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*Update on Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (CLL)*



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**UPDATE ON  
CHRONIC  
LYMPHOCYTIC  
LEUKEMIA (CLL)**

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## The Rai System for Clinical Staging of CLL

<u>Stage</u>	<u>3-Stage System</u>	<u>Features</u>	<u>Median Survival(y)</u>
0	Low risk	Lymphocytosis	>10
I	Intermediate risk	Lymphadenopathy	7
II		Splenomegaly ± hepatomegaly	
III	High risk	Anemia	2-5
IV		Thrombocytopenia	

Rai et al. Blood. 1975;46:219-234.

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## Prognostic Factors Associated With Inferior Survival

- Advanced stage at diagnosis
- Short lymphocyte doubling time
- Diffuse pattern of marrow infiltration
- Advanced age/males
- High serum levels of  $\beta_2$ -microglobulin
- CLL-PLL

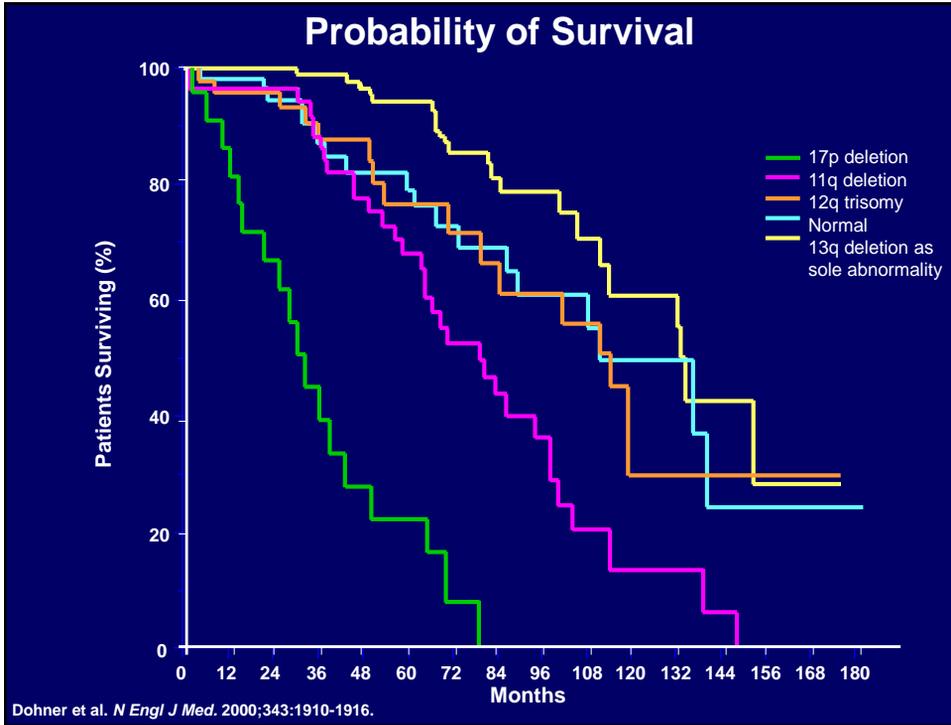
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## Genomic Aberrations In CLL Interphase FISH Results 82% Abnormal

<u>Abnormality</u>	<u>No. Patients (%)</u>
13q deletion	178(55)
11q deletion	58(18)
trisomy 12	53(16)
17p deletion	23(7)
6q deletion	21(6)

Dohner et al. NEJM 343:1910, 2000

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## B-Cell Diversity: $V_H$ Rearrangement and Mutation

$V_H$	D	J <sub>H</sub>	C
1/51	1/27	1/6	$\mu$

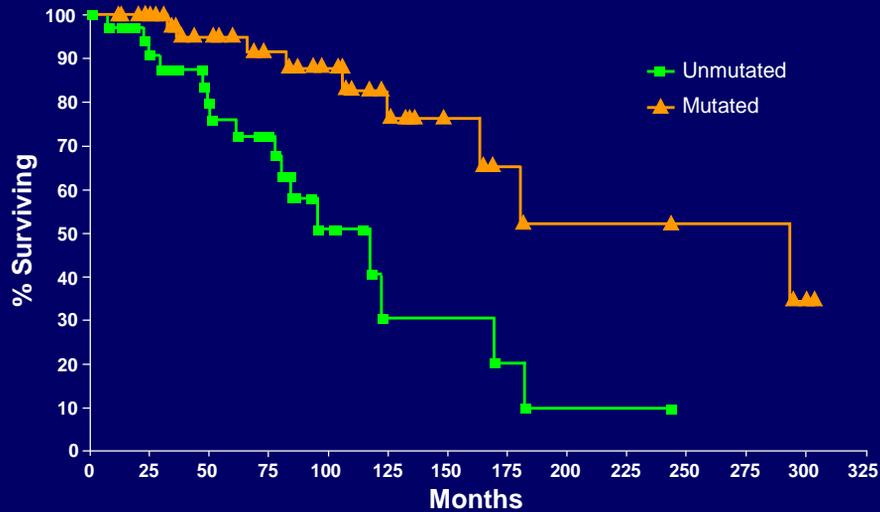
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Somatic mutations

**$V_H$  in B-cell chronic lymphocytic leukemia**  
 – Somatic mutations (<98% homology)

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## Comparison of CLL Patients With Mutated and Unmutated V<sub>H</sub> Genes



Hamblin et al. *Blood*. 1999;94:1848-1854.

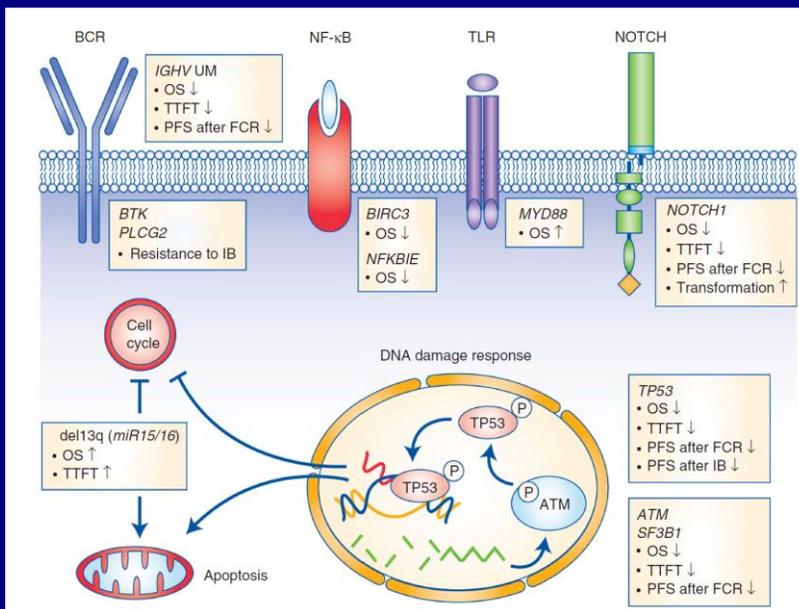
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## Prognostic Factors in CLL

<u>Parameter</u>	<u>Bad</u>
B <sub>2</sub> Microglobulin	increased
FISH	11q-, 17p-
<i>IGHV</i> Mutation Status	unmutated
CD38	positive
ZAP70	positive
Complex karyotype +/- <i>TP53</i> disruption	predicts for relapse after venetoclax and ibrutinib
New genomic predictors	<i>NOTCH1</i> , <i>SF3B1</i> , <i>RPS15</i> , and <i>PAX5</i> , telomere length

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# Prognostic Factors in CLL



From: Rossi D *British Journal of Cancer* 114:849–854 (2016).

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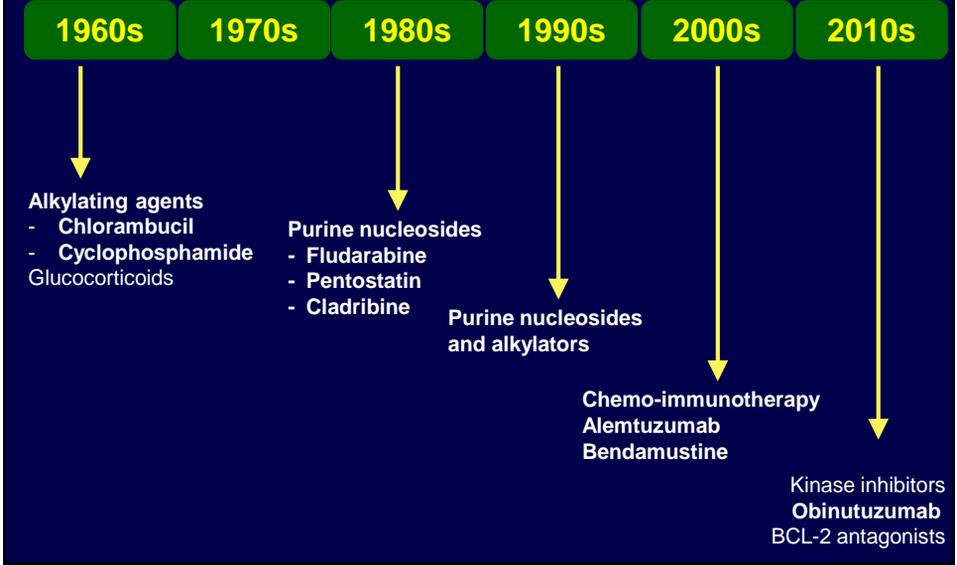
## IWCLL-NCI: Indications to Initiate Treatment for CLL

- Constitutional symptoms referable to CLL
- Progressive marrow failure
- Autoimmune anemia +/- thrombocytopenia poorly responsive to steroids or other
- Massive (>6 cm) or progressive splenomegaly
- Massive (>10 cm) or progressive lymphadenopathy
- Progressive lymphocytosis, >50% increase over 2 months or LDT < 6 months.

