

# Waldenstrom's Macroglobulinemia: Where we are in 2024!

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# MYD88 Directed Pro-survival Signaling in WM

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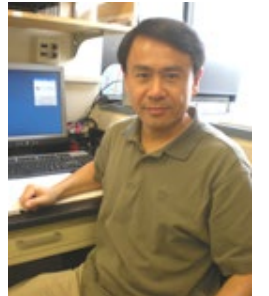
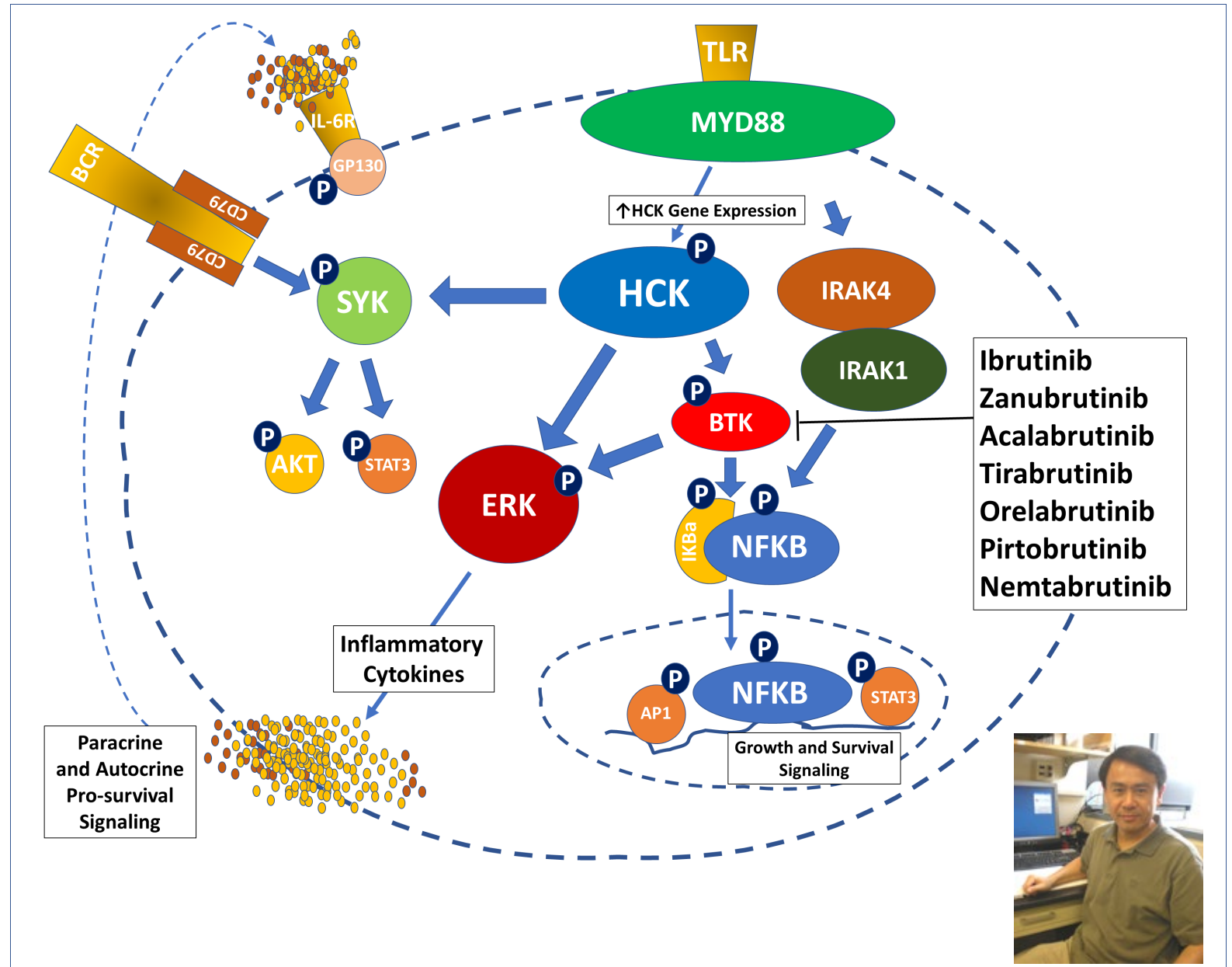
ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## MYD88 L265P Somatic Mutation in Waldenström's Macroglobulinemia

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**MYD88 mutations occur in 95-97% WM Patients**

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# BTK-Inhibitor Trials in WM

Study	Cohort	Agent (s)	N=	Time to Major Resp.	ORR/Major RR	≥VGPR	PFS
<b>Pivotal Study</b>	R/R	Ibrutinib	63	2 mo.	91% / 79%	30%	54% @ 60 mo.
<b>INNOVATE Arm C</b>	R/R	Ibrutinib	31	2 mo.	87% / 77%	29%	40% @ 60 mo.
<b>Phase 2</b>	TN	Ibrutinib	30	1.9 mo.	100% / 87%	30%	76% @ 48 mo.
<b>INNOVATE Arms A, B</b>	TN, R/R	Ibrutinib Rituximab	150	3 mo.	92% / 76%	31%	68% @ 54 mo.
<b>Phase 2</b>	TN, R/R	Zanubrutinib	77	2.8 mo.	96% / 82%	45%	76% @ 36 mo.
<b>ASPEN-1 (MYD88<sup>Mut</sup>)</b>	TN, R/R	Ibrutinib	99	2.9 mo.	94% / 80%	25%	85% @ 42 mo.
	TN, R/R	Zanubrutinib	102	2.8 mo.	95% / 81%	36%	88% @ 42 mo.
<b>ASPEN-2 (MYD88<sup>WT</sup>)</b>	TN, R/R	Zanubrutinib	28	3 mo.	78% / 63%	27%	84% @ 42 mo.
<b>Phase 2</b>	TN, R/R	Acalabrutinib	106	N/A	94% / 81%	39%	84% TN / 52% R/R (@ 66 mo.)
<b>Phase 2</b>	TN, R/R	Tirabrutinib	27	1.9 TN 2.1 R/R	96% / 93%	33%	93% @ 24 mo.
<b>Phase 2</b>	R/R	Pirtobrutinib	80	N/A	81% / 67% (prior cBTKi) 88% / 88% (cBTKi naïve)	24% (prior cBTKi) 29% (cBTKi naïve)	57% @ 18 mo. (for prior cBTKi) N/A for cBTKi naïve.

# CXCR4 Receptor (WHIM-like) Mutations Are Common in WM

## Plenary Paper

### LYMPHOID NEOPLASIA

The genomic landscape of Waldenström macroglobulinemia is characterized by highly recurring MYD88 and WHIM-like CXCR4 mutations, and small somatic deletions associated with B-cell lymphomagenesis

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## Regular Article

### CLINICAL TRIALS AND OBSERVATIONS

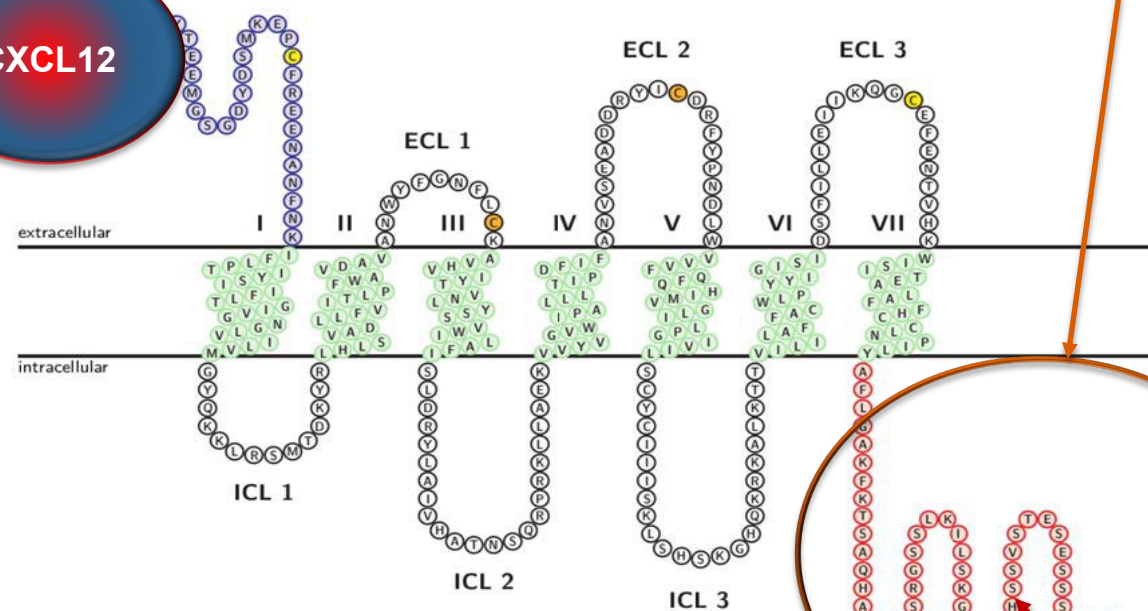
Somatic mutations in MYD88 and CXCR4 are determinants of clinical presentation and overall survival in Waldenström macroglobulinemia

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**30-40% of WM patients have CXCR4 mutations**



CXCR4 mutations  
Non-sense (S338X)\*  
Frameshift

\*Associated with HV Syndrome

**S338X**

Adapted from Kahler et al. *AIMS Biophysics*. 2016, 3(2): 211-231.

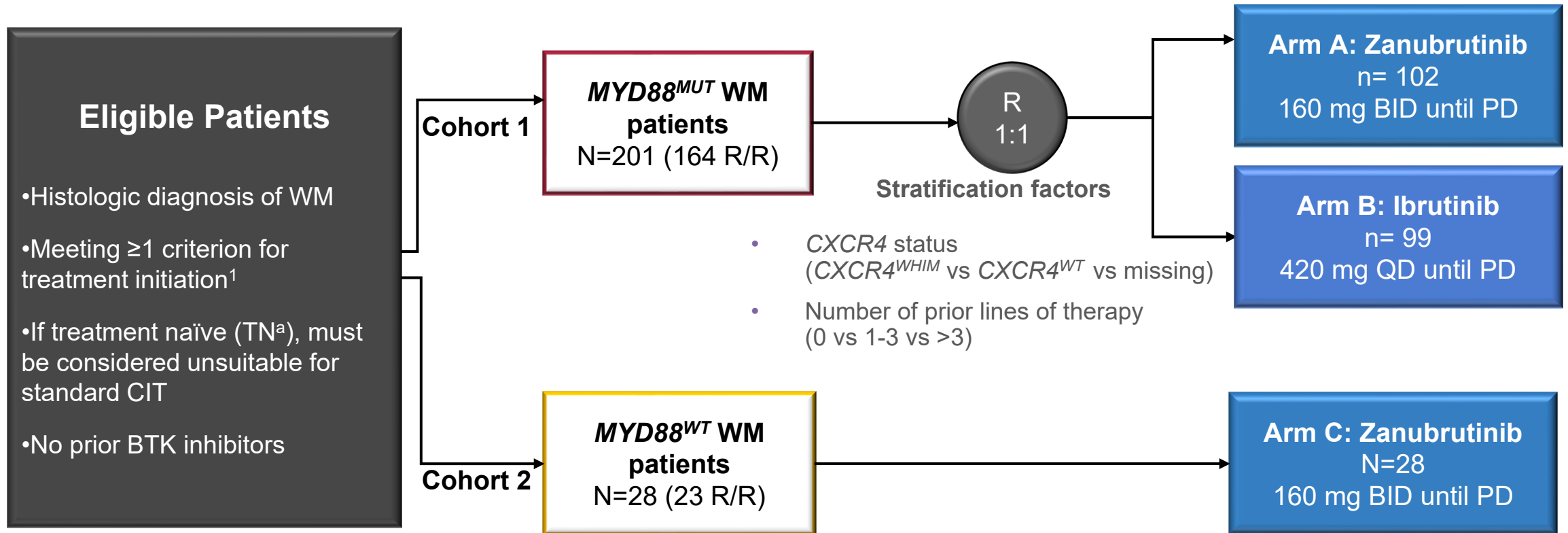
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# Impact of CXCR4 Mutation Status in BTK-Inhibitor Studies in WM

Study	Patient Population	Agent (s)	Time to Major Response (CXCR <sup>Mut</sup> vs. WT)	Major Response Rate (CXCR <sup>Mut</sup> vs. WT)	≥VGPR (CXCR <sup>Mut</sup> vs. WT)	PFS (CXCR <sup>Mut</sup> vs. WT)
<b>Pivotal Study</b>	R/R	Ibrutinib	4.7 vs. 1.8 mo.	68% vs. 97%	9% vs. 47%	38% vs. 70% (@ 60 mo.)
<b>INNOVATE Arm C</b>	R/R	Ibrutinib	3.6 vs. 1.0 mo.	71% vs. 88%	14% vs. 41%	18 mo. vs. NR (@ 60 mo.)
<b>Phase 2</b>	TN	Ibrutinib	7.3 vs. 1.8 mo.	78% vs. 94%	14% vs. 44%	59% vs. 92% (@ 48 mo.)
<b>INNOVATE Arms A, B</b>	TN, R/R	Ibrutinib Rituximab	3 vs. 2 mos.	77% vs. 81%	23% vs. 41%	63% vs. 72% (@ 54 mo.)
<b>Phase 2</b>	R/R	Zanubrutinib	N/A	91% vs. 87%	27% vs. 59%	90% vs. 78% (@ 42 mo.)
<b>ASPEN Cohort 1</b>	TN, R/R	Ibrutinib	6.6 vs. 2.8 mos.	65% vs. 82%	10% vs. 24%	49% vs. 75% (@ 42 mo.)
	TN, R/R	Zanubrutinib	3.4 vs. 2.8 mos.	70% vs. 82%	18% vs. 34%	73% vs. 81% (@ 42 mo.)

