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**GIST: Paradigma de medicina  
de precision.**

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# Gastrointestinal stromal tumor (GIST)

## Some figures

- Most common mesenchymal tumor of the GI-tract
  - Incidence ~10 cases/million/year
- GIST presents localized in 80% of cases (gastric 60%, intestinal 30%)
- GIST is a model of targeted therapies in solid tumors
- High-risk GIST (45%)
  - Consist of large tumors with a high mitotic activity
  - Associated with  $\geq 50\%$  5-year risk of recurrence after surgery<sup>1-4</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Nilsson B et al. Cancer 2005; 103:821-9; <sup>2</sup>Hassan I et al. Ann Surg Oncol 2008; 15:52-9;

<sup>3</sup>Rutkowski P et al. Ann Surg Oncol 2007; 14:2018-27. Martin-Broto Clin Transl Oncol 2017 May;19(5):536-545

# Relevant milestones in GIST (over time)

- ✓ 1930-1950: classified as **leiomyomas, leiomyosarcomas or leiomyoblastomas**.
- ✓ 1960-1980: Ultrastructural and IHC showed absence of smooth muscle differentiation.
- ✓ 1983: Mazur and Clark introduced new term **GIST**.
- ✓ 1994-95: Mesenchymal origin with positivity for **CD34**.

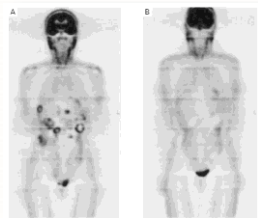
1998: Kindblom y cols. **Precursor Interstitial Cajal Cells cKIT +**



1998: Hirota y cols.  
Gain-of-function in ***KIT*** mutations

## Gain-of-Function Mutations of *c-kit* in Human Gastrointestinal Stromal Tumors

Seiichi Hirota,<sup>\*</sup> Koji Isozaki,<sup>\*</sup> Yasuhiro Moriyama, Koji Hashimoto, Toshiro Nishida, Shingo Ishiguro, Kiyoshi Kawano, Masato Hanada, Akihiko Kurata, Masashi Takeda, Ghulam Muhammad Tunio, Yuji Matsuzawa, Yuzuru Kanakura, Yasuhisa Shinomura, Yukihiko Kitamura<sup>†</sup>  
www.sciencemag.org • SCIENCE • VOL. 279 • 23 JANUARY 1998



2001: Joensuu y cols.  
Described 1<sup>st</sup> GIST case treated with **IMATINIB**

2003: Heinrich y cols.  
described another driver in GIST: **PDGFR $\alpha$** .

## PDGFR $\alpha$ Activating Mutations in Gastrointestinal Stromal Tumors

Michael C. Heinrich,<sup>1\*</sup> Christopher L. Corless,<sup>2</sup> Anette Duensing,<sup>3</sup> Laura McGreevey,<sup>1</sup> Chang-Jie Chen,<sup>3</sup> Nora Joseph,<sup>3</sup> Samuel Singer,<sup>4</sup> Diana J. Griffith,<sup>3</sup> Andrea Haley,<sup>1</sup> Ajia Town,<sup>1</sup> George D. Demetri,<sup>3</sup> Christopher D. M. Fletcher,<sup>3</sup> Jonathan A. Fletcher<sup>3,5\*</sup>

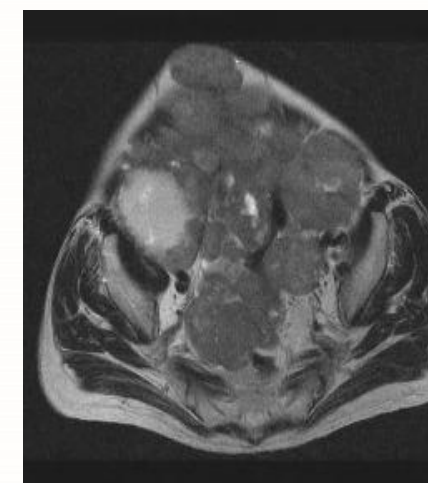
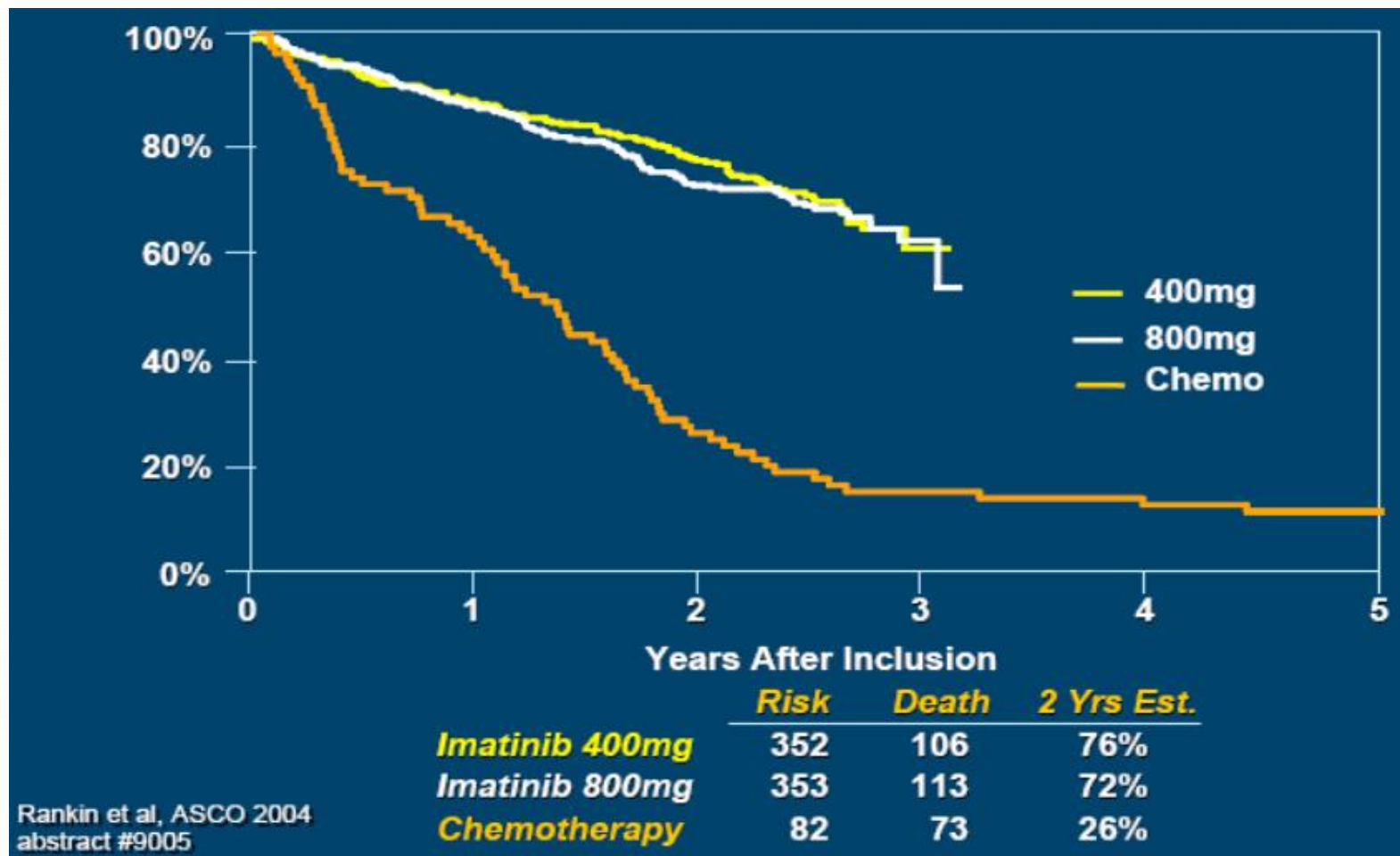
Most gastrointestinal stromal tumors (GISTs) have activating mutations in the KIT receptor tyrosine kinase, and most patients with GISTs respond well to Gleevec, which inhibits KIT kinase activity. Here we show that ~35% (14 of 40) of GISTs lacking KIT mutations have intragenic activation mutations in the related receptor tyrosine kinase, platelet-derived growth factor receptor  $\alpha$  (PDGFR $\alpha$ ). Tumors expressing KIT or PDGFR $\alpha$  oncoproteins were indistinguishable with respect to activation of downstream signaling intermediates and cytogenetic changes associated with tumor progression. Thus, KIT and PDGFR $\alpha$  mutations appear to be alternative and mutually exclusive oncogenic mechanisms in GISTs.

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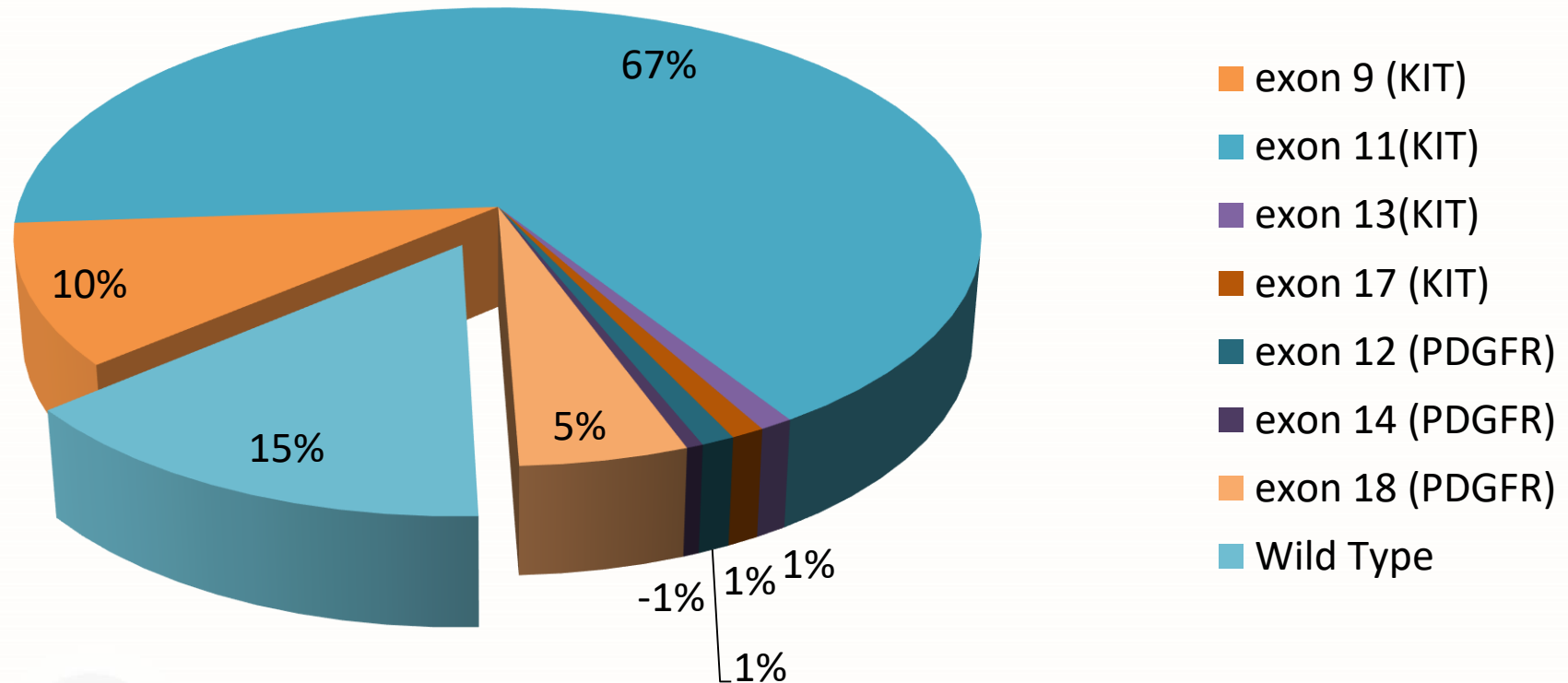


