





# Chemoimmuntherapy in the R/R setting: Still useful?

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#### **Conflicts of interests**

#### 1. Advisory Boards

Janssen, Gilead, Roche, Abbvie, Novartis, Celgene, AstraZeneca

#### 2. Honoraria

Roche, Novartis, Gilead, Janssen, Abbvie, Celgene

#### 3. Resarch support

Roche, Janssen, Abbvie, Gilead, Beigene



#### **EMA-approved treatment options in RR CLL**

**FCR** CLB + R BR Idelalisib + Ab alone **Ibrutinib** BR + kinase Venetoclax Allogeneic SČTX inhibitor +/- R

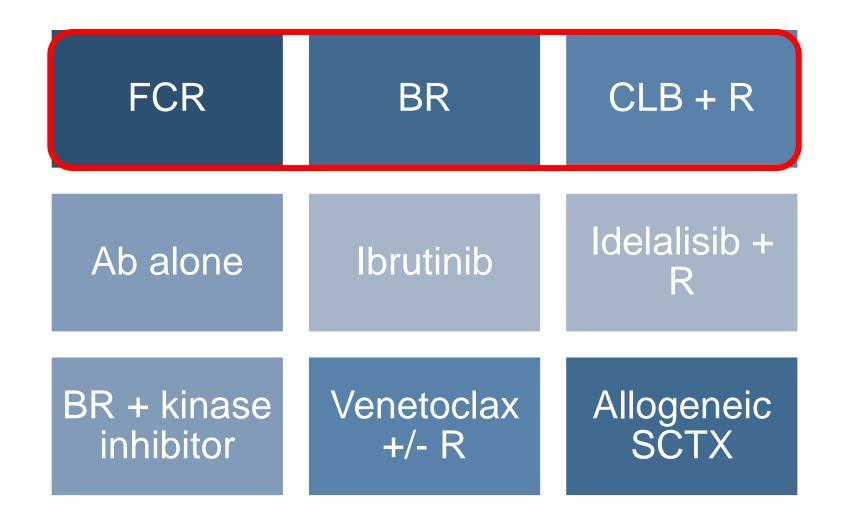


#### Relevant factors for treatment decision in RR setting

- Prior remission duration
- Prior tolerance of treatment
- Genetic aberrations:
  - TP53 del/mut
  - Complex karyotype
- Comorbidities/Comedication



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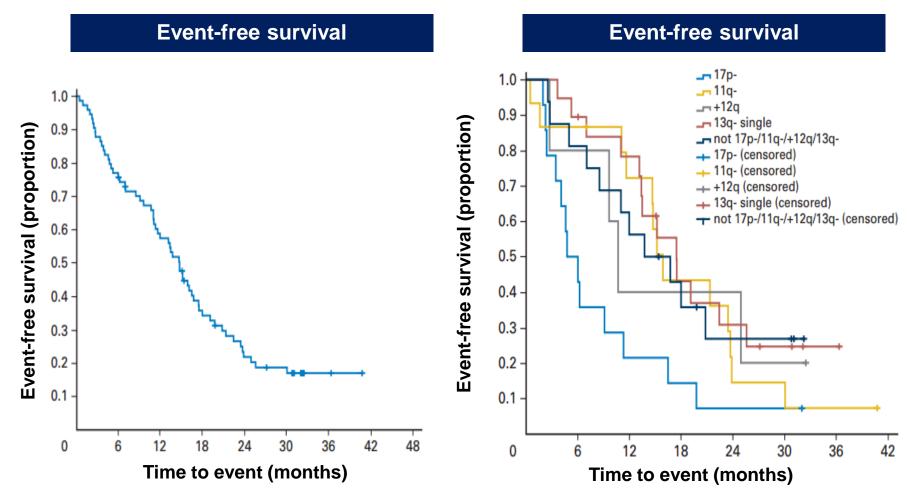
#### Efficacy of chemoimmunotherapies in R/R CLL

