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**CLL:**  
quale ruolo per la  
chemioterapia oggi?

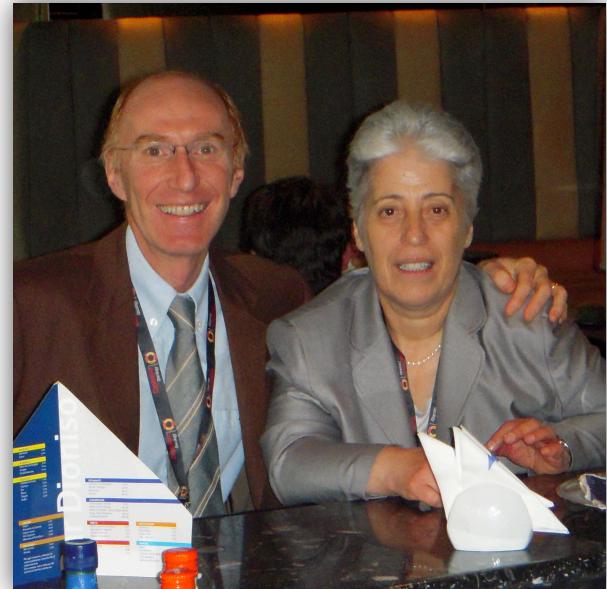
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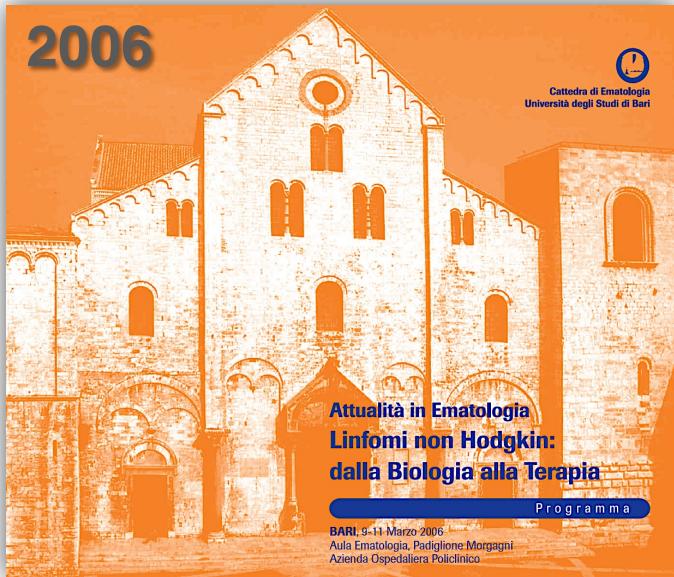
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# CLL

## *armamentario terapeutico disponibile (±)*

### Established Drugs

- Chlorambucil
- Cyclophosphamide
- Fludarabine
- Glucocorticoids
- Bendamustine
- Others (Cladribine, Pentostatin)

### "Intelligent" new drugs

- Lenalidomide
- BH3-Agonists (e.g. ABT-263)
- BCL2-Inh (e.g. ABT-199)
- Signaling Inh (e.g. PI3K, Syk, Btk)
- CXCR4 Inhibitors
- Hsp90 Antagonists

### Antibodies

- Alemtuzumab
- Obinutuzumab (GA101)
- Ofatumumab
- Rituximab
- BITE Abs
- others

### Immune Therapies

- Immunomodulatory agents
- Allo HSC transplantation
- Leukemia Ag Vaccines
- Gene Therapy
- CAR T cell therapy

# CLL

## evoluzione dei trattamenti

### Evolution of treatment options in CLL

1970s      1980s      1990s      2000s      2012-13

Wait and watch or:

#### CLL

la maggior parte dei paz. prima o poi necessita di terapia

% treatment free

Years since diagnosis

— eligible for clinical trial(n=242)  
---- ineligible for clinical trial(n=80)

Thurmes et al, 2008

Proportion free from treatment

Months following diagnosis of CLL in Binet stage A

Patients diagnosed according to  
NCL-WG 1996 guidelines  
(TTFT @ 3 years 77.2%)

Patients diagnosed according to  
IWCLL 2008 guidelines  
(TTFT @ 3 years 69.9%)

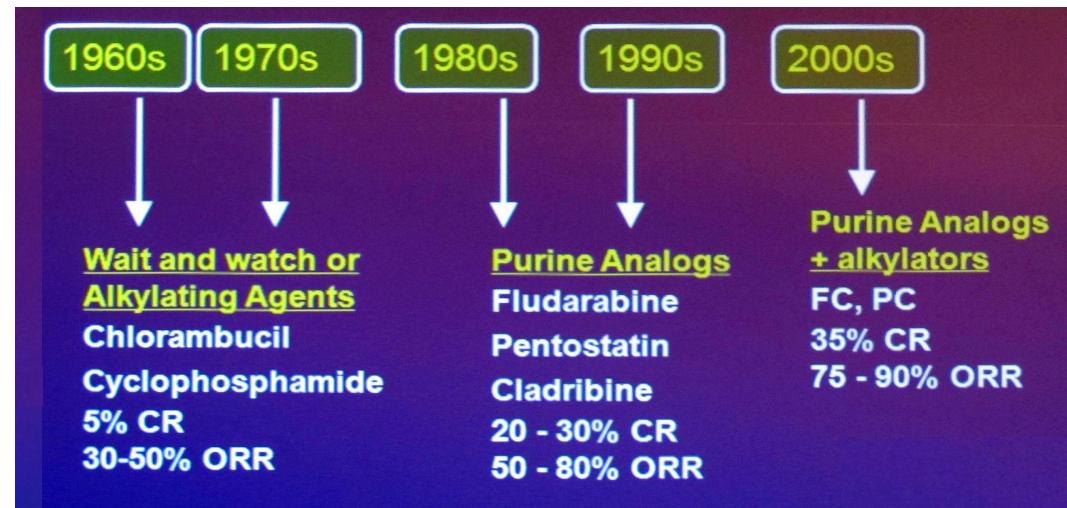
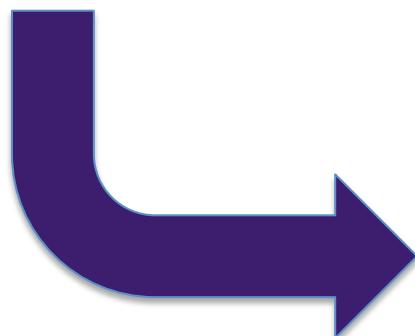
Molica et al, Expert Rev Hematol, 2014

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## *la chemioterapia*

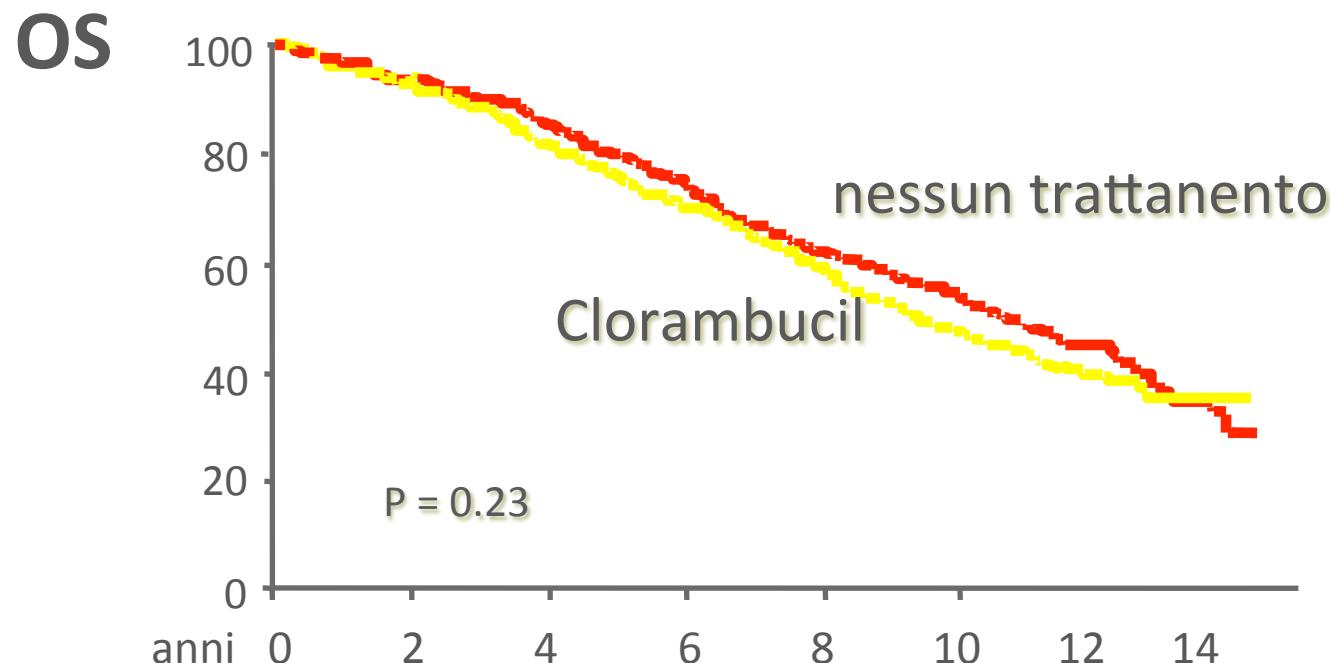
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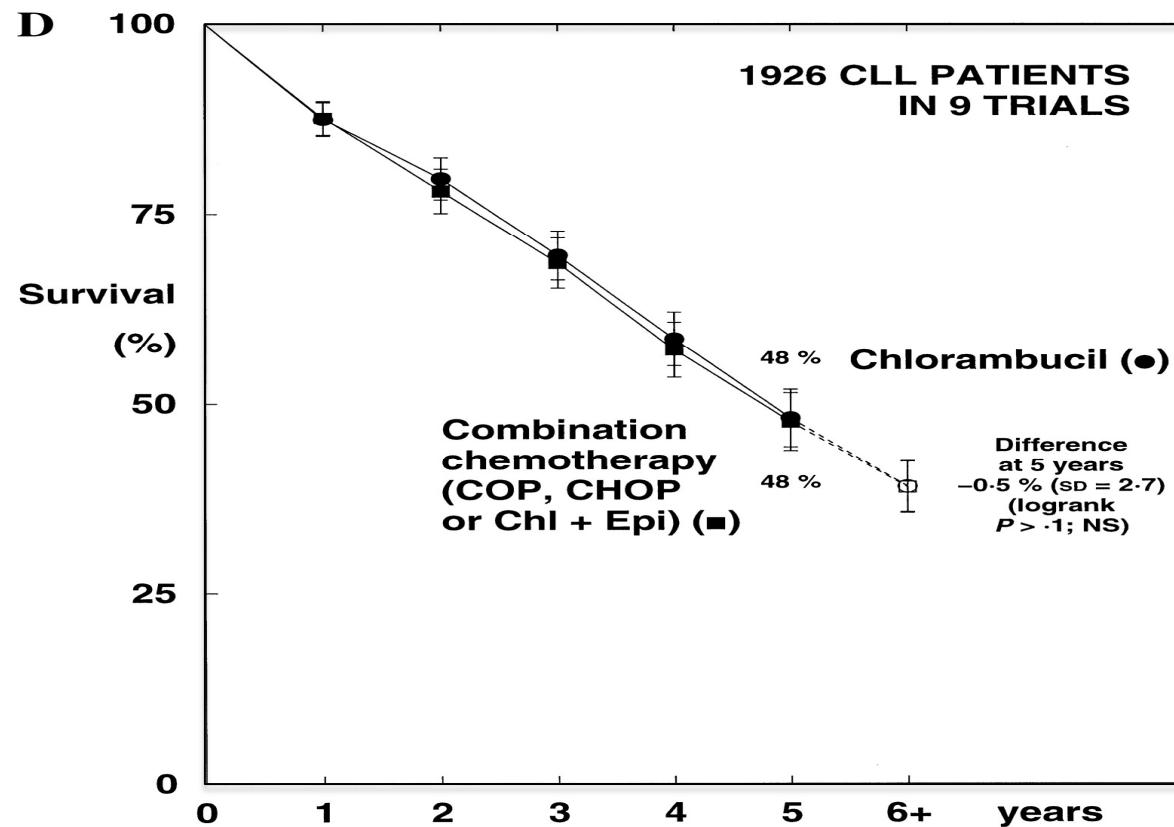
## *Clorambucil vs nessun trattamento*



ICSG on CLL; Blood 1998

# CLL: terapia di prima linea

## *Clorambucil vs poli-CHT*

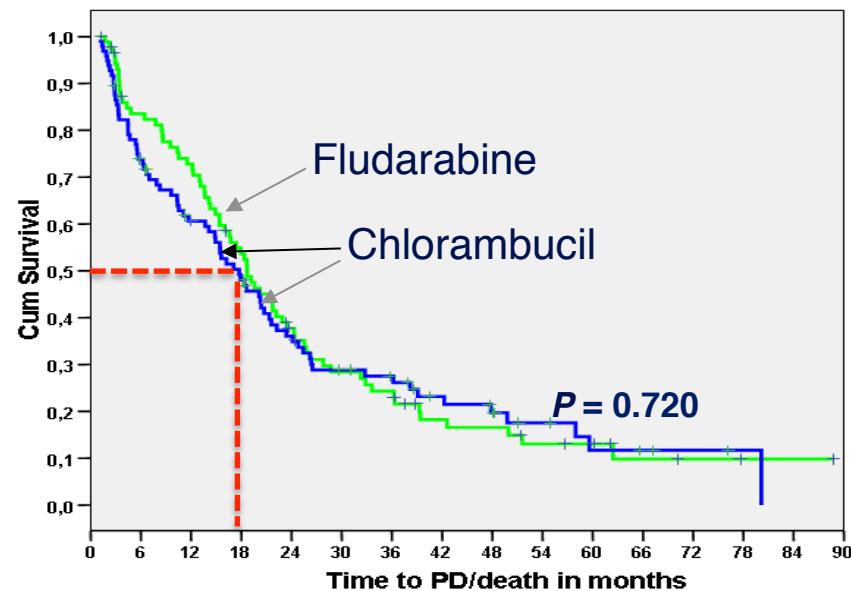


CLL Trialists' Collaborative Group, JNCI 1999

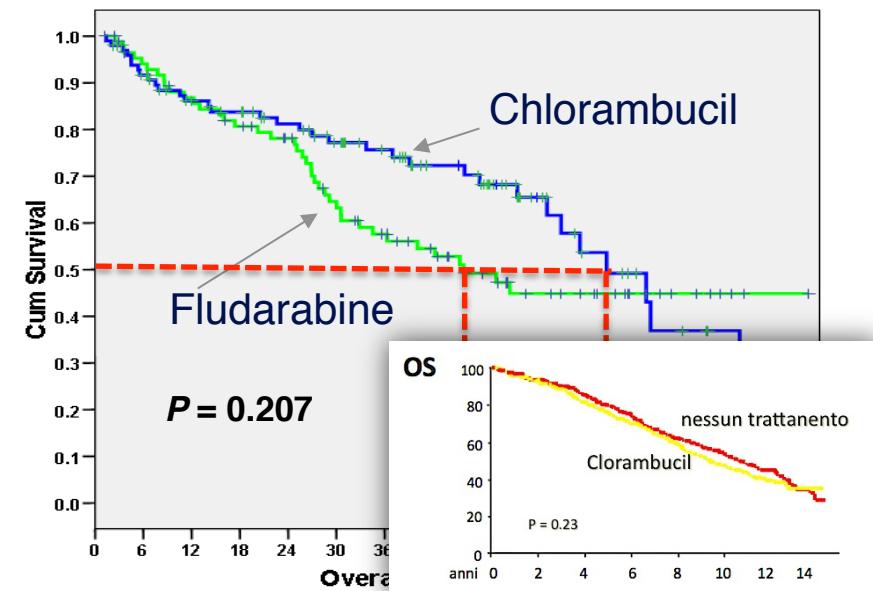
# CLL: terapia di prima linea

## *Clorambucil vs Fludarabina*

PFS



OS



Fludarabine 18.7 months

vs.

