

# Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia and Hairy Cell Leukemia

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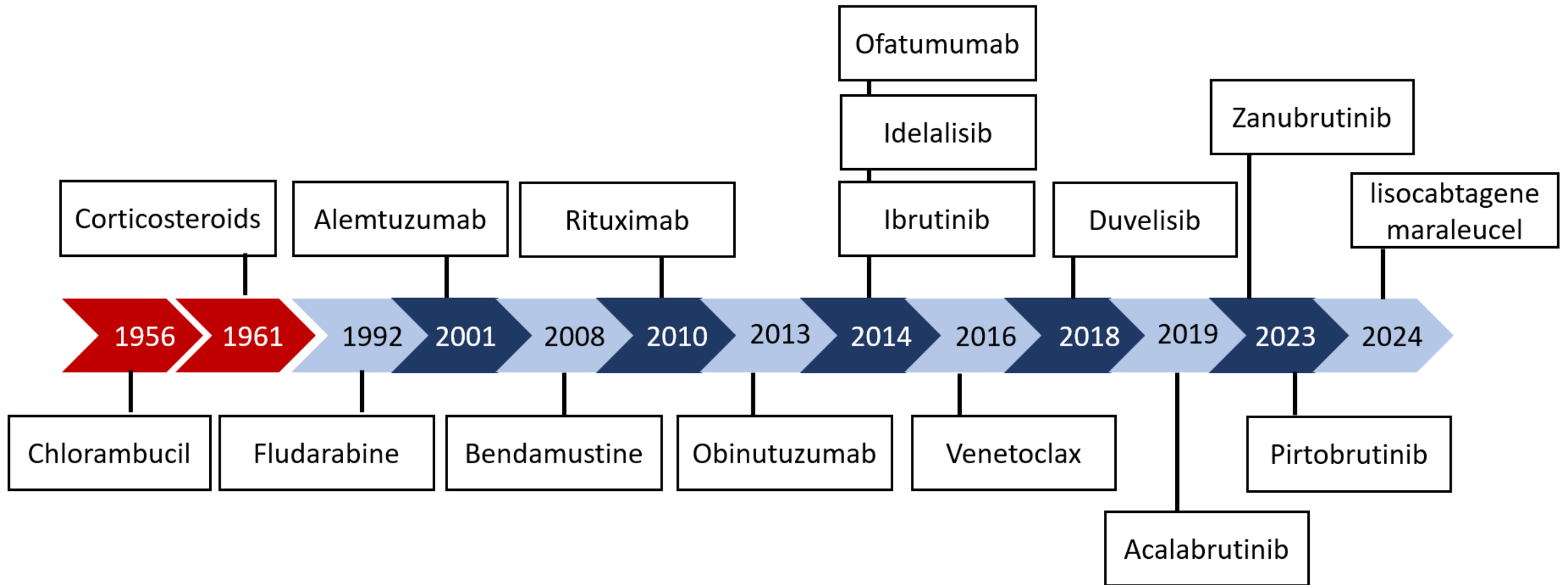
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# CLL/SLL

# Treatment Options for CLL/SLL



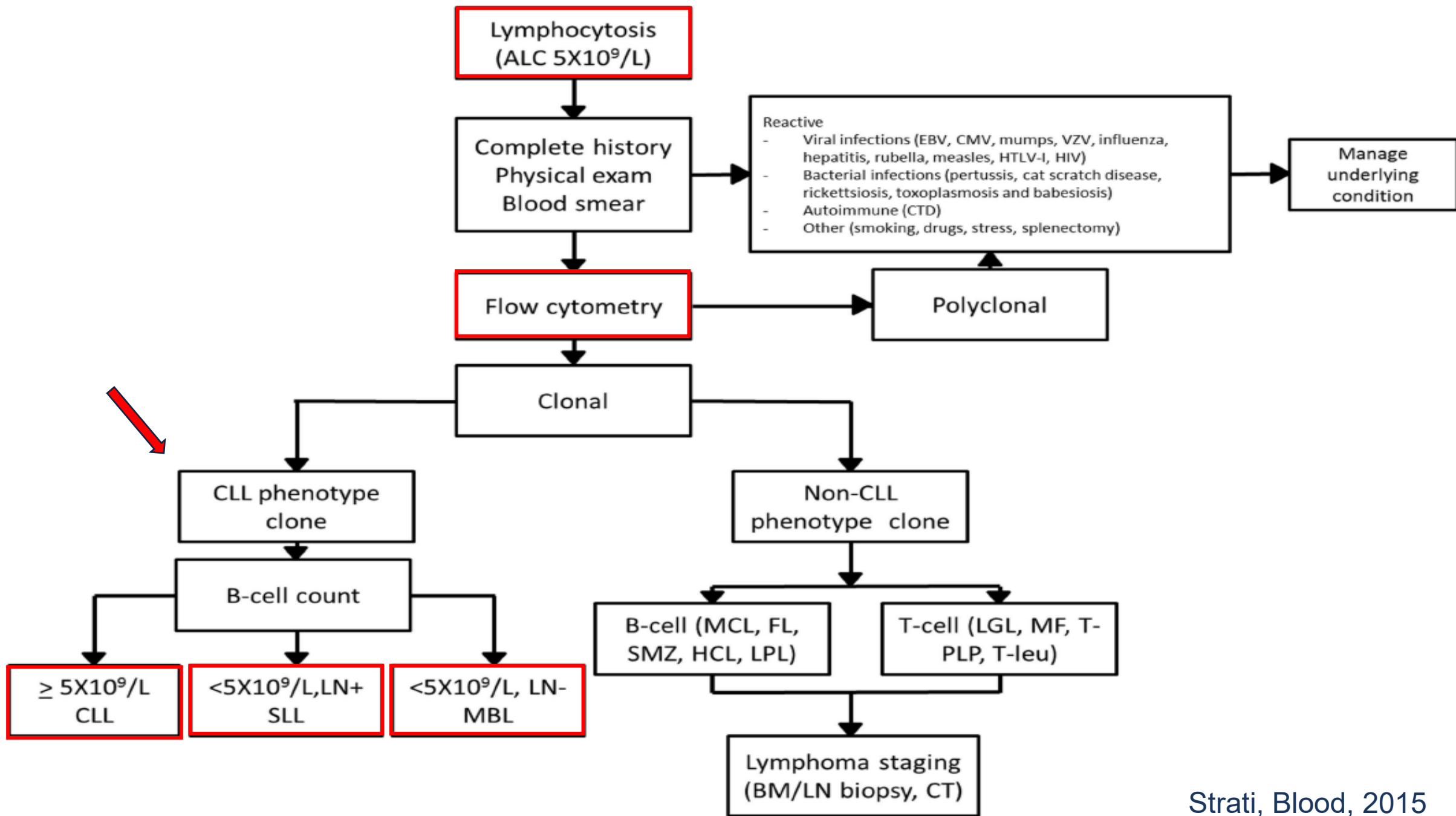
# Epidemiology

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- CLL/SLL is the most common leukemia in adults in western countries
  - 4.5 cases per 100,000
- Median age ~ 70 years
- Slight male predominance (1.7:1)
- Familial risk (7-8 fold)
- Caucasians > African Americans > Asian Pacific Islanders
- Genetic > Environmental



# Initial diagnosis and appropriate work-up



# Immunophenotypic Features

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|                | CD5 | CD10 | CD23 | CD103 | BCL6 | CD20    | Cyclin D1 |
|----------------|-----|------|------|-------|------|---------|-----------|
| <b>CLL/SLL</b> | +   | -    | +    | -     | -    | +(weak) | -         |



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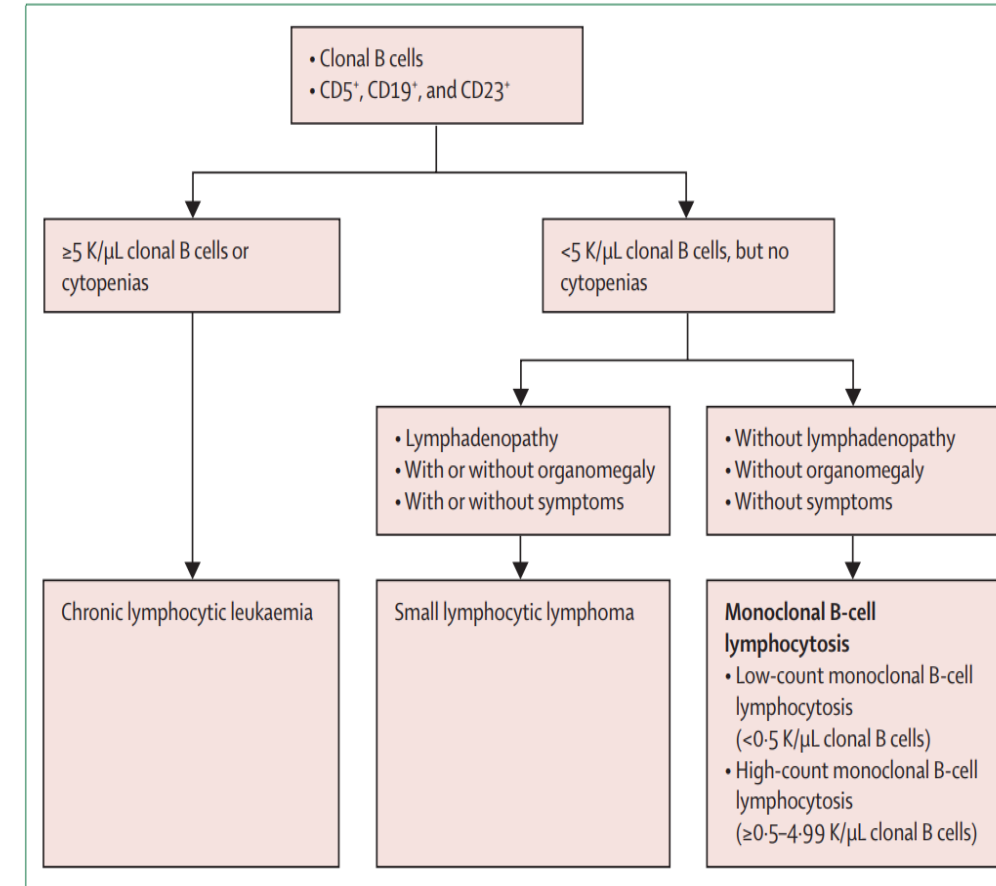
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| MCL     | +   | -    | -    | -     | -    | +       | +         |
| LPL     | -   | -    | -    | -     | -    | +       | -         |
| sMZL    | -   | -    | -    | -     | -    | +       | -         |
| FL      | -   | +/-  | -/+  | -     | +    | +       | -         |
| HCL     | -   | -    | -    | +     | -    | +       | +/-       |

|         | CD23 | Cyclin D1 | t(11,14) |
|---------|------|-----------|----------|
| CLL/SLL | +    | -         | -        |
| MCL     | -    | +         | +        |



# MBL (monoclonal B cell lymphocytosis)

- $< 5 \times 10^9/L$  monoclonal B- cells in the PB AND no lymphadenopathy
- Almost all cases of CLL are preceded by MBL but only a small percentage of persons with MBL will ultimately develop CLL
- **Low-count MBL ( $< 0.5 \times 10^9/L$ ) → rarely progresses to CLL**
  - No need for hematology follow-up
  - Higher risk for serious infections
  - OS similar to general population
- **High-count MBL ( $0.5-4.9 \times 10^9/L$ ) → progresses to CLL at a rate of 1-2% /year**
  - CLL-IPI can predict the risk
  - Higher risk for serious infections and secondary malignancies
  - OS similar to general population
- Up to 17 percent of first-degree family members of patients with CLL were found by flow cytometry to have MBL
- **Screening of family members is NOT recommended**



# WHO-HAEM5 Terminology

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- **Monoclonal B-cell lymphocytosis (MBL)**
  - **Low-count MBL or clonal B-cell expansion:** clonal CLL/SLL phenotype B-cell count  $<0.5 \times 10^9$  /L with no other features diagnostic of B-lymphoproliferative disorder
  - **CLL/SLL-type MBL:** monoclonal CLL/SLL-phenotype B-cell count  $\geq 0.5 \times 10^9$  /L and total B-cell count less than  $5 \times 10^9$  /L with no other features diagnostic of CLL/SLL
  - **Non-CLL/SLL-type MBL:** ANY monoclonal non-CLL/SLL phenotype B-cell expansion with no symptoms or features diagnostic of another mature B-cell neoplasm (majority of cases have features consistent with MZL)
- **Chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL):**
  - Monoclonal CLL/SLL-phenotype B-cell count  $\geq 5 \times 10^9$  /L
  - Cytopenias with marrow infiltration even if monoclonal CLL/SLL-phenotype B-cell count  $< 5 \times 10^9$  /L
- **Small lymphocytic lymphoma (SLL):** Monoclonal CLL/SLL-phenotype B-cell count  $< 5 \times 10^9$  /L but with evidence of lymphadenopathy
- **B-prolymphocytic leukemia (B-PLL)** is no longer recognized in WHO-HAEM5 in view of its heterogeneous nature.
- **Richter Transformation:** CLL → NHL or CLL → HL. The term is recommended over “Richter Syndrome”

# Diagnosis

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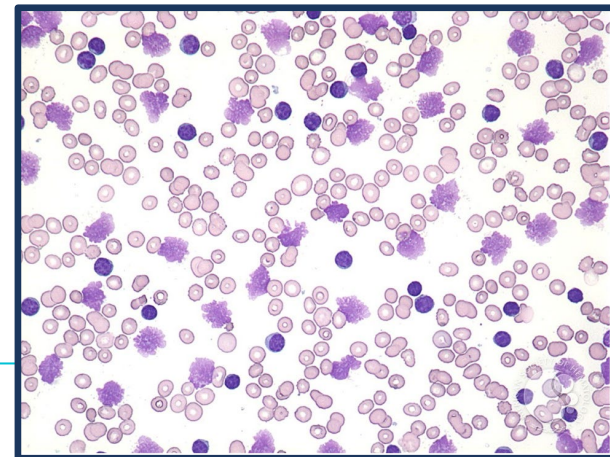
- Flow cytometry of blood is essential and adequate to make the diagnosis
- Biopsy may be needed if PB flow cytometry is not conclusive
- Cytogenetic and molecular studies are informative for prognostic and/or therapy determination .
- Baseline CT scan (or PET) is **NOT** required for asymptomatic patients  
(The ASH “Choosing Wisely” List)



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# Prognostic and predictive markers

# Staging for CLL

| Rai staging |               |                                 | Binet staging |                                                     |
|-------------|---------------|---------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Stage       | Risk category | Findings                        | Stage         | Findings                                            |
| 0           | Low           | Lymphocytosis <sup>a</sup>      | A             | No cytopenia and $\leq 2$ lymphoid area involvement |
| 1           | Intermediate  | Lymphadenopathy <sup>b</sup>    | B             | No cytopenia and $> 3$ lymphoid area involvement    |
| 2           | Intermediate  | Hepatosplenomegaly <sup>b</sup> | C             | Presence of anemia or thrombocytopenia              |
| 3           | High          | Anemia <sup>c</sup>             |               |                                                     |
| 4           | High          | Thrombocytopenia <sup>d</sup>   |               |                                                     |

<sup>a</sup> Lymphocyte count greater than  $5 \times 10^9/\text{L}$ .

<sup>b</sup> On physical examination.

<sup>c</sup> Hemoglobin level less than 11 g/dL.

<sup>d</sup> Platelet count less than 100 000/ $\mu\text{L}$

**Use Ann Arbor staging for SLL**

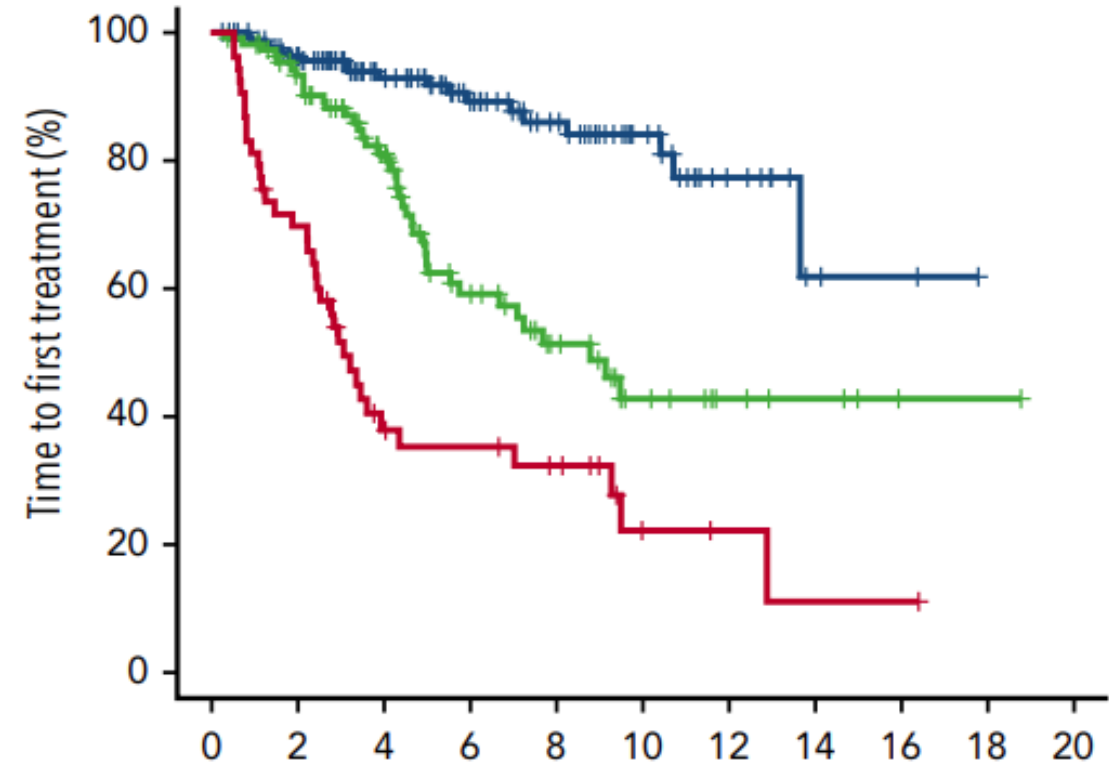
# Molecular Biomarkers for CLL

|             | FISH                            | Karyotype                                  | Mutations                                                                   |
|-------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Unfavorable | del (17p)<br>del (11q)          | Complex<br>(>3<br>abnormalities)<br>(> 5?) | TP53<br>unmutated IGHV ( $\leq 2\%$ ) *<br>NOTCH-1<br>SF3B1<br>BIRC3<br>ATM |
| Neutral     | Normal<br>+12                   |                                            |                                                                             |
| Favorable   | del (13q)<br>(sole abnormality) |                                            | mutated IGVH (>2%)                                                          |

# Time to first treatment (TTFT): IPS-ES

| Variable                      | Point |
|-------------------------------|-------|
| Unmutated IGHV                | 1     |
| ALC > 15 x 10 <sup>9</sup> /L | 1     |
| Palpable lymph node           | 1     |

| Risk category     | Score | 5-year cumulative risk for treatment start |
|-------------------|-------|--------------------------------------------|
| Low risk          | 0     | 8.4%                                       |
| Intermediate risk | 1     | 28.4%                                      |
| High risk         | 2-3   | 61.2%                                      |



# Impact of Recurrent Gene Mutations on Time to First Treatment

Predictors of shorter time from diagnosis to first treatment

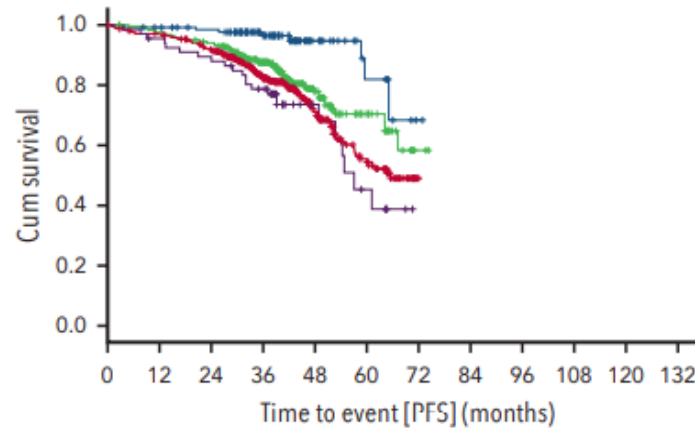
|                | SF3B1    | XPO1     | NOTCH1   | NFKBIE   | TP53     | BIRC3    | EGR2     |
|----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Mutated IGHV   | <b>X</b> | <b>X</b> | <b>X</b> | <b>X</b> |          |          |          |
| Unmutated IGHV | <b>X</b> | <b>X</b> |          |          | <b>X</b> | <b>X</b> | <b>X</b> |

# Prognostic Models: CLL-IPI

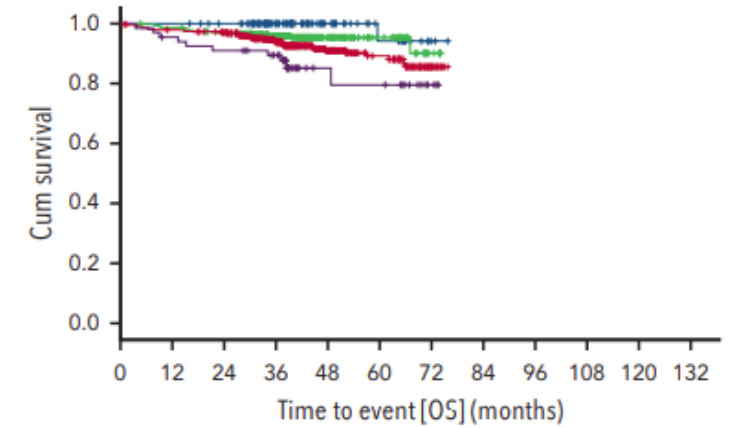
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| Un-mutated IgVH                                  | 2      |
| Rai Stage I-IV                                   | 1      |
| Age > 65 years                                   | 1      |

| Points | Risk Group | 5-y OS (%) | 10-yr OS (%) |
|--------|------------|------------|--------------|
| 0-1    | Low        | 93         | 79           |
| 2-3    | Int        | 79         | 39           |
| 4-6    | High       | 63         | 22           |
| 7-10   | Very High  | 23         | 4            |

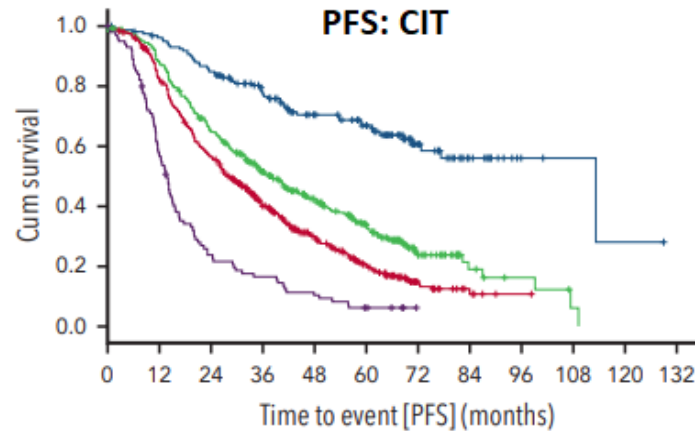
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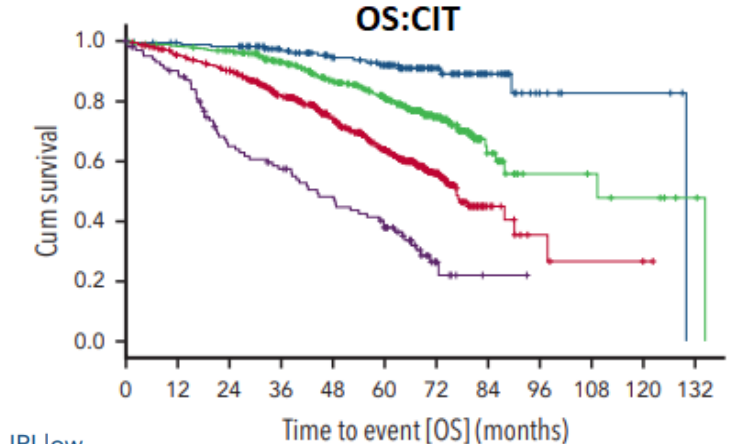
OS: Novel Drugs



PFS: CIT



OS: CIT



CLL-IPI low

CLL-IPI intermediate

CLL-IPI high

CLL-IPI very high

# Supportive Care

# Supportive Care Recommendations

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- Avoid live vaccines
- Patients should receive annual influenza vaccine and recombinant zoster vaccine
- The 20-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV20) is recommended in previously unvaccinated patients or those with prior receipt of 23-valent pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine (PPSV23), 1 year apart
- Patients should be informed that their immune response to vaccinations is lower than that of the general population. For COVID-19 vaccination, follow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommendations for patients with moderate and severe immunocompromised state, and protective measures should be continued in high-risk conditions such as viral pandemics
- Consider monoclonal antibodies against COVID-19 (pemivibart, sepivibart)
- Patients with frequent sinus or lung infections who have hypogammaglobulinemia (IgG level <500 mg/dL) benefit from intravenous immunoglobulin infusions every 6 to 8 weeks if the levels remain low
- Age-specific cancer screening guidelines should be followed in patients with CLL
- Patients with CLL have a higher risk for recurrence of basal cell carcinoma and squamous cell carcinoma of skin compared with those without CLL; routine examinations and skin protection measures are recommended
- There is no indication for screening or genetic testing in family members

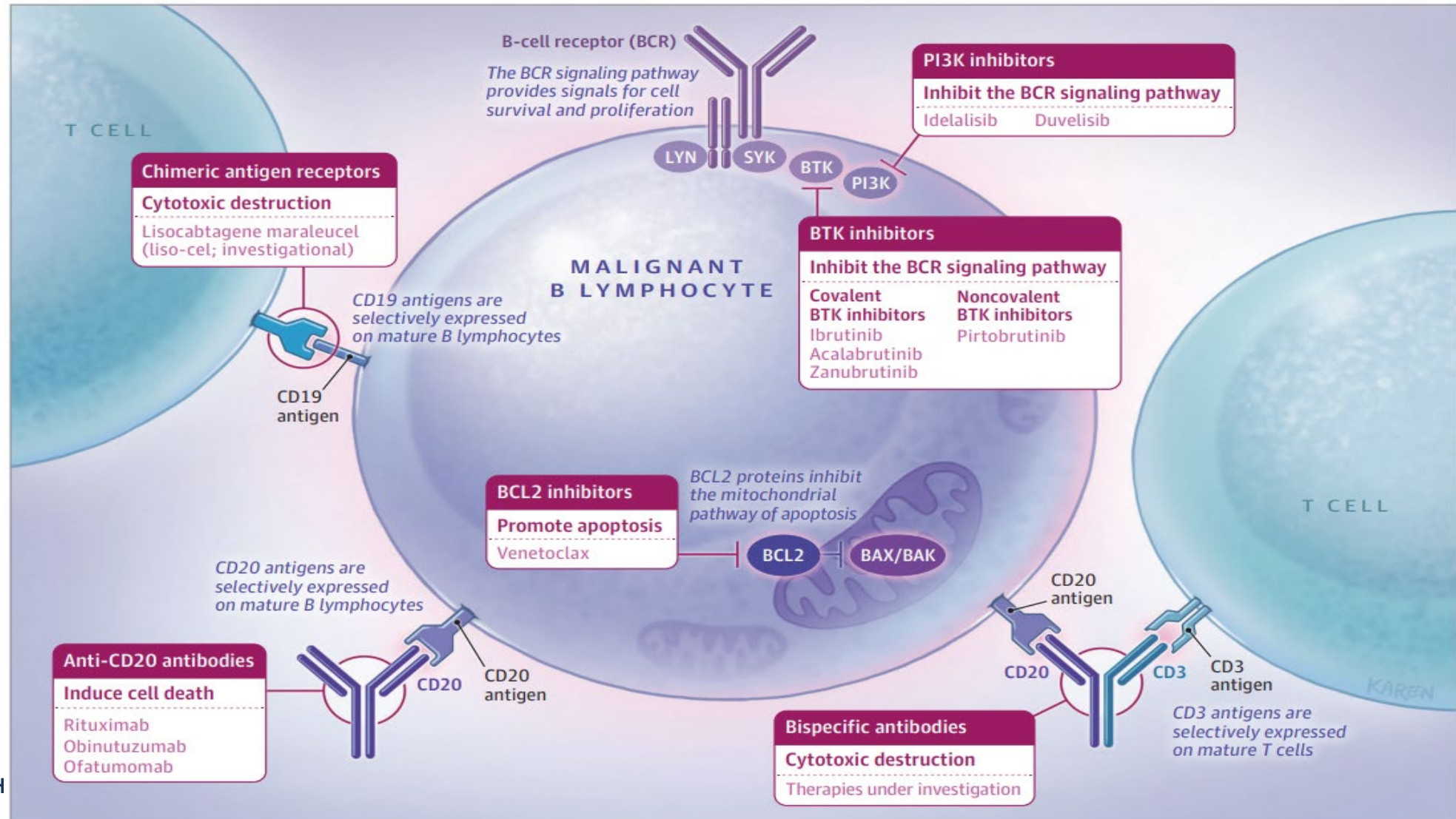


# Important therapeutic agents for CLL

# What are the approved treatment options?

| Chemotherapy                                                                                                                           | anti-CD20 Abs                                                                                           | BCR inhibitors                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | BCL-2 inhibitor                                              | CAR-T therapy                                                              |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• fludarabine</li><li>• cyclophosphamide</li><li>• bendamustine</li><li>• chlorambucil</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• rituximab</li><li>• ofatumumab</li><li>• obinutuzumab</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>BTK inhibitors</u></li><li>• Covalent<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• acalabrutinib</li><li>• zanubrutinib</li><li>• ibrutinib</li></ul></li><li>• Non-covalent<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• pirtobrutinib</li></ul></li><li>• <u>PI3K inhibitors</u><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• idelalisib</li><li>• duvelisib</li></ul></li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• venetoclax</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• lisocabtagene maraleucel</li></ul> |

# Therapeutic Agents for CLL



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# Who needs to be treated?

