

# Waldenstrom's Macroglobulinemia – Approach to Diagnosis and Treatment

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- 69 y/o gentleman diagnosed with mild symptoms of peripheral neuropathy 2012.
- Labs from 07/28/2014 showed an IgM of 5130 mg/dL, M-spike of 3.6 g/dL, free kappa light chain of 149 , lambda light chain 3.6 mg/L. Free kappa lambda ratio of 41.3. Underwent a 24-hour urine for protein estimation on 08/04/2014, showing 126 mg of protein over 24 hours. Urine protein electrophoresis showed faint bands with no detectable protein. Beta 2 microglobulin was 2.44. Albumin 3.9, LDH WNL
- Underwent a skeletal survey on 08/01/2014, showing possible lytic lesion within the C4 and C5. MRI showed multilevel degenerative disk disease, prominent in C5-C6 region, at least moderate spinal stenosis at the C5-C6 level, but no lytic lesions were seen.
- Bone marrow biopsy from 09/15/2014 showing 15% lymphoplasmatoid; plasma cells were 0.2% of the cellularity, raising suspicion suggesting lymphoplasmacytic lymphoma, MYD88, CXCR4 mutation status unavailable





## **Revised IPSS-WM**

#### Table 1

	Points
Age <65	0
Age 66–75	1
Age >75	2
B2 microglobulin >4 mg/L	1
LDH >250 IU/L	1
Serum albumin <3.5 g/dL	1

#### Table 2

Score*	Stage
0	Very Low
1	Low
2	Intermediate
3	High
4–5	Very High
*Sum of total	noints in table 1

3-yr WM-related death rate	10-yr OS rate
0%	84%
10%	59%
14%	37%
38%	19%
48%	9%

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## Long-Term Follow-up of MGUS and Smoldering WM



#### Risk of progression =

- 2% per year in 1st 10 years after diagnosis
- 1% per year thereafter

Kyle et al. Blood 2012; 119(19): 4462–6 Kyle et al NEJM 2018; 378:241-9

# Labs to perform

- CBC
- CP-COMP
- SPEP
- SIFx
- UPEP
- UIFx
- B2 microglobulin
- LDH
- Quantitative immunoglobulins
- Serum viscosity

- Bone marrow biopsy MYDD88 L265P, CXCR4 mutation
- PET/CT
- Neuropathy panel
- Anemia panel
- Coags
- Hepatitis panel

# **WM Genotyping**



- MYD88 L265P variant is the most prevalent mutation in patients with WM (93-97%)
- MYD88 L265P disease typically presents at
  - younger age
  - with a higher % bone marrow infiltration
  - Superior 10-year OS (90% vs 73%, p <0.001)</li>
  - Lower rate of transformation to DLBCL

- 30% of patients who have MYD88 mutation harbor somatic mutations in the C-terminal domain of CXCR4.
- CXCR4 WHIM mutations (usually nonsense or frameshift)
  - lower incidence of adenopathy
  - convey resistance to ibrutinib
  - does not influence length of survival
- TP53 mutations are rare, but more commonly associated with MYD88<sup>L265P</sup> CXCR4<sup>WHIM</sup> WM than MYD88<sup>L265P</sup> CXCR4<sup>WT</sup>

## **Reasons to Treat WM**

### **History**

Fever > 101 F

**Drenching Night Sweats** 

Weight Loss

Severe Neuropathy

Severe Fatigue

## **Physical**

Fundoscopic exam

Lymphadenopathy

Organomegaly

Neuropathy

## **Other Diseases/Signs**

Amyloidosis

Transformation

rising

Kidney Impairment

Cryoglobulinemia

## **Monoclonal Protein**

IgM by Densitometry

- No Certain Level

**Other Tests** 

Hemoglobin  $\leq 10g/dL$ 

Platelets <  $100 \times 10^9$ /L due to WM

Bulky lymph nodes/liver/spleen

Hyperviscosity with signs (~>4 cp)

