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Il concetto della "durata fissa" dal farmacologo all'ematologo

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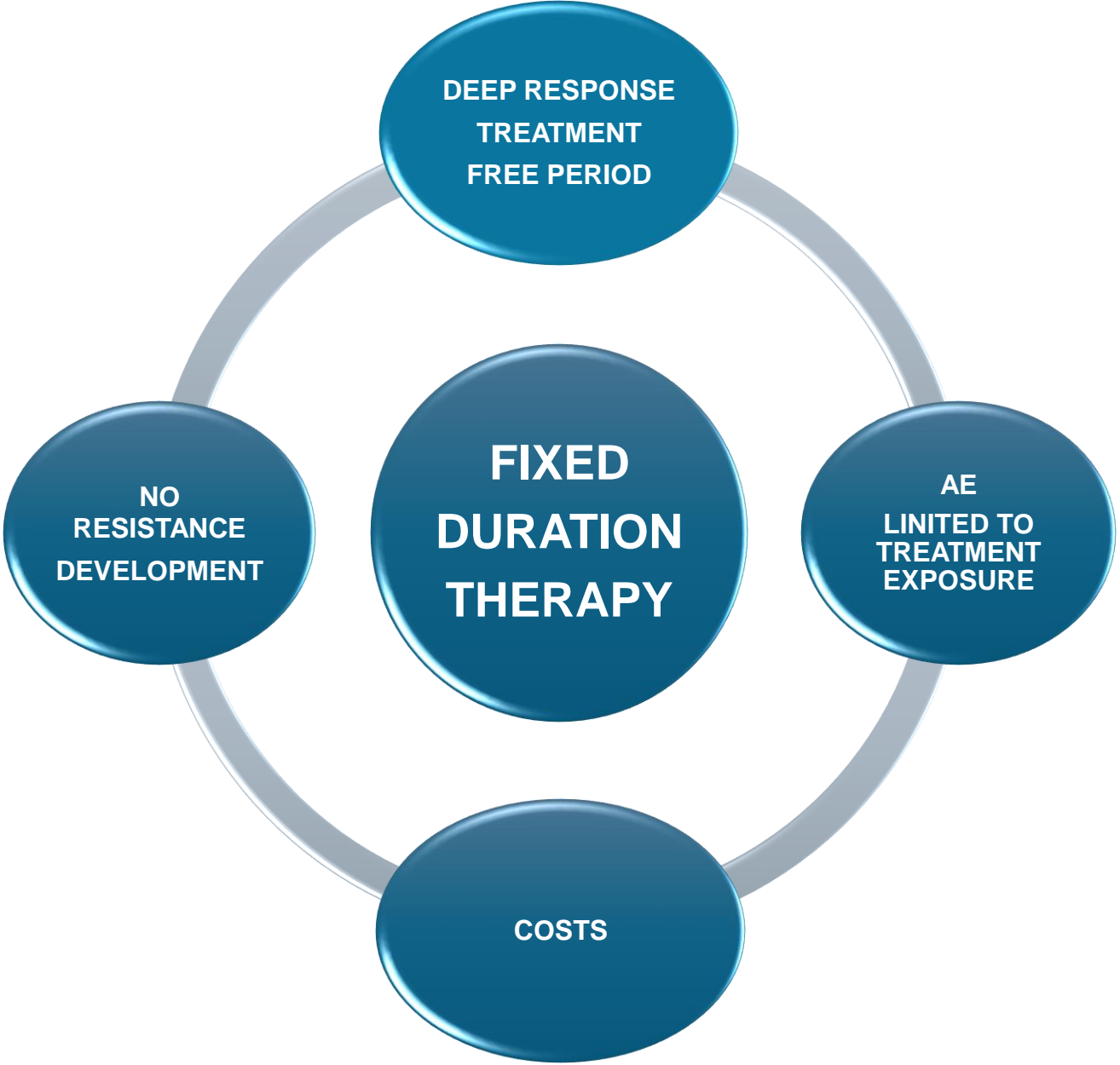
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# REVOLUTIONARY ROAD IN CLL

Innovazione rivoluzionaria nella terapia  
della leucemia linfatica cronica

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# FIRST LINE CLL: FIXED DURATION THERAPY

## Fixed Duration Therapies

CLL14 <sup>1</sup>	OC1b	VenO	
GAIA/CLL13 <sup>2</sup>	FCR/BR	VenR	
	VenO	IVO	
GLOW <sup>3</sup>	OC1b	VenI	
CAPTIVATE <sup>4</sup> (FD cohort)		VenI	
AMPLIFY <sup>5</sup> (ACE-CL-311)	FCR/BR	VenA	AVO
CLL17 <sup>6</sup> (FTD Cohort)	I	VenI	VenO

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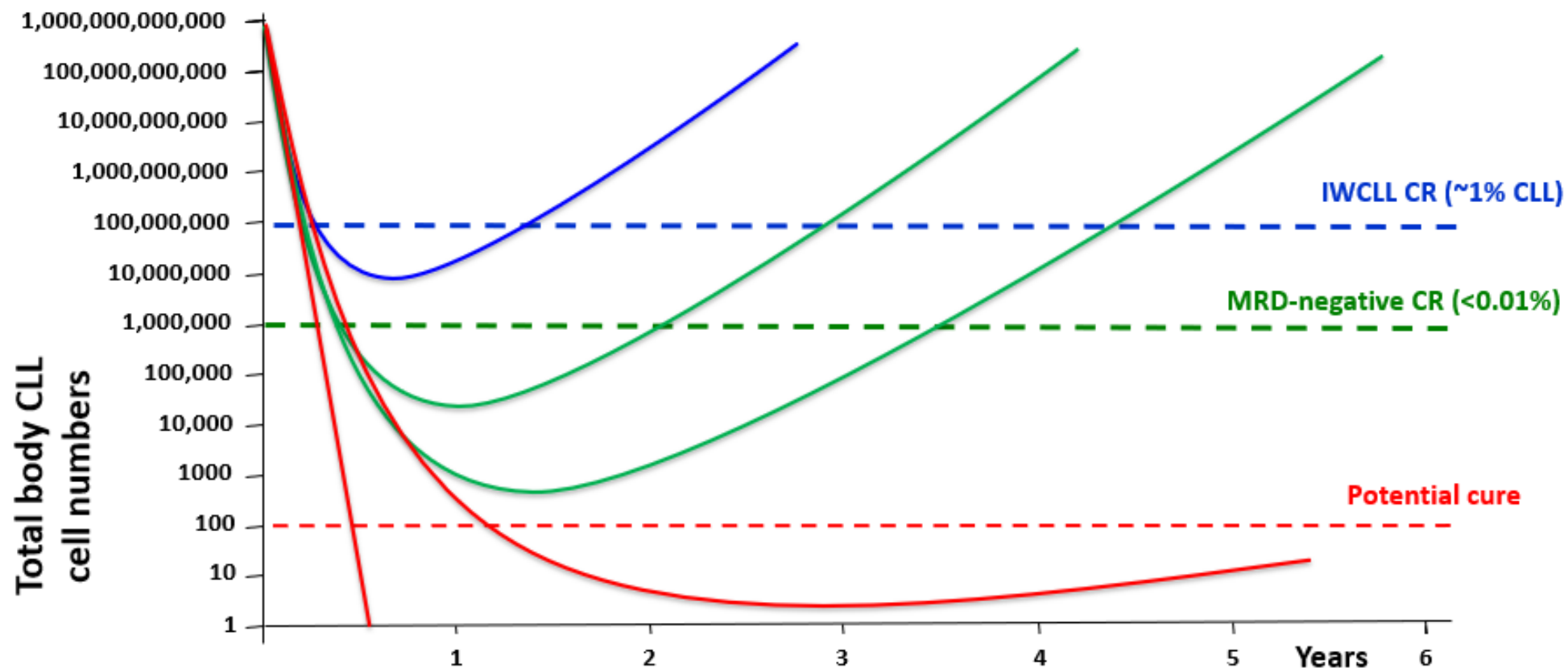
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DEEP  
RESPONSE  
TREATMENT  
FREE PERIOD

## Hypothetical disease outcome based on depth of response<sup>1-3</sup>



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# FIRST LINE CLL

**VENETOCLAX  
OBINUTUZUMAB**

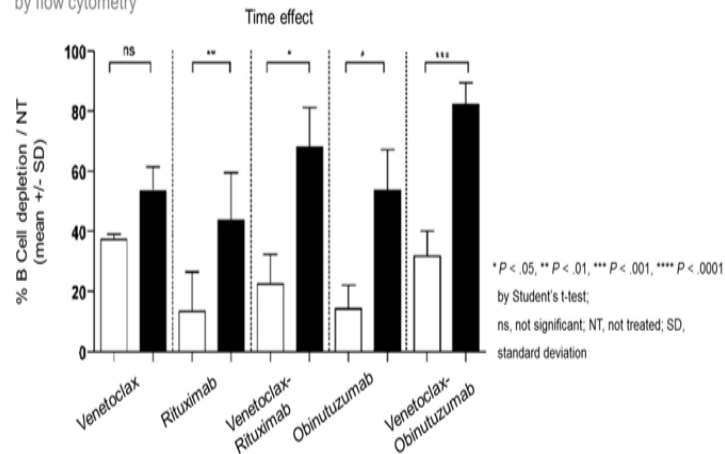
**Anti CD20  
MoAb**

**VENETOCLAX**  
-deep responses  
- HIGH uMRD

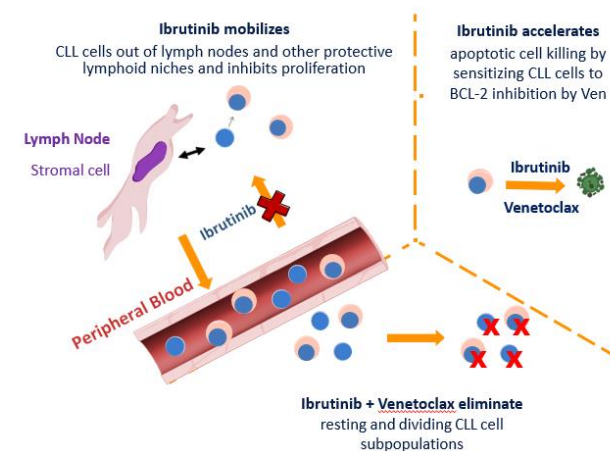
**VENETOCLAX  
IBRUTINIB**

**IBRUTINIB**

B-cell (isolated from primary CLL patient samples) depletion relative to untreated controls assessed by flow cytometry



- Different sites of activity
- Ibrutinib enhances venetoclax activity
- Prevention of resistance mechanisms

