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Debate—Examining Controversies in the Front-line Management of CLL: Chemo-immunotherapy vs. Continuous TKI Therapy

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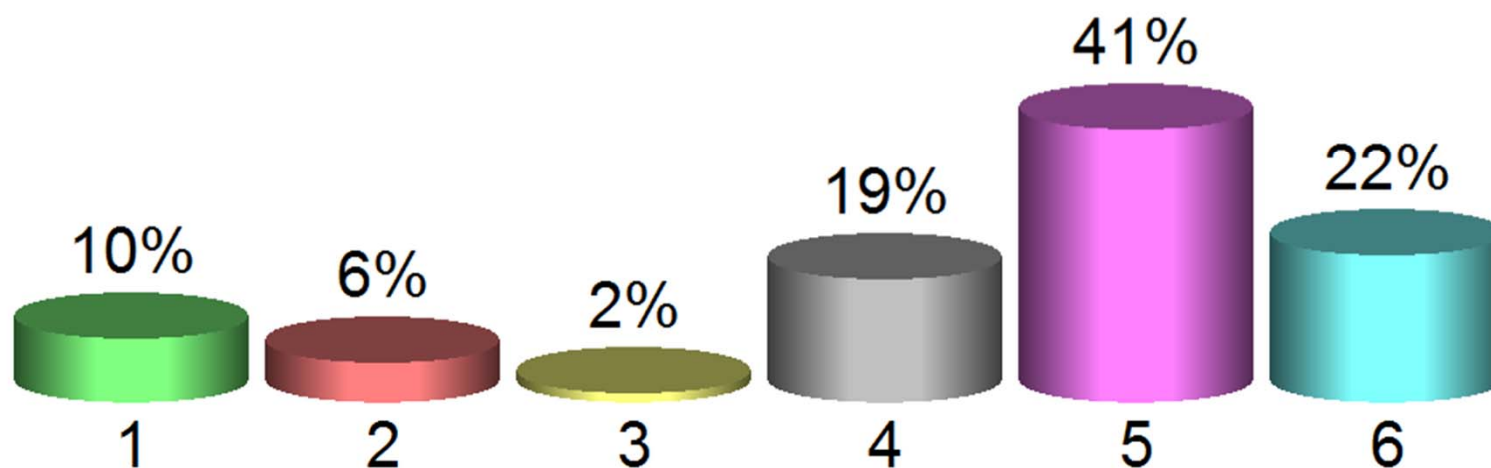


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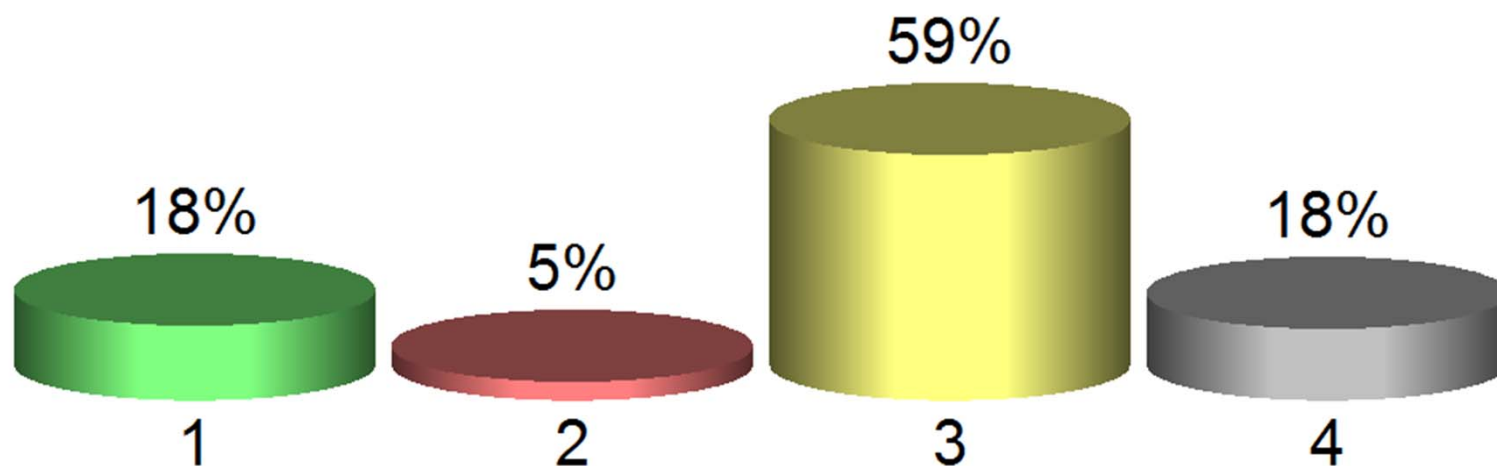
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FRONT-LINE, OLDER PATIENT

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- Your new patient is a 75 year old man who was diagnosed with CLL 10 years ago and has developed progressive adenopathy, splenomegaly, and anemia. He also has a history of CAD and stroke.

Front-line therapy of CLL in older patients

- **Chlorambucil alone**
- **Rituximab alone**
- **Chlorambucil + Rituximab**

- **Chlorambucil + Ofatumumab**
- **Chlorambucil + Obinutuzumab**
- **Bendamustine + Rituximab**
- **Ibrutinib**

Results from the International, Randomized Phase 3 Study of Ibrutinib Versus Chlorambucil in Patients 65 Years and Older with Treatment-Naïve CLL/SLL (RESONATE-2™)

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RESONATE™-2 (PCYC-1115) Study Design

Patients (N=269)

- Treatment-naïve CLL/SLL with active disease
- Age ≥65 years
- For patients 65-69 years, comorbidity that may preclude FCR
- del17p excluded
- Warfarin use excluded

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**ibrutinib 420 mg
once daily until PD or
unacceptable toxicity**

chlorambucil 0.5 mg/kg
(to maximum 0.8 mg/kg)
days 1 and 15 of 28-day
cycle up to 12 cycles

IRC-
confirmed
progression

PCYC-1116 Extension Study*

In clb arm,
n=43
crossed over
to ibrutinib

Stratification factors

- ECOG status (0-1 vs. 2)
- Rai stage (III-IV vs. ≤II)

*Patients with IRC-confirmed PD enrolled into extension Study 1116 for follow-up and second-line treatment per investigator's choice (including ibrutinib for patients progressing on chlorambucil with iwCLL indication for treatment).

- Phase 3, open-label, multicenter, international study
- **Primary endpoint:** PFS as evaluated by IRC (2008 iwCLL criteria)^{1,2}
- **Secondary endpoints:** OS, ORR, hematologic improvement, safety

1. Hallek et al. *Blood*. 2008;111:5446-5456; 2. Hallek et al, *Blood*. 2012; e-letter, June 04, 2012.

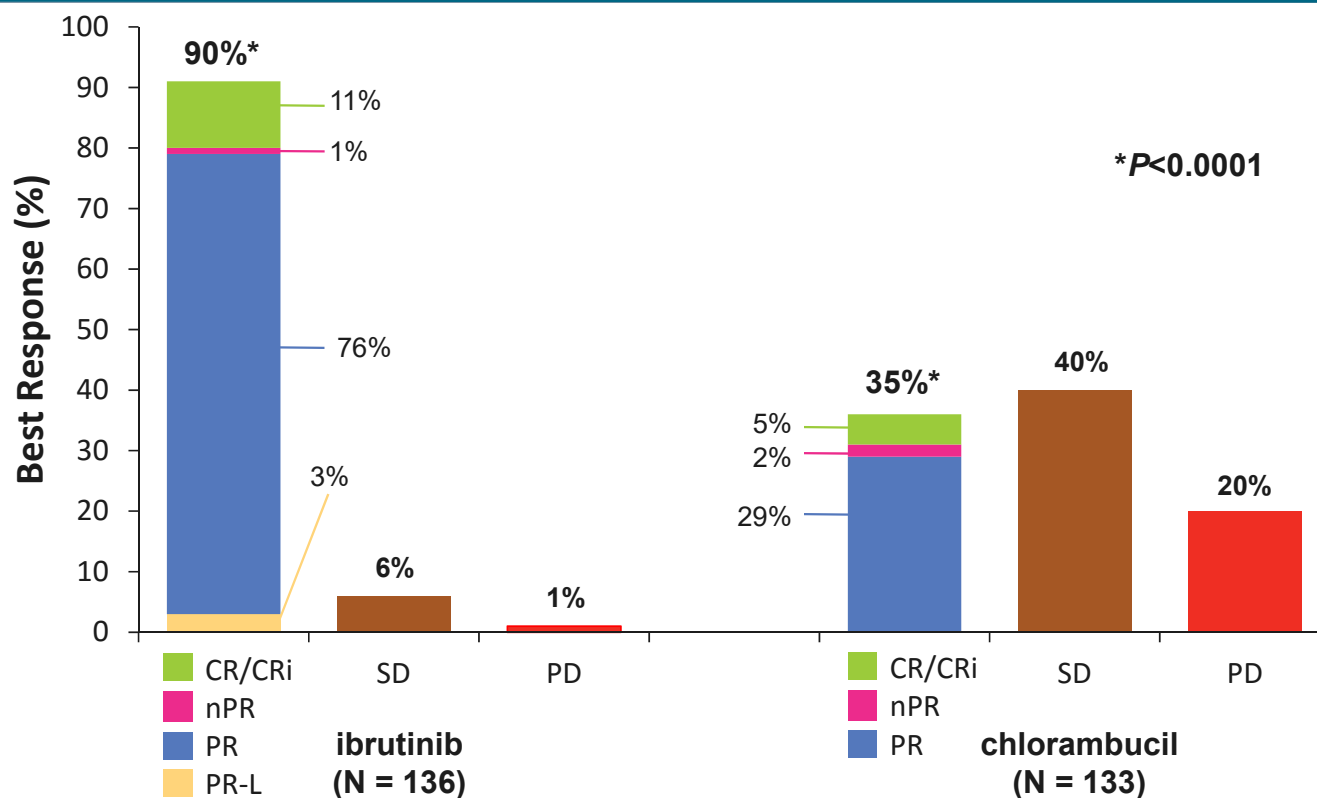
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Patient Characteristics

Characteristic	ibrutinib (n = 136)	chlorambucil (n = 133)
Median age, years (range)	73 (65–89)	72 (65–90)
≥70 years, %	71	70
ECOG status 2, %	8	9
Rai stage III or IV, %	44	47
CIRS score >6, %	31	33
Creatinine clearance <60 ml/min, %	44	50
Bulky disease ≥5 cm, %	40	30
β2-microglobulin >3.5 mg/L, %	63	67
Hemoglobin ≤11 g/dL, %	38	41
Platelet count ≤100,000 per mm ³ , %	26	21
Del11q, %	21	19
Unmutated <i>IGHV</i> , %	43	45

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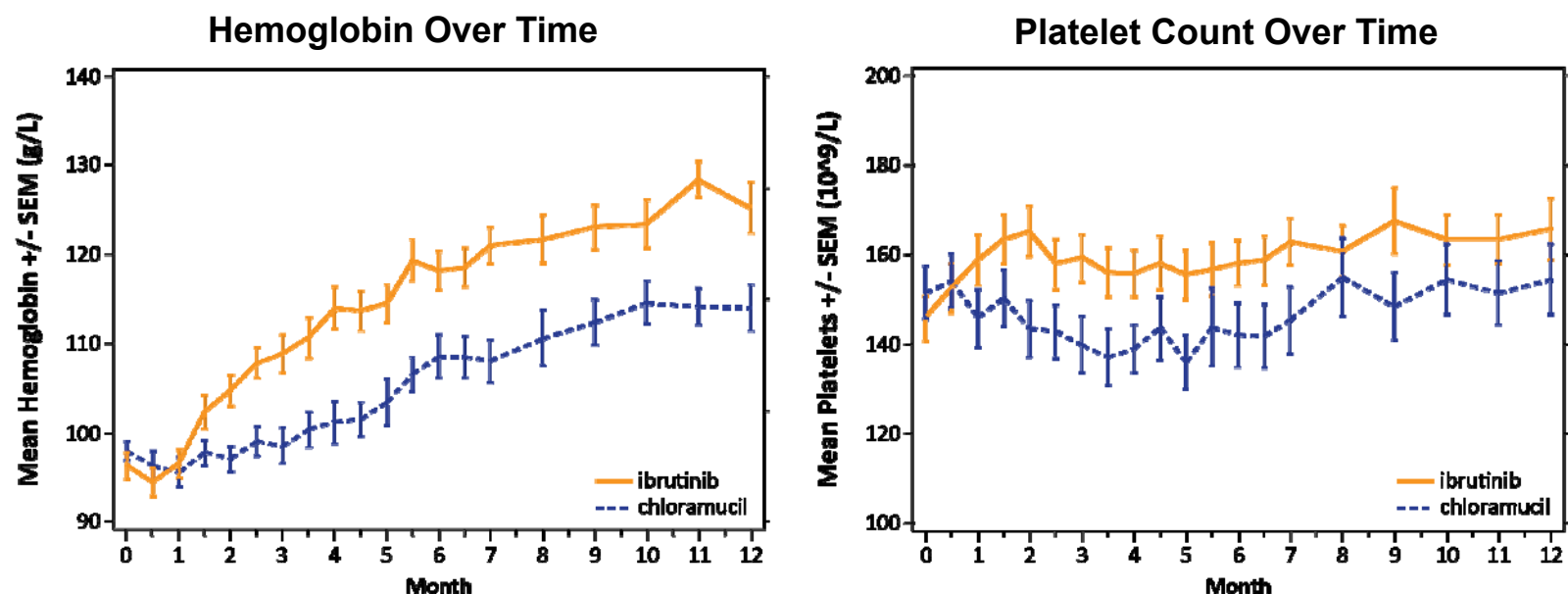
Best Response by Investigator Assessment



- ORR at 8 months: 82% with ibrutinib vs. 30% with chlorambucil
- ORR with ibrutinib higher than with chlorambucil at all time points

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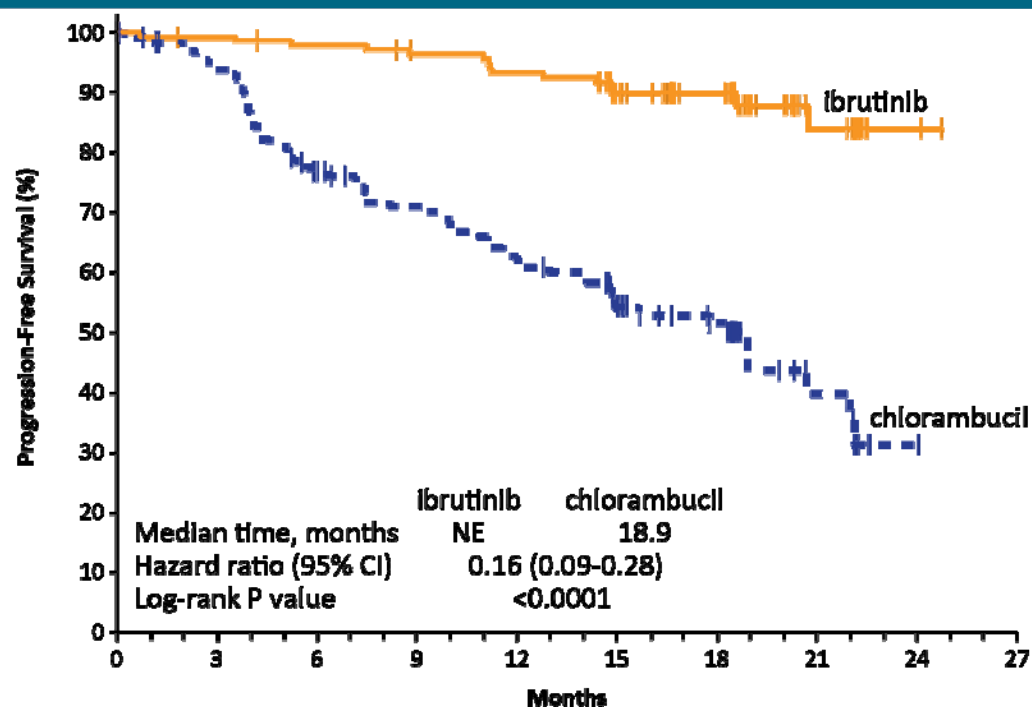
Improvement in Hematologic Function



