

MEET THE **EXPERT** in CLL

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CASO CLINICO 1

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Caso clinico

S.R.1959, M , anni 62

Comorbidità

Prostatectomia nel 2014 per K seguita da RTE e ormonoterapia
Ipertiroidismo circa nel 2000 trattato con Tapazole e poi con terapia radiometabolica esitata in ipotiroidismo

Anamnesi fisiologica

Normopeso, abitudini di vita regolari, non fumo, non alcool

APP

A Luglio 2021 giunge all'attenzione per linfocitosi assoluta , già presente da qualche anno secondo quanto riferito, ma senza documentazione.



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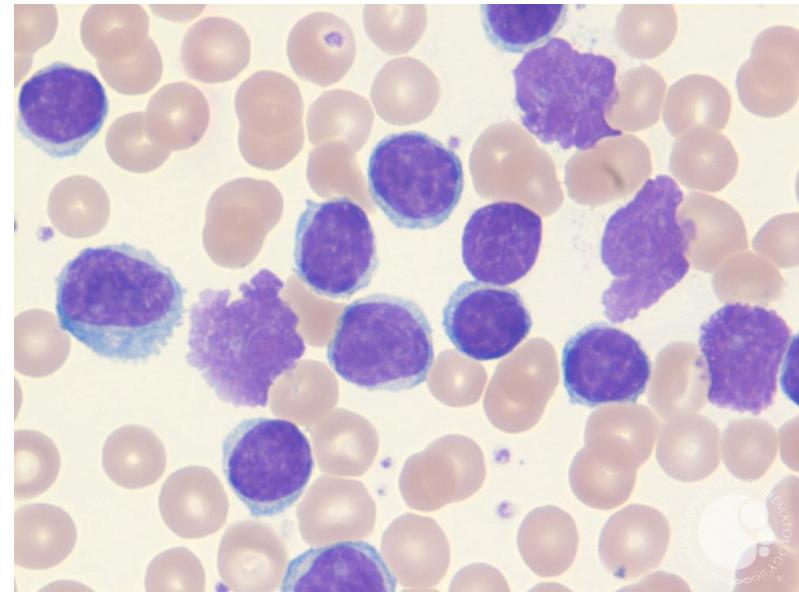
Diagnosi

Esami ematochimici: GB 18,390/mmc (L14,250),
Hb 14,5 g/dl, PLT 267,000/mmc.

LDH e beta2micro sierica nella norma.

Foresi proteica con ipogamma 10%.

Immunofenotipo SP: CD5, CD19, C20 low,
CD23, CD79b , basso livello di immunoglobuline
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Staging

Stage	Definition	
Binet system		
Binet A	Hb ≥ 100 g/l (6.21 mmol/l), platelets $\geq 100 \times 10^9/l$, <3 involved lymphoid sites ^a	
Binet B	Hb ≥ 100 g/l (6.21 mmol/l), platelets $\geq 100 \times 10^9/l$, ≥ 3 involved lymphoid sites ^a	
Binet C	Hb < 100 g/l (6.21 mmol/l), platelets $< 100 \times 10^9/l$	
Rai system		
Low-risk	Rai 0	Lymphocytosis $> 5 \times 10^9/l$
Intermediate-risk	Rai I	Lymphocytosis and lymphadenopathy
	Rai II	Lymphocytosis and hepatomegaly and/or splenomegaly with/without lymphadenopathy
High-risk	Rai III	Lymphocytosis and Hb < 110 g/l (6.83 mmol/l) with/without lymphadenopathy/organomegaly
	Rai IV	Lymphocytosis and platelets $< 100 \times 10^9/l$ with/without lymphadenopathy/organomegaly

E.O. negativo per adenopatie palpabili o epatosplenomegalia

RX torace ed eco addome: nella norma



CLL-B stadio A Binet e 0 RAI



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Criteri di inizio terapia sulla base delle linee guida ESMO 2020

- presenza di anemia o piastrinopenia da infiltrazione midollare
- splenomegalia massiva (i.e. 6 cm sotto il margine costale) o progressiva o sintomatica
- massiva (i.e. 10 cm) o progressiva o sintomatica linfoadenopatia
- progressiva linfocitosi con un incremento della conta linfocitaria almeno del 50% in 2 mesi o raddoppiamento della conta linfocitaria (LDT) in 6 mesi.
- complicanze autoimmuni quali anemia e piastrinopenia non responsive agli steroidi
- interessamento extranodale (es cute, reni, polmoni, vertebre)sintomatico o funzionale
- sintomi costituzionali quali perdita di peso > 10% nei 6 mesi precedenti, astenia, febbre 38° C per 2 settimane senza segni di infezione in atto, sudorazioni per un mese



watch and wait

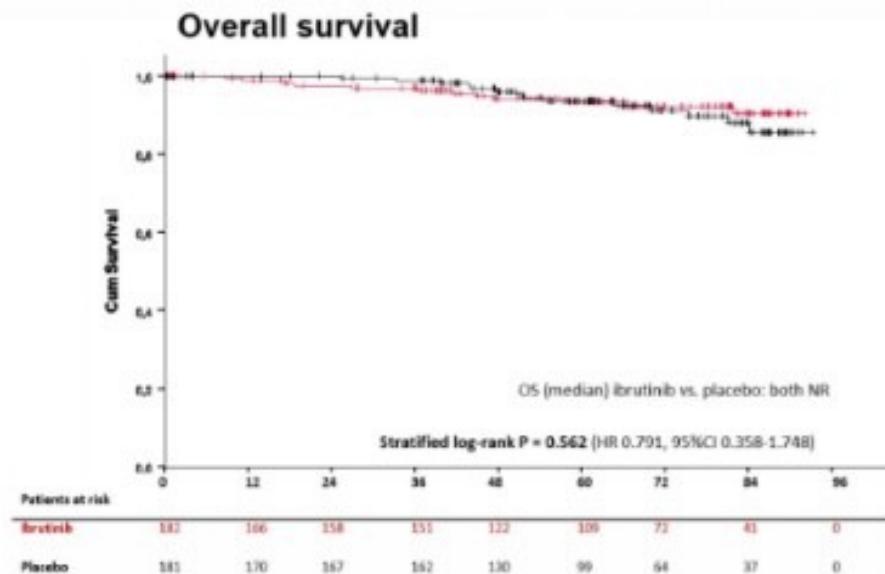
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Ibrutinib versus placebo in patients with asymptomatic, treatment-naïve early stage chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL): final results of the phase 3, doubleblind, placebo-controlled CLL12 trial.
Hematol Oncol. 2023;41(S2): 56-58.



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Giugno 2024: progressione clinica

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- eco addome (13/6/24): milza 167 mm, disomogenea per la presenza di multiple sparse micro-focalità. Adenopatie in sede para ilo splenico di 19 mm. Multiple adenopatie mesenteriche e retroperitoneali fino a 24 mm.
- comparsa di adenopatie laterocervicali e ascellari bilaterali fino a 3 cm di diametro



Indicazione a trattamento

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PARAMETRI MALATTIA RELATI

stato mutazionale IGHV

mutazione di TP53

delezione 17p



IGHV MUTATO

Del17p e TP53 mu

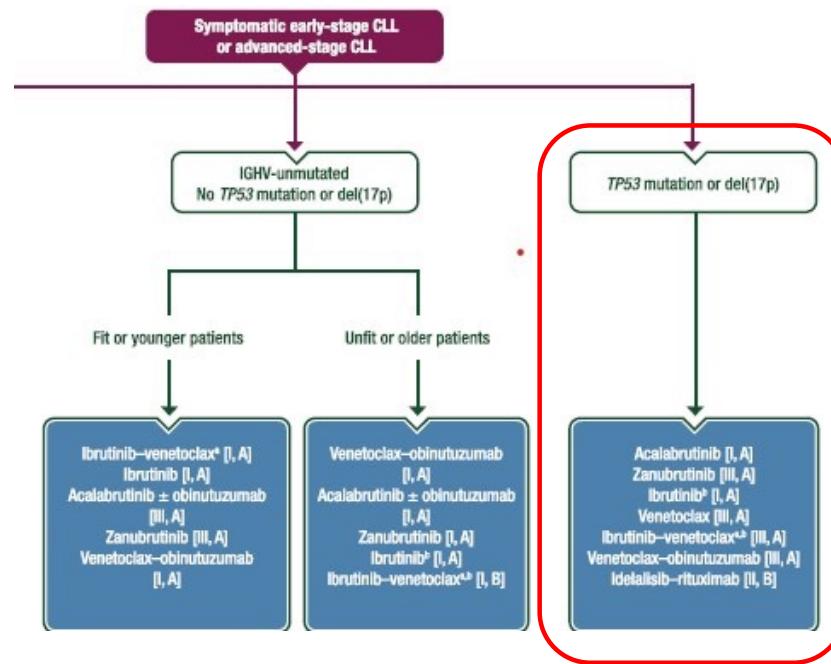


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ESMO Clinical Practice Guideline interim update on new targeted therapies in the first line and at relapse of chronic lymphocytic leukaemia



