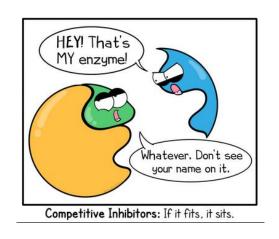
# Pathways Inhibitors for CLL Therapy



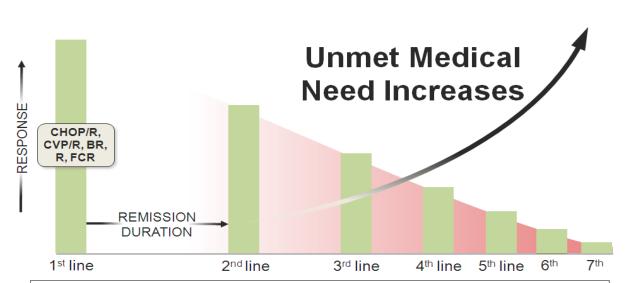


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- I will be discussing off-label use of drugs

# **Challenges in the Treatment of CLL**

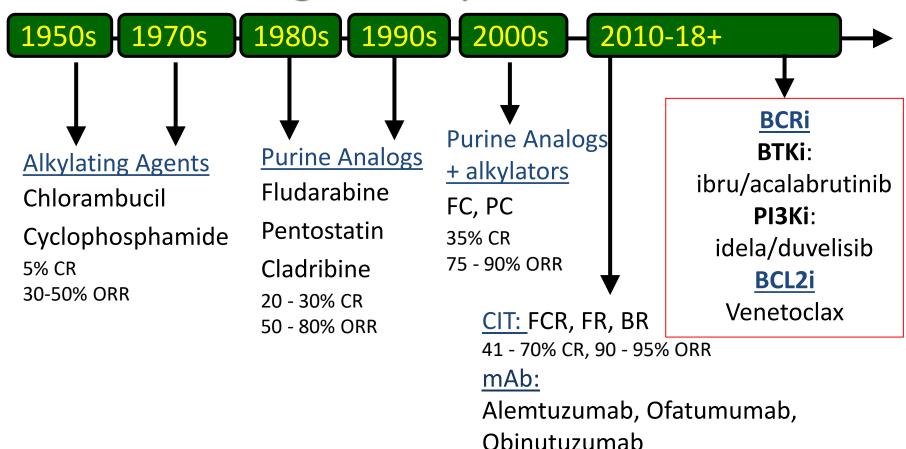


Drugs with new mechanisms of action are needed that have substantial single-agent activity and can be combined with current and emerging treatment options

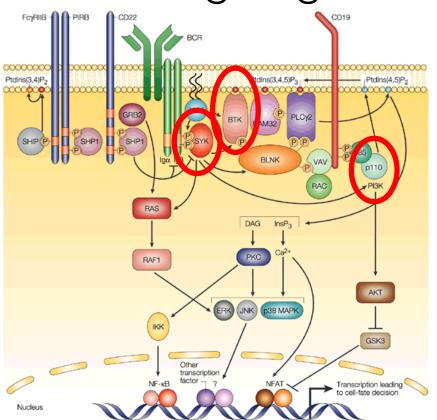


"I think you'll be interested in the next patient. He's ninety two years old and accompanied by his parents."

# **CLL Drug Development Timeline**



# Targeting of BCR signaling in CLL



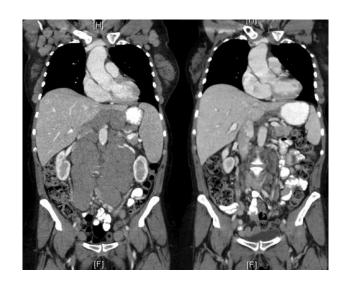
BCR-associated kinases are targets of new drugs in preclinical and clinical development:

- SYK (Spleen tyrosine kinase) inhibitors: fostamatinib, entospletinib
- BTK (Bruton's tyrosine kinase)
   inhibitors: Ibrutinib, acalabrutinib,
   zanubrutinib, tirabrutinib
- PI3K (Phosphatidylinositol 3-kinase inhibitors: Idelalisib, duvelisib, copanlisib, umbralisib

#### **Effect of BCR inhibitors**

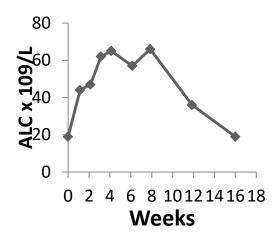
#### Rapid reduction in:

- Lymph node volume
- Disease related symptoms



# "redistribution lymphocytosis"

**Absolute Lymphocyte Count** 



Pre

2 months

#### Novel Targeted Agents and the Need to Refine Clinical End Points in Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia

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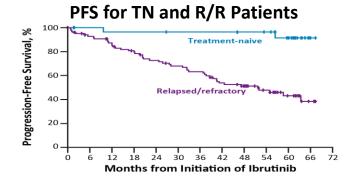
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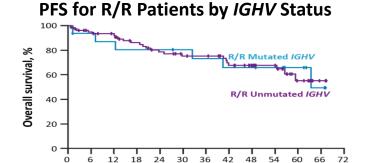
have served as useful surrogate markers for assessing the clinical benefit of therapy, thereby accelerating the pace of approval of novel

Whereas the defined criteria of CR, PR, SD, and PD have helped to stratify patients into subgroups that correlate with PFS in many studies involving the use of traditional chemotherapy, it has recently become evident that these definitions may not faithfully predict outcome with newer agents under clinical investigation. In particular, the current definition of PD may not adequately serve as a surrogate marker for poor outcome, particularly for therapeutics that activate CLL B cells for subsequent immunologic destruction or generate an altered trafficking of B cells from different compartments to the blood.

