

# Caso Clinico: Leucemia Linfatica Cronica

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# Anamnesi

- Pz maschio di 66 anni
- Forte fumatore ( 1 pacchetto /die )
- Sportivo , padre di 3 figli
- Madre deceduta di K colon, padre deceduto di infarto a 50 anni
- Appendicectomia a 14 anni, intervento per varicocele nel 2018
- Anamnesi: Diabete mellito di tipo II



# Presentazione malattia all'esordio

- **Novembre 2019** :riscontro occasionale di linfocitosi assoluta in pieno benessere
- **Emocromo** : GB 57.5; Lymph 82.3 %; Hgb 13; PLT 153.000
- **EO**: linfoadenopatia di circa 2 cm collo/ascella/inguine.
- Non organomegalie addominali apprezzabili



# Presentazione malattia all'esordio

**Novembre 2019:**

Diagnosi occasionale di Leucemia Linfatica Cronica ( Matutes 5)

Stadio RAI I / Binet A

**Novembre 2019 → Dicembre 2021 :**

FUP osservazionale con cadenza trimestrale ; mantenendo buone condizioni generali



# Decorso Clinico

**Dicembre 2021:** progressione sintomatica della malattia,sudorazioni notturne e febbre serotina ( 68 Anni )

**Emocromo:** Hb 10.1 g/dl ; PLT 88.000/mmc ; GB 288.000/mmc L 92%

**TAC:** linfoadenopatie fino a 4 cm in sede latero cervicale ed ascellare, fino a 6 cm in sede iliaca esterna bilaterale e fino a 4,5 cm in sede inguinale . Modesta epato-splenomegalia.

