

CLL - venetoclax

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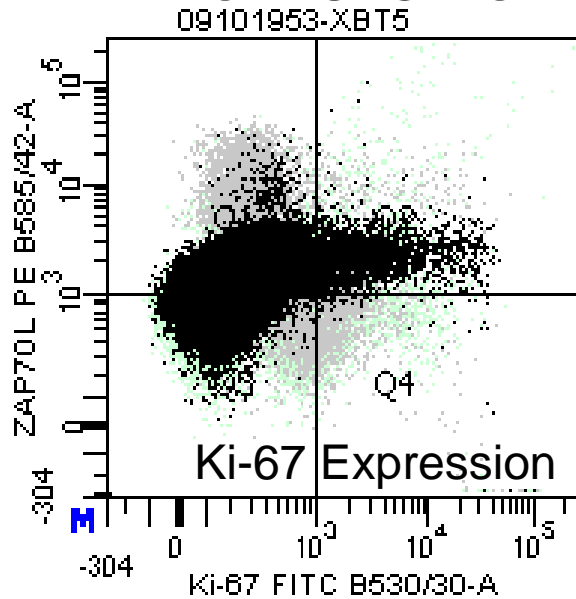
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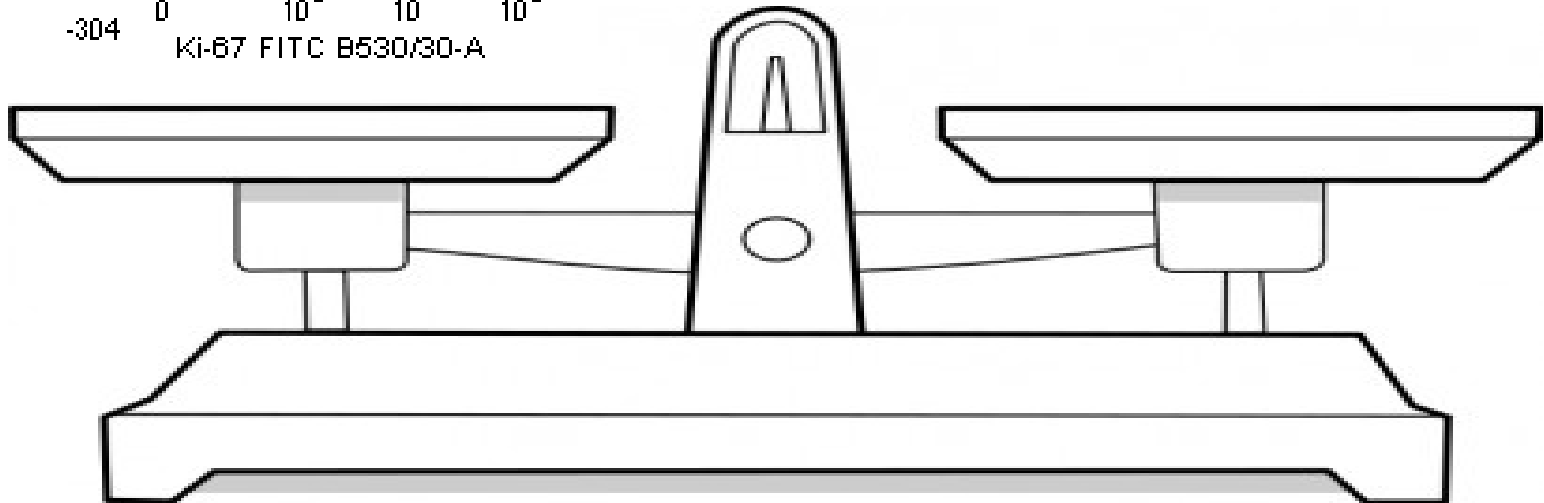
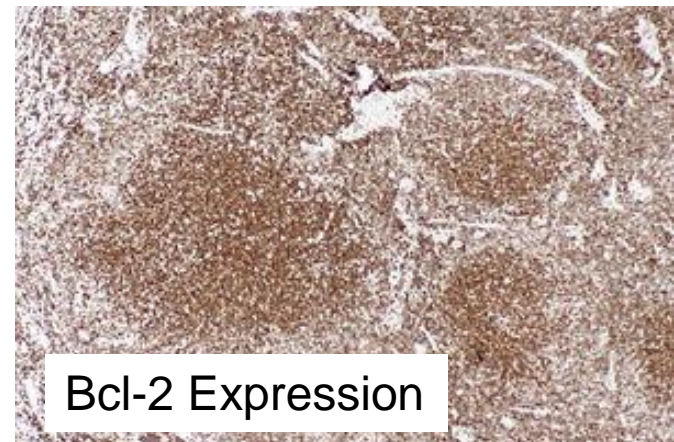
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Pathophysiology of CLL: Proliferation vs Apoptosis

