Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia Targets And Treatments

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Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (CLL)

- Most common adult leukemia in the US/Europe
- Rare in persons of Japanese ancestry
- Familial cases common
 - 8% of over 7,000 cases in the CLL Research Consortium have familial CLL
- >3% of Europeans over age 40 have pre-CLL, or monoclonal B cell lymphocytosis (MBL)
 - Genetic factors influence the level of CD5 B cells (JI 139:1060-4, 1987)
 - Monoclonal B-cell Lymphocytosis (MBL) (Br J Haematol 130:325, 2005)
- •>11% of family members of CLL pts have MBL

Genetic Lesions In CLL

- ≈80% of cases have at least 1 of 4 common chromosomal alterations detectable by FISH
 del(13q), del(11q), del(17p), trisomy 12
- Most common genetic lesion is deletion of microRNAs miR-15a/16-1 at 13q14.3
 miR-15/16 target BCL2, MCL1, ROR1
- Recurrent mutations in genes that have a role in
 - Notch signaling
 - Inflammation
 - B cell receptor (BCR) signaling
 - Wnt signaling
 - DNA damage repair
 - · Cell cycle control
 - Chromatin modification
 - RNA and ribosomal processing





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Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (CLL)

- Malignancy of Memory-type CD5 B cells driven by B cell receptor (BCR) signaling
- The expression of immunoglobulin (Ig) by each case is clonal
- • ≈ ½ of all cases express Ig with variable region genes (e.g. IGHV genes) that have somatic mutations
 - (Blood 94:1848, 1999 & Blood 99:1840, 1999)
- The Ig repertoire of all cases of CLL is highly restricted compared to that of the B cells from any one healthy adult
 - Nearly 1 in 5 cases use the same *IGHV (1-69) (PNAS 86:5913, 1989)*
 - ≈ 1 in 75 cases use virtually the same Ig (*Blood* **104**:2499, 2004)

CLL Prognostic Markers Mutated vs Unmutated IGHV Genes

All Patients **Binet Stage A Patients** 100 100 (N=84) (n=62) 80 Surviving, % 80 % **Mutated** Surviving, 60 **Mutated** 60 40 P=0.001 P=0.0008 40 Unmutated 20 20 Unmutated 0 0 50 250 0 100 150 200 300 50 100 150 200 250 300 0 **Months** Months

Overall Survival

CLL, chronic lymphocytic leukemia. Hamblin TJ, et al. *Blood.* 94:1848-1854, 1999

CLL Patients Cluster Into Three Distinct Epigenetic Subgroups





- 450k array (Illumina) analysis of CLL Cells of 249 Patients
- Unsupervised analysis displaying the 500 most discriminating CpGs

Oakes CC, et al. Nat Genet 48:253-64, 2016

139 CLL profiles downloaded from the ICGC Data Portal (http://dcc.icgc.org/web)

CLL Cytogenesis

- CLL can be divided into two main subsets
 - Pre-germinal center (Pre-GC)
 - Post-germinal center (Post-GC)
- IgH variable gene (IGHV) mutation status serves as a surrogate marker for cytogenetic origin
 - Pre-GC- unmutated
 - Post-GC mutated
- The Ig's expressed by CLL B cells are highly restricted, indicating selection for B-cells with the right type of Ig-receptor signaling
 - Stereotypic Ig
 - IGHV1-69 most frequently used

Kipps, TJ et al, Nature Rev. Disease Primer 3:16096, 2017



FC vs. FCR In Treatment Naïve Patients Long-term F/U Of CLL8 of GCLLSG



*3 Separate Studies Show 50-60% PFS S/P FCR For CLL Pts. With Mutated IGHV Provided They Lack del(17p)

* Thompson, P.A., et al. Blood 127, 303-309 (2016)
* Fischer, K., et al. Blood 127, 208-215 (2016)
* Rossi, D., et al. Blood 126, 1921-1924 (2015)