**PET:** captazione in tutte le sedi linfonodali con SUV medio pari a 3,7 vs SUV medio epatico di 2,2

*LDH* 320 ( ULN 280 U/L); *Beta2* 3,1 mg/L

ECOG/PS : 0

## ***Studio biologico:***

**FISH Non Del 17p Non evidenza di mutazioni TP53 , IGHV Non mutato**

# PAZIENTE IGHV NON MUTATO

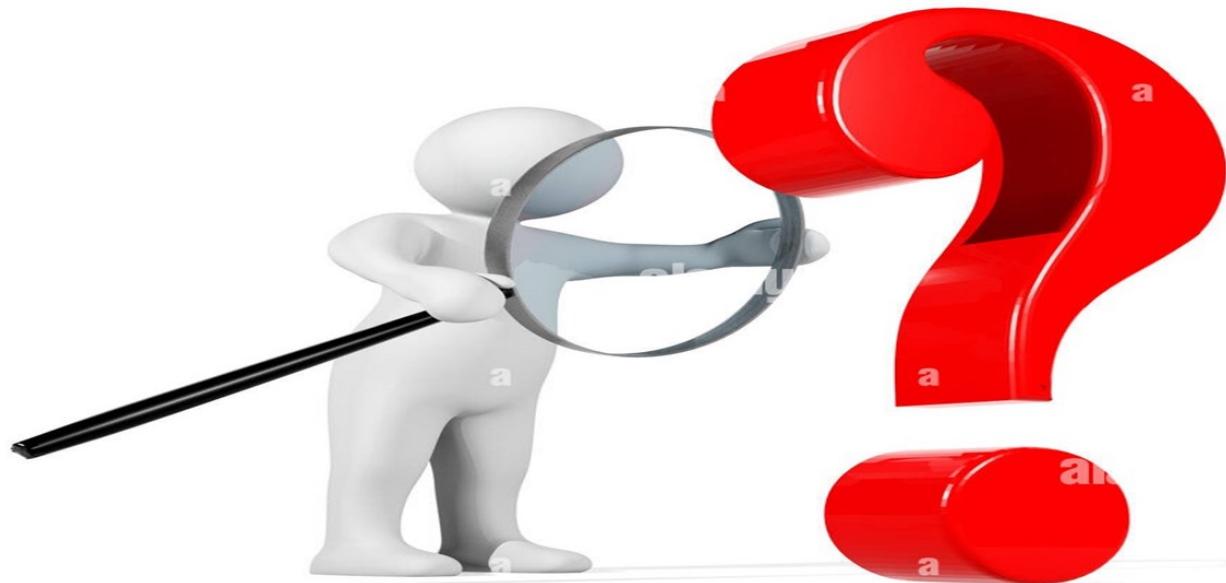


# 1-QUALE MIGLIORE TERAPIA PER IL PAZIENTE?

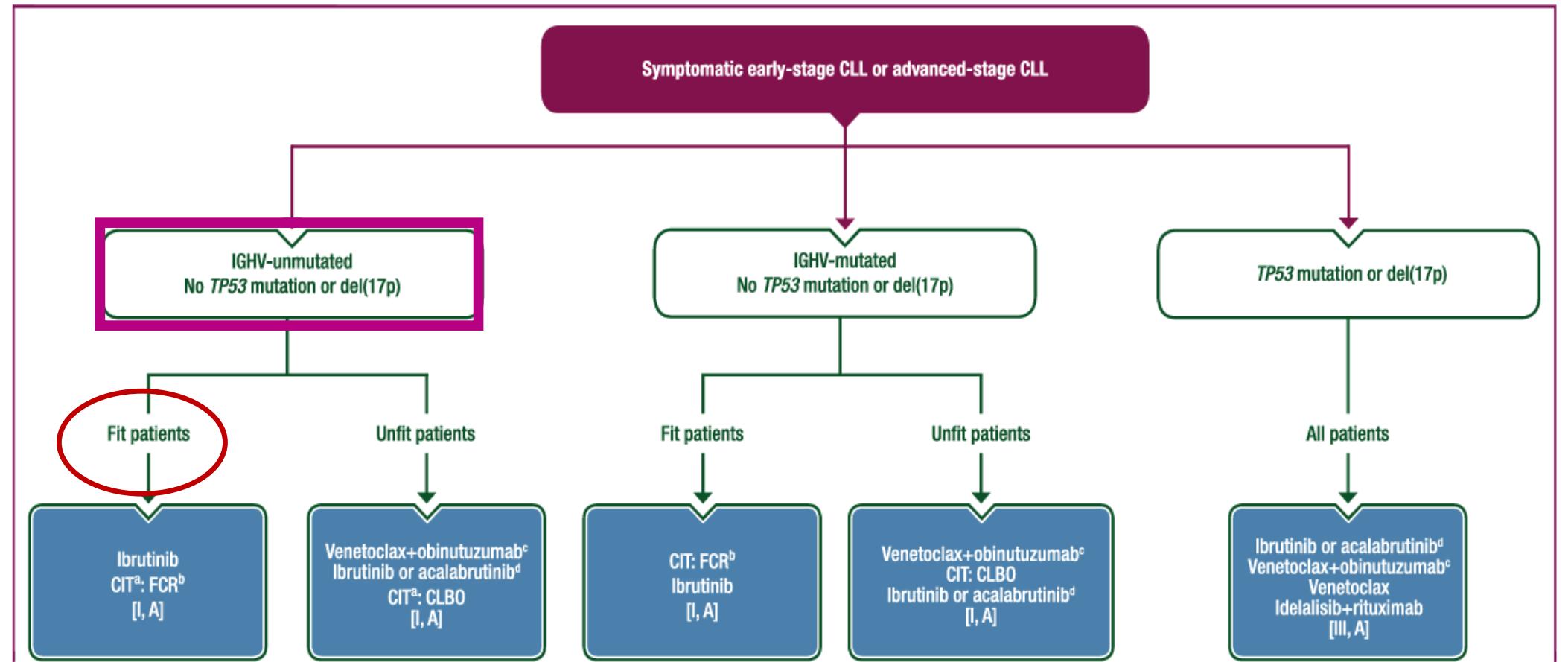
- BTKi
- Obinotuzumab/Venetoclax
- Chemio-immunoterapia



