

# Updates & Impacts: Treating Heme Malignancies in 2022: CLL ASH Updates

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# ASH 2021: Data for Review

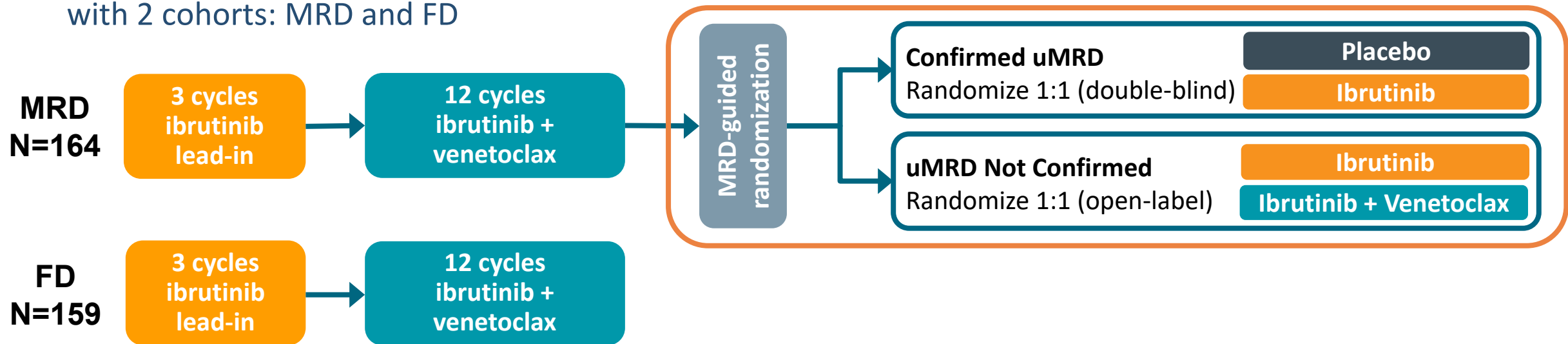
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2. **GLOW**
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# First-Line Treatment With Ibrutinib Plus Venetoclax for CLL: 2-Year Post-randomization Disease-Free Survival Results From the Minimal Residual Disease Cohort of the Phase 2 CAPTIVATE Study

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# Phase 2 CAPTIVATE Study

- CAPTIVATE (PCYC-1142) is an international, multicenter phase 2 study evaluating first-line treatment with 3 cycles of ibrutinib followed by 12 cycles of combined ibrutinib + venetoclax with 2 cohorts: MRD and FD



- Primary analyses of both cohorts have been previously reported<sup>1,2</sup>
- Presented are updated results from the MRD cohort, with median time on study: 38.2 months (range, 15.0–47.9)
  - Median postrandomization follow-up: 24.0 months (range, 5.8–33.1)



# MRD Cohort: Patient Disposition and Randomization

**Best MRD response after 12 cycles ibrutinib + venetoclax prerandomization**

- 74% uMRD in PB
- 68% uMRD in BM

**Enrolled to CAPTIVATE MRD Cohort  
N=164**

**Eligible for randomization  
n=149<sup>a</sup>**

**Not eligible for randomization (n=15)**

- 5 patients discontinued during ibrutinib lead-in
- 10 patients discontinued during ibrutinib + venetoclax combination

**Confirmed uMRD defined as uMRD ( $<10^{-4}$  by 8-color flow cytometry) over  $\geq 2$  assessments  $\geq 3$  months apart and in both PB and BM**

**Confirmed uMRD: 86/149 (58%)**

**uMRD Not Confirmed<sup>b</sup>: 63/149 (42%)**

**Randomize 1:1**  
*Stratified by IGHV status*

**Placebo (n=43)**

Median follow-up: 38.0 months

**Ibrutinib (n=43)**

Median follow-up: 39.6 months

**Randomize 1:1**  
*Stratified by IGHV status*

**Ibrutinib (n=31)**

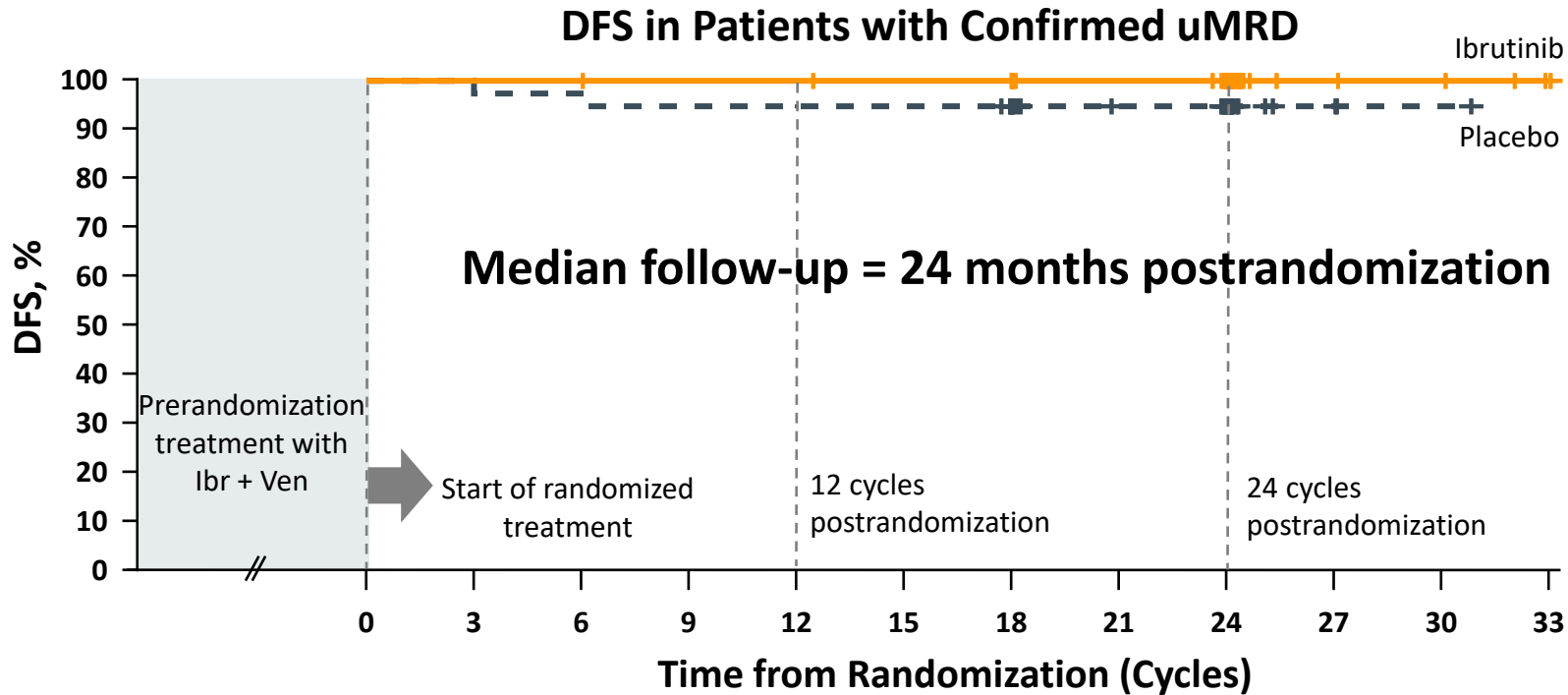
Median follow-up: 39.2 months

**Ibrutinib + Venetoclax (n=32)**

Median follow-up: 37.9 months

<sup>a</sup>Includes 1 patient who discontinued venetoclax but completed planned treatment with ibrutinib. <sup>b</sup>Did not meet criteria for uMRD because of detectable MRD in PB and/or BM or undetectable MRD in PB that was not confirmed at consecutive assessments.