# Change of Expectations

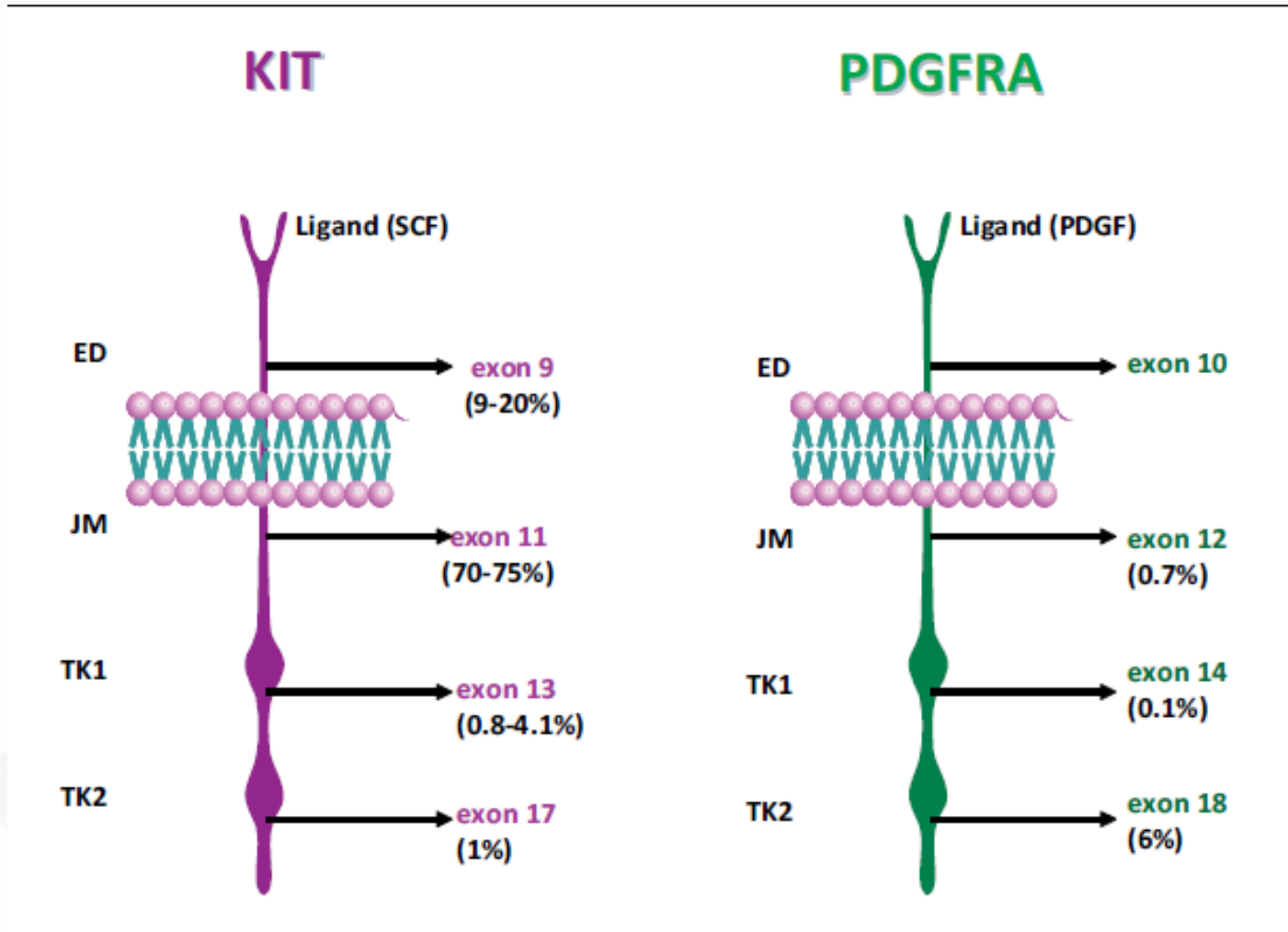
Life expectancy < 1 year to  
> 5 years



# Molecular Classification of GIST Genotype

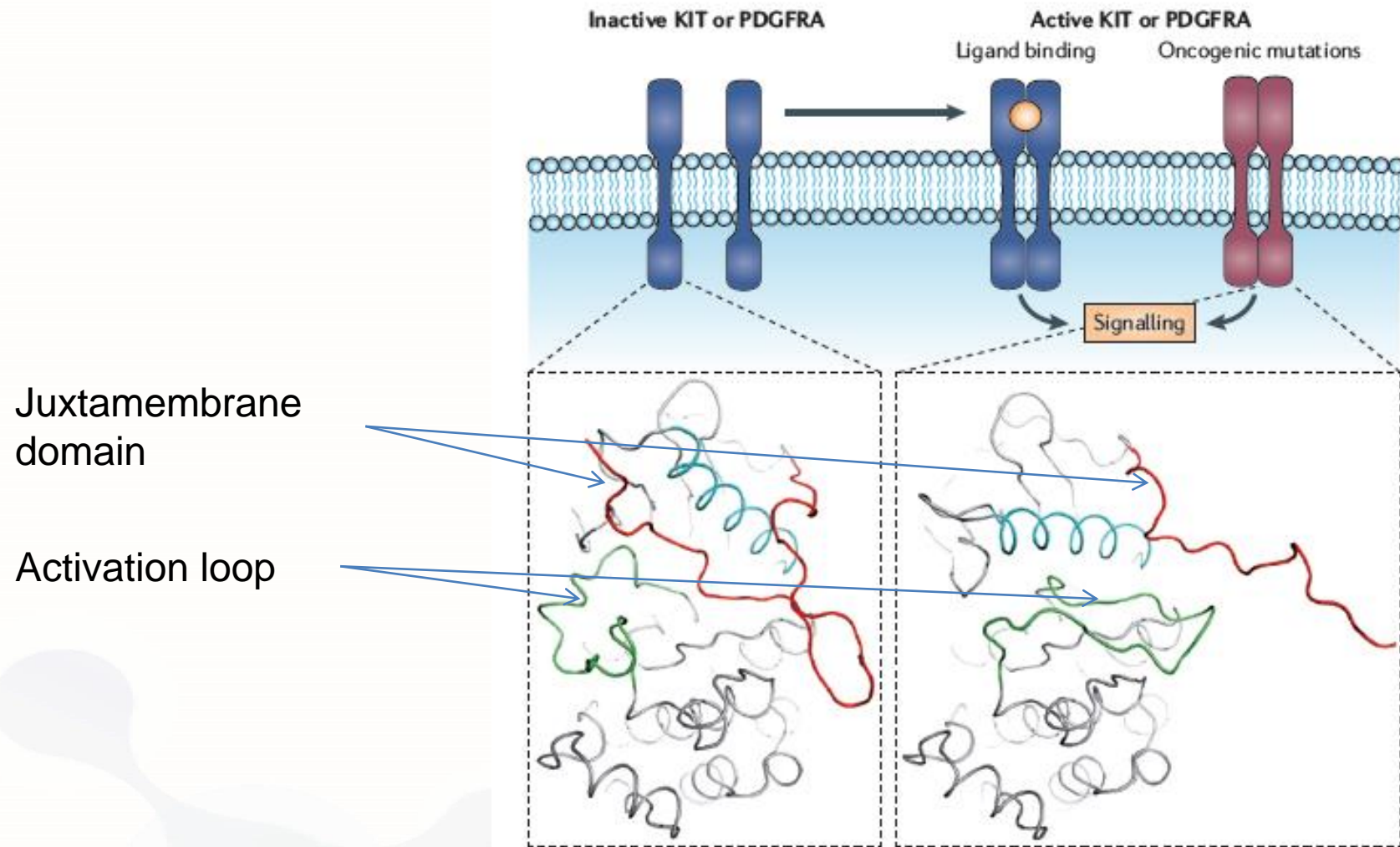


# GENOTYPE IN GIST



- Genes codifying KIT & PDGFRA map to chromosome 4q12
- Type III TKR (highly homologous)
- Extracellular domain: binding ligand and dimerization
- Cytoplasmic domain
  - Juxtamembrane
  - TK domains

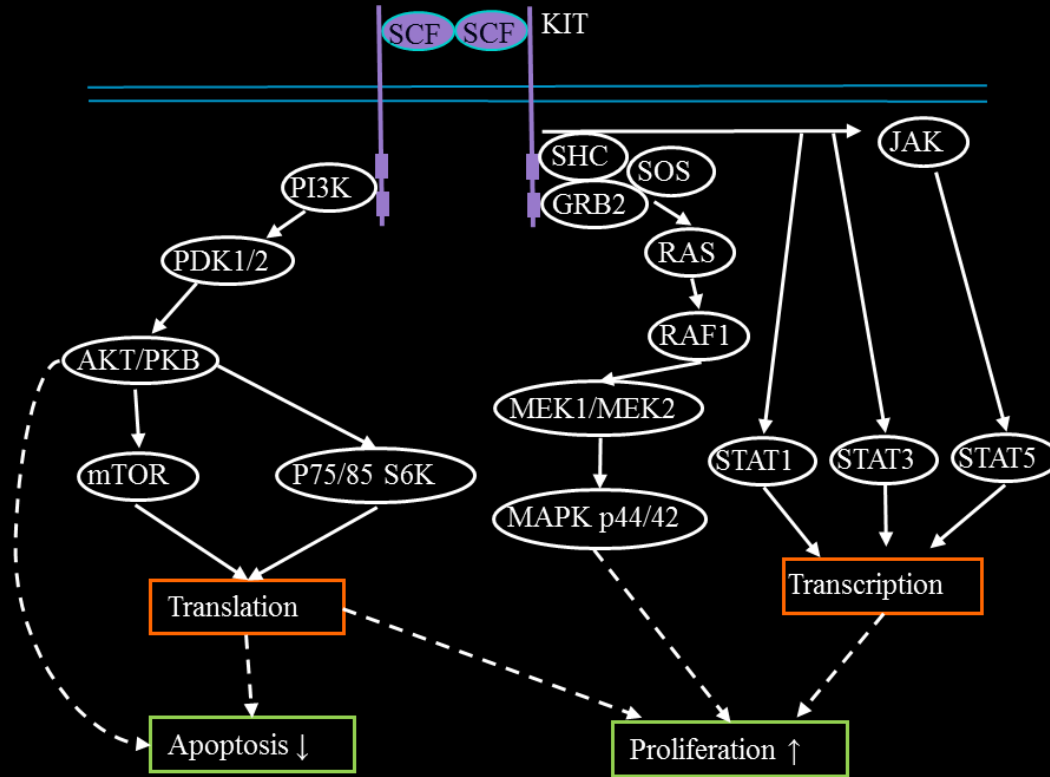
# KIT & PDGFRA DRIVERS



*Proc. Natl Acad. Sci. USA* **106**, 1542–1547 (2009).



# KIT downstream signalling



- Mutations of KIT and PDGFRA RTKs increase cell proliferation while decreasing apoptosis
- Downstream signaling pathways of mutant KIT or PDGFRA are thought to be similar, although specific gene expression differs

PDGFRA=platelet-derived growth factor receptor-alpha; PI3K=phosphoinositide 3-kinase; RTK=receptor tyrosine kinase; SCF=stem cell factor.

Mutation analysis: KIT and PDGFRA page. GIST Support International Website.

<http://www.gistsupport.org/about-gist/mutation-analysis-kit-and-pdgfra.php>. Accessed 08/23/2010.

# MUTATIONS AS PROGNOSTIC FACTORS



# Risk Assessment in Localized GIST

## FLETCHER

50 HPF=  
10-12 mm<sup>2</sup>

Very Low Risk

Low Risk

Intermediate Risk

High Risk

Size

Mitotic Count (50 hpf)

< 2 cm

≤ 5 mitoses

2-5 cm

≤ 5 mitoses

≤ 5 cm  
5-10 cm

6-10 mitoses  
≤ 5 mitoses

> 5 cm  
> 10 cm  
Any size

> 5 mitoses  
Any mitotic count  
> 10 mitosis

Fletcher CD et al. Hum Pathol. 2002;  
33:459-65

## MIETTINEN- LASOTA

50 HPF=  
5 mm<sup>2</sup>

Very Low Risk

Low Risk

Intermediate Risk

High Risk

Size

Mitotic count (50 hpf)

