

WELCOMING REMARKS LIVING WITH CHRONIC LYMPHOCYTIC LEUKEMIA (CLL)



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DISCLOSURES

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Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia



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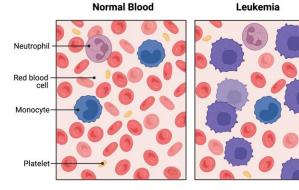
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Talk Overview

- Background/Disease Overview
- "Best" Initial Therapy
- Minimal Residual Disease (MRD)
- Next wave of therapeutics
- CLL and COVID

Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (CLL)

Most common type of leukemia in western countries



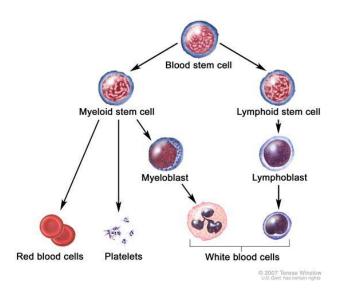
Characterized by: Uncontrolled proliferation of B-cells within the peripheral blood, lymphoid tissue and bone marrow.

Results in severe immune dysfunction.

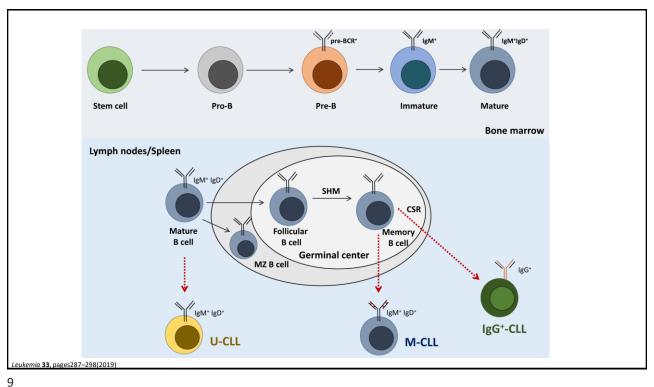
CLL patients at a higher risk of infection

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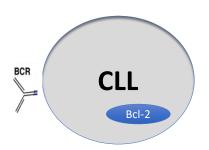
Hematopoiesis (how blood cells are made)



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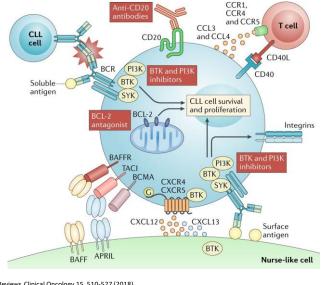


The "old" model of CLL



- CLL cells "accumulate"
- Defective apoptosis due to increased bcl-2
- Limited activity of the Bcell Receptor (BCR)

CLL is a complex disease



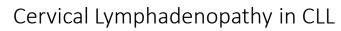
We have been able to use this knowledge to target CLL cells

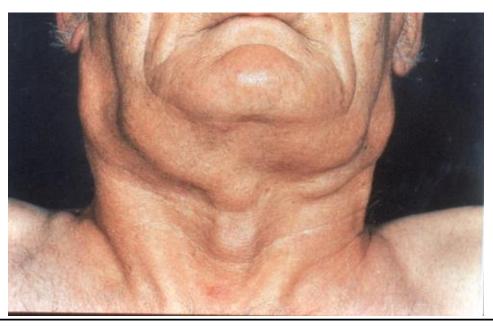
Nature Reviews Clinical Oncology 15, 510-527 (2018)

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Clinical Manifestations of CLL

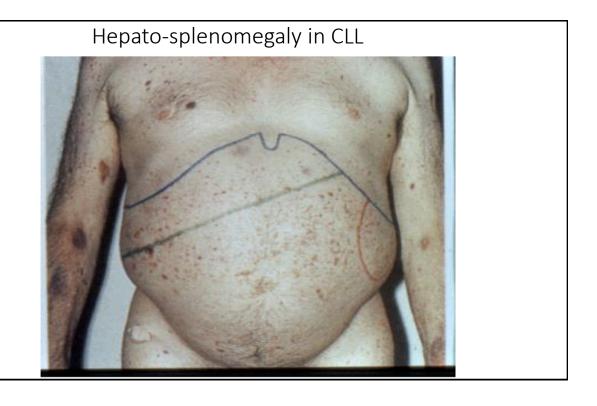
- Lymphadenopathy
- Early satiety/LUQ fullness
- Fatigue
- Weight loss
- Fever
- Night sweats
- Recurrent infections
- Bleeding
- Autoimmune (anemia, thrombocytopenia)