- Sustained improvement in hemoglobin in patients with anemia: 84% with ibrutinib vs. 45% with chlorambucil ($P < 0.0001$)
- Sustained improvement in platelet count in patients with thrombocytopenia: 77% with ibrutinib vs. 43% with chlorambucil ($P = 0.0054$)

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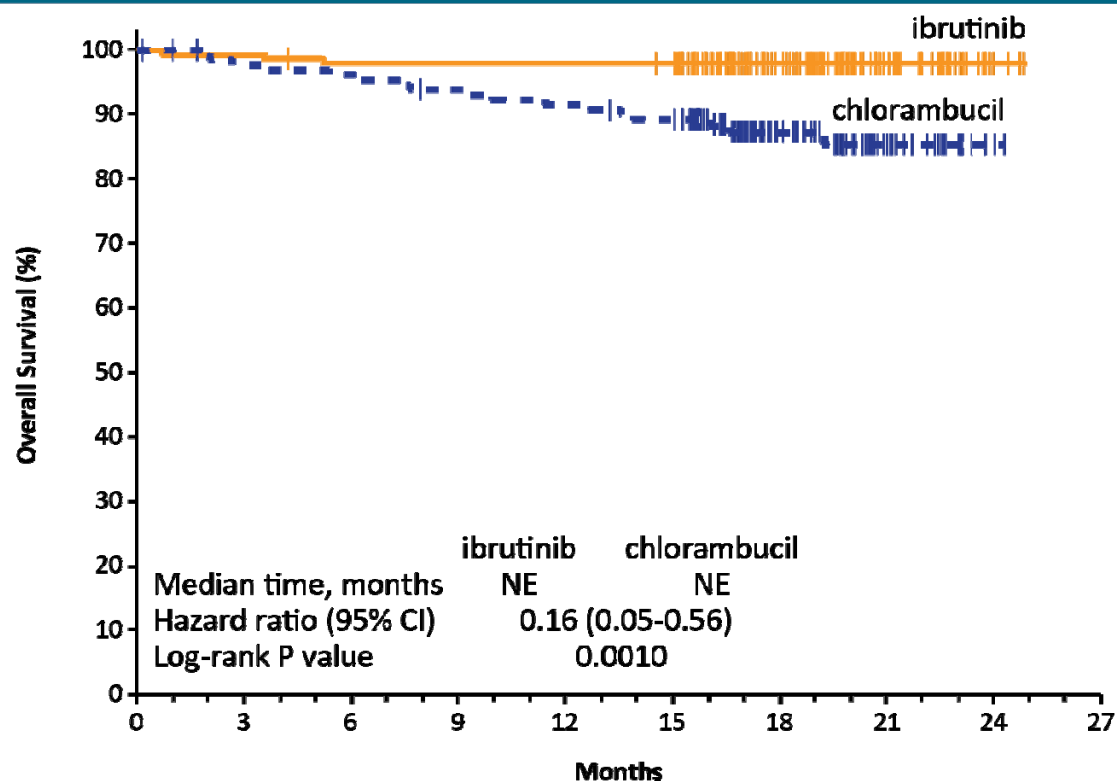
PFS by Independent Assessment



- 84% reduction in risk of progression or death with ibrutinib
- 18-month PFS rate: 90% with ibrutinib vs. 52% with chlorambucil
- Median follow-up: 18.4 months

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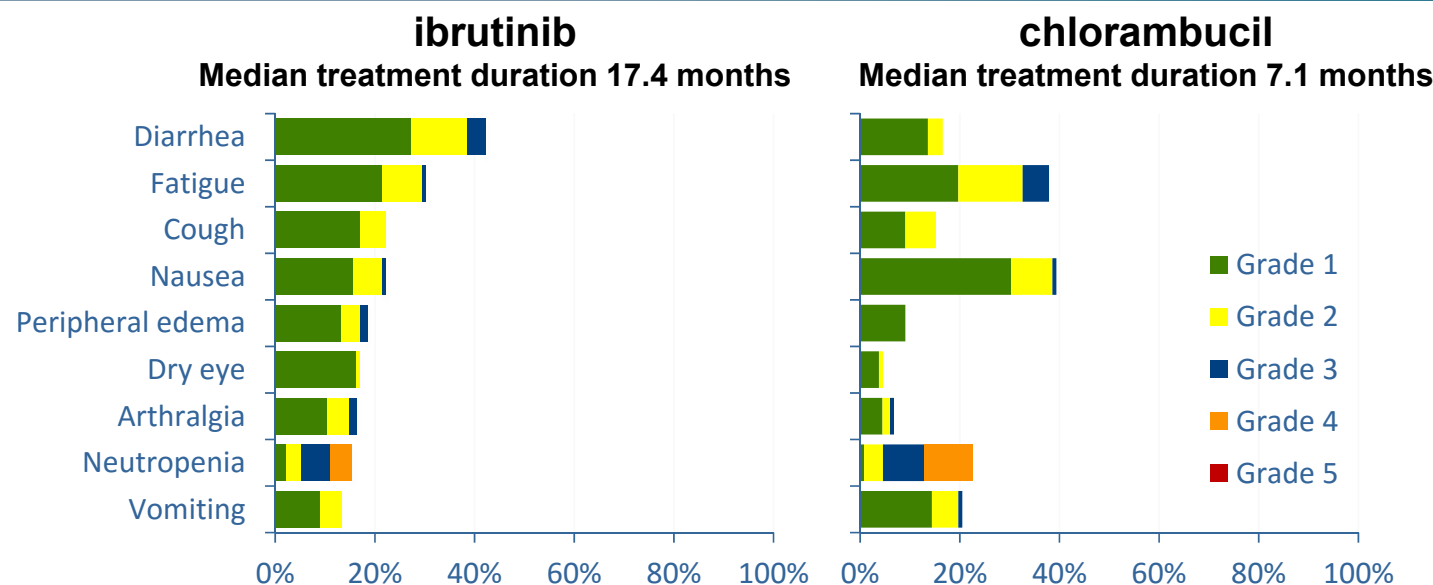
Overall Survival



- 84% reduction in risk of death with ibrutinib
- 24-month OS rate: 98% with ibrutinib and 85% with chlorambucil
- 3 deaths on ibrutinib arm vs. 17 deaths on chlorambucil arm

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Most Common Adverse Events*



*Adverse event that occurred in $\geq 15\%$ of patients in either treatment arm, and that were imbalanced between treatment arms by a difference in frequency of $\geq 5\%$.

- Majority of the common AEs on ibrutinib arm were grade 1 and did not result in treatment discontinuation
- On the chlorambucil arm, fatigue, nausea, vomiting, and cytopenias occurred more frequently vs. ibrutinib
- Grade 3 maculopapular rash (no grade 4) in 3% for ibrutinib vs. 2% for chlorambucil

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Outcomes After Ibrutinib Discontinuation or Progression

- 12 patients discontinued ibrutinib due to AEs
 - 11 of these patients are alive
 - 3 progressed 2, 4, and 6 months after discontinuation; 1 started BR 8 months after PD and 2 with no subsequent therapy
 - 3 started subsequent therapy (2 FCR, 1 chlorambucil) 2, 3, and 8 months after discontinuation
 - 5 were progression-free without subsequent therapy
 - 1 died of pneumonia 1 month after discontinuation
- 2 patients discontinued primarily due to progression, alive without subsequent therapy
- 1 patient initially progressed by investigator (not IRC confirmed), remained on ibrutinib, subsequently achieved CR, and continues ibrutinib

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Single-Agent Ibrutinib 420 mg Induces Durable Responses Including Complete Responses in Patients With CLL Following Long Term Treatment

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Study Cohort

PCYC-1102/1103:
patients with CLL/SLL
treated with oral,
once-daily ibrutinib
(420 mg/day)

TN
Age ≥ 65 years
n=27

R/R*
n=67



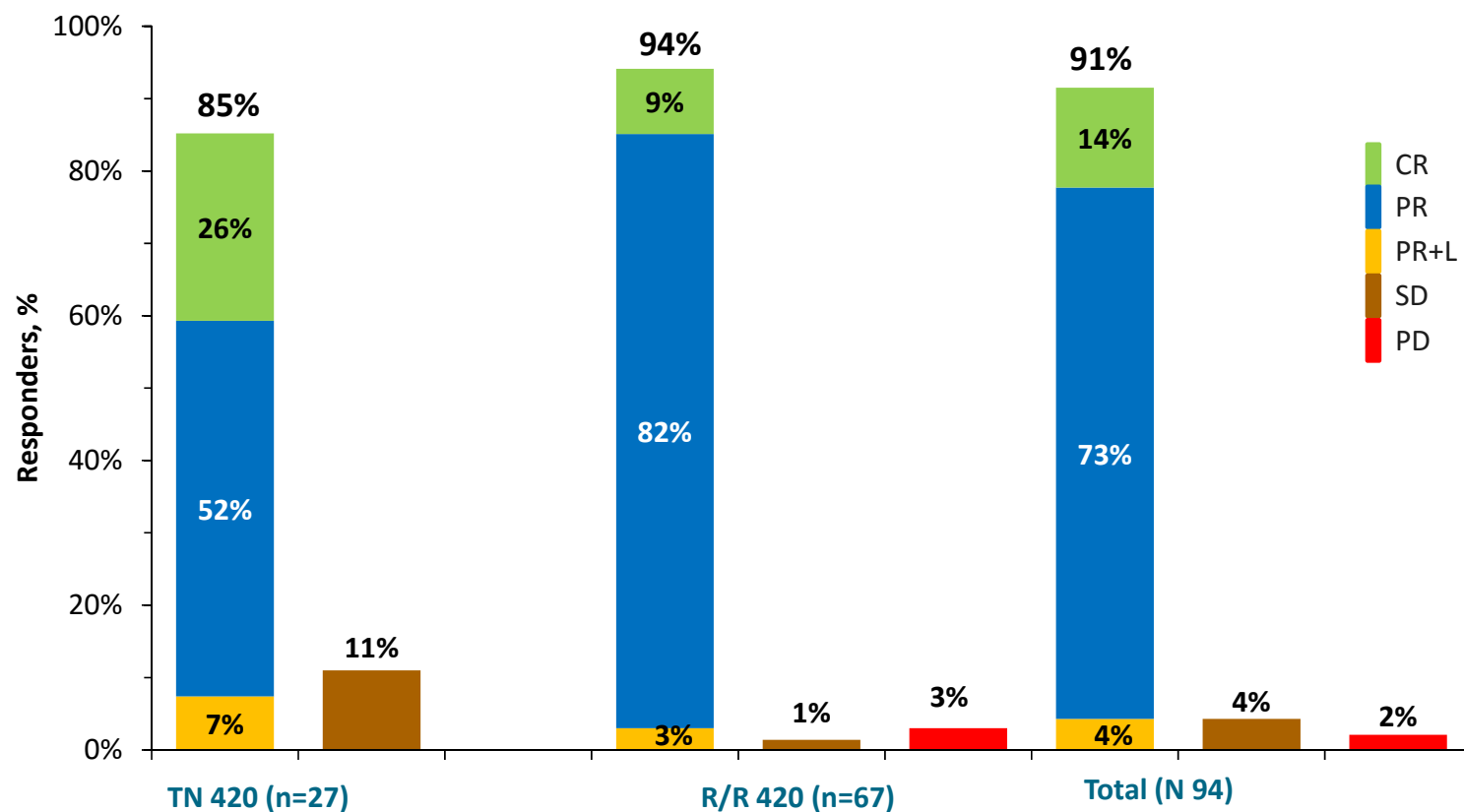
**Long-term
follow-up study**

*Includes patients with high-risk CLL/SLL, defined as progression of disease <24 months after initiation of a chemoimmunotherapy regimen or failure to respond.

- Phase 1/2b (PCYC-1102) and extension (PCYC-1103) studies
 - 94 TN and R/R CLL/SLL patients received ibrutinib 420 mg/day.
 - Median time on study 32 months (range, 0-44)

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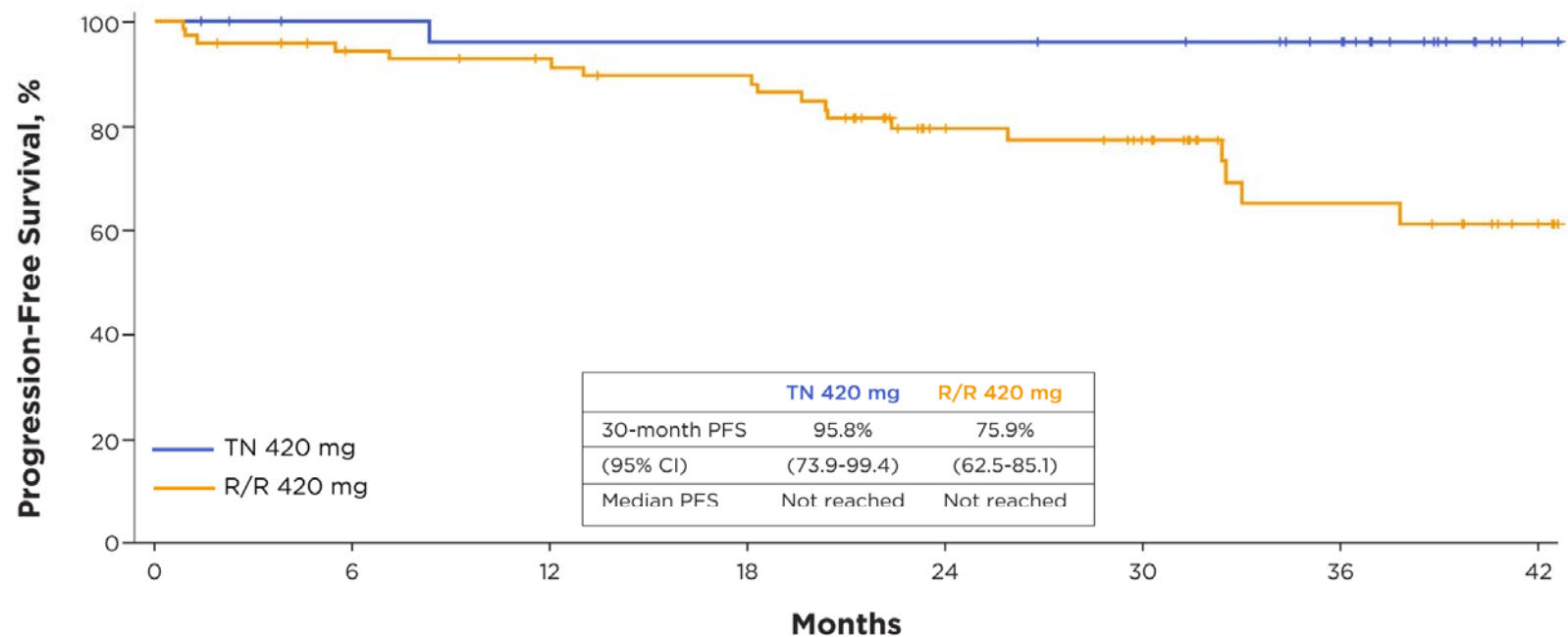
Best Response (Investigator-Assessed)



- Median time to best response was 7.4 months for TN and R/R cohorts.

