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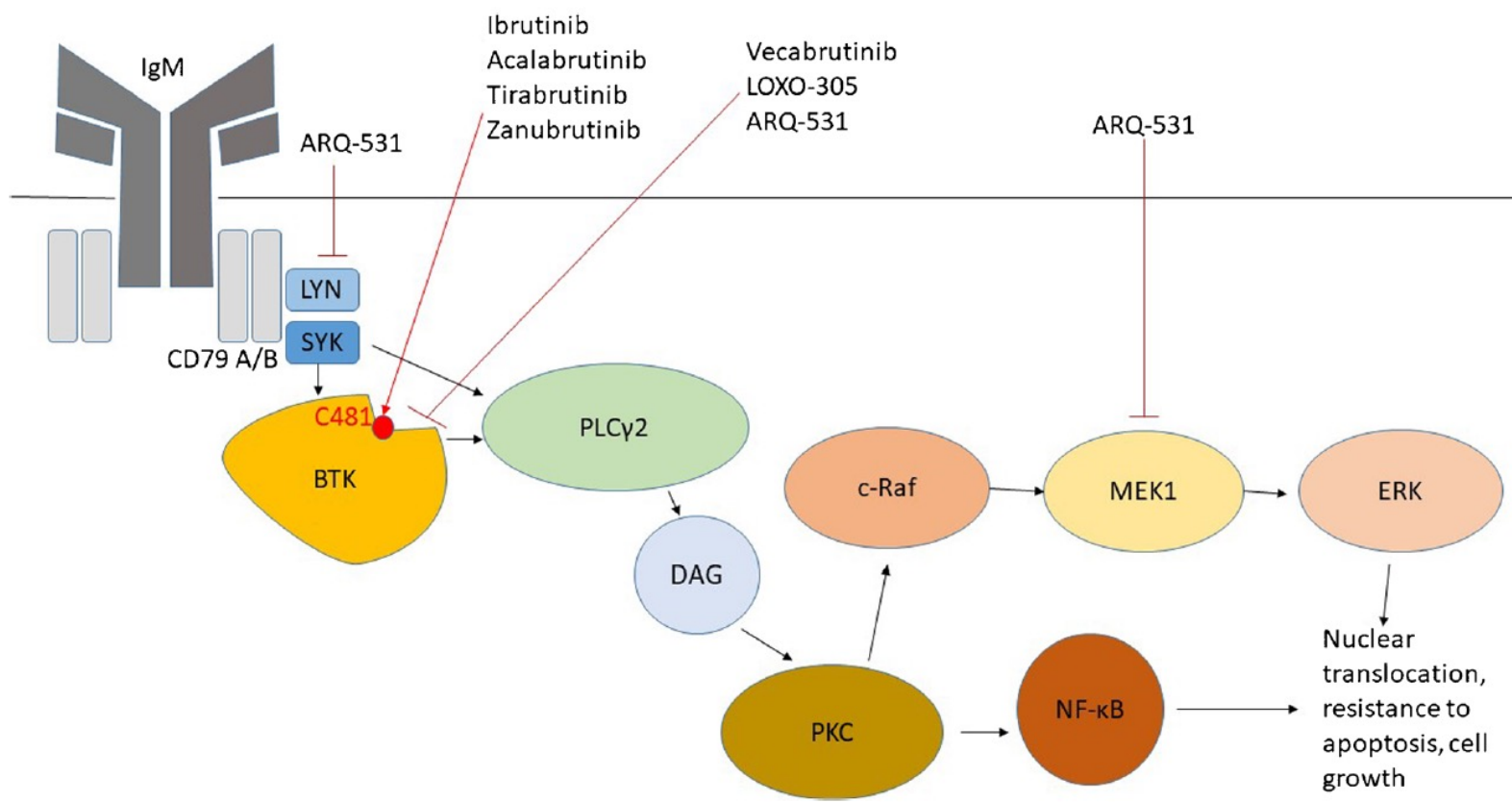
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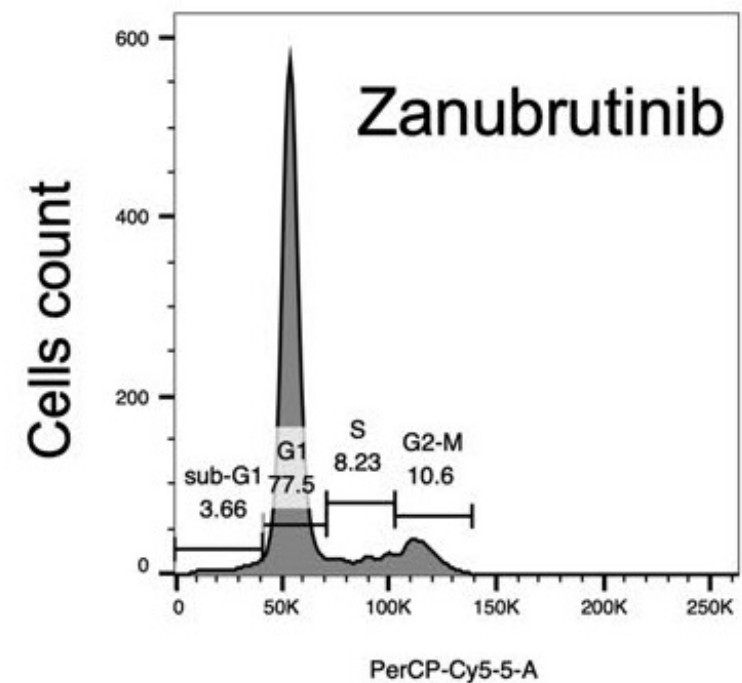
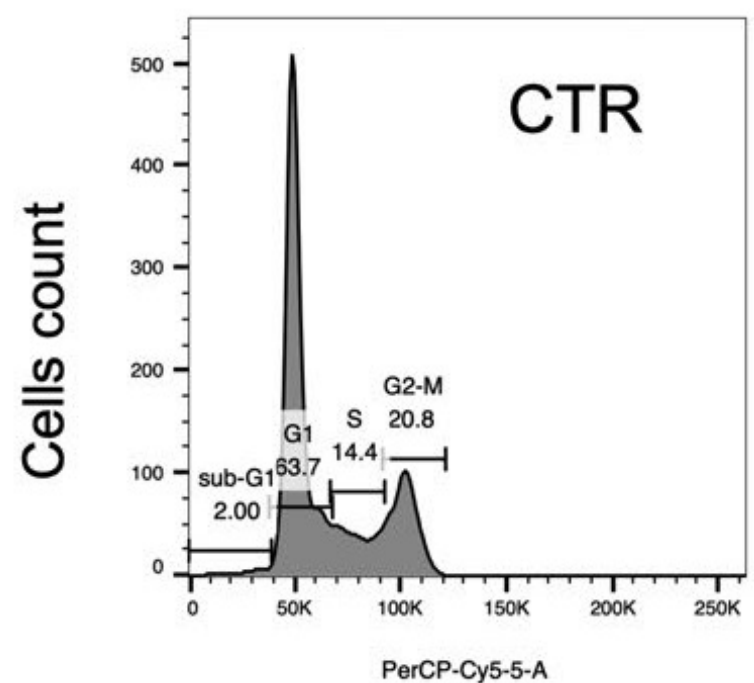
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# Mechanism of action of BTK inhibitors



