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SESSIONE - SINDROMI MIELOPROLIFERATIVE

# Leucemia mieloide cronica



## DICHIARAZIONE

### Massimo Breccia

Come da nuova regolamentazione della Commissione Nazionale per la Formazione Continua del Ministero della Salute, è richiesta la trasparenza delle fonti di finanziamento e dei rapporti con soggetti portatori di interessi commerciali in campo sanitario.

- Posizione di dipendente in aziende con interessi commerciali in campo sanitario **(NIENTE DA DICHIARARE)**
- Consulenza ad aziende con interessi commerciali in campo sanitario **(Novartis, BMS, Incyte, Pfizer, Abbvie)**
- Fondi per la ricerca da aziende con interessi commerciali in campo sanitario **(NIENTE DA DICHIARARE)**
- Partecipazione ad Advisory Board **(Novartis, BMS, Incyte, Pfizer, Abbvie)**
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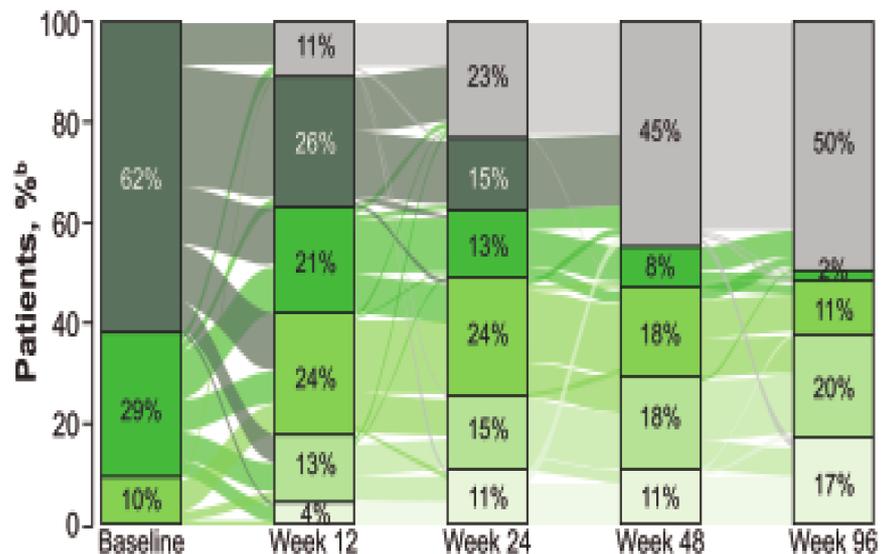
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# New TKIs



## ASCEMBL trial: dynamic of responses

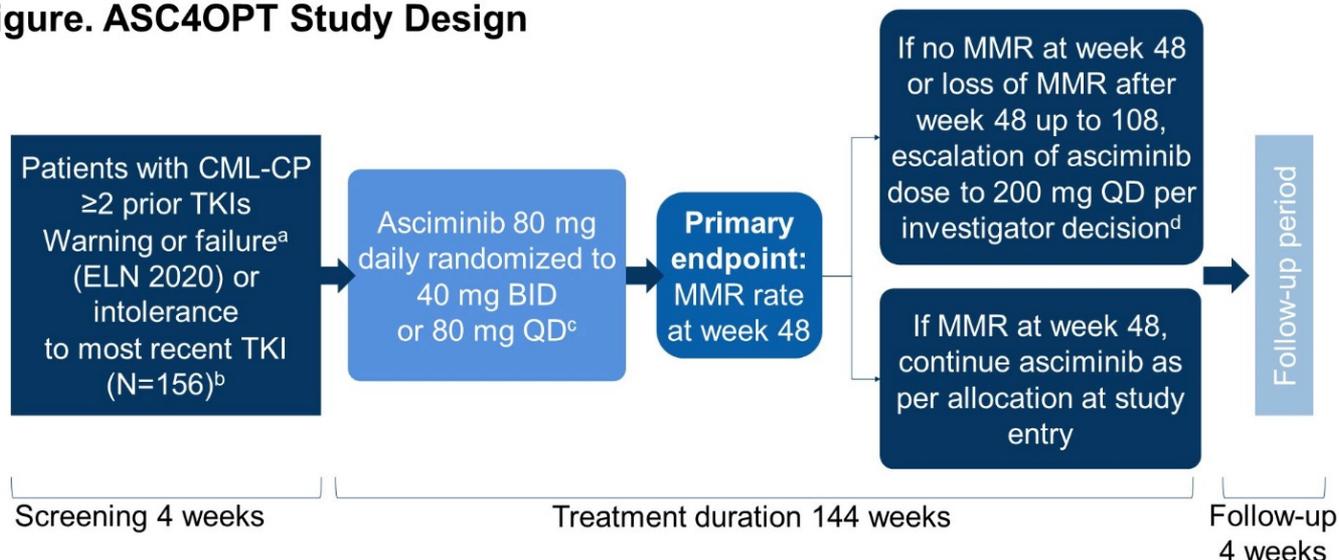
- Of 60 pts on asciminib with ***BCR::ABL1*<sup>IS</sup> ≤10%** at baseline, 18 (30.0%), 24 (40.0%), and 36 (60.0%) reached MMR at wk 12, 24, and 96, respectively,
- Of 97 pts with ***BCR::ABL1*<sup>IS</sup> >10%** at baseline, 10 (10.3%), 16 (16.5%), and 23 (23.7%) reached MMR at wk 12, 24, and 96, respectively,
- Of 18 pts on asciminib with ***BCR::ABL1*<sup>IS</sup> >1%** by wk 24, the estimated cumulative incidence of ***BCR::ABL1*<sup>IS</sup> ≤1%** (95% CI) was 22.2% (6.5%-43.6%) by 1 year and 38.9% (16.4%-61.0%) by 2 years.
- **Responses continued to deepen over time with asciminib in pts with CML-CP after ≥2 prior TKIs, with additional pts achieving MMR at later time points.**





## ASC4opt: asciminib as 3L (40 mg BID vs 80 mg QD)

Figure. ASC4OPT Study Design

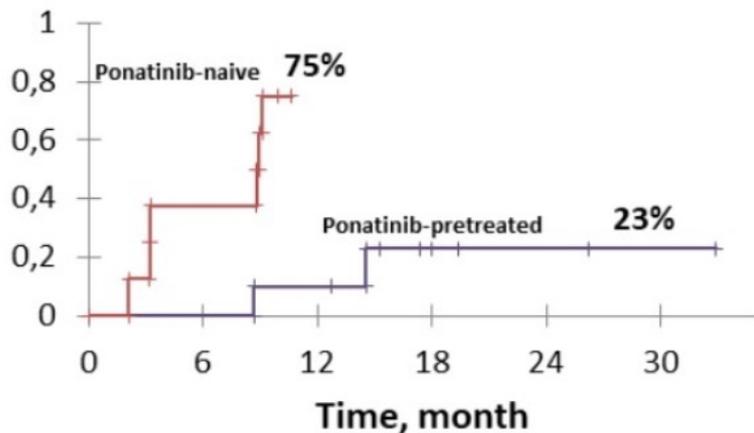


The primary endpoint is MMR rate ( $BCR::ABL1^{IS} \leq 0.1\%$ ) at wk 48 in pts not in MMR at baseline. In pts not achieving MMR at 48 wks or losing response after wk 48 and up to wk 108, asciminib dose may be escalated to 200 mg QD if in the investigator's opinion the pt may benefit from the escalation.



