

# LEUCEMIA LINFATICA CRONICA, OGGI... ED OLTRE



**BTKi di prima e seconda generazione: qual è la “griglia di partenza”?**

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## ROADMAP

- To identify the key clinical challenges of BTKi molecules in CLL
- To define a possible «starting grid» for BTKi in 1L and R/R CLL patients
- To define the potential advantages of prioritizing the use of one molecule over another, taking into account the impact of CLL biological characteristics, mechanisms of resistance to cBTKi, and AEs (i.e.: off-target)
- To give the floor to my colleague, to discuss the topic of safety

## REAL-WORLD EVALUATION OF TREATMENT DISCONTINUATION AND HEALTHCARE RESOURCE UTILIZATION IN PATIENTS WITH CHRONIC LYMPHOCYTIC LEUKEMIA OR SMALL LYMPHOCYTIC LYMPHOMA

### DATA SOURCE:

- ***Symphony Integrated Dataverse*** (open-claims database, integrated with electronic medical record data)
- Study period: from January 1, 2013, to March 31, 2023,
- Patients included : with index date (date of treatment initiation) between January 1, 2020, and December 31, 2022 (index period)

### OBJECTIVES

- **to examine real-world outcomes among patients with CLL/SLL**

### INCLUSION CRITERIA

- Age  $\geq 18$  years with  $\geq 1$  diagnosis of CLL or SLL
- Initiated a **1L or 2L treatment during the index period**
- Continuous enrollment in the database for 365 days prior to or 90 days after the index date

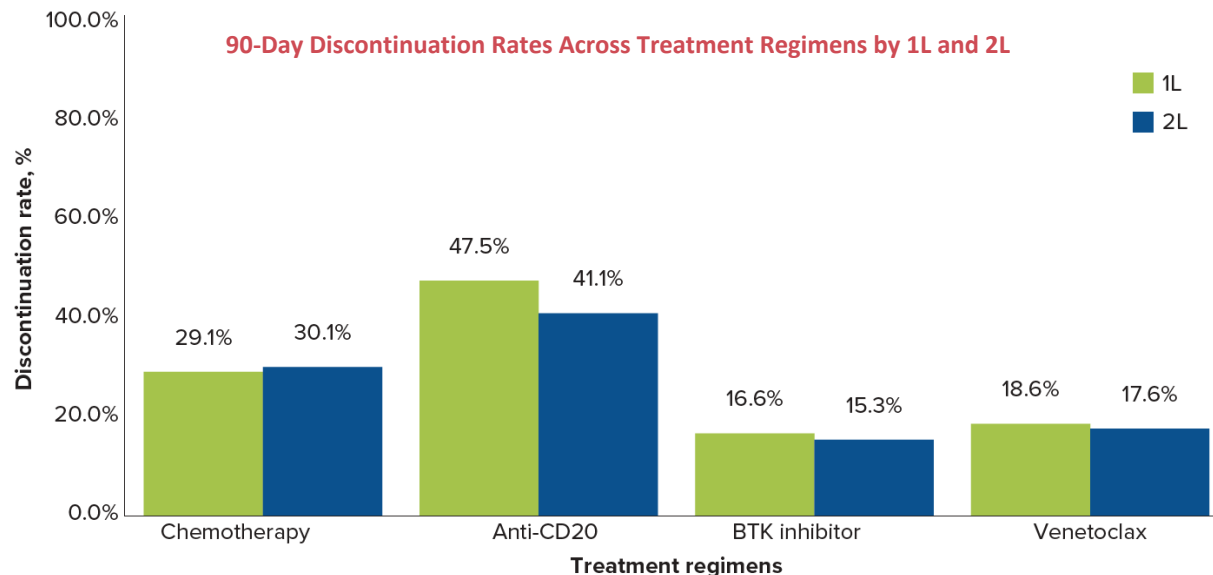
### COHORTS

Cohorts were developed based on treatment regimens and stratified by line of therapy (1L and 2L)

- **Chemotherapy** (including bendamustine-based)
- **Anti-CD20-based**
- **BTK inhibitor** (ibrutinib- and acalabrutinib-based; zanubrutinib use was not captured)
- Venetoclax-based

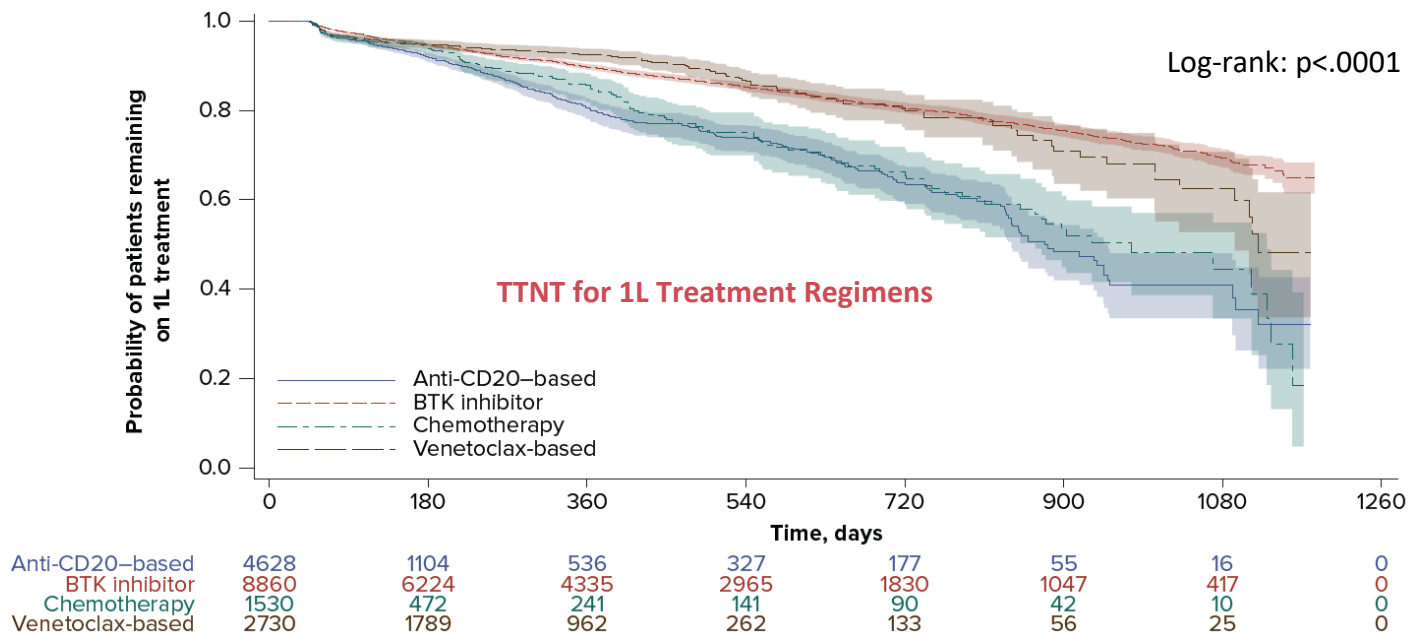
## RWE AND DISCONTINUATION RATES ACROSS 1L AND 2L

- ✓ Across 1L and 2L, **90-day discontinuation rates were lowest for BTK inhibitor-based regimens** (16.6% and 15.3%), followed by venetoclax-based regimens (18.6% and 17.6%), chemotherapy-based regimens (29.1% and 30.1%), and anti-CD20-based regimens (47.5% and 41.1%)
- ✓ Discontinuation rates reported in 1L and 2L treatments were statistically significant ( $p < .0001$ )



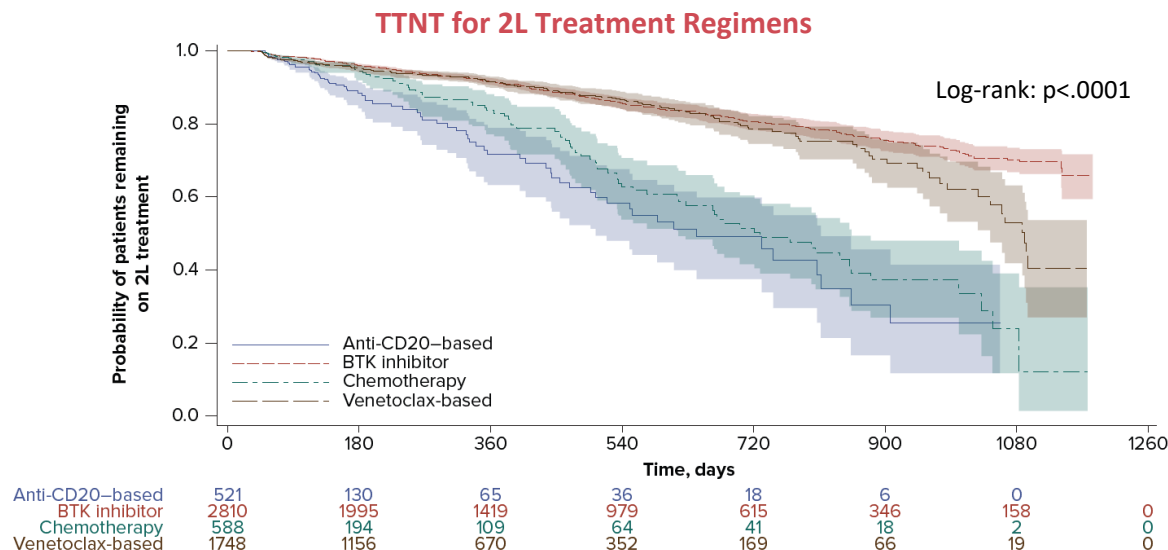
## RWE: REGRESSION OF TREATMENT REGIMEN AND TTNT FOR 1L TREATMENT

Within 1L, anti-CD20-based and chemo-based regimens had significantly ( $p<.0001$ ) shorter TTNT compared with BTKi-based regimens, in both the univariate and multivariate models, suggesting patients on anti-CD20 and chemotherapy-based regimens moved onto subsequent treatment sooner.



