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**Module 2 — Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia:** *Dr Rogers* 

**Module 3 — Ovarian Cancer:** *Dr Konecny* 

**Module 4 — Gastroesophageal Cancers:** *Dr Shah* 



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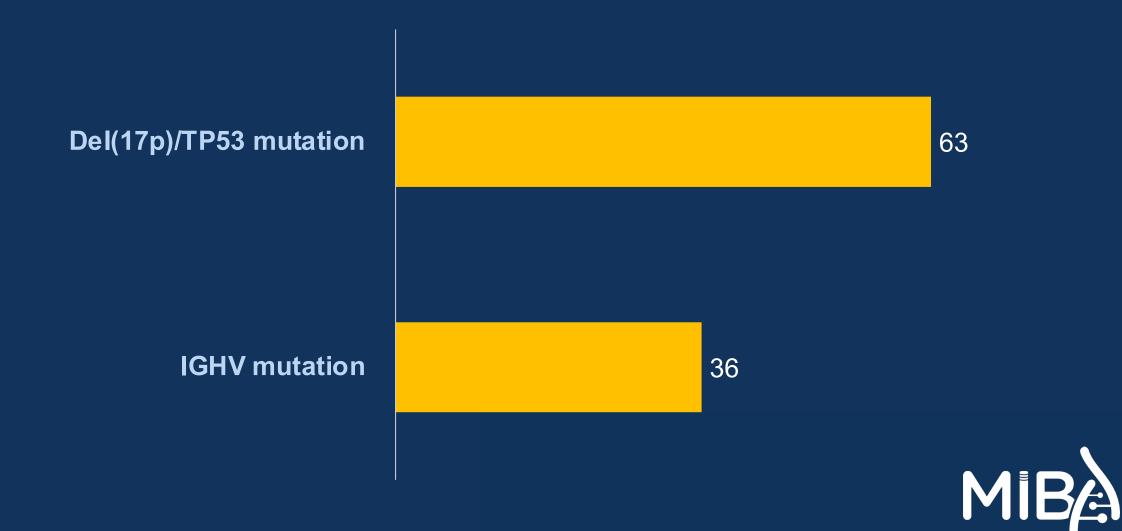


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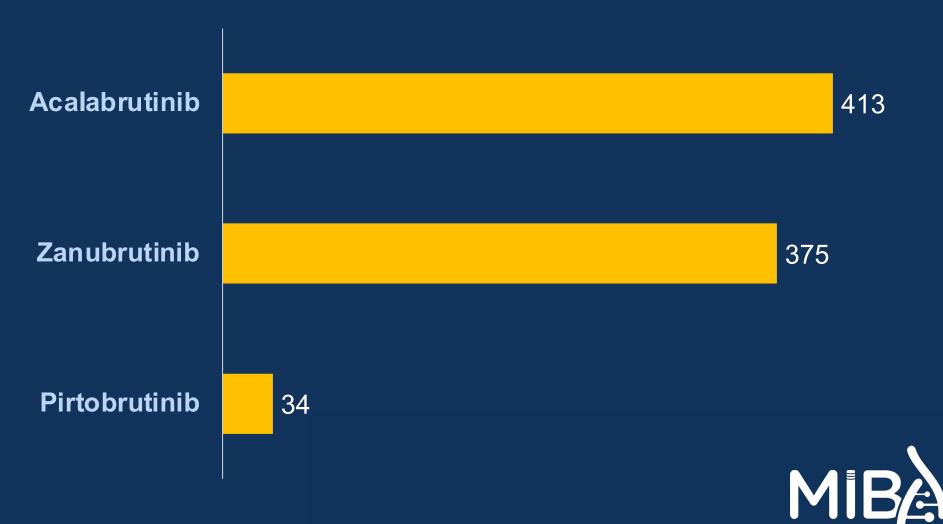
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# Snapshot of AON Practice Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia



# Snapshot of AON Practice Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia — Bruton Tyrosine Kinase Inhibitors



# Snapshot of AON Practice Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia — Other Treatments

Venetoclax

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Chimeric antigen receptor T-cell therapy