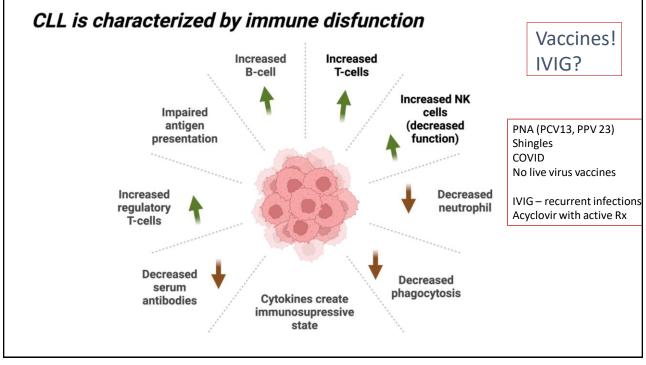




Axillary Lymphadenopathy in CLL

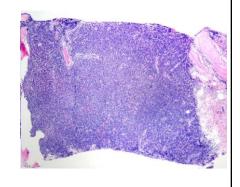






Clinical Considerations

- Cytopenias (anemia and thrombocytopenia)
 - · Marrow infiltration with CLL
 - Inhibitory activity of CLL (anemia of chronic disease)
 - · AIHA (autoimmune hemolytic anemia), ITP
 - · Pure red cell aplasia
 - Marrow suppression from treatment
- Transformation to aggressive lymphomas
- Secondary Malignancies



Skin exams Cancer screening

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Biologic markers

-additional prognostic features-

• B-cell receptor

Mutation of the variable region of Immunuglobulin heavy chain (IgV_H)

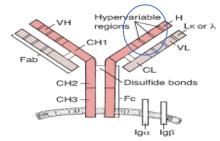
UNMutated = unfavorable

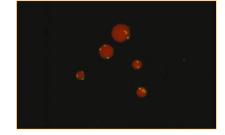
FISH/CYTOGENETICS

unfavorable=

17 p deletion,

> 3 abnormalities





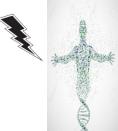
Treatment Principles

- Standard therapy is not curative
- Absolute white count # not used for treatment (rate of change is)
- Therapy reduces symptoms
- Therapy has side-effects
 - alters types of infections seen
- Treat when meet IWCLL criteria
 - Enlarged lymph nodes, spleen, low blood counts, B symptoms
- "Watch and wait" approach

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Rapidly Evolving Treatment Landscape





Old Approach

DNA damaging chemotherapy was King Eventually stops working

Increased risk of long-term toxicity

Treatment

-chemotherapy-

- Alykylating agents
 - Cytoxan
 - chlorambucil
- Nucleoside (purine) analogsFludarabine

 - Cladribine
 - Pentostatin
- Bendamustine
 - Properties of alkylators and purine nucleoside analogues
 - High response rates



FCR and Bendamustine most commonly used

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Current Approach



Chemotherapy is (largely) obsolete

Inhibit the BCR pathway

Target bcl-2

Immune based therapy

Spare the DNA

Important Drugs

- BTK inhibitors (ibrutinib, acalabrutinib)
- PI3k inhibitors (idelalisib, duvelisib)
- Bcl-2 inhibitors (venetoclax)
- Anti-CD20 monoclonal antibodies (mAb)- rituximab, obinutuzumab
- Effective in up-front and relapsed treatment setting
- Superior to chemotherapy
- ? Continuous therapy vs. fixed duration therapy?

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CLL-"Best" initial therapy

- Is watchful waiting still the best option at diagnosis?
- Any role for chemotherapy?
- MRD negativity as a treatment goal?
- Ongoing Treatment with BTKi
 - · Which BTKi?
 - In combination?
 - · Does this really need to continue forever?
- Fixed duration therapy incorporating MRD

Watchful Waiting (worrying)

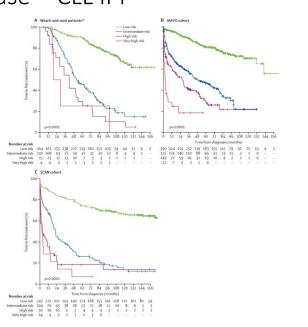
- original watchful waiting data based primarily on older chemotherapy (chlorambucil)
- Can we define a high risk subset that would benefit from earlier treatment?

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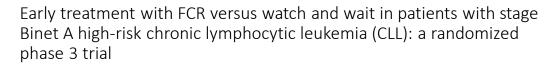
Defining High Risk Disease - CLL IPI

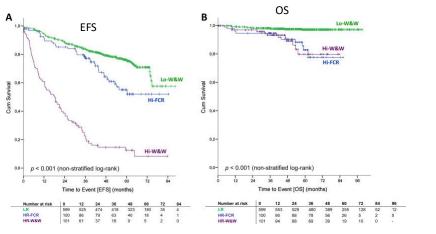
Characteristic	Points (10)
Age > 65	1
Rai Stage I-IV	1
B2M ≥ 3.5	2
IGHV UNmutated	2
17p deletion or p53 mutation	4

