

# Therapiekonzepte bei der Hochrisiko CLL

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# High-risk CLL: Definition

## Deletion of chromosome 17p (del(17p)):

- Incidence in 5%–8% of chemotherapy-naïve patients.<sup>1</sup>
- Method: Fluorescence in situ hybridization (FISH)

## TP53 mutation:

- Incidence in 5-7% at initial diagnosis<sup>2,3</sup>;
- Incidence up to 40% in relapsed/refractory CLL<sup>2,3</sup>
  - Method: Sanger Sequencing (cutoff ≥ 10%)<sup>4</sup>
  - Method: Next generation sequencing (cutoff ≥ 0.1%)<sup>7</sup>

- CLL with del(17p): 50-80% of the patients have additional mutations in the remaining *TP53* allele.<sup>2,5</sup>
- CLL with sole *TP53* mutation(s): rarer, but similarly detrimental effect on chemotherapy response and overall survival.<sup>6,7</sup>

## Further risk marker in CLL?

### Complex karyotype (CKT):

[≥3 chromosomal abnormalities (CKT)<sup>8</sup>]

≥5 chromosomal abnormalities (highly CKT)<sup>9</sup>

- Incidence in 14-34% of patients<sup>10</sup>

### Unmutated IGHV status

Incidence of 33% in Binet A CLL<sup>11</sup>

Incidence of 60% in CLL requiring treatment<sup>12</sup>

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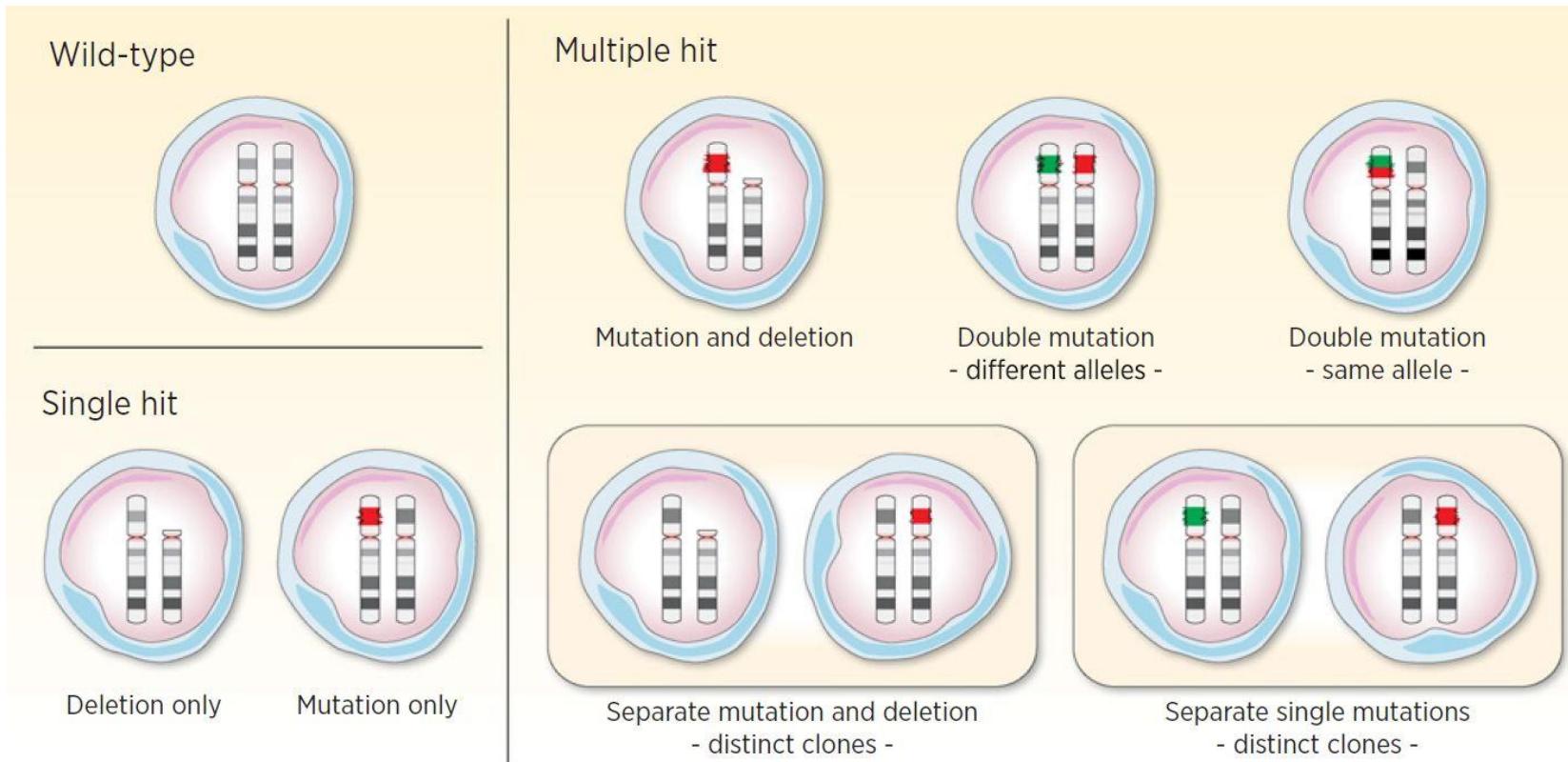
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# High-risk CLL: Mutation in chromosome 17p: Variant outcomes and approach of an explanation

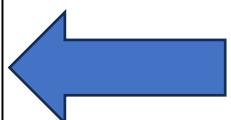
**„Single hit“ CLL<sup>1</sup>:**

- Presence of a sole del(17p)
- Presence of one *TP53<sup>mut</sup>*



## Clinical impact:

- *TP53* aberrations: important biomarker with resistance to chemoimmunotherapy
- „Single hit“ CLL versus „multiple hit“ CLL: Do novel agents have an impact on outcome?<sup>2-4</sup>



## „Multiple hit“ CLL<sup>1</sup>:

- Presence of both del(17p) and *TP53<sup>mut</sup>*
- More than one *TP53* mutations

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# CLL del(17p)/TP53<sup>mut</sup>: Landscape of phase 3 clinical trials for high-risk CLL

Trial	Patients with challenging molecular subtypes, n (%)		
	del(17p)	Mutated TP53	UnmutatedIGHV
CLL13 <sup>1</sup> IVO/VenO/VenR vs CIT	<b>del(17p) ineligible</b>	–	<b>518 (56%)</b>
RESONATE-2 <sup>2</sup> Ibr vs Clb	<b>del(17p) ineligible</b>	<b>15 (7%)</b>	<b>118 (58%)</b>
Alliance A041202 <sup>3</sup> Ibr vs IR vs BR	<b>34 (6%)</b>	<b>51 (10%)</b>	<b>218 (61%)</b>
iLLUMINATE <sup>4</sup> IO vs Oclb	<b>32 (14%)</b>	<b>29 (13%)</b>	<b>123 (57%)</b>
SEQUOIA <sup>5</sup> (Cohorts A & B) Zanu vs BR	<b>del(17p) ineligible</b>	<b>28 (6%)</b>	<b>246 (53%)</b>
GLOW <sup>6</sup> IVen vs Oclb	<b>del(17p) ineligible</b>	<b>IVen: 6.6%</b> <b>OClb: 1.9%</b>	<b>IVen: 51.9%</b> <b>OClb: 51.4%</b>
CLL14 <sup>7</sup> VenO vs Oclb	<b>31 (8%)</b>	<b>32 (10%)</b>	<b>244 (60%)</b>
CLL16 VenOAlaca vs VenO	<b>recruiting</b>	<b>recruiting</b>	<b>recruiting</b>

