

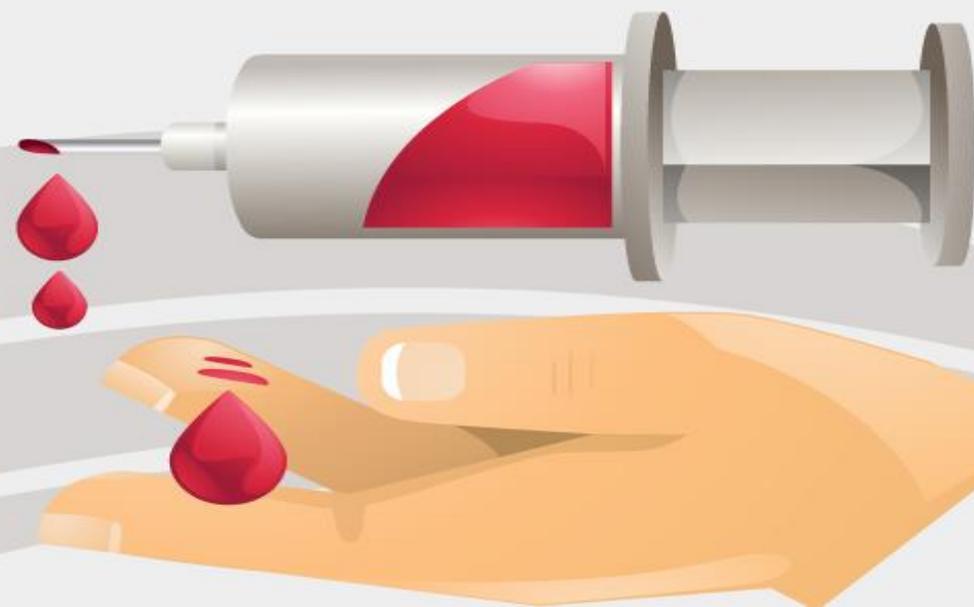


**Title :**

**CDK4/CDK6 inhibition as a novel strategy to suppress the growth and survival of BCR-ABL1 T315I+ Clones in TKI-resistant CML**

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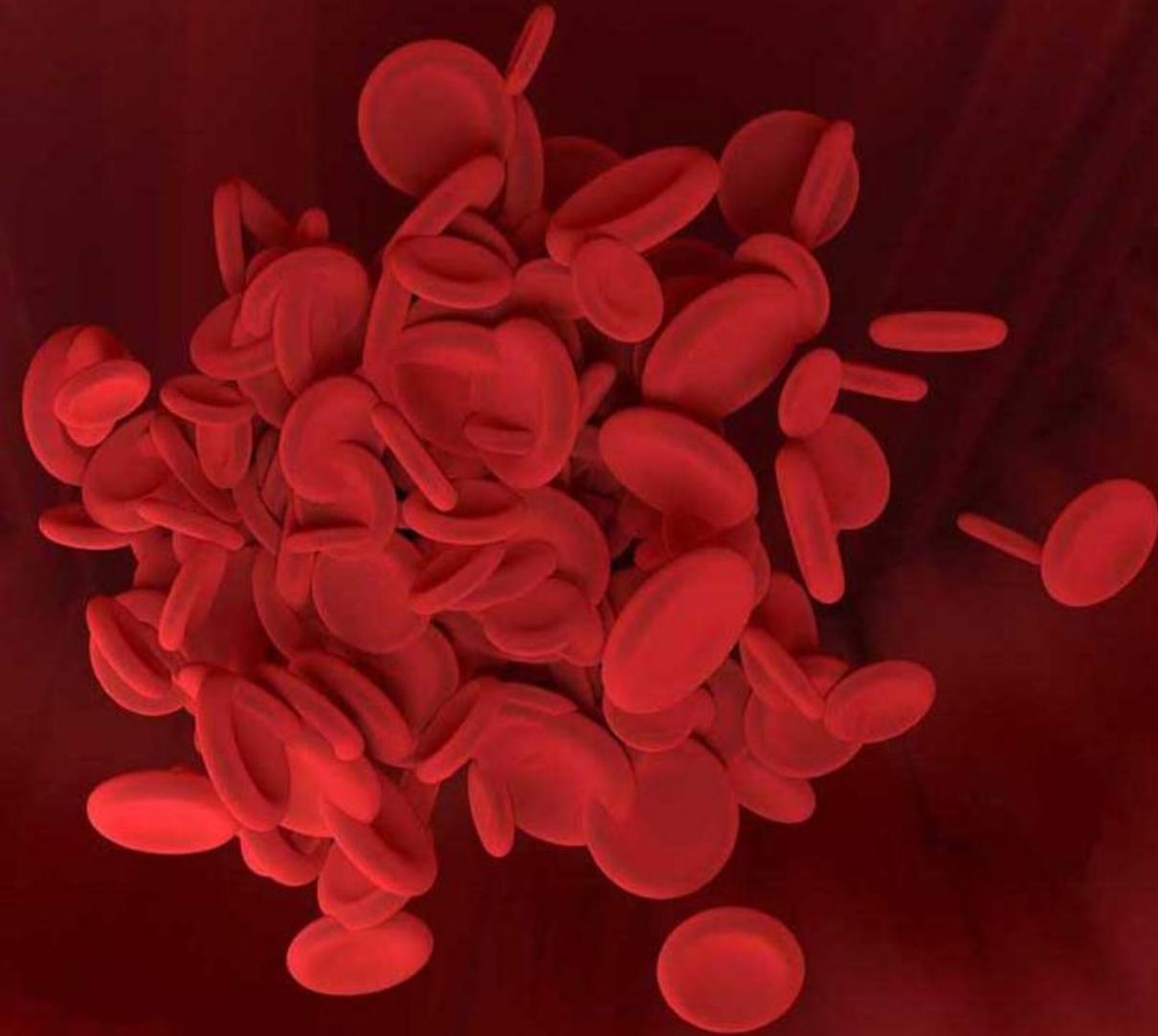
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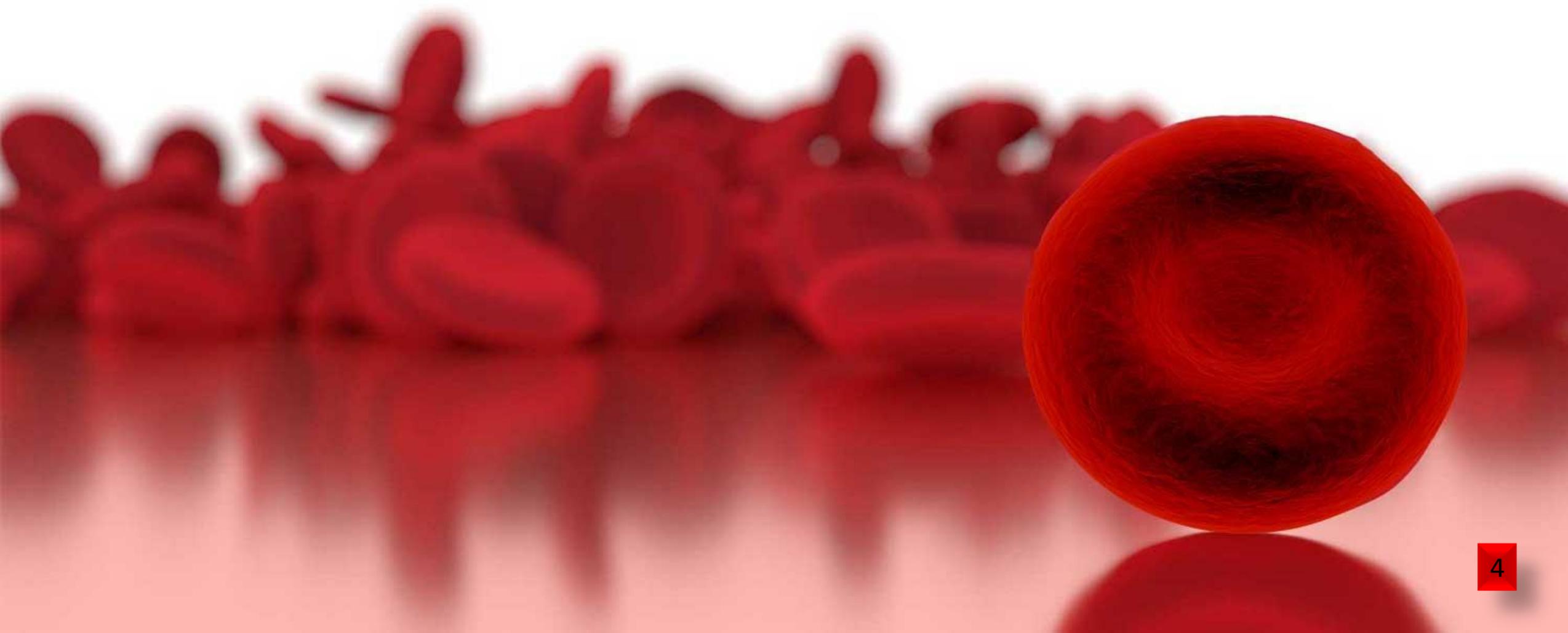
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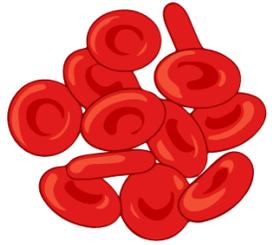
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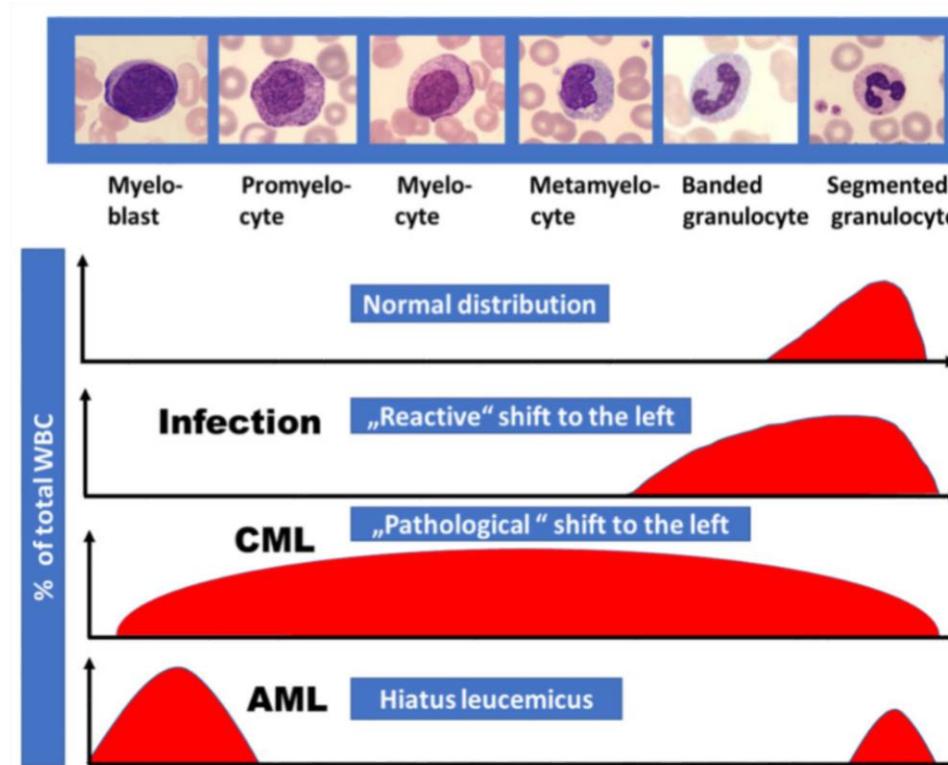
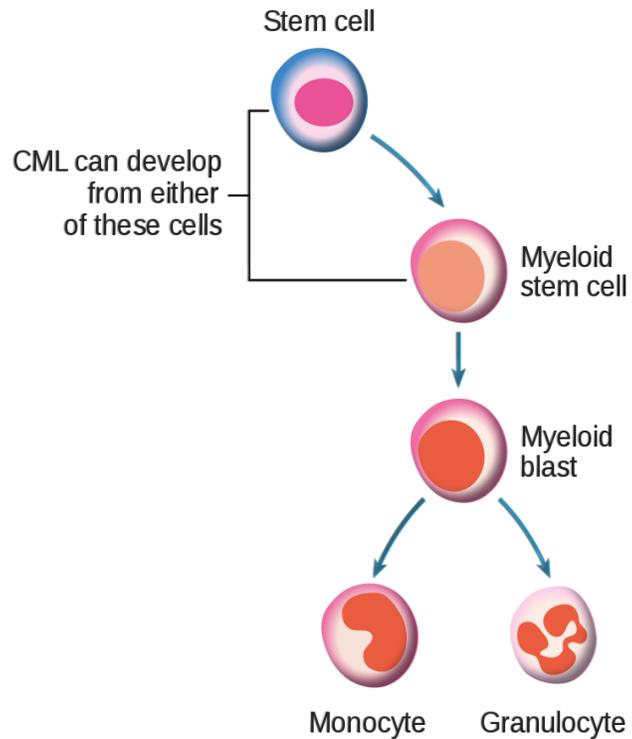