## RWE: REGRESSION OF TREATMENT REGIMEN AND TTNT FOR 2L TREATMENT

Similar results were found in 2L, but significantly longer TTNT was also identified with venetoclax-based regimens



### Regression of Treatment Regimen and Discontinuation:

In both 1L and 2L settings and across both univariate and multivariate models, the risk of discontinuation was significantly higher for anti-CD20-based, chemotherapy-based, and venetoclax-based regimens compared with BTK inhibitor-based regimens

## RWE AND EMERGING CONCLUSIONS

- **BTKi therapy emerges as the leading treatment strategy for both initial and subsequent lines of therapy**
- BTKi therapy, the primary treatment regimen across first-line and second-line therapies, has significantly **lower discontinuation rates and healthcare resource utilization, and longer TTNT, compared with other treatment regimens**
- The majority of patients in the study had CLL; those patients with SLL had poorer outcomes
- Findings from this study may not be generalizable to other populations or settings outside of this specific data source
- Further studies are needed to evaluate real-world clinical outcomes of CLL/SLL regimens to support evidence-based treatment decisions



## BTKi REGULATORY STATUS IN CLL/SLL

	In the US	In the EU
<b>Covalent</b>		
<b>Ibrutinib<sup>1,2</sup></b>	Approved	Approved (including in combination with venetoclax)
<b>Acalabrutinib<sup>3,4</sup></b>	Approved; FD combinations being assessed (AMPLIFY; MAJIC)	Approved (in combination with CD20)
<b>Zanubrutinib<sup>5,6</sup></b>	Approved; FD combinations being assessed (SEQUOIA; NCT05168930)	Approved
<b>Non-covalent</b>		
<b>Pirtobrutinib<sup>7</sup></b>	Approved (RR CLL)	Phase 3
<b>Nemtabrutinib<sup>8</sup></b>	Phase 3 (NCT04728893)	

## NEXT STEP:

fixed-duration BTKi-venetoclax combinations

1. Imbruvica® (ibrutinib) FDA prescribing information.  
 2. Imbruvica® (ibrutinib) EMA prescribing information.  
 3. Calquence® (acalabrutinib) FDA prescribing information.  
 4. Calquence® (acalabrutinib) EMA prescribing information.

5. Brukinsa® (zanubrutinib) FDA prescribing information.  
 6. Brukinsa® (zanubrutinib) EMA prescribing information.  
 7. Japirca® (pirtobrutinib) FDA prescribing information.  
 8. www.clinicaltrials.gov

## BOX PLOT FOR PLANNING THERAPEUTIC OPTIONS IN CLL

### STEP 1: Select best front-line CT-free approach

#### OBSERVATIONS:

No prospective comparative data  
for BTKi vs Ven

CLL17 will be the most  
informative study to answer this  
question (1<sup>st</sup> line...)



### STEP 2:

1. Frontline BTK-exposed
2. Frontline Ven-exposed

Upon relapse or progression,  
3 major considerations in  
selecting next therapy



### STEP 3: CONSIDERATIONS FOR STEP 1 & 2:

#### Consideration 1: Levels of evidence

*Prospective data/interventional study  
(randomized data, single arm)  
Prospective registry data  
Retrospective "real-world" data*

#### Consideration 2: Available options

*What frontline therapy  
Consequence of the order of approval  
rather than tumor biology*

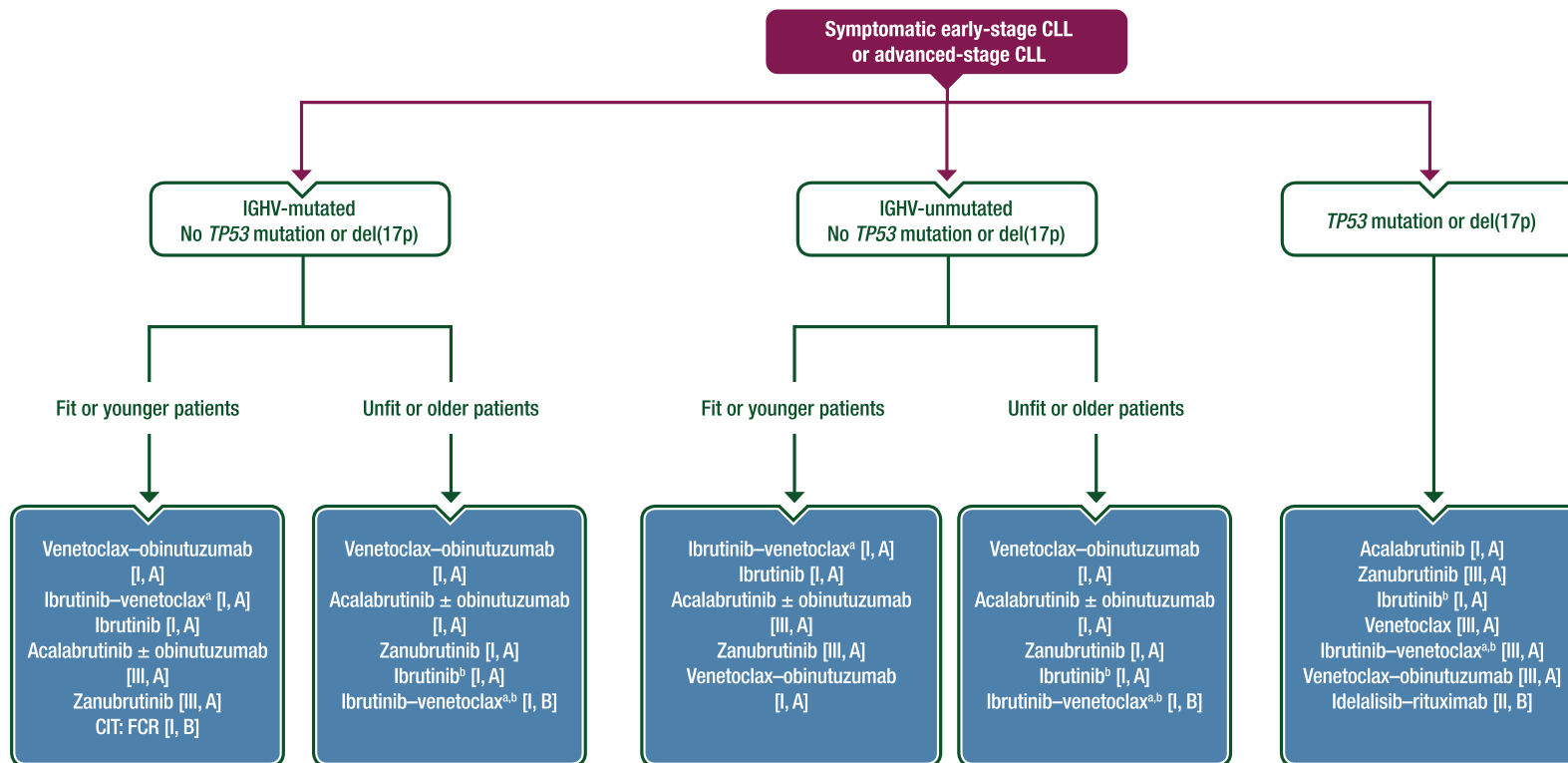
#### Consideration 3: Reasons for discontinuation

*Completion of planned therapy with  
subsequent PD  
Intolerance/AEs  
PD (known or unknown resistance  
mechanisms)*

