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Unmet Needs

- Sequential use of TKIs is associated with a decreased probability of response and worse overall survival.
- A second line of treatment with a second generation TKI rescued about 45-50% of patients.
- Available TKIs have off-target effects that can lead to long-term safety issues and about 20% of patients discontinued their treatment due to adverse events.





Clinical Resistance to Tyrosine Kinase Inhibitors

- Sequential treatment induces new mutations (T315I or compound mutations).
- T315I mutation frequency was reported ranging between 3 and 15%.
- Current option is ponatinib and allogeneic stem cell transplants.
- Allogeneic stem cell transplants have been suggested by international guidelines [1] in:
 - 1. Patients with poor response to a frontline second generation TKI followed by ponatinib
 - 2. Patients with the emergence of mutant clones poorly responsive to available TKIs
 - 3. Patients are intolerant to multiple TKIs or with inadequate recovery of normal hematopoiesis

Hochhaus A, et al. European LeukemiaNet 2020 recommendations for treating chronic myeloid leukemia



ASCEMBL: Update at 48 Weeks

- The cumulative incidence of major molecular response was **33.2% with asciminib and 18.6%** with bosutinib.
- The cumulative incidence of *BCR-ABL1*^{IS} \leq 1% by week 48 in patients without this level of response at baseline was 50.8% with asciminib and 33.7% with bosutinib.
- MR⁴ and MR^{4.5} rates were 14.0% and 9.6% with asciminib and 6.6% and 2.6% with bosutinib, respectively.
- 91.0% of pts on asciminib and 97.4% of pts on BOS reported \geq 1 all-grade AEs.
- The most common AEs leading to treatment discontinuation included thrombocytopenia (3.2%) and neutropenia (2.6%) in the asciminib arm and increased alanine aminotransferase (5.3%) and neutropenia (3.9%) in the bosutinib arm.



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ASCIMINIB MAP in Russian Federation

- **39 pts** who received asciminib for at least 3 months (results presented on 32).
- Median age 54 years; 23 in CP, 7 in AP and 2 in BP.
- 59% mutated and 31% T315I.
- 66% received > 4 TKIs and 44% were previously treated with ponatinib.
- 4 pts discontinued due to lack of efficacy.
- 32% of pts achieved CCyR, 34% MMR, 17% MR4.

Table 1 Univariate analyses of factors for the 6 month MMR rate on asciminib therapy in highly pretreated CML patients (n=29)

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Patients with no MMR at basel	Number of pts (n=29)	CI MMR At 6 month (%)	р		
Initial dose of asciminib, mg	80	20	25%	0,69	
	400	9	22%		
History of the advanced phase	CP	22	18%	0.12	
of CML	AP/BC	7(6/1)	43%	0,13	
History of BCR-ABL mutations	Wild type	12	17%		
	Other than T315I	9	44%	0,14	
	T315I	8	13%		
Best molecular response any	<1%	13	54%	0,0008	
time before asciminib, BCR-	1-10%	9	0%		
ABL% IS	> 10%	7	0%		
Molecular response at	0,1-10%	9	44%	0,035	
baseline	> 10%	20	15%		
Nunber of TKIs before asciminib	2-4	20	30%	0,20	
	≥5	9	11%		
Time and the Title	≤8	14	21%	0.74	
Time on previous TKIs, years	> 8	15	27%	0,74	

Table 2 Adverse events in 32 CML patients on asciminib treatment

Adverse events	All grades, n (%)	Grade 1-2, n (%)	Grade 3-4, n(%)
Thrombocytopenia	5 (15)	1 (3)	4 (12,5)
Neutropenia	2 (6)		2 (6)
Pleural effusion	1 (3)	1 (3)	
Symptomatic epilepsy	1 (3)		1 (3)
Tremor	1 (3)	1 (3)	
Diarrhea	1 (3)	1 (3)	
↑ triglycerides	1 (3)	1 (3)	
个 AST, ALT	2 (6)	2 (6)	
Total	14 (44)	7 (22)	7 (22)

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ASCIMINIB MAP in Spain

- **49 pts** available who received asciminib for a median time of 11.69 months.
- Median age 64 years; 48 in CP, 1 in AP
- 30.6% mutated and 20% T315I.
- 92% received > 3 TKIs and 36% were previously treated with ponatinib.
- 36 pts continued the drug.
- Probabilities to obtain CCyR and MMR in resistant and intolerant patients were 29% (4/14) vs 55% (6/11) and 27% (4/15) vs 52% (11/21), respectively.
- In pts previously treated with ponatinib: probabilities of reaching or maintaining previous response were 53% (9/17) and 35% (6/17) for CCyR and MMR respectively, and 30% (3/10), 23% (3/13) displayed improvement of response.
- Fatigue (16,2%), joint pain (13,5%) and nausea (8,1%) the most frequent AEs.



