

# Therapeutic Road map of the last 7 years: a dynamic period with the escalation of BTKi

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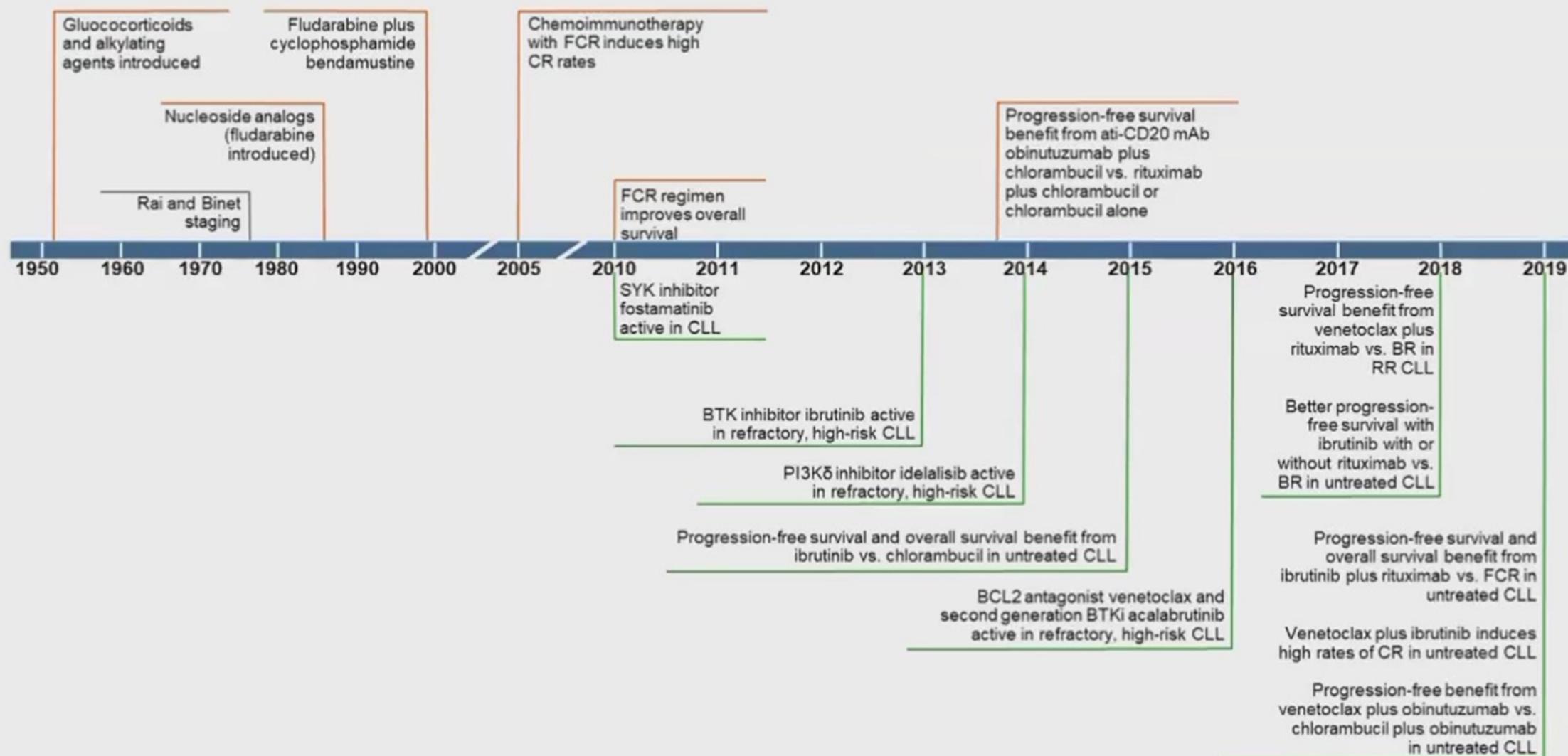
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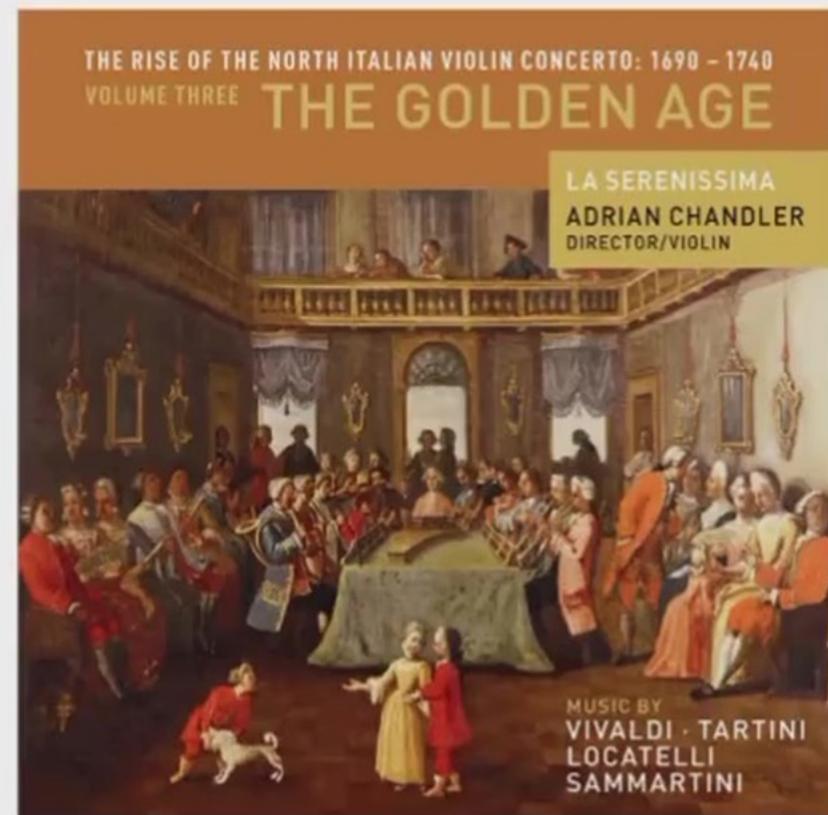
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# Timeline of CLL Clinical Investigation



**2016-2019**  
**The Golden Age of Continuous BTKi**

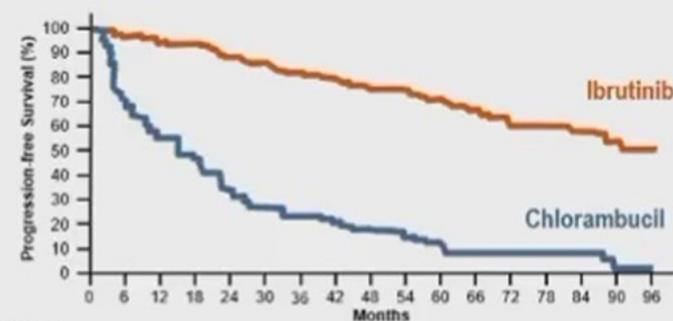


# With up to 8-Year Follow-Up, First-Line Ibrutinib Treatment Provides Durable Benefit for Most Patients With CLL

## RESONATE-2

### PFS (all)

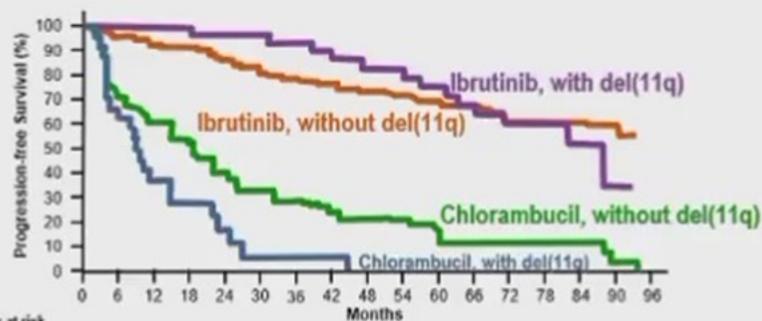
	Chlorambucil	Ibrutinib
Median PFS, mo	15.0	NE
HR (95% CI)		0.154 (0.108–0.220)



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

### PFS by 11q

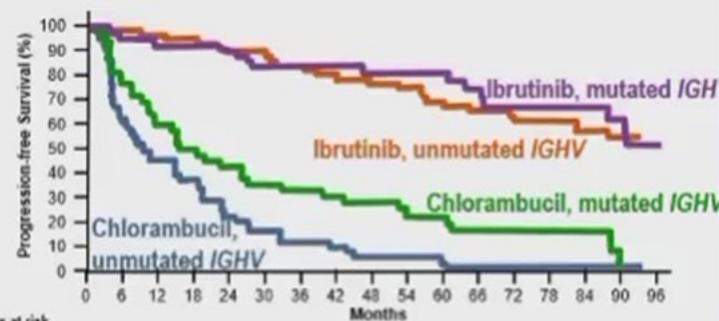
	With del(11q)		Without del(11q)	
	Ibr	Chl	Ibr	Chl
7-year PFS	52%	0	61%	12%
Median PFS, mo	88	9.0	NR	18.4
HR (95% CI)	0.033 (0.010–0.107)		0.193 (0.128–0.289)	



Patients at risk	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72	78	84	90	96
Ibrutinib, without del(11q)	101	94	89	87	80	76	73	70	64	61	57	55	48	47	43	13	0
Ibrutinib, with del(11q)	29	29	29	29	28	28	27	25	24	23	20	18	16	16	12	2	0
Chlorambucil, without del(11q)	96	64	54	45	35	29	25	21	17	15	12	6	5	5	4	1	0
Chlorambucil, with del(11q)	25	15	8	6	3	1	1	1	1	0							

### PFS by IGHV

	Unmutated IGHV		Mutated IGHV	
	Ibr	Chl	Ibr	Chl
7-year PFS	58%	2%	68%	17%
Median PFS, mo	NR	9.33	NR	16.7
HR (95% CI)	0.112 (0.065–0.192)		0.174 (0.089–0.342)	



Patients at risk	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72	78	84	90	96
Ibrutinib, mutated IGHV	40	37	34	34	32	30	30	29	27	25	25	22	19	19	16	6	1
Ibrutinib, unmutated IGHV	58	57	56	53	49	48	46	43	42	41	36	35	32	30	27	10	0
Chlorambucil, mutated IGHV	42	32	25	21	18	15	14	12	11	8	8	4	4	4	3	0	0
Chlorambucil, unmutated IGHV	60	33	23	19	11	8	6	5	3	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	0

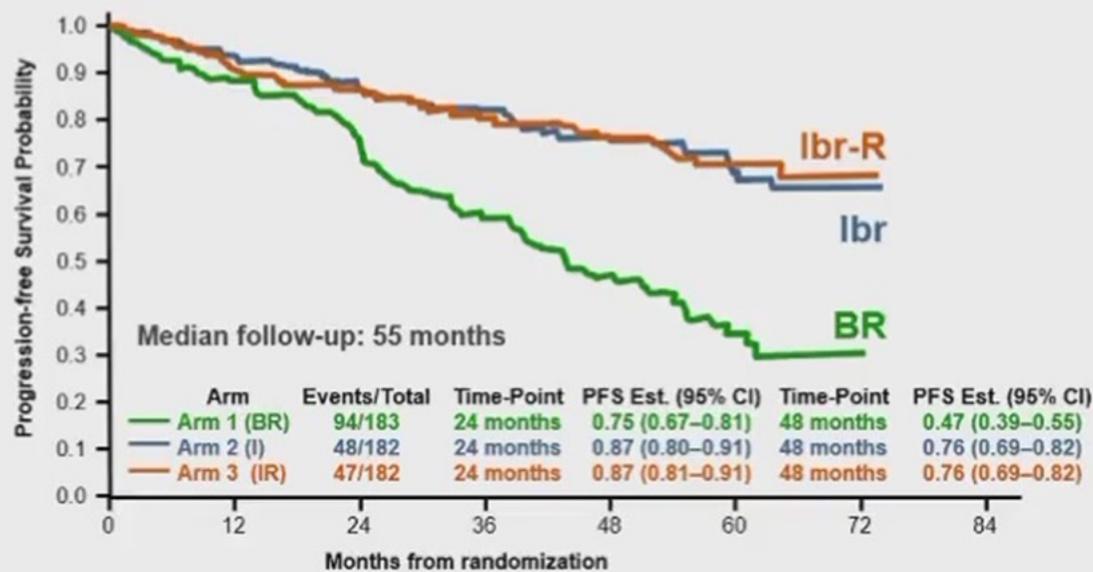
# Older Patients With TN CLL Also Benefit From Ibrutinib

## Phase 3 ALLIANCE A041202



**Primary Endpoint:** PFS

**Secondary Endpoints:** OS, TTP, DOR, proportion achieving MRD negativity, biopsy-proven CR, toxicity



	183	139	114	87	63	20	1	0
Arm 1 (BR)	183	139	114	87	63	20	1	0
Arm 2 (I)	182	158	142	131	114	52	4	0
Arm 3 (IR)	182	156	142	130	117	44	2	0

Baseline Characteristic	Ibr-R	Ibr	BR
Median age, y (range)	71 (65-86)	71 (65-89)	70 (65-86)
HR disease by modified Rai stage, %	54	54	54
del(17p), %	6	5	8
del(11q), %	21	19	18
IGHV-unmut, %	61	63	58
Complex karyotype, %	36	24	27

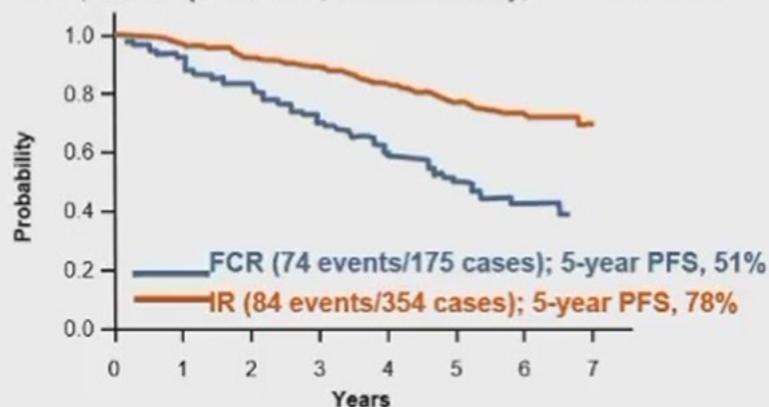
Safety, cont.	Ibr-R	Ibr	BR
Grade $\geq 3$ nonhematologic AEs, n (%)	74	74	63
Hypertension	34	29	14
Infection	20	21	15
Bleeding	3	2	0
Febrile neutropenia	1	2	7
Atrial fibrillation	6	9	3
Unexplained or unwitnessed death, %	2	4	1

