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# Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia

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## Case presentation: Dr Cole

### 58-year-old man with Rai Stage 0 CLL

- Initially observed for several years
- WBC increased from 17,000 to 150,000; Hgb decreased from 13 to 11
- Patient increasingly concerned about WBC with nonspecific symptoms (Disease? Anxiety?)
- Patient advised to continue observation but wishes to be treated



## Case presentation: Dr Sinha

### 72-year-old woman with CLL

- IGHV mutated, del(17p) negative, TP53 unmutated
- Responded to treatment with ibrutinib for 3 years
- No significant tolerability issues
- Now presents with disease progression



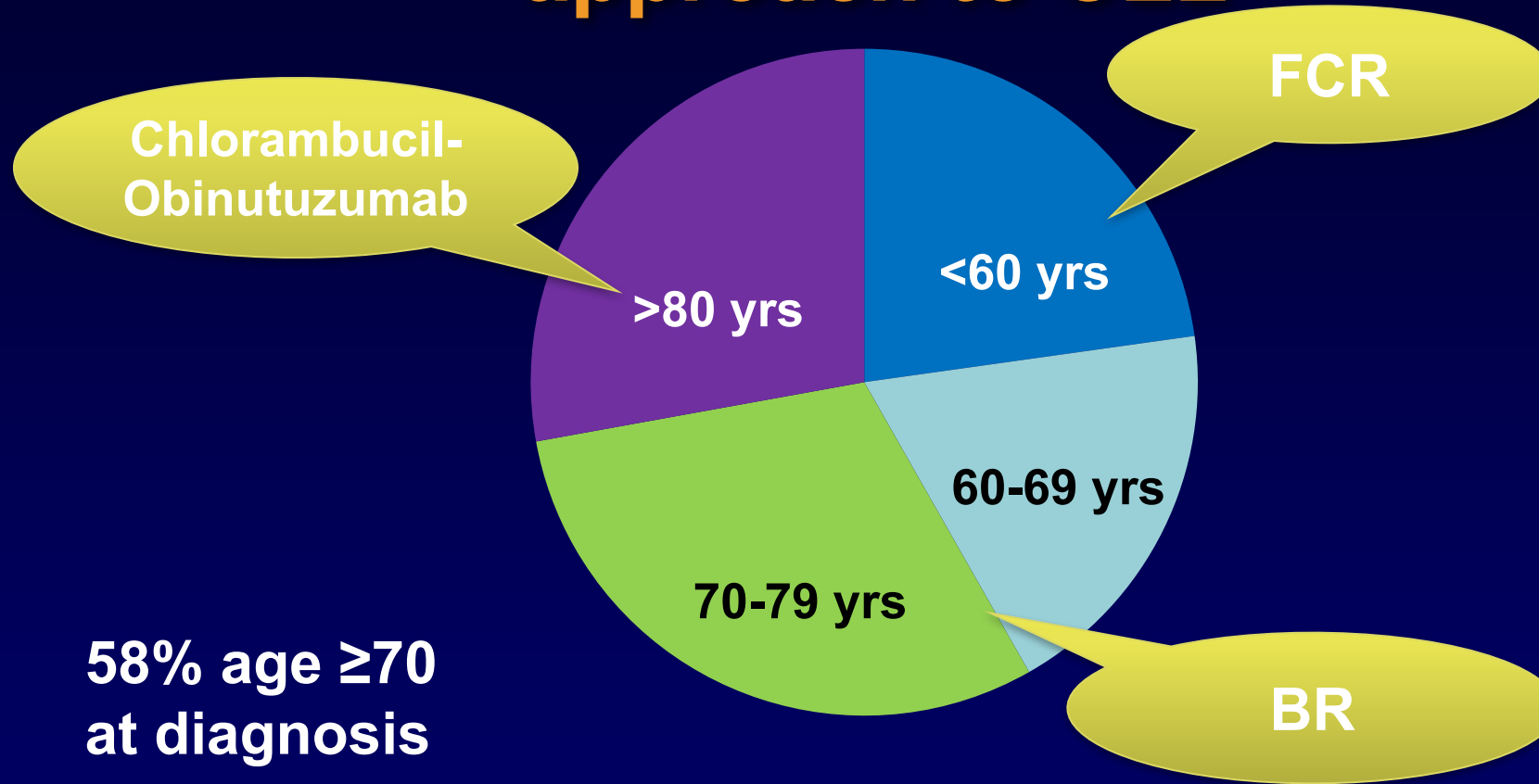
## Case presentation: Dr Rupard

### 54-year-old man with CLL

- IGHV unmutated, del(17p) negative, TP53 unmutated
- Front-line bendamustine/rituximab → disease progression after 3 months
- Ibrutinib started with good response
- CVA → started on clopidogrel and aspirin

