

What are the Novel Approaches in the Treatment of Waldenstrom's Macroglobulinemia?



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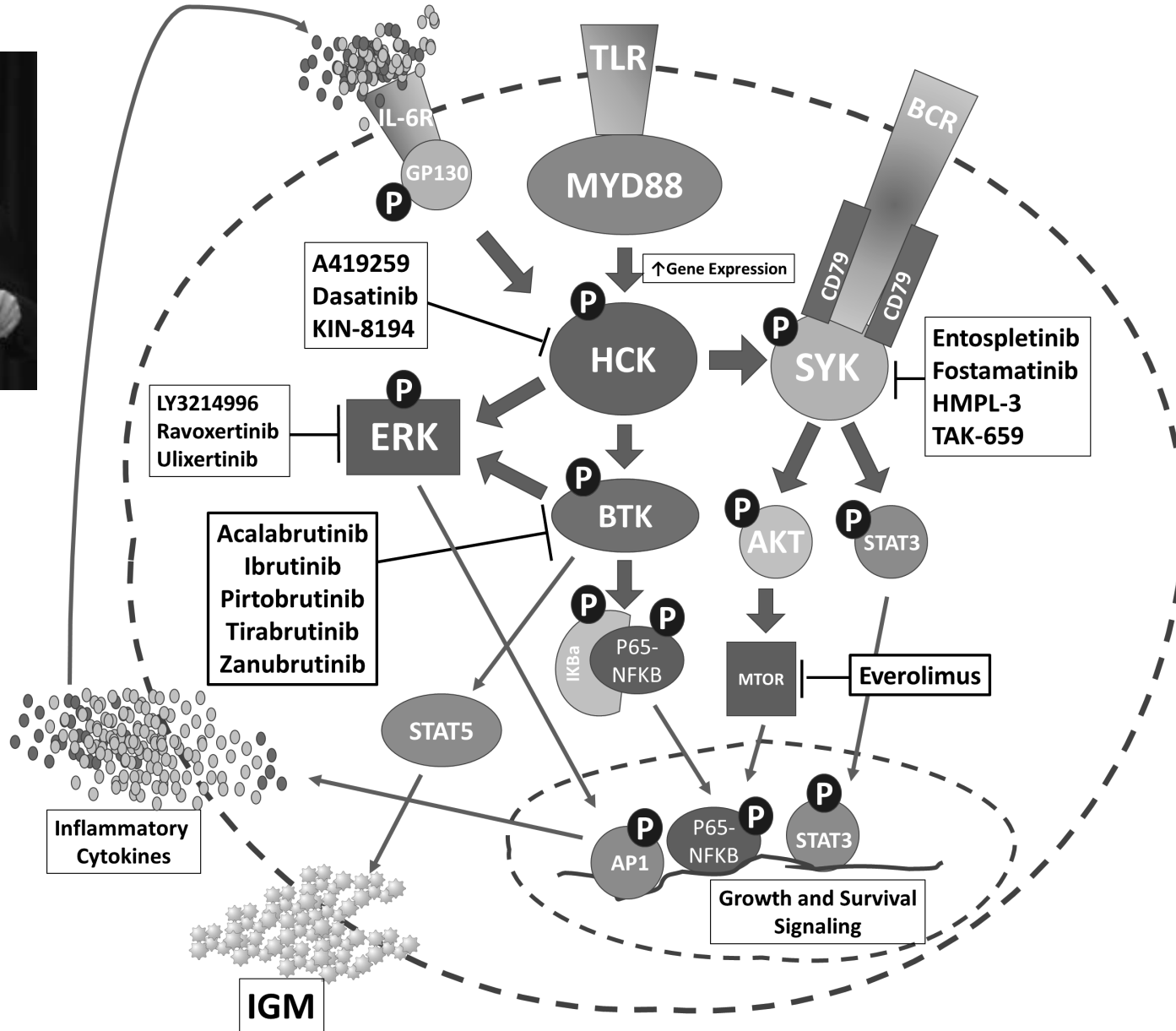
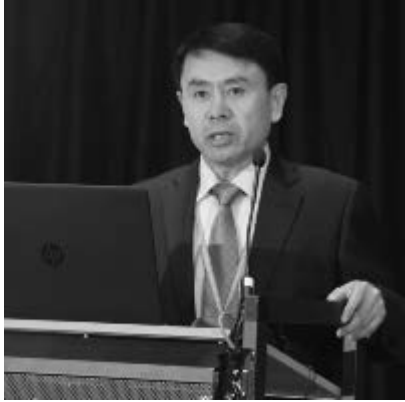
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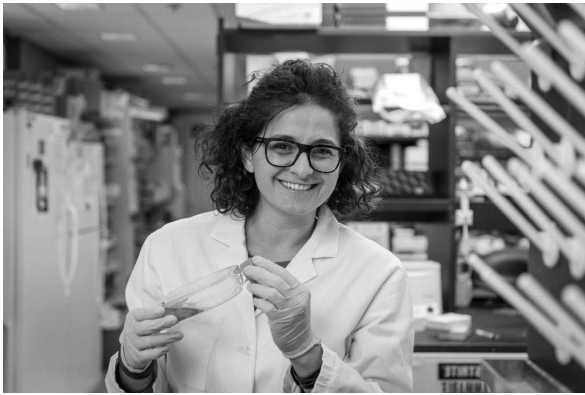
IP assigned to DFCI for MYD88, CXCR4, and IRAK and HCK and other inhibitors.

MYD88 directed pro-survival signaling in WM

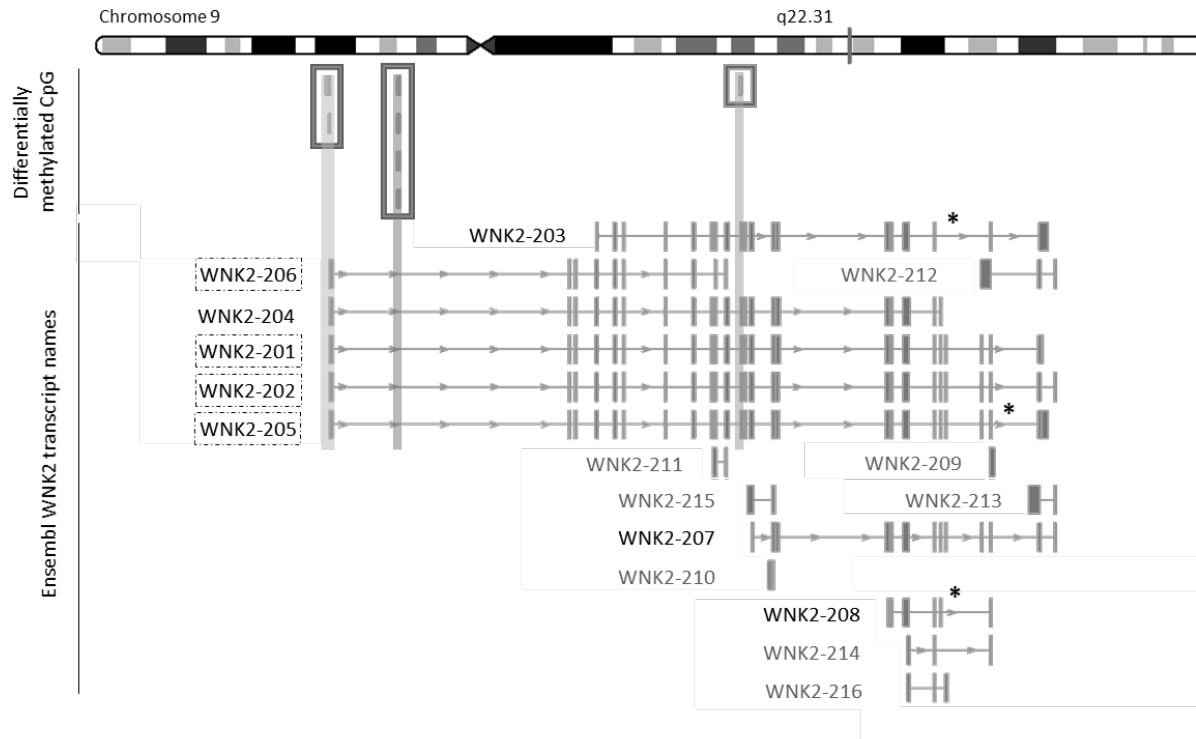


MYD88 mutations occur in 95-97% WM Patients

Treon et al, NEJM 2012
 Yang et al, Blood 2013
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The ERK1/2 kinase activity regulator WNK2 is suppressed due to aberrant methylation: $MYD88^{Mut}$ $CXCR4^{Mut}$, $MYD88^{Mut6qdel}$, $MYD88^{WT}$

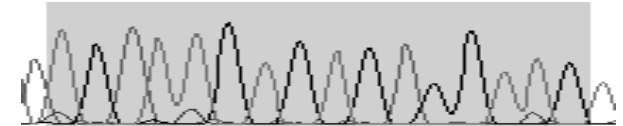


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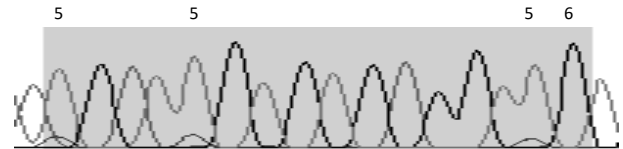
Differentially methylated CpG

	839				843									853	854	
Original DNA sequence	C	G	A	C	C	G	T	G	T	G	A	G	G	T	C	G
Bisulfite converted DNA sequence	C	G	A	T	C	G	T	G	T	G	A	G	G	T	C	G
Sample CpG methylation, %	8				11									14	8	

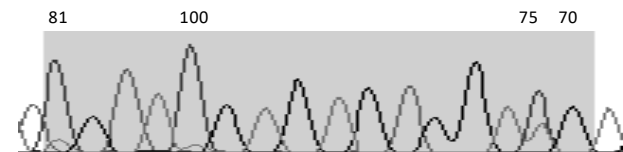
WM1
($CXCR4^{WT}$, 6q intact)



WM2
($CXCR4^{WT}$, del6q)



WM3
($CXCR4^{MUT}$, very subclonal del6q)

