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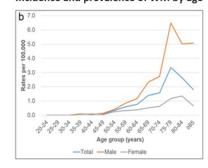
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### **Treatment Decision in WM**

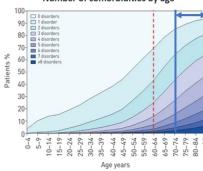
### Patient's factors:

- Age
- Comorbidities

#### Incidence and prevalence of WM by age



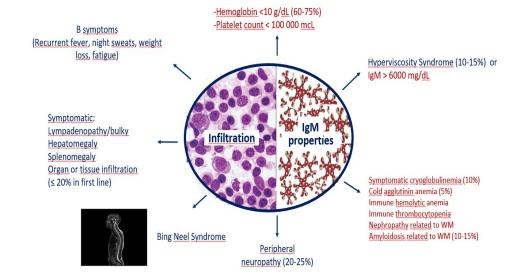
#### Number of comorbidities by age



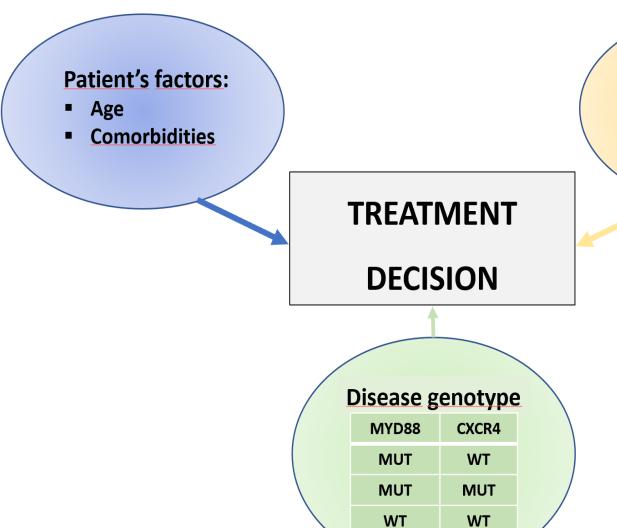
# TREATMENT DECISION

### **Disease factors:**

- Hypervicosity
- Bulky Disease
- Disorders IgM related



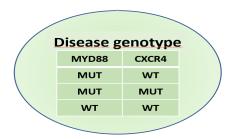
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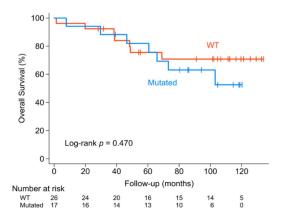
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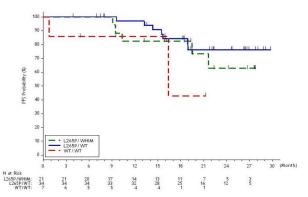
# Role of genotype in WM treatment



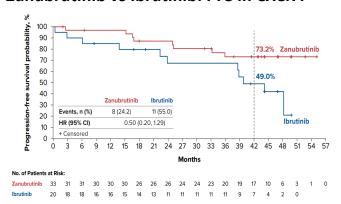
#### Bortezomib Rituximab First Line according to CXCR4 mut



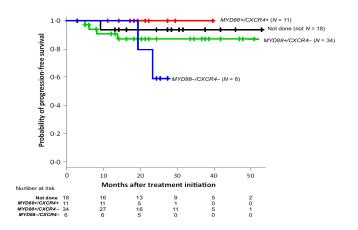
### Impact of genotype with Ibrutinib



#### Zanubrutinib vs Ibrutinib: PFS in CXCR4 mut



#### Bendamustine Rituximab First Line



#### **Zanubrutinib in MYD88 WT**

MRR: 65%

At 42 months:

PFS: 53.8% (95% CI: 33.3, 70.6)

OS: 83.9% (95% CI: 62.6, 93.7)

# First line treatment

Immuno-CHT



Benda Rituximab

DRC

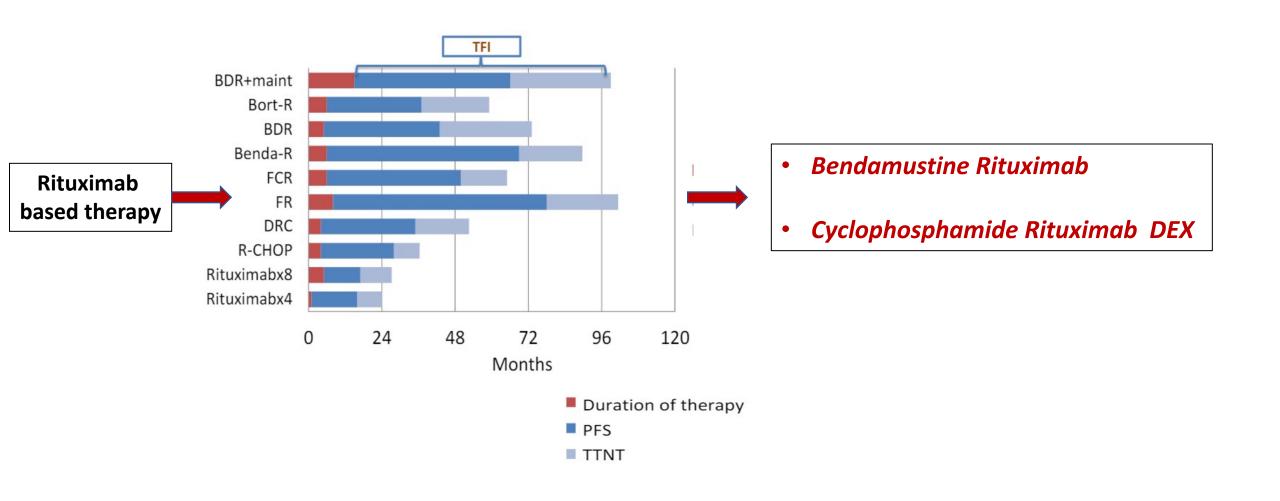
(Bortezomib-Rituximab)

