

Current Evidence in Management of CLL & Future Direction



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Treatments for CLL Treatment Evolution



2014-

BTK inhibitors (Ibrutinib, Acalabrutinib) PI3K inhibitors (Idelalisib, Duvelisib) BCL-2 inhibitors (Venetoclax) Novel CD20 mAb (Obinutuzumab)

Evolving Treatment Paradigm

Chemoimmunotherapy era

- FCR (young fit)
- BR / Chlorambucil-based (older adults)

Targeted Therapies era

- FCR (young fit *IGHV*-m)
- Targeted therapies (all others)

Current Standard Rx of CLL



Adapted from Jain N, O'Brien S. Cancer J. 2019;25(6):374-377.

YOUNG 'FIT' PTS (FCR ELIGIBLE)

Firstline Treatment with FCR

Response	# Pts	%	
CR	217	(72)	
Nodular PR	31	(10)	> 95%
PR	37	(12)	J
No Response	13	(4)	
Early Death	2	(1)	

Keating et al. J Clin Oncol. 2005;23(18):4079-88.

CLL10: PFS Better with FCR



Median PFS FCR 55.2 months vs. BR 41.7 months p= 0.0003

Eichhorst et al. Lancet Oncol. 2016;17(7):928-942.

Update From the E1912 Trial Comparing Ibrutinib & Rituximab to FCR in Younger Patients with Previously Untreated Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (CLL)

Tait Shanafelt, Xin Victoria Wang, Neil E. Kay, Susan O'Brien, Jacqueline Barrientos , Curt Hanson, Harry Erba, Rich Stone, Mark Litzow, Marty Tallman



Study design



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Median follow-up 48 months

Progression Free Survival





Progression Free Survival: IGHV Status





Overall Survival





Favorable Long-term PFS with First-line FCR in *IGHV*-M Subgroup



Thompson et al. Blood. 2016;127(3):303-9.



Ibrutinib, Fludarabine, Cyclophosphamide, and Obinutuzumab (iFCG) for First-line Treatment of *IGHV*-mutated CLL without del(17p)/mutated *TP53*

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iFCG Trial Rationale

Higher U-MRD will improve PFS and OS

Obinutuzumab: higher U-MRD than rituximab (CLL11)
Ibrutinib with CIT: higher U-MRD (HELIOS trial)

Reducing chemo may lower t-MDS/AML

– Number of FC cycles reduced from 6 to 3

iFCG Phase II Clinical Trial

- Investigator-initiated phase II trial
- First-line treatment
- IGHV-M CLL
- No del(17p) or TP53 mutation
- iFCG regimen
 - -lbrutinib
 - -Fludarabine
 - -Cyclophosphamide
 - -Obinutuzumab (GA101)

iFCG: Study Design

iFCG 3 courses

Ibrutinib 9 courses (all pts)

Obinutuzumab 3 courses (CR/CRi with BM U-MRD4) or Obinutuzumab 9 courses (PR or BM MRD^{pos})

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After 12 courses BM U-MRD4 \rightarrow stop ibrutinib BM MRD^{pos} \rightarrow continue ibrutinib

Baseline Characteristics (N=45)

	n (%) or me	dian [range]
Age, yrs		60 [25-71]
Gender, M		35 (78)
Rai stage	0 I-II III-IV	1 (2) 22 (49) 22 (49)
ALC, K/μL PLT, K/μL HGB, g/dL		52.9 [1.5-208] 120 [62-292] 11.9 [8.5-15.6]
B2M, mg/L		2.7 [1.3-8.1]
FISH	Del(13q) Trisomy 12 Negative Del(11q)	31 (69) 7 (16) 6 (13) 1 (2)
Cytogenetics (n=39)	Diploid	27 (69)
Mutations (n=39)	MYD88 SF3B1 NOTCH1 BIRC3	5 (13) 3 (8) 1 (3) 1 (3)