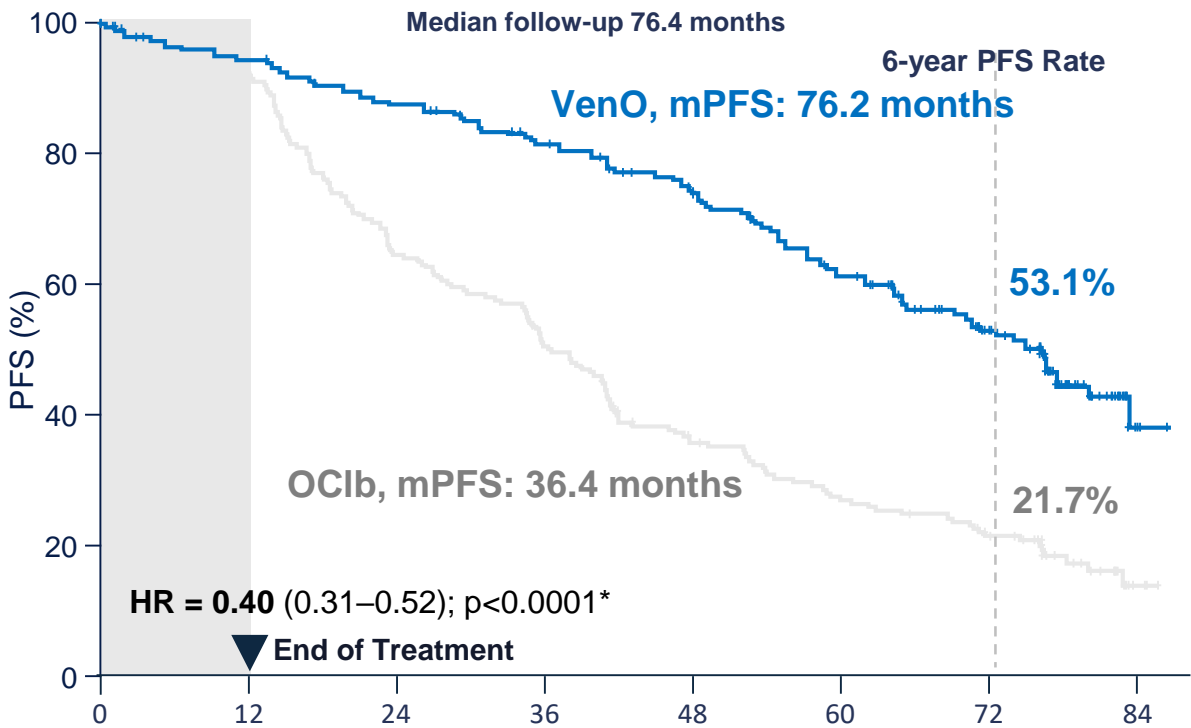


# VENETOCLAX OBINUTUZUMAB: PFS

CLL14 OC1b **VenO**

Older/with Comorbidities  
Median Age 72y

## Progression-Free Survival<sup>1</sup>



VenO  
OC1b

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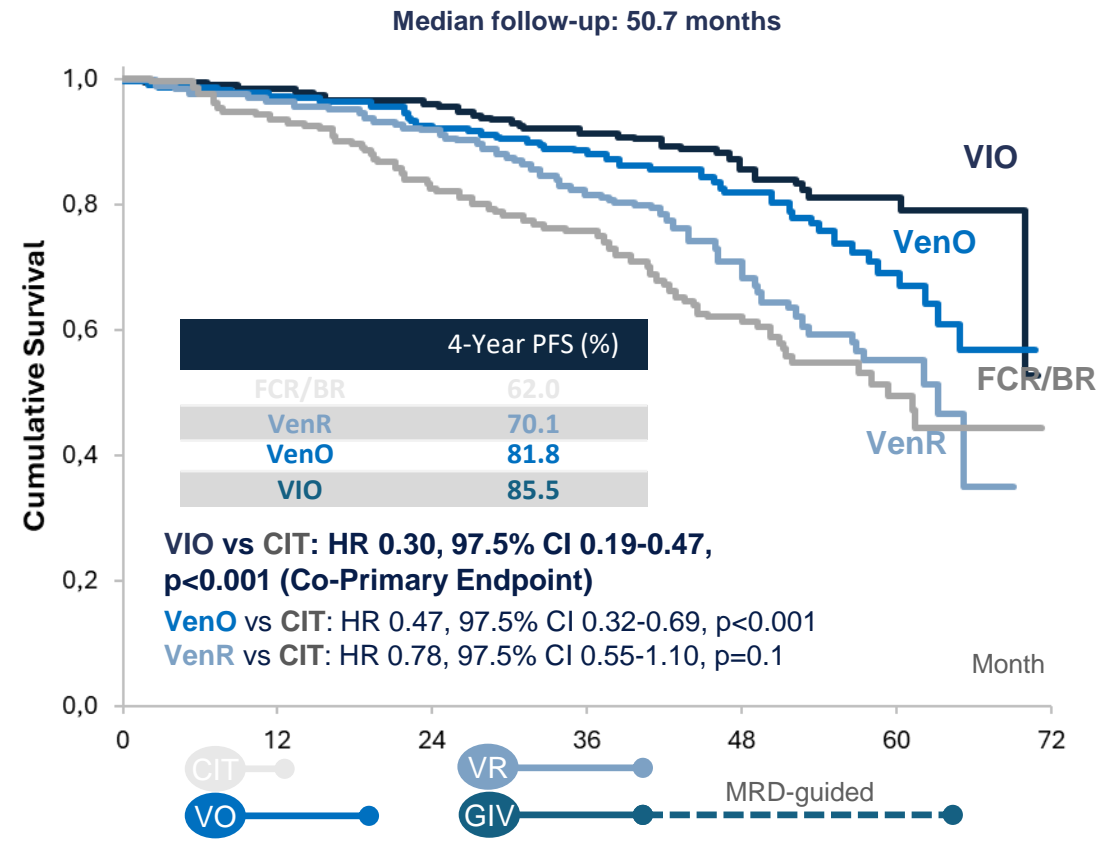
## uMRD rates<sup>†</sup> in PB at Month 15<sup>2</sup>

OC1b **VenO**  
35% 76%

GAIA/CLL13 FCR/BR **VenO** VenR GIVe

Fit No del(17p)/TP53<sup>mu</sup>  
Median Age 61y

## Progression-Free Survival<sup>1</sup>



CIT VR GIVe  
VO MRD-guided

## uMRD rates\* in PB at Month 15<sup>2</sup>

FCR/BR **VenO** VenR **VIO**  
52.0%<sup>†</sup> 86.5%<sup>†</sup> 57.0% 92.2%

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# VENETOCLAX OBINUTUZUMAB: TTNT

*TTNT: Durable efficacy of fixed duration VenO translates to prolonged treatment-free time for fit & unfit pts*

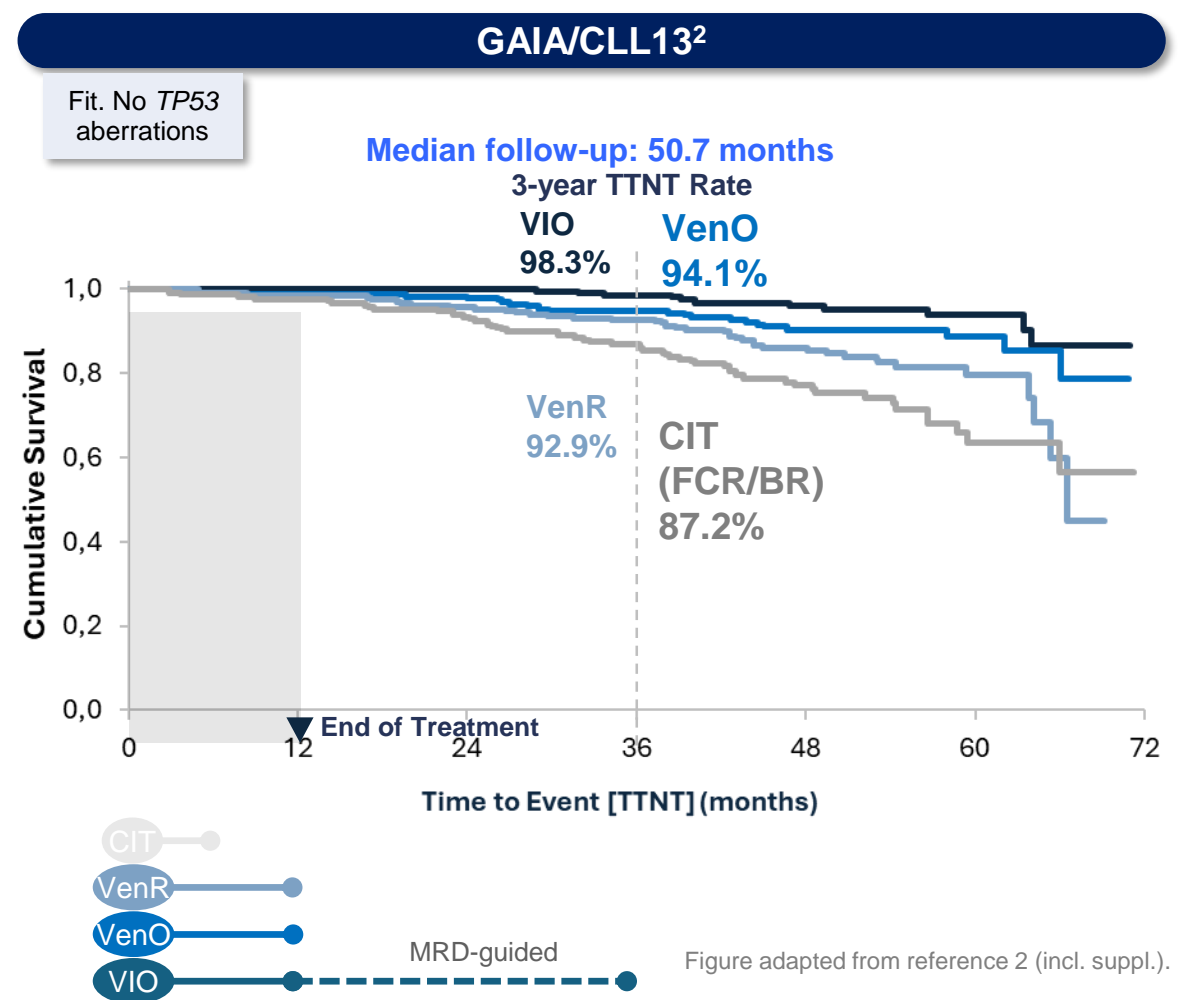
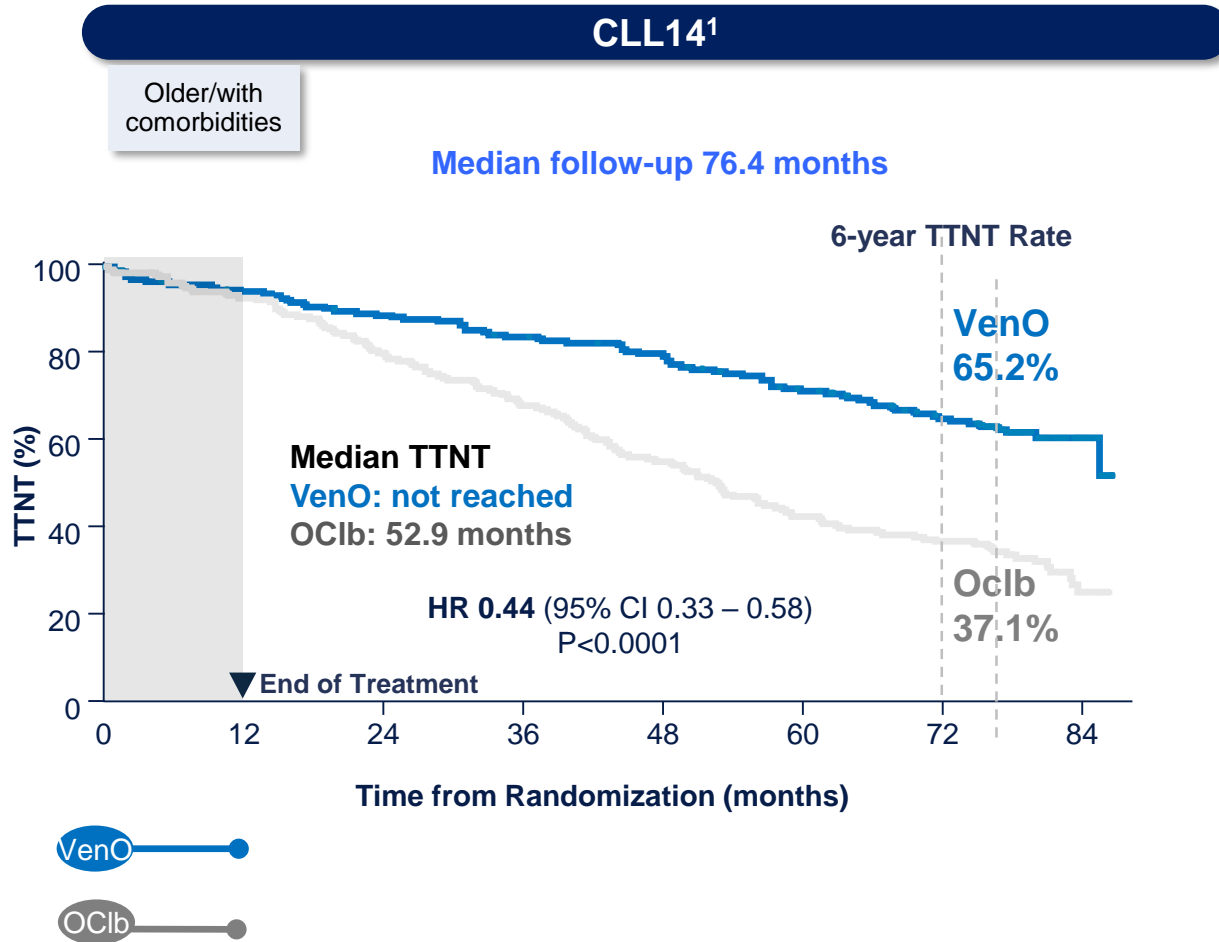