BTKi
Only for pts unsuitable
for immuno-CHT

(Ibrutinib)°

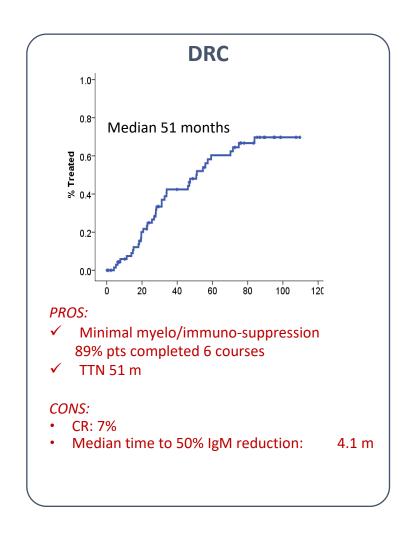
Zanubrutinib

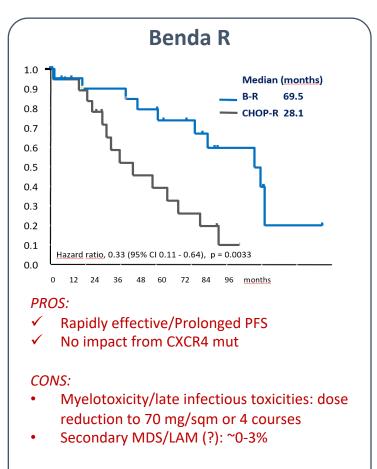
# First Line fixed duration therapy in WM

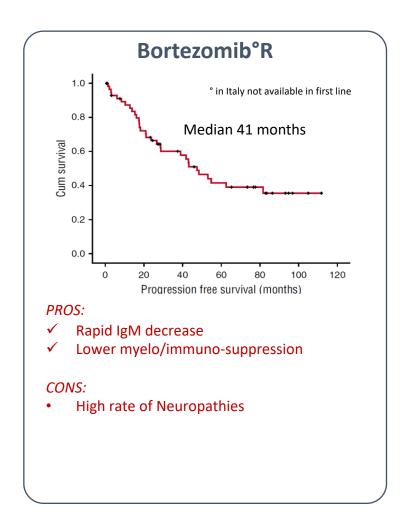


# **WM TREATMENT:** first line

# **Rituximab Combination Treatment**

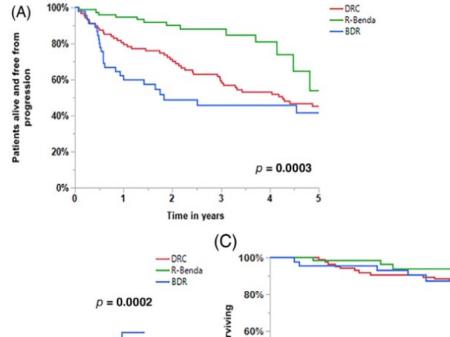






# Assessment of fixed-duration therapies for TN WM

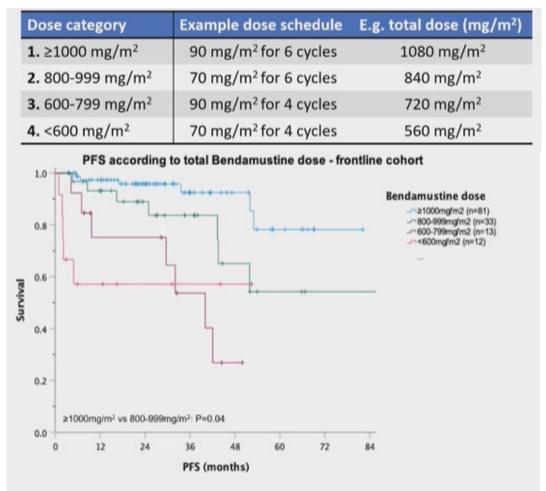
	MRR
R-Benda	96%
DRC	53%
BDR	68%



# **WM TREATMENT:** first line

### **Bendamustine Rituximab**

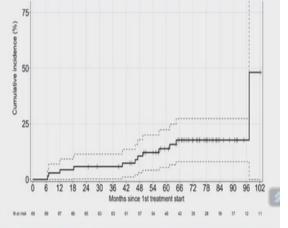
#### **Outcomes according to Benda dosage**