Low risk: 0-1 Intermediate Risk: 2-3 High Risk: 4-6 Very High Risk: 6-10



Lancet Oncology Volume 17, Issue 6, June 2016, Pages 779-790



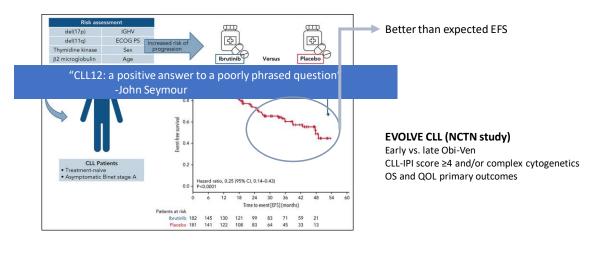


 $High \ risk = \ge 2 \ risk \ factors: \ Doubling \ time < 12 \ months, serum \ thymidine \ kinase > 10 \ U/L, unmutated \ IGHV \ genes, and unfavorable \ cytogenetics \ (del(11q)/del(17p)/trisomy \ 12).$

Leukemia. 2020; 34(8): 2038-2050.

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The CLL12 trial: ibrutinib vs placebo in treatmentnaïve, early-stage chronic lymphocytic leukemia



Blood Volume 139, Issue 2, 13 January 2022, Pages 177-187

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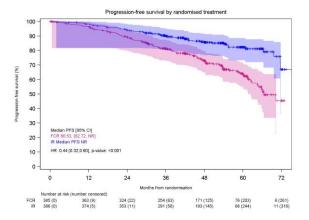
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Ibrutinib based Regimens vs. Chemo

Woyach JA, et al. N Engl J Med. 2018; Shanafelt TD, et al. N Engl J Med. 2019; Moreno C, et al. Lancet Oncol. 2019; Tam CS, et al. Hematologica. 2020

Study	Arms	Clinical Data	Notes			
E1912 Trial (Ph III) (<70 years old + <u>no</u> del17p) N=529	• Ibrutinib/ritux • FCR	36 mo PFS: 89% vs 73% 36 mo OS: 99% vs 92%	 Ibrutinib/ritux superior to FCR Outcomes independent of high-risk features (except IGHV-mutated) 			
A041202 (Ph III) (>65 years old, including del17p) N=547	• Ibrutinib • Ibrutinib/ritux • BR	24 mo PFS: 87% vs 88% vs 74% (I vs IR vs BR) I vs BR (HR: 0.39); I vs IR (HR: 1.00) IR vs BR (HR: 0.38) 24 mo OS: 90% vs 94% vs 95% (I vs IR vs BR)	Ibrutinib and ibrutinib/ritux PFS are superior to BR [regardless of high-risk features (except ZAP70)]; no significant difference with ibrutinib vs ibrutinib/ritux No statistically significant difference in OS			
BTKis have largely supplanted chemotherapy						

Ibrutinib Plus Rituximab Is Superior to FCR in Previously Untreated CLL: Results of the Phase III NCRI FLAIR Trial



N = 771 Median age = 62 FCR vs. IR Follow up = 57 months

-The PFS significantly better for IR in patients with IGHV unmutated CLL (HR: 0.41; p<0.001), but not for patients with IGHV mutated CLL

■No OS difference

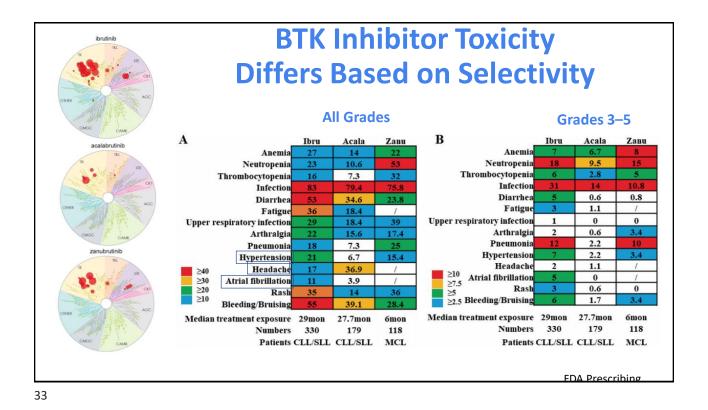
- -8 vs. 2 cardiac/sudden deaths in ibrutinib arm (7 of 8 hx of HTN)
- -6 cases (1.6%) of MDS/AML in FCR (1 in IR)
- -Significantly improved OS compared to prior FCR studies

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*more to come with ven based Rx



ELEVATE-RR: Phase 3 Randomized Non-inferiority Open-Label Trial^{1,2}

Patients (N=533) **Key Inclusion Criteria** Adults with previously treated CLL

- requiring therapy (iwCLL 2008
- Presence of del(17p) or del(11q)a
- ECOG PS of ≤2

Stratification

- · del(17p) status (yes or no)
- ECOG PS (2 vs ≤1)
- No. prior therapies (1-3 vs ≥4)



Primary endpoint

Noninferiority on IRCassessed PFSc

Secondary endpoints (hierarchical order):

