

# Therapiealgorithmen für die CLL

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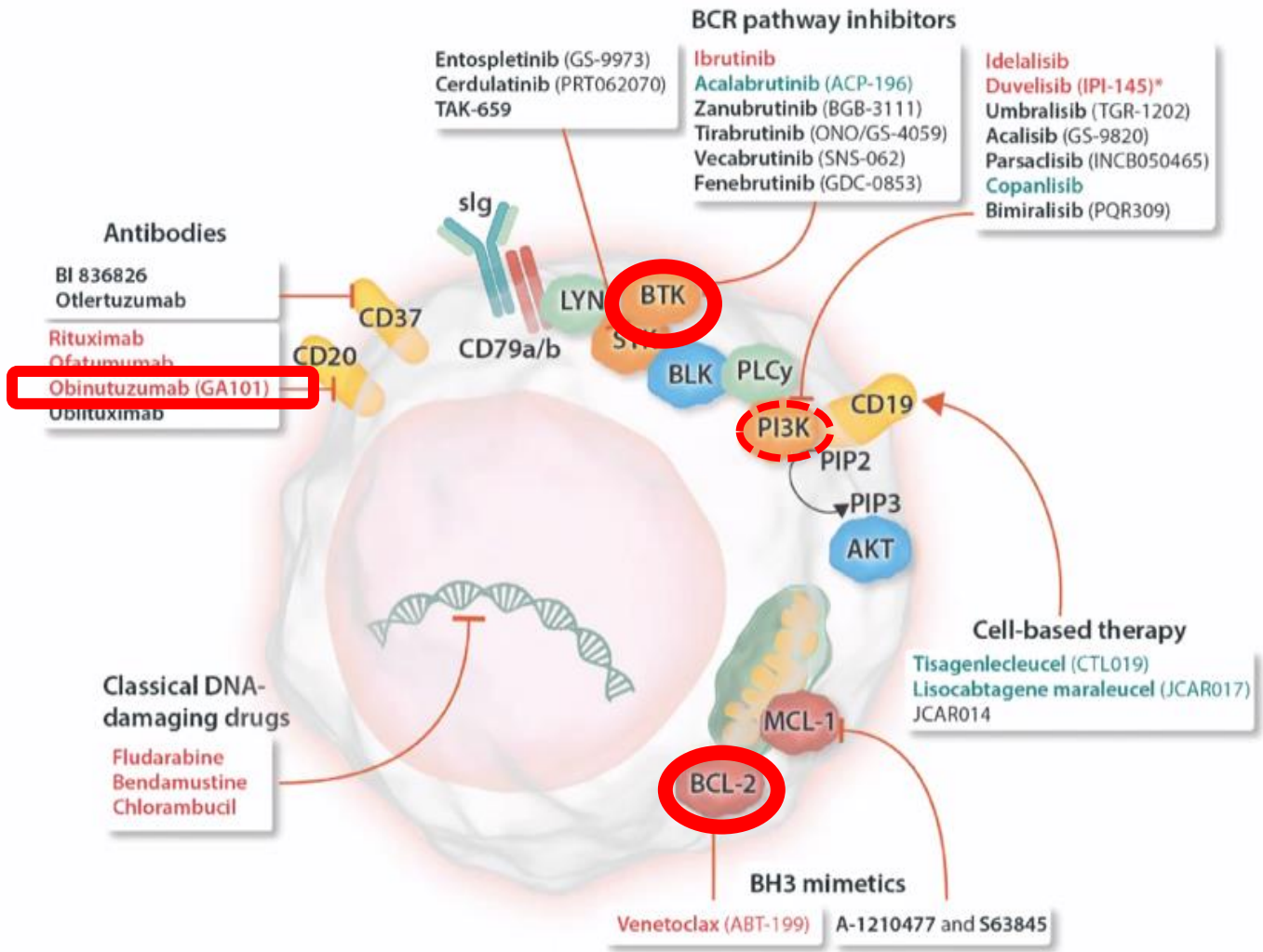
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# From Biology to Therapy: Model System CLL

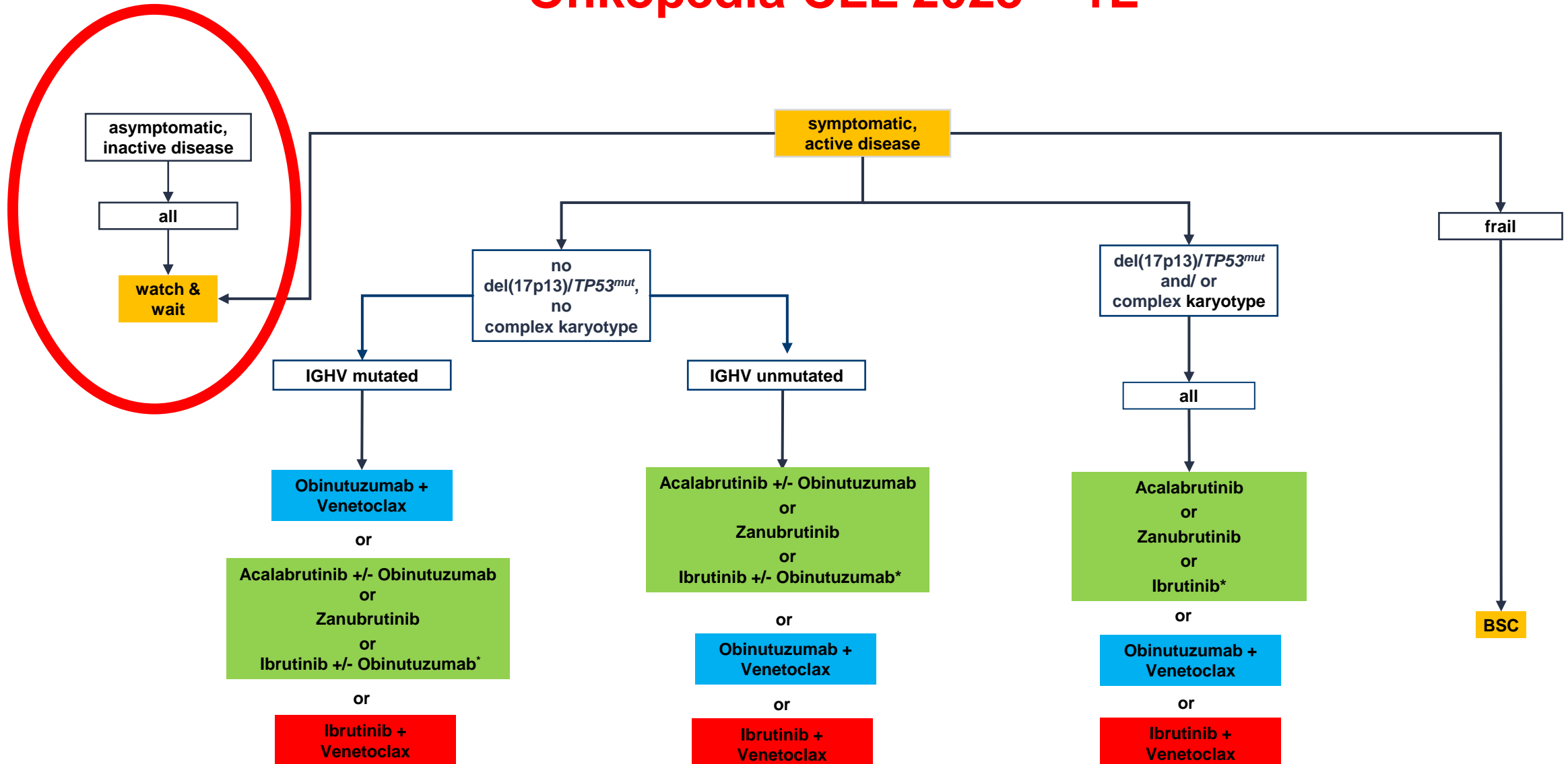
*Yosifov, et al. Hemashere 2019*





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# Onkopedia CLL 2023 – 1L



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# **IBRUTINIB VERSUS PLACEBO IN PATIENTS WITH ASYMPTOMATIC, TREATMENT-NAÏVE EARLY STAGE CLL**

## **FINAL RESULTS OF THE PHASE 3, DOUBLE-BLIND, PLACEBO-CONTROLLED CLL12 TRIAL**

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# CLL12 STUDY DESIGN

## RISK ASSESSMENT

del(17p)	IGHV
del(11q)	ECOG PS
thymidine kinase	sex
$\beta$ 2 microglobulin	age



**648 PATIENTS WITH CLL**  
BINET STAGE A  
ASYMPTOMATIC  
TREATMENT-NAIVE

152 PATIENTS  
**NO RISK**

363 PATIENTS  
**INCREASED RISK**

152 PATIENTS  
WATCH & WAIT



182 PATIENTS  
IBRUTINIB

versus



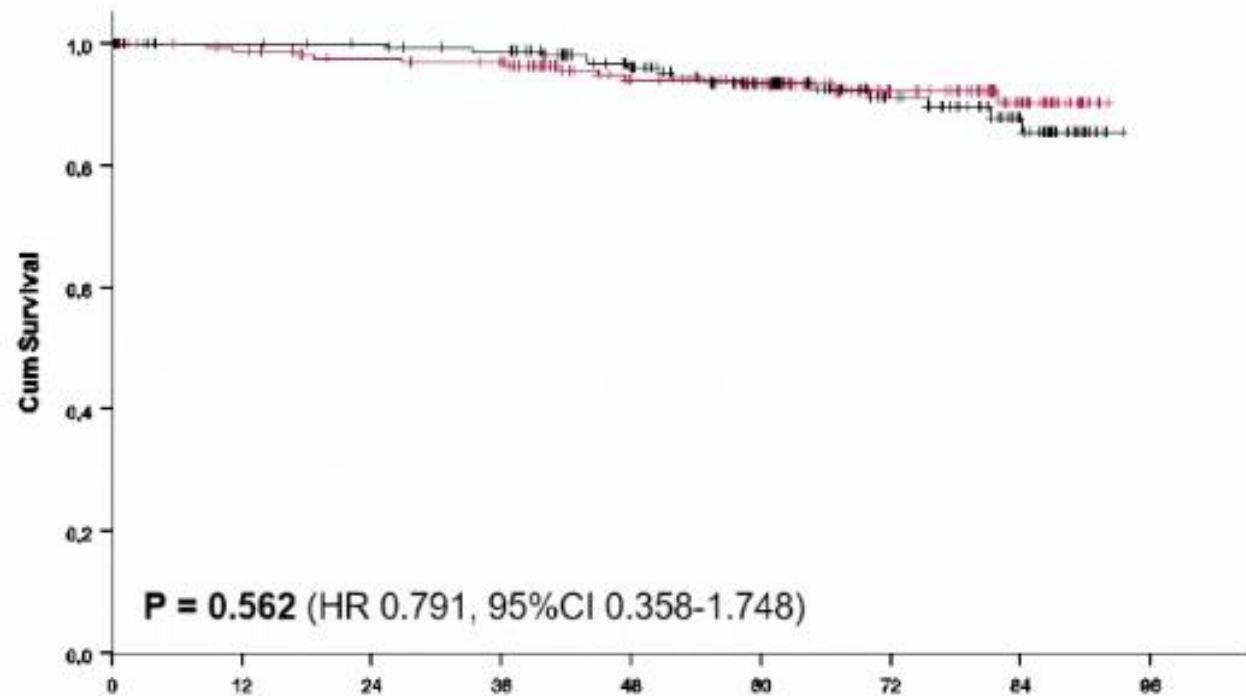
181 PATIENTS  
PLACEBO

420 [mg/d] UNTIL SYMPTOMATIC DISEASE PROGRESSION

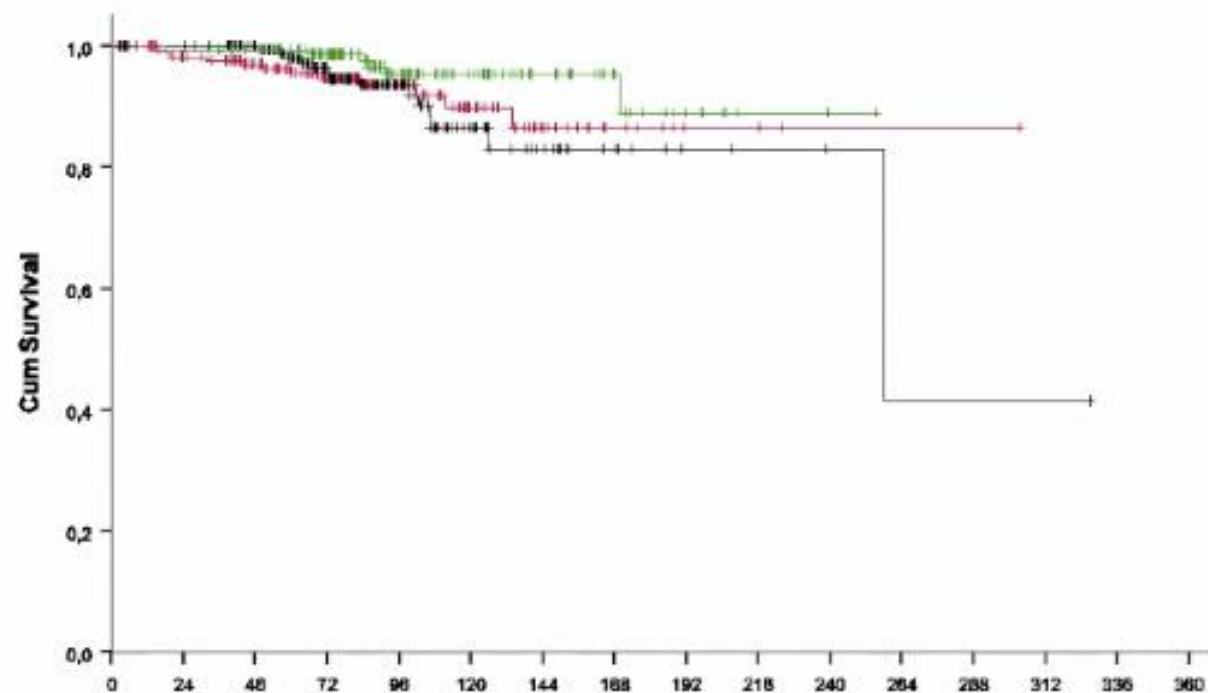
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## OVERALL SURVIVAL (OS)



