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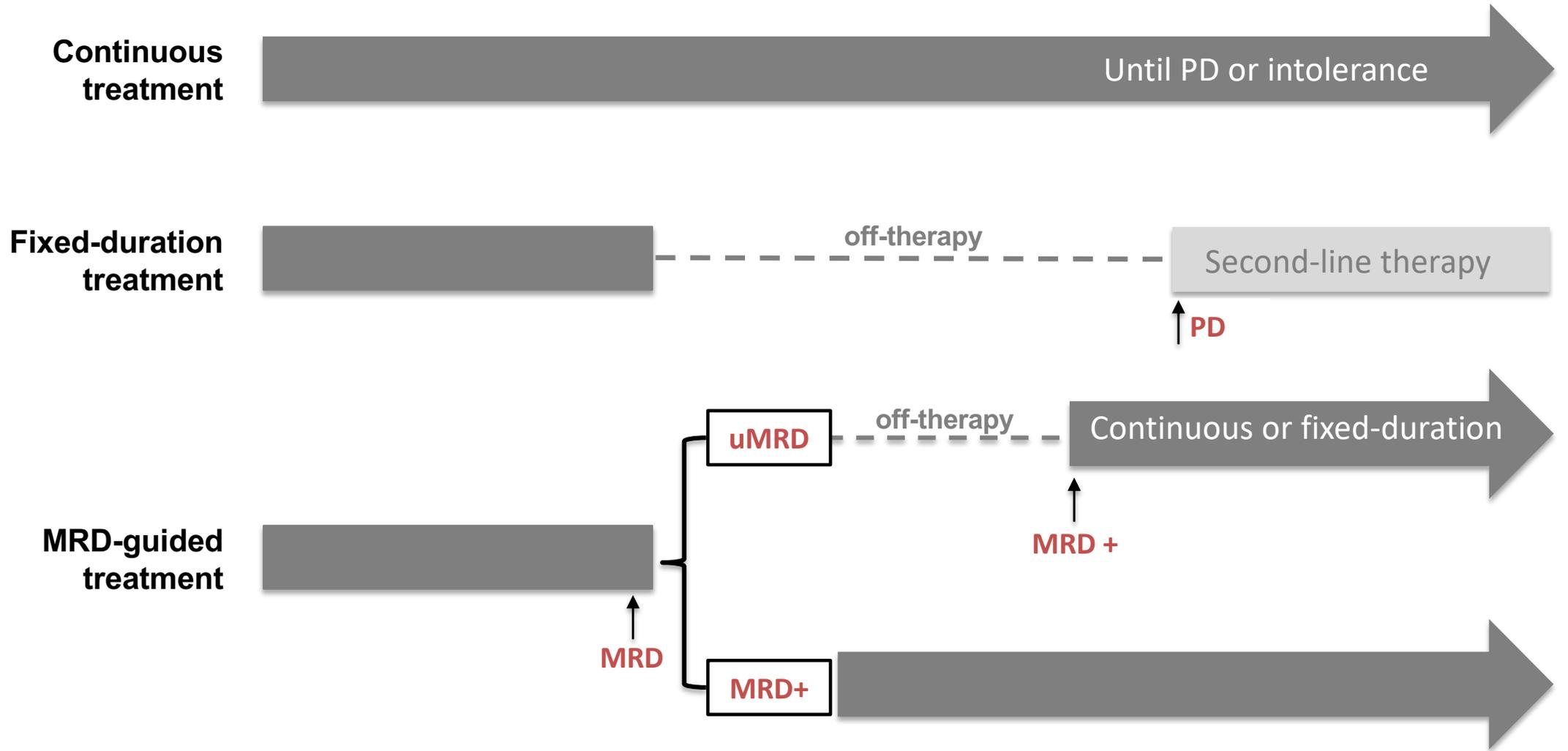
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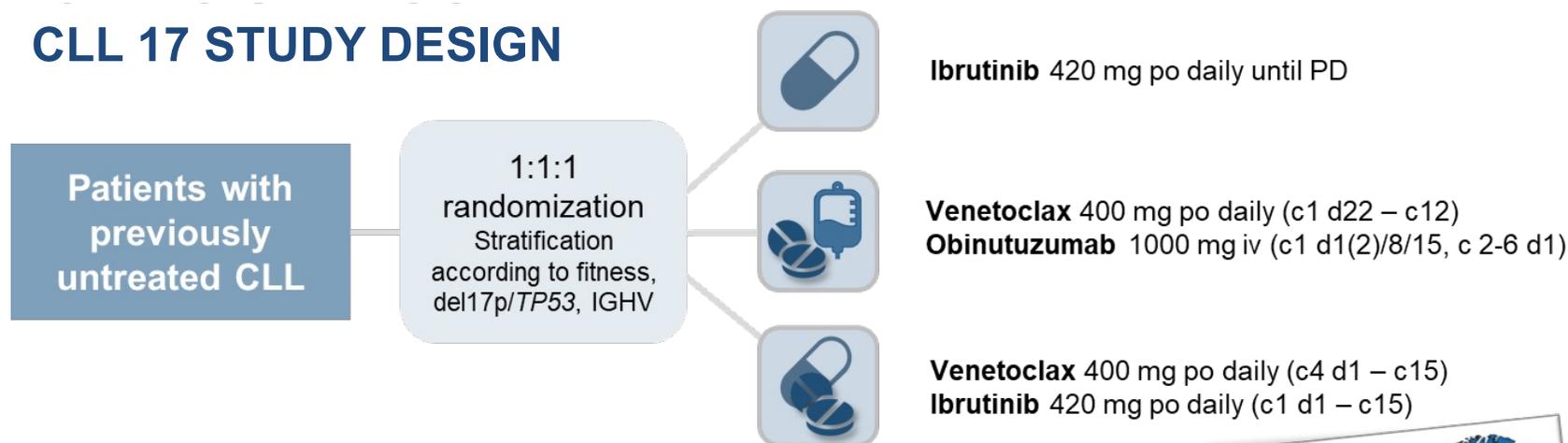
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TREATMENT PARADIGMS CURRENTLY UNDER INVESTIGATION IN TN CLL



Fixed-duration versus continuous targeted treatment for previously untreated chronic lymphocytic leukemia: Results from the randomized CLL17 trial

CLL 17 STUDY DESIGN

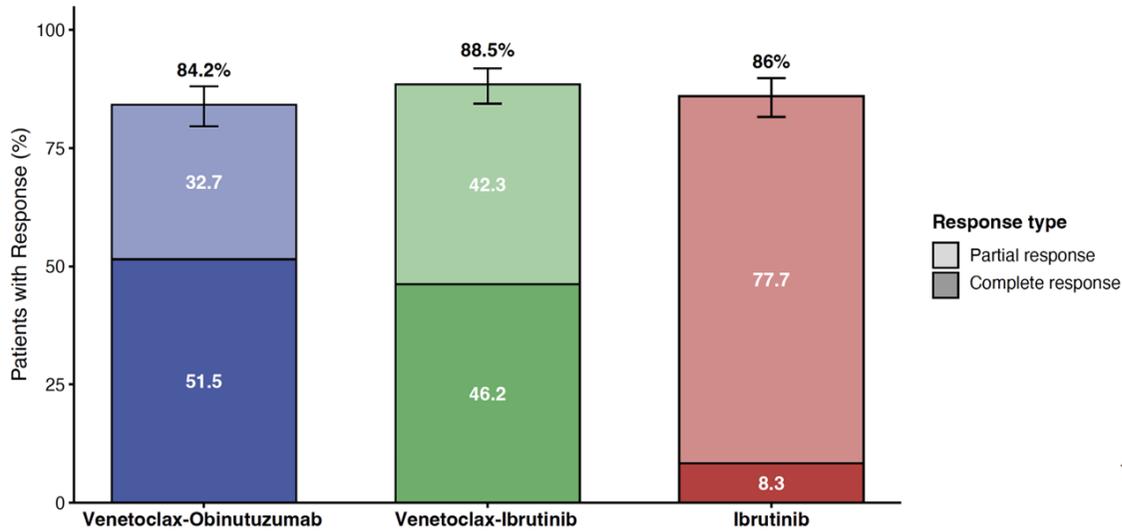


Primary objective: Testing PFS non-inferiority of **fixed-duration venetoclax-obinutuzumab (VO)** versus **continuous ibrutinib (I)** and **fixed-duration venetoclax-ibrutinib (VI)** versus **continuous I**

