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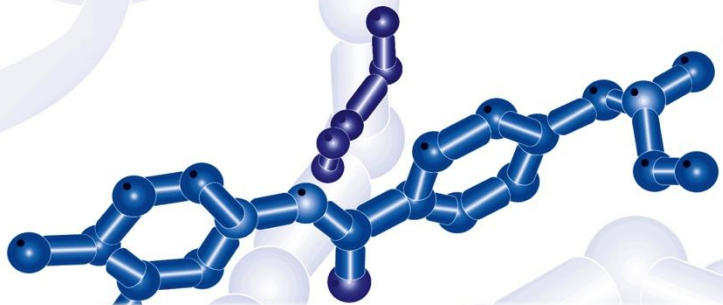
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New Drugs in Hematology

Pirtobrutinib in CLL

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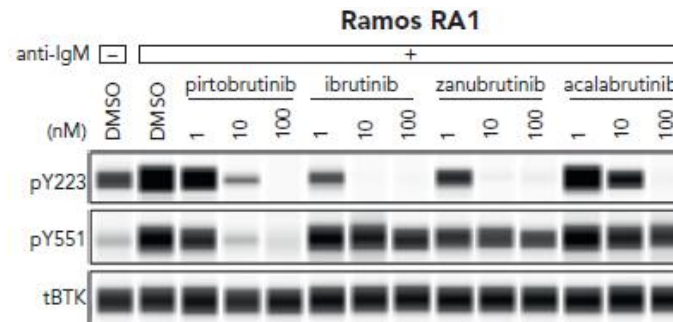
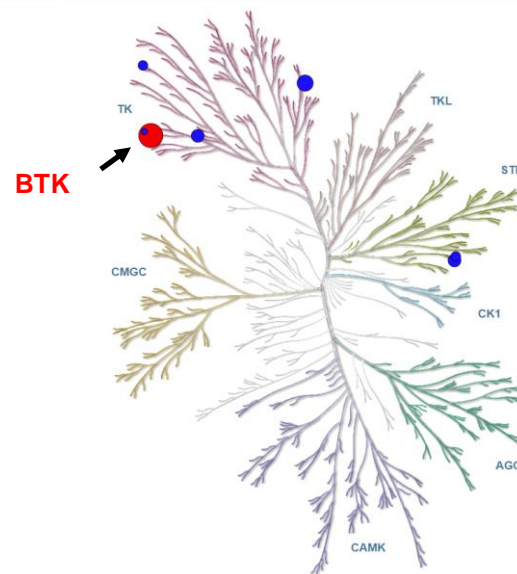
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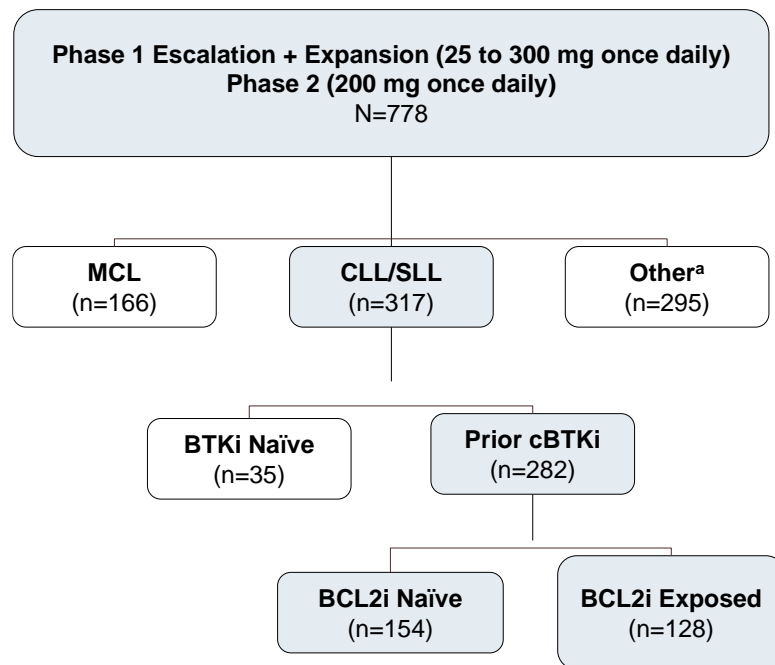
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Janssen			x				
Lilly			x				
Merck			x				
TG therapeutics			x			x	
Genentech	x		x				

Preclinical

- >100-fold selectivity to BTK over other tested kinases
- Low-nanomolar potency against both BTK and BTK C481 substitution mutants
- More complete target inhibition
 - prevented Y551 phosphorylation in the activation loop in addition to Y223, stabilizing BTK in a closed inactive conformation.
- >90% inhibition of BTK at trough, regardless of the intrinsic BTK turnover rate.



Phase 1/2 BRUIN Study



Phase 1 3+3 Design

- 28-day cycles
- Intra-patient dose escalation allowed
- Cohort expansion permitted at doses deemed safe

Eligibility

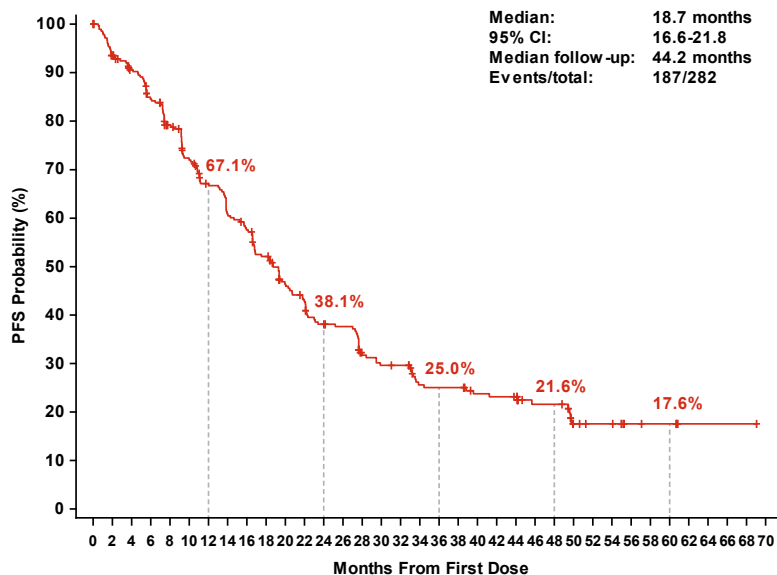
- Age ≥ 18
- ECOG PS 0-2
- Active disease and in need of treatment
- Previously treated

Key Endpoints

- Safety/tolerability
- Determine MTD and RP2D
- Pharmacokinetics
- Efficacy (ORR according to iwCLL 2018 criteria, PFS, TTNT, and OS)

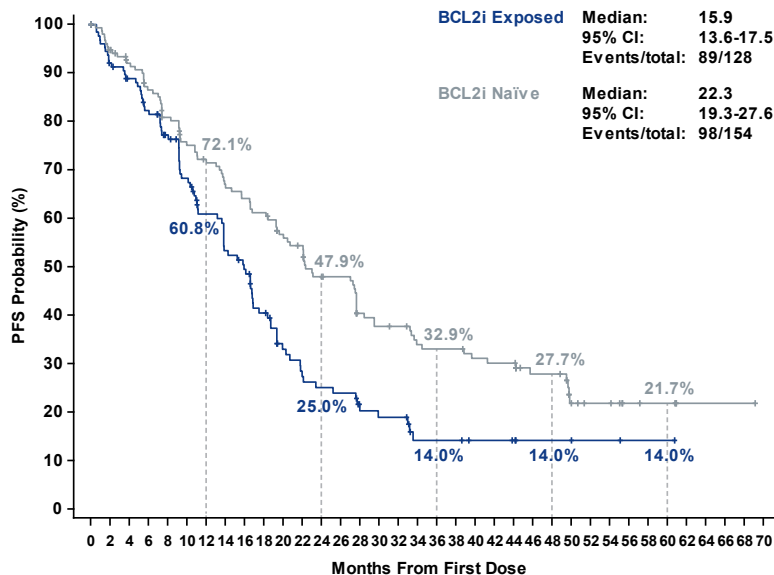
Phase 1/2 BRUIN Study: CLL PFS

Pirtobrutinib PFS in Patients With CLL/SLL Who Received Prior cBTKi



No. at risk 282 258 241 222 201 179 162 147 138 123 102 93 81 78 66 56 55 44 43 43 38 37 36 25 23 11 11 6 5 5 1 1 1 1 0

Pirtobrutinib PFS in Patients With CLL/SLL Who Received Prior cBTKi, by BCL2i Exposure



No. at risk

Yes 128 115 108 99 88 76 64 56 51 40 29 24 22 21 15 14 14 8 8 8 6 6 5 3 3 2 2 2 1 1 1 0 0 0 0
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Safety Profile