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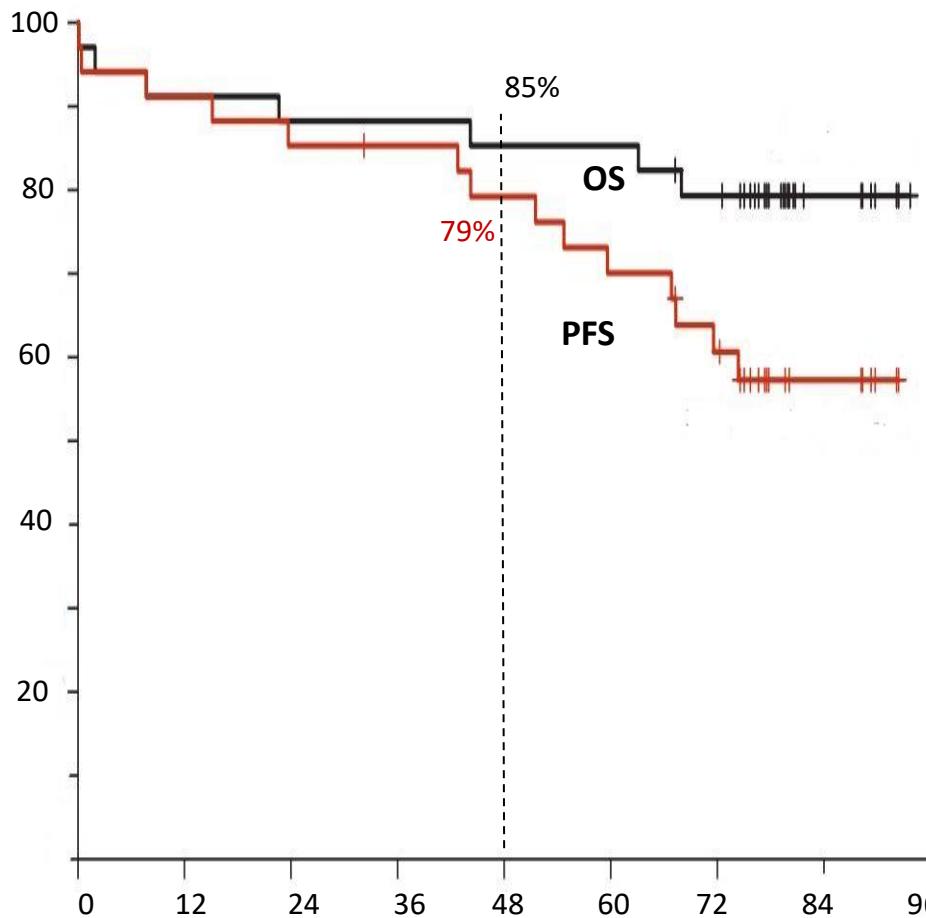
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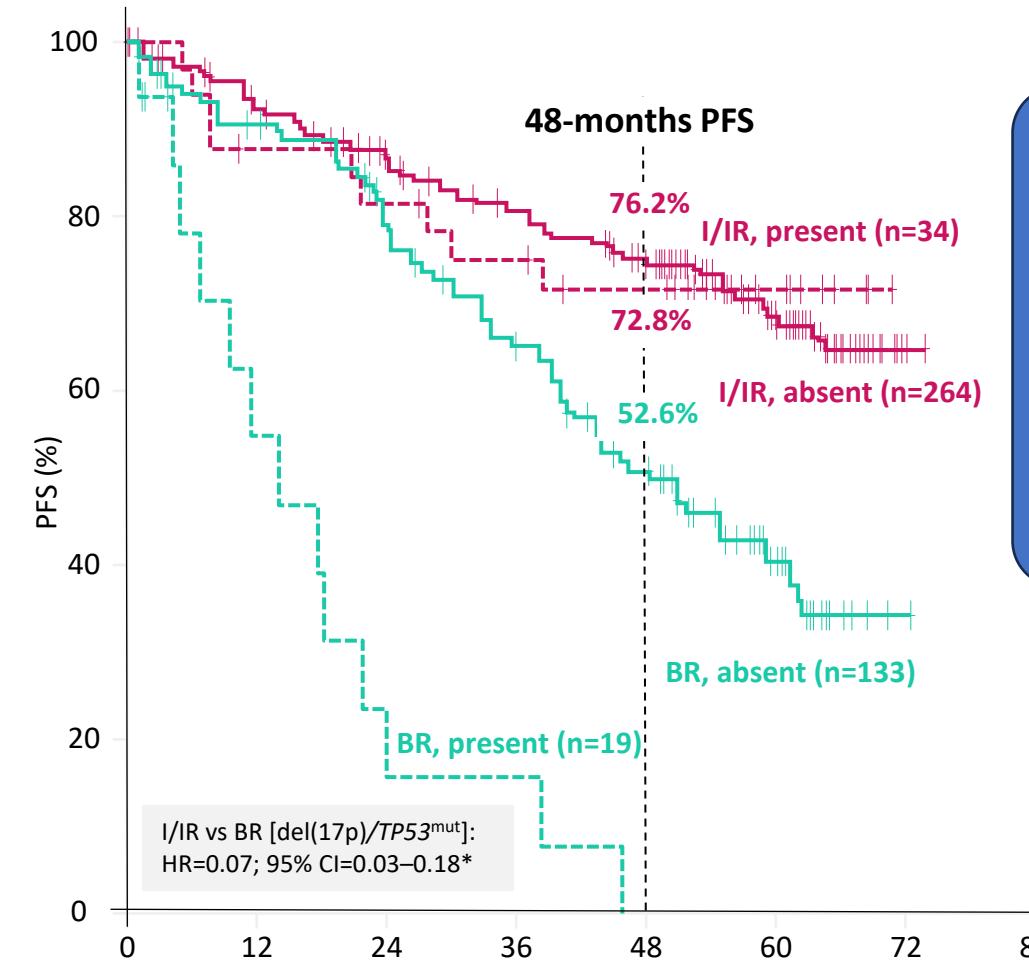
Continuous BTKi Monotherapy  
(+/- CD20 antibody)

# CLL del(17p)/TP53<sup>mut</sup> under continuous BTKi first-line treatment

**Phase 2 IIT (NCT01500733): PFS Ibrutinib monotherapy in patients with del(17p)/TP53<sup>mut</sup> (median follow-up: 6.5 years)<sup>1</sup>**



**Alliance A041202 : PFS I/IR vs BR by del(17p)/TP53<sup>mut</sup> status (absent/present) (median follow-up: 55 months)<sup>2,3</sup>**



Del(17p):  
5% of pts  
(9/181)  
  
TP53<sup>mut</sup>: 9%  
of pts  
(15/168)

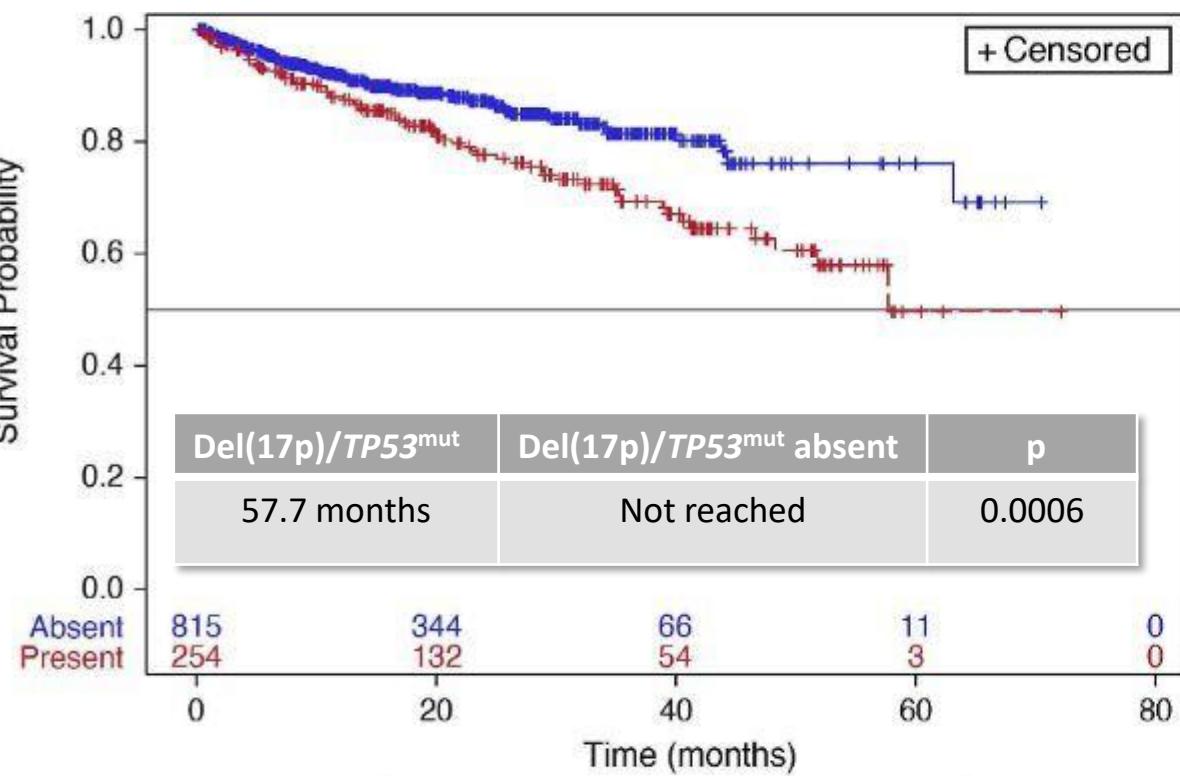
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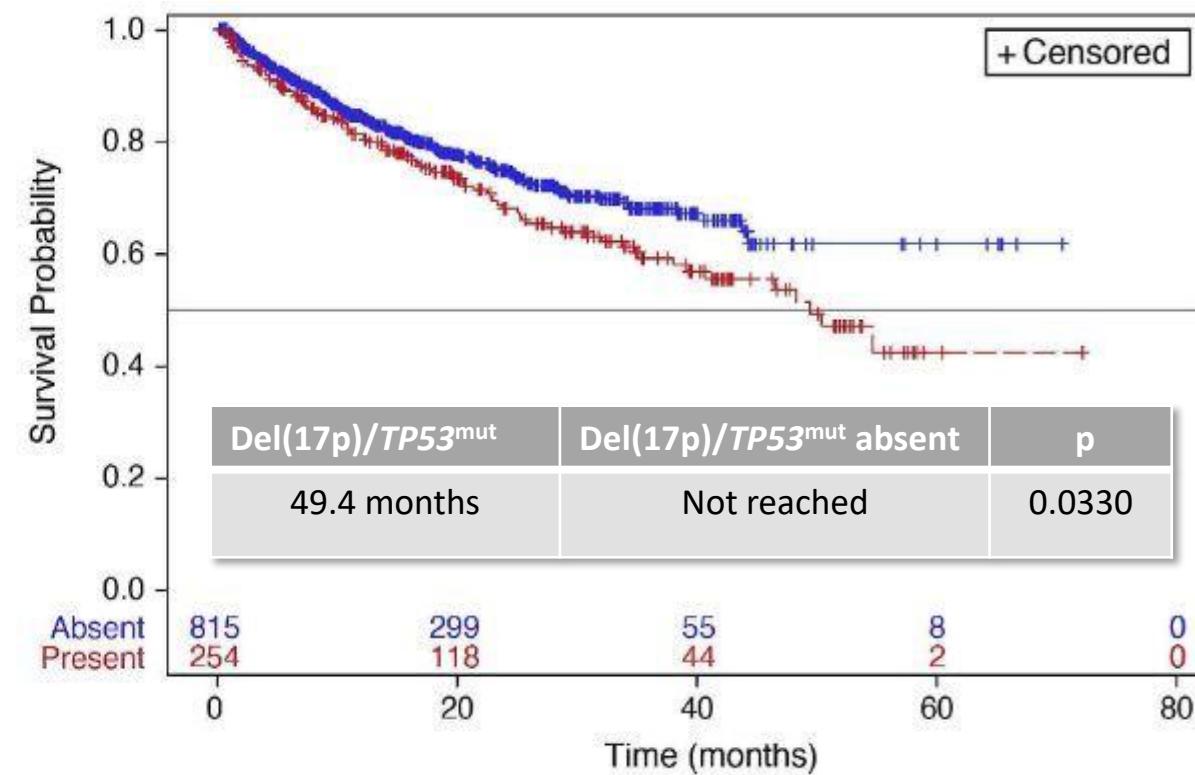
# Real world data suggest inferior survival in high-risk CLL with BTKi therapy

- n = 1069 patients; 254/1069 had del(17p), 1L ibrutinib monotherapy between 01/2011 – 12/2019
- Reason for treatment discontinuation: toxicity in both arms, due to PD: significantly more frequent in del(17p) CLL (20% vs. 6%; P<0.0001).

