

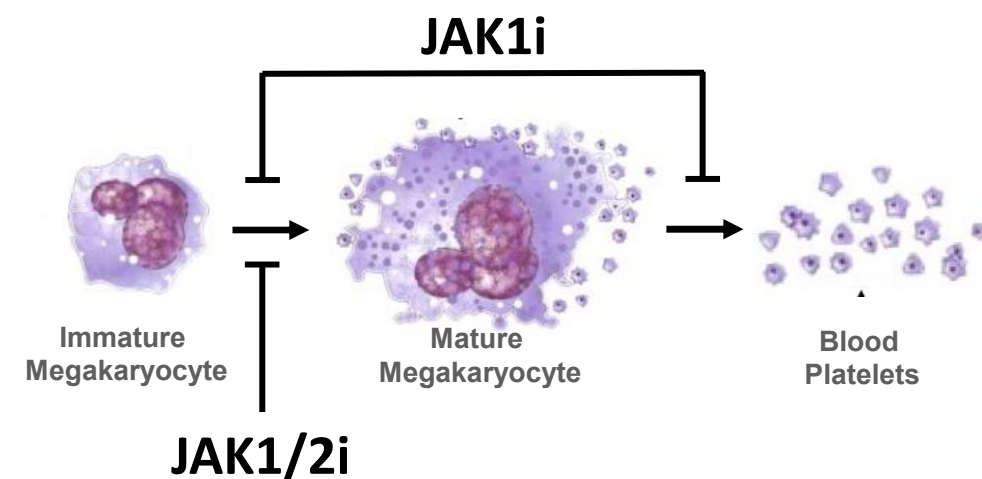


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# ***Pacritinib for the Management of Myelofibrosis***

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# Pacritinib (PAC) A selective inhibitor of JAK2 and IRAK1



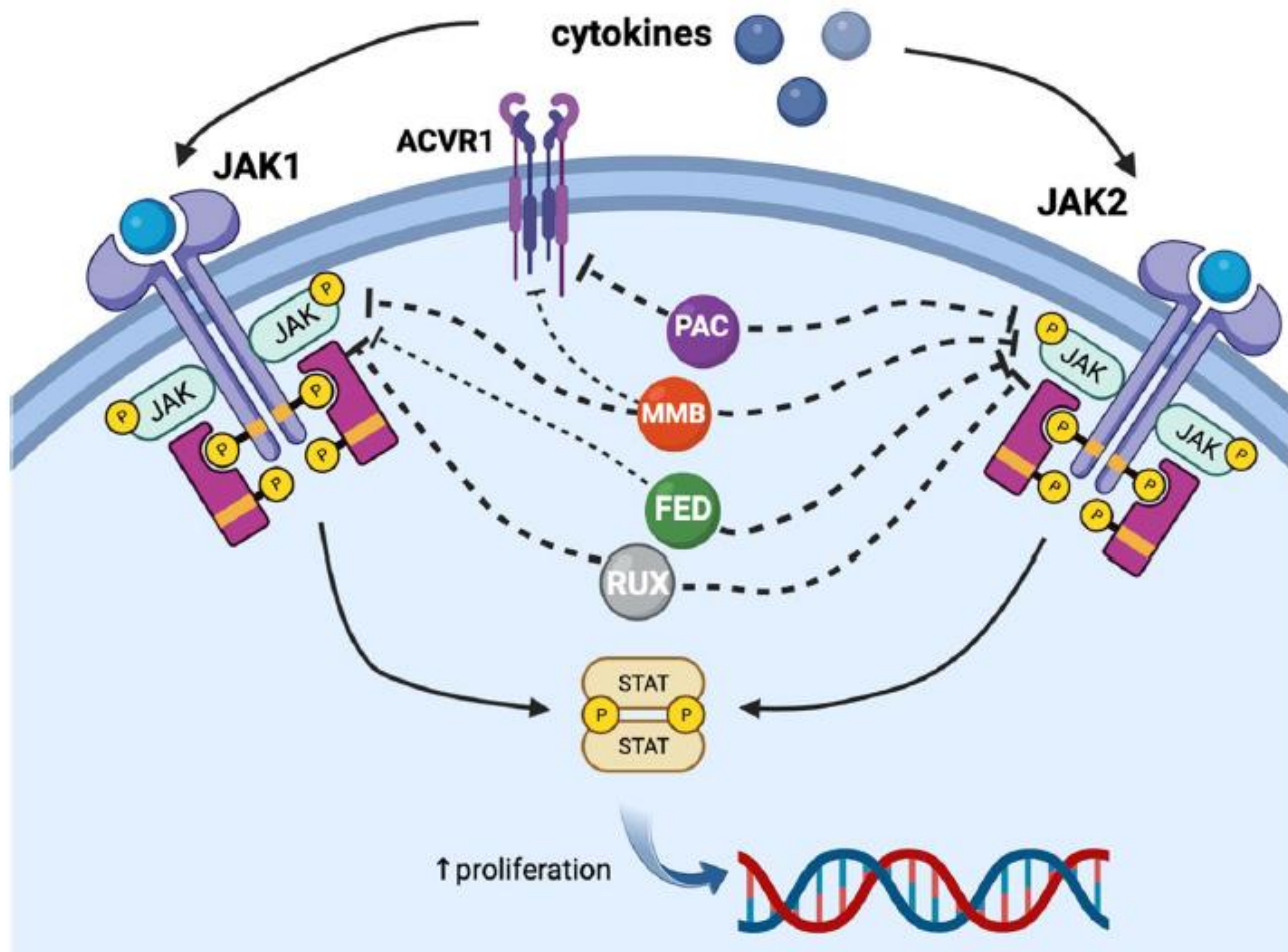
- JAK1/2 inhibitors impair megakaryopoiesis while preserving thrombopoiesis, whereas JAK1 inhibition impairs both megakaryopoiesis and platelet release *in vitro* and can exacerbate thrombocytopenia in MF.\*
- Minimal JAK1 inhibition uniquely positions Pacritinib for use in thrombocytopenic MF patients.

\*Jadwiga J, et. al. Blood (2018) 132 (Supplement 1): 2559.; Mascarenhas JO, et. al. Haematologica 2017; 102(2):327.

Kinase <sup>1</sup>	IC <sub>50</sub> (nM)
JAK1	>1000
JAK2 <sup>wt</sup>	6.0
JAK2 <sup>V617F</sup>	9.4
JAK3	18.3
TYK2	27.0
FLT3-ITD	13.4
FLT3 <sup>D835Y</sup>	4.7
CSF1R	39.5
IRAK1	13.6

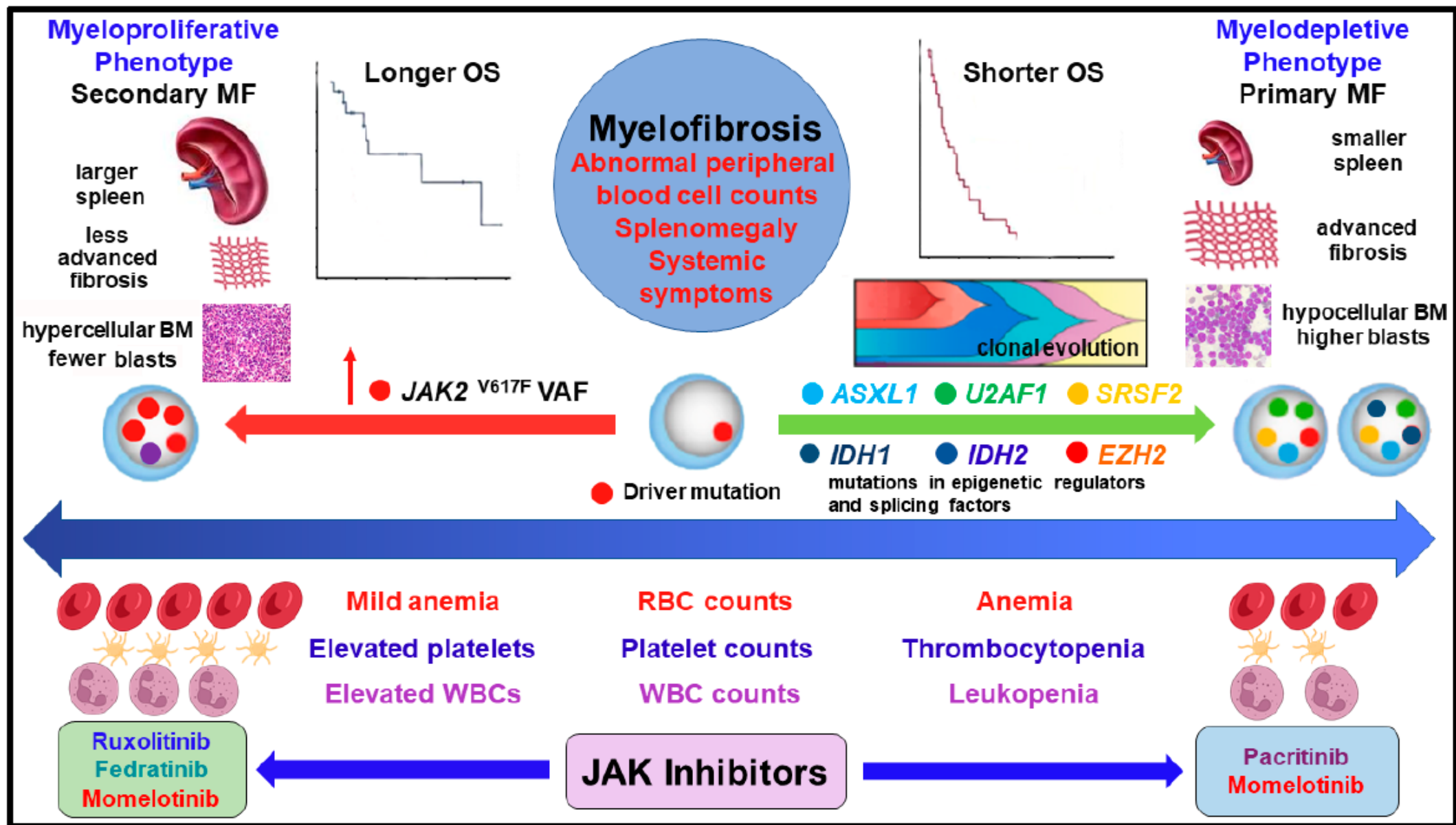
IC<sub>50</sub>, half-maximal inhibitory concentration; **JAK**, Janus kinase; **TYK**, tyrosine kinase; **FLT**, FMS-like tyrosine kinase; **ITD**, internal tandem duplication; **CSF1R**, colony stimulating factor 1 receptor; **IRAK**, interleukin-1 receptor-associated kinase

