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# NELLE SINDROMI LINFOPROLIFERATIVE: inarrestabile dinamicità

## Zanubrutinib è di seconda o terza generazione?

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## Clinical pharmacology and PK/PD translation of the **second-generation** Bruton's tyrosine kinase inhibitor, zanubrutinib

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# The challenges of increasing the generation

Pharmacodynamics

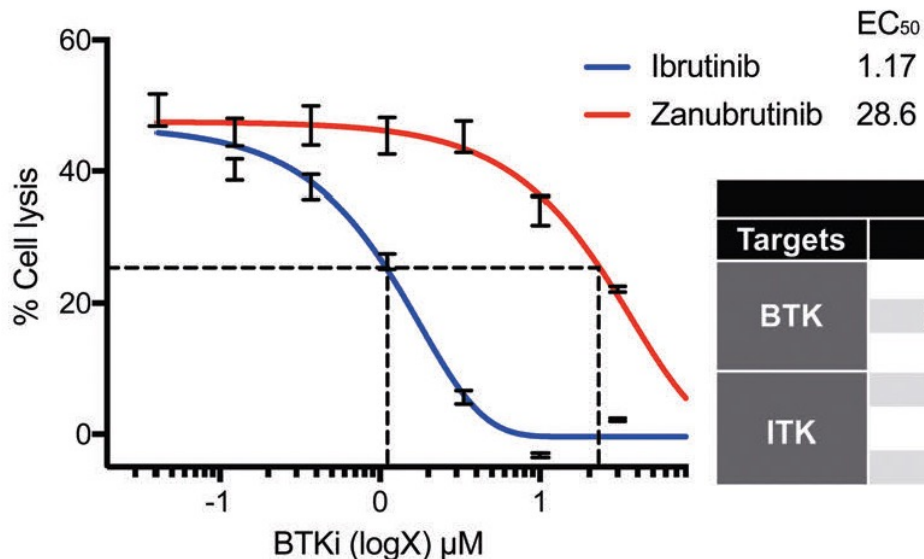
Kinase profiling at concentrations of 100 x IC<sub>50</sub> based on BTK IC<sub>50</sub>

Targets with >50% inhibition are highlighted in red

	Zanubrutinib 71 nM		Ibrutinib 32 nM	
1	BLK	99.9	BLK	100.2
2	ERBB4/HER4	99.1	BMX/ETK	99.7
3	TXK	98.5	ERBB4/HER4	99.5
4	BMX/ETK	98.1	TXK	98.8
5	<b>BTK</b>	95.1	TEC	98
6	TEC	79.3	<b>BTK</b>	97.2
7	BRK	63.9	FGR	95.7
8	FGR	53.1	YES/YES1	92.9
9	EGFR	43.3	LCK	91.2
10	LCK	40.6	ITK	84.3
11	YES/YES1	37.1	HCK	93
12	CSK	28.8	CSK	81
13	STK33	23.7	EGFR	76.5
14	BMPR2	22.6	FYN	66.9
15	AXL	22.4	ERBB2/HER2	61.9
16	HCK	21.9	SRMS	61
17	PKCd	20.9	JAK3	58.7
18	FLT3	20.5	LYN	52.3
19	MEKK1	20.1	c-Src	46.1
20	ITK	19.1	FLT3	41.8
21	MSK2/RPS6KA4	19	BRK	41.6
22	ERN1/IRE1	17.9	ABL2/ARG	40.4
23	MNK2	17.8	WNK1	32.5
24	FRK/PTK5	17.8	MNK2	32.4

## Zanubrutinib spares NK effector function

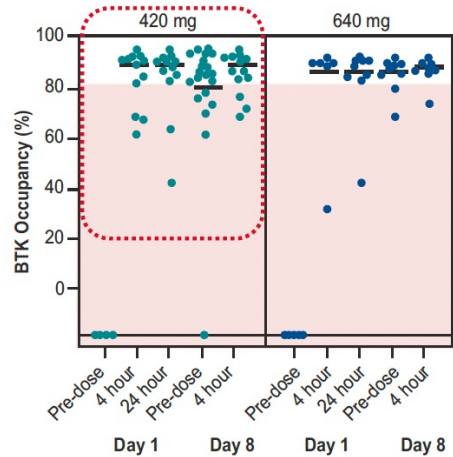
Mino MCL cells and NK92MI cells were co-seeded and treated with vehicle or various concentrations of BTK inhibitors