Bond DA, Woyach JA. Curr Hematol Malig Rep (2019) 14:197–205

# Cell cycle distribution after treatment with zanubrutinib



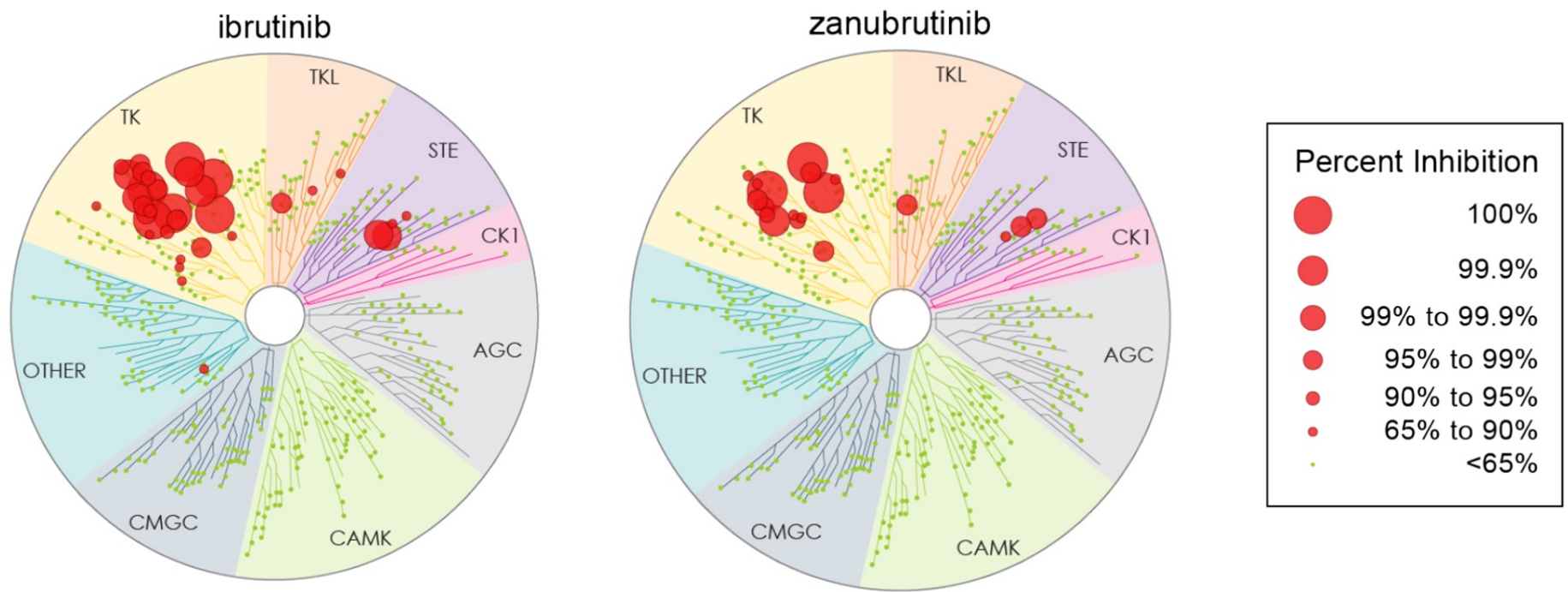
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## IC<sub>50</sub> of BTK and members of the TEC protein kinase family by ibrutinib and zanubrutinib

| Kinase | Ibrutinib IC <sub>50</sub> (nM) <sup>a</sup> | Zanubrutinib IC <sub>50</sub> (nM) <sup>b</sup> |
|--------|--|---|
| BLK    | 0.1 + 0.0                                    | 1.13 <sup>c</sup>                               |
| BMX    | 0.8 ± 0.1                                    | 0.62 <sup>c</sup>                               |
| BTK    | 1.5  | 0.3 ± 0.06                                      |
| EGFR   | 5.3 ± 1.3                                    | 2.6 ± 1.0 <sup>c</sup>                          |
| ERBB2  | 6.4 ± 1.8                                    | 530 ± 273                                       |
| ERBB4  | 3.4 ± 1.4                                    | 1.58 <sup>c</sup>                               |
| ITK    | 4.9 ± 1.25                                   | 56 ± 12   |
| JAK3   | 32 ± 15.0                                    | 580 ± 21  |
| TEC    | 10 ± 2.0                                     | 2.0 ± 0.8                                       |
| TXK    | 2.0 ± 0.3                                    | 2.95 <sup>c</sup>                               |