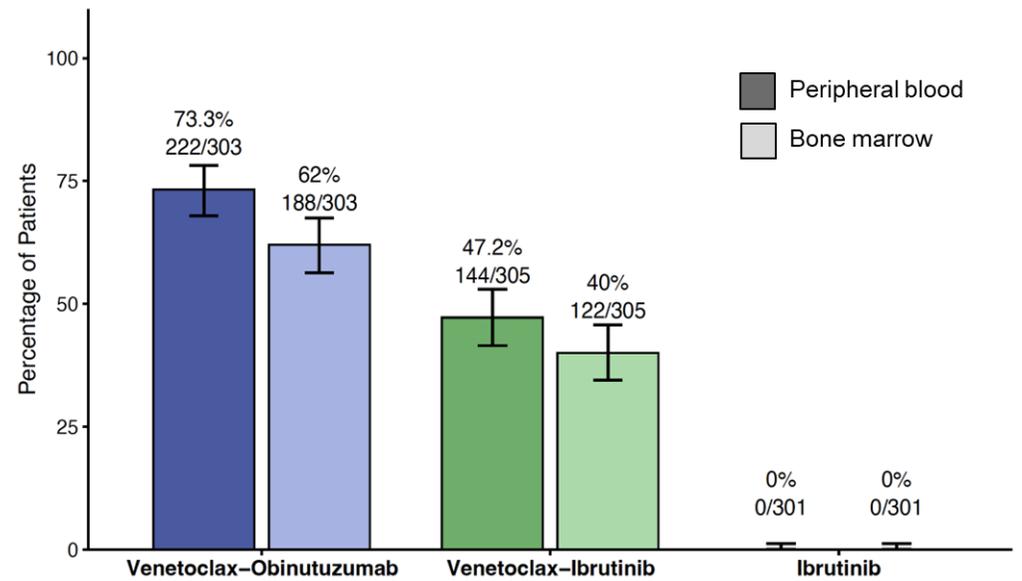


RESPONSE TO TREATMENT

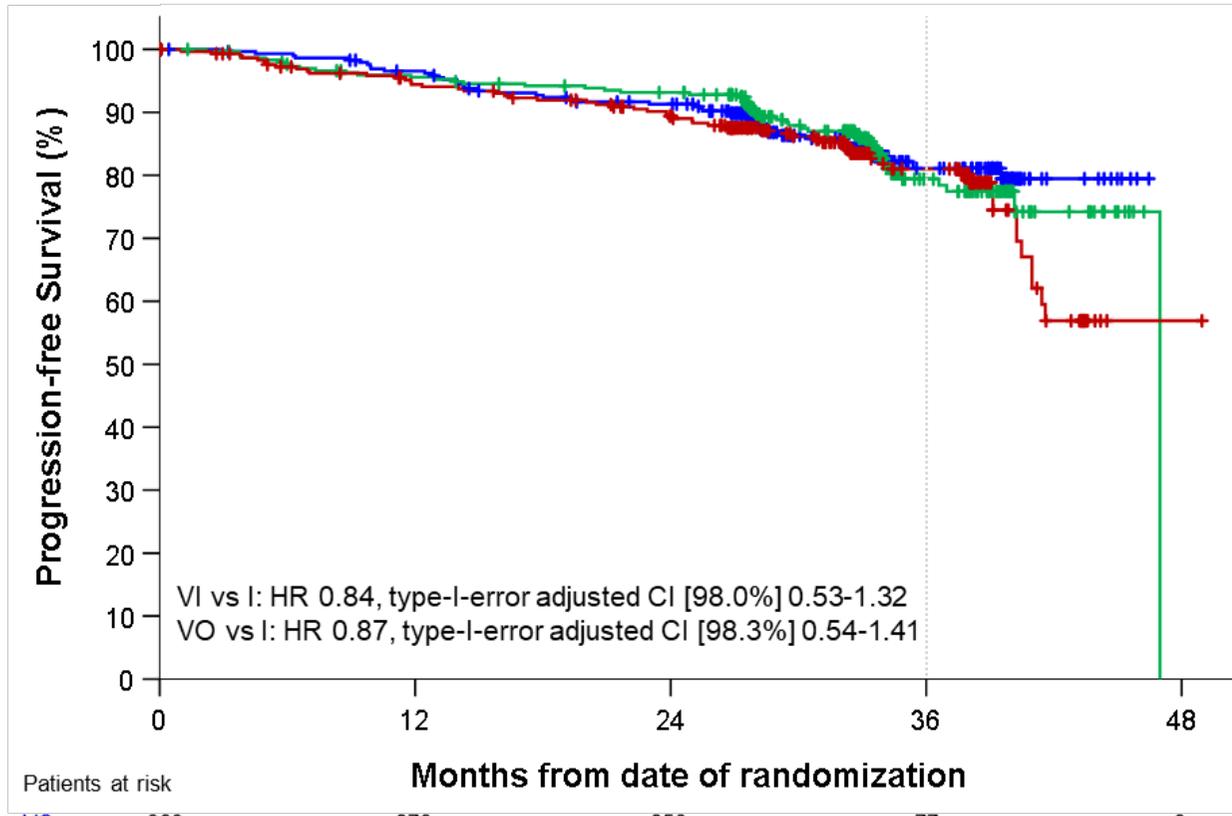
iwCLL response at final restaging (C18D1)



uMRD 10^{-4} in peripheral blood and bone marrow, by flow cytometry, at final restaging



PROGRESSION-FREE SURVIVAL



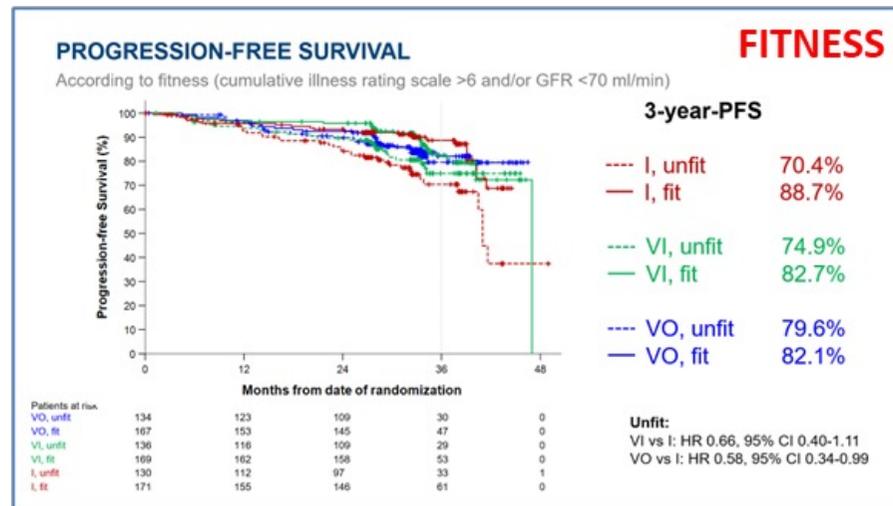
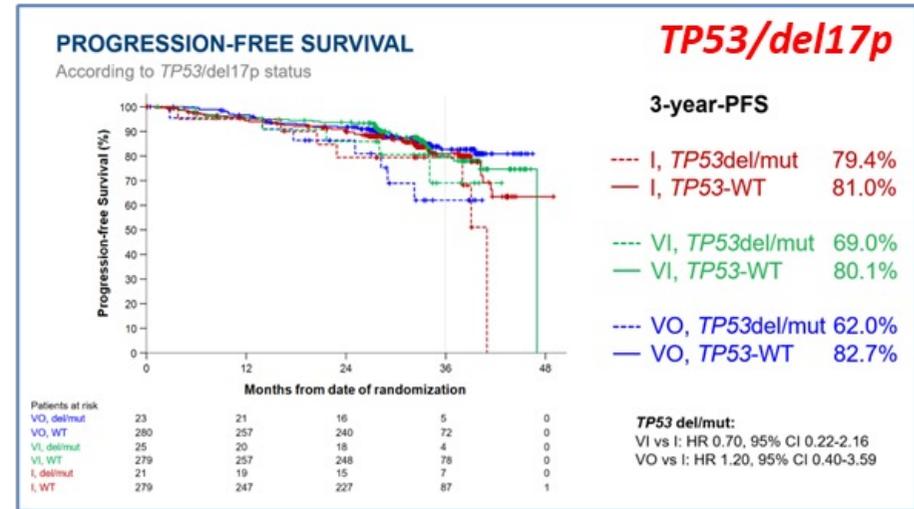
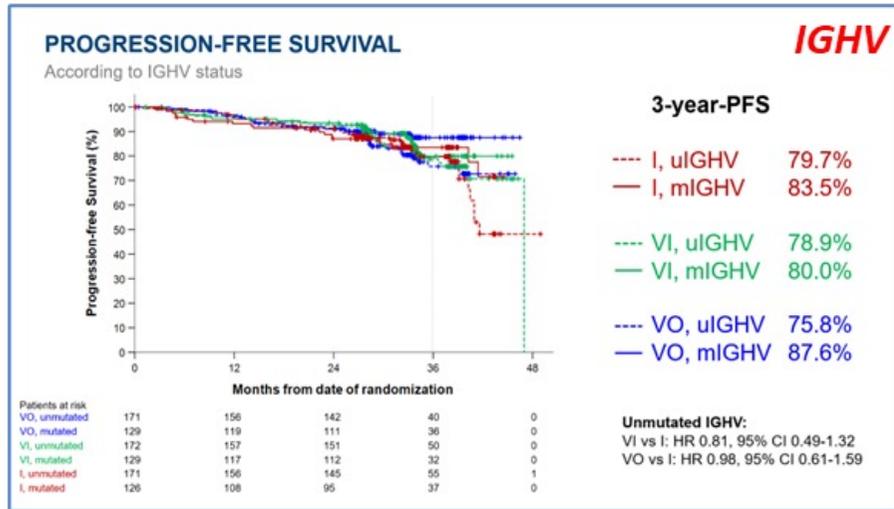
Patients at risk	0	12	24	36	48
VO	303	278	256	77	0
VI	305	278	267	82	0
I	301	267	243	94	1