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Progression-Free Survival

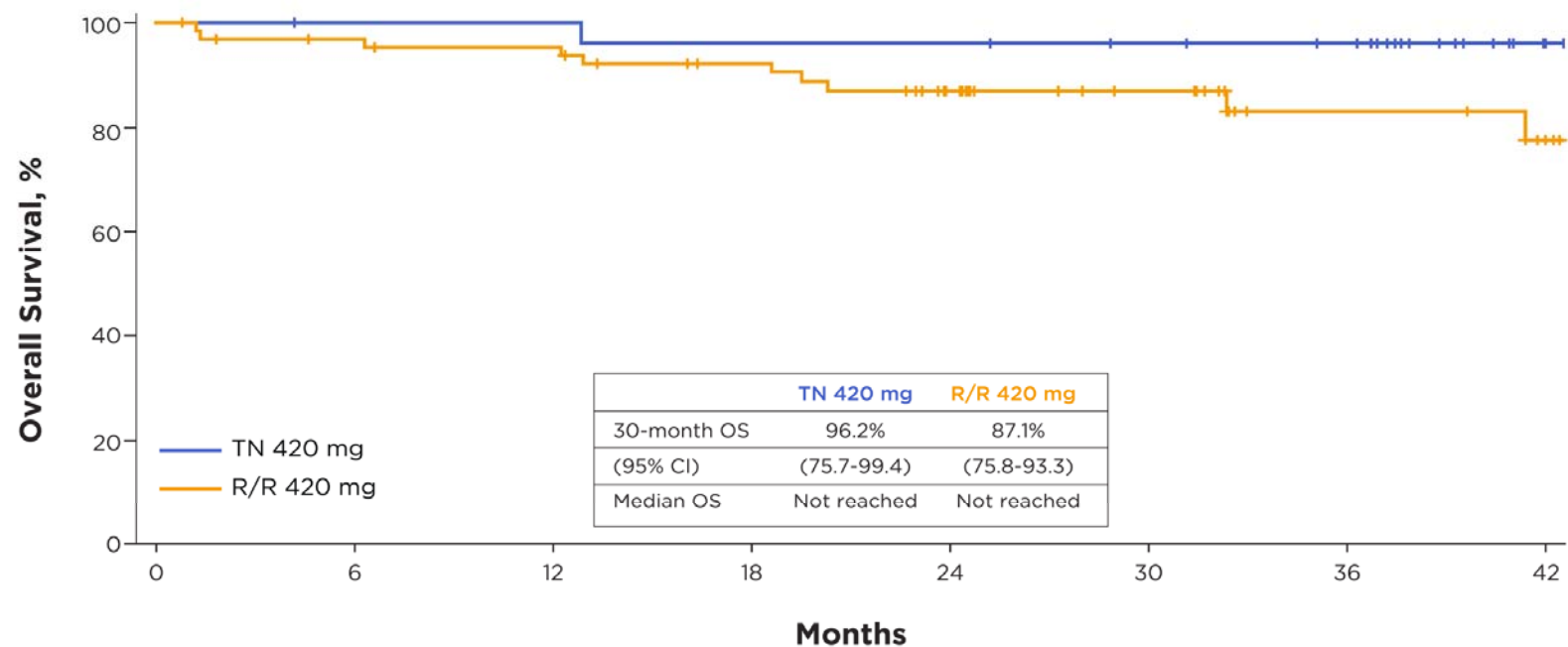


Patients at Risk

TN 420 mg	27	24	23	23	23	22	17	2
R/R 420 mg	67	58	53	52	52	26	15	7

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Overall Survival



Patients at Risk								
TN 420 mg	27	26	26	25	25	23	21	6
R/R 420 mg	67	62	60	54	43	34	16	12

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Additional Safety Results

	ibrutinib (n = 135)			chlorambucil (n = 132)		
Median exposure, months (range)	17.4 (0.7-24.7)			7.1 (0.5-11.7)		
Adverse event	Any	G3	G4	Any	G3	G4
Hypertension	14%	4%	0	0	0	0
Atrial fibrillation	6%	1%	0	1%	0	0
Major hemorrhage	4%	3%	1%	2%	2%	0

- On ibrutinib arm
 - The 6 patients (4%) with grade 3 hypertension were managed with anti-hypertensive medication and did not require dose modification of ibrutinib
 - 4 of 6 patients: history of hypertension
 - Among 8 patients (6%) with atrial fibrillation, 2 discontinued ibrutinib
 - 7 of 8 patients: history of hypertension, CAD, and/or myocardial ischemia
 - Among 6 patients (4%) with major bleeding, 3 discontinued ibrutinib
 - 3 of 6 patients: concomitant LMWH, aspirin, or vitamin E at time of event
 - Overall, 19% of patients on the ibrutinib arm received anticoagulants and 47% received antiplatelet agents

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Summary

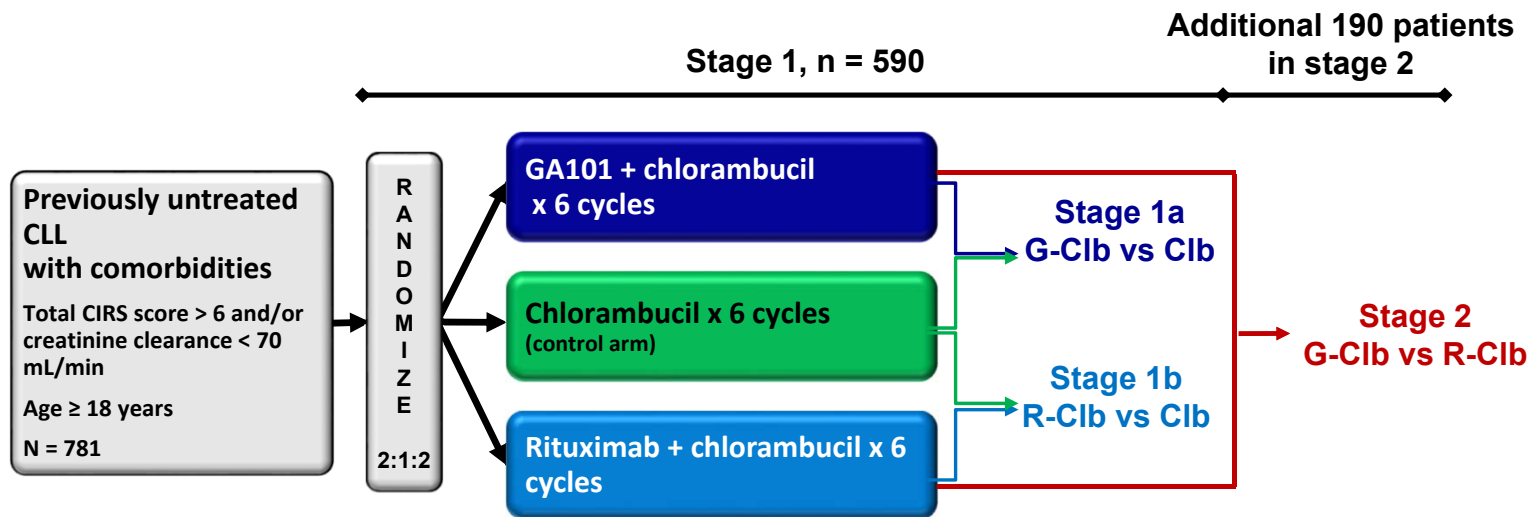
- **Why use a less convenient therapy?**
- **Why not use a better tolerated therapy?**
- **Why not use in both fit and unfit patients?**

FRONT-LINE, UNFIT PATIENT

Front-Line, Unfit Patient

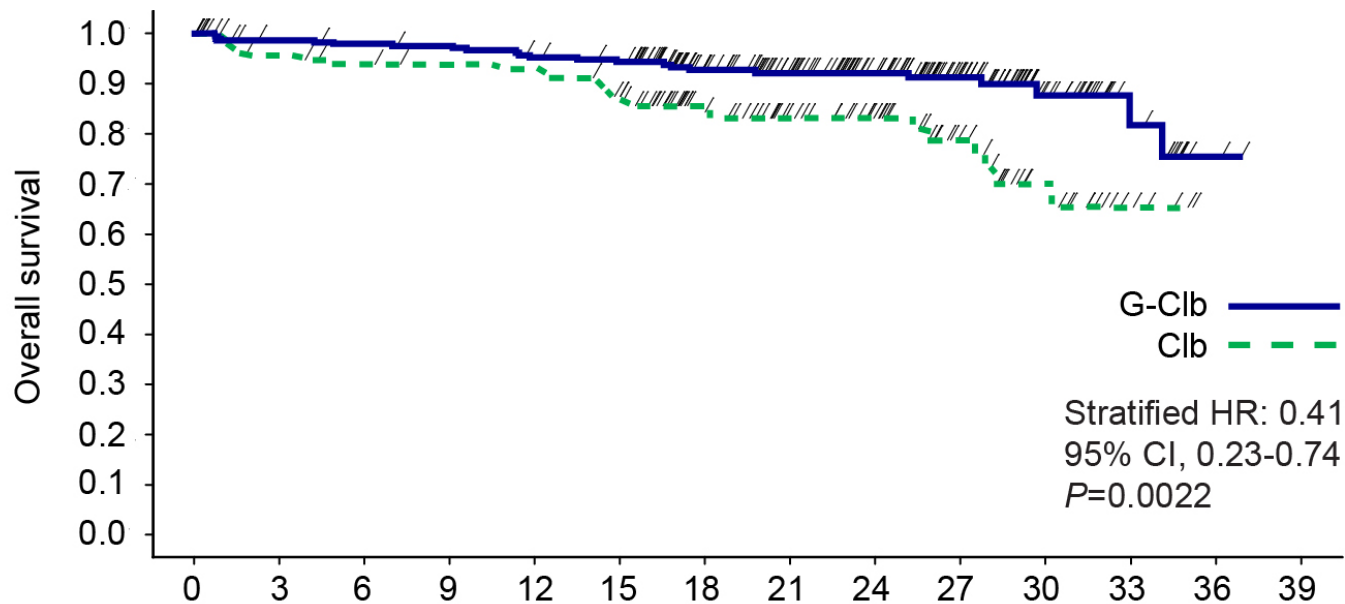
- Your new patient is a 74 year old woman who was diagnosed with CLL 5 years ago and has developed progressive adenopathy. She has fatigue and her cervical lymph nodes are uncomfortable. She does not want chemotherapy and is concerned about losing her hair with treatment. She has diabetes, HTN, and CKD with a GFR of 40.

CLL11: Study design



- **GA101:** 1,000 mg days 1, 8, and 15 cycle 1; day 1 cycles 2–6, every 28 days
- **Rituximab:** 375 mg/m² day 1 cycle 1, 500 mg/m² day 1 cycles 2–6, every 28 days
- **Chlorambucil:** 0.5 mg/kg day 1 and day 15 cycle 1–6, every 28 days
- Patients with progressive disease in the Clb arm were allowed to cross over to G-Clb

G-Clb vs Clb: Overall survival



No. at risk

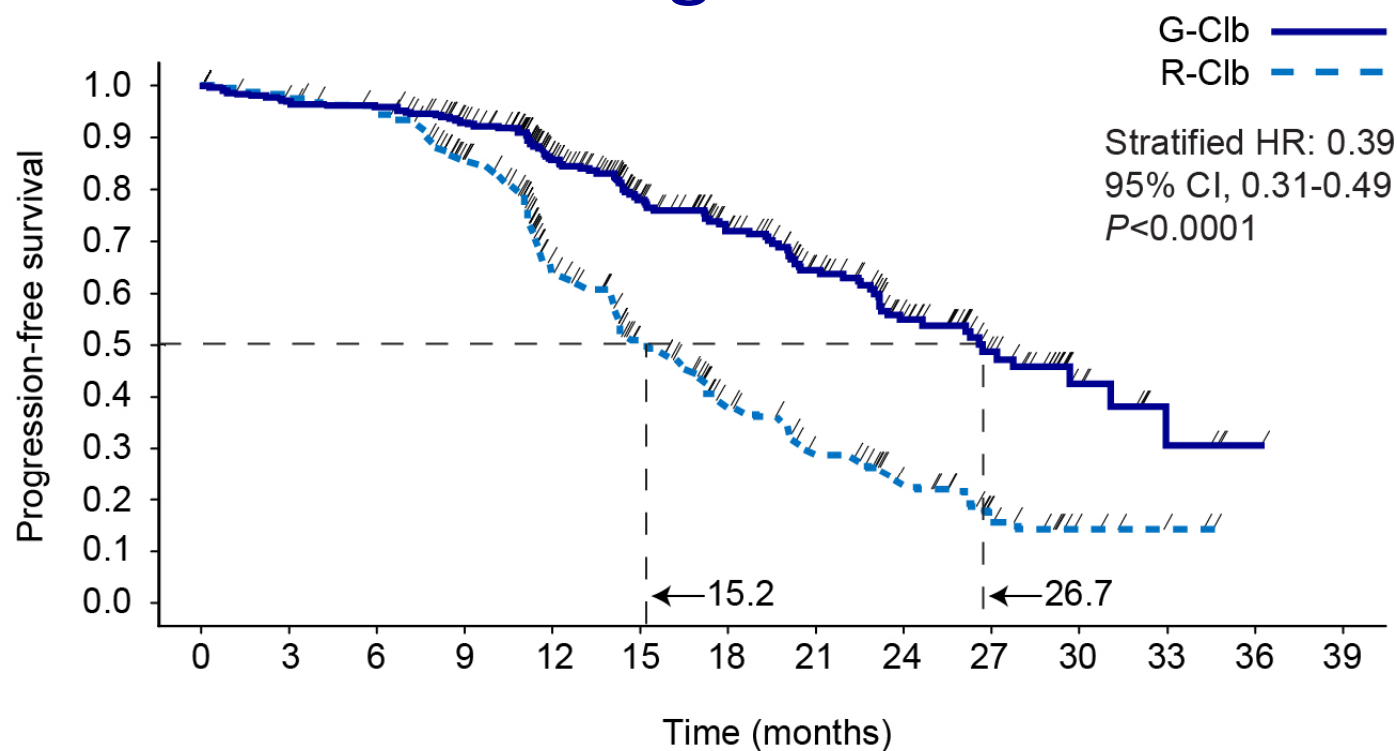
G-Clb:	238	226	223	221	215	211	170	144	115	71	34	14	2	0
Clb:	118	109	105	103	102	94	70	56	44	29	15	5	0	0

Total number of deaths: G-Clb, 22 (9%); Clb, 24 (20%)

Median observation time: G-Clb, 23.2 months; Clb, 20.4 months.

No multiplicity adjustment was done for secondary endpoints.

