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Update on chronic myeloid leukemia

Atualização em leucemia mieloide crônica

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Questions

Each of the questions or incomplete statements is followed by four suggested answers or completions. Select the one that is best in each case.

- 1. What are the diagnostic criteria for chronic myeloid leukemia (CML)?
 - a. Presence of the Philadelphia chromosome and/or presence of the BCR-ABL rearrangement
 - b. Basophilic leukocytosis and plaquetocys
 - c. Leukocytosis and splenomegaly
 - d. Leukocytosis, thrombocytopenia, and < 10% blasts
- Do cytogenetic abnormalities, in addition to Philadelphia chromosome (Ph) at diagnosis, have prognostic significance?
 a. Increases survival by 60%
 - b. Increases mortality by 36% to 40%
 - c. Reduces mortality due to disease progression by 28%
 - d. Grants higher overall survival in 5 years
- 3. Is imatinib superior to second-generation tyrosine-kinase inhibitors for the treatment of primary chronic phase-CML?
 - a. Imatinib is more beneficial than dasatinib
 - b. Nilotinib brings is less beneficial than imatinib

- c. There is no difference in response to treatment
- d. Dasatinib and nilotinib are more beneficial than imatinib
- 4. Does the cytogenetic assessment have an impact on prognosis?
 - a. The presence of the cytogenetic response increases mortality
 - b. The loss of the cytogenetic response in the 1st year of treatment with imatinib is 77%
 - c. Patients that have a cytogenetic response to imatinib present increased survival
 - d. There is no difference in mortality in the cytogenetic response to dasatinib
- 5. What is the treatment of choice for patients with chronic-phase CML and resistance to imatinib 400 mg?
 - a. Imatinib (800 mg/day)
 - b. Dasatinib (100 mg/day) or nilotinib (400 mg every 12 hours) or progressive increase of the imatinib dose until 800 mg if the patient is not candidate to the others inibitors
 - c. Dasatinib (140 mg/day)
 - d. Nilotinib (300 mg every 12 hours)

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Answers

1. A; 2. B; 3. D; 4. C; 5. B

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