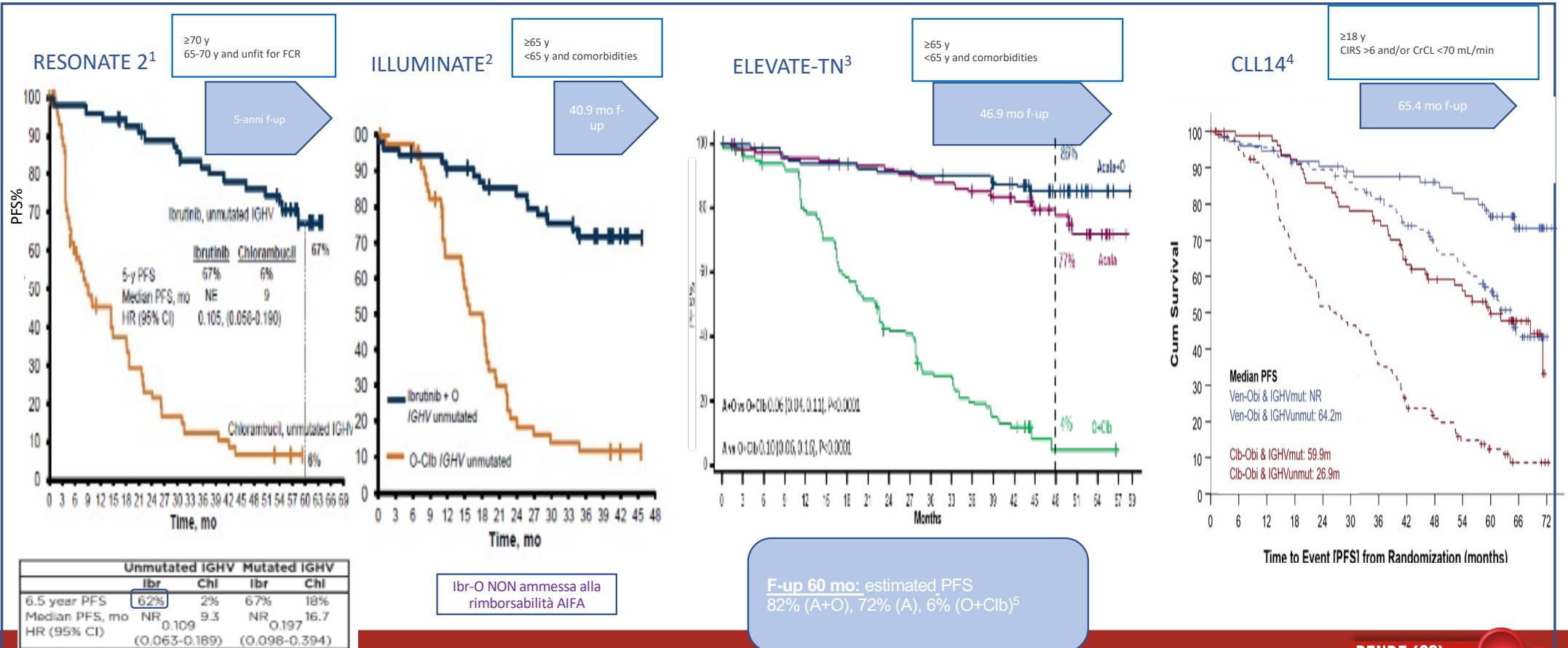
# Evidence



# Linee guida ESMO – *Front-line therapy*



# Pazienti unfit con IGHV non mutato



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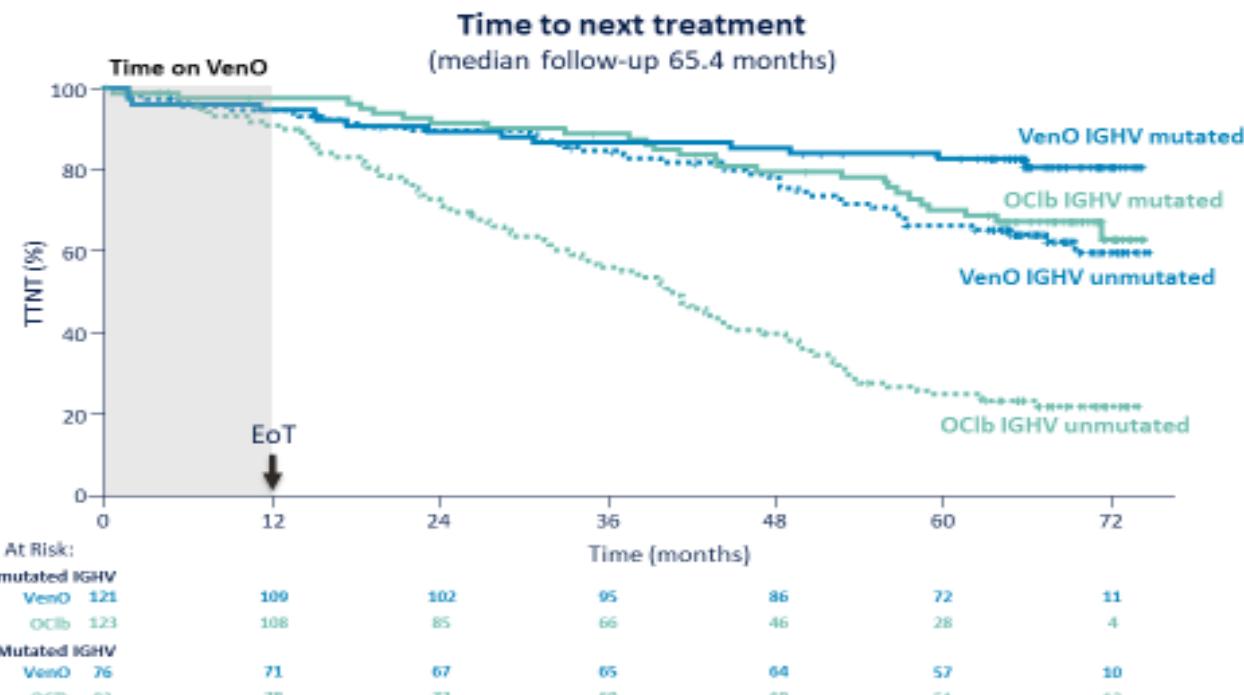
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5-y analysis

## Time to next treatment in patients by IGHV status: 5 years post-randomization



|                | IGHV unmutated |      | IGHV mutated |      |
|----------------|----------------|------|--------------|------|
|                | VenO           | OClb | VenO         | OClb |
| 5-year TTNT, % | 66.2           | 25.1 | NA           | NA   |

TTNT longer with VenO irrespective of IGHV mutational status

EoT, end of treatment; NA, not available; TTNT, time to next treatment.

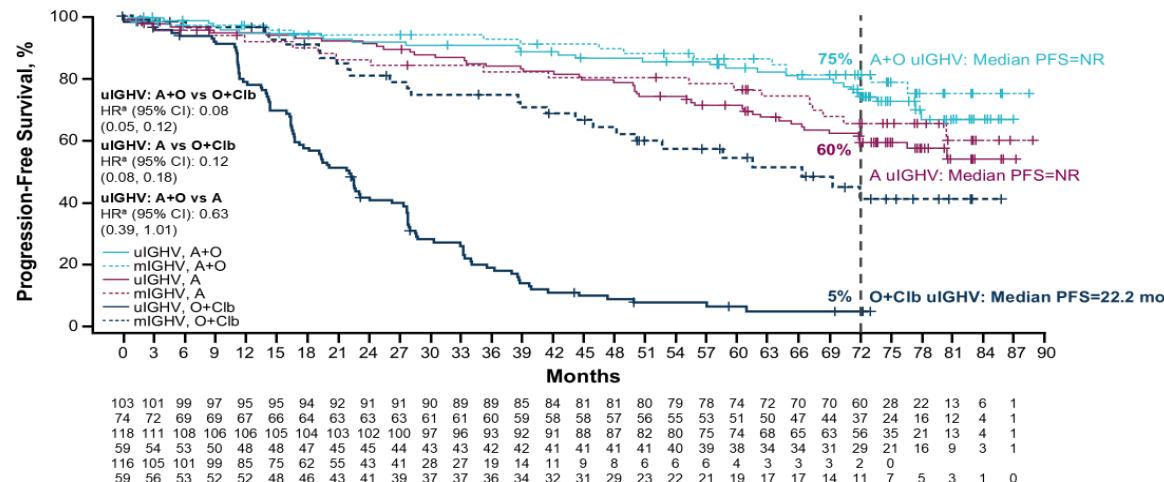
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# Investigator-Assessed PFS in Patients with uIGHV



## 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



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

A = acalabrutinib; Cl = 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.