Hallek et al *Blood* 2018;131:2745.

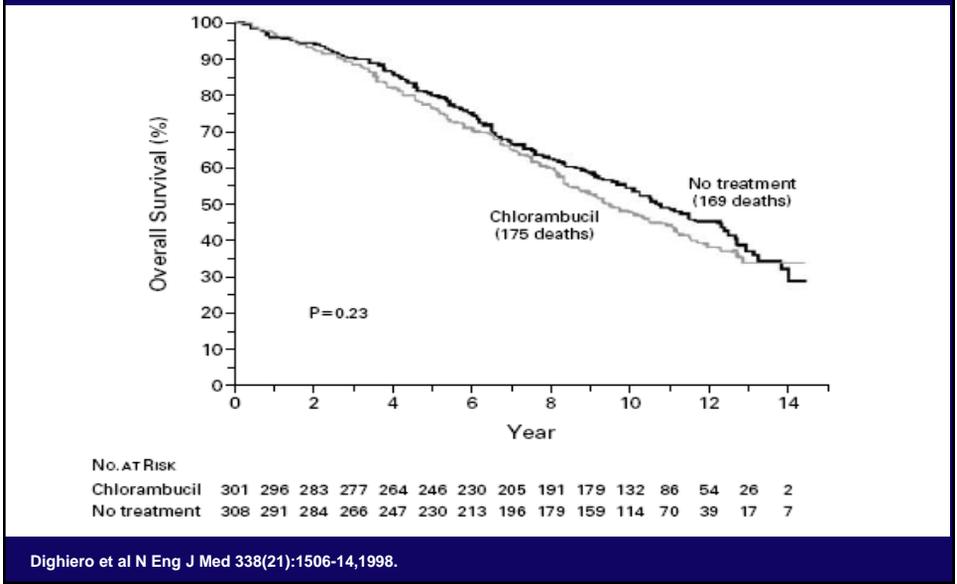
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# CLL Treatment Options



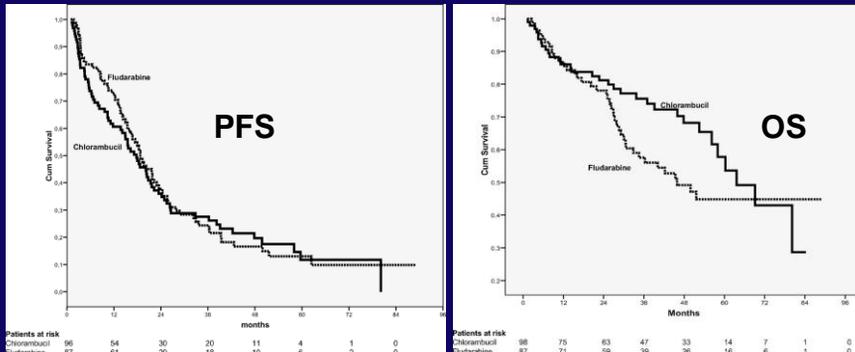
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## Survival: Daily Chlorambucil Versus Observation



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## DCLLSG CLL5 trial: CLB vs F



**Conclusion:** In elderly CLL patients first-line therapy with fludarabine does not result in a major clinical benefit compared with chlorambucil

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JOURNAL OF CLINICAL ONCOLOGY ORIGINAL REPORT

### Early Results of a Chemoimmunotherapy Regimen of Fludarabine, Cyclophosphamide, and Rituximab As Initial Therapy for Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia

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Submitted December 9, 2003; accepted November 11, 2004.

#### ABSTRACT

**Purpose**  
Fludarabine and cyclophosphamide (FC), which are active in treatment of chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL), are synergistic with the monoclonal antibody rituximab in vitro in lymphoma cell lines. A chemoimmunotherapy program consisting of fludarabine, cyclophosphamide, and rituximab (FCR) was developed with the goal of increasing the complete remission (CR) rate in previously untreated CLL patients to  $\geq 50\%$ .

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## Response to FC + Rituximab (NCI-WG: 300 Patients)

Response*	# Pts.	( % )	
CR	217	(72)	} 95%
Nodular PR	31	(10)	
PR	37	(12)	
No Response	13	( 4)	
Early Death	2	( 1)	

\* Evaluated 6 months after last course

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## Phase III CLL10: Final Analysis of FCR vs BR in Pts With Advanced CLL

Pts with untreated, active CLL without del(17p) and good physical fitness (CIRS  $\leq$  6, creatinine clearance  $\geq$  70 mL/min) (N = 564)

### FCR

Fludarabine 25 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV Days 1-3 +  
Cyclophosphamide 250 mg/m<sup>2</sup> Days 1-3 +  
Rituximab 375 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV Day 0, cycle 1 +  
Rituximab 500 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV Day 1, cycles 2-6

### BR

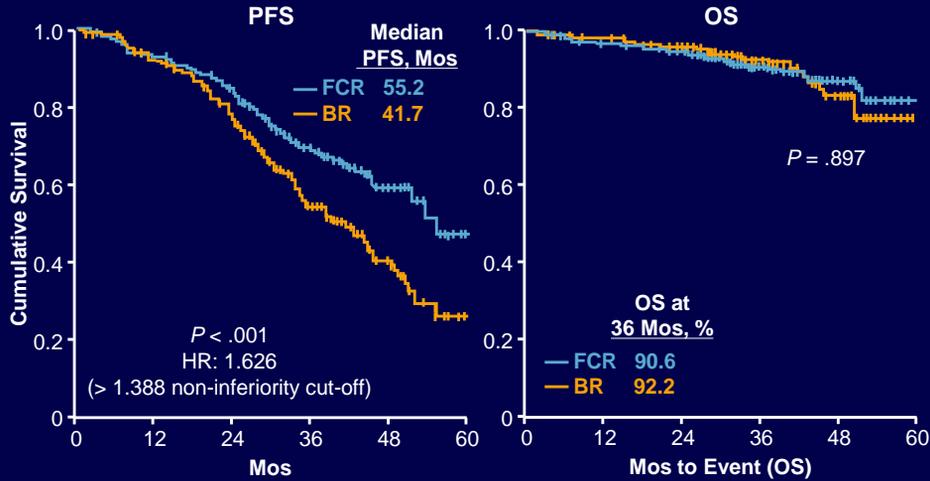
Bendamustine 90 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV Days 1-2 +  
Rituximab 375 mg/m<sup>2</sup> Day 0, cycle 1 +  
Rituximab 500 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV Day 1, cycles 2-6

- Primary endpoint: noninferiority of BR vs FCR for PFS with HR ( $\lambda_{BR/FCR}$ ) < 1.388

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

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## CLL10: PFS (Primary Endpoint) and OS With FCR vs BR in Pts With Advanced CLL



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## CLL10: Adverse Events With FCR vs BR in Pts With Advanced CLL

Adverse Event, %	FCR (n = 279)	BR (n = 278)	P Value
Neutropenia	84.2	59.0	< .001
Anemia	13.6	10.4	.20
Thrombocytopenia	21.5	14.4	.03
Infection	39.1	26.8	< .001
Secondary neoplasm*	6.1	3.6	.244
Treatment-related mortality	4.6	2.1	.107
▪ Infections	2.5	2.1	--
▪ Secondary neoplasm	1.1	0	--
▪ Other	1.0		

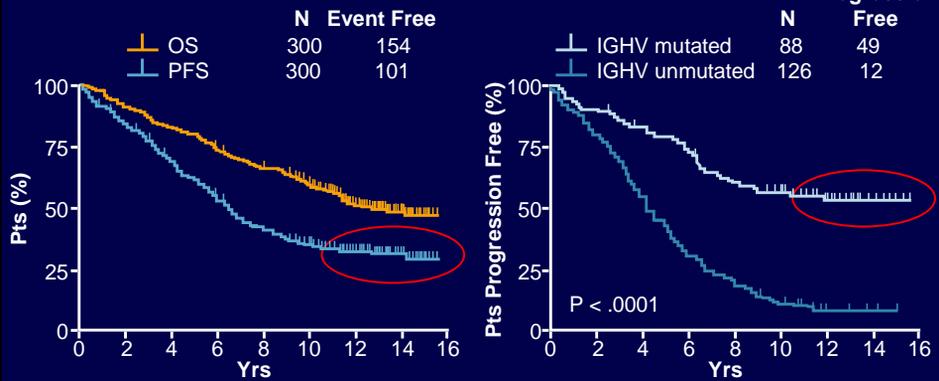
\*sAML/MDS: FCR = 6, BR = 1

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

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## FCR300 Phase II Trial: Plateau in PFS with FCR as Initial Therapy for CLL

- With extended follow-up, PFS shows plateau at Yrs 10-11
- Last relapses occurred around Yr 10, with a plateau in PFS for *IGHV*-mutated pts



Thompson PA, et al. Blood. 2015 Oct 22.