# Indications for treatment

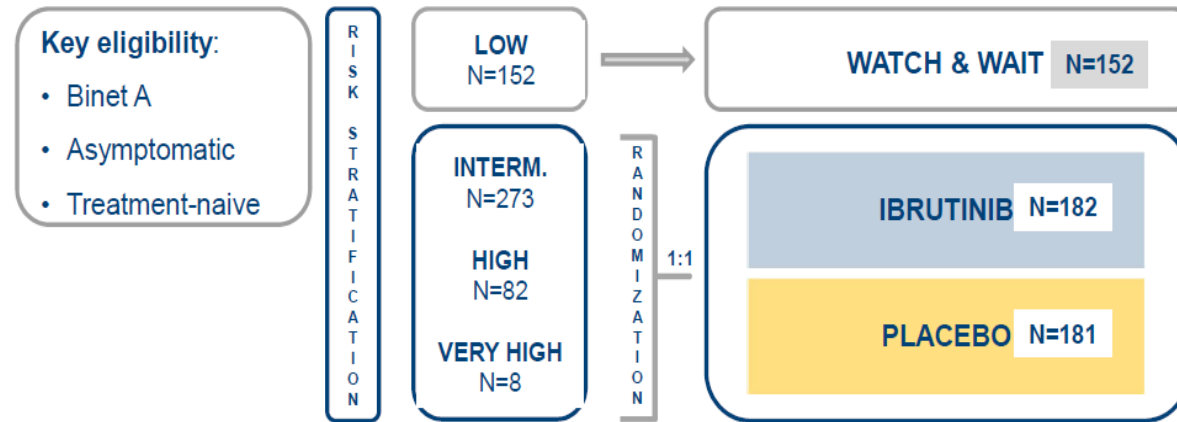
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- Progressive marrow failure
- Massive , progressive or symptomatic lymphadenopathy or organomegaly
- Constitutional symptoms
- Autoimmune anemia and/or thrombocytopenia that is poorly responsive to corticosteroids or other standard therapy
- ~~Lymphocyte doubling time~~



# Is there a role for early intervention in “high-risk” patients?

# CLL-12 Study – Early intervention with Ibrutinib



Phase 3, placebo-controlled, double-blind, multicenter trial

Primary endpoint EFS: time from randomization until symptomatic PD, new treatment, death

Secondary endpoints: survival, PFS, TFS, TTNT, ORR, safety

$\pi_2$ : median EFS from 24 to 48 months with ibrutinib (superiority test)

- **EFS, PFS, and TTNT** : Improved with ibrutinib
- **OS**: No difference (HR, 0.791; 95% CI, 0.358-1.748;  $P = .562$ )

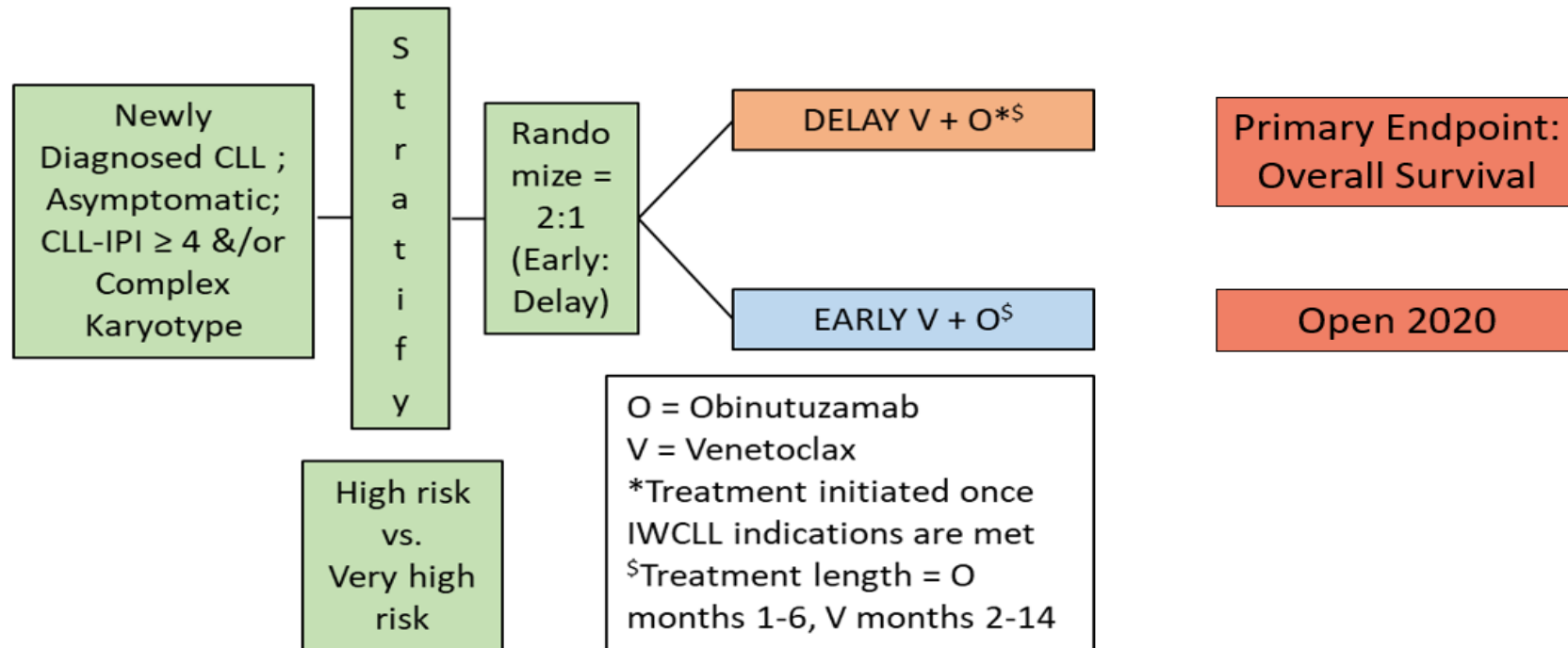
**Early intervention with ibrutinib is NOT recommended**

# Ongoing US Intergroups Early Intervention Trial

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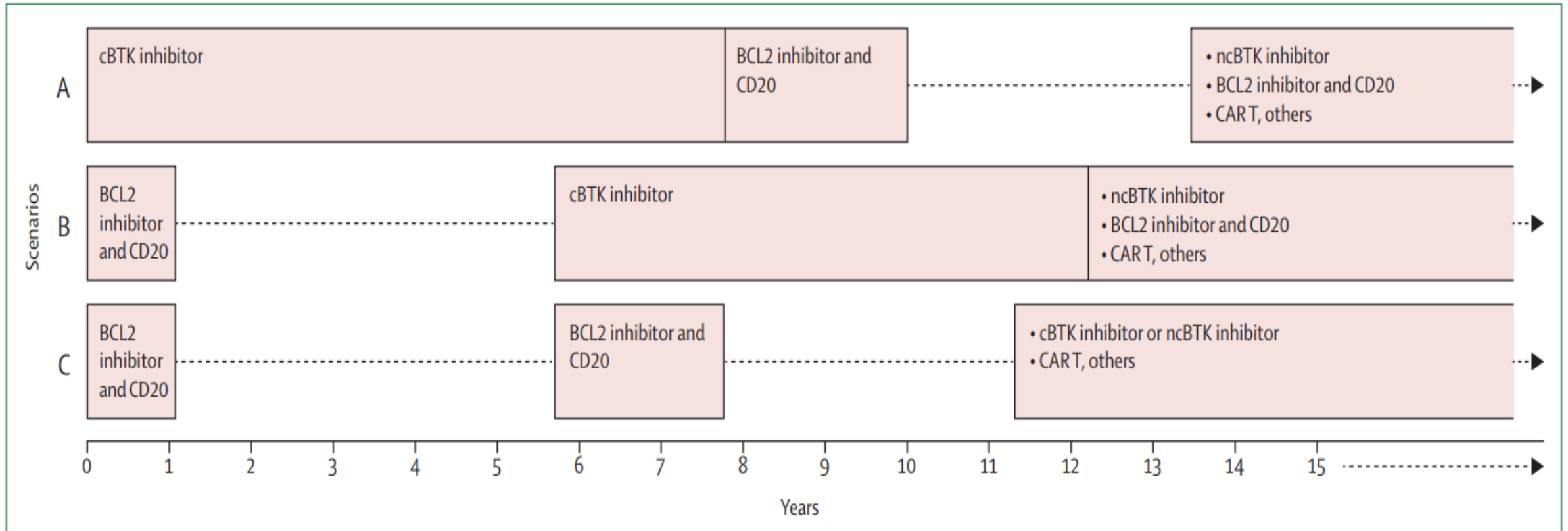
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# Treatment Strategy and Recommendations for treatment-naïve patients

# Treatment Strategies in CLL/SLL



# First line treatment: for patients with normal TP53

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Preferred  
BTKis

**Acalabrutinib ± G  
Or  
Zanubrutinib**

**OR**

**Venetoclax + G**

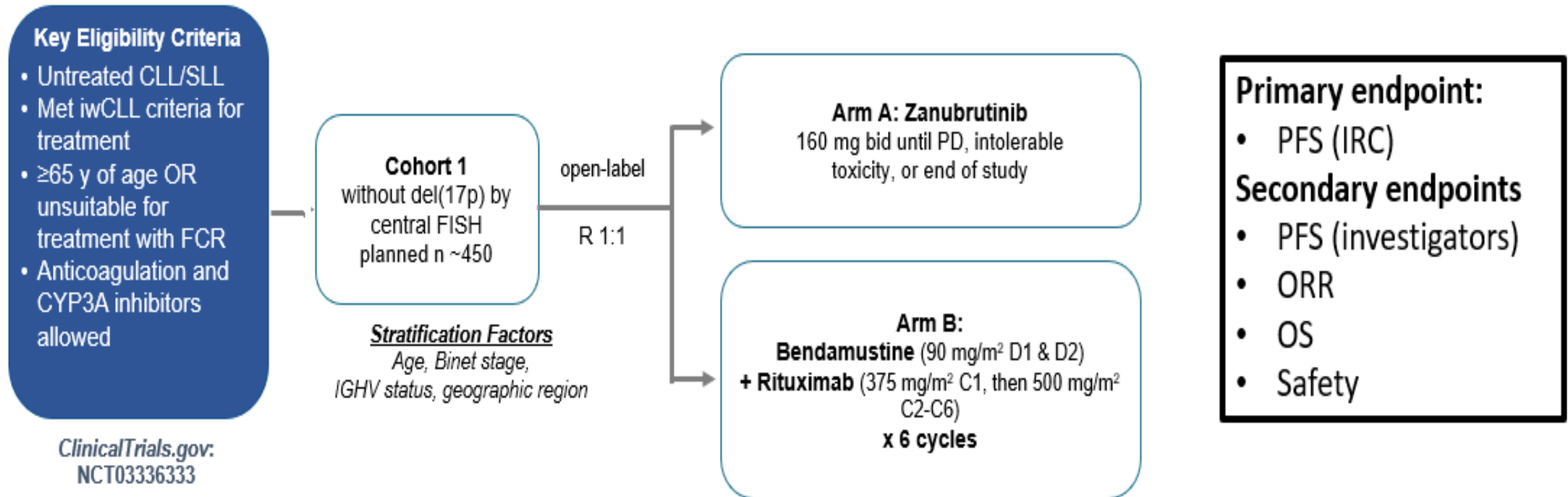
Alternative  
BTKi

**Ibrutinib**

# Novel agents are superior to CIT in first line

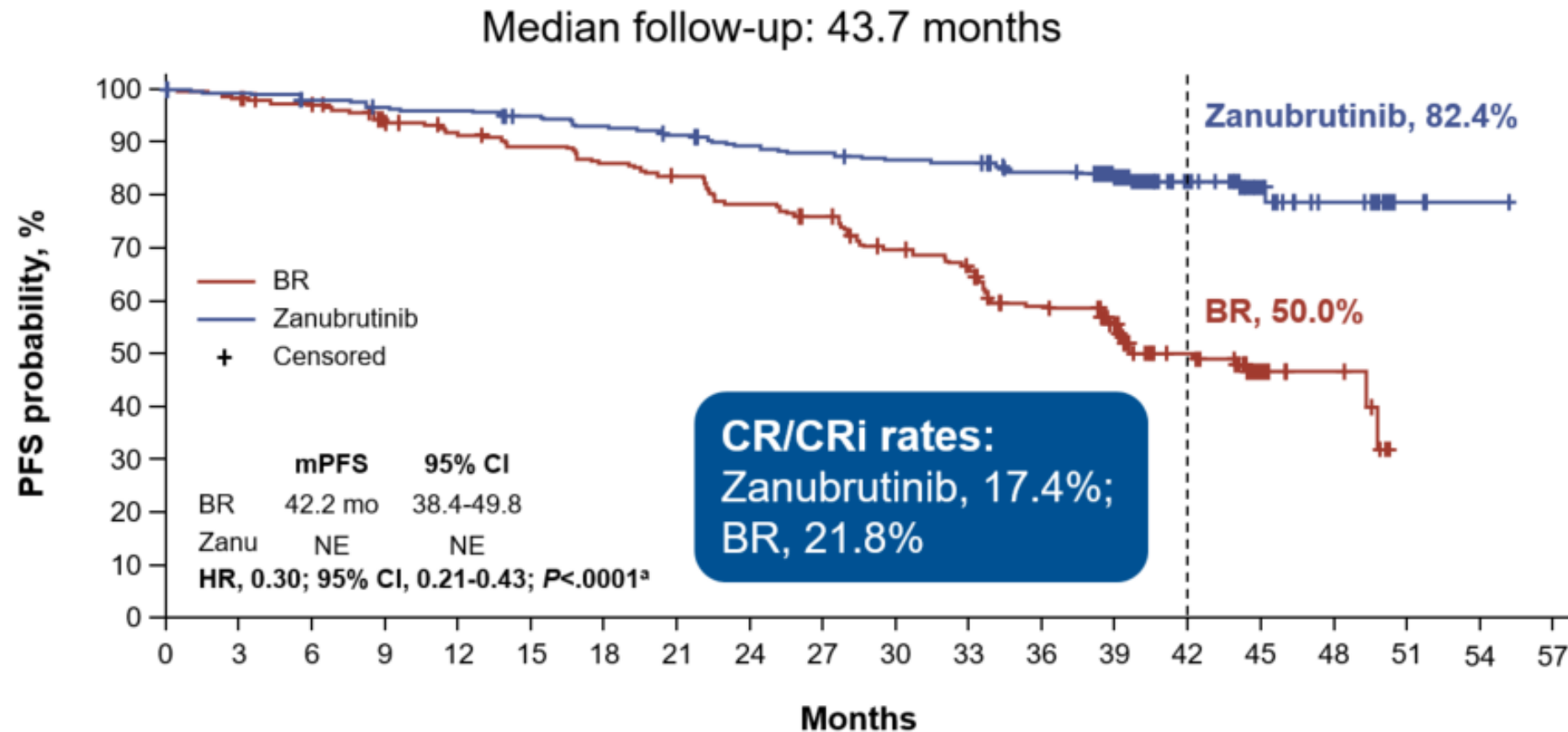
| Patients                                                                                                                                                                | Study      | Investigational arm    | Control arm | Primary endpoint | Winner                 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------------------|-------------|------------------|------------------------|
|                                                                                        | E1912      | Ibrutinib + R          | FCR         | PFS              | Ibrutinib + R          |
|                                                                                        | A041202    | Ibrutinib ± R          | BR          | PFS              | Ibrutinib ± R          |
|                                                                                        | Sequoia    | Zanubrutinib           | BR          | PFS              | Zanubrutinib           |
|       | Illuminate | Ibrutinib + G          | CHL+G       | PFS              | Ibrutinib + G          |
|       | Elevate TN | Acalabrutinib ± G      | CHL+G       | PFS              | Acalabrutinib ± G      |
|   | CLL14      | Venetoclax + G         | CHL+G       | PFS              | Venetoclax + G         |
|   | Glow       | Venetoclax + Ibrutinib | CHL+G       | PFS              | Venetoclax + Ibrutinib |

# BR vs. Zanubrutinib (SEQUOIA)



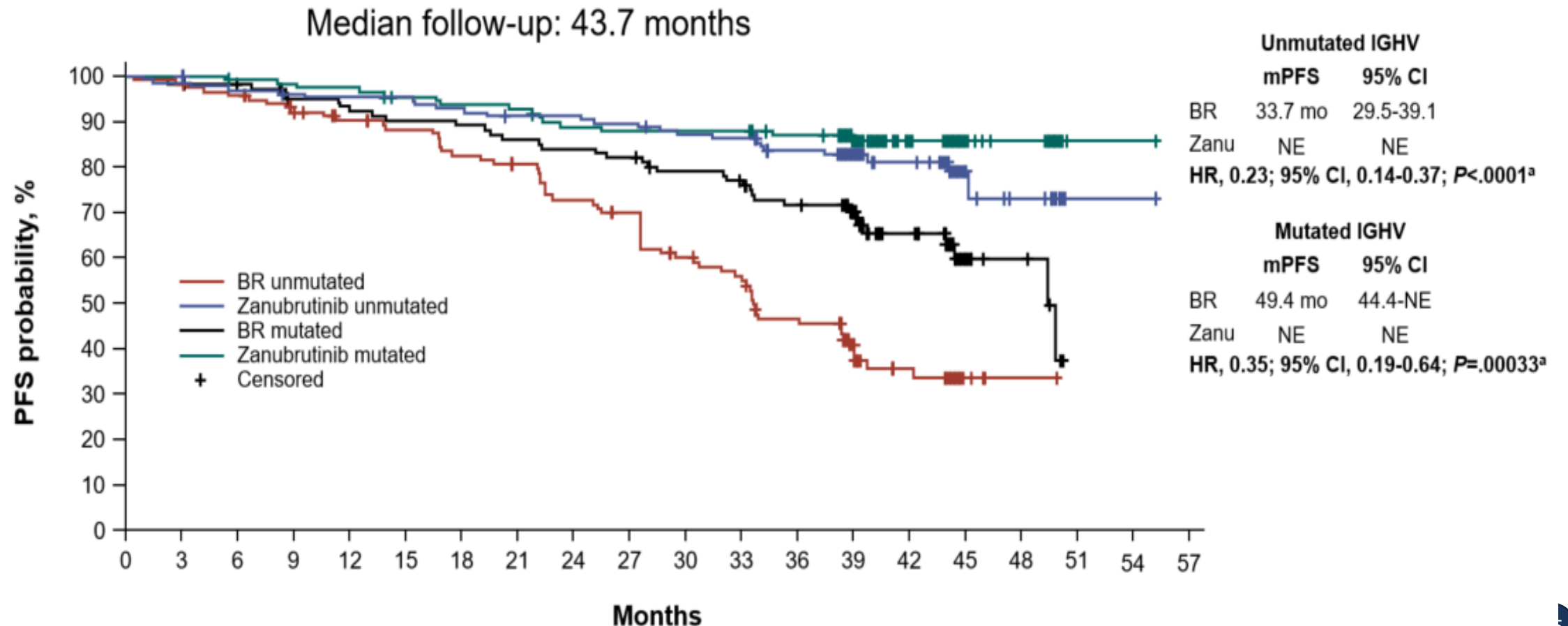
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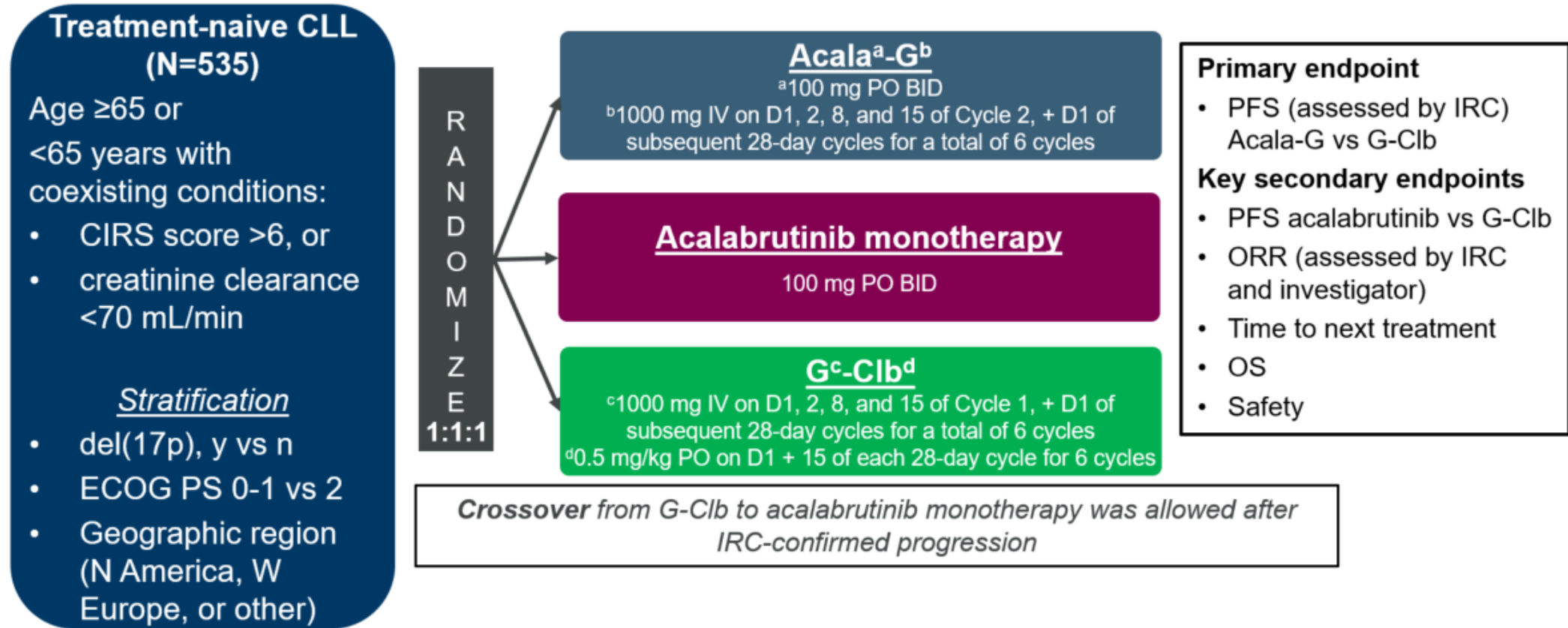


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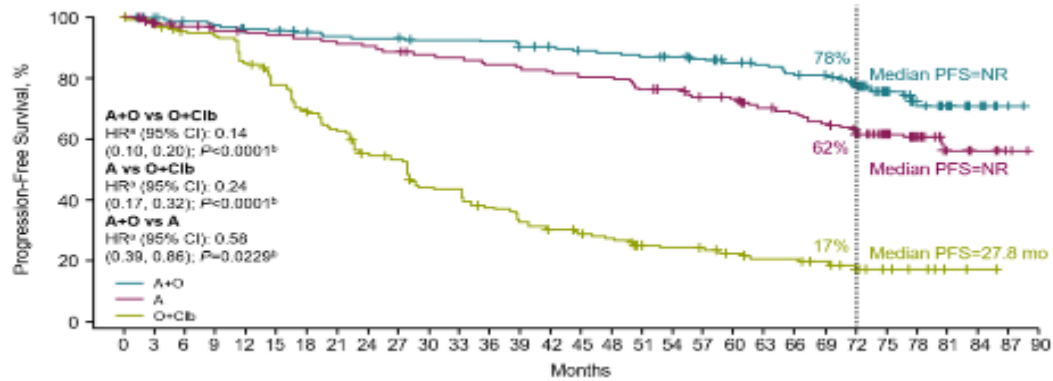