## OS FROM DIAGNOSIS

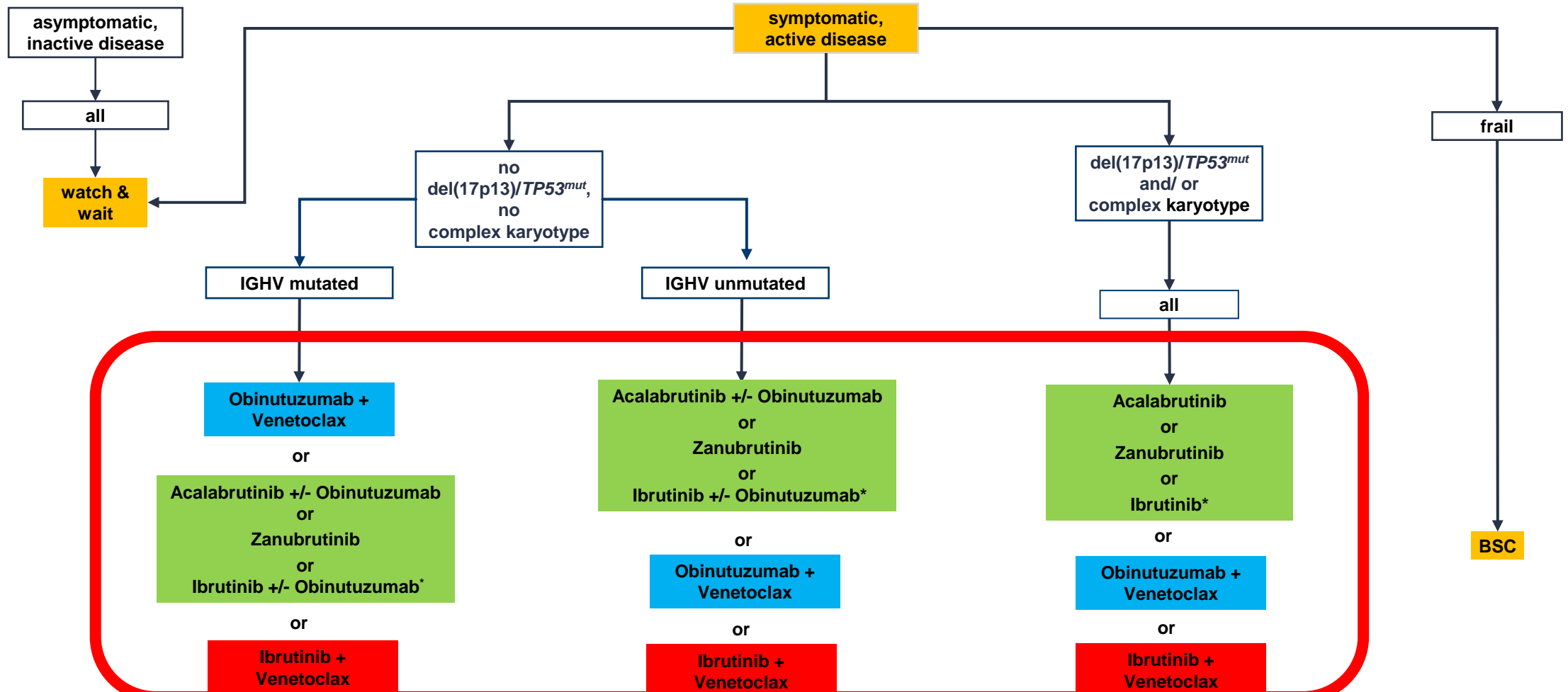


OS	Pts. N	Events, N (%)	Median months	1-year Survival, %	2-year Survival, %	3-year Survival, %	4-year Survival, %	5-year Survival, %
<b>All patients [ITT]</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>26 (7.2)</b>						
Ibrutinib	182	12 (6.6)	NR	98.8	97.6	97.0	94.1	93.3
Placebo	181	14 (7.7)	NR	100.0	100.0	98.8	96.0	93.6

OS from diagnosis	Pts. N	Events, N (%)	Median months	2-year Survival, %	4-year Survival, %	6-year Survival, %	8-year Survival, %	10-year Survival, %
<b>All patients [ITT]</b>	<b>515</b>	<b>32 (6.2)</b>						
Ibrutinib	182	12 (6.6)	NR	98.2	97.0	94.7	93.6	89.8
Placebo	181	14 (7.7)	258.0	100.0	100.0	96.4	93.5	86.5
Watch & Wait	152	6 (3.9)	NR	99.3	99.3	98.6	95.3	95.3



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# Venetoclax-Obinutuzumab for previously untreated chronic lymphocytic leukemia: 6-year results of the randomized CLL14 study

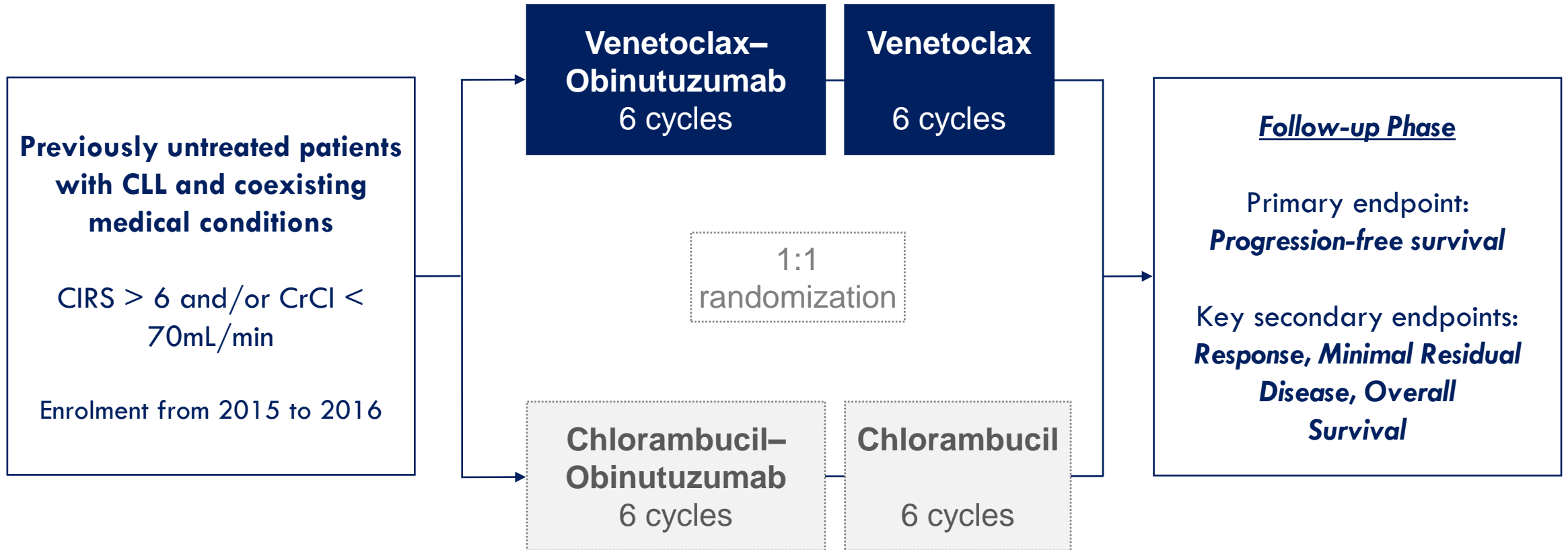
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SESSION 4 - CLL AND RICHTER SYNDROME

# TRIAL DESIGN

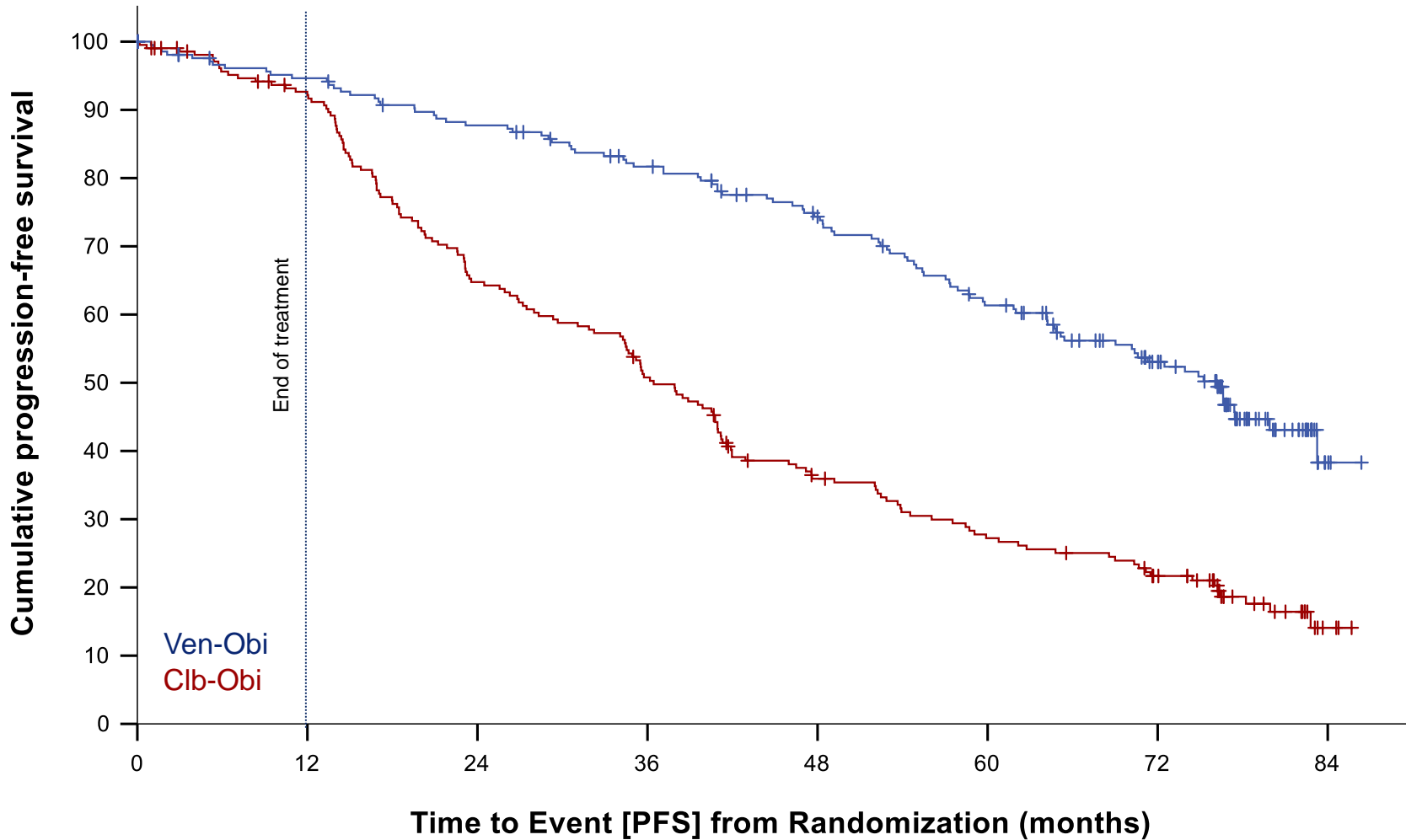
CLL-14



**Current median observation time: 76.4 months**

# PROGRESSION-FREE SURVIVAL

Investigator-assessed PFS



## Median PFS

Ven-Obi: 76.2 months

Clb-Obi: 36.4 months

## 6-year PFS rate

Ven-Obi: 53.1%

Clb-Obi: 21.7%

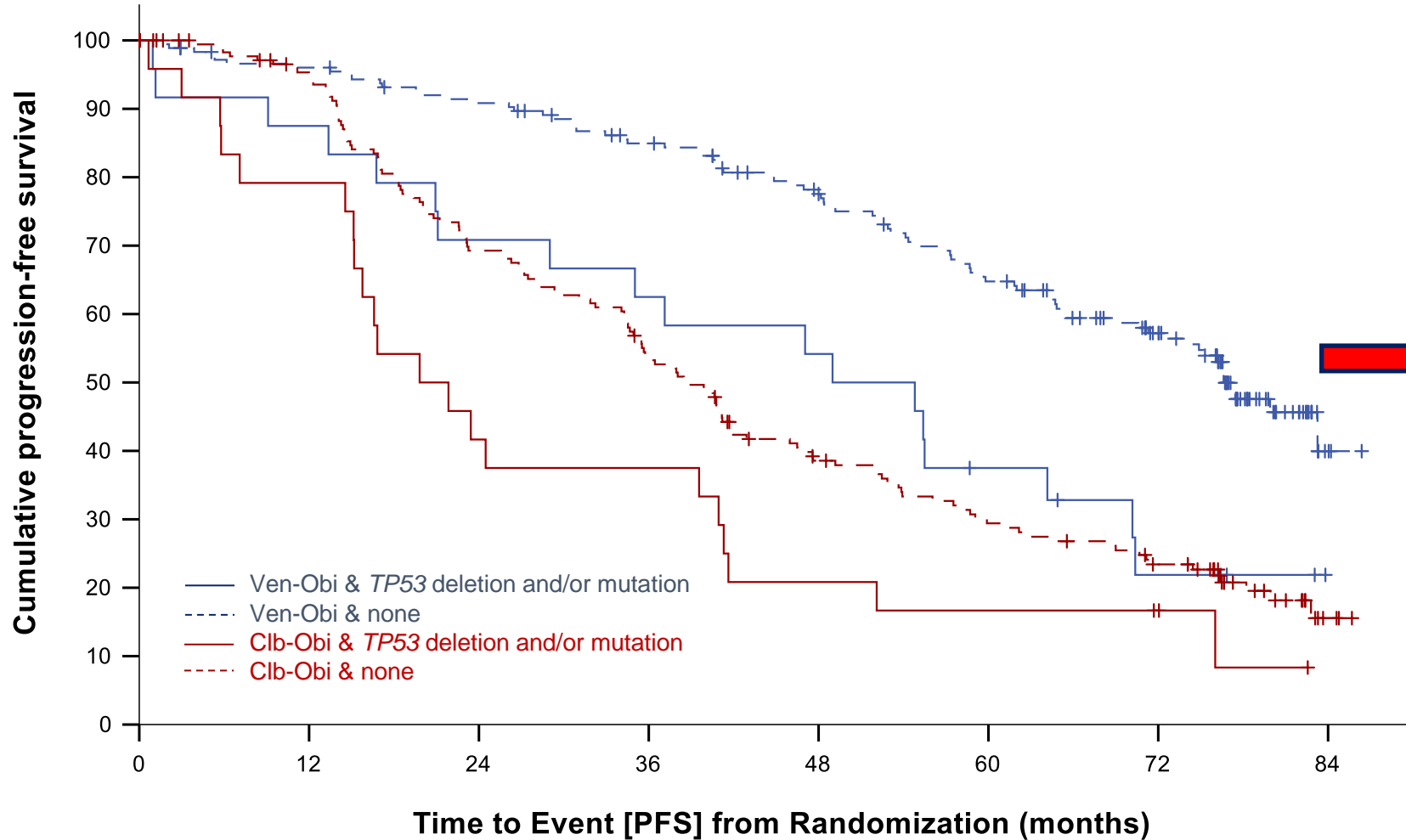
HR 0.40, 95% CI [0.31-0.52]