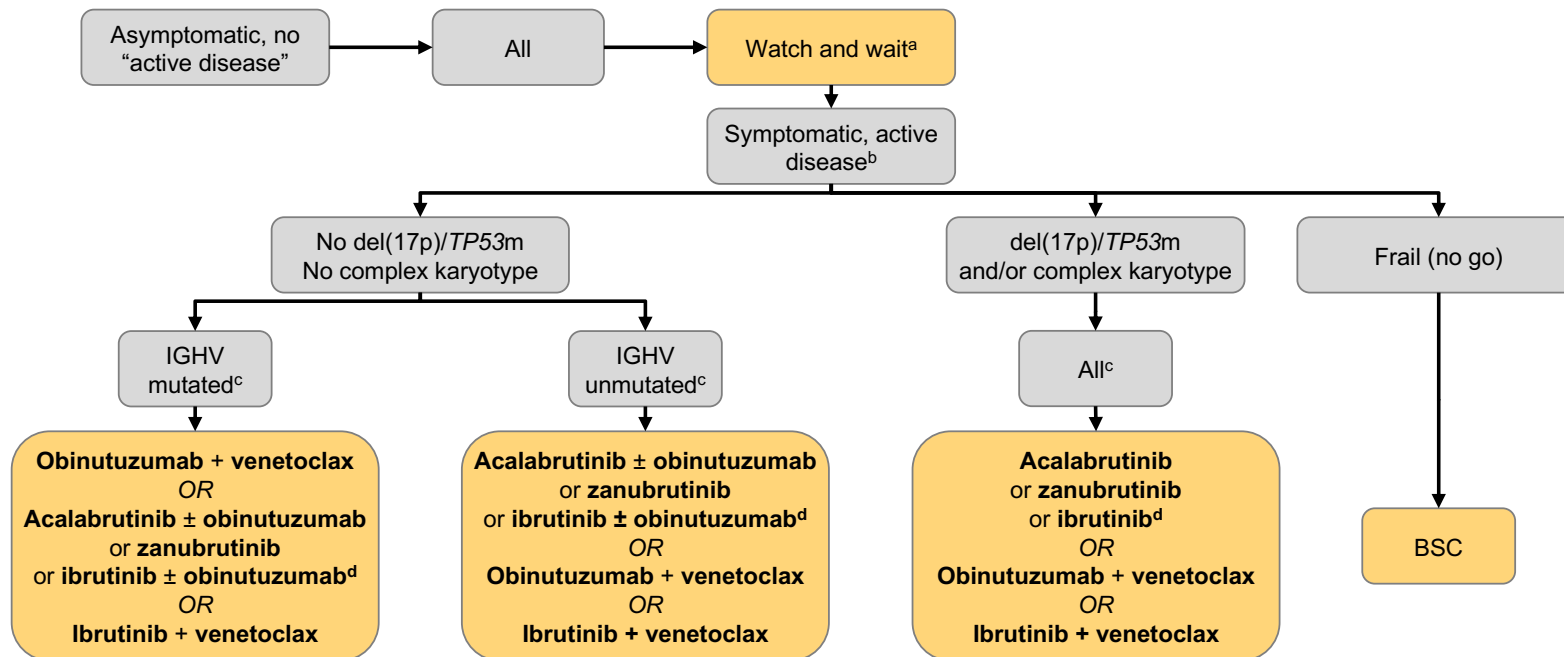
**HOW TO BEST ORGANIZE CLL THERAPY?**



## ESMO 1L GUIDELINES, 2024

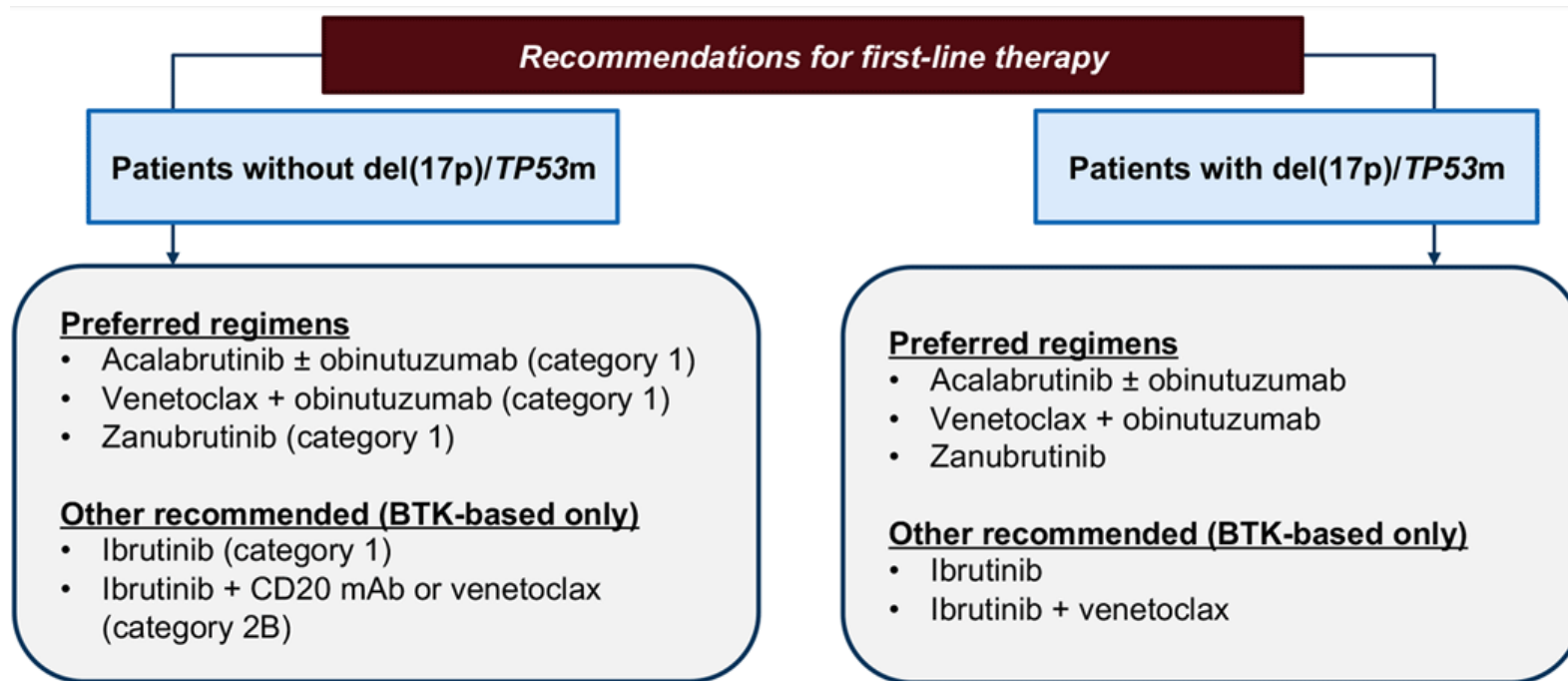


## OTHER EU GUIDELINES: ONKOPEDIA 1L, 2023

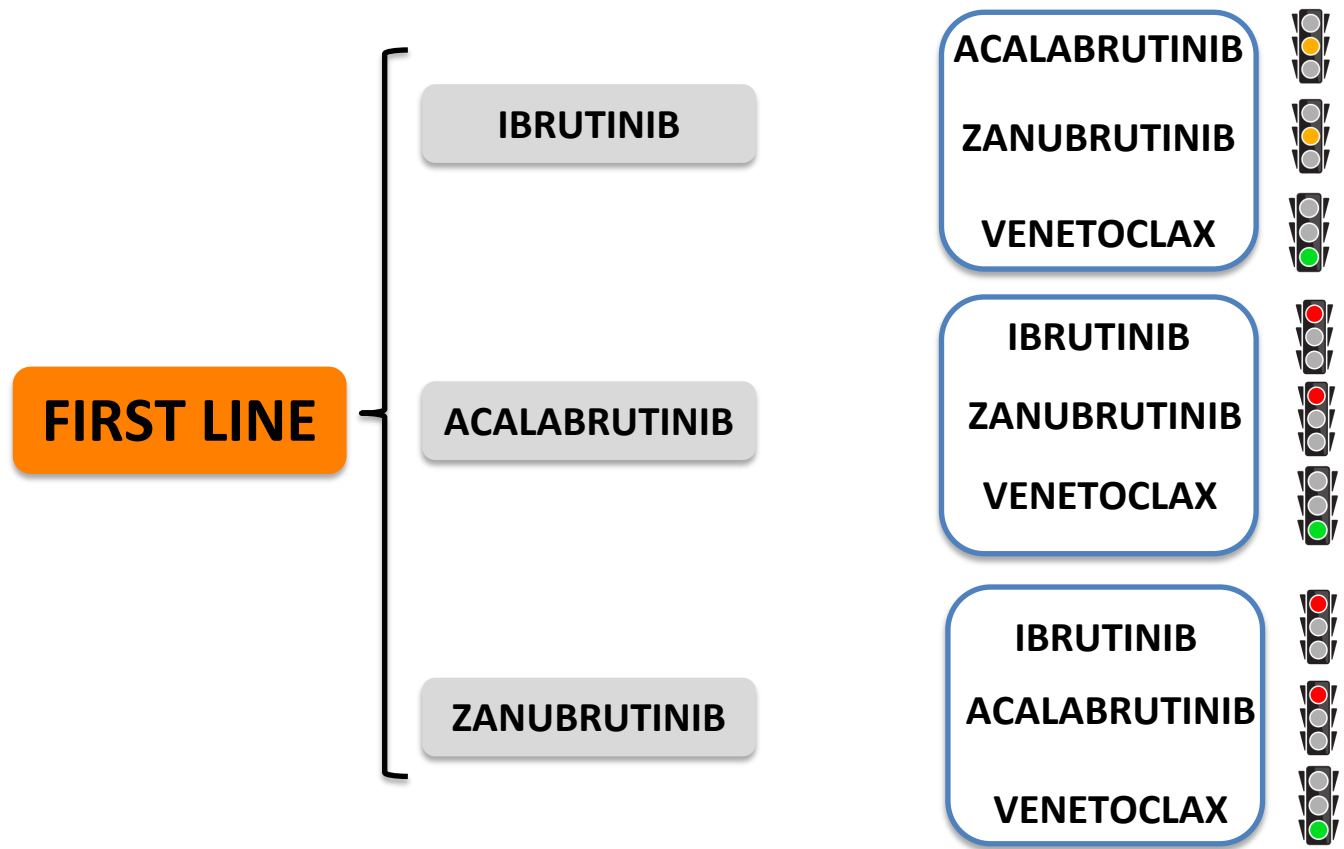


<sup>a</sup> Waiting behavior. <sup>b</sup> Active disease according to iwCLL 2018 criteria. <sup>c</sup> The ranking of the following therapies presents one possibility. Due to the current data situation, it is not binding. The individual comorbidity profile, aspects of adherence, application effort/logistics of the therapeutic intervention, and patient preference for the final therapy determination should be taken into account. <sup>d</sup> If A or Z is contraindicated or not available, I (± G) remains a therapy option, taking into account increased cardiac adverse events. A and Z were not systematically evaluated in younger/fit patients in first-line therapy.