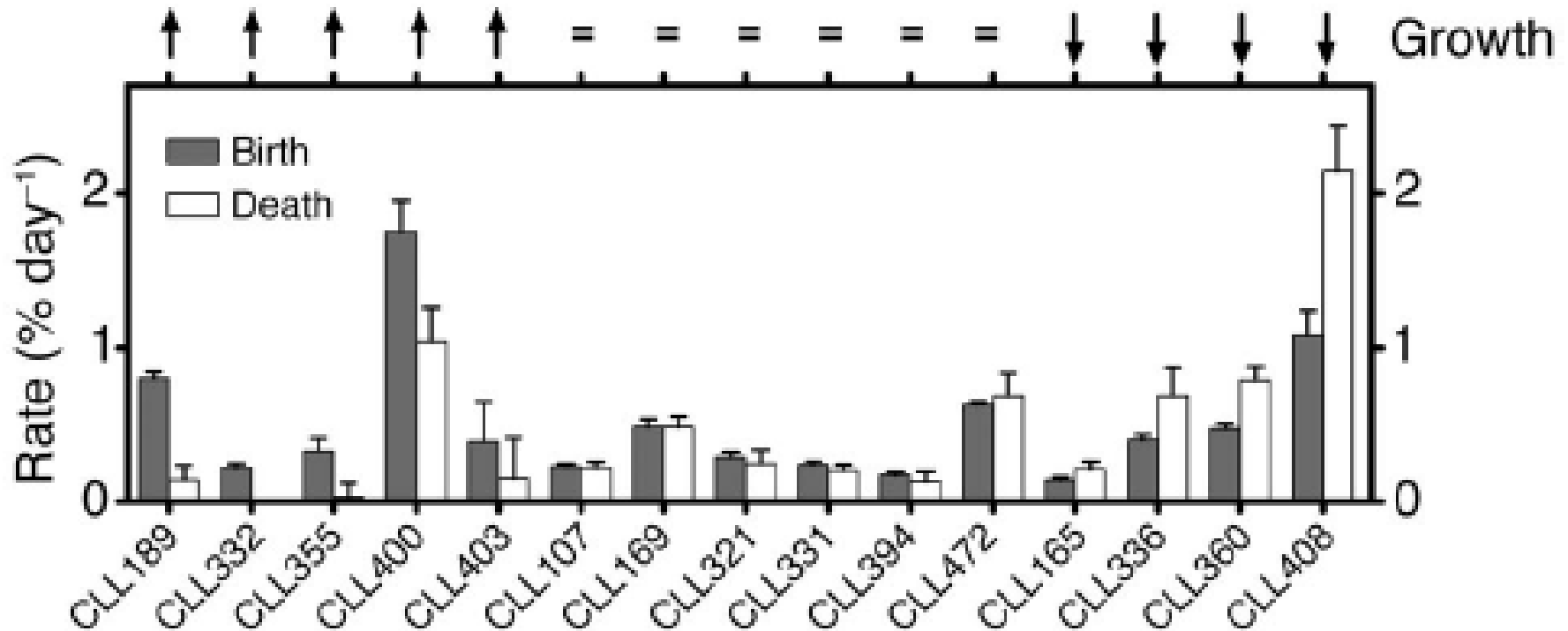
Proliferation



Apoptosis

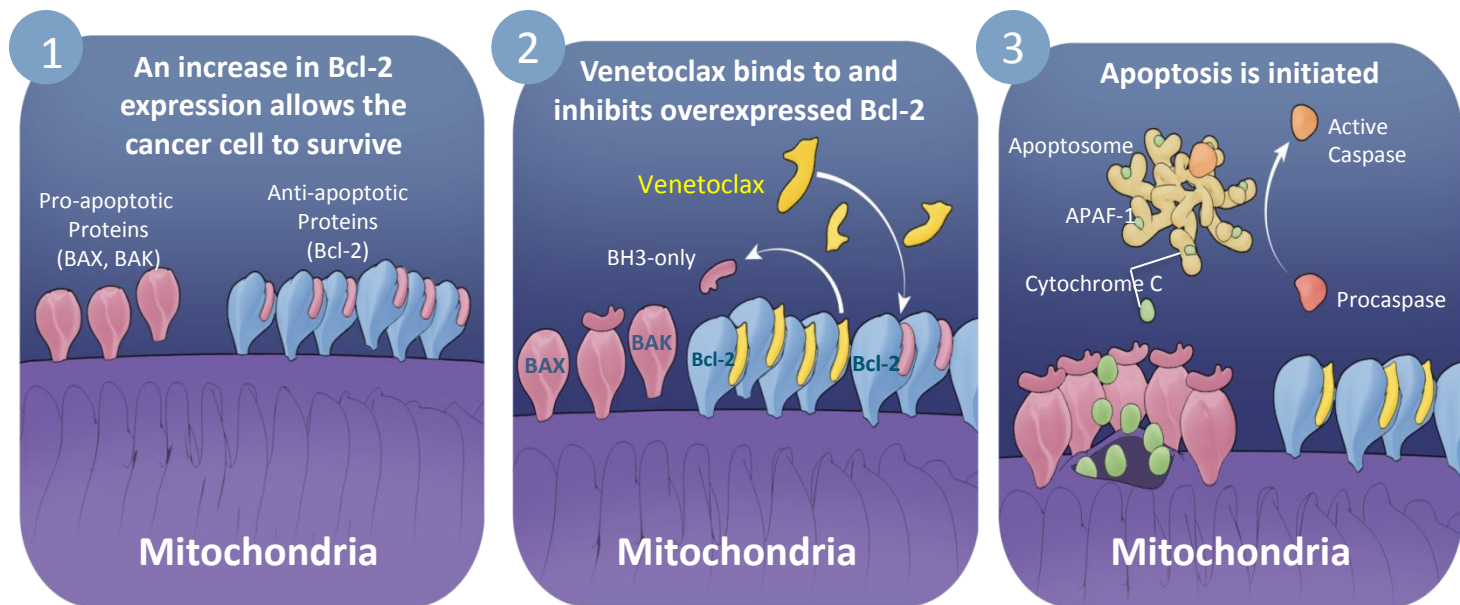


High birth and death rate of CLL cells *in vivo* $^2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ -labelling



Venetoclax (ABT-199 or GDC-199) in CLL

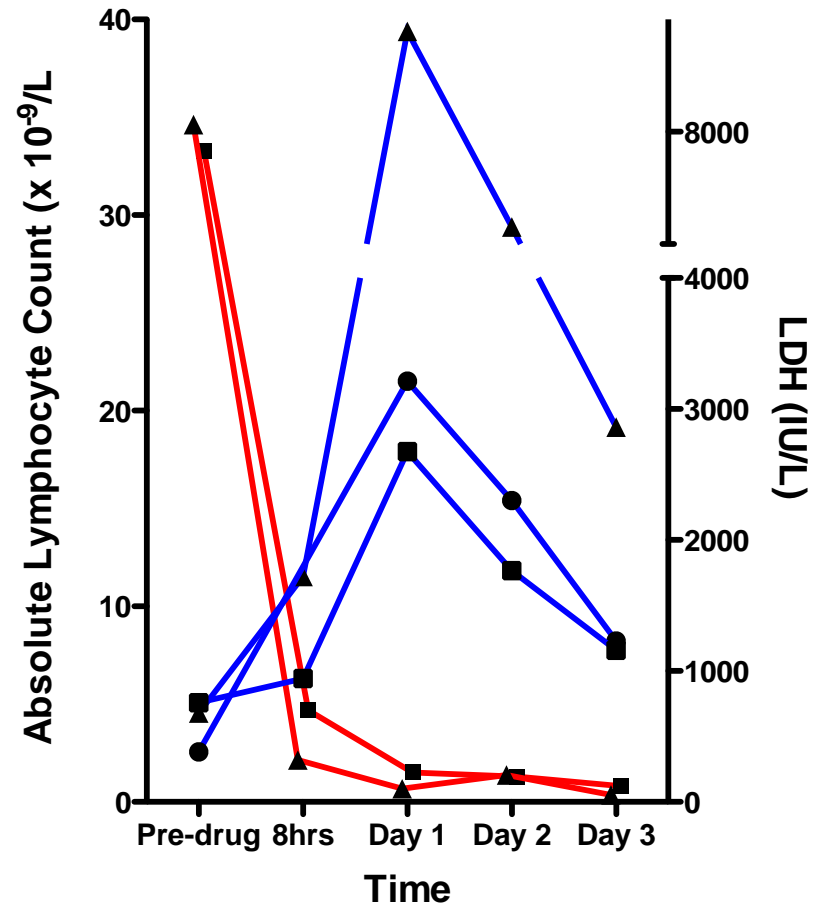
- Bcl-2 overexpression is observed in up to 95% of CLL cases¹⁻³
- Venetoclax is a highly selective, orally bioavailable small-molecule Bcl-2 inhibitor which restores the ability of malignant cells to undergo apoptosis⁴
- Venetoclax is active against CLL irrespective of *TP53* functional status and is thought to achieve outcomes by acting downstream of *TP53*⁵



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Early signs of activity with GDC-0199 (specific Bcl-2 inhibitor) in CLL in Phase I Study

- **ABT-199 200 mg, 200 mg, 100 mg given as single oral dose**
 - > 95% reduction in lymphocytosis within 24h in two patients with lymphocytosis
 - Rapid reduction in palpable lymphadenopathy
 - Dose-limiting laboratory tumor lysis syndrome (TLS), not clinical TLS/no organ dysfunction
 - Rises in LDH, phosphate
 - Rises in K⁺ (max 5.9 mmol/L)
 - Daily dosing (50 – 100mg) commenced within 7 days



Lymphocyte Counts (Red; n = 2) and LDH (Blue; n = 3) post first dose

DF, Born 1948, Male, Farmer

Aug 2010: Diagnosed with CLL needing therapy

October 2010: Entered ADMIRE study

FCM-R x 6 → MRD positive nodular remission

November 2013: Relapsed with large abdominal nodes

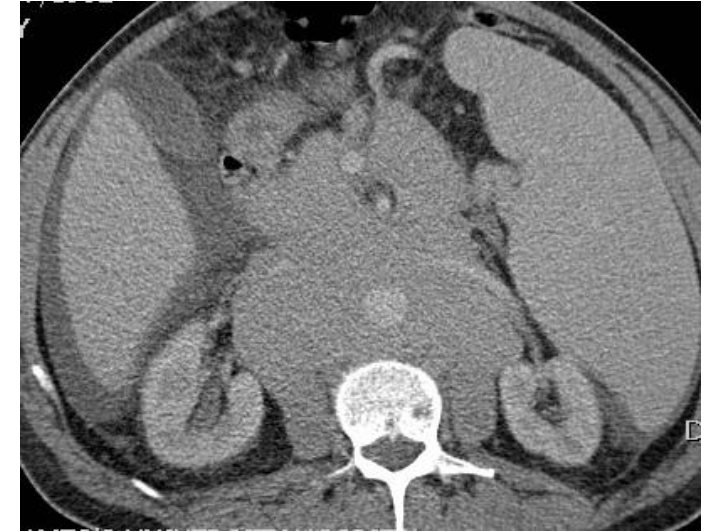
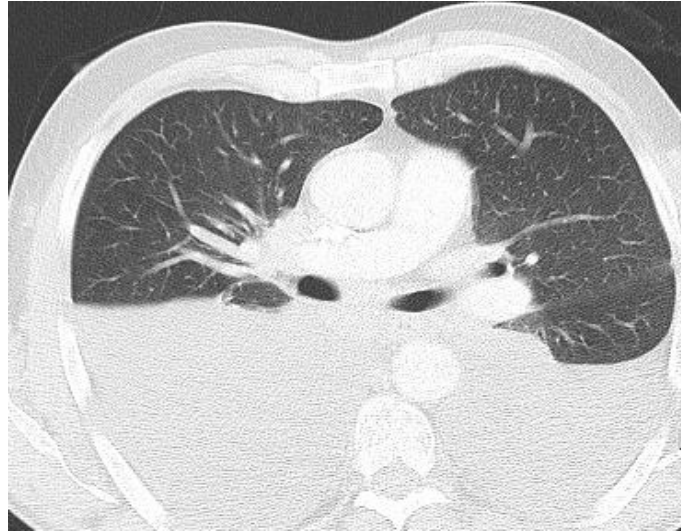
Feb 2014: Biopsy = CLL. 48% 17p deletion