**OS ibrutinib monotherapy by del(17p)/TP53<sup>mut</sup> status (absent/present)**  
(median follow-up: 17.5 months)

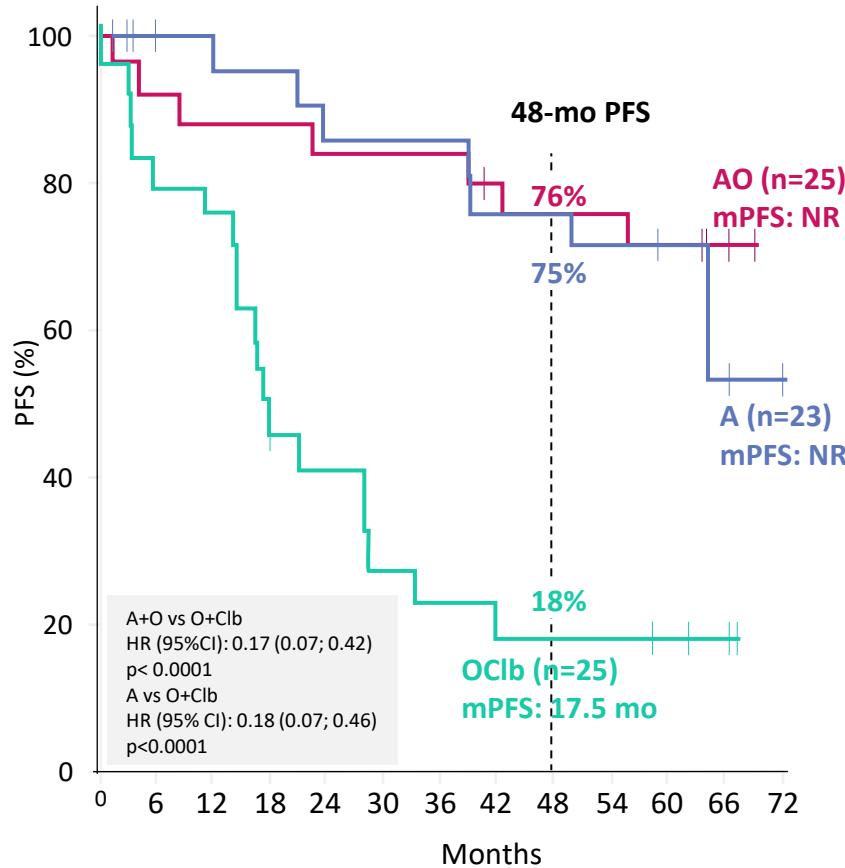


**Time to next treatment - ibrutinib monotherapy by del(17p)/TP53<sup>mut</sup> status (absent/present)**  
(median follow-up: 17.5 months)



# CLL del(17p)/TP53<sup>mut</sup> under continuous BTKi first-line treatment

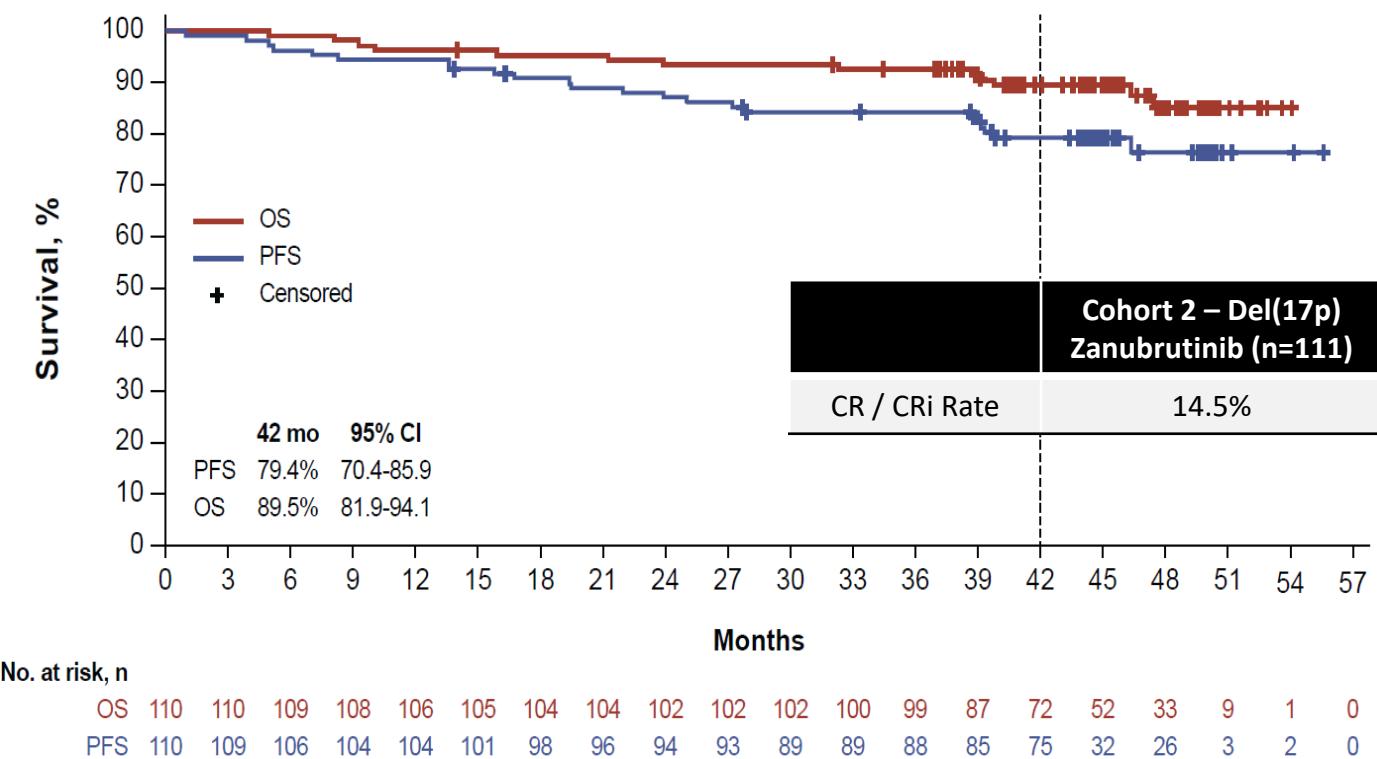
**ELEVATE TN: PFS A/AO vs OClb by del(17p)/TP53<sup>mut</sup> status (present)**  
(median follow-up: 46.9 months)<sup>1,2</sup>



del(17p) and/or TP53<sup>mut</sup>:  
14% (25/179 pts)

**SEQUOIA Cohort 2 – Extended Follow-Up:  
CR rate, PFS and OS (median follow-up: 47.9 months)<sup>3</sup>**

Del(17p)/TP53<sup>mut</sup>  
n=111



- Median PFS and OS: not reached
- 42-month PFS: 79.4%                          42-month OS rate: 89.5%

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Doublets

# Time-limited treatment with Venetoclax/Obinutuzumab (VenO) (CLL14): CLL with del(17p)/TP53<sup>mut</sup> – 5-and 6-year follow-up

del(17p) and/or  
TP53<sup>mut</sup>:  
12% (25/209 pts)

## Main inclusion criteria<sup>a</sup>

- Previously untreated CLL with comorbidities
- CIRS >6 and/or CrCl <70ml/min

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1:1

**VenO 6 Cycles**

**Venetoclax**  
6 Cycles

Median Age: 72 years | Median CIRS: 9 (0-23)

Median age: 71 years | Median CIRS: 8 (1-28)

