



Debate- Should TFR be a primary goal?

Yes.

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In hematology, adequate counseling is based on evidence and accurate data.

Which data should be discussed to select first line treatment in CML?



- ✓ Available options
- ✓ Chance of response
- ✓ Side effects
- ✓ Chance to live a normal life
- ✓ Costs
- ✓ Chance to discontinue therapy later

Objectives of Treatment Optimization

- ✓ Survival
- ✓ Progression free survival
- ✓ Quality of life
- ✓ Good tolerability
- ✓ Lack of severe long term adverse events
- ✓ Chance to achieve treatment free remission
- ✓ Cost-effective use of drugs



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Limitations in Therapy with Tyrosine Kinase Inhibitors

Disadvantages of TKI-Therapies



Occurrence of chronic low-grade adverse events^{1,2,3}

→ Impaired Quality of Life

→ Risk of inadequate drug compliance and poorer clinical outcome



Age - increasing incidence of multimorbidity requires intake of several drugs, leading to a higher risk for medication interaction.^{4,5}



No TKI during pregnancy and nursing^{6,7}



Negative impact on growth and development in children and adolescents under imatinib⁸



Lifelong CML-therapy² incl. cost implications

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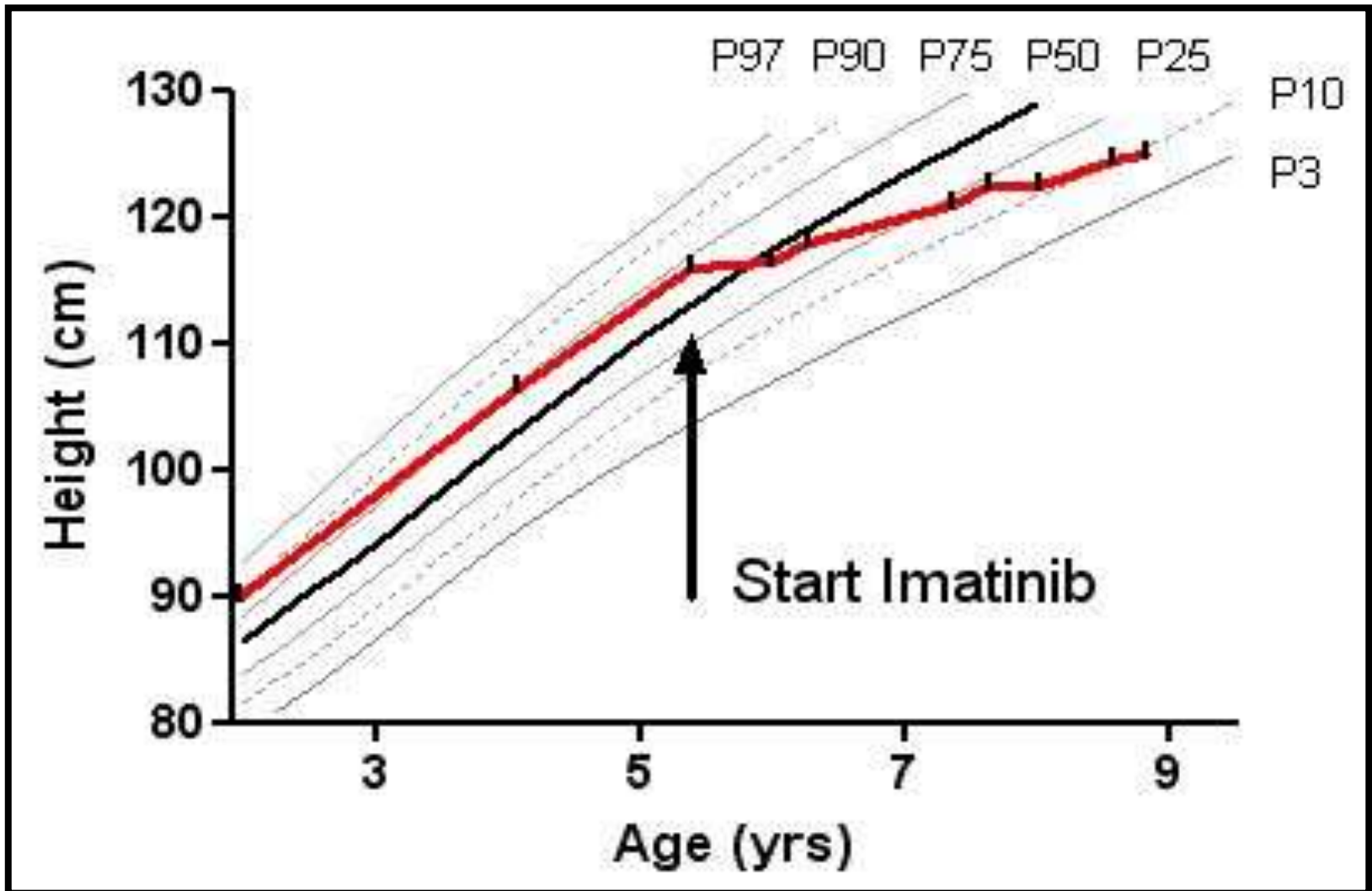
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Growth retardation of children on imatinib therapy