Location

2- 5 cm

≤ 5 mitoses

gastric

>5 ≤ 10 cm  
2- 5 cm

≤ 5 mitoses  
≤ 5 mitoses

gastric  
intestinal

>10 cm  
>5 y ≤ 10 cm  
2- 5 cm

≤ 5 mitoses  
≤ 5 mitoses  
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gastric  
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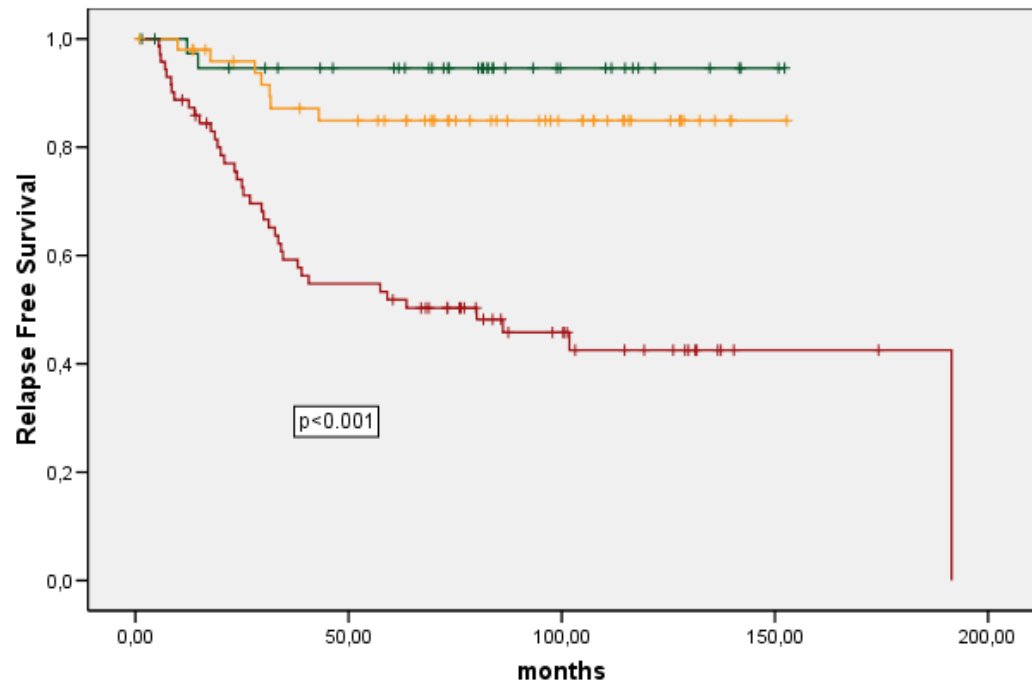
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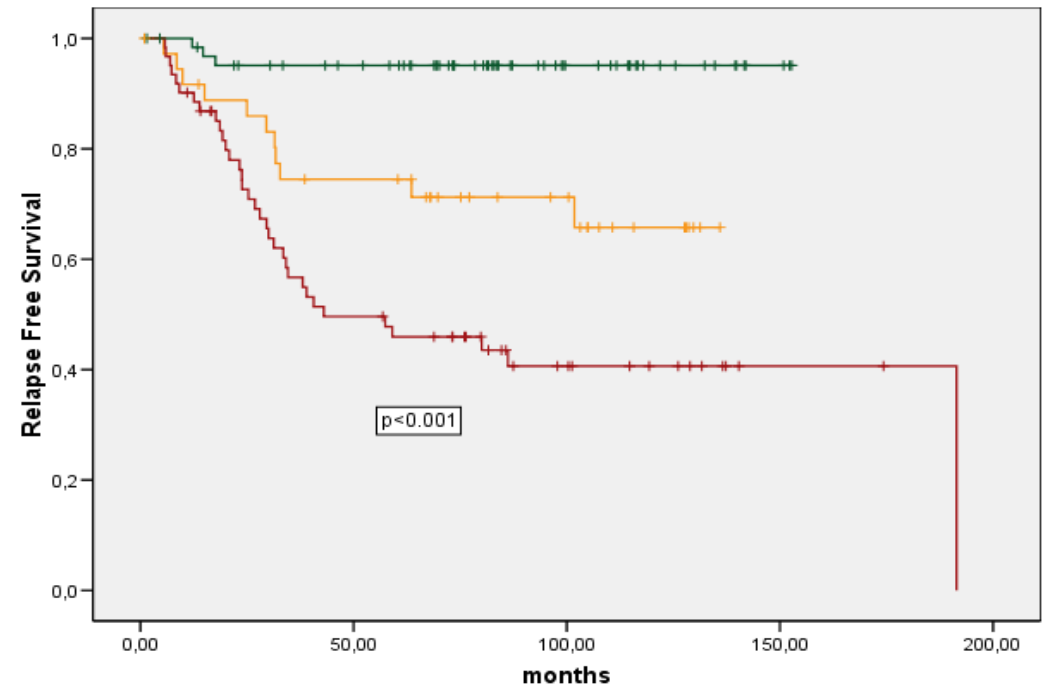
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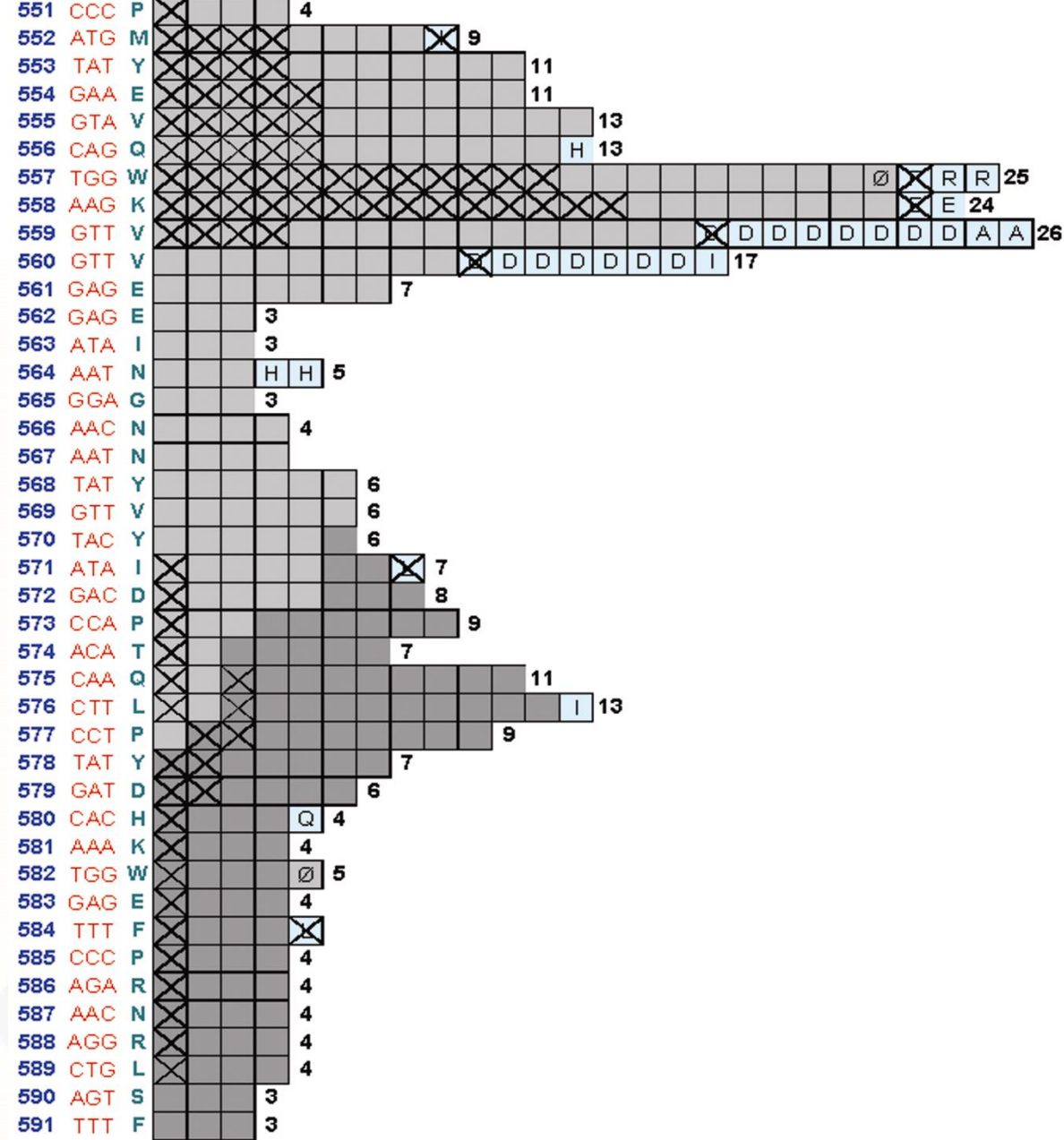
# Risk Stratification

Fletcher et al. Risk Categories

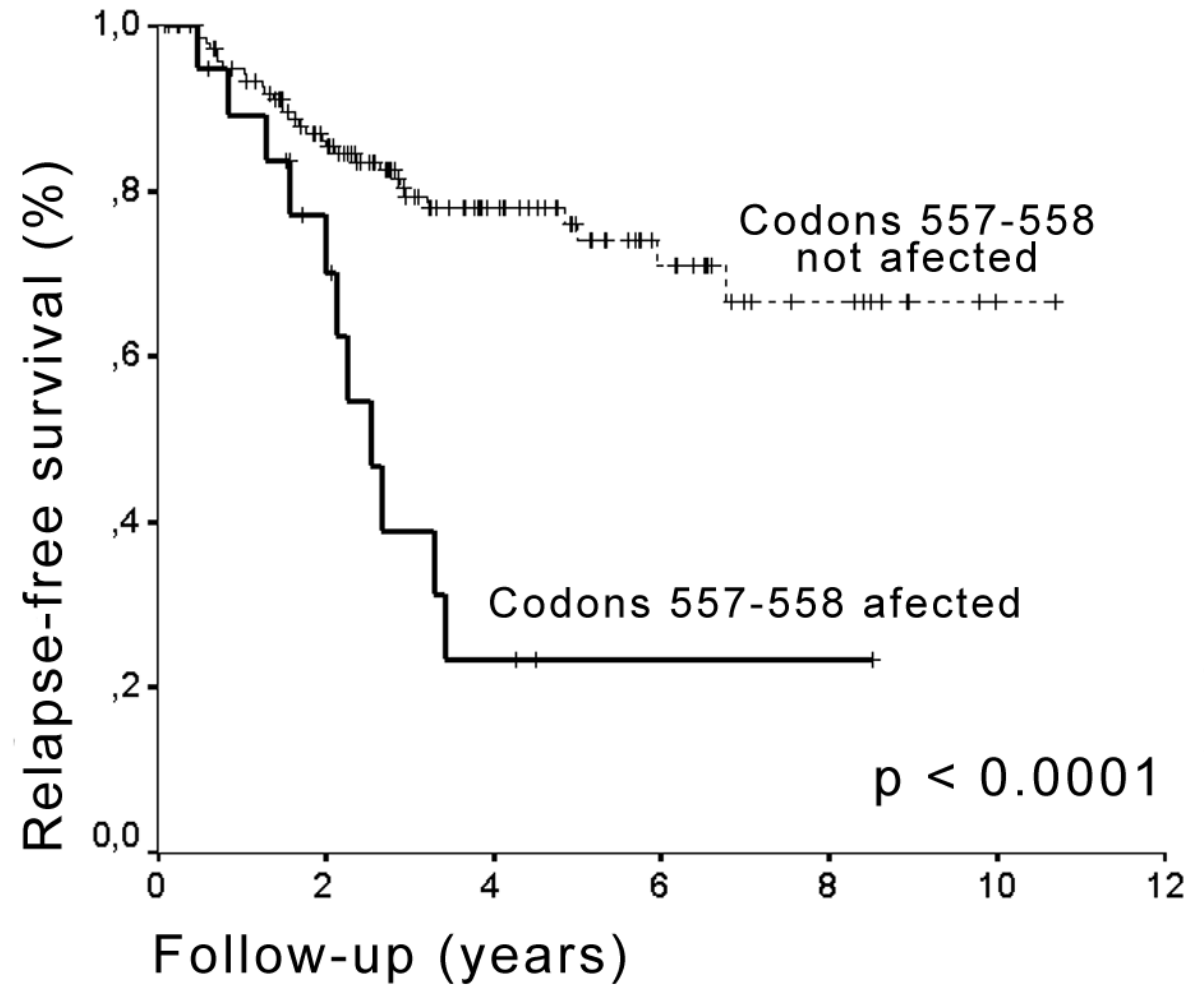


Miettinen-Lasota Risk Categories





Deletions Missense Duplications Non-sense Event of recurrence



J Martin et al. J Clin Oncol 2005 Sep 1;23(25):6190-8.



# Independent prognostic factors for RFS in GIST patients

## Multivariate analysis

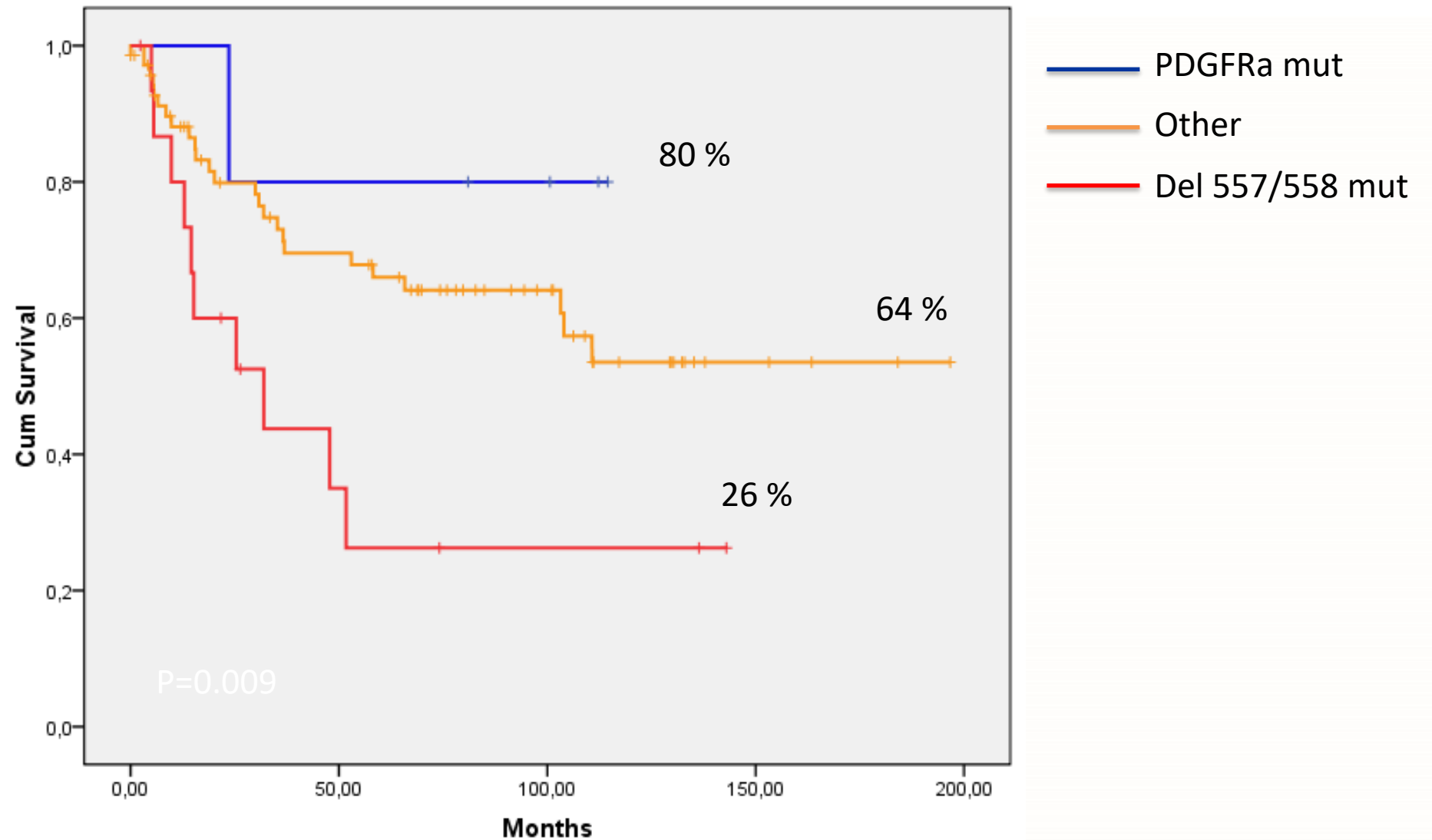
Factors	RR	95%CI	p
<hr/> Miettinen-Lasota Risk Categories:			
Intermediate	5.97	2.09-17.06	0.001
High	11.45	4.40-29.76	<0.001
Critical Mutations 557 or 558	3.05	1.59-5.85	0.001

