

# LEUCEMIA LINFATICA CRONICA, OGGI... ED OLTRE



**Il tramonto scritto della chemio-immunoterapia!**

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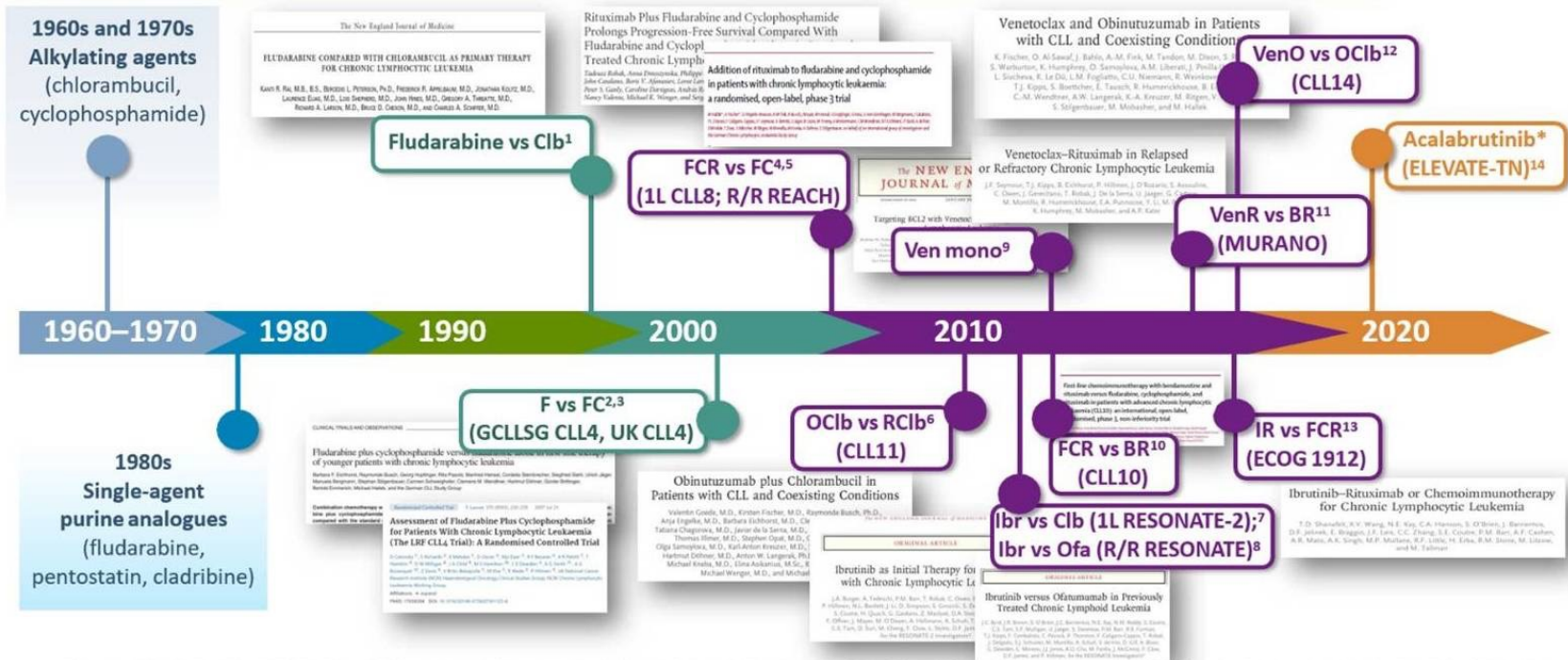


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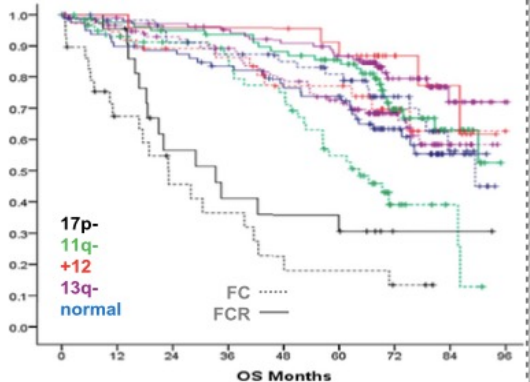
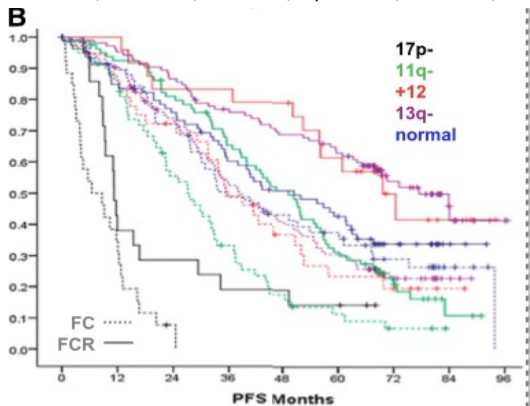


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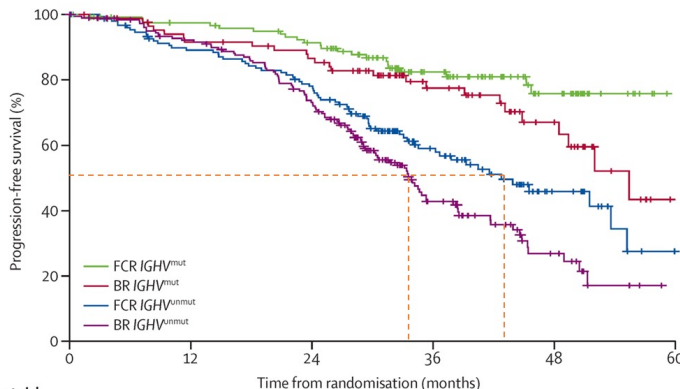
## Gene mutations and treatment outcome in chronic lymphocytic leukemia: results from the CLL8 trial

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## First-line chemoimmunotherapy with bendamustine and rituximab versus fludarabine, cyclophosphamide, and rituximab in patients with advanced chronic lymphocytic leukaemia (CLL10): an international, open-label, randomised, phase 3, non-inferiority trial

Barbara Eichhorst, Anna-Maria Fink, Jasmin Bahlo, Raymonde Busch, Gabor Kovacs, Christian Maurer, Elisabeth Lange, Hubert Köppler, Michael Kiehl, Martin Sökler, Rudolf Schlag, Ursula Vehling-Kaise, Georg Köchling, Christoph Ploger, Michael Gregor, Torben Plesner, Marek Trniny, Kirsten Fischer, Hartmut Döhner, Michael Kneba, Clemens-Martin Wendtner, Wolfram Klapper, Karl-Anton Kreuzer, Stephan Stilgenbauer, Sebastian Böttcher, Michael Hallek, on behalf of an international group of investigators and the German CLL Study Group (GCLLSG)



Number at risk	0	12	24	36	48	60
FCR IGHV <sup>mut</sup>	196	112	86	44	13	0
BR IGHV <sup>mut</sup>	86	129	94	37	9	0
FCR IGHV <sup>nmult</sup>	155	74	57	31	12	0
BR IGHV <sup>nmult</sup>	108	161	106	33	8	0

## Historical Data (TRIAL OR RWE)

17p/TP53	7% of 1 <sup>st</sup> line pts
U-IGHV	60% of 1 <sup>st</sup> line pts
M-IGHV	30% of 1 <sup>st</sup> line pts

mPFS 17p/TP53	1 Year
mPFS uIGHV	< 4 Years
mPFS mIGHV	up to 9 Years

November 2013

The NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL of MEDICINE

2015

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## Ibrutinib as Initial Therapy for Patients with Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia

J.A. Burger, A. Tedeschi, P.M. Barr, T. Robak, C. Owen, P. Ghia, O. Bairey, P. Hillmen, N.L. Bartlett, J. Li, D. Simpson, S. Grosicki, S. Devereux, H. McCarthy, S. Coutre, H. Quach, G. Gaidano, Z. Maslyak, D.A. Stevens, A. Janssens, F. Offner, J. Mayer, M. O'Dwyer, A. Hellmann, A. Schuh, T. Siddiqi, A. Polliack, C.S. Tam, D. Suri, M. Cheng, F. Clow, L. Styles, D.F. James, and T.J. Kipps, for the RESONATE-2 Investigators\*

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## Ibrutinib versus Ofatumumab in Previously Treated Chronic Lymphoid Leukemia

J.C. Byrd, J.R. Brown, S. O'Brien, J.C. Barrientos, N.E. Kay, N.M. Reddy, S. Coutre, C.S. Tam, S.P. Mulligan, U. Jaeger, S. Devereux, P.M. Barr, R.R. Furman, T.J. Kipps, F. Cymbalista, C. Pocock, P. Thornton, F. Caligaris-Cappio, T. Robak, J. Delgado, S.J. Schuster, M. Montillo, A. Schuh, S. de Vos, D. Gill, A. Bloor, C. Dearden, C. Moreno, J.J. Jones, A.D. Chu, M. Fardis, J. McGreivy, F. Clow, D.F. James, and P. Hillmen, for the RESONATE Investigators\*

## Imbruvica FDA Approval History

Last updated by [Judith Stewart, BPharm](#) on Aug 30, 2022.

**FDA Approved:** Yes (First approved November 13, 2013)

**Brand name:** Imbruvica

**Generic name:** ibrutinib

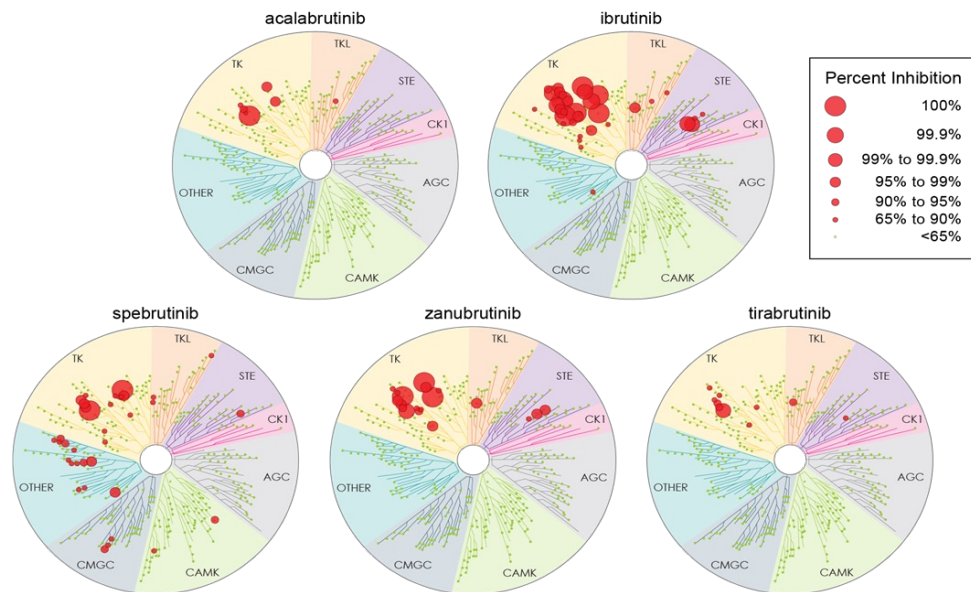
**Dosage form:** Capsules, Tablets and Oral Suspension

**Company:** [AbbVie Inc.](#)

**Treatment for:** [Mantle Cell Lymphoma](#), [Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia](#), [Waldenström Macroglobulinemia](#), [Graft-versus-host disease](#), [Lymphoma](#)

**Imbruvica** (ibrutinib) is an oral Bruton's tyrosine kinase (BTK) inhibitor for the treatment of mantle cell lymphoma (MCL), chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL)/small lymphocytic lymphoma (SLL), Waldenström's macroglobulinemia (WM), marginal zone lymphoma (MZL), and chronic graft versus host disease (cGVHD).

# Acalabrutinib Selectivity as a strength



Herman SEM, et al.. ClinCancer Res. 2017

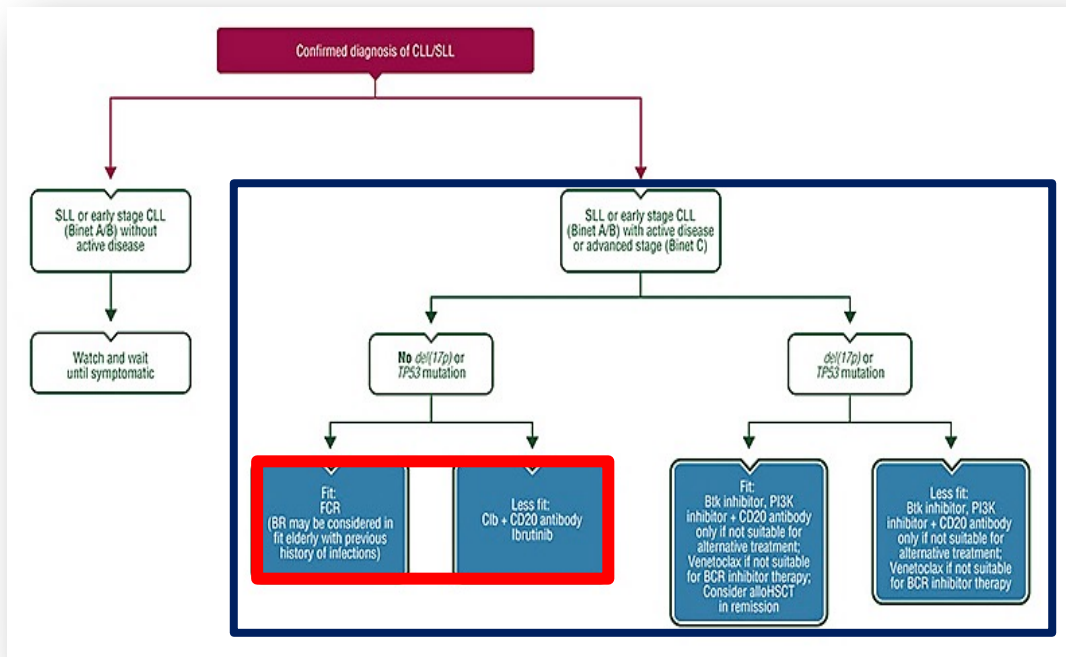
Adverse events	Cell type	Kinase	Ibrutinib	Acalabrutinib	Zanubrutinib
Infection	B-lymphocyte	BTK TEC	+	+	+
	T-lymphocyte	ITK TEC	+	n.i.	n.i.
	Macrophage Neutrophil	BTK TEC	+	+	+
Rash Diarrhoea	Epithelial cell	EGFR*	+	n.i.	+
Atrial fibrillation	Cardiomyocyte	HER2	+	n.i.	n.i.
		HER4 TEC*	+	+	+
atrial fibrillation:			frequent	less frequent	rare
** Bleeding	Thrombocyte	BTK TEC*	+	+	+
			+	n.i.	+
			minor bleeding		