3-year-PFS

I 81.0%
 VI 79.4%
 VO 81.1%

	PD	Death
I	46	11
VI	37	13
VO	25	21

PROGRESSION-FREE SURVIVAL – according to disease and patient characteristics

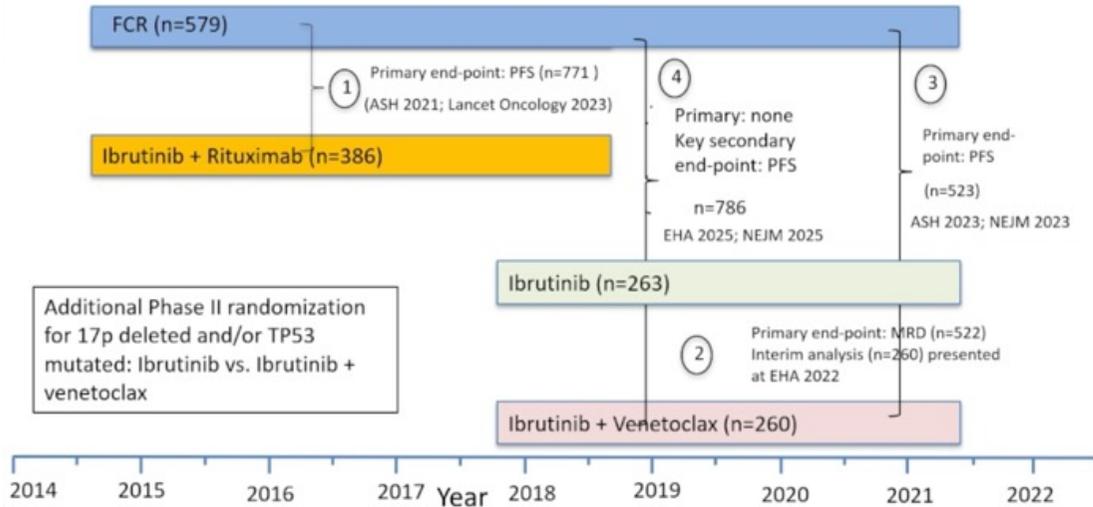


ADVERSE EVENTS

Selected adverse events of interest, all CTC grades

	VO	VI	I
Safety population – No. (%)	295	303	298
Blood and lymphatic system disorders	174 (59.0)	130 (42.9)	85 (28.5)
Febrile neutropenia	14 (4.7)	7 (2.3)	0 (0)
Neutropenia	155 (52.5)	110 (36.3)	49 (16.4)
Cardiac disorders	41 (13.9)	72 (23.8)	103 (34.6)
Atrial fibrillation	11 (3.7)	38 (12.5)	50 (16.8)
Gastrointestinal disorders	176 (59.7)	225 (74.3)	189 (63.4)
Diarrhea	80 (27.1)	143 (47.2)	104 (34.9)
Infections and infestations	225 (76.3)	243 (80.2)	238 (79.9)
COVID-19	113 (38.3)	128 (42.2)	117 (39.3)
Pneumonia	41 (13.9)	28 (9.2)	40 (13.4)
Grade 3-5 Infections	VO	VI	I
	295	303	298
Infections and infestations	103 (34.9)	76 (25.1)	74 (24.8)
COVID-19	47 (15.9)	26 (8.6)	20 (6.7)
Pneumonia	29 (9.8)	22 (7.3)	22 (7.4)

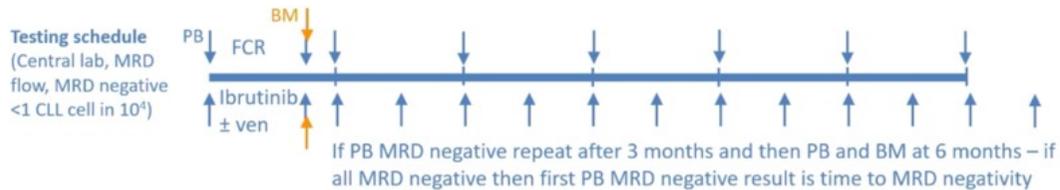
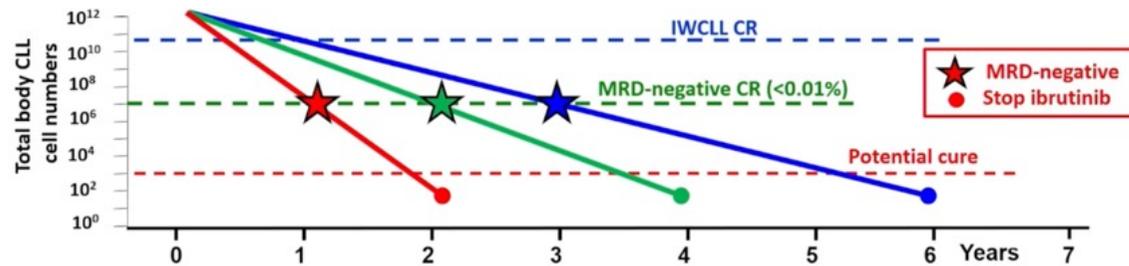
Selected Oral Presentations from the FLAIR Trial



ABS ID 679 - Efficacy of MRD-guided I+V in standard-risk (IGHV UM) and poor-risk (e.g.TP53dis) CLL (*Dalal S. oral presentation*)

ABS ID 794 - Half-way uMRD4 as a parameter of delayed MRD relapse in IGHV M and UM (*Hillmen P. oral presentation*)

ABS ID 796 - Acquired BTK mutations in ibrutinib containing arms (*Evans C. oral presentation*)



Defining treatment duration:

- 2 to 6 yrs I or I+V
- double time after MRD negative
- restart I+V if becomes MRD+ prior to 6 yrs

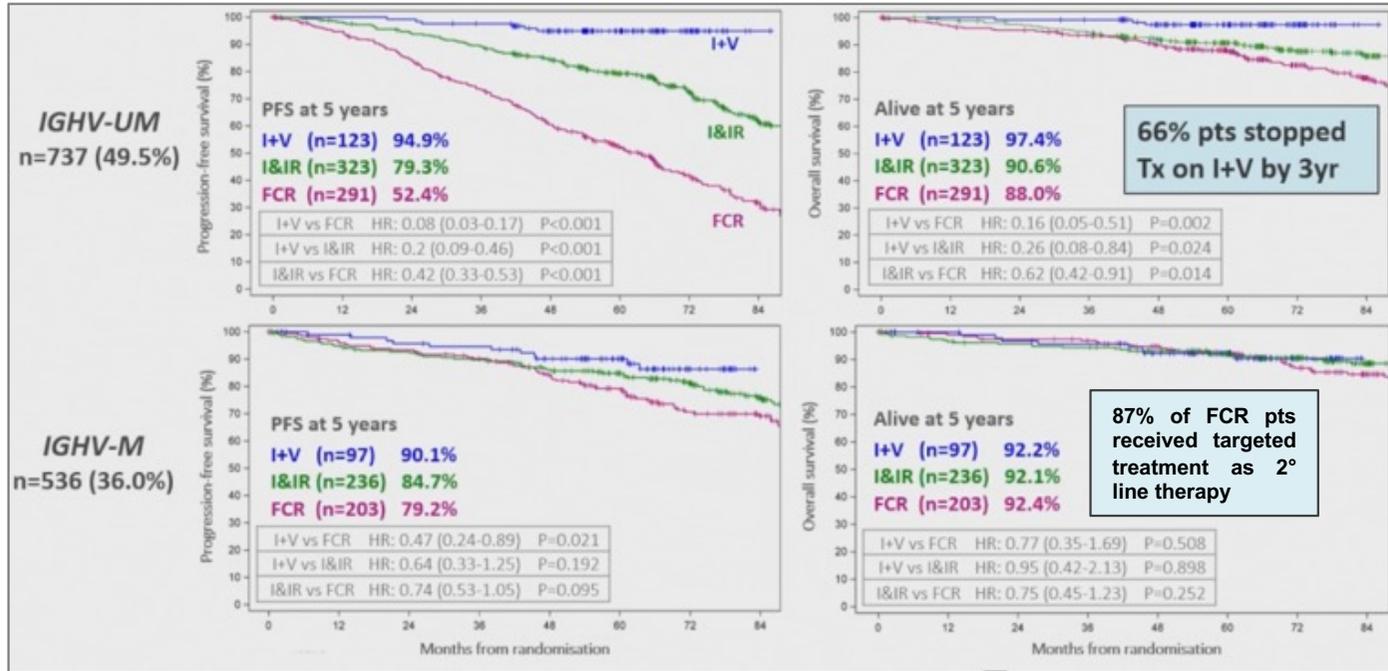
Dalal S et al., Abstract N. 679, oral presentation, ASH 2025
 Rawstron A et al., Abstract N. 794, oral presentation, ASH 2025
 Evans C et al., Abstract N. 796, oral presentation, ASH 2025

Selected Oral Presentations from the FLAIR Trial

1. MRD-guided I+V is effective in intermediate- and poor-risk CLL

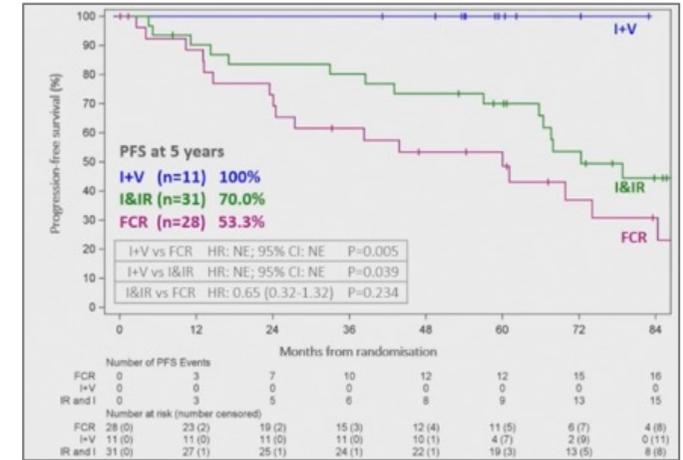
PFS

OS



PFS

TP53^{mut}



TP53^{mut} n=70 (4.7%) [n=11 in I+V arm]

