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New version of Fludarabine-containing regimen

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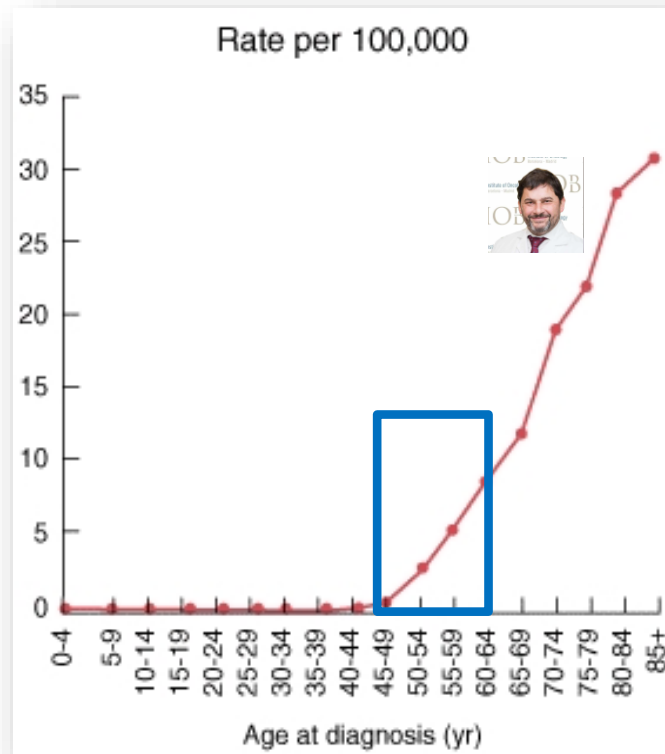
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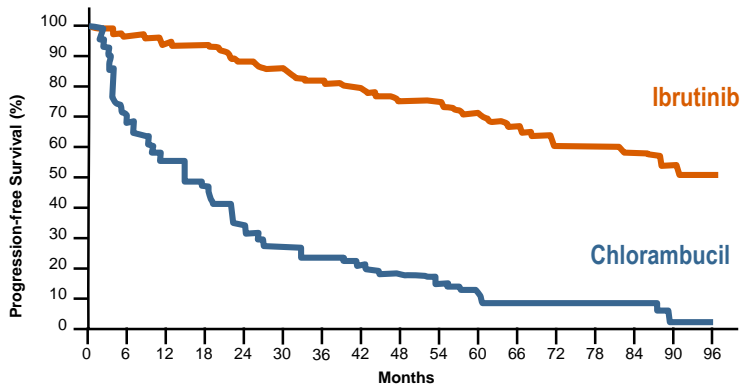
How can we provide our young, fit CLL patients with a normal lifespan?



US SEER Database, Accessed July 2021

Very long-term follow-up is still not available for novel-agent only based approaches

RESONATE-2: 8-year PFS

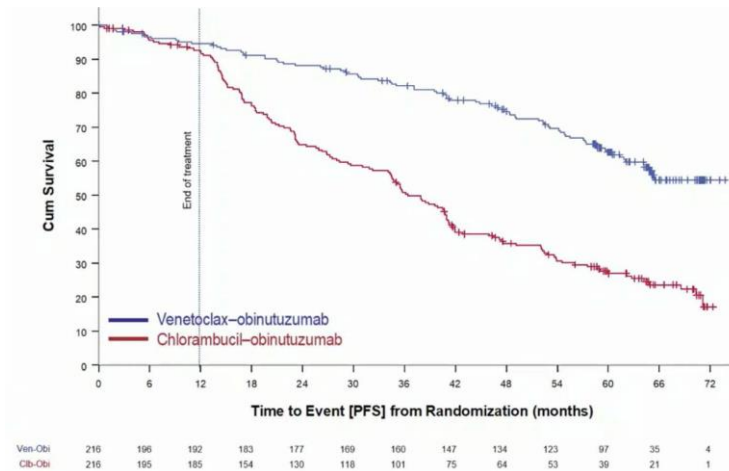


Patients at risk

	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72	78	84	90	96
Ibrutinib	136	129	124	121	112	108	104	99	92	88	81	76	67	65	57	17	1
Chlorambucil	133	88	69	57	41	33	30	25	19	16	12	6	5	5	4	1	0