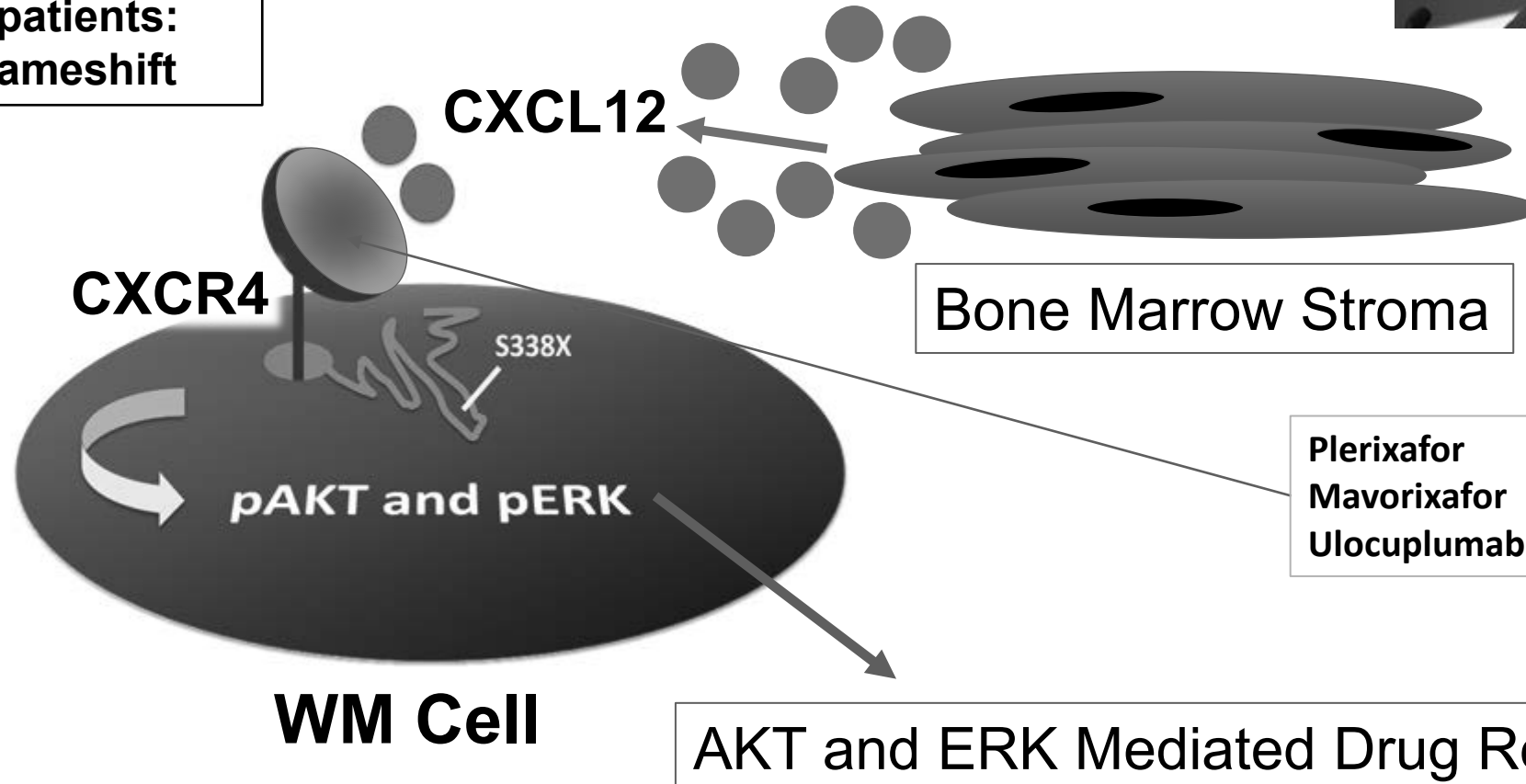


Guerrera ML et al, submitted.

Mutated CXCR4 permits ongoing pro-survival signaling by CXCL12



CXCR4 mutations occur in 30-40% of WM patients: Nonsense and Frameshift



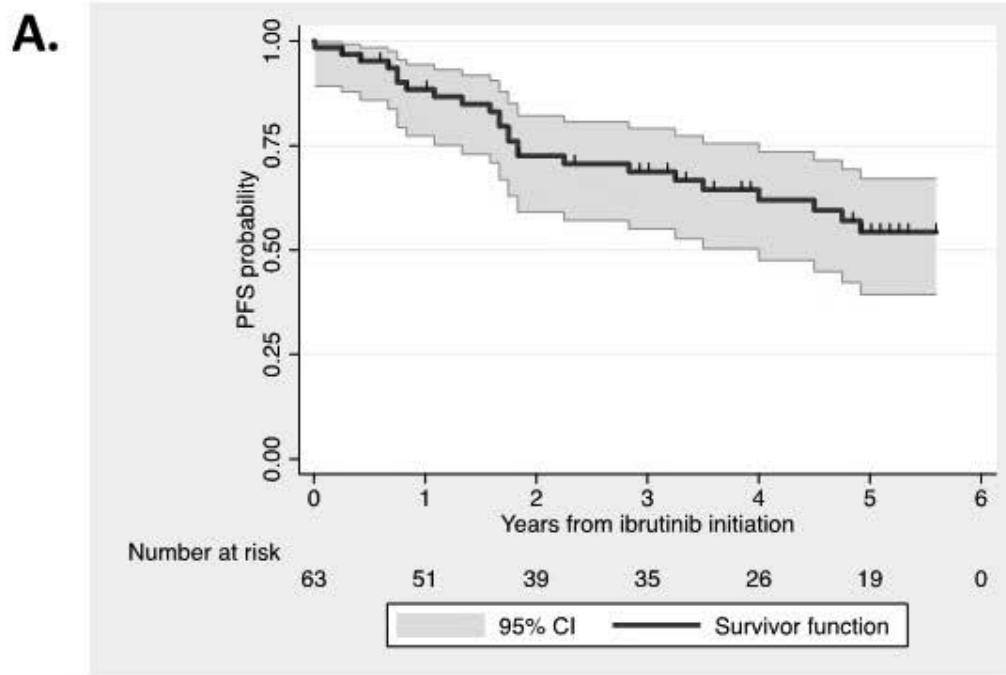
Ibrutinib Activity in Previously Treated WM: Update of the Pivotal Trial (median f/u 59 mos)

	All Patients	MYD88 ^{MUT} CXCR4 ^{WT}	MYD88 ^{MUT} CXCR4 ^{MUT}	MYD88 ^{WT} CXCR4 ^{WT}	P-value
N=	63	36	22	4	N/A
Overall Response Rate-no. (%)	90.5%	100%	86.4%	50%	<0.01
Major Response Rate-no. (%)	79.4%	97.2%	68.2%	0%	<0.0001
Categorical responses					
Minor responses-no. (%)	11.1%	2.8%	18.2%	50%	<0.01
Partial responses-no. (%)	49.2%	50%	59.1%	0%	0.03
Very good partial responses-no. (%)	30.2%	47.2%	9.1%	0%	<0.01
Median time to response (months)					
Minor response (≥Minor response)	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.38
Major response (≥Partial response)	1.8	1.8	4.7	N/A	0.02

*One patient had MYD88 mutation, but no CXCR4 determination and had SD.

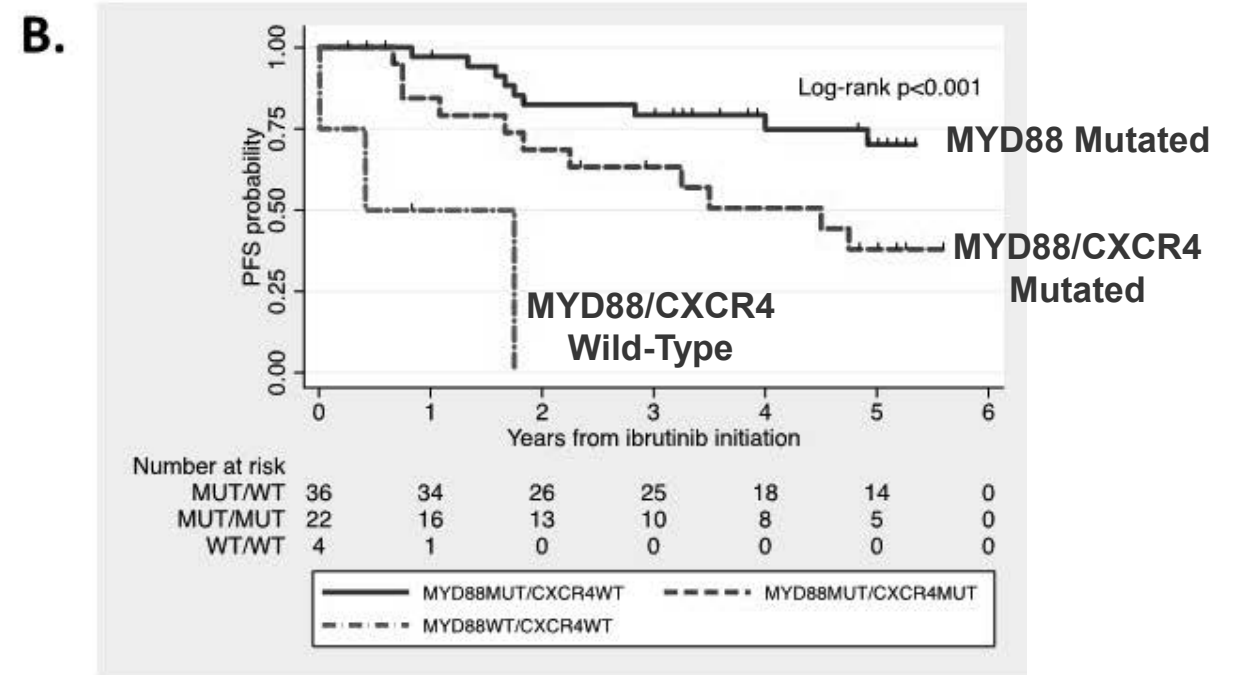
Ibrutinib in Previously Treated WM: Updated PFS

