

# Dose interruption/reduction of TKI in first 3 months of treatment of CML is associated with inferior early molecular responses and predicts for an increased likelihood of discontinuing 1st line agent

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# Background

- 10% (MR1) at 3 months seems to be important
- No data to confirm that switching at 3 months can improve outcome. Trials being designed to address this
- About 20% of newly diagnosed patients require temporary dose interruption and/or dose reduction soon after starting a TKI
- Do these dose alterations affect the achievement of RQ-PCR < 10% at 3 months, and if so, how should we manage these patients with respect to early changes of drug ?
- We used data SPIRIT2 to try to answer these questions



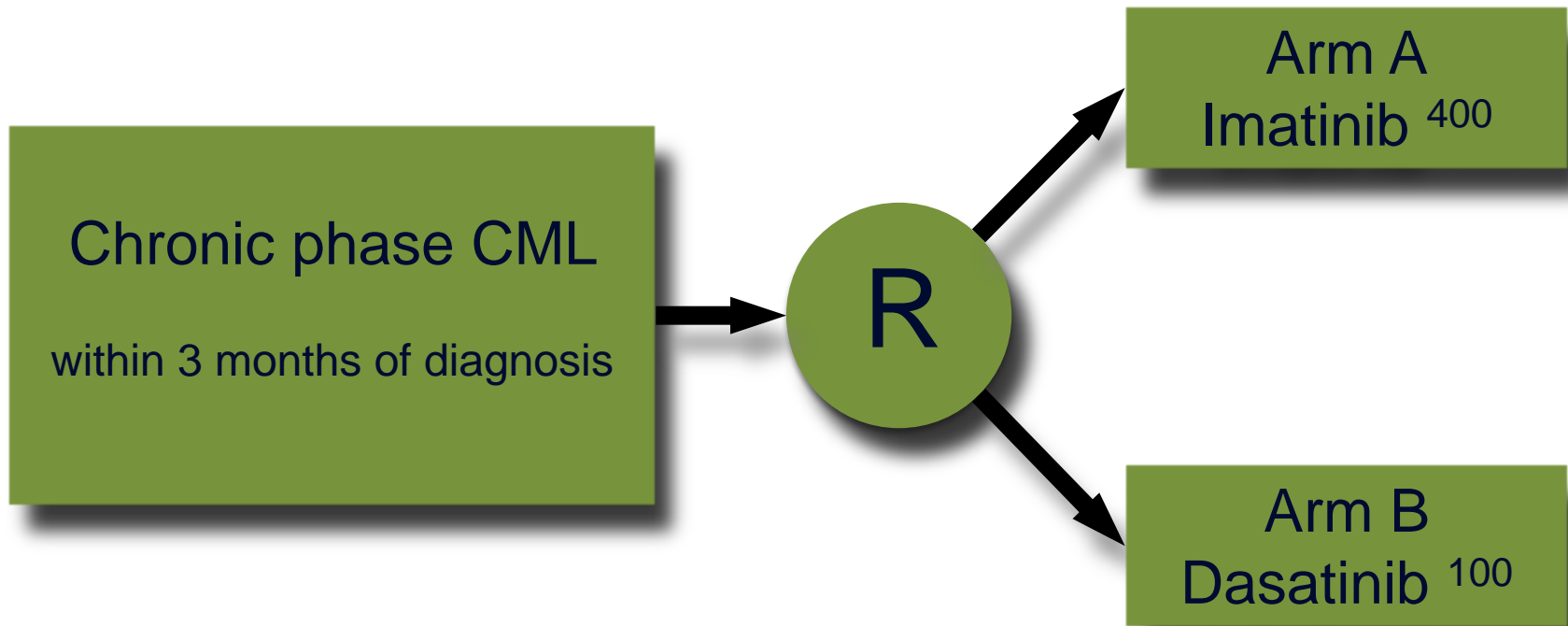
814 patients recruited

Recruitment closed Feb 2013

172 sites



# SPIRIT 2: Study Design



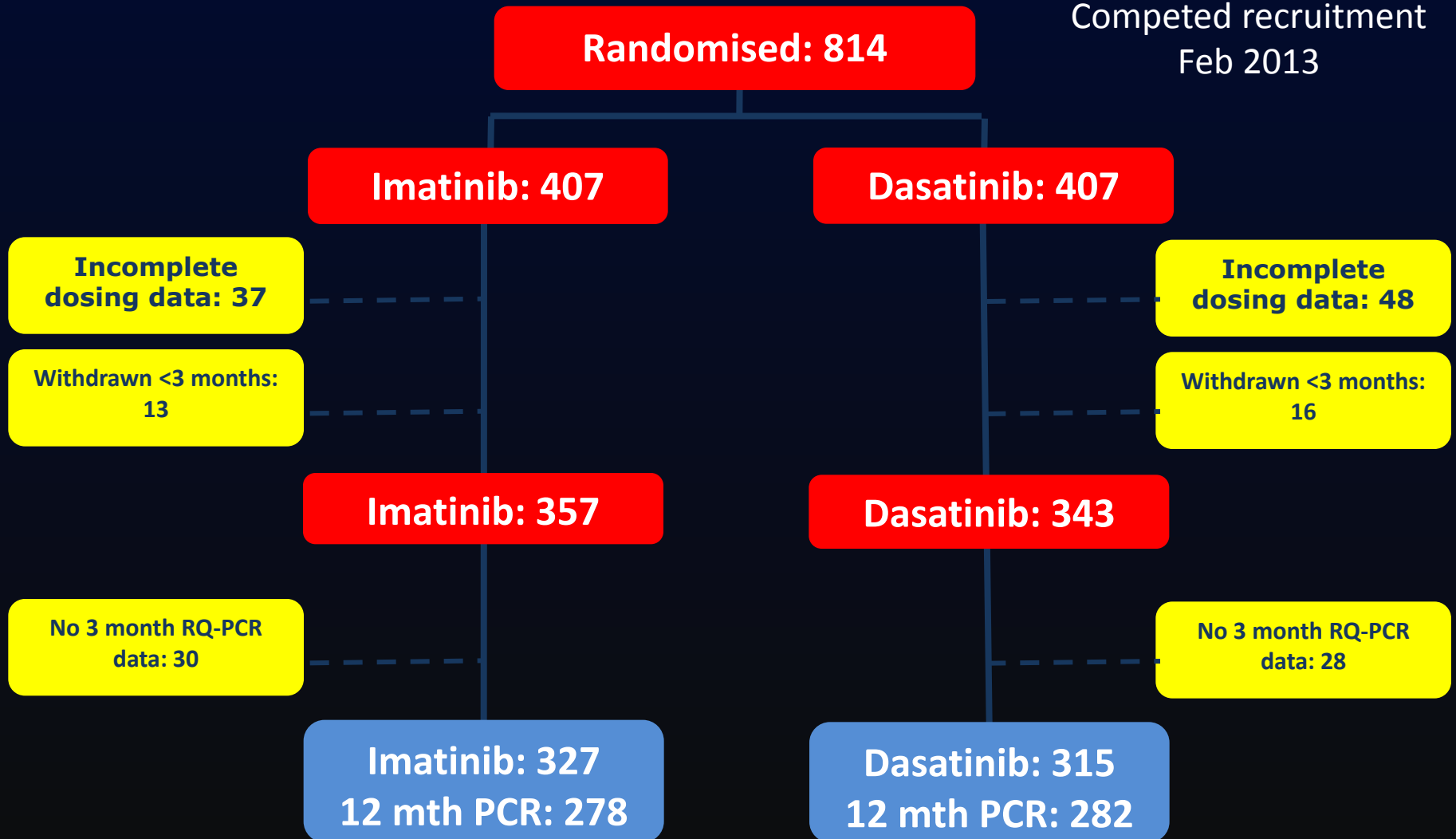
Randomised open label study

**Primary endpoint: 5 year EFS**

Secondary: cytogenetic, PCR response, toxicity

# SPIRIT 2 Study Population

Completed recruitment  
Feb 2013



# Achievement of RQ-PCR <1%<sup>IS</sup> at 12 months by RQ-PCR at 3 months (ITT)

	12 mth RQ-PCR on Imatinib			12 mth RQ-PCR on Dasatinib	
	<1%	>1%		<1%	>1%
<b>RQ-PCR at 3 months</b>			<b>RQ-PCR at 3 months</b>		
<b>&lt;10% 209/278 (75%)</b>	90.0%	10.0%	<b>&lt;10% 258/282 (91%)</b>	94.2%	5.8%
<b>&gt;10% 69/278 (25%)</b>	55.1%	44.9%	<b>&gt;10% 24/282 (9%)</b>	70.8%	29.2%

