

Updates in CLL from ASH 2022

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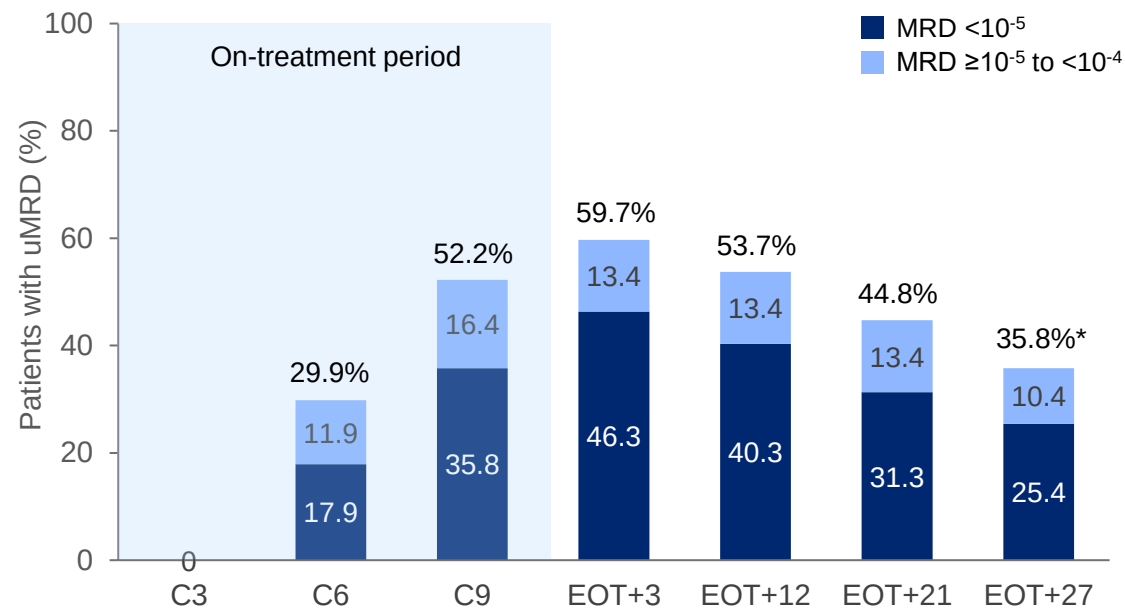
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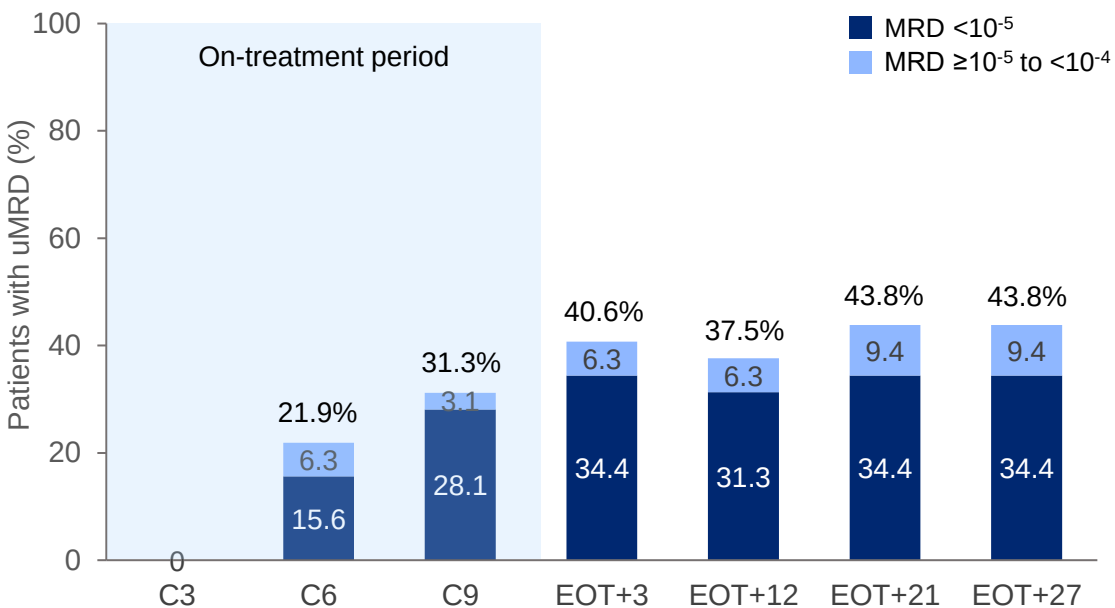
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GLOW: Ibr+Ven on-treatment and post-treatment uMRD dynamics according to IGHV status

ITT uMRD rates in unmutated IGHV (n=67)



ITT uMRD rates in mutated IGHV (n=32)



- uMRD rates (including <10⁻⁵) were higher and uMRD was achieved faster in patients with uIGHV versus mIGHV CLL
- uMRD was better sustained post-treatment in patients with mIGHV CLL

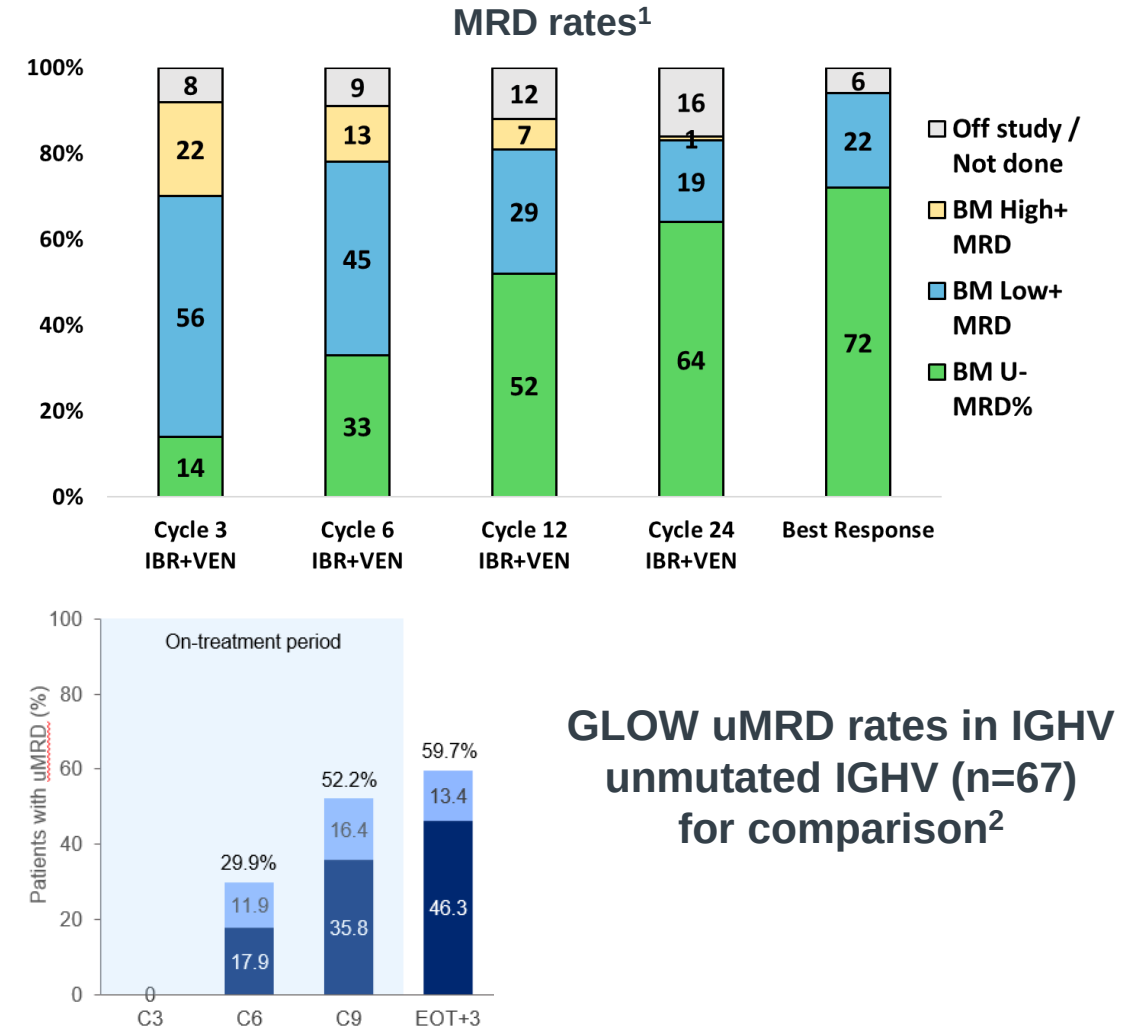
*7 (10.4%) patients with uMRD (including 5 with uMRD <10⁻⁵) at EOT+21 had missing samples and were considered not uMRD at EOT+27.
C, cycle; CLL, chronic lymphocytic leukemia; EOT, end of treatment; EOT+X, EOT plus X months; Ibr, ibrutinib; IGHV, immunoglobulin heavy chain variable; ITT, intent to treat; mIGHV, mutated IGHV; MRD, minimal residual disease; uIGHV, unmutated IGHV; uMRD, undetectable MRD; Ven, venetoclax.
Niemann CU *et al.* Oral presentation at ASH 2022; New Orleans, LA, USA, December 10–13, 2022 (Abstract 93).

First-line Ibr+Ven: Does patient population and time matter?

Patient baseline characteristics (N=120)		N (%) or median [range] ¹
Age, years		64.5 [26–88]
	≥65	60 (50)
	≥70	35 (29)
Male		87 (73)
ALC, K/μL		76.3 (1.14–366)
PLT, K/μL		140 (28–334)
Hgb, K/μL		12.0 (7.7–18.4)
B2M, mg/L		3.6 (1.7–13.7)
FISH	Del(17p)	20 (17)
	Del(11q)	31 (26)
	Trisomy 12	23 (19)
	Negative	19 (16)
	Del(13q)	27 (22)
IGHV status (n=116)	Unmutated	100 (86)
Cytogenetics (n=115)	Complex	15 (13)
Mutations (n=119)	TP53	19 (16)
	NOTCH1	35 (29)
	SF3B1	26 (22)
	BIRC3	9 (8)
Del(17p)/TP53-m		27 (23)

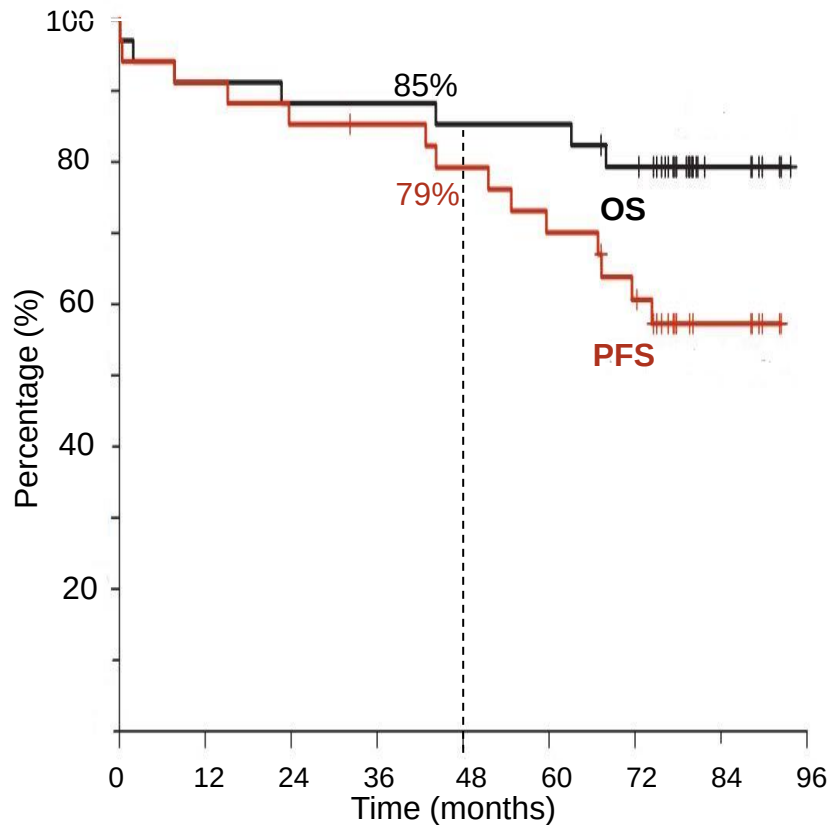
ALC, absolute lymphocytes count; B2M, beta-2 microglobulin; BM, bone marrow; CLL, chronic lymphocytic leukemia; Del, deletion; FISH, fluorescence in situ hybridization; Hgb, hemoglobin; Ibr, ibrutinib; IGHV, immunoglobulin heavy chain variable; m, mutated; MRD, minimal residual disease; PLT, platelet count; uMRD, undetectable minimal residual disease; Ven, venetoclax.

1. Jain N *et al.* Oral presentation at ASH 2022; New Orleans, LA, USA, December 10–13, 2022 (Abstract 95). 2. Niemann CU *et al.* Oral presentation at ASH 2022; New Orleans, LA, USA, December 10–13, 2022 (Abstract 93).

