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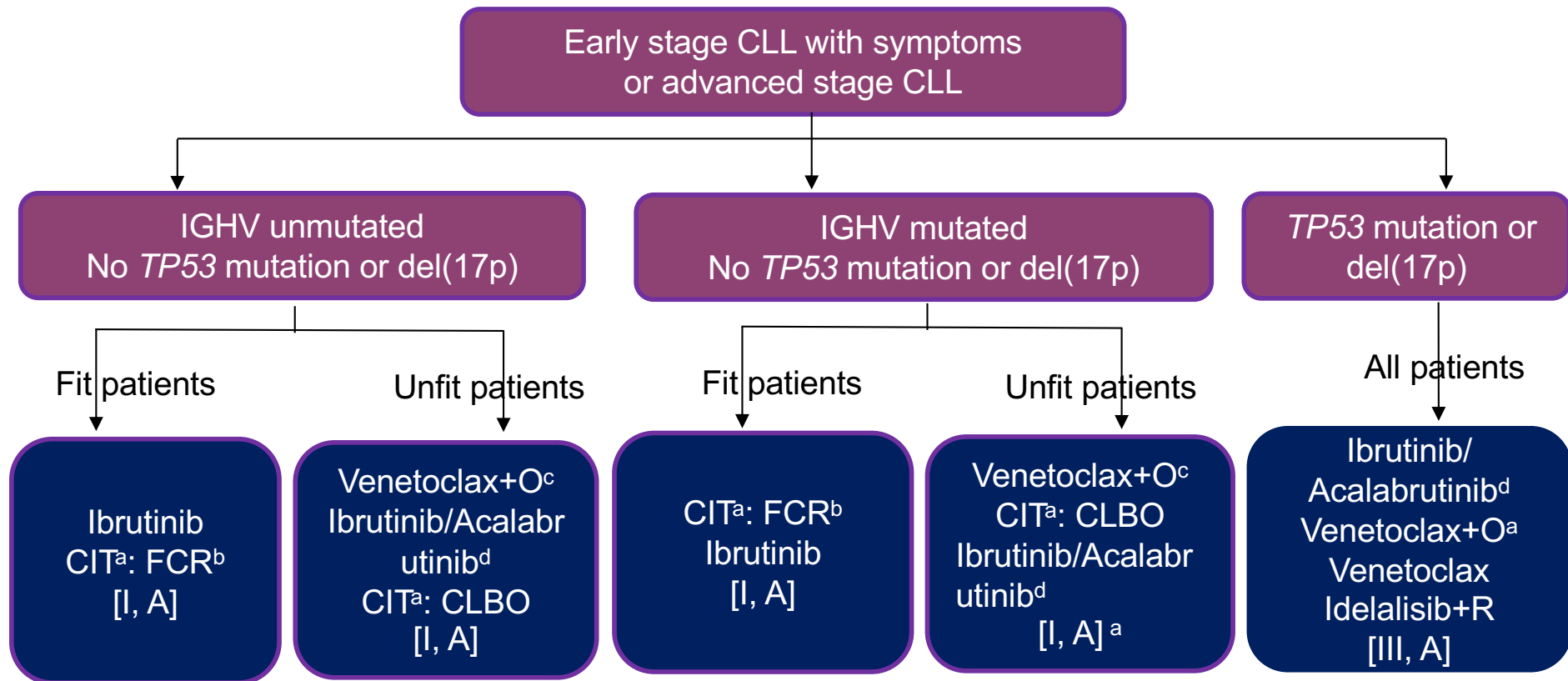
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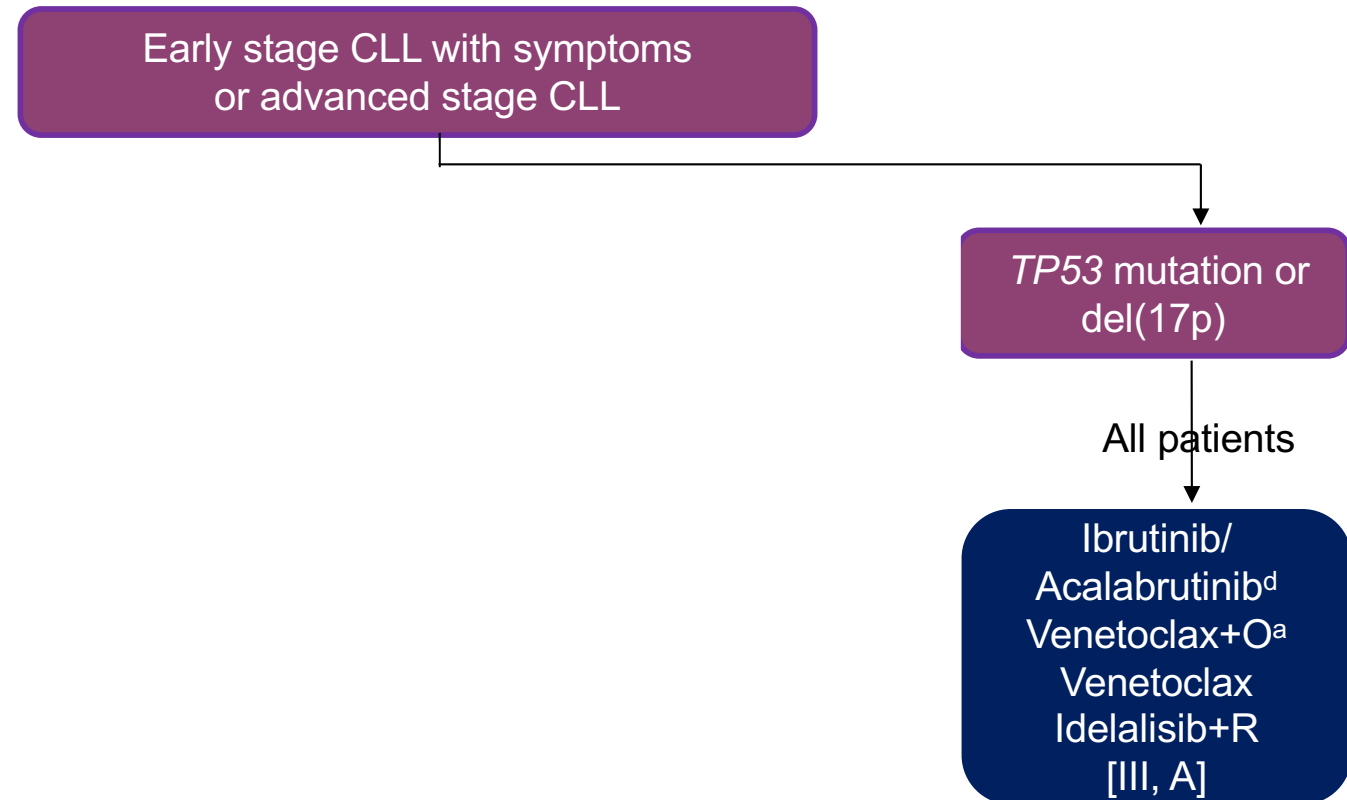
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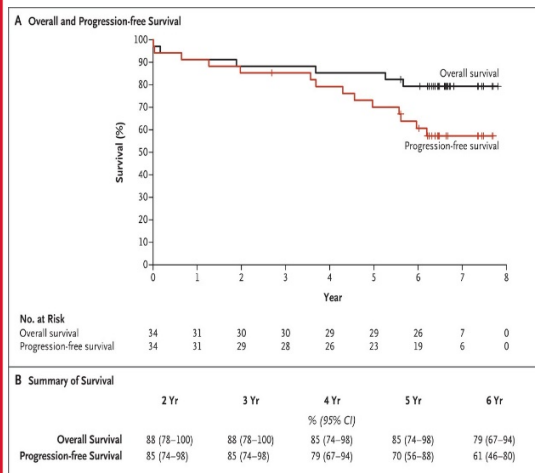