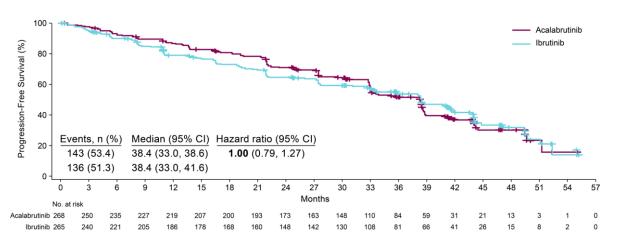
- Incidence of Any Grade afib/flutter
- Incidence of Grade ≥3 infection
- Incidence of Richter transformation
- Overall survival

Key exclusion criteria: Significant CV disease; concomitant treatment with warfarin or equivalent vitamin K antagonist; prior treatment with ibrutinib, a BCR inhibitor, (eg, BTK, PI3K, or Syk inhibitors) or a BCL-2 inhibitor (eg, venetoclax)

NCT02477696 (ACE-CL-006). *By central laboratory testing. *Continued until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity. *Conducted after enrollment completion and accrual of *250 IRC-assessed PFS events. Aftib, attial fibrillation; BCL-2, B-cell leukemia; CV, cardiovascular; dol. attial fibrillation; BCL-2, B-cell leukemia; CV, cardiovascular; del, deletion; ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; IRC, independent review committee; wCLL, International Workshop on CLL; PFS, progression-free survival; PI3K, phosphatidylinositol 3-kinase; PO, orally; QD, once daily; Syk, spleen tyrosine kinase.

1. Hallek M, et al. Blood; 2008;111:5446-56.2. Byrd JC, et al. Presented at ASCO Virtual Annual Meeting; June 4-8, 2021.





Median follow-up: 40.9 months (range, 0.0-59.1)

CI, confidence interval; IRC, independent review committee; PFS, progression-free survival. Byrd JC, et al. Presented at ASCO Virtual Annual Meeting; June 4-8, 2021.

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Events of Clinical Interest

	Any Grade		Grade ≥3	
Events, n (%)	Acalabrutinib (n=266)	Ibrutinib (n=263)	Acalabrutinib (n=266)	Ibrutinib (n=263)
Cardiac events	64 (24.1)	79 (30.0)	23 (8.6)	25 (9.5)
Atrial fibrillation ^{a,f}	25 (9.4)	42 (16.0)	13 (4.9)	10 (3.8)
Ventricular arrhythmias ^b	0	3 (1.1)	0	1 (0.4)
Bleeding events ^f	101 (38.0)	135 (51.3)	10 (3.8)	12 (4.6)
Major bleeding events ^c	12 (4.5)	14 (5.3)	10 (3.8)	12 (4.6)
Hypertension ^{d, f}	25 (9.4)	61 (23.2)	11 (4.1)	24 (9.1)
Infectionse	208 (78.2)	214 (81.4)	82 (30.8)	79 (30.0)
ILD/pneumonitis ^f	7 (2.6)	17 (6.5)	1 (0.4)	2 (0.8)
SPMs excluding NMSC	24 (9.0)	20 (7.6)	16 (6.0)	14 (5.3)

All Grade cardiac arrhythmias of unspecified origin were reported including tachycardia (2.6%), arrhythmia (0.8%) and extrasystoles (0.8%) for acalabrutinib; tachycardia (2.7%),

arrhythmia (0.8%), and extrasystoles (0.4%) for ibrutinib

Higher incidence indicated in **bodd red** for terms with statistical differences.

*Includes events with preferred terms atrial fibrillation and atrial flutter.

*Includes events with preferred terms ventricular arrhytmia, ventricular retrasystoles, and ventricular fibrillation.

*Defined as any hemorrhagic event that was serious, Grade 23 in severity, or a central nervous system hemorrhage (any severity grade).

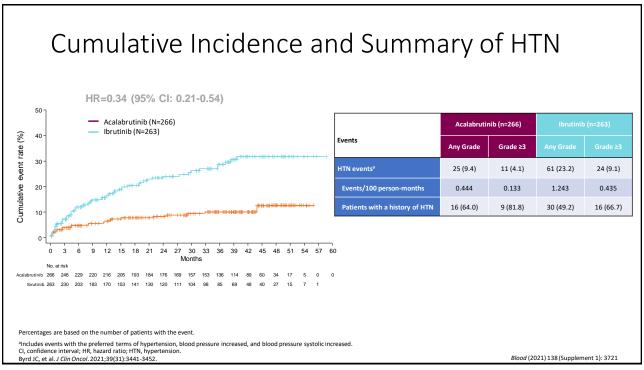
*Included events with the preferred terms of hypetension, lobod pressure increased, and bodon pressure systelic increased.

*Most common Grade 23 infections were pneumonia (acalabrutinis), 10.5%; ibrutinis, 8.7%), sepsis (1.5% vs 2.7%, respectively), and UTI (1.1% vs 2.3%).

*Two sided Pvalue for event companies on 5.00 swithout multiplicity adjustment.

*ILD, interstital lung disease, NMSC, nonmelanoma skin cancer, SPM, second primary malignancy; UTI, urinary tract infection.