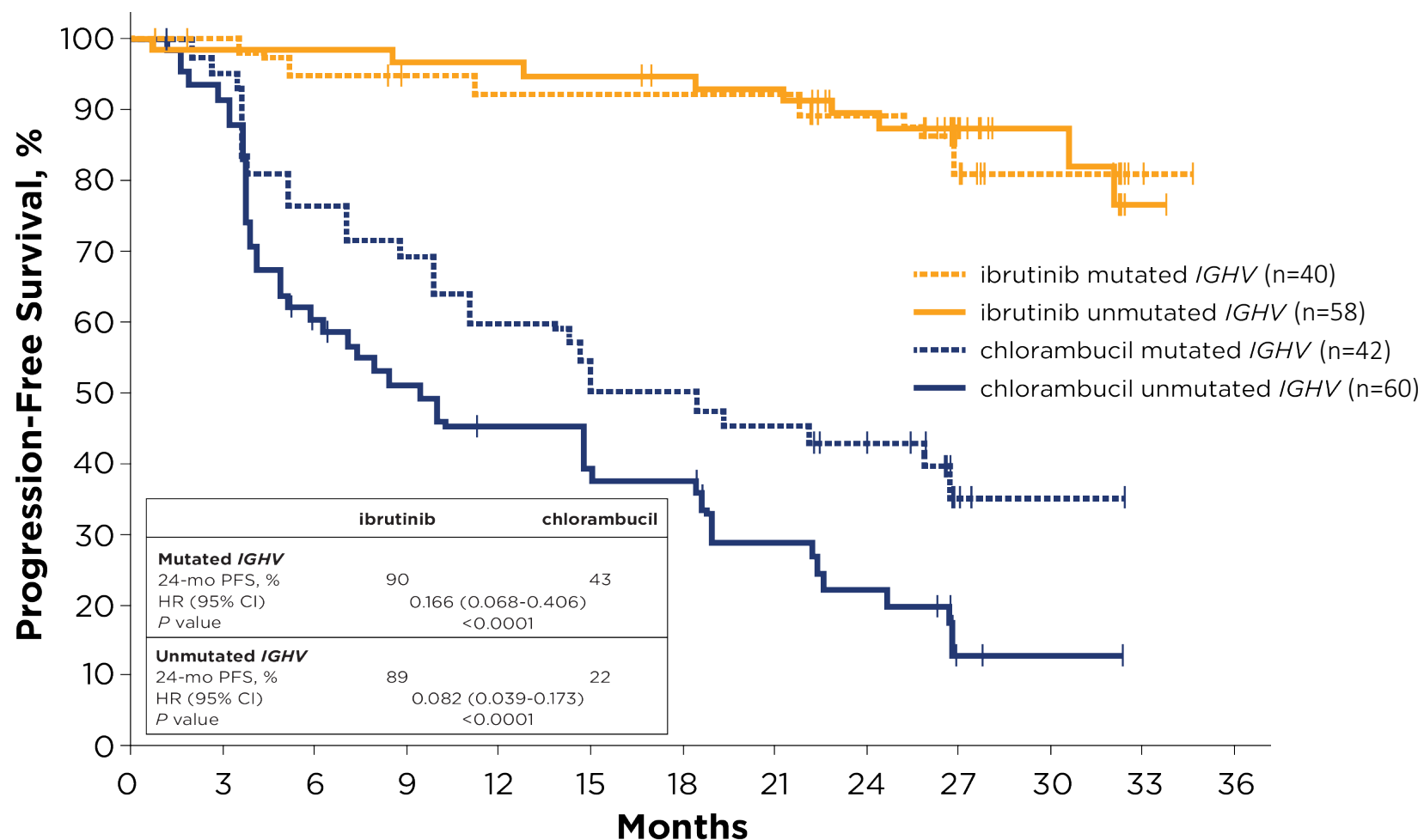


# A simplistic (and outdated) approach to CLL



Age at CLL Diagnosis  
Olmsted County MN, 2000-2010

# Ibrutinib Significantly Improved PFS in Patients Regardless of *IGHV* Status



- Ibrutinib led to 83% and 92% reduction in the risk of progression or death in patients with mutated and unmutated *IGHV*, respectively, compared to chemotherapy



# Front-line management of CLL

- One must take a more sophisticated approach to CLL now
  - Consider IgVH mutational status (particularly in younger patients)
  - Consider cytogenetic risk profile (CLL FISH panel)
    - 13q, trisomy 12, 11q, 17p
- Consider ibrutinib as a front-line option for any patient regardless of age or risk profile
  - A complicated discussion with patient
  - Lacking truly long-term outcome data with ibrutinib
  - Lacking “good” comparative data
- Until now...

