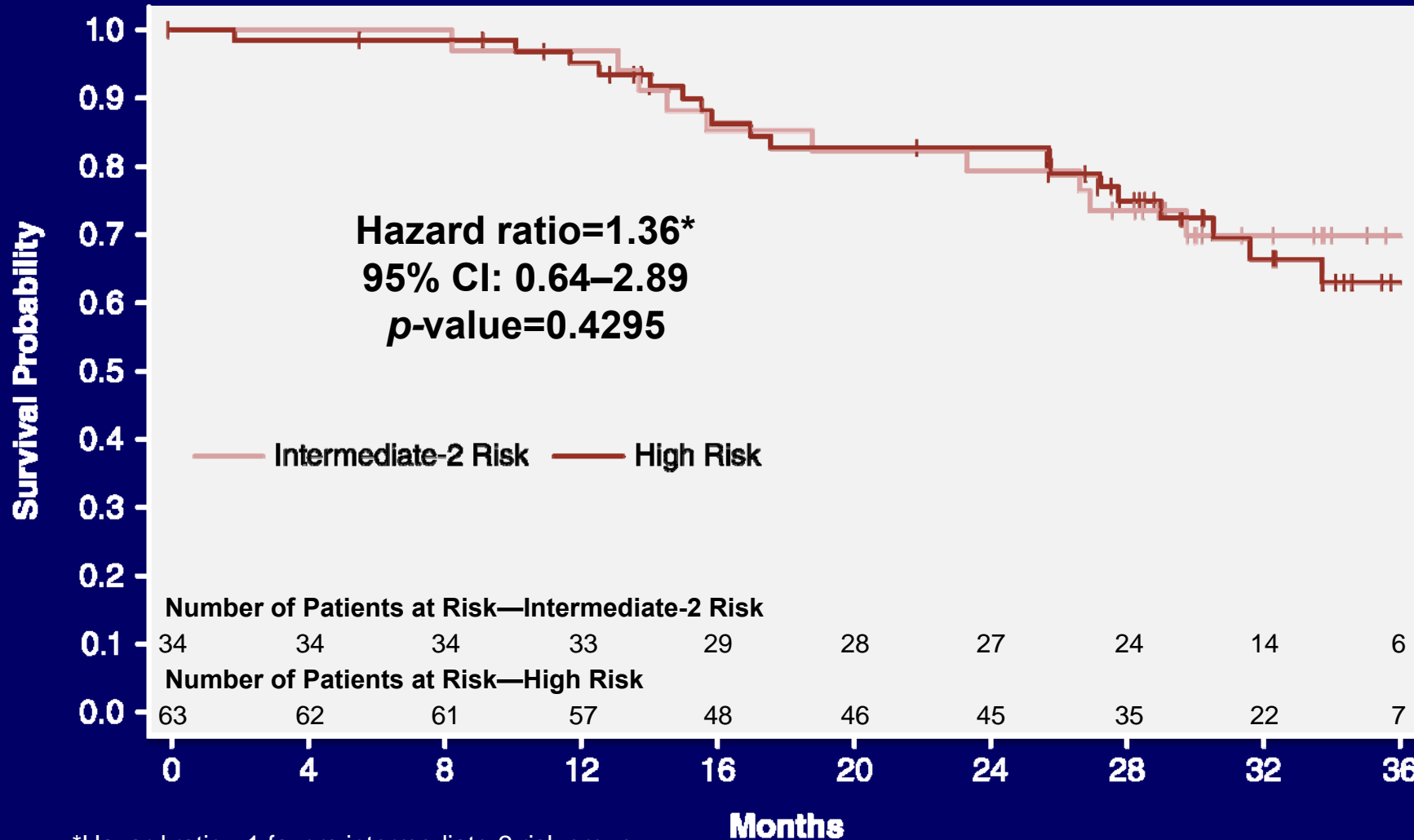
## Rates and Reasons for Discontinuation in Phase 1-2 Study: MDACC and Mayo-Rochester Cohorts

Variable	MDACC (N = 107)	Mayo- Rochester (N=51)
Number (%) remaining on study	58 (54%)	5 (10%)
Number (%) patients discontinued	49 (46%)	46 (90%)
Primary reason for discontinuation*, n (%)		
<b>Death</b>	<b>13 (12.1%)</b>	<b>4 (7.8%)</b>
<b>Progressive disease</b>	<b>12 (11.2%)</b>	<b>10 (19.6%)</b>
<b>Patient withdrawal of consent</b>	<b>7 (6.5%)</b>	<b>15 (29.4%)</b>
<b>Physician decision to discontinue</b>	<b>5 (4.7%)</b>	<b>12 (23.5%)</b>
<b>Intercurrent illness</b>	<b>3 (2.8%)</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Unacceptable toxicity</b>	<b>3 (2.8%)</b>	<b>1 (2.0)</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>6 (5.6%)</b>	<b>3 (5.9)</b>

\*As categorized by defined headings on study case report forms.

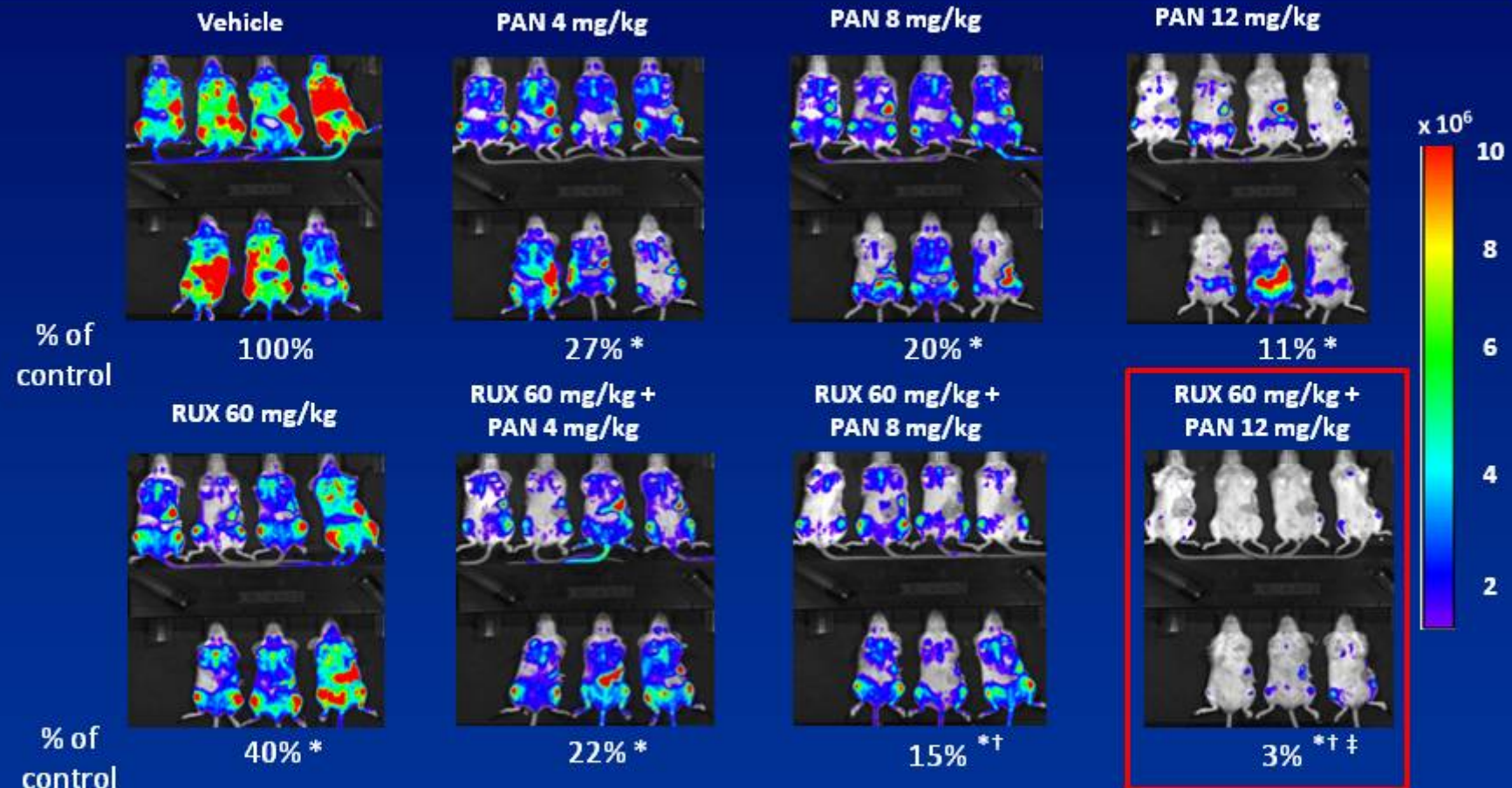
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# Overall Survival in MDACC Phase 1-2 Study Cohort: Intermediate-2 vs. High Risk



\*Hazard ratio >1 favors intermediate-2 risk group.