Pratt et al. 2022 Br J Haemat

# **Symptomatic WM – treatment effect**





### NCCN Guidelines Version 1.2023 Waldenström Macroglobulinemia/ Lymphoplasmacytic Lymphoma

PRIMARY THERAPY FOR WM/LPL <sup>a</sup> (Order of regimens is alphabetical and does not indicate preference)		
Preferred Regimens       • Zanubrutinib (category 1)         • Bendamustine/rituximab       • Zanubrutinib (category 1)         • Bortezomib/dexamethasone/rituximab <sup>b</sup> • Ibrutinib ± rituximab (category 1)		
Other Recommended Regimens • Bendamustine • Carfilzomib/rituximab/dexamethasone • Ixazomib/rituximab/dexamethasone	<ul> <li>Rituximab</li> <li>Rituximab/cyclophosphamide/dexamethasone</li> <li>Rituximab/cyclophosphamide/prednisone</li> </ul>	

### **Fixed duration**

- Bendamustine + Rituximab +/-Dexamethasone
- Cyclophosphamide + Rituximab +/- Dexamethasone
- Bortezomib + Rituximab +/-Dexamethasone
- Carfilzomib + Rituximab +/-Dexamethasone
- Ixazomib + Rituximab +/-Dexamethasone

### **Indefinite duration**

- Ibrutinib +/- Rituximab
- Zanubrutinib

# Chemoimmunotherapy

Regimen	Major Response Rate	PFS (mos)	When to use?
R-Bendamustine	90-96%	65-69	Rapid response needed; Pts with LAD/organomegaly
R-CHOP	91%	28	
R-Cyclophosphamide-Dex	74-87%	34-35	Well tolerated. Med time to response 4.1 mos.
R-2CdA or R-Fludara +/- Cy	75-95%	36-62	



#### **Considerations**

- Risk of 2<sup>nd</sup>ary MDS/leukemia
- Cytopenias (low blood counts)
- Stem cell toxicity (Nucleoside Analogs)
- Activity appears unaffected by MYD88 mutation status
  - R-Benda and R-Cy-Dex

## **Proteasome Inhibitor Based Therapies**

Regimen	Major Response Rate	PFS (mos)	Considerations
R-Bortezomib-Dex	68%	42	PN > than Car or Ixa, better sc and weekly
R-Carfilzomib-Dex*	68%	46	HTN, Heart and Kidney impairment; PN < 5%
R-Ixazomib-Dex**	77%	NR @ 36 mos.	Improved convenience

- \* Response not impacted by MYD88<sup>L265P</sup> or CXCR4<sup>WHIM</sup> mutation status.
- \*\* Response not impacted by CXCR4<sup>WHIM</sup> mutation status. (all pts had MYD88<sup>L265P</sup> WM)

#### **Considerations**

- No 2<sup>nd</sup> malignancy risk
- No Stem cell toxicity
- BDR median time to response 4-8 weeks

## Phase III Trial of DRC vs. bortezomib-DRC

Regimen	Major Response Rate (VGPR/CR at EOT)	24-month PFS (p=0.32)	Time to 1 <sup>st</sup> response (mos)
R-Cy-Dex	69.9% (9.6)	72.8%	5.5
R-CyBorD	80.6% (17.2)*	80.6%	3

#### \* VGPR/CR 32.6% at best response

Regimen	≥ Grade 3 AEs(all)	≥ Grade 3 Sensory Neuropathy
R-Cy-Dex	49%	0 pts
R-CyBorD	49.5%	2 pts



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### **Indefinite duration**

- Ibrutinib +/- Rituximab
- Zanubrutinib

### **Clinical Responses to Ibrutinib** Median of 9 (range 1-18) Cycles

	(N= 63)	(%)
VGPR	10	15.9
PR	36	57
MR	11	17.5

Response criteria adapted from 3<sup>rd</sup> International Workshop on WM (Treon et al, BJH 2011)