Seminal Study Of FCR In Treatment Naïve Patients



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Differential Gene Expression in CLL With or Without V_H Gene Somatic Mutations



Surface Immunoglobulin Stimulation in ZAP-70⁺ versus ZAP-70⁻ CLL



B-cell Receptor (BCR) Signaling In CLL

- BCR signaling stimulates pathways leading to enhanced cell survival and proliferation
- Outcome of BCR signaling ranges from enhanced B-cell activation to B-cell anergy
- Enhanced B-cell activation is more common in CLL with unmutated *IGHV*, whereas anergy predominates in most cases with mutated *IGHV*
- BCR also coordinates the activity of other cell surface receptors, including integrins, such as $\alpha 4\beta 1$ integrin
- Small molecule inhibitors of enzymes required for BCR signaling have clinical activity
 - Ibrutinib inhibits BTK
 - Idelalisib inhibits $PI3K\delta$

Kipps, TJ et al, Nature Rev. Disease Primer 3:16096, 2017; doi;10/nrdp.2016.96





Blocking Chemotaxis Empties Lymphoid Tissues Of CLL Cells Lymph Node



Pattern of Response to Ibrutinib



Byrd, JC et al, NEJM 369:32-42, 2013

Ibrutinib Versus Ofatumumab in Relapased/Refractory CLL



$\textbf{Grade} \geq \textbf{3} \textbf{ AEs}$

- 57% of patients receiving ibrutinib (diarrhea, atrial fibrillation, and bleeding)
- 47% of patients receiving of atumumab

Byrd JC, et al. N Engl J Med. 2014;371(3):213-223.

Ibrutinib Versus Chlorambucil As Initial Therapy (RESONATE-2 Trial)



Ibrutinib vs Chlorambucil

• 269 treatment-naïve patients <a>65 yrs of age

- Significantly longer progression-free survival
- 84% lower risk of progression or death
- Significantly prolonged overall survival (98% vs 85%)
- Significantly higher overall response rate (86% vs 35%)
- Trial used in FDA approval of ibrutinib as initial therapy
- Ibrutinib with higher rate of atrial fibrillation

Burger JA, et al. N Engl J Med. 373:2425, 2015; Melo A, et al. Hematologica 2017 pii: haematol.2017.175380. doi: 10.3324/haematol.2017.175380.

Acalabrutinib

from Baseline in SPD (%)

Median Change



- Orally active drug that can inhibit BTK
- Twice daily dosing
- Can provide for 100% BTK-occupancy
- Active in patients with CLL



Byrd, JC et al N Engl J Med 374: 323-32, 2016

ACE-CL-001: Acalabrutinib Monotherapy in R/R CLL

Enrollment: 3 February 2014 to 26 November 2015



[—] bid = twice daily; CLL = chronic lymphocytic leukemia; bid = twice daily; DOR = duration of response; IWCLL = International Workshop on Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia; ORR = overall response rate; PFS = progression-free survival; po = orally; qd = once daily; R/R = relapsed/refractory.

1. Hallek M, et al. Blood. 2008;111(12):5446-5456. 2. Cheson BD, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2012;30:2820-2822.

Time-to-Event Outcomes Acalabrutinib in R/R CLL

- Median PFS in the overall population was not reached
- Median TTR (≥ PR) was 5.3 months (95% CI: 1.7, 22.4), and median DOR was not reached

	N=134
Median PFS, mos (95% Cl) ^b	NR (35.7, NR)
del(17p)	NR (21.4, NR)
del(11q)	NR (NR, NR)
Complex karyotype	27.9 (18.4, NR)
No complex karyotype	NR (35.7, NR)
18-month PFS, % (95% CI) ^b	90 (83, 94)
del(17p)	80 (59, 91)
del(11q)	100 (100, 100)
No complex karyotype	95 (81 <i>,</i> 99)



DOR = duration of response; NR = not reached; PFS = progression-free survival; PR = partial response; TTR = time to response.