# Ba/F3 model: Effects of Ruxolitinib and Panobinostat Treatment on Bioluminescence Imaging on Day 11



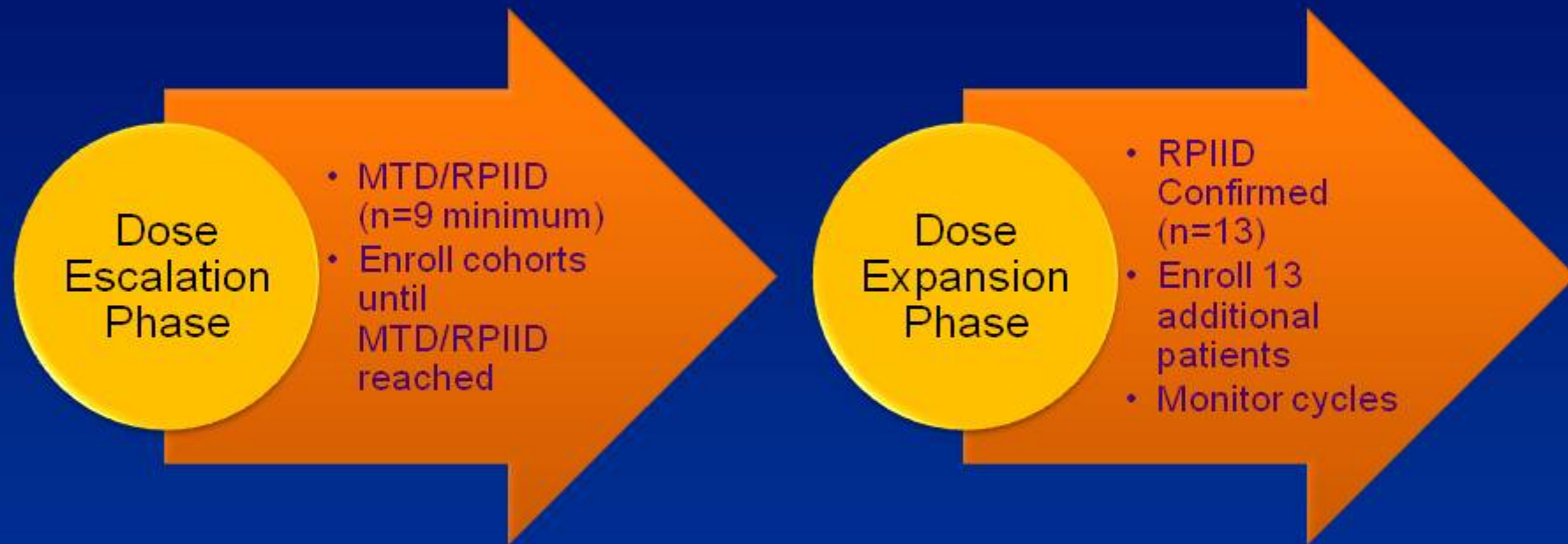
- Enhanced efficacy was observed with a combination of RUX and PAN
- There was no major change in tolerability, as assessed by body weight, between panobinostat alone or in combination with ruxolitinib

\*  $P < 0.05$  vs. vehicle control; †  $P < 0.05$  vs. ruxolitinib; ‡  $P < 0.05$  vs. panobinostat at same dose



# Combination of Panobinostat and Ruxolitinib in MF: Phase I

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**Countries:**

**France, Germany, Italy, UK,  
Ireland**

**FPFV: November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

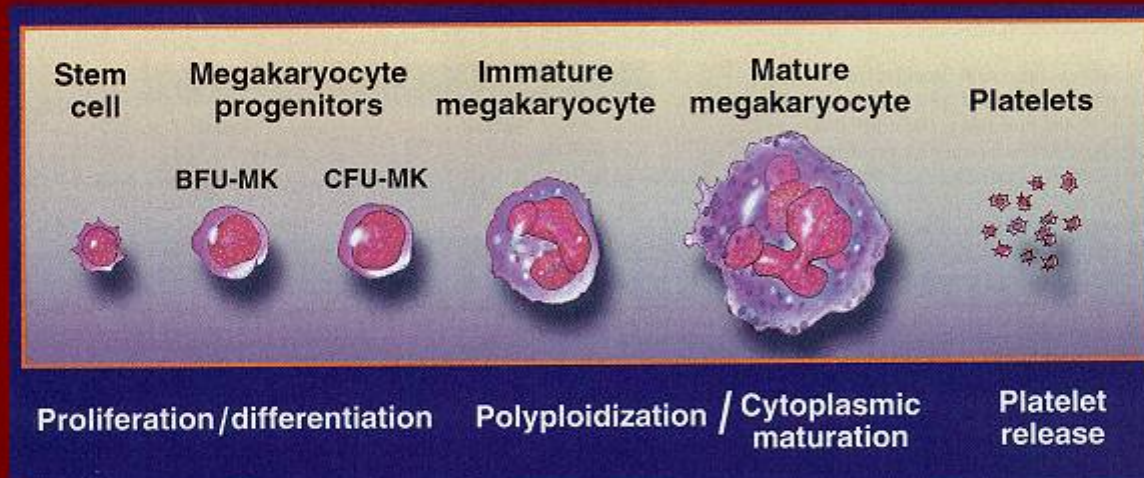
**Update at EHA**

MTD = maximum tolerated dose; RPIID = recommended phase II dose; FPFV = first patient first visit

# A new therapeutic strategy, a new class of drugs:

Rho kinase inhibitor dimethylfasudil (diMF)

Background: nuclear ploidy in MK necessary for normal differentiation. Reduced ploidy induces hyperproliferation.



New principle: diMF increases nuclear ploidy, inhibits growth of clonal MKs

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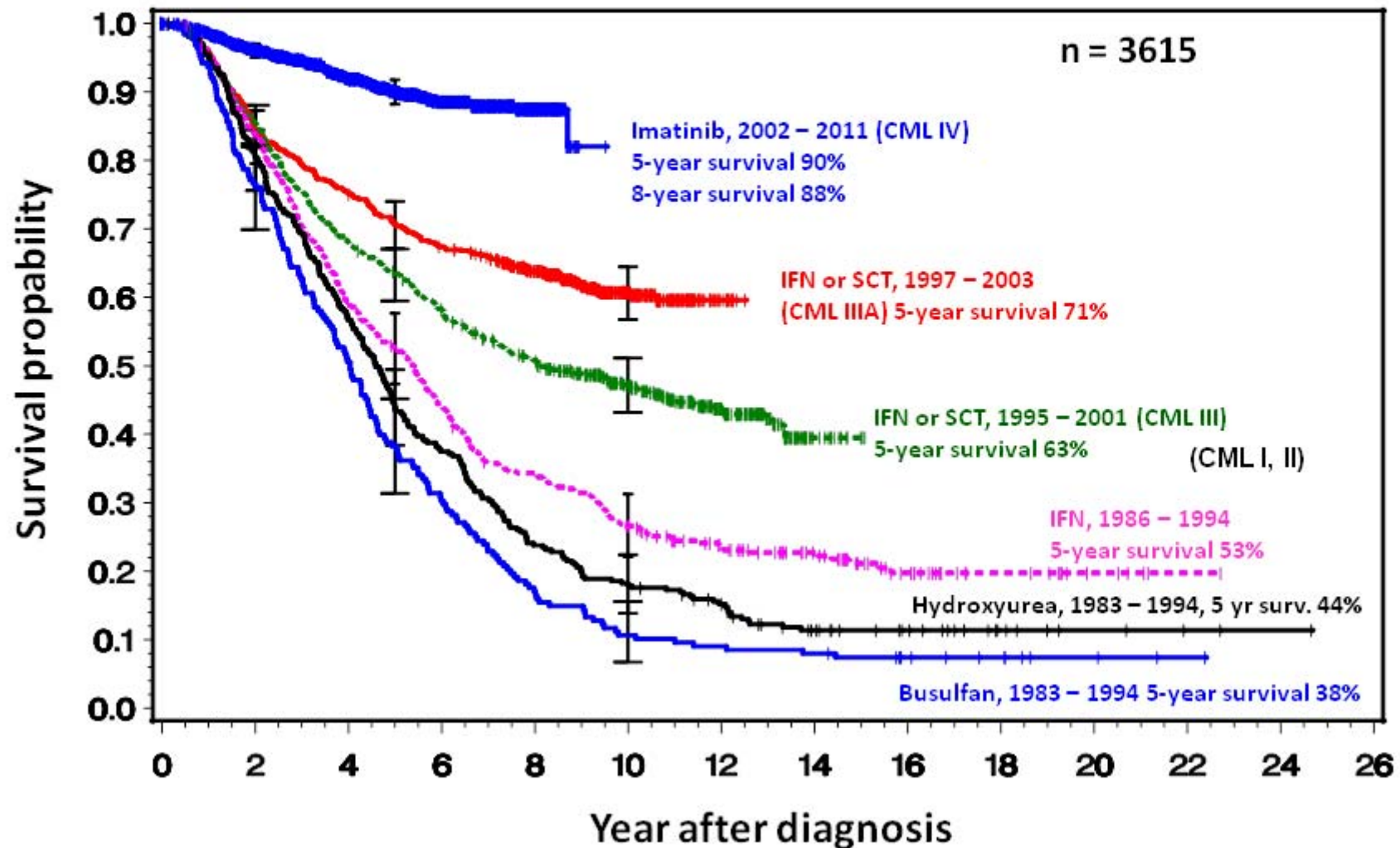
### Mouse results:

- significant *decrease of fibrosis* in the bone marrow of mouse PMF
- significant reduction in the platelet count

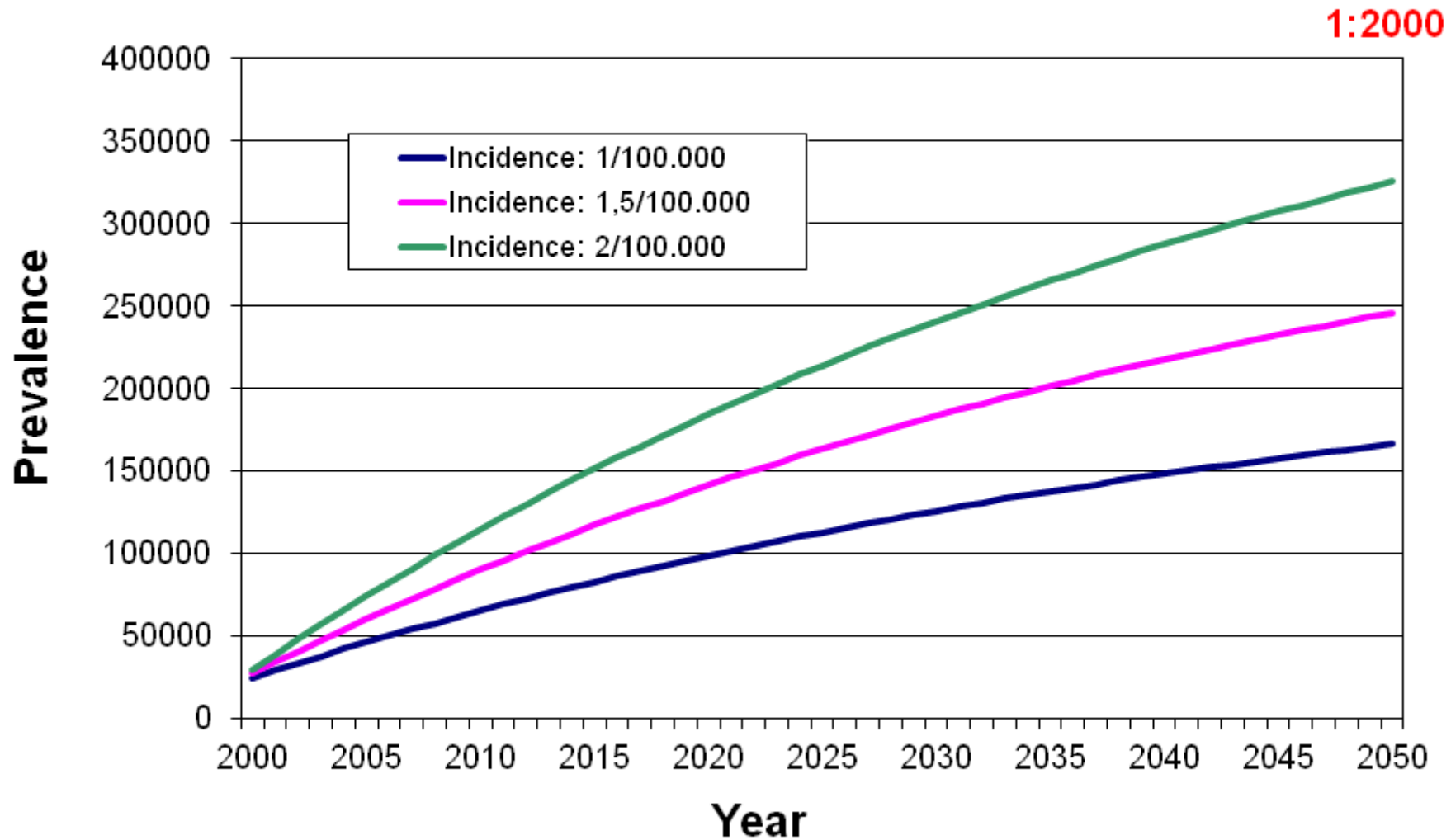
Synergism with JAK2 inhibitors



# Improvement of survival of CML by therapy 1983 – 2011

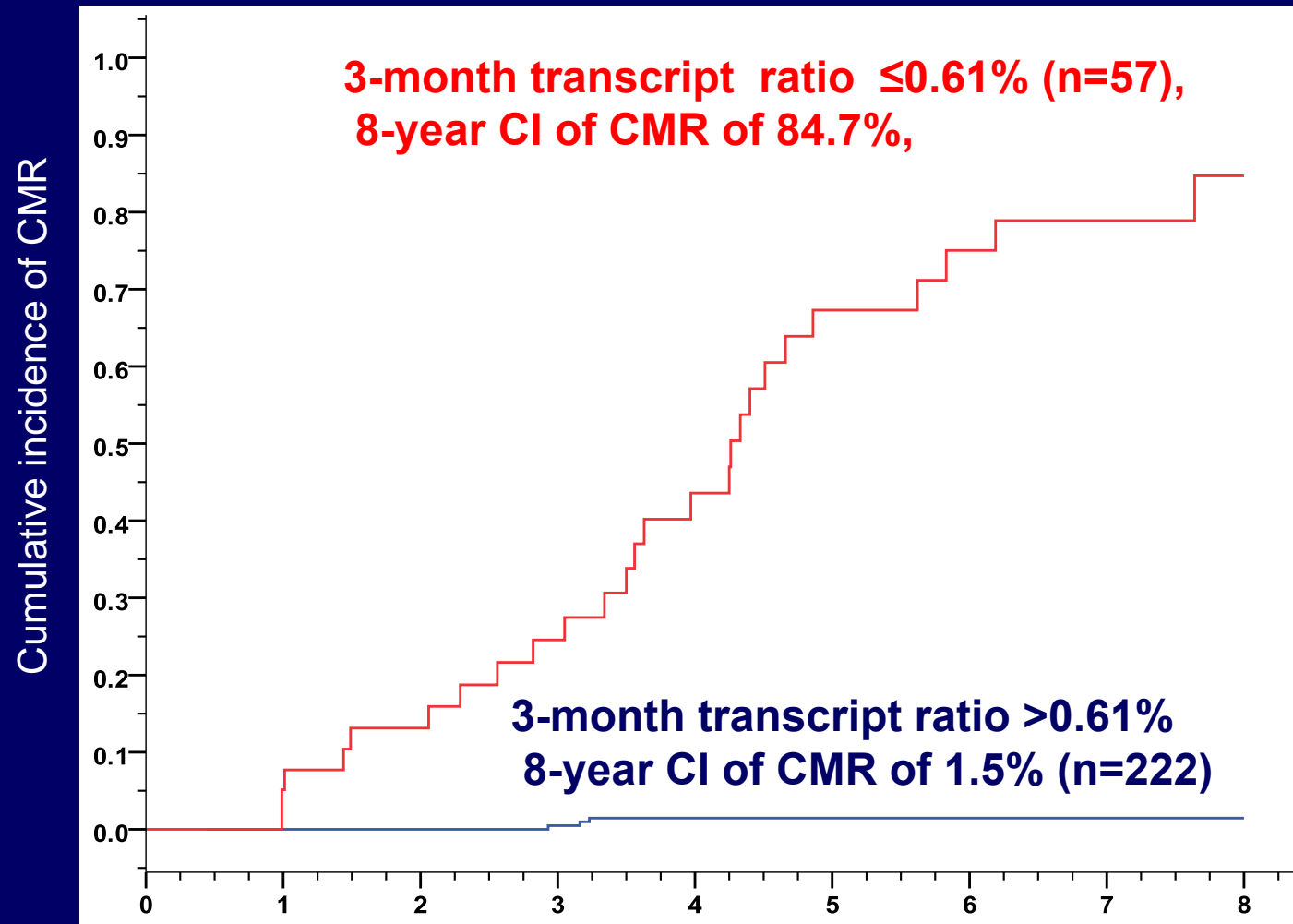


# Estimated Prevalence of CML in Europe until 2050



Assumptions: Population 500 million, mortality 2% per year, incidence constant.  
Courtesy to Hasford and Pfirrmann.