# Therapeutic Targets of JAK Inhibitors



PAC: pacritinib; MMB: momelotinib;  
FED: fedratinib; RUX: ruxolitinib





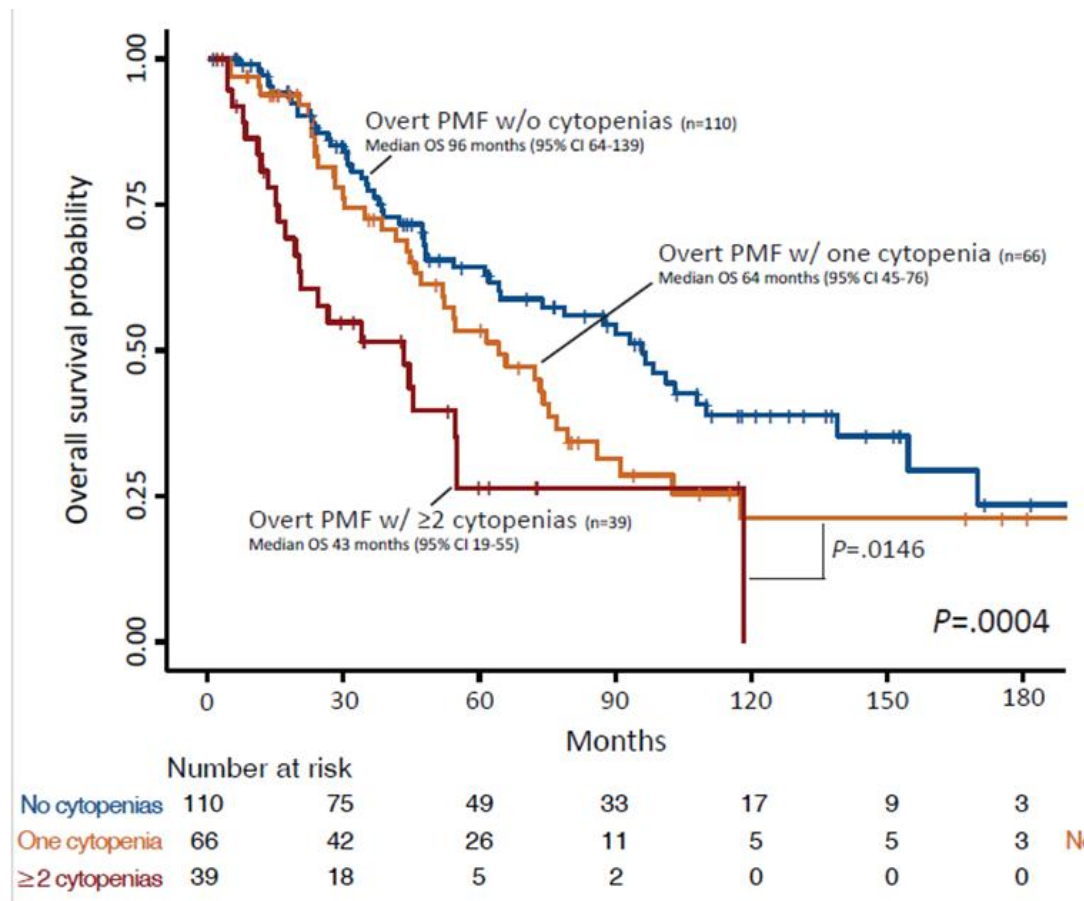
# Cytopenic MF as More Aggressive

Cytopenic MF defined as any one of the following:

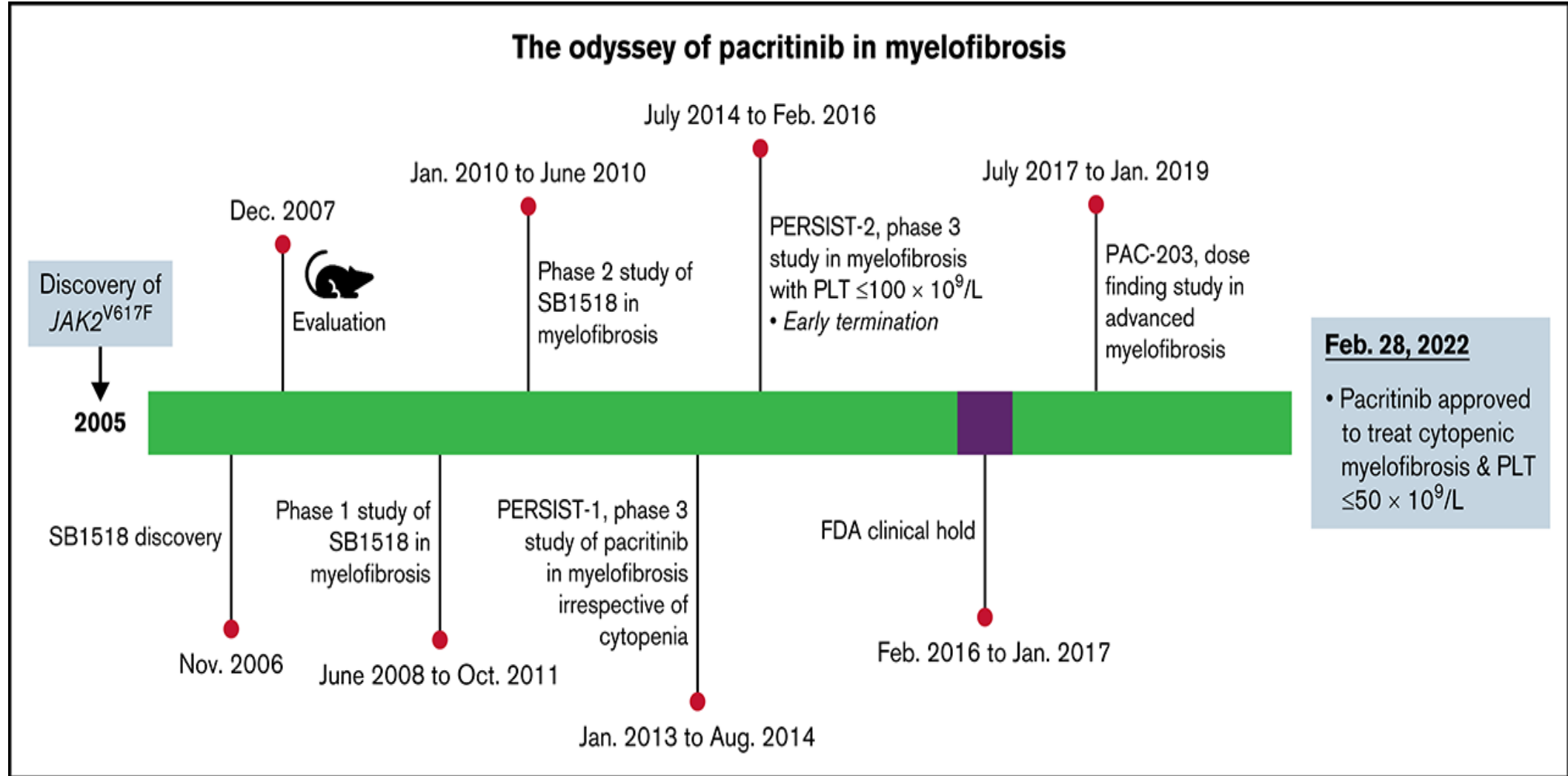
- Leukocytes  $<4 \times 10^9/L$
- Hemoglobin  $<11$  g/dL (males) and  $<10$  g/dL (females)
- Platelets  $<100 \times 10^9/L$

In overt PMF the impact on OS seemed to be affected mainly by the cytopenia severity, with anemia and thrombocytopenia having the greatest impact

Median survival ~ 14 months post ruxolitinib discontinuation  $<100K$  platelets



## The odyssey of pacritinib in myelofibrosis



Sangeetha Venugopal, John Mascarenhas, The odyssey of pacritinib in myelofibrosis, Blood Adv, 2022,

# Pacritinib in MF: PERSIST Phase 3 Trials



## PERSIST-1<sup>a</sup>

- Primary/secondary MF
- No exclusion for baseline plt
- No prior JAK2 inhibitors allowed

R  
2:1  
N = 327

**Pacritinib**  
400 mg once daily

**BAT**  
(excluding RUX)

- Primary endpoint (week 24):  $\geq 35\%$  SVR
- Secondary endpoint:  $\geq 50\%$  reduction in TSS

## PERSIST-2<sup>b</sup>

- Primary/secondary MF
- Plt  $\leq 100,000/\text{mcL}$
- Prior JAK2 inhibitors allowed

R  
1:1:1  
N = 311

**Pacritinib**  
400 mg once daily

**Pacritinib**  
200 mg twice daily

**BAT**  
(including RUX)

Coprimary endpoints (week 24):  $\geq 35\%$  SVR and  $\geq 50\%$  reduction in TSS

# PERSIST-1 Study

- PMF, PPV-MF, or PET-MF
- $\geq 18$  y old
- Int-1, -2, or high risk (DIPSS)
- PB  $< 10\%$
- Palpable spleen  $\geq 5$  cm
- ANC  $> 500$
- TSS  $\geq 13$
- ECOG PS  $\leq 3$
- No prior HCT or JAKi

N = 327

Stratified by DIPSS, PLT,  
geographic region



PAC 400 mg orally once daily  
n = 220

BAT;  
HU (57%) and no Rx (25%)  
Excluded JAKi  
n = 107

- Primary endpoint: Number of patients in whom SVR was  $\geq 35\%$  from BL to week 24 as measured by MRI (or CT scan in applicable patients)
- Key secondary endpoint: Proportion of patients with  $\geq 50\%$  reduction in TSS at week 24
- Proportion of patients with BL or severe thrombocytopenia in whom SVR was achieved



