## Year in Review 2020: CLL Part 2

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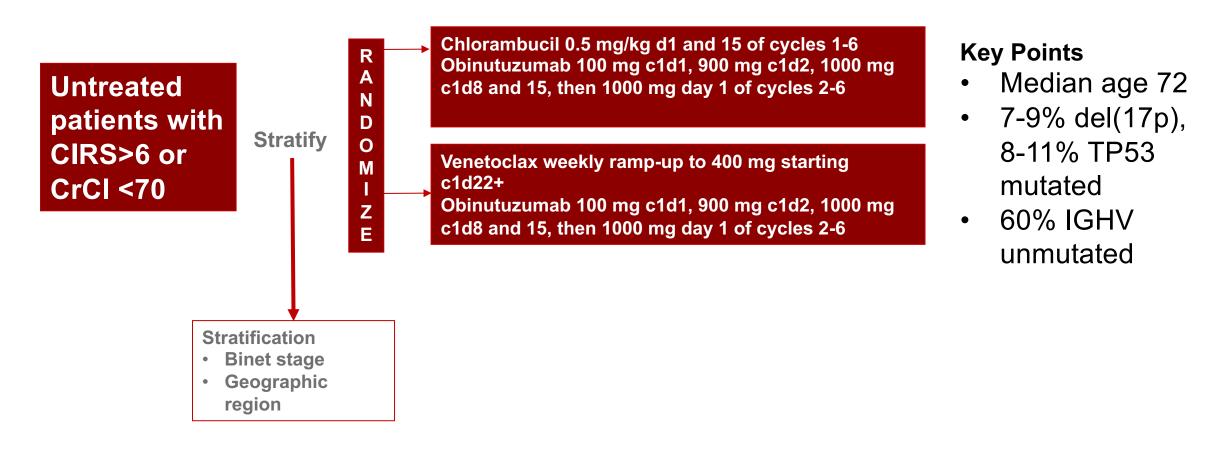
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#### **BCL2** Inhibitors

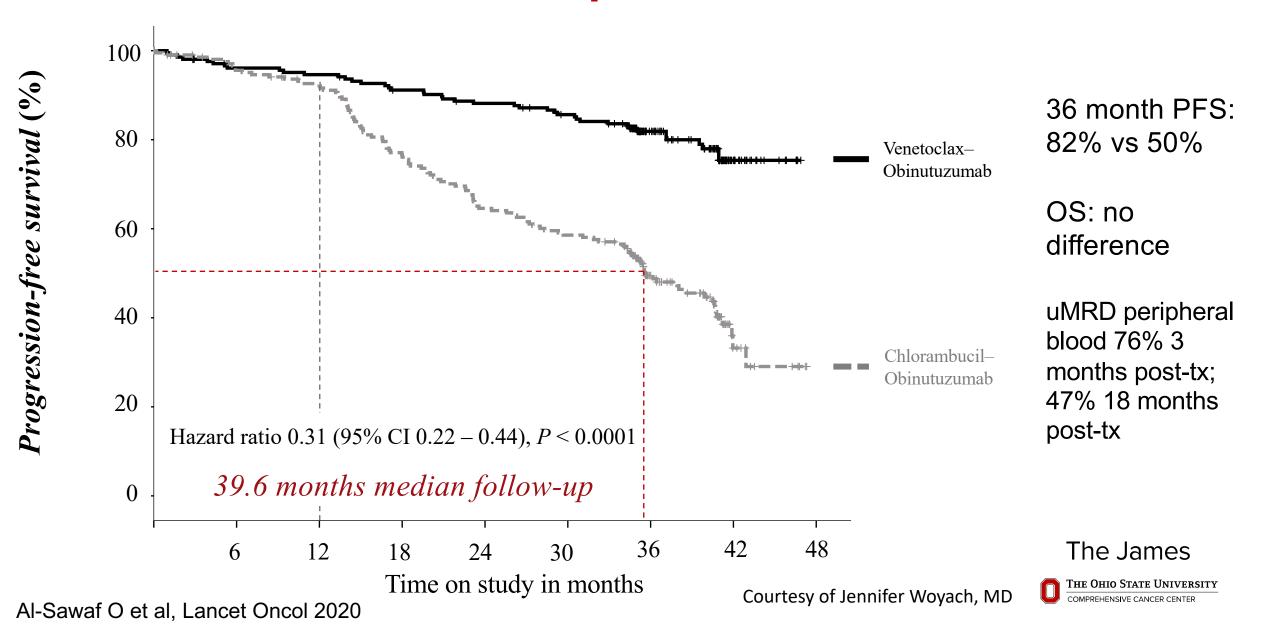
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## Clinical Implications

