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# ***Novel Approaches to Treatment of Gastrointestinal Stromal Tumor (GIST)***

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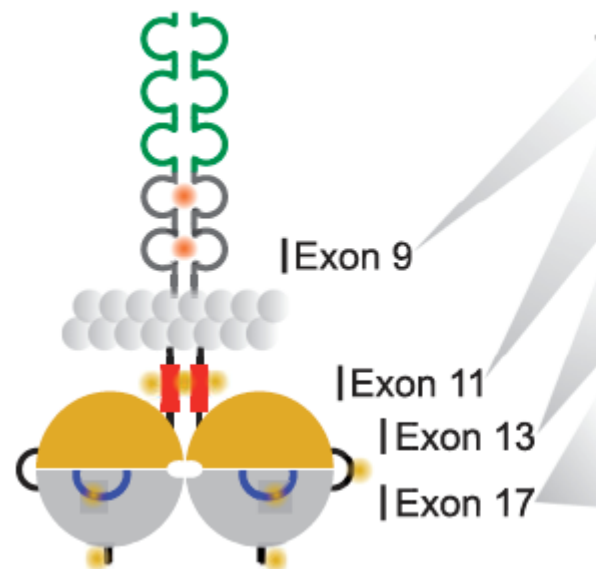
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# GIST BACKGROUND

- KIT mutations drive ~80% of GISTs
- Majority of patients with KIT primary mutations respond to 1<sup>st</sup> line imatinib but resistance develops most commonly due to secondary mutations in KIT
- Approved 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> line agents (sunitinib and regorafenib) confer modest clinical benefit compared with imatinib likely due to multiple drug-resistant mutations arising in individual tumors
- Unmet medical need for agents that can address breadth of primary/secondary KIT mutations across lines of therapy



Domain	Gene	1° Mutation Frequency	2° Mutation Frequency
D5	<i>KIT</i>	10%	
JM	<i>KIT</i> <i>PDGFRA</i>	67 1	
TK1	<i>KIT</i> <i>PDGFRA</i>	1 1	56
A-Loop	<i>KIT</i> <i>PDGFRA</i> D842V <i>PDGFRA</i>	1 5 1	41 3

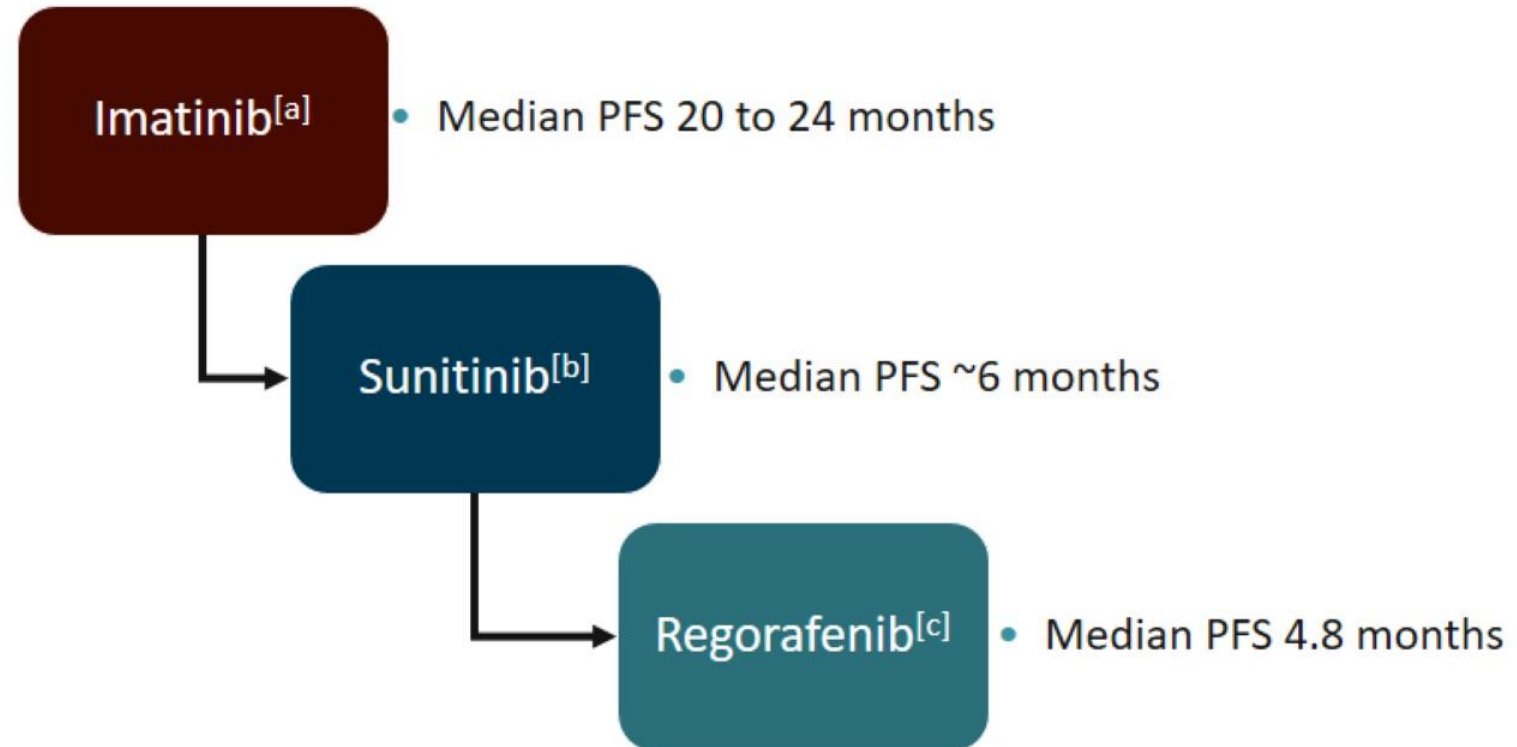
## Other important GIST subgroups:

- NF1-mutated
- SDH-mutated
- BRAF/KRAS-mutated
- Quadruple-negative (KIT/PDGFR/SDH/RAS -wild-type)

# Unmet Medical Need in GIST

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- Diminishing returns on kinase inhibition due to development of resistant mutations