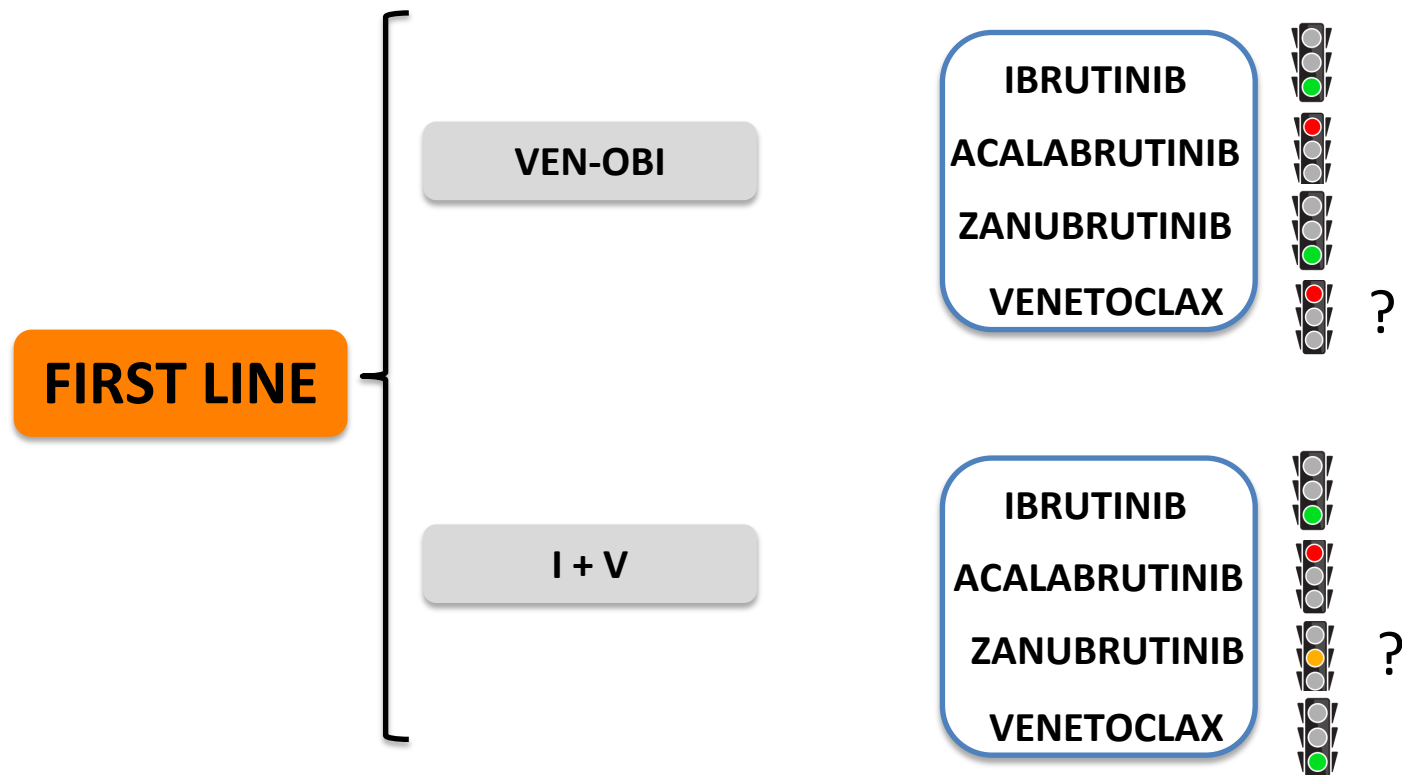
## NCCN 1L GUIDELINES, 2024



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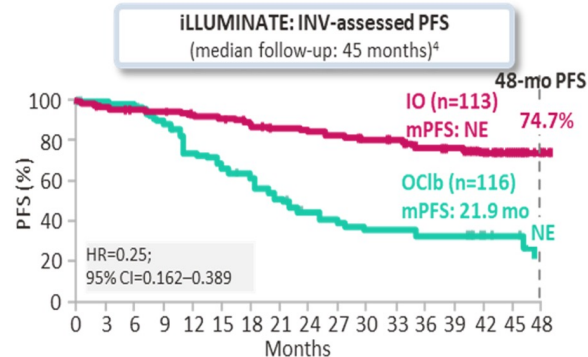
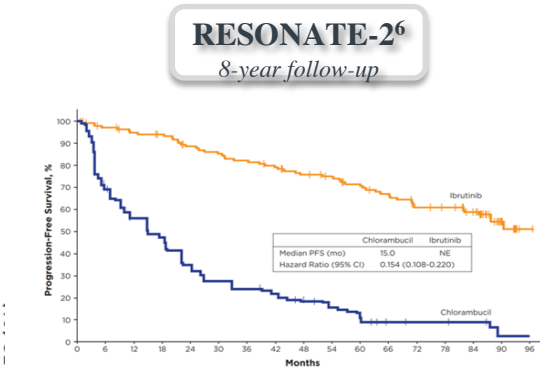
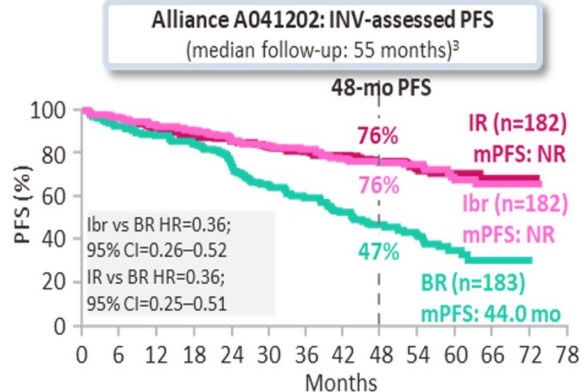
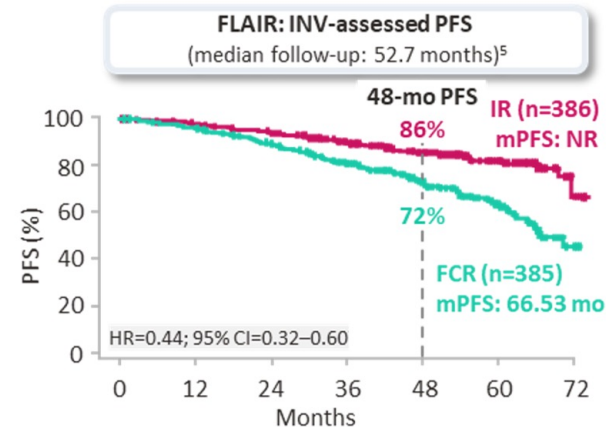
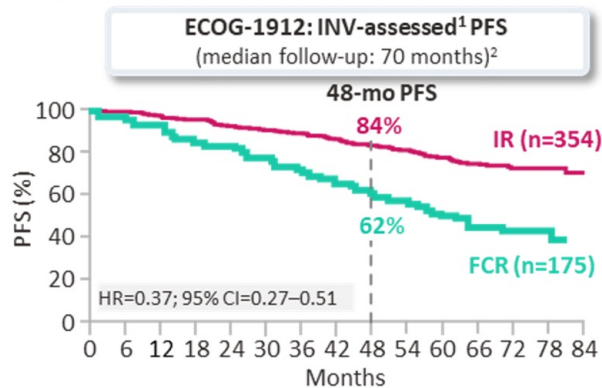


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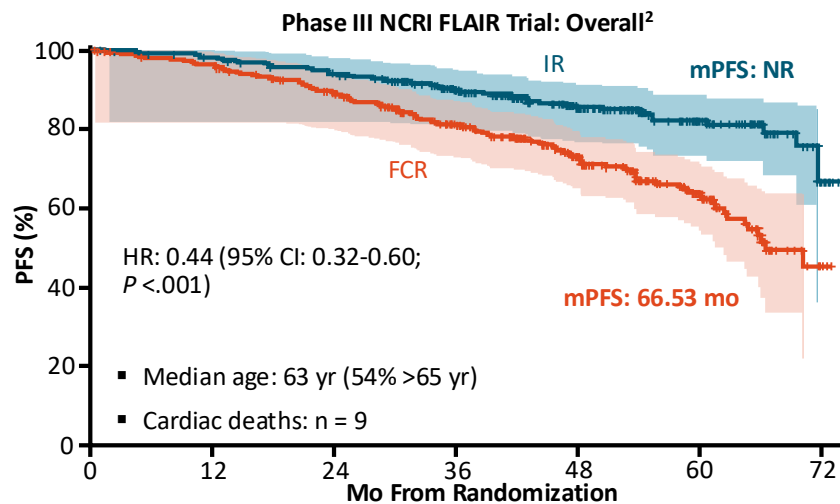
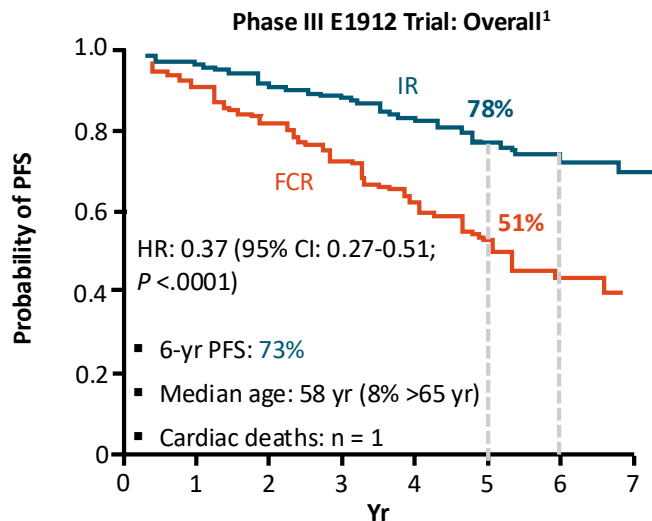