March 2014: Referred to Leeds for an opinion

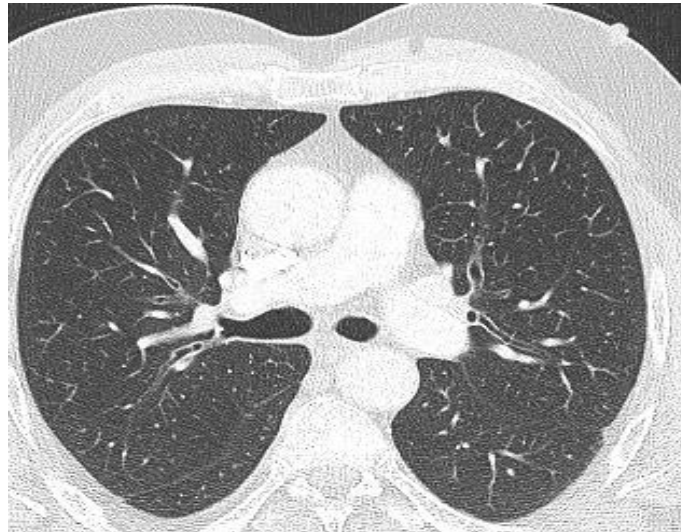
Screened for Abbvie M13-982 trial of venatoclax (ABT-199) monotherapy for 17p deleted patients

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**CT scan
Pre-
treatment**



**CT scan
Week 24**

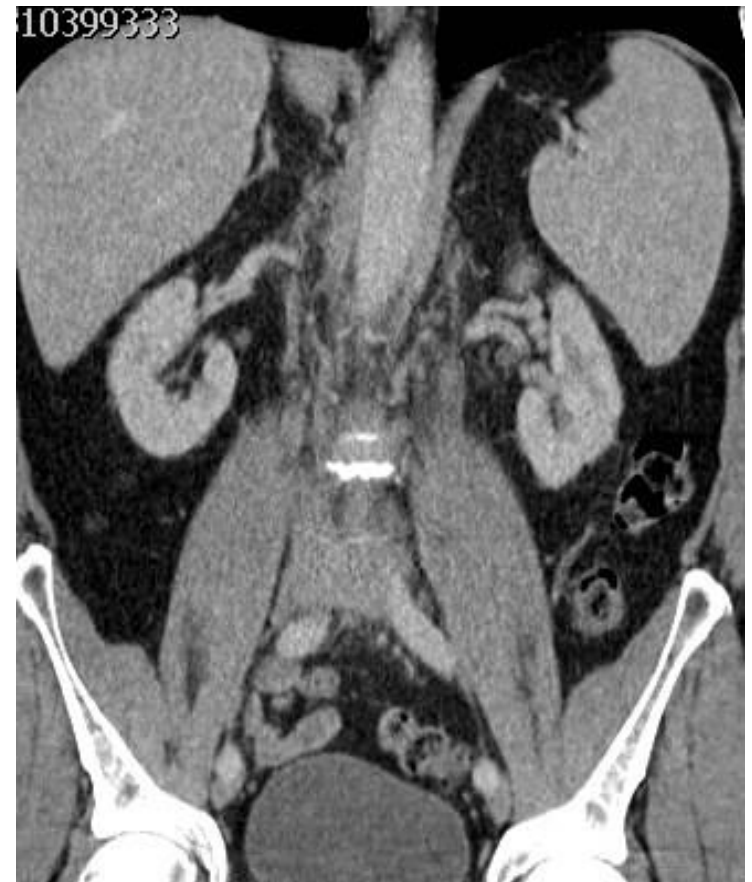


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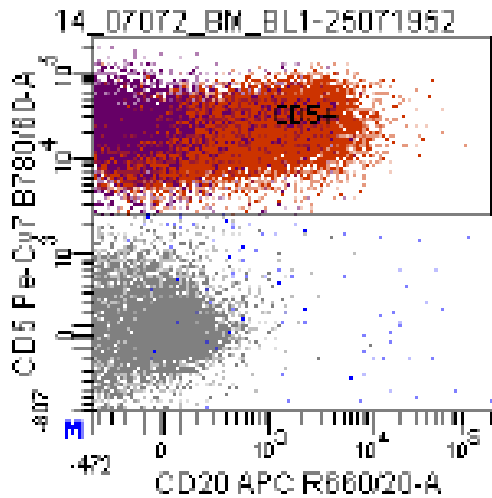


DF, Born 1948, Male, Farmer Bone Marrow analysis

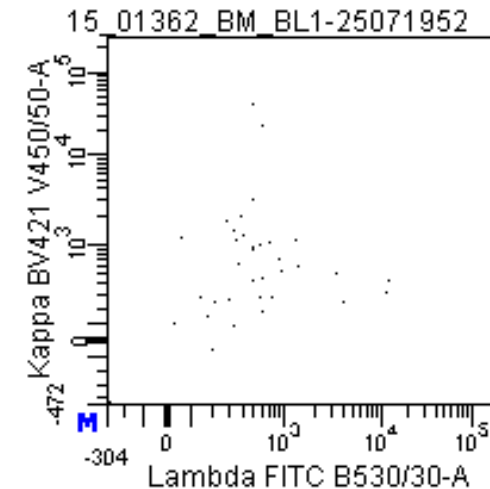
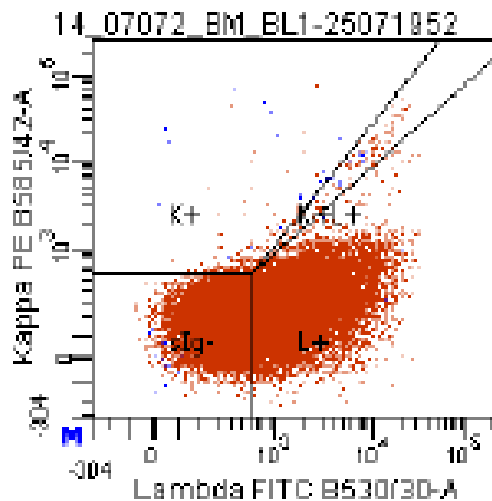
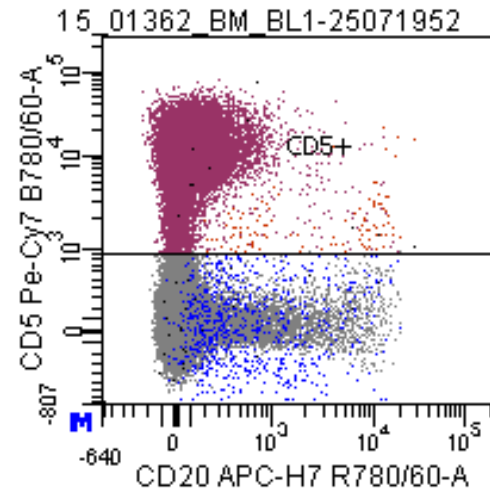
Orange events
= CLL cells

Purple events
= T-cells

Pre-venetoclax



6 months of venetoclax



No
detectable
CLL
<0.01%!!

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- Commenced venetoclax 25/4/14; reviewed 28/03/16 → remains well
- Early neutropenia: now off G-CSF
- 24 weeks CT scan: complete remission
- Normal blood counts
- Bone marrow: MRD-negative remission



ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Targeting BCL2 with Venetoclax in Relapsed Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia

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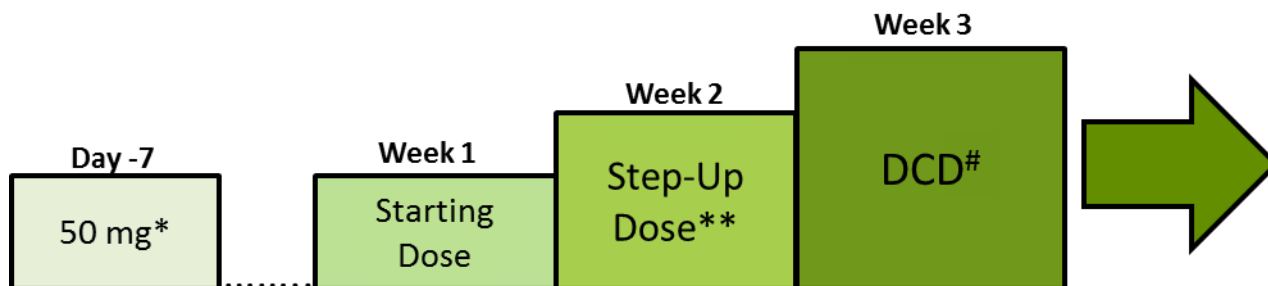
Demographics in venetoclax Phase I trial