# 8-year cumulative incidence of CMR on imatinib therapy according to the BCR-ABL transcript level at 3 months: Cut-off below 0.61%



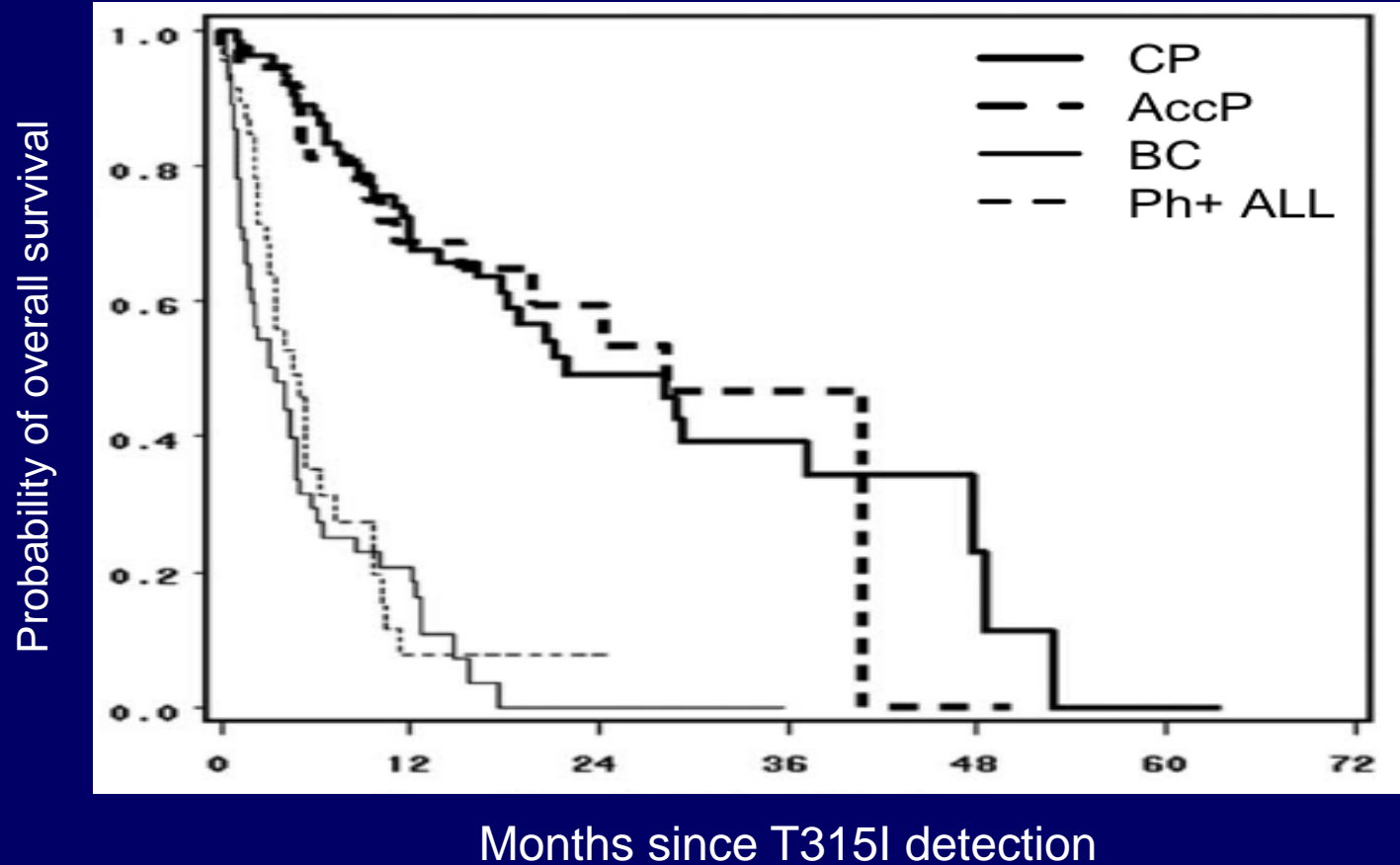


# CML Patient outcomes on Imatinib

According with the transcript level measured at 3 months

Outcome	cut-off (%)	Number of patients at risk	Eight years probability of the outcome	P value
OS	≤9.84	211	93.3	p<0.0001
	>9.84	68	56.9	
PFS	≤9.54	208	92.8	p<0.0001
	>9.54	71	57.0	
EFS	≤9.84	211	65.1	p <0.0001
	>9.84	66	6.9	
CCyR	≤8.58	169	99.4	p<0.0001
	>8.58	79	21.7	
MMR	≤2.81	141	82.5	p<0.0001
	>2.81	137	21.1	
CMR	≤0.61	57	84.7	p<0.0001
	>0.61	222	1.5	

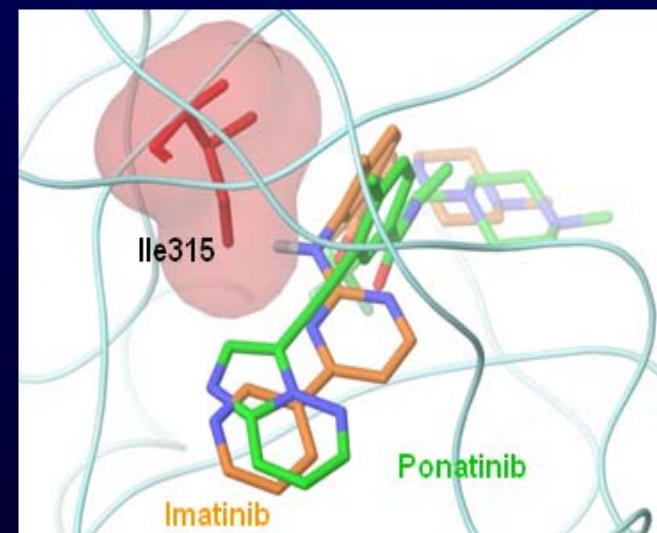
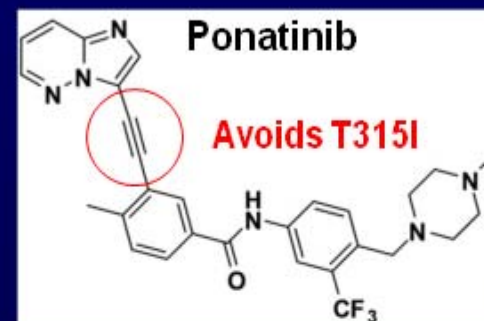
# Overall Survival after failing BCR-ABL inhibitor therapy due to T315I mutation