# PERSIST-1: Patient and Disease Characteristics

Parameter	PAC (n = 220)	BAT (n = 107)
Age, median (range), y	67 (60 to 73)	65 (59 to 72)
Male/Female, %	57/43	56/44
Disease subtype, %		
PMF	65	55
PPV-MF	22	31
PET-MF	12	14
Int-1 risk, %	56	46
Int-2 risk, %	29	40
High risk, %	15	14
PLT count < 50,000	16	15
PLT count 50 to < 100,000	17	17
PLT count ≥ 100,000	67	68
Median spleen volume, cm <sup>3</sup>	2005.6	2152.7
Jak2 v6717f positive (%)	70	86

# PERSIST-1: Endpoints

## ≥ 35% SVR at Week 24

	ITT, n/N (%)			Evaluable, n/N (%)		
	PAC	BAT	<i>P</i> value	PAC	BAT	<i>P</i> value
Overall	42/220 (19)	5/107 (5)	.0003	42/168 (25)	5/85 (6)	.0001
PLT count						
< 100,000/μL	12/72 (17)	0/34	.0086	12/51 (24)	0/24	.0072
< 50,000/μL	8/35 (23)	0/16	.045	8/24 (33)	0/11	.037

## ≥ 50% Reduction in TSS

	Week 24			Week 48		
	PAC	BAT	<i>P</i> value	PAC	BAT	<i>P</i> value
Overall	19/100 (19)	5/48 (10)	.24	15/100	0/48	.0027
PLT count						
< 100,000/μL	7/28 (25)	1/13 (8)	.40	3/28 (11)	0/13	.54
< 50,000/μL	3/11 (27)	0/5	.51	2/11 (18)	0/5	> .99

# PERSIST-I: Safety

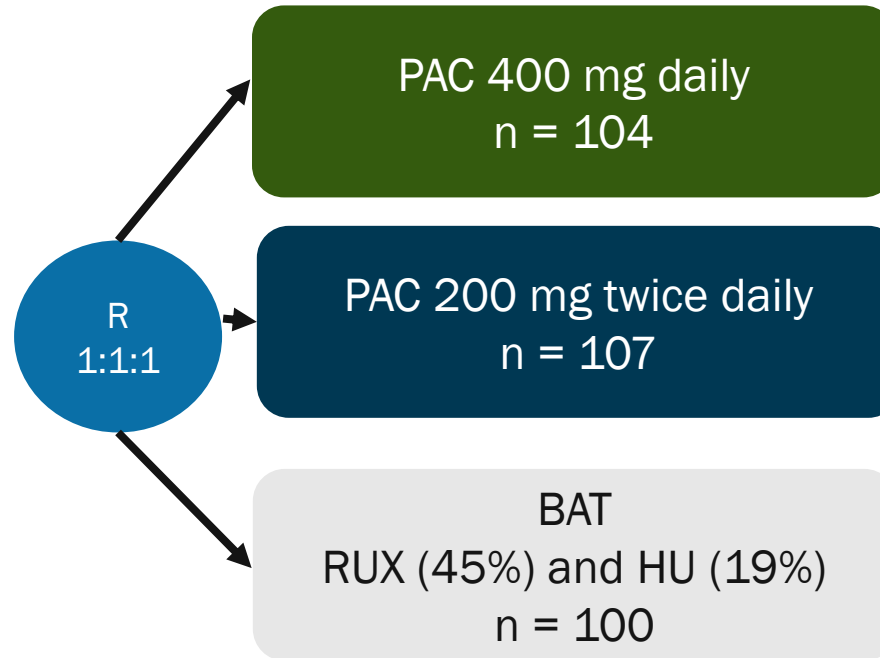
Adverse Reactions	PAC (n = 220)		BAT (n = 106)	
	All Grades, %	Grade 3/4, %	All Grades, %	Grade 3/4, %
Diarrhea	55	5	10	0
Nausea	27	1	7	0
Anemia	24	17	20	15
Thrombocytopenia	17	11	14	11
Vomiting	16	1	6	0
Fatigue	10	2	9	1
Abdominal pain	10	1	9	0
Peripheral edema	8	<1	12	1

# PERSIST-2 Study

Phase 3, randomized, international, multicenter study

- PMF, PPV-MF, or PET-MF
- Int-1, -2, or high risk (DIPSS)
- Palpable spleen > 5 cm
- PB < 10%
- ANC > 500
- PLT count ≤ 100,000
- ECOG PS ≤ 3
- TSS ≥ 13
- Prior Rx with JAKi allowed

N = 311

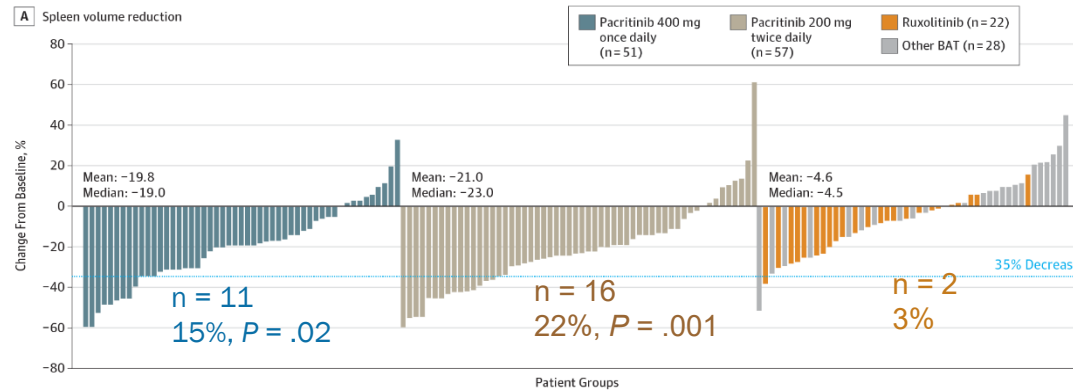


- Primary endpoint: ≥ 35% SVR from BL to week 24 as measured by MRI (or CT scan in applicable patients) and ≥ 50% reduction in TSS from BL to week 24 (MFSAF 2.0) powered to compare PAC as pooled group
- Key secondary endpoint: Compare efficacy of PAC 400 daily vs 200 twice daily vs BAT