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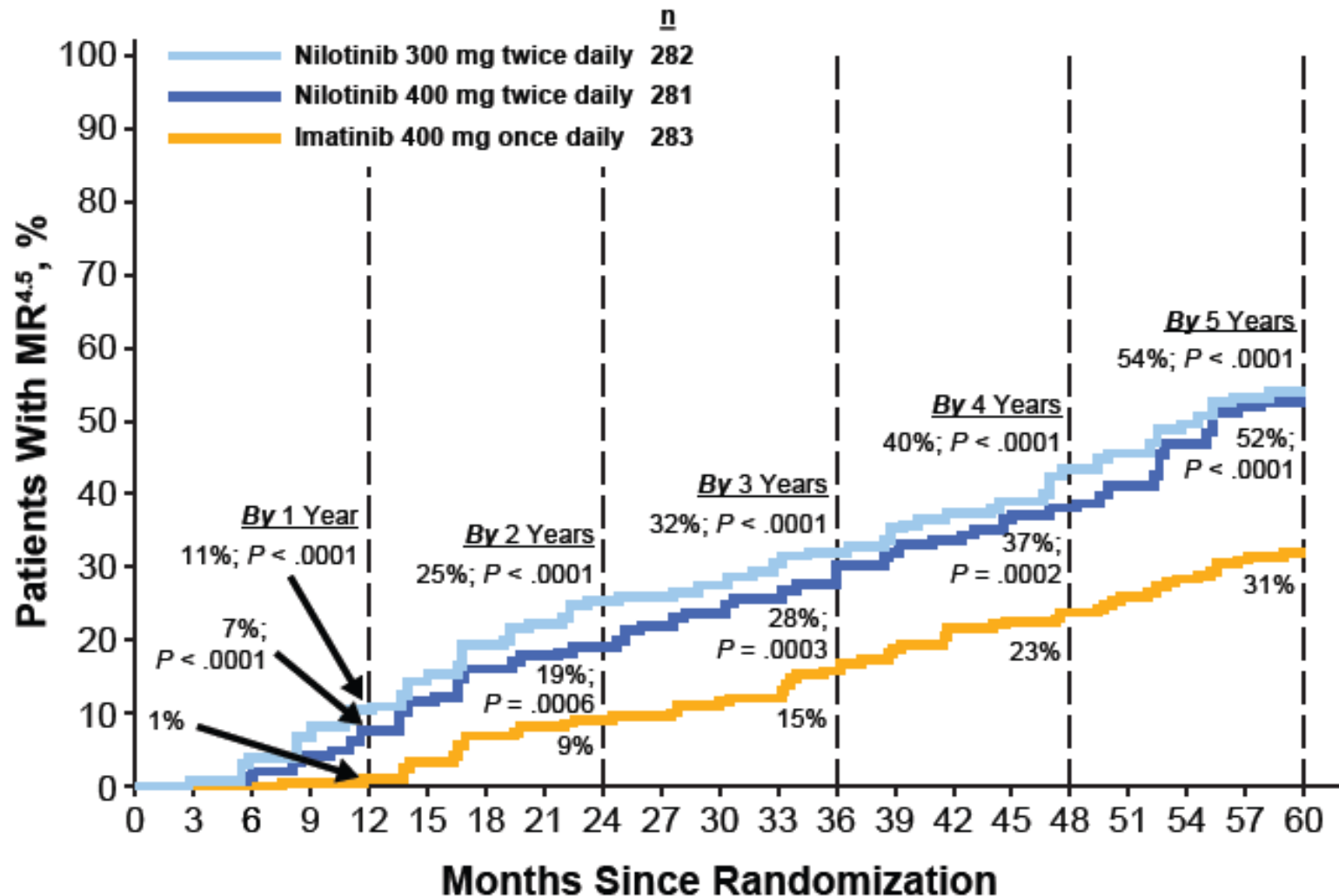
Molecular response