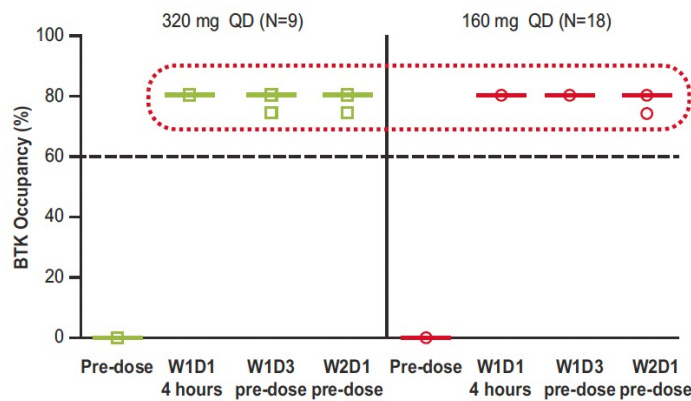
		IC <sub>50</sub> (nM)		
Targets	Assays	Ibrutinib	Zanurutinib	Zanu/lbru
BTK	BTK-pY223	3.5	1.8	0.5
	Rec-1 proliferation	0.34	0.36	1.1
	BTK occupation	2.4	2.2	0.9
ITK	ITK occupation	130	3290	25
	p-PLC $\gamma$ 1	77	3477	45
	IL-2 production	260	2536	9.8

# Zanubrutinib BTK occupancy in PBMC and in lymph nodes by dose regimens relative to those of ibrutinib

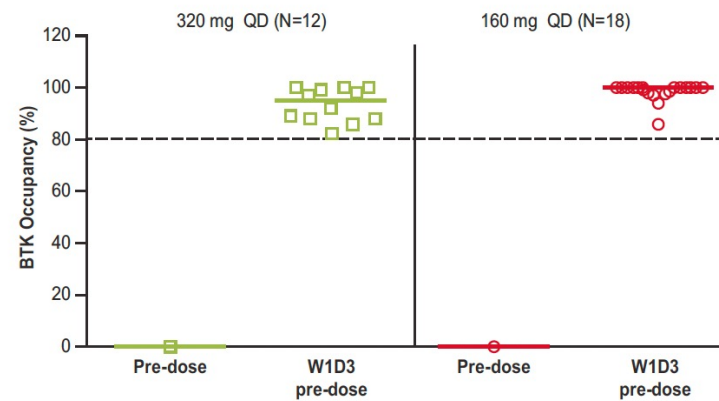
**Ibrutinib PBMC**



**Zanubrutinib PBMC**



**Zanubrutinib Lymph Node<sup>a</sup>**



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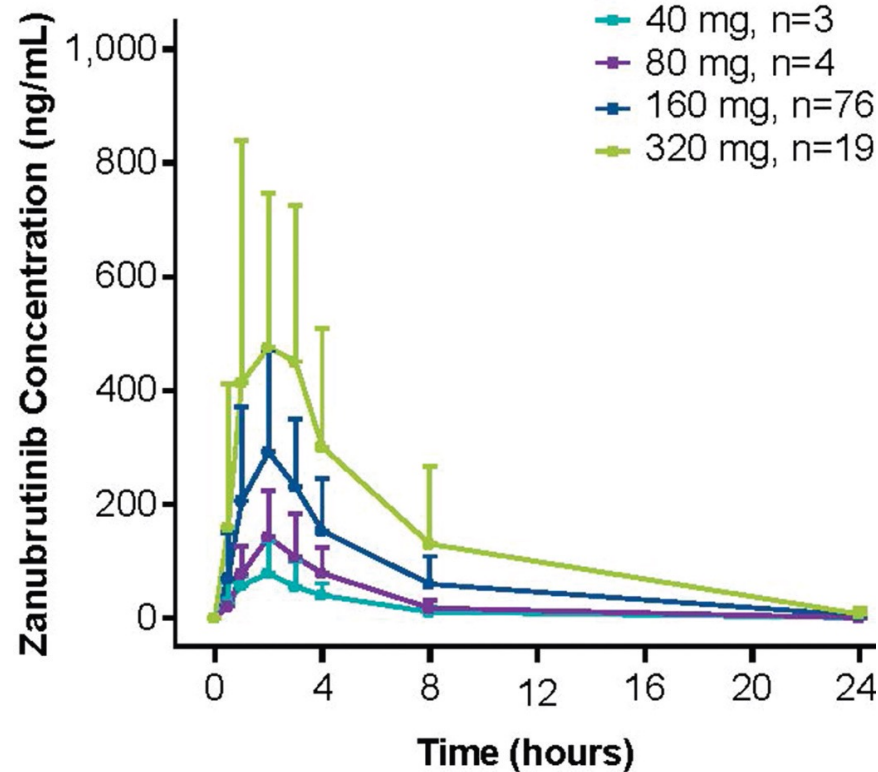
Pharmacokinetics