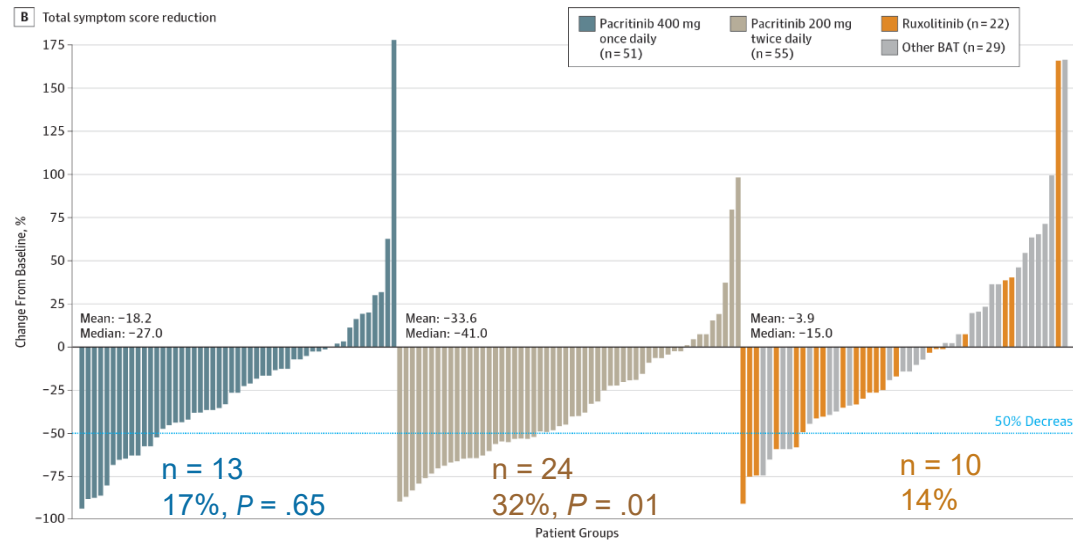


# PERSIST-2: Endpoints

**N = 27**  
**18%,  $P = .001$**

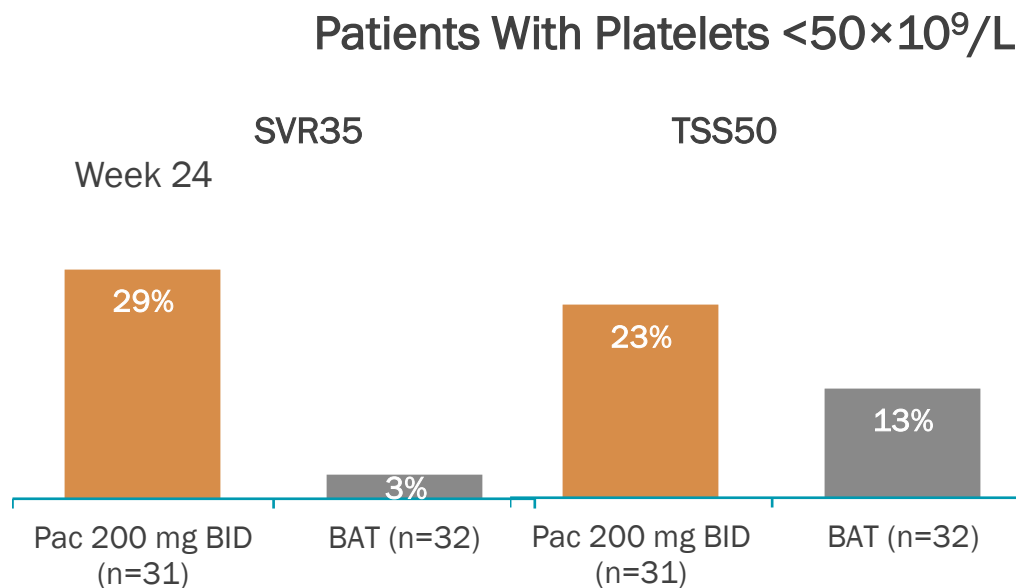
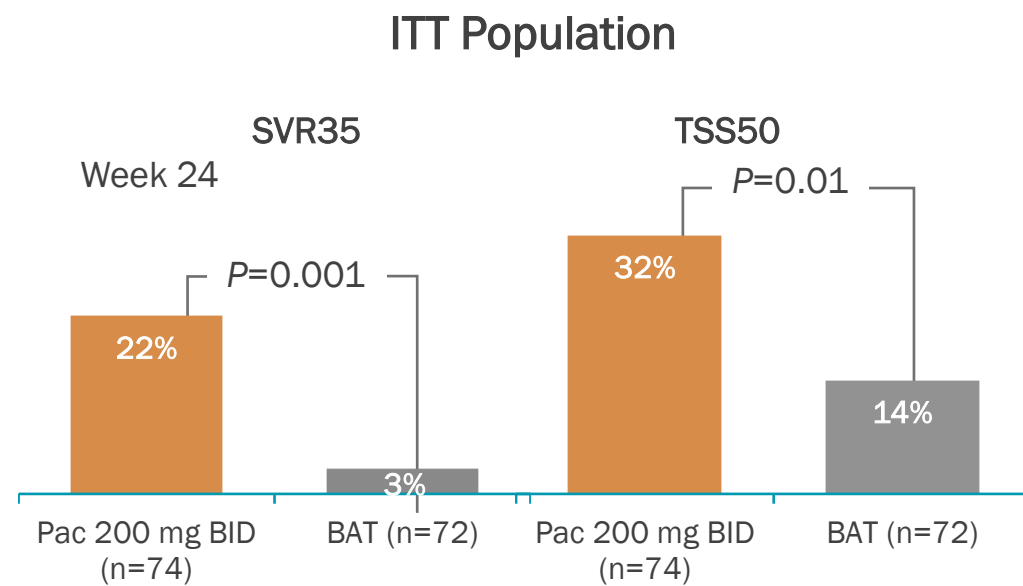


**N = 37**  
**25%,  $P = .08$**





# PERSIST-2: Spleen/Symptom Response



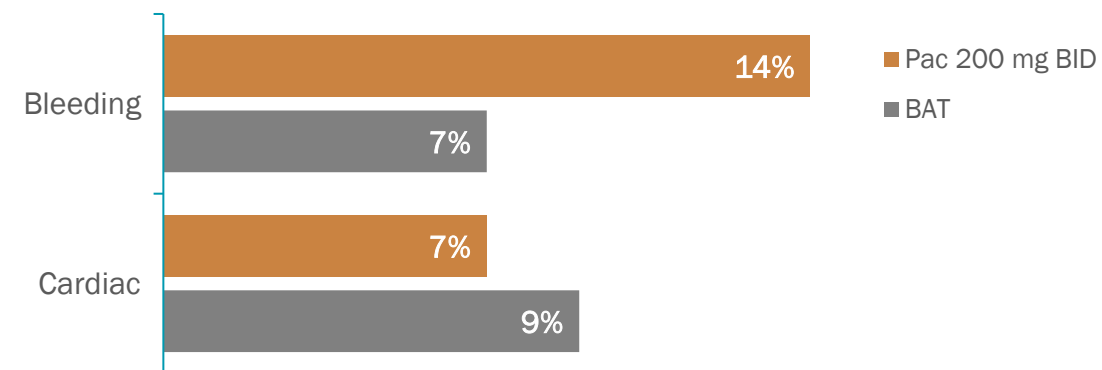


# PERSIST-2: Adverse Event Profile<sup>1</sup>

Adverse Reactions	Pac 200 mg BID (n=106)	BAT (n=98)
Any grade AEs in ≥15% of patients in either arm, %		
Diarrhea	48	15
Thrombocytopenia	34	23
Nausea	32	11
Anemia	24	15
Peripheral edema	20	15
Vomiting	19	5
Fatigue	17	16
Grade ≥3 AEs in ≥5% of patients in either arm, %		
Thrombocytopenia	32	18
Anemia	22	14
Neutropenia	7	5
Pneumonia	7	3
Serious AEs in ≥3% of patients in either arm, %		
Anemia	8	3
Thrombocytopenia	6	2
Pneumonia	6	4
Congestive heart failure	4	2

- Diarrhea with pacritinib most often occurred during weeks 1-8, was manageable, and resolved within 1-2 weeks
- Neurological AEs and opportunistic infections rarely reported with pacritinib

Grade ≥3 Events (Pooled<sup>a</sup>)

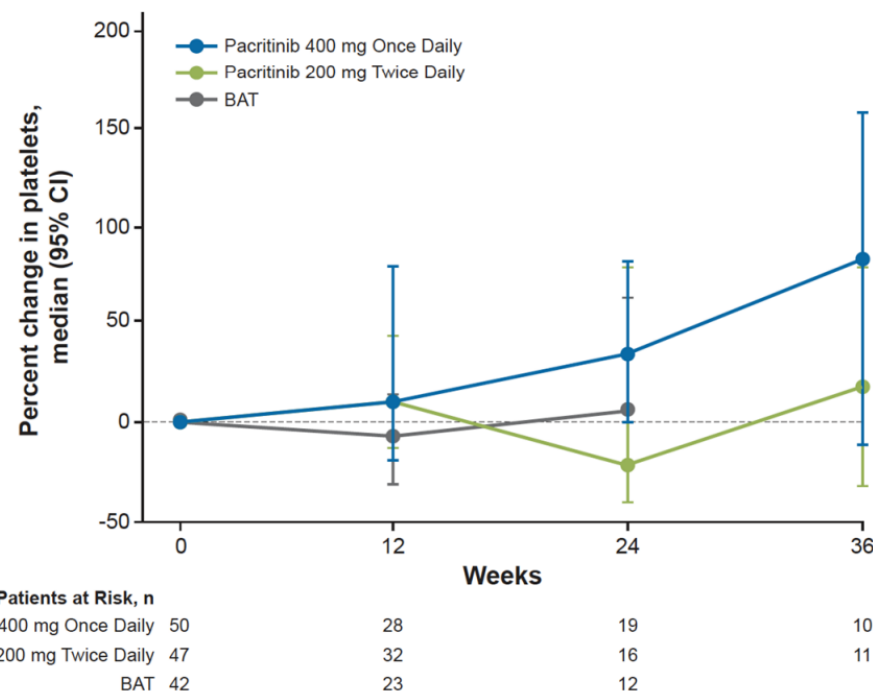
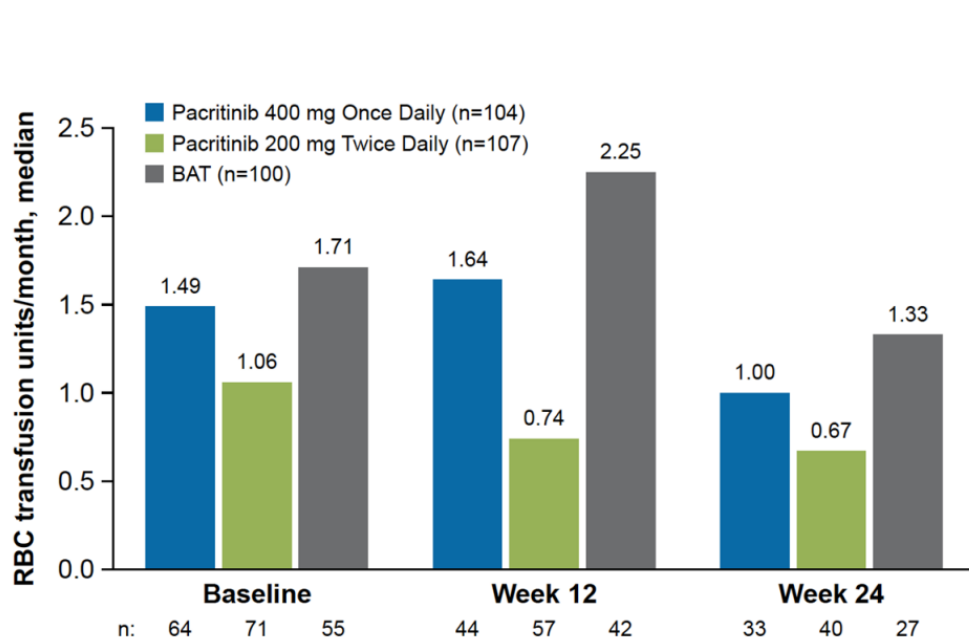


- Full clinical hold had been placed on pacritinib by the FDA due to concerns over bleeding and cardiovascular events and deaths on PERSIST-1 and -2; this hold was subsequently lifted and pacritinib is now approved for use in patients with platelets  $<50 \times 10^9/L^{2,3}$

<sup>a</sup> Pooled, per standardized MedDRA queries.