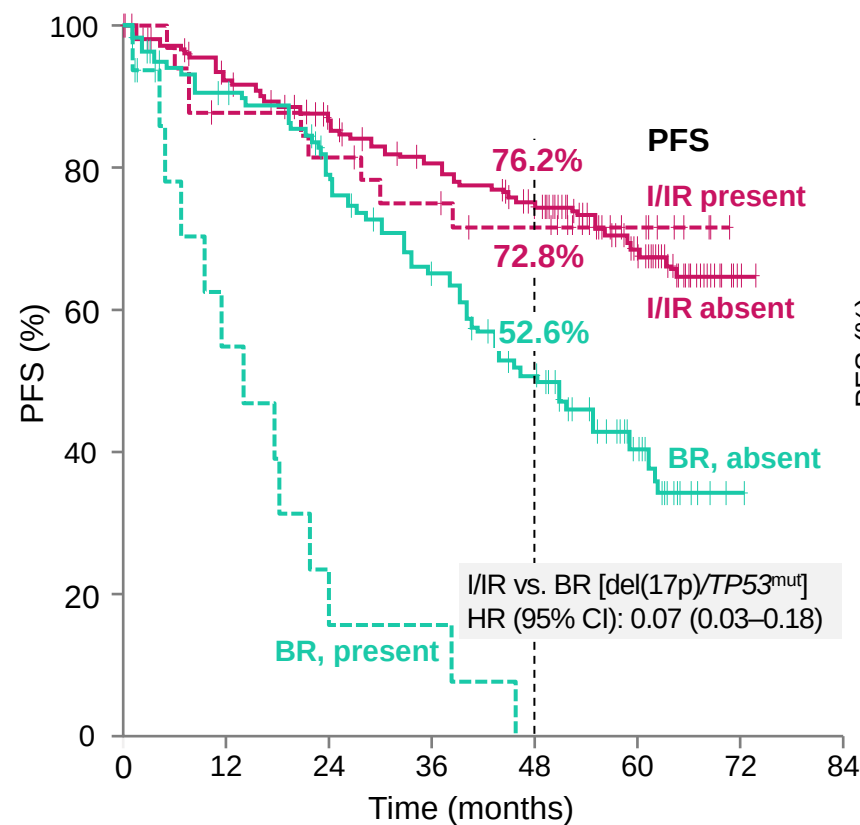


Background and rationale

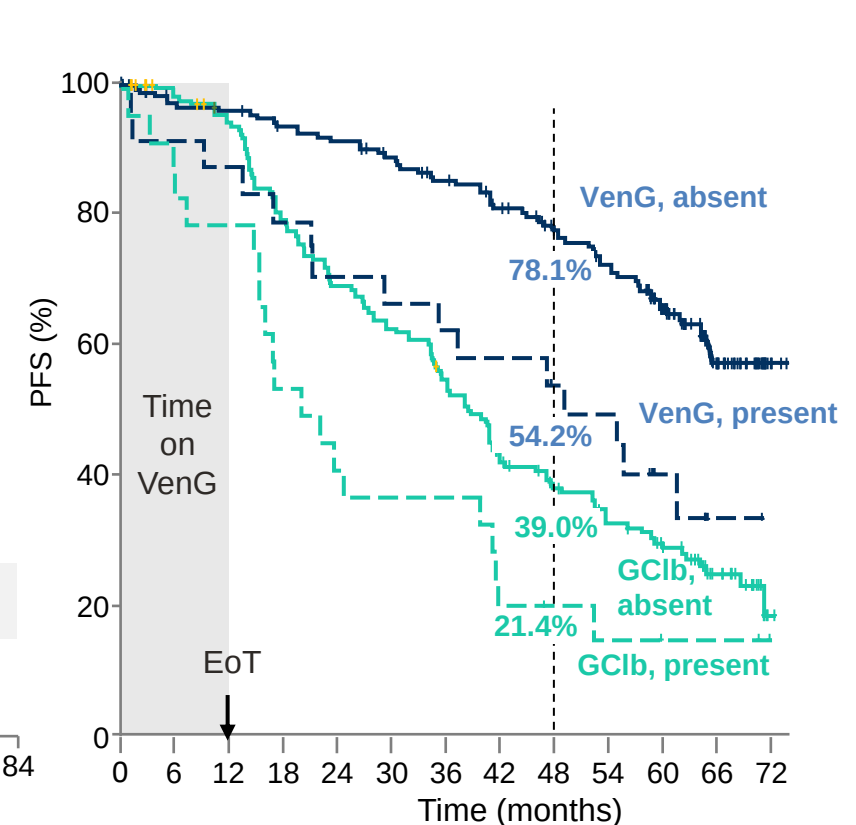
Phase 2 IIT Ibrutinib monotherapy in patients with del(17p)/TP53^{mut}
(median follow-up: 6.5 years)¹



Alliance A041202 : PFS I/IR vs BR by del(17p)/TP53^{mut} status (absent/present)
(median follow-up: 55 months)²



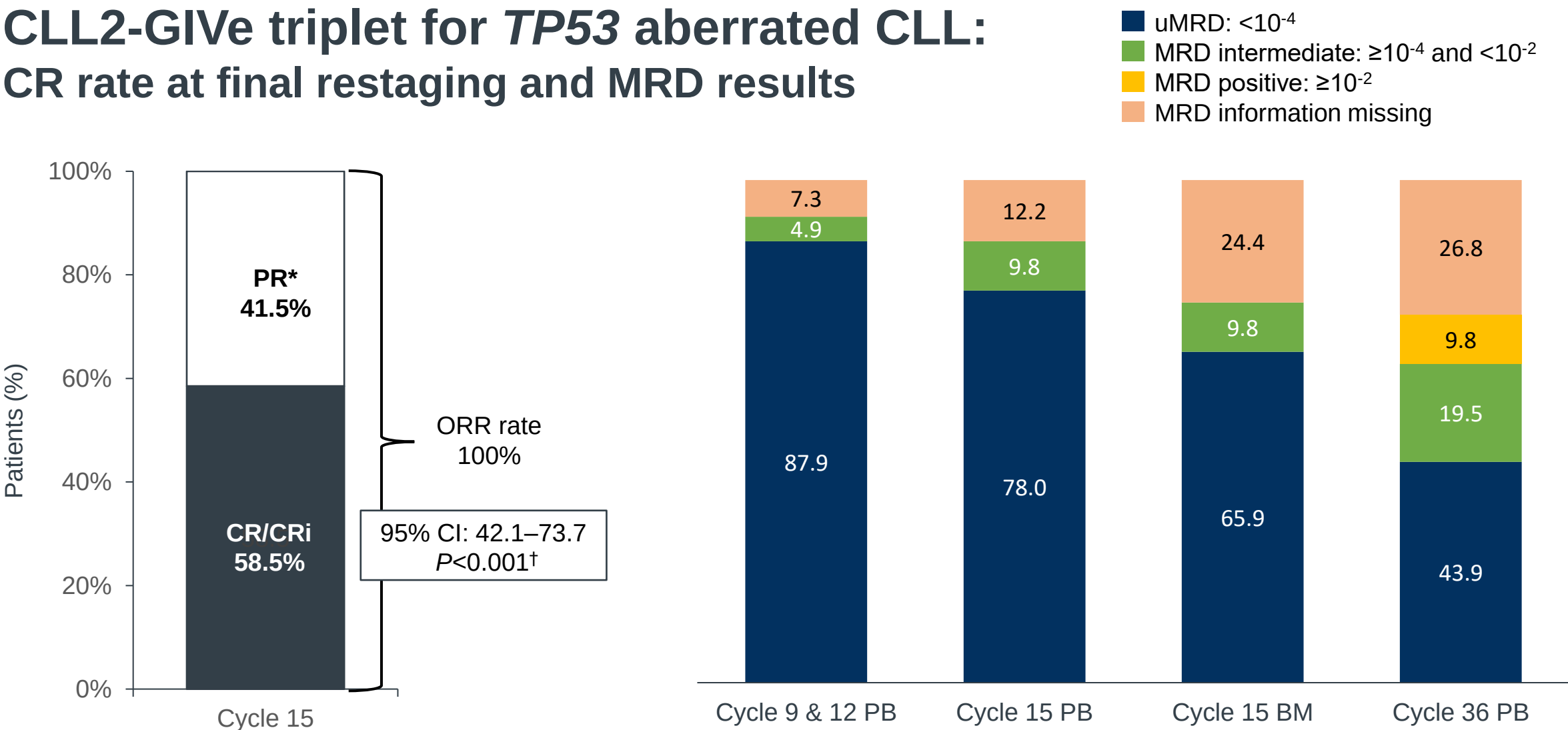
CLL14: PFS VenG vs GClb by del(17p)/TP53^{mut} status (absent/present)
(median follow-up: 65.4 months)³



This slide includes data from different clinical trials. These data are meant for demonstration purposes only and are not meant for cross-trial comparison purposes.

BR, bendamustine plus rituximab; CI, confidence interval; EoT, end of treatment; GClb, obinutuzumab and chlorambucil; HR, hazard ratio; I, ibrutinib; IIT, investigator-initiated trial; IR, ibrutinib plus rituximab; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression free survival; VenG, venetoclax and obinutuzumab. 1. Ahn IE *et al.* *N Engl J Med* 2020; 383: 498–500. 2. Woyach J *et al.* Oral presentation at ASH 2021; Atlanta, Georgia, USA, December 11–14, 2021 (Abstract 369). 3. Al-Sawaf O *et al.* Oral presentation at EHA 2022; Vienna, Austria, June 9–12, 2022 (Abstract S148).

CLL2-GIVe triplet for *TP53* aberrated CLL: CR rate at final restaging and MRD results

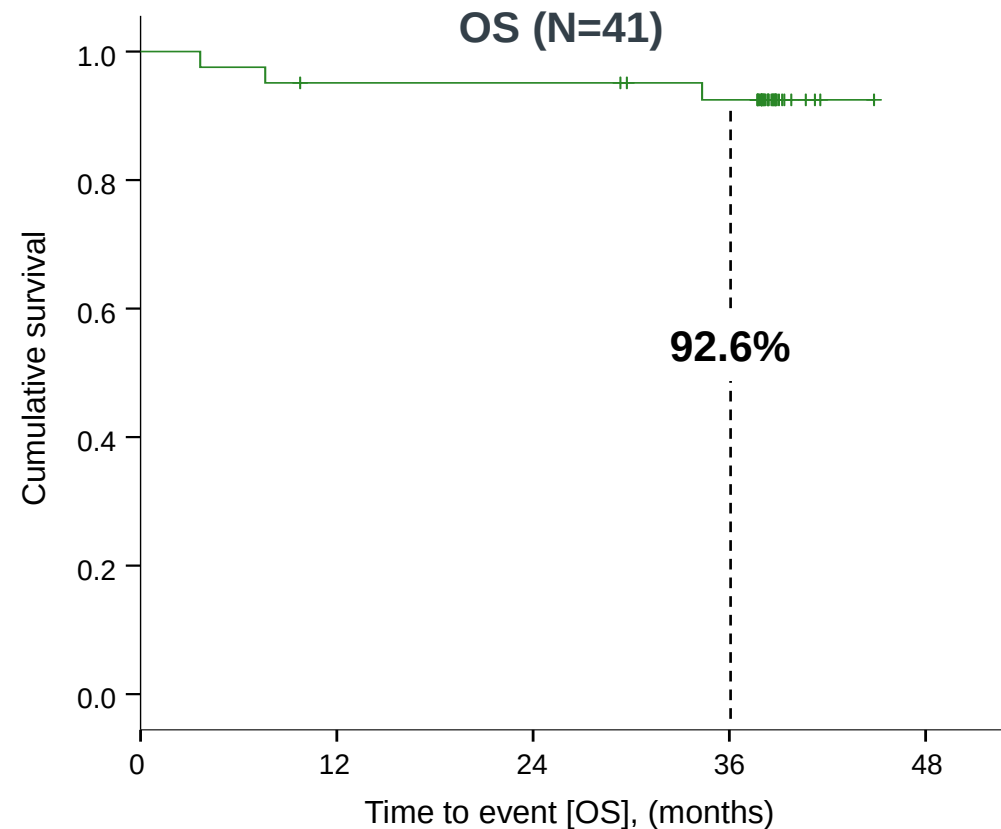
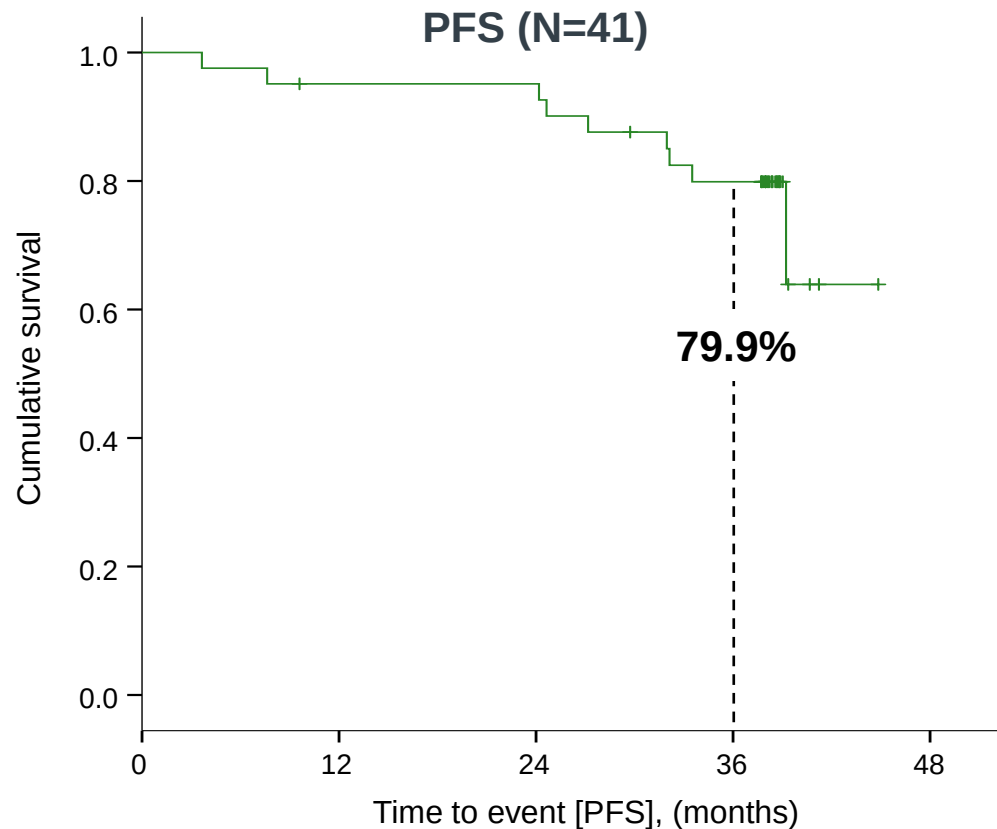


*7.3% not assessable due to 2 deaths at C3 and C9 and 1 withdrawal of informed consent at C9; † Versus the null hypothesis of CR = 25%.
BM, bone marrow; C, cycle; CI, confidence interval; CLL, chronic lymphocytic leukemia; CR, complete response; CRi, complete response with incomplete blood count recovery; GIVe, venetoclax plus obinutuzumab and ibrutinib; MRD, minimal residual disease; ORR, overall response rate; PB, peripheral blood; uMRD, undetectable MRD.
Huber H *et al.* Oral presentation at ASH 2022; New Orleans, LA, USA, December 10–13, 2022 (Abstract 343).