# **BTK** inhibitors

### 5-Year Experience Ibrutinib in Patients With TN and R/R CLL/SLL





Months from Initiation of Ibrutinib

PFS Summary		TN (n=31)	R/R (n=101)
Median, months (95% CI)		Not reached	52
60-month, %		92	43
	IGHV unmutated		43
	IGHV mutated		63
Median by cytogenetics, months	Del(11q)		55
	Del(17p)		26
	No del(11q), del(17p), trisomy 12 or del(13q)		Not reached
Median by prior therapies, months (95% CI)	1-2		63
	3		59
	≥4		39

# BTK Inhibitors in CLL

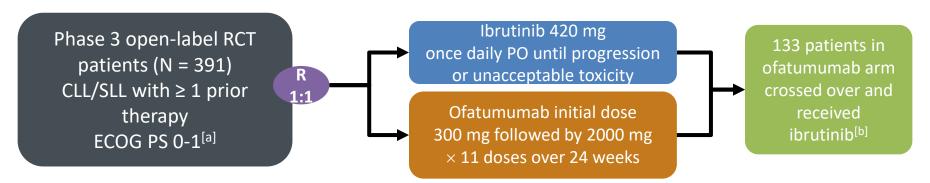
# On-Label and Off-Label Uses

- Ibrutinib
  - FDA-approved in R/R CLL (2014)
     and front-line CLL (2016)<sup>[a]</sup>
- Acalabrutinib
  - FDA-approved in R/R MCL<sup>[b]</sup>
  - NCCN-recommended for use in R/R
     CLL based on available evidence<sup>[c]</sup>

BTK inhibition has changed the therapeutic landscape for CLL

# RESONATE

#### Ibrutinib in Previously Treated CLL



Parameter	Ibrutinib	Ofatumumab	HR ( <i>P</i> Value)
Median PFS, mo <sup>[b]</sup>	NR	8.1	0.133 (<.0001)
3-y PFS, % <sup>[b]</sup>	59	3	NR

Responses to ibrutinib were also observed in patients with del(17p) CLL

a. Byrd JC, et al. N Engl J Med. 2014;371:213-223; b. Byrd JC, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2017;35(suppl). Abstract 7510.

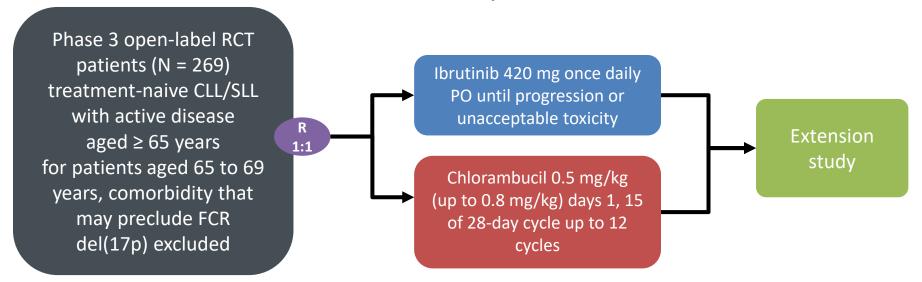
# RESONATE

Safety Profile of Ibrutinib in Previously Treated CLL

- Key AEs: diarrhea (48%), fatigue (28%), nausea (26%), pyrexia (24%), anemia (23%)<sup>[a]</sup>
- Key grade ≥ 3 AEs: neutropenia (16%), pneumonia (7%);
   10 patients developed AF<sup>[a]</sup>
- Some toxicities occur in first 3 to 4 months and resolve<sup>[b]</sup>
- Some toxicities may relate to off-target effects of ibrutinib

# **RESONATE-2**

#### Ibrutinib in Previously Untreated CLL



- Ibrutinib vs chlorambucil
  - ORR  $\rightarrow$  86% vs 35% (P < .001)[a]
  - Median PFS → NR vs 18.9 mo (HR 0.16; P < .001)<sup>[a]</sup>
  - 24-mo OS  $\rightarrow$  95% vs 84% (HR 0.16; P = .001)[b]
- a. Burger JA, et al. N Engl J Med. 2015;373:2425-2437; b. Tedeschi A, et al. Blood. 2017;130(suppl 1). Abstract 1746.

# Toxicities With Ibrutinib in RESONATE-2

Selected AE	Primary Analysis % <sup>[a]</sup>	Follow-Up % <sup>[b]</sup>
Diarrhea	42	45
HTN	4	20
Arthralgia	16	20
AF	6	10
Major hemorrhage	4	7

- Common grade ≥ 3 AEs: neutropenia, infection<sup>[a]</sup>
- Toxicities range from mild nuisances to serious events

# Ibrutinib Has Many Off-Target Effects

Kinase	IC <sub>50</sub> , nM	BTK Selectivity, Fold
BTK	0.5	
BLK*	0.5	1
BMX*	0.8	1.6
CSK	2.3	4.6
FGR	2.3	4.6
BRK	3.3	6.6
HCK	3.7	7.4
EGFR*	5.6	11.2
YES	6.5	13
ErbB2*	9.4	18.8
ITK*	10.7	21.4
JAK3*	16.1	32.2
FRK	29.2	58.4
LCK	33.2	66.4
RET	36.5	73
FLT3	73	146
TEC*	78	156

#### Off-target effects could potentially lead to toxicities

"There is your prescription, Mrs. Hickford, and here is the pamphlet of side effects."

PHARMAC

<sup>\*</sup>Kinases that contain a cysteine residue aligning with Cys-481 in BTK. Honigberg LA, et al. *Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A*. 2010;107:13075-13080.

# Atrial Fibrillation and Ventricular Arrhythmias

- Analysis in 582 patients treated at OSU<sup>[a]</sup>
  - Estimated cumulative incidence of AF by time on tx:
    - 6 mo: 5.9%
    - 12 mo: 7.5%
    - 24 mo: 10.3%
  - Median time to onset of AF: 7.6 mo
  - Rate of AF increased ~4-fold with ibrutinib vs non-ibrutinib therapy (3.3 vs 0.84/100 PY)
- Ventricular arrhythmias<sup>[b]</sup>
  - Very uncommon, but frequency increased vs general population (788 vs 200 to 400/100,000 PY)

# Ibrutinib-Associated Bleeding Expert Observations and Suggestions

- Most often grade 1, self-limited ecchymosis, epistaxis, hematuria
- In case of life-threatening emergency, transfuse platelets
- Have patient stop ibrutinib for 3 to 7 days before a planned surgical procedure
  - 7 days for major surgery or if CNS involved
  - Recheck after procedure to determine when safe to restart

# Ibrutinib-Associated Hypertension

## Expert Observations and Suggestions

- Incidence increases as patients stay on treatment longer
- Best agent to control HTN unknown
- Most patients require multiple agents
- Involve cardiology to ensure optimal management