	MMR by 5 years	MR^{4.5}	≤10% EMR, at 3 months
DAS vs IM	76% 64%	42% 33%	84% 64%
NIL vs IM	77% 60%	54% 31%	91% 67%
	at 1 year		
BOS vs IM	47% 37%	8% 3%	75% 57%

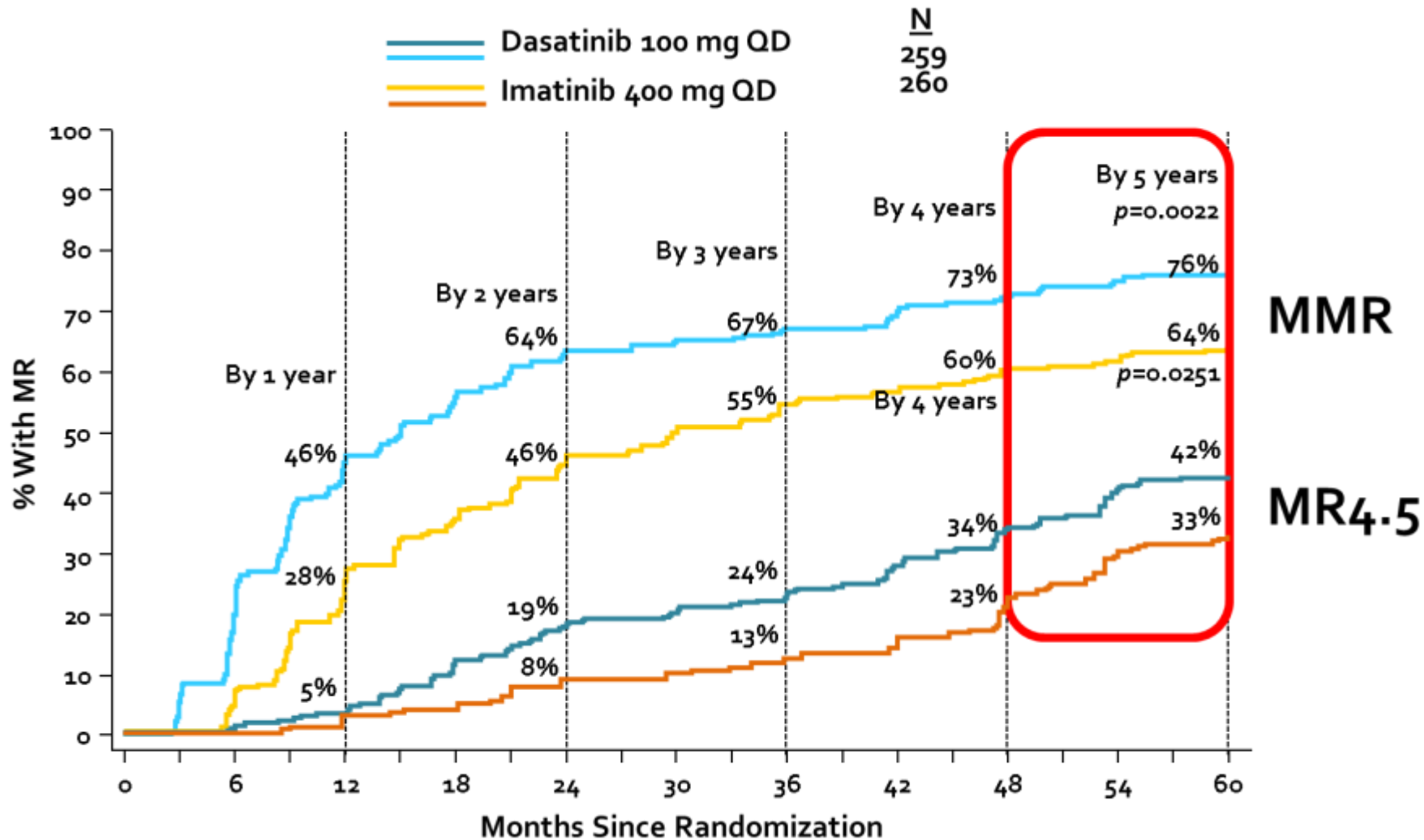
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Nilotinib vs Imatinib

