

## عنوان مقاله:

Curing Chronic Myeloid Leukemia: Emerging and Novel Targeting Opportunities

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## خلاصه مقاله:

Many patients with chronic myeloid leukemia (CML) have a characteristic and specific chromosomal abnormality known as Philadelphia (Ph) chromosome that might be linked to the uncontrolled clonal expansion of transformed myeloid progenitor cells in them. Reciprocal translocation between the *abl* gene on chromosome 9 and the *bcr* gene on chromosome 22 accounts for the expression of a fusion oncogene in more than 95% of CML patients. The resultant chimeric protein, p210<sup>bcr-abl</sup>, is a constitutively active tyrosine kinase which is involved in growth factor independent, resistance to apoptosis and altered adhesion of CML cells. CML starts with an indolent chronic phase (CML-CP) that is defined as enhanced proliferation of functionally and differentially normal myeloid lineage cells. Without effective treatment, CML progresses to blastic phase that is associated with the accumulation of undifferentiated CML cells in bone marrow and peripheral blood. Among CML therapies, molecularly targeted therapy against *bcr-abl* protein by small molecule tyrosine kinase inhibitors (TKIs) has substantially improved CML prognosis. Imatinib as an undisputed inhibitor of *bcr-abl* protein is the current first-line therapy for CML. Despite promising results, the incidence of resistance to the imatinib motivates massive efforts for optimizing TKI dosing and developing two and third-generation of TKIs that comprehensively cover *bcr-abl* mutants. However, minimal residual disease (MRD) and the presence of active disease reveal that clinical resistance occurs despite TKI-induced inhibition of *bcr-abl* kinase activity in some patients. Hence, it seems that the identification of crucial targets in addition to *bcr-abl* protein is an inevitable strategy for the elimination of CML cells.

## کلمات کلیدی:

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