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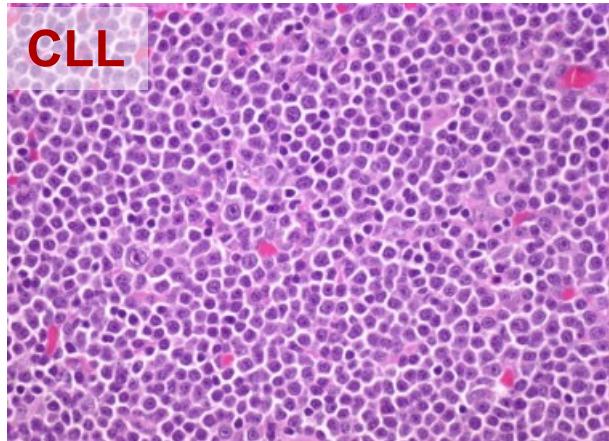
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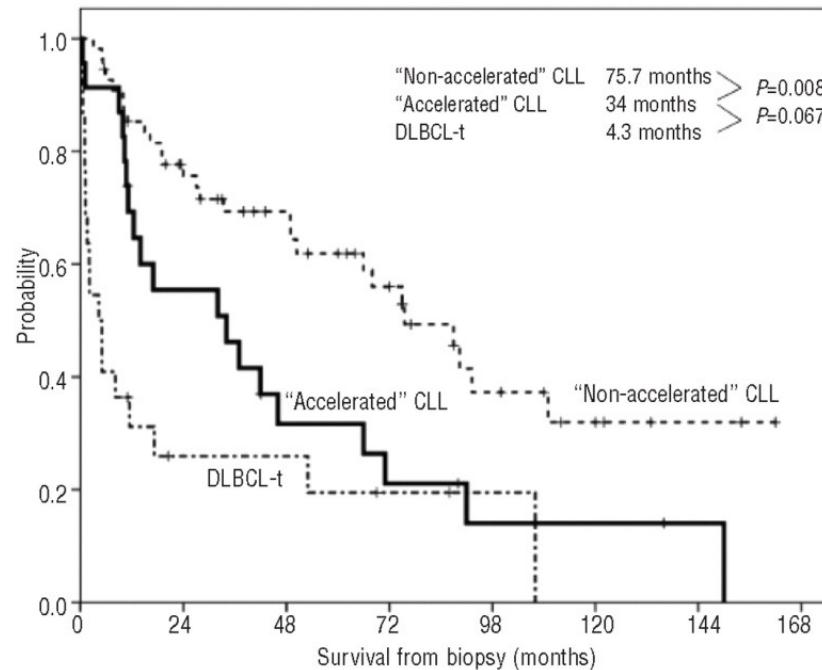
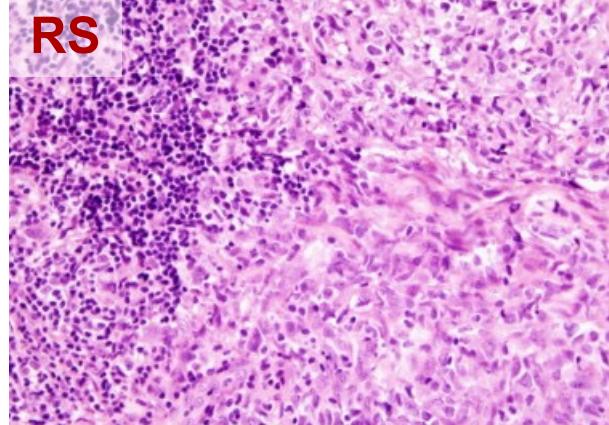
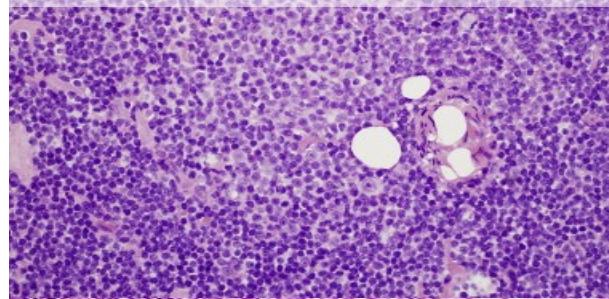
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# Histology