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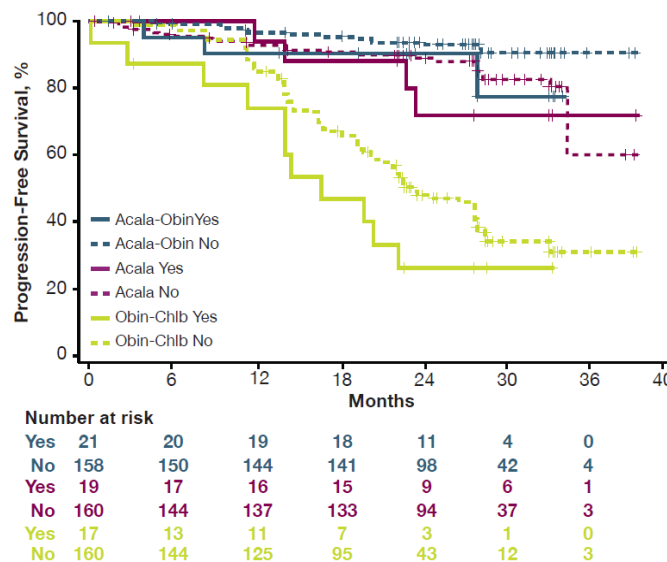
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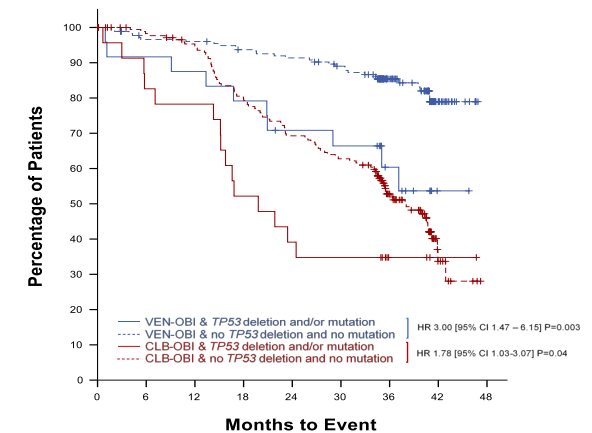
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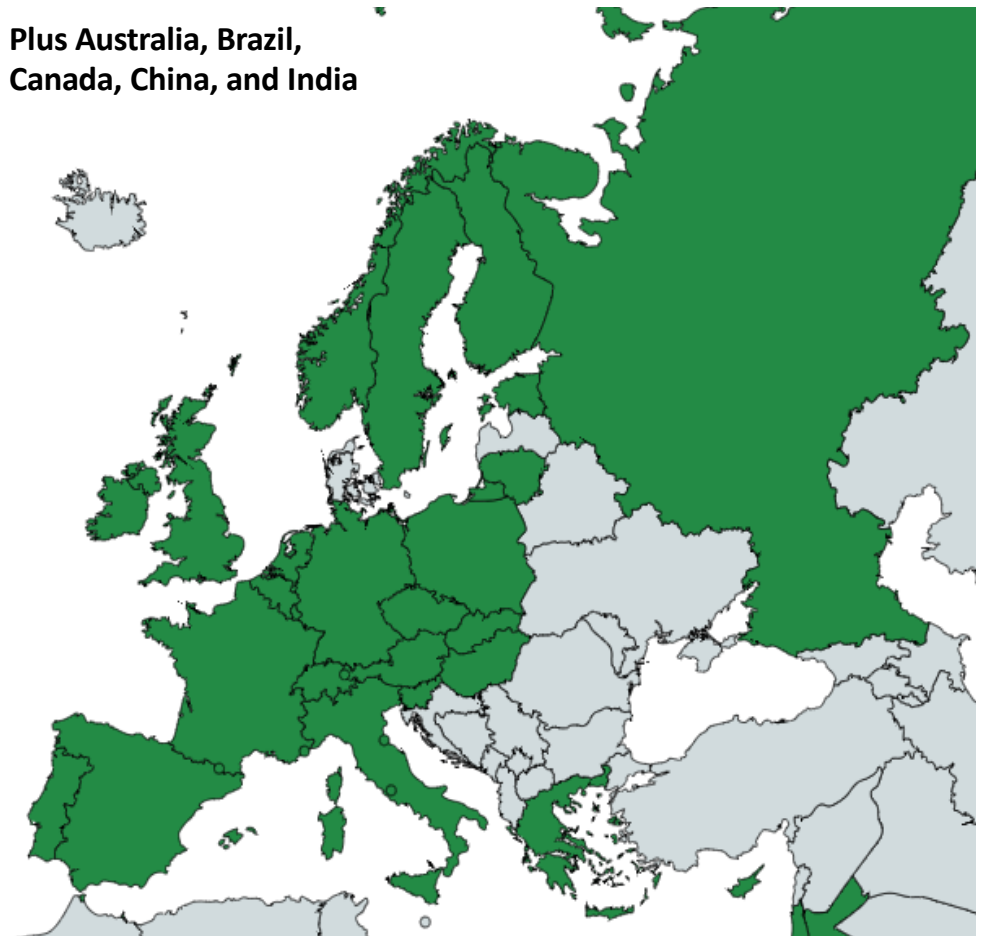