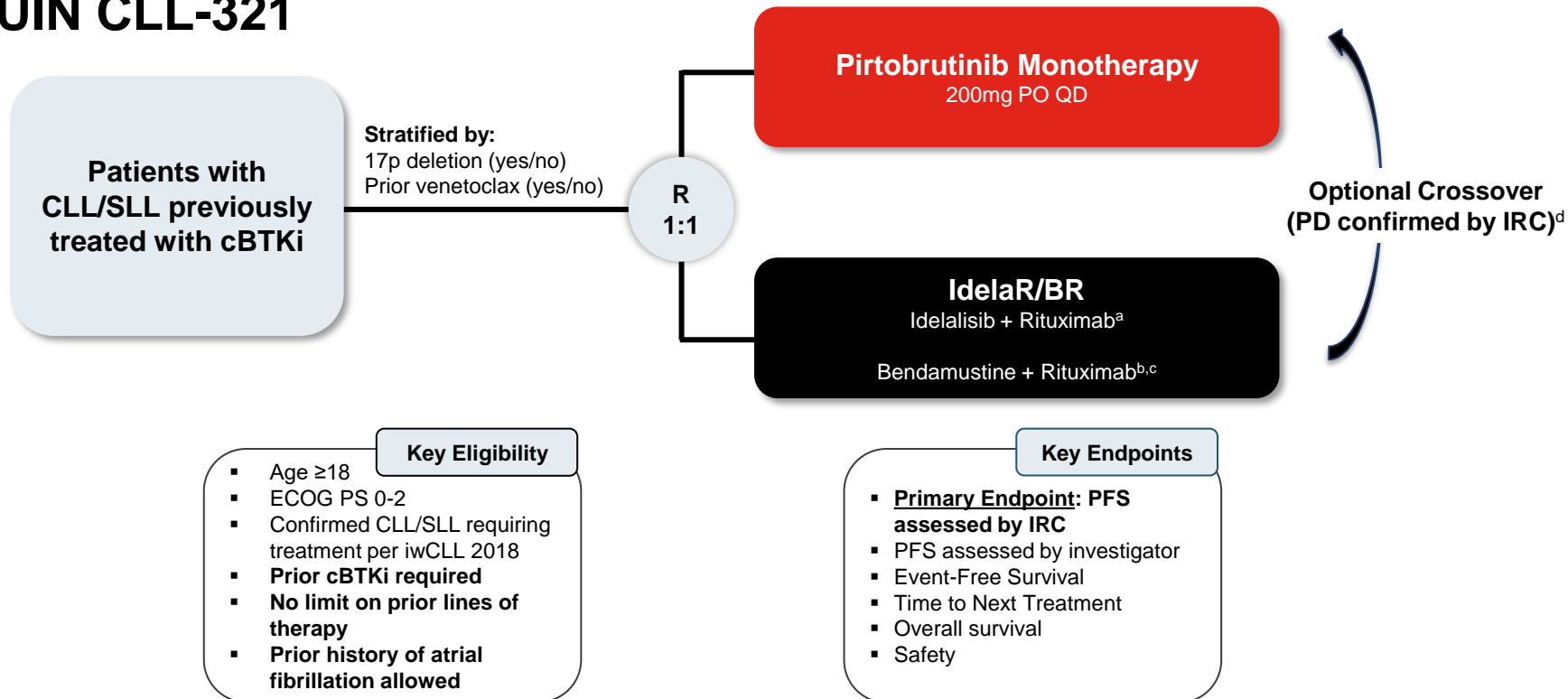
AE, ≥20%	TEAEs in Patients With CLL/SLL (n=282)			
	All-Cause AEs		Treatment-Related AEs, %	
	Any Grade	Grade ≥3	Any Grade	Grade ≥3
Fatigue	38.7	1.8	3.9	0.0
Neutropenia ^{a,b}	35.8	29.8	20.6	16.3
Diarrhea	30.5	0.4	8.9	0.0
Cough	29.8	0.0	2.1	0.0
Contusion	27.7	0.0	18.8	0.0
COVID-19	28.4	6.0	0.7	0.0
Dyspnea	23.4	2.5	0.7	0.4
Nausea	23.4	0.0	3.9	0.0
Abdominal pain	21.6	2.1	2.1	0.4
AEs of Interest ^c	Any Grade	Grade ≥3	Any Grade	Grade ≥3
Infections ^d	76.2	36.5	14.9	5.7
Bruising ^e	31.2	0.0	20.2	0.0
Rash ^f	25.2	1.1	5.7	0.4
Arthralgia	23.0	1.4	4.6	0.0
Hemorrhage ^g	25.2	3.2	8.2	1.4
Hypertension	16.0	5.3	3.9	0.7
Atrial fibrillation/flutter ^{h,i}	5.0	2.1	1.4	0.7

Median (IQR) time on treatment was 20.0 (9.6-37.7) months

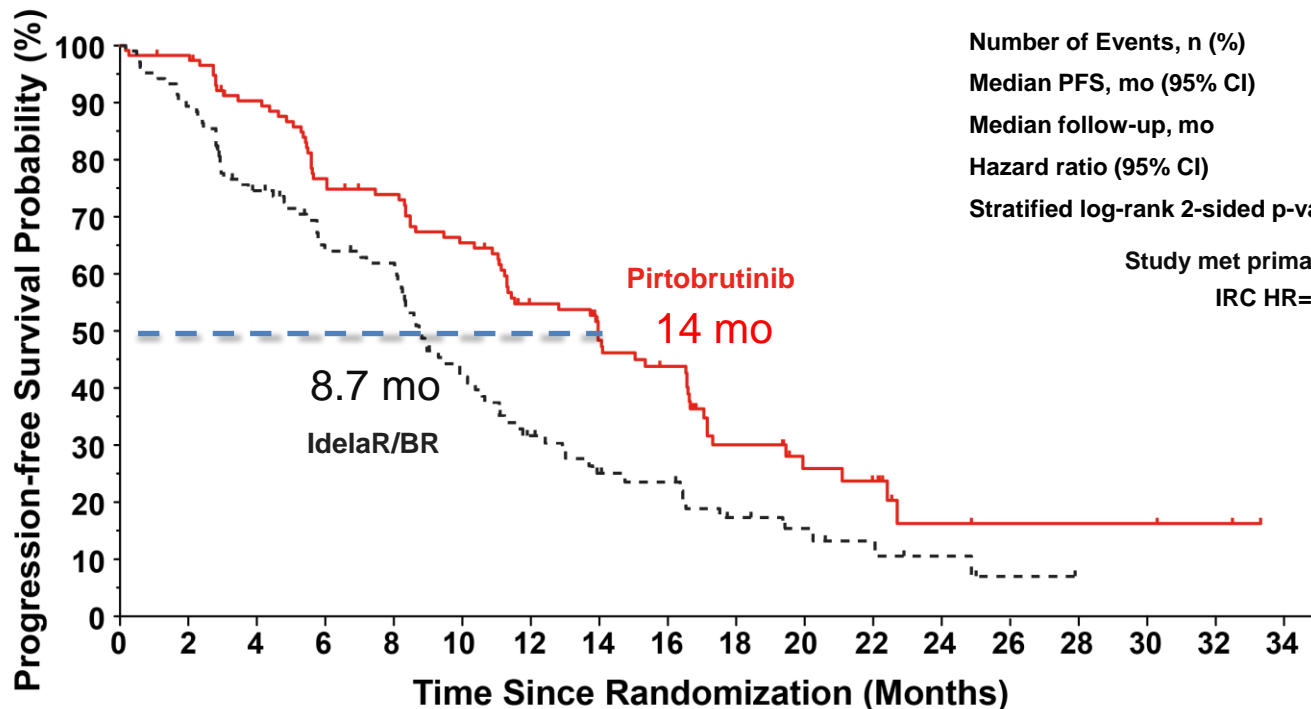
11 (3.9%) patients had treatment-related AE leading to pirtobrutinib dose reduction

9 (3.2%) patients had treatment-related AE leading to pirtobrutinib discontinuation

