

How I Approach Treatment- Naïve CLL/SLL

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Cases – Newly Diagnosed CLL/SLL

1. Asymptomatic – High Risk
2. Older – High Risk
3. Younger – Low Risk
4. Younger – Intermediate Risk

Case #1



Ms. Organa: 54F newly diagnosed CLL, Rai Stage 1, currently asymptomatic and without cytopenias

- Del(17p) and *TP53* mutation = 0
- B2M = 4.0mg/L = 2
- Unmutated IGHV = 2
- Rai Stage 1 = 1
- Age >65 = 0

CLL-IPI Score = 5 = High Risk

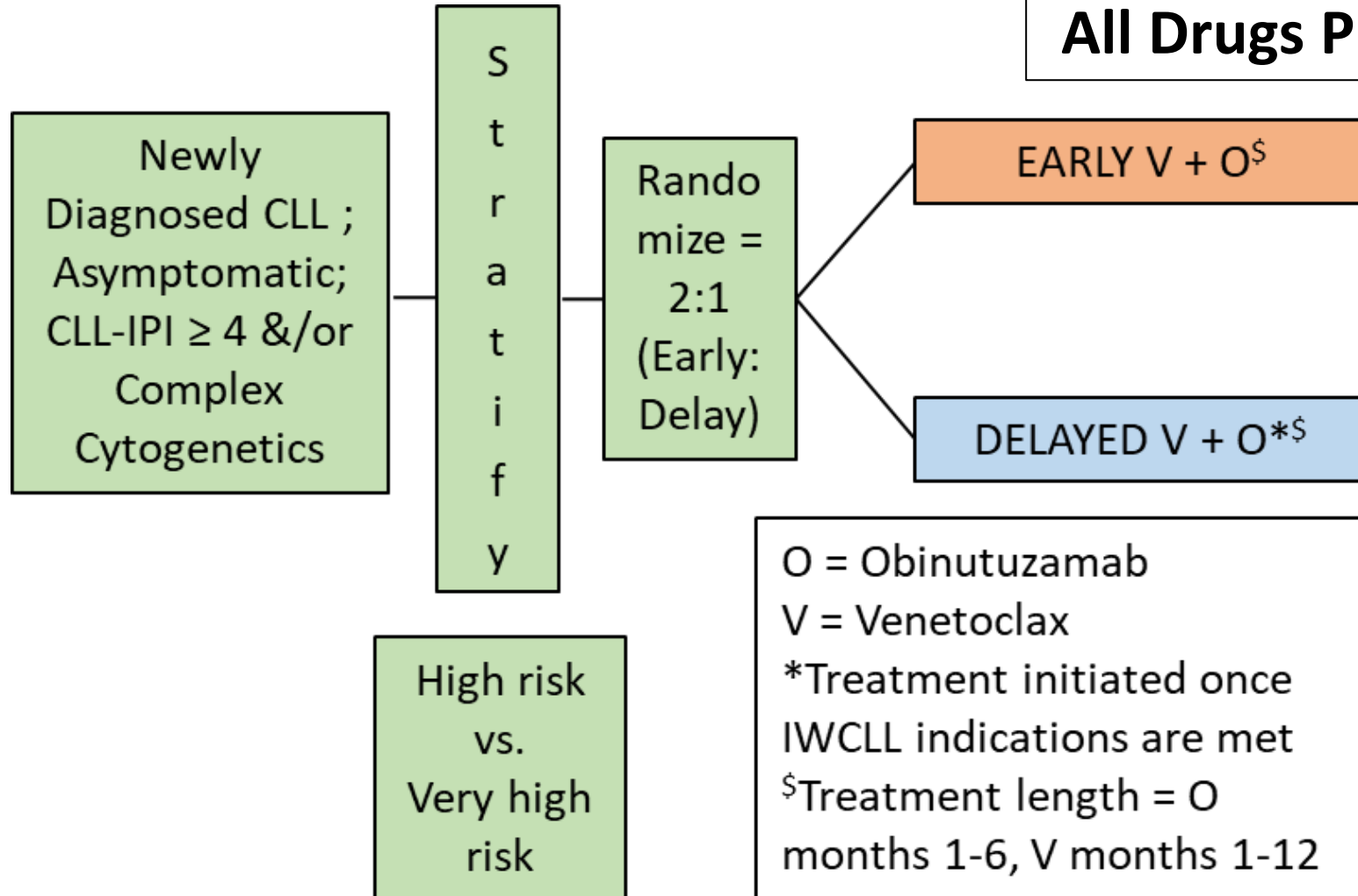
Median TTFT: 28 months (95% CI, 4–53)

