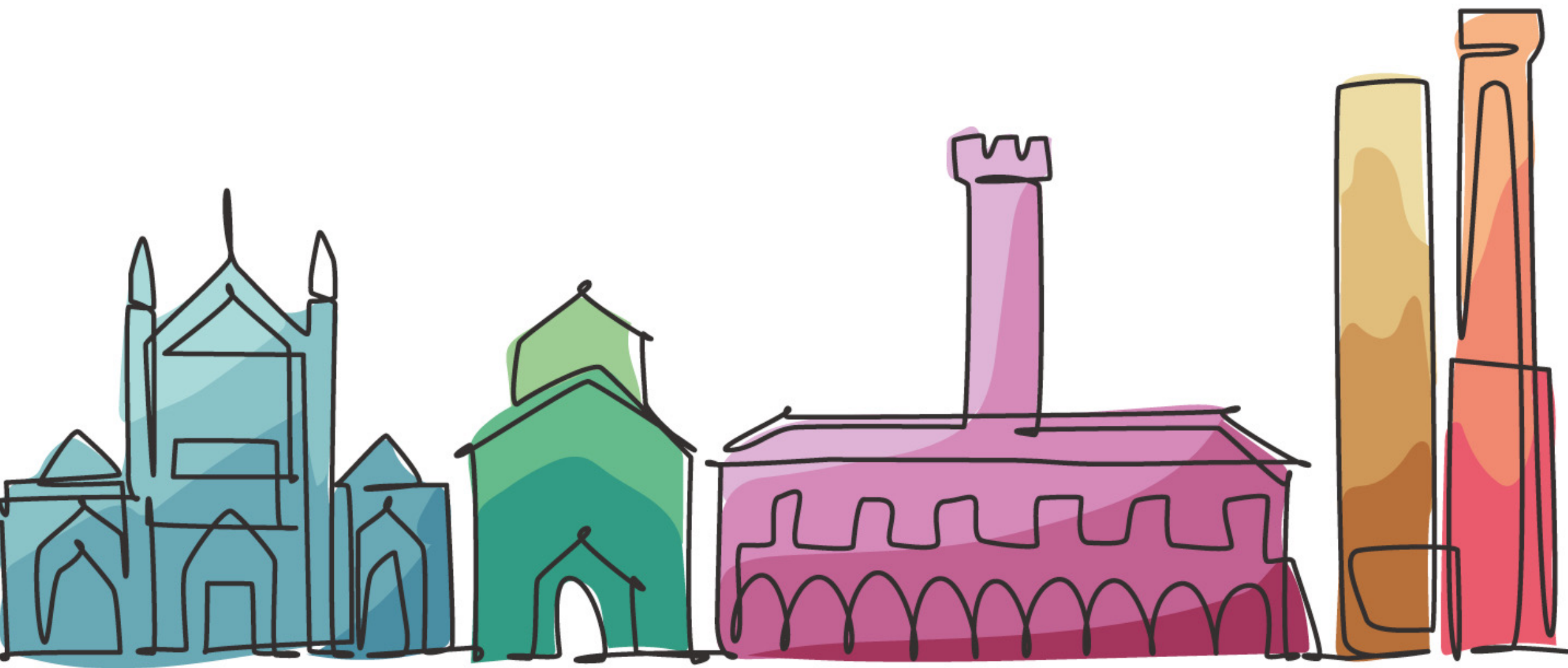


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Un confronto sulla gestione delle malattie linfoproliferative al Sant'Orsola di Bologna

Bologna, NH DE LA GARE, 18 settembre 2025

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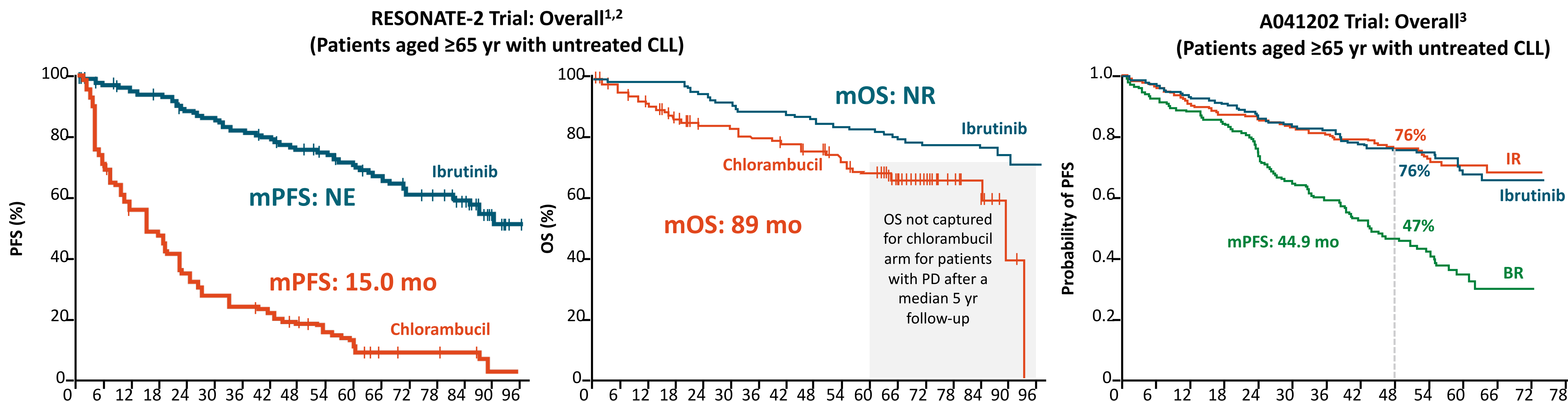
CLL frontline treatment

INDEFINITE THERAPY WITH BTKi



First-Generation cBTKi: Earlier Role as 1L Therapy for CLL

- Outcomes with ibrutinib alone or in combination with rituximab in CLL
 - Superior to chlorambucil in patients ≥ 65 yr in PFS and OS (RESONATE-2)
 - Superior to BR in patients ≥ 65 yr in PFS
 - Associated with a-fib, bleeding, bruising, hypertension, myalgias, arthralgias, and diarrhea
 - Treatment was discontinued in 41% of patients in the RESONATE-2 trial, mostly due to AEs

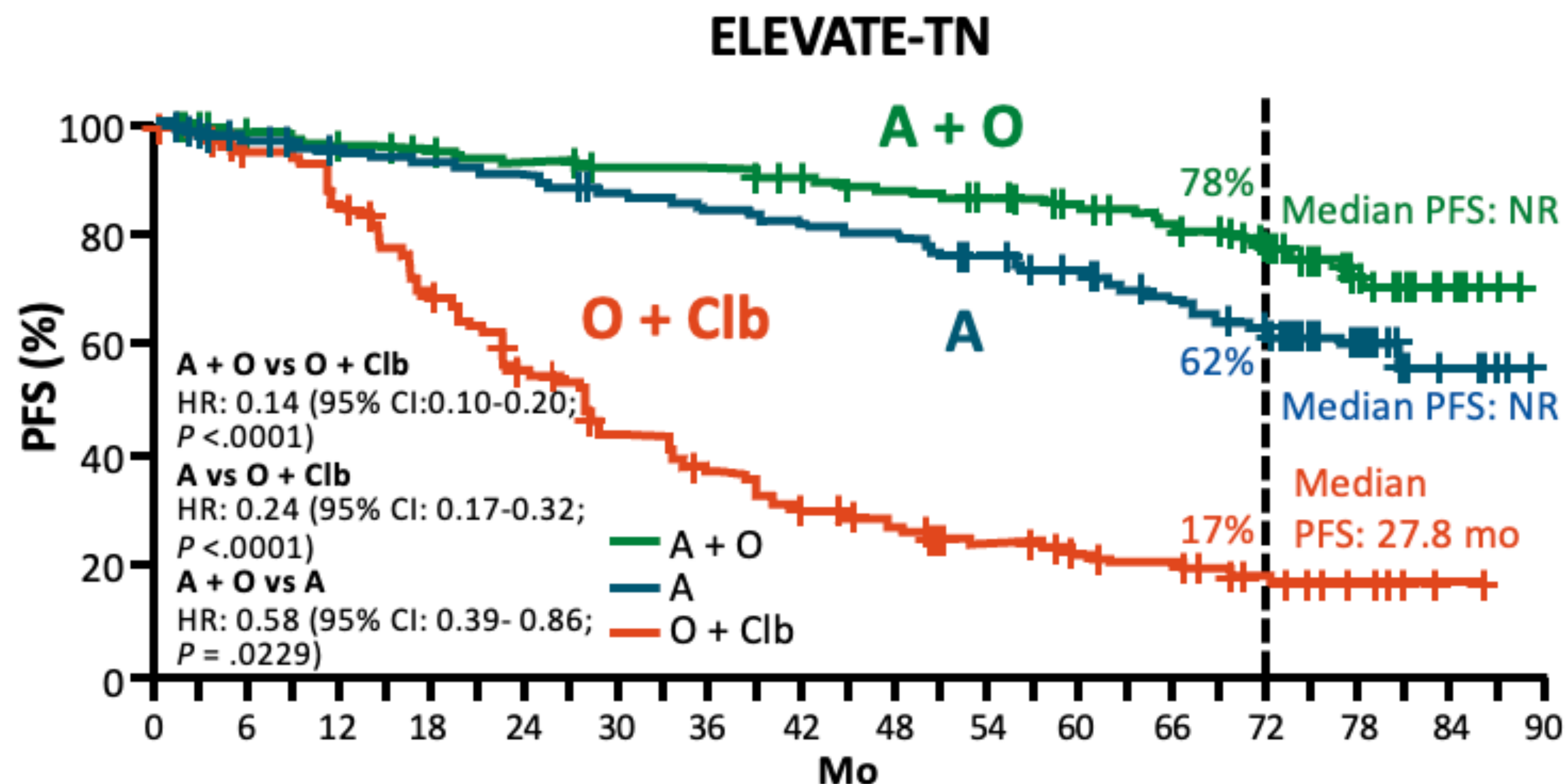


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Next-Generation cBTKi Acalabrutinib: Fewer AEs and Superior to CIT

- Acalabrutinib ± obinutuzumab is superior to CIT in PFS
- Lower rates of atrial fibrillation, hypertension, serious bleeding
- Discontinuation due to AEs was approximately 10%

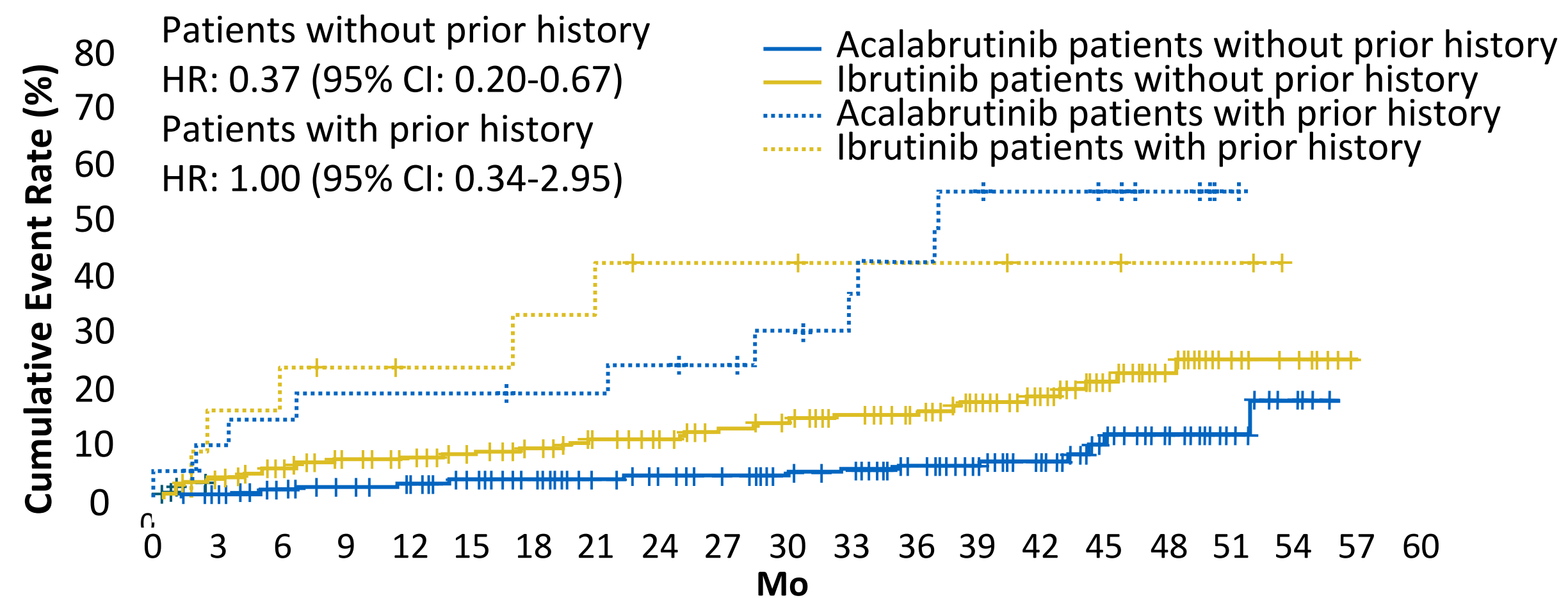


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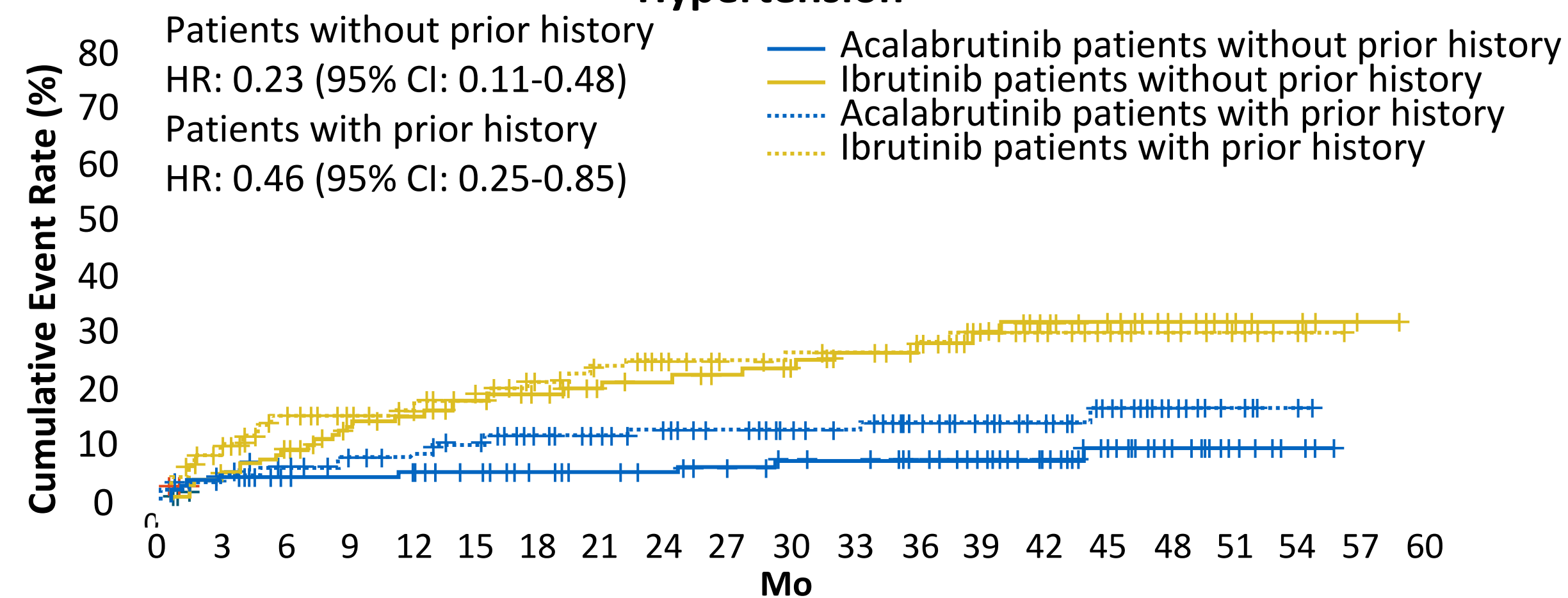


ELEVATE-RR: Cumulative Incidence of Any-Grade AEs of Special Interest

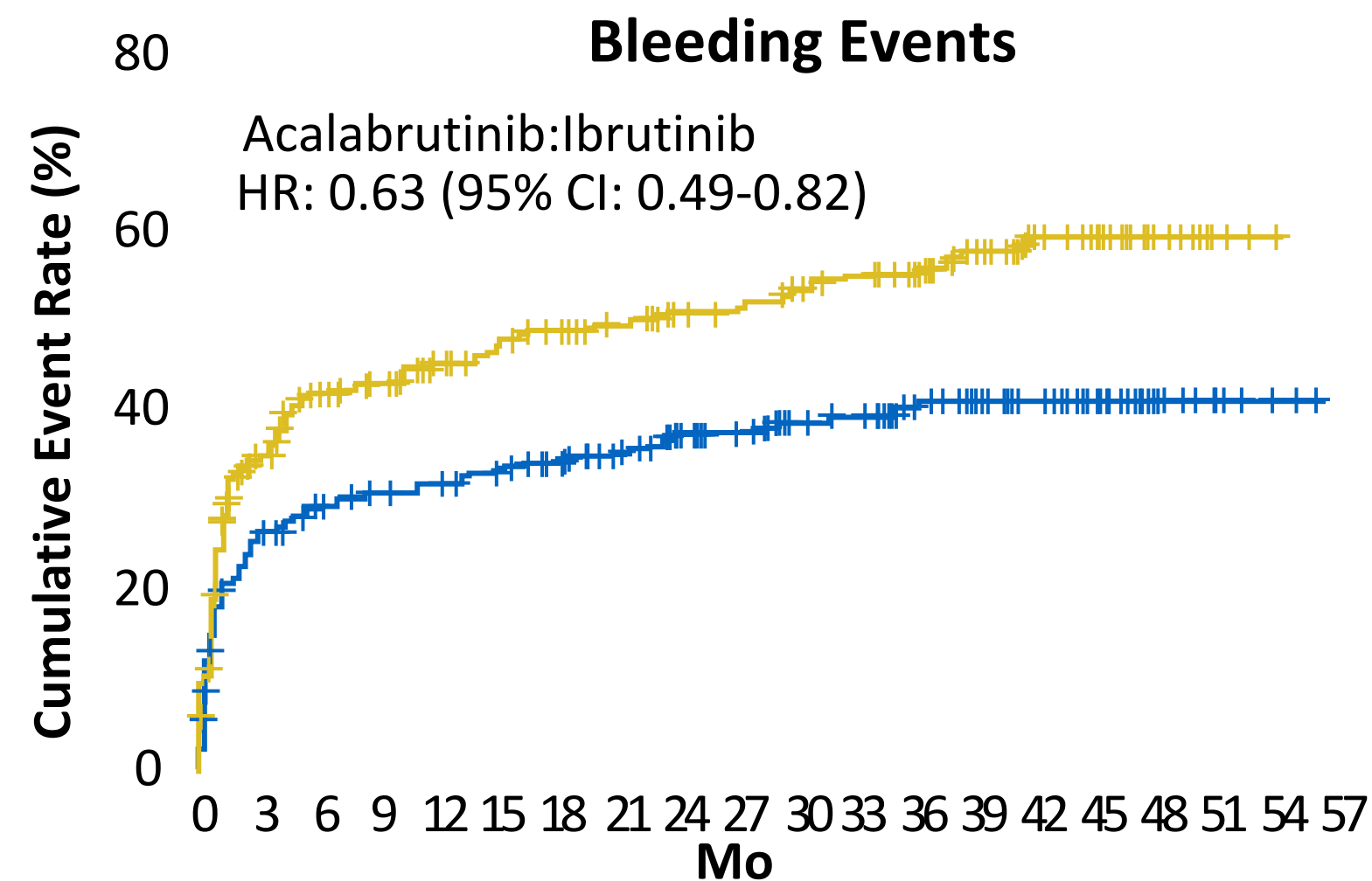
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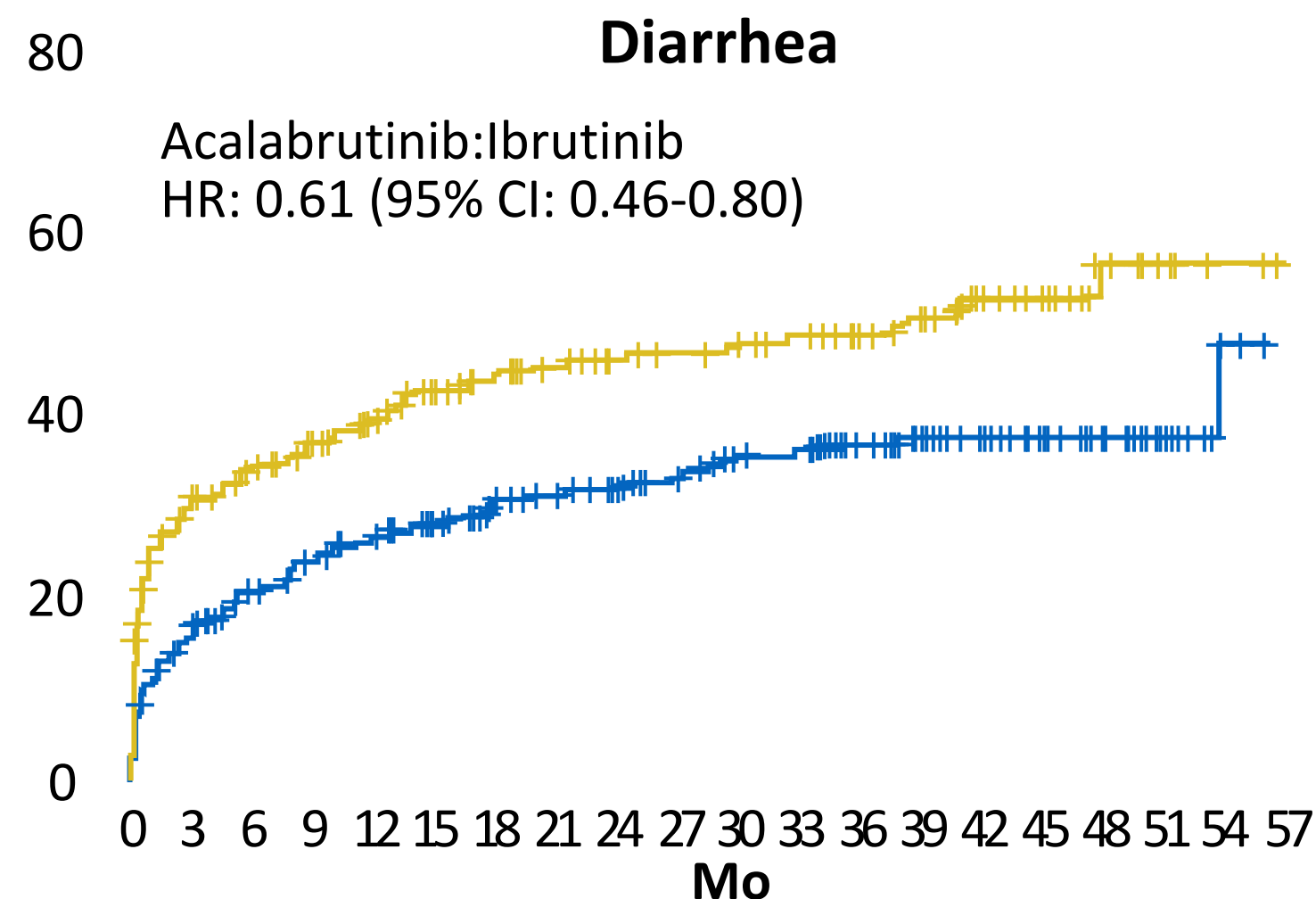
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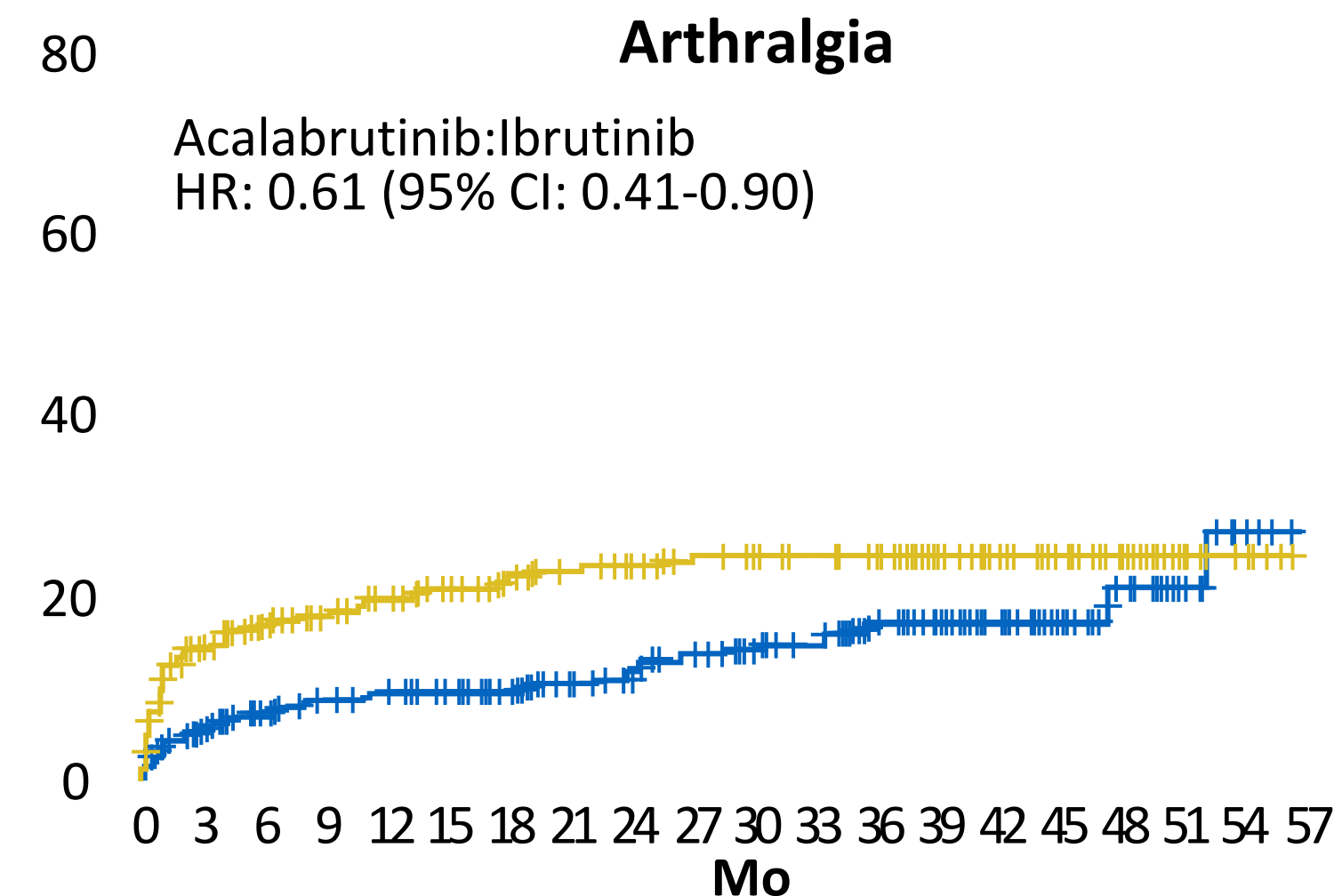
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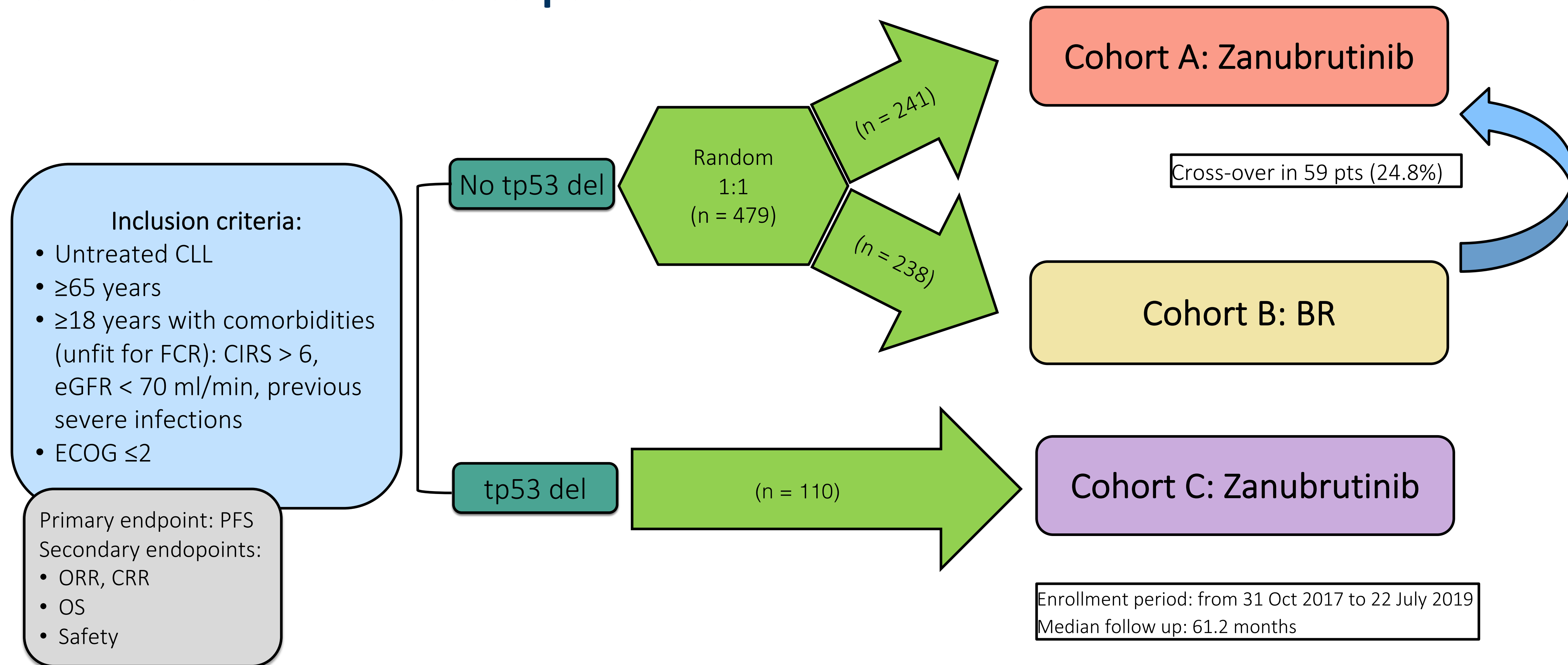