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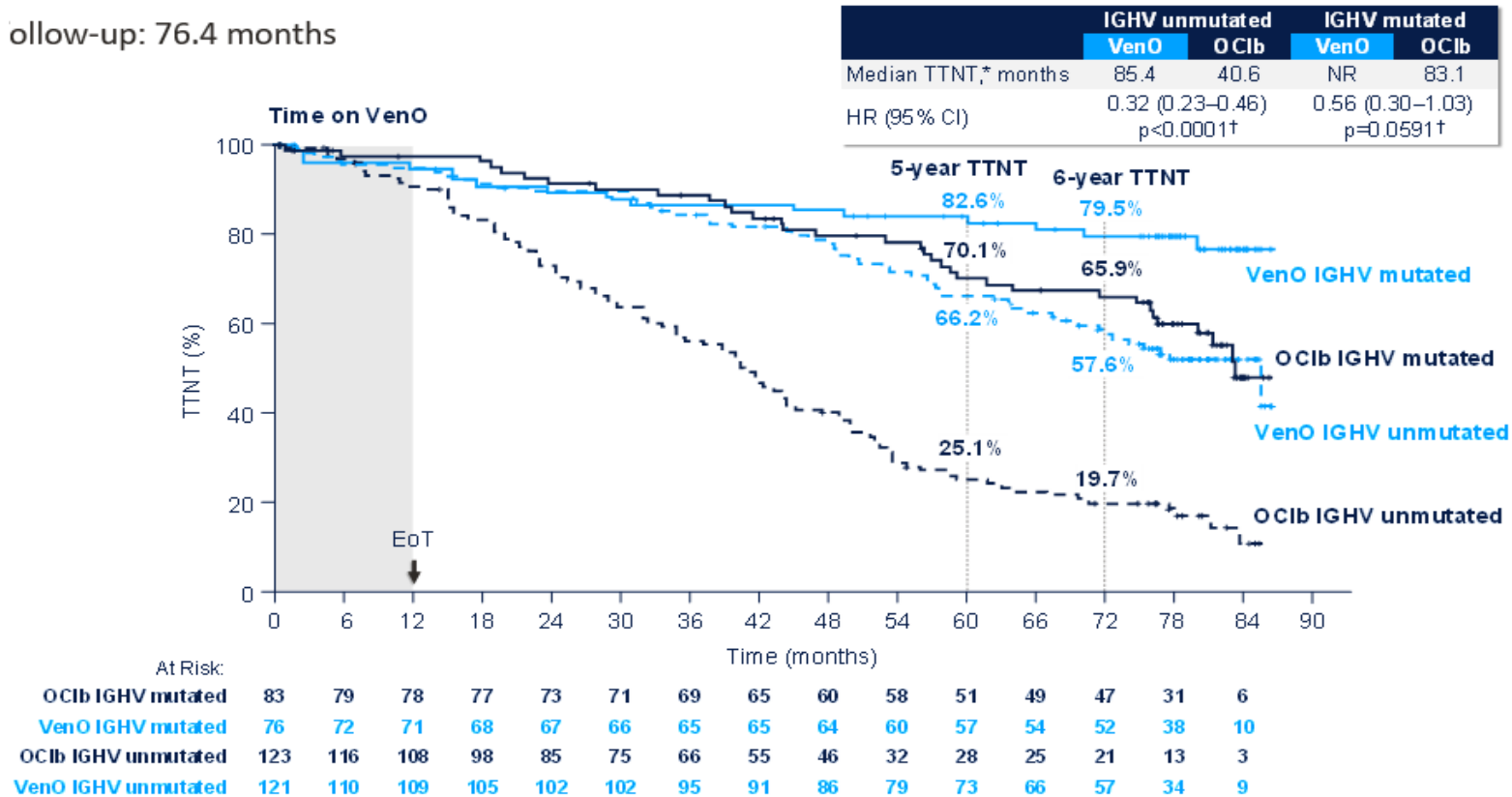
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# VENETOCLAX OBINUTUZUMAB: TTNT

## TTNT ACCORDING TO IGHV MUTATION

Follow-up: 76.4 months







# VENETOCLAX OBINUTUZUMAB: AE

CLL 14

Venetoclax Obinutuzumab versus Chlorambucil Obinutuzumab

*Median follow-up 76.4 months*

## Dose modifications and discontinuations due to adverse events

- **Time-limited exposure to treatment-toxicities**  
Most frequent ≥ grade 3 adverse events

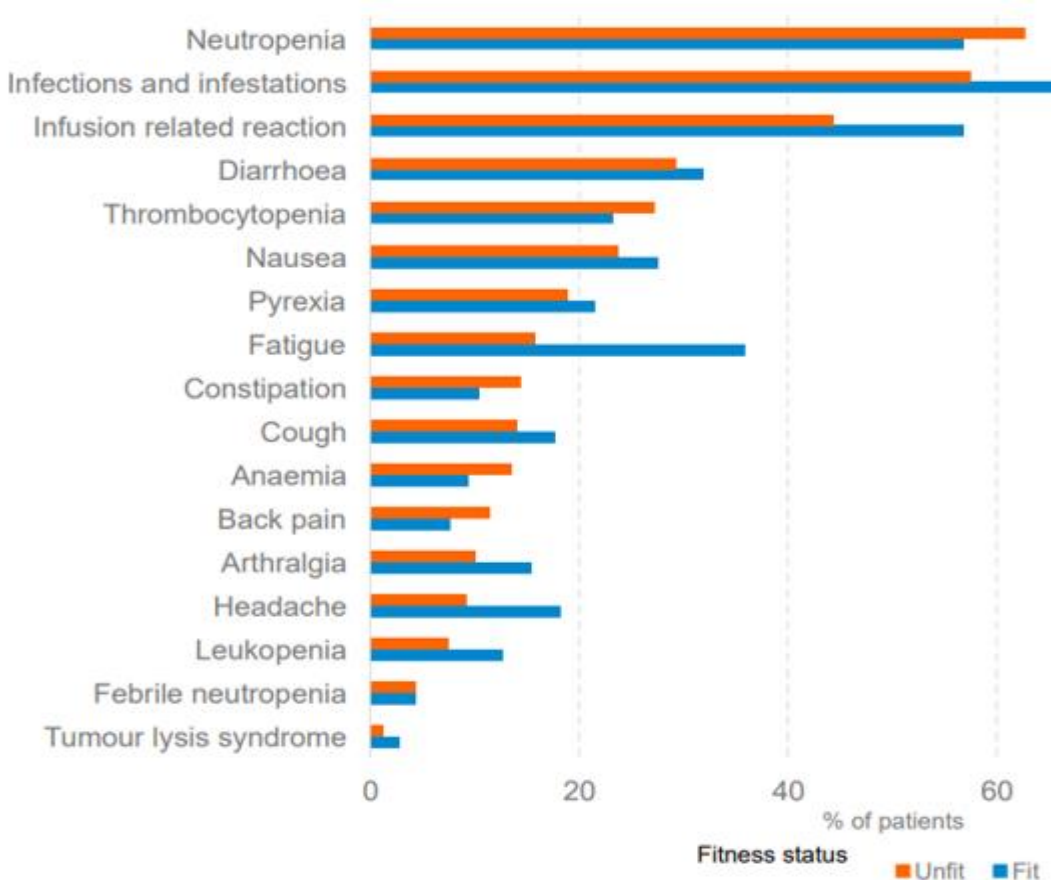
Patients	VenO arm (venetoclax) n=212	OC1b arm (chlorambucil) n=214
Dose reduction due to AE, n (%) <sup>1</sup>	43 (20)	17 (8)
Due to neutropenia [most common cause]	28 (13)	13 (6)
Treatment-emergent (VenO or OC1b) AE leading to treatment discontinuation, n (%) <sup>1</sup>	33 (16)	35 (16)
Treatment discontinuation due to any AE, n (%) <sup>1</sup>	27 (13)	31 (15)
Due to neutropenia [most common cause]	5 (2)	5 (2)
Median dose intensity, % (range) <sup>*.2</sup>	95.1 (21–100)	95.4 (4–111)

	Venetoclax-obinutuzumab (N=212)	
	During Treatment	After Treatment
Neutropenia	51.9%	3.8%
Thrombocytopenia	14.2%	0.5%
Anemia	7.5%	1.9%
Febrile neutropenia	4.2%	0.9%
Leukopenia	2.4%	0.0%
Pneumonia	3.8%	3.3%
Infusion-related reaction	9.0%	0.0%
Tumour lysis syndrome	1.4%	0.0%

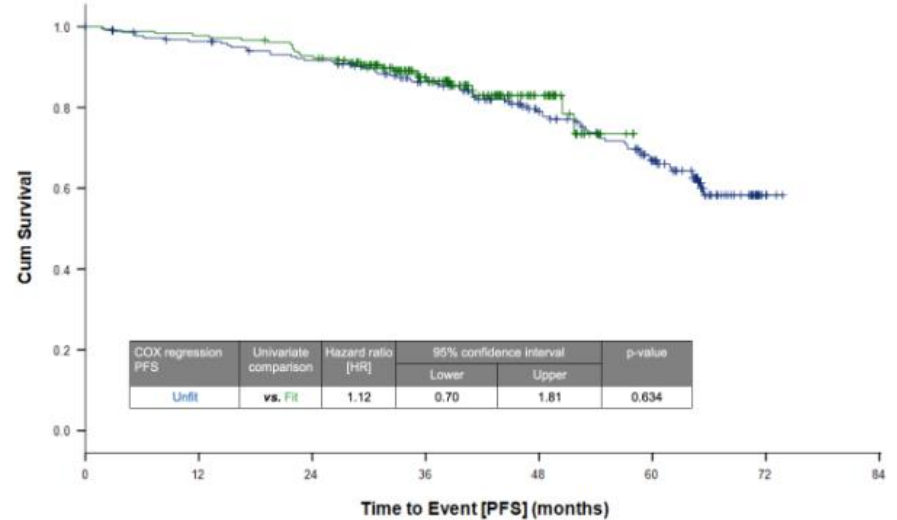
# VENETOCLAX OBINUTUZUMAB: AE

## CLINICAL TRIALS

CLL13 and CLL14 <sup>1</sup>



CLL13 and CLL14 <sup>1</sup>



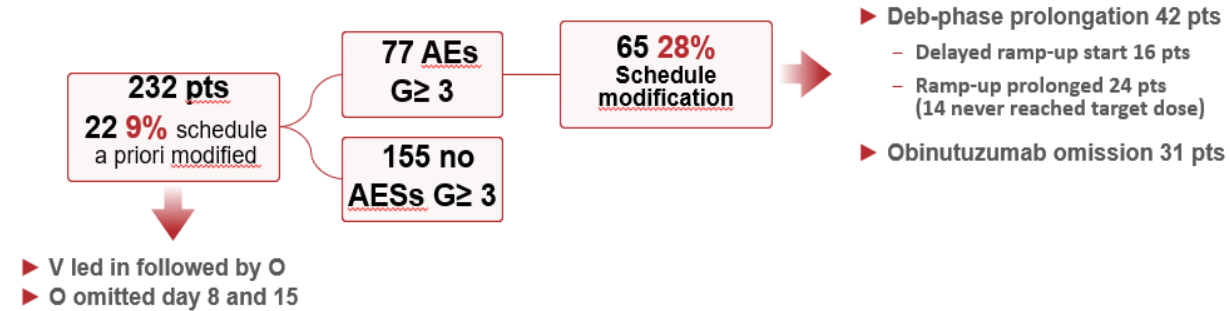
Unfit	228	210	197	167	125	89	4	0
Fit	181	177	167	99	35	0	0	0

No substantial impact of fitness on toxicity and efficacy of Ven-Obi.

# VENETOCLAX OBINUTUZUMAB

## ITALIAN EXPERIENCE

Definitive tx discontinuation 12 pts (5%)



Baseline factor	OR	95%CI	p
<b>Tox-DTD</b>			
Need of caregiver	4.2	1.2 - 13.6	0.02
Endocrine comorbidities	3.7	1.3 - 10.1	0.01
Steroid>6days	4.9	1.9 - 13.3	0.001
<b>Global feasibility</b>			
Age	1.04	1.01 - 1.08	0.01
IgG<700	1.78	1.0 - 3.19	0.058
Steroid>6days	2.54	1.27 - 5.1	0.008

# VENETOCLAX IBRUTINIB: PFS

GLOW OC1b IVen Unfit No del(17p)/TP53<sup>mut</sup> Median Age 71y

CAPTIVATE (FD cohort) IVen FIT Median Age 60 y

## GLOW PFS by IRC (median follow-up 57 months)<sup>1</sup>

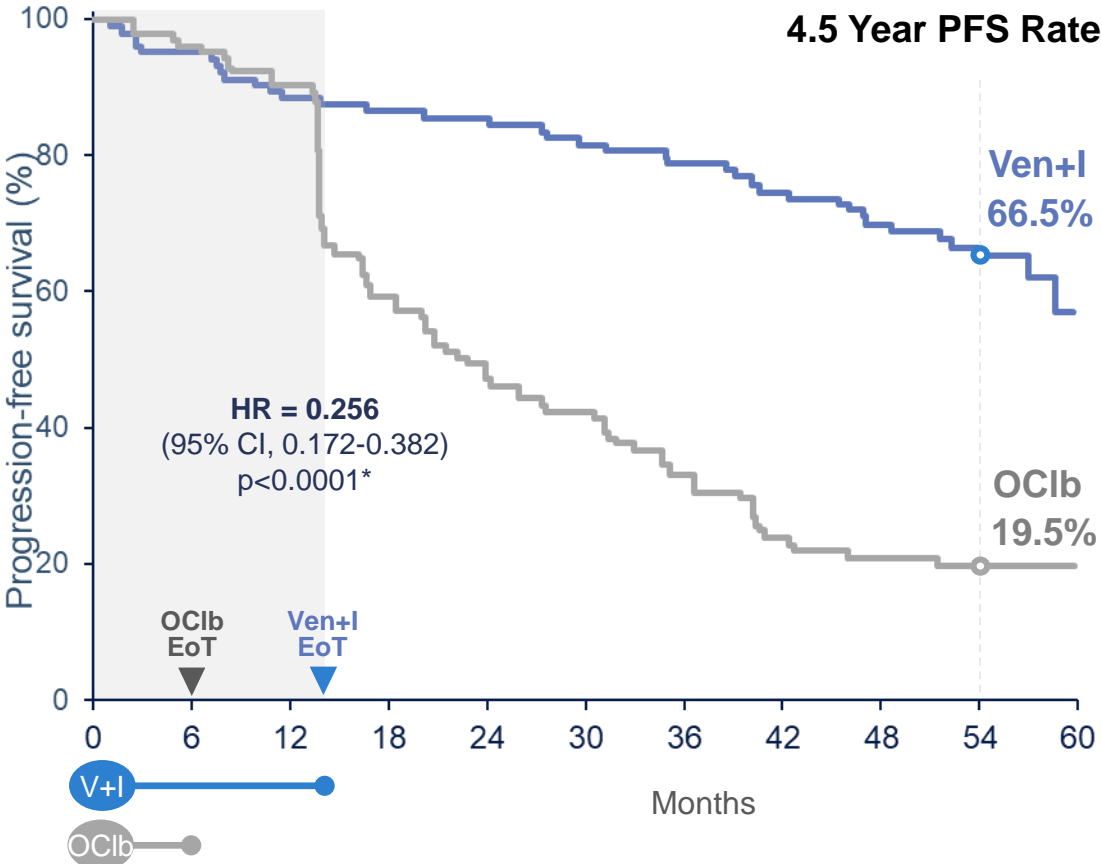


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## CAPTIVATE PFS by INV (median follow-up 61.2 mo)<sup>2</sup>

