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## NOVITÀ IN EMATOLOGIA:

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la sostenibilità

# Nuove terapie ed indicazioni nella leucemia linfatica cronica

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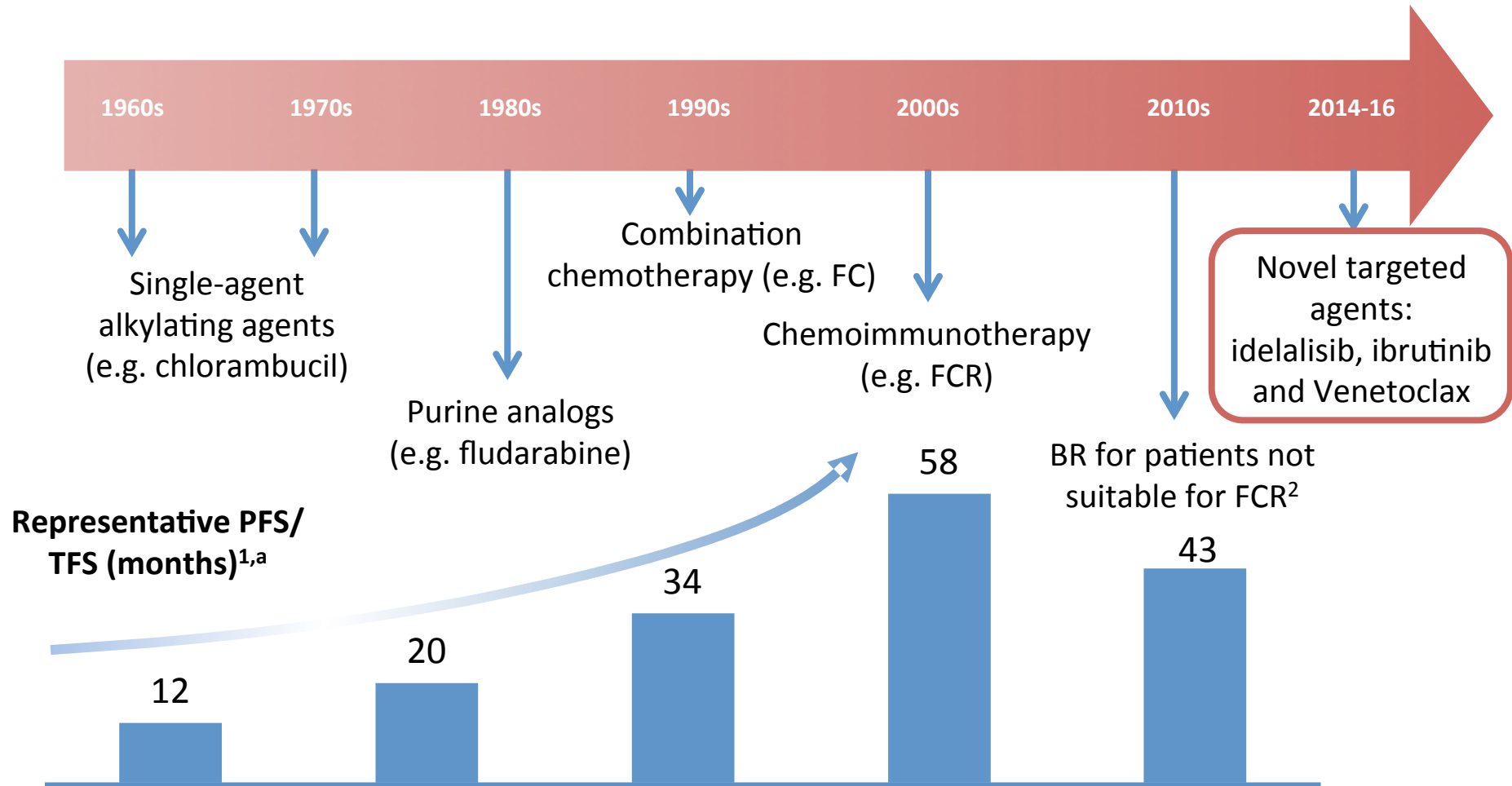
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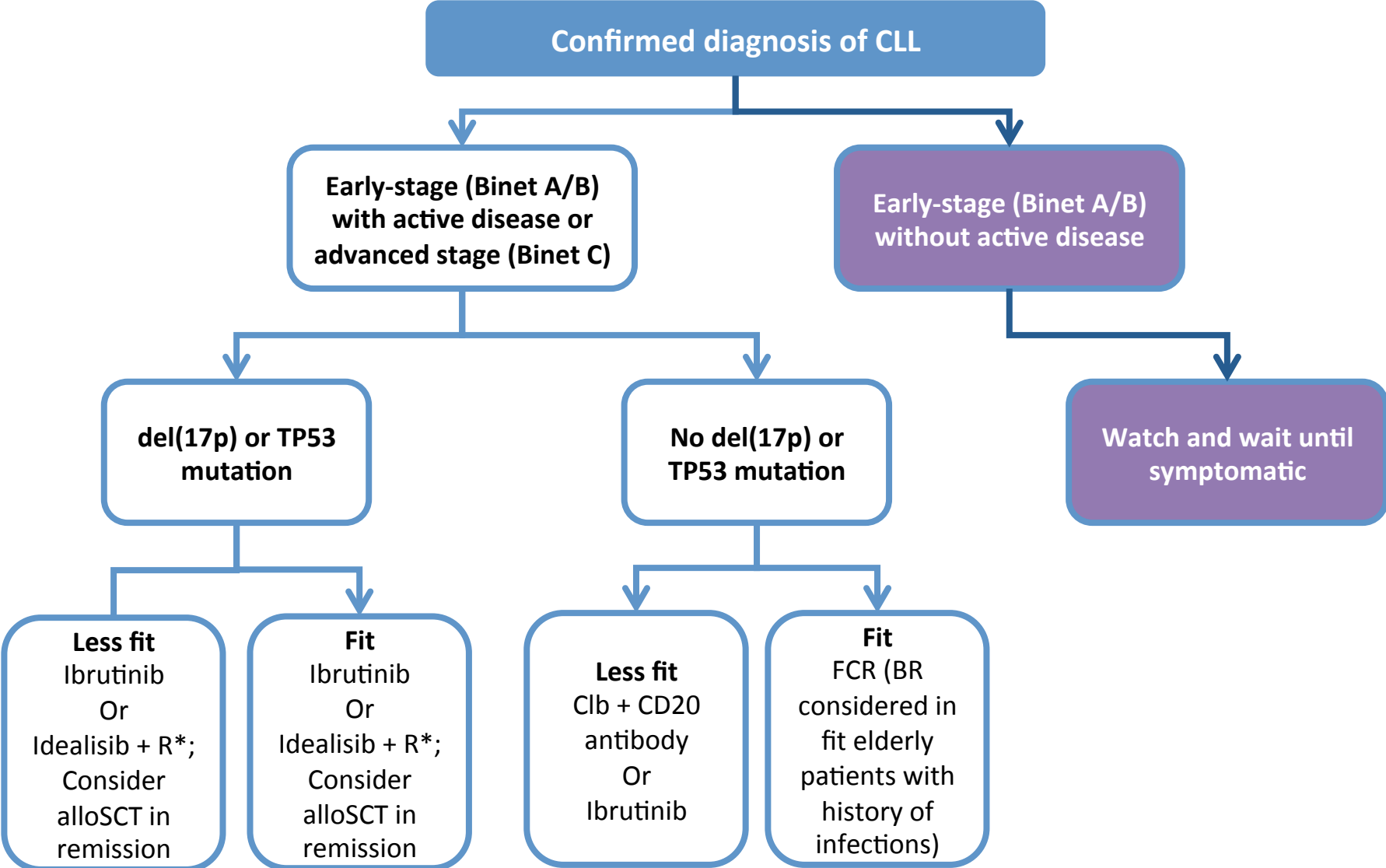
# CLL treatment has evolved over multiple decades



<sup>a</sup> PFS representative only; cannot be used to compare regimens directly because results are drawn from across trials with different patient characteristics  
 B: bendamustine; C: cyclophosphamide; CIT: chemoimmunotherapy;  
 CLL: chronic lymphocytic leukemia; F: fludarabine; PFS: progression-free survival; R: rituximab

1. Shanafelt T. *Hematology Am Soc Hematol Educ Program* 2013; 2013:158–167.  
 2. Eichhorst B, et al. ASH 2014 (Abstract 19; oral presentation).

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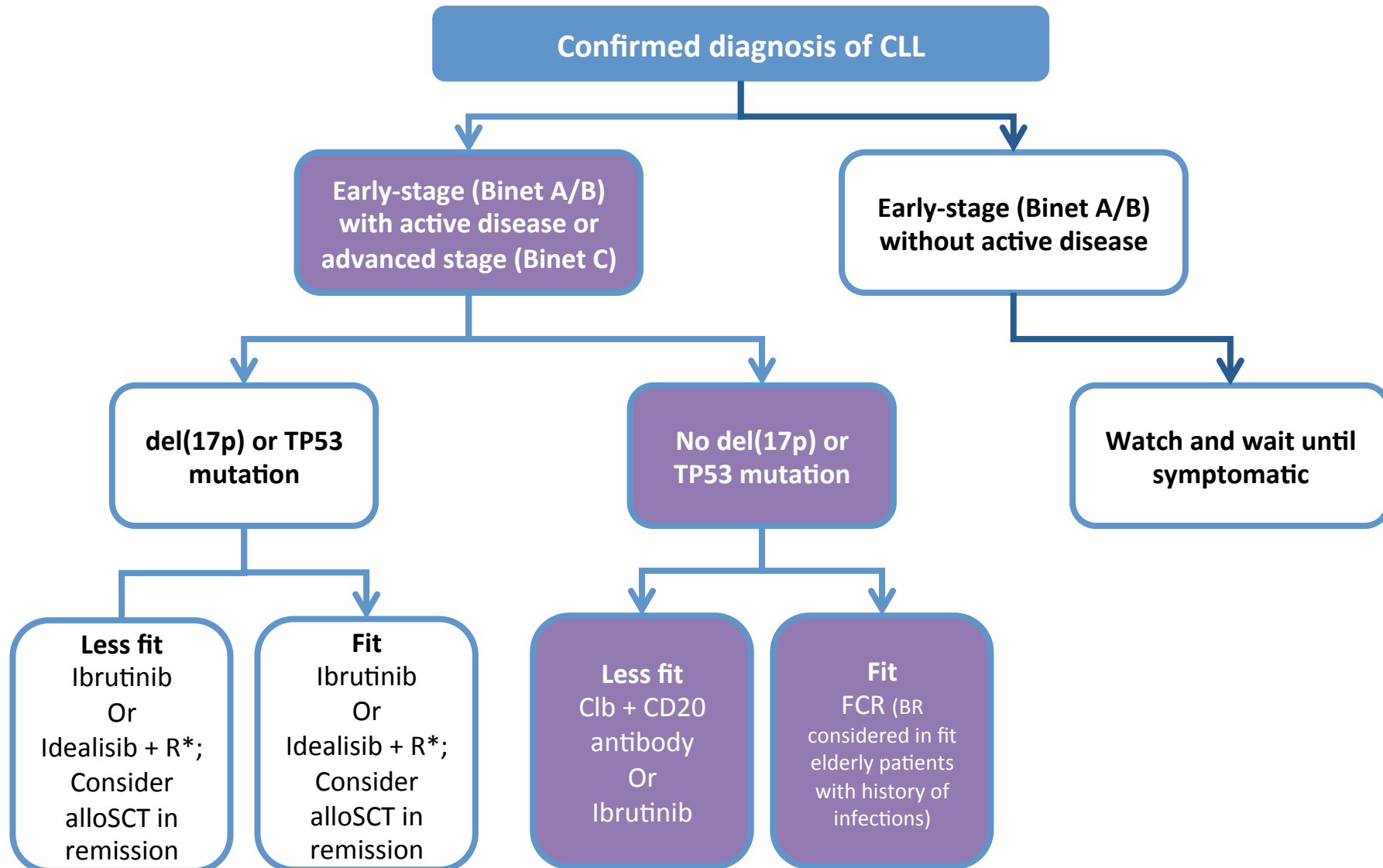
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## Second line treatment decisions

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- **Disease relapse is not a criterion** to re-start therapy unless the disease is progressive and symptomatic
- **Second-line** treatment decisions should follow the **same indications** as those used for **first-line** treatment

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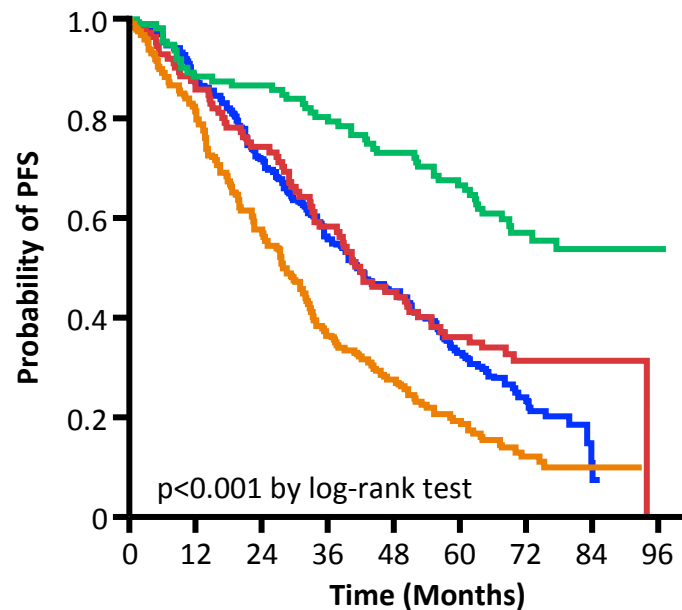


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# Long term remissions with FCR

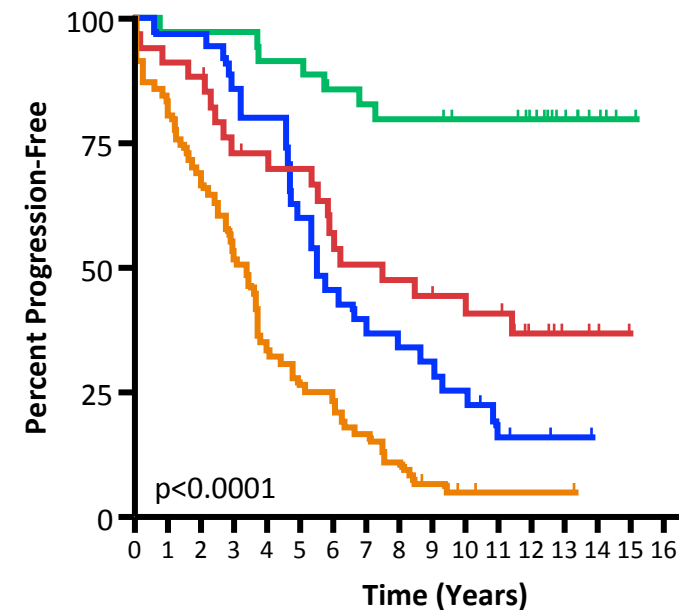
## CLL8<sup>1</sup>

|                      | N   |
|----------------------|-----|
| FCR IGHV M patients  | 113 |
| FC IGHV M patients   | 117 |
| FCR IGHV UM patients | 197 |
| FC IGHV UM patients  | 195 |