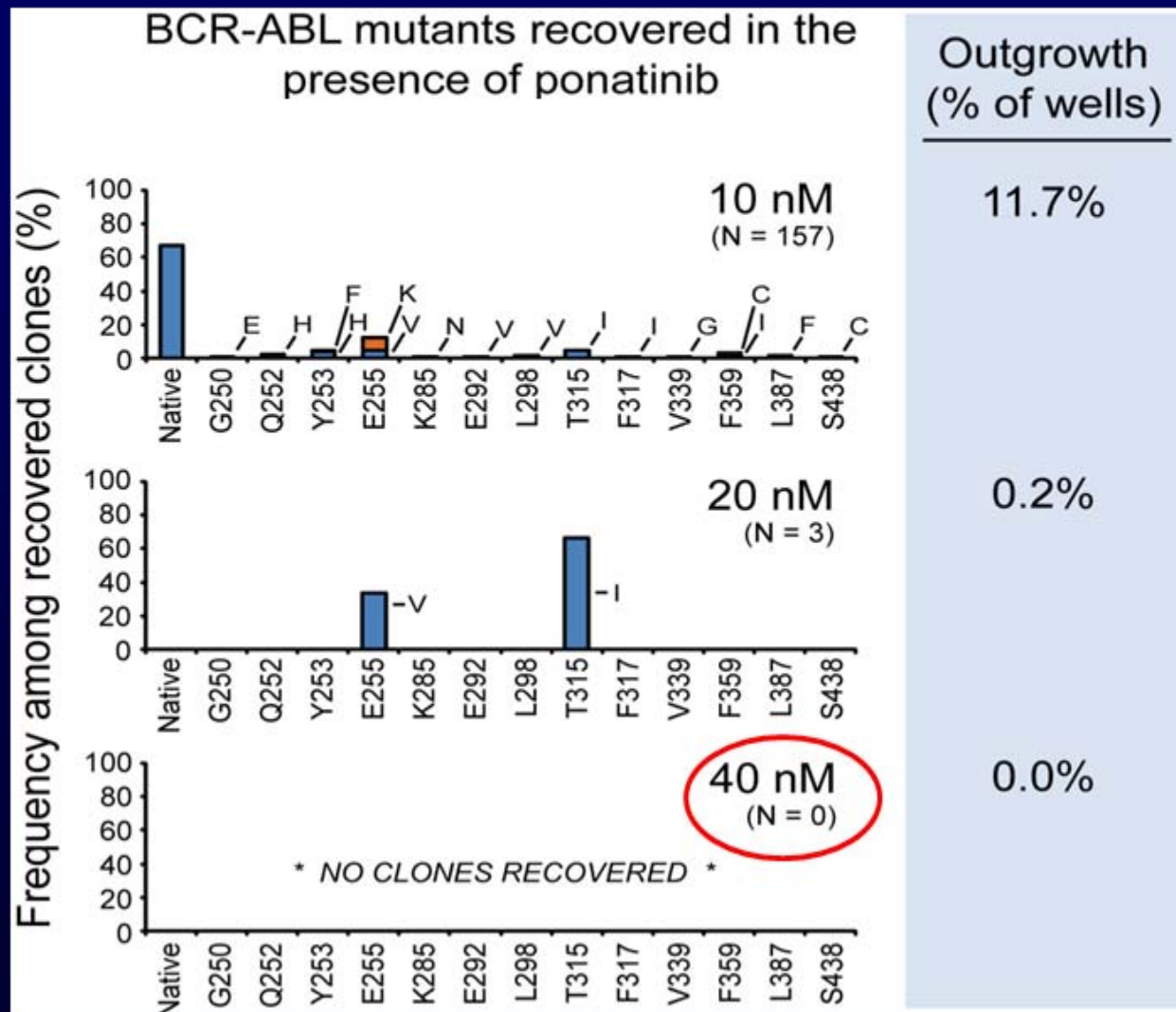
# Ponatinib

## A Pan-BCR-ABL Inhibitor

- 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
- Also targets other therapeutically relevant kinases:
  - Inhibits FLT3, FGFR, VEGFR and PDGFR, and c-KIT
- Once-daily oral activity in murine models



# Ponatinib Suppression of Mutant Outgrowth



- Cells exposed to increasing ponatinib concentrations
- BCR-ABL resistance mutations completely suppressed at 40 nM
- 40 nM target trough plasma ponatinib concentration
- 40 nM attained at doses  $\geq 30$  mg



# PACE: Response of CP-CML Cohorts

Response	N (%)		
	Overall	R/I Cohort	T315I Cohort
CHR	193/271 (92)	193/207 (93)	55/64 (86)
<b>MCyR*</b>	<b>116/248 (47)</b>	<b>79/191 (41)</b>	<b>37/57 (65)</b>
CCyR	96/248 (39)	63/191 (33)	33/57 (58)
MMR	51/265 (19)	31/205 (15)	20/60 (33)

**\*MCyR is primary endpoint**

Data as of 02 Dec 2011

Cortes et al, Blood (ASH Annual Meeting Abstracts) 2011 118: Abstract 109



# How May Leukemic Stem Cells be Targeted?

- Targeting critical pathways
  - Hedgehog (LDE225)<sup>1</sup>
  - Janus kinase (JAK2)<sup>2</sup>
- Disrupting interaction of leukemic stem cells with the bone marrow stroma
  - CXCR<sup>4</sup> antagonists
  - Granulocyte colony-stimulating factor
- Using immunologic approaches
  - Interferon- $\alpha$ <sup>3</sup>
  - Vaccines
- Using other agents
  - Autophagy inhibitors
  - Histone deacetylase inhibitors<sup>4</sup>
  - Heat shock protein inhibitors<sup>5</sup>
- Using a combination of novel agents with nilotinib?

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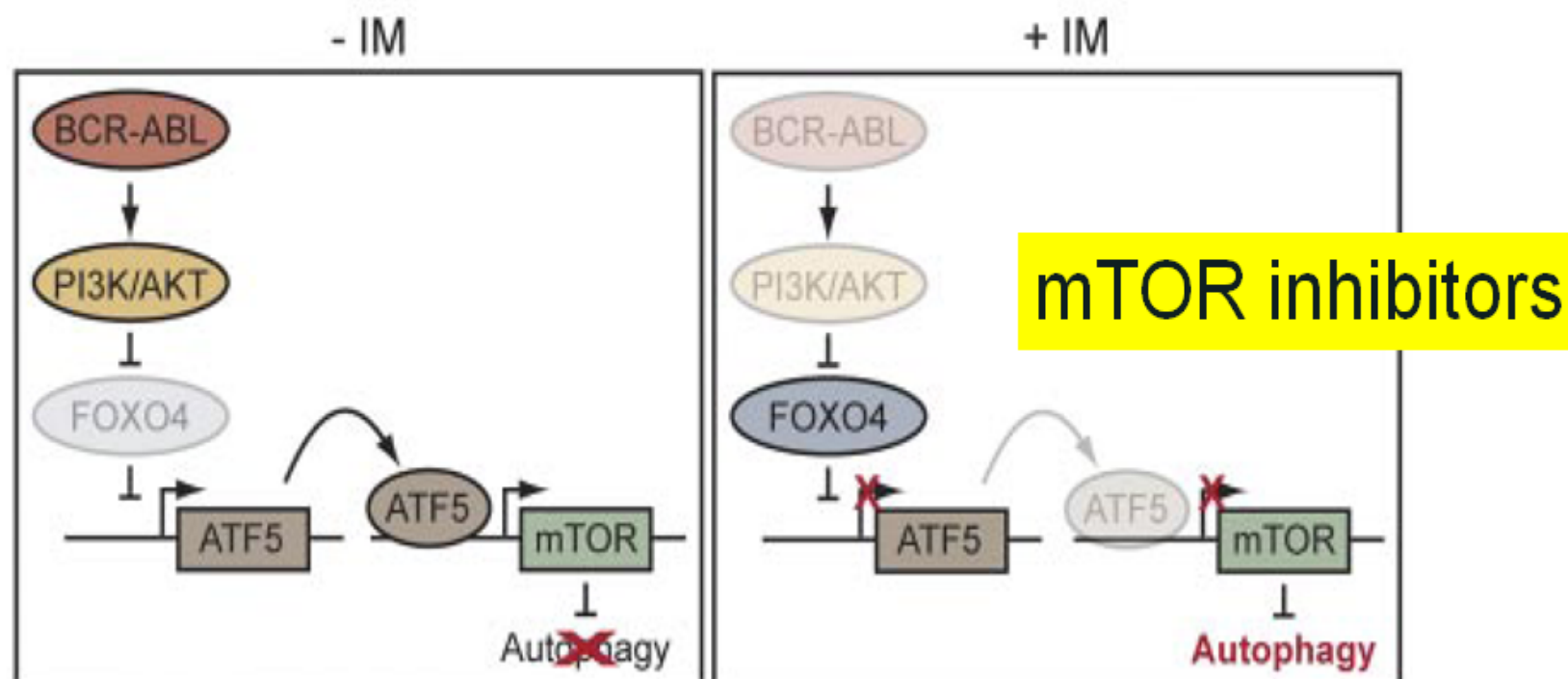
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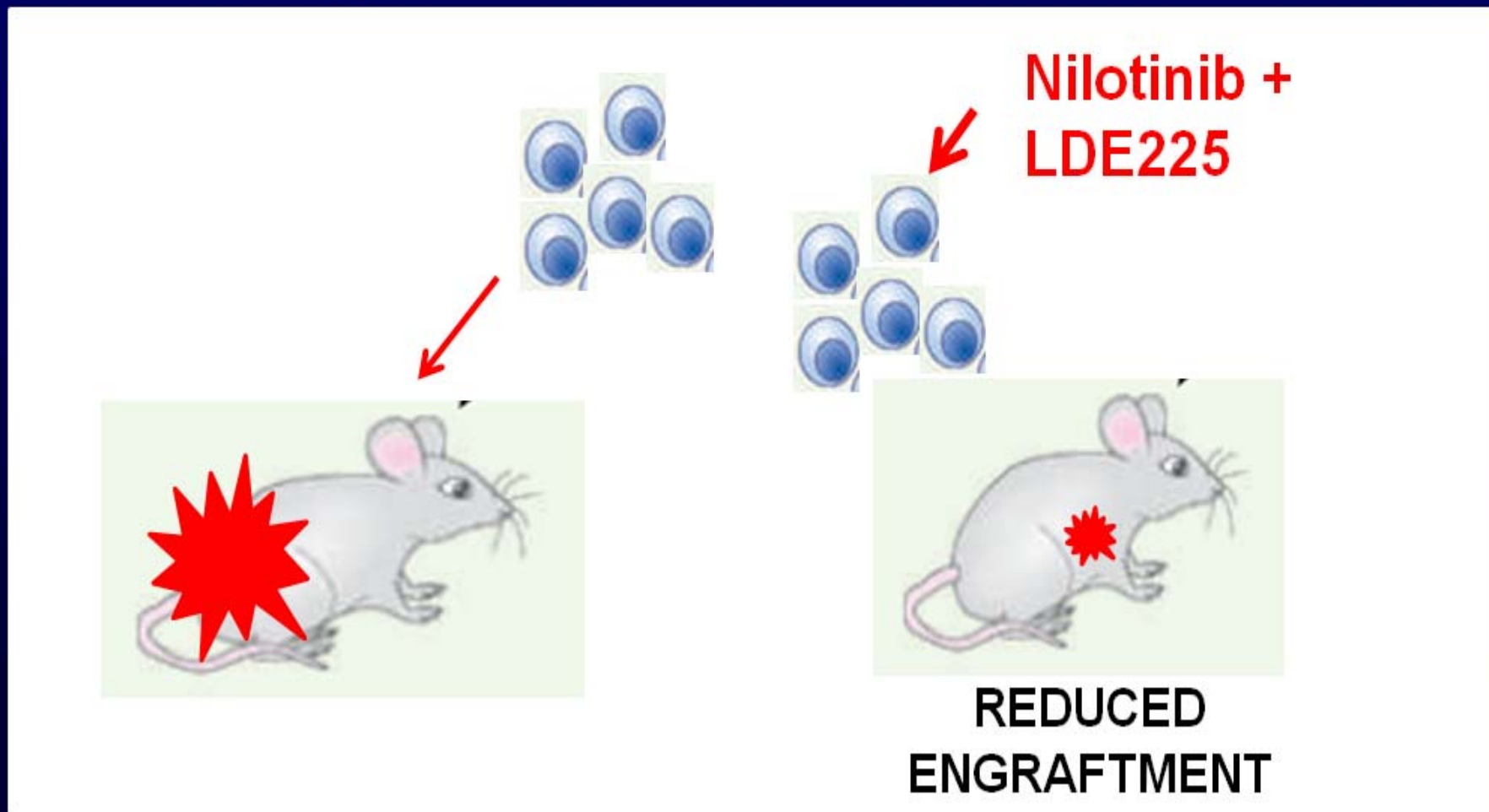
# BCR-ABL suppresses autophagy through ATF5-mediated regulation of *mTOR* transcription