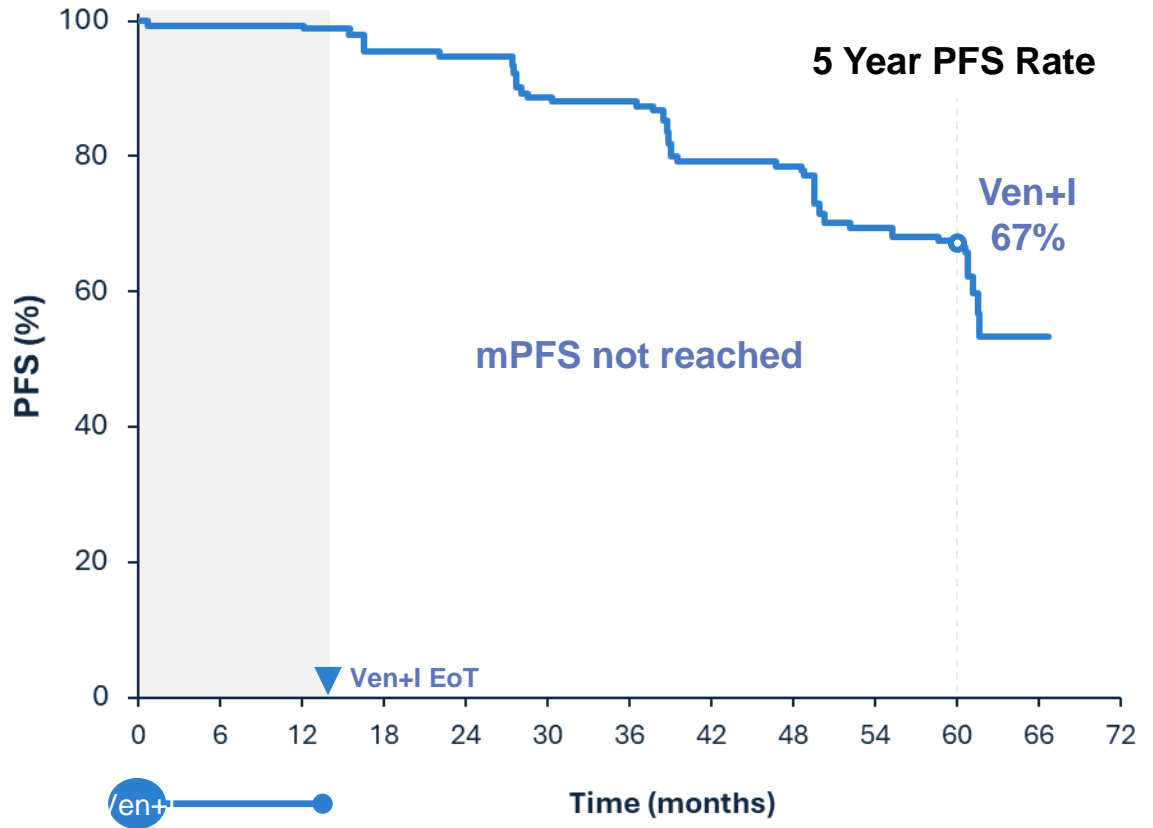


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INV, Investigator; ITT, Intention to Treat; OC1b, Obinutuzumab+Chlorambucil; Ven+I, Ibrutinib+Venetoclax.

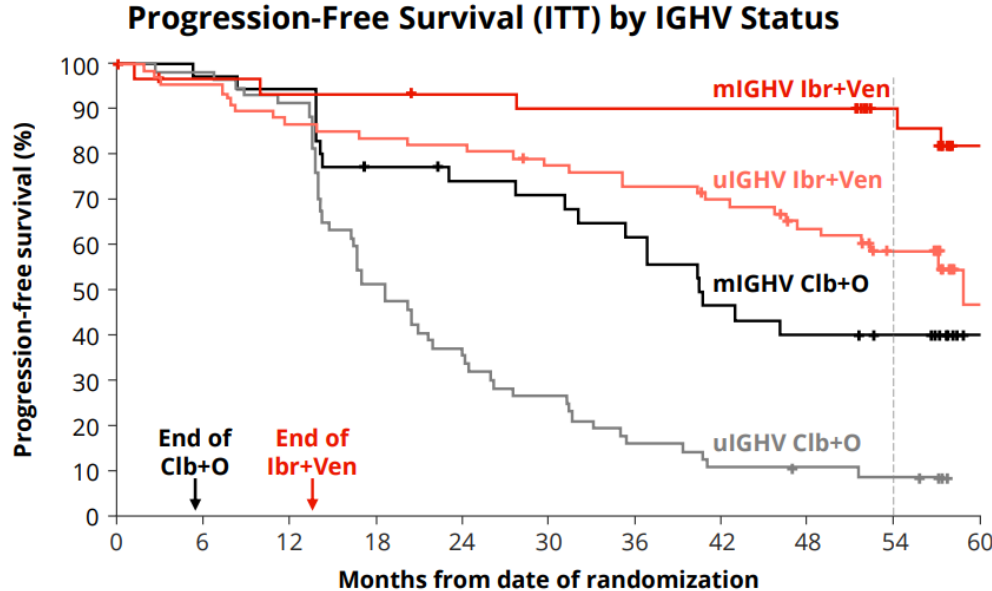
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# VENETOCLAX IBRUTINIB: GLOW study

## Glow

### Venetoclax Ibrutinib vs Chl obinutuxumab

Median study follow-up: 57months

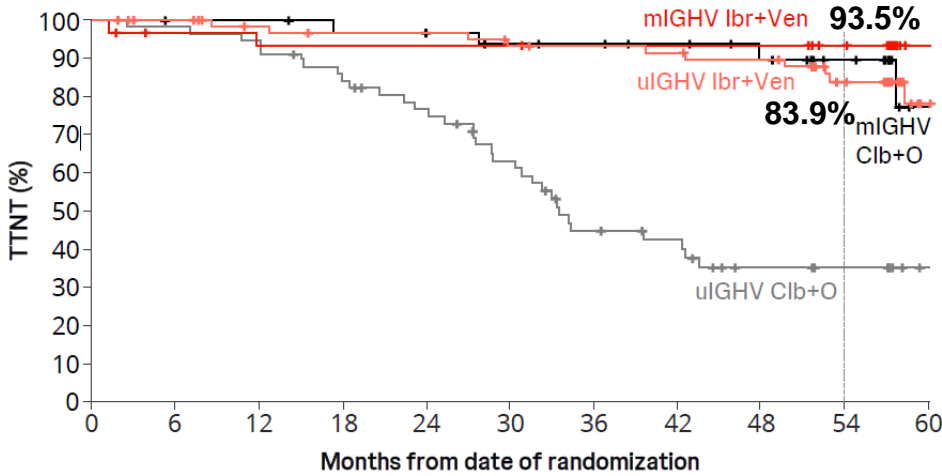


Patients at risk	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60
mIGHV Ibr+Ven	32	29	28	28	27	26	26	26	26	22	5
uIGHV Ibr+Ven	67	64	58	56	55	51	48	45	39	30	6
mIGHV Clb+O	35	34	33	26	24	23	20	15	13	9	2
uIGHV Clb+O	57	56	52	29	21	15	9	6	5	4	0

## EHA2024 poster

### 6 y TTNT Extrapolation Curve for GLOW Study

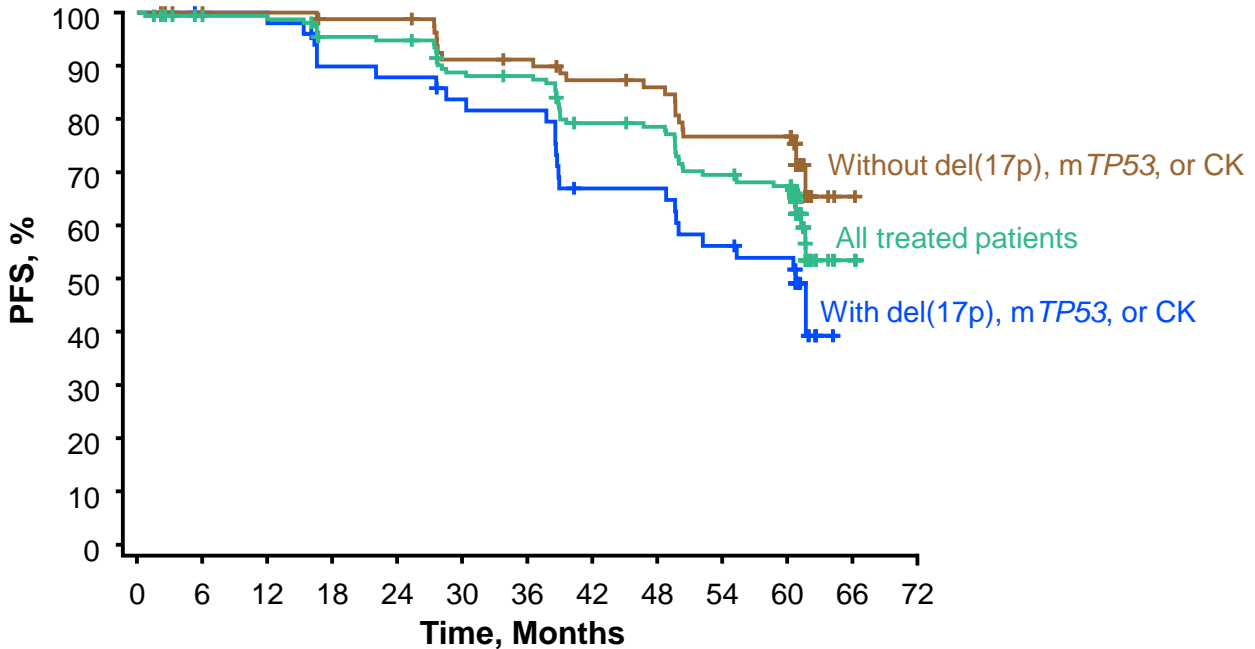
TTNT by IGHV status at 54 mos FU



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mIGHV Clb+O	35	34	34	32	31	29	28	25	22	16	4
uIGHV Clb+O	57	56	52	47	41	32	21	18	11	9	3

# VENETOCLAX IBRUTINIB: Captivate study

**PFS in All Treated Patients and by del(17p), mTP53, or CK Status**  
 Median time on study: 61.2 months (range, 0.8–66.3)



**Patients at risk**

	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72
All treated patients	159	153	152	144	143	132	130	115	113	100	96	3	0
With del(17p), mTP53, or CK	50	50	44	43	40	39	31	31	26	24	0	0	0
Without del(17p), mTP53, or CK	82	81	79	79	72	71	67	65	58	58	1	0	0

**PFS by IGHV Mutation Status**  
 (Excluding Patients With del(17p), mTP53, or CK)

	5-Year PFS Rate, % (95% CI)
uIGHV (n=40)	68 (50–80)
mIGHV (n=44)	85 (69–93)

