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**Gleevec<sup>®</sup>**  
**(imatinib mesylate)**

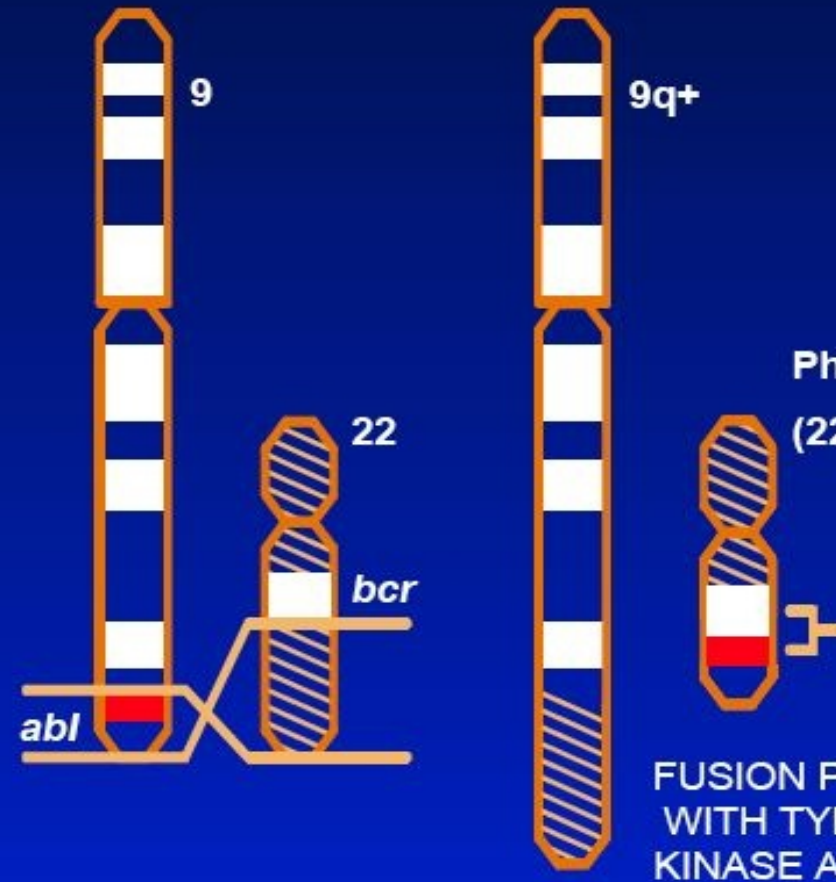
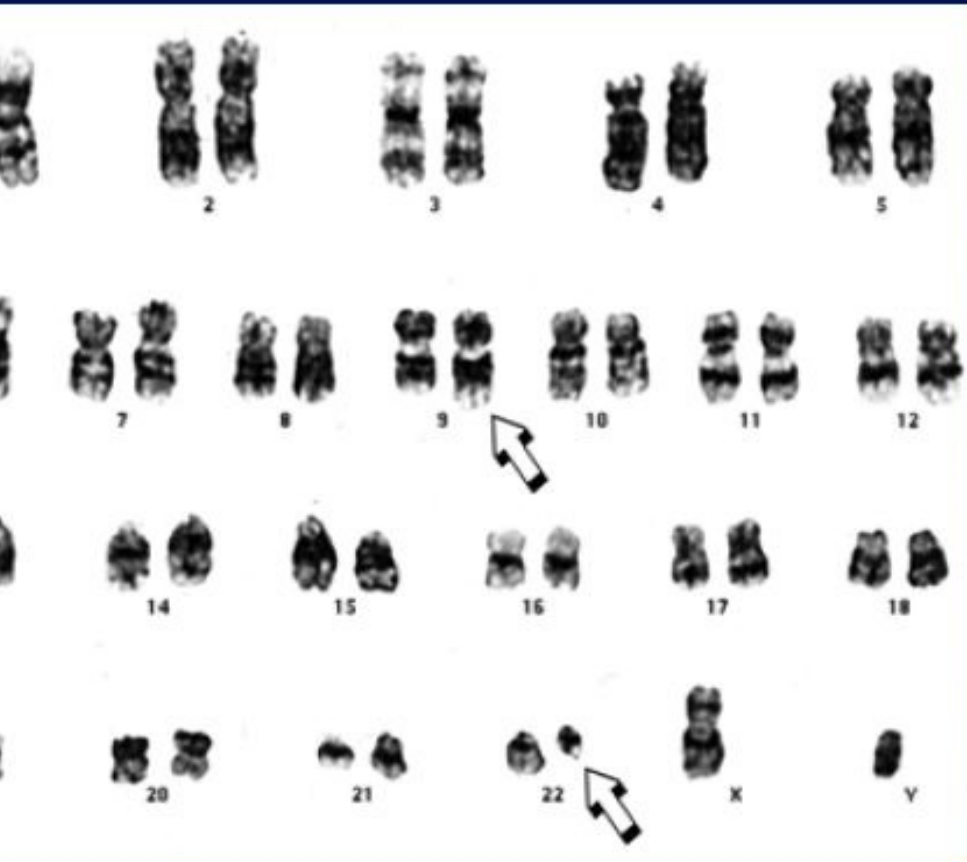
**Advancing the Treatment of Ph+  
Chronic Myeloid Leukemia (CML)**

# CML: a Progressive and Fatal Disease

<b>Chronic phase</b>	<b>Advanced phases</b>	
	<b>Accelerated phase</b>	<b>Blast crisis</b>
Median duration 5–6 years	Median duration 6–9 months	Median survival 3–6 months