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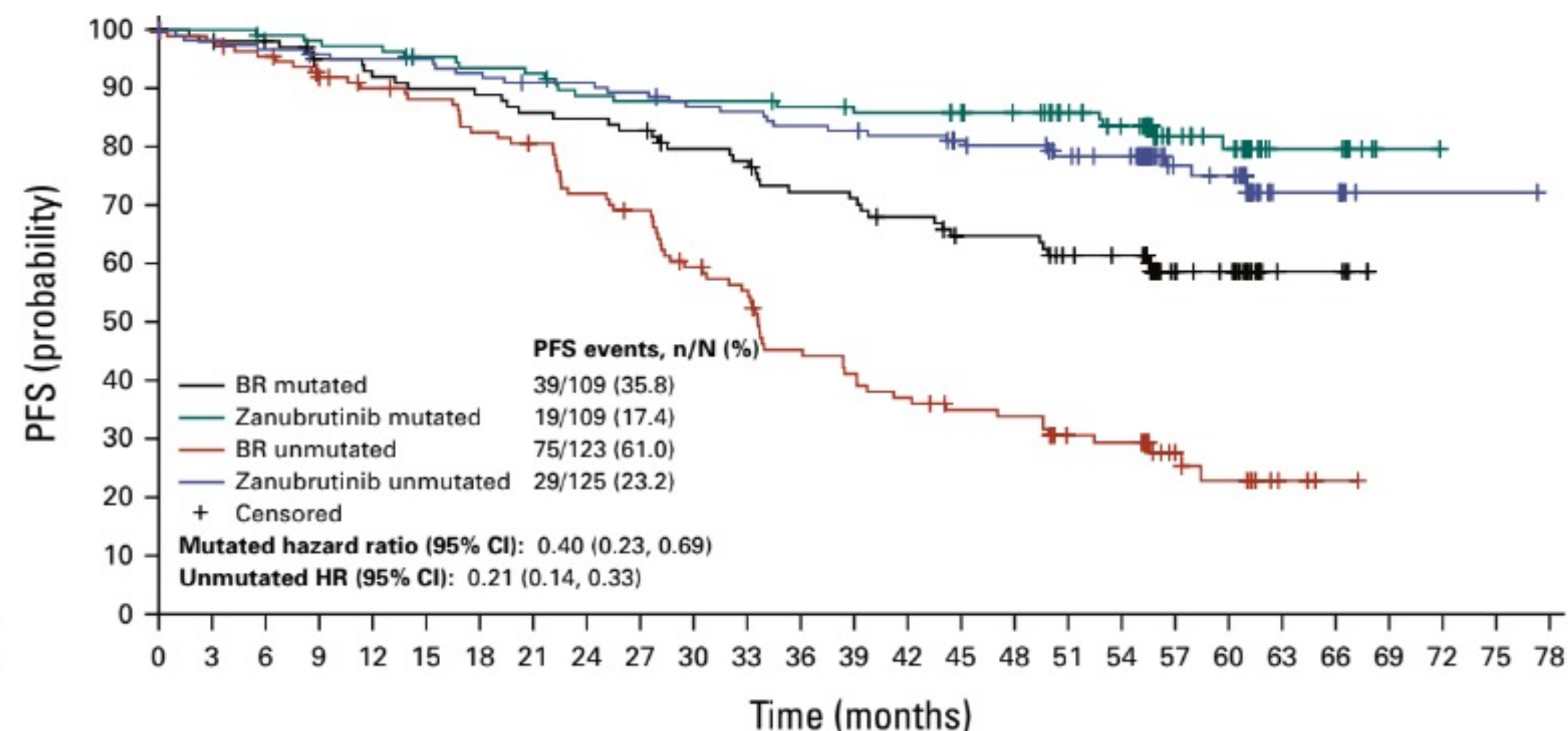
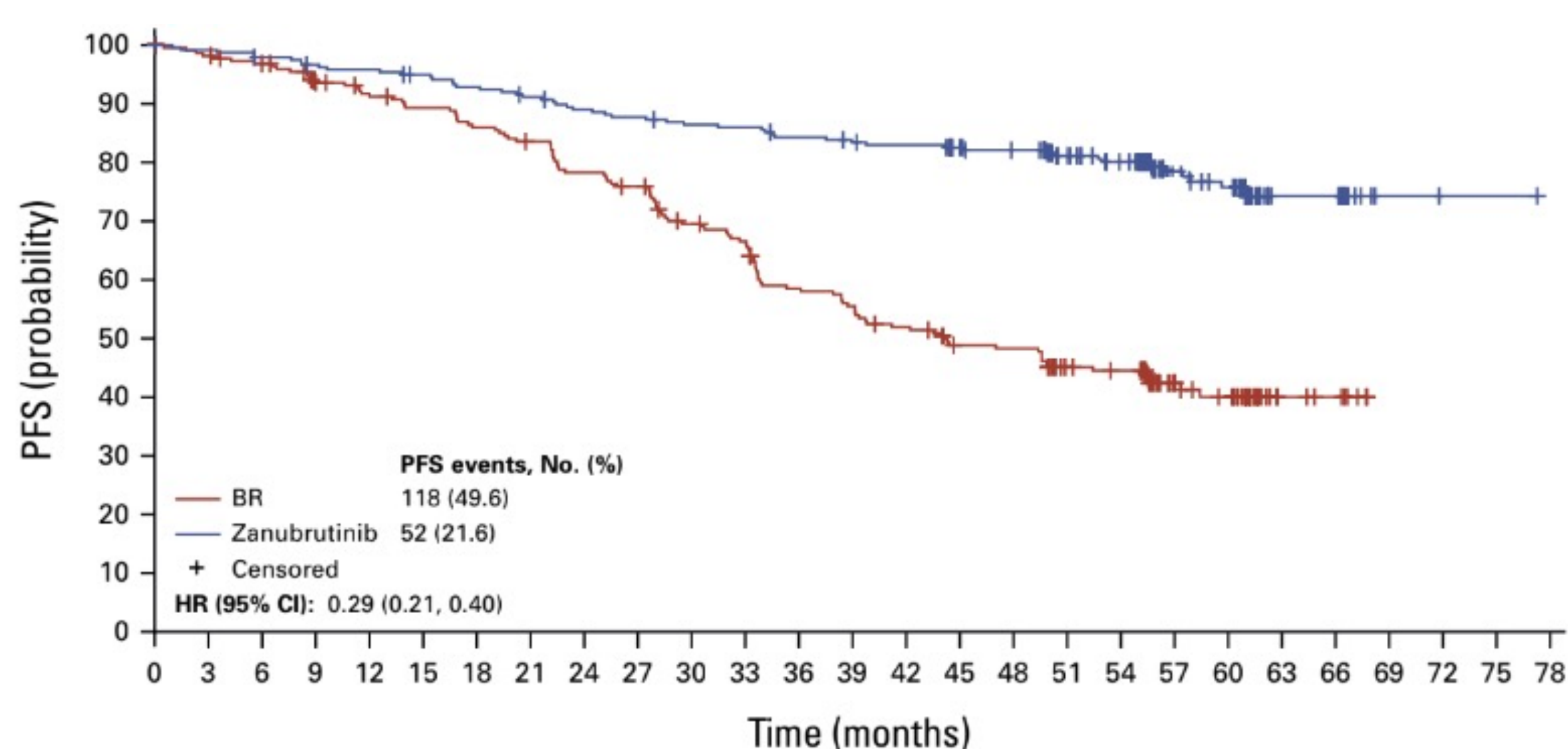


SEQUOIA: A phase 3 randomised study of Zanubrutinib vs Rituximab – Bendamustine in untreated patients with CLL





SEQUOIA results: PFS choorts A-B (primary end point)



Median PFS: NR vs 44.1 months

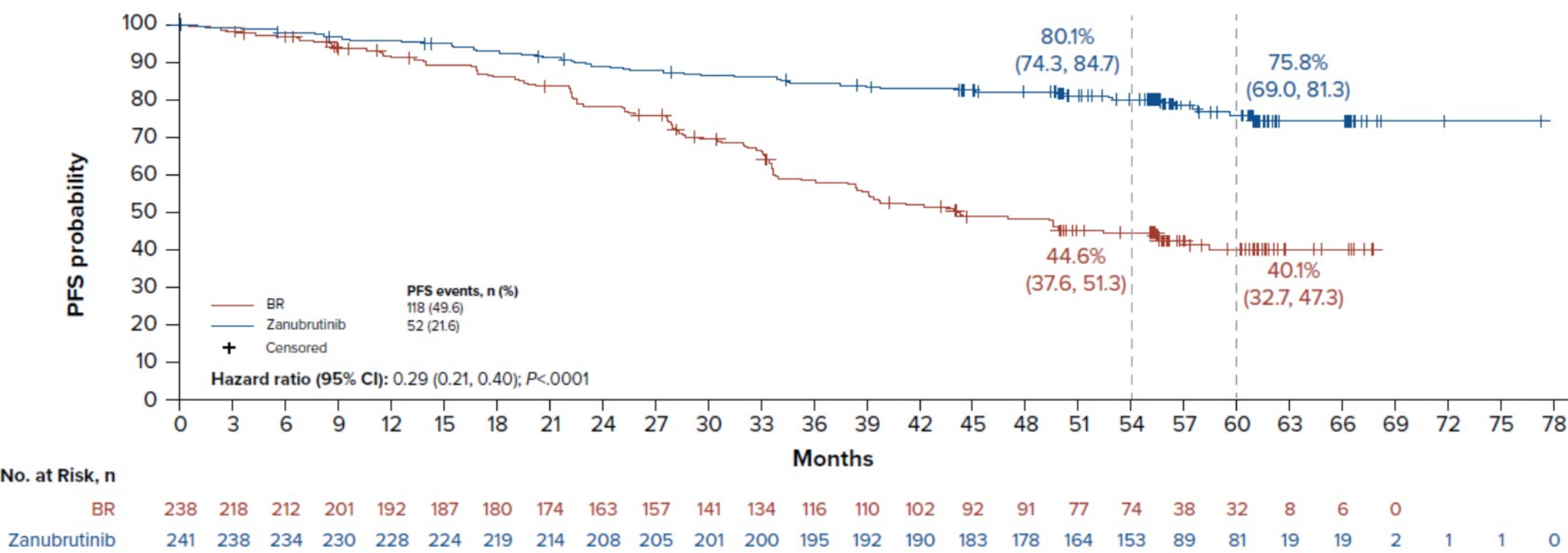
5-years-PFS: 75.8% vs 40.1%

PFS was better in both IGHV mutated and unmutated patients

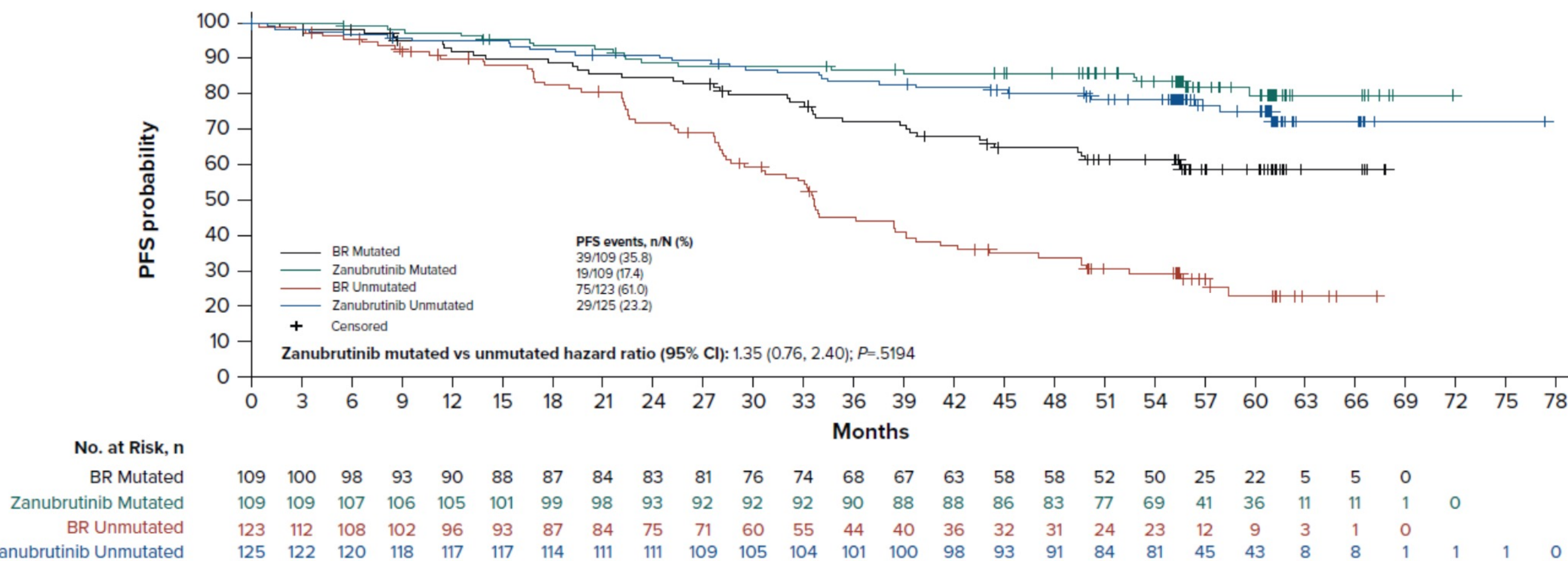
COVID-adjusted 5-years-PFS: 78.7 vs 40.6%



SEQUOIA: 5-year follow up



- Median PFS was not reached in patients who received zanubrutinib and was 44.1 months in patients who received BR
- Estimated 60-month PFS rates were 75.8% and 40.1% for zanubrutinib and BR, respectively



- ORR was 97.5% with zanu and 88.7% with BR
- CR/CRi rates were 20.7% with zanu and 23.5% with BR
- At this follow-up, 34 deaths occurred in each arm
 - Estimated 54-month OS rates were 87.7% and 86.0%
 - Estimated 60-month OS rates were 85.8% and 85.0% for zanu and BR

Shadman M, J Clin Oncol. 2025 Mar;43(7):780-787.



SEQUOIA: Arm C Baseline demographics and clinical characteristics

Baseline characteristics	All patients (N=111)
Age, median (range), years	71 (42-87)
≥65 years, n (%)	95 (85.6)
Male, n (%)	79 (71.2)
ECOG PS 0/1, n (%)	97 (87.3)
CLL, n (%)	100 (90.1)
SLL, n (%)	11 (9.9)
Binet stage C, n (%)^a	37 (37.0)
Bulky disease, n (%)	
LDi ≥5 cm	44 (39.6)

LDi ≥10 cm	12 (10.8)
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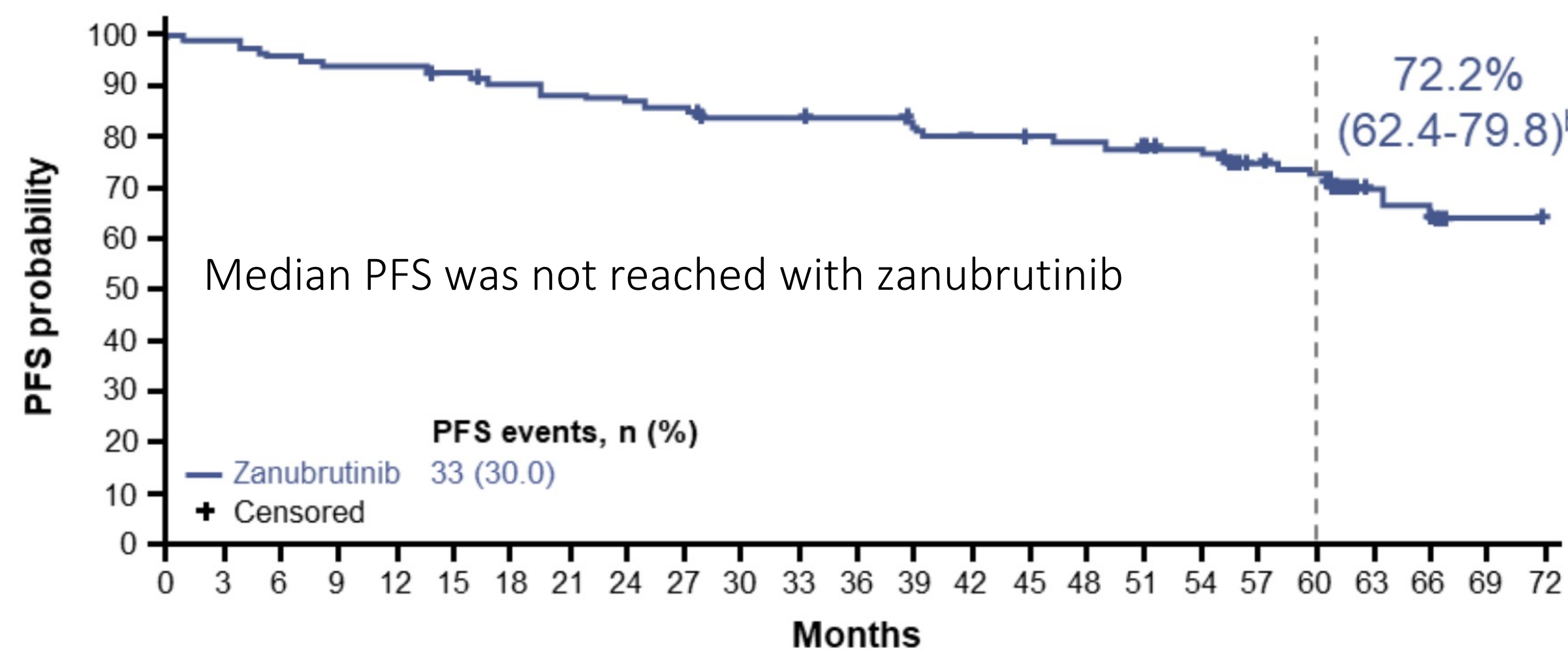
Baseline characteristics	All patients (N=111)
Median time from initial diagnosis, months	21.39
<i>TP53</i> mutated, n (%)	47 (42.3)
del(17p), n (%)	110 (99.1)
del(17p) and <i>TP53</i> mutated, n (%)	47 (42.3)
IGHV mutated, n (%)	36 (32.4)
IGHV unmutated, n (%)	67 (60.4)
Complex karyotype, n (%)	
≥3 abnormalities	31 (27.9)

≥5 abnormalities	21 (18.9)
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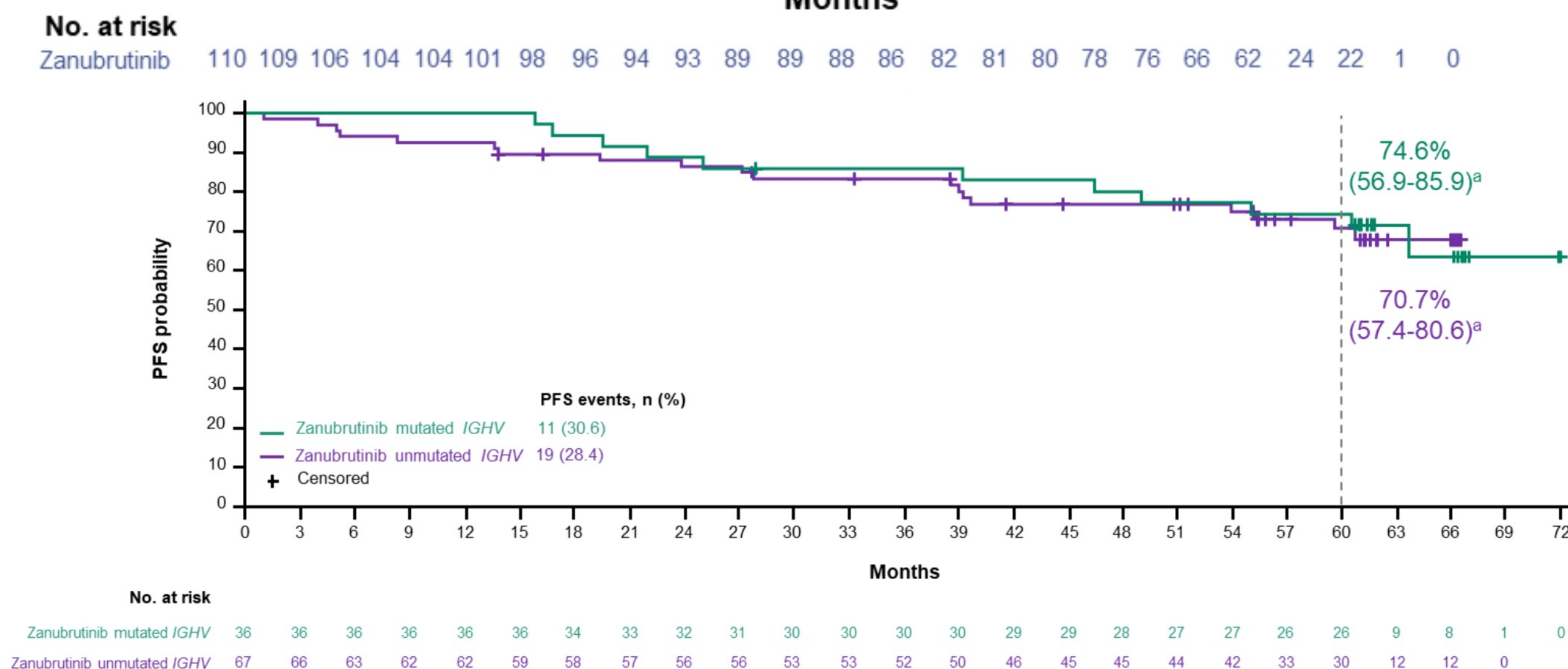


SEQUOIA Arm C: 5-year follow-up



With a median follow-up of 5-years, zanubrutinib demonstrates durable efficacy in patients with del(17p).

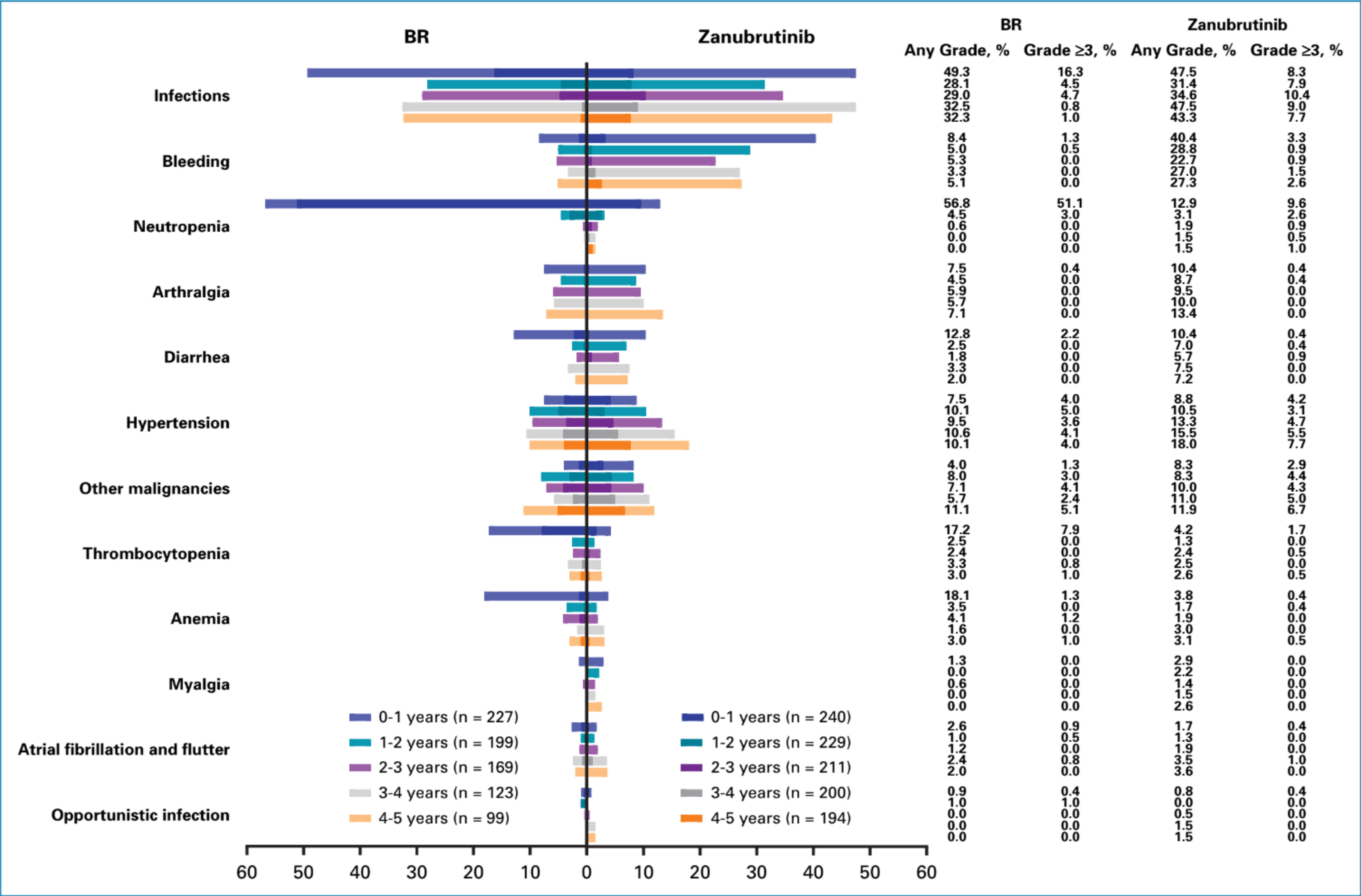
The estimated 60-month PFS with zanubrutinib was 72.2%, similar to that observed in patients without del(17p)¹, highlighting that zanubrutinib overcomes the negative prognostic impact of del(17p)



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SEQUOIA safety



SAE: 57% (gr≥3 50%) vs 57% (gr≥3 51%)
Infections: 80% (gr≥3 30%) vs 65% (gr≥3 22.5%)
Bleeding: 52% (gr≥3 7.5%) vs 13% (gr≥ 2%)
Hypertension: 20% (gr≥3 12%) vs 12% (gr≥3 6%)
COVID-19: 39% (gr≥3 9%) vs 12% (gr≥3 2%)
Pneumonia: 14% (gr≥3 6%) vs 11% (gr≥3 5%)

Neutropenia: 13% (gr≥3 10%) vs 46% (gr≥3 41%)
Anemia: 9% (gr≥3 1%) vs 21% (gr≥3 3%)
Thrombocytopenia: 6% (gr≥3 2%) vs 14% (gr≥3 7%)

Secondary malignancies: 24% vs 15%
Secondary skin cancer: 13% vs 9%

Tam CS, et al, Lancet Oncol. 2022;23(8):1031-1043.



Outcomes for PFS and OS for CLL frontline phase 3 trials with BTKi

Trial treatment no. of patients	Characteristics (median, if not indicated otherwise)		Estimate at month	PFS rate (%)				OS rate (%)			
				All patients	uIGHV	mIGHV	17p– and/or TP5 3mut	All patients	uIGHV	mIGHV	17p– and/or TP5 3mut
RESONATE-2 lbr n = 136	FU: 60	Age: 73	36	82 ^a	82 ^a	83 ^a		88 ^a			
	CIRS >6: 31%		48	74 ^a	75 ^a	80 ^a		86 ^a			
	CrCl <60 mL/min: 44%		72	62 ^a	62 ^a	67 ^a		77 ^a			
ALLIANCE lbr n = 182	FU: 55	Age: 71	36	82	82	84	78	89	89	86	83
		CrCl: 69	48	76	73	84	73	85	85	86	83
			72								
ELEVATE-TN Acala n = 179	FU: 75	Age: 70	36	84				92			
		CrCl: 75	48	78	77	81	76	88			
			72	62	60		56	76	76		72
SEQUOIA Zanu n = 241	FU: 44	Age: 70	36	84	82	87		91	89	93	
			48	79	72	86		88	85	93	
			72								

^a Estimates from survival curve.
^b Sole TP53 mutation; empty fields = data not available.
Acala, acalabrutinib; Age, age in years; CrCl, creatinine clearance in mL/min; FU, median follow-up time in months; lbr, ibrutinib; n.a., not applicable as 17p– and TP53mut were excluded; Obi, obinutuzumab; R, rituximab; Ven, venetoclax; Zanu, zanubrutinib.

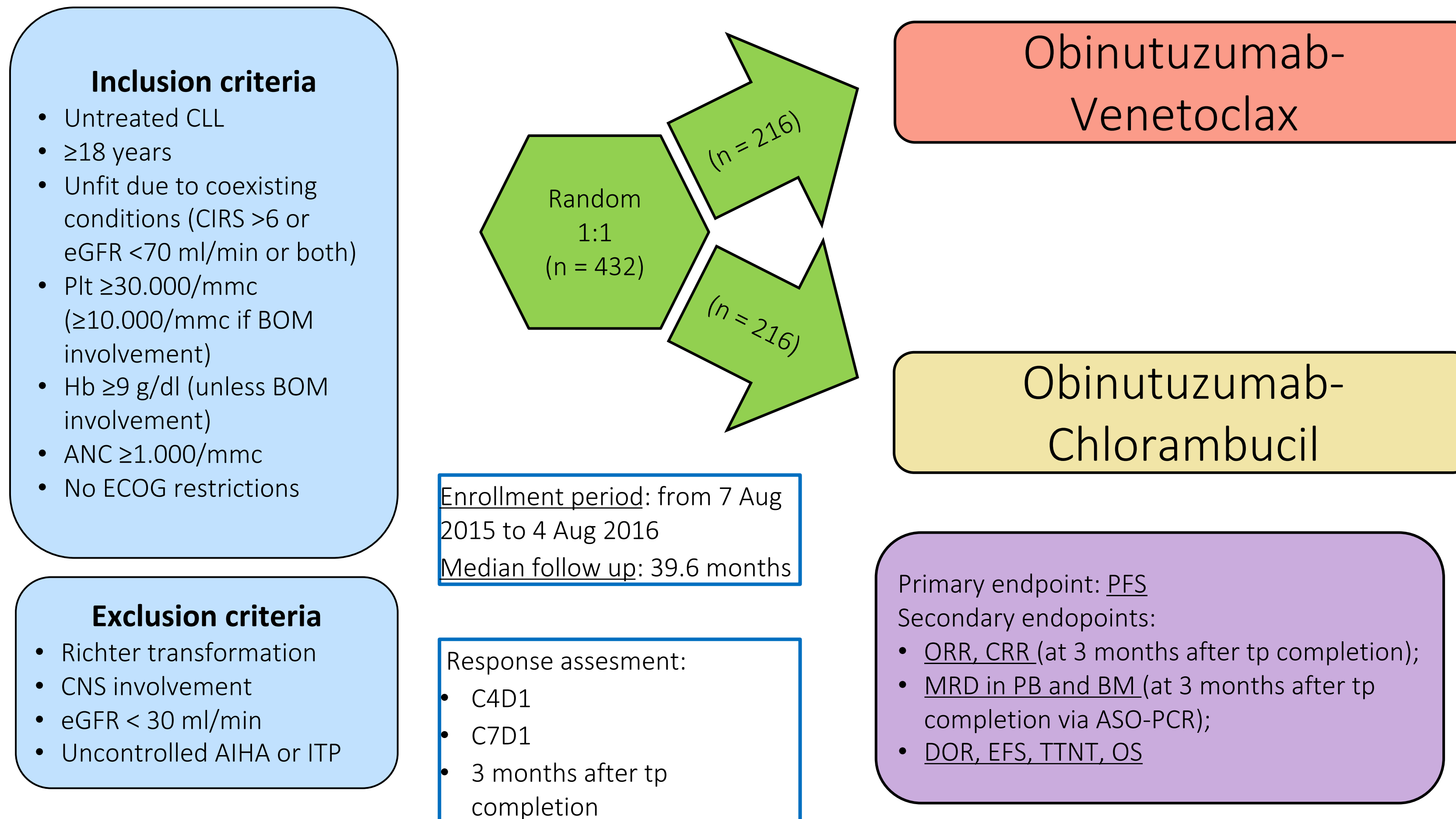


CLL frontline treatment

FIXED-DURATION VEN-BASED COMBINATIONS



A phase 3, open-label, multicenter, randomised study of Obinutuzumab-Venetoclax vs Obinutuzumab-Chlorambucil in untreated patients with CLL and coexisting medical conditions (CLL 14)

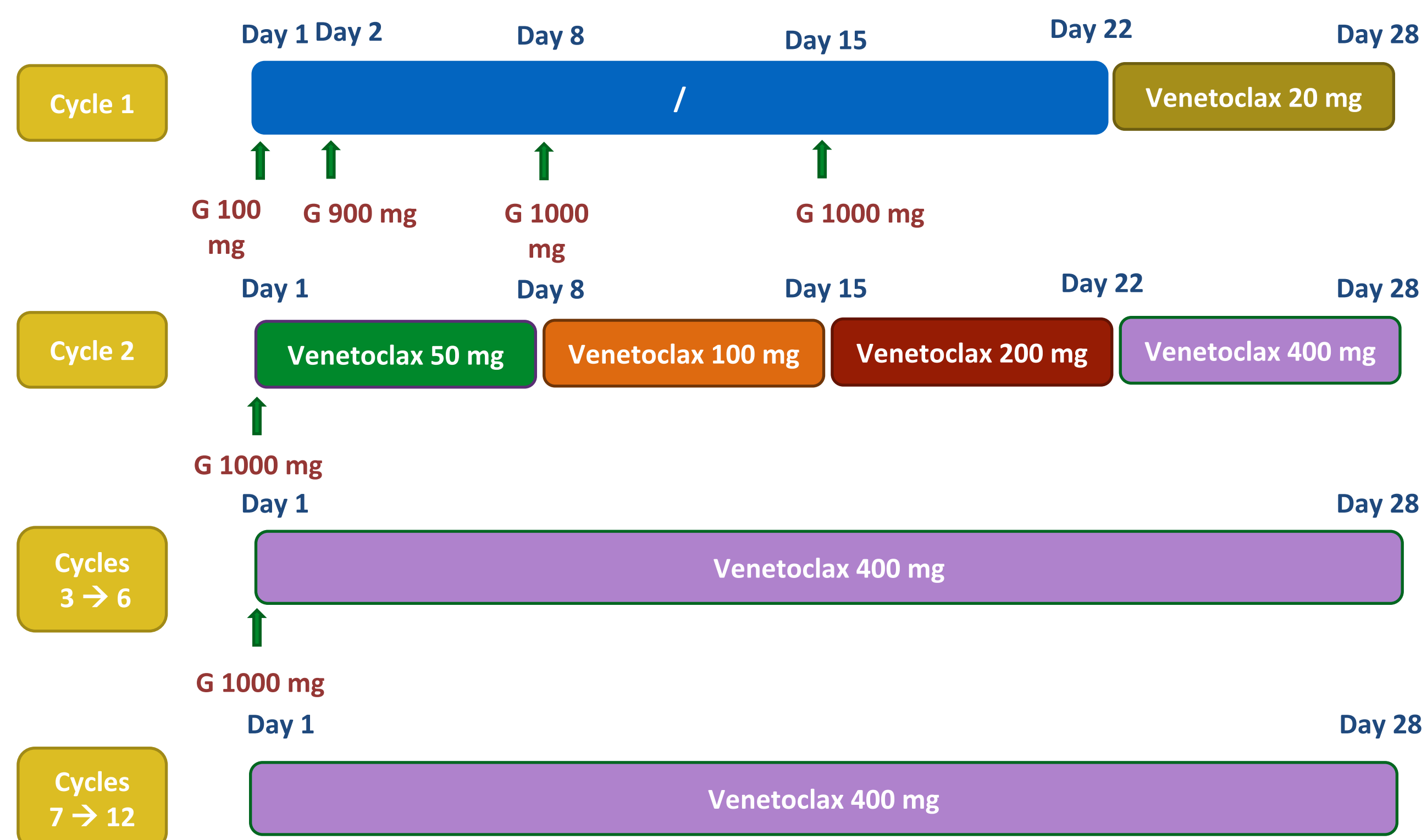


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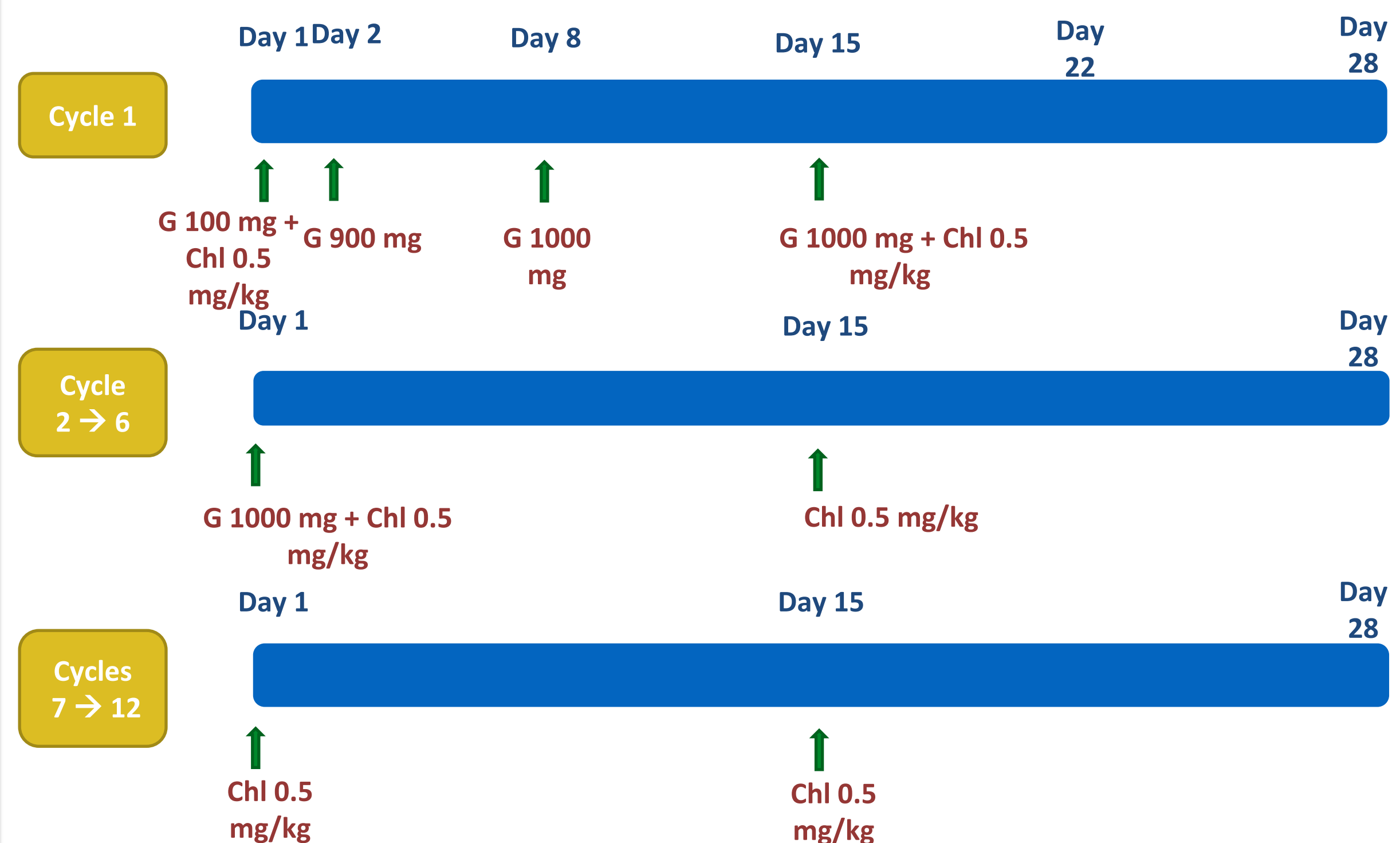