**NT: Up to 5.5 Years of Follow-Up**

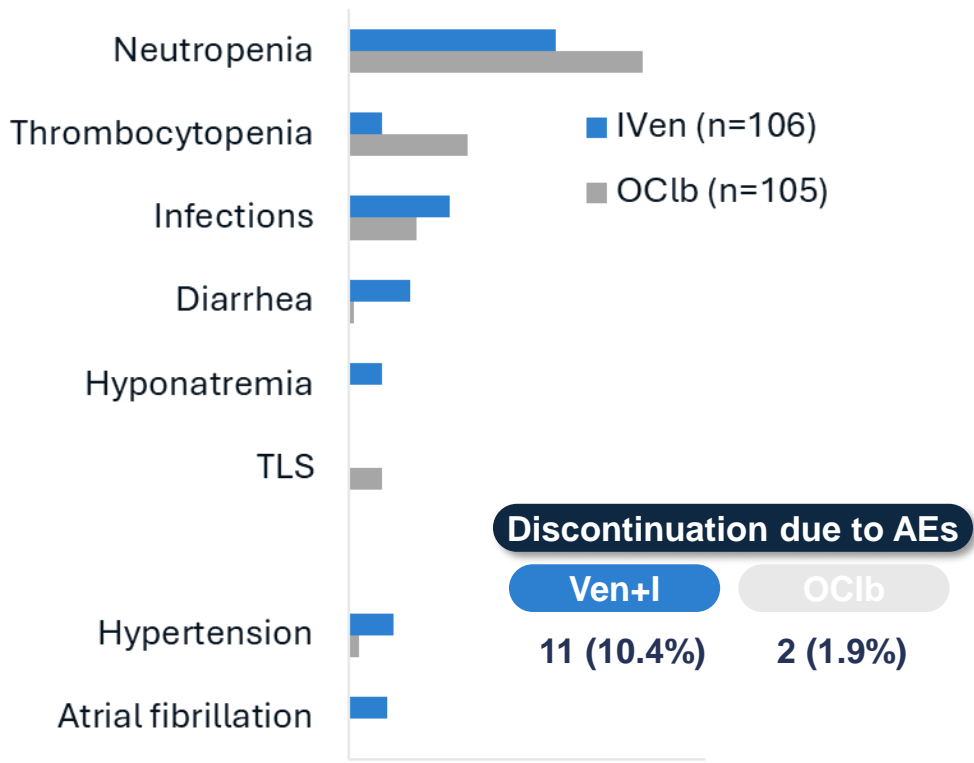
**In total, 202 pts completed fixed-duration**  
 (FD cohort, N=159; MRD cohort placebo arm, n=43)

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**63 pts (31%) PD to date**  
 PD occurred >2 y after EOT in most pts (43/63; 68%)

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**32 pts (16%) initiated retreatment**

# VENETOCLAX IBRUTINIB

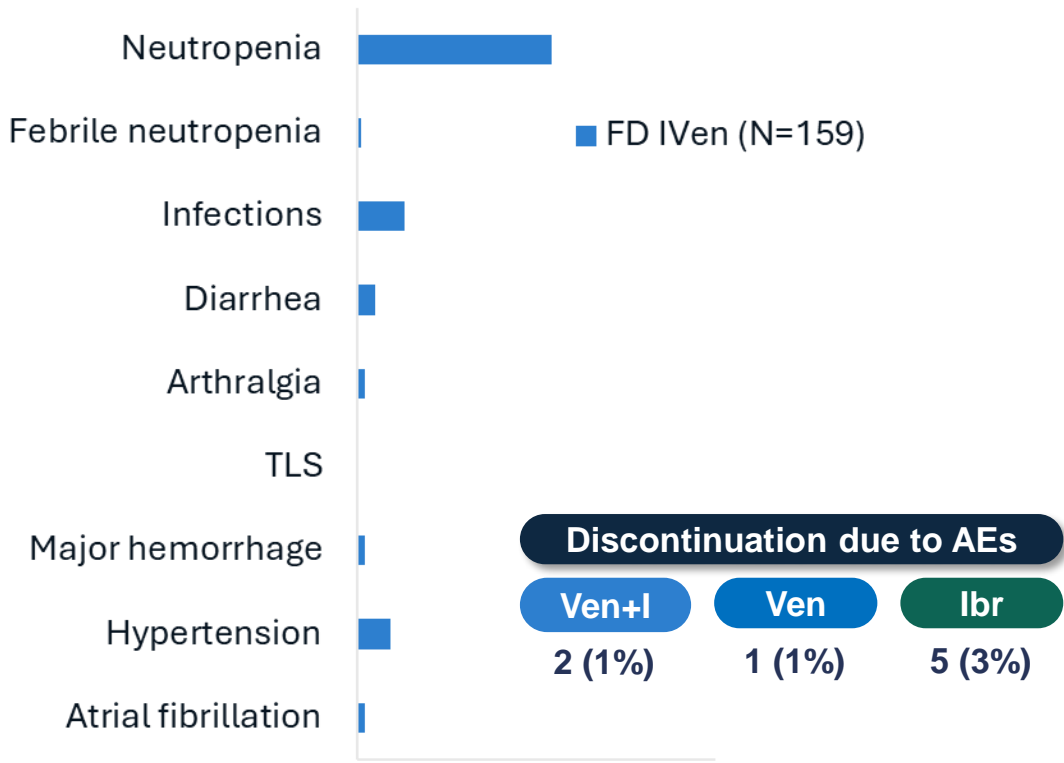
## GLOW Grade ≥3 AEs<sup>1</sup>



Deaths due to cardiac events (Ven+I arm): n=4

Figure adapted from reference 1.

## CAPTIVATE Grade ≥3 AEs<sup>2</sup>



uMRD cutoff = 10<sup>-4</sup>

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# FIXED DURATION TREATMENT

## TREATMENT FREE PERIOD

- allows immune recovery

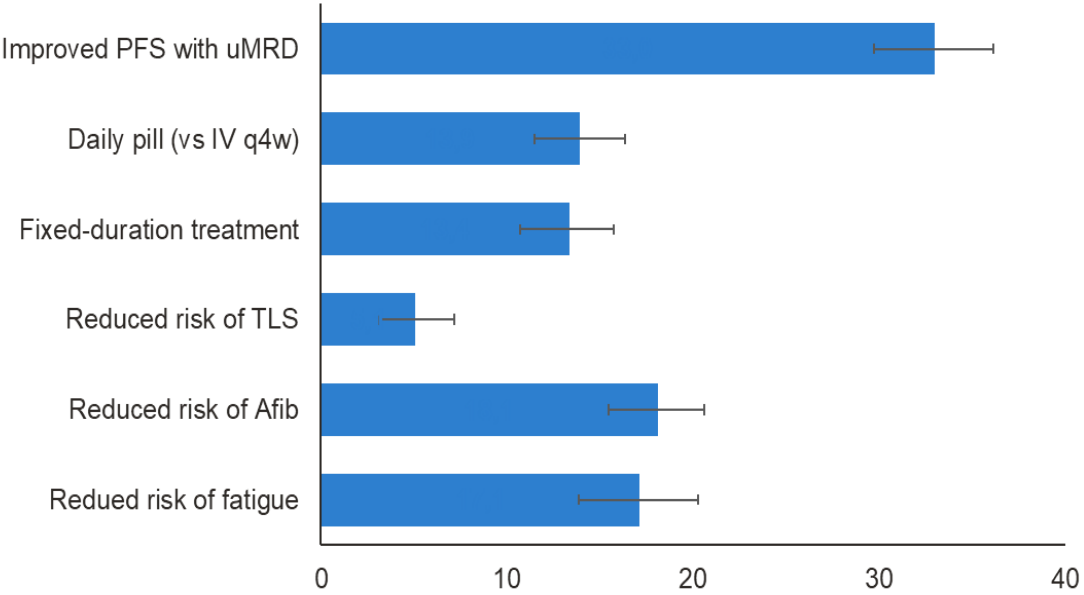


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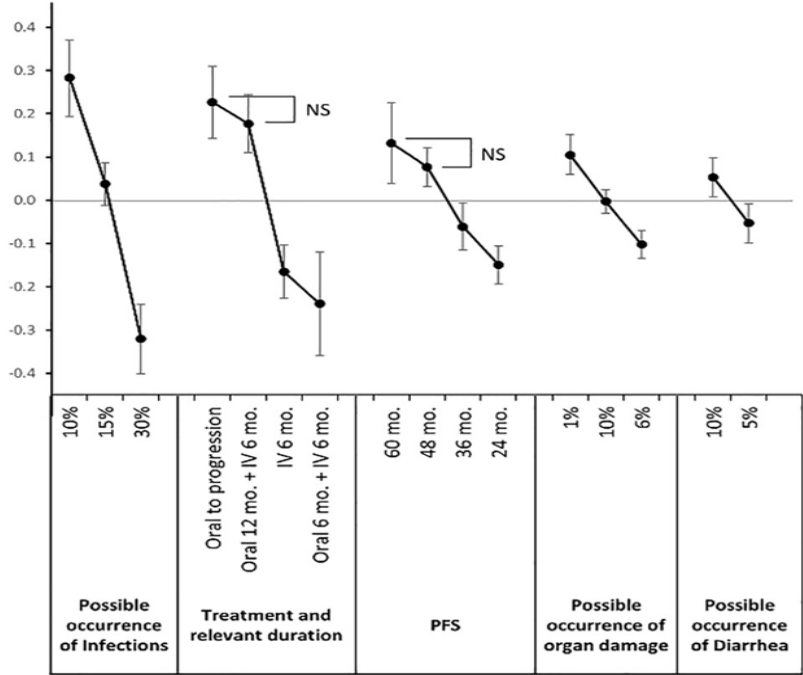
- *Patients perception*
- *Quality of Life/ Improvement in the physical and emotional health in treatment-free patients*

**Current treatment options cannot fully meet all patient preferences at once**

**Conditional relative attribute importance for pts (N=229)**

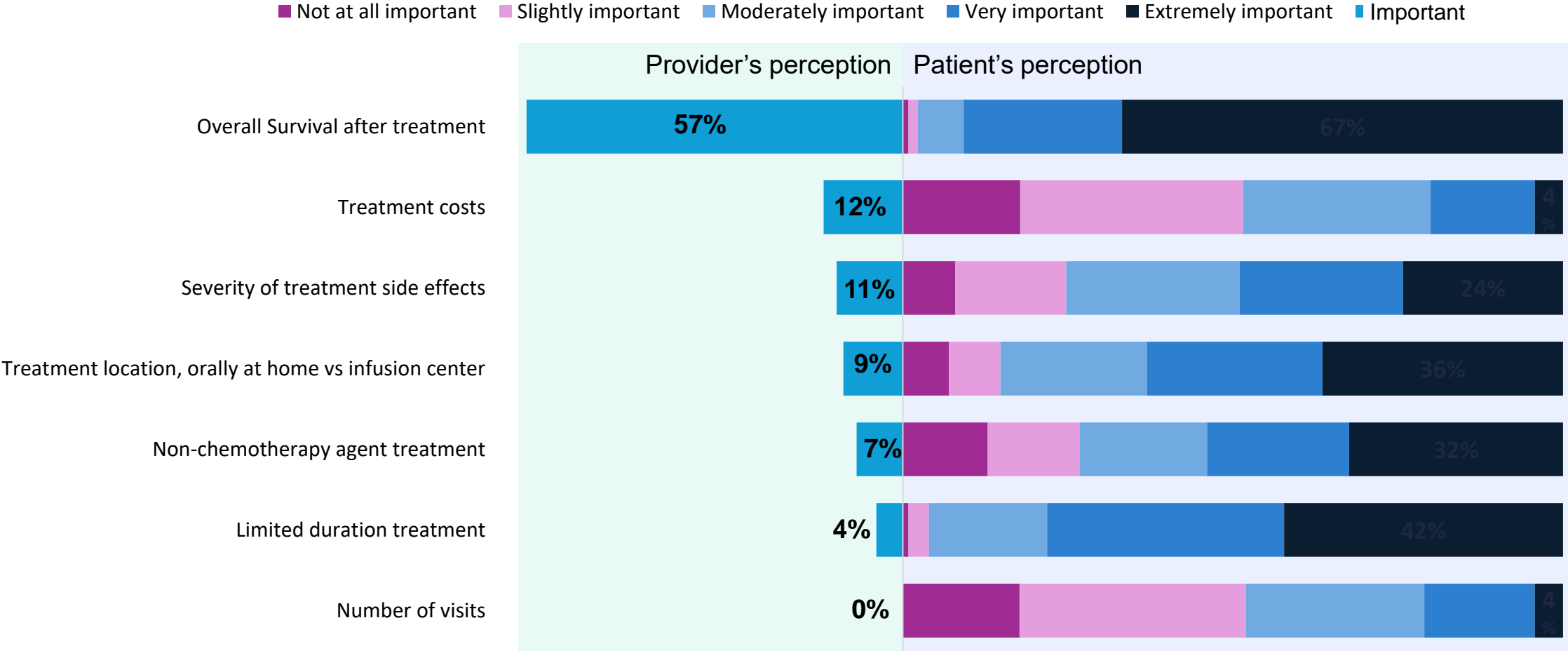


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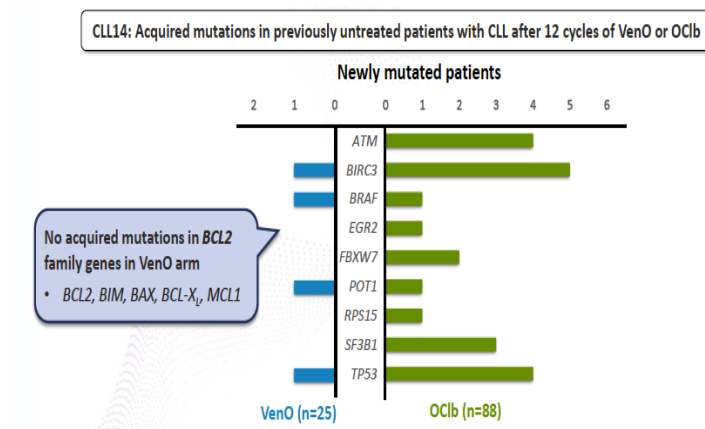
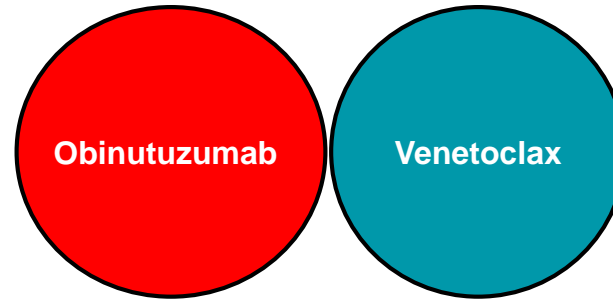
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# FIXED DURATION IN TN PATIENTS AND RETREATMENT