Most Common Adverse Events (≥20% of All Patients) Observed In Patients Treated With Acalabrutinib (N=134)



Bcl-2 Family Inhibitors



Small Molecule Inhibitors Of Bcl-2 Proteins And IC₅₀ Of BID Peptide Displacement

Compound IC ₅₀ (μM)							
Protein	Gossypol	Apogossypol	Obatoclax	ABT-737	ABT-199		
Bcl-xL	3.0	2.8	4.69	0.064	0.048		
Bcl-2	0.28	0.64	1.11	0.10	<0.10nM		
Bcl-w	1.4	2.1	7.01	0.024	N/A		
Bcl-B	0.16	0.37	2.15	>10	N/A		
Mcl-1	1.75	3.35	2.90	>20	N/A		

Venetoclax (ABT-199) In R/R CLL







Wk 5

400 mg



Venetoclax (ABT-199) In R/R CLL

- 3 of 56 pts in the dose-escalation cohort had tumor lysis syndrome, with one death
- Among 116 pts treated, 92 (79%) had a response
- 20% had complete responses and 5% lacked detectable minimal residual disease (MRD) (<0.01%)
- The 15-month progression-free survival of pts receiving 400 mg QD was 69% (including pts with del(17p)



Roberts, A. W. et al. N Engl J Med 374: 311-22, 2016



Kipps, T. J. et al. (2017) Nat. Rev. Dis. Primers doi:10.1038/nrdp.2016.96

Combination Therapy

- BTK-inhibitors ± anti-CD20 mAb
- Ibrutinib + anti-ROR1 mAb
- Venetoclax + anti-CD20 mAb





- Combined BTK-inhibitor + Bcl-2 inhibitor ± anti-CD20 mAb
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- PI3K-inhibitor, new, and novel agents



Ibrutinib ± Rituximab: Study Design

- **Relapsed/Refractory** (n=179)
- **Treatment naïve** with 17p del or TP53 mutated (n=27)

lbrutinib (n=102) Ibrutinib 420 MG daily until disease progression, death, or unacceptable side effects

Stratification factors

- ECOG PS (0-1 vs. 2)
- High-risk cytogenetic abnormalities (del17p, TP53 mutation, del11q)

lbrutinib + rituximab (n=104) Ibrutinib 420 MG daily plus rituximab (375 mg/m² weekly x 4, then monthly for cycles 2-6)

Total = 206

Primary end point: 2-year PFS

Secondary end points: ORR and tolerability

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Ibrutinib ± Rituximab: Absolute lymphocyte counts (ALC)



Time (weeks)

	ibrutinib	ibrutinib + R	p value
Time to normalization of ALC in months (range)	8.9 (0.2 – 29.9)	3.0 (0.2 – 29.9)	<0.001

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Ibrutinib ± Rituximab: Best Response



Ibrutinib ± Rituximab: Outcomes



	Ibrutinib (n=102)	Ibrutinib +R (n=104)
F/U in months (range)	25.2 (2.7 – 35.9)	22.7 (2.8 – 37.1)

No difference in PFS or OS Between Treatment Groups

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Ibrutinib ± Rituximab: Outcome By 17p Status





26

28

25

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18

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OS

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Summary BTK-inhibitors ± Anti-CD20 mAb

- Rituximab combined with ibrutinib attenuates lymphocytosis upon initiation, but doesn't impact on response rate or PFS
- Obinutuzumab combined with ibrutinib has low CR rate and low rate of undetectable MRD in first-line
- It is uncertain whether obinutuzumab improves the outcome of patients treated with acalabrutinib





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Receptor Tyrosine Kinase-Like Orphan Receptor 1 (ROR1)

- Expressed during embryogenesis, but not most post-partem tissues
- Expressed CLL, SLL, mantle cell lymphoma (MCL), and most solid tumors
- Receptor for Wnt5a, which is found in plasma of patients with CLL
- ROR1-signaling induces Rho-GTPase activation and promotes leukemia migration, proliferation, and survival
- Anti-ROR1 mAb cirmtuzumab inhibits ROR1-signaling, which is highly active in CLL cells of patients treated with ibrutinib