# New at ASH 2018

- E1912
  - Ibrutinib-Rituximab vs. FCR in young fit
    - Late-Breaking Abstract #4, Tue am
- A041202
  - Ibrutinib vs. IR vs. BR in older CLL
    - Abstract #6, Plenary Session Sun pm
- iLLUMINATE
  - Ibrutinib-Obinutuzumab vs. Chl-Obin in older CLL
    - Abstract #691, CLL Oral Mon am

## E1912 (Ibrutinib-Rituximab vs. FCR)

- Enrolled 529 treatment naïve CLL up to age 70
- Excluded 17p del
- Median follow-up 33 months
- PFS favors IR (HR .35)
- OS favors IR (HR .16)
- Benefit not observed in IgVH mutated patients

Figure 1. Progression-Free Survival (all randomized)

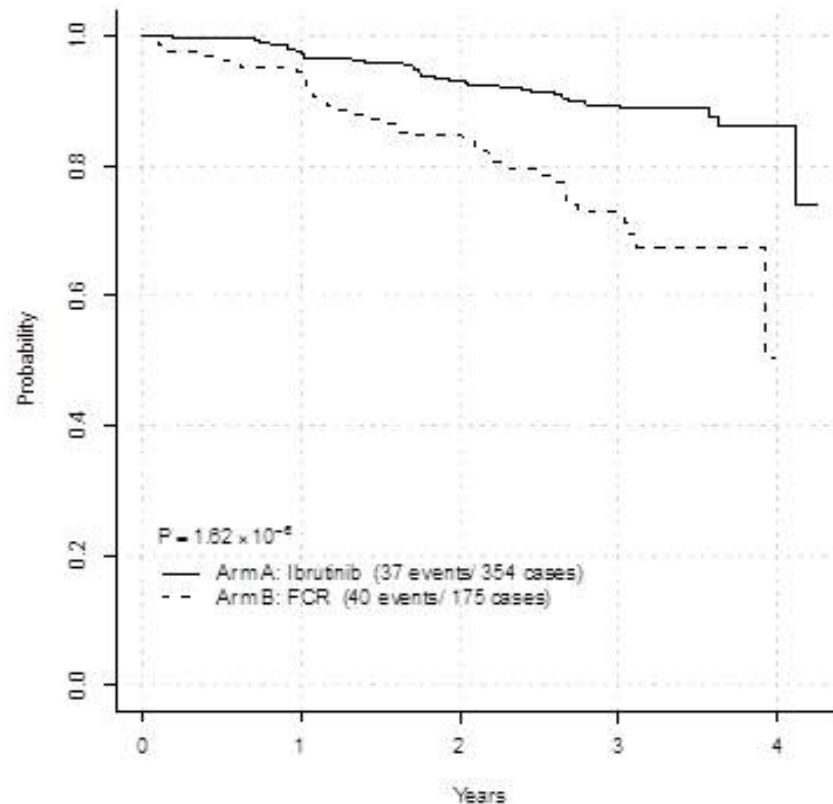
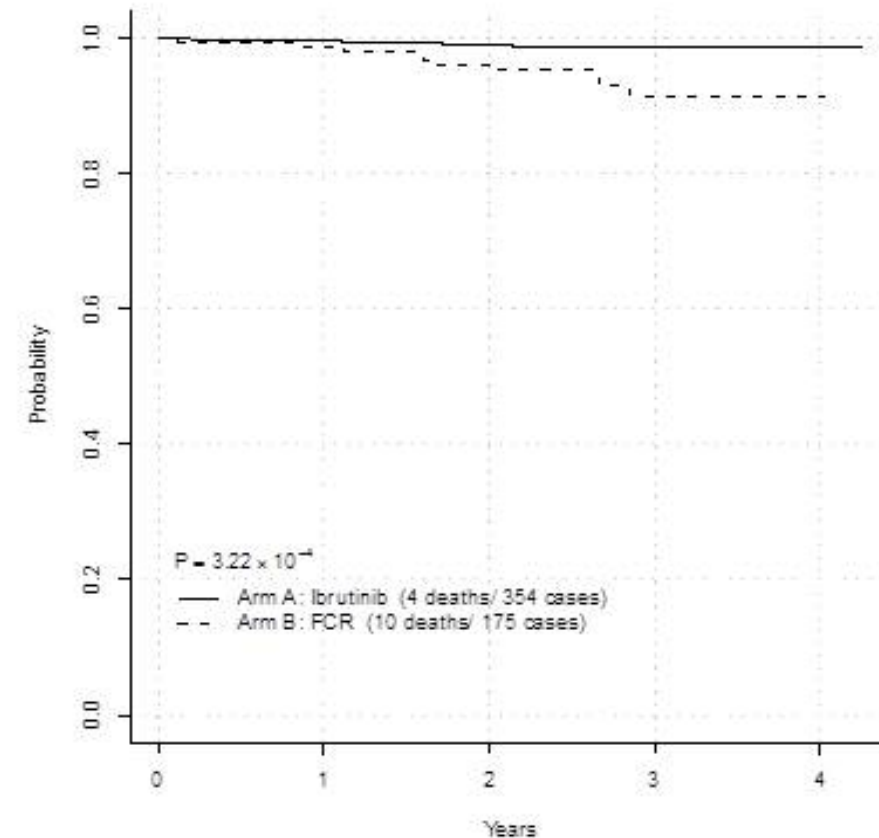
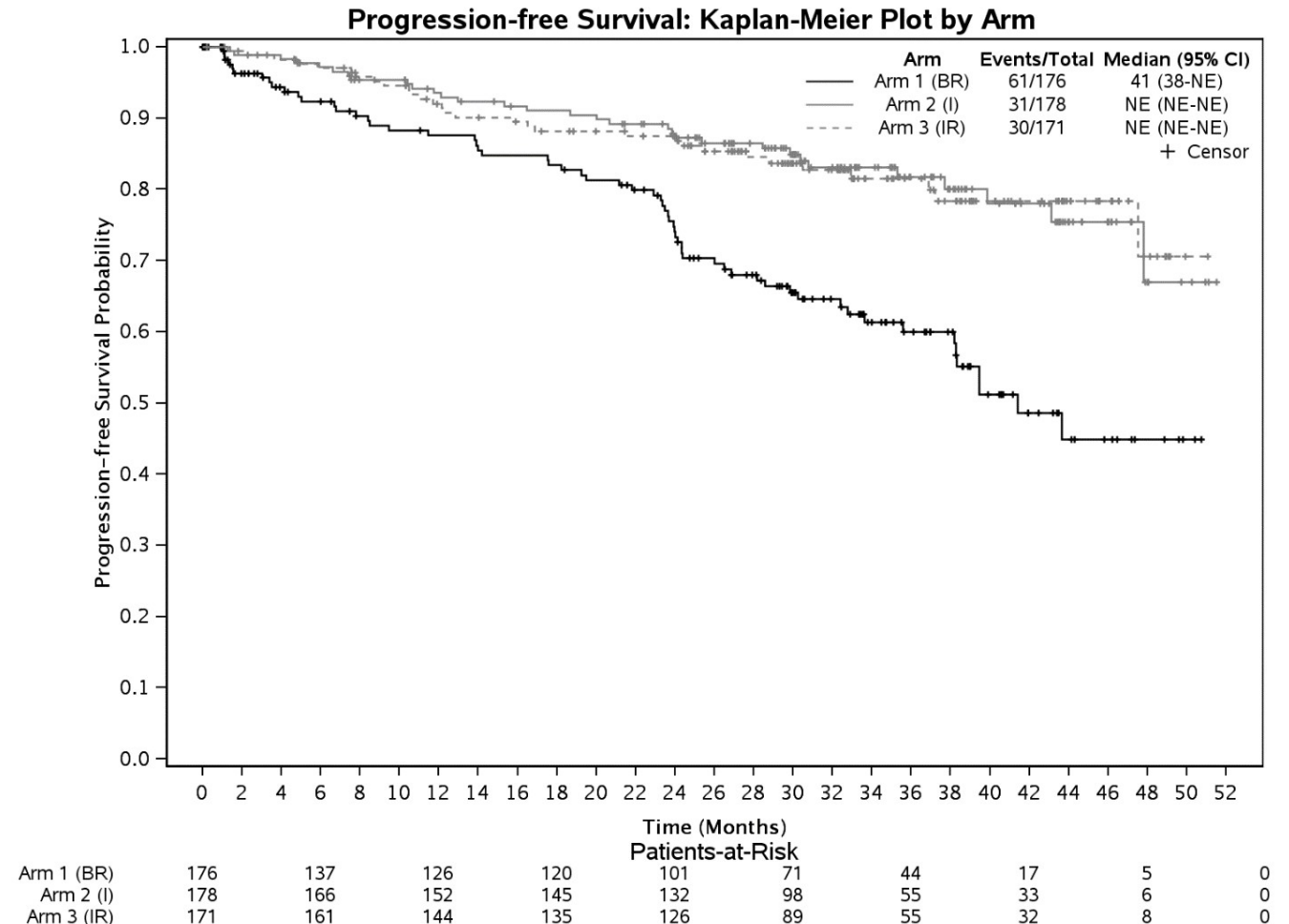