BRUIN CLL-321



IRC-Assessed Progression-free Survival



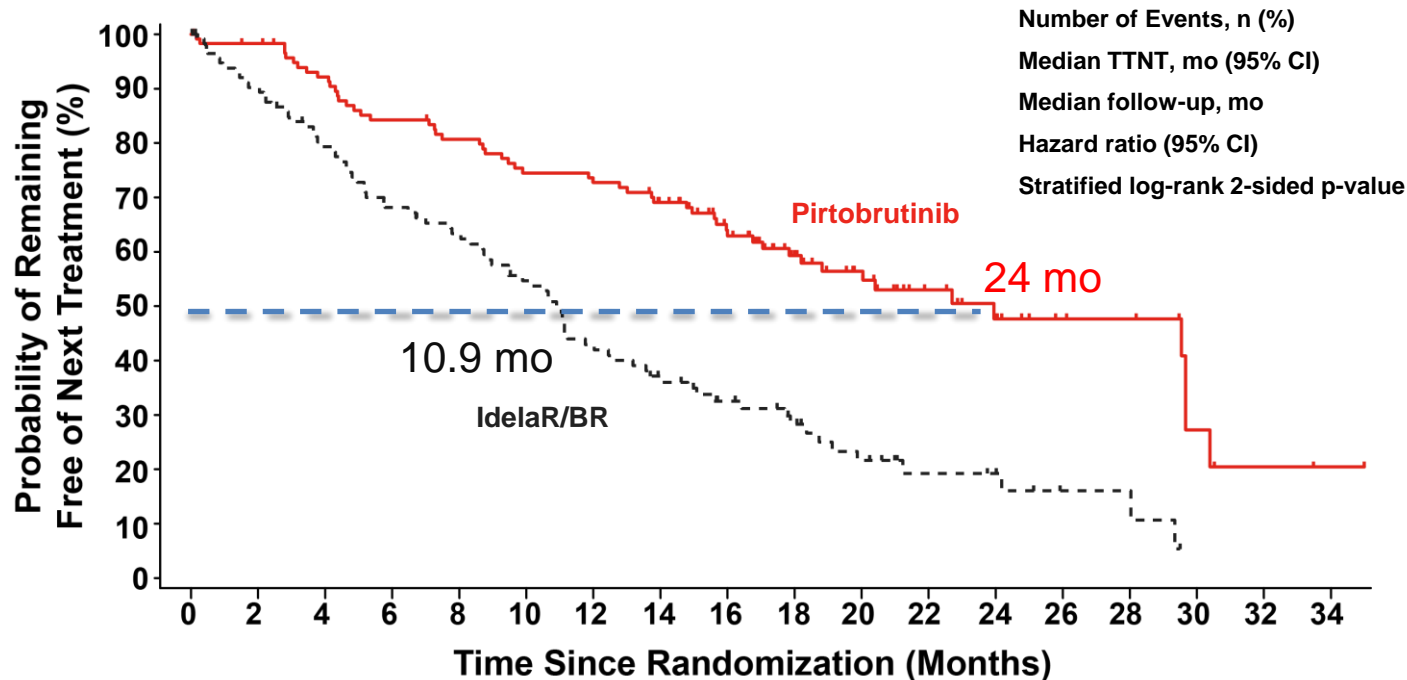
Pirtobrutinib n=119	IdelaR/BR n=110
74 (62)	79 (66)
14.0 (11.2-16.6)	8.7 (8.1-10.4)
19.4	17.7
0.54 (0.39- 0.75)	
0.0002*	

Pirtobrutinib reduced risk of progression or death by 46% according to IRC assessment

Number at Risk

—	119	113	100	84	79	69	54	44	36	19	12	10	4	3	3	3	2	0
- - -	119	92	73	60	57	37	25	18	16	10	7	5	3	1	0	0	0	0

Time to Next Treatment or Death



Pirtobrutinib n=119	IdelaR/B R n=119
54 (45)	82 (69)
24.0 (17.8-29.7)	10.9 (8.7-12.5)
20.0	20.2
0.37 (0.25-0.52)	
<0.0001*	

Pirtobrutinib reduced the risk of starting next treatment or death by 63% with a median TTNT of ~24 months

Number at Risk

—	119	114	105	96	91	84	81	74	60	45	34	23	17	10	9	4	2	1
---	119	101	86	72	66	56	44	33	26	19	13	8	7	3	3	0	0	0

Pirobrutinib in 2nd line setting after cBTKi

BRUIN LOXO-BTK-18001:

- Open-label, multi-center Phase 1/2 study of pirtobrutinib in patients with R/R B-cell malignancies⁵

BRUIN CLL-321:

- Randomized, open-label, multi-center Phase 3 study of pirtobrutinib in patients with CLL/SLL⁶

Pooled population, eligibility criteria:

- All patients received pirtobrutinib 200 mg once daily
- BCL2i-naïve patients
- Prior 1L cBTKi therapy, with or without anti-CD20 antibody

Outcomes assessed:

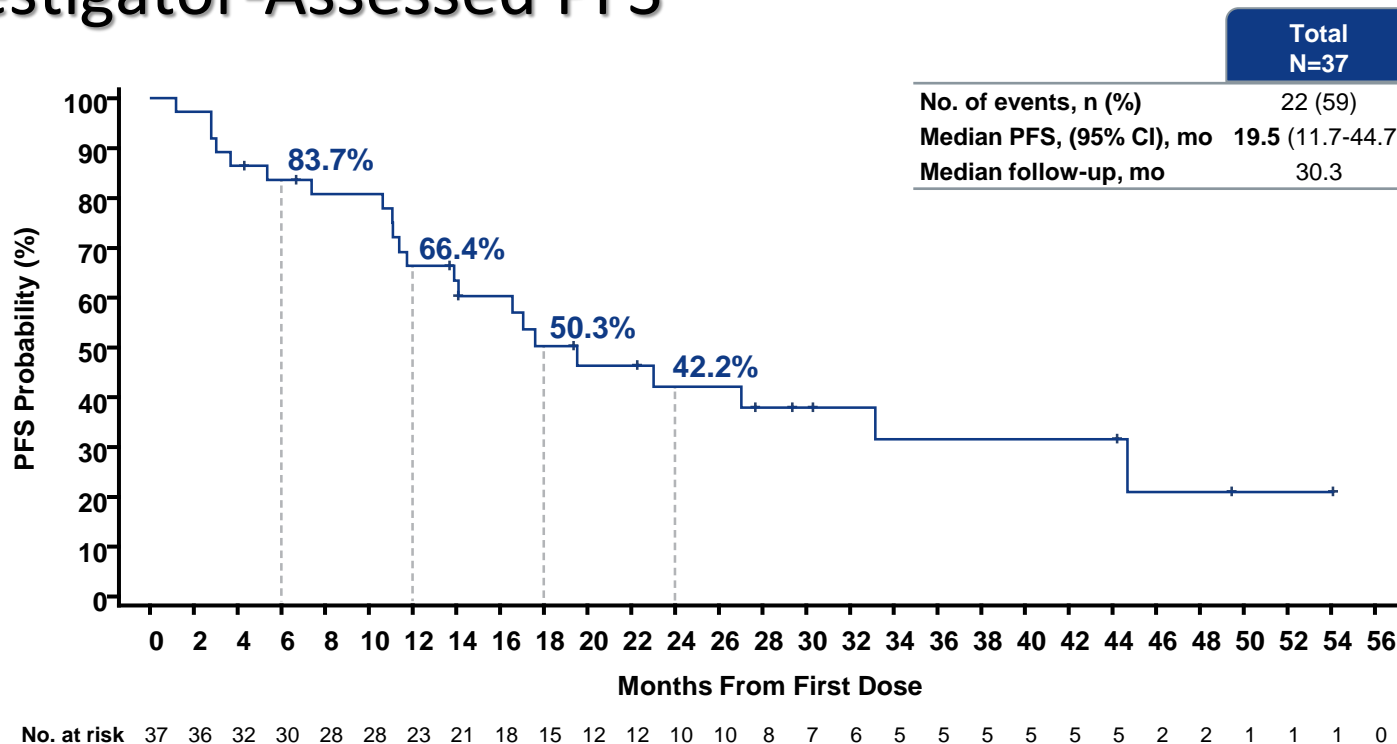
- ORR, based on investigator assessment using iwCLL 2018 criteria
- Progression-free survival, based on investigator assessment using iwCLL 2018 criteria
- Time to next treatment
- Overall survival
- Safety

