# Sequencing of therapies in R/R MCL

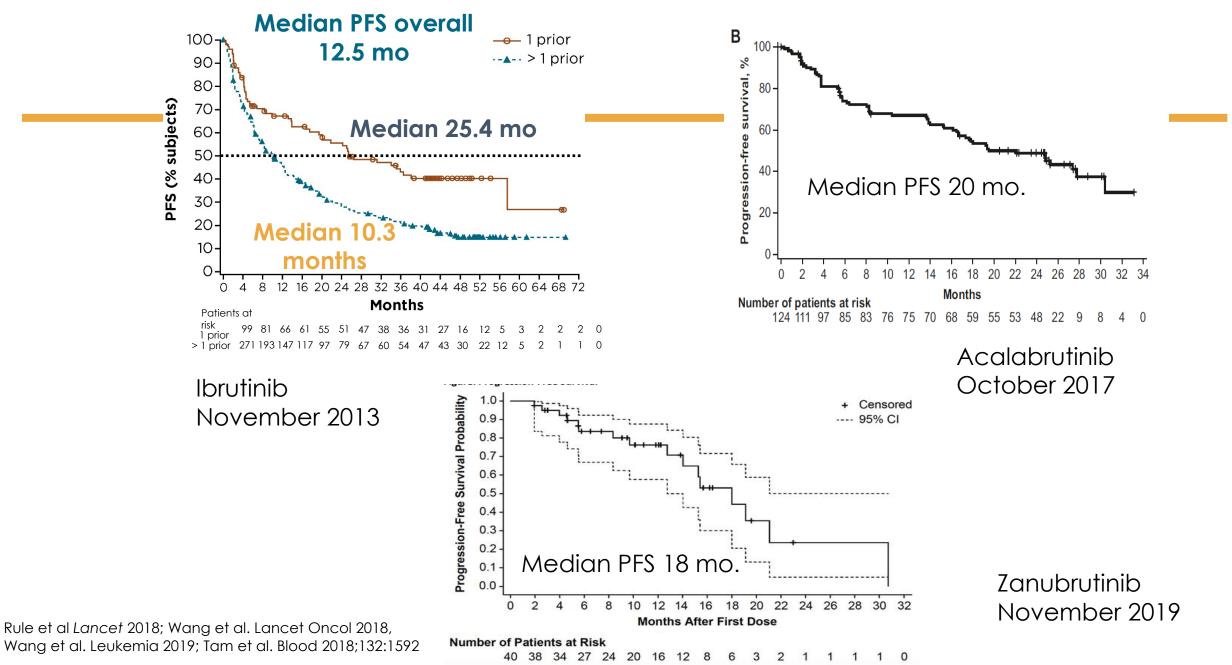
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### **Covalent BTK-inhibitors**

Table 2. Grade > 3 toxicities observed in clinical trials of single agent ibrutinib, acalabrutinib, and zanubrutinib

Hypertension (5-29%) Neutropenia (10-22%) Infections (20%) Pneumonia (7-15%) Diarrhea (13%)  Neutropenia (11%) Pneumonia (1-10%) Hypertension (3-7%) Syncope (3%) Atrial fibrillation (2%)	Neutropenia (6%) Infections (3%) Anemia (2%)
Thrombocytopenia (6-11%) Anemia (5-9%) Atrial fibrillation (7-9%) Second cancers (6%) Fever (5%) Sinusitis (5%) Urinary tract infection (5%) Hyponatremia (5%)	Hypertension (2%) Atrial fibrillation (1%) Bleeding (1%)