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# PERSIST-2: RBC Transfusions Over Time And Platelets



Among patients not RBC transfusion-independent at baseline

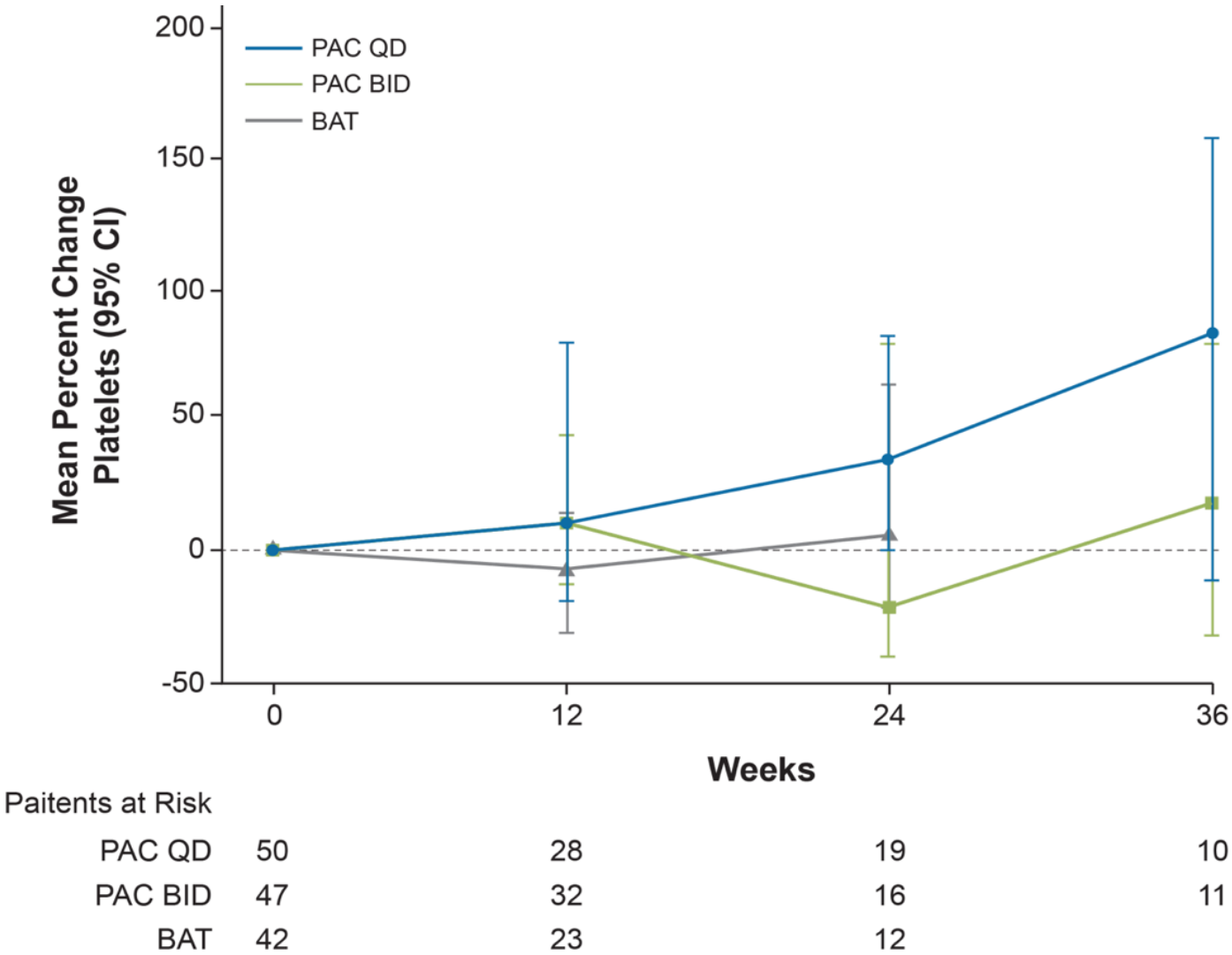
Proportion of patients w/ reduced RBC transfusion burden at week 24

- Pacritinib BID: 22% (8/26)
- BAT: 9% (8/36)



# PERSIST-2 % Change in PLT Count: BL PLT Count < 50,000/ $\mu$ L\*

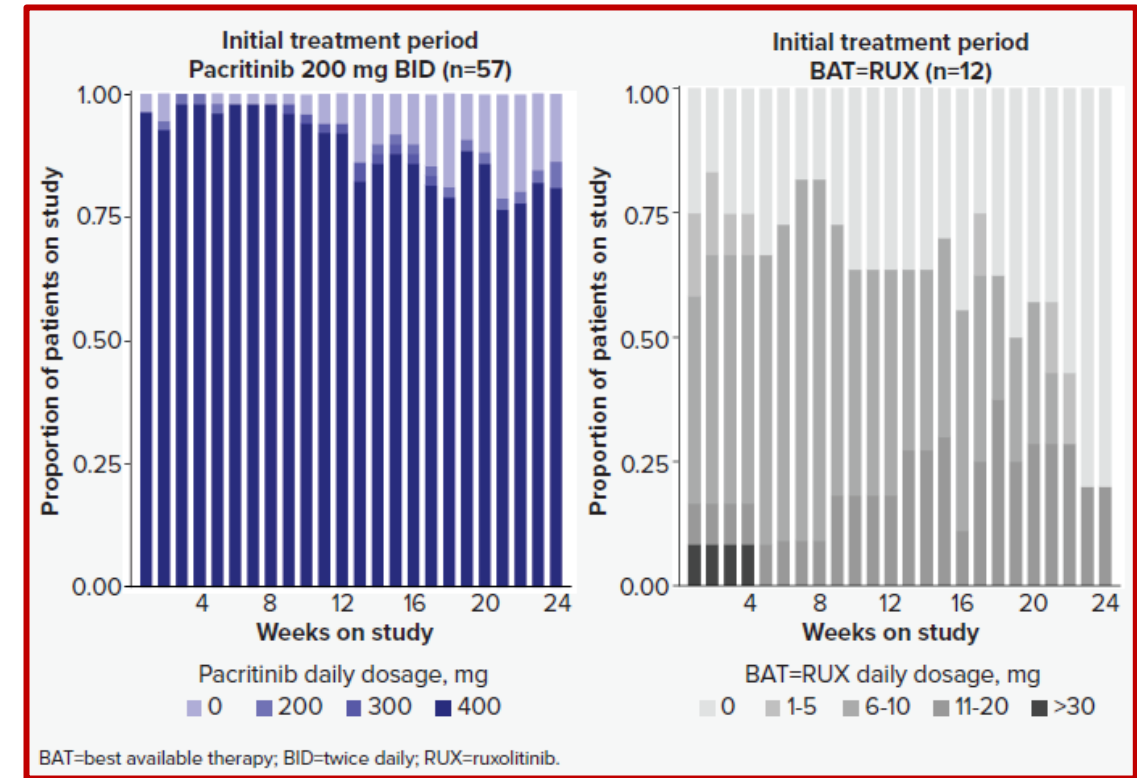
\*Based on central laboratory values.



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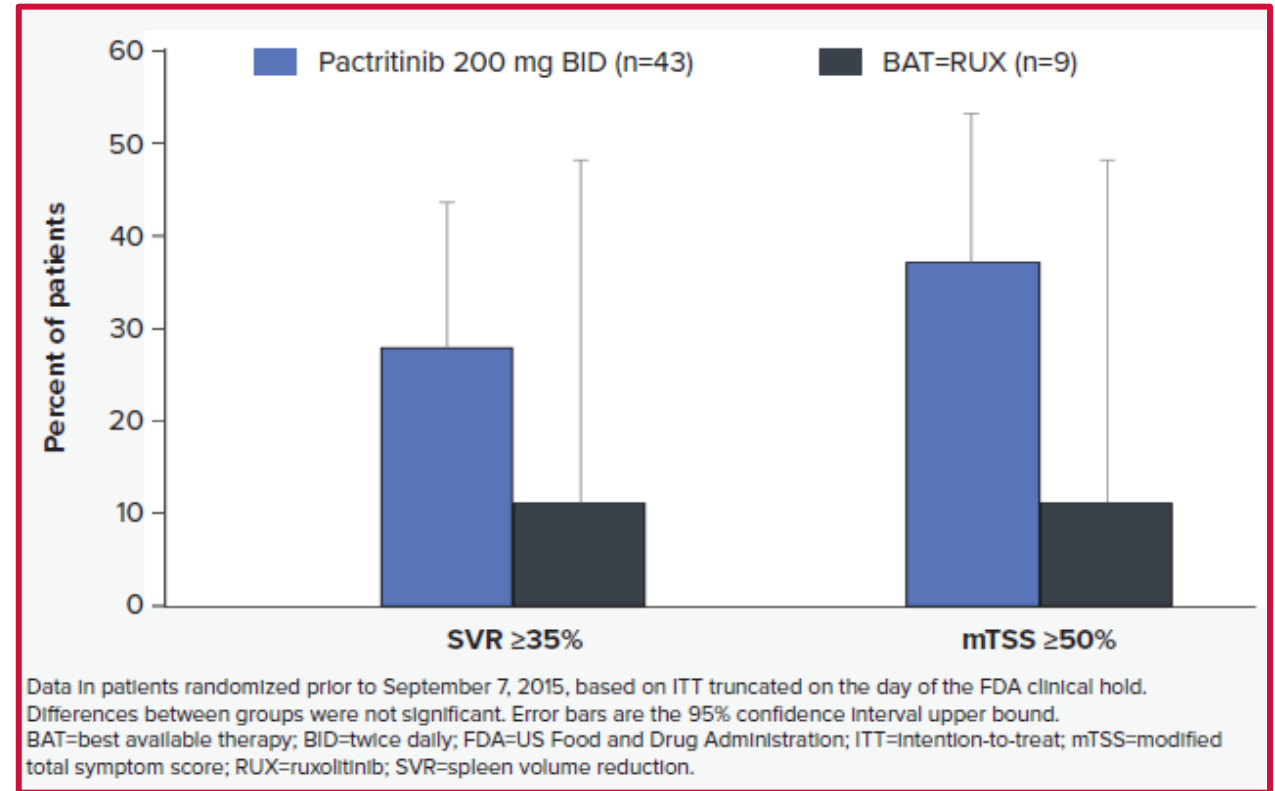
# PERSIST-2: PAC vs. RUX in RUX-naïve pts

- The majority of patients treated with pacritinib were able to maintain full doses over time at weeks 12 and 24
  - (median dose = 400 mg/day)
- By contrast, patients on ruxolitinib received:
  - a median starting dose of 10 mg (interquartile range [IQR] 10-10 mg) daily at baseline
  - 10 mg (IQR, 0-10 mg) daily at week 12
  - 10 mg (IQR, 0-20 mg) daily at week 24



# PERSIST-2: PAC vs. RUX in RUX-naïve pts

- Patients treated with pacritinib had numerically higher rates of SVR (28% vs 11%) and mTSS response (37% vs 11%) compared with patients treated with ruxolitinib.




