

Leveraging Oncogene Addiction to Improve Therapies for Patients with Gastrointestinal Stromal Tumor (GIST)

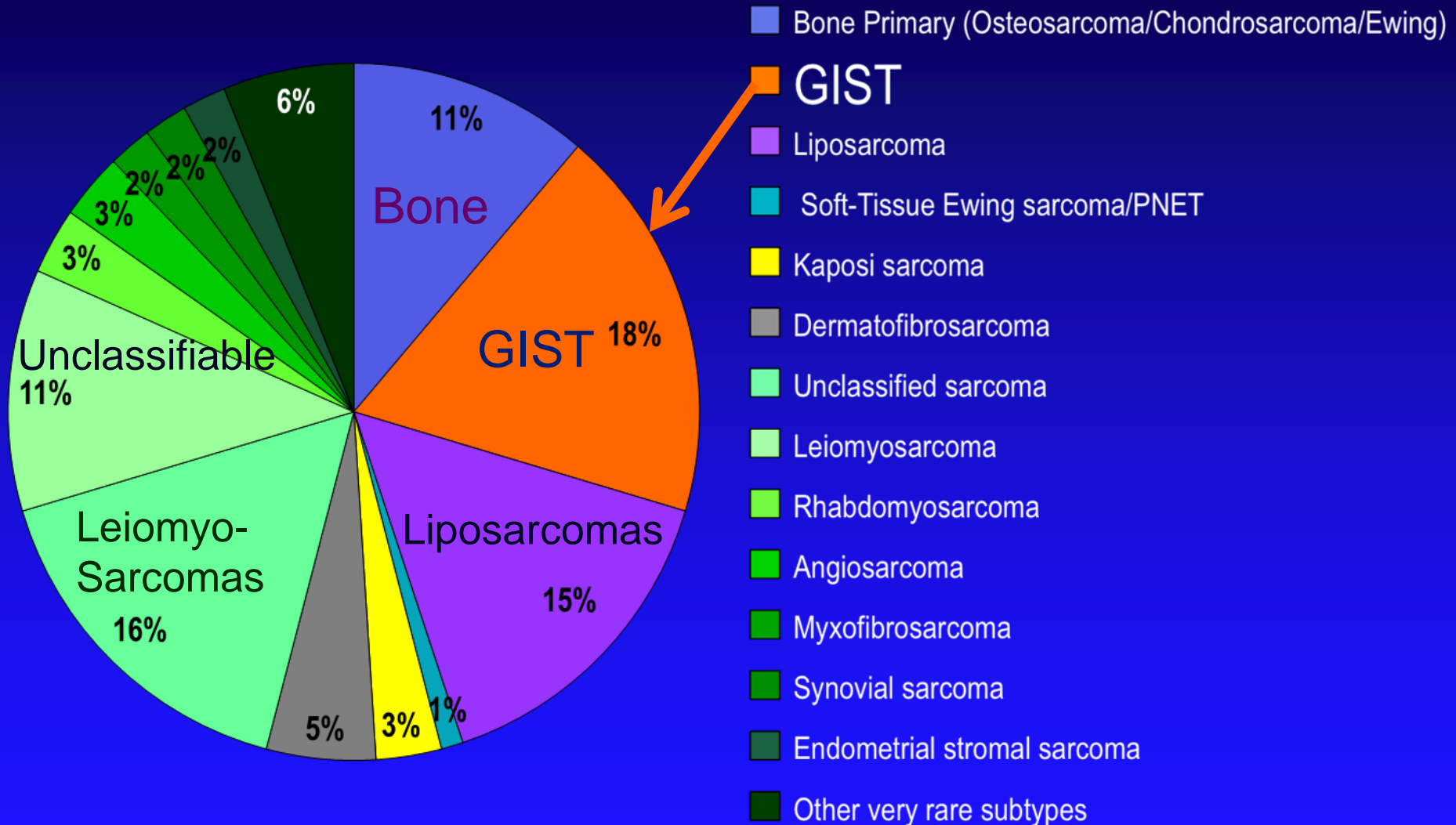
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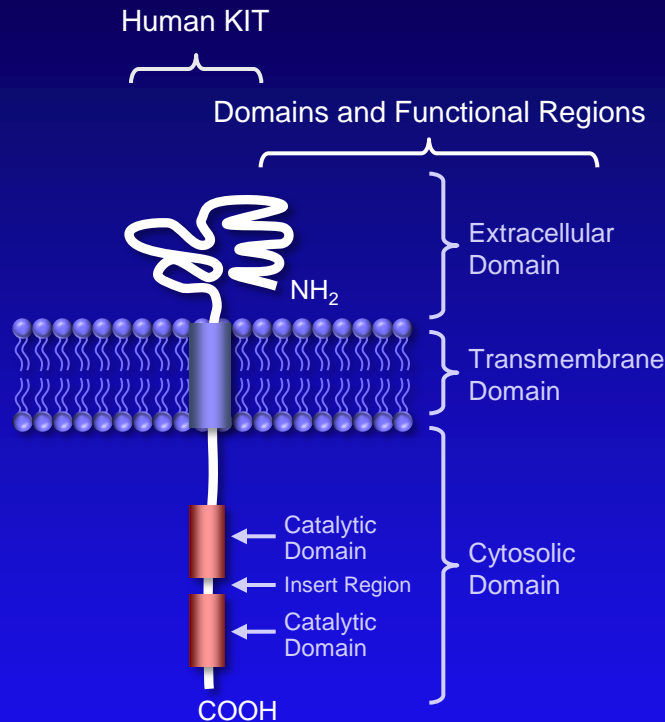
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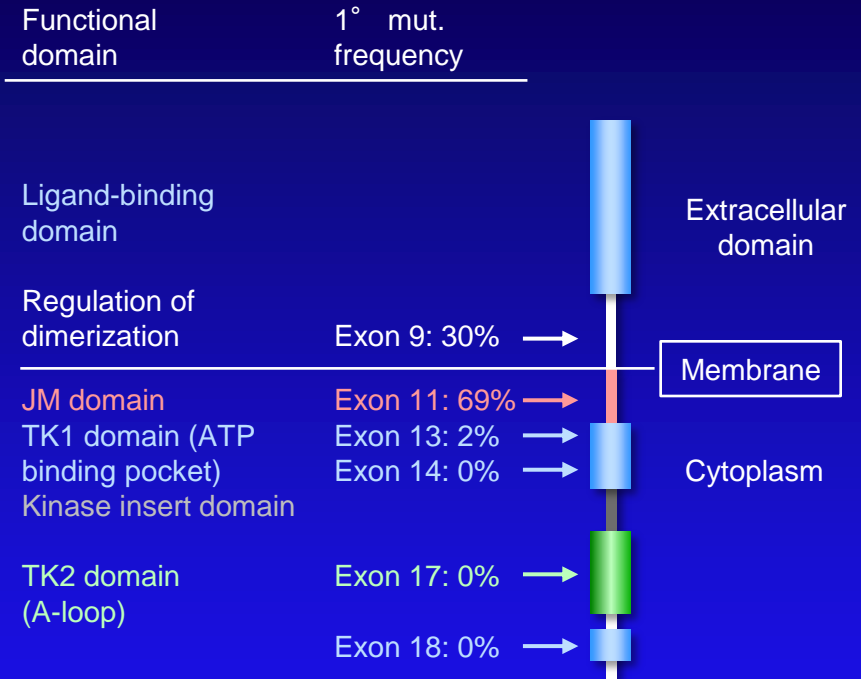
GIST Is the Most Common Subtype of All Sarcomas