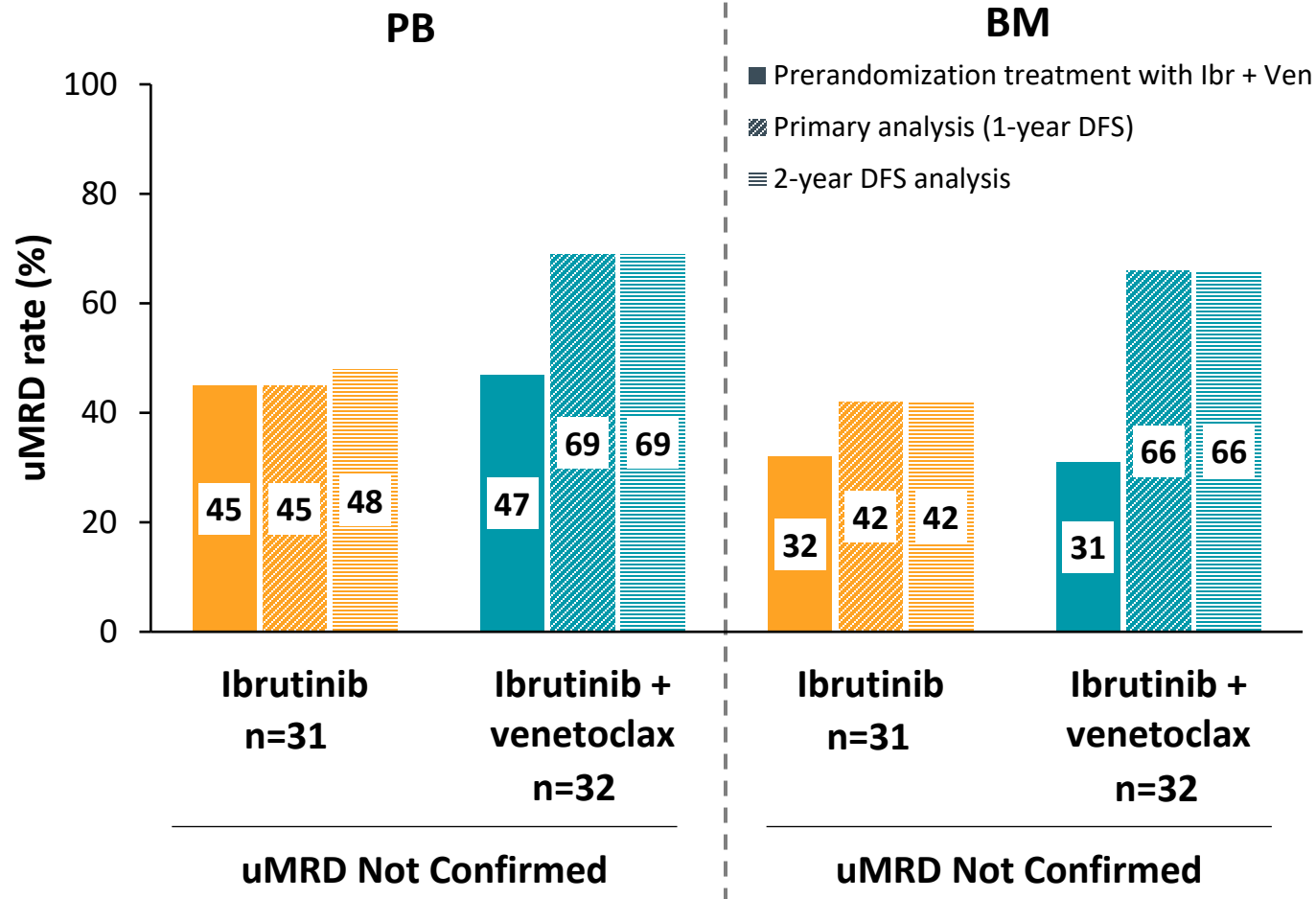
# No New DFS Events Occurred Since Primary Analysis



	Placebo	Ibrutinib
<b>2-year DFS rate</b>	<b>95.3</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Arm difference, % (95% CI)</b>	<b>4.7 (-1.6 to 10.9)</b>	
<b>Log-rank <i>P</i>-value</b>	<b>0.1573</b>	

- DFS was defined as freedom from MRD relapse ( $\geq 10^{-2}$  confirmed on 2 separate occasions) and without PD or death starting from randomization after 15 cycles of treatment
- In the additional year of follow-up since the 1-year DFS primary analysis, no new MRD relapses, PD, or deaths occurred in patients with confirmed uMRD randomized to ibrutinib or placebo

# Best uMRD Rates Improved With Further Treatment in uMRD Not Confirmed Population



- Greatest uMRD rate improvements occurred during the first year of randomized treatment
  - Greater improvements with ibrutinib + venetoclax than with ibrutinib
  - Suggests possible need for further therapy duration to maximize benefit
- Improvements in uMRD rates were similar between patients achieving CR or PR



# Retreatment Data From the MRD Placebo Arm and FD Cohorts

- 12 patients progressed after FD treatment<sup>a</sup> with ibrutinib + venetoclax retreated with single-agent ibrutinib
  - Median follow-up on retreatment: 4.9 months (range, 0.0–27.6)
  - Of 9 patients with available response, all have PR; 3 patients have pending responses
  - 8 of 9 had high-risk features

Patient	Cohort	Baseline high-risk features				Response to fixed-duration Ibr + Ven	
		del(17p)	TP53 mutated	Unmutated IGHV	Complex karyotype	PFS (months)	Best response
1	FD	No	No	Yes	No	36.5	CR
2	FD	No	No	Yes	Yes	27.6	CR
3	FD	Yes	No	No	No	28.5	CRi
4	FD	No	No	No	Yes	30.4	PR
5	FD	No	No	No	No	27.4	PR
6	FD	No	No	No	Yes	22.0	PR
7	MRD-placebo	No	No	Yes	No	20.3	PR
8	MRD-placebo	No	No	Yes	No	19.4	PR
9	FD	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	16.6	PR

<sup>a</sup>MRD cohort placebo arm and FD cohort.

# Summary

- With an additional year of follow-up since the primary analysis, there were no new MRD relapses, PD, or deaths in patients with confirmed uMRD treated with placebo or ibrutinib
  - The 2-year DFS rate with fixed-duration treatment (randomized to placebo) was maintained at 95%
- Early data suggest that patients who progress after fixed-duration treatment with ibrutinib + venetoclax can be successfully retreated with single-agent ibrutinib; but much more data is required!
- With median study follow-up of 38 months, AEs remained consistent with known profiles for single-agent ibrutinib and venetoclax; no new safety signals emerged

# First Prospective Data on Minimal Residual Disease (MRD) Outcomes After Fixed-Duration Ibrutinib Plus Venetoclax (Ibr+Ven) Versus Chlorambucil Plus Obinutuzumab (Clb+O) for First-Line Treatment of CLL in Elderly or Unfit Patients: The GLOW Study

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# GLOW: Ibrutinib + Venetoclax vs Obinutuzumab + Chlorambucil

## Eligibility criteria:

- Untreated CLL
- Aged  $\geq 65$  yr or  $< 65$  yr with CIRS  $> 6$  or CrCl  $< 70$  mL/min
- No del(17p) or TP53 mutation
- ECOG PS 0-2

Ibrutinib 420 mg PO QD x 3 cycles,  
Ibrutinib + Venetoclax 12 cycles  
(n = 106)