P<0.0001

Ven-Obi	216	193	177	160	139	112	79	3
Clb-Obi	216	185	130	101	67	50	36	3

# PROGRESSION-FREE SURVIVAL – TP53 status

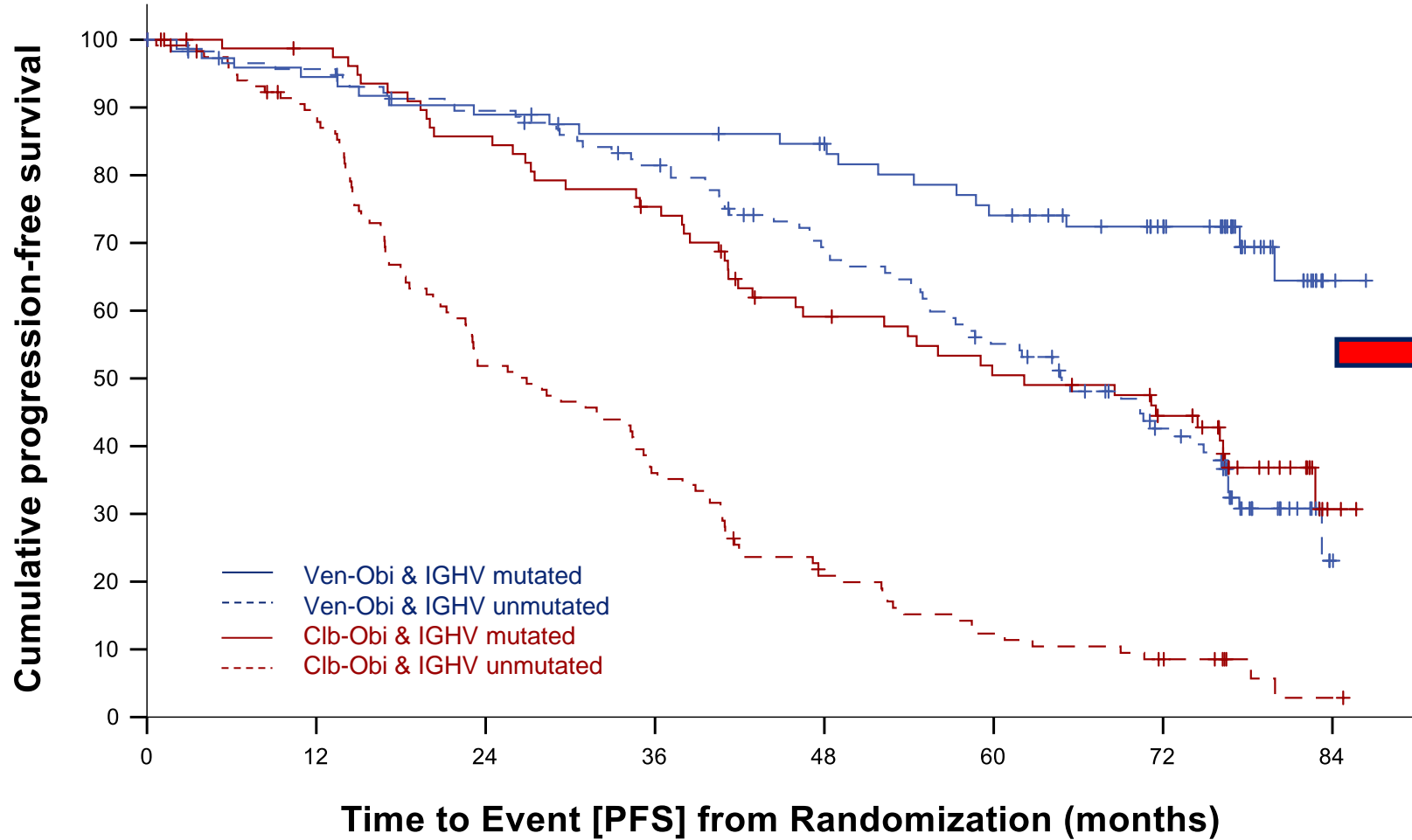
Median observation time 76.4 months



	0	12	24	36	48	60	72	84
Ven-Obi & TP53 del/mut	25	21	17	15	13	8	4	0
Ven-Obi & none	184	168	157	142	123	101	73	3
Clb-Obi & TP53 del/mut	24	19	10	9	5	4	3	0
Clb-Obi & none	184	160	117	90	60	45	33	3

# PROGRESSION-FREE SURVIVAL – IGHV status

Median observation time 76.4 months



## Median PFS

Ven-Obi & IGHVmut: NR  
 Ven-Obi & IGHVunmut: 64.8 m  
*HR 0.38, 95%CI [0.23-0.61], p<0.001*

Clb-Obi & IGHVmut: 62.2 m  
 Clb-Obi & IGHVunmut: 26.9 m  
*HR 0.33, 95% CI [0.23-0.47], p<0.001*

	0	12	24	36	48	60	72	84
Ven-Obi & IGHV mutated	76	68	64	60	57	49	39	2
Ven-Obi & IGHV unmutated	121	110	101	90	73	57	37	1
Clb-Obi & IGHV mutated	83	76	66	57	42	35	28	2
Clb-Obi & IGHV unmutated	123	101	59	41	22	13	8	1

# CAPTIVATE: Ibrutinib + Venetoclax Therapie mit fester zeitlicher Begrenzung

Studiendesign: 2 Kohorten (MRD-gesteuert und zeitlich feste Begrenzung)

Patients (N=159)

- Previously untreated CLL/SLL
- Active disease requiring treatment per iwCLL criteria<sup>4</sup>
- Aged  $\leq 70$  years
- ECOG PS 0–2

Ibrutinib Lead-in  
Ibrutinib 420 mg  
once daily  
(3 cycles<sup>a</sup>)

Ibrutinib + Venetoclax  
Ibrutinib 420 mg once daily +  
venetoclax 5-week ramp-up<sup>3</sup>  
to 400 mg once daily  
(12 cycles<sup>a</sup>)

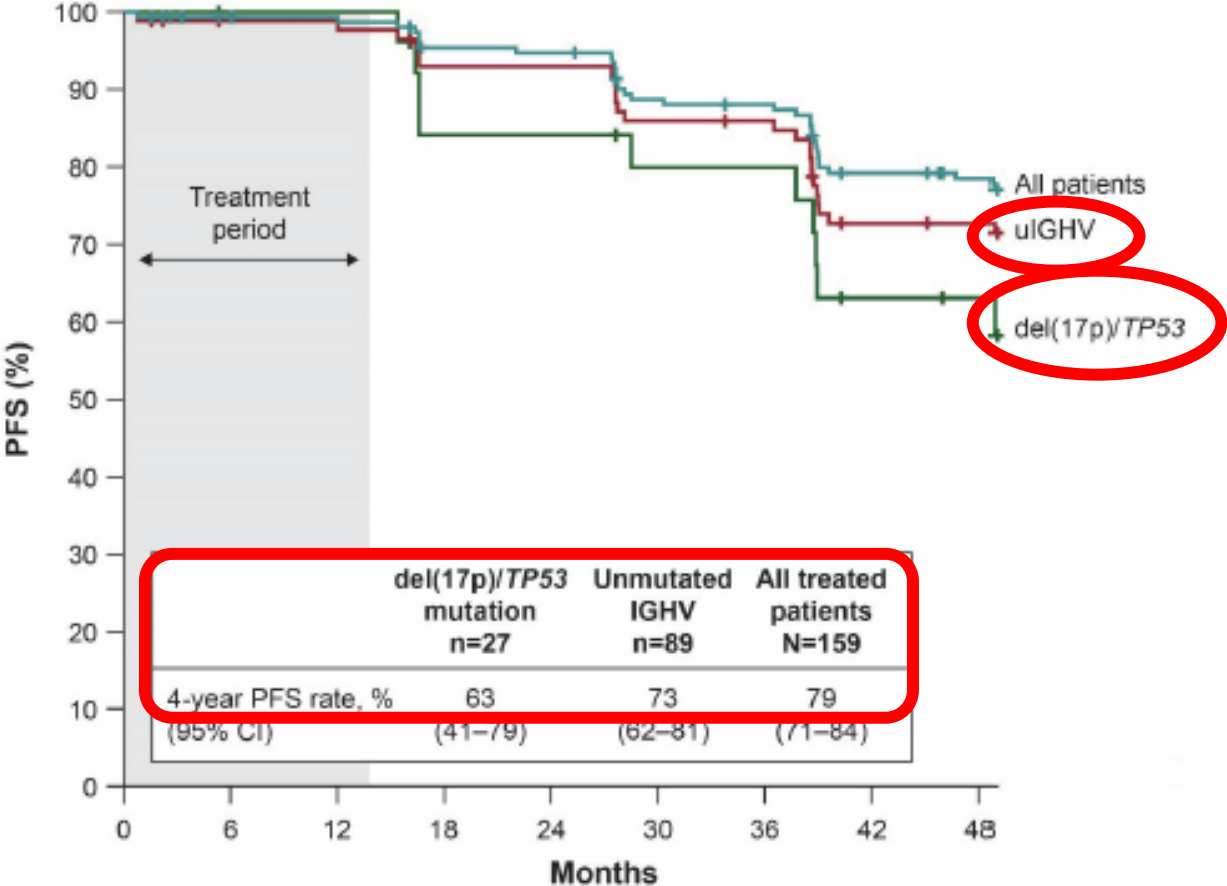
End of Fixed Duration Treatment

Follow-up

Upon progression,  
patients can be retreated  
with single-agent ibrutinib  
(or fixed-duration ibrutinib +  
venetoclax if they had  
response of >2 years)

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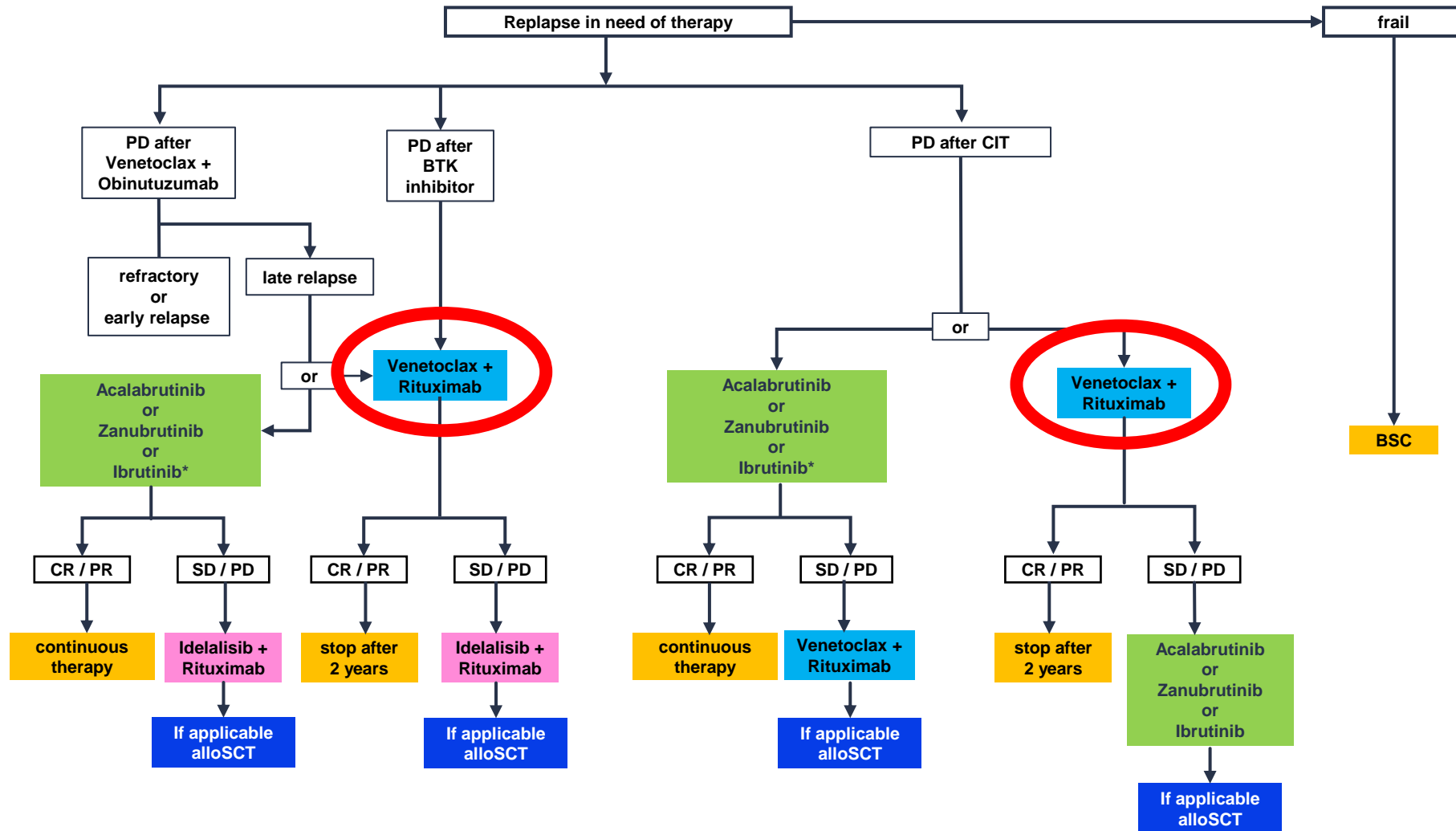
Progressions-freies Überleben von 159 Patienten nach median 49.8 Monaten Beobachtung