Data from SPIRIT2 confirm the association of RQ-PCR <10% at 3 months with increased likelihood of RQ-PCR <1% at 12 months

# Achievement of RQ-PCR <0.1%<sup>IS</sup> at 12 months by RQ-PCR at 3 months

	12 mth RQ-PCR on Imatinib			12 mth RQ-PCR on Dasatinib	
	<0.1%	>0.1%		<0.1%	>0.1%
<b>RQ-PCR at 3 months</b>			<b>RQ-PCR at 3 months</b>		
<b>&lt;10% 209/278 (75%)</b>	65.1%	34.9%	<b>&lt;10% 258/282 (91%)</b>	68.2%	31.8%
<b>&gt;10% 69/278 (25%)</b>	18.8%	81.2%	<b>&gt;10% 24/282 (9%)</b>	16.7%	83.3%

Data from SPIRIT2 confirm the association of RQ-PCR <10% at 3 months with increased likelihood of RQ-PCR <0.1% (MMR) at 12 months

# Effect of reduced dosing on 3 mth RQ-PCR by total dose and by number of missed days

	Imatinib		Dasatinib	
	Number % (N=327)	3 mth RQ-PCR < 10%	Number % (N=315)	3 mth RQ-PCR < 10%
<b>100% prescribed dose</b>	272 (83%)	78.3%	222 (71%)	95.5%
<b>80-99% prescribed dose</b>	42 (13%)	61.9%	48 (13%)	85.4%
<b>&lt;80% prescribed dose</b>	13 (4%)	46.2%	45 (4%)	80.0%
<b>Total missed days median (range)</b>	13.5 (1-48)		14 (1-58)	
<b>0 days</b>	272 (83%)	78.3%	222 (71%)	95.5%
<b>1-14 days</b>	41 (13%)	58.5%	48 (15%)	85.4%
<b>&gt; 14 days</b>	14 (4%)	57.1%	45 (14%)	80.0%

Chance of achievement of RQ-PCR <10% decreases with increased numbers of missed doses and decreased total dosing



# Effect of missing days of dosing on 12 mth RQ-PCR

	Imatinib		Dasatinib	
Missed doses in first year	Number % Total=282	12 mth RQ-PCR < 1%	Number % Total=285	12 mth RQ-PCR < 1%
<b>0 days</b>	227 (80%)	55.1%	187 (66%)	69.0%
<b>1-14 days</b>	31 (11%)	48.4%	30 (10%)	70.0%
<b>&gt; 14 days</b>	24 (9%)	33.3%	68 (24%)	45.6%
		P=0.04		P=0.002

Chance of achievement of RQ-PCR <1% at 12 months decreases with increased numbers of missed dosing days

# Effect of average dosing on 12 mth RQ-PCR

	Imatinib	Dasatinib
Dosing in 1 <sup>st</sup> 12 months	Achievement of MMR at 12 months (ITT)	Achievement of MMR at 12 months (ITT)
100%	125/227 (55.1%)	129/187 (69.0%)
95-99.9%	14/27 (51.9%)	20/29 (69.0%)
80-95%	3/10 (30.0%)	17/37 (45.9%)
<80%	6/18 (33.3%)	13/29 (44.8%)