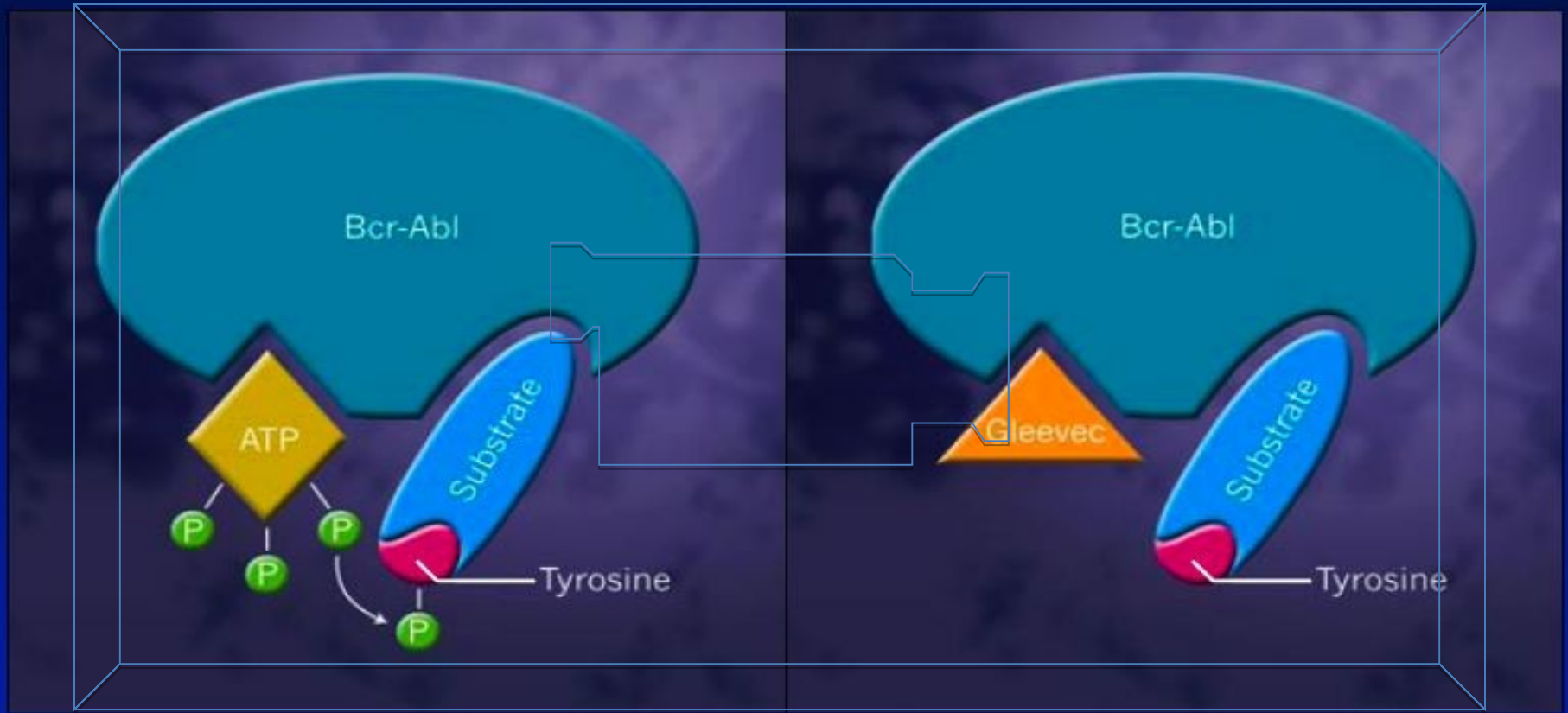


# CML: Linked to a Single Molecular Abnormality



The Philadelphia (Ph) Chromosome:  $t(9;22)$  Translocation

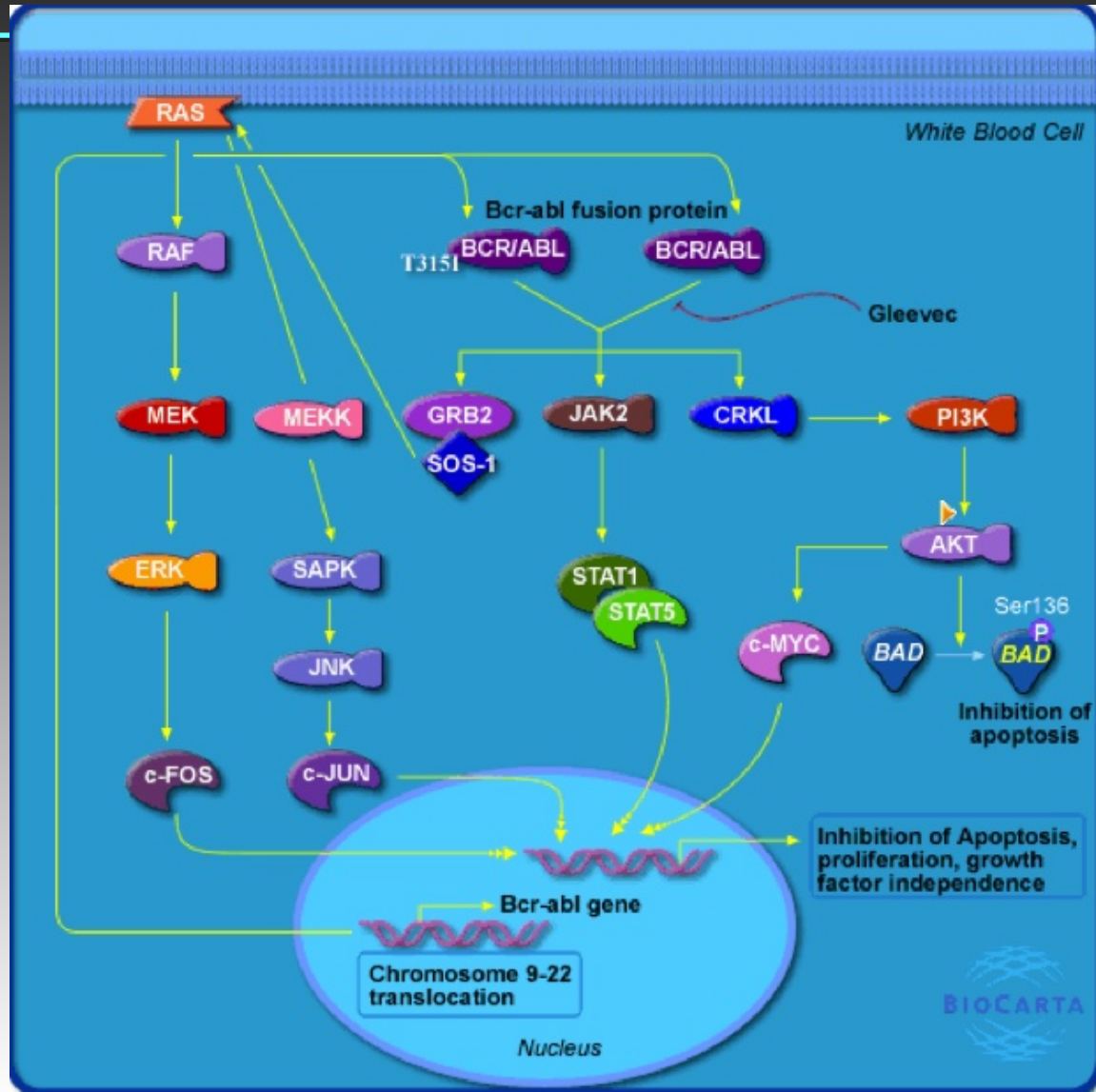
# Gleevec<sup>®</sup> Targets the Cause of CML



- Gleevec—a specific inhibitor of a small family of tyrosine kinases, including Bcr-Abl, Kit, and PDGF receptor

# Inhibition of Cellular Proliferation by Gleevec

[http://www.biocarta.com/pathfiles/h\\_gleevecpathway.asp](http://www.biocarta.com/pathfiles/h_gleevecpathway.asp)



