

# ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY CANCER CENTERS

## MULTIDISCIPLINARY CHRONIC LYMPHOCYTIC LEUKEMIA CARE



# Up-to-Date Approaches to Treating the CLL Patient

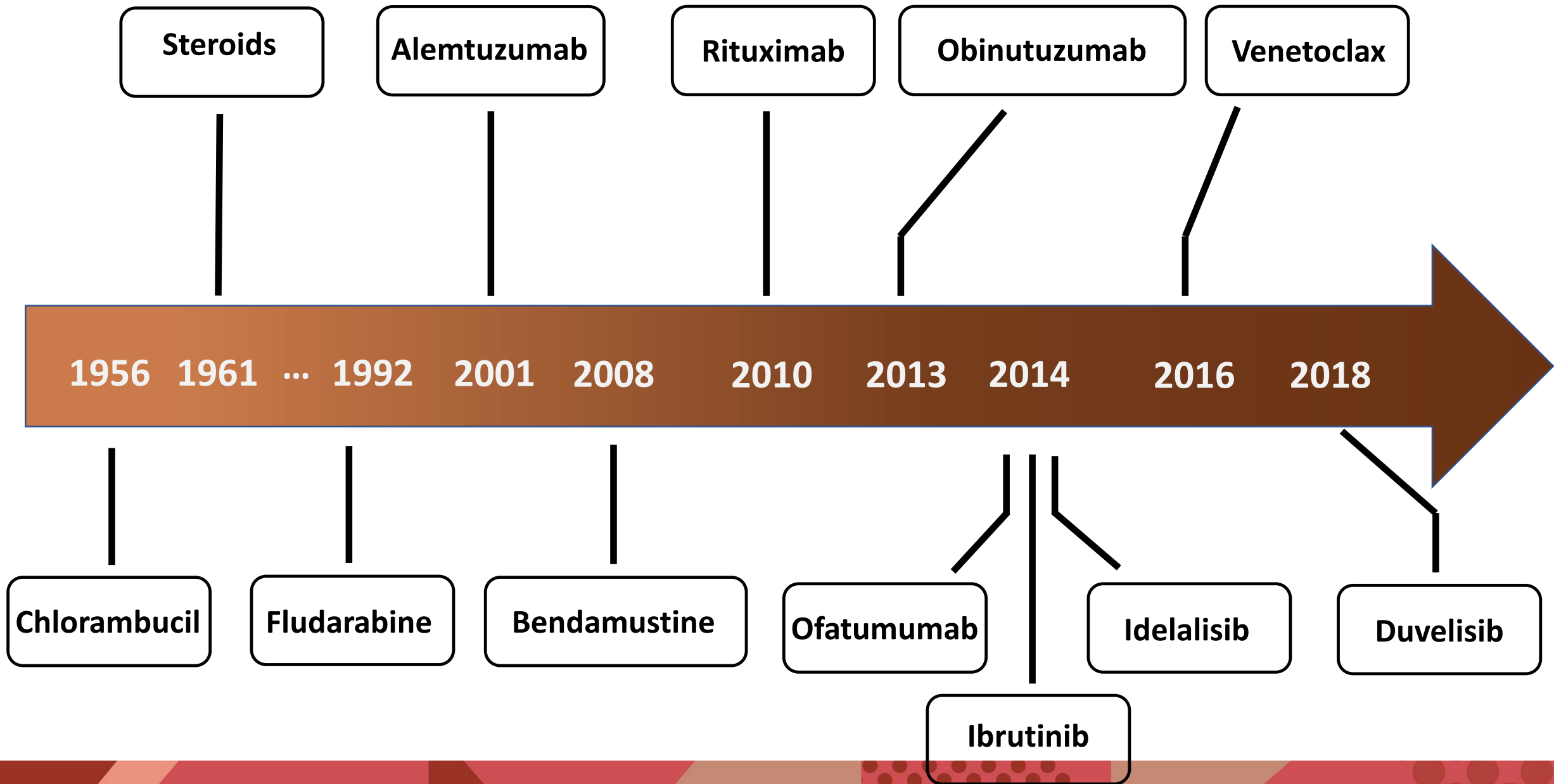
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# Treatment Options for CLL

Chemotherapy Agents	Anti-CD20 Abs	BCR Inhibitors	BCL-2 Inhibitor
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fludarabine</li><li>• Cyclophosphamide</li><li>• Bendamustine</li><li>• Chlorambucil</li></ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>BTK inhibitors</u><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ibrutinib</li><li>• Acalabrutinib</li></ul></li><li>• <u>PI3K inhibitors</u><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Idelalisib</li><li>• Duvelisib</li></ul></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Venetoclax</li></ul>

# What Do You Need to Know About Your CLL Before Starting Treatment

	FISH	Karyotype	Mutations
Unfavorable	del (17p) ★ del (11q)	Complex (>3 abnormality in more than 1 cell)	Unmutated IGHV ( $\leq 2\%$ ) ★ TP53 ★ NOTCH-1 SF3B1 BIRC3 ATM
Neutral	Normal +12		
Favorable	del (13q) (sole abnormality)		Mutated IGVH (>2%)

1. TP53 aberration is the most important marker (check before each treatment).
2. IGHV mutational status (one time test).

# Indications for Treatment

- Progressive marrow failure.
- Massive, progressive, or symptomatic lymphadenopathy or organomegaly.
- Constitutional symptoms.
- Autoimmune anemia and/or thrombocytopenia that is poorly responsive to corticosteroids or other standard therapy.

# Is Early Treatment Reasonable?

## Question:

I have high-risk CLL and the new drugs are much safer and more effective these days. Why can't I start treatment earlier (at the time of diagnosis)?

## Answer:

- Great Question.
- Studies are ongoing – ASH-2019?
- Other studies are being designed.

# No Algorithm

## Ideal Treatment:

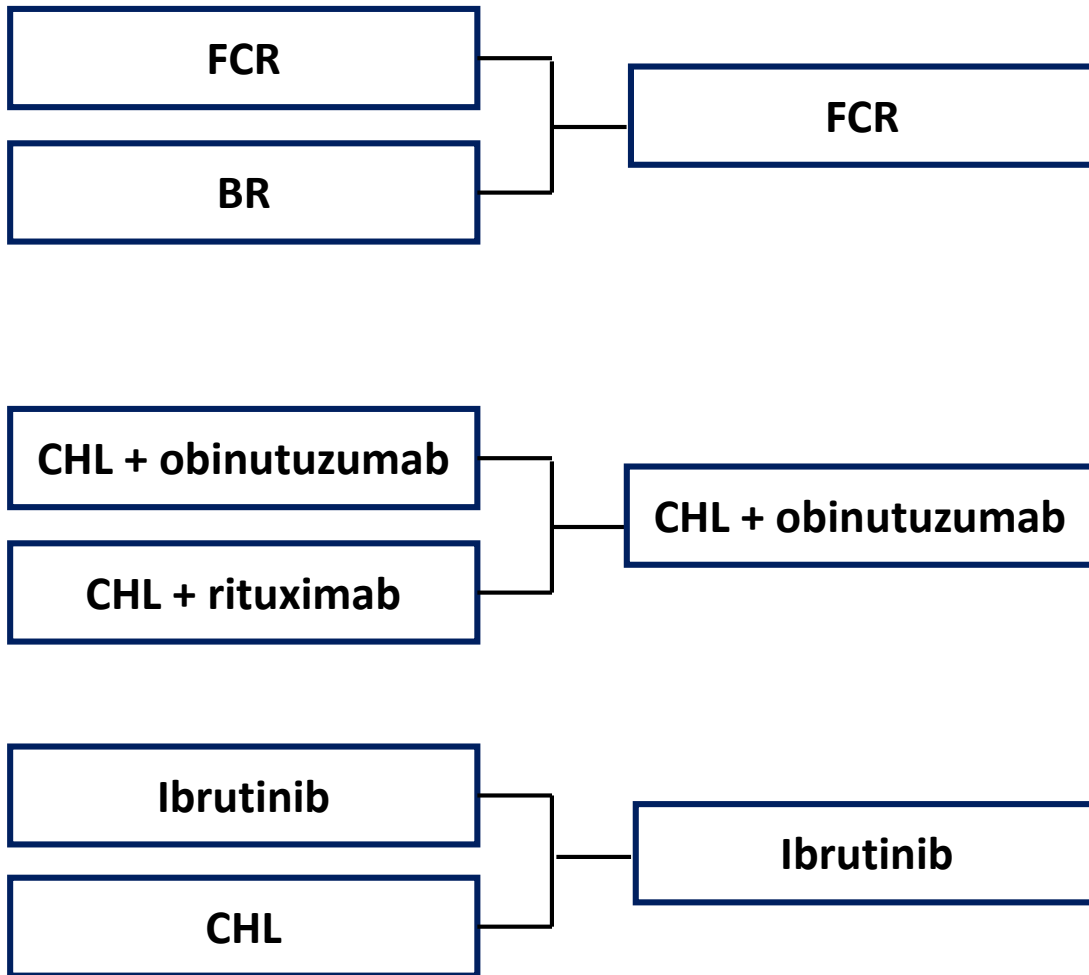
- Cures CLL;
- Helps patients live longer;
- Provides long time periods without treatment and without disease;
- Doesn't interfere with patient's work/life;
- Is not forever;
- Has minimal toxicity;
- Does not make patient's other medical conditions worse.