Chlorambucil 17.8 Months

Fludarabine 45.8 Months

vs.

Chlorambucil 63.6 Months

Eichhorst BF, et al. Blood 2009

# **CLL**

## *ruolo dei "vecchi" farmaci*

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### **Impatto complessivo modesto**

- **risposte ematologiche:** *variabili*
- **risposte complete:** *tra 5 e < 35%*
- **PFS:** *tra 5 e < 36 mesi*
- **OS:** *nessun reale vantaggio*

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## *ChT + mAb*

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- **Rituximab**
- **Ofatumumab**
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2012-13

### Chemo-immunotherapy

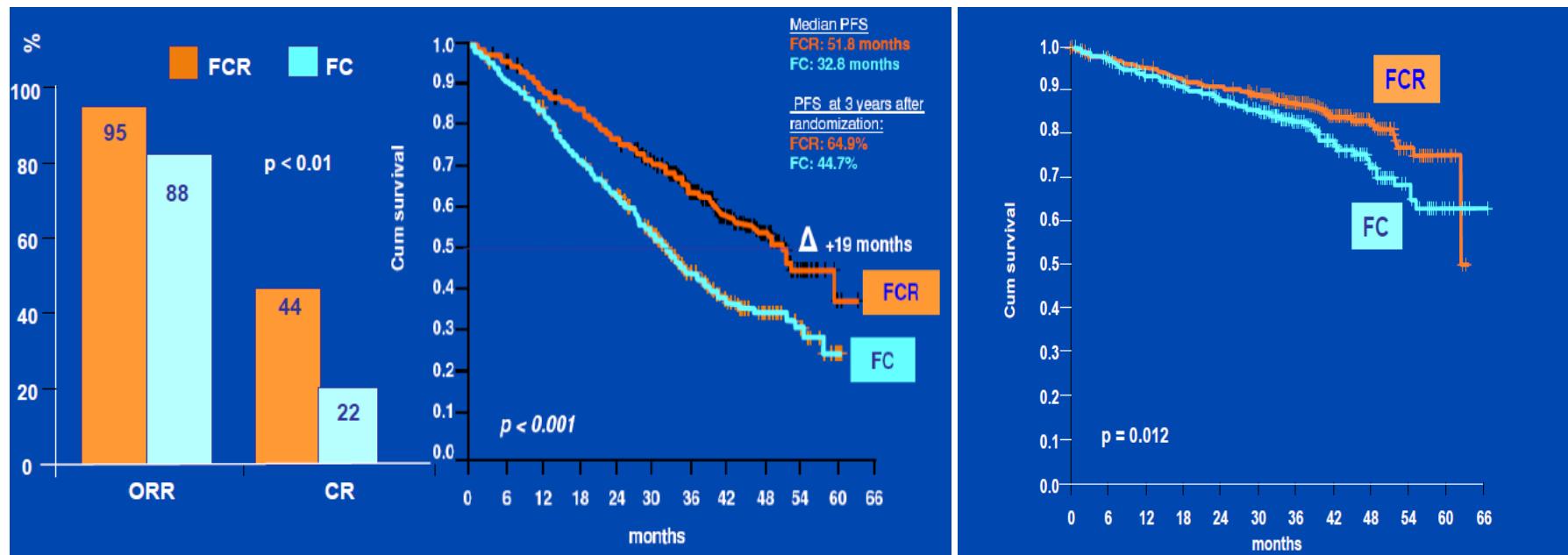
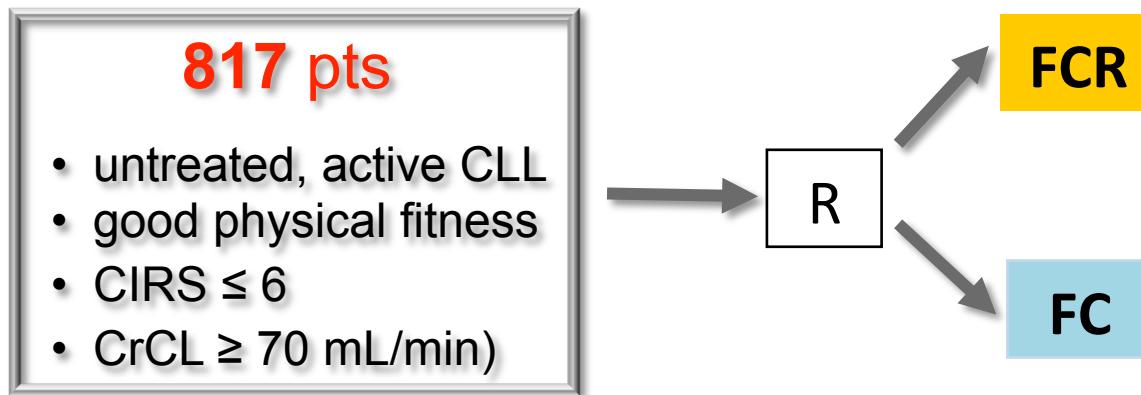
**FCR, FR, PCR, BR**

**CR: up to 60%**

**ORR: up to 90%**

# ...e arrivò FCR

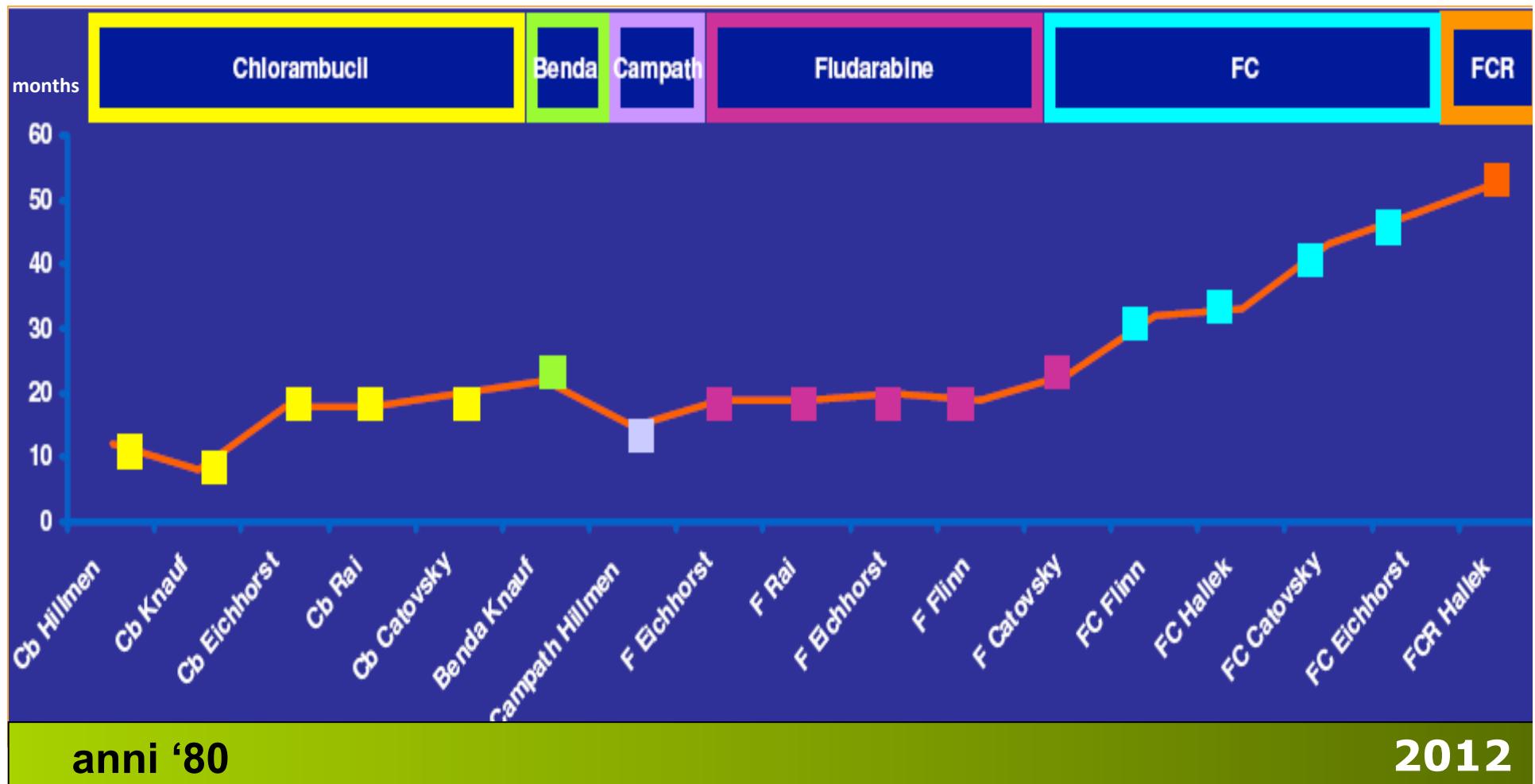
## FCR vs FC (studio CLL8)



Hallek M, et al. Lancet. 2010

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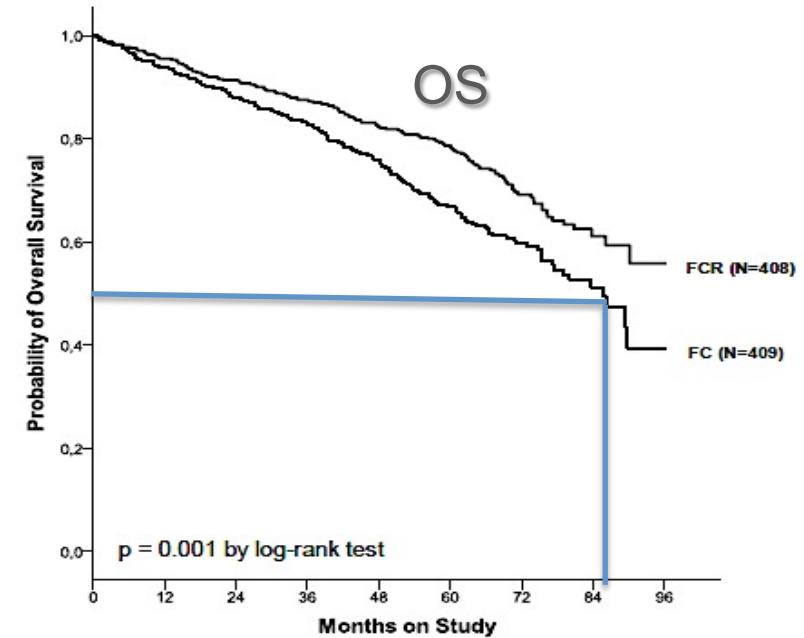
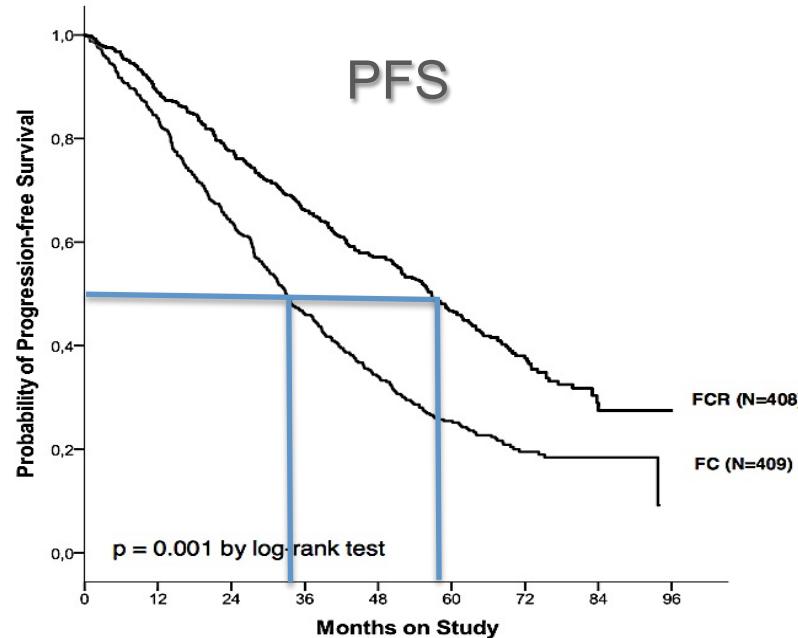
*miglioramento dei risultati (PFS) negli anni*