# CML: Its Cause and Management

- The Ph chromosome generates the Bcr-Abl tyrosine kinase—the molecular cause of CML
  - Constitutive activation leads to malignant transformation
- Eliminating the Ph chromosome—a primary goal of therapy
  - Complete cytogenetic response (0% Ph+ cells)
  - Major cytogenetic response ( $\leq 35\%$  Ph+ cells)
  - Patients who achieved a complete/major cytogenetic response with SCT or IFN- $\alpha$  had prolonged survival vs patients without such a response
  - Longer follow-up required to determine survival benefit of Gleevec



# Gleevec<sup>®</sup>: Pharmacokinetics

- Rapidly and completely absorbed after oral administration
- Terminal half-life ( $t_{1/2}$ ) of Gleevec  $\approx 18$  h and of active metabolite  $\approx 40$  h, allowing convenient once-daily oral dosing
- 81% of Gleevec eliminated within 7 days
- Metabolized in the liver primarily by the cytochrome P<sub>450</sub> enzyme CYP3A4
  - In vitro competitive inhibitor of CYP3A4, CYP2C9, and CYP2D6
- Potential drug interactions between Gleevec and other substrates, inhibitors, or inducers of these enzymes

# Phase I Study: Gleevec® Achieves Hematologic and Cytogenetic Responses

	Chronic Phase IFN- $\alpha$ Failure 300–1000mg/day (n=54)	Blast Crisis, Myeloid 300–1000mg/day (n=38)	Blast Crisis, Lymphoid 300–1000mg/day (n=20)
<b>Hematologic response</b>	100%	55%	70%
Complete	98%	11%	20%
<b>Cytogenetic response</b>			
Major	31%	11%	15%
Complete	13%	8%	10%

- Typically 4 weeks to achieve CHR, 2 to 10 months to achieve MCR
- A maximal tolerated dose (MTD) was not reached (up to 1000mg/day)

Blaskin BJ et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2001;344:1031-1037.

Blaskin BJ et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2001;344:1038-1042.

# Phase II Results: Highest Response Rates in Chronic Phase

	Study 0110 Chronic Phase IFN- $\alpha$ Failure* (N=454)	Study 0109 Accelerated Phase* (N=181)	Study 0108 Blast Crisis (N=229)
<b>Hematologic response</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>31%</b>
Complete response	93%	37%	7%
No evidence of leukemia	–	12%	5%
Return to chronic phase	–	20%	19%
<b>Major cytogenetic response</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>7%</b>
Complete response	32%	13%	1.5%

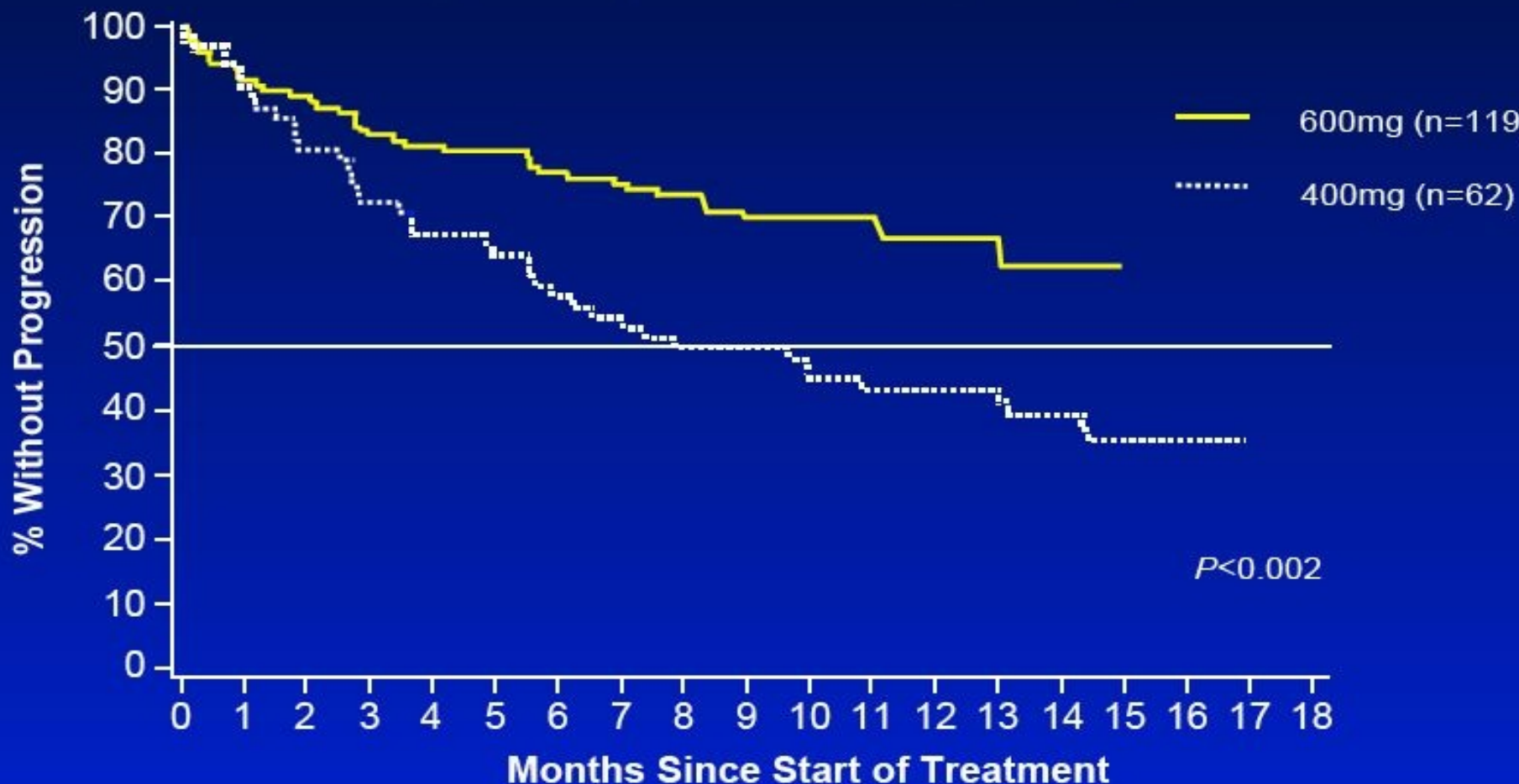
Chronic phase: 400mg/day; advanced phases: 400mg/day or 600mg/day. Dose escalation permitted in all trials.

Imatinib (Gleevec®) (imatinib mesylate) Prescribing Information.