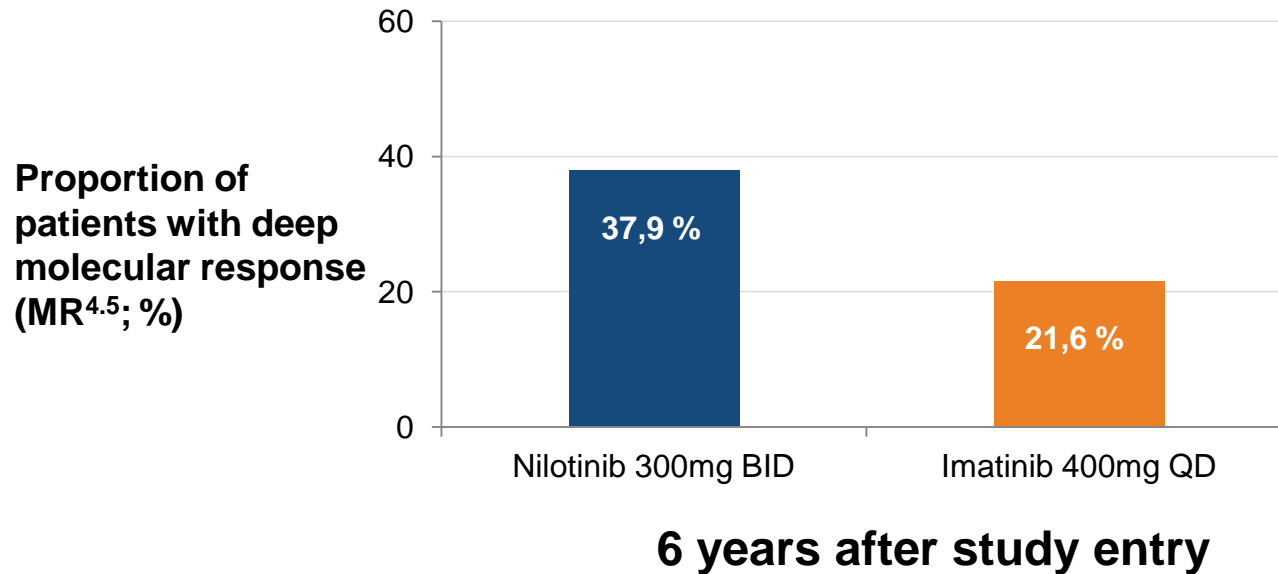
MR^{4.5} – on ENESTnd after 5 Years



DASISION: Cumulative Molecular Response Rates Over 5 Yrs

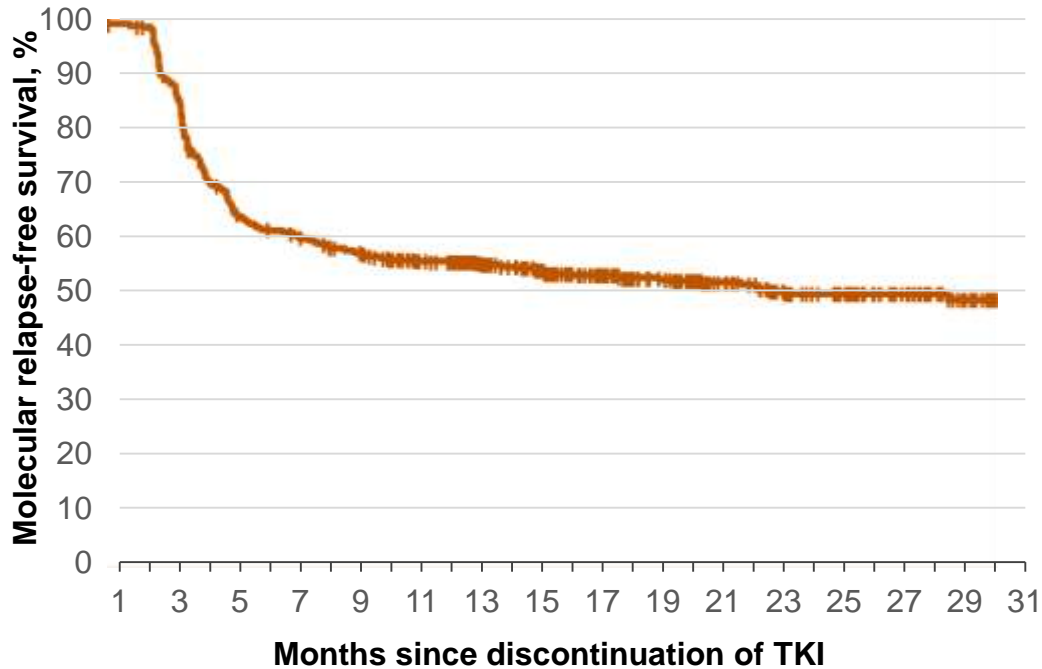


Requirements for Treatment-Free Remission



- Deep and sustained molecular response: 37,9% in patients under Nilotinib vs. 21,6% under Imatinib
- This population met the requirements for TKI-discontinuation in accordance to the ENESTfreedom protocol

EURO-SKI: Relapse free survival (n = 750)



