

# LEUKEMIA2022

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## Lessons from clinical trials

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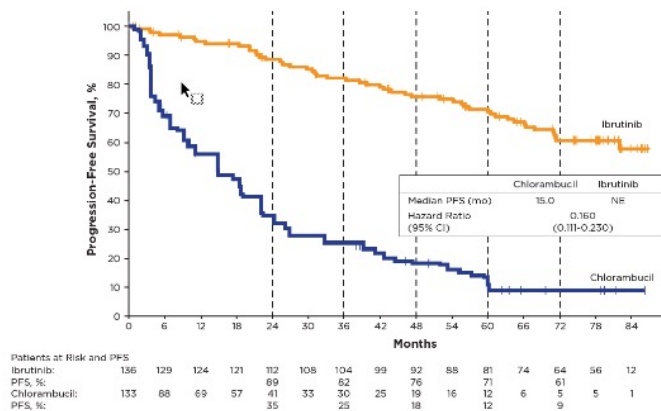


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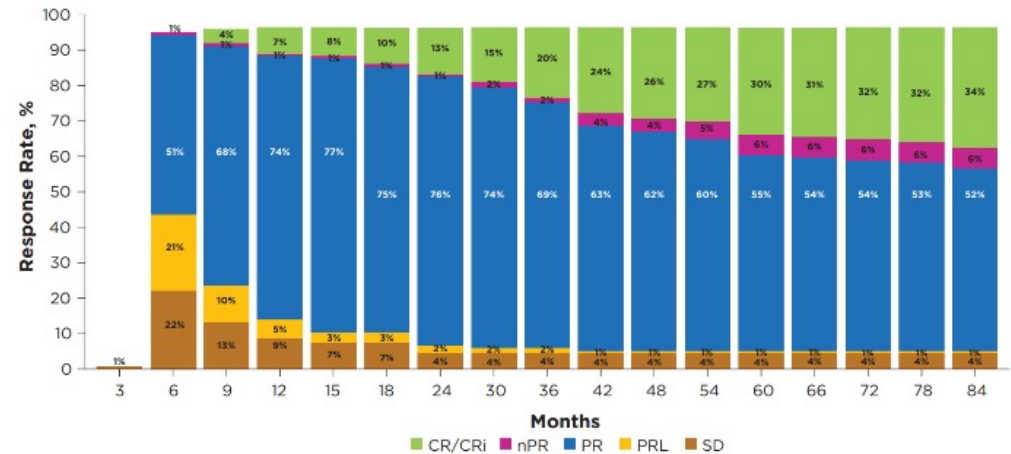
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Janssen	x		x		x	x	
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# Phase 3 RESONATE-2 study with up to 7 years of follow-up: 1L ibrutinib

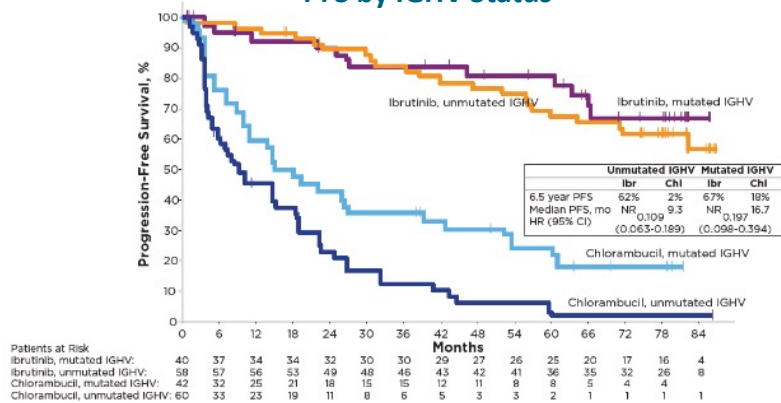
PFS: Ibrutinib vs chlorambucil



Response increase over time: CR/CRi 34%



PFS by IGHV Status



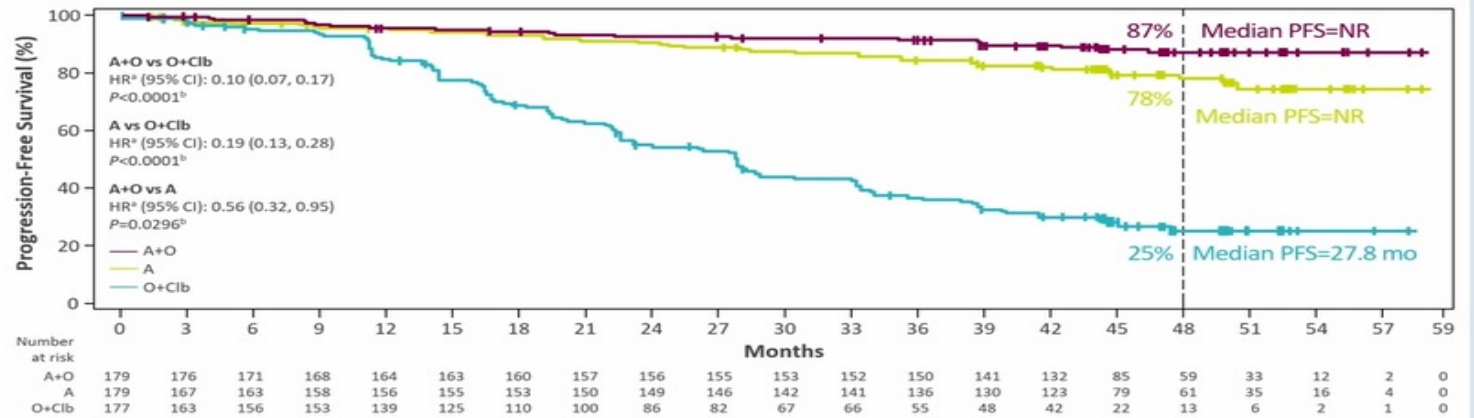
- Longest follow-up of any Ph3 1L studies of targeted agents
- 61% of patients are alive and progression-free at 6.5 years. 6.5-year OS: 78%.
- Ibr benefit similar in pts with mIGHV and uIGHV, and response including CR/CRi continued to deepen over time.
- Only 16 (12%) pts progressed while receiving ibr.
- Close to 50% of pts remain on therapy; dose adjustments effectively managed most AEs

Median Follow-up: 74.9 months

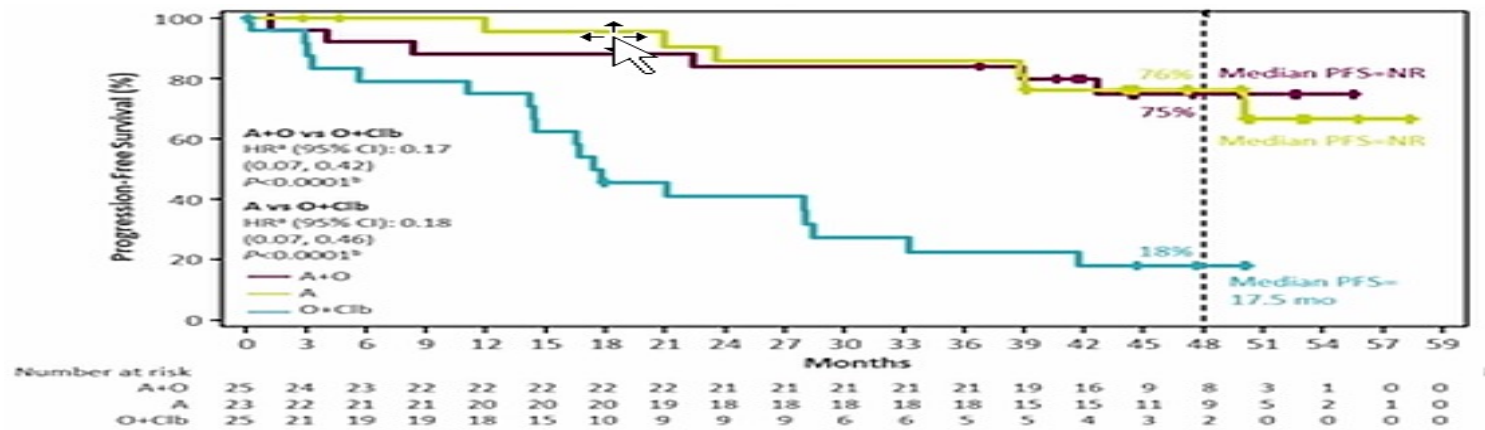
Ghia et al., EHA 2021; EP636 (poster presentation)