## IBRUTINIB IN TN CLL PATIENTS: FROM YOUNG FIT TO ELDERLY UNFIT



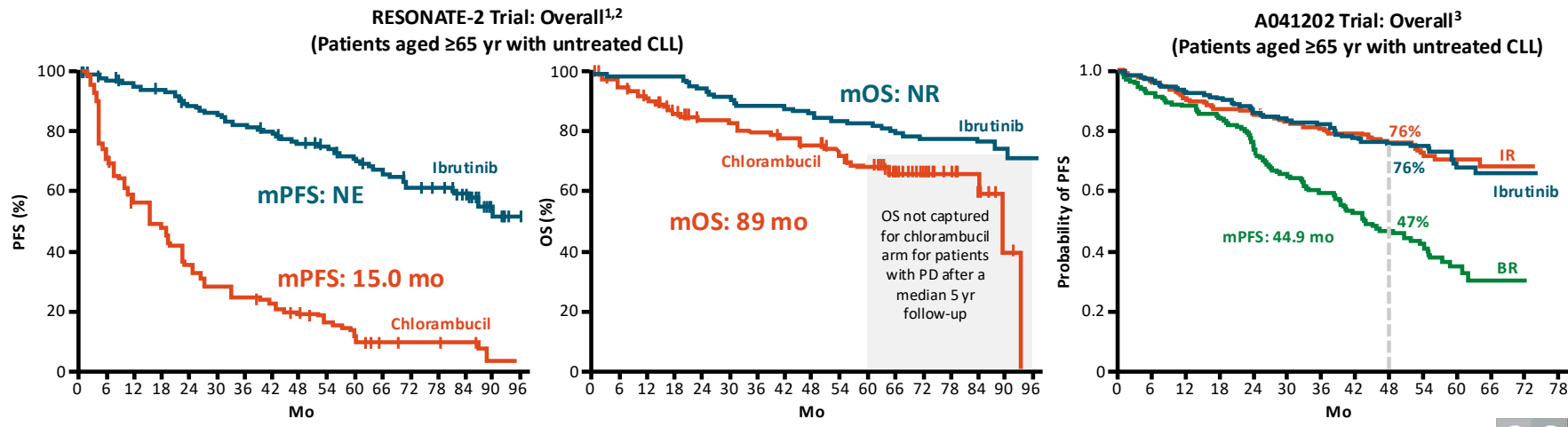
## FIRST-GENERATION COVALENT BTKi: EARLIER ROLE AS 1L THERAPY FOR CLL



## Outcomes with ibrutinib in combination with rituximab in CLL:

- ✓ Superior to CIT in younger and older patients
- ✓ Superior to FCR in patients  $\leq 65$  yrs in PFS and OS

## FIRST-GENERATION COVALENT BTKi: EARLIER ROLE AS 1L THERAPY FOR CLL

**Outcomes with ibrutinib alone or in combination with rituximab in CLL:**

- ✓ Superior to chlorambucil in patients ≥ 65 yrs in PFS and OS (RESONATE-2)
- ✓ Superior to BR in patients ≥ 65 yrs in PFS
- ✓ Associated with AF, bleeding, bruising, hypertension, myalgias, arthralgias, and diarrhea (treatment was discontinued in 41% of patients in the RESONATE-2 trial, mostly due to AEs)

## RESONATE-2: UP TO 8 yr OF FOLLOW-UP

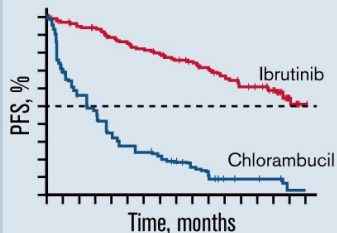
Up to 8 years of follow-up for  
ibrutinib treatment of CLL

## Safety



- No new safety signals
- Active dose management allowed continued ibrutinib benefit

## Efficacy



- Median PFS not reached up to 8 years

## Patient disposition



- 42% of patients continue on ibrutinib at 8 years

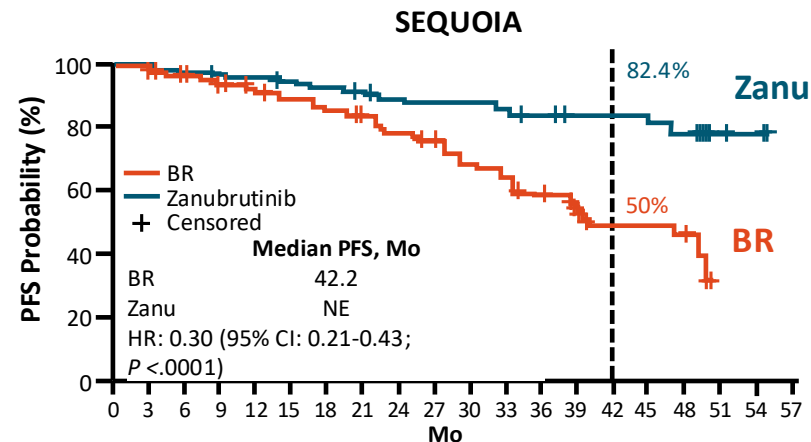
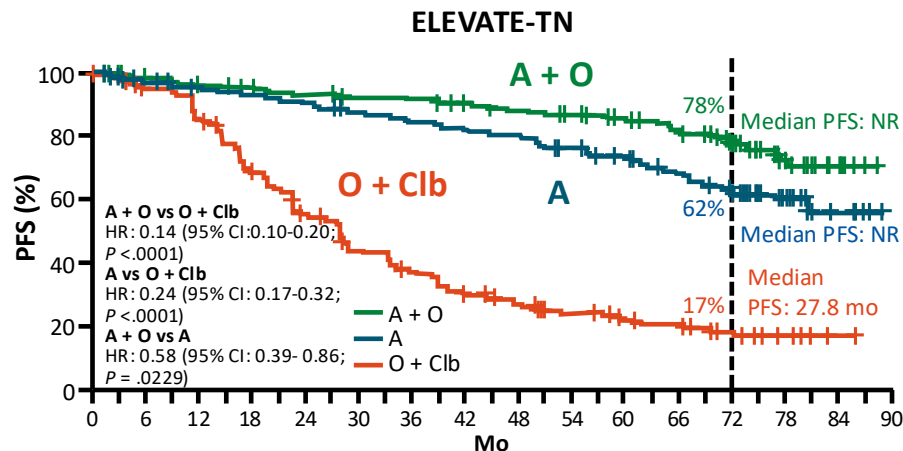
**FINAL ANALYSIS OF THE RESONATE-2 STUDY:  
UP TO 10 YEARS OF FOLLOW-UP OF FIRST-LINE IBRUTINIB  
TREATMENT IN PATIENTS WITH CHRONIC LYMPHOCYTIC  
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....Final analysis, representing up to 10 years of follow-up (median 9.6 years for the Ibr arm and 5.6 years for the Clb arm).

Patients treated with Ibr demonstrated a significant and sustained PFS benefit versus patient treated with Clb.

**Median PFS:****Ibr arm: 8.9 years****Clb arm: 1.3 years****PFS rate at 9 years of FU:****Ibr arm: 49.7%****Clb arm 4.4%**

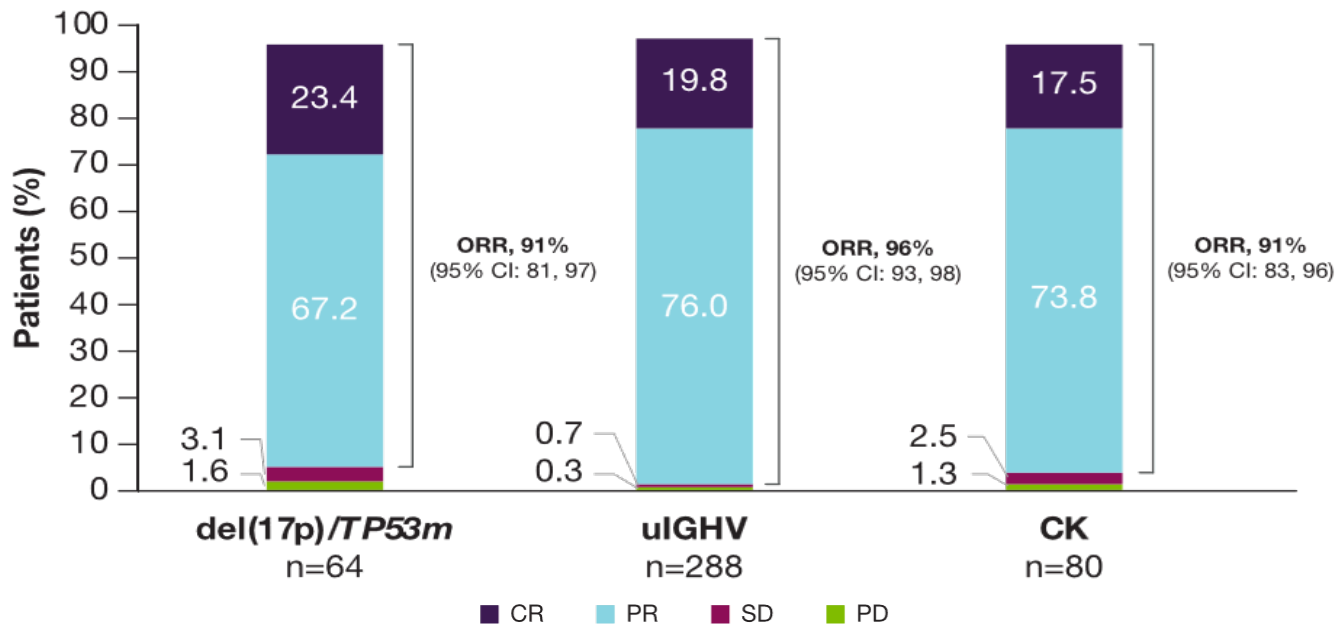
## NEXT-GENERATION COVALENT BTKi: FEWER AEs AND SUPERIOR TO CIT