*da Francesca Mauro*

# CLL8 study

## FCR vs FC: 2015 update



Fischer et al., Blood, October 2015

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## *FCR il gold standard*

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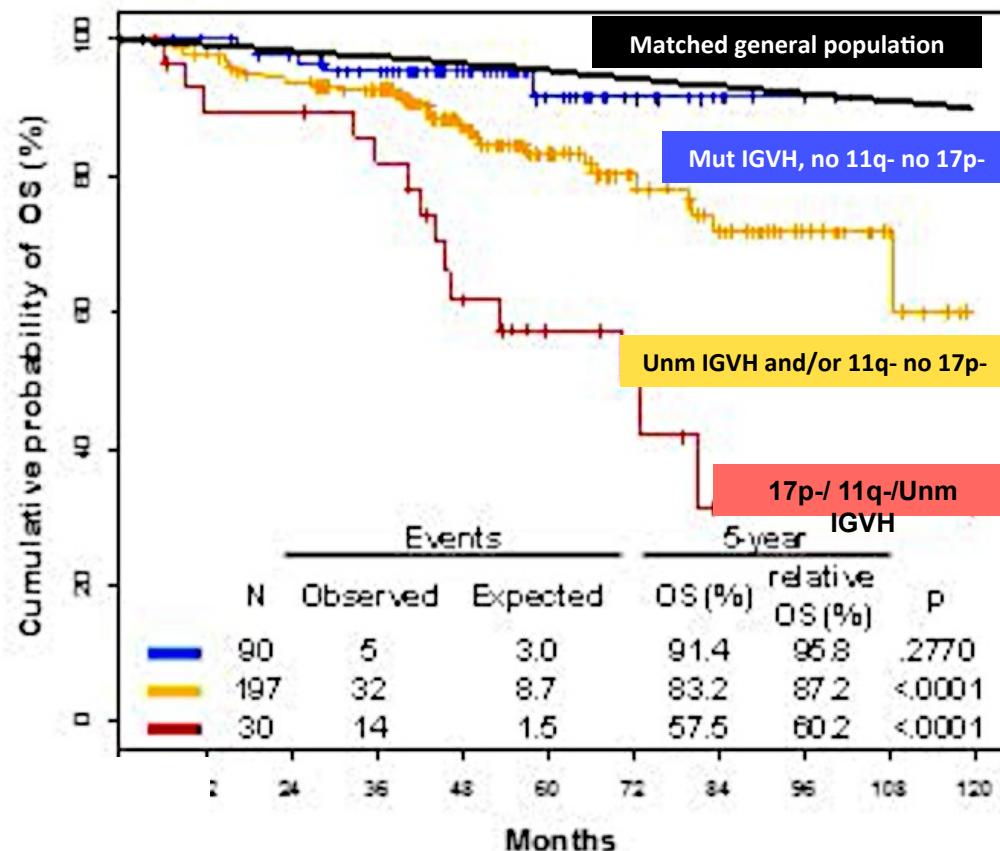


## *FCR per tutti?*

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***FCR is NOT the "right" treatment for the majority of pts.***

multicenter retrospective analysis of 404 pts. receiving frontline FCR

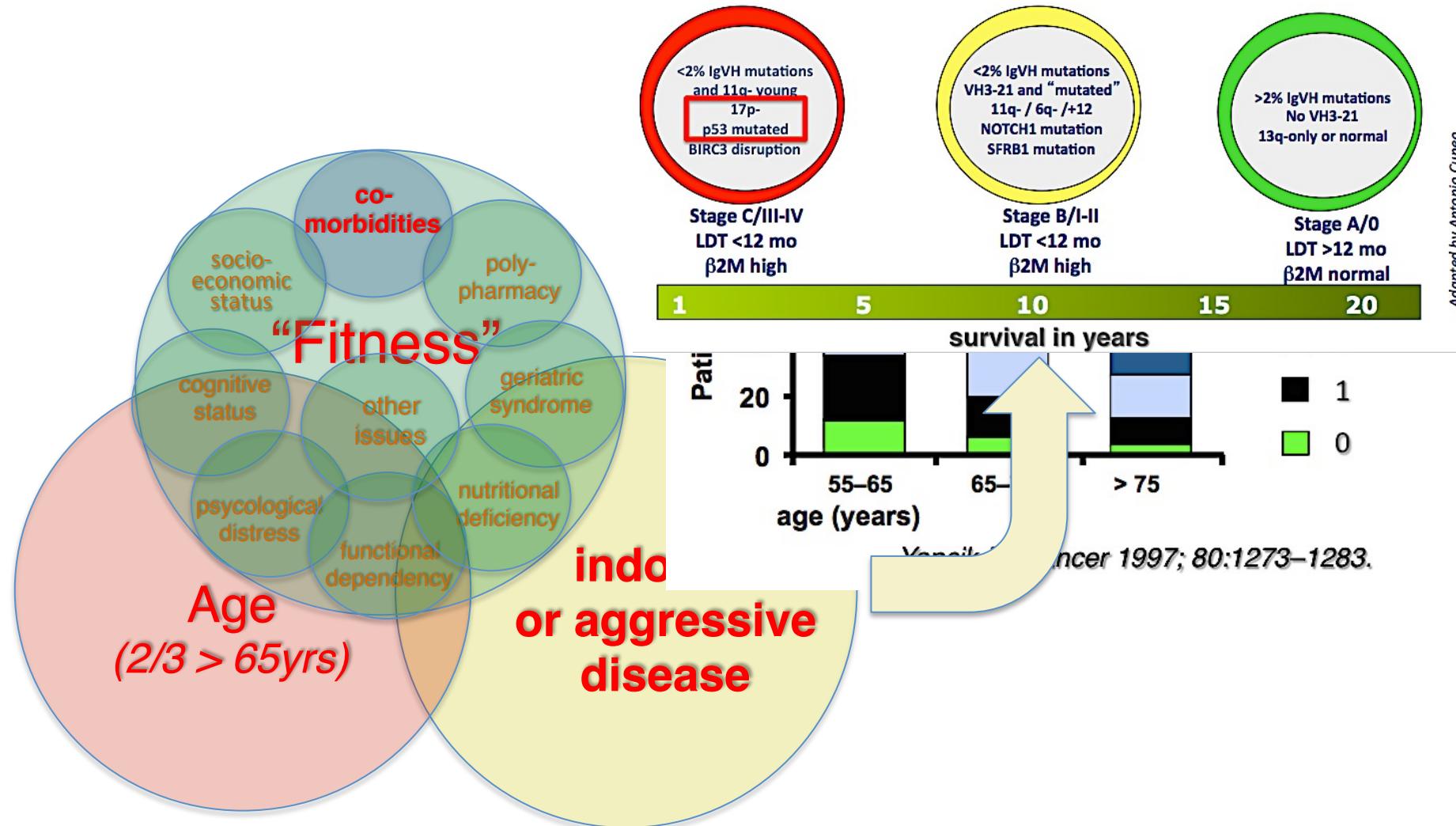


- unfavourable efficacy/toxicity ratio (***NO for UNFIT & FRAIL pts.***)
- best results if mut IGHV, no 11q- no 17p-/p53mut (***GOLD STANDARD***)
- no efficacy in 17p-/p53mut pts.
- in daily practice applied in <***30*** of pts.

Rossi et al., Blood 2015

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## Treatment: patient vs disease



Adapted by Antonio Cuneo

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## *FCR nei pazienti anziani (>60? >65? > 70 anni?)*

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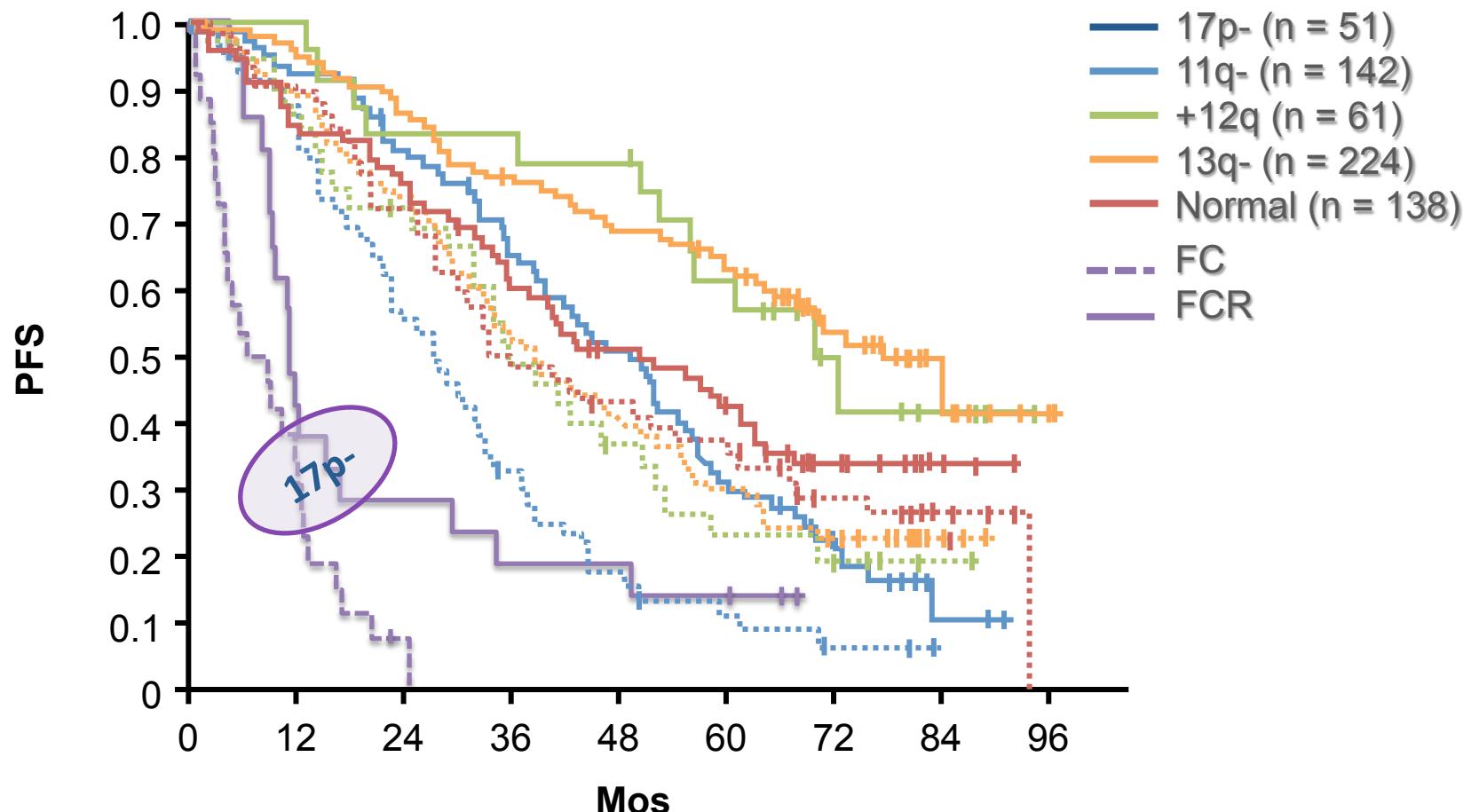
**NON ben tollerato e meno efficace rispetto ai pazienti più giovani:**

- *75% dei pazienti hanno tossicità ematologica di grado 3-4*
- *meno del 50% dei pazienti sono in grado di completare 6 cicli a causa della citopenia*
- *più bassa percentuale di risposte complete*

*Keating et al, JCO 2005; Ferrajoli et al., Leuk & Lymph.2005; Tam et al., Blood 2008*

# CLL8

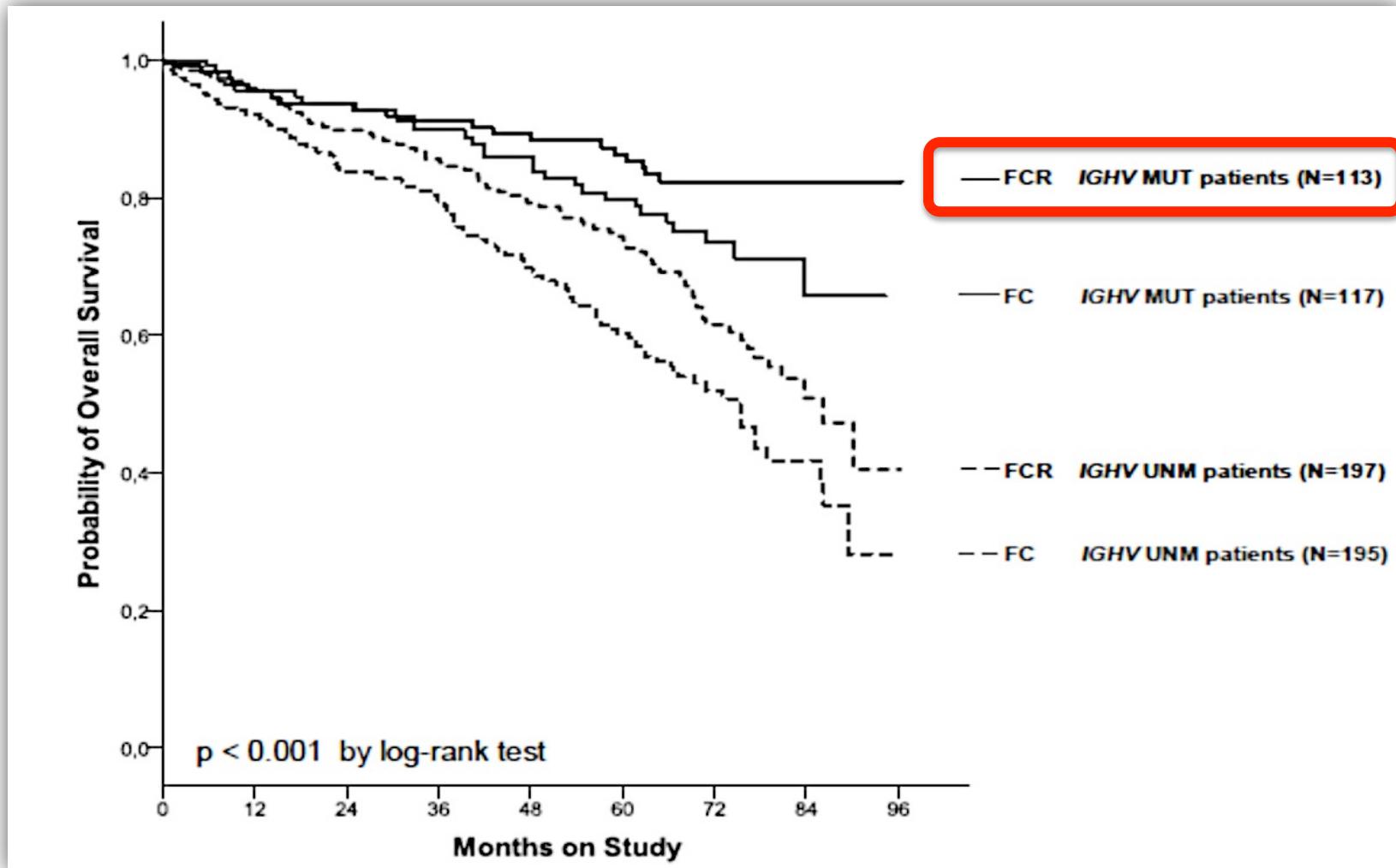
## PFS in genomic subgroups



Stilgenbauer S, et al. Blood. 2014

# CLL8

## *OS by treatment arms and IGHV*



Fischer et al., Blood 2015

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*MDACC: 300 pazienti trattati con FCR  
(1999-2003, mediana post trattamento 12.8 anni)*

**FCR ottiene maggiori % di CR e MRD-neg. nei pazienti IGHV-mutati**

• Median age	57 (17-86)
• ≥ 65	24 %
• ECOG PS < 2	97 %
• RAI stage III-IV	36 %
• Unmutated IgHV	59 %
• del(17p)	2%