Mutant Kinases are DRIVERS in >90% of GIST

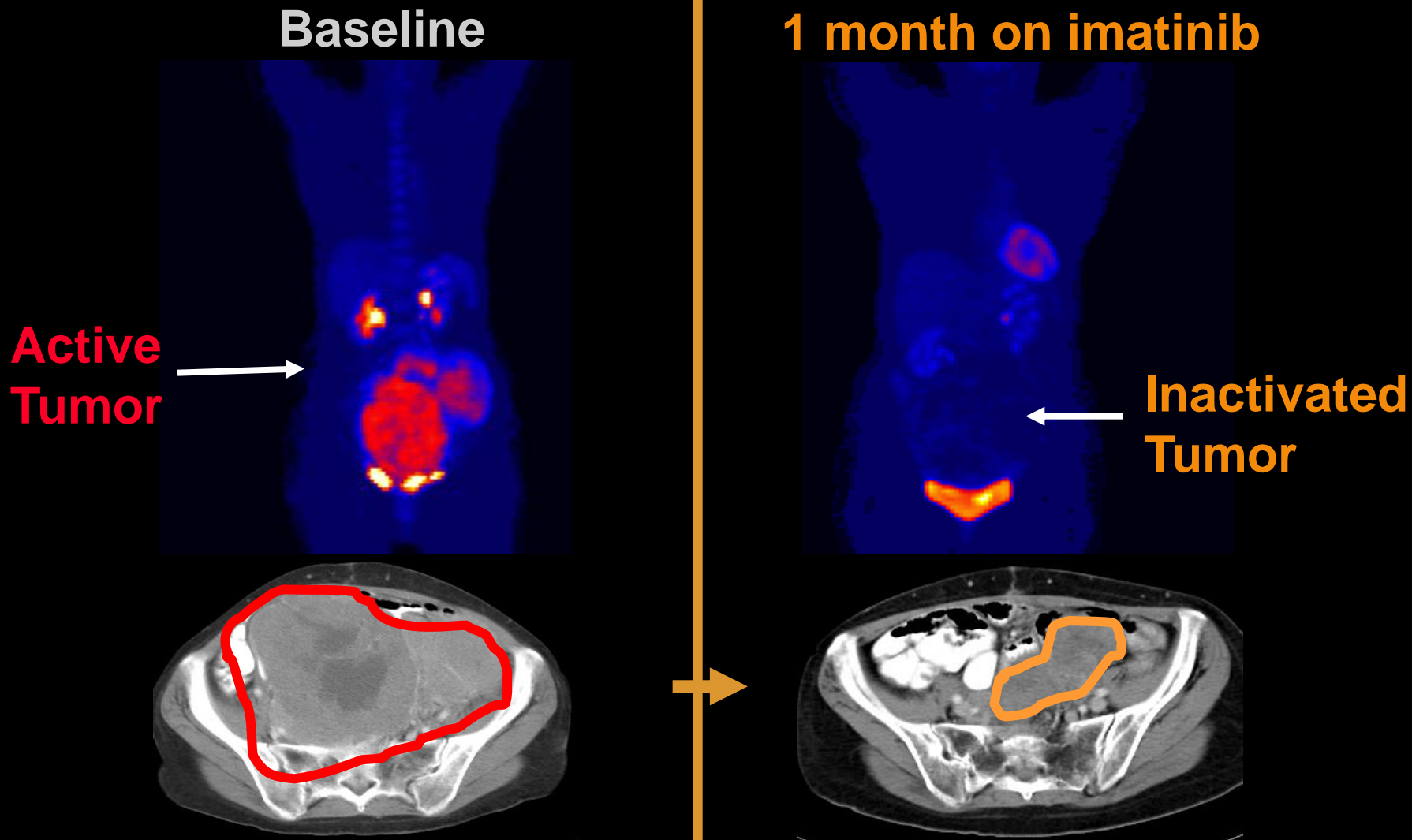


Pattern of KIT mutations in GIST

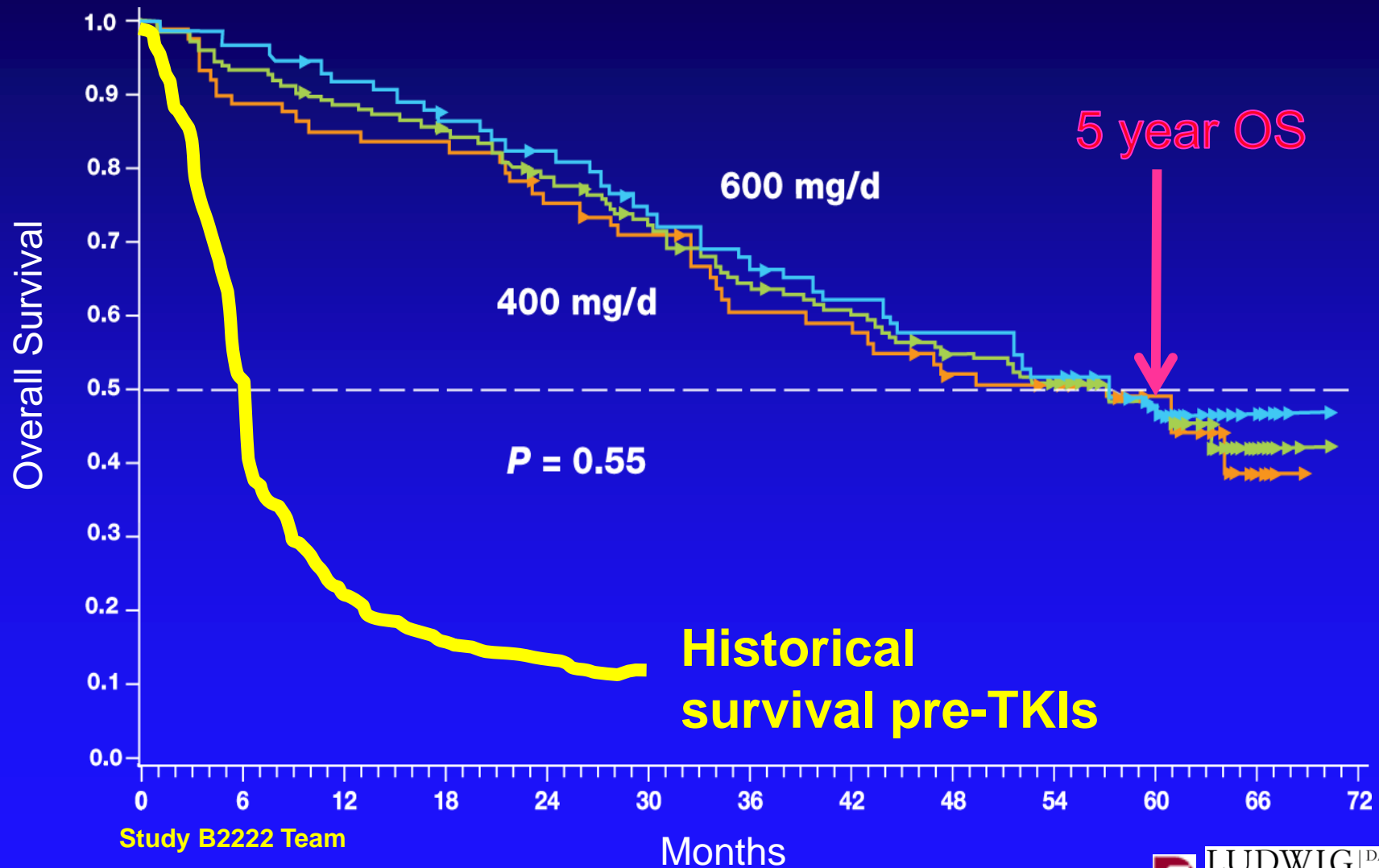


- At clinical presentation of disease, only one mutation is detectable in a given patient
 - Different patients harbor different mutations in *KIT* or *PDGFRA*
 - The tumors are addicted to the signals from these mutant kinases*

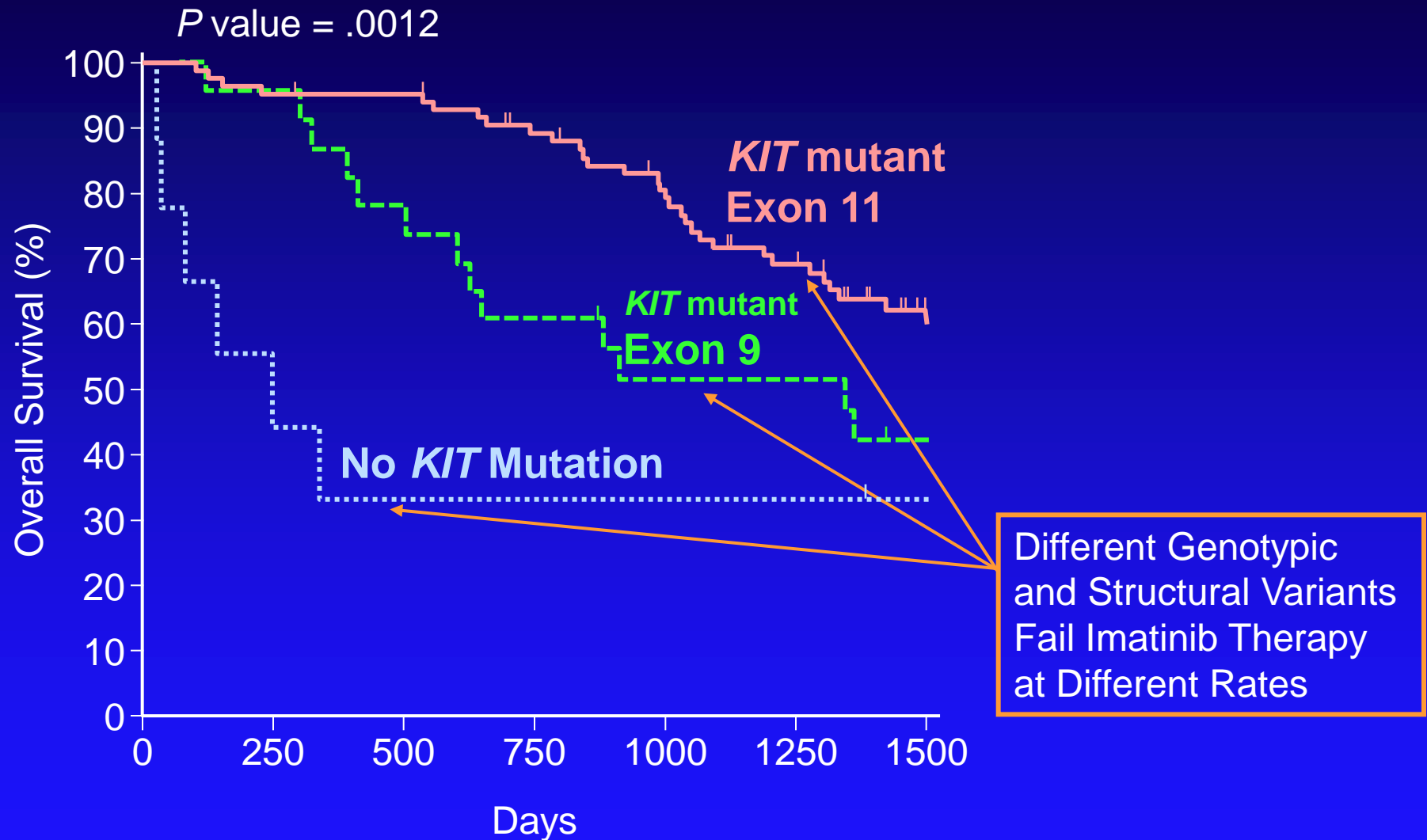
The First US GIST Patient Treated with Imatinib: Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and Harvard Medical School