Demographic and Clinical Characteristics

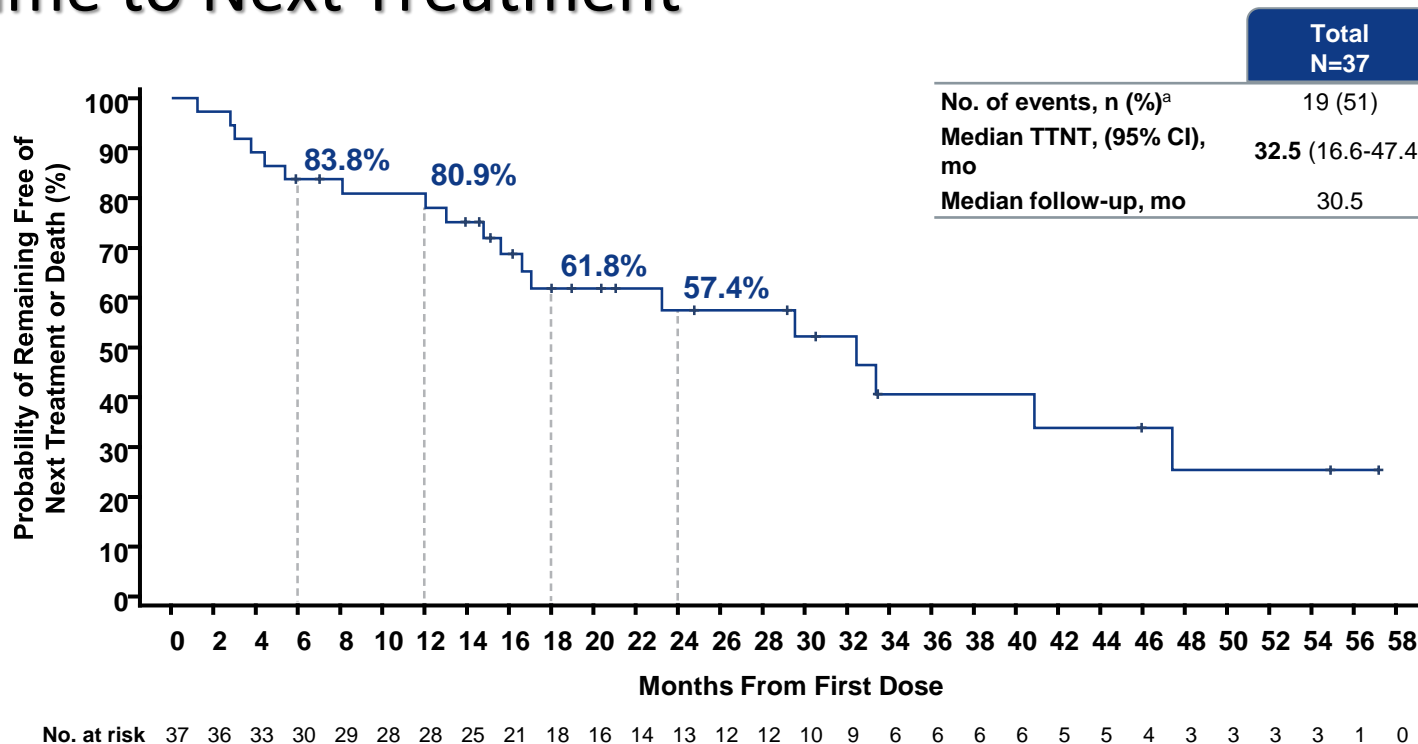
Characteristics	Total (N=37)
Age, median, (range), years	69 (42-87)
Male, n (%)	27 (73)
Region, n (%)	
US	13 (35)
Outside US	24 (65)
Histology, n (%)	
CLL	35 (95)
SLL	2 (5)
ECOG PS, n (%)	
0-1	31 (84)
2	6 (16)
Rai stage, n (%)	
0-II	23 (62)
III-IV	13 (35)
High-risk molecular features, n/N available (%)	
Unmutated <i>IGHV</i>	22/26 (85)
Complex karyotype (≥ 3 abnormalities)	11/17 (65)
Mutated <i>TP53</i>	13/30 (43)
del(17p)	15/31 (48)

Characteristics	Total (N=37)
Molecular characteristics, n/N available (%)	
BTK C481S mutated	10/30 (33)
PLCy2 mutated	6/30 (20)
Prior therapy, n (%)	
cBTKi	37 (100)
Ibrutinib	28 (76)
Acalabrutinib	5 (14)
Zanubrutinib	3 (8)
Other	1 (3)
Anti-CD20 antibody	4 (11)
Reason for prior BTKi discontinuation, n (%)^a	
Disease progression	21 (57)
Toxicity	13 (35)
Other	3 (8)

Investigator-Assessed PFS



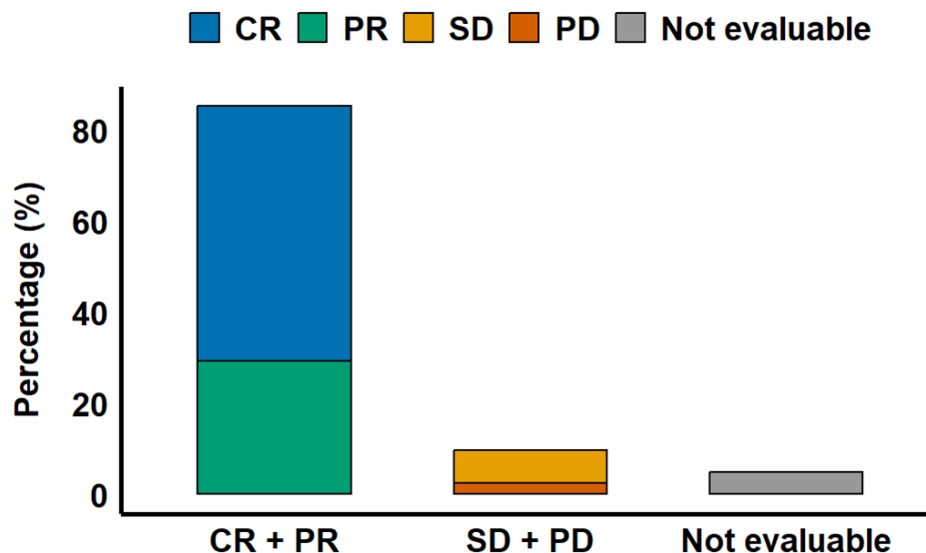
Time to Next Treatment



Liso-cel in the Real World

- Total number of patients: 41
- Median time to best response: 30 days
- Overall response rate: 85% (n = 35)
- CR: 56% (n = 23)
 - CR: 44% (n = 18)
 - uCR: 5% (n = 2)
 - CRi: 7% (n = 3)

Real-World Best Response Rate of Liso-cel in R/R CLL/SLL



Pirtobrutinib as Last Line of Therapy

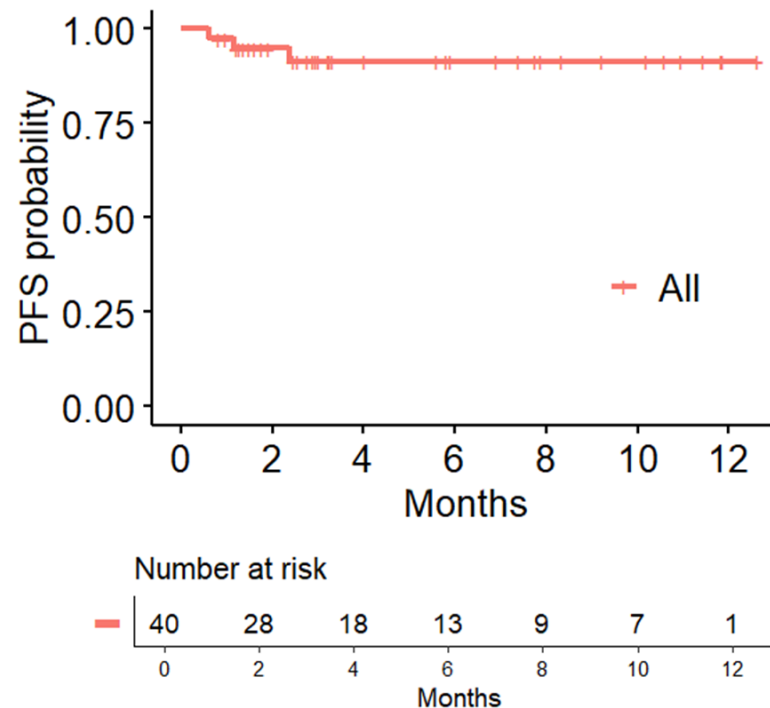
Characteristic	Pirtobrutinib N = 24 ¹	Other N = 17 ¹	p-value ²
Complete Response			0.3
Complete Response	15 (65%)	8 (35%)	
Not CR	8 (50%)	8 (50%)	
Not evaluable	1	1	
Overall Response Rate			0.6
CR/PR	20 (57%)	15 (43%)	
Not CR/PR	3 (75%)	1 (25%)	
Not evaluable	1	1	

¹n (%)