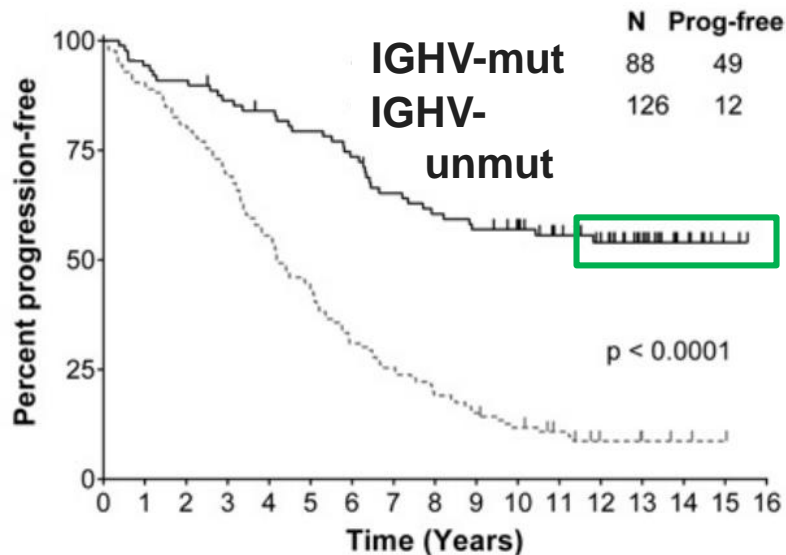
Barr et al., *Blood Advances*, 2022

CLL14: 5-year PFS



Al Sawaf et al., *EHA Annual Meeting*, 2022

There is a precedent for functional cure with FCR in CLL, with very long-term follow-up



Thompson et al., *Blood*, 2016

Falchi et al., *Ann Oncol*, 2016

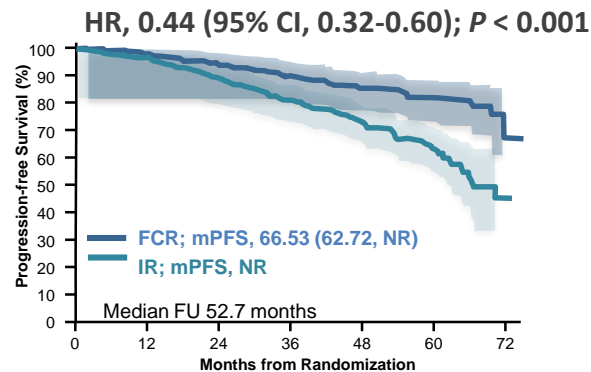
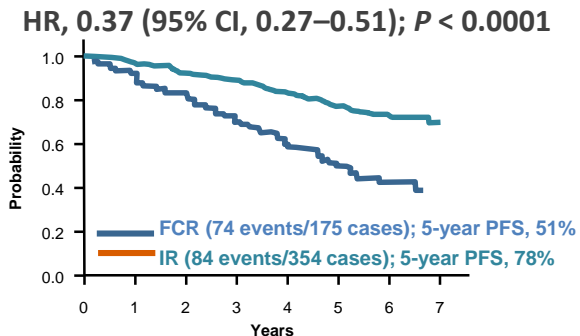
- Secondary malignancies
 - Solid tumors (21% [~1/2 NMSC])
 - RT (8%)
 - Other Hematologic (6%)
- Separate study of 797 CLL pts including WW:
 - 36% with second cancers
 - No difference in WW vs treated

Phase 3 Data of IR vs FCR

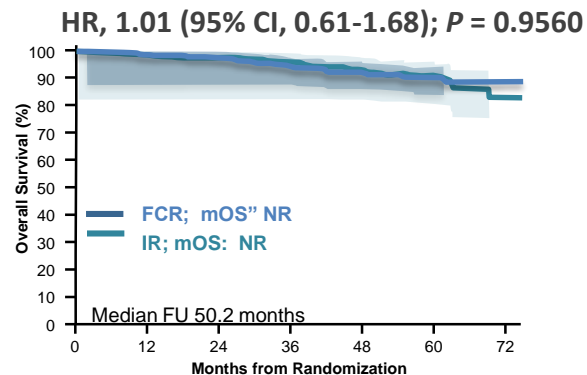
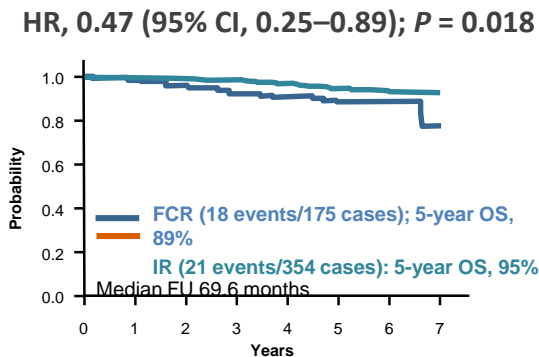
ECOG 1912 (US)¹

FLAIR (UK)²

PFS



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Shanafelt TD, et al. *Blood*. 2022;140(2):112-120.

Hillmen, et al. *Blood*. 2021;138 (Supplement 1): 642



Why choose?