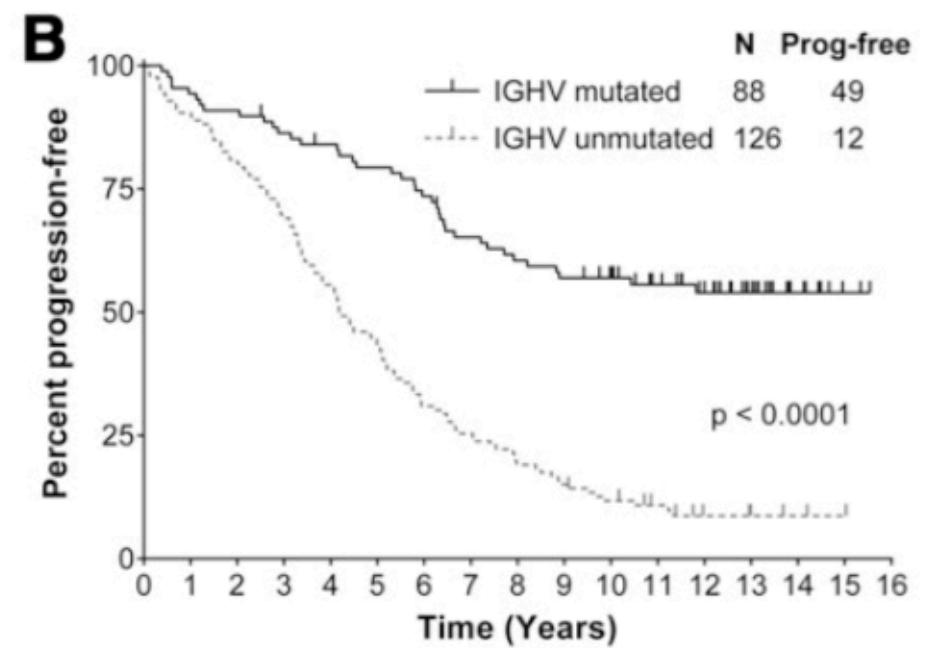
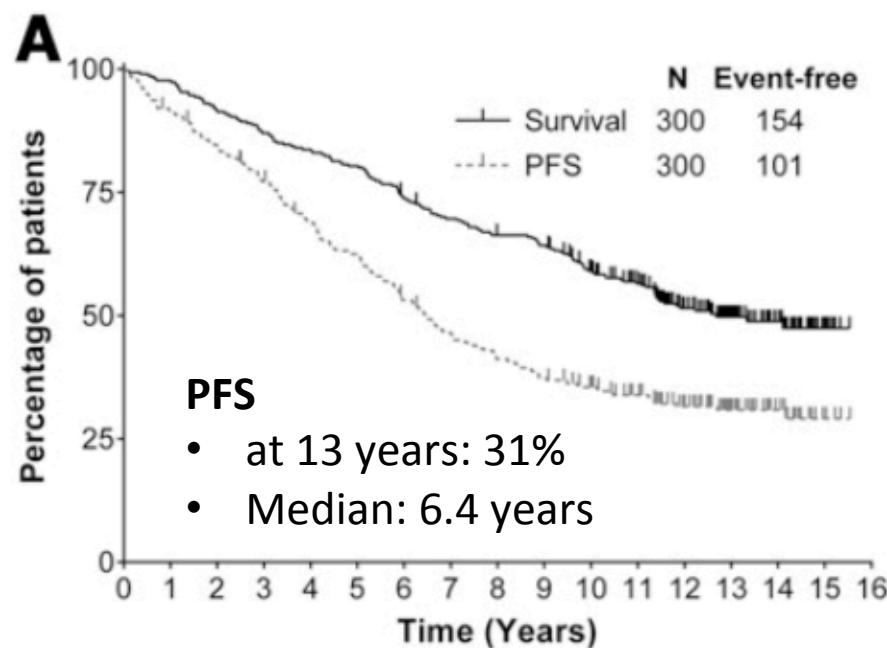
All patients	CR: 72%	MRD-neg: 43%
• Mutated IgHV	83 %	51 %
• Unmutated IgHV	72 %	33 %
• del(17p)	20%	0%
• no del(17p)	75%	43%
• 1-3 cycles	30%	10%
• 4-5 cycles	64%	39%
• 6 cycles	81%	47%

Thompson et al Blood 2016

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**FCR ottiene lunghe OS e PFS nei pazienti IGHV-mutati**



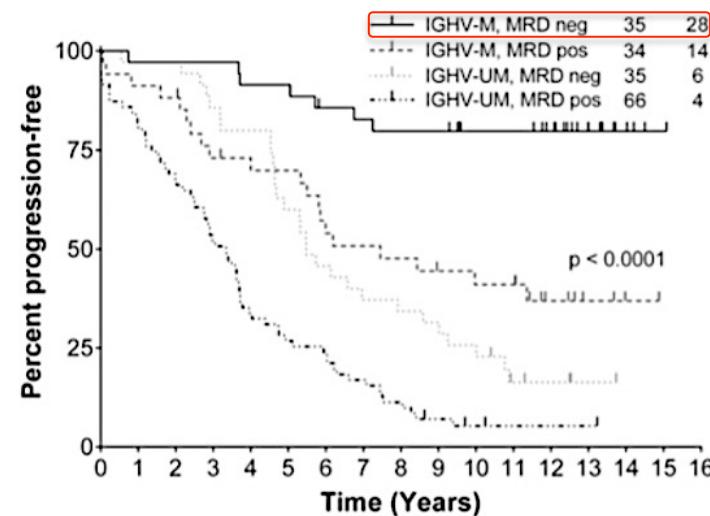
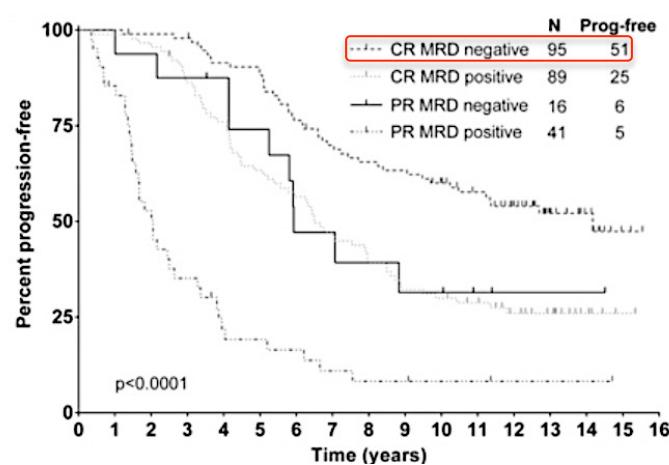
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- Median PFS (years):
- Unmutated IgHV: 4.2
  - Mutated IgHV: NR (plateau)

# CLL

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MRD-neg. si associa a PF prolungata nei pazienti IGHV-mutati

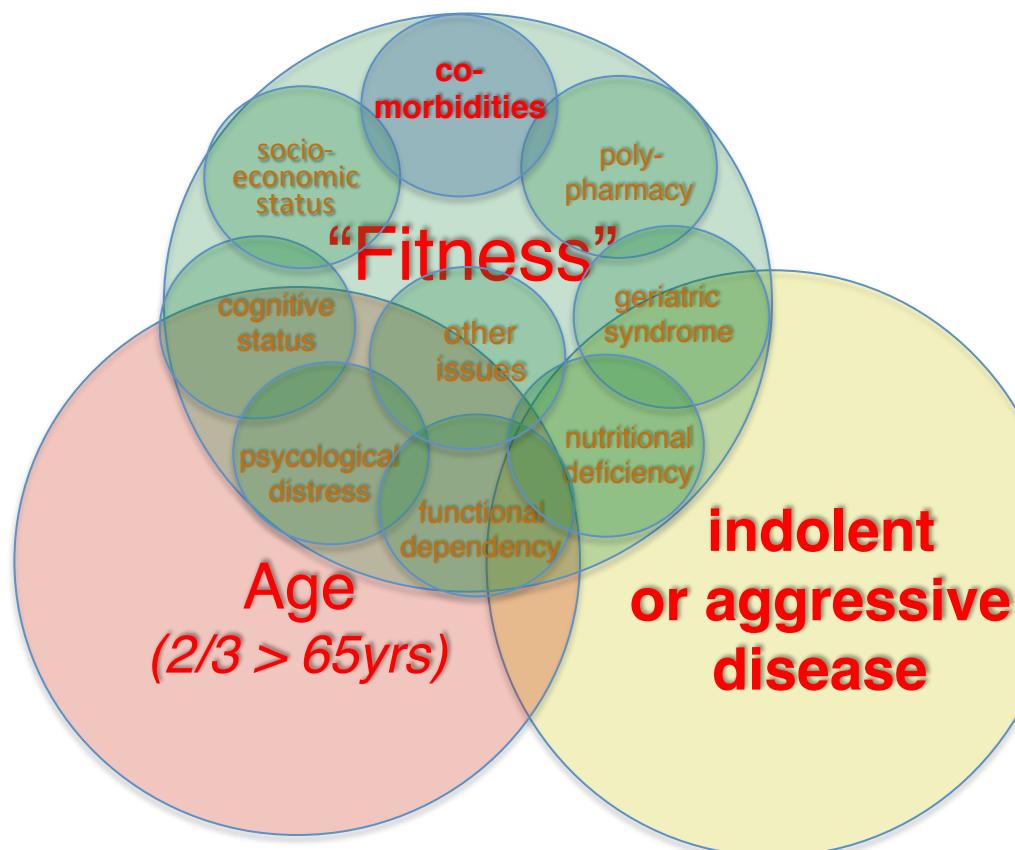


*"The high rate of very long-term PFS in patients with IGHV-M after FCR argues for the continued use of chemoimmunotherapy in this patient subgroup outside clinical trials; alternative strategies may be preferred in patients with IGHV-UM, to limit long-term toxicity".*

Thompson et al Blood 2016

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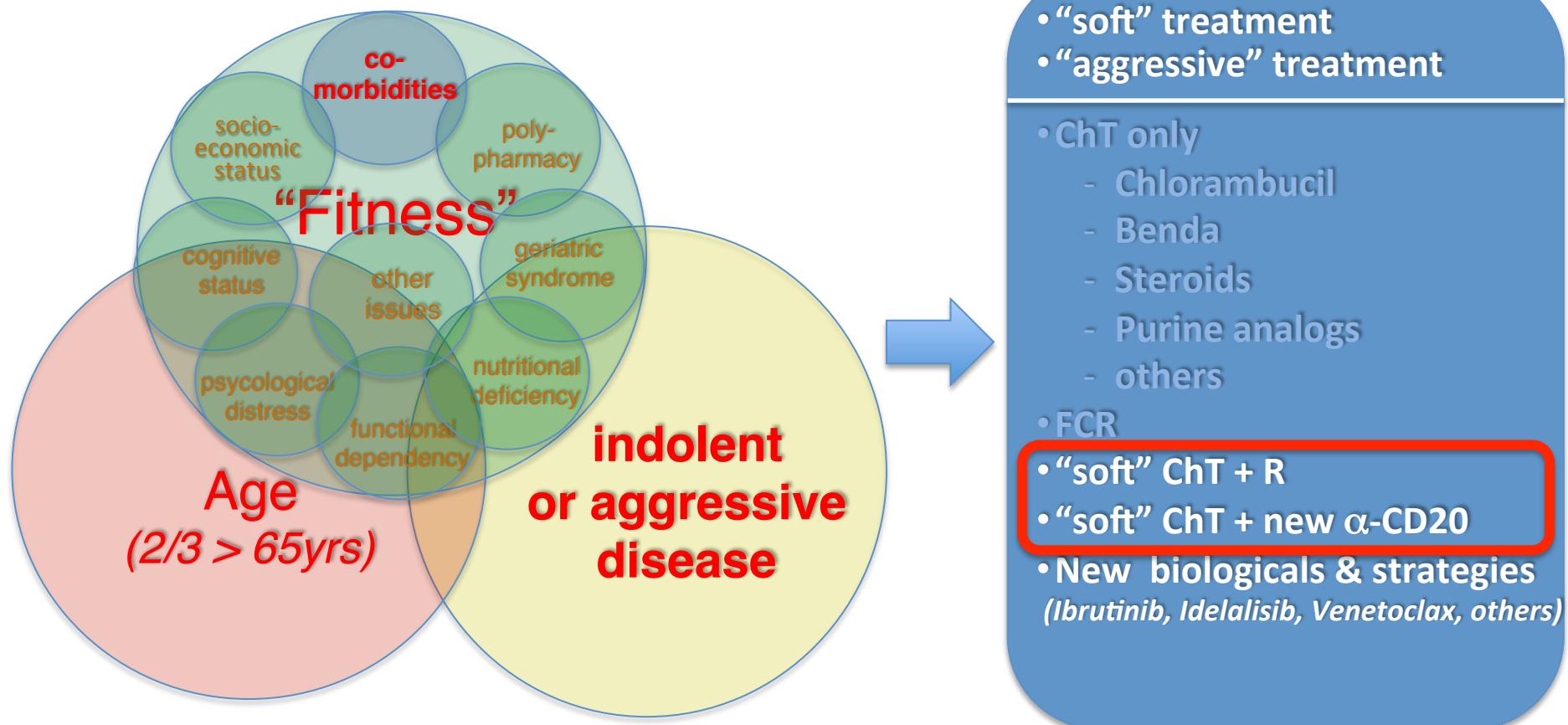
*patient & disease → possible options*



- “soft” treatment
- “aggressive” treatment
- ChT only
  - Chlorambucil
  - Benda
  - Steroids
  - Purine analogs
  - others
- FCR
- “soft” ChT + R
- “soft” ChT + new α-CD20
- New biologicals & strategies  
(*Ibrutinib, Idelalisib, Venetoclax, others*)