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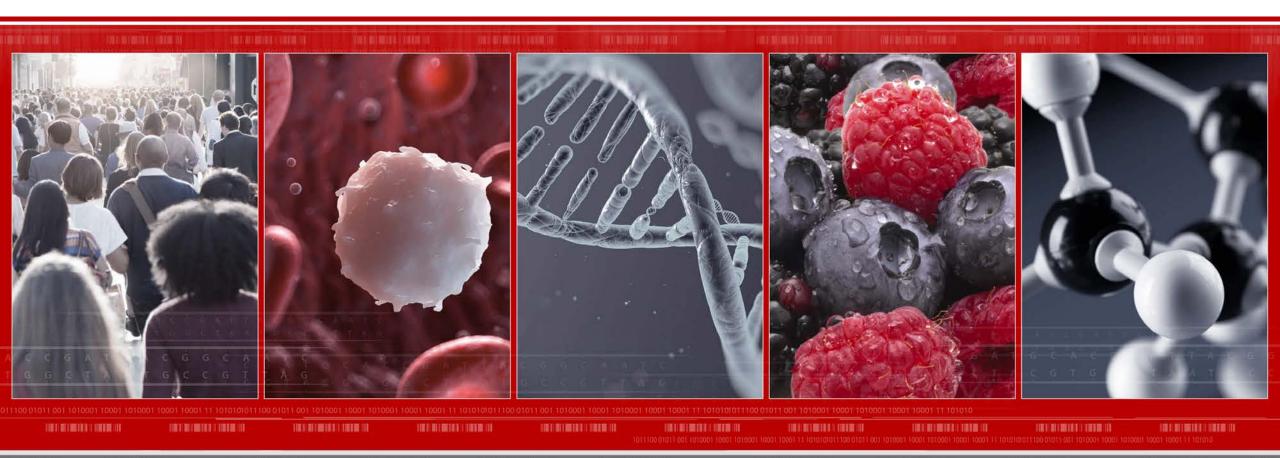


# **Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia**

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# Initial CLL Treatment Regimens

- Both continuous and fixed-duration options
- Choice depends on CLL features and patient factors

	Continuous BTKi	Venetoclax + Obinutuzumab	BTKi + Venetoclax +/- Obinutuzumab
Agents/ Regiments	<ul><li>Acalabrutinib +/- O</li><li>Zanubrutinib</li><li>Ibrutinib</li></ul>	Venetoclax + Obinutuzumab (VO)	Acalabrutinib + Venetoclax +/- O     (AV, AVO)
Schedule	Continuously dosed	<ul> <li>Venetoclax C2-12</li> <li>Obinutuzumab C1-6)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Acalabrutinib C1-14</li> <li>Venetoclax C3-14</li> <li>(Obinutuzumab C2-7)</li> </ul>
Key Points	<ul> <li>Indefinite</li> <li>Best PFS in del(17p) and/or TP53 mutated CLL</li> <li>Easiest to start and take</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Fixed-duration</li><li>Initiation is visit-intensive</li><li>Infusions are not preferred</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Fixed-duration</li> <li>All oral and fewer visits than VO with AV</li> </ul>
Major Toxicities	<ul><li>BTKi cardiotoxicities</li><li>Bleeding risk</li><li>Ongoing drug costs</li></ul>	<ul><li>TLS risk</li><li>Cytopenias can be more</li><li>Infusion reactions</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Still has BTKi cardiac toxicities, just less</li> <li>Fewer visits at initiation</li> </ul>

# The FDA Approved Covalent BTK Inhibitors

	Ibrutinib	Acalabrutinib	Zanubrutinib
FDA Approvals	CLL/SLL, WM	CLL/SLL, MCL	CLL/SLL, MCL, WM, MZL, FL
Dosing	420mg PO daily	100mg PO BID	160mg PO BID or 320mg PO daily
FDA approved combinations	Rituximab, Obinutuzumab	Obinutuzumab, + <i>Venetoclax - pending</i>	-
Selectivity	OTHER CAMK	OTHER CAMK	OTHER CAMK

**Key Facts** 

- First-in-class
- Inhibits ITK
- · Highest rates of afib

- More selective
- Less atrial fibrillation
- Less hypertension

- More selective
- Less atrial fibrillation
- Most approvals

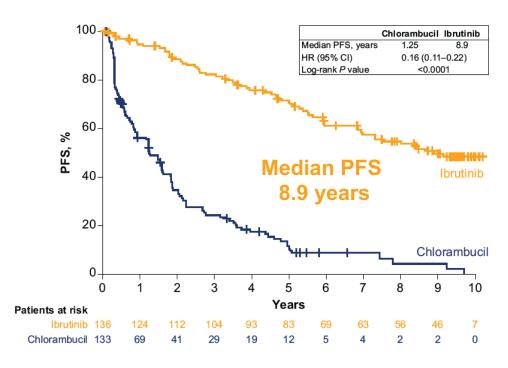
CLL = Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia, SLL = Small Lymphocytic Lymphoma, MCL = Mantle Cell Lymphoma, WM = Waldenstrom's Macroglobulinemia, MZL = Marginal Zone Lymphoma, FL = Follicular Lymphoma



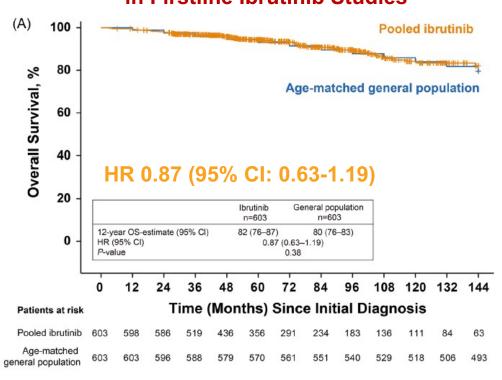
# Efficacy of BTK Inhibitors – Ibrutinib (1st in Class)

- Progression-free and overall survival advantage over chemotherapy
- Most patients can expect normal survival