Patients at risk	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48
del(17p)/TP53 mutation	27	26	26	21	21	19	19	14	13
Unmutated IGHV	89	85	85	79	79	73	72	59	58
All treated patients	159	153	152	144	143	132	130	115	111



# Onkopedia CLL 2023 – R/R CLL

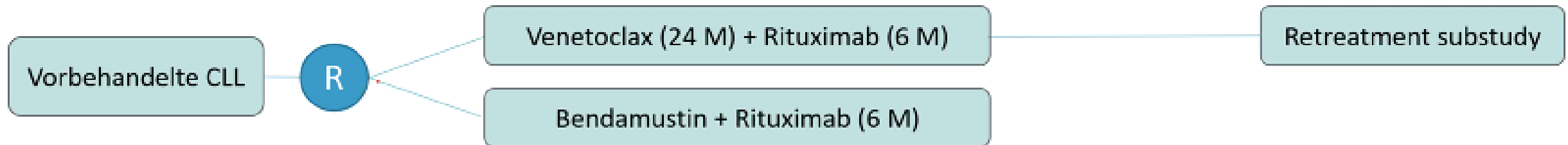


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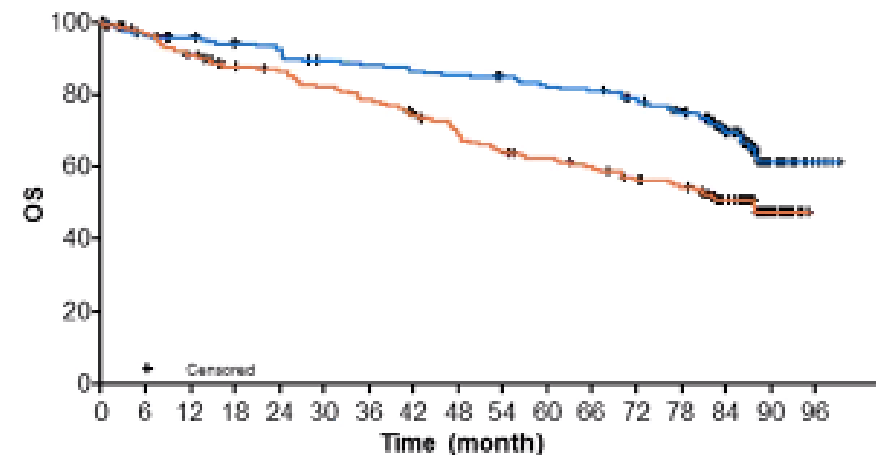
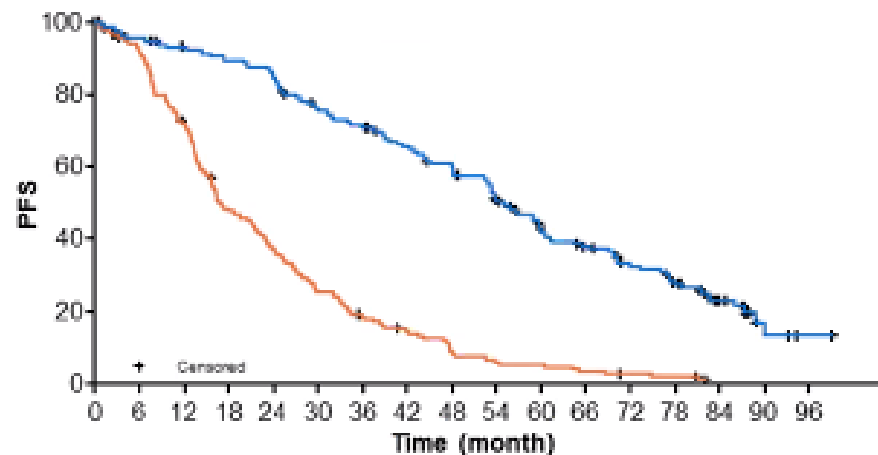
# MURANO: VenR im Rezidiv der CLL – 7-Jahres-Follow-up

FINAL 7-YEAR FOLLOW UP AND RETREATMENT SUBSTUDY ANALYSIS OF MURANO: VENETOCLAX-RITUXIMAB (VENR)-TREATED PATIENTS WITH RELAPSED/REFRACTORY CHRONIC LYMPHOCYTIC LEUKEMIA (R/R CLL), Kater et al.



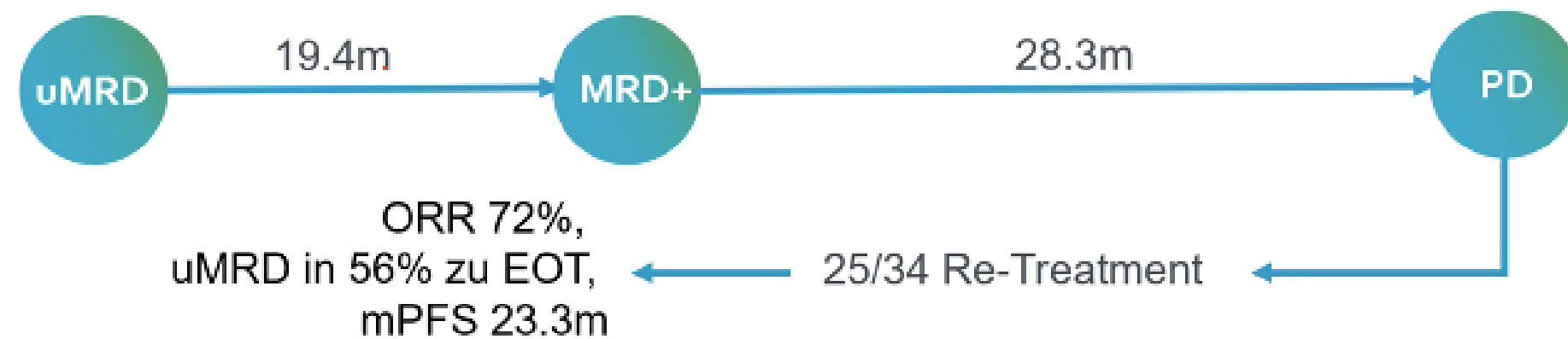
	Median PFS (95% CI), months	HR* (95% CI)	7-year PFS (%)
VenR (n=194)	54.7 (52.3-59.9)	0.23 (0.18-0.29) Stratified P-value <0.0001 <sup>†</sup>	23.0
BR (n=195)	17.0 (15.5-21.7)		NE

	Median OS (95% CI), months	HR <sup>‡</sup> (95% CI)	7-year OS (%)
VenR (n=194)	NE	0.53 (0.37-0.74) Stratified P-value <0.0002 <sup>†</sup>	69.6
BR (n=195)	87.8 (70.1-NE)		51.0



- Median follow up for efficacy (range) was 86.8 months (0.3-99.2) for VenR and 84.4 months (0.0-95.0) for BR
- No new safety signals were identified since the 5-year data cut,<sup>1</sup> with all patients outside of the AE reporting window<sup>§</sup>

# MURANO: VenR nach VenR sinnvoll?

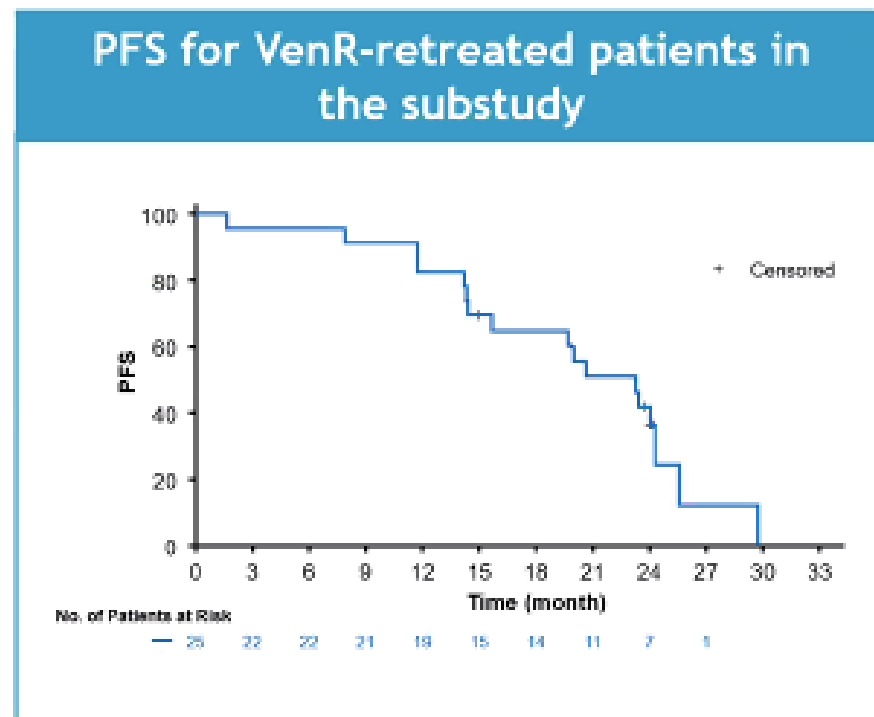


Amongst VenR-retreated patients, median follow up (range) was 33.4 months (2.7–44.0)

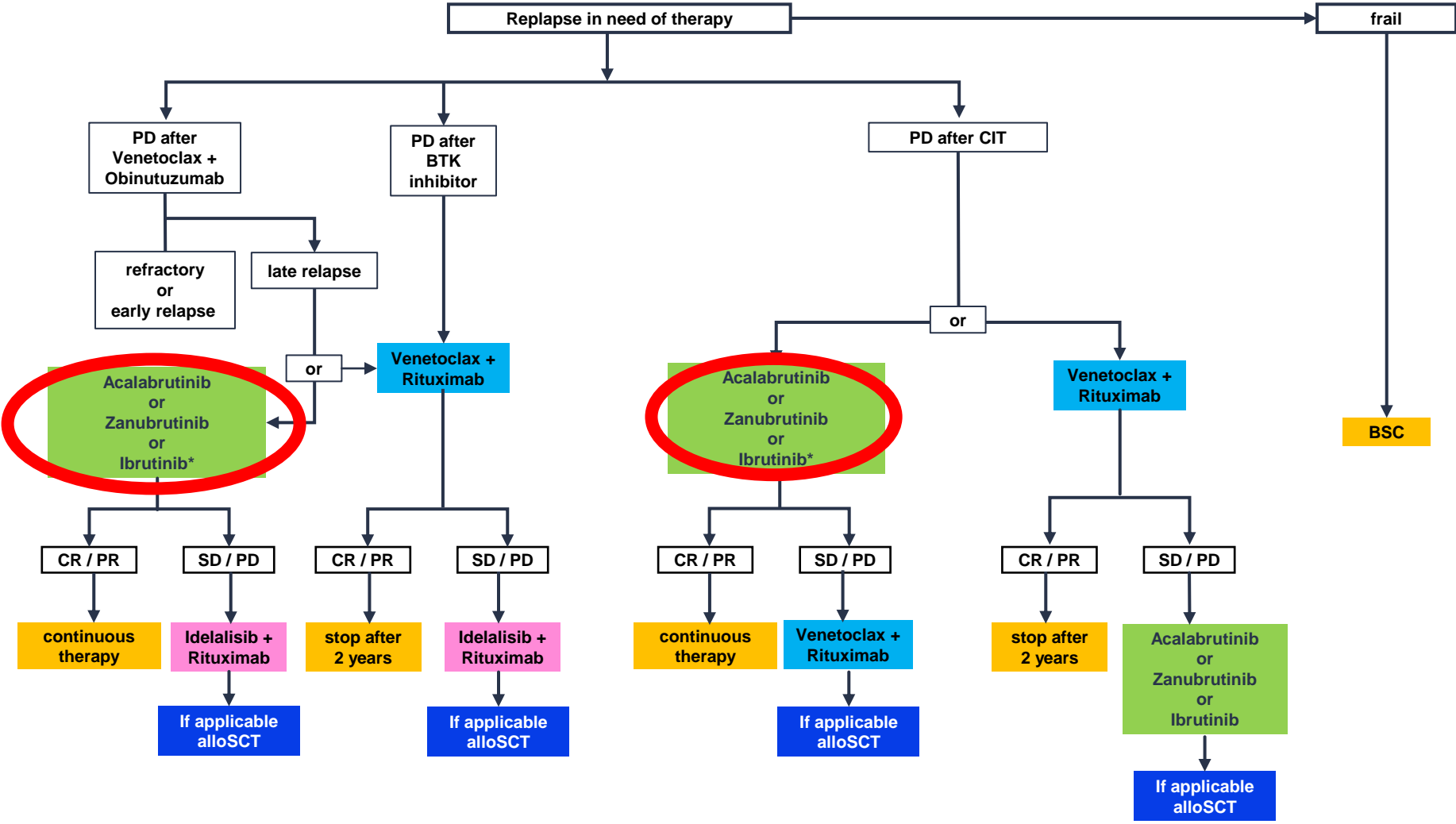
Median PFS (95% CI) was 23.3 months (15.6–24.3)