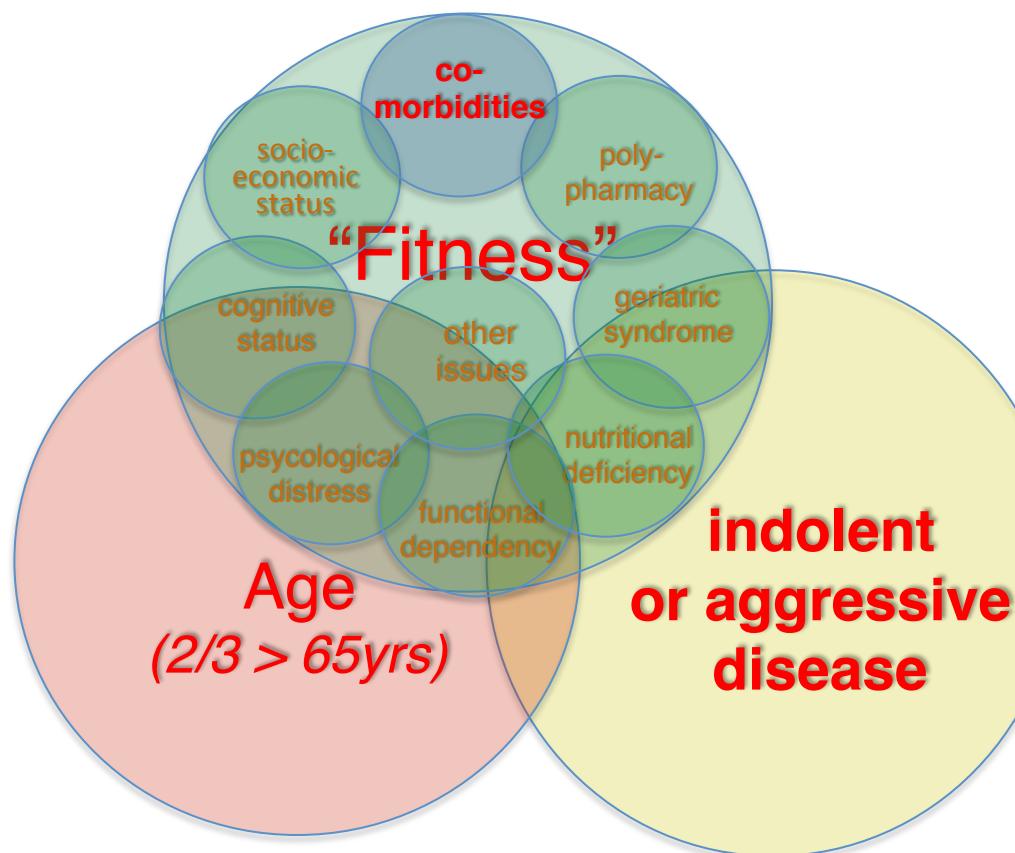
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## *principali dati da studi con R-Clorambucil*

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Study	Phase	N	Patient population	Treatment	Key results
<b>CLL208<sup>1</sup></b>	II	100	1L, unable to tolerate fludarabine	R-Clb	ORR: 84%, CR: 10%, G3/4 neutropenia: 41%
<b>ML21445<sup>2</sup></b>	II	ITT: 85	1L, ≥ 65 years or ≥ 60 years and ineligible for fludarabine	R-Clb	ORR: 82,4%, CR: 18,9%, G3/4 neutropenia: 19,6%

1. Hillmen P, et al *J Clin Oncol.* 2014; 2. Foà R, et al. *Am J Hematol.* 2014

# CLL

## *principali dati da studi con R-Bendamustina*

Study or author	Phase	N	Patient population	Treatment	Key results
Fischer <i>et al.</i> 2011 <sup>1</sup>	II	78	R/R	R-Benda	ORR: 59%, CR: 9%, G3/4 neutropenia: 23% MRD in PB: 7.4%* MRD-neg. in BM 7.7%
Fischer <i>et al.</i> 2012 <sup>2</sup>	II	117	1L	R-Benda	ORR: 88%, CR: 23%, G3/4 neutropenia: 20% MRD-neg in PB: 57.8%‡ MRD-neg. in BM 29.2%§
MaBLe <sup>3</sup>	IIIb	358	1L or 2L and relapsed after ≥ 12 mo, ineligible for fludarabine	R-Benda Vs R-Clb	Interim results for 1L patients R-Clb ORR: 81%, CR: 10%, G3/4 neutropenia: 34% <b>R-Benda ORR: 88%, CR: 34%,</b> G3/4 neutropenia: 32%

2L = second-line. 2 of 27 evaluable patients; † 1 of 13 Evaluable patients; ‡ 26 of 45 patients; § 7 of 24 patients.

1. Fischer K, *et al.* *J Clin Oncol* 2011;
2. Fischer K, *et al.* *J Clin Oncol* 2012;
3. Leblond V, *et al.* ASH 2012; Abstract 2744.

# CLL10

## *FCR vs BR (treatment naive pts.)*

International, open-label, randomised, phase 3: primary endpoint: PFS

	FCR	B-R	P
Patients	282	279	
Age (years)	62 (55-67)	61 (54-69)	NS
> 70 years	10%	18%	
RAI stage:			
0-2	55%	56%	NS
3-4	45%	44%	
ECOG PS:			
0-1	98%	>99%	NS
2	2%	<1%	
del(11q)	24%	23%	
12q+	12%	11%	NS
del(13q)	55%	53%	
Unmutated IgHv	55%	68%	0.003

Eichhorst et al. Lancet Oncol 2016

# CLL10

## *FCR vs BR (treatment naive pts.)*

	FCR (%)	BR (%)	P
<b>ORR</b>	95	96	NS
<b>CR</b>	40	31	<b>0.034</b>
<b>age ≤ 65 years</b>	41	30	<b>0.022</b>
age > 65 years	36	32	NS ←
<b>del(11q)</b>	38	19	<b>0.016</b>
del(13q)	35	34	NS
IgHV mutated	39	28	NS
IgHV unmutated	39	33	NS

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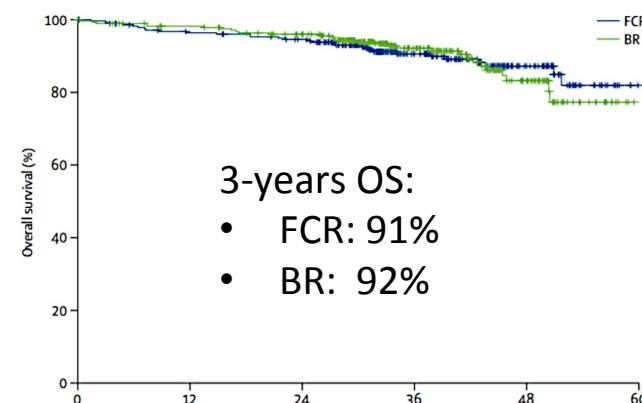
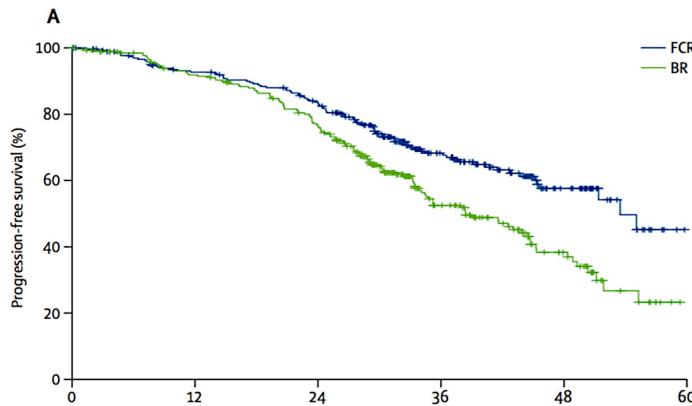
	FCR	BR	p
Evaluable patients	274	273	
ORR	95%	96%	NS
CR	40%	31%	<b>0.034</b>
<b>MRD PB (355 patients)</b>	74%	63%	<b>0.024</b>
<b>MRD M (227)</b>	58%	32%	<b>&lt; 0.001</b>
<b>MRD PB at 12 months</b>	58%	26%	<b>&lt; 0.001</b>
<b>MRD PB at 18 months</b>	54%	25%	<b>0.006</b>

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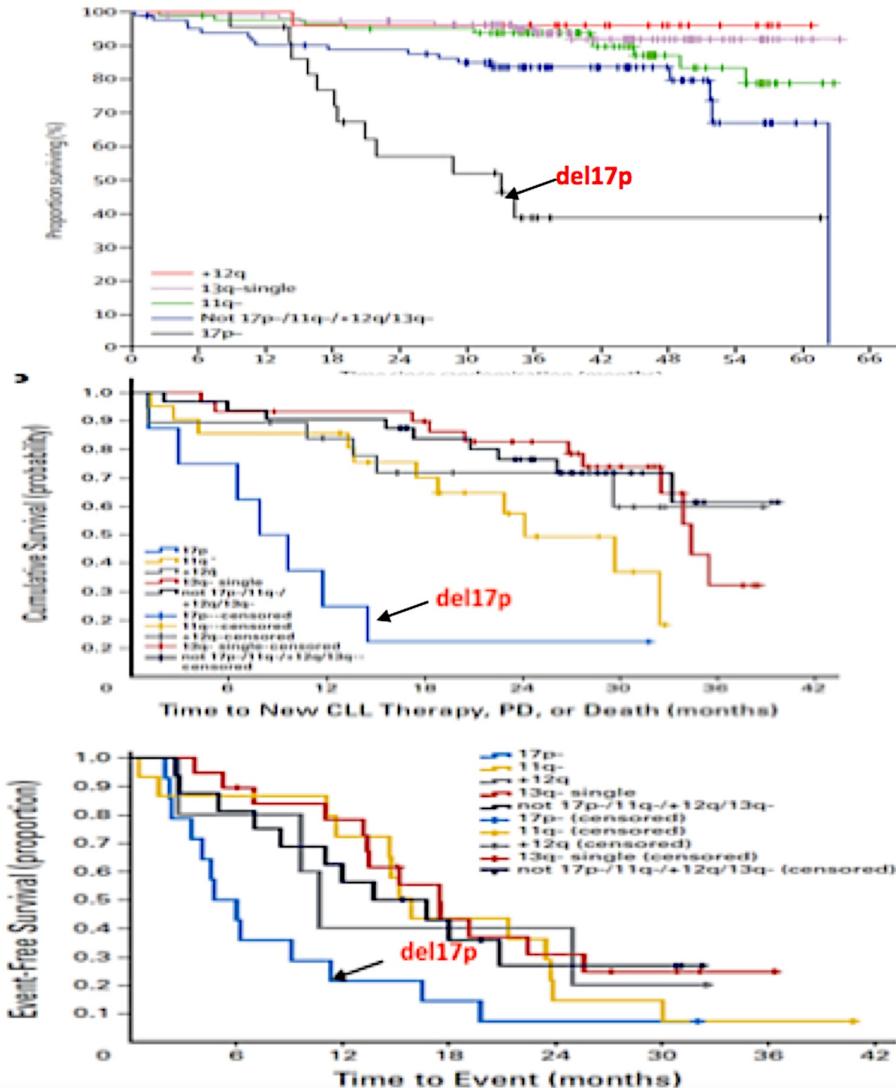
Median follow up: 37.1 months	Median PFS (months)		
	FCR	BR	P
All patients	55	42	
≤ 65 years	54	38.5	<b>0.0004</b>
> 65 years	NR	48.5	NS
<b>unmutated IgHV</b>	42.7	34	<b>0.017</b>
mutated IgHV	NR	55	NS
<b>del (11q)</b>	38	25	<b>0.0002</b>



Eichhorst et al. Lancet Oncol 2016

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## *FCR & BR: outcome for del17p/p53m*



### FCR TN

OS at 3 years

Del17p	= 38%
Not abnormal	= 83%

### BR TN

Median Cumulative Survival

Del17p:	= 7.8 mo.
Not abnormal:	= not reached

### BR RR

Median EFS

Del17p:	= 4.8 mo.
Not abnormal:	= 13.8 mo.

Hallek M et al. Lancet 2010; Fischer K et al. J Clin Oncol. 2012;  
Fischer K et al. J Clin Oncol. 2011;2

# CLL: FCR vs BR

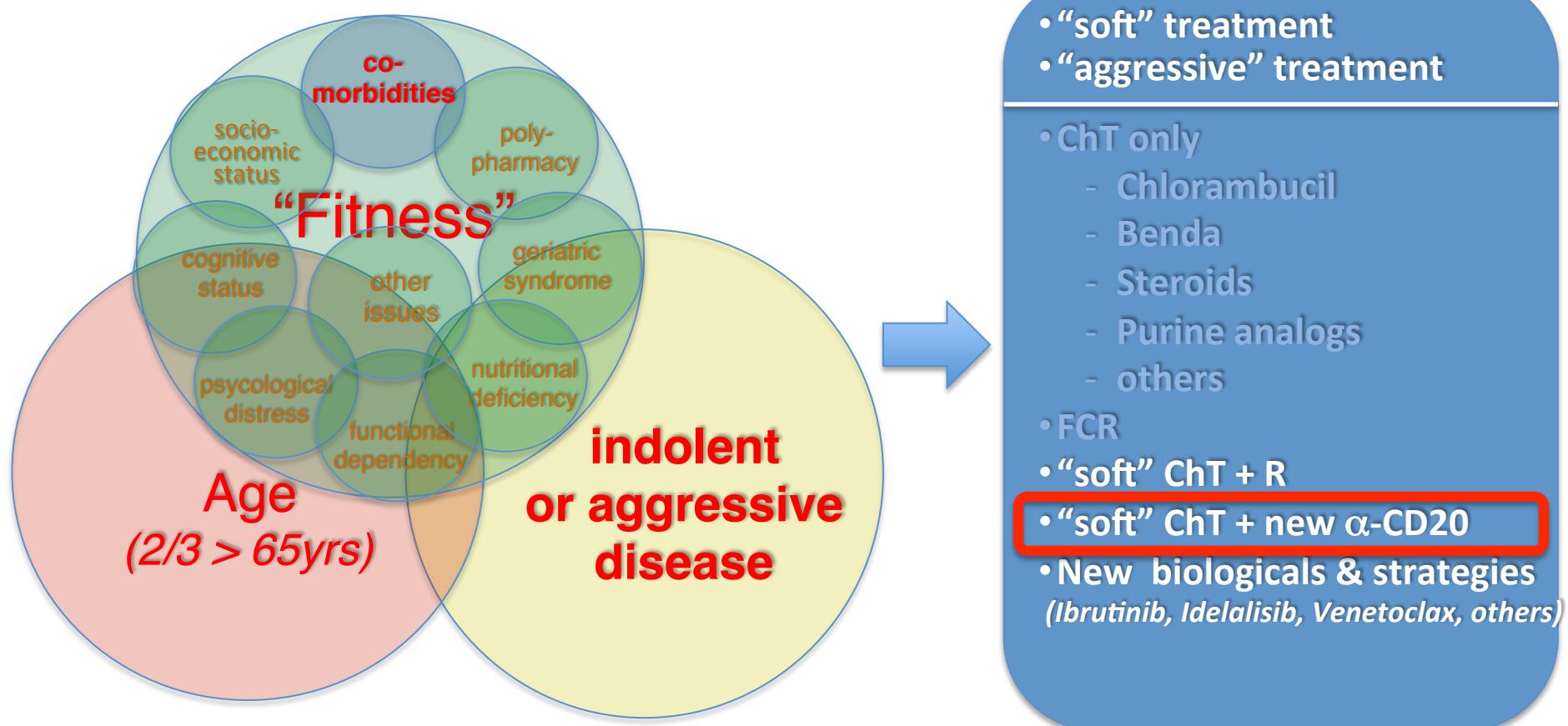
*confronto (metodologicamente SCORRETTO) tra vari studi*