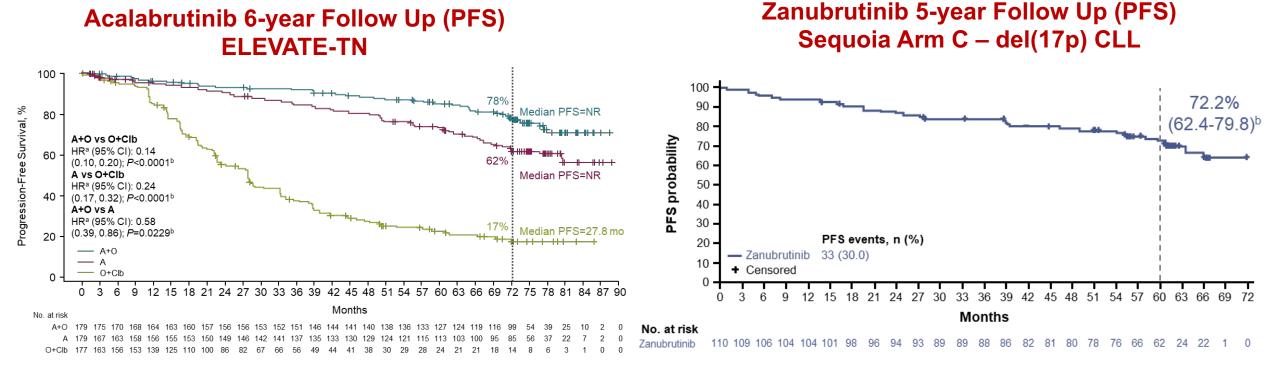


# OS from CLL Diagnosis in Patients in Firstline Ibrutinib Studies



# Acalabrutinib and Zanubrutinib Are Highly Effective

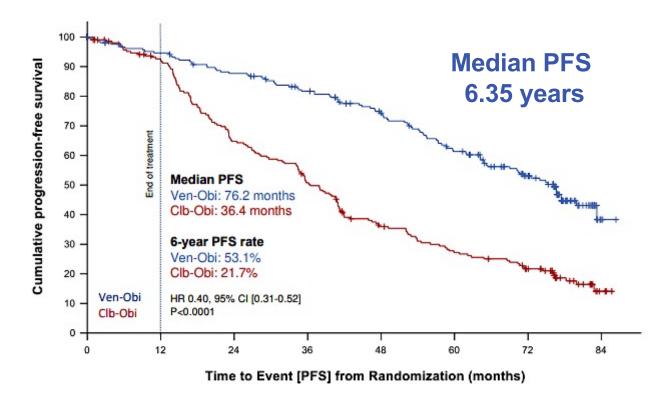
- Outstanding PFS with other covalent BTKi
  - PFS similar in patients with or without del(17p) CLL
  - Obinutuzumab can improve the PFS when added to acalabrutinib in patients without del(17p) CLL



# CLL14: Venetoclax + Obinutuzumab for 1 year

- Phase 3 study in older patients or those with comorbidities
- Clear benefit to venetoclax and obinutuzumab (HR 0.35, p<0.0001)</li>

#### PFS with Venetoclax/Obinutuzumab

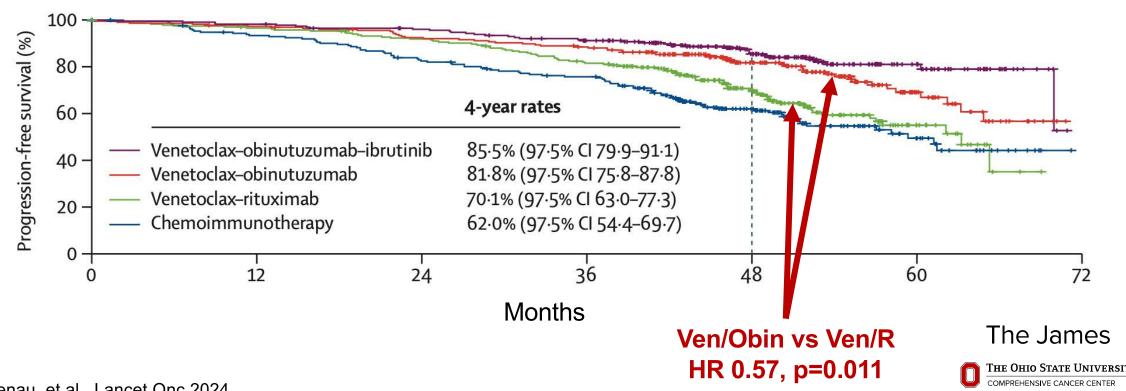




# CLL13: Venetoclax Regimens in Fit Patients

- Established venetoclax and obinutuzumab in young, fit patients
- Obinutuzumab makes a difference over rituximab!