Treatment schedule CLL14

Obinutuzumab-Venetoclax



Obinutuzumab-Chlorambucil





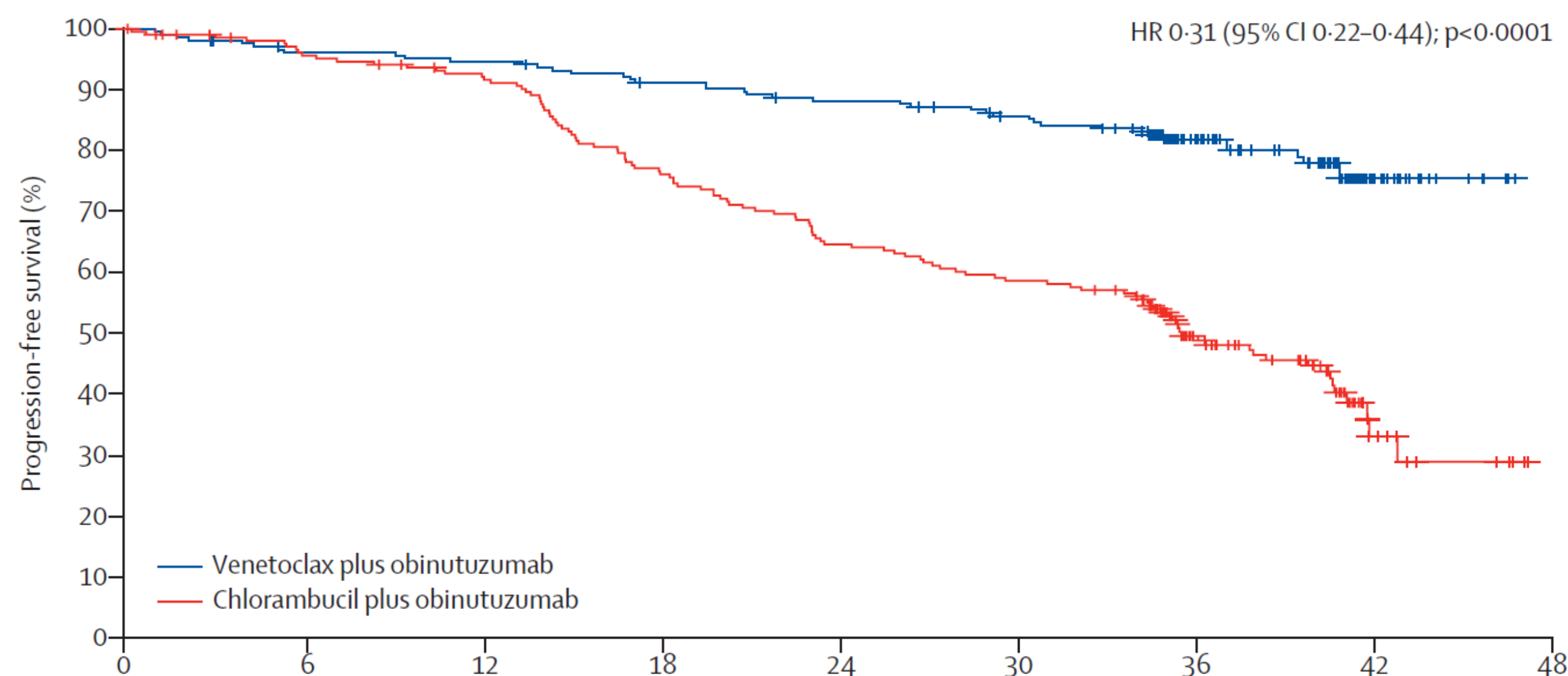
CLL14 results: PFS

Median follow up: 39.6 months

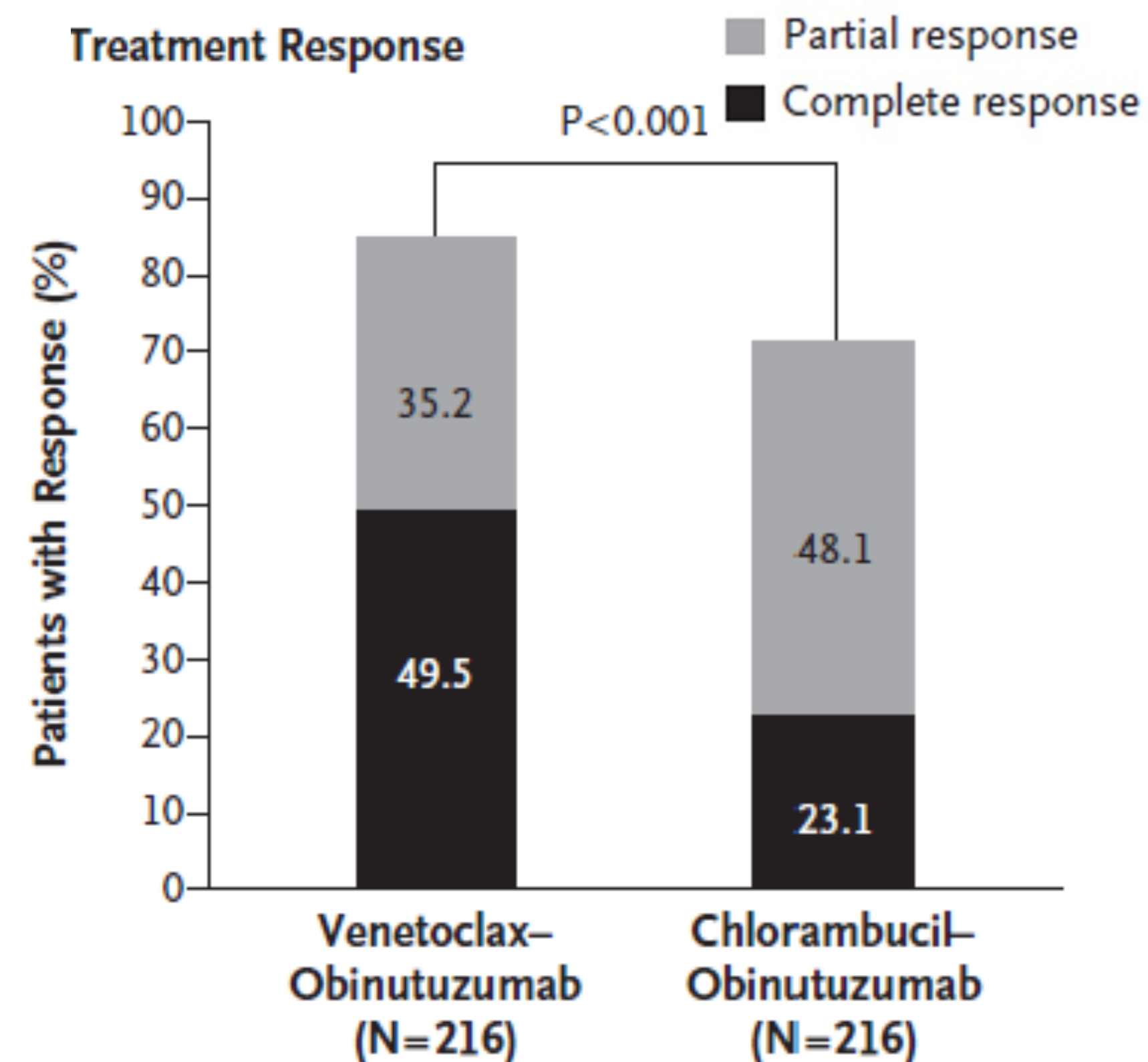
Median PFS: NR vs 35.6 months

3-years PFS: 81.9% vs 49.5%

ORR: 84.7% (CR 49.5%) vs 71.2% (CR 23.1%)



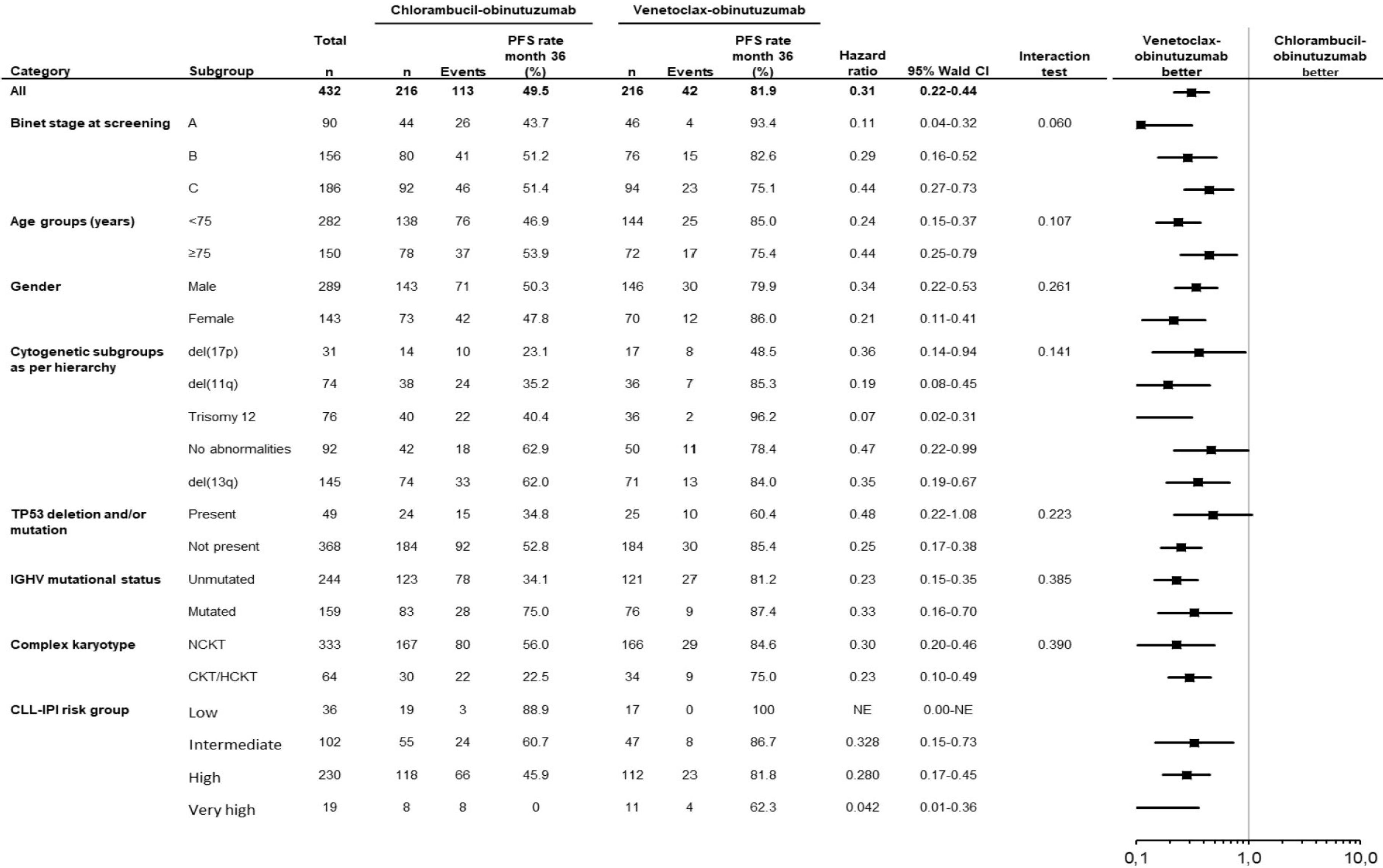
	Number at risk (number censored)								
Venetoclax plus obinutuzumab	216 (0)	195 (13)	192 (13)	183 (15)	176 (16)	167 (20)	97 (83)	23 (151)	0 (174)
Chlorambucil plus obinutuzumab	216 (0)	194 (13)	184 (16)	153 (16)	129 (16)	117 (16)	69 (48)	1 (93)	0 (103)



42 PFS events (21 due to PD, 9 of whom required II line therapy) vs 113 PFS events (102 due to PD)



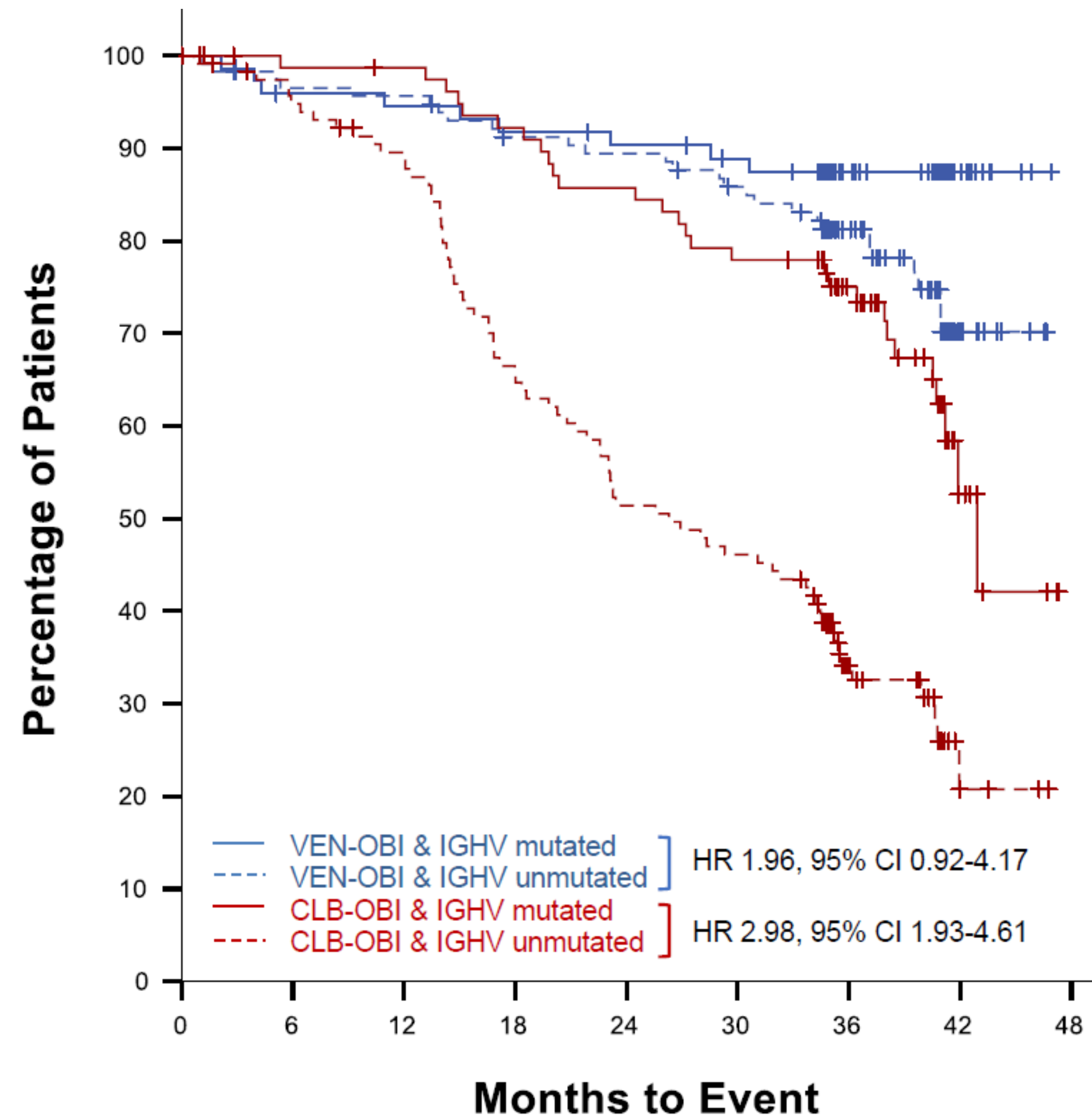
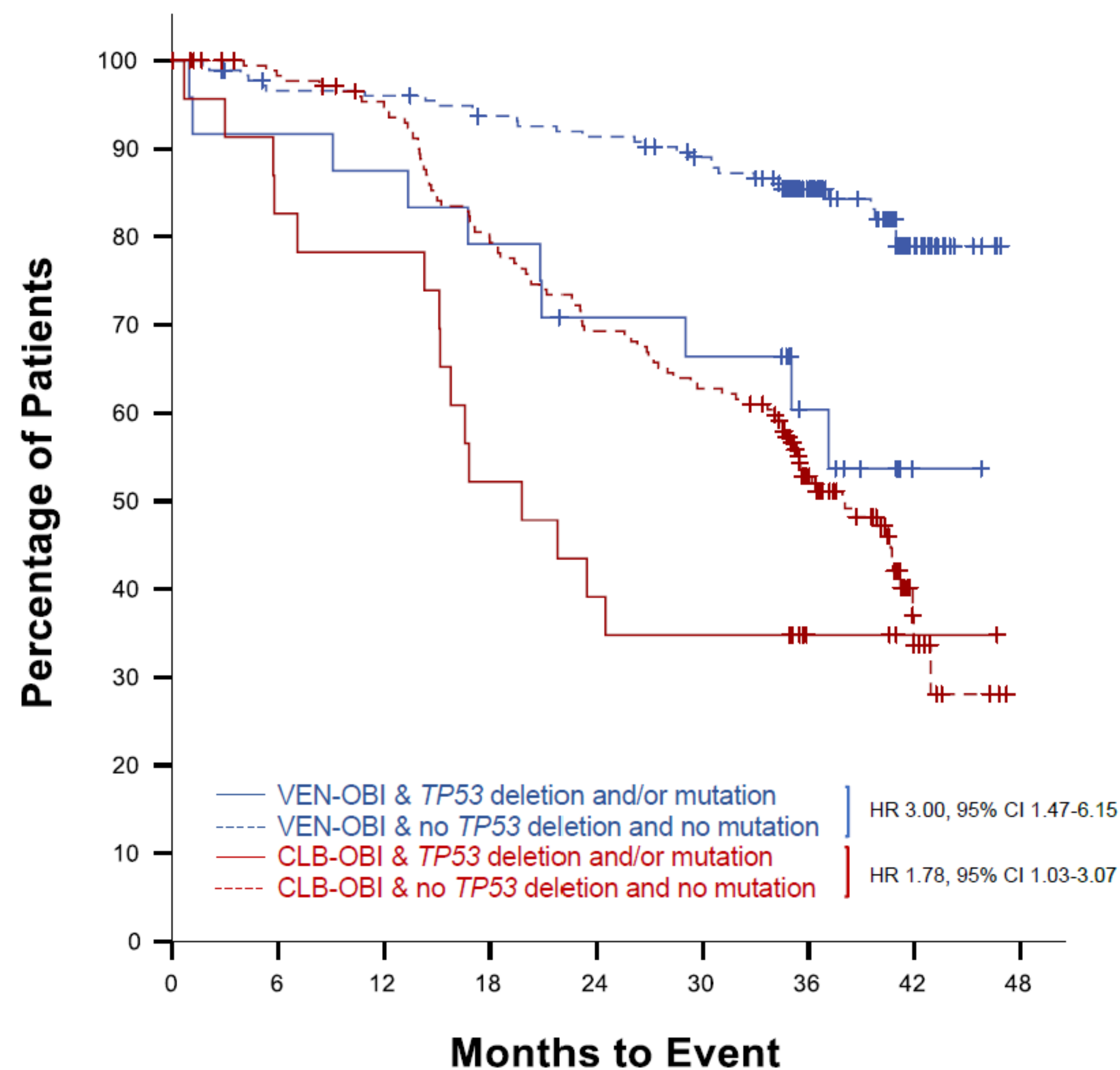
CLL14 results: PFS – Forest plot



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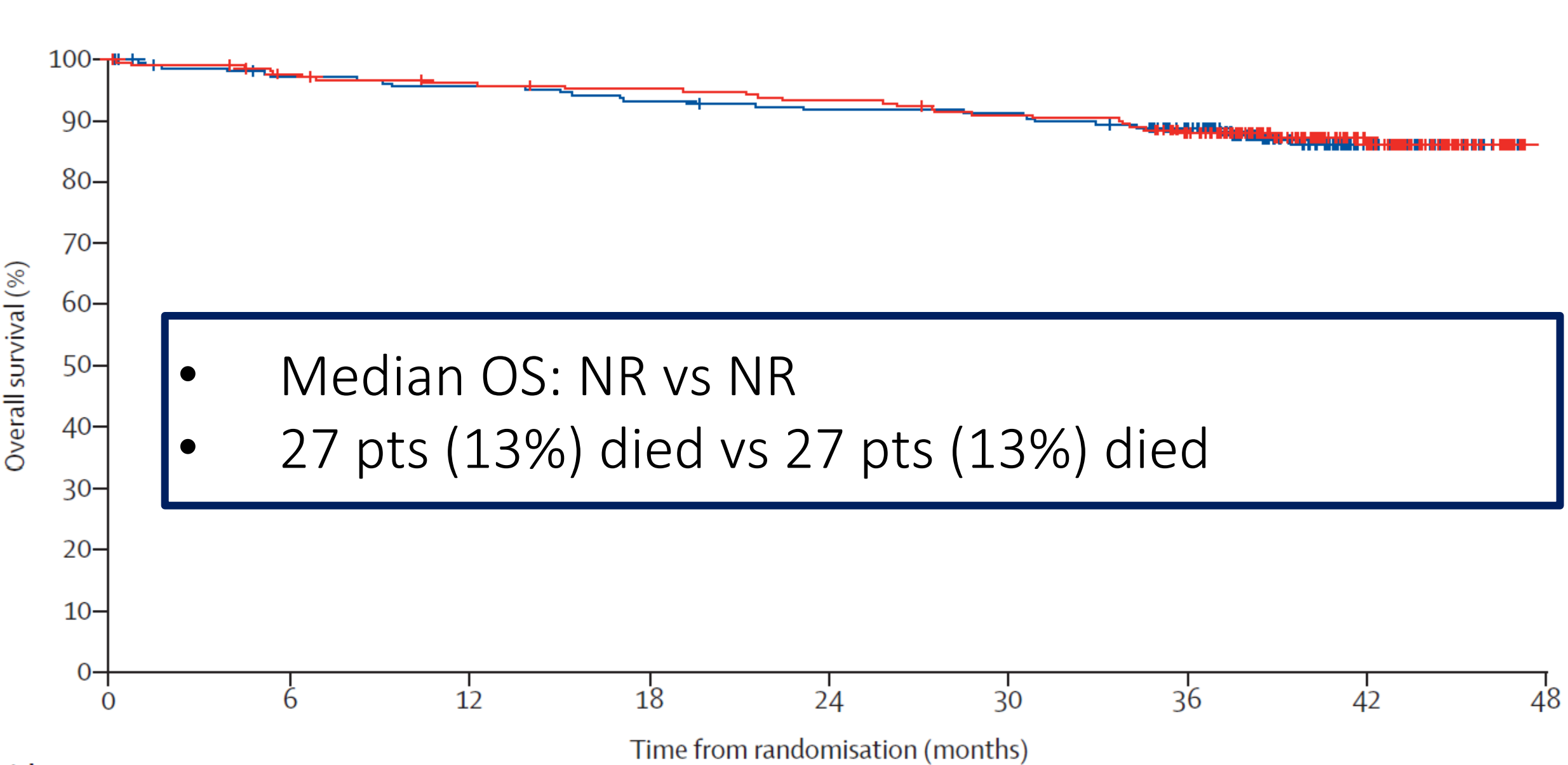
CLL14 PFS according to risk factor



PFS is lower in pts with TP53m/del17p and IGHV unmutated



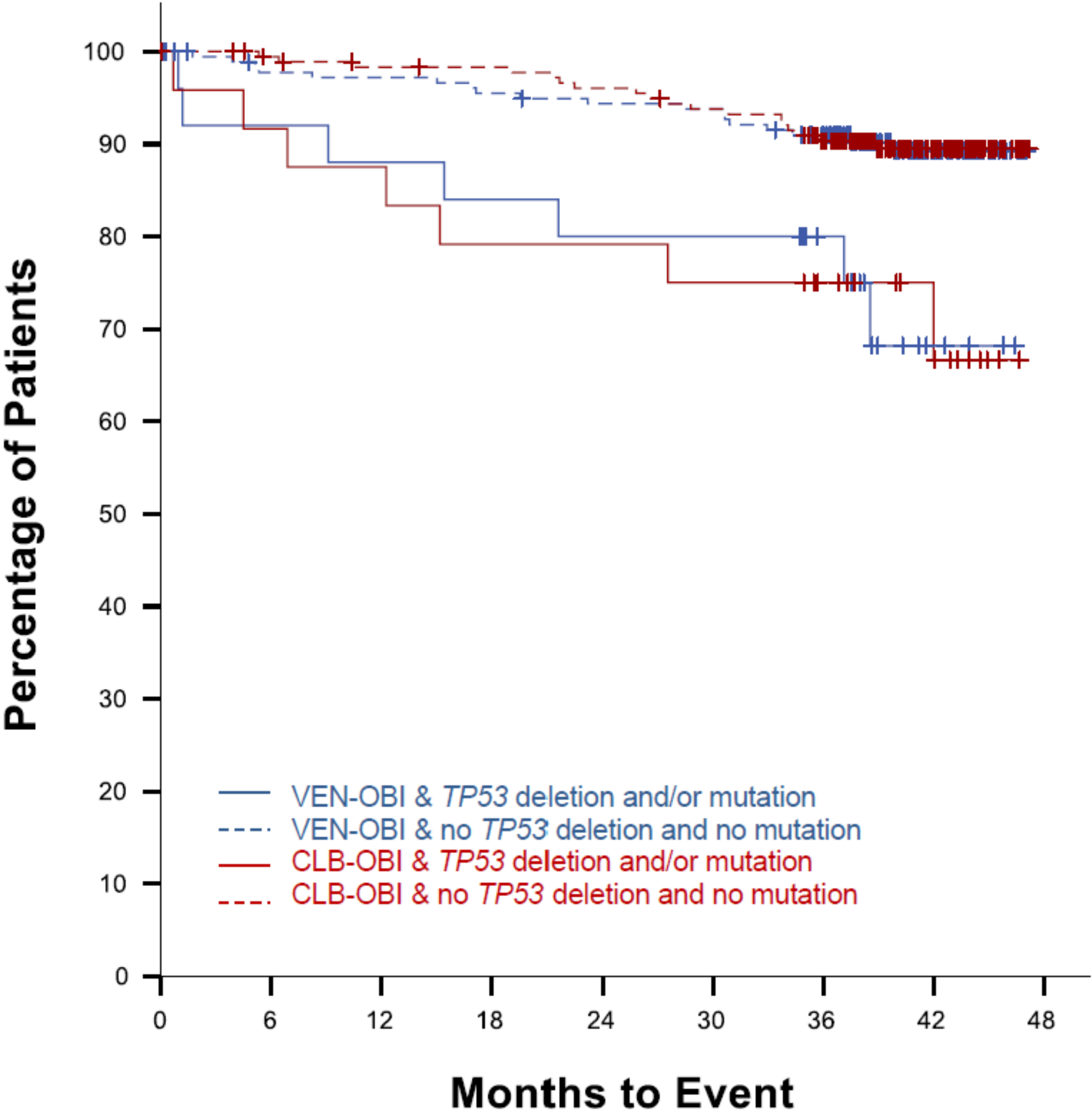
CLL14 results: OS



	Number at risk (number censored)								
Venetoclax plus obinutuzumab	216 (0)	201 (9)	198 (9)	193 (8)	189 (10)	188 (10)	169 (24)	65 (124)	0 (189)
Chlorambucil plus obinutuzumab	216 (0)	206 (5)	201 (7)	198 (8)	194 (8)	188 (9)	170 (21)	71 (118)	0 (189)

Most common cause of death was:

- AE: 19 pts (9%) and PD 5 pts (2%)
- VS
- PD: 11 pts (5%) and AE 11 pts (5%)





CLL14 safety

Overall Incidence of Adverse Events (Any Grade)

- Venetoclax–Obinutuzumab: 94.3% of patients
- Chlorambucil–Obinutuzumab: 99.5% of patients

Treatment Discontinuation Due to AEs

- Venetoclax–Obinutuzumab: 16.0%
- Chlorambucil–Obinutuzumab: 15.4%

Most Common Grade 3/4 Adverse Event

- Neutropenia (in both treatment groups)

Other G3-4 AEs

- Febrile neutropenia: 5.2% (obi-ven) vs 3.7% (obi-chl)
- Infections: 17.5% (obi-ven) vs 15% (obi-chl)

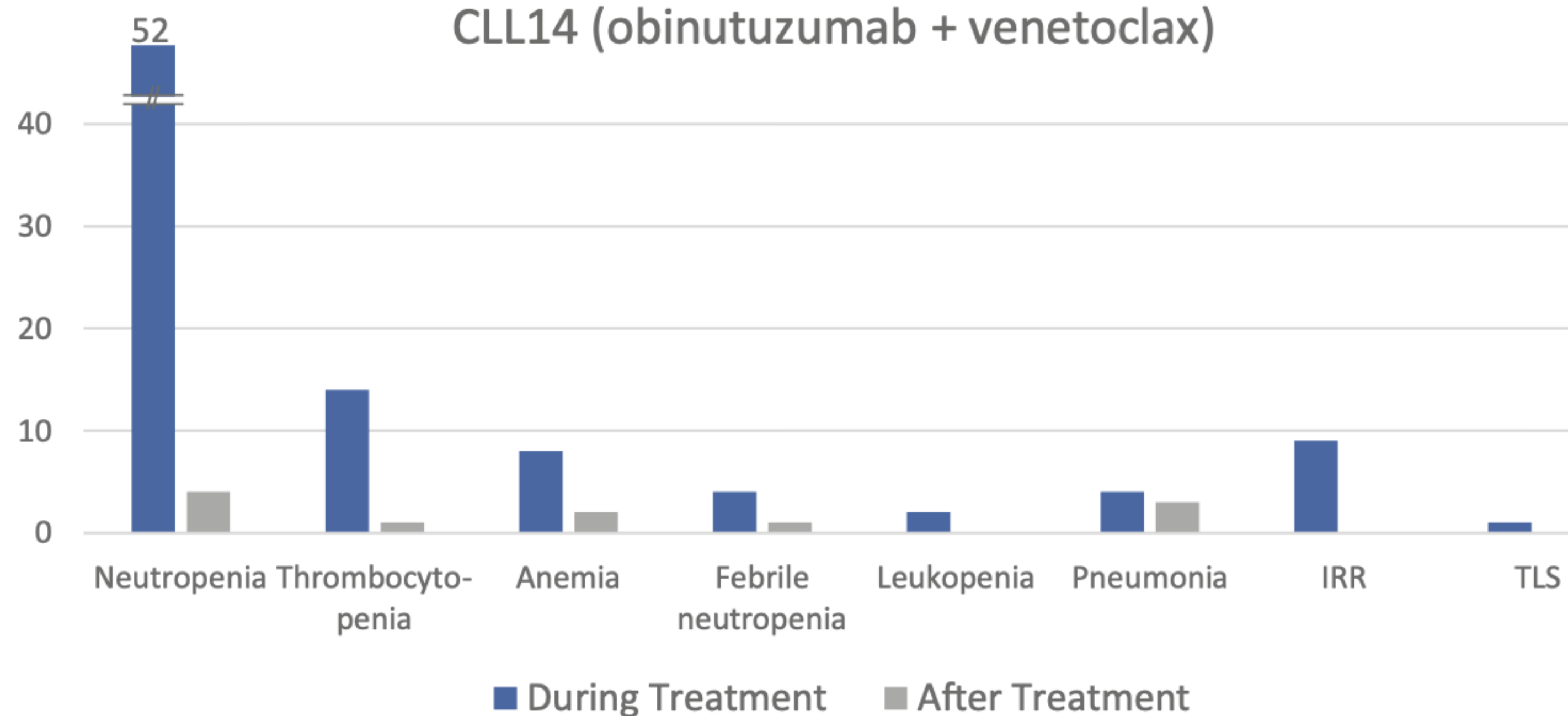
AE-related deaths: 19 (9%) vs 11 (5%)