300% Improvement in Overall Survival for Metastatic GIST Treated with Imatinib



GIST with Different Mutations Behave Differently



GIST Comprises Several Clinically Distinct Molecular Subtypes

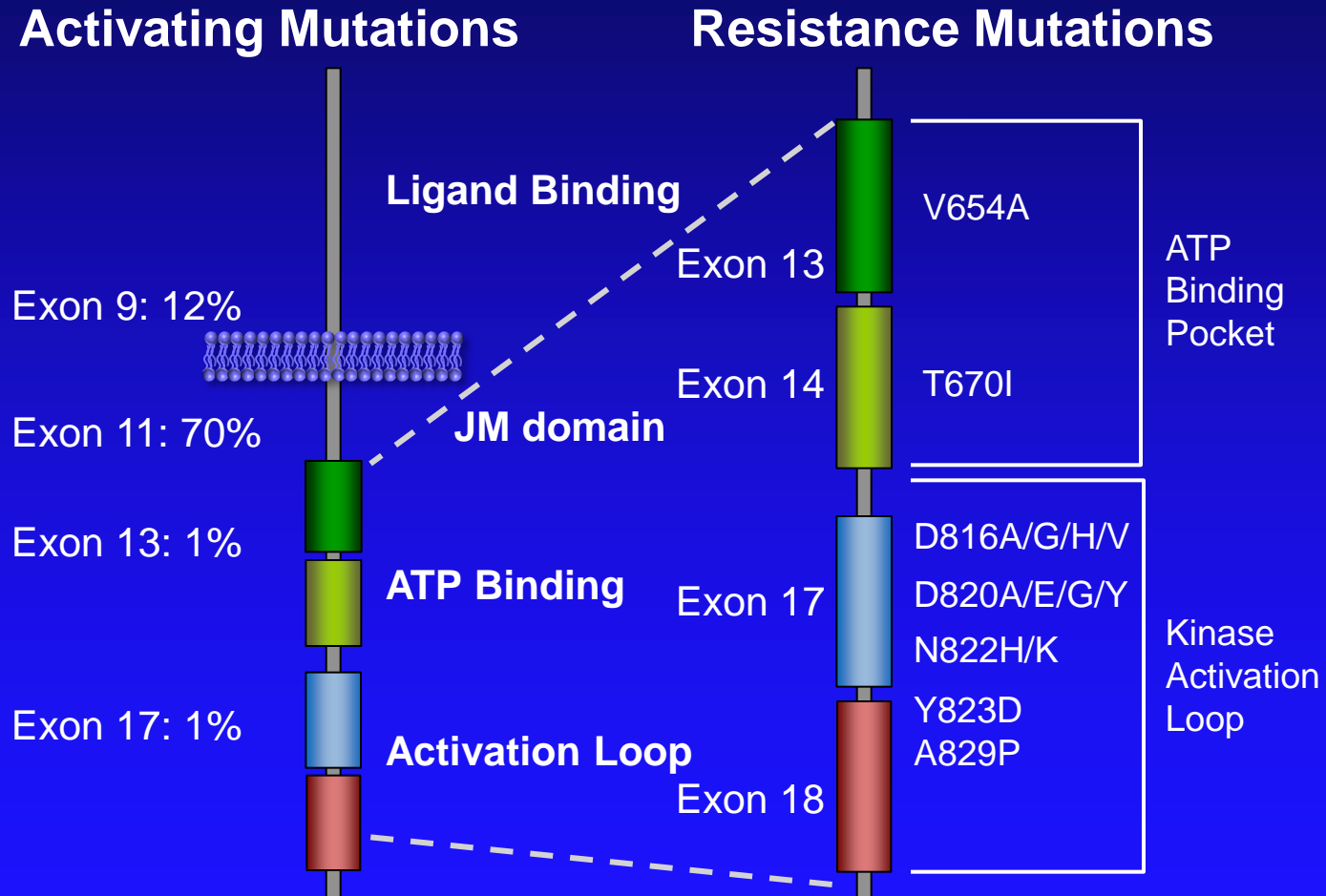
<i>KIT</i> mutant	
Exon 11	Most common site of mutation (67%)
Exon 9	2 nd most common site of mutation (10%)
Exons 13 & 17	Rare (2%)
<i>PDGFRA</i> mutant	
Exons 12 & 14	Rare (1%)
Exon 18	Uncommon (6%)
<i>BRAF</i> mutant	Exceptionally rare (<1%)
“Wild-type”	No mutation in <i>KIT</i> or <i>PDGFRA</i> (14%): Often with deficiencies in metabolic pathways (SDH)
Familial GIST	Germline <i>KIT</i> or <i>PDGFRA</i> mutation
Pediatric	<i>KIT</i> & <i>PDGFRA</i> are generally “Wild type” (no mutation)
Carney’s triad	<i>KIT</i> & <i>PDGFRA</i> are generally “Wild type” (no mutation)
Carney-Stratakis	Mutations in metabolism enzymes: Functional loss with defects in <i>SDH-B</i> , <i>SDH-C</i> , or <i>SDH-D</i>
NF-1-related	Etiology unclear: no mutations in <i>KIT</i> , <i>PDGFRA</i> , or <i>SDH</i>

GIST Patients Identify with Molecular Medicine



GIST Mutations

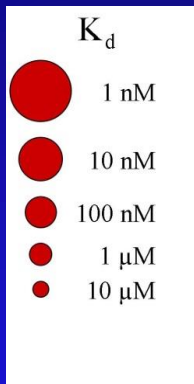
- GIST is addicted to signals from the primary mutant kinase
- Secondary mutations arise to continue the aberrant signaling in TKI-resistant GIST



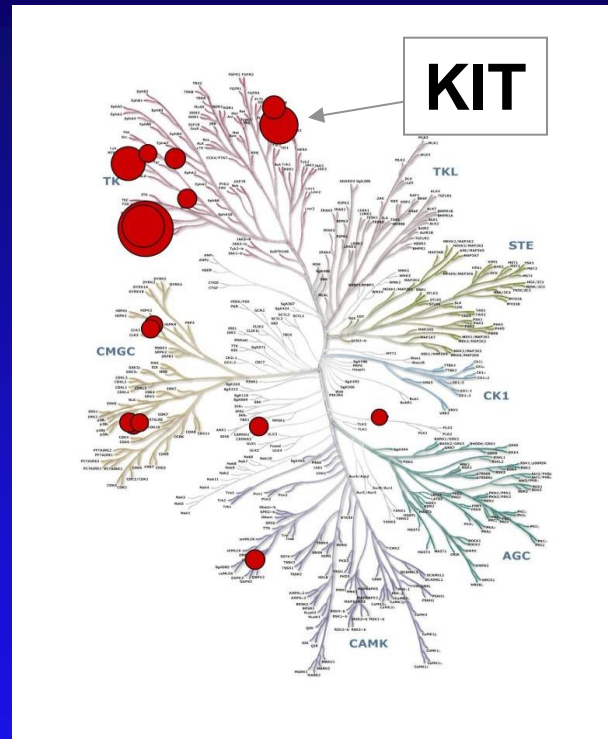
Understanding Resistance to Overcome the Problem

- Why is there only ONE mutation detectable at clinical presentation?
 - Double mutants MUST have an evolutionary disadvantage and be “less fit”
 - Double mutants only evolve to clinically detectable levels after single mutants are suppressed with kinase inhibitor therapy
- Structural biology of TKI resistance

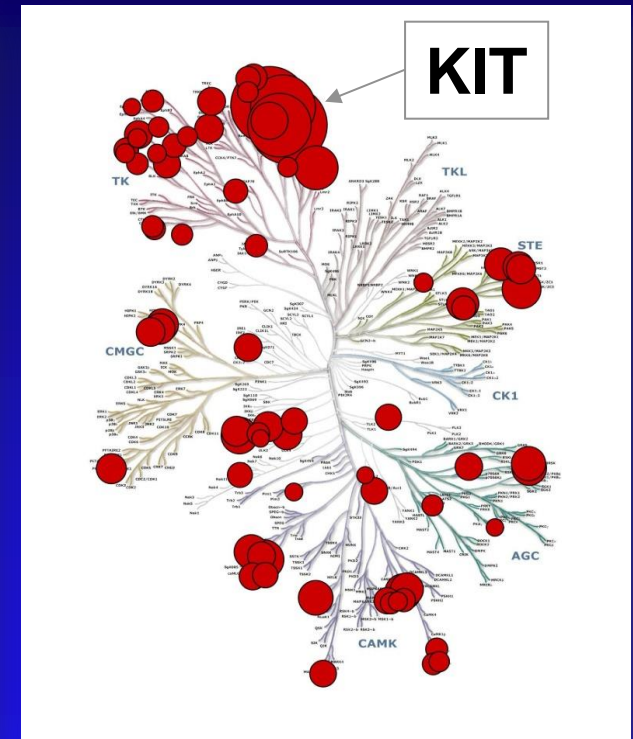
Imatinib vs Sunitinib: Profiling the Kinome