#### Late toxicities

Type of Cytopenia	N	%	Duration (months) median (range)
Neutropenia	26	38%	9m (3-24)
Anemia	17	25%	6m (3-36)
Thrombocytopenia	11	16%	9m (3-36)

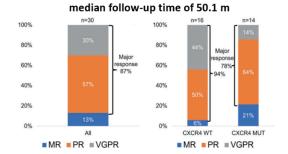
- Long-lasting cytopenia occurred in 35 patients (51%)
- Second malignancies: 12 patients
- 9 solid tumors (2 pancreas, 2 gastric, 1 colic, 1 oesophagus 1 lung, 1 skin, 1 breast)
- 3 myelodysplastic syndromes with 2 AML



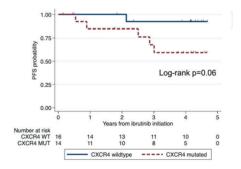
Cumulative incidence of second malignancies of 17.66% [7.99-27.64] at 66 months

# WM TREATMENT FIRST LINE TREATMENT BTKi

#### Ibrutinib° in MYD88<sup>mut</sup>

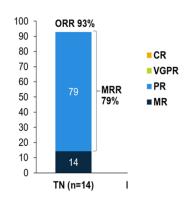


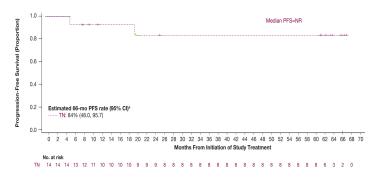
Median time to Major Response: 1.9 m Median longer for pts with:  $CXCR4^{mut}$  7.3 m  $CXCR4^{wt}$  1.8 m



Castillo et al., 2021

#### **Acalabrutinib**





Owen R et al., 2022

### Aspen trial in MYD88<sup>mut</sup>

median follow-up time of 19.4 m

		TN		
	Ibrutinib (n = 18)	Zanubrutinib (n = 19)		
Best overall response, n (%)				
CR	0 (0)	0 (0)		
VGPR	3 (17)	5 (26)		
PR	9 (50)	9 (47)		
MR	4 (22)	4 (21)		
SD	1 (6)	0 (0)		
PD	0 (0)	1 (5)		
Not evaluable*	1 (1)	0 (0)		
Response rates, % (95% CI)†				
VGPR or CR	17 (4-41)	26 (9-51)		
P	NR			
MRR	67 (41-87)	74 (49-91)		
ORR	89 (65-99)	95 (74-100)		
Duration of CR/VGPR, mo				
Median (range)	NE (0+, 3+)	NE (0+, 22+)		
18-Mo event-free rate, % (95% CI)§	NE (NE, NE)	100 (NE, NE)		
Duration of major response, months				
Median (range)	NE (3+, 28+)	NE (0+, 25+)		
18-Mo event-free rate, % (95% CI)§	00 (NE, NE)	80 (39-95)		
10-1410 event-free fate, 70 (7570 Cl)3	00 (142, 142)	00 (07-73)		
PFS				
Median (range), mo	NE (0+, 31+)	NE (1, 31+)		
18-Mo event-free rate, % (95% CI)§	94 (63-99)	78 (52-91)		

Tam CS et al., 2020

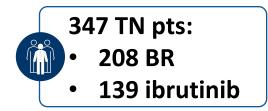
<sup>°</sup> approved by EMA in unfit PTS not reimbursed in Italy

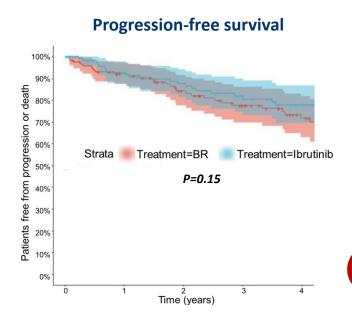
### Ibrutinib or Benda R in TN WM?

# Multi-institutional, international study in Europe and the USA

### Median follow-up: 4.2 years

1:1 age-matched analysis of 246 pts *MYD88*<sup>mut</sup>
Ibrutinib (n=123) BR (n=123)
Significant higher responses with BR
Discontinuation due to AE: 13% BR and 33% ibrutinib





4-year OS: BR 95% (95% CI 91–99)

versus

Ibrutinib 86% (95% CI 80-93)

In a bivariate analysis adjusting for age and the treatment type only age emerged as a predictor for OS (HR 7.2, p=0.0001)

For patients with *MYD88* L265P mutation, selection between the two approaches should be dictated by:



- Potential toxicities
- Patient comorbidities
- Patient/clinician preference (parenteral fixed duration vs. continuous oral)
- Access to therapies

### May we improve DRC?

# European Consortium Randomized trial NCT01788020

**DRC** 

**DRC Plus Bortezomib** 

Median 50.1 m (95% CI: 31.1; --)

Median PFS NR (95% CI: 33.5; --)

Estimated PFS at 24 m: 72.8%

(p=0.32)