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# Higher Dose: Longer Time to Disease Progression

Study 0109 (accelerated phase)

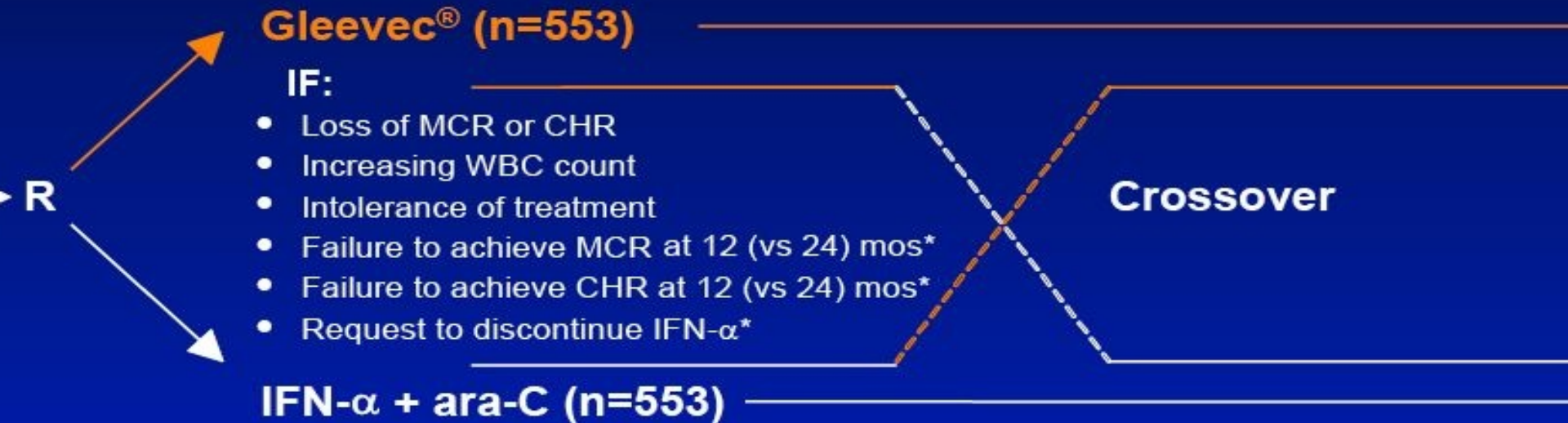


# IRIS Study: Reevaluating First-Line CML Therapy

- Gleevec<sup>®</sup> versus IFN- $\alpha$  + ara-C (Study 106)
- Rationale for first-line use of Gleevec
  - High response rate in patients failing IFN- $\alpha$
  - Higher response rates in earlier phases
- Phase III, multinational, randomized, open-label
- Inclusion criteria: newly diagnosed chronic phase CML patients
- Primary objective—determine time to progression, defined as:
  - Increasing WBC count
  - Loss of CHR or MCR
  - Accelerated phase or blast crisis
  - Death
- Secondary objectives—determine rate and duration of CHR and MCR; overall survival; safety; molecular response; quality of life (QoL) using FACT-BRM

# IRIS: The Largest Phase III CML Study to Date

1106 patients enrolled from June 2000 to January 2001

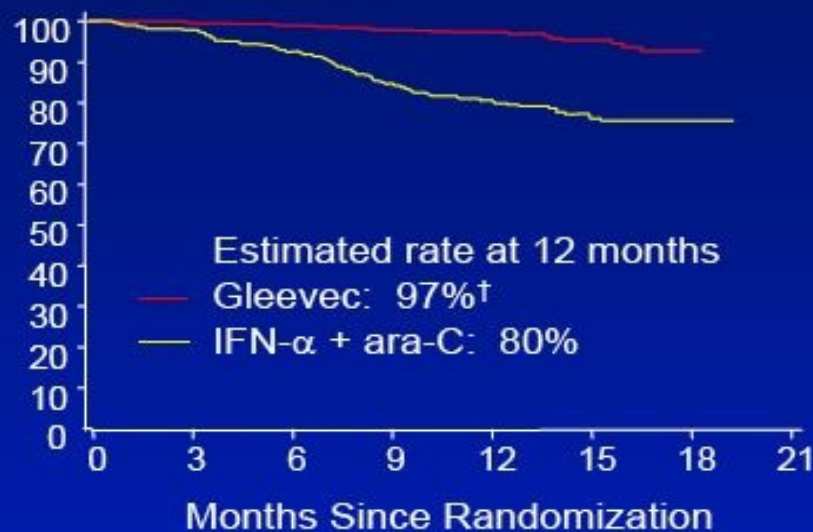


**S** = screening.

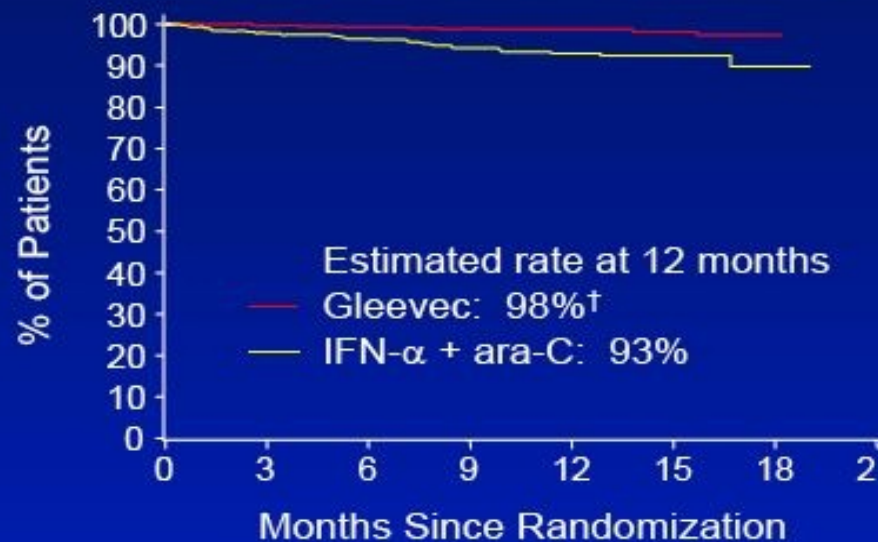
**R** = randomization.

# Longer Time to Progression With Gleevec®\*

Patients Free of  
Any Disease Progression\*



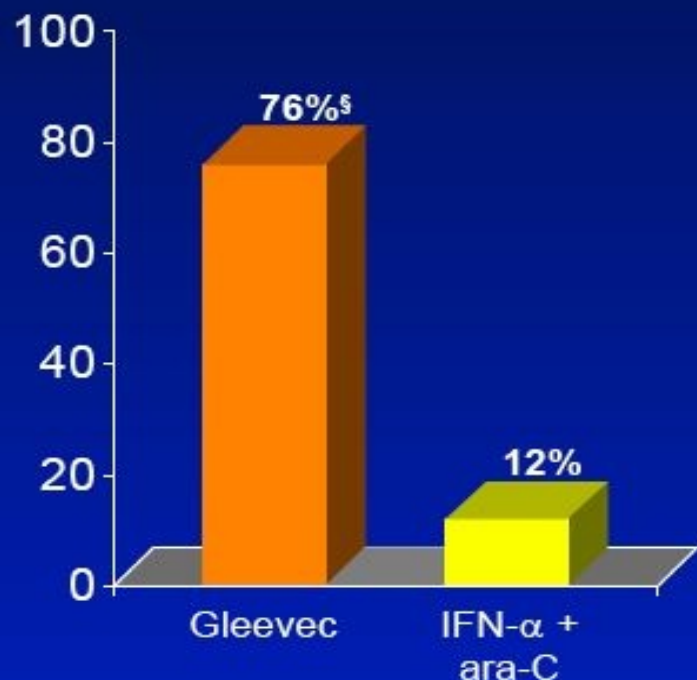
Patients Free of  
Progression to Advanced Disease\*



RIS study; n=553 in each arm.  
†p < 0.0001.