Size of bubble
reflects binding
affinity for
target



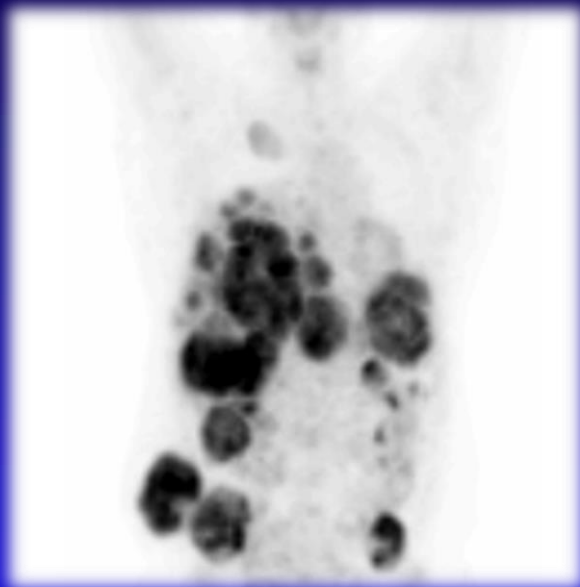
Imatinib



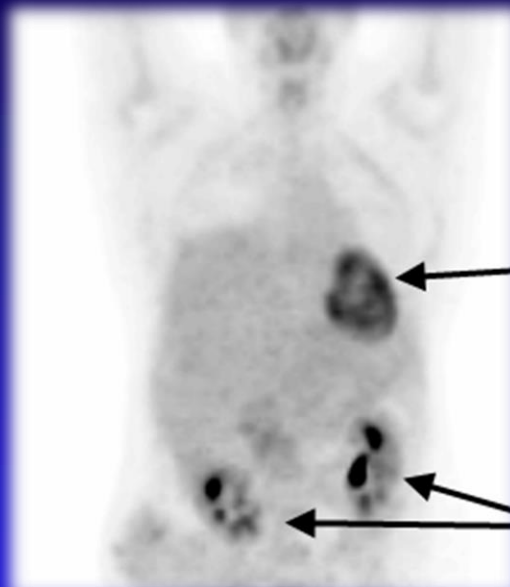
Sunitinib

Sunitinib Benefit in Imatinib-Resistant GIST

Baseline



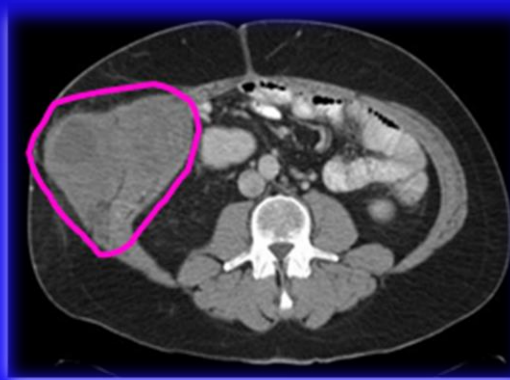
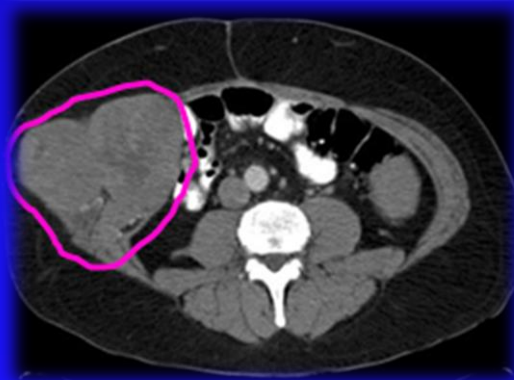
Day 7 PET



PET scan after 7 days of sunitinib

Normal heart

Normal kidneys

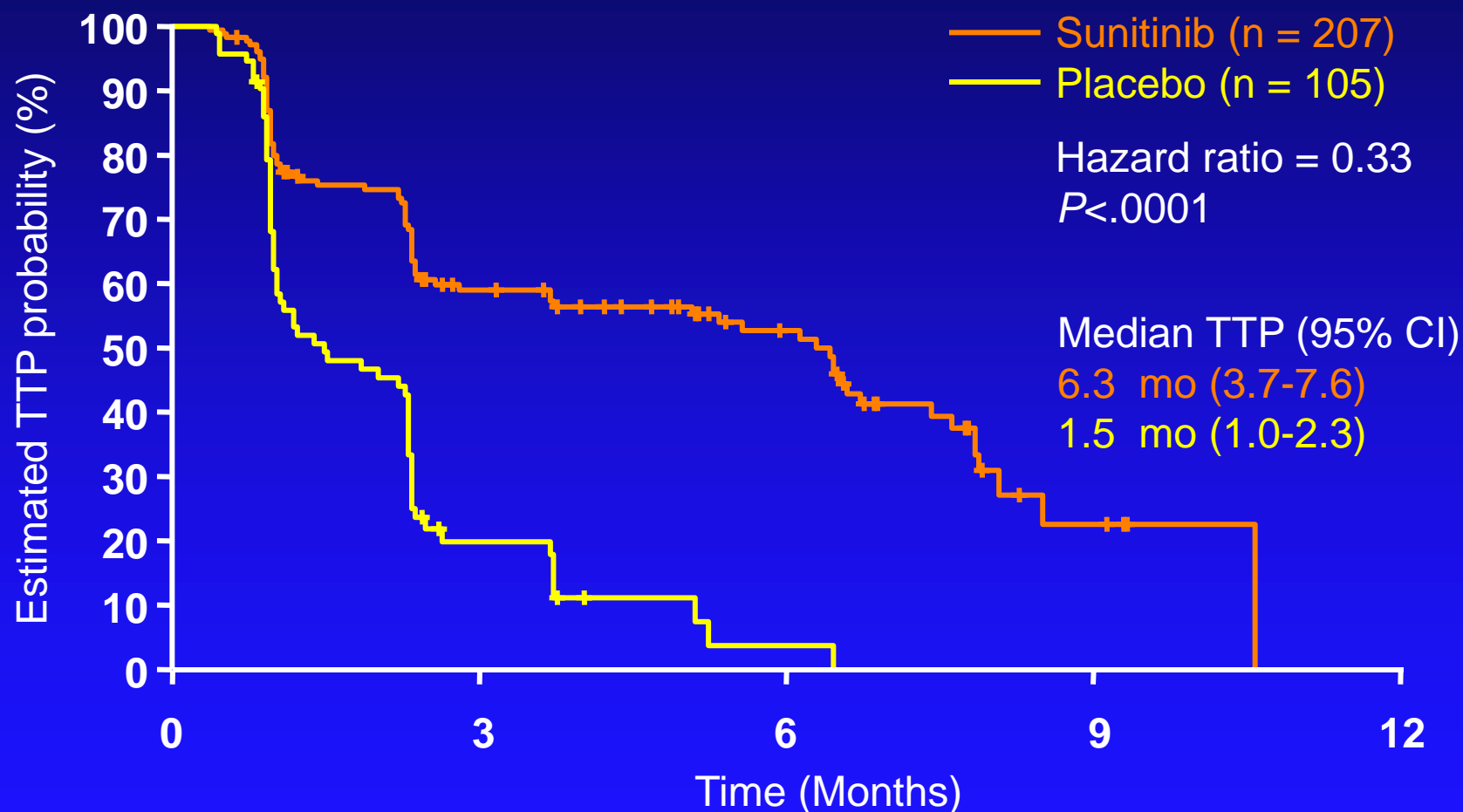


CT scan after 2 months of sunitinib

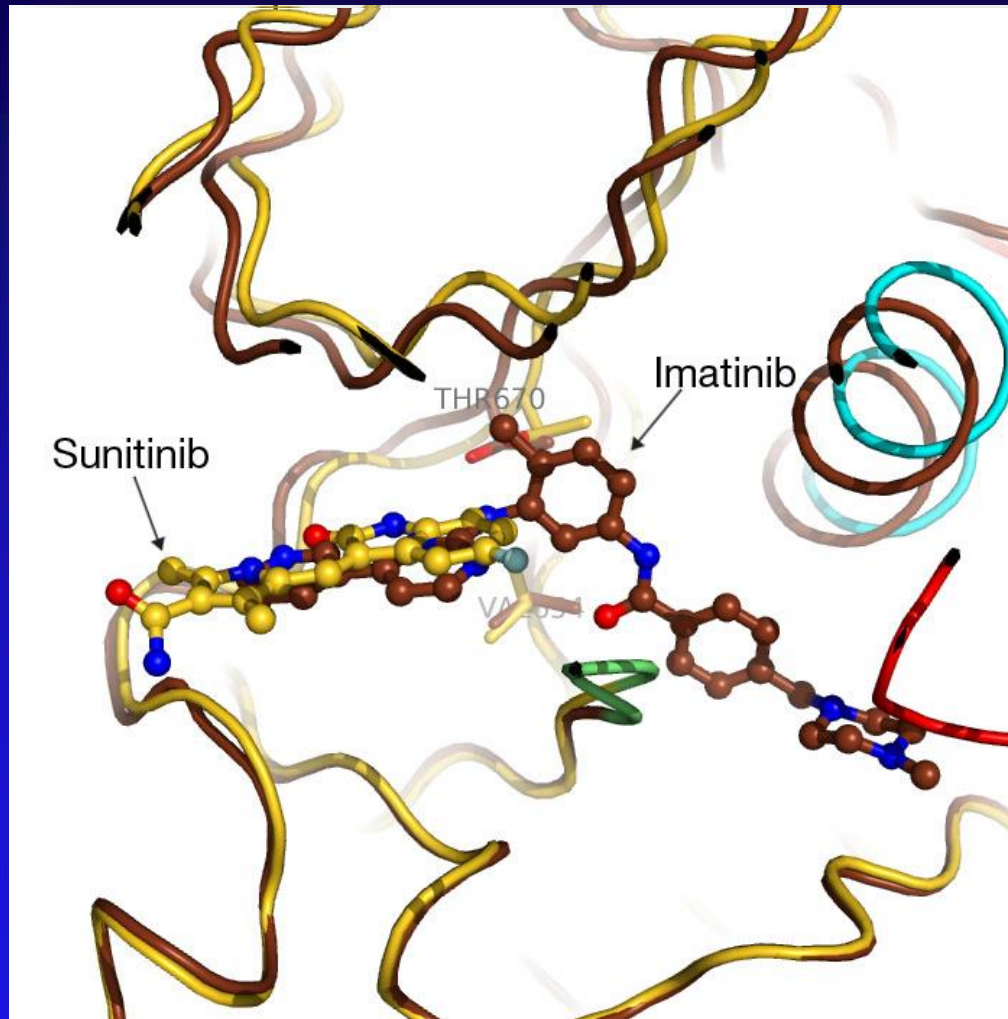
PET, positron emission tomography; CT, computed tomography