# First Line Treatment



# Before ASH 2018



## Young and Fit

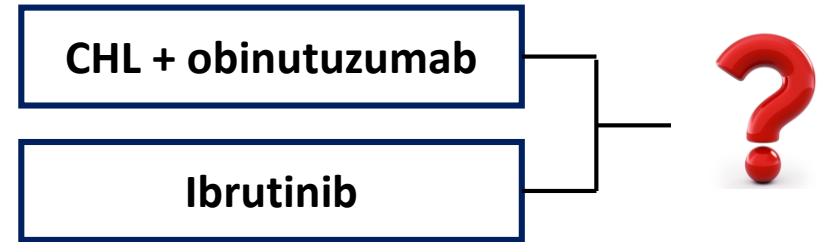
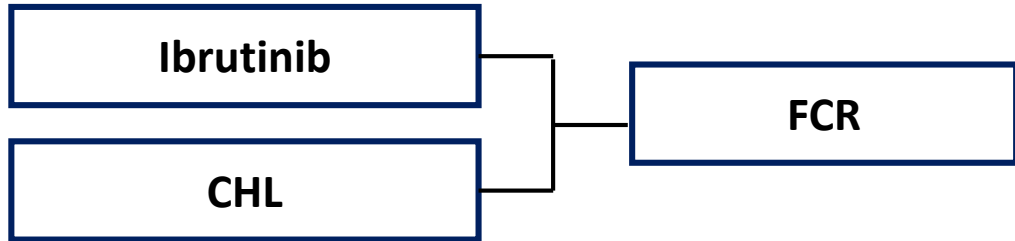
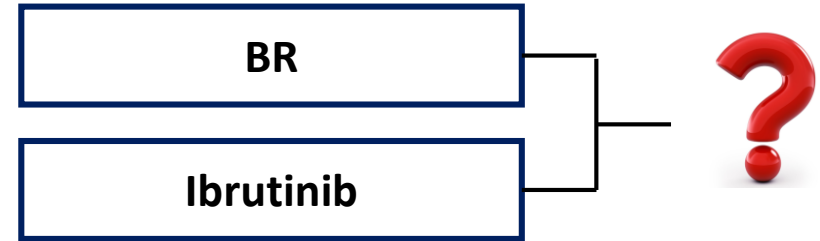
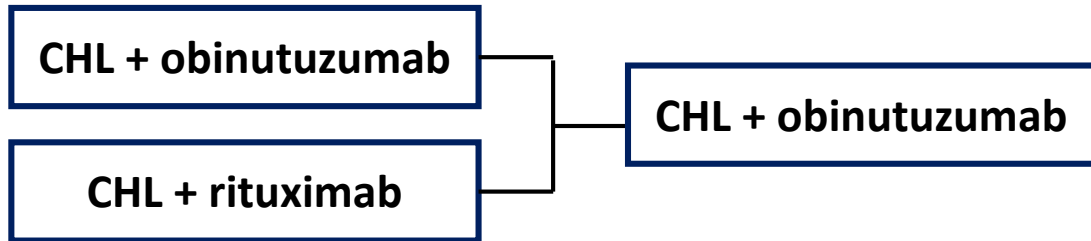
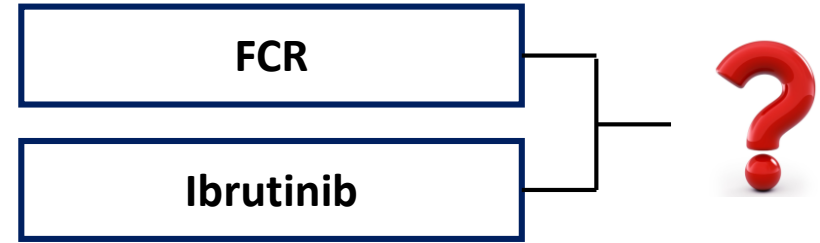
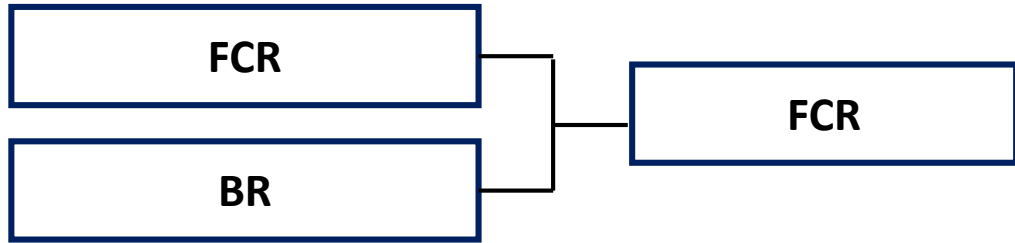
- FCR
- most beneficial in pts with mutated IGHV
- ibrutinib for selected patients