## Asciminib MAP in Russia: updated results

Cumulative Incidence of MMR



- **50 patients**
- 20 pts received 200 mg BID and 30 40 mg BID
- Median FU 17 months
  
- 2-year OS was 100% and 93% in 200 mg BID and 40 mg BID, respectively

For 40 mg BID group

- CCyR 55%
- **MMR 29%**
- MR4 17%

For 200 mg BID group

- CCyR 45%
- **MMR 48%**
- MR4 45%

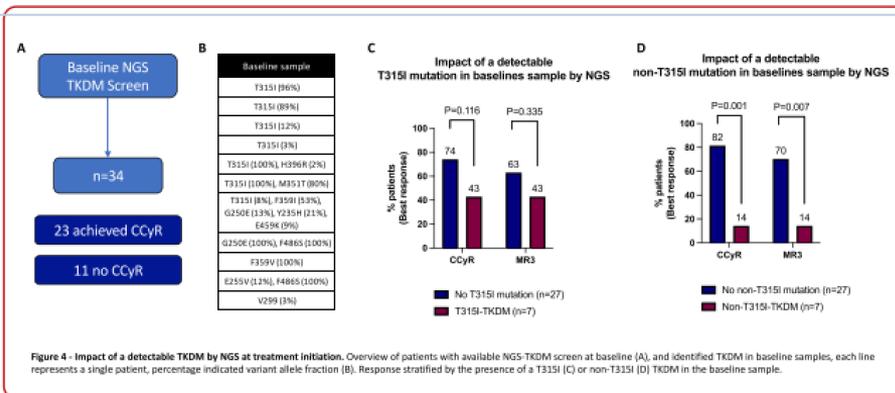
Cumulative incidence higher in ponatinib naïve

Most frequent AEs were thrombocytopenia and neutropenia



## MAP asciminib in UK

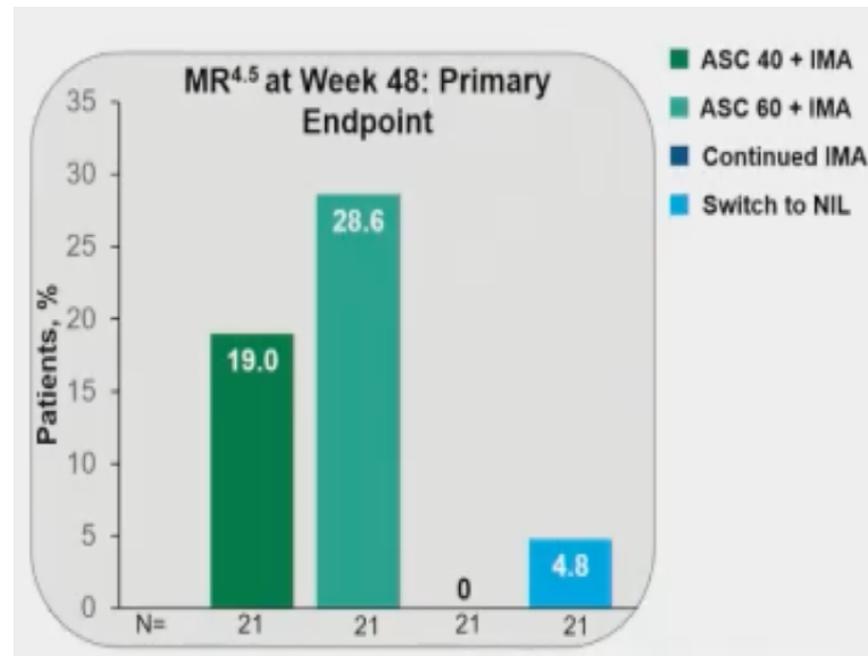
- **53 patients.** Median age 57 years
- **62% of pts received ponatinib**
- The reason for stopping the last TKI was **intolerance in 33 (62%)** and resistance in 20 (38%) patients.
- **T315I was most common** (n=13, 25%)
- **29 (52%) achieved major molecular response (MMR; *BCR::ABL1* PCR <0.1% IS) or better.**
- History of a non-T315I-TKDM was associated with a lower rate of MMR (27% vs 62%, p=0.014).
- No significant differences were seen between those who had previously received ponatinib or not (48% vs 65%, p=0.450), although those with ponatinib resistance, rather than intolerance, had a tendency toward a lower rate of MMR (33% vs 65%, p=0.11).





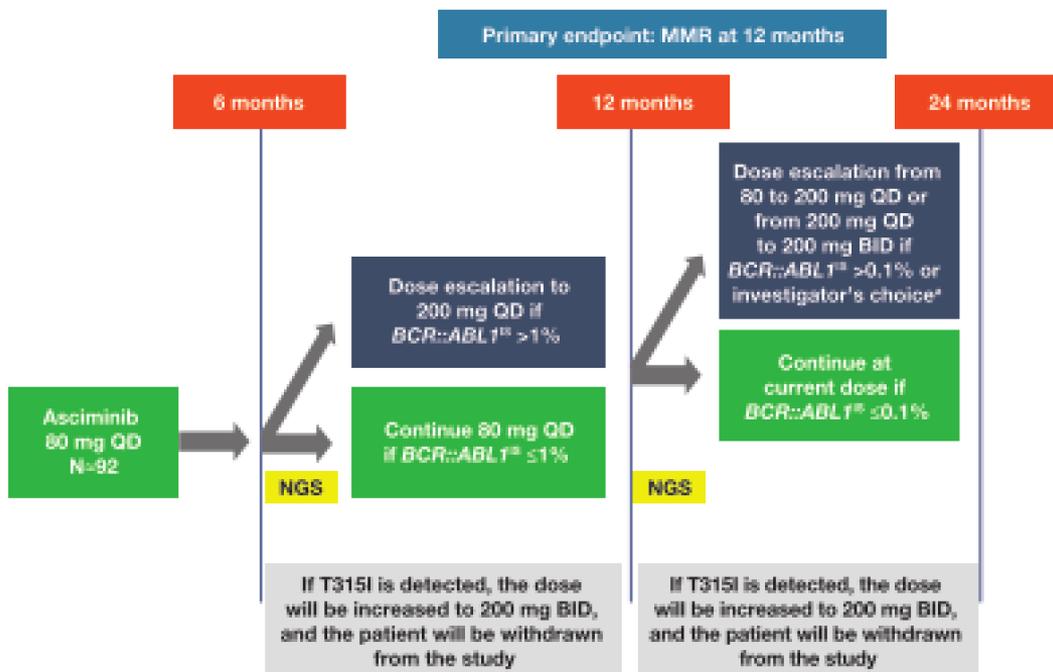
## ASC4more trial: asciminib add-on vs ima vs nilo