# The different histologies of CLL



Histologically aggressive CLL

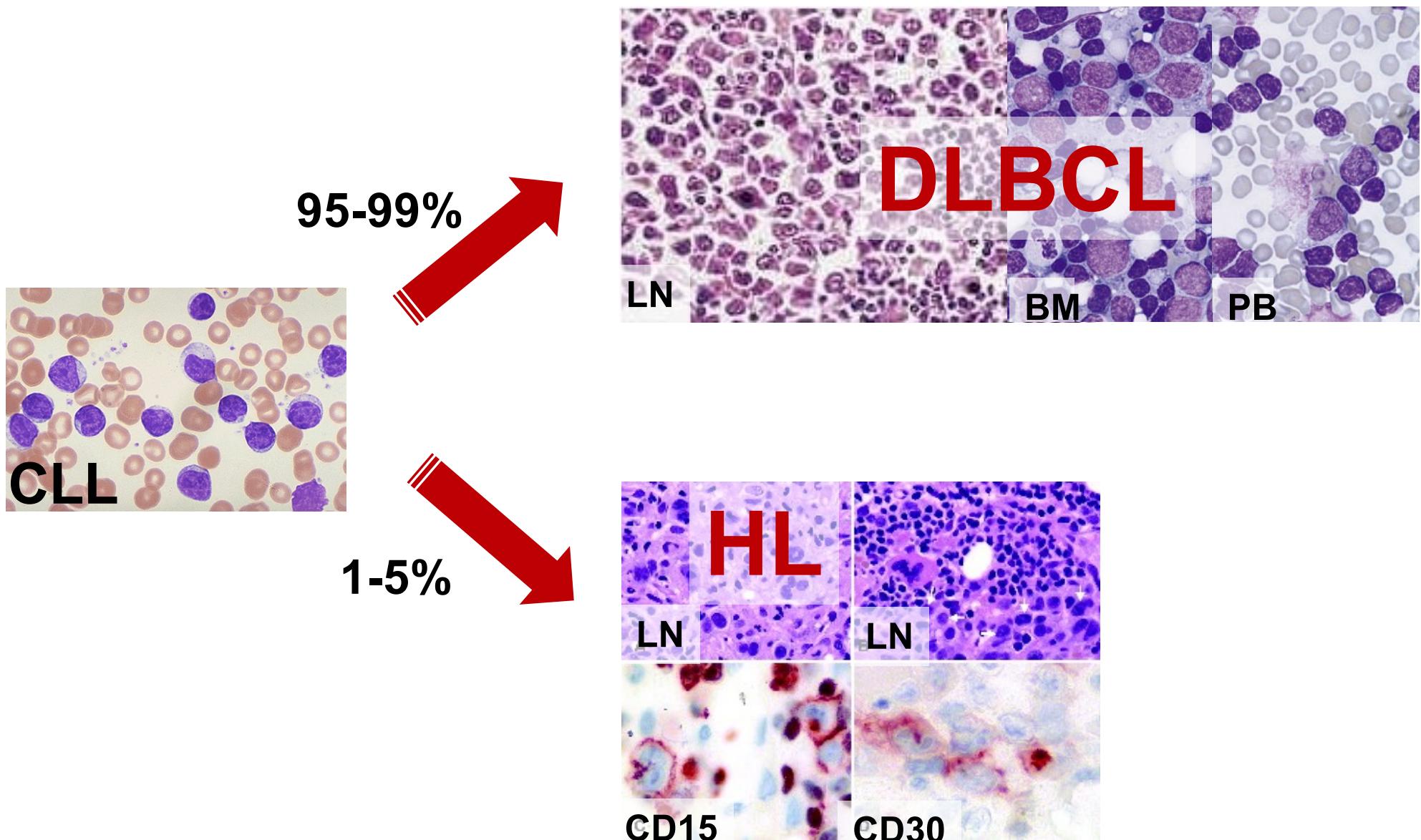


Ginè et al, Haematologica 2010

**After pathology revision, ~20% of 'RS' are downgraded to histologically