J Martin et al, ASCO 2008, oral presentation

J Martin et al, Ann Oncol. 2010 Jul; 21(7):1552-7

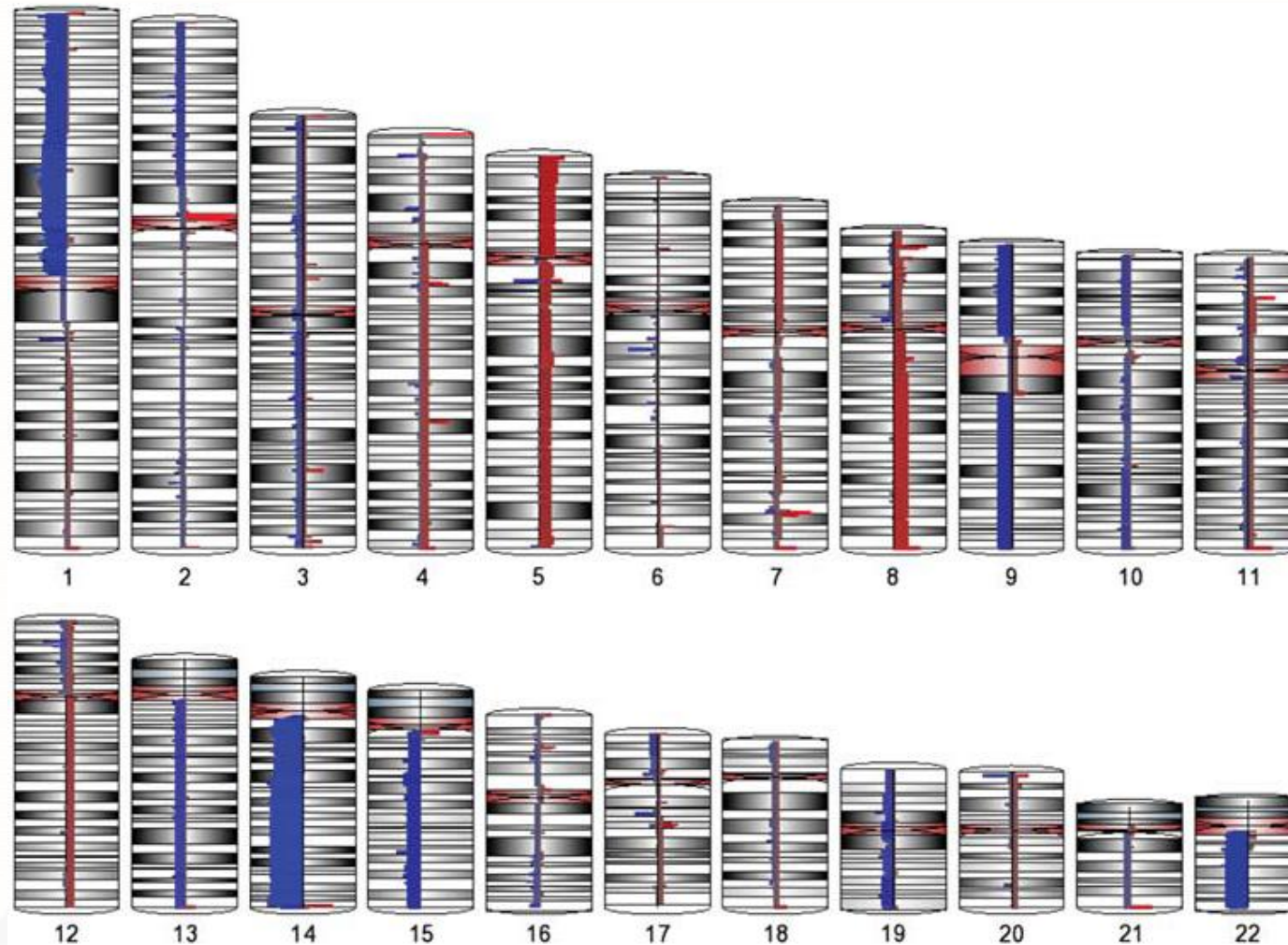
# 7-year ACTUARIAL RFS IN INTERMEDIATE RISK MIETTINEN CLASSIFICATION

## According to prognostic genotype



# GIST GENETIC PROGRESSION

*KIT* or *PDGFRa* mutations 14q→22q→1p



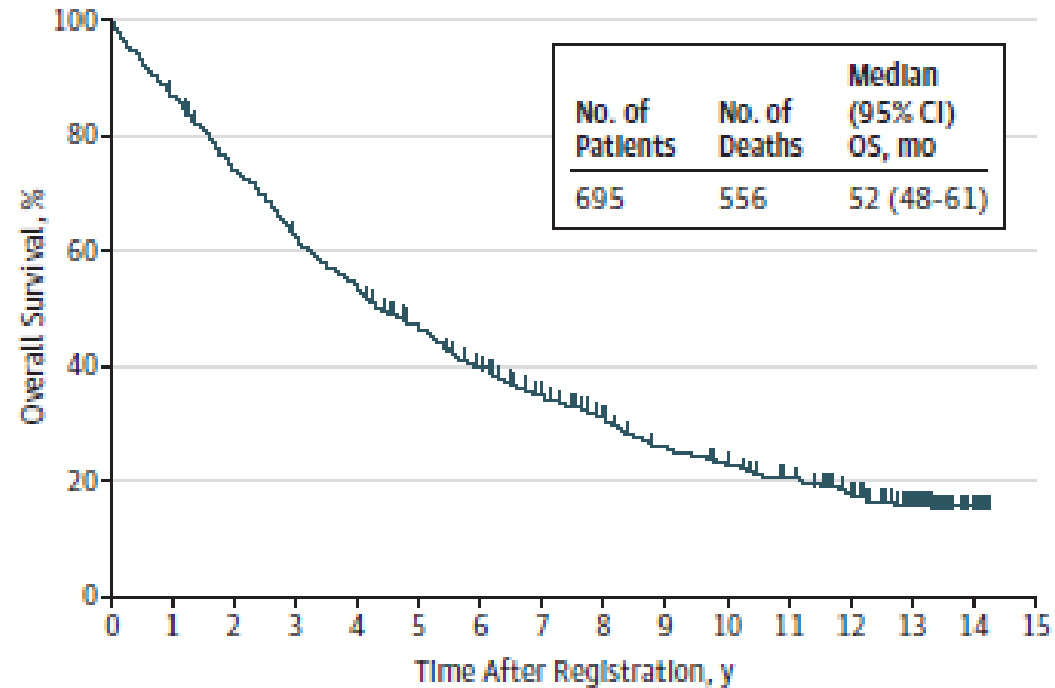
# MUTATIONS AS PREDICTIVE FACTORS

Mutations as predictive factors



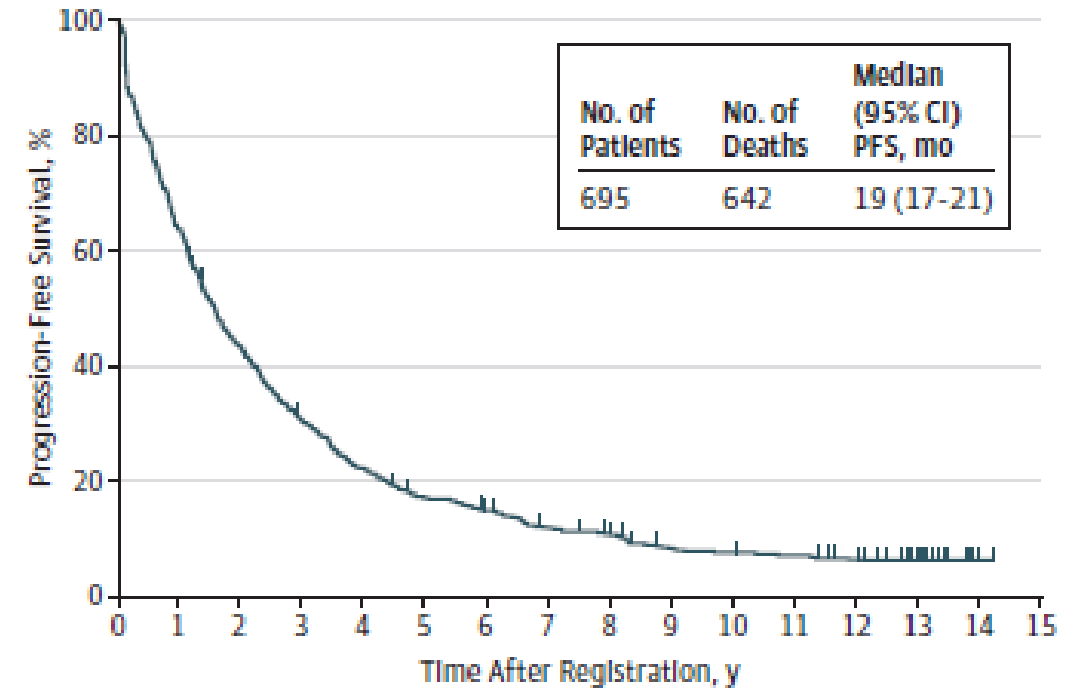
# Long-term KM curves first line

**A** Overall survival



No. at risk 602 511 430 368 312 261 221 189 152 133 111 90 55 6 0

**B** Progression-free survival

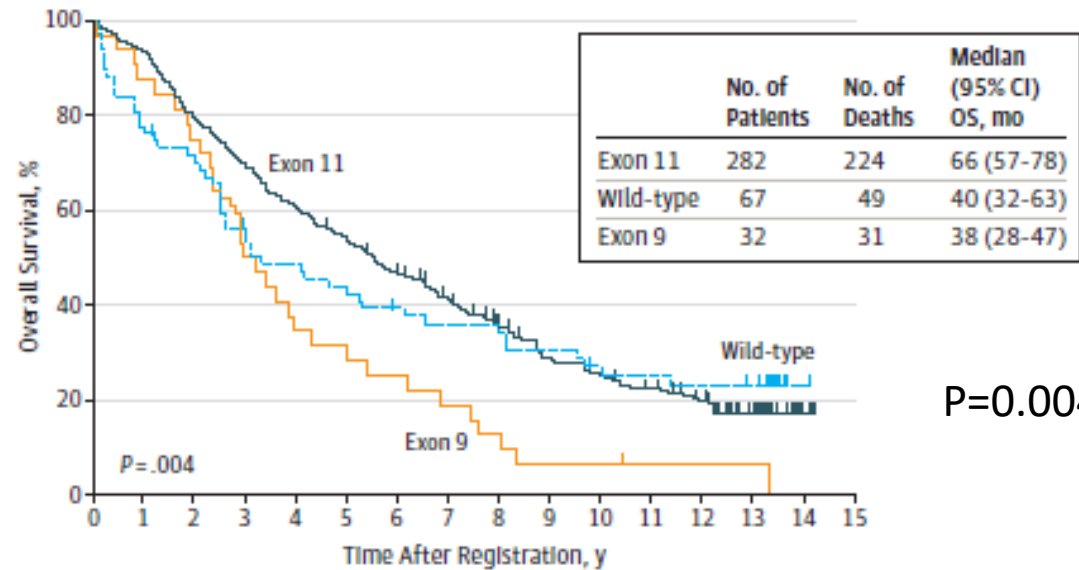


No. at risk 442 298 209 153 115 98 77 67 48 43 40 33 20 1 0



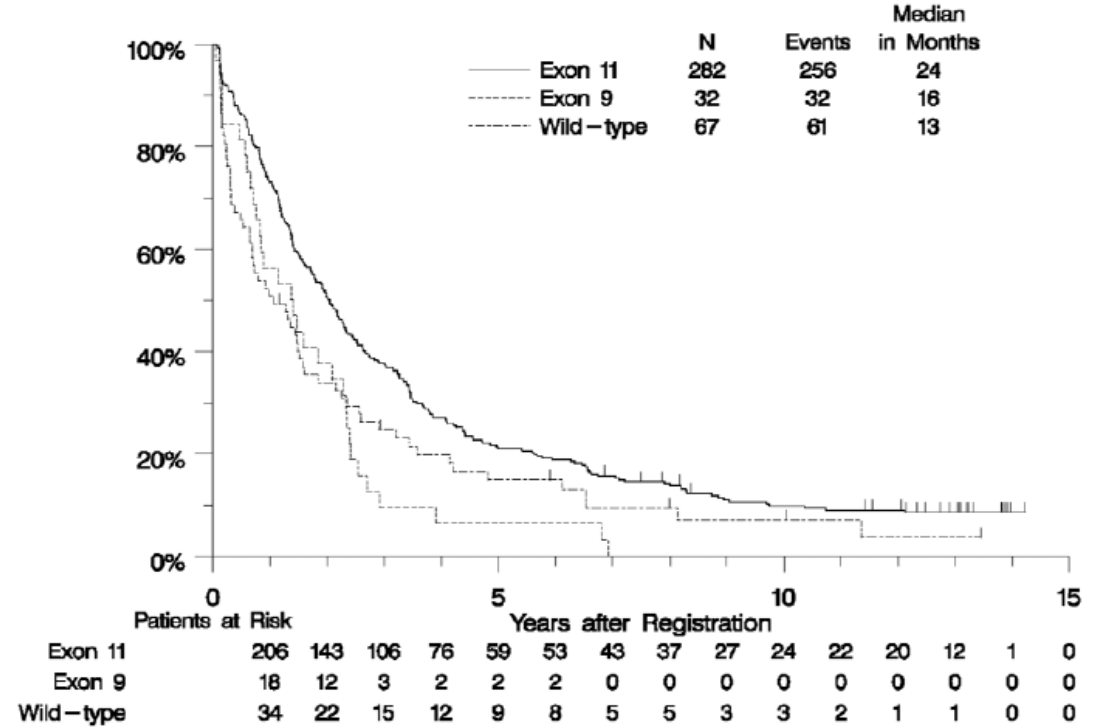
# GENOTYPE & OUTCOME IN FIRST LINE

**A** Wild-type, exon 9, and exon 11 genotypes



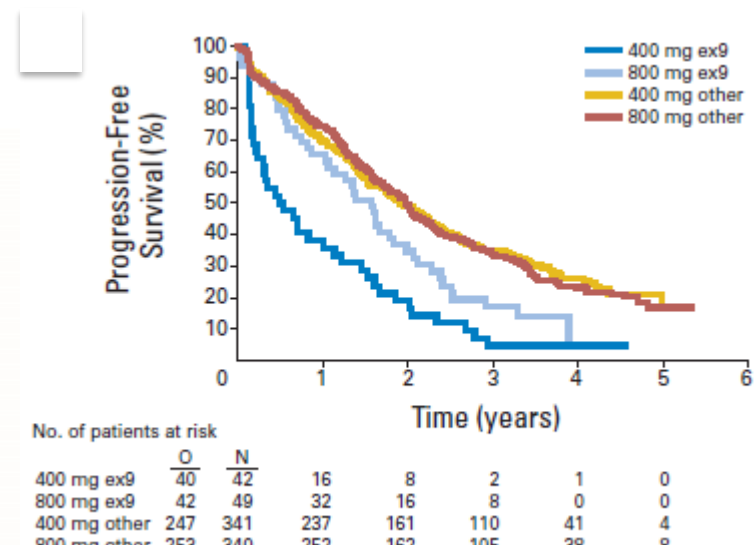
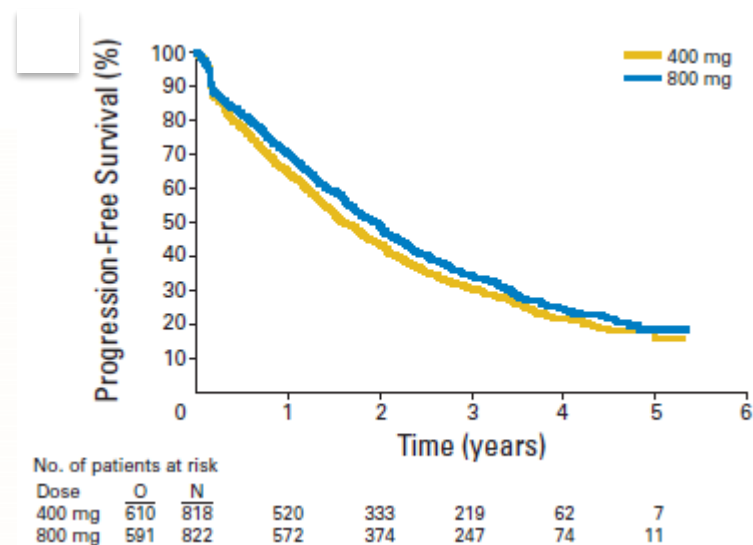
No. at risk														
Exon 11	264	224	196	172	150	130	111	92	73	63	54	44	26	3
Wild-type	52	46	36	31	27	24	22	21	17	14	12	11	10	1
Exon 9	28	24	16	11	9	8	6	4	2	2	1	1	1	0