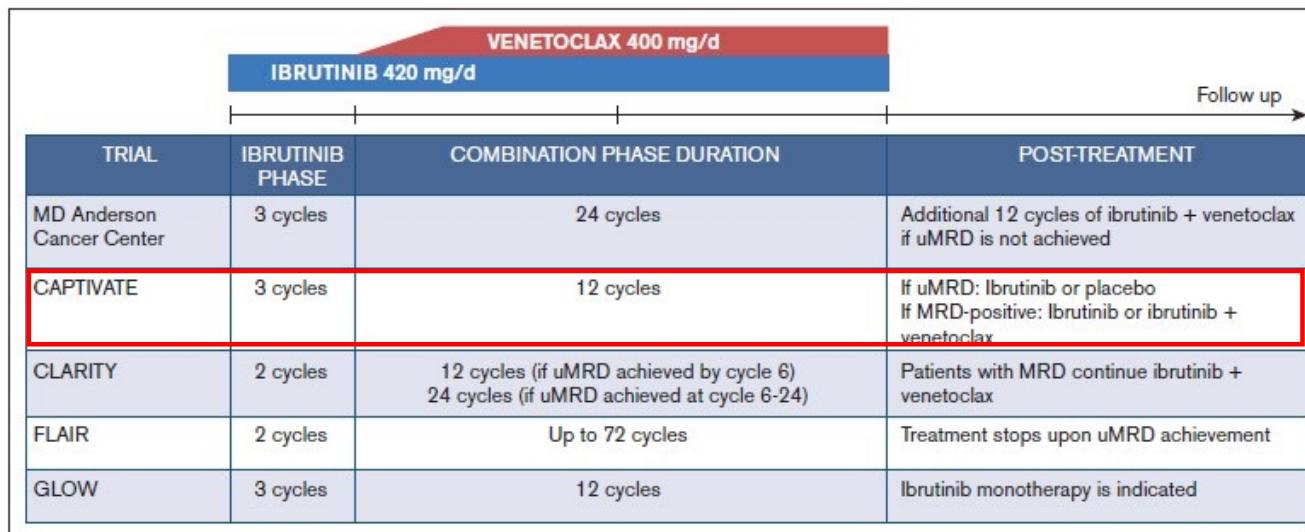
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Studi di combinazione IBRUTINIB VENETOCLAX



TRIAL	IBRUTINIB PHASE	COMBINATION PHASE DURATION	POST-TREATMENT
MD Anderson Cancer Center	3 cycles	24 cycles	Additional 12 cycles of ibrutinib + venetoclax if uMRD is not achieved
CAPTIVATE	3 cycles	12 cycles	If uMRD: Ibrutinib or placebo If MRD-positive: Ibrutinib or ibrutinib + venetoclax
CLARITY	2 cycles	12 cycles (if uMRD achieved by cycle 6) 24 cycles (if uMRD achieved at cycle 6-24)	Patients with MRD continue ibrutinib + venetoclax
FLAIR	2 cycles	Up to 72 cycles	Treatment stops upon uMRD achievement
GLOW	3 cycles	12 cycles	Ibrutinib monotherapy is indicated

Figure 2. Ibrutinib plus venetoclax combination trial designs. Ibrutinib was administered for 2 to 3 cycles, each lasting for 28 days, to induce a debulking effect, disrupt the protective microenvironment of CLL cells in the lymph node, and complementarily reduce MCL-1 levels to enhance sensitivity to venetoclax. Venetoclax was then added. Following venetoclax dose ramp-up, the combination of ibrutinib and venetoclax was given for 12 or 24 cycles or until uMRD was achieved.

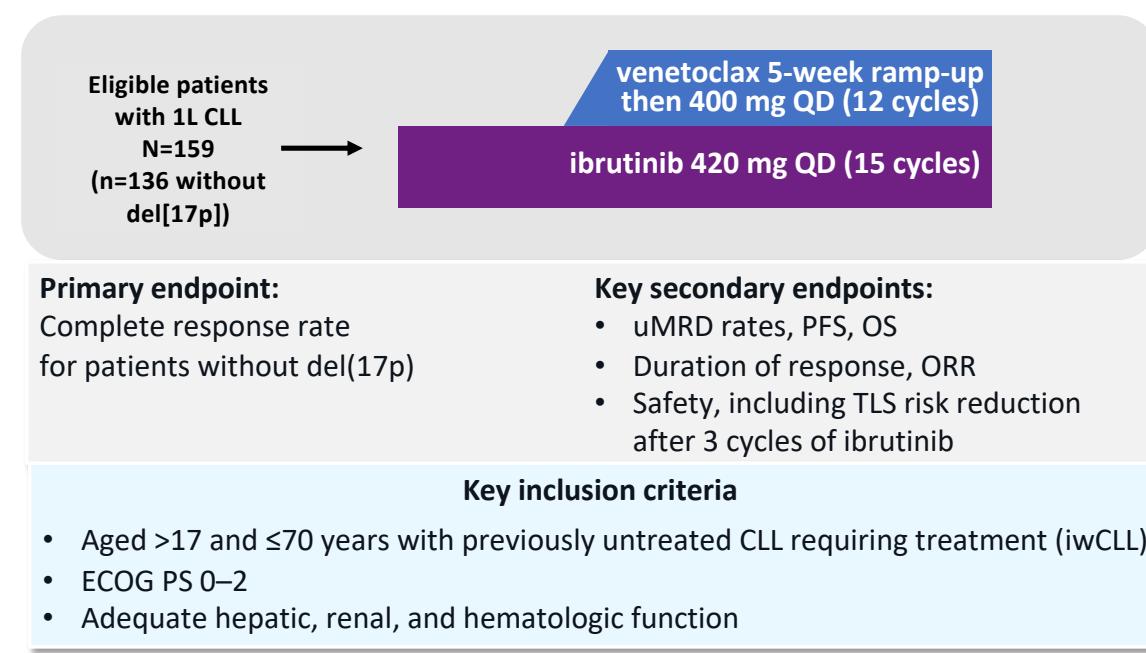


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CAPTIVATE FD cohort: Patient baseline characteristics

CAPTIVATE is a multicenter phase 2 study investigating combined ibrutinib plus venetoclax in 1L treatment of CLL and SLL in 2 separate cohorts: MRD-guided randomized treatment discontinuation (MRD) and fixed duration (FD)¹⁻³



After completion of the FD regimen, patients who subsequently had confirmed PD by iwCLL criteria could be retreated with single-agent ibrutinib until PD or unacceptable toxicity. For patients who had PD 2 years after completion of the FD regimen, retreatment with the FD ibrutinib plus venetoclax regimen could be considered.