aggressive CLL**

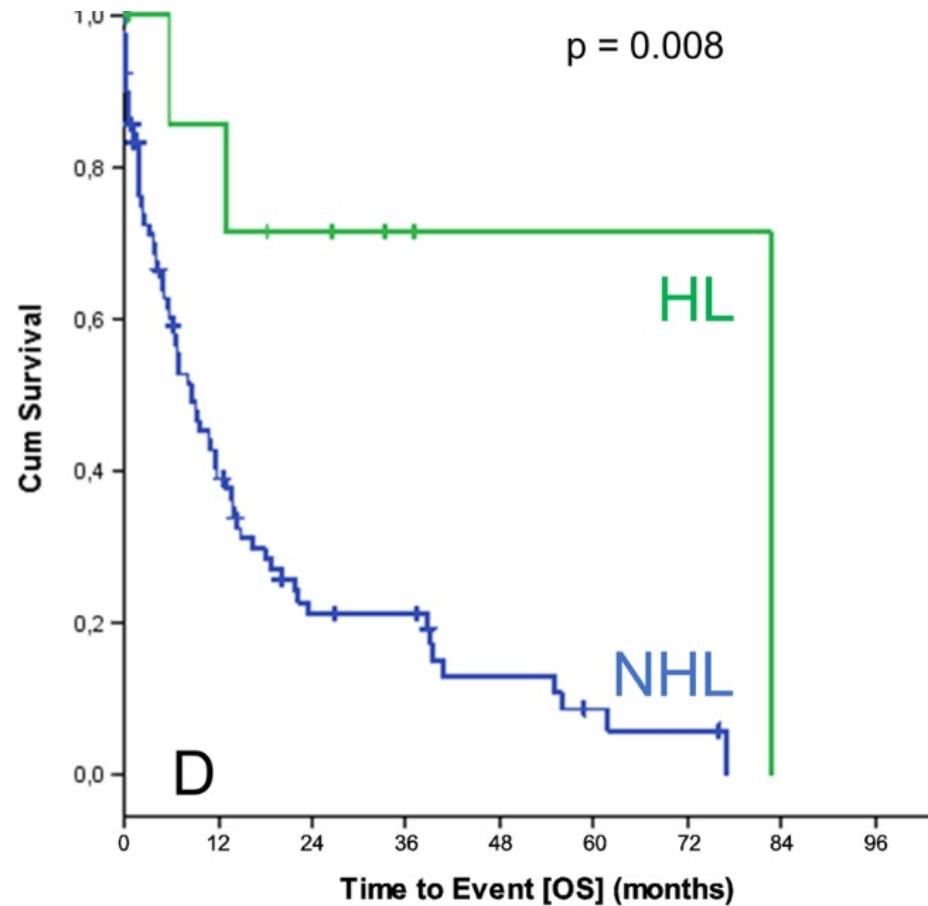
Soilleux et al, Histopathology 2016

# The different histologies of Richter syndrome

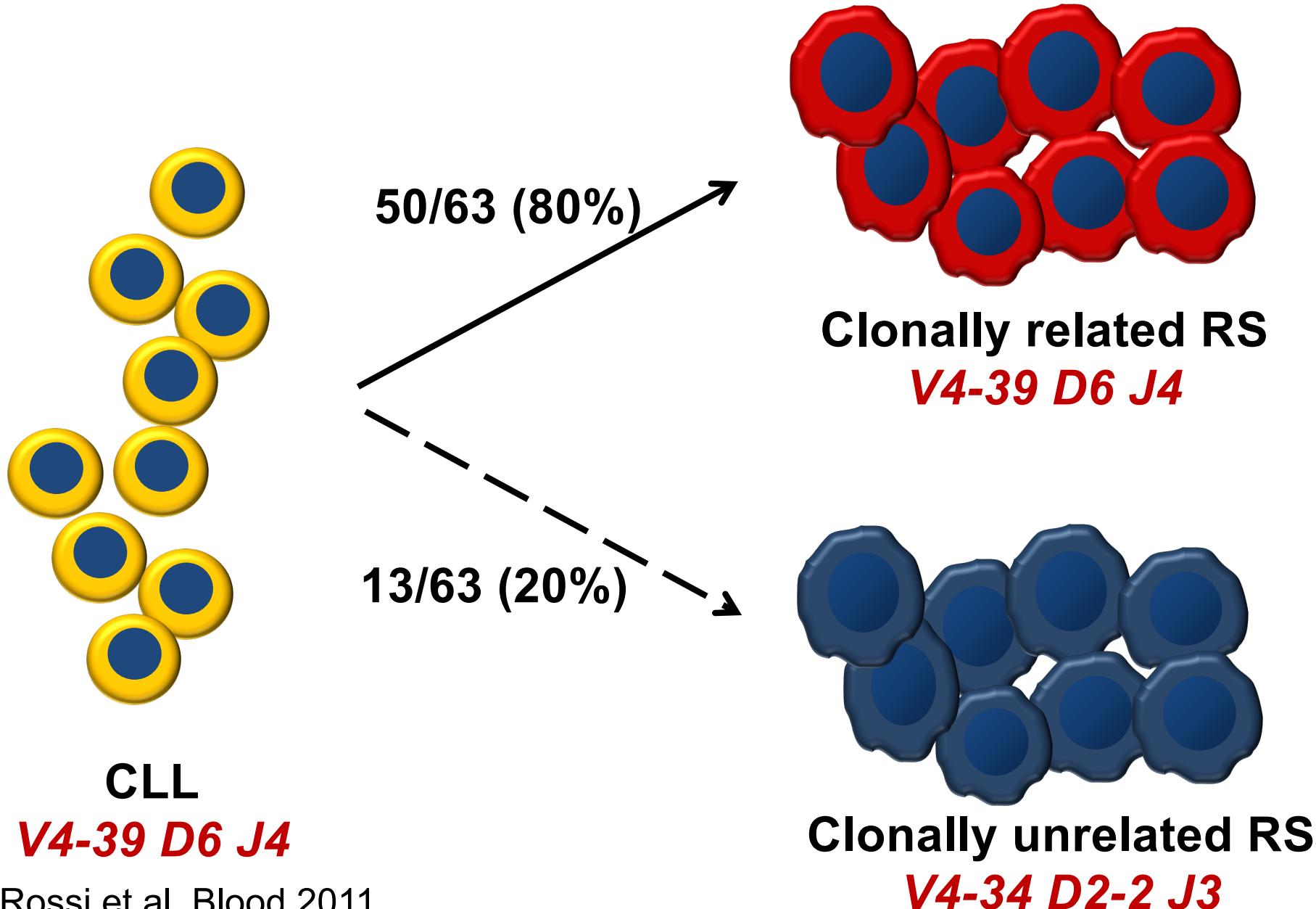