**ChlorambucilO**

**Chlorambucil**  
6 Zyklen

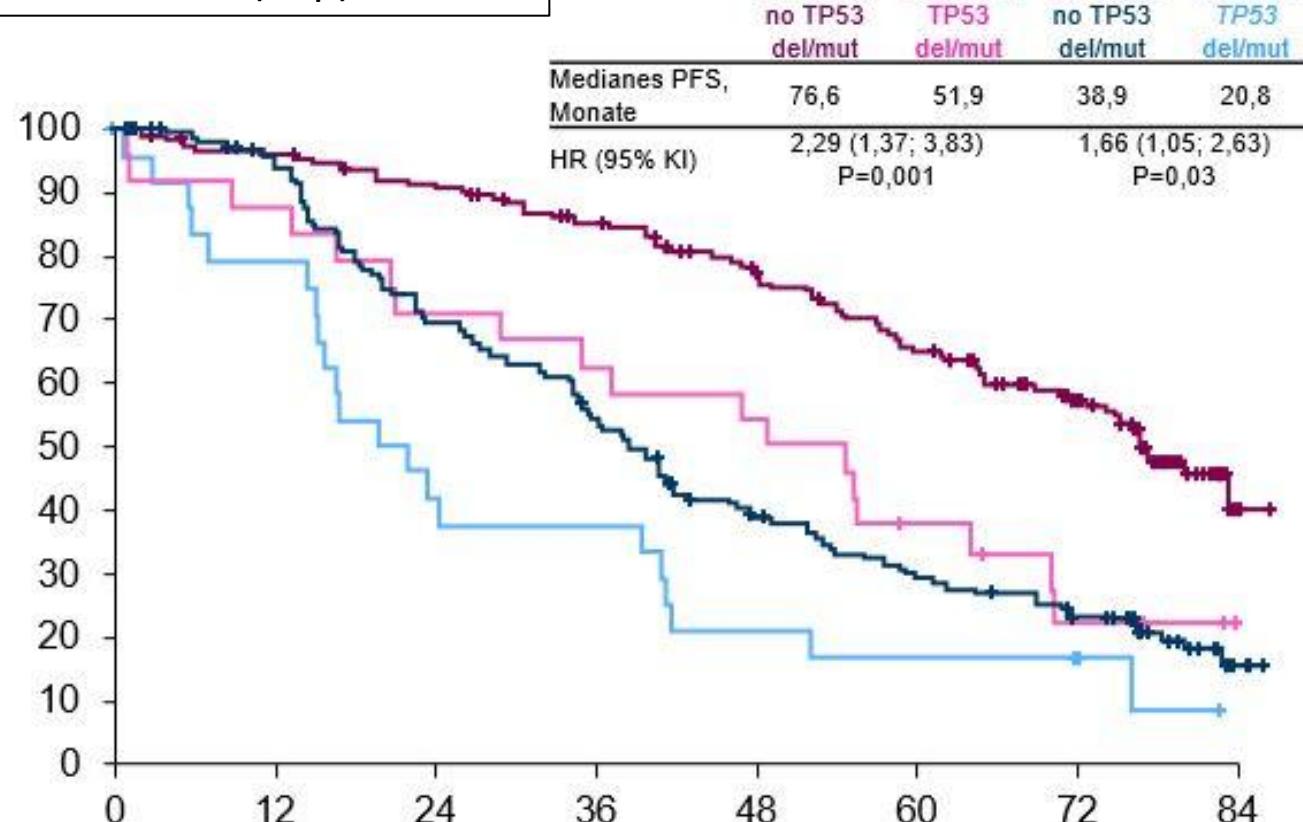
## Primary endpoint

- PFS

## Secondary endpoints

- Overall response rate
- MRD
- OS

PFS and del(17p)/TP53<sup>mut</sup>



Median Follow-up 65.4 months<sup>2</sup>

Del(17p)/TP53 <sup>mut</sup>	VenO	ClbO
5-year PFS <sup>2</sup>	40.6%	15.6%

HR 0.48, 95% CI 0.24–0.94

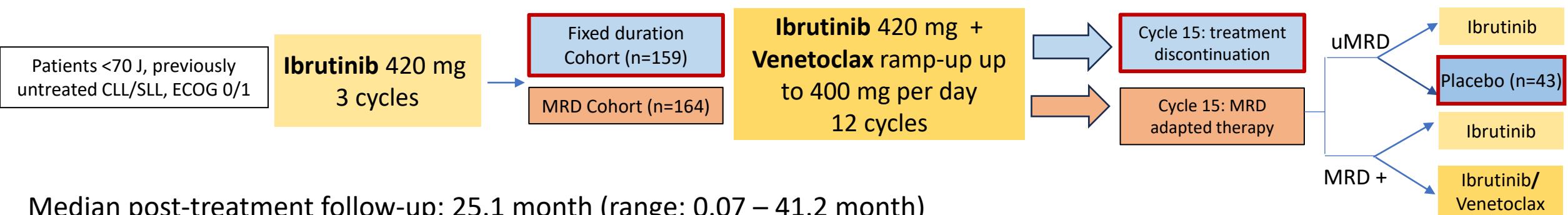
Patients without del(17p)/TP53 <sup>mut</sup>	VenO	ClbO
5-year PFS <sup>2</sup>	65.8%	29.3%

HR 2.37, 95% CI 1.34–4.17

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# Time-limited treatment with Ibrutinib/Venetoclax (CAPTIVATE): Fixed duration Cohort (pooled analysis)



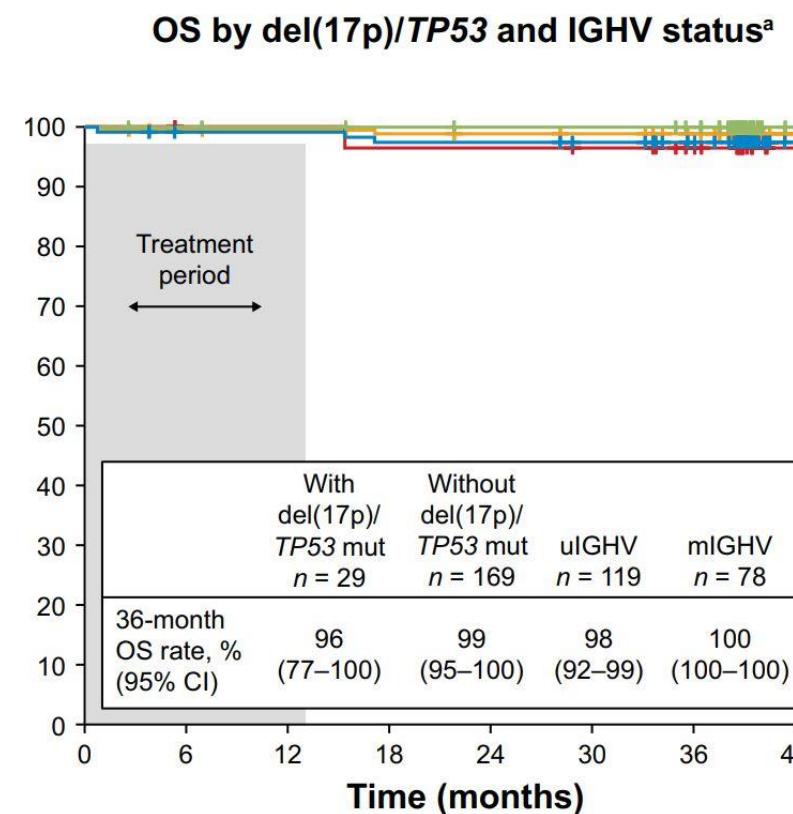
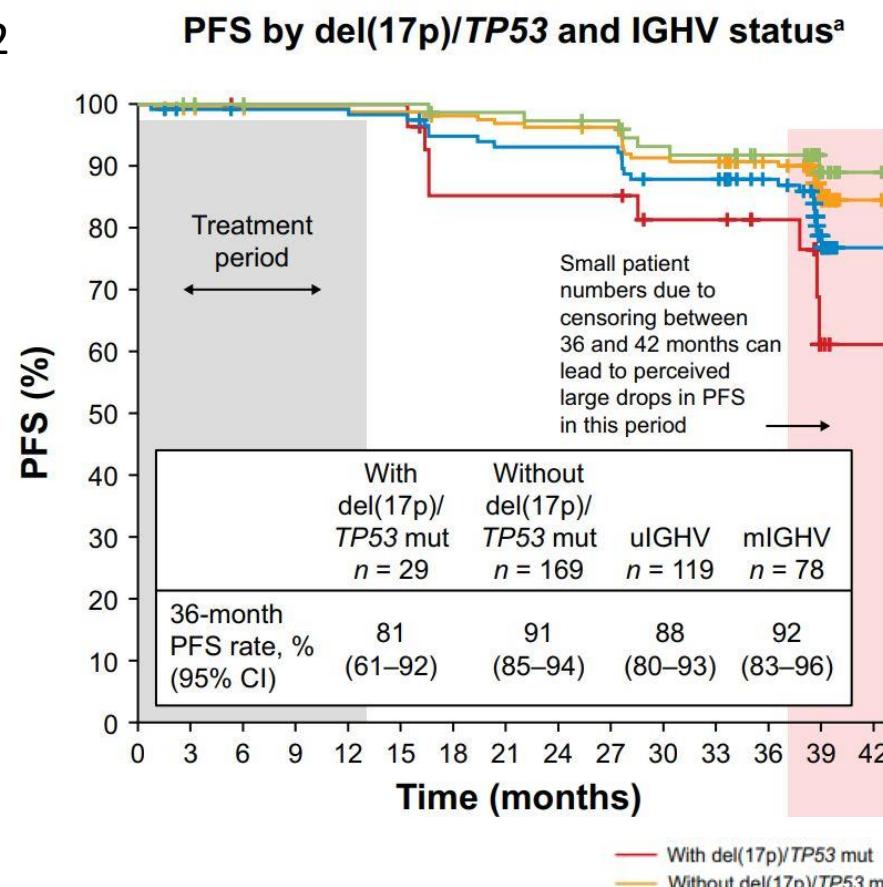
Median post-treatment follow-up: 25.1 month (range: 0.07 – 41.2 month)

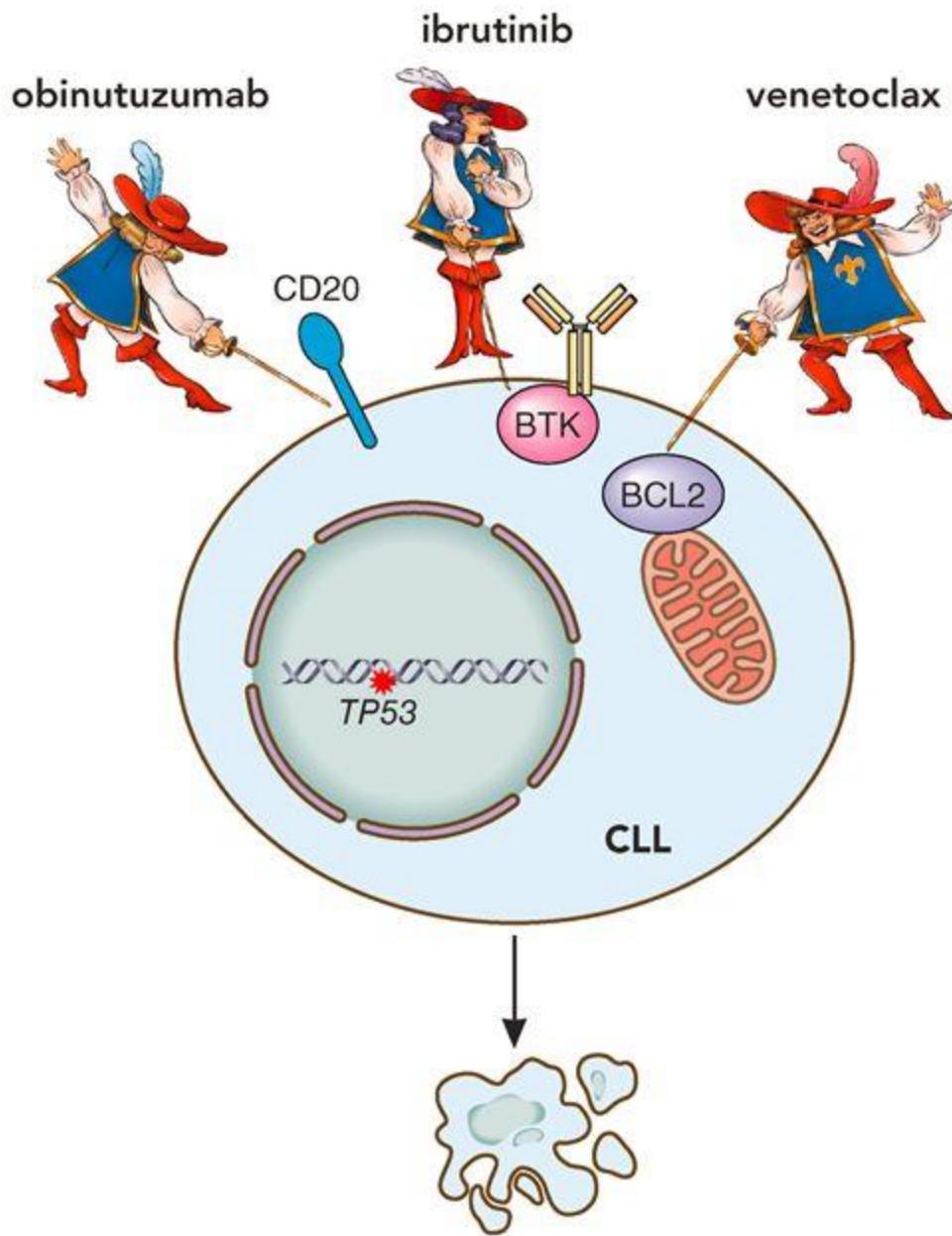
Time-limited treated patients: n=202  
 → high-risk features: n=129