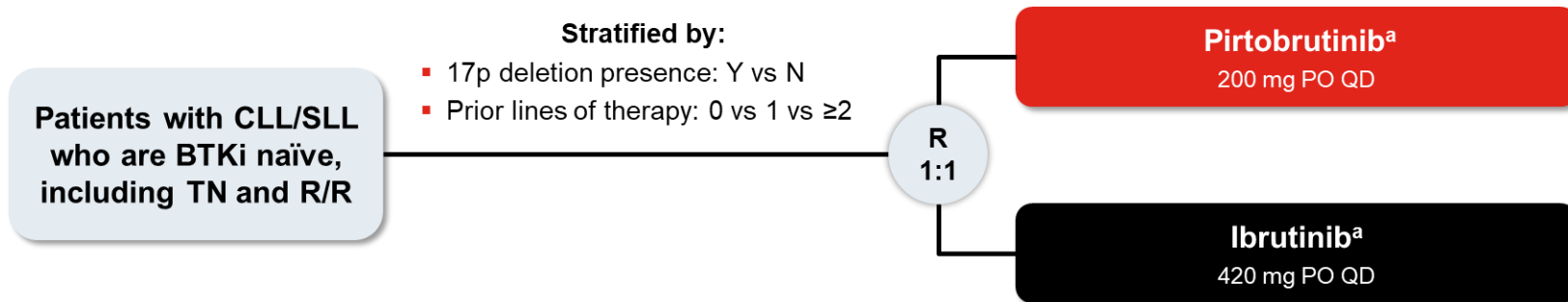
²Pearson's Chi-squared test; Fisher's exact test

Progression-Free Survival

- Median follow-up: 3.3 months
- 6-month PFS: 92% (83% - 100%)
- 1 patient experienced disease relapse
- 6-month OS:
 - CR: 88% (74% - 100%)
 - Not CR: 100% (100% - 100%)
- 3 of 41 patients died
 - 1 prior to Day 25 secondary to IEC-HS
 - 1 due to CNS disease relapse after achieving CR
 - 1 without disease relapse



BRUIN CLL-314



Key Eligibility

- Confirmed diagnosis of CLL/SLL, with requirement for therapy (per iwCLL 2018 criteria)
- BTKi naïve^b
- 17p deletion status (by FISH)
- ECOG PS 0 to 2

Primary Objectives

Non-inferiority of ORR^{c,d,e}
(per iwCLL 2018 criteria):

- In ITT population, or
- In R/R population

Key Secondary Objectives

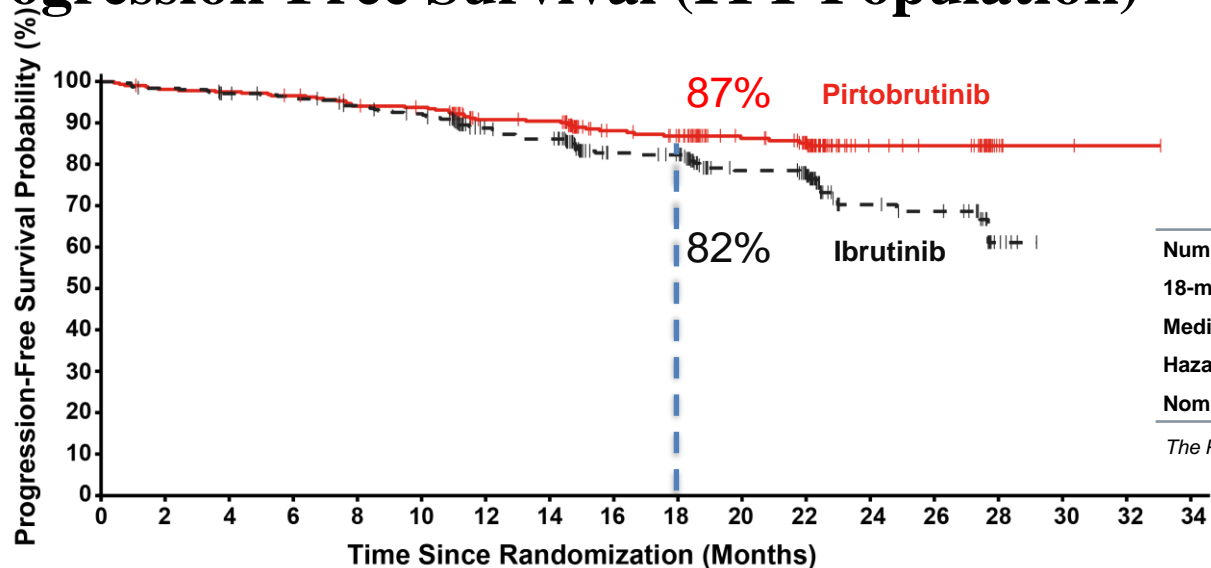
Superiority of PFS^{d,e}
(per iwCLL 2018 criteria):

- In ITT population, or
- In R/R population

Exploratory

Analyses of endpoints in the TN population

Progression-Free Survival (ITT Population)



	Pirtobrutinib (n=331)	Ibrutinib (n=331)
Number of events, n (%)	43 (13.0)	69 (20.8)
18-month PFS rate (95% CI)	86.9 (82.4, 90.3)	82.3 (77.3, 86.3)
Median follow-up, mo	22.0	19.7
Hazard ratio (95% CI)	0.569 (0.388, 0.834)	
Nominal p-value ^a	0.0034	

The PFS results presented are INV-assessed

Number at risk

	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28	30	32	34
Pirtobrutinib	331	319	315	311	301	298	257	255	205	198	154	140	48	45	7	3	1	0
Ibrutinib	331	310	303	297	288	280	235	227	177	173	129	118	44	41	6	0	0	0

Pirtobrutinib reduced the risk of progression or death by 43%, with ibrutinib outcomes consistent with historical data

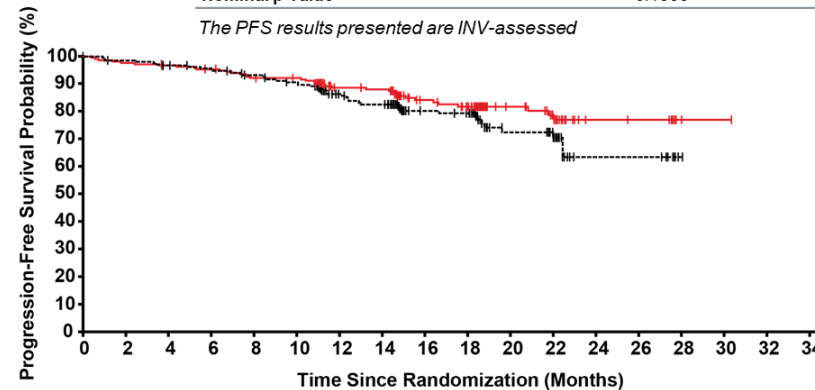
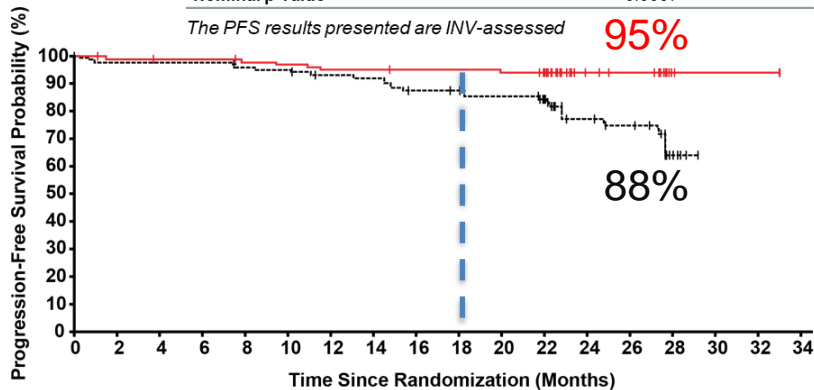
Progression-Free Survival by Prior Treatment Status

TN population

R/R population

	Pirtobrutinib (n=112)	Ibrutinib (n=113)
Number of events, n (%)	6 (5.4)	24 (21.2)
18-month PFS rates (95% CI)	95.3 (89.1, 98.0)	87.6 (79.7, 92.6)
Median follow-up, mo	22.5	22.4
Hazard ratio (95% CI)	0.239 (0.098, 0.586)	
Nominal p-value ^a	0.0007	

	Pirtobrutinib (n=219)	Ibrutinib (n=218)
Number of events, n (%)	37 (16.9)	45 (20.6)
18-month PFS rate (95% CI)	81.7 (75.1, 86.7)	79.2 (72.3, 84.6)
Median follow-up, mo	18.4	15.8
Hazard ratio (95% CI)	0.729 (0.471, 1.128)	
Nominal p-value ^a	0.1563	



Number at risk

Pirtobrutinib	112	107	106	106	104	103	100	100	99	99	98	94	35	33	4	1	1	0
Ibrutinib	113	105	105	105	102	101	97	96	90	89	86	81	32	29	5	0	0	0

Number at risk

Pirtobrutinib	219	212	209	205	197	195	157	155	106	99	56	46	13	12	3	2	0	0
Ibrutinib	218	205	198	192	186	179	138	131	87	84	43	37	12	12	1	0	0	0