CLL2-GIVe: Efficacy results

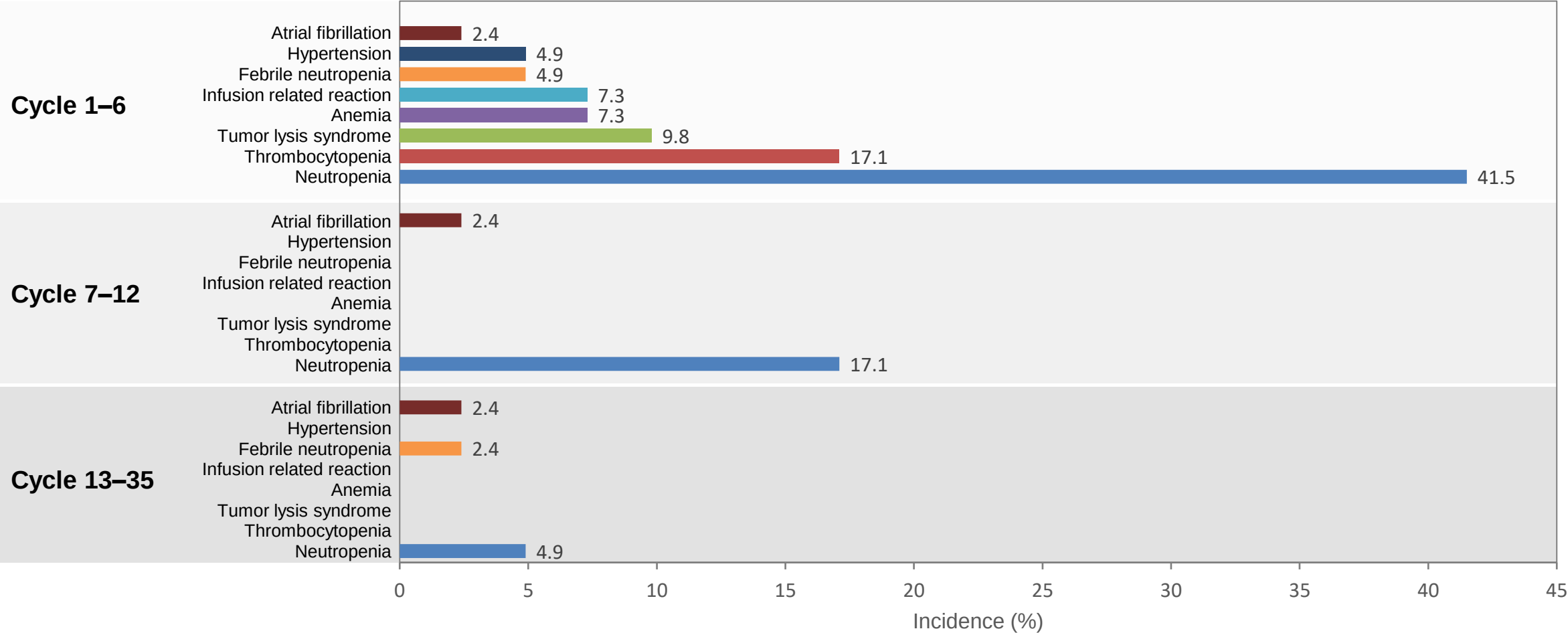
Progression-free survival and overall survival

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



CLL2-GIVe safety results: Incidence of the most frequent AEs Grade ≥3

Only AEs with an occurrence of >5% were considered (excluding atrial fibrillation and hypertension)



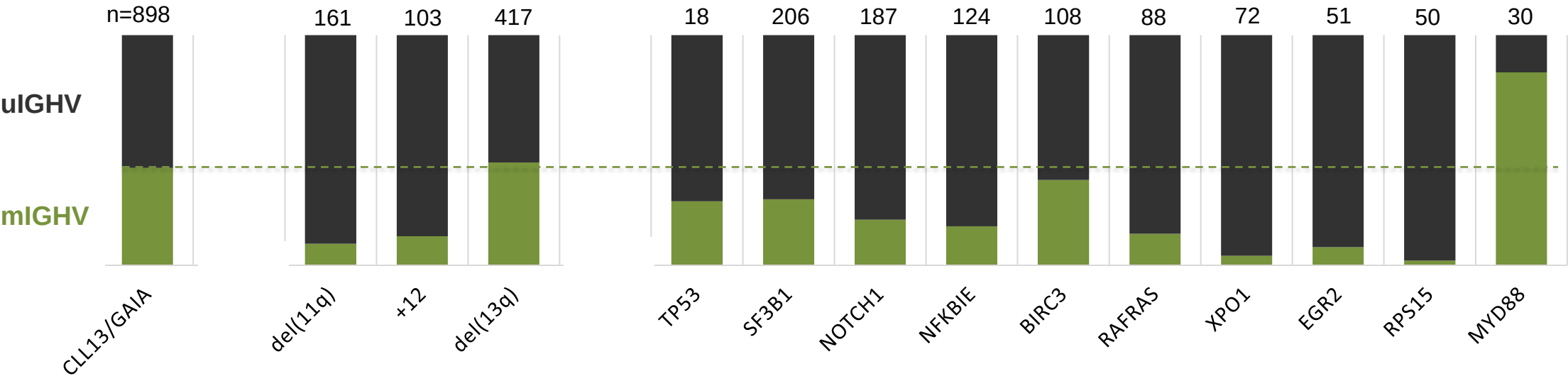
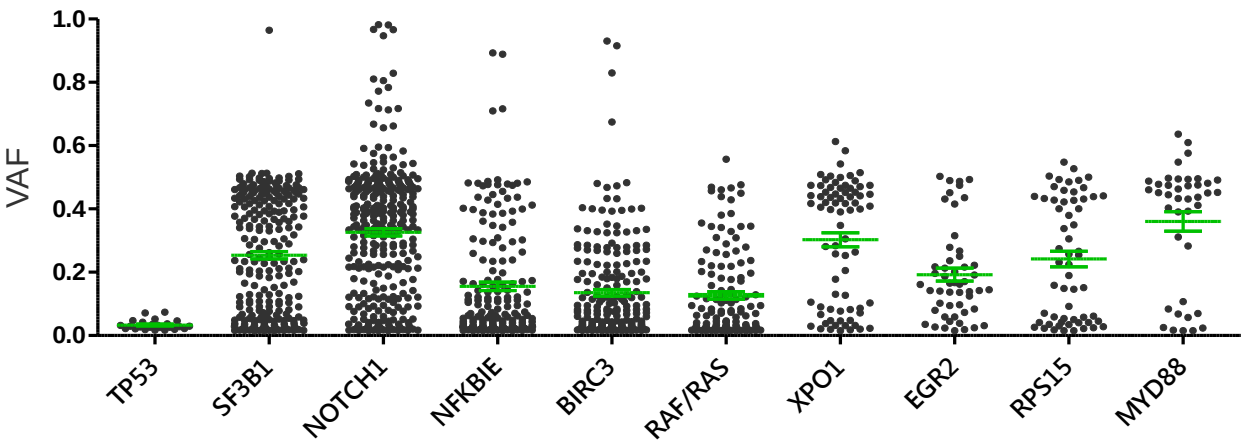
AE, adverse event; C, cycle; GIVe, venetoclax plus obinutuzumab and ibrutinib.
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CLL13/GAIA: Venetoclax-based therapy vs. CIT in fit patients with TN CLL

CLL13/GAIA gene mutations and IGHV mutation status

TP53 variants were identified with VAF of 1.7% to 7.4% in cases with wildtype *TP53* status defined by Sanger sequencing.

High risk markers such as *del(11q)*, *NOTCH1*, *NFKB1E*, *XPO1* and *RPS15* were found predominantly in cases with uIGHV.

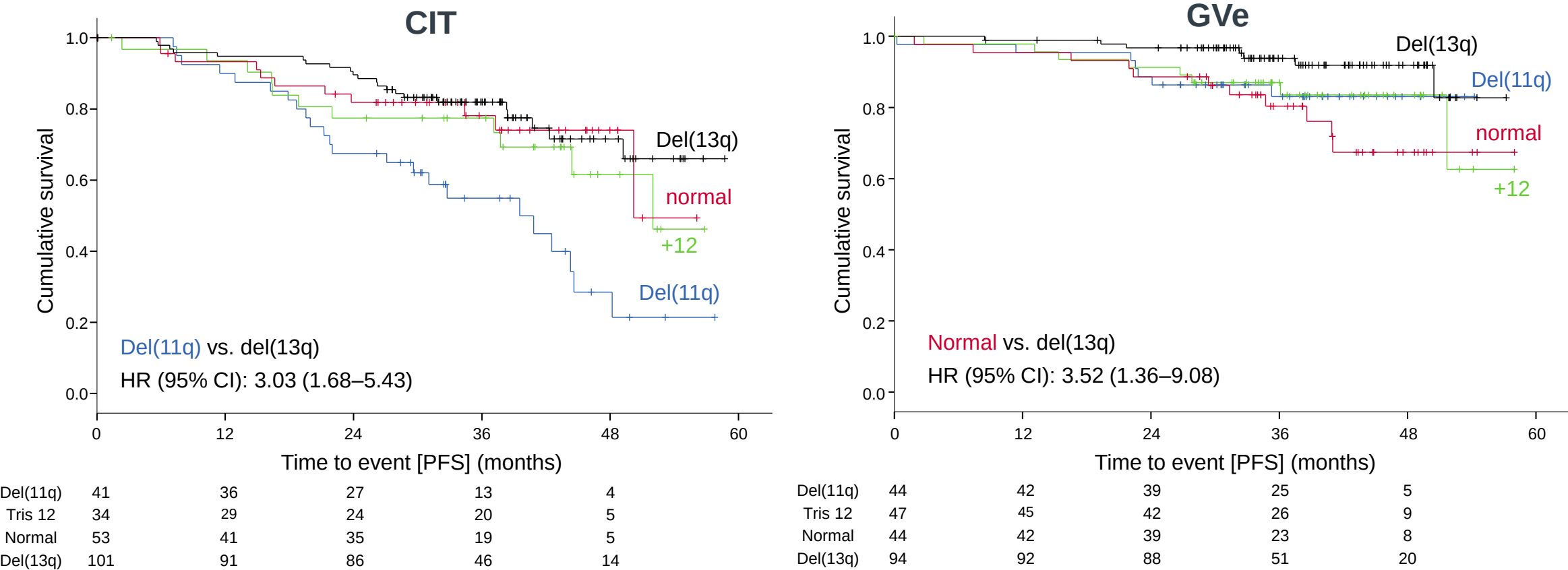


CIT, chemoimmunotherapy; CLL, chronic lymphocytic leukemia; IGHV, immunoglobulin heavy chain variable; mIGHV, mutated IGHV; TN, treatment naive; uIGHV, unmutated IGHV; VAF, variable antigen frequency. Tausch E *et al.* Oral presentation at ASH 2022; New Orleans, LA, USA, December 10–13, 2022 (Abstract 345).

CLL13/GAIA: Efficacy results

Genomic aberrations with CIT and RVe/GVe/GIVe (hierarchical model)

- At a median follow up of 38.8 months 188 PFS events were observed.
- Del(11q) was only associated with shorter PFS when treated with CIT, but not with RVe/GVe/GIVe.
- Del(13q) was associated with significantly longer PFS with GVe therapy.