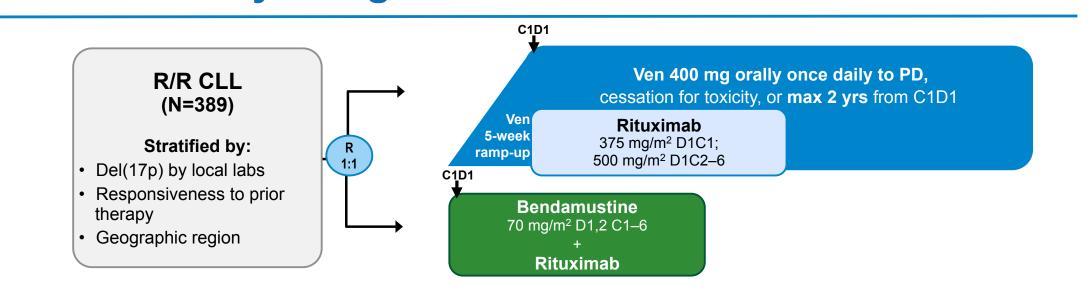
- Venetoclax/Obinutuzumab is a standard of care frontline regimen and ideal for patients who desire fixed duration therapy
- Long term outcomes and potential side effects remain under investigation

## Future Directions

- Median PFS not yet reached
- Study planned (CLL17) to investigate ven/obin vs ibrutinib vs ibrutinib/ven



## MURANO study design



 Primary endpoint: investigator-assessed PFS; secondary endpoints include rate of undetectable MRD (uMRD)

Kater et al, ASH 2020



## Phase 3 MURANO Study 5 Year Follow-Up

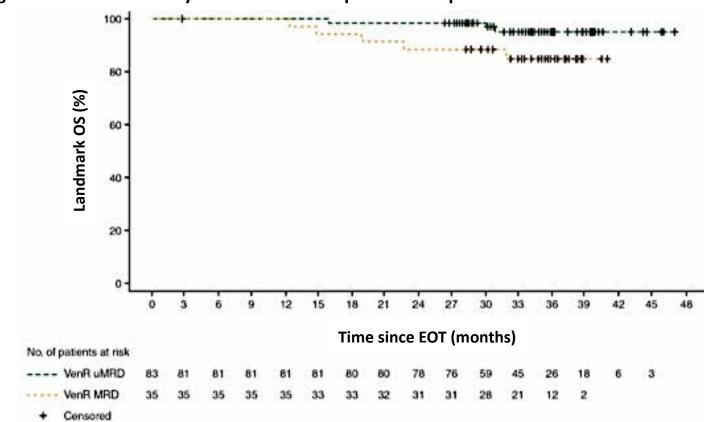


Figure 1: Landmark OS by PB MRD status in pts that completed Ven Tx without PD.

EOT, end of treatment; MRD, minimal residual disease; OS, overall survival; PB, peripheral blood; PD, progressive disease; pts, patients; Tx, therapy; uMRD, undetectable minimal residual disease; Ven, venetoclax.

#### Kater et al, ASH 2020

 Median PFS for VenR 53.6 months

- 5 year OS 82%
- Of 83 pts with uMRD at EOT, 38.5% remained uMRD. Unmutated IGHV and del17p were risk factors
- 25 months was average time from MRD conversion to requirement for therapy