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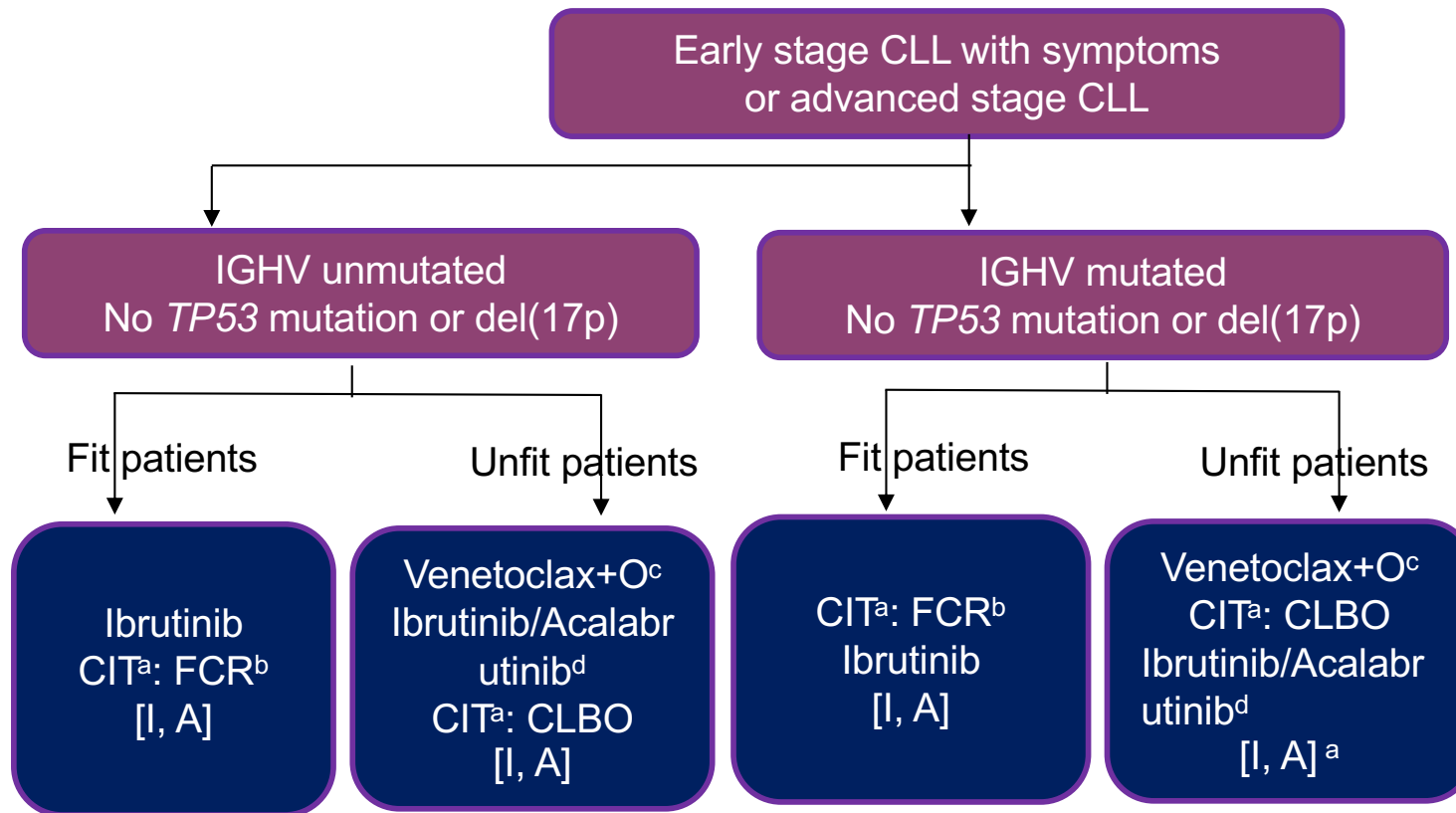
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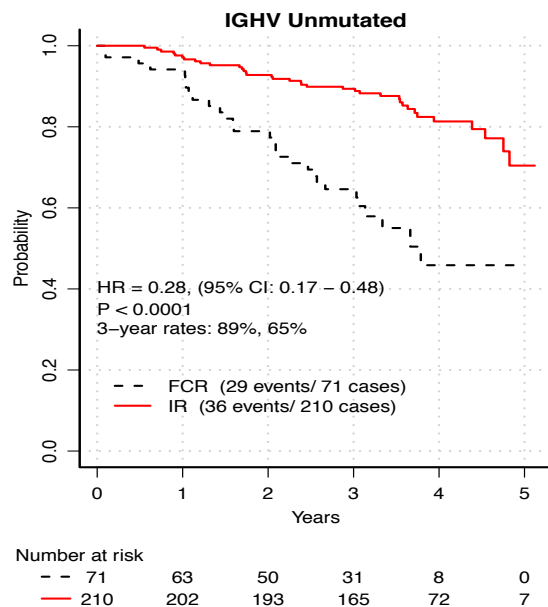
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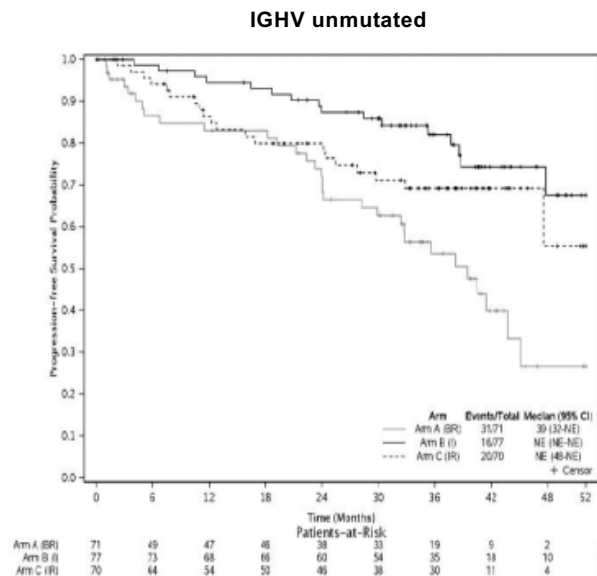
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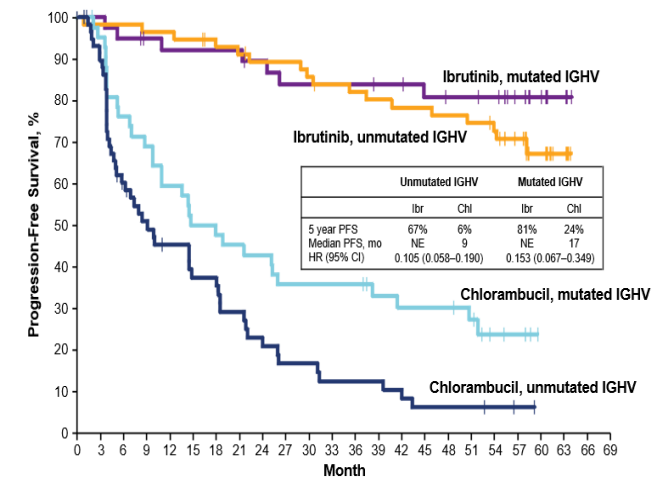