Best ORR: 72.0%; CR rate: 24%

Median OS was not reached



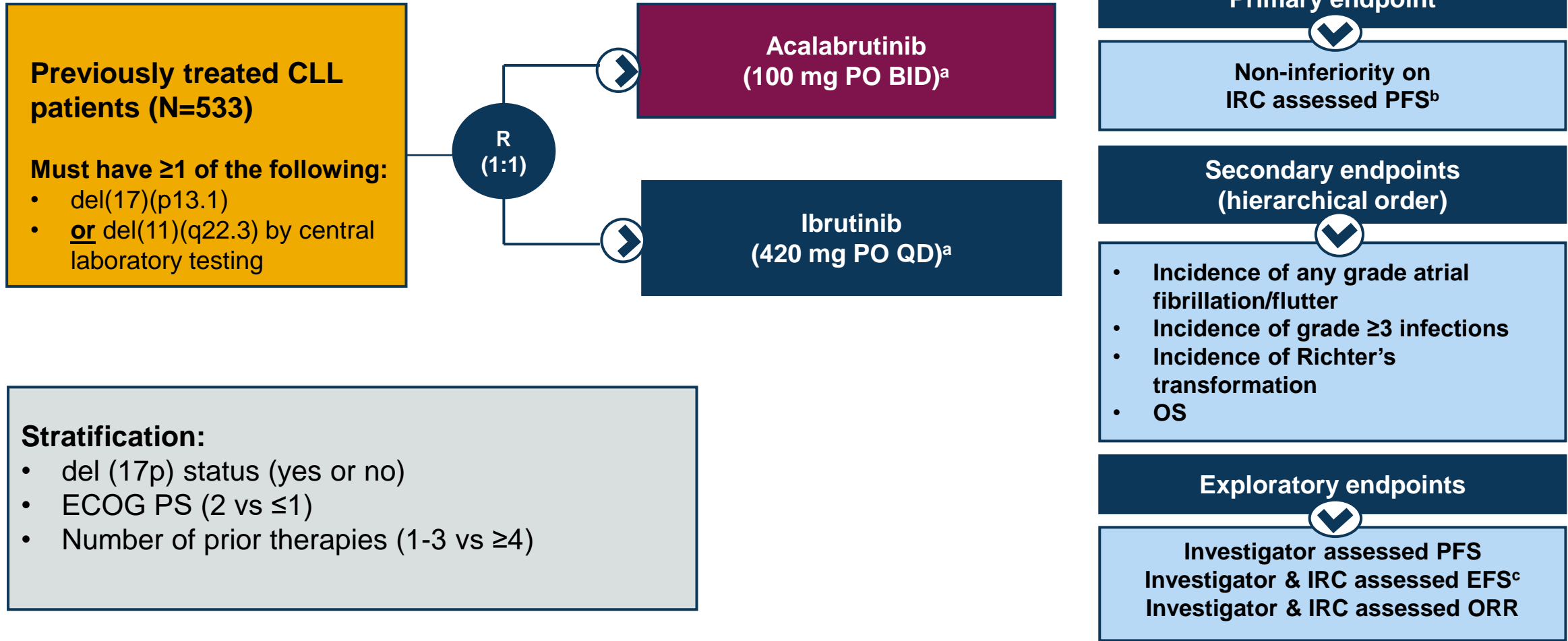
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# ELEVATE-RR: Study Design



## Stratification:

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

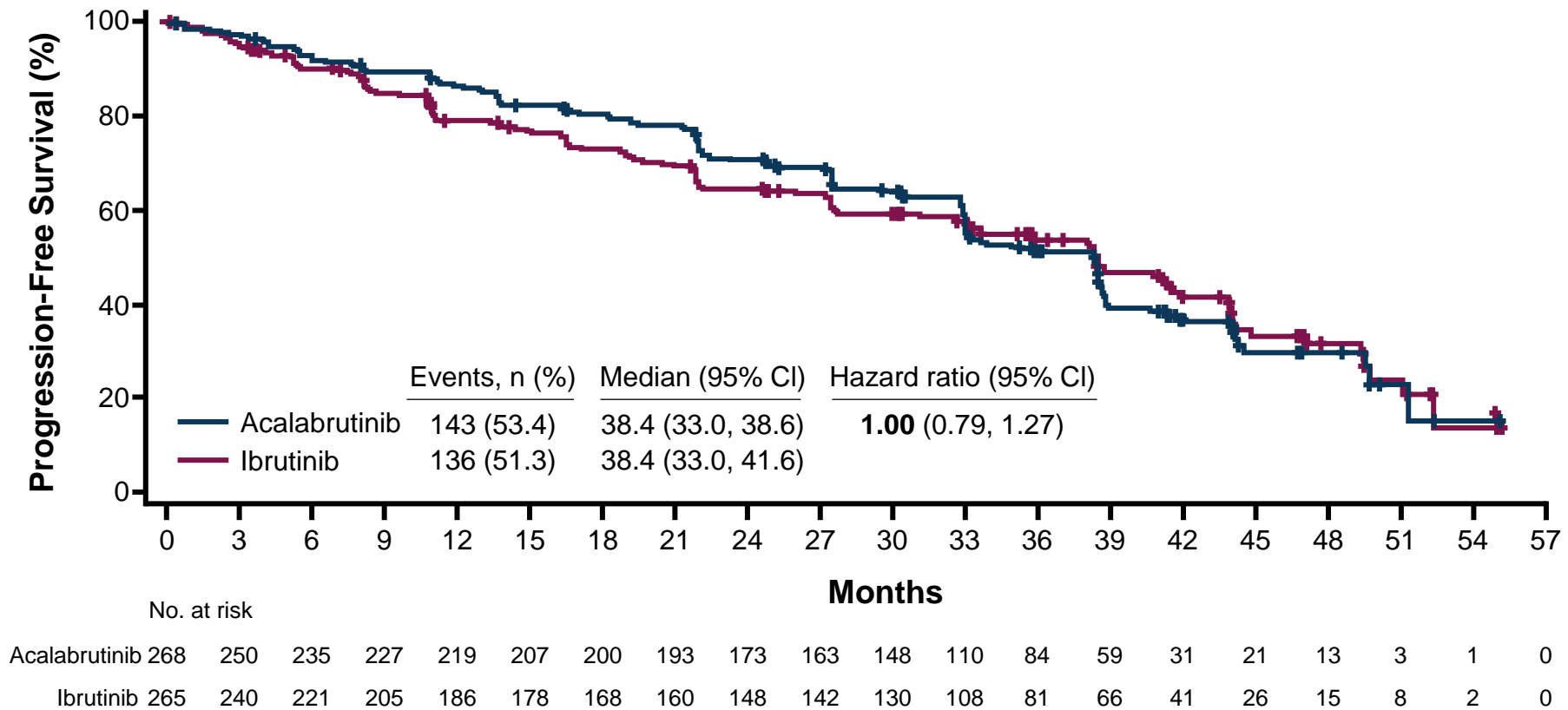
<sup>a</sup>Continued until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity. <sup>b</sup>Conducted after enrollment and accrual of ~250 IRC-assessed PFS events. <sup>c</sup>defined as the time from date of randomization to the date of first disease progression, any-cause death, start of subsequent anticancer therapy, or discontinuation of treatment due to adverse events

BID = twice daily; CLL = chronic lymphocytic leukemia; ECOG PS = eastern cooperative oncology group performance status; EFS = event free survival; IRC = independent review committee; OS = overall survival; PFS = progression-free survival; PO = orally; R = randomization; QD = once daily.

Byrd JC et al. *J. Clin. Oncol.* 2021. <https://doi.org/10.1200/JCO.21.01210>.

# Primary Endpoint: Non-inferiority Met on IRC-Assessed PFS

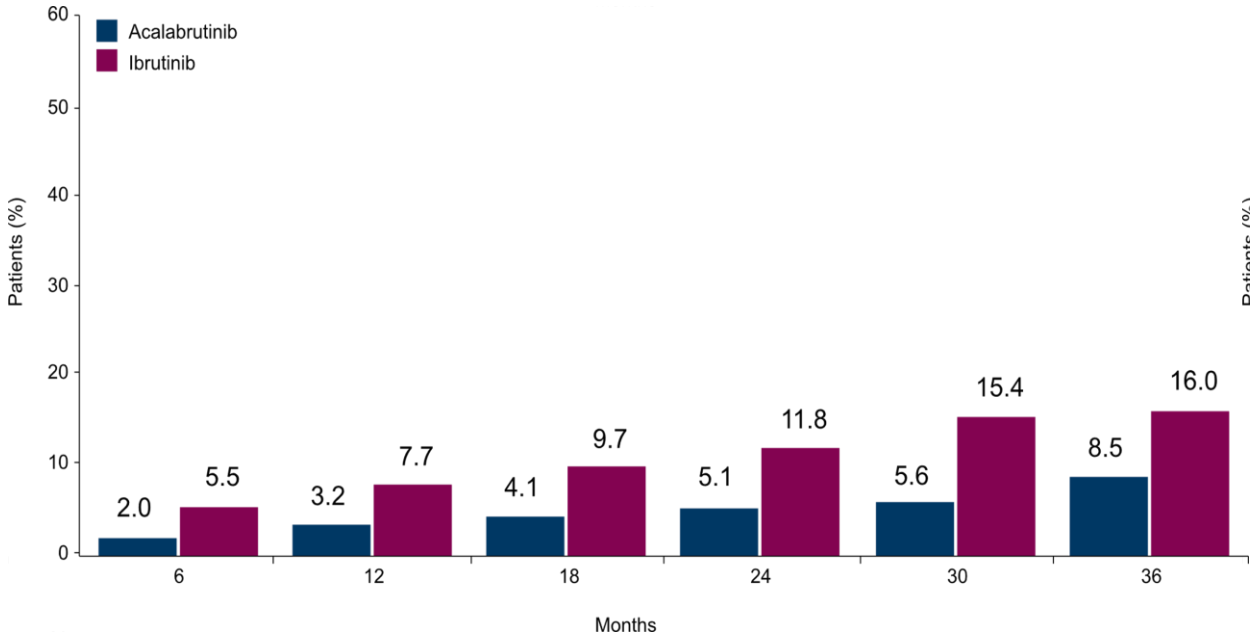
- At a median follow-up of 40.9 months (range 0.0–59.1), acalabrutinib was non-inferior to ibrutinib with a median PFS of 38.4 months in both arms (HR: 1.00; 95% CI 0.79–1.27)



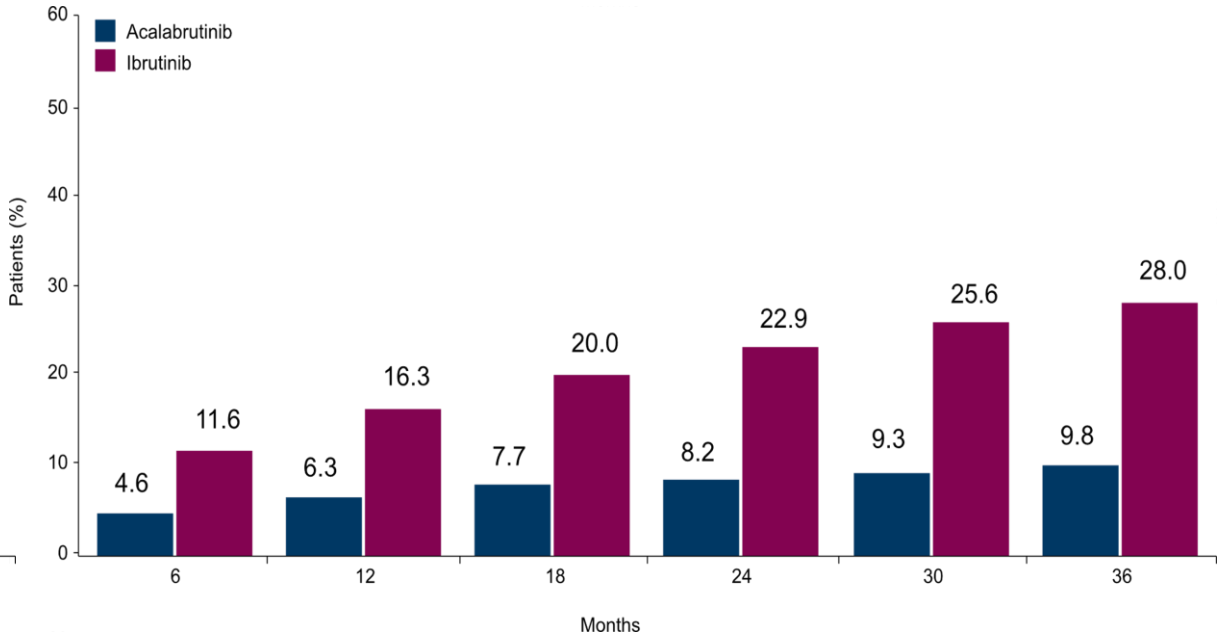
CI = confidence interval; IRC = independent review committee; HR = hazard ratio; PFS = progression-free survival.