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Sunitinib Improves Progression-Free Survival in GIST Following Failure of Imatinib



Structural Explanation for Why Sunitinib Works in Imatinib-Resistant GIST



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The Challenge of Multiple Progressing Tumors in Metastatic GIST Failing TKI Therapy



46 Tumors

All started with Exon 9 *KIT* Mutant
but now demonstrate
>10 different secondary
resistance mutations in *KIT*

The Emergence of GIST Clones Resistant to TKIs Complicates “Personalized Medicine”



How to Manage Patients with Metastatic GIST Progressing Despite Treatment with the 2 Approved TKI Drugs (Imatinib and Sunitinib)

Clinical trials...new agents

Guideline Recommendations After Failure of Imatinib and Sunitinib

Gastrointestinal stromal tumours: ESMO Clinical Practice Guidelines for diagnosis, treatment and follow-up

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GIST: Extensive Disease Progression or Intolerance

Imatinib 400 mg



Imatinib 800 mg



Imatinib 800 mg



[exon 9]

Sunitinib



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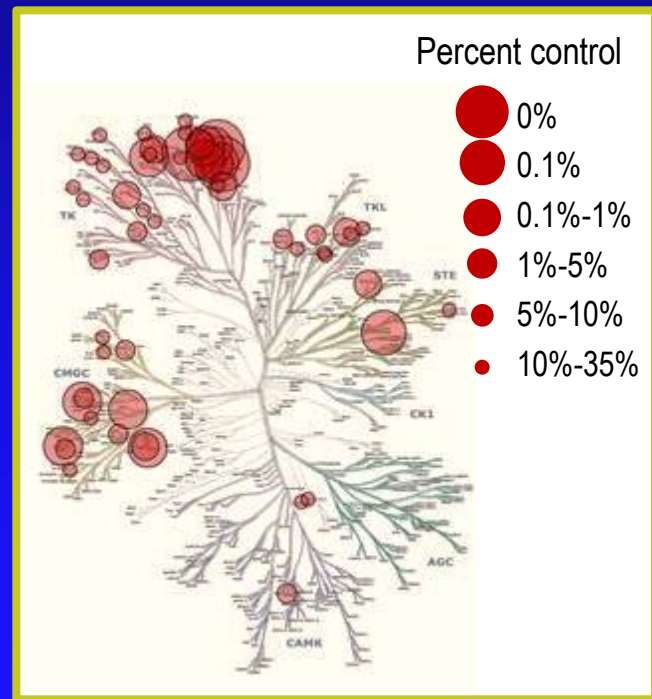
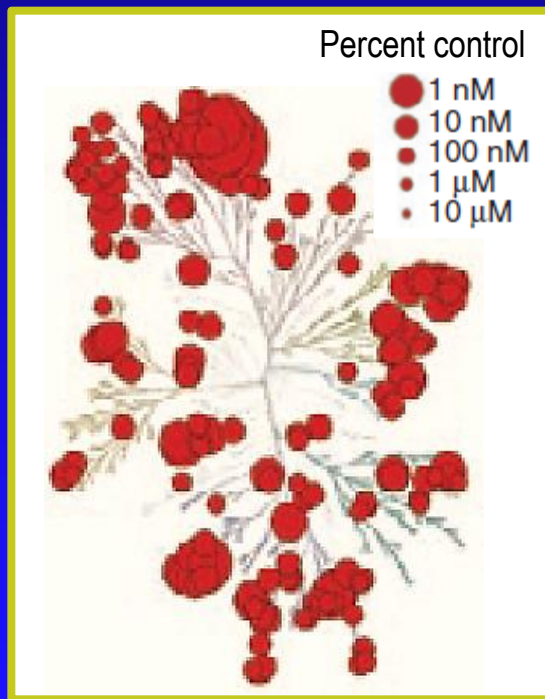
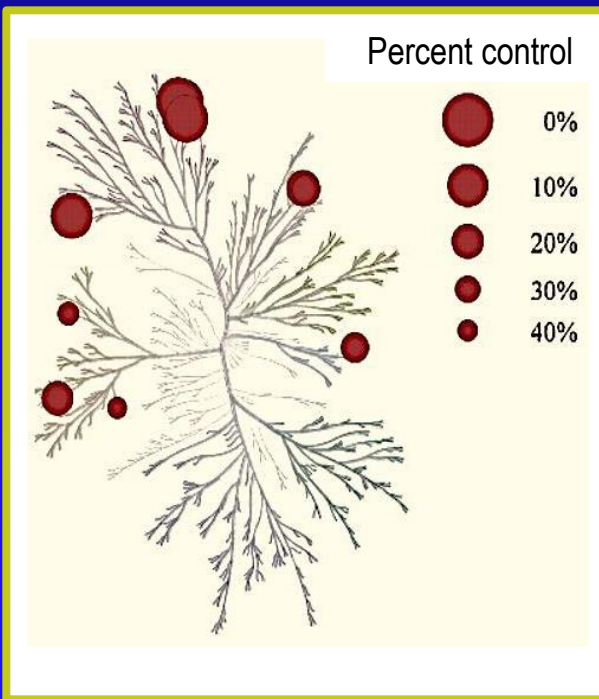
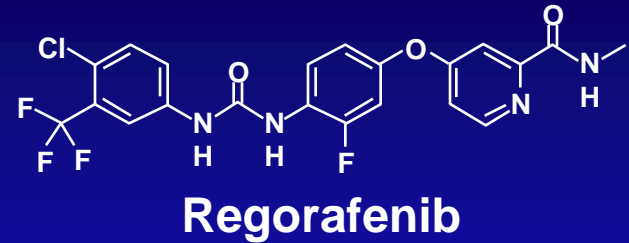


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Regorafenib (BAY 73-4506) Is a Structurally Distinct Oral Inhibitor of Multiple Kinases Relevant to GIST and Other Cancers



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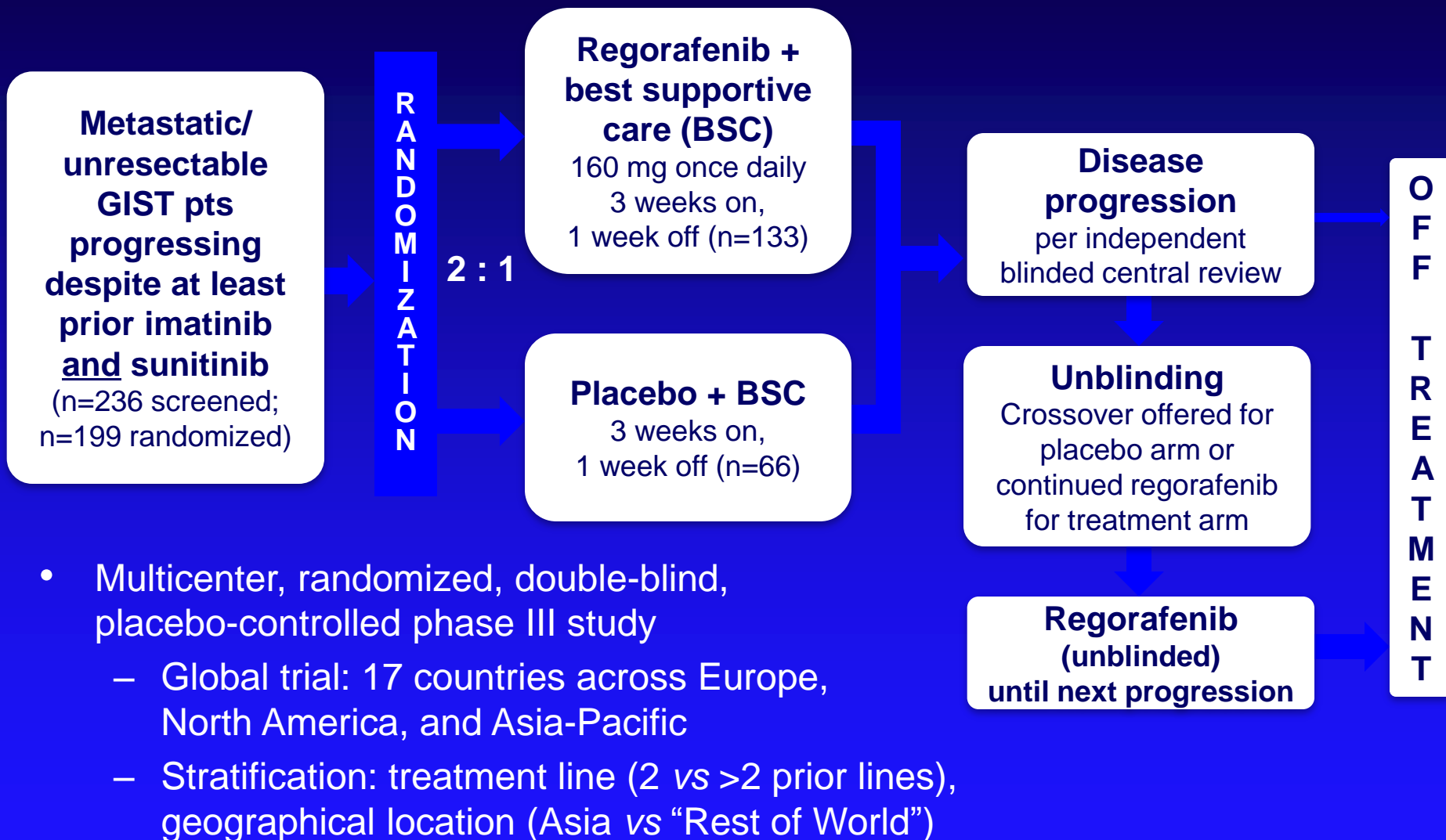