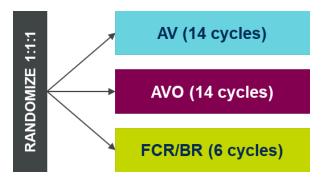
PFS with Venetoclax Combinations vs CIT (FCR vs BR)



## AMPLIFY: AV or AVO vs FCR/BR

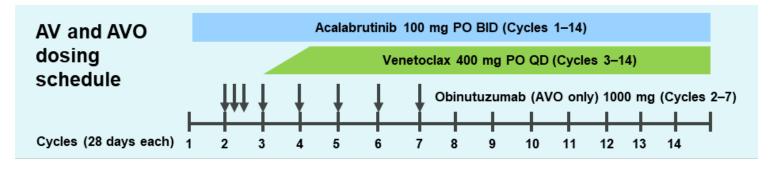
- Randomized phase 3 study of initial treatment
  - Fit patients (CIRS-Geriatric >6 excluded)
  - Excludes del(17p) and/or TP53 mutated CLL
- Compares PFS with AV to FCR/BR then AVO to FCR/BR

#### Randomization



Stratified by: age (>65 vs ≤65 years), IGHV mutational status, Rai stage (≥3 vs <3), and geographic region

### **Study Treatment for AV +/-O**

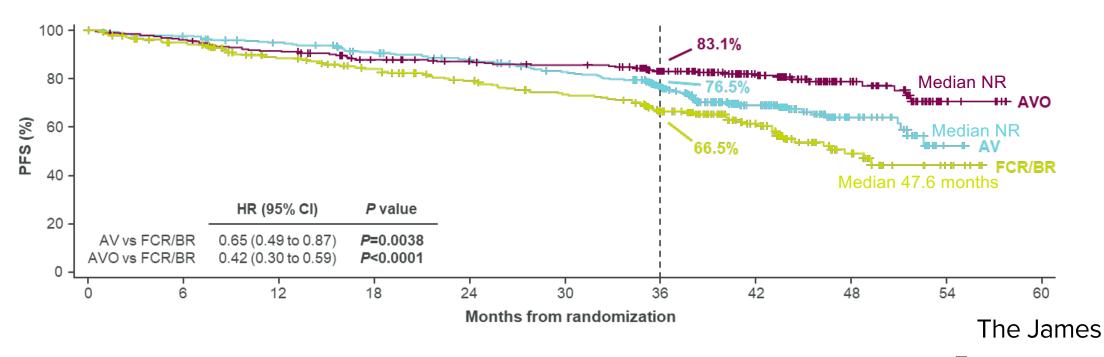




# AMPLIFY: Progression-Free Survival

- Both AV and AVO had improved PFS compared to FCR/BR
- The study was not designed to compare AV to AVO

### **AMPLIFY Progression-Free Survival**





## **AV+/- O Toxicities**

- Limited treatment duration decreased frequency of hypertension and atrial arrhythmias
- Infection remained common, particularly with AVO

	AV (n	=291)	AVO (r	n=284)	CIT (n	=259)
n (%)	Any Grade	Grade 3+	Any Grade	Grade 3+	Any Grade	Grade 3+
Afib/flutter	2 (0.7)	5 (1.7)	34 (12.0)	7 (2.5)	9 (3.5)	2 (1.2)
Hypertension	12 (4.1)	8 (2.7)	11 (3.9%)	6 (2.1%)	7 (2.7%)	2 (0.8%)
Major Hemorrhage	3 (1.0)	3 (1.0)	8 (2.8)	6 (2.1)	2 (0.8)	1 (0.4)
Infection	148 (50.9)	36 (12.4)	153 (53.9)	67 (23.6)	82 (31.7)	26 (10.0)
TLS	1 (0.3)	1 (0.3)	1 (0.4)	1 (0.4)	8 (3.1)	8 (3.1)



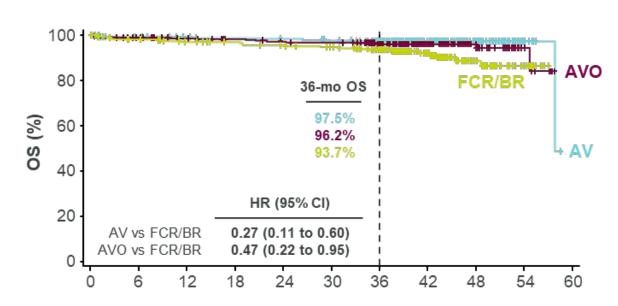
## AMPLIFY: Overall Survival and COVID-19 Deaths

- There were more deaths from COVID-19 in anti-CD20 antibody containing arms (AVO n=25, FCR/BR n=21, and AV n=10)
- This highlights infection risk with obinutuzumab