Characteristic	All patients (n=116)
Age (Median [range])	66 (36 – 86)
Gender (Male/Female)	77%/23%
Rai Stage III or IV	67 (58%)
Median no. prior therapies	3 (1-11)
Resistant to most recent therapy	45 (39%)
Previous fludarabine	100 (86%); 60% refractory
Bulky lymph nodes (>5cm)	67 (58%)
17p deleted	31/102 (30%)
11q deleted	8/102 (28%)
IgHV unmutated	46/63 (73%)

Venetoclax (ABT-199) dosing schema

Daily ABT-199 doses increased weekly to the designated cohort dose (DCD)

Initial ramp-up schema: dose escalation

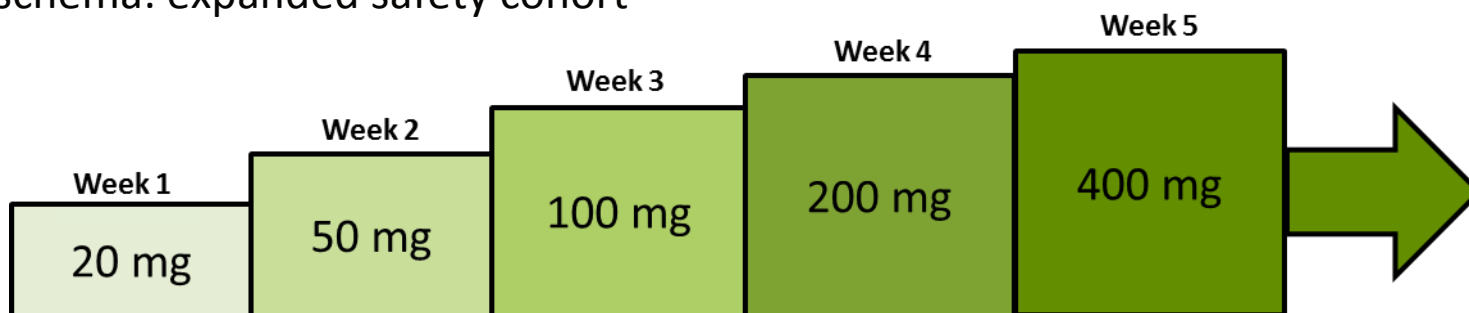


* 3 patients (1 each in cohorts 2, 3, & 5) received ABT-199 20 mg as initial dose

** Step-up doses range from 100 to 400 mg

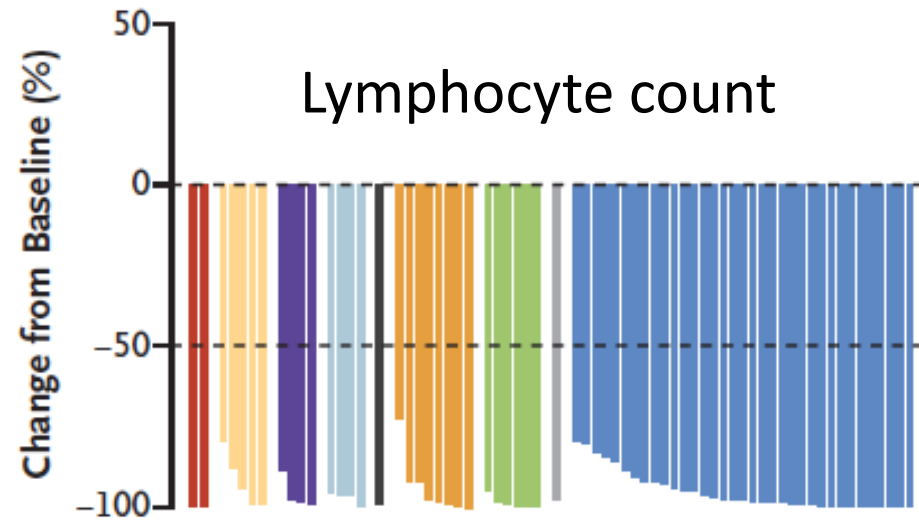
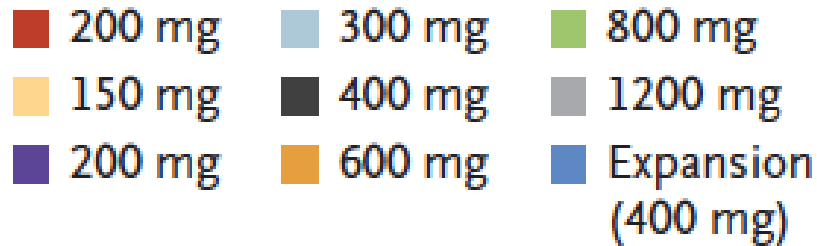
DCD ranges from 150 to 1200 mg