# Kinome profiling at 1 $\mu$ M of ibrutinib and zanubrutinib



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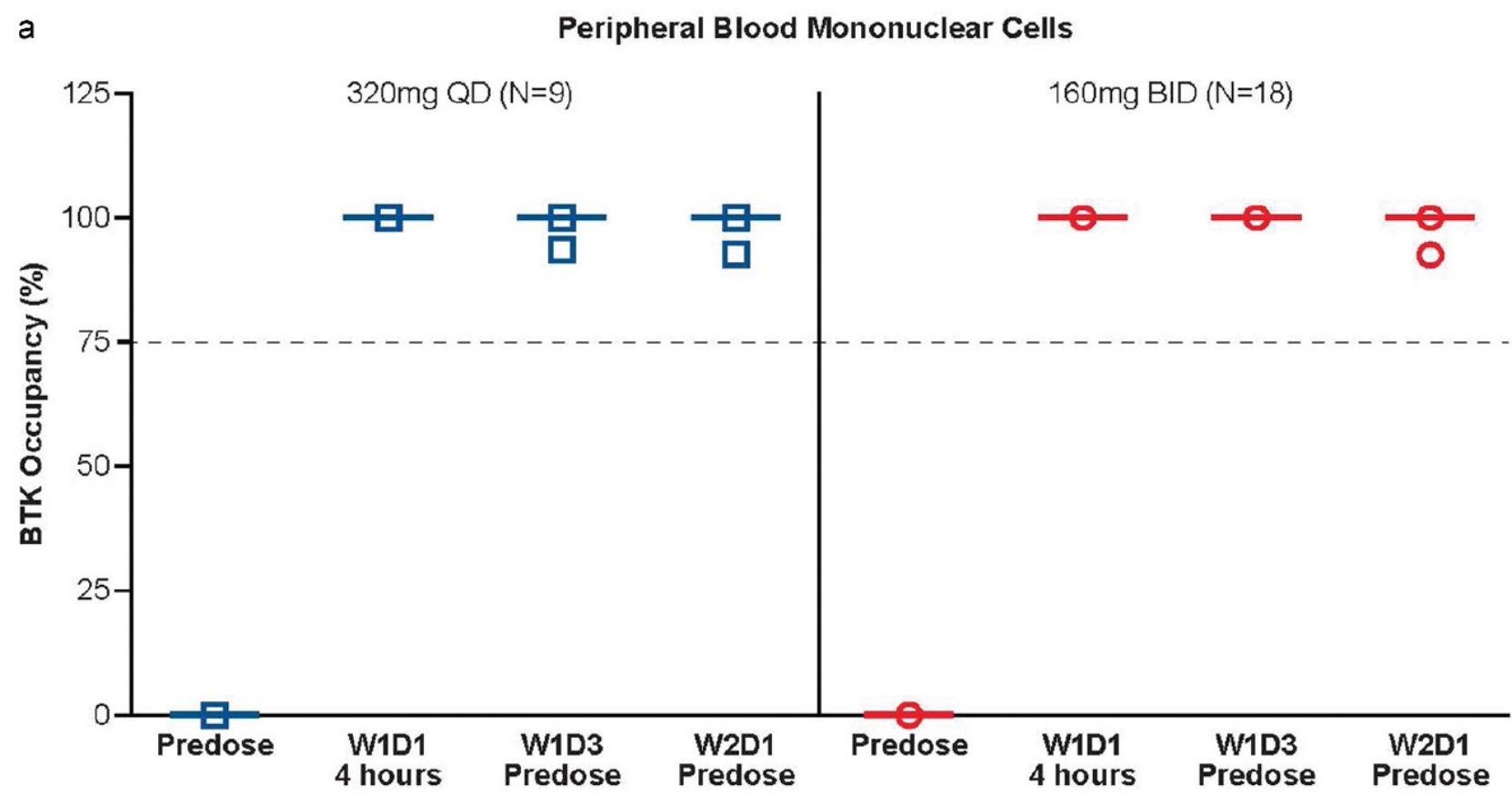
## Selectivity of zanubrutinib and ibrutinib on selected kinases

Relative to BTK IC<sub>50</sub> (0.3/0.5 nM)

Relative to BTK IC<sub>50</sub> (1.5 nM)

| Kinase <sup>a</sup> | Zanubrutinib selectivity | Ibrutinib selectivity <sup>b</sup> |
|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| EGFR                | <b>42</b>                | 3.5                                |
| ITK                 | <b>100</b>               | 3.3                                |
| TEC                 | <b>88</b>                | 6.7                                |
| HER2                | <b>176</b>               | 4.3                                |
| HER4                | <b>13.8</b>              | 2.3                                |
| BMX                 | 2.8                      | 0.5                                |
| TXK                 | 4.4                      | 1.3                                |
| BLK                 | 5.0                      | 0.1                                |
| JAK3                | <b>2754</b>              | <b>21</b>                          |