## Clinical Implications

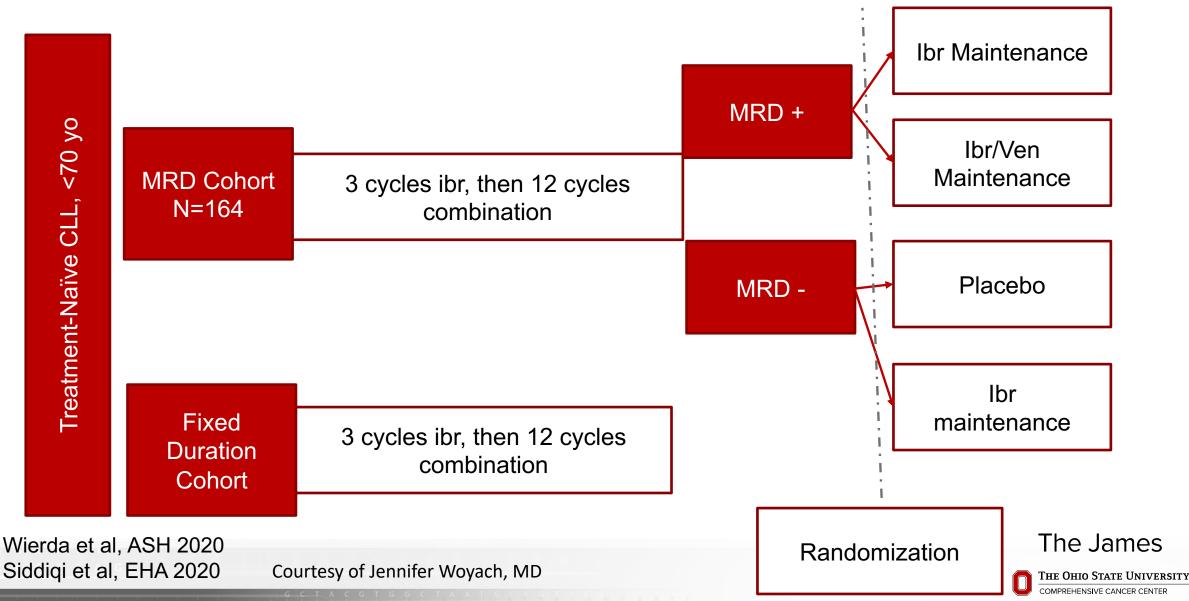
- Venetoclax/Rituximab demonstrates durable remissions in relapsed CLL
- Patients with del17p, genomic complexity, unmutated IGHV have higher risk of relapse

## Future Directions

- Whether some patients would benefit from longer/shorter treatment course has not yet been explored
- Benefit of higher sensitivity MRD assays (ClonoSeq) yet to be established







# Phase 2 CAPTIVATE MRD Cohort

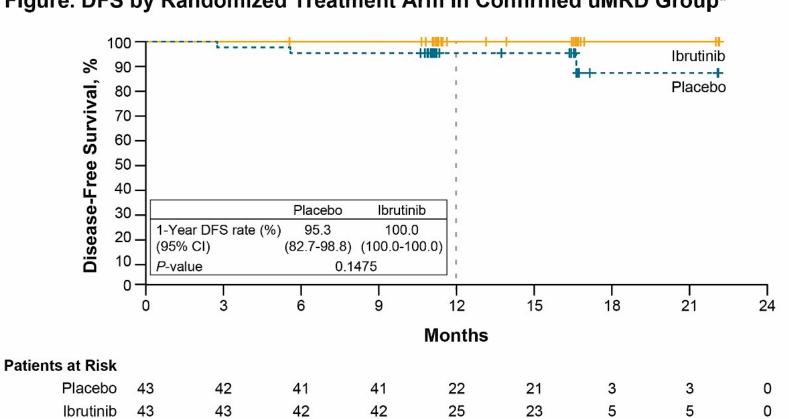


Figure. DFS by Randomized Treatment Arm in Confirmed uMRD Group<sup>a</sup>

\*The 3 DFS events in placebo arm were disease progression in 2 patients and MRD relapse in 1 patient.

- Confirmed uMRD 30 month PFS
  - 95.3% placebo
  - 100% ibrutinib

 Without confirmed uMRD 30 month PFS

- 95.2% ibrutinib
- 96.7% ibr/ven



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## Clinical Implications

- For patients with no detectable MRD after 1 year treatment, further ibrutinib does not prolong PFS after an additional year
- This is not currently standard practice
- This follow-up is not necessarily predictive of final study outcome

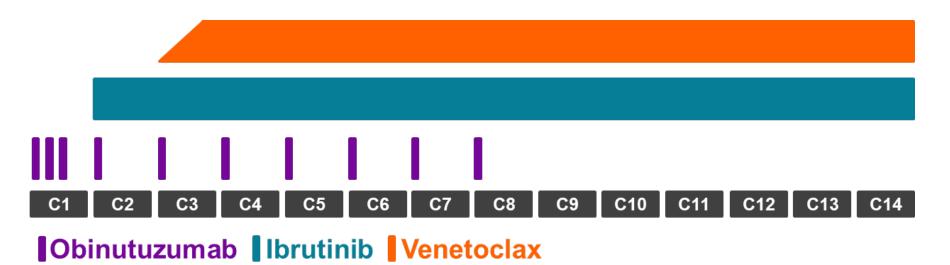
## Future Directions

This study will ultimately show fixed duration vs MRD driven endpoint with ibrutinib/ven as well as utility of maintenance in uMRD