# ELEVATE TN: Acalabrutinib ± obinutuzumab vs CHL+Obinu

Investigator assessed  
PFS

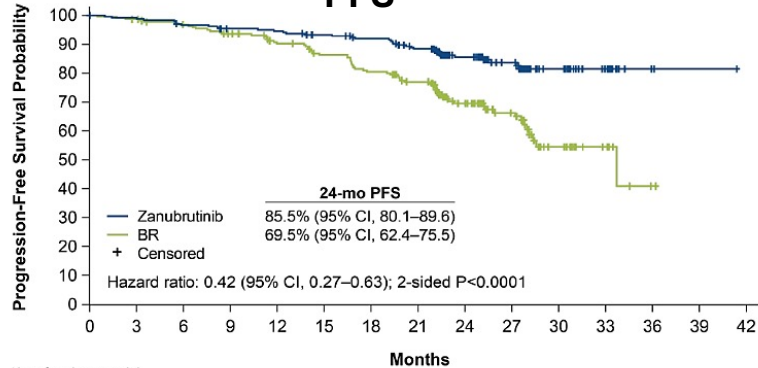


PFS  
del(17p)/TP53mut



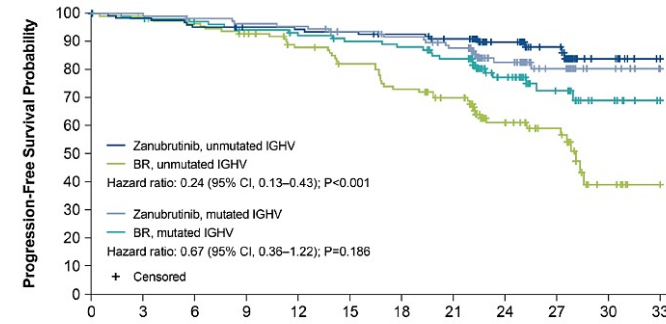
# Phase 3 SEQUOIA (BGB-3111-304): Zanubrutinib vs bendamustine + R

## PFS



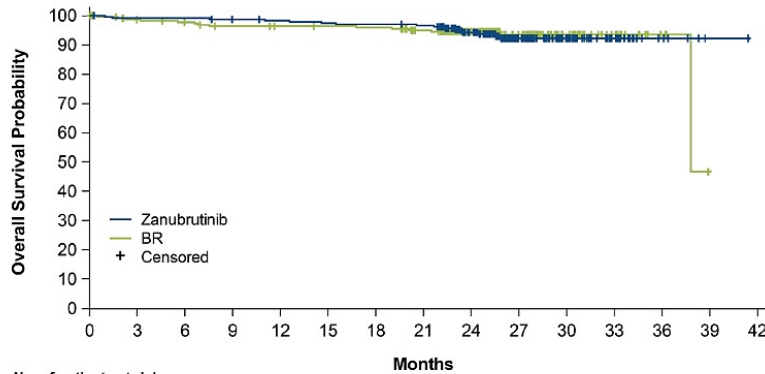
No. of patients at risk	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39	42
Zanubrutinib	241	237	230	224	222	214	208	195	123	79	31	17	2	1	0
BR	238	218	210	200	187	176	164	150	89	54	20	8	1	0	0

## PFS by IGHV status



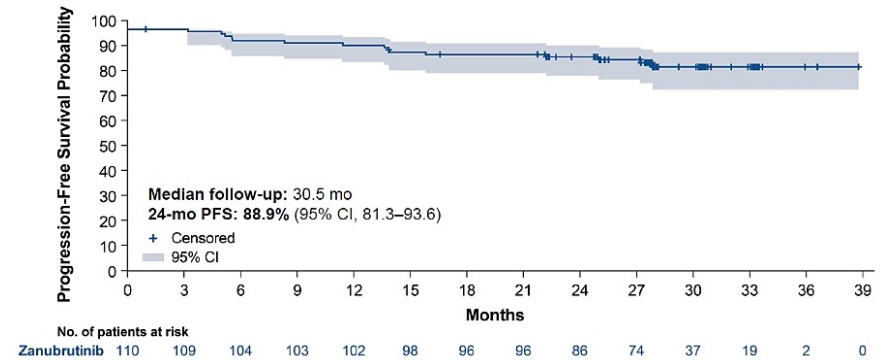
No. of patients at risk	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33
Zanubrutinib - Unmutated	121	110	108	100	90	82	73	65	39	25	6	1
Zanubrutinib - Mutated	109	109	106	104	103	97	94	88	53	33	15	10
BR - Mutated	110	101	98	94	91	88	86	80	47	27	14	7

## OS



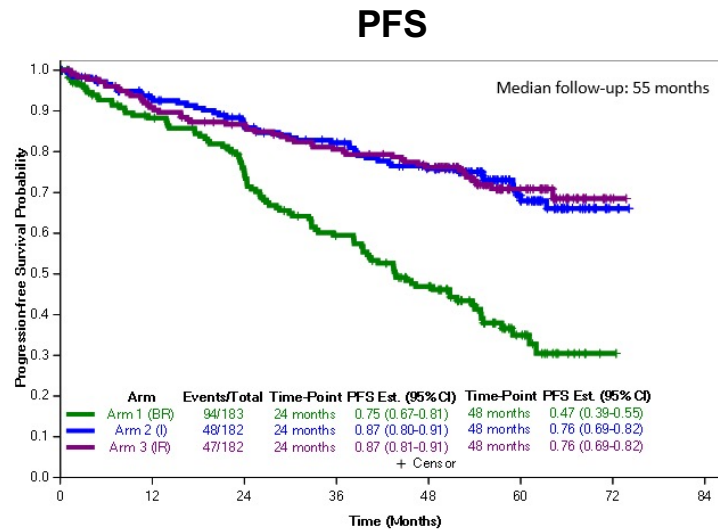
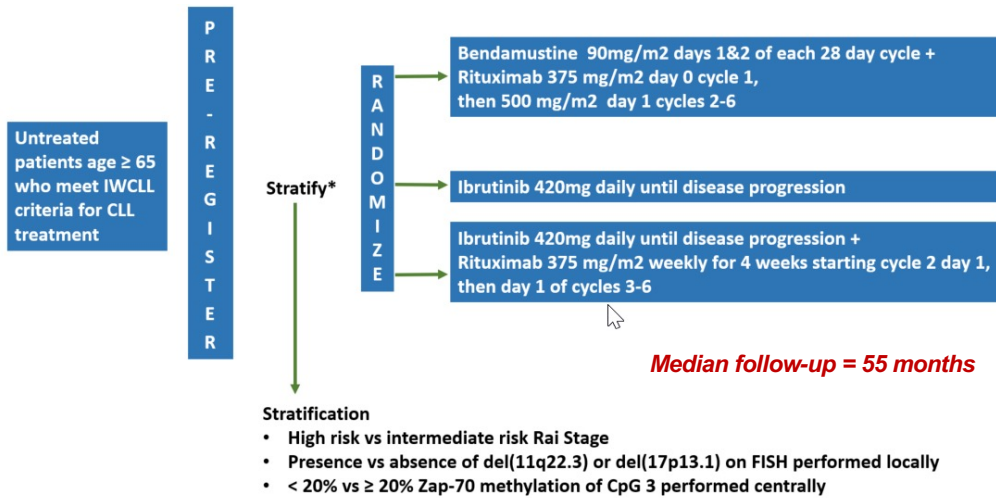
No. of patients at risk	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39	42
Zanubrutinib	241	238	238	235	233	231	230	228	179	97	48	22	6	1	0
BR	238	222	217	212	210	209	208	198	141	84	41	16	4	0	0

## Cohort 2: PFS in patients with del(17p)



No. of patients at risk	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39
Zanubrutinib	110	109	104	103	102	98	96	96	86	74	37	19	2	0