CLL-IPI Characteristic	Pts
Del(17p) or TP53 mutation	4
Serum beta-2-microglobulin \geq 3.5mg/L	2
Un-mutated IgVH status	2
Rai Stage I-IV	1
Age > 65 years	1

S1925: EVOLVE Study

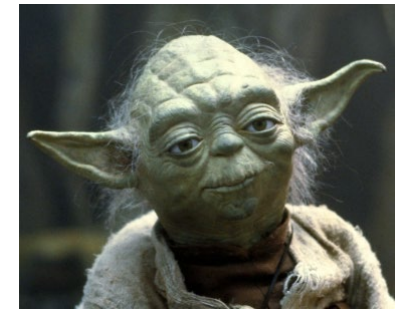
1° Endpoint: Overall Survival

All Drugs Provided by Study



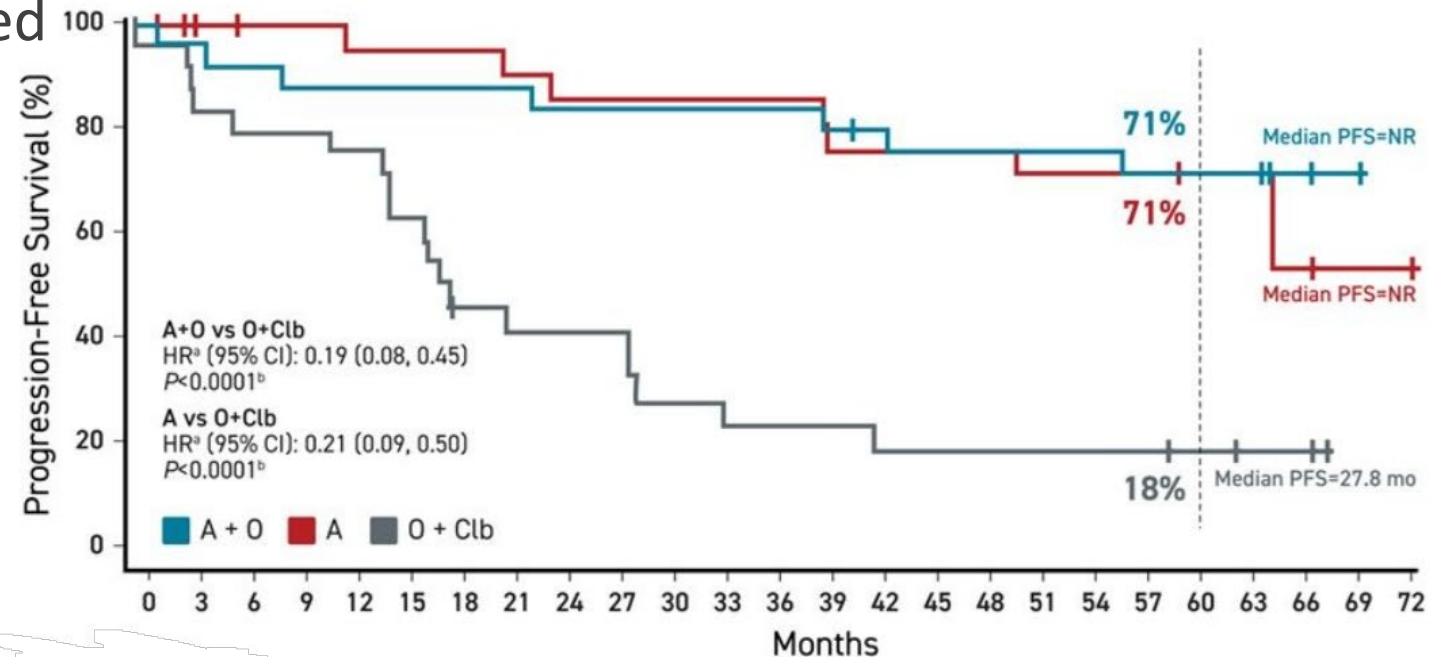
**Study Ongoing:
Need Accruals!**

Case #2



Mr. Yoda: 867M newly diagnosed CLL, fit, HTN, GERD.