## Less Fit

- BR
- ibrutinib for selected patients

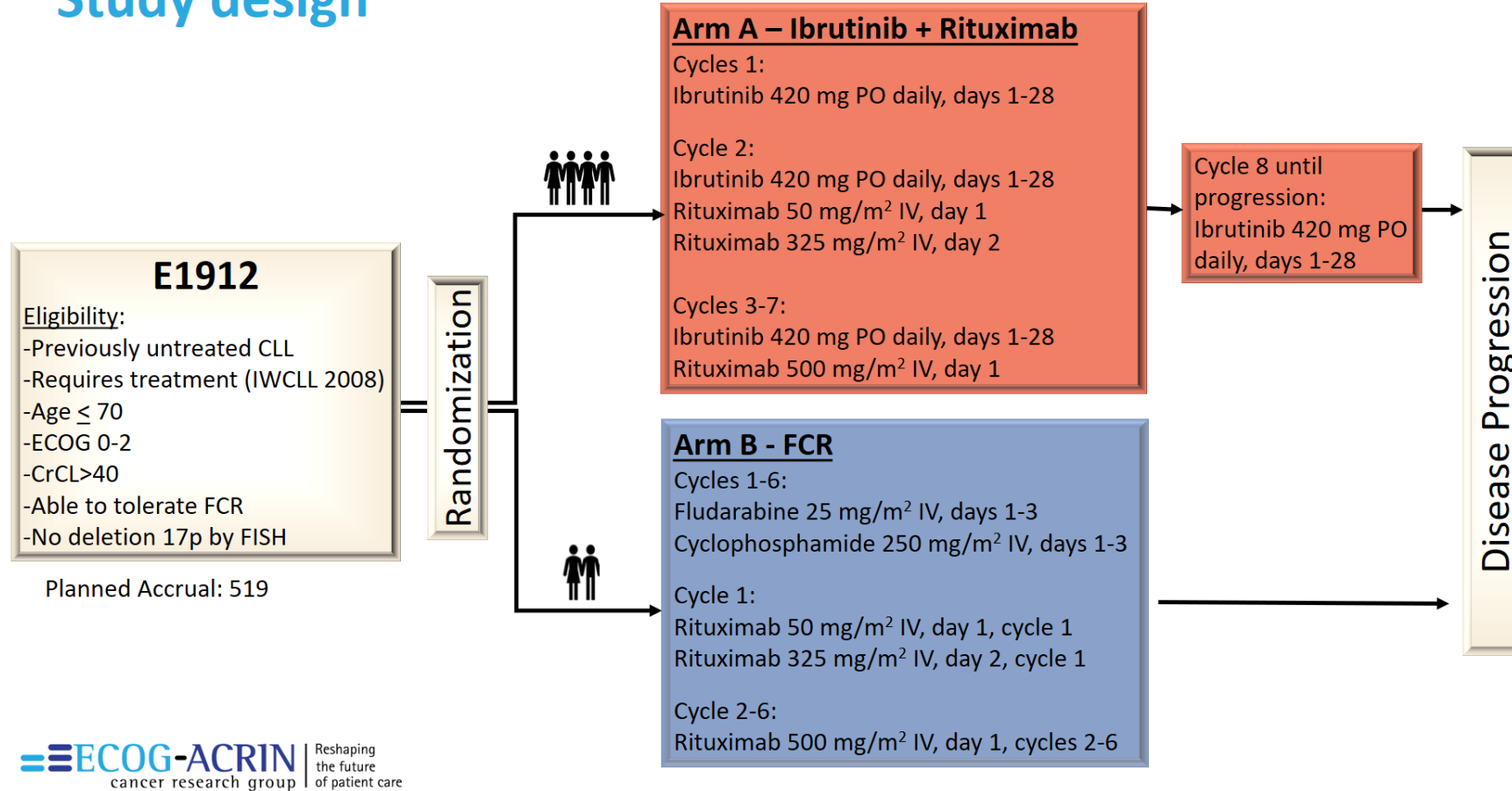
## Unfit

- ibrutinib
- chlorambucil + obinutuzumab
- ibrutinib for selected patients



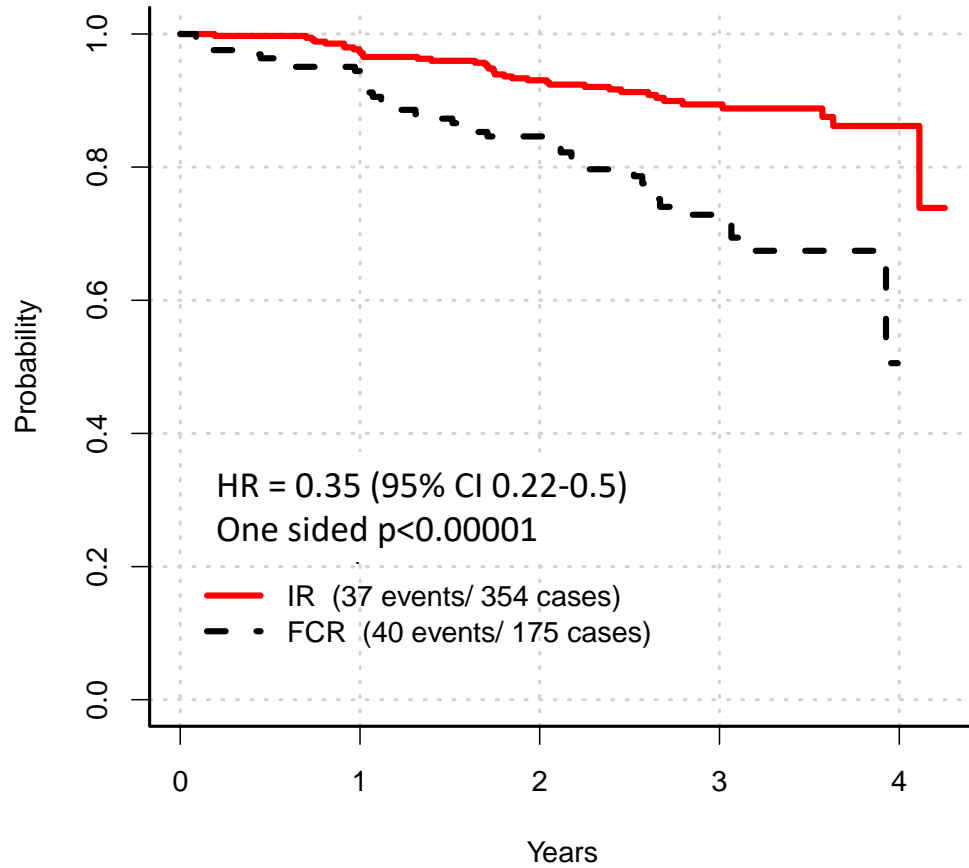
# FCR vs. IB+R (E1912 Study)