# Higher Cytogenetic Response Rates With Gleevec<sup>®</sup>\*

## Major Cytogenetic Response<sup>†</sup>



†AS Study; n=553 in each arm.

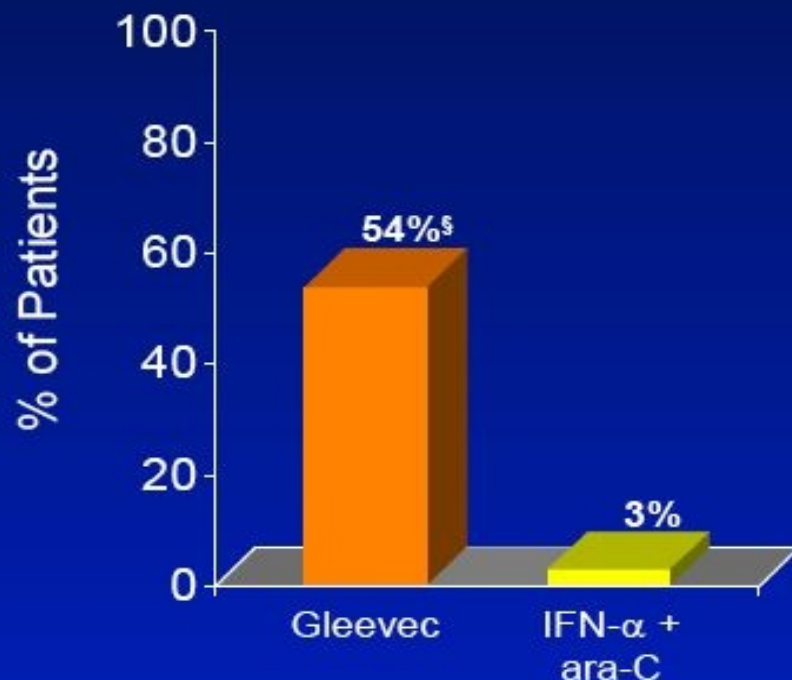
‡75% Ph+ cells.

§7% Ph+ cells.

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Table 3 or full Prescribing Information.

## Complete Cytogenetic Response<sup>‡</sup>



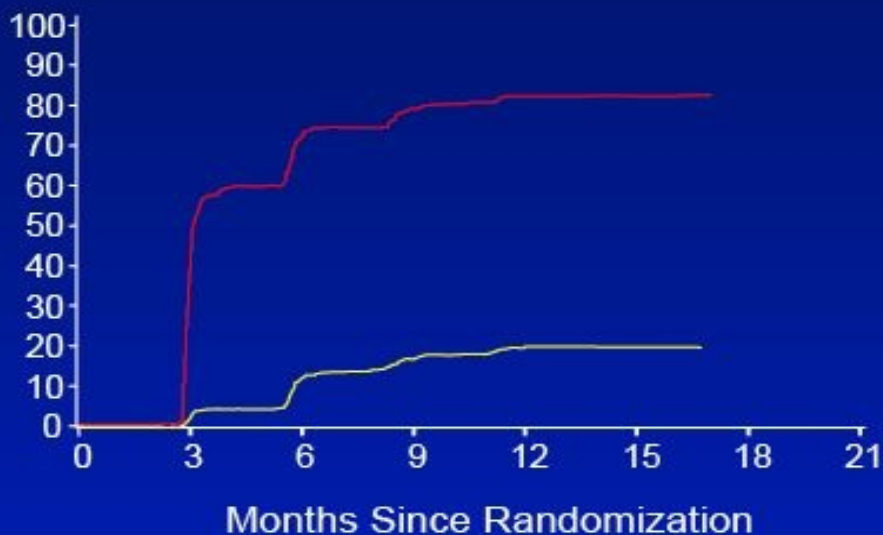
§*P*<0.001. Confirmed responses shown.

Unconfirmed MCR—Gleevec: 83%; IFN-α + ara-C: 12%.

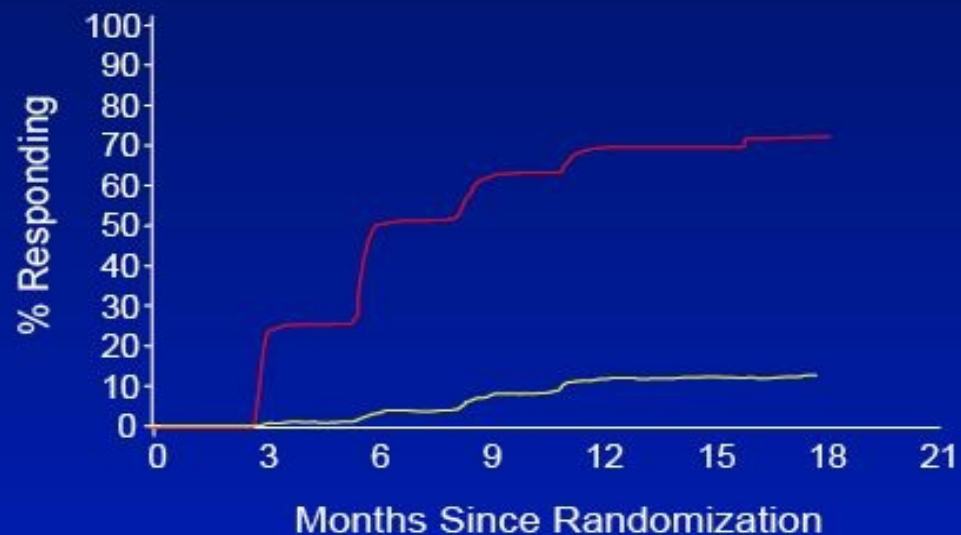
Unconfirmed CCR—Gleevec: 68%; IFN-α + ara-C: 3%.

# Early Responses in More Patients With Gleevec<sup>®</sup>\*

## Major Cytogenetic Response



## Complete Cytogenetic Response



— Gleevec (n=553)  
— IFN-α + ara-C (n=553)

IS Study.