3 ongoing phase 2 studies are exploring ibrutinib + FC + CD20

**iFCR
(DFCI)**

**ICLL07
(FILO)**

**iFCG
(MDACC)**

iFCR trial

Ibrutinib plus fludarabine, cyclophosphamide, and rituximab as initial treatment for younger patients with chronic lymphocytic leukaemia: a single-arm, multicentre, phase 2 trial

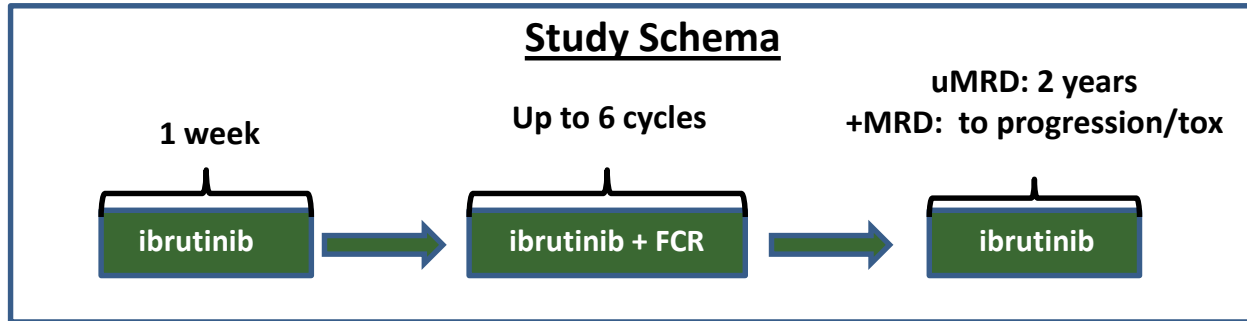
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- N=85 patients enrolled at 7 US sites between 10/2014 and 4/2018
- Median age at enrollment: 55 years (range 38-65)
- FISH

	del(17p)	del(11q)	Trisomy 12	del(13q)	Normal
	n=4/83 (5%)	n=17/83 (20%)	n=14/83 (17%)	n=45/83 (54%)	n=14/82 (17%)
- Complex karyotype: 14/83 (17%), including 4/83 (5%) with del(17p) and 10/83 (12%) without
- *IGHV*: 46/79 (58%) unmutated
- Somatic Mutations: *TP53* mutated n=3, *NOTCH1* mutated n=5

Davids et al, *Lancet Haem*, 2019

Phase 2 study of iFCR as initial therapy for younger CLL patients



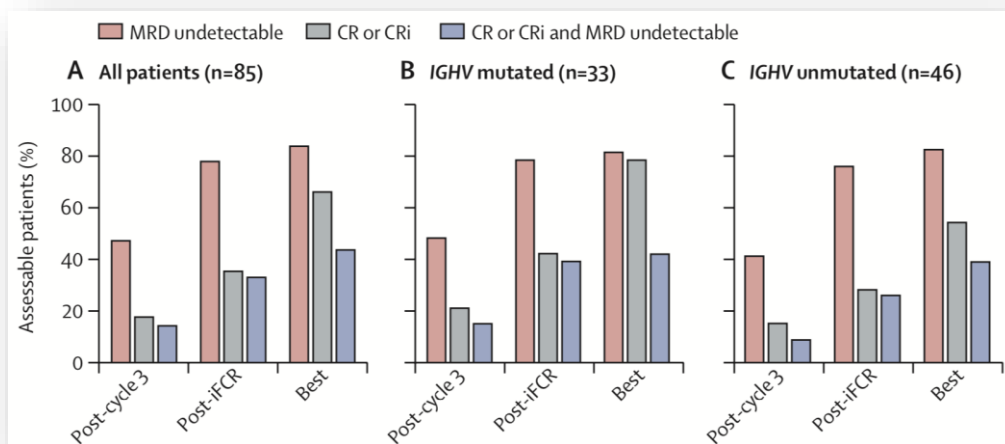
- Ibrutinib dosed at 420 mg daily
- FCR dosed as per standard of care
- Retreatment with ibrutinib allowed in patients who relapse
- Toxicity assessments by CTCAE v4.03 and iwCLL hematologic criteria
- Response evaluations: after 3 cycles, 2 months after final FCR, then every 6 months
- Pegfilgrastim, PJP, and HSV/VZV prophylaxis mandatory for all patients

iFCR: Initial Efficacy and Safety Results

- Median follow-up at initial report 16.5 months (IQR 10.6–34.1)
- **Primary Endpoint:** CR with BM-uMRD 2 months after the last cycle of iFCR was achieved by 28/85 (33%, 95% CI 0.23–0.44)
- **Best BM-uMRD rate by ITT:** 84%, higher than any prior regimen for initial CLL therapy

Hematologic Toxicity:

- Neutropenia (62% all grade; 35% Gr 3-4)
- Thrombocytopenia (74% all grade; 32% Gr 3-4)
- Anemia (49% all grade; 11% Gr 3)



SAEs:

- Febrile neutropenia (9.4% (8/85))
- Atrial fibrillation (3.5% (3/85))
- *Pneumocystis jiroveci* pneumonia (2.4% (2/85), 1 on prophylaxis, 1 off)
- 2^o malignancies, all skin (7%, 6/85: 4 BCC, 1 each SCC and melanoma)
- Sudden death, presumed cardiac, 17 mo. into ibrutinib maintenance (1.2%, 1/85)

iFCR: Updated Safety Analysis

- Median follow-up now 40.3 mo. (3.1-76)