	FCR Wierda et al., JCO 2005	FCR Robak et al., JCO 2010	BR Fischer et al., JCO 2011	BR Michallet et al., Haematol. 2018	CLB+R Michallet et al., Haematol. 2018
n pts	177	276	78	57	59
ORR	73%	70%	59%	54%	53%
CR	25%	24%	9%	16%	2%
uMRD ITT	n.e.	13%	2%	16%	13%
PFS (med. mo.)	28	30.6	14.7*	26.0	16.0
OS	42	NR	33.9	NR	40.3

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## Bendamustine + rituximab in RR CLL (CLL2M, Phase 2): poor prognosis for del(17p)





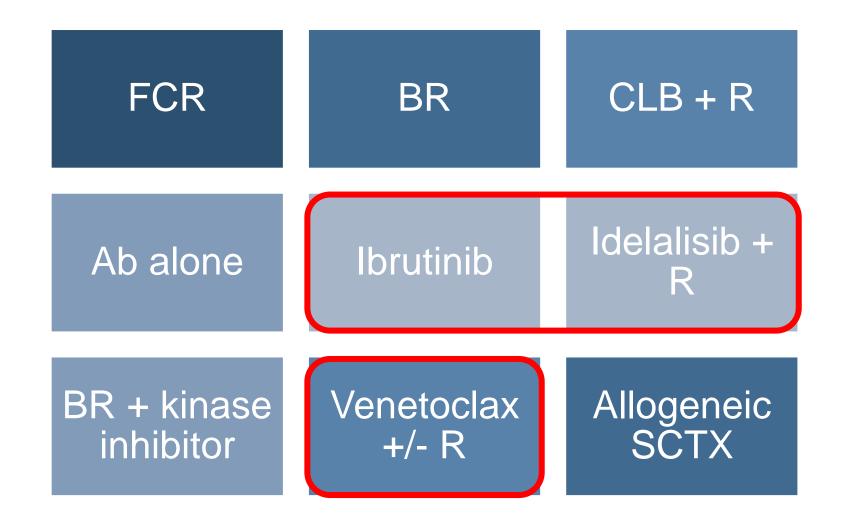
#### Severe Toxicity of chemoimmunotherapies in R/R CLL

	FCR Wierda et al., JCO 2005	FCR Robak et al., JCO 2010	BR Fischer et al., JCO 2011
n patients	177	276	78
Neutropenia	81%	42%	23%
Thrombopenia	34%	11%	28%
Anemia	24%	12%	17%
Infections	16%	17%	13%

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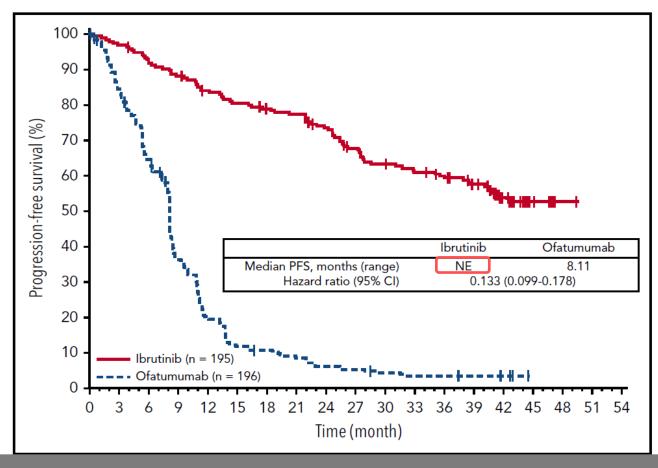
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## Phase III RESONATE I trial: PFS Ibrutinib vs Ofatumumab

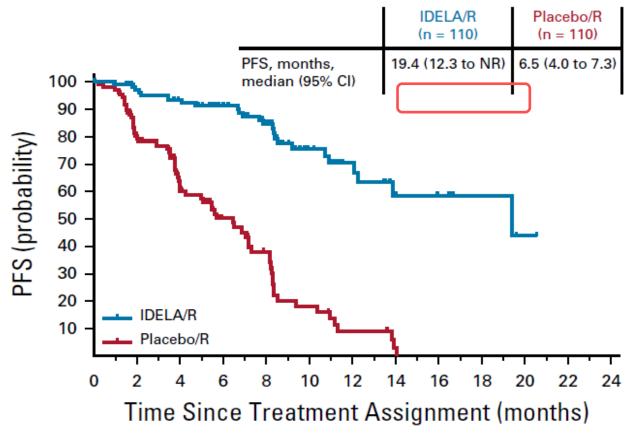
RESONATE 1-Study: N = 391 - FU 44 months