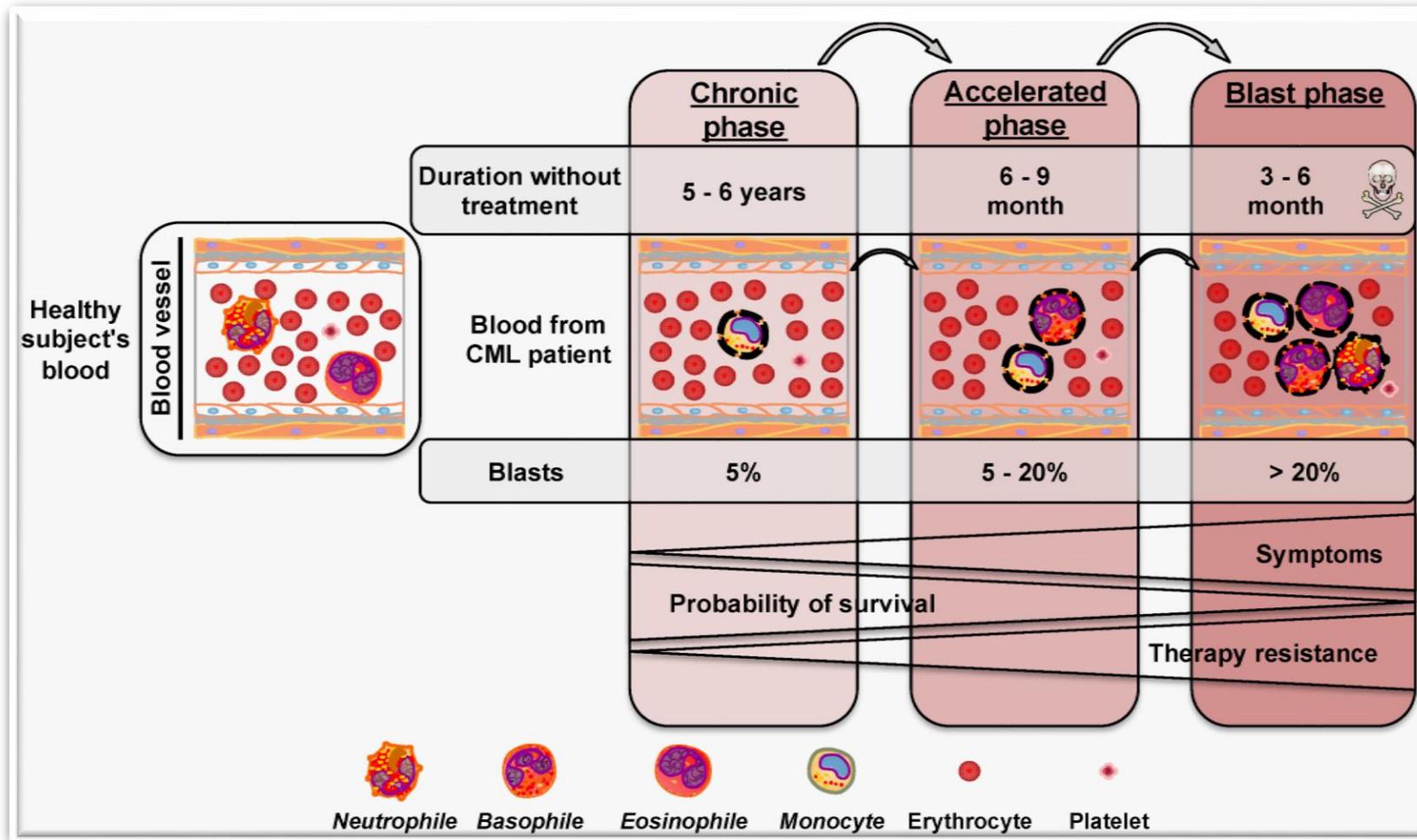
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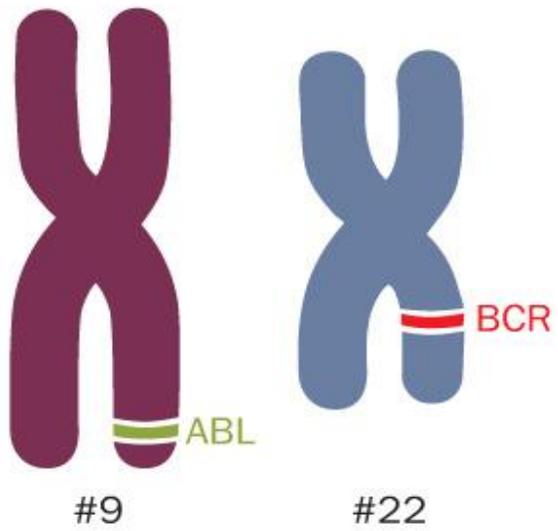
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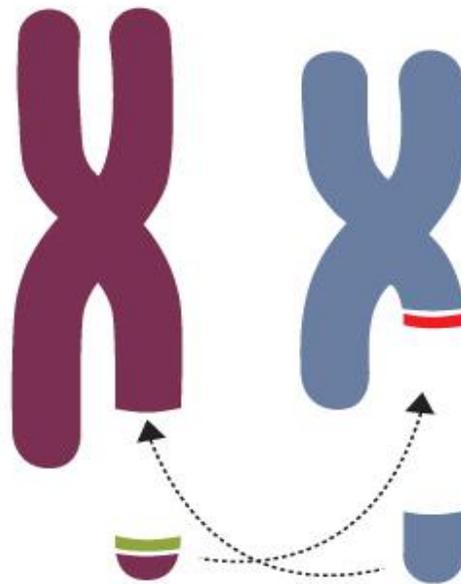




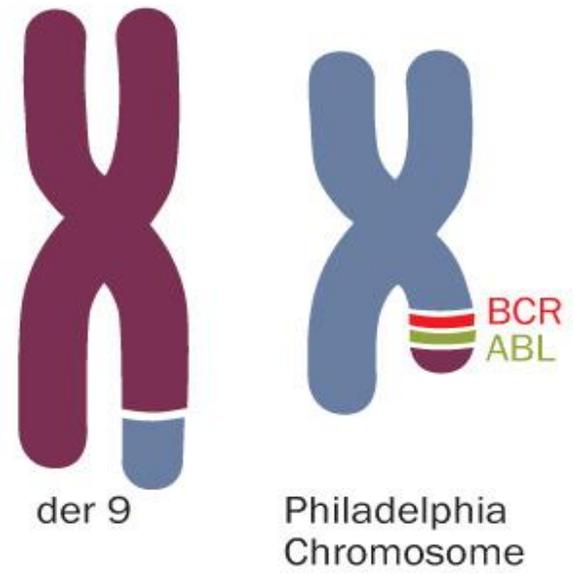
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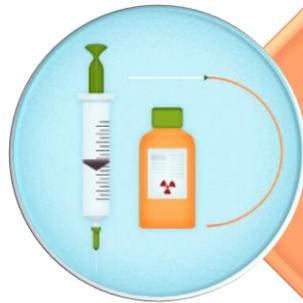


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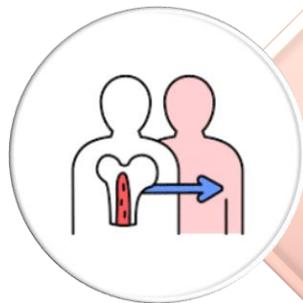
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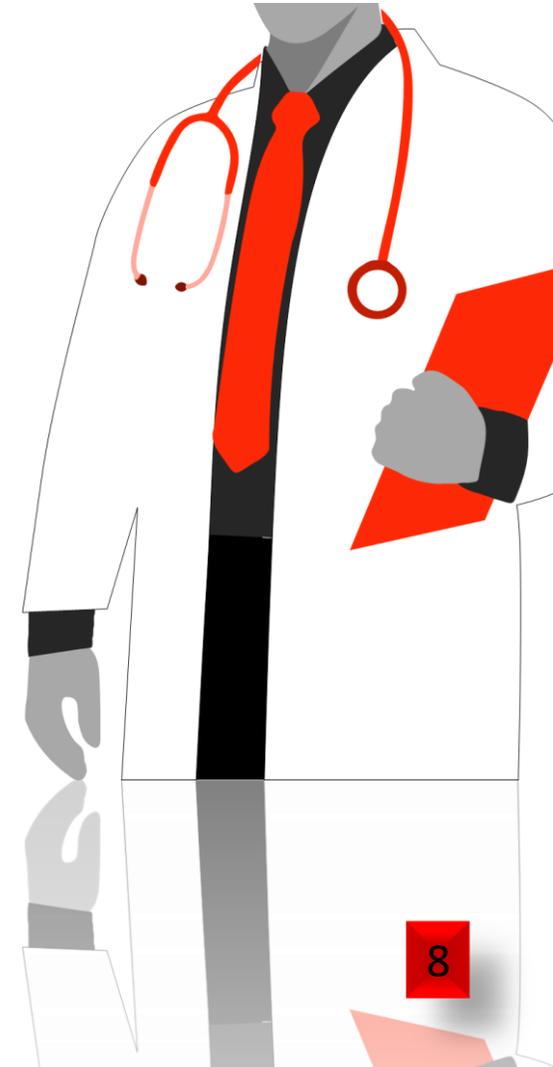
## Chemotherapy:

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*Hydroxyurea*



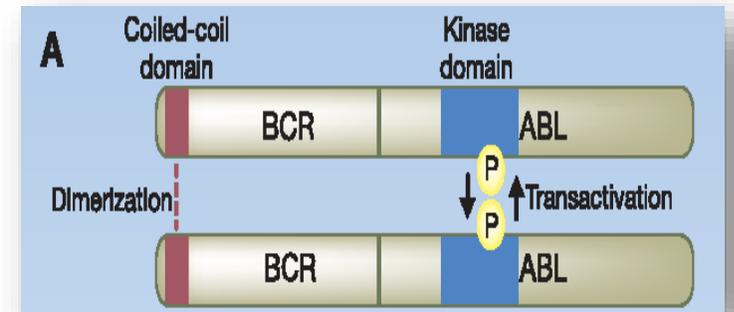
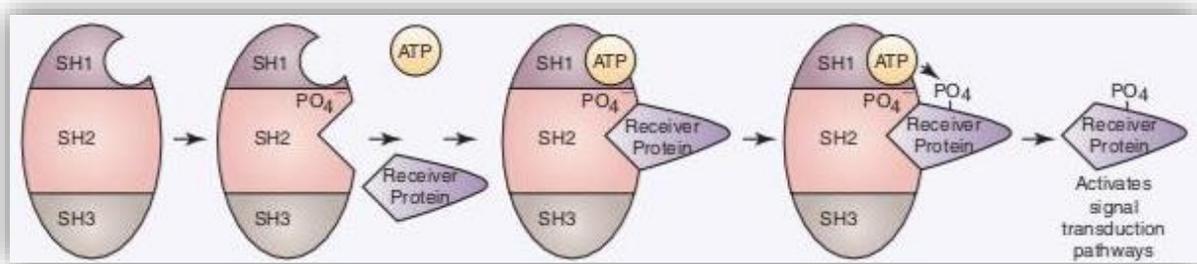
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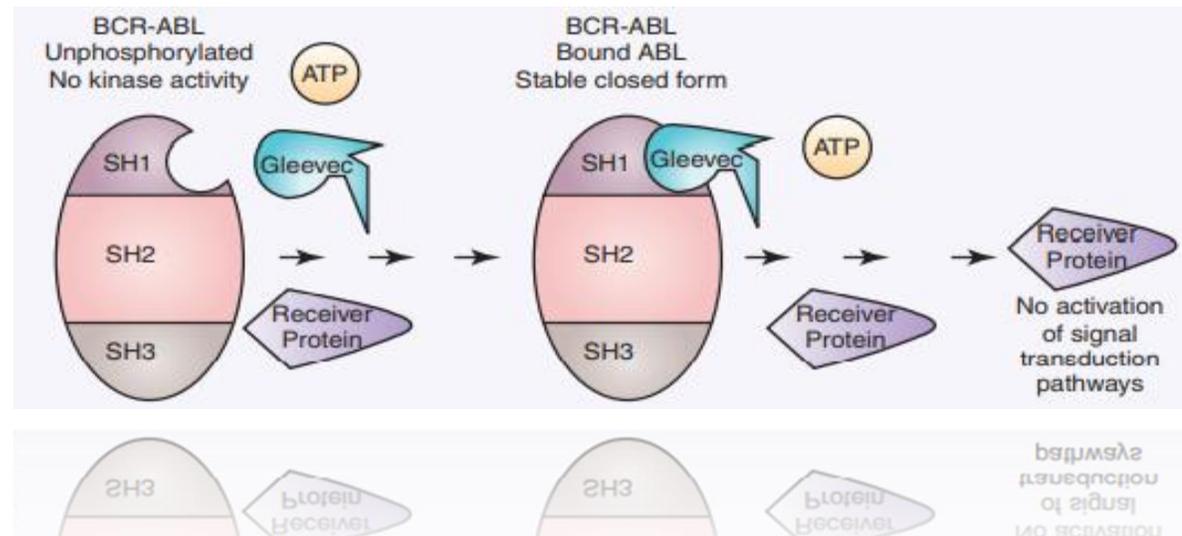
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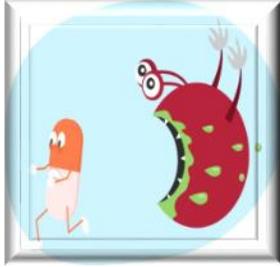
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➤ Imatinib :

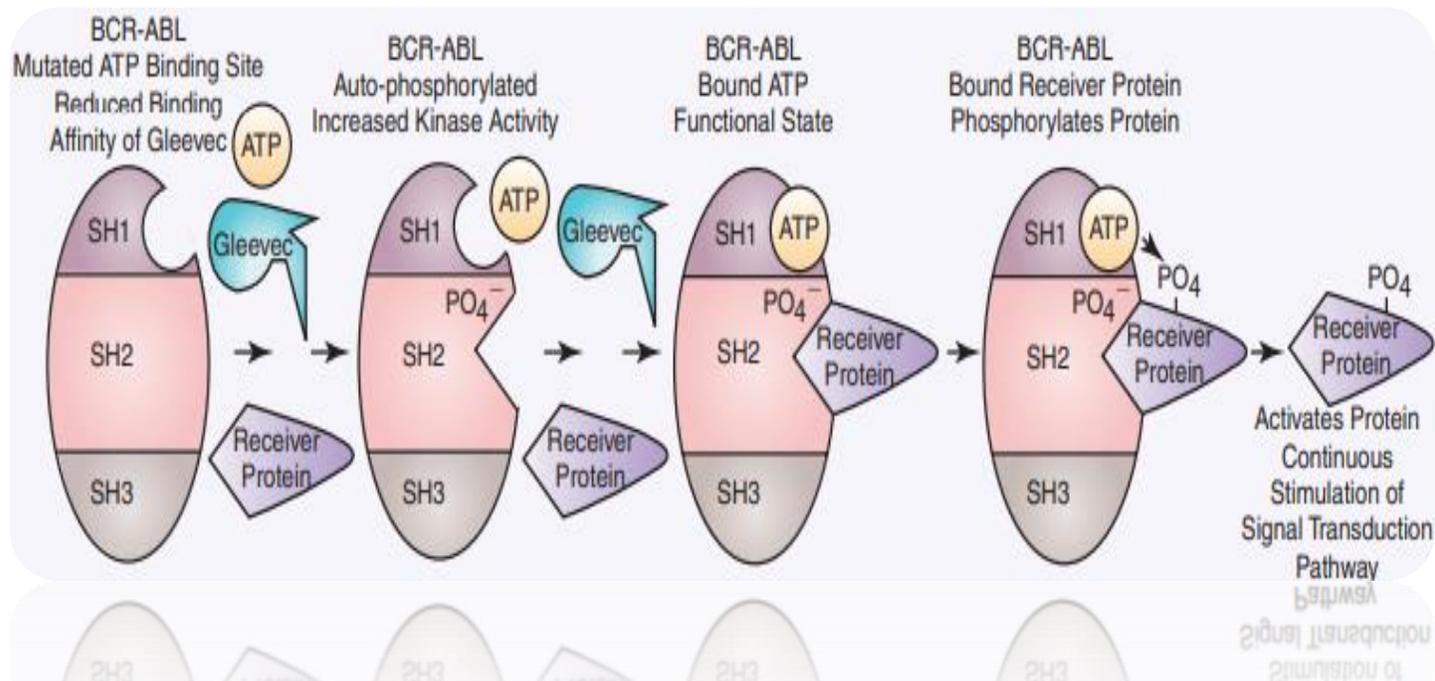




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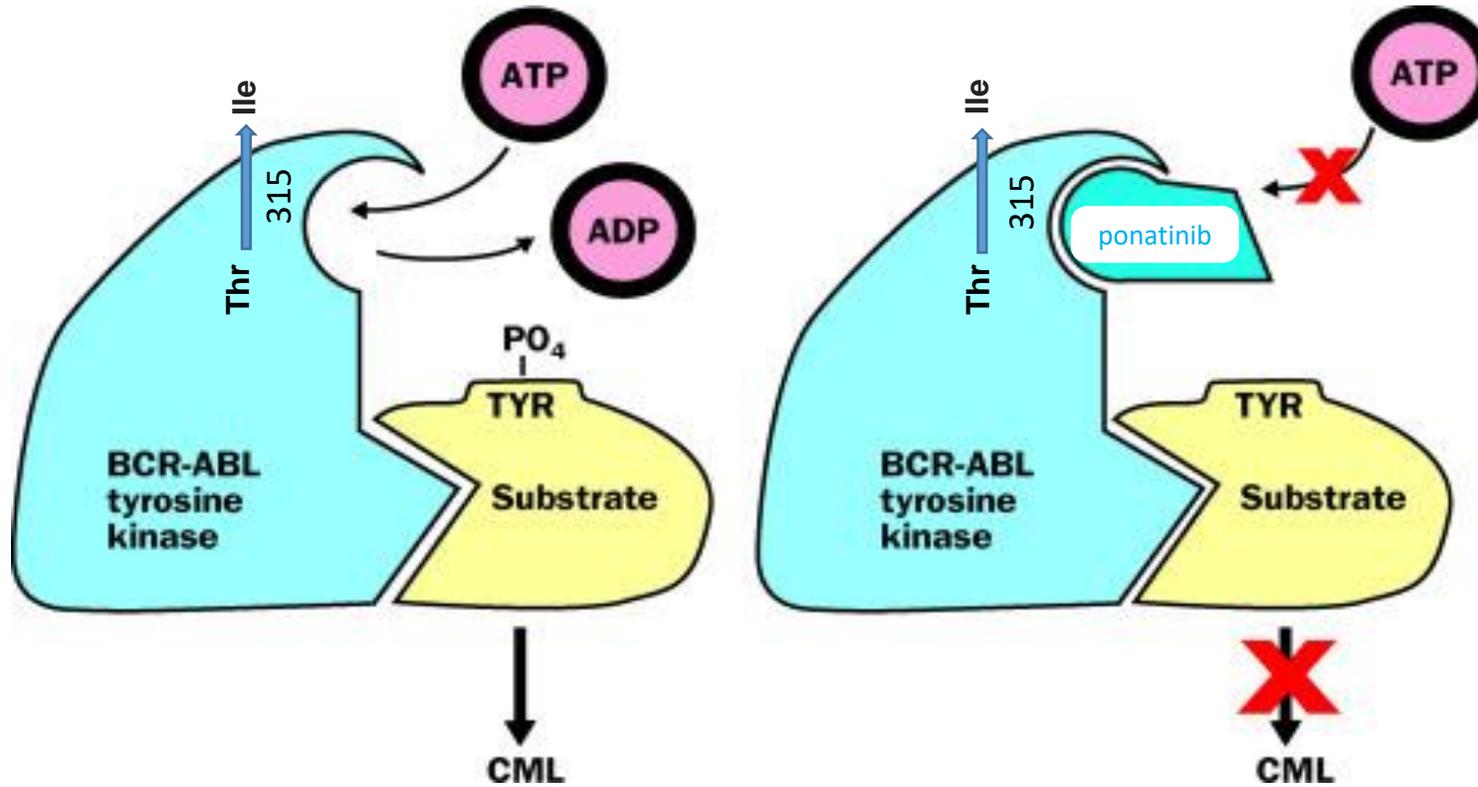
Point mutations in the BCR-ABL kinase domain :

➤ **Mutation at the ATP binding site** ➡ **T315I**



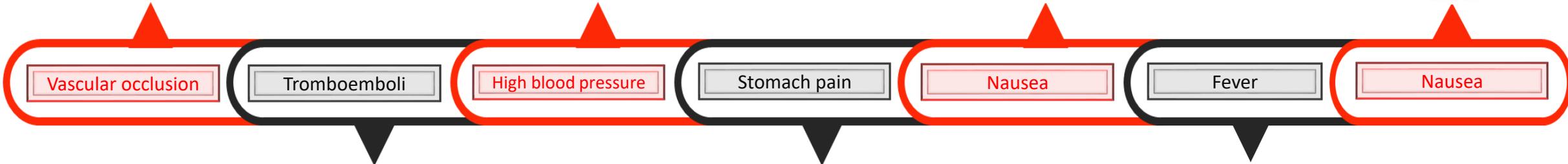


# Ponatinib:

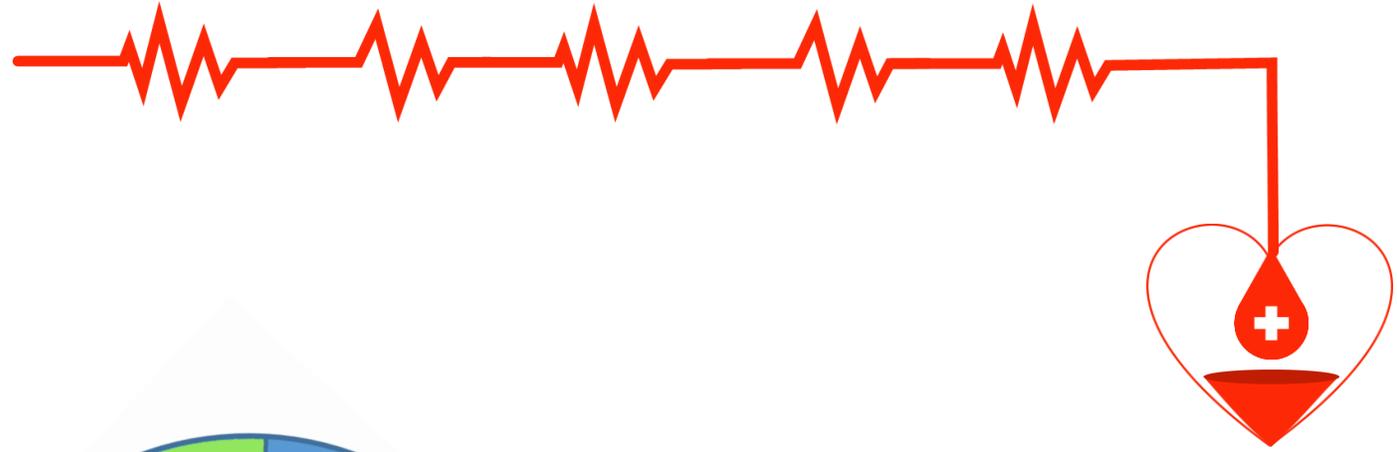
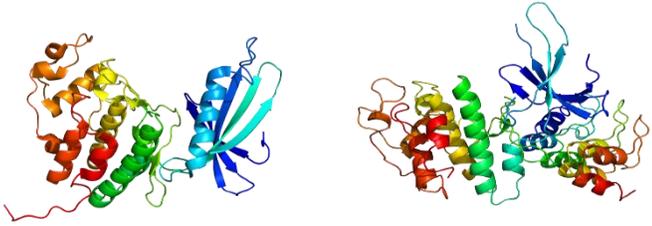