High-risk features	patients - n (%)
TP53 <sup>mut</sup>	17 (13)
Del(17p) or TP53 <sup>mut</sup>	29 (22)
IGHV unmut ⇔ mut	119 (92) ⇔ 10 (8)
CKT (≥ 3 abnormalities)	27 (21)

## Results del(17p)/TP53<sup>mut</sup>(n=29)

- CR/CRI rate: 52%
- uMRD rate peripheral blood: 83%
- uMRD rate bone marrow: 45%

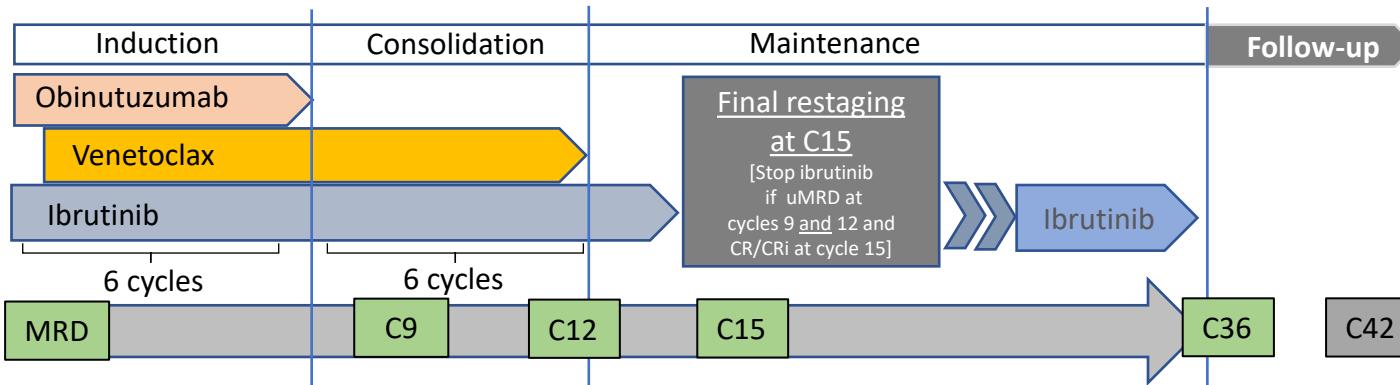




Triplet

# Obinutuzumab, ibrutinib and venetoclax in CLL with del(17p)/TP53<sup>mut</sup> – CLL2-GIVe

- Phase 2 trial
- 41 patients
- Previously untreated CLL
- Adequate renal function (CrCl > 50mL/min)
- Del(17p)/TP53 mut



## Primary endpoint

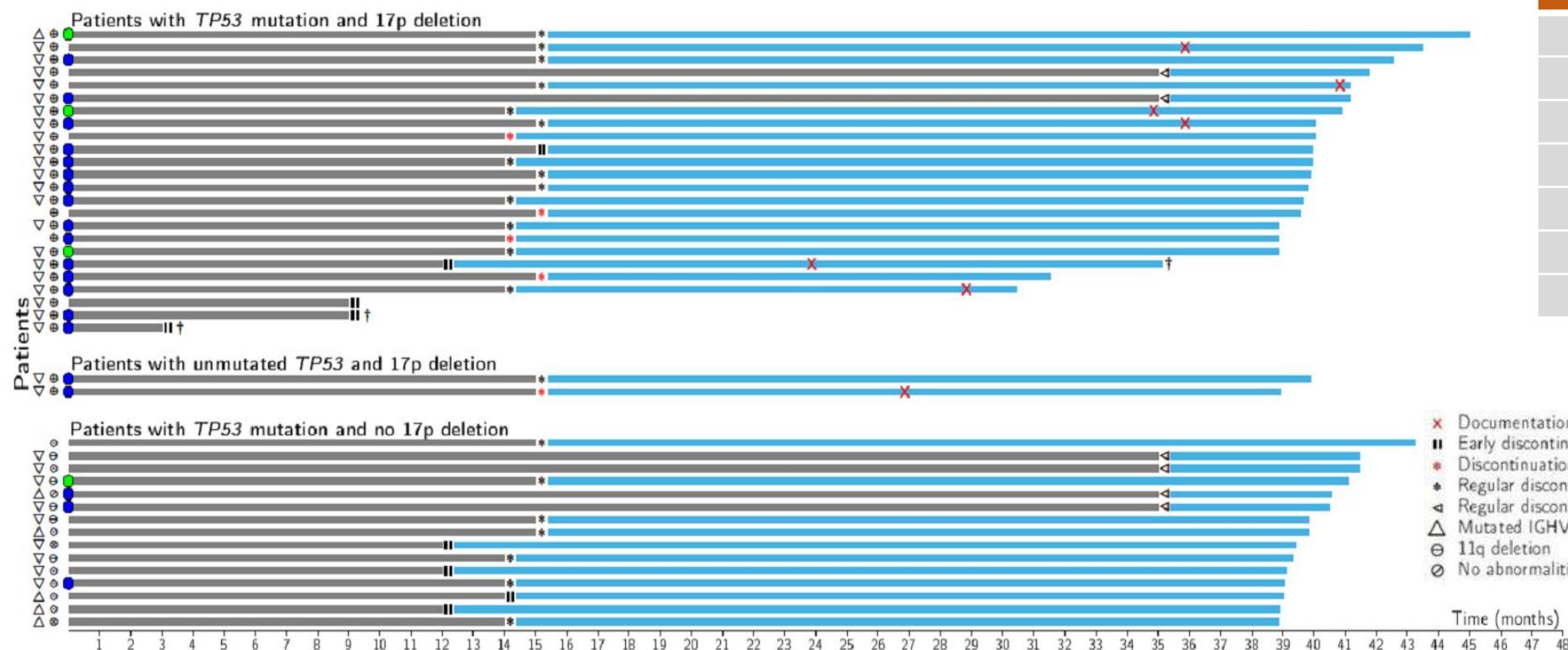
- CR rate at C15
- Secondary endpoints**

- PFS, OS, EFS
- Safety
- MRD levels

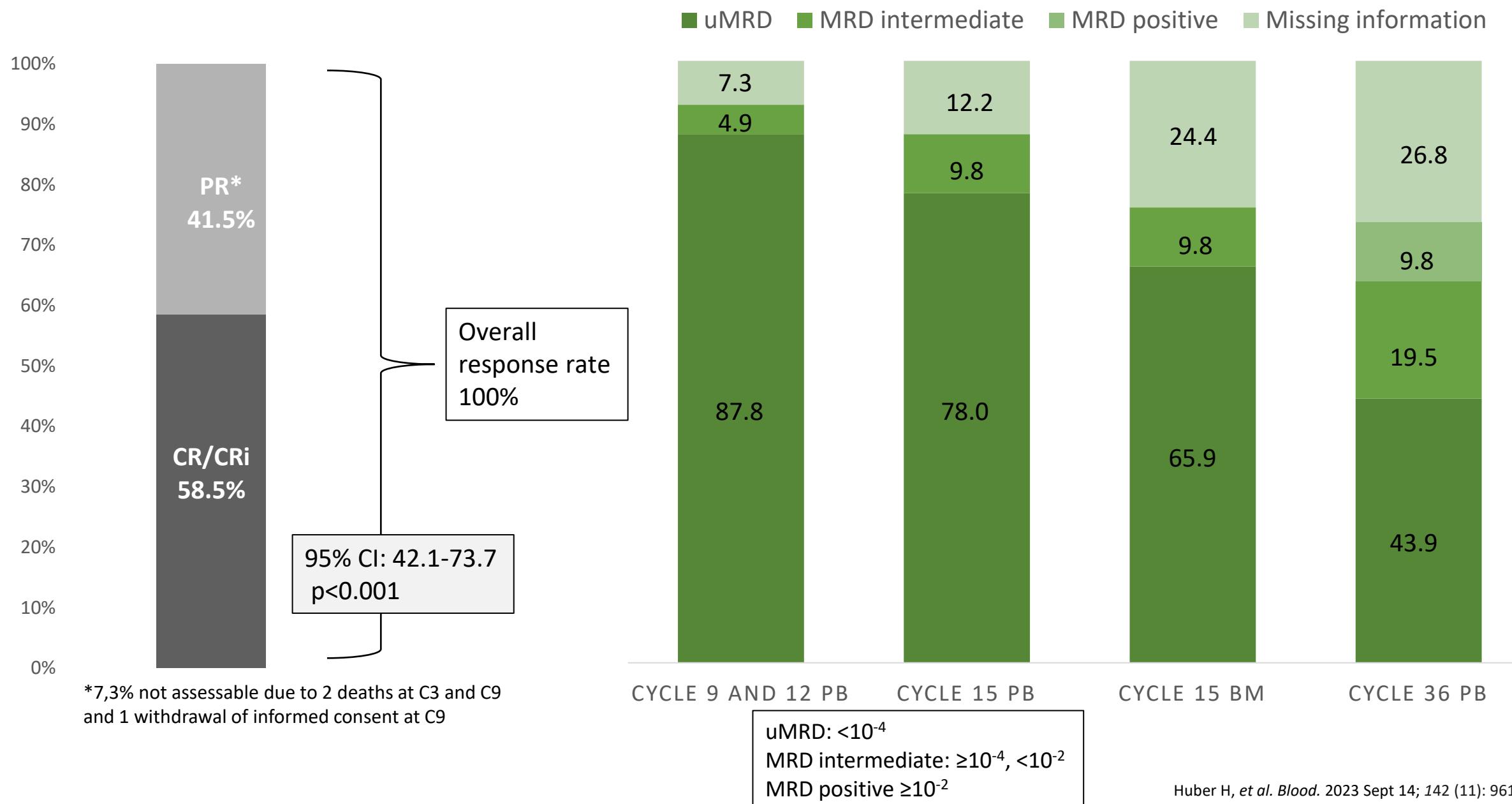
Genetic parameters	n (%)
IGHV unmutated	32 (78.0)*
Complex karyotype	24 (61.6)**
Del(17p) and TP53 <sup>mut</sup>	24 (58.5)
Del(17p), no TP53 <sup>mut</sup>	2 (4.9)
TP53 <sup>mut</sup> , no del(17p)	15 (36.6)
SF3B1 <sup>mut</sup>	7 (17.1)
NOTCH1 <sup>mut</sup>	3 (7.3)