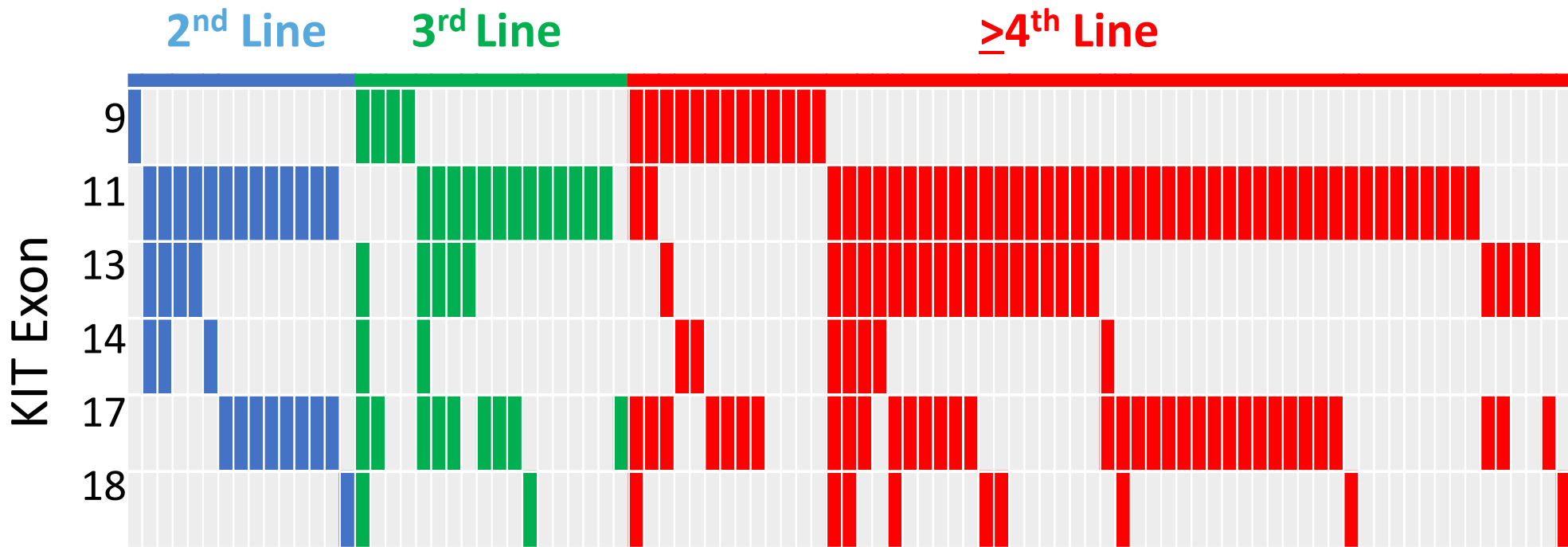


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# Liquid Biopsies (NGS) Detect Broad Spectrum of KIT Mutations in Previously Treated GIST



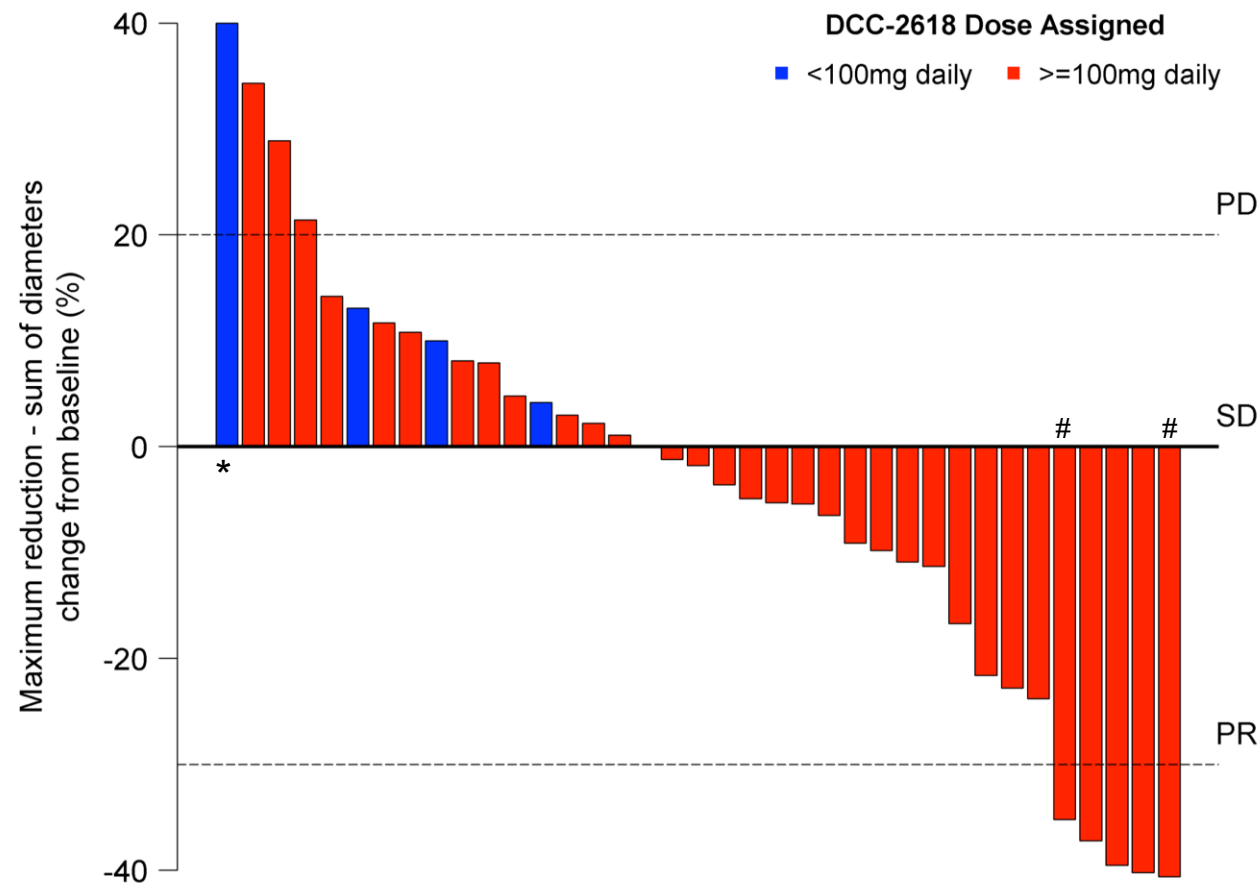
- Each column represents an individual patient
- In pts where a KIT mutation was detected in baseline ctDNA, secondary KIT mutations in exon 13, 14 17 and 18 were found across 2<sup>nd</sup> to ≥4<sup>th</sup>line pts.