# Phase 3 Data of IR vs FCR: PFS and Possibly Also OS Benefit of Continuous Ibrutinib-Based Therapy

PFS

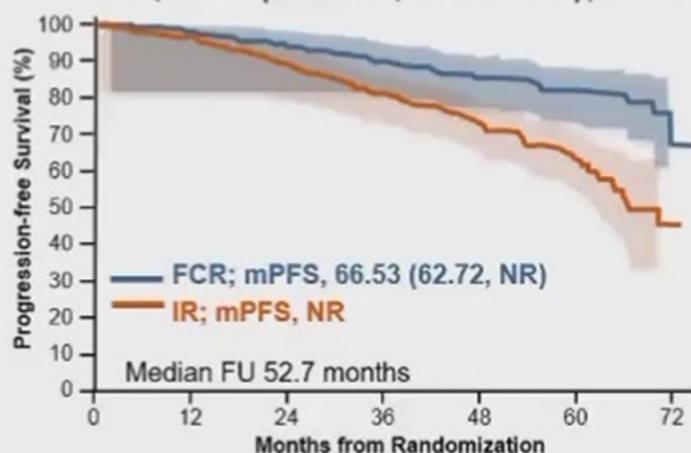
ECOG 1912 (US)<sup>1</sup>

HR, 0.37 (95% CI, 0.27–0.51);  $P < 0.0001$



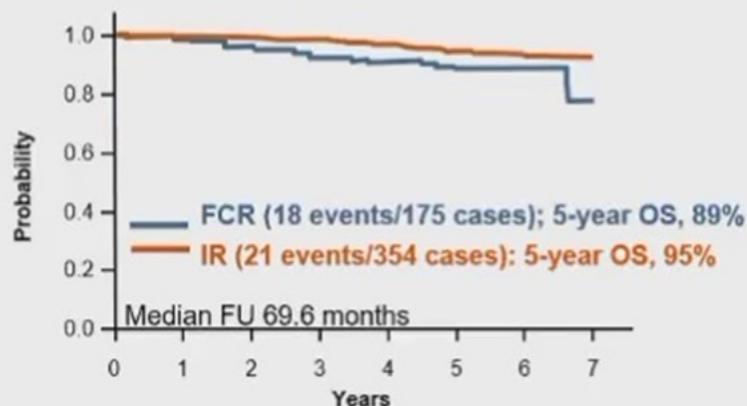
FLAIR (UK)<sup>2</sup>

HR, 0.44 (95% CI, 0.32-0.60);  $P < 0.001$

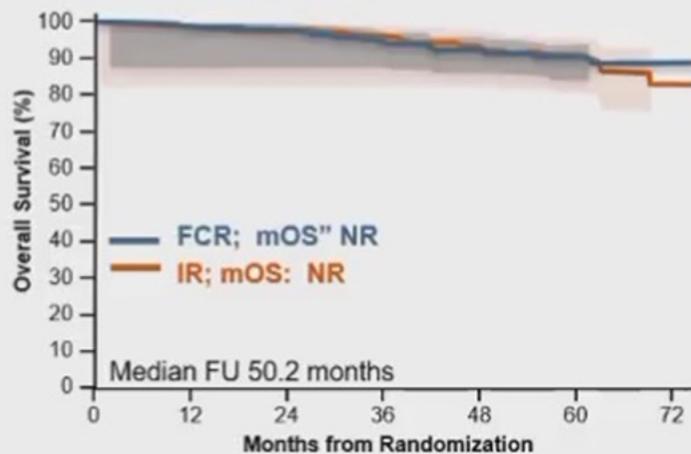


OS

HR, 0.47 (95% CI, 0.25–0.89);  $P = 0.018$

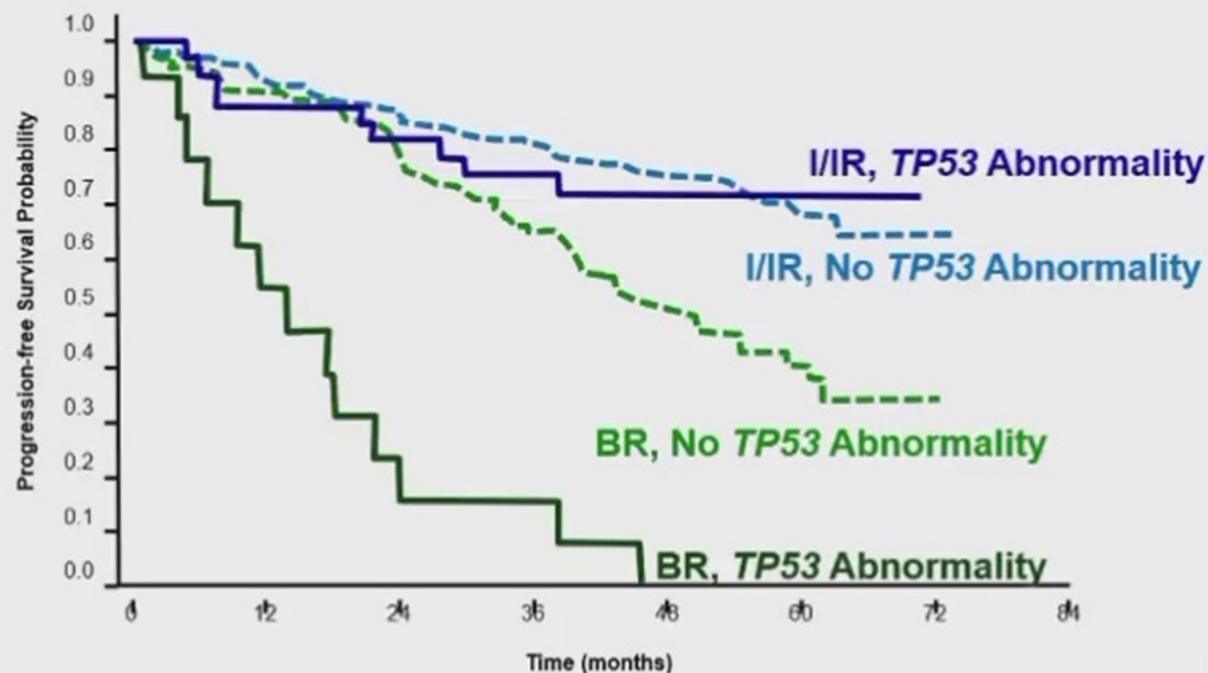


HR, 1.01 (95% CI, 0.61-1.68);  $P = 0.9560$

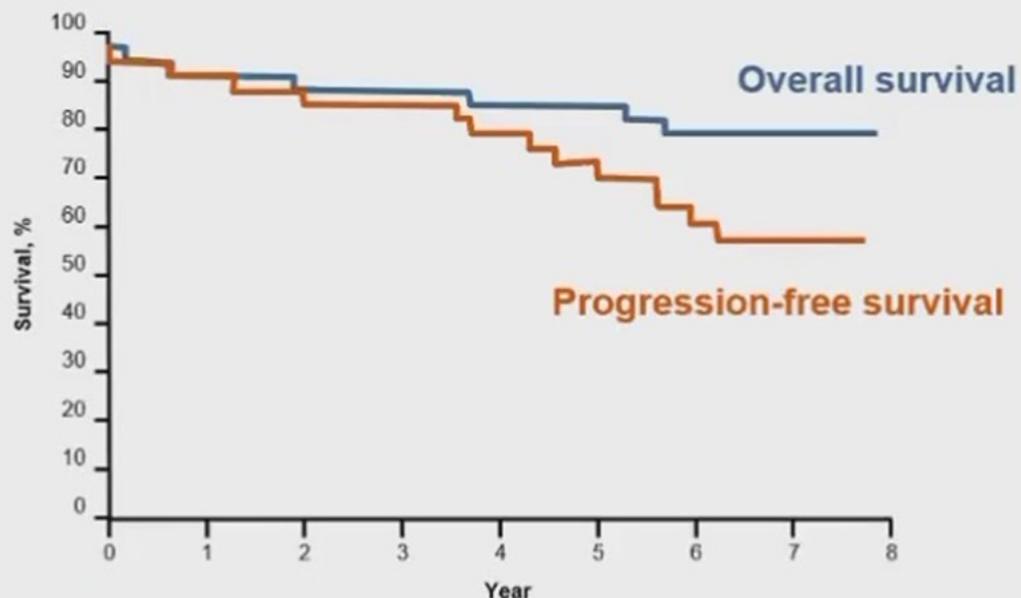


# Ibrutinib Can Provide Durable Response Even for *TP53* Aberrant CLL

ALLIANCE<sup>1</sup>  
PFS with or without *TP53*



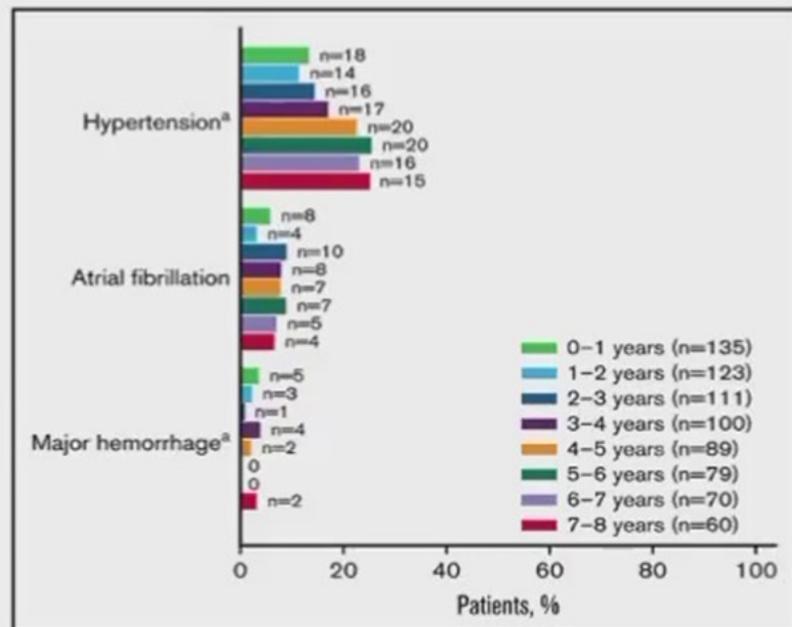
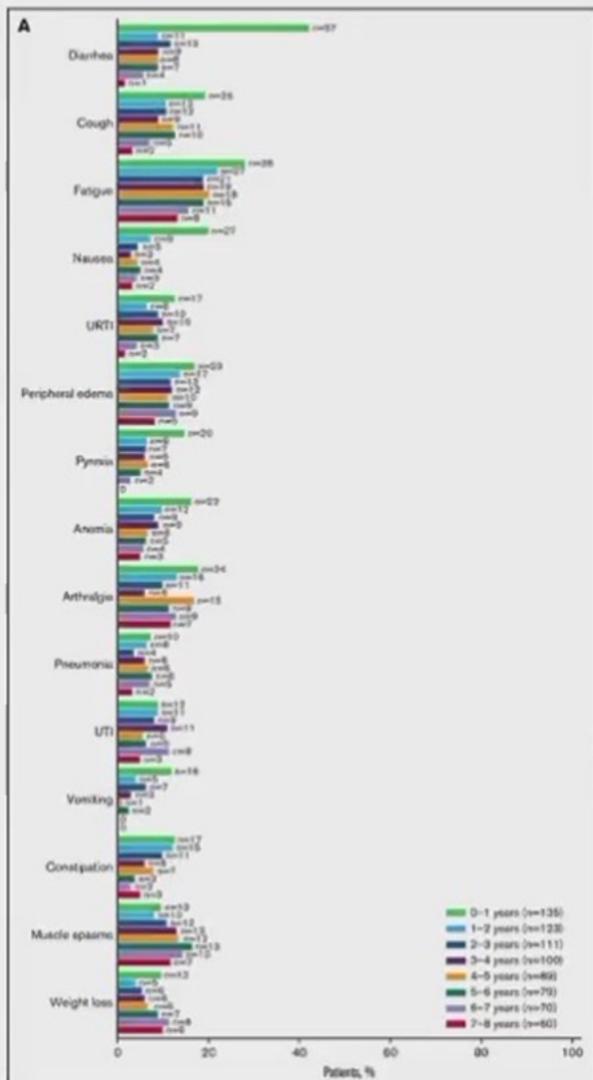
NHLBI<sup>2</sup>  
Overall and Progression-free Survival



Number at Risk  
Overall Survival  
Progression-free survival

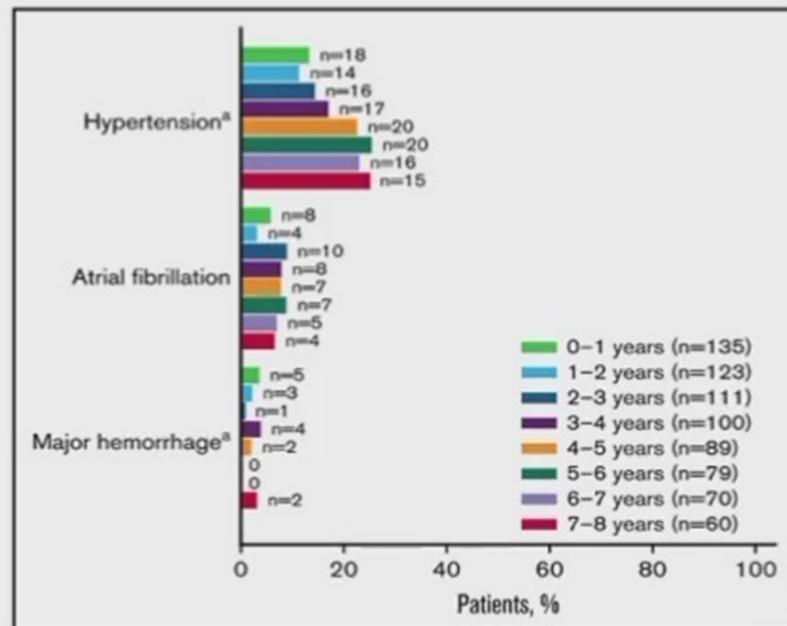
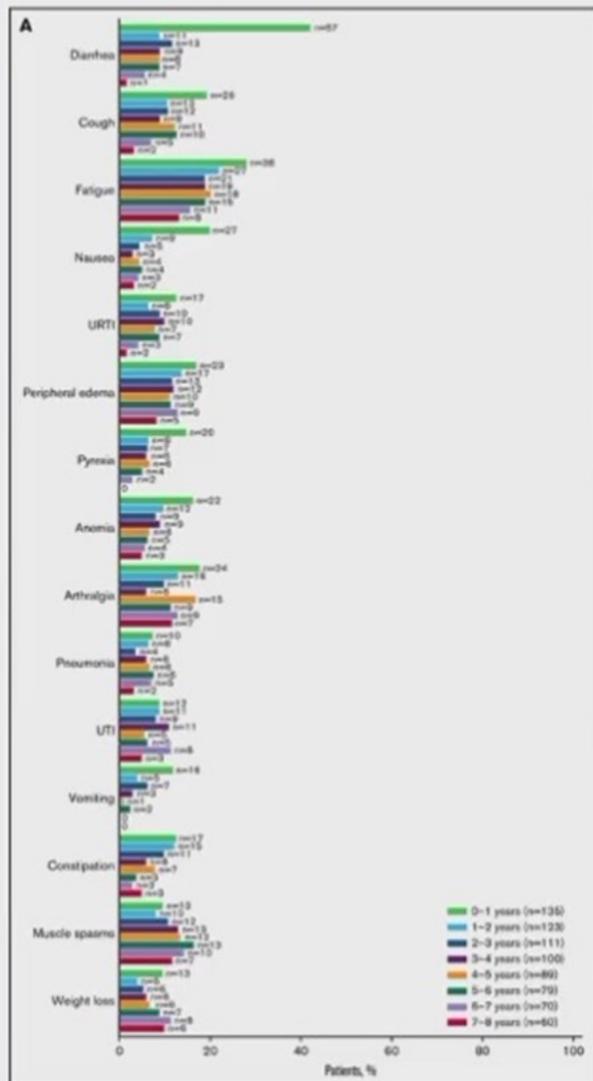
34	31	30	30	29	29	26	7	0
34	31	29	28	26	23	19	6	0

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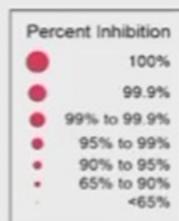
- Discontinuation due to AEs may be even more common in the real-world setting (41% discontinuation at median of 17 mo.)

Mato et al., *Haematologica*, 2018

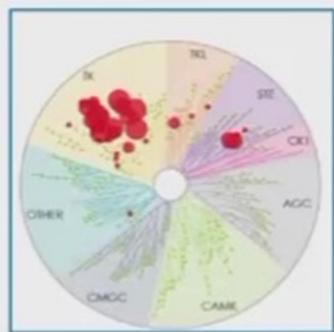
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# BTK Inhibitors Exhibit Differences in Kinase Selectivity

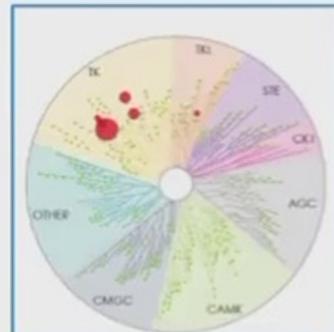
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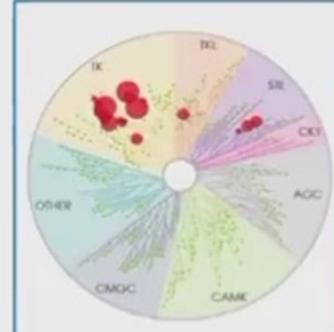
### Ibrutinib



### Acalabrutinib

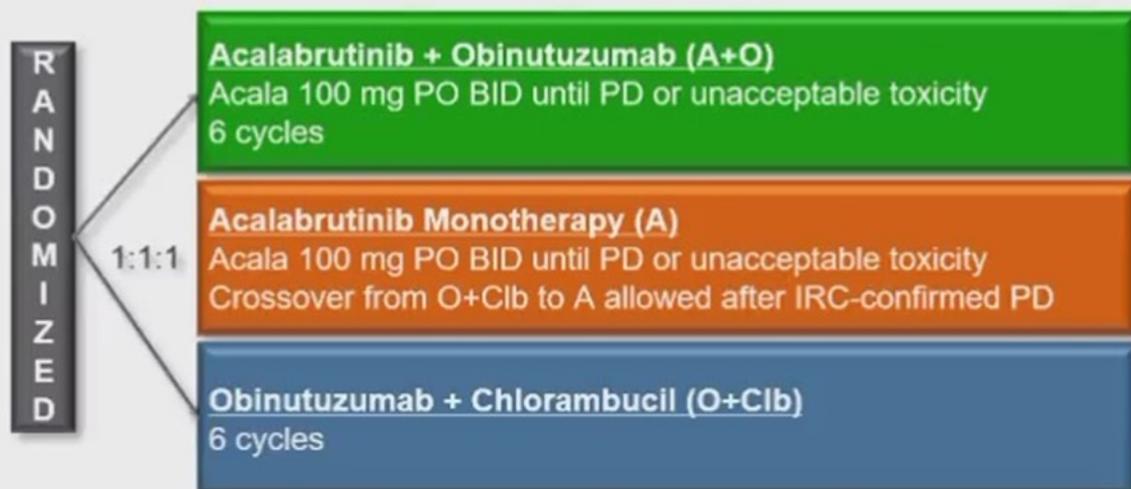


### Zanubrutinib



# Acalabrutinib ± Obinutuzumab vs Obinutuzumab + Chlorambucil in TN CLL

## 4-Year Follow-Up of ELEVATE-TN

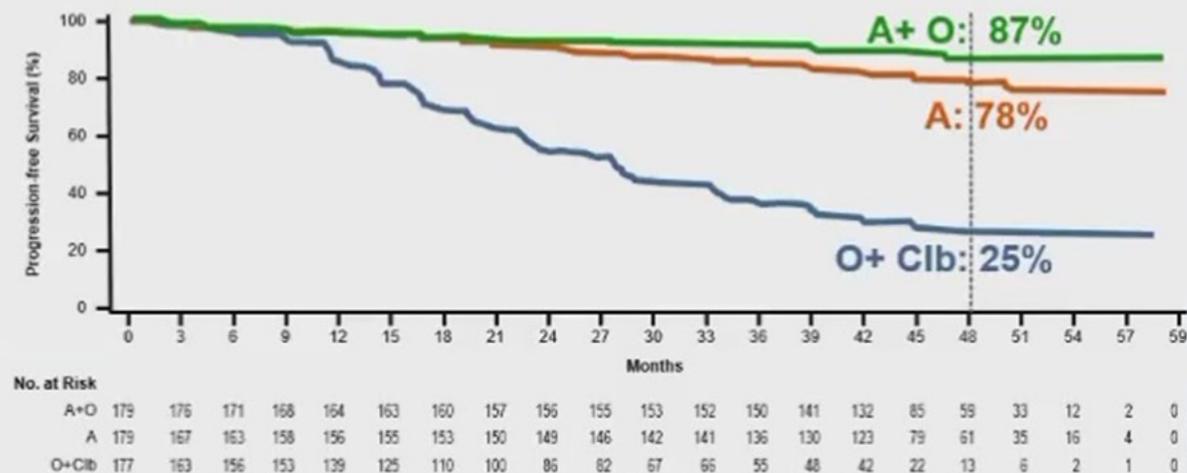


**Primary endpoint:** IRC-assessed PFS (A+O vs O+Clb)  
**Secondary endpoints:** IRC-assessed PFS (A vs O+Clb), INV-assessed PFS, ORR, TTNT, OS, uMRD, safety