# Development of Ibrutinib Resistance

- Most commonly due to acquired mutations in BTK or PLCG2
  - Detected in 85% of patients with relapse
- Most frequent BTK mutation: C481S
- Mutations are detectable a median of 9.3 months before clinical relapse
- Testing for mutations may allow for closer monitoring, possibly earlier intervention

# Acalabrutinib

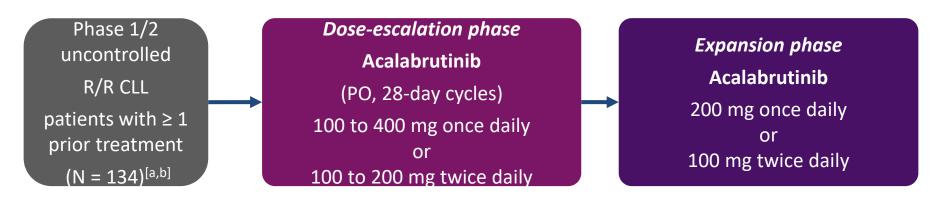
#### A More Selective BTK Inhibitor

Less off-target kinase inhibition compared with ibrutinib in vitro

#### Kinase Inhibition Average IC<sub>50</sub> (nM)

Kinase	Acalabrutinib	Ibrutinib
ВТК	5.1	1.5
TEC	126.0	10
ITK	>1000	4.9
BMX	46	0.8
TXK	368	2.0
EGFR	>1000	5.3
ERBB2	~1000	6.4
ERBB4	16	3.4
BLK	>1000	0.1
JAK3	>1000	32

# ACE-CL-001 Acalabrutinib in R/R CLL



- Updated analysis at ASH 2017:<sup>[b]</sup>
  - ORR 85% (93% including PRL); CR 2%
  - Median DOR NR; 18-mo DOR 85%
  - Median PFS NR; 18-mo PFS 88%
- a. Byrd JC, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2016;374:323-332; b. Byrd JC, et al. *Blood.* 2017;130:498.

# Toxicities Associated With Acalabrutinib

#### – Key AEs:

 Headache (46%), diarrhea (43%), URTI (28%), fatigue (27%), nausea (27%)

### – Key grade ≥ 3 AEs:

Neutropenia (11%), pneumonia (10%); HTN (3%), AF (2%)

#### – Acalabrutinib-associated headache:

- Occurs ~90 min after administration and resolves
- May occur more frequently in morning

# Acalabrutinib in Ibrutinib-Intolerant Patients

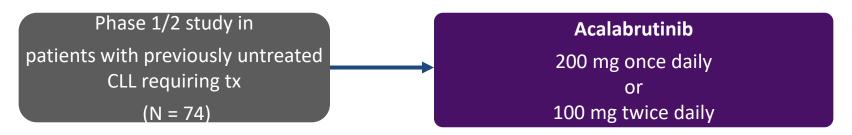
# Subset analysis of patients with ibrutinib intolerance enrolled in phase 1/2 ACE-CL-001 (n = 33)

- Median duration of prior ibrutinib, 10.5 mo
- 73% of patients remained on treatment after a median of 9.5 mo
- 2 patients had discontinued acalabrutinib due to AEs

#### **Caveats:**

- Do not use acalabrutinib in ibrutinib-resistant patients; they share the same BTK binding site
- Acalabrutinib appears better tolerated, but some toxicities may take longer to emerge

# Acalabrutinib in Front-Line CLL



- 97% of patients continuing on acalabrutinib after median of 11 mo
- Most AEs grade 1 to 2
  - Most common: headache, diarrhea, arthralgia, contusion, nausea, weight increase
- Best ORR 96% (including 10% PRL)
- Median time to response 2 mo

# **Choosing Between BTK Inhibitors**

Guideline Recommendations and Expert Opinion

**Ibrutinib** 

al

Acalabrutinib

NCCN-recommended<sup>[a]</sup>

If ibrutinib-intolerant

If severe AF, arrhythmias

It bleeding, thrombocytopenia

NCCN-recommended<sup>[a]</sup>

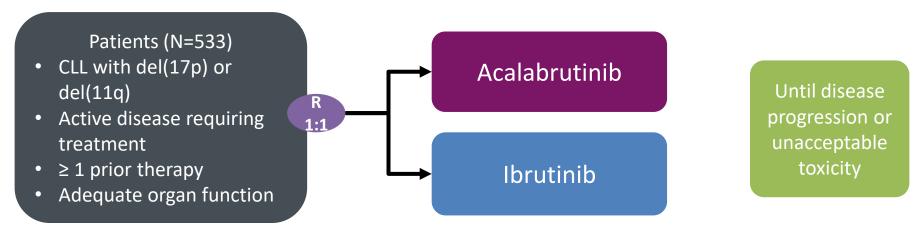
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Once daily

More long-term data

a. NCCN website. CLL/SLL guidelines 2018.

# ELEVATE CLL R/R Acalabrutinib vs Ibrutinib in Previously Treated High-Risk CLL



**Primary outcome:** PFS (noninferiority)

**Secondary outcomes:** grade ≥ 3 infections; Richter's transformation; AF; OS

# Other Supportive Care Issues

#### Tumor flare

- During drug interruption: steroids, acetaminophen
- At relapse: continue ibrutinib at least until starting new therapy

#### Arthralgia/myalgia

- Acetaminophen, short course NSAIDs, steroids
- Often resolves

#### Neutropenia

- May require growth factor support
- Often occurs without infection and resolves

#### Opportunistic infections

- Prophylaxis for selected patients
- Watch for drug-drug interactions

## **Next-Generation BTK Inhibitors**

### Irreversible inhibitors

- GS-4059 (ONO-4059) (tirabrutinib)<sup>[a]</sup>
- BGB311 (zanubrutinib)<sup>[b]</sup>
  - Phase 3 underway<sup>[c]</sup>

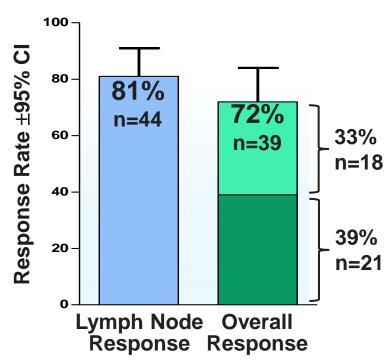
# Reversible inhibitors

- GDC-0853<sup>[d]</sup>
- SNS-062 (vecabrutinib)<sup>[e]</sup>
- ARQ-531<sup>[f]</sup>
- Early data indicate activity with novel irreversible BTK inhibitors; larger trials awaited
- Reversible inhibitors are earlier in development