# Post-transformation survival according to histology

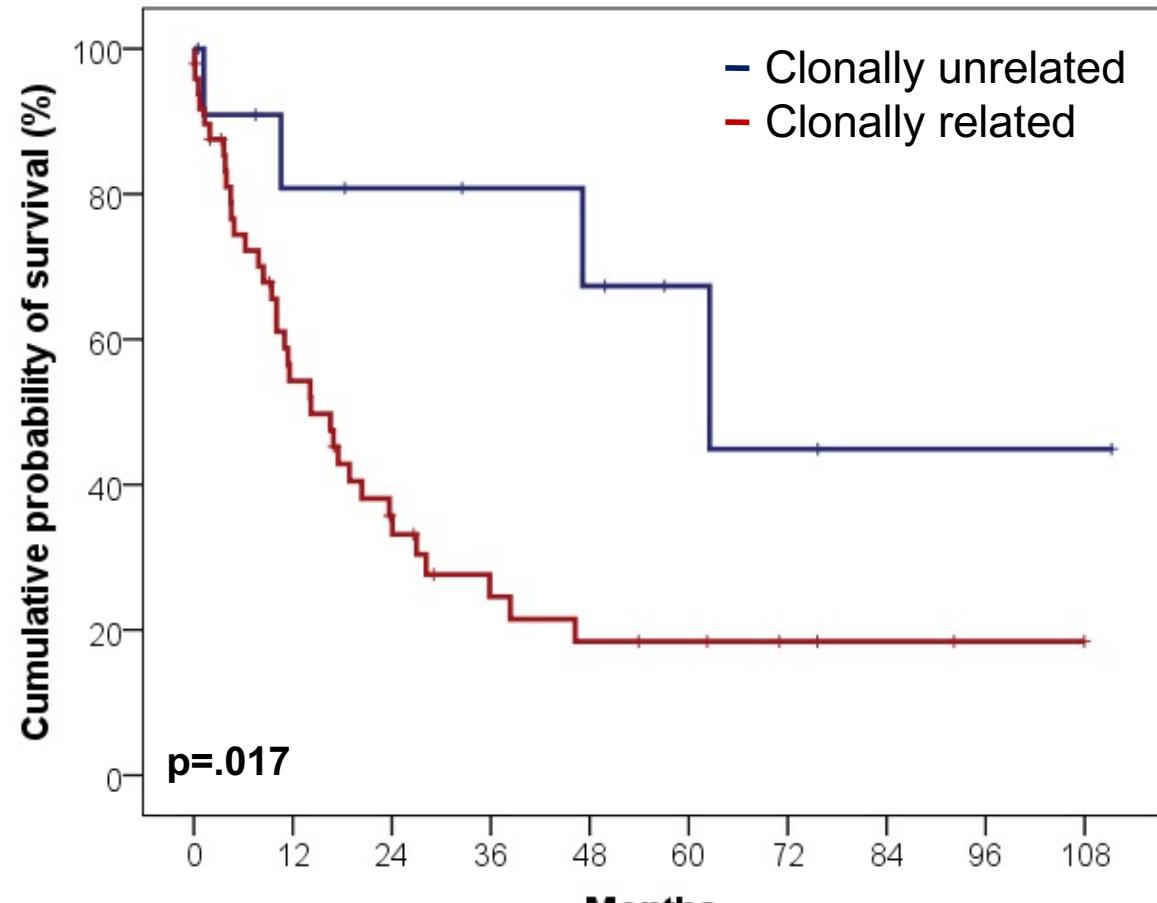
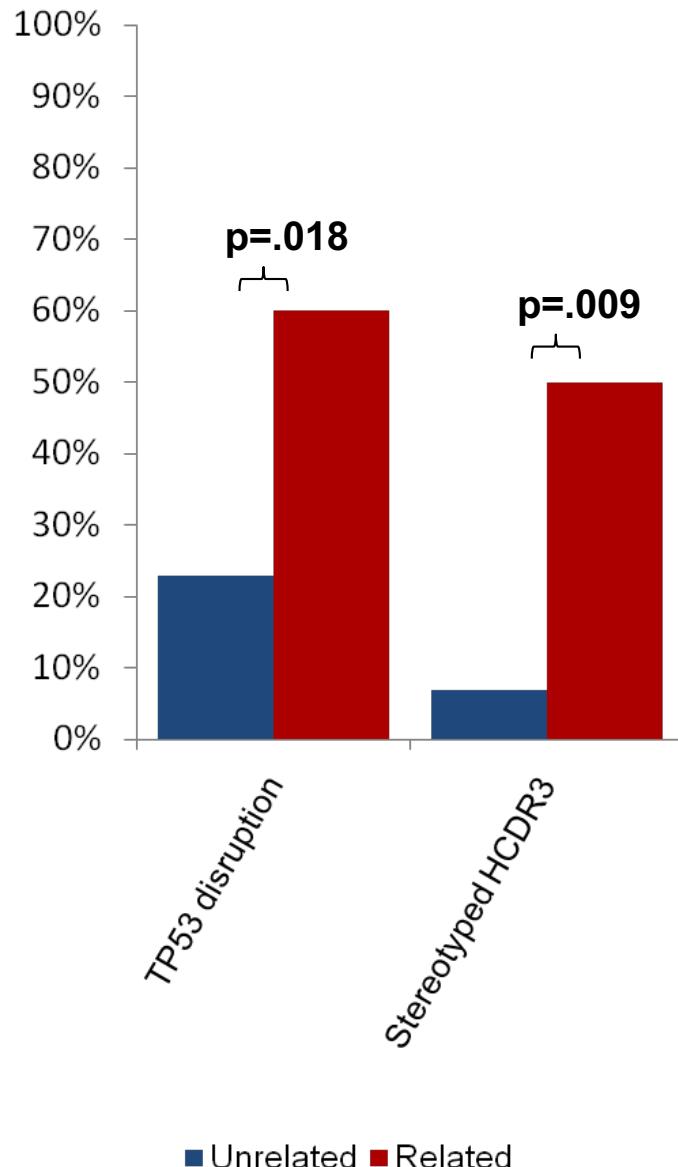
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# Clonally related vs unrelated variant of Richter syndrome