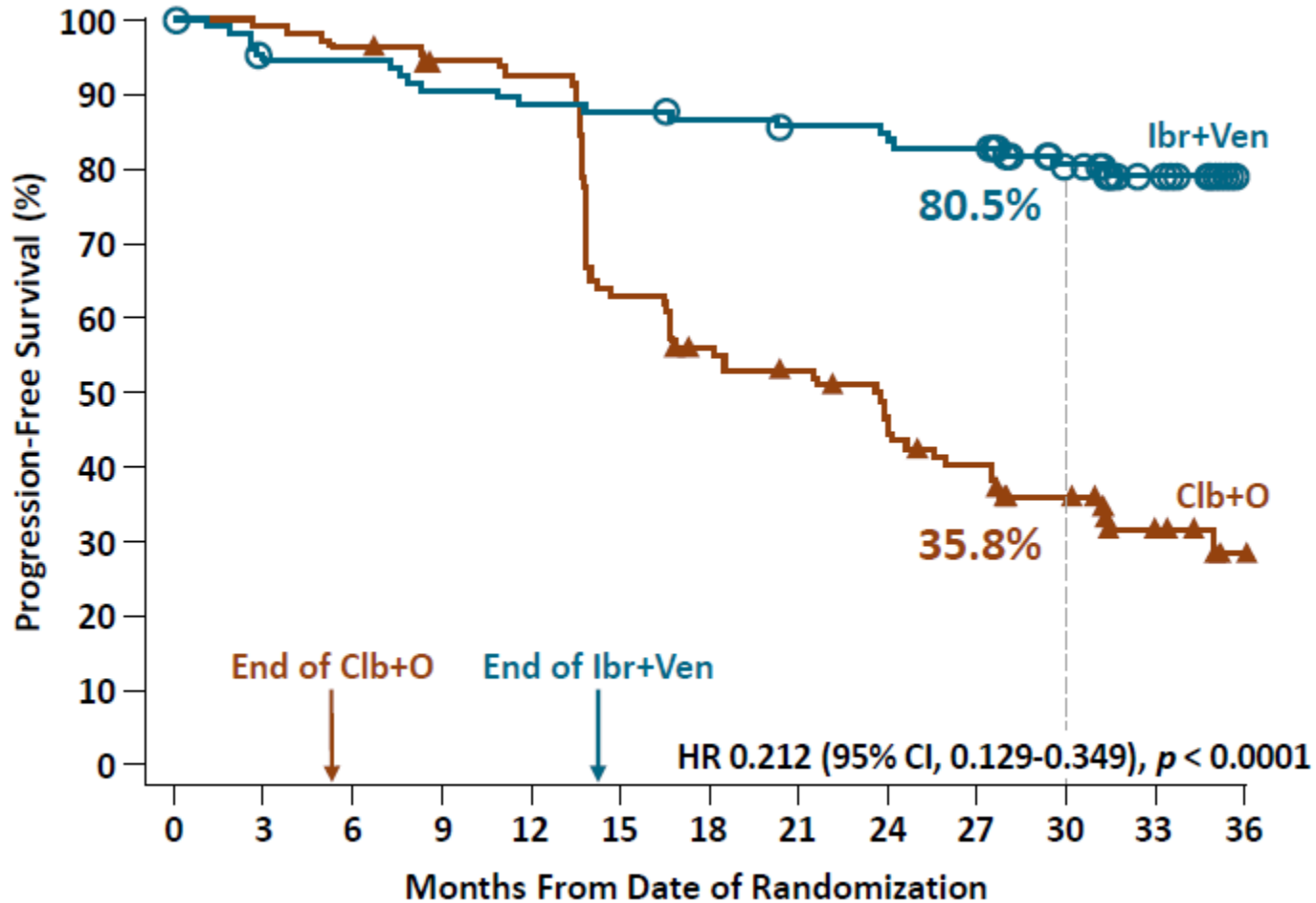
Chlorambucil 0.5 mg/kg on D1, 15 +  
Obinutuzumab 1000 mg x 6 cycles  
(n = 105)

If IRC-confirmed PD  
and active disease  
requiring tx, eligible  
for single-agent  
ibrutinib

- Primary endpoint: PFS per IRC
  - 71 PFS events to detect effect size with HR of 0.5 (80% power, 2-sided  $\alpha = 0.05$ )

- Key secondary endpoints: uMRD in BM, CR rate per IRC, ORR per IRC, OS, safety

# GLOW: Progression-Free Survival



Primary PFS at 27.7 months  
PFS HR = 0.216

Updated PFS at 34.1 months  
PFS hazard ratio = 0.212;  $p < 0.0001$

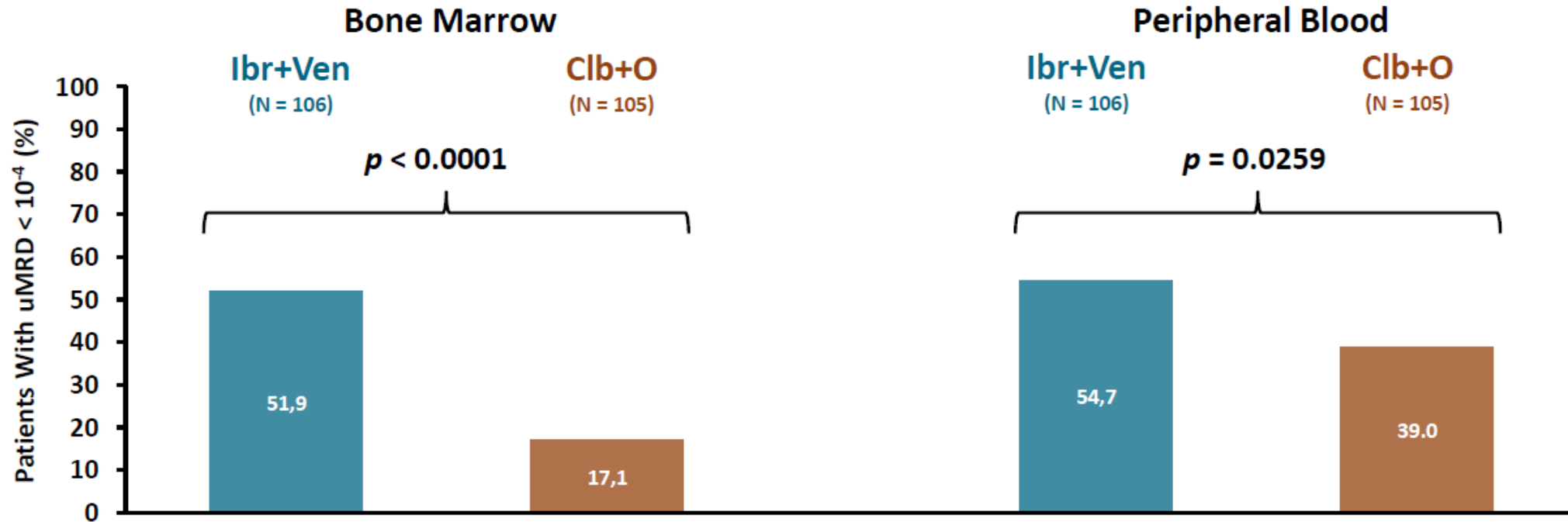
30-months PFS:

Ibr+Ven: 80.5%

Clb+O: 35.8%

OS: hazard ratio = 0.76 (0.35-1.64)