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	FCR (CLL-10)	FCR MDACC	BR (CLL-10)	BR (Fischer)
Median age	62.1 (55-67)	57 (17-86)	61 (55-69)	64 (34-78)
Median FU (mths)	37.1	152	37.1	27
ORR	95%	95%	96%	88%
CR	40%	72%	31%	23%
Median PFS (mths)	55	76	42	34
• <70/65 years	54		38.5	34
• Del (11q)	38	ND	25	30
• Mutated IGHV	Not reached	Not reached	55	
MRD negativity	PB 49% BM 27%	BM 43%	PB 38% BM 11%	PB 58% BM 29%

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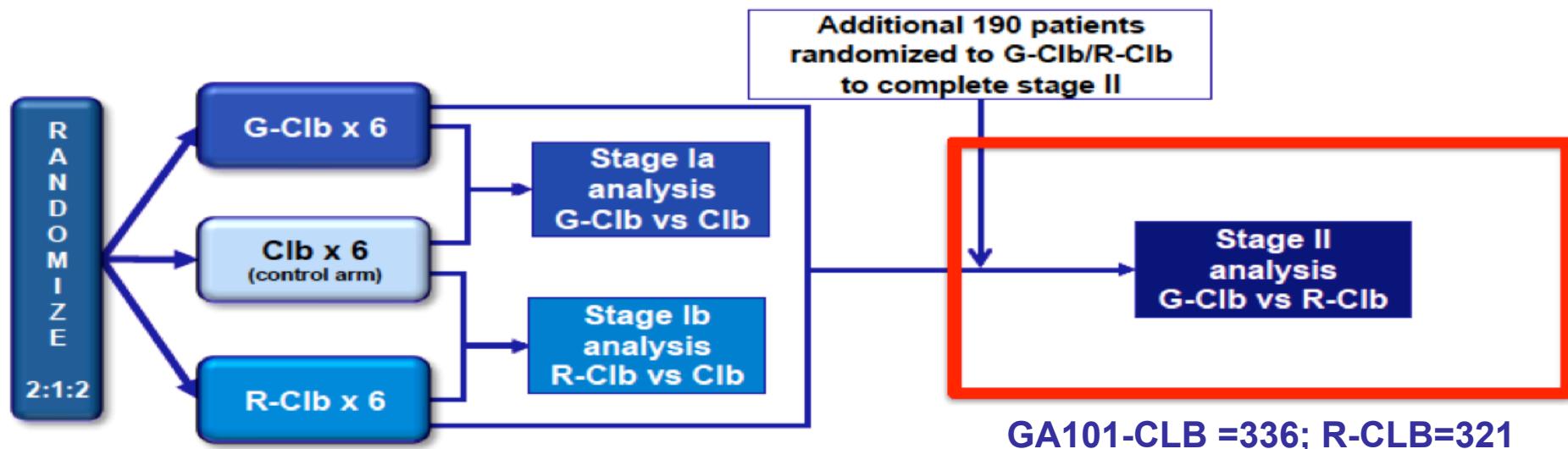
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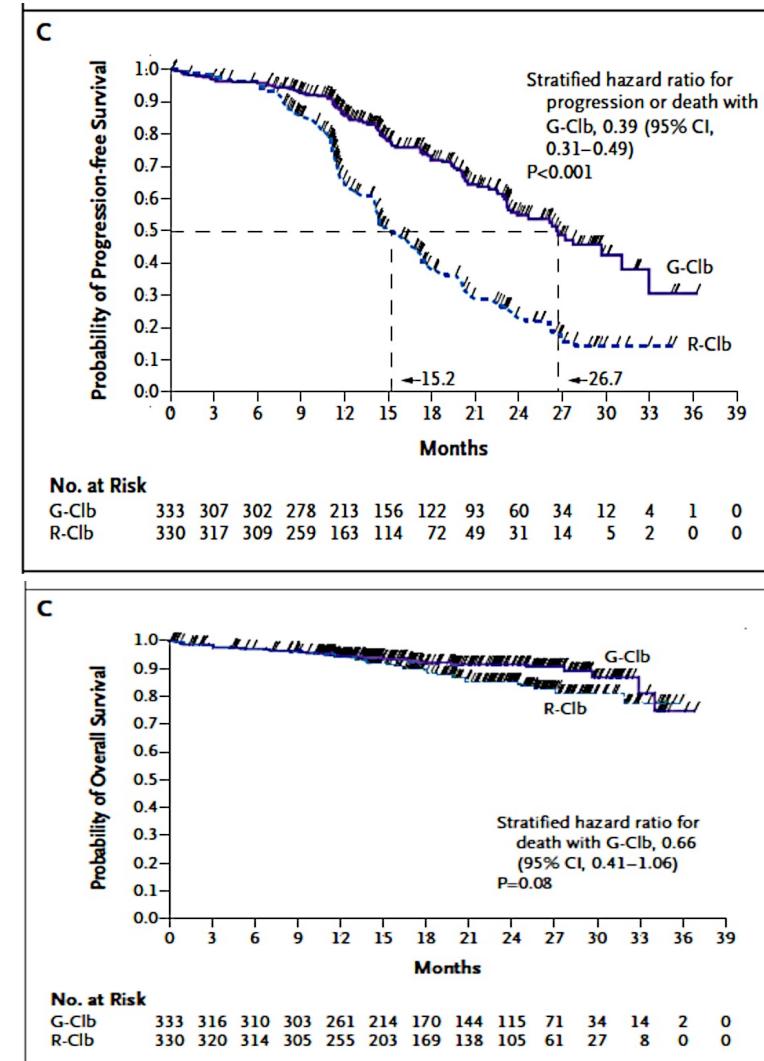
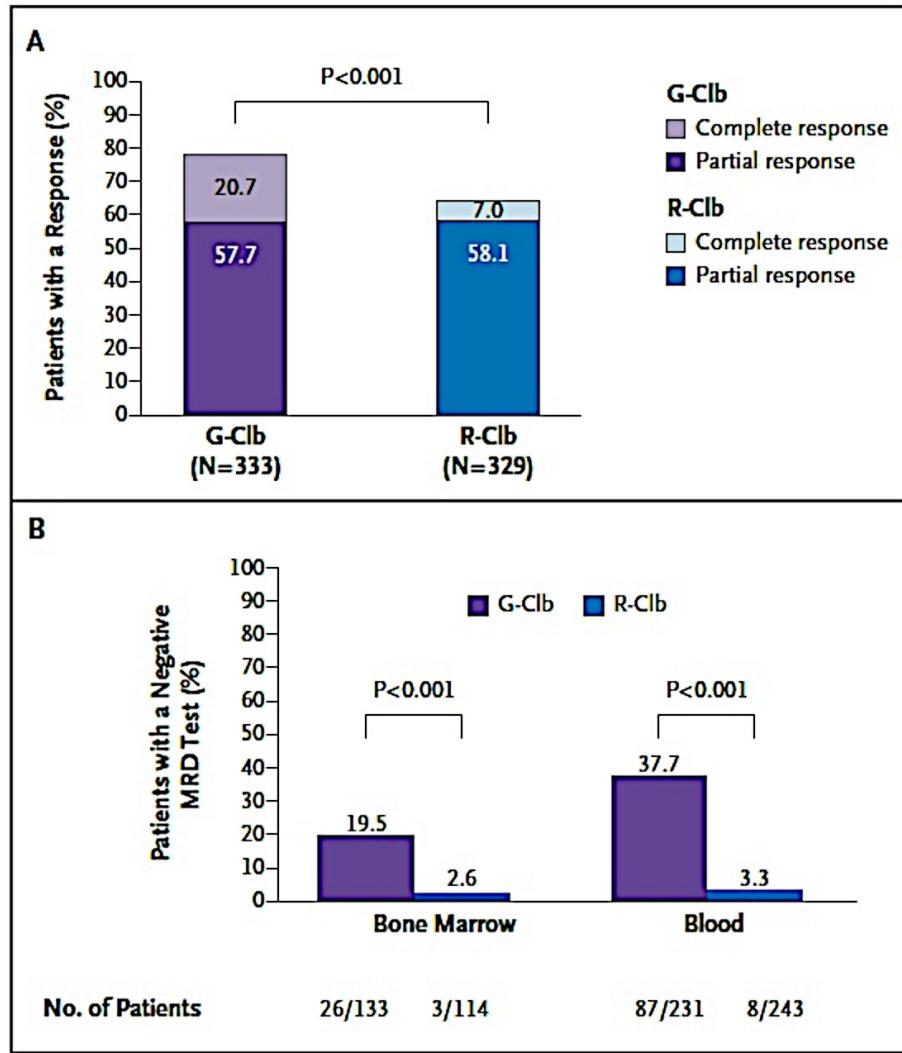
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# CLL11