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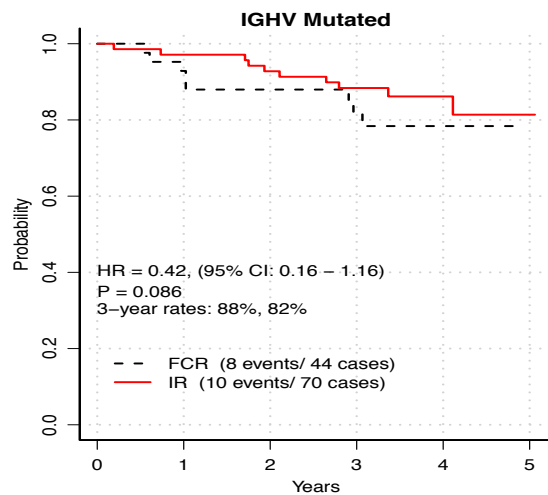
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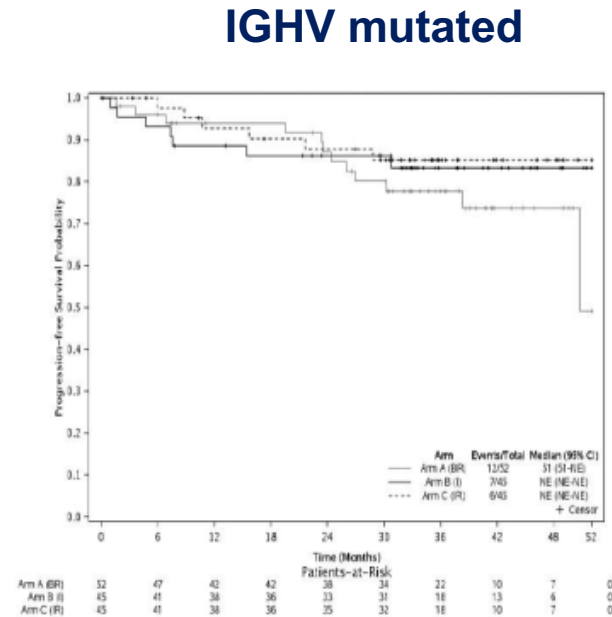
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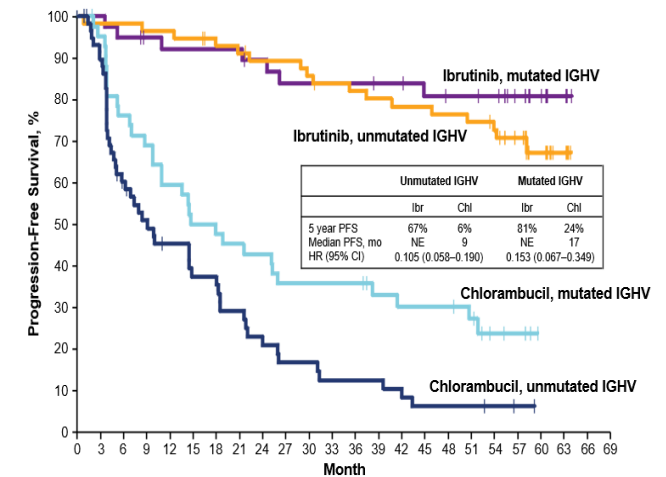