Estupinan et al. Frontiers in Cell and Dev Biology 2021





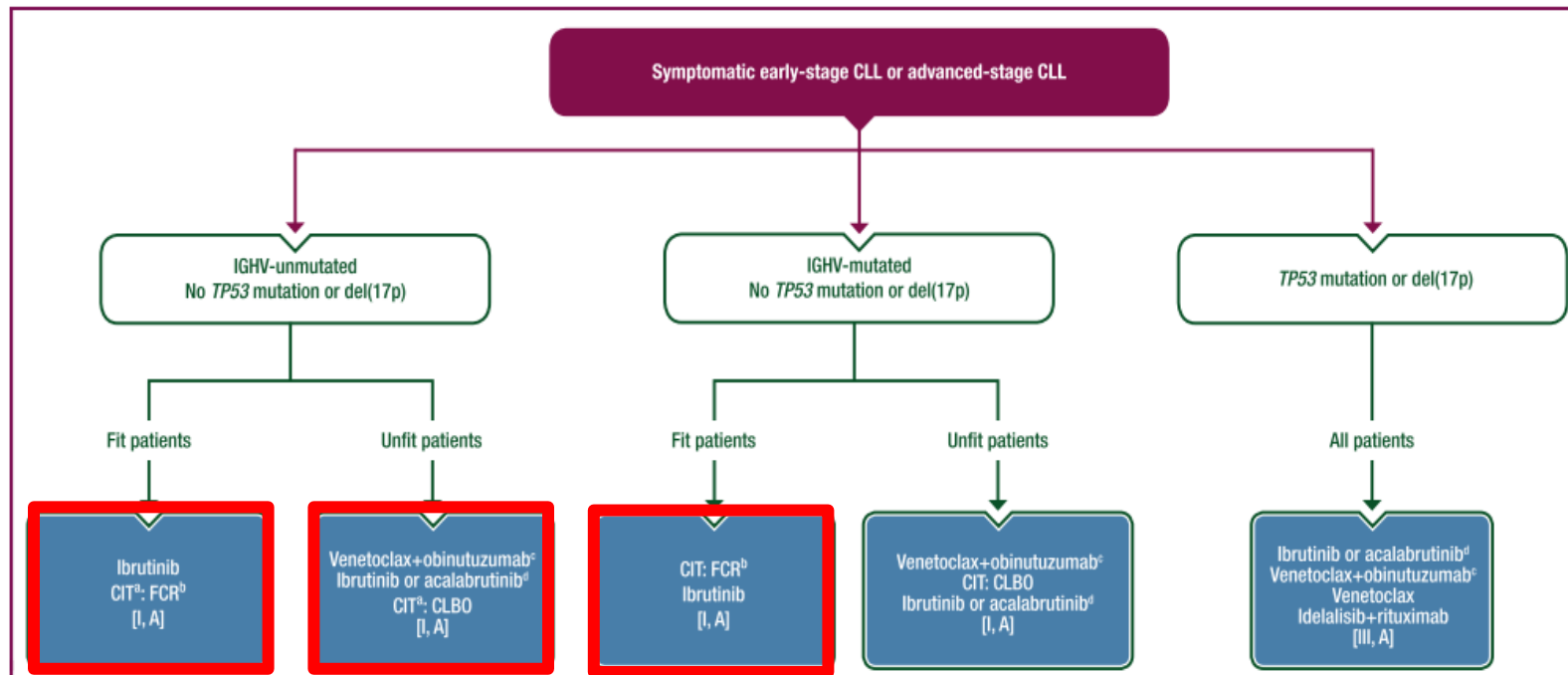
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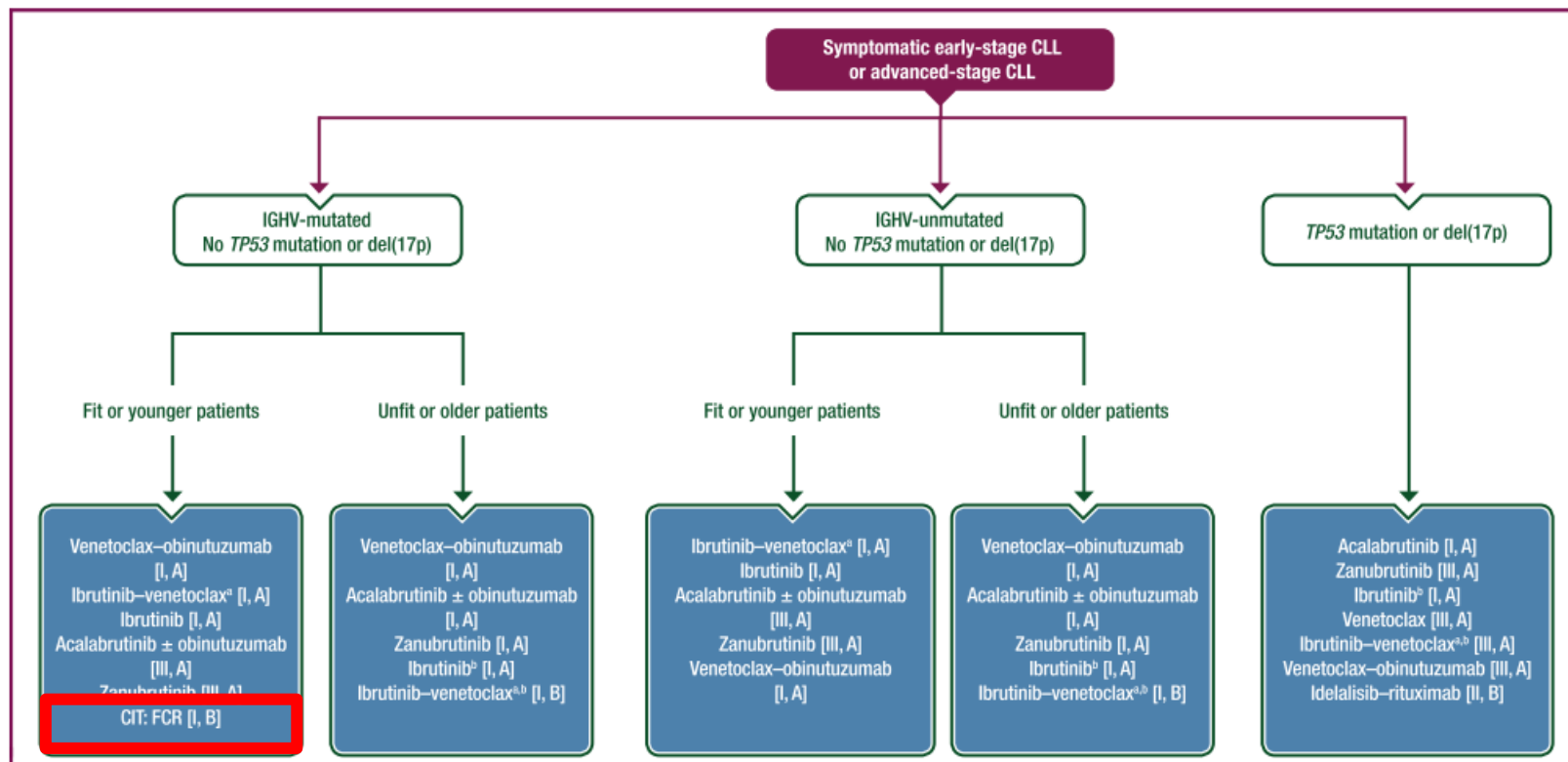
## Frontline CLL

- **ESMO guidelines recommend analysis for the detection of del(11q) and of IGHV mutation status as 'desirable' before the start of therapy**
- **Only patients with del(17p) and/or TP53 mutation are highlighted as needing specific regimens**