Estimated PFS at 24 m: 80.6%

**B-DRC:** major R **79.1** %

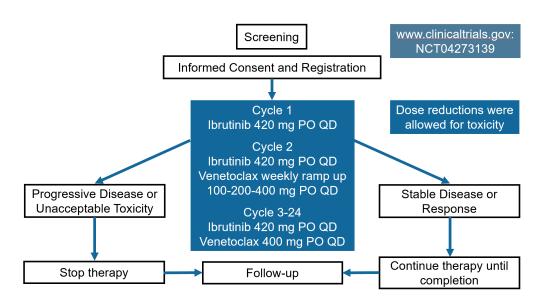
**DRC:** major R 68.9 %

grade ≥3 AEs DRC 47%

grade ≥3 AEs B-DRC 48%

At this time point of analysis, adding Bortezomib to DRC did not induce significant differences in PFS compared to DRC alone

# Fixed duration therapy in first line with target agents Venetoclax plus Ibrutinib

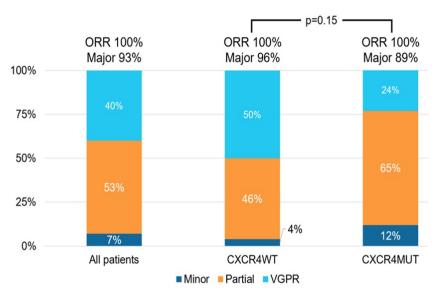


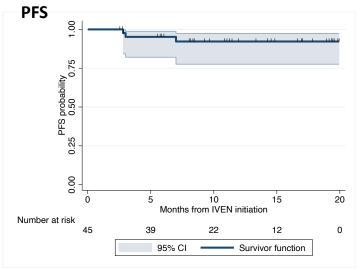
Median TTMR: 1.9 months

Median TTMR: CXCR4<sup>MUT</sup>: 2.8 months

CXCR4WT: 1.9 months

### Response to therapy





Castillo J et al., ASH 2022

# Ibrutinib and venetoclax in previously untreated WM

## Safety

Adverse events observed in ≥3 patients and of clinical importance

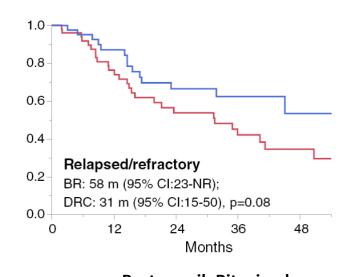
n=45

Adverse events	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	<b>Total</b> Safety
Anemia	1	2			3
Atrial fibrillation	1	2	1		4
Diarrhea	8	1			9
Reflux	10				10
Mucositis	7	2			9
Nausea	5				5
Neutropenia	1	10	3		14
Hyperphosphatemia	8				8
Muscle/joint pain	14	2			16
Skin rash	6				6
Ventricular arrhythmia	1		1	2	4
Laboratory TLS		2			2

TLS: tumor lysis syndrome

# Salvage treatment

Repeat or alternate immuno-CHT **DRC or Benda R** 

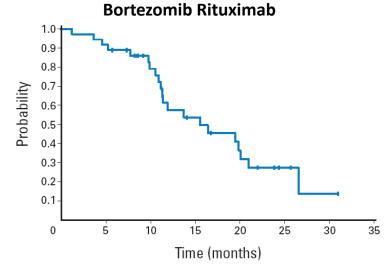


Benda R or DRC in RR WM

### Inadequate treatment in first line!

	BR second line	DRC second line
Chlorambucil	7%	16%
Rituximab monotherapy	45%	68%
FAMP/2CdA monotherapy	<b>6</b> %	12%

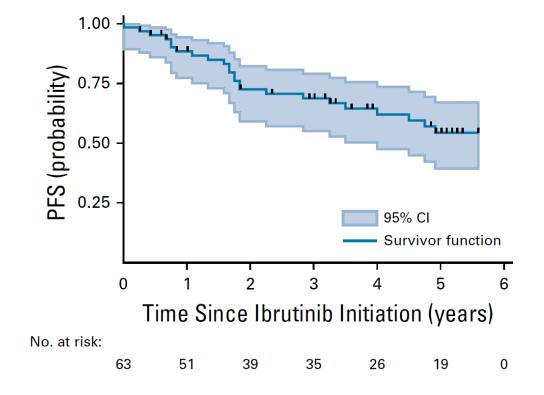




#### ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## Ibrutinib in Previously Treated Waldenström's Macroglobulinemia

# Median study follow-up: 59 months Progression Free Survival

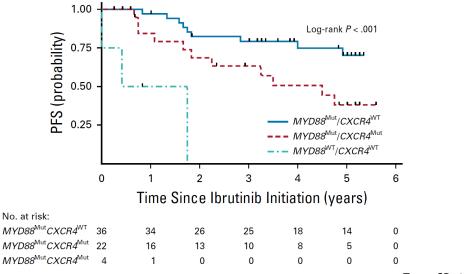


### Symptomatic R/R ≥ 1 line of therapy

IBRUTINIB 420 mg
Continuous therapy

- Median n° of prior therapies: 2 (1-9)
- 40% pts refractory to most recent therapy