Number at risk						
Years	0	1	2	3	4	5
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— IR	70	67	64	54	20	1

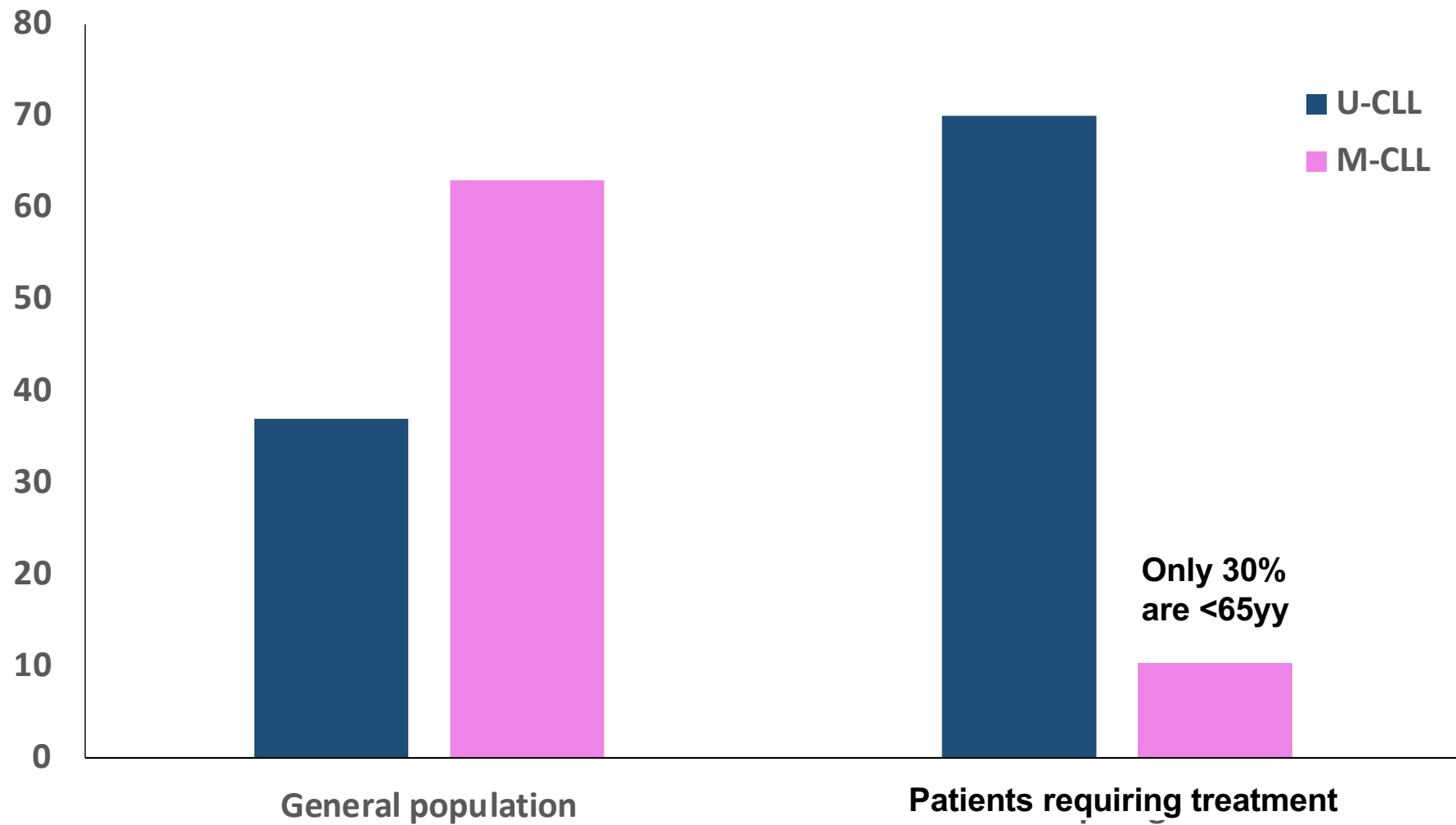
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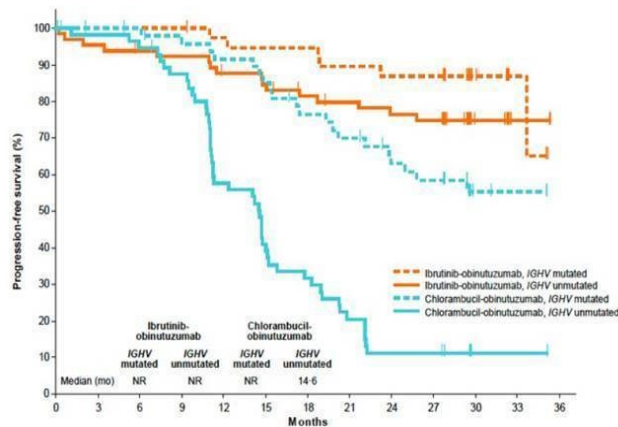