## MDACC<sup>2</sup>

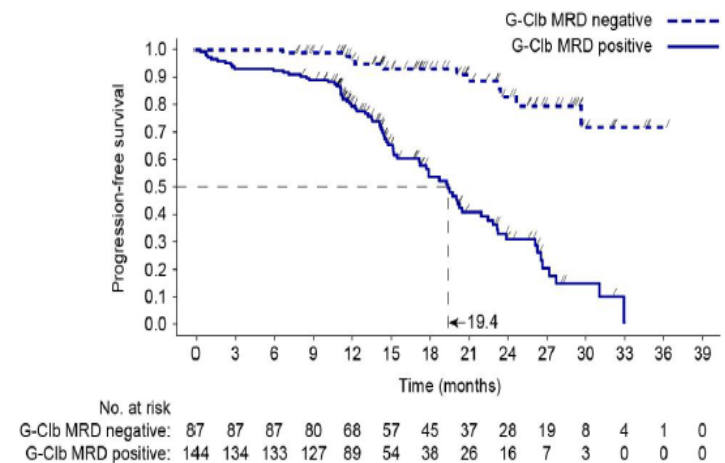
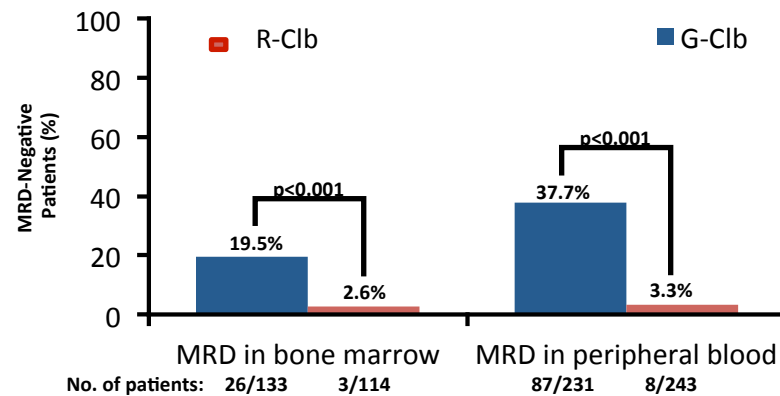
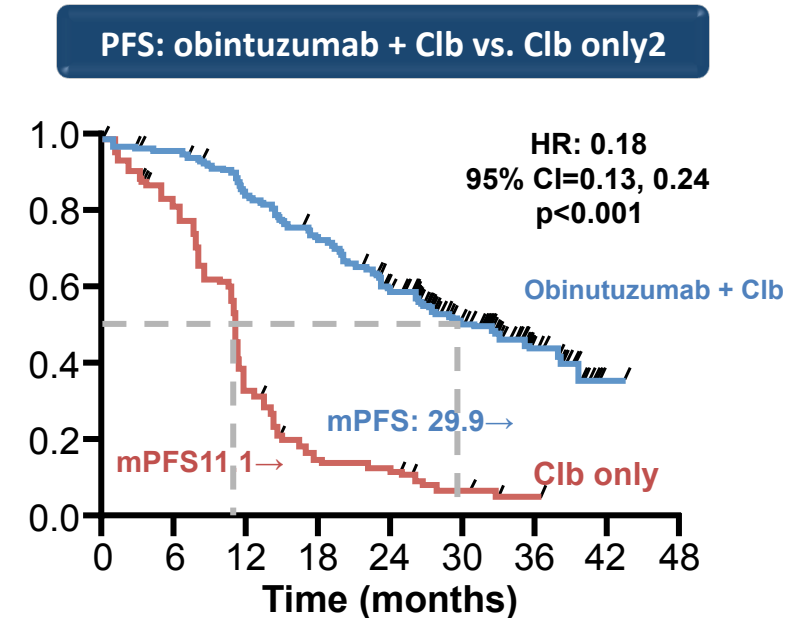
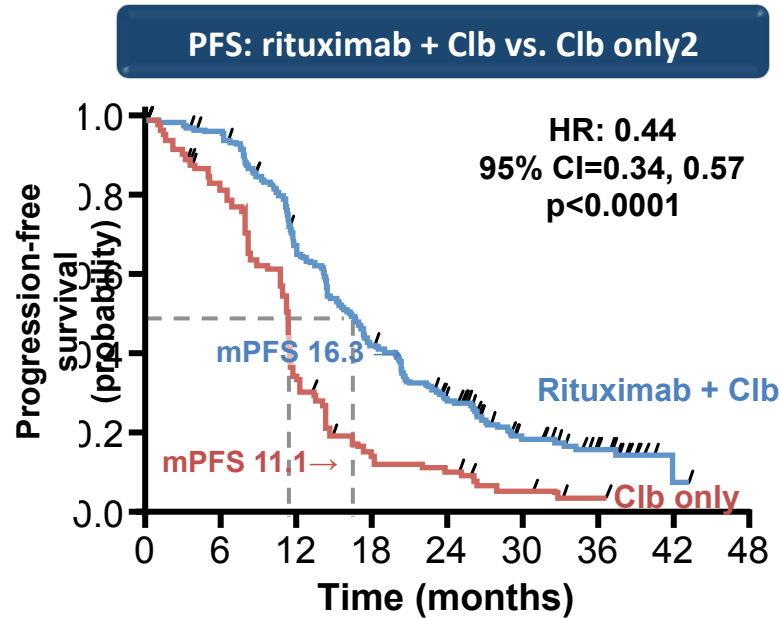
|                  | N  |
|------------------|----|
| IGHV-M, MRD neg  | 35 |
| IGHV-M, MRD pos  | 34 |
| IGHV-UM, MRD neg | 35 |
| IGHV-UM, MRD pos | 66 |



IGHV, immunoglobulin heavy chain; M, mutated;  
MDACC, MD Anderson Cancer; UM, unmutated.

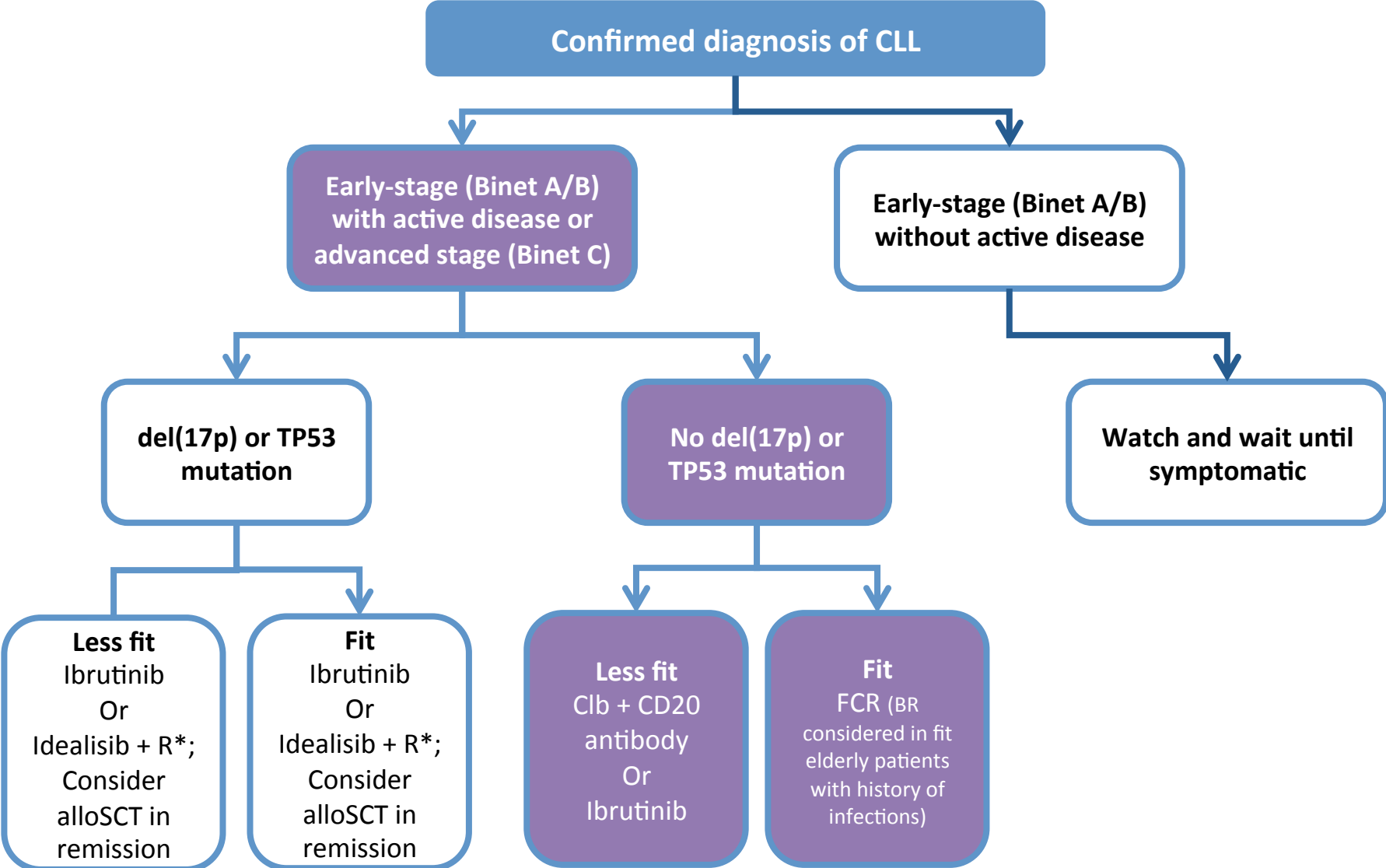
1. Fischer K, et al. *Blood* 2016; 127:208–215;  
2. Thompson PA, et al. *Blood* 2016; 127:303–309.

# CLL11: Phase III, randomized, open-label, multicenter trial in elderly patients with comorbidities (N=781)



NR, No response; TFS, treatment-free survival.  
\*Peripheral blood at first restaging.

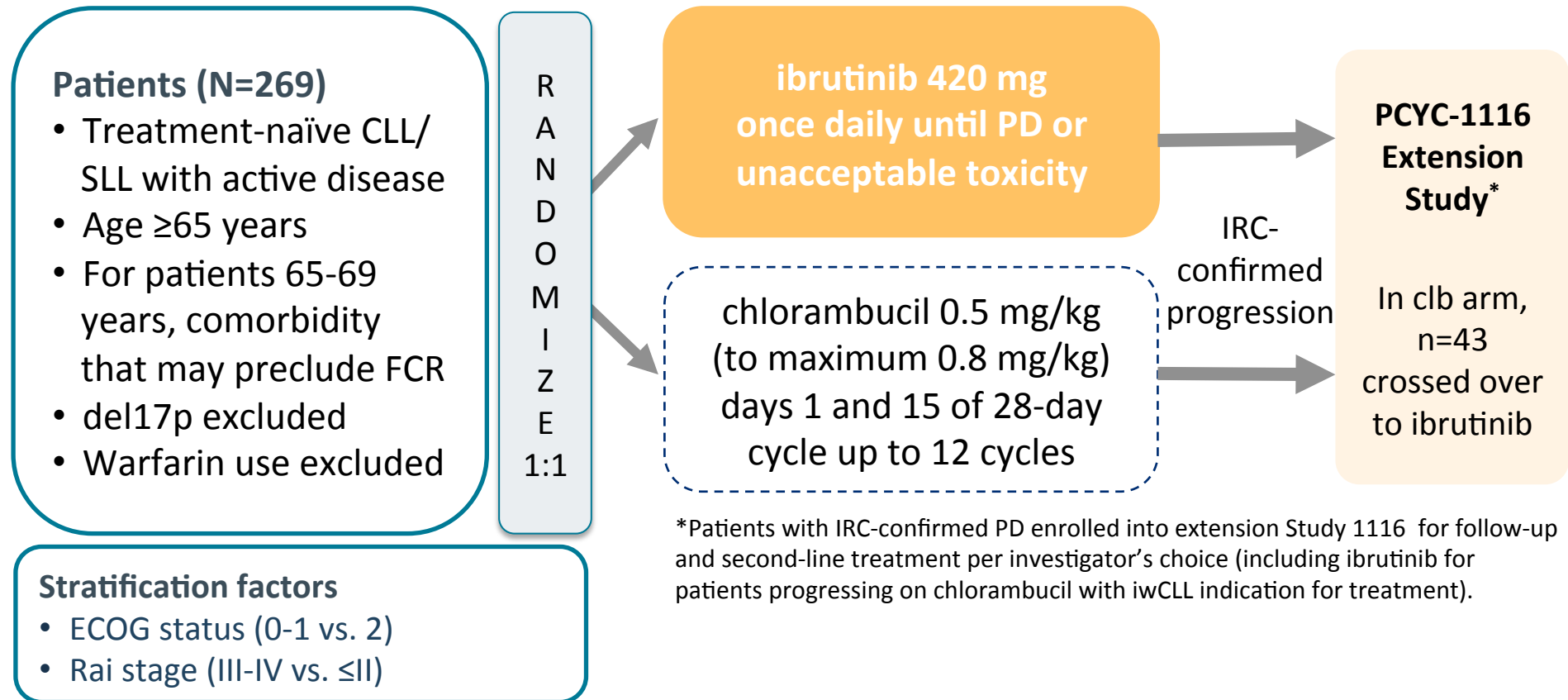
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# RESONATE-2 (PCYC-1115) Study Design

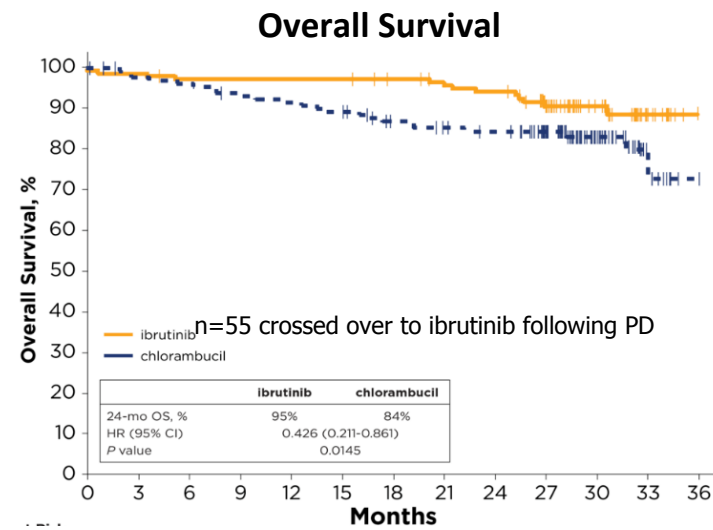
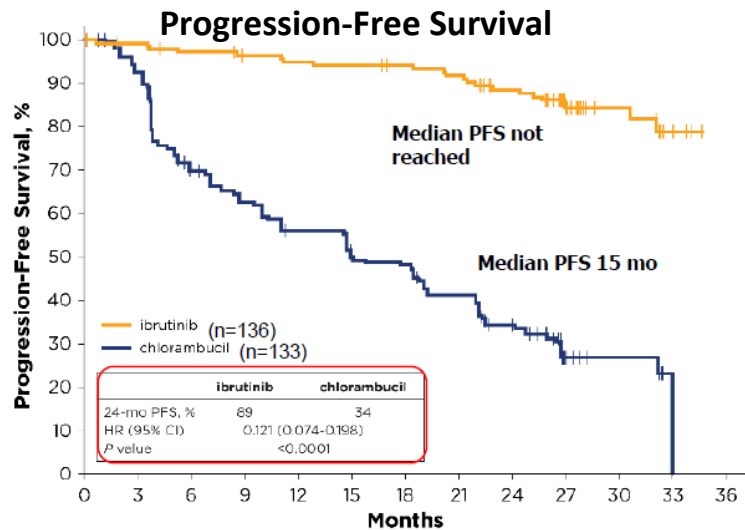
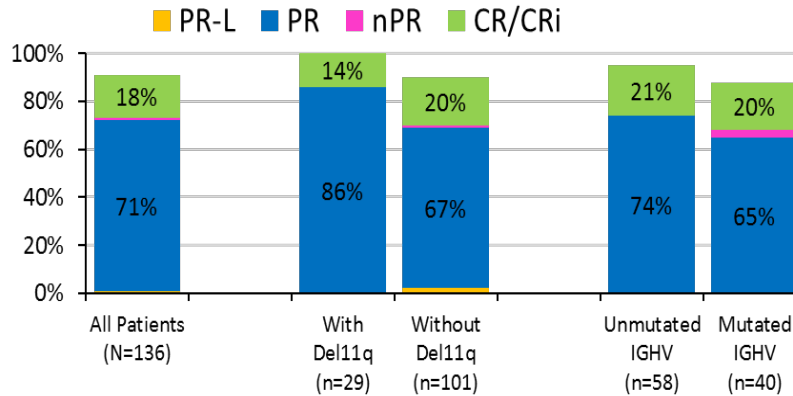