## Study design



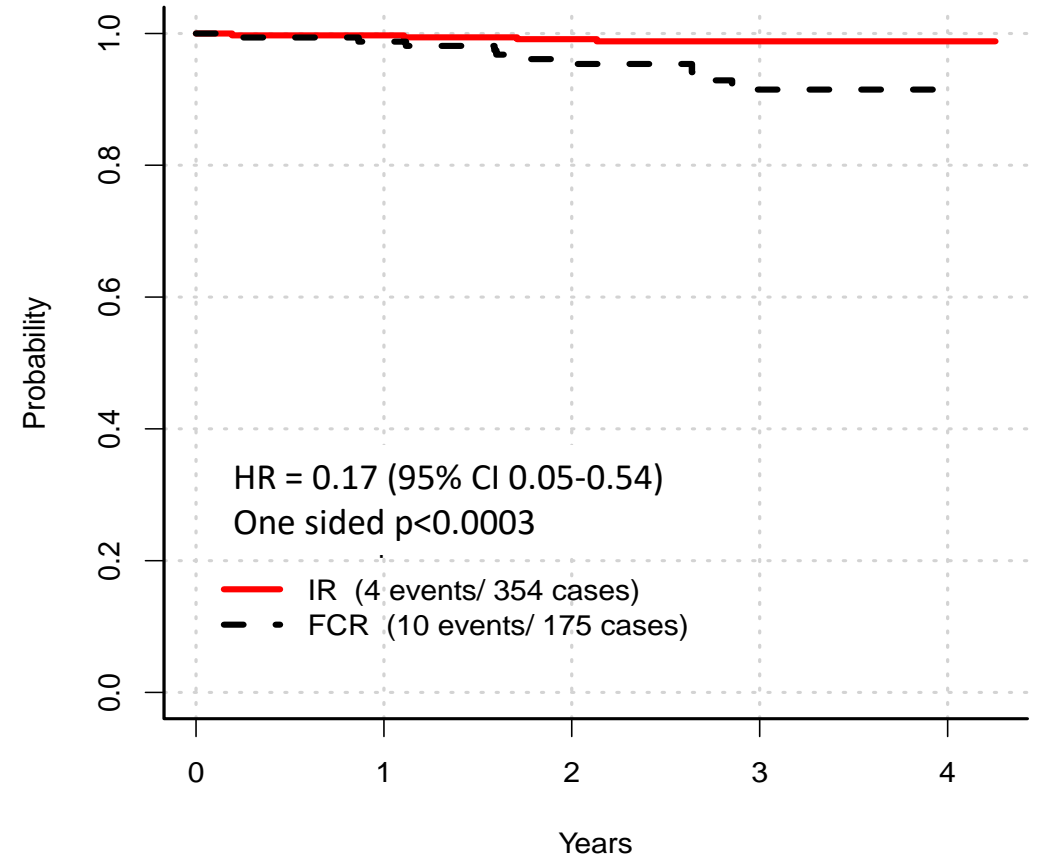
# E1912: Results

## Progression-Free Survival



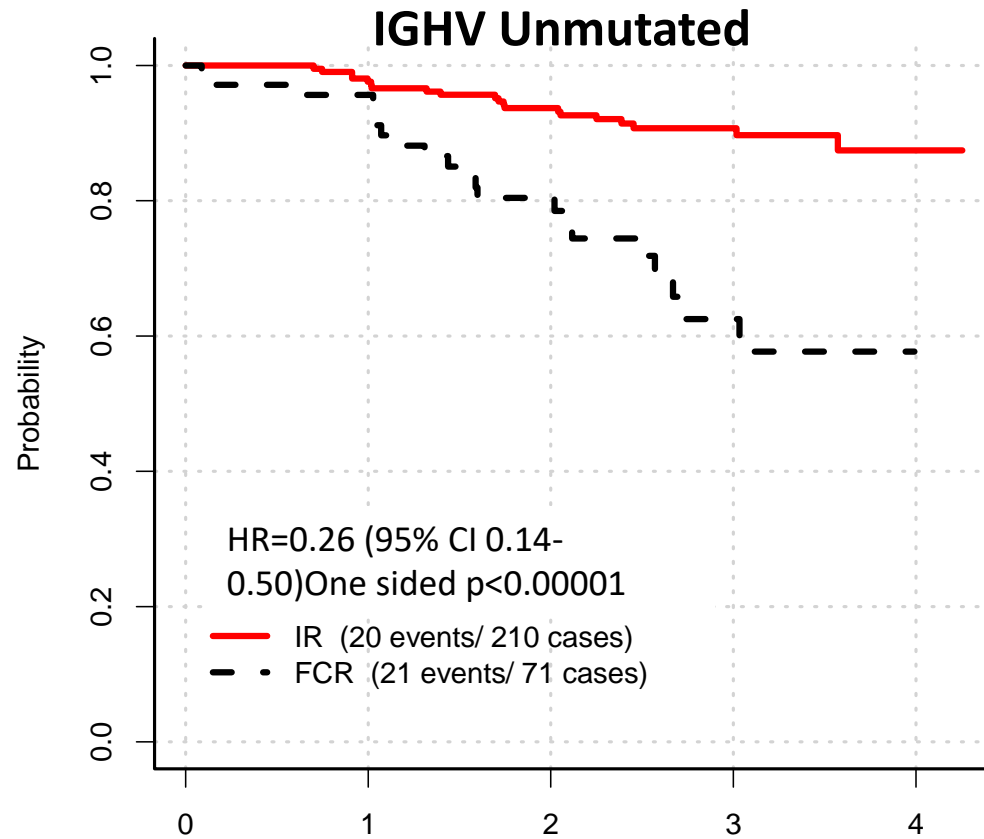
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—	354	339	298	148	16	
- ·	175	147	112	50	0	

## Overall Survival



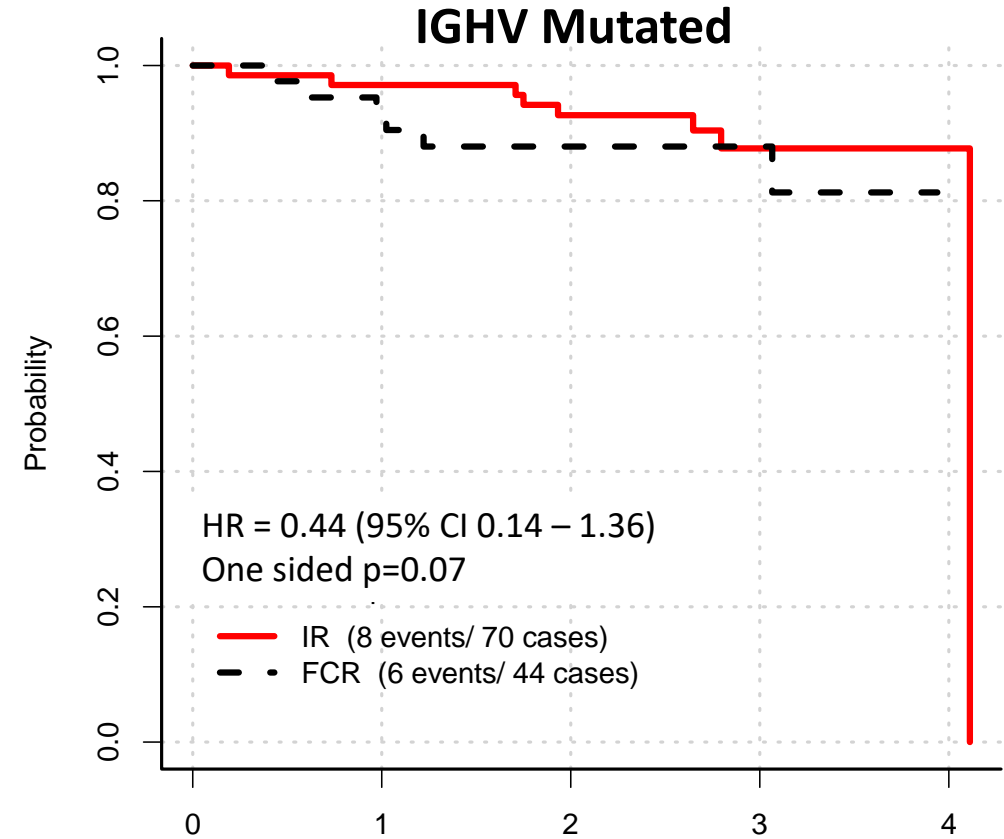
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—	354	347	318	166	18	
- ·	175	155	130	58	1	

# Progression-Free Survival: IGHV Status



Number at risk

Years	0	1	2	3	4
— IR	210	203	177	90	12
- · FCR	71	64	43	14	0



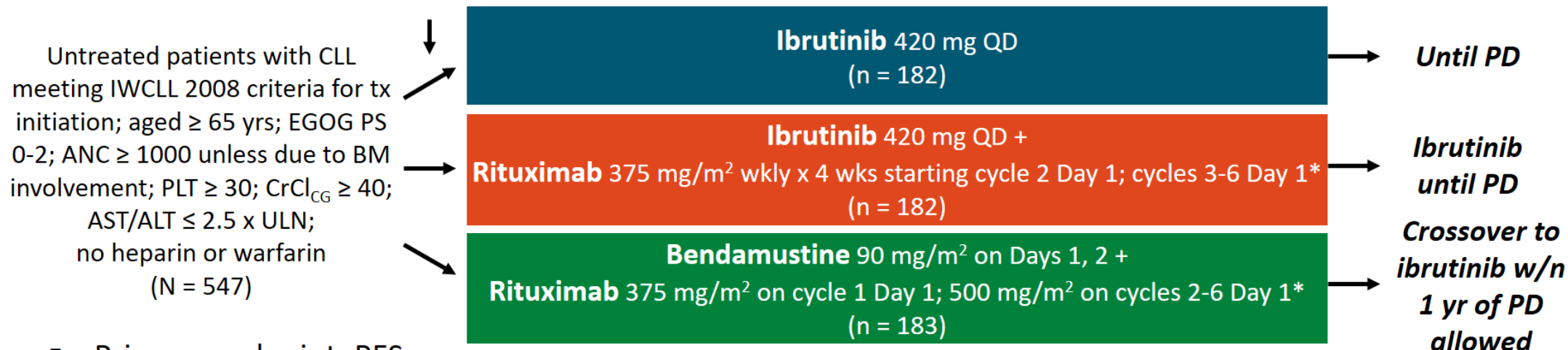
Number at risk

Years	0	1	2	3	4
— IR	70	67	59	25	2
- · FCR	44	38	31	18	0

# A041202: Study Design

- Multicenter, randomized, double-blind phase III study (data cutoff: October 4, 2018)