# Side effects of ponatinib :



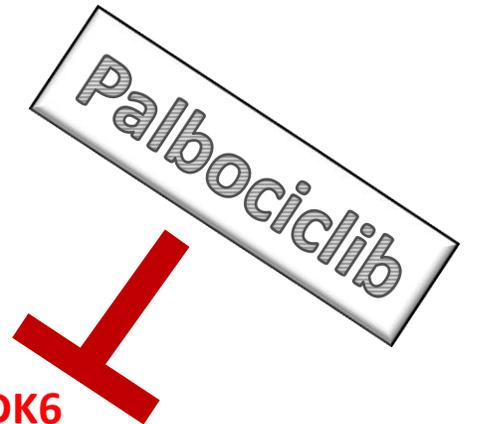
# CDK4 , CDK6 :



- Cyclin-dependent kinase 4 , 6
- Transition from phase G1 to S



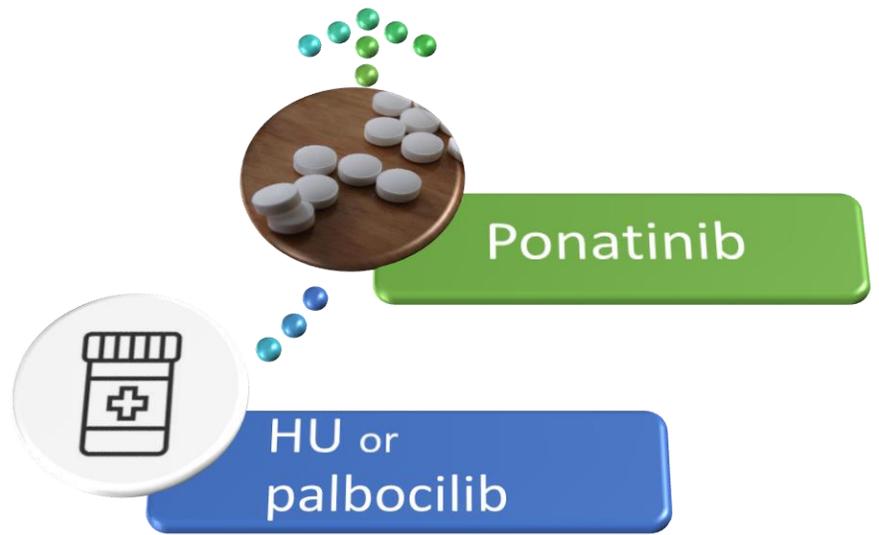
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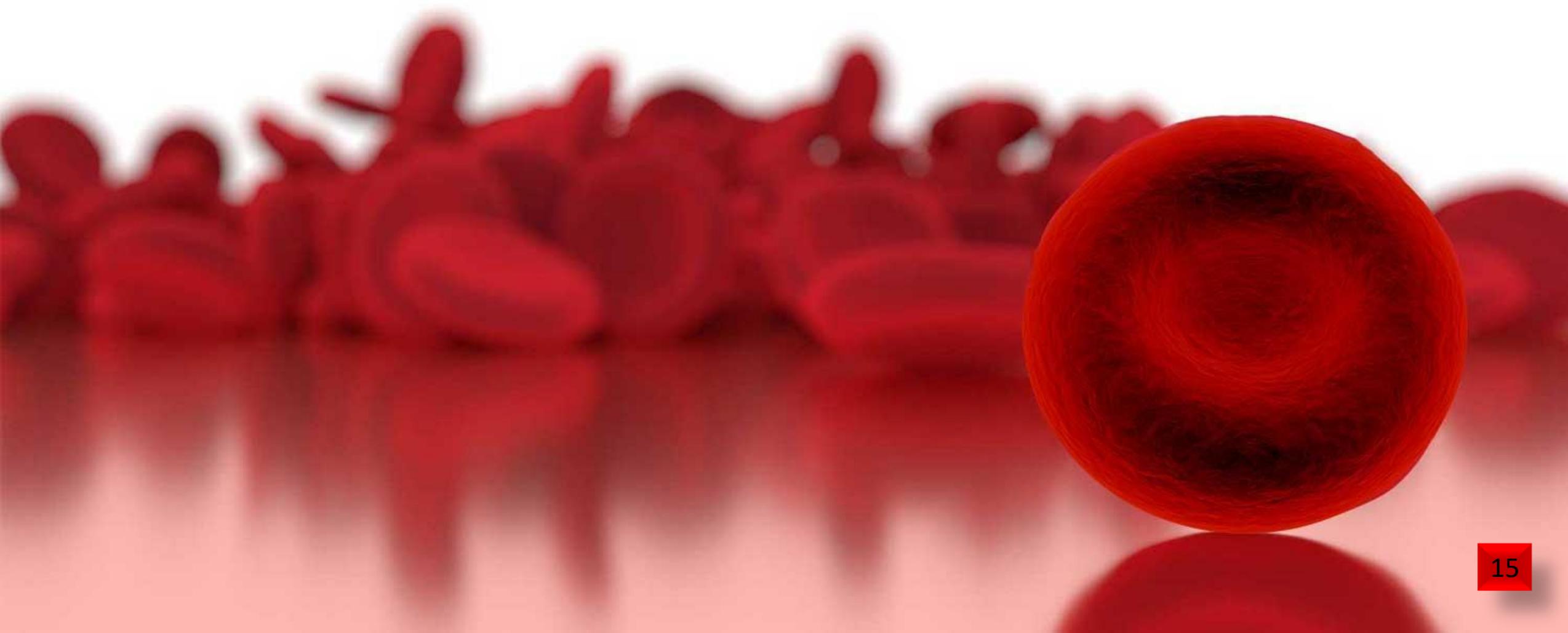


- ☑ Severe side effects of ponatinib
- ☑ Use lower doses of
- ☑ Reduce HU side effects
- ☑ Use of targeted drugs against BCR-ABL mutant forms

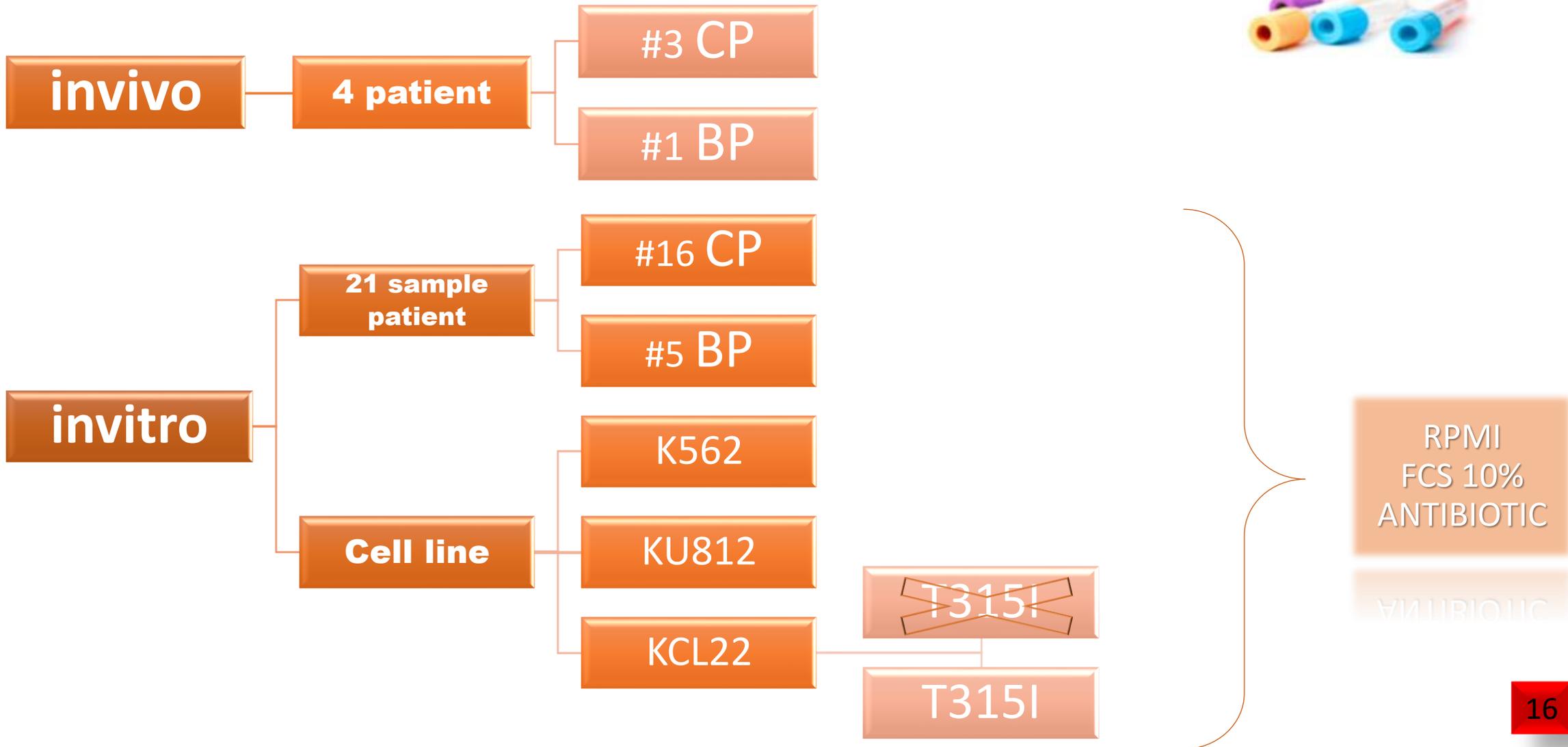
1. Inhibition of CDK4,CDK6
2. Combination therapy



# METHODS

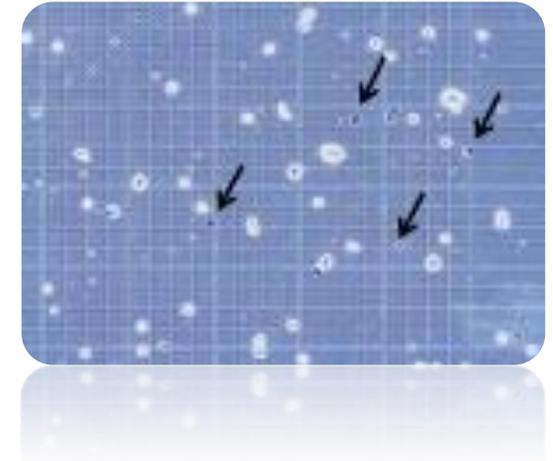


➤ Check in invivo and invitro conditions :