Percent Inhibition

100%

99.9%

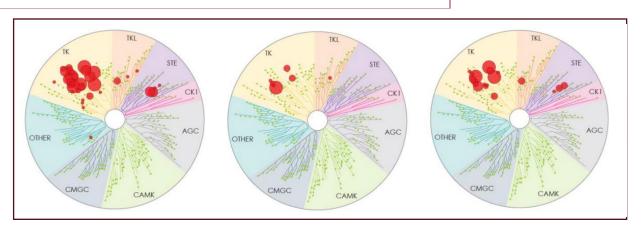
99% to 99.9%

95% to 99%

90% to 95%

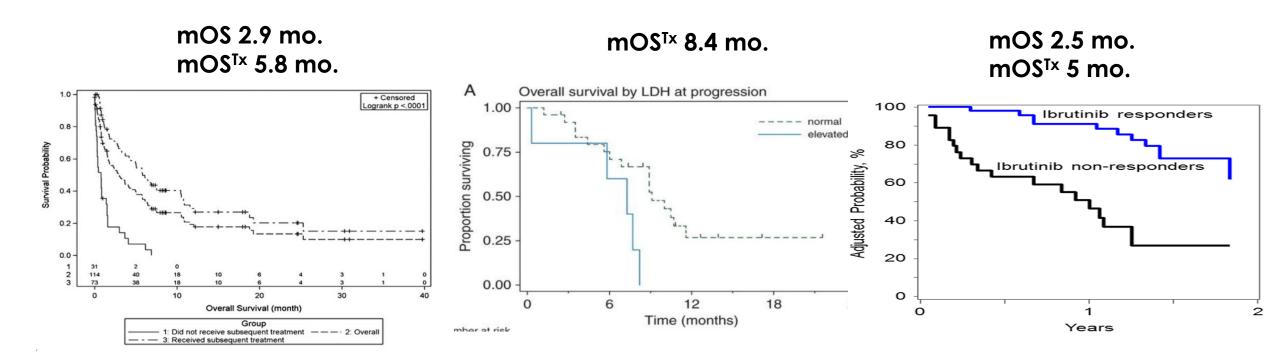
65% to 90%

<65%



Kaptein et al, ASH 2018; Abstract 1871; Strati P, et al. Oncology Times. September 2019.

### **BTKi Failure**



Martin et al. Blood 2016;127:1559; Cheah et al. Ann Oncol 2015;26:1175; Epperla et al. Hematological Oncol 2017;16:1099

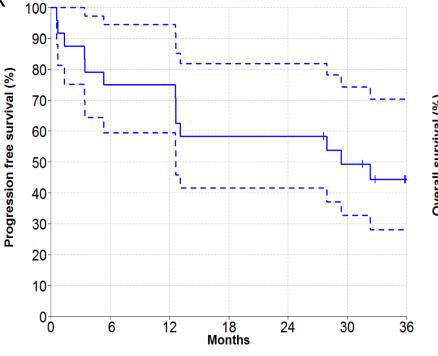
# Ibrutinib plus venetoclax

- AIM Trial: Ibrutinib + Venetoclax
  - 23 patients
  - CR Rate of 71%
  - Median PFS 29 months

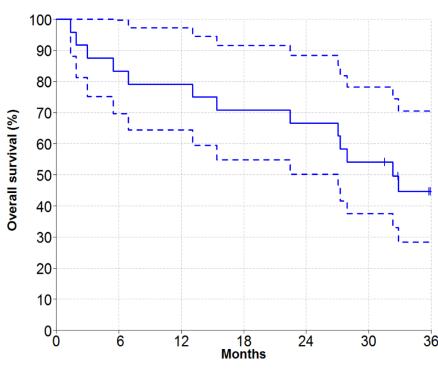
### SYMPATICO: Safety Run-In

- 21 patients
- ORR 81%, CR 62%
- Estimated 75% PFS at 18 months

#### Median PFS 29 months



#### Median OS 32 months



- 50% TP53 patients responded, all CR
- 5 off treatment in MRD negative CR after median 18.5 months treatment (range 18 33)
  - 4 remain free of clinical or MRD progression after 6, 13, 17 and 18 months off treatment

One patient developed radiologic progression after 7 months

Handunetti et al ASH 2019, Tam ASH 2020

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# Brexucabtagene autoleucel (Brexu-cel/KTE-X19)

- Autologous anti-CD19 chimeric antigen receptor T cells (CART)
- ZUMA-2, a phase II international, multi-center study r/r MCL
- Accelerated approval from FDA for treatment of adults with r/r MCL July 2020