*Stratified by Rai stage (high vs intermediate risk), del(11q22.3) or del(17p13.1) (presence vs absence), ZAP-70 methylation (< vs ≥ 20%)*

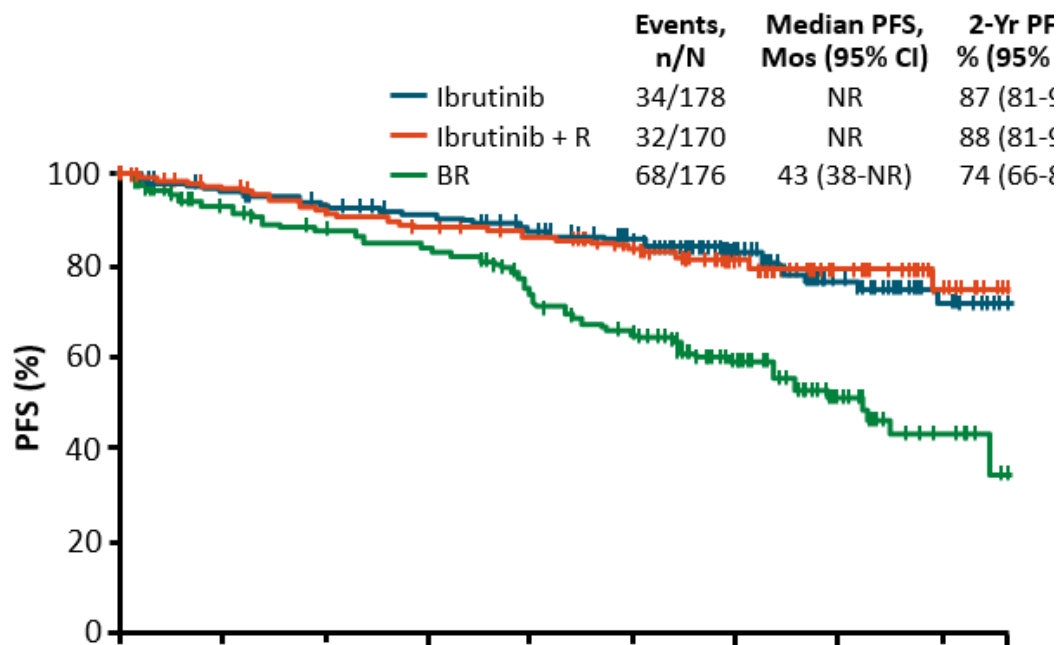


- Primary endpoint: PFS

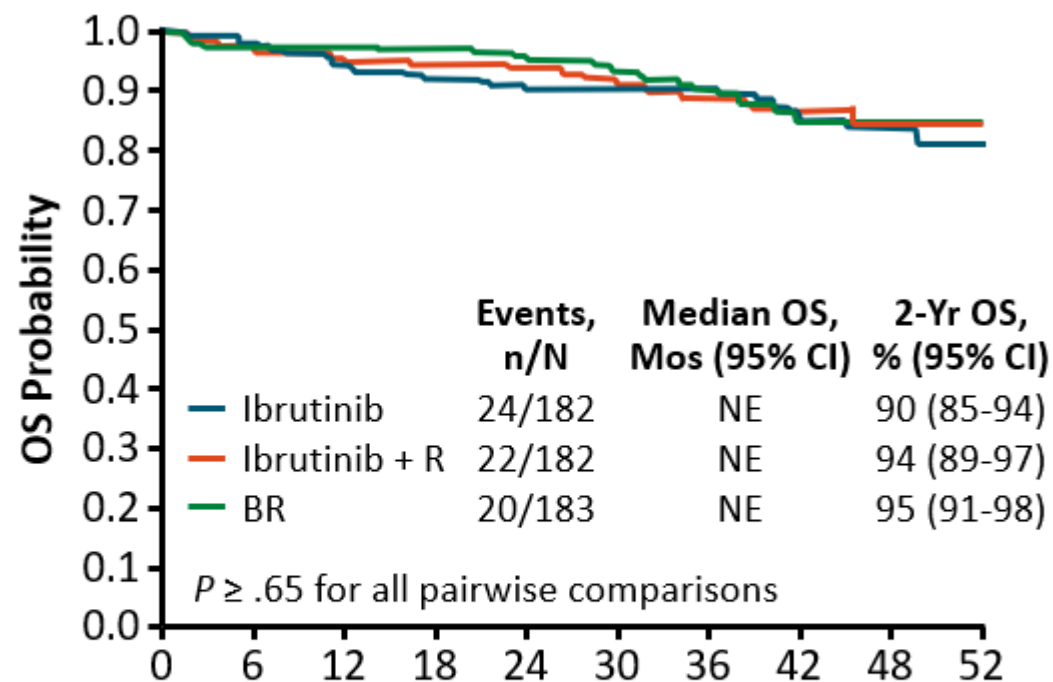
\*28-day cycles.

- 2 primary comparisons of ibrutinib vs BR and ibrutinib + R vs BR with 90% power to detect HR of 0.586 (estimated 2-yr PFS rates: ibrutinib, 75%; BR, 61%) and overall 1-sided  $\alpha = 0.025$  for each comparison
- If both primary comparisons significant, third planned comparison of ibrutinib + R vs ibrutinib

# A041202 (BR vs. IB vs. IB+R): Results



Patients at Risk, n	Mos									
	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	52
Ibrutinib	178	165	154	147	136	120	78	45	22	0
Ibrutinib + R	170	159	145	138	132	115	74	40	20	0
BR	176	140	129	122	103	88	57	26	11	0



Patients at Risk, n	Mos									
	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	52
Ibrutinib	182	175	166	161	156	146	100	62	26	1
Ibrutinib + R	182	172	169	165	161	147	100	55	24	1
BR	183	166	163	160	153	143	98	53	23	1