- Risk Factors: Del17p, TP53m, IGHV_u
- Symptoms: Drenching night sweats, unplanned weight loss, significant fatigue
- Comorbidities: CKD Stage 3-4 – CrCl baseline 25-35ml/min
- Logistics: Lives in swamp ~2 hours from nearest cancer center



ELEVATE TN: Great efficacy in TP53m
No indication to add obinutuzumab in this setting

How to Choose Between BTKi?

ACALABRUTINIB

- Older patients
- Patients with hypertension
- No longer has formulary issue with proton-pump inhibitors

ZANUBRUTINIB

- Option for once daily dosing
- Most others

IBRUTINIB

- Patients already tolerating the drug
- Patients with extensive history of other cancers?

Case #3

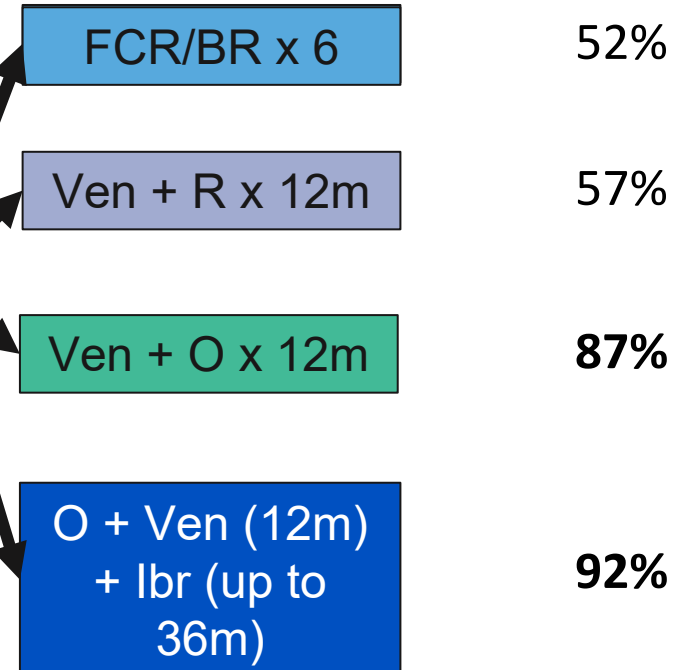