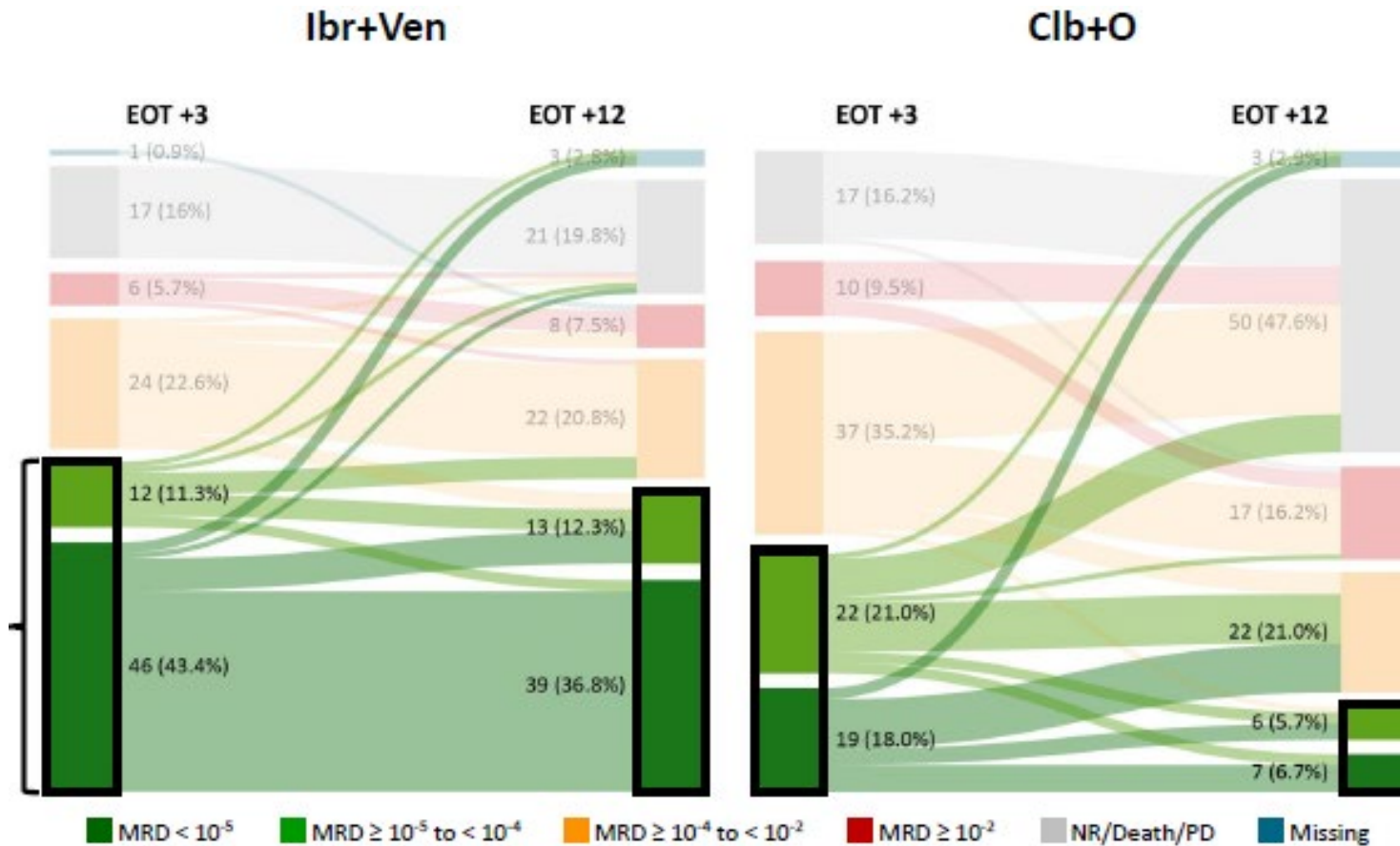
# GLOW: uMRD at EOT+3



- Rate of uMRD was significantly higher with Ibr+Ven vs Clb+O in BM and PB
- uMRD concordance in PB/BM: **92.9%** for Ibr+Ven vs **43.6%** for Clb+O



# uMRD PB Rates: EOT+3 to EOT+12



Sustained uMRD seen in:

Ibr+Ven: 80.4%

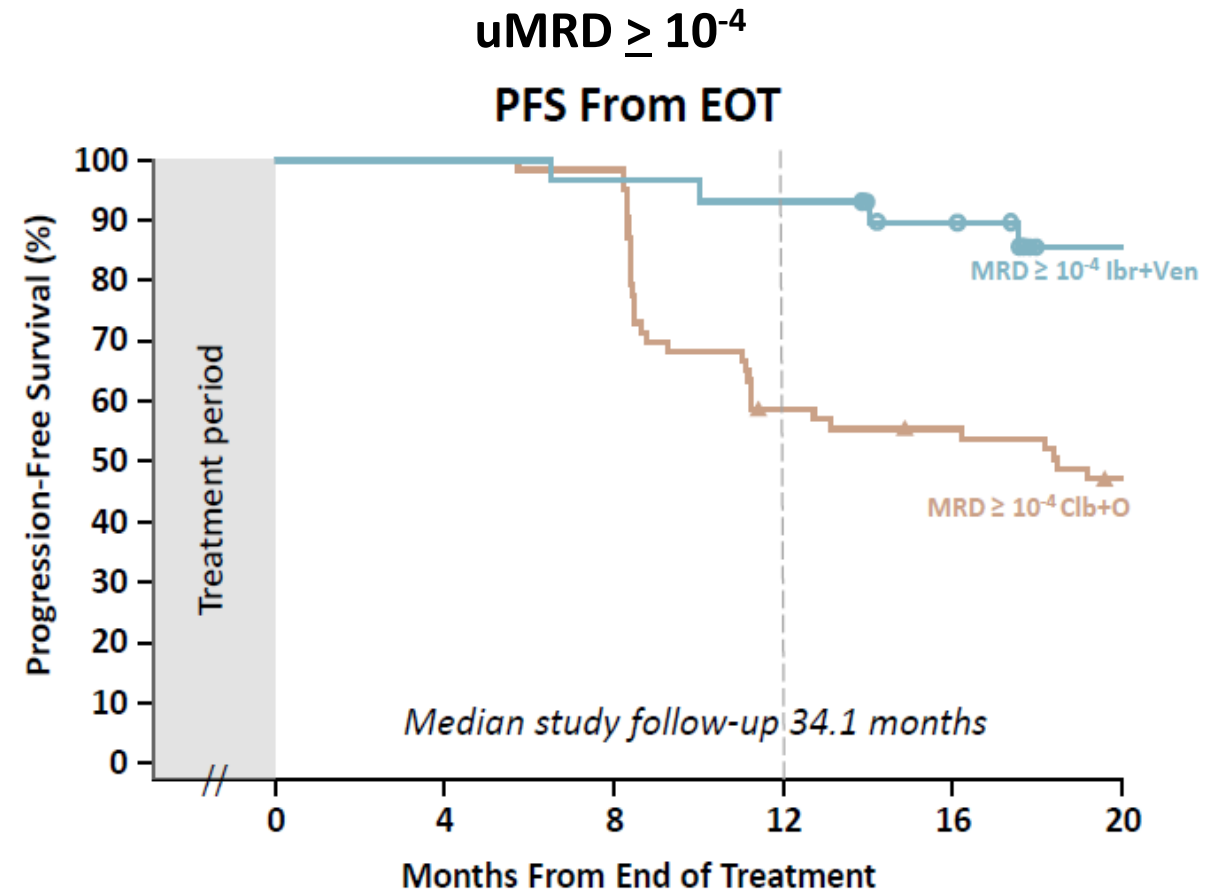
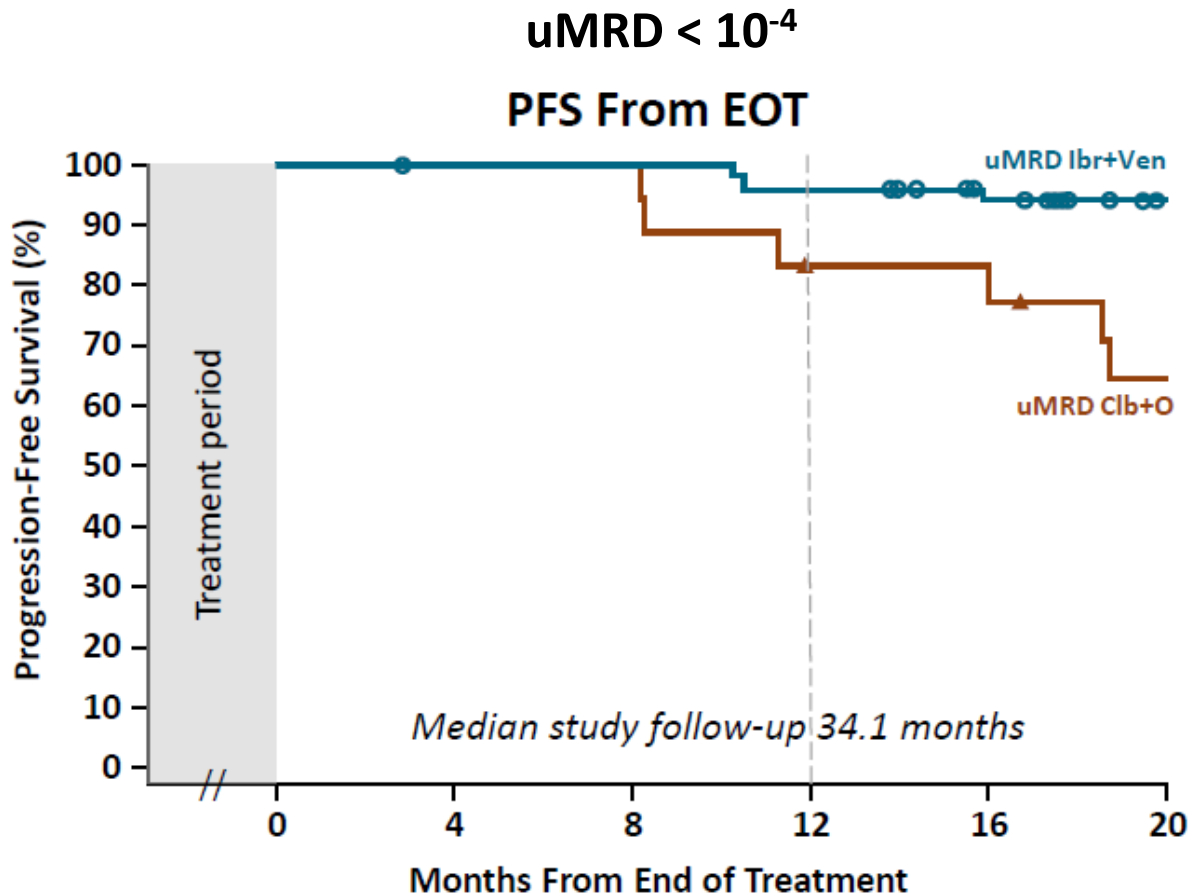
Clb+O: 29.3%