Ramp-up schema: expanded safety cohort

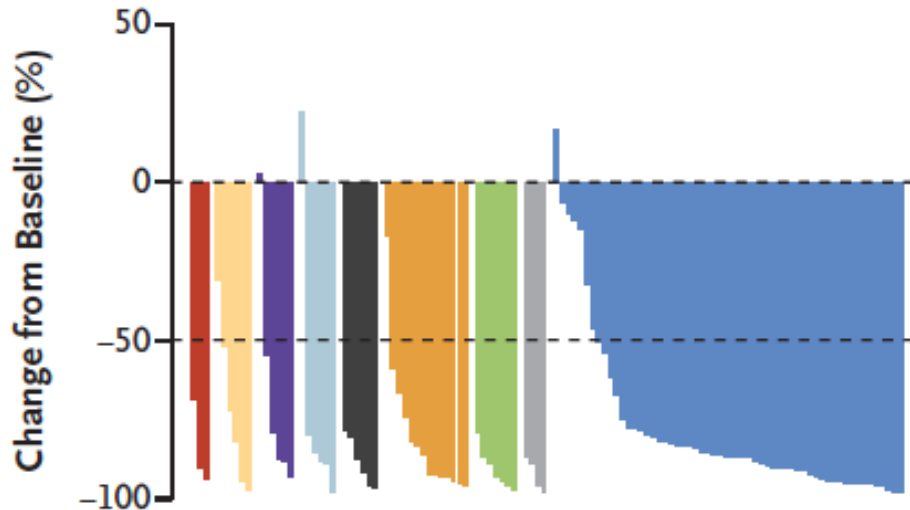


Responses by venetoclax dose

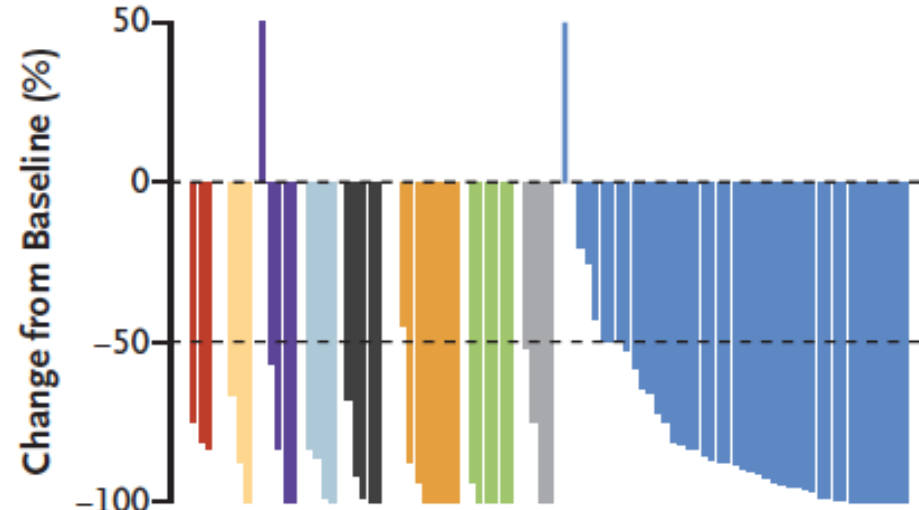
Phase I Dose



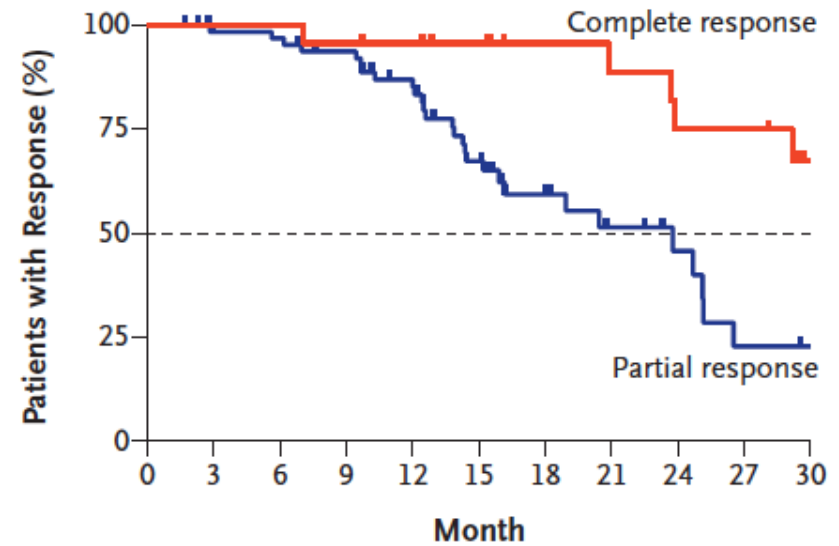
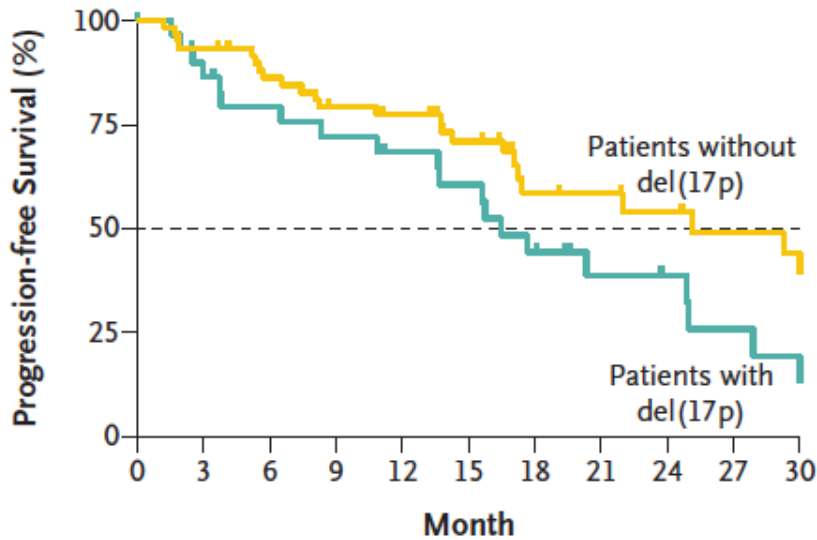
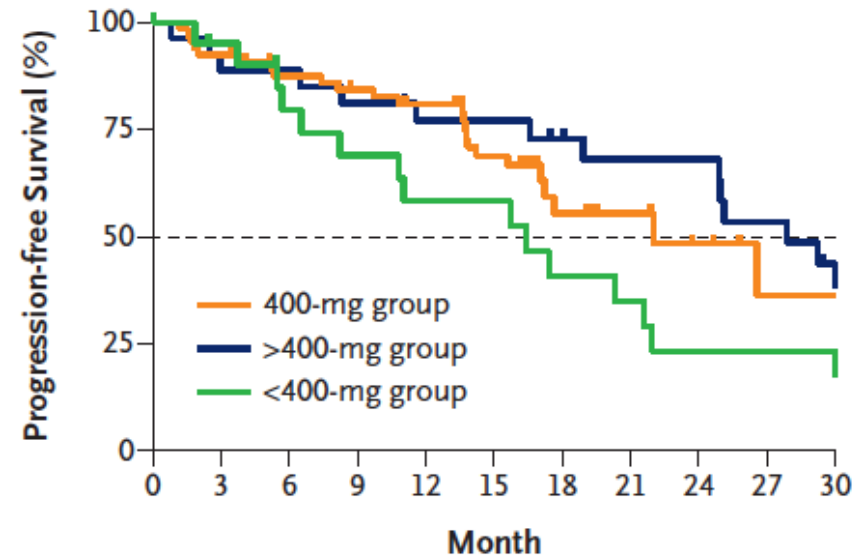
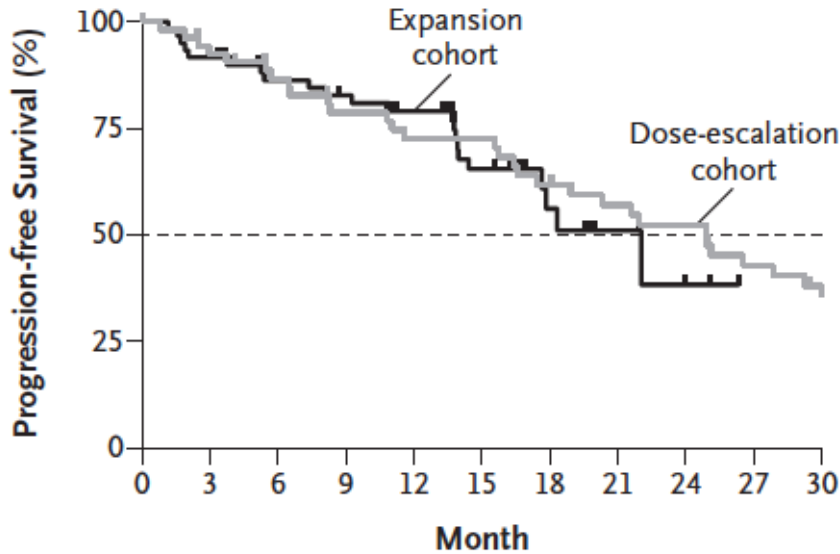
Nodal mass



Bone marrow infiltration



Venetoclax monotherapy: PFS

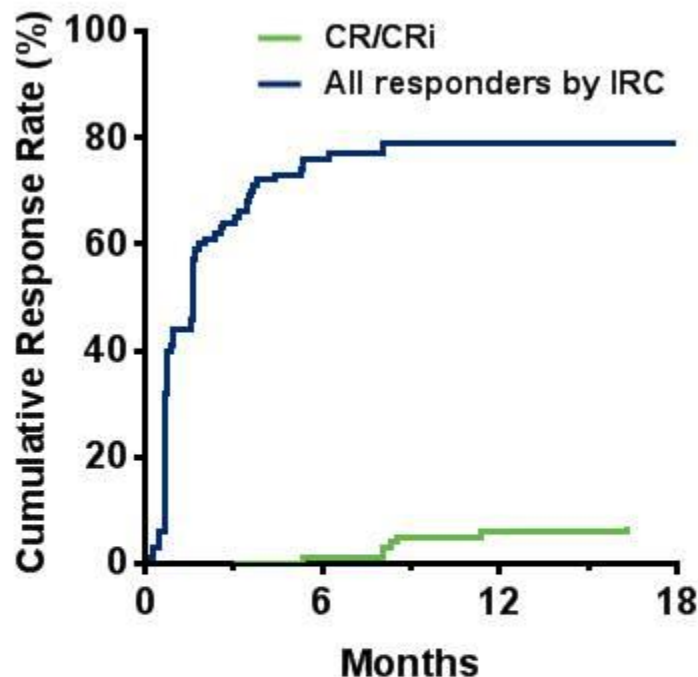


M13-982 Trial: Venetoclax in 17p deleted CLL (Stilgenbauer *et al.*, ASH 2015)

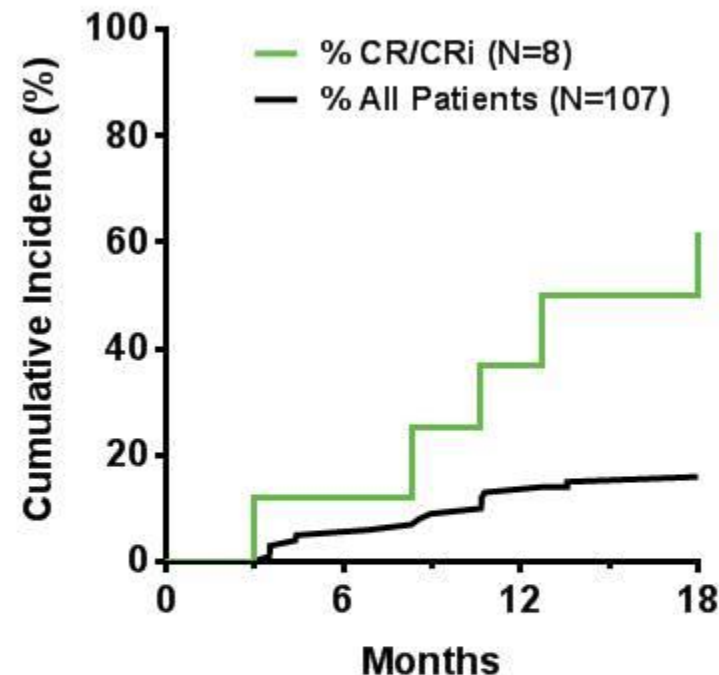
N=107^a	n (%)
Median age (years), range	67, 37–85
Male	70 (65)
Prior therapies: median, range	2, 1–10
Prior bendamustine / refractory	54 (50) / 38 (70)
Prior fludarabine / refractory	78 (73) / 34 (44)
Prior CD20 mAb	90 (84)
ECOG grade 1/2	56 (52) / 9 (8)
One or more nodes \geq 5 cm	57 (53)
ALC \geq 25 x 10 ⁹ /L	54 (51)
TLS risk category	
Low	19 (18)
Medium	43 (40)
High	45 (42)
Rai stage III or IV	51(48)
<i>IGHV</i> unmutated	30 (81)