# Acalabrutinib ± G vs. CHL+G:(ELEVATE TN)

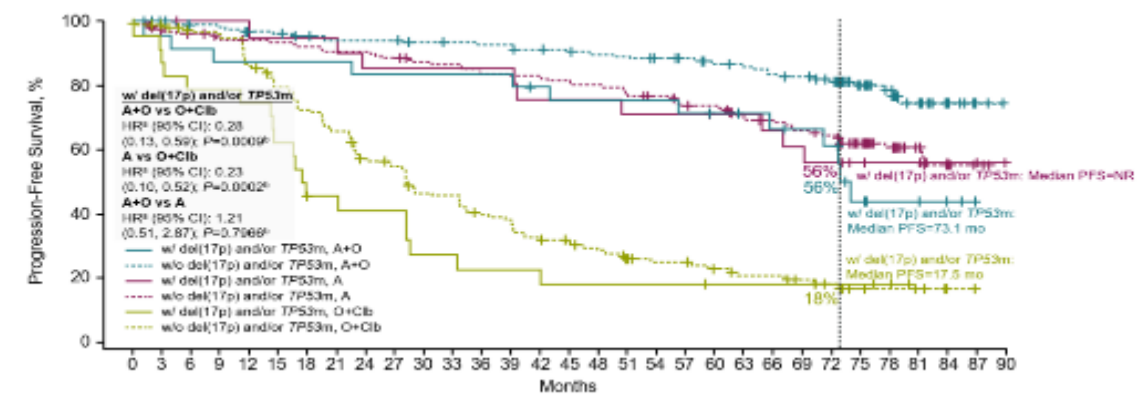


# Acalabrutinib ± G vs Clb + G: ELEVATE-TN – 6-Year Update

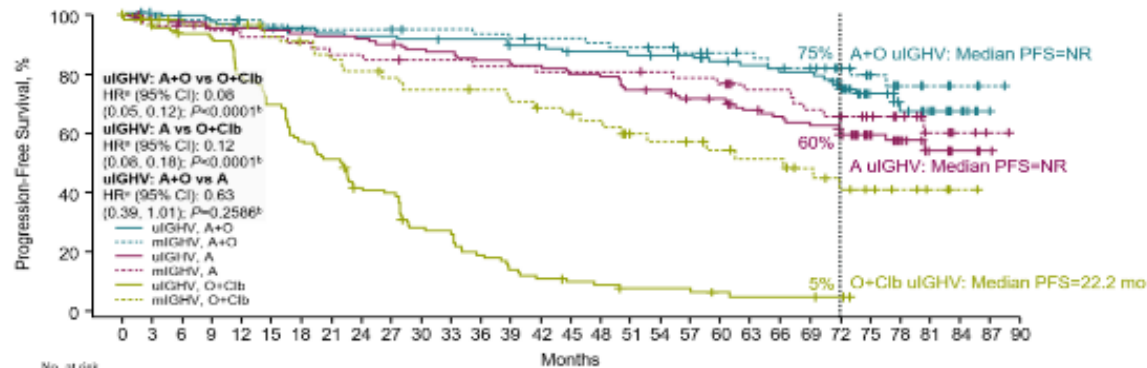
## INV-Assessed PFS (median follow-up: 74.5 months)



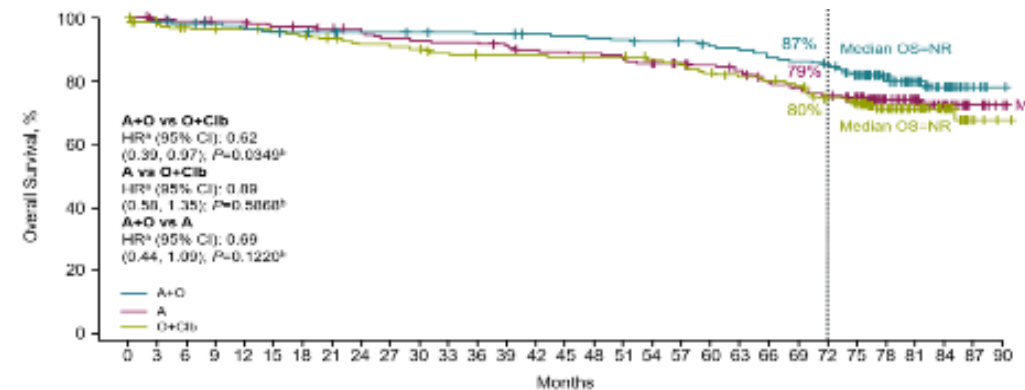
## INV-Assessed PFS in Del(17p) and/or TP53 Mutated



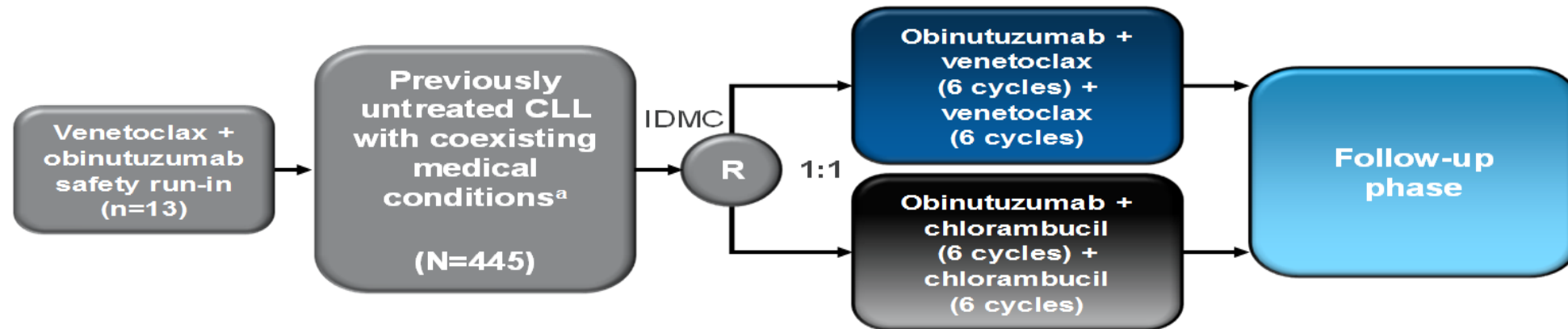
## INV-Assessed PFS in Unmutated IGHV



## Overall Survival



# Venetoclax + G vs CHL + G: (CLL-14)



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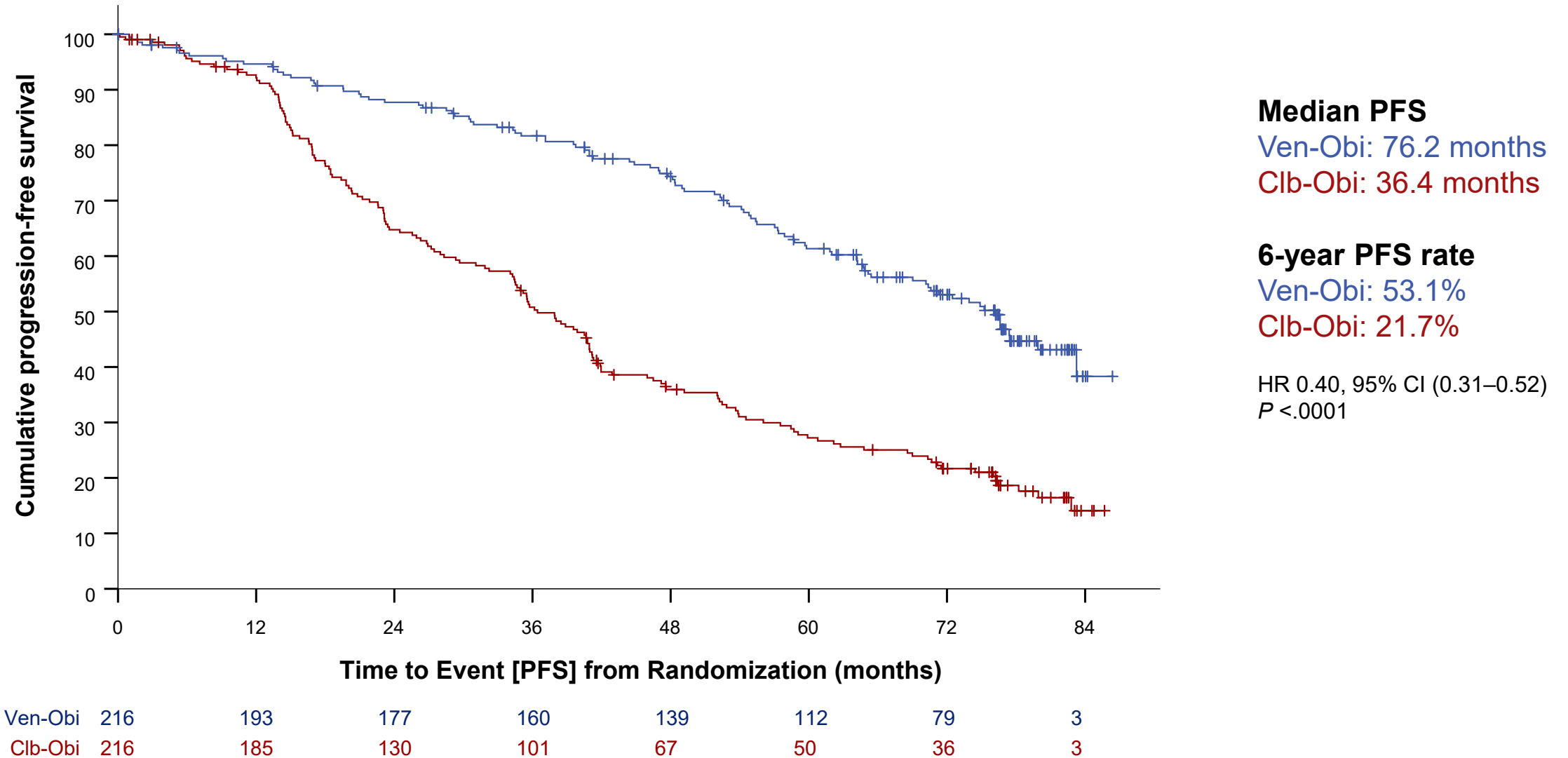
- PFS as assessed by investigator<sup>3</sup>

## Secondary endpoints<sup>3</sup>:

- PFS as assessed by IRC
- MRD
- ORR
- CR rate
- DOR
- EFS
- OS
- TTNT
- Safety

<sup>a</sup>CIRS >6 and/or CrCl <70 mL/min

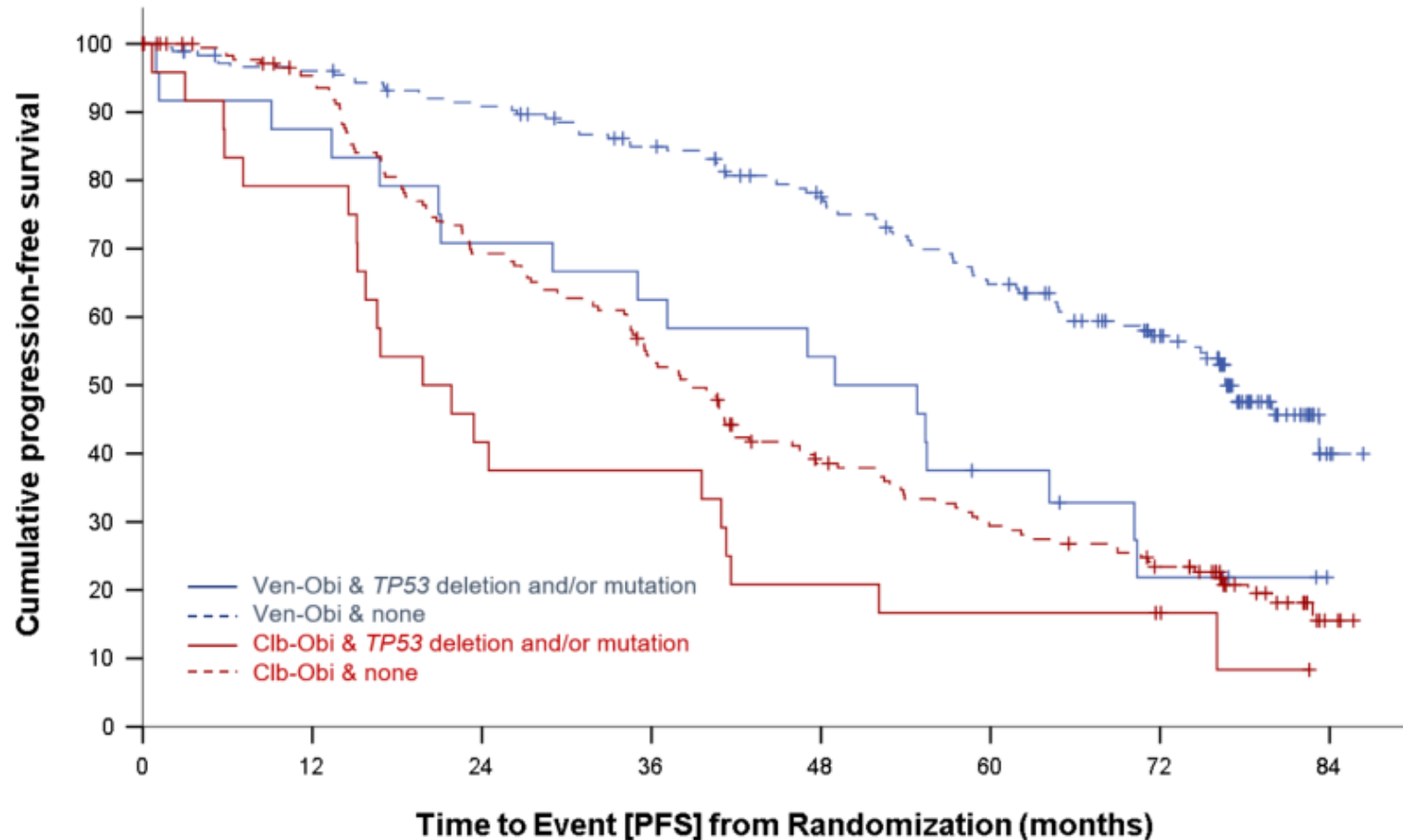
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Median observation time 76.4 months



### Median PFS

Ven-Obi & no *TP53*del/mut: 76.6 m

Ven-Obi & *TP53*del/mut: 51.9 m

HR 2.29, 95% CI [1.37-3.83], p=0.001

Clb-Obi & no *TP53*del/mut: 38.9 m

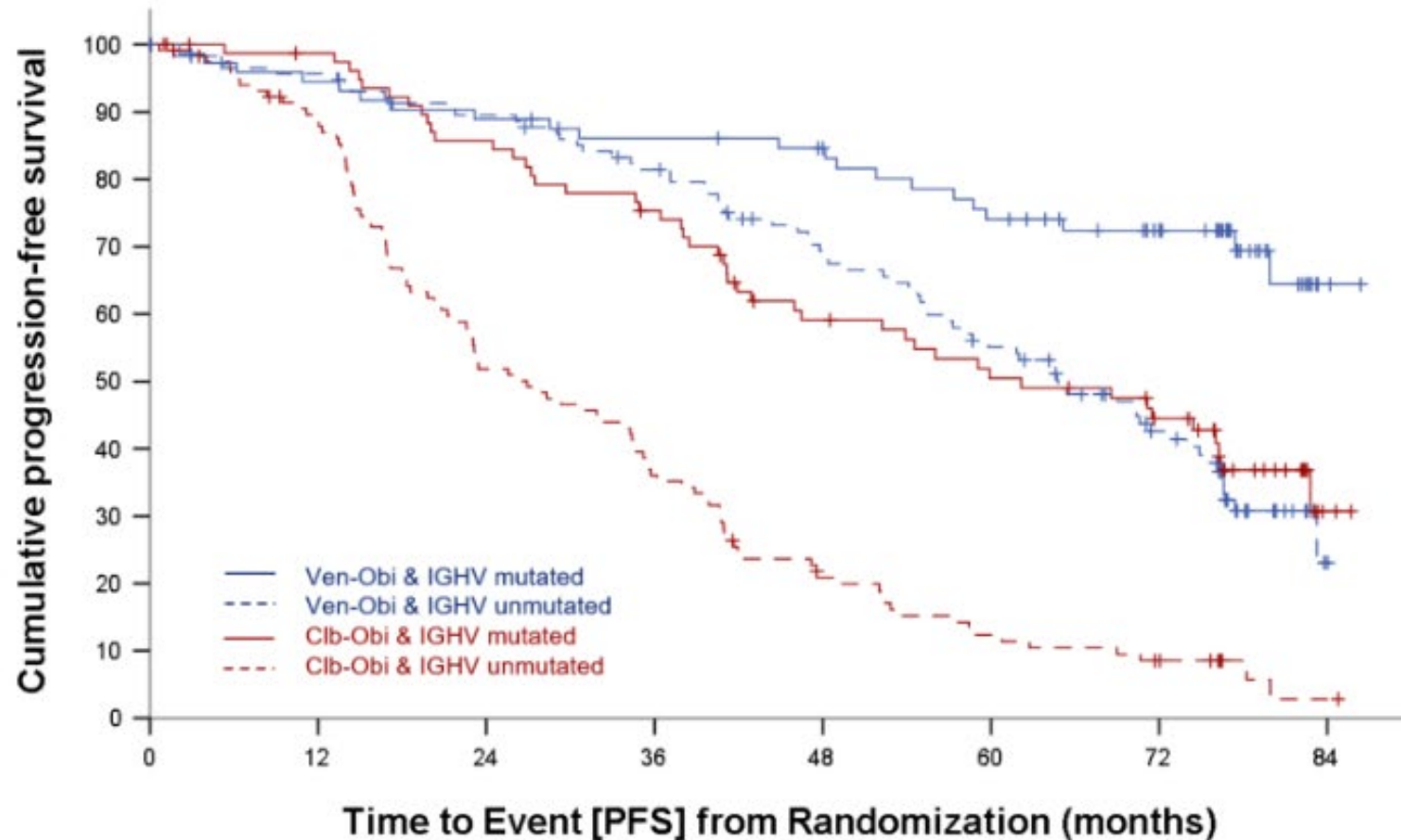
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Ven-Obi & IGHVmut: NR

Ven-Obi & IGHVunmut: 64.8 m

HR 0.38, 95%CI [0.23-0.61],  $p < 0.001$

Clb-Obi & IGHVmut: 62.2 m

Clb-Obi & IGHVunmut: 26.9 m

HR 0.33, 95% CI [0.23-0.47],  $p < 0.001$

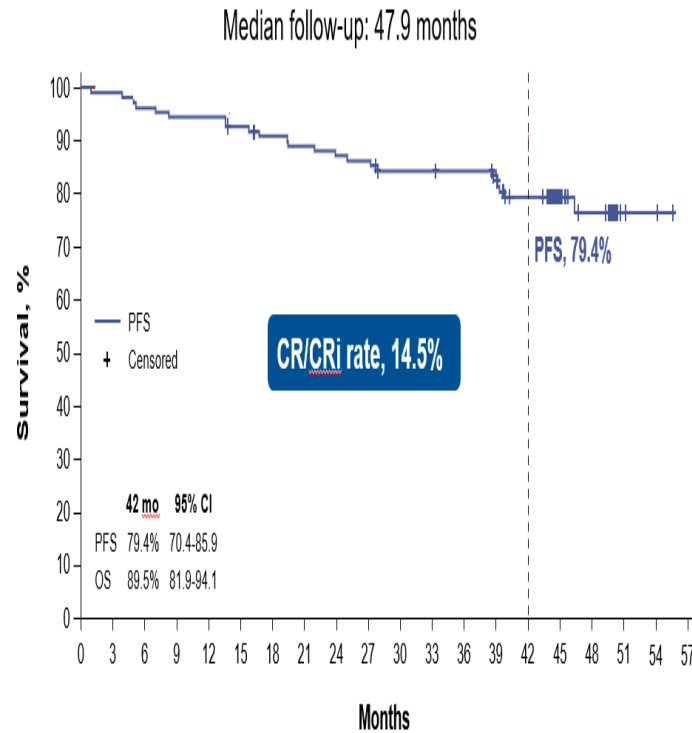
# BTKis and TN CLL with abnormal TP53

|                         | <b>ibrutinib</b>   | <b>acalabrutinib</b>                  | <b>zanubrutinib</b>  |
|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Study</b>            | Pooled analysis    | ELEVATE TN                            | SEQUOIA              |
| <b>N</b>                | 89                 | 48                                    | 109                  |
| <b>Median follow-up</b> | 49.8 months        | 46.9                                  | 48                   |
| <b>Anti-CD20</b>        | 44/89              | 23/48                                 | 0                    |
| <b>Del17p</b>           | 53%                | 68%, 69%                              | 100%                 |
| <b>Mutated TP53</b>     | 59%                | 84% , 83%                             | Not reported         |
| <b>PFS</b>              | 79%<br>(48-months) | 74.8% and 76.2% (mono)<br>(48-months) | 79.4<br>(42 months)  |
| <b>Reference</b>        | Allan, BJH, 2021   | Sharman, Leukemia,2021                | Shadman,17-ICML,2023 |