Progression-Free Survival: Wild-type vs Exon 9 vs Exon 11

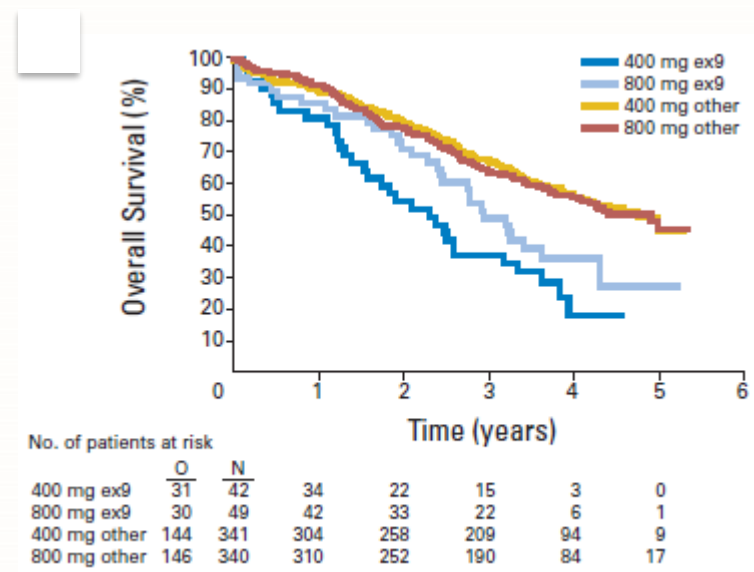
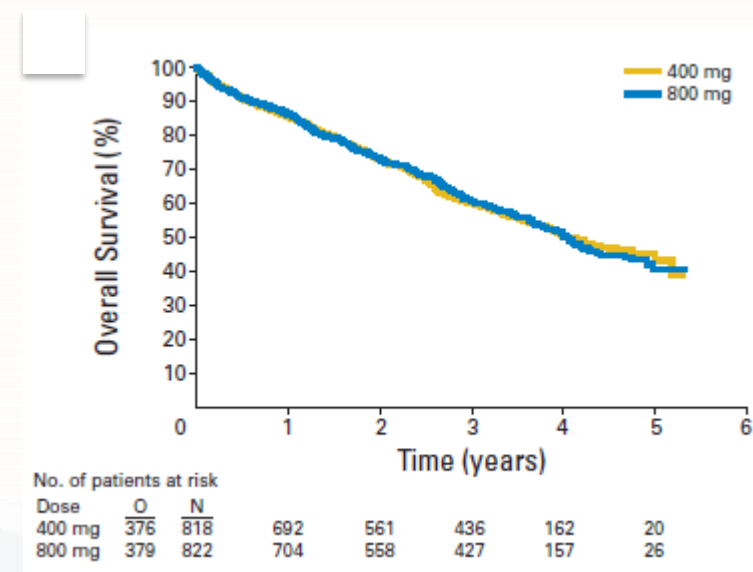


# EXON 9 mutants & Imatinib dose

META GIST. N = 1640



P= 0.012



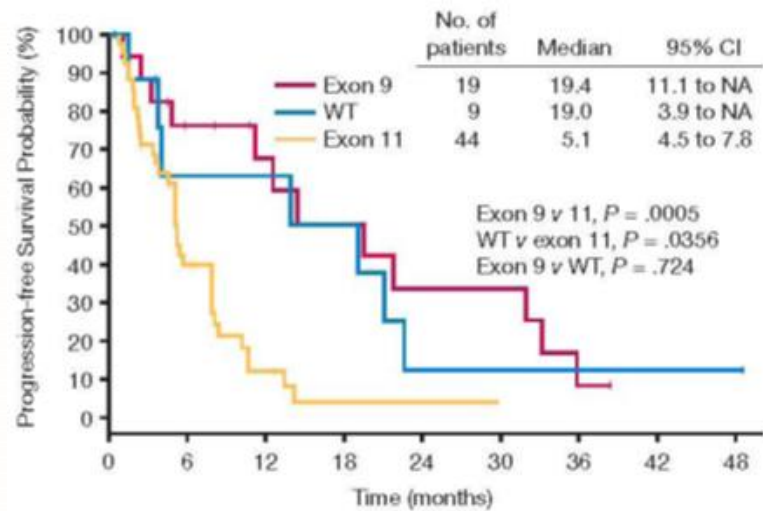
P= 0.15

# Landscape in Imatinib Resistant

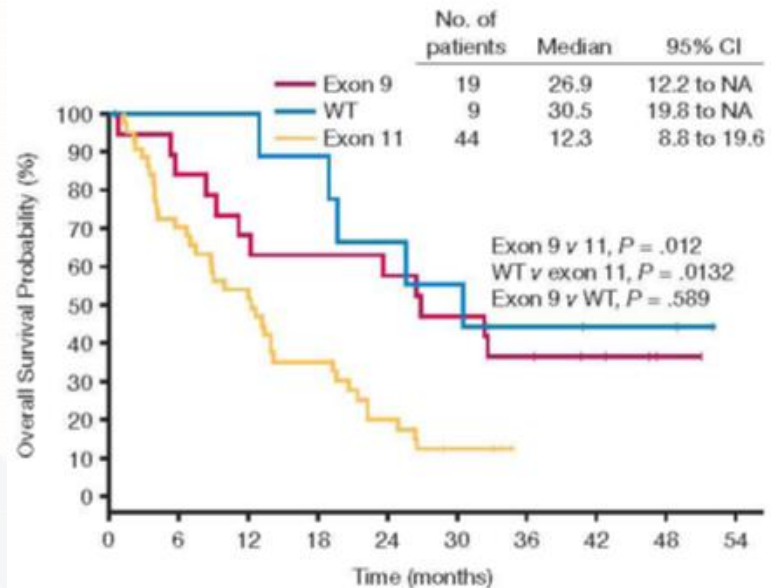
Drug	Clinical trial	Setting	ORR (%)	mPFS (mo)	Phase
Sunitinib	Demetri, 2006	2 <sup>nd</sup> line	7	6.1	Approved
Regorafenib	Demetri, 2013	3 <sup>rd</sup> line	4.5	4.8	Approved
Dovitinib	Kang, 2013	≥ 3 <sup>rd</sup> line	3	3.6	II
	Joensuu, 2014	≥ 3 <sup>rd</sup> line	5	4.6	II
Masitinib	Adenis, 2014	2 <sup>nd</sup> line	N.A.	3.7	II
Nilotinib	Montemurro, 2009	≥ 3 <sup>rd</sup> line	10	2.8	II
	Sawaki, 2011	3 <sup>rd</sup> line	3	3.7	II
	Cauchi, 2012	≥ 3 <sup>rd</sup> line	0	2.0	II
	Reichardt, 2012	3 <sup>rd</sup> line	<1	3.6	III
Pazopanib	Ganjoo, 2014	≥ 2 <sup>nd</sup> line	0	1.9	II
	Mir, 2016	≥ 2 <sup>nd</sup> line	0	3.4	II
Ponatinib*	Heinrich, 2015	≥ 2 <sup>nd</sup> line	8	4.3	II
Sorafenib	Kindler, 2011	≥ 2 <sup>nd</sup> line	13	5.2	II
	Park, 2012	≥ 3 <sup>rd</sup> line	13	4.9	II

Serrano et al, *Target Oncol* 2017

# Primary genotype and 2nd line

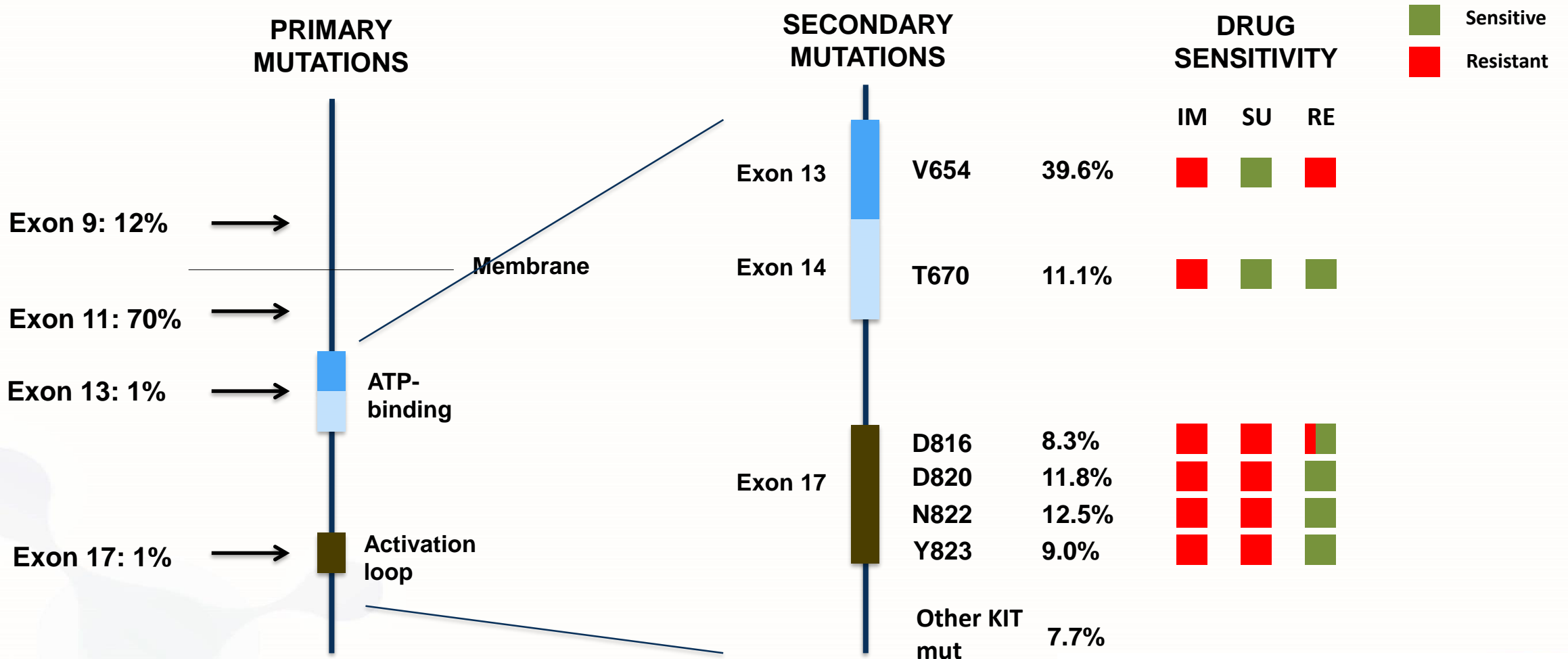


## PRIMARY GENOTYPE (pre-Imatinib) AND SUNITINIB EFFICACY



R Maki et al, Abstract #9011, ASCO 2005  
M Heinrich et al J Clin Oncol 2008, 26:5352-5359