G-Clb vs R-Clb: Progression-free survival



No. at risk

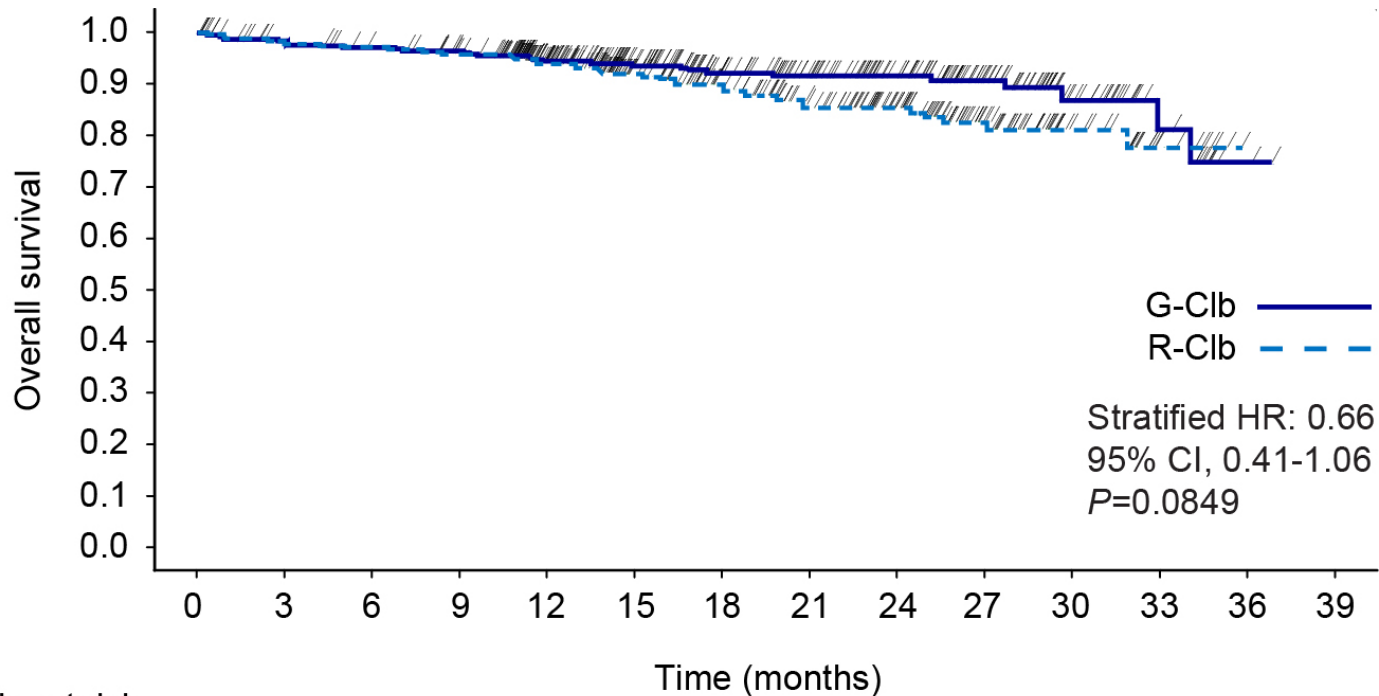
G-Clb:	333	307	302	278	213	156	122	93	60	34	12	4	1	0
R-Clb:	330	317	309	259	163	114	72	49	31	14	5	2	0	0

Median observation time: G-Clb, 18.8 months; R-Clb, 18.6 months.

Type 1 error controlled through closed test procedure; p-value of the global test was $< .0001$.

Independent Review Committee (IRC) - assessed PFS was consistent with investigator-assessed PFS.

G-Clb vs R-Clb: Overall survival



No. at risk		Time (months)													
		0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39
G-Clb:	333	316	310	303	261	214	170	144	115	71	34	14	2	0	
R-Clb:	330	320	314	305	255	203	169	138	105	61	27	8	0	0	

Total number of deaths: G-Clb, 28 (8%); R-Clb, 41 (12%)

Median observation time: G-Clb, 18.8 months; R-Clb, 18.6 months.

No multiplicity adjustment was done for secondary endpoints.

Summary

- **Physicians familiar with single agent rituximab**
- **Time-limited, well-tolerated therapy**
- **Goals of treatment accomplished**
- **Little or no financial cost to patient**
- **What about ibrutinib?**

FRONT-LINE, YOUNG PATIENT

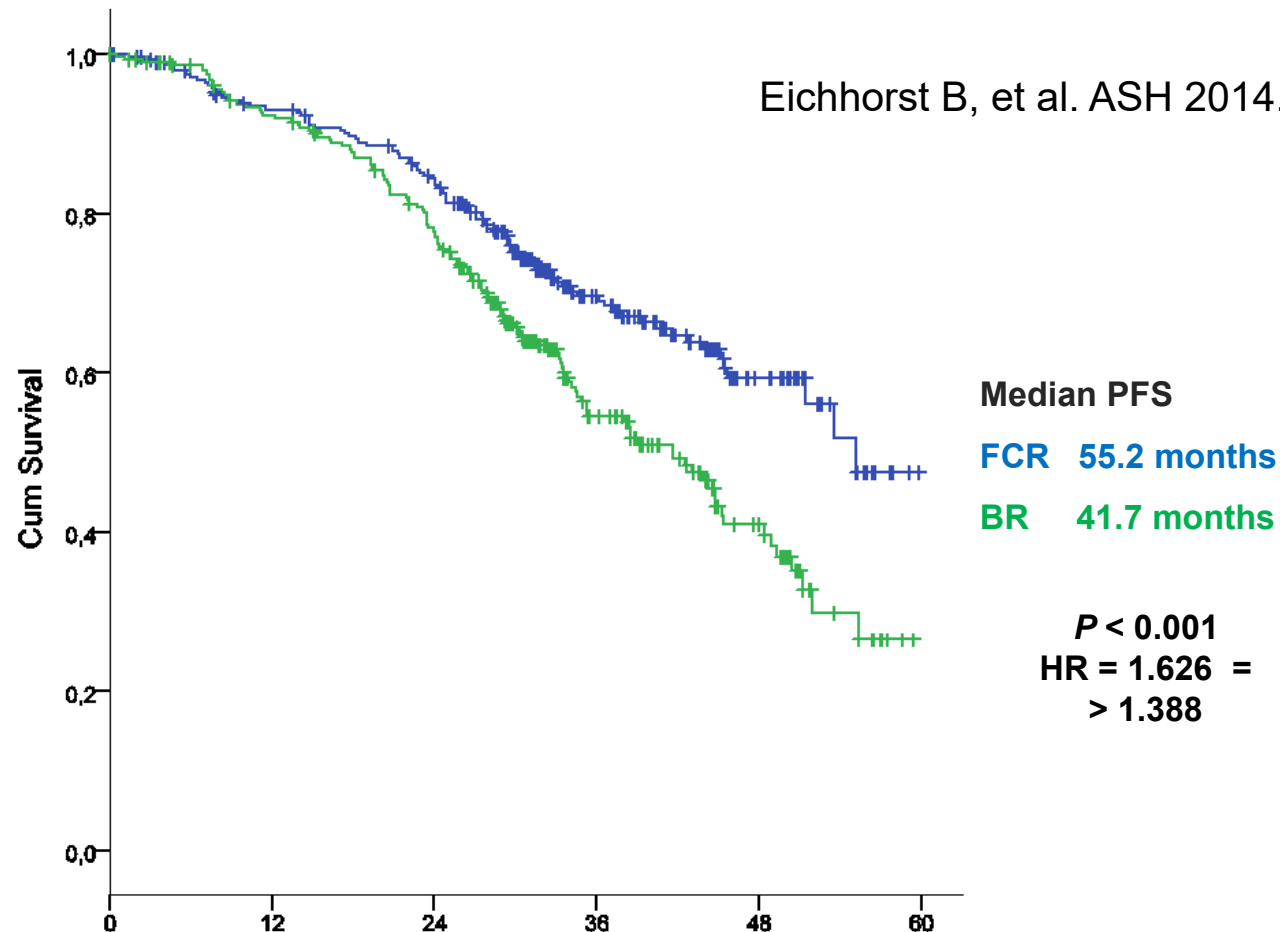
Case Study

- Your new patient is a 60 year old man who was diagnosed with CLL 5 years ago when asymptomatic lymphocytosis was noted along with modest cervical lymphadenopathy. Recently, he has developed progressive adenopathy and anemia. He has no significant medical co-morbidities. His doctor told him that treatment is indicated and he presents for your opinion.

CLL10 STUDY: FCR VS BR IN FRONT-LINE

ITT Progression-free survival = Primary endpoint

Eichhorst B, et al. ASH 2014. Abstract 19.



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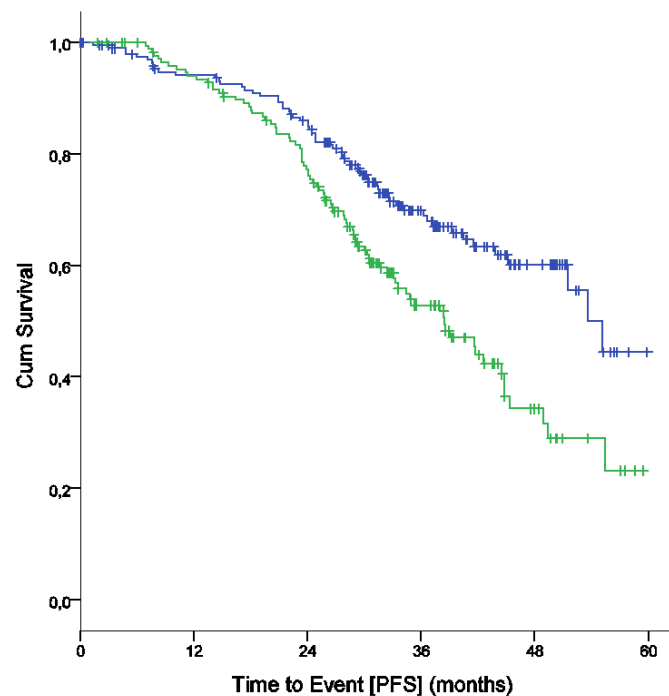


Progression-free survival by age group

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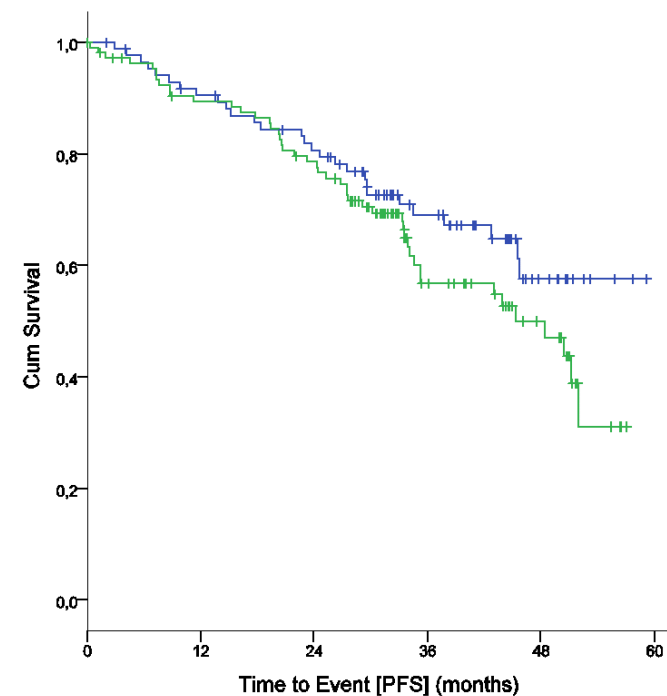
Patients ≤ 65 years: $P < 0.001$