Baseline characteristics – FD cohort	IVen (N=159)
Median age, years (range)	60 (33-71)
Male sex, n (%)	106 (67)
Rai Stage III/IV disease, n (%)	44 (28)
Any cytopenia at baseline, n (%)	54 (34)
ANC $\leq 1.5 \times 10^9/L$	13 (8)
Hemoglobin $\leq 11\text{ g/dL}$	37 (23)
Platelets $\leq 100 \times 10^9/L$	21 (13)
Lymph node diameter, n (%)	
$\geq 5\text{ cm}$	48 (30)
$\geq 10\text{ cm}$	5 (3)
High-risk features, n (%)	
del(17p)/TP53 mutation	27 (17)
del(17p)*	20 (13)
del(11q) [†]	28 (18)
Complex karyotype [‡]	31 (19)
IGHV unmutated, n (%)	89 (56)



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Outcomes in high-risk subgroups: Up to 5.5 years of follow-up in the phase 2 CAPTIVATE study.

FD cohort	With high-risk genomic feature ^a		Without high-risk genomic feature ^a	
	n	5-y PFS rate, % (95% CI)	n	5-y PFS rate, % (95% CI)
del(17p)/mutated TP53	27	41 (21–59)	129	73 (64–80)
CK ^b	31	57 (37–72)	102	72 (61–80)
Unmutated IGHV ^c	40	68 (50–80)	44	85 (69–93)
del(11q) ^c	11	64 (30–85)	74	79 (67–87)

^aAmong pts with known baseline status. ^bDefined as ≥ 3 chromosomal abnormalities. ^cExcluding pts with del(17p)/mutated TP53 or CK.

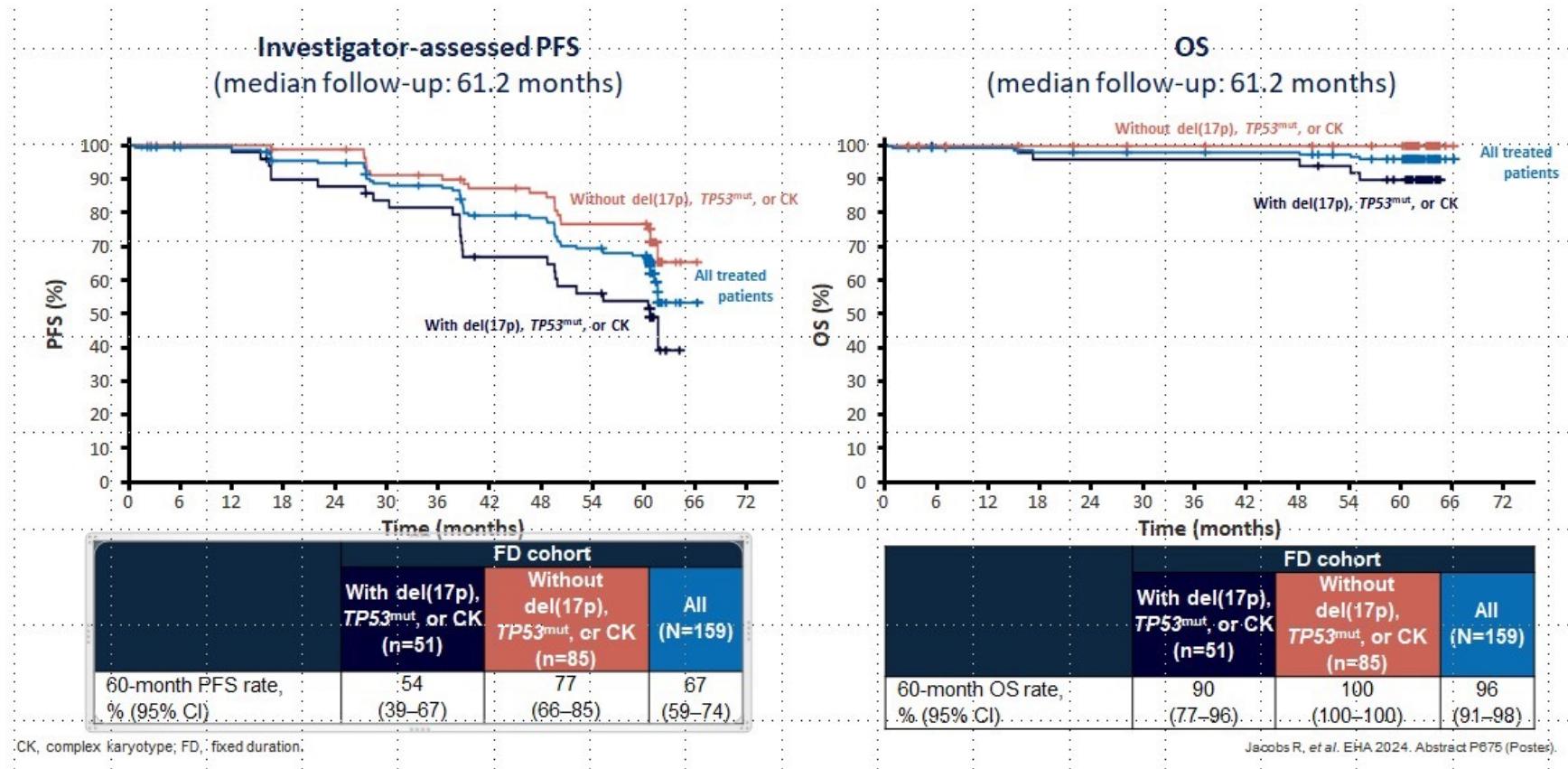
After 5.5 y of follow-up, FD Ibr+Ven continues to provide clinically meaningful PFS in pts with high risk genomic features, as well as in the overall population.
Ibr-based retreatment provides promising responses in pts needing subsequent therapy after the all-oral FD regimen of Ibr+Ven.



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CAPTIVATE FD cohort: PFS and OS

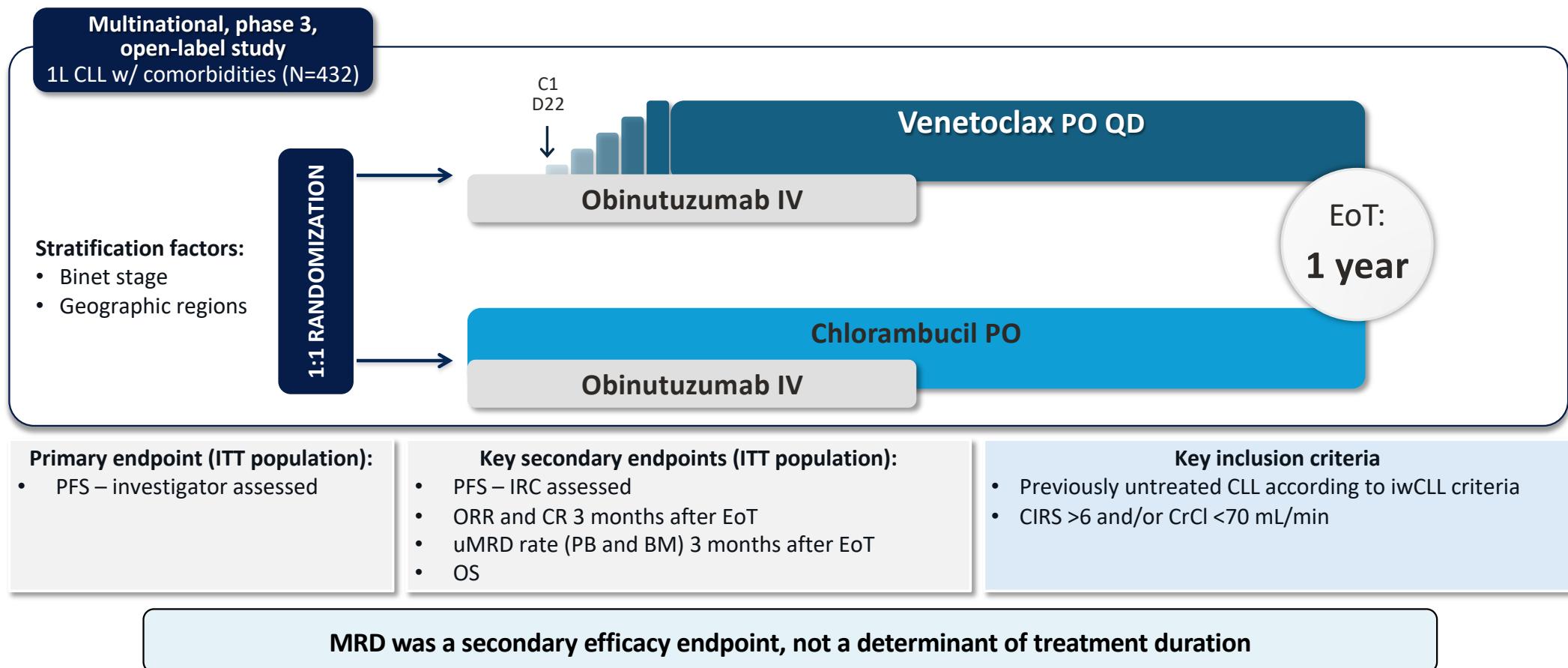


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Venetoclax-obinutuzumab for previously untreated chronic lymphocytic leukemia: 6-year results of the randomized phase 3 CLL14 study