Zhi Sheng,<sup>1</sup> Leyuan Ma,<sup>1</sup> Jiaoyuan E. Sun,<sup>1</sup> Lihua J. Zhu,<sup>2</sup> and Michael R. Green<sup>1</sup>

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# Inhibition of Chronic Myeloid Leukemia Stem Cells by the Combination of the Hedgehog Pathway Inhibitor LDE225 with Nilotinib



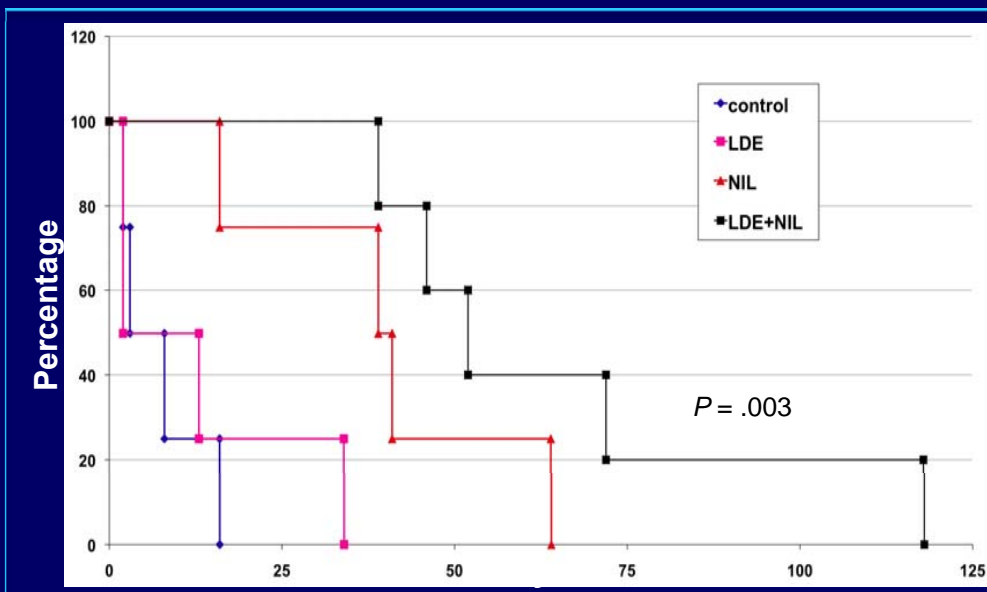
# Combination of Nilotinib and LDE225 in CML

## Pre-Clinical Rationale

- LDE225 is an inhibitor of the hedgehog signaling pathway, which may be important for survival of leukemic stem cells
- Mice treated with LDE225 + nilotinib demonstrated enhanced survival following discontinuation of treatment

## Clinical Study Plan

- Phase I/II study in 2nd/3rd line CML patients beginning in 2011
- Plans for subsequent dose expansion phase
- Data expected 2013-14
- Exploratory biomarkers for activity against leukemic stem cells