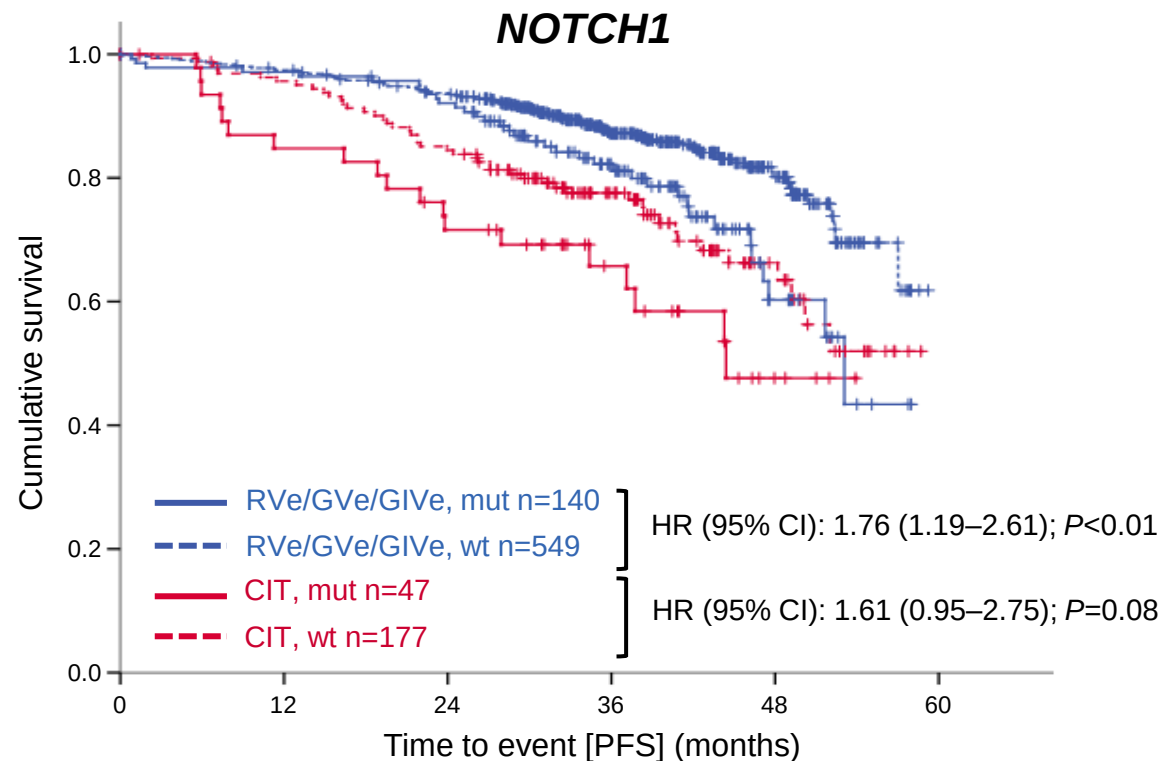


CI, confidence interval; CIT, chemoimmunotherapy; GIVe, venetoclax plus obinutuzumab and ibrutinib; GVe, venetoclax plus obinutuzumab; HR, hazard ratio; PFS, progression-free survival; RVe, venetoclax plus rituximab. Tausch E *et al.* Oral presentation at ASH 2022; New Orleans, LA, USA, December 10–13, 2022 (Abstract 345).

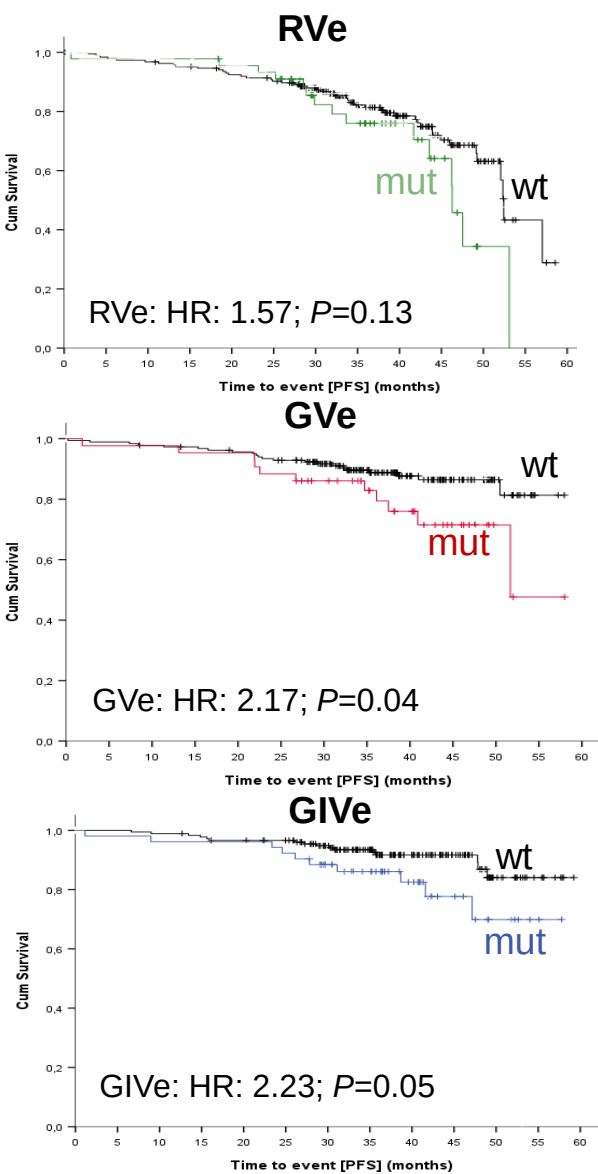
CLL13/GAIA: Efficacy results

NOTCH1 mutations and PFS

Patients with *NOTCH1* mutations had a shorter PFS with CIT and RVe/GVe/GiVe



CIT, wt	177	154	136	77	24
CIT, mut	47	39	32	18	4
RVe/GVe/GiVe, wt	549	531	502	296	100
RVe/GVe/GiVe, mut	140	136	128	75	17



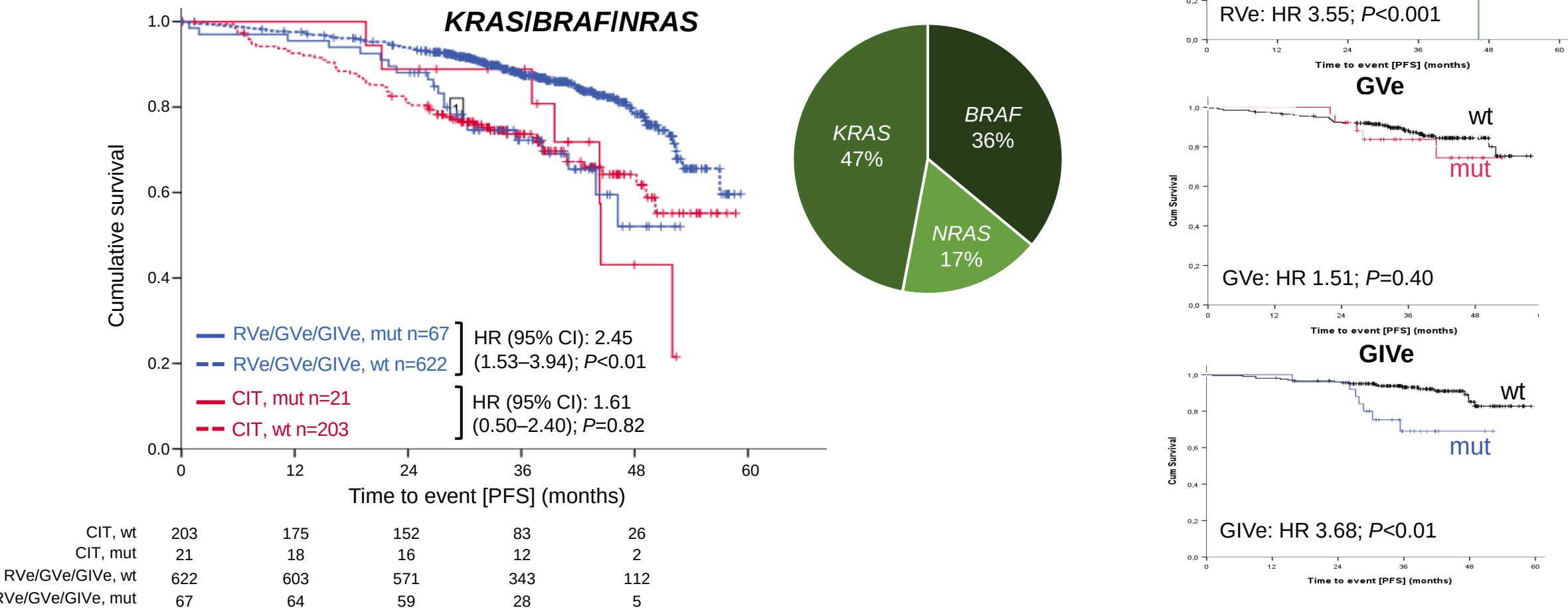
CI, confidence interval; CIT, chemoimmunotherapy; GiVe, venetoclax plus obinutuzumab and ibrutinib; GVe, venetoclax plus obinutuzumab; HR, hazard ratio; mut, mutant; PFS, progression-free survival; RVe, venetoclax plus rituximab; wt, wildtype.

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CLL13/GAIA: Efficacy results

RAS/RAF mutations and PFS

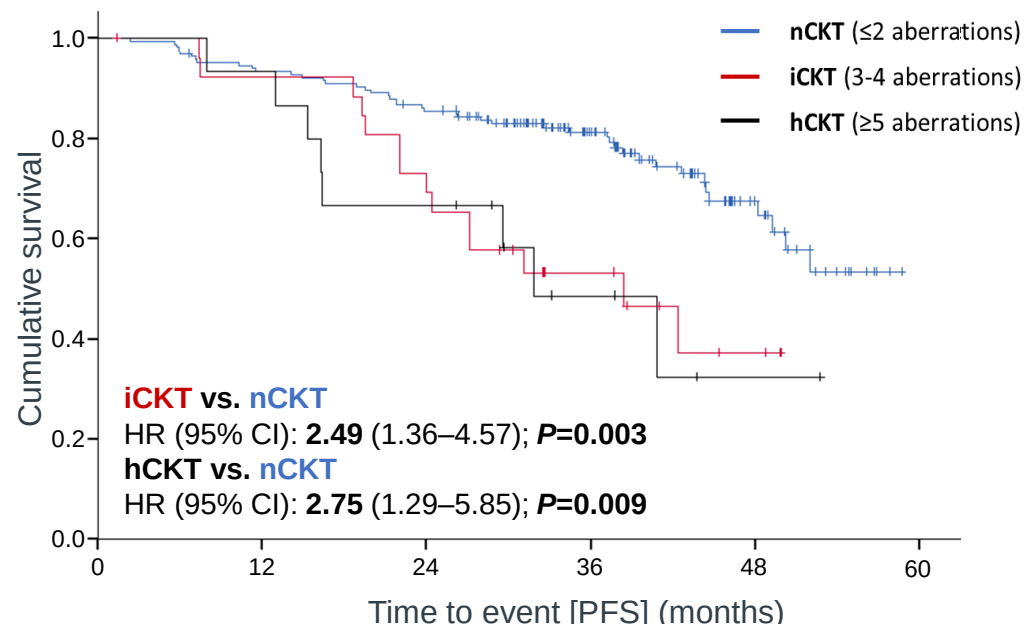
Patients with mutations in *KRAS/BRAF/NRAS* had a shorter PFS when treated with RVe or GVe



CI, confidence interval; CIT, chemioimmunotherapy; GIVE, venetoclax plus obinutuzumab and ibrutinib; GVe, venetoclax plus obinutuzumab; HR, hazard ratio; mut, mutant; PFS, progression-free survival; RVe, venetoclax plus rituximab; wt, wildtype.
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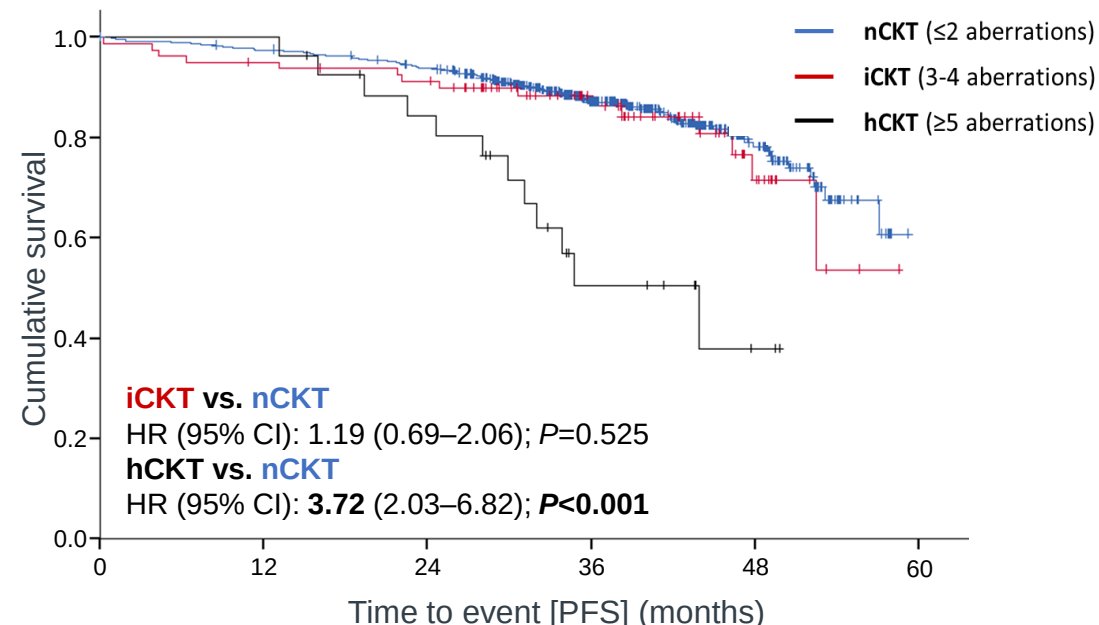
CLL13/GAIA: Impact of hCKT/iCKT on PFS