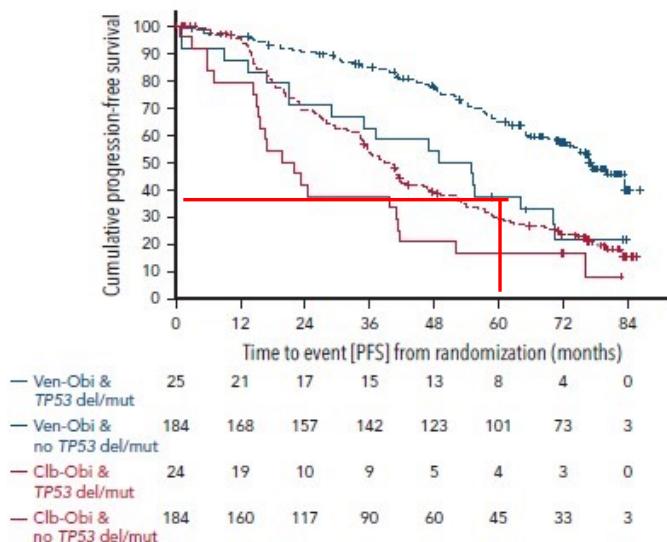


BM, bone marrow; C, cycle; CIRS, cumulative illness rating scale; CrCl, creatinine clearance; D, day; EoT, end of treatment; FTD, fixed treatment duration; IRC, independent review committee; ITT, intent to treat; iwCLL, International Workshop on CLL; PB, peripheral blood; VenO, venetoclax + obinutuzumab.

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Venetoclax-obinutuzumab : 6-year DFS per CLL alto rischio

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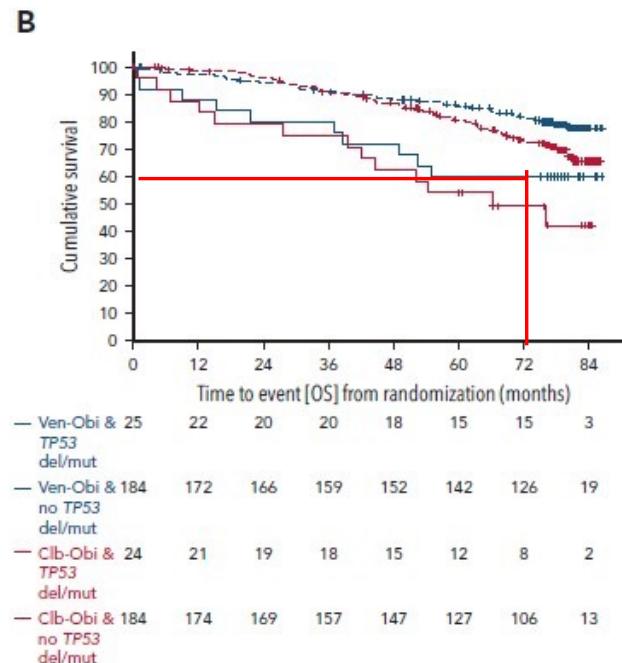
Characteristic	VenO (n=216)	OClb (n=216)
TLS risk category, n (%)		
Low	29 (13.4)	26 (12.0)
Intermediate	139 (64.4)	147 (68.1)
High	48 (22.2)	43 (19.9)
IGHV mutational status, n (%)		
Unmutated	121/200 (60.5)	123/208 (59.1)
Mutated	76/200 (38.0)	83/208 (39.9)
Not evaluable	3/200 (1.5)	2/208 (1.0)
TP53^{mut} and/or del(17p), n (%)	25/209 (12.0)	24/208 (11.5)
Cytogenetic subgroups as per hierarchy,* n (%)		
del(17p)	17/210 (8.1)	14/208 (6.7)
del(11q)	36/210 (17.1)	38/208 (18.3)
Trisomy in 12	36/210 (17.1)	40/208 (19.2)
No abnormalities	50/210 (23.8)	42/208 (20.2)
del(13q) alone	71/210 (33.8)	74/208 (35.6)
Complex karyotype group, n (%)		
NCKT	166/200 (83.0)	167/197 (84.8)
CKT/HCKT, n (%)	34/200 (17.0)	30/197 (15.2)



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TERAPIA

Inizio della terapia il 02/10/2024

EE del 19/9/24: GB 60.700, L 6070, linfociti 48.560, Hb 9.9 g/dl, MCV 105, plt 174.000/mmc



IBRUTINIB 420 mg/die

EE del 24/12/24: GB 48.550, L 45.180, Hb 11.9, MCV 104, plt 181.000
Sogg. bene. Riduzione delle adenopatie palpabili.



**Ad IBRUTINIB 420 mg/die
si associa ramp up di VENETOCLAX**

EE del 25/01/25: GB 9520, N 1580, L 7660, Hb 13.6, MCV 99, plt 193.000, crea 0.88, sodio 138, potassio 4.4, calcio 9.3, Mg 2.11, ALT 17, AST 14.



**IBRUTINIB 420 mg/die
VENETOCLAX 400 mg/die**



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EVENTI AVVERSI

12/3/25 6° ciclo giorno 12° : NEUTROPENIA GRADO 4
EE del 7/3/25 : GB 1860, N 260, Hb 13.1, MCV 95,
plt 181.000



Continua IBRUTINIB 420 mg/die
STOP VENETOCLAX

EE del 29/3/25 : 7° ciclo giorno 1°:
GB 3630, N 1920, Hb 13.8, plt 159.000



Continua IBRUTINIB 420 mg/die
Riprende VENETOCLAX 300 mg/die



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CAPTIVATE safety

AE summary, n (%) ¹	All patients (N=159)
Most common AEs (any grade, ≥30%)	
Diarrhea	99 (62)
Nausea	68 (43)
Neutropenia	66 (42)
Arthralgia	53 (33)
Most common Grade 3/4 AEs (≥5%)	
Neutropenia	52 (33)
Hypertension	9 (6)
Neutrophil count decreased	8 (5)
AEs of clinical interest (any grade)	
Atrial fibrillation	7 (4)
Major hemorrhage*	3 (2)
Any SAE	36 (23)
Fatal AEs	1 (1) [†]

1. Tam CS, et al. *Blood* 2022; **139**:3278–3289;
2. Moreno C, et al. EHA 2022. Abstract P669 (Poster);
3. Jacobs R, et al. EHA 2024. Abstract P675 (Poster).