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## Ibrutinib, Fludarabine, Cyclophosphamide, and Obinutuzumab (iFCG) for Firstline Treatment of Patients with CLL with Mutated *IGHV* and without *TP53* Aberrations

Nitin Jain, Philip Thompson, Jan Burger, Alessandra Ferrajoli, Gautam Borthakur, Prithviraj Bose, Zeev Estrov, Tapan Kadia, Koichi Takahashi, Naveen Garg, Xuemei Wang, Rashmi Kanagal-Shamanna, Keyur Patel, Wanda Lopez, Ana Ayala, William Plunkett, Varsha Gandhi, Hagop Kantarjian, Susan O'Brien, Michael Keating, William Wierda

Department of Leukemia, MDACC  
ASH 2018, Abstract 185

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## Treatment Schema iFCG Courses 1-3

	Course 1						Courses 2-3		
	D1	D2	D3	D4	D8	D15	D1	D2	D3
Obinutuzumab (mg)	100	900	-	-	1000	1000	1000	-	-
Fludarabine (25 mg/m <sup>2</sup> )	-	X	X	X	-	-	X	X	X
Cyclophosphamide (250 mg/m <sup>2</sup> )	-	X	X	X	-	-	X	X	X
Ibrutinib	420 mg daily continuous								

Antiviral prophylaxis with acyclovir / valacyclovir was required  
 PJP prophylaxis was optional  
 Prophylactic G-CSF was optional in the early part of the trial (now required)

iFCG in *IGHV-M* CLL, ASH 2018, Abs 185.

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## iFCG Trial: Study Design

**iFCG 3 courses**



**Ibrutinib for 9 courses (all pts)**  
 +  
**Obinutuzumab for 3 courses (if CR/CRi with BM U-MRD4)**  
 or  
**Obinutuzumab for 9 courses (if PR and/or BM MRD<sup>pos</sup>)**

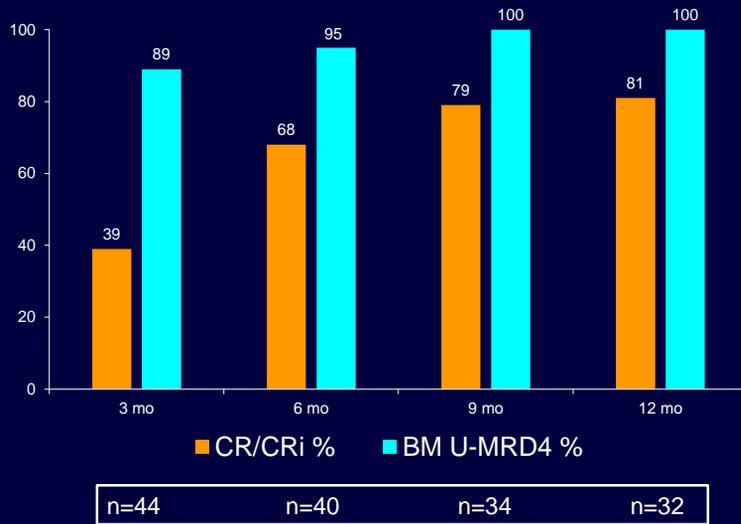


**After 12 courses**  
**BM U-MRD4 → stop ibrutinib**  
**BM MRD<sup>pos</sup> → continue ibrutinib**

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## Responses Improve with Time



iFCG in *IGHV-M* CLL, ASH 2018, Abs 185.

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## Treatment Discontinuation at 1 Year

- 32 pts reached 1-yr follow-up
  - All 32 had BM U-MRD4 (26 CR/CRi, 6 PR) and discontinued ibrutinib
  - Median follow-up after stopping ibrutinib 13.6 months (range 1.4-20.7)
  - No pt had MRD or clinical relapse

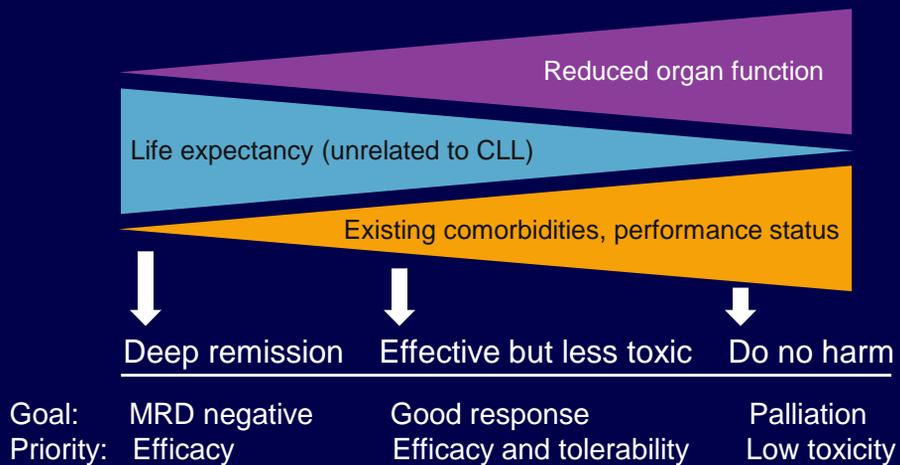
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# What About Treatment for Older Patients With CLL?

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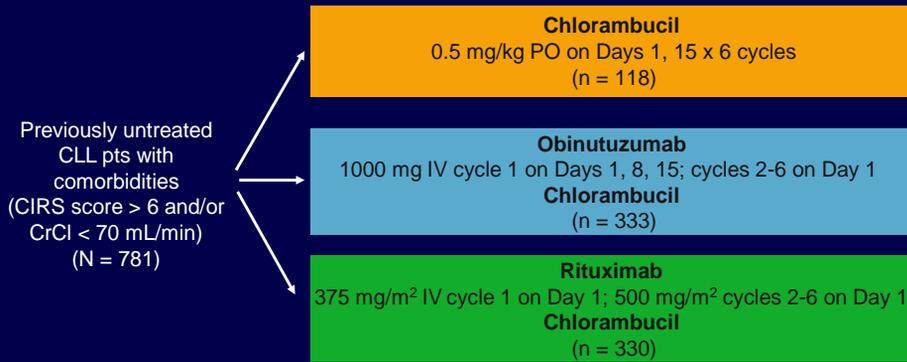
## Goals of Frontline Treatment for Older Pts With CLL



Shanafelt T. Hematology Am Soc Hematol Educ Program. 2013;2013:158-167.

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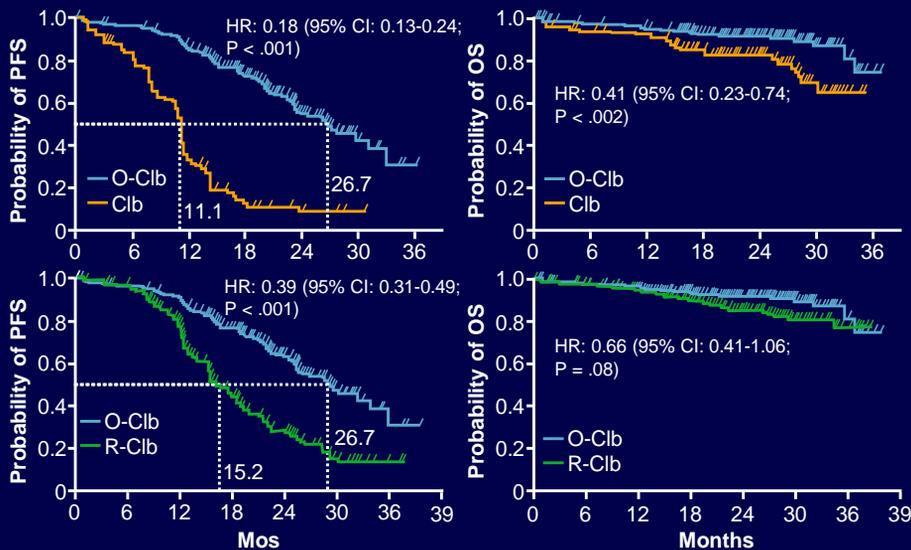
# Phase III CLL11 Trial: Chlorambucil Alone vs With Obinutuzumab vs With Rituximab



Goede V, et al. ASH 2013. Abstract 6.  
Goede V, et al. N Engl J Med. 2014;370:1101-1110.