- ❑ MRD-guided I+V is highly effective in overcoming the adverse prognostic effect associated with IGHV-UM status
- ❑ Similar efficacy also in subset #2 and ATM aberrations (Del11q and ATM^{mut})
- ❑ 100% 5-year PFS in 11 patients with TP53 mutations treated with I+V

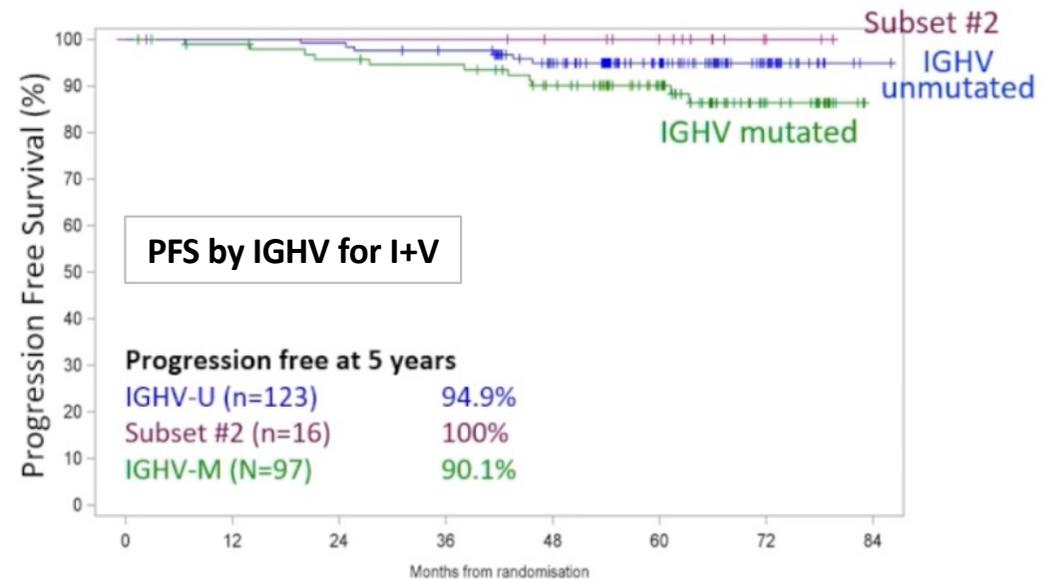
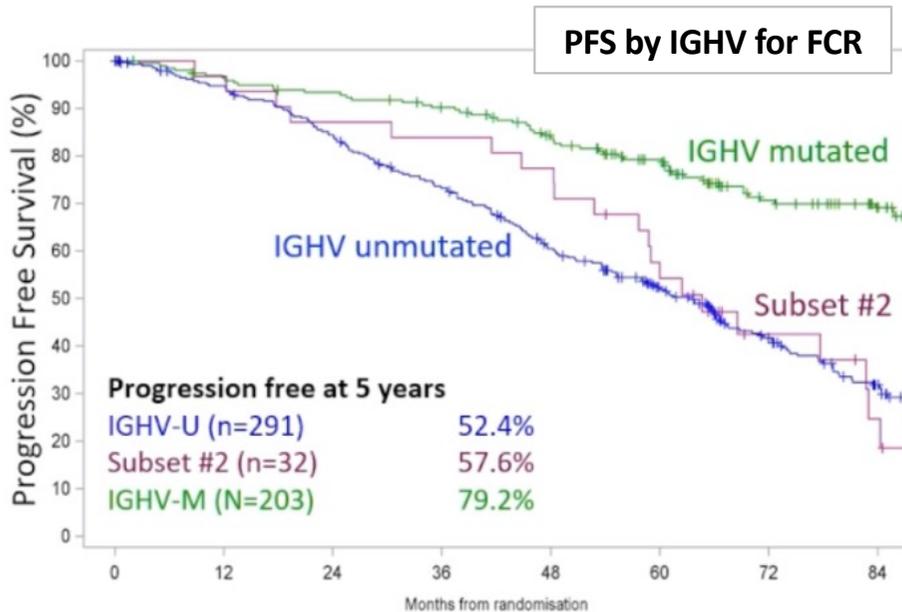
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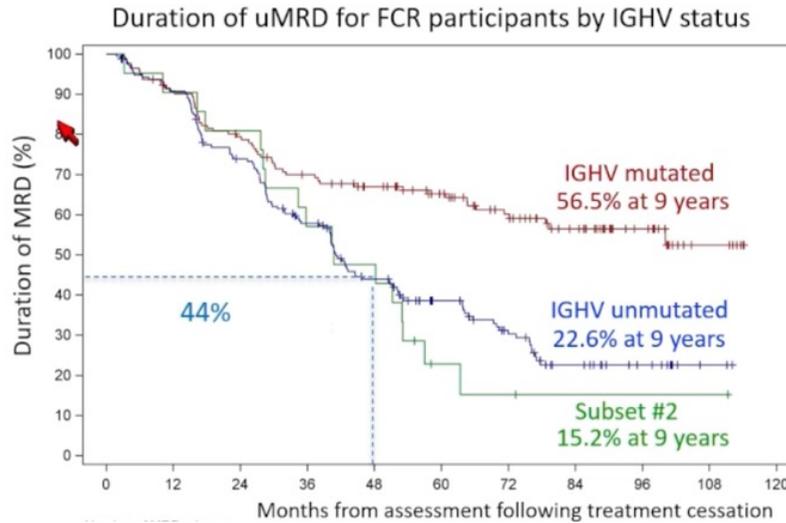
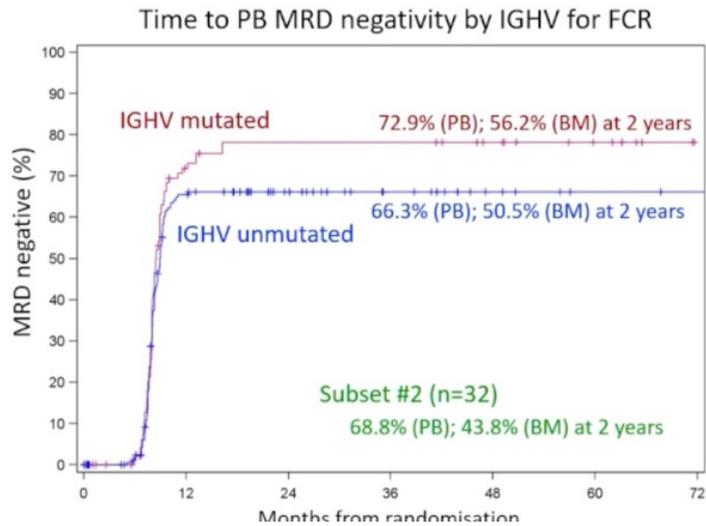
2. MRD data in follow up for FCR and I+V (i.e. arms in which uMRD was achieved)

Eight-color flow cytometry on PB (two consecutive samples collected three months apart) and confirmed on BM uMRD4 (<1 CLL cell in 10⁴ leucocytes) is stopping threshold

Ibrutinib + Venetoclax

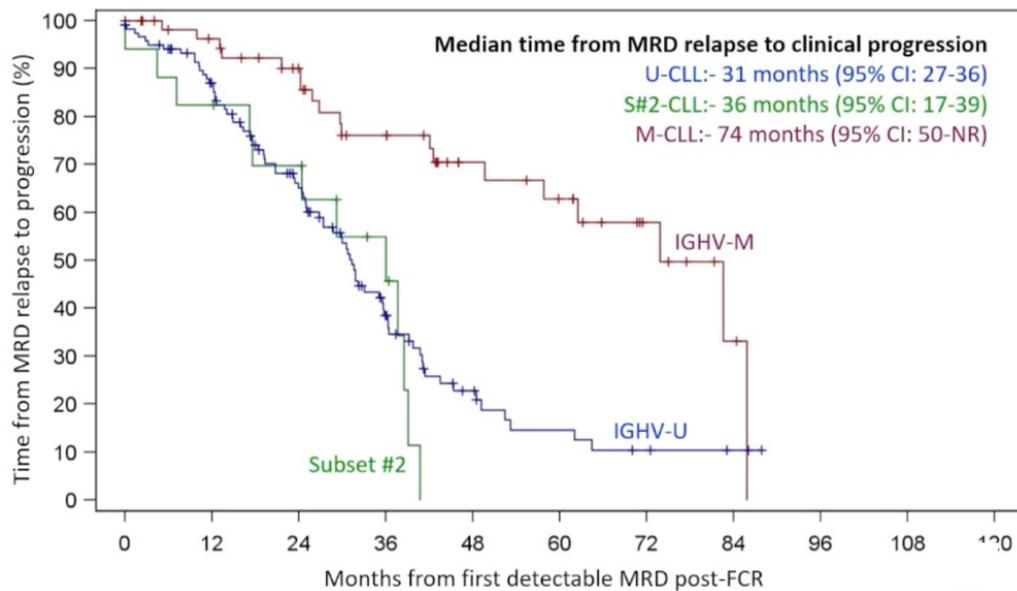
- MRD assessed in PB every 6 months throughout stopping I+V double the time taken to achieve MRD4
- In follow-up MRD becomes detectable (MRD4) then patient will restart I+V at that point (before progression) and complete 6 yrs of therapy