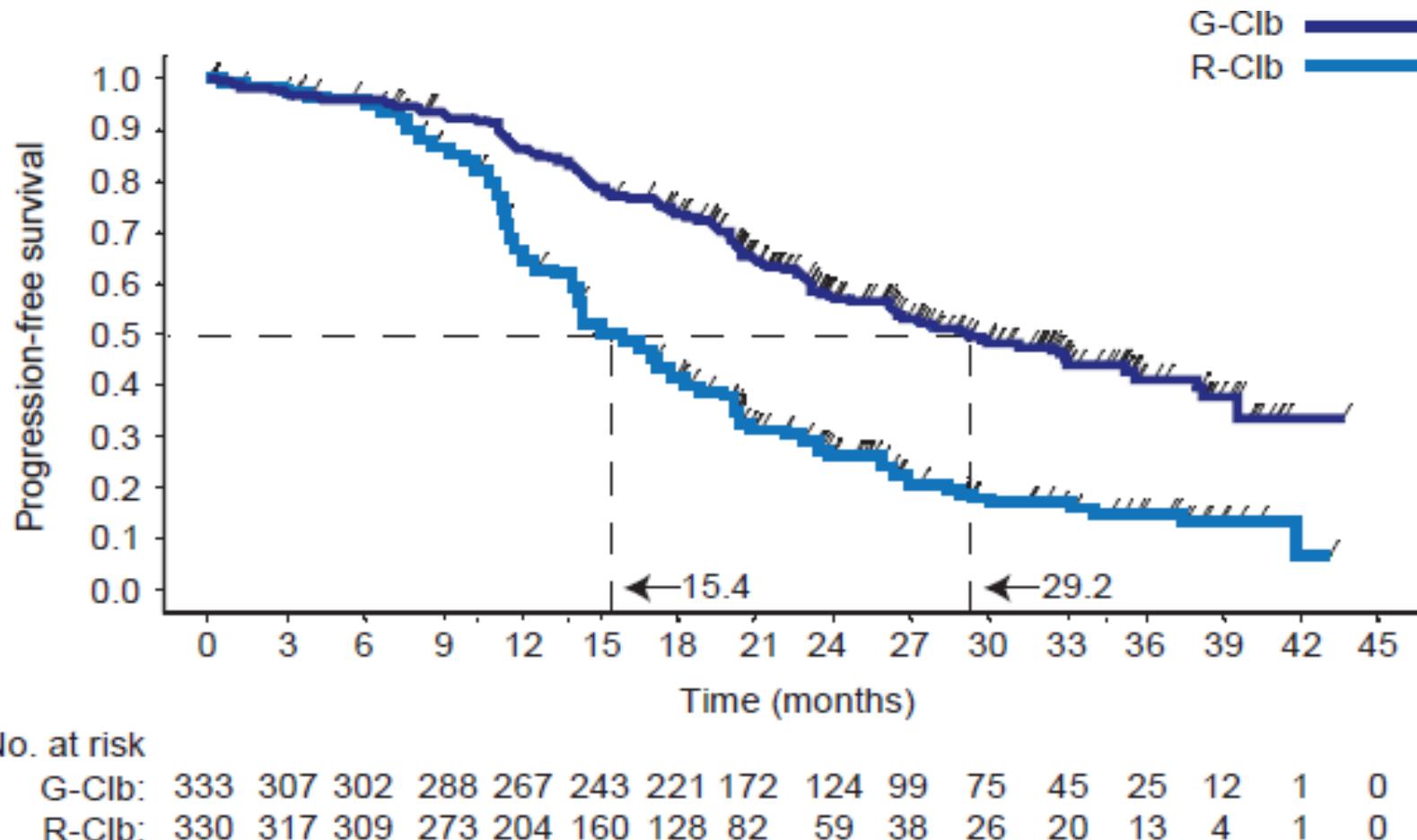
## *main results*



# CLL11 stage II

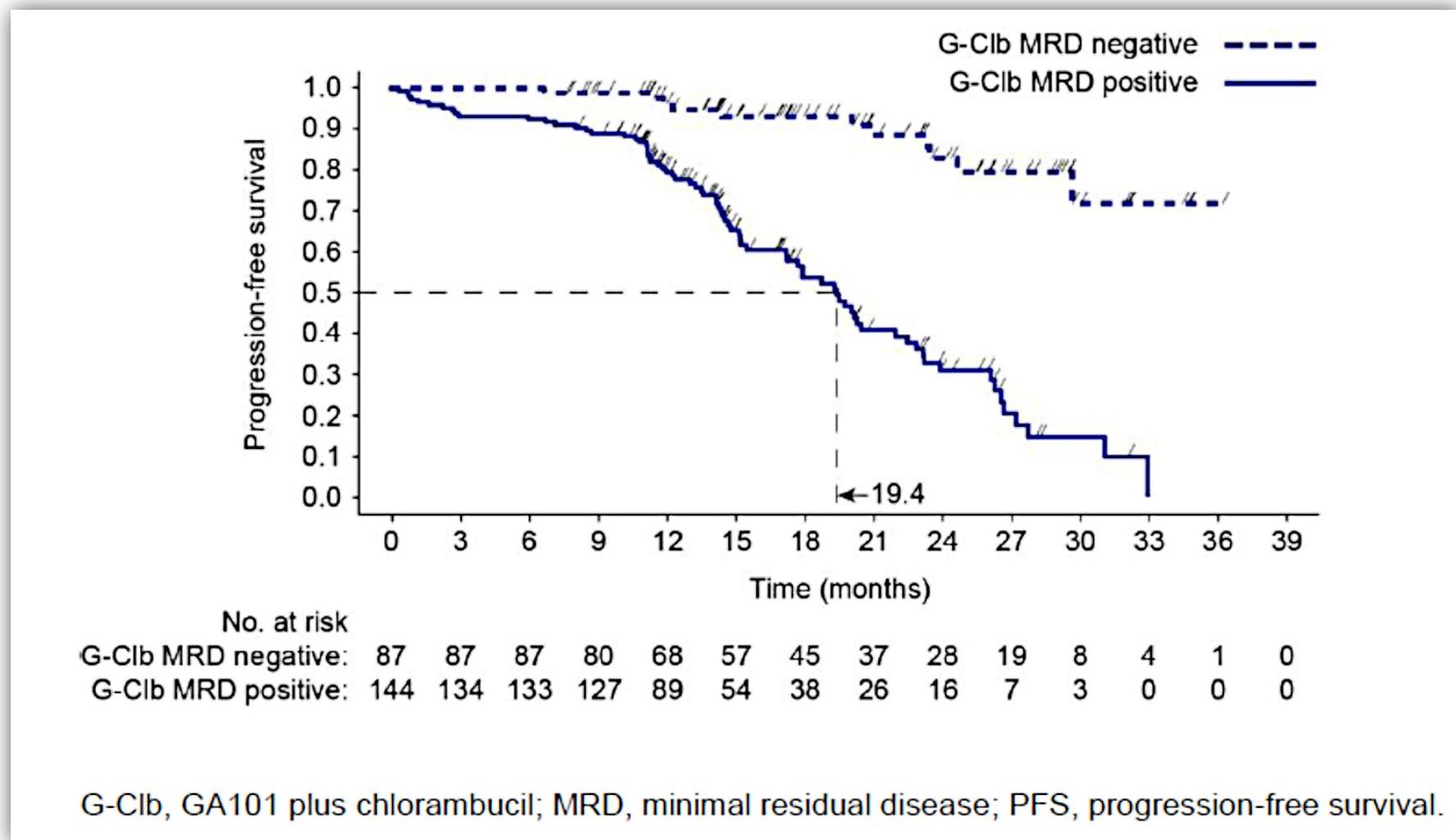
## *investigator-assessed PFS*

median patient observation time 27 months



# CLL11 stage II

## PFS by MRD status in pts treated with G-Chl



# CLL

## *better results in MRD negative patients*

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Reference	Therapy	N	Technique	MRD threshold	Parameter*	Value MRD– vs MRD+	P-value
Moreno 2006	Stem cell transplant	17	ASO RQ-PCR	$10^{-5}$	TTP	NR vs 19 mo	0.02
		22	Flow	$10^{-4}$	TTP	75 vs 16 mo	< 0.001
Bosch 2008	FCM	44	Flow	$10^{-4}$	2-year PFS	91% vs 80%	NS
Kwok 2009	Various	58	Flow	$10^{-4}$	5-year PFS	89% vs 0%	< 0.001
Böttcher 2012	FC/R-FC	290	Flow	$10^{-4}, 10^{-2}$	PFS	69 vs 41 vs 15 mo	< 0.001
Fischer 2012	R-bendamustine	45	Flow	$10^{-4}, 10^{-2}$	PFS	NR vs 32 vs 12 mo	< 0.001
Pettitt 2012	Alemtuzumab + HDMP	25	Flow	$10^{-4}$	PFS	24 vs 10 mo	0.009
Santacruz 2014	Various	255	Flow	$10^{-4}$	TFS OS	76 vs 16 mo 108 vs 78 mo	< 0.001 0.014

All MRD measurements were in peripheral blood

\* Survival values are median unless stated

# **CLL: BR vs G-CIb**

*confronto (metodologicamente SCORRETTO) tra 2 studi*

	<b>G-CIb</b> Goede NEJM 2014	<b>BR</b> Eichhorst Lancet Oncol 2016
Patients	333	273
Median age	74  > 65 years= 81% > 75 years= 46%	61  > 65 years= 39% > 70 years= 18%
ORR	77%	96%
CR	22%	32%
MRD PB	38%	63%
Median PFS (months)	29	42
OS at 36 months	75%	92%

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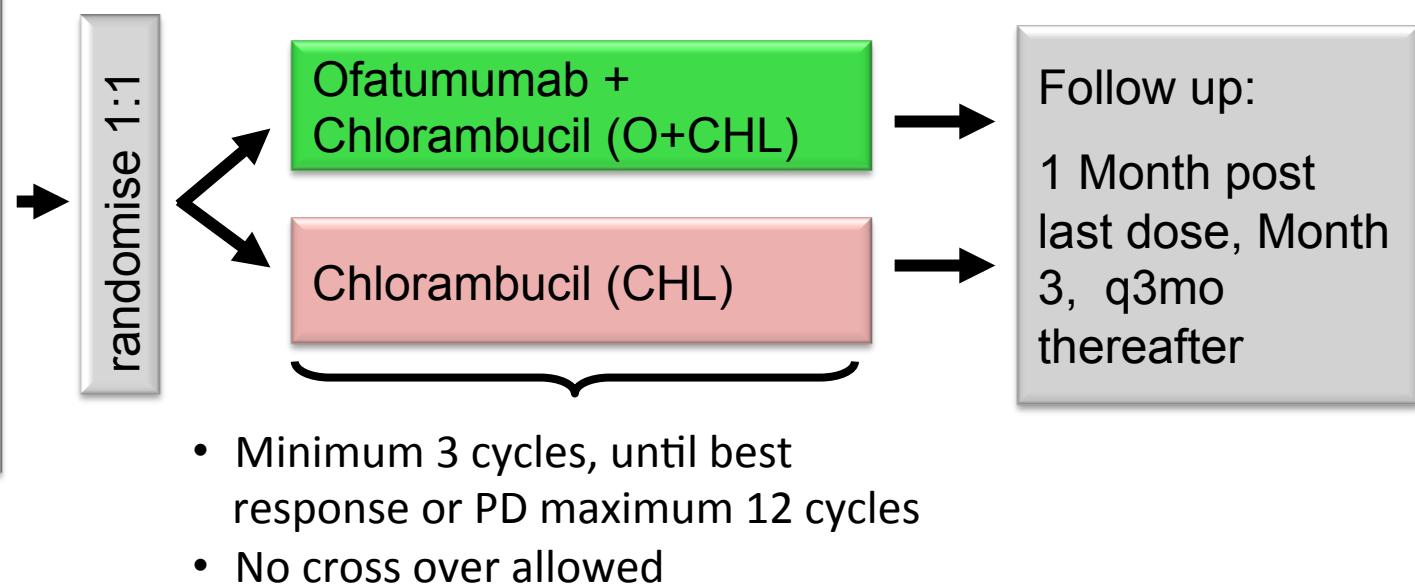
	<b>G-Clb</b> Goede NEJM 2014	<b>BR</b> Eichhorst Lancet Oncol 2016
<b>Severe neutropenia</b>	33%	59%
Anemia	4%	12%
Thrombocytopenia	10%	14%
<b>Severe infections</b>	12%	26%

# CLL

## COMPLEMENT 1: study design

**Patients with previously untreated CLL**

- considered inappropriate for F-based therapy
- Active disease (NCl-WG IWCLL 2008)
- ≥18 years
- ECOG ≤ 2
- N=444 (planned)



O: cycle 1 d1 300 mg, d8 1000 mg, Cycle 2-12 d1 1000 mg every 28 days

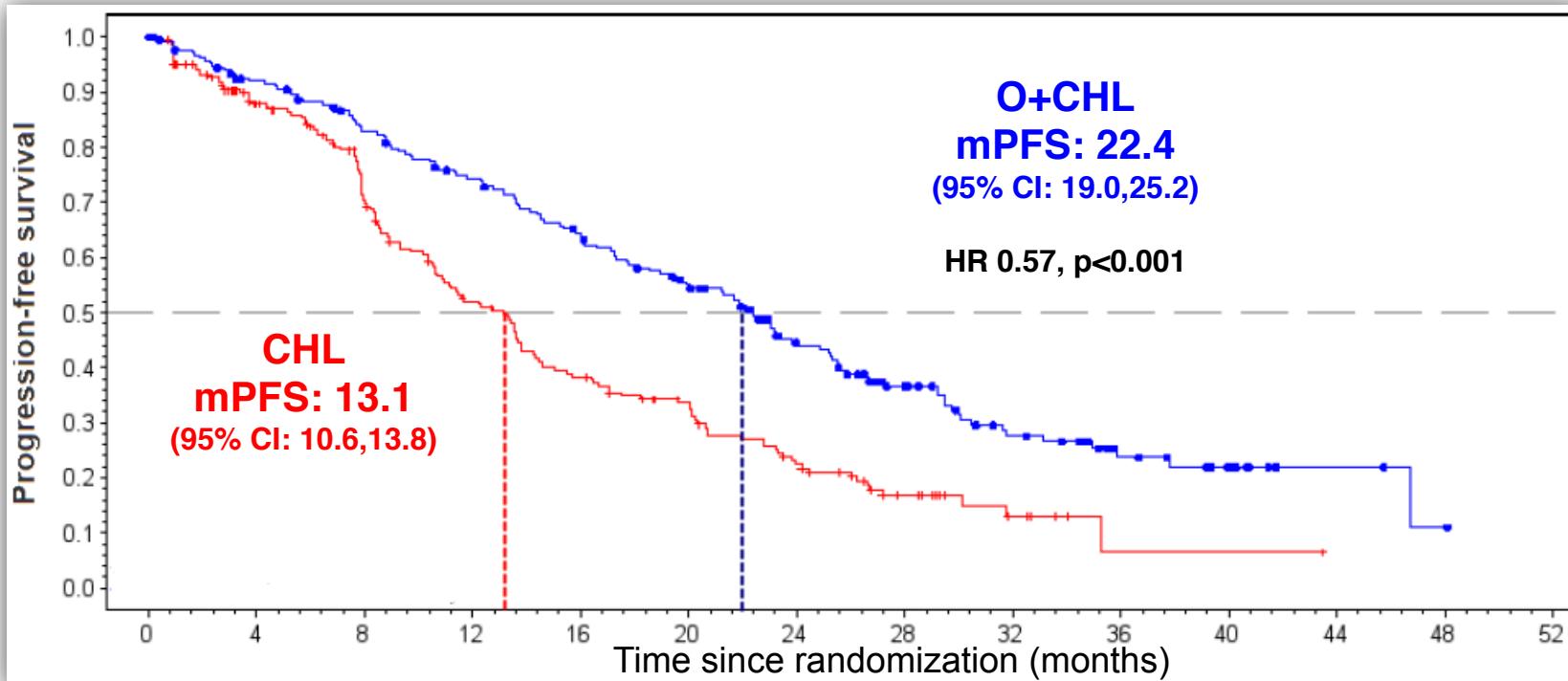
CHL: 10 mg/m<sup>2</sup> d1-7 every 28 days

Dose rationale: evidence of highest ORR and longest PFS with low toxicity compared to any other CHL monotherapy regimen

Hillmen et al, ASH 2013

# CLL

## COMPLEMENT 1: PFS probability



	CHL (n=226)	O+CHL (n=221)
Overall Response Rate*, %	69	82
p-value		<0.001
CR, %	1	14
PR, %	67	68

# CLL

## *Quale ruolo per la ChT oggi?*

### **ChT da sola?**

molto marginale, quasi inesistente: ***Clorambucile nei vecchi "FRAIL"?***

### **ChT + anti-CD20**

**FCR:**    < 60 anni, **FIT, IGHV-mutati**

60-65 anni, **FIT, IGHV-mutati:**  
*valutare caso per caso*

**BR:**    < 60 anni, **UNFIT**

60-65 anni, **FIT:** *valutare caso per caso*  
> 65 anni (ma <75?), **FIT**

**ChI:**    > 65 anni, **UNFIT**

*(R/OFA/OBINO)*

**del (17p) e/o mut p53  
negativi**

# **RIEPILOGANDO**

## *quale ruolo per la ChT oggi nella CLL?*

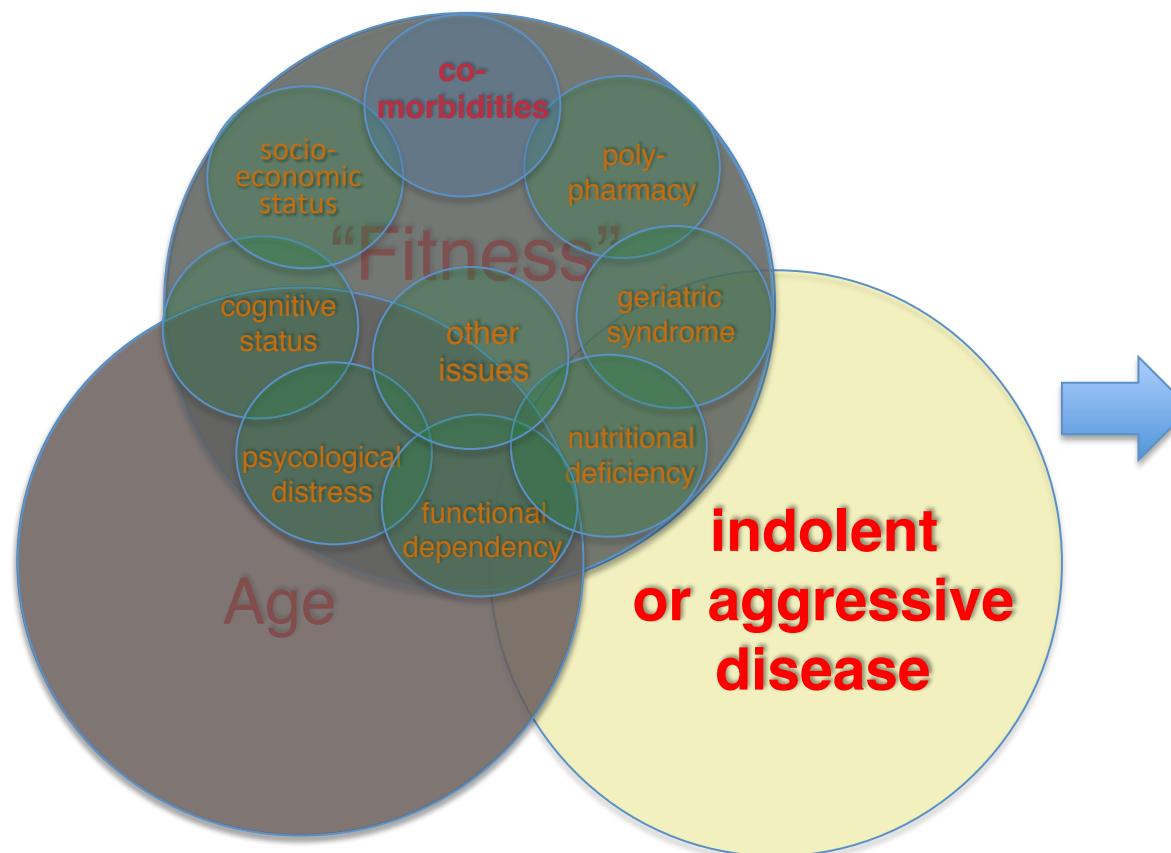
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**FCR, BR, R-Clb, G-Clb, O-Clb, altre combinazioni:**

- 1 **NELLA PRATICA CLINICA:** è obbligatorio verificare la eventuale presenza della del17p e/o della mutazione di p53 prima di iniziare il trattamento
- 2 ruolo consolidato in varie tipologie di pazienti (*giovani piuttosto che anziani o vecchi, FIT piuttosto che UNFIT piuttosto che FRAIL*) **PURCHE' SENZA del(17p) e/o mutazione di p53**
- 3 il ruolo attuale come ***dal punto 2*** potrebbe essere modificato dall'avvento dei nuovi "farmaci"