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## CLL11: Survival with Clb/Obinutuzumab vs Clb Alone or Clb/Rituximab in CLL



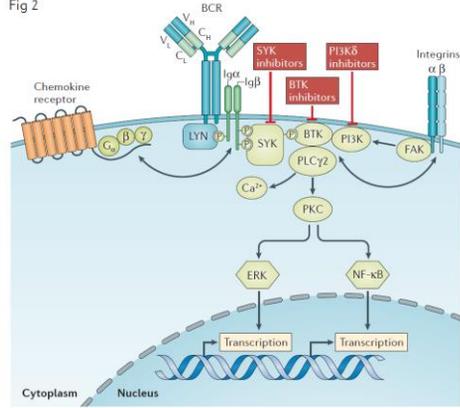
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# Breakthrough in CLL therapy: Targeting BCR signaling



Fig 2



Nature Reviews | Clinical Oncology

Burger & O'Brien Nat Rev Clin Onc 2018.

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## In CLL:

# Sites of proliferation = sites of BCR activation

**CLL lymph nodes**

Proliferation centers

From: Soma LA et al. Human Pathology. 2006;37:152-159

Fig 1

Nature Reviews | Clinical Oncology

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LN PB

From: Y Herishanu et al., Blood. 2011

RGS1
FOS
TYMS
EGR1
DUSP1
CCL4
CDC2
CCL3
TOP2A
BIRC5
CCNB2
EGR2
CR2
CD69
CD13
BUB1
JUN
DUSP2
PBEF1
AICDA
AURKB
JUNB
CCNA2
CEND2
CCNB1
CDC42
TK1
TTK
MK167
AURKA
CDT1
CTLA4
CENPE
MCM6
CDC5
MYC
CCNL1
EGR3
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# The discovery of agammaglobulinaemia in 1952



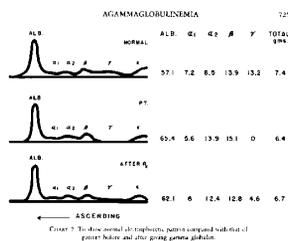
Colonel Ogden Bruton (\*1908, †2003)  
Chief of Pediatrics at the  
Walter Reed Army Hospital

From: Ponader & Burger, J Clin Oncol. 32:1830-9, 2013.

## AGAMMAGLOBULINEMIA

By COL. OGDEN C. BRUTON, M.C., U.S.A.  
Washington, D.C.

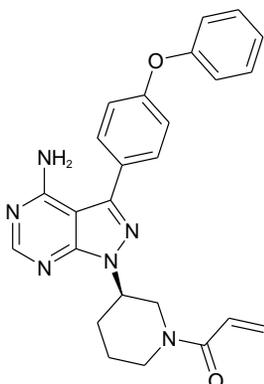
THE complete absence of gamma globulin in human serum with a normal total protein as determined by electrophoretic analysis does not appear to have as yet been reported in the literature. Stern<sup>1</sup> mentions two cases of hypoproteinaemia in children who had "almost complete absence of gamma globulin and were singularly free from infection." Schick<sup>2</sup> reported a similar congenital case without nephrosis with a review of the literature in which the total protein was low, the gamma globulin fraction low, and edema present. The latter findings in nephrosis are well known. Krebs<sup>3</sup> reported a case in which there was a "depression of gamma globulin in hypoproteinaemia due to malnutrition." The present author had the opportunity of following a patient without nephrotic syndrome, with normal nutrition, with complete absence of the gamma globulin fraction and normal total serum protein through several years of many infections, including 19 episodes of clinical sepsis in which some type pneumococcus was recovered by blood culture 10 times. This entity, which, it was found, could be controlled by supplying gamma globulin as contained in concentrated immune human serum globulin, appears to be unique.



From: Bruton, OC: Pediatrics 1952;9:722-728.

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## Ibrutinib (PCI-32765) A Selective Inhibitor of BTK



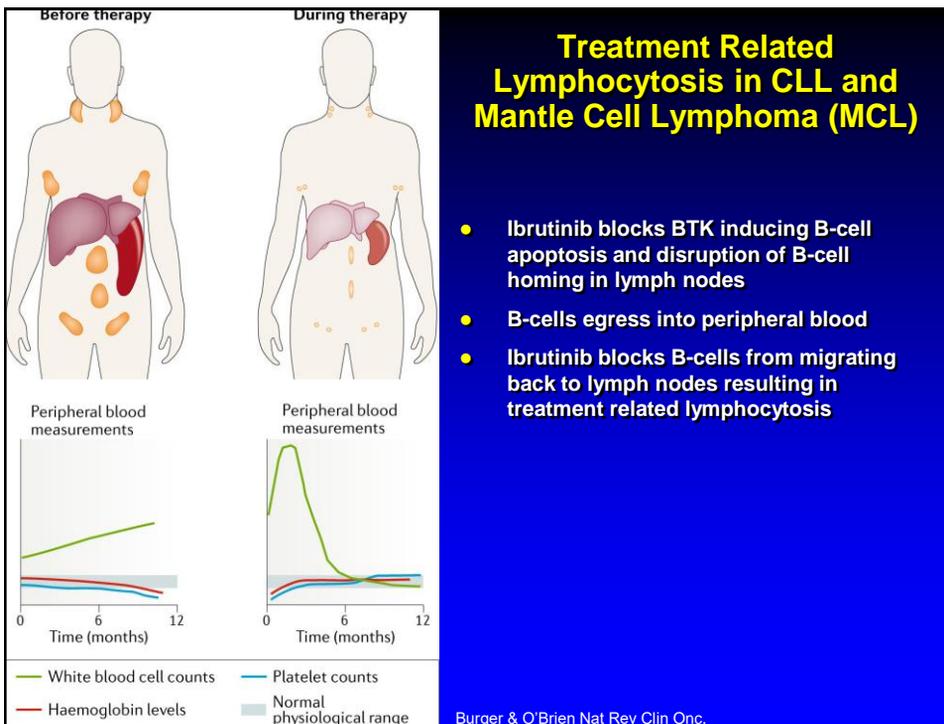
- Forms a specific bond with cysteine-481 in BTK
- Highly potent BTK inhibition at  $IC_{50} = 0.5$  nM
- Orally administered with once daily dosing resulting in 24-hr target inhibition
- No cytotoxic effect on T-cells or natural killer (NK)-cells
- In chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL) cells promotes apoptosis and inhibits CLL cell migration and adhesion

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## Marked Reductions in Lymphadenopathy

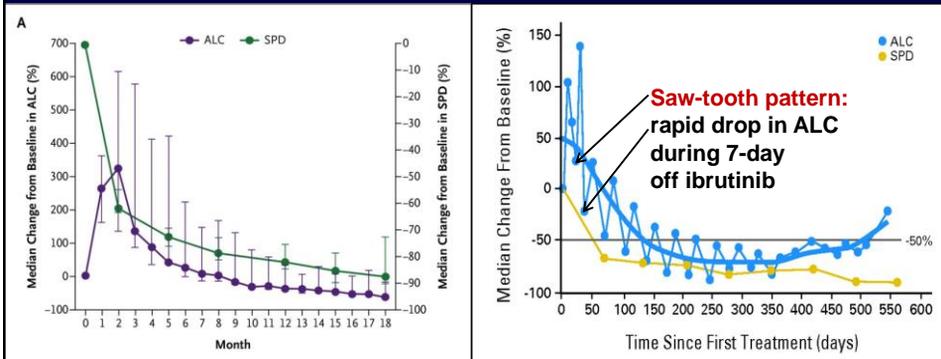


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## Ibrutinib-induced CLL cell Redistribution: Blood Lymphocytes vs Lymph Nodes



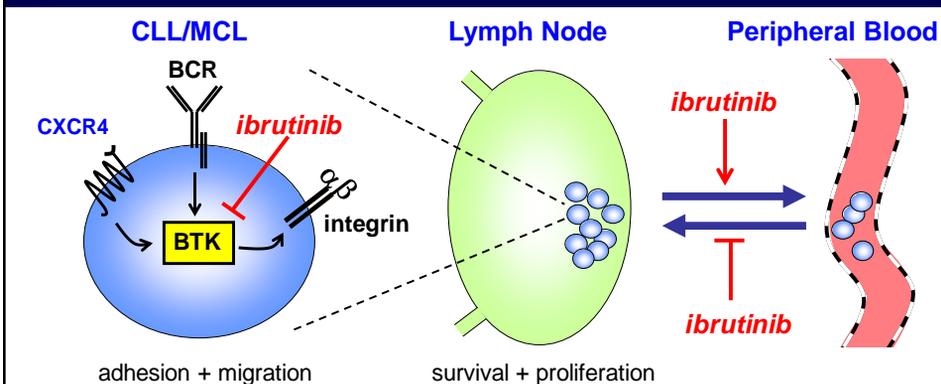
From: Byrd JC et al, NEJM 2013

From: Advani RH et al, JCO 2013

- **Redistribution** of tissue CLL cells into the PB causes early lymphocytosis (up to 3-fold increase)
- **Class effect** of kinase-inhibitors targeting BTK, PI3K, and SYK
- **Saw-tooth pattern** due to re-homing of CLL cells during “off-drug” period