Month	MoIRFS %	95%-CI
6	62	59-67
12	56	52-59
24	52	48-56
36	49	44-53

Events:

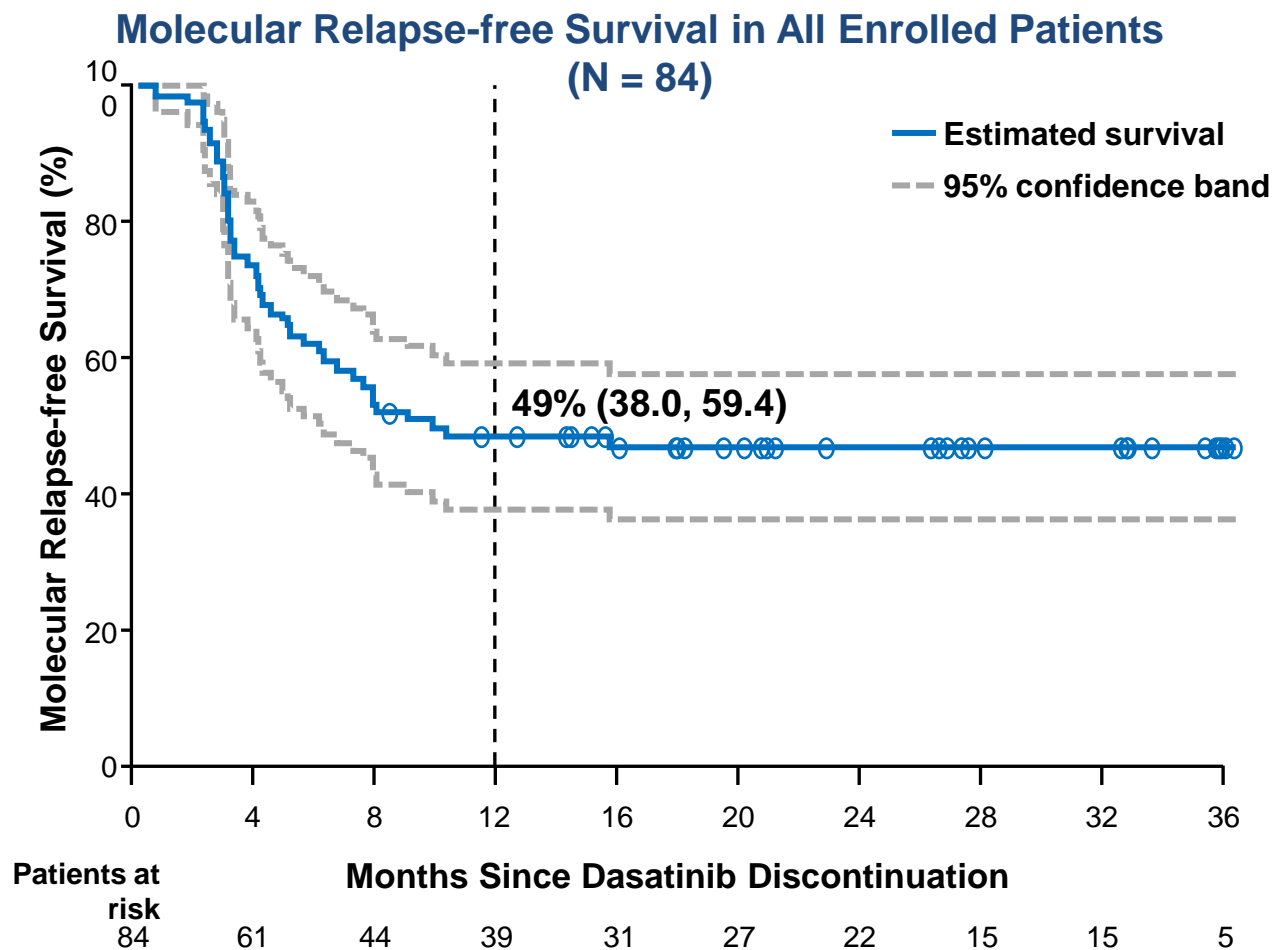
Molecular relapse n = 348
Death in remission n = 5

For patients who resumed treatment, median time to restart was 4.1 months

- Longer duration of imatinib-therapy (optimal ≥ 5.8 years) correlates to higher probability of relapse-free survival at 6 months.

EURO-SKI, European Stop TKI.