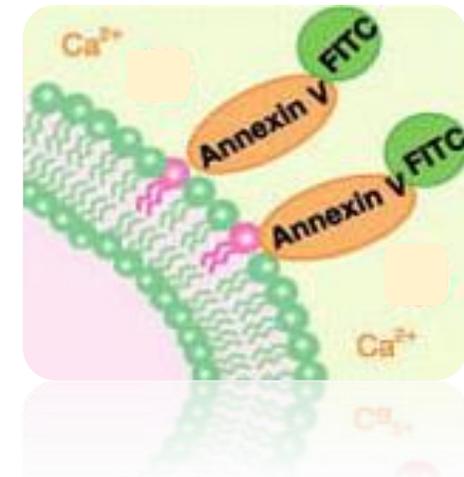
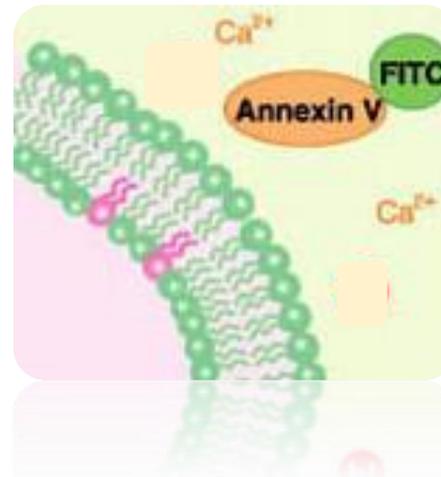


➤ Measurement of apoptosis :

- Trypan blue



- AnnexinV-FITC





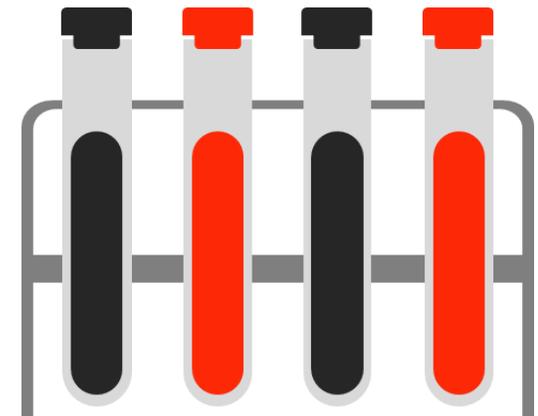
## ➤ Western blotting and Real-time PCR:



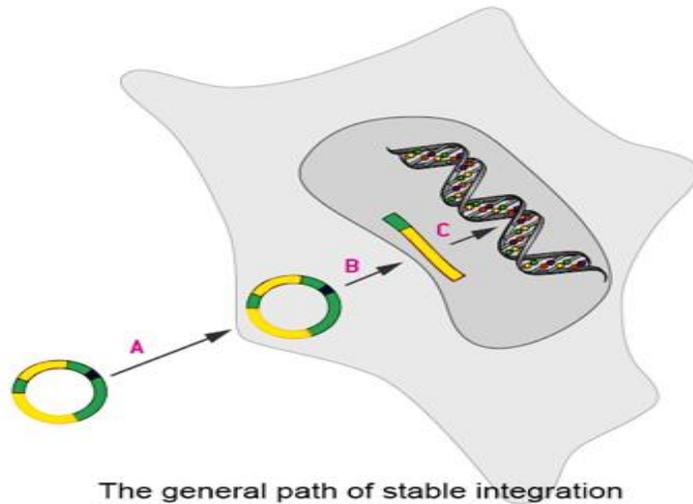
Western blot experiments to study the effects of HU on expression of CDK4/6 were performed through protein expression on CML cell lines



Real-time PCR is used to determine the level of mRNA expression in CML cell lines

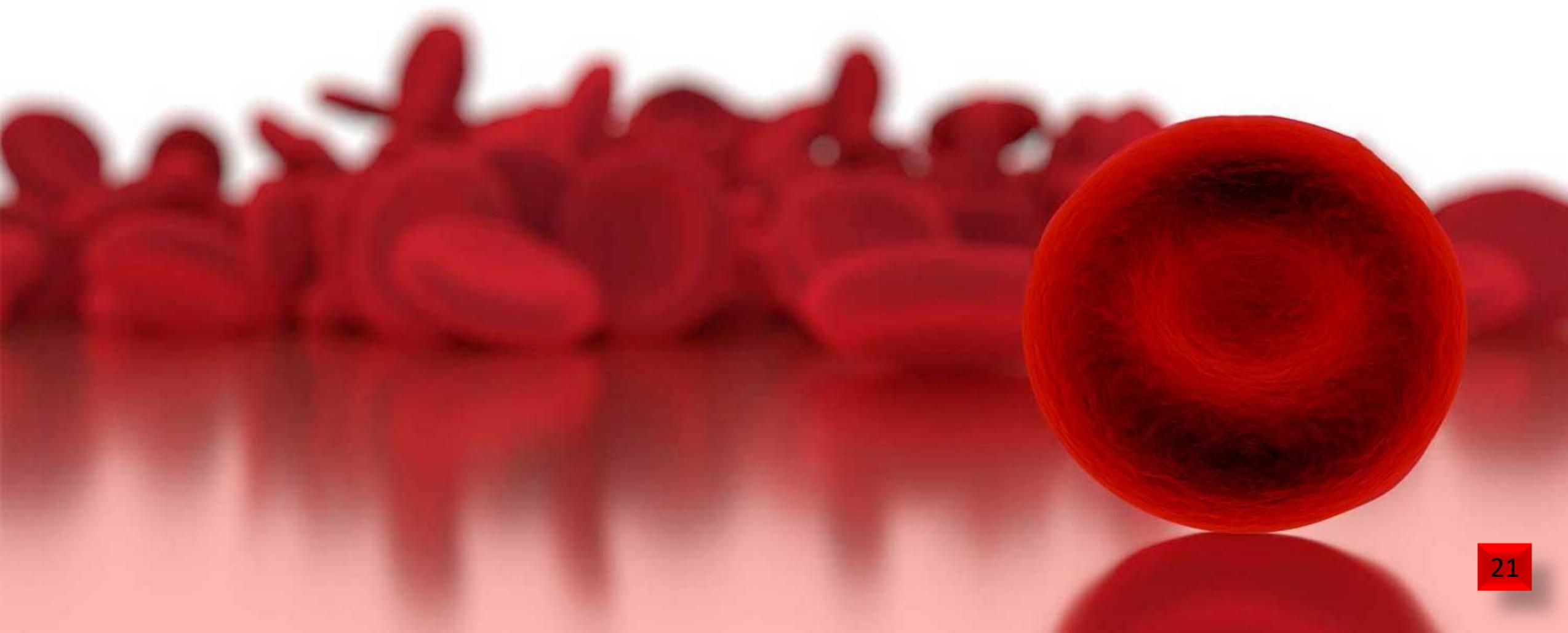


➤ shRNA induced knockdown of CDK4 and CDK6



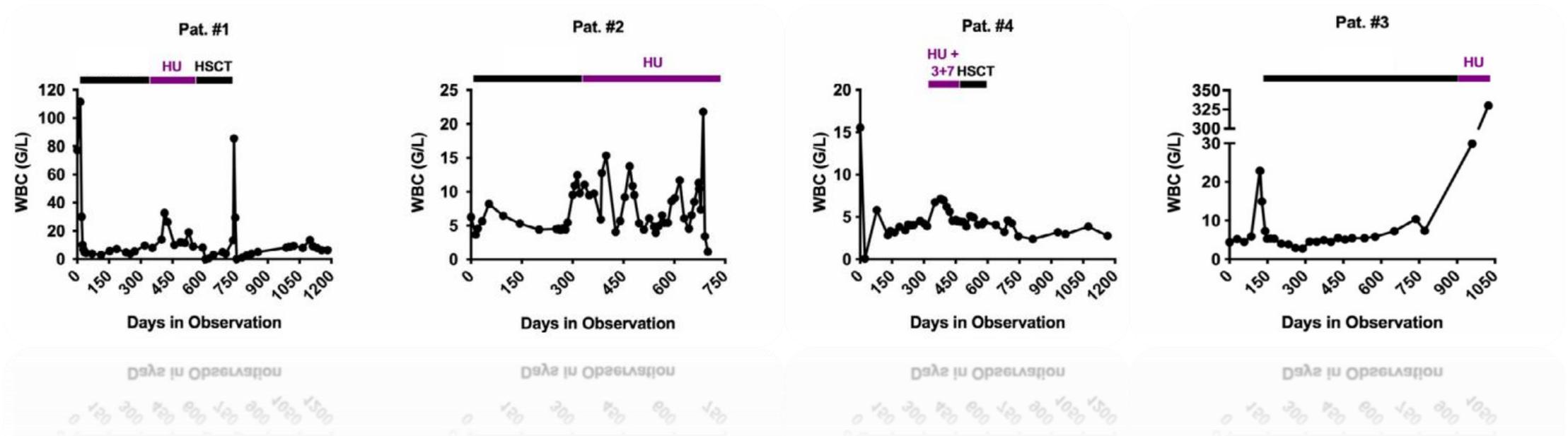


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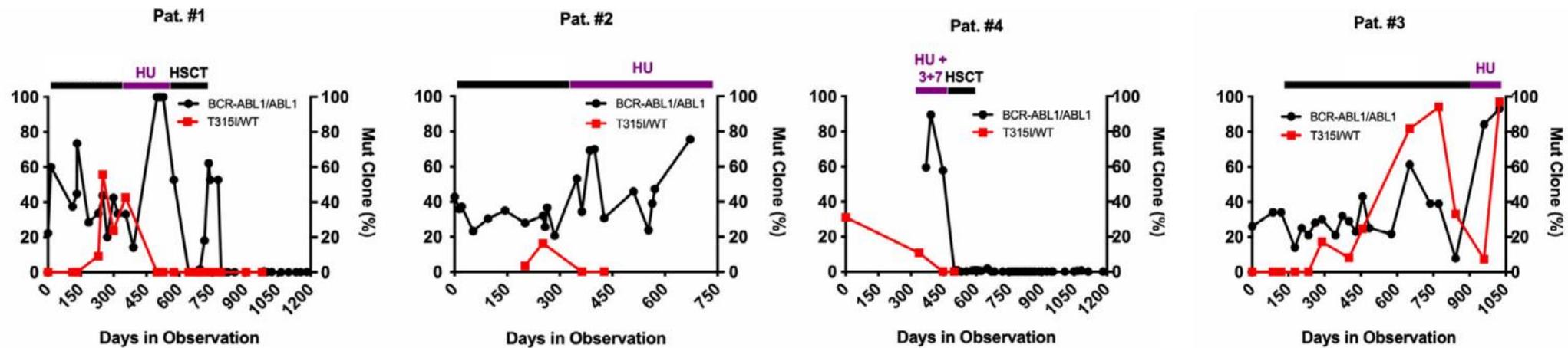
- Response to HU treatment in 4 patients with BCR-ABL1 T315I+ CML (*invivo*):

1) Stabilization of the leukocyte counts in 3 of 4



2) The percentage of BCR-ABL was significantly decreased in all 4 patients compared to the total ABL