Variable	All	MYD88 <sup>Mut</sup> CXCR4 <sup>NT</sup>	MYD88 <sup>Mut</sup> CXCR4 <sup>Mut</sup>	MYD88 <sup>WT</sup> CXCR4 <sup>NT</sup>	P
No. of patients	63	36	22	4	
Overall response rate	57 (90.5)	36 (100.0)	19 (86.4)	2 (50.0)	< .0100
Major response rate	50 (79.4)	35 (97.2)	15 (68.2)	0 (0.0)	< .0001
Categorical responses					
No response	6 (9.5)	0 (0.0)	3 (13.6)	2 (50.0)	< .0001
Minor response	7 (11.1)	1 (2.8)	4 (18.2)	2 (50.0)	
Partial response	31 (49.2)	18 (50.0)	13 (59.1)	0 (0.0)	
Very good partial response	19 (30.2)	17 (47.2)	2 (9.1)	0 (0.0)	
Median time to response, months					
Major response (≥ partial response)	1.8	1.8	4.7	NA	.0200



# Ibrutinib and Acalabrutinib studies in WM

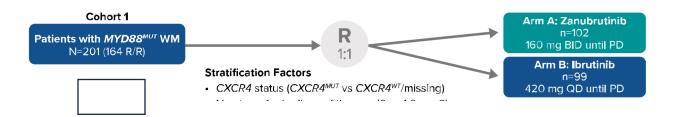
Study	N° pts	ORR	CR+GVPR	PR	Median FU time	PFS	PFS
							CXCR4 <sup>MUT</sup> vs CXCR4 <sup>WT</sup>
Ibrutinib							
Treon et al 2015, 2021	63 RR	90.5%	30.2%	49.2%	59 m	Median PFS NR 5 year PFS rate, 54%	38% vs <mark>70%</mark> (5 y)
Trotman et al, 2021 Refractory to Rituximab based tx	31 RR	87%	29%	48%	58 m	Median PFS 39 m 60 m PFS rate 40%	18 m vs NR (5 y)
Ibrutinib+Rituximab							
Buske et al, 2022	41 RR	93%	34%	42%	50 m	Median PFS NR	63% vs <mark>72%</mark> (54 m)
						54 m PFS rate 70%	Not significant
<b>Acalabrutinib°</b>							
Owen et al, 2022	92 RR	95%	27%	57%	63.7 m	Median PFS: 67.5 m 66 m PFS rate 52%	Not done

# **AEs of Ibrutinib and Acalabrutinib**

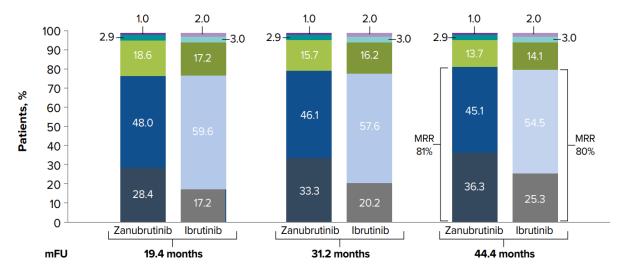
Ibrutinib monotherapy phase II study: Treon et al 2021	Ibrutinib plus R Innovate study: Buske et al 2022	Acalabrutinib Phase II study: Owen et al 2022
Median FU: 59 months  ✓ 8% off-study due to AE  ✓ 19% dose reductions	Median FU: 50 months  ✓ 11% off-study due to AE	Median FU: 60 months  ✓ 16% off-study due to AE
<ul> <li>Hematological AE Grade ≥ 3</li> <li>Neutropenia: 15.9%</li> <li>Thrombocytopenia: 11.1%</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓ 23% dose reductions</li> <li>Hematological AE Grade ≥ 3</li> <li>Neutropenia: 13%</li> <li>Thrombocytopenia: 1%</li> </ul>	Hematological AE Grade ≥ 3 NA
<ul> <li>AE of interest with BTKi</li> <li>Atrial arrhythmia any grade 12.7%</li> <li>Hypertension grade ≥ 2: 6%</li> <li>Pneumonia grade ≥ 2: 8%</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>AE of clinical interest any grade</li> <li>Atrial fibrillation 19%</li> <li>Hypertension: 25%</li> <li>Infections ≥ 3: 29%</li> </ul>	AE of clinical interest any grade  • Atrial fibrillation 12%  • Hypertension: 8%  • Infections ≥ 3: 33%

	Study	N° pts	FU	Discontinuations due to AE	Dose reductions
Abeykoon et al, 2019	Retrospective	80 TN/RR	19 m	16%	18%
Frustaci et al, 2022	Retrospective	206 R/R	27 m	11%	19%

# ASPEN study, Phase III randomized study: Ibrutinib versus Zanubrutinib



### **Responses by investigators**



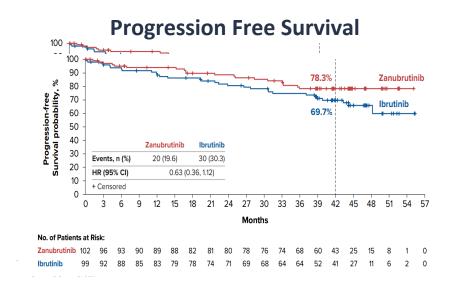
Median time to CR+VGPR: shorter for zanubrutinib 6.7 m vs ibrutinib: 16.6 m