Dasatinib: Molecular Relapse-free Survival

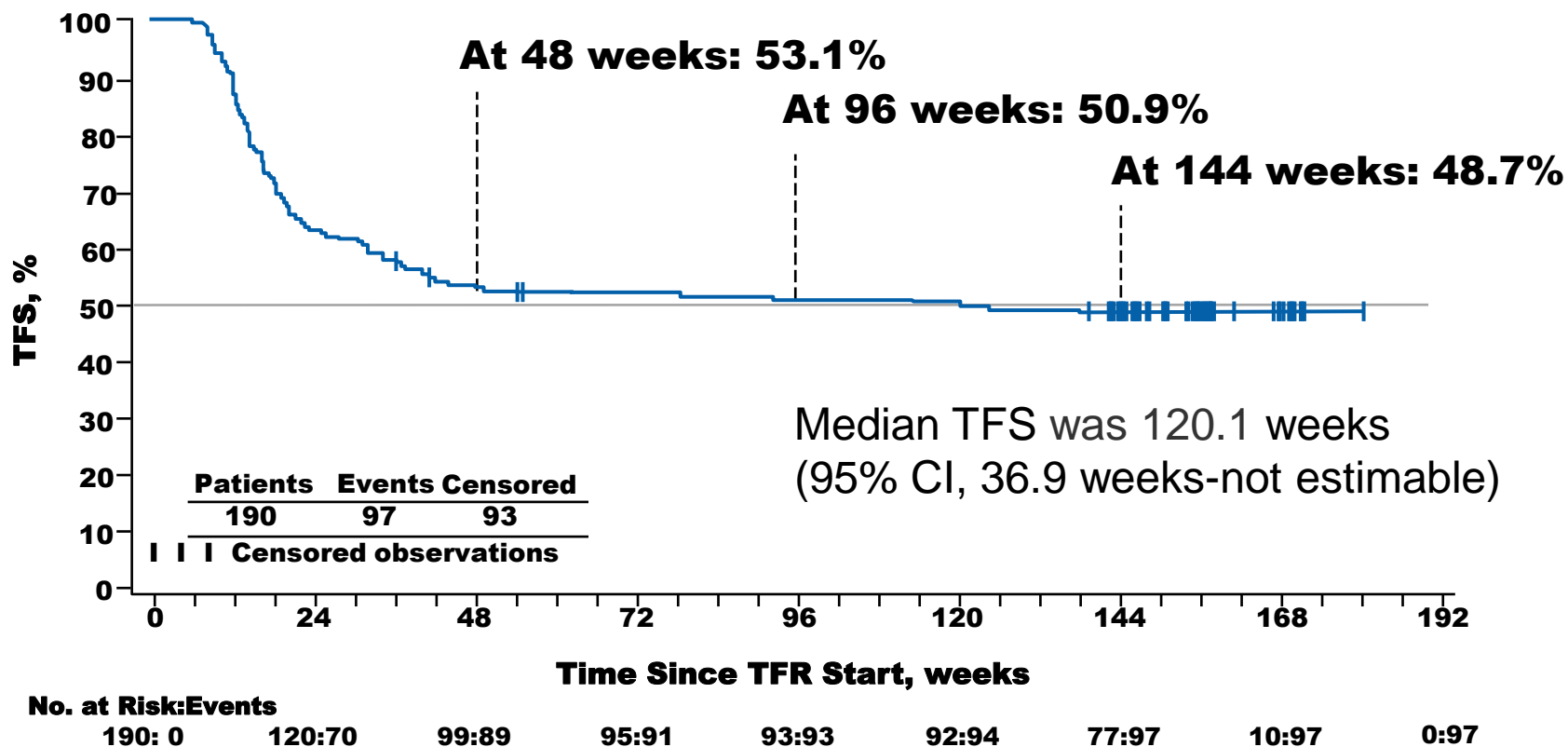


	MRFS, % (95% CI)
Patients on first-line dasatinib (n = 37)	54 (38.0, 70.1)
Patients on subsequent lines of dasatinib (n = 47)	45 (30.2, 58.7)
Resistant (n = 25)	44 (24.5, 63.5)
Intolerant (n = 18)	50 (26.9, 73.1)