Characteristic	N = 68
Median age (range), years	65 (38 – 79)
≥ 65 years, n (%)	39 (57)
Male, n (%)	57 (84)
Stage IV disease, n (%)	58 (85)
ECOG 0/1, n (%)	100 (100)
Intermediate/high-risk MIPI, n (%)	38 (56)
Ki-67 proliferation index ≥ 50%, n/n (%) <sup>a</sup>	34/49 (69)
TP53 mutation, n/n (%)	6/36 (17)
Bone marrow involvement, n (%)	37 (54)
Extranodal disease, n (%)b	38 (56)
Blastoid Morphology, n(%)	17 (25)

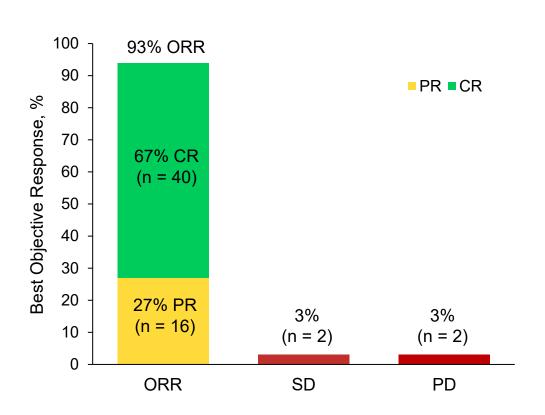
### **Bridging Therapy**

Characteristic	N = 68
Any bridging therapy, n (%)	25 (37)
Ibrutinib	14 (21)
Acalabrutinib	5 (7)
Dexamethasone	12 (18)
Methylprednisolone	2 (3)
Both BTKi and steroids, n (%)	6 (9)
Ibrutinib + steroid	4 (6)
Acalabrutinib + steroid	2 (3)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Ki-67 data were available for 49 patients at diagnosis. <sup>b</sup> Excludes bone marrow and splenic involvement. <sup>c</sup> Morphology was unknown for 10 patients.

BTKi, Bruton tyrosine kinase inhibitor; ECOG, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; MCL, mantle cell lymphoma; MIPI, Mantle Cell Lymphoma International Prognostic Index.

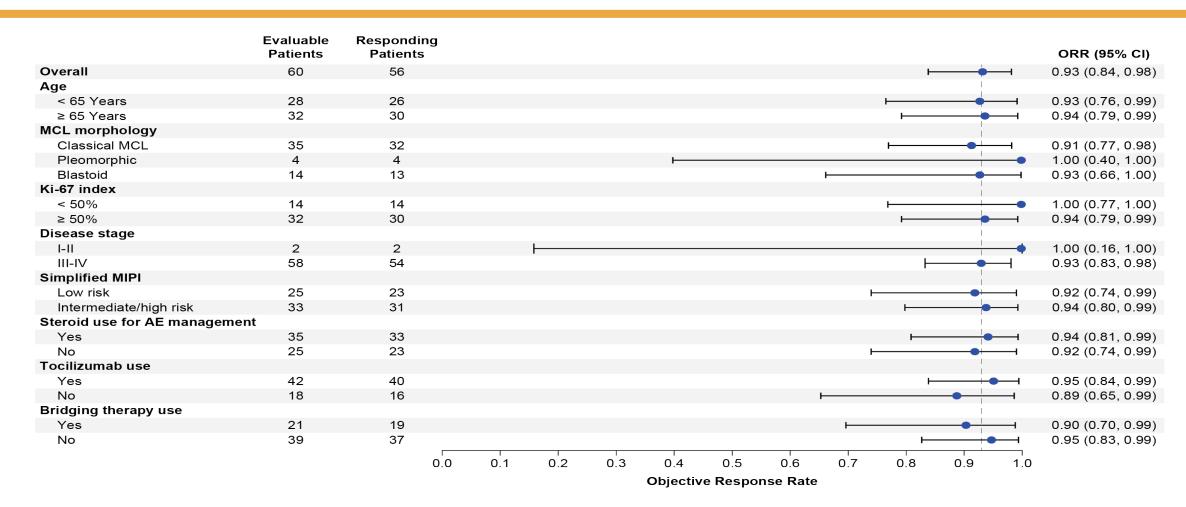
# ZUMA-2, KTE-X19 Responses



	Efficacy-Evaluable N = 60
Median follow-up (range), mo	12.3 (7.0 – 32.3)
Patients with ≥ 24 mo follow-up, n (%)	28 (47)
Median time to response (range), mo	
Initial response	1.0 (0.8 – 3.1)
CR	3.0 (0.9 – 9.3)
Patients converted from PR/SD to CR, n (%)	24 (40)
PR to CR	21 (35)
SD to CR	3 (5)