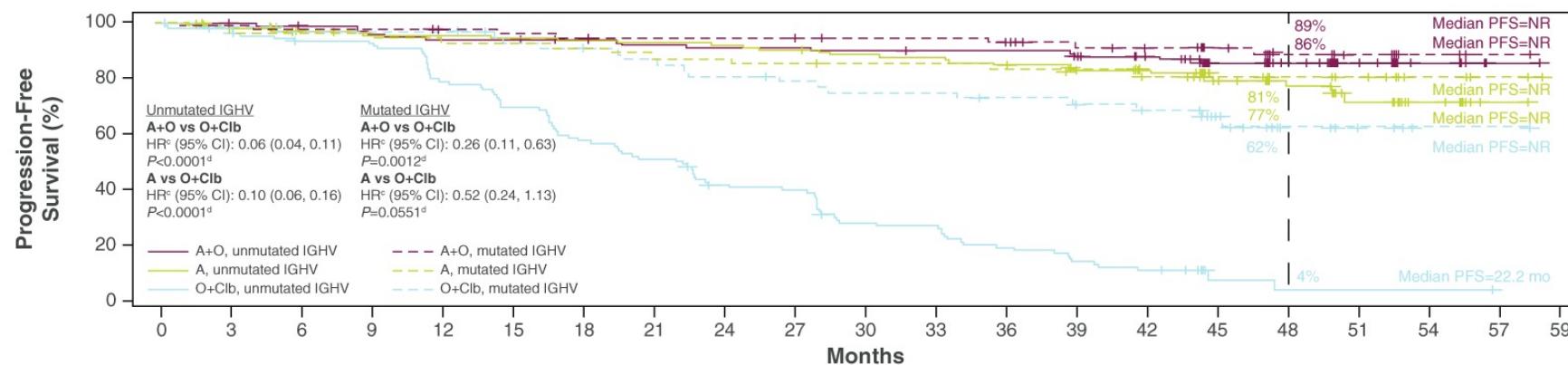
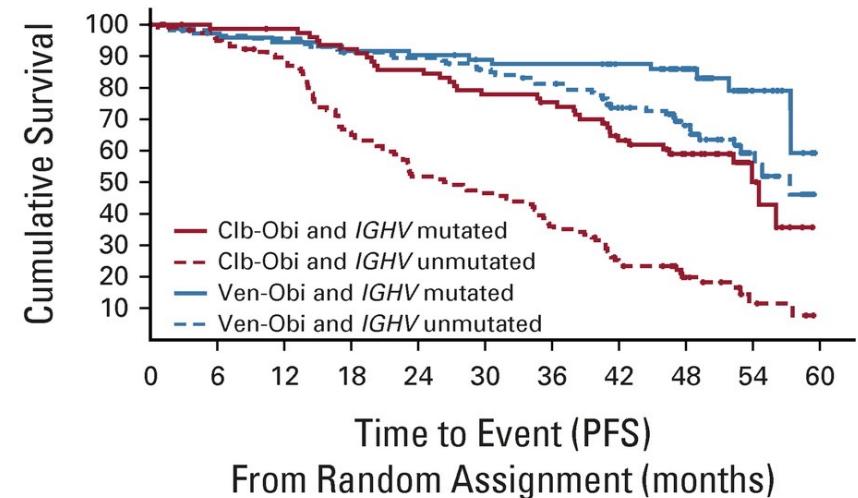
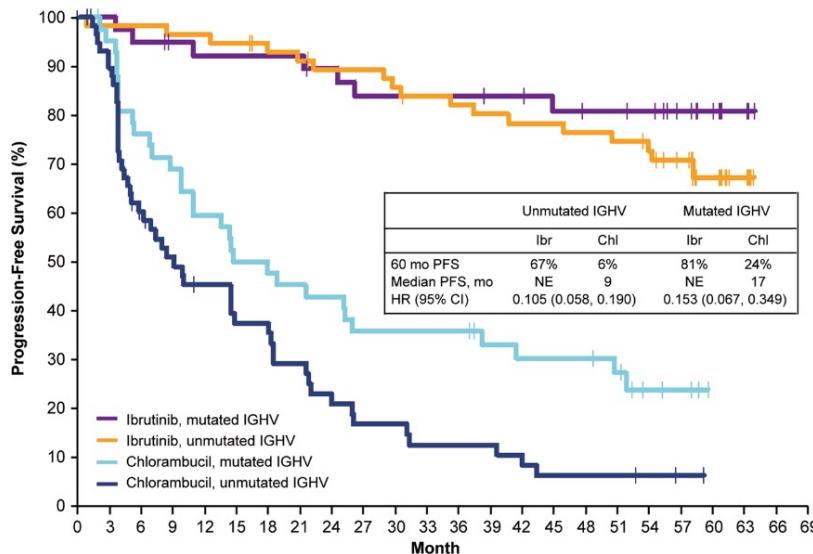