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# Investigational Approaches

## *Ripretinib (DCC-2618)*

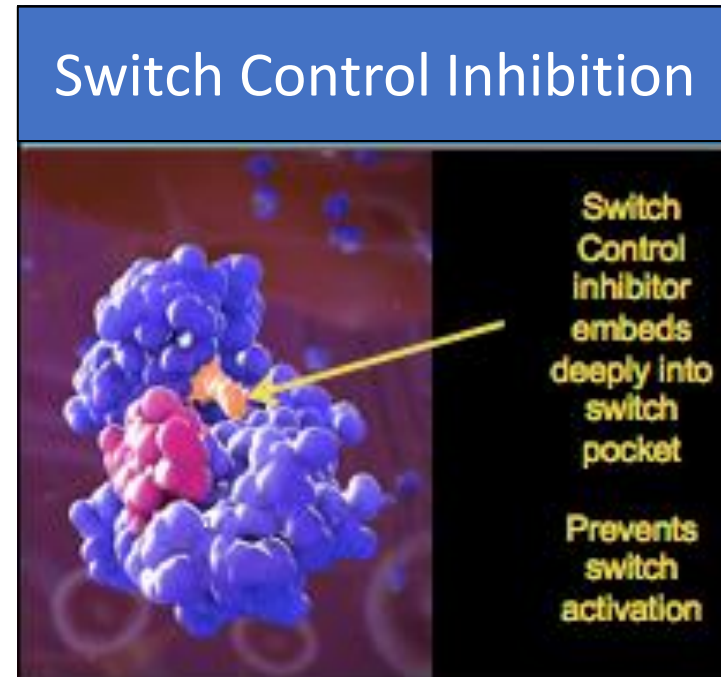
- Selective KIT and PDGFRA switch-control inhibitor<sup>[a]</sup>
- Phase 1 study
  - Efficacy in 4th-line
    - ORR 9%; mPFS 24 weeks





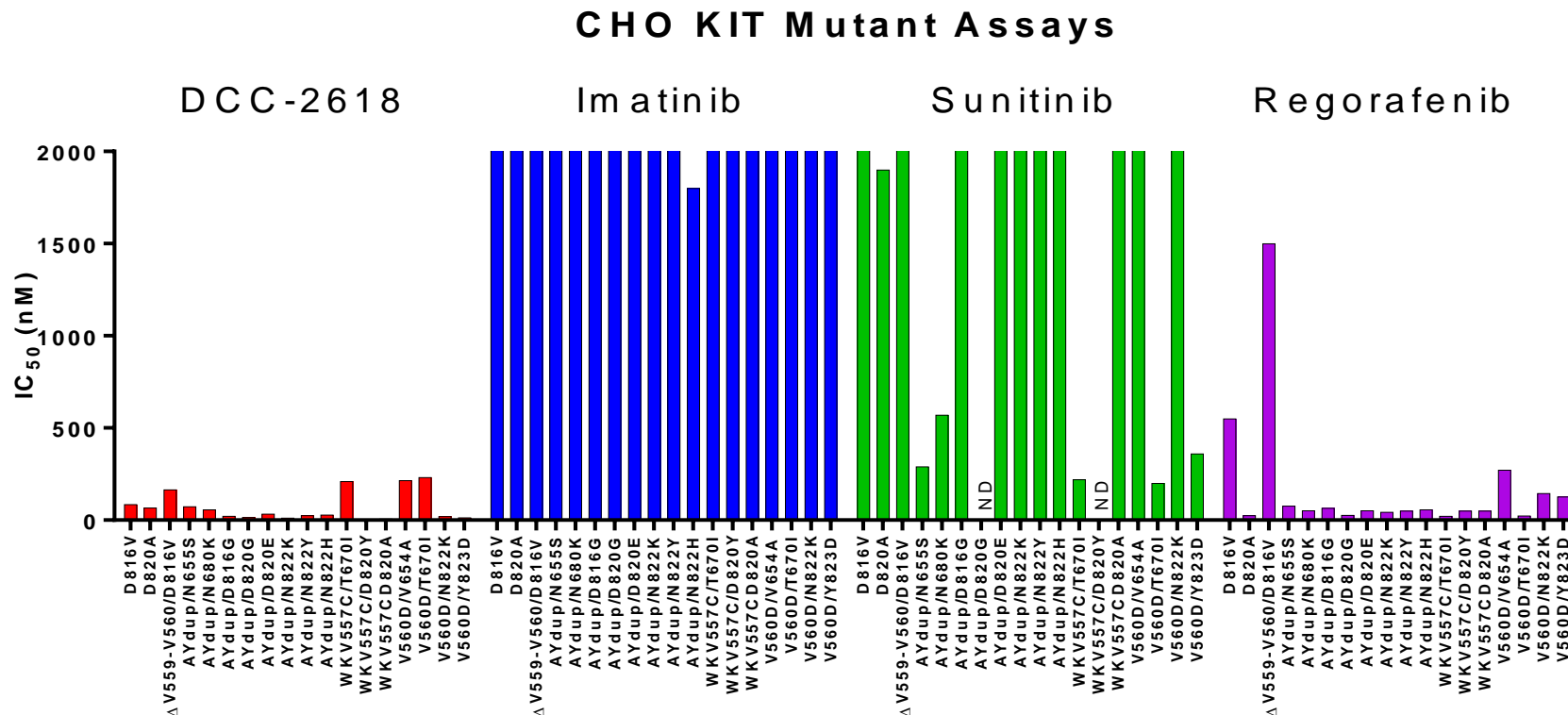
# RIPRETINIB (DCC-2618) BACKGROUND

- DCC-2618 is a *KIT* and *PDGFRA* inhibitor resilient to gain-of-function and drug resistance mutations
  - Potency independent of ATP concentration
- DCC-2618 was designed to potently inhibit a broad range of mutations in *KIT* and *PDGFRA* kinases
- Gastrointestinal stromal tumor (GIST) is an important disease to achieve proof-of-concept in the FIH study due to the multiplicity and heterogeneity of resistance mutations within *KIT*