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## Mechanism of Treatment Related Lymphocytosis in Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (CLL) and Mantle Cell Lymphoma (MCL)

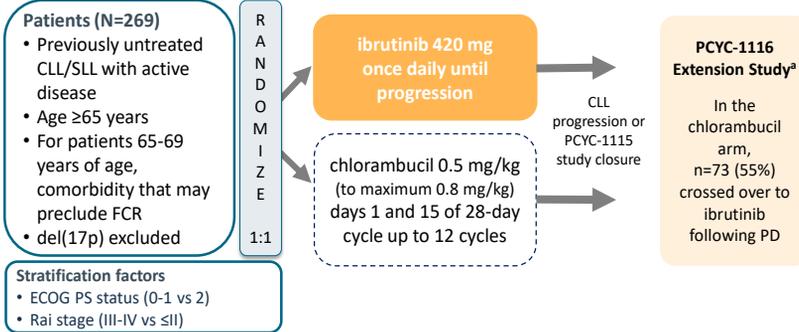


- Ibrutinib blocks BTK inducing b-cell apoptosis and disruption of b-cell adhesion in lymph nodes
- B-cells egress into peripheral blood
- Ibrutinib blocks b-cells from migrating back to lymph nodes resulting in treatment related lymphocytosis

de Rooij MFM, et al. *Blood*. 2012; 119:2590-2594.

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# RESONATE-2 (PCYC-1115/1116) Study Design

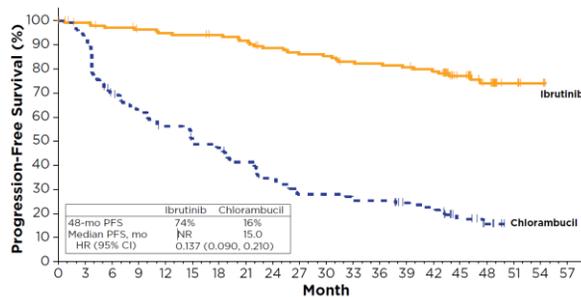


IRC discontinued after primary analysis  
<sup>a</sup>Patients could enroll in separate extension study PCYC-1116 after IRC-confirmed PD or at study PCYC-1115 closure for continuing treatment and follow-up.  
 ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; FCR, fludarabine + cyclophosphamide + rituximab; IRC, independent review committee; PD, progressive disease

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# Ibrutinib Prolongs Progression-Free Survival (PFS) Compared With Chlorambucil



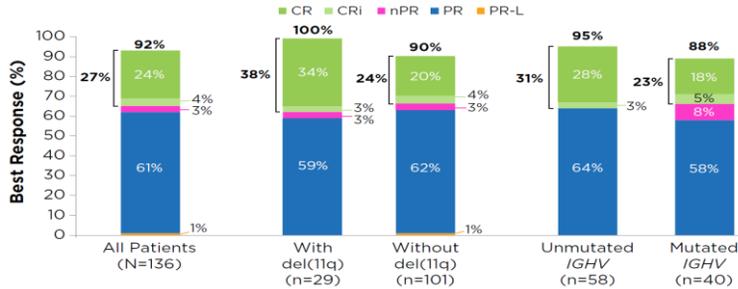
- 86% reduction in risk of PD or death for ibrutinib vs chlorambucil
- 48-month overall survival rates: 86% with ibrutinib vs 76% with chlorambucil

HR from unstratified Cox regression model

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## Overall Response Rate in the Ibrutinib Arm



- Response rates consistent with/without del(11q) and regardless of IGHV mutational status
- Investigator-assessed CR/CRi rates was 27% at 48 months, up from 11% at primary analysis
- Sponsor-confirmed CR rate was 16.2% at 48 months, up from 3.7% based on independent review at primary analysis

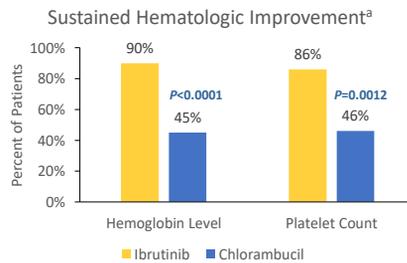
CR, complete response (sponsor confirmed); CRi, complete response with incomplete blood count recovery; nPR, nodular partial response; PR, partial response; PR-L, partial response with lymphocytosis. Percentages of patients in each category of response may not total the overall proportion with a response because of rounding

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## Improvements in Hematologic Parameters, Patient Symptoms, and Patient-Reported Outcomes

- Significantly more patients had sustained improvements in hemoglobin or platelets from baseline, and these improvements increased over time
- CLL disease-related symptoms as assessed by the investigator improved<sup>b</sup> more frequently with ibrutinib vs chlorambucil
- Patient-reported outcomes as assessed with FACIT-Fatigue<sup>1</sup> and EQ-5D-5L<sup>2</sup> were improved with ibrutinib



<sup>a</sup>Sustained hematologic improvement is defined as hematological improvement that sustained continuously for ≥56 days without blood transfusion or growth factors which includes: platelet counts >100 x 10<sup>9</sup>/L if baseline ≤100 x 10<sup>9</sup>/L or increase ≥50% over baseline; hemoglobin >11 g/dL if baseline ≤11 g/dL or increase ≥2 g/dL over baseline.

<sup>b</sup>Defined by change of at least 1 grade from baseline for at least 2 consecutive assessments at any time, as assessed by the investigator.

UIS, Utility Index Score; VAS, Visual Analogue Scale.

1. Yellen SB, et al. *J Pain Symptom Manage*. 1997;13:63-74.

2. EuroQol Group. *Health Policy*. 1990;16:199-208.

DGHO 2018, RESONATE-2 CLL; Burger et al.

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## Most Frequent Treatment-Emergent Adverse Events (Any Grade<sup>a,b</sup> Prevalence) by Yearly Interval in First-line Ibrutinib Patients

Ibrutinib (n=135)	0-1 year (n=135), %	1-2 years (n=123), %	2-3 years (n=111), %	3-4 years (n=100), %	Total (n=135), %
Diarrhea	42	9	12	8	49
Fatigue	28	22	19	17	34
Cough	19	11	12	11	33
Peripheral edema	17	14	12	13	27
Anemia	16	10	8	10	25
Nausea	20	7	5	3	25
Pyrexia	15	7	6	6	24
Arthralgia	14	11	10	7	24
Upper respiratory infection	13	7	9	9	23
Hypertension	12	10	14	16	21
Vomiting	12	4	6	3	20

<sup>a</sup>All events were Grade 3 or lower, except for 1 case of Grade 4 anemia

<sup>b</sup>Events listed occurred at frequency ≥20%

DGHO 2018, RESONATE-2 CLL; Burger et al.

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## Adverse Events of Clinical Interest

Ibrutinib (n=135)	0-1 year (n=135), %	1-2 years (n=123), %	2-3 years (n=111), %	3-4 years (n=100), %
Major hemorrhage (AE term group)	5	5	1	3
Atrial fibrillation	8	1	6	2
Hypertension (AE term group)	18	5	5	4

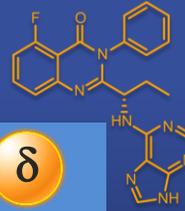
- Major hemorrhage (AE term group) occurred in 10% of ibrutinib-treated patients
  - None were Grade 5
- Atrial fibrillation occurred in 13% of ibrutinib-treated patients
  - None were Grade 4 or 5
- Hypertension (AE term group) occurred in 24% of ibrutinib-treated patients
  - None were Grade 4 or 5

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# Idelalisib: Potent and Selective Inhibitor of PI3K $\delta$

Idelalisib/  
GS-1101



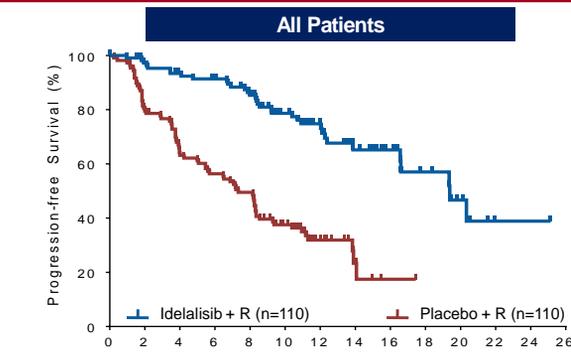
Class I PI3K Isoform	$\alpha$	$\beta$	$\gamma$	$\delta$
Cell Type	Mouse embryonic fibroblasts	Mouse embryonic fibroblasts	Human basophils	Human basophils
Cell-Based Activity	PDGF-induced pAKT	LPA-induced pAKT	fMLP-induced CD63+	FceR1-induced CD63+
EC <sub>50</sub> (nM)	>20,000	1,900	3,000	8

- Selectivity relative to Class I PI3K isoforms involved in insulin signaling and other physiological functions
- No off-target activity against Class II or III PI3K, mTOR, or DNA-PK
- No off-target activity seen in screen of >350 protein kinases (Ambit KINOMEScan™)

Lannutti, et al. Blood, 2011.