Byrd JC, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2021;39(31):3441-3452.



Cumulative Incidence of Cardiac Events Any Grade Cardiac Eventa Acalabrutinib (N=266) HR=0.72 (95% CI: 0.52-1.00) Ibrutinib (N=263) 80 Cumulative event rate (%) 60 40 20 Acalabrutinib 266 245 231 220 210 199 188 178 167 143 118 Ibrutinib 263 234 212 194 185 170 161 149 138 123 116 109 aCardiac events include cardiac arrhythmias, cardiac disorders, signs and symptoms not elsewhere classifiable, coronary artery disorders, heart failures, pericardial disorders, cardiac valve disorders, and myocardial disorders. CI, confidence interval; HR, hazard ratio Byrd JC, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2021;39(31):3441-3452.

Zanubrutinib on the way



Final Response Analysis of ALPINE Trial Shows Superior ORR With Zanubrutinib Vs Ibrutinib in CLL

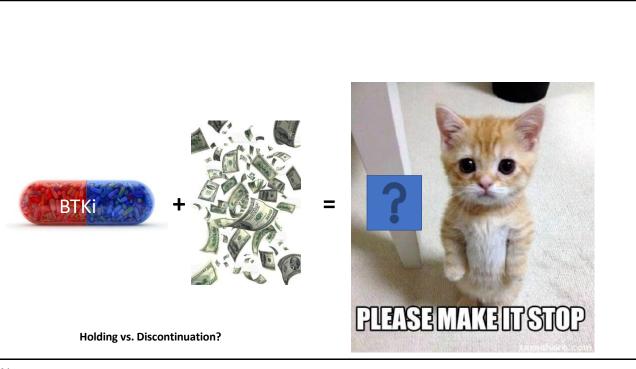
April 11, 2022 Kristi Rosa

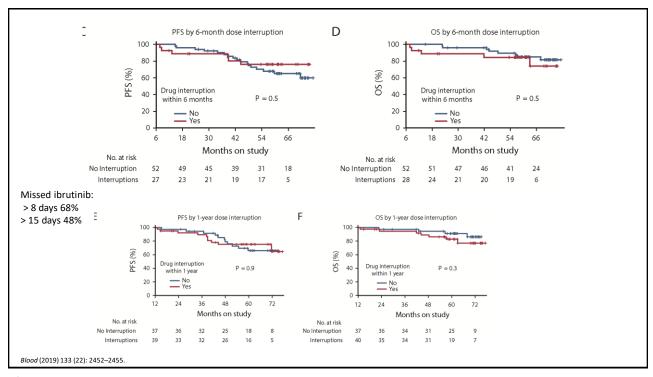
	ORR	12 month PFS	Afib/aflutter	discontinuation
Zanubrutinib	80.4%	94.9%	4.6%	13%
Ibrutinib	72.9%	84%	12.0%	17.6%

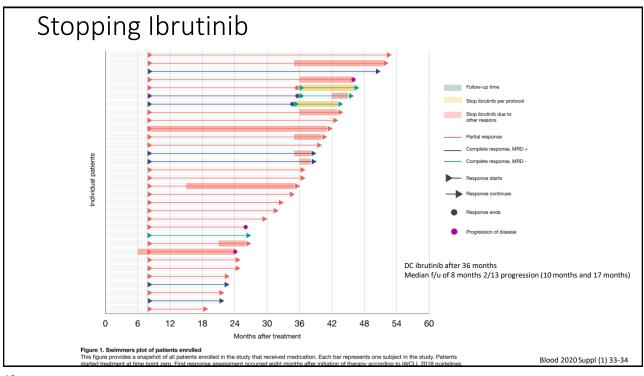
Median f/u 24 months

Phase 3 Alpine study in R/R CLL, n = 415, median age 67

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 - In combination? → no
 - Treatment interruption? → ? Perhaps ? But standard of care remains continuous therapy
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Minimal Residual Disease (MRD)- Is this the goal of CLL directed therapy?



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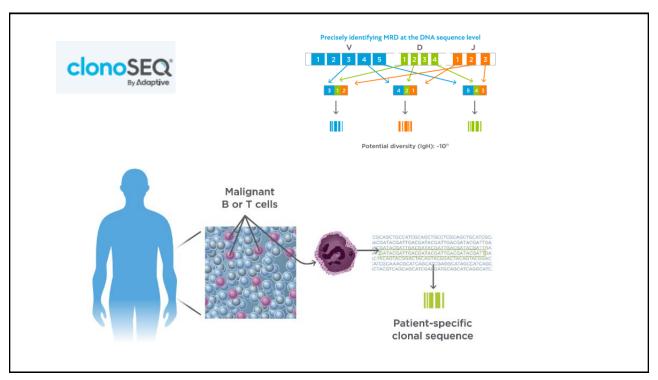
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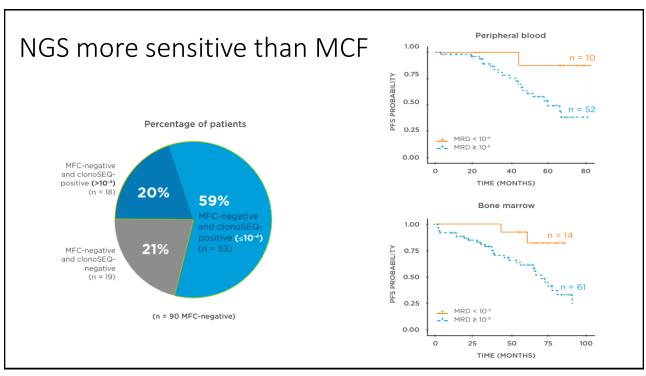
MRD