Wang et al, NEJM 382:1331-42, 2020

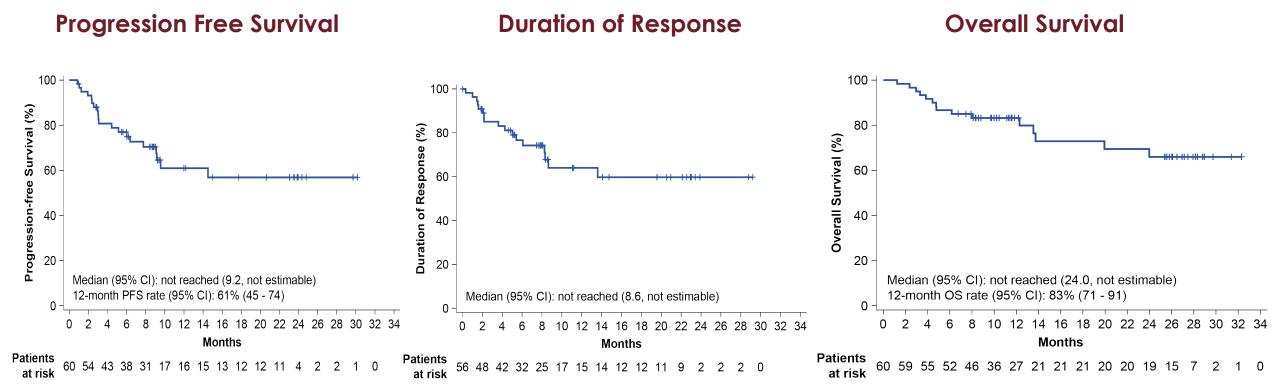
# High Risk Subgroups



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# **ZUMA-2, KTE-X19**



- The medians for DOR, PFS, and OS were not reached after a median follow-up of 17.5 months
- 48% of patients remain in ongoing response, 70% of patients in CR remain in response

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# **ZUMA-2, KTE-X19**

Parameter	N = 68
CRS, n (%) <sup>a</sup>	
Any grade	62 (91)
Grade ≥ 3	10 (15)
Most common any grade	
symptoms of CRS, n (%)	
Pyrexia	62 (91)
Hypotension	35 (51)
Нурохіа	23 (34)
AE management, n (%)	
Tocilizumab	40 (59)
Corticosteroids	15 (22)
Median time to onset (range), days	2 (1 – 13)
Median duration of events, days	11
Patients with resolved events, n (%)	62/62 (100)

Parameter	N = 68
Neurologic events, n (%) <sup>a</sup>	
Any grade	43 (63)
Grade ≥ 3	21 (31)
Most common any grade	
symptoms, n (%)	
Tremor	24 (35)
Encephalopathy	21 (31)
Confusional state	14 (21)
AE management, n (%)	
Tocilizumab	18 (26)
Corticosteroids	26 (38)
Median time to onset (range), days	7 (1 – 32)
Median duration of events, days	12
Patients with resolved events, n (%)	37/43 (86) <sup>b</sup>

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### **Toxicities of Brexu-cel**

- Cytopenias
  - Grade 3 or higher 94%
  - Persistent grade 3 26% beyond 90 days of treatment
- Infections 32%
- Grade 5 Toxicities
  - 2 patients (3%) likely from lymphodepletion
  - 1 organizing pneumonia
  - 1 septicemia (Staph bacteremia)