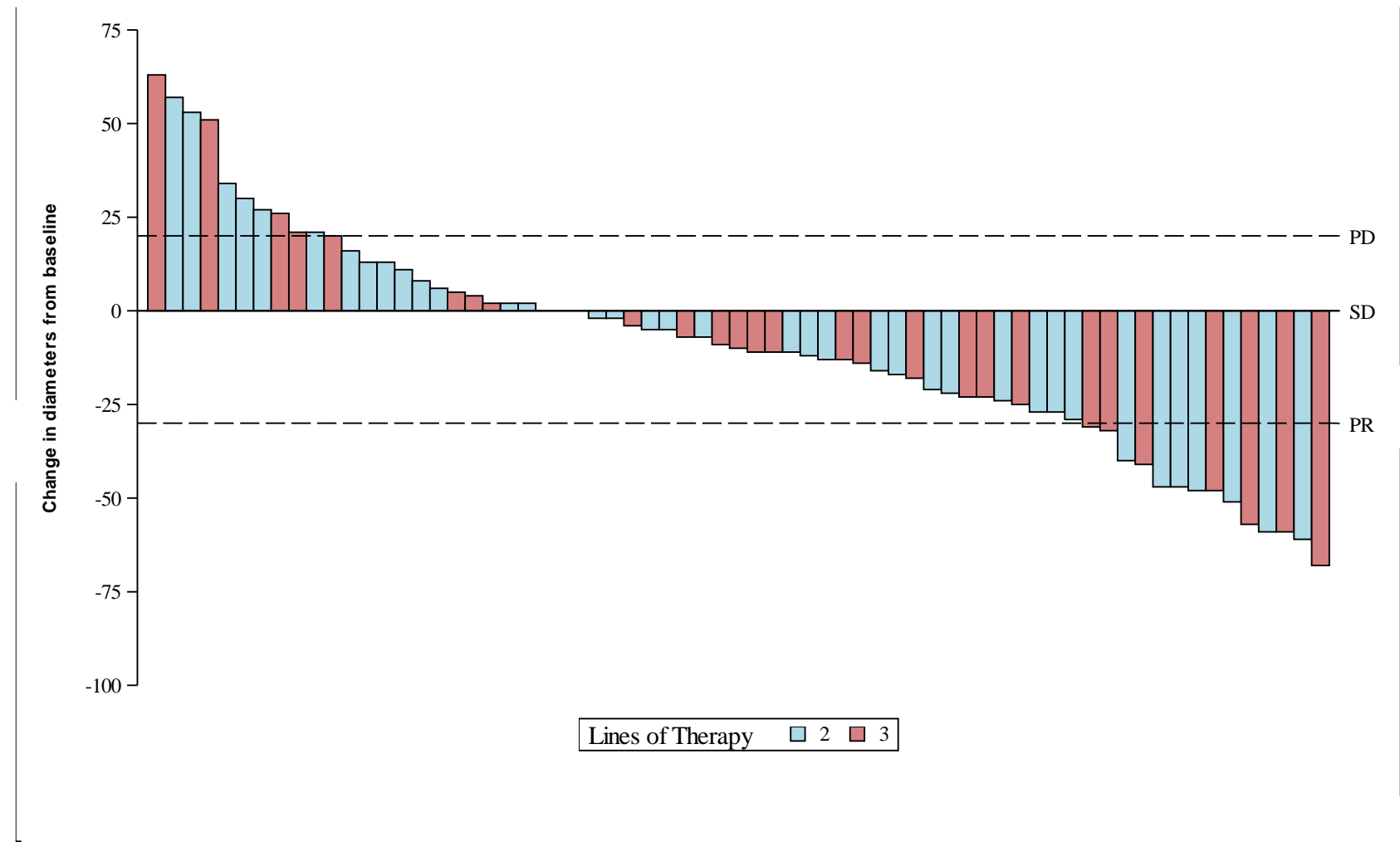
# RATIONALE FOR DCC-2618 STUDY

- Activity regardless whether primary mutation is in *KIT* Exon 9, Exon 11, or Exon 17
  - IC<sub>50</sub> for *KIT* Exon 11 deletion 3 nM, IC<sub>50</sub> *PDGFRA* D842V 60 nM
- Broad activity in secondary *KIT* mutations across Exons 13, 14, 17, and 18
  - Active metabolite DP-5439 possesses comparable activity across all mutations
- KIT* T670I and V654A secondary mutations are the least sensitive to DCC-2618
  - IC<sub>50</sub> for *KIT* T670I 221 nM , IC<sub>50</sub> for 189 nM for *KIT* V654A





# Best Response by RECIST in 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Line GIST Patients at ≥100 mg/d DCC-2618 (n=67)



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Line (n=38)