- No patients lost CCyR or CHR; no transformation events or deaths were observed

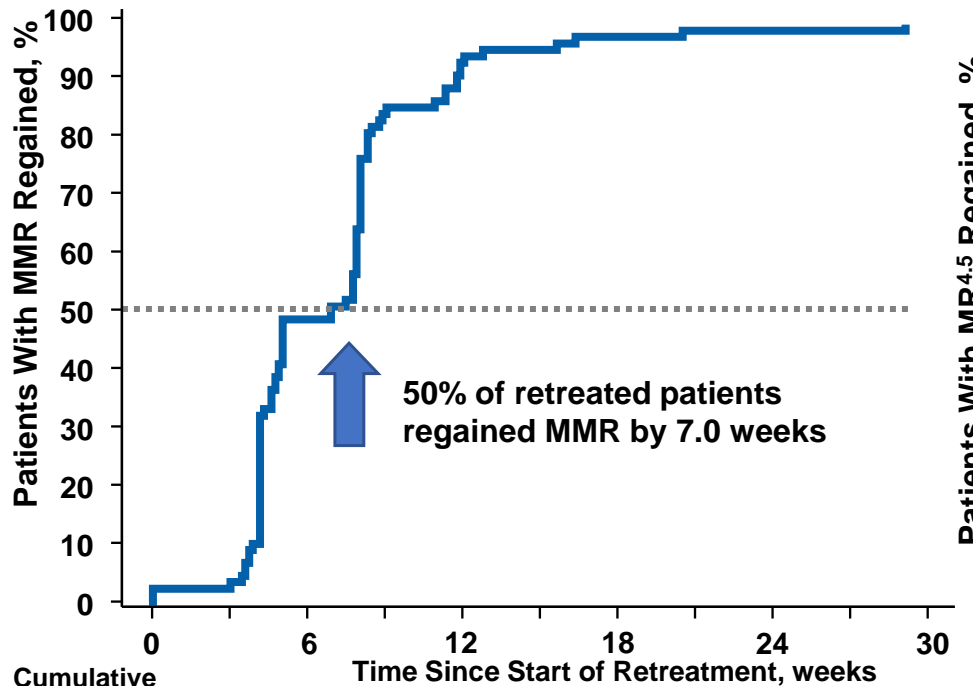
Nilotinib: Treatment Free Survival^a

48-week TFR rate (primary endpoint): 51.6% (98/190)^b



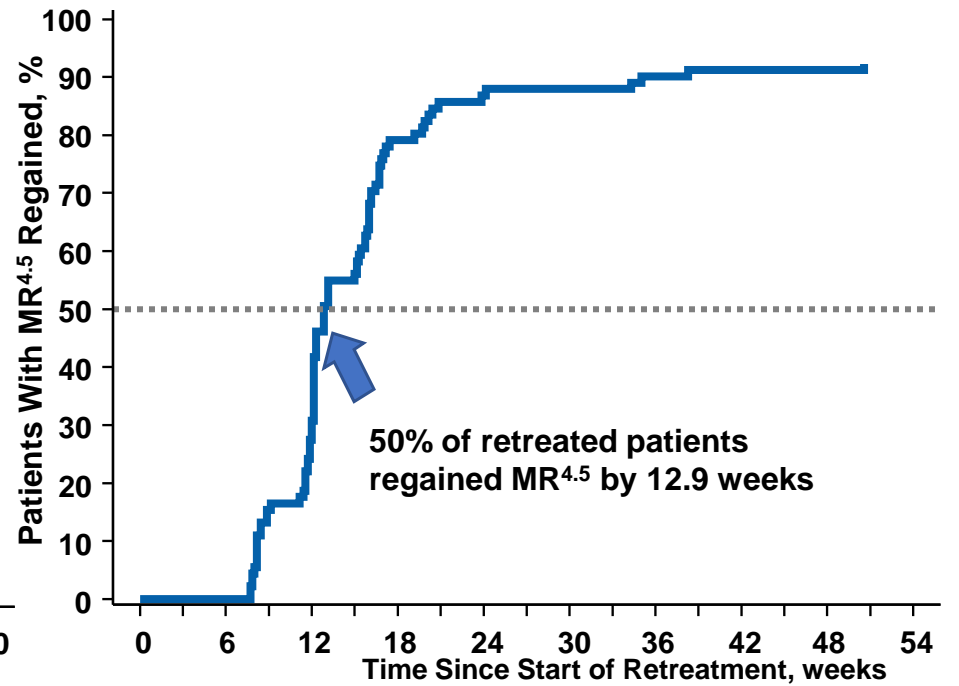
Cumulative Rate of MMR and MR^{4.5} Regained in Nilotinib Reinitiation Phase