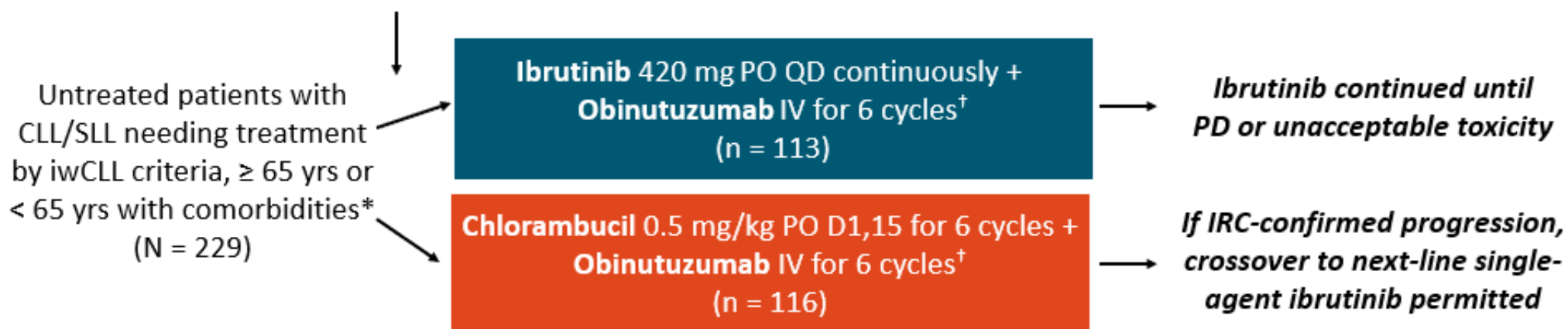
# E1912 vs. A041202 Adverse Events

Grade 3-5 Treatment-Related AE	E1912: Ibrutinib + R <sup>[3]</sup> (n = 352)	041202: Ibrutinib + R <sup>[1,2]</sup> (n = 181)
Median age, yrs (range)	57 (31-70)	71 (65-86)
Infection, %	5	20
Atrial fibrillation, %	3	6
Bleeding, %	1	3
Hypertension, %	7	34
Deaths during active treatment + 30 days. %	1	7

# iLLUMINATE: Study Design

- Randomized, open-label, multicenter phase III trial

*Stratified by ECOG PS (0-1 vs 2), del(17p)/del(11q) (+/+ vs +/- vs -/+ vs -/-)*



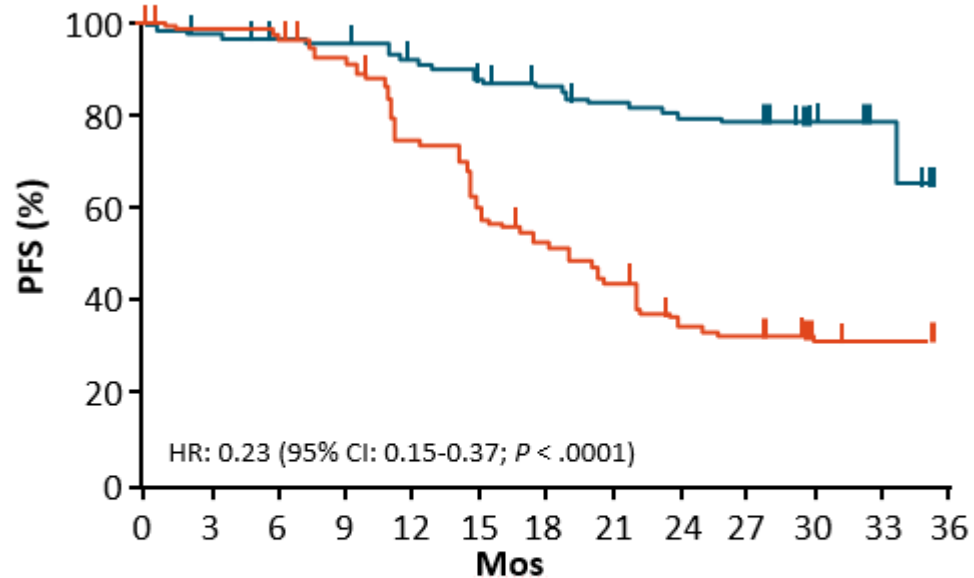
\*Cumulative Illness Rating Score  $> 6$ , creatinine clearance  $< 70$  mL/min, and/or del(17p)/TP53 mutation.

<sup>†</sup>Cycle 1: 100 mg, Days 1; 900 mg, Day 2; 1000 mg, Days 8, 15. Cycle 2-6: 1000 mg, Day 1.

- Primary endpoint: PFS by IRC in ITT population
- Secondary endpoints: PFS in high-risk patients (positive for del(17p) or TP53 mutation, del(11q), or unmutated IGHV), MRD, ORR, OS, IRRs, safety

# iLLUMINATE: Results

## Progression-Free Survival



**No Overall Survival Benefit**

	Patients, n	Median PFS, Mos	30-Mo PFS, % (95% CI)
Ibrutinib + obinutuzumab	113	NR	79 (70-85)
Chlorambucil + obinutuzumab	116	19.0	31 (23-40)

# Venetoclax + obinu vs. CHL + obinu

## German CLL14 Study

### *Media Release*

Basel, 01 November 2018

**Phase III data showed that Venclexta/Venclyxto plus Gazyva/Gazyvaro reduced the risk of disease worsening or death in people with previously untreated chronic lymphocytic leukaemia with co-morbidities**

- ◆ **The phase III CLL14 study compared Venclexta/Venclyxto in combination with Gazyva/Gazyvaro to standard-of-care Gazyva/Gazyvaro plus chlorambucil**
- ◆ **Data will be submitted to health authorities and presented at an upcoming medical meeting**

# Summary of Frontline CLL Studies for First Line

## ASH 2018

- Ibrutinib is standard of care for first line.
- There is no benefit in adding rituximab to ibrutinib.
- Benefit not clear in patients with a mutated IGHV gene.
- The only patients in whom FCR may not be the wrong answer:
  - young (<65) and fit (no-comorbidities);
  - mutated IGHV;
  - without del17p or TP53 mutation;
  - without del11q.
- Important to remember: ibrutinib > BR but no OS benefit.

**Waiting to see the CLL14 study results – May change the current standard.**

# Relapsed CLL



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	Ibrutinib	Venetoclax	Idelalisib/Duvelisib
Target	BTK	BCL-2	PI3K delta / Delta+Gamma
Regimen	Single agent	With R	With Rituximab (idela)
Dose	420 mg po daily	Ramp-up → 2 years!	150 mg po BID (idela) 25 mg po BID (develisib)
Addition of Anti CD20 Ab	No major benefit Faster “response”	Recommended R/R label	R/R label
Major side effect (concern)	Bleeding (anticoagulation) - rare	TLS (initially)	Colitis (diarrhea) Infections (FDA alert)
Other side effects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Body pain</li> <li>• Fatigue</li> <li>• Hypertension</li> <li>• A fib</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Neutropenia</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pneumonitis</li> <li>• Transaminitis</li> <li>• PJP</li> <li>• CMV</li> </ul>
FDA label for CLL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Everybody</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• del 17 p after 1 line</li> <li>• R/R</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• R/R (after 2 lines)</li> </ul>

# Ibrutinib vs. Venetoclax for Relapsed CLL

- No head-to-head studies.
- Both reasonable options.
- Both superior to idelalisib (based on toxicity profile).