# Cumulative Incidences of Afib/flutter and HTN were Lower for Acalabrutinib at Each Time Point

**Atrial fibrillation/flutter**



**Hypertension**



# ALPINE Study Design

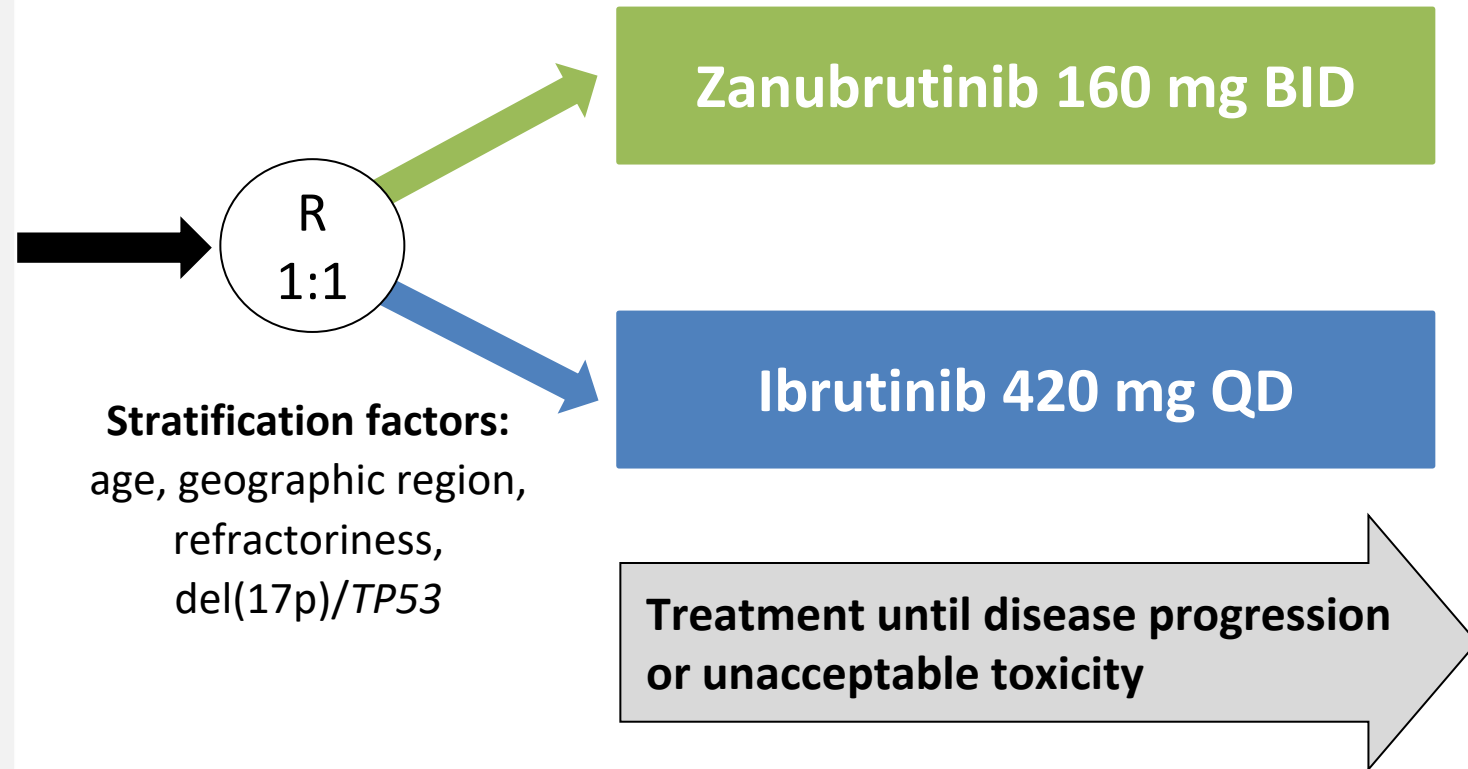
**R/R CLL/SLL with  $\geq 1$  prior treatment**  
(Planned N=600, Actual N=652)

## Key Inclusion Criteria

- R/R to  $\geq 1$  prior systemic therapy for CLL/SLL
- Measurable lymphadenopathy by CT or MRI

## Key Exclusion Criteria

- Prior BTK inhibitor therapy
- Treatment with warfarin or other vitamin K antagonists





# Endpoints and Statistical Design

## Primary Endpoint

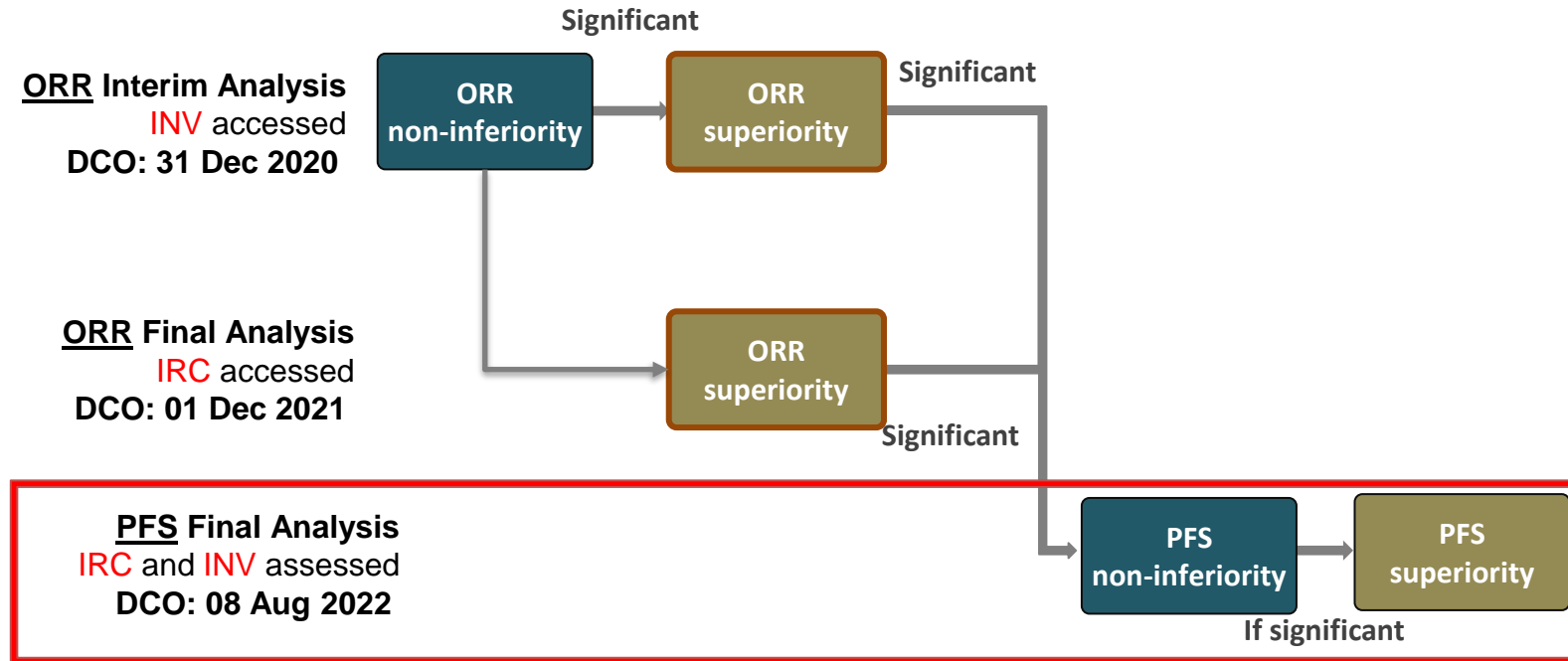
- ORR (PR+CR) noninferiority and superiority (by investigator)

## Key Secondary Endpoints

- PFS
- Incidence of atrial fibrillation

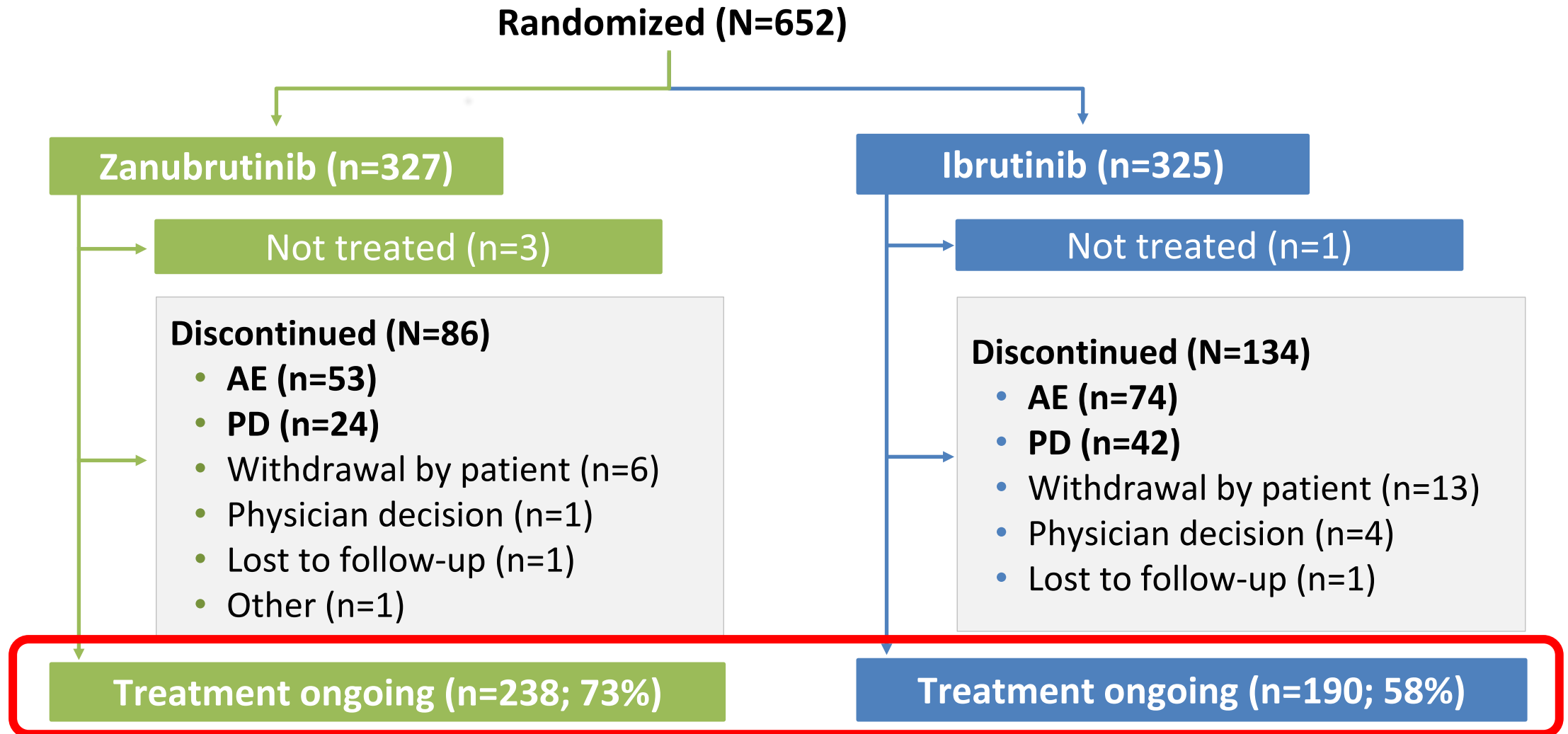
## Other Secondary Endpoints

- DoR, OS
- Time to treatment failure
- PR-L or higher
- Patient-reported outcomes
- Safety



**Overall response rate noninferiority and superiority were demonstrated in the ORR interim and final analyses; PFS was tested for noninferiority under hierarchical testing when 205 events had occurred**

# Patient Disposition



AE, adverse event; PD, progressive disease.

# Zanubrutinib Had A Favorable Cardiac Profile

Lower rate of cardiac events, serious cardiac events, treatment discontinuation, and deaths

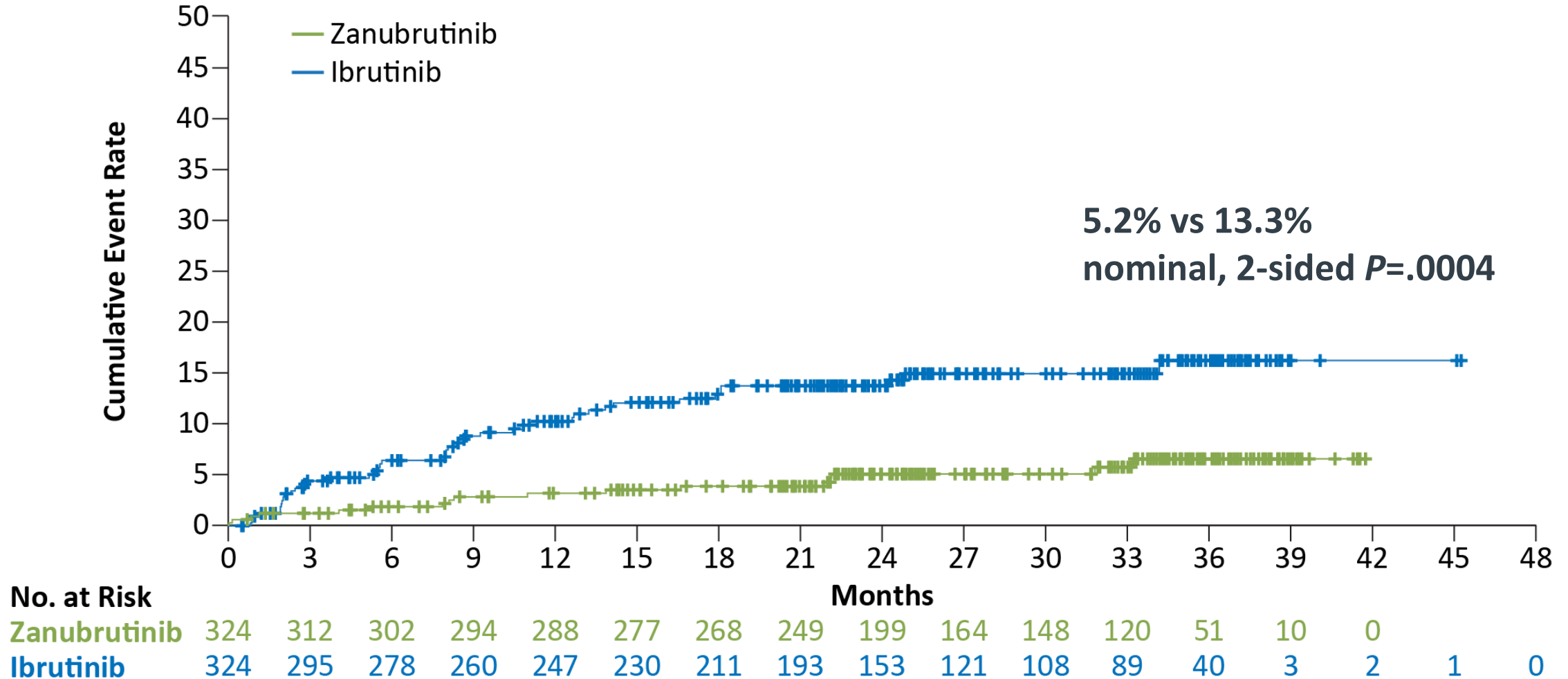
- Lower rate of serious cardiac adverse events reported with zanubrutinib
  - A fib/flutter (n=2)
  - MI/ACS (n=2)
  - CHF (n=2)
- **Fatal cardiac events:**
  - **Zanubrutinib, n=0 (0%)**
  - **Ibrutinib, n=6 (1.9%)**

	Zanubrutinib (n=324)	Ibrutinib (n=324)
<b>Cardiac adverse events</b>	<b>69 (21.3%)</b>	<b>96 (29.6%)</b>
<b>Serious cardiac adverse events</b>	<b>6 (1.9%)</b>	<b>25 (7.7%)</b>
<b>Cardiac adverse events leading to treatment discontinuation</b>	<b>1 (0.3)</b>	<b>14 (4.3)</b>
Ventricular extrasystoles	1 (0.3)	0
Atrial fibrillation	0	5 (1.5)
Cardiac arrest	0	2 (0.6)*
Cardiac failure	0	2 (0.6)
Cardiac failure acute	0	1 (0.3)*
Congestive cardiomyopathy	0	1 (0.3)*
Myocardial infarction	0	1 (0.3)*
Palpitations	0	1 (0.3)
Ventricular fibrillation	0	1 (0.3)

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\*Cardiac deaths. One death not listed due to myocardial infarction with ibrutinib discontinuation due to diarrhea 14 days prior to the fatal event.