# The molecular profile of clonally unrelated RS differs from that of clonally related RS



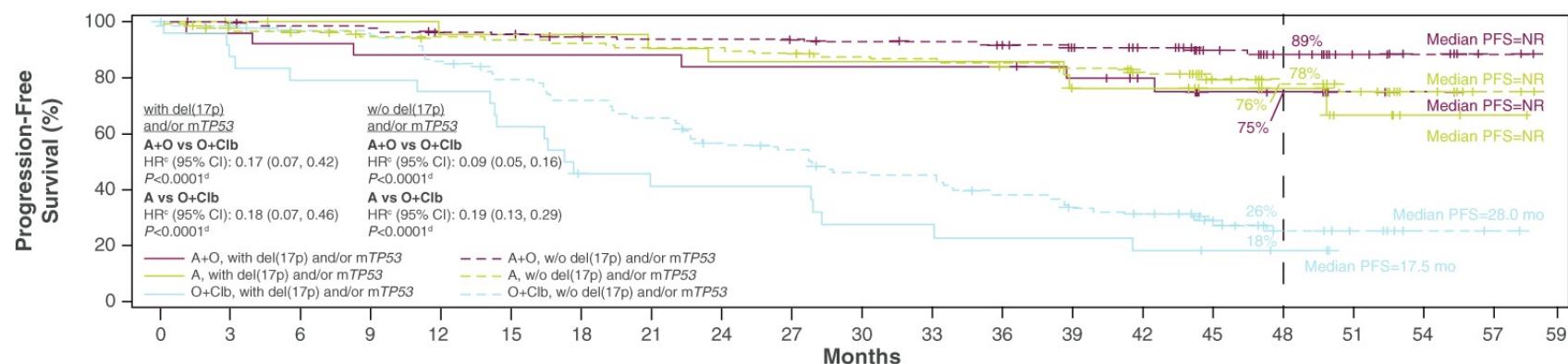
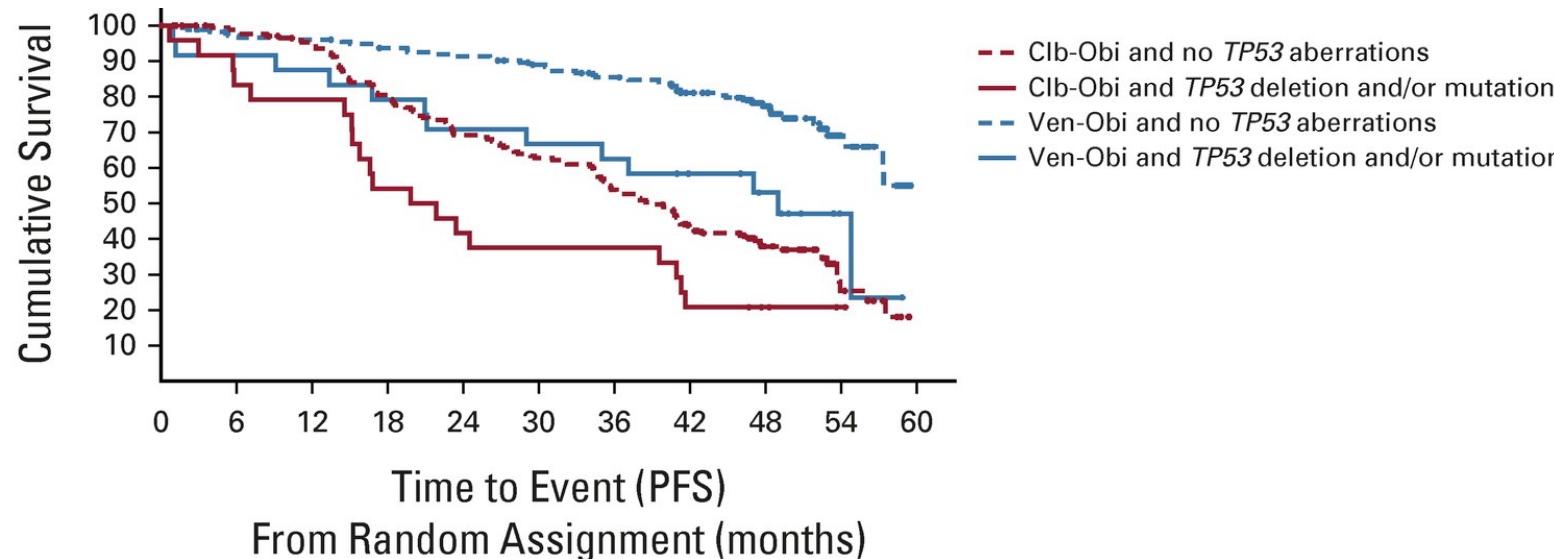
# Genetics