## ESMO 2020



## Linee Guida ESMO 2024

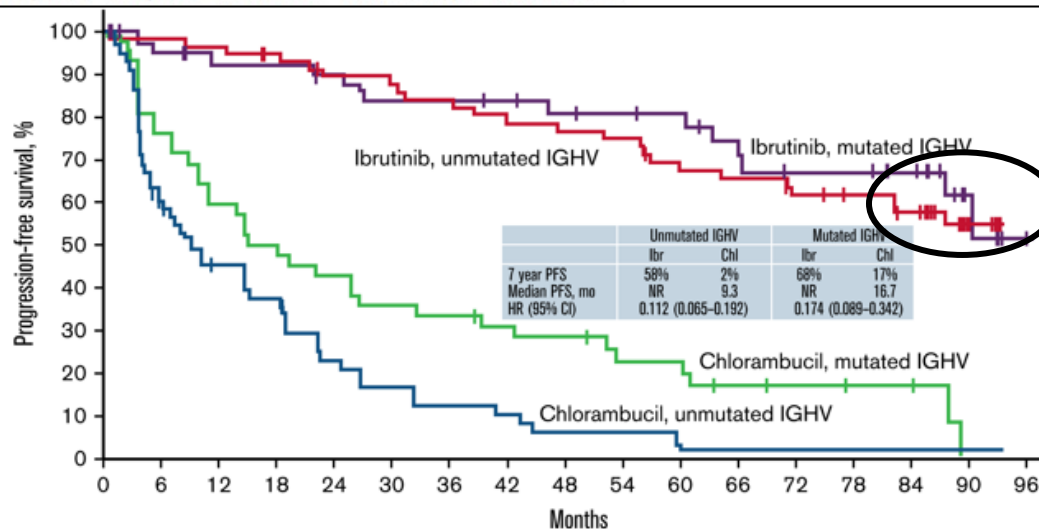


## Why CIT is unacceptable in 2024 ?

- Efficacy of target therapies

## Up to 8-year follow-up from RESONATE-2: first-line ibrutinib treatment for patients with chronic lymphocytic leukemia

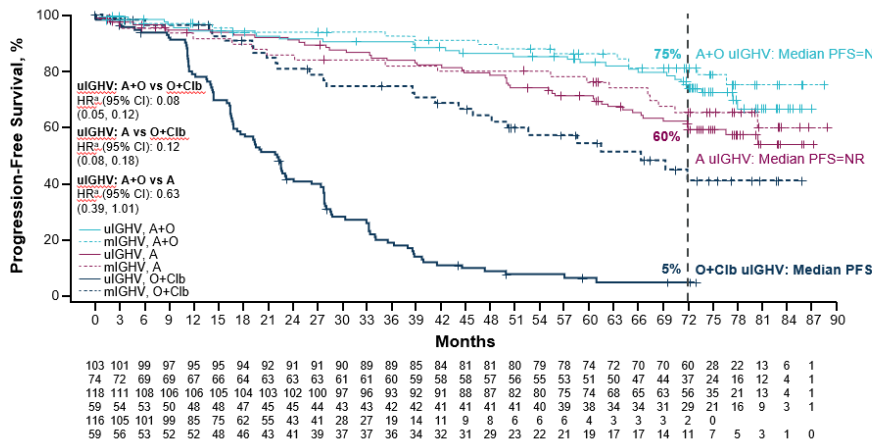
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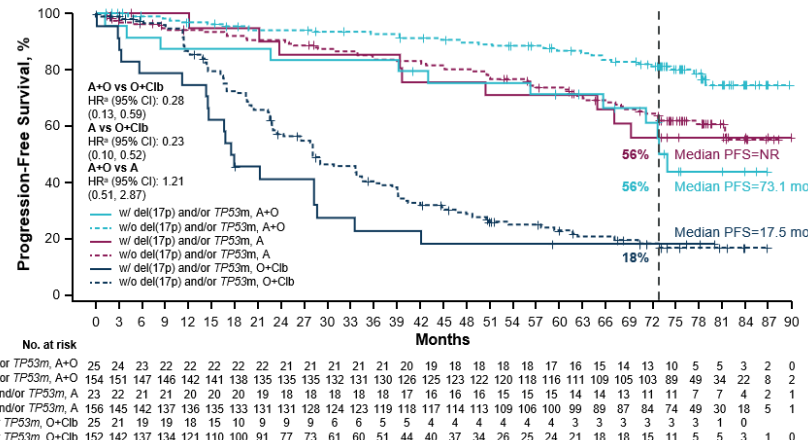
**No Impact of IGHV on PFS**

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	26	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	5	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

# ELEVATE TN 6y follow-up



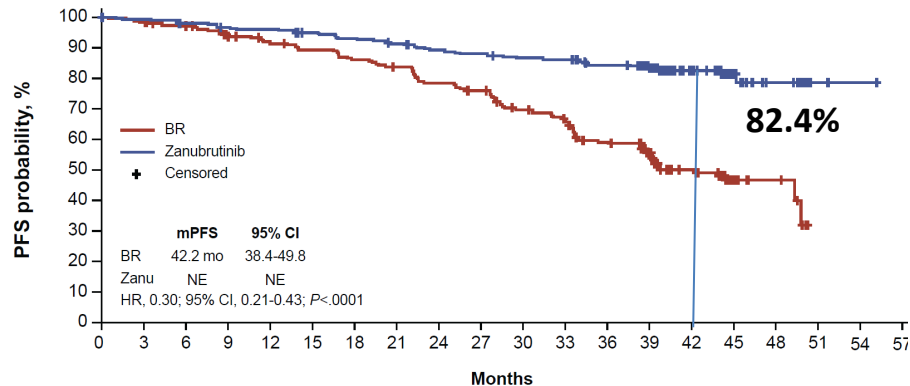
mPFS uIGHV  
Not Reached



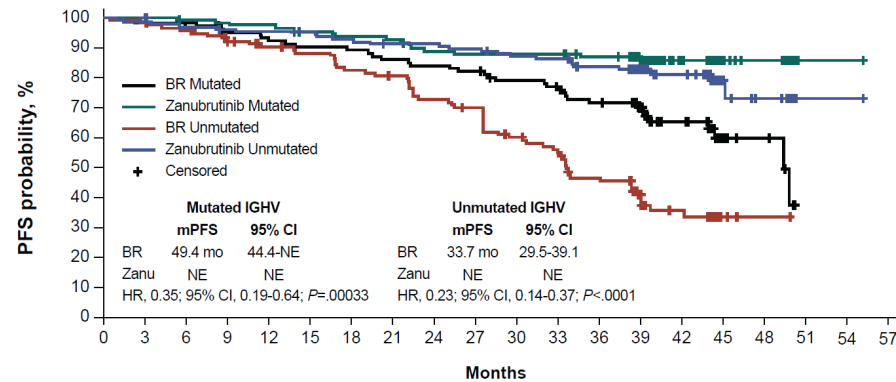
mPFS Del17p and/or TP53  
Not Reached

## SEQUOIA

### Progression-Free Survival



### Progression-Free Survival by IGHV Mutation Status



In cohort 1, median PFS was not reached in patients who received zanubrutinib; in patients who received BR, median PFS was 42.2 months

PFS was significantly improved with zanubrutinib vs BR in patients with mutated IGHV (2-sided  $P = .00033$ ) and unmutated IGHV (2-sided  $P < .0001$ )