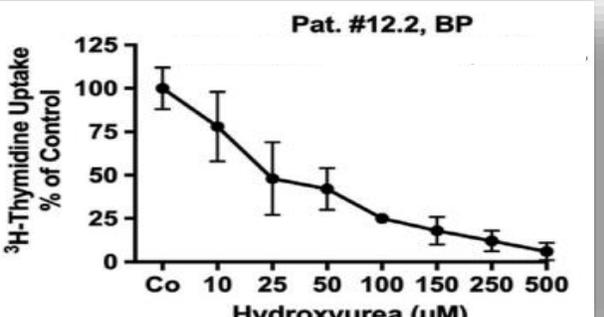
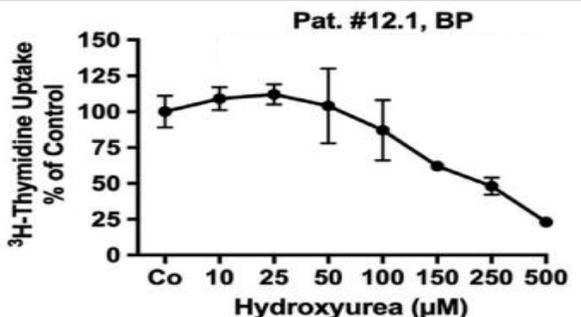
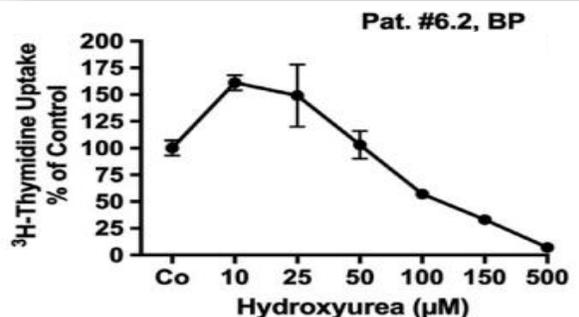
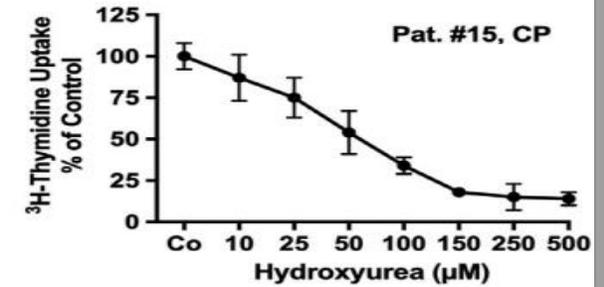
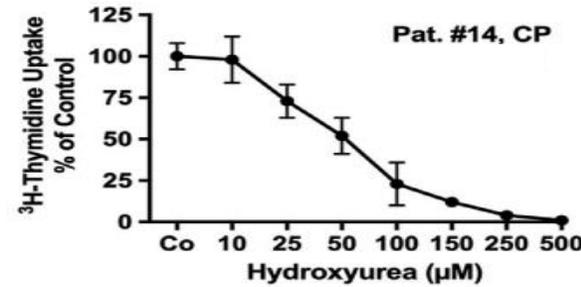
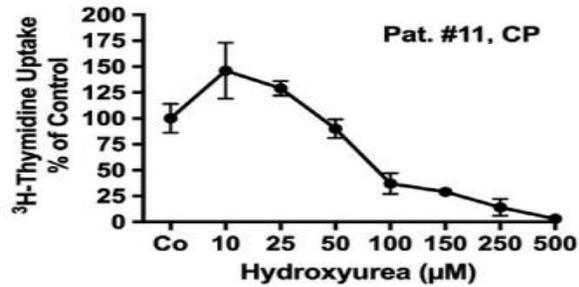
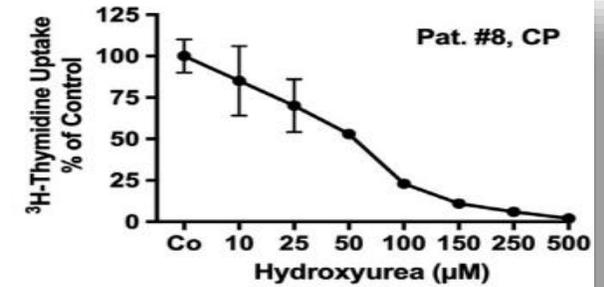
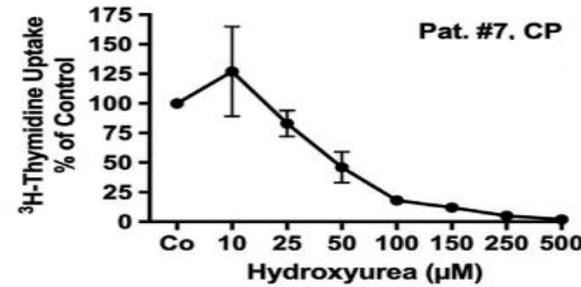
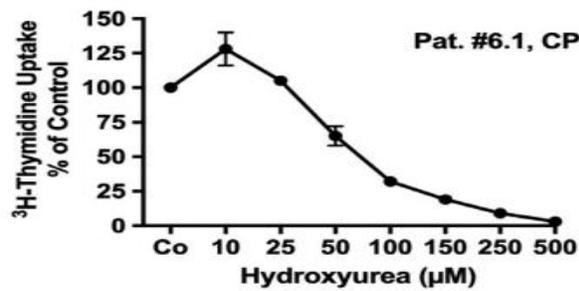
3) In 3 of the 4 patients, the T315I mutant was no longer detectable after therapy



3) These data suggest that HU is able to eliminate BCR-ABL T315I + leukemic cells

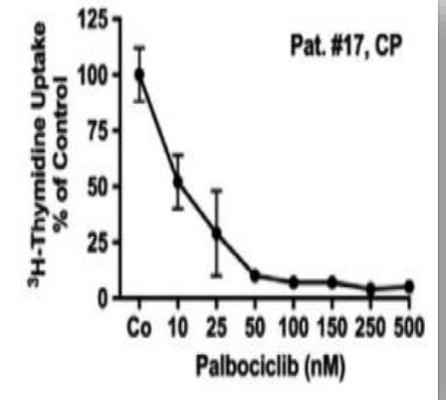
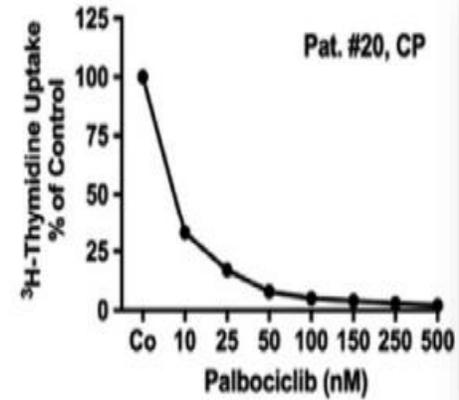
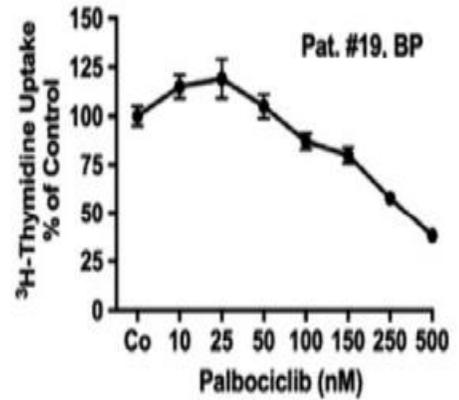
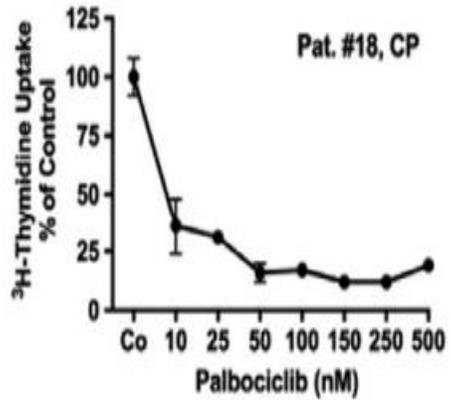
4) These observations suggest that HU is able to suppress BCR-ABL T315I+ in patients with CML CP

- Investigation of the effect of HU , ponatinib and Palbociclib on proliferation and survival of BCR-ABL1 + cells sensitive and resistant to TKI (*invitro*) :



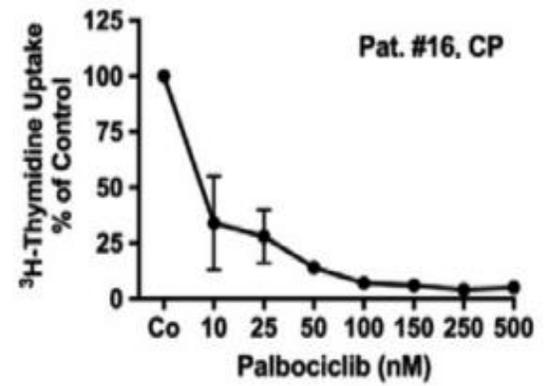
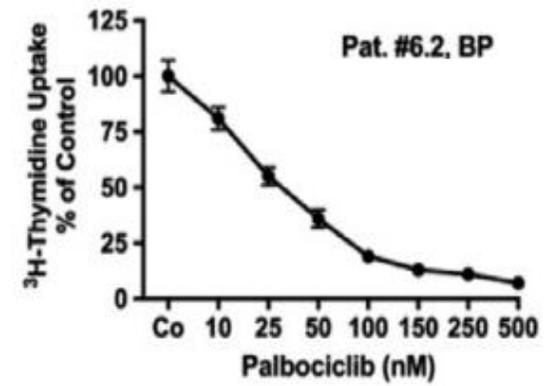
Sample of patients

HU



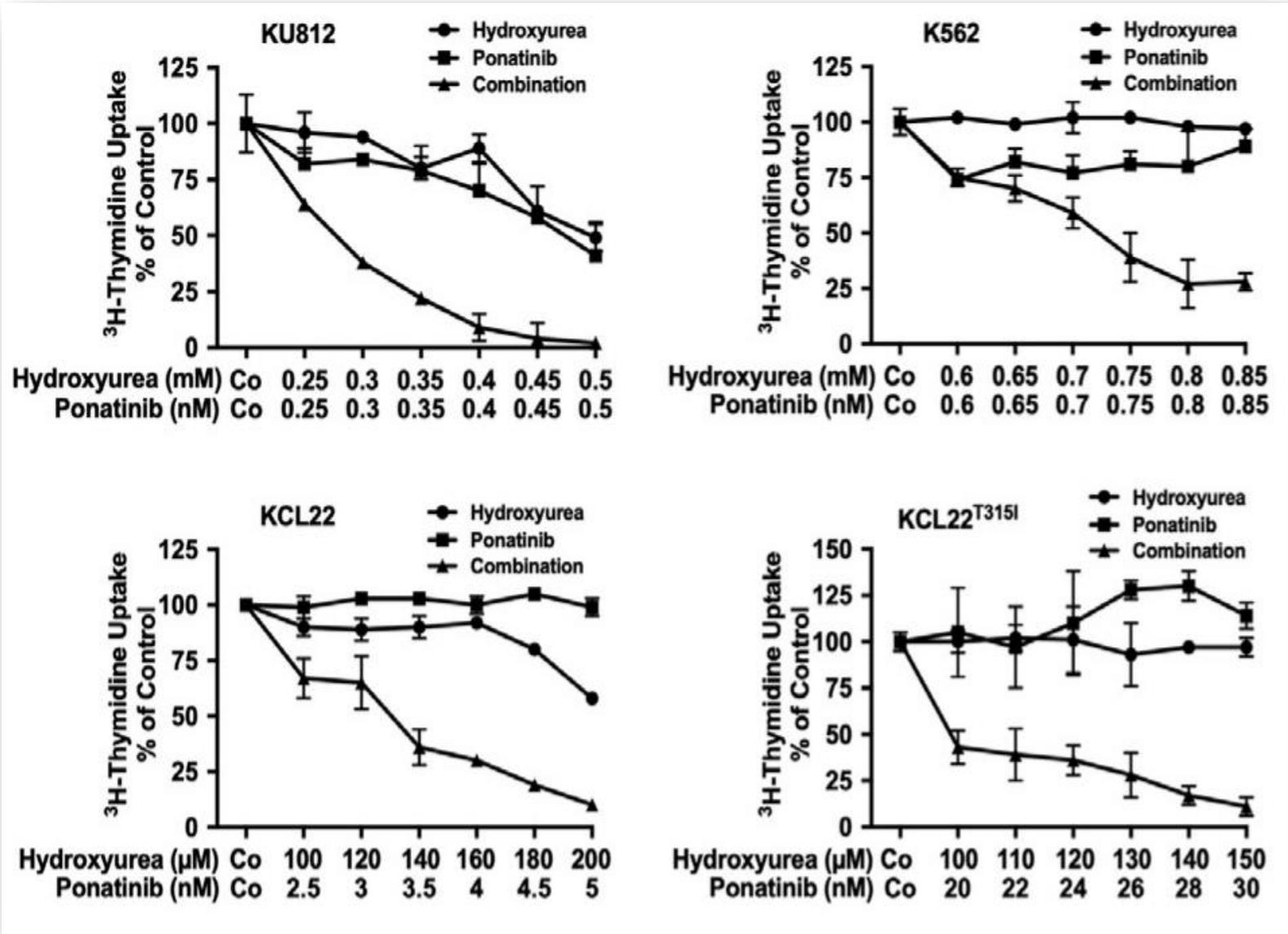
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Palbociclib