FCR 53.6 months BR 38.5 months

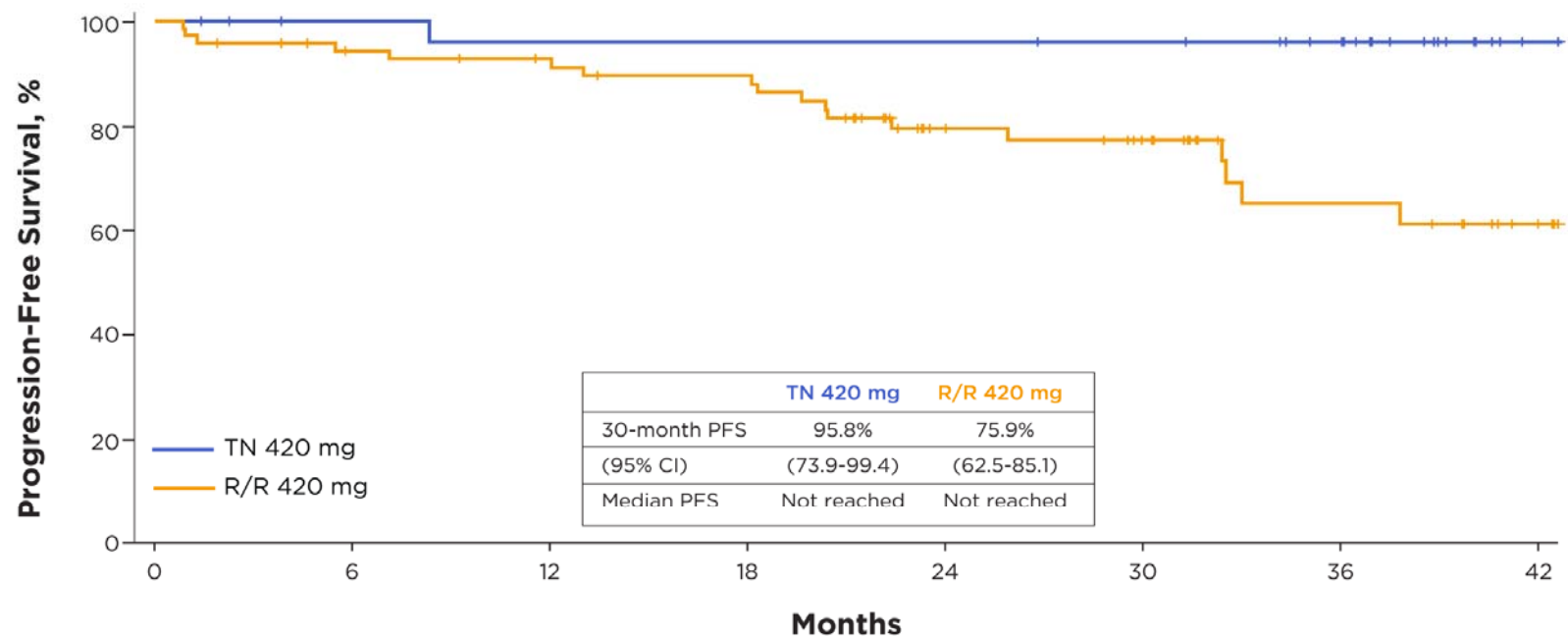


Patients > 65 years: $P = 0.170$

FCR not reached BR 48.5 months



Progression-Free Survival

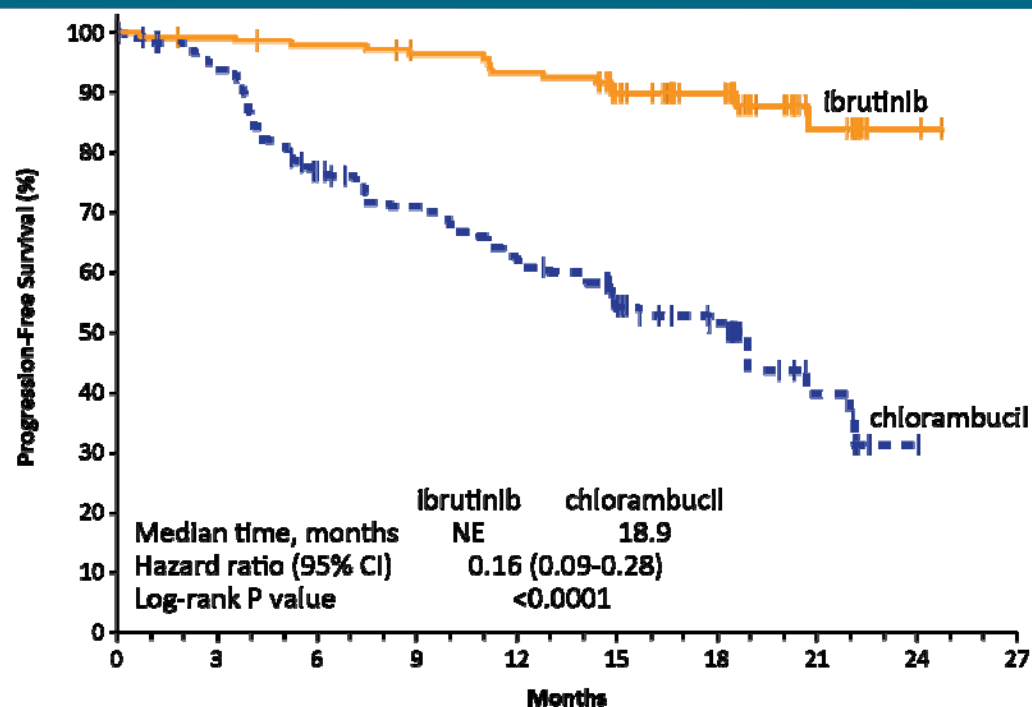


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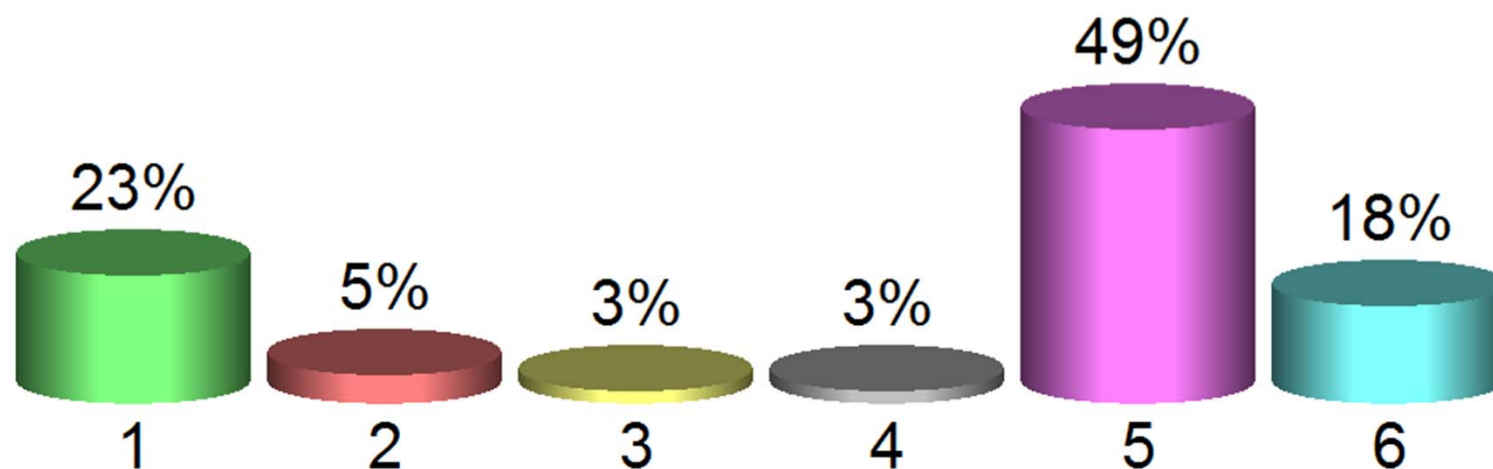
Summary

- **Well-tolerated oral therapies are not just for unfit patients.**
- **Only longer follow up of large studies will provide definitive data on continued efficacy and safety with ibrutinib.**
- **Randomized trial of FCR versus ibrutinib/rituximab fully enrolled.**

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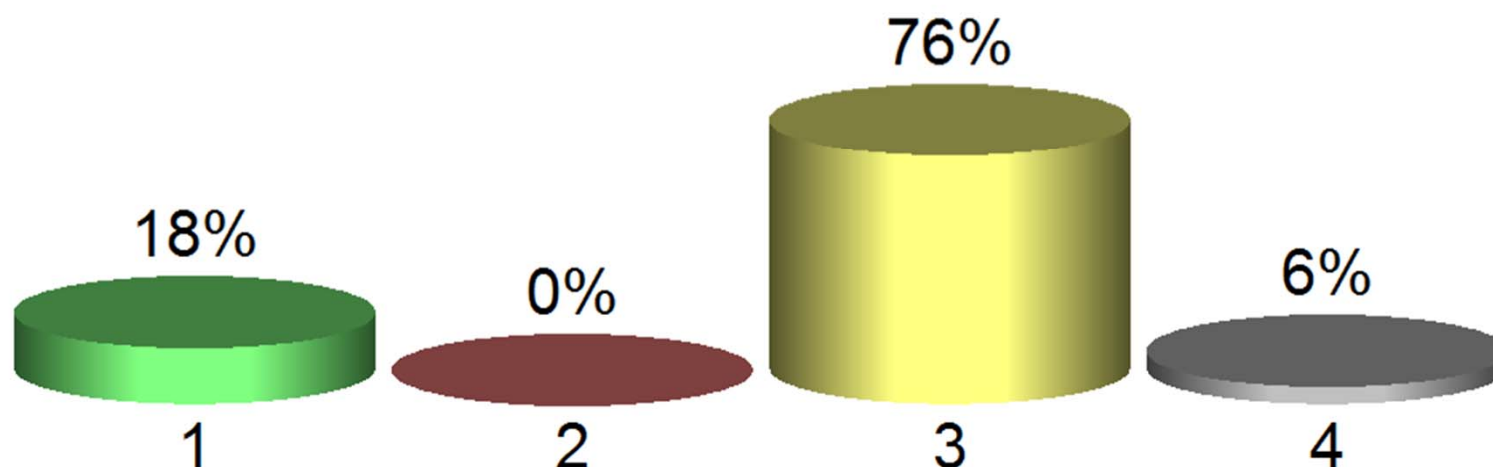
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SUGGESTED TREATMENT REGIMENS (in order of preference)

CLL/SLL without del(17p)/TP53 mutation

First line therapy

- **Frail patient with significant comorbidity (not able to tolerate purine analogs)**
 - Obinutuzumab + chlorambucil (category 1)
 - Ibrutinib (category 1)
 - Ofatumumab + chlorambucil
 - Rituximab + chlorambucil
 - Obinutuzumab (category 2B)
 - Rituximab (category 3)
 - Chlorambucil (category 3)
- **Age ≥65 y and younger patients with significant comorbidities**
 - Obinutuzumab + chlorambucil (category 1)
 - Ibrutinib (category 1)
 - Ofatumumab + chlorambucil
 - Rituximab + chlorambucil
 - Bendamustine (70 mg/m² in cycle 1 with escalation to 90 mg/m² if tolerated) ± rituximab
 - Obinutuzumab (category 2B)
 - Chlorambucil (category 3)
 - Rituximab (category 3)
- **Age <65 y without significant comorbidities**
 - Chemoimmunotherapy
 - ◊ FCR (fludarabine, cyclophosphamide, rituximab) (category 1)
 - ◊ FR (fludarabine, rituximab)
 - ◊ PCR (pentostatin, cyclophosphamide, rituximab)
 - ◊ Bendamustine ± rituximab
 - Ibrutinib

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SUGGESTED TREATMENT REGIMENS (in order of preference)

CLL/SLL with del(17p)/TP53 mutation

First-line therapy

- Ibrutinib
- HDMP + rituximab
- Obinutuzumab + chlorambucil (category 3)
- Alemtuzumab ± rituximab

Relapsed/Refractory therapy

- Ibrutinib
- Venetoclax
- Idelalisib + rituximab
- Idelalisib
- HDMP + rituximab
- Lenalidomide ± rituximab
- Alemtuzumab ± rituximab
- Ofatumumab
- OFAR

Second-line

Extended Dosing

- Ofatumumab maintenance (for complete or partial response after relapsed or refractory therapy) (category 2B)

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Weaknesses of RESONATE-2 and Challenges with First-line Ibrutinib

- Chlorambucil is an unreasonable comparator as standard of care
- Follow up time is short
- Population limited to age >65yrs
- Ibrutinib approved for relapsed / refractory CLL
- Challenges with first-line ibrutinib therapy
 - Ibrutinib therapy is continuous and costly
 - Associated toxicities, increased in elderly
 - Long-term side-effects unknown
 - Compliance issue

Multivariable Models for Cumulative Incidence of Ibrutinib Failure: Disease Progression and Toxicity

Variable	Event			
	Progression		Toxicity	
	HR (95% CI) ^a	P Value	HR (95% CI) ^a	P Value
Age, 10-y increase	NA	NA	1.87 (1.33-2.64)	<.001
No. of prior treatments, 1 unit increase	NA	NA	1.09 (1.00-1.19)	.054
<i>BCL6</i> abnormality, yes vs no	2.70 (1.25-5.85)	.01	NA	NA
Complex karyotype, yes vs no	4.47 (1.50-13.34)	.007	NA	NA

Abbreviations: HR, hazard ratio; NA, not applicable.

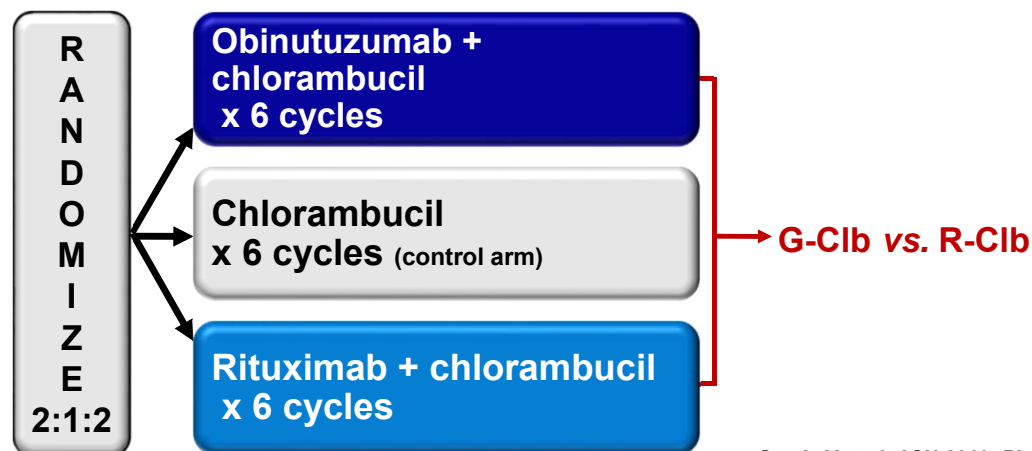
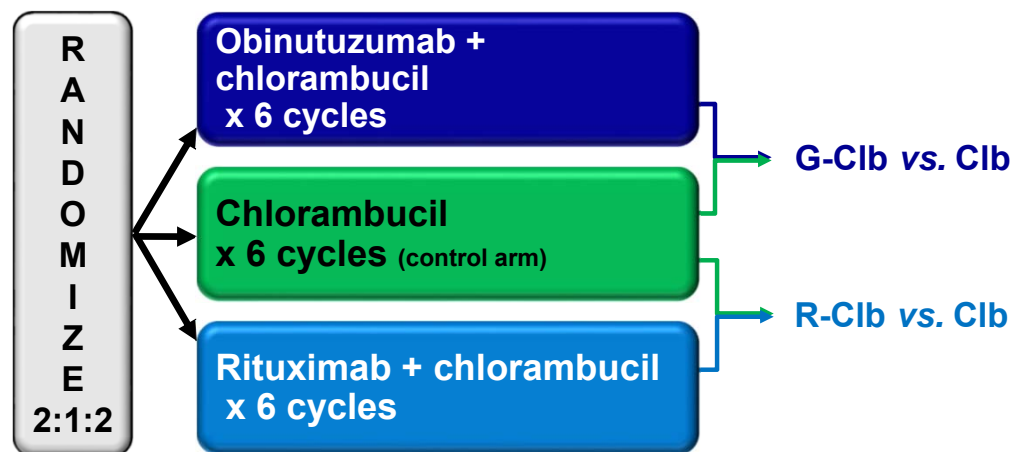
^a An HR greater than 1 (lower than 1) indicates a higher (lower) risk of an event for the first category listed for dichotomous variables or increasing values of continuous variables.

Maddocks, et al., JAMA Oncology 2015;1:80-87

First-line Chemoimmunotherapy (CIT) for CLL

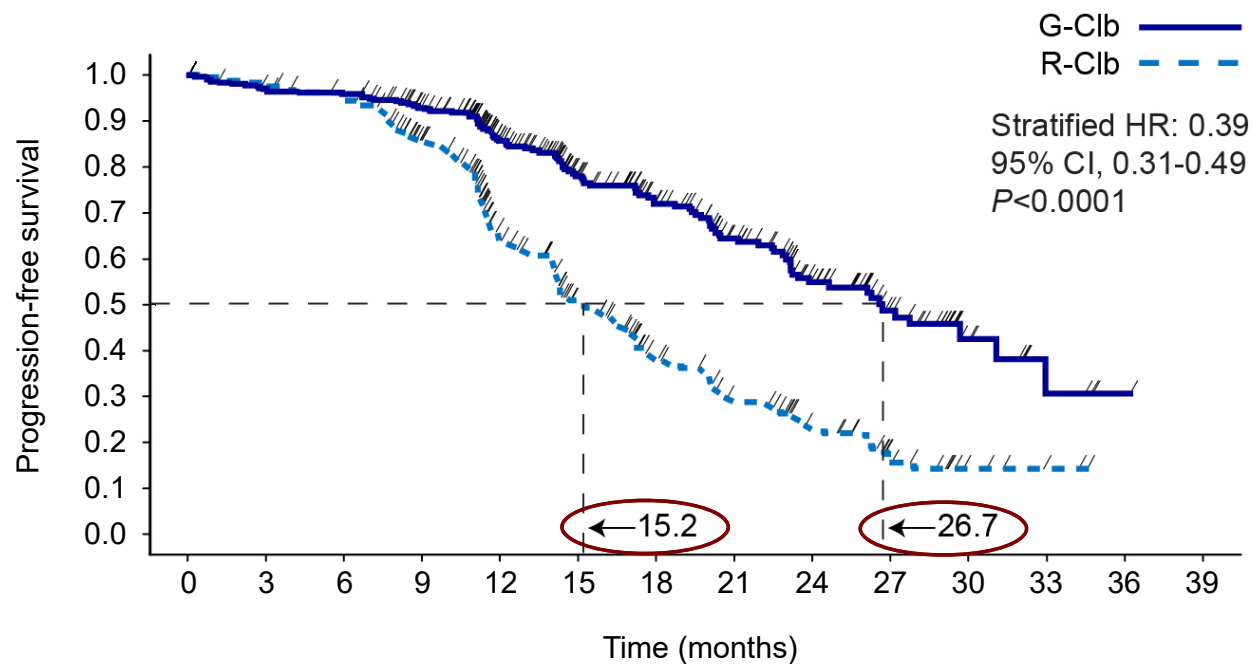
- Defined treatment period to achieve remission allowing for treatment-free period
- Intent of treatment
 - Prolong time-to-event endpoints; cure for subgroups?
- MRD-negative remission as treatment endpoint
 - Correlated with longer PFS and OS
 - Correlated with HR for PFS in randomized trials
 - Reflects “deeper” remission
 - Tool to help develop curative strategies

CLL11: Treatment comparisons



Goede V et al. ASH 2013; Plenary Abstract 6;
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CLL11: Progression-free survival (Head-to-Head)