Pirtobrutinib reduced the risk of progression or death by 76% in the TN population, the subgroup with the longest follow-up

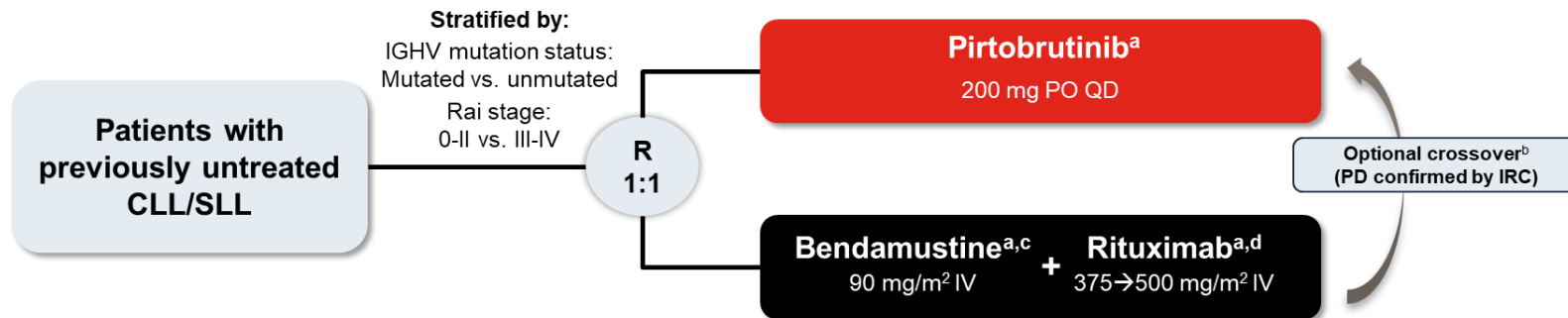
Adverse Events of Special Interest

≥10% of Participants in Either Arm	Pirtobrutinib n=330		Ibrutinib n=325	
	Any Grade n (%)	Grade ≥3 n (%)	Any Grade n (%)	Grade ≥3 n (%)
Subjects with ≥1 AESI	288 (87.3)	127 (38.5)	288 (88.6)	117 (36.0)
Infections^a	226 (68.5)	56 (17.0)	241 (74.2)	54 (16.6)
Infection without COVID-19	214 (64.8)	53 (16.1)	234 (72.0)	49 (15.1)
Bleeding	115 (34.8)	11 (3.3)	118 (36.3)	9 (2.8)
Hemorrhage ^b	78 (23.6)	11 (3.3)	81 (24.9)	9 (2.8)
Bruising ^c	45 (13.6)	0 (0)	39 (12.0)	0 (0)
Petechiae and purpura	17 (5.2)	0 (0)	25 (7.7)	0 (0)
Neutropenia^d	103 (31.2)	83 (25.2)	76 (23.4)	57 (17.5)
Anemia^e	51 (15.5)	20 (6.1)	51 (15.7)	12 (3.7)
Thrombocytopenia^f	39 (11.8)	12 (3.6)	57 (17.5)	13 (4.0)
Atrial fibrillation and atrial flutter	8 (2.4)	3 (0.9)	44 (13.5)	13 (4.0)
≥75 years old ^g	3 (4.5)	1 (1.5)	15 (21.4)	5 (7.1)

AEs were mostly low-grade and consistent with prior pirtobrutinib studies

Incidence of atrial fibrillation/flutter was substantially lower with pirtobrutinib vs ibrutinib, particularly among older patients

BRUIN CLL-313



Key Eligibility Criteria

- Confirmed diagnosis of CLL/SLL, with requirement for therapy (per iwCLL 2018 criteria)
- ECOG PS 0 to 2
- Naïve to systemic therapy for CLL/SLL
- No 17p deletion
- Platelets $\geq 75 \times 10^9/L$ ($\geq 50 \times 10^9/L$ for patients with evidence of bone marrow infiltrate)
- Hemoglobin ≥ 8 g/dL
- Absolute neutrophil count $\geq 0.75 \times 10^9/L$

Endpoints

Primary

- PFS^{e,f} (per iwCLL 2018 criteria)

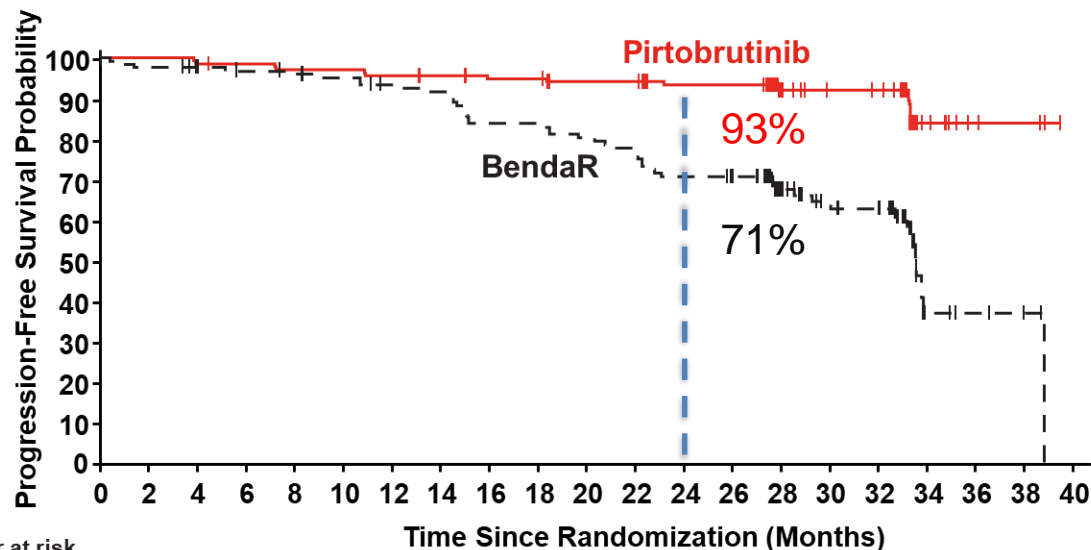
Key secondary

- OS^f

Secondary

- ORR^g (per iwCLL 2018 criteria)
- Safety measures

Progression-Free Survival



Number at risk

	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28	30	32	34	36	38	40
Pirtobrutinib	141	138	136	135	133	133	131	130	128	128	124	124	119	119	67	56	55	11	5	4	0
BendaR	141	122	120	116	114	111	107	105	96	96	92	87	81	77	50	38	36	6	4	3	0

	Pirtobrutinib (n=141)	BendaR (n=141)
Number of events, n (%)	13 (9.2)	48 (34.0)
24-month PFS rate, (95% CI)	93.4 (87.6, 96.5)	70.7 (61.5, 78.1)
Median follow-up, months	28.1	28.3
Hazard ratio (95% CI)	0.20 (0.11, 0.37)	
p-value ^a	<0.0001 ^a	

The PFS results presented are IRC assessed

Pirtobrutinib demonstrated a statistically significant and clinically meaningful PFS improvement, with an 80% reduction in risk of PD or death compared with BendaR

Adverse Events of Special Interest

	Pirtobrutinib (n=140)		BendaR (n=132)		EAIR per 100 Person-Years		
	Any Grade n (%)	Grade ≥3 n (%)	Any Grade n (%)	Grade ≥3 n (%)	Pirtobrutinib Any Grade EAIR ^g	BendaR Any Grade EAIR ^g	EAIR Ratio (95% CI) ^h
Infection^a	80 (57.1)	19 (13.6)	44 (33.3)	11 (8.3)	38.3	89.7	0.43 (0.30, 0.62)
Infection without COVID-19	72 (51.4)	19 (13.6)	38 (28.8)	9 (6.8)	30.9	74.9	0.41 (0.28, 0.61)
Bleeding^b	36 (25.7)	1 (0.7)	2 (1.5)	0 (0)	12.5	3.3	3.73 (0.90, 15.50)
Hemorrhage	17 (12.1)	1 (0.7)	2 (1.5)	0 (0)	5.2	3.3	1.55 (0.36, 6.69)
Bruising	16 (11.4)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	4.8	0	NE
Petechiae and purpura	8 (5.7)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	2.3	0	NE
Neutropenia^c	21 (15.0)	13 (9.3)	68 (51.5)	60 (45.5)	6.5	169.5	0.04 (0.02, 0.06)
Anemia^d	14 (10.0)	6 (4.3)	21 (15.9)	10 (7.6)	4.1	37.7	0.11 (0.06, 0.21)
Thrombocytopenia^e	12 (8.6)	4 (2.9)	23 (17.4)	9 (6.8)	3.5	43.1	0.08 (0.04, 0.16)
Atrial fibrillation and atrial flutter	2 (1.4)	1 (0.7)	2 (1.5)	1 (0.8)	0.5	3.3	0.17 (0.02, 1.17)
≥75 years old ^f	1 (5.0)	0	1 (4.3)	0	2.2	10.0	0.22 (0.01, 3.46)
Hypertension	11 (7.9)	4 (2.9)	6 (4.5)	4 (3.0)	3.2	10.2	0.31 (0.11, 0.84)