## ORR: 90.5% Major RR (> PR): 73%

Treon et al, NEJM 2015

### Rate of Response to Ibrutinib in Patients with Waldenström's Macroglobulinemia, According to Mutation Status.





## iNNOVATE: Ibrutinib-Rituximab vs. Placebo-Rituximab



30 month PFS:

- 82% for I-R vs 28% for placebo-R
- HR 0.20; P<0.001



30mos PFS	Ibrutinib-R	Placebo-R
<i>MYD88</i> L265P/ <i>CXCR4</i> WT	86%	33%
MYD88 L265P/CXCR4 WHIM	80%	29%
MYD88 WT/CXCR4 WT	80%	21%

## **iNNOVATE**:

## Ibrutinib-Rituximab vs. Placebo-Rituximab

Table 2. Adverse Events and Duration of Treatment.		
Variable	Ibrutinib–Rituximab (N=75)	Placebo–Rituximab (N = 75)
Median duration of treatment (range) — mo	25.8 (1.0-37.2)	15.5 (0.4-34.3)
Most common adverse events of any grade — no. of patients (%)*		
Infusion-related reaction	32 (43)	44 (59)
Diarrhea	21 (28)	11 (15)
Arthralgia	18 (24)	8 (11)
Nausea	16 (21)	9 (12)
Anemia	14 (19)	22 (29)
Asthenia	12 (16)	19 (25)
Fatigue	10 (13)	20 (27)
Headache	10 (13)	17 (23)
IgM flare	6 (8)	35 (47)
Adverse event of grade ≥3 — no. of patients (%)†	45 (60)	46 (61)
Hypertension	10 (13)	3 (4)
Atrial fibrillation	9 (12)	1 (1)
Anemia	8 (11)	13 (17)
Neutropenia	7 (9)	2 (3)
Pneumonia	7 (9)	2 (3)
Hyponatremia	4 (5)	2 (3)
Infusion-related reaction	1 (1)	12 (16)
Thrombocytopenia	0	4 (5)
Serious adverse event — no. of patients (%)‡	32 (43)	25 (33)
Pneumonia	6 (8)	2 (3)
Atrial fibrillation	5 (7)	1 (1)
Respiratory tract infection	3 (4)	0
Anemia	2 (3)	0
Congestive cardiac failure	2 (3)	0
Fall	2 (3)	0
Gastroenteritis	2 (3)	0
Myocardial ischemia	2 (3)	0
Arthralgia	2 (3)	0

<sup>c</sup> Listed are adverse events of any grade that occurred in at least 20% of the patients in either treatment group and for which the frequency differed between treatment groups by at least 5 percentage points. Data regarding major hemorrhage (which occurred in 4% of the patients in each group) are not listed because the incidence did not meet the criteria for reporting here.

Listed are adverse events of grade 3 or higher that occurred in at least 5% of the patients in either treatment group. Listed are serious adverse events that occurred in at least 2% of the patients in either treatment group.

#### <u>\* Bleeding events (51% vs 21%)</u>

#### **Considerations:**

- Stop taking ibrutinib 3 to 7 days before the surgery or procedure.
- Talk with your doctor about any other blood thinners/antiplatelet therapies you may be taking
- Stopping therapy is associated with rapid disease relapse/progression

### **Practical Considerations - Ibrutinib**

- Check MYD88 mutation status prior to initiating ibrutinib monotherapy.
- Recommend pharmacy consult prior to initiation due to CYP3A interacting meds
- Bleeding risk, 3% major
  - Avoid in combination with warfarin
     if possible
  - Instruct not to take with NSAIDs, Fish oil, Seville oranges, grapefruit and starfruit
  - Need to stop 3 days prior to minor surgery and 7 days prior to major surgery
- 10% risk of atrial fibrillation
- 20% risk of hypertension
- Approved as primary therapy in WM by the FDA, Health Canada, and the EMA.
- Should not be stopped unless toxicity or progression is suspected.