Deaths occurring during tp: 4 (2%) vs 5 (2%)

Deaths possibly tp-related: 1 pt (sepsis) vs 2 pts (septic shock and metastatic skin K)

Most common cause of AE-related death: Infections and cardiac events vs Infections and neoplasm

CLL14 (obinutuzumab + venetoclax)



Grade 3-4 AE: 150 (71%) vs 155 (72%)

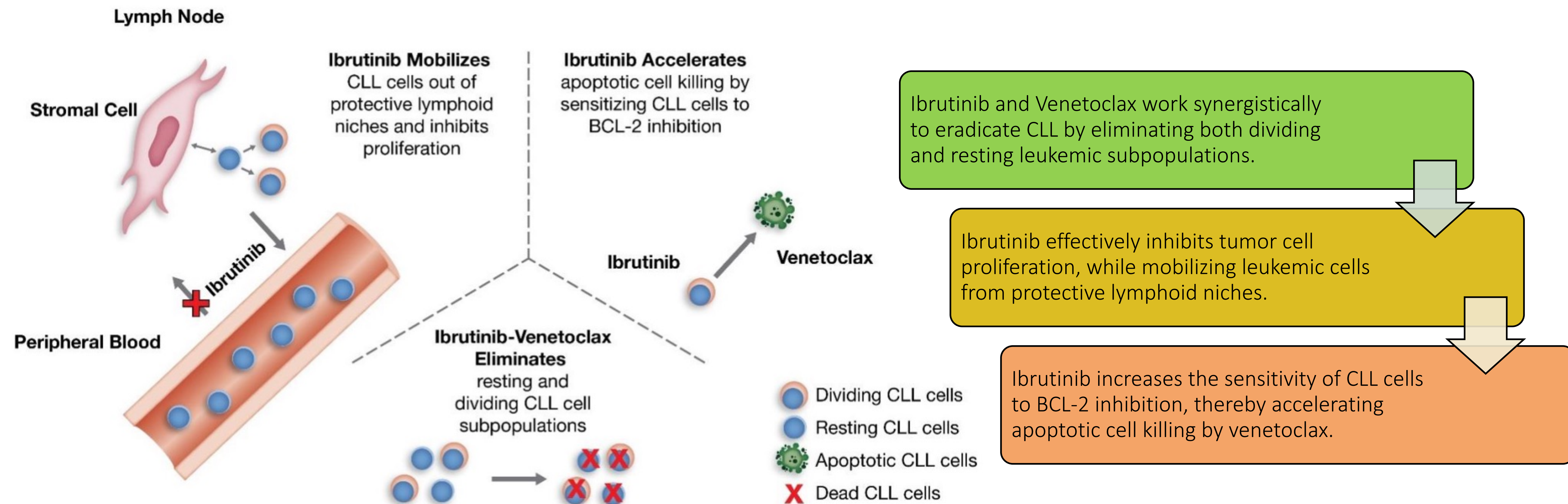
Most common grade 3-4 AE:

Neutropenia: 112 (53%) vs 102 (48%)

Thrombocytopenia: 29 (13%) vs 35 (15%)
infusion-related reactions (IRRs) 17 (9%) vs 22 (11%)



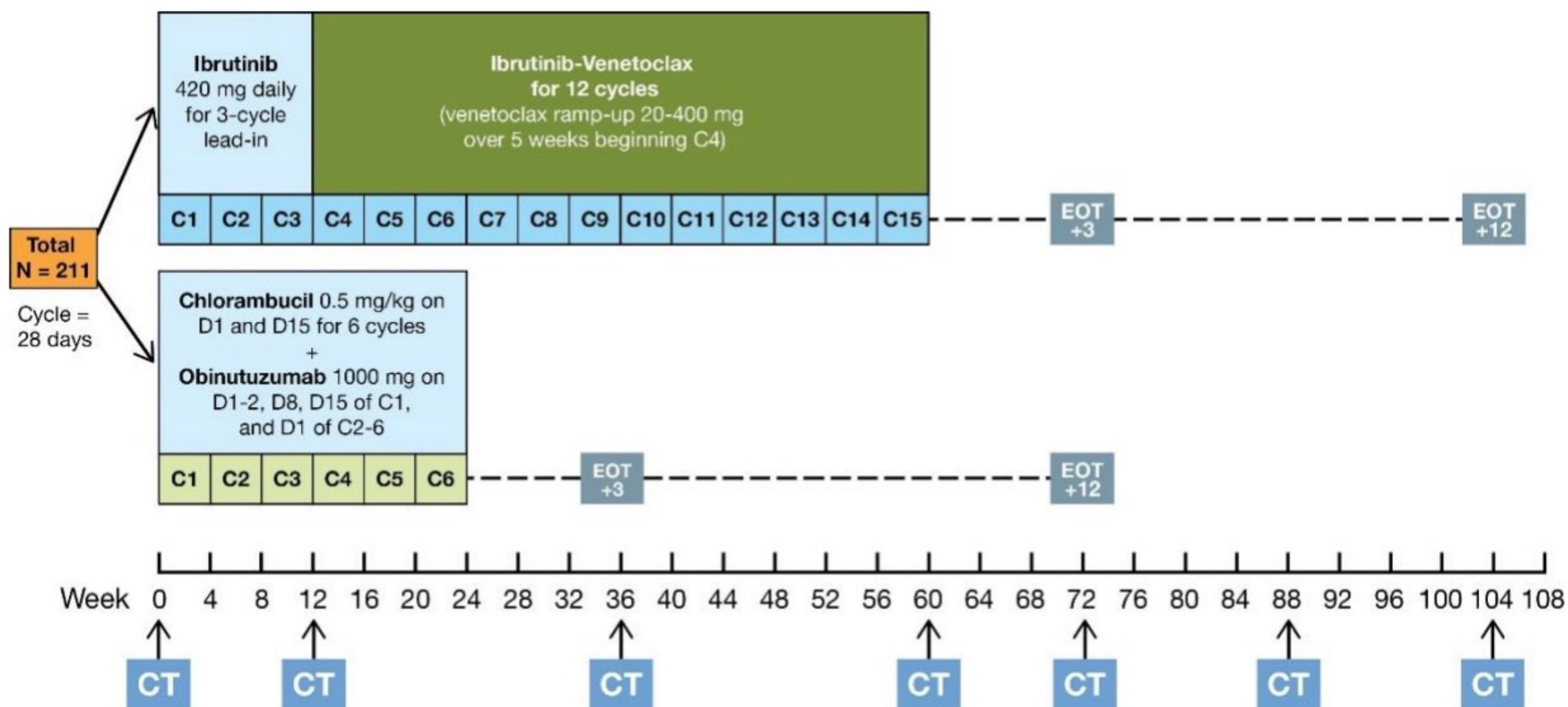
Putative Mechanism of Action for Ibru-Ven combination in CLL



Combining ibrutinib and venetoclax has the potential to induce deep responses with time-limited therapy, enabling treatment-free remissions for patients



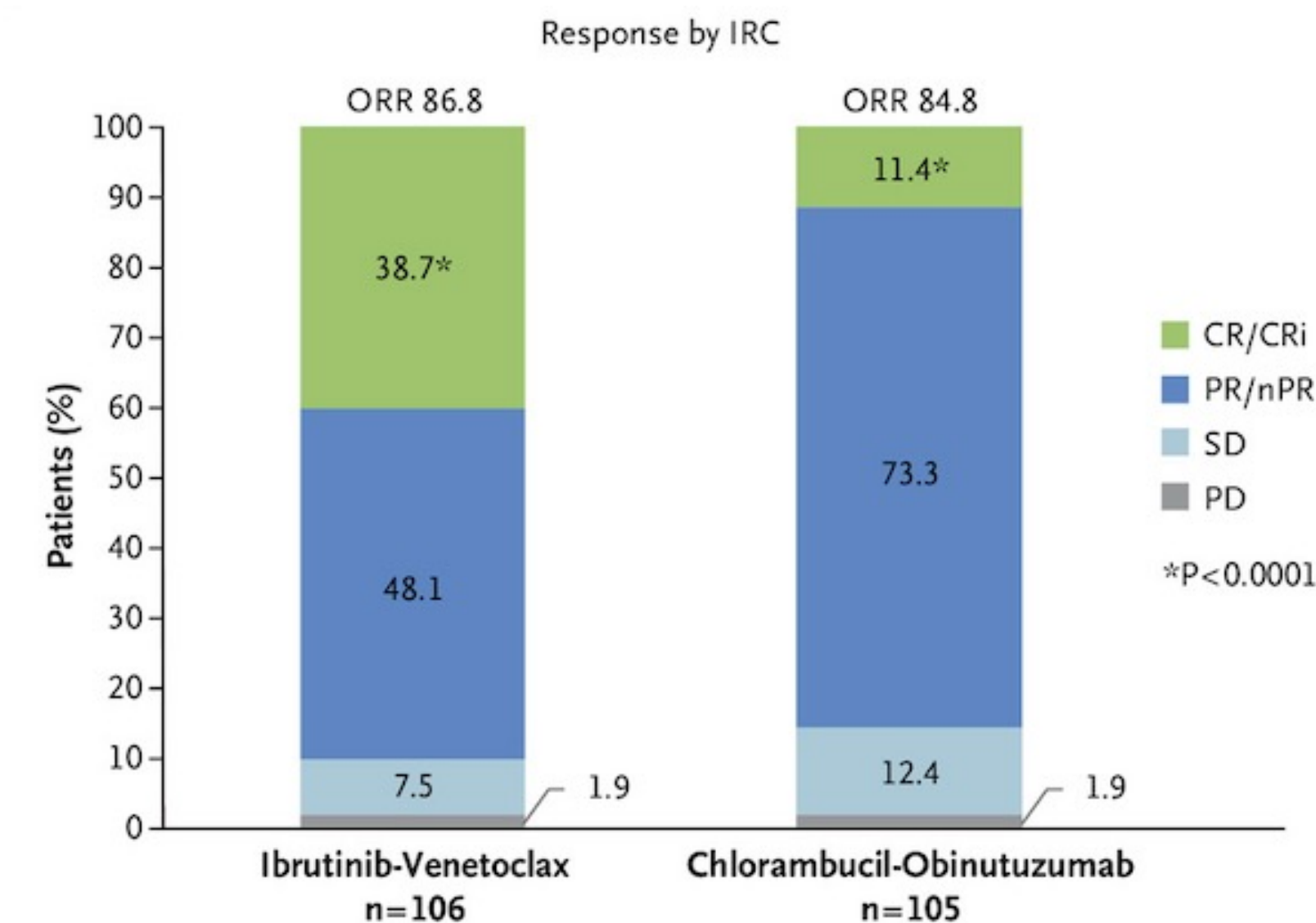
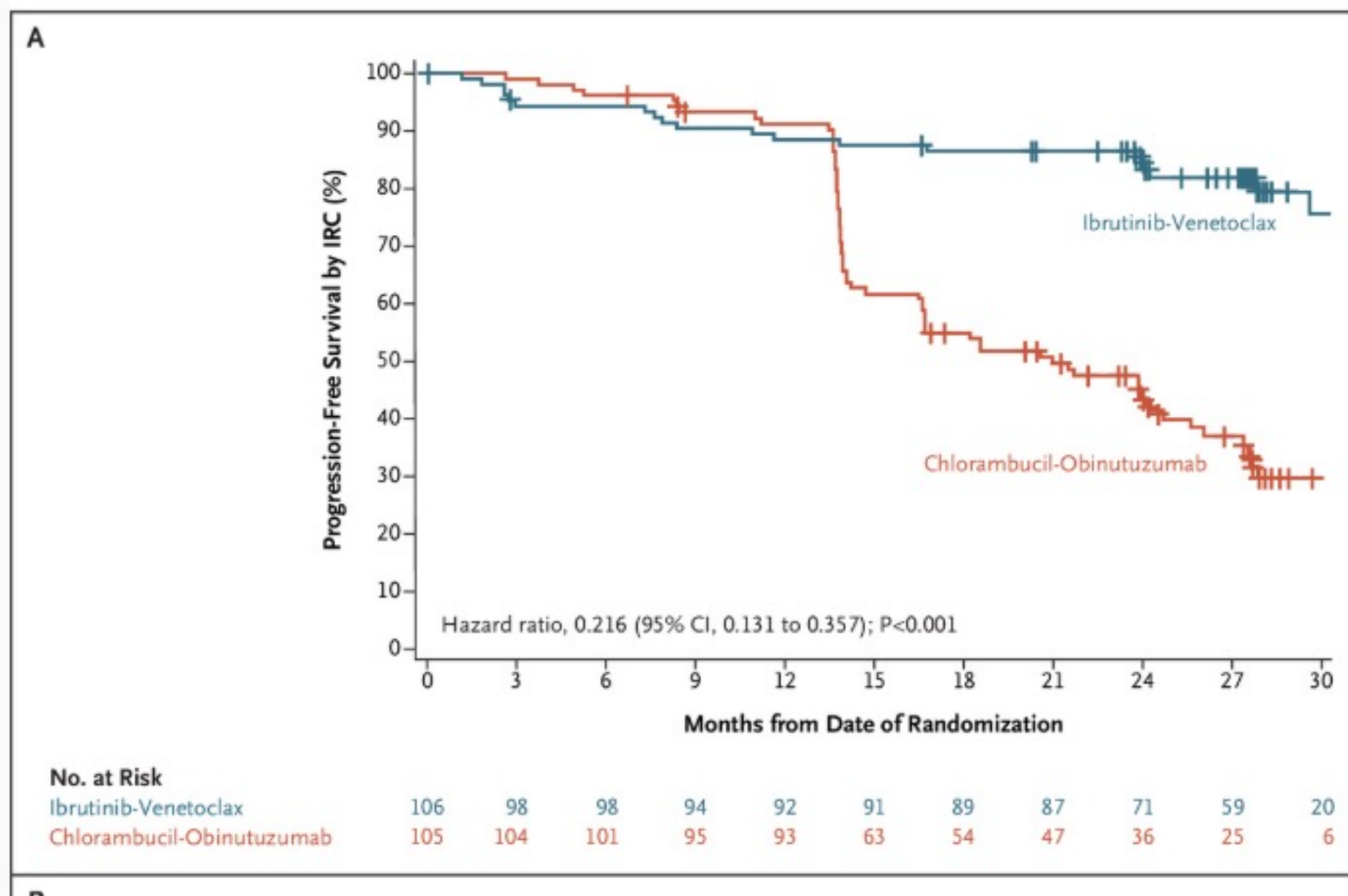
GLOW: a phase 3 trial evaluating the efficacy and safety of ibrutinib-venetoclax in older patients and/or those with comorbidities with previously untreated chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL)



Progression-free survival (PFS) events were confirmed by CT scan and absolute lymphocyte count.



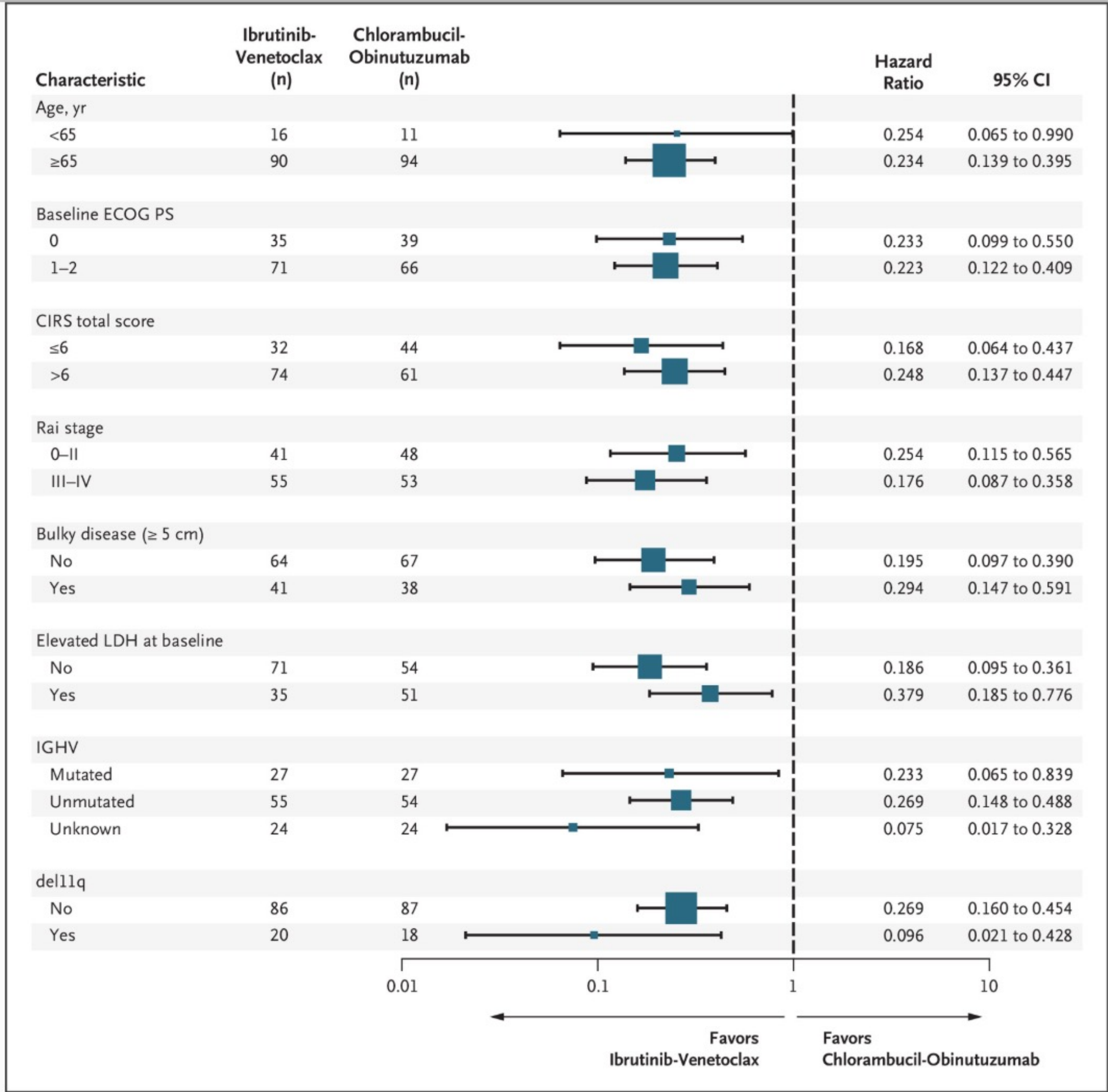
GLOW efficacy outcomes



The ORR as assessed by IRC was similar between treatment arms (86.8% vs. 84.8%), with a higher proportion of CR in the Ibru-ven arm



Subgroup Analysis of Independent Review Committee–Assessed PFS

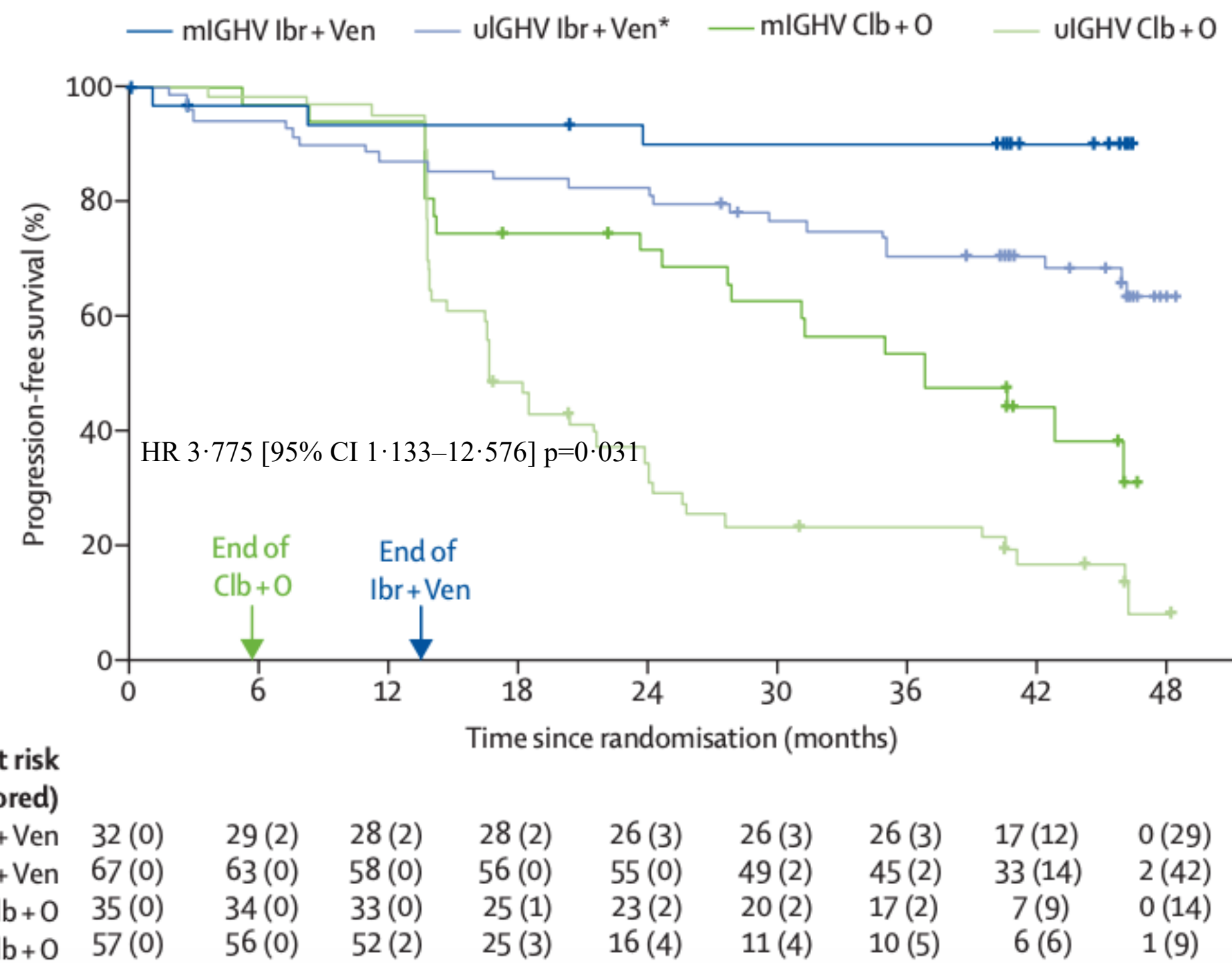
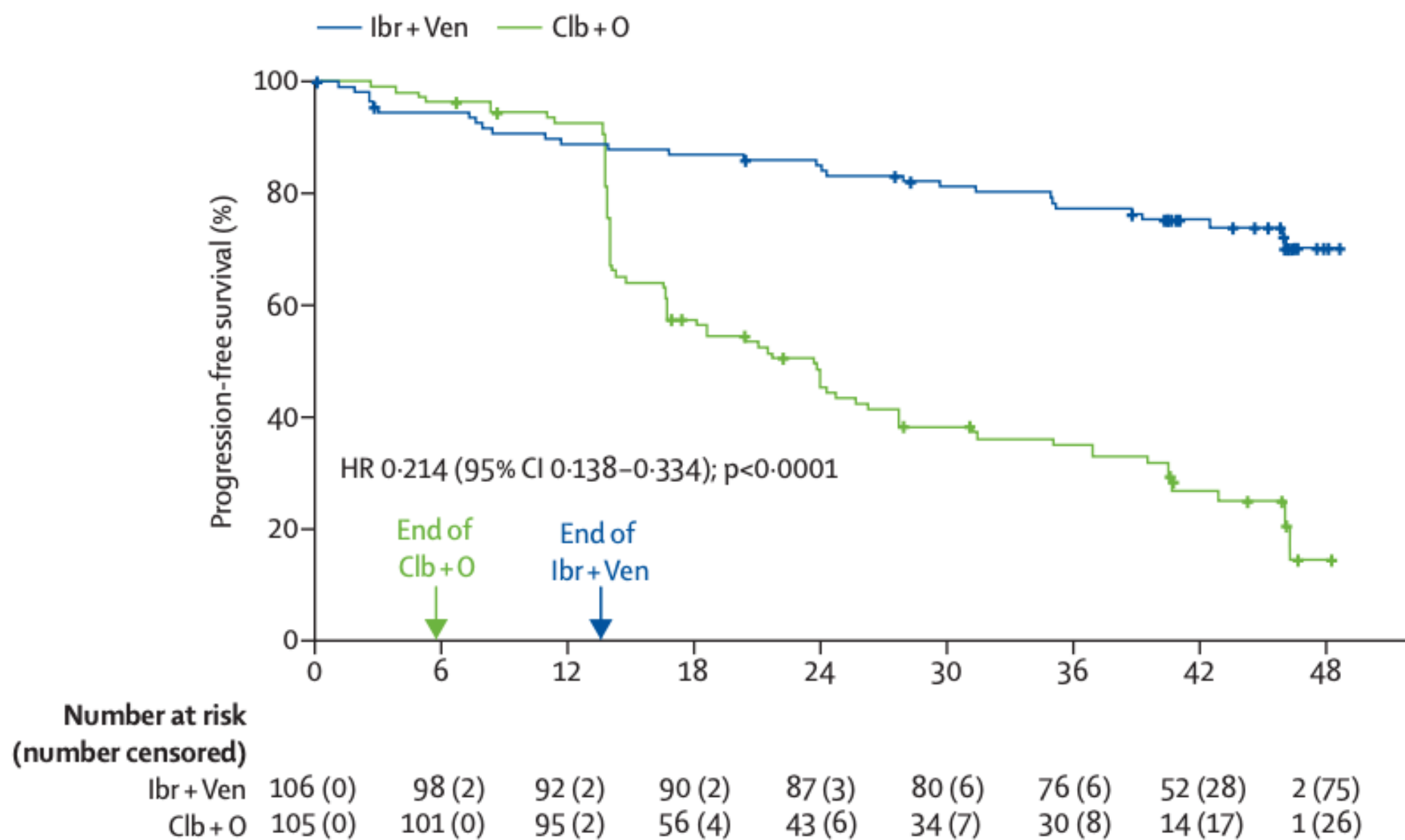


A benefit in IRC-assessed PFS was shown in patients treated with ibrutinib-venetoclax across stratification factors (del(11q) status and IGHV mutational status), and in prespecified subgroups, including patients 65 years of age or older or with a CIRS score greater than 6

A.P. Karter et al NEJM Evid. 2022 Jul;1(7):EVIDoa2200006



GLOW 4-year follow-up: PFS



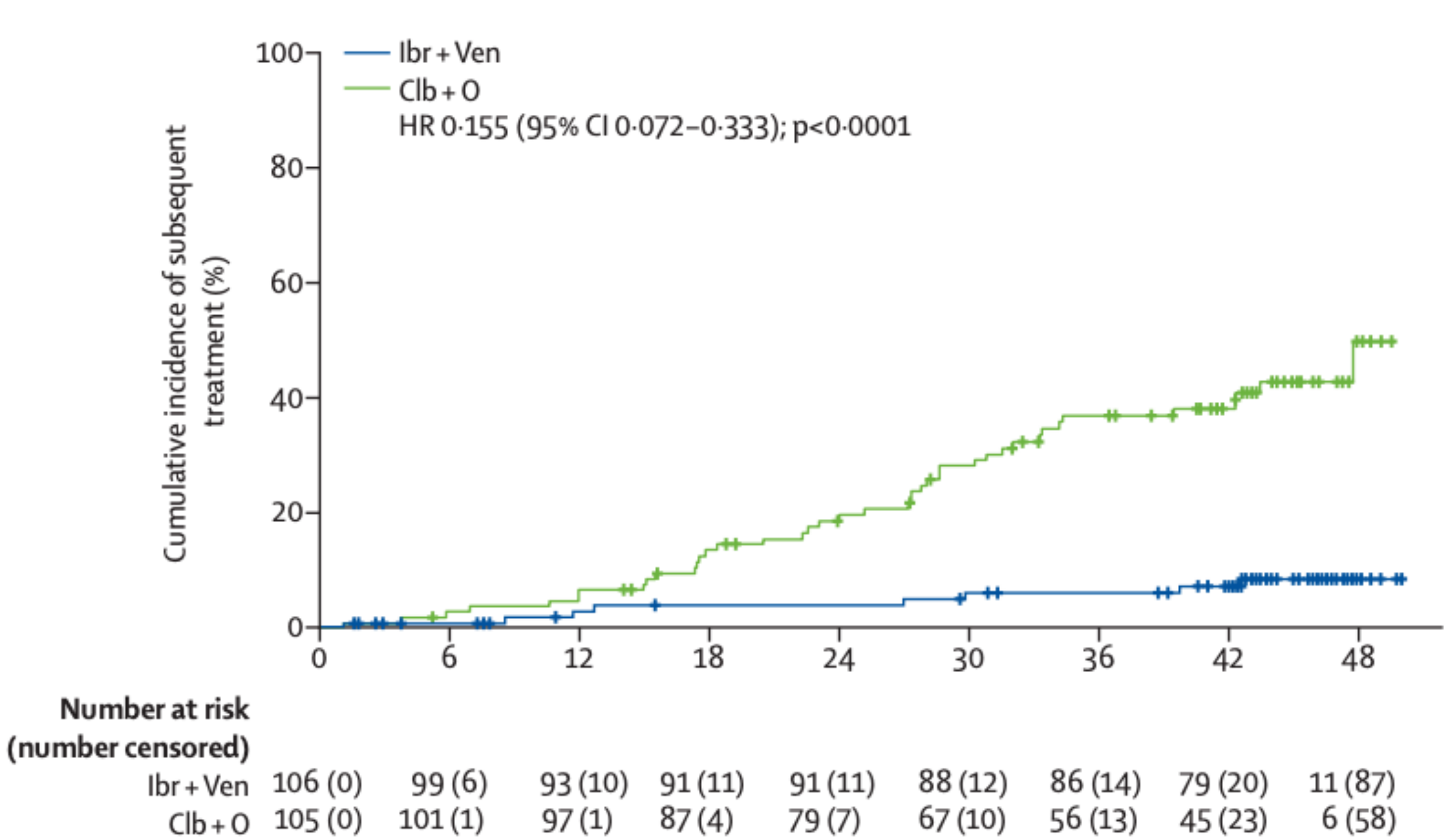
With a median follow-up of 46 months (IQR 43–47), independent review committee-assessed progressionfree survival remained superior for the ibrutinib– venetoclax group (29 events) compared with the chlorambucil–obinutuzumab group.

When assessing progression-free survival per IGHV mutation status, 42-month rates in the ibrutinib– venetoclax group were 69.8% (95% CI 57.2–79.4; 23 events) in patients with unmutated IGHV compared with 90.0% (72.0–96.7; three events) in patients with mutated IGHV

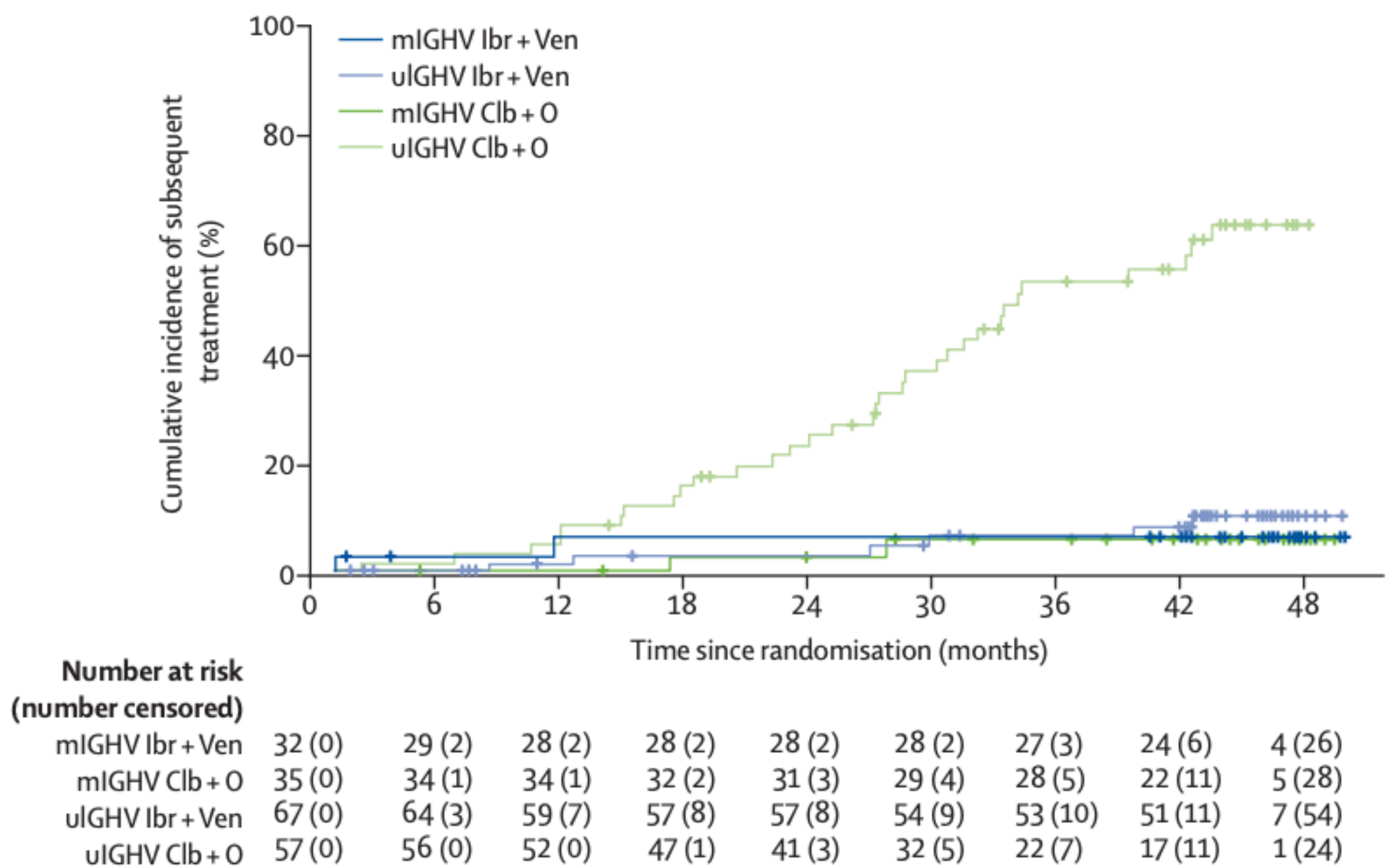
Niemann CU, et al. Lancet Oncol. 2023;24(12):1423-1433



GLOW 4-year follow-up: incidence of subsequent treatment



At the 46-month median follow-up, median time to next treatment was not reached in both treatment groups. Among patients receiving first-line ibrutinib–venetoclax, eight (8%) of 106 required second-line treatment, compared with 41 (39%) of 105 among the chlorambucil–obinutuzumab-treated patients.