- Phase 3, open-label, multicenter, international study
- **Primary endpoint:** PFS as evaluated by IRC (2008 iwCLL criteria)<sup>1,2</sup>
- **Secondary endpoints:** OS, ORR, hematologic improvement, safety

# Updated Efficacy and Safety from the Phase 3 Resonate-2 Study: Ibrutinib As First-Line Treatment in Patients ≥65 Years with CLL/SLL

**ibrutinib (n=136)** vs **chlorambucil (n=133)**  
 follow-up 18,4 months → 29 months

**CR rates continue to improve:**  
**7% @12 mo → 15% @24 mo → 18% @ 29 mo**



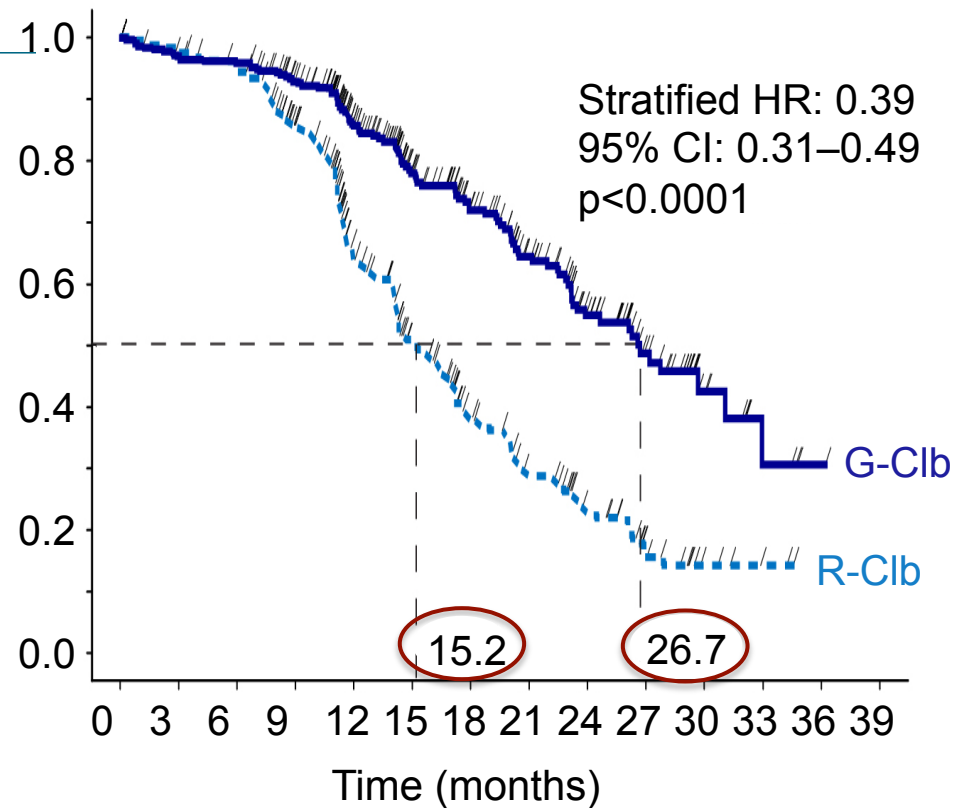
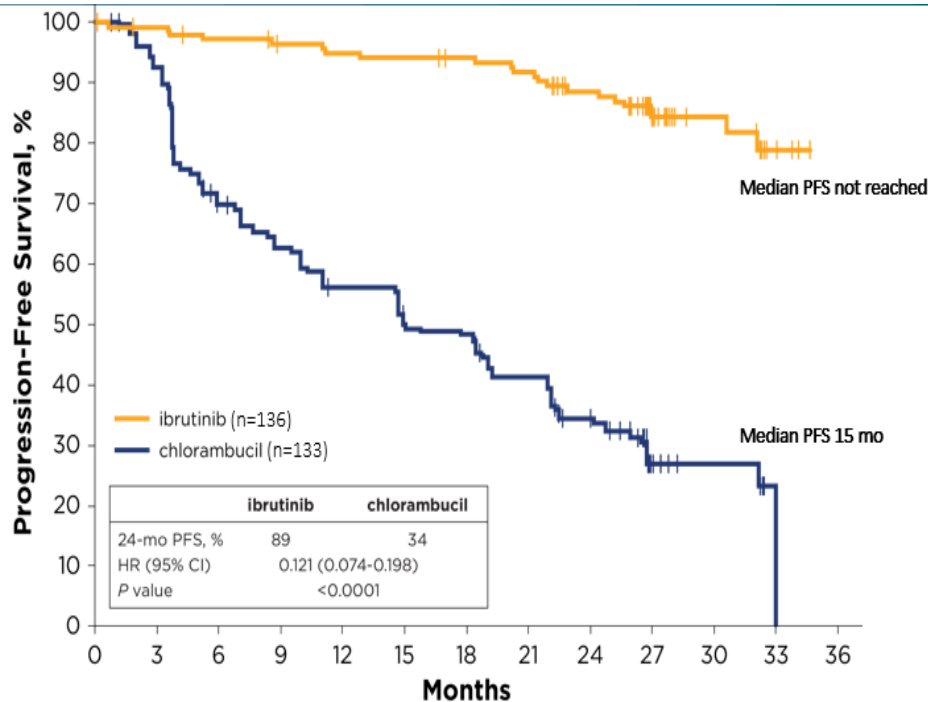
- PFS @ 18 mo: 90% → PFS @ 24 mo: 89%
- PFS benefit across all sub-groups
- (Fit patients: median PFS FCR → 55 mo; BR → 42 mo)

# Are We Harming Our Patients without MRD?

RESONATE-2:  
Ibrutinib vs chlorambucil<sup>1</sup>

GCLLSG CLL11:  
Obinutuzumab + chlorambucil<sup>2</sup>

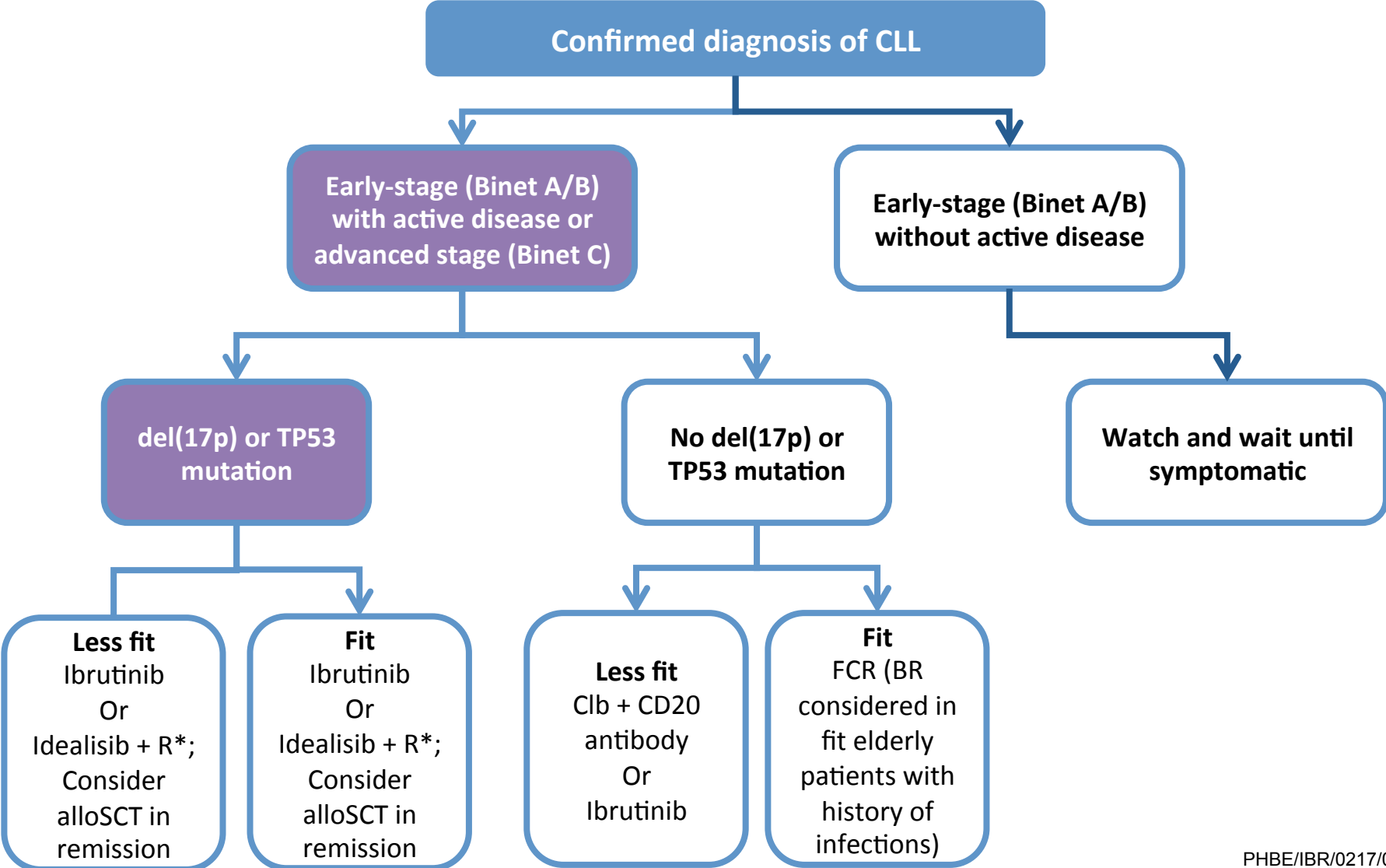
No MRD-negative cases were reported



- 88% reduction in the risk of progression or death for patients randomized to ibrutinib
- 41% of patients receiving chlorambucil have crossed over to receive ibrutinib

1. Barr et al., ASH 2016; 2. Goede V, et al. N Engl J Med 2014

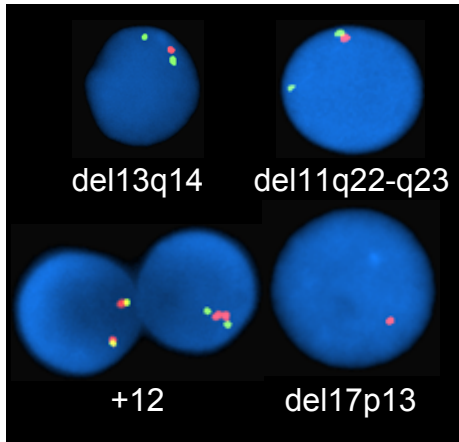
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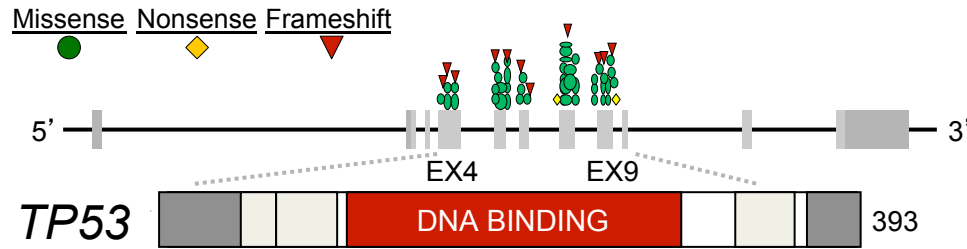
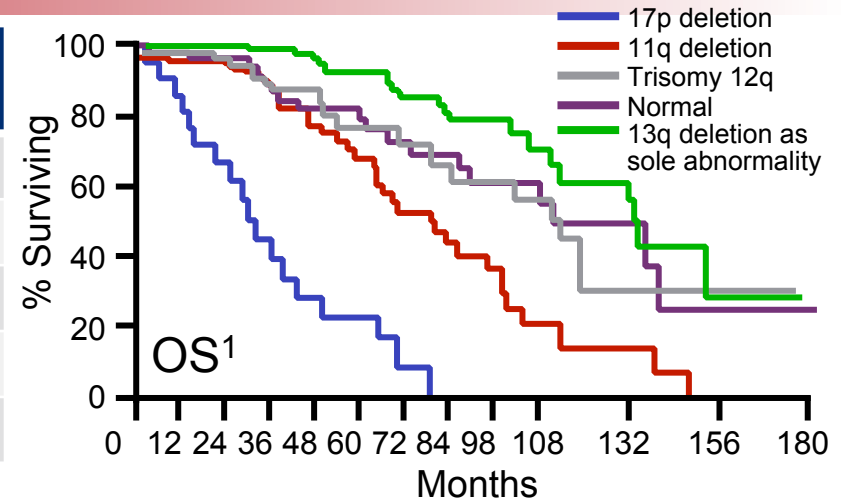
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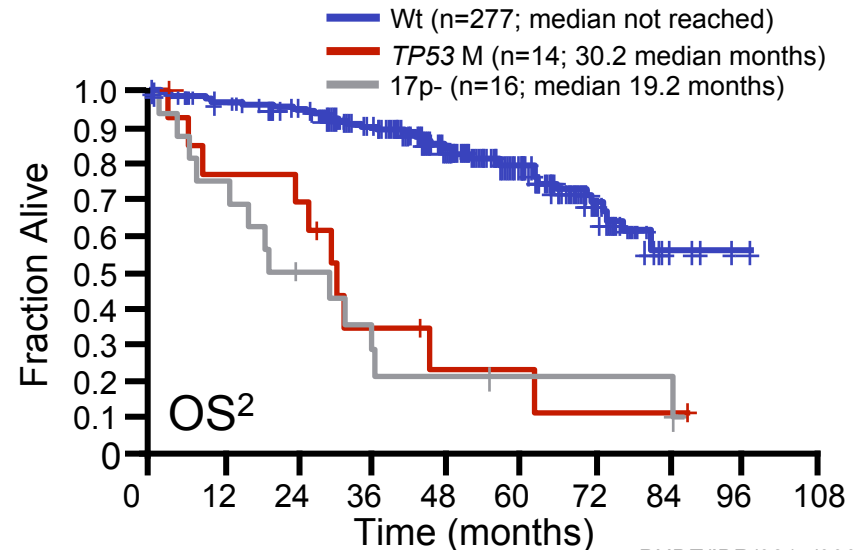
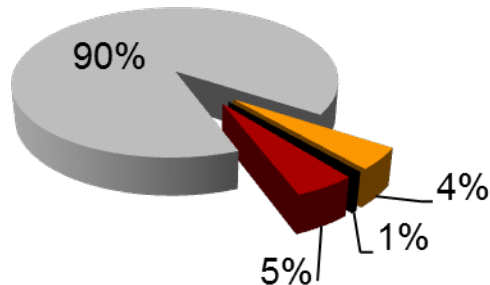
# TP53 disruption is associated with poor prognosis



| Aberration | Incidence (%) <sup>1</sup> | Median OS (months) <sup>1</sup> |
|------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 17p del    | 7                          | 32                              |
| 11q del    | 18                         | 79                              |
| +12        | 16                         | 114                             |
| Normal     | 18                         | 111                             |
| 13q del    | 55                         | 133                             |