All patients



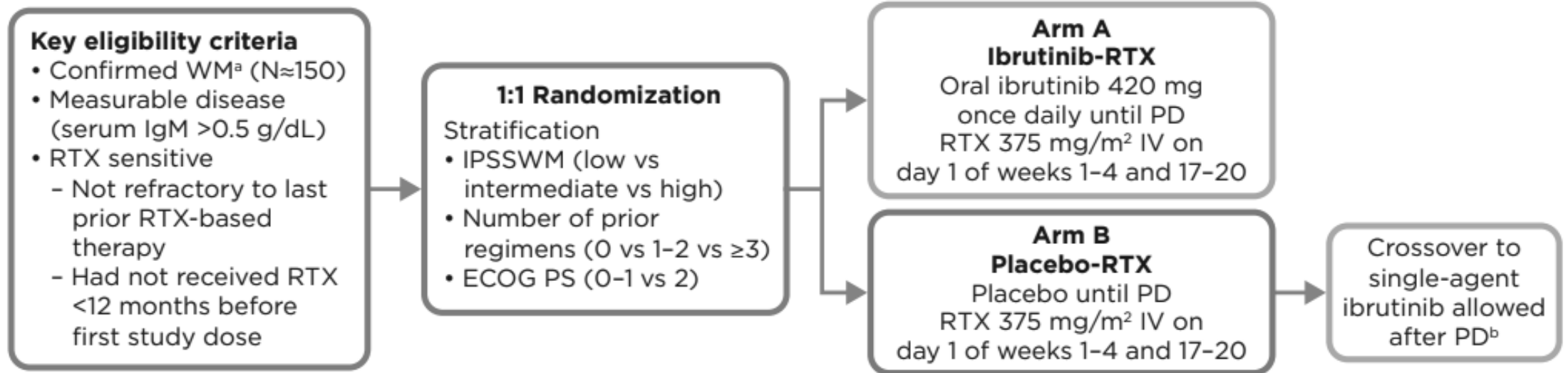
5 year PFS: 54%
5 year OS: 87%

By MYD88 and CXCR4 Mutation Status



Treon et al, NEJM 2015; Updated JCO 2021

iNNOVATE (PCYC-1127; NCT 02165397) Study Design



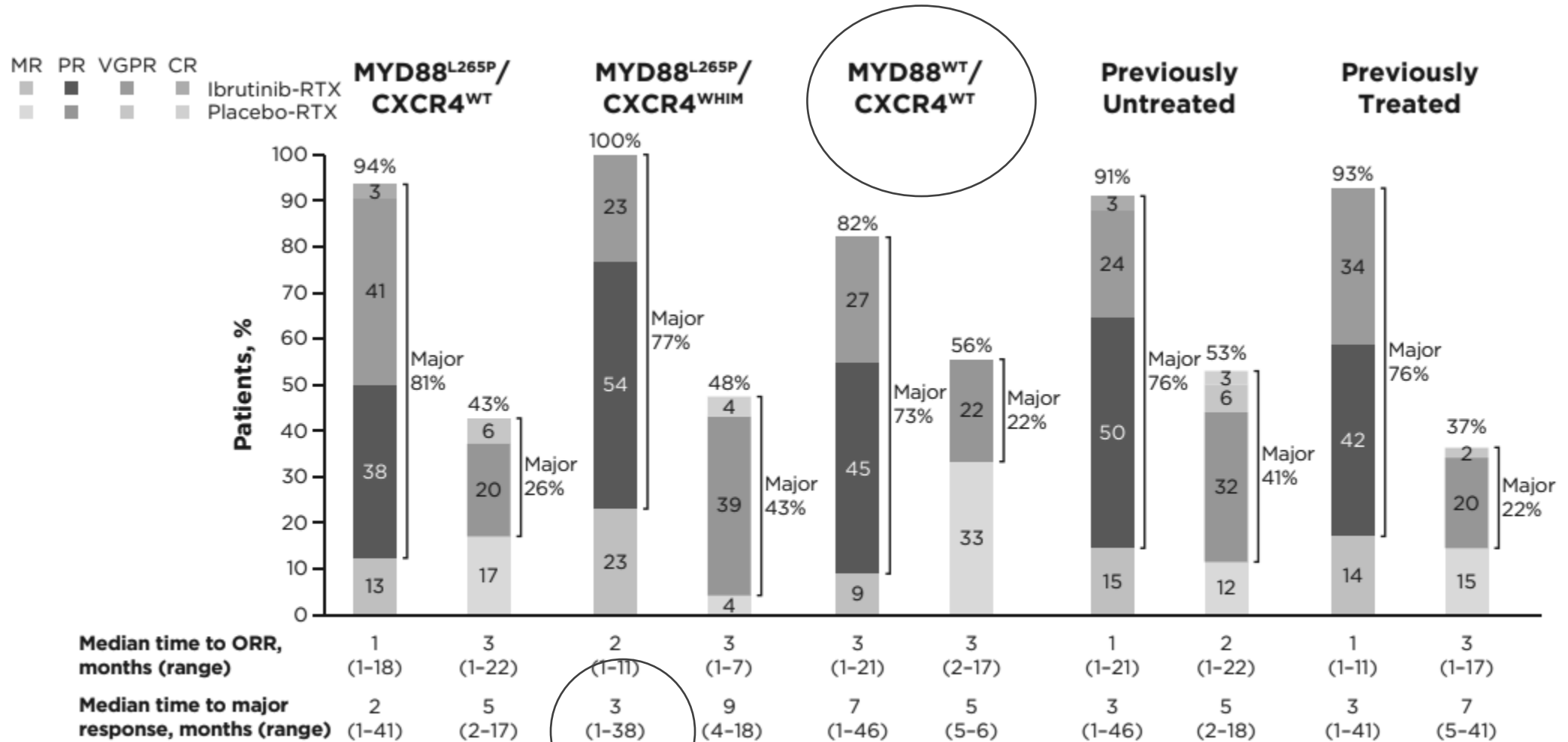
ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; IPSSWM, International Prognostic Scoring System for Waldenström's Macroglobulinemia; IRC, independent review committee; IV, intravenous; PD, progressive disease.

^aPreviously untreated patients were allowed to enroll following a protocol amendment (November 2015); therefore, their enrollment started later than patients who had relapsed.

^bPatients in the placebo-RTX arm could receive next-line single-agent ibrutinib in crossover following IRC-confirmed PD.

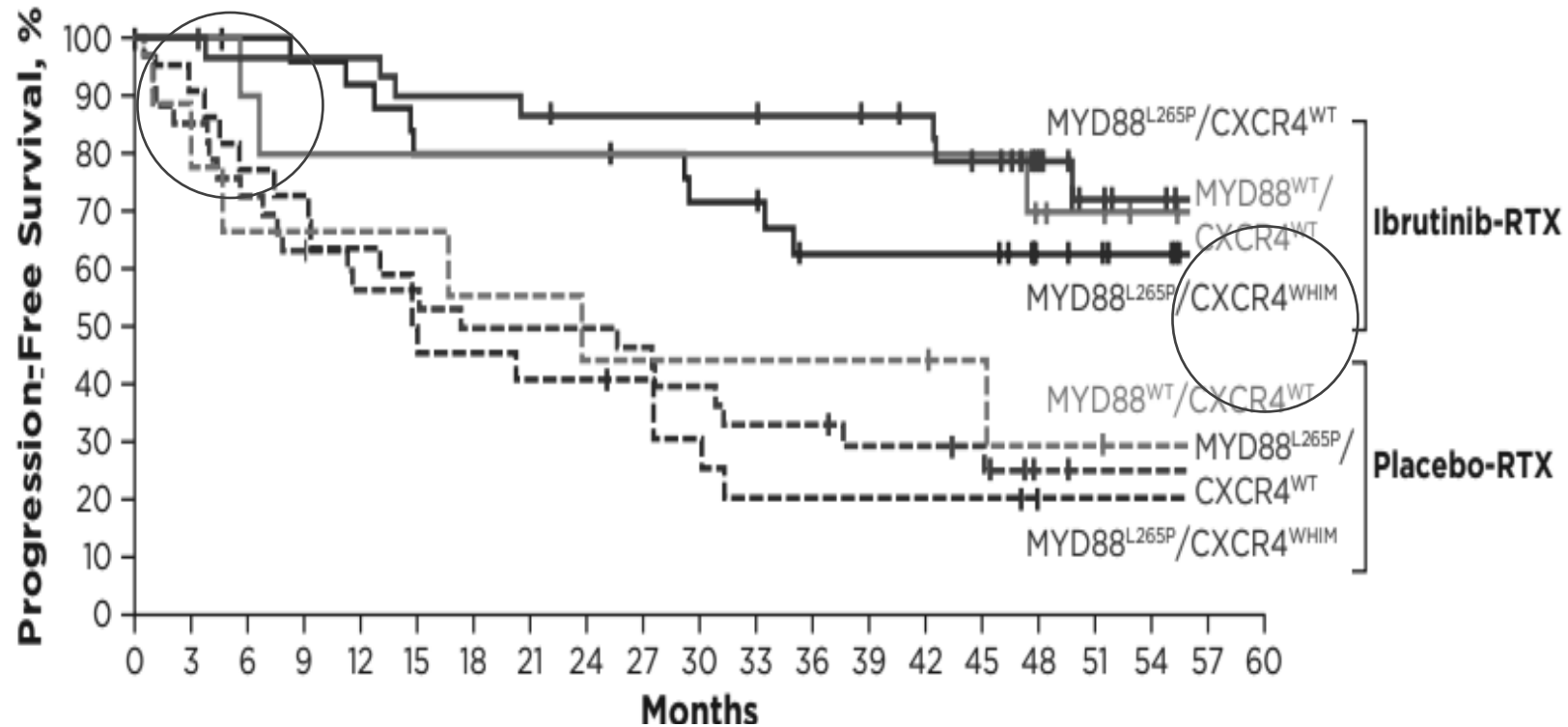
- iNNOVATE (PCYC-1127) was a double-blind, randomized, placebo-controlled, multicenter, international phase 3 study to assess the efficacy and safety of ibrutinib-RTX versus placebo-RTX in patients with WM (**Figure 1**).
- The primary endpoint was PFS by IRC. Secondary endpoints included response rate by IRC, time to next treatment, hemoglobin (Hgb) improvement, overall survival (OS), and safety.
- After study closure, patients without PD could continue ibrutinib in an extension program.

Response Rates by Genotype and Prior Treatment Status



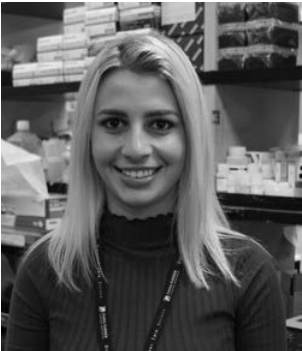
- Higher response rates with ibrutinib-RTX were independent of genotype or prior treatment status