- Pts were randomized 1:1:1:1 to receive ASC (40 or 60 mg once daily [QD]) add-on to IMA 400 mg QD, continue IMA 400 mg QD, or switch to NIL 300 mg twice daily. The primary endpoint was MR<sup>4.5</sup> rate at wk 48.
- **84 pts randomized**
- In the 40-mg ASC add-on, 60-mg ASC add-on, IMA, and NIL arms, respectively, 19.0%, 28.6%, 0%, and 4.8% of pts were in MR<sup>4.5</sup> at wk 48
- The Kaplan-Meier–estimated rate of maintaining MR<sup>4.5</sup> for  $\geq 48$  wk was 60.0%, 80.0%, and 66.7% in the 40- and 60-mg ASC add-on and NIL arms, respectively.
- ASC add-on was associated with higher rates of adverse events (AEs), serious AEs, and discontinuations than continued IMA, but less than switching to NIL





# ASC2ESCALATE: dose escalation to 200 mg BID in pts with failure



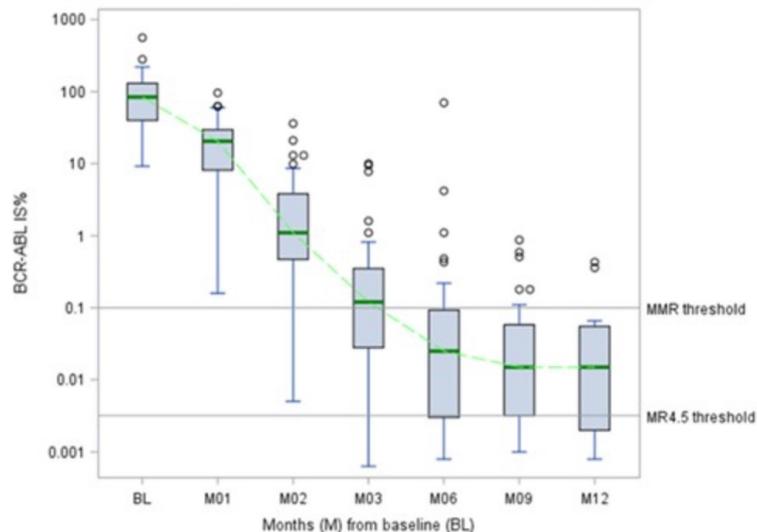
A Phase II, Single-Arm, Dose-Escalation Study of Asciminib Monotherapy in Patients With Chronic Myeloid Leukemia in Chronic Phase Previously Treated With 1 Prior TKI



# ASCEND trial: asciminib 1st line interim analysis

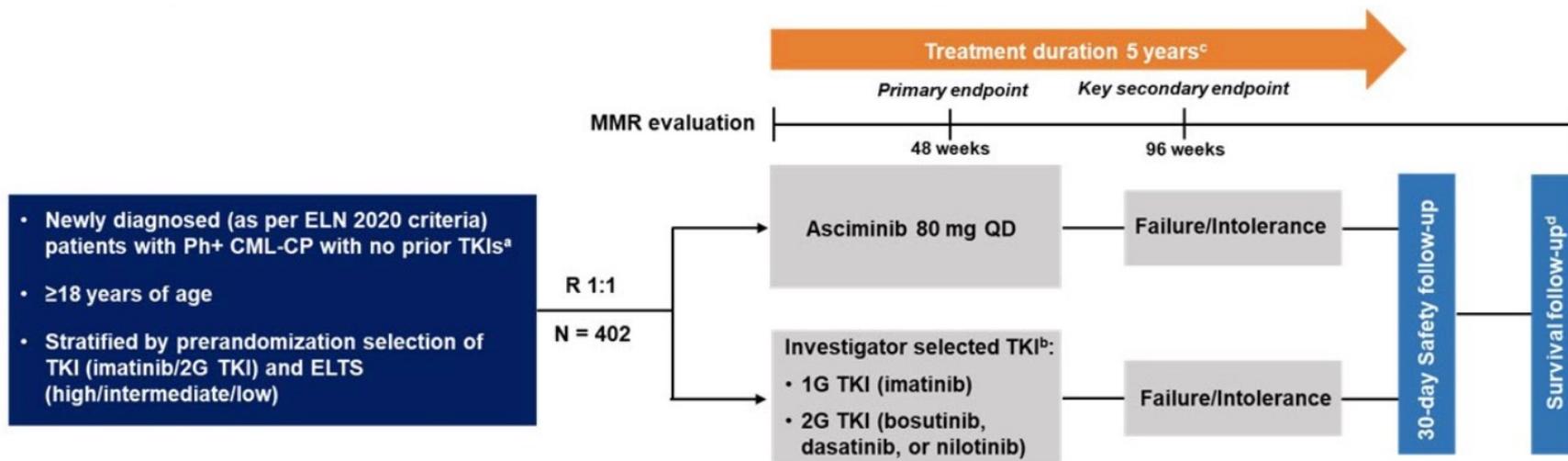
- Phase II trial
- Patients with treatment failure ( $BCR::ABL1 >10\%$  at 3 or 6 months;  $BCR::ABL1 >1\%$  at 12 or 18 months) continue asciminib and add either imatinib, dasatinib or nilotinib, according to physician preference.
- Patients who have not failed, but have not achieved optimal response at 6, 12, or 18 months, have their asciminib dose doubled to 80mg BID
- Co-primary end points are achievement of early molecular response (EMR,  $BCR::ABL1 \leq 10\%$  at 3 months) and major molecular response ( $BCR::ABL1 \leq 0.1\%$ ) by 12 months
- **79/100 pts enrolled with a median FU of 10 months**
- Most common AEs reported were neutropenia, thrombocytopenia, increased amylase/lipase
- 9 pts discontinued: 2 case of resistance (1 sudden BC with myristoic site mutations)
- **EMR 93.7%**
- 3 pts escalated the dose

Fig 2.  $BCR::ABL1$  over time for ALLG CML13 ASCEND-CML





## ASC4first: asciminib as frontline Tx



The primary objectives are to compare the efficacy of asciminib vs investigator-selected TKIs and to compare the efficacy of asciminib vs IMA in the stratum of investigator-selected IMA. The primary endpoint is MMR at week 48. The study will be positive if either of these objectives is met.