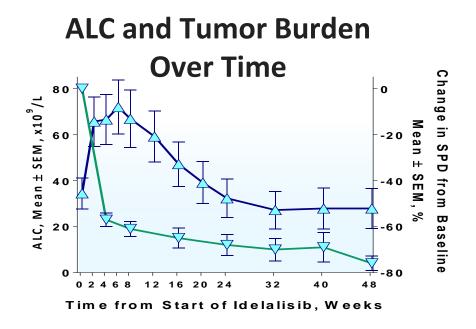
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# PI3K inhibitors

## **Idelalisib: Nodal and Overall Response Rate**

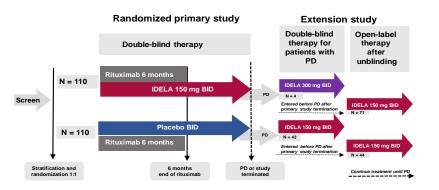


Decrease by ≥50% of nodal SPDPR with lymphocytosis (Cheson 2012)PR by IWCLL criteria (Hallek 2008)

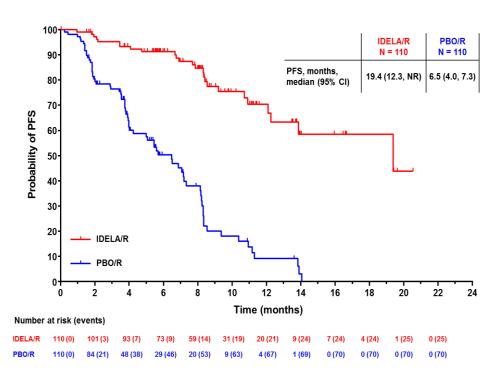


△ ALC (N=54) ▼ SPD (N=51)

# Phase III: Rituximab +/- Idelalisib



- ORR 83.6%, all PR
- PFS 19mo

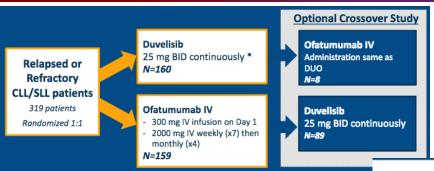


# Idelalisib: toxicities more common in less heavily pre-treated patients

Toxicity frequency				
	Phase I <sup>1</sup>	Overall relapsed <sup>2</sup>	Upfront patients ≥ 65 years <sup>3</sup>	Upfront idelalisib and ofatumumab
No patients	54	760	64	24
Median prior therapies	5 (2-14)	≥1	0	0
Median age	63 (37-82)	66 (21-91)	71 (65-90)	67.4 (58-85)
Median time on therapy (months)	15 (0.2-48.7)	-	22.4 (0.8-45.8)	7.7 (0.7-16.1)
Grade ≥3 transaminitis	1.9%	14%	23%	53%
Grade ≥3 colitis/diarrhea	5.6%	14%	42%	13%
Any grade pneumonitis	5.6%	3%	3%	13%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Brown, Blood 2014; <sup>2</sup> Coutre EHA 2015; <sup>3</sup> O'Brien, Blood 2015

#### Phase III: Duvelisib vs Ofatumumab



- ORR 73.8%, 70% in 17p
- 0.6% CR
- PFS 13mo
- PFS 12.7mo in 17p del

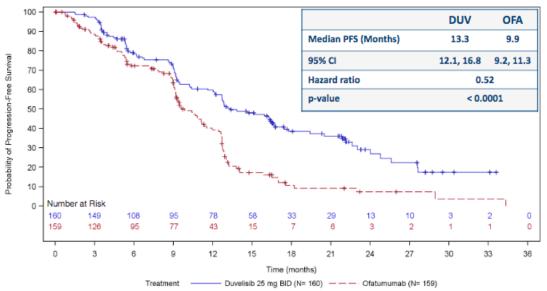


Table 3. Adverse Events in > 10% of Duvelisib-treated Patients

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	All	Grades	Grade 3 and above		
Adverse Event	Duvelisib	Ofatumumab	Duvelisib	Ofatumumab	
	n (%)	n (%)	n (%)	n (%)	
Any AE	156 (99)	144 (93)	138 (87)	75 (48)	
Hematologic AEs					
Neutropenia	52 (33)	32 (21)	48 (30)	27 (17)	
Anemia	36 (23)	16 (10)	20 (13)	8 (5)	
Thrombocytopenia	23 (15)	9 (6)	12 (8)	3 (2)	
Nonhematologic AEs					
Diarrhea	80 (51)	19 (12)	23 (15)	2 (1)	
Pyrexia	45 (29)	16 (10)	4 (3)	1(1)	
Nausea	37 (23)	17 (11)	0	0	
Cough	33 (21)	22 (14)	2(1)	0	
Pneumonia	29 (18)	9 (6)	22 (14)	2(1)	
Constipation	26 (17)	13 (8)	1 (1)	0	
URTI	25 (16)	12 (8)	0	0	
Vomiting	23 (15)	10 (7)	0	0	
Bronchitis	21 (13)	13 (8)	5 (3)	1(1)	
Colitis	21 (13)	2(1)	19 (12)	1(1)	
Fatigue	20 (13)	19 (12)	2 (1)	2(1)	
Decreased appetite	20 (13)	5 (3)	0	1(1)	
Weight decreased	18 (11)	3 (2)	0	0	
Asthenia	18 (11)	17 (11)	3 (2)	4 (3)	
Abdominal pain	16 (10)	3 (2)	3 (2)	0	
Dyspnea	16 (10)	9 (6)	4 (3)	0	

18 (12)

3(2)

1(1)

16 (10)

Abbreviations: AE = adverse event; URTI = upper respiratory tract infection.