* 1 pt was later reclassified as IGHV-UM

Best Response (N=45) Intent to Treat



CR/CRi % BM U-MRD4 %

BM-UMRD4 in *IGHV-M* after C6

Trial	Regimen	Ν	BM U-MRD4 %	
			Evaluable	ITT
	FCR x6	88	51	40
MDACC ²	FCR x6	82	56	34
CLL8 ³	FCR x6	113	50	13
CLL10 ^₄	FCR x6	123	62	28
GREEN⁵	FCG x6	37	67	38
DFCI ⁶	iFCR x6	33	79	79
MDACC	iFCG x3 \rightarrow iG x3	45	95	89

¹Keating, JCO 2005; ¹Tam, Blood 2008; ¹Thompson, Blood 2016; ²Strati, Blood 2014; ³Hallek, Lancet 2010; ³Bottcher, JCO 2012, ⁴Eichhorst, Lancet Onc 2016; ⁴Personal communication Barbara Eichhorst, GCLLSG; ⁵Bosch, Leukemia 2019; ⁶Davids, Lancet Haematol 2019.

PFS and OS for all Pts (N=45)



No patient had disease progression 1 patient with MRD relapse

PATIENTS ≥65 YRS (FCR INELIGIBLE)

RESONATE-2 (PCYC-1115/1116) Study Design



*Patients could enroll in separate extension study PCYC-1116 after independent review committee-confirmed PD or at study PCYC-1115 closure for continuing treatment and follow-up.

Burger et al. Leukemia. 2019 Oct 18

RESONATE 2, 5-yr Follow-up



Burger et al. Leukemia. 2019 Oct 18

RESONATE 2, 5-yr Follow-up



Burger et al. Leukemia. 2019 Oct 18

RESONATE 2, 5-yr Follow-up



Burger et al. SOHO Annual Meeting, 2019



Ibrutinib alone or in combination with rituximab produces superior progression free survival (PFS) compared with bendamustine plus rituximab in untreated older patients with chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL): Results of Alliance North American Intergroup Study A041202

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> ASH 2018 Plenary Abstract Woyach et al. N Engl J Med. 2018 Dec 27;379(26):2517-2528.

Treatment Schema



Stratification

- High risk vs intermediate risk Rai Stage
- Presence vs absence of del(11q22.3) or del(17p13.1) on FISH performed locally
- < 20% vs ≥ 20% Zap-70 methylation of CpG 3 performed centrally

Woyach et al. N Engl J Med. 2018 Dec 27;379(26):2517-2528.

Primary Endpoint: Progression Free Survival Eligible Patient Population



<u>I vs BR:</u> Hazard Ratio 0.39 95% CI: 0.26-0.58 (1-sided P-value <0.001)

<u>IR vs BR:</u> Hazard Ratio 0.38 95% CI: 0.25-0.59 (1-sided P-value <0.001)

<u>IR vs I:</u> Hazard Ratio 1.00 95% CI: 0.62-1.62 (1-sided P-value 0.49)

Woyach et al. N Engl J Med. 2018 Dec 27;379(26):2517-2528.

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Phase 3 Study of Acalabrutinib Combined With Obinutuzumab or Alone vs Obinutuzumab Plus Chlorambucil in Patients With Treatment-Naive Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia: Results From ELEVATE TN

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ELEVATE TN Study Design (ACE-CL-007)



 Interim analysis was planned based on events (after occurrence of ~111 IRC-assessed PFS events in the combination therapy arms) or after 24 months if the required number of events was not met by this time

Acala, acalabrutinib; CIRS, Cumulative Illness Rating Scale; ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; IRC, independent review committee; IV, intravenously; OS, overall survival; PO, orally

IRC-Assessed Progression-Free Survival Median follow-up 28.3 months



Kaplan-Meier estimates performed by IRC and all analyses for the intention-to-treat population. No. of events: Acala-G, 14 (7.8%); Acala, 26 (14.5%); G-Clb, 93 (52.5%) ^aPost hoc analysis.