✓ No Resistance Development At 1 y



# ReVenG study: efficacy of fixed duration VenO retreatment in patients with CLL after prior Ven-based therapy

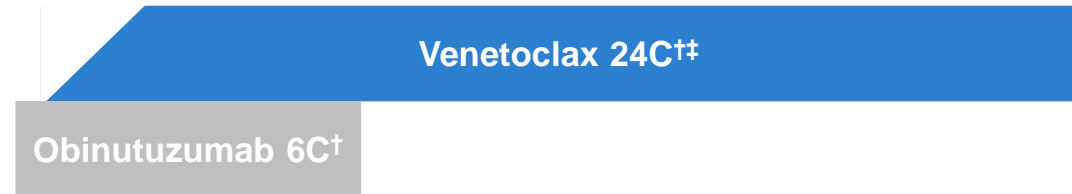


## ACTIVELY RECRUITING PHASE 2

**ReVenG:**  
VenO re-treatment in patients with relapsed CLL who received 1L Ven + anti-CD20 ± X\* and achieved a clinical response (CR, CRi, PR, or nPR) without intervening treatment after 1L therapy (N=75).<sup>1</sup>

**Cohort 1**  
Patients who progressed >24 mo after 1L Ven + anti-CD20 ± X\* completion  
**N~60**

**Cohort 2**  
Patients who progressed ≥12–24 mo after 1L Ven + anti-CD20 ± X\* completion  
**N≤15**

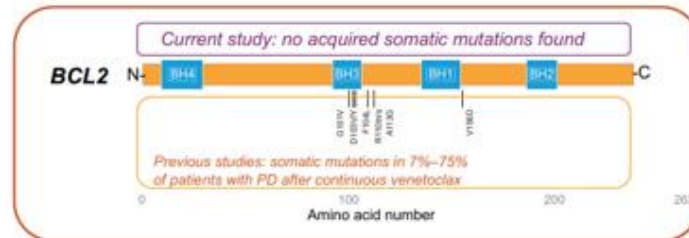
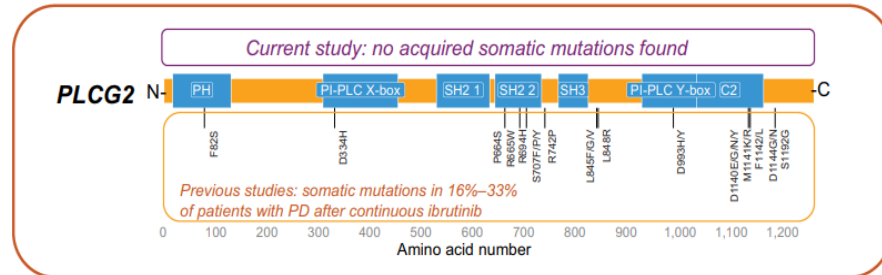
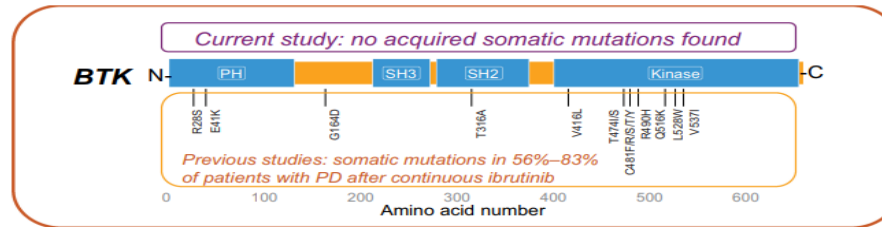
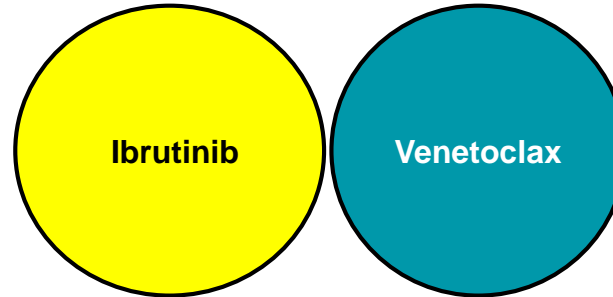


<p><b>Primary endpoint:</b></p> <p>ORR at EoCT (3 months after completing 6 cycles of VenO<sup>1</sup>)</p>	<p><b>Key secondary endpoints (Cohort 1):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CR/CRi at EoCT and EoT</li> <li>• ORR at EoT</li> <li>• uMRD at EoCT and EoT</li> <li>• PFS</li> <li>• OS</li> <li>• TTNT</li> <li>• Safety</li> </ul>	<p><b>Exploratory endpoints (Cohort 2):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PROs</li> <li>• MRD kinetics ≤12 months post treatment</li> <li>• Correlations of IGHV, <i>TP53</i> mutation, and del(17p) at baseline with treatment outcomes</li> </ul>
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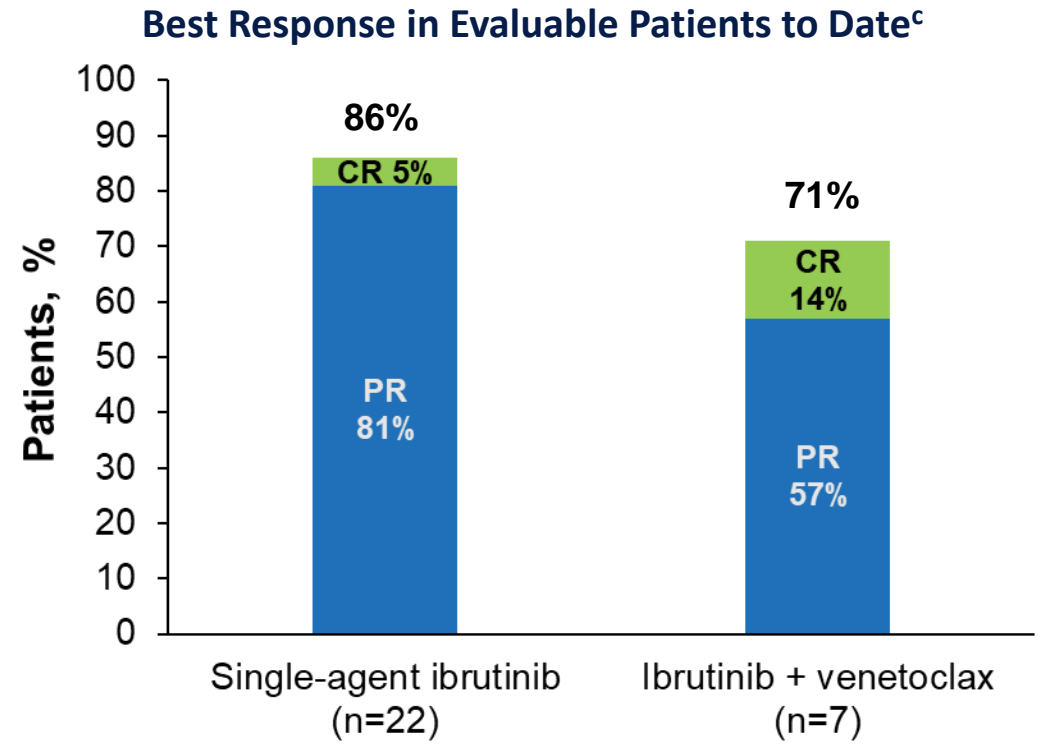


# Responses Observed With Ibrutinib-Based Retreatment

- Of 61 patients with CLL PD after completion of fixed-duration ibrutinib + venetoclax, 32 (52%) initiated retreatment with single-agent ibrutinib (n=25) or ibrutinib + venetoclax (n=7)<sup>a</sup>
- Median time on retreatment on study:
  - 21.9 months (range, 0.0–50.4) for single-agent continuous ibrutinib
  - 13.8 months (range, 3.7–15.1) for 15-month fixed-duration ibrutinib + venetoclax<sup>a,b</sup>

## Study Entry Baseline Characteristics: Retreated Patients

Characteristic	Single-agent ibrutinib (n=25)	Ibrutinib + venetoclax (n=7)	All Retreated Patients (n=32)
Median age (range), years	56 (39–71)	63 (49–69)	59 (39–71)
Male, n (%)	15 (60)	6 (86)	21 (66)
Rai stage III/IV, n (%)	4 (16)	2 (29)	6 (19)
<b>High-risk genomic features, n (%)</b>			
Unmutated IGHV	20 (80)	5 (71)	25 (78)
del(17p)/mutated <i>TP53</i>	5 (20)	5 (71)	10 (31)
del(11q) <sup>d</sup>	6 (24)	1 (14)	7 (22)
Complex karyotype <sup>e</sup>	9 (36)	2 (29)	11 (34)
<b>Bulky LN disease ≥5 cm, n (%)</b>	10 (40)	1 (14)	11 (34)

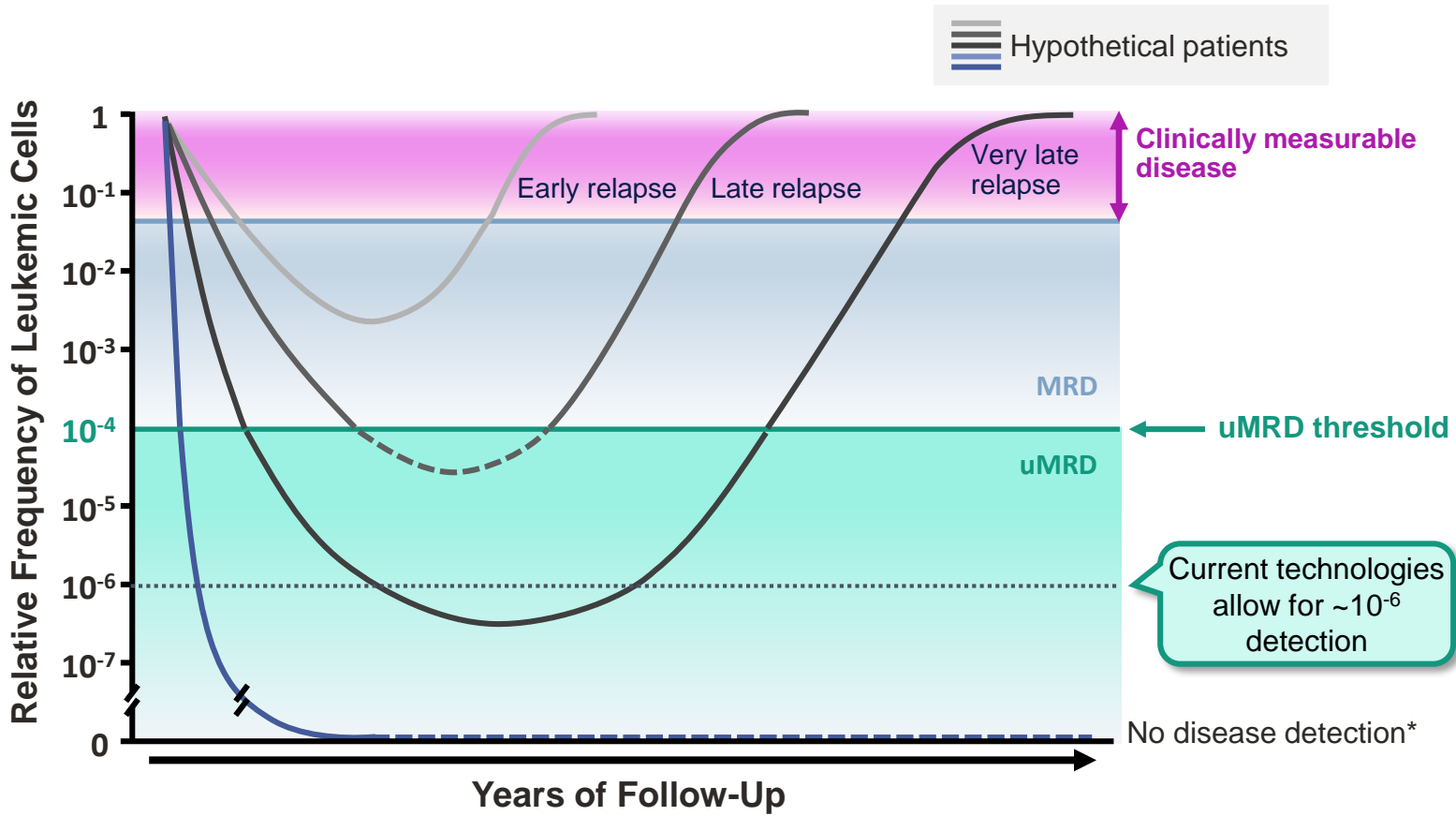


**FIXED DURATION**

**.....HOW LONG?**

# Potential Solution: MRD-guided approach

## Hypothetical disease outcome based on depth of response<sup>1-3</sup>



## Pros

- Gives options for patients who have residual disease after a fixed treatment duration; more tailored treatment
- Still allows limited-duration therapy
- Can minimize unnecessary drug exposure
- Methods have been standardized

## Cons

- Not available for all HCPs
- Gives variabilities for treatments, making it more complicated
- Adds extra testing and monitoring burden
- FTD may be sufficient in most cases

## Trial Examples

- CAPTIVATE MRD arm (Ven+I)<sup>4</sup>
- FLAIR (Ven+I vs FCR)<sup>5</sup>
- AVO<sup>6</sup>
- MAJIC (Ven+Acala vs VenO)<sup>7</sup>
- MIRACLE (Ven+Pirto)<sup>8</sup>
- BruVenG (Ven+Zanu±O)<sup>9</sup>

• \*No limit of detection has been established to be indicative of a cure.