Rash

Crade 3 and above

**Adverse Event** 

Umbralisib

n = 90

CLL

#### Phase I Umbralisib:

ORR above the target level dose of 800mg qd: 85% in CLL with median PFS of 24mo

Idelalisib

n=110

CLL\*

5%

42%

10%

5-9%

11%

4%

2%

n=125

NHL

27%

6%

13%

3%

13%

2%

3%

**Duvelisib** 

n=210

LEUK/LYMPH

19%

32%

14%

19%

6%

11%

4%

11%

Flinn IW, et al. Blood 2018

Anemia 9% Neutropenia 13% Thrombocytopenia 6% Hepatotoxicity 3-6% Colitis 2% 3% Diarrhea **Pneumonitis** 4% Dyspnea

<sup>\*</sup> in combination with rituximab

Burris HA, et al. Lancet Oncology 2018 Gopal AK, et al. NEJM 2014 Furman RR, et al. NEJM 2014

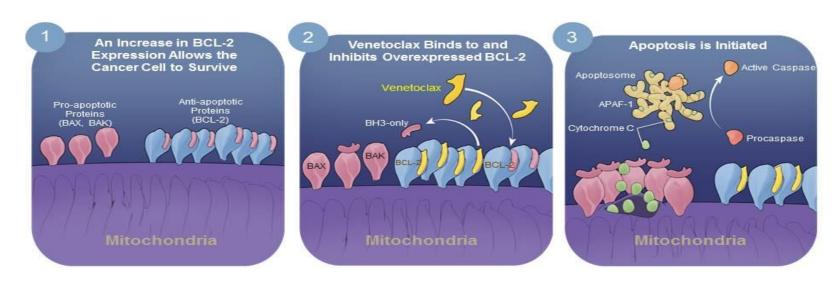
# **BCL2** inhibitor

# Why BCL2 targeting?

- The intrinsic apoptotic pathway is universally dysregulated in CLL/SLL and lymphoma due to:
  - overexpression of antiapoptotic proteins such as BCL-2
  - deficiency in functional pro-apoptotic proteins such as TP53 (e.g. in R/R disease)

 Prolonged survival is enabled through evasion of apoptosis, contributing to resistance to cytotoxic agents

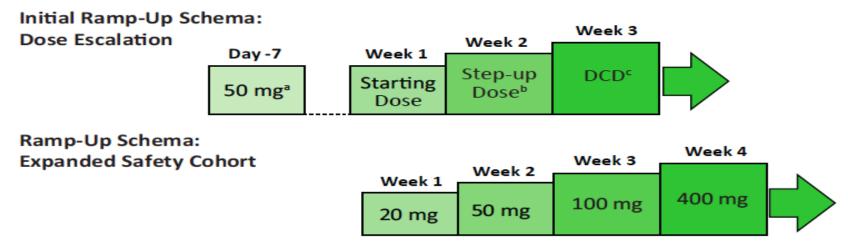
## Background: Mechanism of Action of Venetoclax (ABT-199/GDC-0199)



- Venetoclax is a selective, potent, orally bioavailable BCL-2 inhibitor that binds BCL-2 with >1000-fold higher affinity than BCL-XL, BCL-W and MCL-1.
- Venetoclax acts as a BH3-mimetic, displacing the BH3-only protein BIM from BCL-2 thereby inducing apoptosis in BCL-2 dependent lymphoid cells

#### ABT-199 DOSING SCHEMA

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



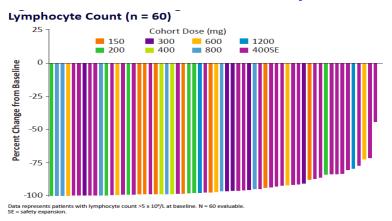
<sup>3</sup> patients (1 each in cohorts 2, 3, & 5) received ABT-199 20 mg as initial dose.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup>Step-up doses range from 100 to 400 mg.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup>DCD ranges from 150 to 1200 mg.

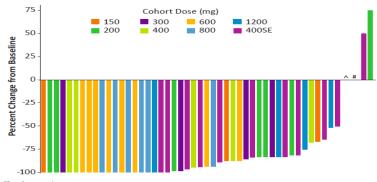
Table 1. Patient Characteristics (n = 105)

Characteristics		All CLL/SLL
Age, y	Median [range]	66 [36-86]
Gender, n (%)	Male	79 (75)
Diagnosis	CLL / SLL	92/13
Lymphocyte count (x 10°/L)	Median [range]	6.1 [0.23-243]
	>5 x 10 <sup>9</sup> /L, n (%)	60 (57)
Bulky nodes, n (%)	≥5 cm	58 (55)
	≥10 cm	17 (16)
Number of prior therapies	Median [range]	4 [1-11]
IGHV mutation status	Unmutated	36/48 (75)
17p Status	Deleted	23 (28)
	Not Deleted	49 (61)
	Unknown	9 (11)
Fludarabine, n (%)	Prior Treatment	87 (83)
	Refractory	62 (59)
β <sub>2</sub> -microglobulin, n (%)	>3 mg/L	29 (58)



• Median time to 50% reduction: 14 days, range [1-49]

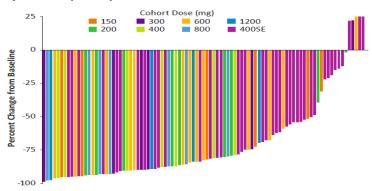
Figure 4. Best Percent Change from Baseline in Bone Marrow Infiltrate (n = 51)



SE = safety expansion #Patient had 70% infiltrate at baseline and at Week 24 -Patient did not have CLL infiltrate at baseline.



SE = safety expansion.



- 78/93 (84%) evaluable patients had at least a 50% reduction in sum of the product of diameters (SPD) of nodal masses
- The median time to 50% reduction 1.4 months, range [0.65-13.7]. This
  coincides with first protocol specified CT scan at 6 weeks
- Median time to 50% reduction in BM infiltrate:5.5mo (1.9-17.4). Coincides with first protocol specified repeat marrow examination at 6 months
- 46/51 (90%) evaluable patients have had at least a 50% reduction
- Anti-tumor activity of ABT-199 was observed in ALL tumor compartments

# Objective Responses Phase I Venetoclax (ABT-199/GDC 0199) in R/R CLL

Responses	All n (%) n = 78	del (17p) n (%) n = 19	F-Refractory n (%) n = 41	IGHV Unmutated n (%) n = 24
Overall response	60 (77)	15 (79)	31 (76)	18 (75)
Complete response	18 (23)	5 (26)	9 (22)	7 (29)
Partial response <sup>a</sup>	42 (54)	10 (53)	22 (54)	11 (46)
Stable disease	10 (13)	2 (11)	7 (17)	2 (8)
Disease progression	2 (3)	1 (5)	1 (3)	2 (8)
D/C Prior to first (W6) assessment	6 (8)	1 (5)	2 (5)	2 (8)

Some patients may have more than one high risk marker.