\*IGHV: 3 patients were not evaluable;

\*\*Karyotype: 2 patients were not evaluable

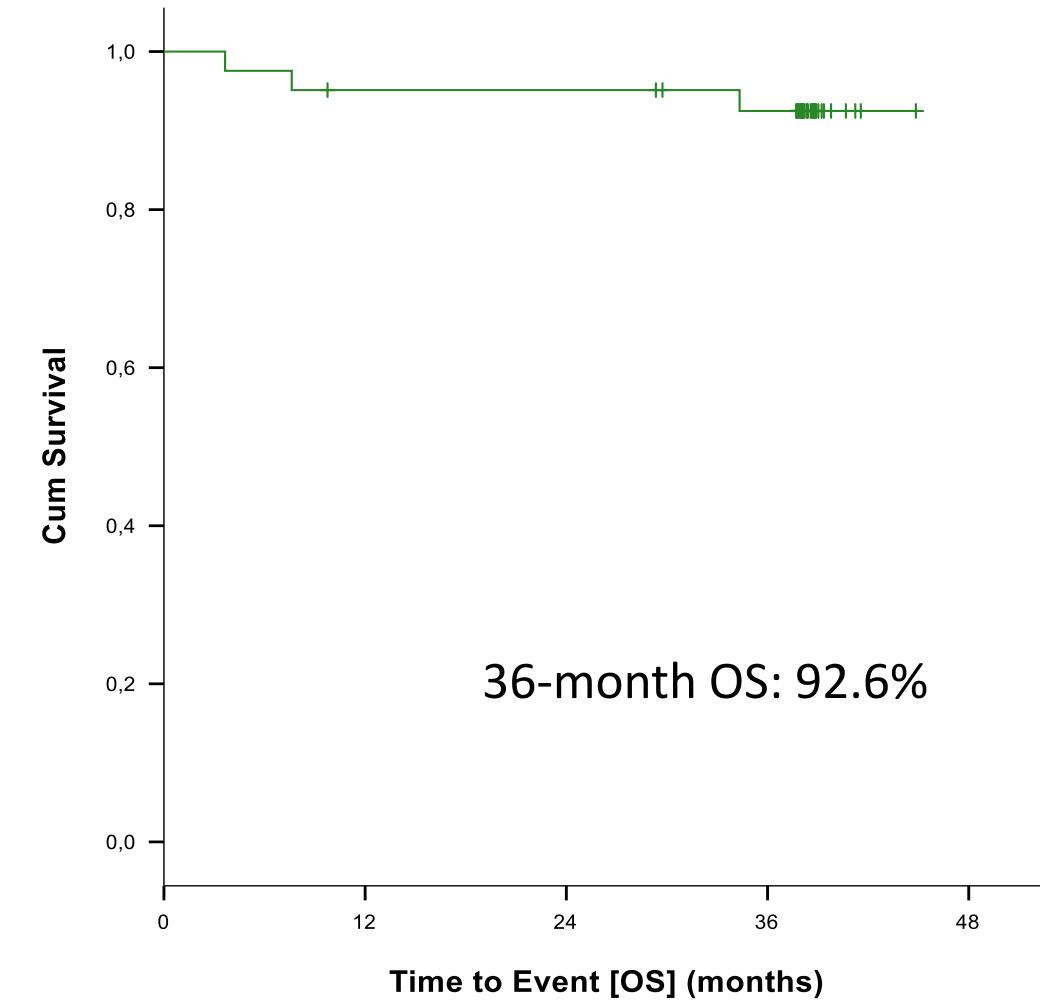
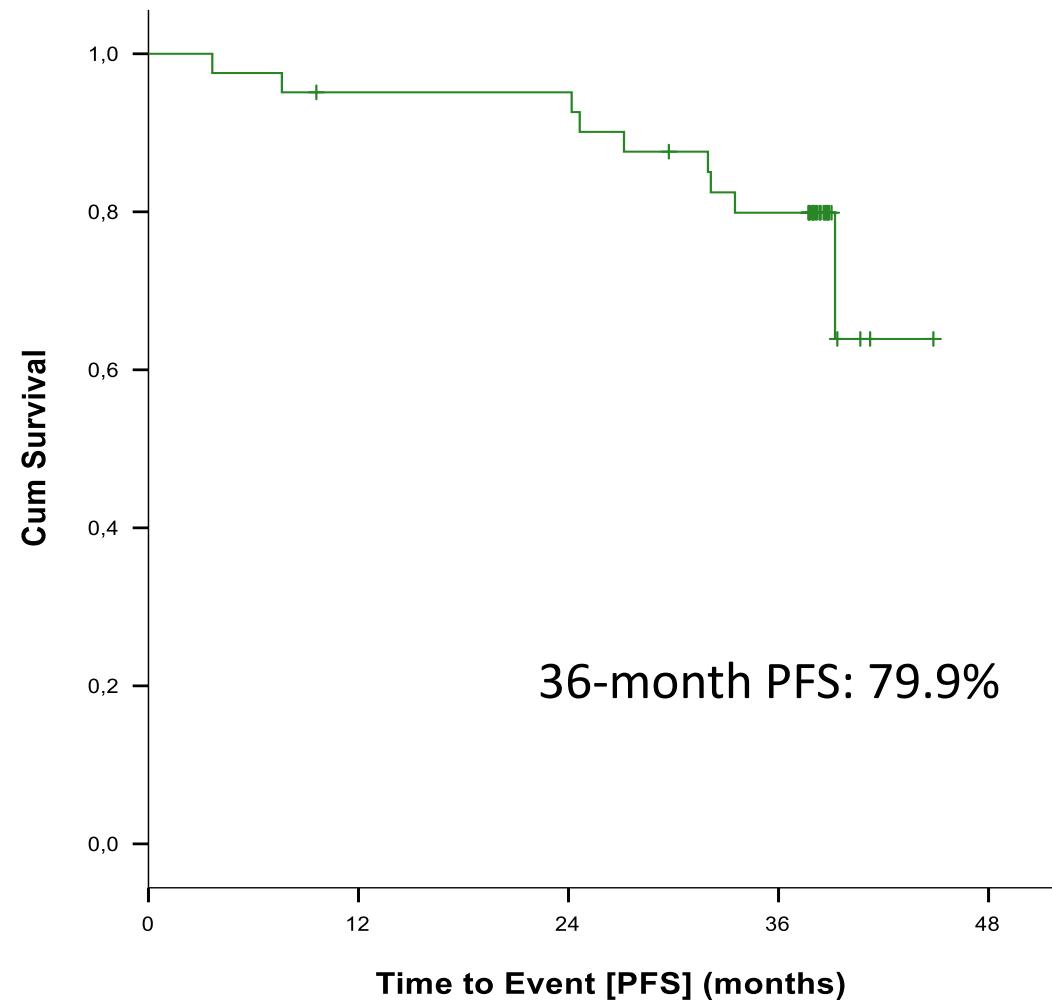


# CLL2-GIVe: Results: Efficacy: CR rate at final restaging and MRD results



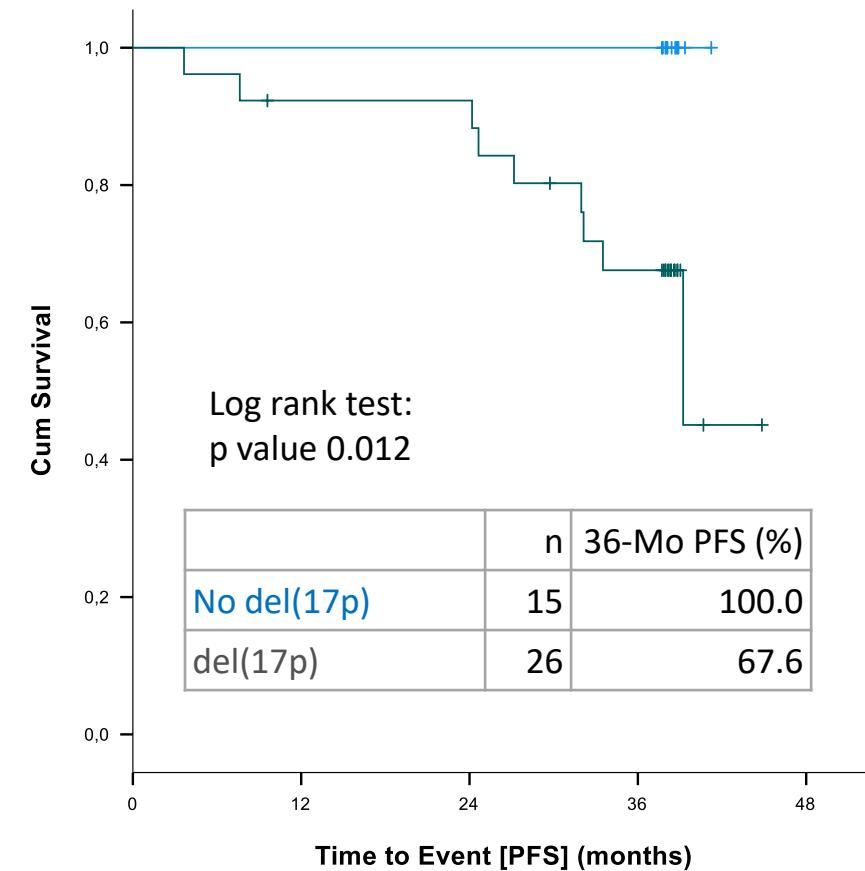
# CLL2-GIVe: Results: Progression-free survival and overall survival

Median observation time: 38.4 months (range 3.7-44.9)