- TP53 M
- 17p-
- TP53 M /17p-
- Wt



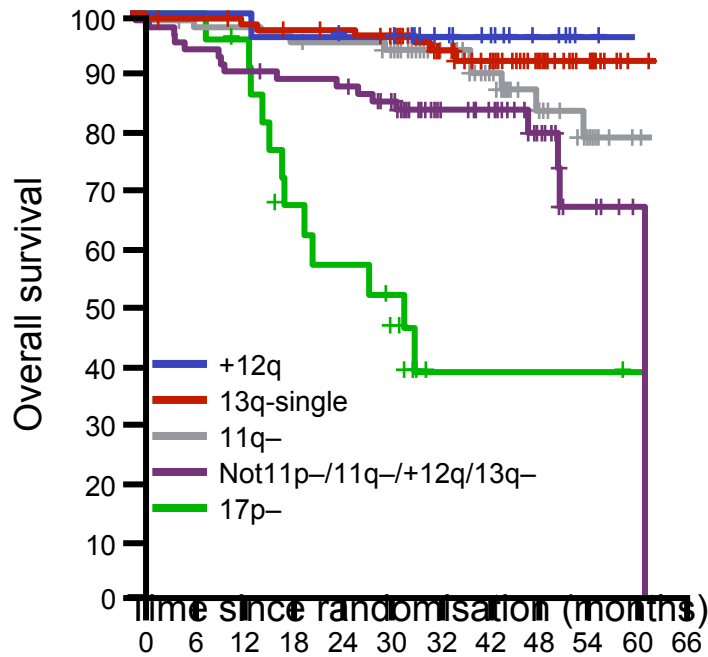
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Wt: wildtype; OS: overall survival

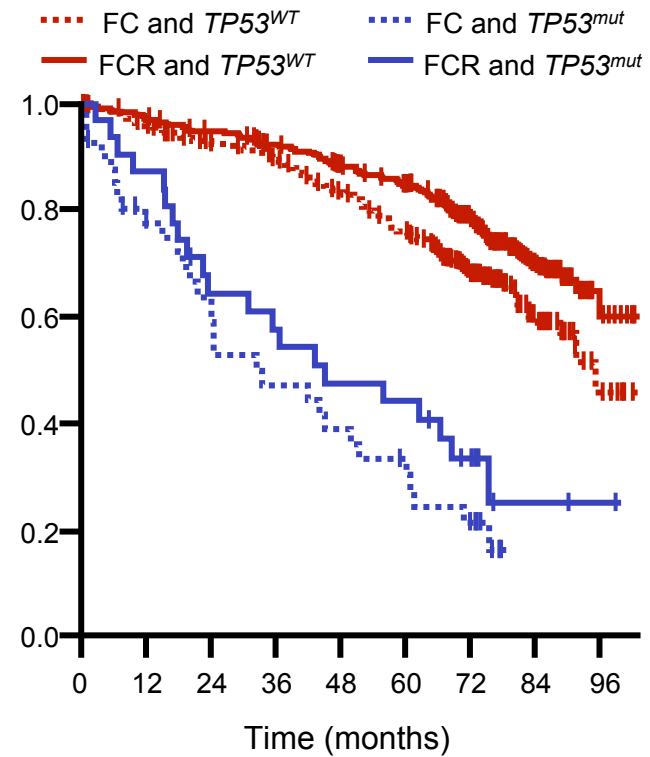
1. Döhner H, et al. *N Engl J Med* 2000;343:1910-6; 2. Zenz T, et al. *J Clin Oncol* 2010;28:4473-9.

# FCR not effective in del17p/TP53 disrupted patients

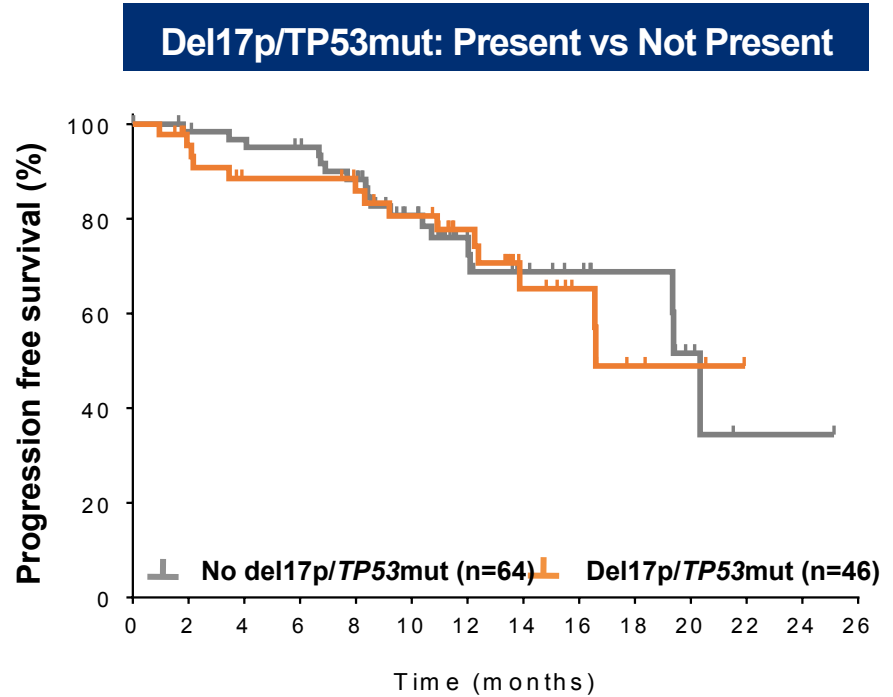
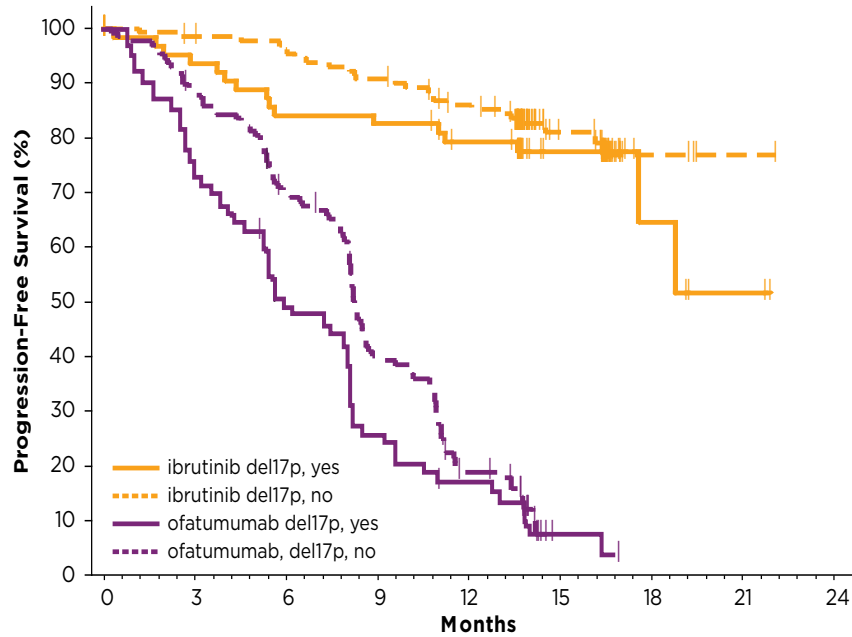
## CLL8: FCR



## CLL8: FCR and FC in patients with TP53 mut



# No Difference in PFS With or Without Del17p



|                 | ibrutinib del17p, no | ibrutinib del17p, yes | ofatumumab del17p, no | ofatumumab del17p, yes |
|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Median PFS (mo) | NR                   | NR                    | 8.2                   | 5.9                    |
| Hazard ratio    | 1.314                |                       | 1.413                 |                        |
| (95% CI)        | (0.698-2.473)        |                       | (1.017-1.963)         |                        |
| P value         | 0.396                |                       | 0.039                 |                        |

|        | 64 | 61 | 59 | 59 | 52 | 37 | 21 | 14 | 11 | 8 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
|--------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|---|---|---|---|
| No del | 64 | 61 | 59 | 59 | 52 | 37 | 21 | 14 | 11 | 8 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Del    | 46 | 41 | 36 | 36 | 33 | 30 | 22 | 12 | 8  | 4 | 3 | 0 |   |   |

|        | Median PFS (95% CI) | p-value |
|--------|---------------------|---------|
| No del | 20.3 mo (19.4, -)   | 0.94    |
| Del    | 16.6 mo (13.9, -)   |         |

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Nuoro, San Francisco Hospital (2 methods)

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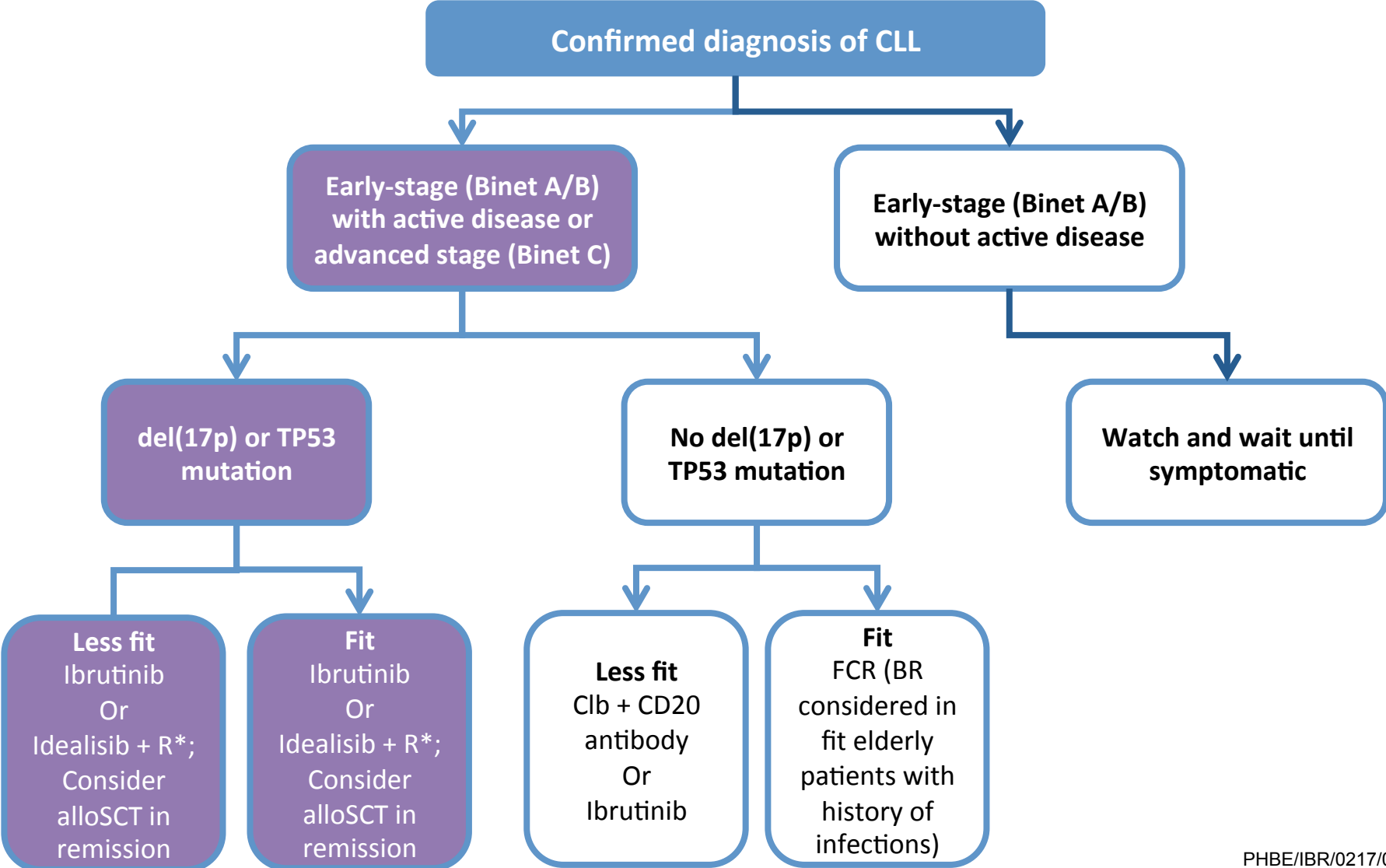
- ERIC aims to advance **assessment of TP53 aberrations** through education about:
  - Importance of testing **all cases needing therapy, before first and later lines of treatment**
  - Quality of appropriate techniques in diagnostic laboratories to ensure reliable and comparable results between institutions
    - **Certification of laboratories**

| Disease stage | Clinical trial     | General practice | Comment  |
|---------------|--------------------|------------------|--|
| Diagnosis     | Recommended        | Not indicated    | Testing will not influence and wait strategy                 |
| 1L treatment  |                    |                  |  |
| >2L treatment | <b>Recommended</b> |                  | <b>Patients should be treated with BCR pathway inhibitor</b> |

**Update coming soon**



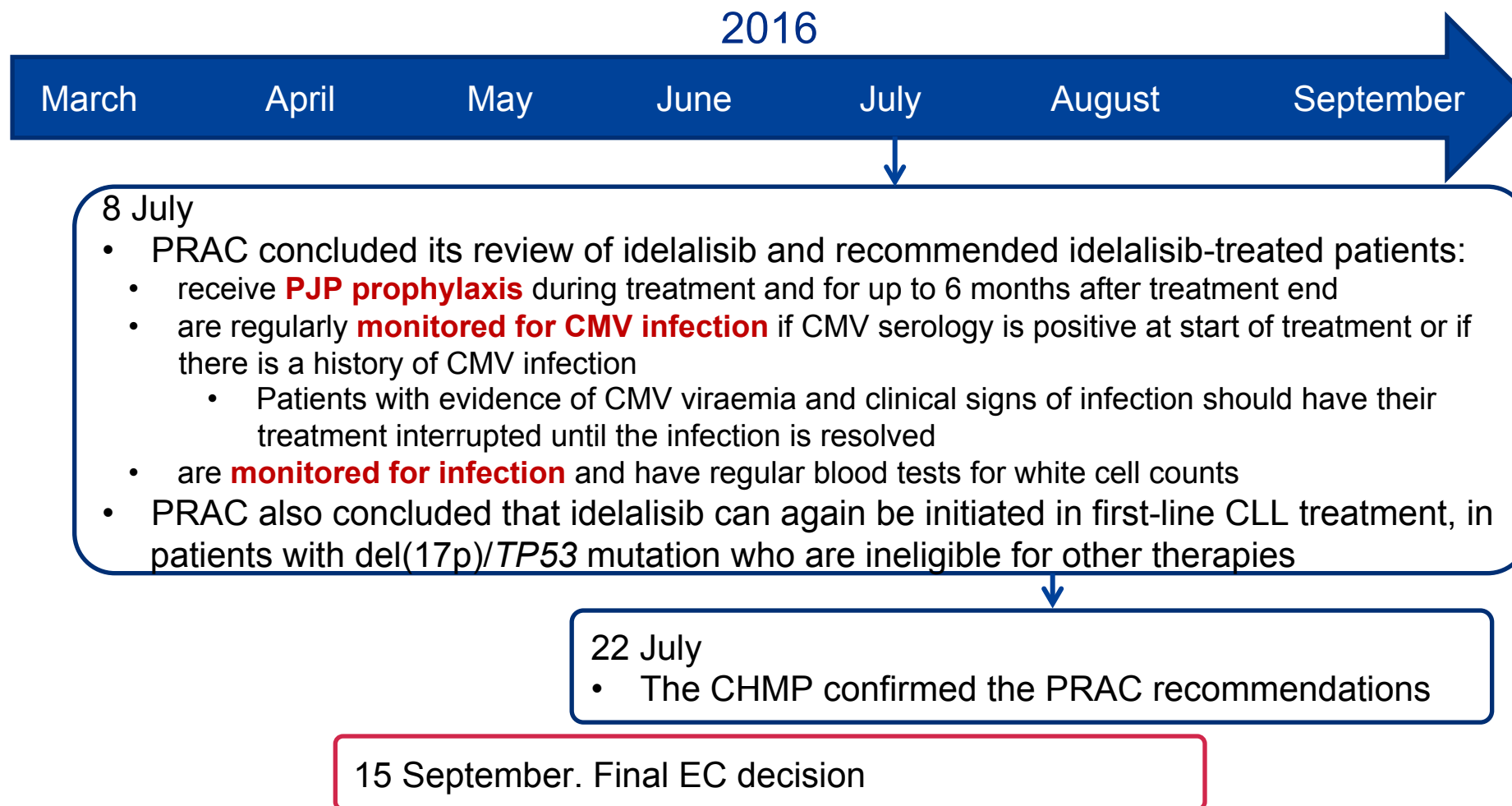
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# Idelalisib in first line: changes in 2016