# IGHV mutation status

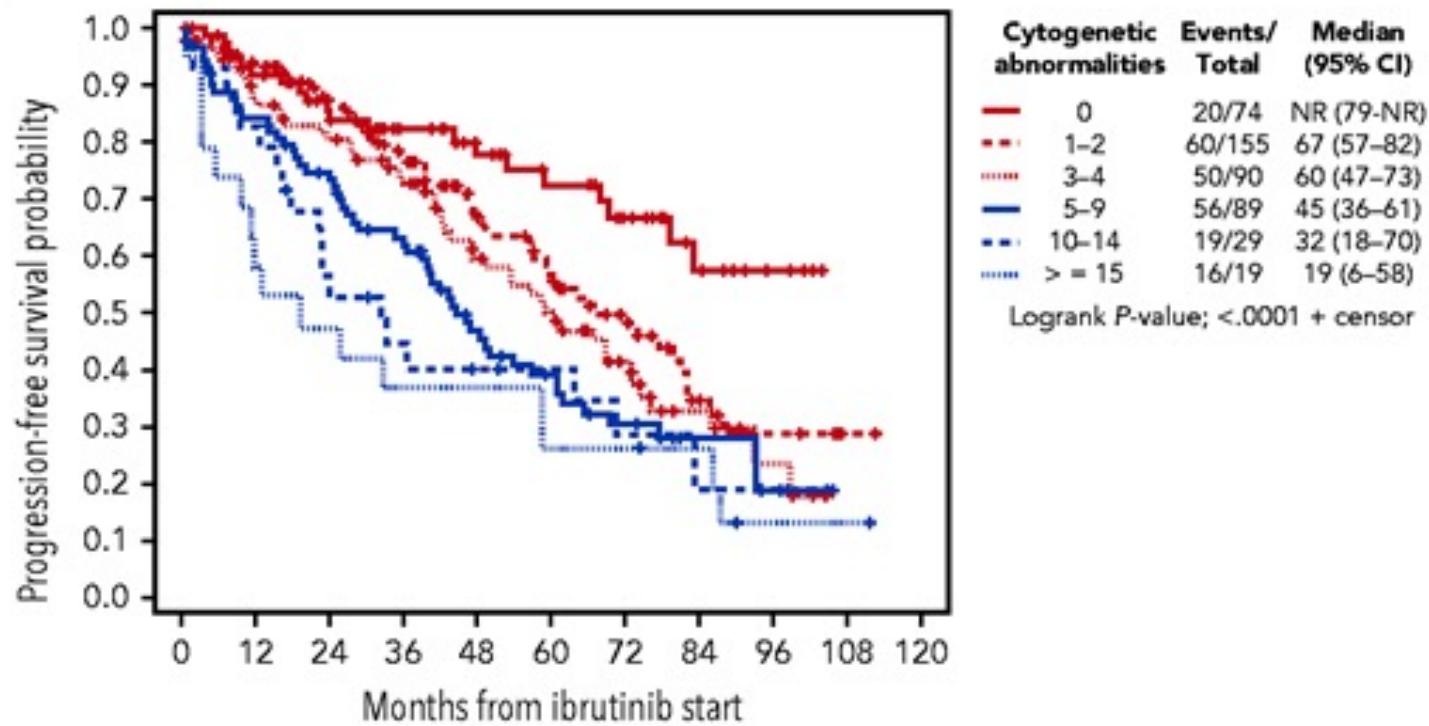


Sharman JP, et al. Leukemia. 2022  
Burger JA, et al. Leukemia. 2020  
Al-Sawaf O, et al. J Clin Oncol. 202