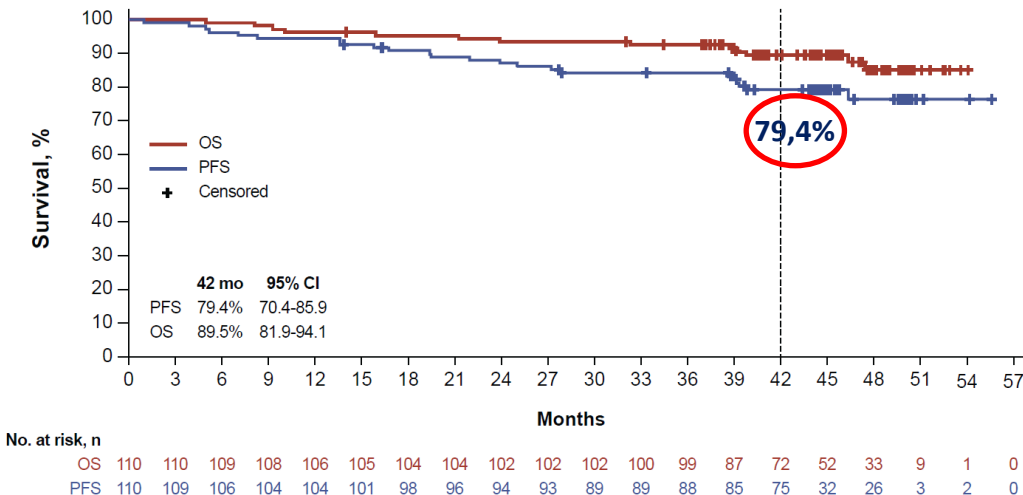
Estimated 42-month PFS rates with zanubrutinib and BR were **82.4%** and 50.0%, respectively

Data cutoff: 31 October 2022. All  $P$  values are 2-sided. BR=bendamustine plus rituximab, CI=confidence interval, HR=hazard ratio, NE=not evaluable, PFS=progression-free survival, Zanu=zanubrutinib

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## Progression-Free Survival by del17p/TP53

### SEQUOIA – Extended Follow-Up



	Cohort 2 – Del(17p) Zanubrutinib (n=111)
CR / CRi Rate	14.5%

- Median PFS was not reached
- Estimated 42-month PFS rate was 79.4%
- ▶ Median OS was not reached
- ▶ Estimated 42-month OS rate was 89.5%

Data cutoff: 31 October 2022. All *P* values are 2-sided.

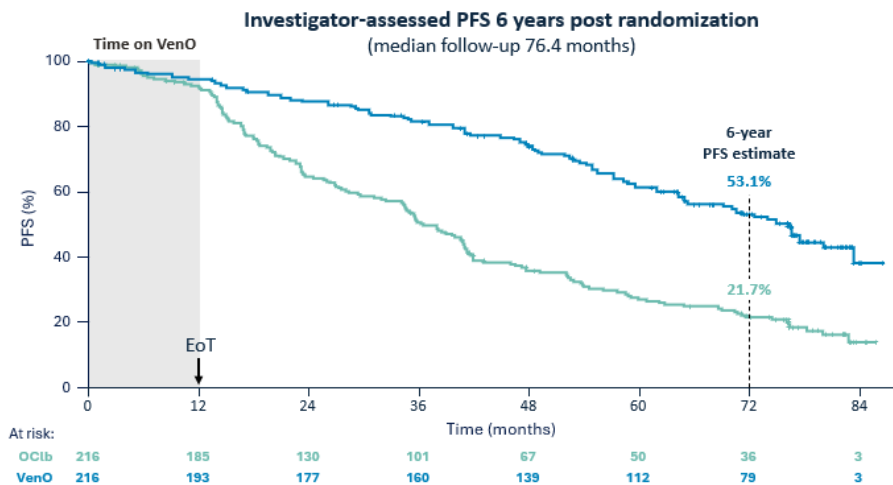
CI=confidence interval, CR=complete response, CRi=complete response with incomplete hematologic recovery, HR=hazard ratio, NE=not evaluable, OS=overall survival, PFS=progression-free survival,

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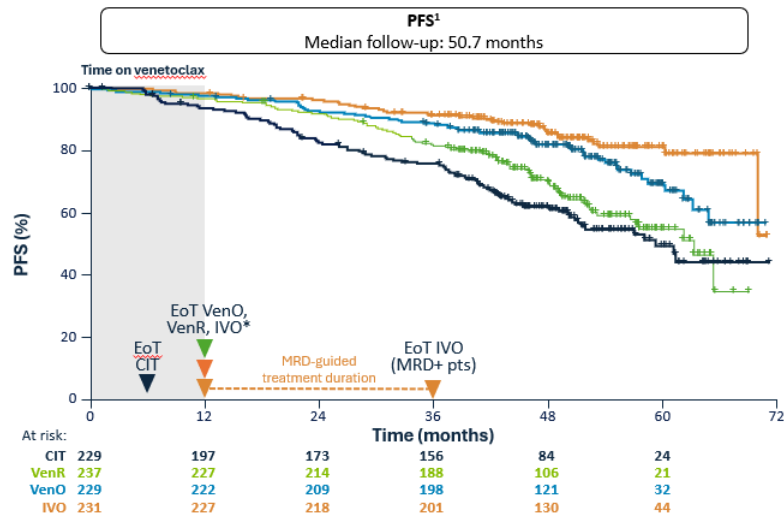
# Ven-based regimens:PFS

## CLL14



	VenO	OClb
Median PFS, months	76.2	36.4
HR (95% CI), p-value	0.40 (0.31–0.52)	p<0.0001*

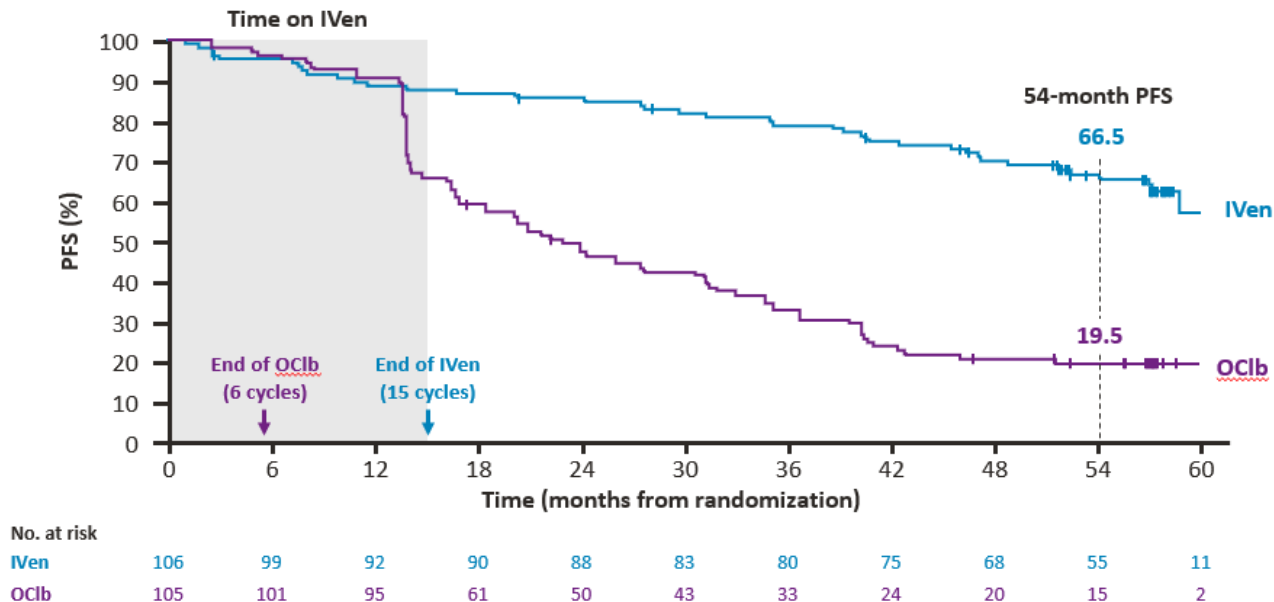
## CLL13



	CIT	VenR	VenO	IVO
HR vs CIT (97.5% CI) p-value <sup>1</sup>	-	- p=0.10 <sup>1</sup>	0.47 (0.32–0.69) p<0.0001	0.30 <sup>2</sup> (0.19–0.47) p<0.0001
4-year PFS, % <sup>1</sup>	62.0	70.1	81.8	85.5
Median PFS, months <sup>2</sup>	59.4	63.2	NR	NR