Mr. Solo: 62M newly diagnosed CLL, fit, no comorbidities

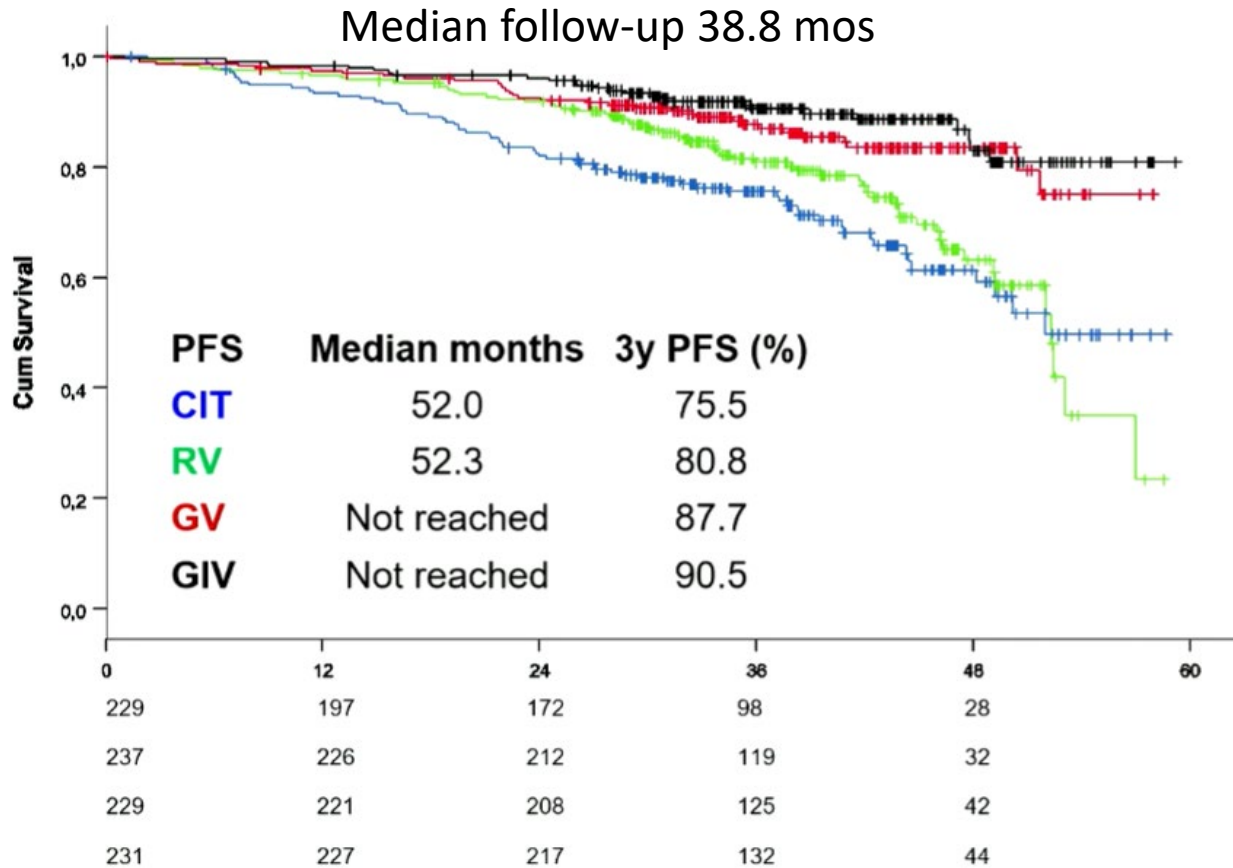
- Risk Factors: Del13q, IGHV_m
- Symptoms: Early satiety and SOB from anemia (non-hemolytic)
- Comorbidities: None
- Logistics: Travels for work a lot but mostly controls his own schedule. Lives near treating facility

CLL13
Treatment-naïve CLL
-Fit
-No del17p

N = 920



CLL13



Significant benefit to adding ibrutinib?

- At this point, no.
- Longer follow-up may show benefit as ibrutinib can extend to 36 mo.

Will toxicity of adding ibrutinib outweigh any efficacy benefit?

- Unclear, longer follow-up needed.
- **A041702** (I+O vs I+V+O) reported interim analysis with no PFS benefit of I+V+O.
- **CLL17** ongoing: I vs V+O vs I+V