Selected non-hematologic tox in >25% of pts:

Toxicity	Grade 1-2	Grade 3	Grade 4
Nausea	62 (73%)	1 (1%)	0
Bruising	46 (54%)	0	0
Arthralgia	33 (39%)	0	0
Diarrhea	32 (38%)	3 (4%)	0
Constipation	30 (35%)	0	0
Cough	30 (35%)	0	0
Hyponatremia	29 (34%)	1 (1%)	1 (1%)
URI	28 (33%)	0	0
Acneiform rash	27 (32%)	1 (1%)	0
Increased AST	26 (31%)	2 (2%)	2 (2%)
Myalgia	23 (27%)	0	0
Headache	22 (26%)	0	0
Hypertension	19 (22%)	4 (5%)	0

Hematologic Toxicity:

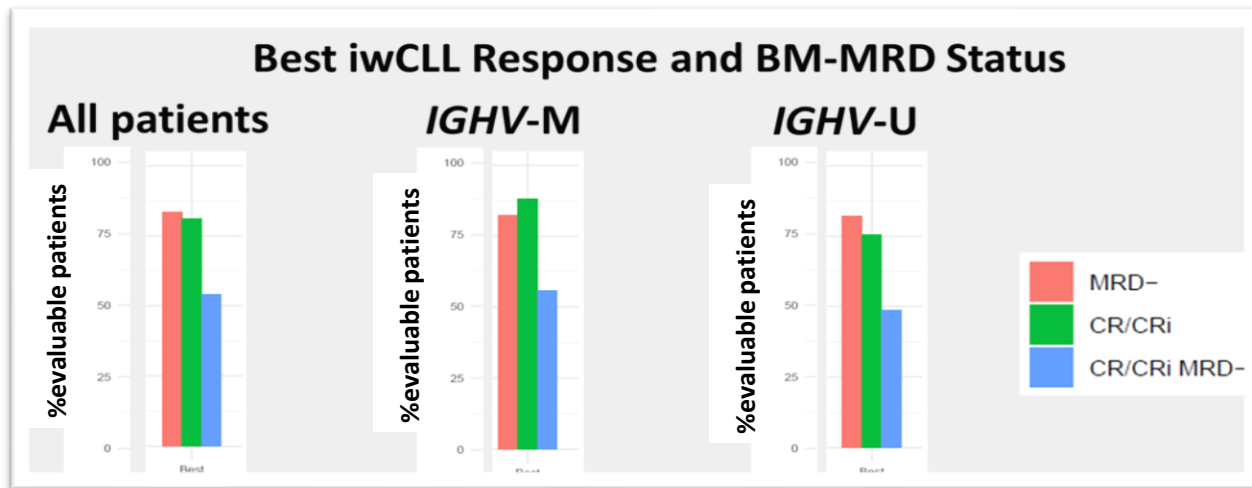
- Neutropenia (40% Gr 3-4, up from 35% from previous report)
- Thrombocytopenia (32% Gr 3-4, unchanged from previous report)
- Anemia (11% Gr 3, unchanged from previous report)

Additional SAEs:

- Febrile neutropenia (12% (10/85), up from 9% previously)
- Afib (8% (7/85) up from 3.5% previously)
- 3 pts with COVID-19 infection after vaccination while off tx (all recovered)
- 2 pts developed MDS, both now in CR for CLL and MDS after allo transplant