- Not applicable to continuous BTKi
- MRD negativity is associated with longer remissions with fixed duration therapy
 - MCF* (10-4) in marrow has been the gold standard
 - -if MRD negative outcomes the same irrespective of number of chemo/FCR cycles
- What is the best platform to use?
 - MCF or NGS?
- What should one do with the information?
- Should I monitor MRD serially?

MCF = 6 color multi color flow cytometry

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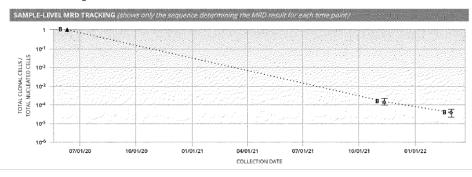




NGS (clonoSEQ®) is highly quantitative

RESULTS SUMMARY

- · Genomic DNA was extracted from a blood sample.
- 6 of the 6 dominant sequences identified in a diagnostic sample from this patient were still present in this current sample.
- 121 copies of the dominant sequence determining the MRD result (IGK Sequence C) were observed out of 3,275,992 total nucleated cells
 evaluated from this sample.
- The results obtained from this assay should always be used in combination with the clinical examination, patient medical history, and other findings.

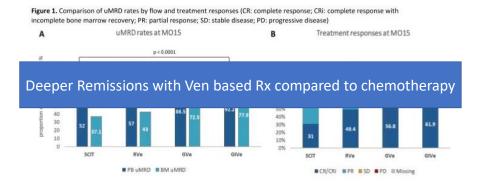


Fixed Duration Therapy

MRD as a meaningful endpoint

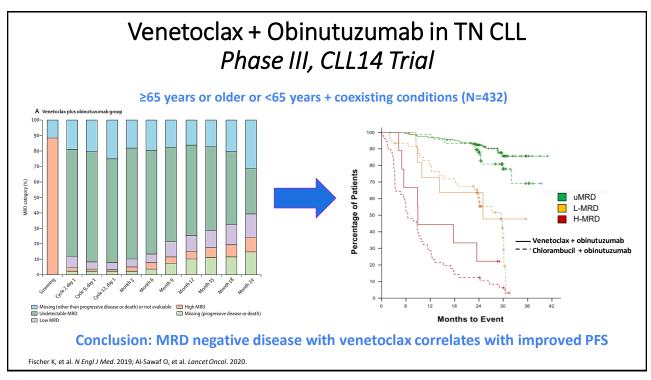
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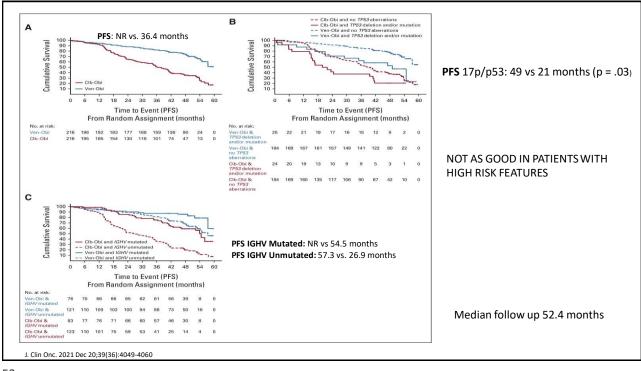
A Randomized Phase III Study of Venetoclax-Based Time-Limited Combination Treatments (RVe, GVe, GIVe) Vs Standard Chemoimmunotherapy (CIT: FCR/BR) in Frontline Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (CLL) of Fit Patients: First Co-Primary Endpoint Analysis of the International Intergroup GAIA (CLL13) Trial