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RISPOSTA CLINICA a 6 mesi

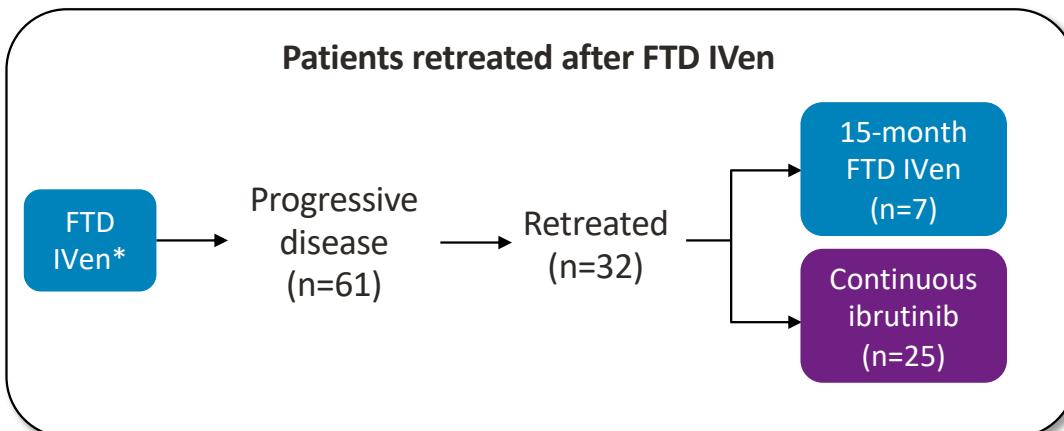
- EE del 12/04/2025: GB 2860, N 1370, Hb 14.3, MCV 96, plt 175.000.
- eco addome (13/04/25): milza 13.5 mm; adenopatie in sede para ilo splenico di 12 mm; multiple adenopatie mesenteriche e retroperitoneali fino a 16 mm.
- scomparsa delle adenopatie laterocervicali e ascellari bilaterali



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CAPTIVATE FD and MRD retreatment outcomes



Baseline characteristics	Ibrutinib (N=25)	IVen* (N=7)	All retreated patients (N=32)
Median time on retreatment, months (range)	21.9 (0.0–50.4)	13.8 (3.7–15.1)	
Median age, years (range)	56 (39–71)	63 (49–69)	59 (39–71)
Male sex, n (%)	15 (60)	6 (86)	21 (66)
Rai Stage III/IV disease, n (%)	4 (16)	2 (29)	6 (19)
High-risk features, n (%)			
ulGHV	20 (80)	5 (71)	25 (78)
del(17p)/TP53 mutation	5 (20)	5 (71)	10 (31)
del(11q) [†]	6 (24)	1 (14)	7 (22)
Complex karyotype [‡]	9 (36)	2 (29)	11 (34)

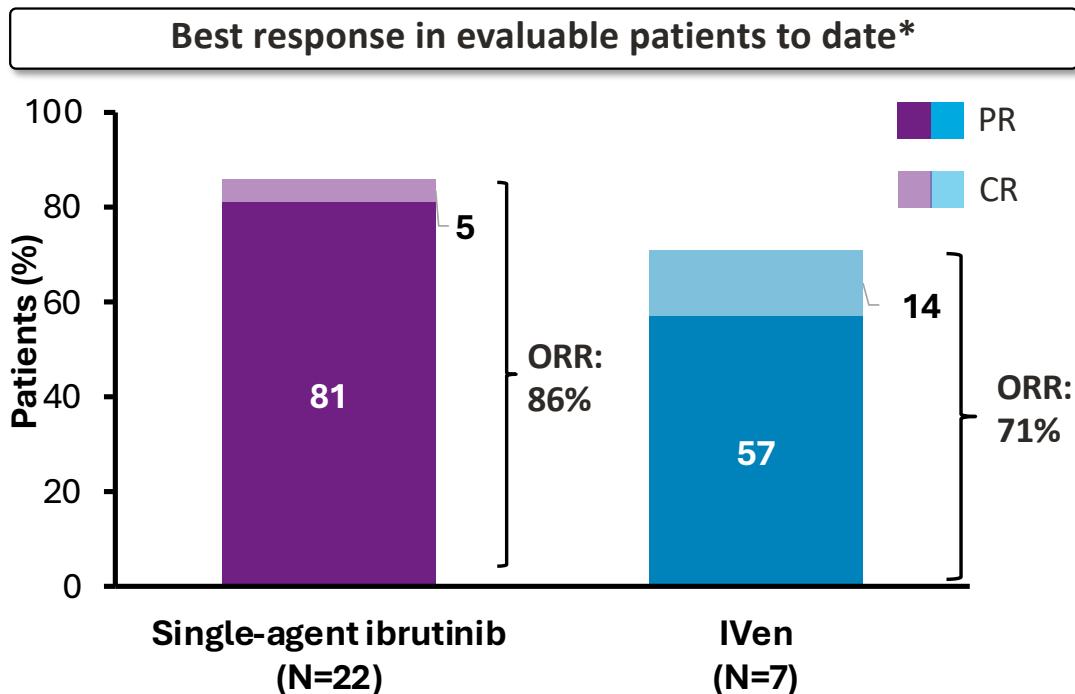
* Per protocol, only patients with PD >2 years after completion of treatment were eligible to reinitiate ibrutinib + venetoclax. Four patients exited the study during ibrutinib + venetoclax treatment and completed retreatment off study; [†] Without del(17p) per Döhner hierarchy;
‡ Defined as ≥3 abnormalities by conventional CpG-stimulated cytogenetics.

FTD, fixed treatment duration.

Jacobs R, et al. EHA 2024. Abstract P675 (Poster).



CAPTIVATE Retreatment outcomes: Efficacy and safety



AE summary, n (%)	Ibrutinib (N=25)	IVen (N=7)
Any AE	18 (72)	7 (100)
Most common AEs[†]		
COVID-19 [‡]	5 (20)	2 (29)
Diarrhea	5 (20)	3 (43)
Hypertension	4 (16)	4 (57)
Pyrexia	3 (12)	0
Upper respiratory tract infection	3 (12)	0
Nausea	1 (4)	2 (29)
Grade 3/4 AEs	6 (24)	2 (29)
Serious AEs	5 (20)	0
AEs leading to discontinuation	1 (4)	0
AEs leading to dose reduction	0	0

* 3 patients who initiated single-arm ibrutinib treatment had not yet undergone assessment;
† Occurring in ≥10% of patients with single-agent ibrutinib or ≥2 patients with IVen; ‡ All events were grade 1/2.

CR, complete response; PR, partial response.

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CHRONIC LYMPHOCYTIC LEUKEMIA: CLINICAL AND EPIDEMIOLOGICAL

Prevalence of Resistance-Associated Bruton Tyrosine Kinase (BTK) C481 Mutations By Prior Treatment Status Among Patients with Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (CLL)/Small Lymphocytic Lymphoma (SLL): A Real-World Observational Study

130 patients with clinical and BTK C481 mutation data available grouped by treatment status at the time of blood collection:

- treatment naive (group 1)
- treated with therapies other than a BTKi (group 2)
- previously treated with or currently receiving a covalent BTKi (group 3).

BTK C481 mutations were only detected among the 16 pts with cumulative exposure to a covalent BTKi of >36 mo (21%)

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Caso Clinico 2

M.L .P, 1948, anni 50

Comorbidità

Ipertiroidismo in terapia con Tapazole

BPCO in terapia con broncodilatatori e PFR con deficit ostruttivo medio

Anamnesi fisiologica

Sovrappeso, abitudini di vita regolari, non fumo, non alcool

APP

A Luglio 1998 giunge all'attenzione per linfocitosi assoluta lieve preceduta da tempo da inversione della formula



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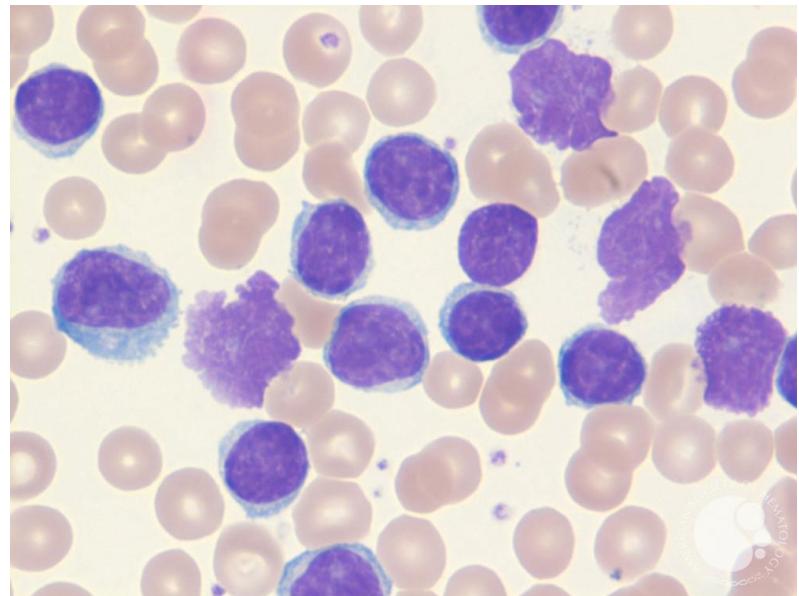
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Paziente FIT