### Key Eligibility Criteria

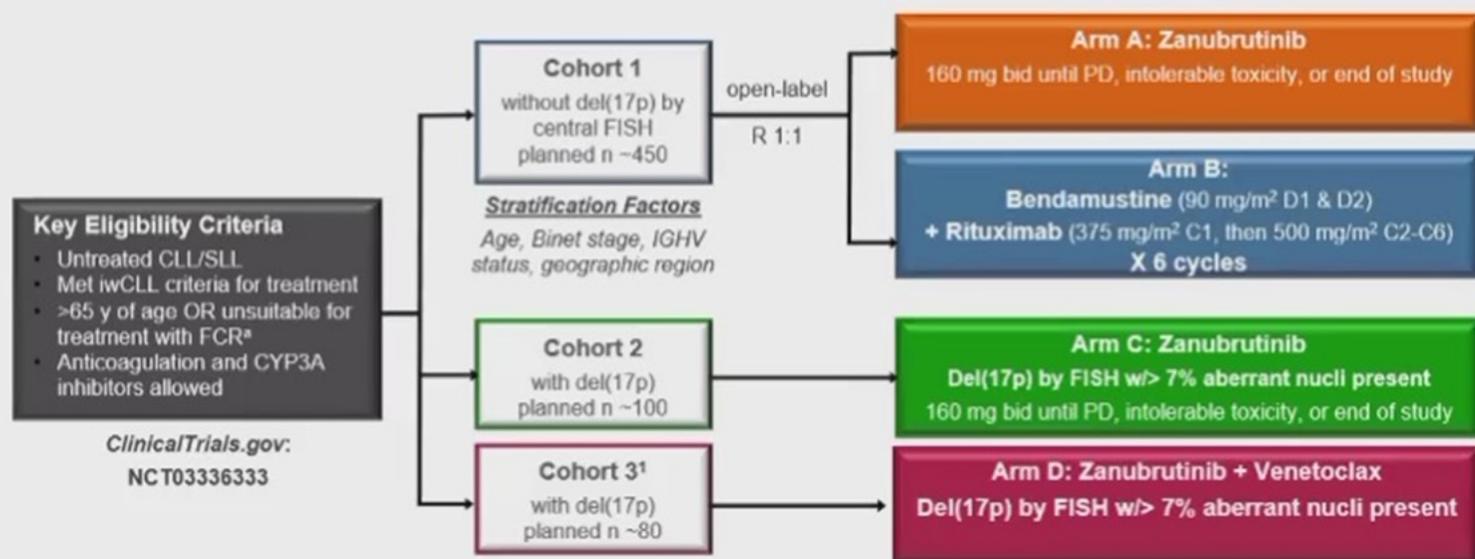
- Age  $\geq 65$  years or  $>18$  to  $<65$  years with comorbidities (defined as CrCl 30-69 mL/min and CIRS-G  $>6$ )
- Untreated CLL requiring treatment per iwCLL 2008 criteria
- ECOG PS  $\leq 2$
- No significant cardiovascular disease

### INV-Assessed PFS Overall



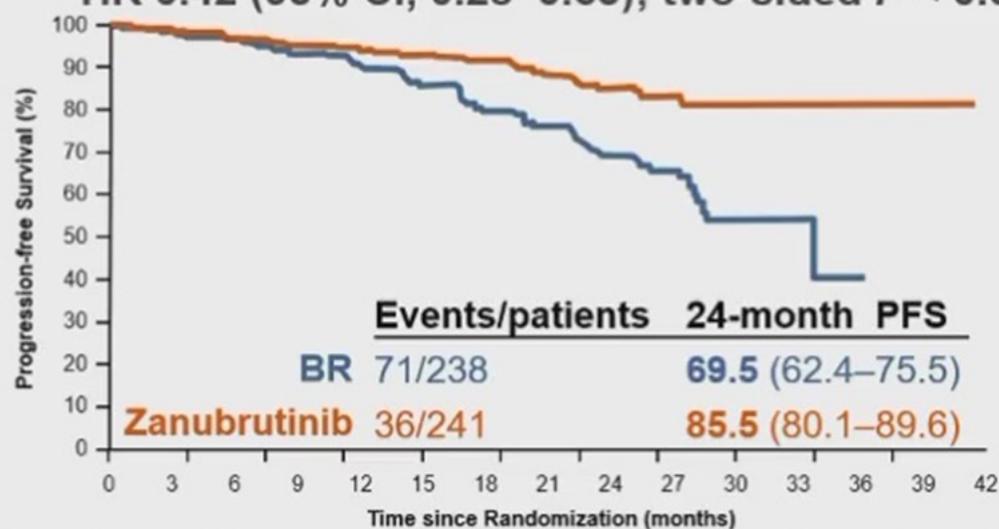
	HR (95% CI)	P
<b>A+O vs O+Clb</b>	0.10 (0.07, 0.17)	$< 0.0001$
<b>A vs O+Clb</b>	0.19 (0.13, 0.28)	$< 0.0001$
<b>A+O vs A</b>	0.56 (0.32, 0.95)	$< 0.0001$

# Zanubrutinib: Phase 3 SEQUOIA Study

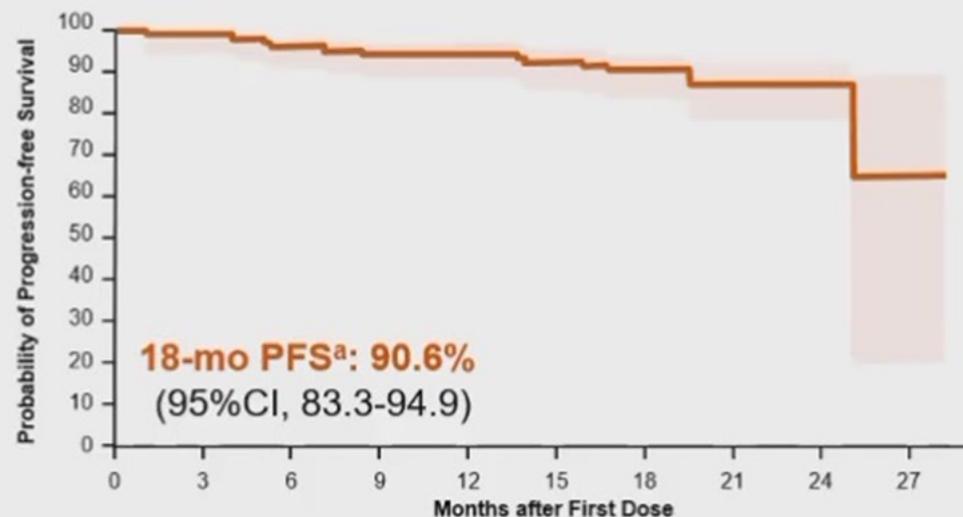


## Zanu vs BR PFS in non-del(17p)<sup>1</sup>

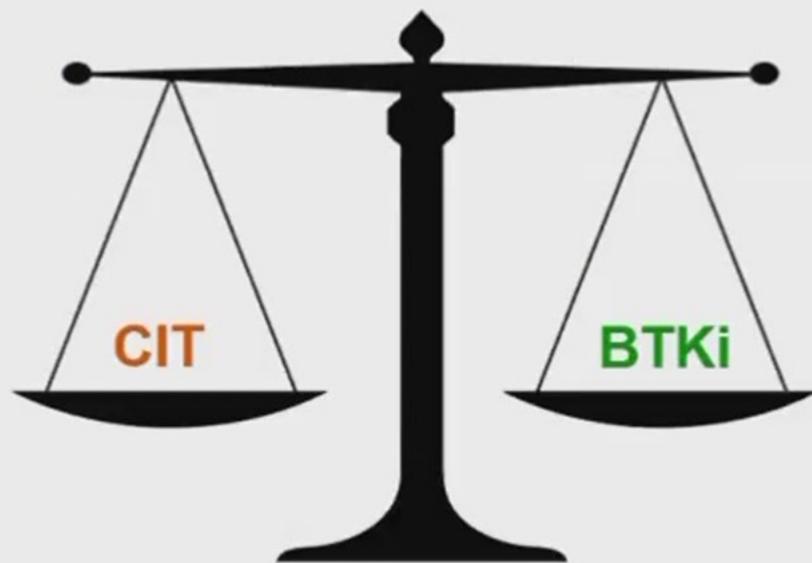
HR 0.42 (95% CI, 0.28–0.63); two-sided  $P < 0.0001$



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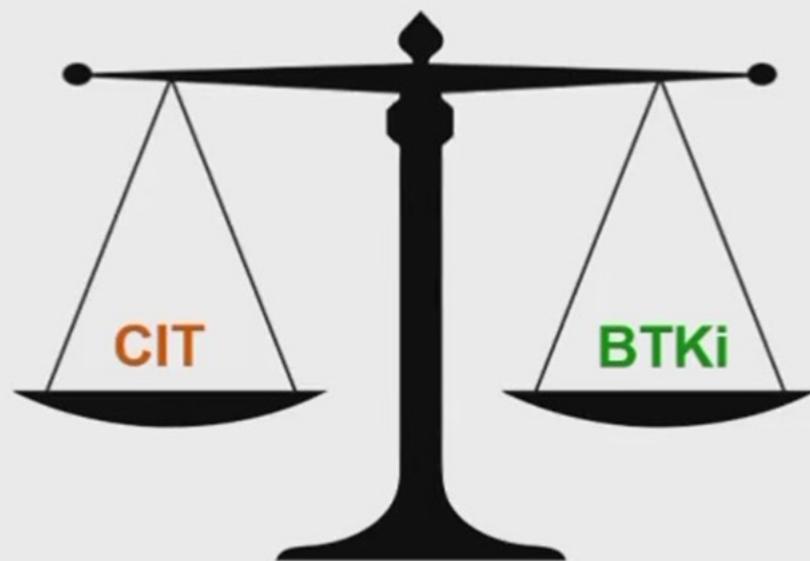


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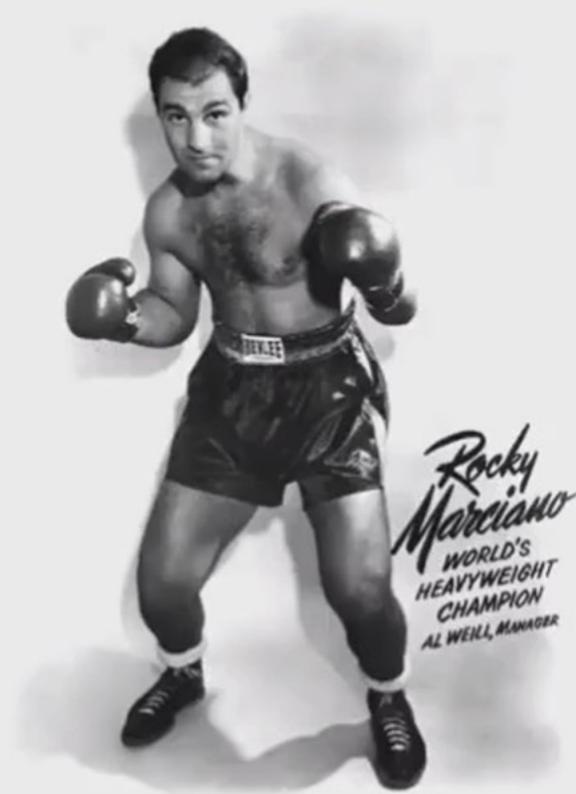


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- Convenience (no infusions)
- Lower rates of cytopenias and infections
- Clearly more effective for IGHV unmutated
- Even works well for *TP53* aberrant!
- *Resistance mutations have been described*

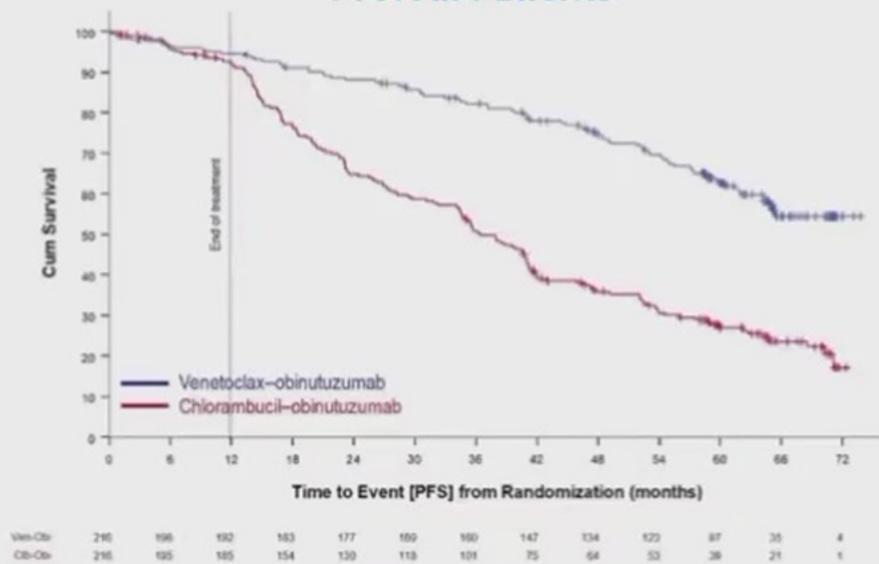
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# The Rise of Time-Limited Novel Agent-Only Therapy The Readout of the Head-to-Head BTKi Studies



# 5-year follow-up of Ven-Obin in CLL14 in frontline CLL

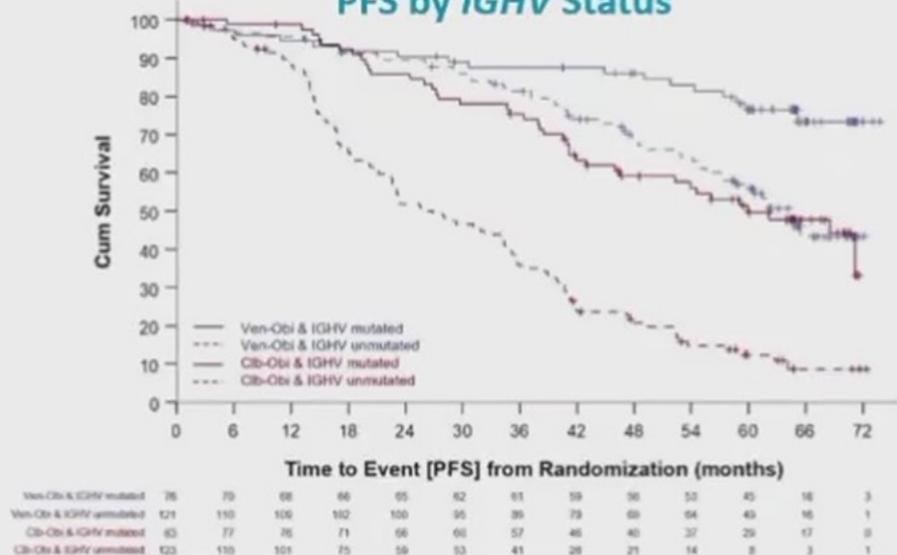
PFS: All Patients



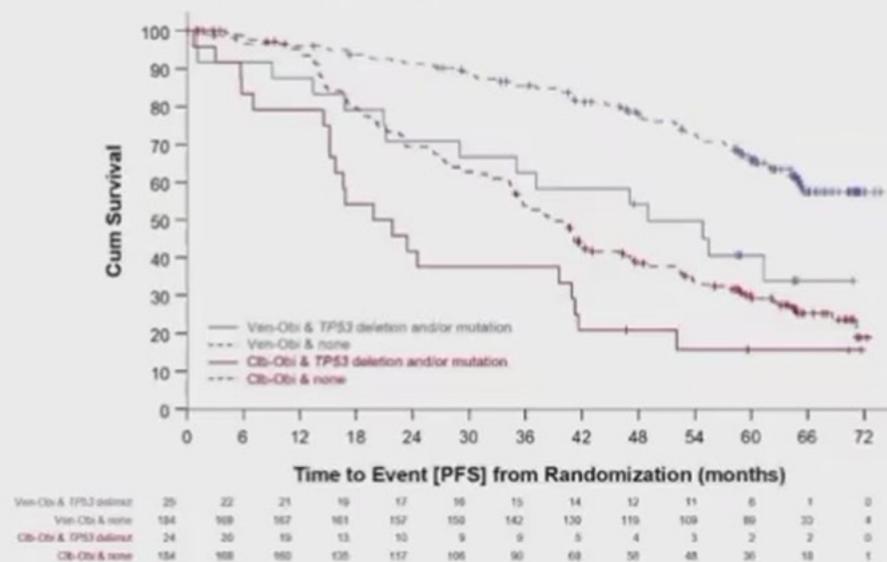
PFS by Subgroup		Ven-Obi (n=216)	Clb-Obi (n=216)
All patients	Median, months	NR	36.4
	5-year rate, %	62.6	27.0
	HR (95% CI); P value	0.35 (0.26-0.46); <0.0001	
<b>Median, months</b>			
TP53 del/mut	No	NR (n=184)	38.9 (n=184)
	Yes	49.0 (n=25)	19.8 (n=24)
IGHV status	Mut	NR (n=76)	59.9 (n=83)
	Unmut	64.2 (n=121)	26.9 (n=123)