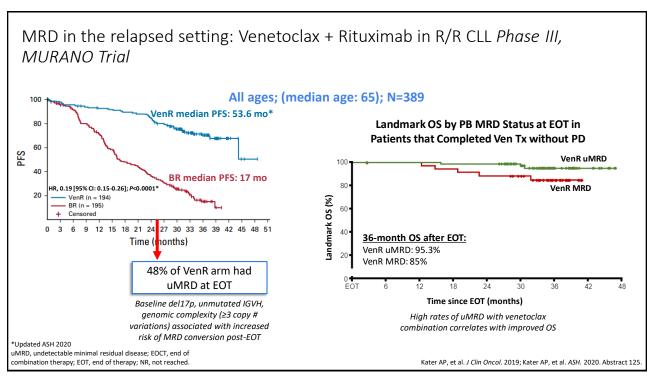


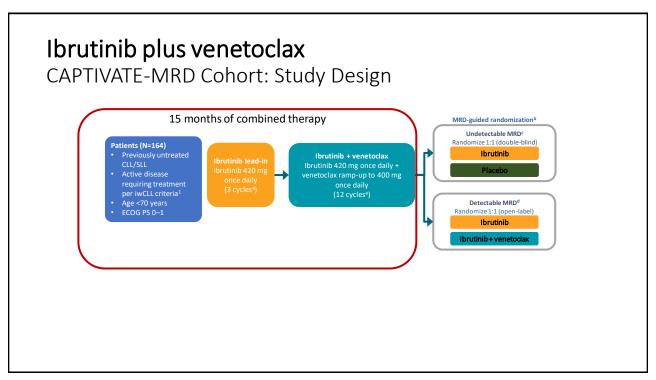
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TUMOR LYSIS IS A RISK OF VENETOCLAX





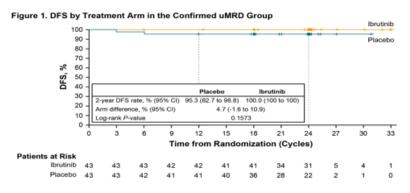




First-Line Treatment with Ibrutinib (Ibr) Plus Venetoclax (Ven) for Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (CLL): 2-Year Post-Randomization Disease-Free Survival (DFS) Results from the Minimal Residual Disease (MRD) Cohort of the Phase 2 Captivate Study

No need to continue Ibrutinib if MRD negative





Similar Study with zanubrutinib Fully accrued in poor risk patients (SEQUOIA (BGB-3111-304) Trial)

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Fixed Duration and How do I use MRD in 2022

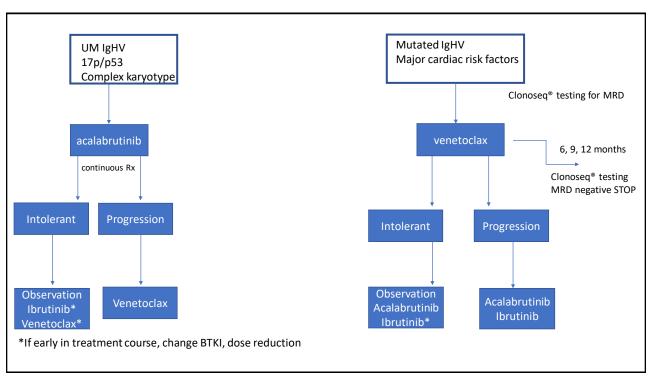
- Prefer clonoSEQ platform
 - Avoids the need for BM bx, quanititative
- Can I stop treatment early??
- Continue therapy in high risk patients and/or those who continue to have a response
- No role for continuous/surveillance monitoring in the majority of patients outside of a clinical trial
 - exception: patients with history of *AIHA/ITP?

^{*}Autoimmune hemolytic anemia, immune thrombocytopenia

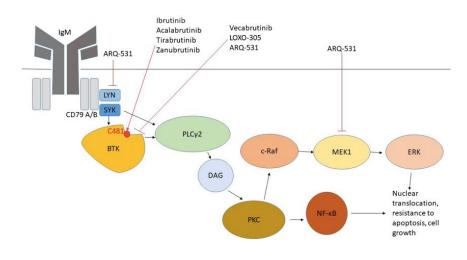
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- Fixed duration therapy → yes, venetoclax in good risk folks

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The Next Phase Drugs in Development that also target BTK

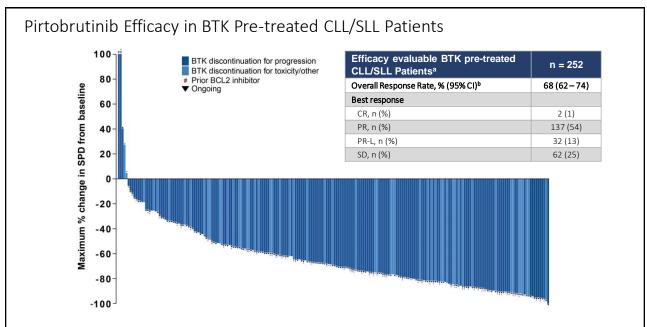


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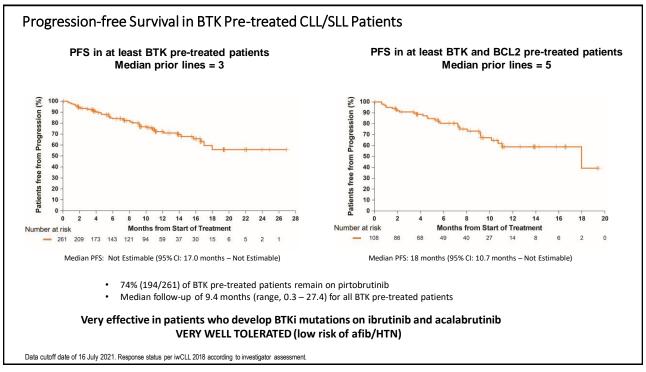
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Pirtobrutinib, A Highly Selective, Non-covalent (Reversible) BTK Inhibitor In Previously Treated CLL/SLL: Updated Results From The Phase 1/2 BRUIN Study