Matsuda T, et al. Mech Dev. 2001; Fukuda, T, et al Blood,104:772, 2004; Fukuda T, et al PNAS USA 105:3047, 2008 Baskar, S. Clin Cancer Res, 2008; Daneshmanesh, A. H., Int J. Cancer, 2008; Broome HE, Leuk Res. 35:1390, 2011; Zhang S et al, Am J Pathol.181:1903, 2012; Widhopf, G, et al PNAS USA 111:793, 2014; Zhang, S, et al. PNAS USA, 2014 Choi, M.Y. et al, Clin Lymphoma Myeloma Leuk. Suppl:S167-9, 2015; Yu, J. et al J Clin Invest. 126:585, 2016; Cui, B, Ghia E, et al, Blood 128:2931, 2016; Yu et al, Leukemia 31:2608, 2017; Hasan et al, Leukemia 31: 2615, 2017



Choi, M et al. ASH 2017, Abstract #829

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GP28331 Study – Venetoclax (Ven) And Obinutuzumab (G)



*Potential VEN extension if BM MRD+ or PR; G=obinutuzumab; VEN=venetoclax.

 MTD not reached. Safety monitoring team recommended Schedule B (G followed by VEN) and the 400 mg dose for expansion cohorts after reviewing the study data G dosing schedule: C1D1: 100 mg, C1D2: 900 mg, C1D8 and 15:1000 mg, C2–6D1: 1000 mg.
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Efficacy of VEN + G: Response in All Patients and High CR Rates in All CLL Subgroups

Response All 1L			By cytogenetic abnormalities ^b (n=29)					By IGHV gene mutational status (n=27)		
n (%) ((N=32)	del(17p) n=5	del(11q) n=6	Trisomy 12 n=6	No abnormalities n=1	del(13q) n=11	Mut n=11	Unmut n=16		
ORR	32 (100)	5 (100)	6 (100)	6 (100)	1 (100)	11 (100)	11 (100)	16 (100)		
CR/CRi	23 (72)	3 (60)	5 (83)	5 (83)	1 (100)	7 (64)	9 (82)	11 (69)		
PR	9 (28) ^a	2 (40)	1 (17)	1 (17)		4 (36)	2 (18)	5 (31)		

^aOne patient downgraded to PR due to a mild splenomegaly 16cm (by imaging) and hypocellular BM (by histology); all other components consistent with CR.

^bResponses by cytogenetic abnormalities according to the hierarchical model.

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Progression Free Survival With Frontline Therapy (Ven + G)



- Median time on study: 18.5 months (range: 15– 30)
- Median PFS = not reached
 - 12-month estimate: 100%
 - 15-month estimate: 93.8% (95% CI: 85.4, 100.0)
 - 18-month estimate: 90.5% (95% CI: 80.3, 100.0)
- Disease progression: 3 patients; no deaths
 - 2 patients had Richter transformation
 - Pt 1 (DLBCL): Day 437 (on VEN); del(17p) at baseline; BM MRD+ all assessments
 - Pt 2 (HL): Day 474 (off VEN); trisomy 12, unmutated IGHV at baseline; BM MRD– all assessments (before PD)
 - 1 patient with PD
 - Day 399 (on VEN); del(11q), del(17p), unmutated IGHV at baseline; BM MRD+ all assessments

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High Rates Of Clearing Detectable MRD In The Marrow With Ven + G

Most patients had no detectable MRD

at some point on study



- 4 of 7 PR patients with no detectable MRD in the marrow were classified as PR (2008 iwCLL criteria) due to presence of residual lymphadenopathy (between 16–34 mm)
 - All other parameters were consistent with CR

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Undetermined Indicates No Detectable MRD, but <200,000 leukocytes analyzed