### **Brexu-Cel RWE**

Variables	Number	Variables	Number
Age, median (range)	67 (34-89)	Prior therapies	
Sex, male	76 (80%)	Total lines, median (range)	3 (1-10)
ECOG PS ≥2	8 (8%)	Prior CD20 antibody	94 (99%)
Simplified MIPI		Prior anthracycline or bendamustine	82 (86%)
Low risk (0-3)	30 (32%)	Prior cytarabine	43 (45%)
Intermediate risk (4-5)	54 (57%)	Prior AutoSCT	27 (28%)
High risk (6-11)	11 (12%)	Prior rituximab maintenance	41 (43%)
Ki-67, ≥50%	50/88 (57%)	Prior BTKi	78 (82%)
Blastoid/pleomorphic	39 (41%)	BTKi-refractory n=69 (73%), BTKi-intolerant n=5 (5%)	
TP53 mutation or deletion	31/70 (44%)	Prior lenalidomide	22 (23%)
Complex karyotype	8/28 (29%)	Prior venetoclax	33 (35%)
Stage III-IV	83 (87%)	Disease status	
CNS involvement	7 (7%)	Relapsed after last line	53 (56%)
Bone marrow involvement	30/67 (45%)	Refractory to last line	42 (44%)
Bulky disease (≥10 cm)	10 (11%)	Total (received CAR T infusion)	95

- 74 (78%) patients would not have met ZUMA-2 eligibility criteria.
- Main reasons included prior therapies, renal dysfunction, cytopenias, ECOG PS, CNS involvement.
- 64 (67%) patients received bridging therapy
- 22 chemoimmunotherapy, 13 radiation, 9 venetoclax, 3 lenalidomide

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### **Brexu-Cel: CRS and ICANS**

	CRS, n (%)	ICANS, n (%)	ZUMA-2 CRS (%)	ZUMA-2 NE (%)
Total	86 (91%)	57 (60%)	91%	63%
Max Grade*				
1-2	78 (82%)	24 (25%)	76%	32%
3-4	8 (8%)	33 (35%)	15%	31%
Days to onset	4 (0-11)	6 (1-15)	2 (1-13)	7
Days to max Grade	5 (0-7)	7 (3-15)	-	-
Duration	5 (1-33+)	6 (2-144+)	11	12

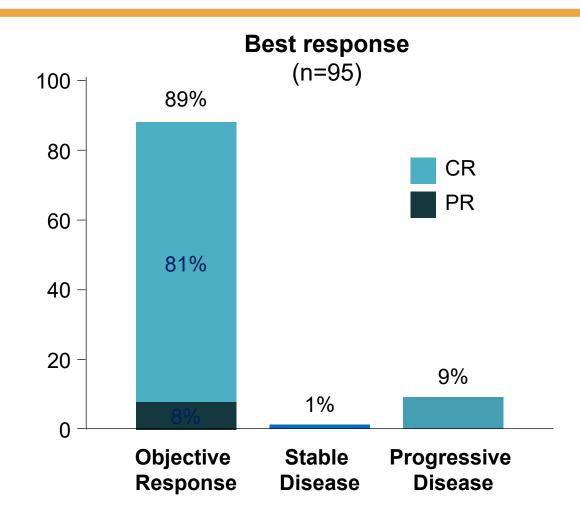
<sup>\*</sup>CRS grading: ASTCT (n=11), Lee (n=2), CARTOX (n=1); ICANS grading: ASTCT (n=12), CTCAE (n=1), CARTOX (n=1) CRS = cytokine release syndrome; ICANS = immune effector cell-associated neurotoxicity syndrome; NE = neurological events.

- The incidences of CRS and ICANS were comparable to those reported in ZUMA-2.
- Tocilizumab and corticosteroids use appeared to be more frequent in this Consortium study cohort.