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# More Patients Remain on Gleevec® Therapy

	Gleevec n=553	IFN- $\alpha$ + ara-C n=553
<b>All Crossovers</b>	<b>1% (n=7)</b>	<b>39% (n=218)</b>
Intolerance	<1%	23%
No CHR at 6 months	0%	7%
Increasing WBC count	<1%	5%
Loss of CHR	0%	4%
Loss of MCR	<1%	<1%
<b>All Discontinuations</b>	<b>9% (n=51)</b>	<b>31% (n=170)</b>
Withdrawal of consent	2%	13%
Adverse events	2%	6%
Progression to accelerated phase or blast crisis	1.5%	5%
All other causes	3.5%	7%
<b>Remained on originally assigned treatment</b>	<b>90% (n=495)</b>	<b>30% (n=165)</b>

# Most Non-Hematologic Adverse Events Less Common With Gleevec®\*

Event	All Grades (%)		Grades 3/4 (%)	
	Gleevec n=551†	IFN- $\alpha$ + ara-C n=533†	Gleevec n=551†	IFN- $\alpha$ + ara-C n=533†
Superficial edema	53	9	<1	<1
Nausea	43	61	<1	5
Muscle cramps	35	10	1	<1
Musculoskeletal pain	34	41	3	8
Fatigue	32	25	2	2
Diarrhea	31	65	1	24
Headache	30	41	1	3
Joint pain	29	42	<1	3
	27	38	2	7

IRIS study; most common adverse events, listed by incidence with Gleevec ( $\geq 25\%$ , regardless of causality).  
† All patients who received at least 1 dose of study drug.

# Fewer Hematologic Adverse Events With Gleevec<sup>®</sup>\*

	Gleevec (%) (n=551) <sup>†</sup>		IFN- $\alpha$ + ara-C (%) (n=533) <sup>†</sup>	
	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 3	Grade 4
Neutropenia	11	2	20	4
Thrombocytopenia	7	<1	16	<1
Anemia	3	<1	4	<1

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patients who received at least 1 dose of study drug.

# Massive Protein Kinase Database

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- Abbott Labs Publishes Massive Protein Kinase Dataset, New Statistical Method to Analyze Kinome
- March 11, 2011
  
- By Adam Bonislowski
- **Scientists from Abbott Laboratories'** pharmaceutical-discovery division have released kinomics screening data about how 3,800 different inhibitors affect 172 protein kinases.
  
- In a study published last month in the online edition of *Nature Chemical Biology*, the researchers showed how they tried to group these kinases based on both sequence and pharmacological relationships and by their interactions with various inhibitor chemoty

# Gleevec<sup>®</sup>—CML Indications

Gleevec is indicated for the treatment of newly diagnosed adult patients with Philadelphia chromosome–positive (Ph+) chronic myeloid leukemia (CML). Follow-up is limited. Gleevec is also indicated for the treatment of patients with Ph+ CML in blast crisis, accelerated phase, or in chronic phase after failure of interferon-alpha therapy. Gleevec is also indicated for the treatment of pediatric patients with Ph+ CML whose disease has recurred after stem cell transplant or who are resistant to interferon alpha therapy. There are no controlled trials demonstrating a clinical benefit, such as improvement in disease-related symptoms or increased survival, in patients with CML in blast crisis, accelerated phase, or chronic phase after failure of interferon-alpha therapy.

# Gleevec<sup>®</sup>—Important Considerations

- Use of Gleevec is contraindicated in patients with hypersensitivity to imatinib or to any other component of Gleevec
- Women of childbearing potential should be advised to avoid becoming pregnant
- Gleevec is often associated with edema and occasionally serious fluid retention\*; GI irritation (and should be taken with food and a large glass of water to minimize this problem); anemia, neutropenia, thrombocytopenia, or occasionally severe hepatotoxicity or hemorrhage
- Gleevec is metabolized by the CYP3A4 isoenzyme and is an inhibitor of CYP3A4, CYP2D6, and CYP2C9. Please see full Prescribing Information for potential drug interactions

\*Patients should be weighed and monitored regularly for signs and symptoms of edema, which can be serious or life threatening.

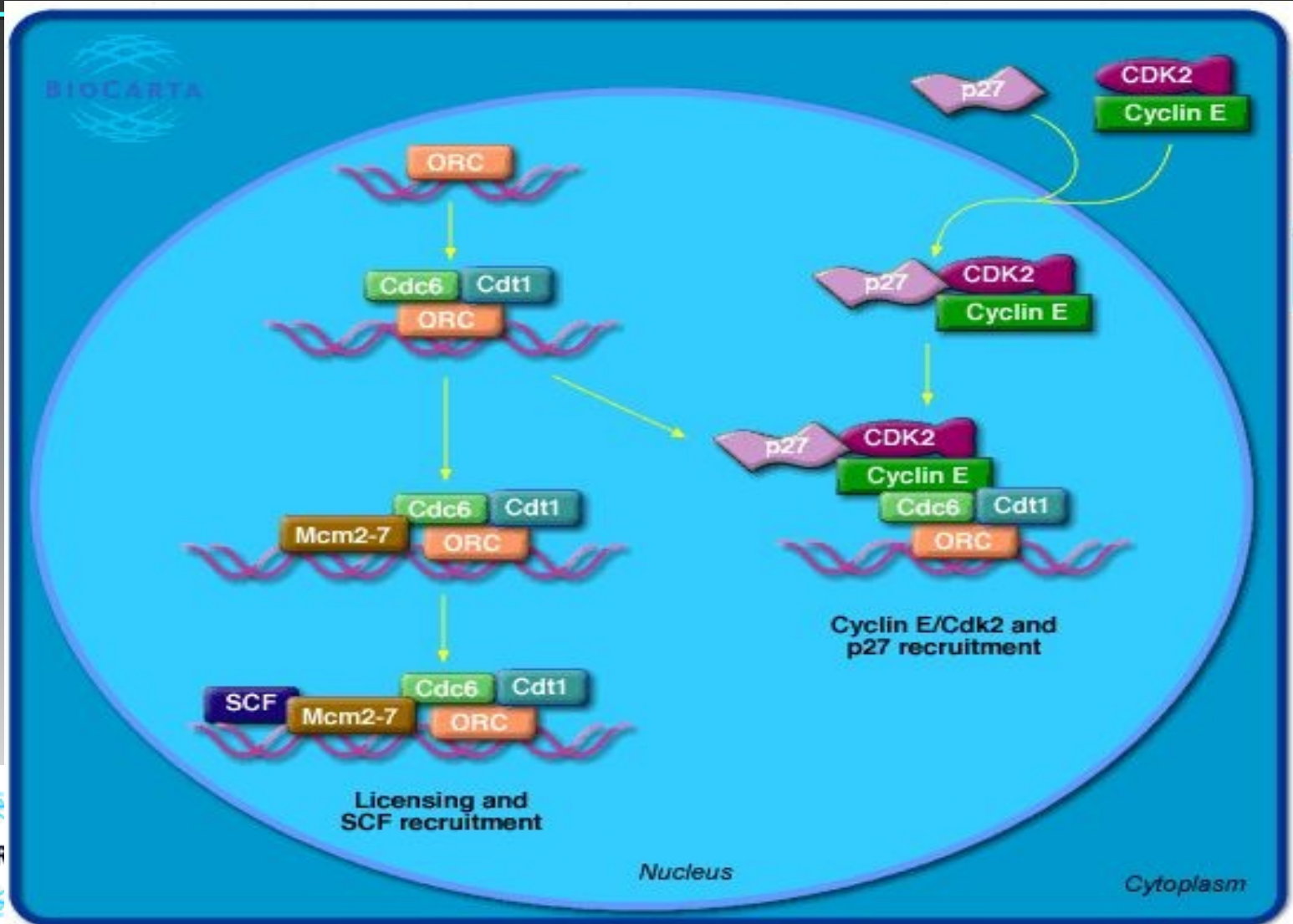
# Gleevec®: Evolving First-Line CML Therapy

- Gleevec surpasses IFN- $\alpha$  + ara-C by the following parameters measured in the IRIS study:
  - Progression-free survival
  - Complete cytogenetic response
  - Major cytogenetic response
  - Complete hematologic response
- Mild to moderate safety and tolerability profile

Important safety information, including serious and severe adverse events, please see slide 3 or full Prescribing Information.