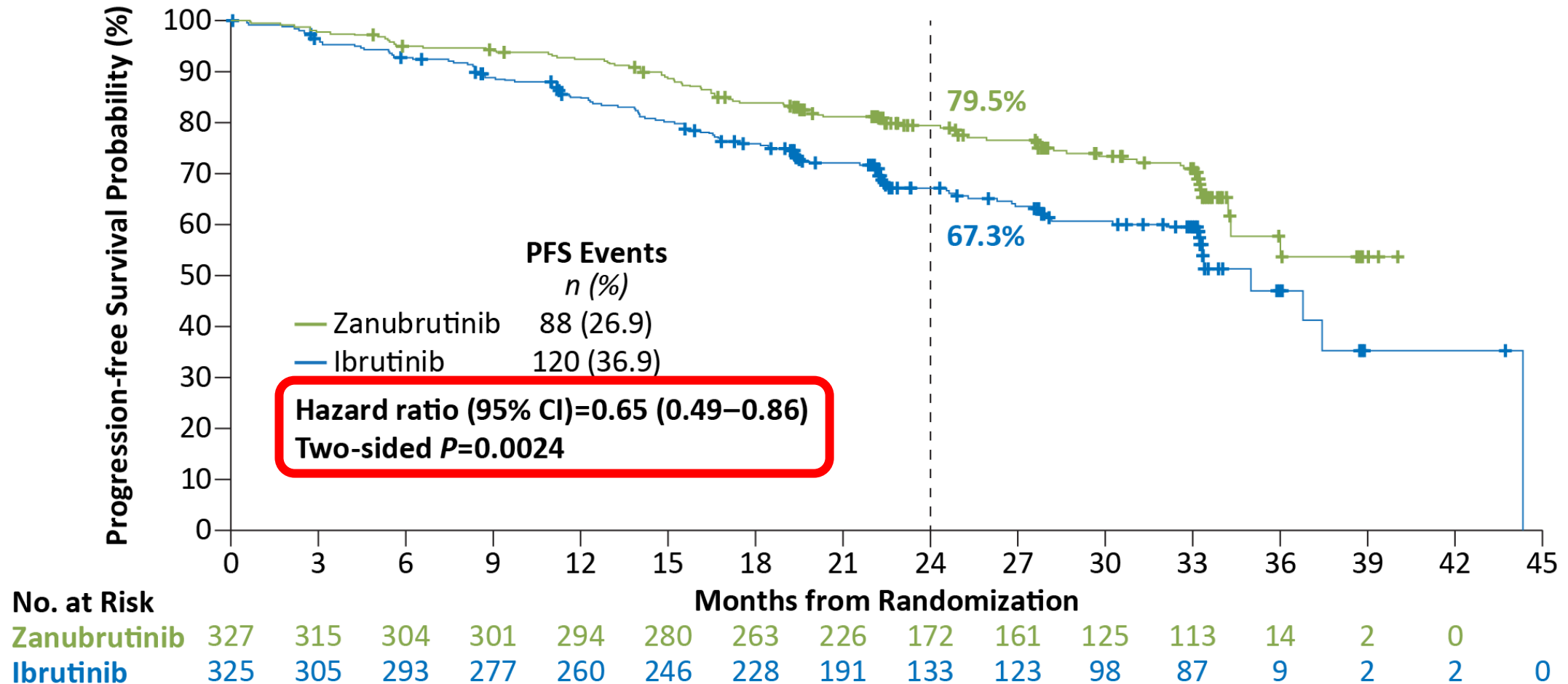
# Fewer Atrial Fibrillation/Flutter Events With Zanubrutinib



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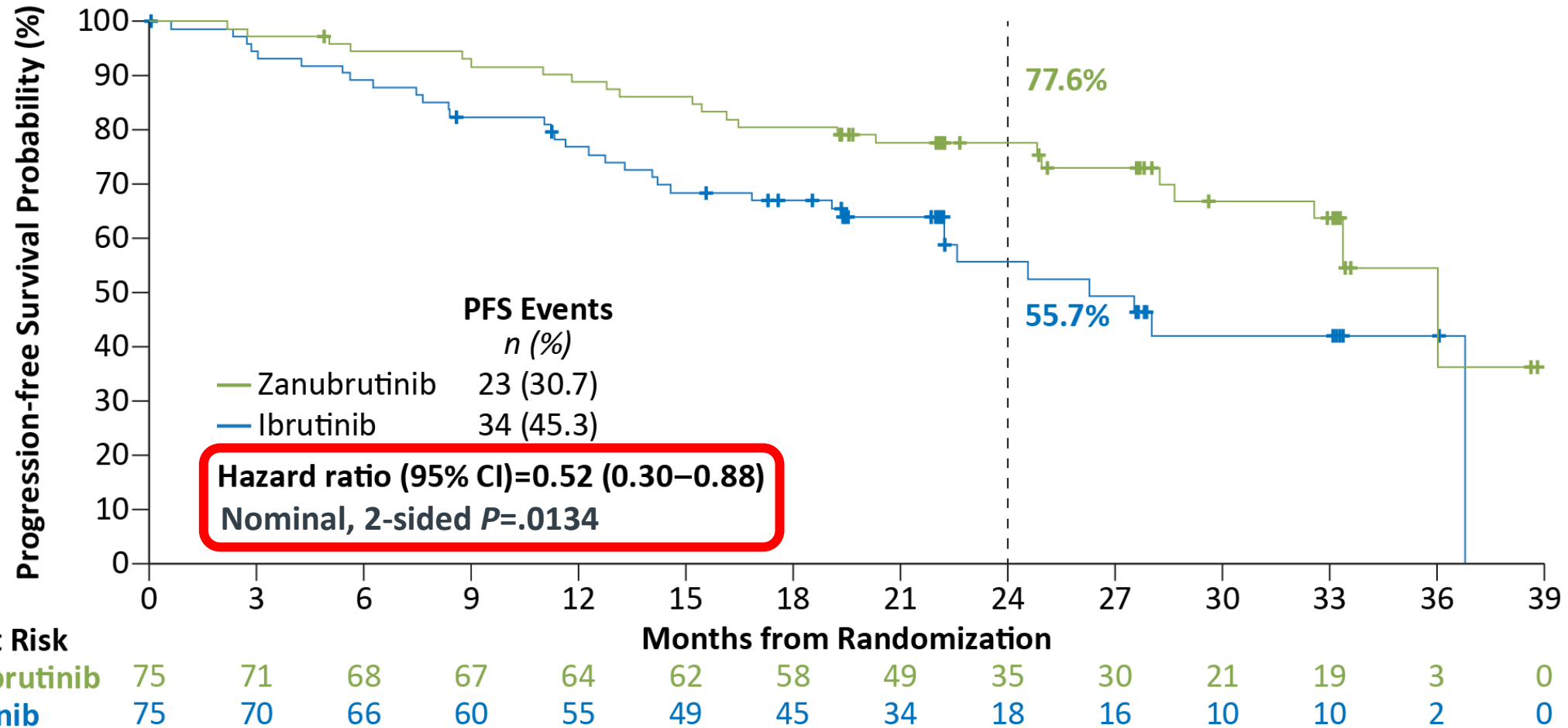
# Zanubrutinib **PFS** by IRC Significantly Superior to Ibrutinib

Median study follow-up of 29.6 months



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# Zanubrutinib Improved PFS in Patients with $\text{del}(17p)/TP53^{\text{mut}}$



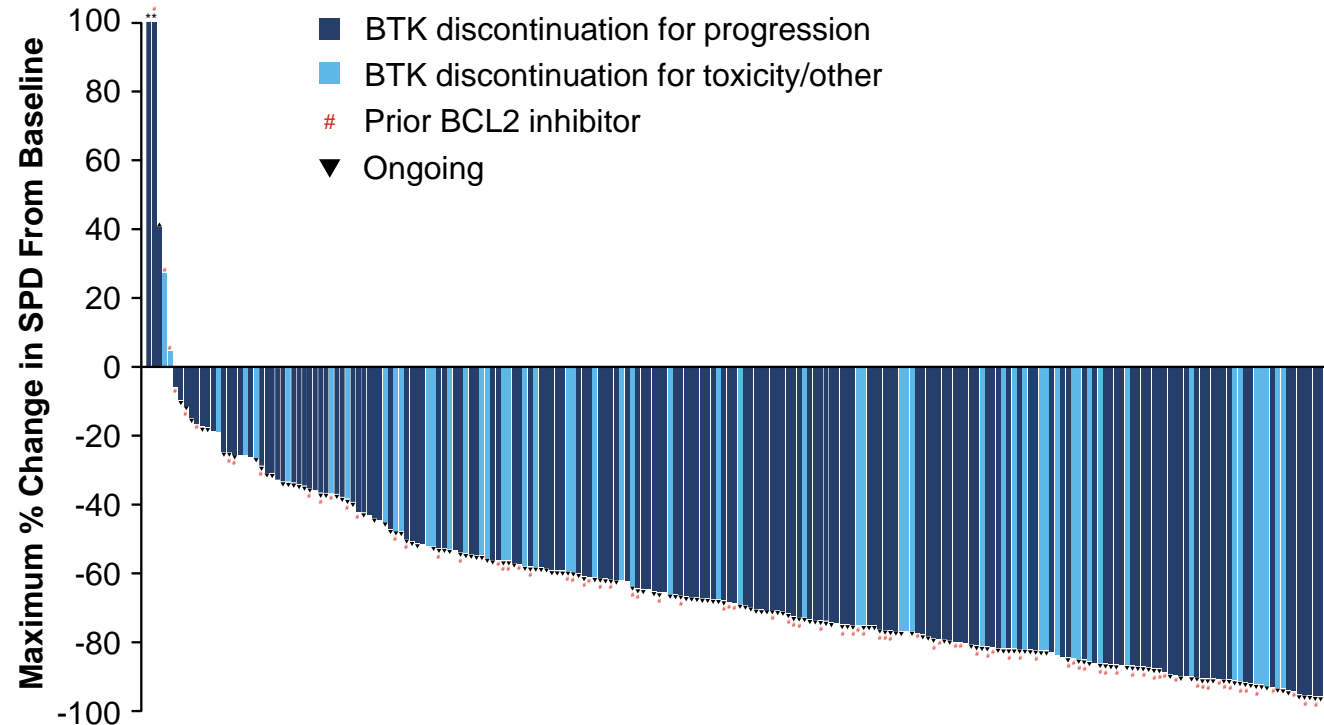
PFS data assessed by IRC

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**CLL:  
Künftige  
Therapie-  
optionen?**

# Pirtobrutinib Efficacy in BTK-pretreated CLL/SLL Patients



Efficacy-evaluable BTK-pretreated CLL/SLL patients <sup>a</sup>	n=252
<b>ORR, % (95% CI)<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>68 (62-74)</b>
<b>Best response</b>	
CR, n (%)	2 (1)
PR, n (%)	137 (54)
PR-L, n (%)	32 (13)
SD, n (%)	62 (25)