iNNOVATE: PFS by Genotype

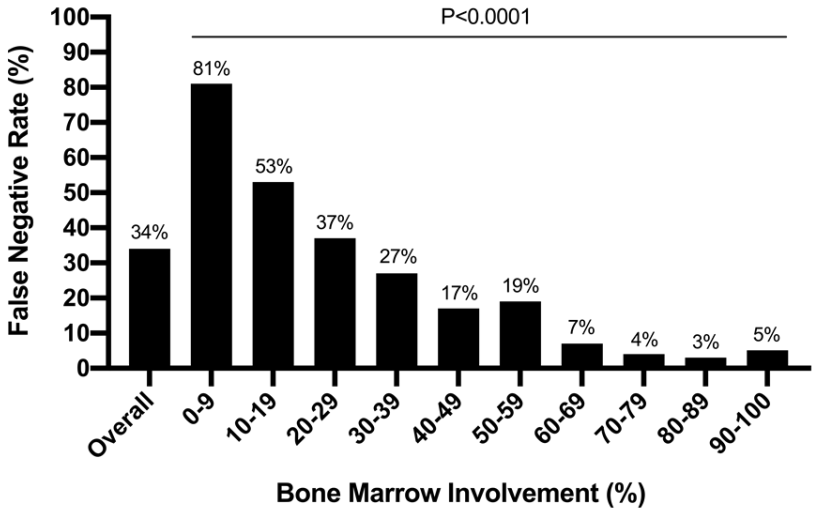
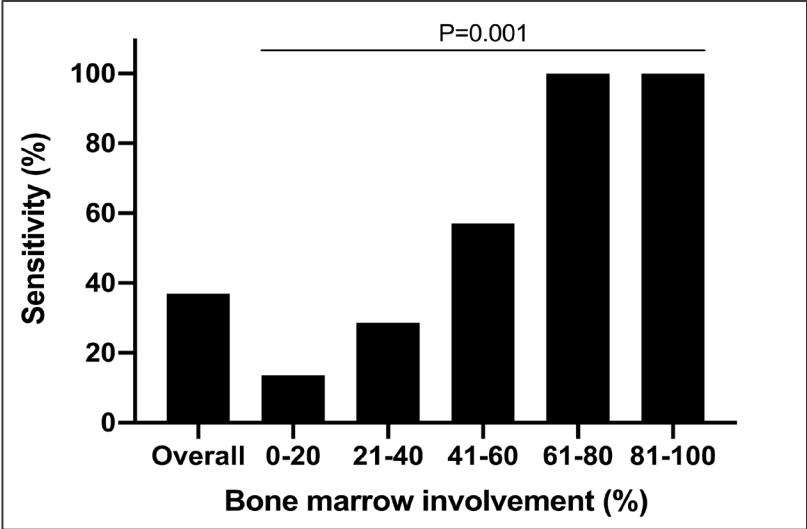


54-month PFS	Ibrutinib-RTX	Placebo-RTX
MYD88 ^{Mut} /CXCR4 ^{WT}	72%	25%
MYD88 ^{Mut} /CXCR4 ^{Mut}	63%	21%
MYD88 ^{WT} /CXCR4 ^{WT}	70%	30%

Challenges of MYD88 and CXCR4 detection in WM



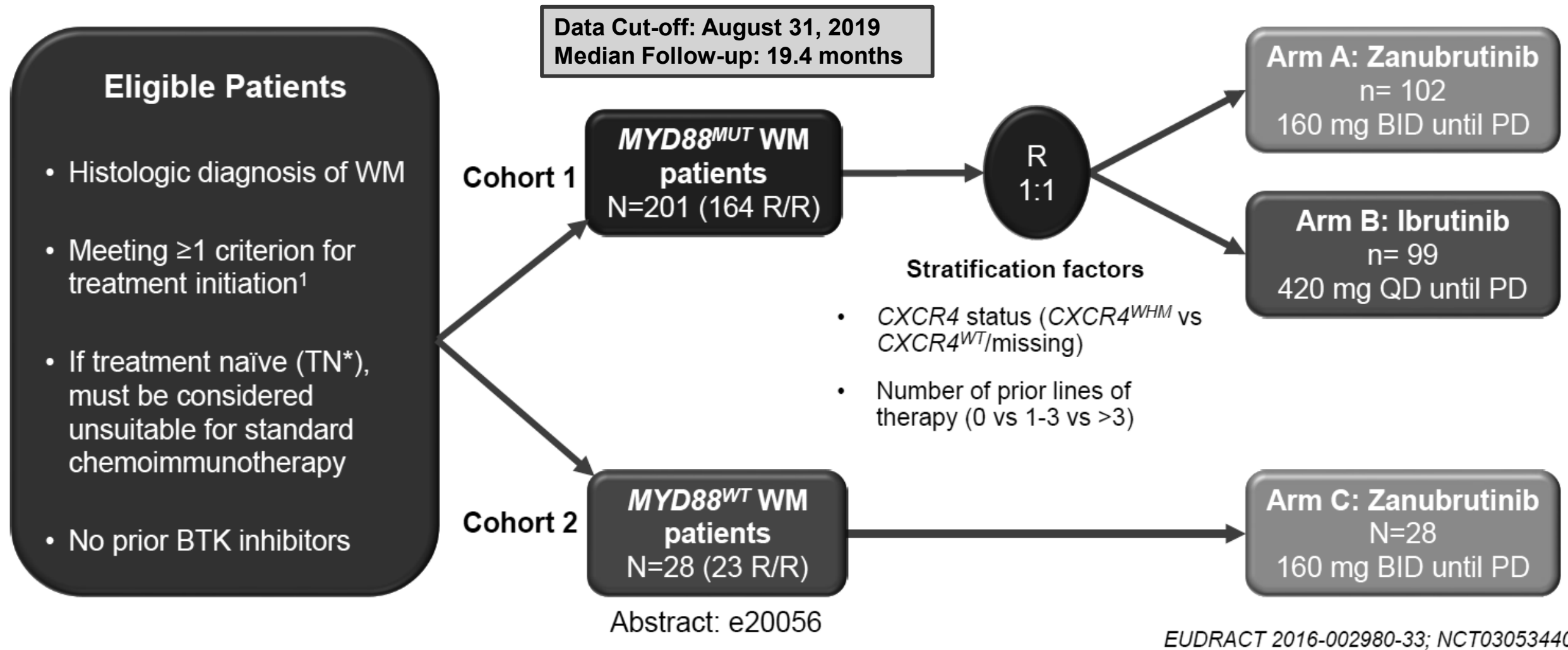
	MYD88 L265P	
	AS-PCR	NGS
True Positive – no.	391	259
True Negative – no.	23	23
False Positive – no.	0	0
False Negative – no.	0	132
Concordance (κ) – %	Ref.	68 (0.19)
Sensitivity (95% CI) – %	Ref.	66 (61-71)
Specificity (95% CI) – %	Ref.	100 (83-100)
PPV (95% CI) – %	Ref.	100 (98-100)
NPV (95% CI) – %	Ref.	15 (10-22)



Sensitivity for mutated CXCR4 detection was 37% by NGS and unselected BM. Low BM involvement and clonality impacted detection.

Kofides et al, Hemasphere 2021; Gustine et al, BJH 2021.

ASPEN Study Design: Zanubrutinib vs Ibrutinib in *MYD88*^{MUT} WM

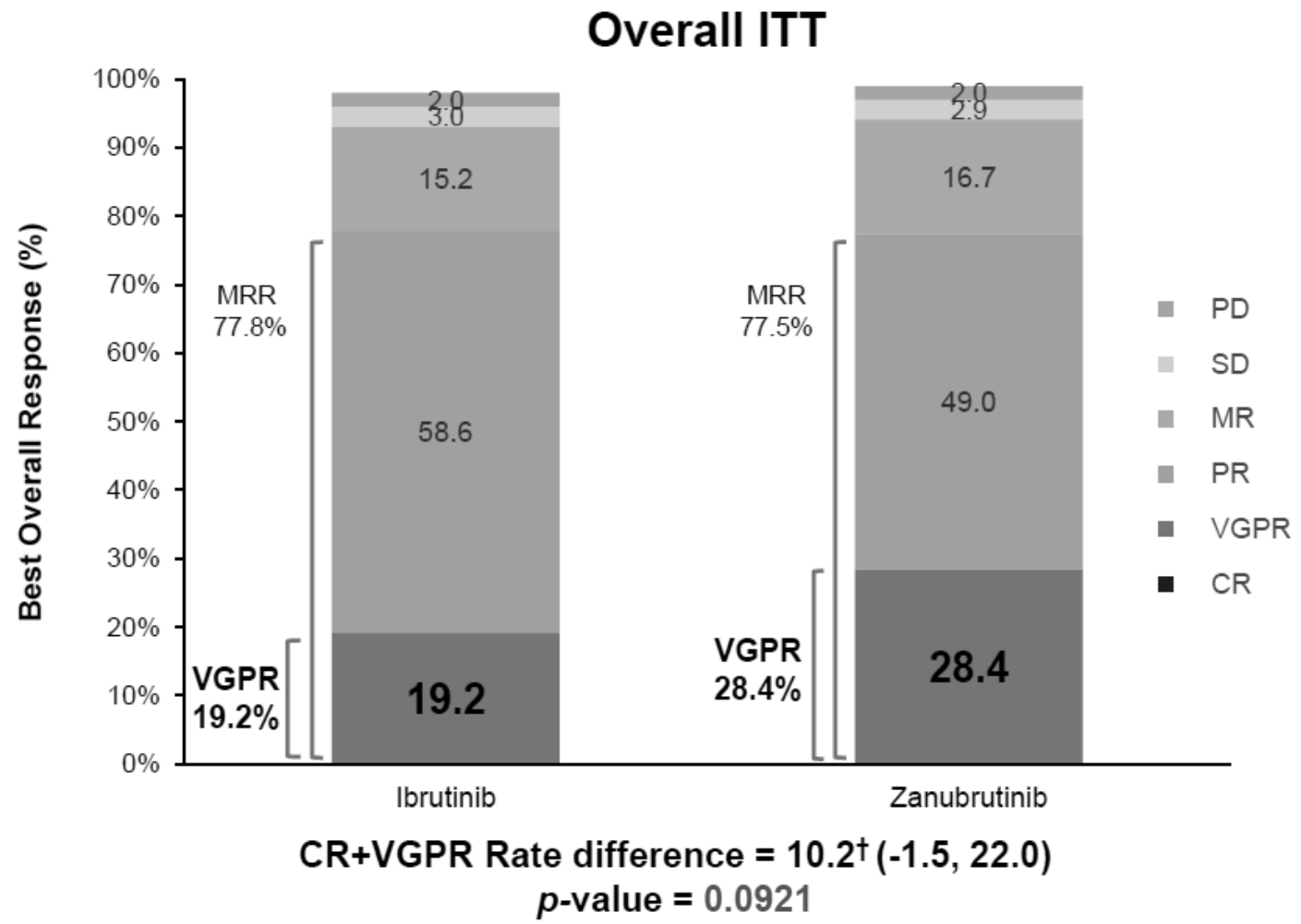


BID, twice daily; BTK, Bruton tyrosine kinase; *CXCR4*, C-X-C Motif Chemokine Receptor 4; *MYD88*^{MUT}, myeloid differentiation primary response gene 88 mutant; PD, progressive disease; QD, daily; R, randomization; R/R, relapsed/refractory; TN, treatment naïve; WM, Waldenström Macroglobulinemia; WT, wild-type.
*Up to 20% of the overall population.