In terapia con TAPAZOLE

La paziente accetta
malissimo l'idea di essere
sottoposta ad una
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Mutazione TP53

Delezione 17p



TP53 wt
assenza di del17p

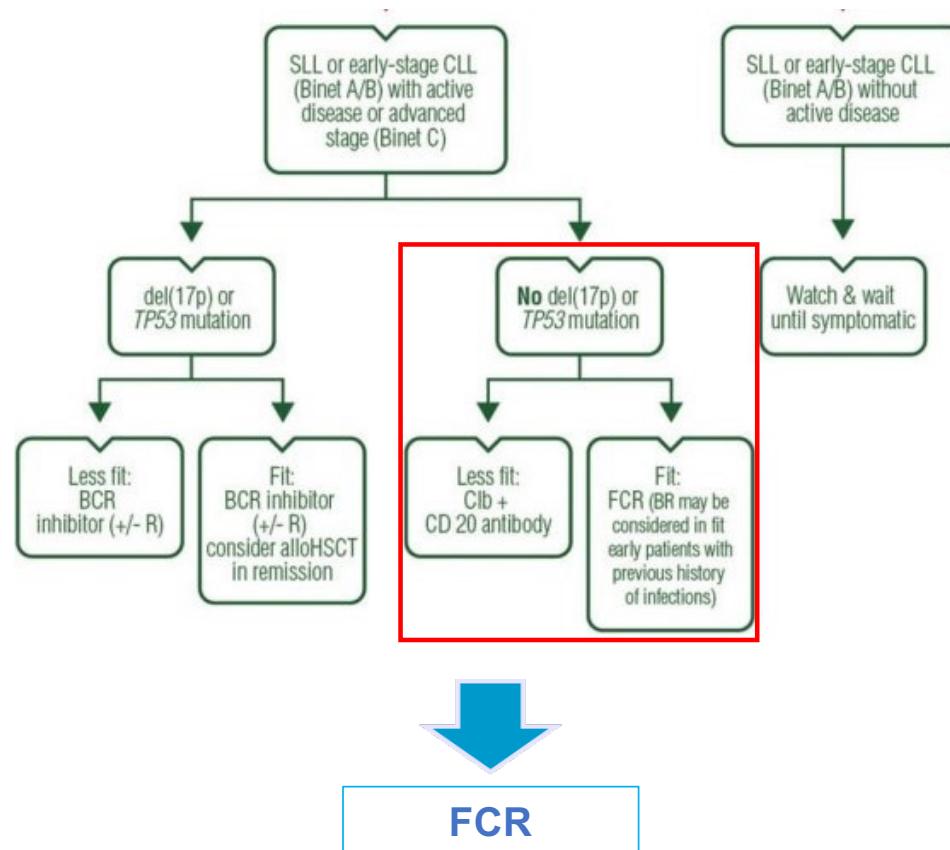


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TERAPIA

La paziente viene sottoposta a 6 cicli FCR dal 24 Luglio 2003

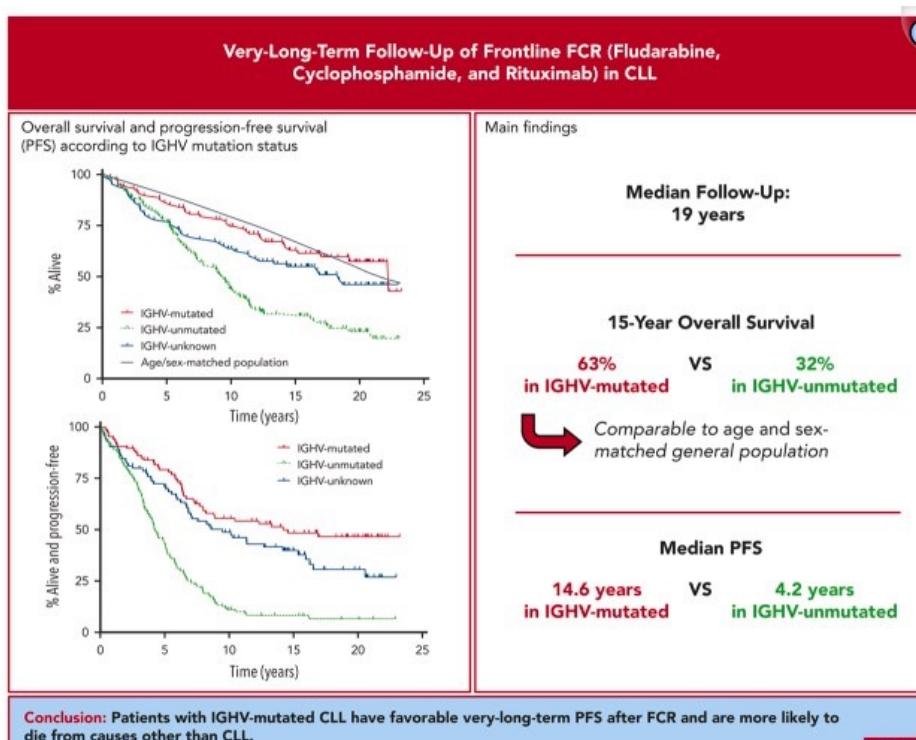
- Dopo il 4° ciclo, a Novembre 2004 si verifica ricovero per neutropenia febbrale da urosepsi con isolamento di Klebsiella pn. multisensibile complicato da piccolo focolaio bpn.
- Il 5° ciclo viene quindi rimandato, la terapia viene ripresa a fine Novembre e conclusa a fine Gennaio 2005 con il 6° ciclo.



- EE del 20/02/2005: GB 1860, N 970,L 890, Hb 11,2, MCV 96, plt 115.000.
- eco addome (13/02/2005): milza 9 cm; assenza di adenopatie
- scomparsa delle adenopatie laterocervicali e ascellari bilaterali
- BOM negativa
- IF SP negativo



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



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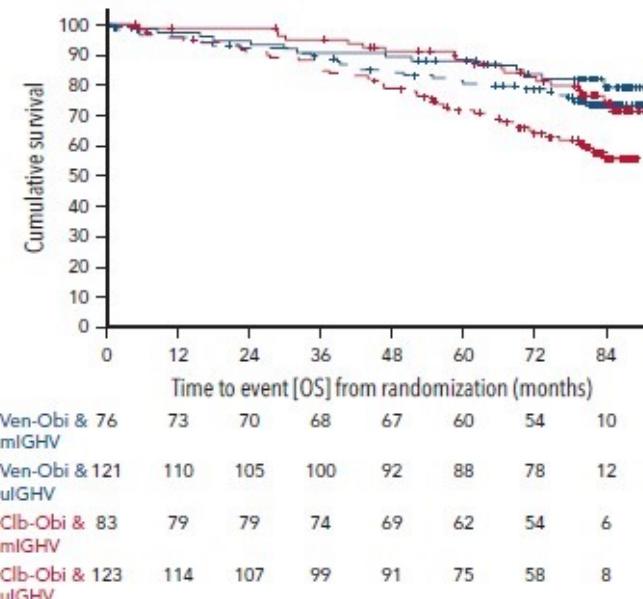
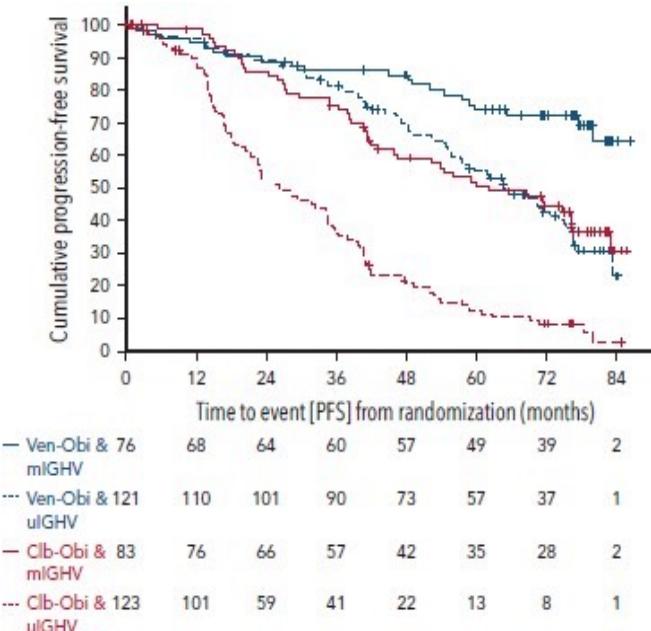