FCR MRD response

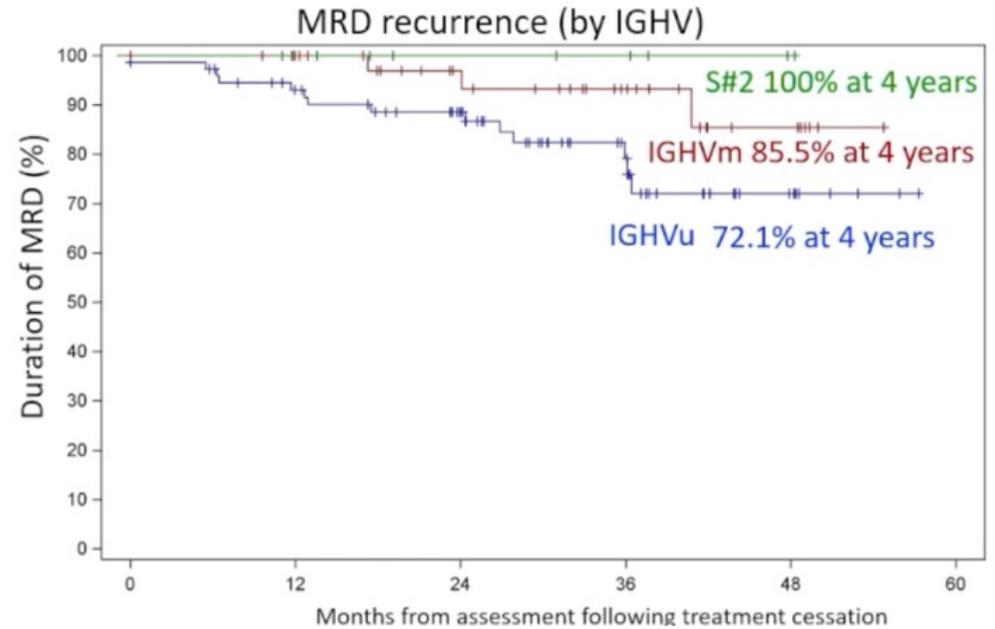
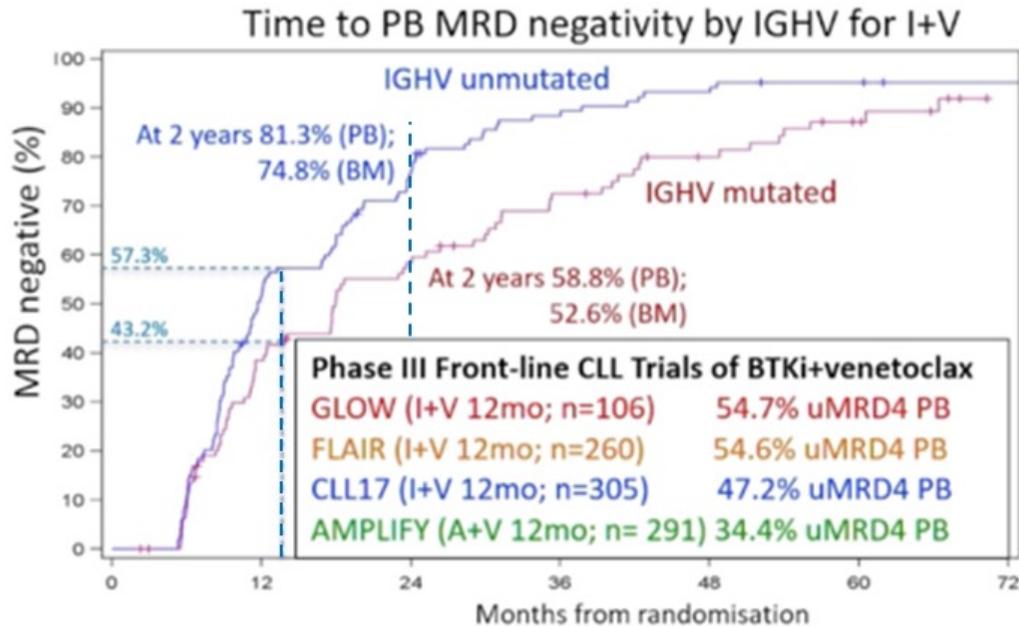
- A higher proportion of IGHV-M patients achieve uMRD at 2 yrs
- A higher proportion of IGHV-M patients maintain a persistent uMRD



Time from MRD recurrence to PD in FCR group

- ❑ IGHV-M → average of 6 yrs from MRD recurrence to PD
- ❑ IGHV-UM → average of 3 yrs from MRD recurrence to PD

MRD response and uMRD duration for I+V participants by IGHV status



I+V MRD response

A higher proportion of **IGHV-UM** patients achieve uMRD at 2 yrs

Duration of uMRD for I+V (by IGHV status)

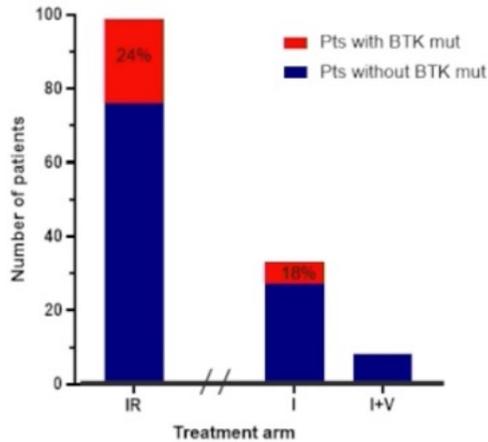
A higher proportion of **IGHV-M** patients maintain a persistent uMRD

- In I+V group, 19/143 patients experience MRD relapse
- Patients respond to re-introduction of I+V after MRD recurrence

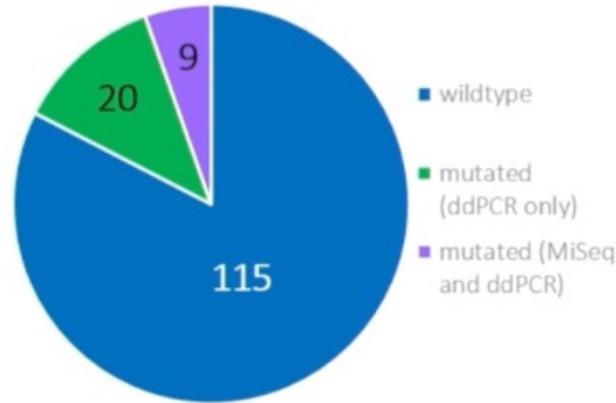
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3. Acquired BTK mutations in ibrutinib-containing arms

BTK mutation in patients with PD



Detection of BTK^{mut} via Miseq and ddPCR



- Total number of disease progression samples investigated for BTK mutation:- 136
- 9 relapsing patients found to have BTK muts using Miseq.
- ddPCR detected BTK mutations in a further 20 patients.
- ddPCR can detect mutations <0.01%

Arm	Number Enrolled	Number Progressed	Median Time on treatment (years)	Available Samples
IR	386	114	5.9	96
I	263	37	4.8	33
I+V	260	7	2.1	7

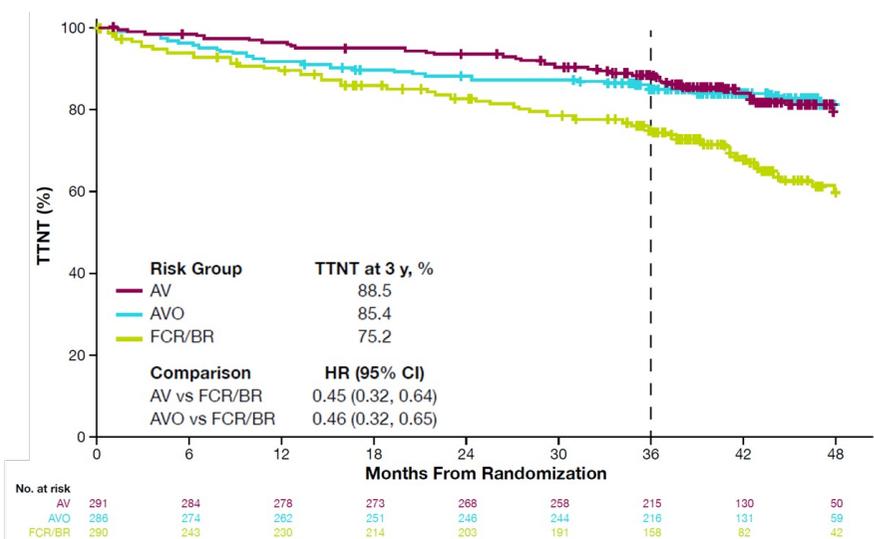
- 23/96 (24%) IR patients had 1 or more BTK mutation
- 6/33 (18%) I patients had 1 or more BTK mutation
- No I+V patient had a BTK mutation, 1 did have a BCL2 G101V

- The majority of pts had more than 1 BTK^{mut}
- No BTK^{mut} was found at baseline
- Most BTK^{mut} pts were IGHV UM

Impact of prognostic mutations on outcome with Fixed-Duration Acalabrutinib-Venetoclax Combinations Versus CIT – AMPLIFY TRIAL