#### **Overall Survival**

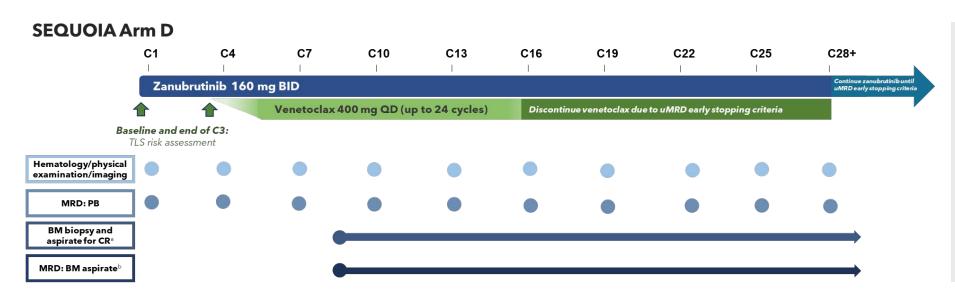
#### 80 ₩ H AVO 36-mo OS (%) so 87.7% 85.9% P value HR (95% CI) 20 P<0.0001 AV vs FCR/BR 0.33 (0.18 to 0.56) AVO vs FCR/BR 0.76 (0.49 to 1.18) 12 18 30 36 42 54 60

# Overall Survival with COVID-19 Deaths Censored



# SEQUOIA Arm D: ZV with MRD Guided Duration

- Non-randomized arm of a phase 3 study for treatment-naïve CLL
  - Originally for patients with del(17p) and/or TP53 mutations (n=66)
  - Amended to include patients without TP53 alteration (n=47)
- Complex MRD and response guided stopping rules



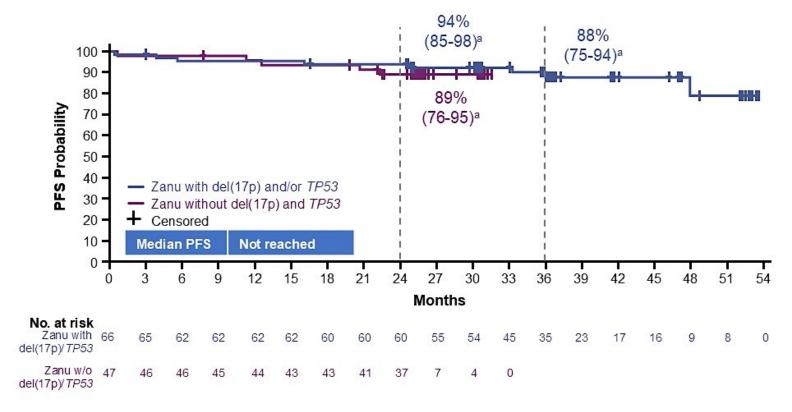
## uMRD-guided stopping criteria All conditions must be met:

- Response assessed as CR or CRi confirmed by a BM biopsy
- uMRD <1 × 10<sup>-4</sup> (uMRD4) achieved in 2 consecutive peripheral blood MRD tests conducted ≥12 weeks apart
- uMRD4 achieved in 2 consecutive BM tests conducted ≥12 weeks apart
- 4. Received:
  - Minimum of 12 cycles of venetoclax (to stop venetoclax early)
  - Minimum of 27 cycles of zanubrutinib (to stop zanubrutinib early)



# SEQUOIA Arm D: Progression-Free Survival

- Median follow-up was 38.7 months for patients with del(17p)/TP53 mutation and 29.6 months for patients without del(17p)/TP53 mutation
- 11 of 114 (9.6%) met MRD-stopping criteria and discontinued treatment



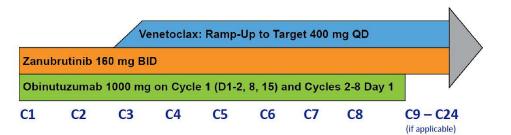


# BOVen: Phase 2 Study of ZVO

- Treatment-naïve CLL patients with any genetic disease features
- Treatment duration is based on achieving uMRD

#### **Study Treatment Schedule**

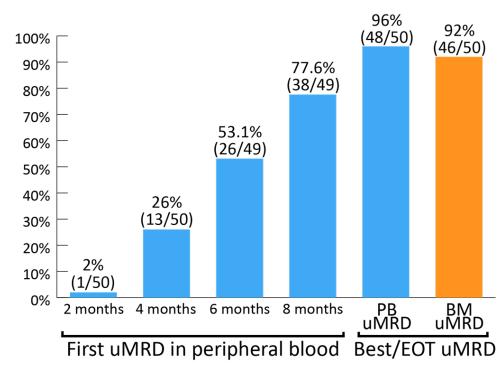
# Key eligibility criteria Previously untreated CLL/SLL Requires treatment (iwCLL guidelines) ECOG 0-2 ANC ≥1,000, PLT count ≥75 (unless due to CLL) Coumadin and dual antiplatelet excluded