- 7/38 PRs<sup>(1)</sup> (18%) as of data cut off

## 3<sup>rd</sup> line (n=29)

- 7/29 PRs<sup>(1)</sup> (24%) as of data cut off

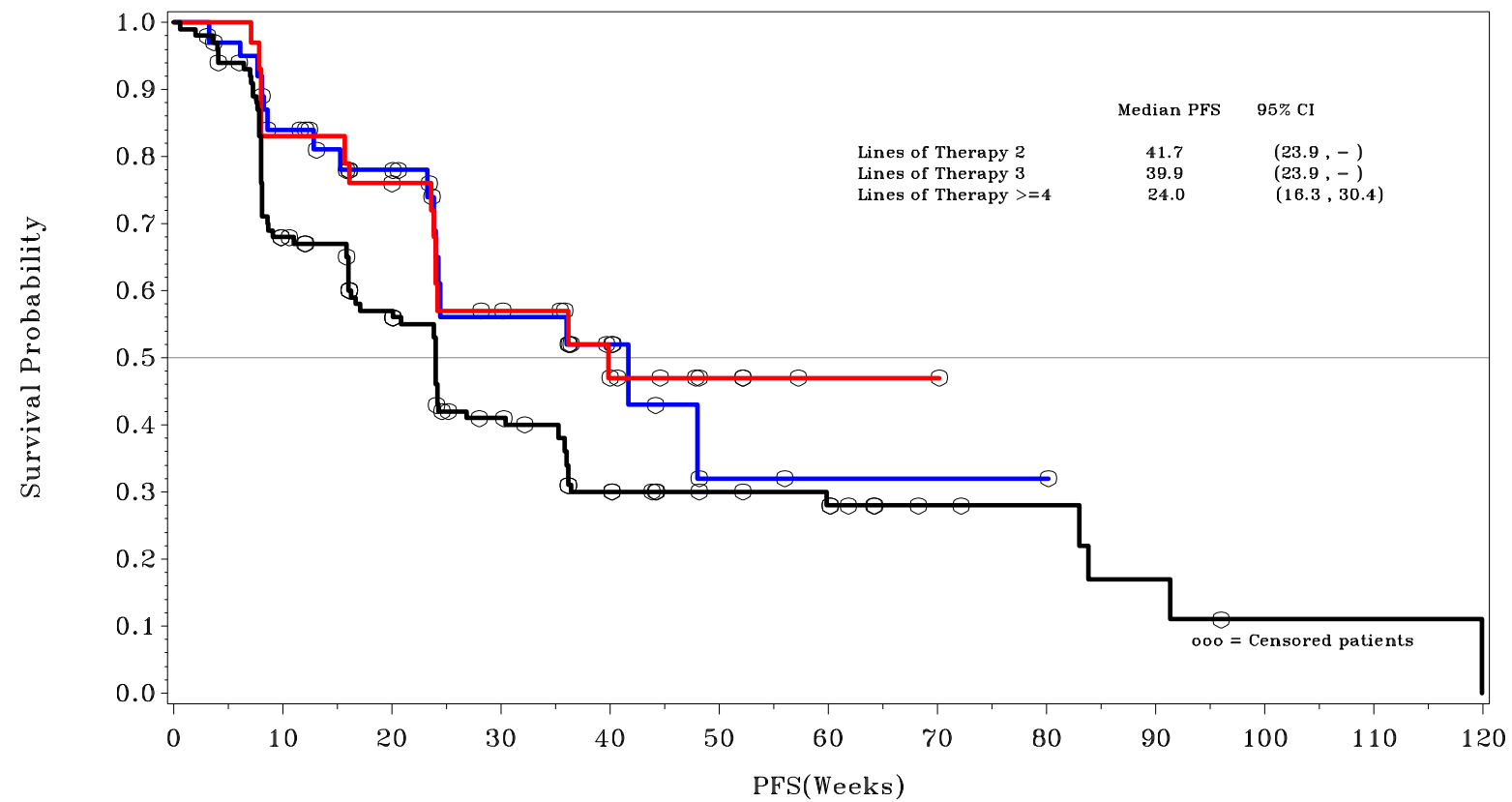
## 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> line (n=67)

- 14/67 PRs<sup>(1)</sup> (21%) as of data cut off

# mPFS by Line of Therapy - Patients at ≥100 mg/d DCC-2618 (n=178)

Lines	N	mPFS	Number Censored	Active Patients
2	38	42 weeks	22 (58%)	61%
3	29	40 weeks	15 (52%)	59%
4+	111	24 weeks	40 (36%)	44%

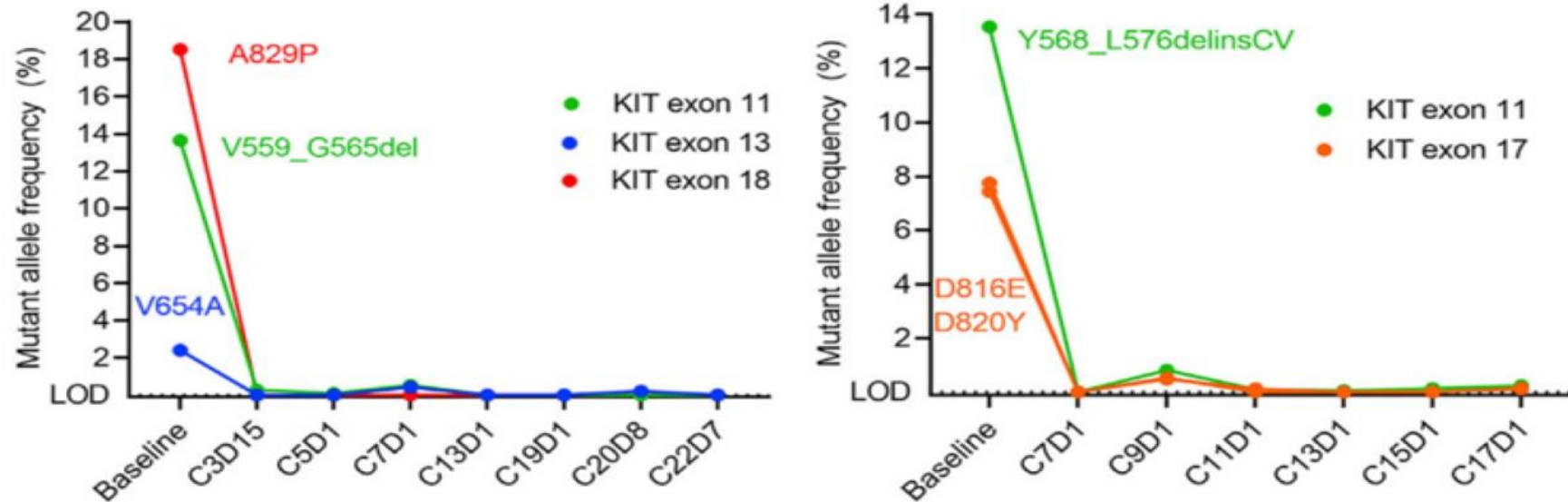
- DCC-2618 demonstrated prolonged progression free survival in a meaningful subset of patients across all lines of treatment
- Following IPDE, 63% (n=29) and 28% (n=13) of patients stayed on study for >8 and >16 weeks, respectively



2 <sup>nd</sup> Line	38	30	21	13	8	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
3 <sup>rd</sup> Line	29	24	21	14	8	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
≥4 <sup>th</sup> Line	111	71	53	32	20	14	12	6	5	3	1	1	0