# Alliance A041202 : long term results of ibrutinib-based regimens vs bendamustine + rituximab



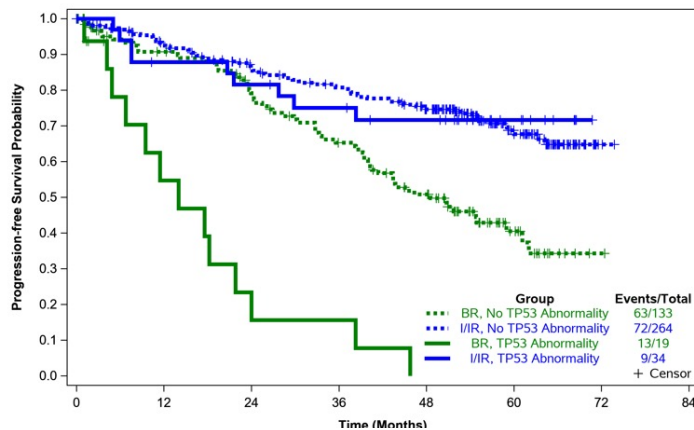
### Pairwise Comparisons

**I vs BR:**  
 Hazard Ratio 0.36  
 95% CI: 0.26-0.52  
 P < 0.0001

**IR vs BR:**  
 Hazard Ratio 0.36  
 95% CI: 0.25-0.51  
 P < 0.0001

**IR vs I:**  
 Hazard Ratio 0.99  
 95% CI: 0.66-1.48  
 P = 0.96

### PFS: TP53 abnormalities



### Treatment Effect

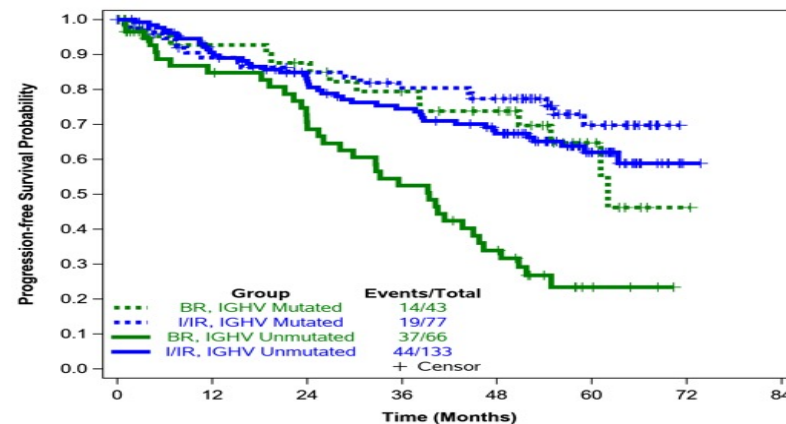
**I/IR vs BR**

**No TP53 Abn**  
 Hazard Ratio 0.39  
 95% CI: 0.27-0.55

**TP53 Abn**  
 Hazard Ratio 0.07  
 95% CI: 0.03-0.18

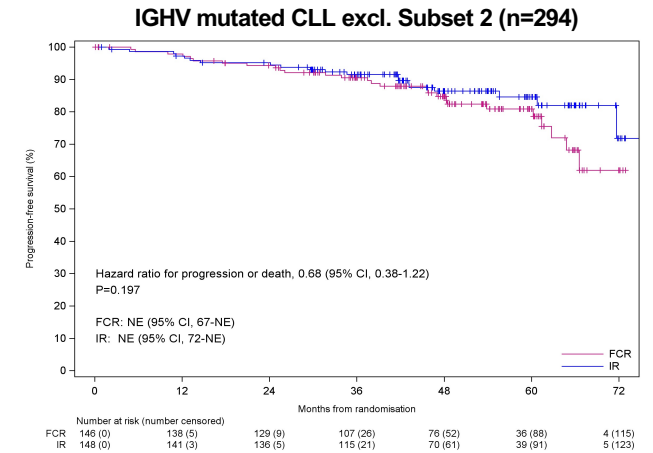
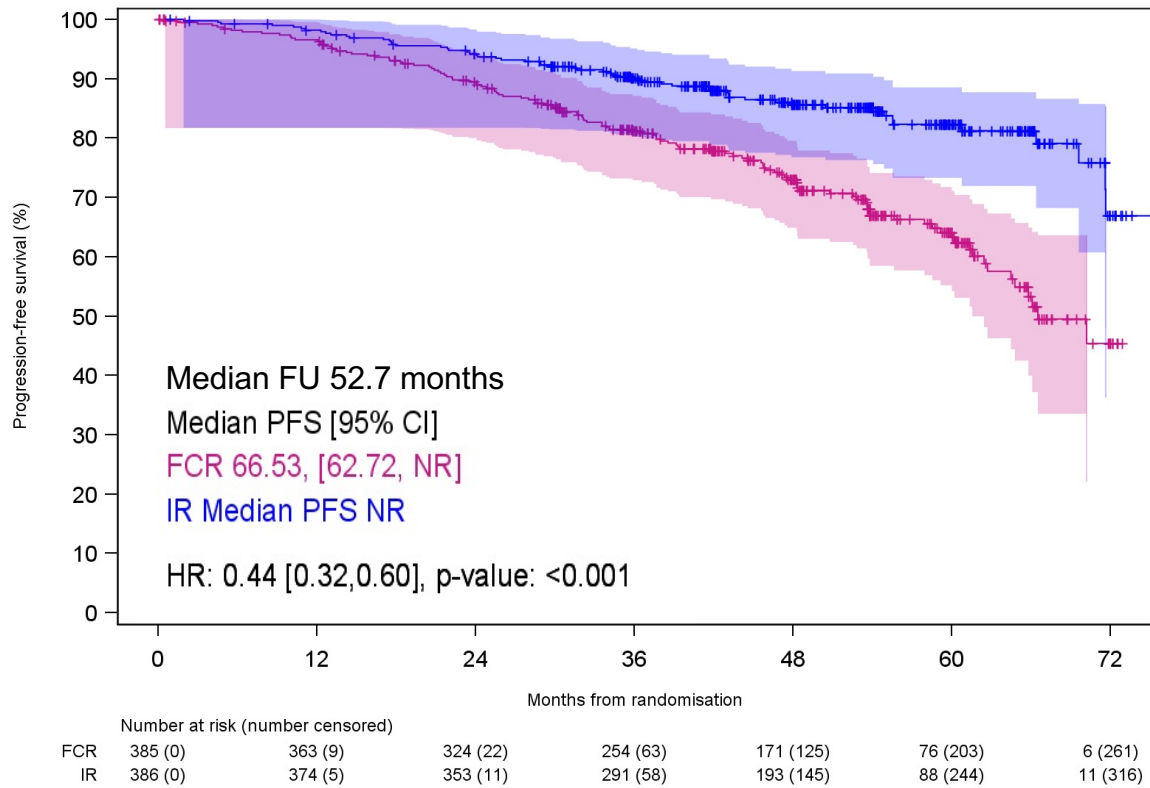
Interaction P = 0.0006