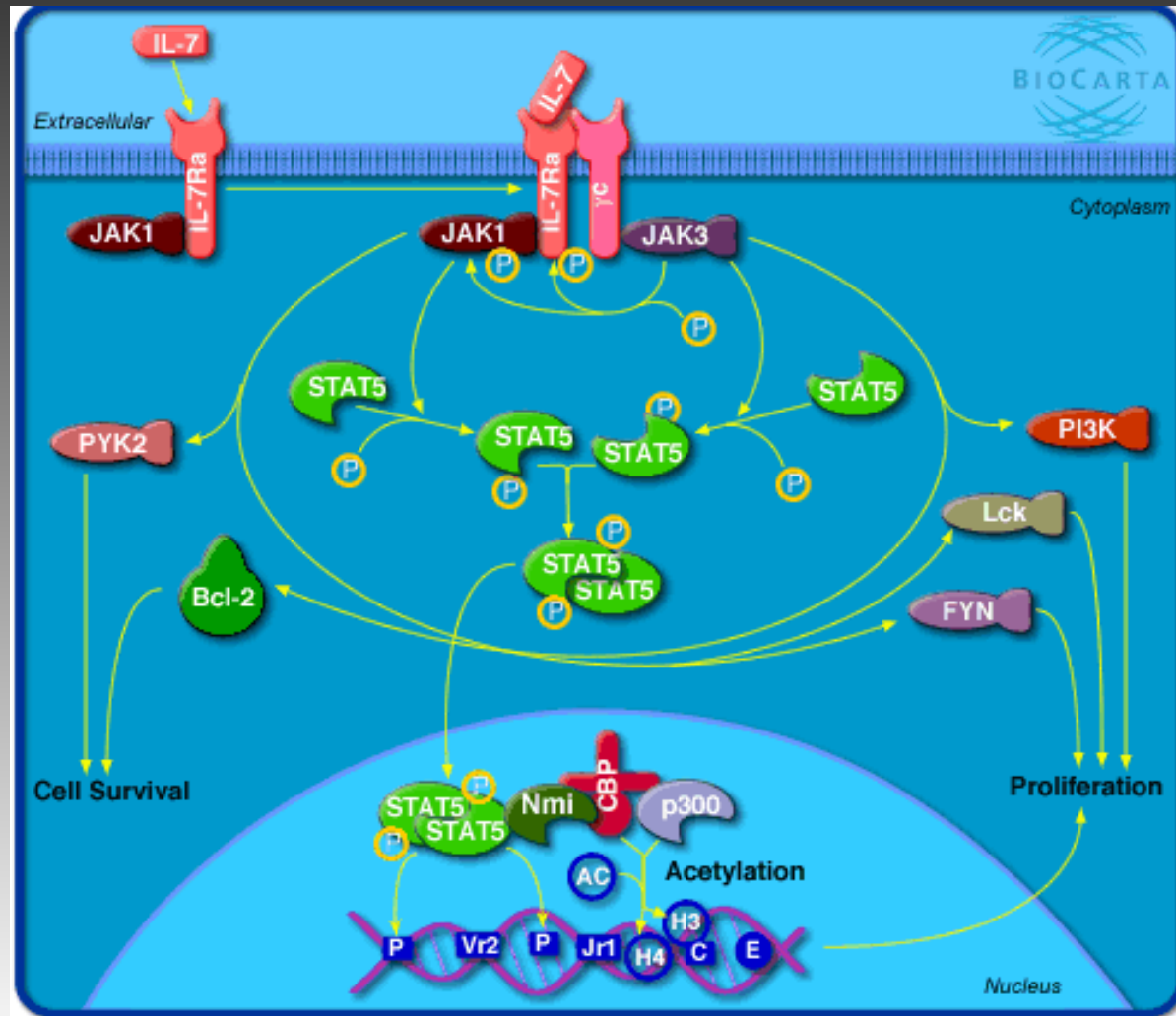
# CDK Regulation of Cell Division

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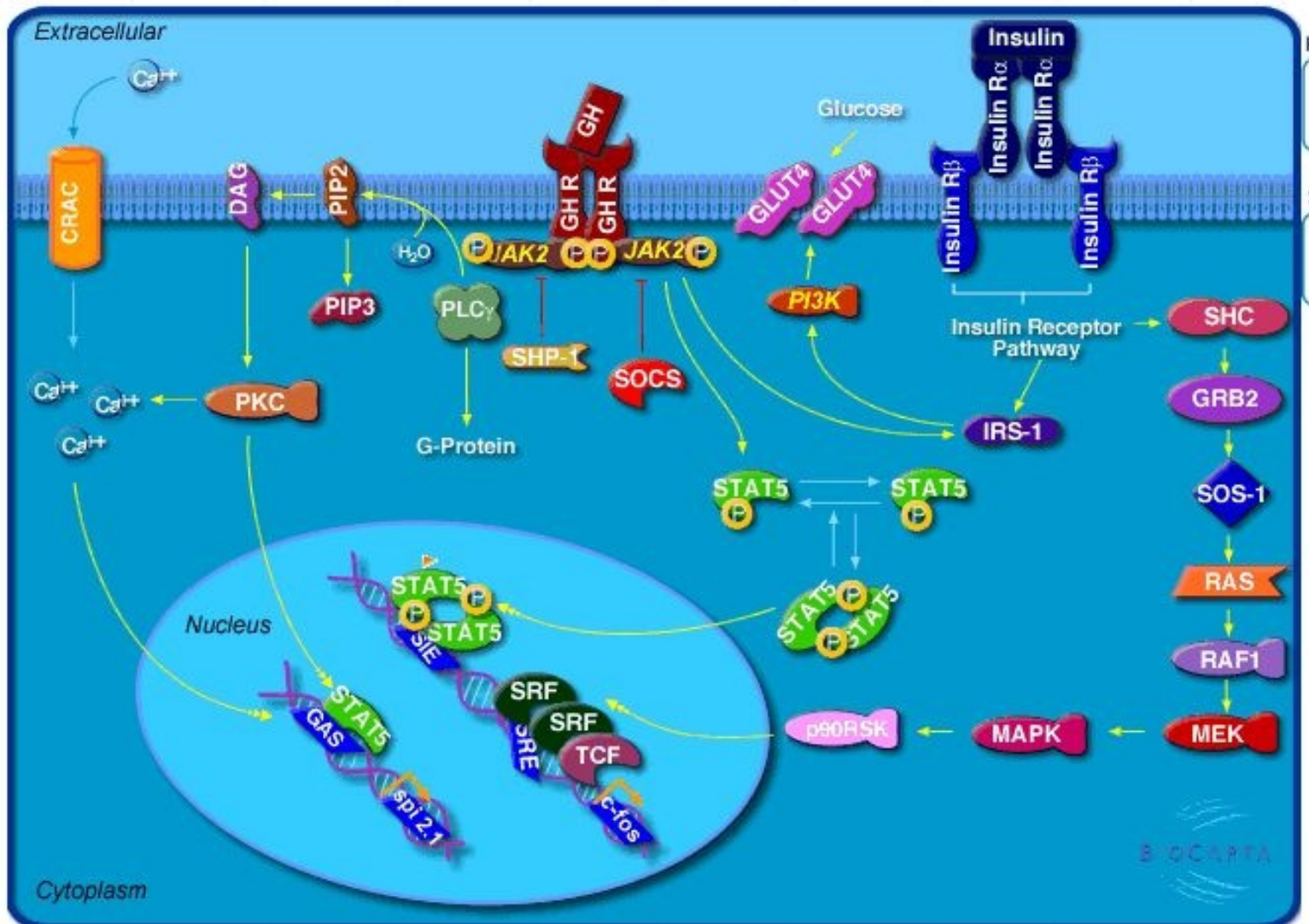
# IL7 Regulatory Pathway