M13-982 Trial: Cumulative incidence of response (Stilgenbauer *et al.*, ASH 2015)

iwCLL Response



MRD-Negativity

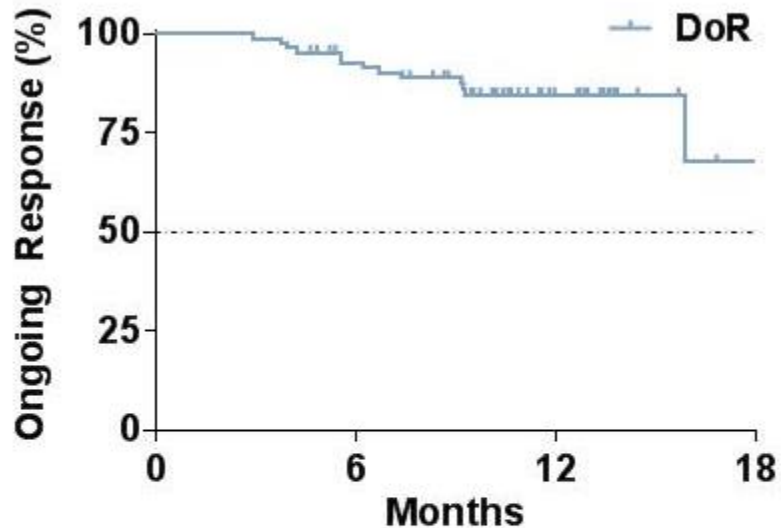


- Median time-to-first response: 0.8 months (0.1–8.1)
- Median time to CR/CRi: 8.2 months (3.0–16.3)

- Of 45 patients tested, 18 achieved MRD-negativity in peripheral blood

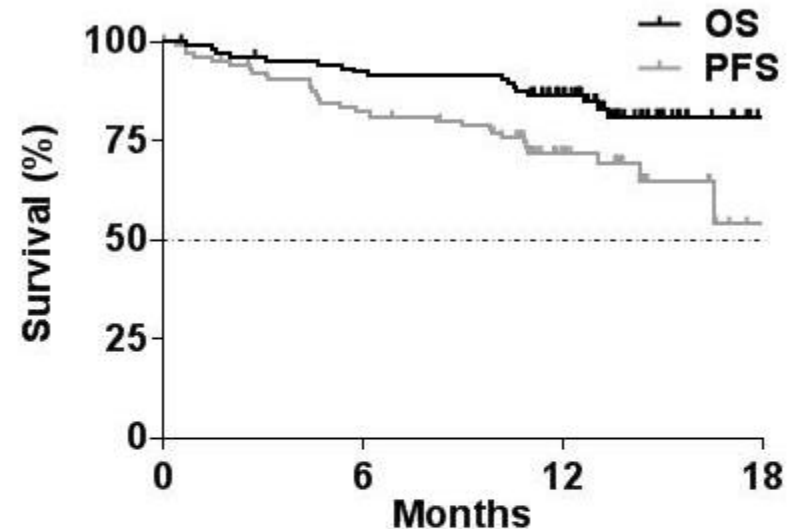
M13-982 Trial: Durability of response (Stilgenbauer *et al.*, ASH 2015)

Duration of Response (N=85)



- 12-month estimates:
 - All responders: 84.7%
 - CR/CRi/nPR: 100%
 - MRD-negative: 94.4%

PFS and OS (N=107)



- 12-month estimates (95% CI):
 - PFS: 72.0% (61.8, 79.8)
 - OS: 86.7% (78.6, 91.9)

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]
≥ 3 , n (%)	21 (43)
Rituximab-containing, n (%)	45 (90)
- Rituximab Refractory ^a	14 (29)
Fludarabine-containing, n (%)	28 (57)
- Fludarabine Refractory ^a	9 (18)
del17p and/or TP53 mutation, n/N (%)	15/45 (33)
Unmutated <i>IGVH</i> , n/N (%)	19/27 (70)

^a Progressed on therapy or within 6 months of therapy

As of October 28, 2015

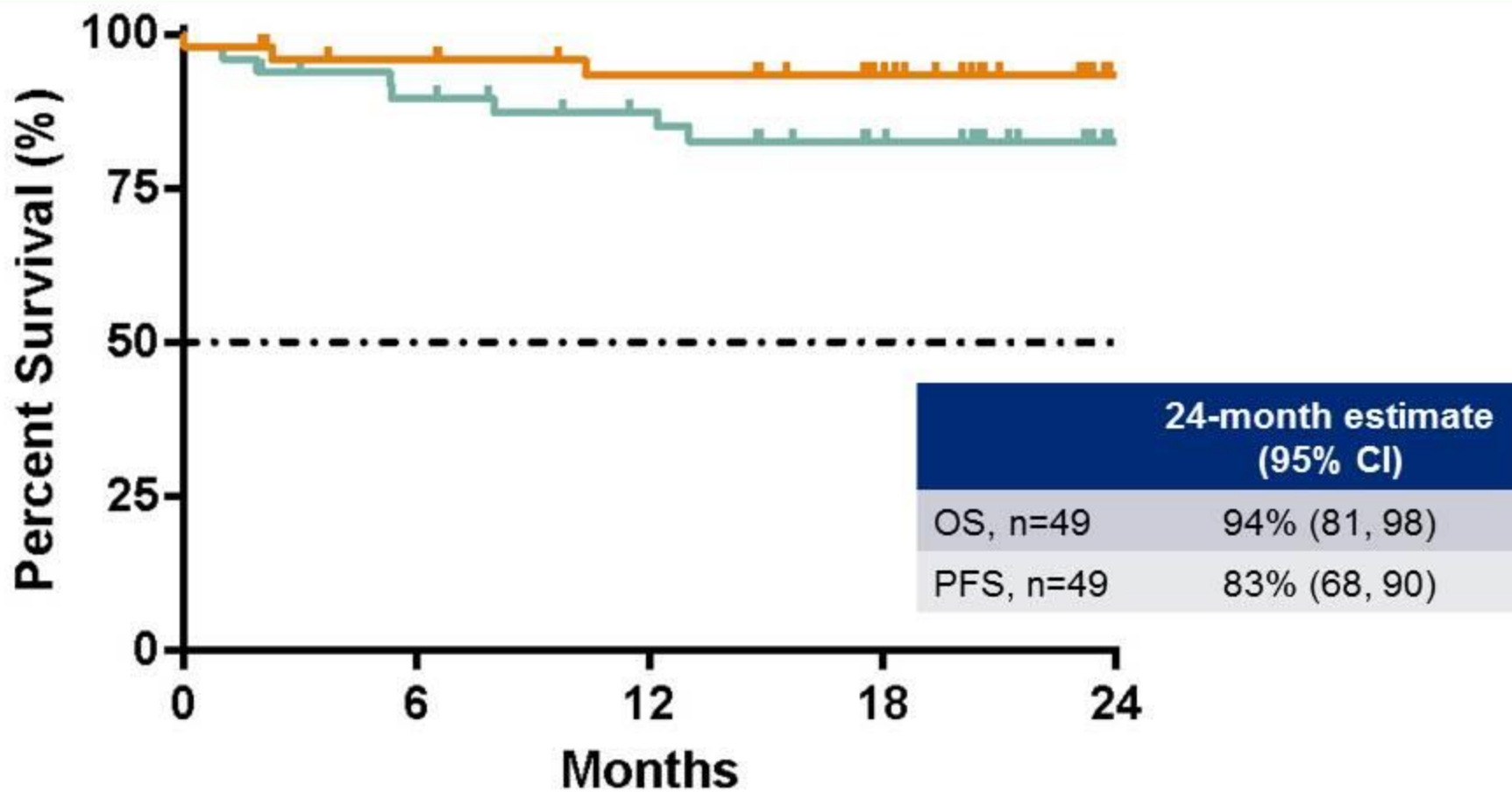
Objective Responses

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) ^a	1 (2)