uMRD rate EOT+3 to EOT+12

Ibr+Ven: decrease 6%

Clb+O: decrease 27%

# PFS Based on BM uMRD Status at EOT+3



- PFS rate during first year post-EOT sustained at >90% in Ibr+Ven, independent of BM MRD status
- Rapid relapse in non-uMRD patients treated with Clb+O

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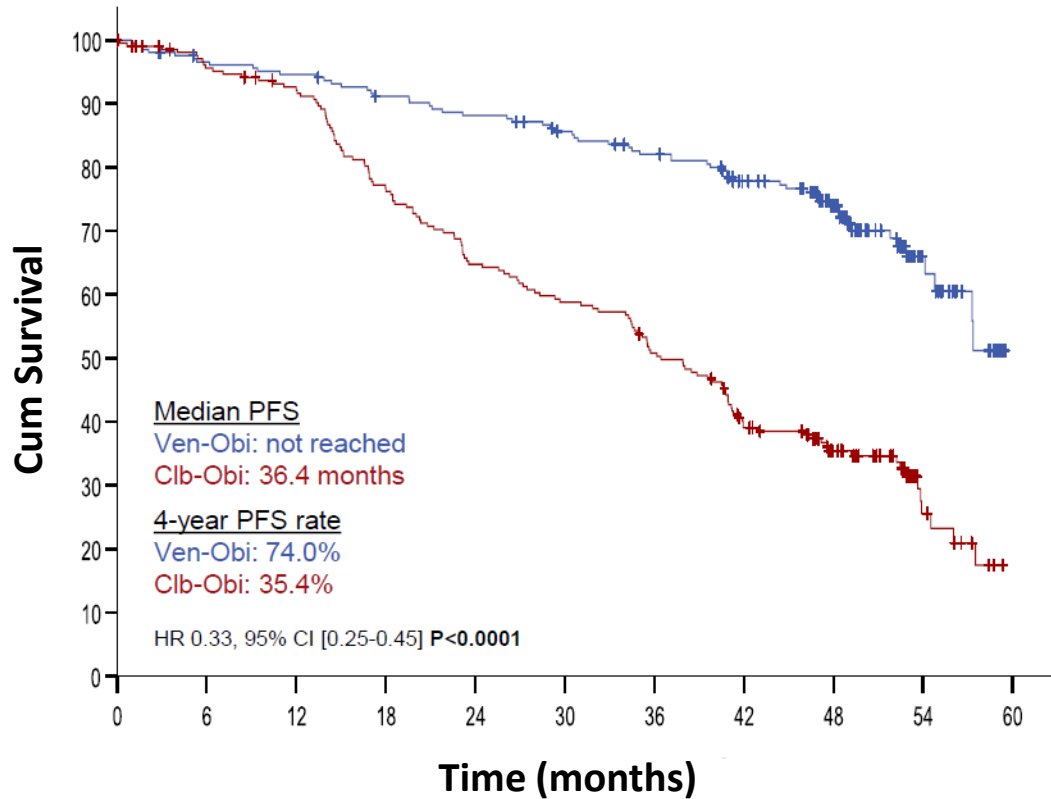
- **Ibr+Ven achieved deeper and better sustained uMRD compared with Clb+O**
- **Molecular and clinical relapses less frequent with Ibr+Ven**
- **Patients not attaining uMRD on Ibr+Ven still had PFS > 90% at 1 year**
- **Correlation between MRD status and PFS important predictor in era of novel agents**
  - **Lymphocytosis**
  - **Persistent LAD/organomegaly**

**A RANDOMIZED PHASE III STUDY OF  
VENETOCLAX-BASED TIME-LIMITED COMBINATION TREATMENTS  
(RVE, GVE, GIVE) VS STANDARD CHEMOIMMUNOTHERAPY (CIT: FCR/BR)  
IN FRONTLINE CHRONIC LYMPHOCYTIC LEUKEMIA OF FIT PATIENTS:  
FIRST CO-PRIMARY ENDPOINT ANALYSIS OF THE INTERNATIONAL  
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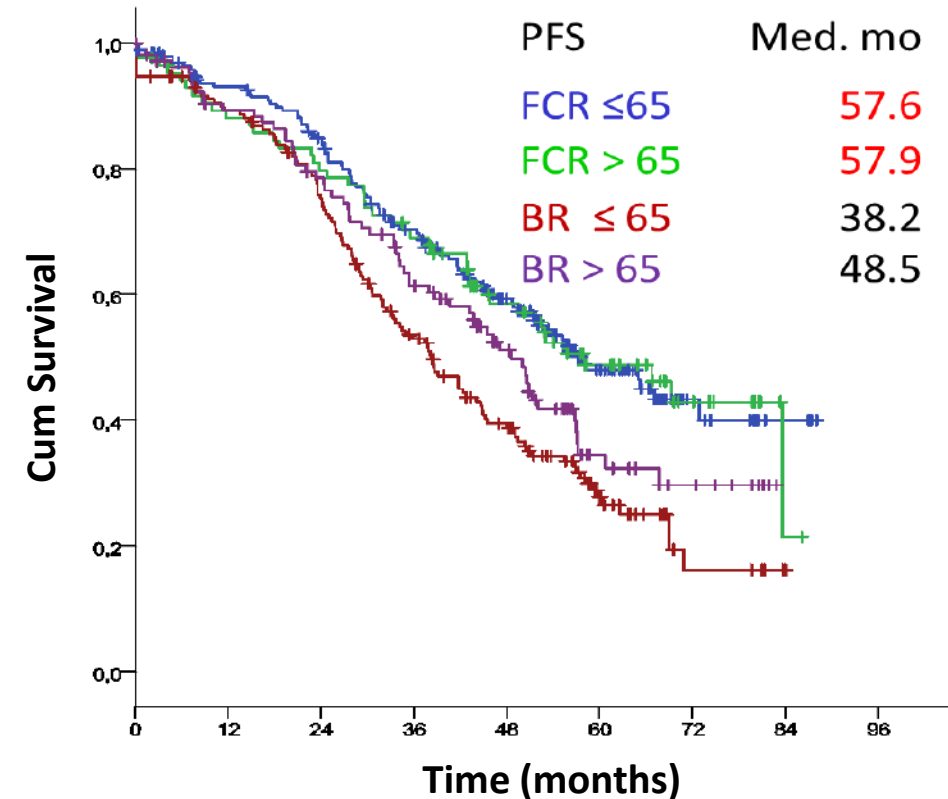
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# Comparison of time limited therapies in frontline of CLL: Are venetoclax-based, time limited therapies superior to BR/FCR ?