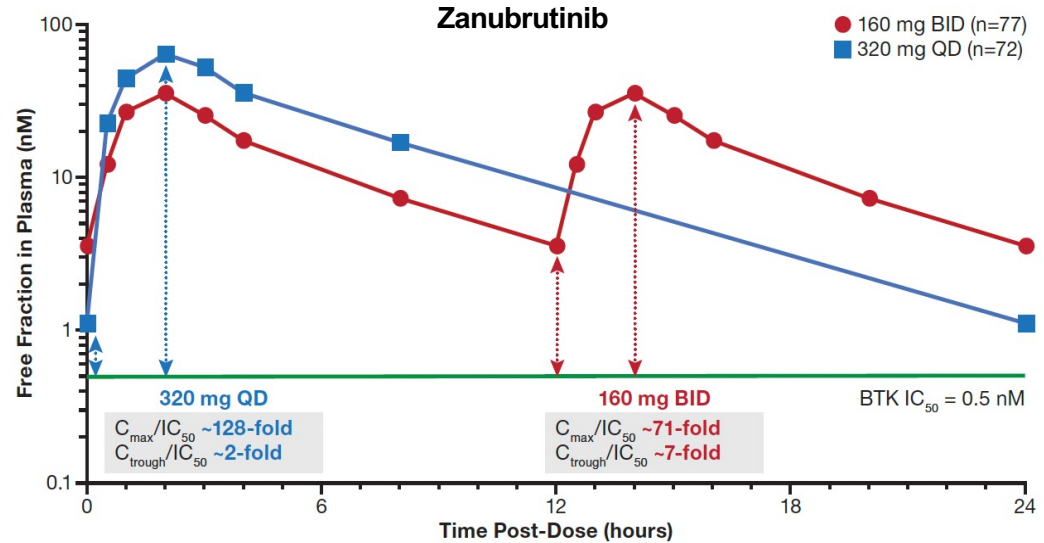
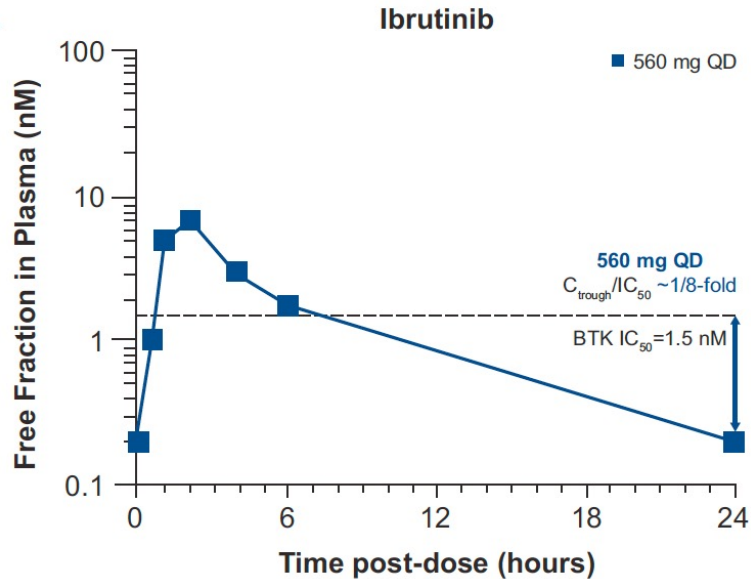
## Pharmacokinetic characteristics

- Zanubrutinib PK properties were unaffected by factors including renal (estimated glomerular filtration rate  $\geq 30$  mL/min) and mild/moderate hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh class A or B)
- With appropriate dose reductions, it could be administered with moderate or strong CYP3A inhibitors.
- Zanubrutinib can be administered concurrently with proton pump inhibitors (PPI)/acid-reducing agents without restriction.
- Zanubrutinib has high volume of distribution (approximately 880 L), high AUC/IC50, and half-life of 2-4 h.
- Pharmacokinetics is not saturable