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## Safety: Most Common AEs in ≥5% of Patients

- Most common AEs reported were diarrhea (43.8% [A+O] and 42.5% [A]), headache (40.4% [A+O] and 39.1% [A]), and arthralgia (36.0% [A+O] and 27.4% [A])
- The most common AE profile was consistent with the earlier analyses as summarized in the table below.

| AEs <sup>a</sup>     | A+O (n=178) |           | A (n=179) |           |
|----------------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|                      | Any Grade   | Grade ≥3  | Any Grade | Grade ≥3  |
| Diarrhea             | 78 (43.8)   | 11 (6.2)  | 76 (42.5) | 1 (0.6)   |
| Headache             | 72 (40.4)   | 2 (1.1)   | 70 (39.1) | 2 (1.1)   |
| Arthralgia           | 64 (36.0)   | 4 (2.2)   | 49 (27.4) | 2 (1.1)   |
| Neutropenia          | 61 (34.3)   | 55 (30.9) | 23 (12.8) | 21 (11.7) |
| Fatigue              | 55 (30.9)   | 4 (2.2)   | 43 (24.0) | 2 (1.1)   |
| Cough                | 50 (28.1)   | 1 (0.6)   | 45 (25.1) | 1 (0.6)   |
| COVID-19             | 44 (24.7)   | 16 (9.0)  | 38 (21.2) | 13 (7.3)  |
| Thrombocytopenia     | 26 (14.6)   | 15 (8.4)  | 16 (8.9)  | 6 (3.4)   |
| Pneumonia            | 25 (14.0)   | 13 (7.3)  | 27 (15.1) | 11 (6.1)  |
| Hypertension         | 17 (9.6)    | 8 (4.5)   | 19 (10.6) | 9 (5.0)   |
| Syncope <sup>b</sup> | 12 (6.7)    | 9 (5.1)   | 5 (2.8)   | 4 (2.2)   |

Data are n (%) unless otherwise specified.

<sup>a</sup>Any-grade AEs in ≥30% of acalabrutinib-treated patients or grade ≥3 in ≥5% of acalabrutinib-treated patients. <sup>b</sup>Cardiac-related syncope events were reported separately.

A = acalabrutinib; AEs = adverse events; Clb = chlorambucil; O = Obinutuzumab.

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# SCELTA TERAPIA DI I linea

- Profilo di Tollerabilità migliore di Ibrutinib
- Compliance
- Effetti collaterali lievi cefalea transitoria ,nessuna tossicità cardiovascolare



# Decorso Clinico

**Dicembre 2021:** Inizia terapia con Acalabrutinib 100 mg BID

Emocromo (Marzo 22)Gb 332.3 di cui Neu 7.4, Ly 417.7, PLT 181, Hb 9.4

Emocromo (Maggio 22)Gb 300.2 di cui Neu 4.1, Ly 287, PLT 123, Hb 10

Emocromo (Agosto 22 )Gb 164.2 di cui Neu 3.8, Ly 156.2, PLT 146, Hb 12

- Settembre 2023 : Gb 12,540, N 4500, PLT 188.000, Hb 13



# Recidiva ed evoluzione genetica

**Dicembre 2023 ( 70 anni):**

Ripresa della linfocitosi e astenia marcata

Emocromo : Gb 88.2 di cui Neu 3.8, Ly 83.2, PLT 76, Hb 10

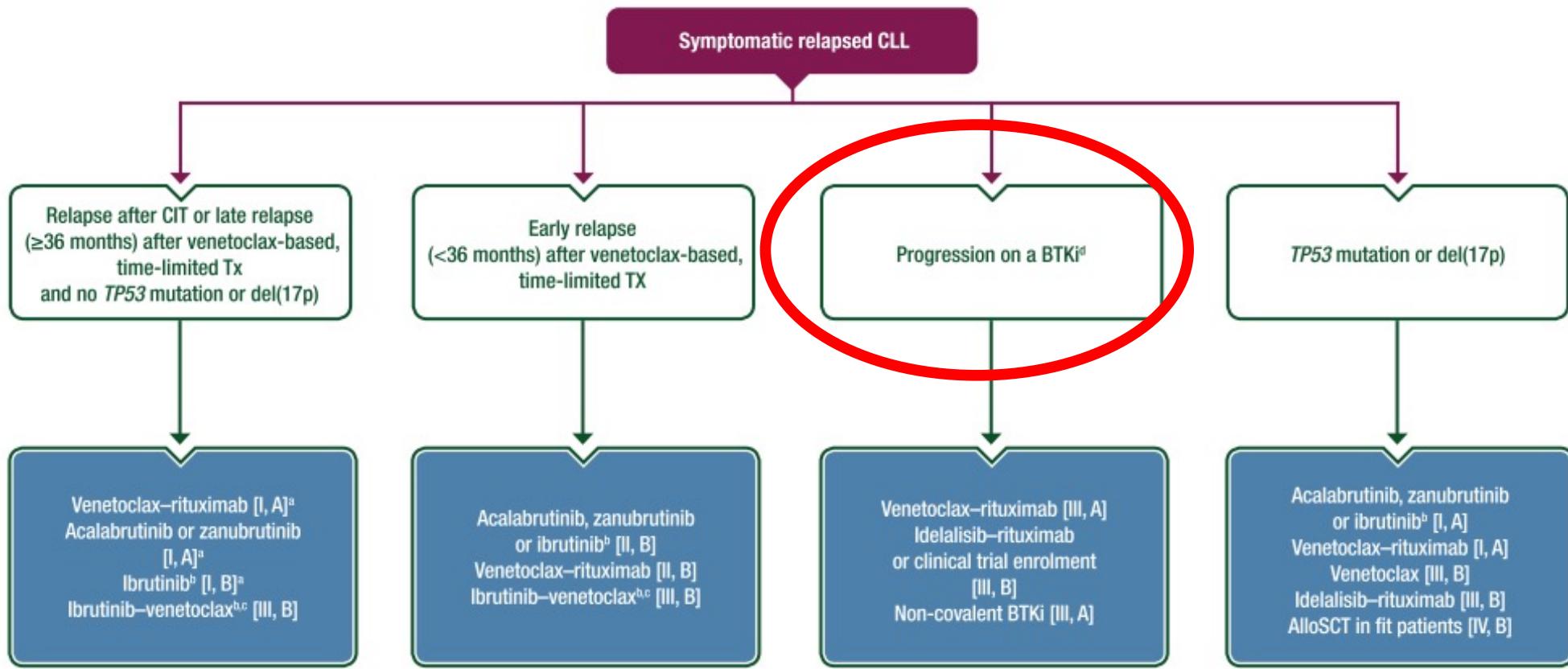
Rivalutazione molecolare : TP53 Mut.