# KIT/PDGFRα genotype predicts response to TKI



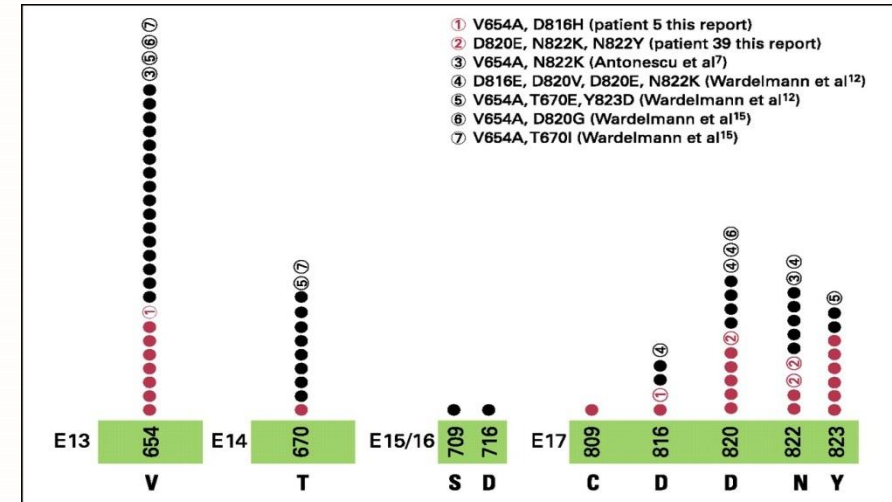


# Tumor Heterogeneity

## → Molecular heterogeneity at progression

### – After imatinib

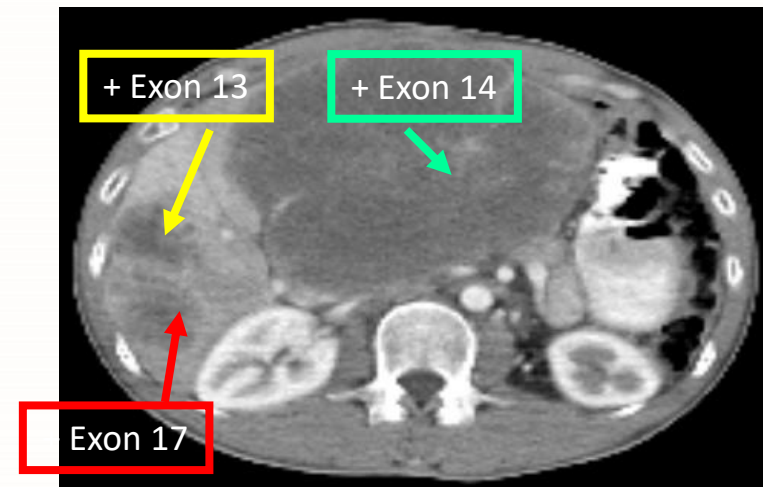
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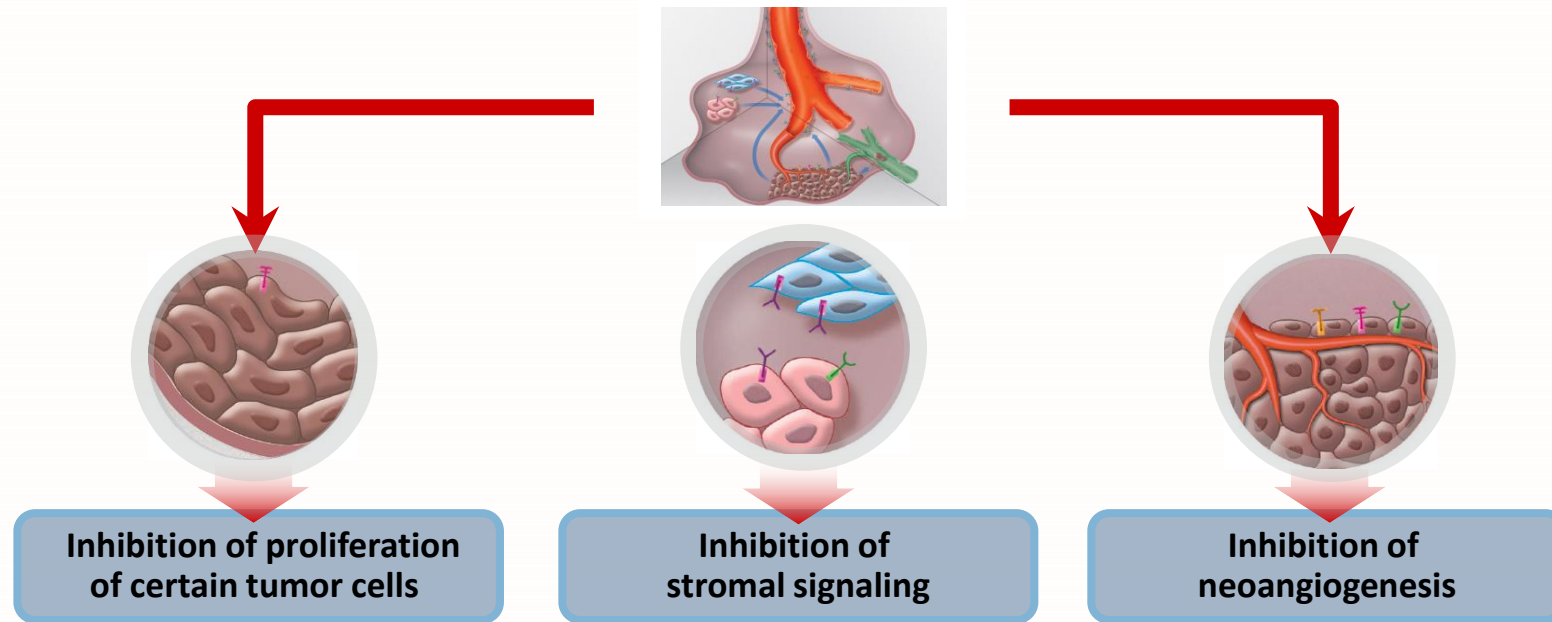
### – After sunitinib

Fletcher et al ECCO 2007

Exon 11 mutation

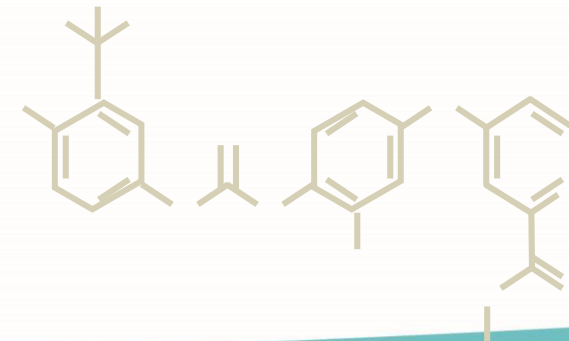


# Mode of action of Regorafenib (BAY 73-4506)

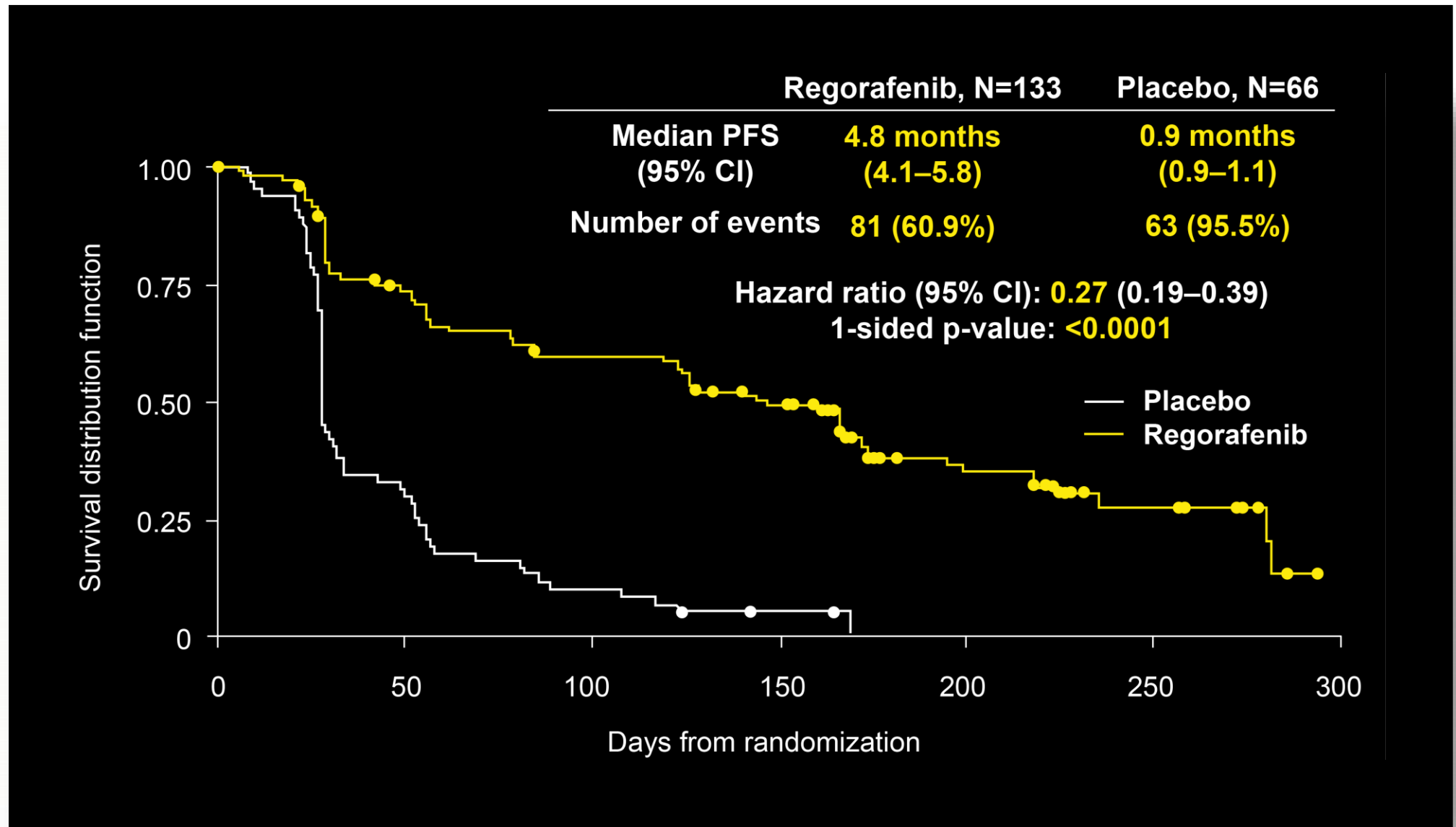


□ Regorafenib is an oral multikinase inhibitor with a distinct profile targeting:

- angiogenic (VEGFR1-3, TIE2)
- stromal (PDGFR- $\beta$ , FGFR)
- oncogenic (KIT, PDGFR and RET) receptor tyrosine kinases

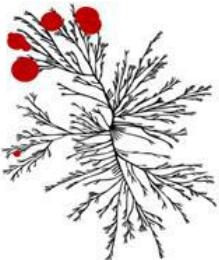

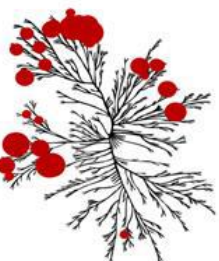


# Regorafenib Pivotal Trial



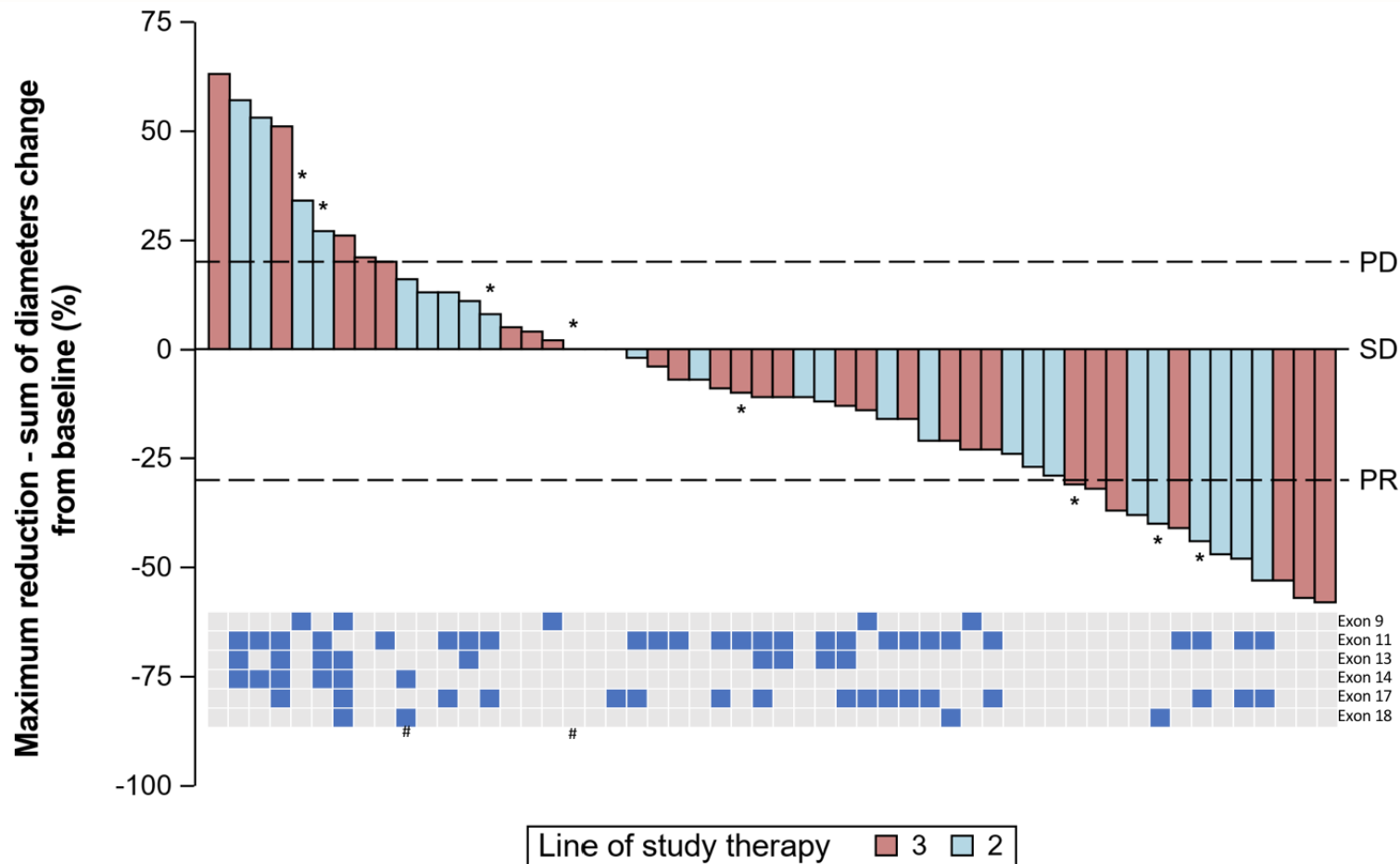
**Regorafenib significantly improved PFS vs placebo (p<0.0001);  
primary endpoint met**

# HOW TO IMPROVE THE OUTCOME IN GIST

	mPFS	mOS/ 6mOS
imatinib 	20	52 (mOS)
sunitinib 	6.8	79.4% (6mOS)
regorafenib 	4.8	78.0% (6mOS)

- ✓ Overcome Disease Heterogeneity
- ✓ Stronger KIT inhibition

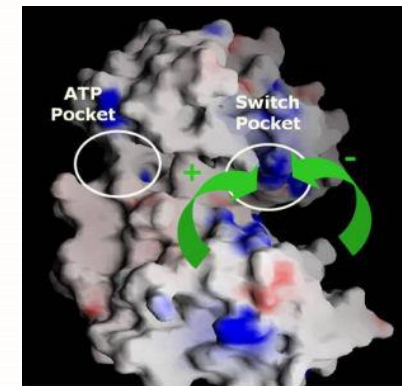
# RIPRETINIB (DCC-2618): Phase I trial activity



**BEST RESPONSE:**

**2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> line**

**Pts at > 100mg/d (n=54)**



PD=Progressive Disease. SD=Stable Disease. PR=Partial Response.