Median observation time: 65.4 months

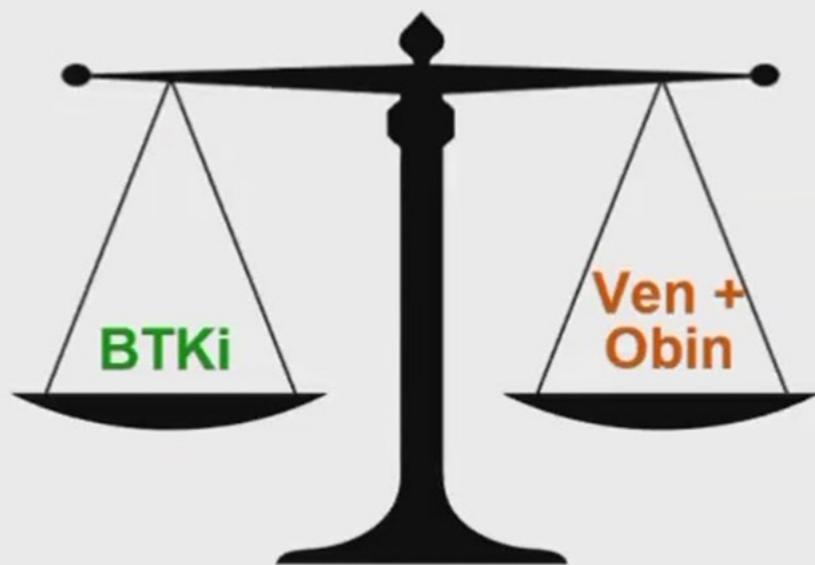
PFS by IGHV Status



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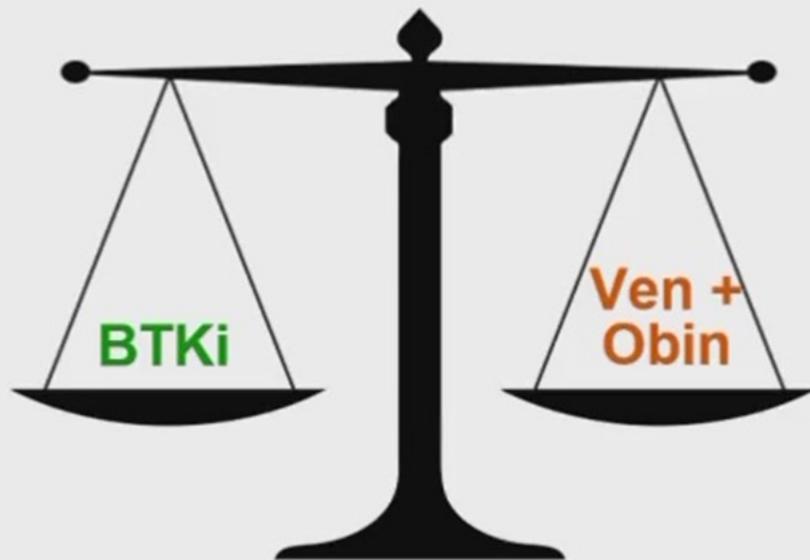


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- 1-year time-limited therapy
- No known cardiac or bleeding risks
- Less concern for long-term adherence
- Potential for re-treatment
- Cost-saving

# ELEVATE-RR: Phase 3 Study of Acalabrutinib vs Ibrutinib in Patients With R/R CLL – Study Design and Patient Characteristics<sup>1,2</sup>



**N=533**  
**Enrolled from<sup>2</sup>:**

- Europe (75%)
- US (22%)
- New Zealand and Australia (3%)

**Stratification by**

- Presence of del(17p)
- ECOG PS (2 vs  $\leq 1$ )
- Number of prior therapies (1-3 vs  $\geq 4$ )

**Primary endpoint:**  
PFS by IRC

- Noninferiority<sup>a</sup>; tested after 250 events

**Secondary endpoints<sup>b</sup>**

- Incidence of atrial fibrillation
- Incidence of grade  $\geq 3$  infections
- Incidence of Richter's transformation
- OS

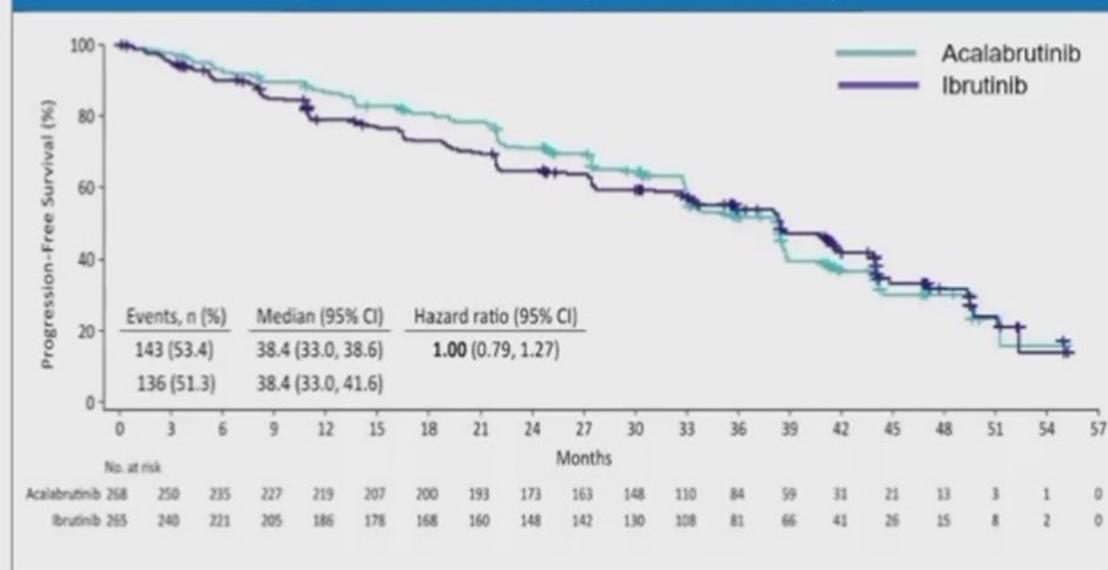
Patient Characteristics <sup>2</sup>	Acalabrutinib (n=268)	Ibrutinib (n=265)
Median age (range), years	66 (41-89)	65 (28-88)
$\geq 75$ years, n (%)	44 (16.4)	43 (16.2)
ECOG PS 0-1, n (%)	247 (92.2)	243 (91.7)
Median prior lines of therapy (range), n	2 (1-9)	2 (1-12)
$\geq 4$ prior lines, n (%)	33 (12.3)	28 (10.6)
del(17p), n (%)	121 (45.1)	120 (45.3)
TP53mut, n (%)	100 (37.3)	112 (42.3)
del(11q), n (%)	167 (62.3)	175 (66.0)
Unmutated IGHV, n (%)	220 (82.1)	237 (89.4)
Complex karyotype, n (%)	124 (46.3)	125 (47.2)
Bulky disease ( $\geq 5$ cm), n (%)	128 (47.8)	136 (51.3)

<sup>a</sup>Noninferiority achieved if the upper bound of the 95% CI of HR is less than the prespecified NI margin of 1.429.

<sup>b</sup>If noninferior PFS achieved, the secondary endpoints will be tested in a manner that maintains the type I error rate at  $\leq 5\%$ .

# ELEVATE-RR: Phase 3 Study of Acalabrutinib vs Ibrutinib in Patients With R/R CLL – Efficacy and Post Hoc Safety Analysis<sup>1,2</sup>

## Primary Endpoint: Noninferiority on IRC-Assessed PFS (Median Follow-Up: 40.9 Months)



AEs	Any grade		Grade ≥3	
	Acala <sup>a</sup>	Ibr <sup>b</sup>	Acala <sup>a</sup>	Ibr <sup>b</sup>
<b>Events of clinical interest, %</b>				
Cardiac events	24	30	9	10
Atrial fibrillation/flutter	9	16*	5	4
Hypertension <sup>c</sup>	9	23*	4	9*
Bleeding events <sup>d</sup>	38	51*	4	5
Major bleeding events <sup>e</sup>	5 <sup>f</sup>	5 <sup>g</sup>	4	5
Infections <sup>h</sup>	78	81	31	30
<b>Selected common AEs<sup>i</sup>, %</b>				
Diarrhea	35	46*	1	5*
Headache	35*	20	2*	0
Cough	29*	21	1	<1
Fatigue	20	17	3*	0
Arthralgia	16	23*	0	1
Back pain	8	13*	0	1
Muscle spasms	6	13*	0	1
Dyspepsia	4	12*	0	0

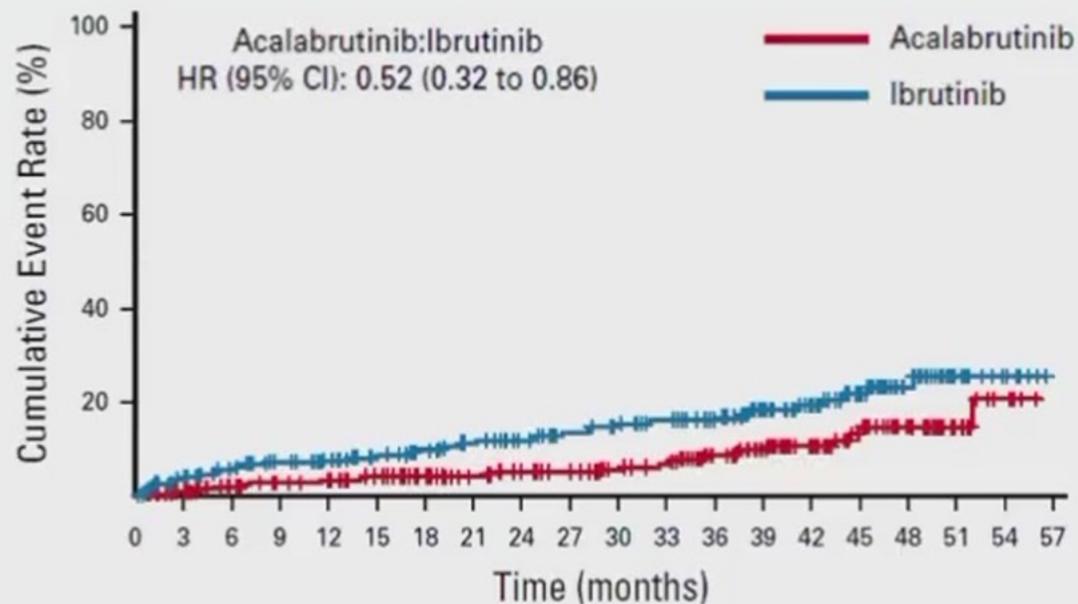
<b>Median follow-up</b> 40.9 months	<b>Treatment ongoing</b> 46 (Acala) and 41 (Ibr)	<b>Most common reasons for discontinuation</b> PD (31 Acala vs 26 Ibr), AEs (15 Acala vs 22 Ibr)	<b>Median treatment exposure (range)</b> 38.3 mo (0.3-55.9) Acala vs 35.5 mo (0.2-57.7) Ibr
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<sup>a</sup> n=266. <sup>b</sup> n=263. <sup>c</sup> Includes hypertension, blood pressure increased, and blood pressure systolic increased. <sup>d</sup> Bleeding events occurring in ≥10% of patients in either treatment arm include contusion and epistaxis. <sup>e</sup> Any hemorrhagic event that was serious, grade ≥3, or a CNS hemorrhage (any grade). <sup>f</sup> Of 12 patients with major hemorrhage events in the Acala arm, CNS-related hemorrhage events were reported in 4 patients. <sup>g</sup> Of 14 patients with major hemorrhage events in the Ibr arm, CNS-related hemorrhage events were reported in 1 patient who had 2 events. <sup>h</sup> Infections occurring in ≥10% of patients in either treatment arm include upper respiratory tract infection, pneumonia, bronchitis, nasopharyngitis, and urinary tract infection. <sup>i</sup> AEs occurring in ≥10% of patients in either treatment arm that are not already captured in the ECIs presented.

1. Hillmen P, et al. EHA 2021. Abstract S145. 2. Seymour JF, et al. ASH 2021. Abstract 3721.

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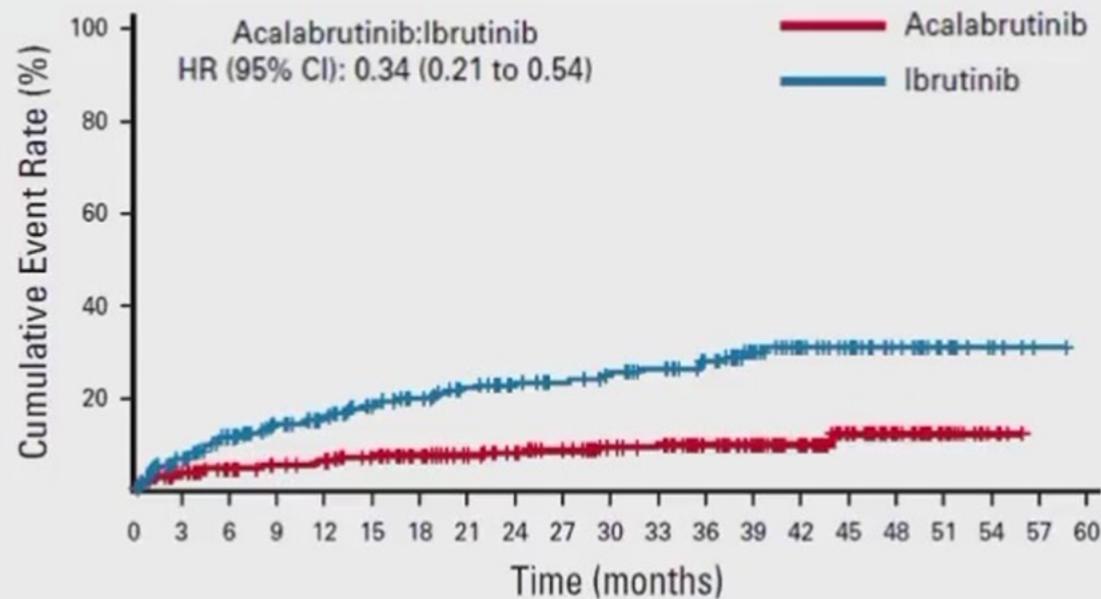
Cumulative Incidence of Atrial Fibrillation/Flutter



No. at risk:

Acalabrutinib	266	255	240	231	228	218	206	197	188	183	172	167	142	115	89	58	35	19	8	0
Ibrutinib	263	241	224	208	199	185	176	166	156	143	136	128	117	96	73	56	36	18	8	0

Cumulative Incidence of Hypertension



No. at risk:

Acalabrutinib	266	246	229	220	216	205	193	184	176	169	157	153	136	114	89	60	34	17	5	0	0
Ibrutinib	263	230	203	183	170	153	141	130	120	111	104	98	85	69	48	40	27	15	7	1	0

# ALPINE: Phase 3 Study of Zanubrutinib vs Ibrutinib in Patients With R/R CLL/SLL – Study Design and Patient Characteristics

## Key Eligibility Criteria

- Patients with R/R CLL/SLL with  $\geq 1$  prior treatment
- Measurable lymphadenopathy
- No prior BTKi or warfarin/other vitamin K antagonists permitted



**N=652 randomized**

Enrolled from<sup>2</sup>:

- Europe (60%)
- US (17%)
- China (14%)
- New Zealand and Australia (9%)

Stratification by:

- Age
- Geographic region
- Refractory status
- Del(17p)/TP53 mutation status

**Primary endpoint**

- ORR (CR+PR) noninferiority and INV-assessed superiority

**Secondary endpoints**

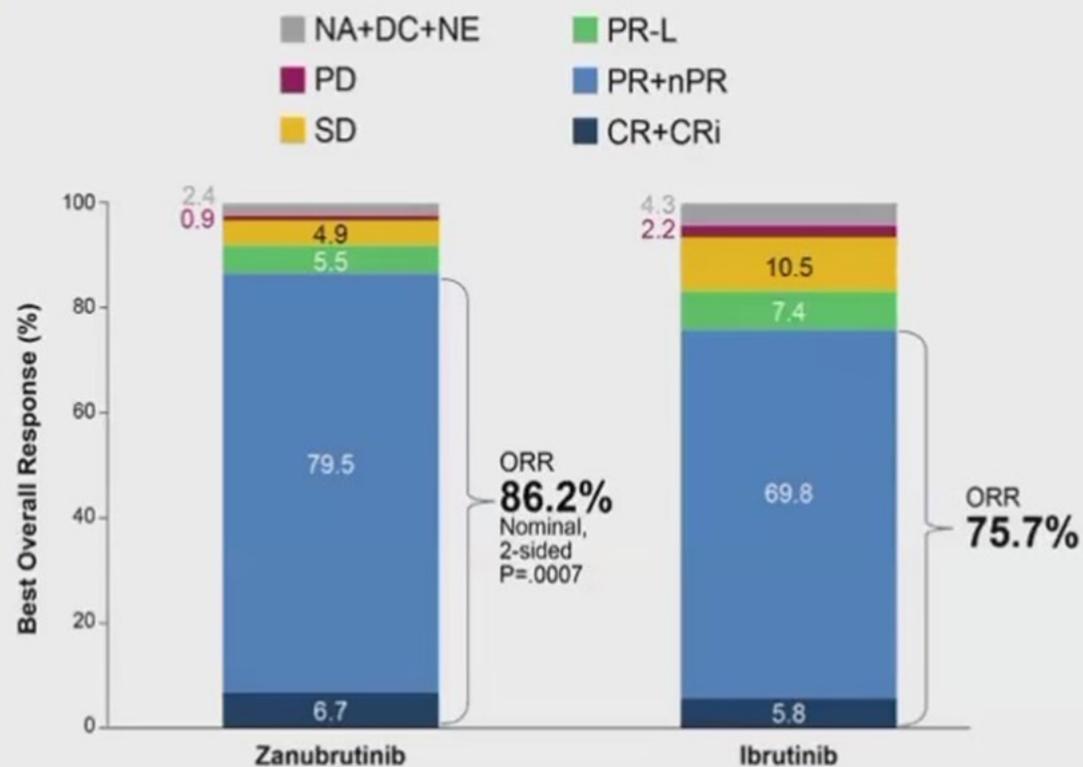
- Any grade Afib
- DOR
- PFS
- OS
- TTF
- PR-L or higher
- PROs
- Safety