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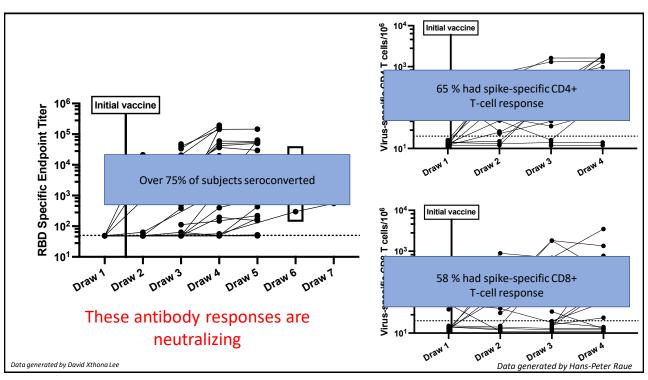
Data cutoff date of 16 July 2021. *Patients with >100% increase in SPD. Data for 30 patients are not shown in the waterfall plot due to no measurable target lesions identified by CT at baseline, discontinuation prior to first response assessment, or lack of adequate imaging in follow-up. [®]Efficacy evaluable patients are those who had at least one post-baseline response assessment or had discontinued treatment prior to first post-baseline response assessment. [®]ORR includes patients with a best response of CR, PR, and PR-L. Response status per iwCLL 2018 according to investigator assessment. Total % may be different than the sum of the individual components due to rounding.

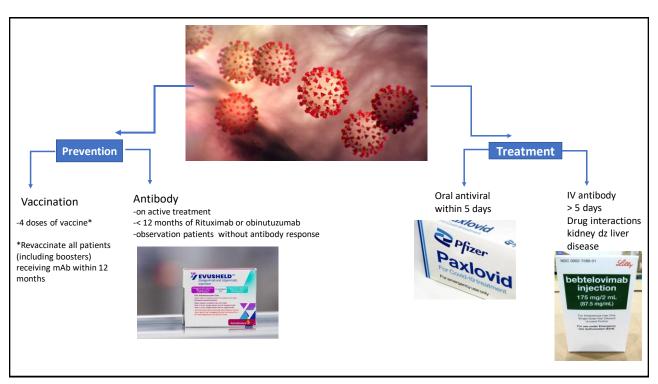


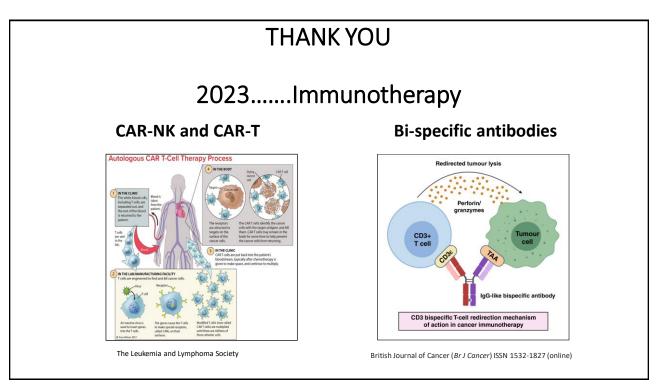
COVID and CLL

- ≈ 70-90% hospitalized, 25-30% die from COVID (pre-vaccine)^{1,2}
 - Age > 75 and co-morbidities increase risk for death
- Patients may have active infection for months/difficulty clearing the virus
- Survival in CLL patients has improved significantly over the course of the pandemic (even pre-vaccine)³
- Antibody response rate 39% (15-80%) after initial series^{4,5}
 - · Low IgG, ongoing BTKi, rituximab or obinutuzumab within 1 year
 - Improved with 3rd dose (25% seroconversion)
- Blood. 2020 Sep 3;136(10):1134-1143
- Leukemia. 2020 Sep;34(9):2354-2363. Blood (2021) 138 (18): 1768–1773.
- Blood 2022 Feb 3;139(5):678-685

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Ask a question by phone:

Press star (*) then the number 1 on your keypad.

Ask a question by web:

Click "Ask a question" Type your question Click "Submit"



Due to time constraints, we can only take one question per person. Once you've asked your question, the operator will transfer you back into the audience line.



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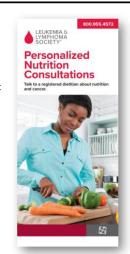
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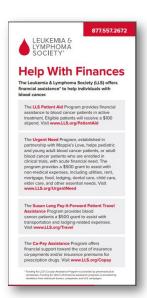
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