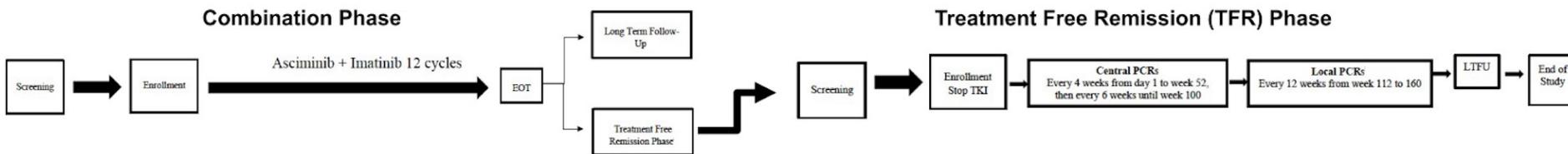


# Asciminib post TFR failure

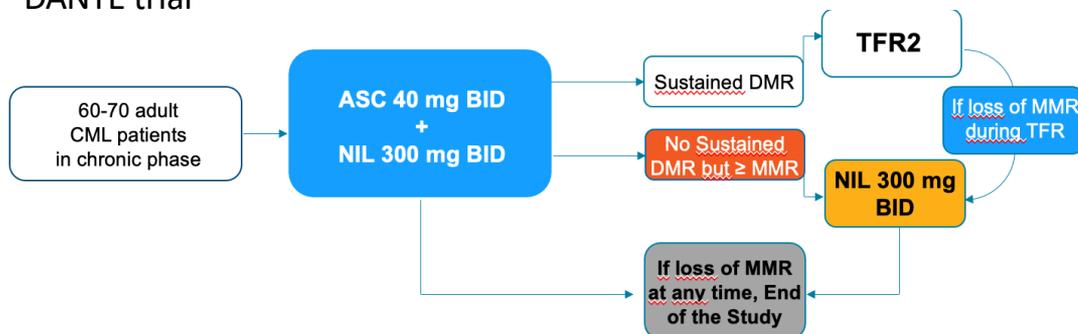
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### Inclusion Criteria:

1. Age  $\geq 18$  years old; ECOG PS 0-3
2. CML-CP with either the b3a2 (e14a2) or b2a2 (e13a2) variants giving rise to the p210 BCR-ABL1 protein
3. Single prior instance of physician guided TFR attempt
4.  $\geq 3y$  of TKI therapy and documented deep MR (MR4;  $<0.01\%$  IS) for  $\geq 2$  years prior to first TFR attempt
5. Relapse (loss of MMR) and resumption of imatinib (up to 400 mg daily) for 1 year prior to study entry
6. BCR::ABL1 RQ-PCR  $<0.0032\%$  IS at enrollment
7. Willing to practice appropriate contraception



## DANTE trial



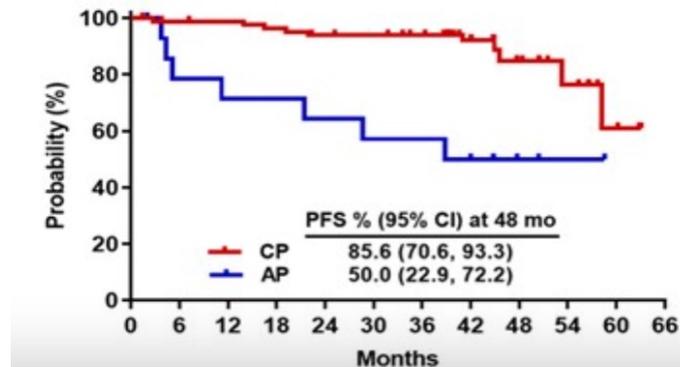
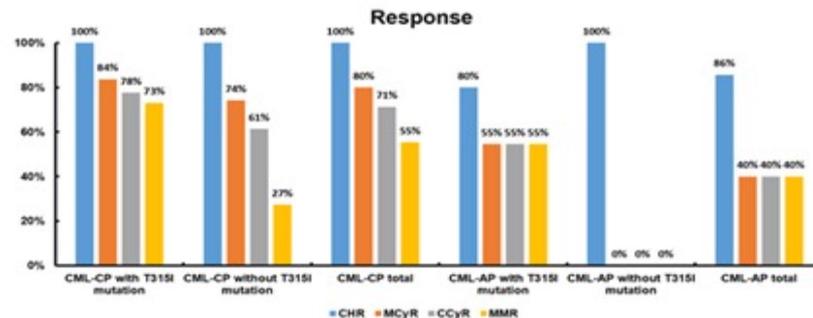
### Inclusion criteria

- CML-CP patients  $\geq 18$  years
- First line treatment with NIL for at least 3 calendar years at 300 mg BID dose (it may be less than 300 mg BID if considered appropriate by clinical judgement, but at least 300 mg daily), followed by first TFR attempt
- First TFR failure, followed by at least 1 year of NIL retreatment before enrollment in TFR2 stage
- MR4 or better (BCR-ABL  $\leq 0.01\%$  IS) assessed at screening



# Olverembatinib: phase 1, 5-years long-term FU

- Phase I trial, 101 pts (86 CP)
- Median Tx duration 44.7 months
- 83% >2 previous TKIs
- 66.7% T315I mutated, 11.9% compound mutations
- 71% continued the treatment
- CP patients: **55% MMR**
- AP patients: 40% MMR
- **T315I mutated: 73% MMR**
- PFS at 48 mos: 85.6%
- 7/12 compound obtained MMR (58%)
- AE: skin pigmentation 85%
  - hypertriglyceridemia 11%
  - proteinuria 6.9%
  - thrombocytopenia 78% (51% > GR3)