PFS, chemoimmunotherapy arm



Patients at risk					
	0	12	24	36	48
nCKT	177	155	141	84	24
iCKT	30	24	18	9	3
hCKT	16	14	10	4	1

PFS, pooled venetoclax arms

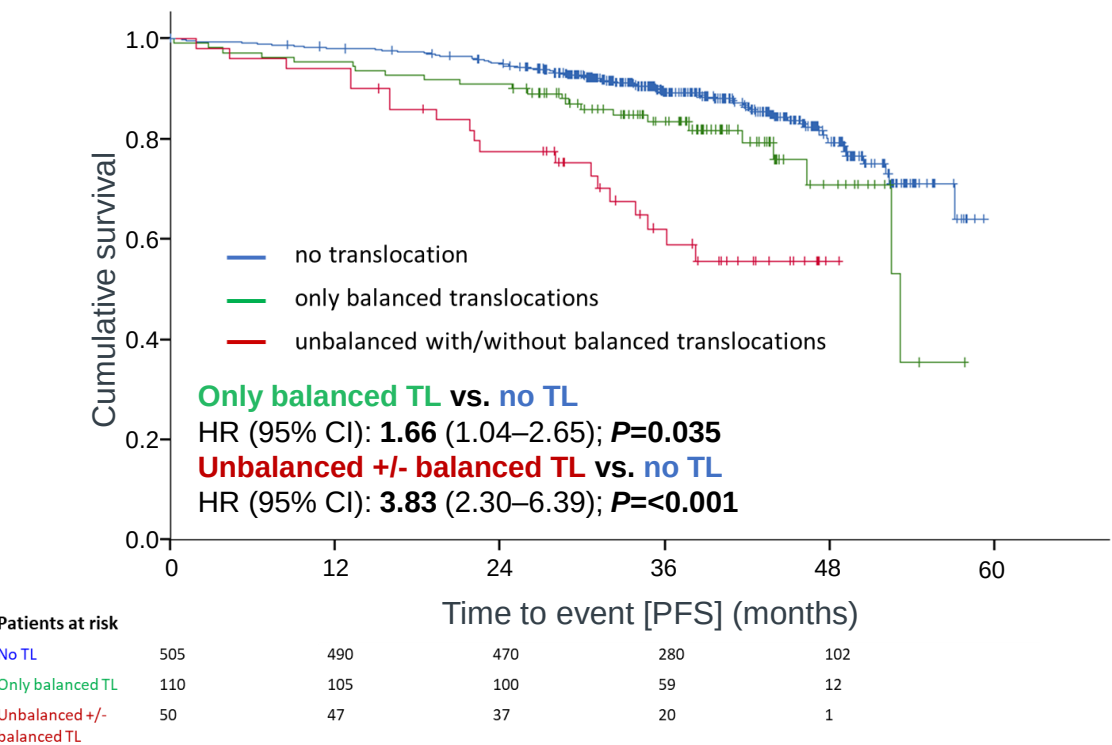


Patients at risk					
	0	12	24	36	48
nCKT	565	547	522	308	99
iCKT	80	75	71	44	14
hCKT	27	27	21	8	2

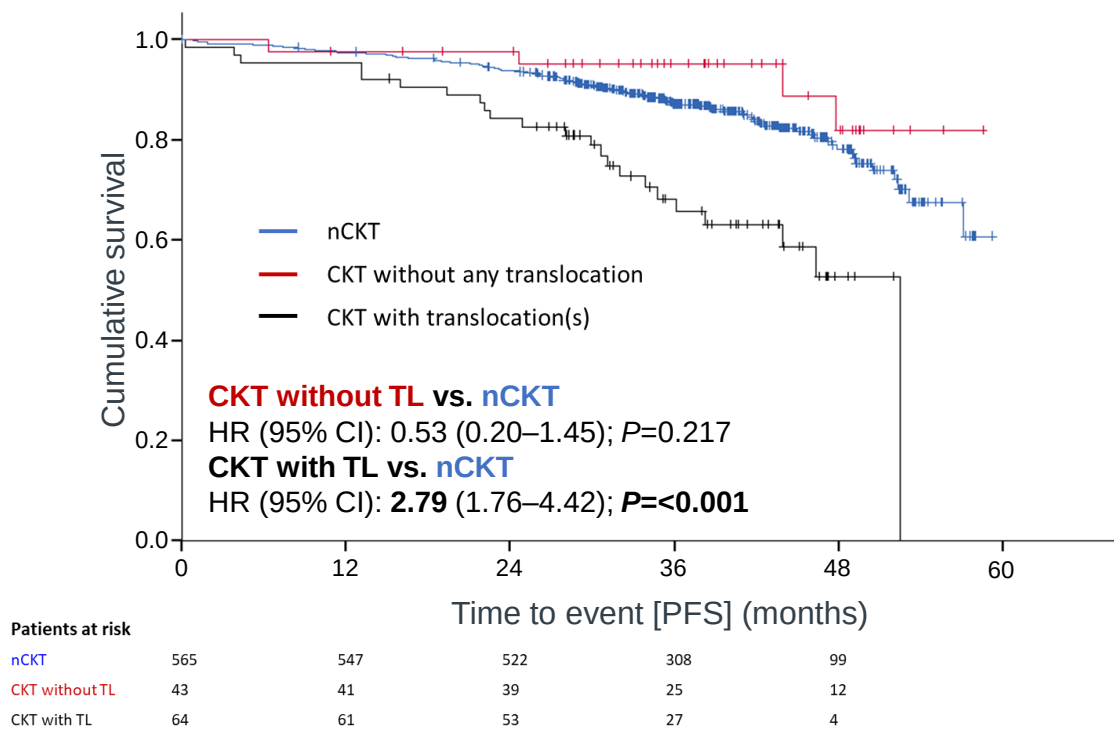
Presence of hCKT but not iCKT is associated with shorter PFS in pooled venetoclax arms

CLL13/GAIA: Impact of translocations on PFS

PFS, pooled venetoclax arms

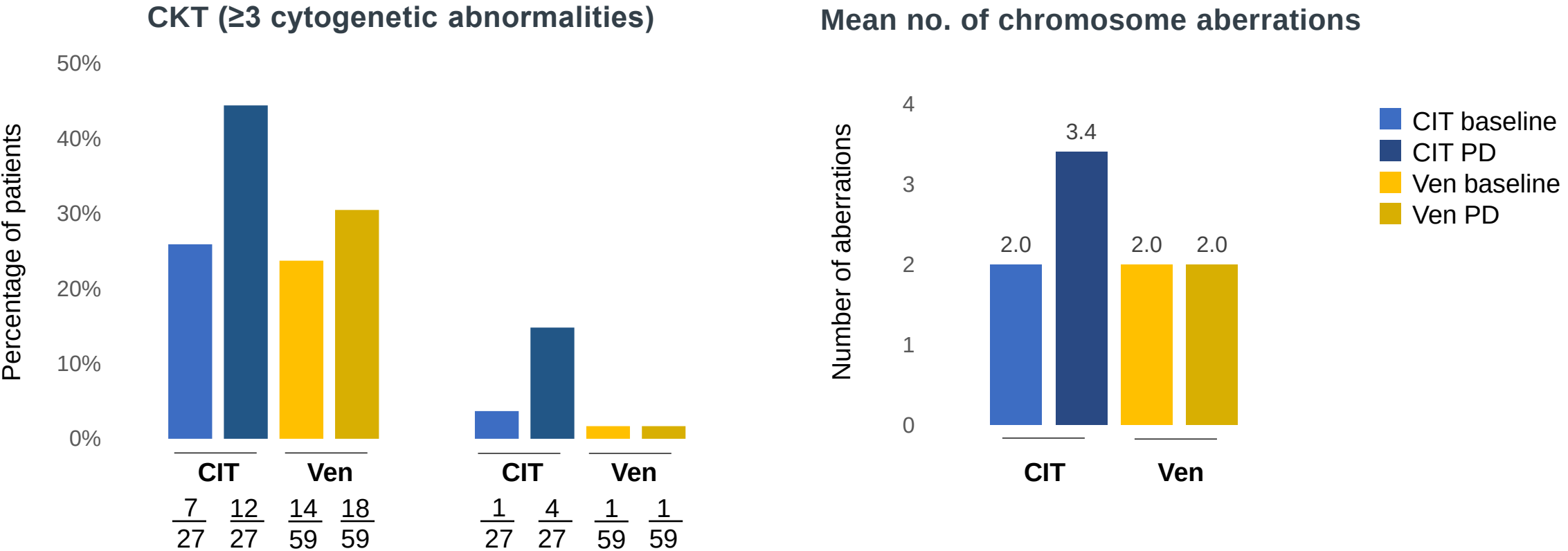


PFS, pooled venetoclax arms



Both **balanced** and **unbalanced** translocations are associated with shorter PFS in pooled venetoclax arms

CLL13/GAIA: Karyotype evolution at progression



CIT is associated with an **increase in chromosomal aberrations** while venetoclax treatment is not

CLL13/GAIA

Multivariate analysis for CIT and RVe/GVe/GIVe

Full trial analysis for PFS

	HR	95% CI	P
GVe vs. CIT	0.42	0.27–0.65	<0.001
GIVe vs. CIT	0.33	0.21–0.52	<0.001
uIGHV	2.43	1.70–3.47	<0.001
CKT	1.98	1.42–2.77	<0.001
Binet B/C vs. A	1.55	1.06–2.27	0.03
<i>NOTCH1</i> ^{mut}	1.46	1.05–2.05	0.03

uIGHV, CKT and *NOTCH1* mutations were independent prognostic factors for CIT and RVe/GVe/GIVe.

RAS/RAF mutations were only prognostic with venetoclax therapy.

CIT for PFS

	HR	95% CI	P
uIGHV	3.08	1.55–6.12	0.001
>65 years	2.26	1.34–3.83	0.002
<i>NOTCH1</i> ^{mut}	2.12	1.16–3.88	0.01
Del(11q)	1.89	1.06–3.36	0.03
CKT	1.87	1.06–3.27	0.03

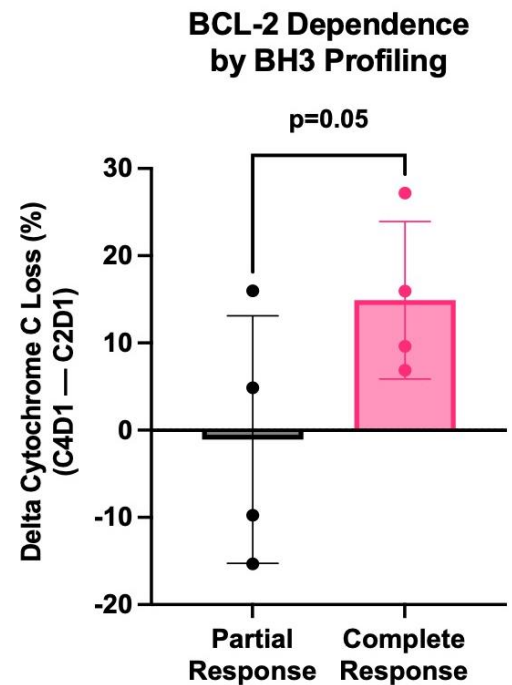
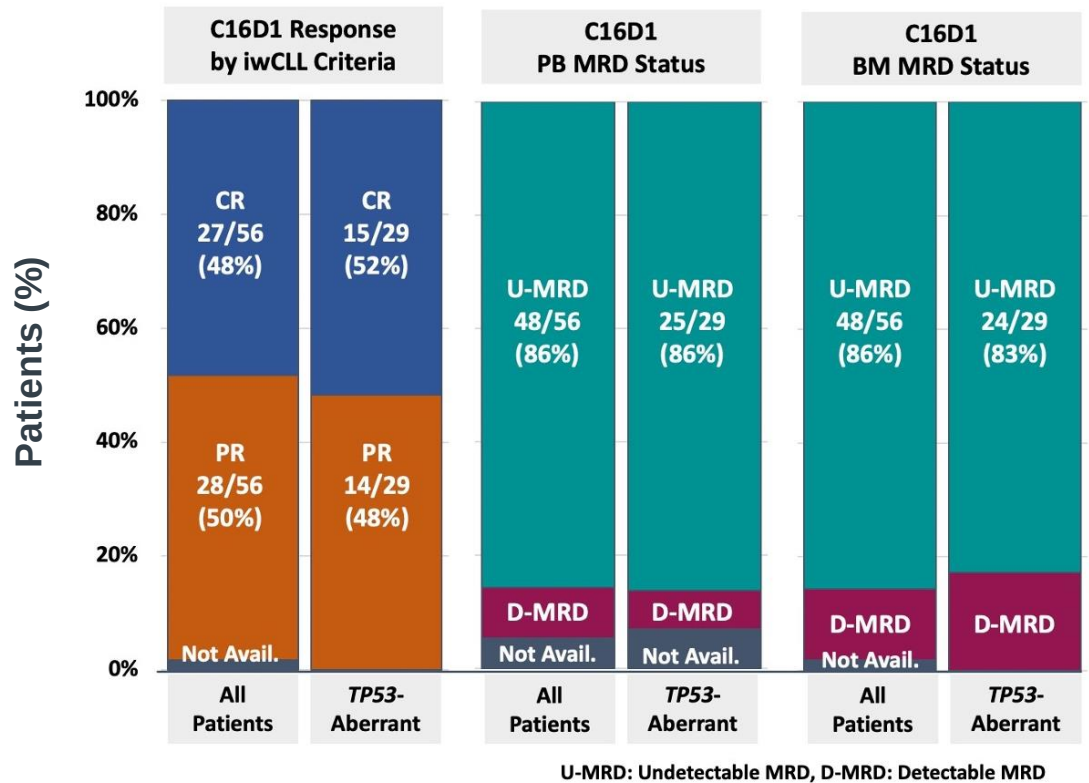
RVe/GVe/GIVe for PFS

	HR	95% CI	P
uIGHV	1.85	1.20–2.84	0.005
<i>RAS/RAF</i> ^{mut}	1.87	1.14–3.06	0.01
Unbalanced translocations CKT	1.66	1.07–2.56	0.02
b2MG>3.5mg/L	1.56	1.03–2.36	0.04
<i>NOTCH1</i> ^{mut}	1.54	1.02–2.33	0.04

CI, confidence interval; CIT, chemioimmunotherapy; CKT, complex karyotype; GIVe, venetoclax plus obinutuzumab and ibrutinib; GVe, venetoclax plus Obinutuzumab; HR, hazard ratio; PFS, progression-free survival; RVe, venetoclax plus rituximab; uIGHV, unmutated immunoglobulin heavy chain variable.