Summary of Adverse Events In Pts Treated With Ven+G

AEs, n (%)	All grade AEs >25% total pts (N=32)	Grade 3–4 AEs (N=32)
Nausea	22 (69)	
Infusion-related reaction	21 (66)	
Neutropenia	21 (66)	17 (53)
Febrile neutropenia		4 (13)
Diarrhea	18 (56)	1 (3) ^a
Pyrexia	15 (47)	1 (3)
Fatigue	14 (44)	1 (3)
Thrombocytopenia	13 (41)	5 (16)
Headache	12 (38)	
Chills	11 (34)	
Vomiting	11 (34)	
Cough	10 (31)	
Flushing	10 (31)	
Anemia	9 (28)	1 (3)
Dyspnea	9 (28)	

No clinical TLS; 1 laboratory TLS – C1D1 with G administration (before any VEN)

• Four events of Grade 3–4 infection: appendicitis, diverticulitis, enterobacter bacteremia, respiratory tract infection Flinn, I et al. ASH 2017, Abstract #430 aDiscontinued VEN.

MURANO Study Design





Primary Endpoint	INV-assessed PFS
Major Secondary	• IRC-CR \Rightarrow IRC-ORR \Rightarrow OS (hierarchical testing)
Endpoints	 IRC-assessed PFS and MRD-negativity
Key Safety Endpoints	Overall safety profile, focusing on serious adverse events and Grade \geq 3 adverse events
Interim Analysis	Approximately 140 INV-assessed PFS events (75% of total information)

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*High-risk CLL – any of following features: del(17p) or no response to front-line chemotherapy-containing regimen or relapsed ≤12 months after chemotherapy or within ≤24 months after chemoimmunotherapy.

Grade 3–4 AEs; ≥2% Difference in Incidence Between Arms

Note: AE Reporting Period Longer with VenR vs. BR

AEs, n (%)	Venetoclax + Rituximab (N=194)	Bendamustine + Rituximab (N=188)
Neutropenia	112 (58)	73 (39)
Anemia	21 (11)	26 (14)
Thrombocytopenia	11 (6)	19 (10)
Febrile Neutropenia	7 (4)	18 (10)
Pneumonia	10 (5)	15 (8)
Infusion-Related Reaction	3 (2)	10 (5)
Tumor Lysis Syndrome	6 (3)	2 (1)
Hypotension	0	5 (3)
Hyperglycemia	4 (2)	0
Hypogammaglobulinemia	4 (2)	0

Adapted from the Seymour presentation at ASH on December 12, 2017

Adverse event reporting period: up to 90 days after end of bendamustine treatment (maximum 6 months); up to 28 days after end of venetoclax treatment (maximum 2 years).

As of 8 May 2017

Improved Response Rates for VenR vs. BR

INV-assessed

IRC-assessed



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* Descriptive P-values.

Of 42 INV-assessed CRs discrepant in VenR arm, 28 were due to residual LN on CT scan of 16-30 mm in diameter; 88% of these pts had no detectable MRD in the blood.

High Rate of Undetectable MRD In the Blood Of Patients Treated With VenR Relative To Those Treated With BR



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As of 8 May 2017

18

10 (5)

Investigator-Assessed PFS Superior for VenR vs. BR



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

Superiority of VenR vs. BR Confirmed by Independent Review Committee-Assessed PFS



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Investigator-assessed PFS Superior for VenR vs. BR Among Patients With and Without del(17p)



As of 8 May 2017

Treatment Effect With VenR Consistent Across Subgroups; Investigator-assessed PFS