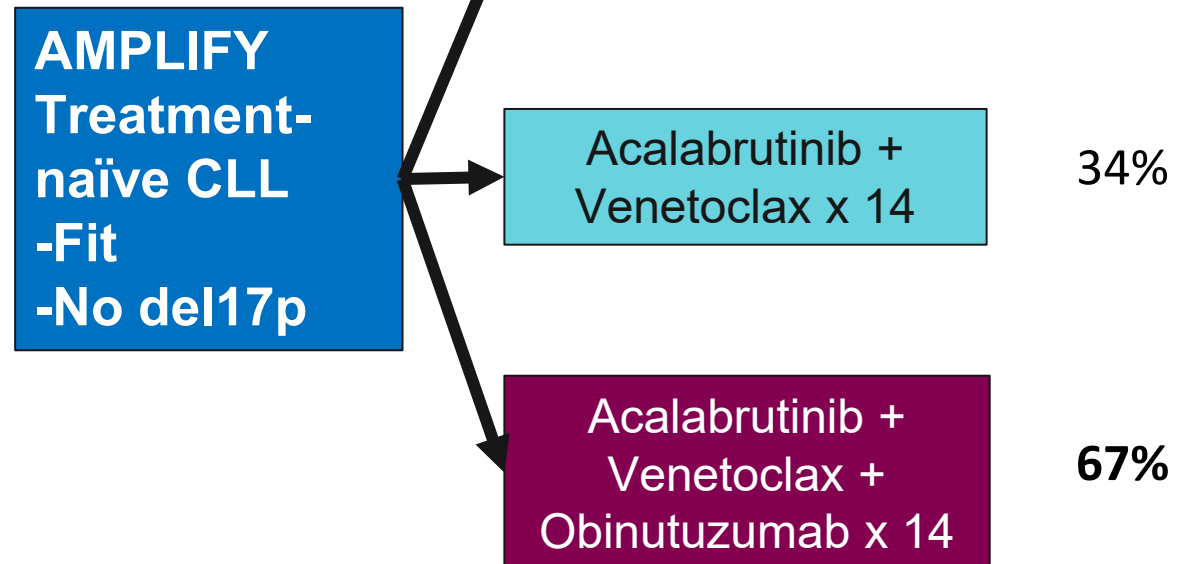
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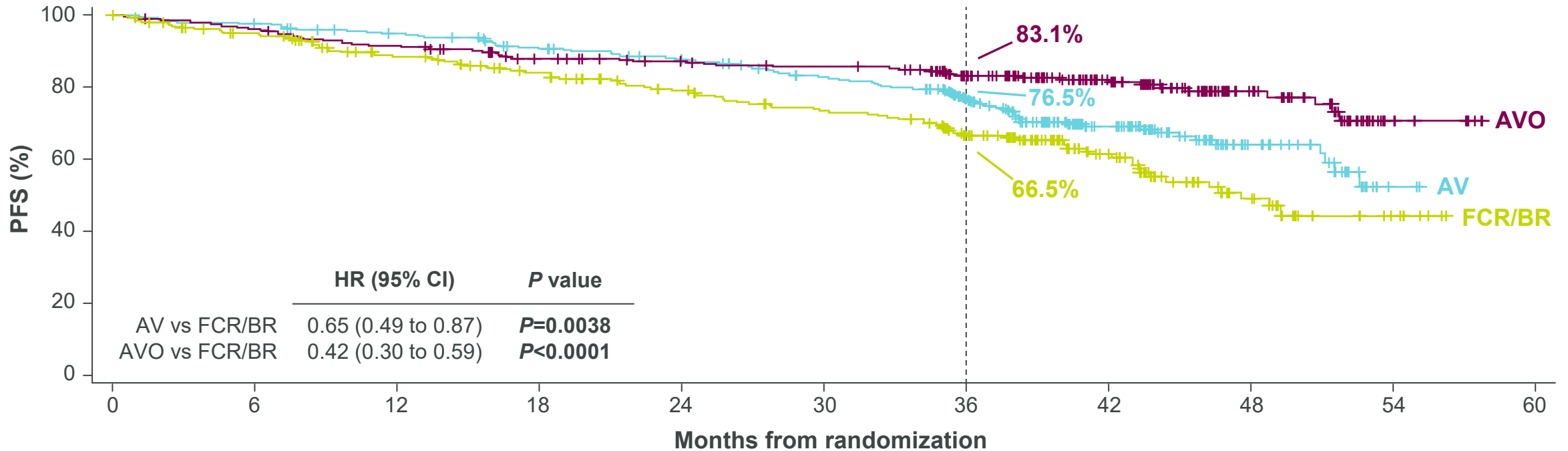
Mr. Skywalker: 54M newly diagnosed CLL, fit, no comorbidities

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- Risk Factors: Del13q, IGHVu
- Symptoms: Very bulky adenopathy
- Comorbidities: None
- Logistics: Works as a farmer in the desert ~ 5 hours from closest cancer center