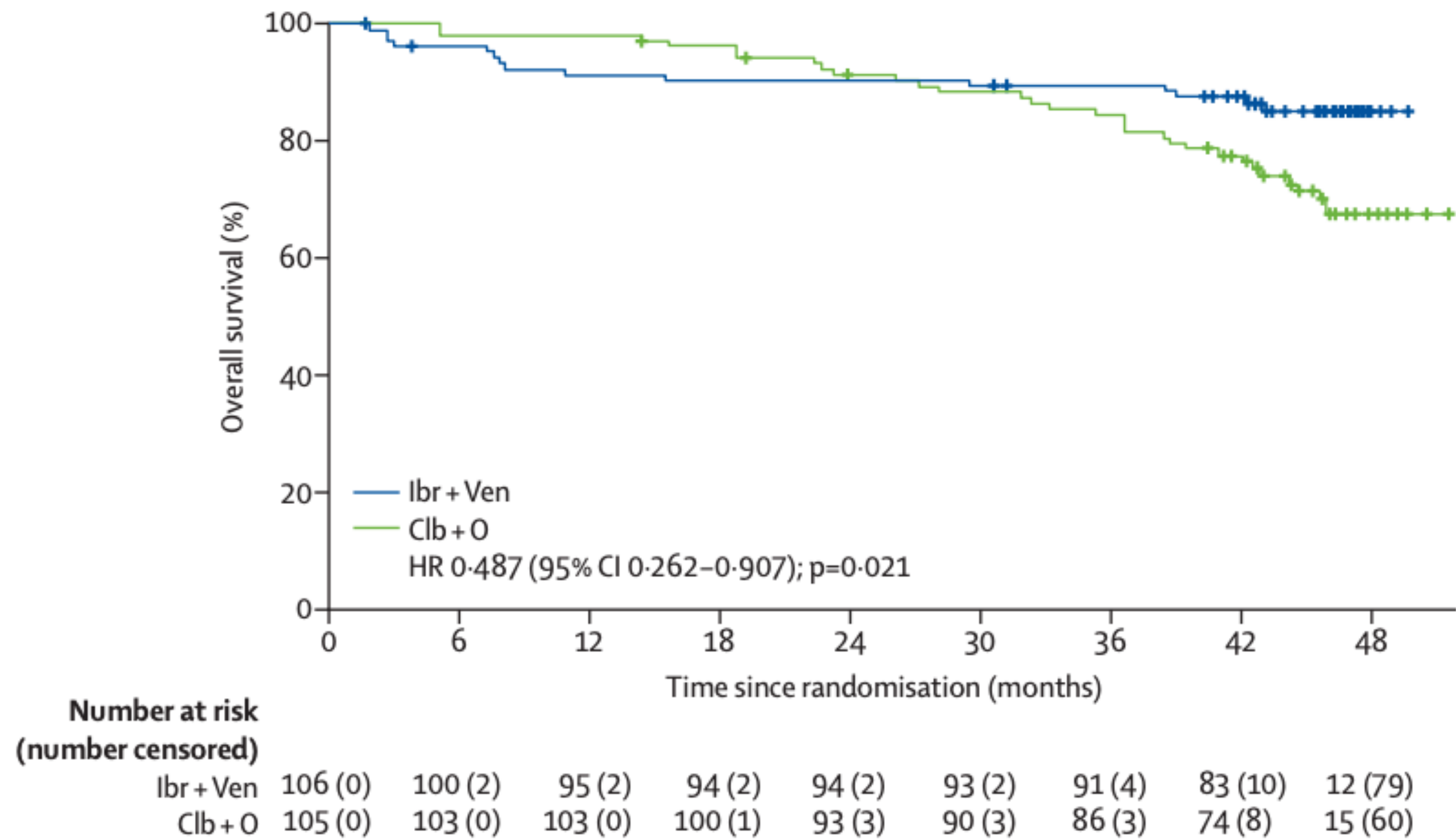


Most patients in the ibrutinib–venetoclax group had not initiated subsequent therapy at 3.5 years, regardless of IGHV-mutation status (61 [91%] of 67 with unmutated IGHV and 30 [94%] of 32 with mutated IGHV who did not require the next line of therapy), whereas 25 (44%) of 57 patients with unmutated IGHV and 33 (94%) of 35 with mutated IGHV in the chlorambucil obinutuzumab group had not initiated subsequent therapy at 3.5 years.

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GLOW 4-year follow-up: OS



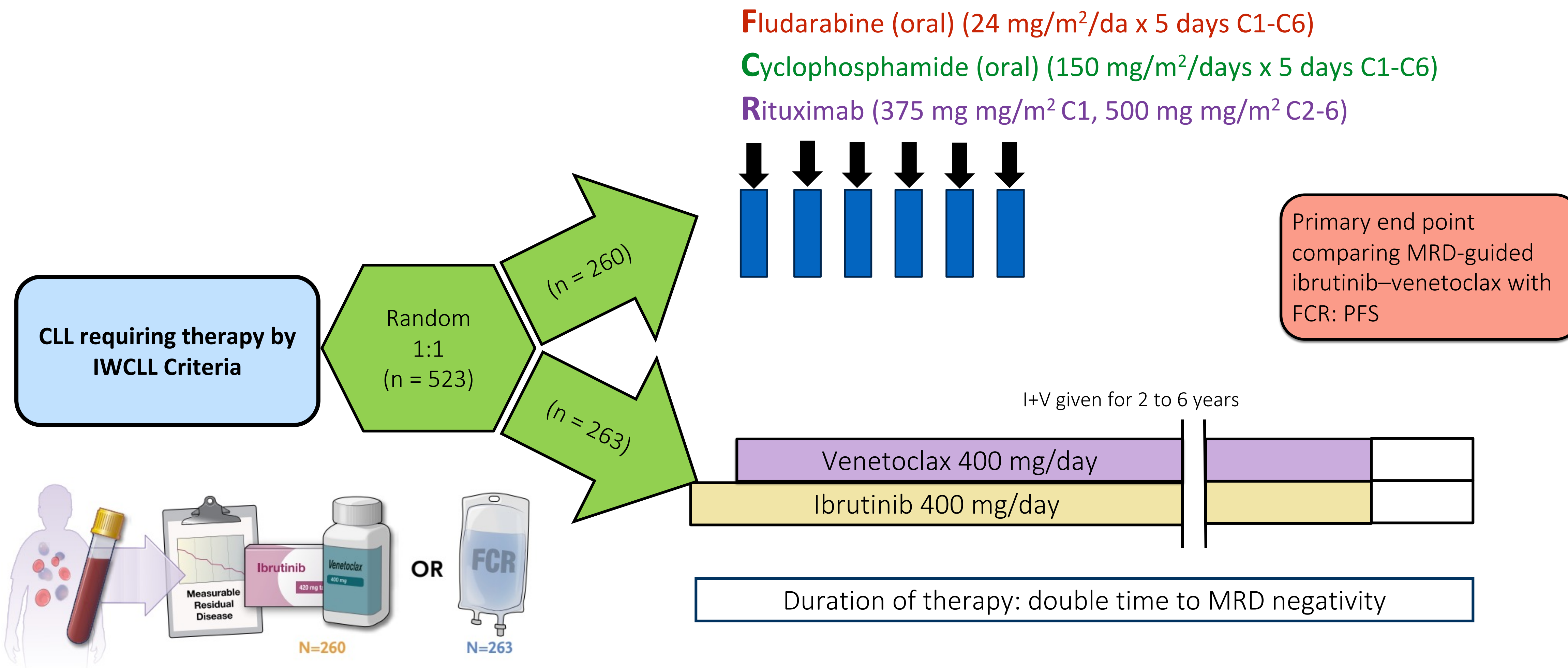
At the 46-month median follow-up, the ibrutinib–venetoclax group demonstrated an overall survival advantage compared with the chlorambucil– obinutuzumab group.

The estimated 42-month overall survival rate was 87.5% (95% CI 79.4–92.5) for patients in the ibrutinib–venetoclax group and 77.6% (68.2–84.5) for patients in the chlorambucil– obinutuzumab group.

There were twice as many deaths in the chlorambucil– obinutuzumab group (30 [29%] of 105) than in the ibrutinib–venetoclax group (15 [14%] of 106; appendix pp 10, 19).



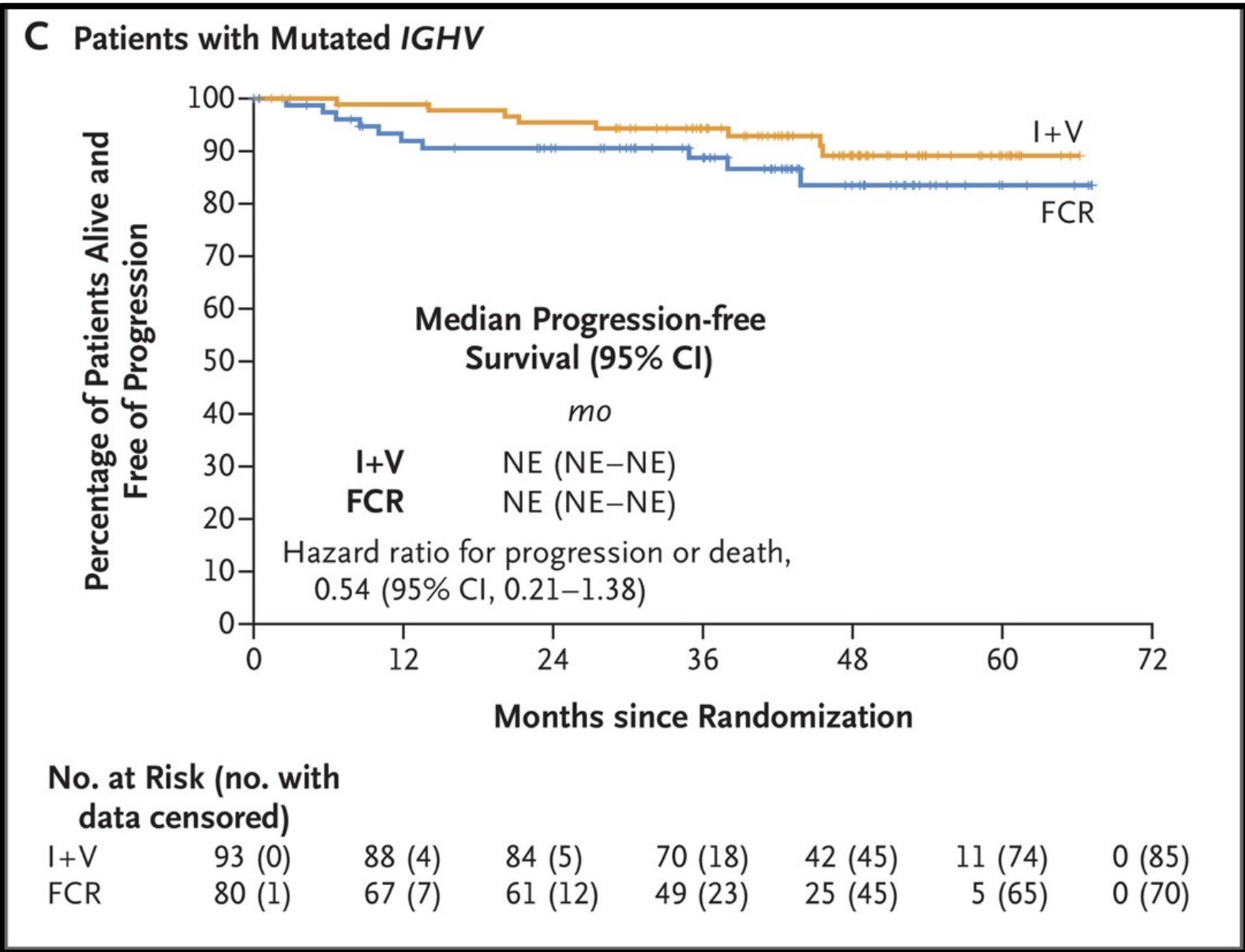
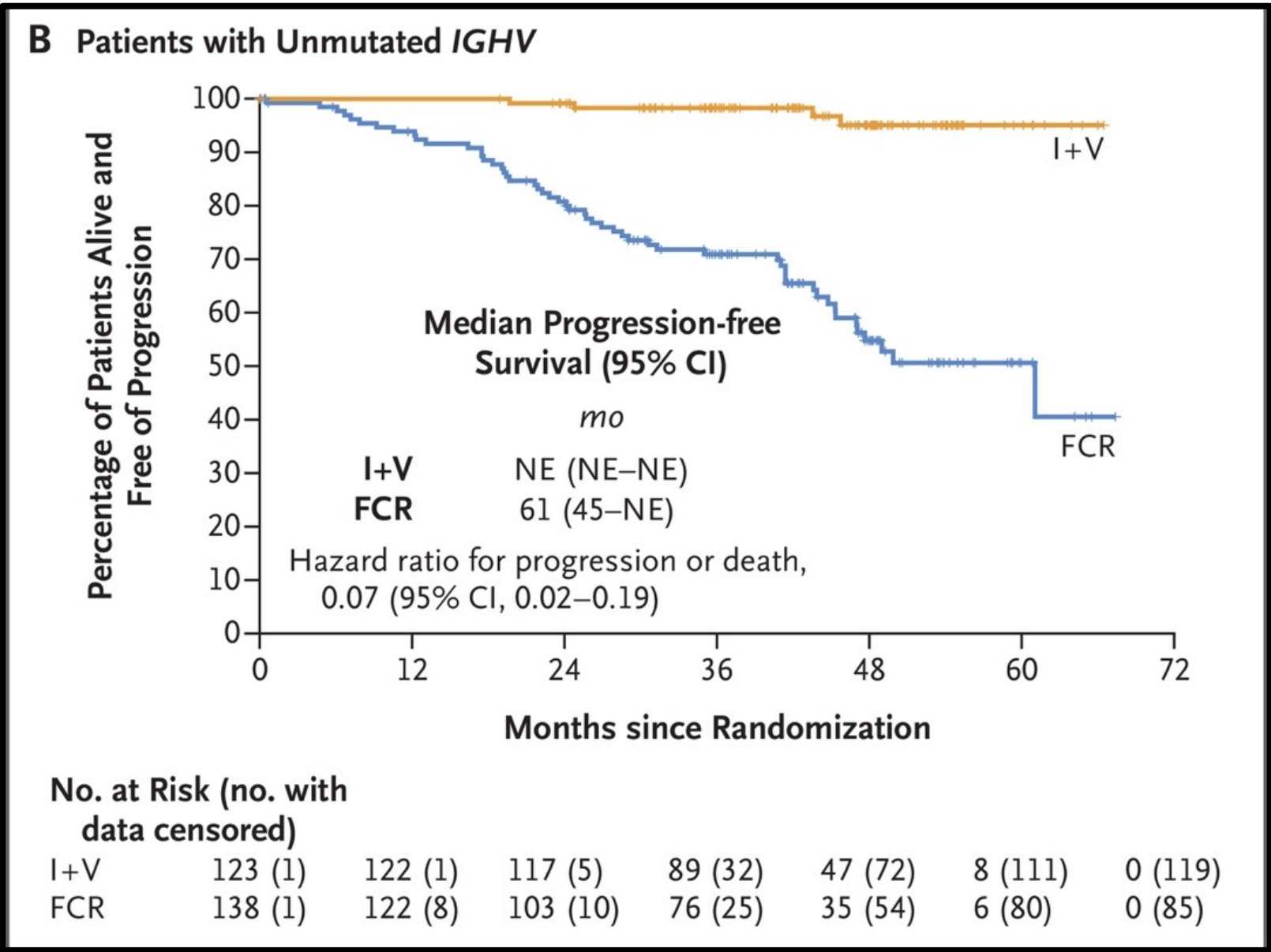
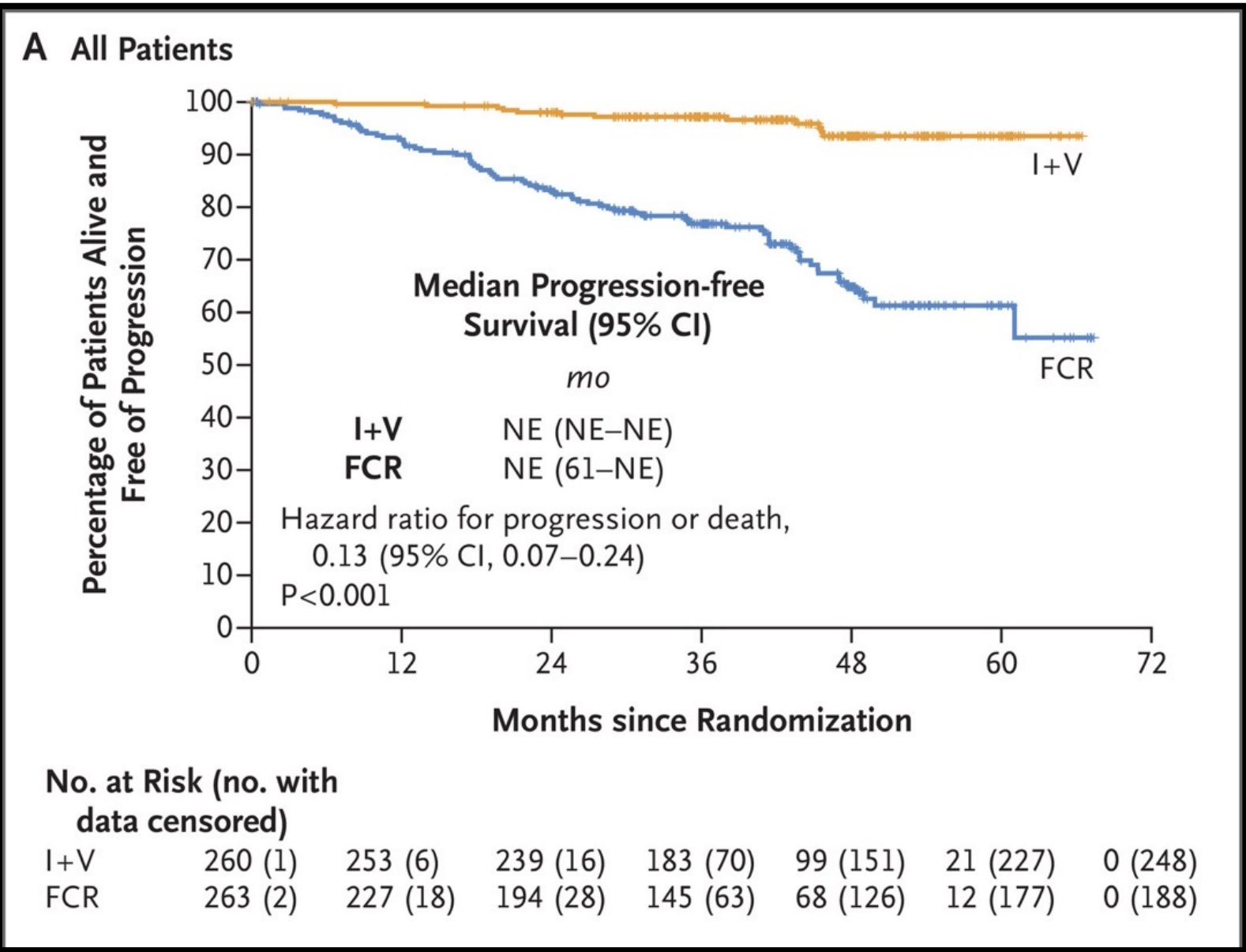
FLAIR phase 3 study: ibru plus ven with MRD-driven duration of treatment



Munir T. et al N Engl J Med 2024;390:326-337



FLAIR PFS



Median follow-up: 43.7 months (about 3.6 years).

Events (progression or death):

- Ibrutinib–venetoclax group: 12 out of ~260 patients (4.6%)
- FCR group: 75 out of ~263 patients (28.5%)

Estimated 3-year progression-free survival (PFS):

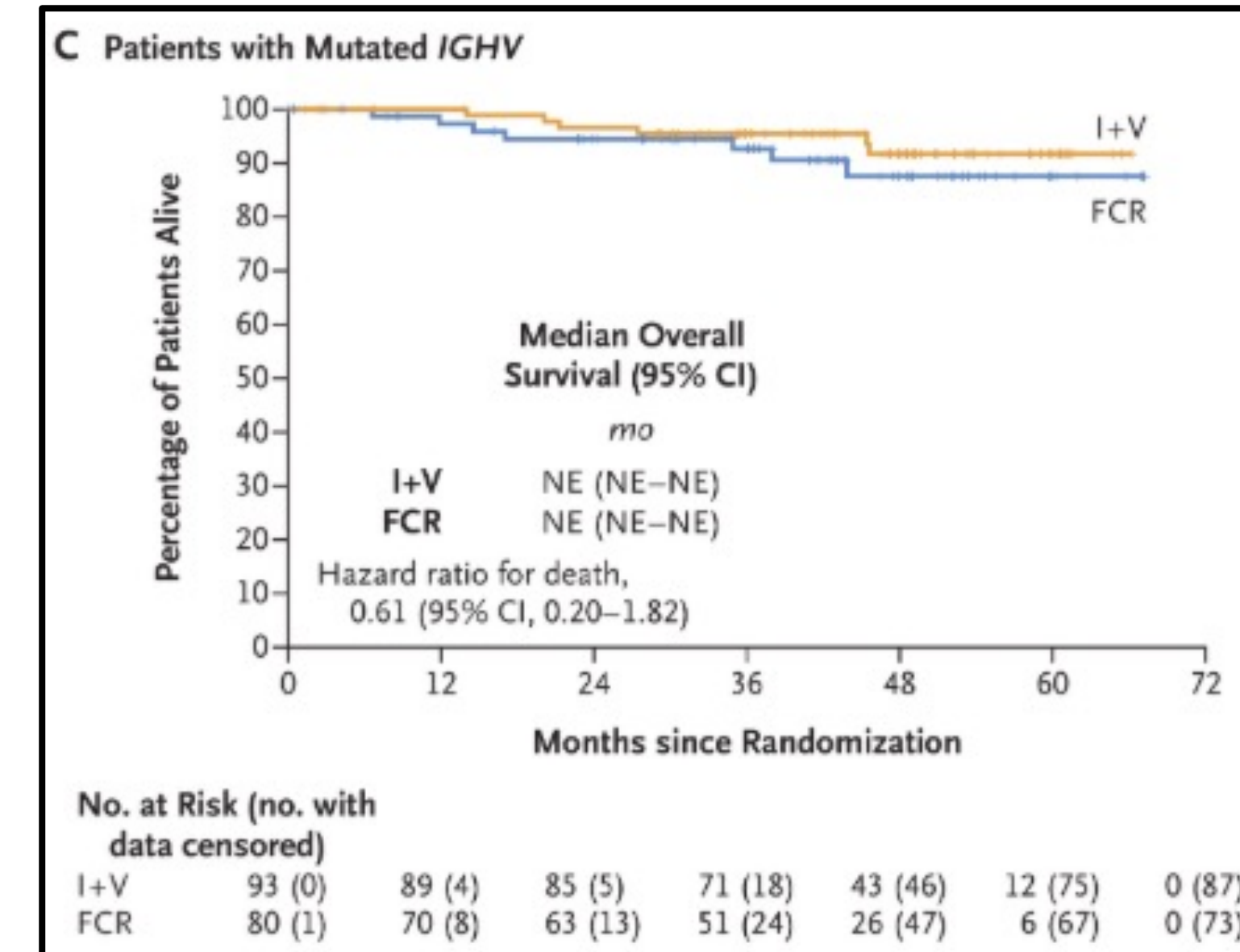
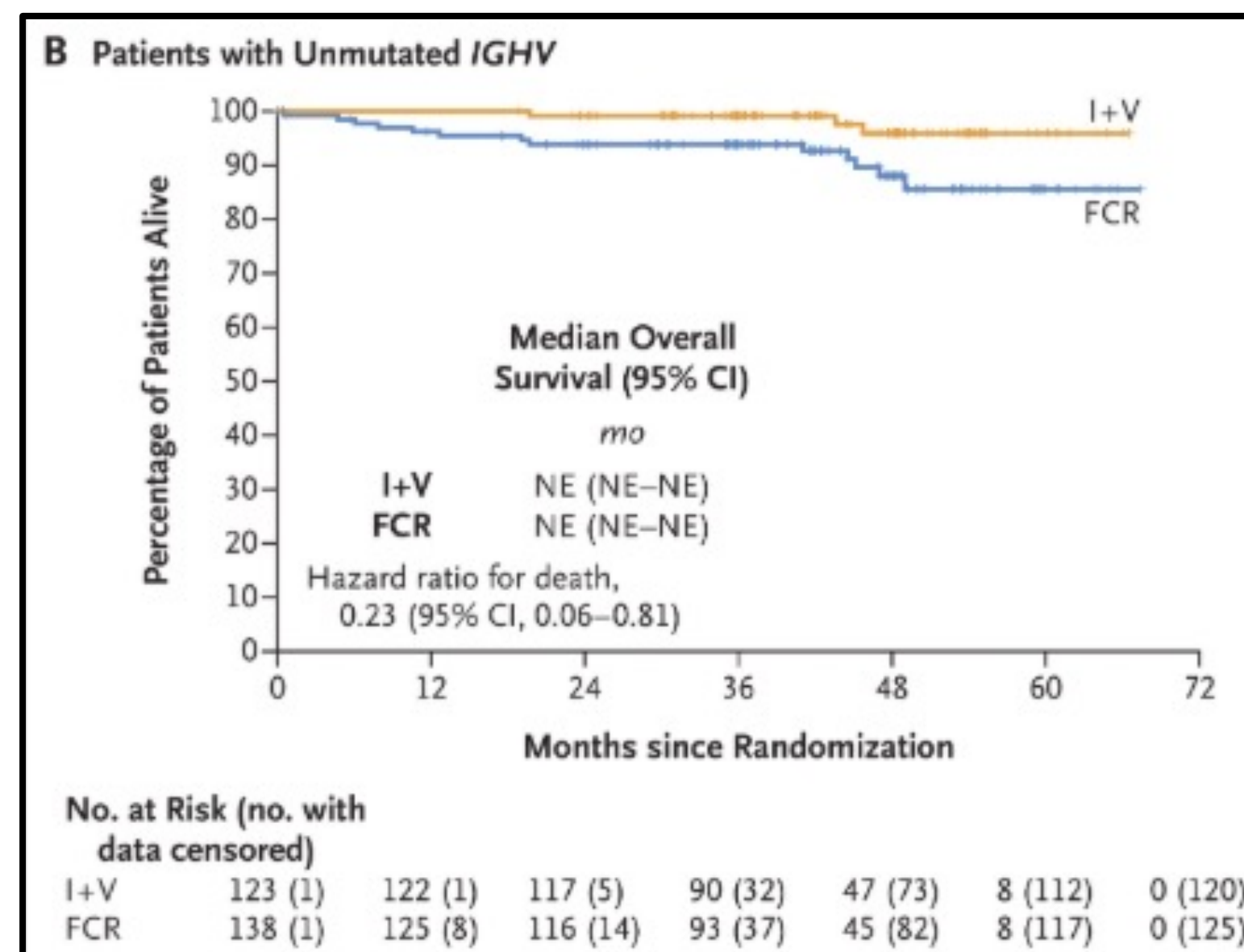
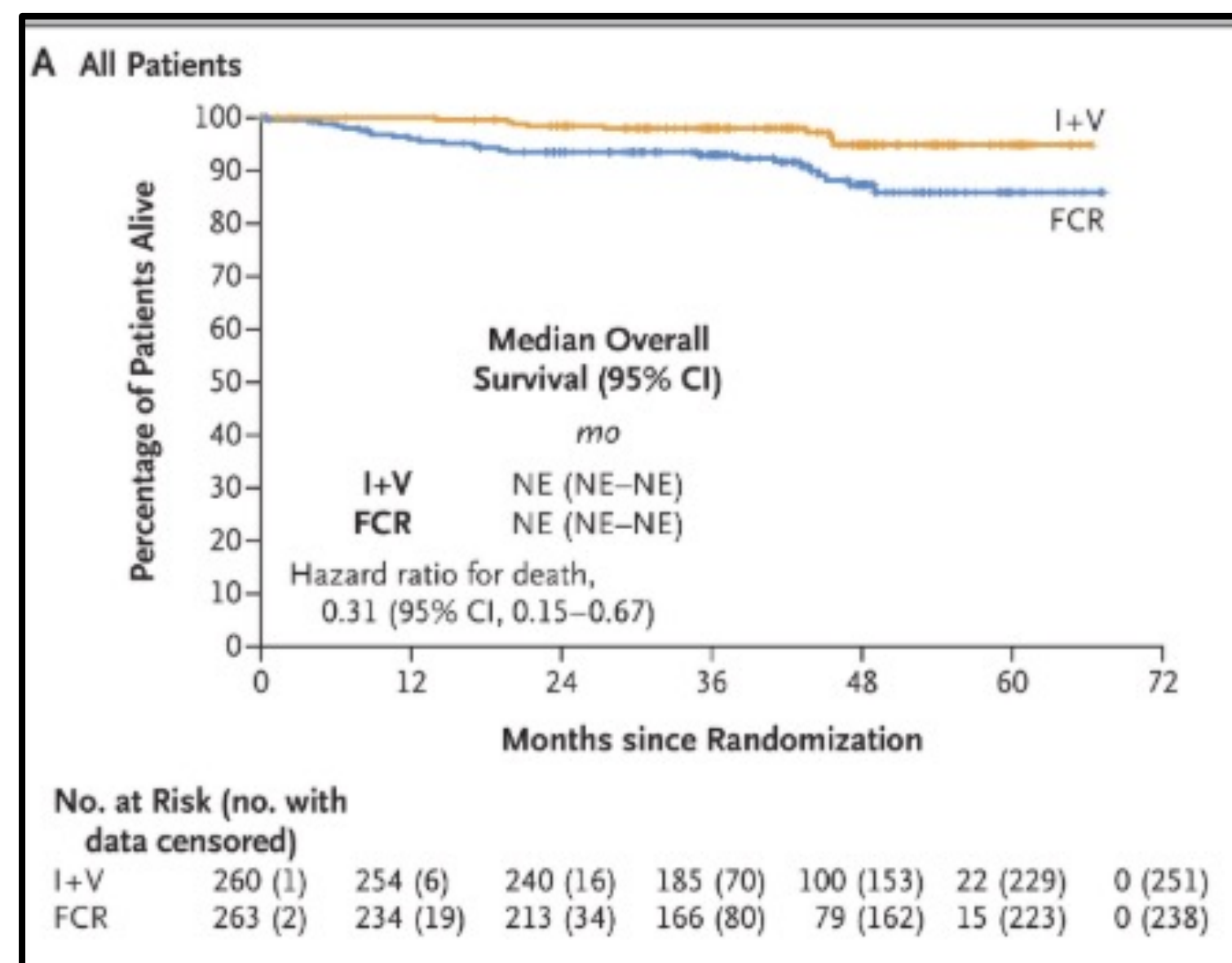
- Ibrutinib–venetoclax: 97.2% (95% CI: 94.1–98.6)
- FCR: 76.8% (95% CI: 70.8–81.7)

Hazard Ratio (HR) for progression or death: 0.13

- Patients on ibrutinib–venetoclax had an 87% lower risk of progression or death compared to those on FCR.