No Richter's syndrome observed to date

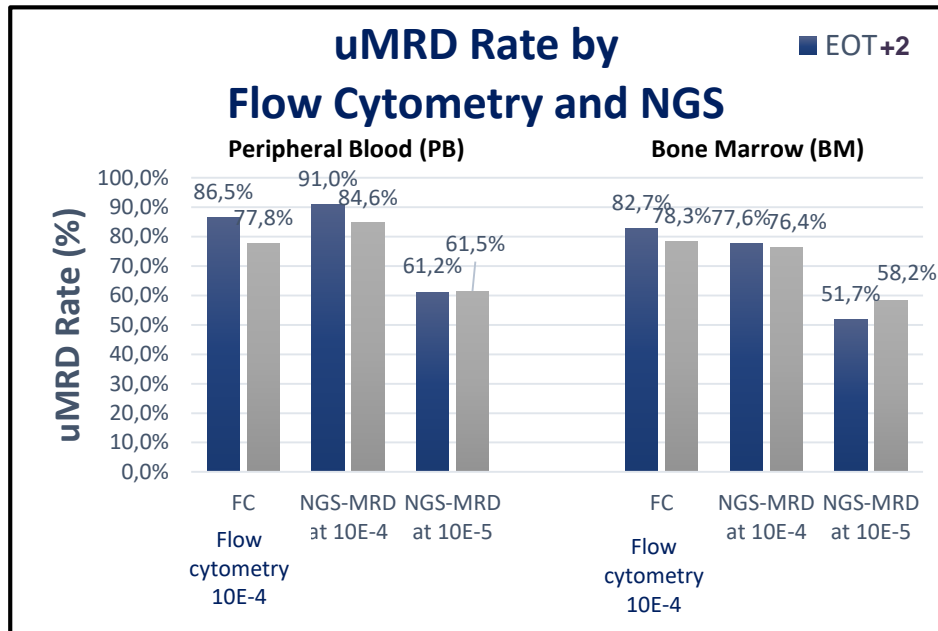
iFCR: Updated Efficacy Analysis



- Best rate of CR with BM-uMRD by ITT increased to 55% with ibrutinib maintenance
- CR rate deepened with ibrutinib maintenance from 34% 2 mo. post-FCR to 81% as best rate
 - IGHV-M: 41% 2 mo. post-FCR to 88% as best rate
 - IGHV-U: 28% 2 mo. post-FCR to 76% as best rate
- Best rate of BM-uMRD by ITT remained at 84%
- Best BM MRD-negative by ITT: 91% in the 81 patients with wildtype *TP53*

Dauids et al, *ASH Annual Meeting*, 2021

iFCR: Updated MRD Analysis with NGS data



- NGS-MRD data at 10⁻⁶ limited due to low number of total cells counted:**

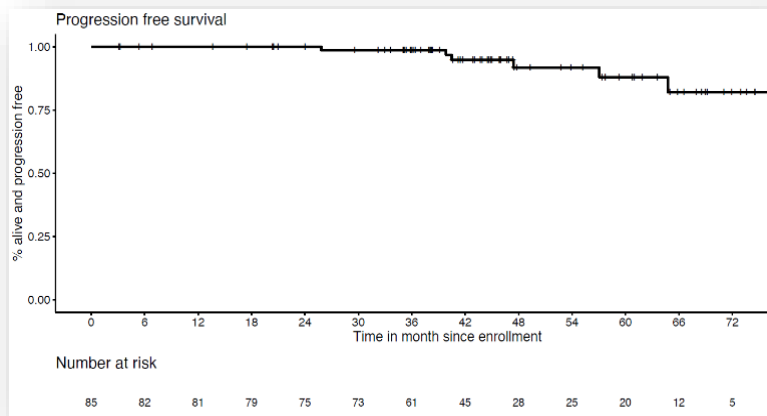
- Of 52 patients with paired EOT + 2 mo. flow/NGS samples from PB: 18/52 (35%) negative by flow at 10⁻⁴ were detectable at 10⁻⁶ by NGS
- 22/44 (50%) patients with paired BM samples were negative by flow at 10⁻⁴ and detectable at 10⁻⁶ by NGS
- At end of ibrutinib maintenance (24 mo. post FCR), 17/40 (43%) patients with paired BM samples were negative by flow at 10⁻⁴ and detectable at 10⁻⁶ by NGS

Dauids et al, *ASH Annual Meeting*, 2021

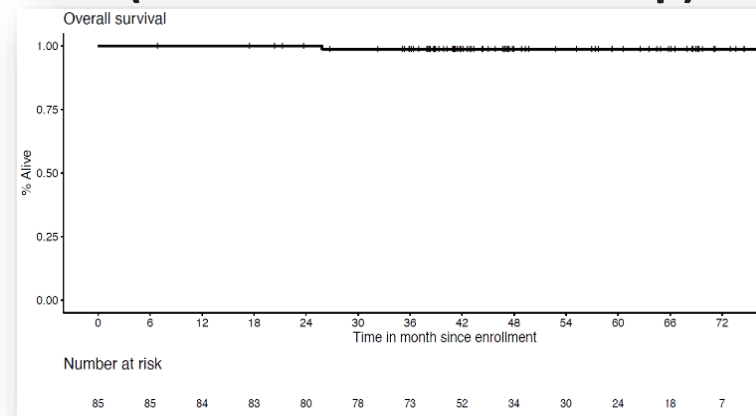
iFCR: Updated survival analyses

- Median follow-up 40.3 mo. (3.1-76)

PFS-1 (97% at median follow-up)