### PFS: IGHV status



# Phase III NCRI FLAIR Trial: Ibrutinib plus rituximab vs FCR

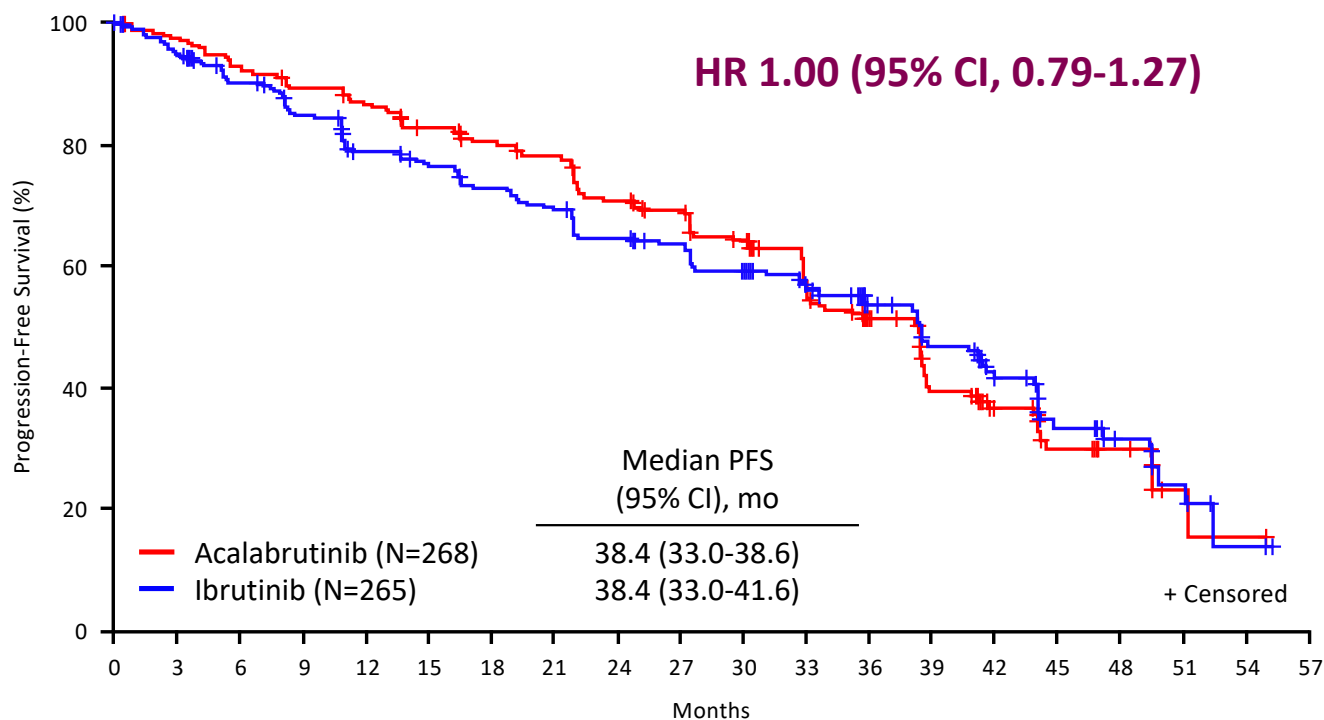
## Primary endpoint: PFS



Cause of death *	FCR (n=29)	IR (n=30)
*, Deaths at any time in FU		
CLL	4	3
Non-haematological malignancy	4	7
AML/MDS	3	0
ALL	1	0
Richters transformation	3	1
Infections (non-COVID)	6	4
COVID-19	3	3
Haemorrhage	1	2
Cardiac	2	9
Other	2	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>

# Phase 3 ELEVATE RR study: Acalabrutinib vs Ibrutinib in HR CLL

Primary endpoint: non-inferiority IRC-Assessed PFS



### Median follow-up 41 months

	Acalabrutinib (N=268)	Ibrutinib (N=265)
<b>Events, n (%)</b>		
Death	22 (8.2)	28 (10.6)
PD	121 (45.1)	108 (40.8)
<b>Censored, n (%)</b>	125 (46.6)	129 (48.7)
<b>PFS (95% CI), %</b>		
12 months	86.7 (81.8-90.3)	78.8 (73.1-83.4)
24 months	70.9 (64.8-76.1)	64.5 (58.1-70.2)
36 months	51.4 (44.7-57.8)	53.8 (47.0-60.1)

Noninferiority achieved if the upper bound of the 95% CI of HR is less than the prespecified NI margin of 1.429

	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39	42	45	48	51	54	57	
<b>Number at risk</b>																					
Acalabrutinib	268	250	235	227	219	207	200	193	173	163	148	110	84	59	31	21	13	3	1	0	
Ibrutinib	265	240	221	205	186	178	168	160	148	142	130	108	81	66	41	26	15	8	2	0	

HR, hazard ratio; IRC, independent review committee; PFS, progression-free survival.



## Phase 3 ELEVATE RR study: Acalabrutinib vs Ibrutinib in HR CLL

### Most common AEs

Events, n (%)	Any grade		Grade $\geq 3$	
	Acalabrutinib (n=266)	Ibrutinib (n=263)	Acalabrutinib (n=266)	Ibrutinib (n=263)
Diarrhea <sup>a,b</sup>	92 (34.6)	<b>121 (46.0)</b>	3 (1.1)	<b>13 (4.9)</b>
Headache <sup>a,b</sup>	<b>92 (34.6)</b>	53 (20.2)	<b>4 (1.5)</b>	0
Cough <sup>a</sup>	<b>77 (28.9)</b>	56 (21.3)	2 (0.8)	1 (0.4)
URTI	71 (26.7)	65 (24.7)	5 (1.9)	1 (0.4)
Neutropenia	56 (21.1)	65 (24.7)	52 (19.5)	60 (22.8)
Pyrexia	62 (23.3)	50 (19.0)	8 (3.0)	2 (0.8)
Arthralgia <sup>a</sup>	42 (15.8)	<b>60 (22.8)</b>	0	2 (0.8)
Hypertension <sup>a,b</sup>	23 (8.6)	<b>60 (22.8)</b>	11 (4.1)	<b>23 (8.7)</b>
Anemia	58 (21.8)	49 (18.6)	31 (11.7)	34 (12.9)
Fatigue <sup>b</sup>	54 (20.3)	44 (16.7)	<b>9 (3.4)</b>	0
Nausea	47 (17.7)	49 (18.6)	0	1 (0.4)
Contusion <sup>a</sup>	31 (11.7)	<b>48 (18.3)</b>	0	1 (0.4)
Pneumonia	47 (17.7)	43 (16.3)	28 (10.5)	23 (8.7)
Atrial fibrillation <sup>a</sup>	24 (9.0)	<b>41 (15.6)</b>	12 (4.5)	9 (3.4)
Thrombocytopenia	40 (15.0)	35 (13.3)	26 (9.8)	18 (6.8)

Higher incidence in **bold red** for terms with statistical differences.

Among most common AEs above, grade 5 were reported in 5 (1.9%) acalabrutinib patients (pyrexia, n=1; pneumonia, n=4) and 4 (1.5%) ibrutinib patients (URTI, n=1; pneumonia, n=3).

<sup>a</sup>Based on Barnard's exact test, two-sided P-value <0.05 without multiplicity adjustment for any grade events.

<sup>b</sup>Based on Barnard's exact test, two-sided P-value <0.05 without multiplicity adjustment for grade  $\geq 3$  events.

Includes AEs reported at  $\geq 15\%$  incidence (any grade) in either arm.

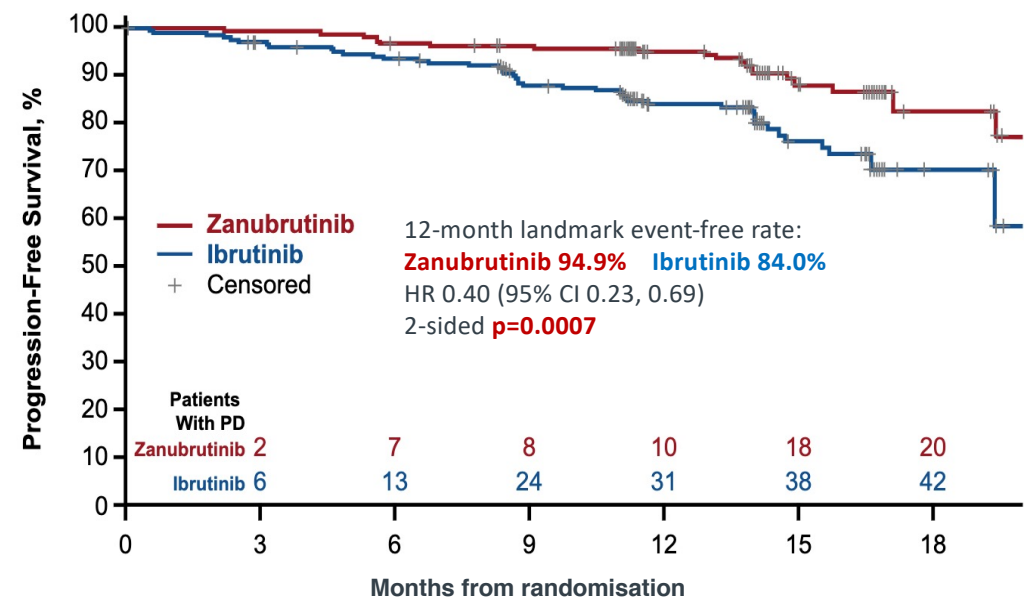
AE, adverse event; URTI, upper respiratory tract infection.