^a 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



Patients at risk: 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 $\leq 10^{-4}$

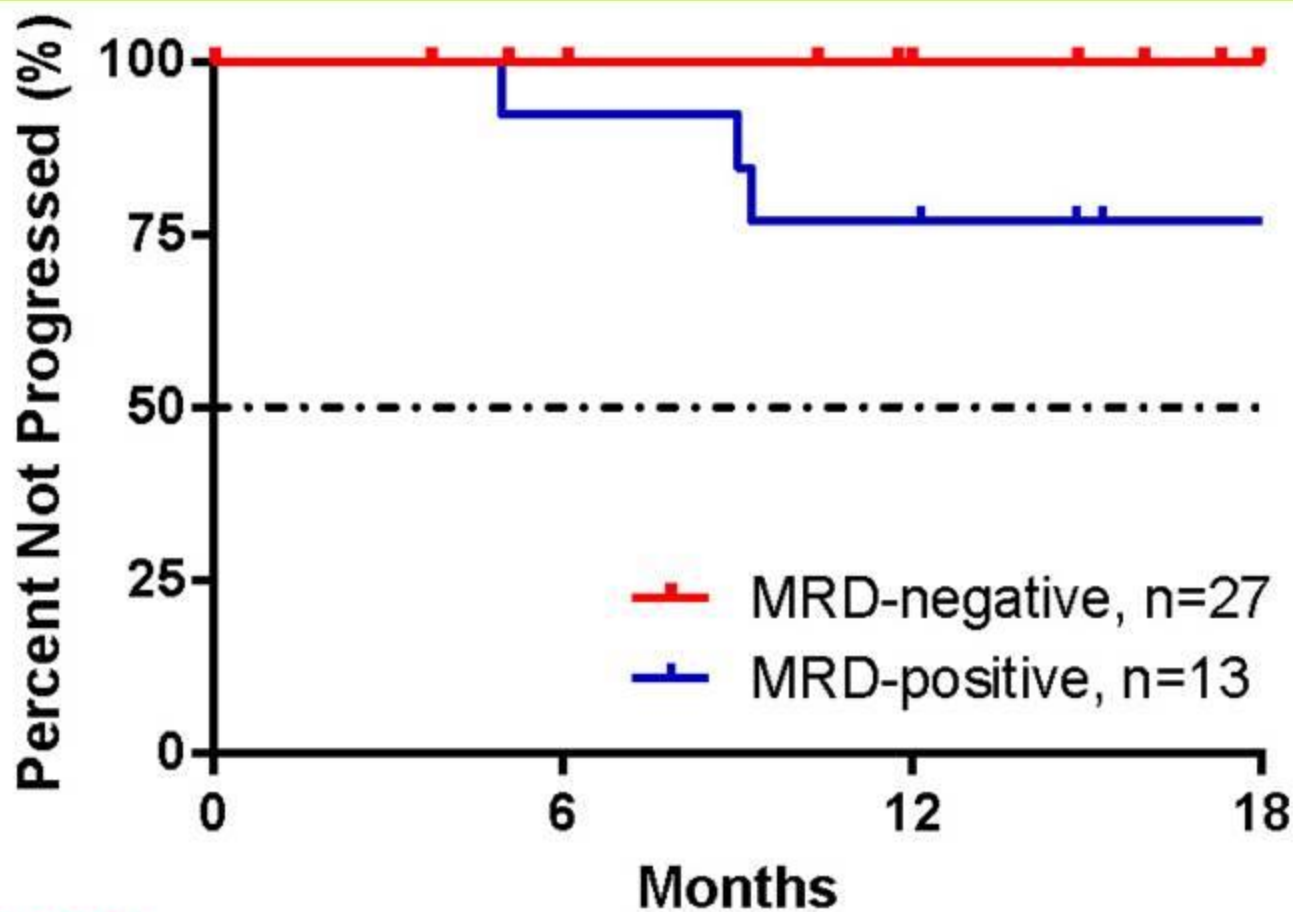
Response Classification	MRD-negative	MRD-positive	Not evaluable
CR (n=23)	17	5	1 ^a
PR (n=19)	10	8	1 ^a
Other (n=7)	0	1 ^b	6 ^c
Total, n/N (%)	27/49 (55)	14/49 (29)	8/49 (16)

^a Samples inadequate for assessment

^b SD

^c 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

Preliminary Results of a Phase Ib Study (GO28440) Combining Venetoclax (GDC- 0199/ABT-199) With Bendamustine/Rituximab or Bendamustine/Obinutuzumab in Patients With Relapsed/Refractory or Previously Untreated Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia

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Preliminary Efficacy: Response and MRD Rates

Response rates with VEN + BR	R/R (n=25) n (%)	1L (n=13) n (%)	All (n=38) n (%)
Response evaluated	22 (88)	11 (85)	33 (87)
ORR	22 (100)	11 (100)	33 (100)
CR/CRi	4 (18)	3 (27)	7 (21)
nPR/PR	18 (82)	8 (73)	26 (79)
SD	0	0	0
MRD assessed^a	21 (84)	9 (69)	30 (79)
MRD negative (peripheral blood)	16 (76)^b	5 (56)	21 (70)
MRD positive	4 (19)	2 (22)	6 (20)
Undetermined ^c	1 (5)	2 (22)	3 (10)

^a MRD negativity by flow at $\times 10^{-4}$.

^b Six of 11 (55%) assessed patients also negative in bone marrow.

^c Patients have no detectable CLL, but sensitivity of their MRD test not 10^{-4} and thus considered undetermined instead of MRD negative.

- Responses and MRD evaluated at Cycle 4, after final BR cycle, at Month 9, and/or at time of suspected response

Safety Run-in for GCLLSG CLL14 Trial to Evaluate Tolerability of Obinutuzumab and Venetoclax

Fischer *et al.* ASH 2015. Abstract 496.

Key eligibility criteria

- Treatment-naïve
- Confirmed CLL
- Coexisting medical conditions assessed by CIRS total score >6 and/or estimated CrCl >70 mL/min

RUN
IN



6 cycles of obinutuzumab and venetoclax followed by 6 additional cycles of venetoclax
Obinutuzumab IV 100 mg on Day 1, 900 mg on Day 2, 1000 mg on Day 8 and Day 15 of cycle 1 and 1000 mg on day 1 for cycles 2-6
Weekly dose ramp-up of venetoclax with 20, 50, 100, 200, and up to 400 mg administered starting on Day 22 of cycle 1

- Safety run-in with 12 patients prior to initiation of randomized phase of CLL14 trial, successor trial to CLL11
- Risk assessment for TLS based on absolute lymphocyte count and largest diameter or measurable lymph nodes
- Study-defined stopping criteria for all patients was one treatment-related death or one grade 4 adverse event related to clinical tumor lysis syndrome despite prophylaxis

Safety Run-in for GCLLSG CLL14 Trial to Evaluate Tolerability of Obinutuzumab and Venetoclax: Efficacy

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Efficacy Outcomes (N=12)	
After 3 cycles	
ORR	92%
CR	92%
PR	8%
After 6 cycles	
ORR	100%
PR	100%

Safety Run-in for GCLLSG CLL14 Trial to Evaluate Tolerability of Obinutuzumab and Venetoclax: Safety

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Adverse Event, n (%)	N=13
	Grade 1/2
Infusion-related reaction	61.5%
Infection	46.2%
Diarrhoea	38.5%
Hyperkalaemia	38.5%
Constipation	38.5%
Nausea	30.8%
Dizziness	30.8%
Cough	30.8%
Fatigue	23.1%
Headache	23.1%
Pruritus	23.1%

Adverse Event, n (%)	N=13
	Grade 3/4
Neutropenia	38.5%
Infusion-related reaction	15.4%
Syncope	15.4%
Thrombocytopenia	15.4%
Tumour lysis syndrome*	15.4%
Febrile neutropenia	15.4%
Bradycardia	7.7%
Hyperglycaemia	7.7%
Influenza	7.7%
Leukopenia	7.7%
Pyrexia	7.7%
Respiratory tract infection	7.7%
Transaminase increased	7.7%

*Laboratory TLS

- Total number of adverse events: 134; patients with ≥ 1 adverse event: 13 (100%)
- Total number of grade 3 or 4 adverse events: 21; patients with ≥ 1 grade 3 or 4 adverse event : 9 (69.2%)
- Median time on treatment was 64.5 days (range, 34-155 days) at time of analysis for VEN

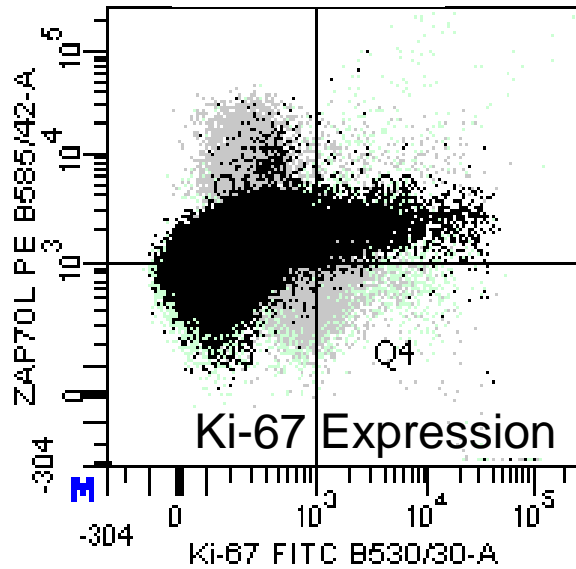
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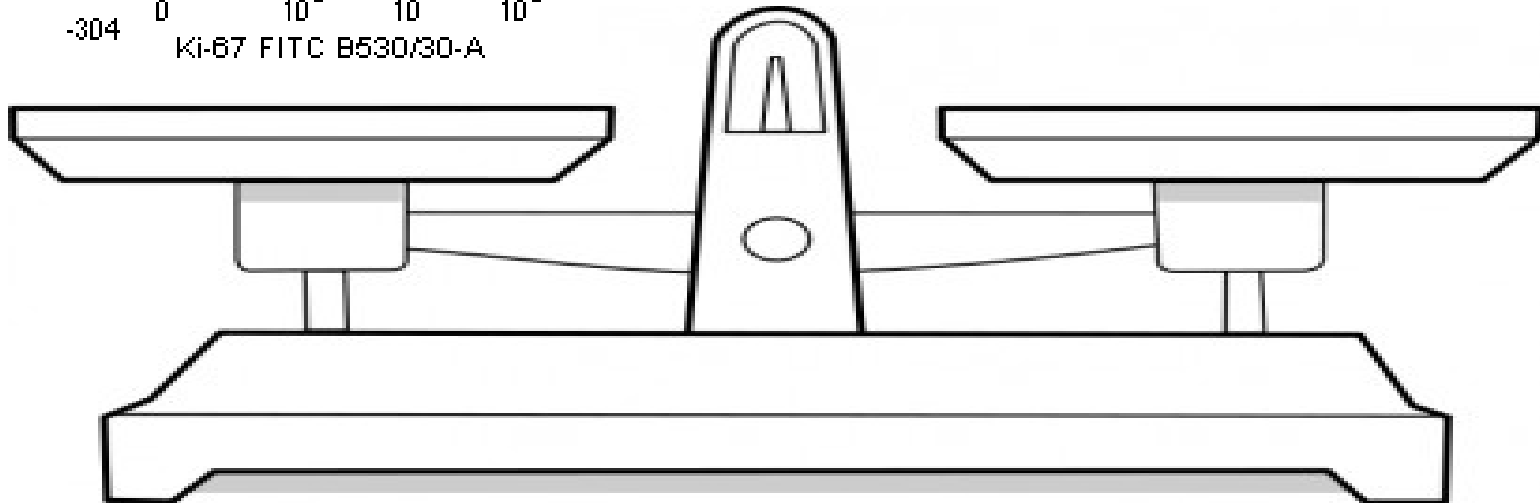
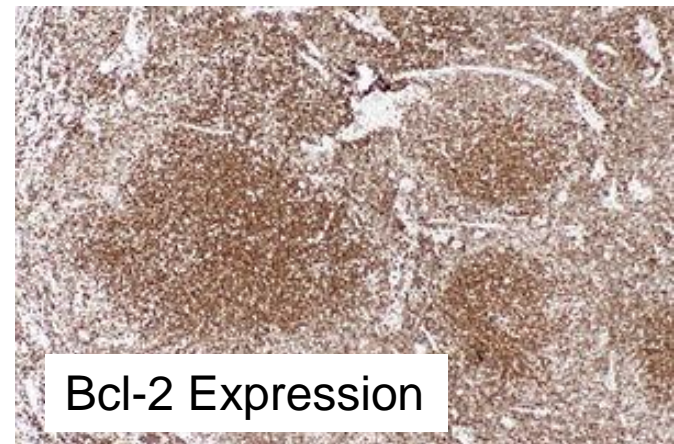
- None of the protocol-defined stopping criteria were met
- The events of laboratory TLS were transient and did not result in treatment delays
- Initiating treatment with obinutuzumab followed by venetoclax appeared tolerable in treatment-naïve, elderly patients with CLL and coexisting medical conditions
- Preliminary efficacy data appear promising; based on IDMC review of the safety data, a randomized trial has started enrolling

Pathophysiology of CLL: Proliferation vs Apoptosis

Proliferation

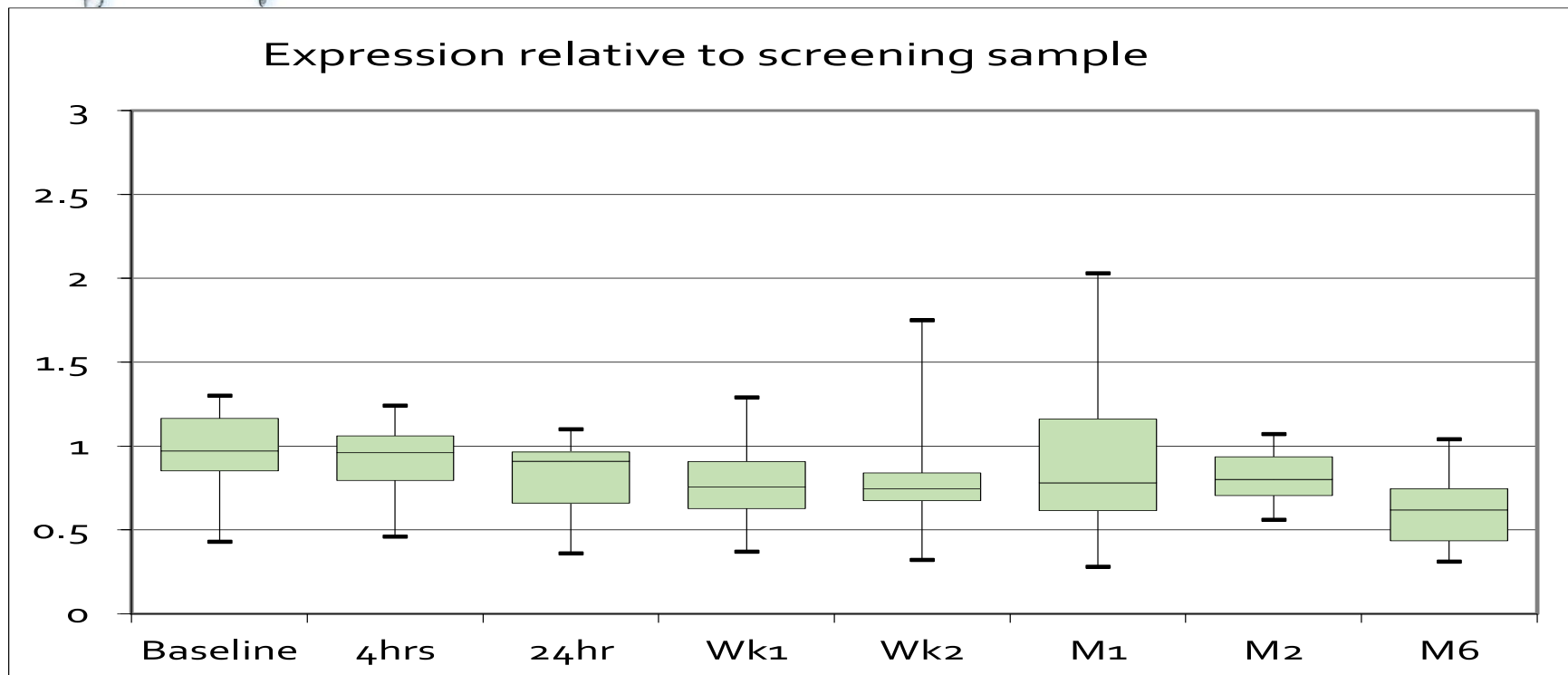


Apoptosis





Persistently strong **BCL2** expression during ibrutinib treatment





CLARITY

Bloodwise **TAP**
Beating blood cancer since 1960

Assessment of veneto**CL**Ax in combination with ib**Rut**Inib 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

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)
- Higher MRD eradication rates

Combinations with other targeted therapies, particularly ibrutinib, are attractive