#### Treatment duration / MRD-directed treatment discontinuation criteria

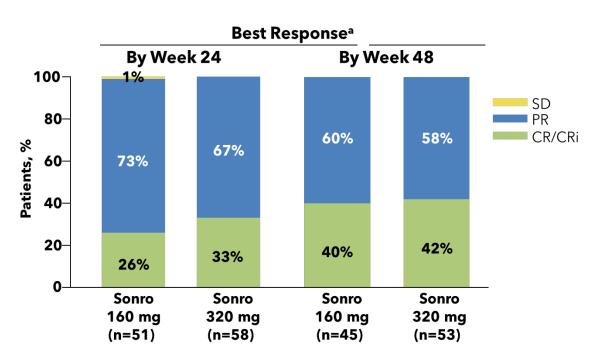
- Treatment duration: Min 8 months to Max 24 months (including 2-month doublet lead-in prior to venetoclax)
- Peripheral blood MRD (flow cytometry) assessed every 2 cycles
  - If PB uMRD <10-4 (flow), then BM MRD assessment within 14 days
  - If PB and BM uMRD <10⁻⁴ (flow), then repeat PB MRD assessment after 2 additional cycles</li>
  - If PB x 2 (consecutively) and BM uMRD <10-4 (primary endpoint), treatment is discontinued

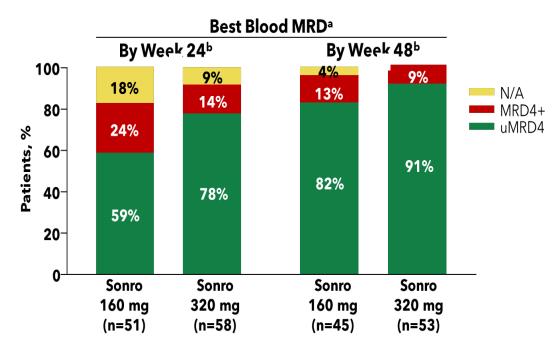
#### uMRD by Flow Cytometry (1x10<sup>-4</sup>)



# Phase I/Ib Study: Zanubrutinib and Sonrotoclax

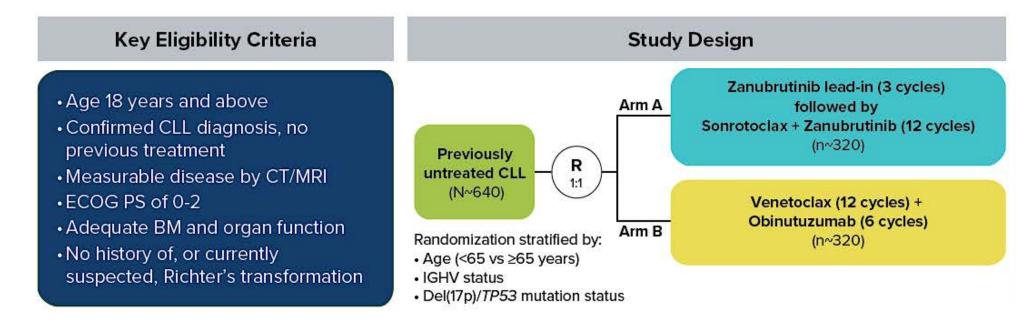
- Sonrotoclax is a potent and selective BCL2 inhibitor with activity against BCL-xL
- It was combined with zanubrutinib 320mg at 2 doses (160mg and 320mg) with favorable safety and high response rates





## CELESTIAL-TNCLL: VO vs ZS

- Phase 3 study of venetoclax/obinutuzumab (VO) vs zanubrutinib/sonrotoclax (ZS) in untreated CLL
- Primary endpoint is PFS by ICR





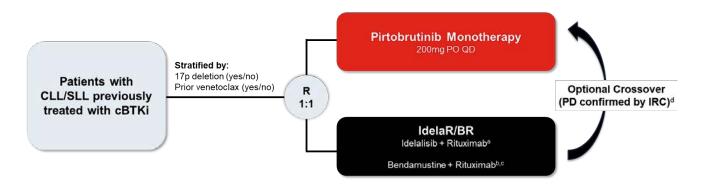


## BRUIN CLL-321: Pirtobrutinib vs IdelaR/BR

- Study of the non-covalent BTKi, pirtobrutinib, in R/R CLL
- Enrolled similar population to prior phase 1/2 study of pirtobrutinib

Characteristics	Pirtobrutinib n=119	IdelaR/BR n=119
Median lines of prior systemic therapy, n (range)	3 (1-13)	3 (1-11)
Prior therapy, n (%)		
сВТКі	119 (100)	119 (100)
Ibrutinib	100 (84)	106 (89)
Acalabrutinib	17 (14)	20 (17)
Zanubrutinib	10 (8)	7 (6)
Other <sup>c</sup>	5 (4)	3 (3)
>1 Prior cBTKi	17 (14)	18 (15)
BCL2 inhibitord	60 (50)	62 (52)
Chemotherapy	81 (68)	83 (70)
Anti-CD20 Antibody	86 (72)	83 (70)
PI3K inhibitor	11 (9)	11 (9)
Immunomodulator	2 (2)	3 (3)
Autologous Stem Cell Transplant	1 (1)	0 (0)
Allogeneic Stem Cell Transplant	2 (2)	1 (1)
Reason for any prior cBTKi discontinu	ation <sup>e</sup> , n (%)	
Disease progression	85 (71)	87 (73)
Toxicity	20 (17)	22 (18)
Other	14 (12)	8 (7)