# Phase 3 ALPINE study: Ibrutinib vs zanubrutinib in RR CLL

## ORR by investigator assessment

	Zanubrutinib (n=207), n (%)	Ibrutinib (n=208), n (%)
<b>Primary endpoint: ORR (PR+CR)</b>	162 (78.3) 95% CI: 72.0, 83.7	130 (62.5) 95% CI: 55.5, 69.1
<b>Superiority 2-sided P=0.0006 compared with pre-specified alpha of 0.0099</b>		
CR/CRi	4 (1.9)	3 (1.4)
nPR	1 (0.5)	0
ORR (PR-L+PR+CR)	183 (88.4)	169 (81.3)
PR-L	21 (10.1)	39 (18.8)
SD	17 (8.2)	28 (13.5)
PD	1 (0.5)	2 (1.0)
Discontinued or new therapy prior to 1 <sup>st</sup> assessment	6 (2.9)	9 (4.3)
	<b>del(17p) (n=24), n (%)</b>	<b>del(17p) (n=26), n (%)</b>
ORR (PR+CR)	20 (83.3)	14 (53.8)

## PFS by investigator assessment



CR, complete response; CRi, CR with incomplete bone marrow recovery; nPR, nodular partial response; ORR, overall response rate; PD, progressive disease; PFS, progression-free survival; PR, partial response; PR-L, partial response with lymphocytosis; SD, stable disease

## Phase 3 ALPINE study: Zanubrutinib vs Ibrutinib in RR CLL

### AEs of Special Interest

Safety Analysis Population	Zanubrutinib (n=204), n (%)		Ibrutinib (n=207), n (%)	
	Any Grade	Grade $\geq 3$	Any Grade	Grade $\geq 3$
Cardiac disorders <sup>a</sup>	28 (13.7)	5 (2.5)	52 (25.1)	14 (6.8)
<b>Atrial fibrillation and flutter (key 2° endpoint)</b>	<b>5 (2.5)</b>	<b>2 (1.0)</b>	<b>21 (10.1)</b>	<b>4 (1.9)</b>
Hemorrhage	73 (35.8)	6 (2.9)	75 (36.2)	6 (2.9)
Major hemorrhage <sup>b</sup>	6 (2.9)	6 (2.9)	8 (3.9)	6 (2.9)
Hypertension	34 (16.7)	22 (10.8)	34 (16.4)	22 (10.6)
Infections	122 (59.8)	26 (12.7)	131 (63.3)	37 (17.9)
Neutropenia <sup>c</sup>	58 (28.4)	38 (18.6)	45 (21.7)	31 (15.0)
Thrombocytopenia <sup>c</sup>	19 (9.3)	7 (3.4)	26 (12.6)	7 (3.4)
Secondary primary malignancies	17 (8.3)	10 (4.9)	13 (6.3)	4 (1.9)
Skin cancers	7 (3.4)	3 (1.5)	10 (4.8)	2 (1.0)

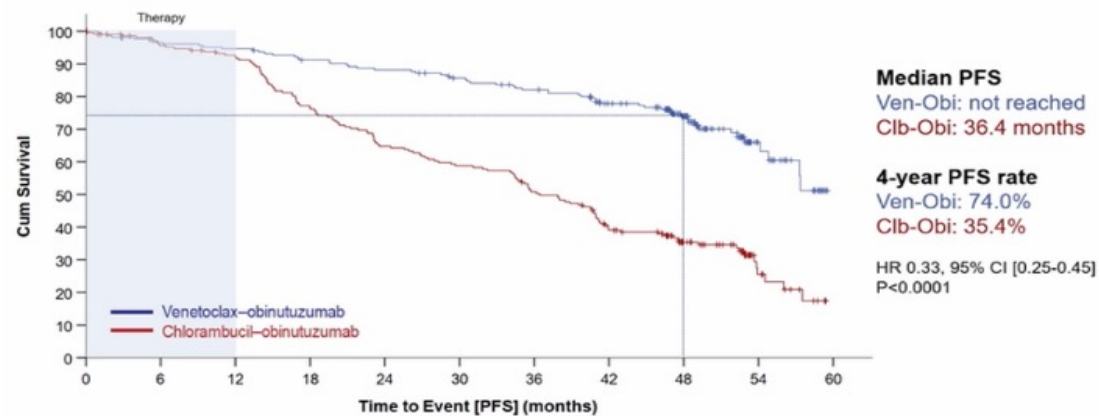
AE, adverse events. All events are of any grade unless otherwise specified.

<sup>a</sup> Cardiac disorders leading to treatment discontinuation: zanubrutinib 0 patients and ibrutinib 7 (3.4%) patients.

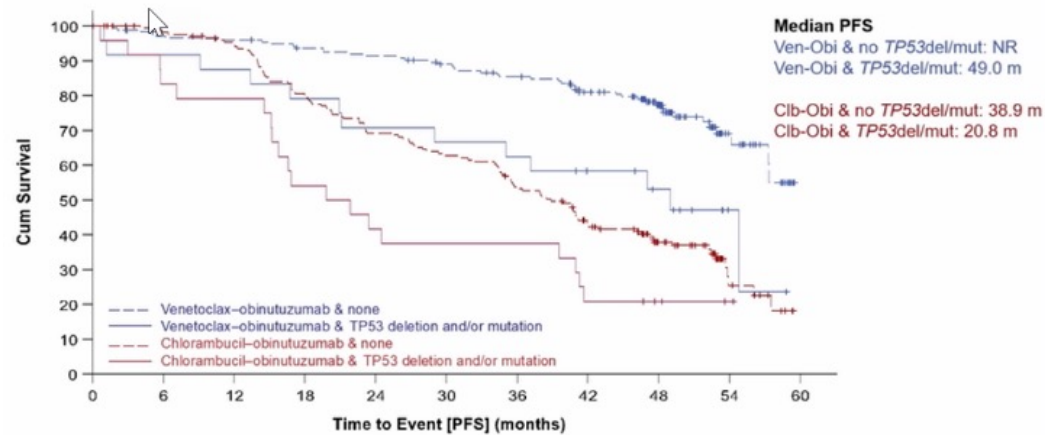
<sup>b</sup> Includes hemorrhages that were serious or grade  $\geq 3$  or CNS hemorrhages of all grades.

<sup>c</sup> Pooled terms including neutropenia, neutrophil count decreased, and febrile neutropenia; thrombocytopenia and platelet count decreased.