Furstenau M *et al.* Oral presentation at ASH 2022; New Orleans, LA, USA, December 10–13, 2022 (Abstract 346).

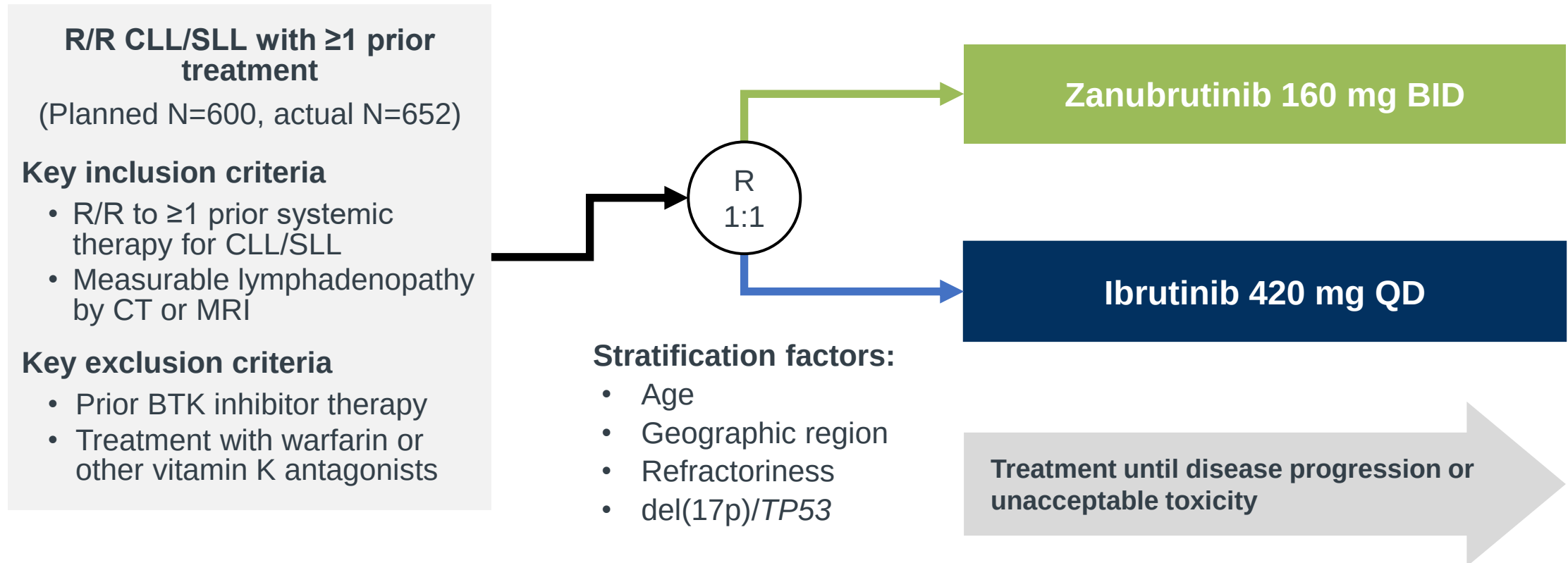
First-line high-risk CLL: Acalabrutinib, venetoclax, obinutuzumab



63/68 (93%) PFS
at 35 months
median follow-up

BCL-2, B-cell lymphoma 2; BM, bone marrow; CR, complete remission; CLL, chronic lymphocytic leukemia; D-MRD, detectable MRD; iwCLL, international workshop on CLL; MRD, minimal residual disease; ORR, overall response rate; PB, peripheral blood; PFS, progression-free survival; PR, partial remission; U-MRD, undetectable MRD.
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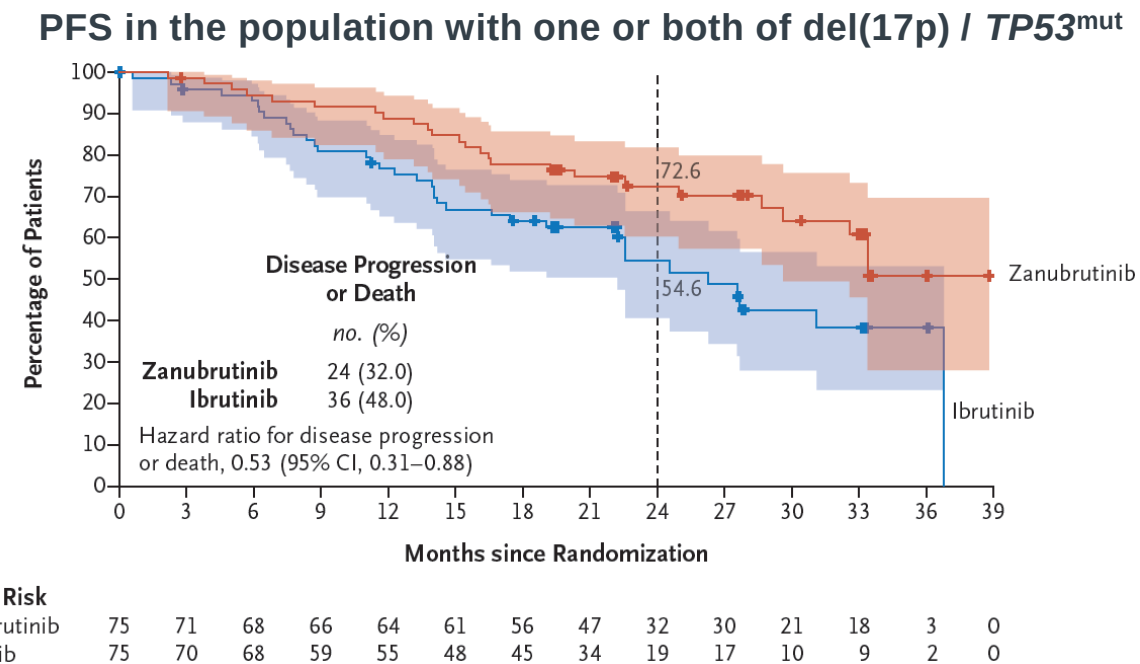
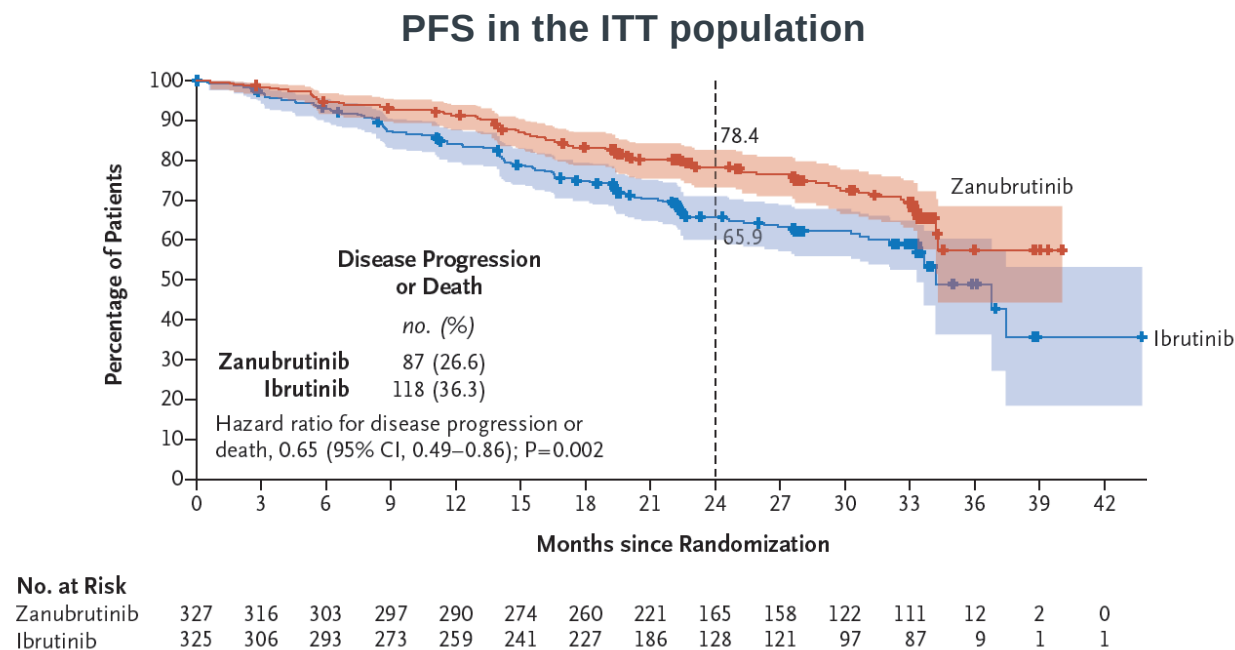
ALPINE: Study design



BID, twice a day; CLL, chronic lymphocytic leukemia; CT, computed tomography; del, deletion; QD, once a day; LBA, late-breaking abstract; MRI, magnetic resonance imaging; R, randomization; R/R, relapsed/refractory; SLL, small lymphocytic lymphoma.

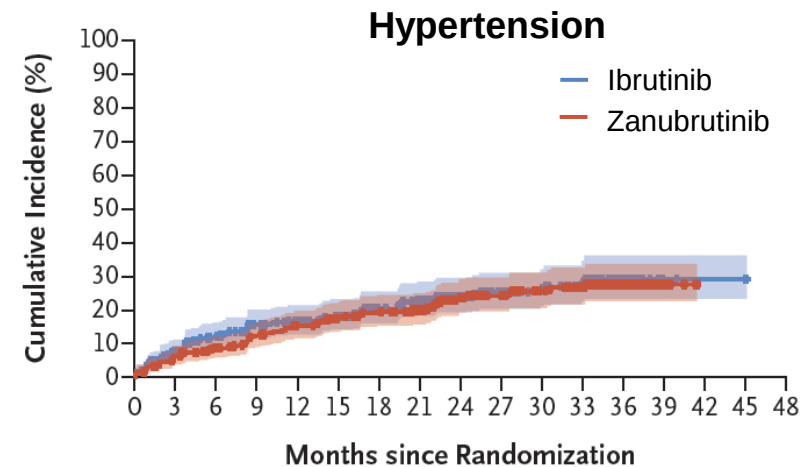
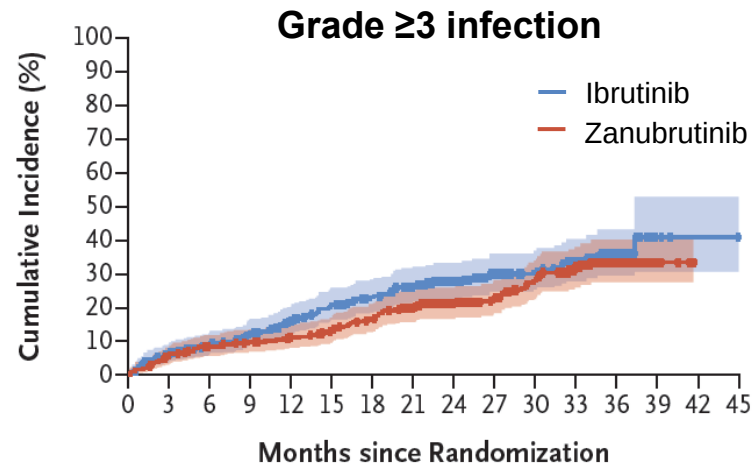
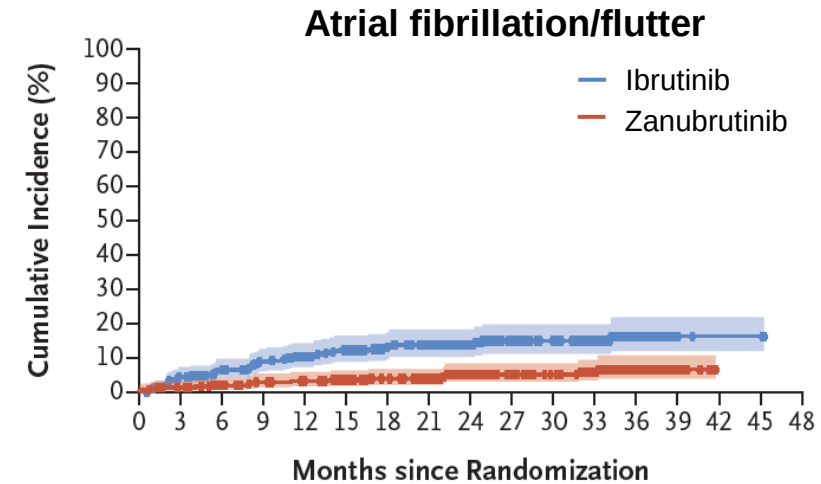
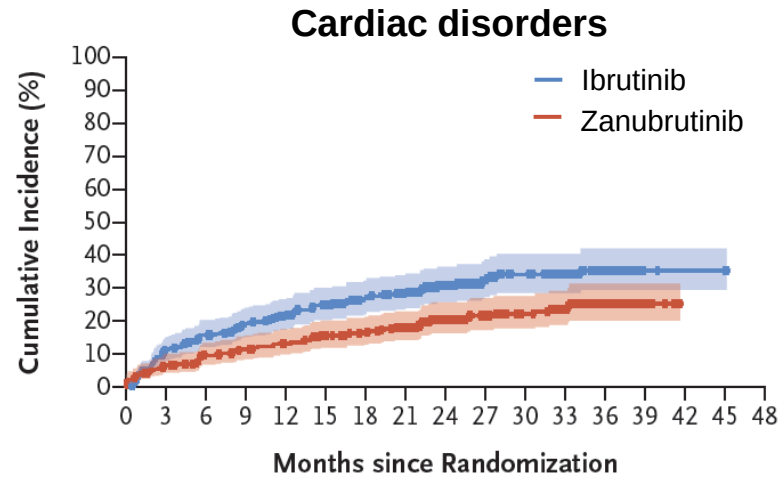
Brown J *et al.* Oral presentation at ASH 2022; New Orleans, LA, USA, December 10–13, 2022 (Abstract LBA–6).