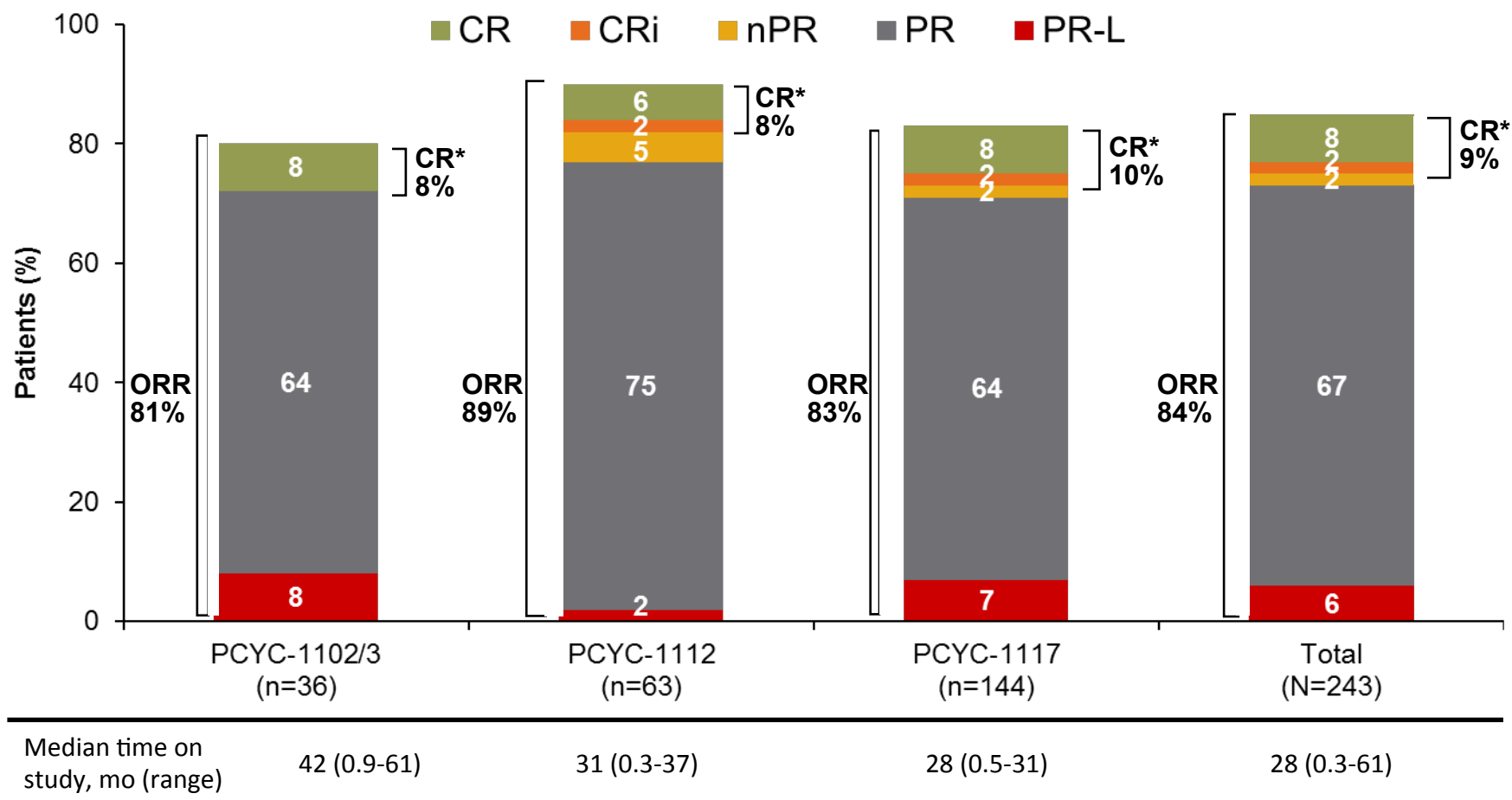


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EC: European Commission; EMA: European Medicines Agency; CHMP: Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use; PJP: *Pneumocystis jirovecii* pneumonia; PRAC: Pharmacovigilance Risk Assessment Committee

EMA press release (8 July 2016; available at [www.ema.europa.eu](http://www.ema.europa.eu)).  
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# A cross-study analysis: ORR, del(17p)

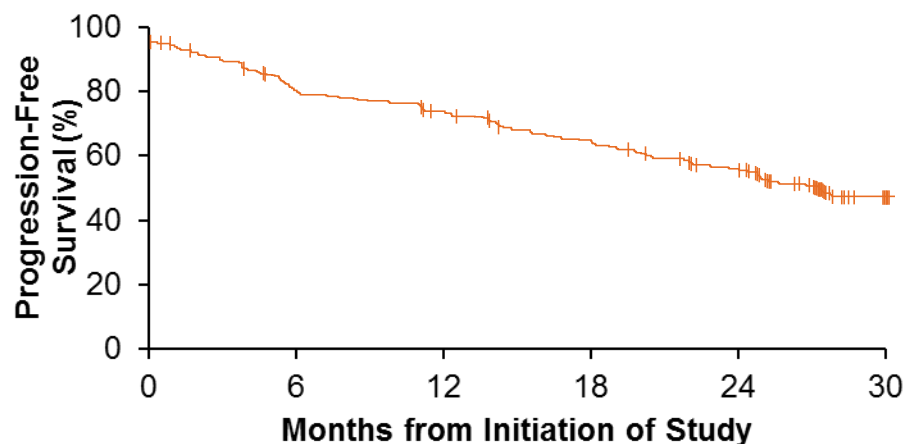


- Median duration of response not reached at 30 months
  - Of patients with CR/CRi (n=23), 81% maintained response at 30 months

\*CR = CR + CRi

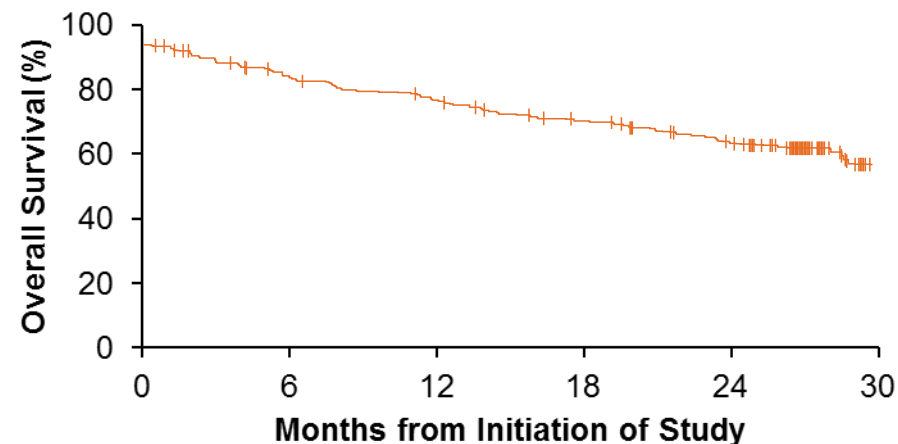
# Results: PFS and OS, del(17p)

## PFS



| 12-mo PFS, %<br>(95% CI) | 24-mo PFS, %<br>(95% CI) | 30-mo PFS, %<br>(95% CI) |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 80% (74, 84)             | 63% (57, 69)             | 55% (48, 62)             |
| Median PFS not reached   |                          |                          |

## OS



| 12-mo OS, %<br>(95% CI) | 24-mo OS, %<br>(95% CI) | 30-mo OS, %<br>(95% CI) |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 85% (80, 89)            | 75% (68, 80)            | 67% (59, 74)            |
| Median OS not reached   |                         |                         |

- With a median (range) study duration of 28 (0.3-61+) months, median PFS and OS were not reached

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# Ultra-high Risk R/R CLL patients with del17p

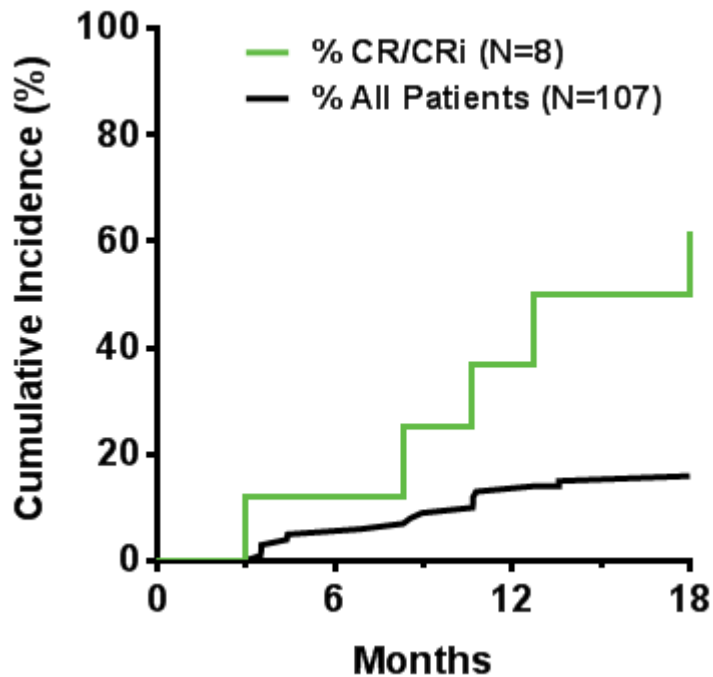
## *Best Response with Venetoclax*

|                         | IRC,<br>n (%)    | Investigator, n<br>(%) |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Overall Response</b> | <b>85 (79.4)</b> | <b>79 (73.8)</b>       |
| CR or CRi               | 8 (7.5)          | 17 (15.9)              |
| nPR                     | 3 (2.8)          | 4 (3.7)                |
| PR                      | 74 (69.2)        | 58 (54.2)              |
| <b>No response</b>      | <b>22 (20.6)</b> | <b>28 (26.2)</b>       |
| Stable disease          | NA               | 24 (22.4)              |
| Disease progression     | NA               | 2 (1.9)                |
| Incomplete data         | NA               | 2 (1.9)                |

- 25 of 48 patients with no CLL in the bone marrow
- 18 of 45 patients assessed were MRD-negative in PB

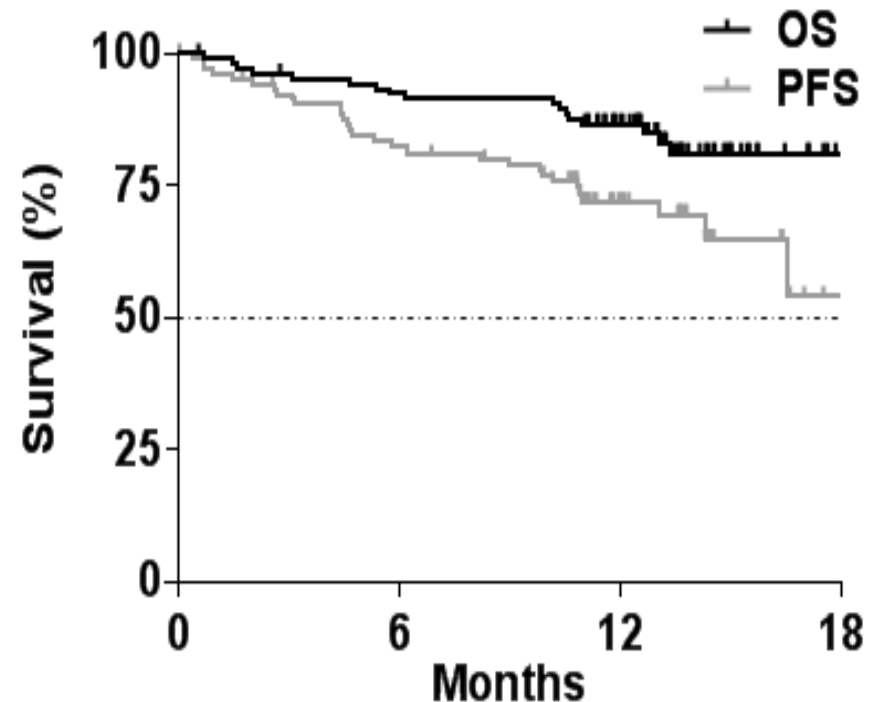
# Cumulative Incidence of Response

## MRD-Negativity



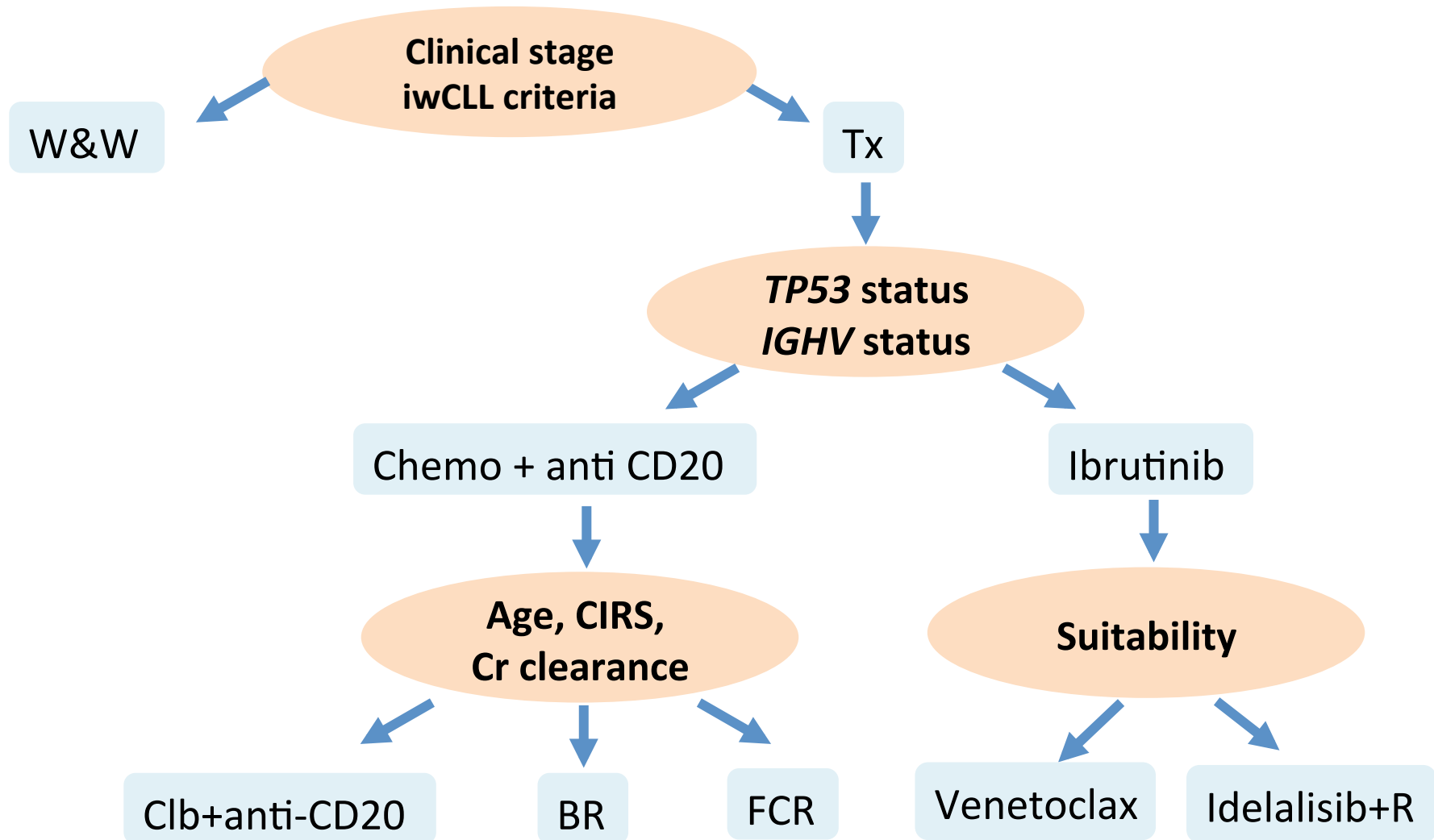
- Of 45 patients tested, 18 achieved MRD-negativity in peripheral blood