# TP53 status



# Karyotype status

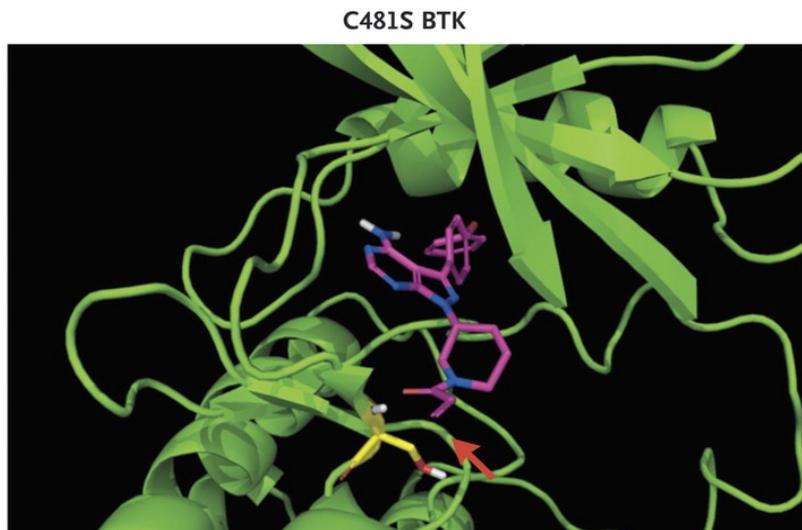


Kittai AS, et al. Blood. 2021

# Resistance mutations to BTKi and BCL2i

## Ibrutinib

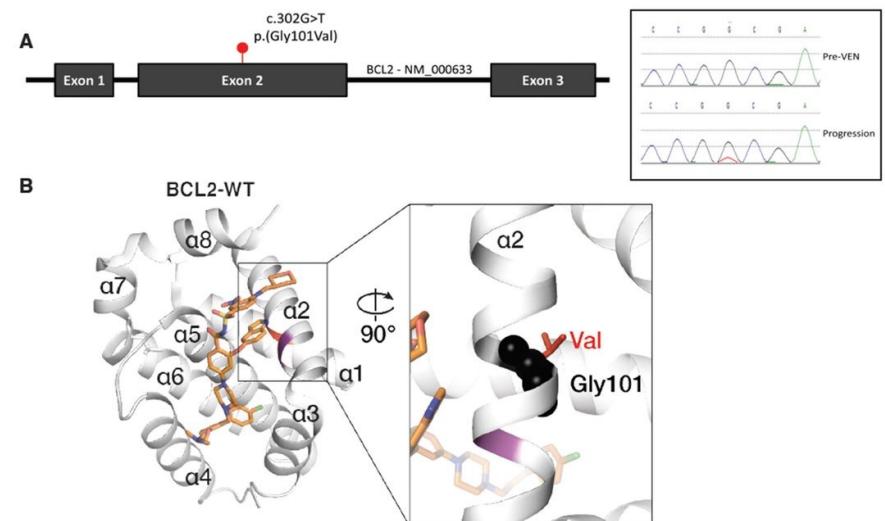
BTK mutation  
70% of cases



Furman RR et al. N Engl J Med 2014;370:2352-2354.

## Venetoclax

BCL2 mutation  
50% of cases

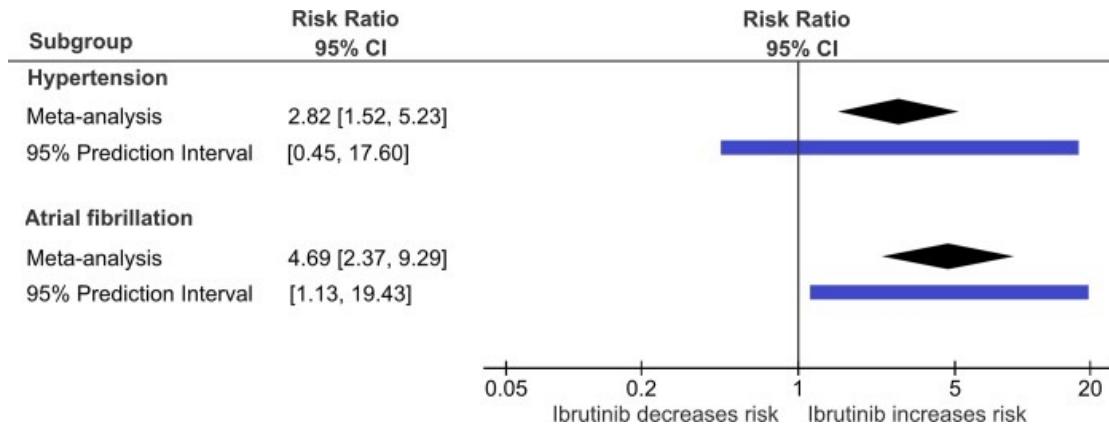


Blomberg et al, Cancer Discovery 2019

# Patient's comorbidities

# Cardiac risk factors

## Meta-analysis of 8 RCTs



### Risk factors for Afib

- heart failure
- left atrial abnormality on electrocardiogram
- past history of AF
- left atrial diameter by echocardiography
- atrial fibrillation risk score

Lentz R, et al Leuk Lymphoma. 2019  
Archibald WJ, et al. Ann Hematol. 2020  
Reda G, et al. J Hematol Oncol. 2018  
Mato AR, et al. Cancer Biol Ther. 2018

Caldeira D, et al. PLoS One. 2019

# Cardiac risk factors

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Bleeding incidence before and after prohibiting concomitant use of DOCs in CLL12

Estimated marginal means for the incidence of bleeding events per month		Mean	Std. Error	95% Wald Confidence Interval	
				Lower	Upper
<b>Ibrutinib-Group</b>	before amendment (2015/07/20)	7.9%	2.1%	4.8%	13.2%
	after amendment (2015/07/20)	1.7%	0.4%	1.1%	2.6%

## Conclusions

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- Histology: differentiate “histologically aggressive” CLL vs Richter syndrome
- Richter syndrome: differentiate clonally related LBCL vs clonally unrelated LBCL vs cHL
- First line: test for *TP53* status
- Relapsed disease: test for *BTK* and *BCL2* mutations
- Patient assessment for comorbidities and con-med



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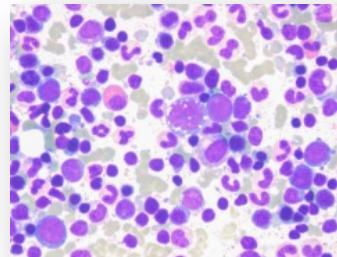
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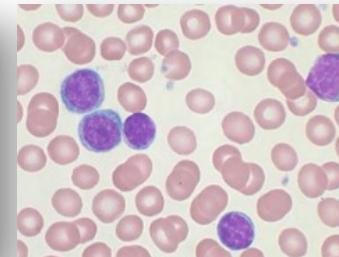
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