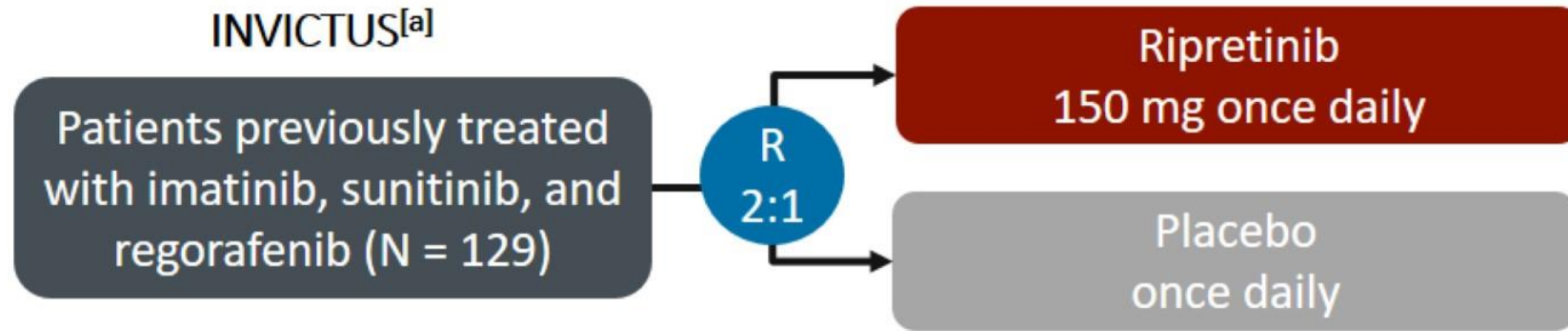
# Liquid Biopsy to Monitor Treatment Response With New Therapies

## ctDNA-Assessed Mutant Allele Elimination With Ripretinib in 2 Patients With Resistant *KIT* Mutations



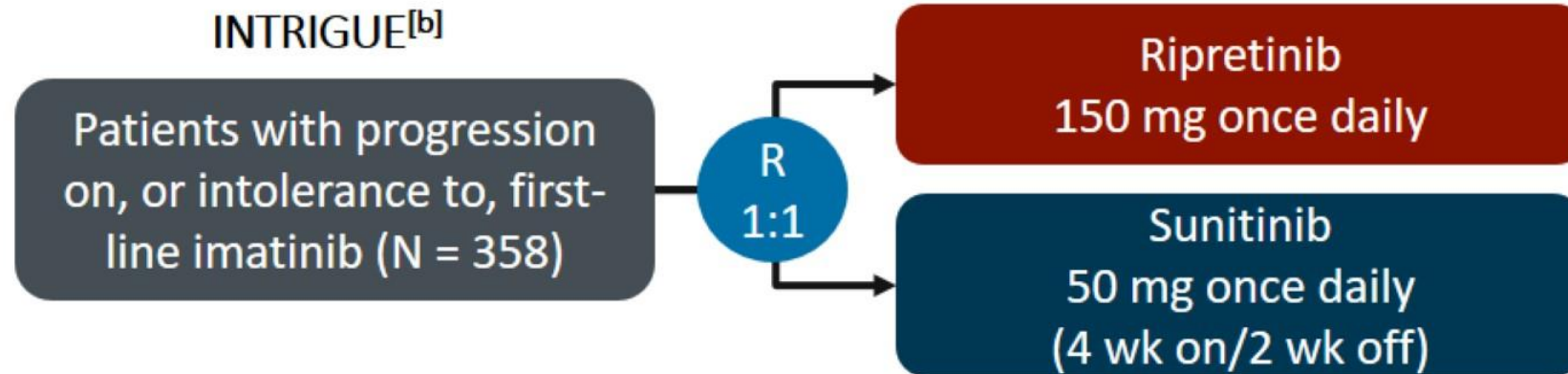
# Phase 3 Trials of Ripretinib in GIST

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**Primary outcome:** PFS

**Secondary outcomes:** ORR, TTP, OS, QoL, DCR



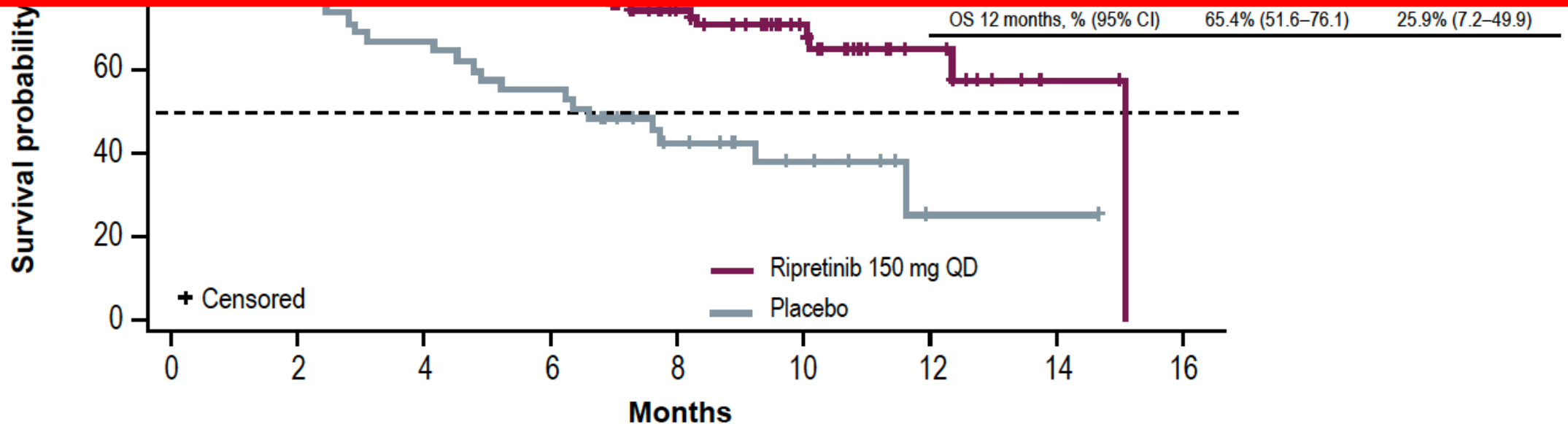
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# TIME FROM FIRST PATIENT DOSED IN PHASE I TO PHASE III DATA PRESENTATION ~ 3.5 YEARS