#### The ASPEN study



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Study	Ν	Population	ORR	MRR	PR	VGPR+	PFS	
	TN/Total		(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	
Ibrutinib	63	RR	91	79	49	30	5y 54	
Ibrutinib	30	TN	100	87	57	30	4y 76	
iNNOVATE Ibrutinib+ Rituximab Placebo + Rituximab	150 34/41 34/41	TN/RR	91/93 53/37	76/76 41/22	50/42 32/20	27/34 9/2	4y 70/71 32/20	
Acalabrutinib	106 14 92	TN 93 RR 95		78 84	71 57	7 23	5.5y 84 (TN) 52 (RR)	
Zanubrutinib AU-003	77	TN+RR	100	83	37	44	2-yr 81	
Zanubrutinib AU-003	24	TN	100	87	54	33	2-yr 91	
ASPEN Cohort 1(MYD88 <sup>mut</sup> ) Zanubrutinib Ibrutinib	102 99	TN/RR	95 94	<mark>81</mark> 67/80	45 55	<b>28</b> 36 19 22	1y 3.5y 90 78 87 70	
Zanubrutinib	19	TN	94	73	53	26	1.5y 78	
Ibrutinib	18	TN	89	67	50	17	1.5y 94	
ASPEN Cohort 2 Zanubrutinib (MYD88 <sup>WT</sup> )	26	TN/RR	81	65	35	31	1.5 3.5y 68 NA	
Tirabrutinib	27	TN/RR	96	89	78	11	NR	
Ibrutinib-venetoclax	45	TN	100	93	53	40	1y 92%	

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#### Time (months)

	All	grades	Gr	ade≥3	
AEs,° n (%)	Ibrutinib (n=98)	Zanubrutinib (n=101)	lbrutinib (n=98)	Zanubrutinit (n=101)	
nfection	78 (79.6)	80 (79.2)	27 (27.6)	22 (21.8)	
Bleeding	61 (62.2)	56 (55.4)	10 (10.2)	9 (8.9)	
Diarrhea	34 (34.7)	23 (22.8)	2 (2.0)	3 (3.0)	
Hypertension*	25 (25.5)	15 (14.9)	20 (20.4)*	10 (9.9)	
Atrial fibrillation/flutter*	23 (23.5)*	8 (7.9)	8 (8.2)*	2 (2.0)	
Anemia	22 (22.4)	18 (17.8)	6 (6.1)	12 (11.9)	
Neutropenia* <sup>b</sup>	20 (20.4)	35 (34.7)*	10 (10.2)	24 (23.8)*	
Thrombocytopenia	17 (17.3)	17 (16.8)	6 (6.1)	11 (10.9)	
Second primary malignancy/	17 (17.3)/ 6 (61)	17 (16.8)/ 6 (5.9)	3 (3.1)/ 3 (3.1)	6 (5.9)/ 4 (4 0)	
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Treon SP et al. *J Clin Oncol.* 2021;39(6):565-575. Castillo JJ et al. *Leukemia.* 2022;36(2):532-539. Buske C et al. *J Clin Oncol.* 2022;40(1):52-62. Trotman J et al. *Clin Cancer Res.* 2021;27(21):5793-5800. Owen et al. *HemaSphere.* 2022. Trotman J et al. *Blood.* 2020;136 (18): 2027-2037. Tam et al. *J Clin Oncol.* 2022. Sekaguchi et al. *Cancer Sci.* 2020. Zhou et al. ASH 2021. Mato AR et al. *Lancet.* 2021;39(10277):892-901. Palumba L et al. ASH 2022. Abstract 229. Castillo JJ et al. ASH 2022. Abstract 231.