FLAIR OS



The hazard ratio for death (ibrutinib–venetoclax vs. FCR) was 0.31 (95% CI, 0.15 to 0.67). Results for overall survival appeared to **favor** ibrutinib–venetoclax as compared with FCR in patients with unmutated IGHV (hazard ratio for death, 0.23; 95% CI, 0.06 to 0.81) but not in those with mutated IGHV (hazard ratio, 0.61, 95% CI, 0.20 to 1.82). Subgroup analyses suggested benefit of ibrutinib–venetoclax with respect to overall survival across all subgroups except patients with mutated IGHV



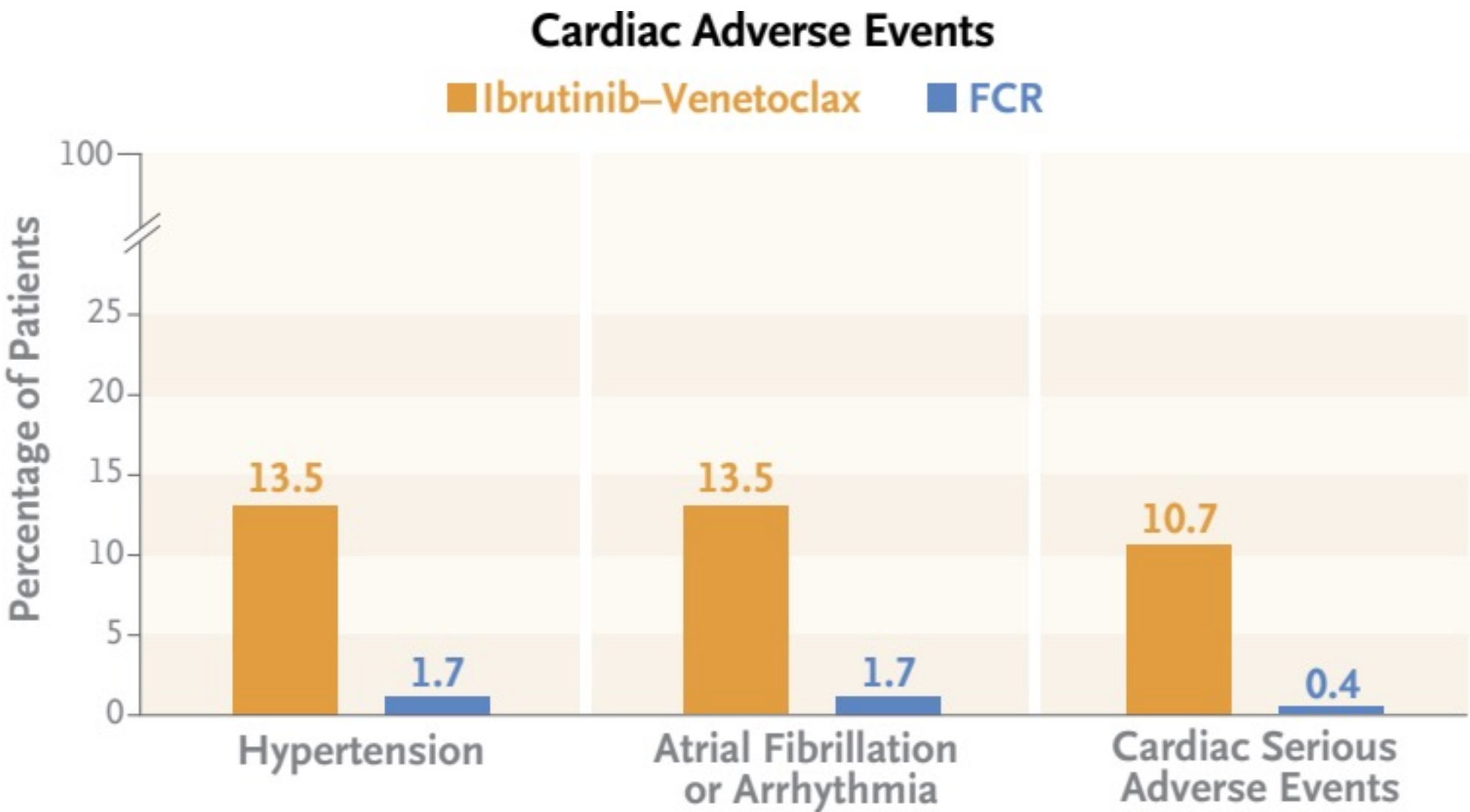
FLAIR safety

Table 2. Adverse Events, According to Maximum Grade, within 1 Year after Randomization (Safety Population).*

Adverse Event	Ibrutinib–Venetoclax (N = 252)				FCR (N = 239)			
	Grade 1 or 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 1 or 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
	number of patients (percent)							
Acute kidney injury	0	0	0	0	4 (1.7)	3 (1.3)	0	0
Anemia	24 (9.5)	2 (0.8)	0	0	50 (20.9)	33 (13.8)	4 (1.7)	0
Atrial fibrillation or arrhythmia	10 (4.0)	2 (0.8)	0	0	4 (1.7)	0	0	0
Constipation	8 (3.2)	1 (0.4)	0	0	60 (25.1)	0	0	0
Cough	4 (1.6)	0	0	0	45 (18.8)	4 (1.7)	0	0
Diarrhea	58 (23.0)	2 (0.8)	0	0	46 (19.2)	6 (2.5)	0	0
Dyspnea	10 (4.0)	0	0	0	22 (9.2)	3 (1.3)	1 (0.4)	0
Fatigue	38 (15.1)	1 (0.4)	0	0	108 (45.2)	9 (3.8)	0	0
Febrile neutropenia	0	0	0	0	0	13 (5.4)	0	0
Fever	5 (2.0)	0	0	0	57 (23.8)	17 (7.1)	0	0
Headache	10 (4.0)	0	0	0	31 (13.0)	1 (0.4)	0	0
Hemolysis or hemolytic anemia	0	0	0	0	3 (1.3)	3 (1.3)	0	0
Hypertension	6 (2.4)	6 (2.4)	0	0	3 (1.3)	1 (0.4)	0	0
Infections and infestations, other	1 (0.4)	0	0	0	0	3 (1.3)	0	0
Infusion-related reaction	0	0	0	0	64 (26.8)	2 (0.8)	1 (0.4)	0
Lung infection	0	0	0	0	3 (1.3)	3 (1.3)	1 (0.4)	0
Lymphocyte count decreased	4 (1.6)	0	0	0	4 (1.7)	4 (1.7)	4 (1.7)	0
Nausea	43 (17.1)	3 (1.2)	0	0	138 (57.7)	1 (0.4)	0	0
Neutropenia	23 (9.1)	16 (6.3)	10 (4.0)	0	27 (11.3)	53 (22.2)	60 (25.1)	0
Other	24 (9.5)	7 (2.8)	0	0	26 (10.9)	7 (2.9)	0	1 (0.4)
Platelet count decreased	39 (15.5)	3 (1.2)	2 (0.8)	0	65 (27.2)	16 (6.7)	8 (3.3)	0
Rash	26 (10.3)	1 (0.4)	0	0	66 (27.6)	5 (2.1)	0	0
Sepsis	0	0	0	0	0	10 (4.2)	4 (1.7)	0
Skin infections	2 (0.8)	0	0	0	3 (1.3)	3 (1.3)	0	0
Taste alteration or loss of appetite	4 (1.6)	0	0	0	30 (12.6)	0	0	0
Upper respiratory infection	6 (2.4)	1 (0.4)	0	0	24 (10.0)	8 (3.3)	0	0
Vomiting	15 (6.0)	1 (0.4)	0	0	65 (27.2)	5 (2.1)	0	0

* The safety population included all the patients who had undergone randomization and received at least one treatment cycle. Shown are adverse events of any grade that occurred in at least 10% of the patients in either treatment group and adverse events of grade 3 or higher that occurred in at least 1% of the patients in either treatment group.

- Of 491 patients in the safety population, 450 (91.6%) reported at least one adverse event.
- The most common grade 3 to 5 adverse events occurring within 1 year after randomization were neutropenia (10.3% ibrutinib–venetoclax group vs 47.3% FCR group), anemia (in 0.8% vs 15.5%, respectively), and thrombocytopenia (in 2.0% vs 10.0%).
- Common adverse events of any grade were fatigue (15.5% in the ibrutinib–venetoclax group vs 49.0% in the FCR group) and neutropenia (19.4% vs 58.6%), respectively).
- A total of 15 grade 3 adverse events involving febrile neutropenia occurred in 13 patients (5.4%) in the FCR group; none occurred in the ibrutinib–venetoclax group
- Cardiac SAEs occurred more often in the ibru-ven arm



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Outcomes for PFS and OS for CLL frontline phase 3 trials

Trial treatment no. of patients	Characteristics (median, if not indicated otherwise)		Estimate at month	PFS rate (%)				OS rate (%)			
				All patients	ulGHV	mIGHV	17p– and/or TP5 3mut	All patients	ulGHV	mIGHV	17p– and/or TP5 3mut
CLL14 Obi-Ven n = 216	FU: 76	Age: 72	36	82	82	86	63	89	89	91	80
	CIRS: 9	CrCl: 65.2	48	74	69	85	54	85	83	89	72
			72	53	43	72	22	79	78	82	60
CLL13 Obi-Ven n = 229	FU: 51	Age: 62	36	89	84	94	n.a.	97	96	97	n.a.
	CIRS: 2	CrCl: 86.3	48	82	74	92	n.a.	95	94	97	n.a.
			72								
GLOW lbr-Ven n = 106	FU: 57	Age: 71	36	79	72 ^a	90 ^a		90 ^a			
	CIRS: 9	CrCl: 66.5	48	70	63 ^a	90 ^a		86 ^a			
			72								
FLAIR lbr-Ven n = 260	FU: 44	Age: 62	36	97				98	99	96	
		CrCl: 83	48	94				95			
			72								

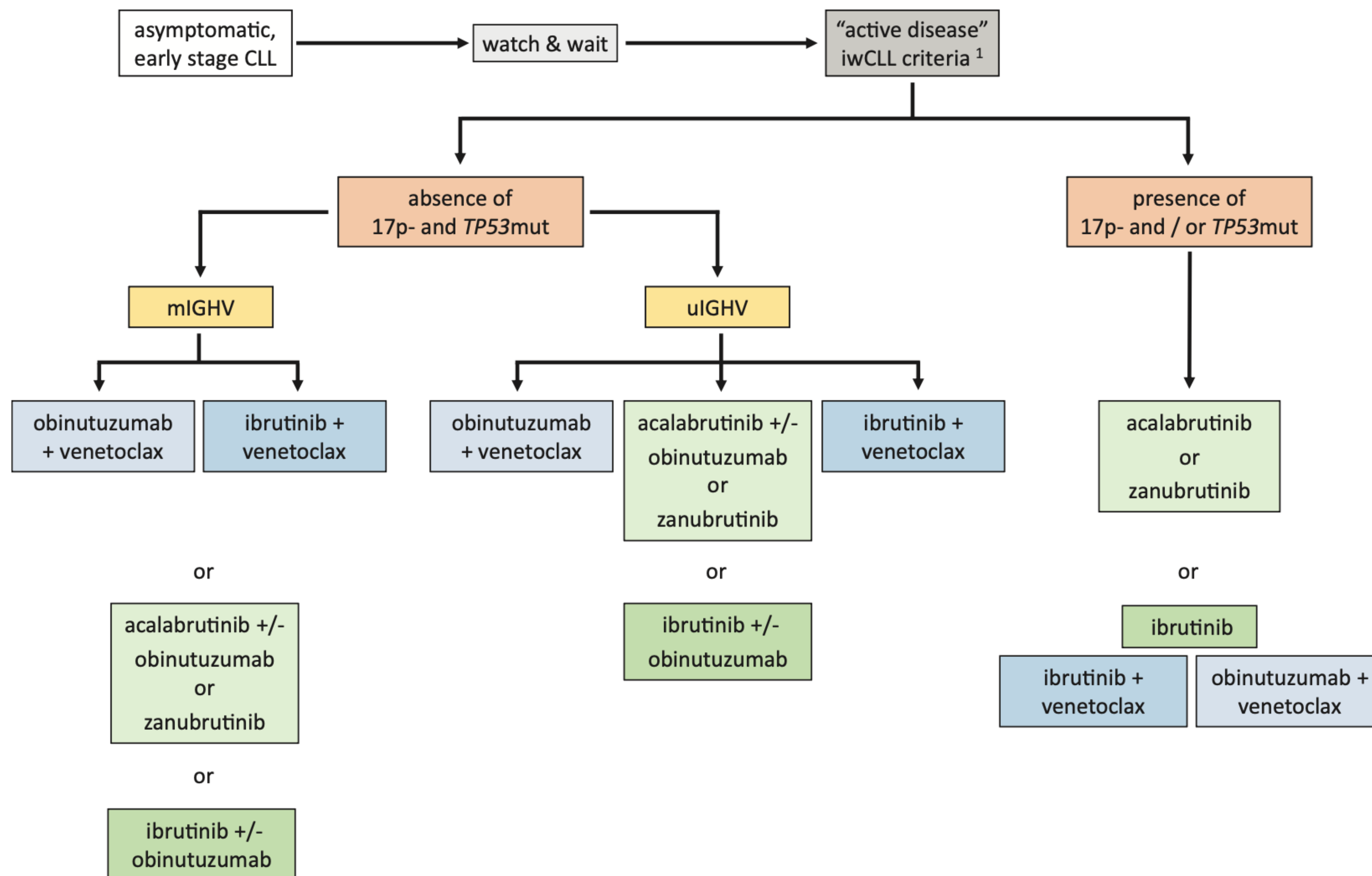
^a Estimates from survival curve.

^b Sole TP53 mutation; empty fields = data not available.

Acala, acalabrutinib; Age, age in years; CrCl, creatinine clearance in mL/min; FU, median follow-up time in months; lbr, ibrutinib; n.a., not applicable as 17p– and TP53mut were excluded; Obi, obinutuzumab; R, rituximab; Ven, venetoclax; Zanu, zanubrutinib.



Suggested frontline treatment algorithm according to genetic CLL subgroups





Heat map of treatment options in frontline CLL

	treatment preference for genetic subgroups based on efficacy and tolerability			treatment-related logistics		adverse events, comorbidities and comedication					
	mIGHV	uIGHV	17p- / TP53 mut	finite duration and treatment-free interval	convenient initiation of therapy	accumulation of adverse events	bleeding risk	TLS risk	cardiovascular events	reduced renal function	infection risk during treatment
ibrutinib											
acalabrutinib											
zanubrutinib											
obinutuzumab + acalabrutinib											
obinutuzumab + venetoclax											
ibrutinib + venetoclax											

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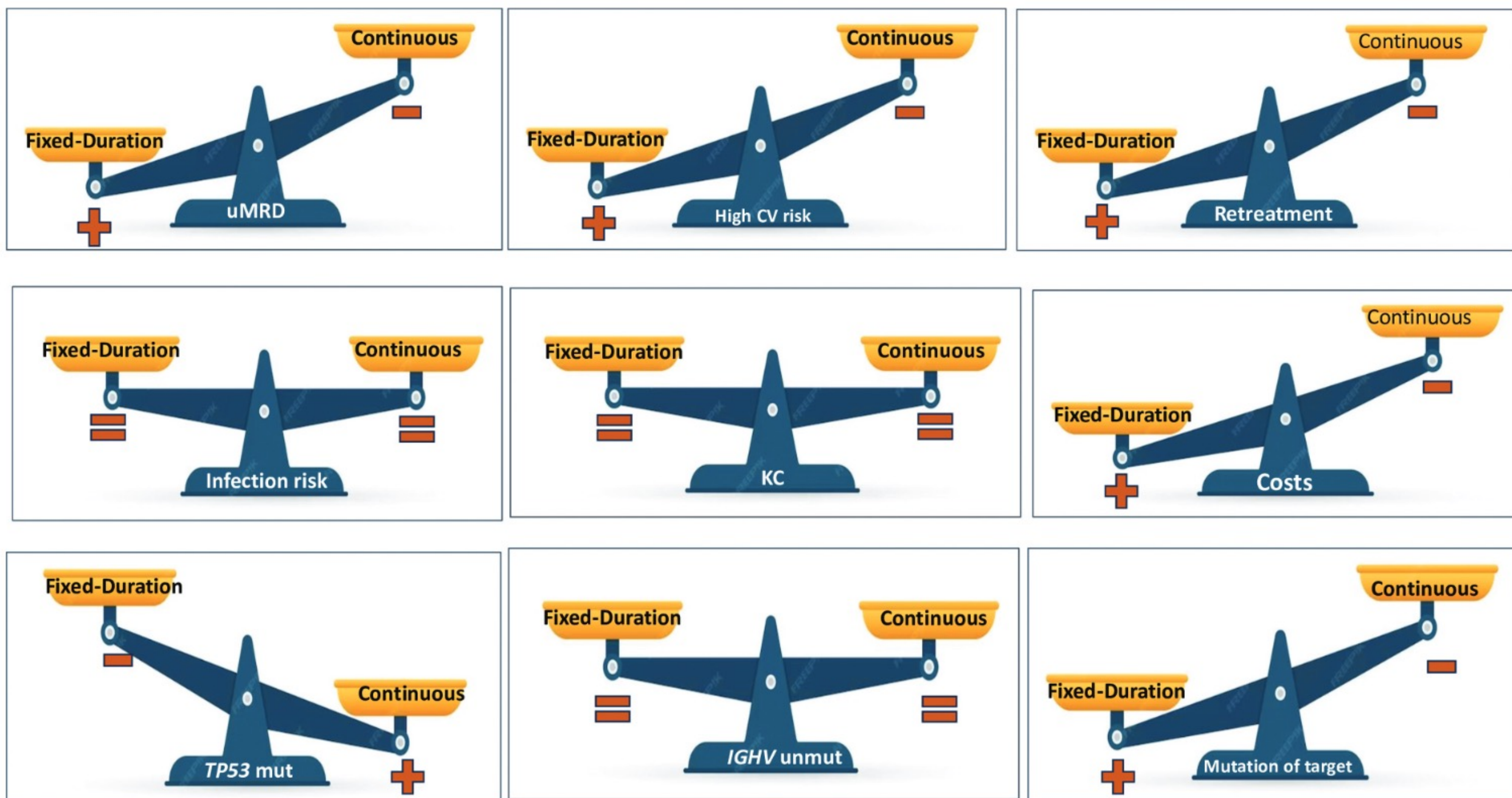
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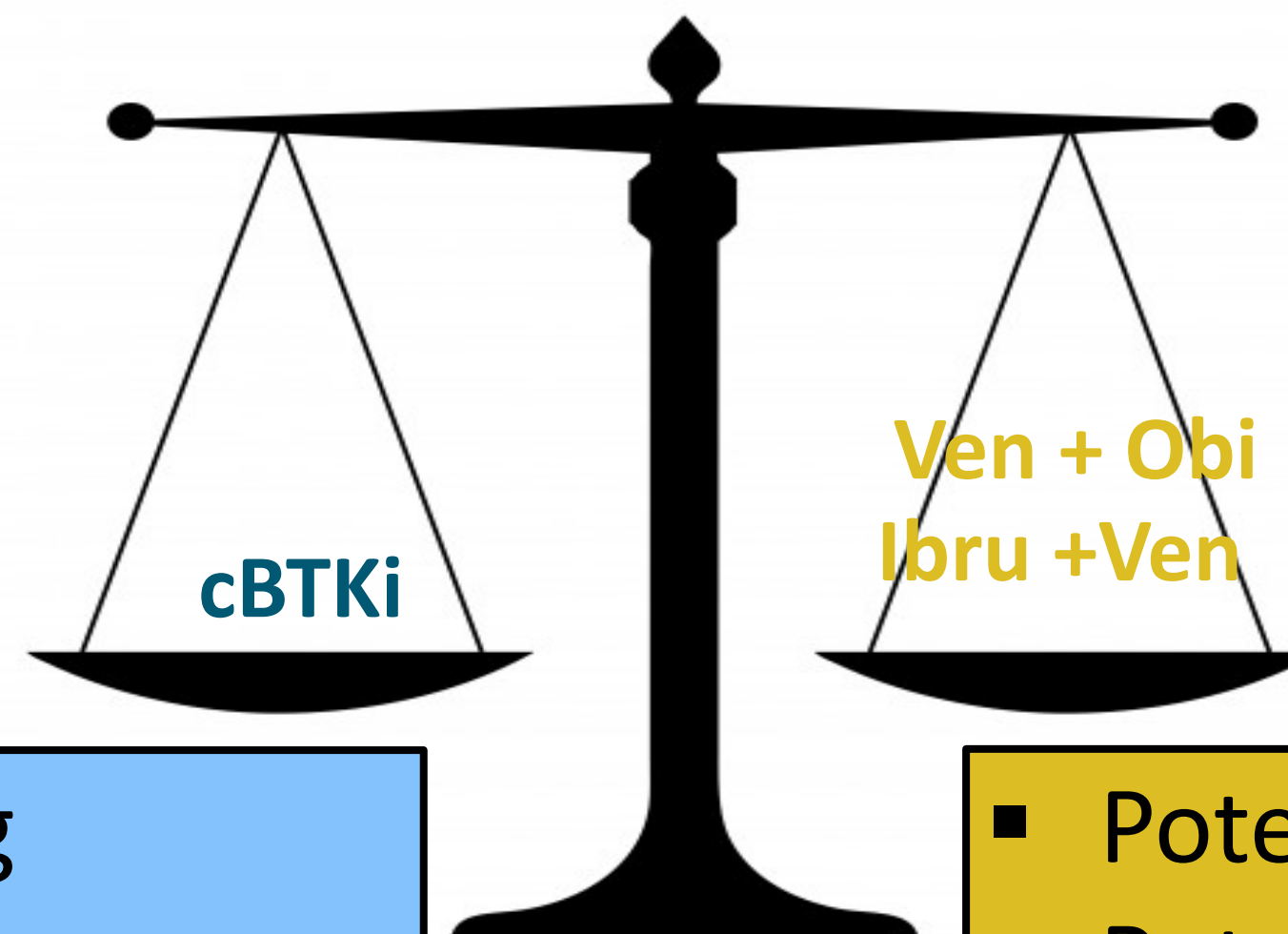
Potential advantages and disadvantages of continuous versus fixed-durationtherapy



Molica, S. et al. Expert Review of Anticancer Therapy, 24(3–4), 101–106



Frontline cBTKi vs Ven based fixed duration therapies: Factors to Consider



- Requires continuous dosing
- More data in patients with del(17p)/*TP53* mutations
- Convenience (no infusions, TLS monitoring)
- Associated with cardiac and bleeding events

- Potential for 1 yr time-limited therapy
- Potential for cost saving if 1 yr of therapy is durable
- Requires ramp up period with TLS monitoring and prophylaxis
- No known cardiac or bleeding risks in obi-ven schedule



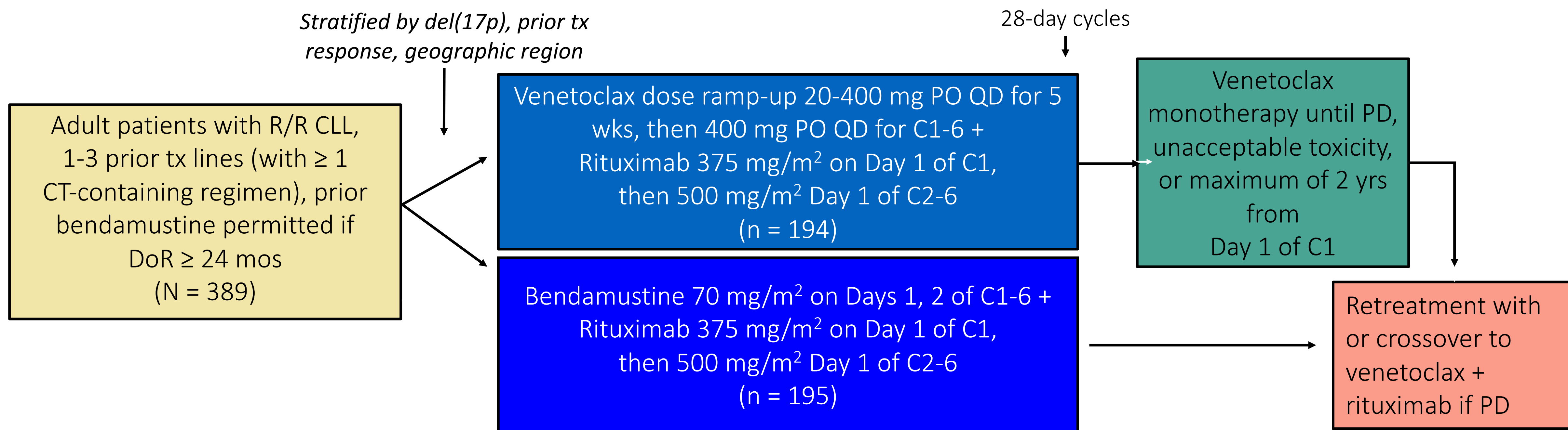
Relapsed/Refractory CLL

VENETOCLAX-BASED TREATMENTS



Venetoclax–Rituximab in R/R CLL: the MURANO trial

- Multicenter, randomized, open-label phase III trial; current analysis of outcomes after median follow-up of 59 mos

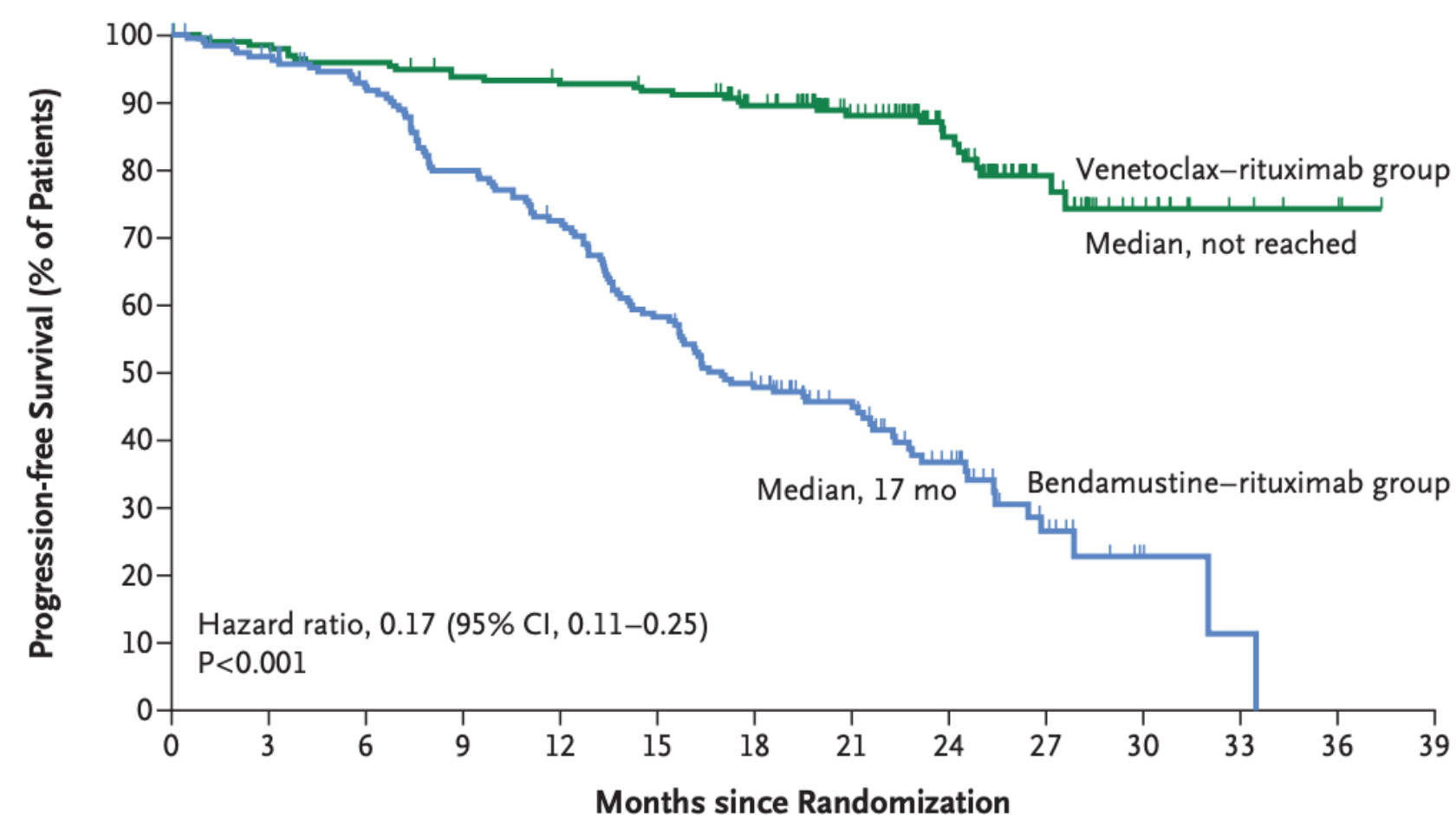


- Primary endpoint: investigator-assessed PFS
- Secondary endpoints: IRC-assessed PFS and MRD negativity, IRC-assessed CR $\rightarrow$ ORR $\rightarrow$ OS, safety



MURANO trial: PFS and OS

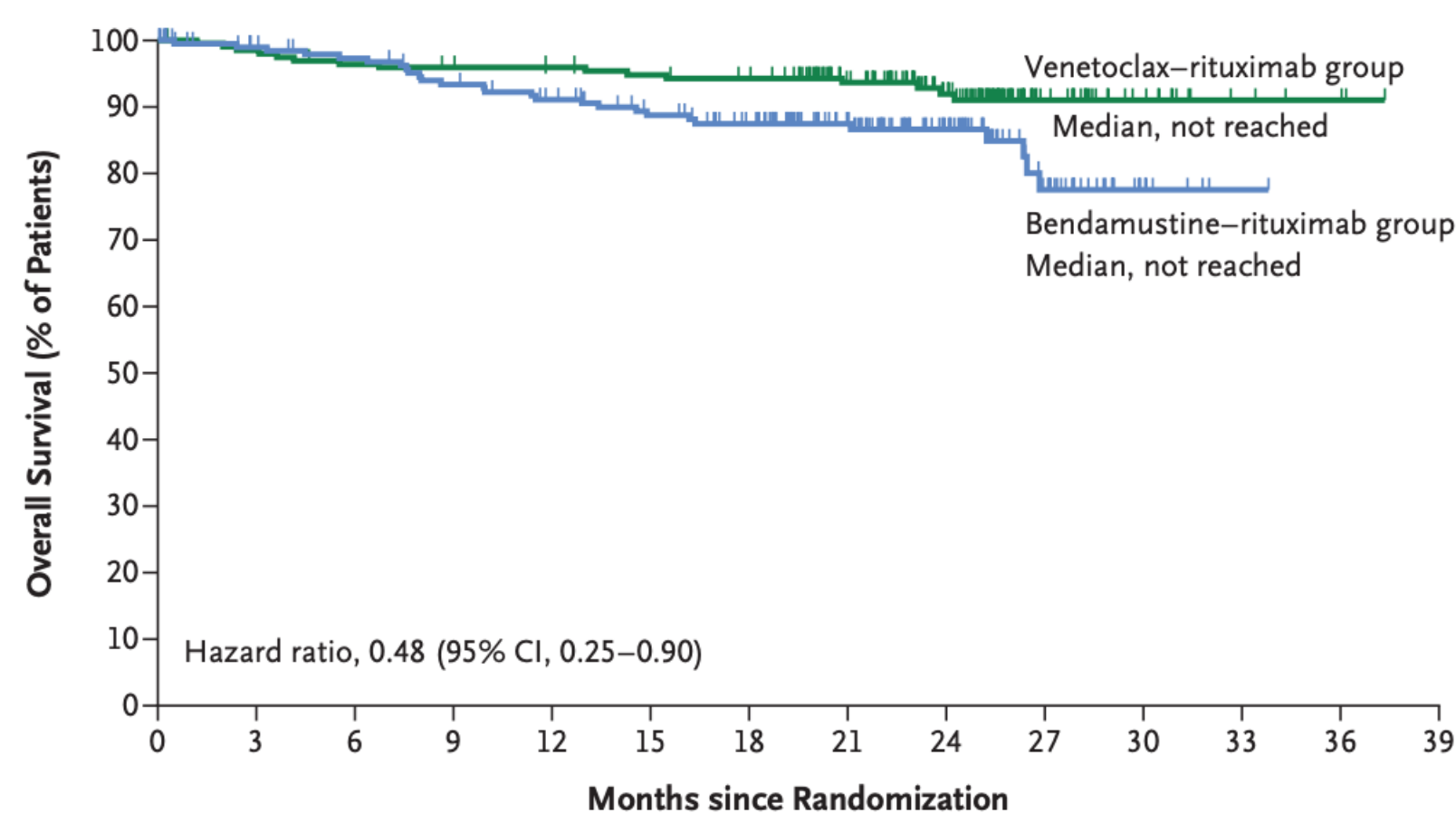
A Progression-free Survival



No. at Risk

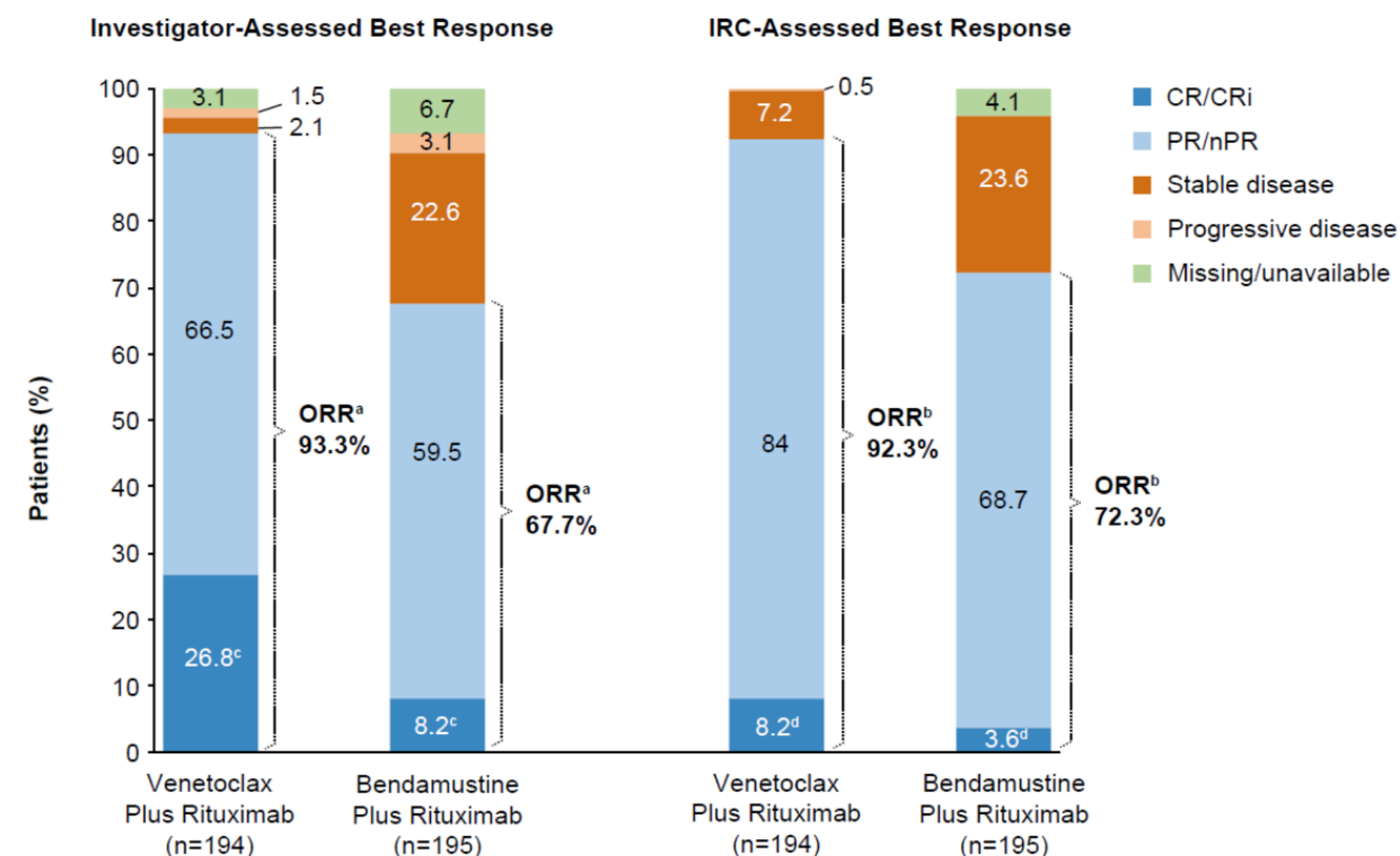
Venetoclax–rituximab group	194	190	185	179	176	173	157	115	76	33	14	5	3
Bendamustine–rituximab group	195	177	163	141	127	102	81	57	35	12	3	1	