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## PFS, Including Extension Study\* Idelalisib + R vs Placebo + R



N at risk		Median PFS (95% CI)	HR (95% CI)	p-value
IDEA + R	PBO + R			
110	110	19.4 mo (16.6, -)	0.25 (0.16, 0.39)	<0.0001
102	86	7.3 mo (5.5, 8.5)		
95	66			
92	58			
83	51			
64	33			
43	15			
26	5			
19	1			
12	0			
7	-			
1	-			
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\*Placebo + R includes those patients who received open-label idelalisib after unblinding without prior progression (n=42).

Sharman et al., ASH 2014, Abstract 330.

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# March 2016: FDA Halts Six Idelalisib Combination Studies<sup>1</sup>

- Six idelalisib (Zydelig) trials in combination with other therapies have been halted due to reports of an increased rate of adverse events, including death, for patients with hematologic malignancies
- The halted studies were exploring idelalisib in CLL, SLL, and indolent NHL. The FDA announcement follows a similar decision from the European Union, which placed idelalisib under a safety review following infections (PJP, CMV)
- Idelalisib development in frontline CLL on hold
- EMA/PRAC recommends that all patients treated with Zydelig should receive antibiotics to prevent *Pneumocystisjirovecii* pneumonia. Patients should also be monitored for CMV and other infection and have regular blood tests for white cell counts because low counts can increase their risk of infection. Zydelig should not be started in patients with a generalised infection. It should also not be started in previously untreated patients with CLL whose cancer cells have certain genetic mutations (17p deletion or *TP53* mutation).

<sup>1</sup><http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DrugSafety/ucm490618.htm>

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## MURANO Study Design

Adapted from the Seymour presentation at ASH on December 12, 2017

**Relapsed/refractory CLL (N=389)**

- ≥18 years of age
- Prior 1–3 lines of therapy, including ≥1 chemo-containing regimen
- Prior bendamustine only if DoR ≥24 months

**Stratified by:**

- Del(17p) by local labs
- Responsiveness to prior therapy\*
- Geographic region

**Randomization (R 1:1)**

**VEN 5-week ramp-up**

**VENetoclax 400 mg orally once daily to PD, cessation for toxicity, or max. 2 years from Cycle1 Day1**

**Rituximab**  
375 mg/m<sup>2</sup> Day 1, Cycle 1;  
500 mg/m<sup>2</sup> Day 1 Cycles 2–6

**Bendamustine**  
70 mg/m<sup>2</sup> Days 1 and 2 Cycles 1–6  
+  
**Rituximab**

<b>Primary Endpoint</b>	INV-assessed PFS
<b>Major Secondary Endpoints</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IRC-CR ⇒ IRC-ORR ⇒ OS (hierarchical testing)</li> <li>• IRC-assessed PFS and MRD-negativity</li> </ul>
<b>Key Safety Endpoints</b>	Overall safety profile, focusing on serious adverse events and Grade ≥3 adverse events
<b>Interim Analysis</b>	Approximately 140 INV-assessed PFS events (75% of total information)

NCT02005471  
\*High-risk CLL – any of following features: del(17p) or no response to front-line chemotherapy-containing regimen or relapsed ≤12 months after chemotherapy or within ≤24 months after chemoimmunotherapy.

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Venetoclax–Rituximab in Relapsed or Refractory Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia

J.F. Seymour, T.J. Kipps, B. Eichhorst, P. Hillmen, J. D’Rozario, S. Assouline, C. Owen, J. Gerecitano, T. Robak, J. De la Serna, U. Jaeger, G. Cartron, M. Montillo, R. Humerickhouse, E.A. Punnoose, Y. Li, M. Boyer, K. Humphrey, M. Mobasher, and A.P. Kater

# Patient Demographics

	Venetoclax + Rituximab N=194	Bendamustine + Rituximab N=195
Age, median (range), years	64.5 (28–83)	66.0 (22–85)
Lymphocyte count ( $\times 10^9/L$ ), median (range)	43.1 (0.3–703)	54.7 (0.3–536)
Del(17p)*, n/N (%)	46/173 (27)	46/169 (27)
Unmutated IGHV*, n/N (%)	123/180 (68)	123/180 (68)
Mutated TP53*, n/N (%)	48/192 (25)	51/184 (28)
Number of prior therapies, n (%)		
1	111 (57)	117 (60)
2	57 (29)	43 (22)
3	22 (11)	34 (17)
>3	4 (2)	1 (1)
Prior therapies, n (%)		
Alkylating agent	182 (93)	185 (95)
Purine analog	157 (81)	158 (81)
Anti-CD20 antibody	153 (78)	148 (76)
B-cell receptor pathway inhibitors	5 (3)	3 (2)

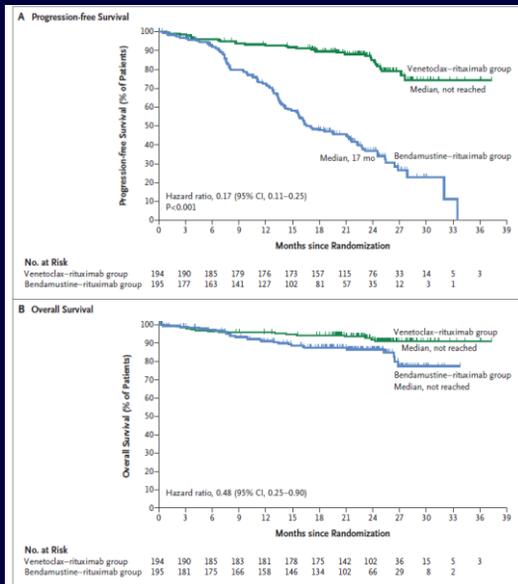
\*Central lab

As of 8 May 2017

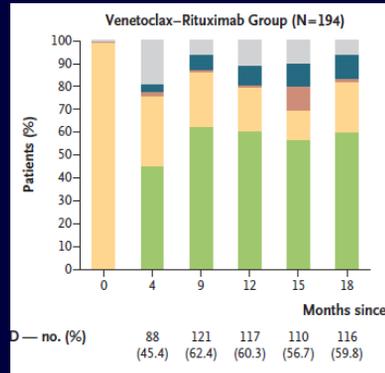
Seymour J, et al. *NEJM*. 2018;378:1107-20

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## Ven+R vs. BR: PFS and OS



### PB-MRD negative



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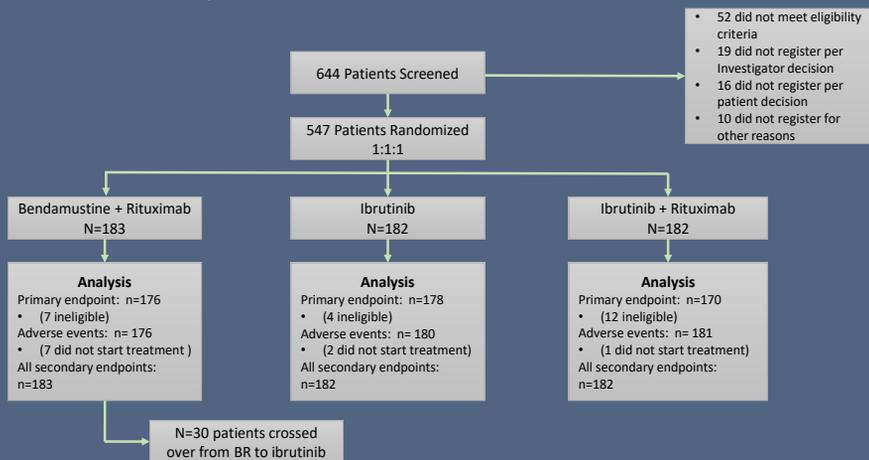


Ibrutinib alone or in combination with rituximab produces superior progression free survival (PFS) compared with bendamustine plus rituximab in untreated older patients with chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL): Results of Alliance North American Intergroup Study A041202

Jennifer A. Woyach, Amy S. Ruppert, Nyla Heerema, Weiqiang Zhao, Allison M Booth, Wei Ding, Nancy L. Bartlett, Danielle M Brander, Paul M Barr, Kerry A Rogers, Sameer Parikh, Steven Coutre, Arti Hurria, Gerard Lozanski, Sreenivasa Nattam, Richard A. Larson, Harry D'Bo, Mark Litzow, Carolyn Owen, James Atkins, Jeremy Abramson, Rich Little, Scott E. Smith, Richard M. Stone, Sumithra Mandrekar, John C. Byrd

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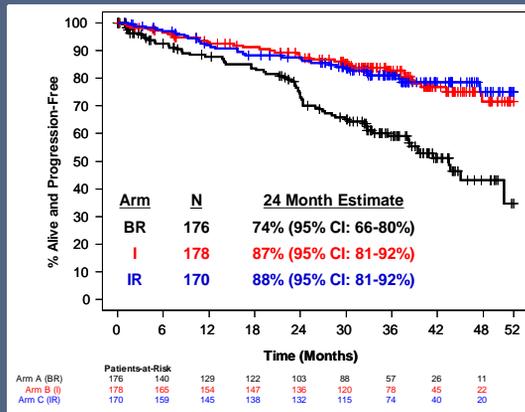
Patient Disposition



Woyach, et al. ASH2018, Abstract 6.