Rivalutazione citogenetica: del17p

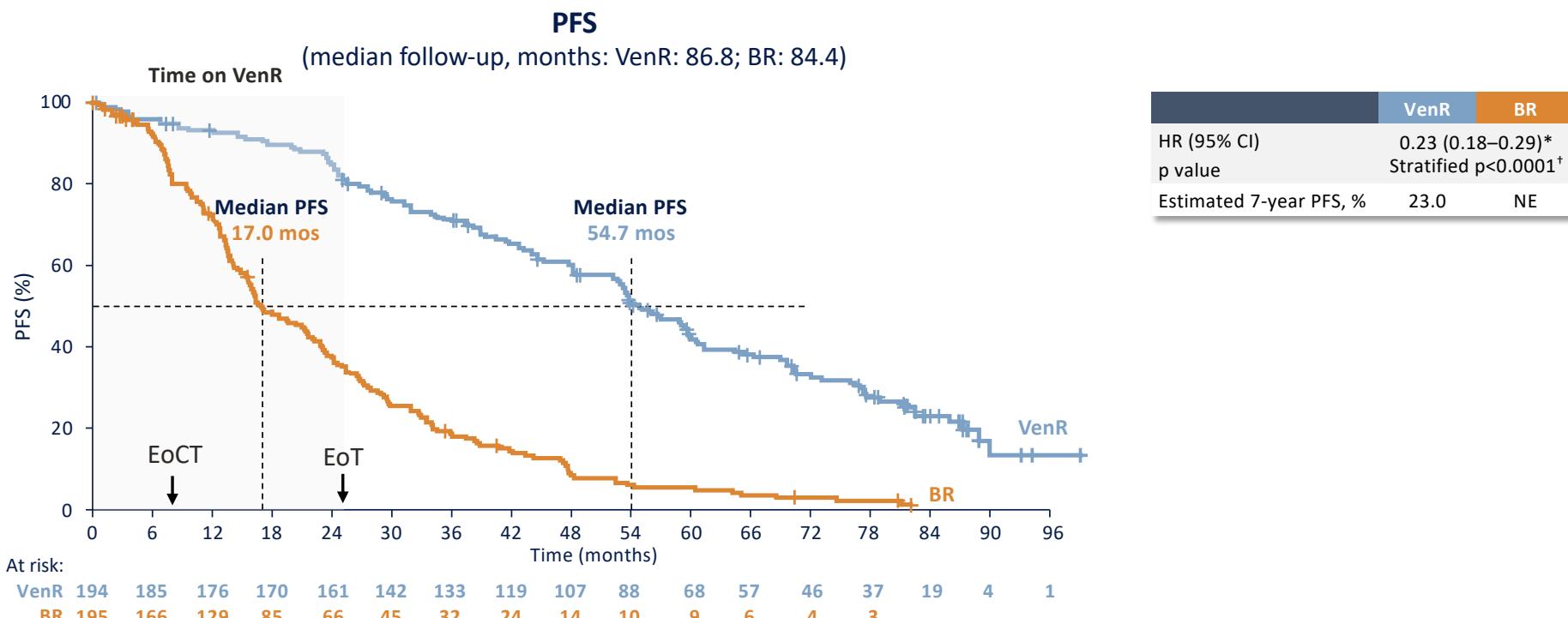


# PAZIENTE IGHV NON MUTATO, TP53 MUTATO





# PFS at the final analysis

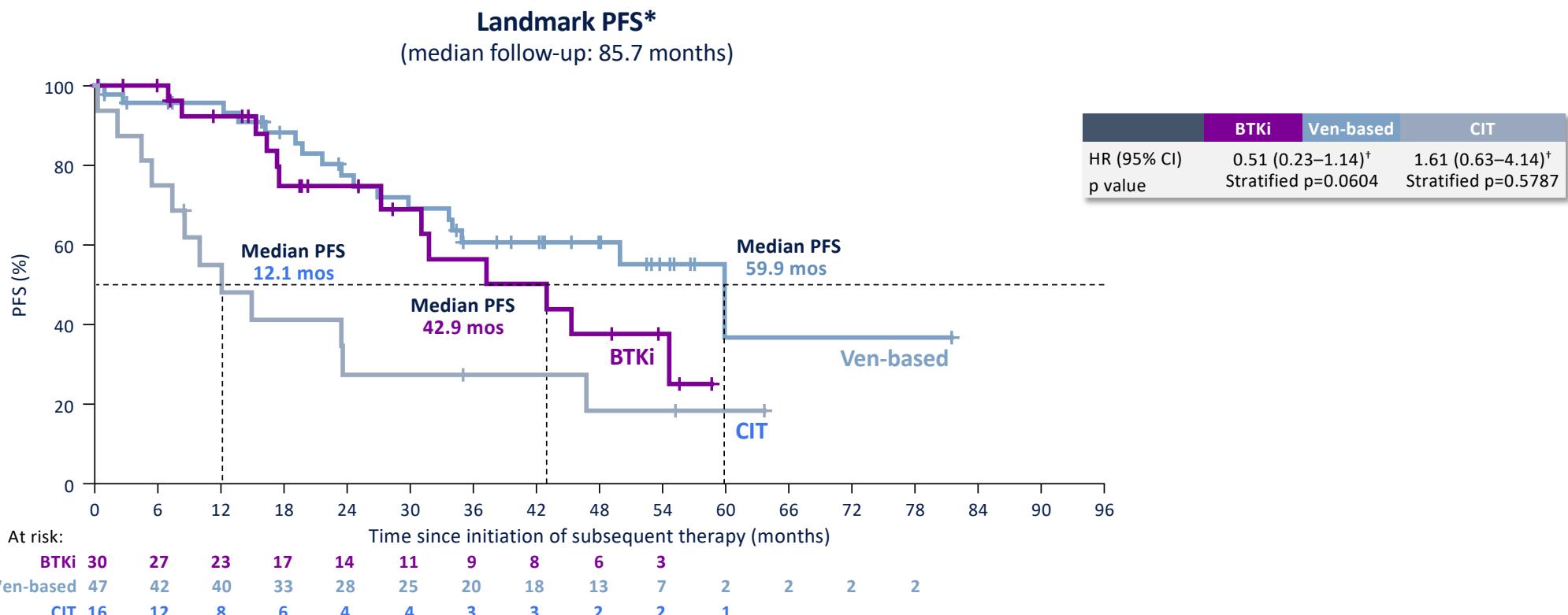


**PFS benefits were sustained 5 years after completing VenR, with a 77% reduction in the risk of progression or death vs BR;  
50% of VenR patients were without progression approximately 2.5 years after completion of treatment**

\* Stratified HR presented, unstratified HR=0.25; † p values are descriptive only.