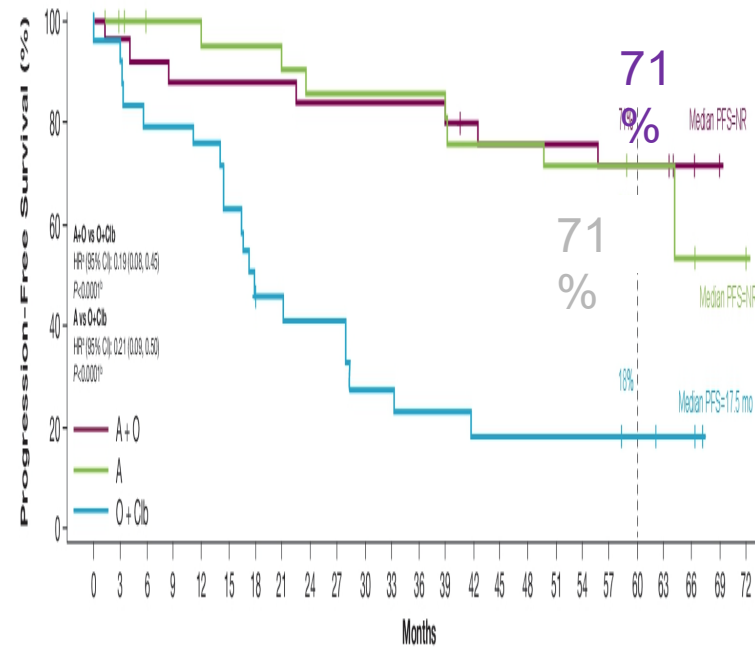


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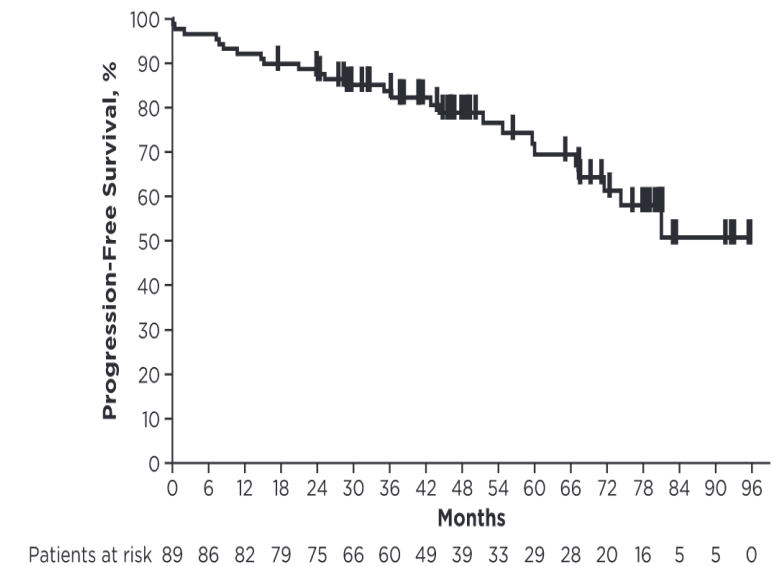
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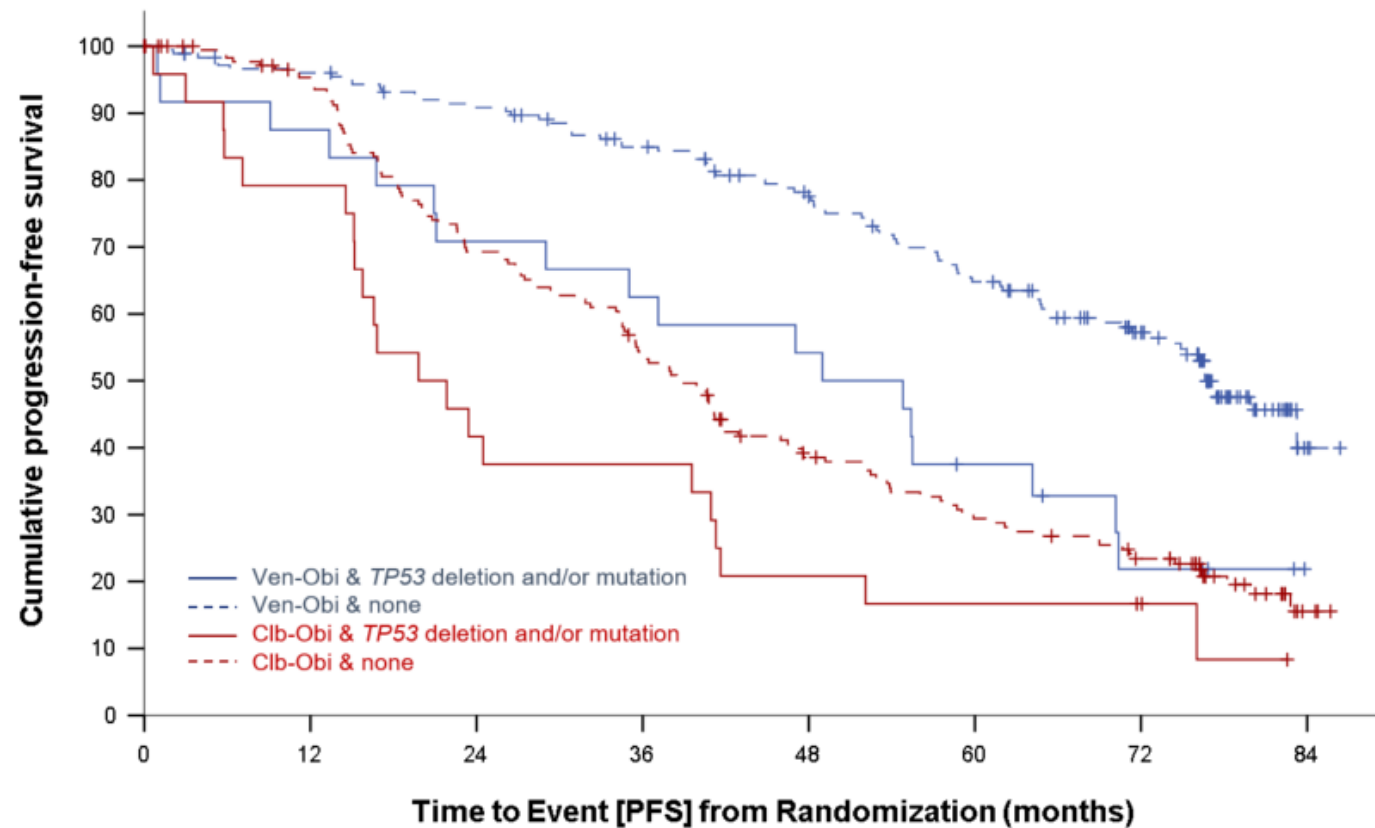
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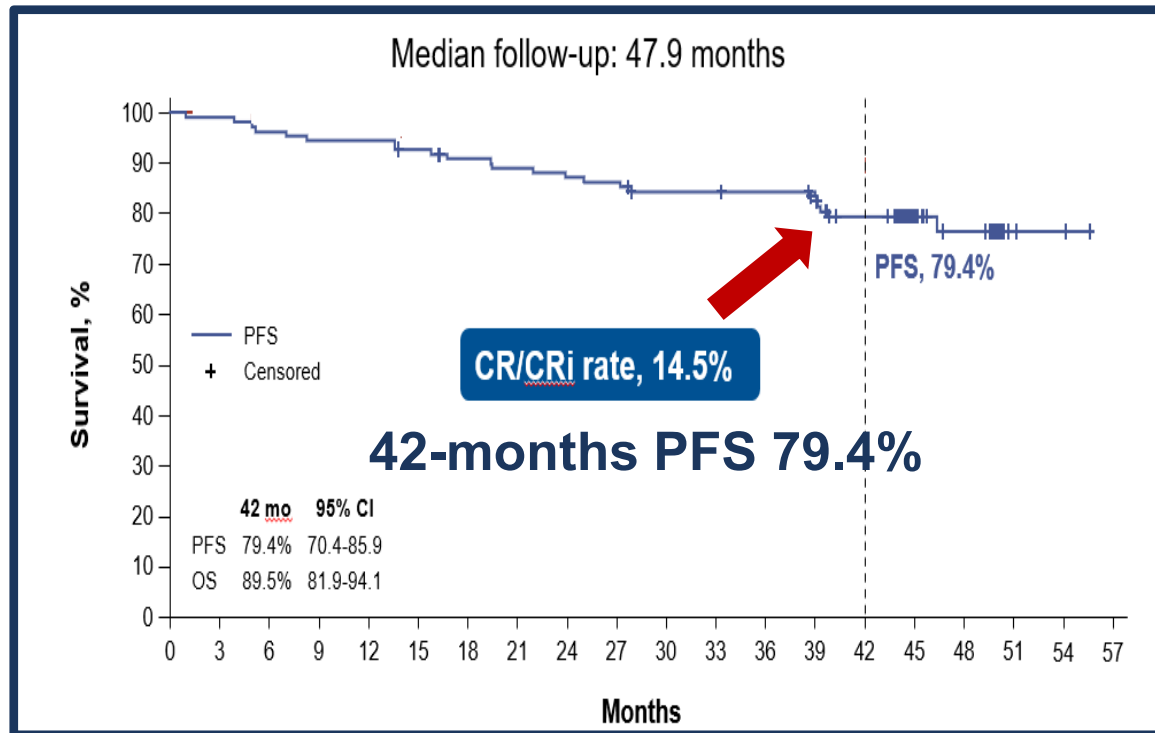
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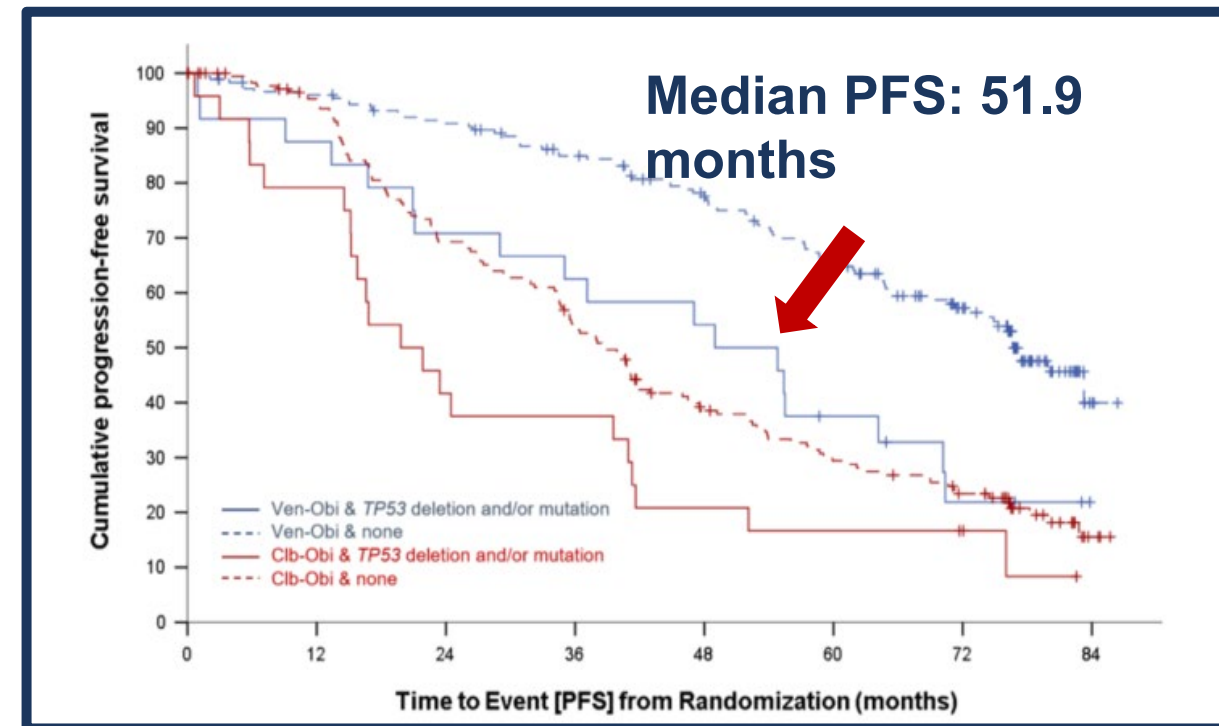
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# Ibrutinib vs. Ven-G for first-line treatment in CLL patients with abnormal TP53

## Zanubrutinib



## Venetoclax + Obinutuzumab



# BTKis vs. Ven-O

| Class             | BTKis (Acalabrutinib/Zanubrutinib/Ibrutinib)                                                                                                | Ven-Obino                         |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Duration          | Indefinite therapy                                                                                                                          | Time-limited                      |
| Deep responses    | Not expected / Not relevant                                                                                                                 | High CR and uMRD rate             |
| Convenience       | Easy to start                                                                                                                               | Frequent visits initially         |
| Not preferred if: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Significant cardiac history (structural, HTN, arrhythmia)</li><li>• Major bleeding issues</li></ul> |                                   |
| TP53 abnormal     | Not a predictors of response                                                                                                                | Shorter PFS; discuss with the pt  |
| unmutated IGHV    | Not a predictors of response                                                                                                                | Shorter PFS ; discuss with the pt |
| Sequencing        | Can be used after Ven                                                                                                                       | Can be used after BTKi            |

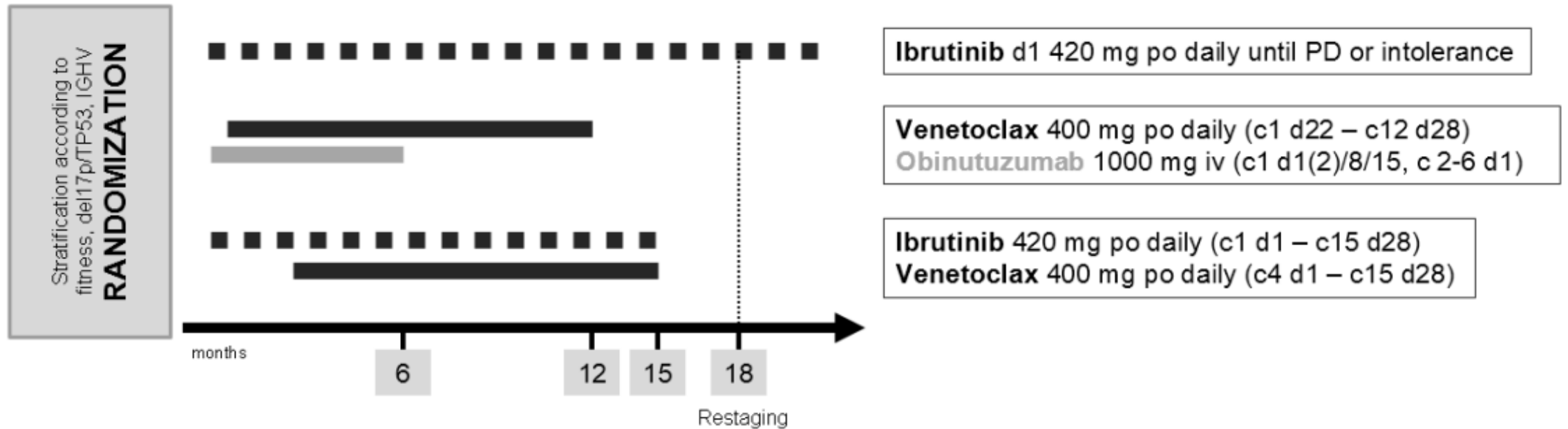
- **No head-to-head comparison**
- **Both are reasonable options**
- **Consider patient and disease factors**
- **Look at pros and cons for each**

# BTKi + BCL2i Combination for CLL

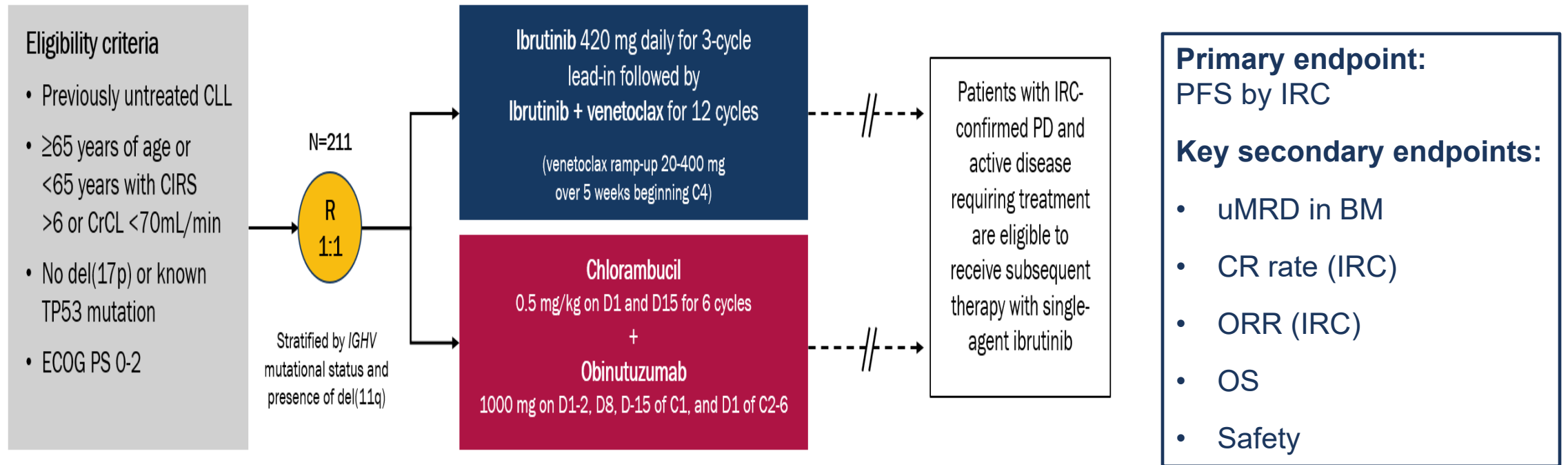
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- Ibrutinib + Venetoclax is superior to Chlorambucil + Obinutuzumab (GLOW study) and FCR (UK Flair study) and is approved in Europe and Canada but approval in US is not expected
- Awaiting results for combination of second generation cBTKis with venetoclax and new BCL2is

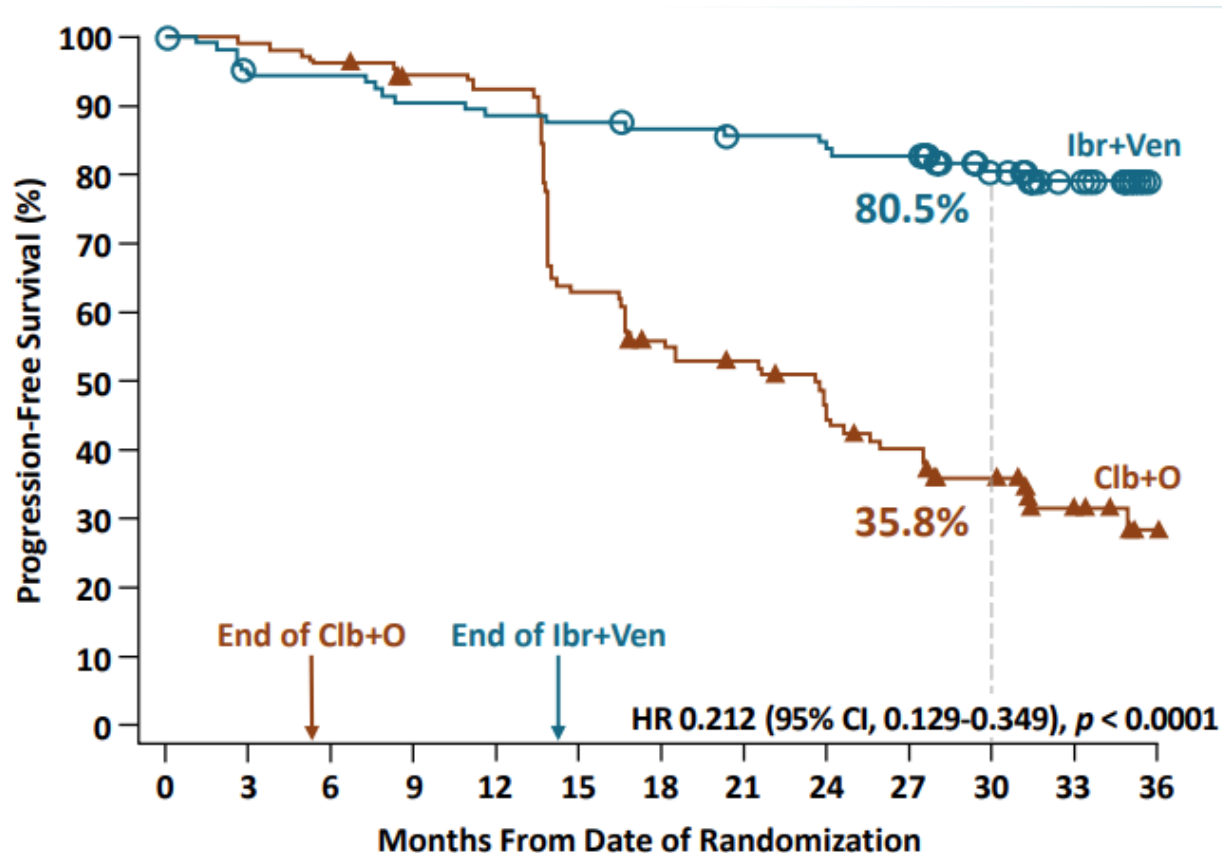
# GCLLSG: CLL17 Trial



# Venetoclax + Ibrutinib vs CHL + G (GLOW)



# Venetoclax + Ibrutinib vs CHL + G (GLOW)



## Safety Analysis of an Elderly Comorbid Population<sup>1</sup>:

- Most common grade  $\geq 3$  TEAEs were:
  - neutropenia (34.9%)
  - diarrhea (10.4%)
  - hypertension (7.5%) for Ibr+Ven
  - Grade 5 AEs occurred in 7 patients on Ibr+Ven and 2 patients on Clb+O

*Fixed-duration Calquence plus venetoclax,  
with or without obinutuzumab, significantly improved  
progression-free survival in 1st-line chronic lymphocytic  
leukaemia in AMPLIFY Phase III trial*

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# MAJIC: Phase 3 Study of Acalabrutinib + Venetoclax (AV) vs Venetoclax + Obinutuzumab (VO) – Study Design

## Key Eligibility Criteria

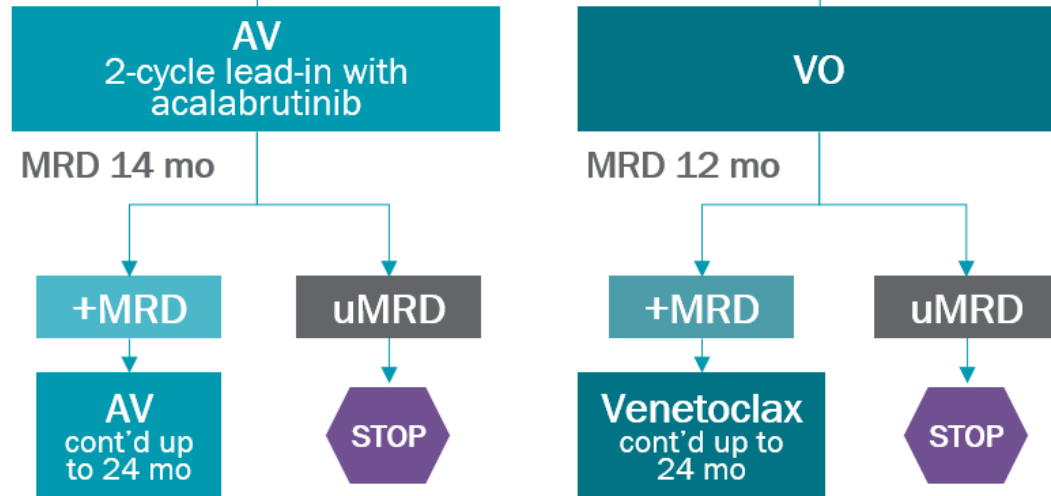
- Previously untreated CLL
- $\geq 18$  years of age
- ECOG  $\leq 2$



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Stratified by age, IGHV, del(17p), and/or TP53 mutation status



All treatments end at 24 months; 5 years of follow-up

## Primary endpoint

- INV-assessed PFS

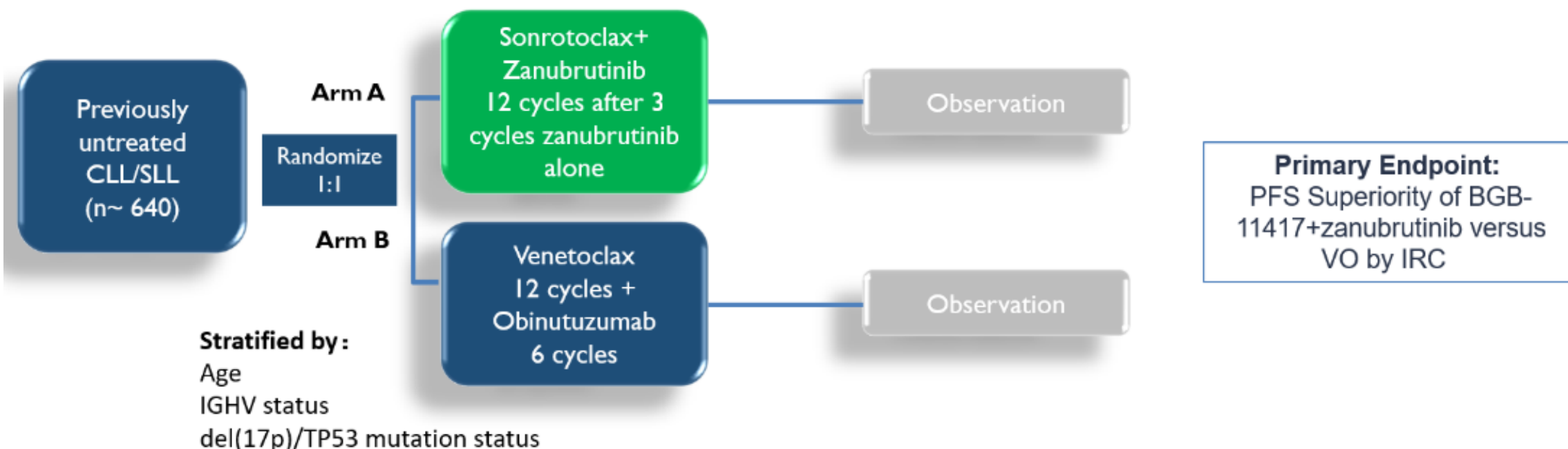
## Key secondary endpoints

- uMRD rates at sequential timepoints (after 6 and 12 cycles of V and yearly thereafter [key timepoint: after 12 cycles of V])
- OS
- EFS
- ORR
- CR rate (per uMRD)
- Quality of life/patient-reported outcomes
- Safety and tolerability