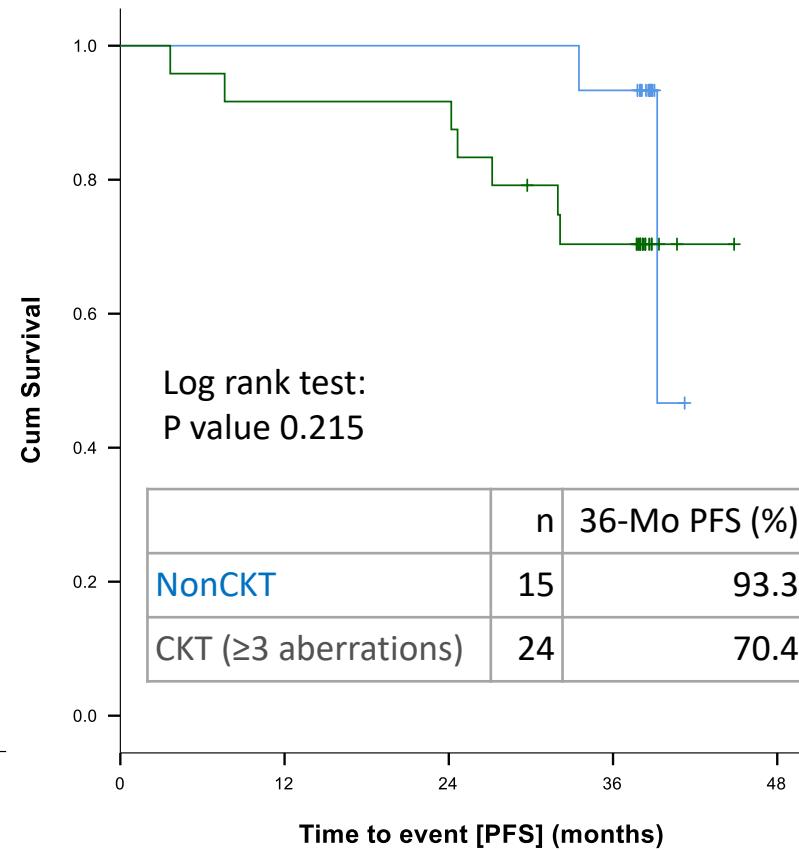


# CLL2-GIVe: Results: Correlation between PFS and genetics

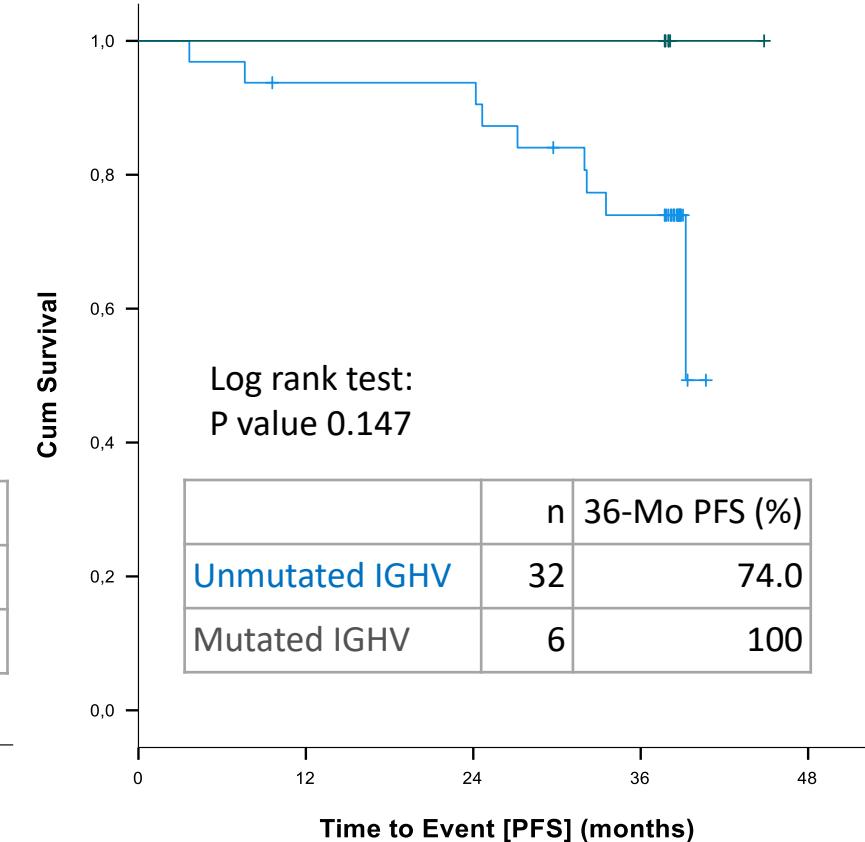
PFS and del(17p)



PFS and complex karyotype\*

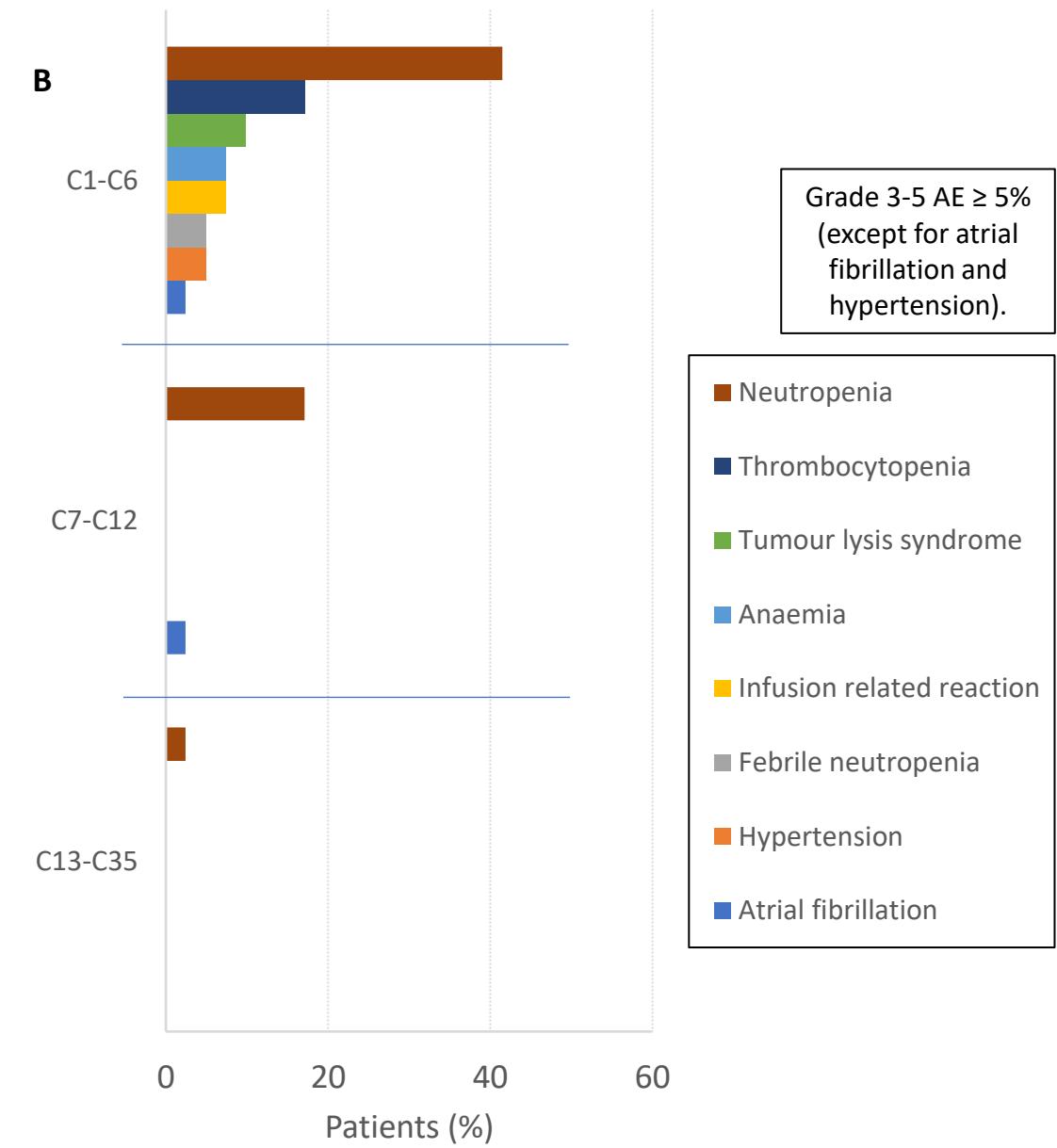
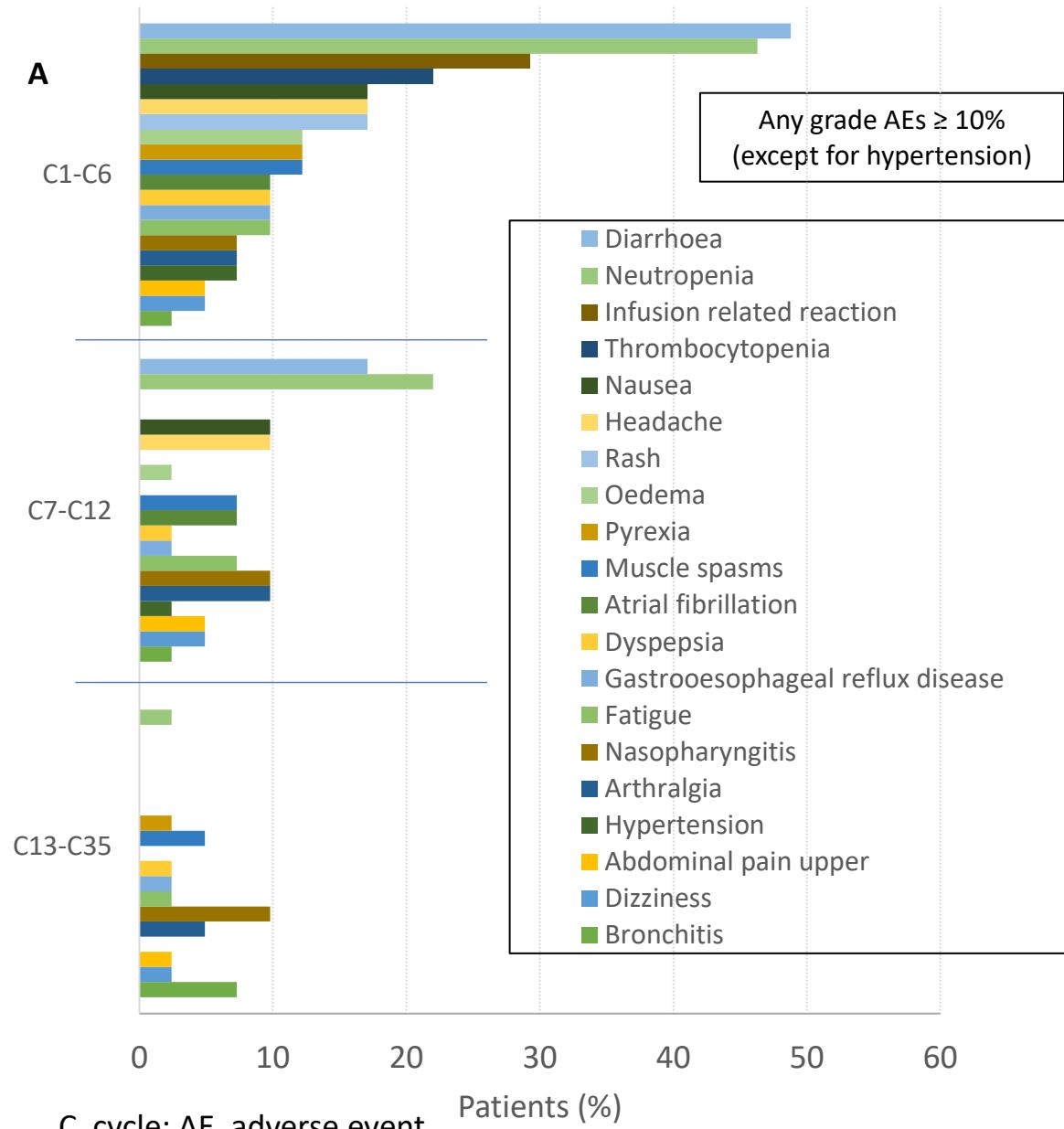