EoCT, end of combination treatment; EoT, end of treatment; FTD, fixed-treatment duration; mos, months; NE, not estimable.

## PFS for patients in the VenR arm who received a subsequent therapy by treatment type



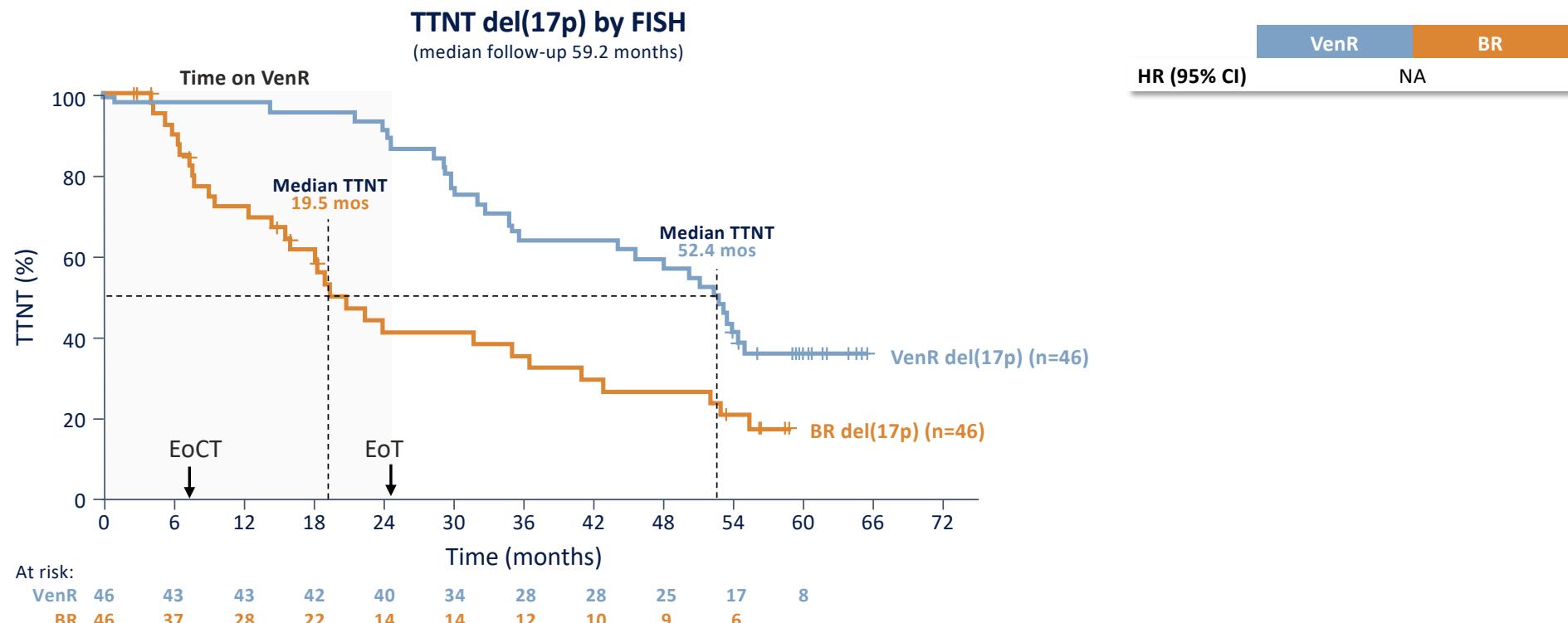
In patients initially treated with VenR, re-treatment with Ven-based regimens prolonged PFS vs those who received subsequent BTKi or CIT

\* Landmark (time zero) taken at initiation of next-line therapy; <sup>†</sup> Stratified HR presented.