## Patient Characteristics

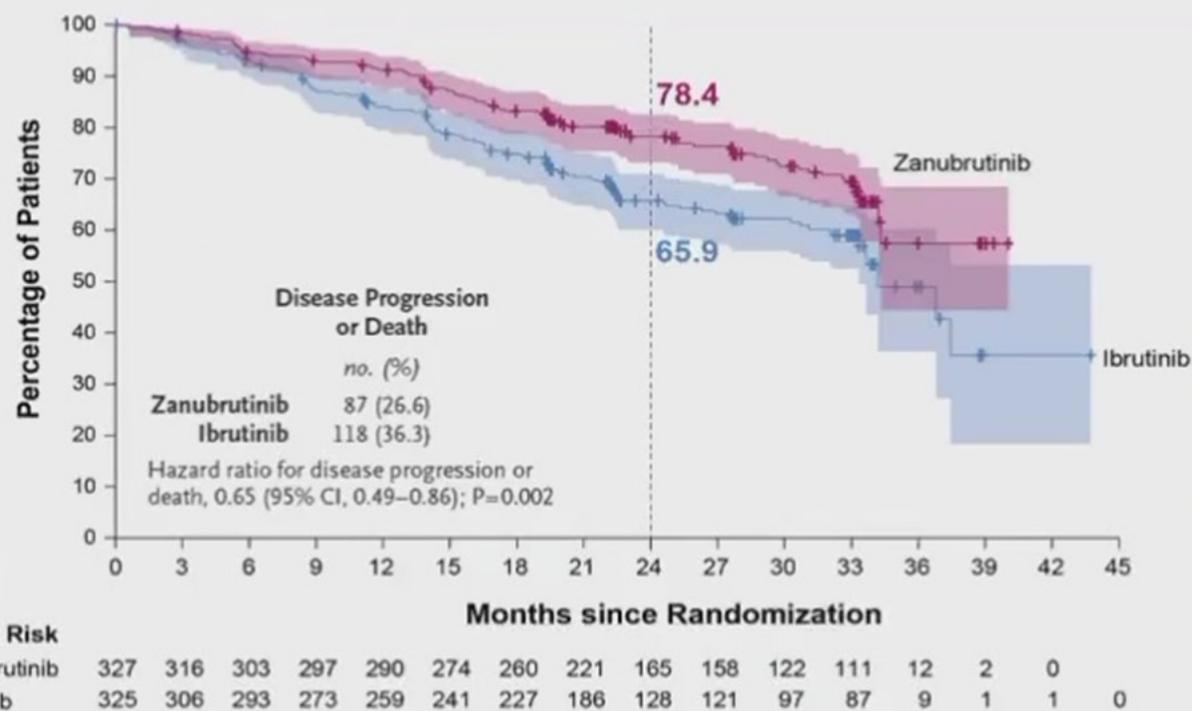
Patient Characteristics	Zanubrutinib (n=327)	Ibrutinib (n=325)
Median age (range), years	67 (35-90)	68 (35-89)
≥65 years, n (%)	201 (61.5)	200 (61.5)
ECOG PS $\geq 1$ , n (%)	198 (60.6)	203 (62.5)
Median prior lines of therapy (range), n	1 (1-6)	1 (1-12)
>3 prior lines, n (%)	24 (7.3)	30 (9.2)
del(17p) and TP53mut, n (%)	75 (22.9)	75 (23.1)
del(17p)±TP53mut	45 (13.8)	50 (15.4)
TP53mut without del(17p)	30 (9.2)	25 (7.7)
del(11q), n (%)	91 (27.8)	88 (27.1)
Unmutated IGHV, n (%)	239 (73.1)	239 (73.5)
Complex karyotype, n (%)	56 (17.1)	70 (21.5)
Bulky disease ( $\geq 5$ cm), n (%)	145 (44.3)	149 (45.8)

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## Best Overall Response



## INV-Assessed PFS (Median Follow-Up: 29.6 Months)



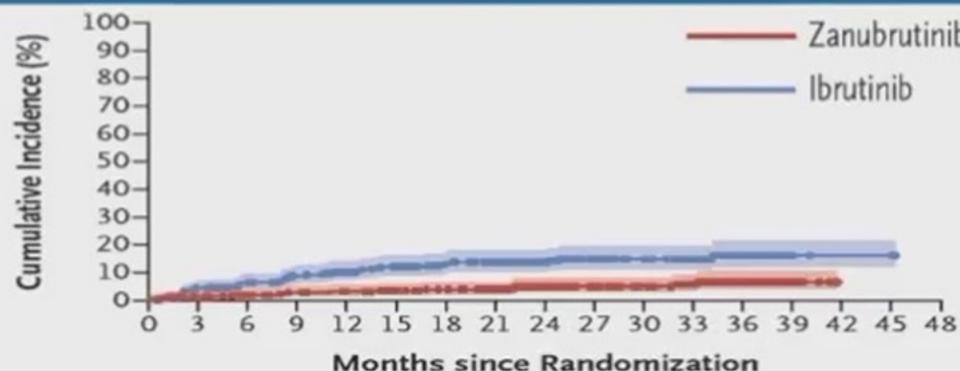
# ALPINE: Phase 3 Study of Zanubrutinib vs Ibrutinib in Patients With R/R CLL/SLL – Safety

Safety Population Summary <sup>a</sup>	Zanubrutinib (n=324)		Ibrutinib (n=324)	
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Median treatment duration, mo (range)	28.4 (0.4-41.6)	24.3 (0.1-45.1)		
Any grade TEAE, n (%)	318 (98.1)	321 (99.1)		
Grade ≥3	218 (67.3)	228 (70.4)		
	Any grade		Grade ≥3	
	Zanubrutinib (n=324)	Ibrutinib (n=324)	Zanubrutinib (n=324)	Ibrutinib (n=324)
<b>AEs of special interest, n (%)</b>	294 (90.7)	300 (92.6)	186 (57.4)	184 (56.8)
Anemia	50 (15.4)	53 (16.4)	7 (2.2)	8 (2.5)
Atrial fibrillation/flutter	17 (5.2)	43 (13.3)	8 (2.5)	13 (4.0)
Hemorrhage	137 (42.3)	134 (41.4)	11 (3.4)	12 (3.7)
Major hemorrhage	12 (3.7)	14 (4.3)	11 (3.4)	12 (3.7)
Hypertension	76 (23.5)	74 (22.8)	49 (15.1)	44 (13.6)
Infections	231 (71.3)	237 (73.1)	86 (26.5)	91 (28.1)
Neutropenia <sup>b</sup>	95 (29.3)	79 (24.4)	68 (21.0)	59 (18.2)
SPMs	40 (12.3)	43 (13.3)	22 (6.8)	17 (5.2)
Thrombocytopenia	42 (13.0)	50 (15.4)	11 (3.4)	17 (5.2)
Tumor lysis syndrome	1 (0.3)	0	1 (0.3)	0

Safety Population Summary <sup>a</sup>	Zanubrutinib (n=324)	Ibrutinib (n=324)
<b>Grade ≥3 TEAEs reported in &gt;2% of patients in either arm</b>		
Neutropenia	52 (16.0)	45 (13.9)
Hypertension	48 (14.8)	36 (11.1)
COVID-19–related pneumonia	23 (7.1)	13 (4.0)
COVID-19	22 (6.8)	16 (4.9)
Pneumonia	19 (5.9)	26 (8.0)
Decreased neutrophil count	17 (5.2)	14 (4.3)
Syncope	9 (2.8)	4 (1.2)
Thrombocytopenia	9 (2.8)	12 (3.7)
Anemia	7 (2.2)	8 (2.5)
Atrial fibrillation	6 (1.9)	12 (3.7)
Increased blood pressure	4 (1.2)	10 (3.1)
<b>Serious AEs</b>		
All serious AEs	136 (42.0)	162 (50.0)
Leading to dose reduction	40 (12.3)	55 (17.0)
Leading to dose interruption	162 (50.0)	184 (56.8)
Leading to treatment d/c	50 (15.4)	72 (22.2)
Leading to death	33 (10.2)	36 (11.1)

# ALPINE: Phase 3 Study of Zanubrutinib vs Ibrutinib in Patients With R/R CLL/SLL – Additional Safety Analysis

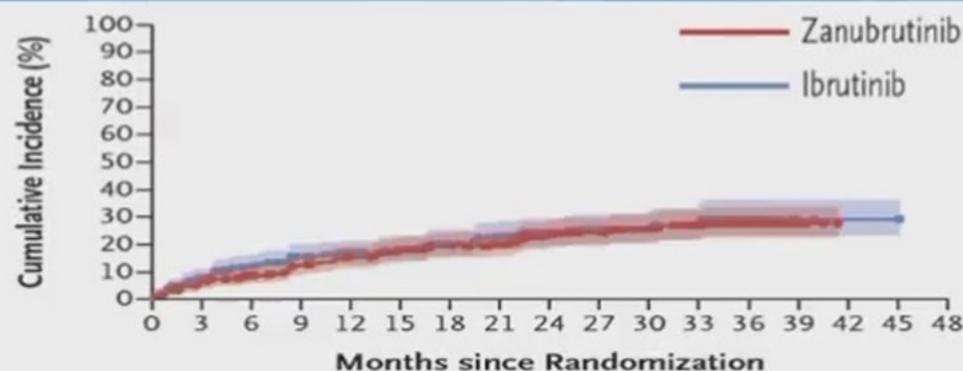
### Cumulative Incidence of Atrial Fibrillation/Flutter



No. at Risk

Zanubrutinib	324	302	288	268	199	148	51	10	0		
Ibrutinib	324	278	247	211	153	108	40	3	2	1	0

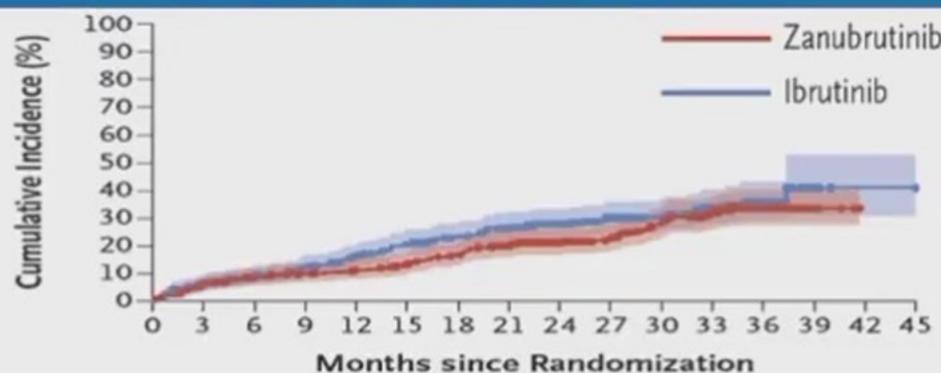
### Cumulative Incidence of Hypertension



No. at Risk

Zanubrutinib	324	280	248	221	157	115	35	6	0		
Ibrutinib	324	254	222	186	129	84	28	3	2	1	0

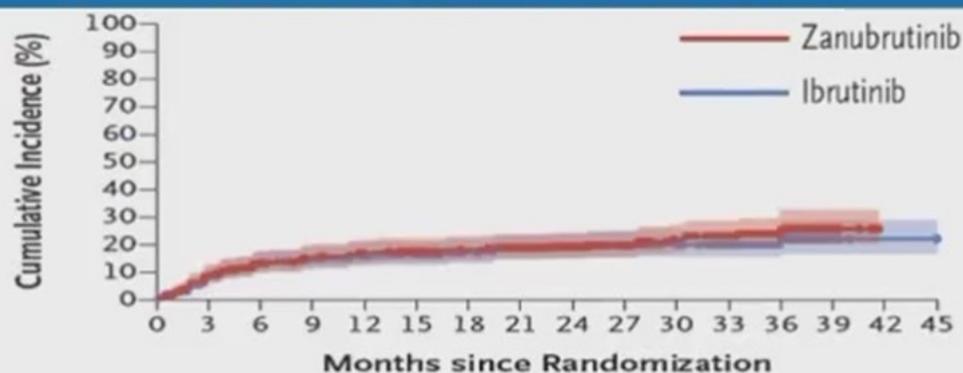
### Cumulative Incidence of Grade $\geq 3$ Infection



No. at Risk

Zanubrutinib	324	289	272	247	180	125	40	7	0	
Ibrutinib	324	272	234	198	136	95	33	3	1	0

### Cumulative Incidence of Grade $\geq 3$ Neutropenia



No. at Risk

Zanubrutinib	324	264	245	229	175	128	40	8	0	
Ibrutinib	324	253	225	199	143	101	37	3	1	0

# A New Era of BTKi/BCL-2i (+/- CD20) Combination Therapy? 2023+



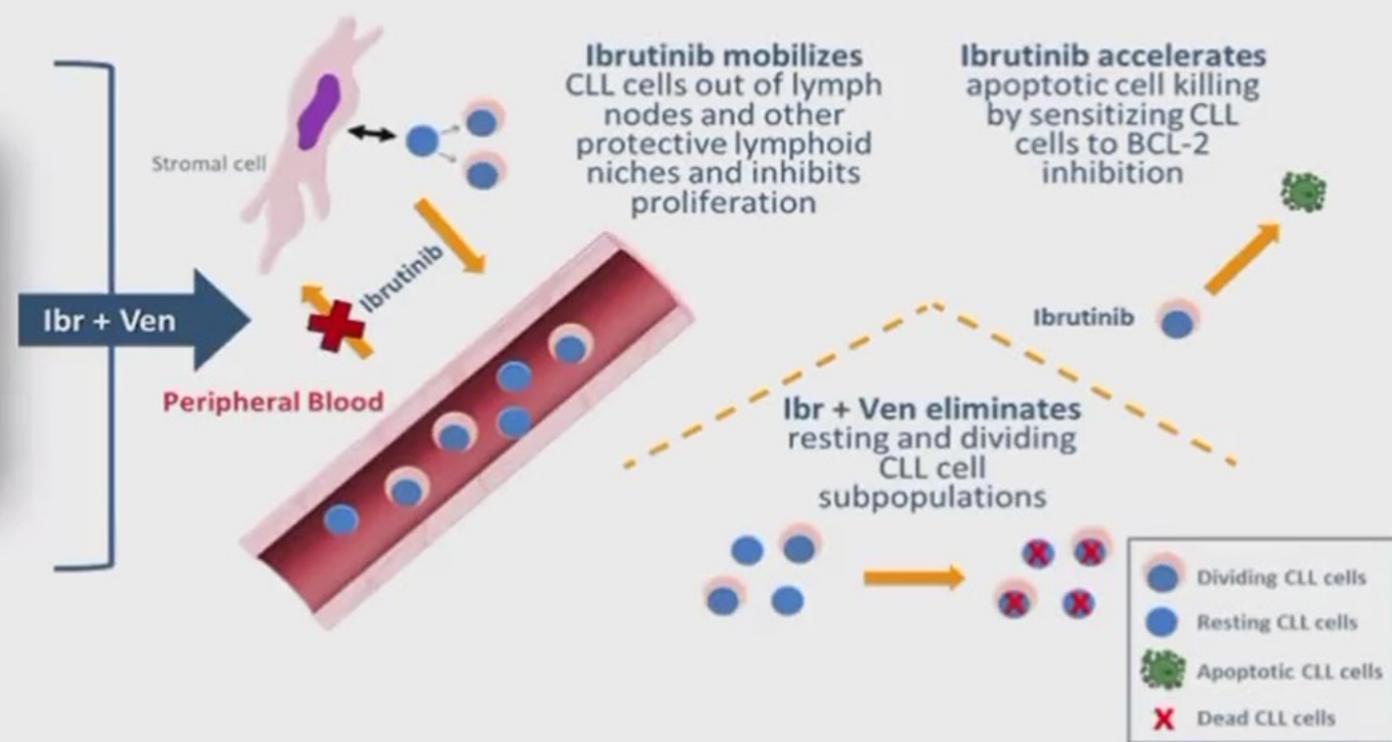
# Summary of Mechanistic Synergies and Rationale for Combination BTKi/BCL-2i Therapy

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## ORIGINAL ARTICLE

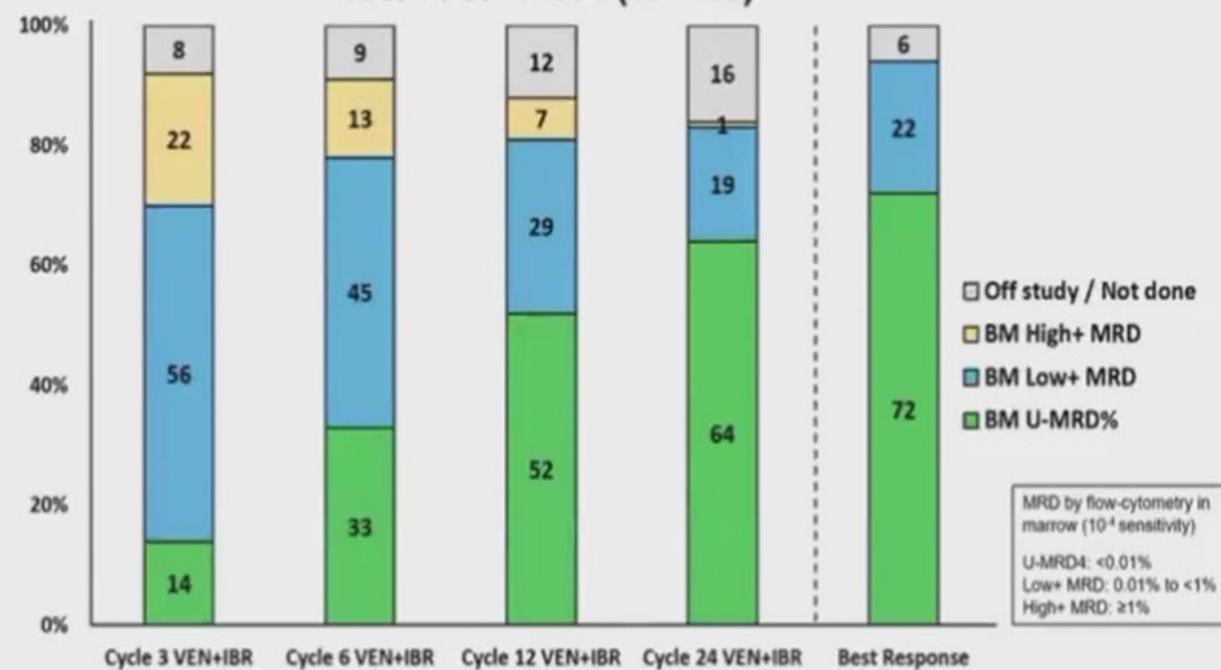
Bruton's tyrosine kinase inhibition increases BCL-2 dependence and enhances sensitivity to venetoclax in chronic lymphocytic leukemia