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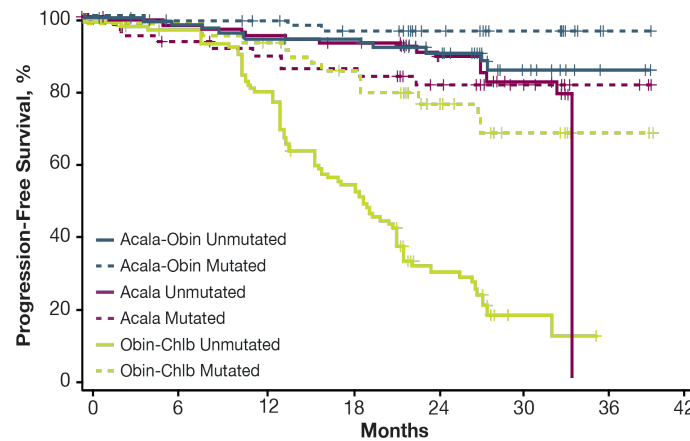
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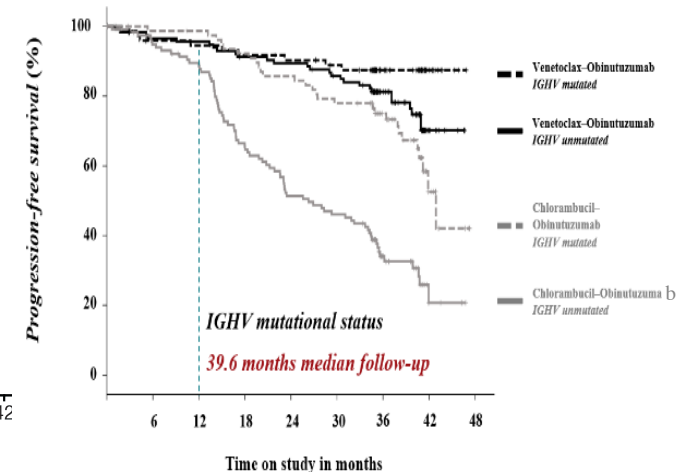
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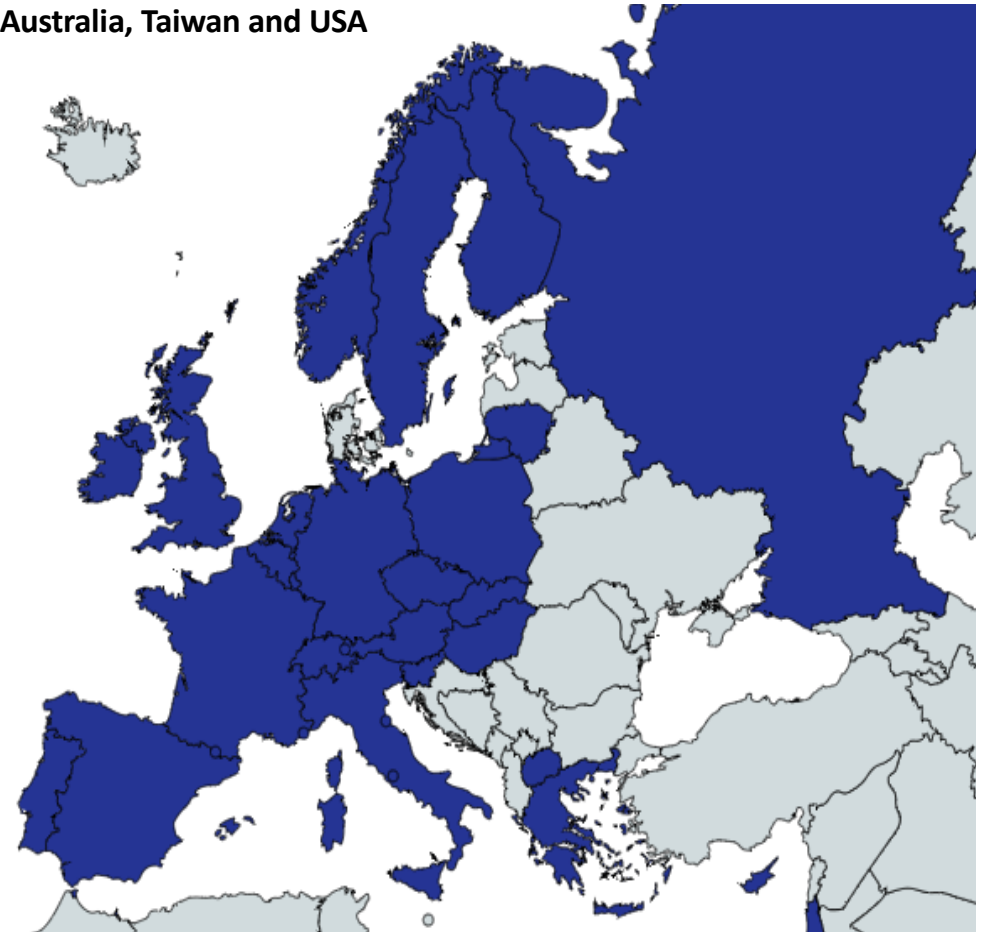