# Zanubrutinib BTK occupancy in PBMC by dose regimen

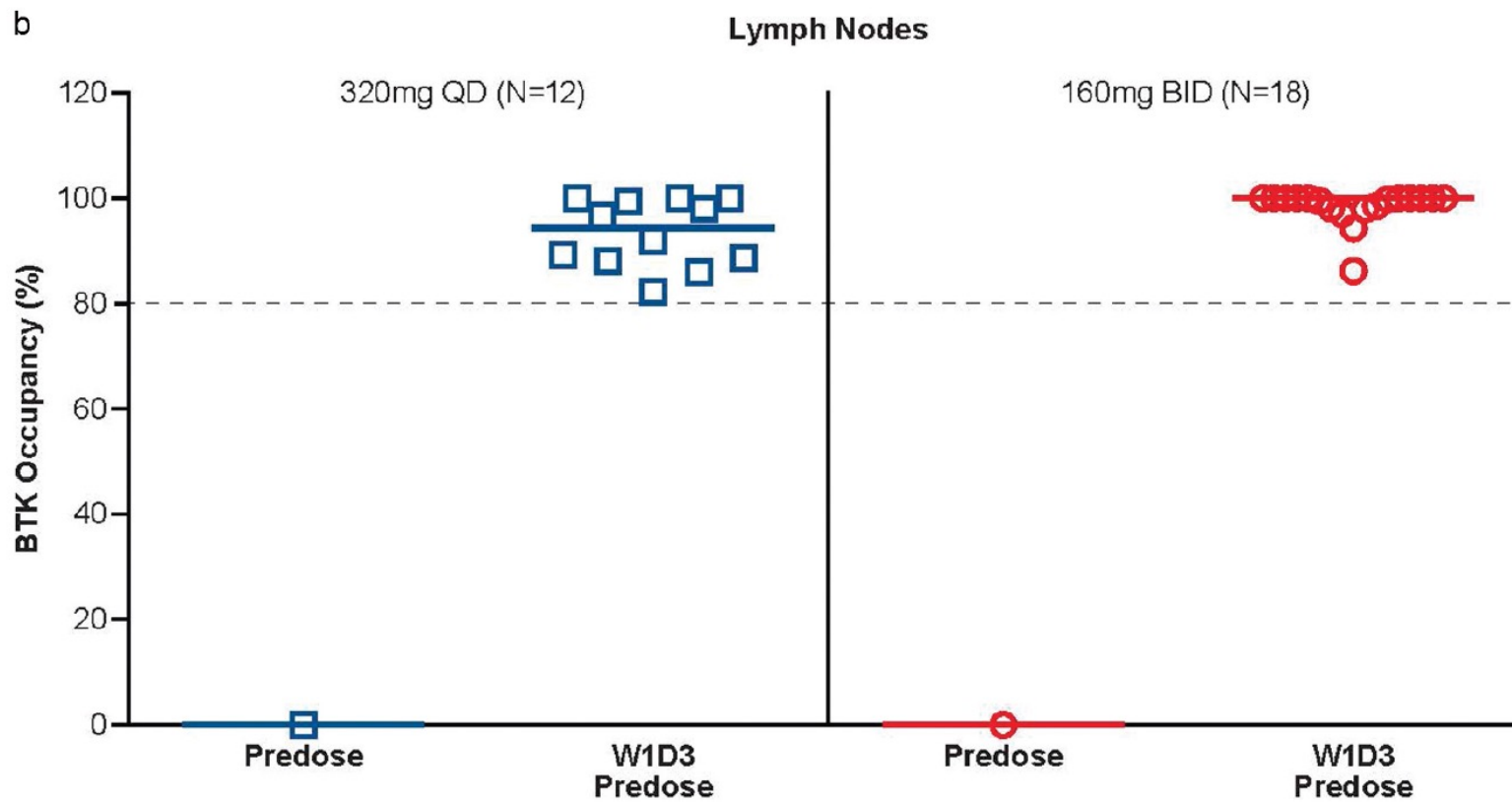


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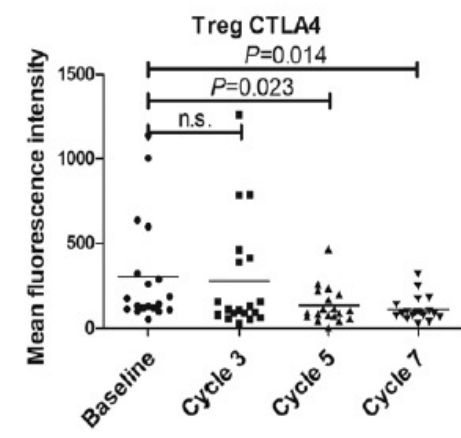
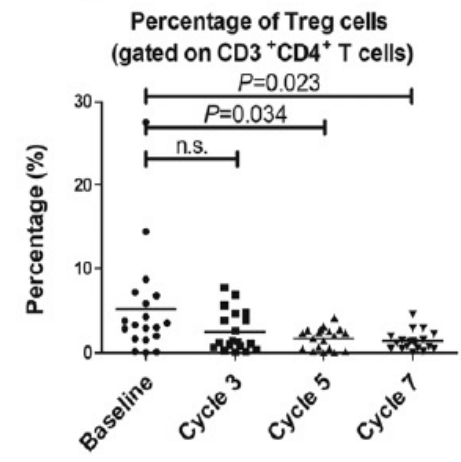
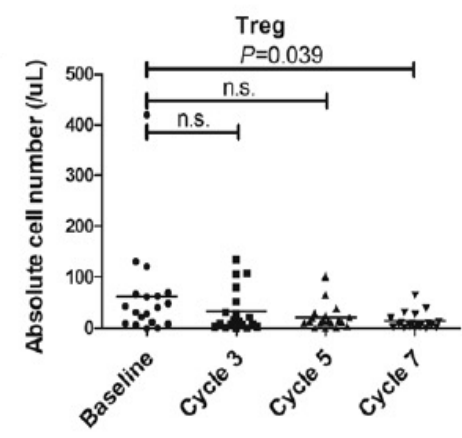
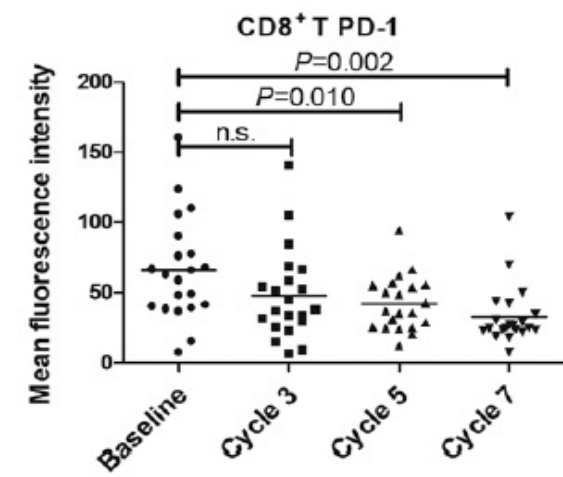
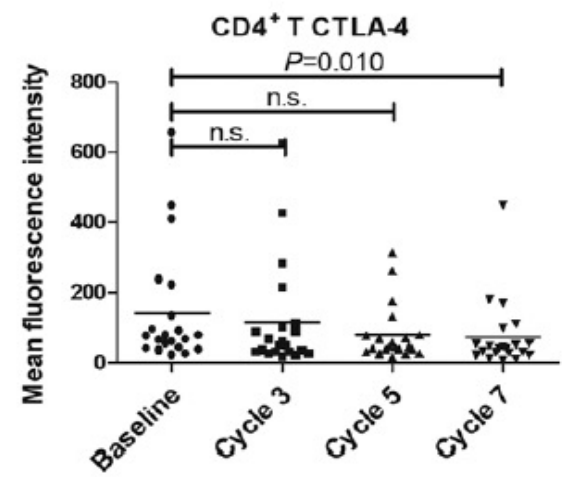
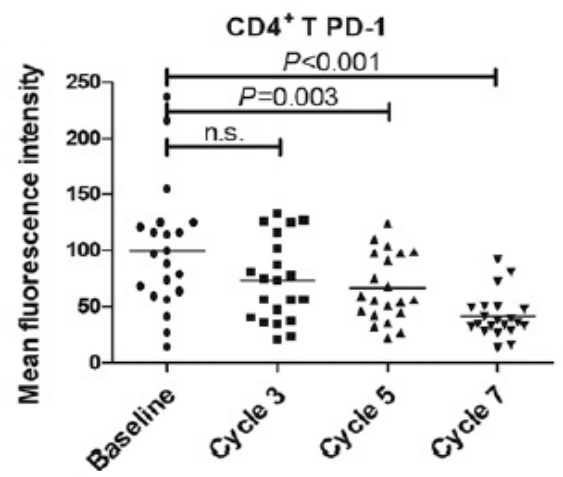
## Zanubrutinib BTK occupancy in lymph nodes by dose regimen



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# Dynamics of T cells and their subsets changes during zanubrutinib treatment



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2019;37:392-400

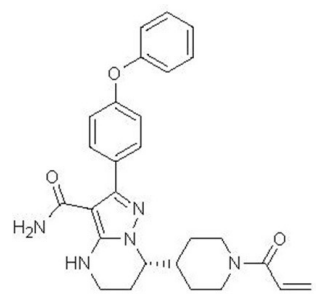
# Free drug concentration time profiles relative to IC50 of BTK