- Phase 2 study of 1 year fixed duration ibr/ven/obin
- 25 treatment-naïve and 25 relapsed/refractory patients



Rogers et al, J Clin Oncol 2020

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- 67% of TN and 50% RR patients developed uMRD in blood and marrow
- At approximately 2 years post-completion of therapy, one patient in TN cohort died of infection, and one in RR cohort relapsed
- T and NK cells remain suppressed 1 year after completion of therapy

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## Clinical Implications

 IVO with 1 year fixed duration results in durable remissions of at least 2 years in almost all patients, including those MRD+ or without CR

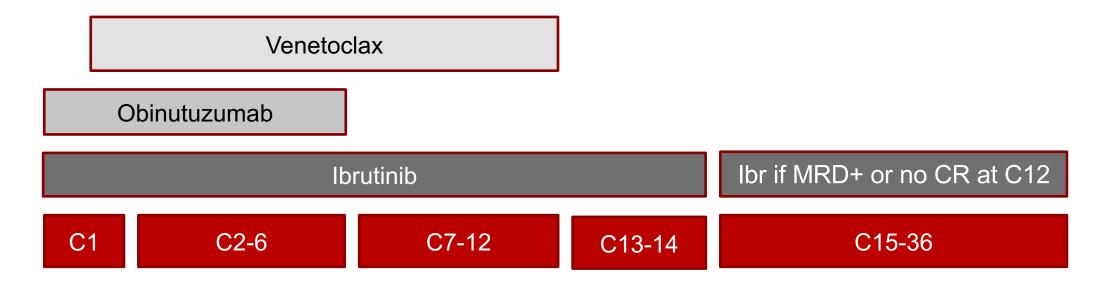
## Future Directions

- In current cohort, residual lymph node biopsy is planned at EOT to determine whether uMRD PR really represents residual disease
- EA9161 and A041702 are phase 3 studies investigating IVO vs IO as frontline therapy





 Included 41 patients with treatment-naïve CLL and del17p (26) and/or TP53 mutation (39)



Huber et al, EHA 2020





- Median follow-up 18.6 months
  - CR 58.5%
  - Peripheral blood uMRD 80.5%
  - Only 6 patients continued ibrutinib beyond C15



## Clinical Implications

IVO induces deep remissions regardless of genomic risk disease

## Future Directions

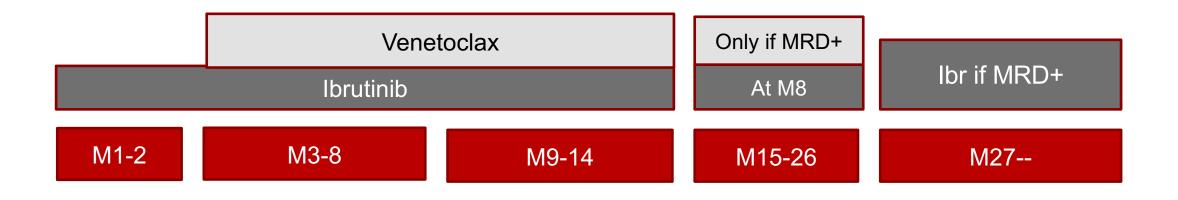
 Issue with TP53 abnormalities usually is not inability to achieve remission, it is short remission duration, so this study will be more impactful in a couple of years





# Phase 2 CLARITY Trial

- 50 patients with relapsed/refractory CLL
- MRD in blood/marrow determined duration of therapy