In the 400-mg expansion cohort, data were mature for the ORR (82%) but less mature for the complete response rate (10% at the time of data cutoff).

The pooled ORR across all doses for all 116 patients was 79%, with a complete response reported in 20% of the patients.

<sup>3</sup> patients had confirmatory CT imaging assessments at less than an 8 week interval (5, 6, and 7 weeks).

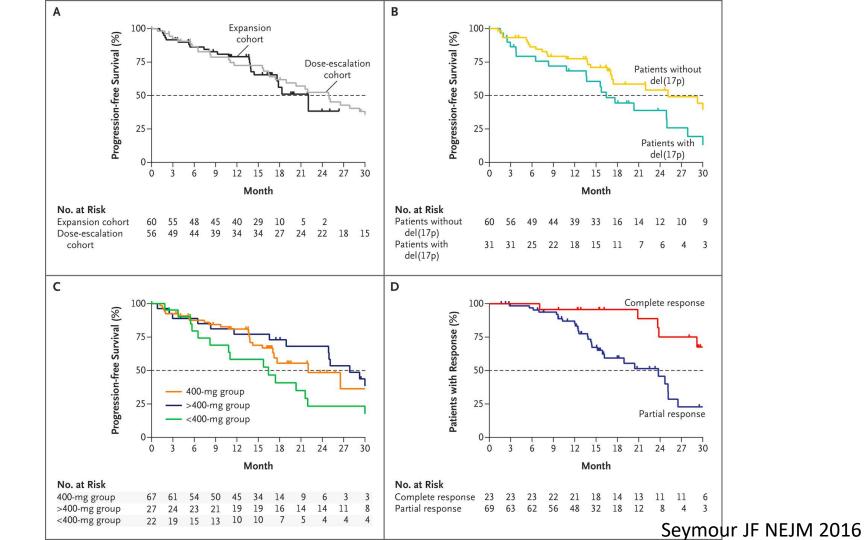


Table 2. Adverse Events (n = 105)

All Grades ≥ 20% of pts	n (%)
Diarrhea	42 (40)
Neutropenia	38 (36)
Nausea	37 (35)
Upper respiratory tract infection	35 (33)
Fatigue	27 (27)
Cough	21 (20)
Grades 3/4	
≥ 5% pts	n (%)
Neutropenia	35 (33)
Anemia	10 (10)
Febrile neutropenia	7 (7)
Thrombocytopenia	7 (7)
Hyperglycemia	7 (7)
Tumor lysis syndrome	7 (7)
Hypokalemia	5 (5)

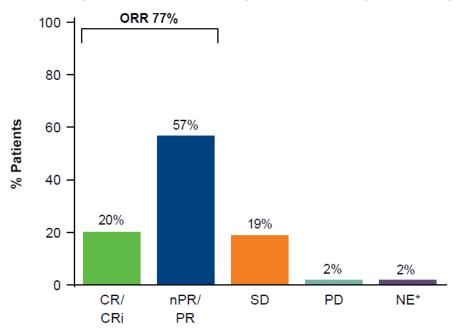
## Table 3. Serious Adverse Events Possibly or Probably Related to ABT-199 (n = 105)

SAEs (≥2 pts)	n (%)
Febrile neutropenia	4 (4)
Tumor lysis syndrome*	3 (3)

- Other SAEs (n=1): amylase increase, clostridium infection, Escherichia sepsis, fluid overload, influenza, neutropenia, pulmonary embolism, acute renal failure, sepsis, sudden death\* (in the setting of TLS), urinary tract infection, viral upper respiratory tract infection, pneumonia, bacterial pneumonia
- · More than one event may have occurred in the same patient

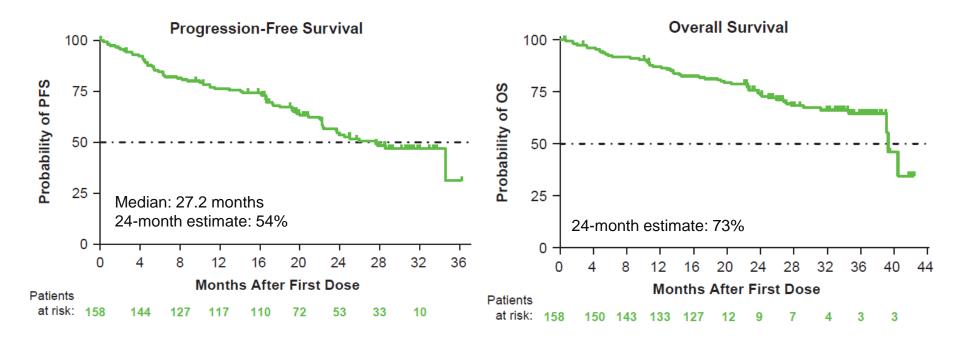
As of April 9, 2014, no additional events of clinical TLS (or SAEs) have been reported since modifications were made to the dose ramp-up scheme as well as the tumor lysis syndrome (TLS) prophylaxis and monitoring schedule.

# Phase 2, open-label study: Venetoclax in relapsed/refractory CLL with 17p deletion: response in all patients (n=158)



- Median time to first response was 1 month and time to CR/CRi was 9.8 months
- Among 18 patients who received prior BCRi therapy, ORR was 61% and CR rate was 11%, with 12-month PFS and OS estimates of 50% and 54%, respectively

# Venetoclax in relapsed/refractory CLL with 17p deletion: PFS and OS



# Venetoclax in relapsed/refractory CLL with 17p deletion: Best MRD status for all patients

	All patients assessed
Peripheral blood	
Number of patients	101
MRD negative	40
MRD positive	61
Bone marrow	
Number of patients	74
MRD negative	18
MRD positive	56