Figure 1B. Overall Survival (all randomized)



# A041202: I vs. IR vs. BR

- 547 patients randomized
  - Crossover allowed
- Median age 71
- Median f/u 32 months
- PFS
  - BR median 41 months
  - I superior to BR (HR .4)
  - I = IR
- No OS difference
- The Grade 5 AE rate on the ibrutinib arms was 7.8% and 7.7%, and 2.8% on the BR arm.



# iLLUMINATE: IO vs. Chl-O

- 229 patients randomized
  - Crossover allowed
- Median age 71
- Median f/u 31 months
- PFS
  - Chl-O median 19 months
  - IO superior (HR .26)
- No OS difference

Figure 1. PFS as assessed by IRC in the intention-to-treat population

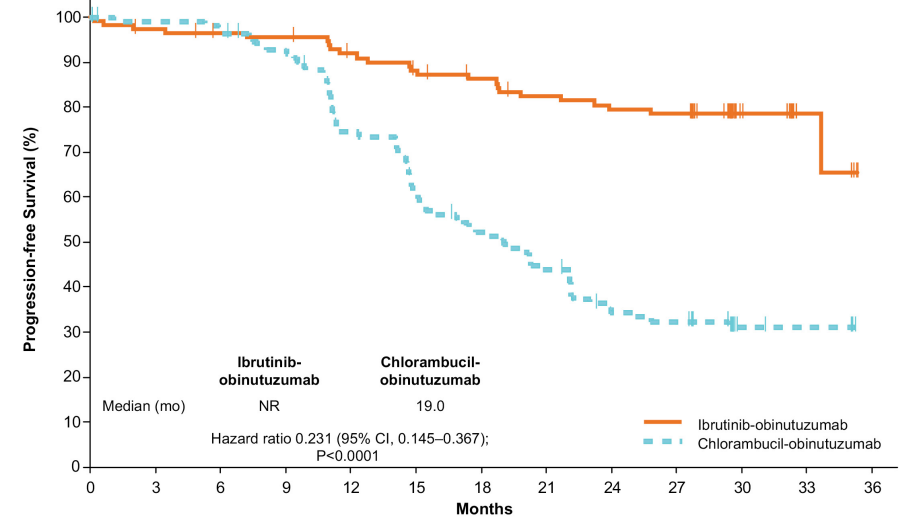
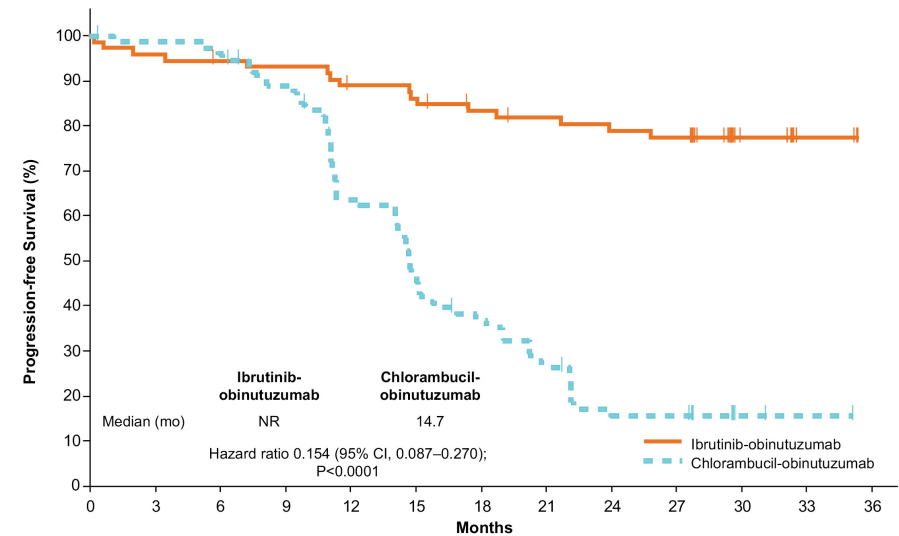


Figure 2. PFS in high-risk population with *del(17p)/TP53* mutation, *del(11q)*, and/or unmutated *IGHV*



# Discussion Points

- OS advantage in E1912 is provocative
  - Is ibrutinib substantially more efficacious than FCR?
  - If yes, why no OS advantage vs. BR or Chl-O?
  - Perhaps OS difference is due to toxic deaths from FCR
    - Trial allowed up to age 70
    - Will need to examine data carefully
- Evaluate each trial by mutated vs. unmutated IgVH
  - BR median PFS 41 months
    - Bound to be shorter in unmutated. Longer in mutated.
  - Chlorambucil-obinutuzumab median PFS 19 months
    - Would only use in very elderly/infirm

# CLL patient requiring front-line Rx

- Any age with 17p del
  - Ibrutinib
- Young (< 65) and fit
  - mutated IgVH: FCR  $\geq$  ibrutinib?
  - unmutated IgVH: Ibrutinib > FCR
- Less young (age 65-80)
  - mutated IgVH: BR  $\geq$  ibrutinib?
  - unmutated IgVH: Ibrutinib > BR
- Older (> 80)
  - Ibrutinib > chl-obinutuzumab

# Acalabrutinib for CLL

- 99 patients
- Treatment naïve
- Median age 64
- ORR 97%
  - Complete response 5%
- Afib 6%
- Discontinuation rate 5%