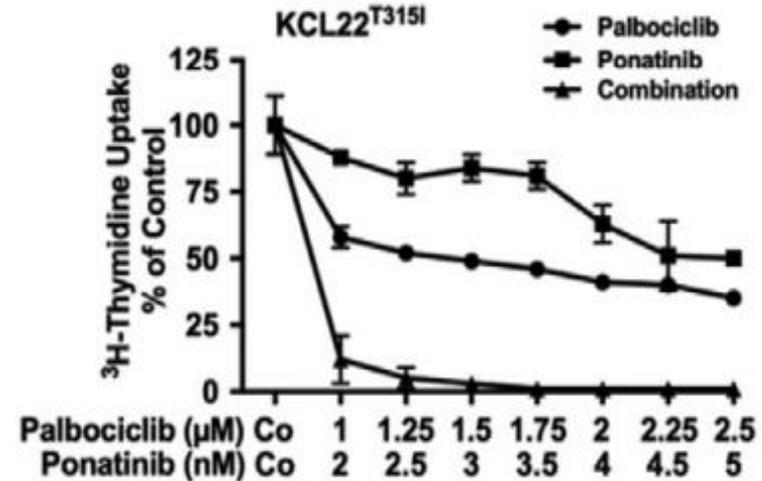
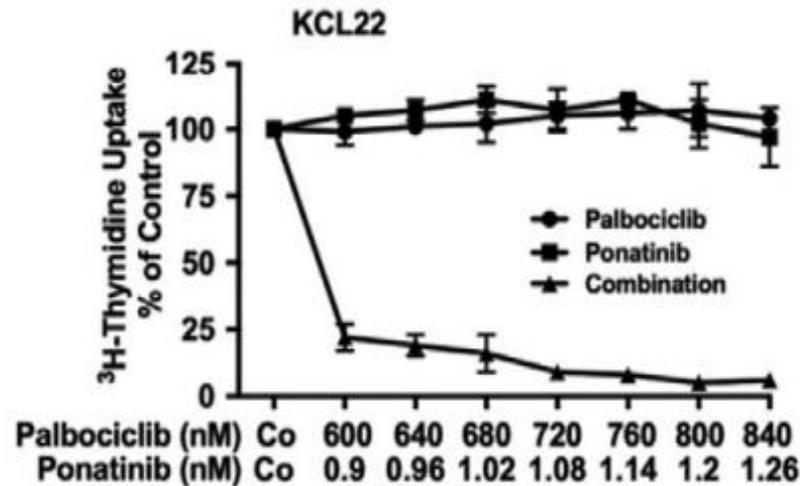
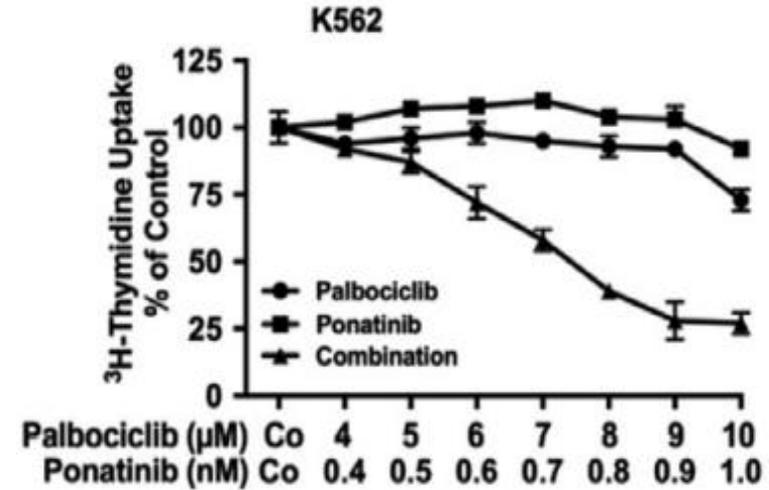
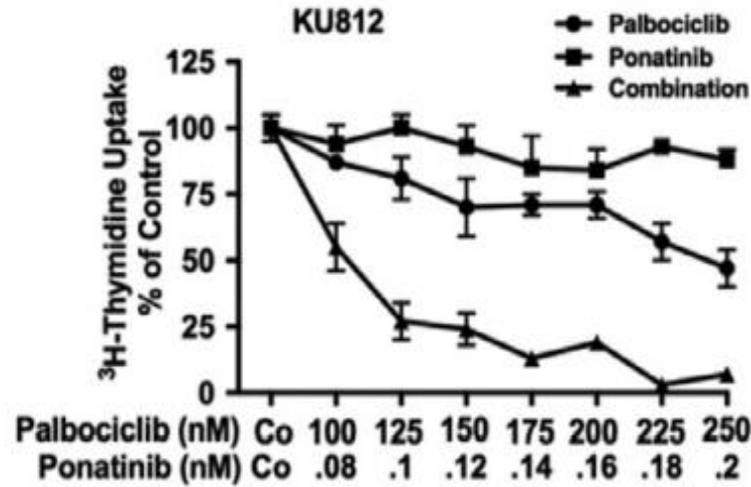
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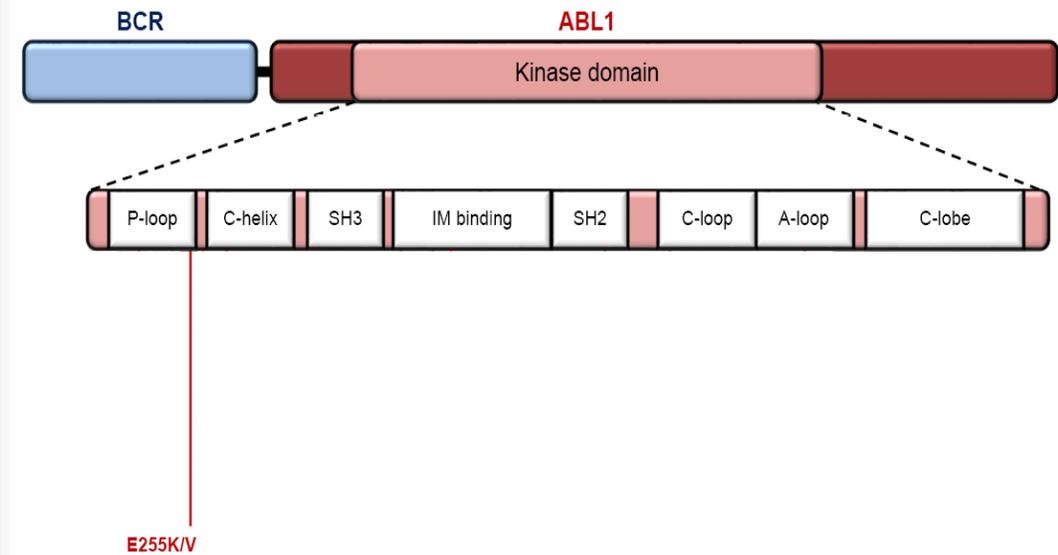
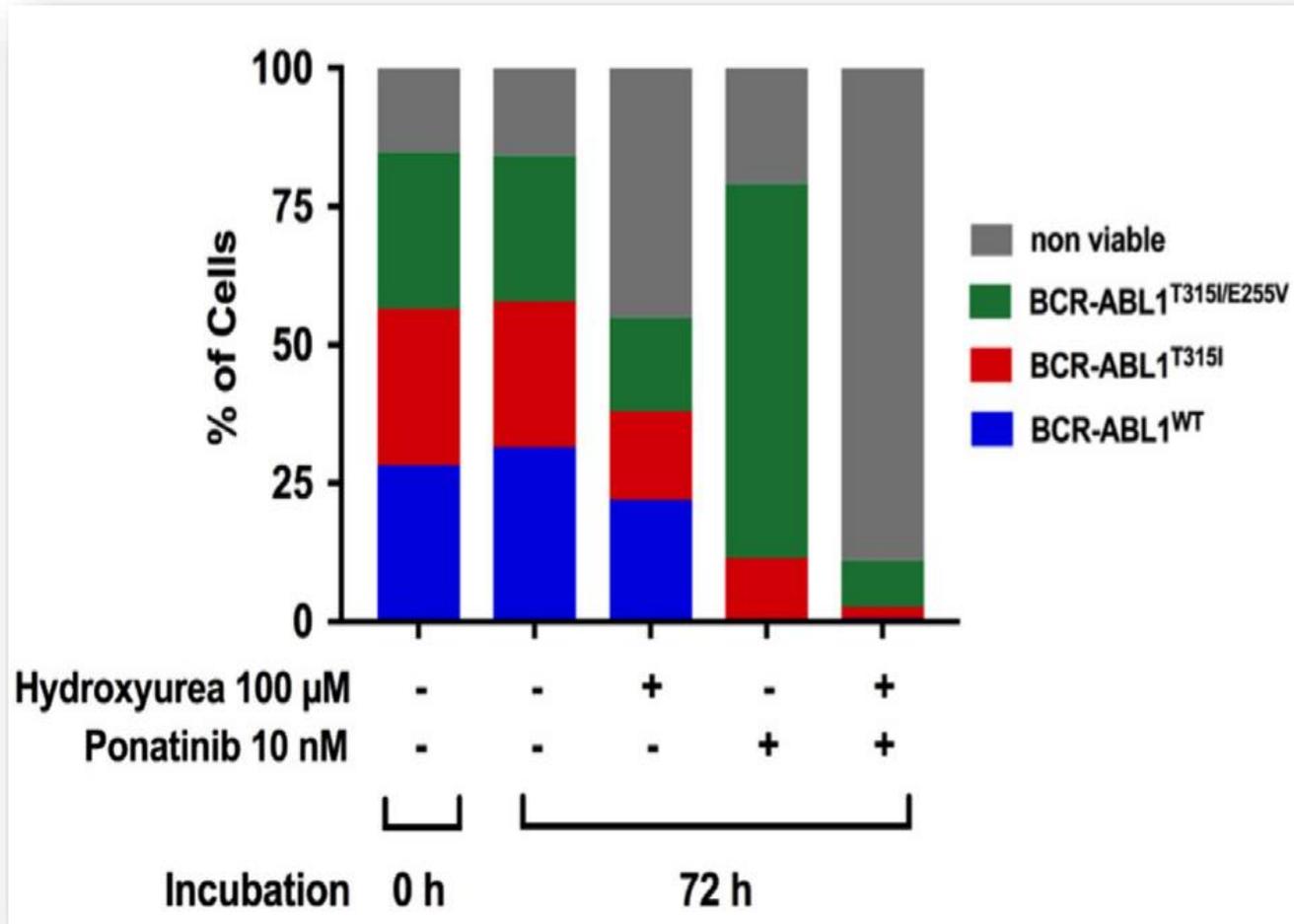
**HU**  
and  
**ponatinib**