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Sustained remissions in CLL after frontline FCR treatment with very-long-term follow-up: PFS e OS in IGHV mutati e non mutati



Main findings	
Median Follow-Up:	19 years
15-Year Overall Survival	63% VS 32%
in IGHV-mutated	in IGHV-unmutated
Comparable to age and sex-matched general population	
Median PFS	
14.6 years in IGHV-mutated	VS 4.2 years in IGHV-unmutated

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FCR cumulative toxicity

Total deaths	169 of 300 (56%)
CLL	69 (23/41)
Richter transformation	24 (8/14)
Solid tumor	18 (6/11)
Other hematologic neoplasm	15 (5/9)



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Follow-up

A Gennaio 2018 perdita di peso , iperpiressia senza apparente causa infettiva e grave astenia.

Agli esami ematochimici l'emocromo è nella norma e mantiene la formula leucocitaria normale , ma emerge LDH 850 U/l.

Tc collo-torace -addome -pelvi: massa addominale di 13

BOM negativa



Evoluzione in sindrome di Richter



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Riscriviamo la storia nel 2025: faremmo la stessa scelta ?

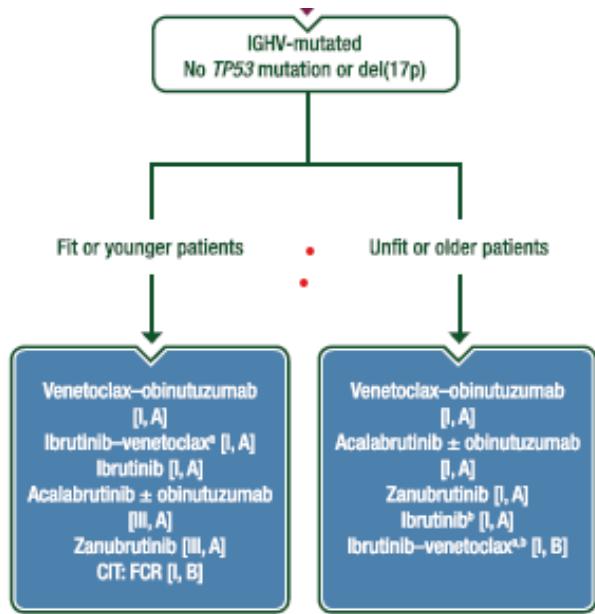


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Opzioni per l'esordio



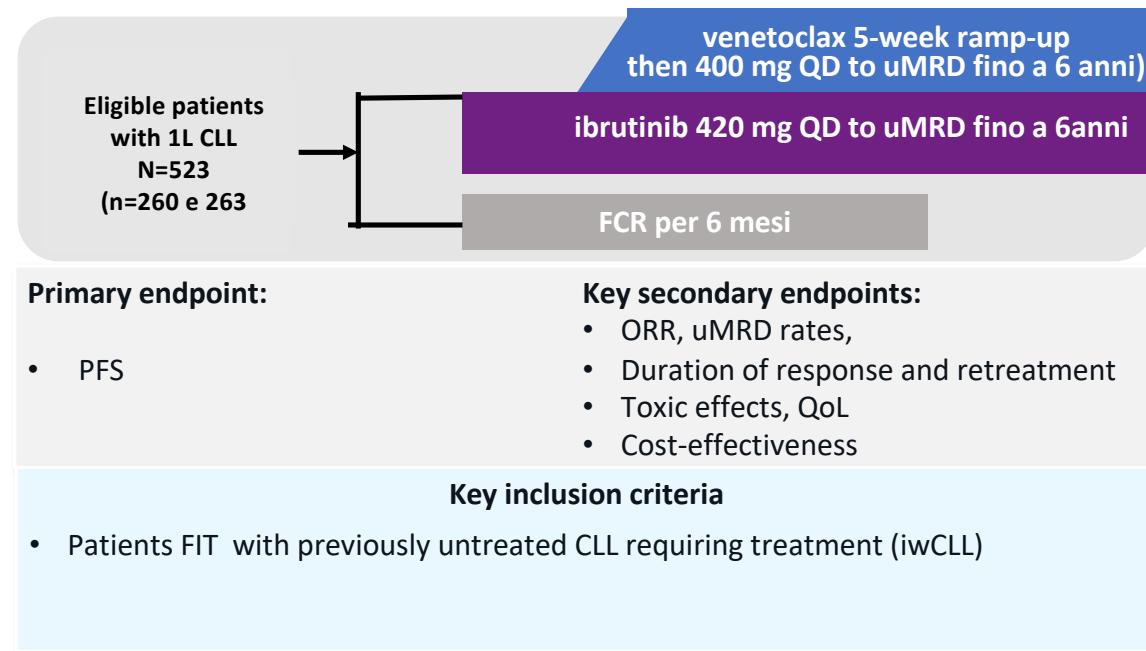
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Studio FLAIR

FLAIR is a phase 3, multicenter, randomized, controlled, trial involving patients with untreated CLL investigating ibrutinib - venetoclax and ibrutinib monotherapy with FCR.

In the ibrutinib - venetoclax group, after 2 months of ibrutinib, venetoclax was added for up to 6 years of therapy



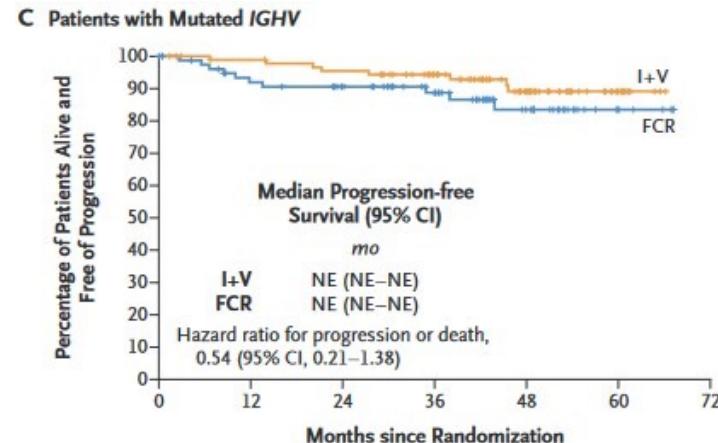
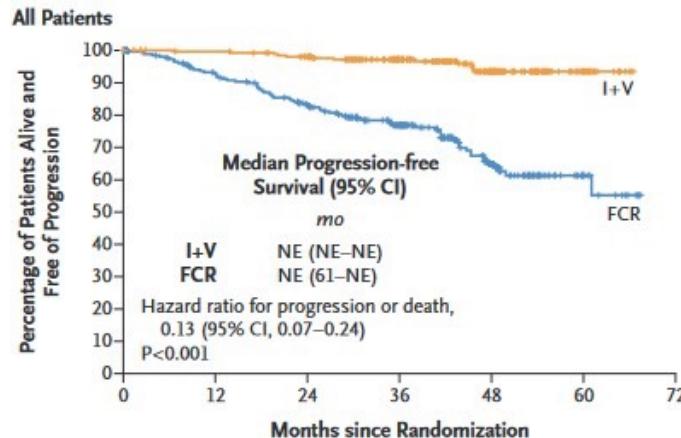
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DFS results