Primary objective significant superior CR+VGPR According to IRC with zanubruitnib: not achieved

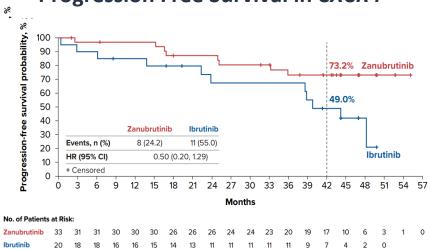
### **Responses by CXCR4**

	СХС	CR4 <sup>MUT</sup>	CXCR4 <sup>WT</sup>		
	lbrutinib (n=20)	Zanubrutinib (n=33)	lbrutinib (n=72)	Zanubrutinib (n=65)	
VGPR or better	2 (10.0)	7 (21.2)	22 (30.6)	29 (44.6)	
Major response	13 (65.0)	26 (78.8)	61 (84.7)	54 (83.1)	
Overall response	19 (95.0)	30 (90.9)	68 (94.4)	63 (96.9)	
Time to major response, median (months)	6.6	3.4	2.8	2.8	
Time to VGPR, median (months)	31.3	11.1	11.3	6.5	

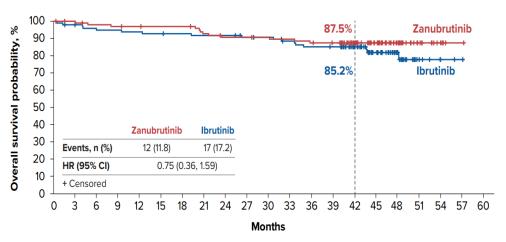
# **ASPEN Phase III randomized study: Ibrutinib versus Zanubrutinib**



### Progression Free Survival in *CXCR4*<sup>mut</sup>



### **Overall Survival**

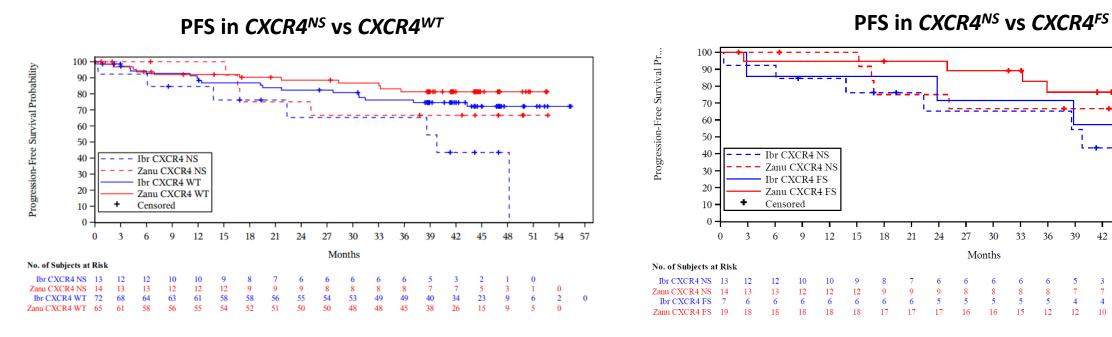


#### No. of Patients at Risk:

 Zanubrutinib
 102
 100
 97
 96
 95
 94
 94
 89
 86
 86
 85
 84
 82
 80
 65
 49
 27
 13
 5
 1
 0

 Ibrutinib
 99
 96
 93
 92
 91
 90
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# Zanubrutinib trends favorable for PFS versus ibrutinib in both CXCR4<sup>NS</sup> And CXCR4<sup>FS</sup>



Mutation determined by NGS; NGS results were available for 92 patients in the ibrutinib arm and 98 patients in the zanubrutinib arm.

# Zanubrutinib shows deeper and faster responses and favorable PFS versus ibrutinib in WM with TP53<sup>MUT</sup>

	Patients with <i>MYD88</i> <sup>MUT</sup> treated with ibrutinib		Patients with <i>MYD88</i> <sup>MUT</sup> treated with zanubrutinib		
Response	<i>ТР53</i> <sup>wт</sup> (n=70)	<i>TP53</i> <sup>м∪т</sup> (n=22)	<i>TP53</i> <sup>w⊤</sup> (n=72)	<i>TP53</i> <sup>мит</sup> (n=26)	
VGPR or better, n (%)	21 (30.0)	3 (13.6)	27 (37.5)	9 (34.6)	
MR, n (%)	60 (85.7)*	14 (63.6)*	59 (81.9)	21 (80.8)	
Median time to VGPR or better (min, max), months	11.4 (2.0, 49.9)	24.9 (5.6, 46.9)	6.5 (1.9, 42.0)	11.1 (3.0, 26.0)	
Median time to MR (min, max), months	2.9 (0.9, 49.8)	3.0 (1.0, 13.8)	2.8 (0.9, 49.8)	2.8 (1.0, 5.6)	
PFS Events, n (%) <sup>b</sup> Event-free rate at 42 months, % P value <sup>c</sup>	18 (25.7%) 72.1 -	11 (50.0%) 57.9 <b>0.027</b>	10 (13.8%) 84.6 -	9 (34.6%) 62.0 0.120	

Data cutoff: October 31, 2021.