# Pacritinib Is a Potent ACVR1 Inhibitor

- **Pacritinib is ~4x more potent** than momelotinib against ACVR1

	<b>+ Control</b> LDN 193189 <sup>a</sup>	<b>PAC</b> C <sub>max</sub> 213 nM	<b>MMB</b> C <sub>max</sub> 168 nM	<b>FED</b> C <sub>max</sub> 275 nM	<b>RUX</b> C <sub>max</sub> 47 nM
<b>Replicate 1</b> ACVR1 IC <sub>50</sub> (nM)	20.4	22.6	70.2	312.0	>1000
<b>Replicate 2</b> ACVR1 IC <sub>50</sub> (nM)	32.4	10.8	34.9	235.0	>1000
<b>Mean</b> ACVR1 IC <sub>50</sub> (nM)	26.4	16.7	52.6	273.5	>1000
<b>Potency<sup>b</sup></b> (C <sub>max</sub> :IC <sub>50</sub> )	N/A	12.7	3.2	1.0	<0.01

**Legend**



Higher potency

Lower potency

<sup>a</sup>LDN 193189 is an ACVR1 inhibitor.

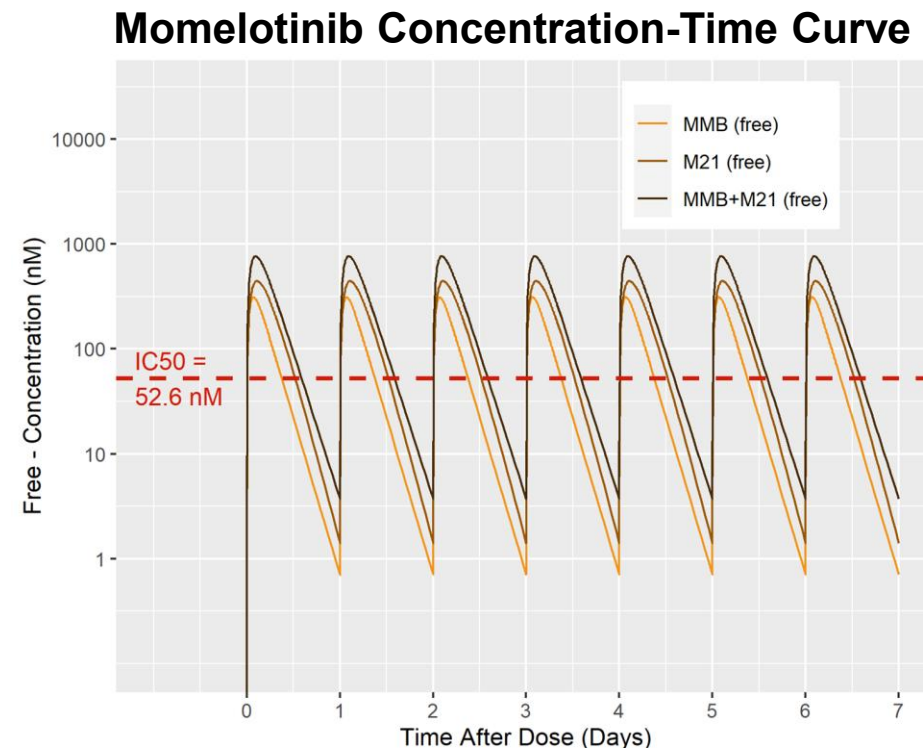
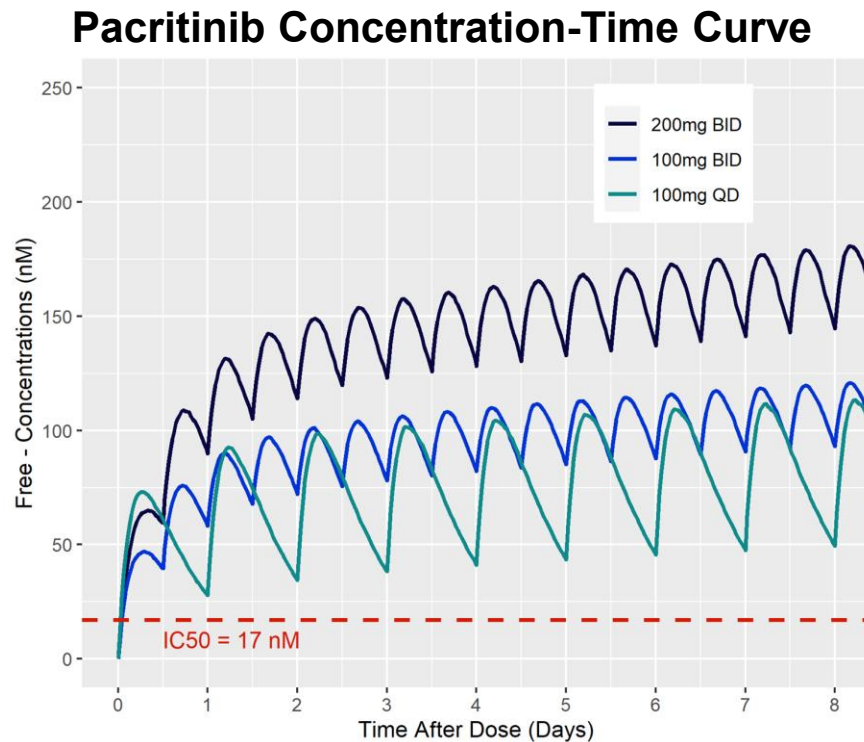
<sup>b</sup>C<sub>max</sub> is the maximum unbound plasma concentration at the clinical recommended dose in humans.

ACVR1= Activin A receptor type 1; FED=fedratinib; IC<sub>50</sub>=half maximal inhibitory concentration; MOM=momelotinib; PAC=pacritinib; RUX=ruxolitinib.



# Pacritinib Is a Potent ACVR1 Inhibitor

- Pacritinib concentration exceeds ACVR1  $IC_{50}$  **100% of the time at all dose levels**
- Mometotinib concentration exceeds ACVR1  $IC_{50}$  **55% of the time only** (accounting for both momelotinib and its metabolite [M21])



ACVR1= Activin A receptor type 1; BID=twice daily;  $IC_{50}$ =half maximal inhibitory concentration; MMB=mometotinib; QD=once daily.

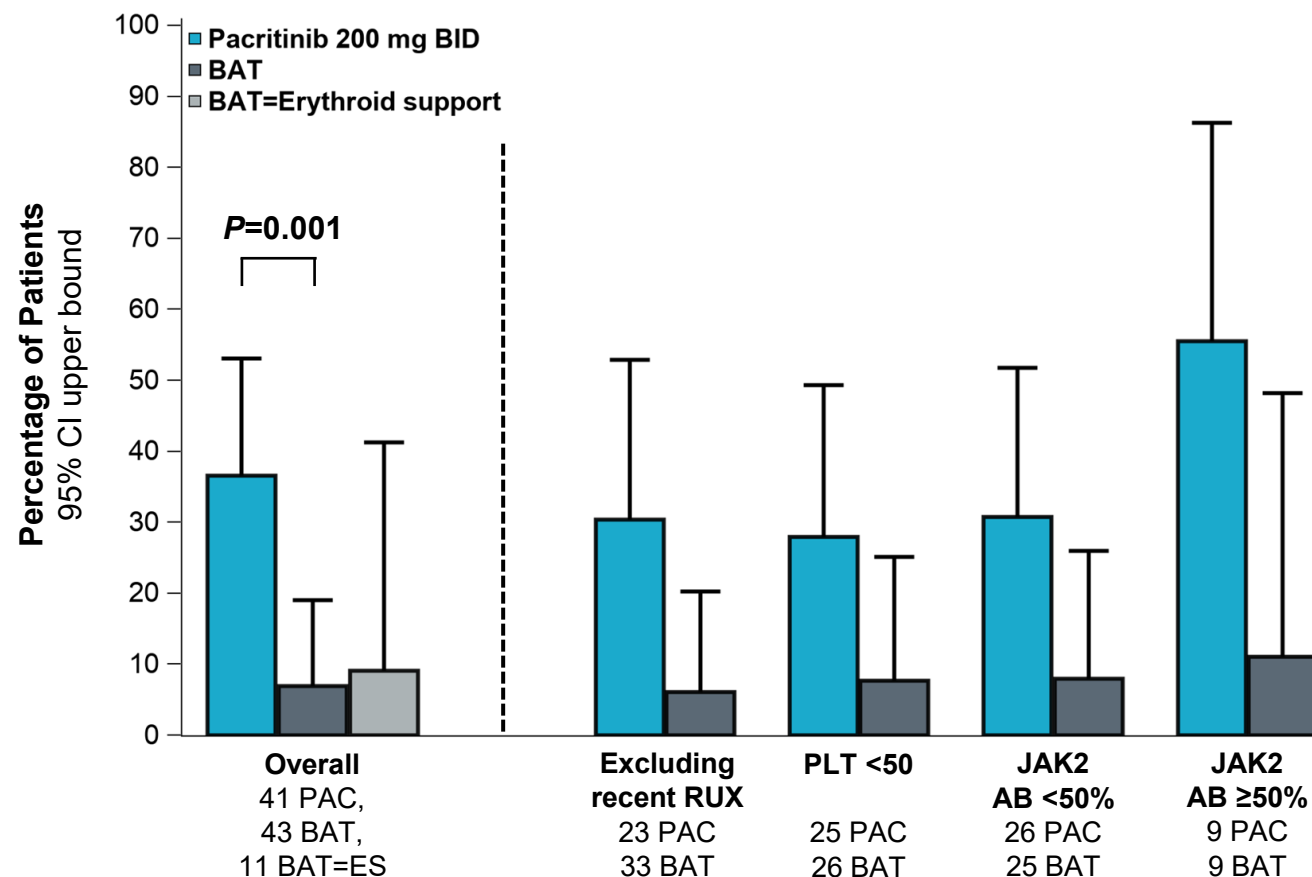
# More Pacritinib Patients Achieved TI (Gale)

## TI Conversion Rate

Pacritinib N=41	BAT N=43	<i>P</i> -value
37%	7%	0.001

- TI conversion better on pacritinib than BAT, including patients receiving erythroid support agents as BAT
  - Erythroid support agents were prohibited on the pacritinib arm

## Rate of TI (Gale criteria) through Week 24



AB=allele burden; BAT=best available therapy; ES=erythroid support; JAK=Janus associated kinase; PAC=pacritinib; PLT=platelets; recent RUX=no ruxolitinib in prior 30 days; TI=transfusion independence.