# Olverembatinib in T315I mutated pts: phase 2 trial

- **CC201 study (CP with T315I, 40 mg QD)**

41 pts

78% pretreated with > 2 TKIs

100% CHR, 82.9% MCyR, **58.5% MMR**

36-months PFS 86.3%, OS 95%

AEs: thrombocytopenia 70.7%, skin pigmentation 56.1%

- **CC202 study (AP pts with T315I)**

23 pts,

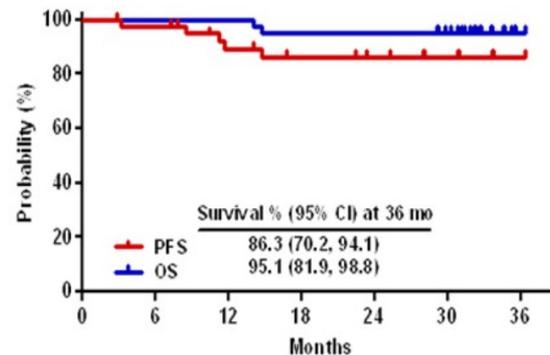
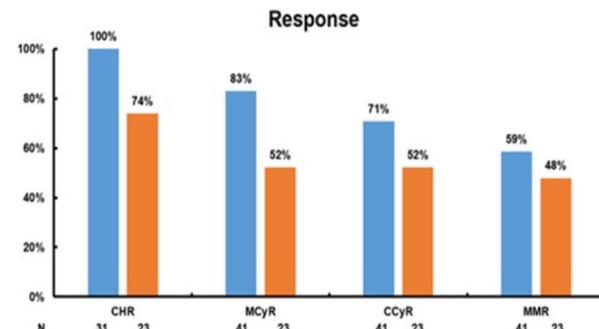
78.3% MaHR (73.9% CHR), 52% MCyR, **47.8% MMR**

36-months PFS 57%, OS 69.6%

AEs: thrombocytopenia 78.3%, skin pigmentation 69.6%

56% proteinuria and 52% hypocalcemia

61% hypertriglyceridemia





# Olverembatinib phase 2 MDACC trial

- 30 pts
- Randomized 3:3:2 to olverembatinib 30, 40, 50 QOD
- The majority (56.7%) received 4 or 5 previous TKIs
- 21 received ponatinib and 5 asciminib before
- 12 T315I mutated
- 22/30 pts experienced GR 3/4 AEs
- Thrombocytopenia 23%  
neutropenia 16%  
CPK increased 10%
- In CP: CCyR 66.7%, MMR 44%
- The drug was effective in T315I mutated or WT, regardless the previous treatment with ponatinib or asciminib

Table 2. Efficacy Overview of Olverembatinib in Patients with CML and Ph+ ALL

Response Category	Total	CML-CP	CML-AP/BP/Ph+ ALL	Pts With T315I Mutation	Pts Without T315I Mutation
Efficacy population	21	16	5	8	13
Cytogenetic response					
Evaluable subjects, no.	17	13	4	8	9
Major cytogenetic response, no. (%)	11 (64.7)	9 (69.2)	2 (50.0)	5 (62.5)	6 (66.7)
Complete cytogenetic response, -no. (%)	10 (58.8)	9 (69.2)	1 (25.0)	5 (62.5)	5 (55.6)
Molecular response					
Evaluable subjects, no. (%)	21	16	5	8	13
Major molecular response, no. (%)	9 (42.9)	7 (43.8)	2 (40.0)	4 (50.0)	5 (38.5)

Response Category	Ponatinib-Pre-treated	Ponatinib-Naïve	Ponatinib-Resistant	Ponatinib-Intolerant
Efficacy population	14	8	11	3
Cytogenetic response				
Evaluable subjects, no.	12	6	9	3
Major cytogenetic response, no. (%)	9 (75.0)	3 (50.0)	6 (66.7)	3 (100.0)
Complete cytogenetic response, no. (%)	8 (66.7)	3 (50.0)	5 (55.6)	3 (100.0)
Molecular response				
Evaluable subjects, no.	14	8	11	3
Major molecular response, no. (%)	7 (50.0)	3 (37.5)	6 (54.5)	1 (33.3)



# Vodobatinib efficacy according to lines of previous TKIs

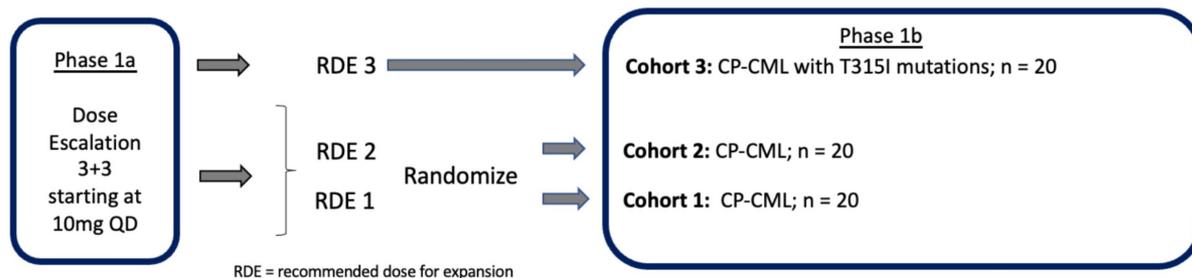
- 43 pts
- 15 pts in 2L, 28 in 3L, 15 3L including ponatinib, and 3 pts in 3L including pona and asciminib
- 56% resistant, 15 with mutations
- MMR was achieved in 5 (33.3%), 14 (50.0%) and 8 (53.3%) in 2T, 3T and PON, respectively.
- Of the 20 pts with MMR as best response, 10 (23.6%) achieved molecular response M4
- Dose intensity was similar for all groups
- 2/16 who progressed, developed compound mutations
- AEs: thrombocytopenia 14%  
GI events  
increased amylase/lipase
- 10 pts experienced CV effects (GR3 in 2 pts)