ASH 2018;Abstract 692

Figure 1. Progression-Free Survival

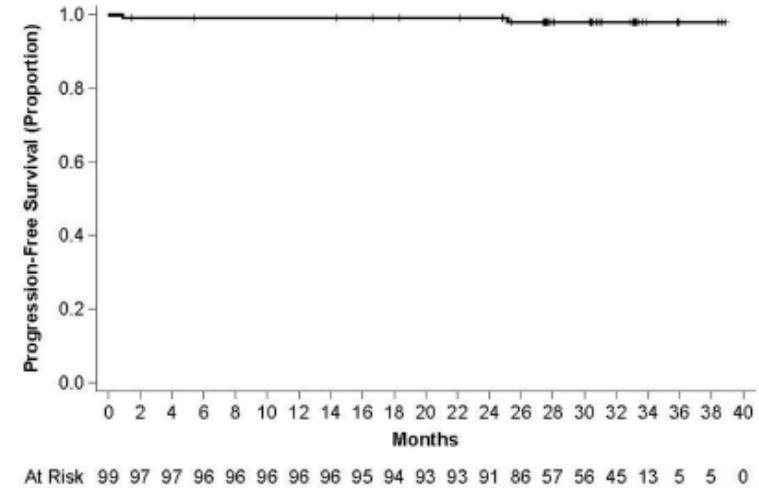
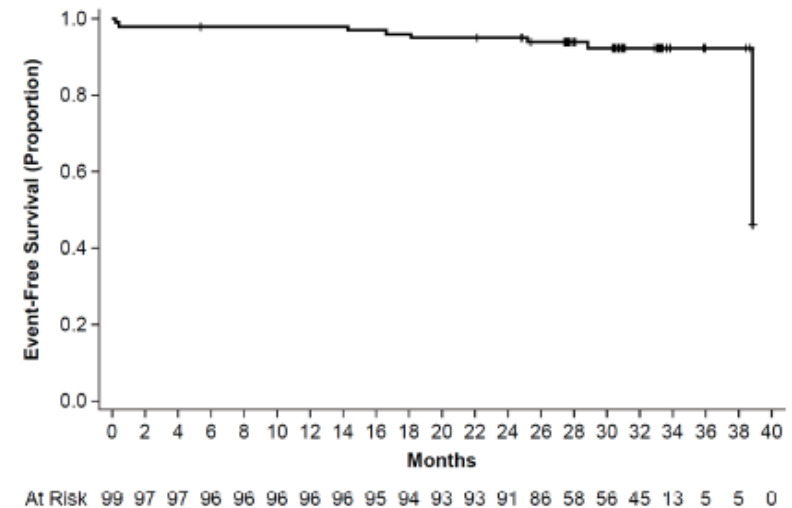


Figure 2. Event-Free Survival



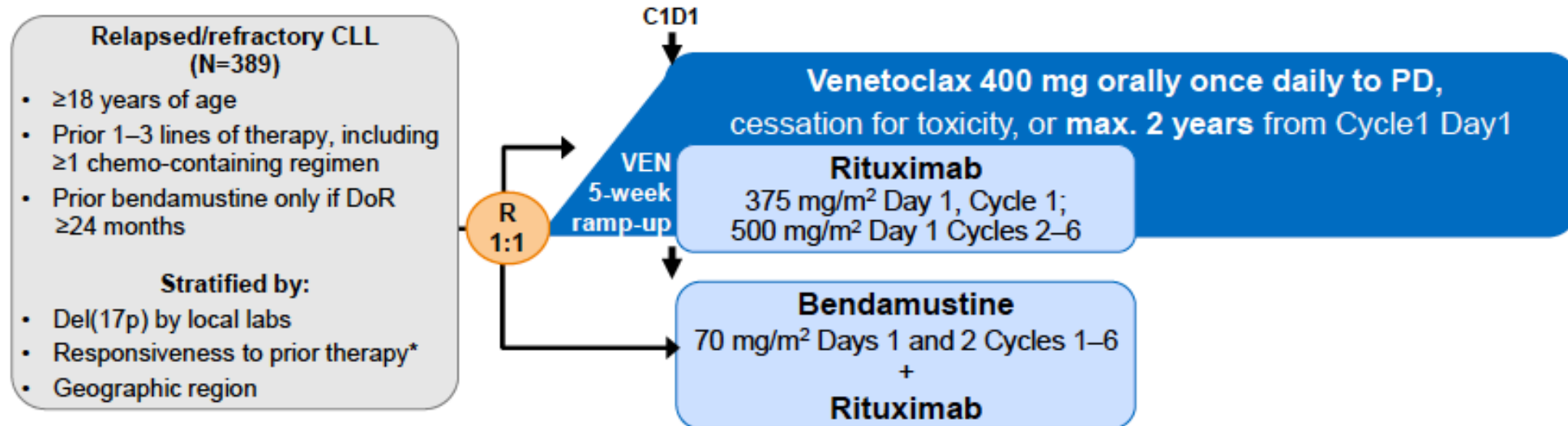


# Relapsed CLL

- Ibrutinib FDA approved for R/R CLL in 2/14
  - ORR 90%, 3-yr PFS ~60% (Byrd et al, Blood 2015)
- Idelalisib-Rituximab approved for R/R CLL in 7/14
  - ORR 81%, 1-yr PFS ~60% (Furman et al, NEJM 2014)
- Venetoclax approved for R/R CLL with del(17p) in 5/16
  - ORR 79%, 1-yr PFS 72% (Stilgenbauer et al, Lancet Oncol 2016)
- Duvelisib approved for R/R CLL 9/18
  - ORR 74%, median PFS 13.3 months
- Venetoclax-Rituximab approved for R/R CLL in 6/18
  - MURANO trial
  - **Fixed duration therapy**