Bold text indicates >10% difference between MUT and WT. Bold red text highlights P value < 0.05.

MR, major response; MUT, mutant; PFS, progression-free survival; MYD88, myeloid differentiation primary response 88 gene; NGS, next-generation sequencing; TERT, telomerase reverse transcriptase gene; TP53, tumor protein P53 gene; VGPR, very good partial response; WT, wild type.

<sup>\*</sup>P value <0.05, based on a logistic regression model with CXCR4 (WT, FS, NS), TP53 (WT, MUT), and TERT (WT, MUT) statuses as covariates. WT is the reference group.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Mutation determined by NGS and available for 92 patients in the ibrutinib arm and 98 patients in the zanubrutinib arm. <sup>b</sup>Includes the number of progressive disease or death.

Estimated using a Cox regression model with CXCR4 (WT, FS, NS), TP53 (WT, MUT), and TERT (WT, MUT) mutational status as covariates. WT is the reference group.

# **ASPEN Phase III randomized study: Ibrutinib versus Zanubrutinib**

### **Patients disposition**

### Long term toxicity

	Cohort 1		
Category, n (%)	lbrutinib (n=98)	Zanubrutinib (n=101)	
Patients with ≥1 AE	98 (100.0)	100 (99.0)	
Grade ≥3	71 (72.4)	75 (74.3)	
Serious	49 (50.0)	57 (56.4)	
AE leading to death	5 (5.1)ª	3 (3.0) <sup>b</sup>	
AE leading to treatment discontinuation	20 (20.4) <sup>d</sup>	9 (8.9)°	
AE leading to dose reduction	26 (26.5)	16 (15.8)	
AE leading to dose held	62 (63.3)	63 (62.4)	
COVID-19–related AE	4 (4.1)	4 (4.0)	

	All grades		Grade ≥3	
AEs,ª n (%)	Ibrutinib (n=98)	Zanubrutinib (n=101)	lbrutinib (n=98)	Zanubrutinib (n=101)
Infection	78 (79.6)	80 (79.2)	27 (27.6)	22 (21.8)
Bleeding	61 (62.2)	56 (55.4)	10 (10.2)	9 (8.9)
Diarrhea	34 (34.7)	23 (22.8)	2 (2.0)	3 (3.0)
Hypertension*	25 (25.5)	15 (14.9)	20 (20.4)*	10 (9.9)
Atrial fibrillation/flutter*	23 (23.5)*	8 (7.9)	8 (8.2)*	2 (2.0)
Anemia	22 (22.4)	18 (17.8)	6 (6.1)	12 (11.9)
Neutropenia*b	20 (20.4)	35 (34.7)*	10 (10.2)	24 (23.8)*
Thrombocytopenia	17 (17.3)	17 (16.8)	6 (6.1)	11 (10.9)
Second primary malignancy/	17 (17.3)/	17 (16.8)/	3 (3.1)/	6 (5.9)/
nonskin cancers	6 (6.1)	6 (5.9)	3 (3.1)	4 (4.0)

**Bold** text indicates rate of AEs with ≥10% (all grades) or ≥5% (grade ≥3) difference between arms.

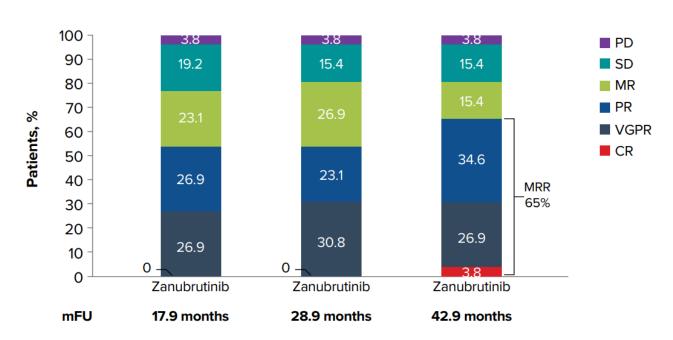
Data cutoff: October 31, 2021. \*Descriptive purposes only, 1-sided P < 0.025 in rate difference in all grades and/or grade ≥3.

AE categories (grouped terms) of preferred terms by Medical Dictionary for Regulatory Activities v24.0. Including preferred terms of neutropenia, neutropenia, neutropenia, neutropenia, and neutropenia, and neutropenia preferred terms of neutropenia.