CLL14 Study of the GCLLSG in **less fit** patients

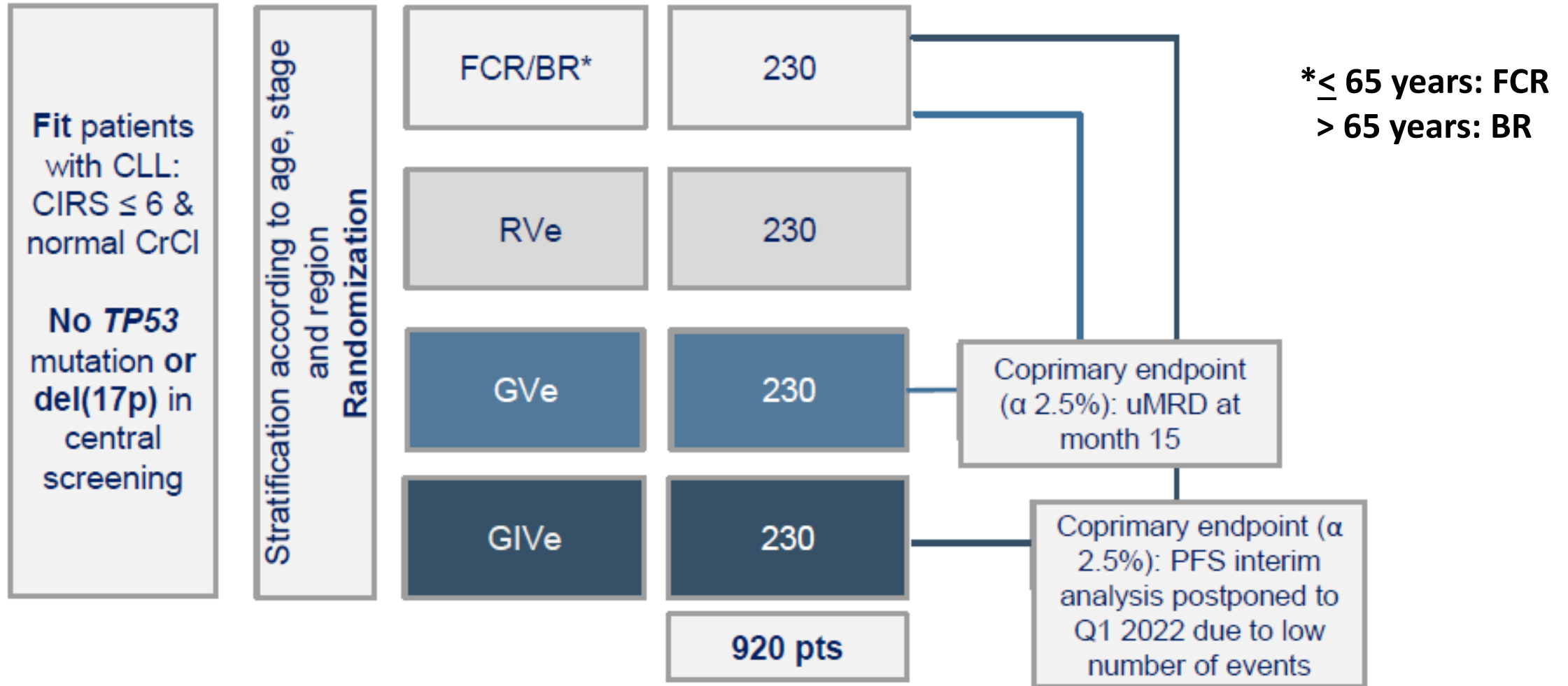


CLL10 Study of the GCLLSG in **fit** patients



# GAIA/CLL13 Study : Design

Chemoimmunotherapy (FCR/BR) versus Rituximab + Venetoclax versus Obinutuzumab (G) + Ve versus G + Ibrutinib + Ve

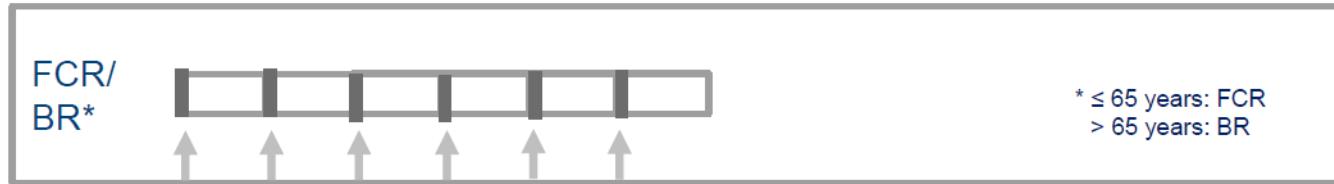




# GAIA/CLL13 Study : Treatment regimen

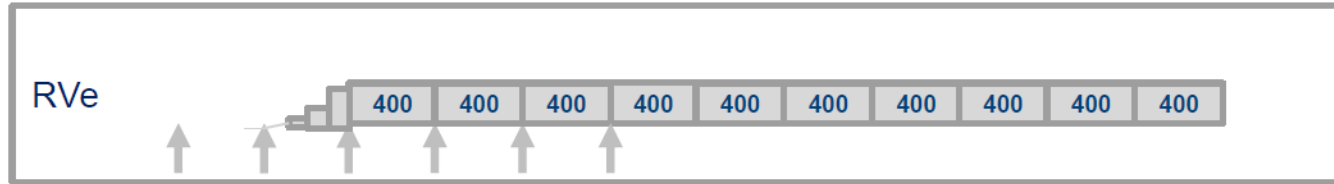
Treatment regimen in 28 days (D) interval cycles (C)

FCR/BR\*



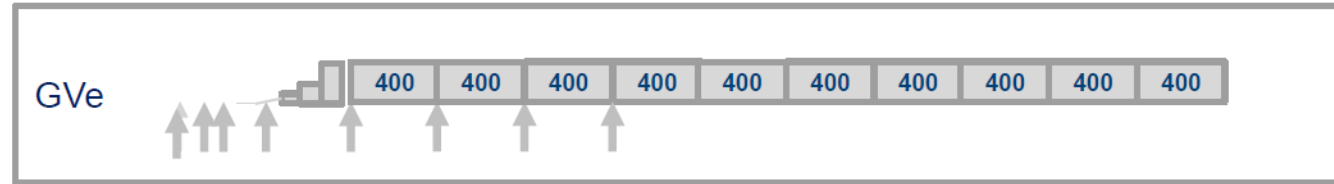
Fludarabine 25mg/m<sup>2</sup> d1-3 iv  
Cyclophosphamide 250mg/m<sup>2</sup> d1-3 iv  
Rituximab 375/500mg/m<sup>2</sup> d1 iv  
Bendamustine 90mg/m<sup>2</sup> d1+2 iv  
Rituximab 375/500mg/m<sup>2</sup> d1iv