# CELESTIAL-CLLTN: Sonrotoclax + Zanubrutinib

## BGB-11417-301: 2-arm fixed duration study design

### Phase 3 registrational trial



# Treatment options for previously treated patients

# Previously Treated CLL Summary

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Preferred  
BTKis

**Zanubrutinib or  
Acalabrutinib**

OR  
⇌

**Venetoclax + R**

**Pirtobrutinib**

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**Liso-cel (CAR-T)**

**Duvelisib or Idelalisib**

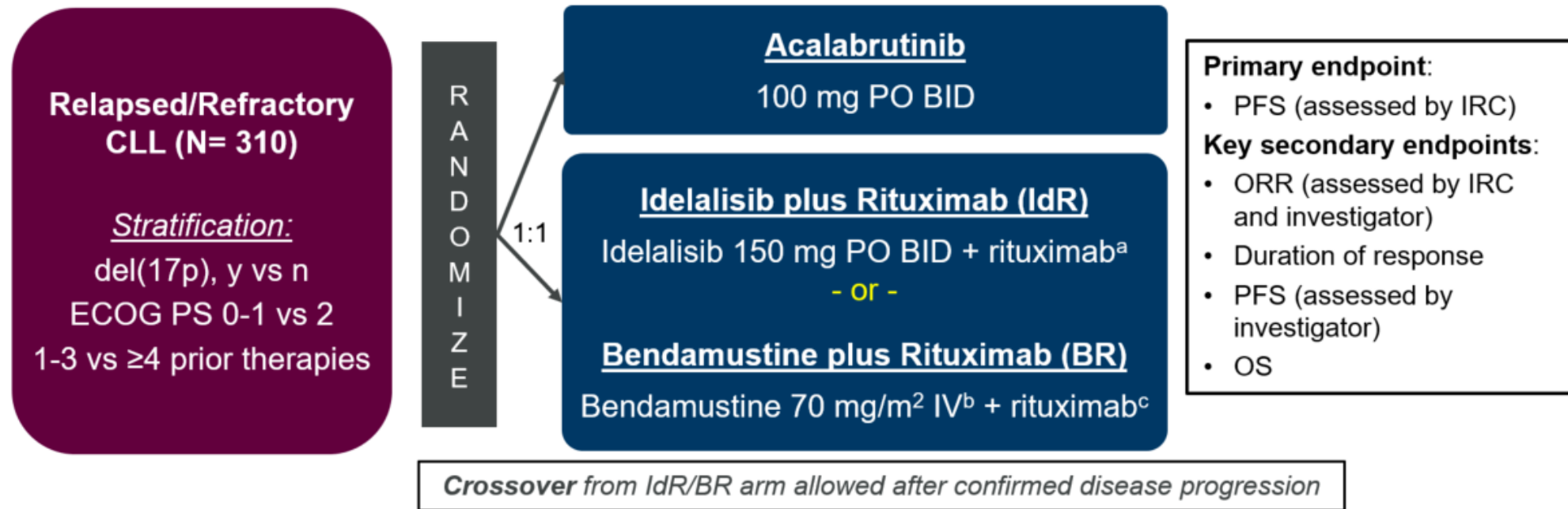


# Previously treated CLL : Principles

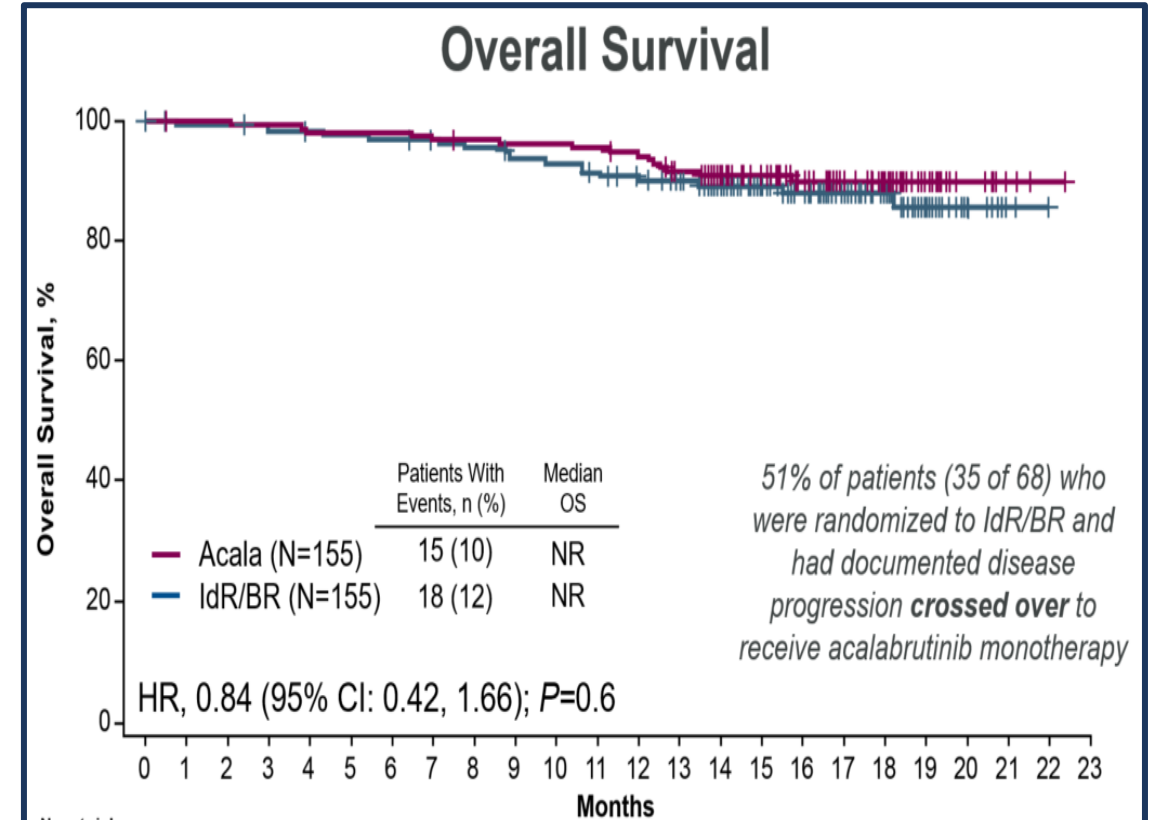
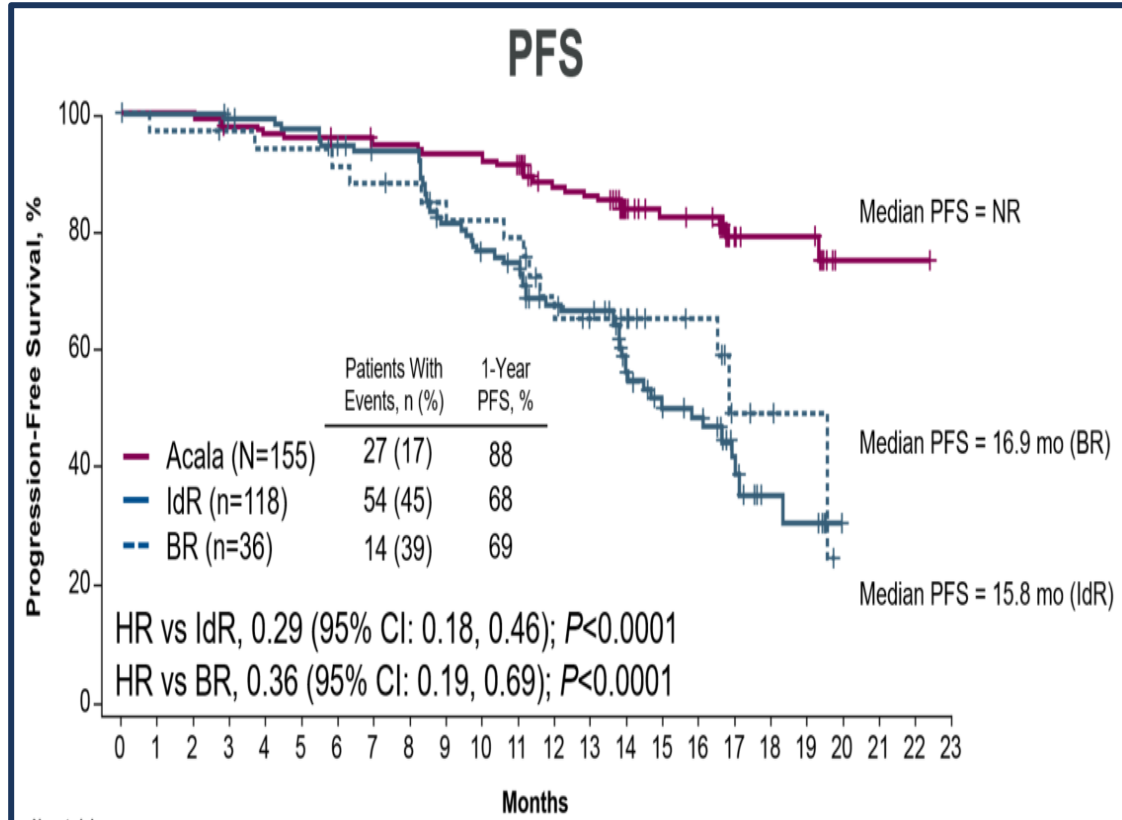
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- 1. Repeat FISH panel - look for del (17p) or TP53 mutation**
2. Bone marrow needs to be repeated to assess for MDS if prior FCR
3. Very limited role for chemoimmunotherapy (almost never)

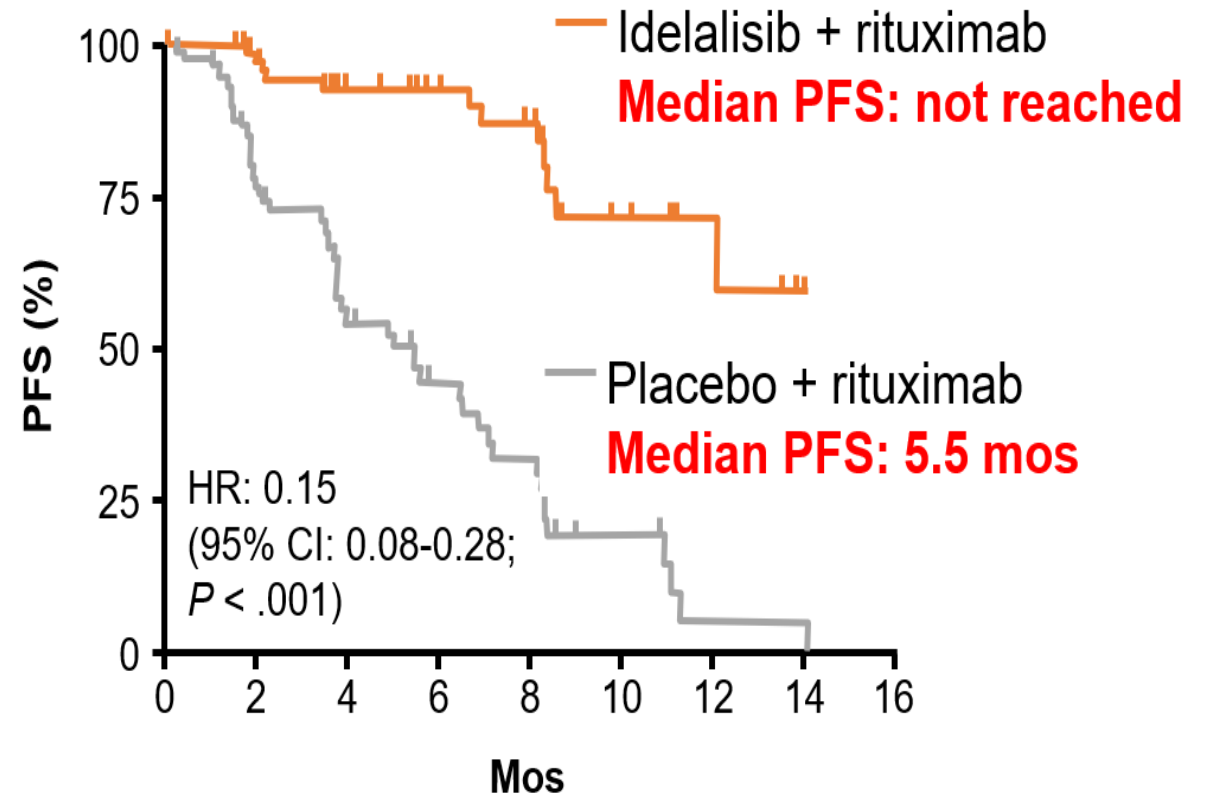
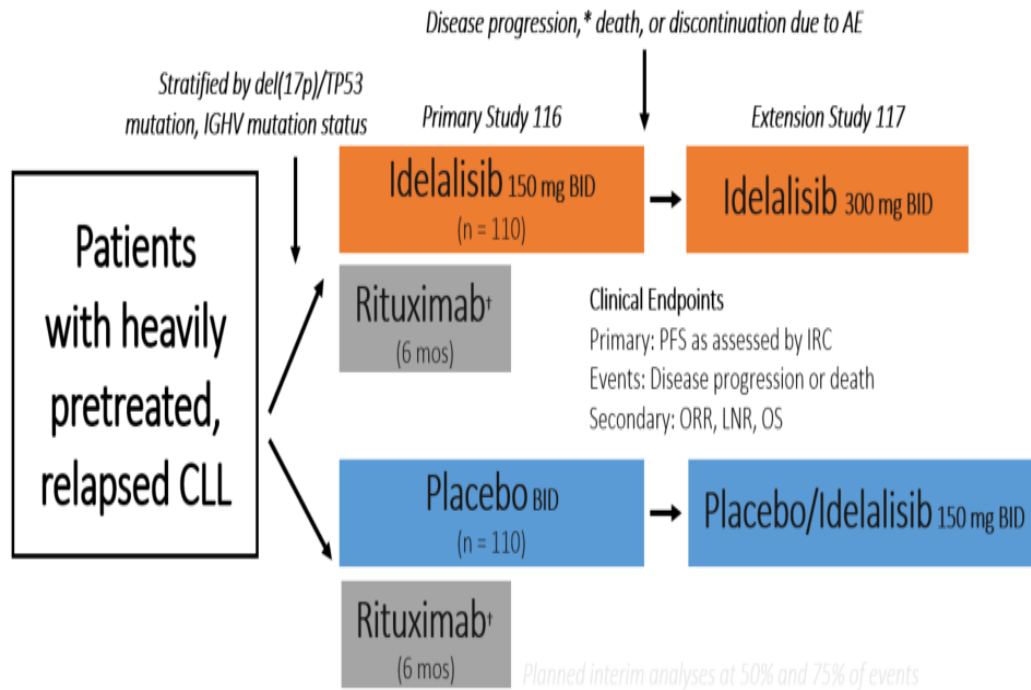
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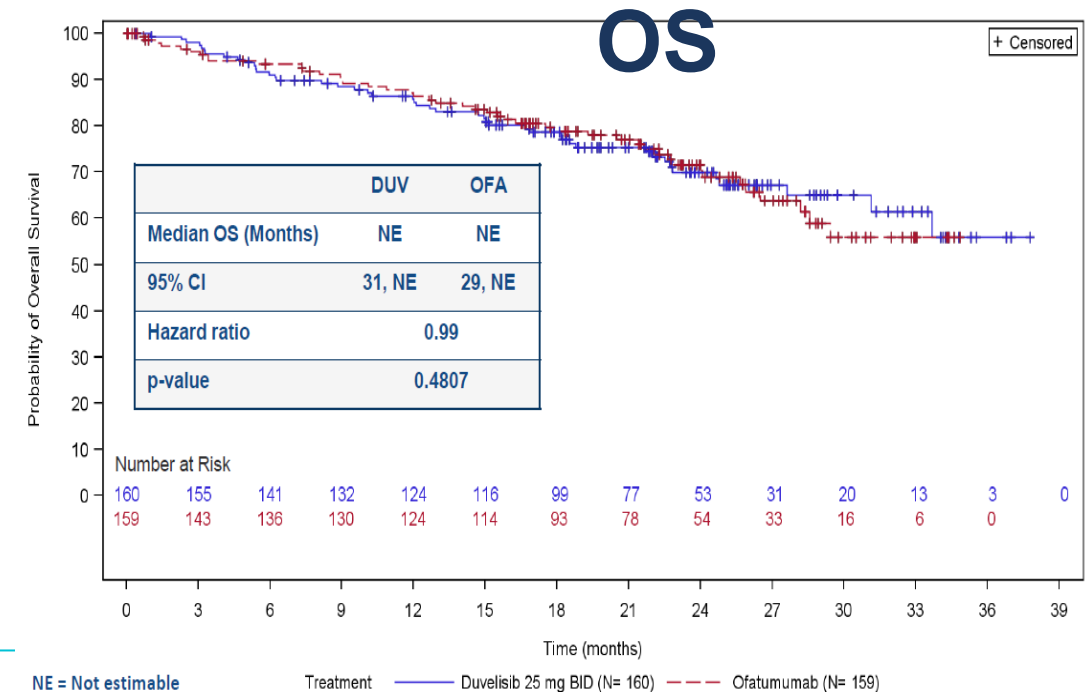
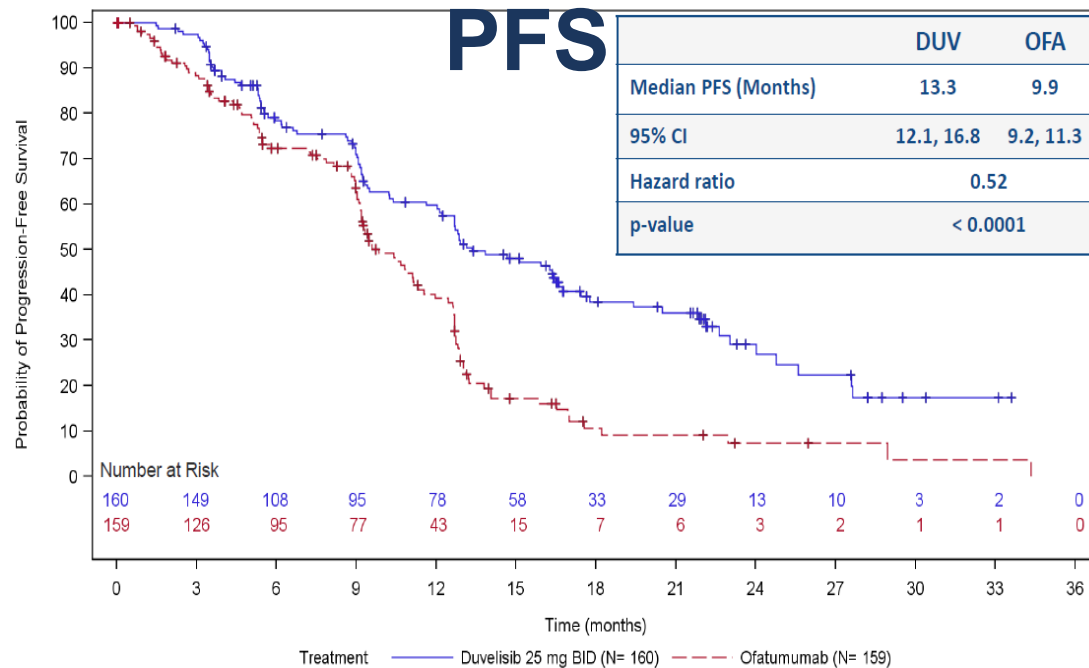
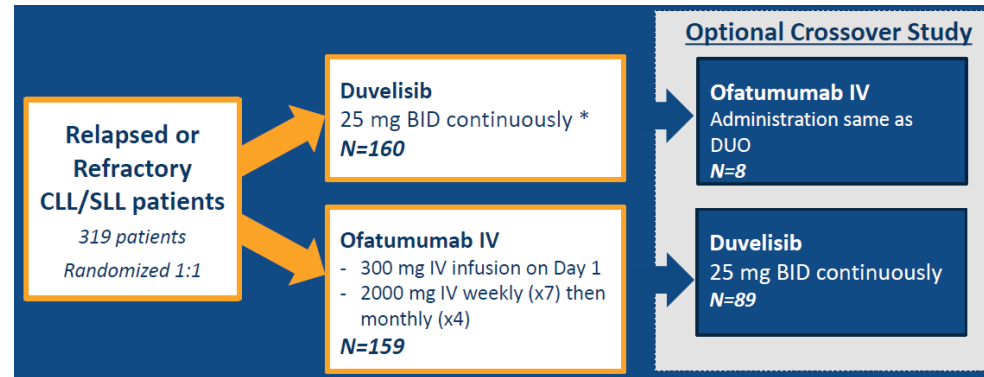
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# Idelalisib and Rituximab for Previously Treated Patients



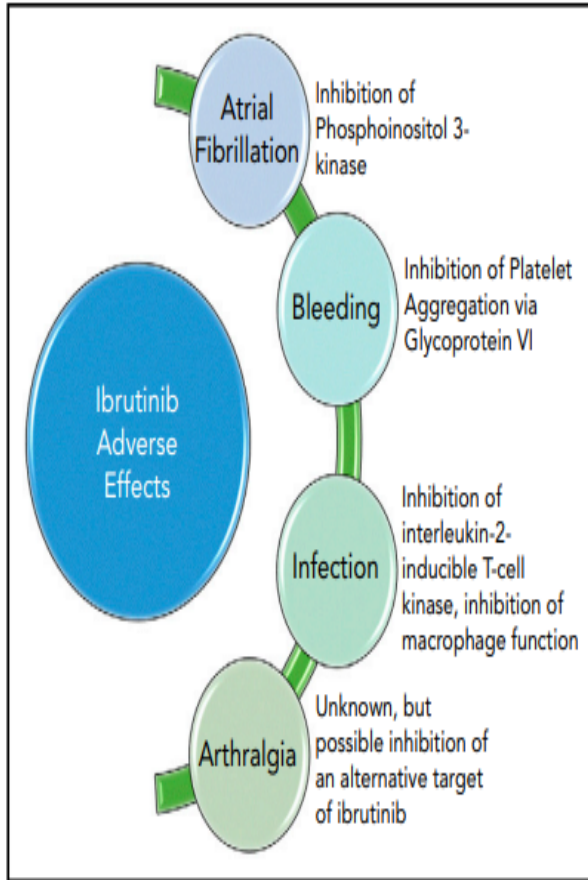
# Duvelisib vs Ofatumumab (DUO trial) - Relapsed/Refractory



# Novel Agents for R/R setting

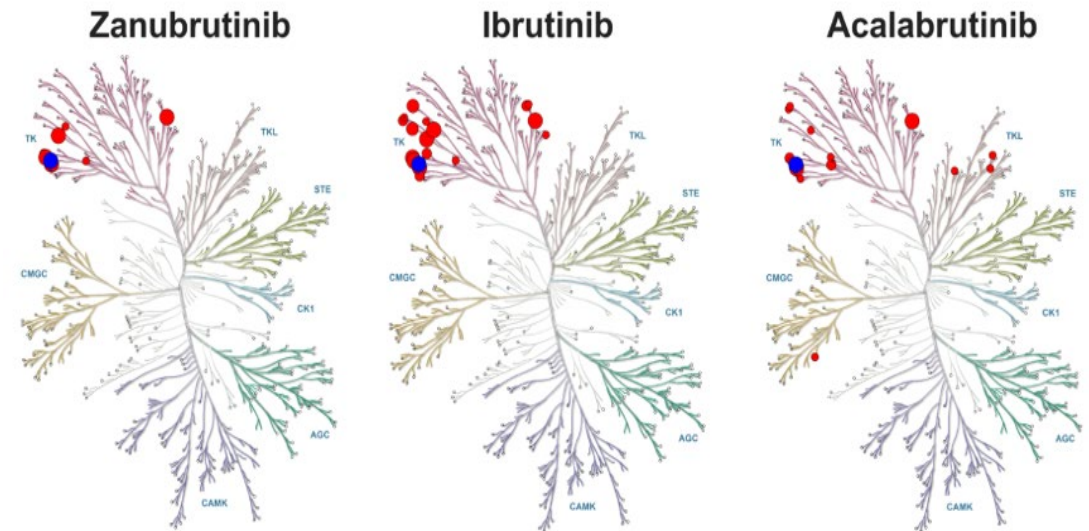
|                             | <b>BTKis</b>                                                                                                                     | <b>Venetoclax</b>                                               | <b>Pi3Kis</b>                                                                                                                         |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Target                      | BTK                                                                                                                              | BCL-2                                                           | PI3K delta+gamma / delta                                                                                                              |
| Duration                    | Indefinite                                                                                                                       | 2-years                                                         | Indefinite                                                                                                                            |
| Addition of Anti CD20 Ab    | No major benefit<br>Faster “response”                                                                                            | Recommended                                                     | Idelalisib + R<br>Duvelisib monotherapy                                                                                               |
| Major side effect (concern) | Bleeding (anticoagulation)<br>Cardiac in pts with past hx                                                                        | TLS (initially)                                                 | Colitis (diarrhea)<br>Infections (FDA alert)                                                                                          |
| Other side effects          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Body pain</li> <li>• Fatigue</li> <li>• <u>Hypertension</u></li> <li>• A fib</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Neutropenia</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pneumonitis</li> <li>• Transaminitis (mainly idela)</li> <li>• PJP</li> <li>• CMV</li> </ul> |
| FDA label for CLL           | All settings                                                                                                                     | All settings                                                    | Relapsed                                                                                                                              |

# Choice of BTKi



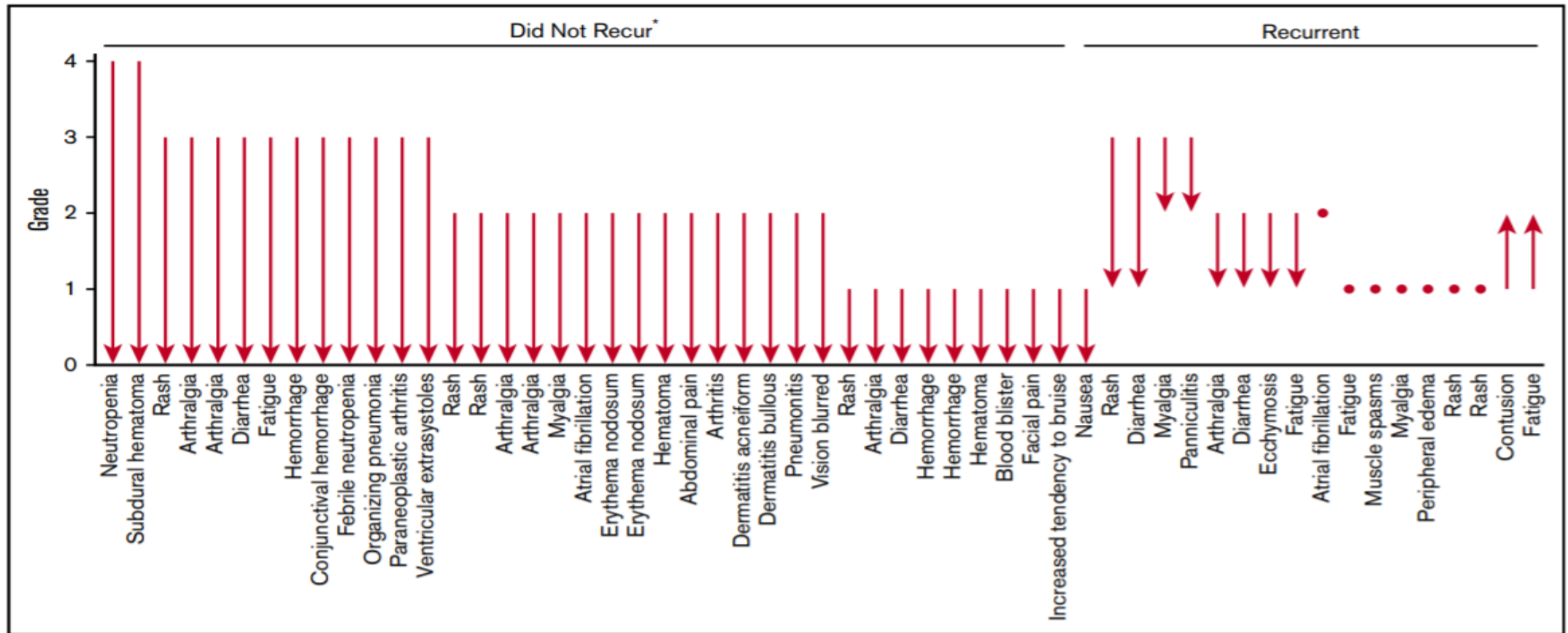
## Treatment discontinuation rates due to toxicity

|               |                                     |
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| Ibrutinib     | Frontline: 15%<br>Relapsed: 22%     |
| Acalabrutinib | Frontline: no data<br>Relapsed: 12% |



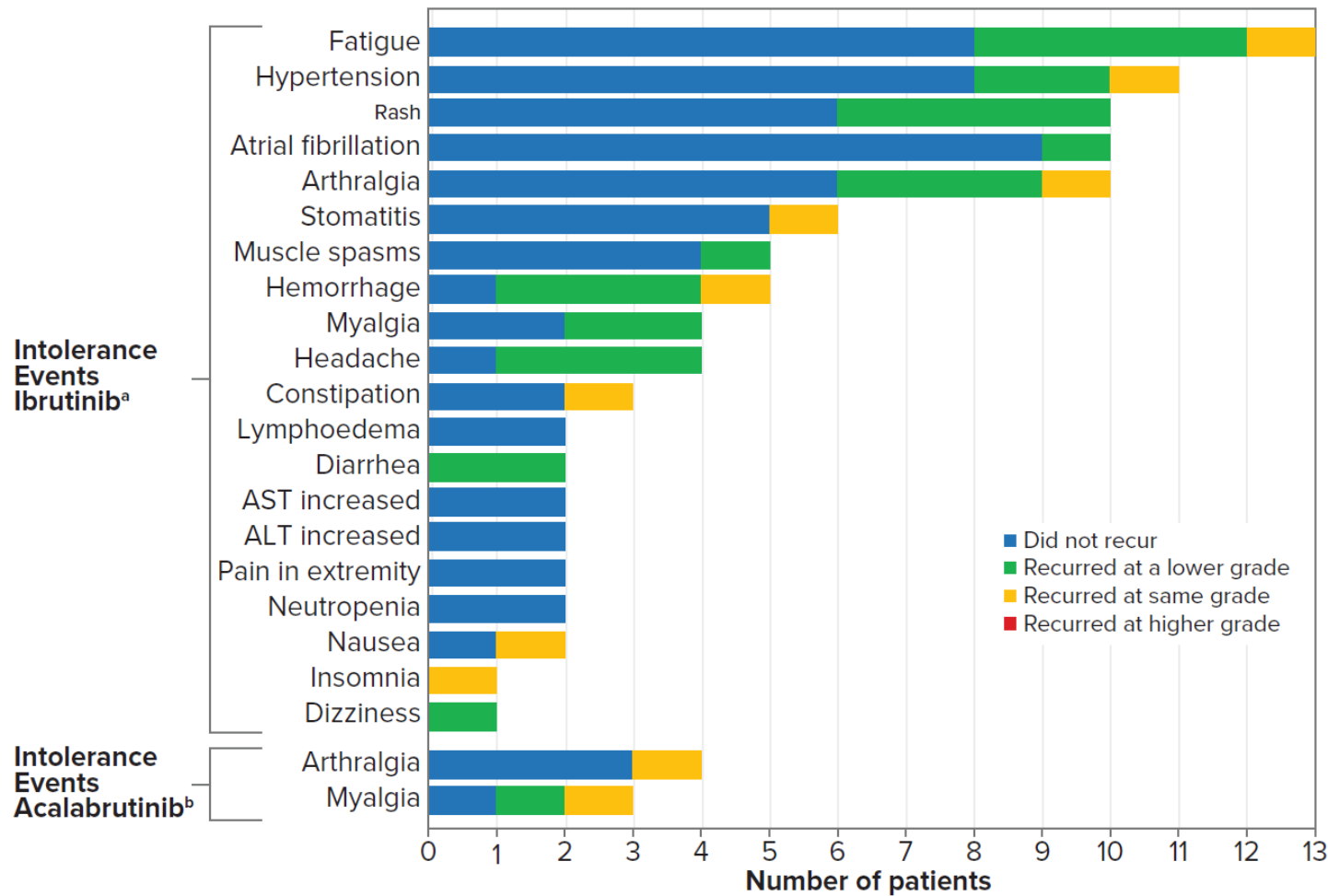
Assayed by Reaction Biology Corp. at 100X of  $IC_{50}$  (against BTK) concentration with  $IC_{50}$  (BTK)s of  $0.71 \pm 0.09$ ,  $0.32 \pm 0.09$ ,  $24 \pm 9.2$ ,  $63 \pm 28$  and  $15 \pm 5.5$  nM ( $n=3$ ), for zanubrutinib, ibrutinib, acalabrutinib, M27, and orelabrutinib, respectively.