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GIST – Regorafenib In Progressive Disease (GRID): Study Design



GRID Study: Baseline Patient Demographics

		Regorafenib n = 133	Placebo n = 66
Age, median years (range)		58 (18-82)	58 (25-87)
Sex, n (%)	Male	85 (63.9)	42 (63.6)
	Female	48 (36.1)	24 (36.4)
Race, n (%)	White	90 (67.7)	45 (68.2)
	Black	0 (0.0)	1 (1.5)
	Asian	34 (25.6)	16 (24.2)
Prior lines of GIST therapies, n (%)	2 (imatinib and sunitinib <u>only</u>)	74 (55.6)	39 (59.1)
	>2 (imatinib, sunitinib, and others)	59 (44.4)	27 (40.9)
ECOG PS, n (%)	0	73 (54.9)	37 (56.1)
	1	60 (45.1)	29 (43.9)

ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status

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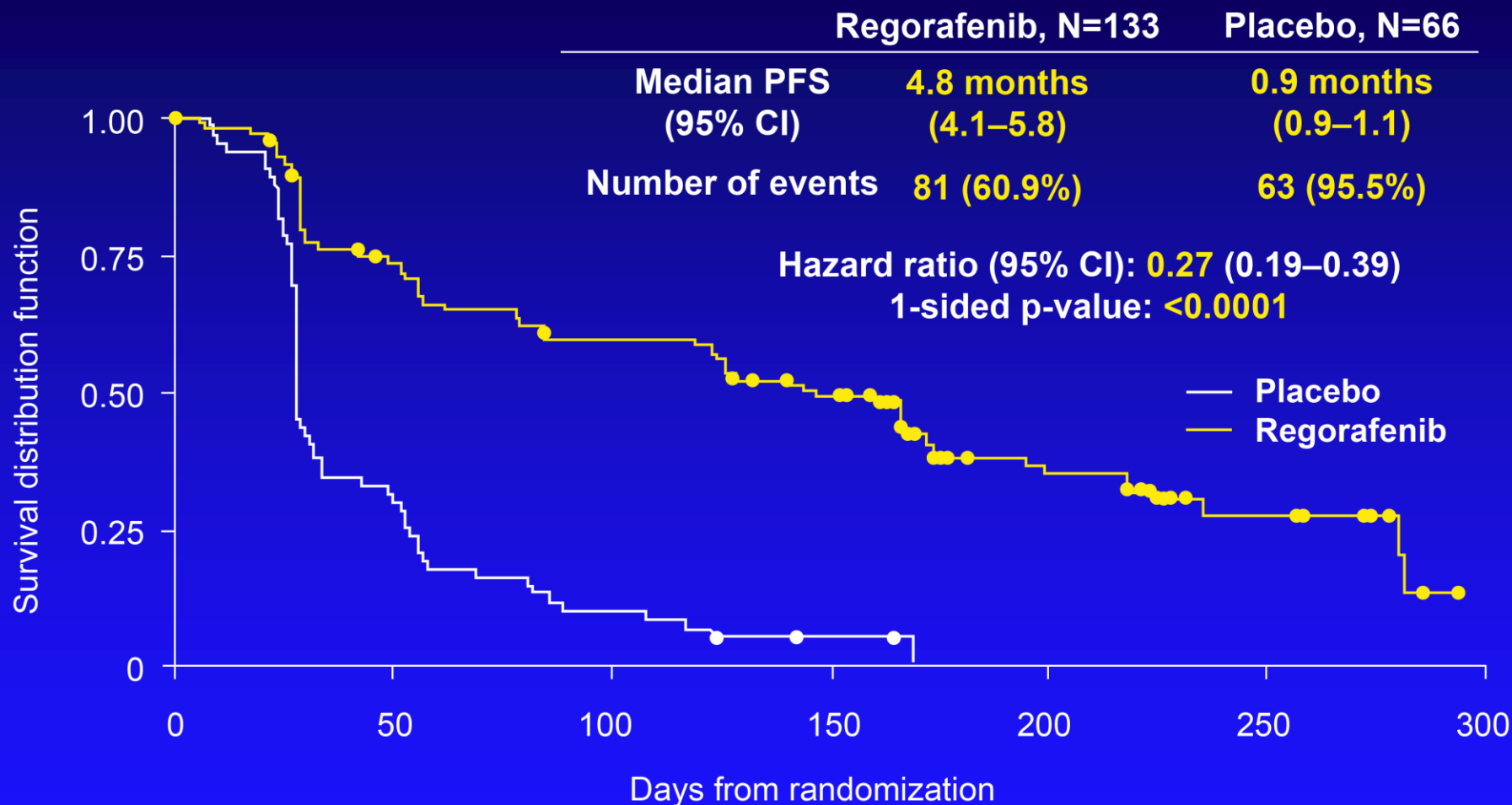


GRID Study: Prior GIST Therapies at Entry

	Regorafenib (n = 133) n (%)	Placebo (n = 66) n (%)
Imatinib	133 (100.0)	66 (100.0)
Sunitinib	133 (100.0)	66 (100.0)
Nilotinib	29 (21.8)	20 (30.3)
Other tyrosine kinase inhibitors	2 (1.5)	1 (1.5)
mTOR inhibitor	3 (2.3)	1 (1.5)
Cytotoxic chemotherapy	13 (9.8)	2 (3.0)
Other	5 (3.8)	1 (1.5)



GRID Study: PFS (Primary Endpoint Per Blinded Central Review)



Regorafenib significantly improved PFS vs placebo ($P<.0001$); primary endpoint met



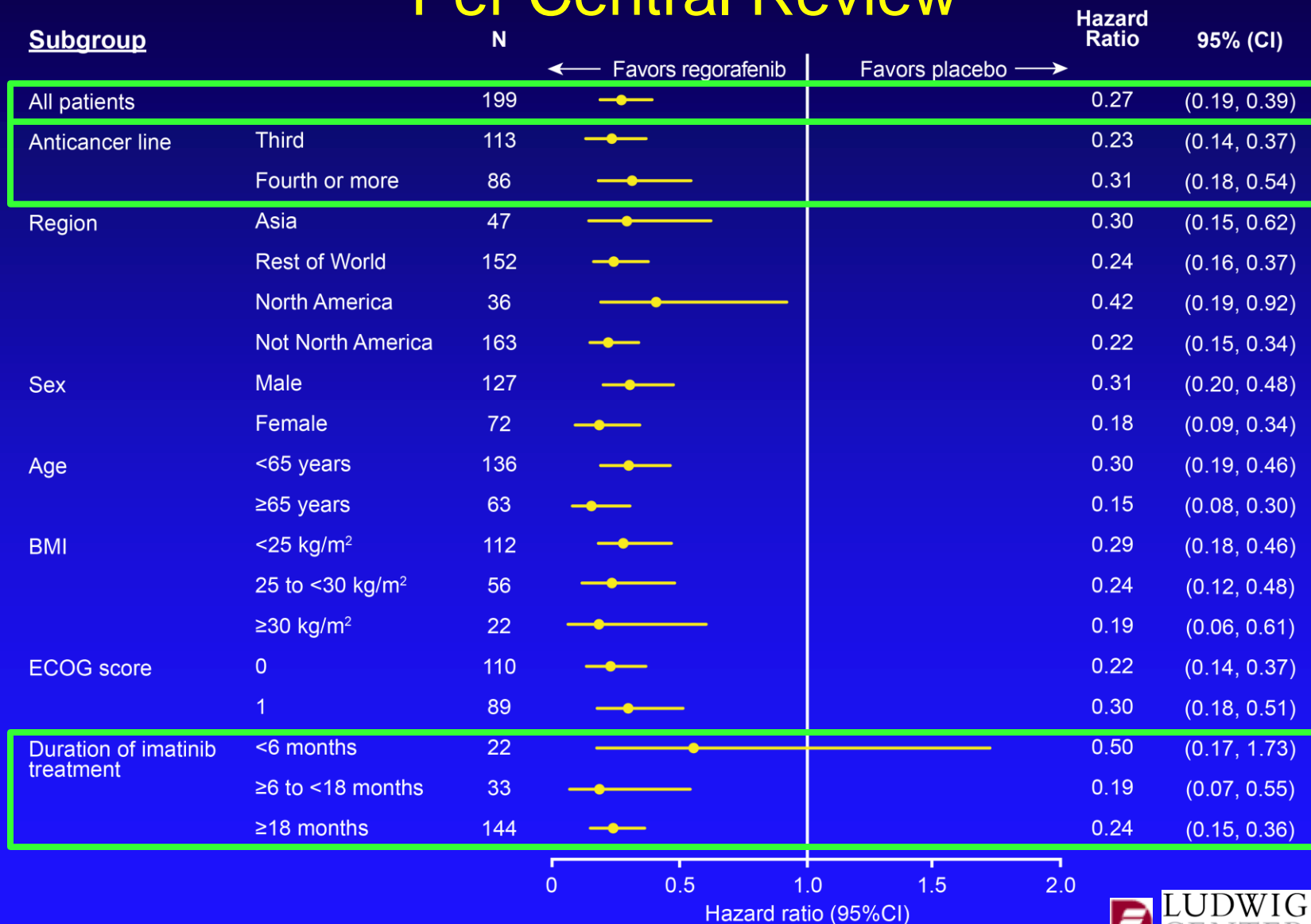
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Prespecified Subgroup Analysis: PFS