Management	Number	ZUMA-2 (%)
Tocilizumab	75 (79%)	CRS: 59% NE: 26%
Tocilizumab doses, median	2 (1-4)	
Steroid	66 (69%)	CRS: 22% NE: 38%
Anakinra	16 (17%)	
ICU admission	20 (21%)	
ICU days, median	3 (1-12)	
Vasopressors	10 (11%)	16%
Mechanical ventilation	4 (4%)	
Dialysis	3 (3%)	

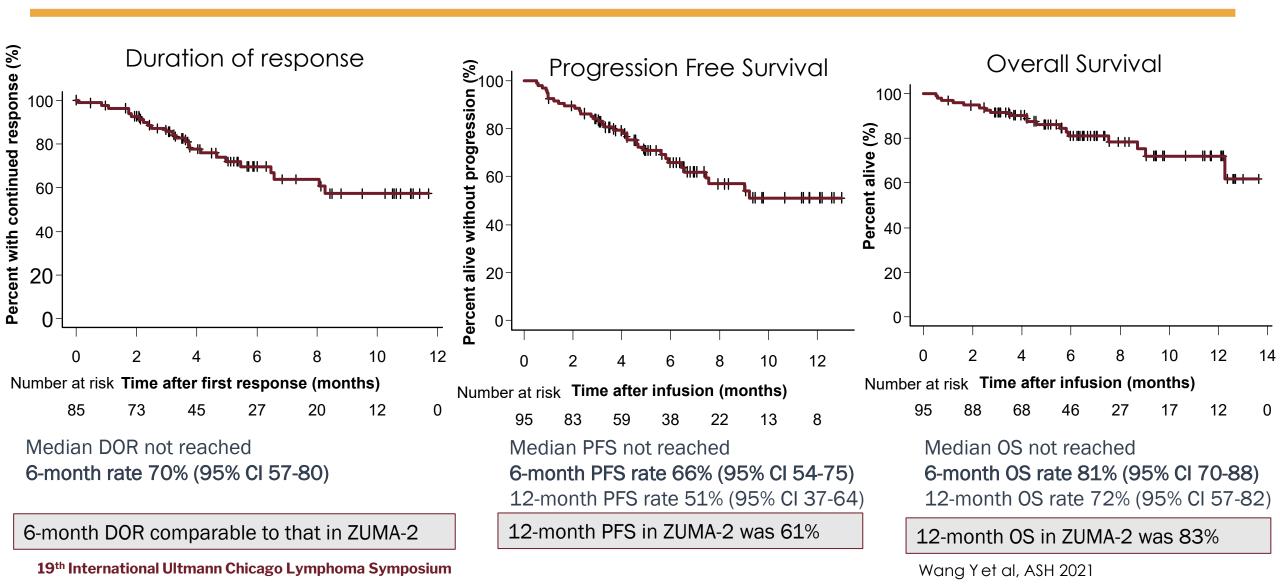
# Brexu-Cel RWE: Clinical response

- Median time to initial response was 30 days (range 16-104).
- Day 30 ORR (n=92 evaluated) was 88%, including 66% CR and 22% PR.
- 12 of 20 patients with PR and 1 of 2 patients with SD at day 30 achieved CR after a median of 64 days (range 22-135).
- No difference in response across highrisk subgroups (blastoid, ki-67 > 50%, TP53 mutation, BTKi exposure, ZUMA eligible/inelgibile)



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# Brexu-Cel RWE: Median follow-up = 6.7 months (range 0.5-13.6)