*Central lab

		Ver Ri (etoclax + tuximab N=194)	Bendamustine - Rituximab (N=195)		+		Venetoclax	Bendamustine
Subgroups	Total N	n	Median (Months)	n	Median (Months)	Hazard Ratio	95% Wald Cl	+ Rituximab Better	+ Rituximab Better
Number of prior therapies	1 de tra								
1	228	111	NR	117	16.6	0.14	(0.08 - 0.24)	H	
2	100	57	NR	43	21.2	0.24	(0.11 - 0.50)		
≥3	61	26	NR	35	10.5	0.24	(0.10-0.57)		
Refractory vs. relapse to mos	t recent pri	or thera	ру						
Refractory	59	30	NR	29	13.6	0.32	(0.15 - 0.70)	÷	
Relapse	330	164	NR	166	18.6	0.14	(0.09-0.23)	·	
del(17p) status*									
Absent	250	127	NR	123	21.4	0.19	(0.12 - 0.32)	H	
Present	92	46	NR	46	15.4	0.13	(0.05-0.29)	F-B-1	
TP53 mutational status*									
Unmutated	277	144	NR	133	21.2	0.15	(0.09 - 0.25)	H	
Mutated	99	48	NR	51	12.9	0.19	(0.10-0.36)	F	
Baseline IGHV mutational stat	tus*								
Unmutated	246	123	NR	123	15.7	0.16	(0.10-0.26)	H	
Omnutatoa	101	53	NR	51	229	0 11	(0.04 - 0.31)	⊢ −− ∎ +−1	

Clinically Meaningful Improvement in Overall Survival for VenR vs. BR



Descriptive p-values Pre-specified boundary, P=0.0001.

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Ibrutininb (IBR) + Venetoclax (VEN) Treatment Schema

	C1	C2	C3	C4> C27
Ibrutinib	420mg daily	420mg daily	420mg daily	420mg daily until progression
Venetoclax	-	-	-	20mg daily x1 wk then; 50mg daily x1 wk then; 100mg daily x1 wk then; 200mg daily x1 wk then; 400mg daily continuous

VEN duration 2 years, IBR until progression

Primary endpoint: CR/CRi

- 38 of 70 pts (54%) had down-grading of TLS risk category
- 2 pts had lab TLS. No clinical TLS



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Ibrutininb (IBR) + Venetoclax (VEN) Response In R/R CLL n=34 n=26 n=16 n=13 n=5 42 **69** 77 80 91 58 40 31 23 15 13 8 3 mo IBR 3 mo VEN+IBR 6 mo VEN+IBR 9 mo VEN+IBR 12 mo VEN + IBR No detectable PR% CR/CRi % MRD in BM %



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OS Of Patients Treated With Ibrutinib And Venetoclax



Firstline Cohort

R/R Cohort

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1 death in the firstline cohort due to CNS cryptococcus (pt recd only 1 day of ibrutinib)

Ibrutininb (IBR) + Venetoclax (VEN) Toxicities (N=77)

- Infections n (%)
 Neutropenic fever* 6 (8)
 Pneumonia 1 (2)
 Cellulitis 1 (2)
 Septic arthritis 1 (2)
- 2/3 of infections occurred during ibrutinib monotherapy phase
- Atrial fibrillation: 10 (13%)
- Dose reduction
 - Ibrutinib 36%
 - Venetoclax 26%

* Aspergillosis (n=1), Anaplasmosis (n=1), Vibrio (n=1), culture negative (n=3)

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- Primary endpoint in the phase 2 studies is rate of having a CR with no detectable minimal residual disease (MRD)
- These are the initial results of the phase 2 treatment naïve cohort

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*Patients may continue ibrutinib past C14 at the discretion of the treating investigator

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Cycle length = $28 \, \text{days}$

Mid-point (post-Cycle 8) Responses To G+IBR+VEN



CR = complete remission, CRi = CR with incomplete marrow recovery PR = partial remission, NR = not reached

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ORR= 96% (95% CI:80-100%)

- CR 5 (20%)
- CRi 8 (32%)
- PR 11 (44%)
- NR 1 (4%)
- CRi was due to cytopenias (4/8, 50%) or cytopenias and hypocellular marrow (4/8, 50%)
- 6/11 (55%) PR patients met count and marrow requirements for CR but had LN >1.5cm
- All but 1 patient did not have morphologic evidence of CLL in the marrow
 - 14/24 (58%) of patients had no detectable MRD (0.01%)
 - 8/13 (46%) CR/Cri
 - 6/11 (55%) PR