B Overall Survival



No. at Risk

Venetoclax–rituximab group	194	190	185	183	181	178	175	142	102	36	15	5	3
Bendamustine–rituximab group	195	181	175	166	158	146	134	102	66	29	8	2	



- After a median follow-up period of 23.8 months, the median investigator assessed PFS was significantly longer in the venetoclax–rituximab group than in the bendamustine–rituximab group.
- The median PFS was not reached in the venetoclax–rituximab group and was 17 months in the bendamustine–rituximab group.
- The 2-year rate of investigator-assessed progression-free survival was 84.9% in the venetoclax–rituximab group and 36.3% in the bendamustine–rituximab group.
- The rate of OS was higher in the venetoclax–rituximab group than in the bendamustine–rituximab group, with 24-month rates of 91.9% and 86.6%, respectively



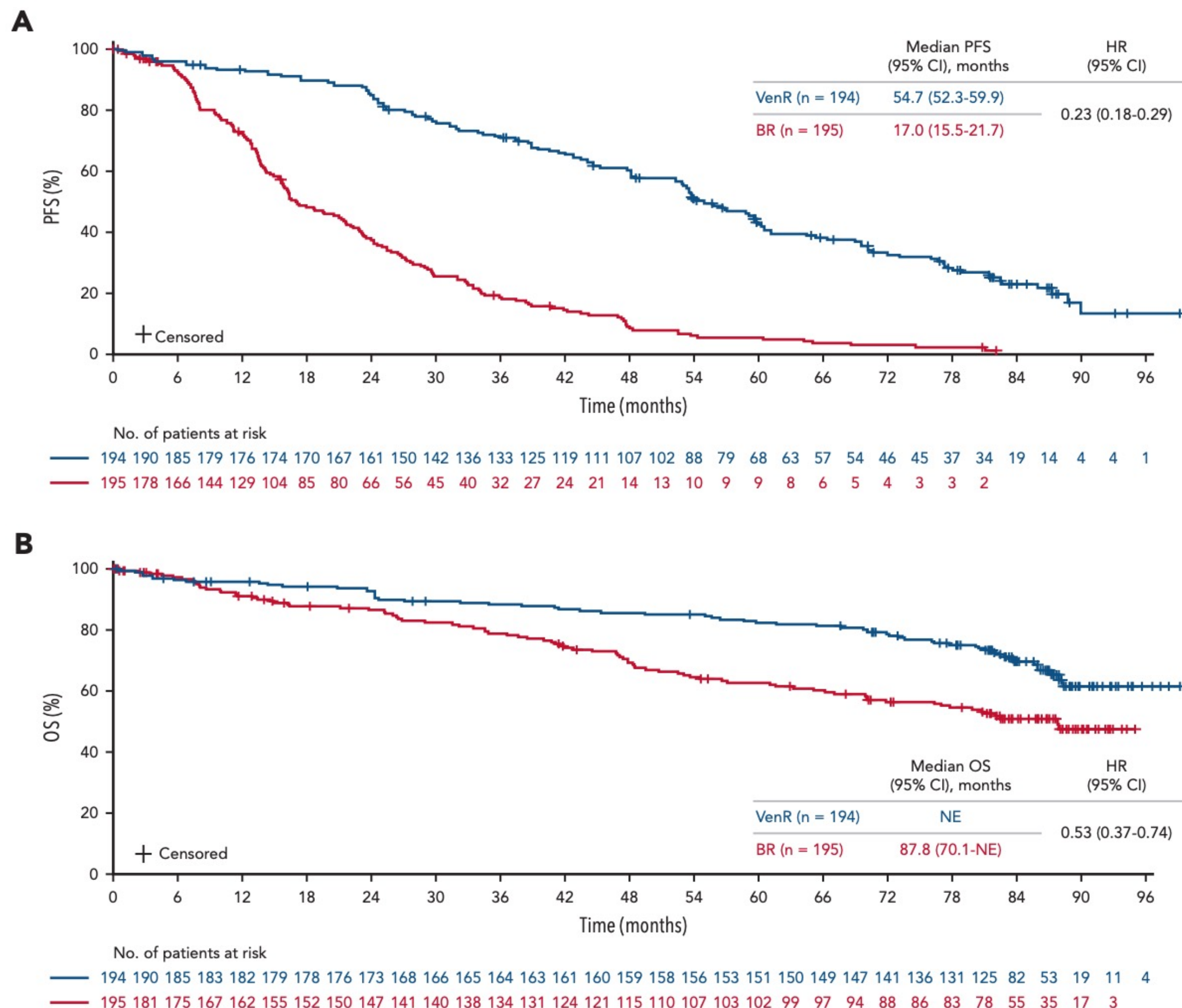
MURANO trail: safety

	Venetoclax + rituximab arm n=194		Bendamustine + rituximab arm n=188	
	Venetoclax	Rituximab	Bendamustine	Rituximab
Dose interruption				
Patients with ≥ 1 AE leading to dose interruption, n (%)	135 (69.6)	39 (20.1)	53 (28.2)	69 (36.7)
AE leading to dose interruption of any treatment in ≥ 5 patients in either arm, n (%)				
Neutropenia	84 (43.3)	25 (12.9)	22 (11.7)	23 (12.2)
Neutrophil count decreased	5 (2.6)	0	4 (2.1)	4 (2.1)
Thrombocytopenia	9 (4.9)	1 (0.5)	8 (4.3)	6 (3.2)
Pneumonia	8 (4.1)	1 (0.5)	3 (1.6)	3 (1.6)
Upper respiratory tract infection	7 (3.6)	1 (0.5)	4 (2.1)	4 (2.1)
Bronchitis	5 (2.6)	3 (1.6)	2 (1.1)	1 (0.5)
Infusion-related reaction	0	6 (3.1)	2 (1.1)	23 (12.6)
Diarrhea	9 (4.6)	0	0	0
Nausea	7 (3.6)	0	1 (0.5)	1 (0.5)
Dose reduction				
Patients with ≥ 1 AE leading to dose reduction, n (%)	27 (13.9)	2 (1.0)	26 (13.8)	2 (1.1)
AE leading to dose reduction of any treatment in ≥ 2 patients in either arm, n (%)				
Neutropenia	16 (8.2)	1 (0.5)	14 (7.4)	0
Febrile neutropenia	2 (1.0)	0	3 (1.6)	0
Thrombocytopenia	0	0	3 (1.6)	0
Anemia	1 (0.5)	0	2 (1.1)	0
Treatment discontinuation				
Patients with ≥ 1 AE leading to treatment discontinuation, n (%)	25 (12.9)	10 (5.2)	17 (9.0)	13 (6.9)

- Adverse events were more frequently reported in the venetoclax–rituximab group due to longer treatment duration.
- Neutropenia was the most common event, occurring more often with venetoclax (60.8% vs. 44.1%). Grade 3–4 adverse events were also higher (82.0% vs. 70.2%), especially severe neutropenia (57.7% vs. 38.8%).
- However, serious complications like febrile neutropenia and infections were less frequent with venetoclax.
- Neutropenia was the main cause of dose interruptions in this group.



The MURANO study: final analysis of VenR for patients with R/R CLL



- The median PFS with VenR was 54.7 vs 17.0 months with BR. The 7-year PFS rate with VenR was 23.0%; no BR-treated patients remained progression free at this time point.
- The median OS with VenR was not reached (NR) vs 87.8 months with BR. The 7-year OS rates with VenR were 69.6% vs 51.0% with BR.
- Patients with mutated TP53 and/or del(17p) had the poorest 7-year PFS rate at 5%. No patients with high GC were progression free at 7 years

At 85.7 months median follow-up, VenR shows superior outcomes vs. BR, with longer PFS, improved OS, and delayed TTNT



Retreatment with Ven following a time-limited Ven-based regimen

- Multicenter, international retrospective study in patients with CLL
 - Treated with venetoclax-based regimen in any line of therapy → retreatment with a second venetoclax-based regimen
- Data collected from 15 medical centers (n = 30), CLL Collaborative Study of Real-World Evidence database (n = 5) and MURANO (n = 11)
 - Total (N = 46)
- ORR to venetoclax retreatment among 39 patients with available response date: 79.5%
 - Complete response: 33.3%
- Median time to venetoclax retreatment: 10 mo
- Median PFS among venetoclax retreated patients: 25 mo (95% CI: 17-42)

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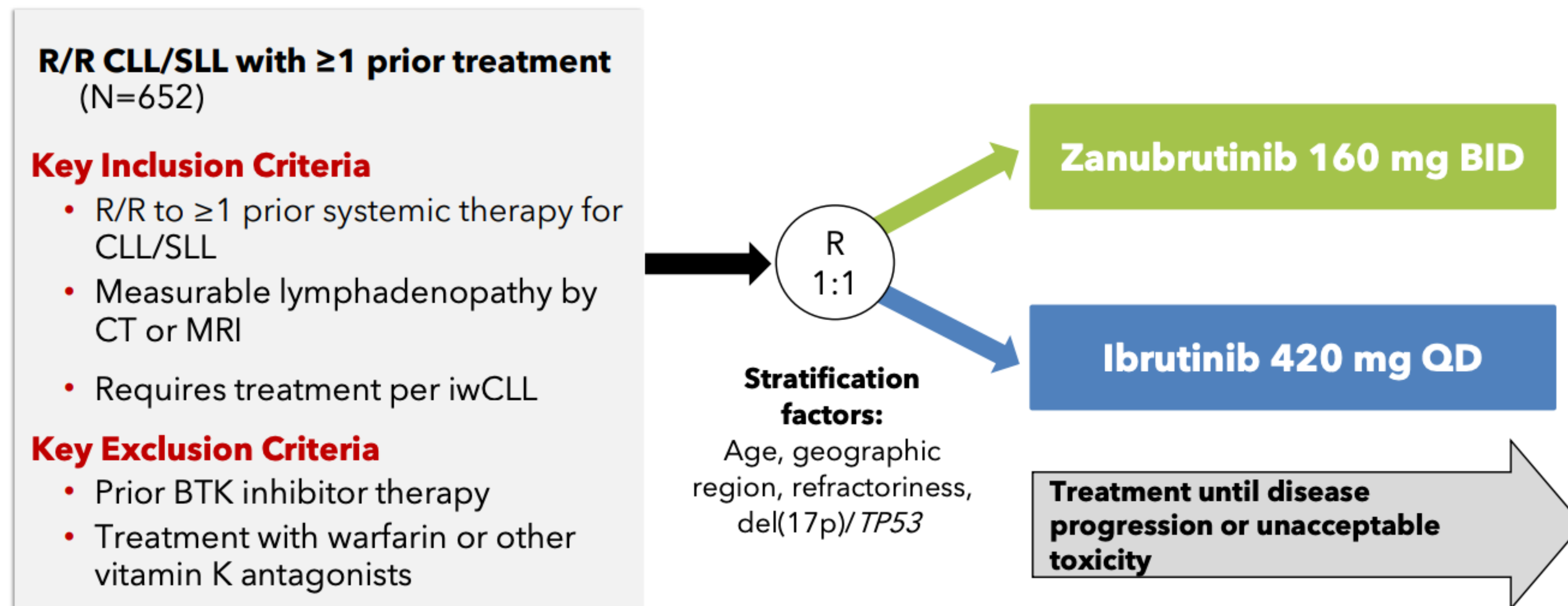


Relapsed/Refractory CLL
BTK INHIBITORS



ALPINE (Zanu vs Ibru): study design

Randomized, open-label phase III trial (median f/u: 29.6 mo)



- Primary endpoint: noninferiority and superiority of investigator-assessed ORR
- Secondary endpoints: incidence of atrial fibrillation or flutter, PFS, DoR, OS, TTF, $\geq$ PR-L rate, PROs, safety

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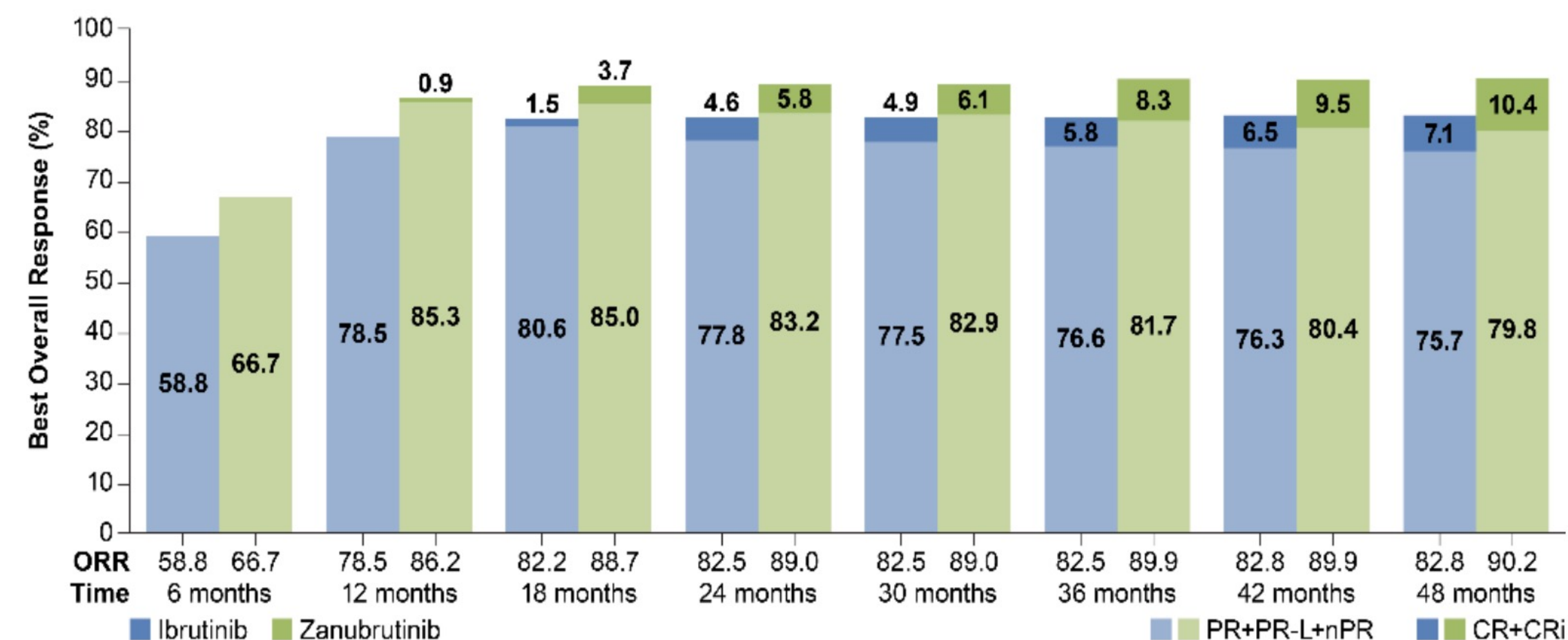
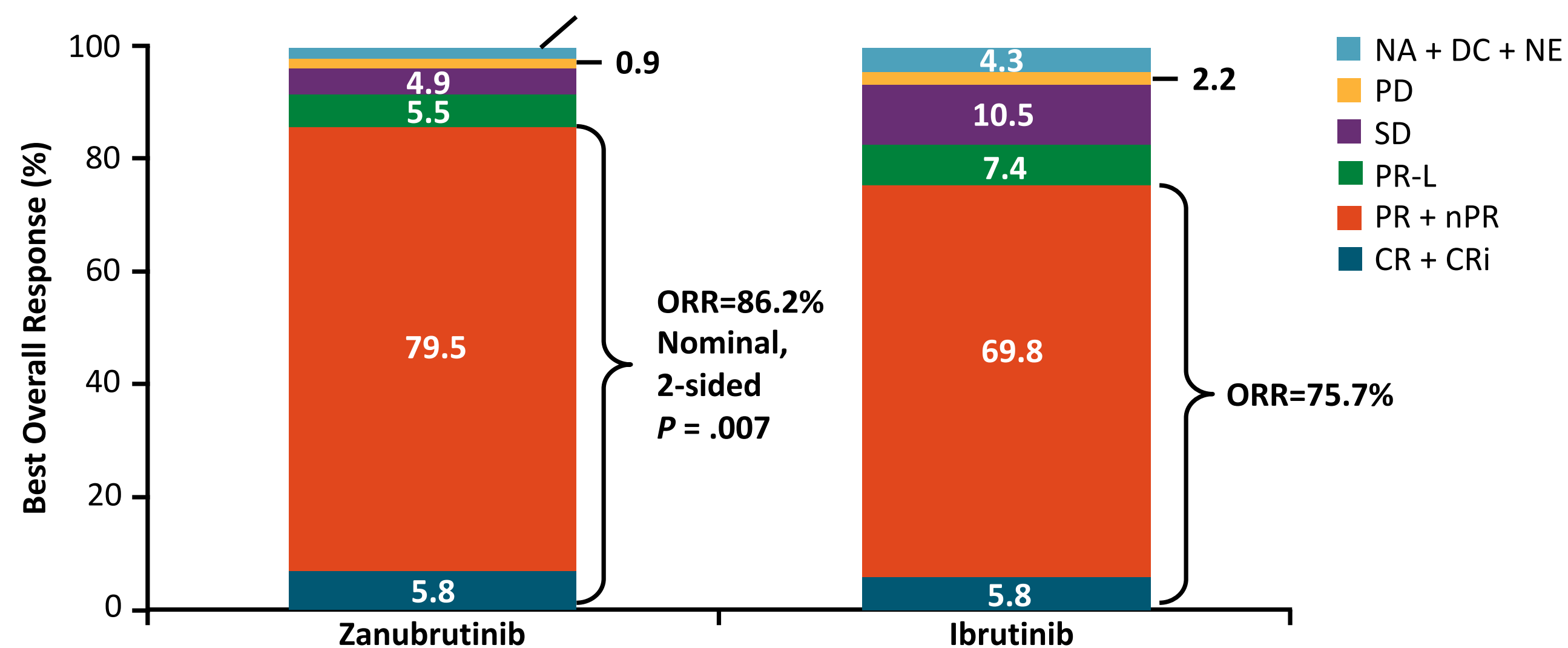
ALPINE: baseline characteristics

Characteristic	Zanubrutinib (n = 327)	Ibrutinib (n = 325)
Median age, yr (range)	67 (35-90)	68 (35-89)
▪ ≥65 yr, n (%)	201 (61.5)	200 (61.5)
Male sex, n (%)	213 (65.1)	232 (71.4)
ECOG PS ≥1, n (%)	198 (60.6)	203 (62.5)
Median prior lines of systemic therapy, n (range)	1 (1-6)	1 (1-12)
▪ >3 prior lines, n (%)	24 (7.3)	30 (9.2)
del(17p) and/or <i>TP53</i> ^{mut} , n (%)	75 (22.9)	75 (23.1)
▪ del(17p) with or without <i>TP53</i> ^{mut}	45 (13.8)	50 (15.4)
▪ <i>TP53</i> ^{mut} without del(17p)	30 (9.2)	25 (7.7)
del(11q), n (%)	91 (27.8)	88 (27.1)
IGHV mutational status, n (%)		
▪ Mutated	79 (24.2)	70 (21.5)
▪ Unmutated	239 (73.1)	239 (73.5)
Complex karyotype, n (%)*	56 (17.1)	70 (21.5)
Bulky disease (≥5 cm), n (%)	145 (44.3)	149 (45.8)

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ALPINE: ORR



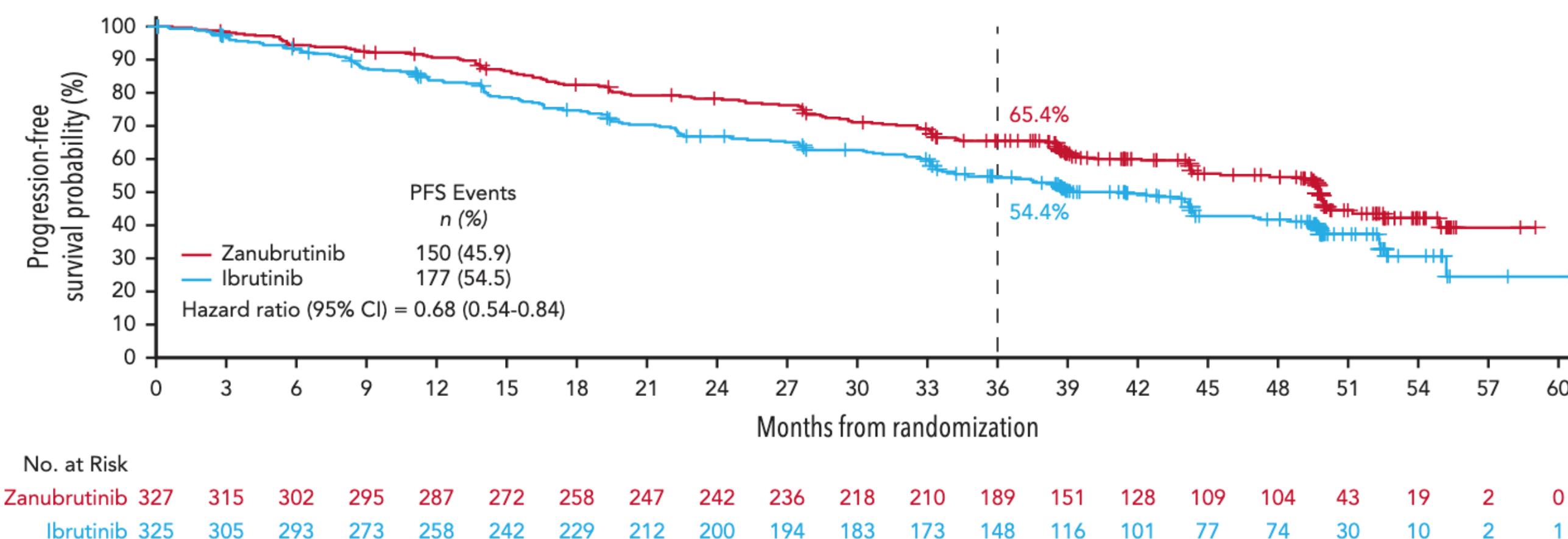
- A higher proportion of patients achieved CR/CRi with zanubrutinib than ibrutinib
- Complete Responses deepen over time in both arms

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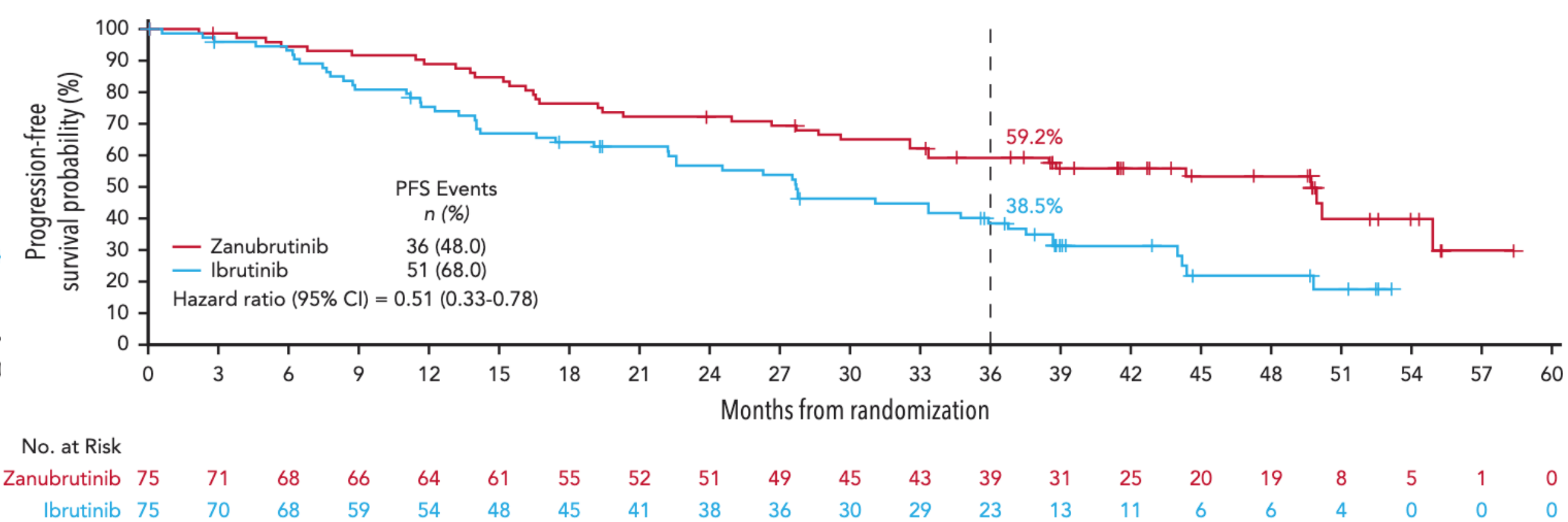


ALPINE: PFS

Patients in the overall population



Patients with del(17p) and/or TP53mut



Zanubrutinib demonstrated sustained PFS benefit over ibrutinib in patients with R/R CLL/SLL with a median follow-up of 42.5 months

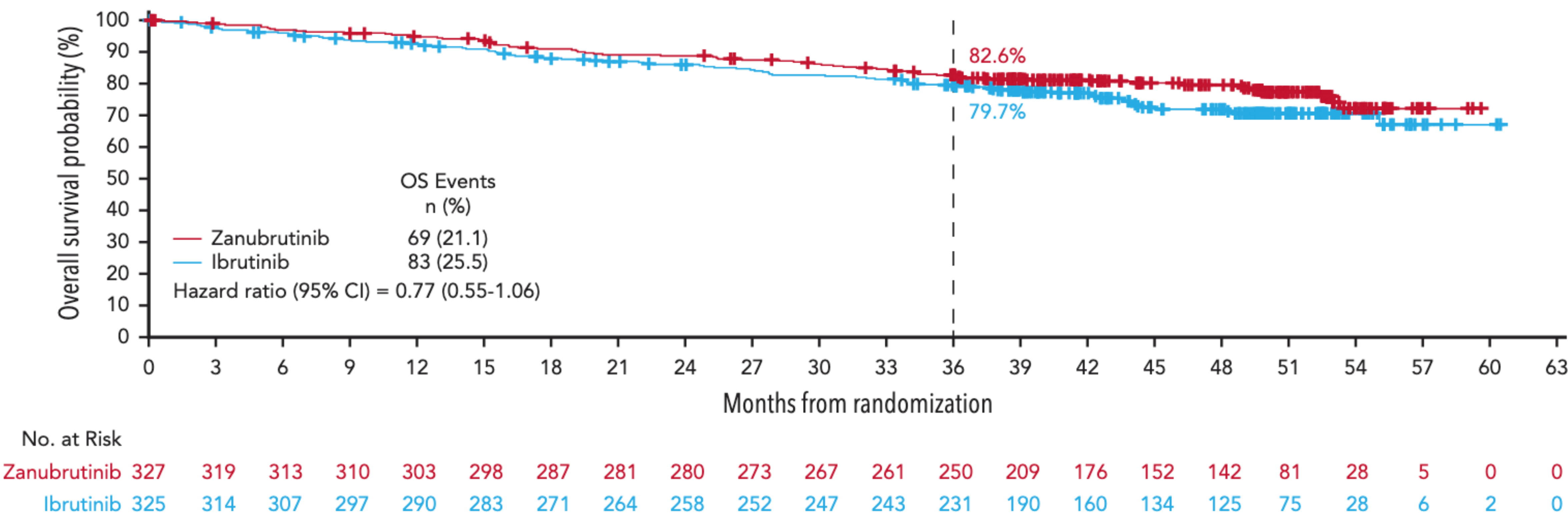
- Durable PFS benefits seen across major subgroups, including the del(17p)/TP53mut population
- PFS benefit is consistent across multiple sensitivity analyses demonstrating that PFS advantage with zanubrutinib was primarily driven by efficacy and not tolerability

Improved PFS was demonstrated with Zanubrutinib in patients with del(17p)/TP53mut

- Zanubrutinib demonstrated robust PFS benefit independent of del(17p)/TP53 Mutation Status



ALPINE: OS

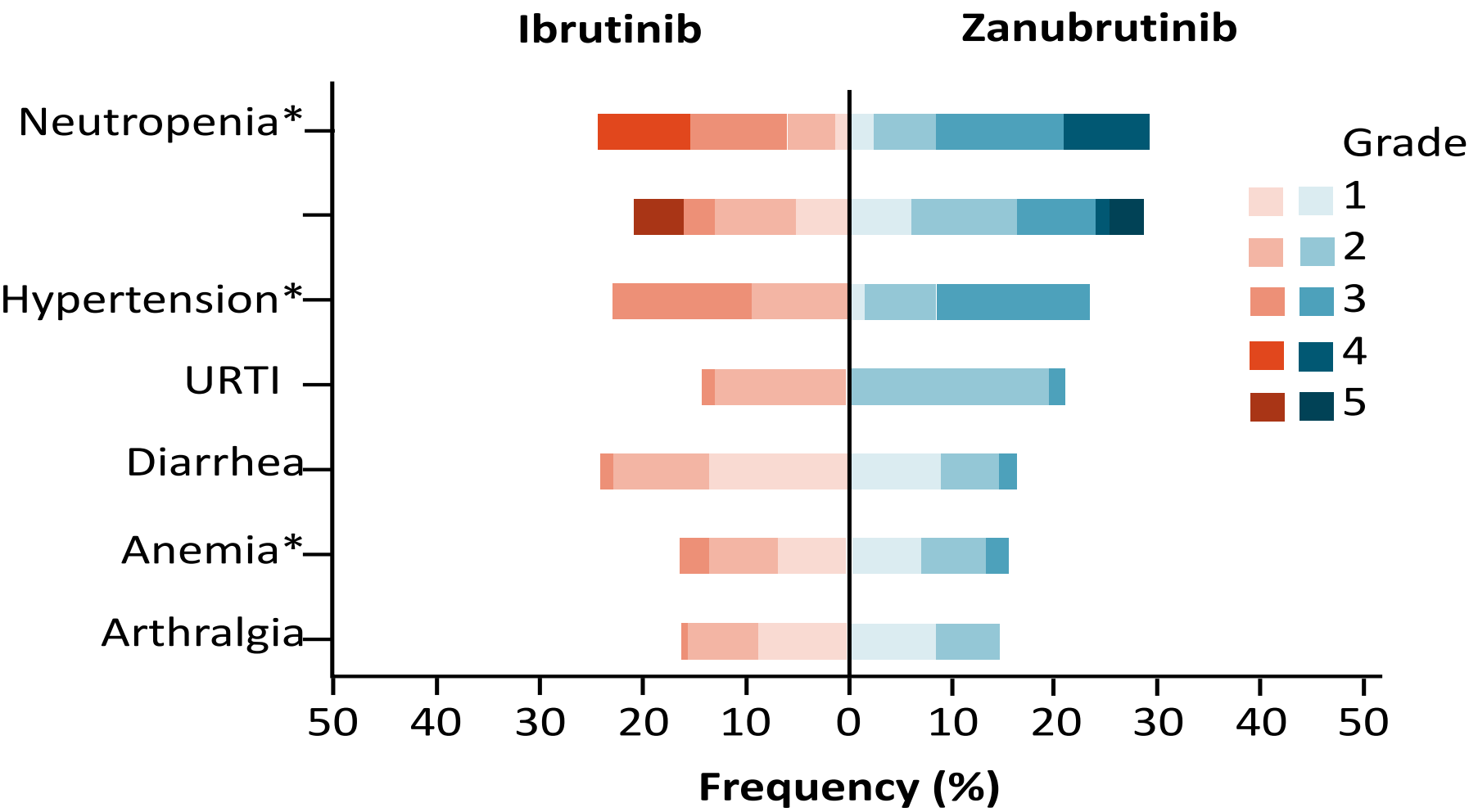


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ALPINE: Overall Safety and Most Common AEs

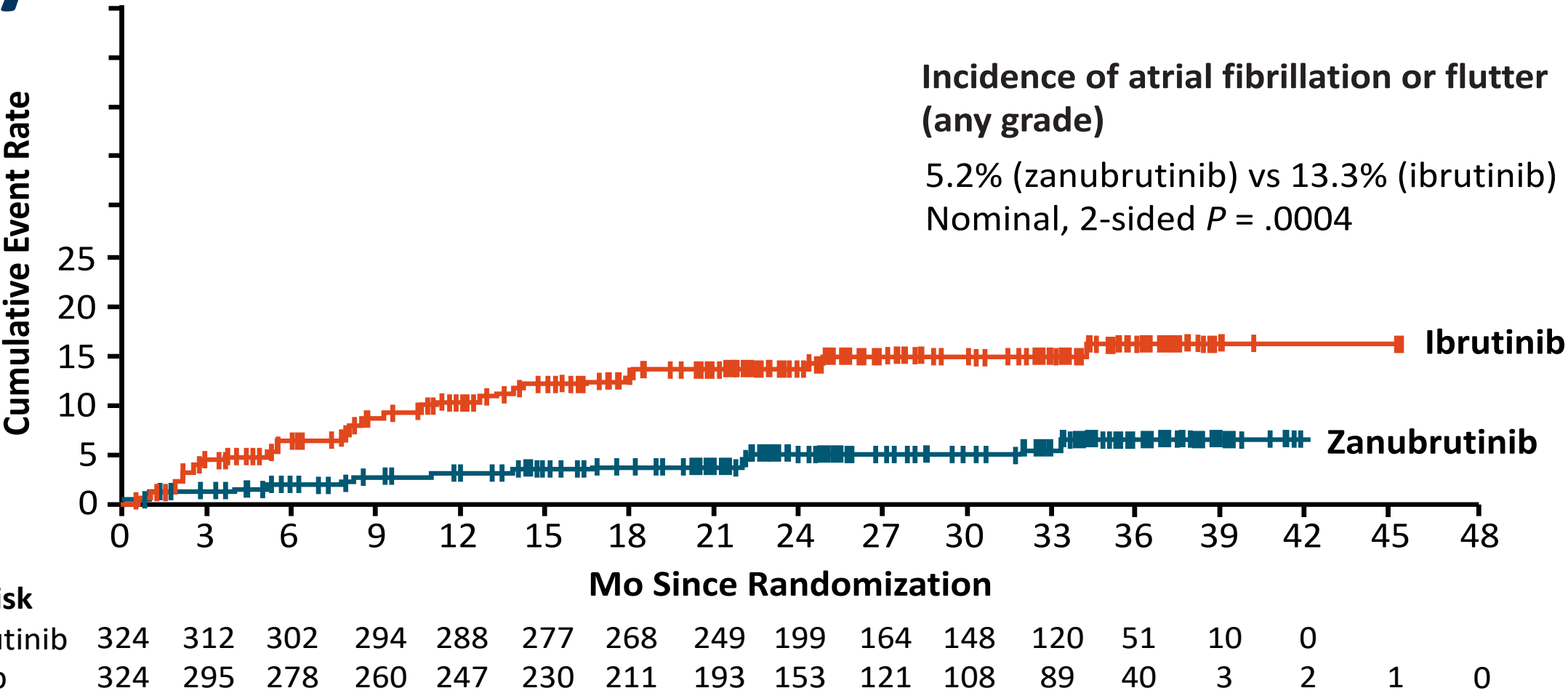
Most Common AEs (Occurring in ≥15% of Patients)



*Pooled terms.