# GLOW study: PFS

PFS by INV-assessment (ITT population)<sup>1</sup>  
 (Median follow-up: 57.3 months)

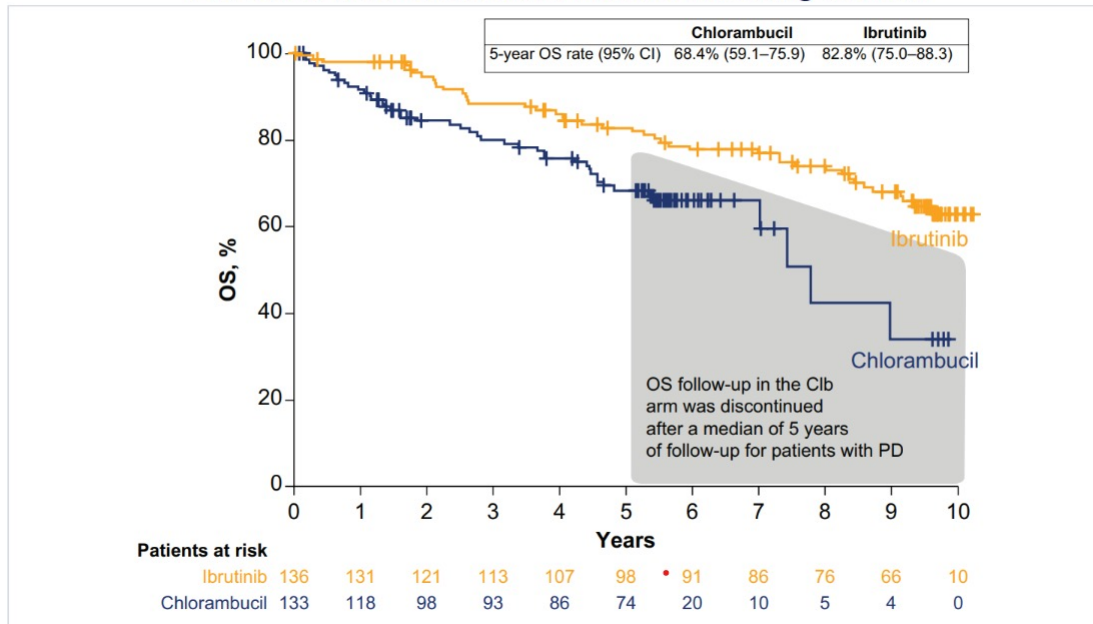


## Why CIT is unable in 2024 ?

- Efficacy of target therapies
- Better OS of target therapies

# Final Analysis of the RESONATE-2 Study: Up to 10 Years of Follow-Up of First-Line Ibrutinib Treatment in Patients With CLL

## OS Benefit Was Sustained for Patients Receiving Ibrutinib

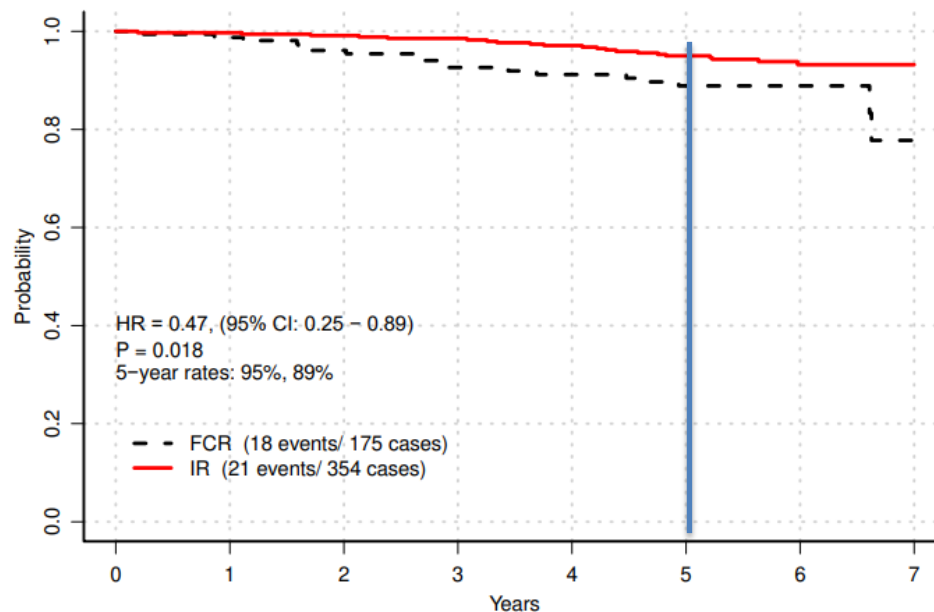


**At 9 years, the OS rate was 68.0% (95% CI, 58.6–75.7) in the ibrutinib arm.**

In patients with  $\geq 1$  high prognostic risk factors including mutated TP53/unmutated IGHV/del(11q), OS was significantly longer for patients treated with ibrutinib versus chlorambucil.

## ECOG1912 Results – Overall Survival

mFU: 70 mos



**OS rates  
95% IR vs 89% FCR**

Number at risk

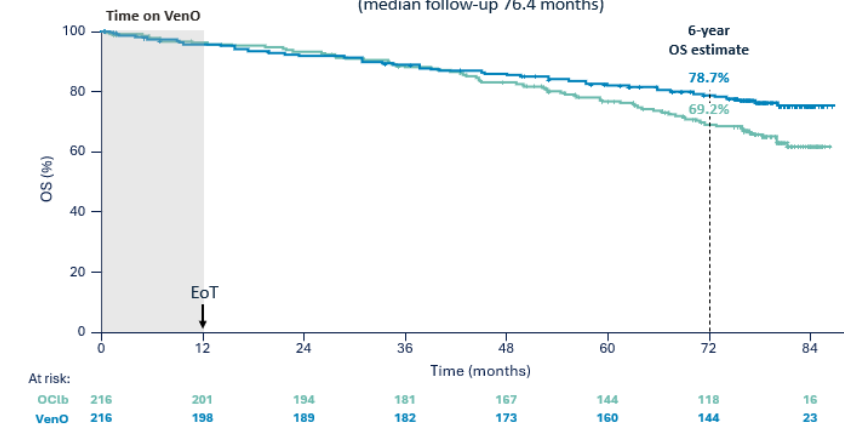
---	175	155	143	131	126	96	47	3
—	354	347	343	338	329	300	139	20