Zanubrutinib vs. ibrutinib for R/R CLL: What is high-risk?



CI, confidence interval; CLL, chronic lymphocytic leukemia; ITT, intention-to-treat; PFS, progression-free survival; R/R, relapsed/refractory.
Brown JR et al. *N Engl J Med* 2023; 388 (4): 319–332.

Zanubrutinib vs. ibrutinib for R/R CLL: Different adverse events



Pirtobrutinib for BTK inhibitor exposed R/R CLL

Characteristics	n=247
Median age, years (range)	69 (36-88)
Male, n (%)	168 (68)
Histology	
CLL	246 (>99)
SLL	1 (<1)
Rai staging*	
0-II	131 (53)
III-IV	102 (41)
Bulky Disease ≥5 cm, n (%)	78 (32)
ECOG PS, n (%)	
0	133 (54)
1	97 (39)
2	17 (7)
Median number of prior lines of systemic therapy, n (range)	3 (1-11)

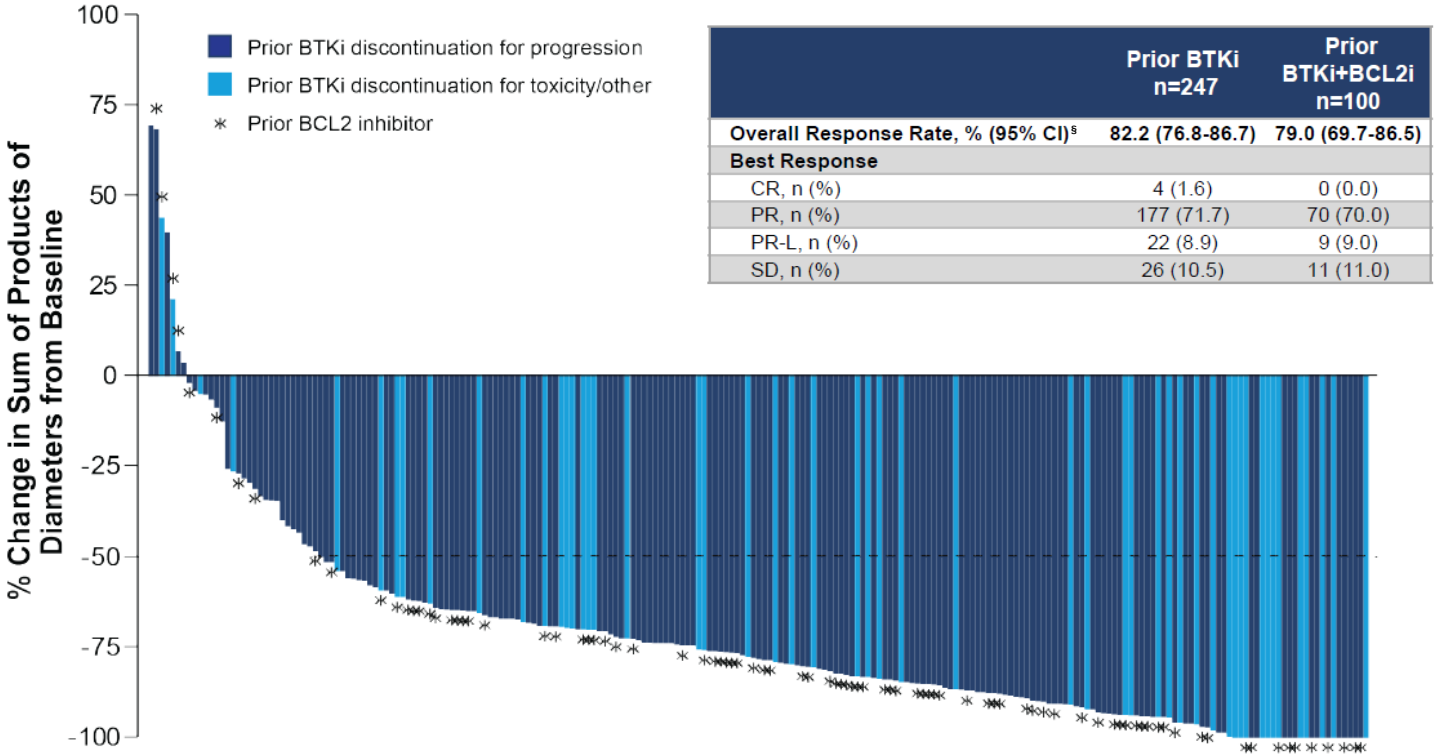
Prior therapy, n (%)

- BTK inhibitor
- Anti-CD20 antibody
- Chemotherapy
- BCL2 inhibitor
- PI3K inhibitor
- CAR-T
- Allogeneic stem cell transplant

Median time from diagnosis to first dose,

Baseline Molecular Characteristics [†]	
Mutation status, n/n available (%)	
<i>BTK</i> C481-mutant	84/222 (38)
<i>BTK</i> C481-wildtype	138/222 (62)
<i>PLCG2</i> -mutant	18/222 (8)
<i>PLCG2</i> -wildtype	204/222 (92)
High Risk Molecular Features, n/n available (%)	
17p deletion	51/176 (29)
<i>TP53</i> mutation	87/222 (39)
17p deletion and/or <i>TP53</i> mutation	90/193 (47)
Both 17p deletion and <i>TP53</i> mutation	48/170 (28)
<i>IGHV</i> unmutated	168/198 (85)
Complex Karyotype	24/57 (42)
11q deletion	44/176 (25)
Reason for prior BTKi discontinuation [‡] , n (%)	
Progressive disease	190 (77)
Toxicity/Other	57 (23)

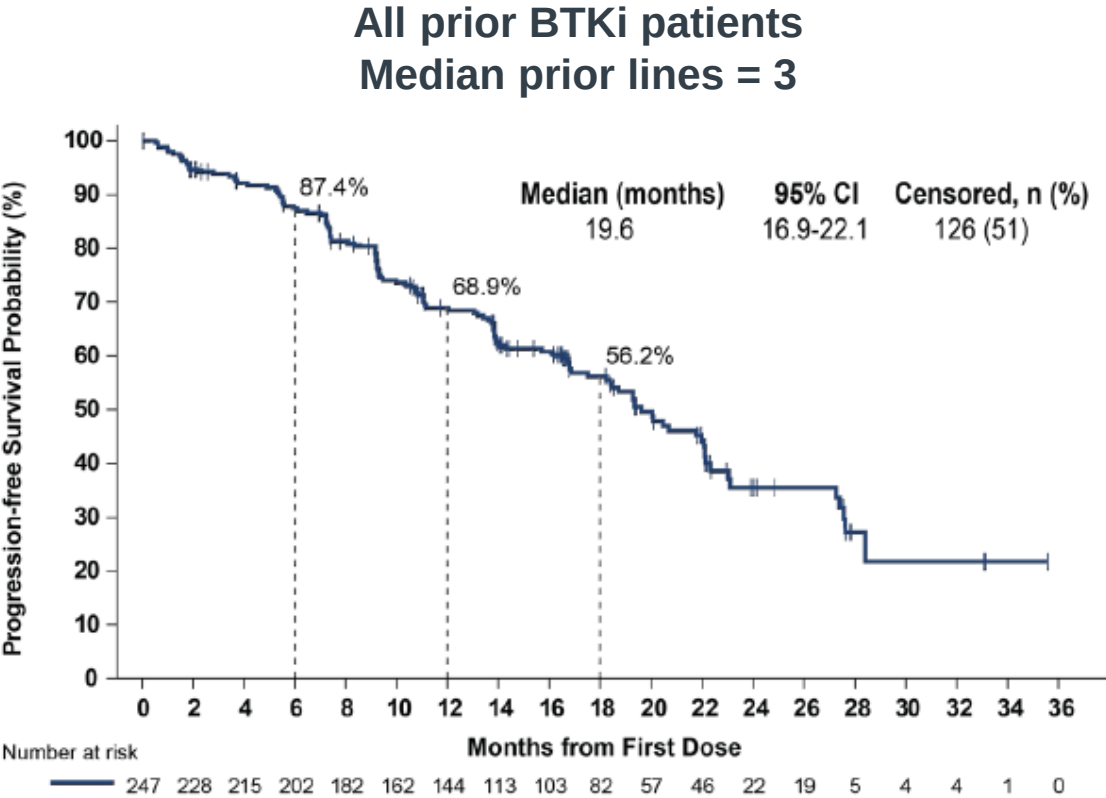
Pirtobrutinib efficacy in CLL/SLL patients previously treated with a BTKi



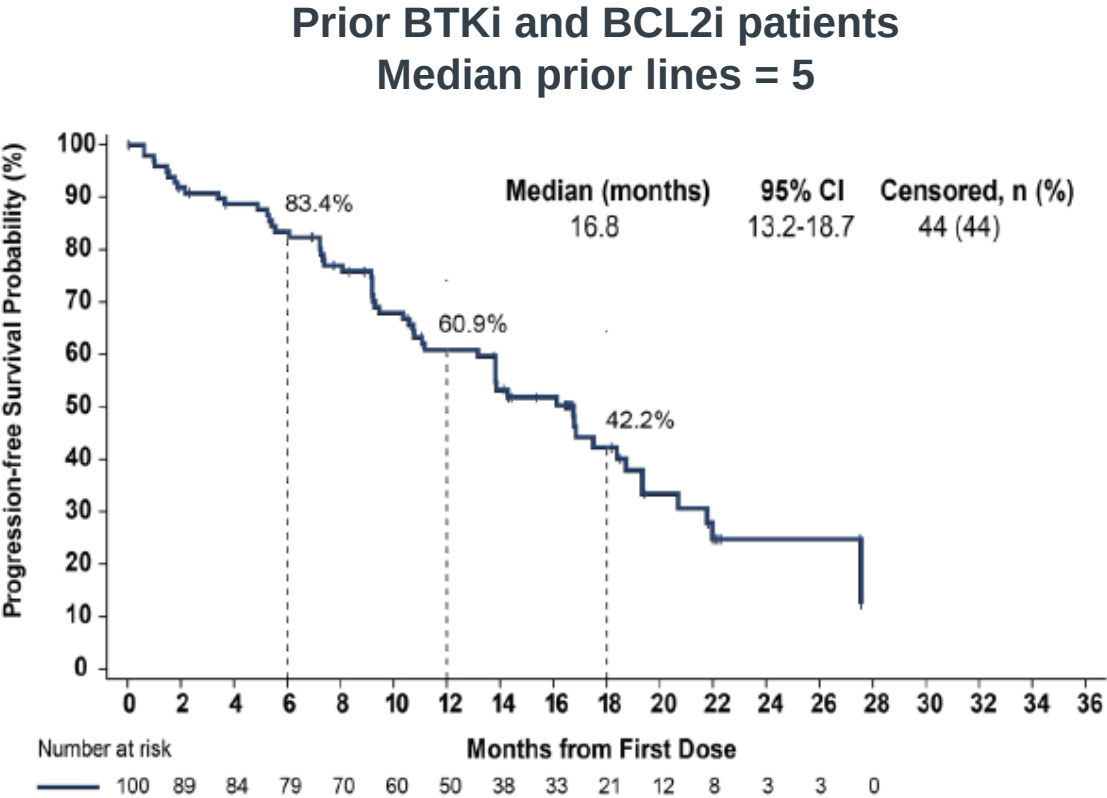
*14 patients had missing data for Rai staging data. [†]Molecular characteristics were determined centrally and are presented based on data availability in those patients with sufficient sample to pass assay quality control. [‡]In the event that more than one reason was noted for discontinuation, disease progression took priority. [§]ORR includes patients with a best response of CR, PR, and PR-L.