Table 1: Efficacy Outcomes and Drug Exposure

Status	2T (N = 15)		3T (N = 28)		PON (N = 15)		ASC (N = 3)		Overall (N = 43)	
	Baseline	Best Response	Baseline	Best Response	Baseline	Best Response	Baseline	Best Response	Baseline	Best Response
<b>Hematological</b>										
CHR	1 (6.7)	7 (46.7)	14 (50.0)	21 (75.0)	9 (60.0)	12 (80.0)	2 (66.7)	3 (100.0)	15 (34.9)	28 (65.1)
Missing <sup>1</sup>	5 (33.3)	0	2 (7.1)	0	1 (6.7)	0	1 (33.3)	0	7 (16.3)	0
<b>Cytogenetic</b>										
Major cytogenetic response	4 (26.7)	11 (73.3)	8 (28.6)	17 (60.7)	5 (33.3)	10 (66.7)	0	1 (33.3)	12 (27.9)	28 (65.1)
Complete cytogenetic response	2 (13.3)	10 (66.7)	5 (17.9)	14 (50.0) <sup>2</sup>	4 (26.7)	7 (46.7) <sup>2</sup>	0	1 (33.3)	7 (16.3)	24 (55.8)
Partial cytogenetic response	2 (13.3)	1 (6.7)	3 (10.7)	3 (10.7)	1 (6.7)	3 (20.0)	0	0	5 (11.6)	4 (9.3)
Minor response	1 (6.7)	0	6 (21.4)	1 (3.6)	3 (20.0)	1 (6.7)	2 (66.7)	1 (33.3)	7 (16.3)	1 (2.3)
Minimal response	2 (13.3)	3 (20.0)	5 (17.9)	4 (14.3)	1 (6.7)	1 (6.7)	0	0	7 (16.3)	7 (16.3)
No response	8 (53.3)	1 (6.7)	7 (25.0)	4 (14.3)	4 (26.7)	2 (13.3)	0	1 (33.3)	15 (34.9)	5 (11.6)
Missing	0	0	2 (7.1)	2 (7.1)	2 (13.3)	1 (6.7)	1 (33.3)	0	2 (4.7)	2 (4.7)
<b>Molecular</b>										
Major molecular response (M3)	0	5 (33.3)	1 (3.6)	15 (53.6)	0	8 (53.3)	0	0	1 (2.3)	20 (46.5)
Molecular Response (M4)	0	2 (13.3)	1 (3.6)	9 (32.1)	0	4 (26.7)	0	0	1 (2.3)	11 (25.6)
No response	14 (93.3)	10 (66.7)	24 (85.7)	12 (42.9)	13 (86.7)	7 (46.7)	1 (33.3)	3 (100.0)	38 (88.4)	22 (51.2)
Missing	1 (6.7)	0	3 (10.7)	1 (3.6)	2 (13.3)	0	2 (66.7)	0	4 (9.3)	1 (2.3)
<b>Average dose received per day across all cycles (median, range in mg)</b>	174.00 (58.7 – 204.0)		127.7 (48.0 – 215.1)		123.7 (66.0 – 215.1)		123.7 (66.0 – 167.7)		166.6 (48.0 – 215.1)	



## ELVN-001: new selective TK inhibitor



- ELVN-001 is a highly selective small molecule active site inhibitor of ABL1 that does not significantly inhibit the receptor tyrosine kinases PDGFR, KIT, VEGFR2 or the Src-family (eg SRC, LCK, LYN, FYN).
- In vitro data also supports ELVN-001 targeting the most common CML mutation, T315I and not being a substrate for drug efflux transporters such as BCRP, which may contribute to resistance or sensitivity to other TKIs.
- A phase 1 open-label, multi-center, dose escalation and expansion study. Eligible pts are adults with CP and AP CML who are intolerant or have failed (as per ELN 2020 Recommendations) available TKIs known to be active for treatment of their CML.
- Prior marrow transplant is allowed. CML with point mutations E255, Y253, G250, F317 or Q252 are excluded.
- Primary endpoints are dose limiting toxicities, adverse events, laboratory and ECG abnormalities.



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# Update of ongoing trials



## OPTIC trial at 3 years of FU

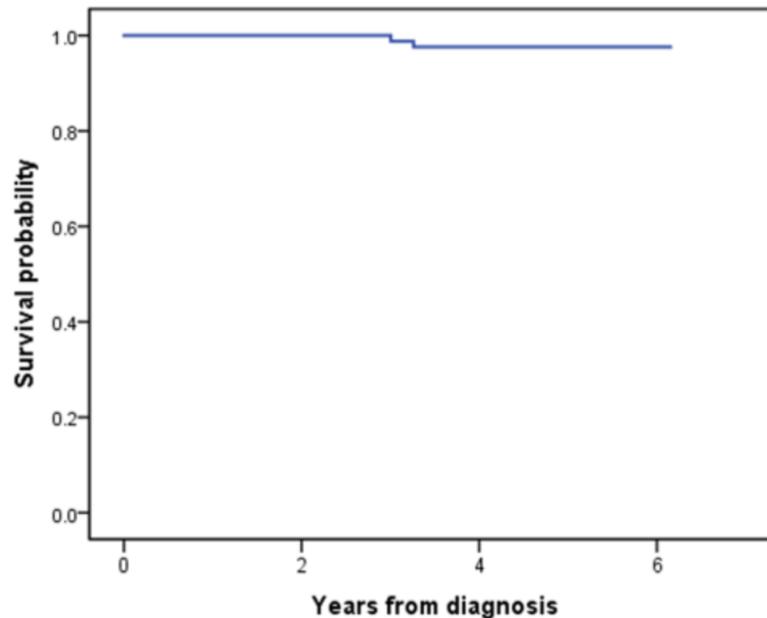
- 283 pts randomized to 3 different doses
- Of the patients with T315I mutations, 64% (16/25), 25% (5/20), and 16% (3/19) attained  $\leq 1\%$  *BCR::ABL1<sup>IS</sup>* by 36 months versus 59% (39/66), 44% (32/73), and 46% (33/71) of patients without T315I in the 45-mg, 30-mg, and 15-mg cohorts, respectively.
- 27% (12/45) and 11% (3/27) patients re-escalated after loss of  $\leq 1\%$  *BCR::ABL1<sup>IS</sup>* response; 75% (9/12) and 67% (2/3) of these patients regained  $\leq 1\%$  *BCR::ABL1<sup>IS</sup>*, respectively.
- Grade  $\geq 3$  AOE were reported in the 45-mg cohort (6%), 30-mg cohort (6%), and 15-mg cohort (4%) and were similar to reported rates in the primary analysis of OPTIC (45 mg, 5%; 30 mg, 5%; 15 mg, 3%).