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follow-up				
All patients	CHR ^a , n(%)	14/17 (83,35)	30/30 (100)	44/47 (93,62)
	CCyR ^a , n(%)	3/17 (17,65)	17/30 (56,66)	21/47 (44,68)
	MMR ^a , n(%)	2/17 (11,77)	8/30 (26,67)	10/47 (21,28)
	MR4ª, n(%)	0/17	0/30	0/47
Patients without	CCyR [♭] , n(%)	4/14 (28,57)	6/11 (54,55)	10/25 (40,0)
response at baseline	MMR [♭] , n(%)	4/15 (26,67)	11/21 (52,38)	15/36 (41,67)
	MR4 ^b , n(%)	2/17 (11,77)	13/28 (46,43)	15/45 (33,33)

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Vodobatinib: Update of Phase 1 Study

- 52 pts enrolled.
- 41 in a dose escalation and 11 in the dose expansion part.
- Thirty-one patients were resistant and 46% received more than 4 TKIs.
- 42 patients were evaluable for response and 24 patients achieved and/ or maintained a complete cytogenetic response, while 15 patients achieved an MMR.
- Most common any grade TEAEs included thrombocytopenia (33%), cough (19%), anaemia & diarrhoea (17% each). Ten (19%) pts reported cardiovascular TEAEs (only 1 related to the drug).

Ponatinib treated (PT) N = 16	Ponatinib naïve (PN) N = 15					
Cytogenetic Response						
4** (25%)	7* (47%)					
4 (25%)	3 (20%)					
3 (19%)	0 (0%)					
3 (19%)	1 (7%)					
2 (12%)	4 (26%)					
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Table 2: Overall Efficacy Outcomes: Cytogenetic Response

Where CCyR = Complete Cytogenetic Response, PCyR = Partial Cytogenetic Response; MCyR = MajorCytogenetic Response (PCyR + CCyR);* pts with intolerance,** Stable disease: Pt with less than MCyRmaintaining hematological response; **2 pts were refractory and 2 were intolerant with loss of response; *5 ptswere refractory and 2 were intolerant with loss of response;

Table 3: Overall Efficacy Outcomes: Molecular Response

Efficacy	Ponatinib treated (PT) N = 16	Ponatinib naïve (PN) N = 15			
Molecular Response					
Achieved DMR	2 (12%)	1 (7%)			
Achieved MMR	3 (19%)	4 (26%)			
Maintained* DMR	0 (0%)	1 (7%)			

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OLVEREMBATINIB: Update of Phase 1 Study

- 101 pts (86 in CP and 15 in AP).
- 83% treated with 2 prior lines of TKI; 62% harbored the T315I mutation. •
- Treatment responses were durable and unaffected by baseline mutational status.
- AEs: 86% skin hyperpigmentation; 11% hypertriglyceridemia, 5% proteinuria
- 77% thrombocytopenia.



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Olverembatinib (HQP1351): Update of Phase 2 Studies

- CC201 study (CP with T315I, 40 mg QD).
- 41 pts, 32 completed 12 cycles.
- 78% pretreated with > 2 TKIs.
- 100% CHR, 75.6% MCyR, 56% MMR.
- 12-months PFS 89.3%.
- AEs: thrombocytopenia 70.7%, skin pigmentation 56.1%.



- CC202 study (AP pts with T315I) •
- 23 pts, 14 completed 12 cycles. •
- 73.9% MaHR (65.2% CHR), 52% MCvR, 39% MMR.

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- 12-months PFS 74%.
- AEs: thrombocytopenia 73%, skin pigmentation 69.6%.
- 48% proteinuria and hypocalcemia.
- 56.5% hyperthrygliceridemia.

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PF-114 in CML Pts After Failure (including T315I)

- Final results of phase 1 study with PF-114 drug, a 4th generation TKI.
- 3+3 dose-escalation study to determine maximum tolerated dose and dose-limiting toxicity.
 Secondary objectives included safety and efficacy based on haematological, cytogenetic and molecular response criteria.
- 51 subjects (5 with accelerated phase CML, 46 with chronic CML).
- 16 subjects had T315I mutation.
- 25 subjects received \geq 3 prior TKIs.
- CHR 47%, MCyR 34%, CCyR 22%, MMR 15.6%
- The maximum tolerated dose was 600 mg with the grade-3 psoriasis-like skin AE as the doselimiting toxicity. There were no vascular occlusive events or deviations of ankle-brachial index.

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Final Analysis of BYOND Study

- Of 163 pts, 48% still receive treatment after a median follow-up of 47.8 months.
- Most common reason for discontinuation was adverse events (26.9%).
- Median dose intensity 300 mg/day with dose reduction in 79.5% of patients.
- CCyR (achieved and/or maintained) 81%.
- MMR 71.8%.
- MR4.5 48.3% (probability to maintain at 36 months 80%).
- OS 88%.
- Only 2 death CML-related.