# Phase 3 CLL14 study: First-line venetoclax + obinutuzimab 4 year follow-up: PFS and TP53 status

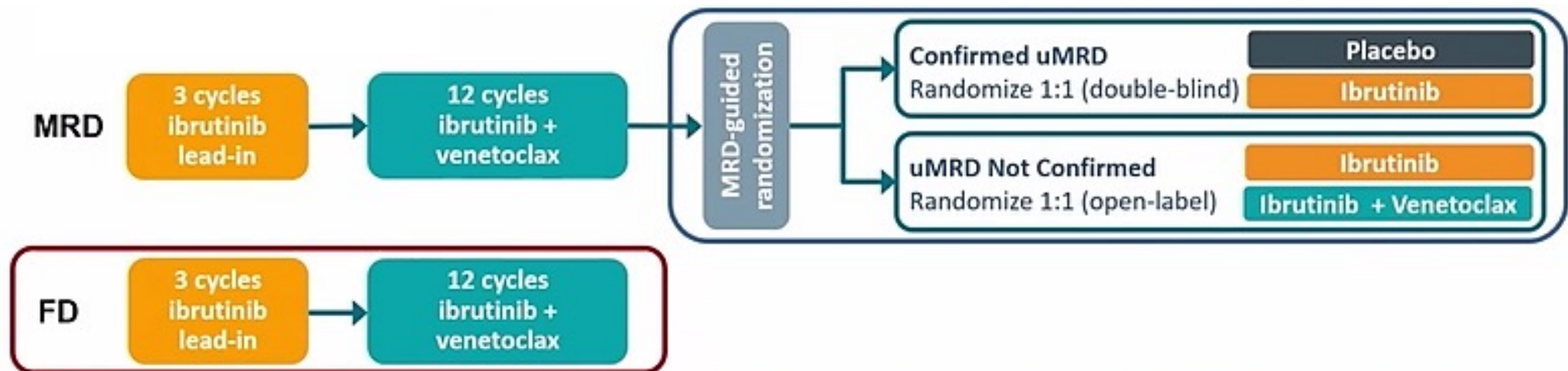


Median observation time = 52.4 months



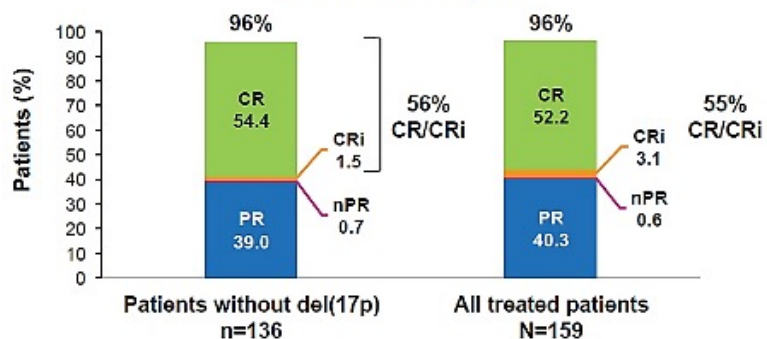
## Phase 2 CAPTIVATE: First-line ibrutinib + venetoclax

CAPTIVATE is an international, multicenter phase 2 study evaluating 3 cycles of ibrutinib followed by 12 cycles of combined ibrutinib + venetoclax that comprises two cohorts: MRD and fixed-duration (FD)



# Phase 2 CAPTIVATE trial: primary analysis of the FD cohort

## Best overall response

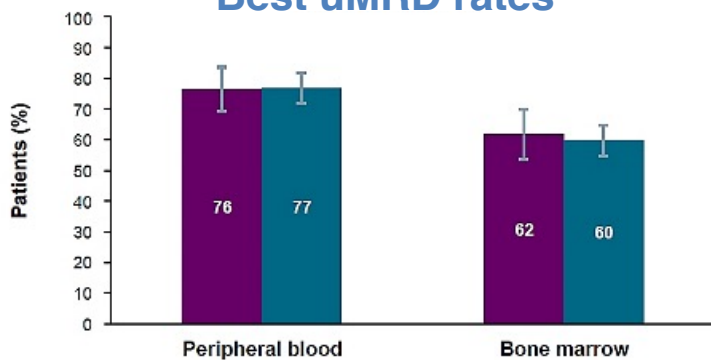


DOCR ≥12 cycles  
n/N (%)

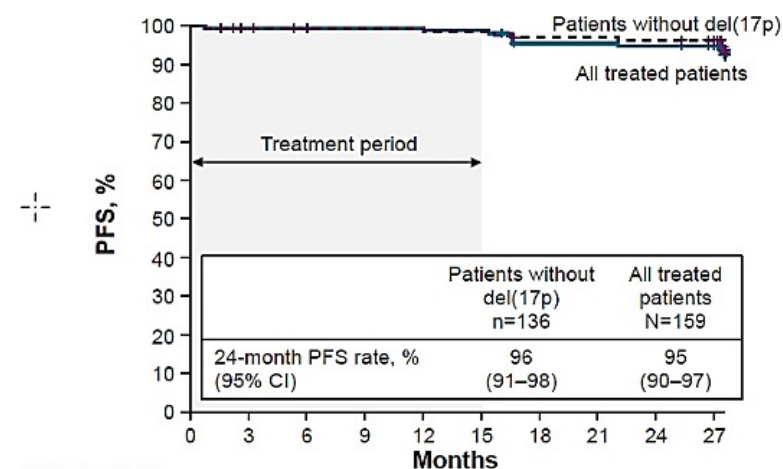
66/76 (87)

78/88 (89)\*

## Best uMRD rates



## PFS

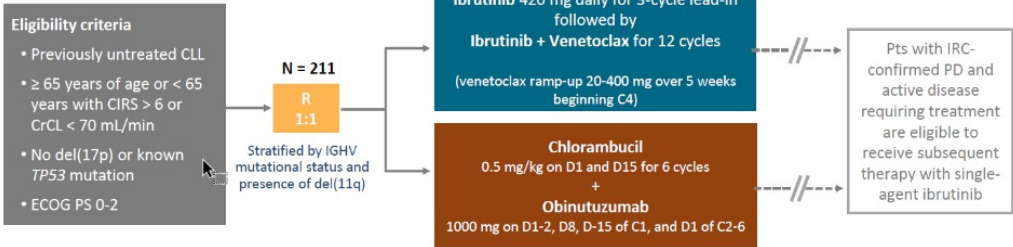


Patients at Risk	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27
All treated patients	159	155	153	152	152	151	144	144	143	141
Patients without del(17p)	136	132	130	129	129	128	125	125	124	122

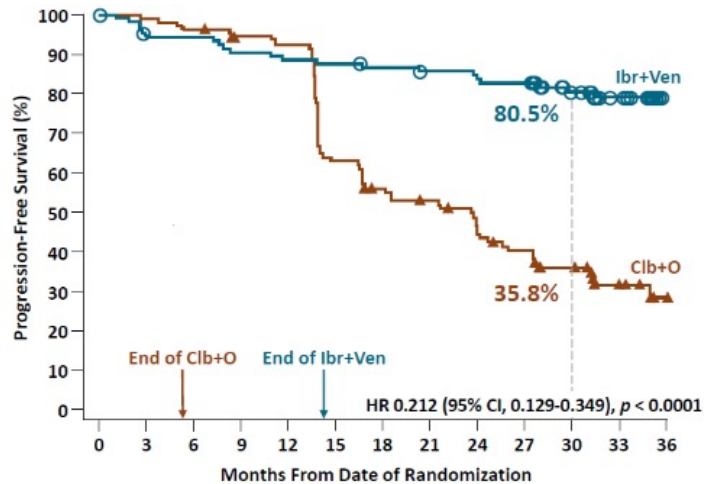
### Estimated 24-month PFS rates

- Unmutated IGHV: 93% (95% CI 85, 97)
- Mutated IGHV: 97% (95% CI 88, 99)

# GLOW: MRD outcomes



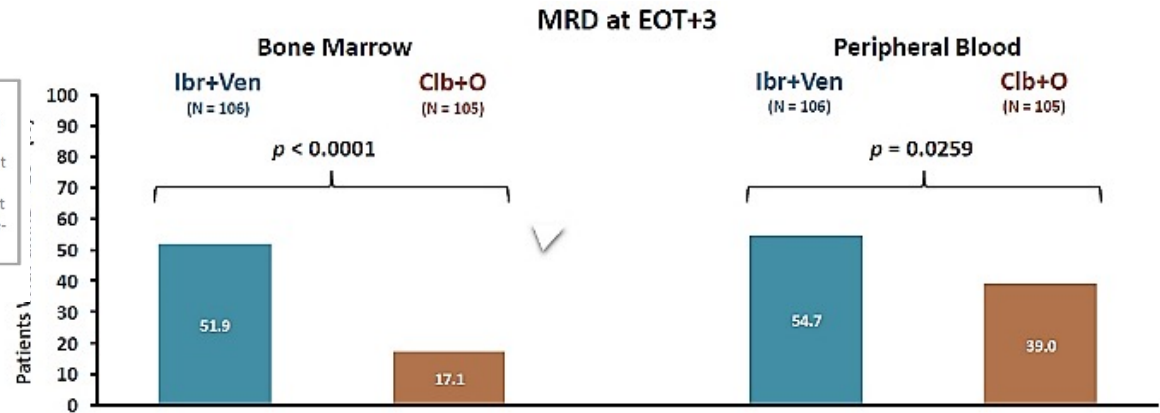
Superior PFS with I+V vs Clb+O was maintained with a median 34.1 months of follow-up