Richter's transformation occurred in: Acala-G n=1, Acala n=5, G-Clb n=1

Events of Clinical Interest for Acalabrutinib

AEs, n (%)	Acala-G N=178		Acalabrutinib N=179		G-Clb N=169	
	Any	Grade ≥3	Any	Grade ≥3	Any	Grade ≥3
Atrial fibrillation	6 (3.4)	1 (0.6)	7 (3.9)	0	1 (0.6)	0
Hypertension	13 (7.3)	5 (2.8)	8 (4.5)	4 (2.2)	6 (3.6)	5 (3.0)
Bleeding	76 (42.7)	3 (1.7)	70 (39.1)	3 (1.7)	20 (11.8)	0
Major bleeding ^a	5 (2.8) ^b	3 (1.7)	3 (1.7) ^c	3 (1.7)	2 (1.2) ^d	0
Infections	123 (69.1)	37 (20.8)	117 (65.4)	25 (14.0)	74 (43.8)	14 (8.3)
Second primary malignancies, excluding NMSC	10 (5.6) ^e	6 (3.4)	5 (2.8) ^f	2 (1.1)	3 (1.8) ^g	2 (1.2)

There were no reported events of ventricular tachyarrhythmias

^aDefined as any serious or grade \geq 3 hemorrhagic event, or any grade hemorrhagic event in the central nervous system. ^bIncludes gastric ulcer hemorrhage, gastrointestinal hemorrhage, hematemesis, postprocedural hemorrhage, and subdural hemorrhage. ^cIncludes hemarthrosis, postprocedural hematoma, and retinal hemorrhage. ^dIncludes subdural hemorrhage and hemoptysis. ^eIncludes non-small cell lung cancer (n=2), squamous cell carcinoma (n=2), basosquamous carcinoma, bladder transitional cell carcinoma, breast cancer, gastric cancer stage IV, metastases to bone, prostate cancer, and renal cell carcinoma (all n=1). ^fIncludes prostate cancer (n=2), glioblastoma, malignant melanoma in situ, transitional cell carcinoma (all n=1). ^gIncludes prostate cancer, acute myelomonocytic leukemia, and lung adenocarcinoma (all n=1) NMSC, nonmelanoma skin cancer

Ibrutinib leads to impressive PFS in Firstline setting

Indefinite Therapy

Low CR (10% 1-yr, 30% 5-yr)

U-MRD Extremely Rare

What else is exciting in firstline therapy for CLL?

Time Limited Therapies (1-2 yr) High CR rate / High U-MRD

CLL14: VEN + G vs. Chlorambucil + G



Fischer K et al. NEJM. 2019 Jun 6;380(23):2225-2236.



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•CLL14



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Undetectable MRD by ASO-PCR	Venetoclax- Obinutuzumab	Chlorambucil- Obinutuzumab	<i>P</i> value
Number of patients, N	216	216	
Peripheral blood			
Undetectable (<10-4)	76 %	35 %	< 0.001
Undetectable (<10 ⁻⁴) in complete response	42 %	14 %	< 0.001
Bone marrow			
Undetectable (<10 ⁻⁴)	57 %	17 %	< 0.001
Undetectable (<10 ⁻⁴) in complete response	34 %	11 %	< 0.001

By ASO-PCR 3 months after completion of treatment Concordance BM vs. Blood: 86.8% for both treatment groups

Fischer K et al. NEJM. 2019 Jun 6;380(23):2225-2236.

GRADE 3 OR 4 ADVERSE EVENTS

	Venetoclax-	Chlorambucil-
	Obinutuzumab	Obinutuzumab
Number of patients, N	212*	214
Blood and lymphatic system disorders	60 %	55 %
Neutropenia	53 %	48 %
Thrombocytopenia	14 %	15 %
Anemia	8 %	7 %
Febrile neutropenia	5 %	4 %
Injury, poisoning and procedural comp.	12 %	14 %
Infusion-related reaction	9 %	10 %
Infections and infestations	18 %	15 %
Pneumonia	4 %	4 %
Investigations	15 %	11 %
Neutrophil counts decreased	4 %	5 %
Metabolism and nutrition disorders**	12 %	6 %

* Nine patients received obinutuzumab only; ** Two-sided P value was 0.02

Fischer K et al. NEJM. 2019 Jun 6;380(23):2225-2236.