\* indicates patients not dosed at 150mg QD # PDGFR mutation

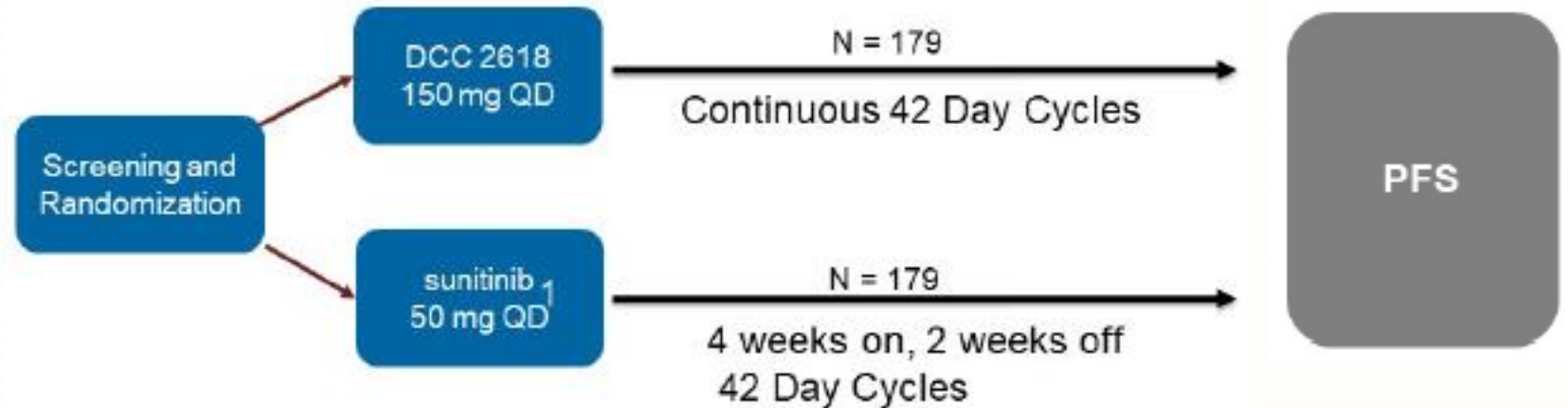


# RIPRETINIB (DCC-2618) studies



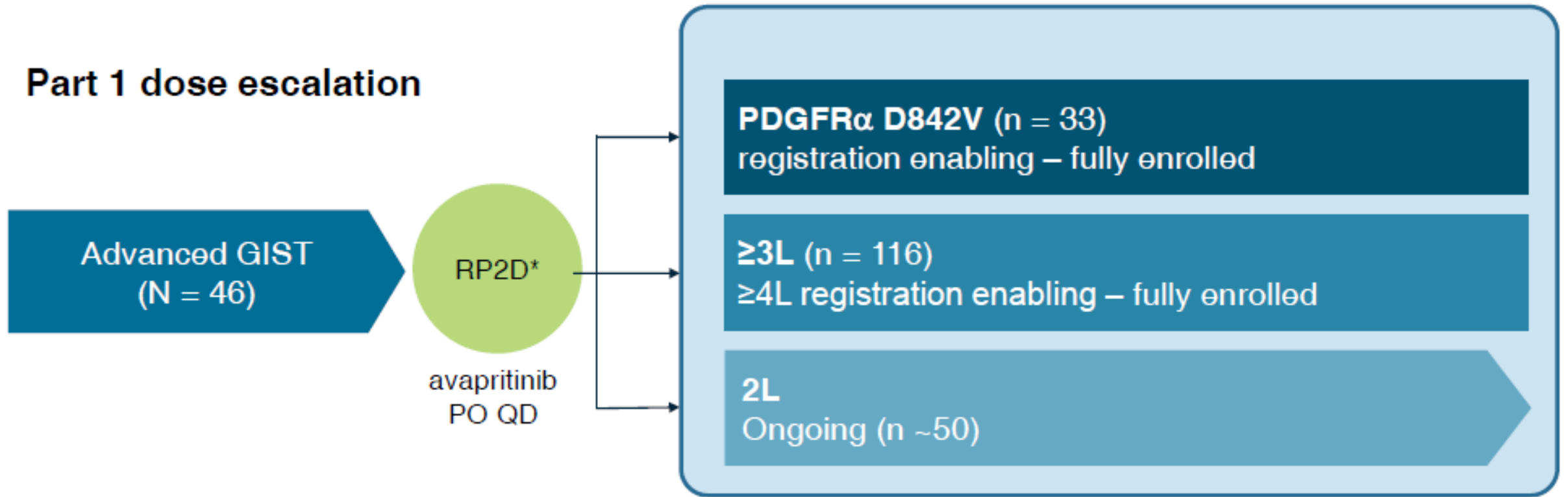
A Phase 3, **IN**ter**V**entional, Double-Blind Study to Assess Safety and Efficacy of DCC-2618 **In** Patients with Advanced **c**-KIT/PDGFR $\alpha$  Gastrointestinal Stromal **TU**mor**S** Who Have Received Prior Treatment with Imatinib, Sunitinib, and Regorafenib

INTRIGUE



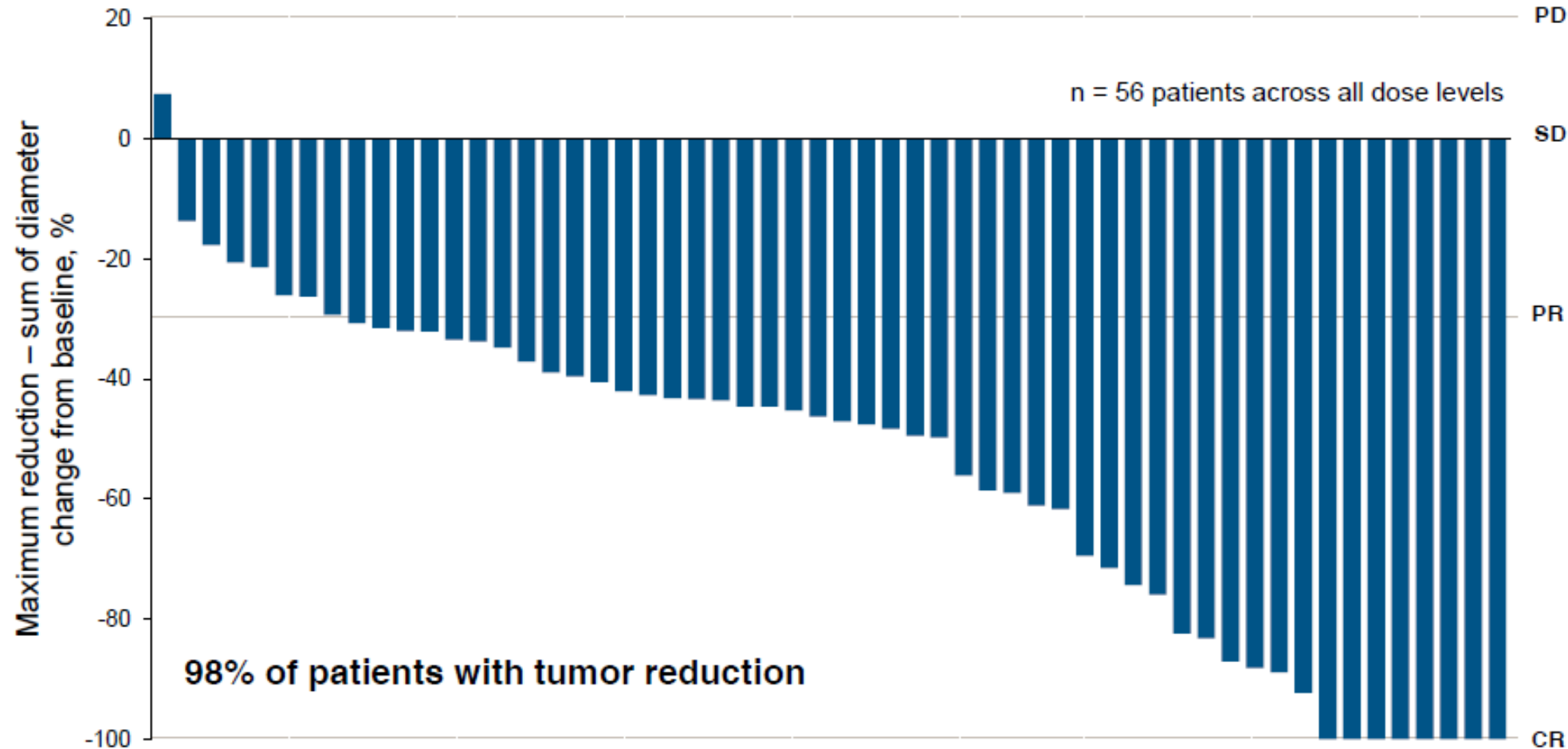
# AVAPRITINIB (BLU-285) – phase I navigator study design

## Part 1 dose escalation



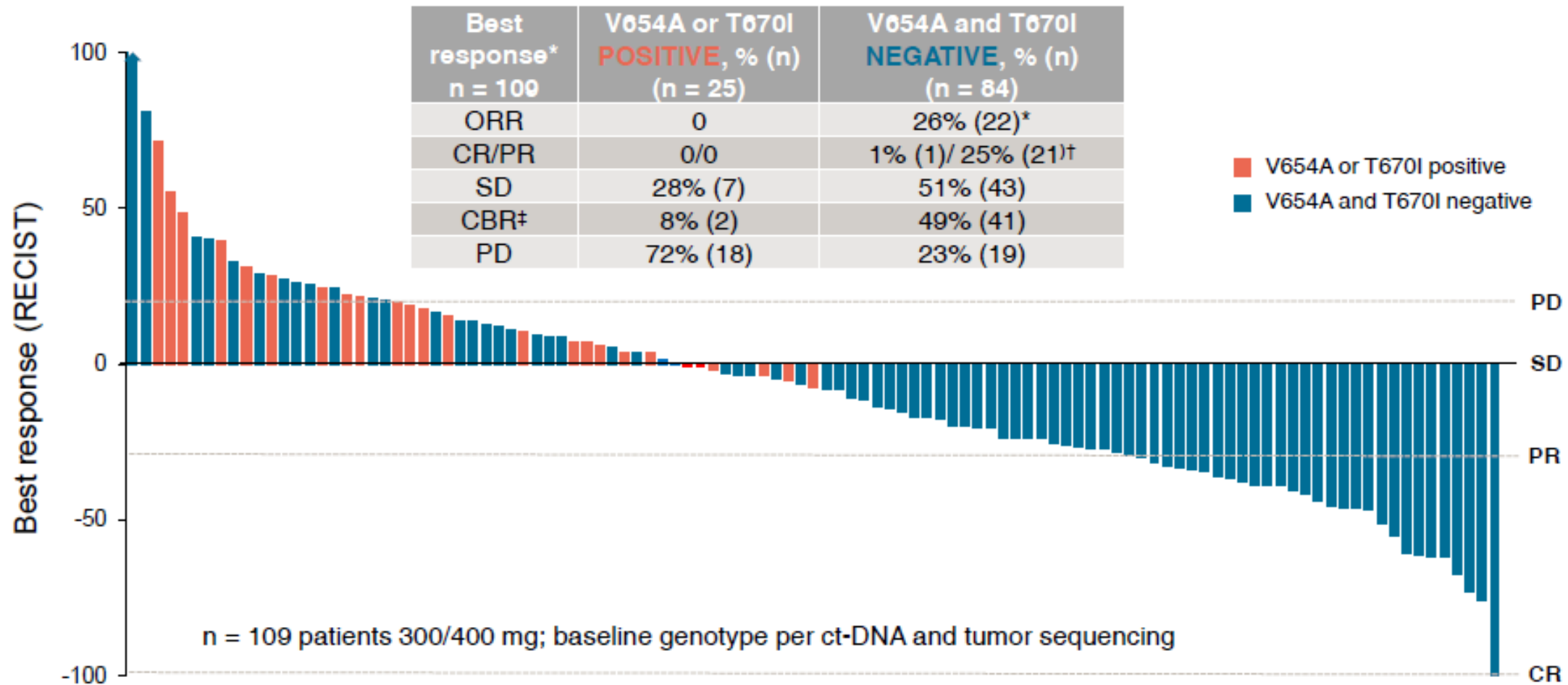
# AVAPRITINIB (BLU-285) – phase I navigator study