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

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Variable BR p-value Ibrutinib Follow-up, median, 95%CI, y 4.5 (3.7-4.9) 4.5 (4-4.7) 0.7 68 (40-86) 68 (39-86) Age, median, range, y 0.9 IPSS, % 0.63 17 Low 11 Intermediate 33 33 56 High 48 6 (1-6) Cycles, median (range) 42 (0.3-98) >4 cycles, 77% 94 0.91 Overall response rate % 94 Major response rate, % 92 83 0.05 Complete response, % 20 < 0.001 2 50 33 ≥VGPR, % 0.009 4-year PFS, % (95%CI) 72 (63-82) 78 (70-87) 0.15 4-year OS, % (95%CI) 95 (91-99) 86 (80-93) 0.31



- Analysis of age-matched patients who received either BR or Ibrutinib (N=246)
- MYD88 WT patients excluded
- Median Follow-Up: 4.2 years

**Progression-free** 

Abeykoon et al. Abstract 7566, ASCO 2022

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



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### Pirtobrutinib Efficacy in WM Patients



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### Progression-Free Survival and Overall Survival in Prior cBTKi Patients

**Progression-Free Survival** 

#### **Overall Survival**



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

Data cutoff date of 29 July 2022. Response as assessed by investigator based on modified IWWM6 criteria.

### VENETOCLAX

Study	N	Patient Population	ORR (%)	MRR (%)	PR (%)	VGPR (%)	PFS (%)
Phase 1 Venetoclax	4	RR	100	100	100	0	NA
Phase 2 Venetoclax	32	RR	84	81	61	19	2-yr 80



*CXCR4* mutations did not affect response or PFS

Davids, M. S. *et al. J Clin Oncol* **35**, 826-833, 2017 Castillo J. et al. JCO (January 01, 2022)

# **Autologous SCT**

- No RCT data to suggest OS benefit.
- EBMT study:158 patients, median time from diagnosis to ASCT 20 months, **93% chemo-sensitive**
- 70% of patients achieved  $\geq$ VGPR.
- PFS at 5-year 40% and 5-years OS 70%, influenced by number of lines of therapy and chemo-refractoriness at ASCT.
- In young patients, stem cell mobilization is recommended after first line of therapy (deeper response, less treatment exposure).

## **CLR 131 Phospholipid Drug Conjugate (PDC)** *Validated Delivery Platform*

- Tumor cells utilize lipids at significantly greater quantities than
   normal tissue
  - Energy source (b-oxidation)
  - Cell membrane production
  - Signaling molecules
- CLR-131 exploits cancer cells' needs for lipids to provide targeted delivery
  - Bind to specialized regions on tumor cell surface and internalized
  - Delivers 20-40% of infused drug to tumor
- CLR 131: targeted delivery of I-131 (validated therapeutic isotope)
  - Kills tumor cells by creating double stranded breaks in the DNA



#### Crossing the BBB Metastatic Ependymoma



SPECT scan NSCLC

## **CLR 131 Phase 2 WM Best Response by Patient** *Demonstrates Activity in All Patients Subtypes*



Patient Single Best IgM Reduction (%)

- CLR 131 Responses
  - 100% Overall Response Rate (ORR)
  - 83.3% Major Response Rate (MRR)

- 100% MRR in MYD88WT patients
- 16.7% Complete Response Rate (CR)

## Summarize: Always check for mutations status

- Newly diagnosed:
  Bendamustine-Rituximab (BR)
  Ibrutinib-Rituximab
- Zanubrutinib
- **First relapse**

-Relapse on a covalent BTK inhibitor- (ibrutinib, zanubrutinib, acalabrutinib, orelabrutinib or tirabrutinib) based regimen - **Bendamustine-Rituximab (BR)** -Off therapy, post BR/ other chemoimmunotherapy or covalent BTK inhibitor-naïve • **Bendamustine-Rituximab (BR)** • **Ibrutinib-Rituximab** 

- Zanubrutinib
- Salvage therapiesVenetoclax
- Pirtobrutinib
- Proteasome inhibitor combinations
- ASCT in select patients
- Repeat previously used fixed duration therapy

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# Questions



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