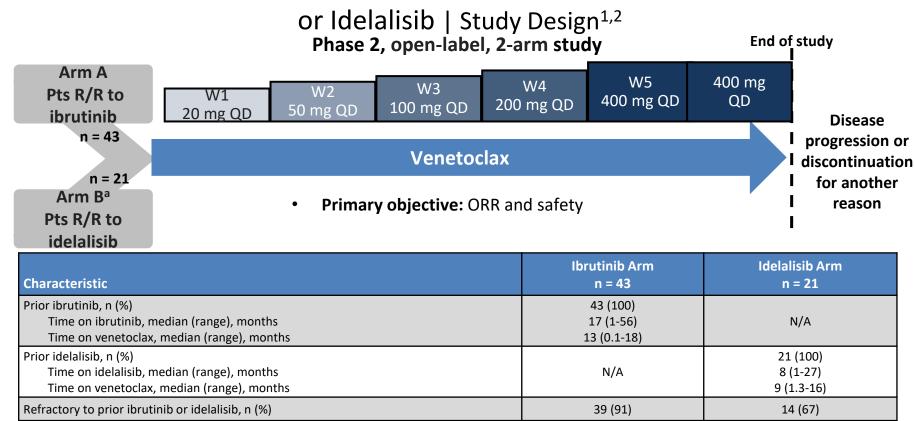
	CR/CRi	nPR	PR
Total peripheral blood negative	20	1	19
Peripheral blood negative and bone marrow negative	14	0	4
Peripheral blood negative and bone marrow positive	3	0	4
Peripheral blood negative and bone marrow not assessed	3	1	11

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

#### **Adverse Events of Special Interest**

- Laboratory TLS in 5 patients during the ramp-up period
  - -2 with dose interruption (1 day each)
  - –No clinical TLS events
- Grade 3/4 neutropenia in 40% of patients
  - -22.4% had baseline neutropenia (any-grade)
  - Manageable: dose interruption/reduction, G-CSF and/or antibiotics
- Infections in 72% of patients (20% grade ≥3)
  - -Most common (all-grade): URI (15%), nasopharyngitis (14%), and UTI (9%)
- Serious adverse events in 55% of patients
  - -Most common: pyrexia (7%), AIHA (7%), pneumonia (6%), and febrile neutropenia (5%)

#### Venetoclax Monotherapy in Patients Previously Treated With Ibrutinib



QD, once daily; R/R, relapsed/refractory.

Data cutoff: June 10, 2016.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Arm C (R/R to IDELA or IBR) not presented in this data cut.

<sup>1.</sup> Jones J, et al. ASH 2015 [oral presentation 715]; 2. Jones J, et al. ASH 2016 [abstract 637].

# Venetoclax Monotherapy in Patients Previously Treated With Ibrutinib or Idelalisib | Key Findings Efficacy

29 (67)

2 (5)

1 (2)

2 (5)

24 (56)

14 (23)

9 (21)

1† (2)

4 (9)

IRC Assessment

13 (62)

13 (62)

8 (38)

(95% CI: 67% to 89%)

in Wks 24-48

Estimated 12-mo PFS for all pts: 80%

14/31 (45%) of PB samples were MRD-

**Assessment** 

12 (57)

2 (10)

1 (5)

9 (43)

9 (43)

8 (38)

1† (5)

	Efficacy		
	R/R on Ibrutinib		R/R on Idelalisib
Response, n (%)	(n = 43)		(n = 21)
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Response, n (%)	(n = 43)		
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IRC-assessed ORRs were 70% for the ibrutinib arm and 48% for the

30 (70)

1 (2)

29 (67)

13 (30)

ORR

■CR

CRi

■nPR

■PR

■SD

**■**PD

idelalisib arm.

Nonresponse\*

Discontinued<sup>‡</sup>

partial response; SD, stable disease. Incomplete data for 4 patients in Arm A.

Jones J, et al. ASH 2016 [abstract 637].

# Venetoclax Monotherapy in Patients Previously Treated With Ibrutinib or Idelalisib | Key Findings (cont)

Safety

31

25

All-Grade AEs (in ≥ 25% patients), %	Total N = 64
Any AE	100
Diarrhea	42
Nausea	41
Neutropenia	36
Anemia	36

Grade 3/4 AEs (in ≥ 15% patients), %	Total N = 64
Neutropenia	31
Anemia	22
Thrombocytopenia	16

Serious Adverse Events (in ≥ 2 patients), n	Total N = 64
Febrile neutropenia	6
Pneumonia	5
Blood potassium increased	2
Multi-organ failure	2
Septic shock	2

 2 patients had laboratory TLS without clinical sequelae

TLS, tumor lysis syndrome.

Fatigue

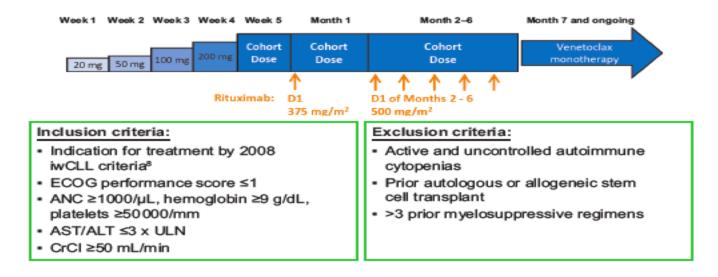
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Decreased platelet count

#### Phase Ib Rituximab and Venetoclax in R/R CLL

#### **Study Overview**

- M13-365 (NCT01682616):<sup>7</sup> Phase 1b, open-label, dose-escalation trial of venetoclax plus rituximab in patients with R/R CLL/SLL
- Most patients were ramped up to the cohort target daily dose (200–600 mg daily venetoclax)



#### Phase Ib Rituximab and Venetoclax in R/R CLL

#### Overall Safety and Efficacy

- All patients experienced AEs and the most common were upper respiratory tract infection, neutropenia, and mild GI issues
- Grade 3/4 AEs were reported for 37 (76%) patients, with the most common being neutropenia (53%), thrombocytopenia (16%), and anemia (14%)
- · Best objective response:

#### **Best Observed Bone Marrow MRD Evaluation**

MRD-negative

59% (29/49)

21

8

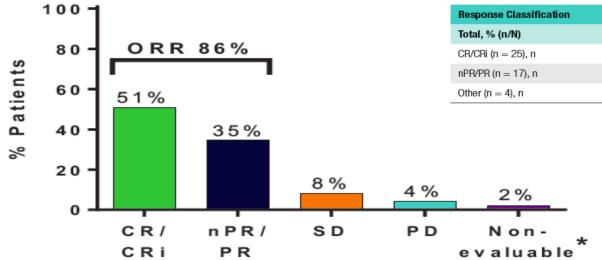
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MRD-positive

29% (14/49)

9

1†



<sup>\*1</sup> patient was not evaluable due to a fatal TLS event that was previously reported. As of 5Apr2017.