No. at risk

Currently no significant difference in overall survival

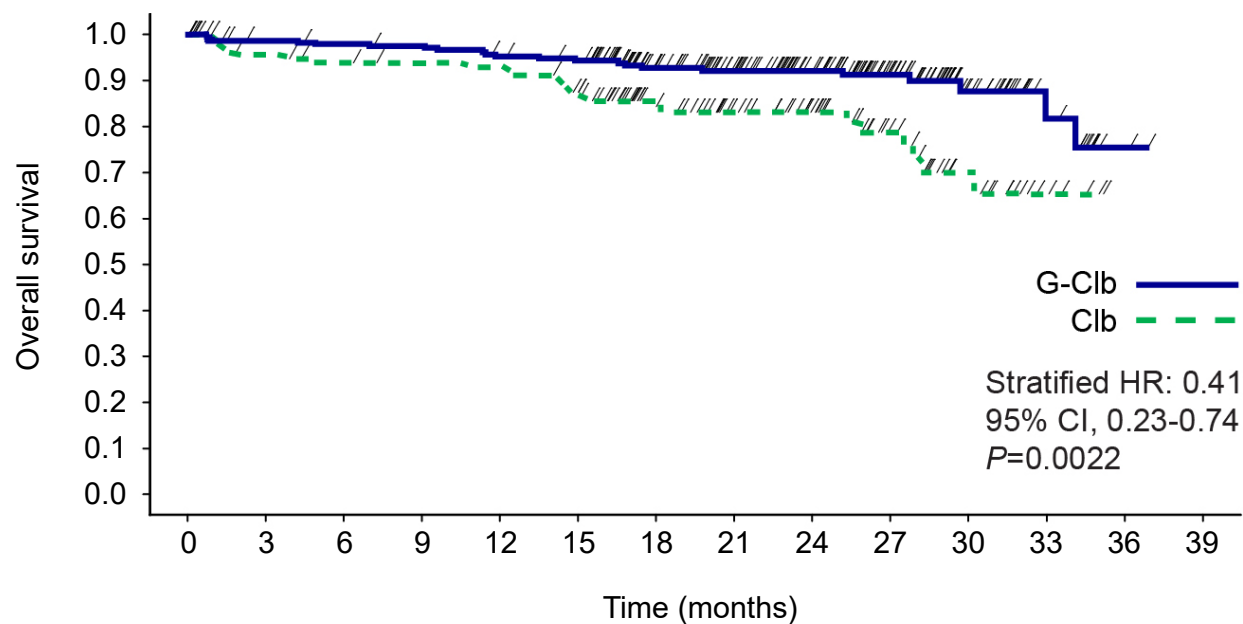
Median observation time: G-Clb, 18.8 months; R-Clb, 18.6 months

Type 1 error controlled through closed test procedure; P value of the global test was < 0.0001

Independent Review Committee-assessed progression-free survival (PFS) was consistent with investigator-assessed PFS

Goede V et al. ASH 2013; Plenary Abstract 6; Goede V et al. N Engl J Med 2014;370:1101-1111

CLL11: Overall survival (*Obinutuzumab*)



No. at risk

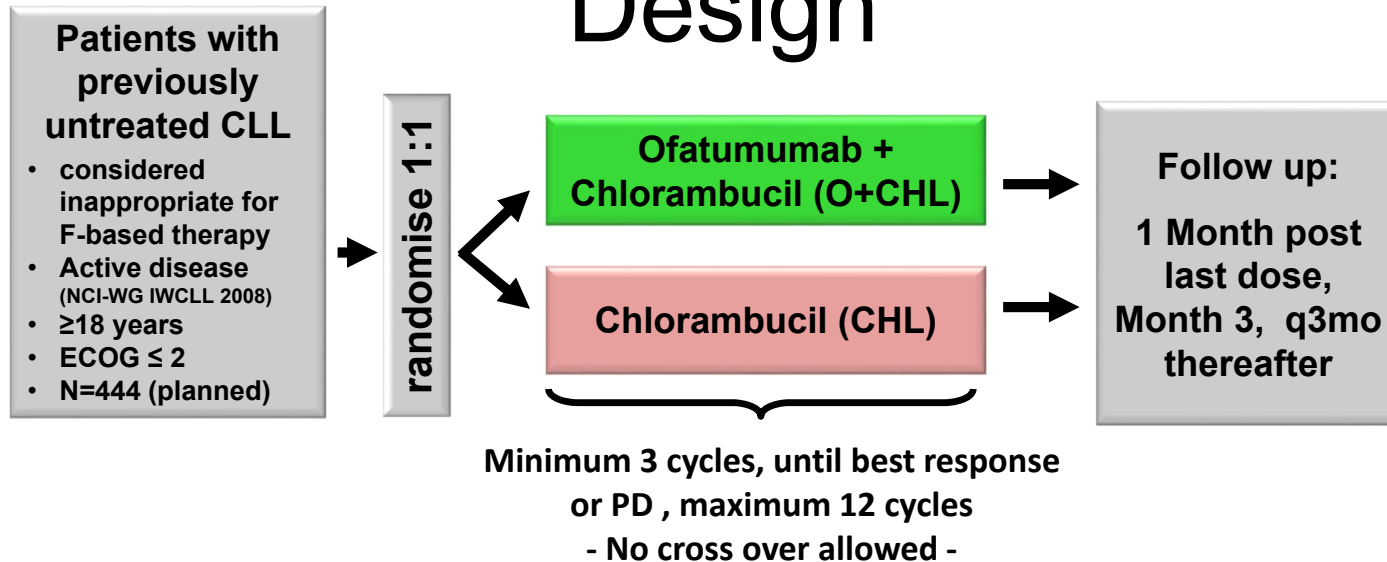
G-Clb:	238	226	223	221	215	211	170	144	115	71	34	14	2	0
Clb:	118	109	105	103	102	94	70	56	44	29	15	5	0	0

Total number of deaths: G-Clb, 22 (9%); Clb, 24 (20%)

Median observation time: G-Clb, 23.2 months; Clb, 20.4 months
No multiplicity adjustment was done for secondary endpoints

Goede V et al. ASH 2013; Plenary Abstract 6; Goede V et al. N Engl J Med 2014;370:1101-1111

COMPLEMENT 1: Study Design



O: cycle 1 d1 300 mg, d8 1000 mg, Cycle 2-12 d1 1000 mg every 28 days

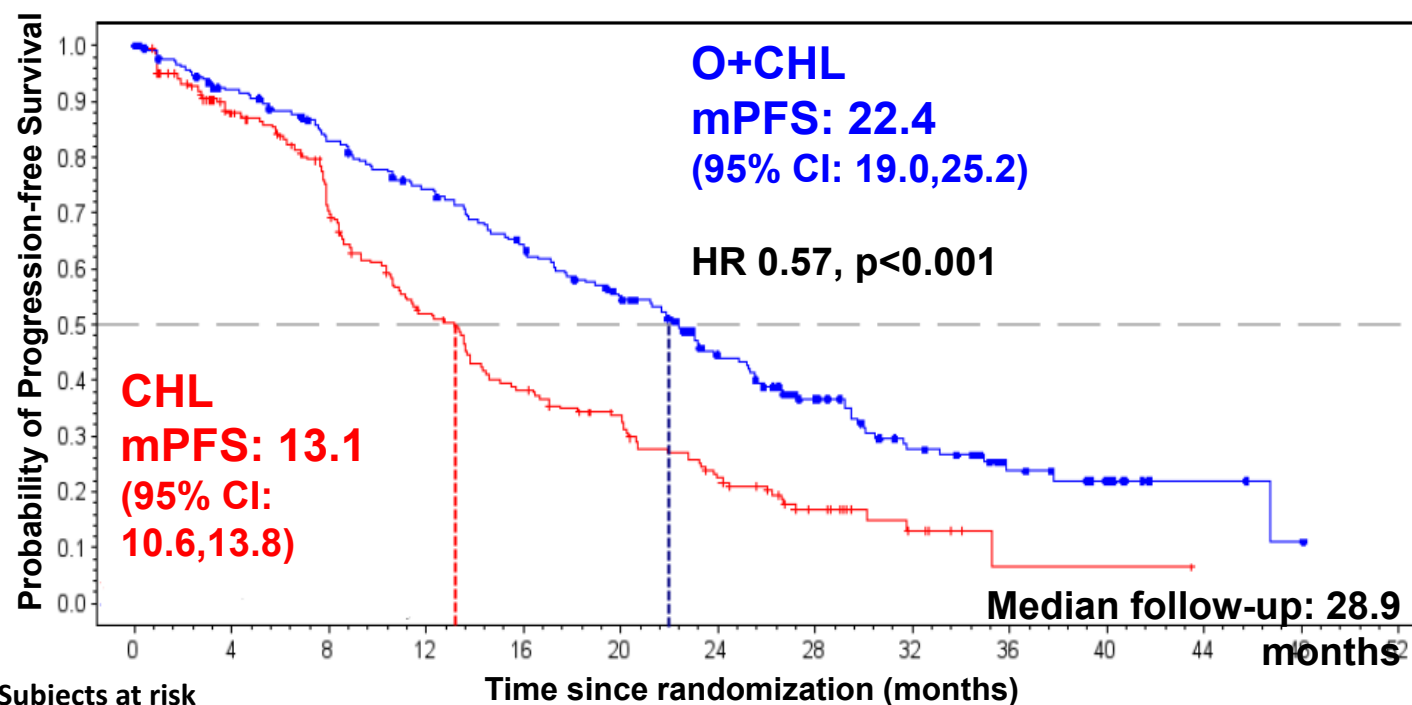
CHL: 10 mg/m² d1-7 every 28 days

Dose rationale: evidence of highest ORR and longest PFS with low toxicity compared to any other CHL monotherapy regimen

Hillmen et al. ASH 2013, Abstract 528.

Progression-free Survival

as assessed by an Independent Review Committee
(median [months])



Currently no difference in overall survival

Hillmen et al. ASH 2013, Abstract 528.

Bendamustine/Obinutuzumab for First-line CLL GREEN study: Baseline characteristics

<i>Characteristic</i>		<i>G-B cohort, N=158</i>
Age, years	Median	69.0
CIRS	Median	3.0
CrCl, mL/min	Median	71.5
Fitness status, n (%)	Fit*	74 (46.8%)
	Unfit†	84 (53.2%)
Binet stage, n (%)	A	50 (31.6%)
	B	60 (38.0%)
	C	48 (30.4%)
ALC baseline, n (%)	≥50 x 10 ⁹ /L	89 (56.3%)
Tumor bulk, n (%)	≥5cm	99 (62.7%)

*CIRS ≤6 and CrCl ≥70 mL/min; †CIRS >6 and/or CrCl <70mL/min

Stilgenbauer et al. ASH 2015, Abstract 493.

Bendamustine/Obinutuzumab for First-line CLL GREEN study: Response assessment

<i>Response, n (%)</i>	<i>G-B cohort, N=158</i>	<i>Fit patients*, n=74</i>	<i>Unfit patients†, n=84</i>
Overall response	124 (78.5%)	60 (81.1%)	64 (76.2%)
Complete response‡	51 (32.3%)	22 (29.7%)	29 (34.5%)
Partial response	73 (46.2%)	38 (51.4%)	35 (41.7%)
Stable disease	17 (10.8%)	8 (10.8%)	9 (10.7%)
Progressive disease	1 (0.6%)	0	1 (1.2%)
Missing	16 (10.1%)	6 (8.1%)	10 (11.9%)

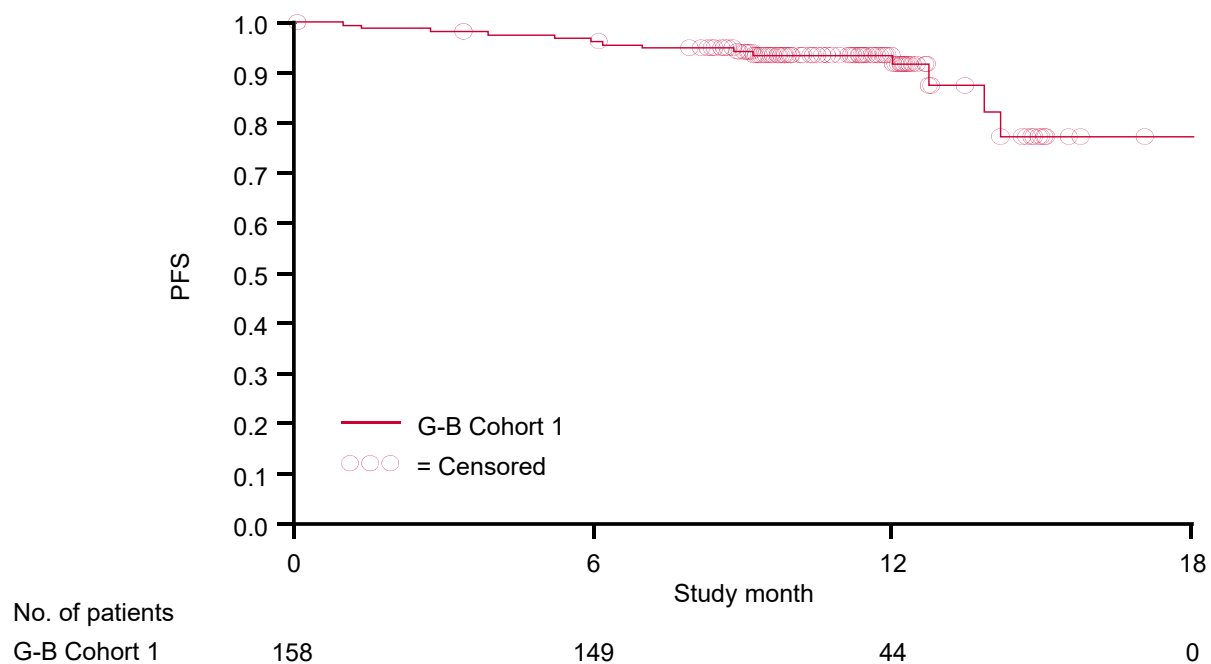
*CIRS ≤6 and CrCl ≥70mL/min; †CIRS >6 and/or CrCl <70mL/min; ‡including CRi (CR with incomplete marrow recovery)

Stilgenbauer et al. ASH 2015, Abstract 493.

Bendamustine/Obinutuzumab for First-line CLL

GREEN study: PFS

Median observation time 11.2 months (N=158)



[Stilgenbauer et al. ASH 2015, Abstract 493.](#)

Bendamustine/Obinutuzumab for First-line CLL GREEN study: : MRD-negativity rates

<i>Analysis population</i>	<i>Blood</i>	<i>Bone marrow</i>
ITT*	93/158 (58.9%)	45/158 (28.5%)
Intent-to-ship [†]	93/140 (66.4%)	45/140 (32.1%)
MRD evaluable [‡]	93/102 (91.2%)	45/64 (70.3%)

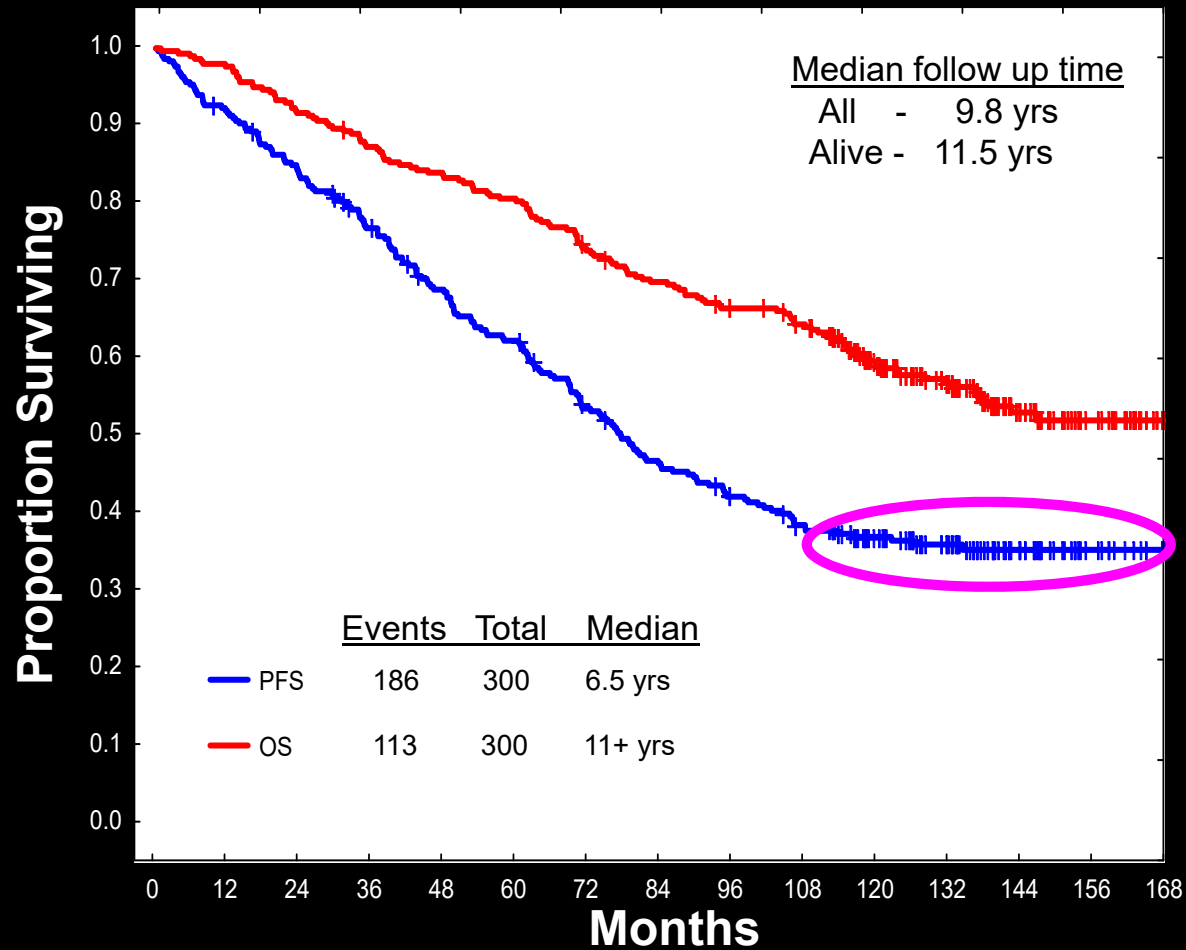
*all patients at all sites

[†]all patients at sites that could perform timely shipment of samples to allow delivery to the central laboratory in Kiel, Germany within 48 hours of being taken (sites unable to ship within 48 hours included those in Brazil, Canada, Korea, Mexico and Thailand)