1. Dimopoulos MA, et al. *Blood*. 2014;124:1404-1411.

ASPEN: Efficacy – Response by IRC (Data cutoff: 31 August 2019)

- Superiority in CR+VGPR rate compared to ibrutinib in relapsed/refractory population (primary study hypothesis) was not significant*



***CXCR4 mutated patients had lower VGPR responses in both arms in post-hoc analysis using NGS:**

	Mut	WT
Zanu	18%	34%
Ibru	10%	24%

CR, complete response; IRC, independent review committee; ITT, intention-to-treat; MRR, major response rate; MR, minor response; ; ORR, overall response rate; PD, progressive disease; PR, partial response; R/R, relapsed/refractory; SD, stable disease; VGPR, very good PR.

Overall concordance between Independent review and investigators = 94%

* All other P values are for descriptive purposes only. [†]Adjusted for stratification factors and age group.

ASPEN: AE Categories of Interest (BTKi Class AEs)

AE Categories, n (%) (pooled terms)	All Grades		Grade ≥ 3	
	Ibrutinib (n = 98)	Zanubrutinib (n = 101)	Ibrutinib (n = 98)	Zanubrutinib (n = 101)
Atrial fibrillation/ flutter [†]	15 (15.3)	2 (2.0)	4 (4.1)	0 (0.0)
Diarrhea (PT)	31 (31.6)	21 (20.8)	1 (1.0)	3 (3.0)
Hemorrhage	58 (59.2)	49 (48.5)	8 (8.2)	6 (5.9)
Major hemorrhage ^a	9 (9.2)	6 (5.9)	8 (8.2)	6 (5.9)
Hypertension	17 (17.3)	11 (10.9)	12 (12.2)	6 (5.9)
Neutropenia ^{b†}	13 (13.3)	30 (29.7)	8 (8.2)	20 (19.8)
Infection	66 (67.3)	67 (66.3)	19 (19.4)	18 (17.8)
Second Malignancy	11 (11.2)	12 (11.9)	1 (1.0)	2 (2.0)

Higher AE rate in bold blue with ≥ 10% difference in any grade or ≥ 5% difference in grade 3 or above.

No tumor lysis syndrome was reported. Opportunistic infection ibrutinib (n=2), zanubrutinib (n=1).

AE, adverse event; BTKi, Bruton tyrosine kinase inhibitor; PT, preferred term.

^aDefined as any grade ≥ 3 hemorrhage or any grade central nervous system hemorrhage.

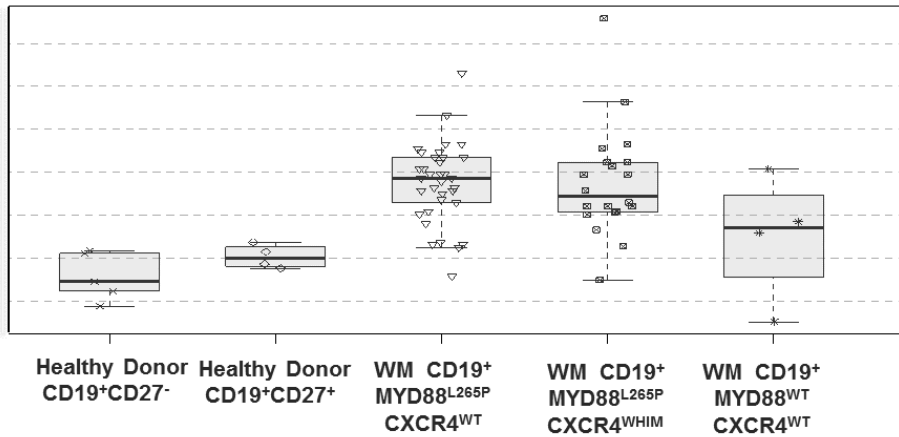
^bIncluding PT terms of neutropenia, neutrophil count decreased, febrile neutropenia, agranulocytosis, neutropenic infection and neutropenic sepsis.

[†] Descriptive two-sided *P*-value < 0.05.

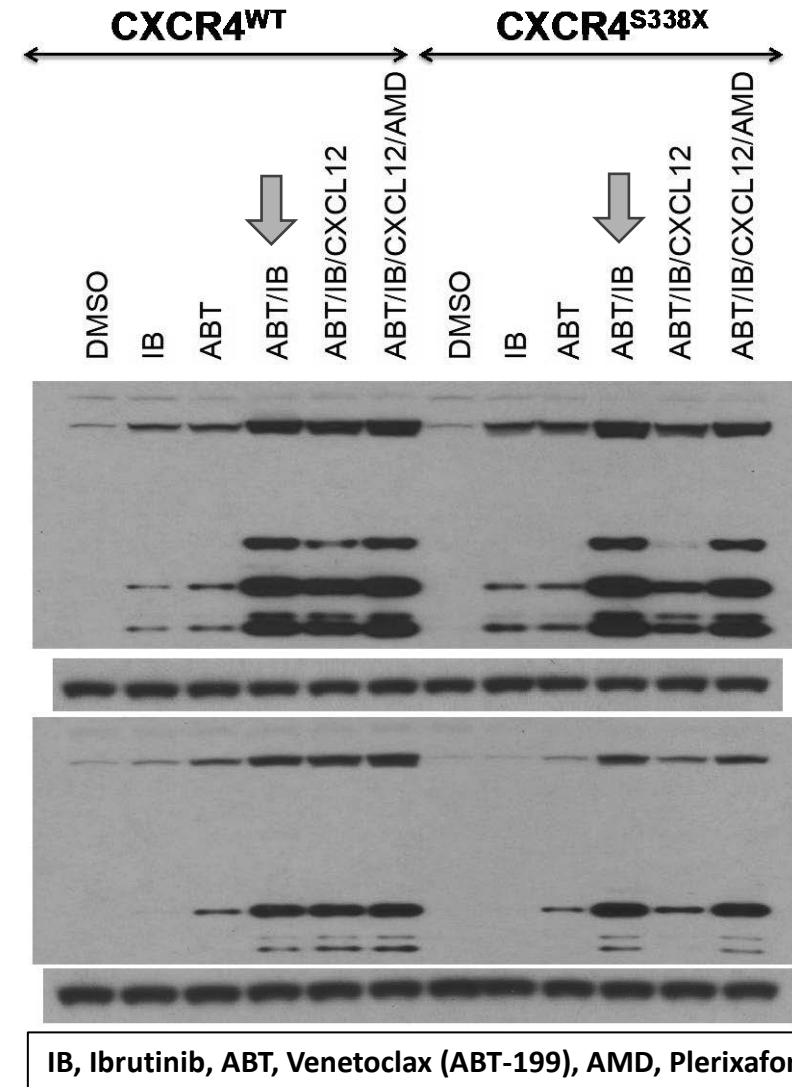
Tam et al, Blood 2020

Targeting BCL2 in Waldenstrom's Macroglobulinemia with Venetoclax

Higher BCL2 levels in MYD88 mutated WM

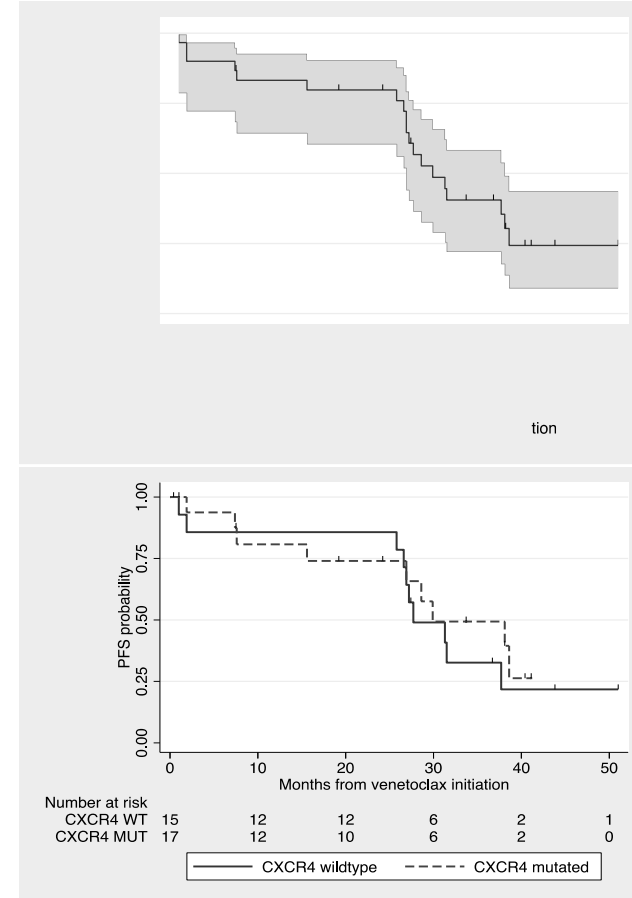
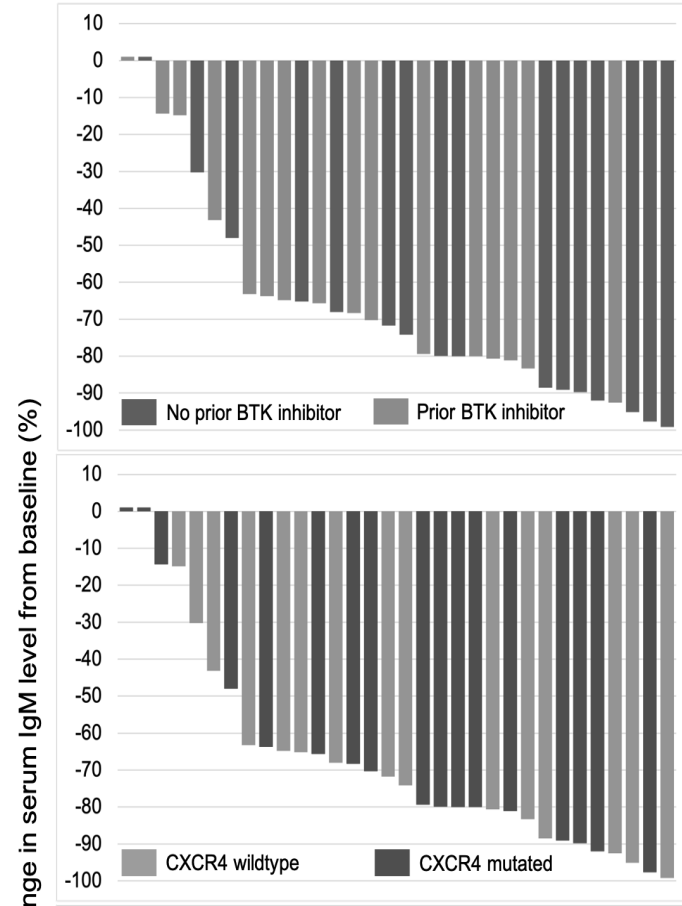


Cao et al, BJH 2015; 168(5): 701–7.