Incidence of atrial fibrillation/flutter remains low in older patients aged ≥75 years (5.0% with pirtobrutinib and 4.3% with BendaR)

BRUIN CLL-322: Venetoclax Rituximab +/- Pirtobrutinib

Key Inclusion Criteria

- Confirmed CLL/SLL per iwCLL 2018³
- Previously treated CLL/SLL (including a covalent BTKi or covalent BTKi naïve [limited to 20% of total enrollment])
- Known 17p status
 - If 17p status is unknown, local or central FISH test results during screening can be used
- No prior venetoclax
- ≥18 years of age and ECOG 0-2

N=600

1:1

Randomization

Arm A (PVR)
Pirtobrutinib
+ Venetoclax
+ Rituximab

Pirtobrutinib, 200 mg oral, once daily from C1D1 - C28

Rituximab, IV, 375 mg/m² on C1D1
500 mg/m² on D1 of C2-C6

Venetoclax, oral, daily from C5 - C28: 400 mg
• Dose Ramp (5 weeks) from C4D1: 20-400 mg

Arm B (VR)
Venetoclax
+ Rituximab

Rituximab, IV, 375 mg/m² on C2D1
500 mg/m² on D1 of C3-C7

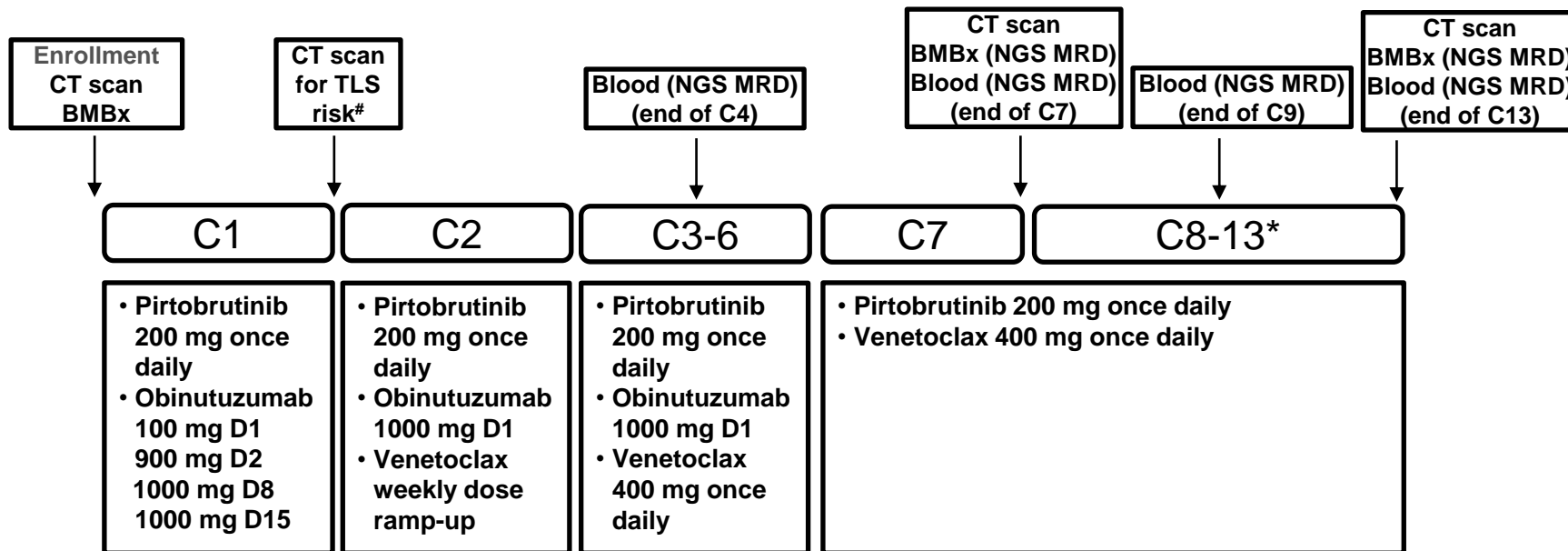
Venetoclax, oral, daily from C2 - C25: 400 mg
• Dose Ramp (5 weeks) from C1D1: 20-400 mg

Each cycle is 28 days; C1 of Arm B is 35 days

Stratification factors

- 17p status (deleted/wildtype)
- Prior experience of BTKi (discontinuation due to PD or other vs no prior BTKi)

