



**Venetoclax**

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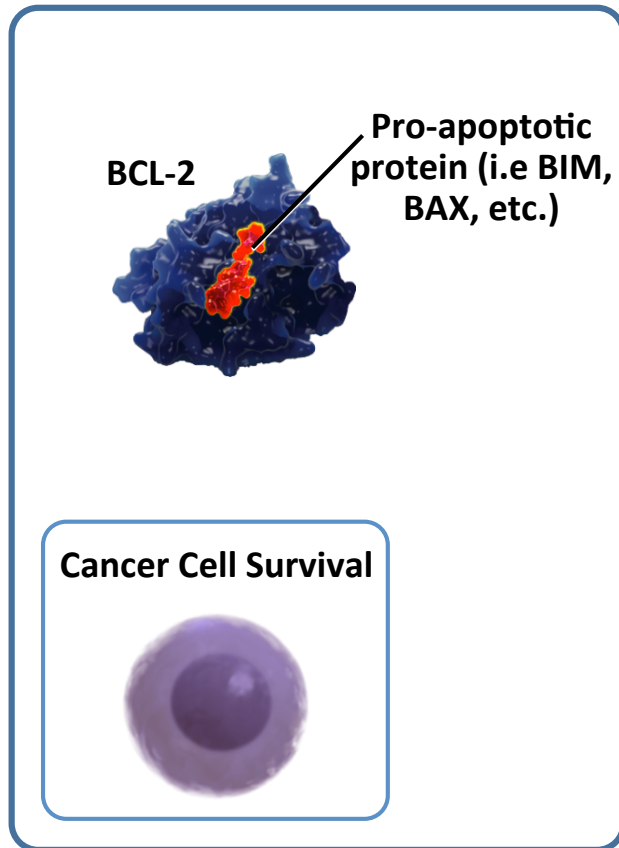
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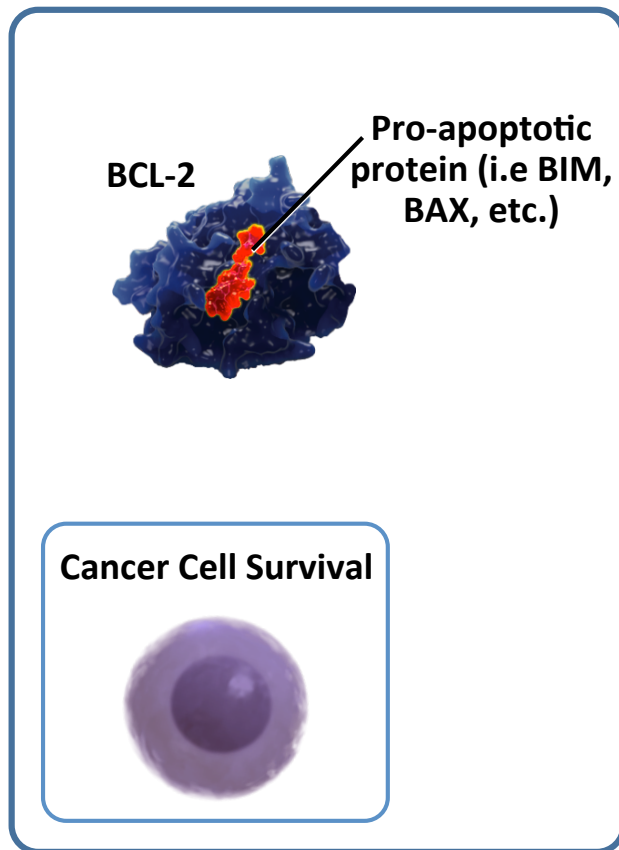
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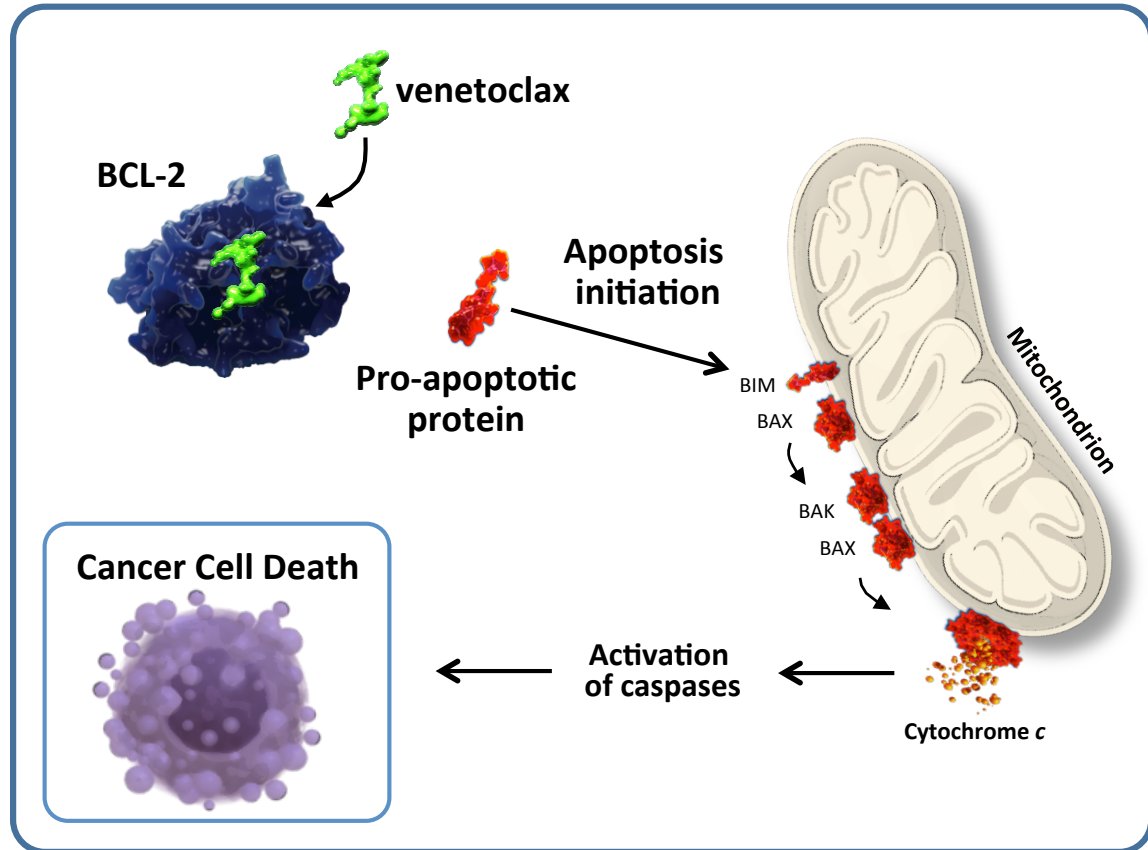
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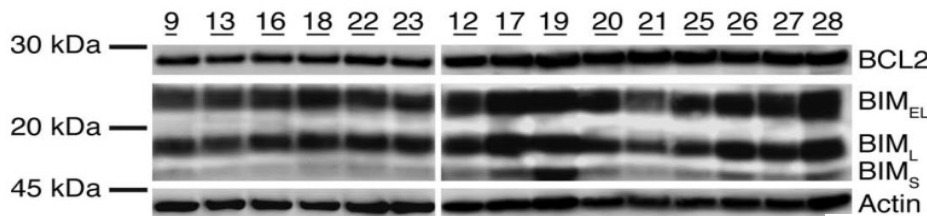
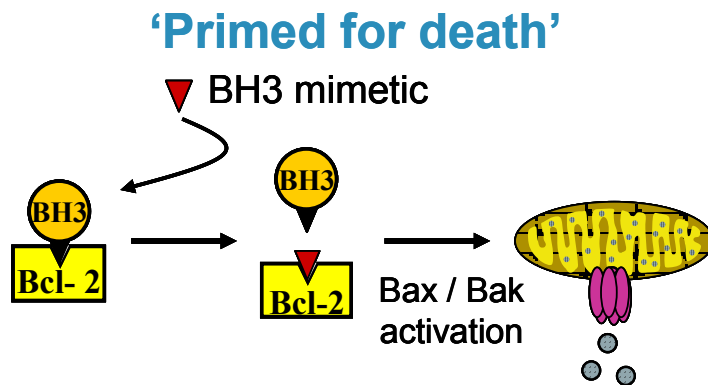


**Venetoclax binds selectively to BCL-2, freeing pro-apoptotic proteins that initiate programmed cell death (apoptosis).**<sup>4-6</sup>

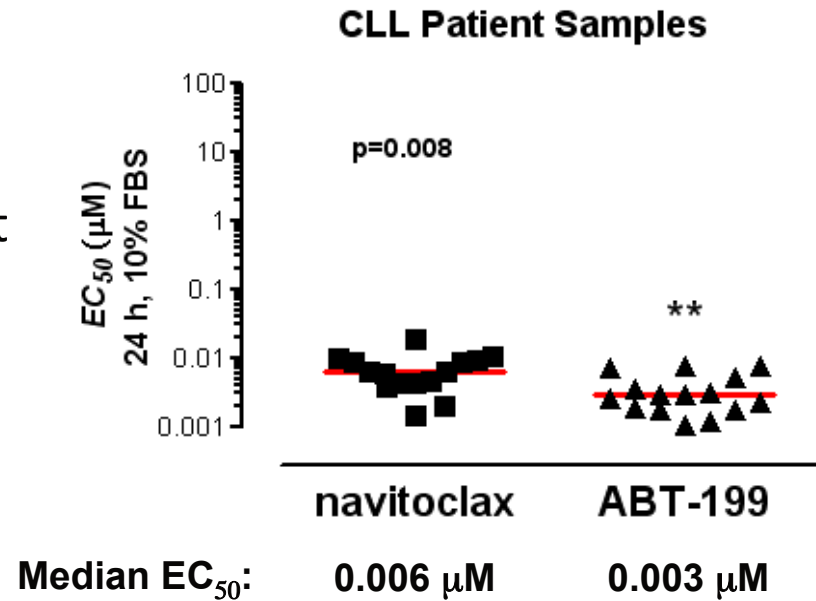
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# CLL Cell Survival is Dependent on Bcl-2 'primed for death'

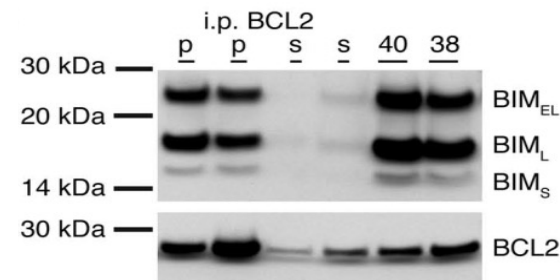
- Uniformly high Bcl-2 & Bim expression
- Bcl-2:Bim complex at mitochondria
- Bcl-2 inhibition induces rapid apoptosis
- ABT-199 potently kills primary CLL patient samples (n=15)



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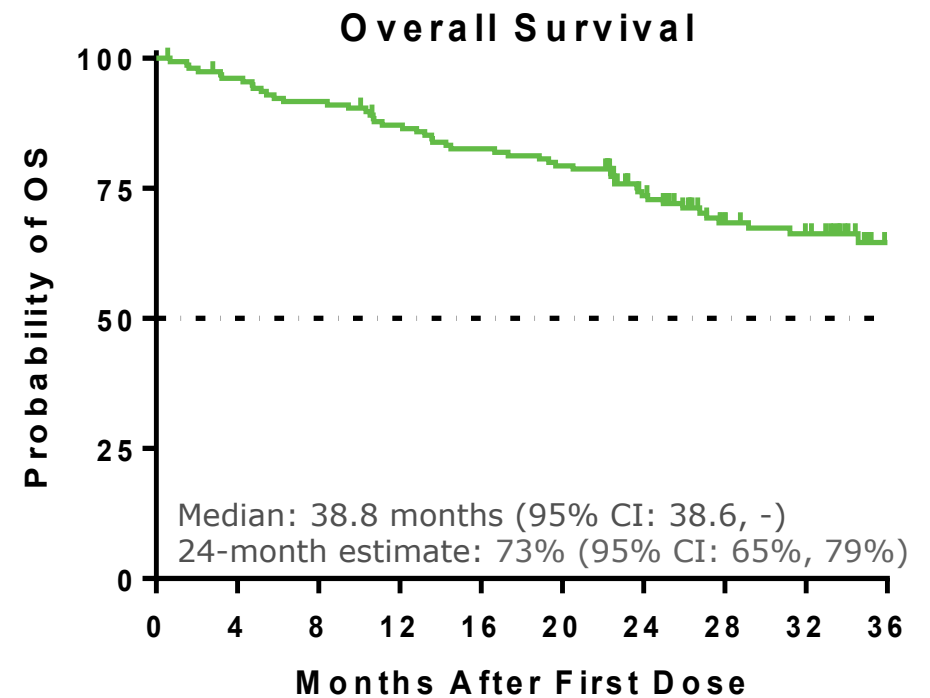
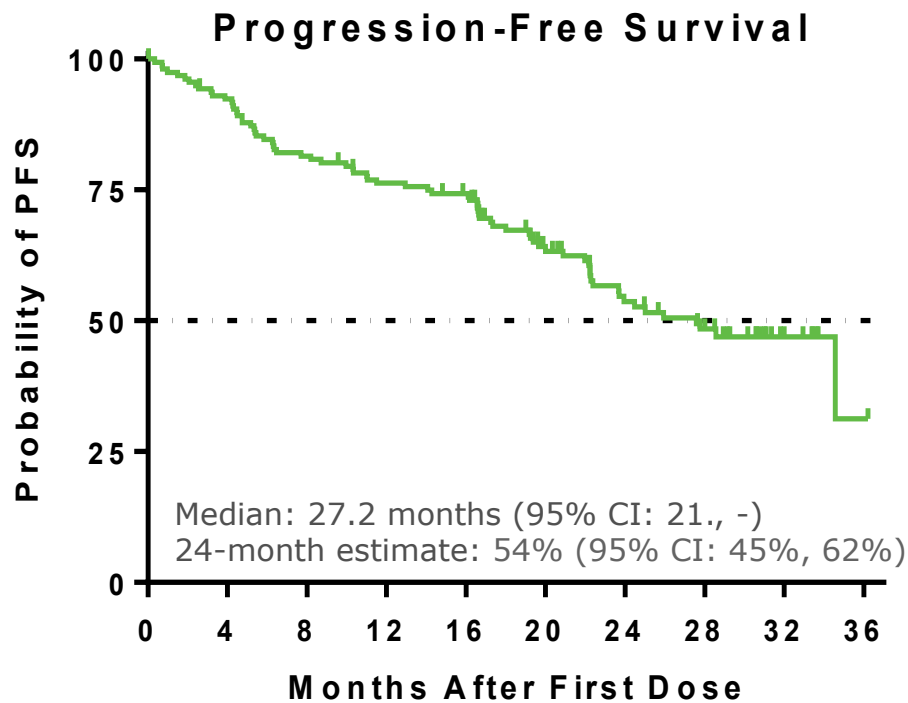
# M13-982 Trial: Venetoclax in 17p deleted CLL

	<b>All Patients N=158</b>
Age, median (range), years	67 (29 – 85)
Number of prior therapies, median (range)	2 (0 – 10)
Fludarabine-containing regimen, n (%)	60 (38)
Fludarabine refractory	45 (32)
Prior B-cell pathway receptor inhibitor	18 (11)
TLS risk category,* n (%)	
Low	36 (23)
Medium	60 (38)
High	62 (39)
ALC, median (range), x 10 <sup>9</sup> /L	25 (.3 – 399)
≥25 x 10 <sup>9</sup> /L, n (%)	79 (50)
Bulky nodes, n (%)	
≥5 cm	76 (48)
≥10 cm	21 (13)
Unmutated <i>IGVH</i> , n/N (%)	45/58 (78)
<i>TP53</i> mutation, n/N (%)	55/77 (71)
Chromosome 11q deletion, n/N (%)	38/157 (24)
Serum β-2 microglobulin, median (range), µg/mL	3.6 (1.3 – 31)

\*TLS risk categories are defined as follows: Low – all lymph nodes <5 cm and ALC <25 x10<sup>9</sup>/L, Medium – any lymph node ≥5 cm to <10 cm or ALC >25 x10<sup>9</sup>/L, High – any lymph node >10 cm OR any lymph node ≥5 cm and ALC >25 x10<sup>9</sup>/L.

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## Outcome on Venetoclax Monotherapy



Pts at risk 158 144 127 117 110 72 53 33 10

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## Best MRD Status

	Flow Cytometry and/or NGS*
<b>Peripheral blood</b>	
No. of patients	101
MRD negative	40
MRD positive	61
<b>Bone marrow</b>	
No. of patients	74
MRD negative	18
MRD positive	56

\*Specimens assayed by flow cytometry and/or NGS. Discordant results at the same visit were called MRD positive.

- 30% (48/158) patients demonstrated blood MRD negativity by flow cytometry and confirmed by NGS in 21/29 who had an evaluable matched time point specimens

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- 47% (7/15) of patients without BM assessment demonstrated sustained peripheral blood MRD negativity ( $\geq 24$  weeks) (4% [7/158] of all patients), and the remaining patients either had no other blood assessments (n=3; 1 CR, 1 nPR, 1 PR) or became MRD positive at a subsequent assessment (n=5; 1 CR, 4 PR)

	CR/CRi	nPR	PR
<b>Total peripheral blood negative</b>	20	1	19
Peripheral blood negative and bone marrow negative	14	0	4 <sup>‡</sup>
Peripheral blood negative but bone marrow positive <sup>†</sup>	3	0	4
Peripheral blood negative but bone marrow not assessed	3	1	11

<sup>†</sup>BM MRD assessment occurred concurrent with 1 or after 2 PB negative assessments.

<sup>‡</sup>Sites of residual disease in PR patients

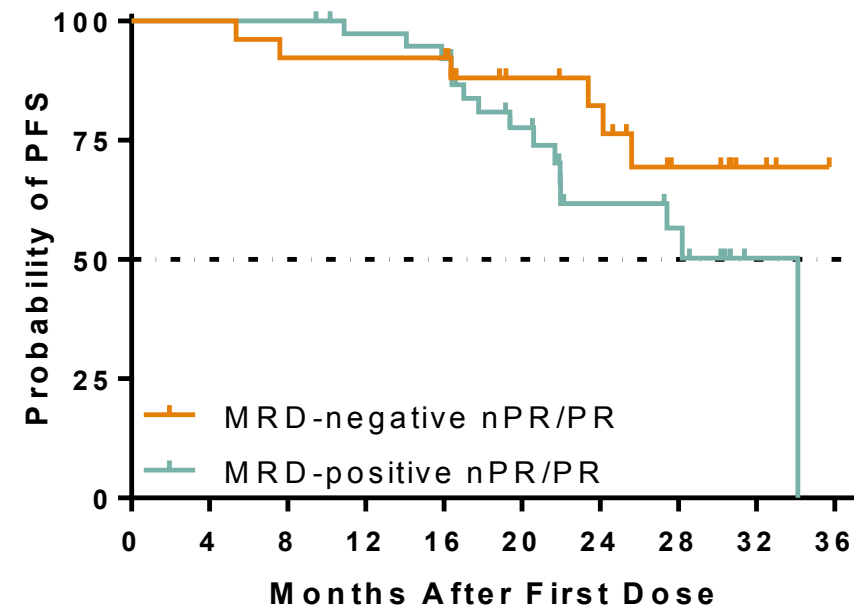
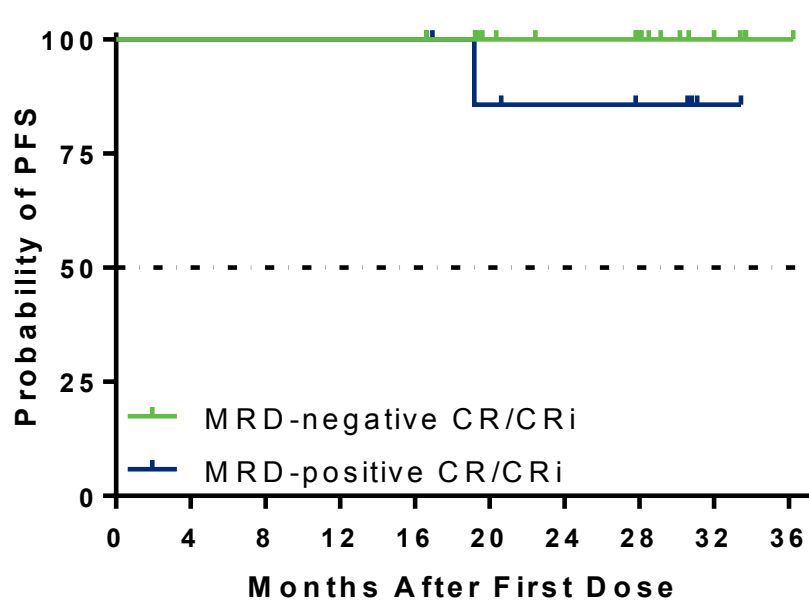
- Splenomegaly
- 18 mm lymph node
- 20 mm lymph node
- 19 mm lymph node and hepatomegaly



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## MRD in Peripheral Blood and PFS

- 24-month PFS estimates of MRD in blood by flow cytometry:
  - MRD-negative CR/CRi: 100% (n=22)
  - MRD-positive CR/CRi: 86% (n=9)
  - MRD-negative nPR/PR: 83% (n=26)
  - MRD-positive nPR/PR: 62% (n=40)



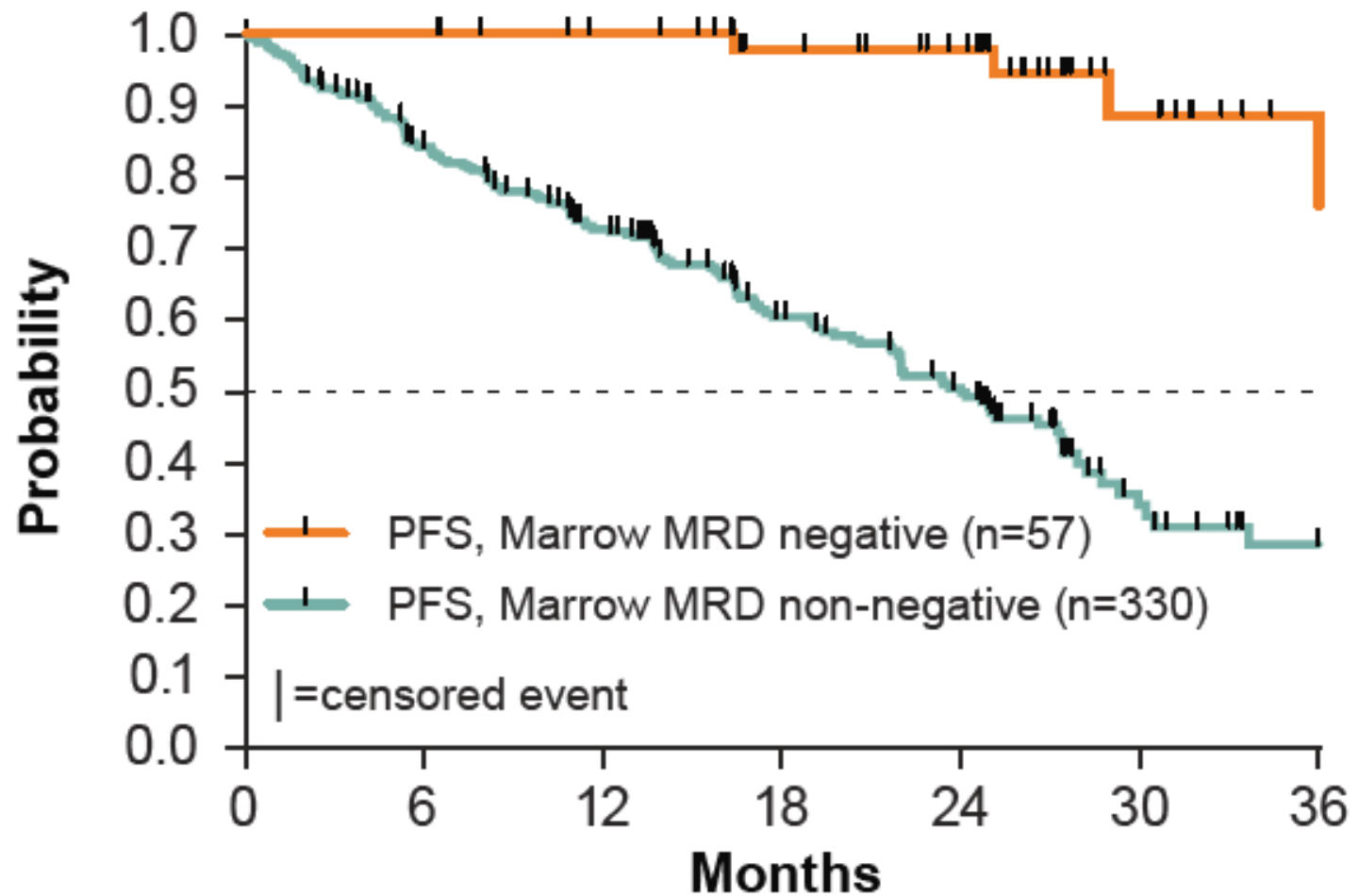
Pts at risk

22	22	22	22	22	18	16	14	6	2
9	9	9	9	9	7	6	5	2	1

Pts at risk

26	26	25	25	25	19	15	9	4
40	40	40	38	36	23	14	10	2

# Pooled Multi-trial Analysis of Venetoclax Efficacy in R/R CLL: PFS by Marrow MRD Status



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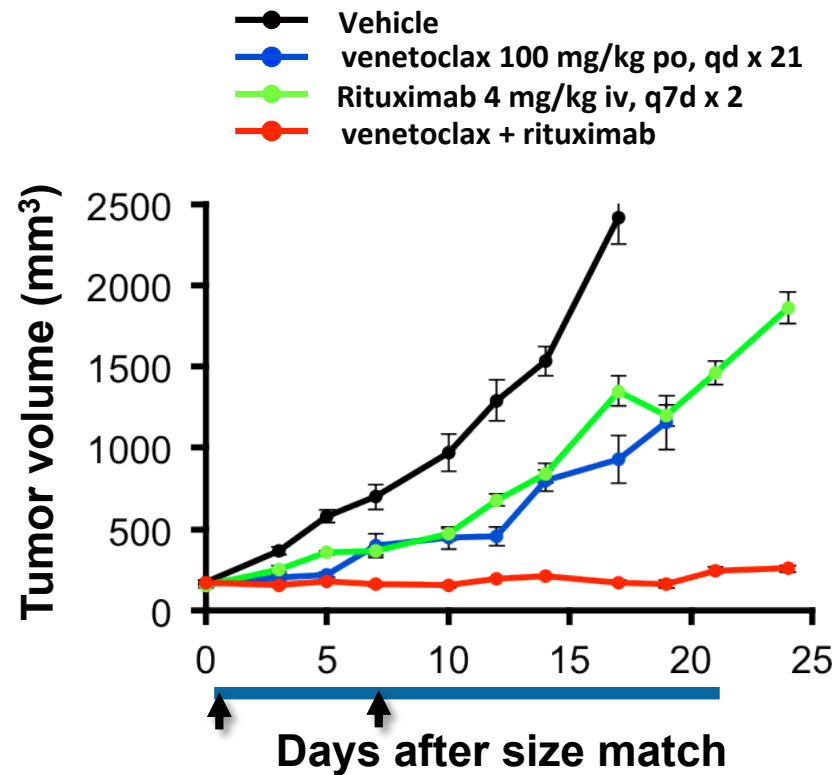
PFS (MRD negative)	57	57	50	41	35	15	7
PFS (MRD non-negative)	330	262	197	117	85	22	11



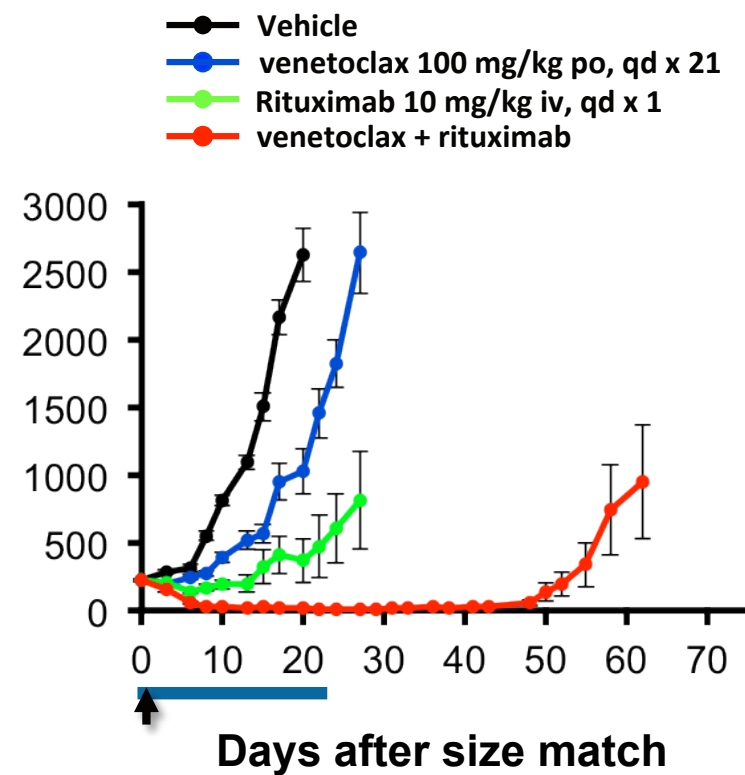
# Venetoclax Combines with Rituximab *in vivo*

- SU-DHL-4 and DoHH2 harbor t(14;18) translocation

## SU-DHL-4 (DLBCL) flank xenograft



## DoHH2 (FL) flank xenograft



# Deep and Durable Responses Following Venetoclax (ABT-199 / GDC-0199) Combined with Rituximab in Patients with Relapsed / Refractory Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia: Results from a Phase 1b Study

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# Patient Characteristics

Characteristics	N = 49
Median age, years [range]	68 [50–88]
Male sex, n (%)	30 (61)
Diagnosis CLL / SLL	48 / 1
Lymphocyte count ( $\times 10^9/L$ ), median [range]	18.6 [0.3–207.1]
> $5 \times 10^9/L$ , n (%)	32 (65)
Bulky nodes, n (%)	
> 5 cm	22 (45)
Prior therapies – median [range]	2 [1–5]
$\geq 3$ , n (%)	21 (43)
Rituximab-containing, n (%)	45 (90)
- Rituximab Refractory <sup>a</sup>	14 (29)
Fludarabine-containing, n (%)	28 (57)
- Fludarabine Refractory <sup>a</sup>	9 (18)
del17p and/or TP53 mutation, n/N (%)	15/45 (33)
Unmutated <i>IGVH</i> , n/N (%)	19/27 (70)

<sup>a</sup> Progressed on therapy or within 6 months of therapy

As of October 28, 2015

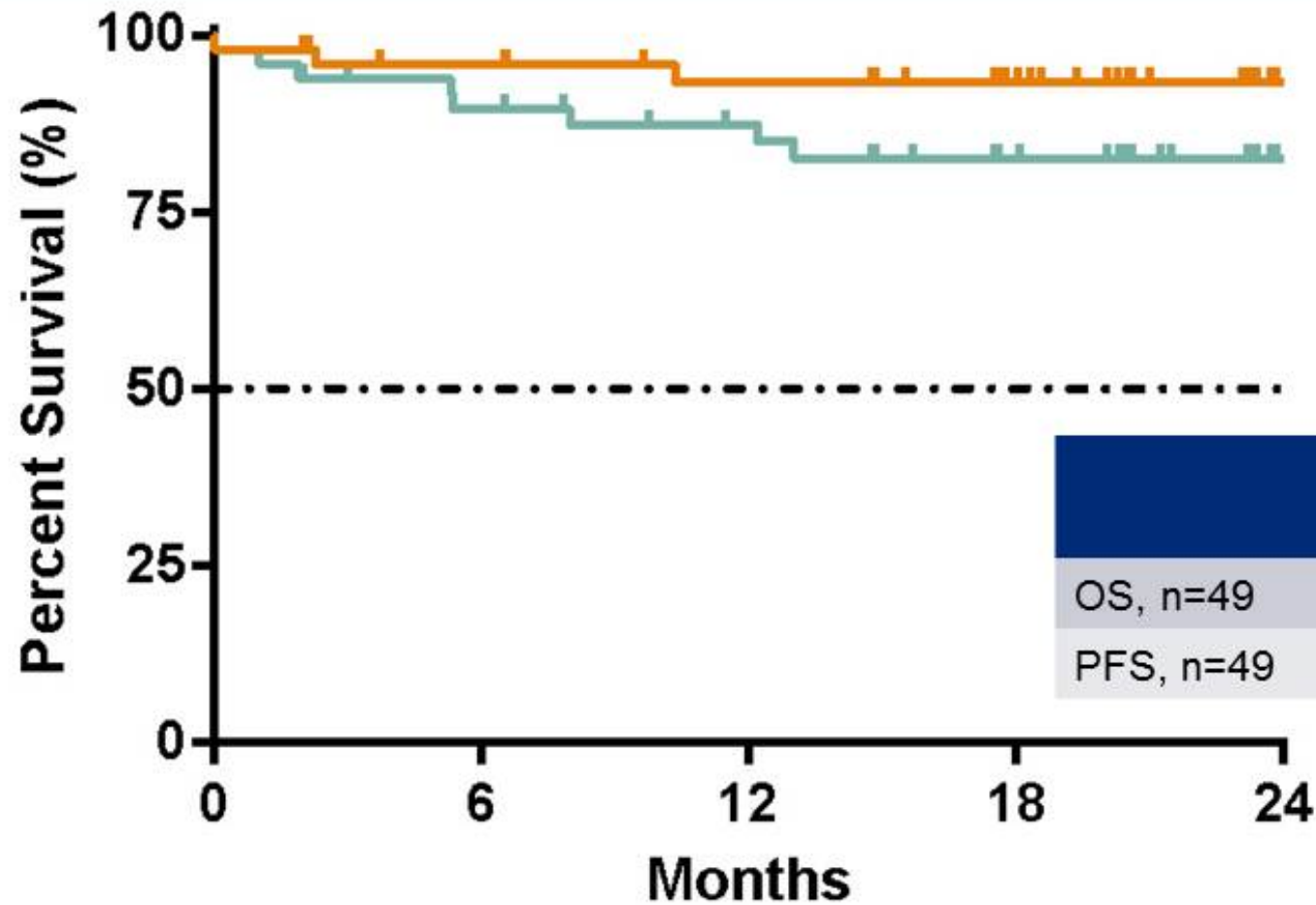
# Objective Responses

Best Objective Response, n (%)	All Patients n=49
Overall Response	42 (86)
Complete response, CR (includes 7 CRi)	23 (47)
Partial response, PR (includes 1 nPR)	19 (39)
Stable disease	4 (8)
Disease progression	2 (4)
Death (TLS) <sup>a</sup>	1 (2)

<sup>a</sup> Fatal TLS event previously reported; no other fatal TLS events occurred after May 2013 protocol amendment

- The median time on study is 21 months (<1 – 37) for all patients
  - 37 patients remain on study with a median time of 23 (15 – 37) months
  - 12 discontinued (6 due to PD including 5 Richter's; 3 due to AE; 3 withdrew consent)

# Progression Free Survival and Overall Survival



	24-month estimate (95% CI)
OS, n=49	94% (81, 98)
PFS, n=49	83% (68, 90)

<b>Patients at risk:</b>	49	44	40	32	16
Patients at risk:	49	42	37	28	16

# Bone Marrow Minimal Residual Disease (MRD)

MRD was assessed using local institutional methods and sensitivity  $\leq 10^{-4}$

Response Classification	MRD-negative	MRD-positive	Not evaluable
CR (n=23)	17	5	1 <sup>a</sup>
PR (n=19)	10	8	1 <sup>a</sup>
Other (n=7)	0	1 <sup>b</sup>	6 <sup>c</sup>
Total, n/N (%)	27/49 (55)	14/49 (29)	8/49 (16)

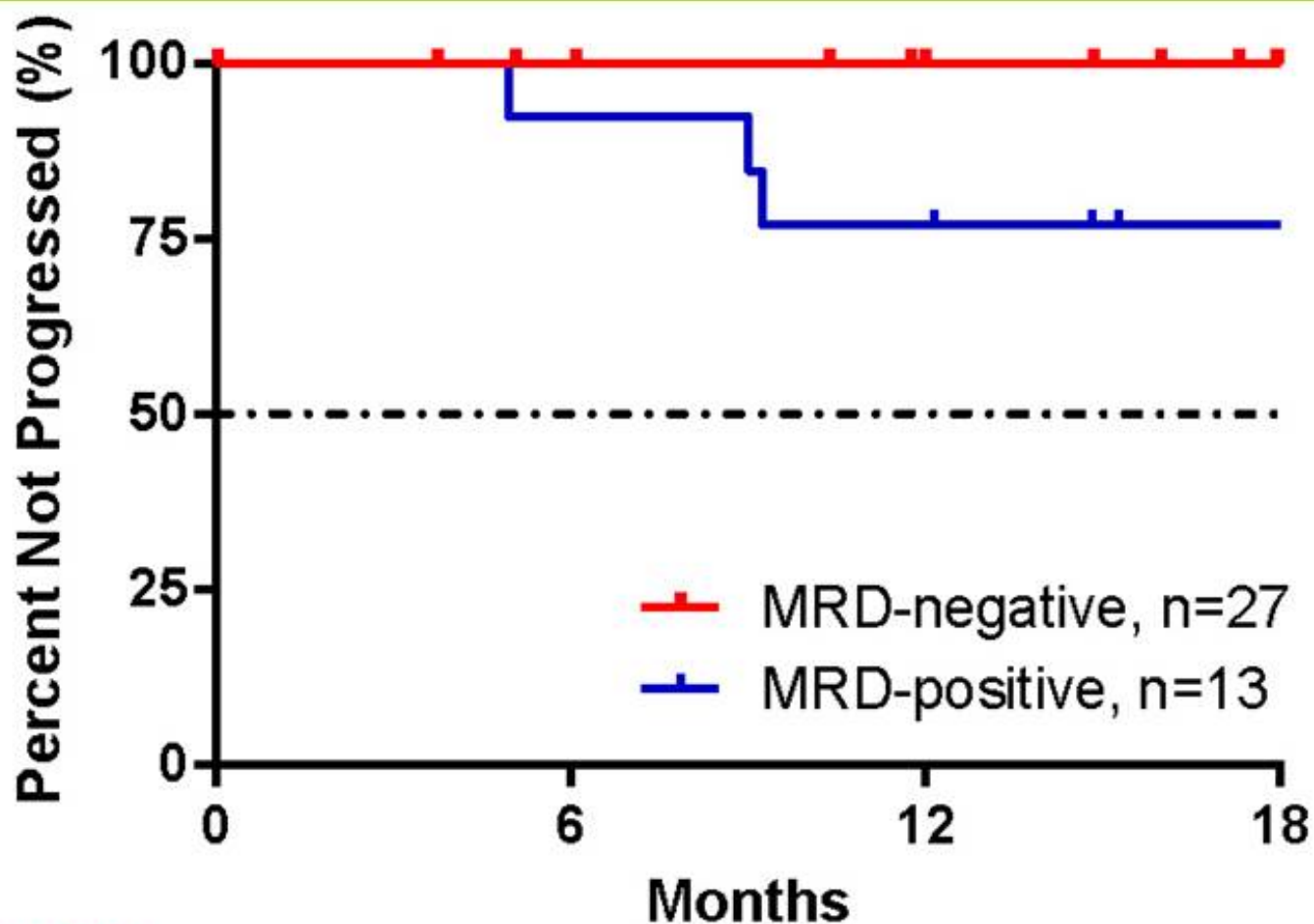
<sup>a</sup> Samples inadequate for assessment

<sup>b</sup> SD

<sup>c</sup> no sample



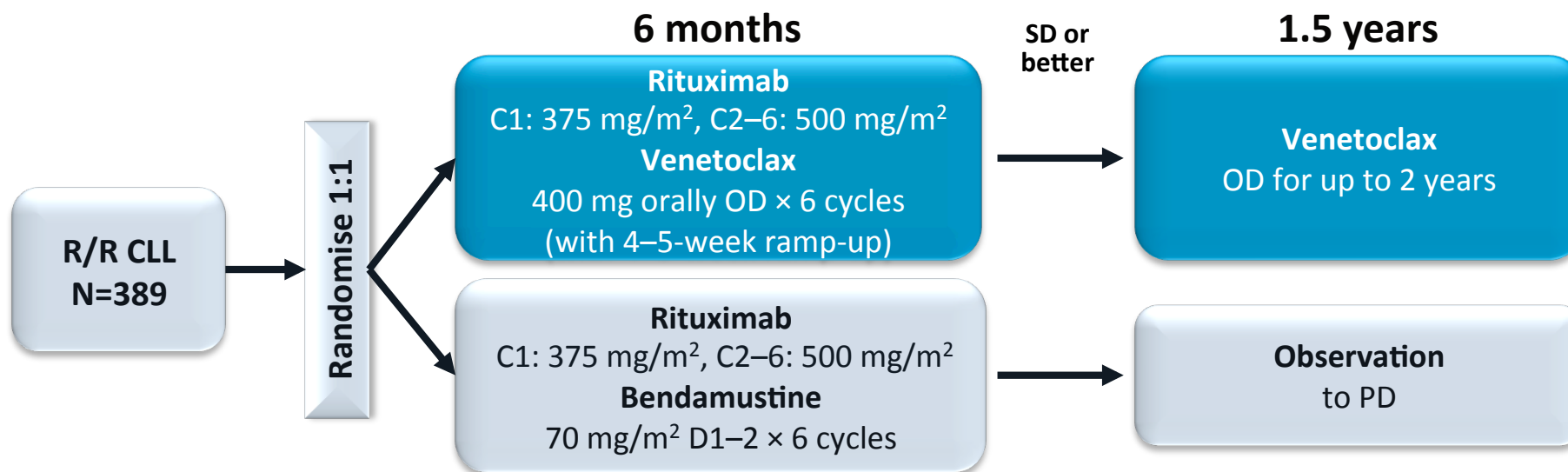
# Duration of Response Based on MRD Status



**Patients at risk:** 27                      24                      21                      14  
**Patients at risk:** 13                      12                      9                      6

Duration of response is calculated from earliest response to last visit  
 MRD-negative includes 17 CR and 10 PR

# MURANO: Phase 3 trial of rituximab + venetoclax for 2 years in R/R CLL



## Key eligibility criteria:

- R/R CLL
- ECOG PS  $\leq 1$
- Received 1–3 prior lines of therapy
- No prior alloSCT

## Primary endpoint:

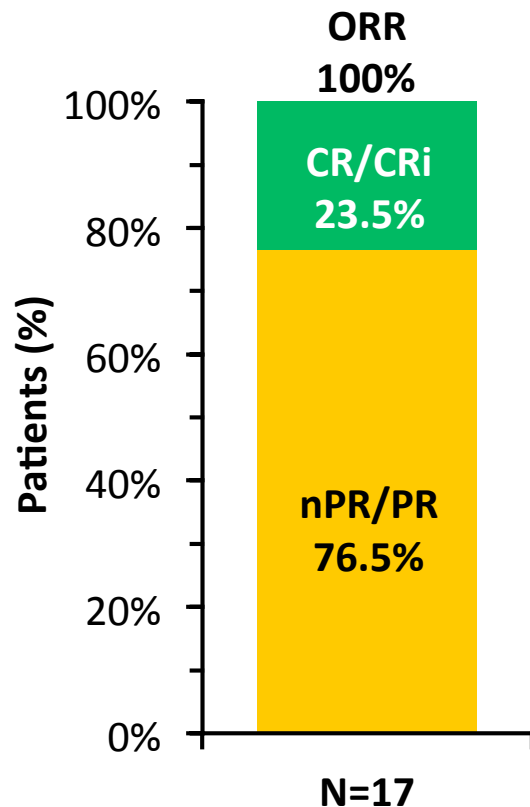
- Investigator-assessed PFS

## Secondary endpoints:

- IRC-assessed PFS
- PFS in patients with del(17p)
- Investigator- and IRC-assessed best ORR, and overall OR, CR, CRi, nPR, PR rate
- OS
- EFS, DoR, TTNT
- MRD rate
- Lymphocyte count
- PK
- Safety
- Patient-reported outcomes

# Venetoclax + obinutuzumab in R/R or 1L CLL: Phase 1b GP28331 study

## Response rates (investigator assessment)



Safety	N=32
<b>Any-grade AEs ≥10 patients</b>	
Any infectious AE	16 (50)
Diarrhoea	16 (50)
Infusion-related reaction	13 (40.6)
Nausea	12 (37.5)
Neutropenia	12 (37.5)
Fatigue	10 (31.1)
Hyperphosphatemia	10 (31.1)
<b>Grade 3 AEs ≥2 patients</b>	
Neutropenia	11 (34.4)
Infectious AEs	6 (18.8)
TLS*	4 (12.5)
Hyperphosphatemia	3 (9.4)
Neutrophil count decreased	3 (9.4)
Anaemia	2 (6.3)
Febrile neutropenia	2 (6.3)
<b>Grade 4 AEs ≥2 patients</b>	
Neutropenia	4 (12.5)
<b>SAEs ≥2 patients</b>	
Hyperphosphatemia	3 (9.4)
TLS*	2 (6.3)
Pyrexia	2 (6.3)

\* No cases of clinical TLS occurred.

# CLL14 - Venetoclax + Obinutuzumab (G) in TN CLL with Coexisting Medical Conditions: Study Design

## Key eligibility criteria

- TN CLL requiring treatment
- CIRS >6 and/or CrCl <70 mL/min

6 cycles G (cycle 1: 100 mg day 1, 900 mg day 2, 1000 mg days 8 and 15; cycles 2-6: 1000 mg day 1) + venetoclax (starting day 22 of cycle 1, gradual weekly ramp-up 20 mg to 400 mg)

followed by 6 cycles single-agent venetoclax

**Study designed stopping: 1 treatment-related death or 1 grade 4 AE related to clinical TLS despite protocol-specified prophylaxis**

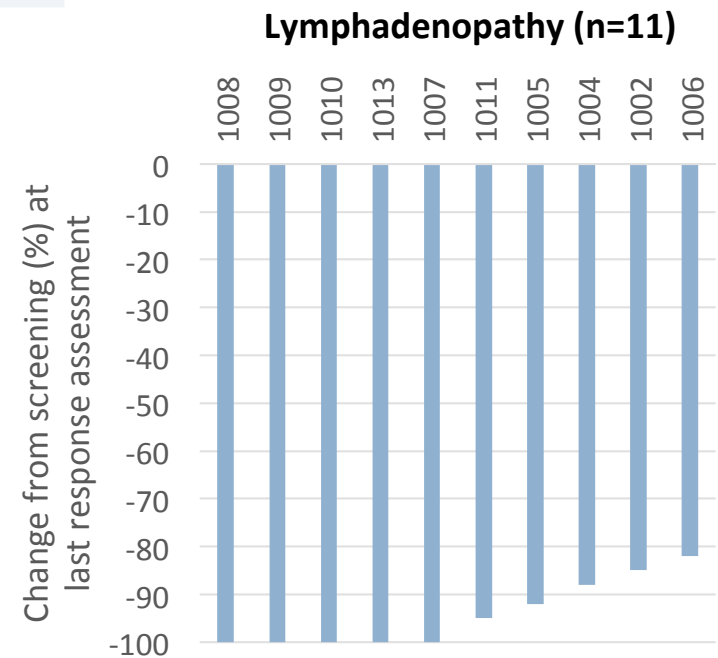
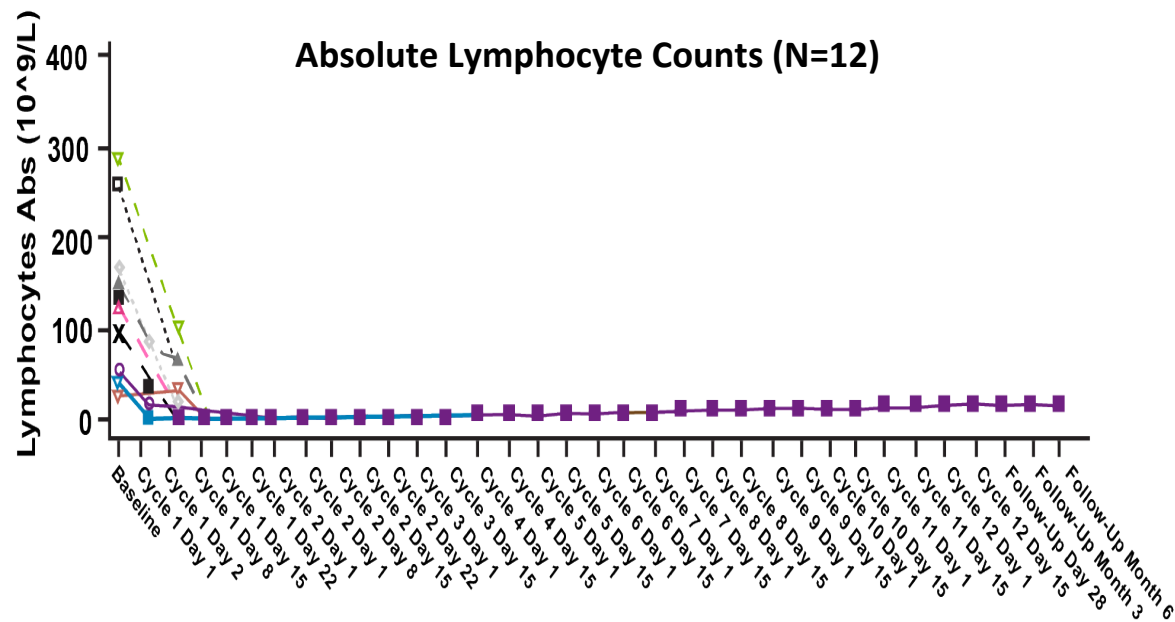
**Final response to treatment including MRD in peripheral blood assessed per iwCLL guidelines 4 months after treatment end**



# CLL14 - Venetoclax + Obinutuzumab (G) in TN CLL with Coexisting Medical Conditions: Efficacy

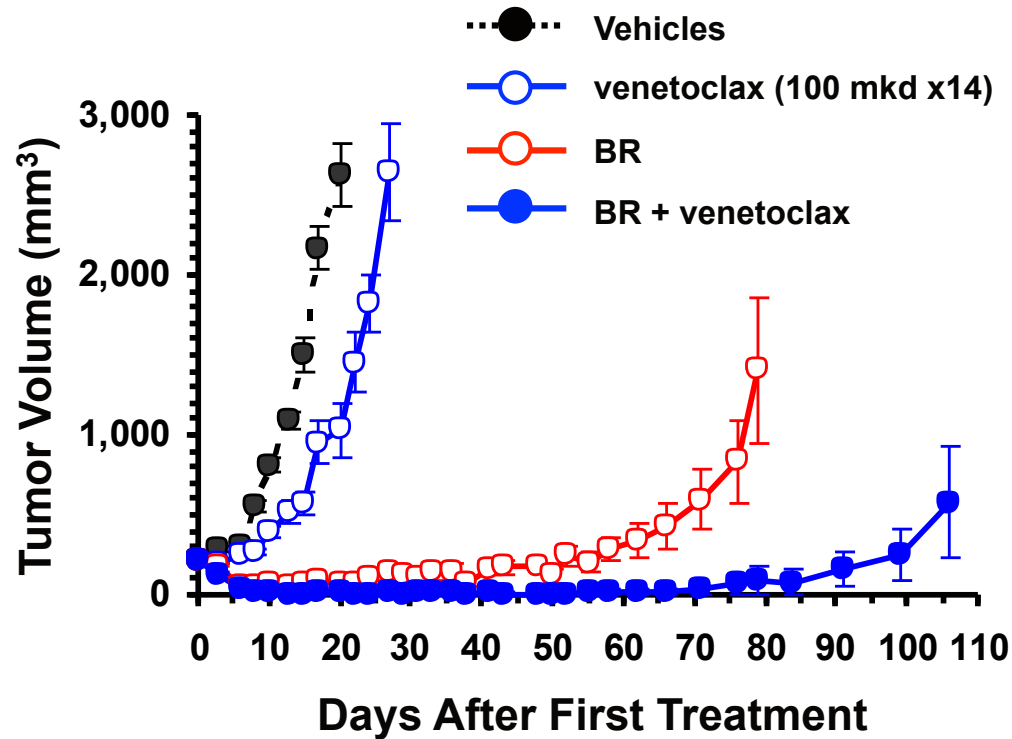
## Response Rates at Month 15

Overall Response Rate, %	(N=12)
Complete Response	58
Partial Response	42
Minimal residual disease in peripheral blood, %	(N=11)
Negative ( $<10^{-4}$ )	91
Intermediate ( $\geq 10^{-4}$ and $<10^{-2}$ )	9

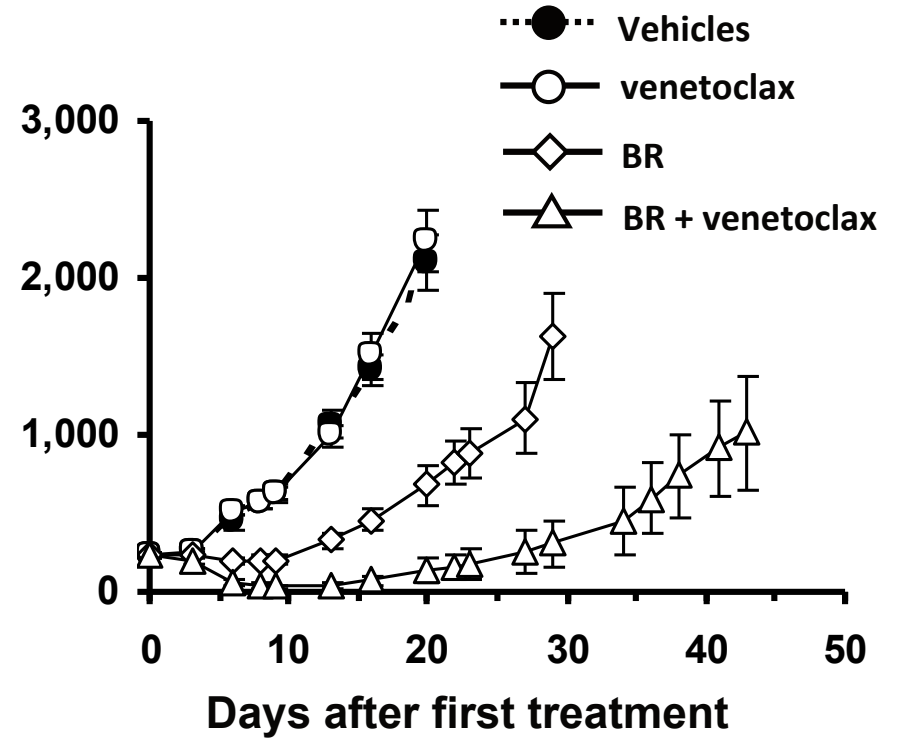


# Venetoclax Combines with Bendamustine-R *in vivo*

## DoHH2 (FL) Xenograft



## Granta-519 (MCL) Xenograft



B- (bendamustine) 25 mg/kg (IV) qdx1  
R- (rituximab) 10 mg/kg (IV) qdx1

# Phase Ib Study (GO28440) of Venetoclax with Bendamustine/Rituximab or Bendamustine/Obinutuzumab in Patients with Relapsed/Refractory or Previously Untreated Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia

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**Table 3:** Group Efficacy by Investigator Assessment and MRD Status (Best Response)

	VEN+BR		VEN+BG
n (%)	R/R (100–400mg) (n=30)	1L (400 mg) (n=17)	1L (400 mg) (n=8)
Yet to reach endpoint	3	3	1
Response evaluable	<b>27</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>
ORR	<b>26 (96)</b>	<b>14 (100)</b>	<b>7 (100)</b>
CR/CRi	7 (26)	6 (43)	3 (43)
nPR/PR	19 (70)	8 (57)	4 (57)
SD	0	0	0
PD	0	0	0
Off study before response evaluation*	1 (4)	0	0
MRD assessed†	21 (70)	9 (53)	4 (50)
Undetectable MRD‡	16 (76)	6 (67)	2 (50)
Detectable MRD	5 (24)	1 (11)	0
Undetermined§	0	2 (22)	2 (50)

\*Pt was taken off study before response assessment was conducted due to transformation of disease

†Assay using flow cytometry

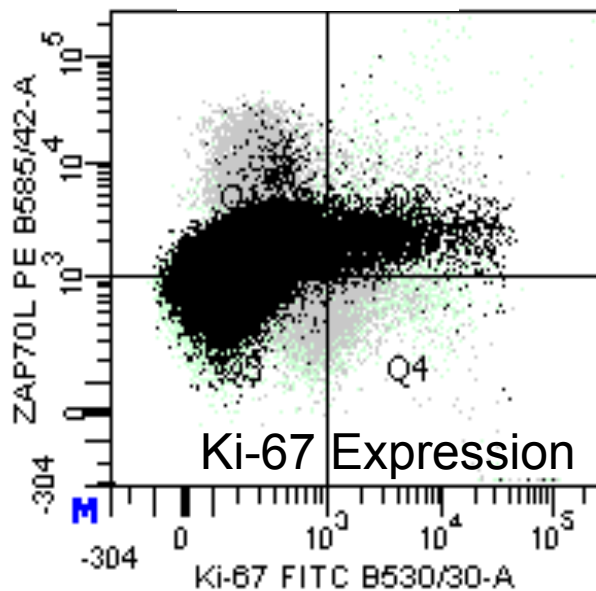
‡Undetectable defined as less than 20 CLL cells per 200,000 leukocytes ( $10^{-4}$  sensitivity)

§Undetermined defined as sample with MRD level less than  $10^{-4}$  but where less than 200,000 leukocytes were assessed (insufficient sensitivity at  $10^{-4}$ )

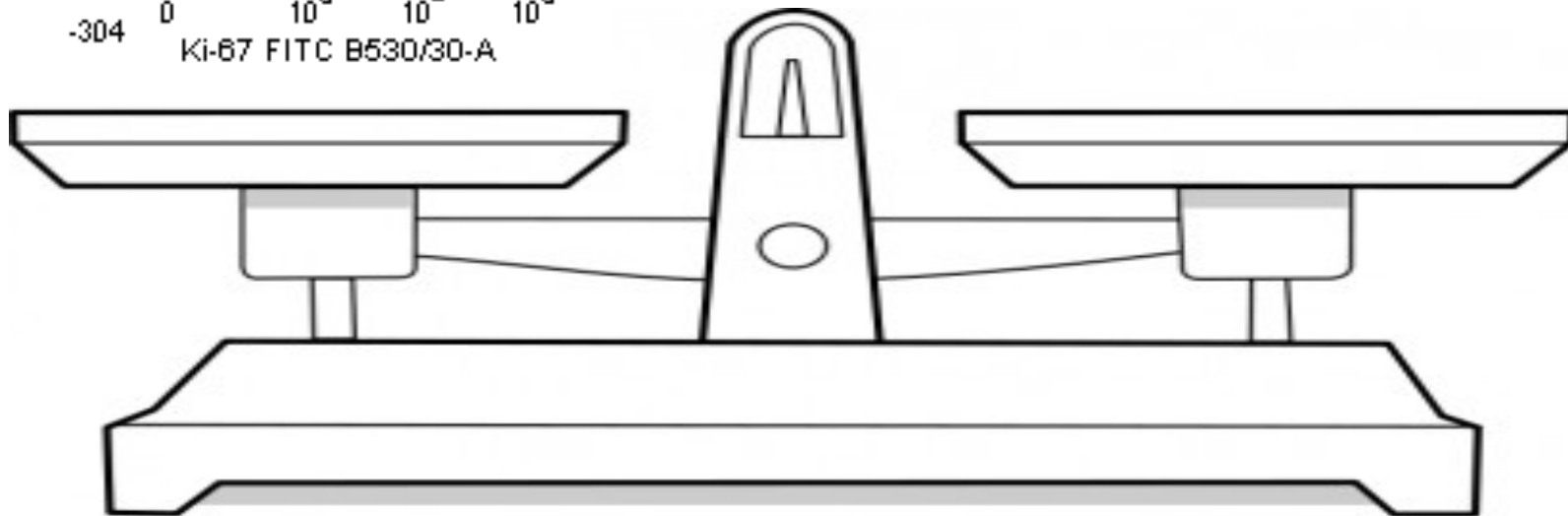
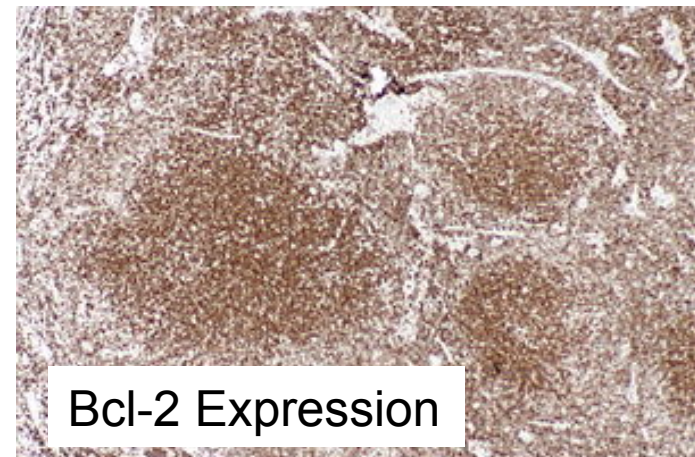


# Pathophysiology of CLL: Proliferation vs Apoptosis

Proliferation

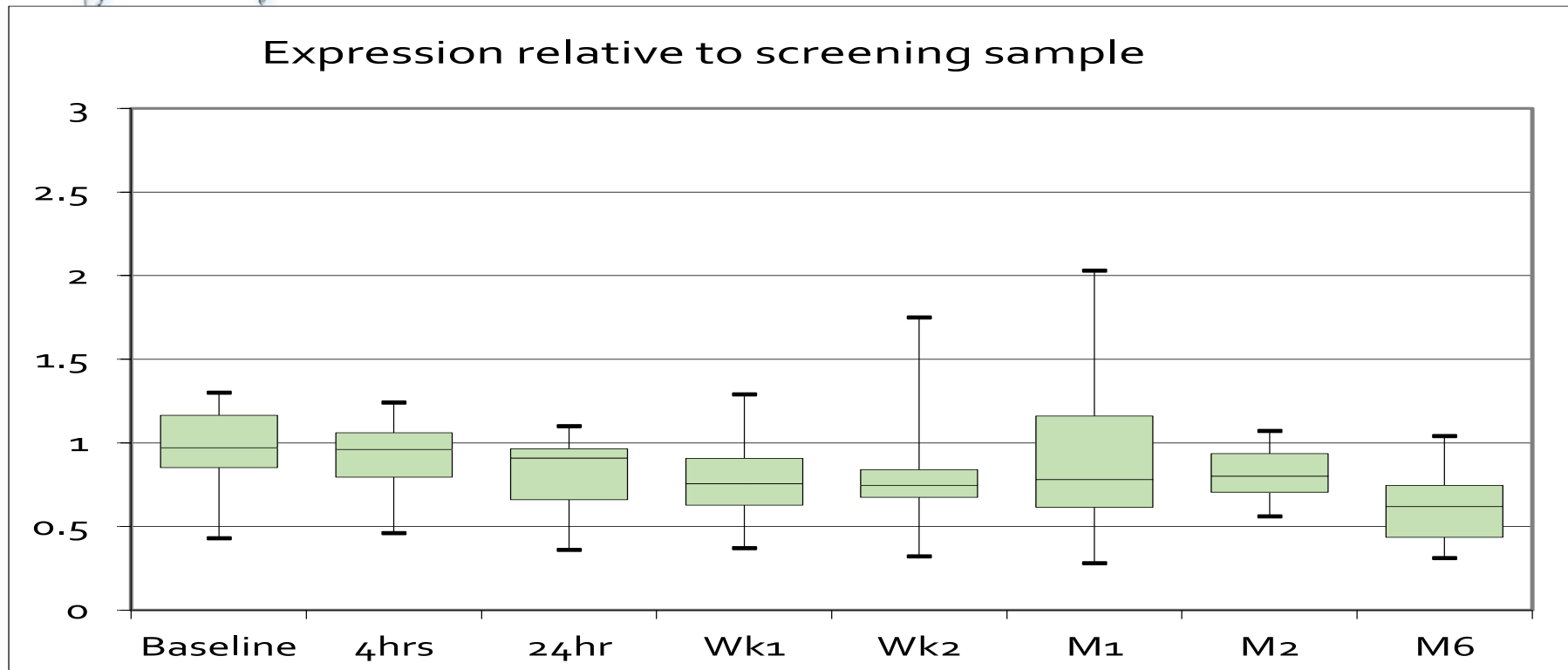


Apoptosis





# Persistently strong **BCL2** expression during ibrutinib treatment





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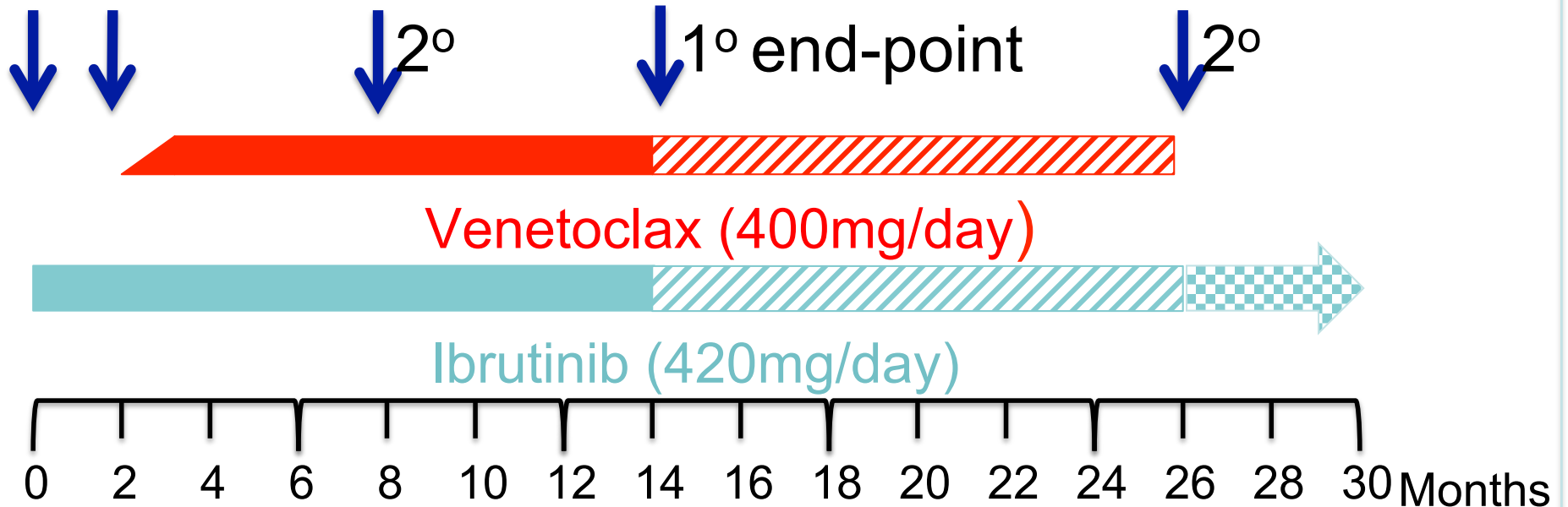
**Bloodwise** **TAP**  
Beating blood cancer since 1960

Assessment of veneto**CL**Ax in combination with ib**R**utinib plus ABT-199 in relapsed/refrac**T**ory chronic lymphoc**Y**tic leukaemia

- Feasibility study to investigate the combination of ibrutinib and venetoclax (ABT-199) in relapsed refractory CLL.
- MRD response as the primary outcome measure to determine whether ibrutinib + venetoclax (ABT-199) shows sufficient evidence of activity and safety.
- Results from this trial will inform a potential modification of *Flair*

**50 patients with relapsed/refractory CLL who are ibrutinib naïve**

## Bone marrow examinations



- VEN and IBR stop at 14 months if 8 month BM is MRD negative
- VEN and IBR stop at 26 months if 14 month BM is MRD negative
- IBR alone continues if 26 month BM is MRD positive



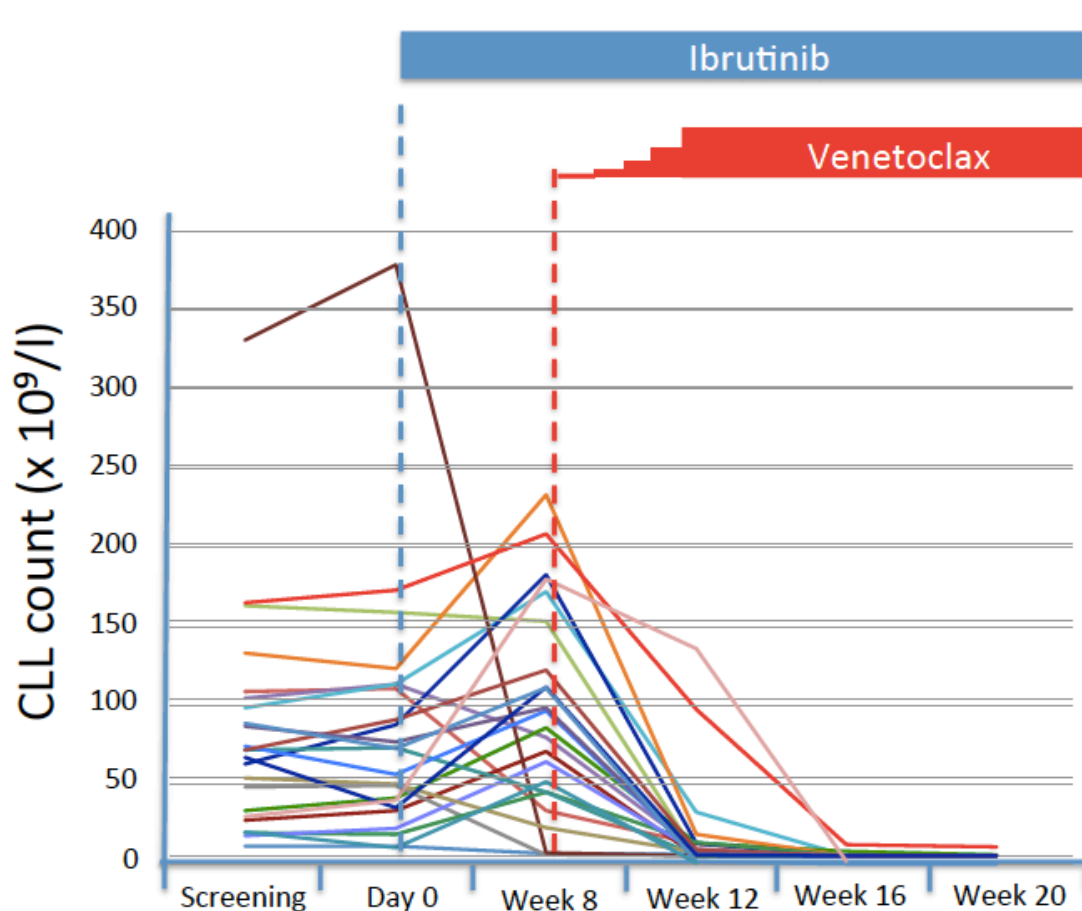
# Patient characteristics

Characteristic	Patients (n = 45)
Gender (Male/Female)	32 (71%) / 13 (29%)
Age (Median [Range])	64yo (31 – 83)
Binet Stage (A/B/C)	9 (25%) / 12 (33%) / 15 (42%)
Lymph nodes (>5cm)	4 (9%)
ECOG (0/1/2)	25 (60%) / 14 (33%) / 3 (7%)
Prior therapies (median [range])	2 (1 to 6)
V <sub>H</sub> mutation (mutated/unmutated/ VH3-21)	8 (19%) / 32 (74%) / 3 (7%)
17p del	8 (20%)
11q del	10 (24%)
17p or 11q del	18 (44%)

Category	Grade				Total
	1 and 2	3	4	NK	
Blood and lymphatic system disorders	7	2	0	0	9
Cardiac disorders	9	1	0	1	11
Ear and labyrinth disorders	3	0	0	0	3
Eye disorders	14	1	0	0	15
Gastrointestinal disorders	<b>182</b>	6	0	4	<b>192</b>
General disorders and administration site conditions	59	2	0	0	61
Hepatobiliary disorders	1	0	0	1	2
Immune system disorders	4	0	0	0	4
Infections and infestations	32	6	0	1	39
Injury, poisoning and procedural complications	25	1	0	1	27
Investigations	8	15	6	0	29
Metabolism and nutrition disorders	10	2	0	0	12
Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders	<b>68</b>	0	0	0	<b>68</b>
Nervous system disorders	39	1	0	0	40
Psychiatric disorders	9	0	0	0	9
Renal and urinary disorders	8	0	0	0	8
Reproductive system and breast disorders	2	0	0	0	2
Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders	35	1	1	0	37
Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders	<b>47</b>	1	0	2	<b>50</b>
Surgical and medical procedures	1	0	0	0	1
Vascular disorders	11	1	0	0	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>574</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>631</b>

Date of data snap shot: 19-Sep-2017

**Fall in PB CLL count in 18 patients starting at  
>10 x 10<sup>9</sup>/l CLL cells**



CLL count increased during  
IBR monotherapy at 420mg/day  
from a median of:  
50 x 10<sup>9</sup> /l (range: 0 to 330) to  
55 x 10<sup>9</sup> /l (range: 0 to 237)

CLL count then falls during the  
first 8 weeks of combined IBR  
with VEN from a median of **55 x  
10<sup>9</sup> /l** to **0.017 x 10<sup>9</sup> /l** (range; 0  
to 3.1).

The rate of fall is rapid in all  
patients with a median of 3 log  
reduction in CLL level after 8  
weeks of combined therapy.



## **Initial Results of Ibrutinib Plus Venetoclax in Relapsed, Refractory CLL (Bloodwise TAP CLARITY Study): High Rates of Overall Response, Complete Remission and MRD Eradication after 6 Months of Combination Therapy**

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# Modified the NCRI *Flair* Trial –opened July 2017

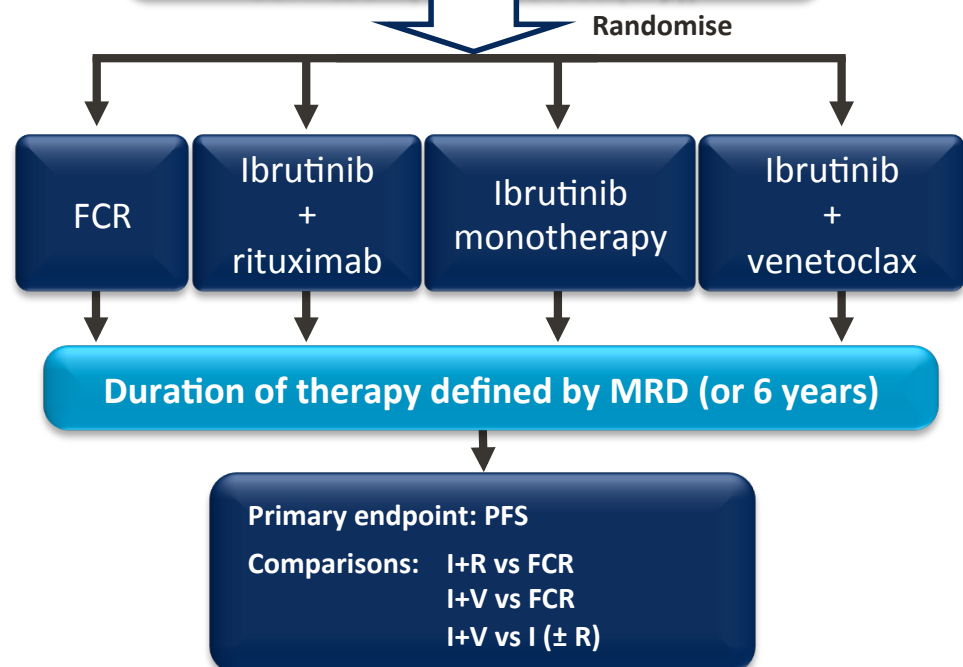
## Bloodwise TAP CLARITY trial: Peripheral blood CLL responses<sup>1</sup>

Time point	Median, × 10 <sup>9</sup> /L (range)
Pre-treatment	50 (0–330)
End of 8 weeks' ibrutinib monotherapy	55 (0–237)
After 8 weeks' venetoclax + ibrutinib	0.017 (0–3.1)

- One case of laboratory TLS observed
  - Resolved with venetoclax + ibrutinib dose interruption
- To date, 5 SAEs and 22 AEs of special interest have been observed, including:
  - Lung infection (n=3)
  - Neutropenia (n=11)

## UK NCRI FLAIR trial (ongoing, planned N=1576)<sup>2,3</sup>

Previously untreated fit patients with CLL  
(N=1576)  
(Considered fit for FCR; Age ≤75years;  
eGFR ≥30ml/min; <20% del(17p))



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2. EudraCT. Available at: <https://www.clinicaltrialsregister.eu/ctr-search/trial/2013-001944-76/GB> (accessed June 2017);

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## Phase 1b Results of a Phase 1/2 Study of Obinutuzumab, Ibrutinib, and Venetoclax (GIV) in Patients With R/R CLL: Study Design

### Key eligibility criteria

- CLL relapsed after or refractory to  $\geq 1$  prior therapy
- Requiring treatment
- No patients with chronic viral hepatitis infection, HIV, uncontrolled autoimmune cytopenia, active RT, or known C481 BTK mutation or PD during treatment with a C481-binding BTK inhibitor

Obinutuzumab 1000 mg X 7 cycles

Ibrutinib 420 mg/day, starting in cycle 2

Venetoclax was dose escalated in cycle 3 in 3x3 cohorts (100, 200, 400 mg) to a maximum planned dose of 400 mg/day

Drugs initiated sequentially to limit risk of TLS

All patients discontinue after cycle 14

**Response assessment according to IWCLL 2008 criteria, including BM biopsy with 4-color immunophenotyping of marrow and PB for MRD, occurs after cycle 8 and 2 months beyond end of cycle 14**

## Phase 1b Results of a Phase 1/2 Study of Obinutuzumab, Ibrutinib, and Venetoclax (GIV) in Patients With R/R CLL: Baseline and Efficacy

Baseline Characteristics, n (%)		(N=12)
Median age, years (range)		57 (42-70)
Male sex, n (%)		11 (92)
Prior therapies, median (range)		1 (1-7)
β-2 microglobulin, median (range)		3.3 (2.2-6.8)
Unmutated <i>IGHV</i> , n (%)		11 (92)
Zap70 unmethylated, n (%)		7 (58)
Del(17p), n (%)		1 (8)
Del(11q), n (%)		8 (67)
Complex karyotype		5 (42)
TLS risk	Low	1 (8)
	Intermediate	7 (58)
	High	4 (33)

- 11 patients remain on therapy and 1 has completed 14 cycles and is pending final response assessment
- 10 patients have reached response assessment at cycle 9 of therapy
  - All 10 have achieved objective response (8 PR, 2 CR)
  - 7/10 MRD-negative in PB
  - 4/10 MRD-negative in BM

## Phase 1b Results of a Phase 1/2 Study of Obinutuzumab, Ibrutinib, and Venetoclax (GIV) in Patients With R/R CLL: Safety

Most common Grade 1/2 AEs, %	N=12
Bruising	100
Hypocalcemia	75
Infusion-related reaction	75
Diarrhea	75
Hyperuricemia	75
Hypertension	67
Headache	58
Arthralgia	58
Dizziness	58
Myalgia	58

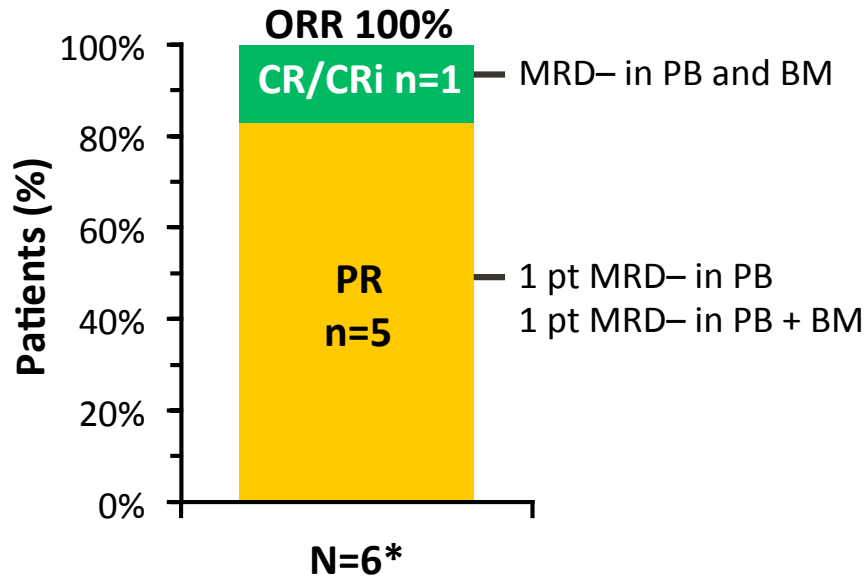
Hematologic AEs, %	Grade 1/2	Grade 3+	All Grades
WBC count decreased	58	33	92
Neutrophil count decreased	42	58	100
Lymphocyte count decreased	42	42	83
Platelet count decreased	58	17	75
Anemia	17	0	17

- Neutropenia common, but no grade 3/4 infections observed
  - 8 cases of grade 1 infection, no neutropenia fever
- 5 patients received  $\geq 1$  dose of G-CSF
  - 1 patient with baseline neutropenia received  $>4$  doses

Jones et al. ASH 2016. Abstract #639.

# Ongoing trials with obinutuzumab + ibrutinib + venetoclax (GIVe)

## Phase 1b/2 study of GIVe in R/R CLL (N=12 to date)<sup>1</sup>



- Most common grade  $\geq 3$  AEs: neutropenia (50%), lymphopenia (33%), hypertension (25%), and fatigue (17%)
- No cases of clinical or lab TLS were observed

PB, peripheral blood.

\* 6 patients have reached response assessment after completing 8 cycles of therapy;

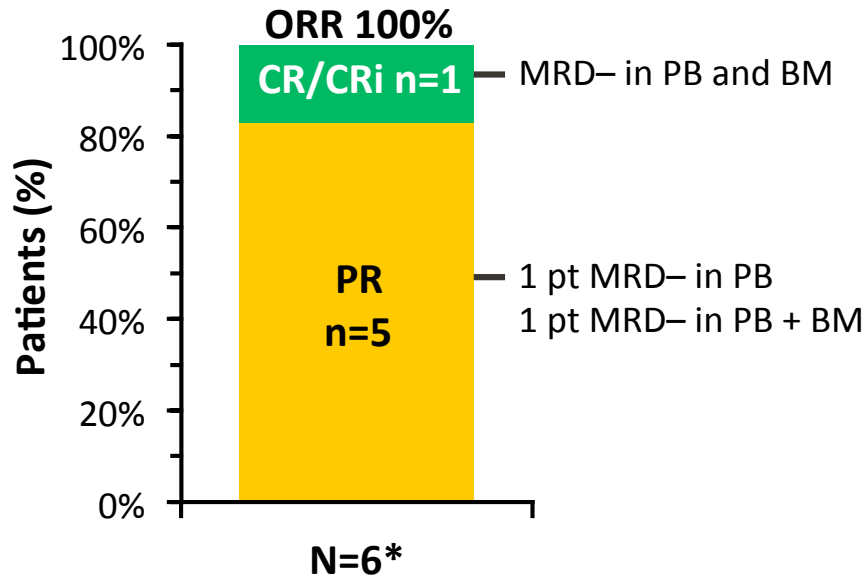
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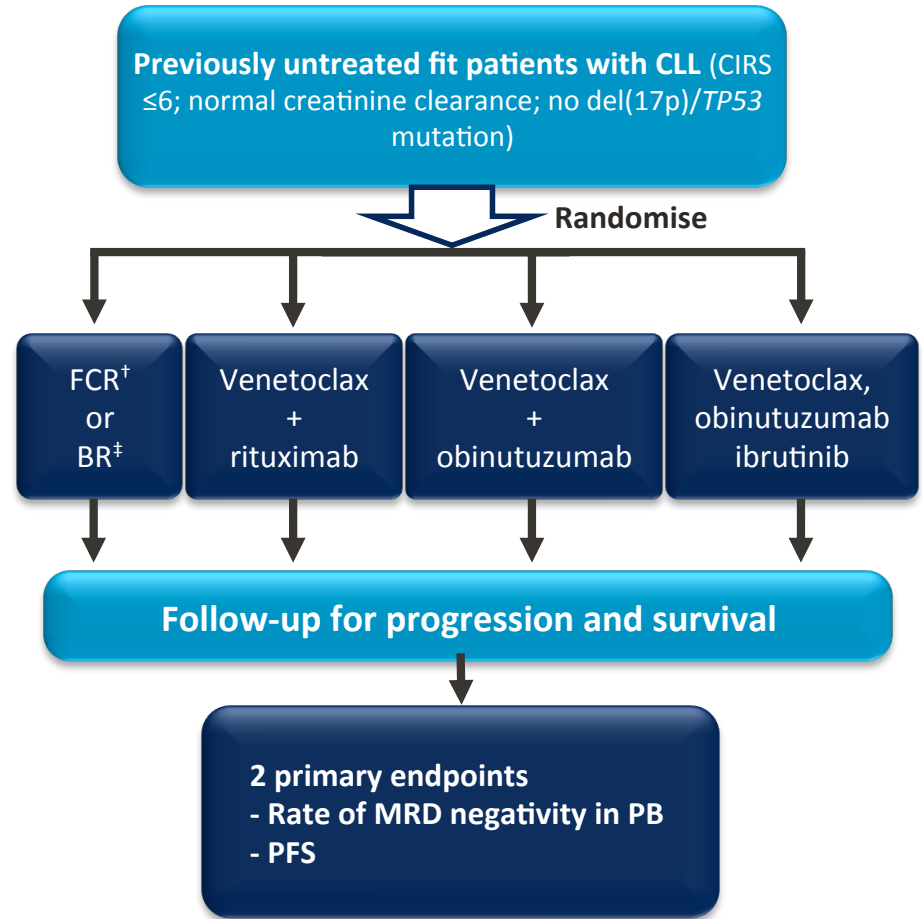
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## GCLLSG CLL13 trial (ongoing, planned N=920)



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# Conclusions: Venetoclax in CLL

## **Impressive single agent activity**

- Minority of patients achieving MRD negative remissions
- Possibility of stopping therapy
- Well tolerated except for tumour lysis syndrome

## **Extremely promising activity in combination**

- Apparent synergy with antibodies (rituximab and obinutuzumab) and chemoimmunotherapy (BR)
- Combinations with ibrutinib  $\pm$  obinutuzumab in Phase II and Phase III trials
- Higher MRD eradication rates are reported