# Acalabrutinib in Ibrutinib intolerant patients



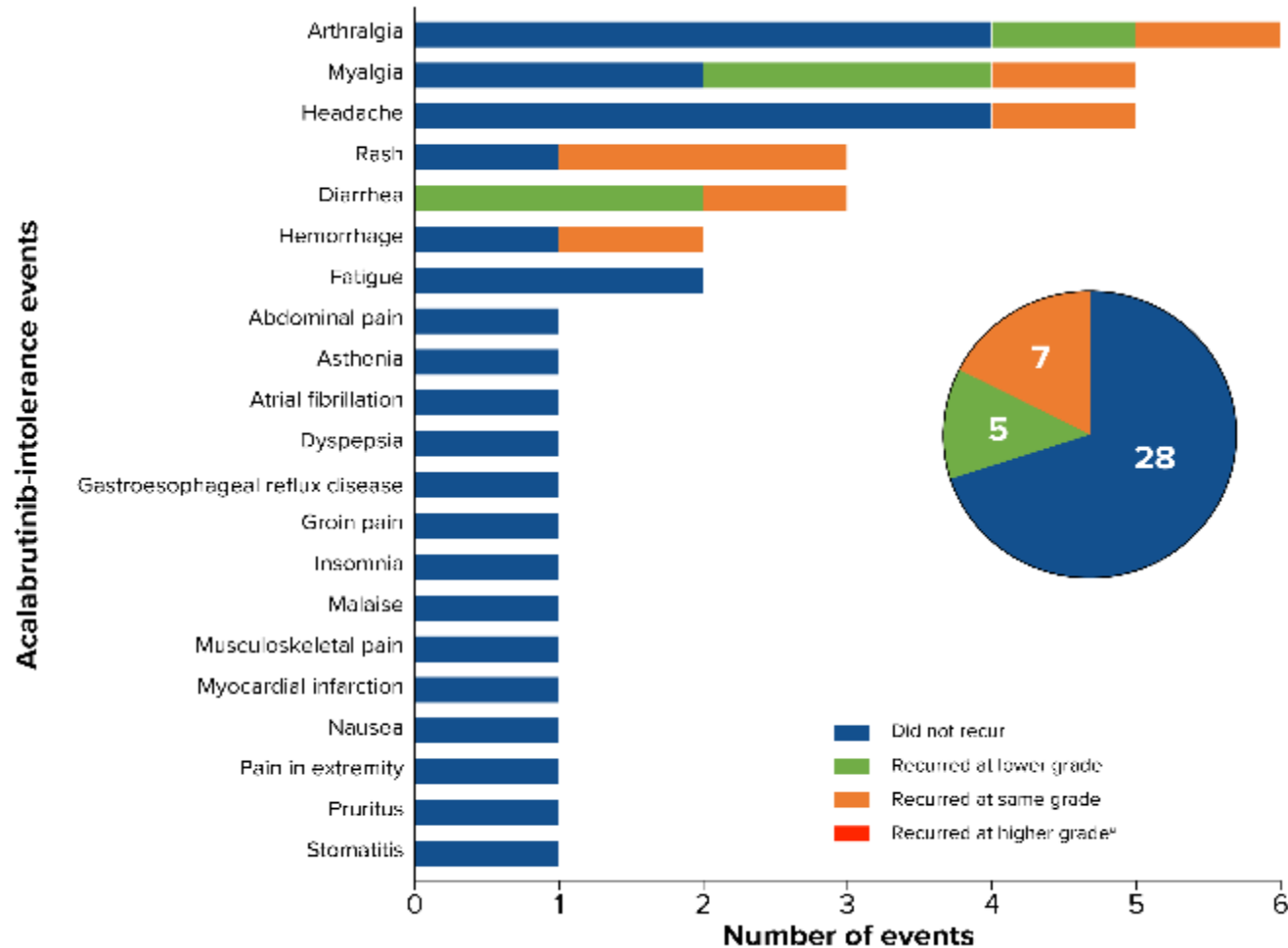
of 61 ibrutinib-related AEs associated with intolerance, 72% did not recur and 13% recurred at a lower grade with acalabrutinib

# Zanubrutinib in Acalabrutinib/Ibrutinib intolerant patients



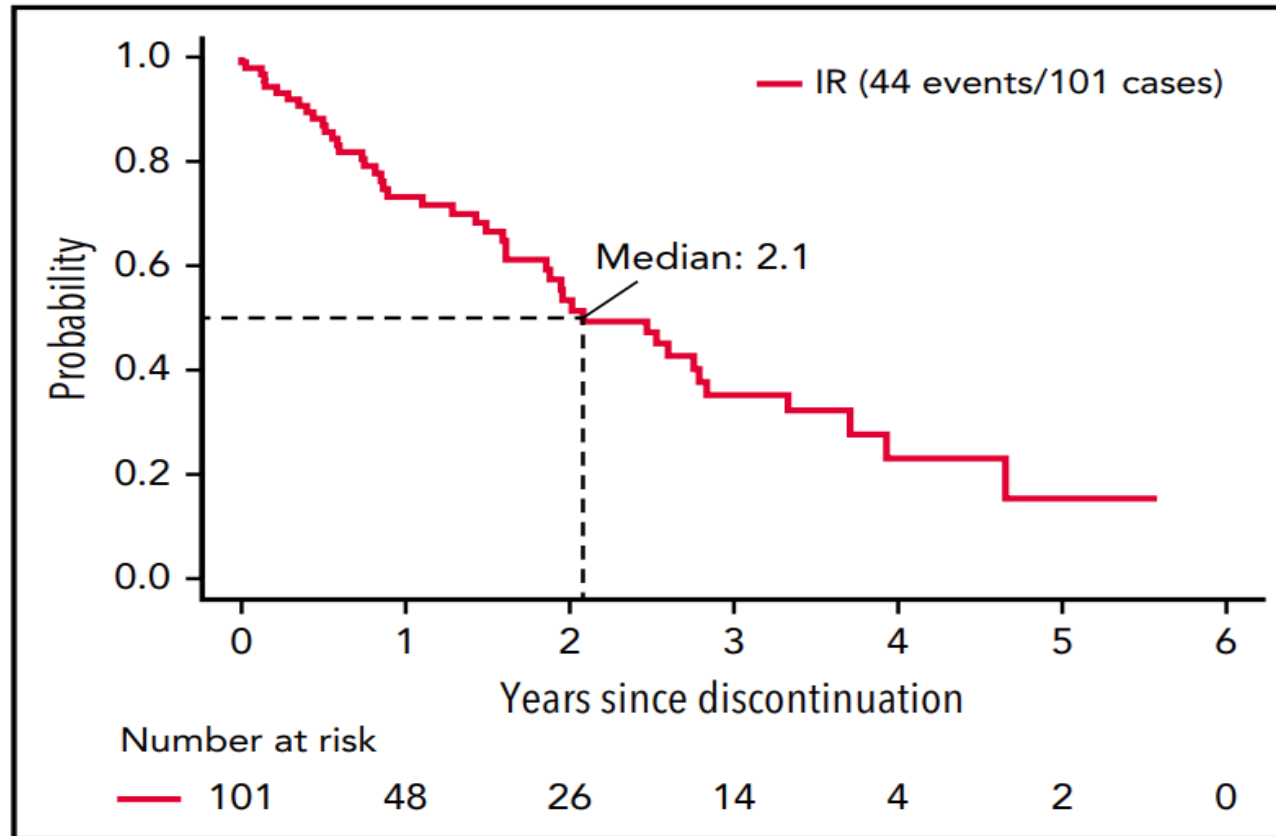
- 34/57 (59.6%) of patients who took ibrutinib and 7/10 (70.0%) of patients who took acalabrutinib did not have recurrence of any intolerance event
- No ibrutinib or acalabrutinib intolerance events recurred at a higher severity
- 81/115 (70.4%) ibrutinib intolerance events and 15/18 (83.3%) acalabrutinib intolerance events did not recur
- 25/38 (65.8%) grade 3 ibrutinib intolerance events and 3/4 (75.0%) grade 3 acalabrutinib intolerance events did not recur while on zanubrutinib
- All grade 4 intolerance events (neutropenia [n=2], ALT increase [n=1], AST increase [n=1]) did not recur on zanubrutinib
- 1 patient (1.5%) discontinued zanubrutinib due to recurrence of a prior intolerant event (myalgia; acalabrutinib)

# Zanubrutinib in Acalabrutinib-Intolerant Patients



- 40 acalabrutinib-intolerance events were reported by 27 patients
- Most (70%) of acalabrutinib-intolerance events did not recur at any grade with zanubrutinib treatment, and of the 12 events that did recur, none recurred at a higher severity, 7 recurred at the same grade, and 5 recurred at a lower grade
- 63% of patients did not experience any recurrence of their prior acalabrutinib-intolerance events

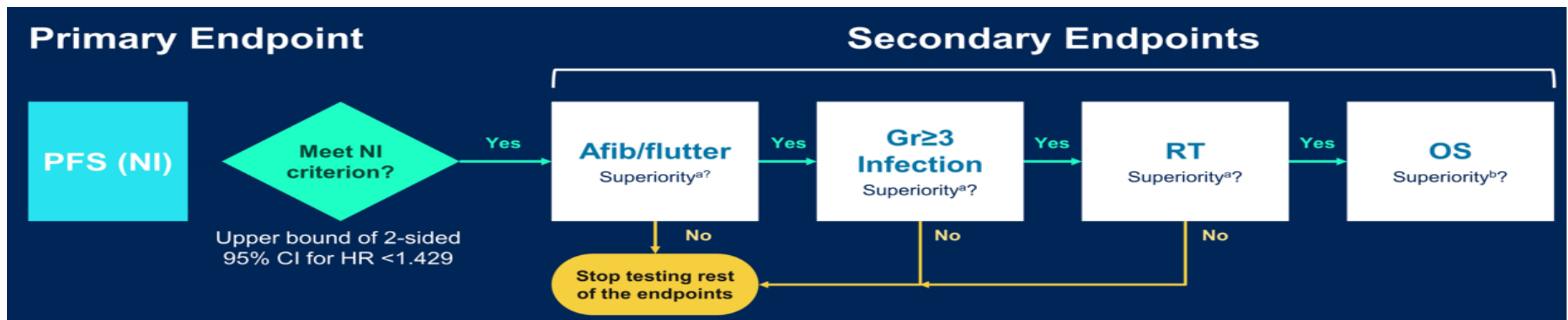
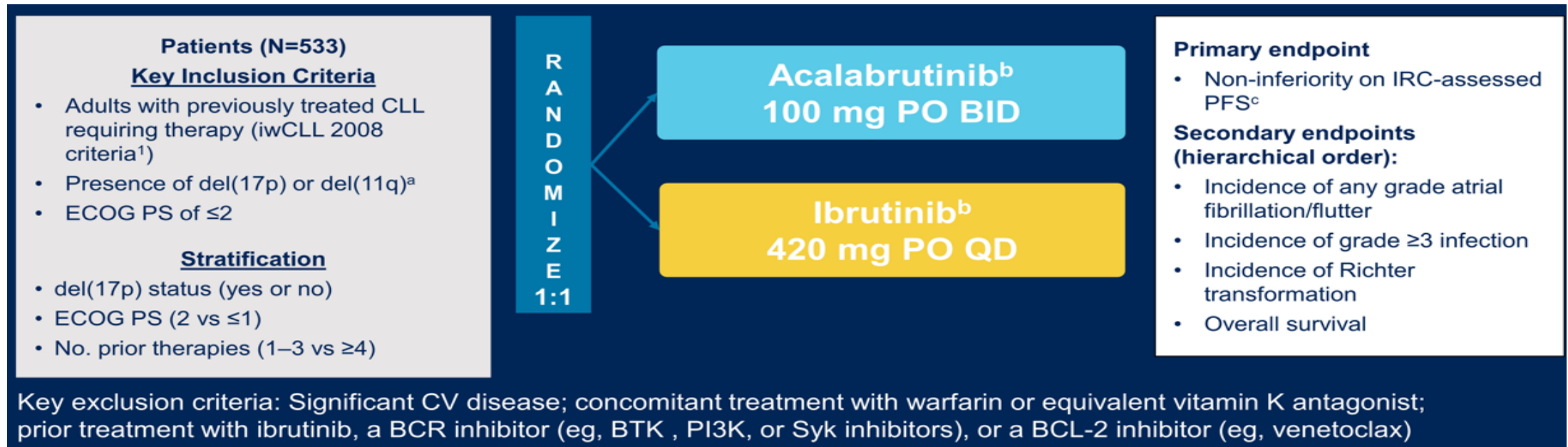
# PFS from discontinuation of ibrutinib: (off treatment)



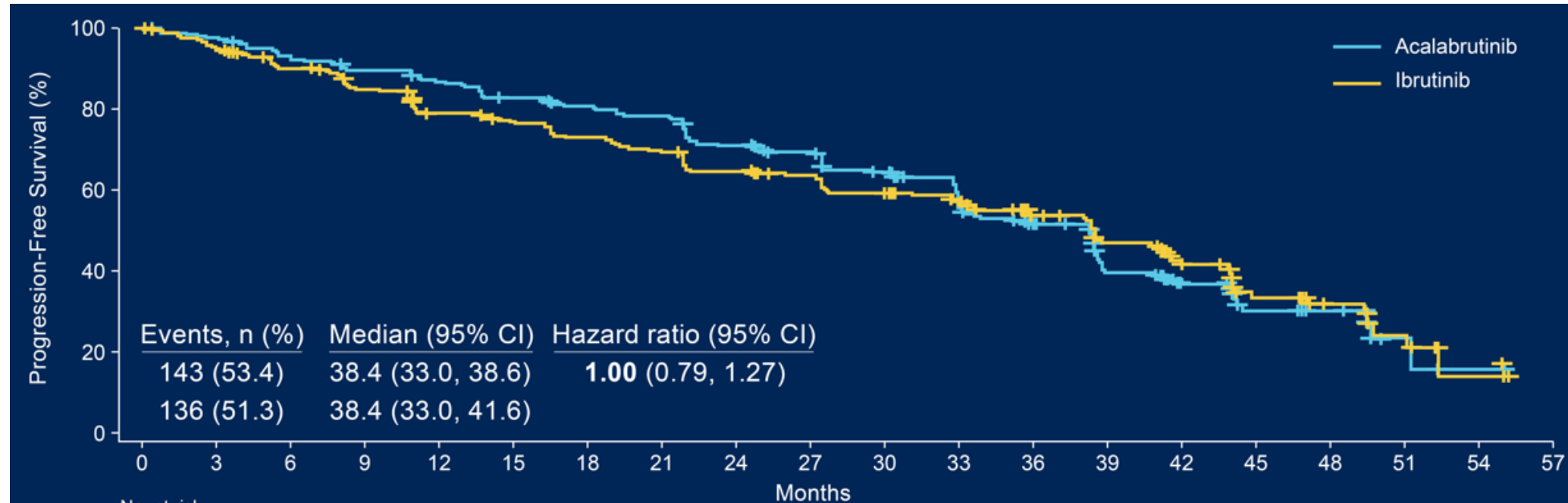
- Consider “watch and wait” strategy in patients who stop BTKis after more than 2 years for intolerance

The median time on ibrutinib was 25.9 months (range, 0.2-82.0 months)

# Ibrutinib vs. Acalabrutinib (ELEVATE-RR)

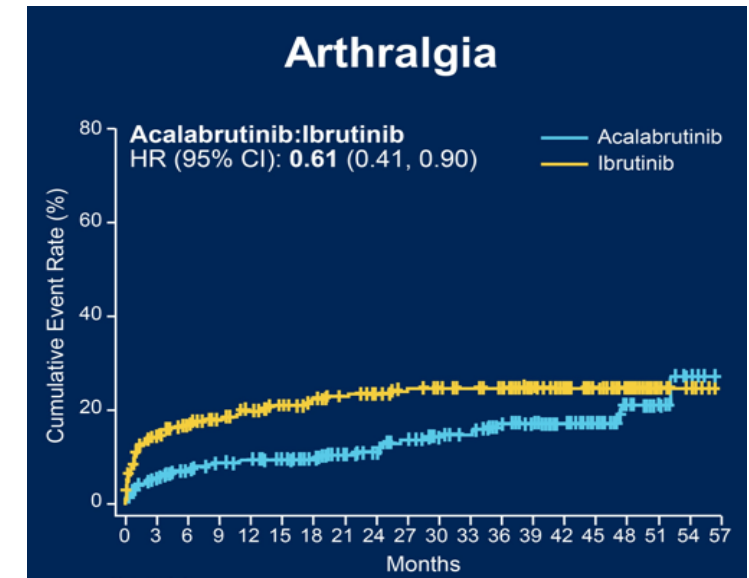
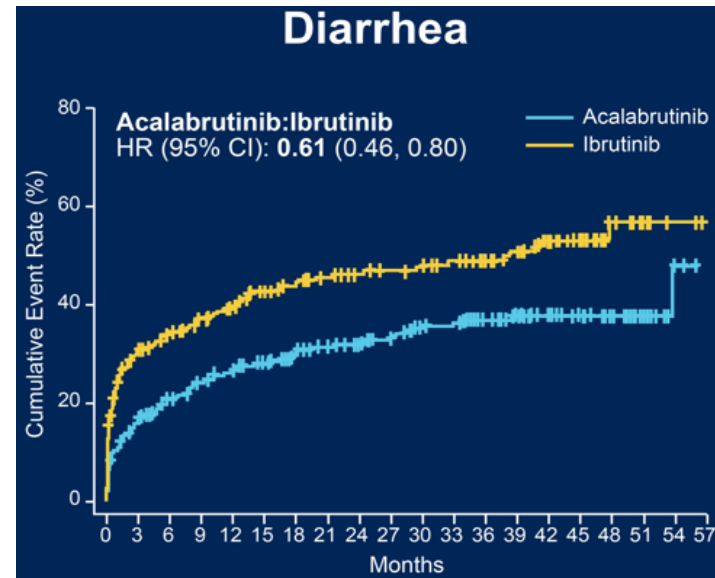
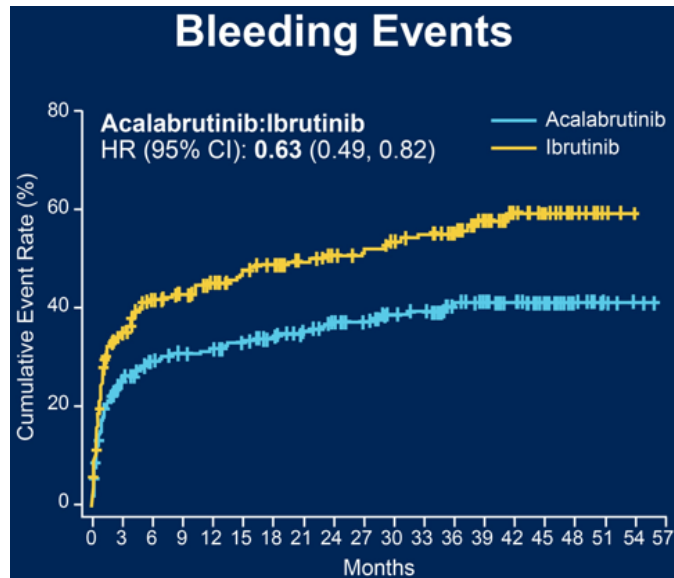
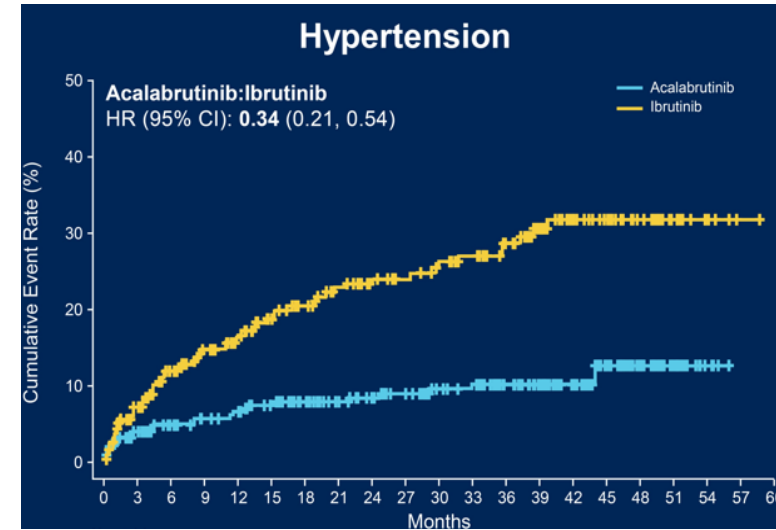
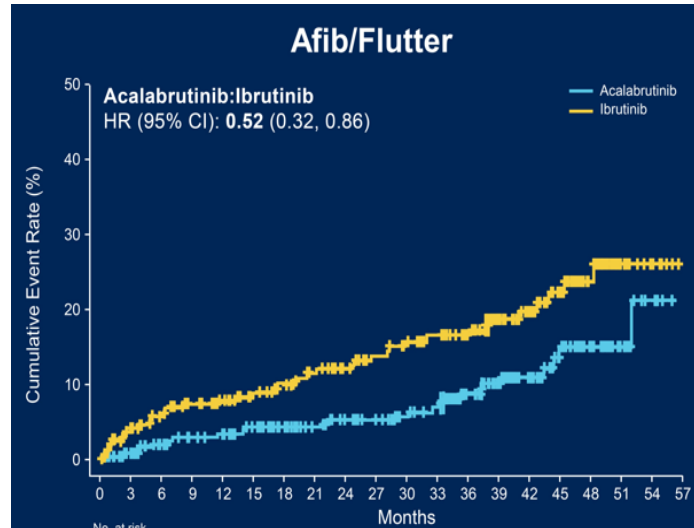


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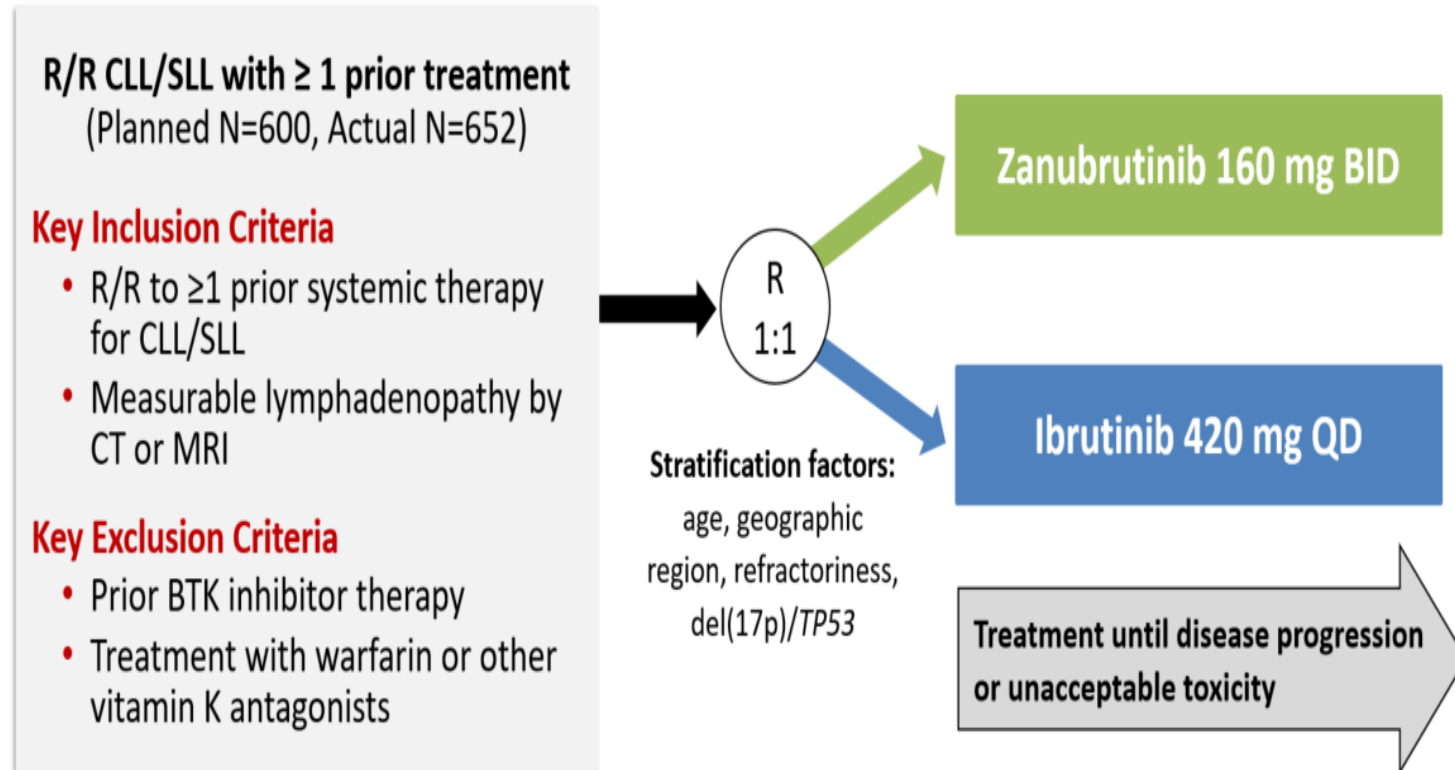