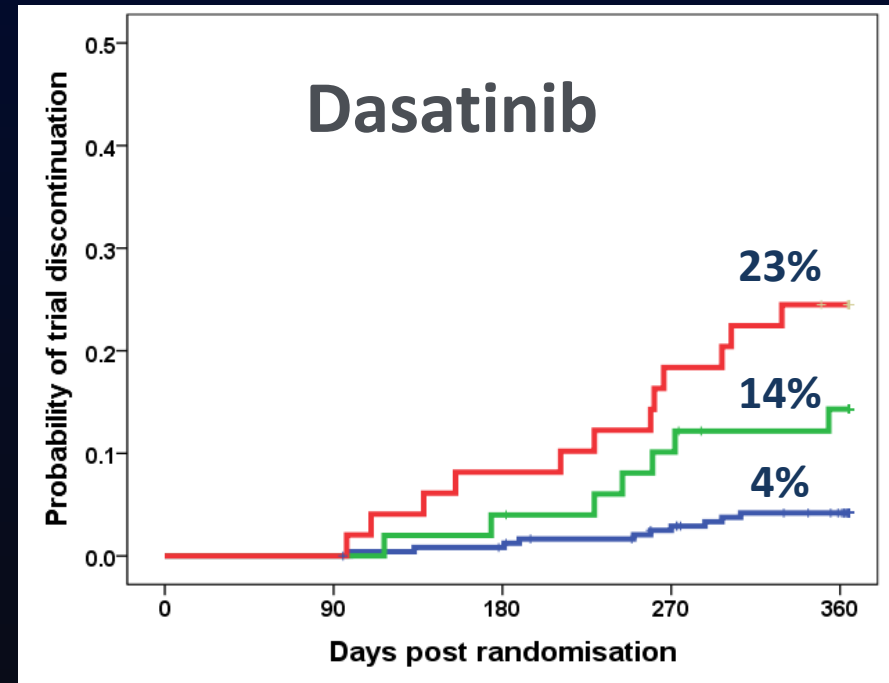
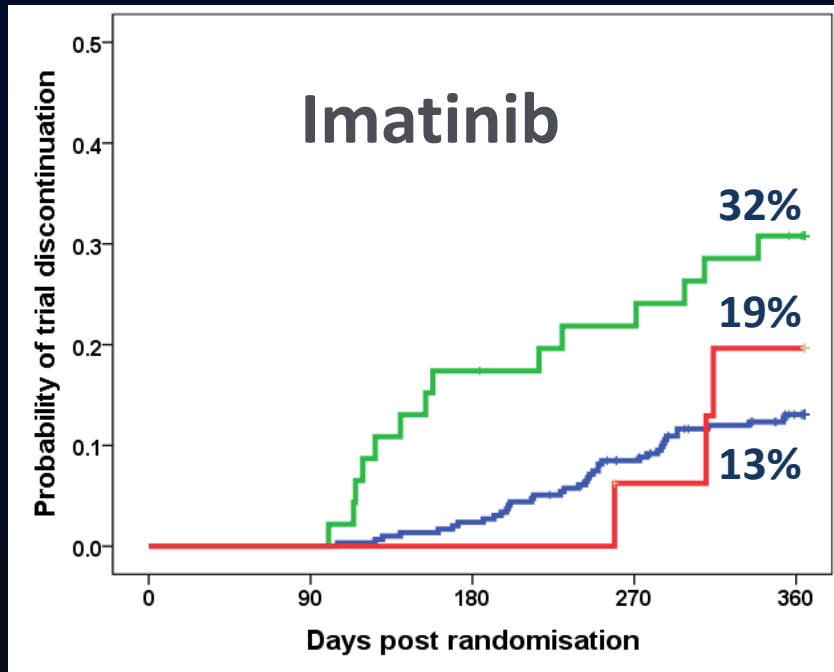
Chance of achievement of RQ-PCR <1% at 12 months decreases with decreased average dosing

# Effect of missing days of dosing on 3-12 month dosing and trial discontinuation rate

	Imatinib	Dasatinib	Either drug
Missed doses	Probability of 1yr trial discontinuation	Probability of 1yr trial discontinuation	Ability to take drug months 3-12
0 days	13.1% (N=295)	4.6% (N=234)	92.7%
1-14 days	31.8% (N=46)	14.3% (N=43)	59.5%
>14 days	19.6% (N=16)	22.9% (N=37)	67.3%

Increasing numbers of missed dosing days in the first 3 months is associated with less ability to take the trial drug consistently through months 3-12 and with increased likelihood of permanent discontinuation of first line treatment

# Impact of missed days of dosing on discontinuation of trial medication



Missed dose = 0

Missed dose = 1-14

Missed dose = >14

# Conclusions 1

- Data from SPIRIT2 confirm the association of <10% (MR1) at 3 months with increased likelihood of <1% (MR2) & <0.1% (MR3) at 12 months
- Achievement of MR1 at 3 months and MR2/MR3 at 12 months occurs at a higher rate with dasatinib than with imatinib, although dasatinib is less well tolerated: this suggests that higher potency of dasatinib can compensate for missed doses
- The probabilities of achieving MR2/MR3 at 12 months are similar with imatinib and dasatinib in patients who achieve MR1 at 3 months