BTK, BTK inhibitor; CLL, chronic lymphocytic leukemia; CR, complete remission; ECOG, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group; PR-L, partial remission with lymphocytosis; PR, partial remission; PS, performance status; R/R, relapsed/refractory; SD, stable disease; SLL, small lymphocytic lymphoma. Mato AR *et al.* Oral presentation at ASH 2022; New Orleans, LA, USA, December 10–13, 2022 (Abstract 961).

Pirtobrutinib for BTK inhibitor exposed R/R CLL: A single agent is not the solution!

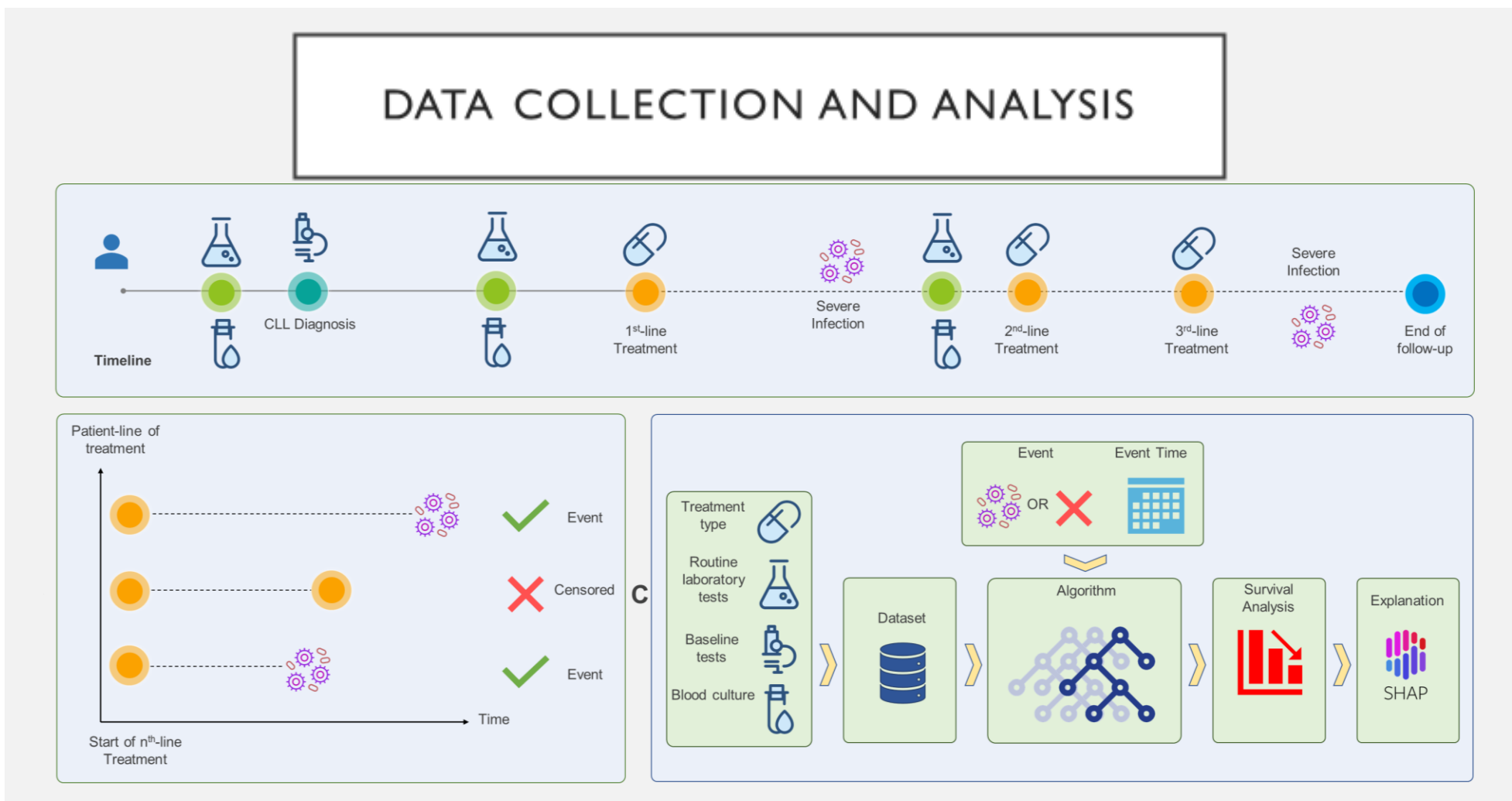


Median follow-up of 19.4 months for patients who received prior BTKi



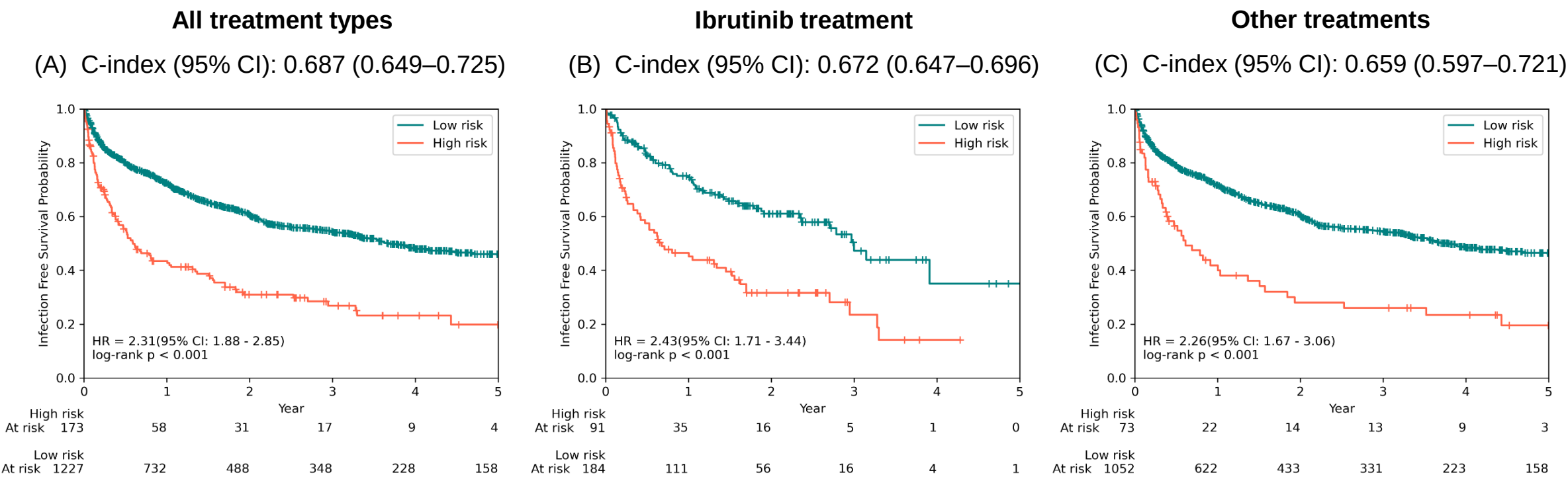
Median follow-up of 18.2 months for patients who received prior BTKi and BCL2i

Data driven modelling of risk of infection upon CLL treatment



Infection-free survival

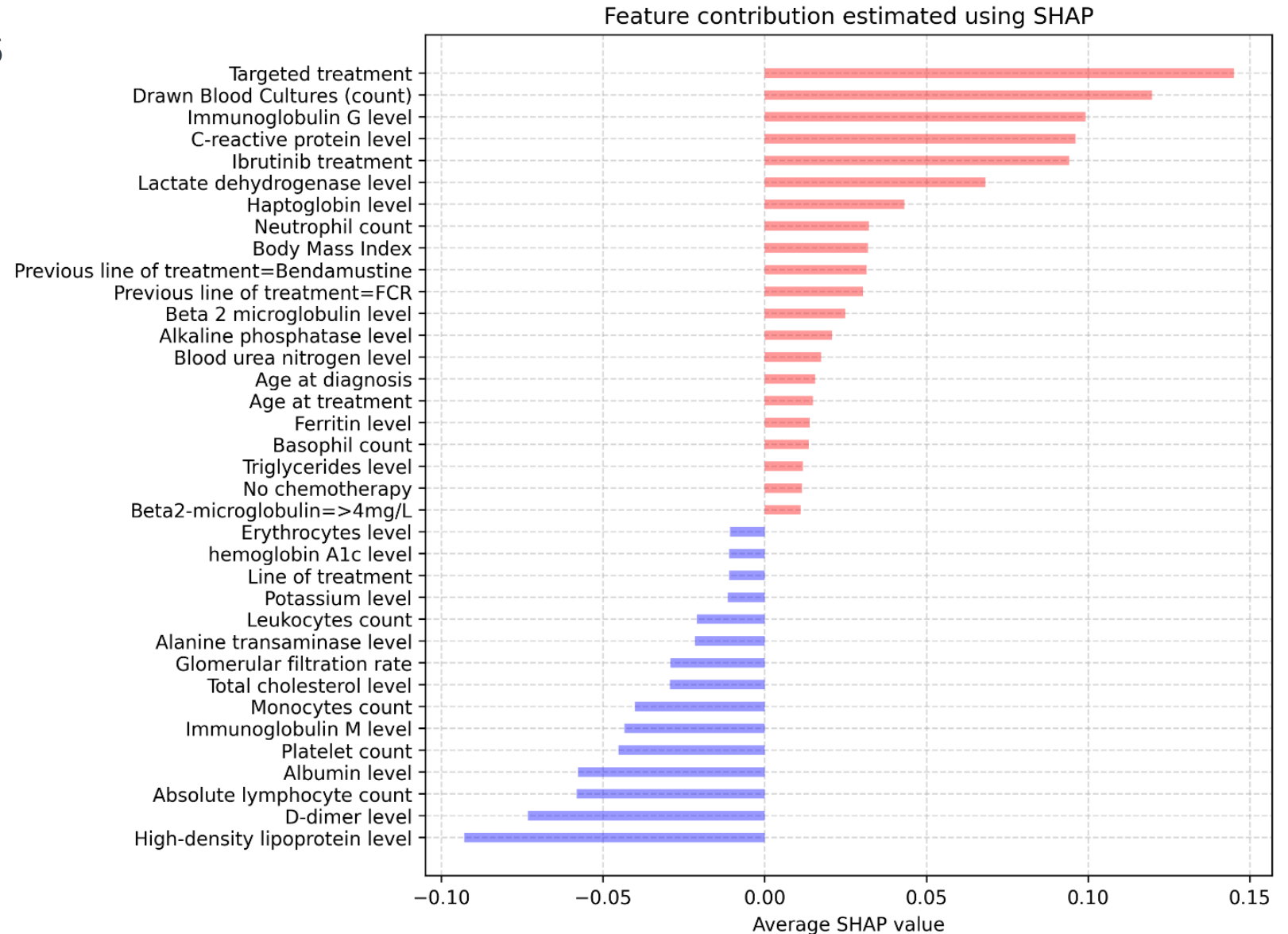
Kaplan-Meier curves of infection-free survival estimated from the start of treatment*



*A high-risk and low-risk group were identified with 57% and 28% estimated risk of a severe infection within one year of treatment initiation, respectively.
CI, confidence interval; HR, hazard ratio.
Parviz M *et al.* Oral presentation at ASH 2022; New Orleans, LA, USA, December 10–13, 2022 (Abstract 3126).

Feature contributions

- Targeted therapy including ibrutinib treatment correlated with increased risk of infection
- Targeted therapy was primarily used for patients with aggressive CLL
 - *TP53* aberration and/or relapsed/refractory CLL
- Important features:
 - The number of blood cultures drawn prior to treatment
 - Routine laboratory tests measuring immunoglobulin G, c-reactive protein, and high-density lipoprotein levels

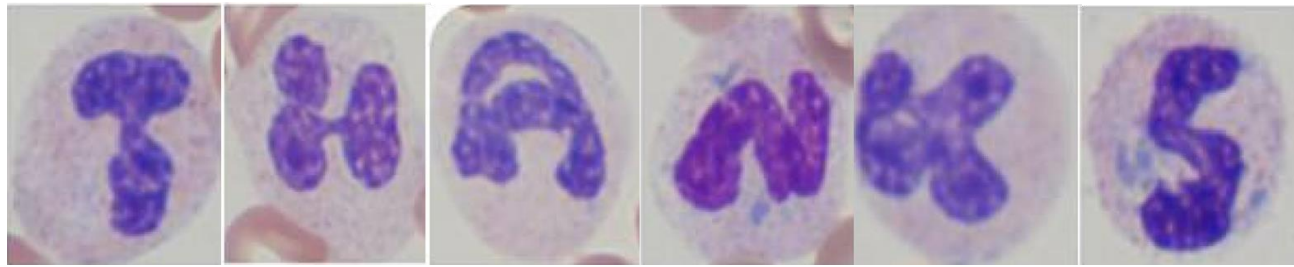


ASH 2022: Take home messages for CLL

- **GLOW study:** First-line overall survival benefit of ibrutinib-venetoclax for frail patients¹
- Early toxicity for (some) BTK inhibitors² – unmet need to identify risk groups
- MRD in CLL – need to consider treatment and molecular subgroup^{1,4,5}
- Pattern of molecular findings needed to identify high risk upon venetoclax-based combinations^{6,7}
- Mortality and morbidity from infections – we are starting to identify risk groups⁸
- Fixed-duration combination regimens, not continuous monotherapies, are needed^{1,2,9}

BTK, Bruton tyrosine kinase; CLL, chronic lymphocytic leukemia; MRD, minimal residual disease.

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