BTKi, Bruton's tyrosine kinase inhibitor; CIT, chemoimmunotherapy.

5-y analysis

# TTNT in patients with del(17p)



In the VenR arm, patients with del(17p) had a median TTNT of 52.4 months (~2.5 year treatment-free period)  
vs 19.5 months (~6 months prior to EoT) in the BR arm

B, bendamustine; EoCT, end of combination treatment; EoT, end of treatment; FISH, fluorescent in situ hybridization; mos, months; NA, not available; R, rituximab;  
TTNT, time to next treatment; Ven, venetoclax.

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5-y analysis

# PFS by subgroup 3 years after completion of treatment

## EMA Summary of Product Characteristics

| Subgroup PFS<br>5-year analysis                 | Total<br>N | VenR (n=194) | BR (n=195)         | Hazard<br>ratio* | 95% CI             | VenR<br>favored | BR<br>favored       |
|---|------------|--------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
|   |            | n            | Median<br>(months) | n                | Median<br>(months) |                 |                     |
| All patients                                    | 389        | 194          | 53.6               | 195              | 17.0               | 0.21            | (0.16–0.27)         |
| Age group                                       | <65        | 186          | 97                 | 49.0             | 89                 | 15.4            | 0.20<br>(0.14–0.29) |
|   | ≥65        | 203          | 97                 | 57.0             | 106                | 21.7            | 0.20<br>(0.14–0.30) |
| No. of prior regimens                           | 1          | 228          | 111                | 54.0             | 117                | 16.4            | 0.18<br>(0.13–0.26) |
|   | >1         | 161          | 83                 | 53.1             | 78                 | 18.6            | 0.25<br>(0.17–0.38) |
| Bulky disease (LN with<br>the largest diameter) | <5 cm      | 197          | 100                | 53.8             | 97                 | 16.6            | 0.21<br>(0.14–0.30) |
|   | ≥5 cm      | 172          | 84                 | 48.4             | 88                 | 15.8            | 0.19<br>(0.13–0.29) |
| del(17p) by FISH                                | Normal     | 250          | 127                | 55.1             | 123                | 21.6            | 0.19<br>(0.13–0.27) |
|   | Abnormal   | 92           | 46                 | 47.9             | 46                 | 14.6            | 0.27<br>(0.16–0.45) |
| del(11q)  | Normal     | 217          | 112                | 53.7             | 105                | 22.1            | 0.24<br>(0.17–0.34) |
|   | Abnormal   | 125          | 61                 | 53.8             | 64                 | 15.7            | 0.16<br>(0.10–0.26) |
| IGHV  | Mutated    | 104          | 53                 | NE               | 51                 | 24.2            | 0.14<br>(0.07–0.26) |
|   | Unmutated  | 246          | 123                | 52.2             | 123                | 15.7            | 0.19<br>(0.13–0.26) |
| TP53 mutation<br>and/or del(17p) by FISH        | Unmutated  | 201          | 106                | 56.6             | 95                 | 22.9            | 0.18<br>(0.12–0.26) |
|   | Mutated    | 147          | 72                 | 45.3             | 75                 | 14.2            | 0.26<br>(0.17–0.38) |

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With FTD VenR, a consistent PFS benefit vs BR was observed across all prespecified subgroups, including patients with TP53 aberrations

\* Unstratified HR. B, bendamustine; FISH, fluorescent *in situ* hybridization; FTD, fixed treatment duration; IGHV, immunoglobulin heavy chain variable region; LN, lymph node; R, Rituximab; Ven, venetoclax.

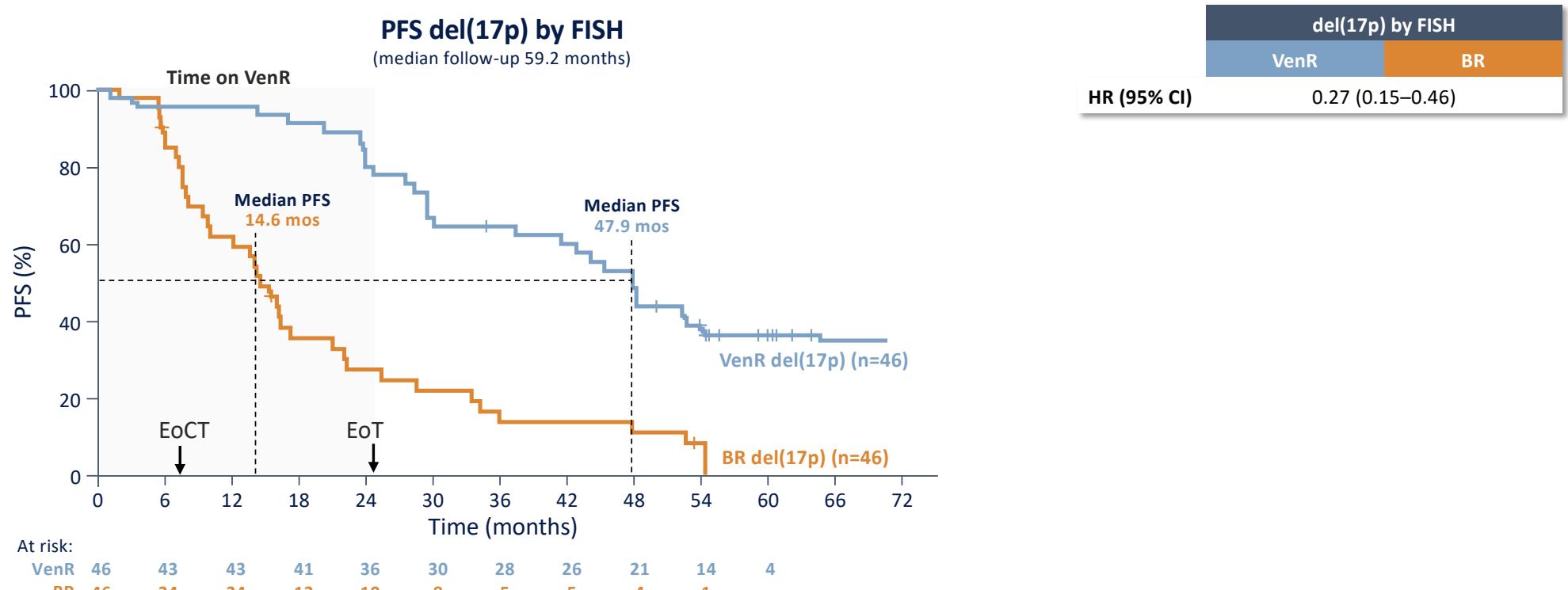
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5-y analysis