Phase II Study of Venetoclax in Previously Treated WM



ORR: 84%; Major RR: 81%
Median PFS: 30 months

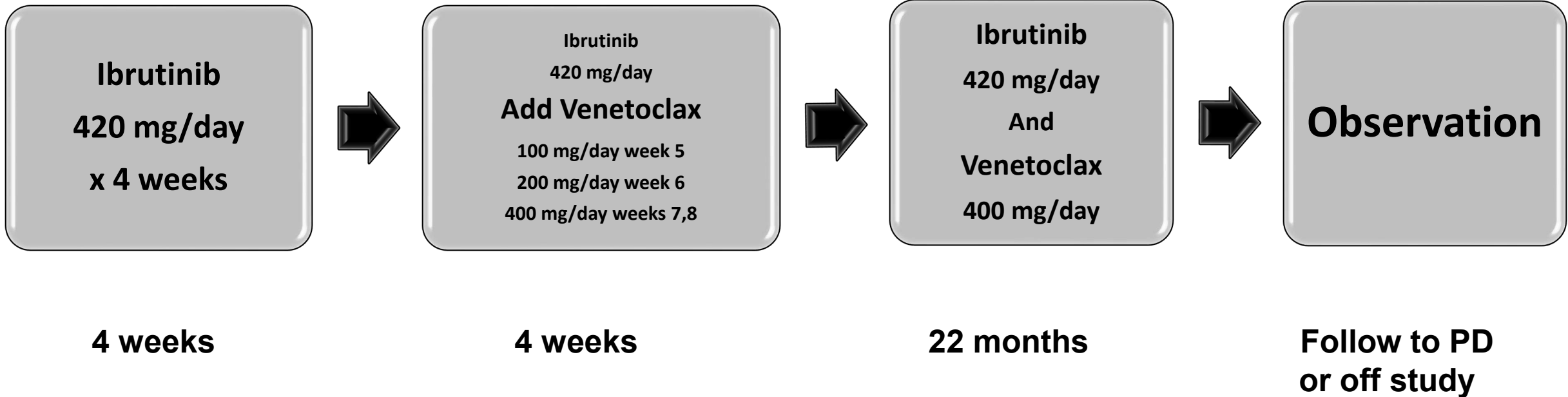
Clinical trials.gov: NCT02677324

Castillo et al, 17th IMW 2019; Manuscript submitted.



Ibrutinib/Venetoclax in Treatment Naïve WM

24 months

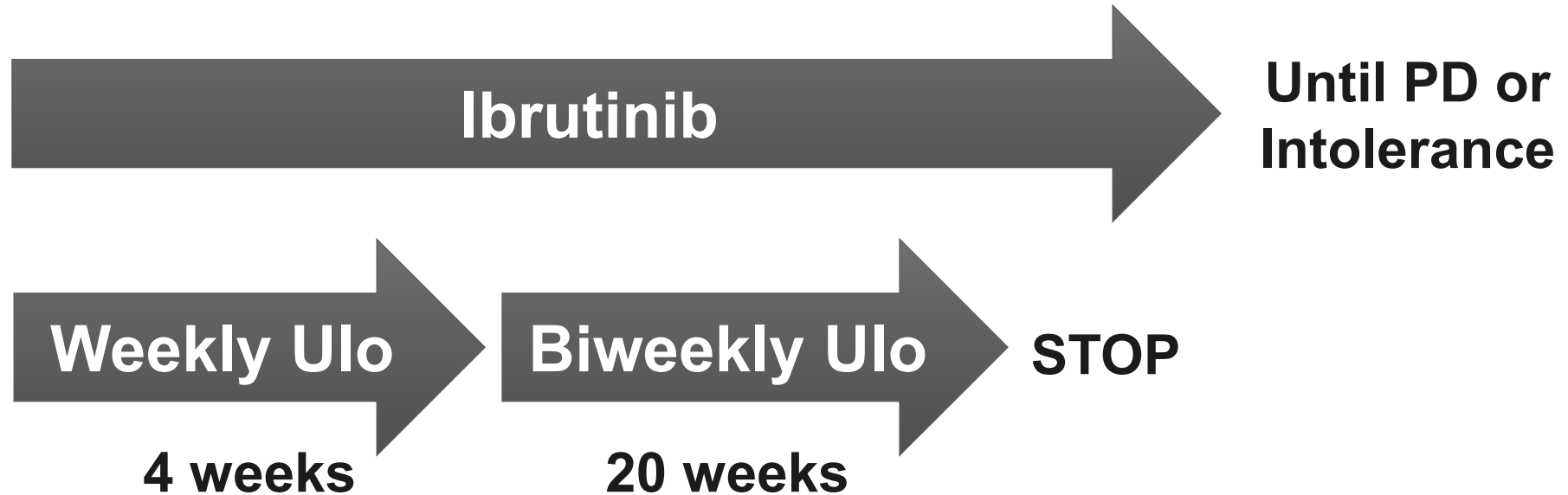


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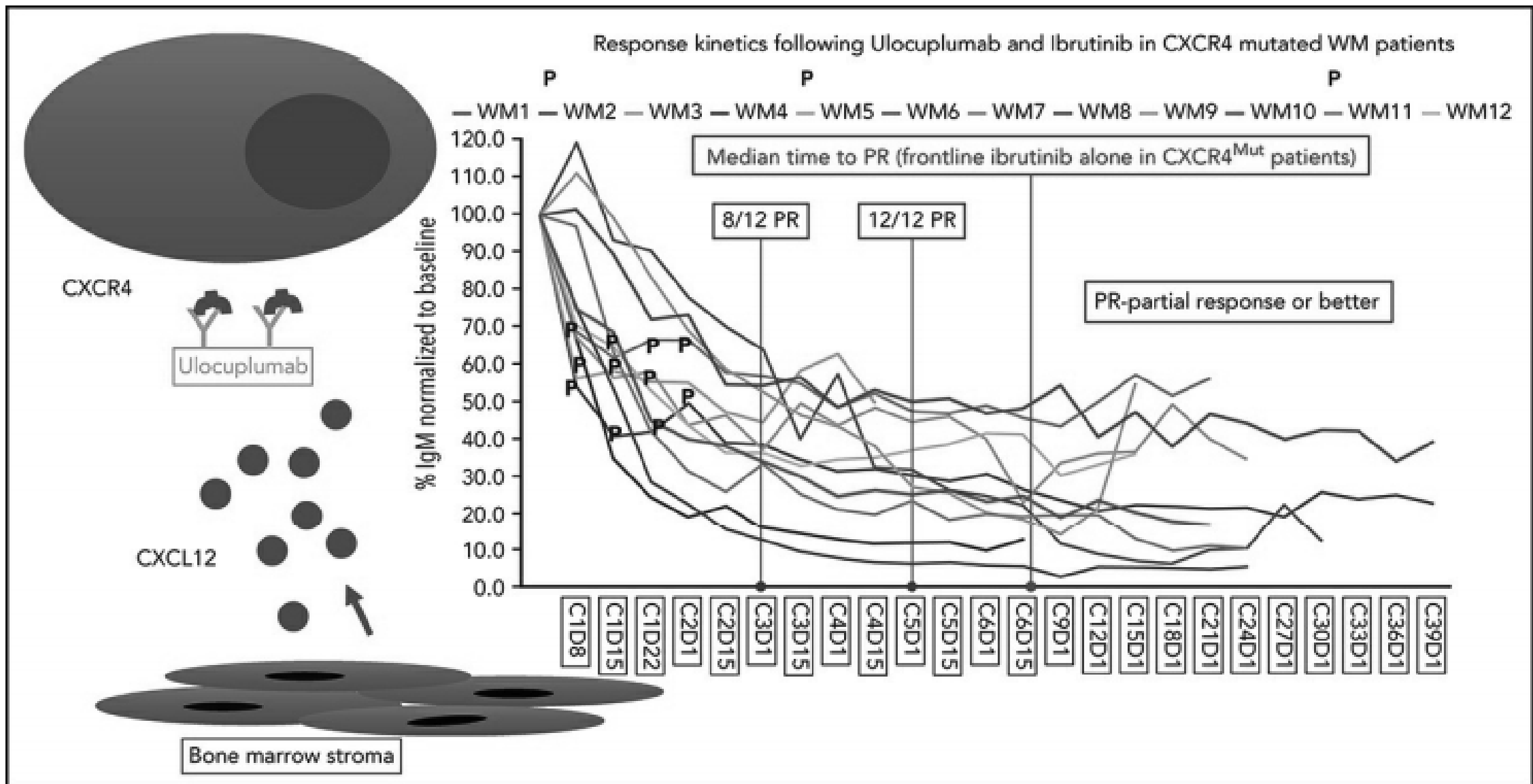
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Phase I/II Trial of Ulocuplumab and Ibrutinib in CXCR4 mutated patients with symptomatic WM

Schema

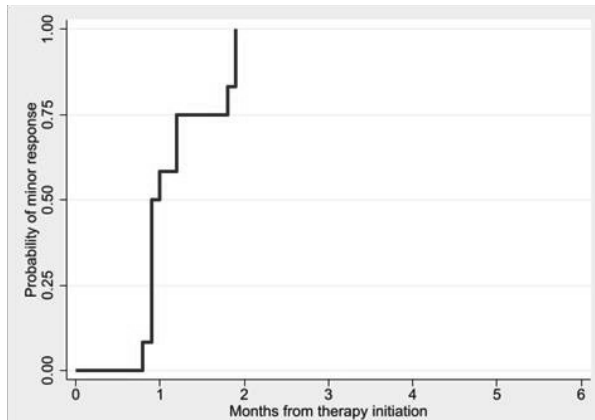


Dose Level	Ibrutinib	Ulocuplumab Cycle 1	Ulocuplumab Cycles 2-6
Level 1 –Starting dose	420mg PO DQ	400 mg weekly	800 mg every other week
Level 2	420mg PO DQ	800 mg weekly	1200 mg every other week
Level 3	420mg PO DQ	800 mg weekly	1600 mg every other week



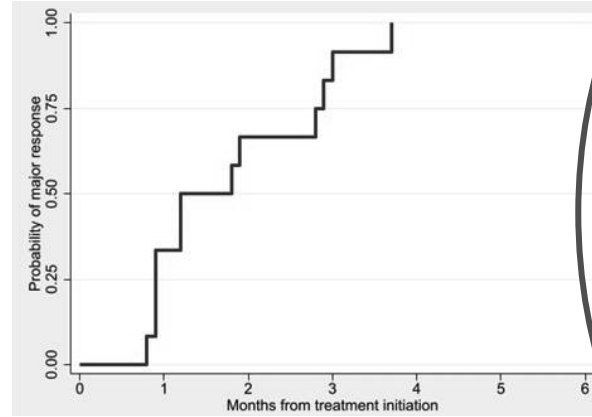
Response and PFS Data/Ibrutinib plus Ulo