## Dose-proportional increase in drug levels



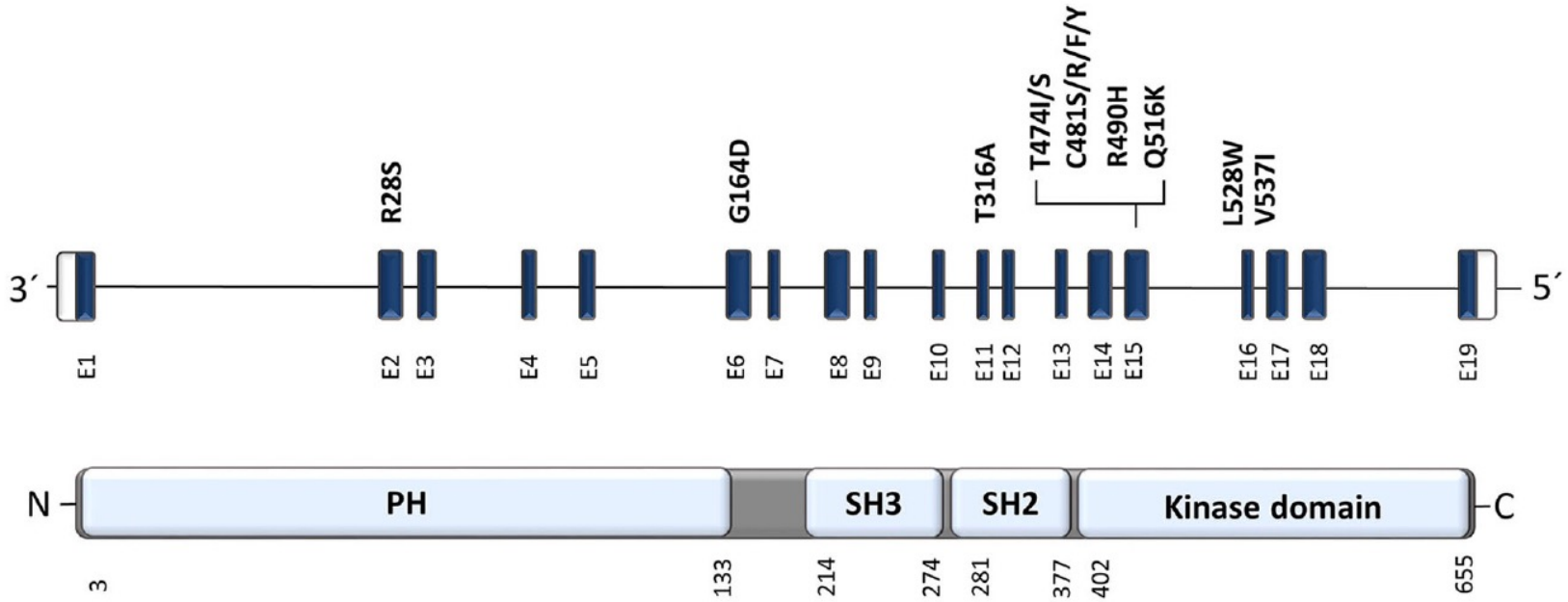
## Pharmacokinetics and AUIC of ibrutinib and zanubrutinib



# Resistance mutations

Do they really matter?