# PFS in patients with del ( 17p) 3 years after completion of treatment



PFS benefits were sustained 3 years after completing VenR in patients with del(17p) by FISH, with a 73% reduction in the risk of progression or death vs BR; 50% of VenR patients with del(17p) by FISH were without progression approximately 2 years after completion of treatment

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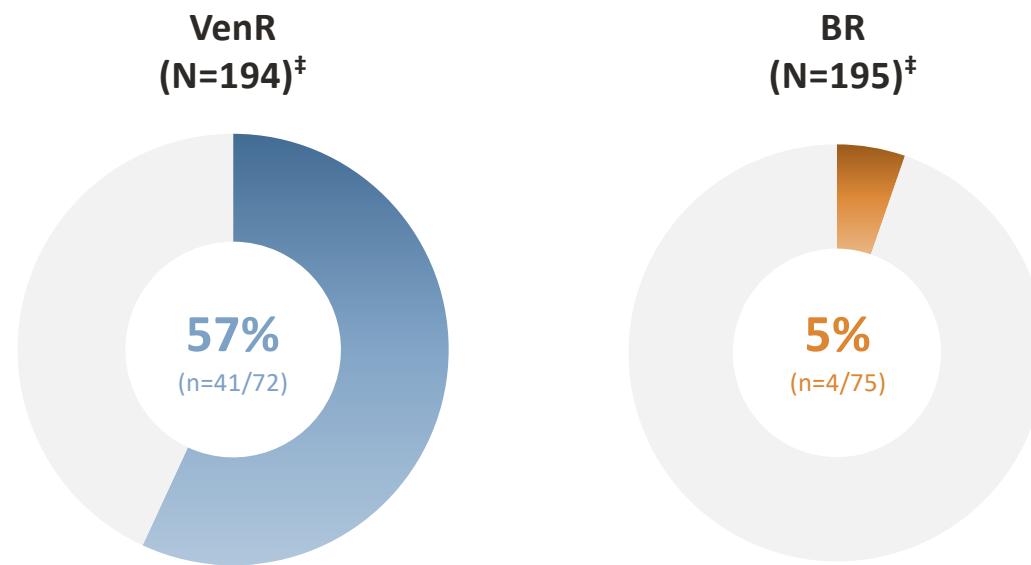
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3-y analysis

## PB uMRD rates at EoCT in patients with *TP53<sup>mut</sup>* and/or del(17p) by FISH

uMRD\* in PB at EoCT<sup>†</sup>  
for patients with *TP53<sup>mut</sup>* and/or del(17p) by FISH<sup>1</sup>



Higher rates of uMRD were achieved with VenR vs BR at EoCT in patients with *TP53<sup>mut</sup>* and/or del(17p)

\* uMRD ( $<10^{-4}$ ) assessed centrally in PB with ASO-PCR or flow cytometry; † 3 mos after combination treatment completion<sup>1,2</sup>;

<sup>‡</sup> ITT population, n=72 and n=75 of whom had *TP53<sup>mut</sup>* and/or del(17p) by FISH at baseline in the VenR arm and BR arm, respectively.

B, bendamustine; EoCT, end of combination treatment; FISH, fluorescent *in situ* hybridization; ITT, intent-to-treat; PB, peripheral blood; R, rituximab; Ven, venetoclax.

1. Kater AP, et al. *J Clin Oncol* 2019; **37**:269–277;

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# Terapia di II linea

**Dicembre 2023 :**

Inizia rump up di Venetoclax

No TLS, no eventi avversi

**Gennaio 2024:** I Rituximab c 2+1

- Emocromo: Hb 11,4; WBC 6760, L 45%, PLT 110.000



# Terapia di II linea

**Maggio 2025 :**

No sintomi B, TC total body: Risposta Completa al Trattamento

Emocromo : Hb 13,4 gr/dl, PLT 187.000, WBC 4560 N 2450

MRD su sp Negativo



# Discussione clinica: Paziente ad alto rischio

- TP53 mutato = elevato rischio di progressione futura
- Risposta attuale ottima, ma monitoraggio stretto necessario
- Pazienti doppio refrattari: Unmet Need

# Prospettive future

- CAR-T: studi promettenti in LLC refrattaria, ma ancora in fase sperimentale
- Pirtobrutinib (LOXO-305): BTKi di nuova generazione, attivo anche in TP53
- Altri agenti in sviluppo: bispecifici
- Necessario approccio personalizzato

# Conclusioni

Venetoclax-Rituximab è opzione valida post-BTKi anche con TP53

La gestione del rischio a lungo termine richiede visione proattiva

Nuove terapie come CAR-T e pirtobrutinib aprono scenari futuri concreti

# Grazie per l'attenzione

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