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Not Evaluable

12% (6/49)

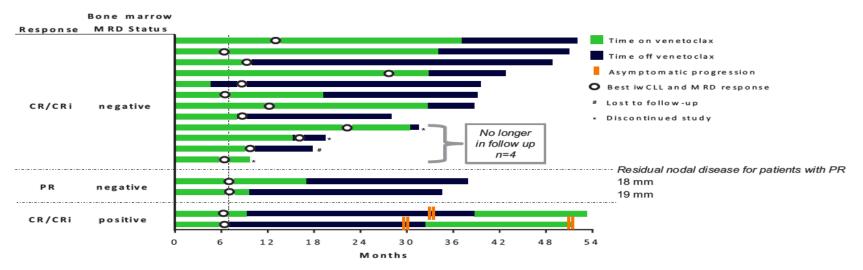
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#### Phase Ib Rituximab and Venetoclax in R/R CLL

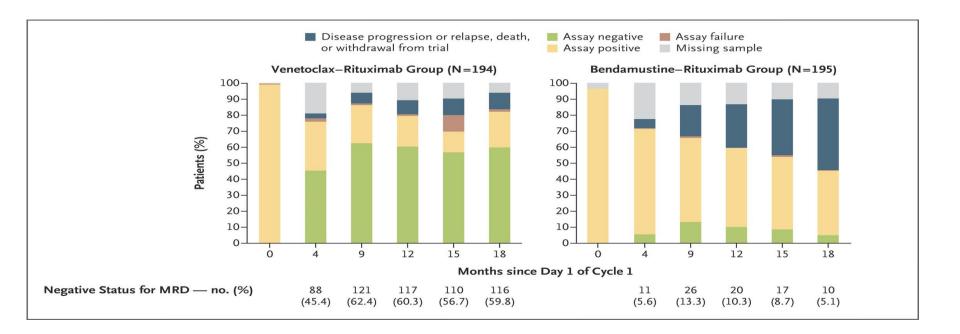
#### **Current Status for Patients Who Stopped Therapy After Response**

- Prior to stopping therapy, median time on therapy was 16 months (range: 5-38)
- 10/12 active patients remain progression-free off therapy after a median of 20 months (6-40)



- ORR of 86% (51% CR/CRi) and 59% of pts achieved marrow MRD-neg
- Pts who continued on therapy have durable responses (min 31mo)
- 12 pts had durable remissions after elective treatment cessation, 10 ongoing
- None of the pts who achieved marrow MRD-neg had POD (median time off therapy of 20 months)
- Two pts who had MRD-pos CR/CRi had asymptomatic POD ≥24 months off tx and were re-treated:
   one pt achieved PR then POD after 19 months of re-tx
   the other achieved CR at 14 months of re-treatment and is active on study

#### MURANO: MRD Clearance in PB over Time

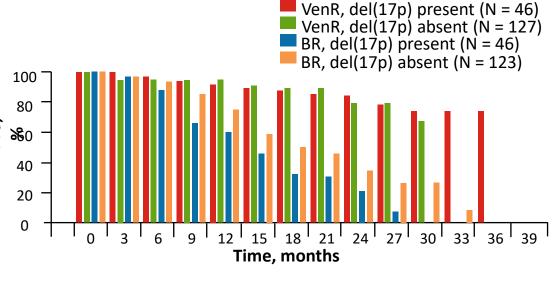


## MURANO: VenR in High Risk Subgroups

Presence/absence of del(17p), TP53, and IGHV mutation does not affect benefit of VenR vs BR

#### Median PFS (months) in High-Risk Subgroups

VenR	BR	HR (95% CI)	
NR	21.4	0.19 (0.12, 0.32)	
NR	15.4	0.13 (0.05, 0.29)	PFS.
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NR	21.2	0.15 (0.09, 0.25)	
NR	12.9	0.19 (0.10, 0.36)	
NR	15.7	0.16 (0.10, 0.26)	
NR	22.9	0.11 (0.04, 0.31)	
	NR NR NR NR	NR 21.4  NR 15.4  NR 21.2  NR 12.9  NR 15.7	NR 21.4 0.19 (0.12, 0.32)  NR 15.4 0.13 (0.05, 0.29)  NR 21.2 0.15 (0.09, 0.25)  NR 12.9 0.19 (0.10, 0.36)  NR 15.7 0.16 (0.10, 0.26)  NR 22.9 0.11



#### **Combination Approaches**

A Potential Pathway to Fixed-Duration Therapy?

#### Front-line

- CAPTIVATE: ibrutinib + venetoclax<sup>[a]</sup>
- GLOW: ibrutinib + venetoclax vs chlorambucil + obinutuzumab[b]
- AVO: acalabrutinib, venetoclax, and obinutuzumab<sup>[c]</sup>
- Phase 1 study of ibrutinib/venetoclax/obinutuzumab<sup>[d]</sup>
- ELEVATE CLL TN: acalabrutinib + obinutuzumab vs obinutuzumab + chlorambucil vs acalabrutinib<sup>[e]</sup>

#### Relapsed/refractory

Ibrutinib + venetoclax: high CR and MRD-negative rates<sup>[g]</sup>

a. Weirda W, et al. *J Clin Oncol.* 2018;36:7502; b. ClinicalTrials.gov. NCT02910583; c. ClinicalTrials.gov. NCT03580928; d. Rogers KA, et al. *Blood.* 2017;130:431; e. ClinicalTrials.gov. NCT02475681; f. ClinicalTrials.gov. NCT02950051; g. Jain N, et al. *Blood.* 2017;130:429.

#### **Future Thoughts**

- Optimal management of CLL should be tailored to the patient based on comorbidities, fitness, and quality of life
- Ongoing issues:
  - determination of optimal sequencing
  - duration of and compliance with treatment
  - short- and long-term tolerability
  - emergence of resistance
  - role of MRD negativity in the era of novel agents
  - Cost
- \*\*\*Major clinical trials comparing TKI vs CIT will be presented soon\*\*\*
- What will be the role of combination strategies?

Thank you very much for your attention Questions? jbarrientos@northwell.edu