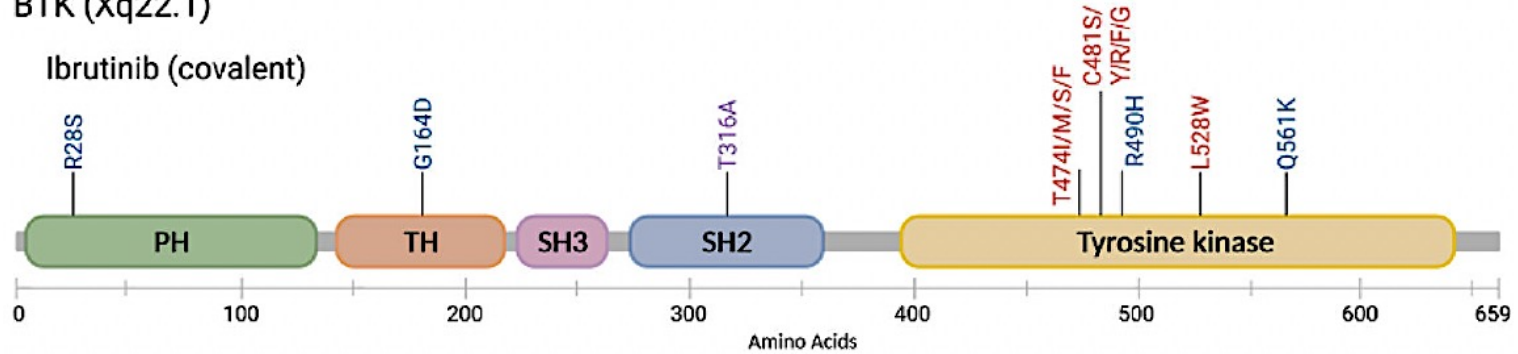
# BTK resistance mutations



# Map of clinically documented BTK mutations

BTK (Xq22.1)

Ibrutinib (covalent)



Zanubrutinib (covalent)



## BTK mutations detected in a cohort of patients with disease progression during BTKi treatment

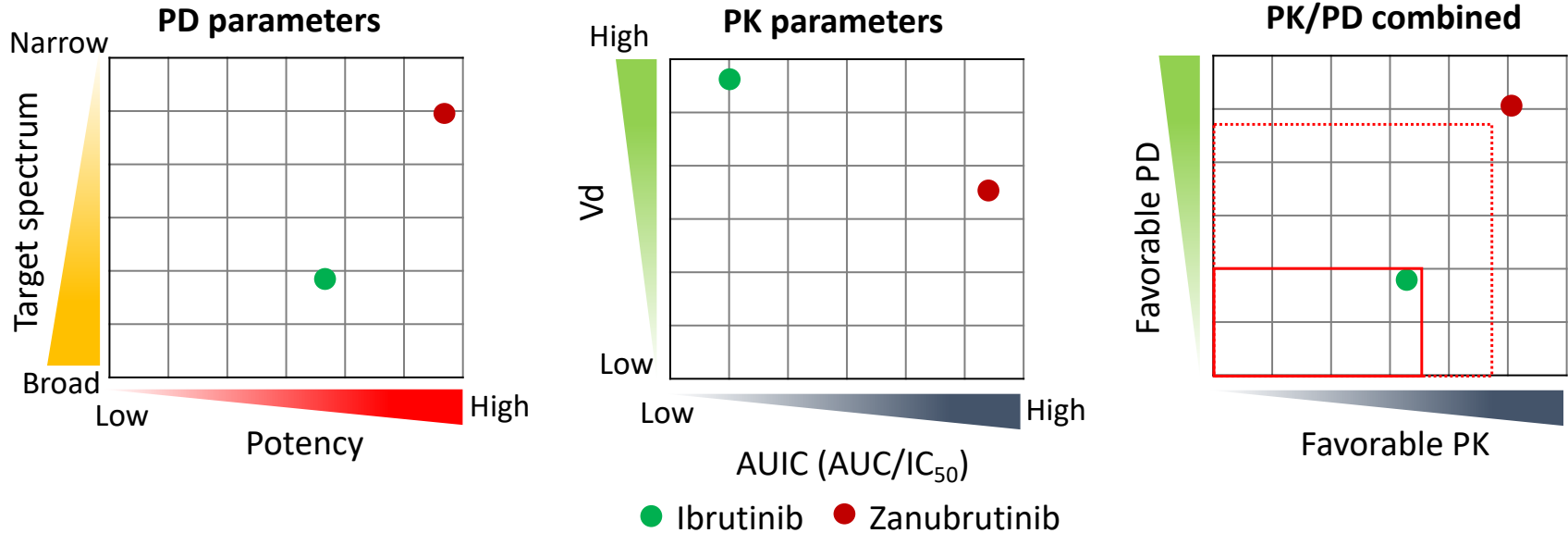
	Number of patients carrying the mutations			<i>P</i>
	Ibrutinib-treated patients (n = 24)	Zanubrutinib-treated patients (n =13)	Total	
Cys481 codon mutations	24	10	34	.03
Leu528Trp	1	7	8	.001

# Final considerations

Multiparametric evaluation



# PK and PD combined: beyond the boundaries of the second generation?



## Conclusions

- Zanubrutinib is a BTK inhibitor with high selectivity and potency.
- First generation BTKi suppressed NK-cell cytotoxicity, most likely due to off-target inhibition of ITK, while zanubrutinib spares NK activity.
- Zanubrutinib has favorable pharmacokinetics.
- Multiparametric pharmacologic assessment suggests that zanubrutinib challenges the limit of second generation BTKi.