# CLL

*patient & disease* → *possible options*



- “soft” treatment
- “aggressive” treatment
- ChT only
  - Chlorambucil
  - Benda
  - Steroids
  - Purine analogs
  - others
- FCR
- “soft” ChT + R
- “soft” ChT + new α-CD20
- **New biologicals & strategies**  
*(ibrutinib, Idelalisib, Venetoclax, others)*

**SUGGESTED TREATMENT REGIMENS<sup>a</sup>**  
(in order of preference)

CLL without del (11q) or del (17p)

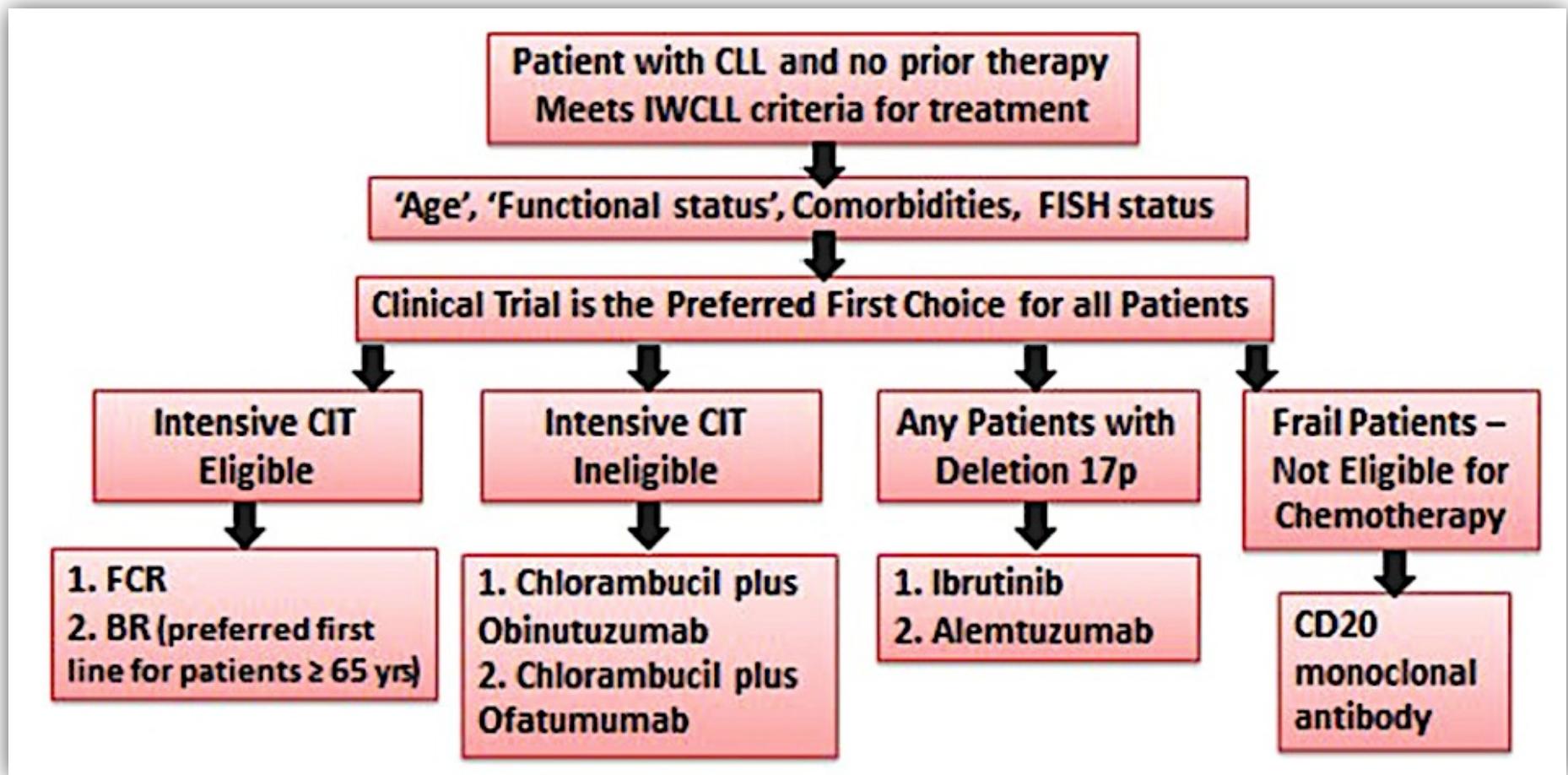
**First-line therapy<sup>b</sup>**

- Age  $\geq$ 70 y or younger patients with comorbidities
  - ▶ Obinutuzumab + chlorambucil
  - ▶ Rituximab + chlorambucil
  - ▶ Bendamustine (70 mg/m<sup>2</sup> in cycle 1 with escalation to 90 mg/m<sup>2</sup> if tolerated)  $\pm$  rituximab
  - ▶ Cyclophosphamide, prednisone  $\pm$  rituximab
  - ▶ Rituximab
  - ▶ Fludarabine<sup>c,d,e</sup>  $\pm$  rituximab
  - ▶ Cladribine
  - ▶ Chlorambucil
- Age <70 y or older patients without significant comorbidities
  - ▶ Chemoimmunotherapy
    - ◊ FCR<sup>c</sup> (fludarabine,<sup>e</sup> cyclophosphamide, rituximab)
    - ◊ FR<sup>c</sup> (fludarabine,<sup>e</sup> rituximab)
    - ◊ PCR (pentostatin, cyclophosphamide, rituximab)
    - ◊ Bendamustine  $\pm$  rituximab
    - ◊ Obinutuzumab + chlorambucil

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## *algoritmo terapeutico*

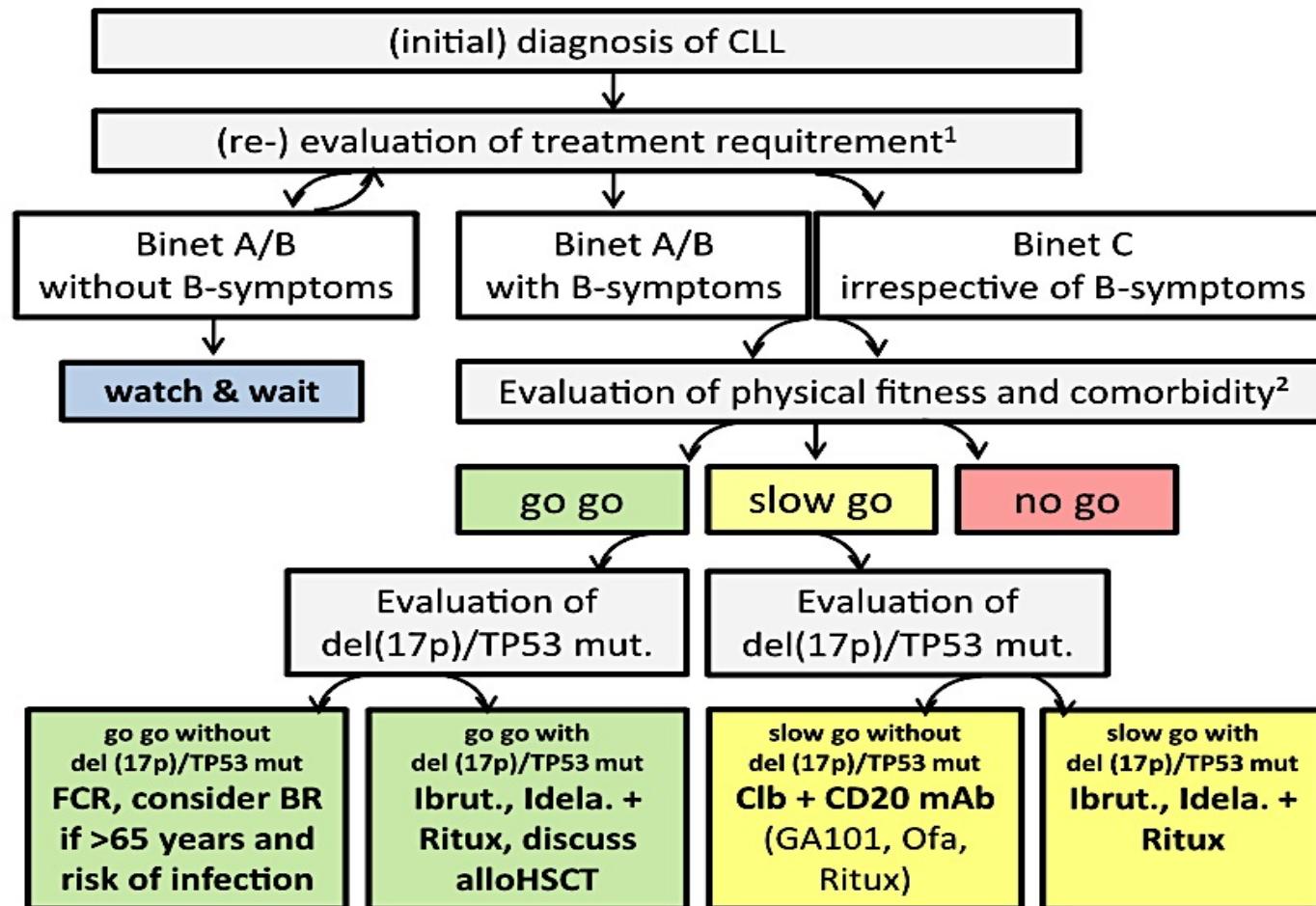
### Treatment algorithm for first-line therapy



Nitin & O'Brien, Blood 2015

# CLL

## *algoritmo terapeutico*



References:  
<sup>1</sup>) Hallek et al., Blood 2008  
<sup>2</sup>) Gribben, Blood 2009

# CLL: terapia prima linea età >65 anni

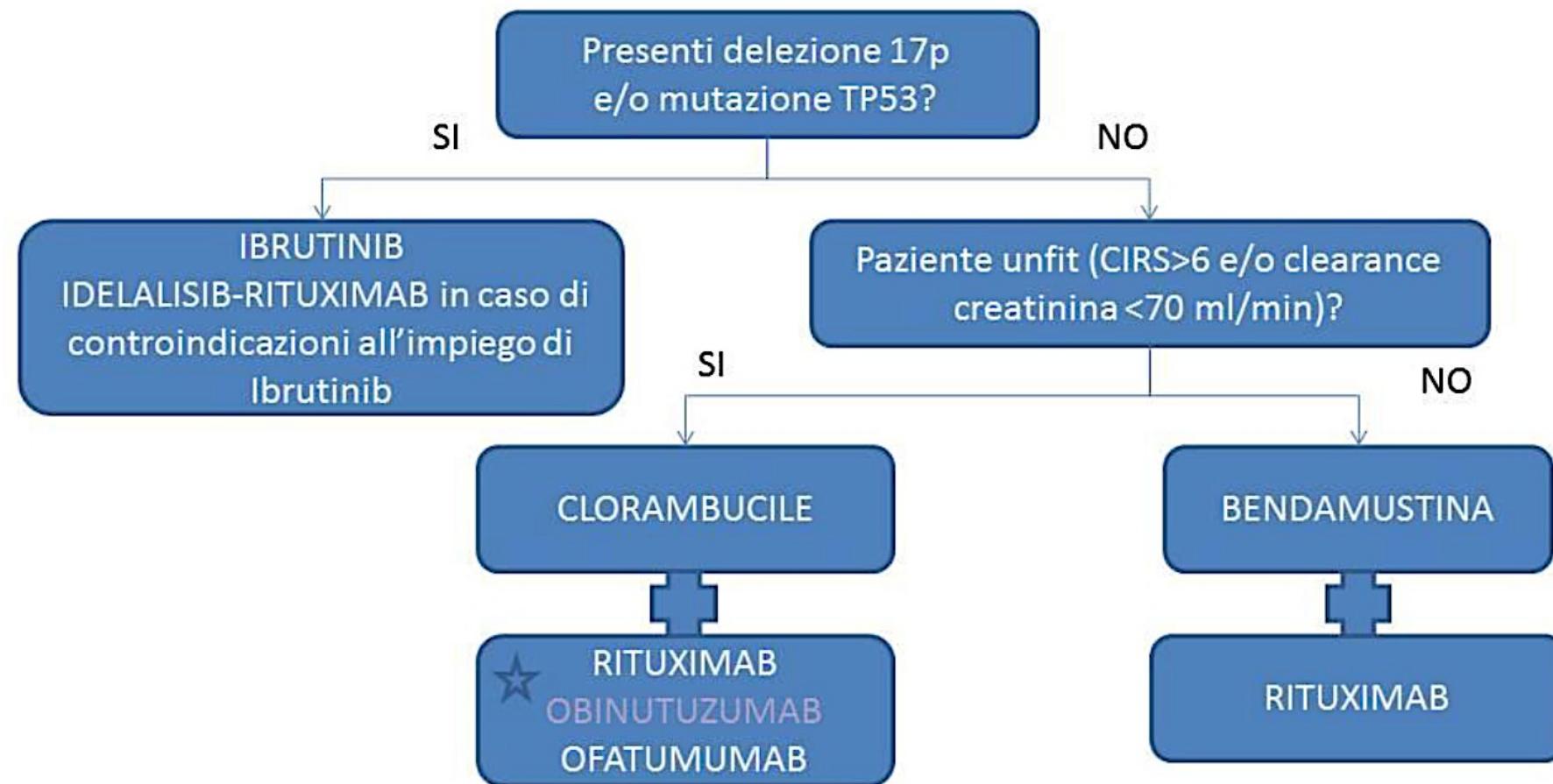
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- a) Il *backbone* chemioterapico raccomandato per pazienti >65 anni *unfit* (CIRS >6 e/o clearance della creatinina <70 ml/min) senza delezione 17p o mutazioni di TP53 è il clorambucile, che in questi pazienti è da preferirsi a bendamustina e fludarabina
- b) E' fortemente raccomandata l'aggiunta al clorambucile di un anticorpo monoclonale anti-CD20 rituximab (disponibile in Italia al 1.9.2016), ofatumumab (disponibile in Italia al 1.9.2016) o obinutuzumab (non disponibile in Italia al 1.9.2016). Non vi sono sufficienti dati che dimostrino in maniera inequivoca la superiorità di un anticorpo rispetto ad un altro.
- c) Bendamustina-rituximab è il trattamento raccomandato nei pazienti >65 anni "fit" (CIRS <=6 e clearance della creatinina >=70 ml/min) senza delezione 17p o mutazioni TP53. In questi pazienti questo trattamento è da preferirsi a FCR.
- d) Il trattamento raccomandato per i pazienti >65 anni (*fit* e *unfit*) con delezione 17p e/o mutazioni TP53 è ibrutinib o, in caso di controindicazioni all'impiego di questo medicinale, idelalisib in associazione a rituximab.

# CLL: terapia prima linea età >65 anni

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in LILLA i farmaci non disponibili in Italia al 1.9.2016

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