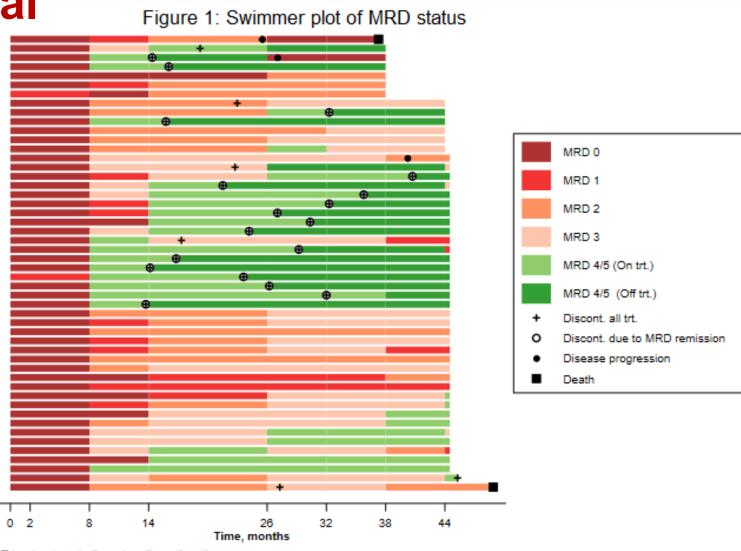




# Phase 2 CLARITY Trial

- 4 patients discontinued ibr in first 8 weeks and were replaced
- 23 pts stopped both treatments at or before M38, 17/23 were in uMRD4
- 40% achieved uMRD at month 14 and 48% at M26

Hillmen et al, J Clin Oncol 2019 Hillmen et al, ASH 2020



Trt. = treatment; discont. = discontinuation



## Clinical Implications

Ibrutinib/Venetoclax demonstrates deep remissions in relapsed CLL

## Future Directions

- Remission duration is not yet known for any of these combination therapies
- Fixed duration vs MRD or response driven approaches have not been compared



## Phase 2 BOVen in TN CLL

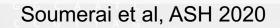
39 patients

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72% high or very-high CLL-IPI

Treatment Cycle:	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	C8	C9+ (if needed)
		<mark>ıbrutinib: 16</mark> nutuzumab 1	50 mg BI	C			ycles 2-8		BOVen discontinued if: - Prespecified uMRD end point <sup>a</sup> - Min 8 cycles; Max 24 cycles
PB MRD:	х		х		х		х		х
BM MRD:	х		х				Xc		Xc
CT imaging:	х		х				Xc		Xc

- a- Once peripheral blood (PB) uMRD is determined and confirmed in bone marrow (BM), patients complete 2 additional cycles followed by confirmatory MRD peripheral blood testing; if PB uMRD x 2 and BM uMRD x 1, therapy is discontinued.
- b- Obinutuzumab split over days 1-2 of cycle 1 if ALC >25,000.
- c- BM biopsy obtained at Screening and C3D1; thereafter BM is only obtained if PB-uMRD.
  CT imaging obtained at Screening, C3D1, C7D1, EOT, then every 6 months during post-treatment surveillance.



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# Phase 2 BOVen in TN CLL

- Median follow-up 14 months
  - 92% have achieved uMRD in peripheral blood and 84% in marrow
  - Median time to BM uMRD is 6 months
  - 77% of patients discontinued therapy at median 10 months
  - No recurrent MRD or progression has been observed



## Clinical Implications

 Zanubrutinib/Venetoclax/Obinutuzumab shows high rates of uMRD in bone marrow

## Future Directions

- These uMRD rates are higher than demonstrated in ibrutinib and acalabrutinib studies
- Will be helpful to see longer follow-up with this as other doublet/triplet studies





- Primary endpoint: safety
- Secondary Endpoints: ORR, uMRD, PFS, OS

Cohort 3ª: RR CLL	
Patients with ≥1 prior treatment <sup>ь</sup>	
n=12	

#### Acalabrutinib, venetoclax, rituximab (AVR)<sup>c</sup>

- A: 100 mg PO BID until progression or end of Cycle 24<sup>d</sup>
- V: Cycle 3 ramp-up dose weekly; Cycle 4, Day 1, 400 mg/day until end of Cycle 15
  - **R:** 375 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV for 9 infusions; Cycle 2, Days 1, 8, 15, 22; Cycles 3–7, Day 1)

Cohort 4: TN CLL Previously untreated patients<sup>b</sup> n=12

#### Acalabrutinib, venetoclax, obinutuzumab (AVO)<sup>c</sup>

- A: 100 mg PO BID until progression or end of Cycle 24<sup>d</sup>
- V: Cycle 3 ramp-up dose weekly; Cycle 4, Day 1, 400 mg/day until end of Cycle 15
- **O:** Standard dosing IV; Cycle 2, Days 1, 2, 8, 15; Cycles 3–7, Day 1



# Phase 1b AVO or AVR in Treatment-Naïve or RR CLL

- Median follow-up 23 mo for RR, 22 mo for TN
  - 3 pts off treatment (AE and pt choice)
  - ORR 92% in RR and 100% in TN
  - 50% achieved CR or CRi with uMRD
  - 18 mo PFS 100% in both cohorts