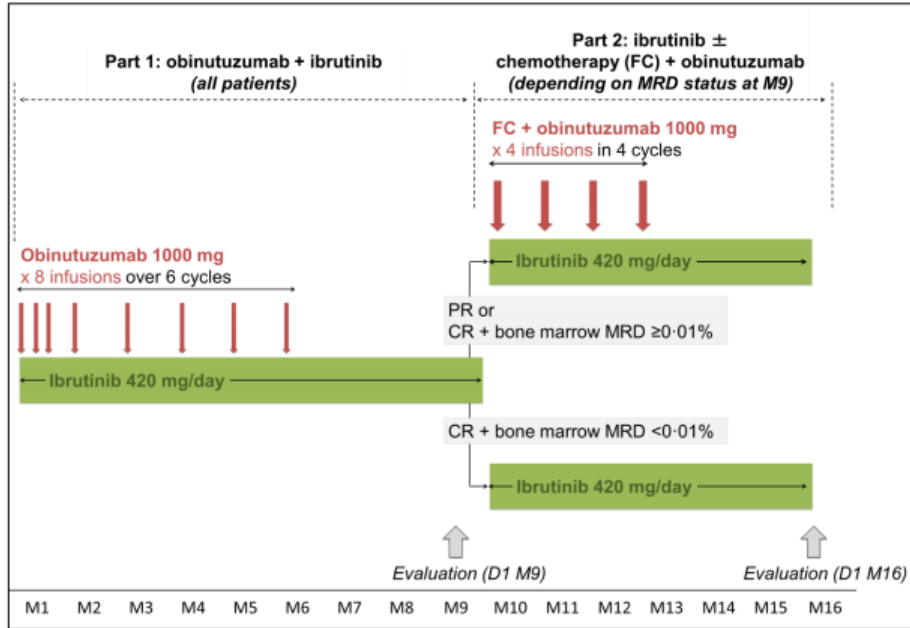
OS (99% at median follow-up)



- One death on study due to presumed cardiac etiology 17 mo. into ibrutinib maintenance
- 13 pts who discontinued ibrutinib have had recurrent BM-MRD (including 5 with clinical progression of CLL)
- 7 restarted ibrutinib and all 7 responded with PR
- Median time on re-treatment is 12.8 mo. (range 4.2-26.2)

Dauids et al, *ASH Annual Meeting*, 2021

Phase 2 ICLL07 FILO Study



- N=135
- Median age 62 (range 52-66)
- 56% U-IGHV
- Del(17p) excluded
- 10 pts had CR + BM-uMRD in part 1
- 115 patients received iFCO

Phase 2 ICLL07 FILO Study: Safety

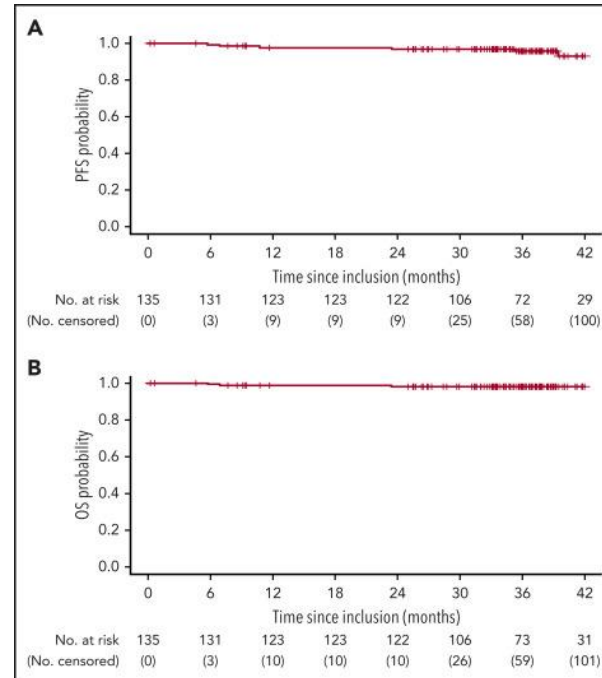
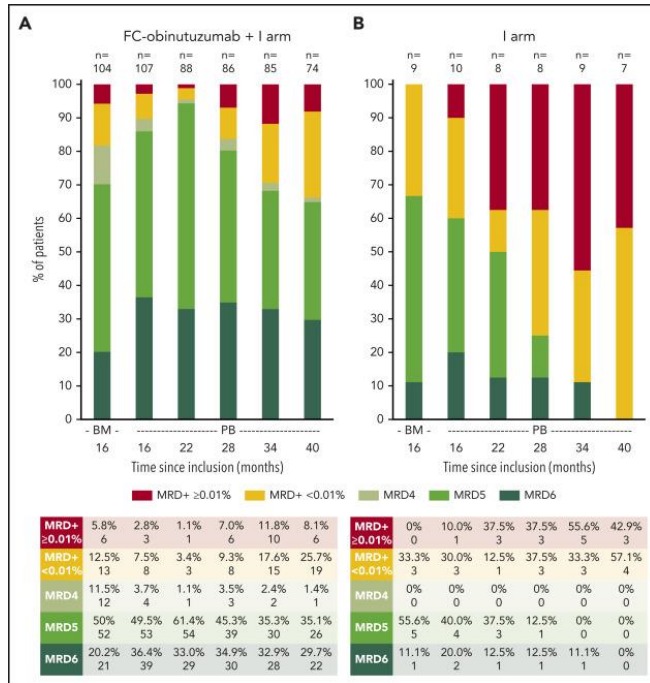
	Induction phase (n=133)			MRD-guided phase (n=125)		
	Grade 1 and 2 events	Grade 3 events	Grade 4 events	Grade 1 and 2 events	Grade 3 events	Grade 4 events
Haematological adverse events						
Thrombocytopenia	45 (34%)	22 (17%)	20 (15%)	43 (33%)	10 (8%)	9 (7%)
Neutropenia	14 (11%)	17 (13%)	15 (11%)	15 (12%)	20 (15%)	11 (8%)
Anaemia	26 (20%)	5 (4%)	2 (2%)	34 (26%)	3 (2%)	3 (2%)
Febrile neutropenia	..	2 (2%)	..	..	2 (2%)	2 (2%)
Non-haematological adverse events						
Gastrointestinal disorders	14 (11%)	4 (3%)	-	62 (48%)	10 (8%)	3 (2%)
Cardiac events	..	..	3 (2%)	..	..	3 (2%)
Infusion-related reactions	83 (62%)	7 (5%)	4 (3%)	..	..	..
Tissue disorders	13 (10%)	..	..	..	..	..
Hepatobiliary disorders	13 (10%)	..	..	..	..	..