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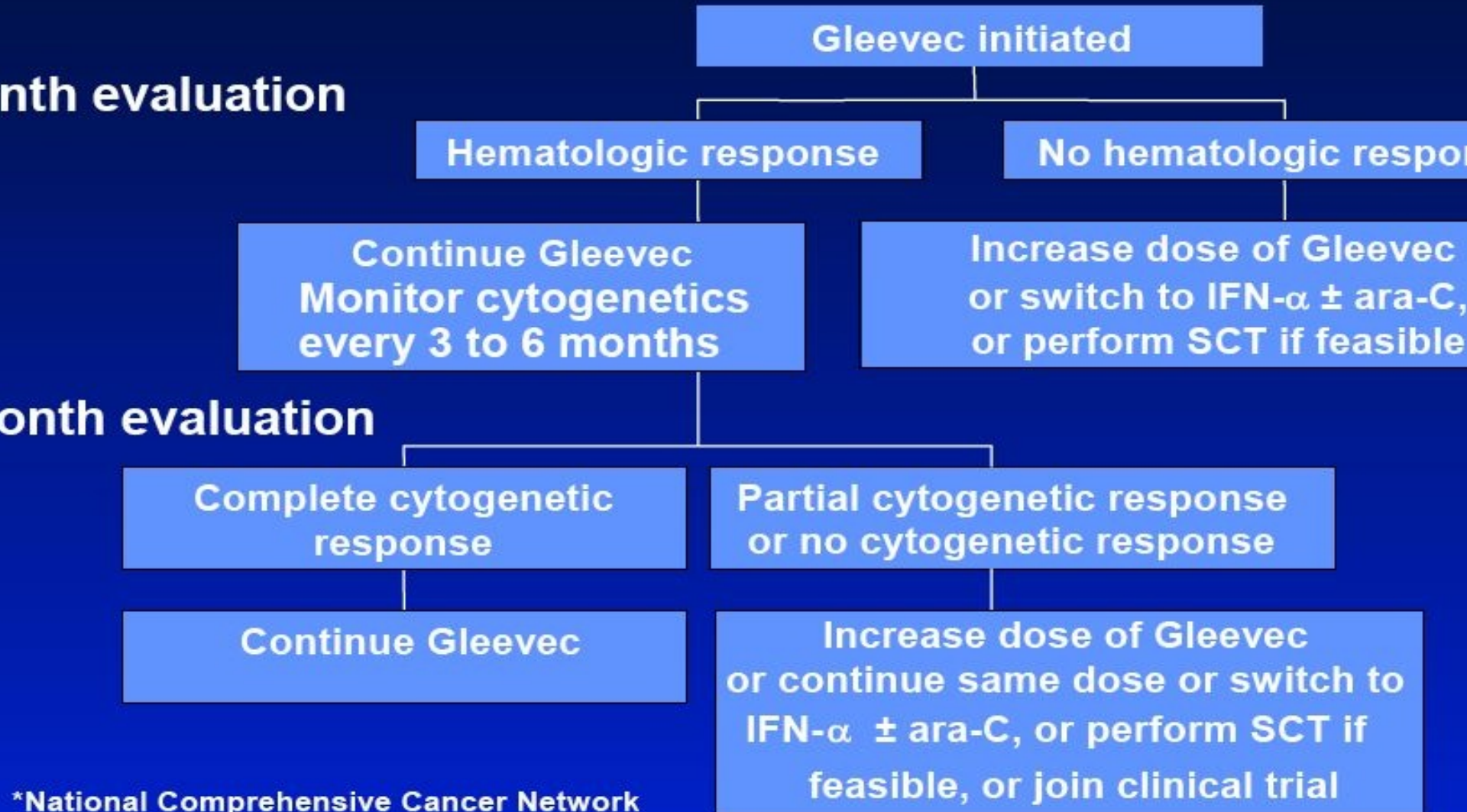


# Growth Hormone Receptor Pathway

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# NCCN\* CML Guidelines for Monitoring Response to Gleevec®



# Optimal Dosing for Optimal Results

- Recommended starting doses of Gleevec<sup>®</sup>
  - Chronic phase: 400mg once daily
  - Advanced phases: 600mg once daily
- Monitor responses every 3–6 months
- Consider dose escalation (400mg to 600mg in chronic phase, 600mg to 800mg in advanced phases) in absence of severe adverse reactions or severe hematologic abnormalities for any of the following:
  - Failure to achieve a CHR after at least 3 months
  - Failure to achieve a cytogenetic response after 6–12 months
  - Loss of a previously achieved hematologic or cytogenetic response
  - Disease progression (at any time)
- Dose escalation when appropriate may overcome resistance

# Gleevec® Has Advanced the Treatment of Ph+ CML

- Therapy specifically designed to target the molecular cause of CML (Bcr-Abl)
- High rates of cytogenetic and hematologic response in all phases of disease
- Significant delay in time to disease progression for patients in chronic phase
- Mild to moderate side-effect profile
- Convenient, once-daily, oral dosing\*
- Evolving first-line therapy for CML