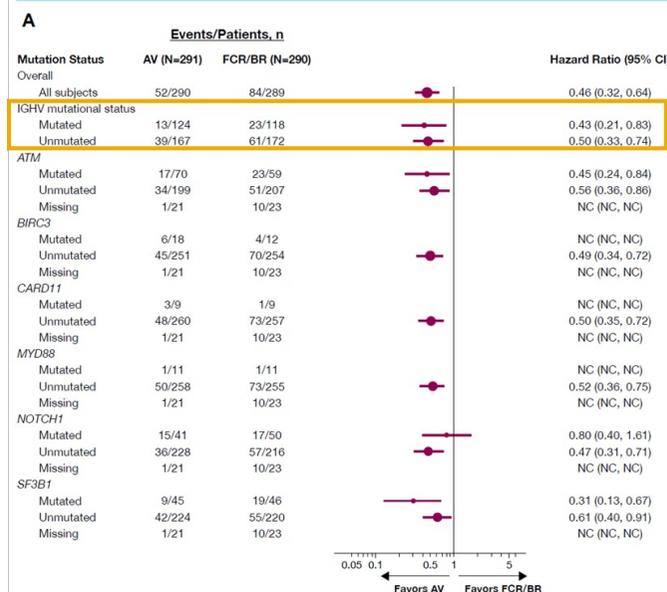
- In the ITT population, the 36-month **PFS rate was 76.5% (AV), 83.1% (AVO), and 66.5% (FCR/BR)**
- In patients with uIGHV, PFS was improved with AV and AVO vs FCR/BR

TTNT by Treatment Arm

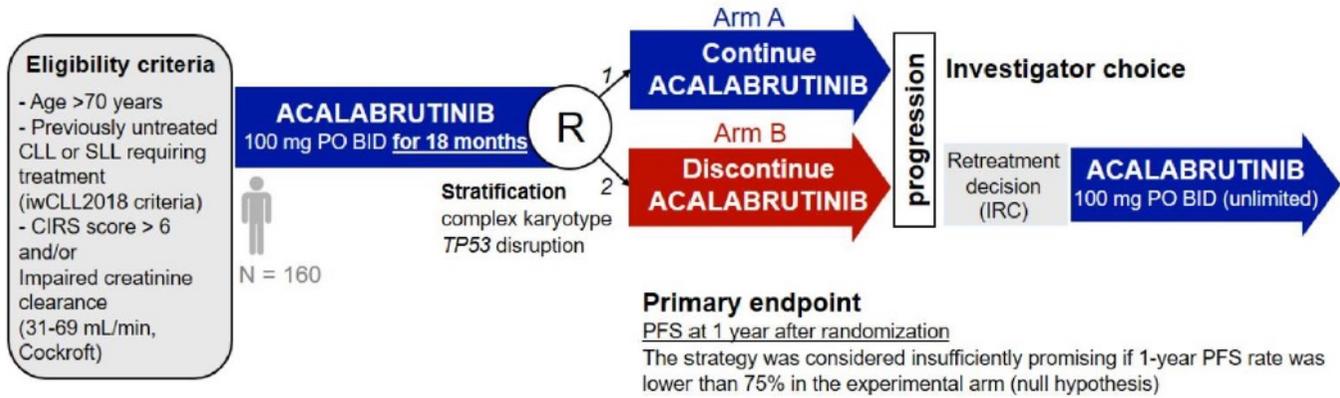


- In the ITT population, the 36-month **TTNT rate was 88.5% (AV), 85.4% (AVO), and 75.2% (FCR/BR)**
- Forest plots showed a consistent **TTNT benefit with AV and AVO vs FCR/BR in IGHV-M and UM pts**, and in pts with or without ATM, SF3B1 and NOTCH1 mutations.

Figure 6. Forest Plots of TTNT Comparison for AV (A) and AVO (B) vs FCR/BR Based on Key Genetic Mutations



Time-Limited Acalabrutinib Monotherapy in Frail Patients with Previously Untreated CLL: Primary endpoint analysis of the randomized STAIR trial



Median age 77 yrs
CIRS score >6 in ≈60% of pts
CrCl <70 in 78% of pts

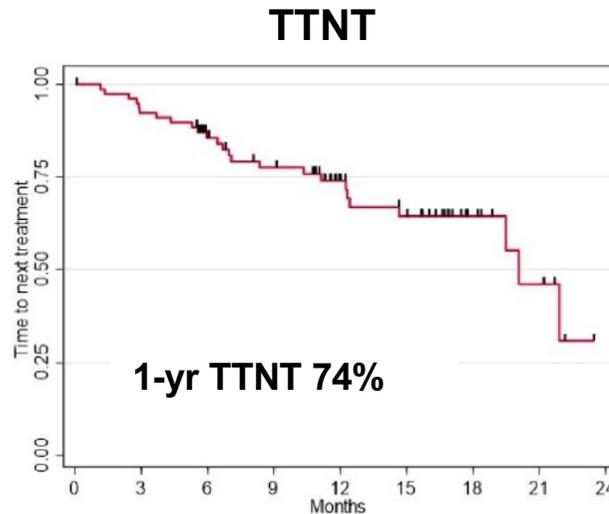
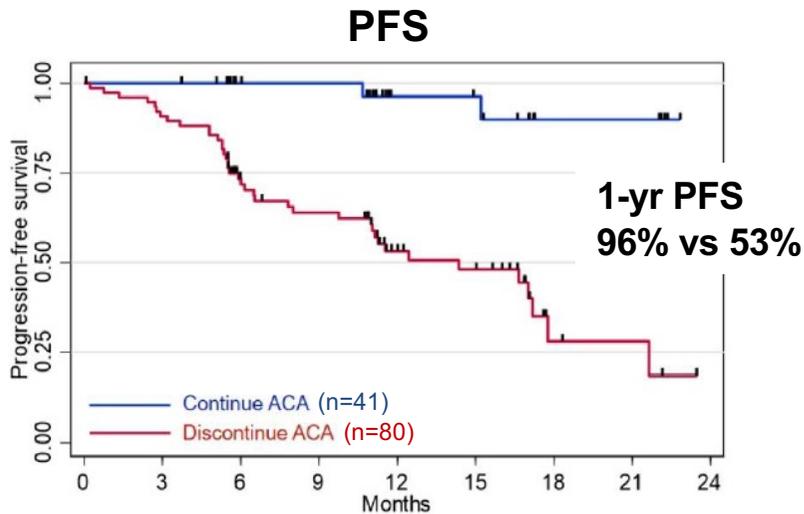
Among pts who discontinued Acala → 1-year PFS 90% in IGHV-M and 34% in IGHV-UM

Response to retreatment (n=25)
→24 restarted Acala per protocol, ORR 87.5% (21/24)

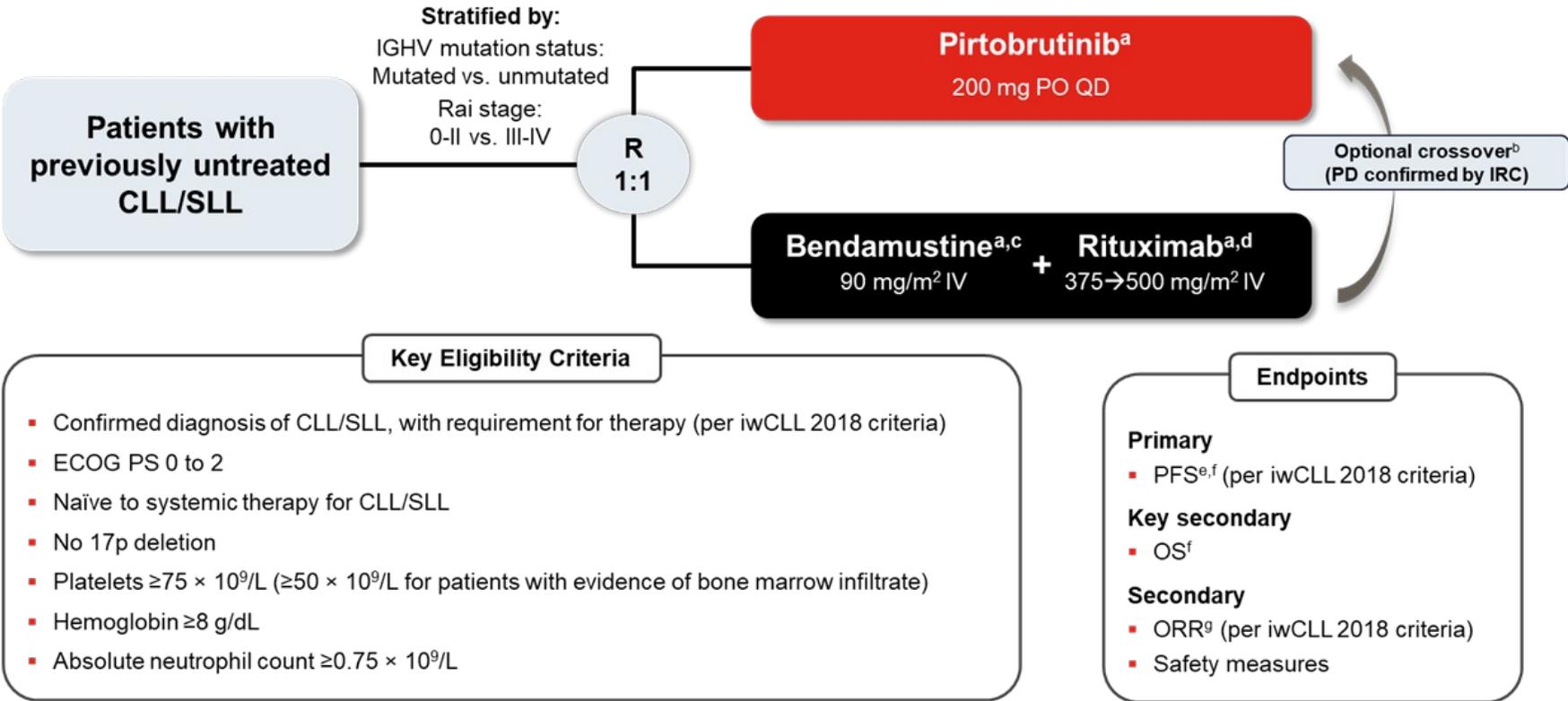
AEs (in the whole cohort)