[‡]as above, but including only those patients with evaluable samples at the end-of-treatment assessment

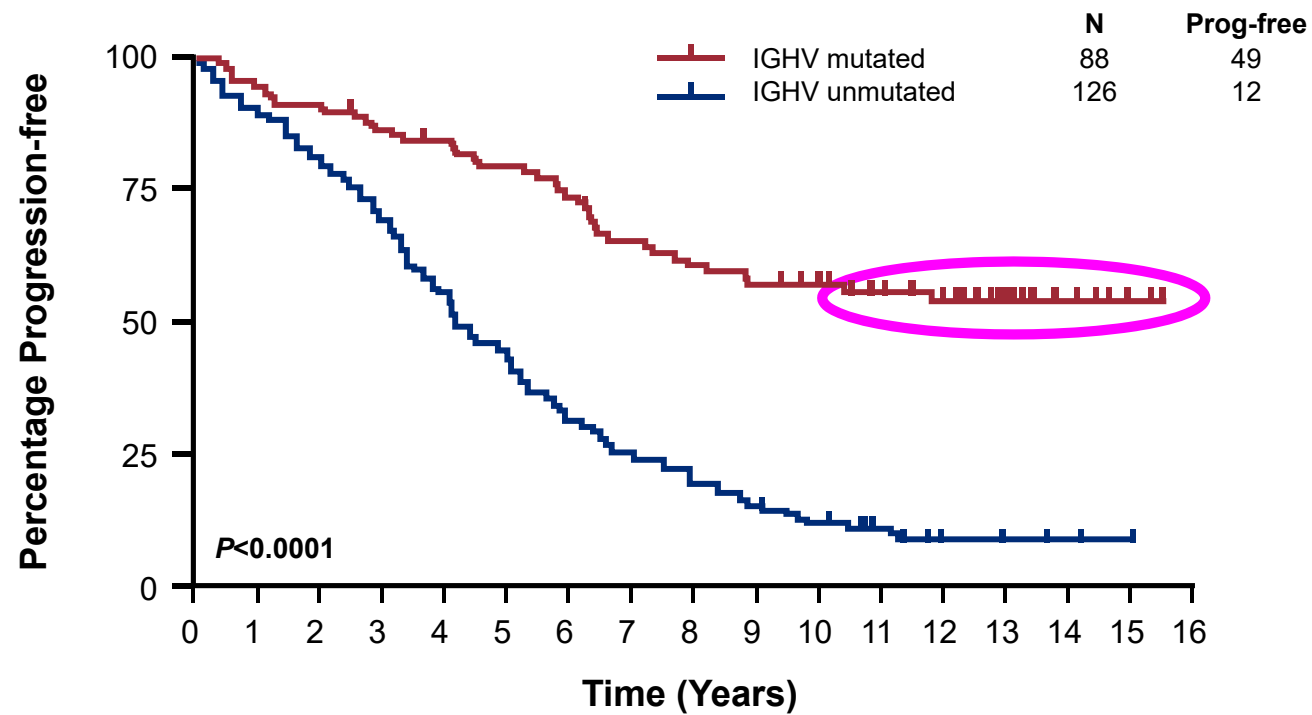
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FCR300: Progression-free & Overall Survival



MDACC Data, IWCLL 2013, Cologne

FCR300: PFS by IGHV Mutation Status



Thompson PA, et al. *Blood* 2016;127:303–309

First-line FCR: Prospective Evaluation of Prognostic Factors and MRD

Pretreatment characteristic		N	MRD negative, %	p-value
<i>IGHV</i>	Unmutated	115	47	0.006
	Mutated	78	71	
ZAP-70 IHC	Positive	129	55	0.252
	Negative	71	63	
CD38 ⁺	≥7%	134	57	0.51
	<7%	74	62	
FISH	del(17p)	15	27	0.04
	del(11q)	44	52	0.70
	+12	38	76	0.04
	None	41	70	0.12
	del(13q)	68	56	Ref

*Bone marrow evaluation by 4-color flow (sensitivity 0.01%).

Updated from: Strati P, et al. *Blood* 2014;123:3727–3732.

CLL10 STUDY: FCR VS BR IN FRONT-LINE

Design

Patients with untreated, active CLL without del(17p) and good physical fitness (CIRS ≤ 6 , creatinine clearance ≥ 70 ml/min)

Randomization

FCR

Fludarabine 25 mg/m² i.v., days 1-3
Cyclophosphamide 250 mg/m², days 1-3,
Rituximab 375 mg/m² i.v. day 0, cycle 1
Rituximab 500 mg/m² i.v. day 1, cycle 2-6

BR

Bendamustine 90mg/m² day 1-2
Rituximab 375 mg/m² day 0, cycle 1
Rituximab 500 mg/m² day 1, cycle 2-6

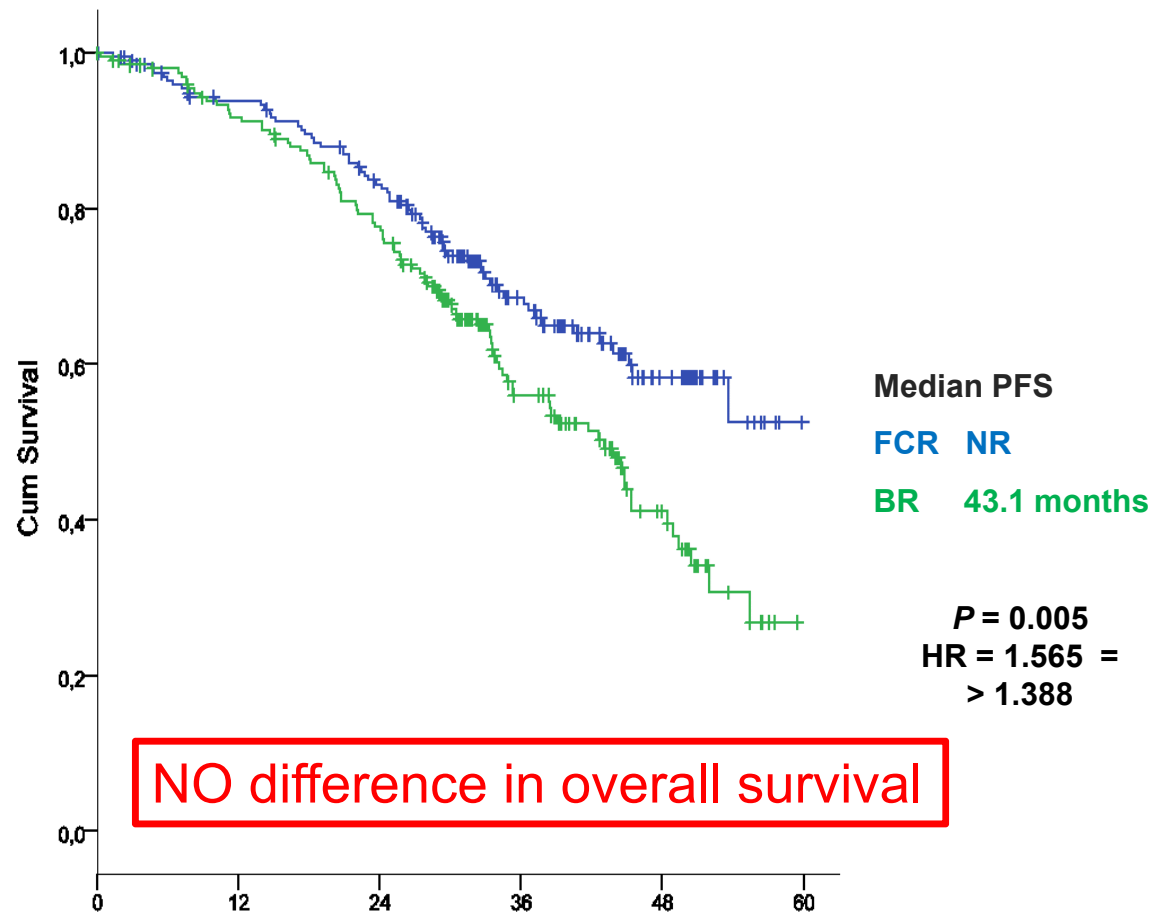
Non-Inferiority of BR in comparison to FCR for PFS:

HR (λ BR/FCR) less than 1.388

Eichhorst et al., ASH 2014, Abstract 19

CLL10 STUDY: FCR VS BR IN FRONT-LINE

PFS in IGHV matched population (n=398: FCR= 201; BR =197)

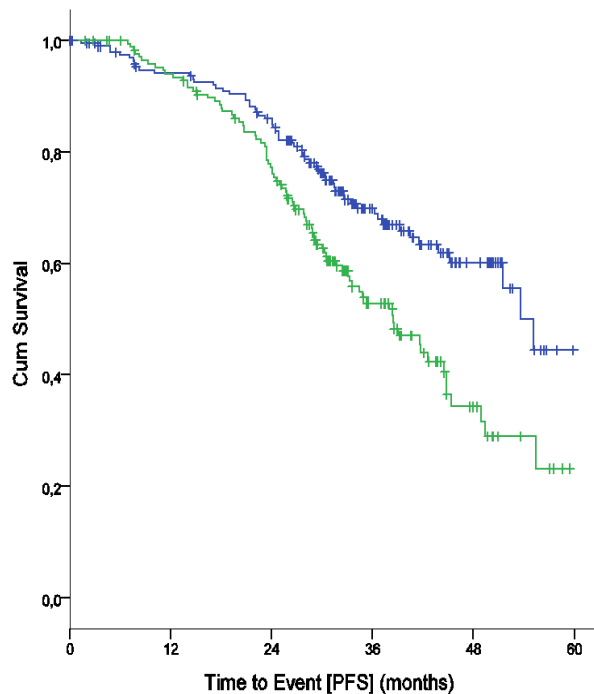


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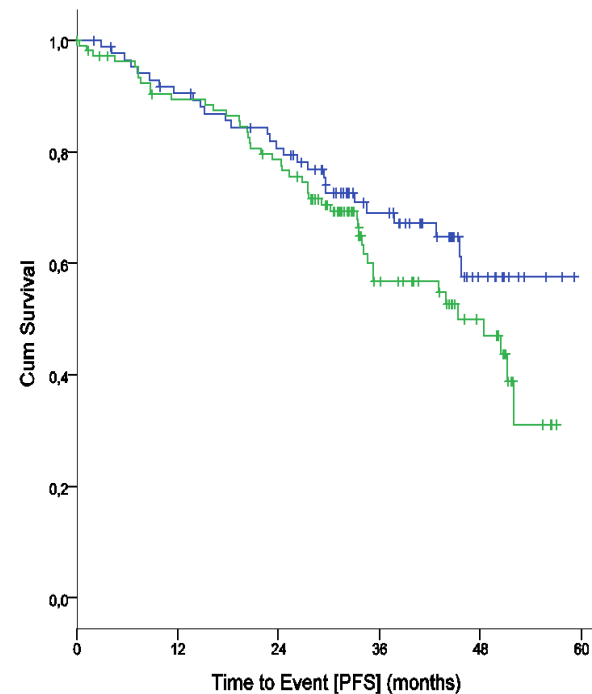
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Progression-free survival by age group

Patients ≤ 65 years: $P < 0.001$
FCR 53.6 months BR 38.5 months



Patients > 65 years: $P = 0.170$
FCR not reached BR 48.5 months



Eichhorst et al., ASH 2014, Abstract 19

CLL10 STUDY: FCR VS BR IN FRONT-LINE

Infections CTC 3-4 in detail

Adverse event	FCR (% of pt)	BR (% of pt)	p value
All Infections	39.1	26.8	<0.001
Infections during therapy only	22.6	17.3	0.1
Infections during first 5 months after therapy	11.8	3.6	<0.001
All infections in patients ≤ 65years	35.2	27.5	0.1
All infections in patients > 65years	47.7	20.6	<0.001

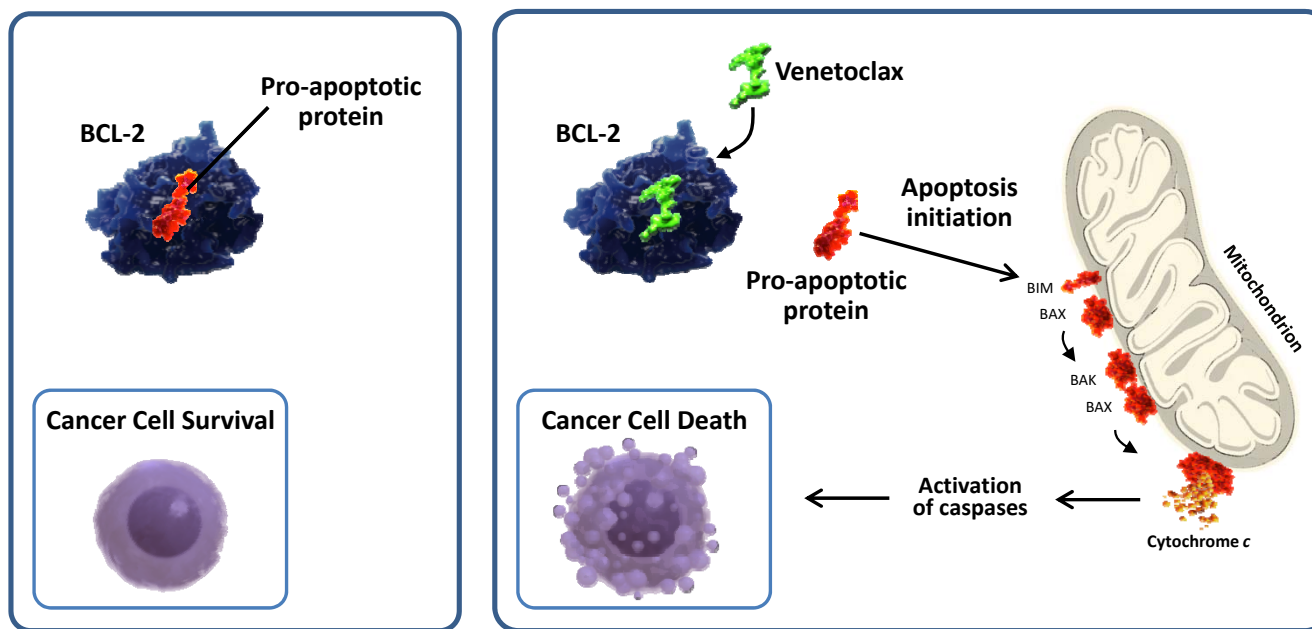
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Challenges with First-line CIT