### Phase III Study in elderly patients with R/R CLL: Idelalisib + R vs Placebo + R



PFS for 220 patients after longterm FU



No. at risk (No. of events)

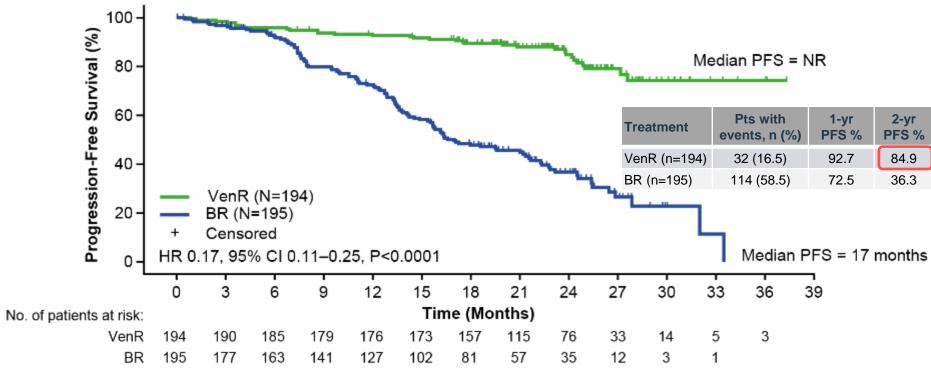
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Sharman J et al. JCO 2019

#### **MURANO-trial:**



#### Bcl2-Inhibitor Venetoclax+R for 24 months vs BR



Seymour J at al. NEJM 2018

- Median (range) duration of follow-up, 23.8 (0.0–37.4) months:
- Venetoclax + rituximab, 24.8 months; bendamustine + rituximab, 22.1 months



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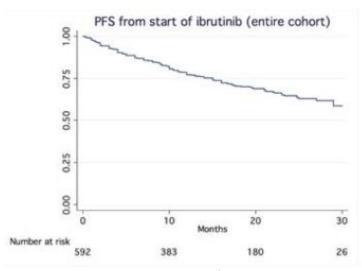
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# ...but maybe in subgroups