**Median Time to
Minor Response**



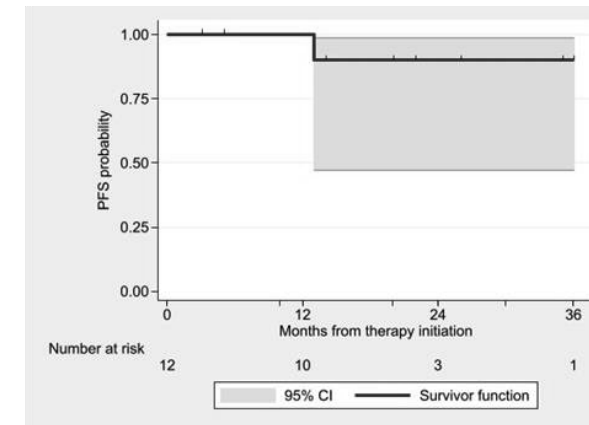
0.9 (95% CI 0.9-1.8) months

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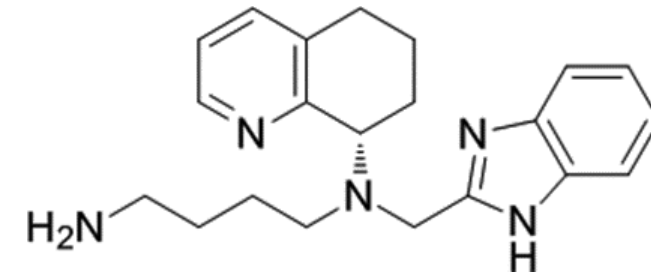
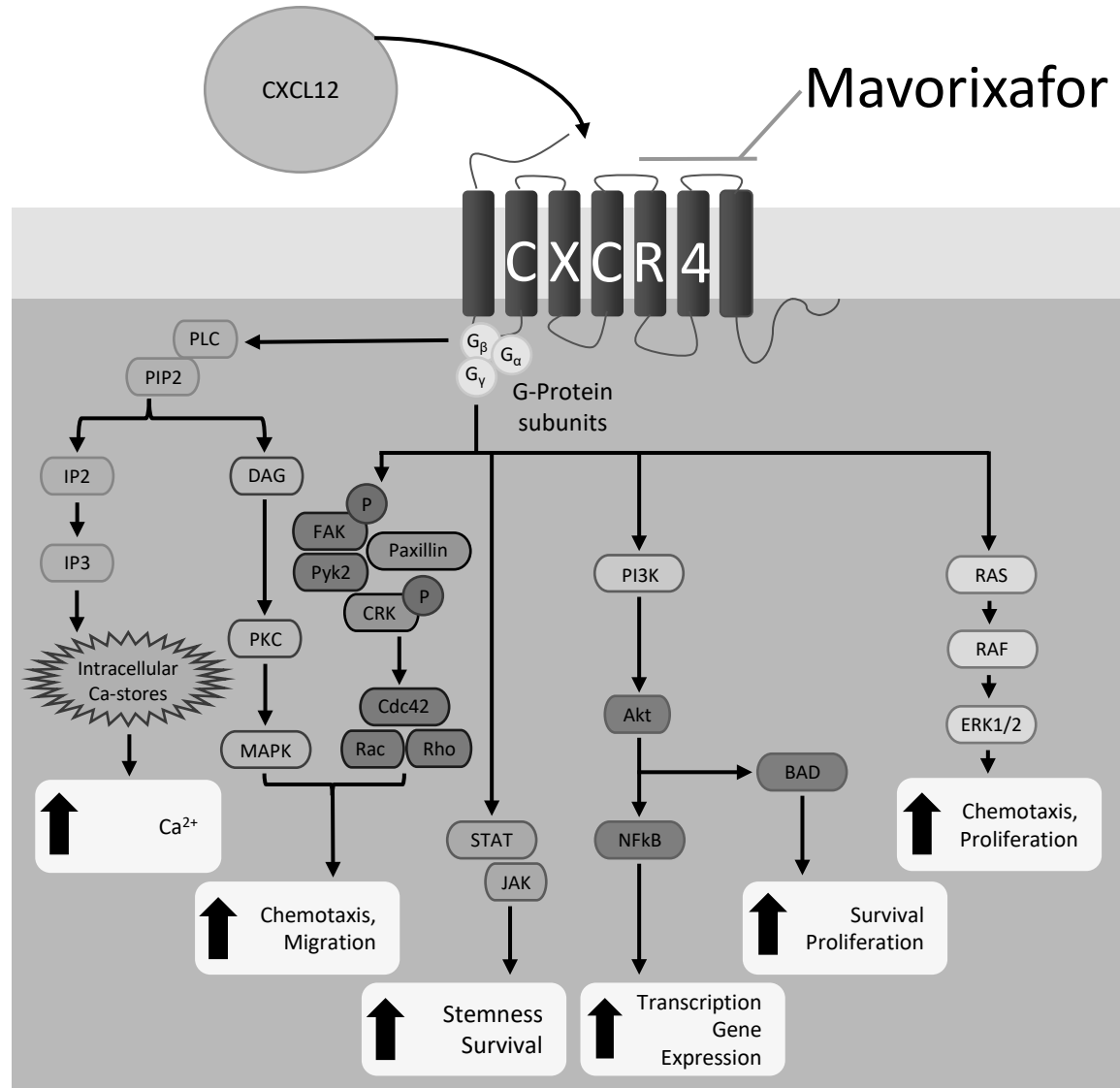
1.2 (95% CI 0.9-2.8) months

**Median Time to
PFS**



2-year 90% estimated

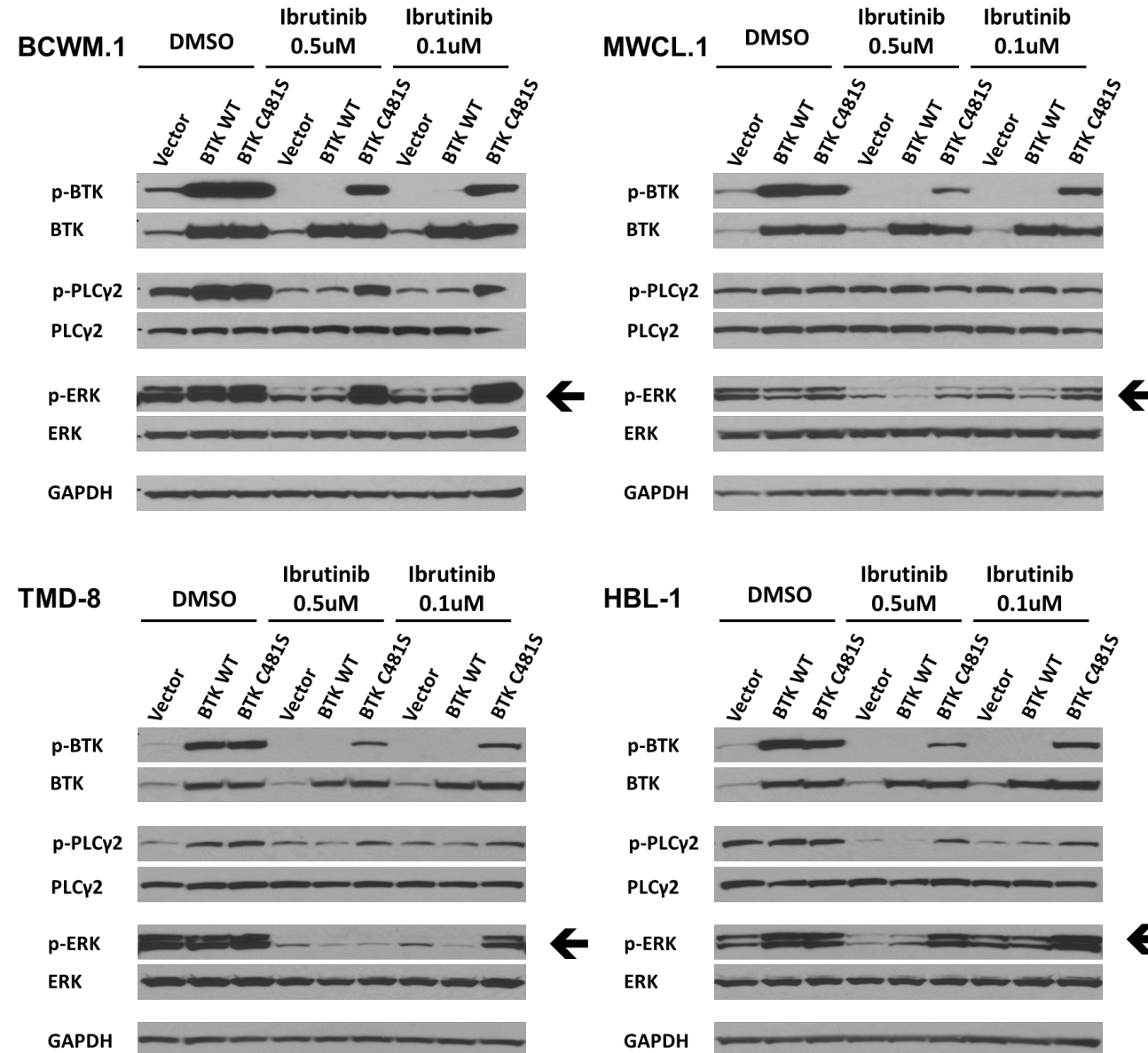
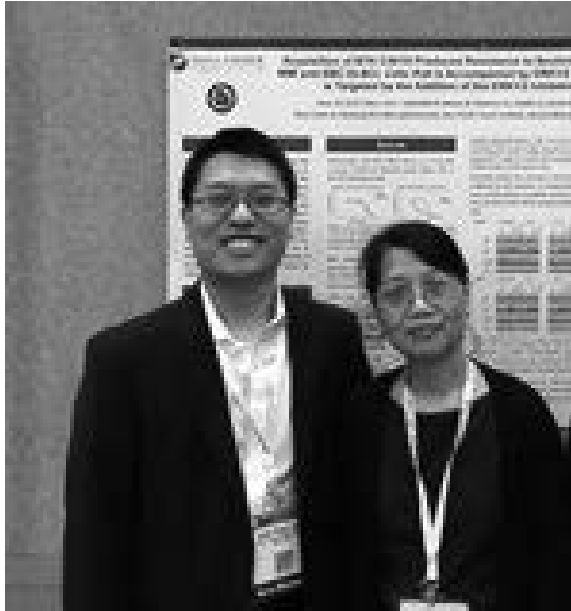
Mavorixafor in combination with ibrutinib in CXCR4 mutated WM



- ❑ Non-competitive, allosteric, small molecule antagonist of CXCR4
- ❑ Orally Bioavailable; mean $t_{1/2}$ of ~23 hours
- ❑ High volume of distribution