# Venetoclax in CLL

## MURANO Study Design



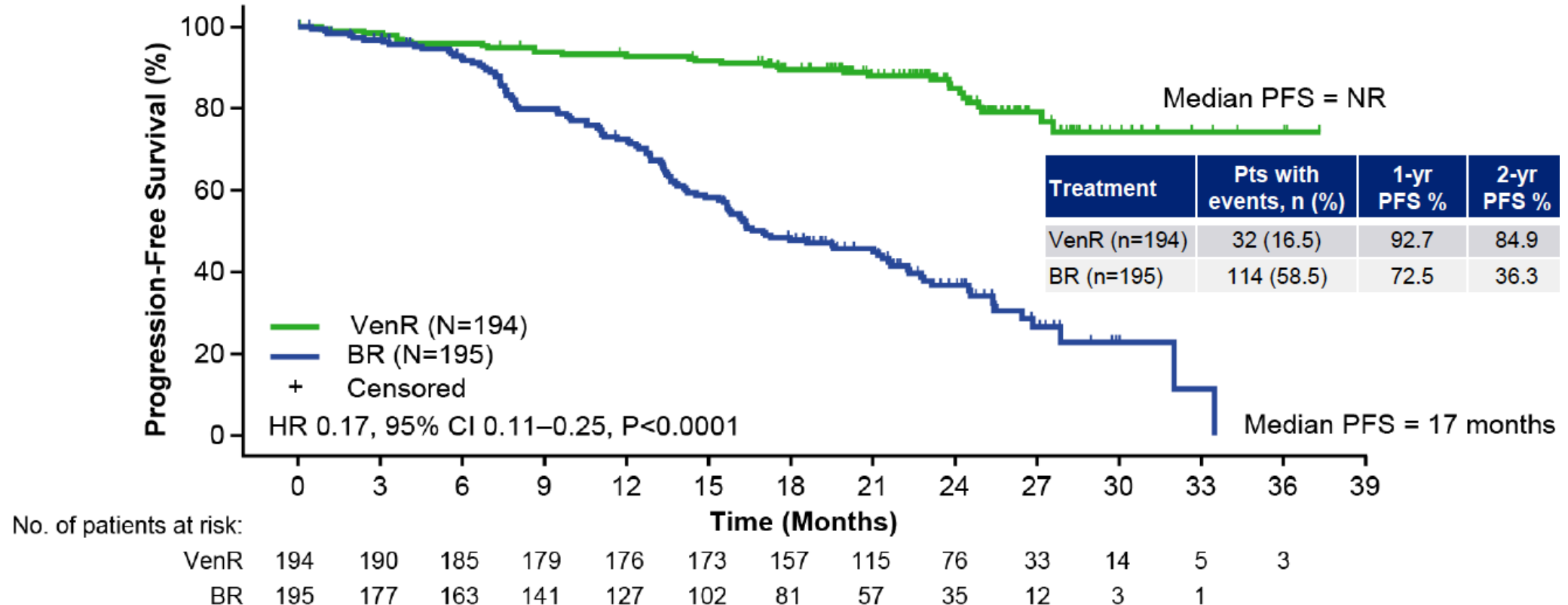
<b>Primary Endpoint</b>	INV-assessed PFS
<b>Major Secondary Endpoints</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IRC-CR ⇒ IRC-ORR ⇒ OS (hierarchical testing)</li> <li>• IRC-assessed PFS and MRD-negativity</li> </ul>
<b>Key Safety Endpoints</b>	Overall safety profile, focusing on serious adverse events 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.

Seymour et al, NEJM April 2018

# Investigator-Assessed PFS Superior for VenR vs. BR



- Median (range) duration of follow-up, 23.8 (0.0–37.4) months:  
Venetoclax + rituximab, 24.8 months; bendamustine + rituximab, 22.1 months

As of 8 May 2017

# MURANO: Select Grade 3/4 Adverse Events

	<b>Venetoclax-Rituximab (n = 194)</b>	<b>Bendamustine-Rituximab (n = 188)</b>
Grade 3/4 adverse event	82.0%	70.2%
Neutropenia	57.7%	38.8%
Infections and infestations	17.5%	21.8%
Anemia	10.8%	13.8%
Thrombocytopenia	5.7%	10.1%
Febrile neutropenia	3.6%	9.6%
Pneumonia	5.2%	8.0%
Infusion-related reaction	1.5%	5.3%
Tumor lysis syndrome	3.1%	1.1%

Seymour JF et al. *N Engl J Med* 2018;378(12):1107-20.