## Zanubrutinib

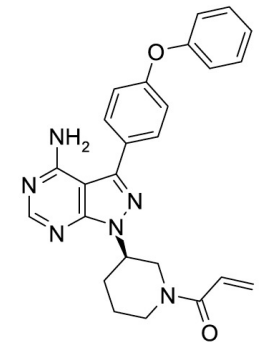
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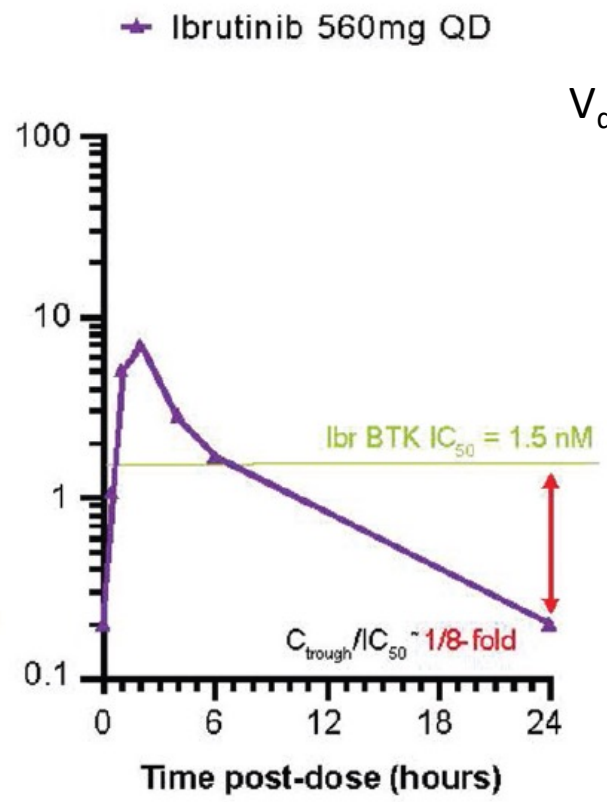
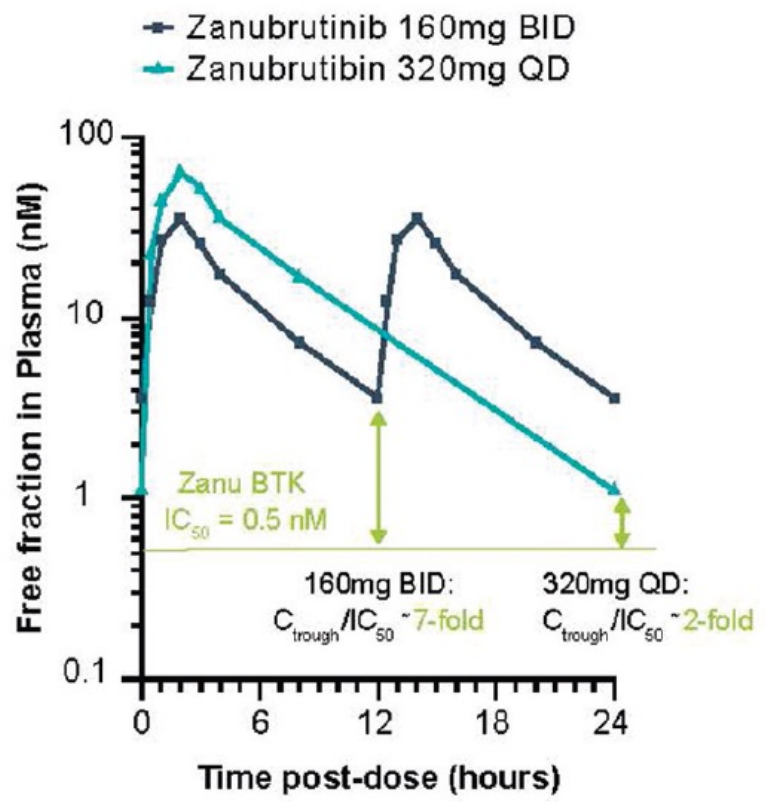
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Zanubrutinib