AF 6.9%, Hypertension 2.5%, Bleeding 1.9%

Lower burden of AEs in the group who discontinued Acala



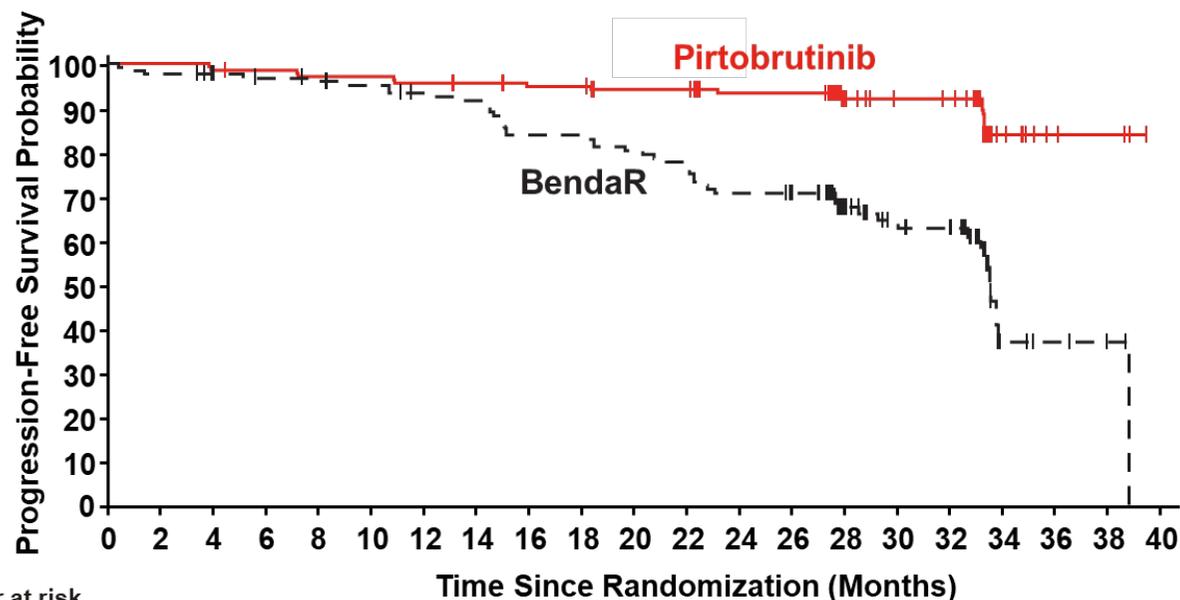
Pirtobrutinib vs BendaR in TN CLL: First Results from BRUIN CLL-313



^aTreatment was given in 28-day cycles. ^bPatients who were randomly assigned to BendaR could crossover to pirtobrutinib treatment after IRC-confirmed progressive disease according to iwCLL 2018 criteria. ^cAdministered on Days 1 and 2 of each 28-day cycle, cycles 1 through 6. ^dAdministered at 375 mg/m² for the first cycle and then at 500 mg/m² on Day 1 of each 28-day cycle, cycles 2 through 6. ^eThe primary endpoint of PFS was assessed by a blinded IRC. ^fA sequential gate-keeping strategy was used to control the overall 2-sided type I error rate at 0.05 when testing primary and key secondary endpoints. ^gORR is defined as the proportion of patients who achieve a best overall response of CR, CRi, nPR, or PR at or before the initiation of subsequent anti-cancer therapy.

Abbreviations: BendaR, bendamustine plus rituximab; CLL, chronic lymphocytic leukemia; CR, complete response; CRi, CR with incomplete bone marrow recovery; ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; IGHV, immunoglobulin heavy-chain variable region; IRC, independent review committee; IV, intravenous; iwCLL, International Workshop on Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia; nPR, nodular partial response; ORR, overall response rate; OS, overall survival; PD, progressive disease; PFS, progression-free survival; PO, by mouth; PR, partial response; QD, once daily; R, randomized; SLL, small lymphocytic lymphoma.

Primary Endpoint: Progression-Free Survival



	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	

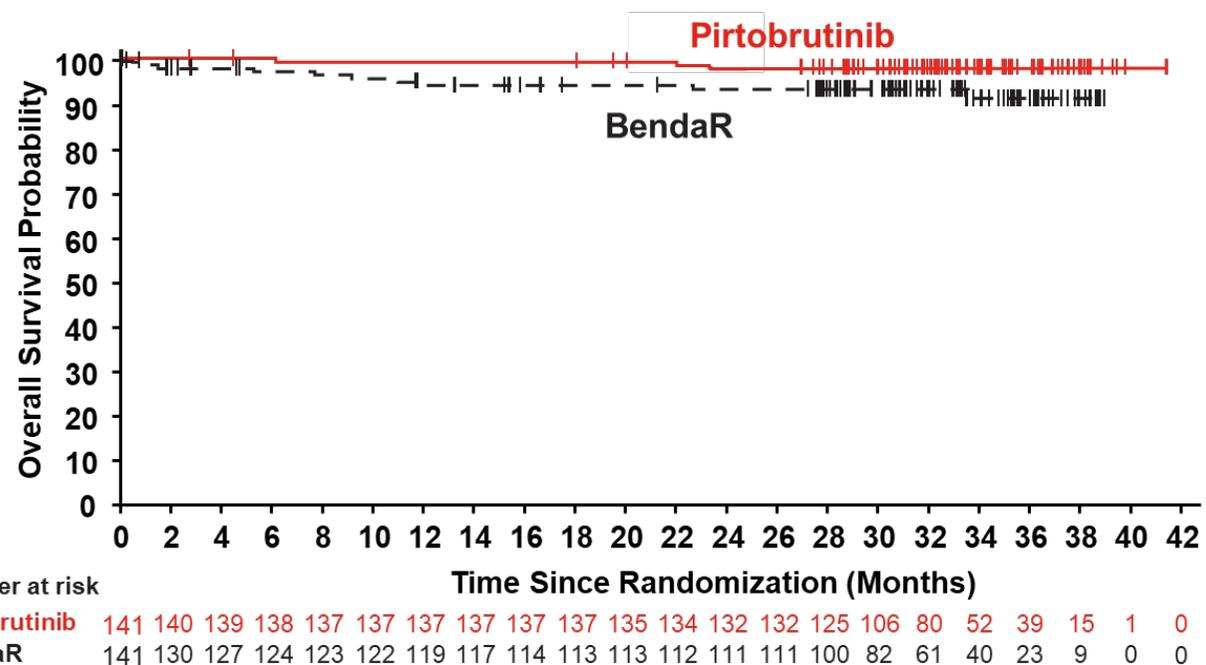
The PFS results presented are IRC assessed

ORR with pirtobrutinib was >90% and higher than with BendaR (81.5%)

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

PFS favored Pirtobrutinib across all prespecified subgroups, included IGHV UM

Overall Survival



	Pirtobrutinib n=141	BendaR n=141
Number of events, n (%)	3 (2.1)	10 (7.1)
24-month OS rate, (95% CI)	97.8 (93.3, 99.3)	93.0 (87.0, 96.3)
Median follow-up, months	32.7	31.7
Hazard ratio (95% CI)	0.26 (0.07, 0.93)	
p-value	0.0261 ^a	

Effective crossover rate^b:
52.9% (18/34)

OS data were immature, but trended in favor of pirtobrutinib, despite a high effective crossover rate

^aStratified log-rank 2-sided p-value; the 2-sided alpha level was 0.000001 at this interim OS analysis. ^bUses the number of patients with investigator-assessed PD as the denominator; eligible patients receiving BendaR could crossover to receive pirtobrutinib monotherapy upon confirmation of PD by IRC per protocol.

Abbreviations: BendaR, bendamustine plus rituximab; CI, confidence interval; IRC, independent review committee; OS, overall survival; PD, progressive disease.