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# How can we choose the best therapy?

- **Treatment duration** (no termination versus fixed duration)
- **Administration** [oral (p.o) versus i.v.]
- **Compliance** (i.v. versus p.o.)
- **Evidence** (currently, longer follow-up with ibrutinib; lack of evidence in fit patients for VO)
- **Risk of complications** (in particular in the presence of specific comorbidities: bleeding and cardiac comorbidities with ibrutinib or other BTKis versus impaired renal function and neutropaenia with venetoclax)
- **Number and complexity of clinical controls** (two to four weeks for ibrutinib versus dose ramp up with three controls every week for five weeks to prevent TLS and potential hospitalisation in case of high TLS risk with venetoclax).

# Relevant factors for choice of **relapse therapy**

Genetic evolution

Prior treatment:

Response

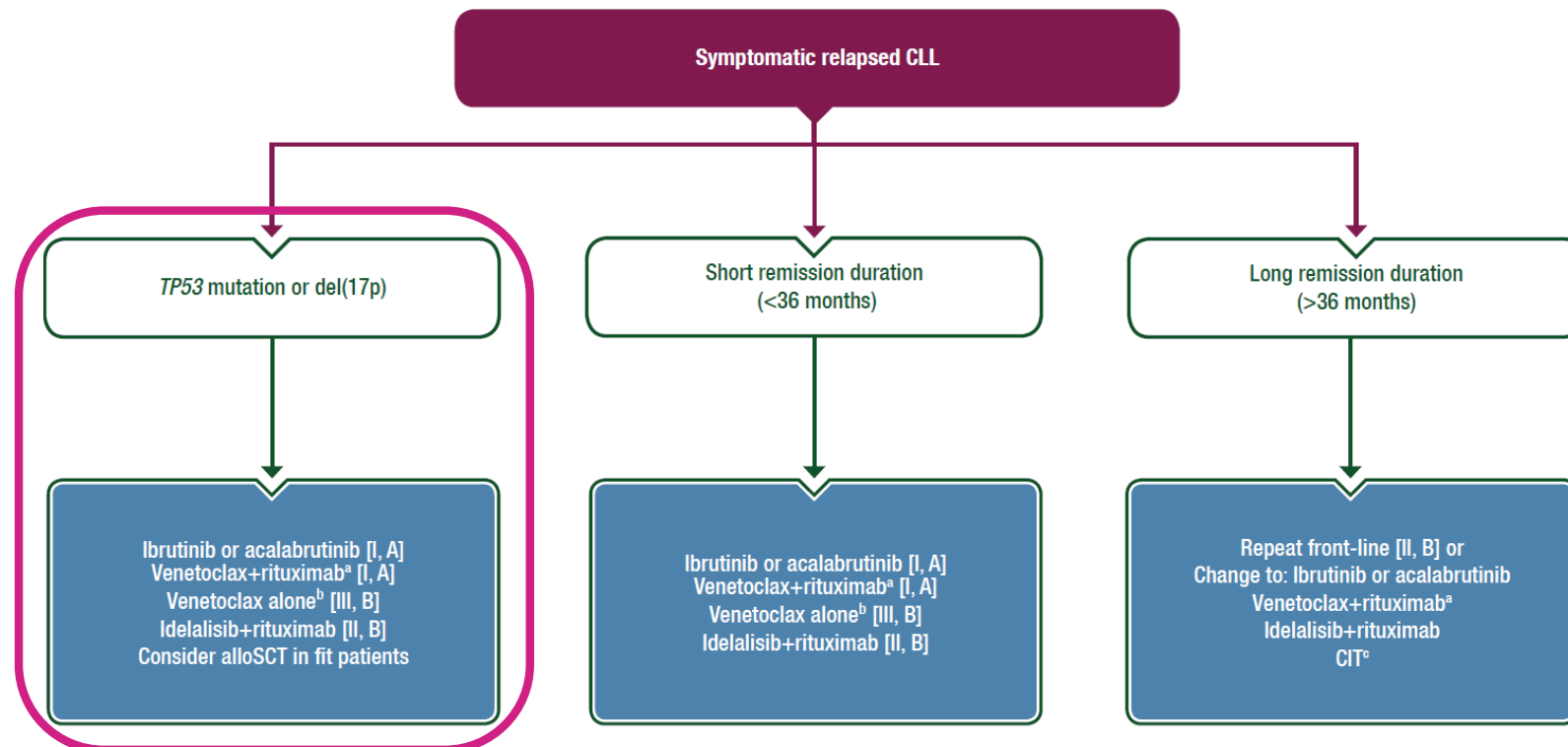
Tolerability

Comorbidity and  
Comedication

Optimal sequence  
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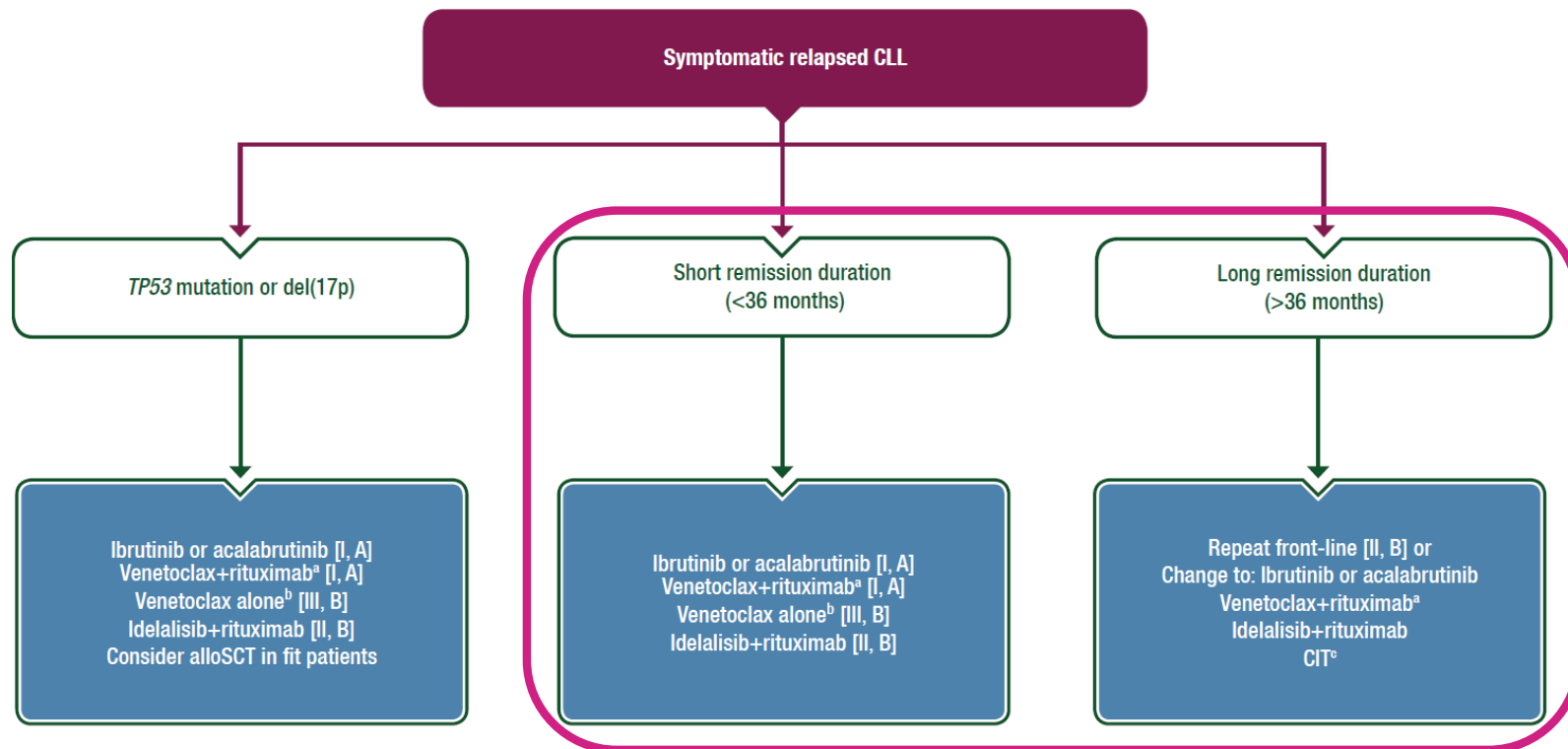
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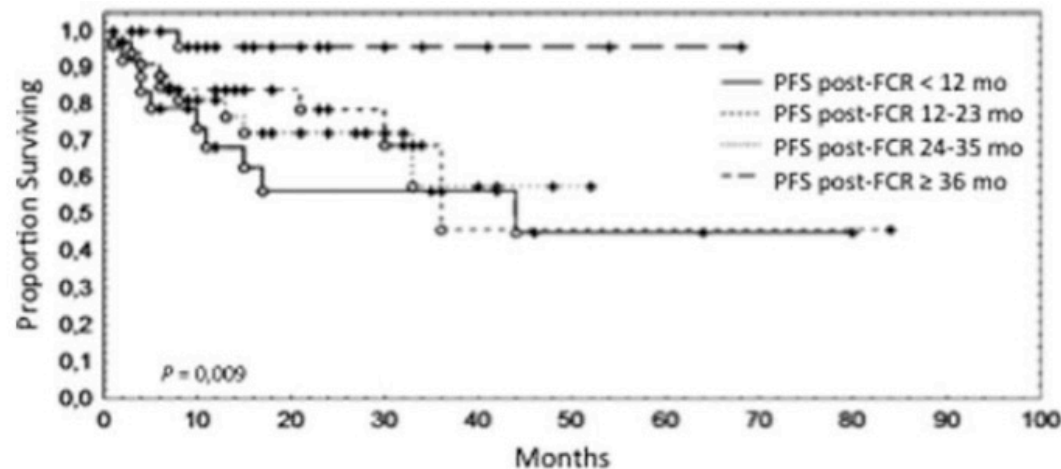