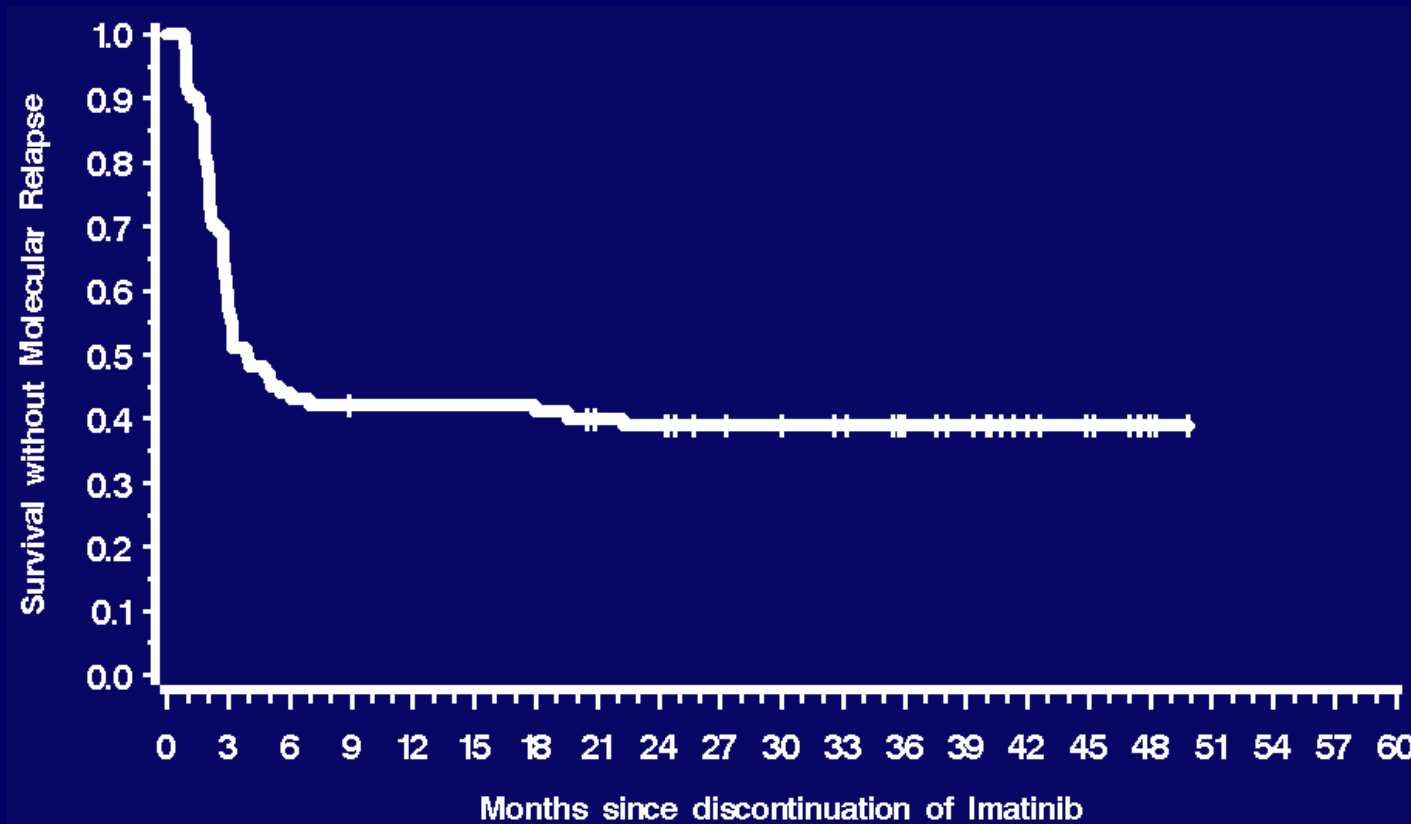


Day 0 = On completion of 3 weeks treatment

Zhang B, et al. *Blood*. 2010;116(21):227 [abstract 514].

# Kaplan-Meier estimates of CMR after discontinuation of imatinib

The overall probability of maintenance of CMR at 24 and 36 months was 39% (95% CI 29-48).

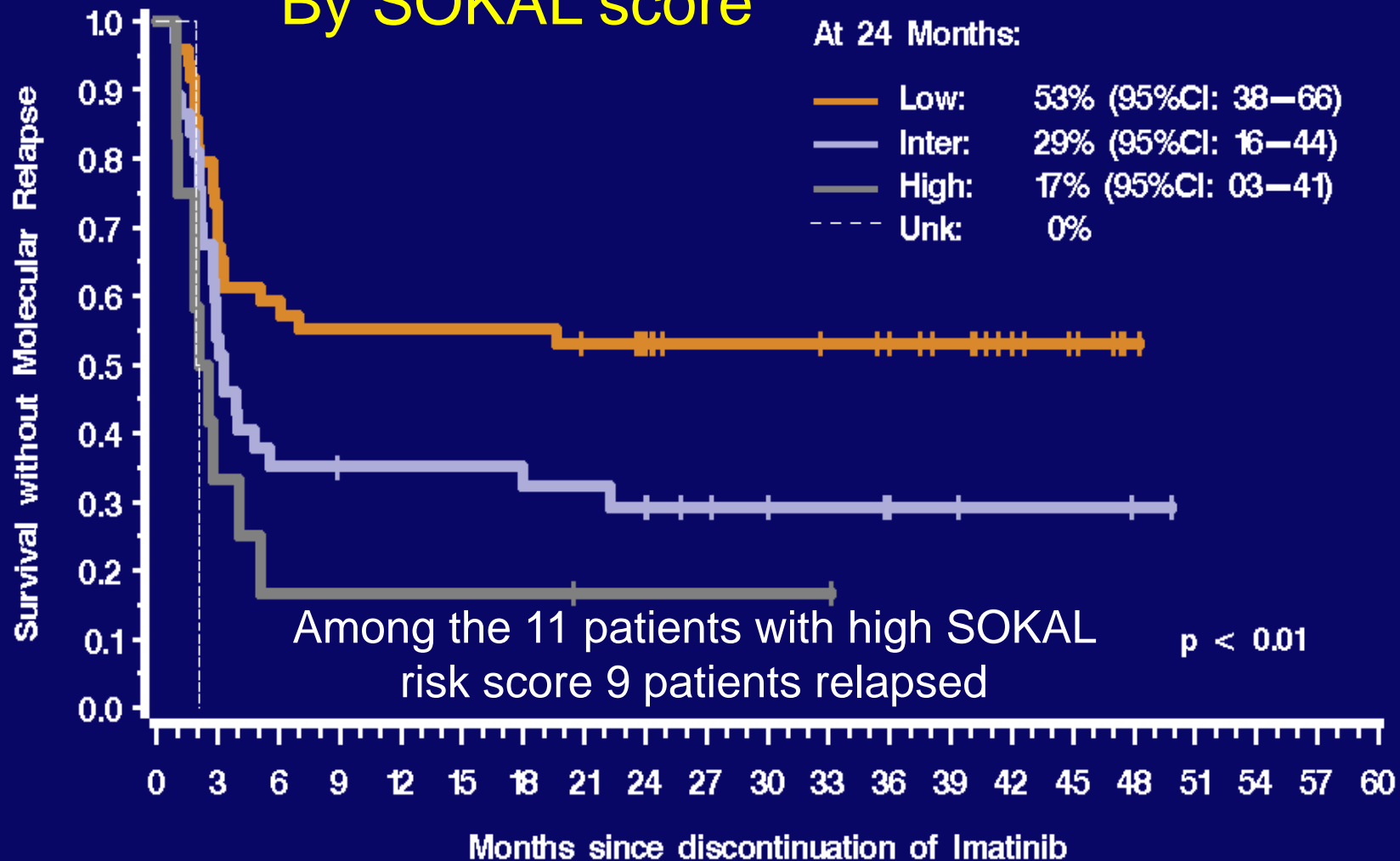


Molecular relapse occurred in 61 pts with 58 relapses occurring during the first 7 months 3 late relapses at month 19, 20 and 22, respectively