Data are n (%) of patients. Grade 1 and 2 adverse events in $\geq 10\%$ of patients and all grade 3 and 4 adverse events are shown. Three deaths occurred: one sudden death at month 8; one accidental fall at month 7; one death due to Hodgkin lymphoma Epstein Barr virus-associated haemophagocytosis syndrome at month 23.

Michallet et al, *Lancet Haem*, 2019

Phase 2 ICLL07 FILO Study: Efficacy

- Primary endpoint: 62% achieved CR with BM-uMRD after 15 mo. treatment



Michallet et al, *Blood*, 2021

Phase 2 iFCG Study

iFCG 3 courses



Ibrutinib 9 courses (all pts)

+

Obinutuzumab 3 courses (CR/CRi with BM U-MRD4)

or

Obinutuzumab 9 courses (PR or BM MRD^{pos})



After 12 courses

BM U-MRD4 → stop ibrutinib

BM MRD^{pos} → continue ibrutinib

- N=45
- Median age 60 (range 25-71)
- 100% Mutated IGHV
- Del(17p) excluded
- After 3 courses of iFCG:
 - 17 pts with CR with BM-uMRD
 - 27 pts with PR and/or BM-dMRD

Antiviral prophylaxis with acyclovir / valacyclovir required, PJP prophylaxis optional
Prophylactic G-CSF optional in the early part of the trial (later required)

Jain et al, *Leukemia*, 2021

Phase 2 iFCG Study: Safety

- Grade 3/4 Hematologic AEs:
 - Neutropenia (60%)
 - Thrombocytopenia (40%)
- Neutropenic fever in 13%
- 1 pt developed MDS

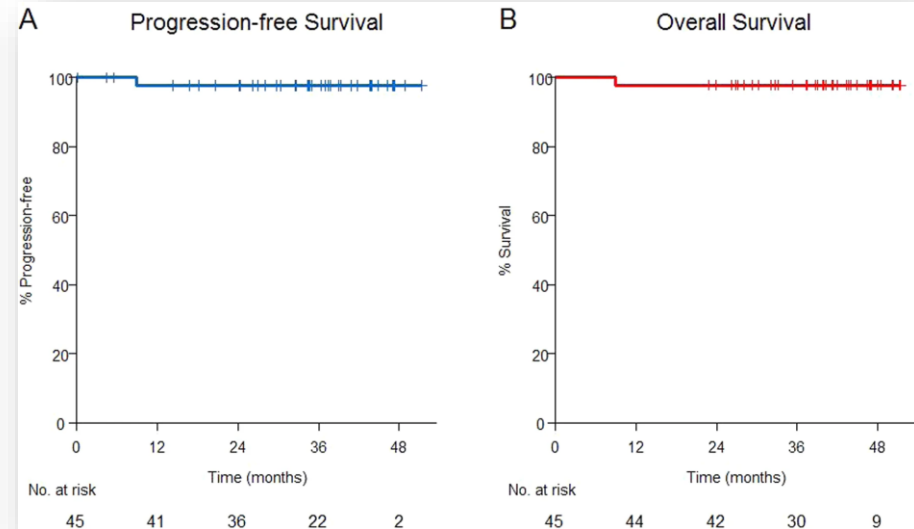
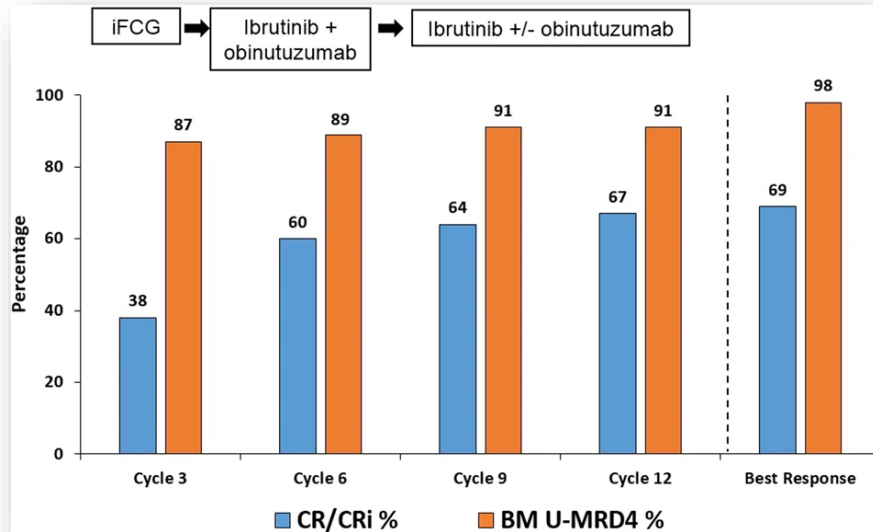
Table 2 Non-hematologic adverse events in all 45 patients^a.