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# Chemoimmunotherapy in R/R CLL: *Only after long remissions in firstline*

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n patients	177	276	78	237
ORR	73%	70%	59%	82%
PFS med.	28.0 mo	30.6 mo	14.7 mo*	25 mo



# Phase III trials with targeted agents in relapse treatment

Treatment	Trial name	PFS HR (CI)	OS HR (CI)	Reference
<b>Ibrutinib</b> Ofatumumab	RESONATE 1	0.133 (0.099-0.178)	0.591 (0.378-0.926)	Byrd J. et al, Blood 2019; 133(19):2031
<b>Ibrutinib + BR</b> BR	HELIOS	0.206 (0.159-0.265)	0.652 (0.454-0.935)	Fraser et al., Leukemia 2019; 33:969
<b>Acalabrutinib</b> BR/Idelalisib + rituximab	ASCEND	0.31 (0.20-0.49)	0.84 (0.42-1.66)	Ghia P et al, EHA 2019; LBA 2606
<b>Idelalisib + rituximab</b> Placebo + rituximab	116	0.15 (0.08-0.28)	0.8 (0.5 - 1.1)	Sharman J et al., JCO 2019 37(16):1391
<b>Duvelisib</b> Ofatumumab	DUO	0.52 (0.39-0.70)	0.99 (0.65-1.50)	Flinn I et al Blood 2018, Vol 123,32: 2446
<b>Venetoclax + rituximab</b> BR	MURANO	0.13 (0.05-0.29)	0.48 (0.25-0.90)	Seymour J et al., NEJM 2018; 378(12):1107



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