

Bone marrow mesenchymal stromal cells non-selectively protect chronic myeloid leukemia cells from imatinib-induced apoptosis via the CXCR4/CXCL12 axis

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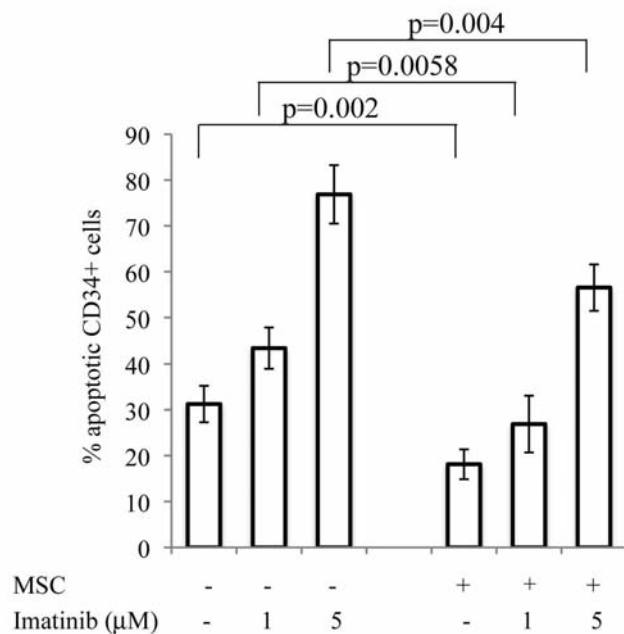
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Online Supplementary Table S1. Patients' features.

Patient n.	Disease status	Treatment received (months)	Time from diagnosis	% of Ph+ metaphases	Additional cytogenetic abnormalities	White cell count (x10 ⁹ /L)	% of blasts in the bone marrow	CXCR4 CML-PB (MFI ratio*)	CXCR4 CML-CD34+ (MFI ratio*)
1	1st CP	None	2	100	None	134	3	4	3.3
2	1st CP	None	<1	96	None	326	1	2.2	1.4
3	1st CP	None	<1	100	None	86	1	3	1.2
4	1st CP	None	<1	100	t(9;22;12)(q34;q11;q24)	227	0.5	3.1	2

* ratio between mean channel fluorescence for CXCR4 and its respective negative control; CP: chronic phase; PB: peripheral blood; MFI: mean fluorescence intensity.



Online Supplementary Figure S1. MSC protect CD34⁺ CML progenitors from imatinib-induced cell death. CD34⁺ CML cells were cultured alone or in the presence of MSC at a ratio of 1:10. After 48 h imatinib was added at different concentrations and the fraction of annexin-V-positive cells was quantified by FACS after 48 h. The fraction of annexin-positive cells from three individual experiments is shown.