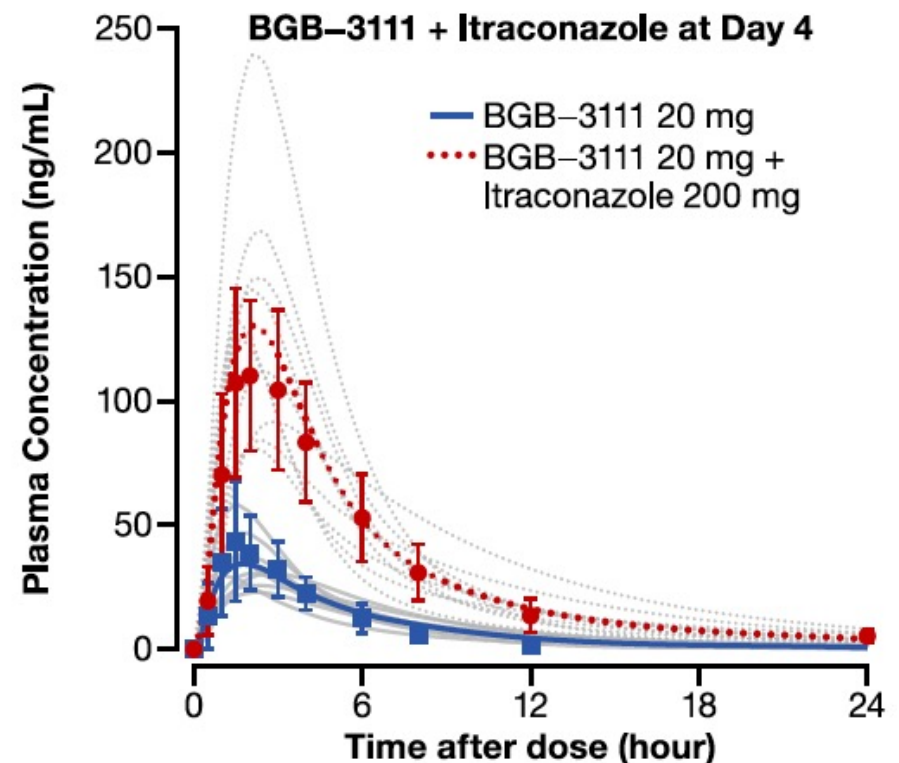
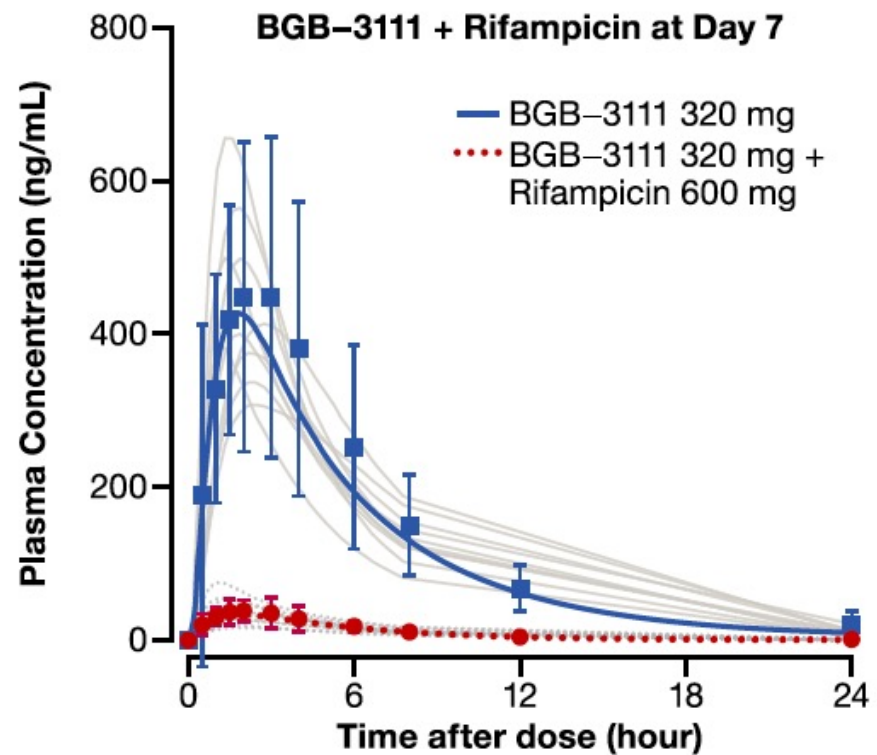
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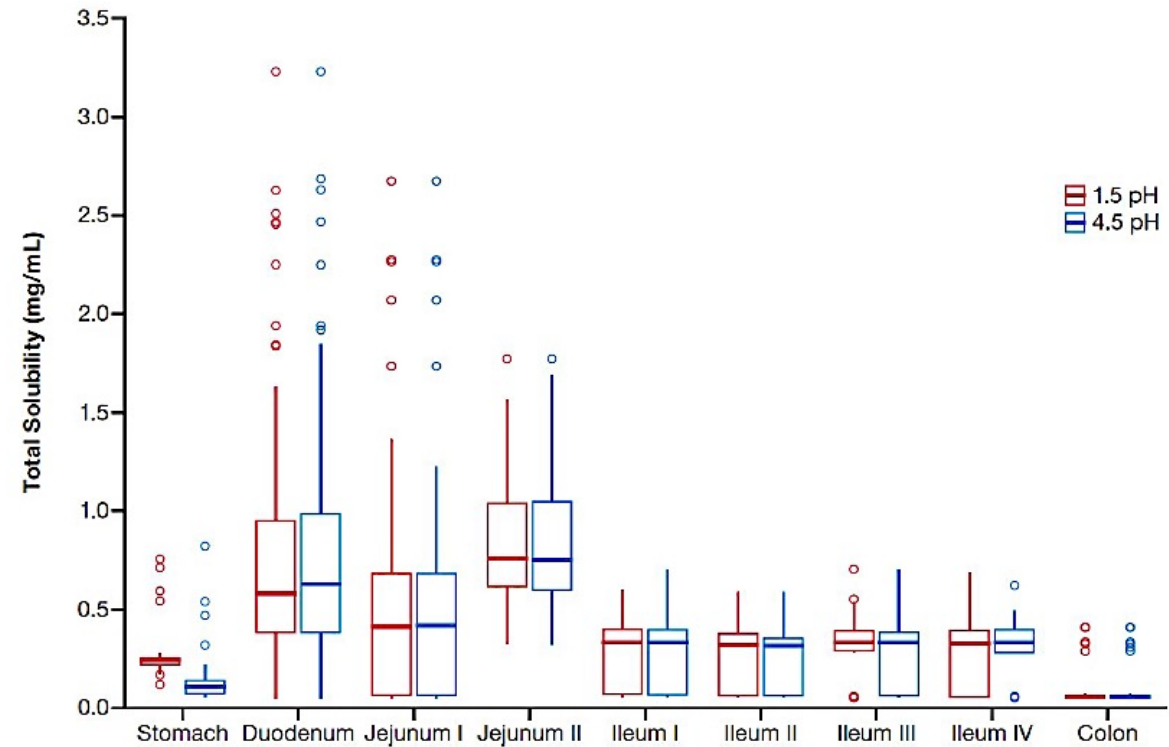
Marostica E et al. Cancer Chemother Pharmacol. 2015;75:111-21

# DDI of zanubrutinib with CYP3A4 modulators





# Predicted effect of gastric pH values (pH=1.5 and 4.5) on solubility



Wang K et al. CPT  
Pharmacometrics Syst  
Pharmacol 2021;10:441-454

| PK Parameters                     | pH=1.5                    | pH=4.5                    | Ratio |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-------|
| $C_{max}$ , ng/mL (95%CI)         | 238.39 (206.79-274.81)    | 232.40 (201.07-268.60)    | 1.03  |
| $AUC_{0-24hr}$ , ng*hr/mL (95%CI) | 1444.15 (1308.28-1594.13) | 1456.12 (1320.47-1605.70) | 0.99  |

# Drug-drug interactions of ibrutinib

| Tyrosine kinase inhibitor | Generate/ Undergo | Drug-drug interaction  | Study            | Mechanism                | Consequences   | Recommendations  |
|---------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|--|--|
| Ibrutinib                 | Undergoes         | Ketoconazole           | Healthy subjects | Strong CYP3A4 inhibition | Augmentation of ibrutinib AUC and C <sub>max</sub> by 29-fold and 24-fold respectively | Association should be avoided. Ibrutinib dose interruption or modification is warranted when treatment of a patient on ibrutinib requires administration of strong or moderate CYP3A inhibitors. |
|                           |                   | Verapamil              | Case report      | CYP3A4 inhibition        | Patient admitted because of severe diarrhea  | Ibrutinib was discontinued for 5 days. Verapamil was stopped. as an alternative antihypertensive drug was prescribed (lercanidipine)   |
|                           |                   | Strong CYP3A4 inducers | Healthy subjects | Strong CYP3A4 induction  | Ibrutinib plasma concentration is decreased by 92% and AUC by 90%                      | Avoid strong CYP3A4 inducers. Alternative drugs must be proposed.  |