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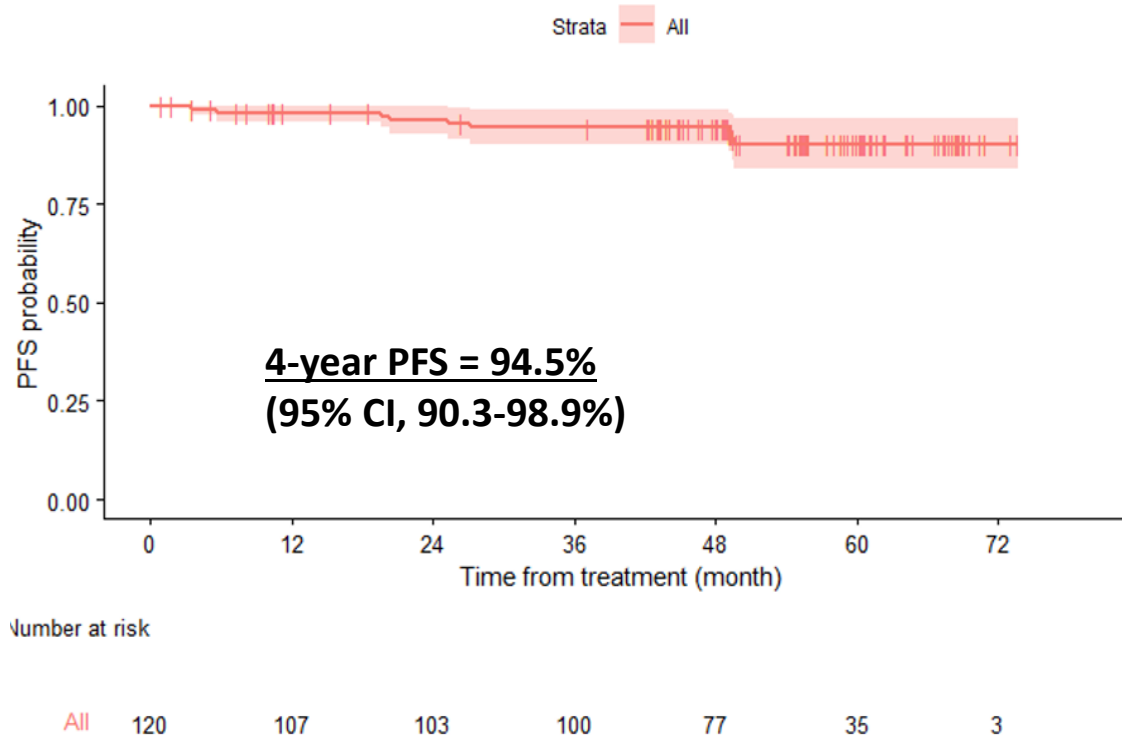
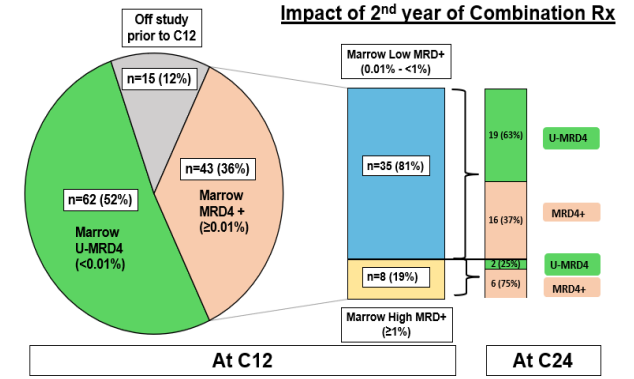


# I plus V: Phase 2 MD Anderson Cancer Center Trial

**Duration of therapy: 24 cycles of combined IBR and VEN**

**Marrow MRD (flow cytometry) at end of cycle 24 of combined Rx**

- Negative (<0.01%): Stop both IBR and VEN
- Positive (≥0.01%): Continue 12 additional cycles of IBR + VEN



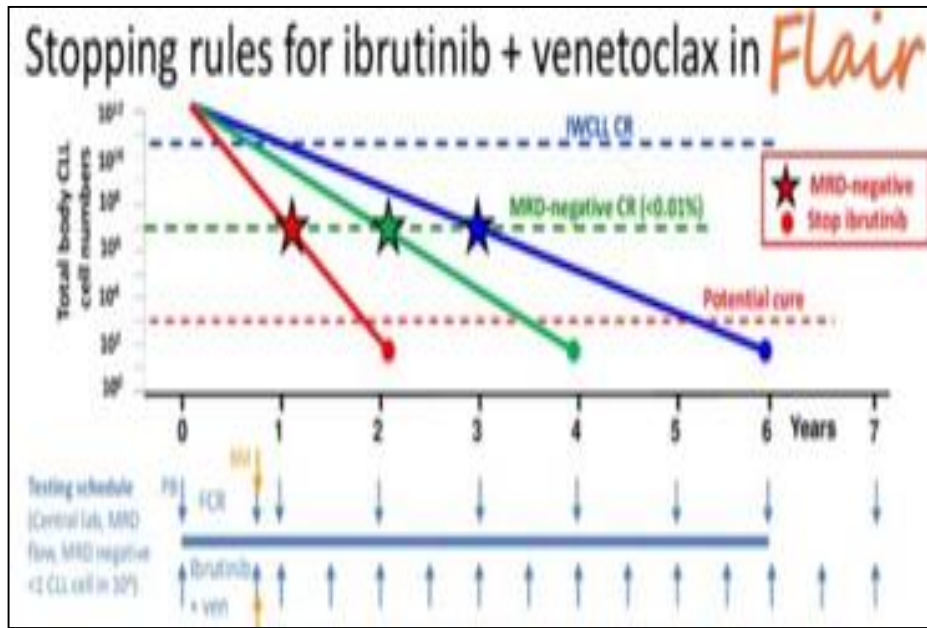
Group	4-year PFS	Lower CI	Upper CI
ighv2=Mutated	100%	100%	100%
ighv2=Unmutated	93.44%	88.49%	98.66%

Group	4-year PFS	Lower CI	Upper CI
tp53.aber=No	95.47%	91.22%	99.91%
tp53.aber=Yes	90.91%	79.66%	100%

# FLAIR: stopping rules and MRD

## Flair iwCLL response and MRD stopping rules

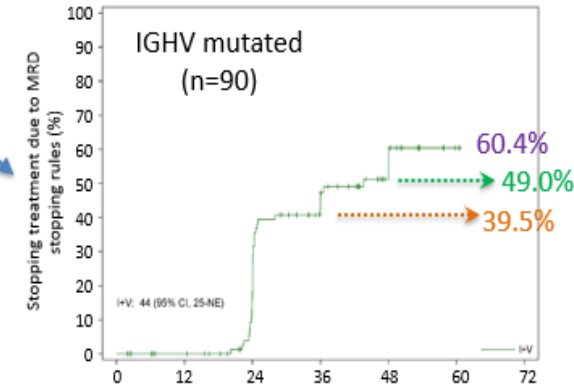
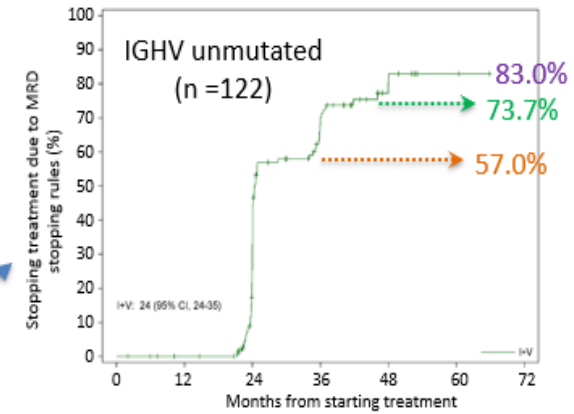
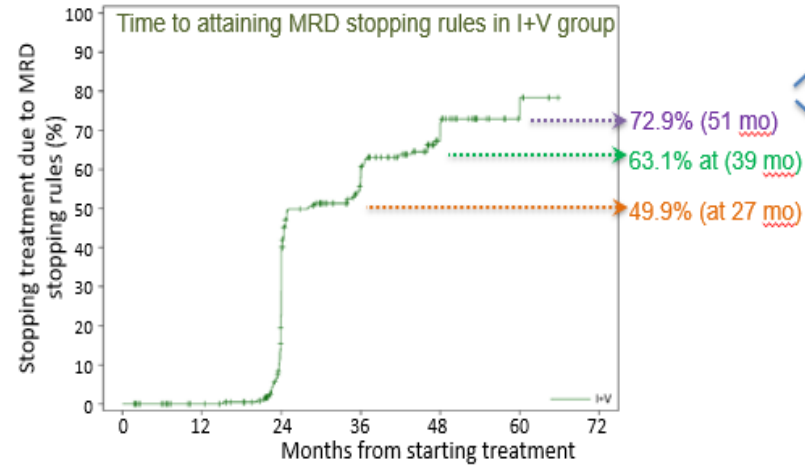


**iwCLL Responses**

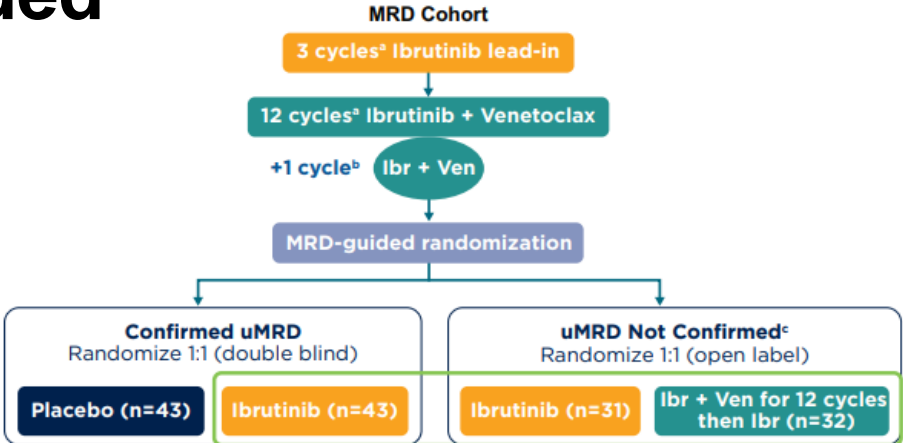
	Complete Response/CRi		Overall Response		BM uMRD
	9 months	Anytime	9 months	Anytime	Anytime
FCR	49%	71.5%	76.4%	83.7%	40.3%
I+V	59.2%	92.3%	86.5%	95.4%	61.9%