- High-risk patients only:
  - Del 17p: 45%
  - TP53 mutated 37-42%
  - Unmutated IGVH 82-89%
- Stopped because of adverse events:
  - 14.9% in acalabrutinib and 22.3% in ibrutinib group

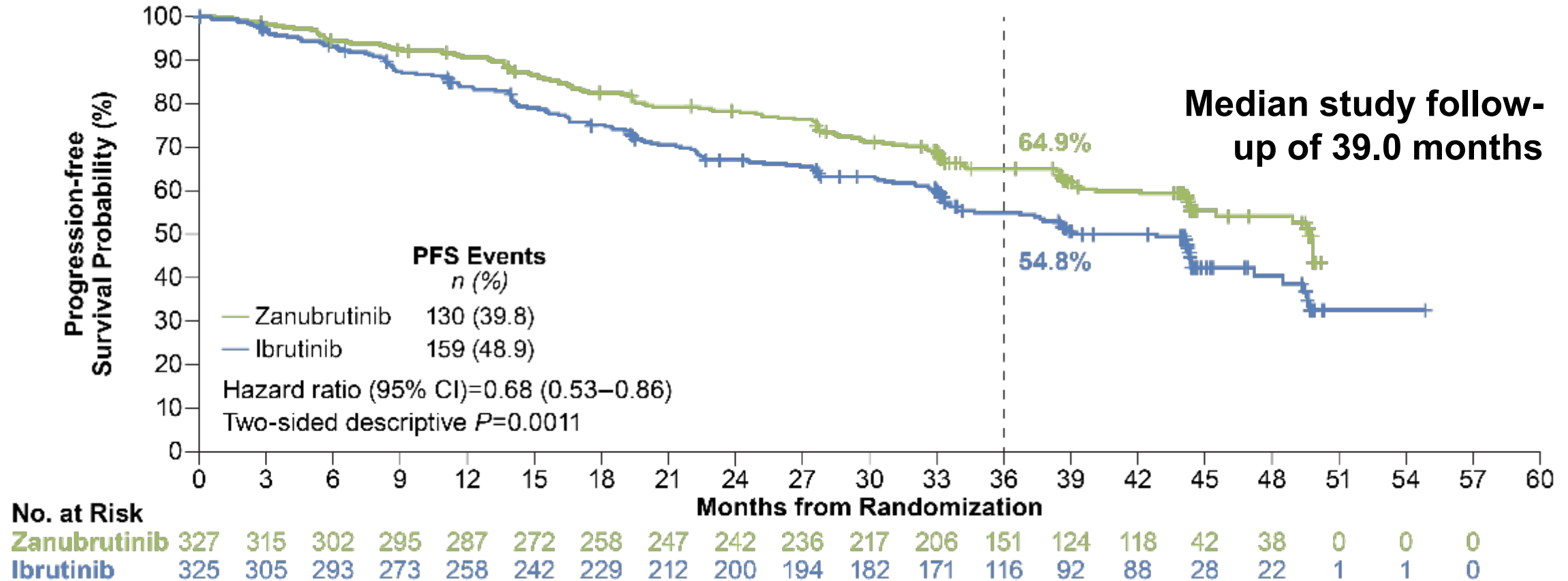
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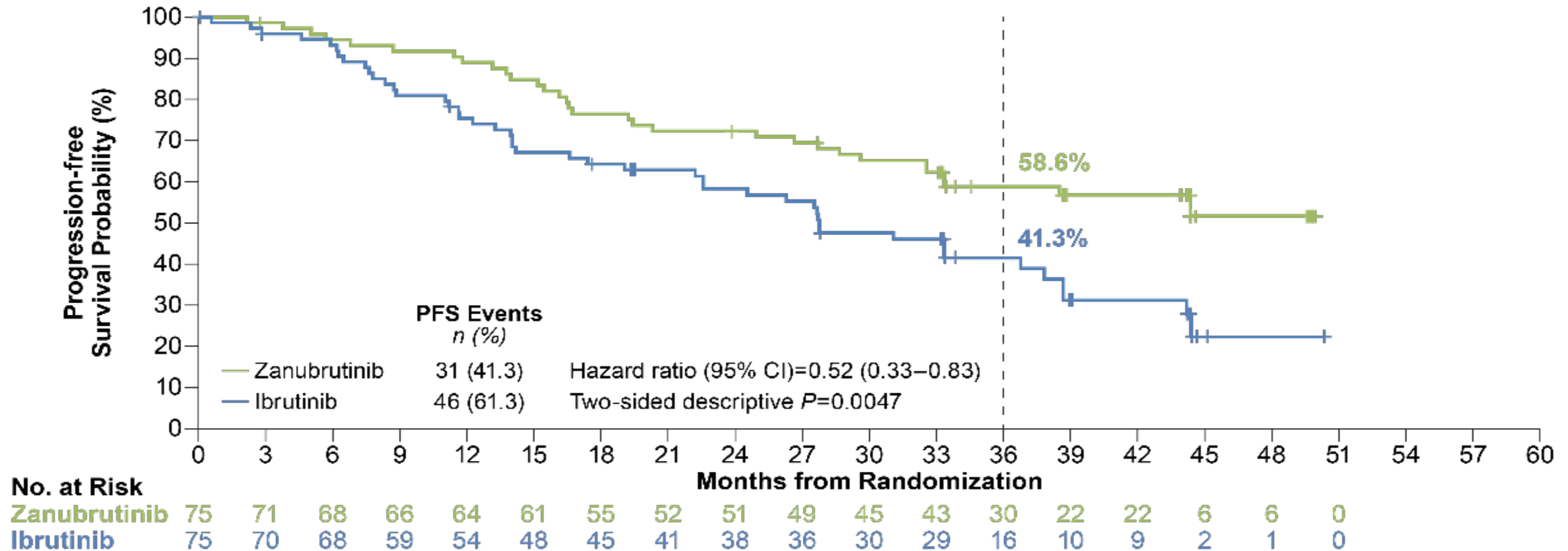
# Zanubrutinib vs Ibrutinib in r/r CLL (ALPINE)



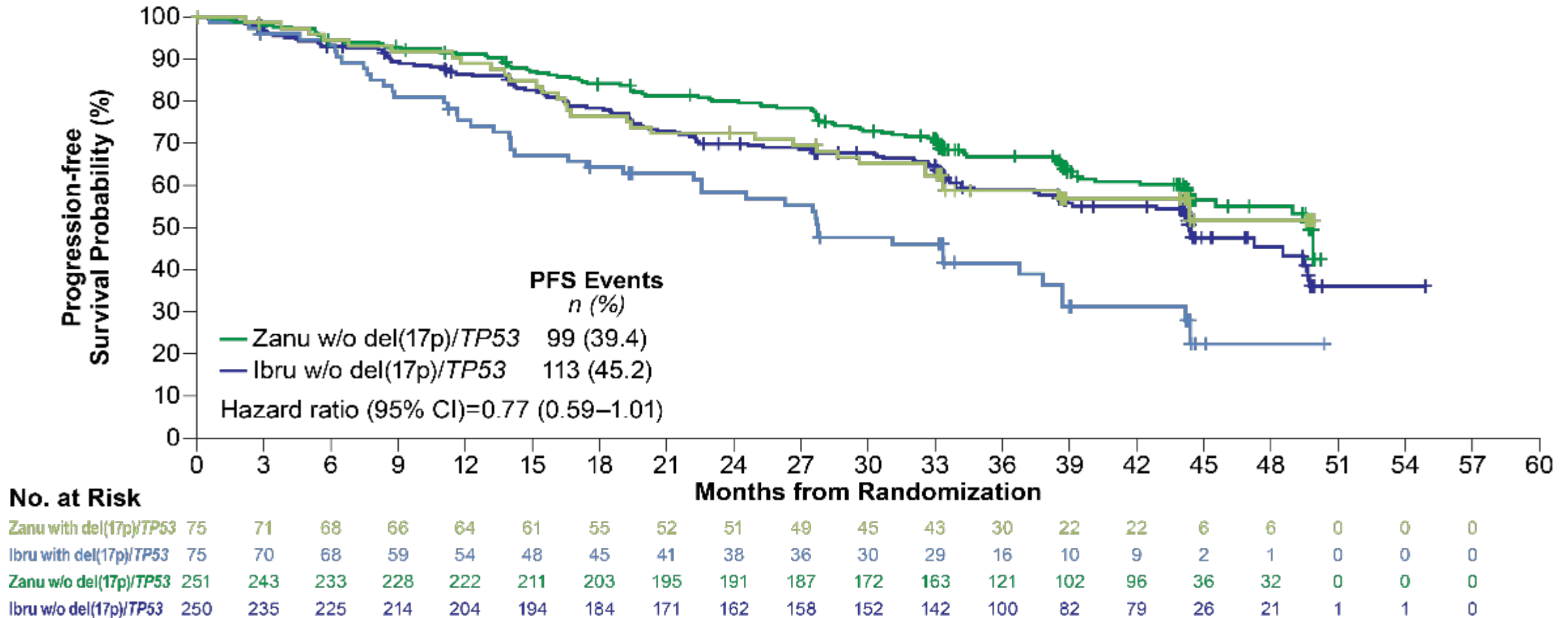
# ALPINE Efficacy: PFS Extended Follow-Up



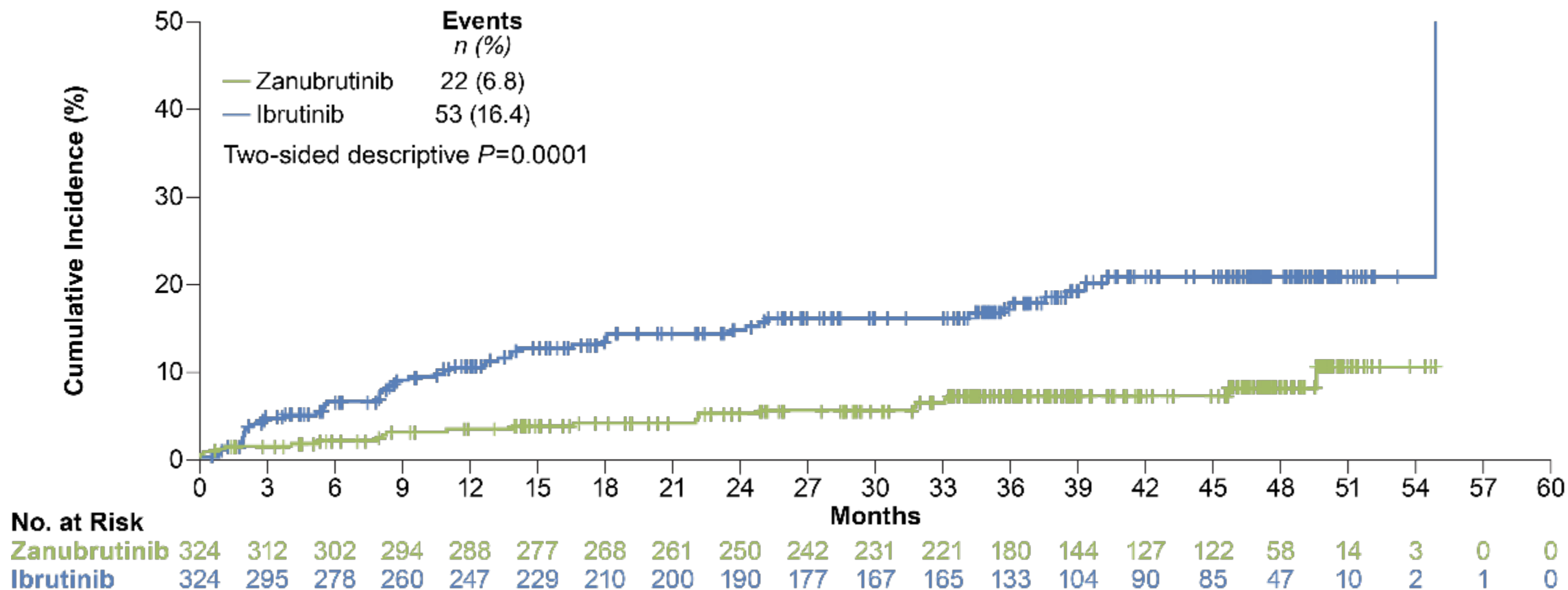
# ALPINE Efficacy: PFS in Del(17p)/*TP53*<sup>mut</sup> Extended Follow-Up



# ALPINE: Zanubrutinib Demonstrated Robust PFS Benefit Independent of Del(17p)/*TP53* Mutation Status



# ALPINE: Atrial Fibrillation/Flutter Events



# BTKi inhibitors

| Drug              | Binding to BTK  | Reversibility | BTKi generation | Use after progression after a 1 <sup>st</sup> or 2 <sup>nd</sup> gen BTKi? | Selectivity for BTK | Use after intolerance to other BTKis? |
|-------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Ibrutinib         | Covalent        | Irreversible  | First           | No                                                                         | No                  | Yes, but unlikely to be helpful       |
| Acalabrutinib     | Covalent        | Irreversible  | Second          | No                                                                         | Yes                 | Yes                                   |
| Zanubrutinib      | Covalent        | Irreversible  | Second          | No                                                                         | Yes                 | Yes                                   |
| Pirtobrutinib     | Non-Covalent    | Reversible    | Third           | yes                                                                        | Yes                 | Yes                                   |
| Nemtabrutinib*    | Non-Covalent    | Reversible    | Third           | Potentially                                                                | Maybe               | Need more data                        |
| <b>BGB-16673*</b> | <b>Degrader</b> |               | <b>Fourth</b>   |                                                                            |                     |                                       |
| <b>NX-5948*</b>   | <b>Degrader</b> |               | <b>Fourth</b>   |                                                                            |                     |                                       |

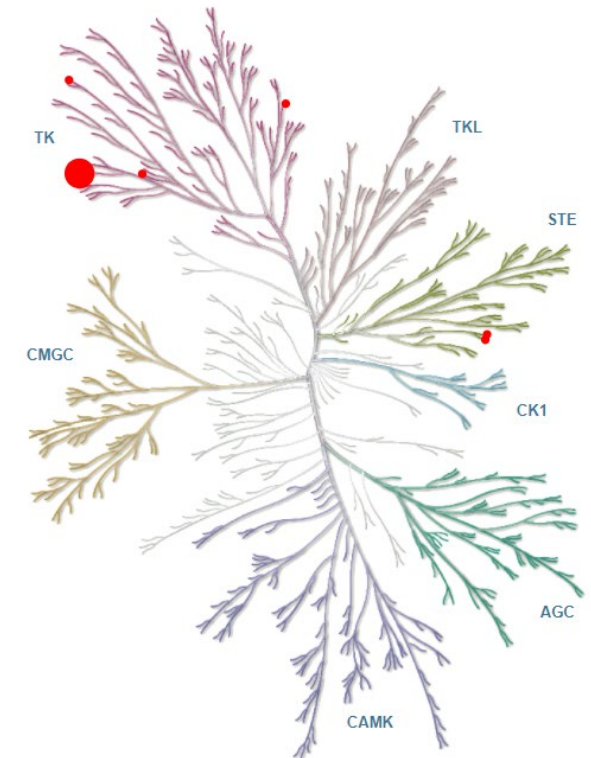
\* Not FDA approved for CLL as of September 2024

# Pirtobrutinib for r/r CLL

- A third generation BTKi
- Reversible (non-covalent) BTKi
- High selectivity for BTK
- Potency against WT & C481-mutant BTK in cell and enzyme assays
- **Phase 1/2 study included high-risk patients (n=261):**
  - Prior BTKi 100% ; **BTKi PD 77%**
  - **Prior Venetoclax 41%**
  - Prior CAR-T 6%
  - **BTK C481 mutant 38%**
  - **PLCG2 mutant 8%**
  - **Abnormal TP53 46% ; both del and mut 28%**
  - Unmutated IGHV 84%

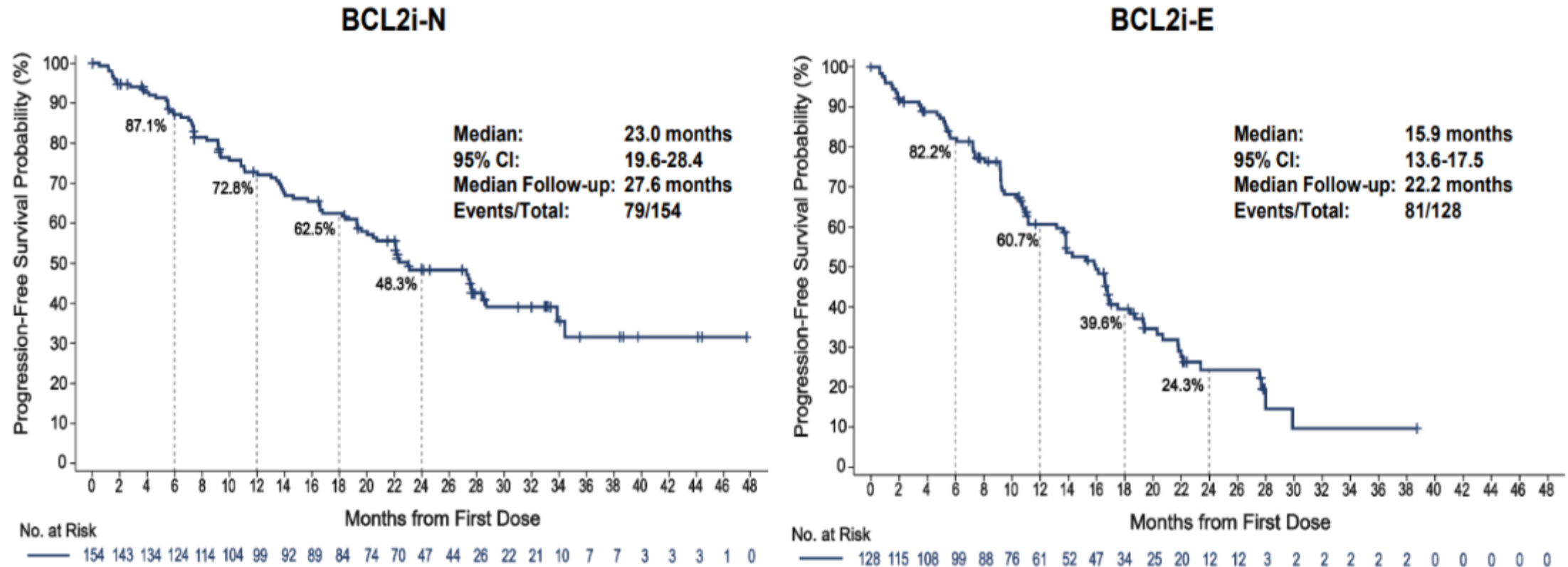
## Kinome selectivity

Highly selective for BTK



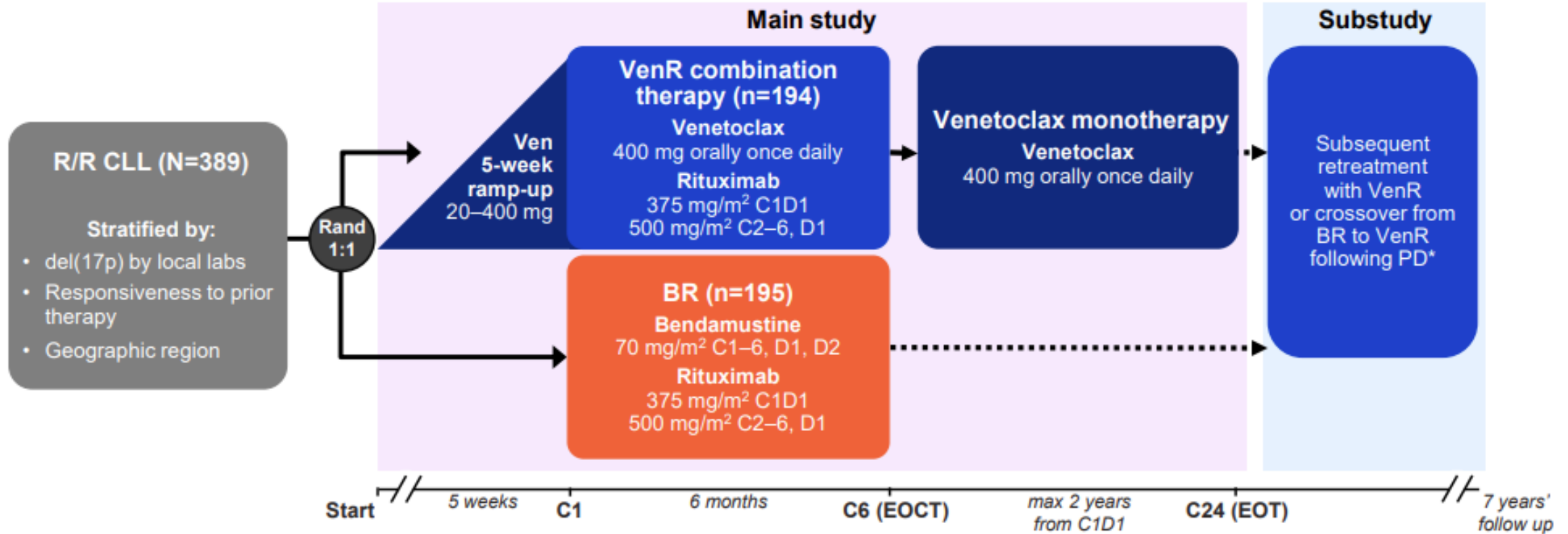
# Pirtobrutinib for r/r CLL

Pirtobrutinib Progression-free Survival With Prior cBTKi,  
With or Without Prior BCL2i



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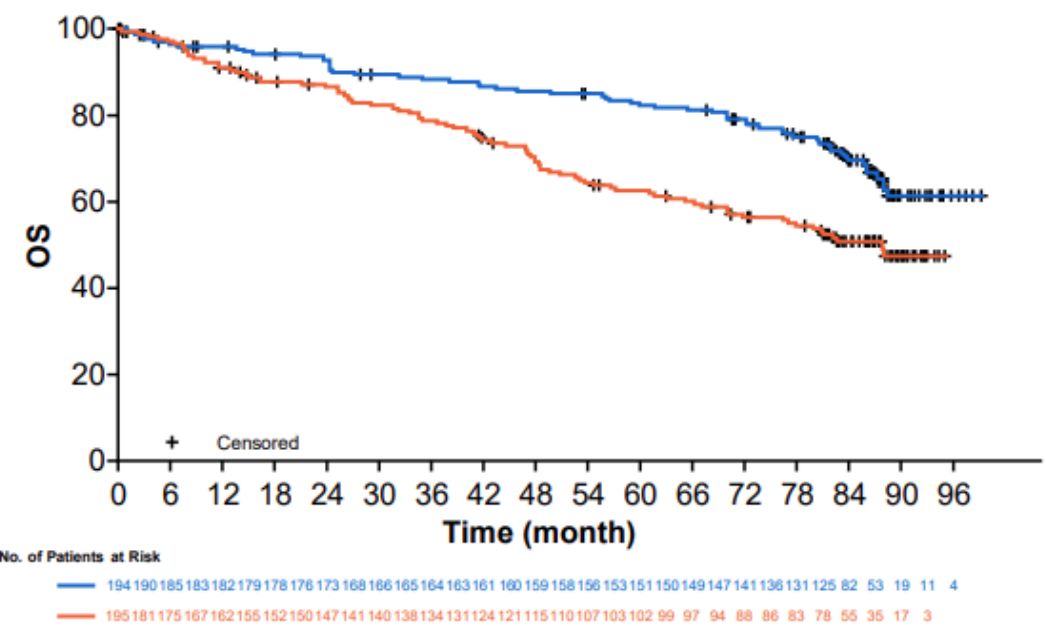
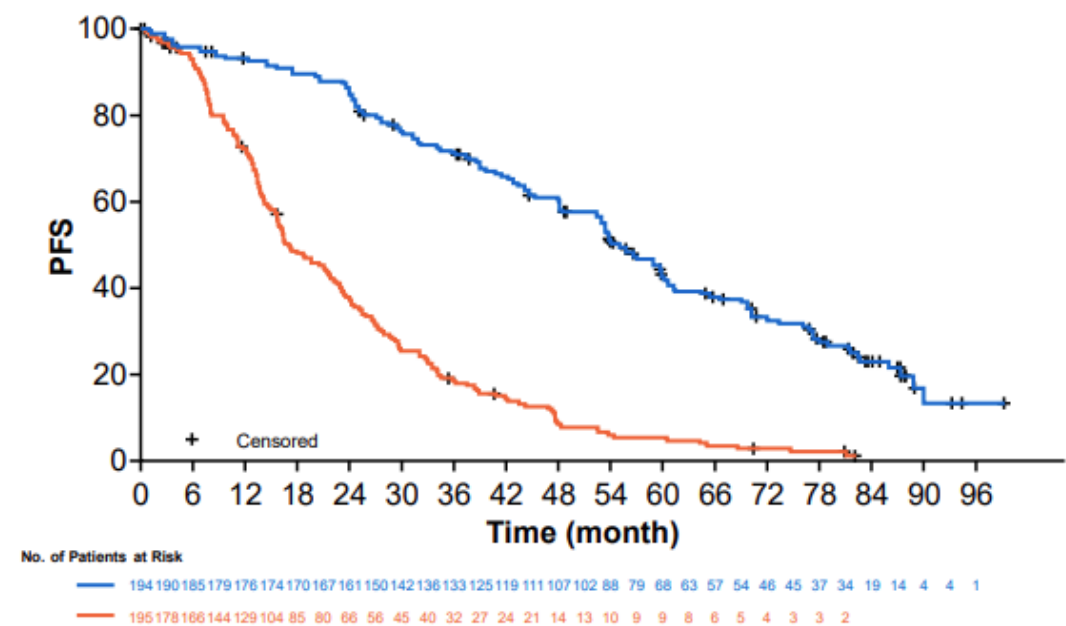
# Ven-R vs. BR in R/R CLL (MURANO Study)



# Ven-R vs. BR in R/R CLL (MURANO Study): 7-year follow-up

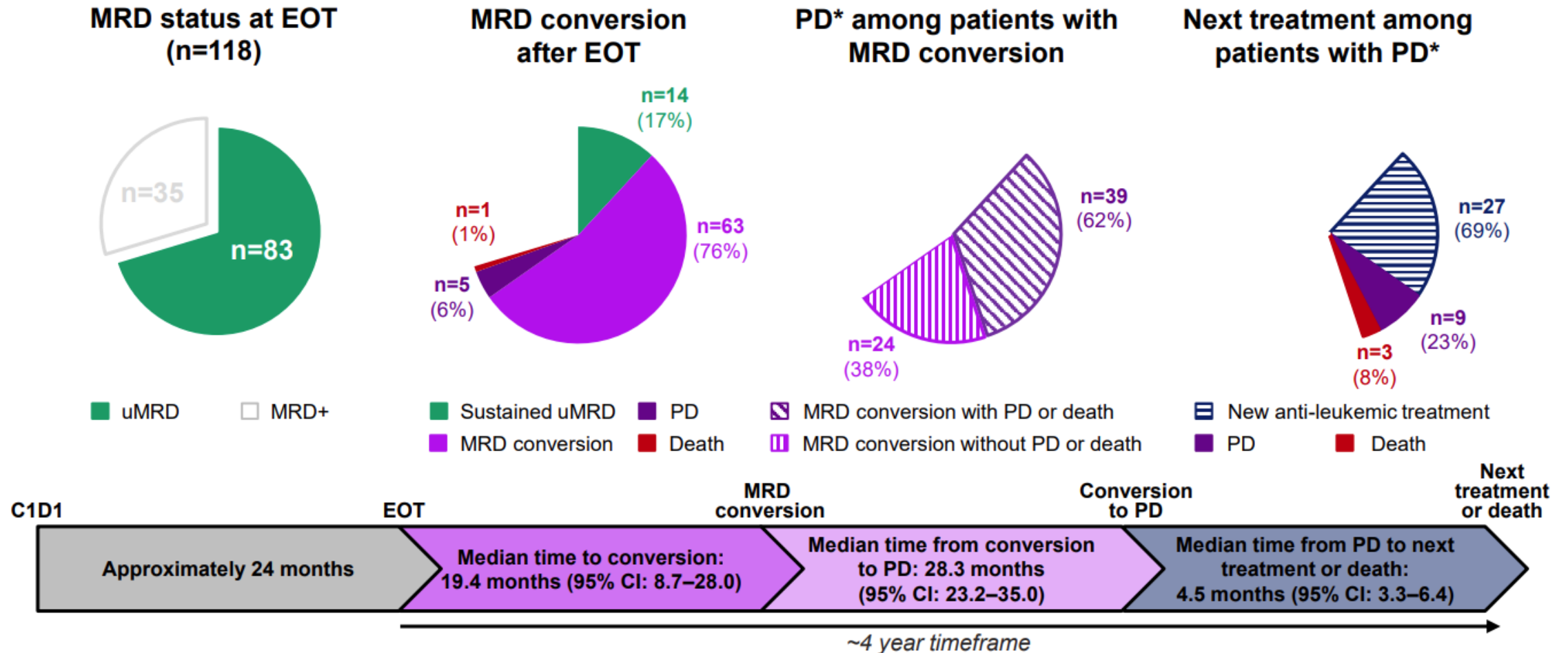
|              | Median PFS<br>(95% CI), months | HR*<br>(95% CI)                                    | 7-year<br>PFS (%) |
|--------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| VenR (n=194) | 54.7 (52.3–59.9)               | 0.23 (0.18–0.29)<br>Stratified P-value<br><0.0001† | 23.0              |
| BR (n=195)   | 17.0 (15.5–21.7)               |                                                    | NE                |

|              | Median OS<br>(95% CI), months | HR‡<br>(95% CI)                                    | 7-year<br>OS (%) |
|--------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| VenR (n=194) | NE                            | 0.53 (0.37–0.74)<br>Stratified P-value<br><0.0002† | 69.6             |
| BR (n=195)   | 87.8 (70.1–NE)                |                                                    | 51.0             |



- Median follow up for efficacy (range) was 86.8 months (0.3–99.2) for VenR and 84.4 months (0.0–95.0) for BR
- No new safety signals were identified since the 5-year data cut,<sup>1</sup> with all patients outside of the AE reporting window<sup>§</sup>

# Delay between MRD Conversion and Clinical Progression



\*Investigator-assessed PD according to iwCLL criteria.