## PFS and OS (N=107)



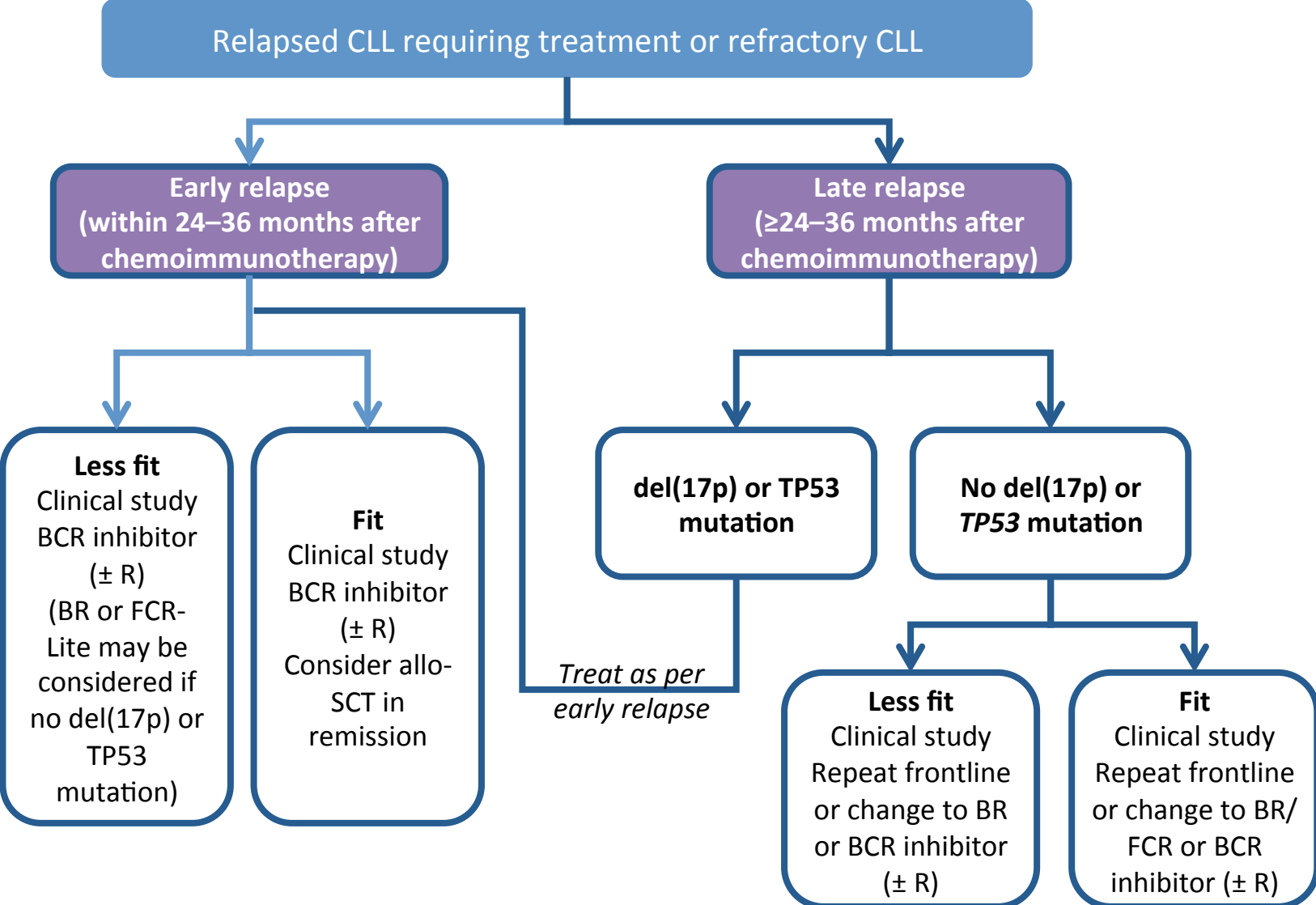
- 12-month estimates (95% CI):
  - PFS: 72.0% (61.8, 79.8)
  - OS: 86.7% (78.6, 91.9)

# CAN TREATMENT DECISION BE INFORMED BY BIOMARKERS?





# ESMO 2015 clinical practice guidelines for R/R CLL

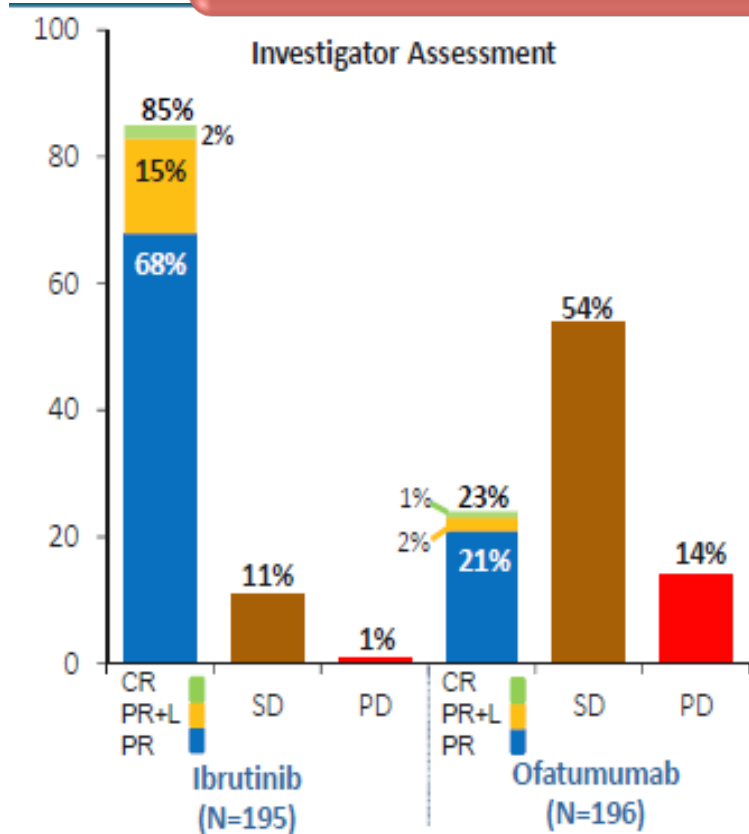


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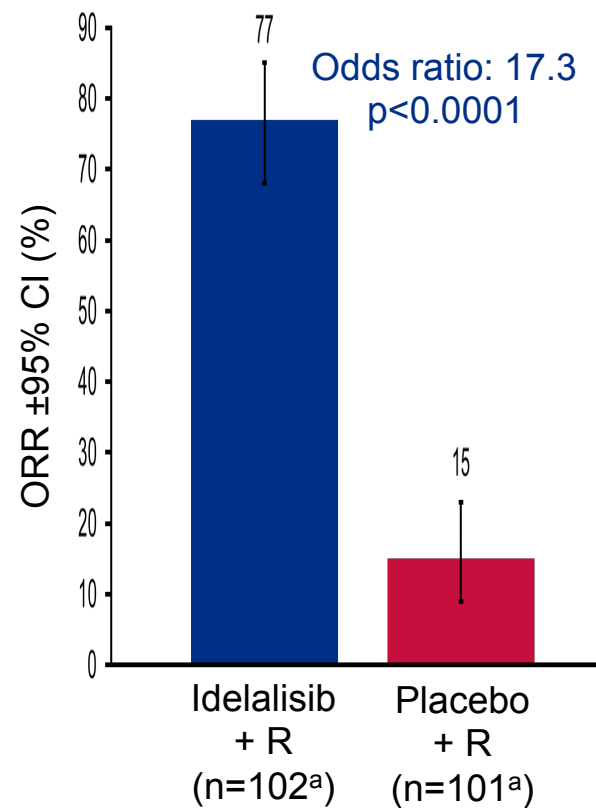
# Impressive Overall response rate (ORR)

## Previously-treated CLL

### RESONATE: Ibrutinib versus ofatumumab<sup>1</sup>

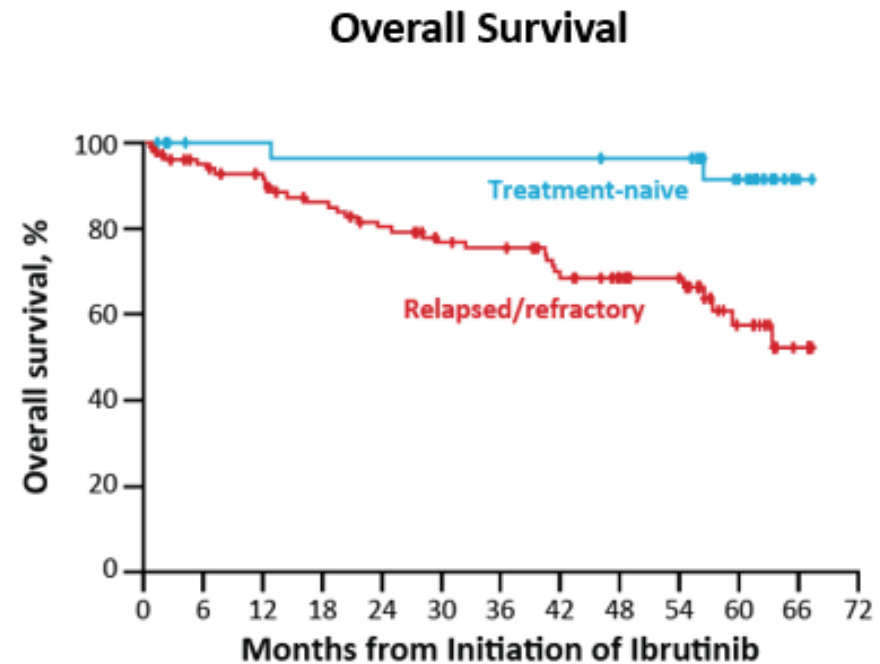
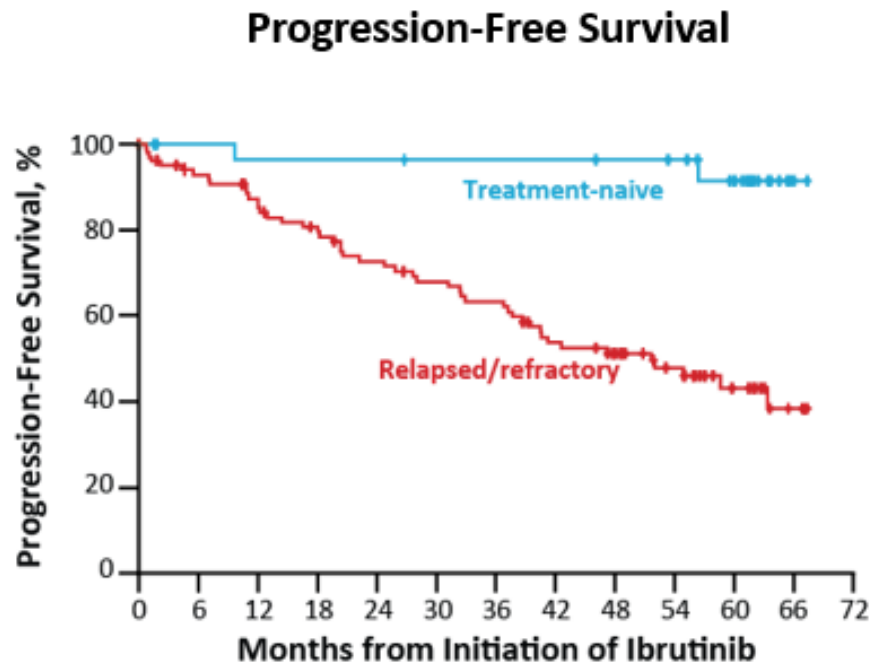


### Study 116 (second interim analysis): Idelalisib + R versus placebo + R<sup>2,3</sup>



<sup>a</sup> Number of evaluable patients  
R: rituximab

# 5-year experience with ibrutinib in TN and R/R CLL



|             | Median PFS | 5-year PFS |
|-------------|------------|------------|
| TN (n=31)   | NR         | 92%        |
| R/R (n=101) | 52 mo      | 43%        |

|             | Median OS | 5-year OS |
|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| TN (n=31)   | NR        | 92%       |
| R/R (n=101) | NR        | 57%       |

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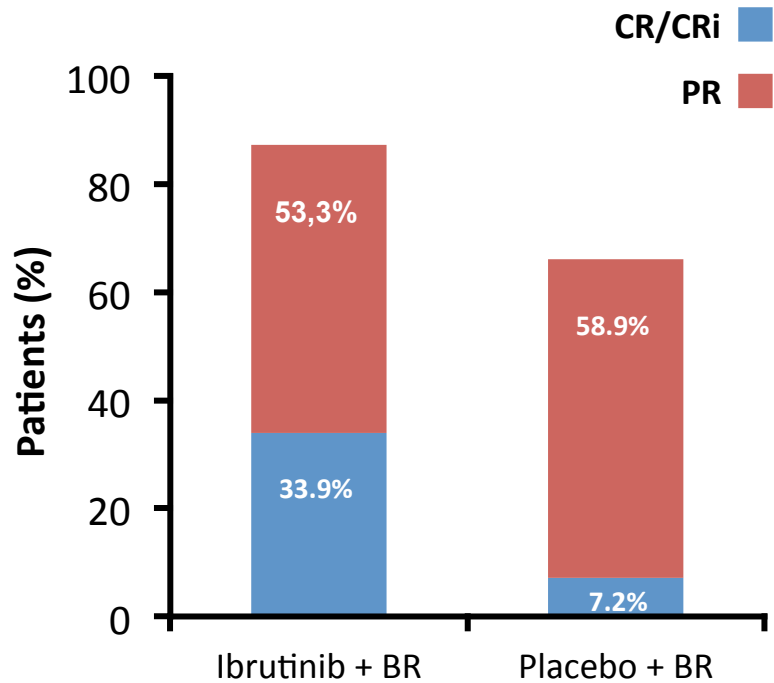
O'Brien et al., ASH 2016 (abstract 233, oral presentation)

# Searching for MRD

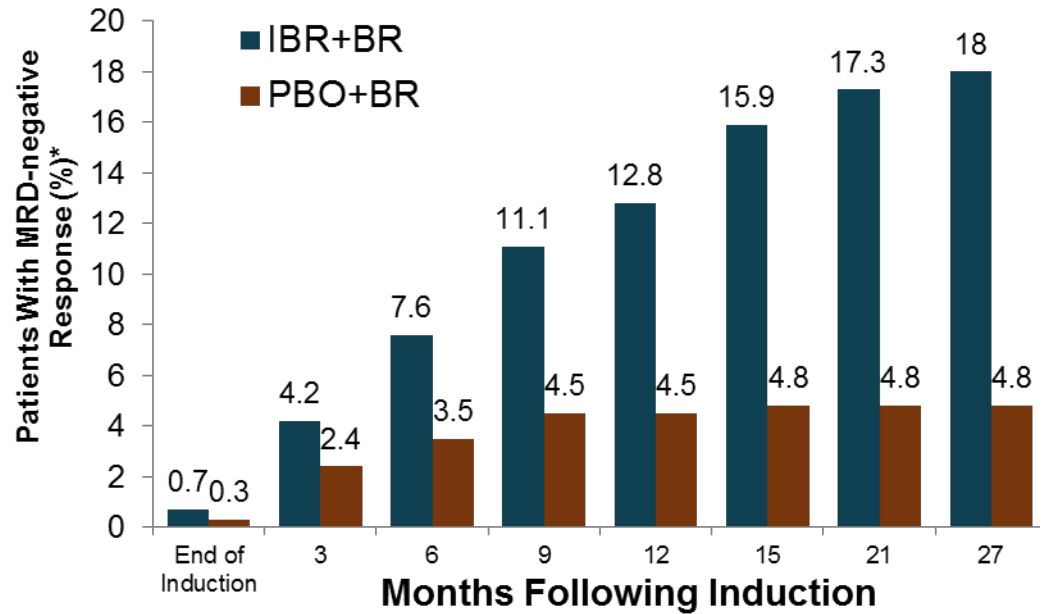
## HELIOS (BRI versus BR)

**ORR (investigator assessment)**

OR = 87.2% versus 66.1% (p<0.0001)



**2-yr update (October 2015)**



As of March 2016, 60/289 (20.7%) on IBR+BR demonstrated MRD-negativity

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Fraser G, et al. EHA 2016

Fraser G, et al. J Clin Oncol 2016; 34(suppl):Abstract 7525.