AMPLIFY



More COVID-19 Deaths in AVO (25) and CIT (21) Arms than AV (10) Arm

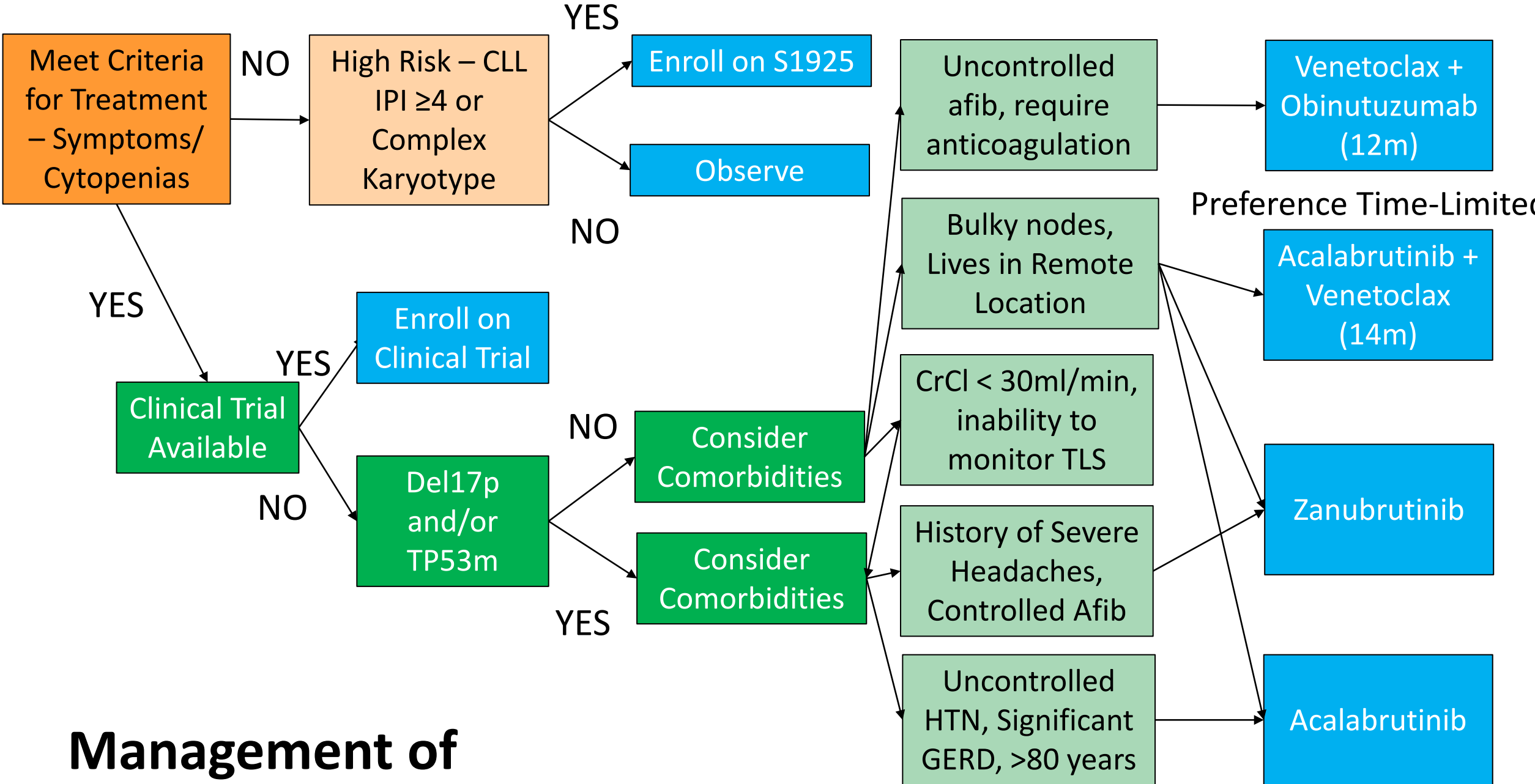
When COVID-19 deaths were censored, there was a bigger improvement in PFS of AVO arm

AMPLIFY Take-Home Points

- Significantly improved PFS with fixed-duration AV and AVO vs FCR/BR
- uMRD rates highest in the AVO arm
- Prolonged OS with AV versus FCR/BR (primary analysis), and with both AV and AVO vs FCR/BR (censoring COVID-19 deaths)
- AV and AVO had tolerable safety profiles, with low incidence of cardiac AEs typically associated with BTKis (ie, atrial fibrillation, hypertension)
- AVO had higher toxicity rates than AV

Impact: AMPLIFY will likely be the basis of submission for approval of AV+/- O

Where to use? Young? High-risk? Bulky Disease?



Management of Newly Diagnosed CLL

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