## Drug-drug interactions of zanubrutinib and ibrutinib

|  | Zanubrutinib  | Ibrutinib   |
|--|---|---|
| <b>Food Effect</b>                                 |   |   |
| Clinical Data<br>(Low or high-fat meal)            | No clinically meaningful impact on PK   | $C_{max}$ : 2- to 4-fold increase<br>AUC: 2-fold increase   |
| Label recommendation                               | Dose with or without food   | Dose with or without food   |
| <b>Use with CYP3A inhibitors</b>                   |   |   |
| Clinical Data                                      | Itraconazole increased AUC 3.8-fold (Fasted, HV)  | Ketoconazole increased AUC 24-fold (Fasted, HV)<br>Voriconazole (strong CYP3A inhibitor) increased steady state $C_{max}$ of ibrutinib by 6.7-fold and AUC by 5.7-fold (non-fasted, patients).  |
| Label recommendation                               | Strong CYP3A inhibitor:<br>Dose reduction to 80 mg QD<br>Moderate inhibitors: dose reduction to 80 mg BID | Avoid strong CYP3A inhibitors except for posaconazole and voriconazole.<br>If these inhibitors will be used short-term (such as anti-infectives for seven days or less), interrupt ibrutinib<br>Moderate CYP3A inhibitor: dose reduction to 280 mg once daily |
| <b>Use with CYP3A inducers</b>                     |   |   |
| Clinical Data: With potent CYP 3A Inducer rifampin | Reduced AUC by 13.5-fold  | Reduced AUC by >10-fold   |
| Label recommendation                               | Avoid moderate and strong CYP3A inducers  | Avoid moderate and strong CYP3A inducers  |



## Drug-disease and drug-drug interactions of zanubrutinib and ibrutinib

|                                   | Zanubrutinib   | Ibrutinib  |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|
| <b>Use with ARA including PPI</b> |  |  |
| Clinical DDI Data:                | No clinically meaningful impact on PK  | No clinically meaningful impact on PK  |
| Label recommendation              | No restriction   | No restriction   |
| <b>Hepatic impairment</b>         |  |  |
| Clinical data                     | AUC relative to subjects with normal liver function:<br>Mild: 111%<br>Moderate: 121%<br>Severe: 160% | AUC relative to subjects with normal liver function:<br>Mild: 270%<br>Moderate: 820%<br>Severe: 980% |
| Label recommendation              | Severe: 80 mg BID<br>Mild/Moderate: No dosage modification   | Severe: <u>Avoid</u><br>Moderate: Dose reduction to 70 mg QD<br>Mild: Dose reduction 140 mg QD       |
| <b>Renal impairment</b>           |  |  |
| Clinical data                     | Mild and moderate renal impairment ([CLcr] $\geq$ 30 mL/min) had no influence on the exposure        | Mild and moderate renal impairment ([CLcr] > 25 mL/min) had no influence on the exposure             |
| Label Recommendation              | Mild/moderate renal impairment (CLcr $\geq$ 30 mL/min): No dose modification                         | NA   |



## Pharmacologic characteristics of zanubrutinib and ibrutinib

|  | Zanubrutinib  | Ibrutinib  |
|--|---|--|
| Approved indications                           | MCL, WM*  | MCL, CLL, and WM.<br>MZL chronic graft versus host disease (cGVHD)   |
| FDA approved dose                              | 160 mg BID or 320 mg QD   | 420 or 560 mg QD   |
| IC <sub>50</sub> against BTK (nM) [24]         | 0.5   | 1.5  |
| Potency of major active metabolite against BTK | NA  | ~15-fold less potent compared to the parent molecule                 |
| Half-life (hr)                                 | ~2 to 4   | ~4 to 6  |
| Plasma protein binding (%)                     | ~94%  | 97.3% – 97.7% [15]   |
| AUC <sub>0-24hr</sub> (CV%) ng-hr/mL           | 160 mg BID: 2295 (37%)<br>320 mg QD: 2180 (41%)                     | 420 mg QD: 707–1159 (50%-72%)<br>560 mg QD: 865–978 (69%-82%)        |
| fu. AUC <sub>0-24hr</sub> (nM-hr)              | 160 mg BID: 278<br>320 mg QD: 267                                   | 420 mg QD: 37–60<br>560 mg QD: 46–51                                 |
| Plasma exposure of major active metabolite     | NA  | 1- to 2.8-fold higher than parent AUC [15]                           |
| Median BTK occupancy in PBMC at trough         | 320 mg QD:100% 160 mg BID: 100%                                     | 420 mg to 820 mg QD: >90% [30,33]                                    |
| Median BTK occupancy in lymph node at trough   | 320 mg QD: 94% 160 mg BID: 100%                                     | 420 mg QD: >90% [16]   |
| Pgp and brain penetration                      | Weak P-gp substrate<br>Brain penetration data in patients available | Not a P-gp substrate<br>Brain penetration data in patients available |
| Major enzyme involved                          | CYP3A   | CYP3A  |

## Conclusions

- Zanubrutinib is an oral inhibitor of Bruton's tyrosine kinase designed for greater target selectivity and higher therapeutic exposures than the first-in-class BTK inhibitor ibrutinib.
- Zanubrutinib forms an irreversible, covalent bond at Cys481 within the adenosine triphosphate-binding pocket of BTK.
- The greater selectivity of zanubrutinib as well as its PK/PD profiles translates into clinically impactful benefits, including improved dosing flexibility, safety, and efficacy.