J Deng, E Isik, SM Fernandes, JR Brown, A Letai<sup>1</sup> and MS Davids<sup>1</sup>

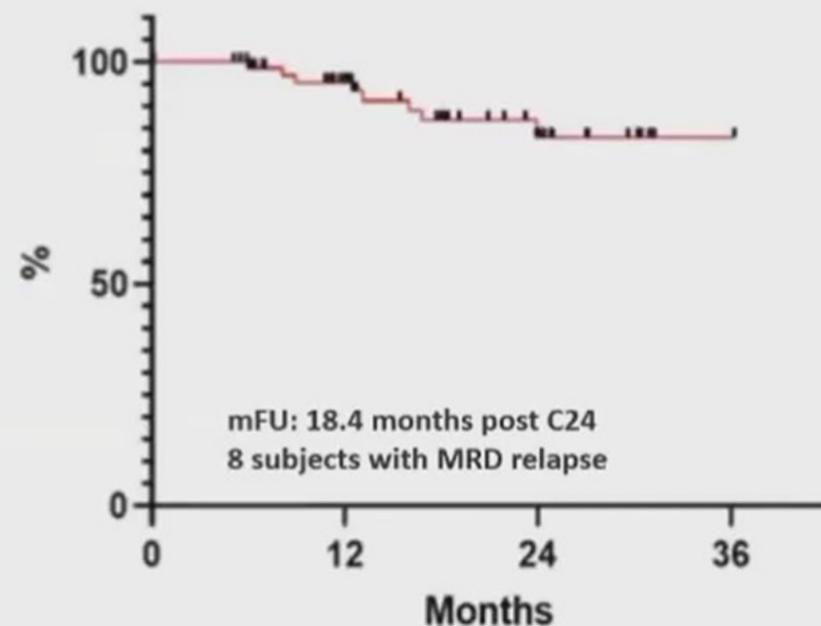


# MD Anderson Ibr/Ven IST

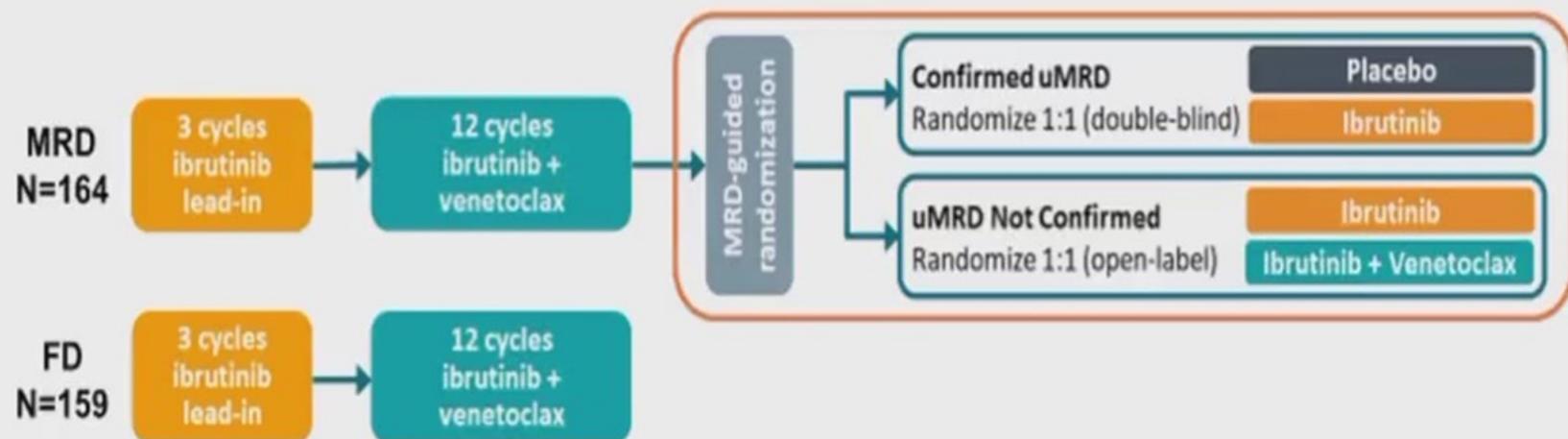
**Marrow MRD Response at Serial Time-Points  
Intent-to-Treat (N=120)**



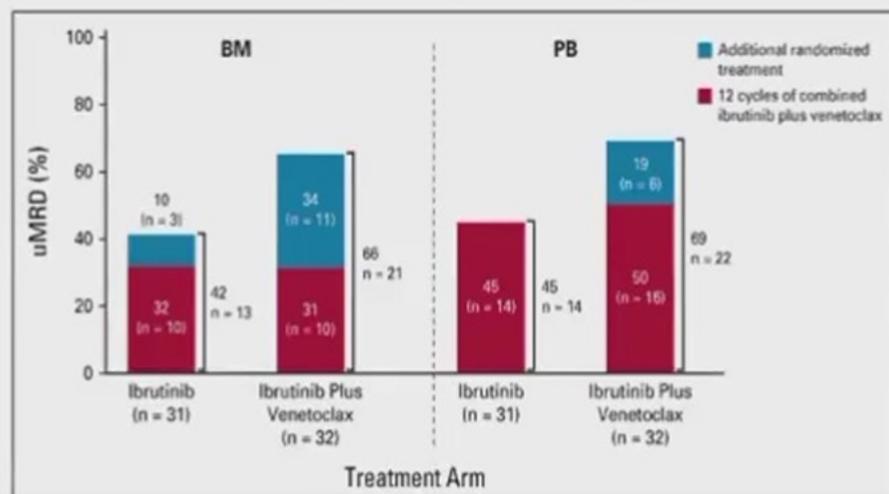
**Time to MRD Conversion from the  
End of 24 Cycles of Combination (n=75)**



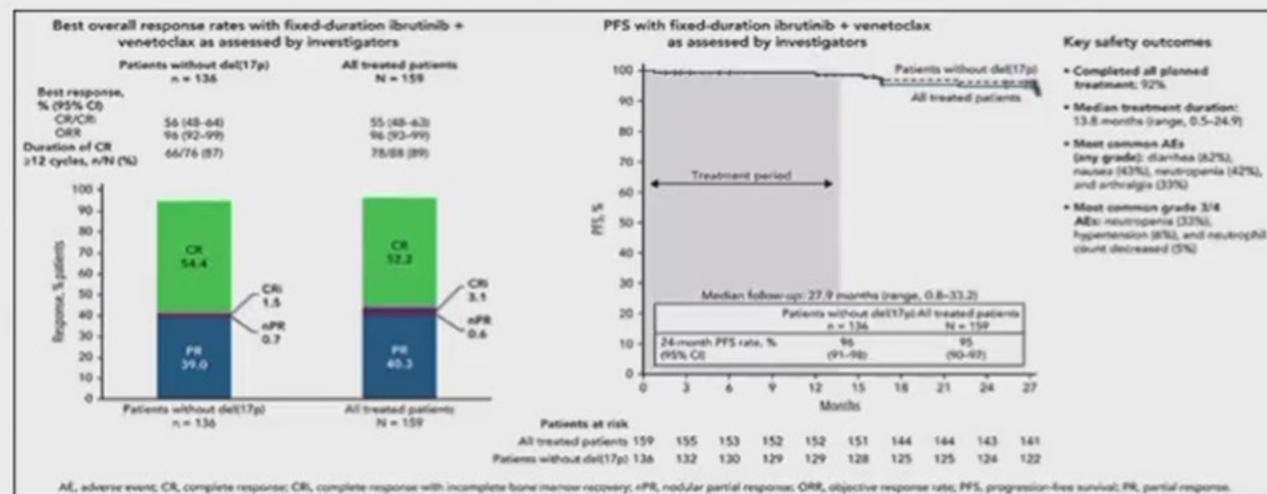
# CAPTIVATE: Ibr/Ven in a younger, fit population



## MRD Cohort

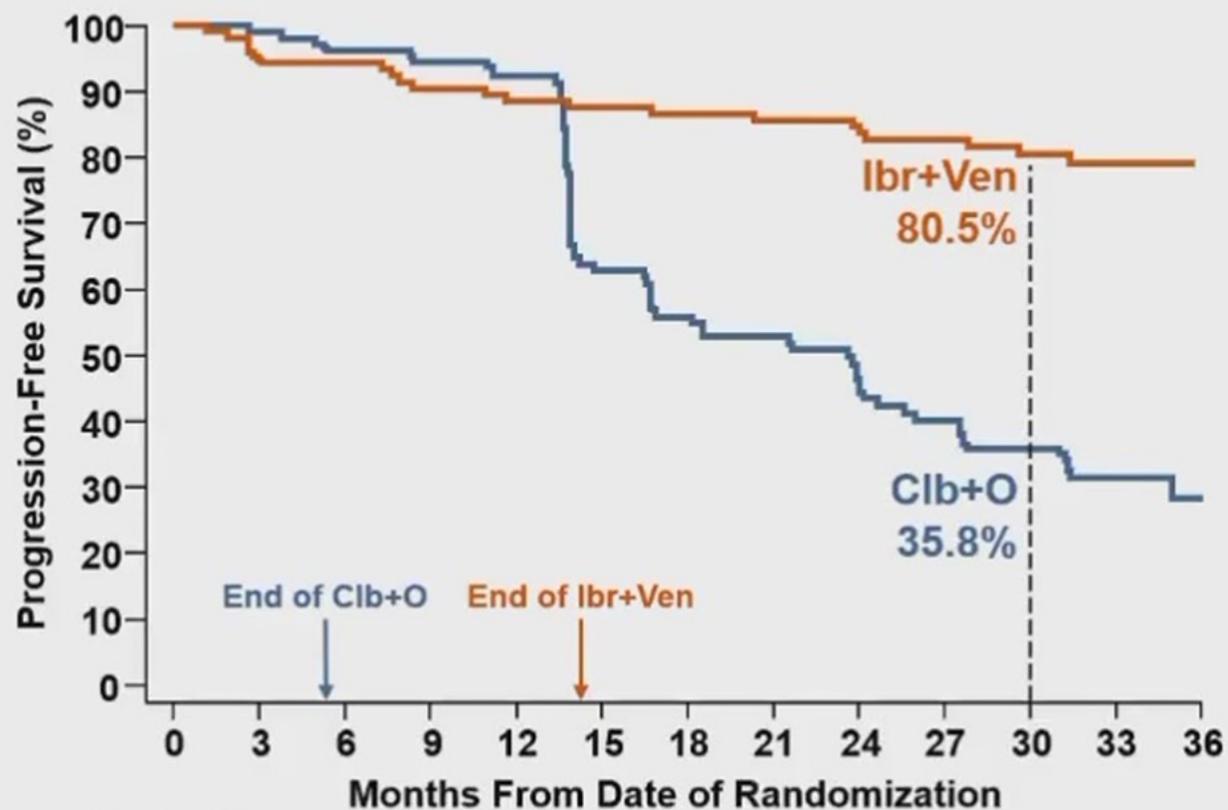


## FD Cohort



# GLOW: Ibr/Ven in an older, co-morbid population

HR, 0.216 (95%CI, 0.131-0.357);  $P < .0001$



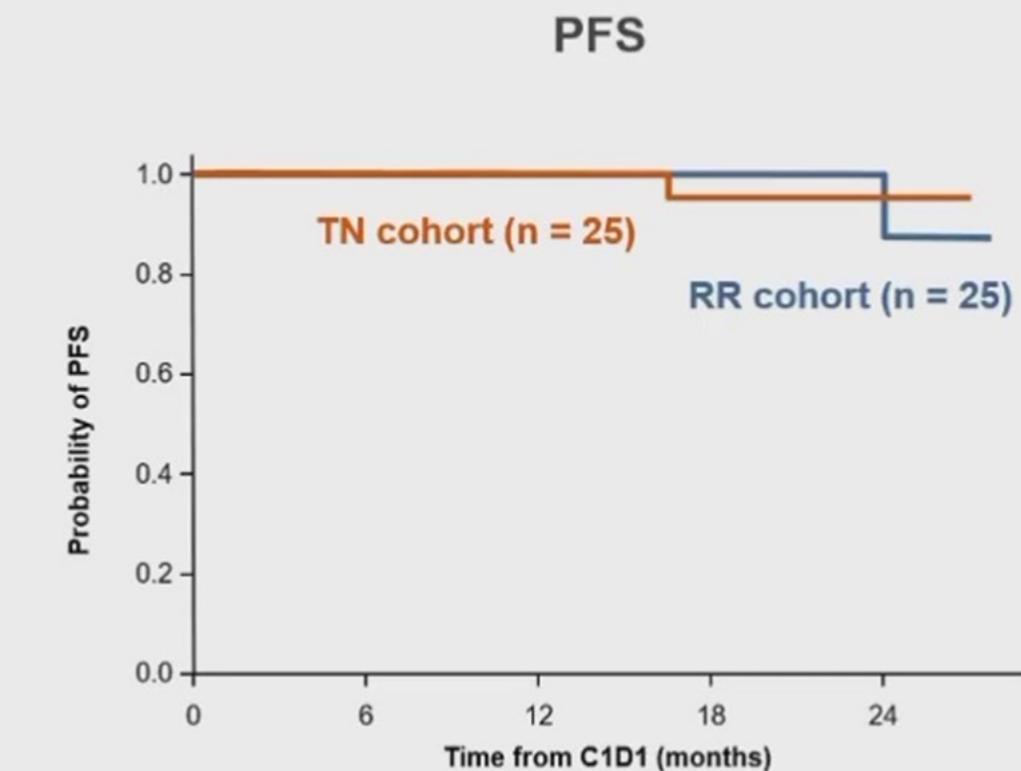
**With median follow-up of 34.1 mos:**

- OS: HR, 0.76 (95% CI, 0.35-1.64)
- 11 deaths for Ibr+Ven vs 16 for Clb+O
- 4 on treatment deaths due to CV complications in IV arm

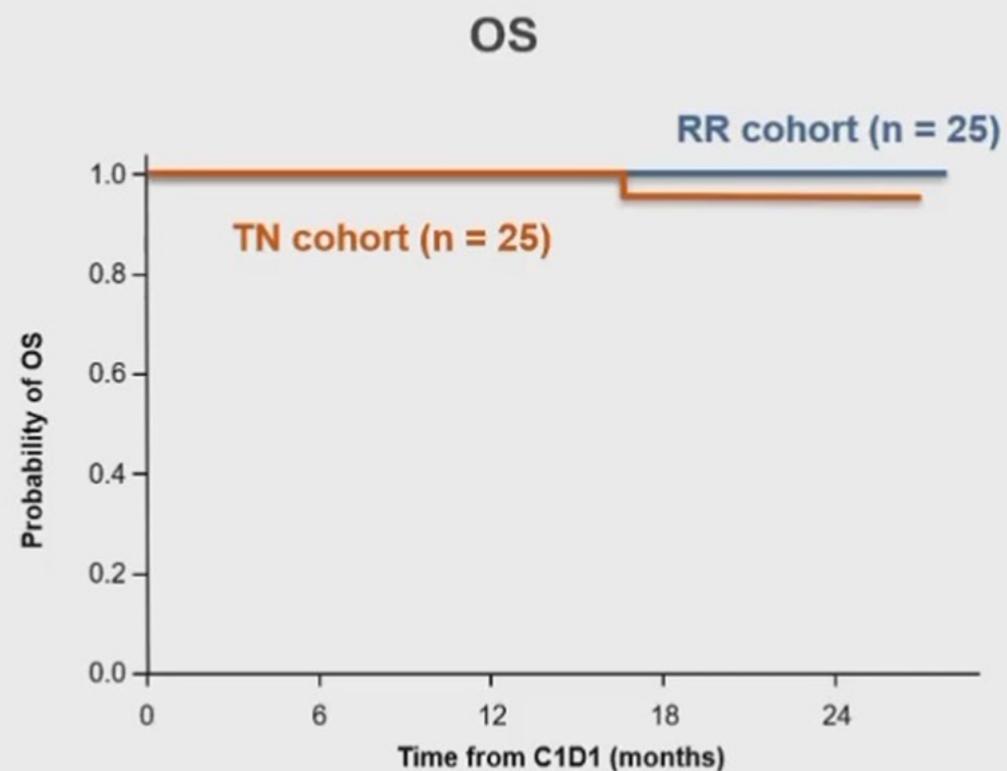
## Patients at risk

Ibr+Ven	106	98	98	94	92	91	89	87	86	84	71	42	1
Clb+O	105	104	101	96	94	64	55	51	43	37	30	13	3

# Triplet Therapy With IVO is Active, but Ibrutinib-Related Toxicities are Observed



No. at Risk	0	6	12	18	24
RR cohort	25	24	23	18	8
TN cohort	25	25	23	18	13



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**Cardiovascular toxicities were common: HTN: 82%; AFib: 10%**