- ✓ Acalabrutinib +/- obinutuzumab is superior to CIT in PFS
  - ✓ Zanubrutinib is superior to CIT in PFS
- ✓ Lower rates of AF, hypertension, serious bleeding
- ✓ Discontinuation due to AEs was approximately 10%

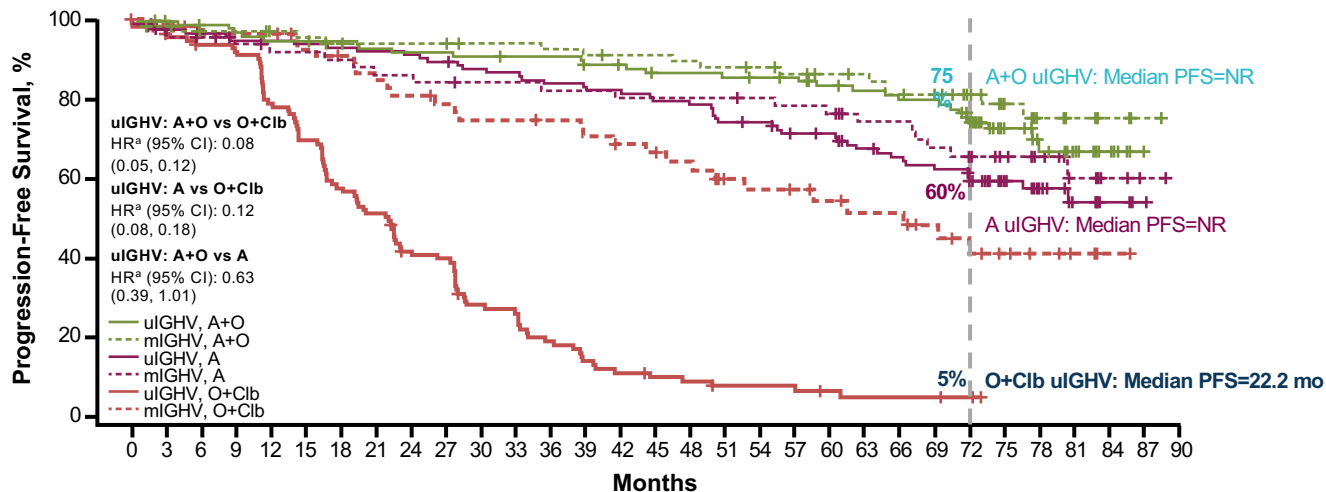
## WHAT HAPPENS WITH SECOND GENERATION COVALENT BTKi? ACALABRUTINIB

3 clinical studies in TN CLL: CL-001 (TN cohort), CL-003 (TN cohort) and ELEVATE-TN (n=321)



## ELEVATE TN: INVESTIGATOR-ASSESSED PFS IN PATIENTS WITH uIGHV

PFS result in A-treated patients with uIGHV was consistent with overall result  
 Median PFS was NR in patients with uIGHV treated with A+O and A vs. 22.2 months in O+Clb arm

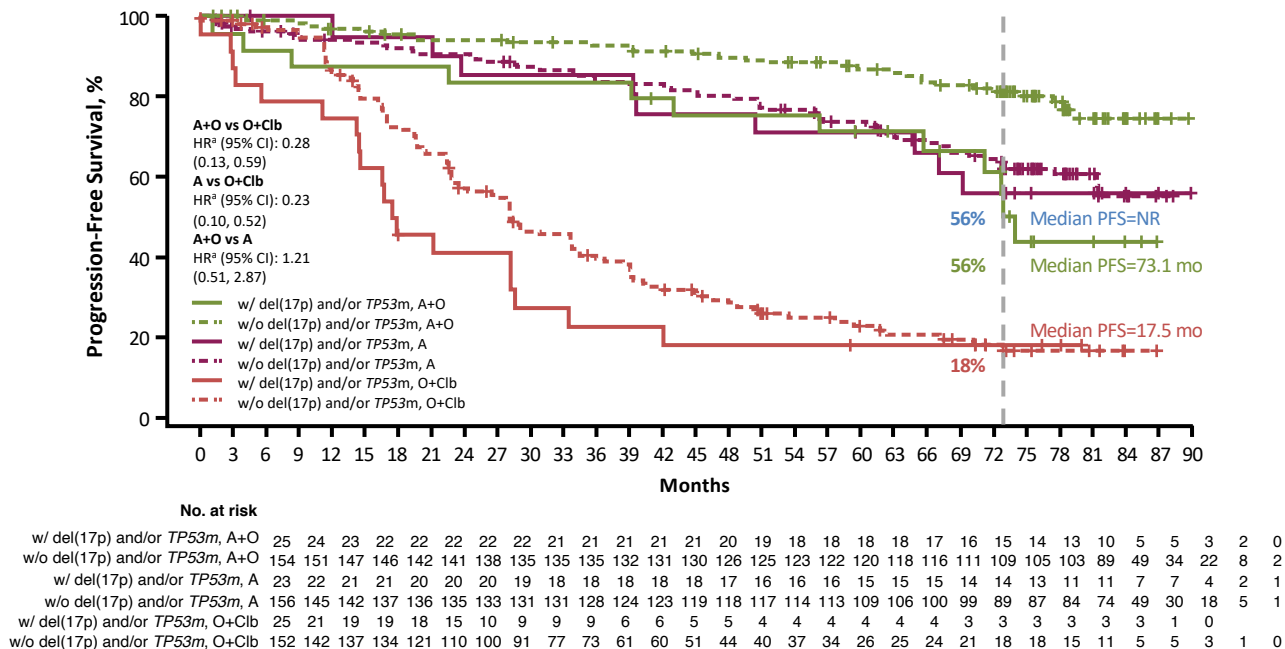


103	101	99	97	95	95	94	92	91	91	90	89	89	85	84	81	81	80	79	78	74	72	70	70	60	28	22	13	6	1
74	72	69	69	67	66	64	63	63	63	61	61	60	59	58	58	57	56	55	53	51	50	47	44	37	24	16	12	4	1
118	111	108	106	106	105	104	103	102	100	97	96	93	92	91	88	87	82	80	75	74	68	65	63	56	35	21	13	4	1
59	54	53	50	48	48	47	45	45	44	43	43	42	42	41	41	41	41	40	39	38	34	34	31	29	21	16	9	3	1
116	105	101	99	85	75	62	55	43	41	28	27	19	14	11	9	8	6	6	6	4	3	3	3	2	0				
59	56	53	52	52	48	46	43	41	39	37	37	36	34	32	31	29	23	22	21	19	17	17	14	11	7	5	3	1	0

<sup>a</sup>Hazard ratio was based on unstratified Cox-Proportional-Hazards model.

A = acalabrutinib; CI = confidence interval; Clb = chlorambucil; HR = hazard ratio; IGHV = immunoglobulin heavy chain variable; mIGHV = mutated IGHV; NR = not reached; O = Obinutuzumab; PFS = progression free survival; uIGHV = unmutated IGHV; vs = versus.

## ELEVATE TN: INVESTIGATOR-ASSESSED PFS IN PATIENTS WITH *del17p* AND/OR *TP53*<sup>MUT</sup>



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## ZANUBRUTINIB IN TN CLL: SEQUOIA STUDY

### Cohort 1

- Untreated CLL/SLL
- $\geq 65$  y of age OR unsuitable for treatment with FCR<sup>^</sup>
- Without *del(17p)* by central FISH

<sup>^</sup>Defined as Cumulative illness rating score  $> 6$ , CrCl  $< 70$  mL/min, or a history of previous severe infection or multiple infections within the last 2 years;  $\geq 16$  cycles. FISH, fluorescence in situ hybridization.

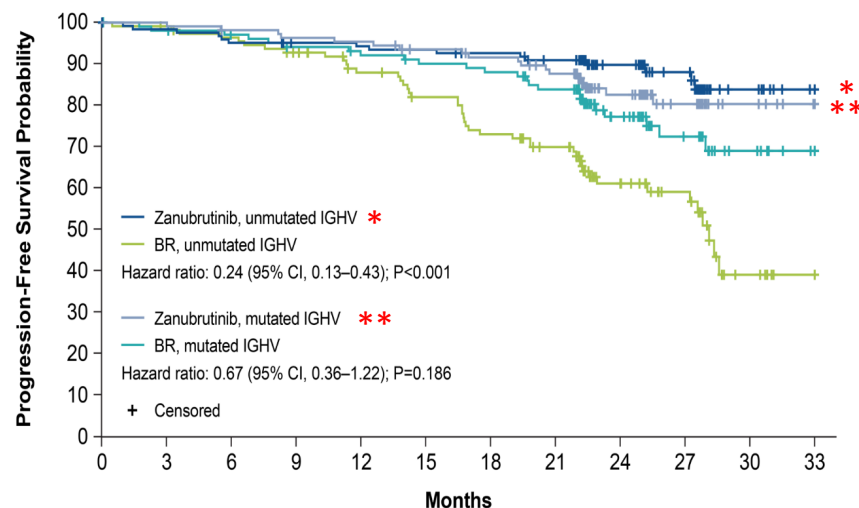
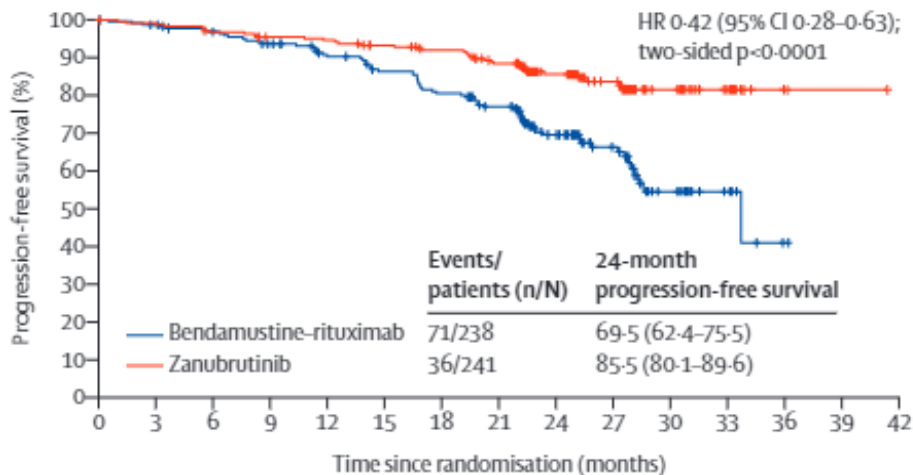
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Zanubrutinib