Per Central Review

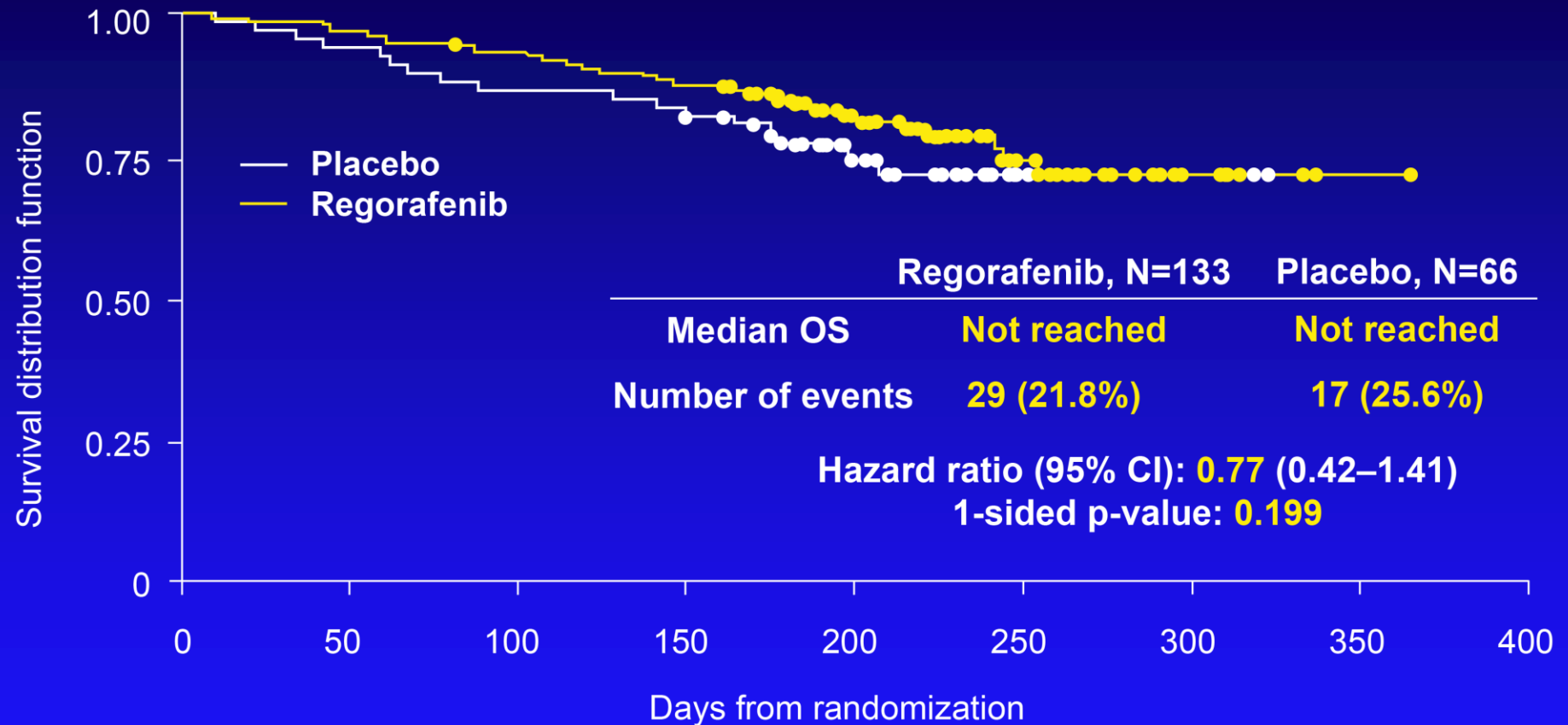


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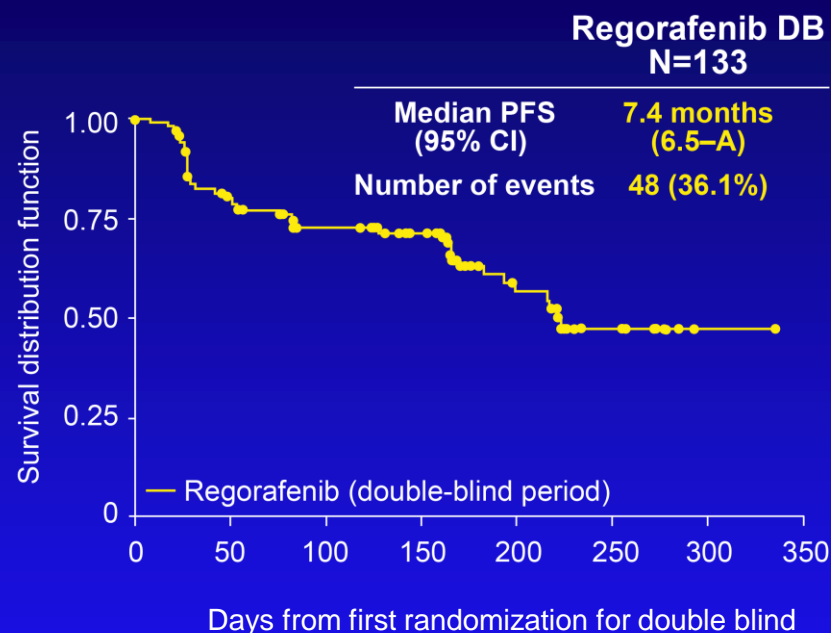
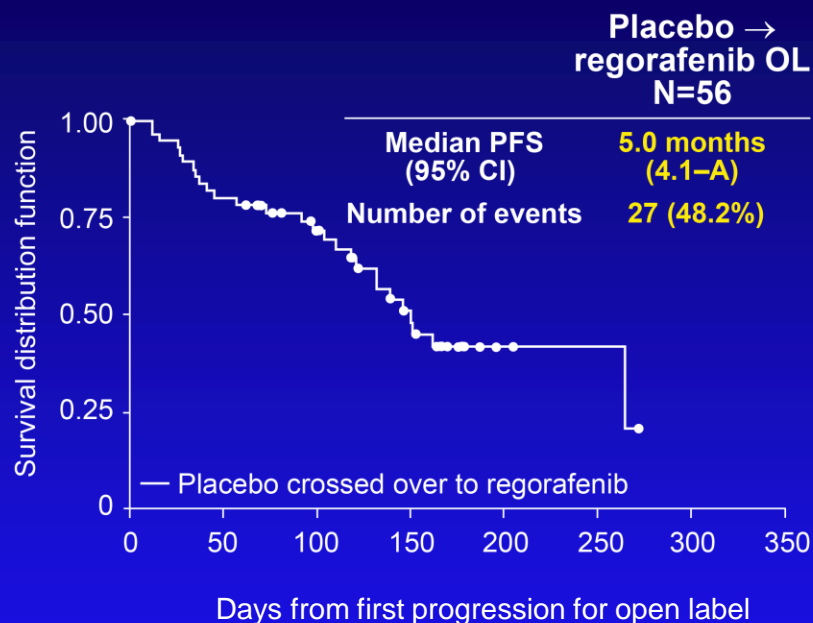


GRID Study: OS (Following 85% Crossover of Patients on Placebo Arm)



Because of the crossover design, lack of statistical significance between regorafenib and placebo was not unexpected

PFS Following Crossover (Per Investigator Assessment)



Substantial PFS benefit in patients initially randomized to placebo and subsequently crossed over to open-label regorafenib

PFS benefit in placebo arm after crossover to regorafenib is comparable to PFS benefit in patients initially randomized to regorafenib



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Disease Control and Overall Response Rates

	Regorafenib (n = 133) n (%)	Placebo (n = 66) n (%)
Disease Control Rate		
CR + PR + durable SD (≥12wks)	70 (52.6)	6 (9.1)
Objective Response Rate	6 (4.5)	1 (1.5)
Complete response (CR)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)
Partial response (PR)	6 (4.5)	1 (1.5)
Stable disease (SD) (at any time)	95 (71.4)	22 (33.3)
Progressive disease (PD)	28 (21.1)	42 (63.6)

Responses based on modified RECIST v1.1

Regorafenib improved rates of disease control vs placebo

Drug-Related Treatment-Emergent Adverse Events in $\geq 10\%$ of Patients During Double-Blind Treatment

	Grade	Regorafenib (n = 132), % Median 23 wks exposure				Placebo (n = 66), % Median 7 wks exposure			
		All	3	4	5	All	3	4	5
Hand-foot skin reaction		56.1	19.7	0	0	15.2	1.5	0	0
Hypertension		48.5	22.7	0.8	0	16.7	3.0	0	0
Diarrhea		40.9	5.3	0	0	7.6	0	0	0
Fatigue		38.6	2.3	0	0	27.3	1.5	0	1.5
Mucositis, oral		37.9	1.5	0	0	9.1	1.5	0	0
Alopecia		23.5	1.5	0	0	3.0	0	0	0
Hoarseness		22.0	0	0	0	4.5	0	0	0