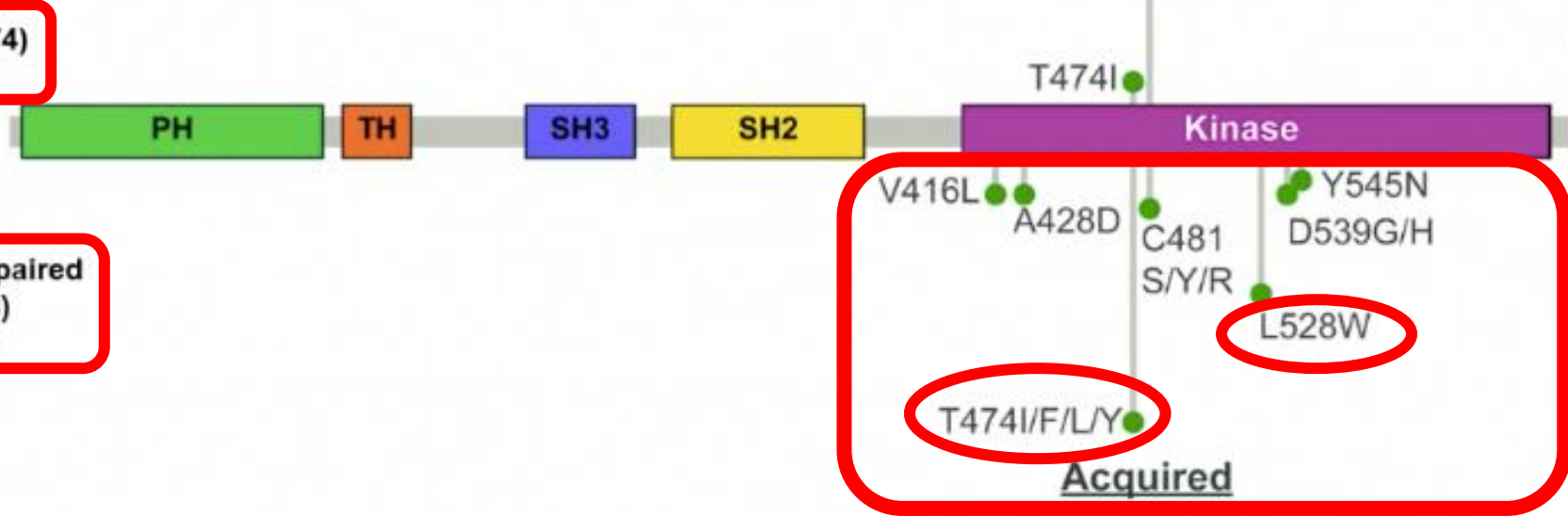
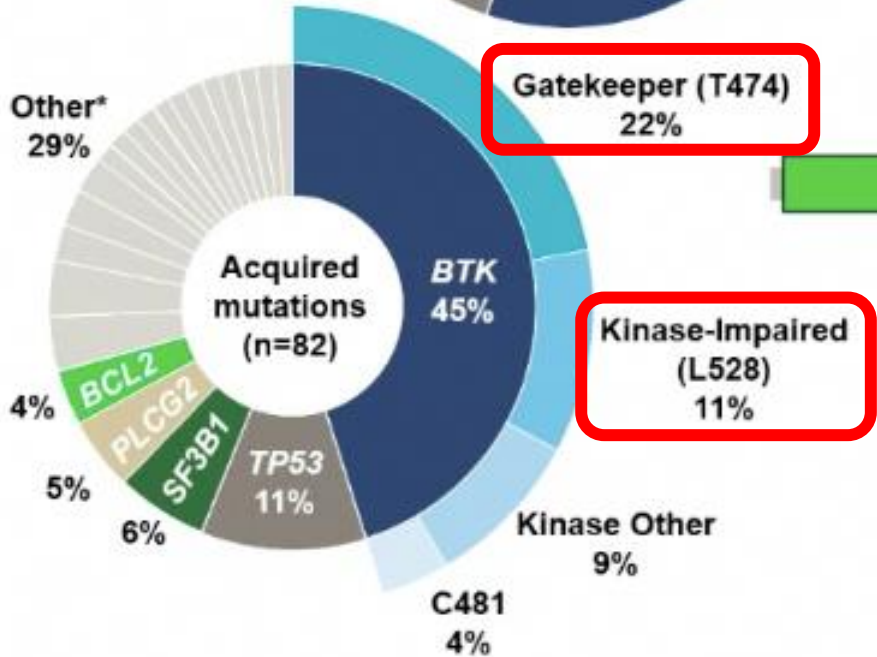
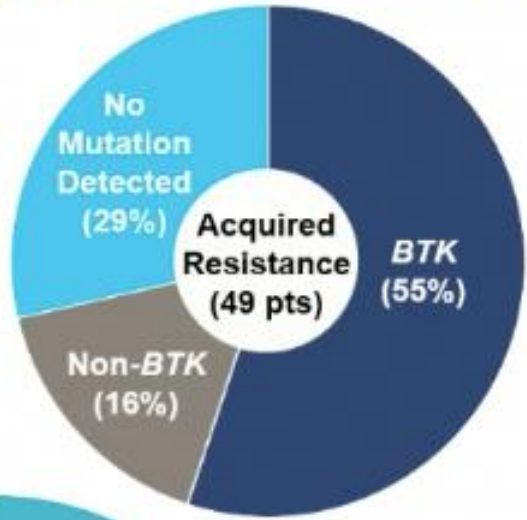
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\*Patients with >100% increase in SPD. Data for 30 patients are not shown in the waterfall plot due to no measurable target lesions identified by CT at baseline, discontinuation prior to first response assessment, or lack of adequate imaging in follow-up. <sup>a</sup>Efficacy-evaluable patients are those who had at least 1 post-baseline response assessment or had discontinued treatment prior to first post-baseline response assessment. <sup>b</sup>ORR includes patients with a best response of CR, PR, and PR-L. Response status per iwCLL 2018 according to investigator assessment. Total percentage may be different from the sum of the individual components because of rounding. Abbreviations are defined in the speaker notes.



# Acquired Resistance to Pirtobrutinib Mostly Converged Around On-target *BTK* Mutations (Non-C481)

- 71% (35/49) of patients had at least one acquired mutation at progression
- Total of 82 acquired mutations in 35 patients

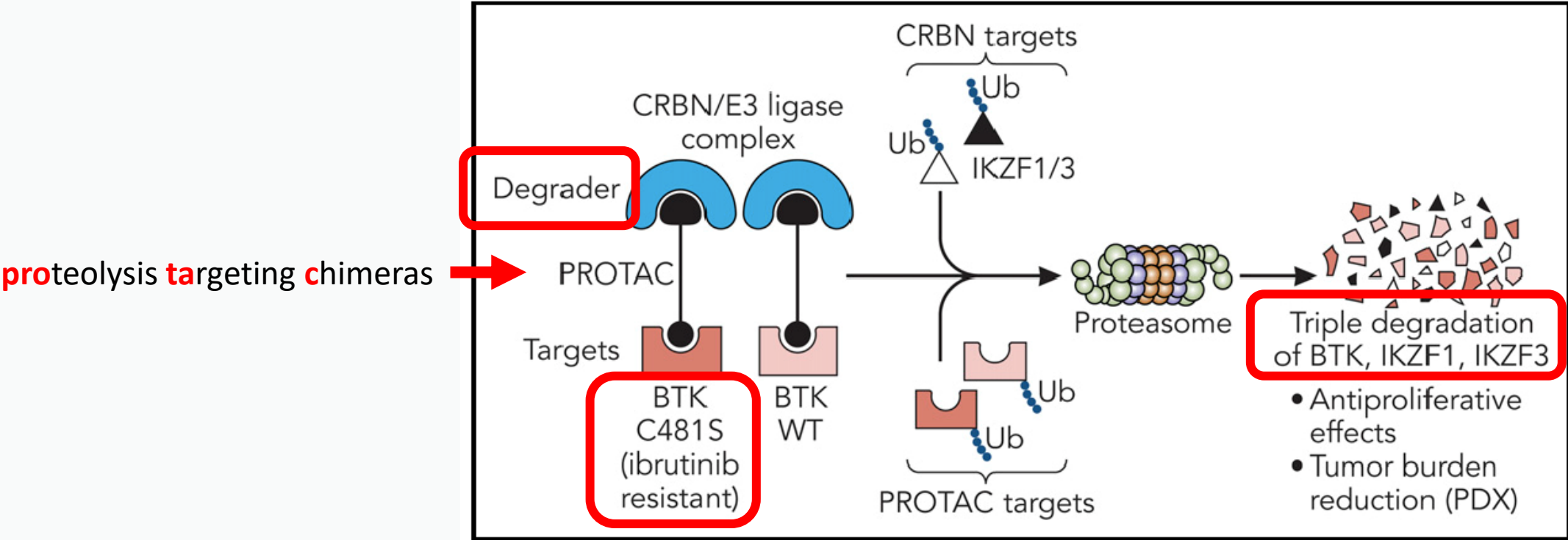


\*Others: APC, ATM, CDKN2A, CDKN2B, EP300, ERBB3, IRF4, KIT, KMT2C, NOTCH1, NRAS, NTRK1, PIK3CG, RB1, SMARCA4, TNFAIP3, XPO1.

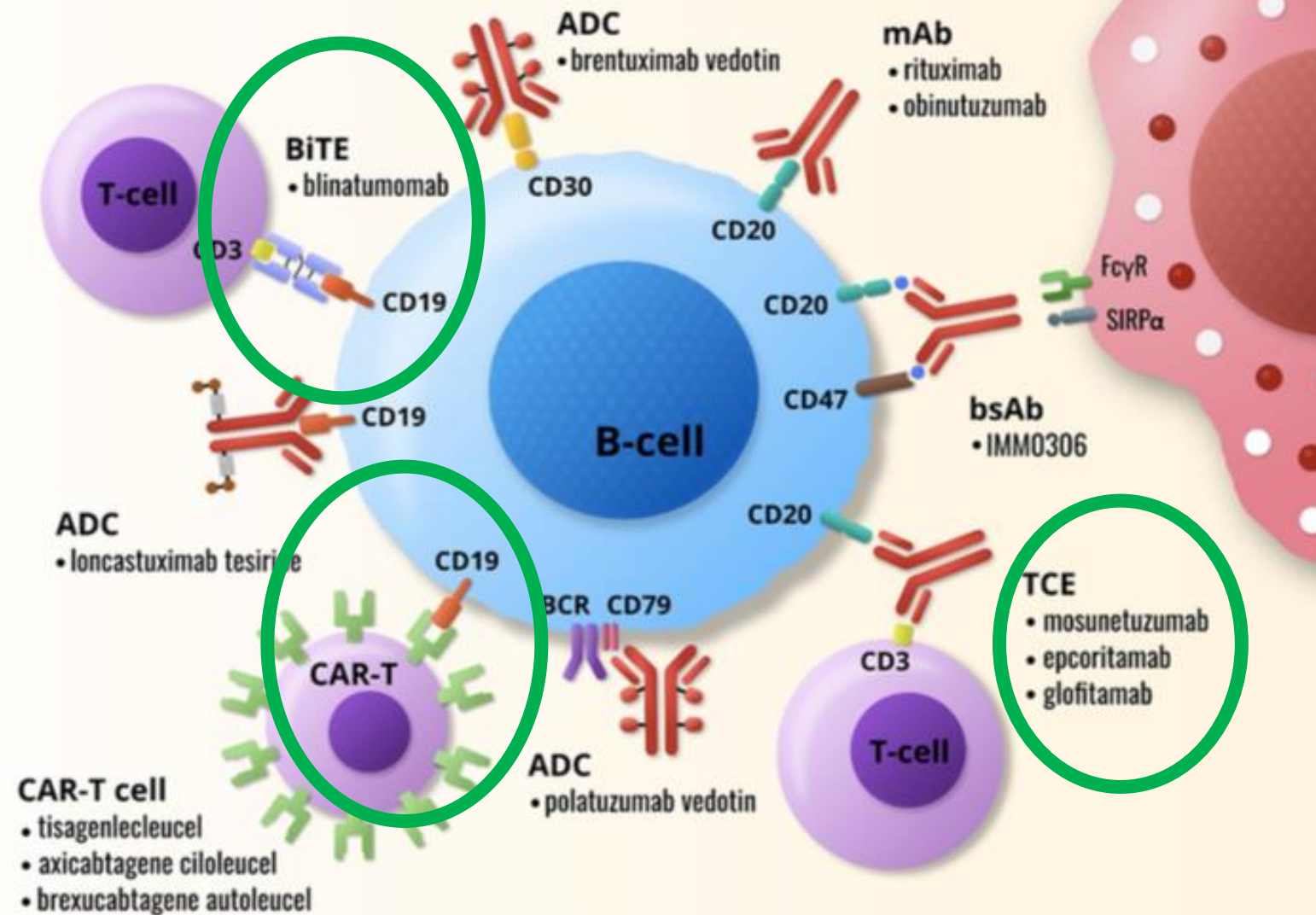
# Concept of BTK Degradator:

**Three targets in 1 shot  
against ibrutinib resistance**

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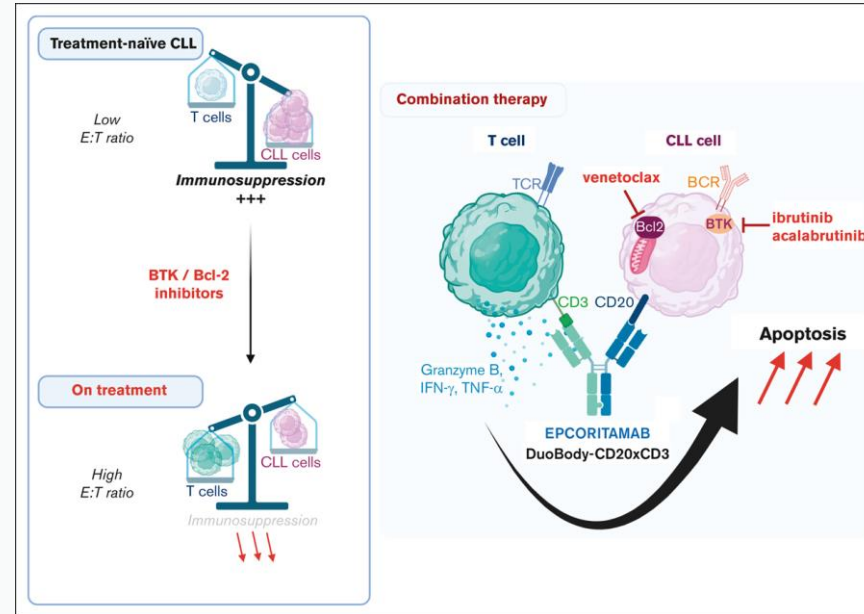


The PROTAC designed by Dobrovolsky et al leads to the triple degradation of BTK, IKZF1, and IKZF3 through their Ub and consequent degradation by the proteasome. This small molecule degrades both WT and C481S-mutated BTK proteins and overcomes ibrutinib resistance in B-cell malignancies in vivo. CRBN, cereblon; PDX, patient-derived xenograft; Ub, ubiquitination; WT, wild-type. Professional illustration by Somersault18:24.



**Figure 1.** Examples of currently used and tested immunotherapeutic modalities in the treatment of B-cell non-Hodgkin lymphomas. mAb, monoclonal antibody; bsAb, bispecific antibody; TCE, T-cell engager; BiTE, bispecific T-cell engager; CAR-T cell, chimeric antigen receptor T cell; ADC, antibody-drug conjugate; BCR, B-cell receptor.

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## Take home message:

- ✓ **Watch & wait bleibt Standard für Frühstadien der CLL (CLL12)**
- ✓ **VenObi mit eingeschränkter Effektivität (PFS) bei Hochrisiko-CLL (TP53, IGHV<sup>unmut</sup>)**
- ✓ **Zanubrutinib besonders effektiv bei TP53-aberranten CLL Patienten**
- ✓ **Resistenzmutationen (u.a. T474, L528W) auch nach Pirtobrutinib-Therapie beschrieben**
- ✓ **BTK Degrader, CAR T-Zellen und bispezifische Antikörper als potentielle künftige Therapieoptionen bei R/R Patienten**