Zanubrutinib continues to demonstrate a more favorable safety/tolerability profile compared with ibrutinib

- Lower rate of grade ≥3 and serious AEs, fewer AEs leading to treatment discontinuation, and dose reduction
- Safer cardiac profile than ibrutinib with significantly lower rates of atrial fibrillation, serious cardiac events, cardiac events leading to treatment discontinuation, and no fatal cardiac events



Event	Zanubrutinib (n = 324)	Ibrutinib (n = 324)
Median treatment duration, mo	28.4	24.3
Any-grade AE, n (%)	318 (98.1)	321 (99.1)
▪Grade ≥3	218 (67.3)	228 (70.4)
▪Grade 5	33 (10.2)	36 (11.1)
SAE, n (%)	136 (42.0)	162 (50.0)
AE leading to the following, n (%)		
▪Dose reduction	40 (12.3)	184 (56.8)
▪Dose interruption	162 (50.0)	55 (17.0)
▪Treatment discontinuation	50 (15.4)	72 (22.2)

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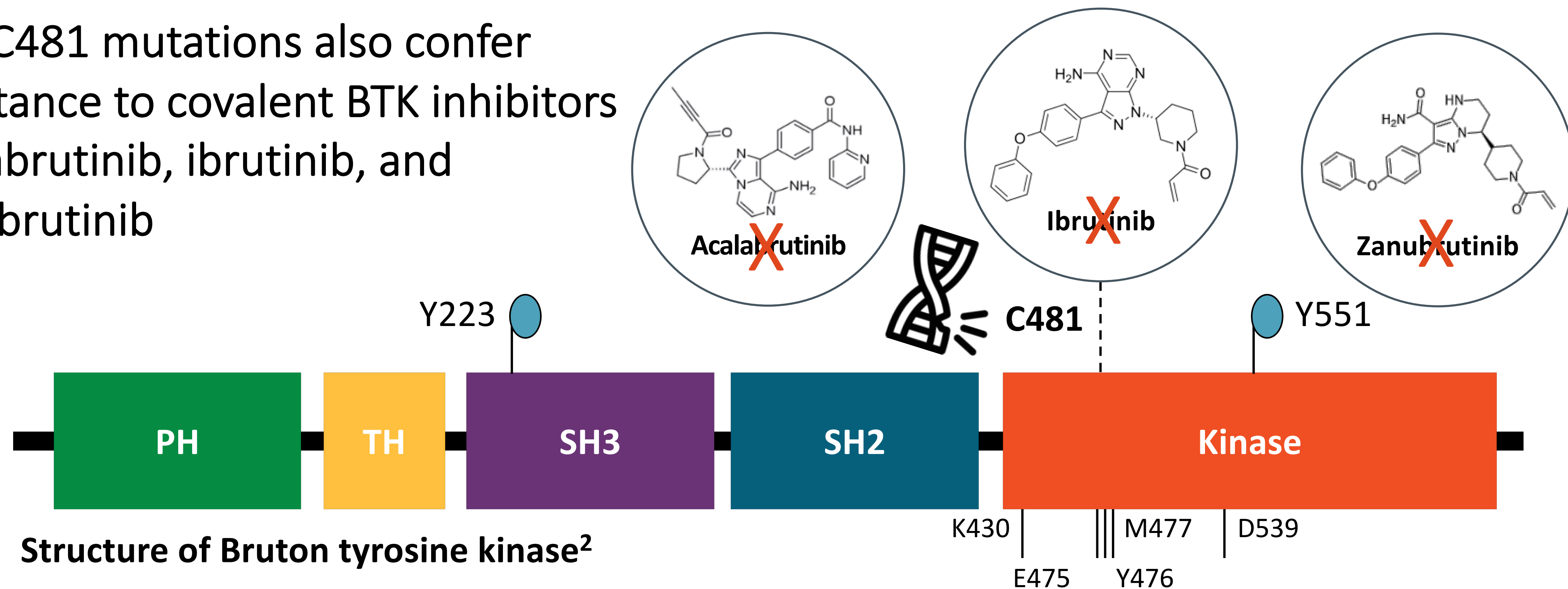
Relapsed/Refractory CLL

**TREATMENT OF THE DOUBLE
REFRACTORY PATIENT**



Acquired Resistance to Covalent BTK Inhibitors Is Generally Driven by Mutations in BTK at C481 Site¹

BTK C481 mutations also confer resistance to covalent BTK inhibitors acalabrutinib, ibrutinib, and zanubrutinib

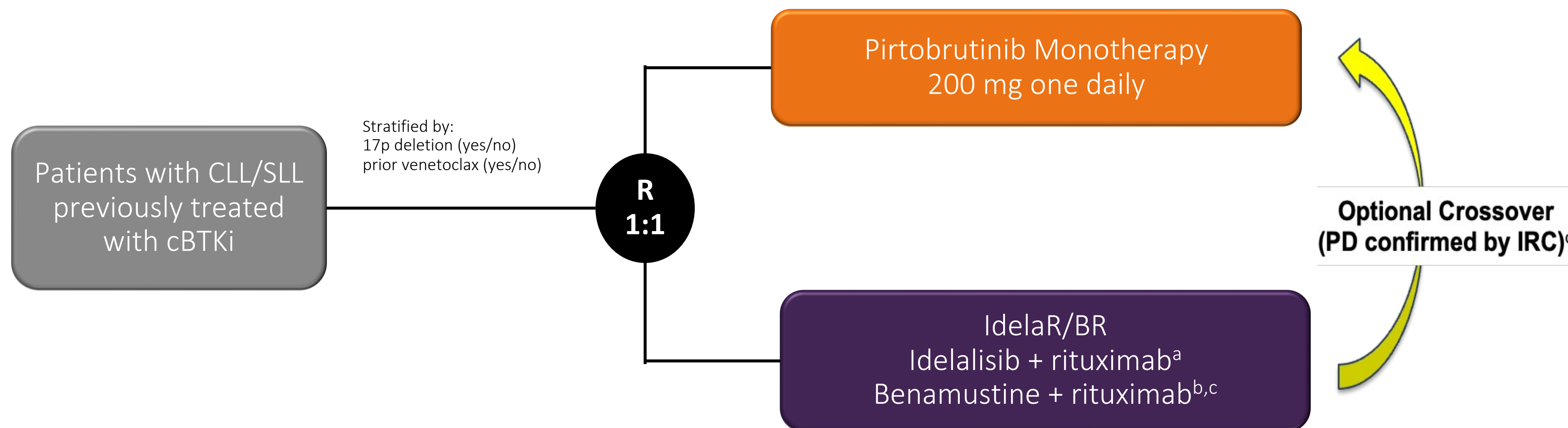


In sum, BTK resistance contributes to disease progression and diminishes the efficacy of *all covalent BTK inhibitors*

1. Woyach. NEJM 2014;370:2286. 2. Gu. J Hematol Oncol. 2021;14:40.



BRUIN: Phase I/II study with noncovalent BTK Inhibitor Pirtobrutinib (LOXO-305) for previously treated CLL



- Primary endpoints: MTD and recommended phase II dose (phase I), ORR (phase II)
- Secondary endpoints: safety, PK, ORR by investigator, DoR, PFS, OS



BRUIN: Baseline Characteristics

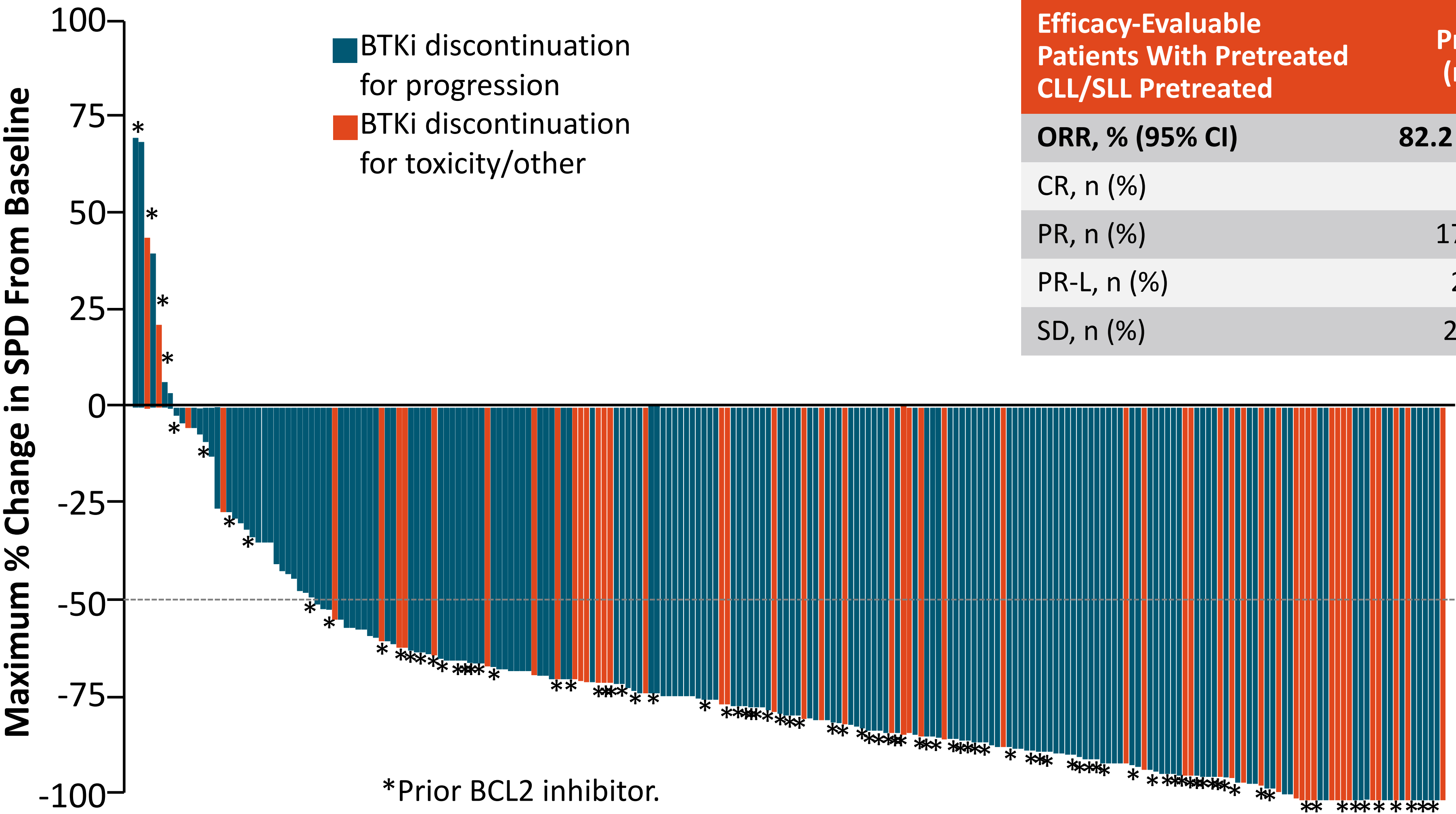
Characteristic	N = 261
Median age, yr	69 (36-88)
Male/female, n (%)	177 (68)/84 (32)
ECOG PS 0/1/2, %	53/40/7
Median prior lines systemic therapy, n (range)	3 (1-11)
Prior therapy, n (%)	261 (100)
▪ BTKi	230 (88)
▪ CD20 antibody	207 (79)
▪ Chemotherapy	108 (41)
▪ BCL2 inhibitor	51 (20)
▪ PI3K inhibitor	15 (6)
▪ SCT	6 (2)
– Allogeneic	5 (2)
– Autologous	1 (<1)

Characteristic	N = 261
Reason for discontinuing prior BTKi, %	
▪ PD	196 (75)
▪ Toxicity/other	65 (25)
Mutation status, n (%)	
▪ <i>BTK</i> C481 mutant	89 (43)
▪ <i>BTK</i> C481 wild type	118 (57)
▪ <i>PLCG2</i> mutant	33 (16)
High-risk molecular features, n (%)	
▪ del(17p)	51 (28)
▪ Mutated <i>TP53</i>	64 (37)
▪ del(17p) or <i>TP53</i> mutation	77(36)
– Both del(17p) and m <i>TP53</i>	38 (27)
▪ <i>IGHV</i> unmutated	168 (84)
▪ del(11q)	45 (25)

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BRUIN CLL: Response

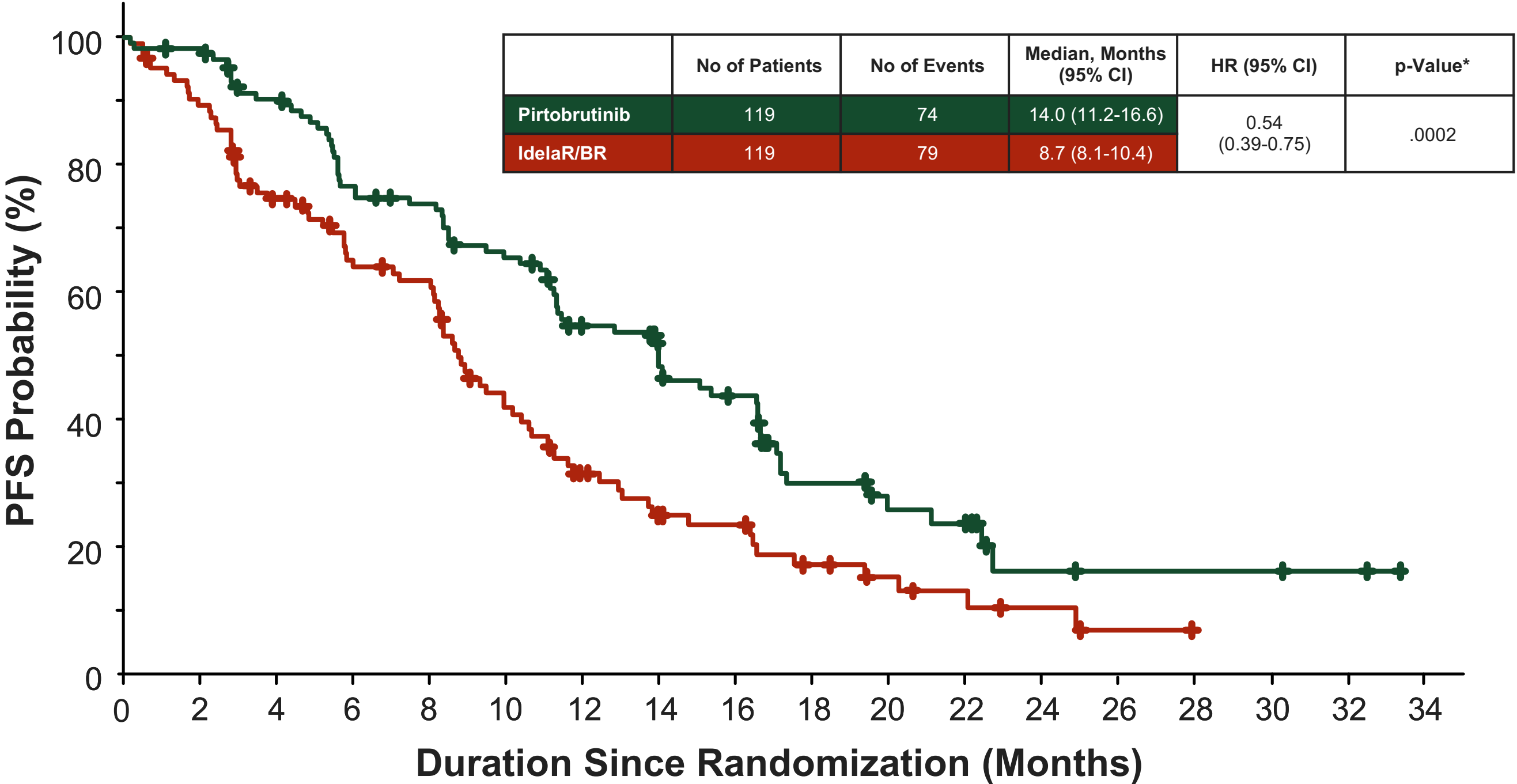


Efficacy-Evaluable Patients With Pretreated CLL/SLL Pretreated	Prior BTKi (n = 247)	Prior BTKi + BCL2i (n = 100)
ORR, % (95% CI)	82.2 (76.8-86.7)	79.0 (69.7-86.5)
CR, n (%)	4 (1.6)	0
PR, n (%)	177 (71.7)	70 (70.0)
PR-L, n (%)	22 (8.9)	9 (9.0)
SD, n (%)	26 (10.5)	11 (11.0)

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Investigator-Assessed Progression-Free Survival



Number at risk

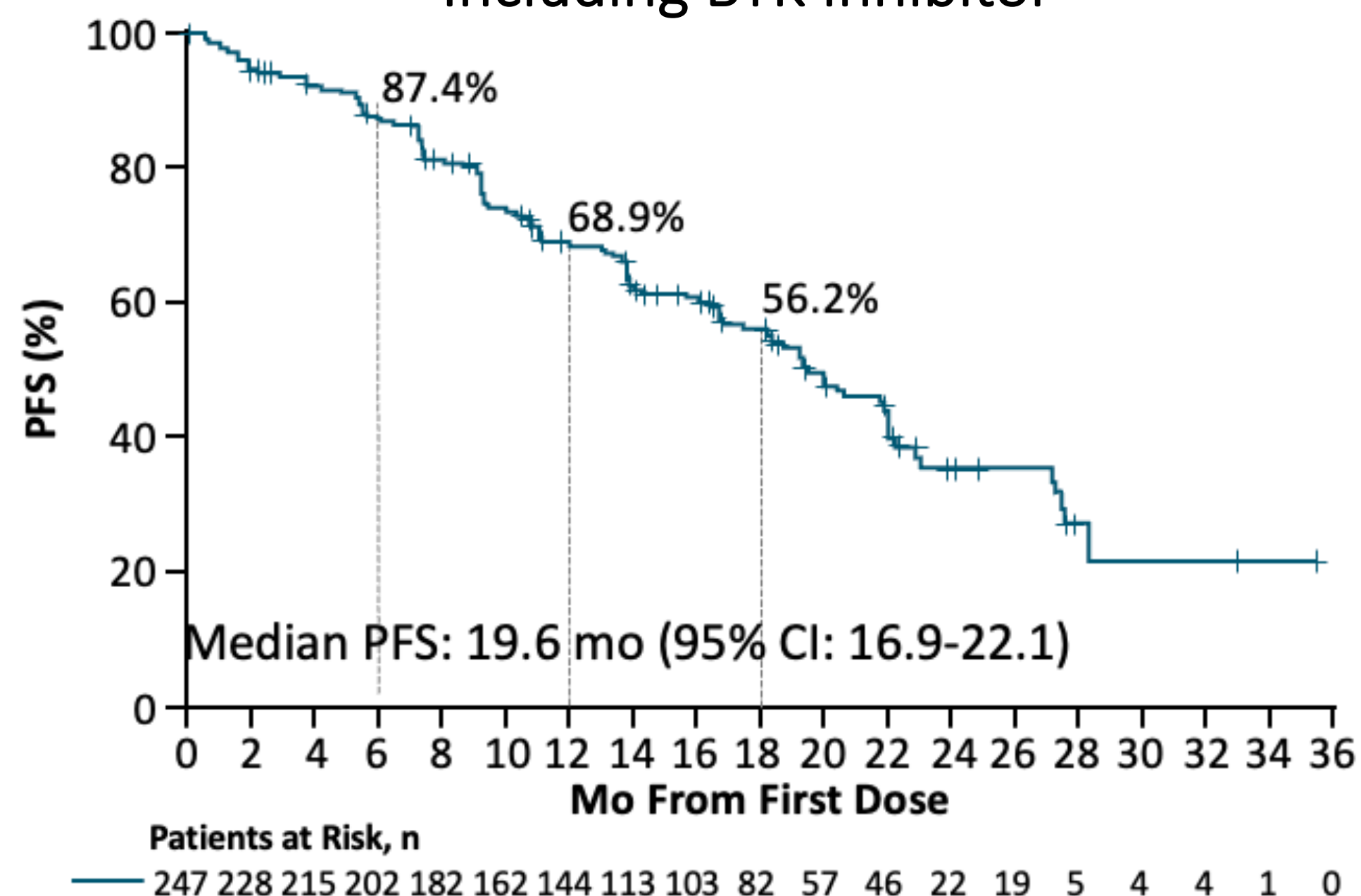
Pirtobrutinib	119	113	100	84	79	69	54	44	36	19	12	10	4	3	3	3	2	0
IdelaR/BR	119	92	73	60	57	37	25	18	16	10	7	5	3	1	0	0	0	0

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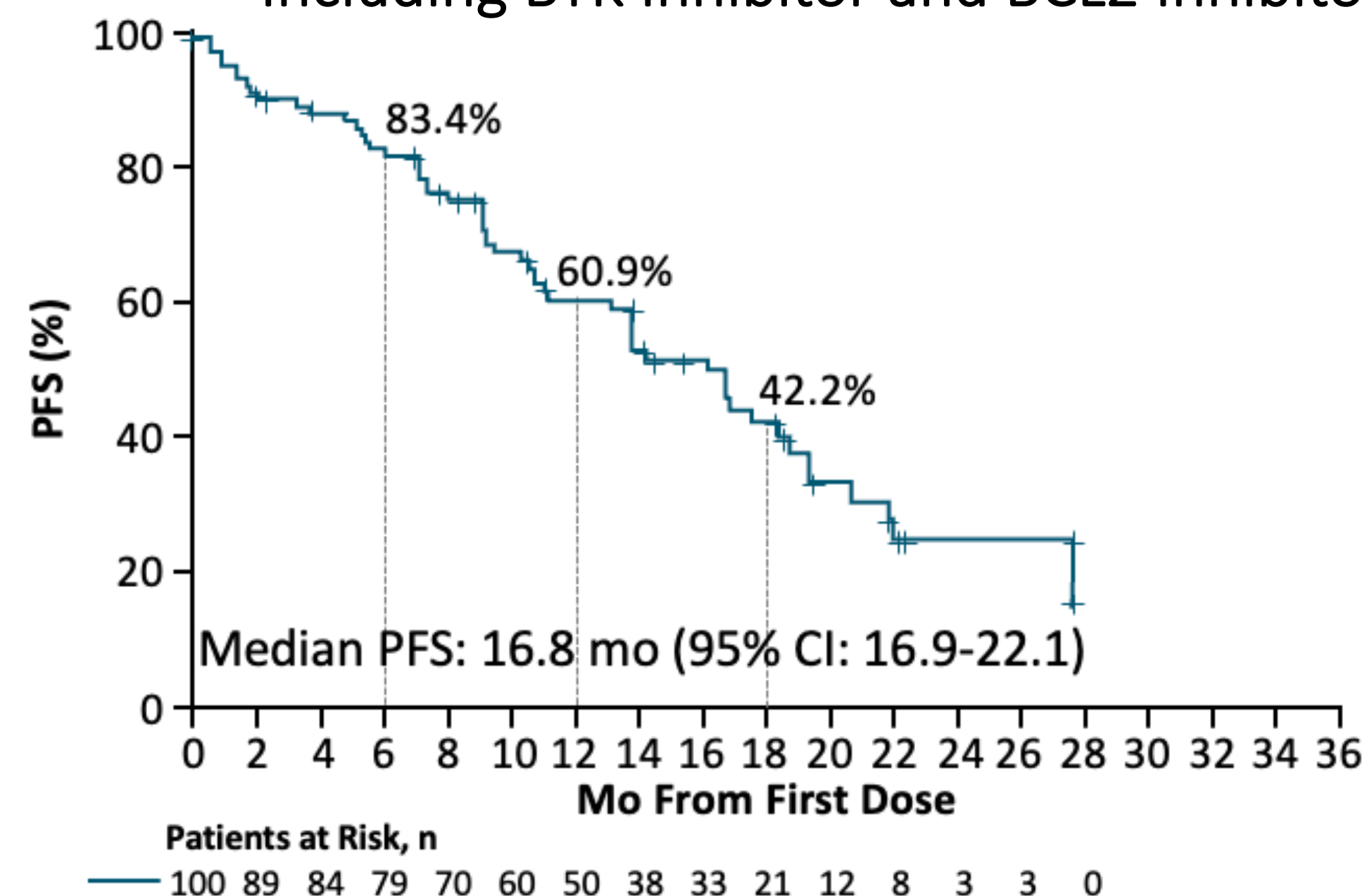
BRUIN CLL: PFS

PFS With Median of 3 Prior Lines of Therapy Including BTK Inhibitor



Median follow-up: 19.4 mo

PFS With Median of 5 Prior Lines of Therapy Including BTK Inhibitor and BCL2 Inhibitor



Median follow-up: 18.2 mo



BRUIN CLL: Pirtobrutinib Safety Profile

Adverse Event, %	All Doses and Patients (N = 773)			
	TEAEs in ≥15%		TEAEs, %	
	Any Grade	Grade ≥3	Any Grade	Grade ≥3
Fatigue	28.7	2.1	9.3	0.8
Diarrhea	24.2	0.9	9.3	0.4
Neutropenia	24.2	20.4	14.7	11.5
Contusion	19.4	0.0	12.8	0.0
Cough	17.5	0.1	2.3	0.0
COVID-19	16.7	2.7	1.3	0.0
Dyspnea	15.5	1.0	3.0	0.1
Anemia	15.4	8.8	5.2	2.1
AEs of special interest				
Bruising	23.7	0.0	15.1	0.0
Rash	12.7	0.5	6.0	0.4
Arthralgia	14.4	0.6	3.5	0.0
Hemorrhage/hematoma	11.4	1.8	4.0	0.6
Hypertension	9.2	2.3	3.4	0.6
Atrial fibrillation/flutter [†]	2.8	1.2	0.8	0.1

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Conclusions: How to Sequencing Tx in CLL Pts ?

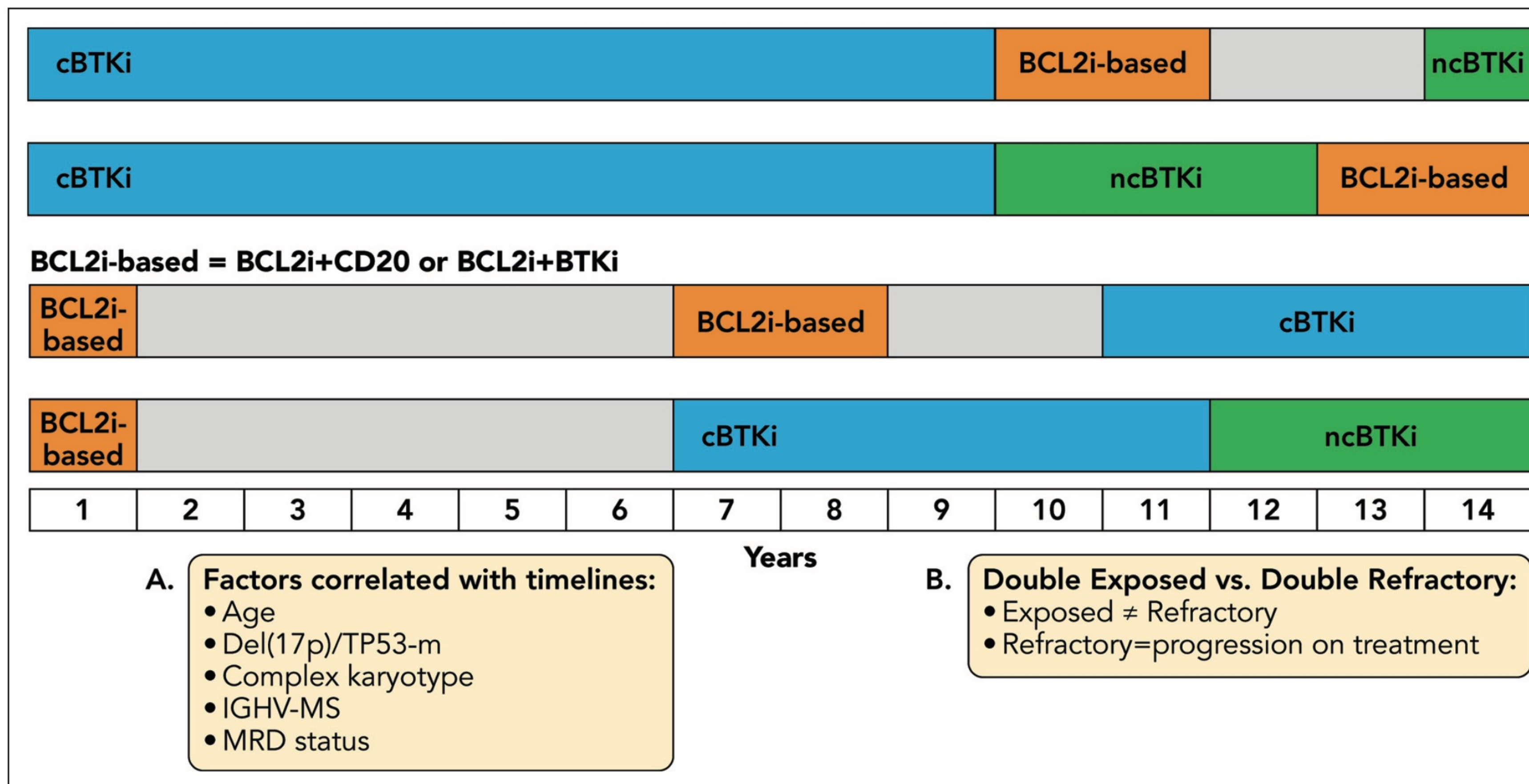


Figure 1. Targeted therapy for CLL: the "treatment big picture." Pictorial of overall treatment strategies for patients with CLL who need treatment based on estimates for duration of response and PFS. First-line choice of treatment significantly contributes to time off treatment and sequence options. Time off treatment in remission is reflected as blank spaces. (A) Time-to-event timelines will vary by patient disease characteristics, choice of treatment, and depth of response. (B) Treatment exposure does not necessarily indicate treatment refractory CLL; progression on treatment does indicate refractoriness. cBTKi, covalent BTKi; IGHV-MS, IGHV gene mutation status; ncBTKi, noncovalent BTKi. Professional illustration by Patrick Lane, ScEYence Studios.