## PDGFRA d842v-mutant gist



# AVAPRITINIB (BLU-285) – phase I navigator study

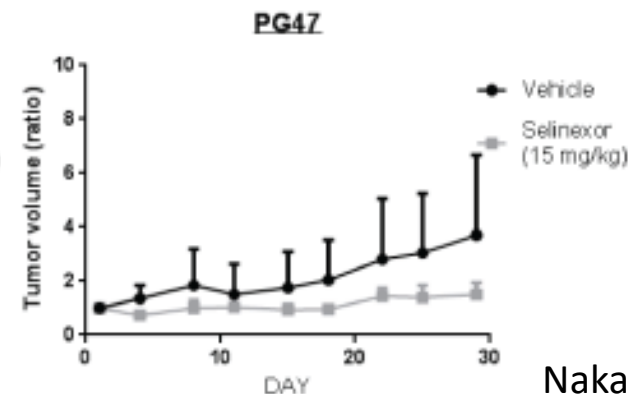
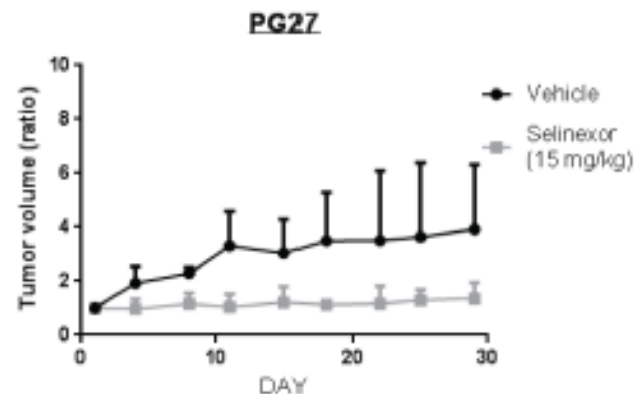
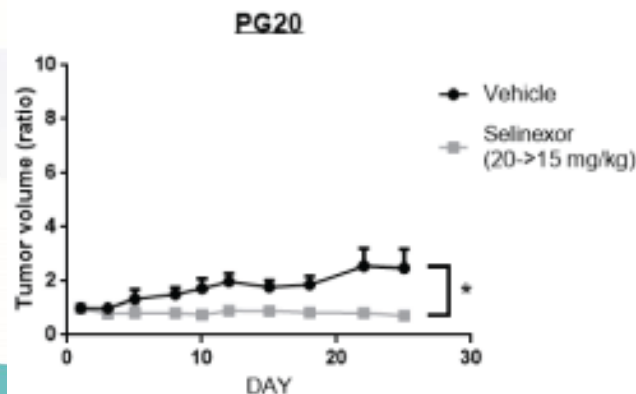
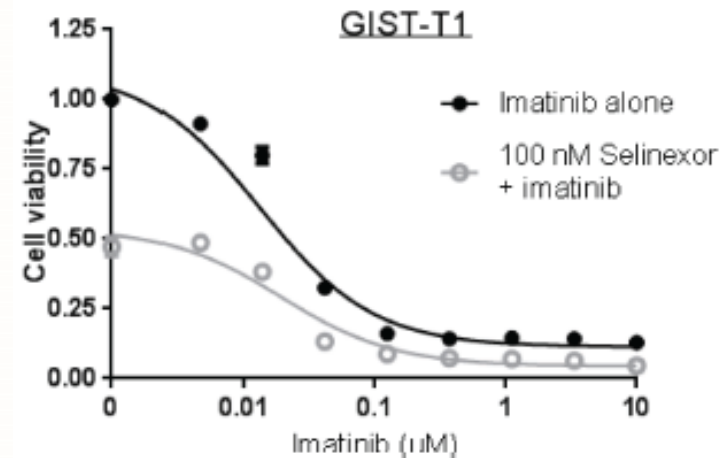
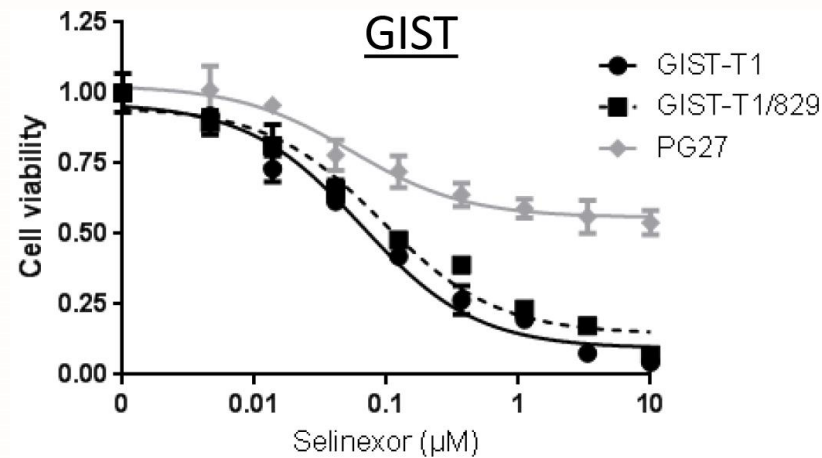
## kit-mutant gist $\geq 4L$



# OTHER THERAPEUTIC STRATEGIES

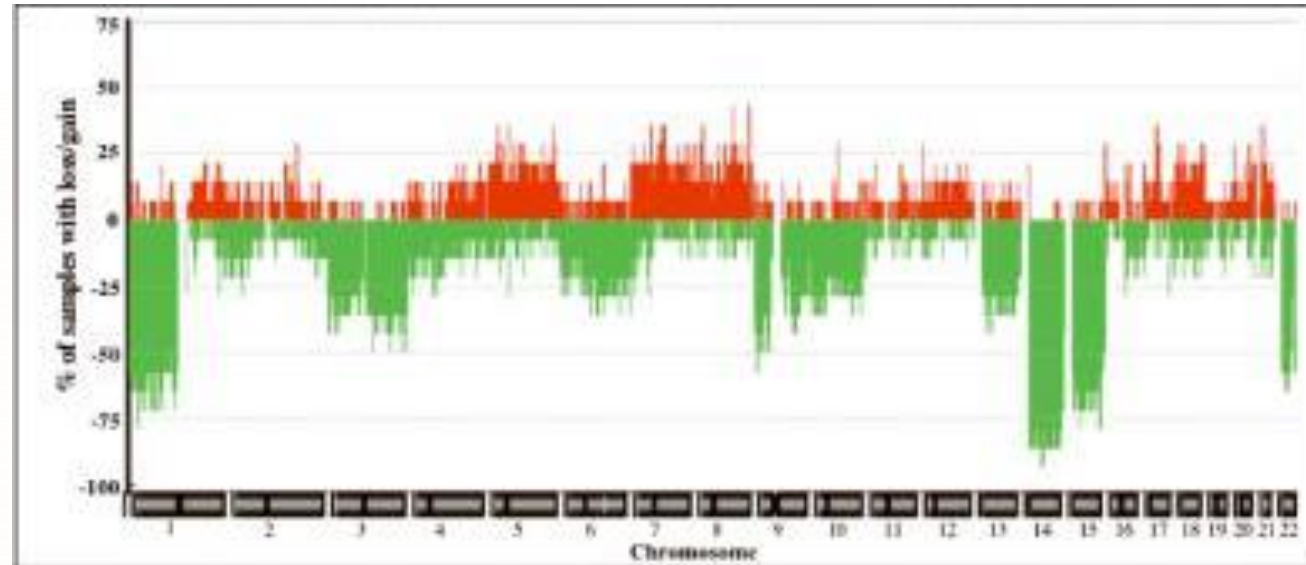
## SELIGIST: IMATINIB + SELINEXOR

### Selinexor: XPO1 inhibitor

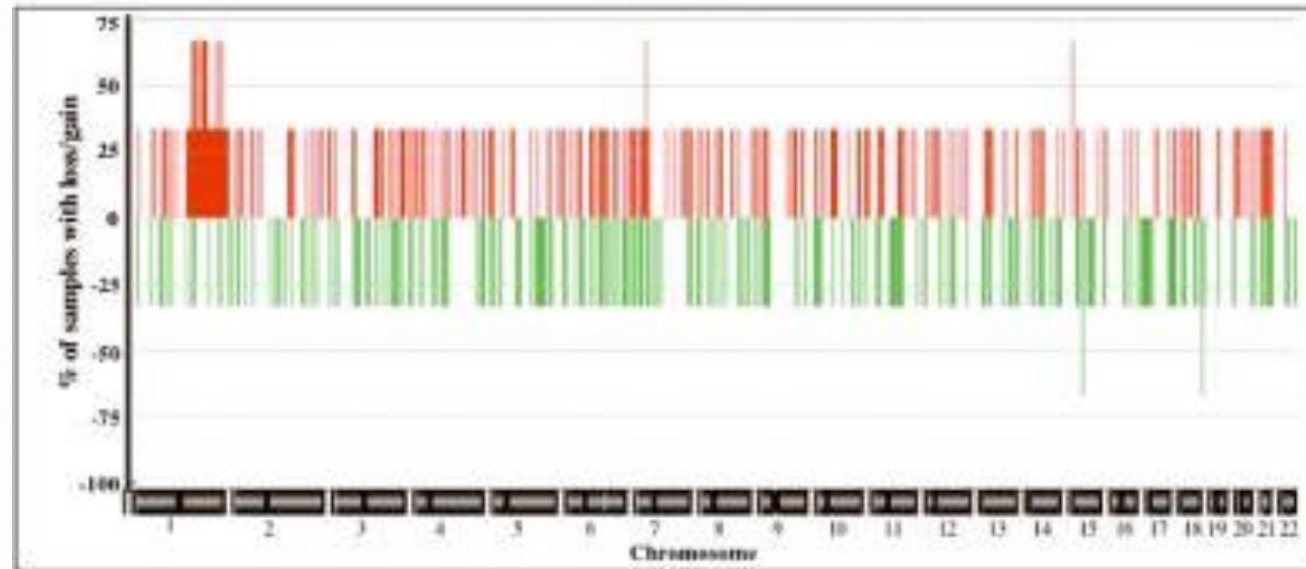


# CYTOGENETIC MAP OF *KIT*/*PDGFR $\alpha$* MUTATED AND WT GIST

*KIT*-*PDGFR $\alpha$*  MUTATED  
GIST

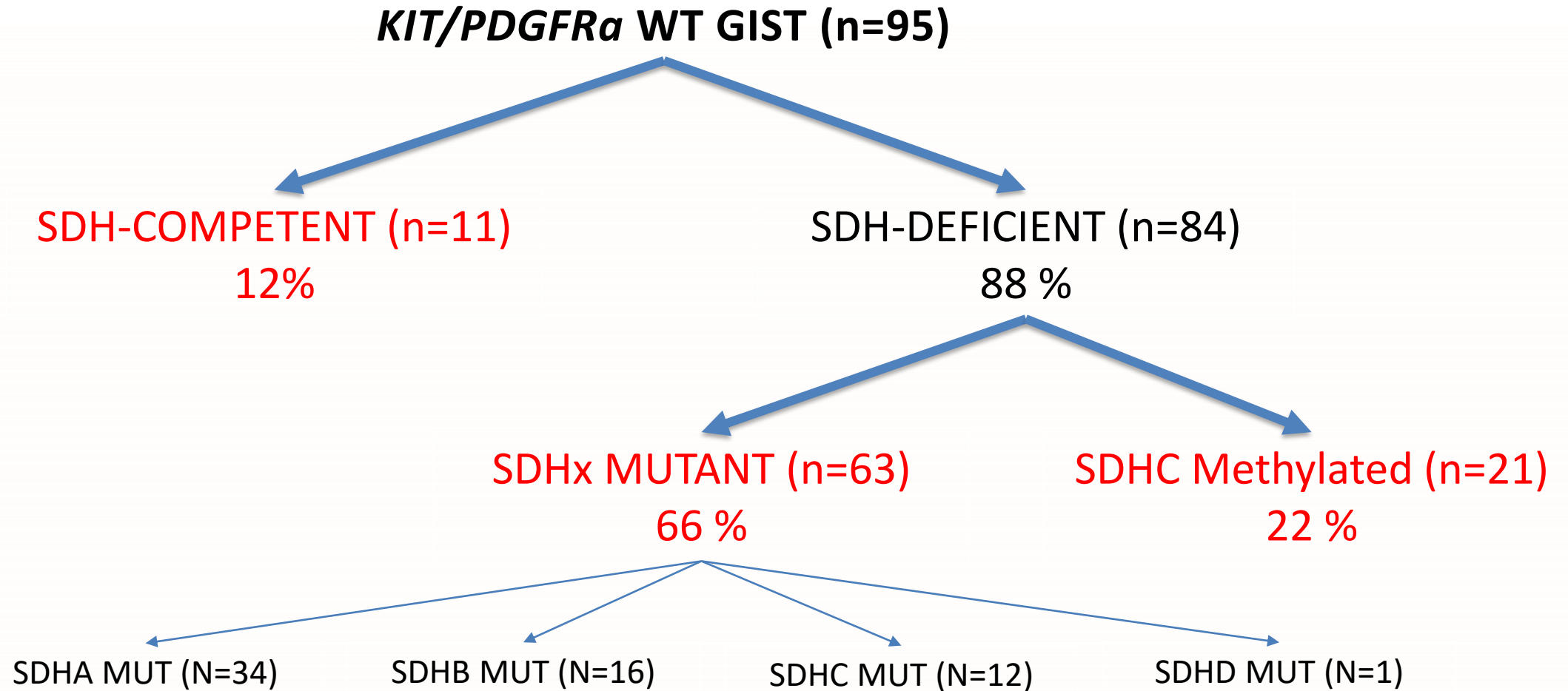


*KIT*-*PDGFR $\alpha$*  WILD TYPE  
GIST





# Molecular Subtypes of *KIT/PDGFRα* WT GIST



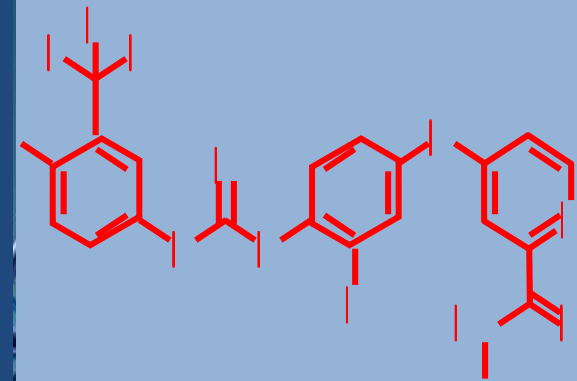
# OTHER THERAPEUTIC STRATEGIES

## **REGISTRI:** Regorafenib in WT GIST

### REGORAFENIB in WT GIST

- **GEIS 40**

### REGISTRI (REgorafenib GIST TRIal)



KIT, RET, RAF-1, BRAF, and BRAFV600E; VEGFR1-3, TIE2; PDGFR-b, FGFR

## REMARKS

- GIST represents a model of MOLECULAR TARGETED THERAPY in solid tumors with 3 already approved drugs
- The treatment of GIST demands high qualification, team work and innovative approaches
- *KIT/PDGFR* WT GIST requires a specific research way
- RIPRETINIB and AVAPRITINIB represent the PROMISING upcoming future in advanced GIST
- Clinical Trials are the way to IMPROVE OUTCOME in GIST

THANK-YOU

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