**Sustained improvement in OS was observed for patients on the IR arm (HR=0.47; p=0.018)**

# OS sustained benefit with venetoclax combinations

## CLL14

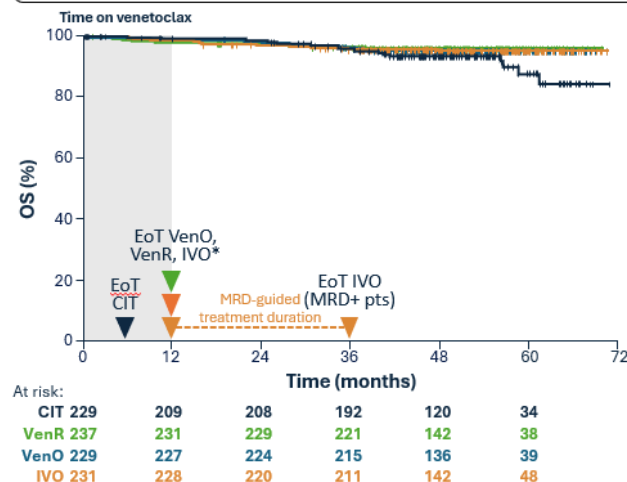
Overall survival 6 years post randomization  
(median follow-up 76.4 months)



	VenO	OC1b
Events, n	48	70
Median OS, months	NR	NR
HR (95% CI), p-value	0.69 (0.48–1.01)	p=0.052*

## CLL13

Overall survival<sup>1,2</sup>  
Median follow-up: 50.7 months



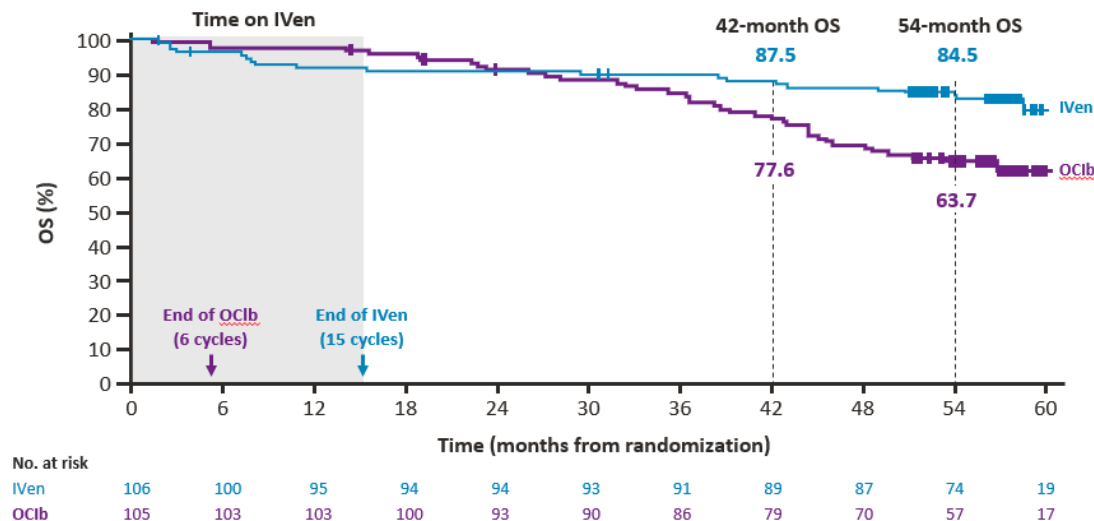
	CIT	VenR	VenO	IVO
HR vs CIT (97.5% CI) p-value <sup>1,2</sup>	–	0.46 (0.18–1.17) p=0.056	0.58 (0.24–1.38) p=0.15	0.58 (0.24–1.38) p=0.15
4-year OS, % <sup>2</sup>	93.5	96.2	95.1	95.0

• Al-Sawaf O, et al. *Blood* 2024; doi: 10.1182/blood.2024024631.

1. Fürstenau M, et al. *Lancet Oncol* 2024; 25:744–759 (incl. suppl.); 2. Fürstenau M, et al. *ASH* 2023. Abstract 635

# GLOW Study: OS

Overall survival (ITT population)<sup>1</sup>  
(Median follow-up: 57.3 months)



	Iven (n=106)	Oclb (n=105)
HR (95% CI); p-value <sup>1</sup>	0.453 (0.261–0.785); p=0.0038*	

1. Moreno C, *et al.* ASH 2023. Abstract 634 (Oral);  
2. Kater AP, *et al.* NEJM Evid 2022;

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- Efficacy of target therapies
- Better OS of target therapies
- **Secondary neoplasia**



## FCR vs Target Therapies

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Comment on *Thompson et al*, page 1784

## Functional cure reported in CLL

**Matthew S. Davids** | Dana-Farber Cancer Institute

“So now when I sit with a young patient with CLL and he or she asks what I would choose for frontline therapy [...] FCR remains a reasonable choice [...] But given the **risks of secondary MDS/ AML, prolonged myelosuppression, and infectious complications**, my usual answer now is that I would choose a targeted therapy regimen and hope that we will continue to develop new approaches to add to the impressive array of novel therapies we already have available for patients with CLL.”

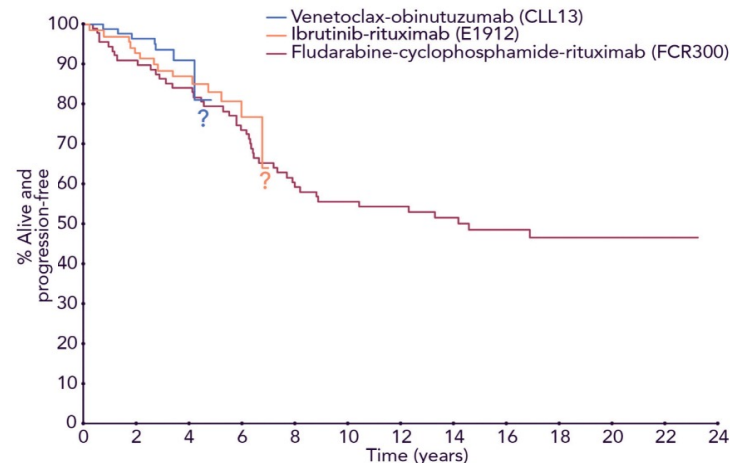


**Brief Report**

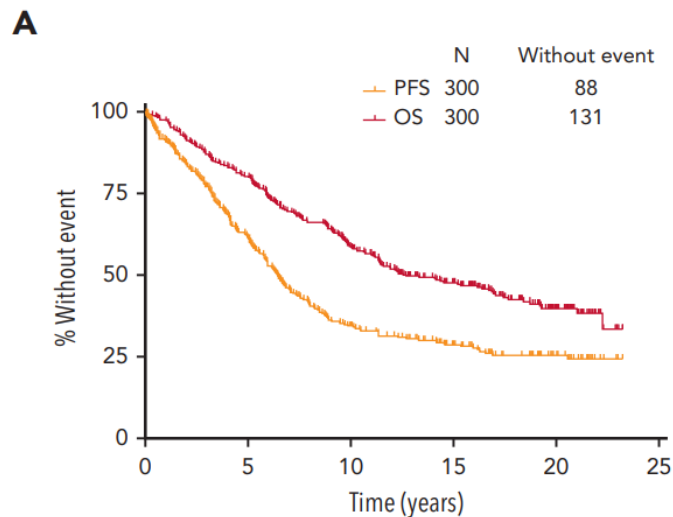
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**Sustained remissions in CLL after frontline FCR treatment with very-long-term follow-up**

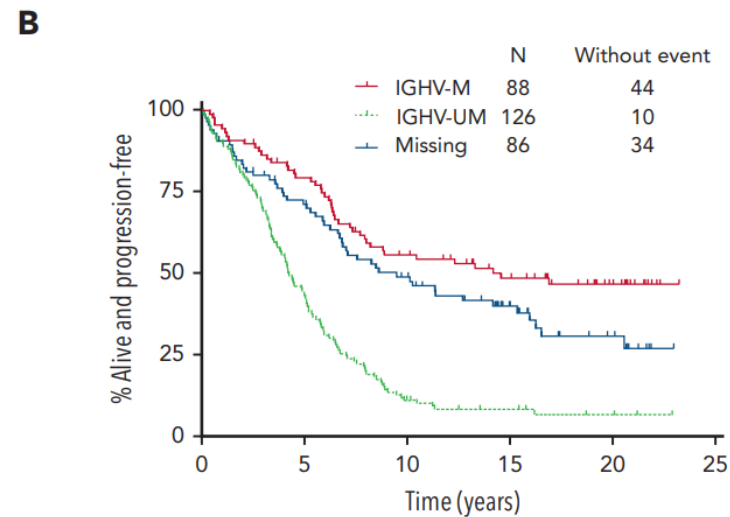
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## Sustained remission after FCR (19y-LTFU) but...