## Efficacy of ibrutinib outside clinical trials appears to be lower



Registry data of 621 pts including 536 at relapse receiving ibrutinib



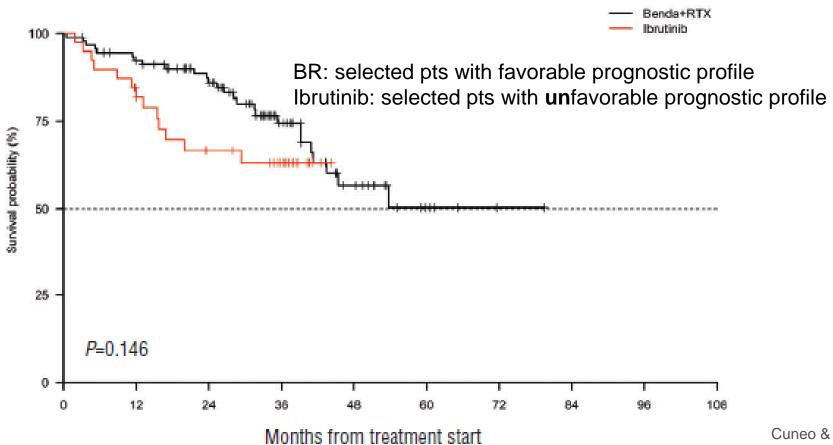
Mato et al., Haematologica 2018

Reason for ibrutinib discontinuation	Ibrutinib in front-line n=19	Ibrutinib in relapse
		n=231
Toxicity	63.1% (n=12)	50.2% (n=116)
CLL progression	15.8% (n=3)	20.9% (n=49)
Other/unrelated death	5.3% (n=1)	12.1% (n=28)
Physician or patient preference	10.5% (n=2)	6.7% (n=15)
KTDLBCL	5.3% (n=1)	4.6% (n=10)
Stem cell transplantation/CAR T-cell	0	3.3% (n=8)
Financial concerns	0	0.8% (n=2)
Secondary malignancy	0	0.8% (n=2)
RT Hodgkin Lymphoma	0	0.4% (n=1)

## Observational trial of ERIC for BR in 1<sup>st</sup> relapsed CLL



137 pts from an observational trial for BR wihtout TP53 dysfunction: Indirect comparison with 71 patients receiving Ibrutinib within a NPP

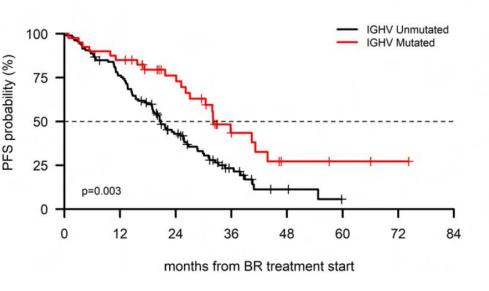


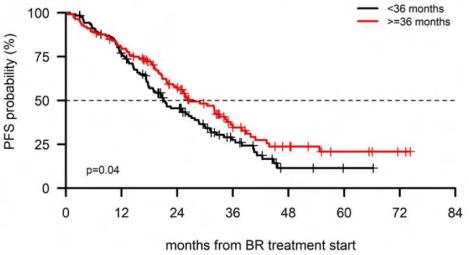
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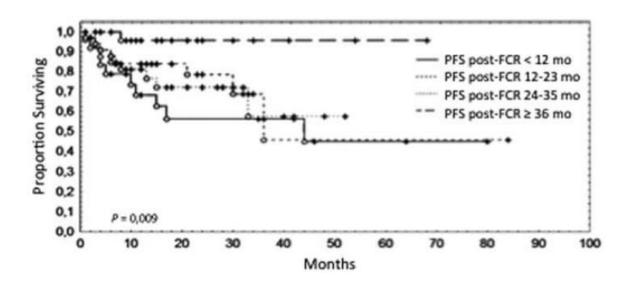


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## Relapse > 36 months after FCR is associated with good prognosis

42 of 132 pts with late relapse and salvage treatment after 1st line FCR



Fornecker et al., Am J Hematol 2015



#### Selection of relapse treatment according to toxicity profile

	Ibrutinib	Idelalisib	Venetoclax
Test	EKG	CMV	GFR CT scan
Cave	<ul><li>Anticoagulans</li><li>OP</li></ul>	<ul><li>CMV</li><li>PJP prophylaxis</li></ul>	High TLS risk
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#### **Treatment sequence in CLL**









#### Use of chemoimmunotherapy in RT to DLBCL

		CR		PFS	OS	
Regimen	n	%	ORR%	months	months	Ref.
O-CHOP+ O-						
Maintenance	37	25	44	6	11	Eyre et al 2016
						Langerbeins et al.
R-CHOP	15	7	67	11	27	2014
R-hyper-CVXD-						Tsimberidou et al.
R-MA	30	38	41	N/A	10	2003
Hyper-CVXD	29	38	44	N/A	10	Dabaja et al. 2001
						Tsimberidou et al.
OFAR1	20	20	50	3	8	2008
						Tsimberidou et al.
OFAR2	35	6	39	3	6	2013
FACPGM	22	5	5	1.5	2.2	Tsimberidou et al.
						2002

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#### Still a role for chemoimmunotherapy?

#### No, but with some exceptions:

- Long lasting (>36 months) remission to prior chemoimmunotherapy AND no TP53 dysfunction
- No compliance to oral drug intake
- Possibly after failure of several lines of targeted agents in chemo-naive patients
- Richter transformation