PFS and IGHV mutational status



\*Karyotype: 2 patients were not evaluable

# CLL2-GIVe: Adverse events of any grade (A) and $\geq$ grade 3 (B) over the course of treatment



# Adverse events ≥ grade 3 in continuous and time-limited treatment

Study		Treatment Duration 6m to PD	Neutropenia	Febrile Neutropenia	Infections	TLS	Atrial Fibrillation	Bleeding	Hypertension
Alliance A041202 <sup>1,2*</sup>	IR		22% 15% 40%	1% 2% 7%	19% 19% 13%	-x	6% 9% 3% <sup>¶</sup>	3% 2% 0%	34% 29% 14%
	I		15% 40%	2% 7%	19% 13%	-x	9% 3%	2% 0%	29% 14%
	BR		40% 15%	7% 2%	13% 19%	-x	3% 6%	0% 3%	14% 29%
ELEVATE TN <sup>3,4*</sup>	AO		31% 41%	24% 8%	16% 24%	-x	1% 0%	3% 3%	3% 4%
	A		11% 41%	-x	16% 8%	-x	1% 1%	3% 3%	3% 3%
	Oclb		41% 11%	8% 24%	0% 16%	-x	0% 1%	0% 0%	4% 3%
SEQUOIA <sup>5*</sup> (Cohort 2)	Zanu		16.2%	-x	27%	-x	2%	5.4%	6.3

Study		Treatment Duration (12-15 Cycles)	Neutropenia	Febrile Neutropenia	Infections	TLS	Atrial Fibrillation	Bleeding	Hypertension
CLL14 <sup>6**</sup>	VenO		53% 48%	5% 4%	18% 15%	1% 3%	2% 1%	-x	3% 1%
	OClb		48% 53%	4% 5%	15% 18%	-x	1% 2%	-x	1% 3%
CAPTIVATE <sup>7*</sup> (FD Cohort)	IVen		33%	1%	8%	0%	1%	1%	6%
CLL2-GIVe <sup>8***</sup>	IVenO		48.8%	2.4%	19.5%	9.8%	2.4%	-x	2.4%

x Not specified

\* AE reporting period: 30 days after the last study treatment

\*\* AE reporting period: 28 days after last venetoclax and 90 days after the last obinutuzumab treatment

\*\*\* AE reporting period: 28 days after the end of study treatment

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# Conclusion: Continuous versus time-limited treatment in high-risk CLL?

## Efficacy:

- Continuous BTKi monotherapy is a first-line standard regimen in high-risk CLL
- Time-limited doublet regimens are further options according to patient's risk profile and preference
- Triplets are part of clinical trials

## Adverse events:

- In time-limited treatment: adverse events occur primarily during the first six cycles, especially hematotoxicity
- Continuous risk of adverse events, especially cardiotoxicity in BTKi (ibrutinib > acala-/zanubrutinib), infections (e.g. ITK inhibition, T-cell dysfunction)

## Risk profile:

- CLL del(17p) and/or *TP53<sup>mut</sup>*: heterogeneous group of patients with distinct treatment options in future?

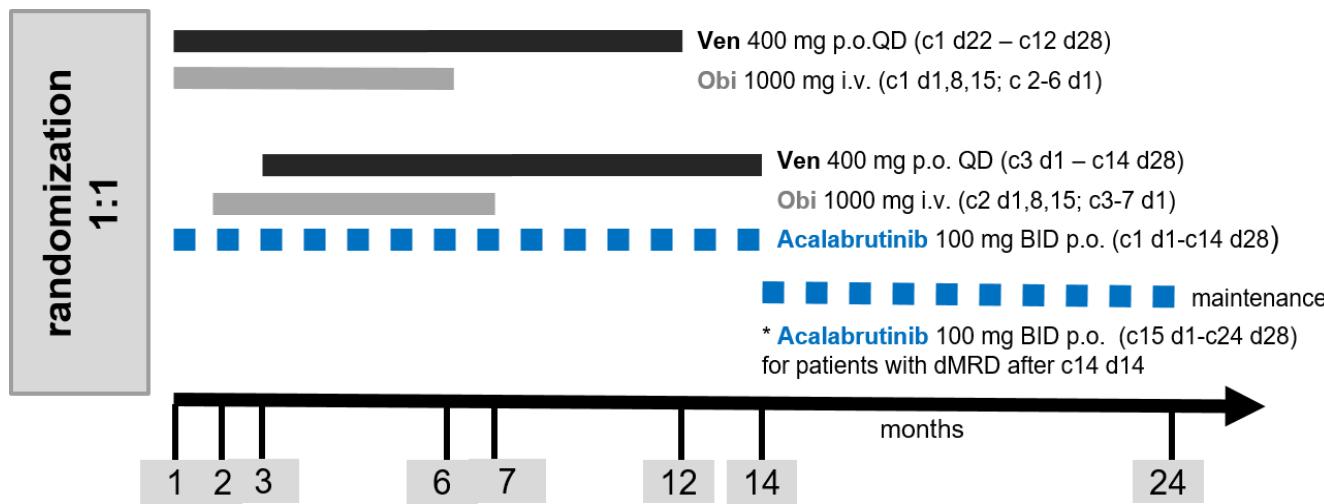
## Clinical trials:

- Testing time-limited versus continuous therapy in CLL, including high-risk CLL.

# Ongoing clinical trial of the GCLLSG in high-risk CLL

## Phase 3 CLL16 Trial<sup>1</sup> (NCT05197192)

### Treatment schedule



n=178 patients

### Main inclusion criteria

- CLL with del17p/TP53mut or complex karyotype ( $\geq 3$  chromosomal abnormalities)
- > 18 years
- Creatinine clearance  $\geq 30\text{ml/min}$
- Adequate liver function

### Endpoints

- Primary endpoint: Progression-free survival
- Main secondary endpoints:
  - Minimal residual disease (MRD) levels in the peripheral blood and in bone marrow at final restaging
  - Survival: Overall survival, event-free survival, time to next treatment
  - CR rate, overall response rate

Recruiting!

Estimated Study Completion Date 02/2027

<sup>1</sup><https://www.dclsg.de/studie/cll16/index.php>

Vielen Dank für Ihre Aufmerksamkeit!

Back-up

# CLL2GIVe: Disease Progression and subsequent therapy

Pat	Genetics baseline	C15 remission	MRD at C15	EOT date	PFS date	Time point of PD in mo, from registration date	Period of subsequent therapy	Name of the first subsequent therapy
1	Del(17p) 88% TP53mut Exon 8 60%	CR	uMRD	February 2018	September 2019	32.0		
2	Del(17p) 21.5% TP53mut Exon 8 20%	CR	uMRD	November 2017	February 2019	27.2		
3 <sup>†</sup>	Del(17p) 85% TP53mut Exon 5 60%	CR	uMRD	December 2017	September 2019	33.5	From November 2018 to February 2019	Obinutuzumab
4	Del(17p) 93.5% TP53mut Exon 8 70%	CR	uMRD	May 2018	December 2019	32.1	February 2020	Acalabrutinib/obinutuzumab/venetoclax
5	Del(17p) 93% TP53 umut	PR	uMRD PB; no BM	November 2018	September 2019	24.6	February 2020	Acalabrutinib/obinutuzumab/venetoclax
6*	Del(17p) 93.5% TP53mut Exon 7 95%	PR	uMRD	December 2018	January 2020	24.2	from April 2020 to July 2020	Venetoclax
7	Del(17p) 16.5% TP53mut Exon 6 70%	CR	uMRD PB; iMRD BM	April 2019	June 2021	38.6		

TP53mut, TP53 mutation; umut, unmutated. Pat, patient; del, deletion; mut, mutated; umut, unmutated; C, cycle; CR, complete remission; PR, partial remission; uMRD, undetectable minimal residual disease; iMRD, intermediate minimal residual disease; PB, peripheral blood; EOT, end of treatment; PFS, progression-free survival.

\*A Richter transformation (other: diffuse large B-cell lymphoma clonal relationship not analyzed) has been documented 12 months after EOT in May 2020, after treatment with venetoclax, rituximab/idelalisib, and ibrutinib monotherapy was administered.

†Due to detectable MRD in November 2018, the patient received obinutuzumab. The patient had a disease progression in September 2019.