Event	No. of patients (%)	
	Any grade	Grade 3 or higher
Nausea/vomiting	26 (58)	0
Easy bruising	25 (56)	0
Infusion-related reactions	20 (44)	2 (4)
Skin rash	16 (36)	0
Arthralgia	16 (36)	1 (2)
Atrial fibrillation	5 (11)	2 (4)
Diarhea	5 (11)	0
Myalgia	5 (11)	0
Gastroesophageal reflux disease	5 (11)	0
Taste changes	5 (11)	0
Fatigue	4 (9)	0
Dry skin	3 (7)	0
Nail changes	3 (7)	0
Constipation	3 (7)	0

^aShown are adverse events at least possibly related to the study drugs and reported in at least 5% of the patients.

Phase 2 iFCG Study: Efficacy

Primary Endpoint: After three cycles of iFCG, 17/45 (38%, 90% CI 26–53%) patients achieved CR/CRi with BM U-MRD

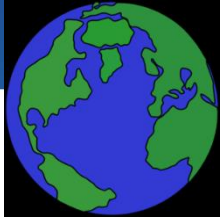


Jain et al, *Leukemia*, 2021

Summary of major studies of ibrutinib + FC + CD20 (n=265)

	iFCR-DFCI ¹	ICLL07-FILO ²	iFCG-MDACC ³
N	85	135	45
Median age (yrs, range)	55 (38-65)	62 (52-66)	60 (25-71)
IGHV unmutated	58%	56%	0%
TP53 aberrancy	5%	0%	0%
Median follow-up (mo.)	40.3	36.7	41.3
CR with BM-UMRD	33% (6 mo tx)	62% (15 mo tx)	38% (3 mo tx)
Best BM-UMRD	84% (91% in TP53 wildtype)	79%	98%
3-year PFS / OS	97% / 99%	95.7% / 97.7%	98% / 98%
tMDS	2.4%	0%	2.2%

¹ Davids et al, *Lancet Haem*, 2019 and *ASH*, 2021² Michallet et al, *Lancet Haem*, 2019 and *Blood*, 2021³ Jain et al, *Leukemia*, 2021



Selected ongoing Phase 3 frontline CLL trials

- **CLL13/GAIA:** FCR/BR vs. VR, vs. VO, vs. IVO (n=920)
- **UK NCRI FLAIR:** FCR vs. I vs. IV (vs. IR) (n=1,522)
- **Alliance A041702:** IO vs. IVO (older pts, n=454)
- **ECOG EA9161:** IO vs. IVO (younger pts, n=720)
- **ACE-CL-311:** AVO vs. AV vs. FCR/BR (n=780)
- **CLL17:** I vs. IV vs. VO (all comers, n=882)
- **MAJIC:** AV vs. VO (all comers, n=750)

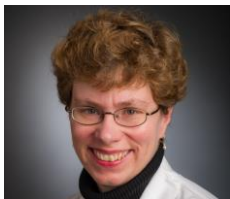
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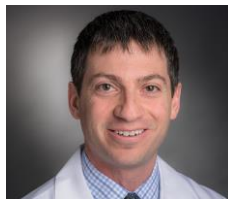
- **Continuous and time-limited novel agent only frontline regimens do not yet have very long-term follow-up, and their curative potential is currently unknown**
- **FCR remains the only conventional time-limited therapy with demonstrated curative potential with very long-term follow-up**
- **Three recent phase 2 studies combining ibrutinib with FC plus anti-CD20 have shown consistent results, with deep responses and reasonable tolerability in young, fit patients (iFCR, ICLL07, iFCG)**
- **Longer term follow-up is needed to better understand PFS/OS, rates of secondary cancers**
- **These data should not be extrapolated to the broader, more typical older CLL population**
- **This new approach cannot be considered standard of care without future comparative studies**



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We hope to welcome you to Boston next fall!