# Triplets with more specific BTKi are also active, well-tolerated

## Phase 2 AVO Trial

BM MRD Response

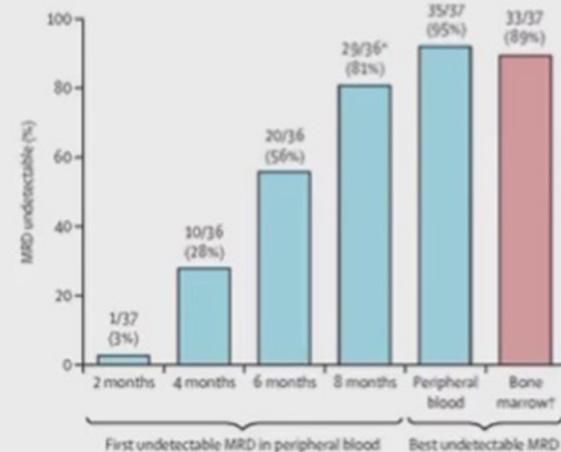


Safety profile

AEs (N=37), %		All Grades	Grade ≥3
Most frequent hematologic	Neutropenia	84	43
	Thrombocytopenia	81	27
	Anemia	59	5
Non-hematologic (≥50%)	Fatigue	89	3
	Headache	76	3
	Bruising	59	0
AEs of special interest	IRR	25	3
	Hypertension	11	0
	Atrial fibrillation	3	3
	Laboratory TLS	5	5

MRD Response

## Phase 2 BOVen Trial



Safety profile

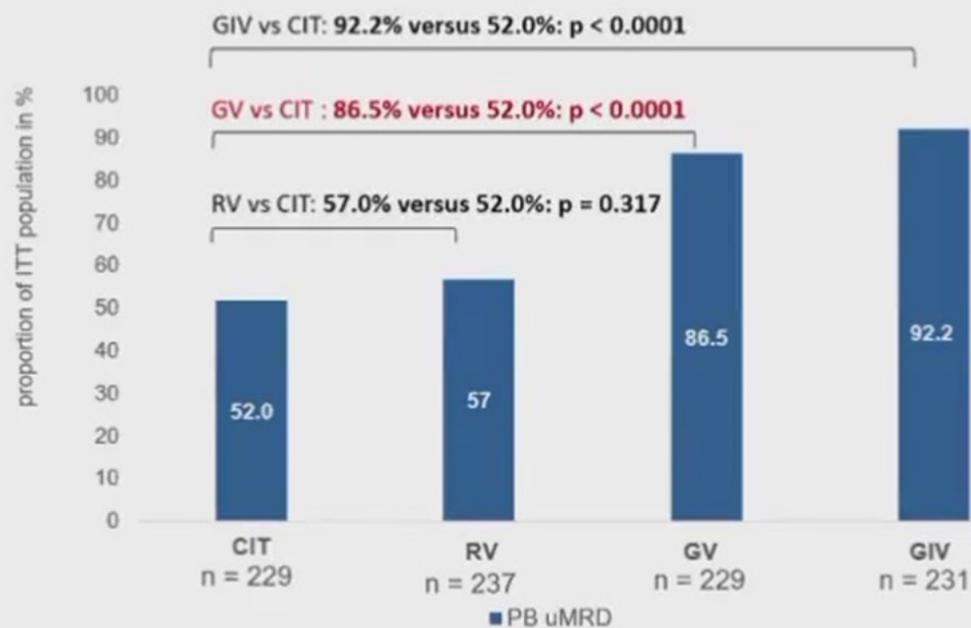
	Grade 1-2	Grade 3	Grade 4
Thrombocytopenia	20 (51%)	3 (8%)	0
Fatigue	20 (51%)	1 (3%)	0
Neutropenia	13 (33%)	2 (5%)	5 (13%)
Bruising	20 (51%)	0	0
Diarrhoea	18 (46%)	0	0
Infusion-related reaction	15 (39%)	1 (3%)	1 (3%)
Anaemia	16 (41%)	0	0
Cough	14 (36%)	0	0
Rash	10 (26%)	3 (8%)	0
Nausea	12 (31%)	0	0
Constipation	11 (28%)	0	0
Nasal congestion	10 (26%)	0	0
Gastroesophageal reflux disease	10 (26%)	0	0
Insomnia	9 (23%)	0	0
Myalgia	9 (23%)	0	0
Arthralgia	8 (21%)	0	0

# How do triplet combos compare to doublets?

## CLL13

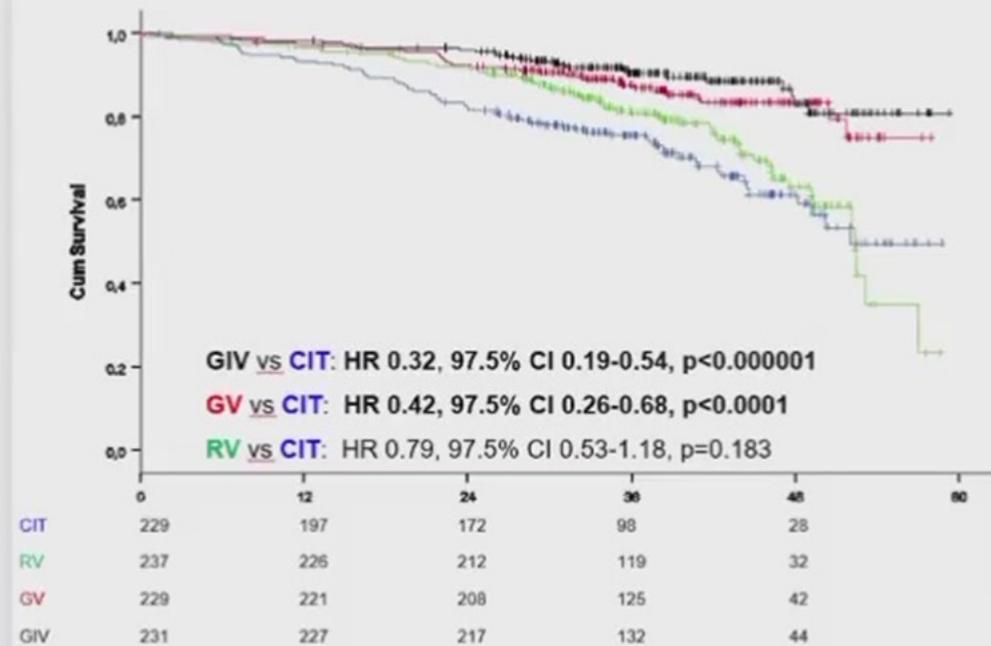
### MRD

Coprimary endpoint: uMRD ( $< 10^{-4}$ ) at Mo15 in PB by 4-colour-flow



### PFS

Median FU 38.8 months (range: 0.0 – 59.2)



PFS	Median months	3y PFS (%)
CIT	52.0	75.5
RV	52.3	80.8
GV	Not reached	87.7
GIV	Not reached	90.5

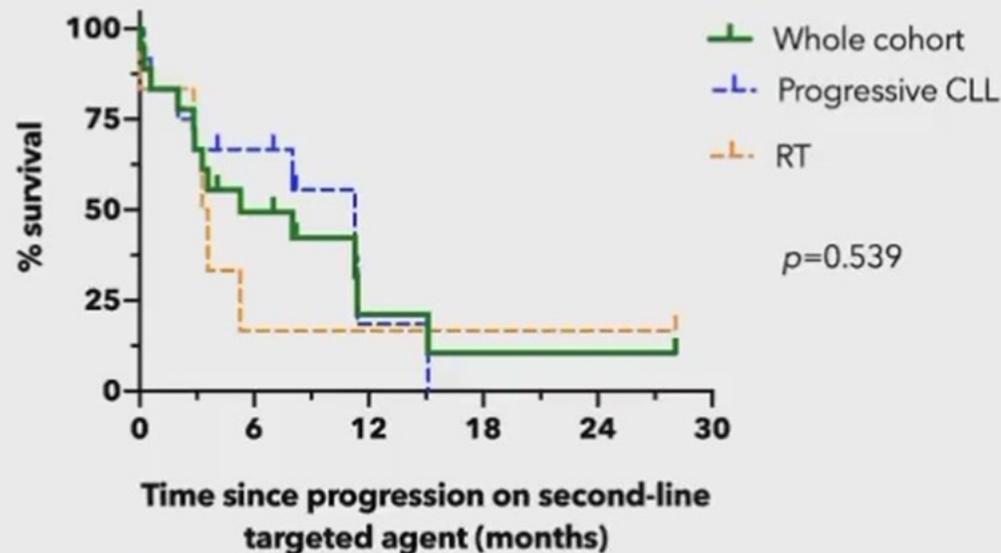
**2023+**

**How can we treat patients progressing after covalent BTKi and BCL-2i?**

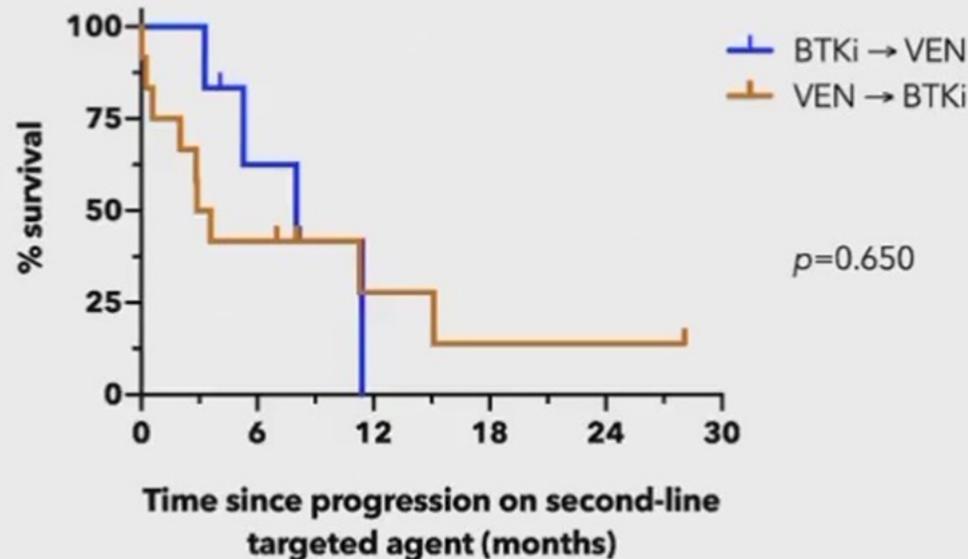


# Outcomes for “double class resistant” CLL are poor

2011 to 2020: 165 pts treated with Ven or BTKi → 42 double exposed → 18 double refractory



No. at risk	Whole	18	8	2	1	1
CLL	12	7	1			
RT	6	1	1	1	1	1



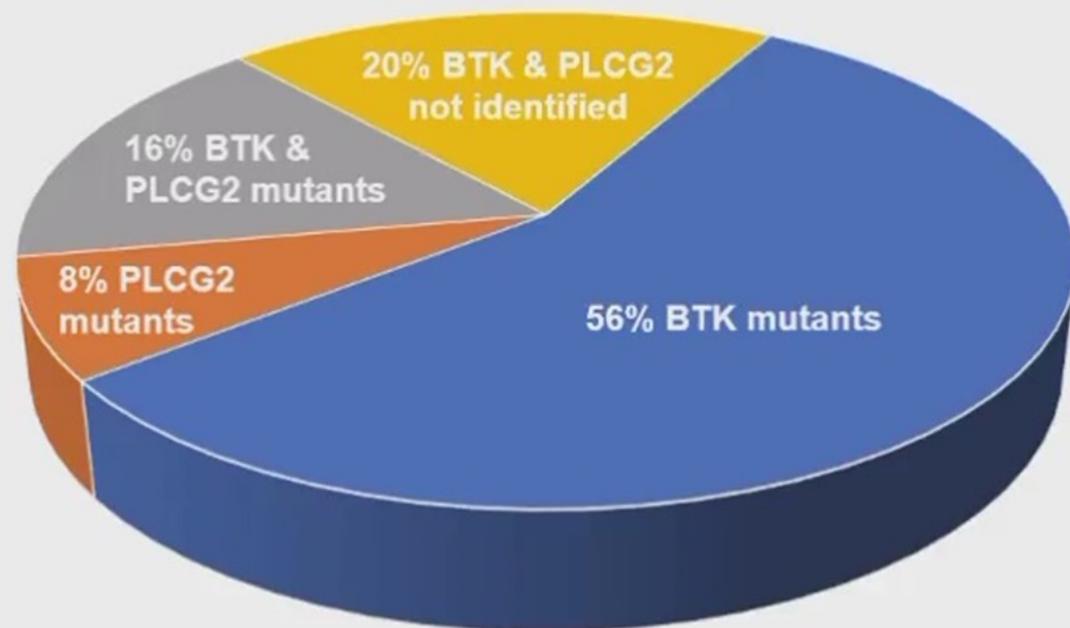
No. at risk	B > V	6	3			
V > B	12	5	2	1	1	

- Whole cohort median OS: 5.3 months
- No difference in OS between progressive CLL (11.3 months) and RT (3.4 months)

- No difference in OS between BTKi → VEN (8 months) and VEN → BTKi (3.2 months)

# BTK mutations are a common cause of covalent BTKi resistance

## Acquired Resistance to Ibrutinib in Patients With Progressive CLL<sup>1</sup>

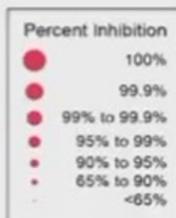


- *BTK* C481 mutations are the principal reason for progressive CLL after treatment with covalent BTK inhibitors (1)
- *BTK* C481 mutations impair target inhibition by covalent BTK inhibitors (2)
- *BTK* C481S is the most common mutation in progressors on ibrutinib and acalabrutinib (3)
- *BTK* L528W mutations recently described in 7/13 patients progressing on zanubrutinib (4)

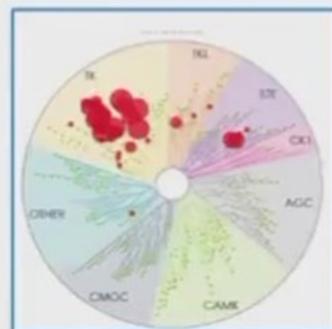
BTK, Bruton tyrosine kinase; CLL, chronic lymphocytic leukemia; PLCG2, phospholipase C gamma 2.

# BTK Inhibitors Exhibit Differences in Kinase Selectivity

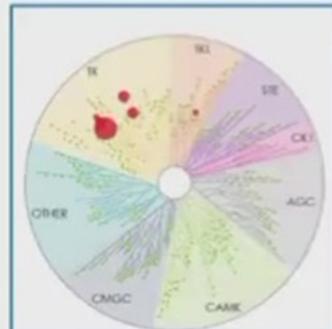
## Covalent BTKi



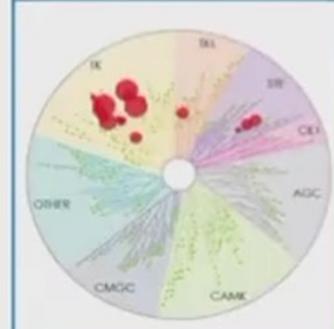
### Ibrutinib



### Acalabrutinib

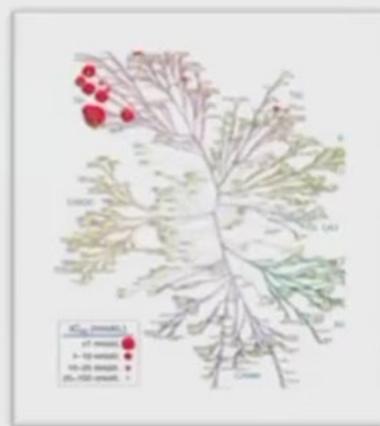


### Zanubrutinib

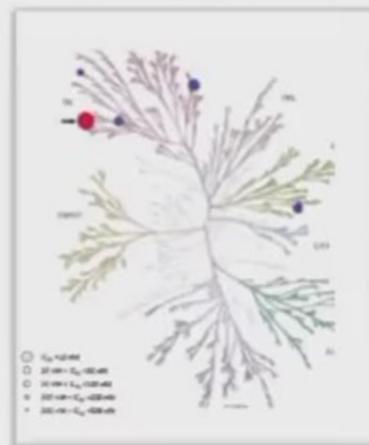


## Non-covalent BTKi

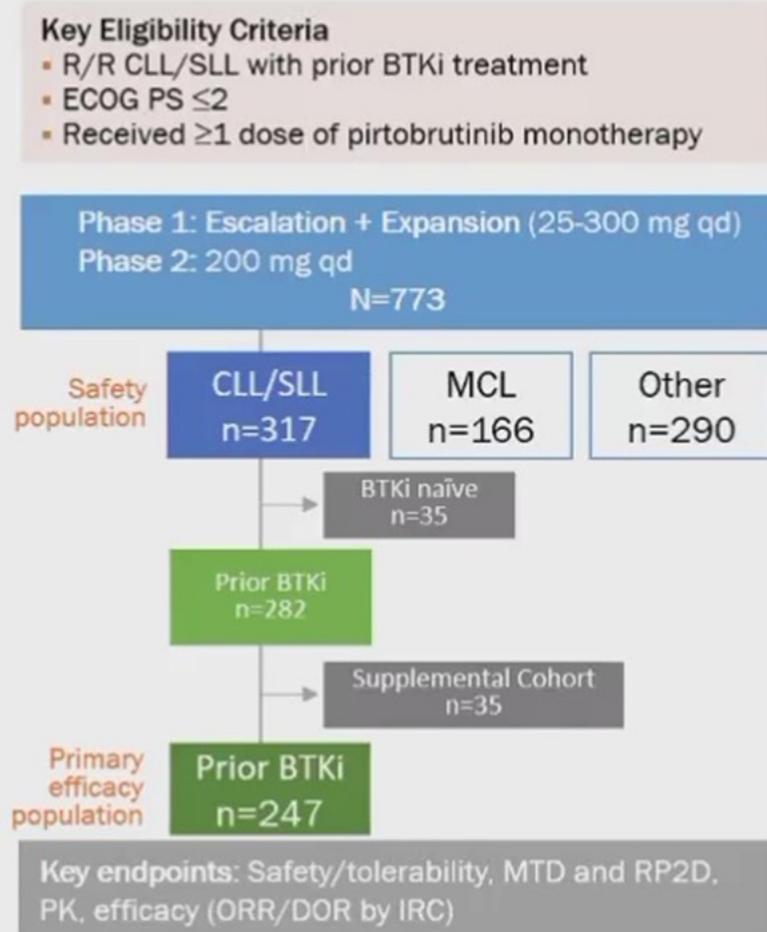
### Nemtabrutinib



### Pirtobrutinib



# Extended Follow-Up From the BRUIN Phase 1/2 Study of Pirtobrutinib in cBTKi-Pretreated Patients With R/R CLL/SLL – Study Design and Patients



Patient Characteristics		n=247
Median age (range), years		69 (36-88)
Rai stage, n (%)	0-II	131 (53)
	III-IV	102 (41)
Bulky disease ( $\geq 5$ cm), n (%)		78 (32)
ECOG PS, n (%)	0	133 (54)
	1	97 (39)
	2	17 (7)
Median prior lines of therapy (range), n		3 (1-11)
Prior therapies, n (%)	BTKi	247 (100)
	Anti-CD20 mAb	217 (88)
	Chemotherapy	195 (79)
	BCL2i	100 (41)
	PI3Ki	45 (18)
	CAR T-cell therapy	14 (6)
AlloSCT		6 (2)
Median time from diagnosis to 1st dose (IQR), years		11 (8-15)

Mutation Status, n/N (%)	
BTK C481mut	84/222 (38)
BTK C481wt	138/222 (62)
PLCG2mut	18/222 (8)
PLCG2wt	204/222 (92)
High-Risk Molecular Features, n/N (%)	
del(17p)	51/176 (29)
TP53mut	87/222 (39)
del(17p) and/or TP53mut	90/193 (47)
del(17p) and TP53mut	48/170 (28)
Unmutated IGHV	168/198 (85)
Complex karyotype	24/57 (42)
del(11q)	44/176 (25)
Reason for BTKi Discontinuation, <sup>b</sup> n (%)	
PD	190 (77)
Toxicity/other	57 (23)

<sup>a</sup> To ensure adequate follow-up, the primary efficacy population included all patients with CLL/SLL who enrolled prior to November 5, 2021. <sup>b</sup> In the event more than 1 reason was noted for discontinuation, disease progression took priority.