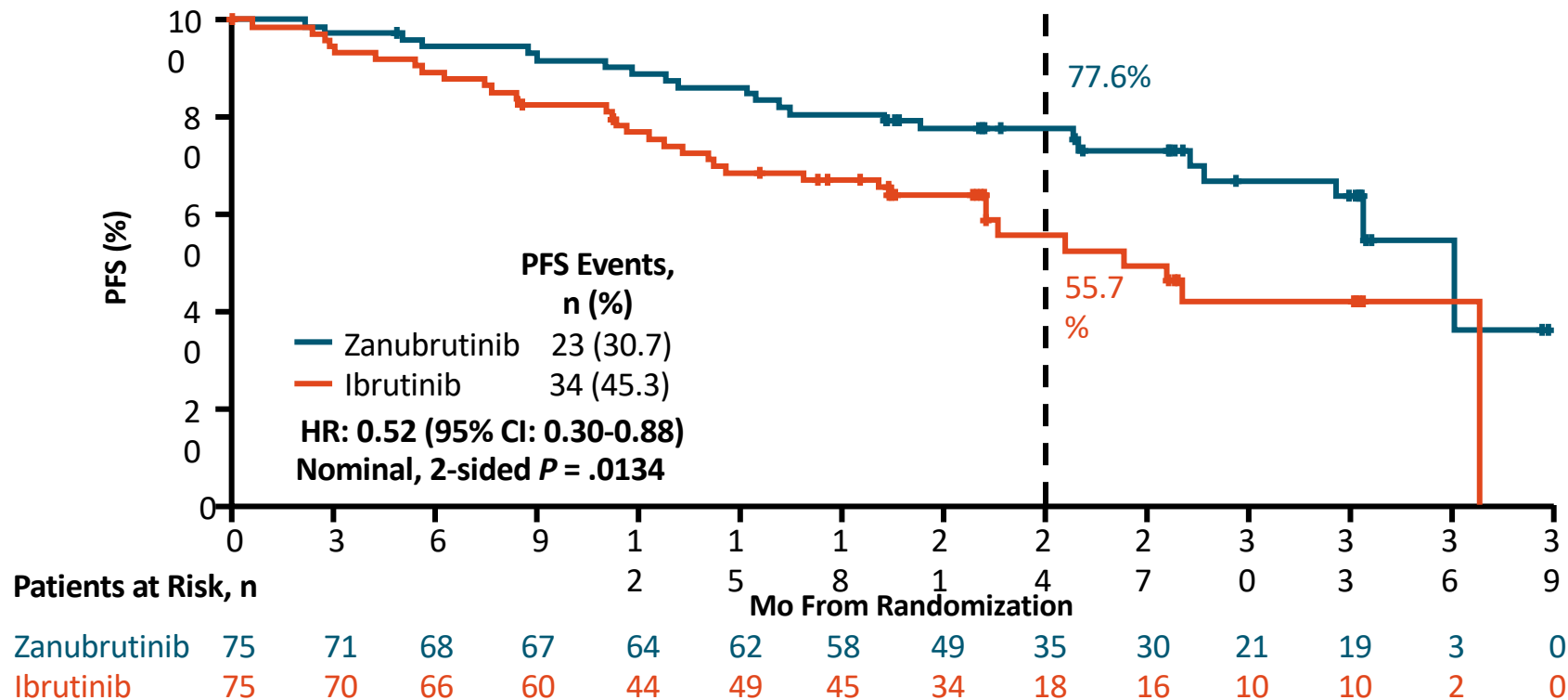
Bendamustine\* + rituximab\*

\* 6 cycles

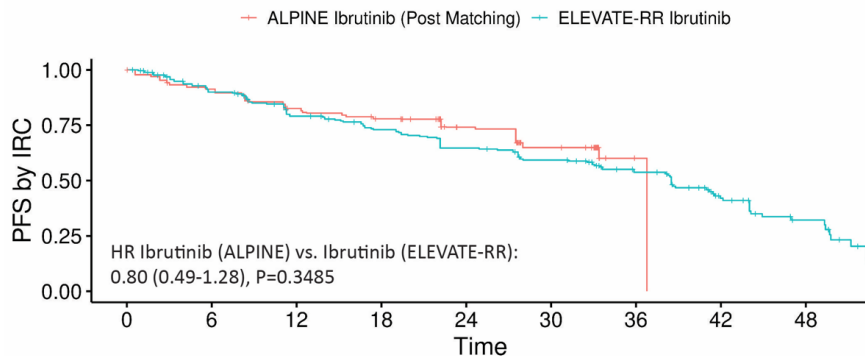
Median Follow-up 26.2 m



## ALPINE: IRC-ASSESSED PFS IN PATIENTS WITH del(17p) AND/OR TP53<sup>MUT</sup>



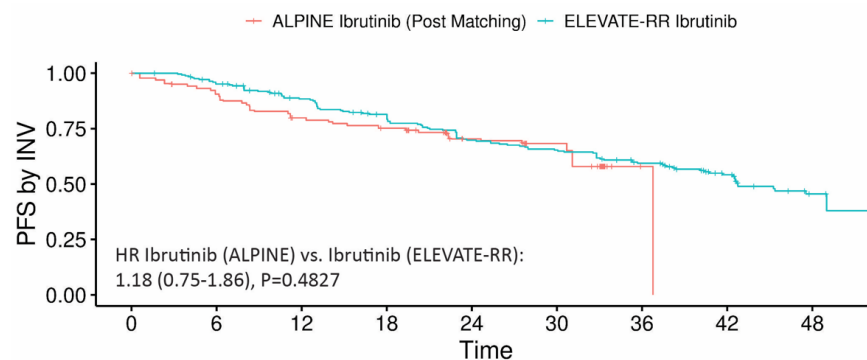
## Comparing PFS-IRC of ibrutinib arms across Alpine and Elevate-RR



### Number at risk

—	63	57	49	45	26	19	1	0	0
—	265	221	186	167	148	130	81	41	15
	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48
	Time								

## Comparing PFS-INV of ibrutinib arms across Alpine and Elevate-RR



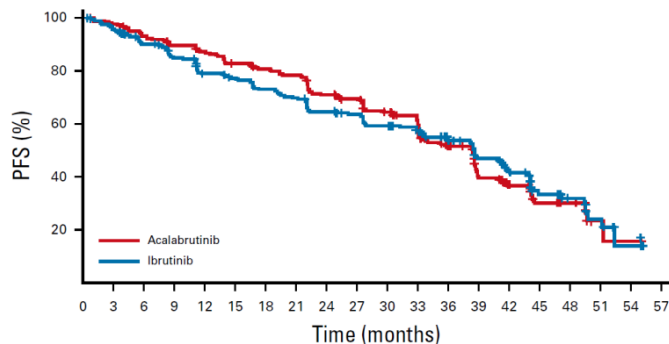
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## EFFICACY COMPARISON IN PREVIOUSLY TREATED PATIENTS: FIRST AND SECOND GENERATION BTKi

### Ibrutinib vs Acalabrutinib (ELEVATE-RR)

PFS: HR 1.00, Median follow up: 40.9 months

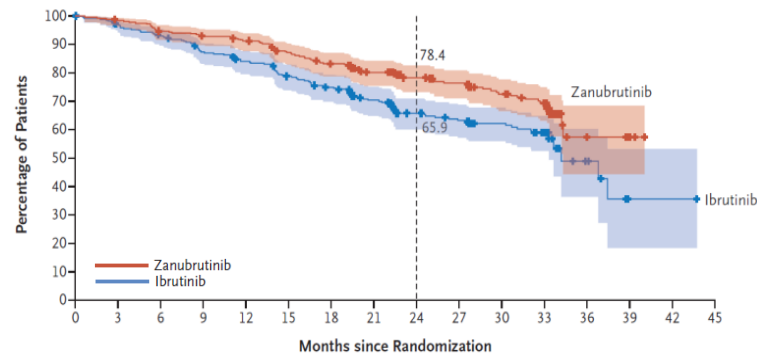


No. at risk:	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39	42	45	48	51	54	57
Acalabrutinib	268	250	235	227	219	207	200	193	173	163	148	110	84	59	31	21	13	3	1	0
Ibrutinib	265	240	221	205	186	178	168	160	148	142	130	108	81	66	41	26	15	8	2	0

	ORR	On Treatment	Deaths
Acalabrutinib	81.0%	46.3%	23.5%
Ibrutinib	77.0%	41.1%	27.5%