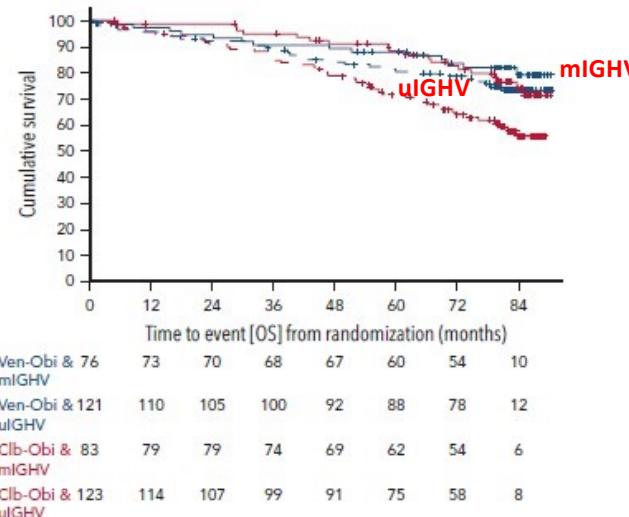
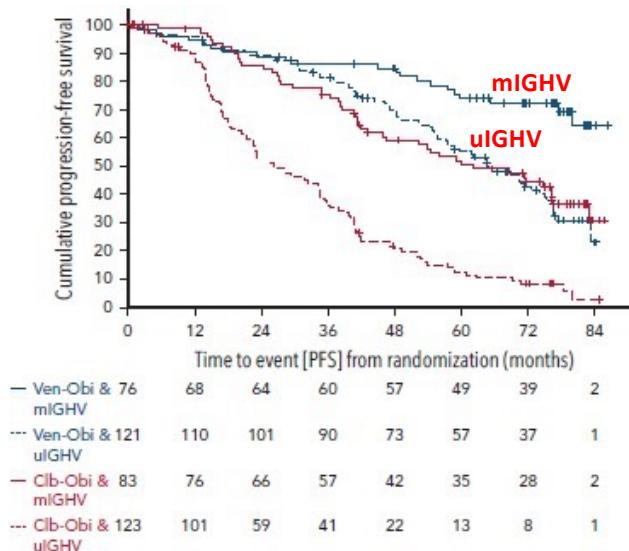
Ibrutinib - venetoclax (I+V) è risultato superiore a FCR per DFS nella popolazione totale ma sovrapponibile nella popolazione mIGHV.



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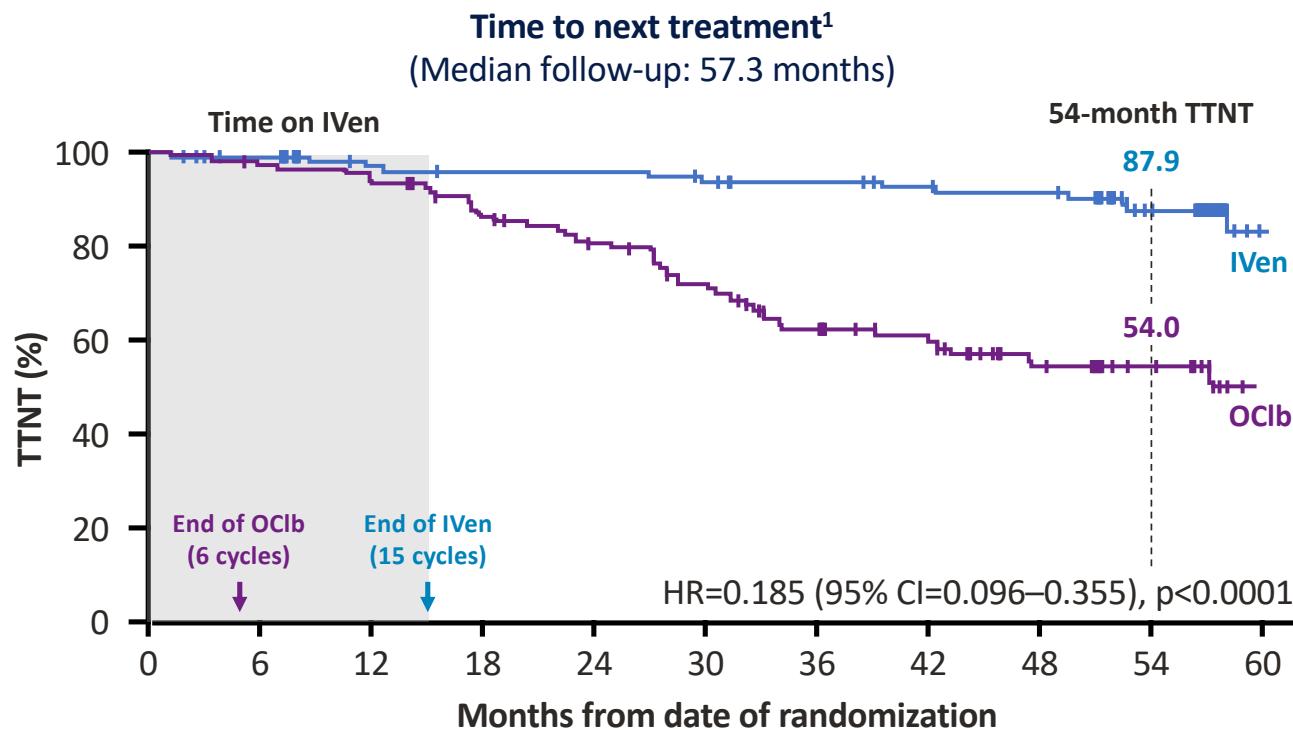
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GLOW: Time to next treatment



15 cycles×28 days=13 months for IVen and 6 cycles×28 days=5.5 months for OCib.³

* Not presented to 57.3 months median follow-up.

IVen, ibritumomab-tyrosine kinase inhibitor; OCib, obinutuzumab+chlorambucil; TTNT, time to next treatment.

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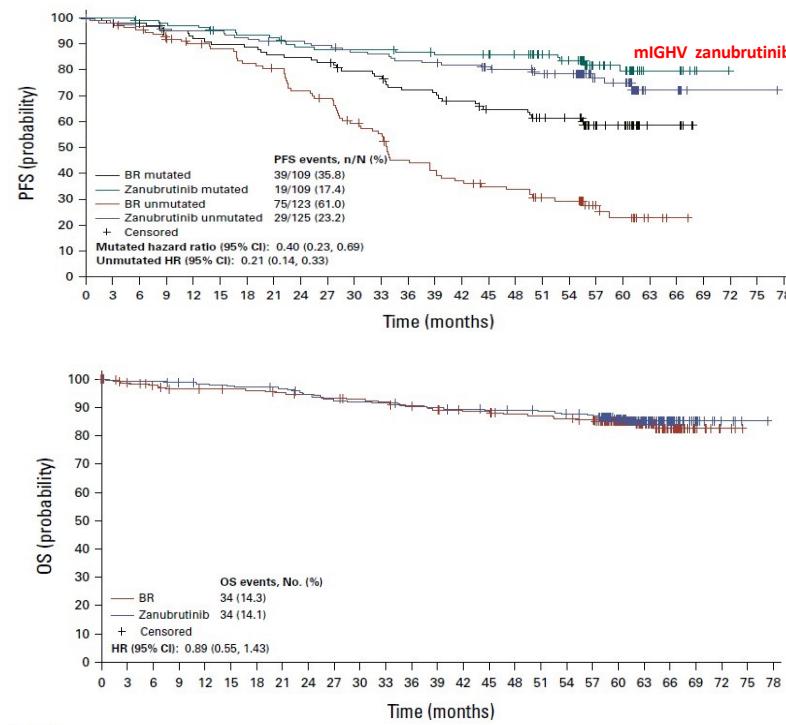
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