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# Primary Endpoint: Progression Free Survival Eligible Patient Population



## Pairwise Comparisons

**I vs BR:**  
Hazard Ratio 0.39  
95% CI: 0.26-0.58  
(1-sided P-value <0.001)

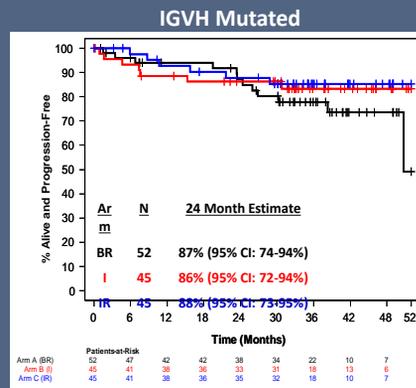
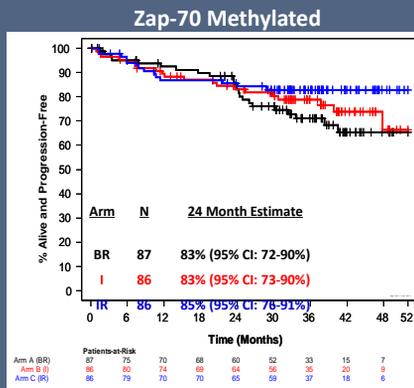
**IR vs BR:**  
Hazard Ratio 0.38  
95% CI: 0.25-0.59  
(1-sided P-value <0.001)

**IR vs I:**  
Hazard Ratio 1.00  
95% CI: 0.62-1.62  
(1-sided P-value 0.49)

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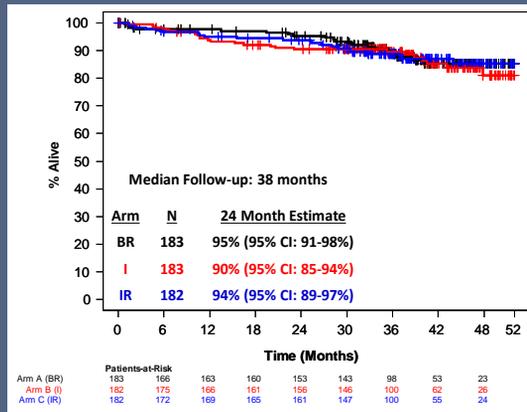
# IGVH mutated & Zap-70 methylated Subgroups PFS Intention-to-Treat Patient Population



Woyach, et al. ASH2018, Abstract 6.

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## Overall Survival Intention-to-Treat Patient Population



Woyach, et al. ASH2018, Abstract 6.

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## Conclusions

- Ibrutinib or ibrutinib plus rituximab significantly prolongs PFS compared with BR in the frontline setting for older CLL patients
- Rituximab does not improve PFS over ibrutinib alone
- BTK inhibition with ibrutinib is not without significant toxicity in older patients, so close monitoring is still warranted
  - Strategies to discontinue therapy are of great interest
- Clinical trials for this patient population are still of high clinical interest; the cooperative group setting remains a reasonable avenue to complete these large studies
  - A041702 (NCT03737981) and EA9161 (NCT03701282)

Woyach, et al. ASH2018, Abstract 6.

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## Ibrutinib + Obinutuzumab Versus Chlorambucil + Obinutuzumab as First-Line Treatment in Patients With Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia or Small Lymphocytic Lymphoma (CLL/SLL): Results From Phase 3 iLLUMINATE

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## iLLUMINATE (PCYC-1130) Study Design

### Patients (N=229)

- Previously untreated CLL/SLL
- Requiring treatment per iwCLL criteria
- Age ≥65 years or <65 years old with ≥1 coexisting condition:
  - CIRS >6
  - CrCl <70 mL/min
  - del(17p) or TP53 mutation

Stratification: del(17p) vs. del(11q) vs. neither del(17p) or del(11q); ECOG 2 vs 0-1

### Primary end point

- PFS by IRC assessment

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**Ibrutinib-obinutuzumab**  
Ibrutinib 420 mg once daily until PD or unacceptable toxicity + obinutuzumab 1000 mg split on days 1-2, and on day 8 and 15 (cycle 1) then day 1 (total 6 cycles)

**Chlorambucil-obinutuzumab**  
Chlorambucil 0.5 mg/kg on days 1 and 15 (6 cycles) + obinutuzumab 1000 mg split on days 1-2 and on day 8 and 15 (cycle 1) then day 1 (total 6 cycles)

After IRC-confirmed PD, patients were allowed to receive single-agent ibrutinib<sup>\*</sup>

### Secondary end points include

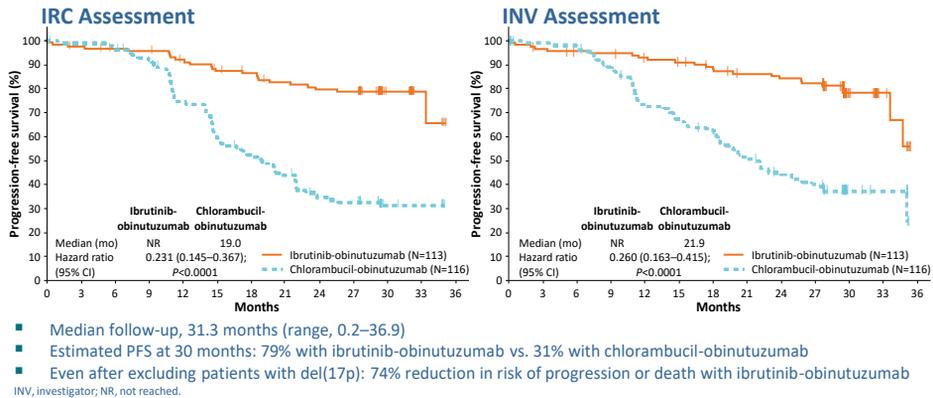
- PFS by IRC in high-risk population
- Rate of undetectable MRD
- ORR
- OS
- Infusion-related reactions
- Safety

CIRS, Cumulative Illness Rating Scale; IRC, independent review committee; iwCLL, International Working Group on CLL; MRD, minimal residual disease; ORR, overall response rate; OS, overall survival; PD, progressive disease; PFS, progression-free survival.  
\*Patients in the chlorambucil-obinutuzumab arm could receive next-line single-agent ibrutinib in crossover following IRC-confirmed PD.

Moreno et al; ASH2018, Abstract 691.

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## Superior Progression-Free Survival with Ibrutinib-Obinutuzumab



Moreno et al; ASH2018, Abstract 691.

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## iLLUMINATE Conclusions

- Ibrutinib-obinutuzumab represents an effective chemotherapy-free treatment option for first-line CLL/SLL, including importantly, for patients with high-risk disease
- Compared with chlorambucil-obinutuzumab, ibrutinib-obinutuzumab provided:
  - 77% reduction in risk of progression or death (ITT population)
  - 85% reduction in risk of progression or death (high-risk CLL population)
  - Consistent benefit across subgroups by high-risk features
  - Higher rates of CR and undetectable MRD
  - Safety profile consistent with AEs expected with individual agents
  - Reduced risk of obinutuzumab-related IRRs
- While single-agent ibrutinib provides PFS rate of 74% at 4 years,<sup>1</sup> combination of ibrutinib-obinutuzumab offers another option to achieve long-term PFS
- This is one of three Phase 3 randomized trials, at ASH 2018, that show superior PFS versus standard-of-care chemoimmunotherapy regimens (bendamustine-rituximab,<sup>2</sup> and fludarabine-cyclophosphamide-rituximab [FCR]<sup>3</sup> in first line) and superior OS versus FCR<sup>3</sup>

1. Burger JA, et al. EHA 2018; Abstract PF343; 2. Woyach J, et al. ASH 2018, Abstract #6; 3. Shanafelt T, et al. ASH 2018, Abstract #LBA-4.