### **Study Diagram**

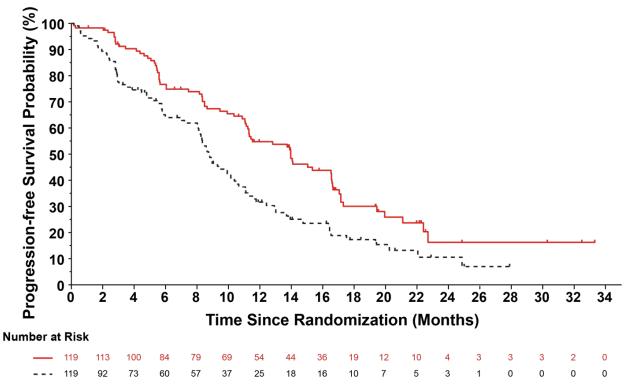




## **BRUIN CLL-321: PFS**

- PFS was improved with pirtobrutinib, but was short for CLL
- Overall survival was similar between arms

### **Progression-Free Survival**



Number of Events, n (%)

Median PFS, mo (95% CI)

Median follow-up, mo

Hazard ratio (95% CI)

Stratified log-rank 2-sided p-value

Pirtobrutinib n=119

74 (62)

79 (66)

14.0 (11.2-16.6)

19.4

77.7

0.54 (0.39- 0.75)

0.0002\*



# BRUIN CLL-321: Safety Data

- Atrial fibrillation: 3 (2.6%) pirtobrutinib, 1 (0.9%) idelaR/BR
- Hypertension: 8 (6.9%) pirtobrutinib, 4 (3.7%) idelaR/BR

TEAE	Pirtobrutinib (n = 116), IR <sup>a</sup>	IdelaR or BR (n = $109$ ), IR <sup>a</sup>	IRR (95% CI) <sup>b</sup>	P°
Infections <sup>d</sup>	94.5	125.5	0.75 (0.53 to 1.07)	.11
Pneumonia <sup>e</sup>	20.4	19.5	1.04 (0.54 to 2.03)	.90
COVID-19	11.1	33.4	0.33 (0.17 to 0.65)	.001
Anemia	18.5	30.3	0.61 (0.33 to 1.12)	.11
Neutropenia <sup>f</sup>	26.4	66.5	0.40 (0.25 to 0.64)	<.001
Cough	14.3	30.8	0.47 (0.25 to 0.88)	.02
Diarrhea	15.3	63.7	0.24 (0.14 to 0.42)	<.001
Pyrexia	11.1	52.4	0.21 (0.11 to 0.40)	<.001
Fatigue	9.5	34.2	0.28 (0.14 to 0.55)	<.001
Nausea	9.8	38.3	0.26 (0.13 to 0.51)	<.001
Vomiting	5.8	29.6	0.19 (0.08 to 0.44)	<.001
ALT increased	2.8	33.6	0.08 (0.03 to 0.25)	<.001
Weight decreased	2.8	28.5	0.10 (0.03 to 0.29)	<.001

## Phase 3 Studies with Pirtobrutinib as Initial Treatment

- Pirtobrutinib is being tested as an initial therapy
  - Compared to bendamustine and rituximab
  - Compared to ibrutinib (subgroup of treatment-naïve patients)

	BRUIN CLL-314	BRUIN CLL-313	
Treatment Arms	<ul><li>Pirtobrutinib</li><li>Ibrutinib</li></ul>	<ul><li>Pirtobrutinib</li><li>Bendamustine/rituximab (BR)</li></ul>	
Prior Treatment(s)	Both untreated and previously treated	Untreated	
Primary Endpoint	ORR	PFS	



## BRUIN CLL-314: Pirtobrutinib vs Ibrutinib

- 662 patients were randomized: 225 TN and 437 R/R
- Primary endpoint was ORR and powered for non-inferiority
- Pirtobrutinib was non-inferior for ORR in ITT and R/R cohorts



ORR ITT	18-month PFS ITT	Atrial Fibrillation Hypertension
87.0%	86.9%	2.4% 10.6%
78.6%	82.3%	13.5% 15.1%

p<0.0001



## BRUIN CLL-313: Pirtobrutinib vs BR

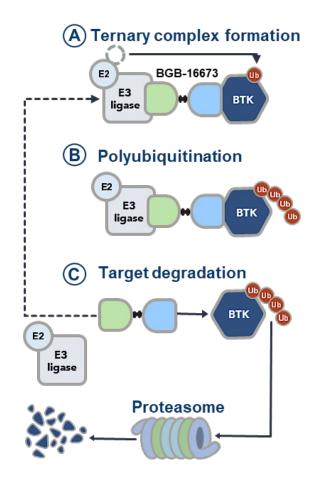
- Randomized phase 3 in treatment-naïve patients with CLL/SLL without 17p deletions
- Positive results announced for the study:
  - Statistically significant and clinically meaningful improvement in progression-free survival (PFS) compared to chemoimmunotherapy
  - The overall safety profile of pirtobrutinib was generally consistent with previously reported trials
- Data not yet available but expected soon