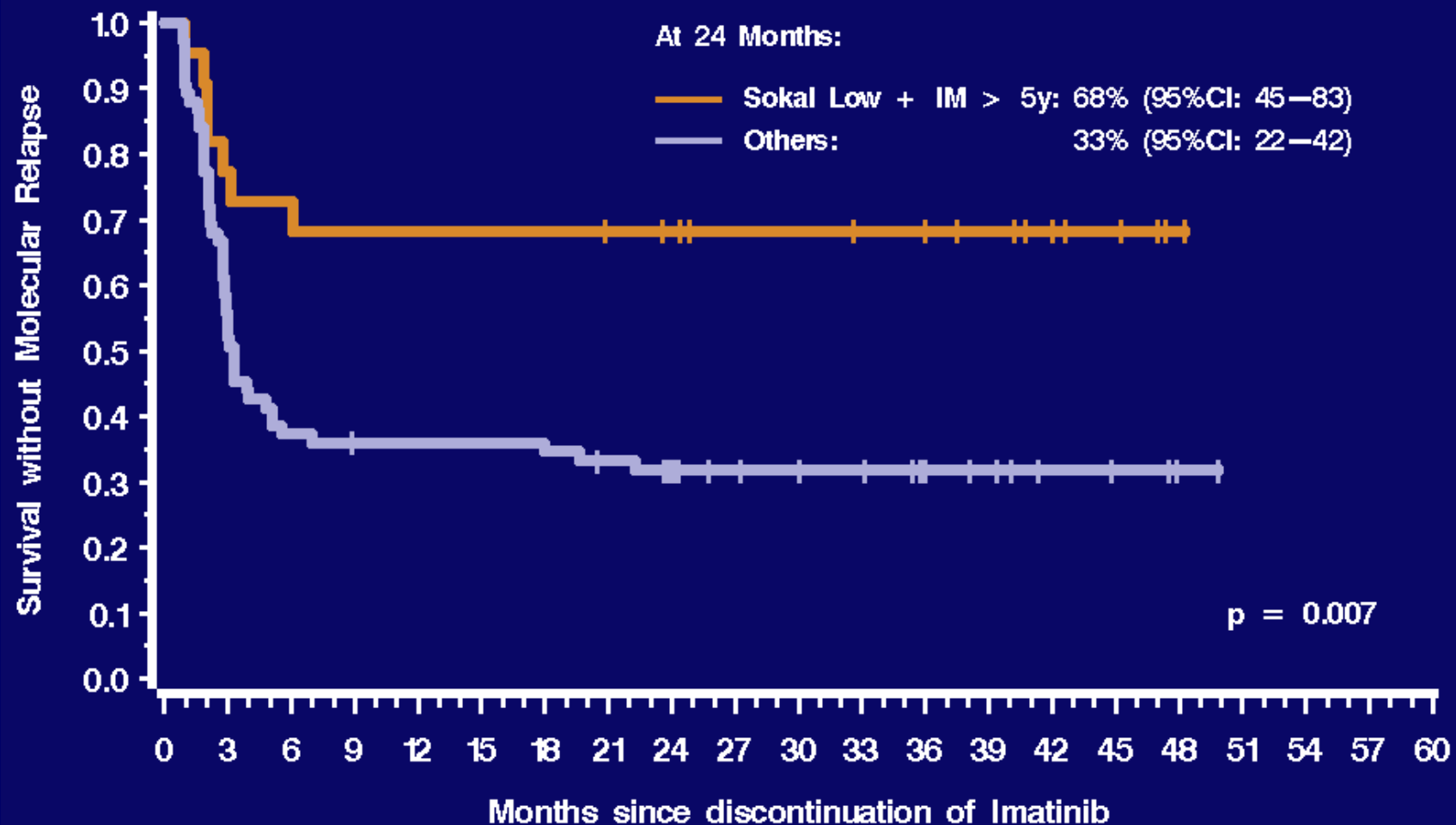


# Kaplan-Meier estimates of CMR after discontinuation of imatinib in 100 patients with CML according to factor

## By SOKAL score

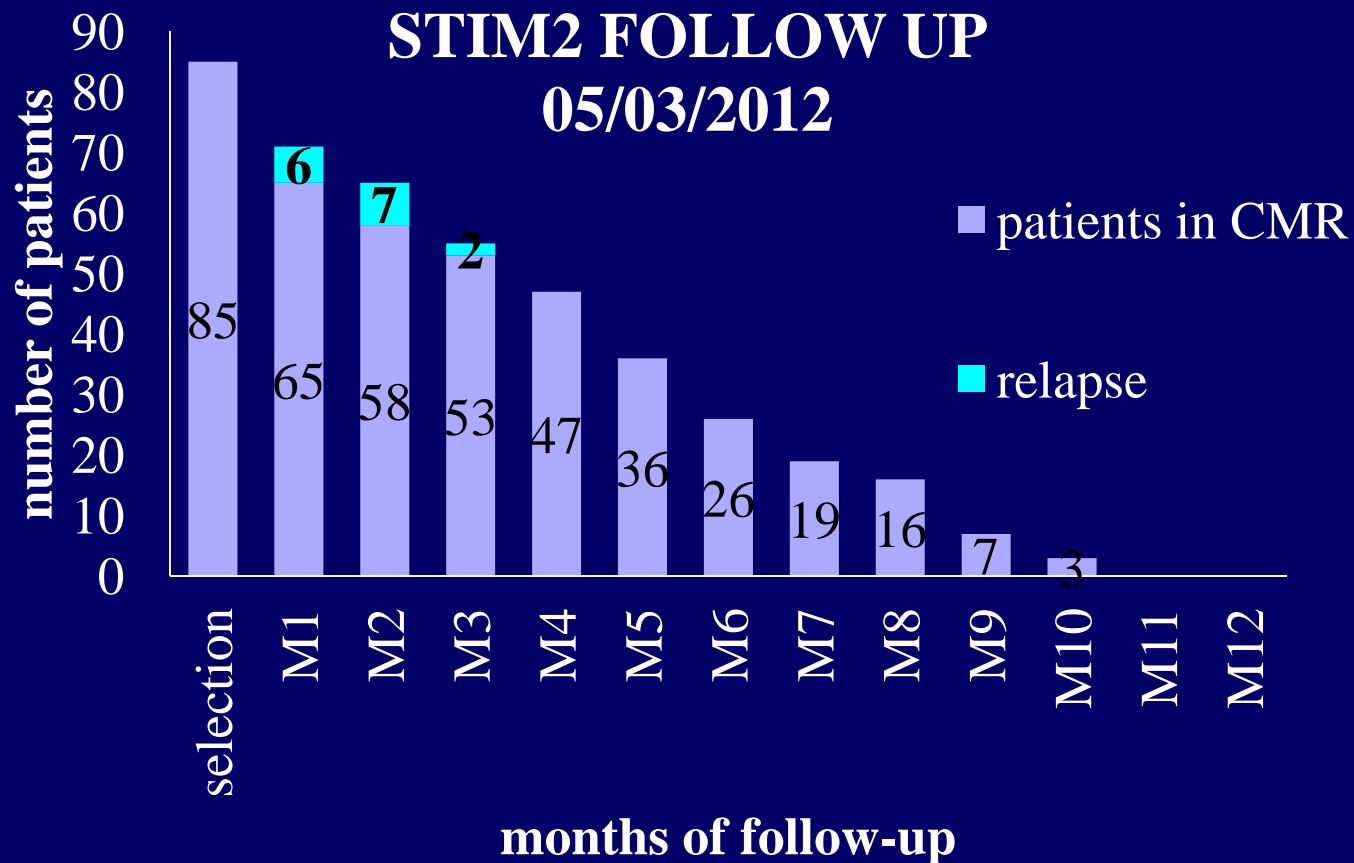


# Kaplan-Meier estimates of CMR after discontinuation of imatinib in 100 pts according to combined factors



# STIM 2 study

- Start in June 2011
- Median duration of CMR before stopping : 41 months (25-99)
- 15 pts confirmed molecular recurrence\*
- 30 pts unconfirmed molecular recurrence



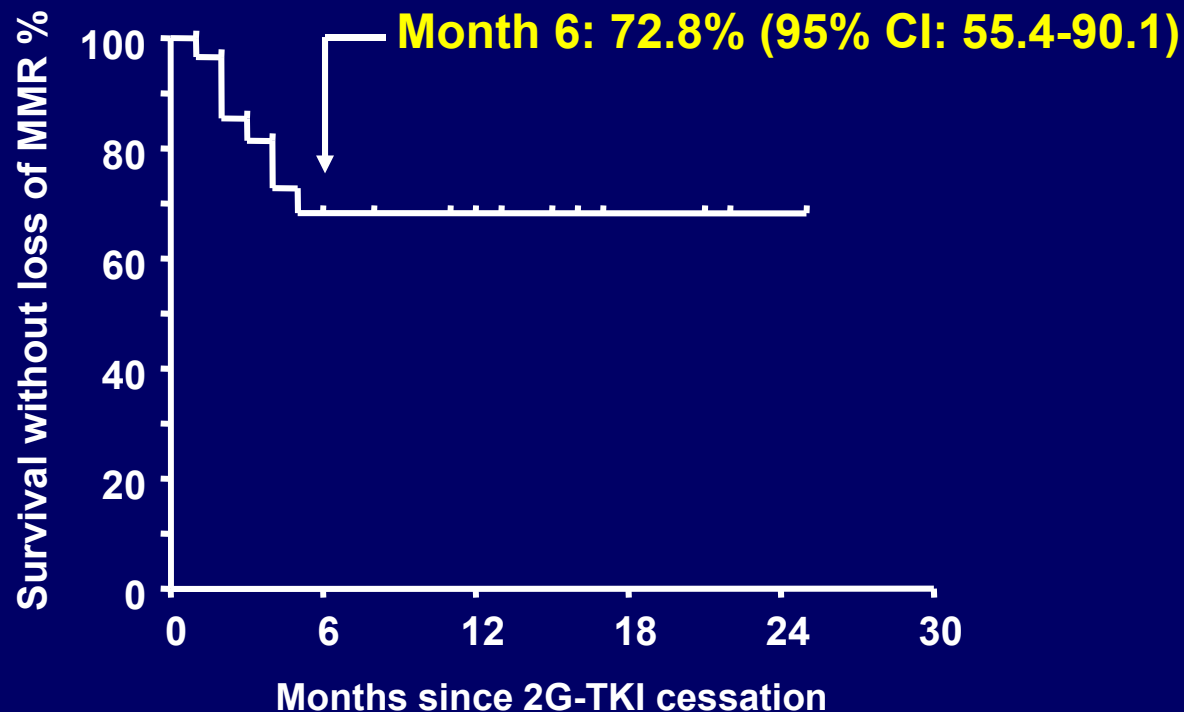
\*Molecular recurrence was defined as positivity of *BCR-ABL* transcript in quantitative RT-PCR confirmed by a second analysis point, indicating the increase of one log in relation to the first analysis point at two successive assessments or loss of MMR at one point.

# 2G-TKI stopping study

## Stable MMR by 6 months

- Following 2G-TKI cessation, 8 pts lost MMR after a median time off-therapy of 2 months (2-5)

Kaplan-Meier estimate of stable MMR after 2G-TKI cessation



# Impact of the use of loss of MMR as a relapse criteria

## Cumulative survival





**Muchas Gracias...**