# Zanubrutinib vs Ibrutinib in WM

## Phase 3 ASPEN

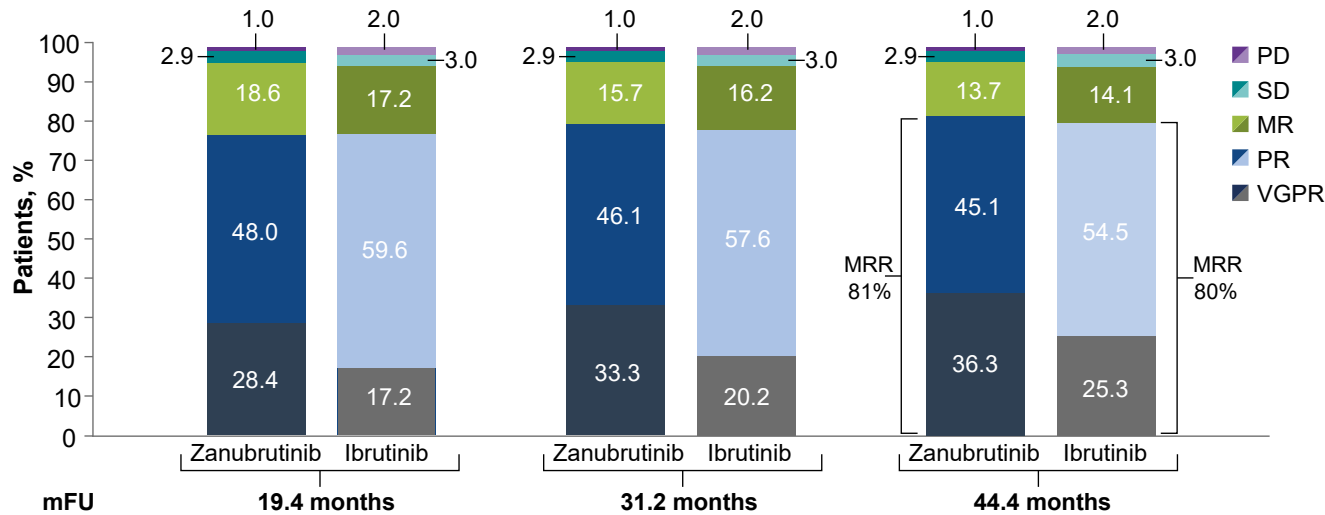


BID, twice daily; BTK, Bruton tyrosine kinase; CIT, chemoimmunotherapy; CXCR4, C-X-C Motif Chemokine Receptor 4; MYD88<sup>MUT</sup>, myeloid differentiation primary response gene 88 mutant; PD, progressive disease; QD, daily; R, randomization; R/R, relapsed/refractory; TN, treatment naïve; WM, Waldenström Macroglobulinemia; WT, wild-type.

<sup>a</sup>Up to 20% of the overall population

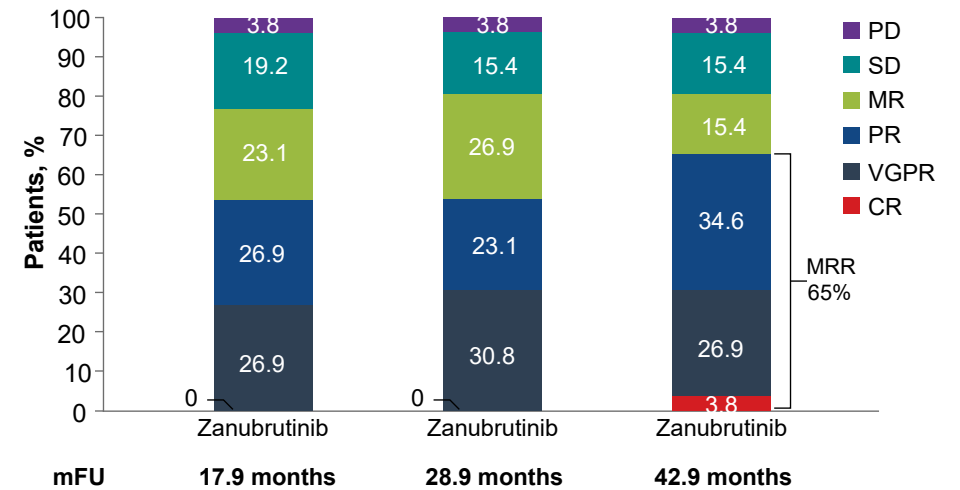
# ASPEN: Best Overall Response and PFS by Investigator Assessment

## Responses Over Time in Patients With *MYD88*<sup>MUT</sup>



- At 44.4 months event free rates for PFS were 78.3% and 69.7% for zanubrutinib and ibrutinib, respectively. For OS, 87.5% and 85.2%, respectively.

## Responses Over Time Observed in *MYD88*<sup>WT</sup>



- At 42.9 months event-free rates for PFS and OS were 53.8% and 83.9%, respectively.

Data cutoff: October 31, 2021.

CR, complete response; *CXCR4*, C-X-C chemokine receptor type 4 gene; mFU, median follow-up; MR, major response; MRR, major response rate; MUT, mutant; *MYD88*, myeloid differentiation primary response 88 gene; PD, progressive disease; PR, partial response; SD, stable disease; VGPR, very good partial response; WT, wild type.

# Response and PFS in Patients With *MYD88*<sup>MUT</sup> by *CXCR4*<sup>MUT</sup> Status

## Response Assessment by *CXCR4* Status<sup>a</sup>

Response	<i>CXCR4</i> <sup>MUT</sup>		<i>CXCR4</i> <sup>WT</sup>	
	Ibrutinib (n=20)	Zanubrutinib (n=33)	Ibrutinib (n=72)	Zanubrutinib (n=65)
<b>VGPR or better, n (%)</b>	2 (10.0)	<b>7 (21.2)</b>	22 (30.6)	<b>29 (44.6)</b>
<b>Major response, n (%)</b>	13 (65.0)	<b>26 (78.8)</b>	61 (84.7)	54 (83.1)
<b>Overall response, n (%)</b>	19 (95.0)	30 (90.9)	68 (94.4)	63 (96.9)
<b>Time to MR, median (months)</b>	6.6	3.4	2.8	2.8
<b>Time to VGPR, median (months)</b>	31.3	11.1	11.3	6.5

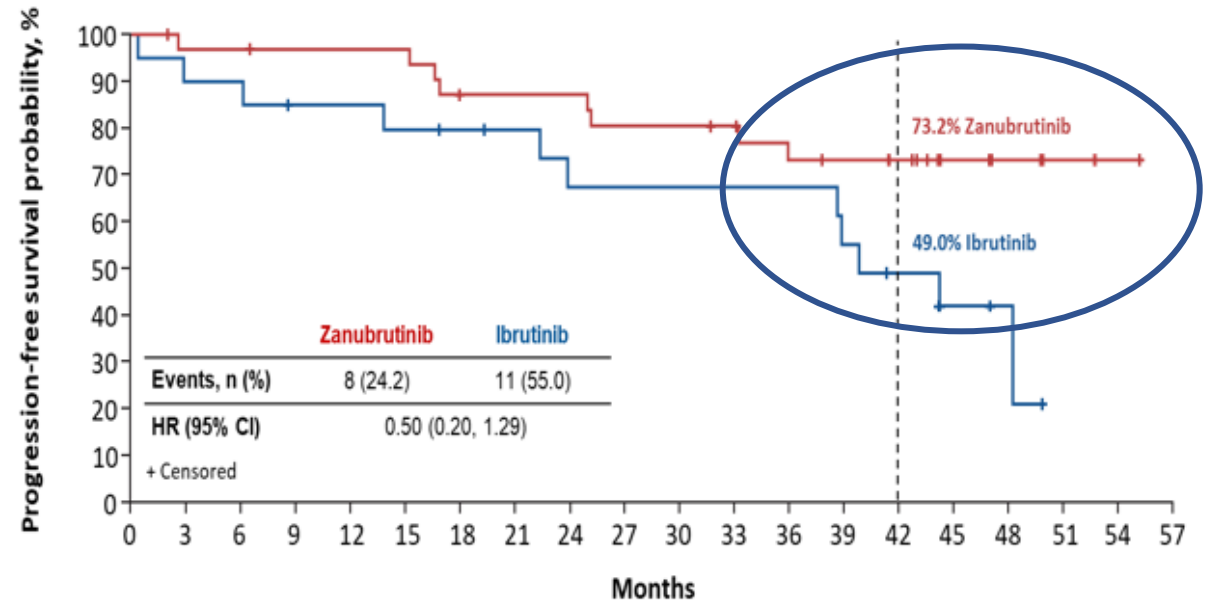
**Blue** text indicates >10% difference between arms.

<sup>a</sup>*CXCR4* mutation determined by NGS. Ninety-two ibrutinib patients and 98 zanubrutinib patients had NGS results available.

Data cutoff: October 31, 2021.

CI, confidence interval; *CXCR4*, C-X-C chemokine receptor type 4 gene; HR, hazard ratio; MR, major response; MUT, mutant; PFS, progression-free survival; VGPR, very good partial response.

## PFS in Patients With *MYD88*<sup>MUT</sup>*CXCR4*<sup>MUT</sup>



No. of Patients at Risk:

	33	31	31	30	30	30	26	26	26	24	24	23	20	19	17	10	6	3	1	0
Zanubrutinib	33	31	31	30	30	30	26	26	26	24	24	23	20	19	17	10	6	3	1	0
Ibrutinib	20	18	18	16	16	15	14	13	11	11	11	11	11	9	7	4	2	0	0	0



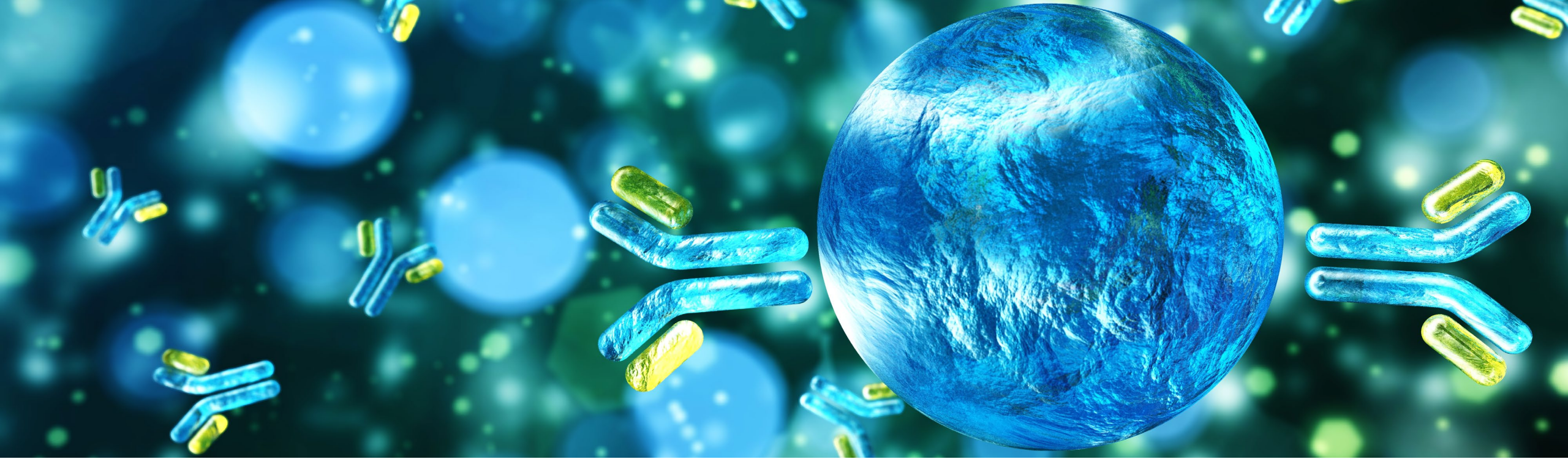
# ASPEN STUDY Adverse Events of Interest (Cohort 1)

AEs, <sup>a</sup> n (%)	Any grade		Grade ≥3	
	Ibrutinib (n=98)	Zanubrutinib (n=101)	Ibrutinib (n=98)	Zanubrutinib (n=101)
Infection	78 (79.6)	80 (79.2)	<b>27 (27.6)</b>	22 (21.8)
Bleeding	61 (62.2)	56 (55.4)	10 (10.2)	9 (8.9)
Diarrhea	<b>34 (34.7)</b>	23 (22.8)	2 (2.0)	3 (3.0)
Hypertension*	<b>25 (25.5)</b>	15 (14.9)	<b>20 (20.4)*</b>	10 (9.9)
Atrial fibrillation/ flutter*	<b>23 (23.5)*</b>	8 (7.9)	<b>8 (8.2)*</b>	2 (2.0)
Anemia	22 (22.4)	18 (17.8)	6 (6.1)	<b>12 (11.9)</b>
Neutropenia* <sup>b</sup>	20 (20.4)	<b>35 (34.7)*</b>	10 (10.2)	<b>24 (23.8)*</b>
Thrombocytopenia	17 (17.3)	17 (16.8)	6 (6.1)	11 (10.9)
Second primary malignancy/ nonskin cancers	17 (17.3)/ 6 (6.1)	17 (16.8)/ 6 (5.9)	3 (3.1)/ 3 (3.1)	6 (5.9)/ 4 (4.0)

**Bold blue** text indicates rate of AEs with ≥10% (all grades) or ≥5% (grade ≥3) difference between arms.

Data cutoff: October 31, 2021.

\*Descriptive purposes only, 1-sided  $P < 0.025$  in rate difference in all grades and/or grade ≥3. <sup>a</sup>Grouped terms. <sup>b</sup>Including preferred terms of neutropenia, neutrophil count decreased, febrile neutropenia, and neutropenic sepsis. AE, adverse event.



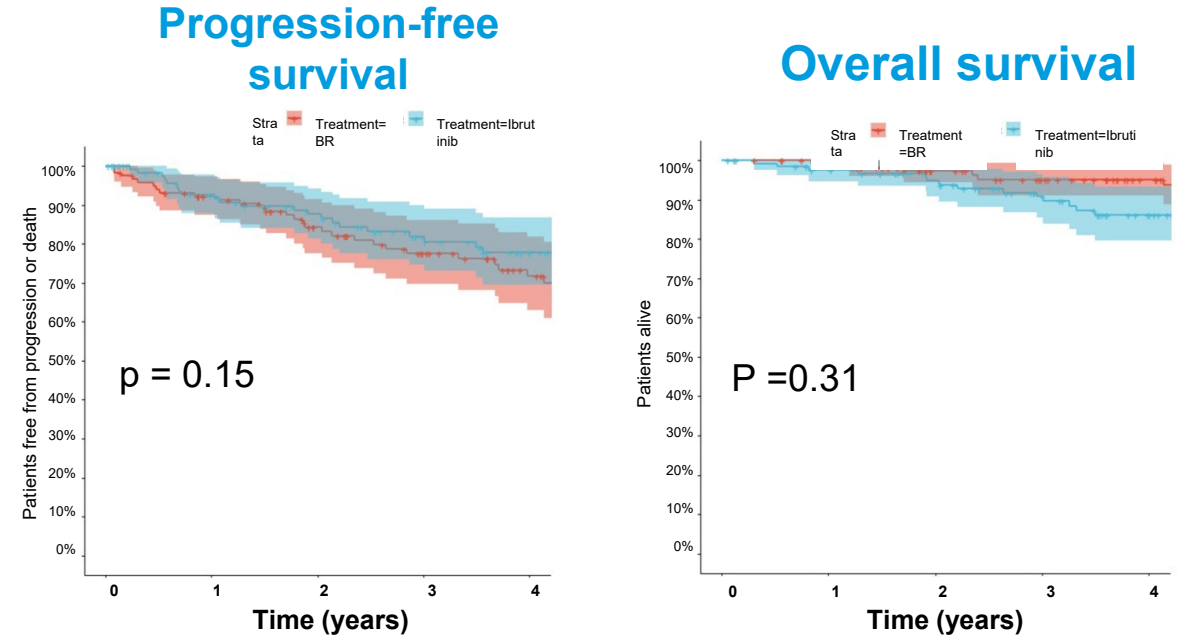
**Do we give BTK-inhibitors or chemoimmunotherapy first in treatment naïve patients?**

# Bendamustine Rituximab versus Ibrutinib as Primary Therapy for Waldenström Macroglobulinemia: An International Collaborative Study

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Variable	BR	Ibrutinib	p-value
Follow up, median, 95%CI, y	4.5 (3.7-4.9)	4.5 (4-4.7)	0.7
Age, median, range, y	68 (40-86)	68 (39-86)	0.9
IPSS%			0.63
Low	11	17	
Intermediate	33	33	
High	56	48	
Cycles, median (range)	6 (1-6) >4 cycles, 77%	42 (0.3-98)	
Overall response rate, %	94	94	0.91
Major response rate, %	92	83	0.05
Complete response, %	20	2	<0.001
≥VGPR, %	50	33	0.009



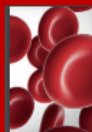
- Bivariate analysis of age matched patients who received either Benda-R or Ibrutinib (N=246)
- 77% of Benda-R patients received 6 cycles
- MYD88 WT patients excluded
- Median Follow-Up: 4.2 years

Abeykoon et al, Updated IWWM-11, 2022.

# TP53 Alterations in Biomarker Analysis of ASPEN Study

	N=	Total TP53 <sup>Mut</sup>	Treatment Naïve TP53 <sup>Mut</sup>	Previously Treated TP53 <sup>Mut</sup>
All Patients	210	52/210 (24.8%)	7/41 (17.1%)	46/169 (27.2%)
MYD88 <sup>Mut</sup>	190	48/190 (25.2%)	6/36 (16.6%)	42/154 (27.3%)
MYD88 <sup>WT</sup>	20	5/20 (25%)	1/5 (20%)	4/15 (26.7%)

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CLINICAL TRIALS AND OBSERVATIONS

A randomized phase 3 trial of zanubrutinib vs ibrutinib in symptomatic Waldenström macroglobulinemia: the ASPEN study

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KEY POINTS

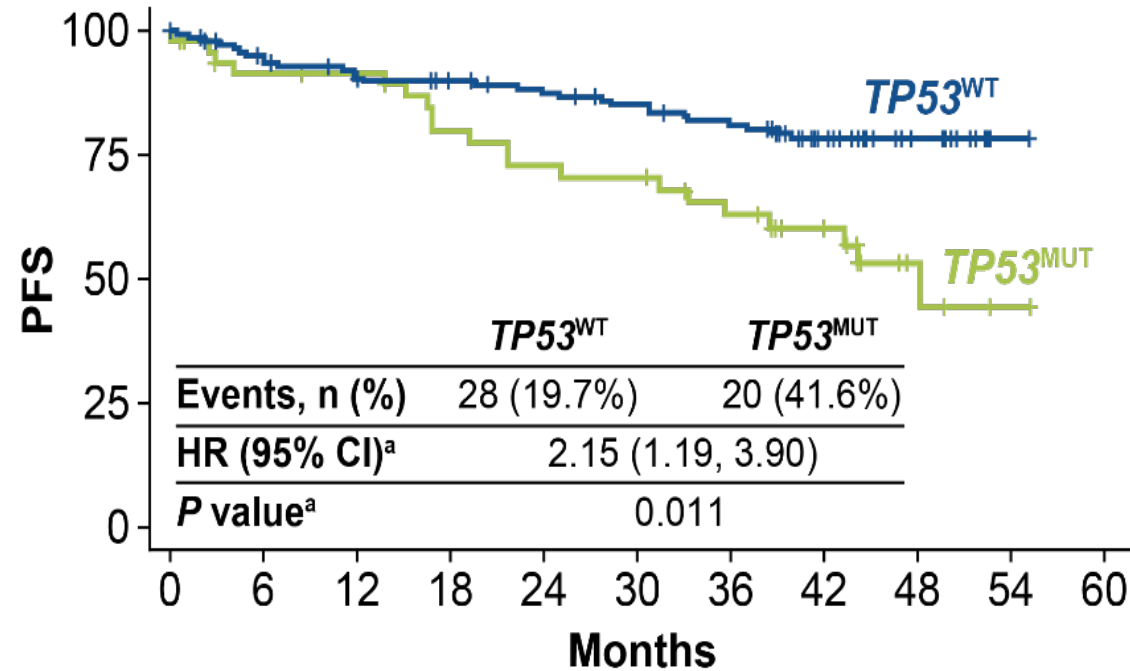
- Although not statistically significant, a higher rate of CR/VGPR was observed for zanubrutinib vs ibrutinib (28% vs 19%, respectively).
- The incidence and severity of most BTK-associated toxicities (including atrial fibrillation) were lower with zanubrutinib than ibrutinib.

Bruton tyrosine kinase (BTK) inhibition is an effective treatment approach for patients with Waldenström macroglobulinemia (WM). The phase 3 ASPEN study compared the efficacy and safety of ibrutinib, a first-generation BTK inhibitor, with zanubrutinib, a novel highly selective BTK inhibitor, in patients with WM. Patients with MYD88<sup>L265P</sup> disease were randomly assigned 1:1 to treatment with ibrutinib or zanubrutinib. The primary end point was the proportion of patients achieving a complete response (CR) or a very good partial response (VGPR) by independent review. Key secondary end points included major response rate (MRR), progression-free survival (PFS), duration of response (DOR), disease burden, and safety. A total of 201 patients were randomized, and 199 received ≥1 dose of study treatment. No patient achieved a CR. Twenty-nine (28%) zanubrutinib patients and 19 (19%) ibrutinib patients achieved a VGPR, a nonstatistically significant difference ( $P = .09$ ). MRRs were 77% and 78%, respectively. Median DOR and PFS were not reached; 84% and 85% of ibrutinib and zanubrutinib patients were progression free at 18 months. Atrial fibrillation, contusion, diarrhea, peripheral edema, hemorrhage, muscle spasms, and pneumonia, as well as adverse events leading to treatment discontinuation, were less common among zanubrutinib recipients. Incidence of neutropenia was higher with zanubrutinib, although grade ≥3 infection rates were similar in both arms (1.2 and 1.1 events per 100 person-months). These results demonstrate that zanubrutinib and ibrutinib are highly effective in the treatment of WM, but zanubrutinib treatment was associated with a trend toward better response quality and less toxicity, particularly cardiovascular toxicity. (*Blood*. 2020;136(18):2038-2050)

Prior therapy, n (%)	Ibrutinib (n=81)	Zanubrutinib (n=83)
Number of prior systemic regimens		
1	46 (57)	47 (57)
2	15 (19)	15 (18)
3	13 (16)	14 (17)
4	2 (2)	4 (5)
5	3 (4)	0
≥6	2 (3)	3 (4)
Anti-CD20 (rituximab, ofatumumab)	74 (91)	75 (90)
Alkylating agents (cyclophosphamide, chlorambucil, bendamustine, ifosamide, lomustine, melphalan, cisplatin)	66 (82)	73 (88)
Glucocorticoids (dexamethasone, prednisone, prednisolone, methylprednisone, methylprednisolone, hydrocortisone)	50 (62)	60 (72)
Nucleoside analogues (fludarabine, cladribine, cytarabine, gemcitabine,)	18 (22)	20 (24)
Vinca alkaloids (vincristine, vinblastine, vinorelbine)	18 (22)	23 (28)
Proteasome inhibitors (bortezomib, ixazomib)	10 (12)	10 (12)
Anthracyclines (doxorubicin, epirubicin)	9 (11)	9 (11)
Kinase inhibitors (idelalisib, everolimus)	3 (4)	2 (2)
Immunomodulators (lenalidomide, thalidomide)	1 (1)	1 (1)
Topoisomerase inhibitors (etoposide)	1 (1)	2 (2)
Multi-agent regimens, including anti-CD20	0	1 (1)
Others (interferon, bleomycin, belimumab, methotrexate)	0	4 (5)

# ASPEN: PFS in Patients With $TP53^{MUT}$

PFS by  $TP53$  Mutational Status



$TP53^{MUT}$	48	41	40	34	31	30	25	19	6	1	0
$TP53^{WT}$	142	130	122	116	111	106	100	65	20	2	0

# Outcomes in ASPEN Study for TP53 Wild-Type vs. TP53 Mutated Patients

Response	Patients with <i>MYD88</i> <sup>MUT</sup> treated with ibrutinib		Patients with <i>MYD88</i> <sup>MUT</sup> treated with zanubrutinib	
	<i>TP53</i> <sup>WT</sup> (n=70)	<i>TP53</i> <sup>MUT</sup> (n=22)	<i>TP53</i> <sup>WT</sup> (n=72)	<i>TP53</i> <sup>MUT</sup> (n=26)
<b>VGPR or better, n (%)</b>	21 (30.0)	<b>3 (13.6)<sup>†</sup></b>	27 (37.5)	<b>9 (34.6)<sup>†</sup></b>
<b>Major Response, n (%)</b>	60 (85.7) <sup>*</sup>	<b>14 (63.6)<sup>*</sup></b>	59 (81.9)	<b>21 (80.8)</b>
<b>Median time to VGPR or better</b> (min, max), months	11.4 (2.0, 49.9)	24.9 (5.6, 46.9)	6.5 (1.9, 42.0)	11.1 (3.0, 26.0)
<b>Median time to Major Response</b> (min, max), months	2.9 (0.9, 49.8)	3.0 (1.0, 13.8)	2.8 (0.9, 49.8)	2.8 (1.0, 5.6)
<b>PFS</b> Event-free rate at 42 months, % <i>P</i> value <sup>b</sup>	72.1 -	<b>57.9</b> <b>0.027</b>	84.6 -	<b>62.0</b> 0.120

- Compared to ibrutinib, zanubrutinib demonstrated a more favorable VGPR+CR rate (*P* value<sup>c</sup> < 0.05) and major response rate (*P* value<sup>c</sup> = 0.11) in *TP53*<sup>MUT</sup>

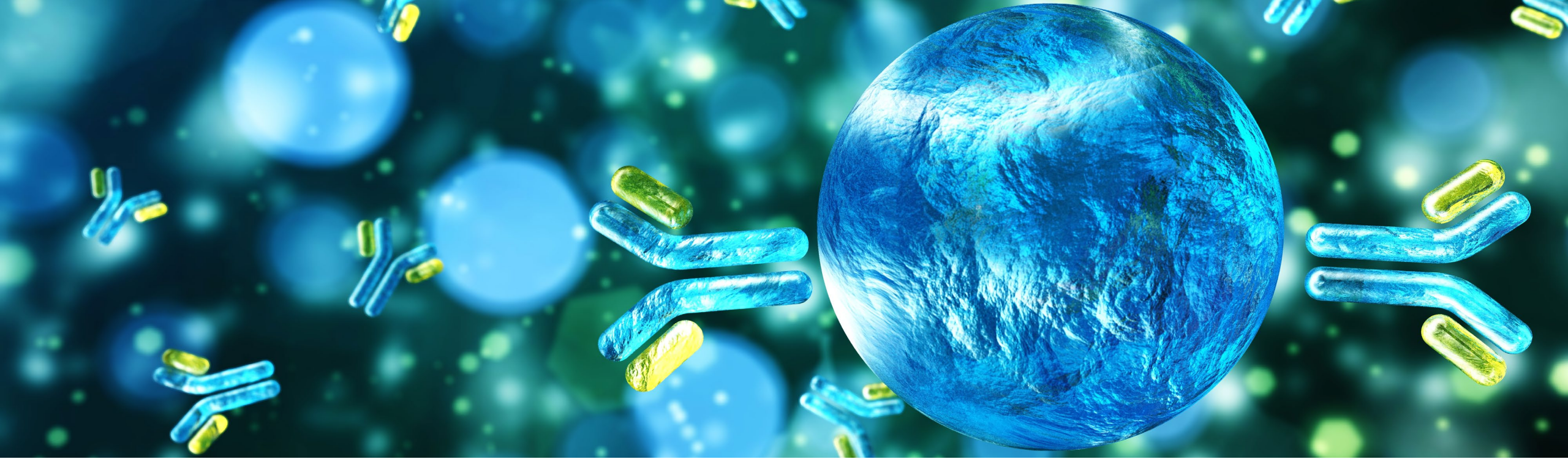
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**Bold** text indicates >10% difference between MUT and WT. **Bold red** text highlights *P* value < 0.05.

<sup>\*</sup>*P* value < 0.05, based on a logistic regression model with *CXCR4* (WT, FS, NS), *TP53* (WT, MUT), and *TERT* (WT, MUT) statuses as covariates. WT is the reference group.

<sup>a</sup>Mutation determined by NGS and available for 92 patients in the ibrutinib arm and 98 patients in the zanubrutinib arm. <sup>b</sup>Estimated using a Cox regression model with *CXCR4* (WT, FS, NS), *TP53* (WT, MUT), and *TERT* (WT, MUT) mutational status as covariates. WT is the reference group. <sup>c</sup>Estimated using a logistic regression model with treatment group, *TERT* (WT, MUT) and *CXCR4* (WT, FS, NS) mutational status as covariates within the respective subgroups (<sup>†</sup> *P* value < 0.05).

MUT, mutant; *MYD88*, myeloid differentiation primary response 88 gene; NGS, next-generation sequencing; PFS, progression-free survival; *TP53*, tumor protein P53 gene; VGPR, very good partial response; WT, wild type.



**How do we optimize first line therapy with BTK-inhibitors?**

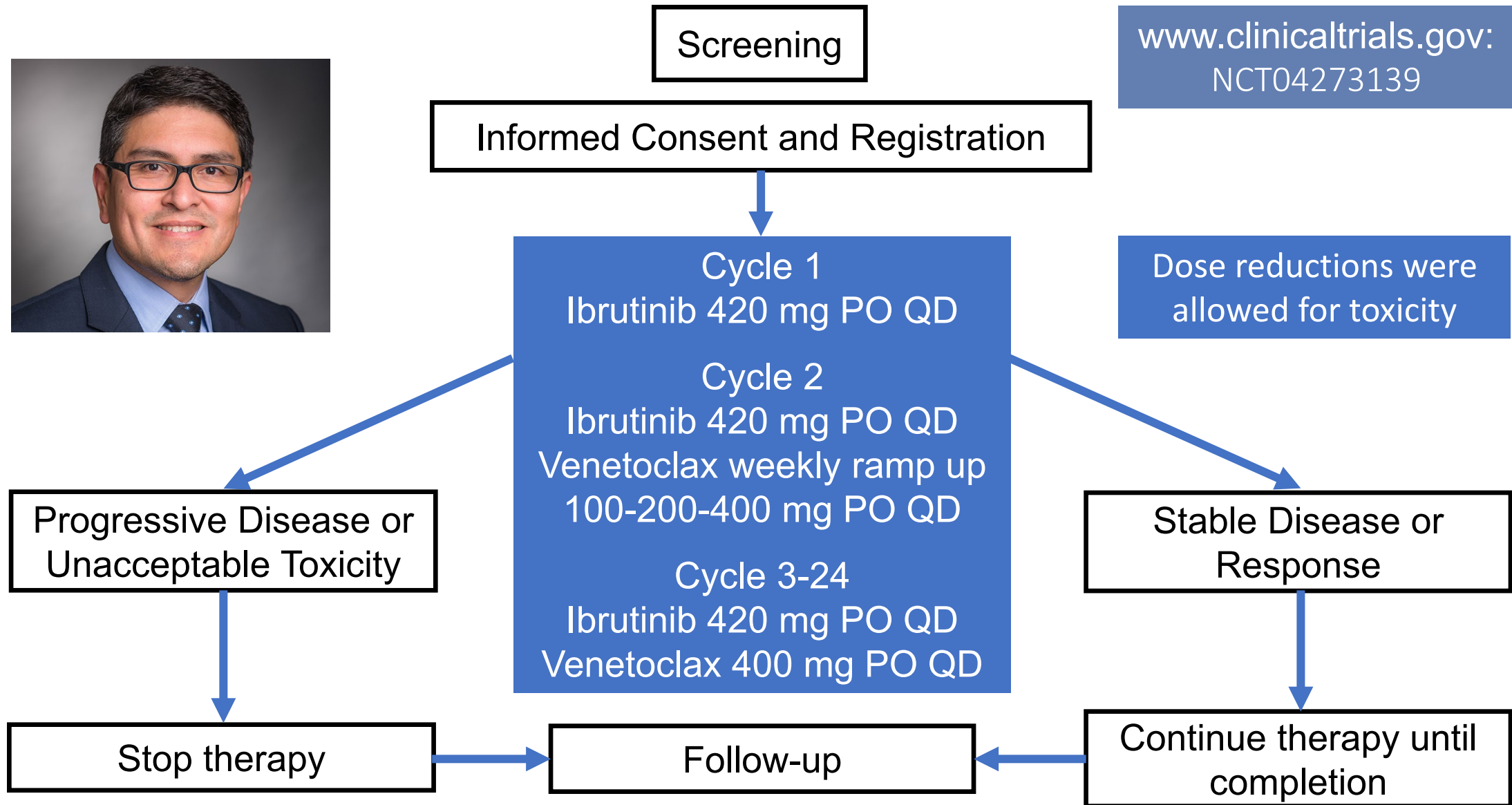


# Ibrutinib and Venetoclax (IVEN) in Treatment Naïve WM



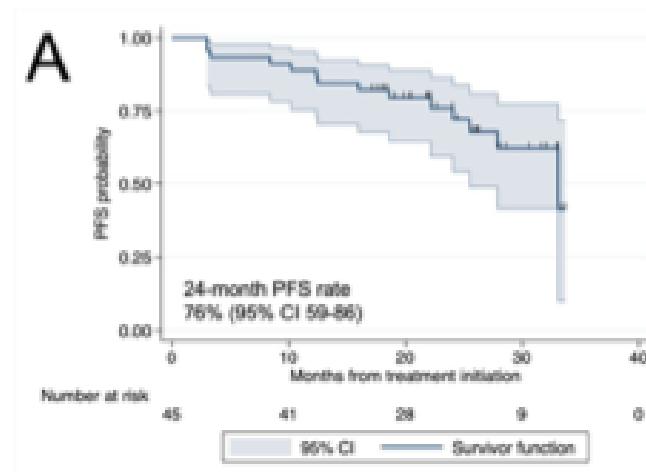
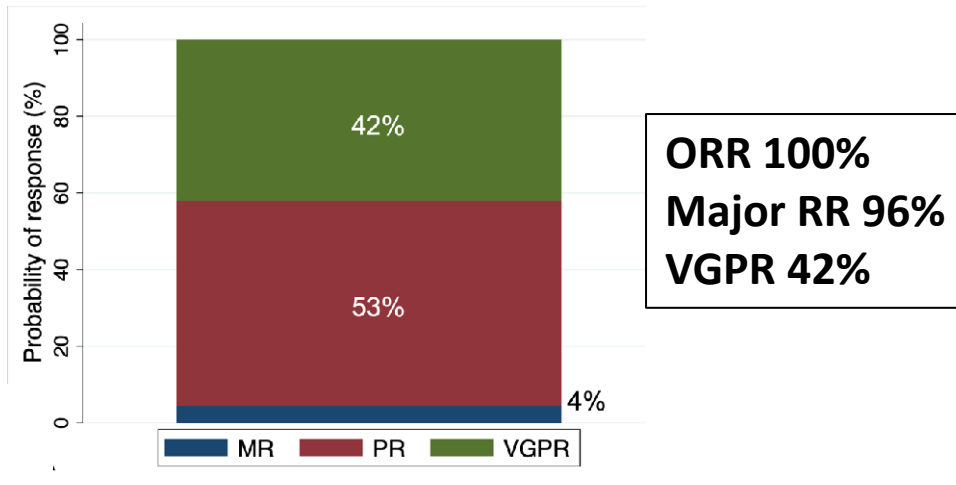
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Dose reductions were  
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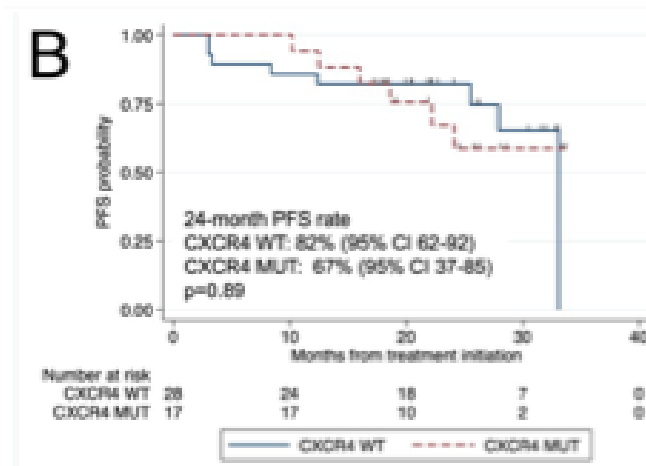
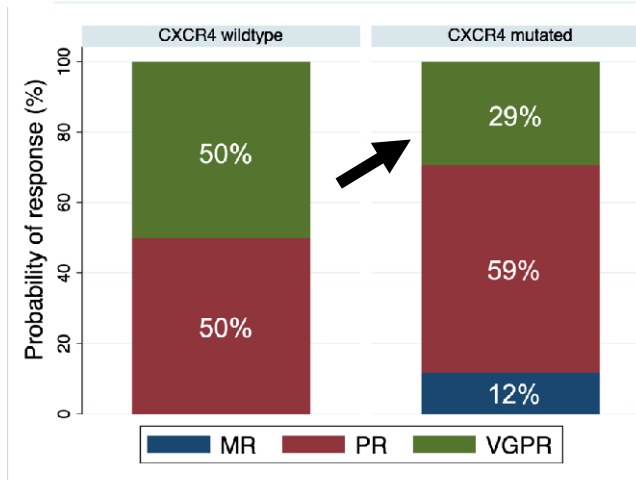




# Combination of Ibrutinib and Venetoclax in Treatment-Naïve WM



**24 mo. PFS:  
79%**



**CXCR4 Mut Status**

Median follow-up: 24 months

Castillo et al, BLOOD 2023



# Safety

**Study therapy stopped due to unexpectedly high incidence (9%) of ventricular arrhythmias, including 2 grade 5 events.**

Castillo et al, Blood 2023 (in press)

Adverse event	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
Alanine aminotransferase increase		1		
Anemia		1		
Anorexia	1			
Arthralgia	5	1		
Atrial fibrillation	1	2		
Bruising	2			
Diarrhea	11	3		
Fatigue	2	1		
Gastroesophageal reflux disease	12			
Headache		1		
Hematoma	1			
Hematuria	1			
Hyperphosphatemia	8			
Hypertension	2	1		
Hyponatremia	1			
Intracranial hemorrhage		1		
Lung infection	2			
Malaise	1			
Mucositis	9	4		
Myalgia	3			
Nausea	5			
Neutropenia	2	13	4	
Platelet decrease		1		
Skin rash	5			
Soft tissue infection	2	1		
Tumor lysis syndrome		3		
Upper respiratory infection	4			
Urinary tract infection	5			
Ventricular arrhythmia	1		1	2



## A Multi-Center, Open-Label, Single-Arm Phase II Trial of Bendamustine, Rituximab and the Next Generation BTK Inhibitor Acalabrutinib in Treatment Naïve WM - BRAWM



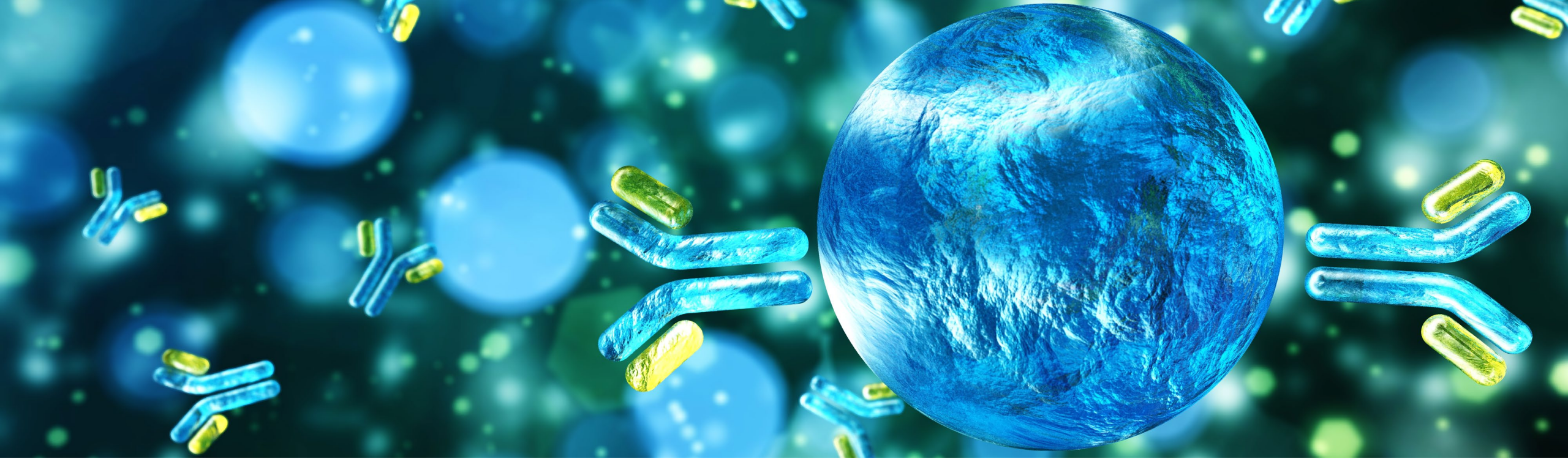
- N=38 (May 2023).
- Major Response Rate 100%; VGPR 67% for 24 pts who reached cycle 7.
- 14/38 patients (37%) experienced grade 3/4 toxicities during combination treatment, 3 febrile neutropenias; 9 non-febrile neutropenias.



ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT04624906

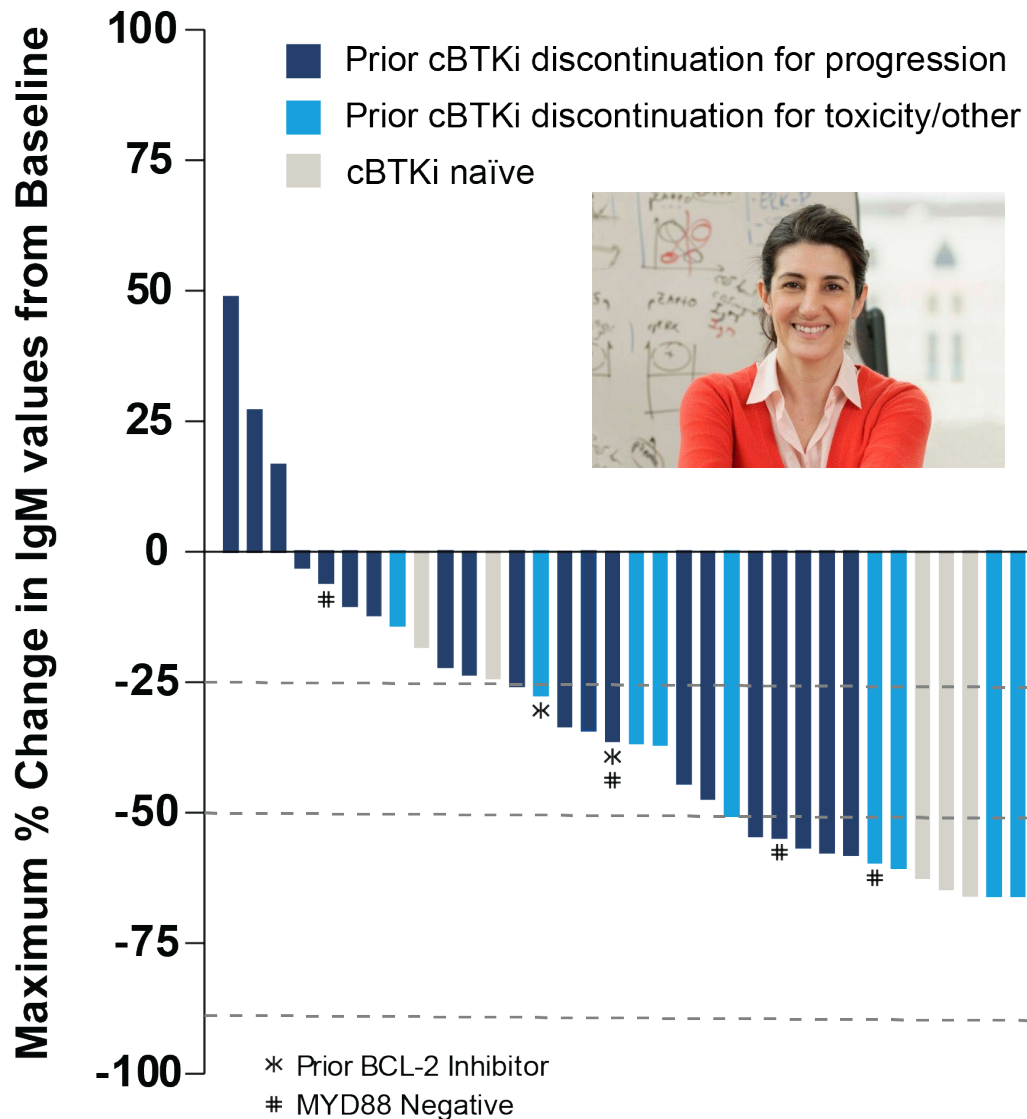
Berinstein et al, ICML 2023





How do we manage BTK-inhibitor resistant disease?

# Non-covalent BTK-I Pirtobrutinib Efficacy in WM Patients



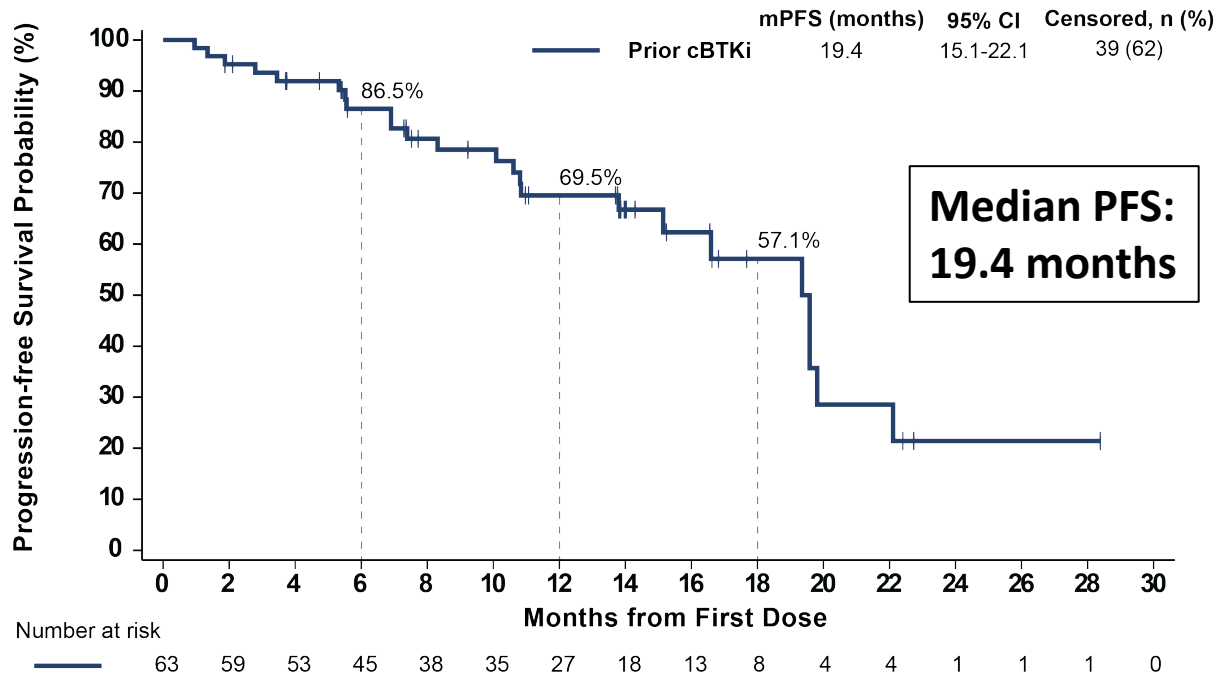
Response Evaluable WM Patients	Prior cBTKi n=63	cBTKi Naïve n=17
Major Response Rate <sup>a</sup> , % (95% CI)	66.7 (53.7-78.0)	88.2 (63.6-98.5)
CR + VGPR Rate, % (95% CI)	23.8 (14.0-36.2)	29.4 (10.3-56.0)
<b>Best Response</b>		
VGPR, n (%)	15 (23.8)	5 (29.4)
PR, n (%)	27 (42.9)	10 (58.8)
MR, n (%)	9 (14.3)	0 (0)
SD, n (%)	9 (14.3)	2 (11.8)

Palomba et al, IWWM-11

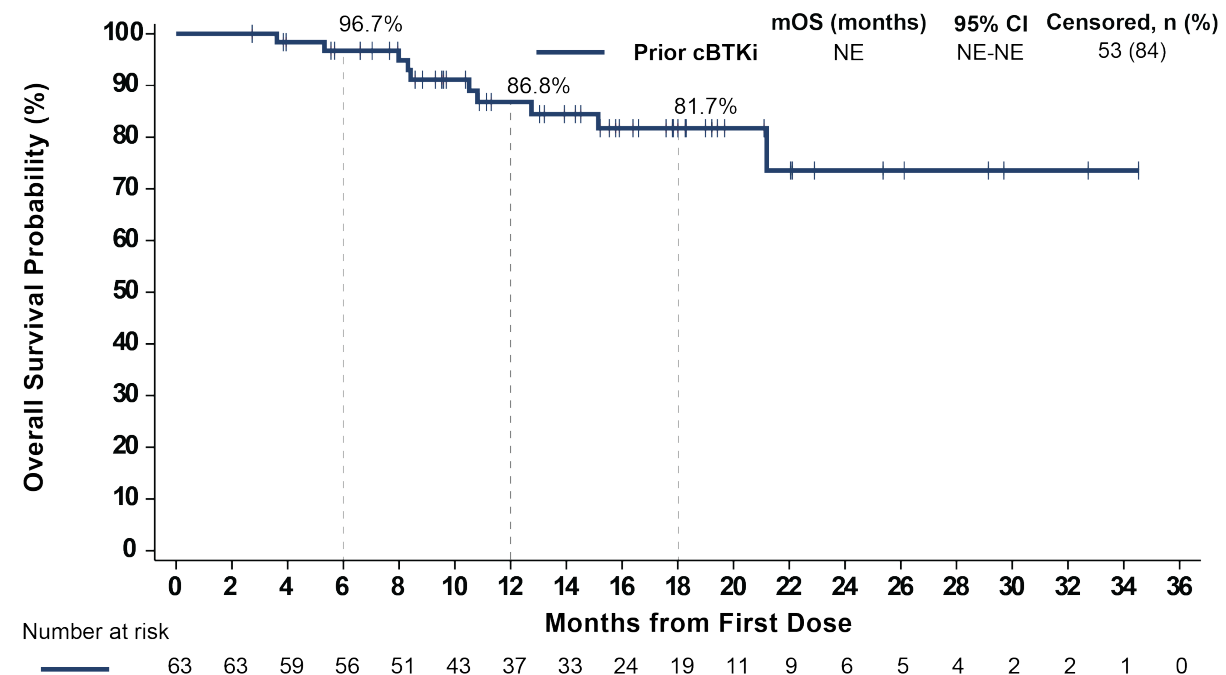
Data cutoff date of 29 July 2022. Data for 4 patients are not shown in the waterfall plot due to missing IgM values at baseline or response assessment. Response as assessed by investigator based on Modified IWWM6 (Owen's) criteria. Under modified IWWM6 criteria, a PR is upgraded to VGPR if corresponding IgM is in normal range or has at least 90% reduction from baseline. <sup>a</sup>Major response includes subjects with a best response of CR, VGPR, or PR. Total % may be different than the sum of the individual components due to rounding.

# Pirtobrutinib in WM: PFS and Overall Survival in Prior cBTKi Patients

## Progression-Free Survival



## Overall Survival



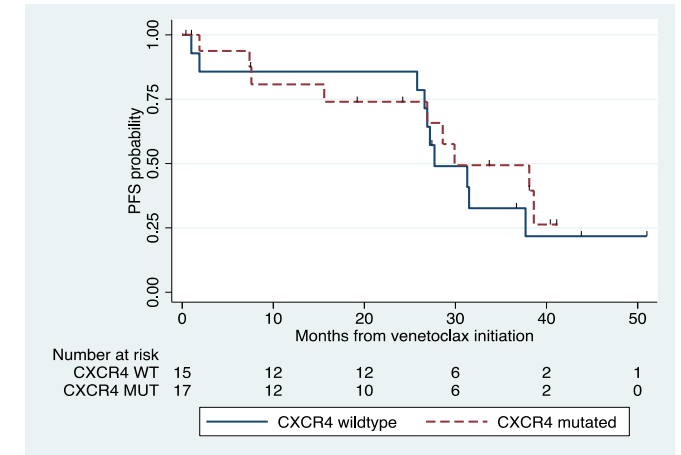
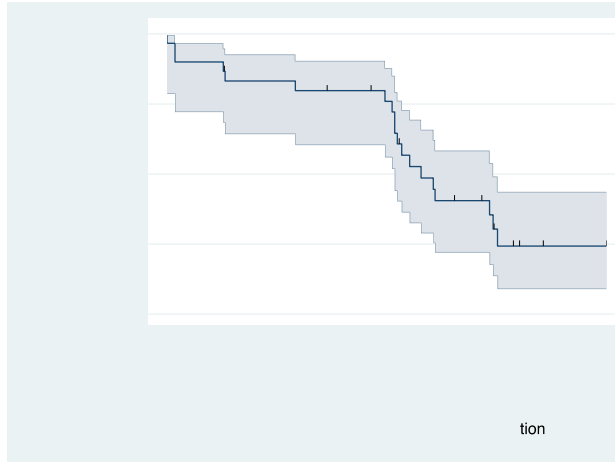
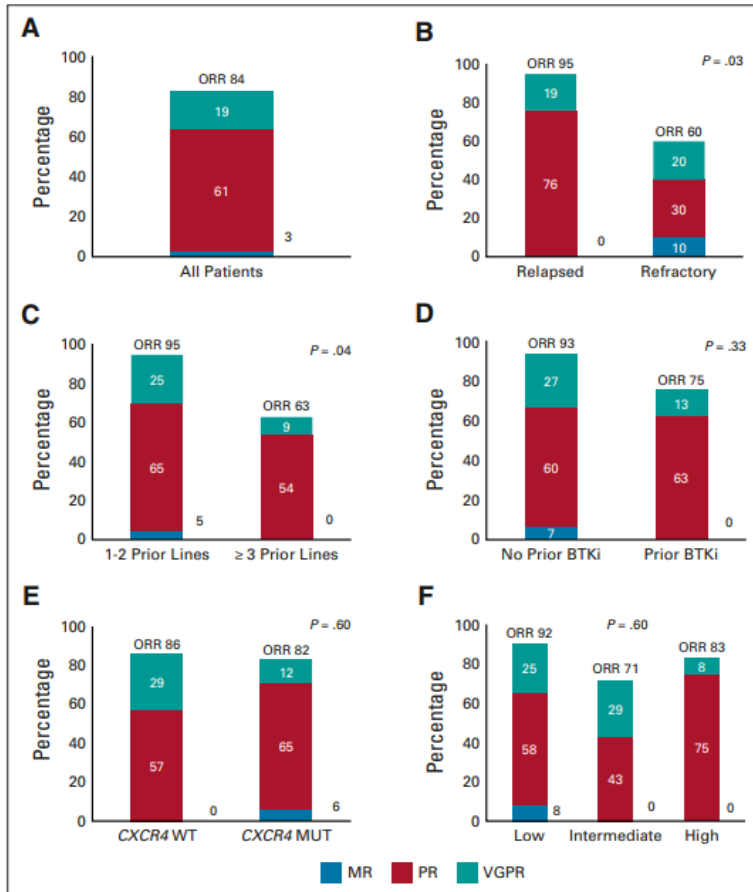
- Median follow-up for PFS and OS in patients receiving prior cBTKi was 14 and 16 months, respectively
- 55.6% (35/63) of patients who received prior cBTKi remain on pirtobrutinib

Palomba et al, IWWM-11

# original reports **Venetoclax in Previously Treated Waldenström Macroglobulinemia**

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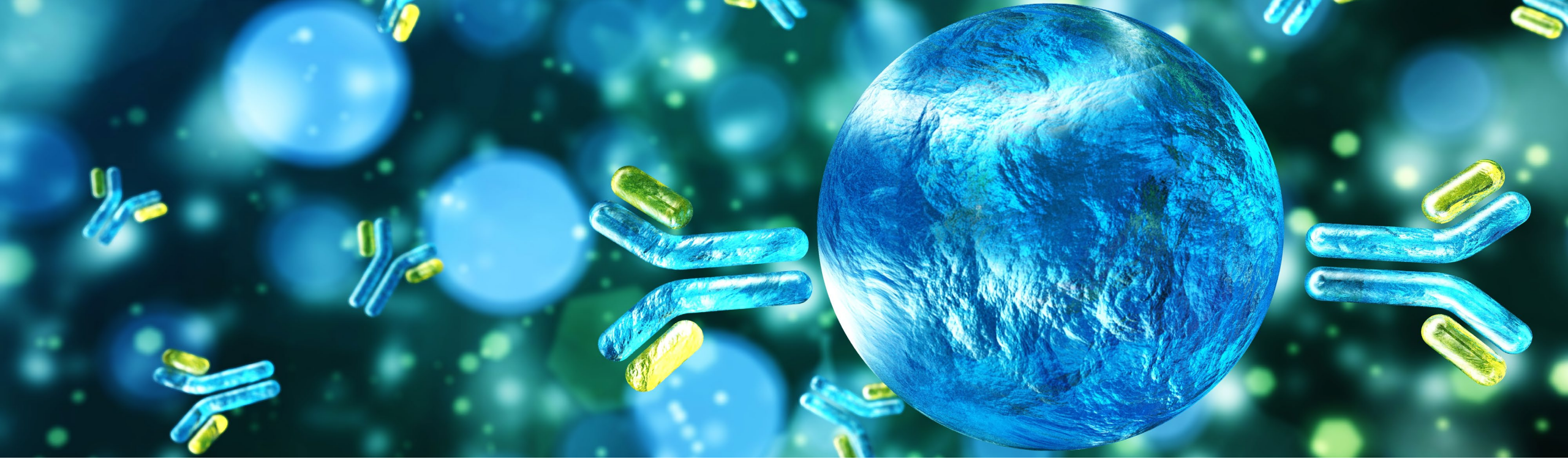


**Median f/u: 33 mos; Median PFS: 30 mos.  
Not impacted by CXCR4 mutation status.  
Grade  $\geq 3$  neutropenia: 45%**

**ORR: 84%; Major RR: 81%**

Castillo et al, JCO 2021





What does the future hold for WM therapy?

# Zanubrutinib, Bendamustine and Rituximab in Treatment Naïve WM (ZeBRa Trial)



Zanubrutinib



Bendamustine



Rituximab



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Andrew Branagan



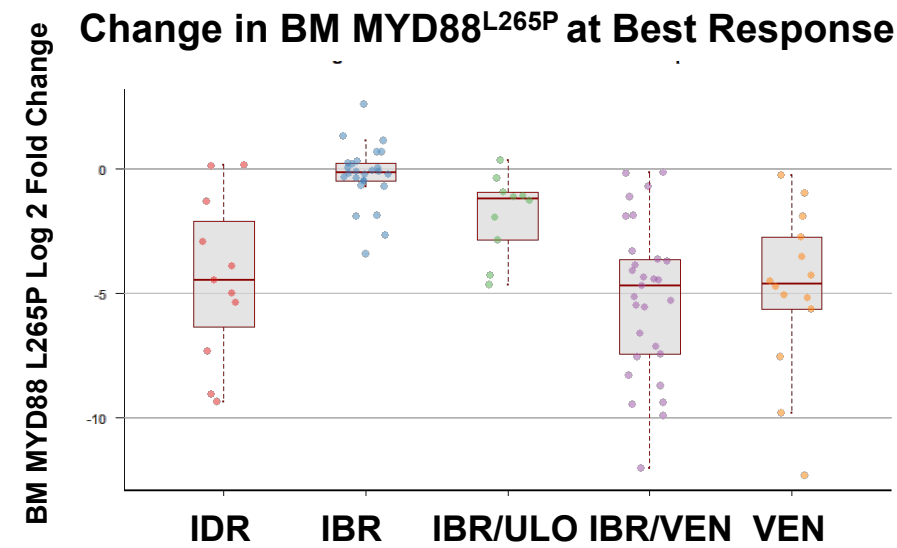
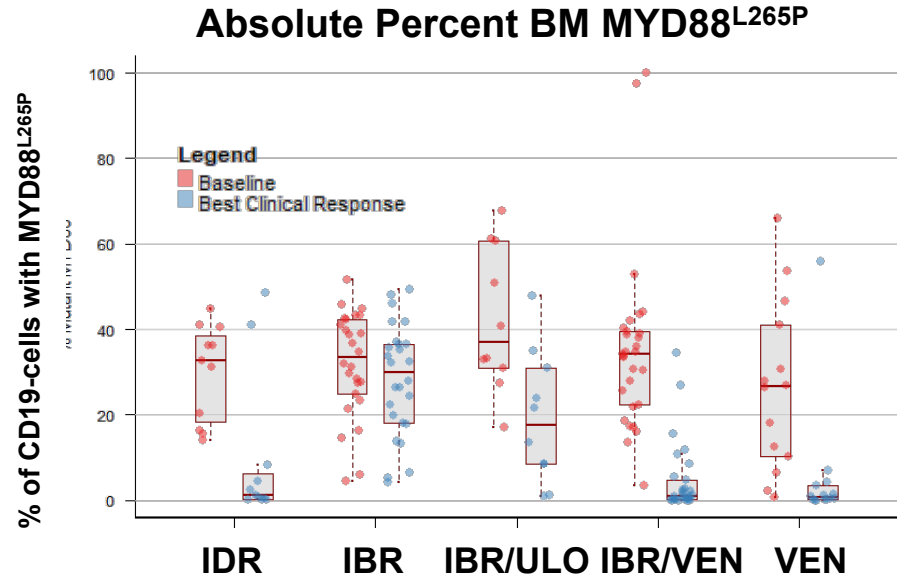
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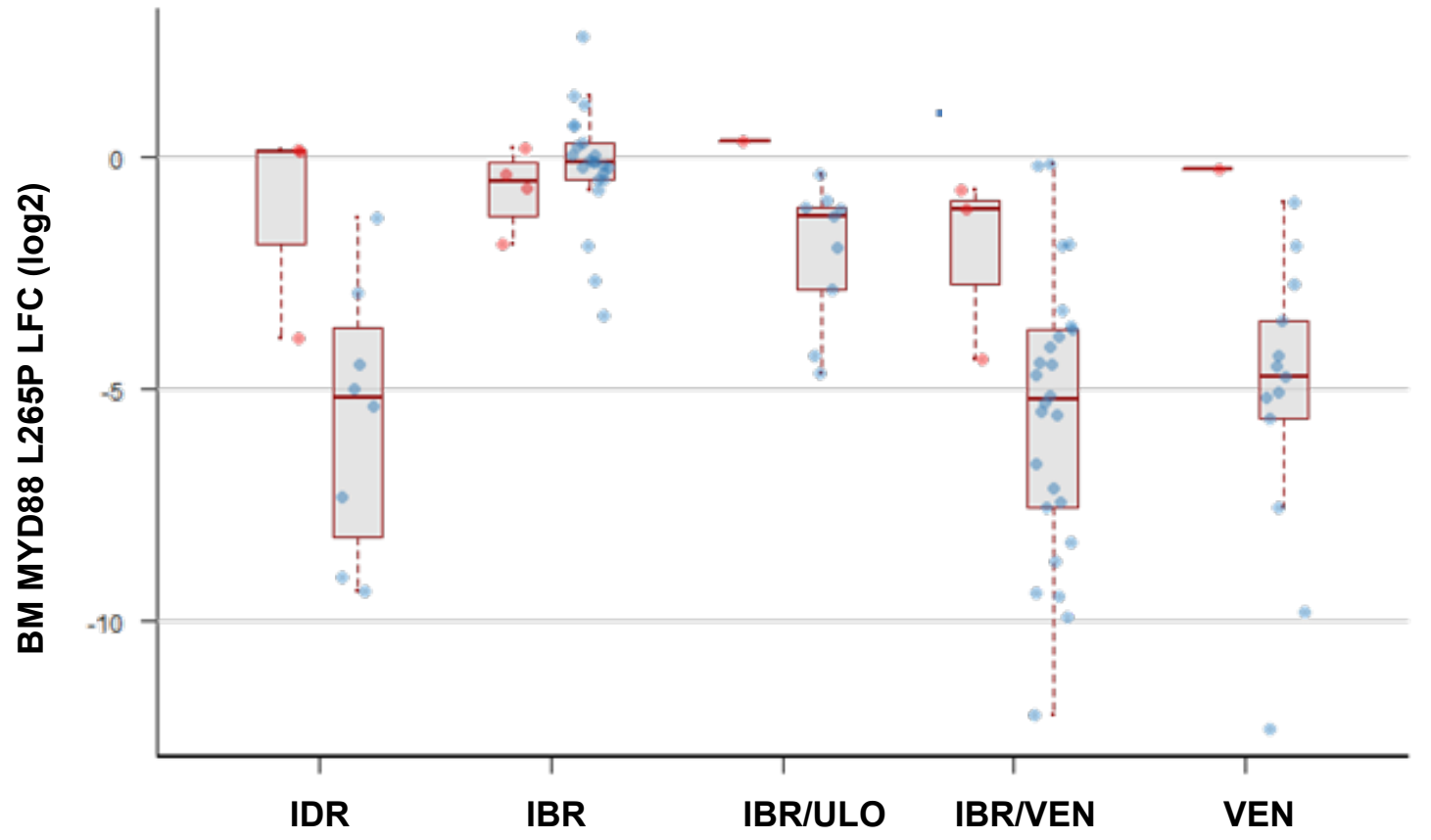
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# DIFFERENTIAL IMPACT OF TREATMENT TYPE ON BM MYD88<sup>L265P</sup> CHANGES



## BM MYD88<sup>L265P</sup> Changes by IGM Response Status

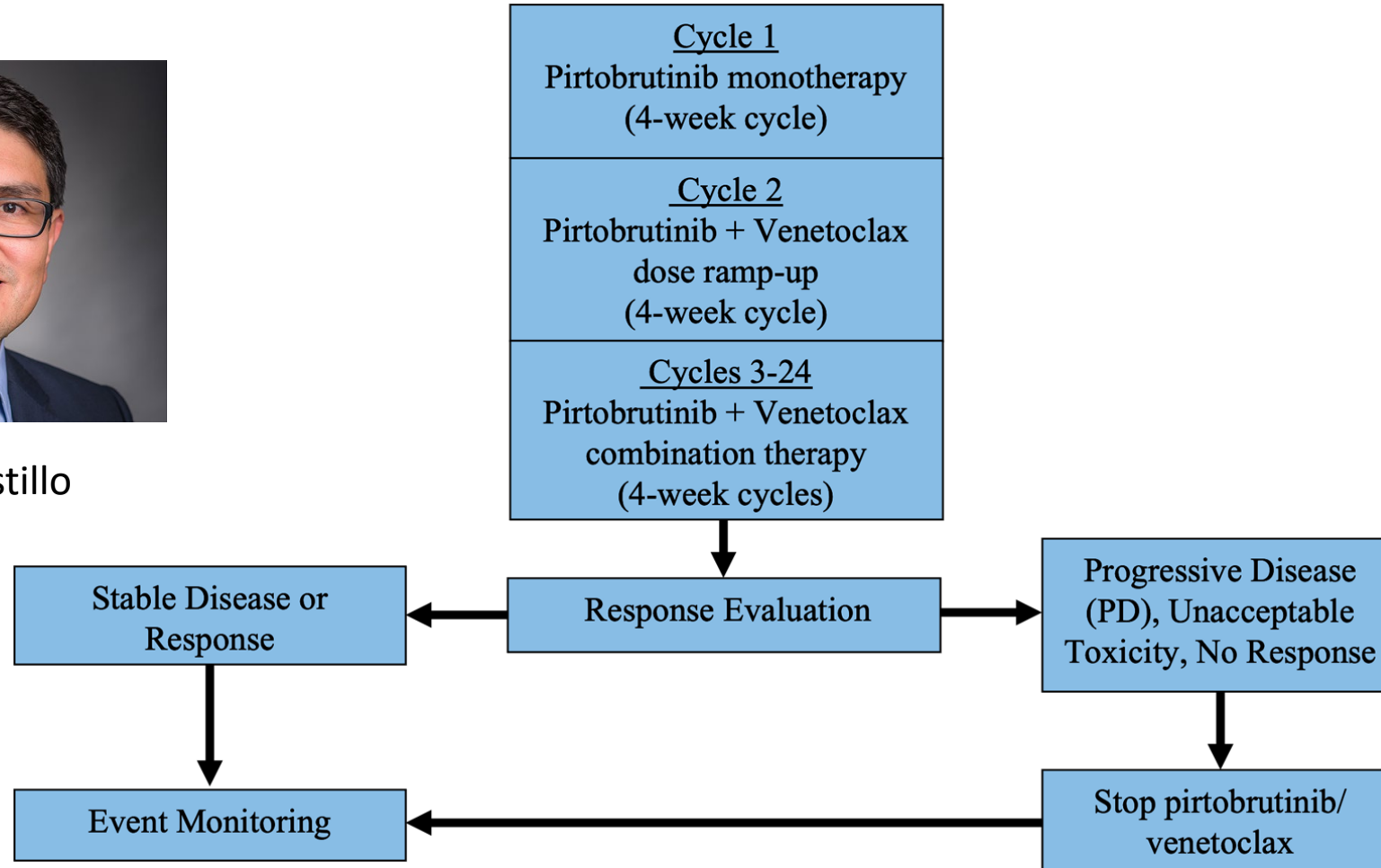


**Non-Major responders:** <50% reduction in serum IgM  
**Major responders:** ≥ 50% reduction in serum IgM

# Pirtobrutinib and Venetoclax Study in Relapsed/Refractory WM



Jorge Castillo



# Efficacy of Sonrotoclax as Monotherapy and Zanubrutinib

## BGB-11417-101 – NHL or WM

Response, n (%)	BGB-11417 monotherapy (N=43)		BGB-11417 + zanubrutinib combination (N=16)
	R/R NHL, DLBCL, MZL, FL, tFL, MCL (N=34) <sup>a</sup>	R/R WM (N=9) <sup>b</sup>	R/R MCL (N=16) <sup>c</sup>
<b>Treated with BGB-11417</b>	34	9	10
Efficacy evaluable	29 <sup>d</sup>	7	9
<b>Best overall response<sup>e</sup></b>	3 (10)	3 (43)	7 (78)
CR	1 (3)	0	6 (67)
PR	2 (7)	3 (43)	1 (14)
SD	7 (24)	2 (29)	0
PD	18 (62)	1 (14)	2 (22)
Discontinued before assessment	1 (3)	1 (14)	0
Follow-up, months (range)	7 (0.1-29)	6 (2-10)	5 (1-13)

**Major RR  
86%**

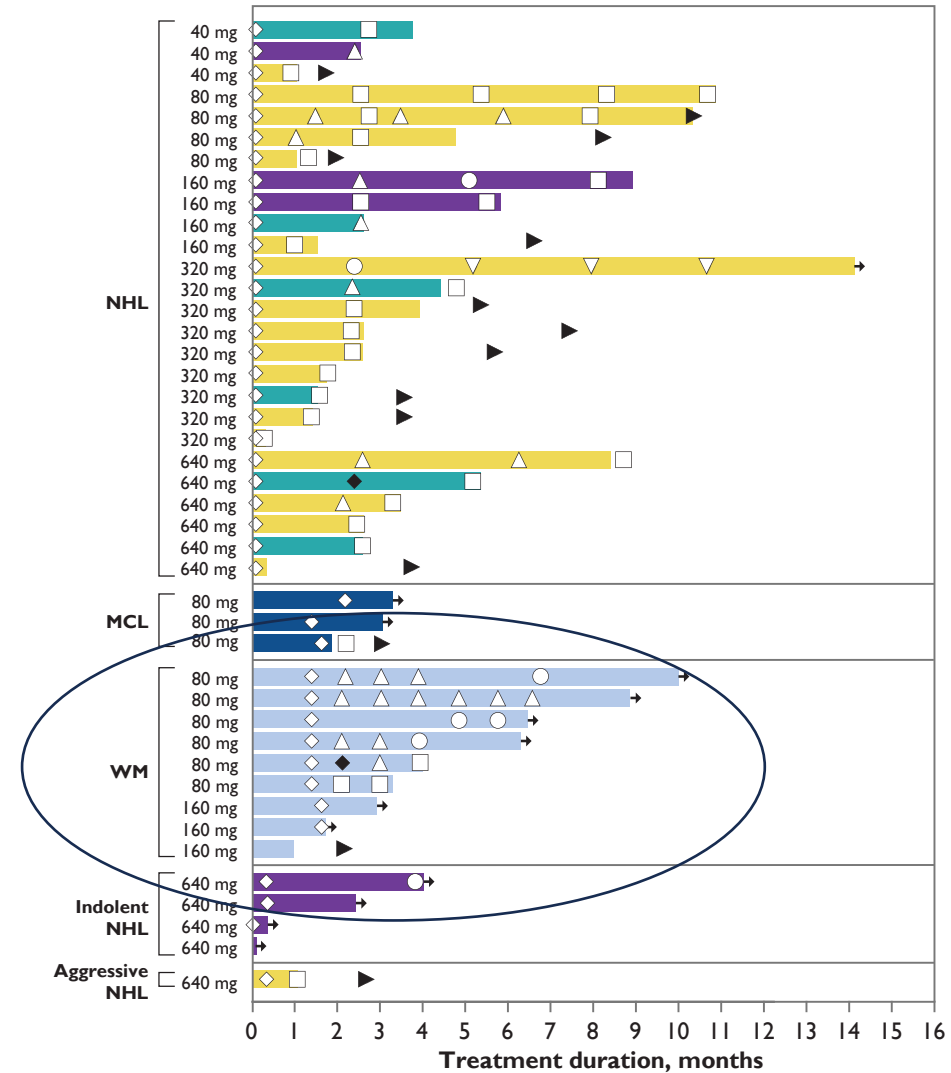
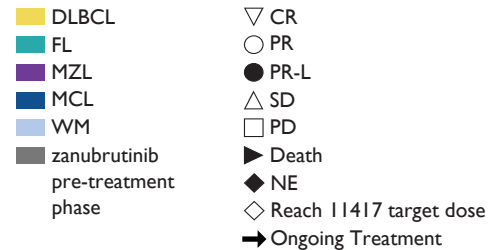
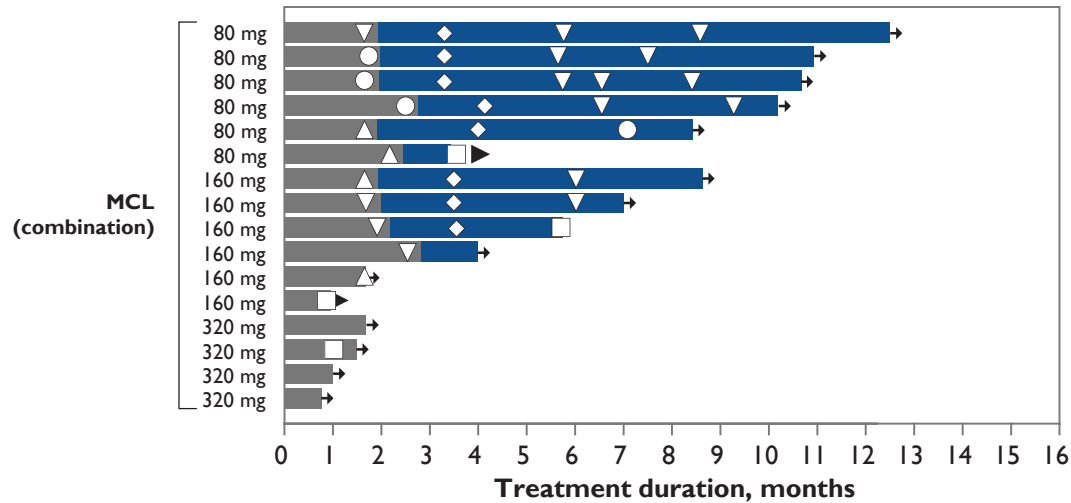
Data cutoff: 1 September 2022.

aAt 40 mg: n=3; 80 mg: n=7; 160 mg: n=4; 320 mg: n=9; 640 mg: n=11. bAt 80mg: n=6; 160 mg: n=3. cAt 80 mg: n=12; 160 mg: n=4. dOne patient with MCL on monotherapy MCL was efficacy evaluable. ePR or better.

CR=complete response, DLBCL=diffuse large B-cell lymphoma, FL=follicular lymphoma, MCL=mantle cell lymphoma, NHL=non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, PD=progressive disease, PR=partial response, R/R=relapsed/refractory, SD=stable disease, tFL=transformed follicular lymphoma, Soumerai J et al. Poster presented at ASH 2022 Abstract 4201

# Sonrotoclox: Duration of Treatment and Best Response<sup>a</sup>

## BGB-11417-101 – NHL or WM



Data cutoff: 1 September 2022.

<sup>a</sup>Safety analysis set.

All received treatments were monotherapy except patients in part 3B, which were combo MCL

CR=complete response, DLBCL=diffuse large B-cell lymphoma, FL=follicular lymphoma, MCL=mantle cell lymphoma, MZL=marginal zone lymphoma, NHL=non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, PD=progressive disease, PR=partial response, PR-L=partial response with lymphocytosis, SD=stable disease,

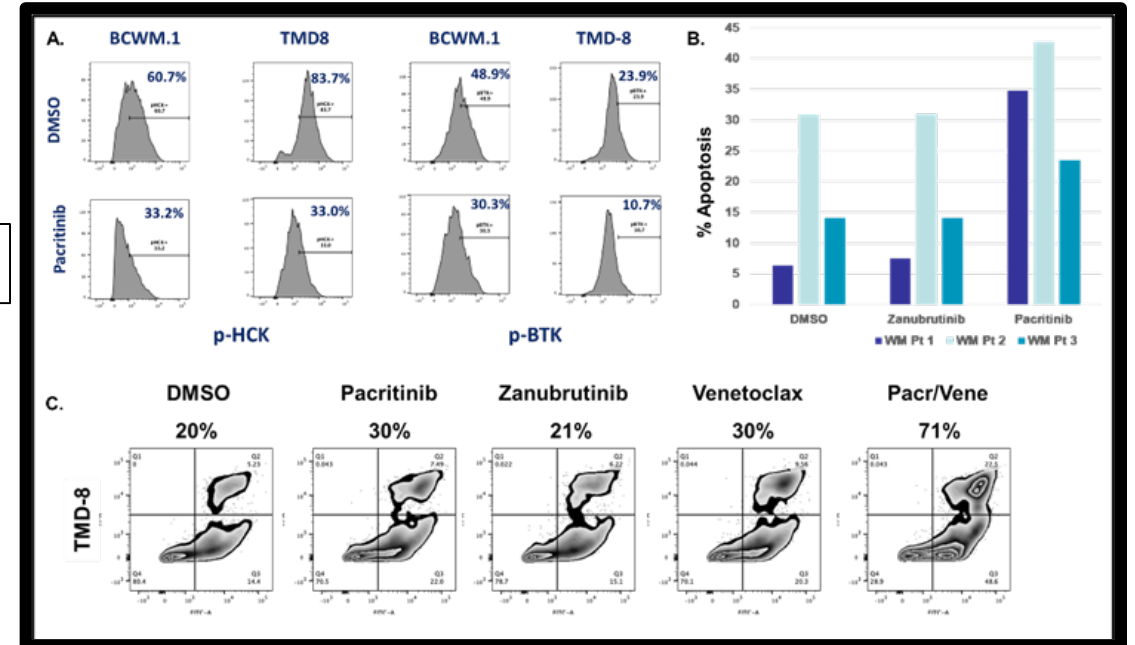
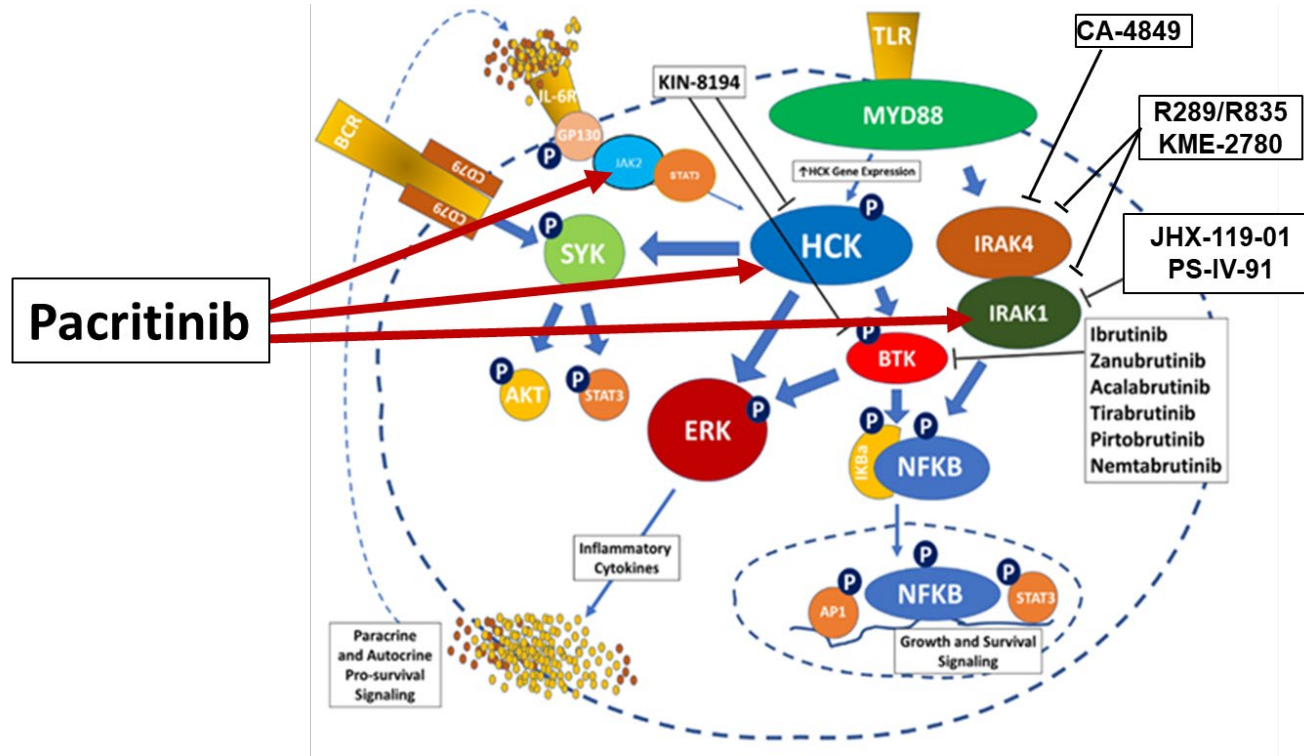
WM=Waldenström's macroglobulinemia.

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# Novel Treatment Approaches: Pacritinib

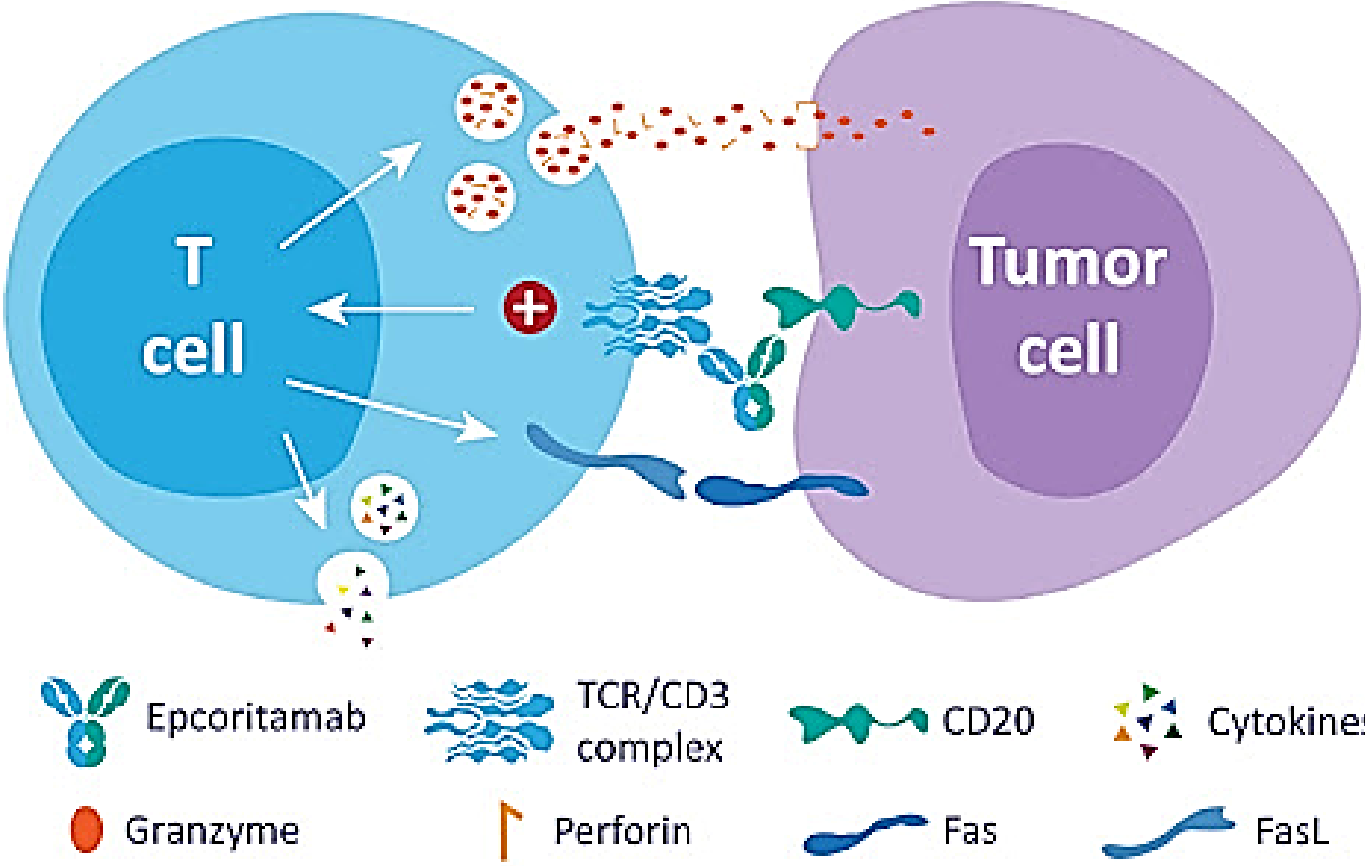


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# Bispecific Antibody Therapy for Waldenstrom's Macroglobulinemia

Binding CD20 on B cells and CD3 on T cells can engage T cells and redirect their activity against B cells.



Gottfried Von Keudell

Study approved by Sponsor



# CD20 CAR-T Cell Therapy



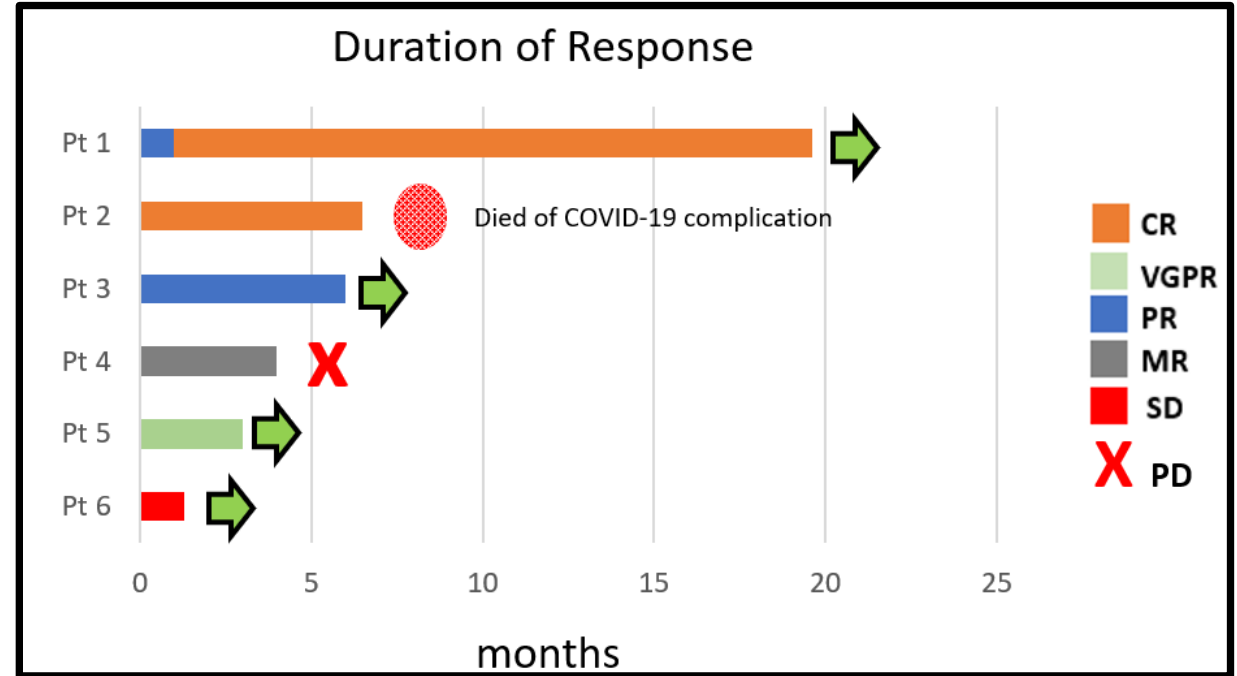
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Patient characteristics (N=6)	
Age, median (range)	69 (51-79)
Female, n (%)	2 (33%)
Prior lines of therapy, median (range)	7.5 (2-12)
Prior Bruton tyrosine kinase inhibitor	6 (100%)

Best response by IWWM-7 <sup>+</sup> (N=6)	
CR	2 (33%)
VGPR	1 (16.7%)
PR	1 (16.7%)
MR	1 (16.7%)
SD	1 (16.7%)

Major  
response  
rate: **67%**

Safety (N=6)				
	G1	G2	G3	G4
CRS	2 (33%)	3 (50%)	0	0
ICANS	1 (16%)	0	0	0



**No patient has started new anti-WM treatment after MB-106**

†Dimopoulos MA, et al. *Blood*. 2014;124(9):1404-1411. VGPR = Very good partial response, MR = Minor response; Updated at EHA June 9, 2023, Presented by Mazyar Shadman, MD (FHCC), at the EHA2023 Congress.



# Waldenstrom's Macroglobulinemia: Where we are in 2024!

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