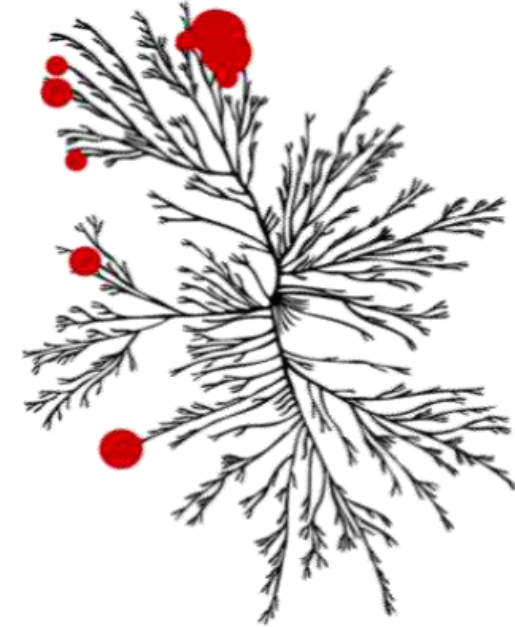


Number of patients at risk:

Ripretinib 150 mg QD	85	81	76	67	42	24	10	2	0
Placebo	44	34	29	24	14	8	1	1	0

# Avapritinib: a highly selective and potent KIT/PDGFR $\alpha$ inhibitor for GIST

GIST mutation(s)		Medical need by mutation	Avapritinib biochemical IC <sub>50</sub> <sup>1</sup>
KIT Exon 11 deletion	JM domain	1L imatinib is effective 2L sunitinib/3L regorafenib have low ORR/short PFS	0.6 nM
KIT Exon 11 V560G			1 nM
KIT Exon 11/13	ATP binding site	Approved 2L/3L agents have low ORR/short PFS	11 nM
KIT Exon 11/14			28 nM
KIT Exon 11/17	Activation loop		No highly effective therapy in any line
PDGFRα D842V		0.24 nM	



Avapritinib kinome selectivity

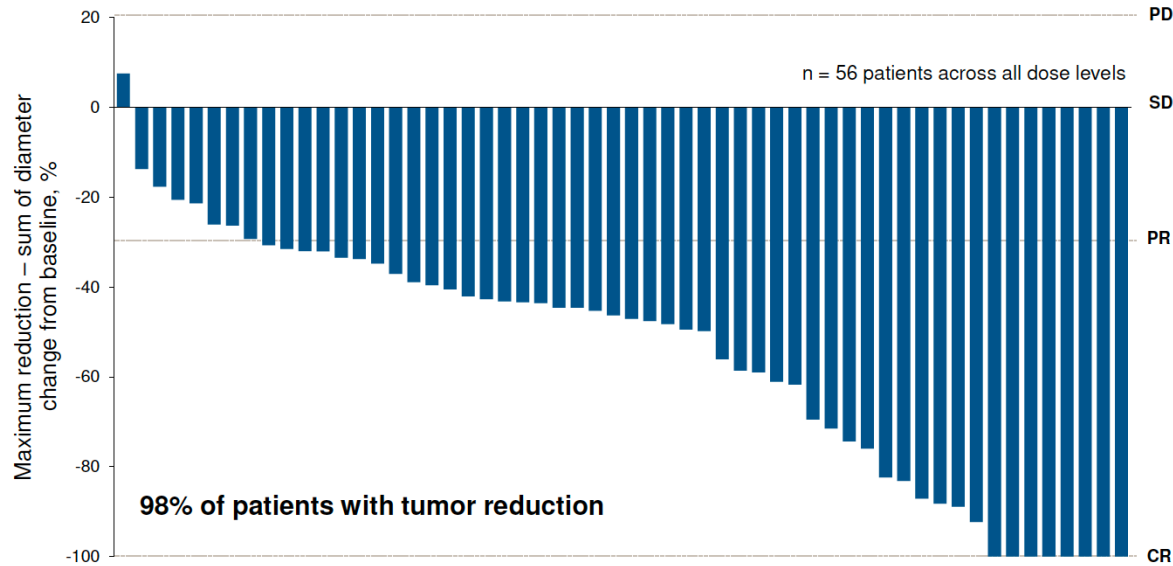
**NAVIGATOR**  
GIST  
Phase 1 advanced GIST

**VOYAGER**  
GIST  
Phase 3 trial of avapritinib vs. regorafenib in 3L and 4L GIST



# NAVIGATOR: Phase I study of Avapritinib in refractory GIST

## Best response by central radiology in PDGFRα D842V GIST



	PDGFRα D842V n = 56	≥4L all patients n = 109	3L/4L regorafenib- naïve non-D842V n = 23	2L non-D842V n = 20
ORR (central radiology), % (n) [95% CI]	84% (47) [72-92]	20% (22) [13.1-29.0]	26% (6) [10.2-48.4]	25% (5) [9-49]
mDOR (central radiology), months [95% CI]	NE [NE, NE]	7.3 [7.2-NE]	10.2 [4.2-NE]	NR
CBR (central radiology), % (n) [95% CI]	96% (54) [88-100]	40% (44) [31.1-50.2]	70% (16) [47.1-86.8]	NR
mPFS (central radiology), months [95% CI]	NE [NE, NE]	3.7 [3.5-5.6]	8.6 [5.6-14.7]	NR
mPFS (investigator), months [95% CI]	22.8 [20.8-28.4]	5.5 [3.8-6.8]	10.2 [5.7-NE]	NR
<b>Benchmarks</b>	<b>PDGFRα D842V</b> Approved agents: ORR ~0% mPFS ~3 mo mOS ~15 mo	<b>4L</b> imatinib re-treatment: ORR ~0% PFS 1.8 mo	<b>3L</b> regorafenib: ORR ~5% PFS 4.8 mo	<b>2L</b> sunitinib: ORR ~7% PFS 6 mo

NR, not reported; mPFS, median progression-free survival; mOS, median overall survival.

— ORR is not an endpoint for 2L but is early signal readout.