Adverse Events of 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)

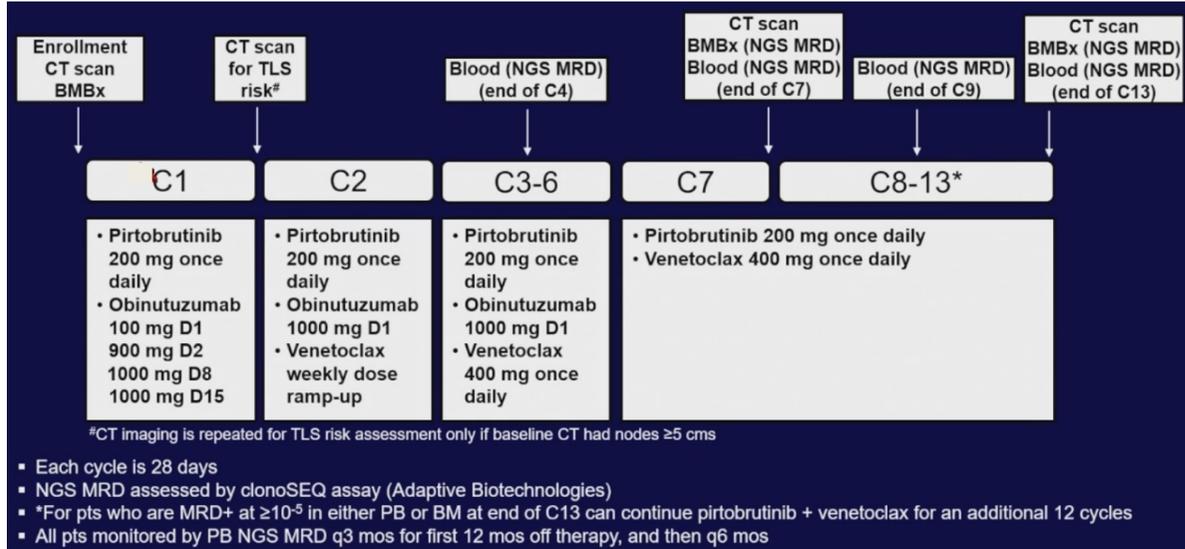
Incidence of atrial fibrillation/flutter remains low in older patients aged ≥75 years (5.0% with pirtobrutinib and 4.3% with BR)

^aAggregate of all preferred terms indicating infection and including COVID-19. ^bAggregate of all preferred terms indicating bleeding. ^cIncludes neutropenia, neutrophil count decreased, and febrile neutropenia. ^dIncludes anemia and iron deficiency anemia. ^eIncludes thrombocytopenia and platelet count decreased. ^fPirtobrutinib, n=20; BendaR, n=23. ^gEAIR per 100 person-years is based on the first occurrence of an event and is calculated as the number of events divided by the sum of years at risk for a TEAE across all patients times 100. ^hEAIR ratio and 95% CI were estimated using Poisson regression and based on the EAIR with pirtobrutinib relative to the EAIR with BendaR.

Abbreviations: BendaR, bendamustine plus rituximab; CI, confidence interval; COVID-19, coronavirus disease of 2019; EAIR, exposure-adjusted incidence rate; NE, not estimable.

Jurczak et al., oral presentation, Late Breaking Abstract, ASH 2025

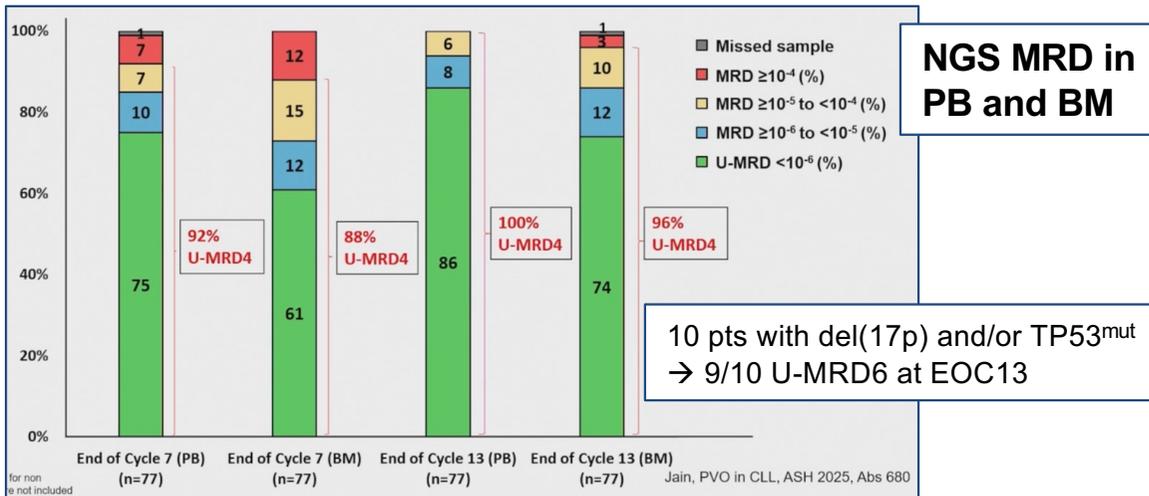
Time Limited Pirtobrutinib, Venetoclax and Obinutuzumab combination in TN CLL



80 pts enrolled
Median follow up 21.6 mo

Safety analysis

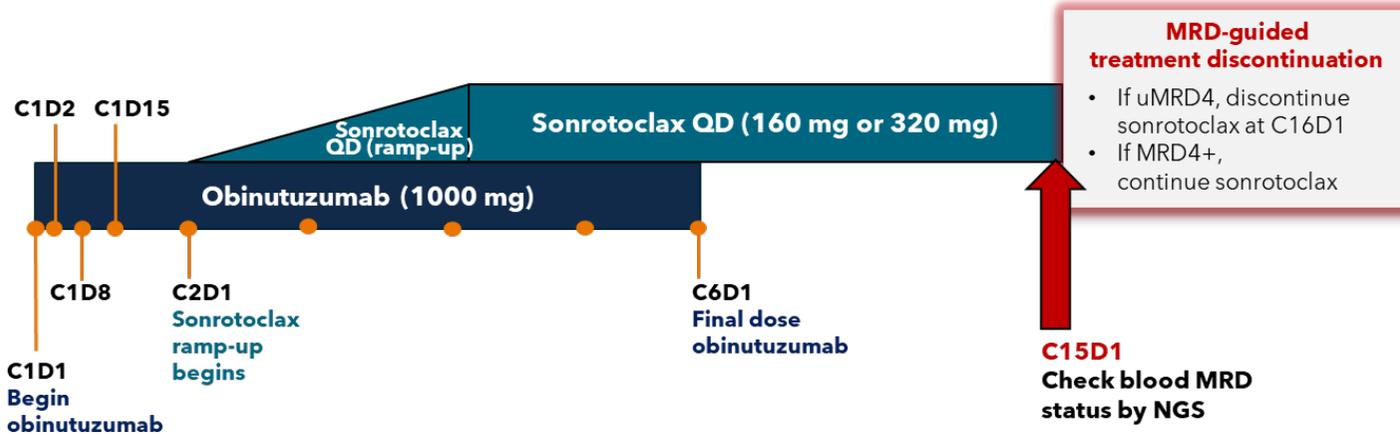
67% of pts had $\geq G3$ neutropenia or thrombocytopenia
5% of pts had neutropenic fever
2 pts (2%) developed AF



Patient disposition

- No pt had PD, 1 pt died
- 66/77 pts completed all therapy
- No pt had MRD recurrence at a median follow up of 10.4 months after completing treatment
- 11/77 pts were eligible for additional 12 cycles of PV due to $\geq MRD5$ at EOC13

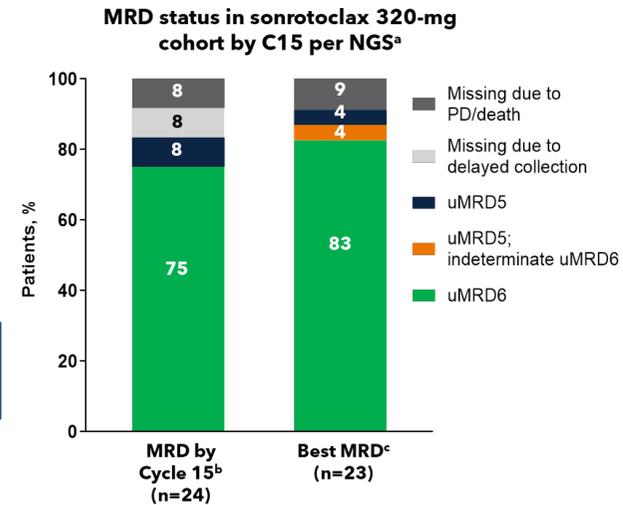
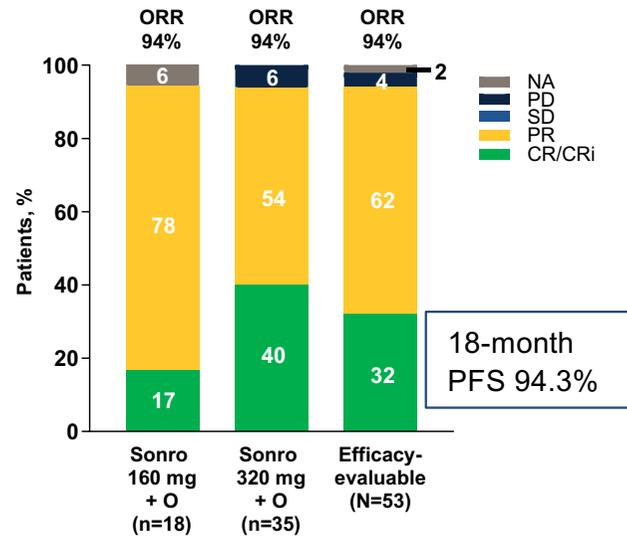
MRD-guided therapy of sonrotoclax + obinutuzumab in patients with TN CLL: Initial results from an ongoing phase 1/1b study, BGB-11417-101



Overall, 55 pts enrolled
 Median age 62 yrs
 Median follow up 12.3 mo

- No treatment discontinuations attributable to sonrotoclax
- No deaths due to adverse events

- Most frequent TEAEs were Thrombocytopenia, neutropenia and IRR
- Grade 3+ neutropenia did not translate to serious or life-threatening infections



All analyzed patients who reached C15 (n=21) achieved at least uMRD5

All patients in remission with a median time off treatment of 7.2 months



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