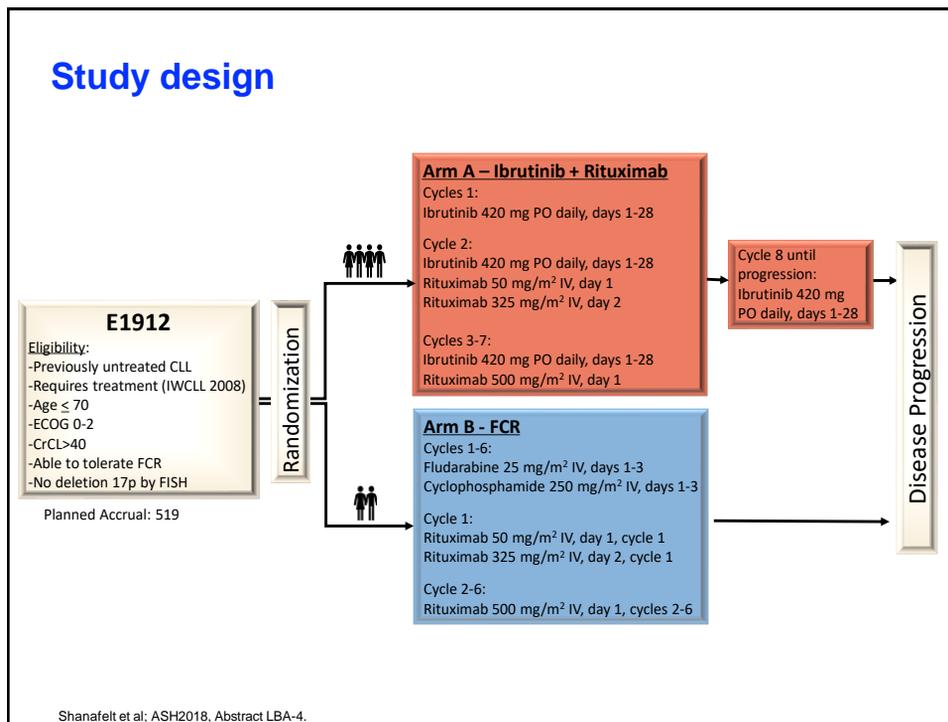
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# Ibrutinib & Rituximab Improves Progression Free and Overall Survival Relative to FCR in Younger Patients with Previously Untreated Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (CLL)

Tait Shanafelt, Xin Victoria Wang, Neil E. Kay, Susan O'Brien, Jacqueline Barrientos, Curt Hanson, Harry Erba, Rich Stone, Mark Litzow, Marty Tallman

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## Patient Characteristics Were Well Balanced

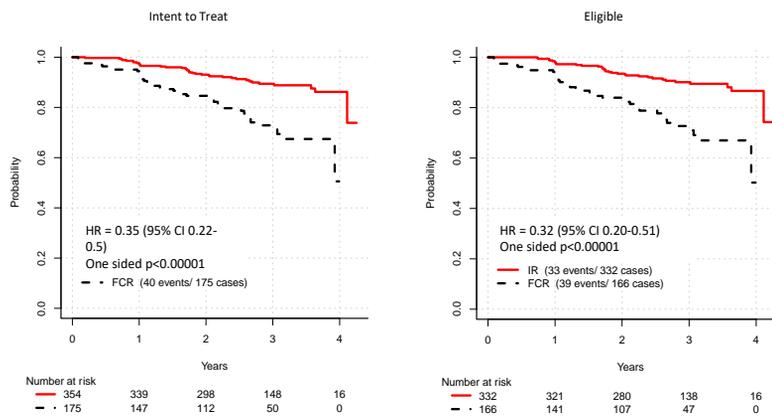
Baseline characteristics	IR n=354	FCR n=175	Total
Median age (y)	58	57	58
Age ≥ 60	41.0%	40.0%	40.6%
Female	33.3%	31.4%	32.7%
ECOG = 0	63.8%	62.3%	63.3%
Rai stage 0	3.1%	5.1%	3.8%
Rai stage I-II	52.8%	53.7%	53.1%
Rai stage III-IV	44.1%	41.1%	43.1%
FISH	11q deletion	22.0%	22.3%
	Trisomy 12	19.8%	15.4%
	13q deletion	34.2%	33.1%
B2M >3.5 mg/L	51.9%	48.0%	50.6%
IGHV Unmutated*	75.0%	61.7%	71.1%

\* Tested in 437 (82%) patients

Shanafelt et al; ASH2018, Abstract LBA-4.

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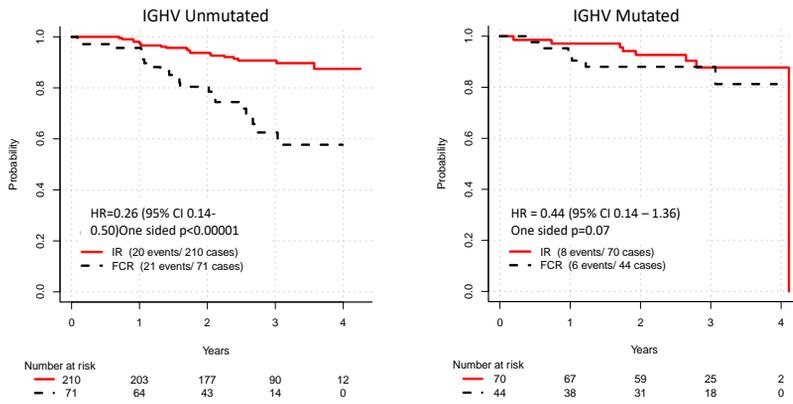
## Progression Free Survival



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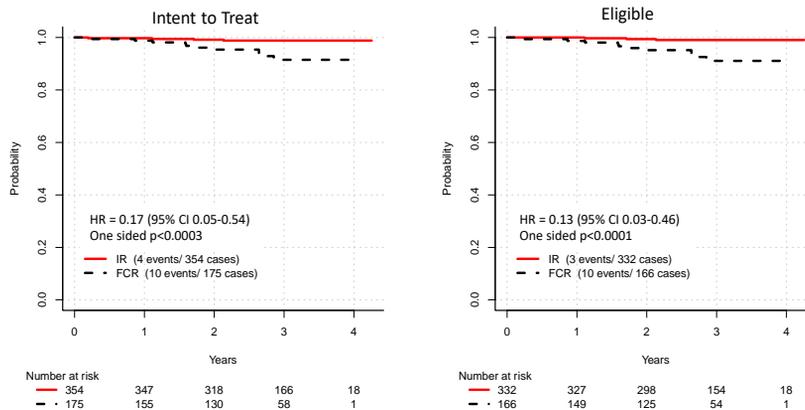
## Progression Free Survival: IGHV Status



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## Overall Survival



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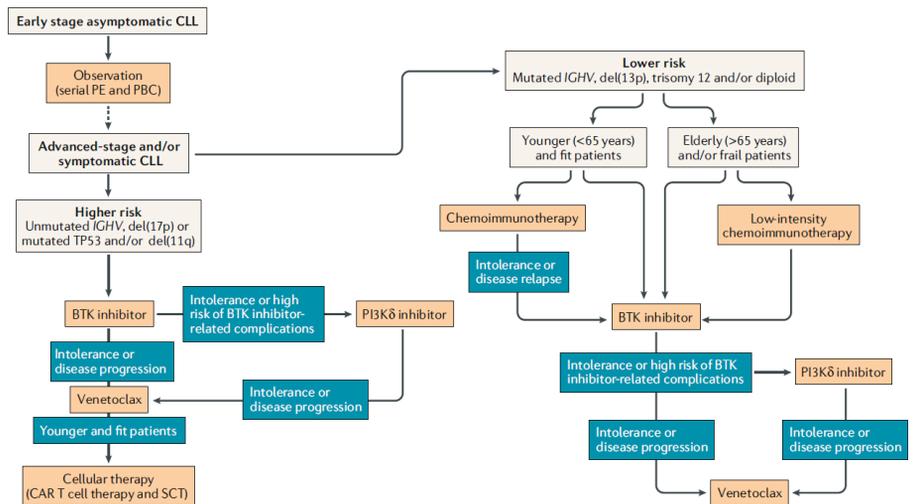
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## Why Eliminate Chemotherapy for CLL?

- Myelosuppression and risk for infection
- Immune cell depletion and risk for infection
- Risk for developing refractory, higher-risk CLL through clonal evolution
- Risk for secondary hematologic malignancies (MDS/AML)
- Risk for CLL transformation events
- Risk for second cancers?
- We have better treatment

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## Algorithm for management of patients with CLL



Burger & O'Brien Nat Rev Clin Onc 2018.

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## Q&A SESSION

*Update on Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (CLL)*

- **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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