### • Phase 1 NAVIGATOR study<sup>[b]</sup>

#### — Efficacy

- PDGFRA exon 18 (n = 43): CBR 95%; ORR 86%; mDOR NR
- ≥ 4th-line (n = 111): CBR 41%; ORR 22%; mDOR 10.2 mo

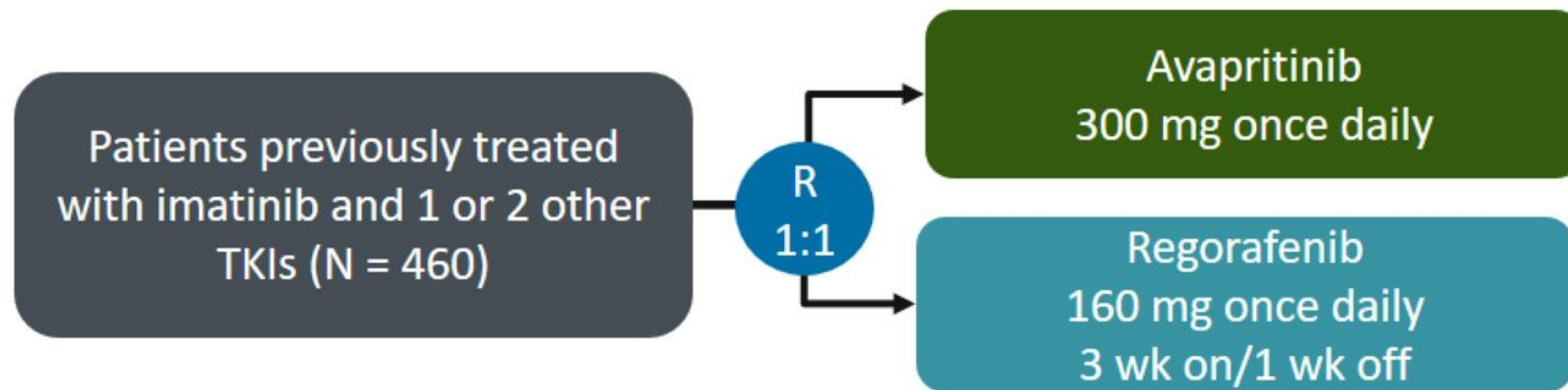
#### — Safety

- Grade 3/4 TRAEs: anemia (16.2%), fatigue (6.4%), bilirubin increase (3.9%), cognitive effects (3.9%), diarrhea (2.9%)

# VOYAGER

## *Phase 3 Trial of Avapritinib in 3rd and 4th-Line GIST*

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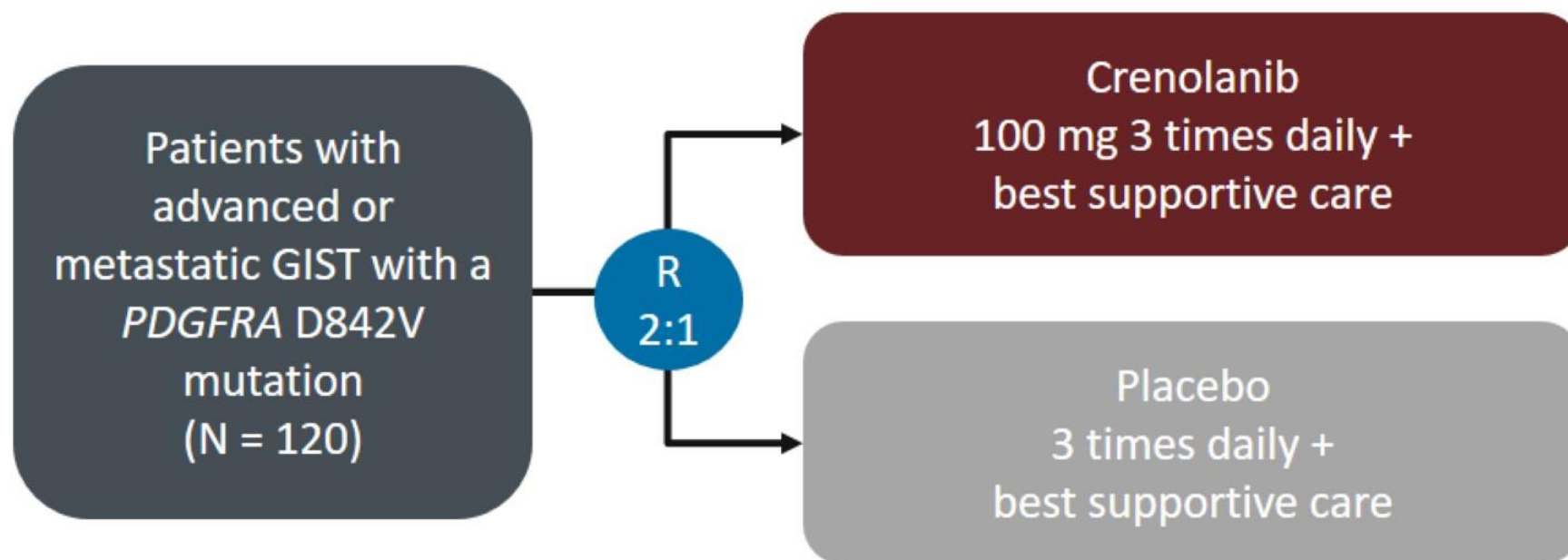
**Secondary outcomes:** ORR, OS, QoL

- Additional clinical trials are planned, including a 2nd-line trial vs sunitinib that includes genotype testing

# CrenoGIST

## *Phase 3 Trial of Crenolanib in D842V-Mutated GIST*

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**Primary outcome: PFS**

**Secondary outcome: OS**

# CONCLUSIONS

- ✓ Despite GIST being an early poster child for personalized cancer therapy therapeutic resistance is a significant problem for existing targeted therapies (imatinib, sunitinib, regorafenib)
- ✓ Understanding the biology of resistance is critical for developing new therapies
- ✓ Development of novel type I KIT/PDGFR inhibitor Avapritinib (BLU-285, FDA Approved) and switch pocket KIT/PDGFR inhibitor Ripretinib (DCC-2618, FDA NDA submitted) will likely significantly expand therapeutic options for patients with resistant GIST
- ✓ Ripretinib experience demonstrated potential of liquid biopsies in the drug development process

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