### Ibrutinib vs Zanubrutinib (ALPINE)

PFS: HR 0.65, Median follow up: 29.6 months



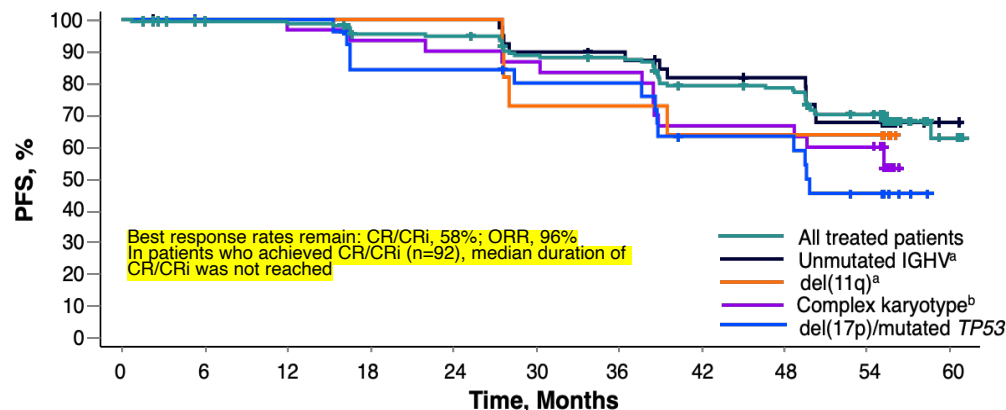
No. at Risk:	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39	42	45
Zanubrutinib	327	316	303	297	290	274	260	221	165	158	122	111	12	2	0	0
Ibrutinib	325	306	293	273	259	241	227	186	128	121	97	87	9	1	1	0

	ORR	On Treatment	Deaths
Zanubrutinib	86.2%	72.8%	14.8%
Ibrutinib	74.2%	58.5%	18.3%

## CAPTIVATE: 4-yr FU ANALYSIS FROM FD COHORT – IGHV, CK, *del11q*, *del17p/TP53*<sup>MUT</sup>

With median time on study of 56 months (range, 1–61), 54-month PFS and OS rates were 70% and 97%, respectively.

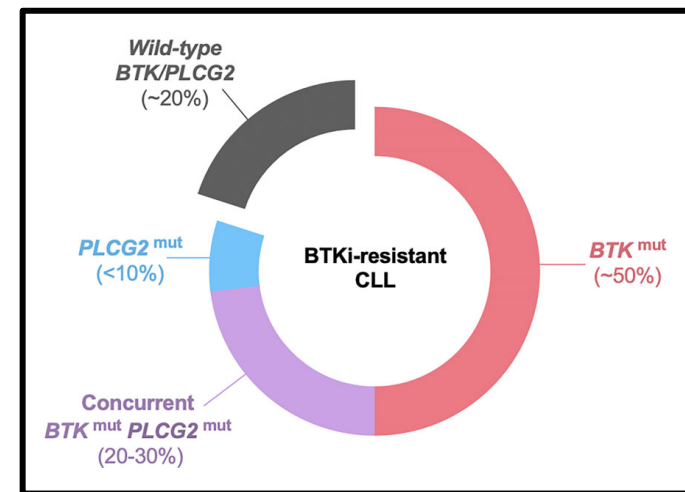
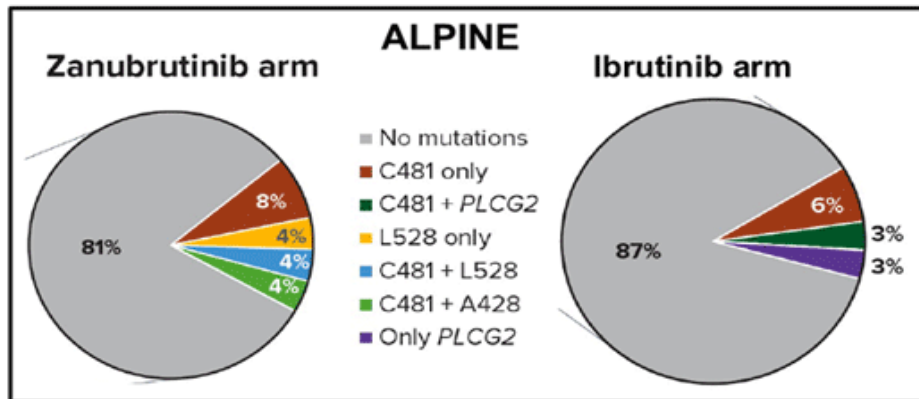
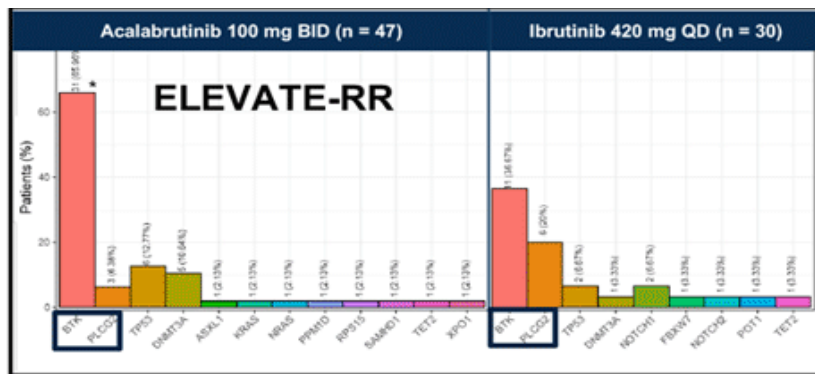
PFS promising across most high-risk features; numerically lower in those with *del(17p)/mutated TP53*



	54-Month PFS Rate, % (95% CI)
<b>All treated patients (n=159)</b>	70 (62–77)
Unmutated IGHV (n=40) <sup>a</sup>	68 (50–80)
<i>del(11q)</i> (n=11) <sup>a</sup>	64 (30–85)
Complex karyotype (n=31) <sup>b</sup>	60 (41–75)
<i>del(17p)/mutated TP53</i> (n=27)	45 (25–64)

High-Risk Feature	n	With Feature		Without Feature	
		n	5-y PFS, % (95% CI)	n	5-y PFS, % (95% CI)
<i>Del(17p)/TP53m</i>	27	129	41 (21-59)	129	73 (64-80)
CK <sup>a</sup>	31	102	57 (37-72)	102	72 (61-80)
<i>Del(11q)</i> <sup>b</sup>	11	74	41 (30-85)	74	79 (67-87)

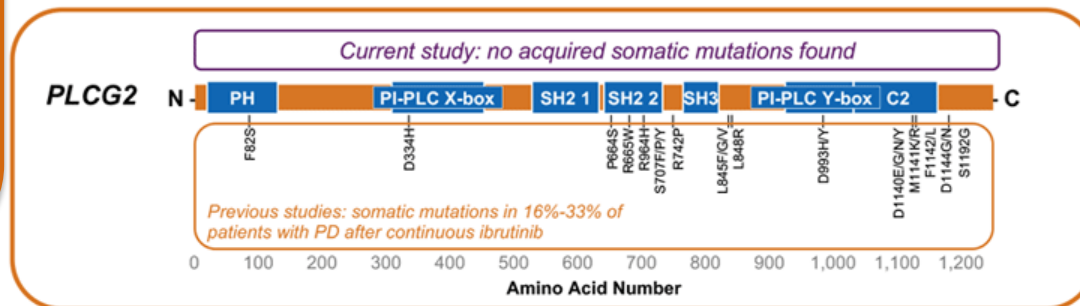
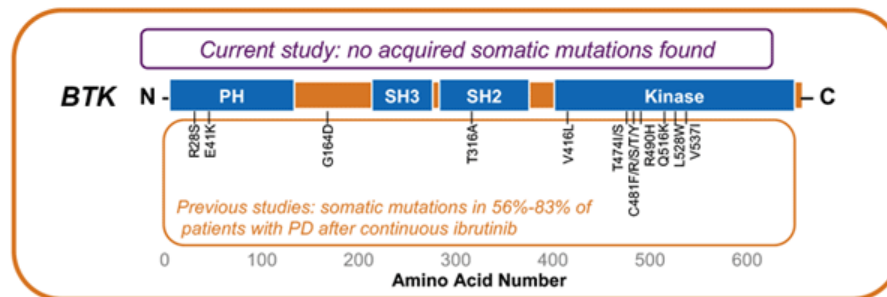
## LEARNING ABOUT RESISTANCE FROM THE MONOTHERAPY EXPERIENCE WITH BTKi



## WILL FIXED DURATION BTKi/BCL-2i MITIGATE DOWNSTREAM RESISTANCE?

CAPTIVATE: after first-line treatment with FD ibrutinib + venetoclax, no BTK, BCL2, and PLCG2 mutations detected

Assessment in 25 of 29 patients with progressive disease



## CHOICE OF BTKi & STARTING GRID:

- ✓ Efficacy
- ✓ Sequencing
- ✓ Resistance (covalent BTKi vs non covalent BTKi)
- ✓ Toxicity

## TO CONCLUDE...

### SWITCH BTKi FOR INTOLERANCE: POSSIBLE

### SECOND GENERATION BTKi HAVE FEWER CV AEs

- ✓ Lower rates of AF compared to ibrutinib for both
- ✓ Acalabrutinib likely has less hypertension

### NOT ALL AEs ARE LESS FREQUENT WITH NEWER AGENTS

- ✓ Bleeding event reduction is unclear
- ✓ Headache more frequent with acalabrutinib
- ✓ Neutropenia more frequent with zanubrutinib



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