## In favor of Venetoclax

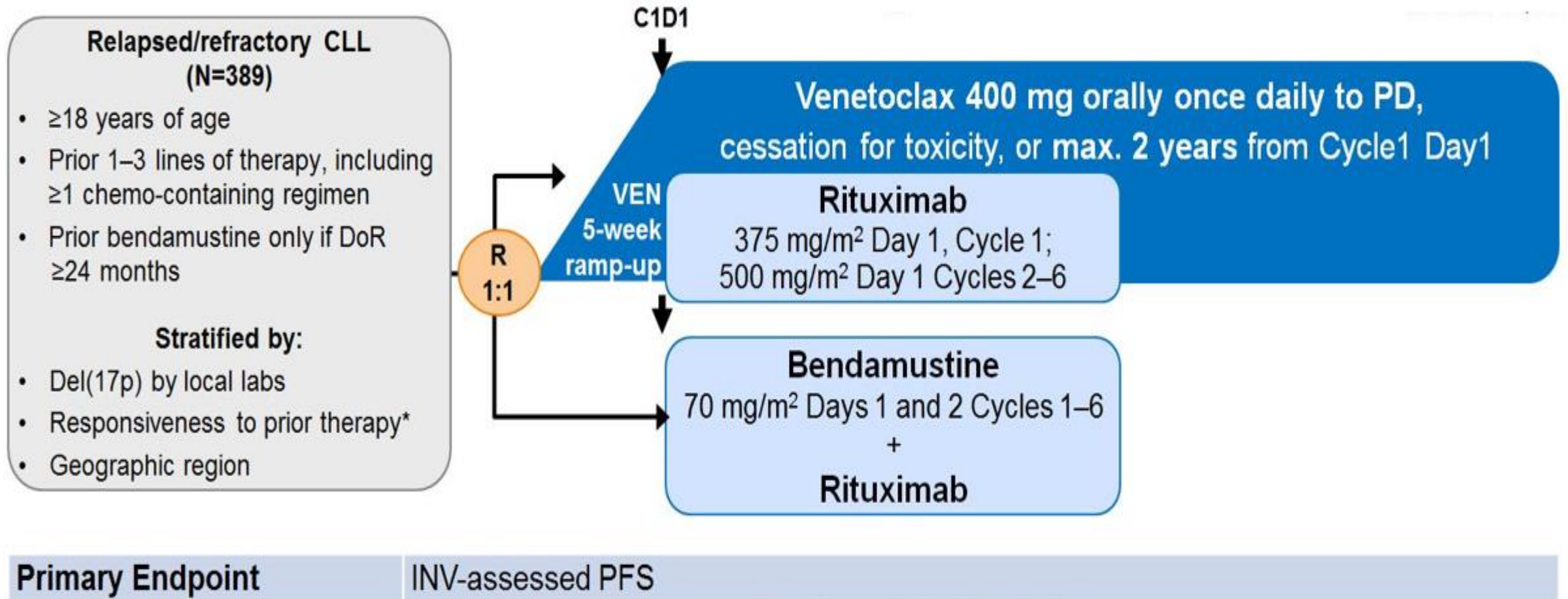
- Fixed treatment duration.
- After the first 4-5 weeks, seems to be better tolerated.
- Higher rate of CR and MRD negativity.
- Treatment holiday/hold is expected (not proven yet).
- Preferred in patients with A fib, bleeding issues, HTN.

## In favor of Ibrutinib

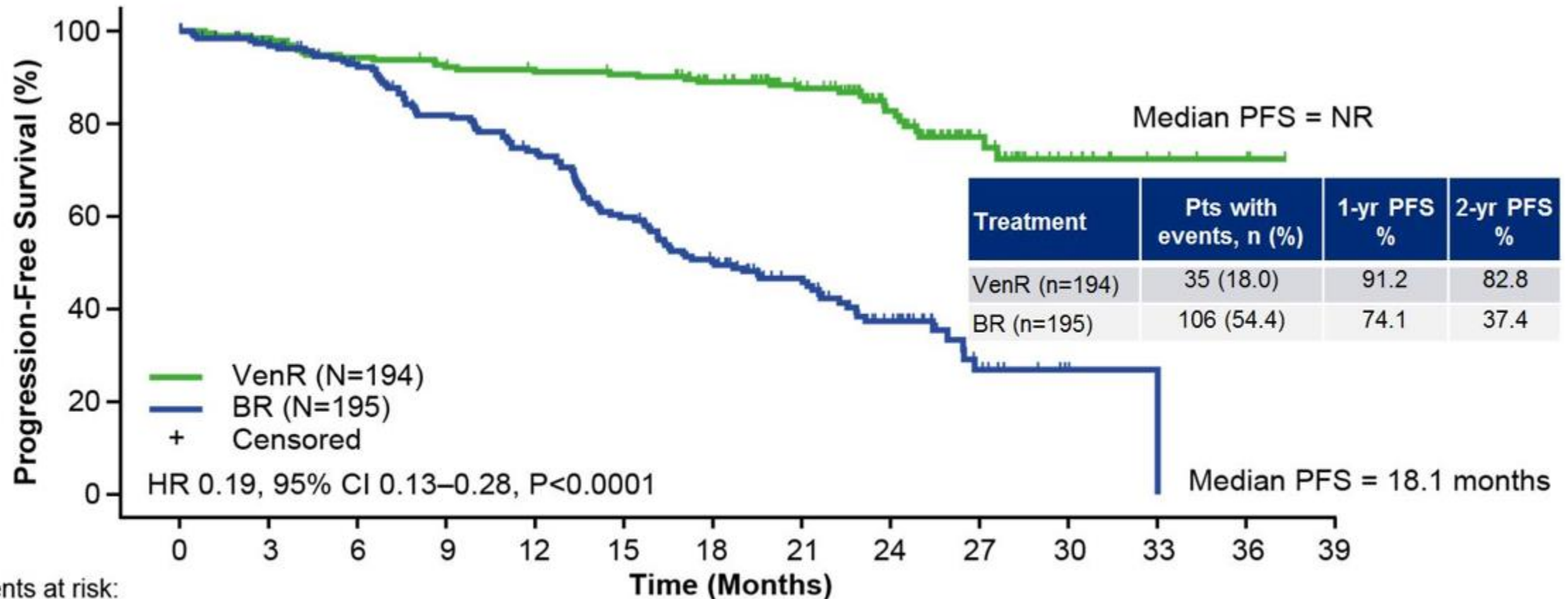
- Longer track record.
- Easier to start.
- More information about salvage options if stops working.



# Ven-R vs. BR in relapsed CLL (MURANO Study)



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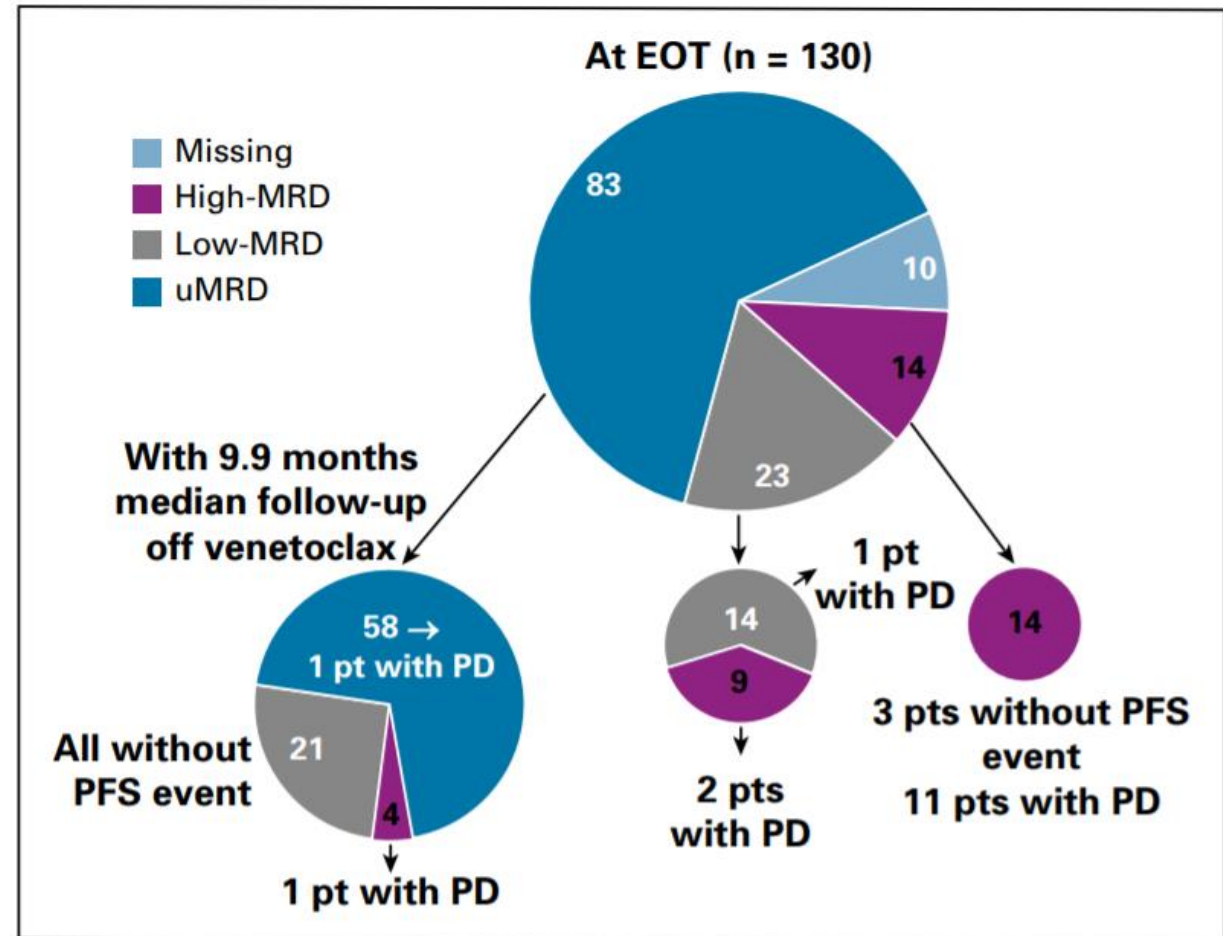