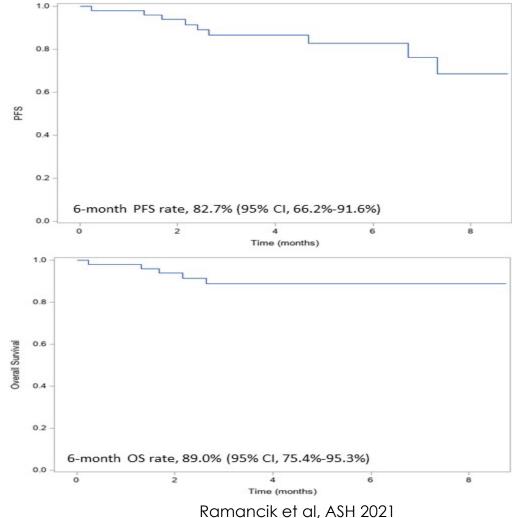
### Brexu-Cel RWE:2<sup>nd</sup> Cohort

Table 1. Baseline characteristics of patients who received brexu-cel

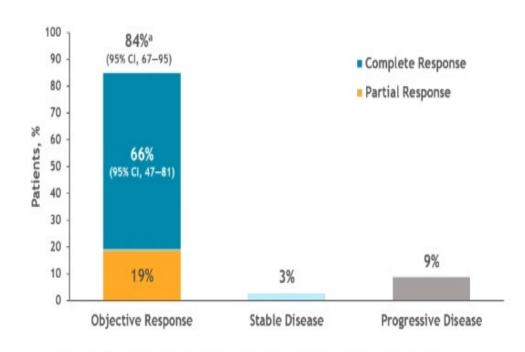
Characteristic	Patients (n = 52)
Median Age (range) – yr	66 (47-79)
Male gender – n (%)	43 (82)
Ann Arbor stage 4 at diagnosis – n (%)	41 (78)
Baseline pathology and cytogenetic characteristics – n/total n (%)*	
Blastoid/pleomorphic histology present	12/39 (30)
Ki67 ≥ 30%	30/36 (83)
TP53 mutation present	3/9 (33)
Deletion 17p present	9/23 (39)
≥ 3 cytogenetic abnormalities	13/29 (44)
Baseline MIPI – n/total n (%)*	
Low	9/29 (31)
Intermediate	10/29 (34)
High	10/29 (34)
ECOG performance status prior to lymphodepleting chemo – n (%)	
0-1	47 (90)
2	4 (8)
3	1 (2)
Relapse within 24 months of first-line therapy – n (%)	26 (50)
Median no. therapies prior to CAR T (range)	3 (2-8)
Prior autologous transplant – n (%)	21 (40)
Prior allogeneic transplant – n (%)	2 (4)
Previously treated with BTKi – n (%)	52 (100)
Disease progression on BTKi – n (%)	29 (56)
Best response to most recent treatment prior to leukapheresis – n/total n (%)*	
CR	13/41 (32)
PR	14/41 (34)
SD	3/41 (7)
PD	11/41 (27)

<sup>\*</sup>number of positive cases out of number of patients with data available

Figure 1. Progression-free survival and overall survival in patients who received brexu-cel



### TRANSCEND, Liso-cel



- ORR and CR rate, respectively, for patients with high-risk features:
  - Ki67 ≥30% (n = 23): 83% and 65%
  - Blastoid morphology (n = 13): 77% and 54%
  - TP53 mutations (n = 7): 100% and 57%

	All liso-cel—Treated Patients (N = 32)
CRS or NE, n (%)	
Any grade	19 (59)
Grade ≥3	5 (16)
CRS	
Any grade, n (%)	16 (50)
Grade ≥3, n (%)	1 (3)
Time to onset, median (range), days	6 (2-10)
Time to resolution, median (range), days	4 (2-9)
NE	
Any grade, n (%)	11 (34)
Grade ≥3, n (%)	4 (12.5)
Time to onset, median (range), days	8 (2-25)
Time to resolution, median (range), days	4 (1-27)
ICU admissions, n (%)	3 (9)
CRS and/or NE	3 (9)
Other reasons	0

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# Non-CART Therapies

TREATMENT	Overall Response Rate	Median Progression Free Survival	Median Duration of Response	Median Overall Survival
Lenalidomide	29		20 weeks	
Venetoclax	53	3.2 months	8.1 months	9.4 months
R-BAC (Rituximab, Bendamustine, Cytarabine)	83%	10.1 months		12.5 months

#### DR2IVE treatment schedule

Dexamethasone 20–40 mg PO or IV 1, 8, 15, 22

Rituximab 375 mg/m2 IV 1, 8, 15, 22

Lenalidomide 15–20 mg PO 1–21

Bortezomib 1.3 mg/m2 SC 1, 8, 15, 22

Wang et al J Hematol Oncol 2017 Nov 2;10(1):171; Eyre et al Hematologica 2019 Feb;104(2):e68-e71McCulloch et al BJH 2020 May;189(4):684-688; Wang BJH 2017

### Conclusions

- BTKi preferred treatment at initial relapse
  - Continue at progression
- Brexu-cel highly active patients with prior BTKi exposure
  - Early prioritization of high-risk patients for evaluation
- Targeted therapies options for patients not candidates for brexu-cel or clinical trials