RVe



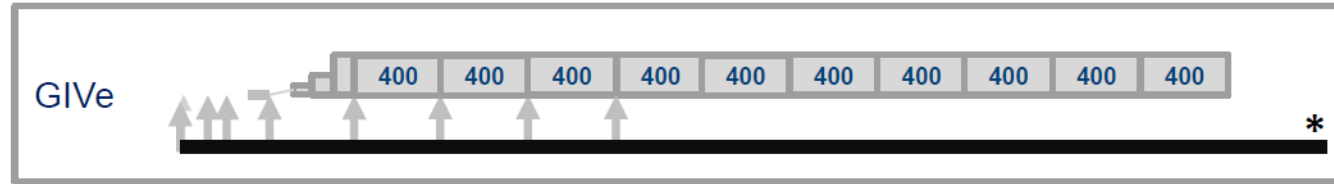
Venetoclax ramp up 20 – 400mg po  
Venetoclax 400mg po C3-C12  
Rituximab 375/500mg/m<sup>2</sup> d1 iv

GVe



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Obinutuzumab 1000mg/m<sup>2</sup> iv  
d1+8+15 during C1, d1 C2-C6

GIVe



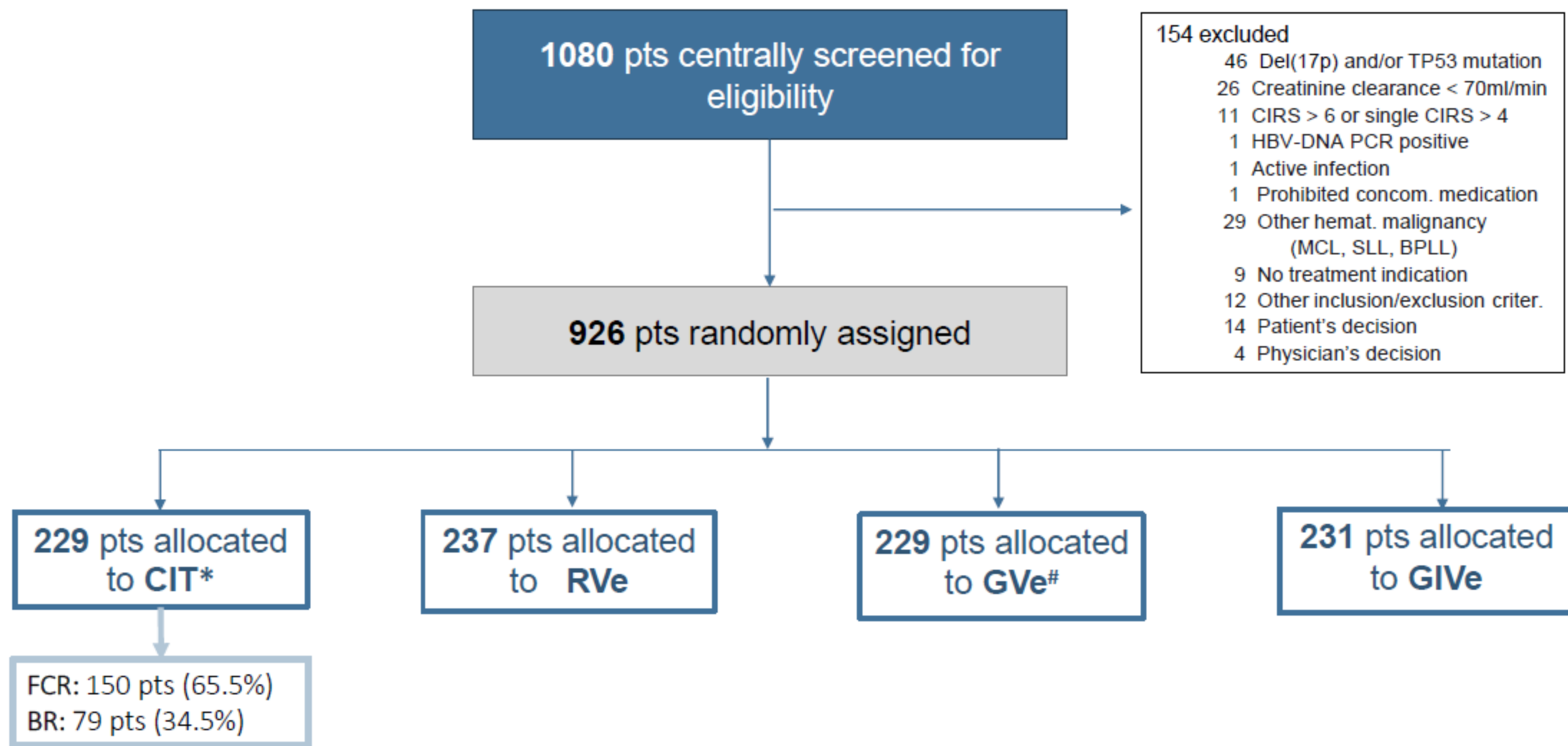
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\* Continuation of ibrutinib up to cycle 36 allowed, if MRD still detectable

Chemotherapy  
  CD20-antibody  
  400 Venetoclax (V)  
  Ramp-Up  
  Ibrutinib (I)

# GAIA/CLL13 Study : Flow diagram

Eudract 2015-004936-36; NCT 02950051



\* 13 pts did not receive treatment

# 1 pt died before receiving treatment

## Treatment exposure

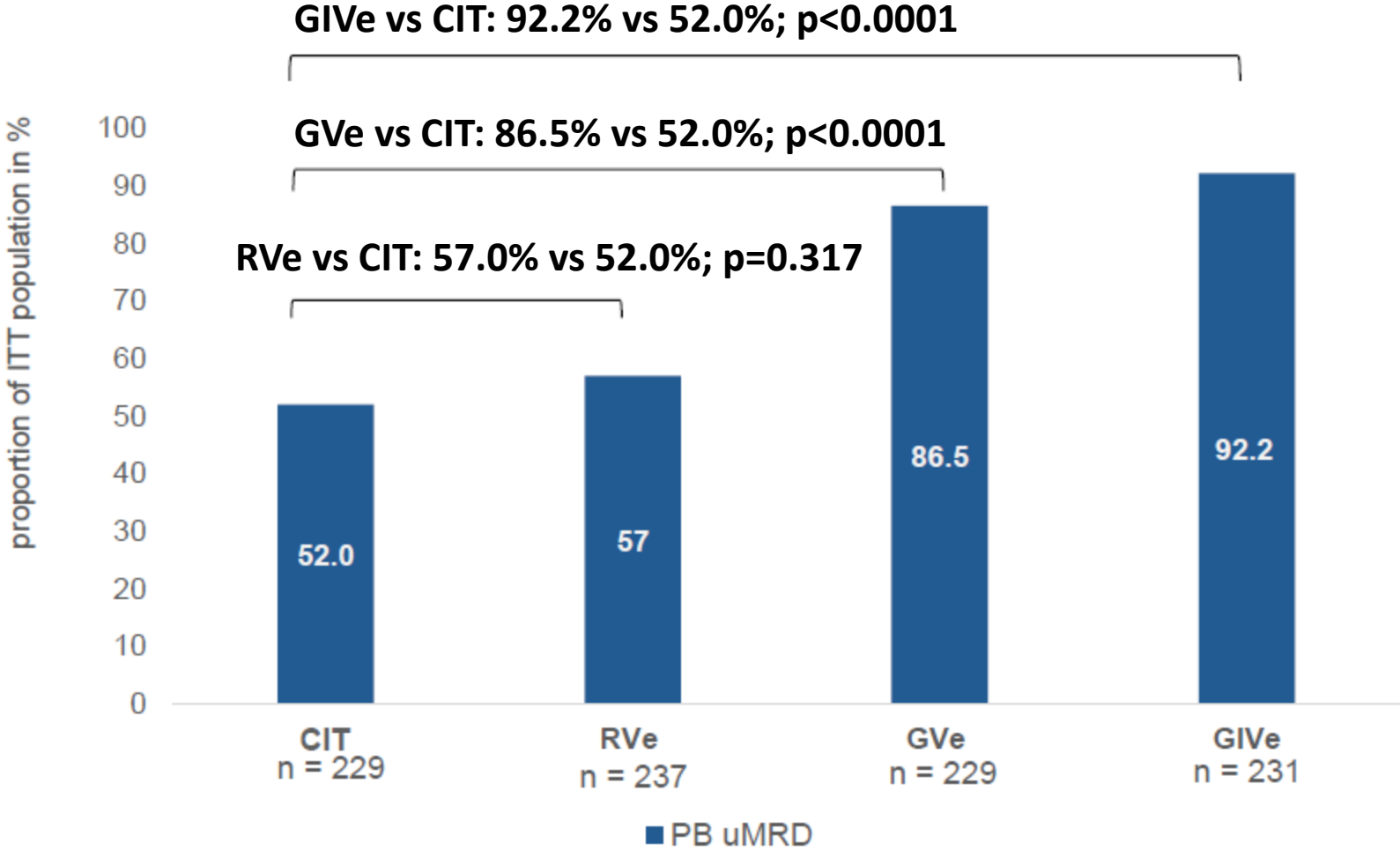
Median FU 27.9 months (range: 0.0 – 49.0)