BR, bendamustine + rituximab;  
CRI, CR with incomplete marrow recovery; OR, overall response.

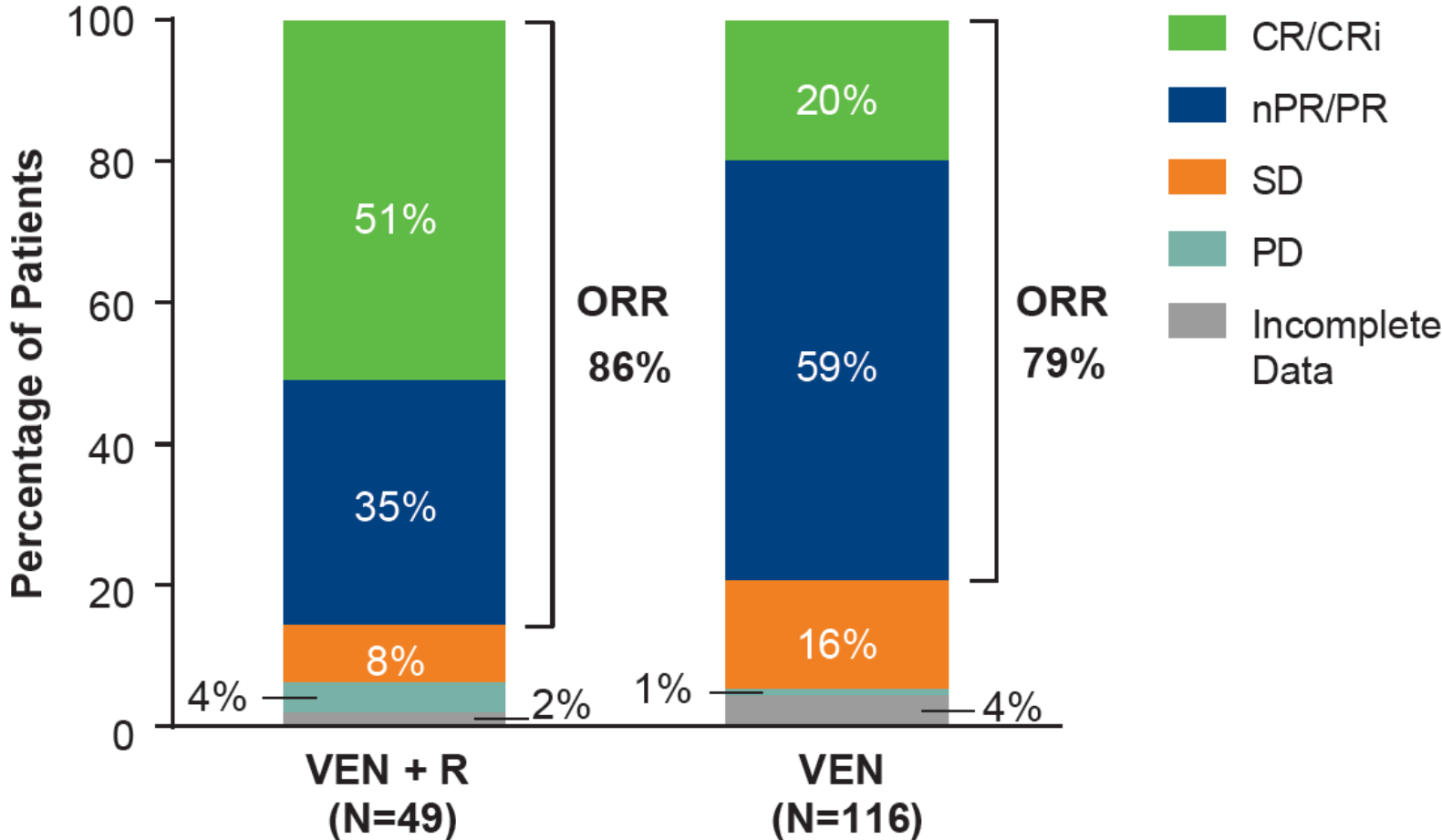
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# Complete responses with BCL2 inhibitors: ABT-199



**MRD-neg (% of CR) 80%**

**35%**

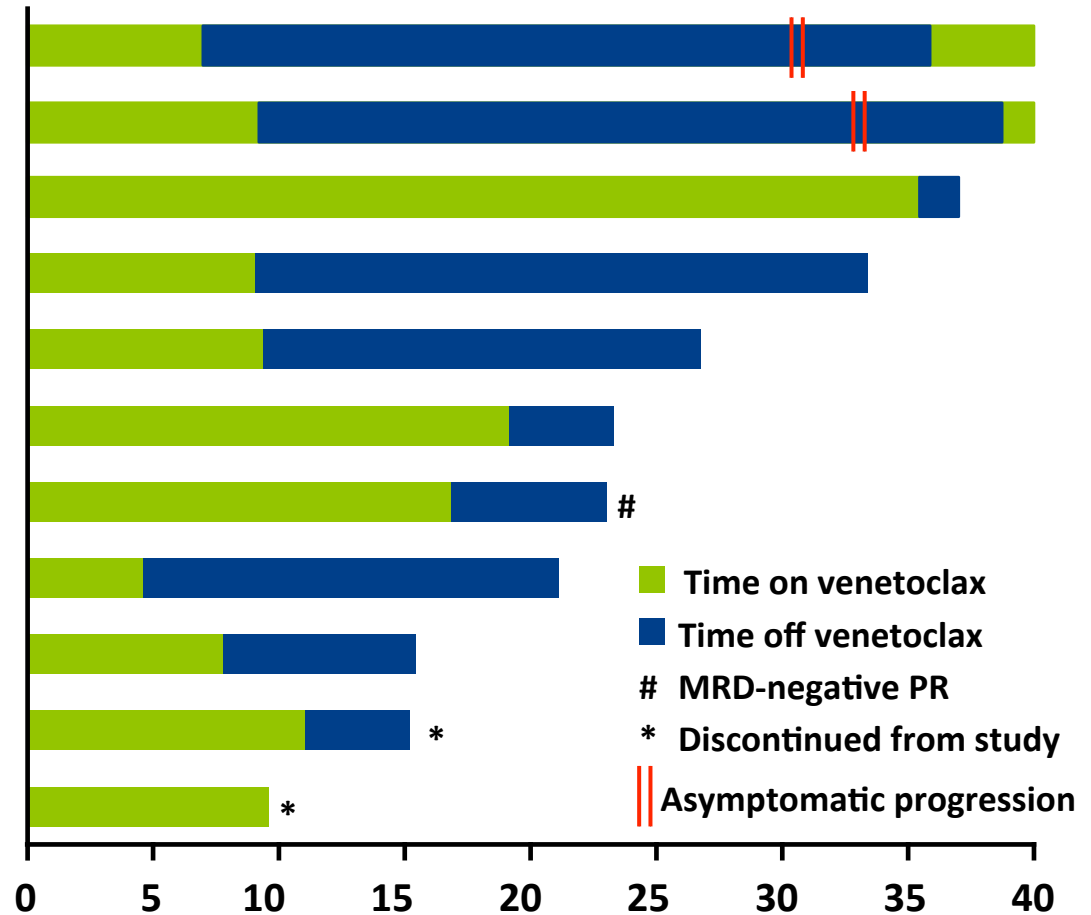
# M13-365: Venetoclax Combined with Rituximab in Patients with R/R CLL/SLL

55% of patients MRD-negative (27/49)

11 patients stopped venetoclax after achieving an objective response (9 MRD-negative); 9 remain in follow-up\*

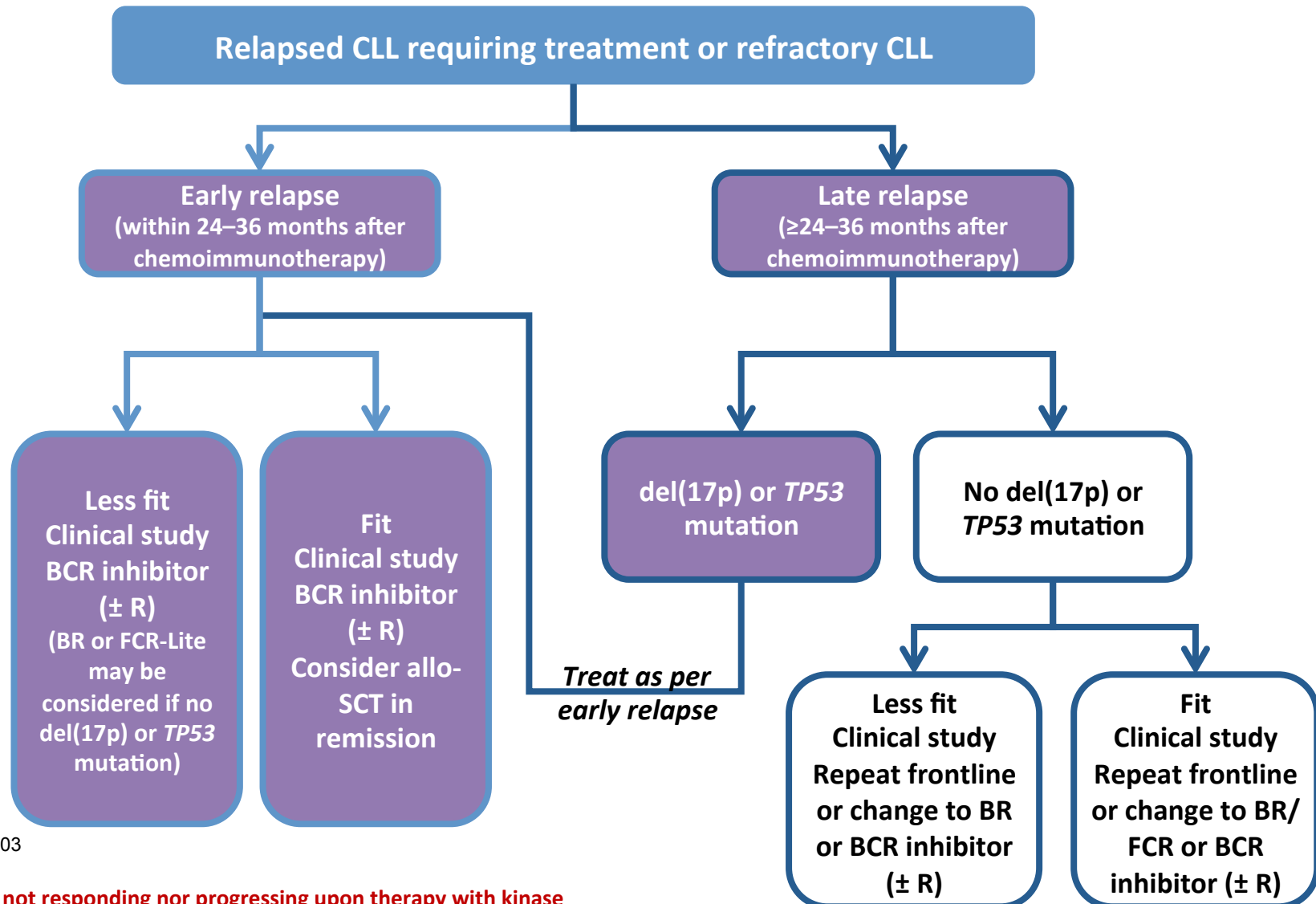
None of the MRD-negative patients have progressed; 2 patients with MRD-positive CR/CRi had asymptomatic progression

Venetoclax + Rituximab in Patients with R/R CLL  
M13-365 (N=49)



\* Two discontinued with no evidence of progression.