No at risk						
PFS	300	179	94	59	27	0
OS	300	241	170	110	45	0



No at risk						
IGHV-M	88	68	45	32	15	0
IGHV-UM	126	54	13	7	3	0
Missing	86	57	36	20	9	0

**32% of patients develop secondary malignancies, 6% MDS/AML**

## CLL8

### **Complications of FCR therapy**

- Treatment-related myeloid neoplasms (tMNs)
  - 1 % to 5 % of patients
  - DNA damage created by alkylating agents
  - median time to onset of 40 months
- Prolonged Neutropenia
  - More severe in reduced renal function
- Infection
  - older patients are prone to neutropenia (85 % with grade  $\geq 3$ ) and infections (38 % with grade  $\geq 3$ )

## CLL13: SPMs and RT

AE, n	CIT (n=216)	VenR (n=237)	VenO (n=228)	IVO (n=231)
<b>Second primary malignancies*</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>37</b>
Solid tumors	19	13	15	18
Hematologic malignancies	4	2	0	8
Non-melanoma skin cancer	33	15	16	11
<b>Richter transformation</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>

**Secondary neoplasia occurred more frequently with CIT vs venetoclax-based regimens**

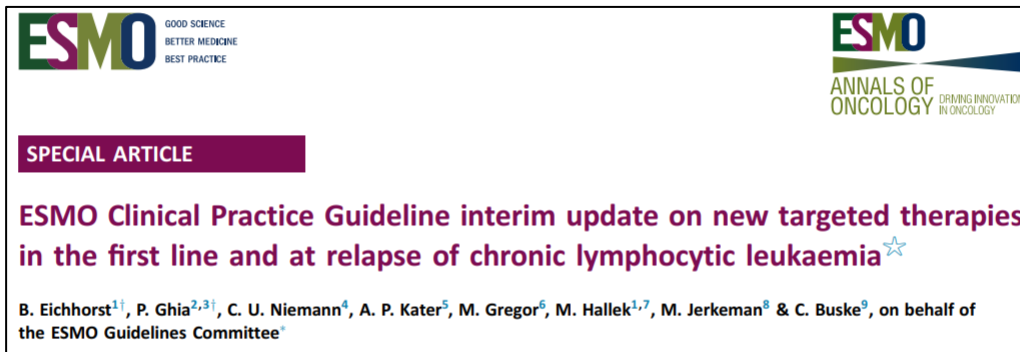
Median follow-up: 50.7 months.

\* Overall cases of secondary primary malignancies does not include benign tumors and Richter transformation; SPMs counted as cases, not as patients affected.  
CIT, chemoimmunotherapy; IVO, ibrutinib + venetoclax + obinutuzumab; O, obinutuzumab; R, rituximab; Ven, venetoclax.

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- Better OS of target therapies
- Secondary neoplasia
- **EVEN IF.....**

# Chemoimmunoterapia: ESMO guidelines 2024



Time-limited chemoimmunotherapy (CIT) such as fludarabine-cyclophosphamide-rituximab (FCR) **should only be considered** for patients with a **good genetic risk profile** [defined as mutated immunoglobulin heavy chain variable (IGHV) status and no TP53 aberrations] and, in addition, a non-complex karyotype (defined by less than five aberrations if complex karyotype was evaluated) **and if targeted therapies are not reimbursed**. Progression-free survival (PFS) of other CIT regimens (bendamustine-rituximab, chlorambucile-obinutuzumab or chlorambucile-rituximab) is shorter when compared with time-limited targeted agents; but this has not yet been shown for OS in most studies.



- ❖ Conditioning regimen for ALLO-TMO in HR patients (TP53 o del17p) with available donor in second line
- ❖ Chemo as linfo-depletive therapy before CAR-T approved in March 2024 FDA
- ❖ Palliative therapies as CHL or CTX

EBMT registry data 2008:

Allo-HSCT total: 10782

Allo-HSCT CLL: 366 (3,4%)

EBMT registry data 2017:

Allo-HSCT total: 18281

Allo-HSCT CLL: 230 (1,2%)

EBMT registry data 2022:

Allo-HSCT total: 19011

Allo-HSCT CLL: 157 (0,8%)

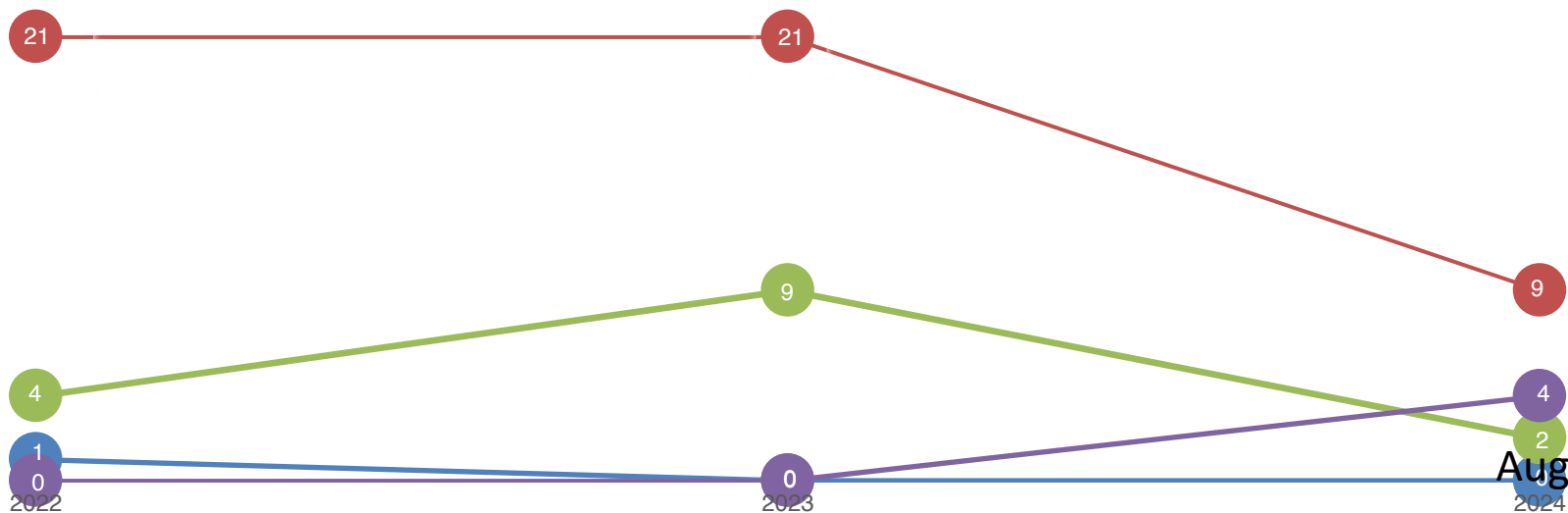
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