CLL-14

CLL14, VEN + G RESONATE-2, lbr





3 yr PFS ≈ 82%

Median age 72 IGHV-UM 61% Del(17p) 9% CIRS >6 86%



Median age 73 IGHV-UM 48% Del(17p) 0% CIRS >6 31%

Pros and Cons of Available Treatment Approaches

Ibrutinib	Acalabrutinib	Venetoclax + Obinutuzumab
 Pro Longer follow-up 	 Pro Reduced off-target effects 	 Pro Time-limited duration Higher CR/uMRD
 Con Indefinite duration Low CR/uMRD Atrial fibrillation, bleeding 	 Con Shorter follow-up Indefinite duration Low CR/uMRD 	 Con Shorter follow-up TLS logistics IV administration of obinutuzumab Neutropenia

BCR vs. BCL2 Inhibitors

	BCR Inhibitor (Ibrutinib)	BCL2 Inhibitor (Venetoclax)
Response	Blood ++ LN +++ Marrow +	Blood +++ LN ++ Marrow +++
Lymphocytosis	+++	-
CR in R/R CLL	10%	20-25%
AE profile	Atrial fibrillation, neutropenia, bleeding	TLS, neutropenia



THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS MDANDERSON CANCER CENTER Combined Ibrutinib and Venetoclax for First-Line Treatment for Patients with Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (CLL)

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Ibrutinib and Venetoclax

Investigator-initiated phase II trial

- Patients with treatment-naïve CLL/SLL with at least one feature:
 - Del(17p) or mutated TP53
 - Del(11q)
 - Unmutated IGHV
 - Age ≥65 yrs

Treatment Schema

	C1	C2	C3	C4>27
Ibrutinib	420mg daily	420mg daily	420mg daily	420mg daily
Venetoclax	-	-	-	20mg daily 1 week; 50mg daily 1 week; 100mg daily 1 week; 200mg daily 1 week; 400mg daily continuous

Duration of therapy: <u>24 cycles</u> of combination treatment

If BM MRD+ at 24 cycles, ibrutinib alone continues until PD

IBR + VEN in TN CLL, ASH 2019, Abs 34

Baseline Characteristics (N=80)

		n (%) or median [range]
Age, years		65 [26-83]
5,7	≥65	43 (54)
	≥70	24 (30)
Gender, M		57 (71)
ALC, K/µL		75.6 [1.14-338]
PLT, K/µL		130 [28-334]
HGB, g/dL		11.6 [7.7-15.8]
B2M, mg/L		3.5 [1.7-13.7]
FISH	Del(17p)	14 (18)
	Del(11q)	20 (25)
	Trisomy 12	17 (21)
	Negative	10 (12)
	Del(13q)	19 (24)
<i>IGHV</i> status (n=76)	Unmutated	63 (83)
Cytogenetics (n=78)	Complex	12 (15)
	Diploid	32 (41)
Mutations (n=79)	TP53	11 (14)
	NOTCH1	22 (28)
	SF3B1	18 (23)
	BIRC3	5 (6)

92% pts had either unmutated IGHV, TP53 aberration or del(11q)

VEN +IBR, Responses Improve with Ongoing Therapy



Jain N et al. NEJM. 2019 May 30;380(22):2095-2103.