Response <sup>a</sup>	45-mg Cohort (N=93)	30-mg Cohort (N=93)	15-mg Cohort (N=91)
$\leq 1\%$ <i>BCR::ABL1<sup>IS</sup></i> by 36 mo, n (%)	56 (60)	37 (40)	36 (40)
Median DOR, mo (range)	NR (0–68.8)	NR (0–66.1)	NR (0–69.5)
Survival probability at 36 mo, % (95% CI)			
PFS	72 (61–81)	67 (54–77)	70 (57–79)
OS	87 (78–93)	87 (78–93)	92 (85–96)



## Dasatinib 50 mg frontline long-term FU

- 83 pts
- Median age 47 years
- 48% were males
- 65% of pts had low risk
- At 3 months, 96% achieved EMR
- At 12 months, 81% MMR, 63% MR4, 46% MR4.5
- 5-years FFS 88%, EFS 97%, OS 98%
- Rate of PE was 5%
- 5 patients discontinued the treatment





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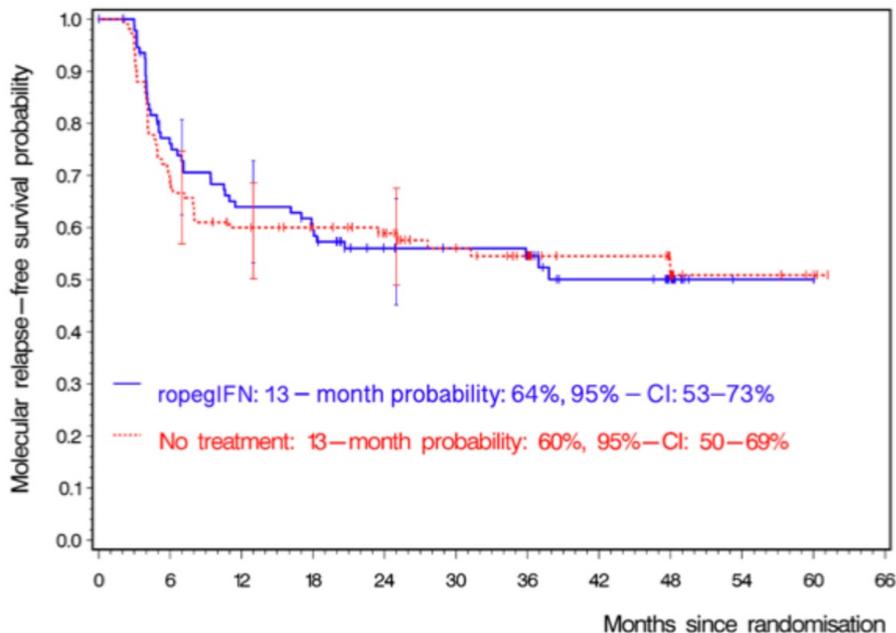
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**TFR**



## Emerging strategies: the role of ropeg-IFN in TFR

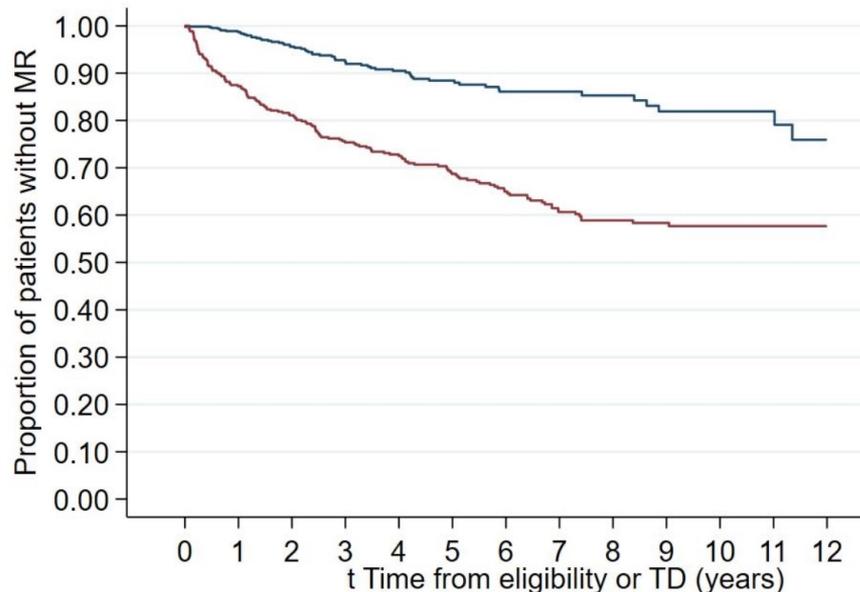
- Pts in stable DMR or in second TFR randomized to receive ropeg-IFN or no other treatment
- Primary endpoint the molecular relapse free survival
- 203 pts randomized
- In 80% of pts was the first attempt of TFR
- MRFS at 24 months was 56% for ropeg-IFN vs 59% for no treatment arm
- Ropeg-IFN maintenance after discontinuing TKI-monotherapy **does not increase** the proportion of patients, who persistently maintain at least an MMR. The German CML-V (TIGER) trial currently explores the impact of IFN maintenance on TFR when patients receive a combination of TKI plus IFN before TKI stop





## TFR-pro: risk of progression in pts eligible to TFR

- Retrospective study in 20 centers
- Pts eligible have at least 4 years of TKI treatment and 18 months of stable DMR
- Primary endpoint was to assess the risk of progression to AP/BP
- 810 pts recorded
- Median FU 6 years
- 434 pts attempted TFR, with 35% of relapse
- Risk of progression is 1/778 (0.13%)
- Slightly more than half of 778 eligible Pts attempt TD
- Pts who discontinue treatment have a significantly higher risk of losing MR3 than Pts who do not



Number at risk		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
No TD	344	236	163	112	67	39	19							
TD	434	321	288	181	117	69	34							





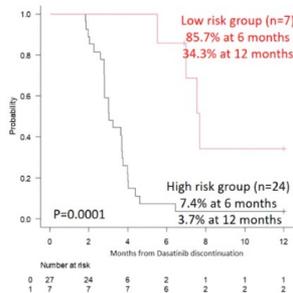
## TRAD trial: second attempt TFR

- Dasatinib for rechallenge after 1<sup>st</sup> TFR failure with imatinib
- 12 months dasatinib did not improve TFR2 rate
- 3/35 pts that stopped dasatinib maintained TFR (8.6%)
- MRFS at 12 months was 10%
- Clinical factors predictive of TFR2 failure were: 1. failure to achieve MMR in less than 1 month following dasatinib rechallenge; 2. doubling time below 12.7 days at 2 months after imatinib discontinuation; 3. any detectable BCR::ABL1 transcript level between MR4 and MR4.5 before dasatinib discontinuation.
- A model was created with these 3 variables predictive of TFR2 failure