No. of patients at risk:

	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39
VenR	194	190	182	177	173	171	157	116	75	34	14	5	3	
BR	195	178	162	138	124	100	82	56	34	11	2	1		

# What Happens After Stopping Venetoclax?

- 10 months follow-up after stopping venetoclax.
- Only 12% of patients relapsed.
- Some still don't need treatment.
- Relapse was less likely if there was minimal detectable disease at the end of 2 years.



# Combination Therapies



# Ongoing Combination Studies

Study	Setting	Regimen	MRD neg	Referecne
MDACC	TN and R/R	Venetoclax + Ibrutinib	18 months: 69% (TN)	Jain, ASH18
The OSU	TN	Venetoclax + Ibrutinib +Obinutuzimab	EOT: 67% (TN); 50% (Relapsed)	Rogers,ASH18
TAP CLARITY	R/R	Venetoclax + Ibrutinib	6 cycles	Hillmen,ASH17
CAPTIVATE	TN	Venetoclax + Ibrutinib	12 cycles: 81%	Wierda, ASCO18,#1142

**A**

PFS

**B**

PFS

**A + B**

PFS

**A + B**

PFS

**A → B**

PFS

# EA9161 Study

## Schema

### Stratification

- Age: < 65 yrs vs. ≥ 65 yrs and < 70yrs
- PS: 0, 1, vs. 2
- Stage: 0, 1, or 2 vs. 3, 4
- del11q22.3 (ATM) vs. other

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### Arm A

**Ibrutinib:**  
Cycles 1-19: d1-d28 420mg PO daily

**Obinituzumab:**  
Cycle 1: d1 100mg IV  
d2 900mg IV  
d8 1000mg IV  
d15 1000mg IV

Cycles 2-6: d1 1000mg IV

**Venetoclax:**  
Cycle 3: d1-d7 20mg PO daily  
d8-d14 50mg PO daily  
d15-d21 100mg PO daily  
d22-d28 200mg PO daily

Cycles 4-14: d1-d28 400mg PO daily

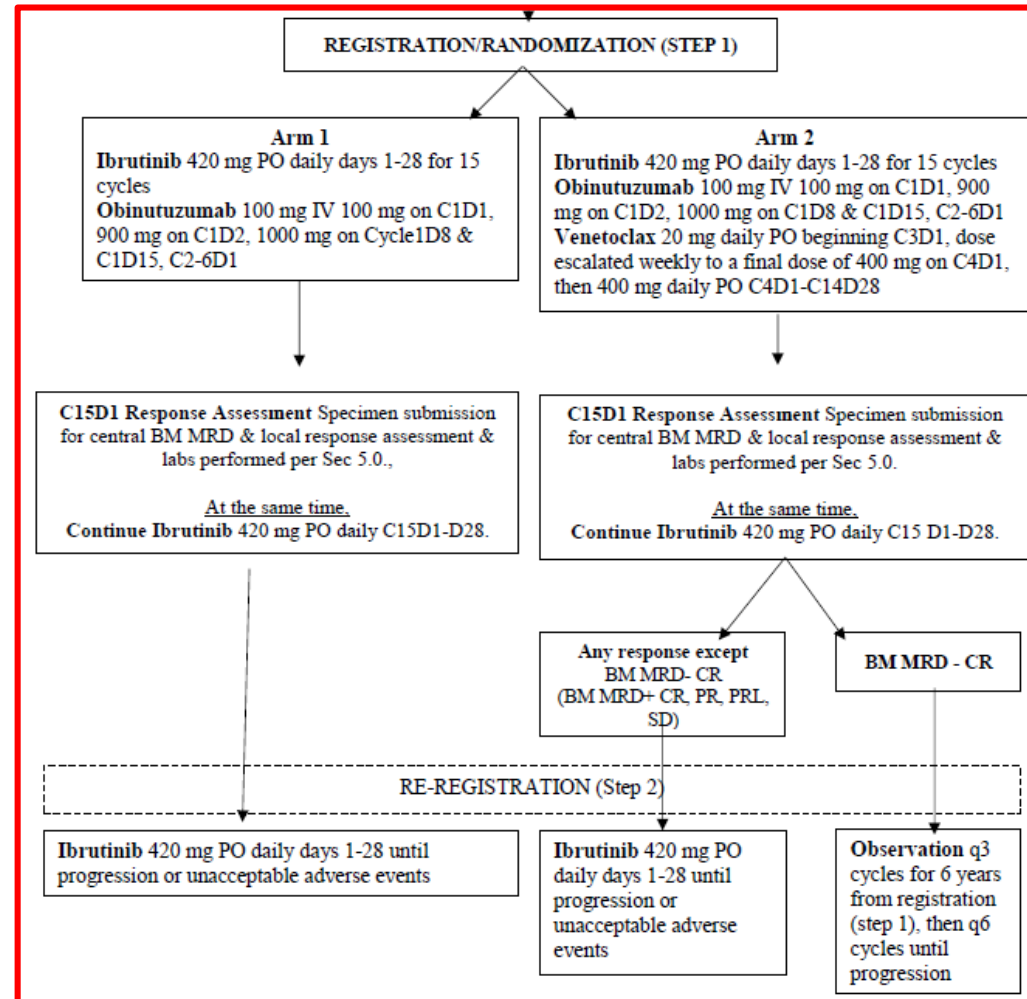
### Arm B

**Ibrutinib<sup>1</sup>:**  
Cycles 1-19+: d1-d28 420mg PO daily

**Obinituzumab:**  
Cycle 1: d1 100mg IV  
d2 900mg IV  
d8 1000mg IV  
d15 1000mg IV

Cycles 2-6: d1 1000mg IV

# A041702 Study





# Take-Home Points

1. Clinical trials are highly recommended until CLL is cured.
2. Treatment algorithms are for physicians, make your own algorithm.
3. We are officially in the “chemo-free” era for CLL but for selected patients, chemo may still be reasonable.
4. The goal is to cure CLL with a “chemo-free” regimen and with fixed-duration.
5. Combination therapy will most likely be the future – we will find out!

**Thank You**