IBR + VEN in TN CLL, ASH 2019, Abs 34

BM MRD4 Responses at Serial Time-Points



Ibrutinib Plus Venetoclax for First-Line Treatment of Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia/Small Lymphocytic Lymphoma: Results From the MRD Cohort of the Phase 2 CAPTIVATE Study

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CAPTIVATE-MRD Cohort: Study Design



- Results presented for prerandomization phase of the CAPTIVATE-MRD cohort (N=164) with 12 cycles of ibrutinib + venetoclax prior to MRD-guided randomization
- Time-limited therapy with 12 cycles of ibrutinib + venetoclax to be evaluated in separate fixed-duration cohort (N=159)

ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; iwCLL, International Workshop on Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia.

^a1 cycle = 28 days; patients may have received 1 additional cycle while awaiting confirmation of undetectable MRD for randomization. ^bStratified by *IGHV* mutation status. ^cConfirmed as having undetectable MRD (<10⁻⁴ by 8-color flow cytometry) serially over at least 3 cycles in PB, and undetectable MRD in both PB and BM. ^dDefined as having detectable MRD or undetectable MRD not confirmed serially or not confirmed in both PB and BM. 1. Hallek M et al. *Blood*. 2008:111:5446-5456.

High Rates of Undetectable MRD Achieved in PB and BM With Up to 12 Cycles of Combination

	Peripheral Blood n=163	Bone Marrow ^a n=155
Undetectable MRD in evaluable patients^b	75%	72%
(95% Cl)	(67-81)	(64-79)

- In patients with undetectable MRD at cycle 16 in peripheral blood with matched bone marrow samples,
 93% had undetectable MRD in both peripheral blood and bone marrow
- In the intention-to-treat population (N=164), undetectable MRD was achieved in 74% of patients in peripheral blood and in <u>68% of patients in bone marrow</u> with up to 12 cycles of combination

^aBM MRD assessment was scheduled after completion of 12 cycles of combination treatment.

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^bPatients with undetectable MRD at any postbaseline assessment; evaluable patients are those who had at least 1 MRD sample taken postbaseline.

Selected First-line Phase III Trials

Trial		Randomization arms			
Iriai	N	Control		Investigational Arm	
UK FLAIR	1576	FCR	lbr + R	lbr	Ven + Ibr
CLL13	920	FCR / BR	Ven + G	Ven + R	Ven + Ibr + G
ACE-CL-311	780	FCR / BR	Acala + Ven	Acala + Ven + G	
CLL GLOW	200	Clb + G	Ven + Ibr		
EA9161	720	lbr + G	lbr + G + Ven		
A041702	454	lbr + G	lbr + G + Ven		
CLL17	?	lbr	Ven + G	Ven + Ibr	

Unanswered Questions?

- What's the ideal firstline combination?
 - BCL2i + CD20 mAb
 - BCL2i + BTKi
 - BCL2i + BTKi + CD20 mAb
- Ideal treatment duration (can we stop Rx?)

• R/R CLL

Reversible BTKi (LOXO-305, SNS-062, ARQ-531)
CAR-T

CLL AND COVID-19

Management of CLL Patient

- No CLL specific data available at this time
- Given immunosuppression, we assume pts with CLL at high risk of severe complications
- Prevention: 'Social Distancing'
 Follow State/Country specific guidelines

CLL Patient: Not on active therapy

- Include
 - Early stage CLL on clinical observation
 - Patient with prior therapy (not on active Rx currently)
- Avoid 'routine' clinic / hospital visits
- Phone call / Telemedicine

CLL Patient: About to start therapy

- Include
 - Patients with CLL, about to initiate first or subsequent line of therapy
- Consider deferring therapy, if possible for at least 3 months
- If unavoidable, prefer non-

myelosuppressive therapy

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CLL Patient: Patients on active therapy

Include

 Patients with CLL receiving chemoimmunotherapy or targeted therapies

- Continue therapy for these patients
- Try to limit hospital / clinic visits

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CLL Patient: Patients on are COVID-19+

- For most pts, should be able to hold
 CLL treatment temporarily
- Follow the institutional guidelines for management of COVID+ pts
- May consider IVIG, if low (not to Rx COVID-19, but to prevent secondary infections)

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