# Extended Follow-Up From the BRUIN Phase 1/2 Study of Pirtobrutinib in cBTKi-Pretreated Patients With R/R CLL/SLL – Efficacy

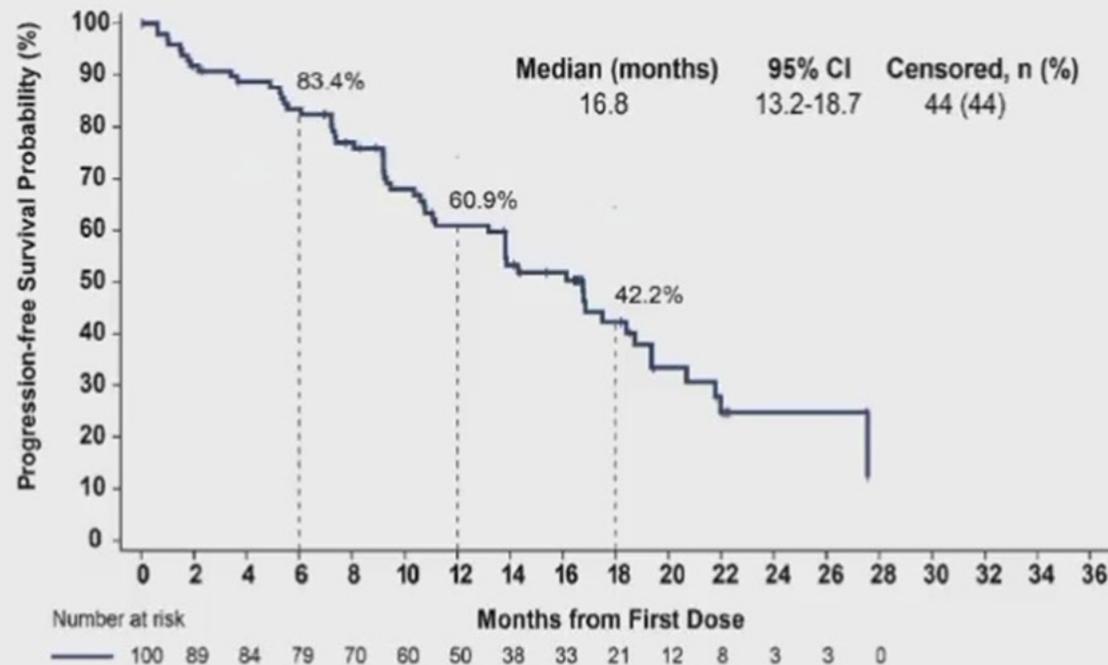
PFS by IRC in All Prior BTKi Patients

- Median prior lines of treatment (LOT): 3
- Median follow-up: 19.4 months



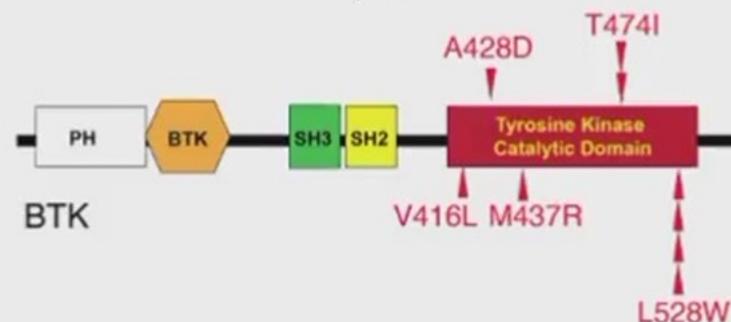
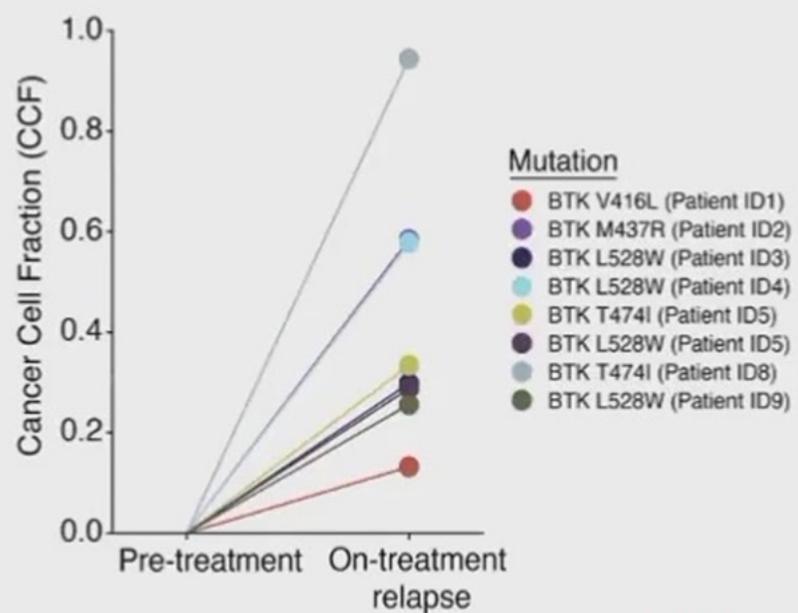
PFS by IRC in Prior BTKi and BCL2i Patients

- Median prior LOT: 5
- Median follow-up: 18.2 months



# Mechanisms of Resistance to Noncovalent BTKi

- Novel, acquired mutations in *BTK* identified in patients with CLL at the time of disease progression:
  - *BTK L528W*
  - *BTK V416L*
  - *BTK M437R*
  - *BTK T474I*
  - *BTK A428D*
- These mutations cluster around the tyrosine kinase catalytic domain of BTK
- Several patients with progressive disease also had preexisting *PLCG2* mutations



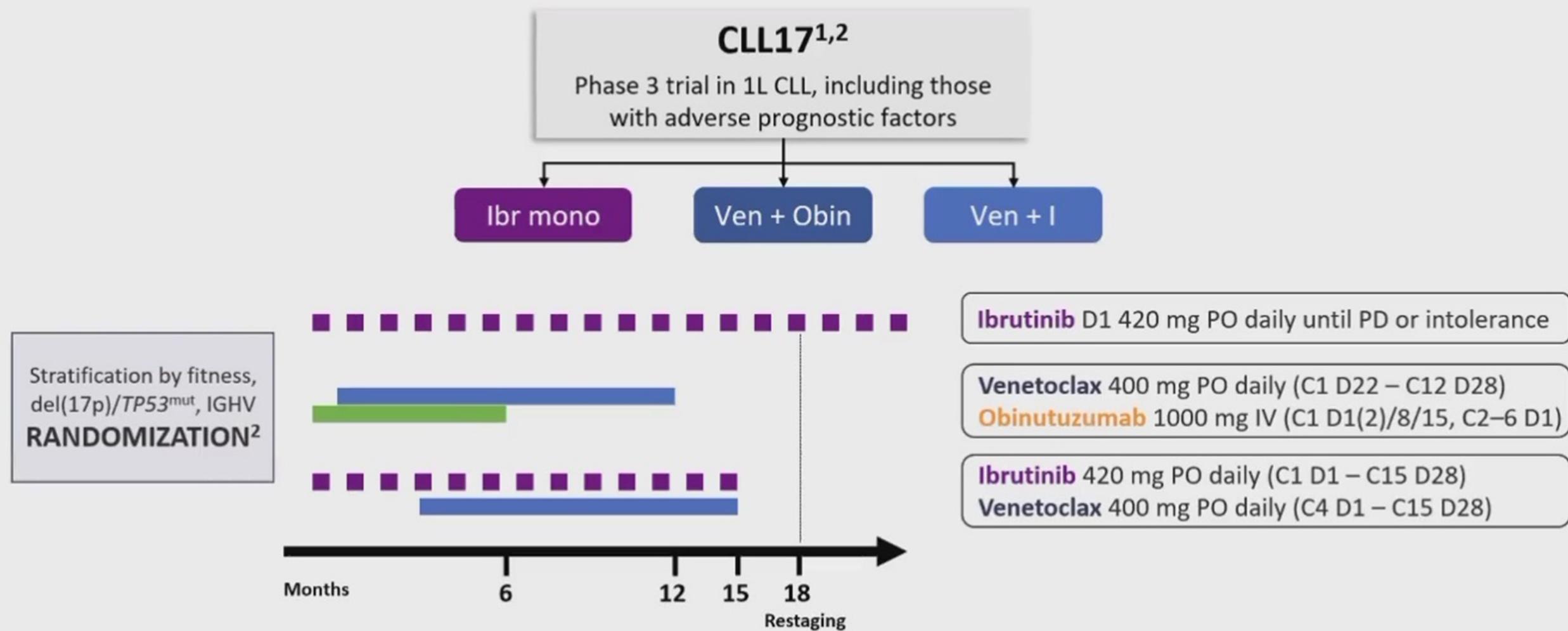
**Continuous  
BTKi**

**Time-limited  
Ven-Combos**



**Where do we go from here?**

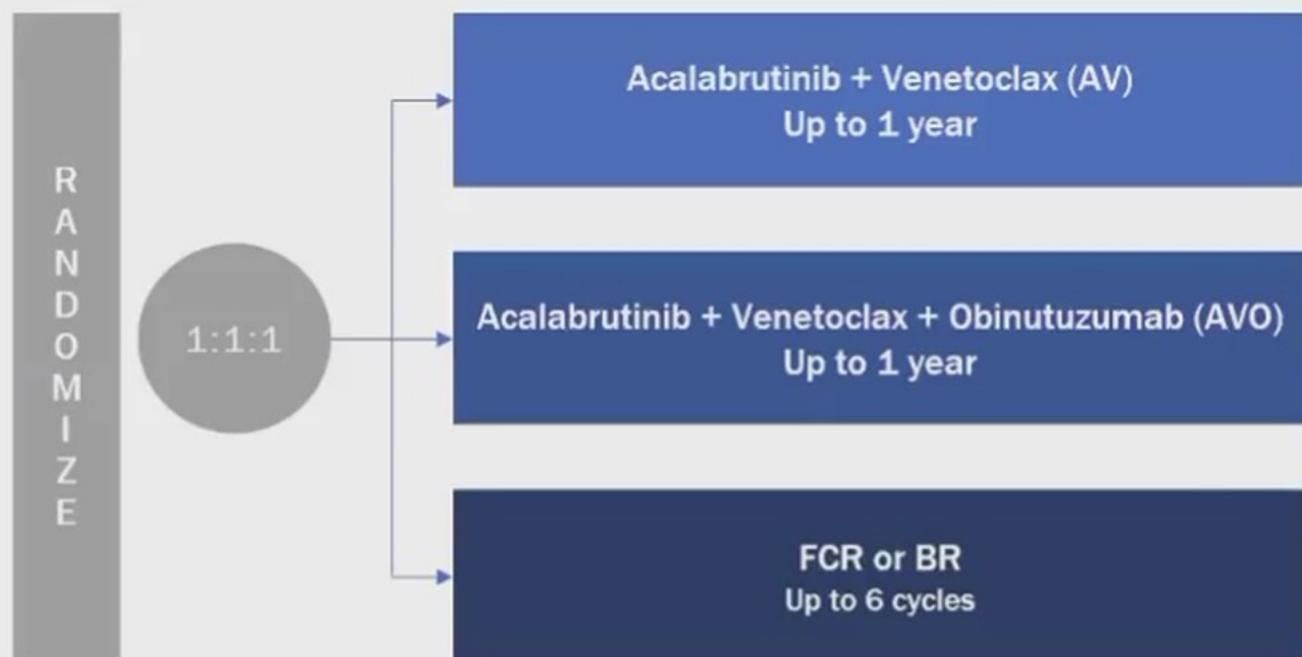
# The CLL17 trial is comparing continuous BTKi to time-limited venetoclax-based doublets



# AMPLIFY (ACE-CL-311): Phase 3 Study of Acalabrutinib + Venetoclax ± Obinutuzumab vs FCR/BR in TN CLL Without Del(17p) or TP53 Mutations

## Key Eligibility Criteria

- Previously untreated CLL
- Without del(17p) or TP53 mutations
- ECOG PS ≤2



## Primary endpoint

- PFS (IRC assessed) of AV vs FCR/BR

## Key secondary endpoints

- PFS (IRC assessed) of AVO vs FCR/BR
- PFS (INV assessed) of AV vs FCR/BR

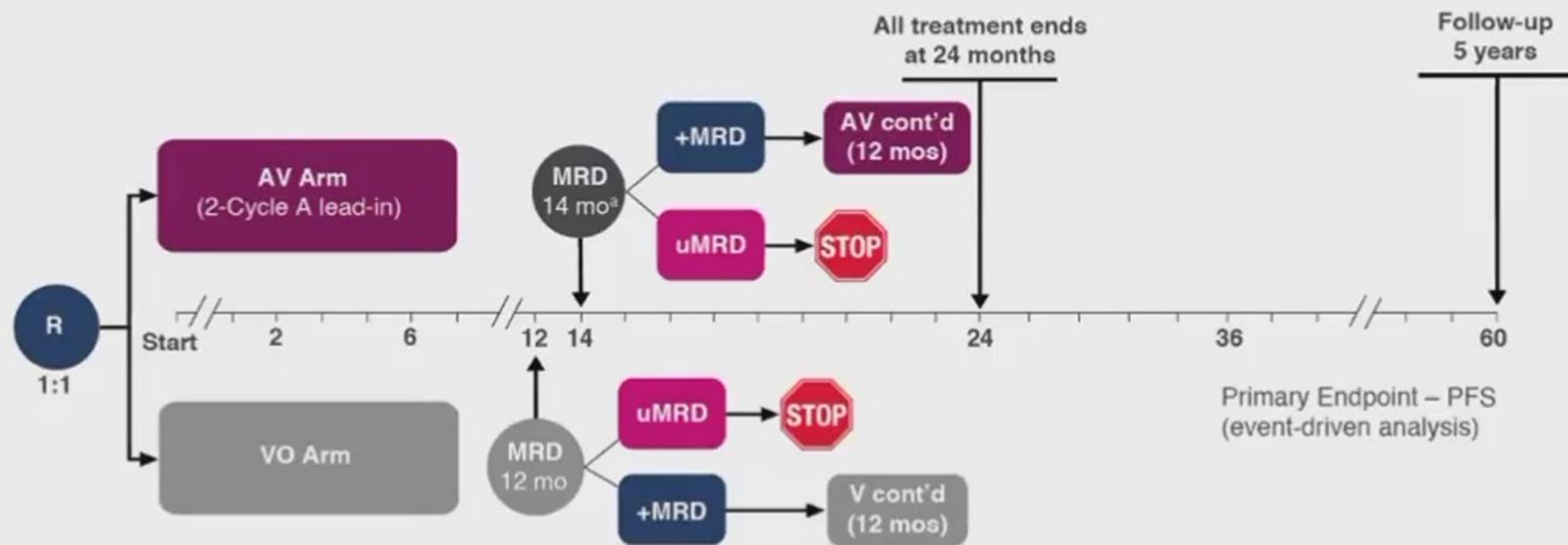
# The global MAJIC phase 3 study seeks to define the optimal MRD-guided venetoclax doublet for frontline CLL treatment

- N=~750 patients to be recruited
- Global study with ~40 sites
- FPI: Sept 2022

## Key Eligibility Criteria

- TN CLL/SLL requiring treatment per 2018 iwCLL guidelines
- ECOG PS 0-2
- Anti-thrombotic agents permitted except for warfarin or equivalent vitamin K antagonists

Primary endpoint: INV-assessed PFS



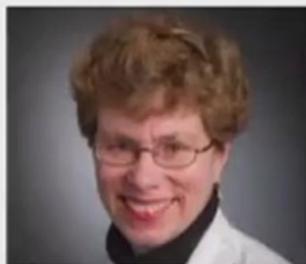
# Conclusioni

- The last 7 years have been a dynamic period for BTKi
- 2016-2019 was a Golden Age that established continuous BTKi as a safe and effective therapy for a broad population of patients with CLL
- 2019-2022 witnessed the approval of the first time-limited novel-agent therapy (ven/obin) and also the readout of 2 head-to-head BTKi trials
- 2023 and beyond will likely usher in a new era of BTKi + BCL-2i combos (+/- CD20) and non-covalent BTKi
- Active participation in clinical trials remain critical





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**We hope to welcome you to Boston next fall!**