## Treatment protocol for chronic lymphocytic leukemia

### 1 First-line treatment

#### Normal *TP53*

##### Fixed-duration treatment:

- Venetoclax + obinutuzumab

##### Indefinite treatment:

- Covalent BTK inhibitors  
acalabrutinib<sup>a</sup> or  
zanubrutinib<sup>a</sup> or ibrutinib

#### Aberrant *TP53*

##### Indefinite treatment:

- Covalent BTK inhibitors (preferred)<sup>b</sup>  
acalabrutinib<sup>a</sup> or zanubrutinib<sup>a</sup> or ibrutinib

##### Fixed-duration treatment<sup>c</sup>:

- Venetoclax + obinutuzumab; consider continuation of venetoclax in patient with abnormal *TP53*, especially in patients with evidence of detectable disease at 12 mo

*If disease progression or intolerance to first-line treatment*

### 2 Second-line treatment

#### Patient previously treated with covalent BTK inhibitor

##### Intolerance<sup>d</sup>:

- Switch to other BTK inhibitor
- Venetoclax + rituximab<sup>e</sup>

##### Progression:

- Venetoclax + rituximab<sup>e</sup>
- Noncovalent BTK inhibitor (pirtobrutinib) when available

#### Patient previously treated with venetoclax

##### Progression while receiving treatment or early after discontinuation of venetoclax:

- Acalabrutinib<sup>f</sup> or zanubrutinib<sup>f</sup> or ibrutinib
- Noncovalent BTK inhibitor (pirtobrutinib) when available

##### Progression late after discontinuation of venetoclax<sup>g</sup>:

- Acalabrutinib<sup>f</sup> or zanubrutinib<sup>f</sup> or ibrutinib
- Consider retreatment with venetoclax
- Noncovalent BTK inhibitor (pirtobrutinib) when available

*If disease progression after BTK inhibitors or venetoclax*

### 3 Subsequent treatment

#### Prior failure of covalent BTK inhibitors and venetoclax:

- Noncovalent BTK inhibitor (pirtobrutinib) when available (preferred)<sup>h</sup>
- PI3K inhibitors: idelalisib + rituximab or duvelisib

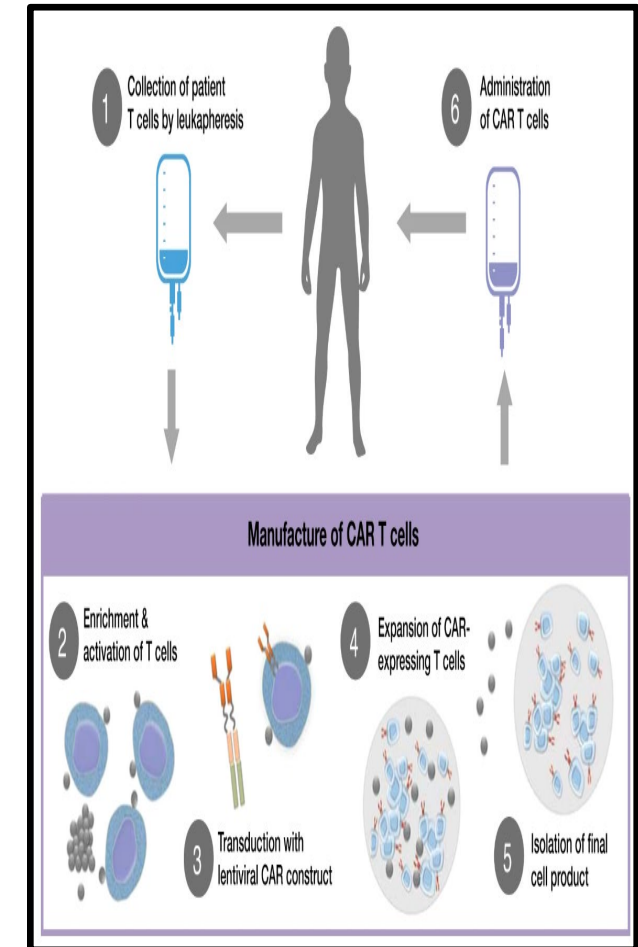
#### Consideration for cellular immunotherapy:

- Consider CAR-T therapy when/if available in patients with a controlled disease<sup>i</sup>
- Allo-HCT if no access to CAR-T or after CAR-T

# Cellular therapies for CLL

# CAR-T for CLL

- Investigational, not FDA approved
- Registration studies are currently ongoing
- Long-term remissions ~ 30-35%
- Best predictor of response: MRD neg after treatment
- Recommend before alloSCT, if available



# lisocabtagene maraleucel (liso-cel) for CLL

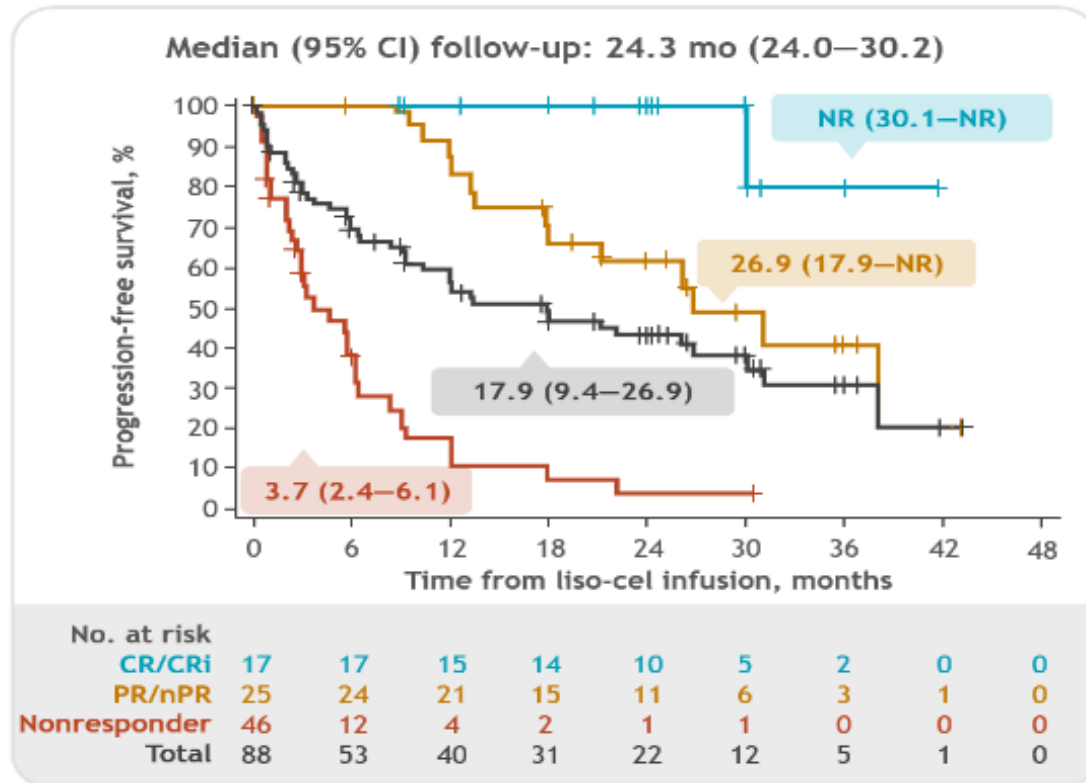
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- CD19 directed CAR-T
- N=127
- High-risk features:
  - del17p (43%), mutated TP53 (46%), complex karyotype (48%)
  - Ibrutinib refractory (88%), Venetoclax refractory (77%), double refractory (61%)
- Side effects
  - Grade 3-4 CRS: 9% , grade 3-4 neurotoxicity: 19%
- Responses:
  - **CR/Cri: 18%**
  - Undetectable MRD in blood (65%) and bone marrow (59%)
- Follow-up
  - Median follow-up 20.8 months
  - Median duration of response (not reached) – more than half of the responders have not relapsed

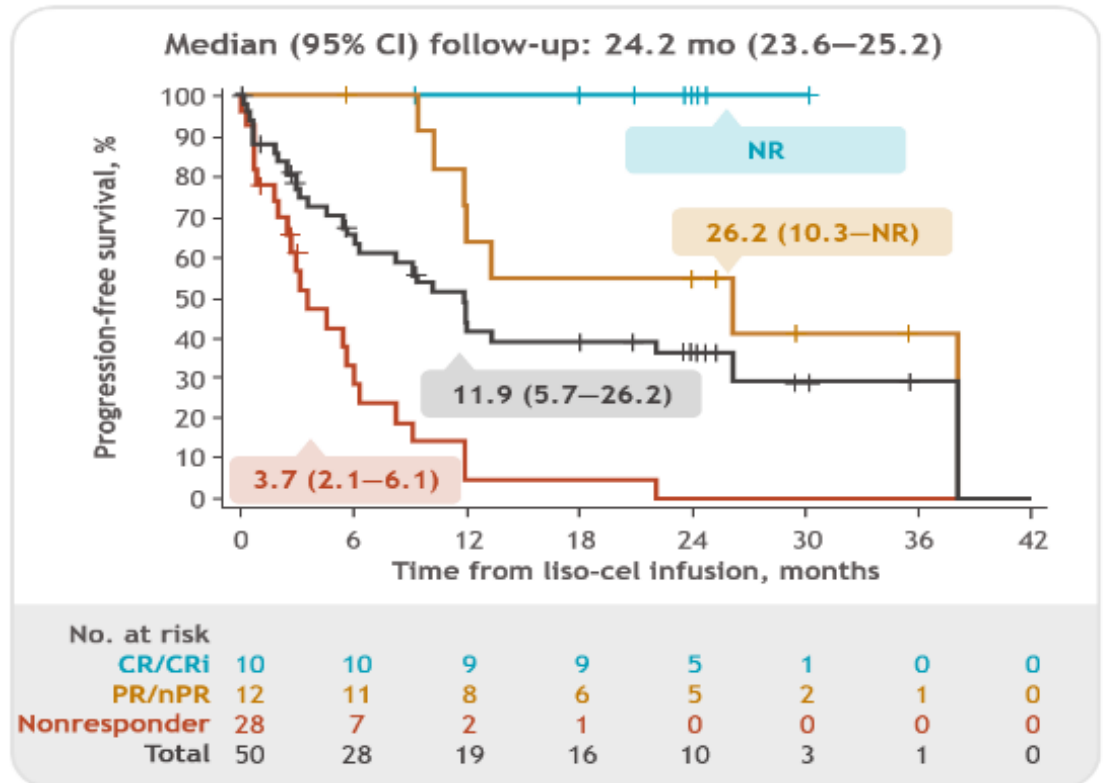


# Lisocabtagene Maraleucel (liso-cel) for CLL

(A) Full study population at DL2 (n = 88)



(B) PEAS (BTKi progression/venetoclax failure subset) at DL2 (n = 50)



Data on KM curves are expressed as median (95% CI, if available).

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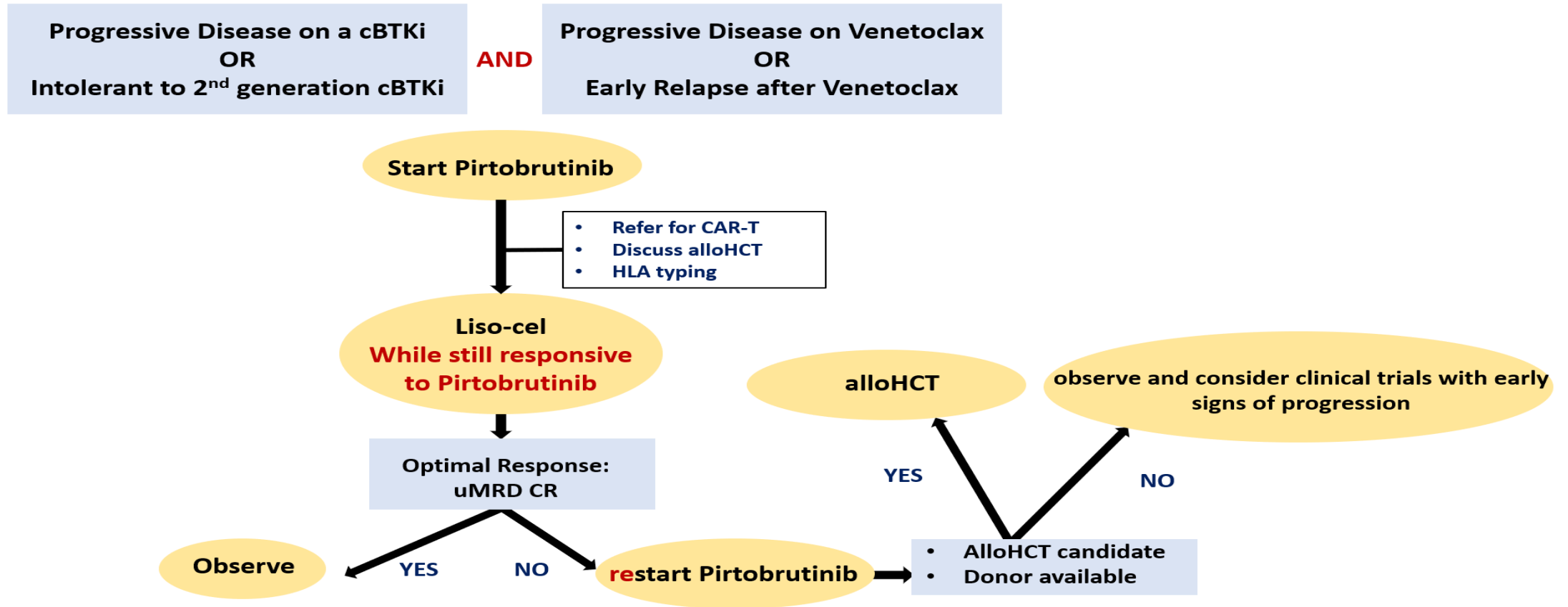
# Allogeneic SCT for High Risk CLL

- Reduced intensity/ Nonmyeloablative allogeneic transplant

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| Year            | 2020  | 2020   | 2020        | 2019      | 2019     |
| N               | 108   | 65     | 64          | 55        | 432      |
| Conditioning    | RIC   | RIC    | RIC (haplo) | NMA       | RIC/NMA  |
| Follow-up (yr)  | 3     | 2      | 4           | 3         | 5        |
| OS              | 69-87 | 81     | 52          | 54        | 46-52    |
| PFS             | 58-72 | 63     | 37          | 45        | 38-43    |
| NRM             | 7-17  | 13     | 24          | 38 (<12)* | 32-35    |
| aGVHD (3-4)     | 8-13  | 24     | 3           | 20        | ?        |
| Extensive cGVHD | 45-57 | 27     | 7           | 66        | ?        |

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**40**  
**20-25**

# Suggested Approach for Treating Patients with “Double Refractory” CLL



# Summary facts:

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1. Covalent BTKi (indefinite) and venetoclax + anti CD20 abs (fixed-duration) are the first 2 options and they are both reasonable to be used in first-line
2. Second generation cBTKis (zanubrutinib or acalabrutinib) are preferred over ibrutinib
3. Obinutuzumab is the preferred anti CD20 ab (vs. rituximab) in CLL
4. MRD is an important prognostic marker for time-limited therapies (chemo, Venetoclax, CAR-T). However, MRD-guided therapy is considered investigational at the current time. Studies are ongoing.
5. The field is moving toward combination therapy with Venetoclax as the backbone plus a BTKi with or without the CD20 antibodies.
6. Pirtobrutinib, liso-cel (CD19 CART) are options for patients with “double refractory” disease after covalent BTKi and BCL2 inhibitors
7. It is critical to have good disease control before CAR-T therapy. Refer for CAR-T when disease is stable on pirtobrutinib
8. Venetoclax + Ibrutinib is approved in Europe and Canada but not in the US.
9. Expected approvals: venetoclax+acalabrutinib
10. In the pipeline: BTK degraders, bispecific abs (CD20/CD30; CD20/CD8), Novel autologous and allogeneic immune effector cell therapy, new BCL2 inhibitors, etc.

# CLL (Night before the test)

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1. Flow cytometry is critical (and adequate) to make the diagnosis
2. Remember CLL immunophenotype (and differences with MCL and other lymphomas)
3. Review Indications for treatment. This hasn't change even with new agents.
4. Check FISH before each line of treatment (r/o del 17p/P53 mutation)
5. Frontline: Ven-O or BTKi (acalabrutinib or zanubrutinib)
6. Relapsed setting: Ven-O(or R) or BTKi (acalabrutinib or zanubrutinib), Pirtobrutinib. Liso-cel, idelalisib/duvelisib.
7. BTKi AEs (less with 2<sup>nd</sup> gen): initial lymphocytosis (is OK), bleeding, Afib, HTN, body pain.
8. Idelalisib/duvelisib: lymphocytosis (is OK), colitis, pneumonitis, hepatitis (more with idela), PJP, CMV – Don't use in frontline setting
9. Venetoclax: watch for TLS at the beginning. Ramp-up HAS to be done!
10. Liso-cel: CRS, ICANS, prolonged cytopenia, infection

# Hairy Cell Leukemia

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- Uncommon chronic B cell lymphoid neoplasm
- Small mature B cell lymphoid cells with abundant cytoplasm and "hairy" projections within the peripheral blood, bone marrow, and splenic red pulp
- Splenomegaly and cytopenias



# Hairy cell Leukemia: (Diagnosis)

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|     | CD11c | CD25 | CD103 | CD123 | CD10 | CD21 | CD23 | CD5 | CD20 | CD19 | CD22 | Annexin A1 |
|-----|-------|------|-------|-------|------|------|------|-----|------|------|------|------------|
| HCL | +     | +    | +     | +     | -    | -    | -    | -   | +    | +    | +    | +          |

**BRAF V600E mutation is a disease-defining event**

**HCL variant:**

**CD25 (-) , CD123 (-), annexin A1 (-) and BRAF V600E (-)**



# Hairy cell Leukemia

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- **Clinical presentation**

- Splenomegaly
- Cytopenias (infections, bleeding)
- Constitutional symptoms

- **Treatment Indications:**

- Systemic symptoms
- Splenic discomfort
- Recurrent infections
- Cytopenias (Hb <11, ANC < 1000, bleeding due to plt <100,000)

# Hairy Cell Leukemia: Treatment

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- **First Line**

- Purine analogs
  - **Cladribine (2-CdA) + rituximab** – Up to 80% CR with a CR duration of 57 months (7 – 246) after a single cycle
  - **Pentostatin**

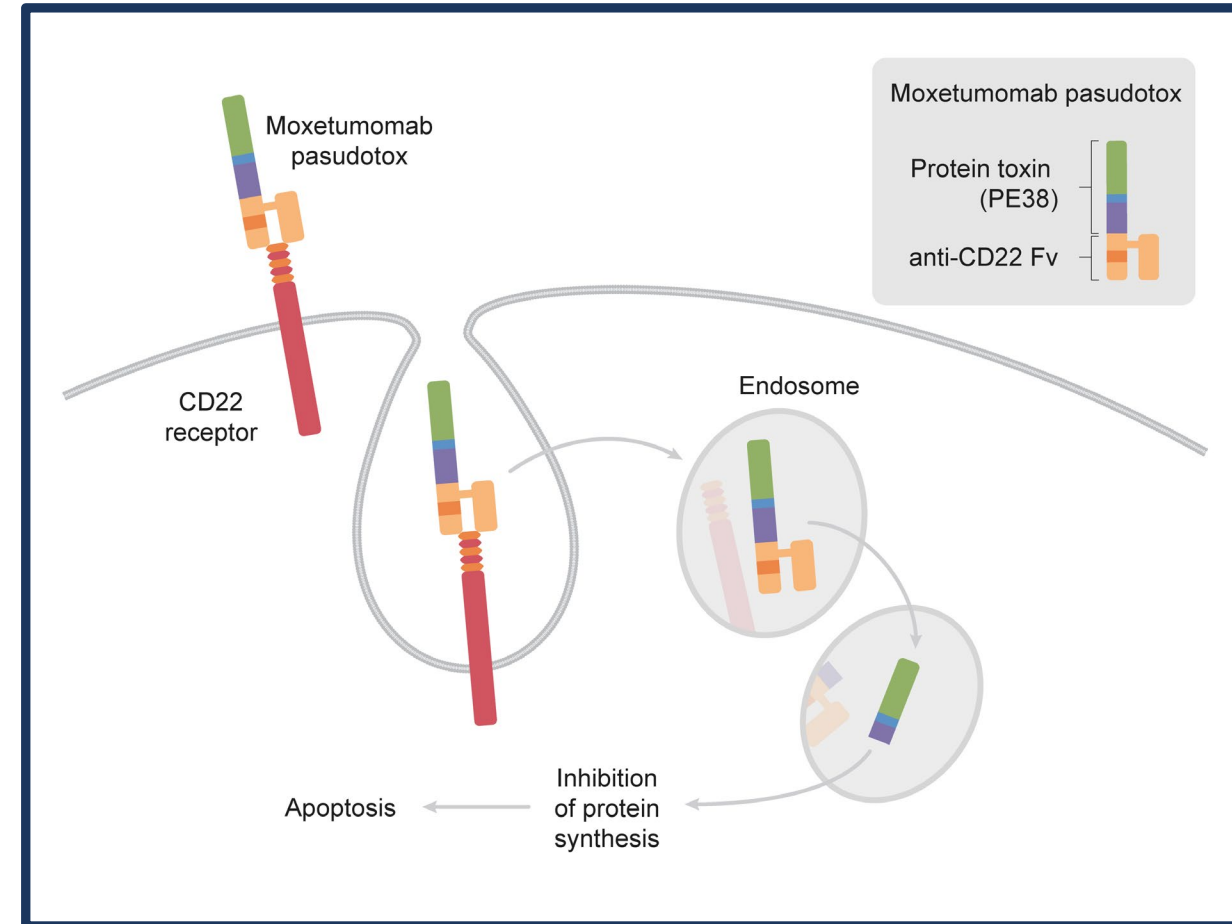
- **Refractory (failure in less than a year) or Relapsed disease**

- purine analogs ± Rituximab
- INF-alfa
- rituximab
- **BRAF targeting agents (Vemurafenib) ± rituximab**
- **moxetumomab Pasudotox** (anti CD22 immunotoxin conjugate)



# Moxetumomab Pasudotox for R/R HCL

- Anti CD22 immunotoxin conjugate
- IV ; D1,3,5 of 28D cycle (up to 6 cycles)
- At least 2 prior systemic therapies, including a purine analog
- **Efficacy:**
  - ORR: 75%
  - durable CR: 30%
  - MRD eradication 34% of all CRs
- **Unique side effects**
  1. Hemolytic-uremic syndrome
  2. Capillary leak syndrome
  - supportive care and discontinuation were effective
  - could occur at any cycle



# Please Consider Clinical Trials!

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