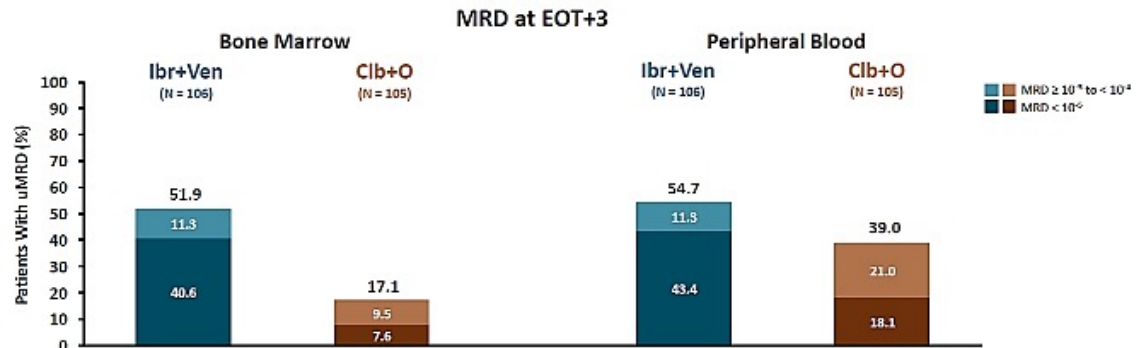
Patients at risk

	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36
Ibr+Ven	106	98	98	94	92	91	89	87	86	84	71	42	1
Clb+O	105	104	101	96	94	64	55	51	43	37	30	13	3

uMRD rate  $< 10^{-4}$  was significantly higher in both compartments with Ibr+Ven



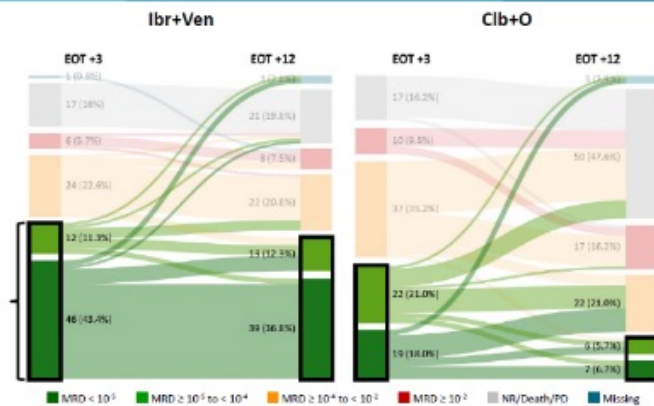
uMRD rate  $< 10^{-5}$  was higher with Ibr+Ven vs Clb+O in both compartments



# Phase 3 GLOW study: MRD outcomes

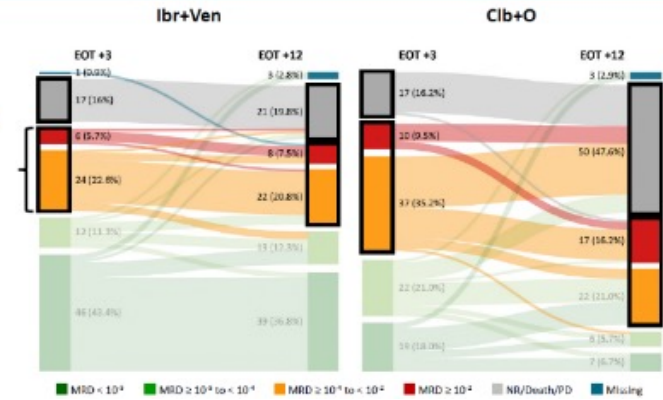
uMRD in PB Was Better Sustained With Ibr+Ven From EOT+3 to EOT+12

- 84.5% (49/58) of patients had sustained uMRD <  $10^{-4}$  and 80.4% (37/46) had sustained uMRD <  $10^{-5}$  with Ibr+Ven<sup>a</sup>
  - 29.3% (12/41) and 26.3% (5/19) with Clb+O
- uMRD <  $10^{-4}$  rate decreased 6% with Ibr+Ven vs 27% with Clb+O

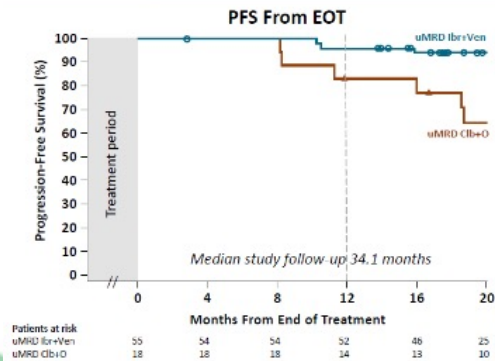


With Ibr+Ven, Detectable MRD Was Less Likely to Worsen or Lead to Progression by EOT+12 vs Clb+O

- Patients with detectable MRD  $\geq 10^{-4}$  in the Ibr+Ven arm were less likely to:
  - Convert to PD vs those in the Clb+O arm
  - Have worsening of detectable MRD levels

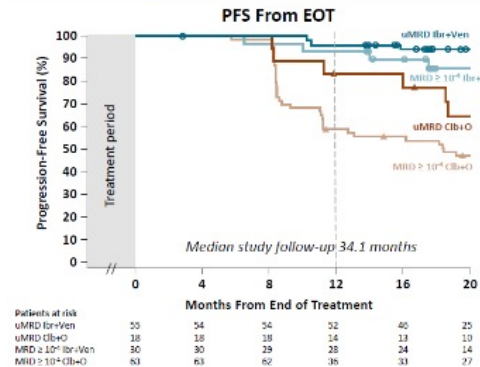


PFS According to Bone Marrow MRD Status at EOT+3



- In patients with uMRD <  $10^{-4}$  in BM, PFS rate was better sustained post-treatment with Ibr+Ven vs Clb+O

With Ibr+Ven, PFS Rate Was Sustained in the First Year Post-treatment Irrespective of MRD Status in BM at EOT+3

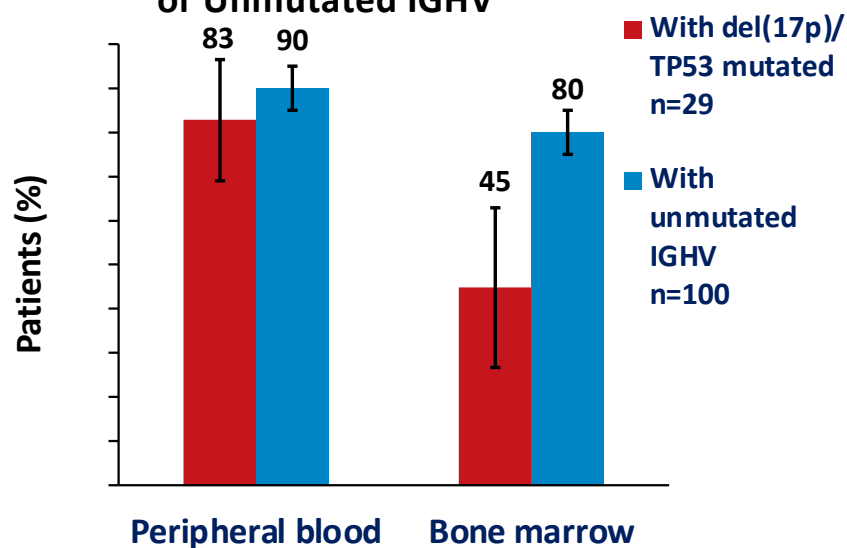


- PFS rate during the first year post-treatment was sustained > 90% with Ibr+Ven, independent of BM MRD status