90/91 (98.9%) patients who restarted nilotinib regained MMR^a



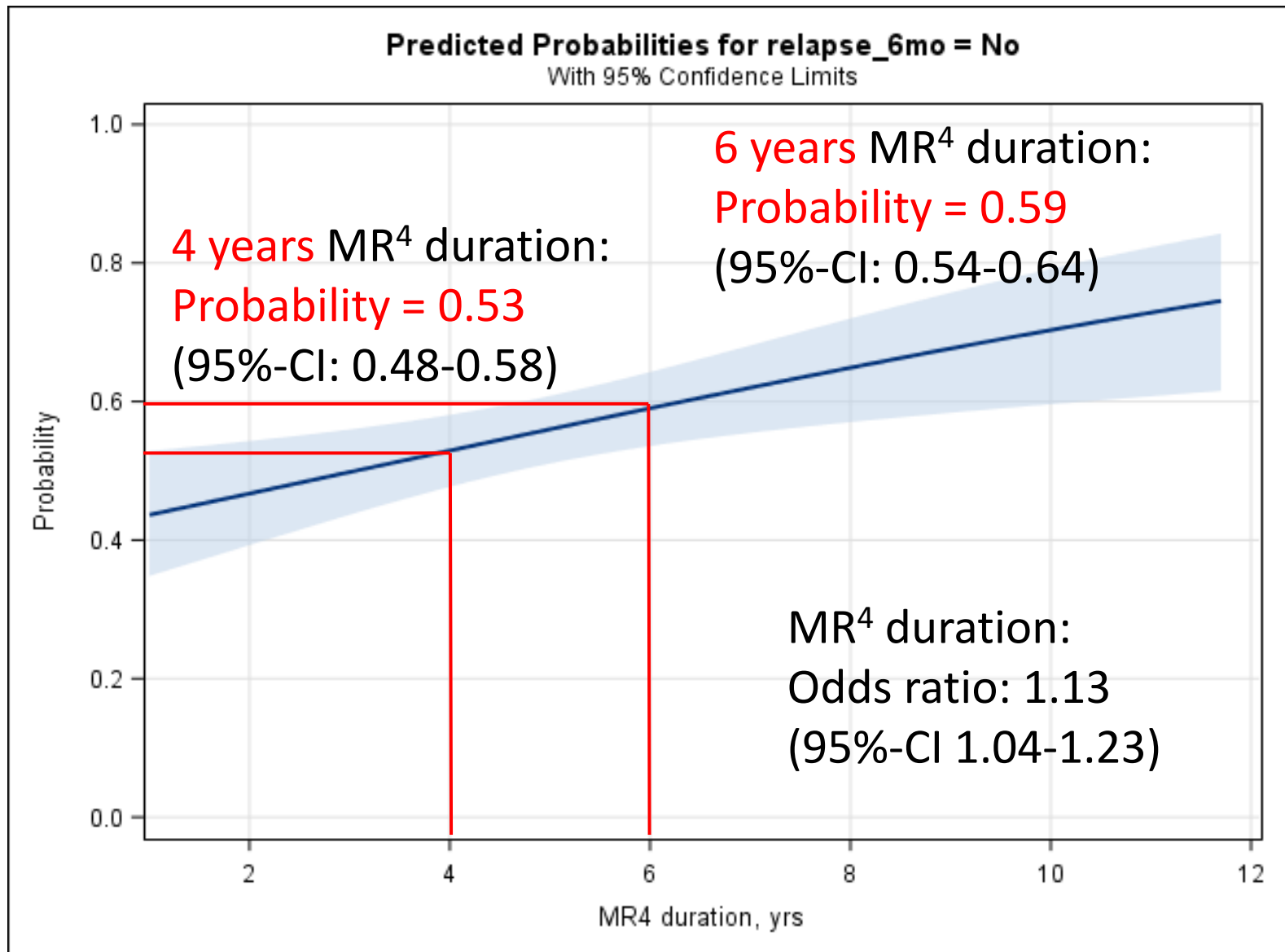
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%	0.0	48.4	92.3	96.7	97.8	98.9

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Cumulative n/N	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54
%	0.0	0.0	30.8	79.1	86.8	87.9	90.1	91.2	91.2	92.3

Duration of MR⁴ most important parameter



Are we ready for routine stopping procedure?

Treatment discontinuation may be considered in individual patients, if proper, high-quality, and certified monitoring can be ensured.

Prerequisites for safe stopping are

institutional requirements for safe supervision,

- identification of typical BCR-ABL1 transcripts at diagnosis,
- at least **5 years** of TKI therapy (for imatinib)
- achievement of **MR^{4.5}**,
- and a stability of DMR (at least MR⁴) for at least **2 years**

Less stringent criteria do not exclude successful TFR, but stability of TFR is improved with longer TKI therapy and longer DMR.

Standardized reporting of deep molecular response considering limits of detection and quantification

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REVIEW

Laboratory recommendations for scoring deep molecular responses following treatment for chronic myeloid leukemia

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- Laboratory definition and recommendations
- Performance evaluation in Europe: can testing labs detect MR^{4.5} consistently and reliably?

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