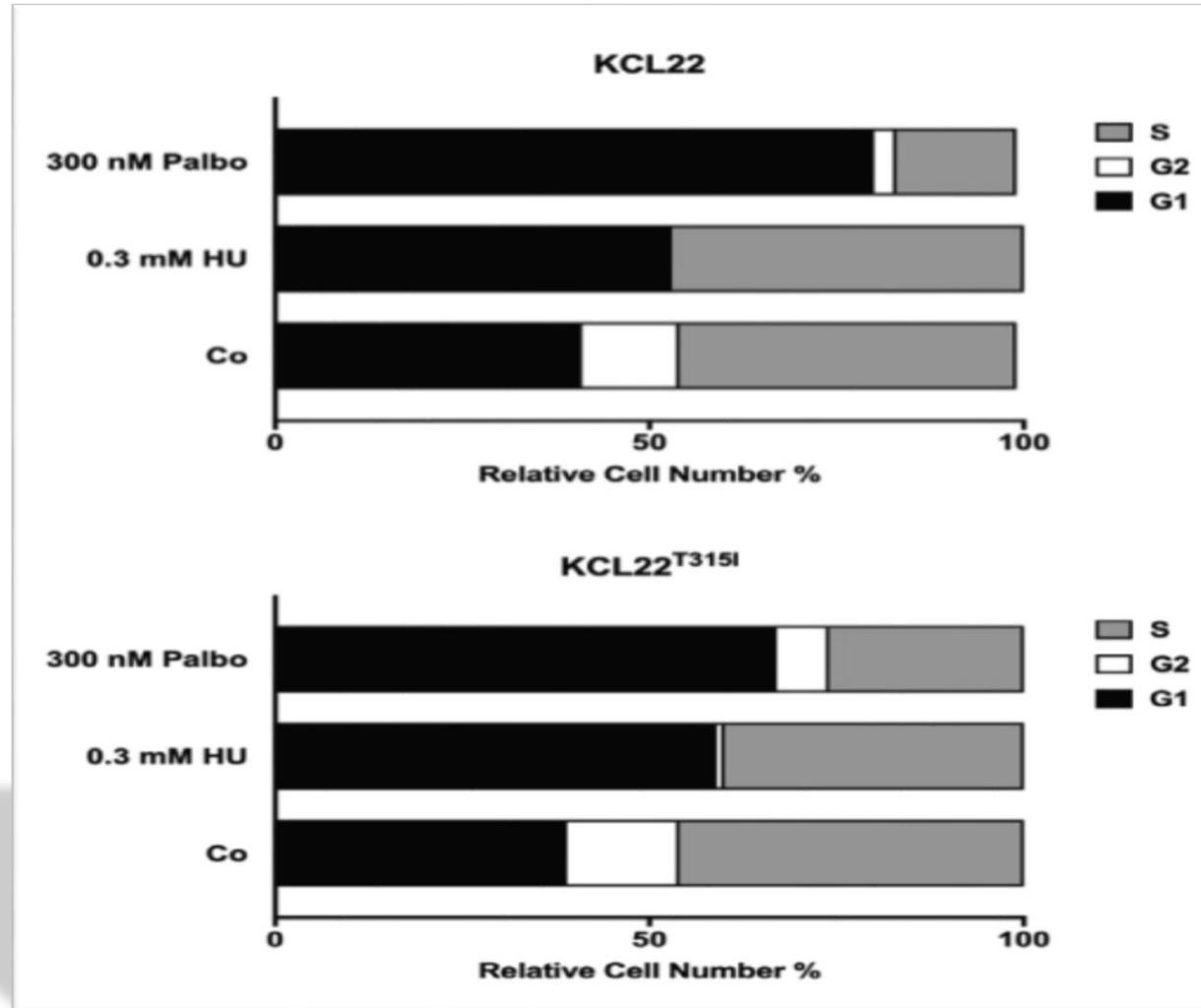
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## Palbociclib and ponatinib

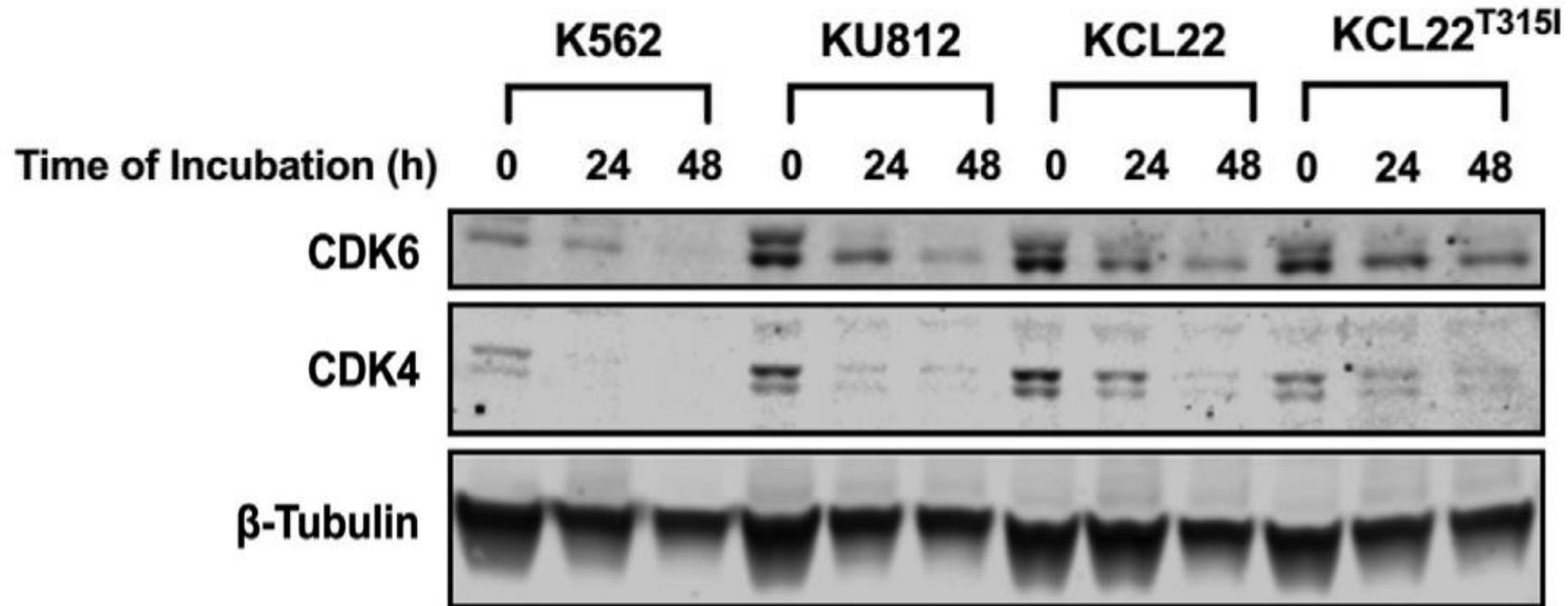




- Effects of HU and Palbociclib on cell cycle progression :



- Effects of HU on the cell cycle regulators CDK4 and CDK6 :



## ▪ Effects of CDK4/6 knockdown on growth and survival of CML cells :

- K562 , KCL22

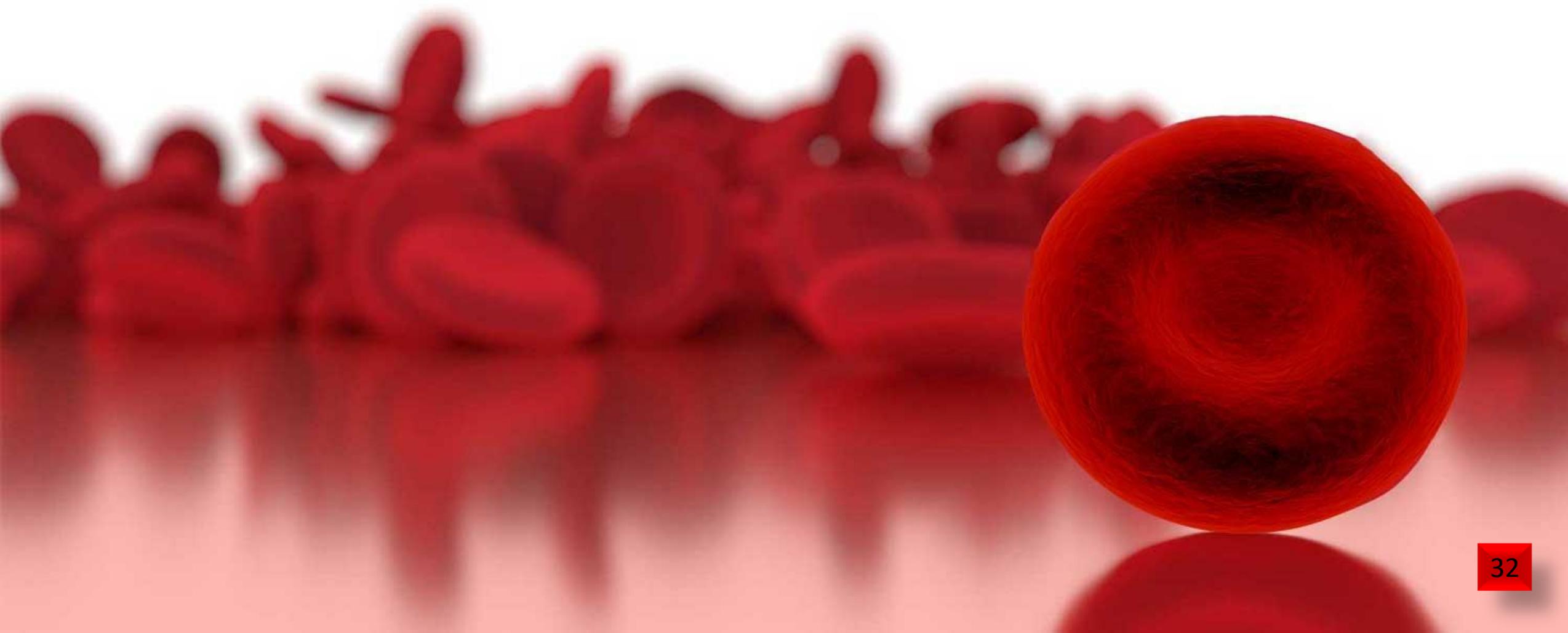
- Growth defect

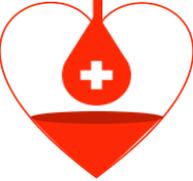
- Deletion of CDK4 and CDK6 did not induce apoptosis

- Inhibition of CDK4 / CDK6 interferes with CML cell proliferation



# Discussion





- ❖ BCR-ABL1 T315I mutation occurs in 20 to 30% of TKI-resistant in CML patients
- ❖ Ponatinib suppresses BCR ABL1T315I but is not an optimal drug for all patients due to its side effects
- ❖ HU inhibits the growth of CML cells whose T315I + cells were more sensitive to HU than BCR ABL WT
- ❖ HU cooperates with ponatinib in suppressing the growth of leukemic cells expressing BCR ABL1T315I or T315I containing compound mutants
- ❖ A direct effect of HU on BCR ABL1 mutants seems unlikely. Indeed, HU is well known to suppress proliferation in neoplastic cells by interfering with cell cycle progression





- ❖ Targeting CDK4 / CDK6 may be a strong approach to overcoming resistance to TKIs
- ❖ HU reduces the expression of CDK4 and CDK6
- ❖ CDK4/6 depletion, or CDK4/6 inhibition, counteracts cell cycle progression and replication in CML
- ❖ Palbociclib according to recent data showed high anti-leukemia activity against CML cell lines
- ❖ Our data show that clones expressing highly resistant BCR ABL1 hybrid mutations respond to HU and palbociclib



The image features a central cluster of numerous red blood cells, depicted as biconcave discs, against a dark red, textured background. The cells are rendered in a lighter shade of red, creating a sense of depth and highlighting their characteristic shape. The background has a subtle, repeating pattern of the same red blood cells, which are slightly faded and darker in color. The overall composition is centered and balanced.

**Thank you for your attention**