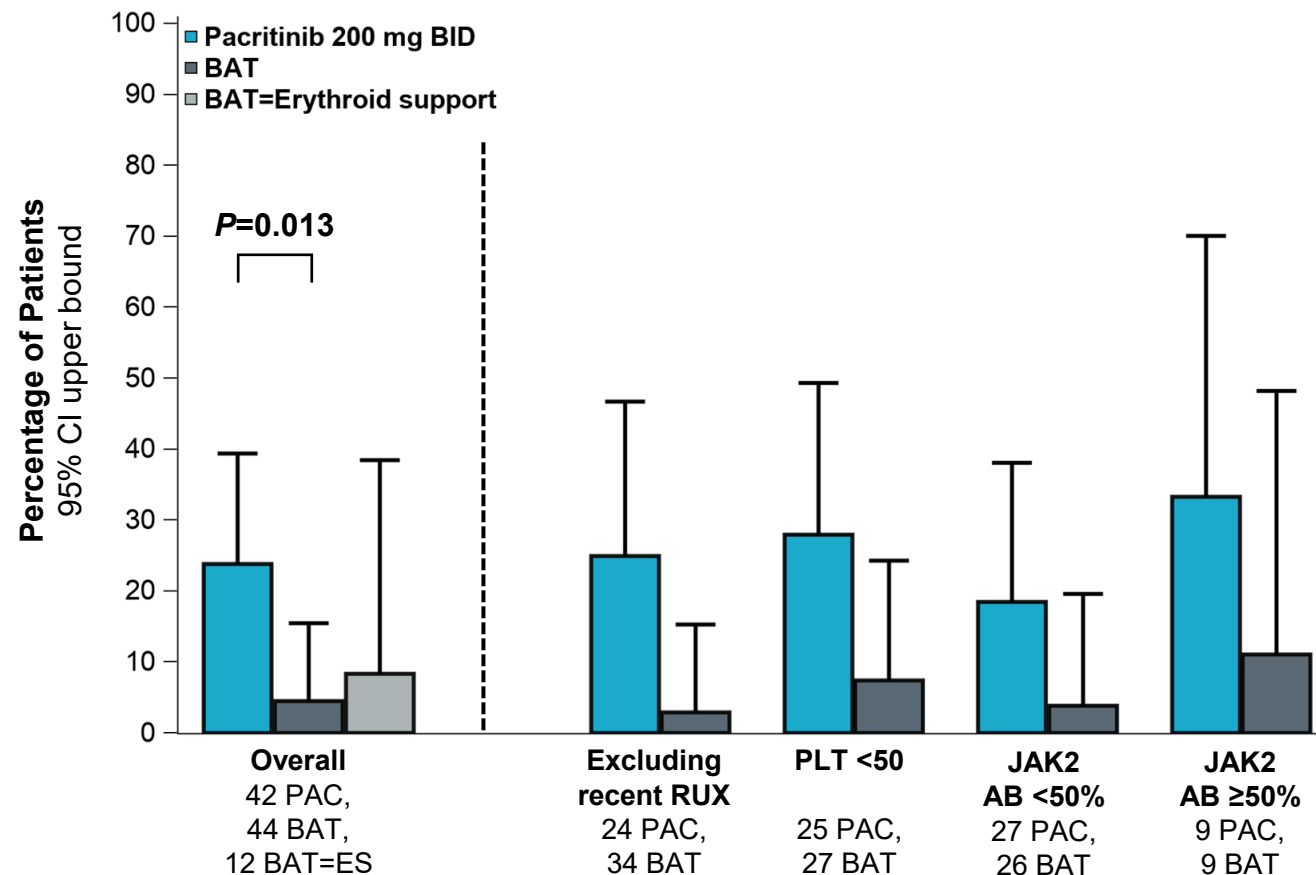
# More Pacritinib Patients Achieved TI (SIMPLIFY)

## TI Conversion Rate

Pacritinib N=42	BAT N=44	<i>P</i> -value
24%	5%	0.013

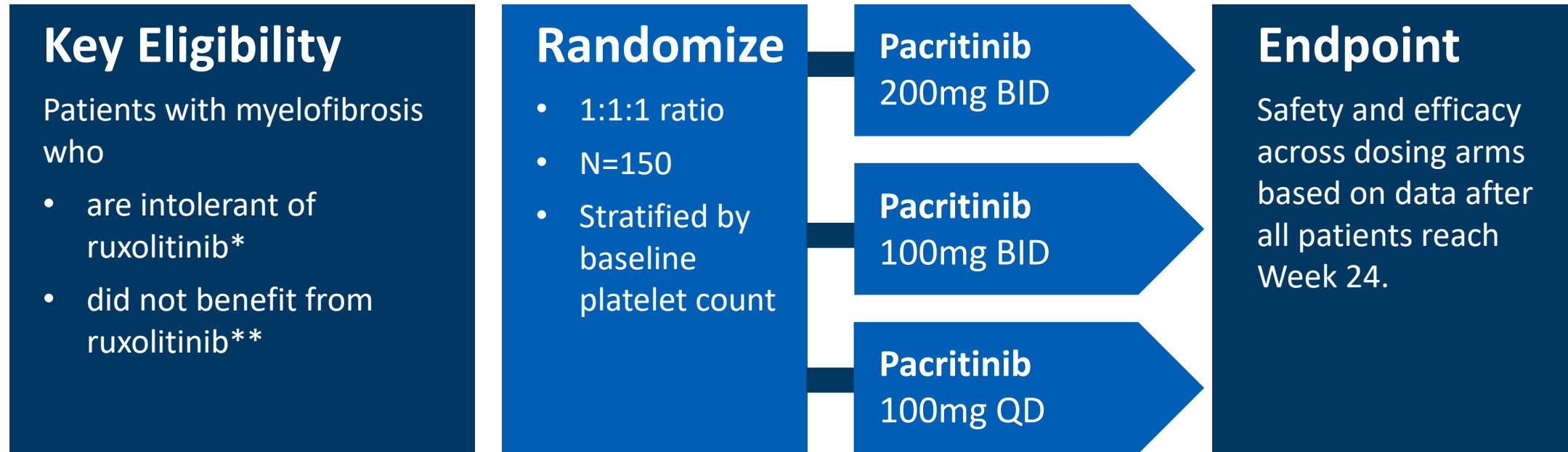
- Similar results based on SIMPLIFY criteria for TI

## Rate of TI (SIMPLIFY criteria) through Week 24



AB=allele burden; BAT=best available therapy; ES=erythroid support; JAK=Janus associated kinase; PAC=pacritinib; PLT=platelets; recent RUX=no ruxolitinib in prior 30 days; TI=transfusion independence.

# PAC203 Schema



\* **Intolerance:** ruxolitinib for  $\geq 28$  days complicated by development of red cell transfusion requirement or grade  $\geq 3$  anemia, thrombocytopenia, or hemorrhage while on  $< 20$ mg BID

\*\* **Failure to benefit:** ruxolitinib for  $\geq 3$  months with  $< 10\%$  spleen volume reduction or  $< 30\%$  decrease in spleen length, or regrowth to these parameters



# PAC203 Patient Characteristics

Characteristic	All Doses (N=161)
Age (years [median, IQR])	69 (64-73)
Platelets (/μL [median, IQR])	55,000 (36,000-102,000)
Hemoglobin <10g/dL (%)	71%
Peripheral Blasts ≥1% (%)	58%
Ruxolitinib duration (years [median, IQR])	1.7 (0.6-3.3)
Ruxolitinib exposure	
Treatment failure	76%
Intolerance	73%
Both	50%
Molecular risk (N=110)	
High Molecular Risk <sup>1,2</sup>	41%
TP53 mutation	7.3%
Mutations per patient <sup>2</sup> (mean, IQR)	2.5 [1.25-3.75]