Table 1. Univariate analysis of TFR2 risk factors identified 5 risk factors

Risk factor	Subgroup	TFR2, 6 mo	P-value	HR [95% CI]
<b>During DA rechallenge</b>				
Time to MMR with DA	MMR achieved beyond 1 mo (n=24)	63.6%	0.0002	1.000
	MMR achieved within 1 mo (n=11)	4.2%		
<b>Prior to DA discontinuation for TFR2</b>				
BCR::ABL1 qPCR level before TFR2	Undetectable (MR5.5 or below) (n=28)	28.6%	0.0001	1.000
	Any detectable (MR4-MR5.4) (n=6)	0%		
<b>IM discontinuation for TFR1</b>				
Molecular relapse pattern	MR4 loss only (n=11)	63.6%	0.001	1.000
	MMR loss (n=24)	4.2%		
Time to MR loss	MR loss beyond 2.8 mo (n=21)	38.1%	0.0002	1.000
	MR loss within 2.8 mo (n=14)	0%		
DT at 2 months	DT above 12.75 days or ≤ 0 (n=12)	50.0%	0.002	1.000
	shorter DT at 2 months (n=22)	4.5%		

Fig 1. TFR2 according to the risk group of risk score model





# DANTE: dose optimization trial for TFR

**Primary endpoint:** Percentage of patients in FTFR 96 weeks after the start of consolidation phase

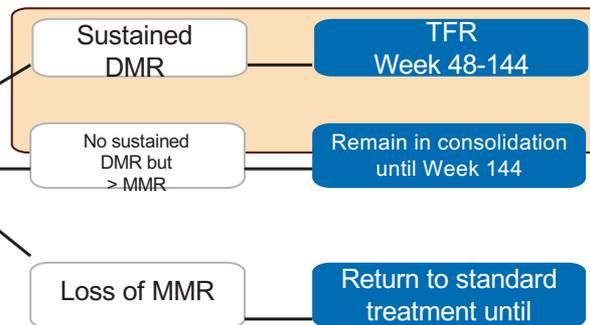
FTFR: Patients in MMR or better including those who remained in discontinuation during TFR phase and those who are treated with half the standard dose at week 96



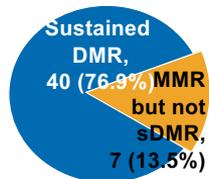
- CML-CP ≥18 years
- Nilotinib first line for at least 3 calendar years at 300 mg BID dose. At study entry, an ongoing treatment at a dose ≥ 400 mg per day is allowed.
- Sustained DMR, defined as MR 4.0 in all of the last 4 BCR-ABL RQ-PCR assessments
- No prior TFR attempt or known atypical transcript
- ECOG performance status 0-2

Patients with loss of MMR at any time will return to standard nilotinib regimen (300 mg BID) until end of trial (week 144).

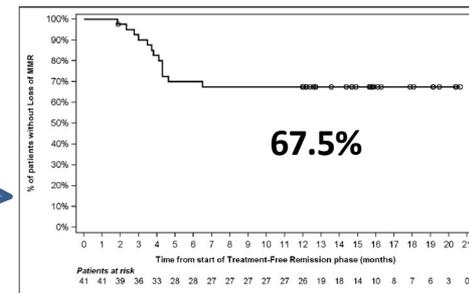
FTFR: patients in MMR or better at week 96



Molecular response in 47 patients who completed Consolidation Phase



6 patients regained DMR (median time: 1 patient still in MMR by data cutoff)



MMR=Major Molecular Response.  
Dots represent censored patients.  
Patients at risk are those who had no censored observations and did not have a loss of MMR at the considered timepoint.



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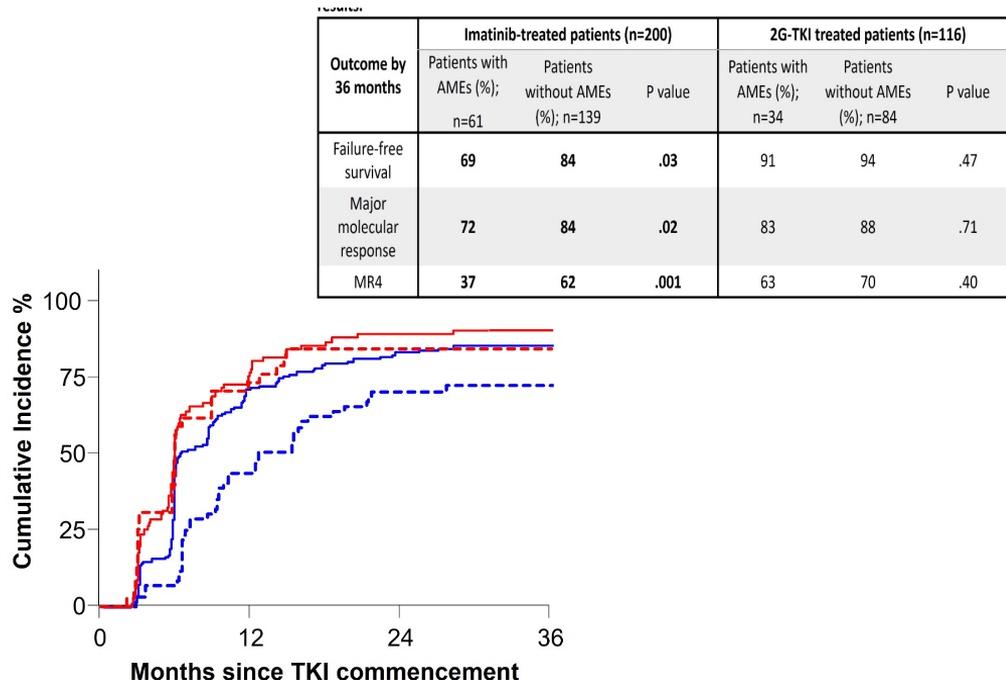
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# Genomic data



# Additional mutation events in CML: prognostic role

- True incidence of effect of cancer-gene mutations and Ph-associated rearrangements
- Incidence of AME in imatinib-treated pts was 31% (16% gene mutations and 18% Ph-rearrangements)
- Incidence of AME in 2gen TKIs-treated pts was 29% (17% gene mutations and 14% Ph-rearrangements)
- ASXL1 was the most frequent mutation (9% and 8%)
- **Imatinib-treated pts with AME had low FFS (69%), MMR (72%) and MR4 /37%**
- In 2gen TKIs pts similar responses in pts with AME
- No differences in OS and TFS in imatinib and 2gen TKIs





## ASXL1 in CML: prognostic role

- 222 pts of TIGER study investigated at baseline with NGS
- 53 pts (24%) carried 60 gene mutations
- ASXL1 in 20 pts (9%)
- Median age 54 years
- Follow-up of 100 pts during Tx showed 3 distinct patterns
  - Eradication in parallel with BCR::ABL1
  - Persistence despite decline of BCR::ABL1
  - Emergence or clonal evolution
- **Pts with ASXL1 showed less favourable response to nilotinib for MMR (at 24 months 65% vs 89%)**
- ASXL1 mutated were more frequently found in high risk EUTOS score and were more younger