	<b>CIT</b>	<b>RVe</b>	<b>GVe</b>	<b>GIVe</b>
<b>Planned number of cycles</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12-36</b>
<b>All patients of safety population</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>231</b>
<b>Pts completed treatment (%)</b>	<b>176 (81.5%)</b>	<b>219 (92.4 %)</b>	<b>214 (93.9%)</b>	<b>197 (85.3%)*</b>
<b>Reason for discontinuation<sup>+</sup></b>				
AEs or intercurrent illness	33	14	13	28
Progressive disease	2	4	3	0
Other	9	6	3	6
<b>Reduced dose intensity (%)</b>	<b>32 (14.8%)</b>	<b>44 (19.3%)</b>	<b>47 (21.5%)</b>	<b>81 (36.5%)</b>

\*In GIVe arm: Pts with at least 12 cycles were considered as completed treatment: (ibrutinib alone beyond cycle 12)  
Therapy received: 12 cycles (**35, 19%**), 13-15 cycles (**135, 72%**), 16-36 cycles (**18, 10%**)

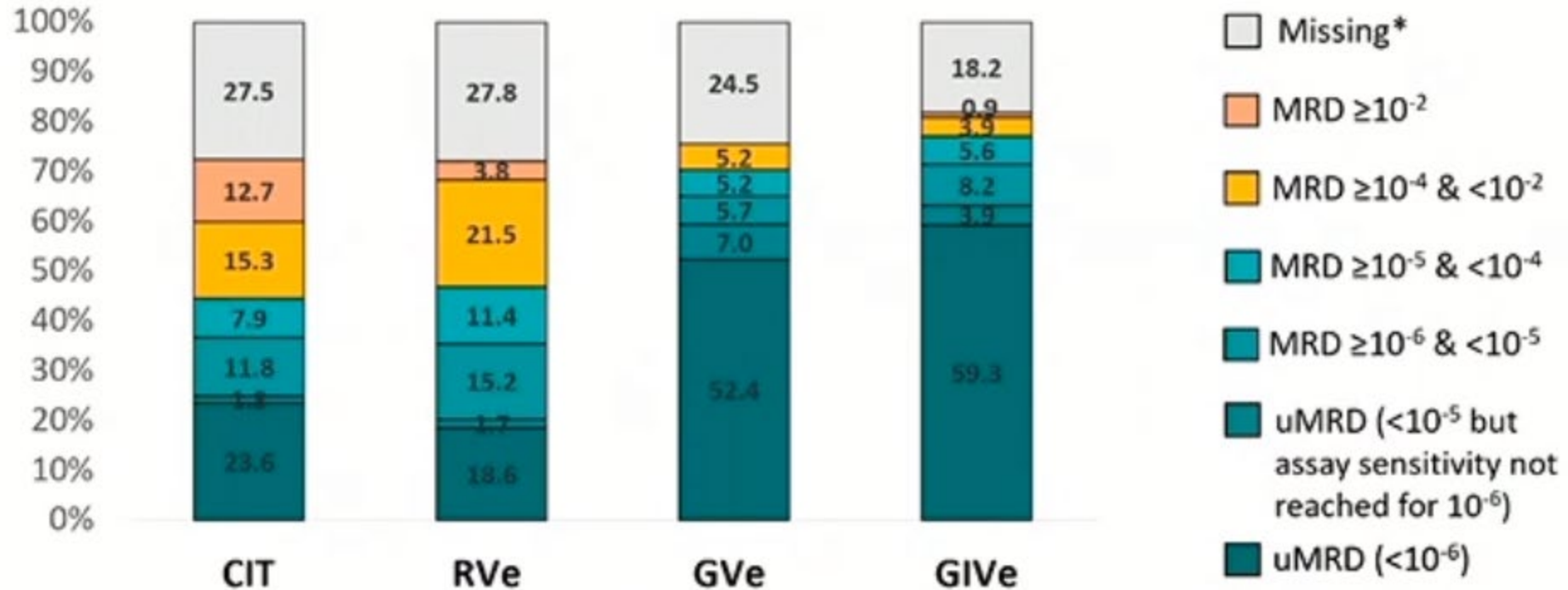
<sup>+</sup>Early treatment discontinuations might be caused by more than one reason

# Coprimary endpoint: uMRD ( $< 10^{-4}$ ) at Mo15 in PB by 4-colour-flow



	uMRD%	97.5% CI
GIVe	92.2	87.3 – 95.7
GVe	86.5	80.6 – 91.1
RVe	57.0	49.5 – 64.2
SCIT	52.0	44.4 – 59.5

# PB MRD rates by NGS at Mo15



# Adverse Events $\geq$ Grade 3

Severe AEs occurring in  $\geq$ 5% of patients and AEs of interest

	CIT	Rve	Gve	GIVe
All patients	216	237	228	231
Anemia	16 (7.4)	9 (3.8)	11 (4.8)	9 (3.9)
Neutropenia	113 (52.3)	109 (46.0)	127 (55.7)	112 (48.5)
Thrombocytopenia	22 (10.2)	10 (4.2)	7 (3.1)	18 (7.8)
Febrile Neutropenia	24 (11.1)	10 (4.2)	7 (3.1)	18 (7.8)
Infections	43 (19.9)	27 (11.4)	32 (14.0)	51 (22.1)
TLS	9 (4.2)	24 (10.1)	20 (8.8)	15 (6.5)
Bleeding	1 (0.5)	1 (0.4)	1 (0.4)	4 (1.7)
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- **GVe-based regimens superior to CIT in achieving uMRD in fit patients**
  - **GVe vs CIT: 86.5% vs 52.0%**
  - **GIVe vs CIT: 92.2% vs 52.0%**
- **RVe not superior to CIT in achieving uMRD: 57.0% vs 52.0%**
- **PFS**
- **GVe exceeded CLL14**
  - **GAIA excluded deletion 17p**
  - **Better treatment adherence with fit patients (CLL14: 70%; GAIA: 93.9%)**
- **GVe comparable to GIVe**
  - **uMRD rates not statistically compared; will be for PFS**
  - **uMRD measured at month 15; GVe 12 months vs GIVe longer if not uMRD**