Treatment-Emergent Adverse Events Leading to Permanent Discontinuation of Study Treatment

Regorafenib

8 (6.1%)

Placebo

5 (7.6%)

Baseline GIST Genotype Per Site Reports: Exploratory Analysis of Outcomes

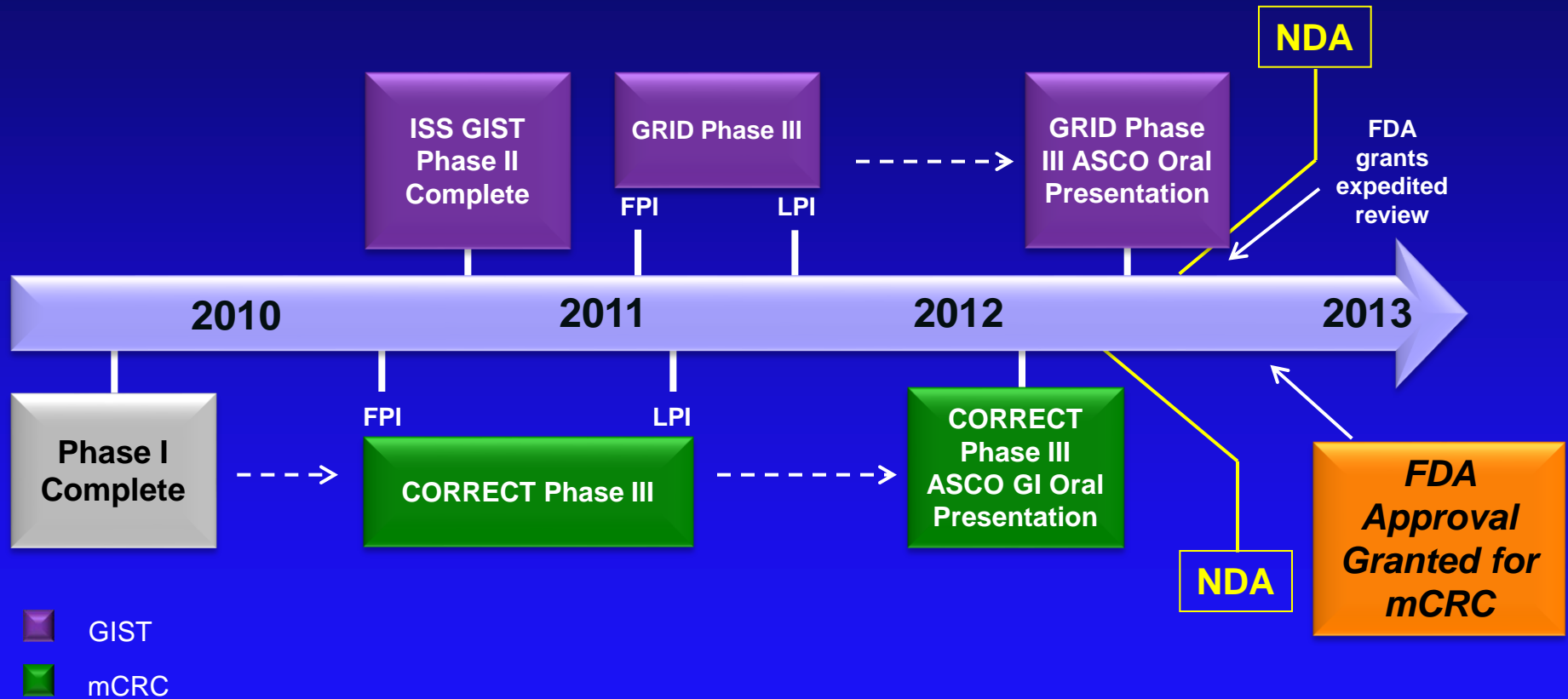
Tumor Genotype, n (%)	Placebo	Regorafenib	Total
Prior GIST genotype available and reported at study entry (% total study population)	36 (54.5%)	60 (45.1%)	96 (48.2%)
<i>KIT</i> exon 11 mutation	17 (47.2%)	34 (56.7%)	51 (53.1%)
<i>KIT</i> exon 9 mutation	6 (16.7%)	9 (15.0%)	15 (15.6%)
Wild type <i>KIT</i> and <i>PDGFRA</i>	2 (5.6%)	6 (10.0%)	8 (8.3%)
Unspecified or other exon mutant	11 (30.5%)	11 (18.3%)	22 (22.9%)

Mutation Biomarker	Progression-Free Survival					
	N	Events	HR	95% CI	Placebo, median months	Regorafenib, median months
<i>KIT</i> exon 11 mutation	51	40	0.212	0.098-0.458	1.1	5.6
<i>KIT</i> exon 9 mutation	15	11	0.239	0.065-0.876	0.9	5.4



Regorafenib Clinical Development

Rapid and Effective Academia – Industry Collaborative Effort



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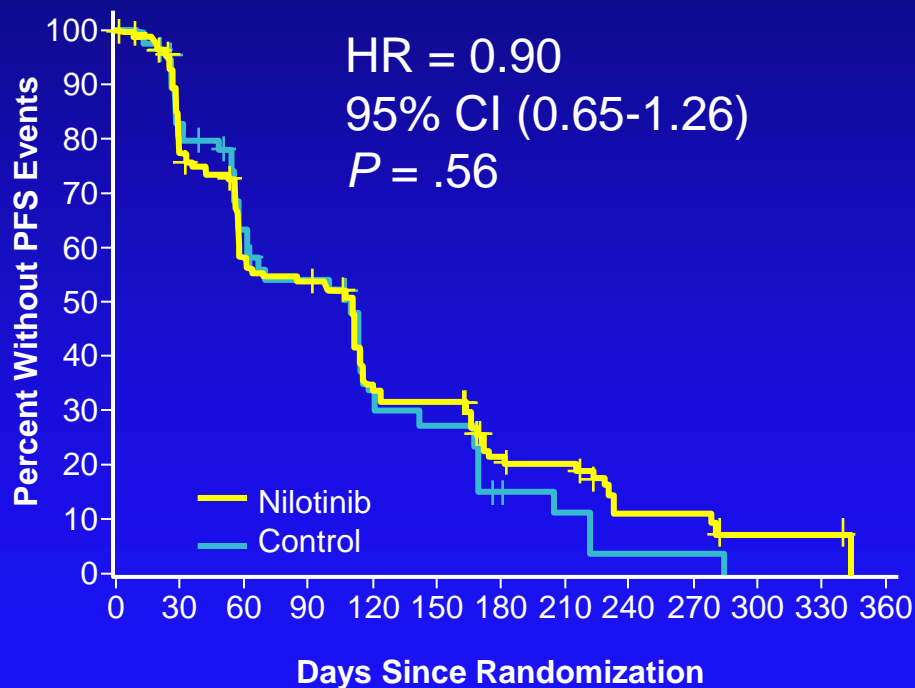


Other TKIs Tested or in Trials for GIST

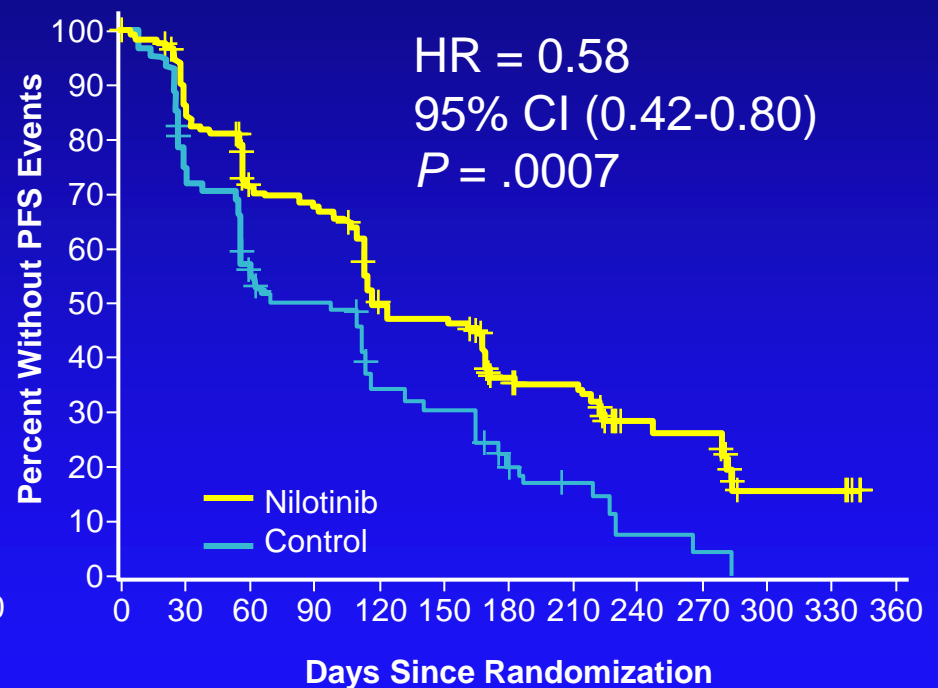
- Nilotinib
- Dasatinib
- Masitinib
- Pazopanib
- Sorafenib

Phase III Study of Nilotinib vs BSC With or Without a TKI in Patients with GIST Resistant to or Intolerant of Imatinib and Sunitinib

Primary Endpoint: Progression-Free Survival



Blinded Central Review



Unblinded Local Review

Summary

- To date, regorafenib is the only agent to demonstrate a significant improvement in PFS among GIST patients previously treated with imatinib and sunitinib, the only other two therapies approved for GIST by regulatory authorities
- If approved, regorafenib may offer patients with TKI-refractory GIST the opportunity for further active treatment

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