- Myelosuppression and risk for infection
- Immune deficiency and risk for infection
- Risk for secondary MDS and AML
- Risk for Richter's transformation
- Potential selection of high-risk cytogenetics

Venetoclax is a BCL-2 Selective Inhibitor

Restoration of apoptosis through BCL-2 inhibition

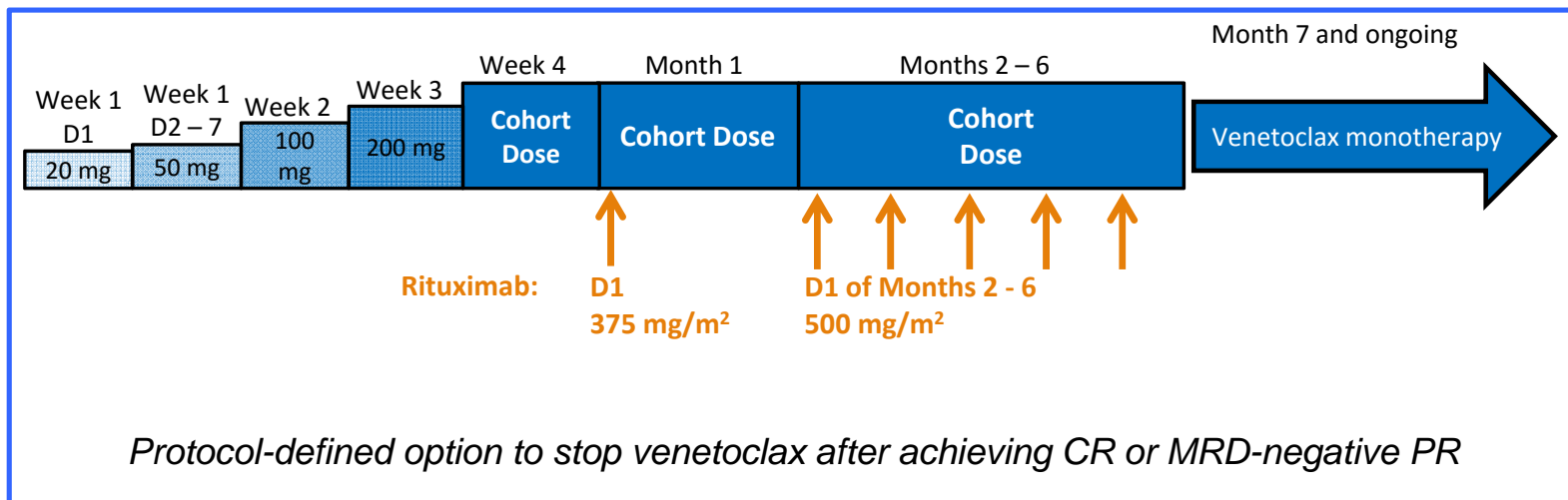


BCL-2 overexpression allows cancer cells to evade apoptosis by sequestering pro-apoptotic proteins

Venetoclax binds selectively to BCL-2, freeing pro-apoptotic proteins that initiate programmed cell death (apoptosis)

Dosing Schedule of Venetoclax and Rituximab

Final Escalation Strategy:



Dose escalation phase: 200, 300, 400, 500, 600mg/day cohorts (n = 41)

Safety expansion phase: 400mg/day cohort (n = 8)

Data pooled for these safety and efficacy analyses

Ma et al. ASH 2015; Abstract 830

Multivariate Analysis of R/R CLL/SLL in Phase 1 Studies of Venetoclax ± Rituximab – Outcomes

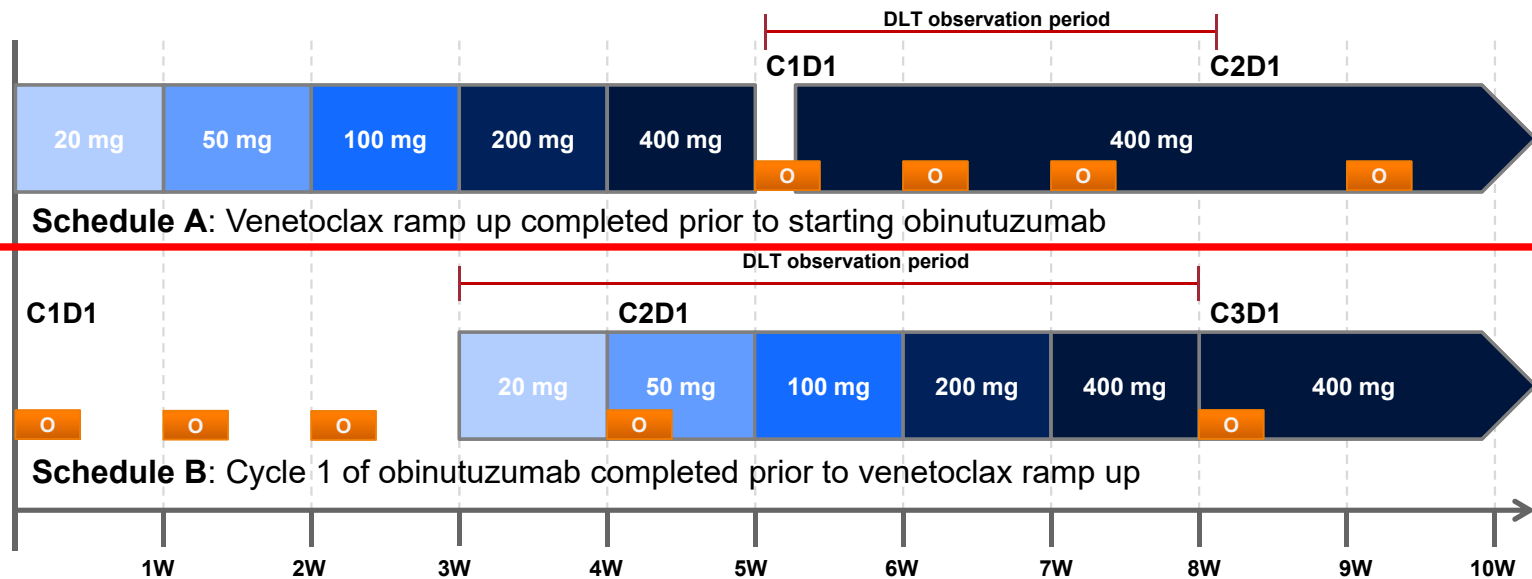
Response, n/N (%)	ORR		CR/CRi	
	Ven + R	Ven	Ven + R	Ven
Best objective response	42/49 (86)	92/116 (79)	25/49 (51)	23/116 (20)
Subgroups				
Prior therapies ≥3	16/21 (76)	52/72 (72)	9/21 (43)	13/72 (18)
Lymph node size >5 cm	18/22 (82)	52/67 (78)	9/22 (41)	5/70 (7)
Del17p	8/9 (89)	22/31 (77)	6/9 (67)	5/31 (16)
Del11q	17/20 (85)	23/28 (82)	5/20 (25)	3/28 (11)
Age ≥70 years	17/22 (77)	24/34 (71)	11/22 (50)	7/34 (21)
Dose ≥400 mg	28/33 (85)	72/87 (83)	18/33 (55)	18/87 (21)
Multivariate Analysis	ORR Odds Ratio* (95% CI); P Value (n=157)		CR Odds Ratio† (95% CI); P Value (n=129)	
			DOR HR for Relapse (95% CI); P Value (n=105)	
Ven + R vs. Ven	1.14 (.43-3.02); .79		6.13 (2.44-15.44); .0001	
Prior therapies <3 vs ≥3	4.58 (1.62-12.91); .004		NS	
Lymph node size ≤5 cm vs >5 cm	NS		3.50 (1.39-8.84); .008	
11q, not deleted vs deleted	NS		.36 (.15-.84); .02	
17p, not deleted vs deleted	NS		2.96 (1.04-8.43); .04	
Age, continuous variable	NS		NS	
Dose of Ven, >400 mg vs 400 mg	NS		.42 (.18-.95); .04	
			1.72 (.62-4.76); .29	

*Responders vs non-responders; †CR/CRi vs all other patients.

Roberts et al. EHA 2016. Abstract P209

Venetoclax + Obinutuzumab for CLL

Venetoclax Ramp-Up and Dosing Schedule



C, cycle; D, day; DLT, dose-limiting toxicity; O, obinutuzumab infusion; w, study week.

- Obinutuzumab dosing schedule: C1D1: 100 mg, C1D2: 900 mg, C1D8 and 15: 1000 mg, C2-6D1: 1000 mg
- Venetoclax and obinutuzumab administered in combination through the end of Cycle 6 followed by venetoclax monotherapy
- Continuous dosing of venetoclax until progression in R/R patients or <2 years in 1L patients

[Flinn et al. ASH 2015, Abstract 494.](#)

Venetoclax + Obinutuzumab for CLL

Preliminary Efficacy

n (%)	R/R patients (N=22)	1L patients (N=6)
Best ORR	21/22 (95.5)	6/6 (100)
CR/CRi	4/22 (18.2)	3/6 (50)
PR/nPR	17/22 (77.3)	3/6 (50)
SD/PD	0 (0)	0 (0)
Discontinued Prior to Assessment ^a	1/22 (4.5)	0 (0)
Peripheral blood MRD rates ^b, n (%)	R/R patients	1L patients
MRD negative	9/22 (40.9)	1/6 (16.7)
MRD positive	5/22 (22.7)	3/6 (50)
Undetermined ^c	8/22 (36.4)	2/6 (33.3)

CR, complete remission; CRi, complete remission with incomplete marrow recovery; MRD, minimal residual disease; nPR, nodular partial remission; ORR, overall response rate; PD, progressive disease; PR, partial remission; R/R, relapsed/refractory; SD, stable disease.

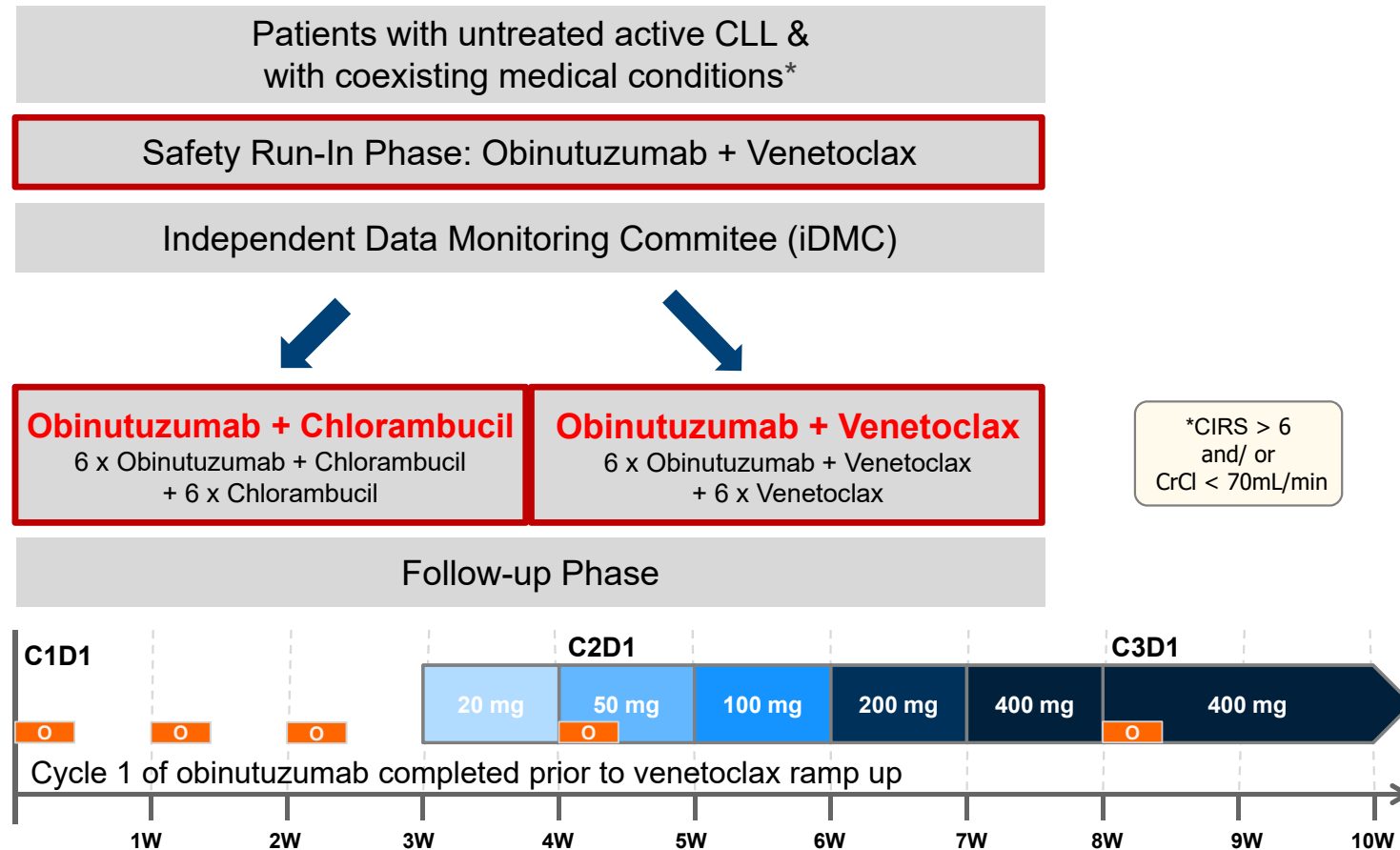
^a 1 patient discontinued study secondary to adverse event prior to starting combination therapy.

^b MRD was assessed by four-color flow cytometry; in eight patients MRD was assessed in the marrow, two of whom were MRD negative.

^c Undetermined indicates sensitivity of test not < 10⁻⁴ however, 9/10 of these patients had no CLL cells detected.

[Flinn et al. ASH 2015, Abstract 494.](#)

GCLLSG CLL14 DESIGN



Fischer et al. ASH 2015, Abstract 496.

GCLLSG CLL14 CLINICAL RESPONSE ASSESSMENT

N=12

After 3 cycles	
ORR	92%
PR	92%
SD	8%

After 6 cycles		%
ORR		100%
PR		100%

[Fischer et al. ASH 2015, Abstract 496.](#)

NCCN 2017 Guidelines – First-line for non-del(17p) CLL

- **Age \geq 65 yr and younger with comorbidities**

- Obinutuzumab + chlor. (cat 1)
- Ibrutinib (cat 1)
- Ofatumumab + chlor. (cat 2A)
- Rituximab + chlor. (cat 2A)
- Bendamustine \pm rituximab (2A)
- Obinutuzumab (cat 2B)
- Chlorambucil (cat 3)
- Rituximab (cat 3)

- **Age $<$ 65 yr**

- Chemoimmunotherapy
 - FCR (cat 1)
 - FR (cat 2A)
 - PCR (cat 2A)
 - B \pm R (cat 2A)
- Ibrutinib (cat 2A)

Next Treatment Advances for CLL

- Effective chemotherapy-free treatment
- Effective “consolidation” strategy for patients on BTK-I that would allow treatment-free interval
- Effective “maintenance” strategy that doesn’t require daily treatment
- Cure with no/limited toxic effects
- Immune reconstitution
 - Eliminating CLL-related infectious complications
 - Eliminating CLL-related second cancers
 - Eliminating CLL-related autoimmune disorders

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