Non-Hematologic Treatment-Related Adverse Events*

Grade 1/2 Adverse Events	n (%)
Infusion related reaction	19 (76)
Nausea	15 (60)
Bruising	14 (56)
Oral Mucositis	13 (52)
Dyspepsia	12 (48)
Hypertension	11 (44)
Diarrhea	11 (44)
Fatigue	10 (40)
Maculo-papular rash	10 (40)
Myalgia	9 (36)
Arthralgia	8 (32)
Hyperuricemia	8 (32)
Weight gain	8 (32)
Bilirubin increased	7 (28)
Chills	7 (28)
Hypocalcemia	7 (28)

*Grade 1/2 AEs occurring at >25% and all grade 3/4 As	
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Grade 3/4 Adverse Events	n (%)
Hypertension	9 (36)
Dyspepsia	1 (4)
Arthralgia	1 (4)
Hyperuricemia	1 (4)
Aspartate aminotransferase increased	1 (4)
Alanine aminotransferase increased	1 (4)
Atrial fibrillation	1 (4)
Colitis	1 (4)
Pneumonia	1 (4)
Menorrhagia	1 (4)
Sepsis	1 (4)

There were no cases of clinical or laboratory tumor lysis syndrome of any grade

Hematologic Treatment-Related Adverse Events*

Advorce Event	Grade 1/2	Grade 3/4	Any Grade
Adverse Event	n (%)	n (%)	n (%)
Thrombocytopenia	12 (48)	9 (36)	21 (84)
Lymphopenia*	11 (44)	8 (32)	19 (76)
Neutropenia	7 (28)	12 (48)	19 (76)
Leukopenia*	10 (40)	9 (36)	19 (76)
Lymphocytosis*	5 (20)	1 (4)	6 (24)
Anemia	4 (16)	0 (0)	4 (16)

*Anticipated therapeutic drug effect

- Hematologic adverse events were the most frequently reported toxicity
- There were no cases of neutropenic fever

*All hematologic AEs of any grade

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- Combined chemo-immunotherapy and ibrutinib

• PI3K-inhibitor, new, and novel agents



Chimeric Antigen Receptor T Cell Therapy



Adapted from Maus et al. Blood 123:2625, 2014

Durable Molecular Remissions in Refractory Pts CLL With CD19-CAR-T Cells After Failure of Ibrutinib



	Challenges	Potential Mitigating Strategies
•	Poor CAR T Cell Expansion In Vivo	Optimize lympho-depletion prior to CAR T cell infusion. Optimize co- stimulatory domain of the CAR. Modify CAR T cells to express co-stimulatory ligands or cytokines or delete genes involved in T-cell senescence (e.g. TET2)
•	Suboptimal CAR-T-Cell Function	Co-administer immune checkpoint inhibitors or ibrutinib. Modify CAR T cells, as outline above.
•	Loss Of Target Antigen Expression	Target multiple tumor-associated antigens
•	Cytokine Release Syndrome	Develop risk-adapted CAR-T-cell dosing. Improve understanding of pathogenesis to define markers predictive of adverse outcome and/or develop pre-emptive treatment strategies. Incorporate "suicide genes" in CAR-T cells to eliminate them, if necessary.
•	Neurologic Toxicity	As above
•	B-Cell Aplasia w/CD19-CAR T Cells	Use IVIG for anticipated severe hypogammaglobulinemia. Use CAR T cells that do not target all B cells.

Geyer, MB and Brentjens RJ Cytotherapy 18:1393, 2016; Fraietta, JA et al, ASH 2017, Abstract #1909

Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia

- Improved Treatment Outcomes Through
 - Understanding of CLL Biology
 - Knowledge of Disease Subgroups That Affect Outcome
 - Del(17p)
 - CLL with mutated vs. unmutated IGHV
 - Targeted Therapies
- Future Challenges
 - Development Of Finite Treatment Strategies
 - Resistance To Targeted Therapies
 - Richter Transformation
 - Costs Of Therapy