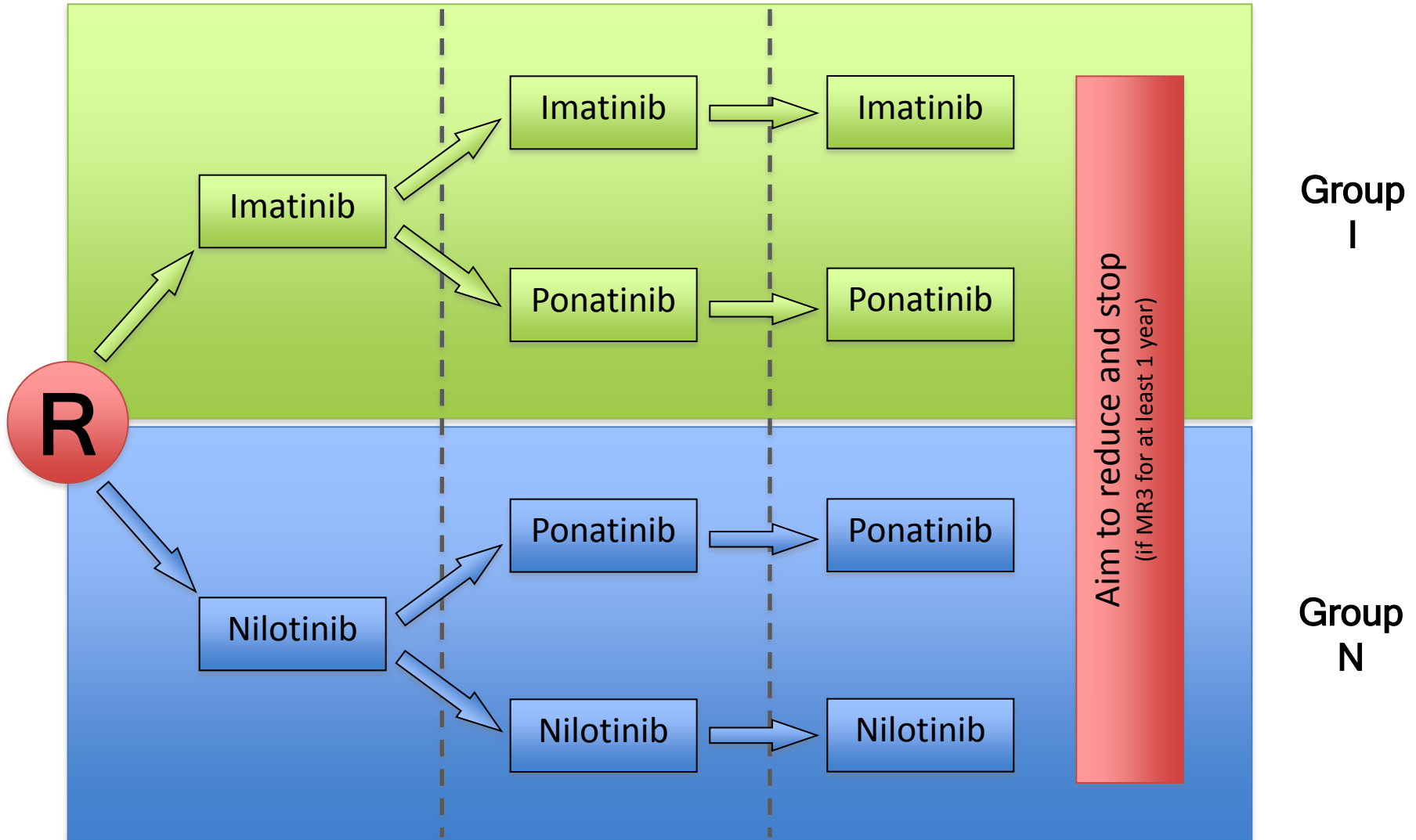
## Conclusions 2

- The probability of achieving MR1 at 3 months and MR2 at 12 months decreases if reduced amount of drug is taken within first 3 months: whether this is due to reduced drug dosage *per se* or an inherent biological effect is unclear
- Inability to tolerate full dose in first 3 months is associated with an on-going failure to tolerate drug at full dose
- Inability to tolerate full dose in first 3 months is associated with increased likelihood discontinuing first line therapy

**Stage 1**  
Randomise  
(500 to each group)

**Stage 2**  
Selective switch  
(3 months or later?)

**Stage 3**  
Reduce dose, stop  
(after minimum 3 years)



**Primary endpoint**  
MR3 at 3 years

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