# ACE-CL-001: Updated Efficacy and Safety of Acalabrutinib Monotherapy in Patients with R/R CLL

	All patients (n = 134)	Del(11)(q22.3) (n = 21)	Del(17)(p13.1) (n = 27)
ORR	85%	86%	85%
18-month DOR	85%	100%	71%
18-month PFS	88%	100%	78%

Adverse events (n = 134)	All grades	Grade 3-4
Headache	46%	NR
Diarrhea	43%	NR
Upper respiratory tract infection	28%	NR
Contusion	22%	NR
Neutropenia	NR	11%
Pneumonia	NR	10%
Hypertension	11%	3%
Atrial fibrillation	3%	2%

Byrd JC et al. *Proc ASH* 2017;Abstract 498.

## FDA approvals with targeted agents

Agent	Target	FL	MZL	CLL	MCL
Bortezomib	proteasome				X
Lenalidomide	cereblon				X
Idelalisib	PI3k $\delta$	X		X	
Copanlisib	PI3k $\alpha$ , $\delta$	X			
Duvelisib	PI3k $\gamma$ , $\delta$	X		X	
Ibrutinib	BTK		X	X*	X
Acalabrutinib	BTK				X
Venetoclax	BCL-2			X	

\*Approved in front-line and R/R setting.

All other approvals for R/R disease.

# CLL in the Future

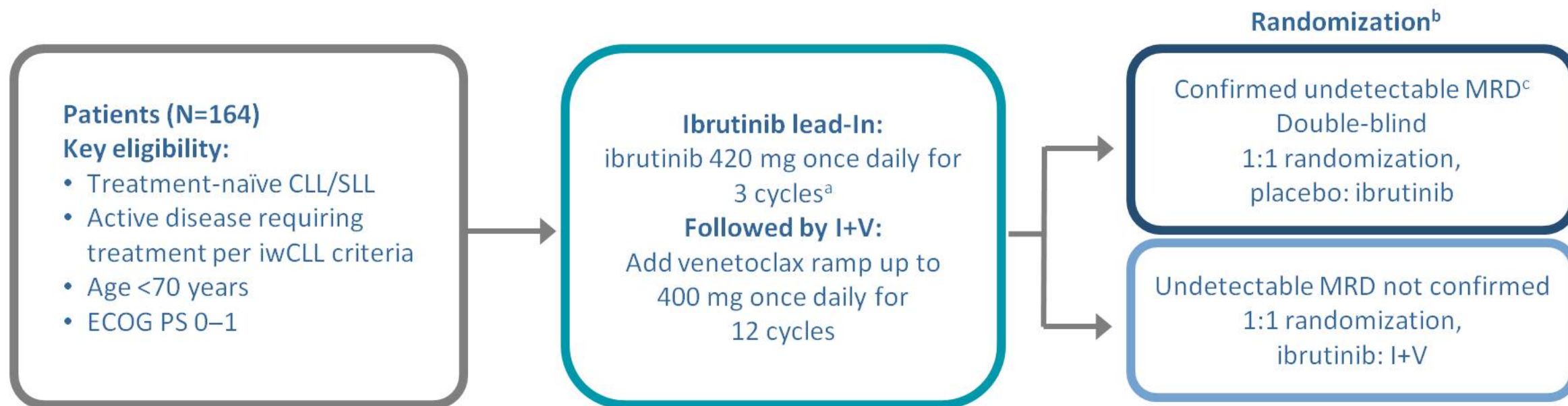
- Need to sort out the contribution and toxicity of agents in combination therapy
  - Ibrutinib + obinutuzumab (#691, Moreno et al)
  - Ibrutinib + venetoclax (#183, Hillmen et al)
  - Ibrutinib + venetoclax (#186, Jain et al)
  - Ibrutinib + obinutuzumab + venetoclax (#693, Rogers et al)
- Test new BTK inhibitors
  - Acalabrutinib (#692, Byrd et al)

# CLL in the Future

- Time-limited therapy should become a major goal
  - Venetoclax plus rituximab (#184, Seymour et al)
- MRD assessments to permit rational discontinuation of treatment
  - Venetoclax plus rituximab (#183, Brander et al)
  - CAPTIVATE study (Wierda et al, ASCO 2018)



# Phase 2 CAPTIVATE Study Design (NCT02910583)



<sup>a</sup>1 cycle = 28 days.

<sup>b</sup>Stratified by *IGHV* mutation status.

<sup>c</sup>Confirmed undetectable MRD for randomization defined as undetectable MRD serially over at least 3 cycles in peripheral blood (PB), and undetectable MRD in both PB and BM.

## Study Populations:

- MRD cohort (N=164): exposure and safety analysis
  - Safety Run-in: first 14 patients completed C15 treatment (12 cycles of I+V); no dose-limiting toxicities (DLT) or clinical TLS during first 6 weeks of I+V combination
  - Prespecified analysis of the first 30 patients who completed C9 treatment (6 cycles of I+V) for MRD evaluation
- Fixed Duration cohort (N=159): separate cohort; analysis not shown