Odds ratio: 1.51  
P<0.05

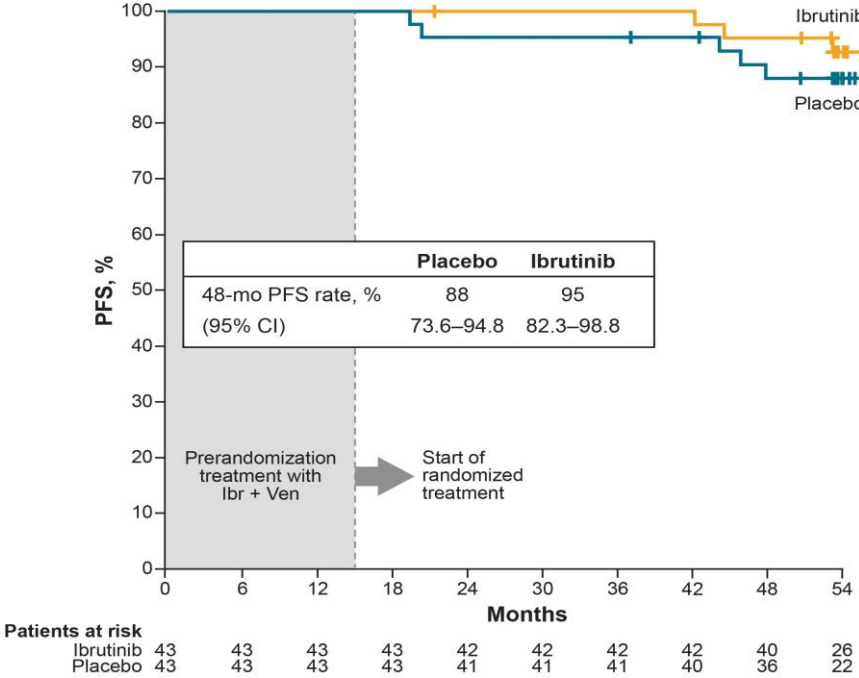
Odds ratio: 2.0  
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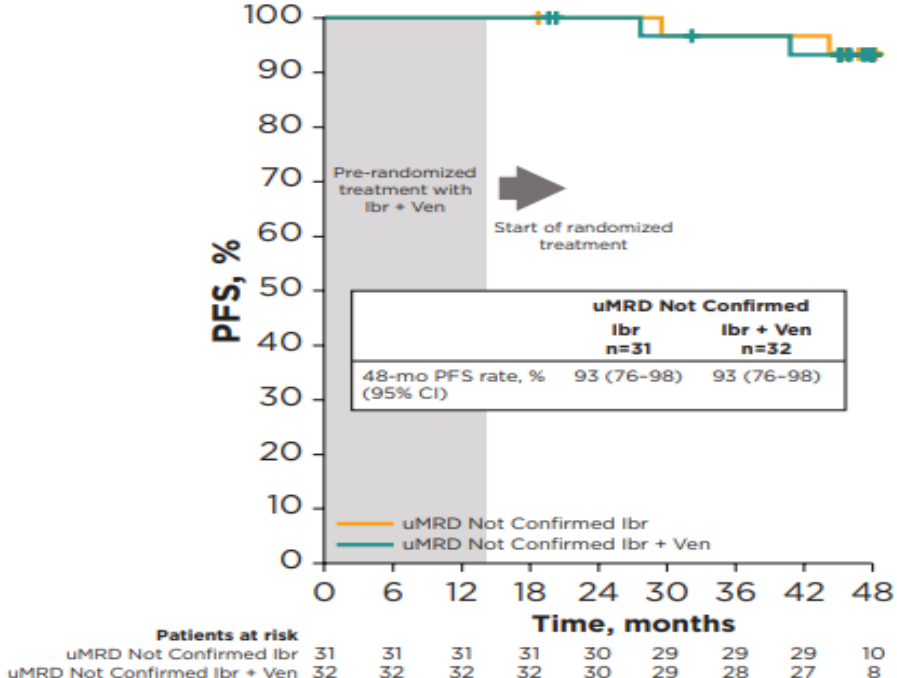
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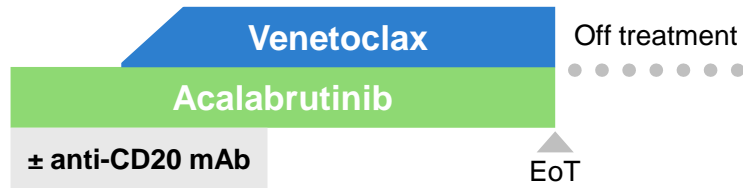
## CONFIRMED uMRD



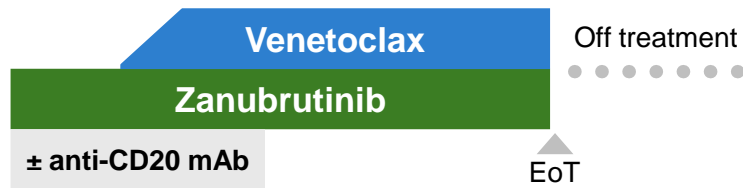
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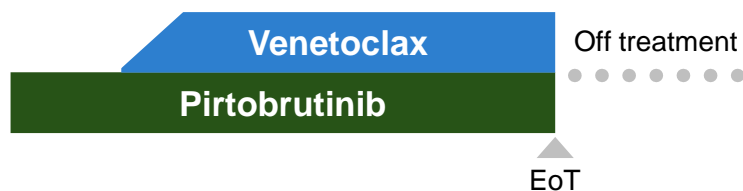
# Select Ongoing Venetoclax + X Trials



Ven+Acala trials	Ph	n	Patient population	Comparator arm(s)	Latest results
AVO <sup>6</sup>	2	72	TN	--	No PD at 19-mo mF/U
AMPLIFY <sup>7</sup>	3	780	TN, <i>TP53</i> wildtype	FCR/BR	Q4 2026
MAJIC <sup>8</sup>	3	602	TN	VenO	Q3 2026



Ven+Zanu trials	Ph	n	Patient population	Arms	Latest results
BruVenG <sup>9</sup>	2	50	TN	Ven+Zanu, Ven+Zanu+Obin	Q4 2027 (est.)
SEQUOIA ArmD <sup>10</sup>	3	66	TN, with del(17p)	Ven+Zanu, Zanu, BR	Est. 36-mo PFS: 92%

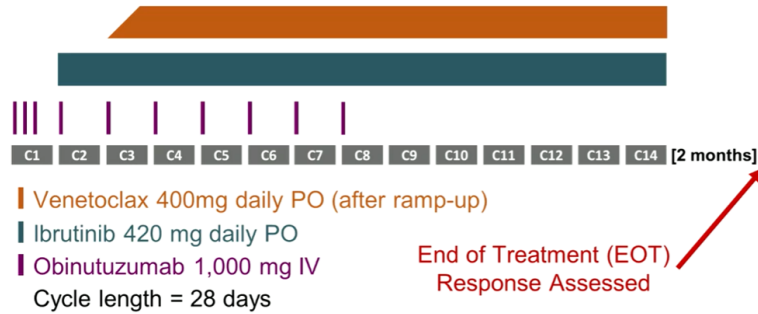


Ven+Pirto trial	Ph	n	Patient population	Arms	Latest results
CLL18 <sup>11</sup>	3	813	TN	VenO, FD VenP, MRD-guided VenP	N/A

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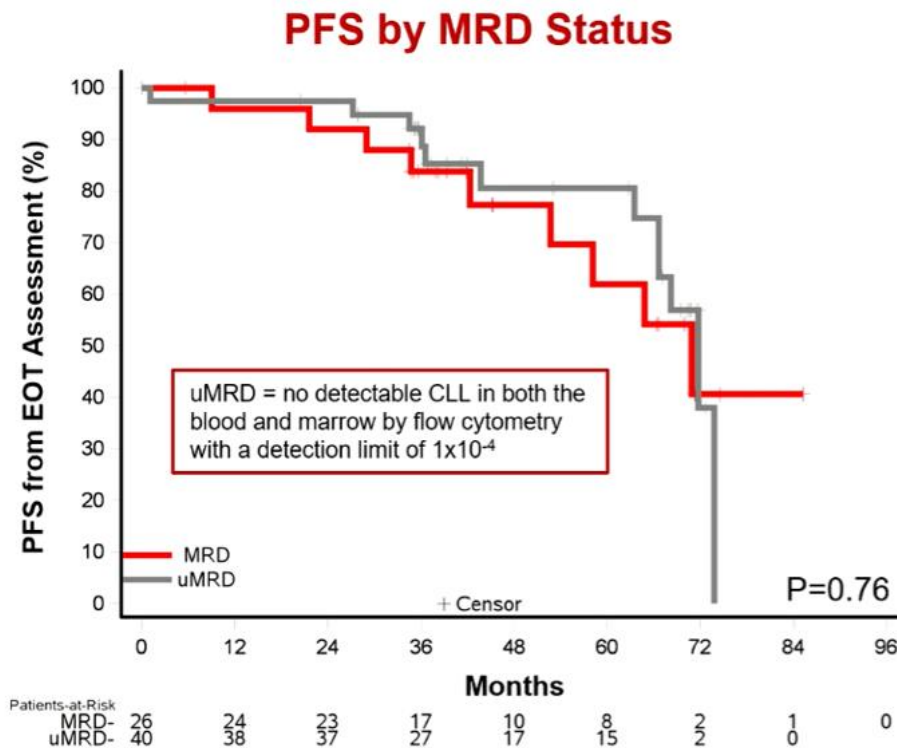
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Study Treatment Diagram

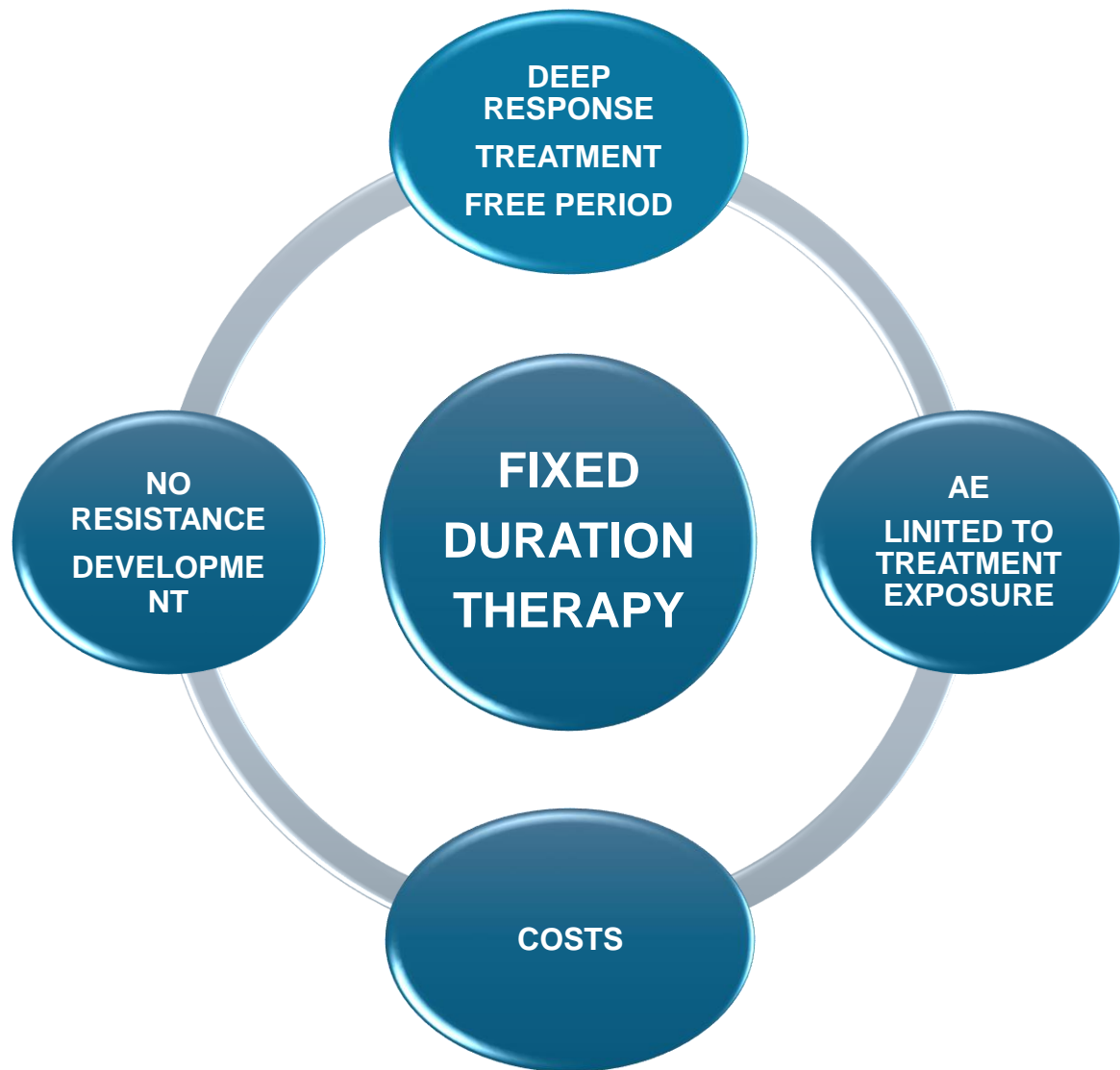


- Median PFS for **RR** was **81.8 months** (95% CI 57.3-NR)
- Median PFS for **TN1** was **88.5 months** (95% CI 80.6-NR)
- For **TN2** the median PFS was **not reached**, and the 48-month estimate was 91% (95% CI: 71.1-97.9)

## Landmark Analysis of PFS by uMRD Status at EOT



- PFS was determined from EOT by MRD status
- 88% (66/75) of patients had MRD results and were included in the analysis
- There was no difference in PFS after treatment between patients with detectable vs uMRD



## OPEN QUESTIONS

**FIXED DURATION FOR ALL PTS?**

**FIXED DURATION:**

- ✓ **MRD oriented?**
- ✓ **How Long is a FIXED DURATION?**

**RETREATMENT:**

- ✓ **Early relapse/late relapse?**
- ✓ **Same target agent for every pt?**