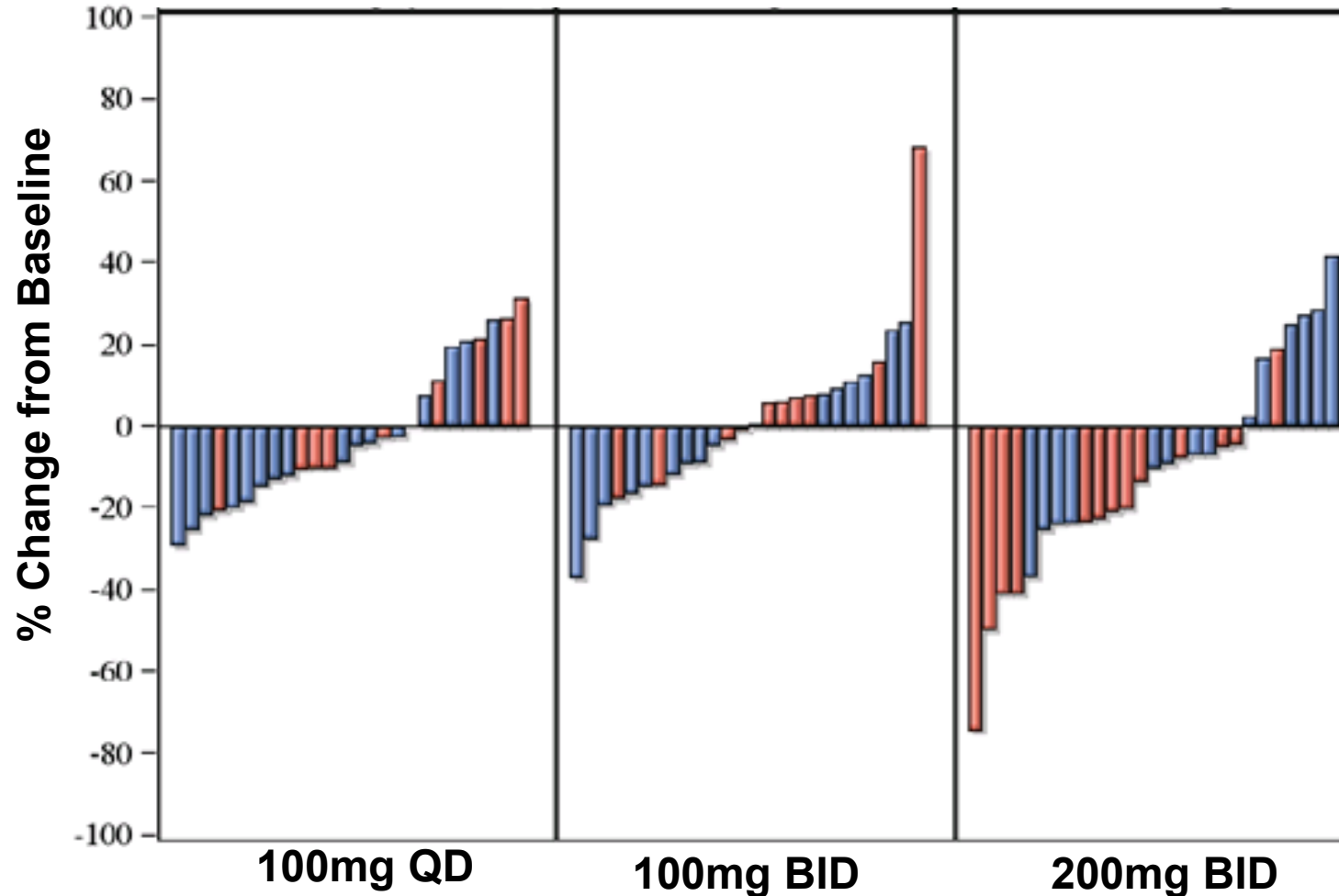
IQR, inter-quartile range

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[2] O'Sullivan et al. Molecular Analysis in the Pacritinib Dose-Finding PAC203 Study in Patients with Myelofibrosis Refractory or Intolerant to Ruxolitinib. ASH 2019 abstract #4214.

# Spleen Volume Response (SVR) at Week 24

SVR at Week 24 by Pacritinib Dose



Dose Group	Patients with ≥35% SVR
100mg QD	0/52 (0%)
100mg BID	1/55 (1.8%)
200mg BID PLT <50,000/μL	5/54 (9.3%) 4/24 (17%)

Baseline platelet level

— <50,000/μL

— ≥50,000/μL

# Symptom Improvement at Week 24

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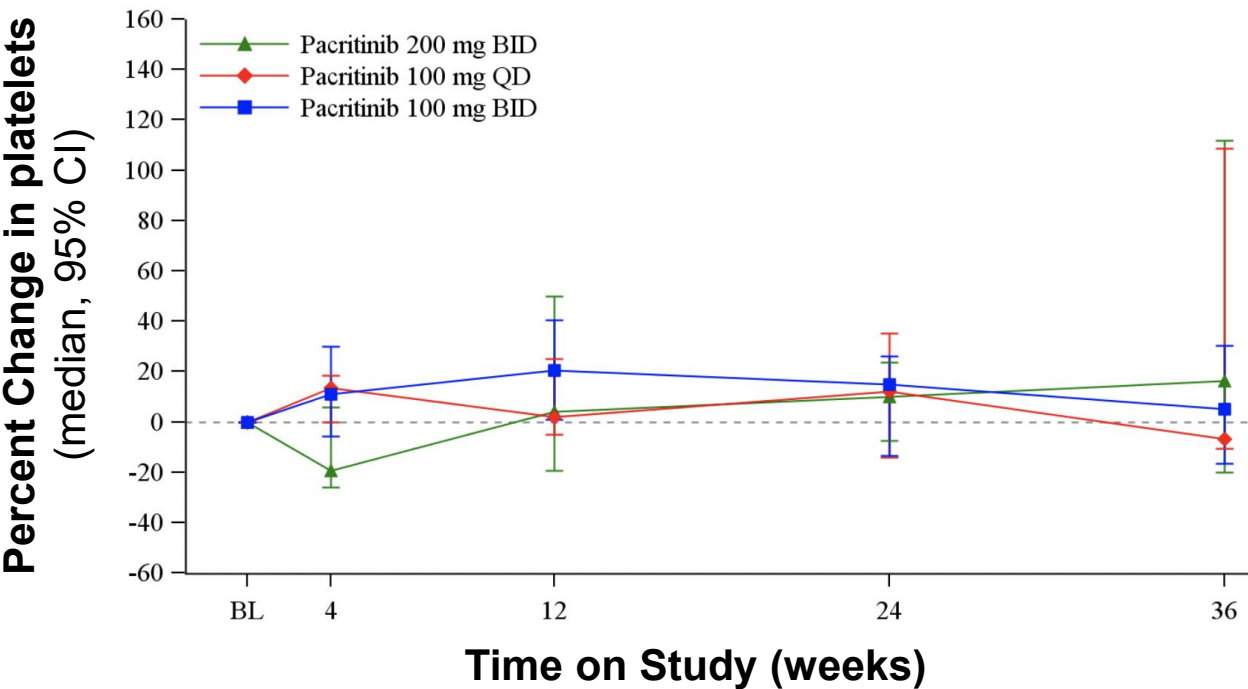
**Patients with improvement Total Symptom Score (TSS) at Week 24**

<b>Dose Group</b>	<b>≥50% TSS reduction</b>	<b>Median TSS reduction (IQR)</b>
<b>100mg QD</b>	<b>4/52 (7.7%)</b>	<b>-3% (-30% to 29%)</b>
<b>100mg BID</b>	<b>4/55 (7.3%)</b>	<b>-16% (-44% to 1%)</b>
<b>200mg BID</b>	<b>4/54 (7.4%)</b>	<b>-27% (-39% to 1%)</b>

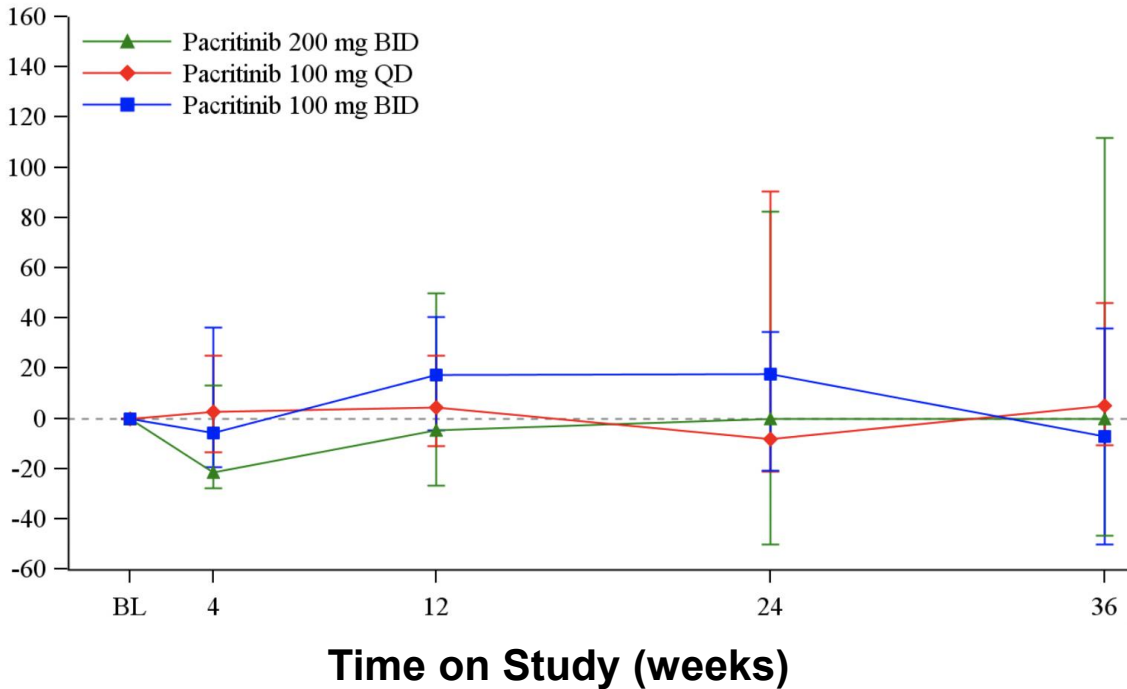
IQR, inter-quartile range

# Platelet Count Stability on Study

Overall population



Baseline platelet count <50,000/ $\mu$ L



Dose Arm	Number of subjects									
100mg QD	53	49	38	26	14	24	24	20	13	9
100mg BID	52	44	37	22	11	23	23	16	8	4
200mg BID	55	49	42	24	16	24	23	19	9	6

# Treatment-Emergent Adverse Events (>12%)

TEAE Term*	100mg QD N=52	100mg BID N=55	200mg BID N=54
Diarrhea	10 (19.2%)	12 (21.8%)	16 (29.6%)
Thrombocytopenia**	11 (21.2%)	12 (21.8%)	22 (40.7%)
Nausea	12 (23.1%)	11 (20.0%)	15 (27.8%)
Fatigue	9 (17.3%)	13 (23.6%)	13 (24.1%)
Abdominal pain	9 (17.3%)	6 (10.9%)	13 (24.1%)
Pyrexia	8 (15.4%)	9 (16.4%)	7 (13.0%)
Anemia	5 (9.6%)	6 (10.9%)	13 (24.1%)
Peripheral edema	7 (13.5%)	5 (9.1%)	9 (16.7%)
Decreased appetite	6 (11.5%)	4 (7.3%)	10 (18.5%)

\* All events reported regardless of relatedness

\*\* Includes terms '*thrombocytopenia*' and '*platelet count decrease*'

# Comparison of TEAEs on PAC203 and PERSIST

Hemorrhagic Event Grade	PAC203 200mg BID N=54	PERSIST-2 200mg BID N=106	PERSIST-2 BAT N=98
Grade 3	5.6%	14.2%	7.1%
Grade 4	0	0	1.0%
Grade 5	1.9%	1.9%	0

Cardiac Event Grade	PAC203 200mg BID N=54	PERSIST-2 200mg BID N=106	PERSIST-2 BAT N=98
Grade 3	3.7%	4.7%	5.1%
Grade 4	0	1.9%	2.0%
Grade 5	0	0	4.1%

**BAT**, Best Available Therapy (included 19% of patients receiving “**watch and wait**” only)