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The manuscript has been markedly improved by the changes provided by the authors. The addition of figure 1 has significantly simplified understanding the flow of patients within this study. The additions to the discussion have made this manuscript relevant within the imatinib era. The addition of the descriptions of the statistical approach is useful.

I recommend that this manuscript be accepted for publication to the BMC Cancer Journal.

**Level of interest:** An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests.