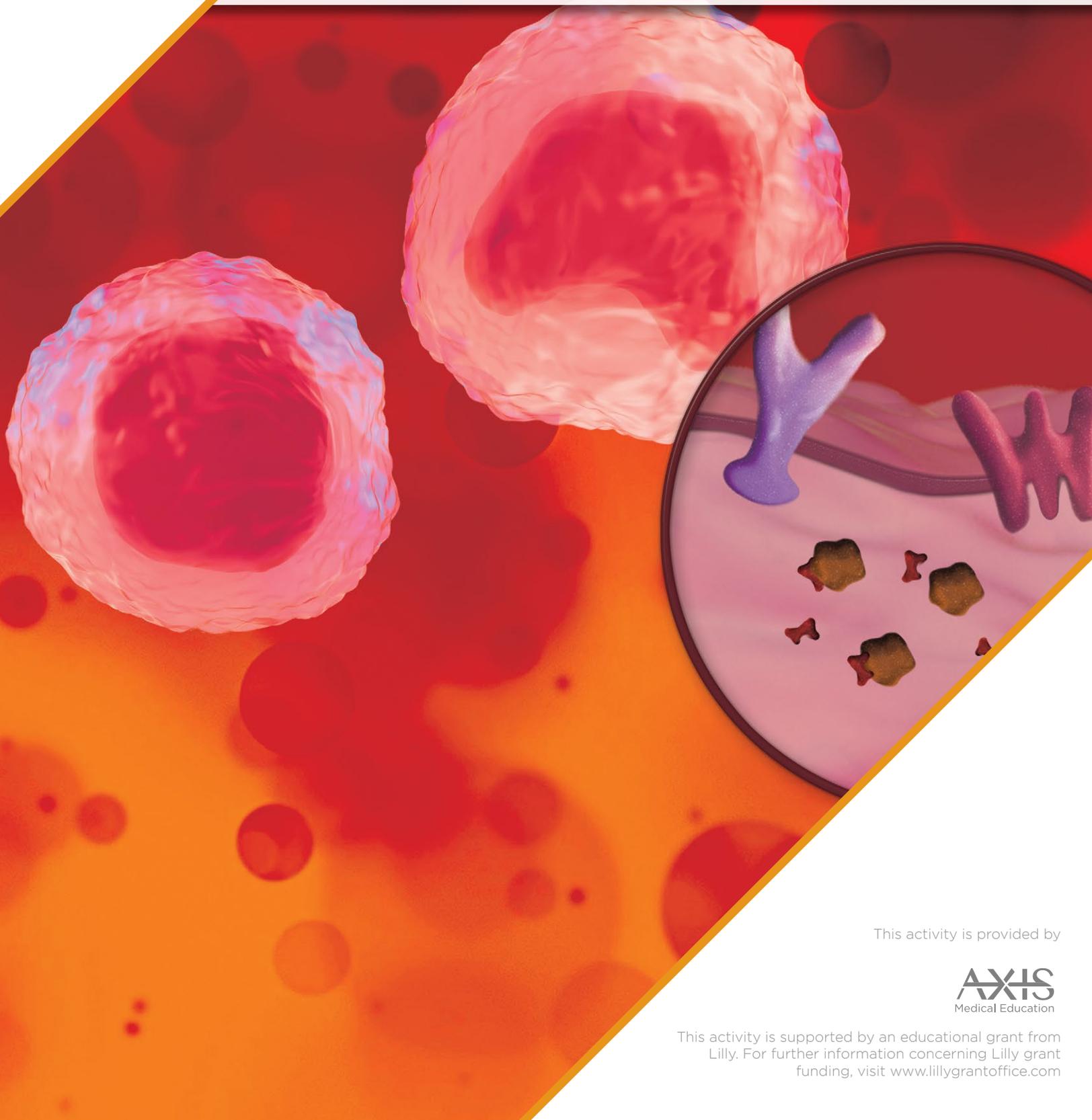


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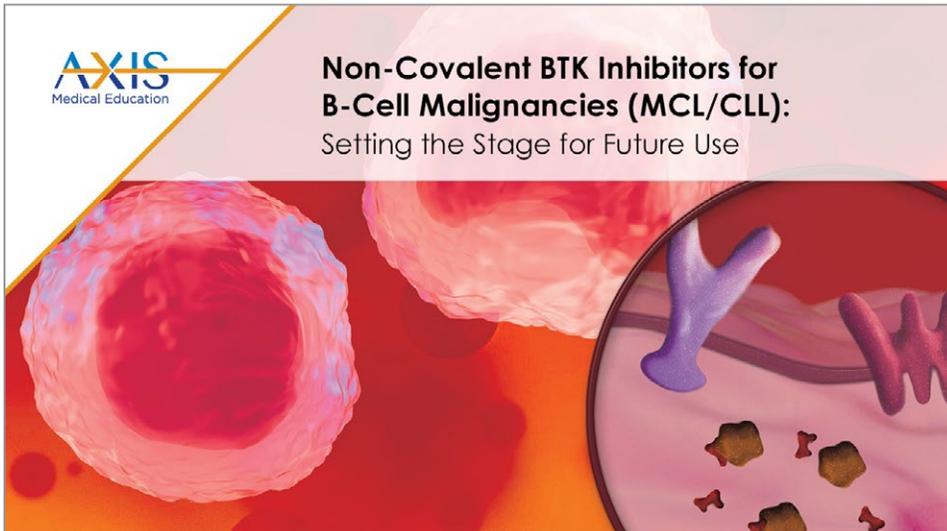
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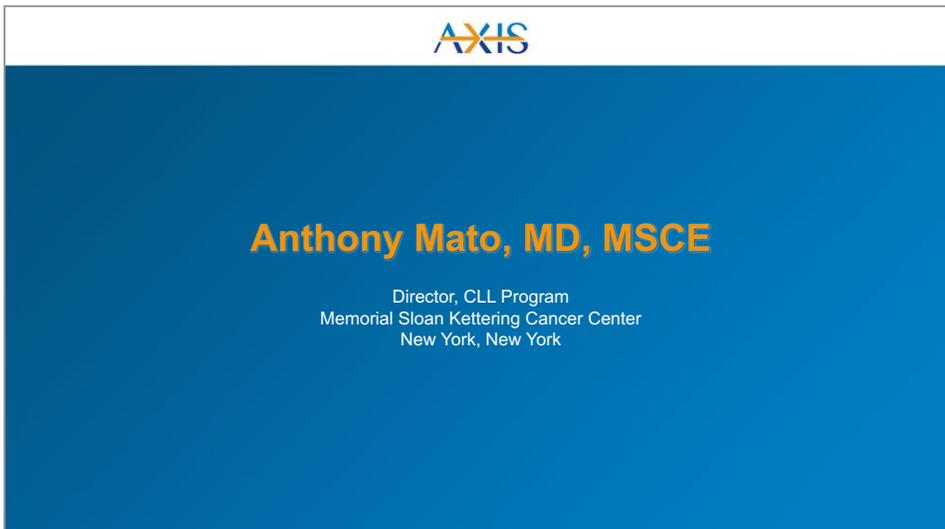
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Treatment of CLL in 2022

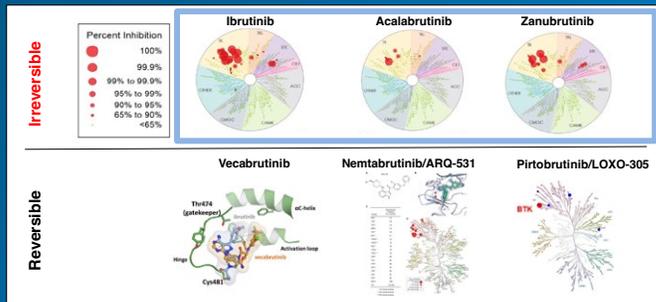
Limitations of covalent BTK inhibitors

No standard of care for double-refractory disease

▶ During this activity, we will review the latest evidence for noncovalent BTK inhibitors for the treatment of CLL and mantle cell lymphoma. Let's get started.

For the first section of the presentation, I'd like to begin by discussing where we are in 2022, highlighting the limitations of covalent BTK inhibitors, and also identify patients who are at most risk and have the most important unmet medical needs with CLL.

Several BTKi Options to Consider with Differences in BTKi Specificity, MOA, and Potential for Off-Target Effects

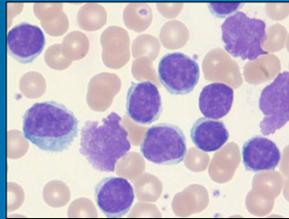


BTK, Bruton tyrosine kinase inhibitor; MOA, mechanism of action.
Kaptein A, de Bruin G, Emmelot-van Hoek M et al. *Blood*. 2018;132(Supplement 1):1871.

▶ There are several BTK inhibitor options that we can consider—irreversible or covalent BTK inhibitors, and reversible or noncovalent BTK inhibitors. For the irreversible inhibitors, we have ibrutinib and acalabrutinib, which have been approved. We also have zanubrutinib, which is in development. For the reversible inhibitors, we have vecabrutinib, nemtabrutinib, and pirtobrutinib. For the purposes of today's presentation, I will highlight the data for nemtabrutinib and pirtobrutinib.

Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia

- CD5+ mature B-cell neoplasm
- Peripheral blood, lymph node, and bone marrow compartments
- Median age at diagnosis: 72 years
- Most common leukemia in Western countries
- Heterogenous clinical presentation



Remarkable Basic, Translational and Clinical Scientific Advances

An era of targeted therapy for treatment of CLL

Burger, N Engl J Med 2020;383:460-473; Image: Carril TC and Venkataraman G, ASH Image Bank 2018.

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▶ Chronic lymphocytic leukemia is a CD-5 positive mature B cell neoplasm. There are several presentations, including peripheral blood involvement, lymph node involvement, and bone marrow involvement. It's generally a disease of older patients with a median age of 72 years. It's the most common leukemia in Western countries, and there's a heterogeneous clinical presentation, where some patients may never warrant therapy, some are treated immediately, and some are treated on average 5 to 7 years after diagnosis.

Era of Targeted Therapies

Targeted therapies are now standard of care options in the front-line and relapsed/refractory settings

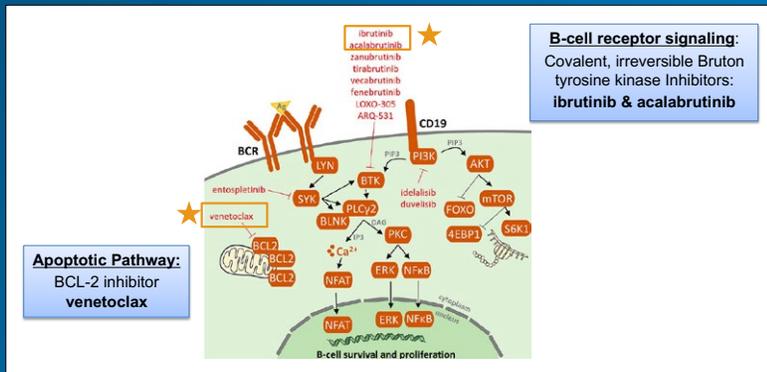


Figure from Sedlarkova et al. Front Oncol. 2020;10:894.

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▶ Over the past several years, there have been remarkable basic translational and clinical scientific advances that have led to a dawning of the era of targeted therapies for the treatment of patients with CLL.

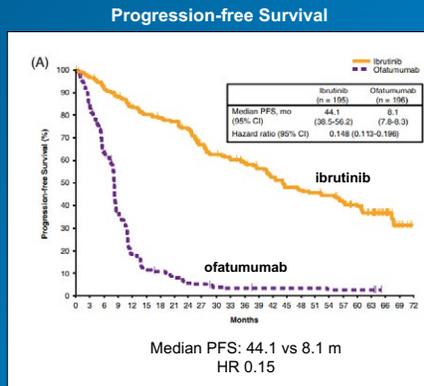
Here I have a schematic of important cell signaling pathways that are relevant to modern therapies for treating patients with CLL. Targeted therapies are now the standard of care options in the frontline and the relapsed/refractory setting.

You won't hear me discussing the use of chemotherapy or chemoimmunotherapy at all for patients today.

The two most important pathways are the B cell receptor signaling pathway where we have covalent irreversible BTK inhibitors approved including ibrutinib and acalabrutinib. The PI3K inhibitors are also involved in this pathway as well as the apoptotic pathway where we have the B cell BCL-2 inhibitor, venetoclax, approved.

Covalent BTK Inhibitors

- **Ibrutinib & acalabrutinib**: bind irreversibly to BTK protein
- Oral, **continuous therapies**
- Improved PFS compared to CIT controls
 - R/R ibrutinib: RESONATE (ofatumumab)
 - F/L ibrutinib: RESONATE -2 (chlorambucil)
 - F/L acalabrutinib: ELEVATE-TN (obinutuzumab + chlorambucil)



CIT, chemoimmunotherapy; F/L, first-line; PFS, progression-free survival; R/R, relapsed/refractory. Munir et al. *Am J Hematol* 2019;94:1353-1363 Barr et al. *J Clin Oncol*. 2021;39:7523, Sharman et al. *J Clin Oncol*. 2021;39:7509.

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► In terms of the covalent BTK inhibitors, again, we have ibrutinib and acalabrutinib. They bind irreversibly to the BTK protein, they're oral continuous therapies, and there are several trials that I have highlighted here, and I could have included more, where we've demonstrated not only improved progression-free survival as compared to controls, but also, in some instances related to ibrutinib, an improvement in overall survival.

Just as one example, this is the RESONATE trial, which compared ibrutinib to the CD20 antibody, ofatumumab, demonstrating an improvement in both progression-free and overall survival. The median progression-free survival in a heavily pretreated patient population for ibrutinib was 44.1 months.

Ibrutinib Discontinuation for Intolerance

Toxicities and outcomes of 616 ibrutinib-treated patients in the United States: A Real-World Analysis

- **41% of patients discontinued ibrutinib** at a median follow-up of 17 months
- Toxicity accounted for the **majority of discontinuations** (over half) in both first-line and relapsed/refractory CLL
- Most common toxicities in relapsed/refractory CLL:
 - Atrial fibrillation 12.3%
 - Infection 10.7%
 - Pneumonitis 9.9%
 - Bleeding 9%
 - Diarrhea 6.6%

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's or patient's preference	10.5% (n=2)	6.7% (n=15)
RT DLBCL	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)

This study identified covalent BTK inhibitor **intolerance** as a major emerging issue in the field of CLL

BTK, Bruton tyrosine kinase; CAR T-cell, chimeric antigen receptor T-cell; CLL, chronic lymphocytic leukemia; RT DLBCL, Richter transformation to diffuse large B-cell lymphoma; RT, Richter transformation. Mato et al. *Haematologica* 2018;103:874-879.

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► I also wanted to highlight some limitations for the class of the covalent inhibitors. These include the major reasons for discontinuation, which are intolerance and resistance. This is a real-world data set that our group published looking at 616 patients treated with ibrutinib, both in the frontline and relapsed/refractory setting. I want to highlight that 41% of patients discontinued ibrutinib with a median follow-up of 17 months. Toxicity accounted for the majority of discontinuations, both in the frontline and relapsed/refractory populations, with the most common toxicities leading to discontinuation including a-fib, infection, pneumonitis, bleeding, and diarrhea. This is just one example of many studies that have identified covalent BTK inhibitor intolerance as an emerging issue in the field of CLL.

Acquired Resistance to Covalent BTKi

- Majority of patients have identified mutations in *BTKC481* at the time of disease progression on ibrutinib; ~53-87% of patients
- Catalytically activating** mutations
- Mutations also identified in *PLCG2*, immediately downstream of BTK
- BTKC481* mutations are also main mechanism of resistance for acalabrutinib; 69% of patients

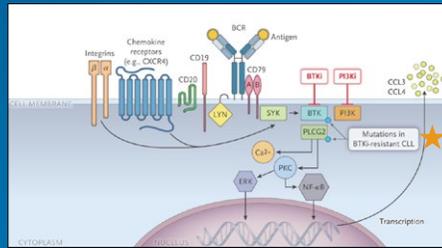


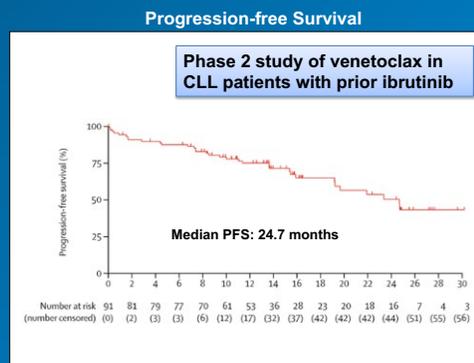
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 Scarfo et al. *EHA* 2020;4:34-35. Ahn et al. *Blood* 2017;129:1469-1479.

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I also wanted to highlight the second most common reason for discontinuing a covalent BTK inhibitor, and that's acquired resistance. A majority of patients have identified mutations in *BTK* C481 at the time of disease progression on ibrutinib, and the range is between 53% and 87% of patients. We also see downstream activating mutations in *PLC G2* as a second most common identified reason for discontinuation due to resistance. This is not only limited to ibrutinib, but also seen in patients treated with acalabrutinib, for example, where 69% of patients with progression also had a C481 mutation. So again, highlighting that intolerance and resistance are major issues that we need to address for patients treated with covalent inhibitors.

Treatment of CLL After Covalent BTKi

- Venetoclax**: oral BCL-2 inhibitor
- First-line setting and relapsed setting including after cBTKi
- Approved as **fixed-duration** therapy (24 months in R/R setting)



cBTKi, covalent Bruton tyrosine kinase inhibitor; CLL, chronic lymphocytic leukemia; PFS, progression-free survival; R/R, relapsed/refractory.
 Figure from Jones et al. *Lancet Oncol*, 2018;19:65-75.

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What agents are available to patients? Well, from the perspective of having prospective data, you can see that venetoclax has been tested in patients who were previously treated with ibrutinib that was discontinued either for intolerance or progression of disease. Venetoclax is approved as a fixed duration or as a continuous therapy in the relapsed/refractory setting. Here you can see venetoclax is a continuous monotherapy and resulted in a median progression-free survival of 24.7 months following ibrutinib.

“Double Exposed” Patient: Unmet Need

- o Landmark trials leading to approvals of CIT and PI3K inhibitors did not include patients previously treated with cBTKi or venetoclax
- o We conducted a retrospective analysis to compare outcomes of therapies for CLL patients who have received cBTKi and venetoclax

A subset of patients will ultimately have **progressive CLL** following treatment with both venetoclax and a cBTKi

Standard of care options:

- Chemotherapy +/- immunotherapy
- PI3K inhibitors: idelalisib, duvelisib

Clinical trial options:

- Non-covalent BTKi
- CAR T-cell therapy
- Several other investigational agents

cBTKi, covalent Bruton tyrosine kinase inhibitor; CAR, chimeric antigen receptor; CIT, chemoimmunotherapy; CLL, chronic lymphocytic leukemia; PI3K, phosphoinositide 3-kinase. Furman et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2014; Flinn et al *Blood* 2018; Mato et al *Lancet* 2021; Siddiqi et al *Blood* 2021; Thompson et al. *Blood* 2021;138(suppl 1):2628.

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I also want to highlight the double-exposed patient population, which still represents a major unmet need. These are a subset of patients who have been treated with a covalent BTK inhibitor and venetoclax. We call them double exposed if they have both been treated with, and double refractory if they're actually resistant to both classes. In terms of standard-of-care options, they're quite limited to chemotherapy or PI3K inhibitors. I'll just highlight that those agents or those classes have not really been tested prospectively in this group of patients. And then of course, clinical trial options include noncovalent BTK inhibitors, CAR T, and other classes. And I'll highlight today the data for the noncovalent BTK inhibitors.

Response Rates to Selected Therapies

ncBTKi and cellular therapies have high overall response rates
CIT and PI3Ki have relatively low overall response rates

Subsequent Therapy	CAR-T	Allo SCT	ncBTKi	PI3Ki	CIT
Patients treated	9	17	45	24	23
ORR	85.7% n = 7	76.5% n = 17	75.0% n = 43	40.9% n = 22	31.8% n = 22
Median PFS (mo)	4 n = 9	11 n = 16	Not reached n = 40	5 n = 21	3 n = 20
Median follow-up (mo)	3	6.5	9	4	2

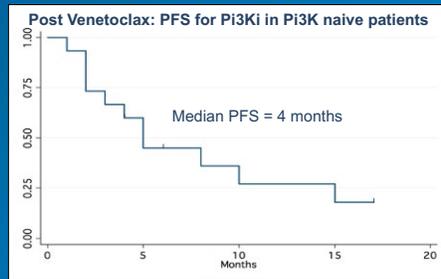
Allo SCT, allogeneic stem cell transplantation; CAR, chimeric antigen receptor; CIT, chemoimmunotherapy; ncBTKi, non-covalent BTK inhibitors; ORR, overall response rate; PFS, progression-free survival; PI3K, phosphoinositide 3-kinase. Thompson et al. *Blood* 2021;138(suppl 1):2628.

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Here we have a real-world data set presented at the most recent ASH meeting, looking at several classes of agents tested retrospectively in patients who were exposed to a covalent BTK inhibitor and venetoclax. Let's highlight two different classes here just for comparison. For PI3K inhibitors, the median progression-free survival was only 5 months. For the noncovalent BTK inhibitors, as a class, we saw a response rate of 75% with a median progression-free survival that was not reached. These retrospective real-world data really do indicate that this class is quite promising.

Post Venetoclax

- After BTKi and/or venetoclax: PI3Ki did not result in durable remissions and therefore is not an acceptable standard of care in the third-line setting in modern era



BTKi, BTK inhibitor; PI3K, phosphoinositide 3-kinase inhibitor.
Mato et al. *Clin Cancer Res*. 2020;26(14):3589-3596.

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- ▶ I have one more data set that we've looked at retrospectively for PI3K inhibitors following BTK inhibitors and venetoclax. We found a median progression-free survival of 4 months for the class of PI3K, we did not see durable remissions, and therefore, this is probably not an acceptable standard of care in the third-line setting in the modern era.

Summary: Alternate Covalent BTK Inhibitors

Intolerance

- Intolerance remains the most common reason for ibrutinib discontinuation
- Direct comparison suggest next-generation covalent BTK inhibitors lead to lower discontinuation rates due to adverse events; early data suggest fewer adverse events lead to better progression-free survival

Resistance

- *C481* mutations are the most common cause of resistance to ibrutinib
- Limited data from more selective covalent BTK inhibitors suggest similar mechanisms of resistance

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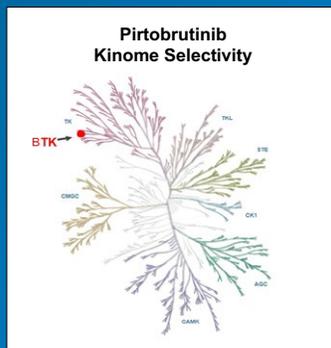
- ▶ In summary for the covalent BTK inhibitors, intolerance remains the most common reason for discontinuation. We do have head-to-head data for ibrutinib versus either zanubrutinib or acalabrutinib. The next-generation agents do appear to be more promising from the perspective of adverse events. In terms of resistance, C481 mutations are the most common cause of resistance to ibrutinib, and emerging data suggest the same for patients treated with other covalent BTK inhibitors. Therefore, switching from ibrutinib to acalabrutinib, for example, in the setting of resistance, won't result in a durable remission.

Non-Covalent BTK Inhibitors

► Now we'll delve into the noncovalent BTK inhibitors. I'll highlight today data for two agents, nemtabrutinib, or formerly ARQ 531, and pirtobrutinib, LOXO-305.

Non-Covalent BTK Inhibitors

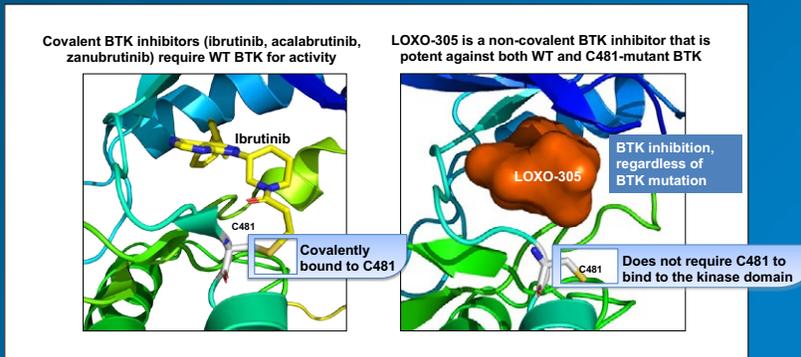
- **Reversible** binding to BTK
- Several agents in clinical development
 - Nemtabrutinib (ARQ-531/MK-1026)¹
 - Pirtobrutinib (LOXO-305)²
 - Highly selective: minimal activity against non-BTK kinases
 - Longer half-life and increased BTK occupancy compared to covalent BTK inhibitors



► Pirtobrutinib is a highly selective agent with minimal activity against non-BTK kinases. You can see that highlighted here in this kinome map. It has a longer half-life and increased BTK occupancy. The drug is designed to be very specific for BTK; therefore, it has minimal off-target effects. But because of its binding mode, it can overcome resistance due to C481 mutations and should be active in patients with resistant disease.

1. Reiff et al. *Cancer Discov*. 2018;8:1300-1315. 2. Mato et al *Lancet* 2021;397:892-901. BTK, Bruton tyrosine kinase.

Pirtobrutinib/LOXO-305 Is a Non-Covalent BTK Inhibitor



BTK, Bruton tyrosine kinase; WT, wild-type.

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- ▶ Here's an image looking at LOXO-305 versus ibrutinib. Clearly, you need to have C481 to covalently bind BTK. When you have mutated disease where you have a serine in that place, ibrutinib can't bind, but LOXO-305, due to its different position, is able to bind.

Genetic Mutations Leading to Covalent BTK Inhibitor Resistance

Protein	DNA		Mutated DNA	Mutated protein
480 GLY	G G C	Ibrutinib and acalabrutinib resistance mutations	G G C	GLY 480
481 CYS	T G C		T C C	SCR 481
482 LEU	C T C		C T C	LEU 482

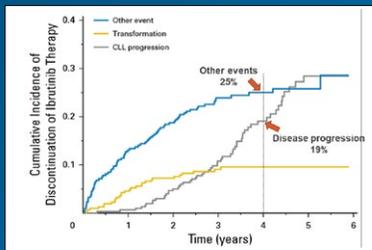
BTK, Bruton tyrosine kinase.

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- ▶ Here we have a schematic of the C481 mutation from cysteine to serine.

Resistance and Intolerance Limit Covalent BTK Inhibitor Efficacy

Ibrutinib Discontinuation (4 prospective studies)¹



- Ibrutinib discontinuation rates at 5 years
 - Front-line = 41%¹
 - Relapsed/refractory = 54%²

- Available options following covalent BTK inhibitor treatment are limited:
 - **Covalent BTK inhibitor retreatment:** Only effective in the context of covalent BTK intolerance, not progression
 - **Venetoclax:** Efficacious, but complicated administration and not appropriate for all patients
 - **PI3K inhibitors:** Limited benefit in this population and induces significant toxicity burden
 - **Chemoimmunotherapy:** Limited benefit in this population because most patients have already been exposed to these drugs

¹Woyach et al. *J Clin Oncol*. 2017;35:1437-1443. ²Burger. *Leukemia* 2020;34:787-7898.
BTK, Bruton tyrosine kinase; PI3K, phosphoinositide 3 kinase.



▶ These are again the most common reasons for discontinuation, both resistance and intolerance to the noncovalent inhibitors. And when you think about alternatives, as I presented earlier, the covalent inhibitors aren't a great choice in the setting of resistance, but maybe can be used in the setting of intolerance. Venetoclax is active but complicated due to its administration route. It may not be appropriate for all patients. And then while prospective data are lacking on PI3K inhibitors, the retrospective data are not promising at all.



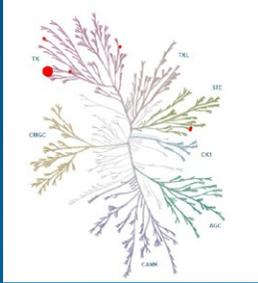
Non-Covalent BTK Inhibitors: Promising New Agents in CLL

Pirtobrutinib
Nemtabrutinib

▶ Now we'll go into the clinical data.

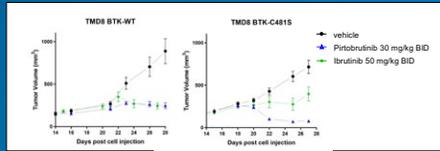
Pirtobrutinib is a Highly Potent and Selective Non-Covalent (Reversible) BTK Inhibitor

Kinome selectivity¹
Highly selective for BTK



Xenograft models

In vivo activity similarly efficacious as ibrutinib in WT; superior in C481S



- Nanomolar potency against WT & C481-mutant BTK in cell and enzyme assays²
- >300-fold selectivity for BTK vs 370 other kinases²
- Due to reversible binding mode, BTK inhibition not impacted by intrinsic rate of BTK turnover²
- Favorable pharmacologic properties allow sustained BTK inhibition throughout dosing interval²

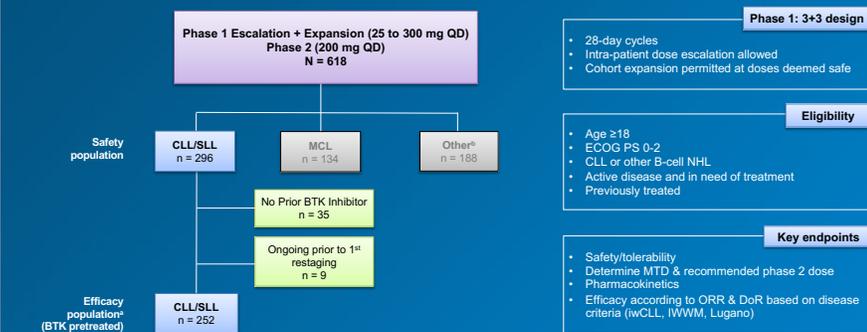
BID, twice-daily; BTK, Bruton tyrosine kinase; WT, wild type.

¹Mato et al. *Lancet* 2021;397:892-901. ²Brandhuber et al. *Clin. Lymphoma Myeloma Leuk.* 2018;18:S216. Illustration reproduced courtesy of Cell Signaling Technology, Inc. (www.cellsignal.com).

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▶ Here again, you see that same kinome of map that I highlighted earlier. And the preclinical data that I've included on this slide really emphasizes the fact that this molecule is quite active against both wild-type and C481 mutant *BTK*, it's highly selective for BTK. And due to its binding mode, the BTK inhibition is not impacted by the intrinsic rate of BTK turnover. Therefore, the properties of this molecule would allow for sustained BTK inhibition throughout the dosing interval.

Phase 1/2 BRUIN Study: Design, Eligibility and Enrollment



Data cutoff date July 16, 2021.

BTK, Bruton tyrosine kinase; CLL, chronic lymphocytic leukemia; DoR, duration of response; ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; iwCLL, International Workshop on Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia; iwWM, International Workshop on Waldenström's Macroglobulinemia; MCL, mantle cell lymphoma; MTD, maximum tolerated dose; NHL, non-Hodgkin lymphoma; ORR, overall response rate; QD, once daily; SLL, small lymphocytic leukemia.

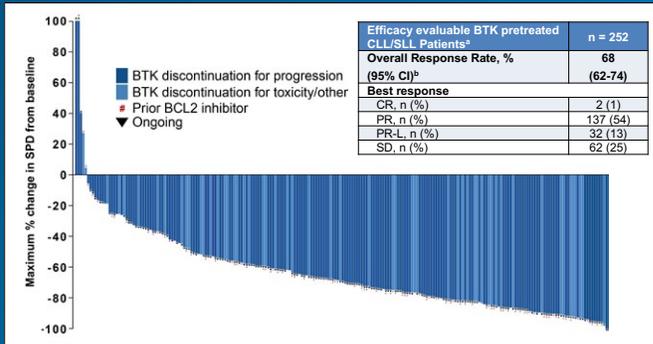
¹Efficacy-evaluable patients are those who had at least one post-baseline response assessment or had discontinued treatment prior to first post-baseline response assessment. ²Other includes diffuse large B-cell lymphoma, Waldenström macroglobulinemia, follicular lymphoma, mantle zone lymphoma, Richter transformation, B-PLL, Hairy Cell Leukemia, PCNSL, and other transformation.

Mato et al. *Lancet* 2021;397:892-901.

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▶ The BRUIN trial is a phase 1/2 study assessing pirtobrutinib in patients with CLL and other B-cell malignancies. We've now treated 252 patients with pirtobrutinib who have previously received a covalent BTK inhibitor. So those are the patients I'm going to highlight in the later part of this presentation. Again, just as a reminder, the BRUIN trial is a phase 1/2 trial 3 by 3 design initially to get to the go-forward dose of 200 milligrams daily. Patients had relapsed refractory CLL or B cell malignancies. The primary endpoints were safety, tolerability, determination of the MTD, pharmacokinetic data, and then efficacy results, including overall response rate, duration of response and progression-free survival.

Pirtobrutinib Efficacy in BTK Pretreated CLL/SLL Patients



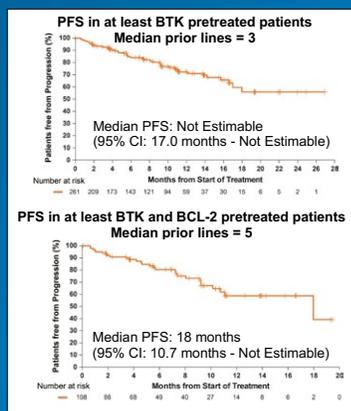
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 BTK, Bruton tyrosine kinase; CLL, chronic lymphocytic leukemia; CR, complete response; PR, partial response; PR-L, partial responses with ongoing lymphocytosis; SD, stable disease; SLL, small lymphocytic leukemia.
 *Patients with >100% increase in SPD. Data for 30 patients are not shown in the waterfall plot due to no measurable target lesions identified by CT at baseline, discontinuation prior to first response assessment, or lack of adequate imaging in follow-up. ^bEfficacy evaluable patients are those who had at least one post-baseline response assessment or had discontinued treatment prior to first post-baseline response assessment. ^cORR includes patients with a best response of CR, PR, and PR-L. Response status per iwCLL 2016 according to investigator assessment. Total % may be different than the sum of the individual components due to rounding.
 Mato et al. *Blood* 2021;138:391.

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► Here we see the waterfall plot indicating that nearly every patient had a significant reduction in their lymph node volume when treated with pirtobrutinib. All patients here at received a prior BTK inhibitor. Dark blue indicates patients who had discontinued due to progression. Light blue indicates patients who had discontinued due to toxicity, hashmarks indicate prior venetoclax exposure. And with all that being said, the overall response rate across the 252 patients was 68%.

Pirtobrutinib: Progression-free Survival in BTK Pretreated CLL/SLL Patients

- 74% (194/261) of BTK pre-treated patients remain on pirtobrutinib
- Median follow-up of 9.4 months (range, 0.3-27.4) for all BTK pretreated patients

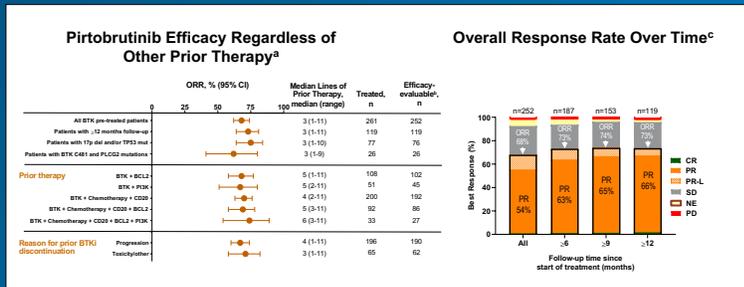


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► In terms of progression-free survival, for the entire population with a median number of 3 prior therapies, the median progression-free survival was not reached. For the double-exposed patients with a median prior therapies of 5, the median progression free survival was 18 months; 74% of BTK inhibitor pretreated patients remain on pirtobrutinib. And then median follow-up here is 9.4 months.

Pirtobrutinib Efficacy in BTK Pretreated CLL/SLL Patients



Data cutoff date July 16, 2021.
 BTK, Brutin tyrosine kinase inhibitor; CLL, chronic lymphocytic leukemia; CR, complete response; NE, not evaluable; ORR, overall response rate; PD, progressive disease; PR, partial response; PR-L, PR rate with lymphocytosis; SD, stable disease; SLL, small lymphocytic lymphoma.
 Total % may be different than the sum of the individual components due to rounding. ^aPrior therapy labels indicate that patients received at least the prior therapy, rows are not mutually exclusive. ^bEfficacy evaluable patients are those who had at least one evaluable post-baseline assessment or had discontinued treatment prior to first post-baseline assessment. ^cIncludes the BTK pre-treated efficacy-evaluable CLL/SLL patients at the time of data cutoff. Data at each timepoint includes the BTK pre-treated efficacy-evaluable CLL/SLL patients who had the opportunity to be followed for at least the indicated amount of time.
 Mato et al. *Blood* 2021;138:391.

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► Across many subgroups, we can see the response was maintained. This includes all BTK pretreated patients, patients with a deletion 17p, patients with a C481 mutation and a PLC G2 mutation. Heavily pretreated patients including those who were pentavalent failures, who had received BTKs, chemotherapy, CD20, PCL-2 inhibitor, and a PI3K inhibitor, and then as well as no difference regardless of the reason for discontinuation. And with ongoing follow-up in the subset of patients who have had 12 or more cycles of therapy, the overall response rate has deepened to 73%.

Pirtobrutinib: Safety Profile

Adverse Event	All Doses and Patients (N = 618)					Treatment-related AEs, %	
	Treatment-emergent AEs, (≥15%), %					Grades 3/4	Any Grade
Fatigue	13%	8%	1%	-	23%	1%	9%
Diarrhea	15%	4%	<1%	<1%	19%	<1%	8%
Neutropenia ^a	1%	2%	8%	6%	18%	8%	10%
Contusion	15%	2%	-	-	17%	-	12%
AEs of special interest^b							
Bruising ^c	20%	2%	-	-	22%	-	15%
Rash ^d	9%	2%	<1%	-	11%	<1%	5%
Arthralgia	8%	3%	<1%	-	11%	-	3%
Hemorrhage ^e	5%	2%	1% ^g	-	8%	<1%	2%
Hypertension	1%	4%	2%	-	7%	<1%	2%
Atrial fibrillation/flutter ^f	-	1%	<1%	<1%	2% ^h	-	<1%

- o No DLTs reported and MTD not reached
- o 96% of patients received ≥1 pirtobrutinib dose at or above RP2D of 200 mg daily
- o 1% (n = 6) of patients permanently discontinued due to treatment-related AEs

Data cutoff date July 16, 2021.
 AEs, adverse events; DLTs, dose-limiting toxicities; MTD, maximum tolerated dose; RP2D, recommended phase 2 dose.
 Total % may be different than the sum of the individual components due to rounding. ^aAggregate of neutropenia and neutrophil count decreased. ^bAEs of special interest are those that were previously associated with covalent BTK inhibitors. ^cAggregate of contusion, petechiae, ecchymosis, and increased tendency to bruise. ^dAggregate of all preferred terms including rash. ^eAggregate of all preferred terms including hematoma or hemorrhage. ^fAggregate of atrial fibrillation and atrial flutter. ^gRepresents 6 events (all grade 3), including 2 cases of post-operative bleeding, 1 case each of GI hemorrhage in the setting of sepsis, NSAID use, chronic peptic ulcer disease, and one case of subarachnoid hemorrhage in setting of traumatic bike accident. ^hOf 10 total atrial flutter TEAEs, 3 occurred in patients with a prior medical history of atrial fibrillation, 2 in patients presenting with concurrent systemic infection, and 2 in patients with both.
 Mato et al. *Blood* 2021;138:391.

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► Here are data on the safety profile for pirtobrutinib. You can see overall this molecule is well tolerated. There are only four adverse events that are seen in greater than or equal to 15% of patients: fatigue, diarrhea, neutropenia, and contusion. BTK inhibitor-associated adverse events like afib are quite low at 2%. No dose-limiting toxicities were reported. The maximum tolerated dose was not reached. And the discontinuation rate due to adverse events was only 1%.

Pirtobrutinib CLL Conclusions

- Pirtobrutinib demonstrates promising efficacy in CLL/SLL patients previously treated with BTK inhibitors
 - Efficacy was independent of *BTK* C481 mutation status, the reason for prior BTKi discontinuation (ie, progression vs intolerance), or other classes of prior therapy received (including covalent BTK inhibitors, BCL-2 inhibitors, and PI3K-delta inhibitors)
- Favorable safety and tolerability are consistent with the design of pirtobrutinib as a highly selective and non-covalent reversible BTK inhibitor
- Randomized, global, phase 3 trials evaluating pirtobrutinib in CLL/SLL ongoing:
 - **BRUIN CLL-321:** Pirtobrutinib vs investigator's choice of IdelaR or BendaR, requires prior BTK treatment (NCT04666038)
 - **BRUIN CLL-322:** Pirtobrutinib + VenR vs VenR, permits prior BTK treatment (NCT04965493)
 - **BRUIN CLL-313:** Pirtobrutinib vs BendaR in treatment-naïve patients (NCT05023980)

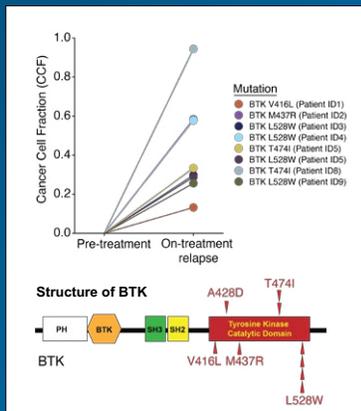
BendaR, bendamustine and rituximab; BTKi, Bruton tyrosine kinase inhibitor; CLL, chronic lymphocytic leukemia; IdelaR, idelalisib and rituximab; SLL, small lymphocytic leukemia; VenR, venetoclax and rituximab.

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► In conclusion, pirtobrutinib demonstrated promising efficacy in CLL patients previously treated with BTK inhibitors, as well as several other modern therapies. We saw a favorable safety and tolerability consistent with the design of pirtobrutinib as a selective and noncovalent reversible BTK inhibitor.

And I'll just highlight there are several ongoing clinical trials of importance. The CLL-321 trial randomizes pirtobrutinib versus investigators choice, idelalisib/rituximab or bendamustine/rituximab, in the relapsed/refractory setting, CLL-322 randomizes pirtobrutinib rather venetoclax/rituximab, plus or minus pirtobrutinib as a time-limited therapy in the relapsed/refractory setting, and the CLL-313 trial randomizes pirtobrutinib versus bendamustine/rituximab in treatment-naïve patients.

Acquired *BTK* Mutations on Pirtobrutinib



- We identified novel acquired mutations in *BTK* at the time of disease progression including:
 - *BTK* L528W
 - *BTK* V416L
 - *BTK* M437R
 - *BTK* T474I
 - *BTK* A428D
- These mutations cluster around the tyrosine kinase catalytic domain of *BTK*
- Additionally, several patients with progressive disease had pre-existing PLCG2 mutations

► Of course, there are patients who do progress on pirtobrutinib with CLL. These are the progressors from the MSKCC cohort. I'll highlight a recent paper published by our group in *The New England Journal of Medicine* looking at mechanisms of resistance to noncovalent BTK inhibitors on pirtobrutinib, and just highlight that we identified novel acquired mutations in *BTK* at the time of disease progression, but preliminary, this is quite interesting. And if interested in this data set, I would highlight you to review the paper in more detail.

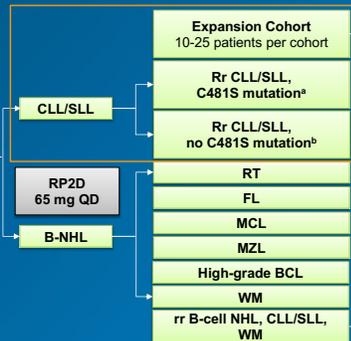
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MK-1026-001: Study Design (NCT03162536)

Key Eligibility Criteria

- Age ≥ 18 years
- CLL/SLL with symptomatic disease
- B-cell NHL with measurable disease
- WM with IgM level ≥ 2X ULN
- ECOG PS 0-2



Until unacceptable toxicity, progression, withdrawal

Endpoints

- Primary: ORR per iwCLL criteria in patients with CLL/SLL
- Secondary: DOR, safety, tolerability

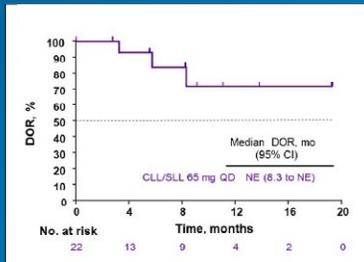
^aCohort A: patients with rr CLL/SLL with ≥2 prior therapies including covalent BTKi with C481S mutation.
^bCohort B: includes patients with rCLL/SLL, recall with ≥2 prior therapies, progressed/intolerant to BTKi, no C481S mutation.
 BCL, B-cell lymphoma; CLL, chronic lymphocytic leukemia; DOR, duration of response; ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; FL, follicular lymphoma; iwCLL, International Workshop on Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia; MCL, mantle cell lymphoma; MK-1026, nemtabrutinib; MZL, marginal zone lymphoma; NHL, non-Hodgkin lymphoma; ORR, overall response rate; rr, relapsed/refractory; RP2D, recommended phase 2 dose; RT, Richter transformation; SLL, small lymphocytic leukemia; ULN, upper limit of normal; WM, Waldenström macroglobulinemia.
 Adapted from Woyach et al. *Blood* 2021;138:392.



▶ I also want to highlight data on other molecules that are noncovalent inhibitors. Here we have data on MK-1026, or nemtabrutinib, which is also a noncovalent inhibitor studied in CLL and other B-cell malignancies. I'll focus today on the data for nemtabrutinib, specifically in CLL.

MK-1026/Nemtabrutinib: Summary of Response (CLL/SLL), Efficacy Evaluable Population

N (%) [95% CI]	CLL/SLL 65 mg QD N = 38 ^a
ORR	22 (57.9%) [40.8-73.6]
CR	1 (2.6%) [0.0-13.8]
PR	12 (31.6%) [17.5-48.6]
PR-L	9 (23.7%) [11.4-40.2]
SD	15 (39.5%) [24.0-5.6]

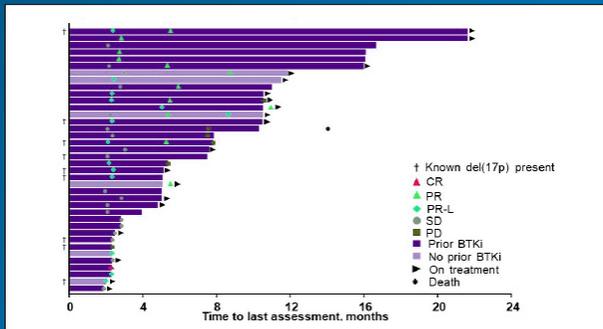


^aEfficacy evaluable patients with CLL/SLL who received at least one cycle of MK-1026 at preliminary RP2D of 65 mg QD and had ≥1 post-baseline assessment; Response assessed per iwCLL criteria Data cut-off: April 7, 2021.
 CLL, chronic lymphocytic leukemia; CR, complete response; DOR, duration of response; ORR, overall response rate; PD, progressive disease; PR, partial response; PR rate with lymphocytosis; QD, once daily; SD, stable disease; SLL, small lymphocytic leukemia.
 Adapted from Woyach et al. *Blood* 2021;138:392.



▶ Here we can see the overall response rate was 57.9%.

MK-1026/Nemtabrutinib: Treatment Duration Response (CLL/SLL), Efficacy Evaluable Population

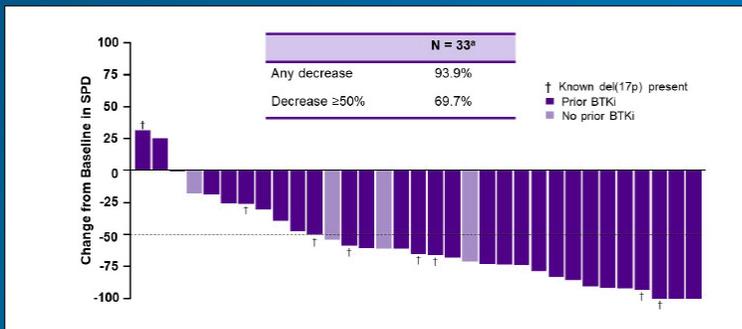


Patients with CLL/SLL treated at preliminary RP2D of 65 mg QD; PR-L, PR rate with lymphocytosis; Green bars indicate time from screening to date of last assessment; Patients not on treatment had discontinued due to progression, adverse event, patient or physician decision, or other reason. Data cut-off: April 7, 2021.
BTKi, Bruton tyrosine kinase inhibitor; CLL, chronic lymphocytic leukemia; CR, complete response; DOR, duration of response;
ORR, overall response rate; PD, progressive disease; PR, partial response; QD, once daily; SD, stable disease; SLL, small lymphocytic leukemia.
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- ▶ And the median duration of response for responders was not reached. This is not progression-free survival.

MK-1026/Nemtabrutinib: Percent Change from Baseline in SPD (CLL/SLL), Efficacy Evaluable Population



A33 of 38 patients with ≥1 assessment post-baseline were evaluable for change from baseline in sum of product of diameters (SPD); Data cut-off: April 7, 2021.
BTKi, Bruton tyrosine kinase inhibitor; CLL, chronic lymphocytic leukemia; SLL, small lymphocytic leukemia; SPD, sum of the products of lymph node diameters.
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- ▶ You can see that 94% of patients had any decrease in their lymph nodes, while 69.7% had a greater than or equal to 50% decrease.

MK-1026/Nemtabrutinib: Treatment-Emergent AEs

Events, n (%)		All Patients, N = 118
All TEAEs		114 (96.6)
Grade ≥3 TEAEs*		80 (68.0)
MK-1026-related TEAE		78 (66.1)
Grade ≥3 related TEAEs ^b		31 (26.3)
Related TEAEs leading to discontinuation		9 (7.6)
TEAEs ≥20%	All	Grade ≥3
Fatigue	33.1%	3.4%
Constipation	31.4%	0.8%
Dysgeusia	28.0%	0
Cough	24.6%	0
Nausea	24.6%	0.8%
Pyrexia	24.6%	0
Dizziness	22.9%	0
Hypertension	22.9%	9.3%
Peripheral edema	22.0%	0
Diarrhea	21.2%	0.8%
Arthralgia	20.3%	0

Data cut-off: April 7, 2021.

*8 patients had grade 5 TEAEs including death after PD (n=3), sepsis (n=1), and respiratory failure (n=2).

^bNo grade 5 drug related TEAEs were reported.

TEAEs, treatment-emergent adverse events.

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- ▶ Here we can see the adverse event profile. Grade 3 or higher treatment-emergent adverse events occurred in 68% of patients. Treatment-emergent adverse events leading to discontinuation was 7.6%. Treatment-emergent adverse events that occurred in 20% or more of patients were, in descending order, fatigue, constipation, dysgeusia, cough, and nausea as the five most common.

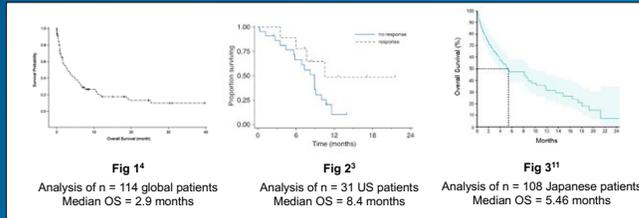
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Non-Covalent BTK Inhibitors in Mantle Cell Lymphoma

- ▶ Now I'll delve into mantle cell lymphoma, specifically looking at pirtobrutinib.

Outcomes in MCL Are Extremely Poor Following Covalent BTK Inhibitor Progression

- Covalent BTK inhibitor resistance in MCL and other lymphomas is incompletely understood¹⁻¹⁰
- BTK C481-mutations are uncommon; bypass alterations and epigenetic changes implicated in some patients⁷
- Overall survival following covalent BTK inhibitor therapy is poor^{3,4,11}

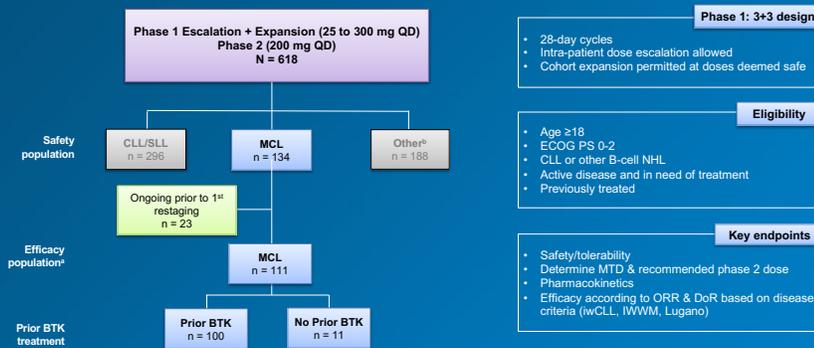


BTK, Bruton tyrosine kinase; MCL, mantle cell lymphoma; OS, overall survival.
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► Mantle cell lymphoma is a disease where patients have fewer options than patients with CLL. Covalent BTK inhibitor resistance in mantle cell lymphoma and other lymphomas is not completely understood. C481 mutations are uncommon, and bypass alterations and epigenetic changes are likely the more common mechanisms of resistance. And survival data following covalent BTK inhibitor is poor. And here you see several datasets presented. Median overall survival 2.9 months, 8.4 months, 5.46 months— this is a patient population with an extremely poor prognosis.

Phase 1/2 BRUIN Study: Design, Eligibility, and Enrollment

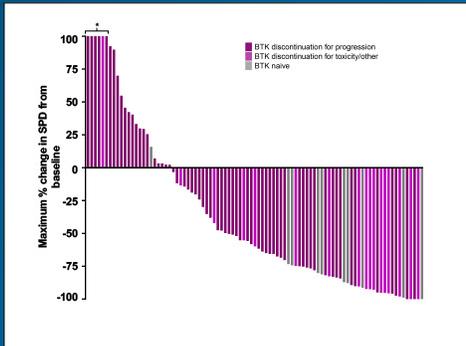


Data cutoff date July 16, 2021. *Efficacy evaluable patients are those who had at least one post-baseline response assessment or had discontinued treatment prior to first post-baseline response assessment. *Other includes diffuse large B-cell lymphoma, Waldenström macroglobulinemia, follicular lymphoma, marginal zone lymphoma, Richter's transformation, B-PLL, Hairy Cell Leukemia, PCNSL, and other transformation.
 BTK, Bruton tyrosine kinase; CLL, chronic lymphocytic leukemia; DoR, duration of response; ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; wCLL, International Workshop on Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia; IWWM, International Workshop on Waldenström's Macroglobulinemia; MCL, mantle cell lymphoma; MTD, maximum tolerated dose; NHL, non-Hodgkin lymphoma; ORR, overall response rate; QD, once daily; SLL, small lymphocytic leukemia.
 Wang et al. *Blood*. 2021;138:381.

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► The BRUIN trial treated 134 patients with mantle cell lymphoma with pirtobrutinib for an efficacy evaluable population, there are 111 patients of whom 100 had a prior BTK inhibitor.

Pirtobrutinib Efficacy in Mantle Cell Lymphoma



BTK Pre-Treated MCL Patients ^a		n = 100
Overall Response Rate^b, % (95% CI)	51% (41-61)	
Best Response		
CR, n (%)	25 (25)	
PR, n (%)	26 (26)	
SD, n (%)	16 (16)	
BTK Naive MCL Patients^a		
Overall Response Rate^b, % (95% CI)	82% (48-98)	n = 11
Best Response		
CR, n (%)	2 (18)	
PR, n (%)	7 (64)	
SD, n (%)	1 (9)	

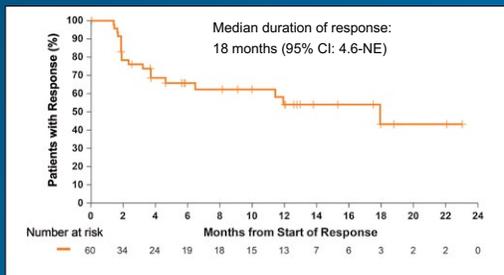
- Efficacy also seen in patients with prior:
 - Stem cell transplant (n = 28):
 - ORR 64% (95% CI 44-81)
 - CAR-T therapy (n = 6):
 - ORR 50% (95% CI 12-88)

Data cutoff date July 16, 2021. BTK, Bruton tyrosine kinase; CAR, chimeric antigen therapy; CR, complete response; MCL, mantle cell lymphoma; ORR, overall response rate; PR, partial response; SD, stable disease; SPD, sum of the products of diameters. Data for 20 MCL patients are not shown in the waterfall plot due to no measurable target lesions identified by CT at baseline, discontinuation prior to first response assessment, or lack of adequate imaging in follow-up. *Indicates patients with $\geq 100\%$ increase in SPD. ^aEfficacy evaluable patients are those who had at least one post-baseline response assessment or had discontinued treatment prior to first post-baseline response assessment. ^bORR includes patients with a best response of CR and PR. Response status per Lugano 2014 criteria based on investigator assessment. Total % may be different than the sum of the individual components due to rounding. Adapted from Wang et al. *Blood* 2021;138:381.

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► Here you see the waterfall plot where nearly every patient had a significant reduction in their lymph node volume. The overall response rate in the BTK inhibitor-pretreated population was 51%, and was 82% in the smaller subset that was BTK inhibitor naive.

Pirtobrutinib Duration of Response in Mantle Cell Lymphoma



- Median follow-up of 8.2 months (range, 1.0 - 27.9 months) for responding patients
- 60% (36 of 60) of responses are ongoing

Data cutoff date July 16, 2021. Response status per Lugano 2014 criteria based on investigator assessment. NE, not estimable. Wang et al. *Blood* 2021;138:381.

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► The median duration of response was reached at 18 months for responders with 60% of responses ongoing.

Mantle Cell Lymphoma Conclusions

- Pirtobrutinib demonstrates promising efficacy in patients with MCL previously treated with covalent BTK inhibitors, a population with extremely poor outcomes
- Favorable safety and tolerability are consistent with the design of pirtobrutinib as a highly selective and non-covalent BTK inhibitor
- **BRUIN MCL-321:** A randomized, global, phase 3 trial comparing pirtobrutinib with investigator's choice of covalent BTK inhibitors in BTK-naïve relapsed MCL is ongoing (NCT04662255)

BTK, Bruton tyrosine kinase; MCL, mantle cell lymphoma.

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▶ In conclusion for mantle cell lymphoma, pirtobrutinib demonstrates promising efficacy in patients previously treated with BTK inhibitors, a population with an extremely poor prognosis. Favorable safety and tolerability are consistent with the design of pirtobrutinib as I already highlighted in the CLL section. There's a randomized global phase 3 trial comparing pirtobrutinib with investigators choice of covalent BTK inhibitors, and BTK inhibitor-naïve relapsed mantle cell lymphoma—so essentially pirtobrutinib versus ibrutinib, acalabrutinib, or zanubrutinib.

Summary: Alternate Non-Covalent BTK Inhibitors

Intolerance

- Promising safety data with favorable AE profile and low discontinuation rates due to AEs
- Head-to-head comparison planned vs ibrutinib

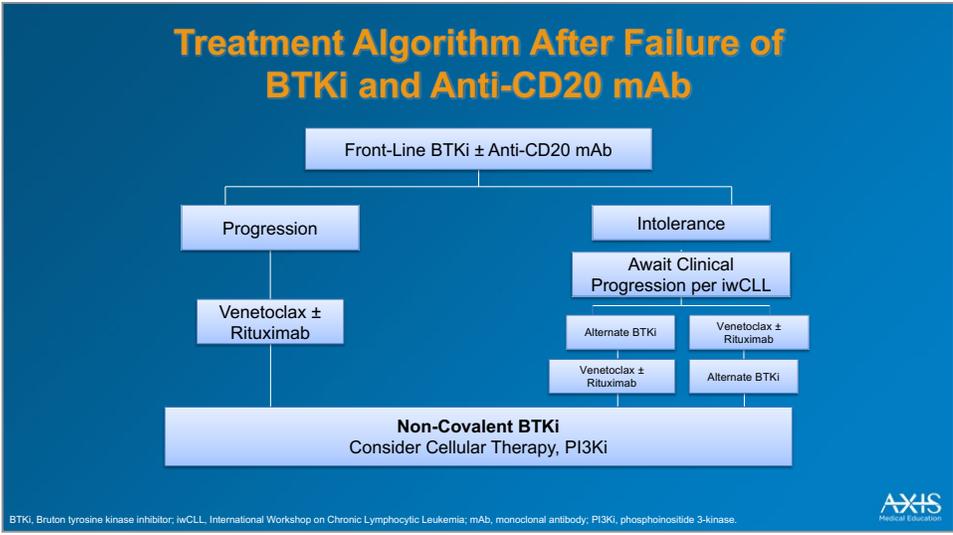
Resistance

- Promising phase 1-2 data suggestive reversible BTKis can overcome *BTK* C481 mutant CLL and possible other cBTKi mechanisms of resistance

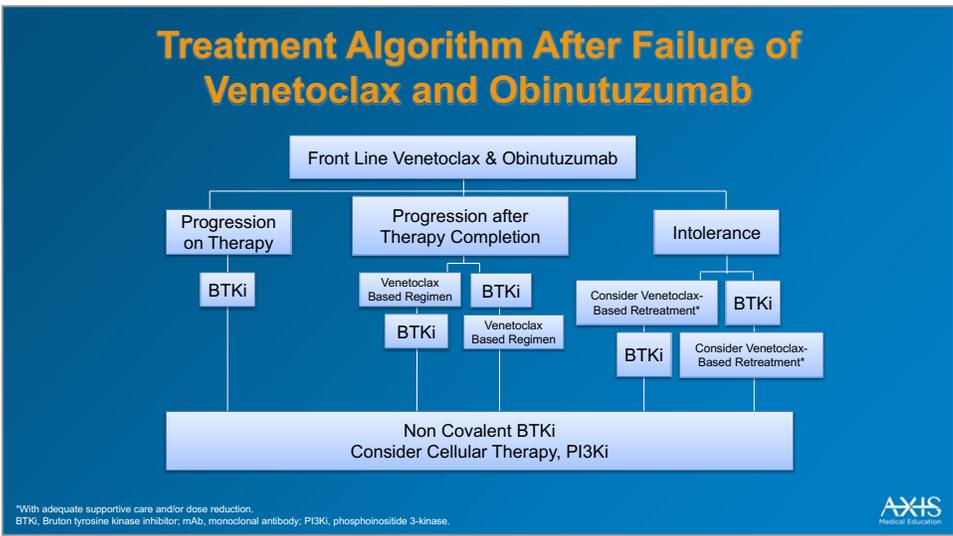
AEs, adverse events; BTKi, Bruton tyrosine kinase inhibitor; cBTKi, covalent BTKi; CLL, chronic lymphocytic leukemia.

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▶ Here are the summary data for the non-covalent BTK inhibitors. In terms of intolerance, we have promising safety data with favorable adverse event profile and low discontinuation rate due to adverse events. This is particularly true of pirtobrutinib with a head-to-head comparison planned versus ibrutinib. In terms of resistance, we have promising phase 1/2 data suggesting reversible BTK inhibitors can overcome C481 mutant CLL and possibly other mechanisms of resistance.



► Here is a sequencing algorithm for patients who start with a covalent BTK inhibitor and then may discontinue either due to progression or intolerance. Right now, I've included non-covalent BTK inhibitors on the algorithm where they approved, but certainly the trials that I've highlighted provide opportunity to move this class of agents up to even higher levels in the relapsed/refractory or frontline settings.



► Here is a sequencing algorithm that includes venetoclax and obinutuzumab, focusing on the reasons for discontinuation and incorporation of current therapies, where you can see non-covalent BTK inhibitors can easily fit into the third-line setting with more modern trials potentially moving this up to earlier lines of therapy.

Case Example

- A 64-year-old woman presents to your clinic with a history of Rai Stage III (Binet Stage C) del 17p CLL diagnosed 8 years ago
 - Treated initially with fludarabine, cyclophosphamide, and rituximab
 - Disease relapse occurred 5 years later and was treated with single-agent ibrutinib for 9 months
 - Discontinued secondary to persistent headaches, vomiting, and diarrhea
 - She was then switched to venetoclax plus obinutuzumab
 - Eventually discontinued because of refractory pancytopenia
 - Her absolute lymphocyte count is 135K/mL, her hemoglobin level is 9.2 g/dL, and her platelet count is 78K
 - She has palpable lymphadenopathy in both axilla and a large left neck mass
 - She also complains of drenching night sweats and unintentional weight loss of 20 pounds in the past 3 months
 - She prefers oral medications to IV drugs and would prefer not to lose her hair
- Mindful of her preferences, what is the most appropriate and potentially most efficacious treatment to offer this patient?
 - a) Single-agent idelalisib
 - b) Restart venetoclax
 - c) Chlorambucil
 - d) Acalabrutinib
 - e) Unsure

▶ I also want to discuss a case today. This is a 64-year-old woman who presents to your clinic with a history of stage 3 CLL deletion 17p. CLL was diagnosed 8 years ago and treated initially with fludarabine, cyclophosphamide, and rituximab. She experienced disease relapse 5 years later and then was treated with ibrutinib for 9 months; however, ibrutinib was

discontinued in the setting of adverse events, specifically headaches, vomiting, and diarrhea. She was then switched to venetoclax plus obinutuzumab, but this was discontinued also due to pancytopenia. Now disease is progressing following discontinuation. She has a high white blood cell count, decreased hemoglobin and platelet count, palpable lymphadenopathy at several

locations, and drenching night sweats. She's also lost 20 pounds in the previous 3 months. After you've ruled out Richter transformation, you decide she needs CLL-directed therapy. She's only interested in oral medications, not IV, and so you are mindful of her preferences, and consider the following choices: single-agent idelalisib, rechallenge with venetoclax, chlorambucil, or acalabrutinib.

Case Example, Cont.

- The patient is started on oral acalabrutinib (100 mg PO q 12 hours)
- Minor headaches develop that are readily controlled with acetaminophen
- She reports no diarrhea or nausea
- However, her lymphocyte count remains elevated after 6 months of treatment and her B-symptoms have persisted
- Molecular testing discloses a *BTK* C481 mutation
- Which of the following treatment options would you recommend?
 - a) Oral chlorambucil
 - b) Enroll in a phase 2 clinical trial with zanubrutinib plus obinutuzumab
 - c) Enroll in a phase 2 clinic trial with single-agent pirtobrutinib
 - d) Refer to a transplant center for autologous stem cell transplant
 - e) Unsure

▶ In this setting, the patient chooses acalabrutinib, which is a completely reasonable option given that it is all oral and that she discontinued ibrutinib in the setting of intolerance. She has minor headaches on acalabrutinib but gets over that with acetaminophen. She has no nausea or diarrhea. However, 15 months later, progressive lymphadenopathy and B symptoms develop, and molecular testing reveals a C481 mutation.

So now we have some other options to explore. Oral chlorambucil, enrollment on a trial looking at zanubrutinib

plus obinutuzumab, enrollment on a trial looking at pirtobrutinib, referral for transplantation. I'll just go through these choices and give you my opinion.

Oral chlorambucil is not a standard of care in this setting. Chemotherapy in general has not been tested in these patients who have been receiving prior targeted therapies. Chlorambucil is a medicine whose time has passed. It was introduced in the mid-1950s. This would not be a viable option. Zanubrutinib also would not be an option here particularly because of the C481 mutation.

This really renders the class of covalent inhibitors to be ineffective. Pirtobrutinib would be an excellent option here. This patient is similar to the patient population studied in the BRUIN trial, and therefore we would expect to see the same results or similar results to what I presented. Transplantation particularly allogeneic transplant, could be considered in a young, fit patient, but the disease needs to be controlled initially anyway, so you need an agent like pirtobrutinib to do so. And then you could consider that, but I wouldn't consider that the treatment option at this time.



Thank You

Thank you for participating in this activity!

- ▶ Thank you so much for participating in this activity.

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