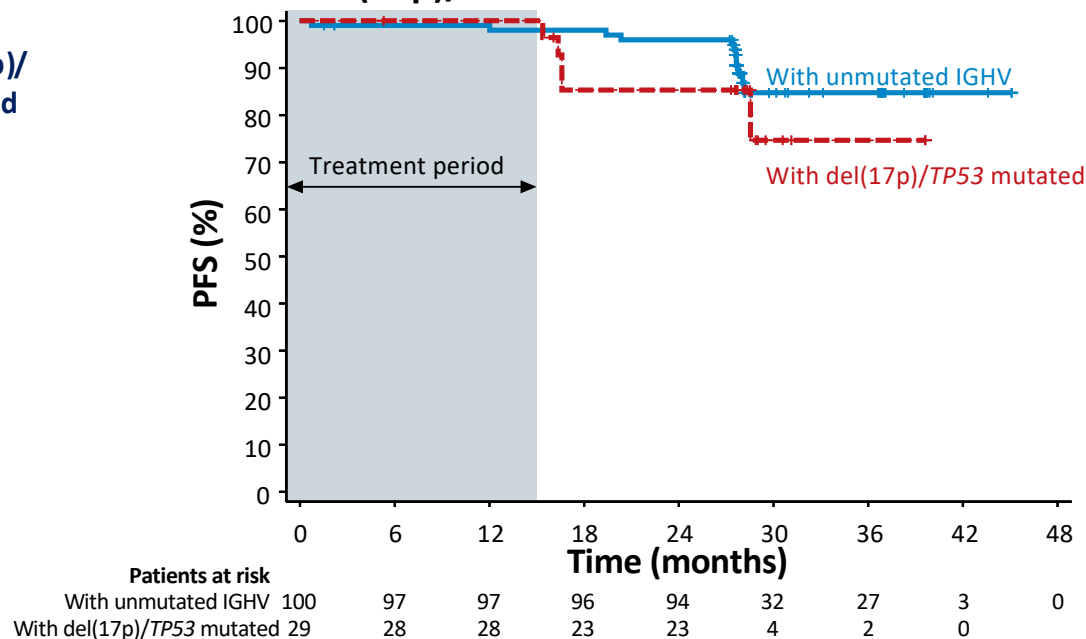


## Phase 2 CAPTIVATE study: Efficacy in CLL With high-risk features

Best uMRD Rates With del(17p)/TP53 Mutated or Unmutated IGHV<sup>a</sup>



PFS With del(17p)/TP53 Mutated or Unmutated IGHV<sup>b</sup>



- Analysis of uMRD rates showed lower bone marrow uMRD rates in patients with del(17p)/TP53 mutated
- analysis of PFS by individual high-risk features showed a decrease in PFS among the small subset of patients with del(17p)/TP53 mutated

<sup>b</sup>Unmutated IGHV without del(17p)TP53 mutation.

# Phase 2 CAPTIVATE – Fixed-duration cohort

## Safety analysis

### Majority of AEs with IV were low grade

AEs, n (%)	All treated patients N=159	
	Grade 1/2	Any grade
<b>Most frequent AEs (≥30%)</b>		
Diarrhea	94 (59)	99 (62)
Nausea	66 (42)	68 (43)
Neutropenia	14 (9)	66 (42)
Arthralgia	51 (32)	53 (33)
<b>Grade 3/4 AEs (≥5%)</b>	98 (62)	
Neutropenia	52 (33)	
Infections <sup>a</sup>	13 (8)	
Hypertension	9 (6)	
Neutrophil count decreased	8 (5)	
<b>AEs of clinical interest (any grade)</b>		
Atrial fibrillation	7 (4)	
Major hemorrhage <sup>a</sup>	3 (2)	
<b>Any serious AE</b>	36 (23)	
<b>Fatal AEs</b>	1 (1) <sup>b</sup>	

### Discontinuations and dose reductions were rare

AEs, n (%)	All treated patients N=159
<b>AEs leading to discontinuation</b>	8 (5)
Ibrutinib only	5 (3)
Venetoclax only	0
Both ibrutinib and venetoclax	3 (2) <sup>a</sup>
<b>AEs leading to dose reduction</b>	33 (21)
Ibrutinib only	9 (6)
Venetoclax only	18 (11)
Both ibrutinib and venetoclax	6 (4)

- **88% of patients with AEs leading to dose reduction had resolution of AEs at the time of analysis**
- **8 patients who progressed after fixed duration treatment were retreated with single-agent ibrutinib**
  - **6/8 responded with PR, with 2 patients pending response evaluation**

## Phase 3 GLOW study: Safety and TLS risk reduction

### Grade 3 or higher AEs in ≥5% of patients

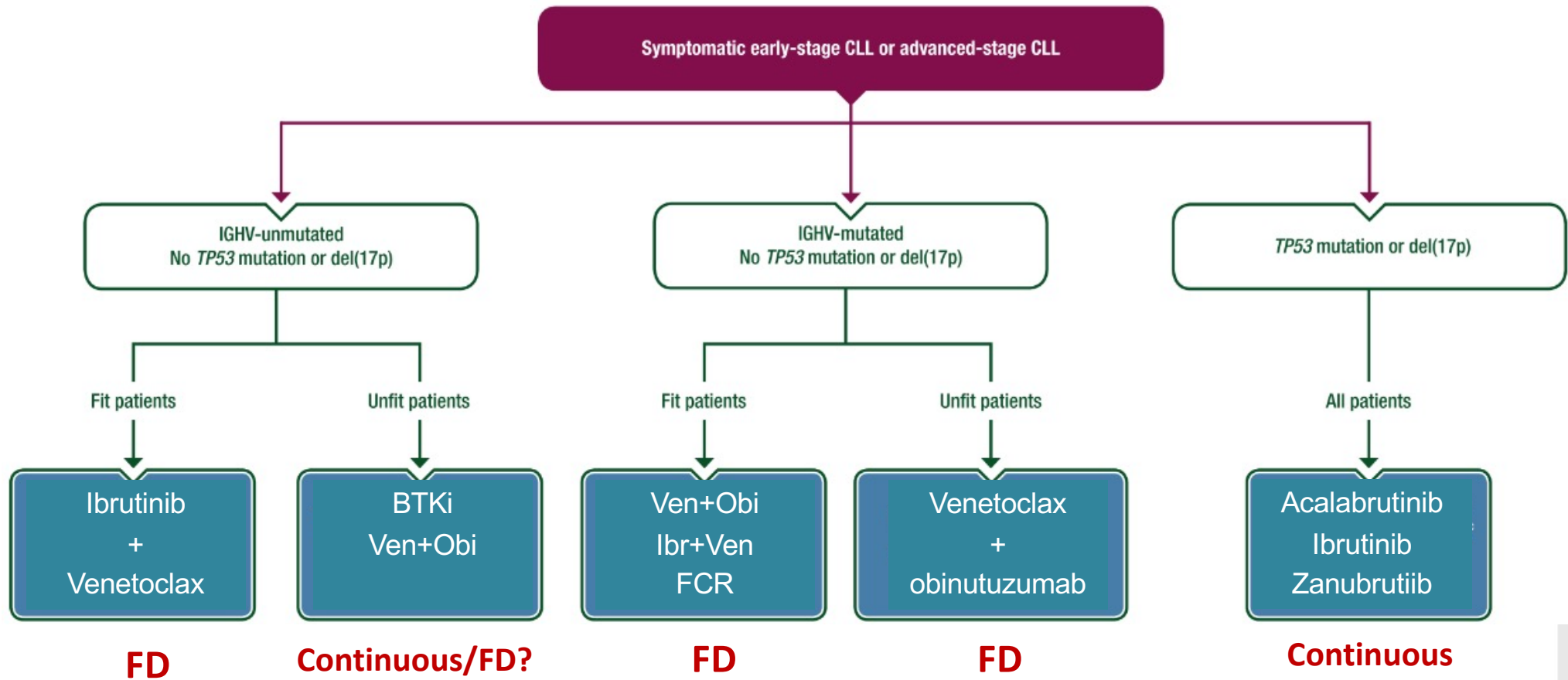
	I+V (N = 106)	Clb+O (N = 105)
Median exposure, mos (range)	13.8 (0.7-19.5)	5.1 (1.8-7.9)
Any, %	75.5	69.5
Neutropenia <sup>a</sup>	34.9	49.5
Infections <sup>b</sup>	17.0	11.4
Thrombocytopenia	5.7	20.0
Diarrhea	10.4	1.0
Hypertension	7.5	1.9
Atrial fibrillation	6.6	0
Hyponatremia	5.7	0
TLS	0	5.7

<sup>a</sup>Includes 'neutrophil count decreased'; grade ≥3 febrile neutropenia: 1.9% for I+V vs 2.9% for Clb+O

<sup>b</sup>Includes multiple preferred terms

- After 3 cycles of ibrutinib lead-in, <2% of patients remained at risk for TLS based on high-tumor burden
- 2 (1.9%) patients with I+V arm discontinued ibrutinib due to atrial fibrillation
- SAEs in ≥5% of patients for I+V vs Clb+O: infections (12.3% vs 8.6%) and atrial fibrillation (6.6% vs 0%)
- Rate of secondary malignancies at the time of analysis: 8.5% for I+V vs 10.5% for Clb+O

## A possible future for frontline therapy





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