	Best response on treatment, BCR-ABL1 IS, n (%)						
	Baseline Total	>10%	>1 to 10%	>0.1 to 1%	>0.01 to 0.1%	≤0.01%	Not Evaluable
	(N)						
Baseline BCR-ABL1 IS							
>10%	27	14 (51.9)	1 (3.7)	0	3 (11.1)	5 (18.5)	4 (14.8)
>1 to 10%	24	2 (8.3)	2 (8.3)	2 (8.3)	4 (16.7)	13 (54.2)	1 (4.2)
>0.1 to 1%	28	0	1 (3.6)	5 (17.9)	7 (25.0)	15 (53.6)	0
>0.01 to 0.1%	33	0	1 (3.0)	1 (3.0)	4 (12.1)	26 (78.8)	1 (3.0)
$\leq 0.01\%$	37	0	0	1 (2.7)	2 (5.4)	32 (86.5)	2 (5.4)

Table 1. Shift from Baseline by BCR-ABL1 Transcript Levels in Patients with CP CML*

*Includes patients with a valid baseline assessment.

IS=international scale.

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OPTIC: Responses According to baseline BCR/ABL1 Level and Mutation Status

- At baseline, 84.1% of pts had a high (>10% BCR-ABL1¹⁵) disease burden; 23.8% had T3151 mutation, 17.0% had a mutation other than T3151, and 57.8% had no mutation.
- Pts with T315I mutations had the highest $\leq 1\% BCR-ABL1^{IS}$ response rates (60%) by 3 years with the 45 mg \rightarrow 15 mg dose compared with the other cohorts.
- 97 pts without T315I mutations (ie, no mutation or with mutations other than T315I) achieved ≤1% BCR-ABL1^{IS}.
- Across all 3 cohorts, 79% of pts who achieved ≤1% BCR-ABL1^{IS} maintained this response during the study.
- Of those who lost response, 11 had T315I, 10/11 dose re-escalated; of those who re-escalated, 6/10 regained ≤1% BCR-ABL1^{IS} after dose re-escalation.



	45 mg → 15 mg		30 mg → 15 mg		15 mg	
	No T315I mut	T315I	No T315I mut	T315I	No T315I mut	T315I
≤1% BCR-ABL1 ^{is} by 3 years, n/N (%)	36 (54.5%)	15 (60.0%)	30 (41.1%)	5 (25.0%)	31 (43.7%)	2 (10.5%)
PFS at 3 years, %	71	75	75	49	74	61
OS at 3 years, %	90	86	93	79	94	85

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OPTIC vs PACE: Dose Modification Dynamics

- 364 pts received 45 mg.
- Efficacy outcomes were generally comparable or better in OPTIC when compared with PACE, including ≤1% BCR-ABL1^{IS} response by 24 months (PACE, 52%; OPTIC, 56%), 2-year PFS (68%; 80%), and 2-year OS (86%; 91%).
- Median time to $\leq 1\%$ BCR-ABL1^{IS} response, 5.6 months (PACE) and 6 months (OPTIC).
- Median relative dose intensity was 27 mg/d in PACE and 15 mg/d in OPTIC, and dose reduction occurred more rapidly compared with PACE median. Dose reductions due to AEs occurred in 82% of patients in PACE and 46% in OPTIC.
- A 60% reduction in relative risk for AOEs in OPTIC vs PACE was observed.



Table 2. Safety Summary

	PACE CP-CML	OPTIC 45 mg → 15 mg
Safety Parameter	(N=270)	(N=94)
Any TEAE, n (%)*	270 (100)	94 (100)
Grade 3/4, n (%)	221 (82)	64 (68)
Exposure-adjusted AOEs		
(per 100 patient-years)		
0-1 y	15.8	7.6
1-2 y	15.1	5.9

*Data from analysis at 2 years.

AOE, arterial occlusive event; CP-CML, chronic-phase chronic myeloid leukemia; TEAE, treatmentemergent adverse event.

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Impact on Patient Outcomes

- Considering the subset of patients resistant or intolerant to several treatments, the results of these new agents seem promising.
- Too early to define an algorithm of treatment, even according to the type of resistance and type of mutations.
- Most of the drugs are very selective and the toxicity seems to be limited to few events with a reduced rate of grade 3/4.
- And until now off-target effects were not reported.

Abbreviations

- AEs = adverse events
- AOEs = arterial occlusive events
- AP = accelerated phase
- BP = blast phase
- CCyR = Complete Cytogenetic Response
- CHR: complete hematologic response
- CML = Chronic Myeloid Leukemia
- CP = chronic phase
- MaHR: major hematologic response
- MCyR = Major Cytogenetic Response
- MMR = Major Molecular Response
- MR = molecular response
- OS = Overall Survival
- PCyR = Partial Cytogenetic Response
- PFS: progression-free survival
- Pts = Patients
- TEAE = Treatment emergent adverse events
- TKIs = Tyrosine Kinase Inhibitors





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