# ESMO 2015 clinical practice guidelines for R/R CLL



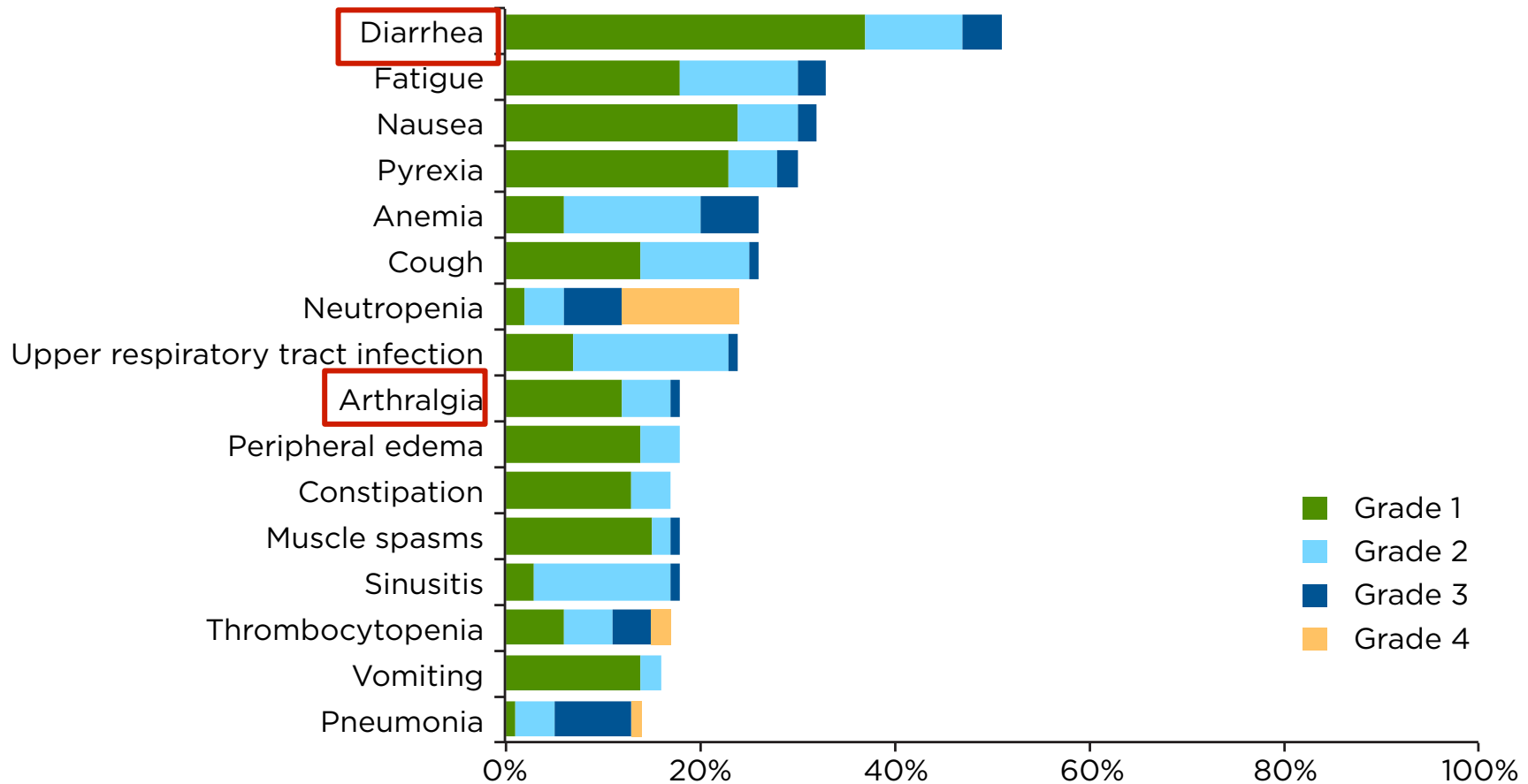
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Patients not responding nor progressing upon therapy with kinase inhibitors might be switched to a different kinase inhibitor or to BCL2 antagonists when available (according to clinical trials)

Eichhorst B, et al. Appendix 6: CLL: eUpdate. Ann Oncol 2016  
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# RESONATE: Serious Adverse Events (SAEs)

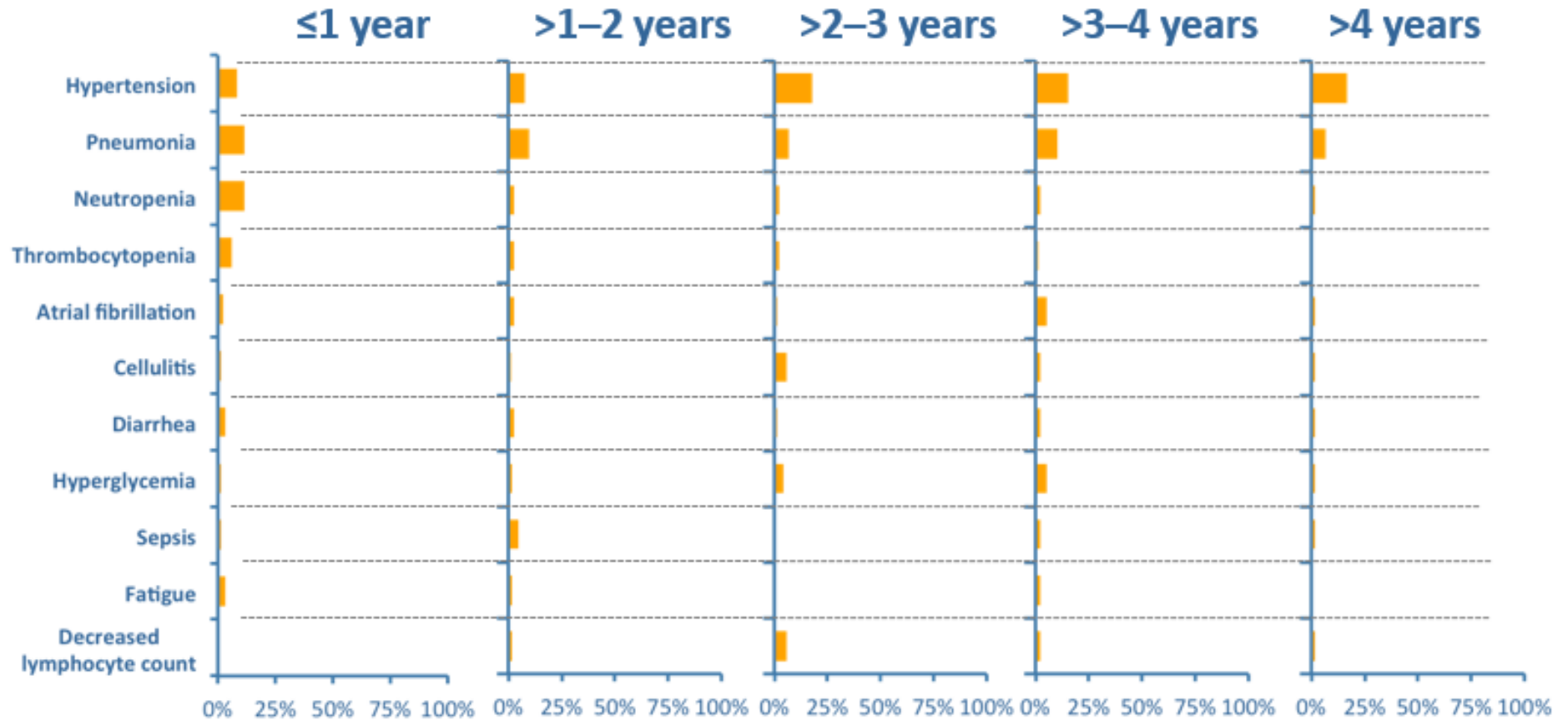


- **13 (7%) of ibrutinib-treated patients discontinued due to AE/ unacceptable toxicity**

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| Adverse event, %                      | Ibrutinib<br>(n=195) | Ofatumumab<br>(n=191) |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Median treatment duration             | 8.6 months           | 5.3 months            |
| Subjects reporting $\geq 1$ SAE       | 42%                  | 30%                   |
| Reporting $\geq 1$ AE grade $\geq 3$  | 57%                  | 47%                   |
| Any infection grade $\geq 3$          | 24%                  | 22%                   |
| Atrial fibrillation                   | 5%                   | 1%                    |
| Grade $\geq 3$ AE atrial fibrillation | 3%                   | 0%                    |
| Any hemorrhage                        | 44%                  | 12%                   |
| Major hemorrhage                      | 1%                   | 2%                    |

# 5-year experience with ibrutinib in TN and R/R



- Dose reductions and dose discontinuations due to AEs occurred more frequently in R/R patients than in TN patients, and during the first year after treatment compared with subsequent time periods.

# Pooled analysis: Treatment-emergent AEs and laboratory abnormalities

| AE, n (%)                     | Idelalisib monotherapy (n=354) |          | Idelalisib combination therapy (n=406) |          |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------|--|----------|
|                               | Any grade                      | Grade ≥3 | Any grade                              | Grade ≥3 |
| Pyrexia                       | 96 (27)                        | 7 (2)    | 169 (42)                               | 47 (12)  |
| Diarrhea/colitis              | 131 (37)                       | 38 (11)  | 161 (40)                               | 68 (17)  |
| Fatigue                       | 112 (32)                       | 6 (2)    | 130 (32)                               | 13 (3)   |
| Nausea                        | 91 (26)                        | 5 (1)    | 125 (31)                               | 30 (7)   |
| → Cough                       | 80 (22)                        | 3 (1)    | 118 (29)                               | 21 (5)   |
| Rash                          | 60 (17)                        | 7 (2)    | 99 (24)                                | 30 (7)   |
| Chills                        | 49 (14)                        | 0        | 86 (21)                                | 23 (6)   |
| Pneumonia                     | 47 (13)                        | 40 (11)  | 74 (18)                                | 56 (14)  |
| Constipation                  | 39 (11)                        | 0        | 68 (17)                                | 1 (<1)   |
| → Dyspnea                     | 43 (12)                        | 7 (2)    | 68 (17)                                | 10 (3)   |
| Abdominal pain                | 40 (11)                        | 4 (1)    | 67 (17)                                | 5 (1)    |
| Vomiting                      | 53 (15)                        | 5 (1)    | 60 (15)                                | 18 (4)   |
| Decreased appetite            | 46 (13)                        | 8 (2)    | 62 (15)                                | 2 (<1)   |
| Laboratory abnormality, n (%) | Idelalisib monotherapy (n=354) |          | Idelalisib combination therapy (n=406) |          |
|                               | Any grade                      | Grade ≥3 | Any grade                              | Grade ≥3 |
| Hematologic                   |                                |          |  |          |
| Neutropenia                   | 162 (46)                       | 83 (23)  | 234 (58)                               | 151 (37) |
| Anemia                        | 102 (29)                       | 18 (5)   | 145 (36)                               | 34 (8)   |
| Thrombocytopenia              | 94 (27)                        | 37 (11)  | 143 (35)                               | 50 (12)  |
| Transaminases                 |                                |          |  |          |
| ALT/AST elevation             | 176 (50)                       | 56 (16)  | 190 (47)                               | 53 (13)  |

Includes patients receiving idelalisib in Studies 101-02, 101-07, 101-08, 101-09, 101-10, 101-11, 101-99 and 312-0116

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Coutré S, et al. EHA 2015, oral presentation #433;).

# ABT-199 monotherapy phase 1 in CLL

## Adverse Events

| Number of Patients (%) <sup>a</sup> | Any Grade       | Grade 3/4      |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>Any Adverse Event (AE)</b>       | <b>115 (99)</b> | <b>96 (83)</b> |
| Diarrhea                            | 60 (52)         | 2 (2)          |
| Upper respiratory tract infection   | 56 (48)         | 1 (1)          |
| Nausea                              | 55 (47)         | 2 (2)          |
| Neutropenia                         | 52 (45)         | 48 (41)        |
| Fatigue                             | 46 (40)         | 4 (3)          |
| Cough                               | 35 (30)         | 0              |
| Pyrexia                             | 30 (26)         | 1 (1)          |
| Anemia                              | 29 (25)         | 14 (12)        |
| Headache                            | 28 (24)         | 1 (1)          |
| Constipation                        | 24 (21)         | 1 (1)          |
| Thrombocytopenia                    | 24 (21)         | 14 (12)        |
| Arthralgia                          | 21 (18)         | 1 (1)          |
| Vomiting                            | 21 (18)         | 2 (2)          |
| Peripheral edema                    | 18 (16)         | 0              |
| Hyperglycemia                       | 17 (15)         | 10 (9)         |

| Number of Patients (%) <sup>b</sup>    | Total          |
|--|----------------|
| <b>Any serious adverse event (SAE)</b> | <b>52 (45)</b> |
| Febrile neutropenia                    | 7 (6)          |
| Pneumonia                              | 5 (4)          |
| Upper respiratory tract infection      | 4 (3)          |
| Immune thrombocytopenia                | 3 (3)          |
| Tumor lysis syndrome                   | 3 (3)          |
| Diarrhea                               | 2 (2)          |
| Fluid overload                         | 2 (2)          |
| Hyperglycemia                          | 2 (2)          |
| Prostate cancer                        | 2 (2)          |
| Pyrexia                                | 2 (2)          |

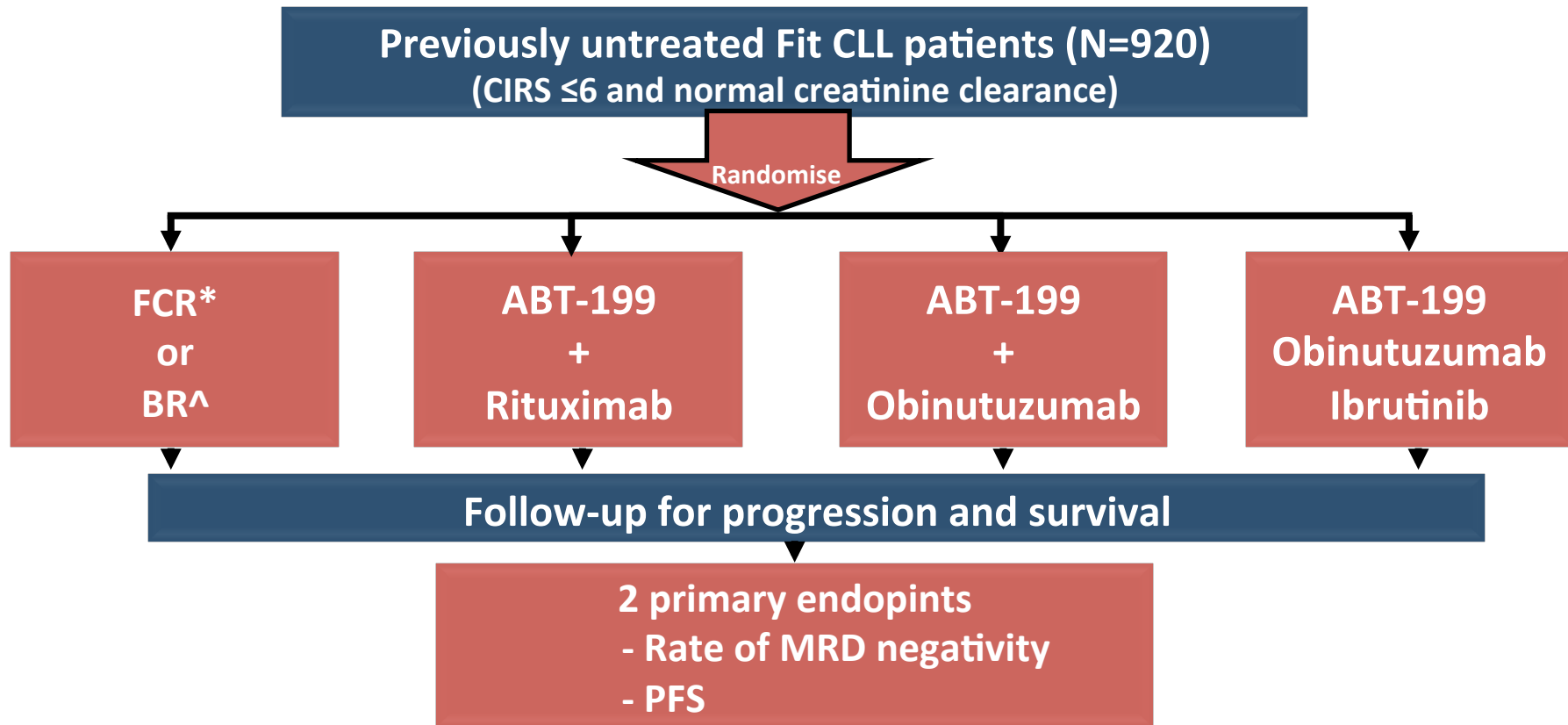
<sup>a</sup> Listed are adverse events that were reported in ≥15% irrespective of cause. Pre-existing grade 1 or 2 laboratory abnormalities are not reported, unless the grade increased.

<sup>b</sup> Serious adverse events (SAEs) occurring in at least 2 patients; excludes SAEs related to disease progression in 2 patients. AE, adverse event; SAE, serious adverse event; TLS, tumor lysis syndrome

- Clinical TLS was observed in 3 patients with high tumor burden who were treated with doses of ≥ 50 mg/day; 2 of these patients had severe sequelae
- Following data review, the expansion cohort was enrolled under a protocol that incorporated amended dosing, prophylaxis and monitoring for TLS
- **No clinical events of TLS were seen after a change in the dosing and administration protocol**

# IS THIS THE END OF CHEMOTHERAPY?

CLL13-TRIAL OF THE GCLLSG in cooperation with HOVON, Nordic CLL Study Group and SAKK (GAIA)



**Obinutuzumab: 6 cycles**  
**Venetoclax: 12 cycles**  
**Ibrutinib: 36 cycles or MRD<sup>neg</sup>**

\*<65 years of age  
^>65 years of age



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