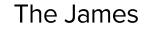


# BTK Degraders – Mechanism of Action

- Targets BTK for Degradation by the proteosome
- In CLL this is effective even with BTK mutations

Mechanism of BTK Degraders



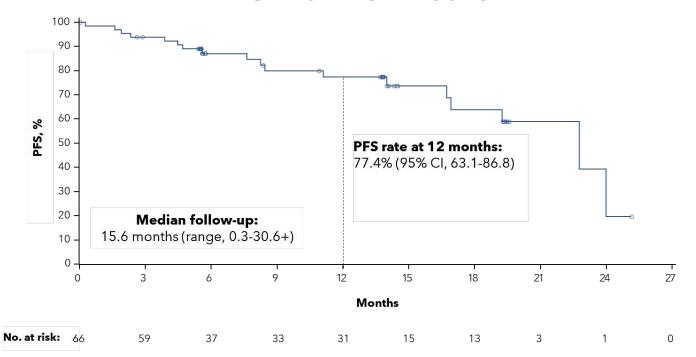




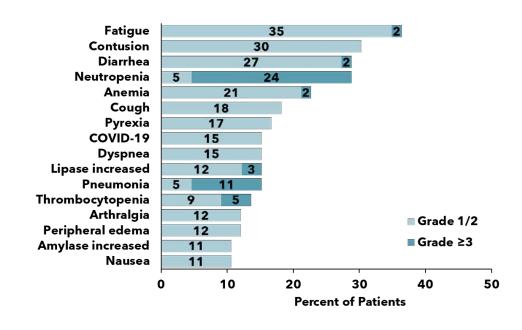
# CaDAnCe-101: Phase 1 Study of the BTKI Degrader BGB-16673

- 66 CLL patients with a median of 4 (range 2-10) prior treatments
- BTK mutations were present in 38.1% (24 of 63 tested)

#### PFS with BGB-16673



#### **Adverse Events ≥10% of Patients**



# Case Presentation: 75-year-old man with CLL and PMH of atrial fibrillation



**Dr Zanetta Lamar (Naples, Florida)** 



In general, what is your preferred initial treatment for an otherwise healthy patient with <u>IGHV-mutated</u> CLL with no del(17p) or TP53 mutation? How, if at all, does age influence the decision?

For a patient with CLL for whom you are going to initiate treatment with a BTK inhibitor, which do you prefer? How do various comorbidities influence your selection?



If a patient with CLL who is receiving first-line zanubrutinib develops issues with bruising or bleeding, would switching to pirtobrutinib be a reasonable option assuming it was accessible?

Would you consider using MRD, in addition to routine scans, to determine whether discontinuation of a BTK inhibitor might be feasible?



# Case Presentation: 82-year-old fit man with IGHV-unmutated, TP53-mutant symptomatic CLL



Dr Brian Mulherin (Indianapolis, Indiana)



In general, what is your preferred initial treatment for an otherwise healthy patient with <u>IGHV-unmutated</u> CLL with no del(17p) or TP53 mutation? How, if at all, does age influence the decision?

In general, what is your preferred initial treatment for an otherwise healthy patient with CLL and a del(17p) or TP53 mutation? How, if at all, does age influence the decision? What about IGHV status?



For a patient with CLL who is interested in time-limited treatment, how will you decide between venetoclax/obinutuzumab and acalabrutinib/venetoclax +/- obinutuzumab assuming the latter becomes available?

Would you be comfortable using zanubrutinib instead of acalabrutinib in combination with venetoclax?



Based on the emerging results from BRUIN CLL-313 and BRUIN CLL-314, are there situations in which you will consider employing pirtobrutinib as first-line treatment?



# Case Presentation: 84-year-old woman with IGHV-mutated recurrent CLL who receives pirtobrutinib



Dr Sean Warsch (Asheville, North Carolina)



In general, for a patient with CLL with disease progression after 6 years on a covalent BTK inhibitor who then receives venetoclax/obinutuzumab with further progression after 2 years, what would be your preferred next treatment? What if the covalent BTK inhibitor was discontinued after 1 year due to intolerance?



For a patient who receives pirtobrutinib for double-refractory CLL, in general what treatment would you recommend on disease progression?

What do we know about response to covalent BTK inhibitors after progression on pirtobrutinib? Is there reason to believe this strategy would or would not be effective?



# Case Presentation: 78-year-old woman with recurrent del(17p) CLL who receives venetoclax/obinutuzumab



Dr Jennifer Yannucci (Savannah, Georgia)



In general, what is the minimum duration of remission after discontinuation of venetoclax/obinutuzumab before you will consider re-treatment? Does this differ in the front-line versus the relapsed setting?

Based on available data and your personal clinical experience, how would you compare the novel Bcl-2 inhibitor sonrotoclax to venetoclax in terms of efficacy and tolerability?



How do BTK degraders differ from BTK inhibitors?
Have you observed definitive clinical benefit from these agents?
Where do you think they may fit into current treatment algorithms?
What role, if any, do you see for this agent in R/R CLL?



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