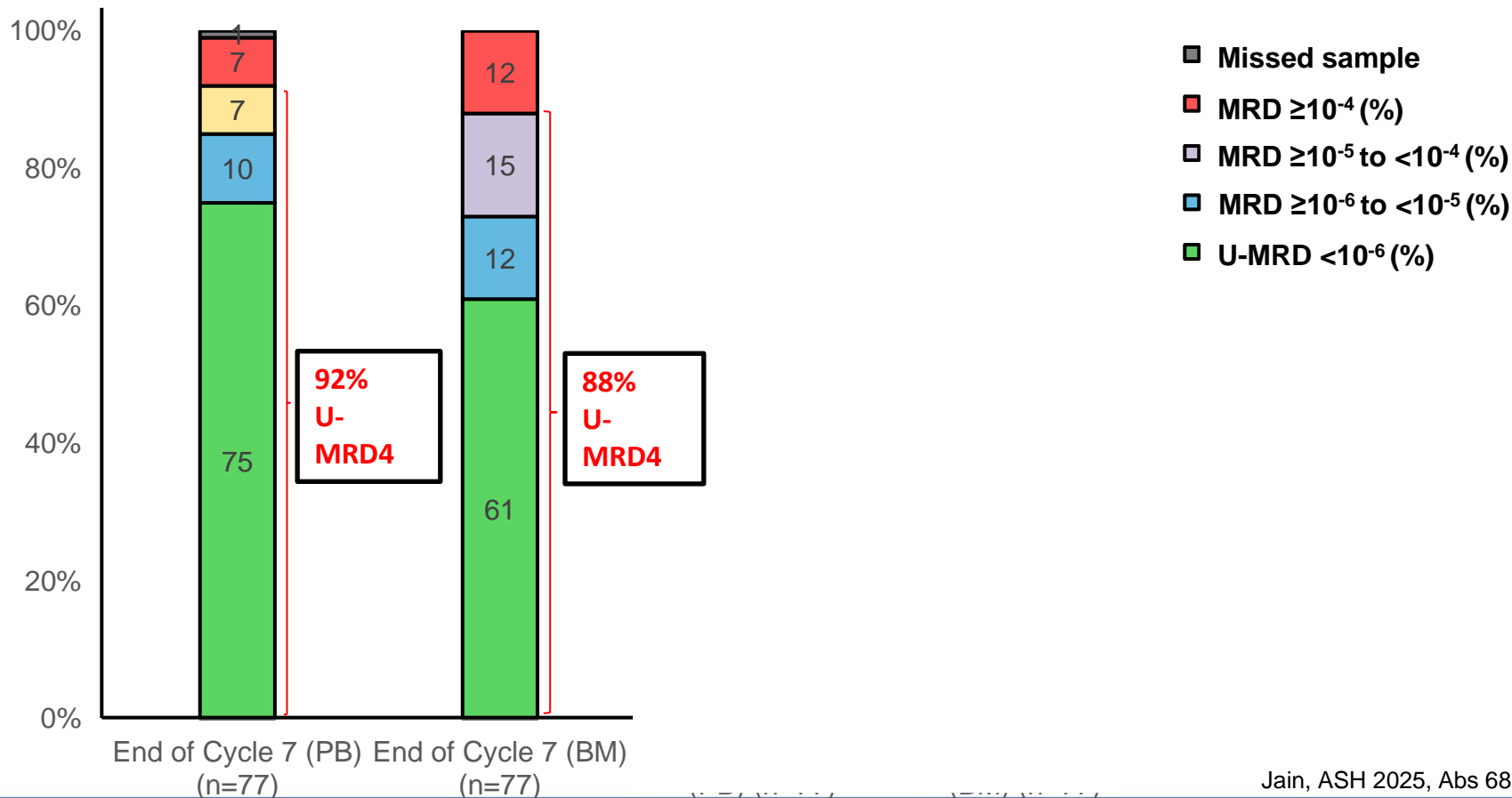
PVO Trial: Treatment Schema



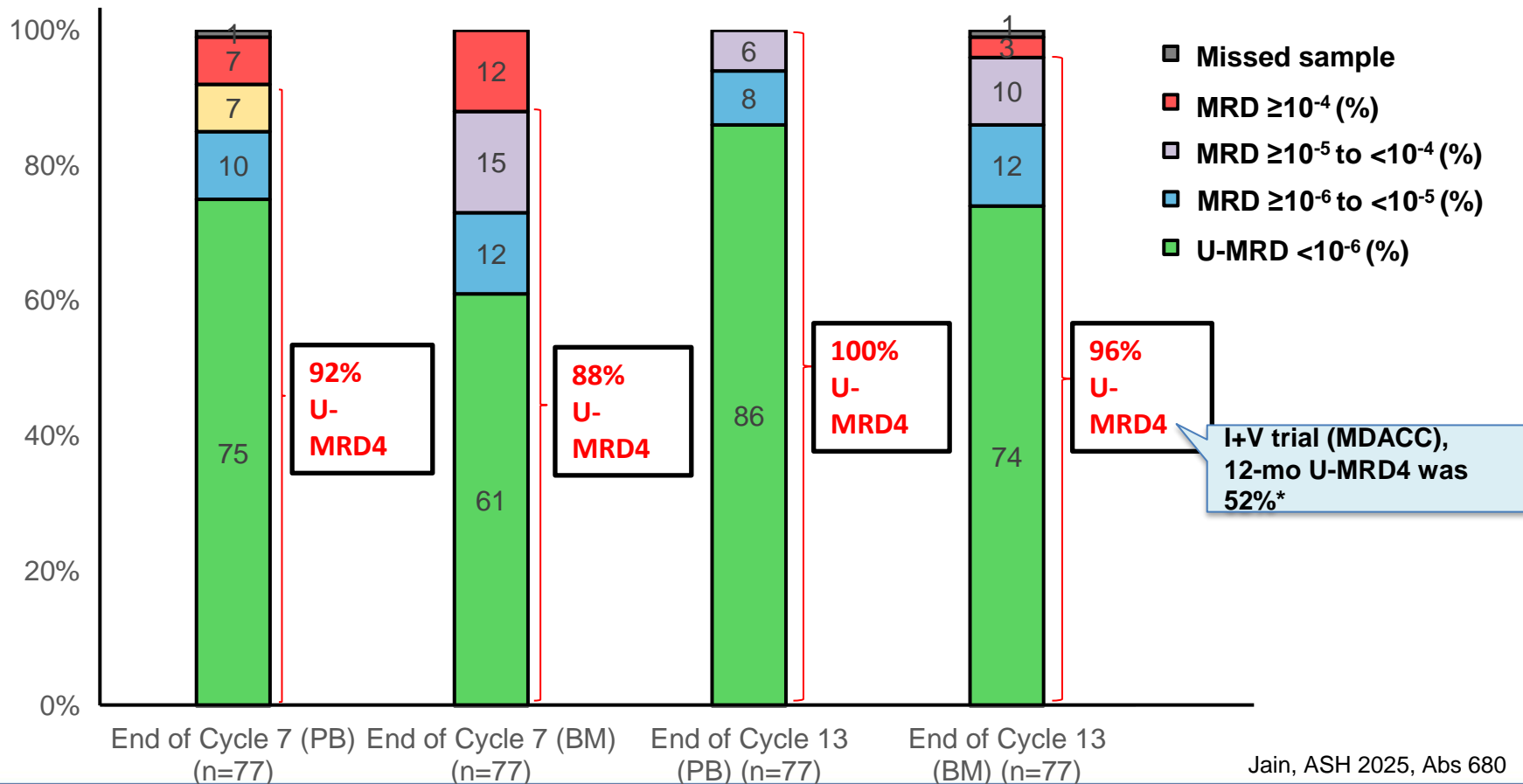
[#]CT imaging is repeated for TLS risk assessment only if baseline CT had nodes ≥ 5 cms

- Each cycle is 28 days
- NGS MRD assessed by clonoSEQ assay (Adaptive Biotechnologies)
- *For pts who are MRD+ at $\geq 10^{-5}$ in either PB or BM at end of C13 can continue pirtobrutinib + venetoclax for an additional 12 cycles
- All pts monitored by PB NGS MRD q3 mos for first 12 mos off therapy, and then q6 mos

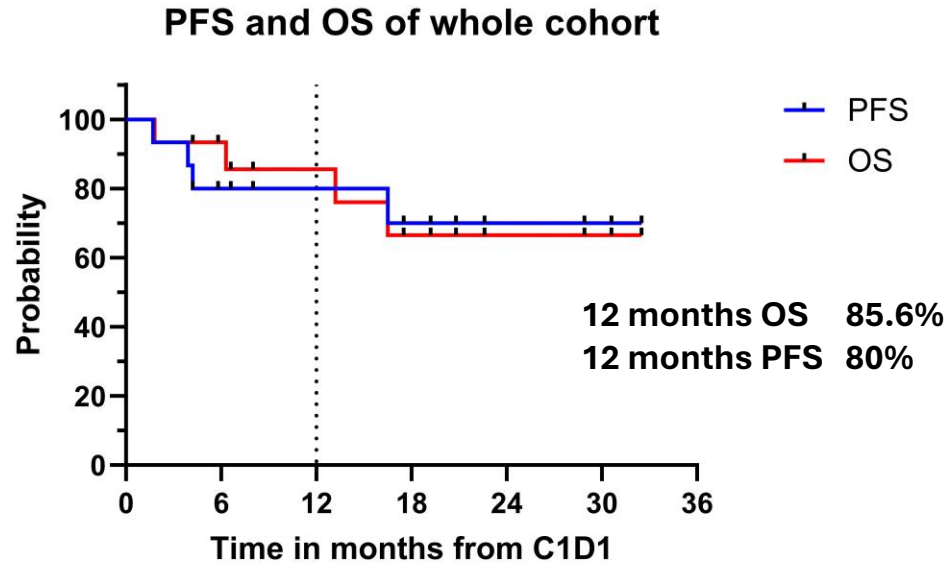
PVO Trial: NGS MRD in Blood and Marrow



PVO Trial: NGS MRD in Blood and Marrow



PVO in RT: PFS and OS (N=15)



Number of Risk

PFS	15	10	8	6	3	2	0
OS	15	12	9	6	3	2	0

No of events

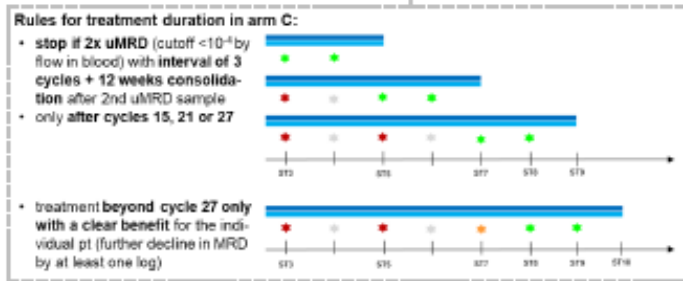
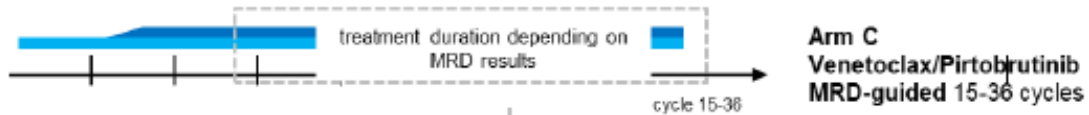
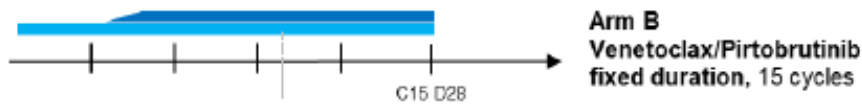
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Treatment naive, all comer CLL/SLL
(irrespective of fitness, comorbidity and risk factors)



■ venetoclax
▼ obinutuzumab
■ pirtobrutinib



flow cytometry (blood)

- ★ uMRD $<10^{-4}$
- ★ MRD $\geq 10^{-4}$
- MRD irrelevant for duration of treatment

ST = staging every 12 weeks (e.g. ST3 after cycle 9)

Conclusions

- Pirtobrutinib is effective in patient's previously treated with cBTKi
 - Established role in this setting
- Modest durability in heavily pre-treated & cBTKi refractory patients
 - Bridge to CAR-T therapy
- Well-tolerated with low rates of discontinuation and low rates of atrial fibrillation
 - Potential for single agent first line use in older patients
- Promising early data in combination with venetoclax and anti-CD20
 - Potential use in fixed duration regimens for higher risk patients