## Clinical Implications

Acalabrutinib/Venetoclax/Obinutuzumab induces deep remissions

## Future Directions

- Will be helpful to eventually differentiate among BTKi in these doublets/triplets
- Optimal treatment course not determined



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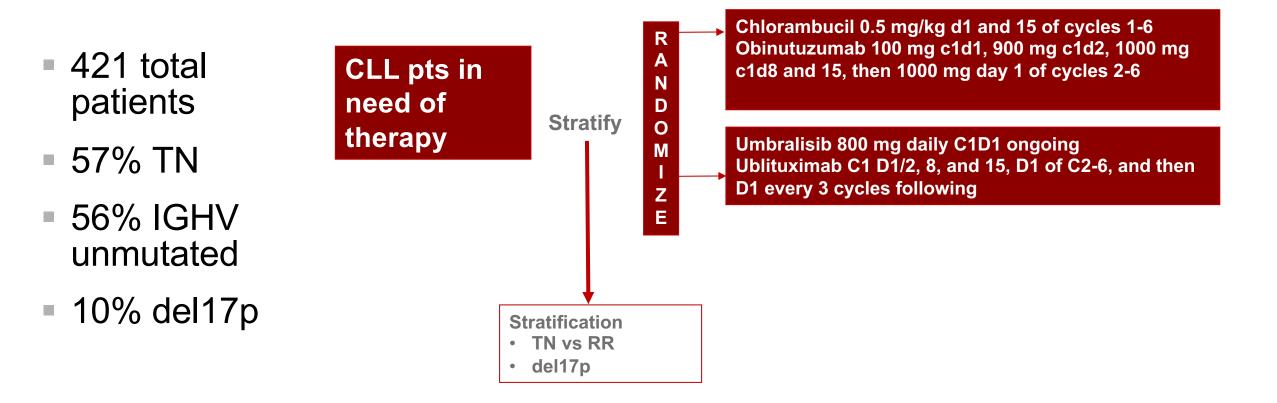
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#### Gribben et al, ASH 2020 Abstract 543



# Phase 3 UNITY-CLL Study

- Median follow-up 36 months
- Median PFS U2 31.9 mo vs 17.9 mo overall
- In TN, U2 PFS 38.5 mo vs 26.1 mo
- In RR, U2 PFS 19.5 mo vs 12.9 mo
- G3+ Colitis in 3.4%, Transaminitis G3+ in 8.3%, G3+ pneumonitis in 2.9%





## Clinical Implications

- Umbralisib + Ublituximab is superior to Chlorambucil/obinutuzumab (note ongoing ublituximab)
- PFS with this regimen is shorter than reported with venetoclax or BTKi based regimens, so likely this will be reserved for those with contraindications to other therapies

## Future Directions

 Triplet studies with venetoclax may improve response depth and duration



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## **CAR-T Cells**

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- Liso-Cel is 4-1BB CAR-T product with equal CD4/CD8
- In this cohort patients had to have previously received ibrutinib, reinitiated or continued at study start and continued at least 90 days post CAR-T
- Lymphodepletion with Flu/Cy



- 19 patients included
- Median 4 prior therapies
- 74% had BTKi as last therapy and 53% had also received venetoclax
- 74% CRS, 1 grade 3; 16% G3+ neurologic events
- ORR 95%, 47% CR/CRi
- 83% maintained response at 3 months
- 79% had uMRD in marrow

Wierda et al, ASH 2020 Abstract 544

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## Clinical Implications

 Liso-Cel with ibrutinib has shown deep remissions and low rate of G3+ CRS and neurologic events

## Future Directions

 Long-term follow-up will be critical to compare to those without ibrutinib and evaluate long-term efficacy



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- Study schema same as previous, but without ibrutinib
- 23 pts evaluable for safety, 22 for efficacy
- Median 6 prior therapies, all with prior ibr and 48% with ven too
- ORR 82%, CR/CRi 45%
- Median PFS 18 months, 5/8 progressions were RT
- G3+ CRS 9%, G3+ neuro events 22%



## Clinical Implications

 Liso-cel shows impressive responses and durability in very heavily pretreated patients, including those post-ibrutinib and venetoclax

## Future Directions

 Investigations as to best sequencing of CAR-T relative to other therapies will be very important