# ASPEN study: Cohort 2 MYD88<sup>WT</sup> (Zanubrutinib monotherapy)



### **Responses Overtime**



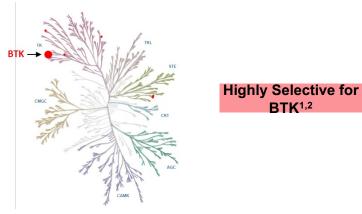
At 42 months:

PFS: 53.8% (95% CI: 33.3, 70.6)

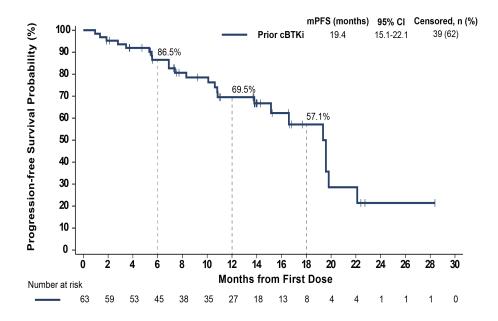
OS: 83.9% (95% CI: 62.6, 93.7)

### What comes next in WM?

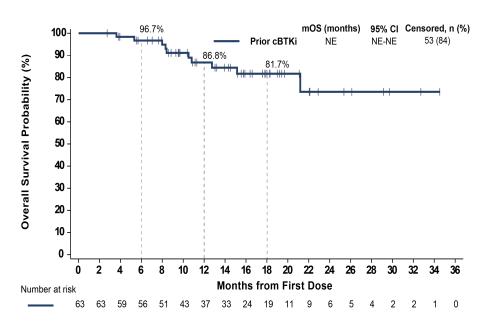
### Pirtobrutinib: non covalent BTKi



#### **Progression-Free Survival**



#### **Overall Survival**

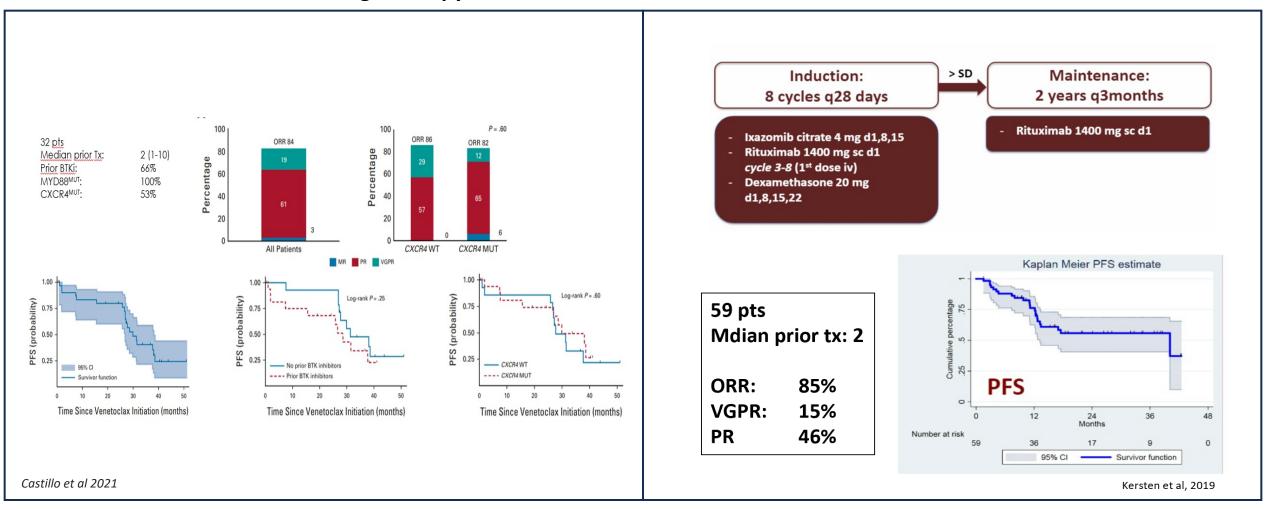


- The median follow-up for PFS and OS in patients who received prior cBTKi was 14 and 16 months, respectively
- 55.6% (35/63) of patients who received prior cBTKi remain on pirtobrutinib

# Effective salvage treatments (currently not in development)

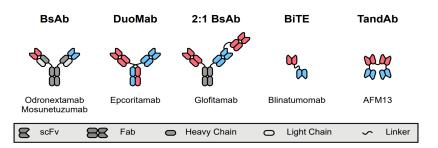
Venetoclax as salvage therapy

### **Next generation Proteasome inhibitors salvage therapy**



### **Near Future treatments**

### **→** Bispecific Ab



- ✓ Active in high grade and low grade lymhomas heavly pretreated
- ✓ Few pts with WM inlcuded in studies

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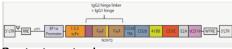


- ✓ No <u>approved</u> CAR-T for WM treatment
- ✓ anti-WM activity in second-generation anti-CD19 CAR T cells
  3 pts treated:

treatment was <u>welltolerated</u> only g 1–2 toxicities responses were seen in all three patients

✓ CD20 CAR-T (MB-106) (third generation targeted CAR)

Palomba et al, 2021



2 pts treated:

responses were seen in all patients

FDA has granted orphan drug designation to MB-106, for the treatment of patient with WM

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### **CONCLUSIONS**

- TN patients:
  - Immuno-chemotherapy remains treatment of choice
  - Zanubrutinib in pts unsuitable for immuno-CHT (consider genotype)
- R/R patients:
  - BTKi treatment of choice:
    - consider genotype (better outcomes with zanubruitnib in high risk pts)
    - patients comorbidities (better tollerability with zanubruitnib)
- IBRUTINIB/ZANUBRUTINIB refractory pts:
  - pirtobrutinib
- UNMET NEED:
  - salvage after BTKi failures

Car-T protocol ongoing (ZUMA 25)