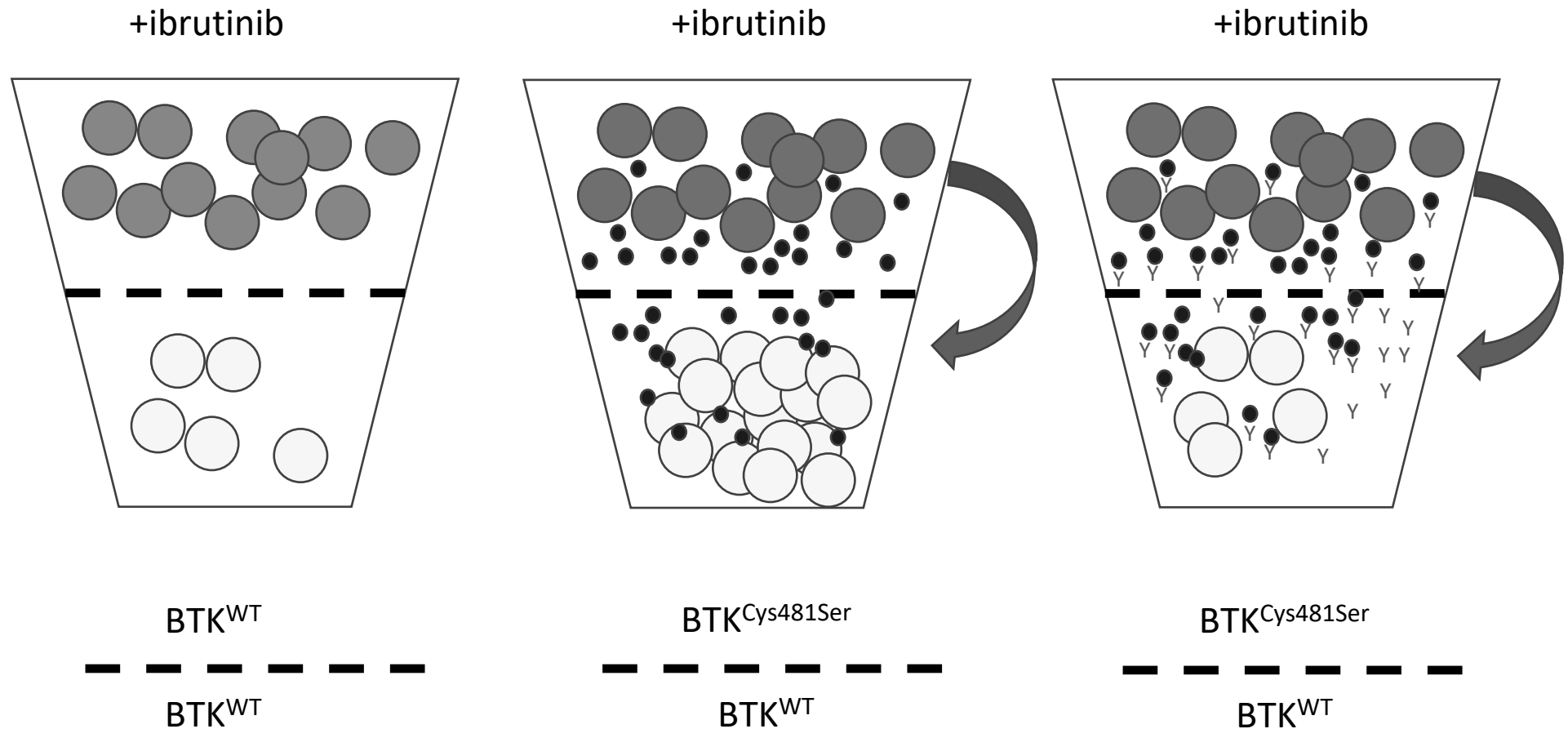
ClinicalTrials.gov:NCT04274738

BTK^{Cys481Ser} expressing cells displayed persistent activation of BTK and ERK1/2 following ibrutinib treatment.



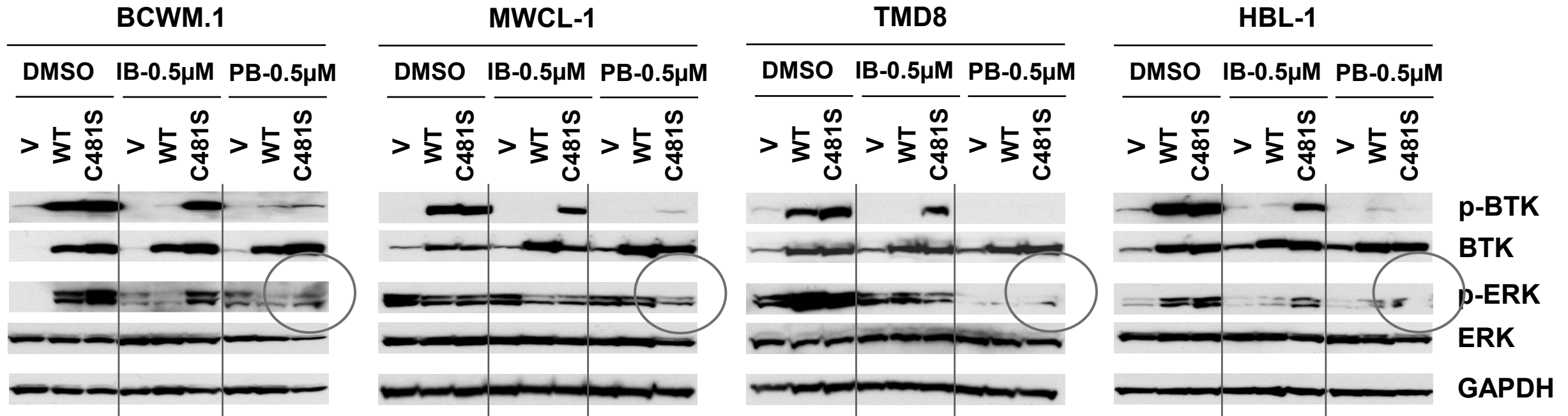
Chen et al, *Blood* 2018

BTK^{Cys481Ser} mutated clones release cytokines that protect BTK^{WT} clones from ibrutinib triggered cytotoxicity



+anti-IL6 anti-IL10 Abs

Pirtobrutinib-a non-covalent BTK-Inhibitor Suppresses p-BTK and p-ERK1/2 in Ibrutinib Resistant BTK^{Cys481Ser} Expressing Cells

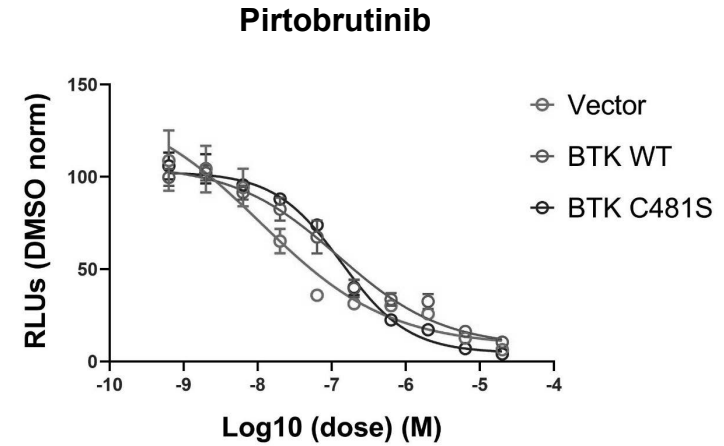
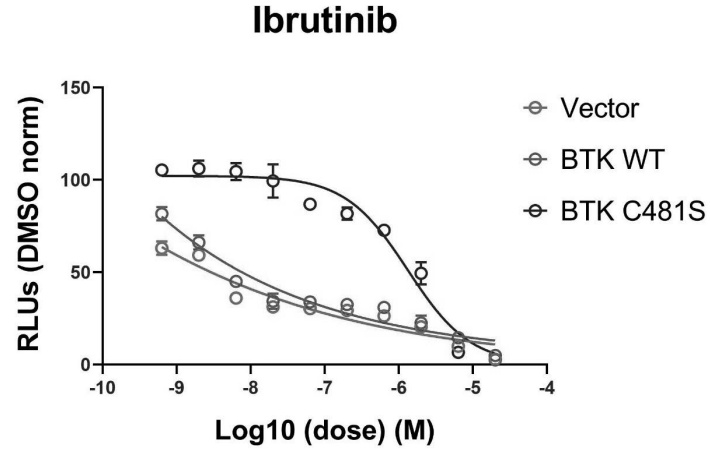


V-vector only; WT-BTK wild-type; C481S-BTK Cys481Ser mutant;
 IB, ibrutinib; PB, pirtobrutinib

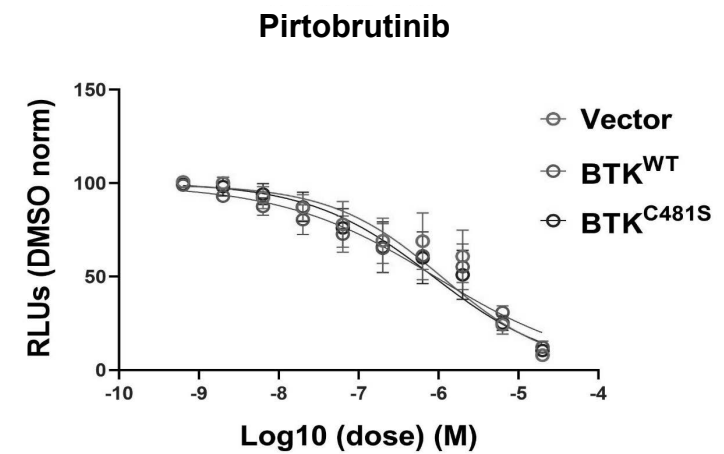
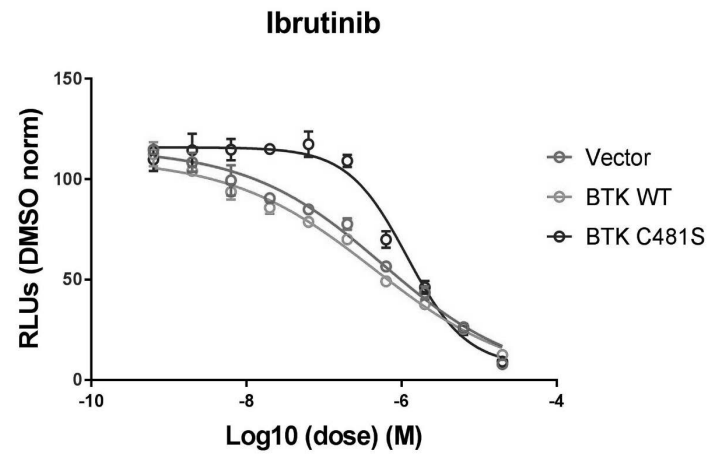


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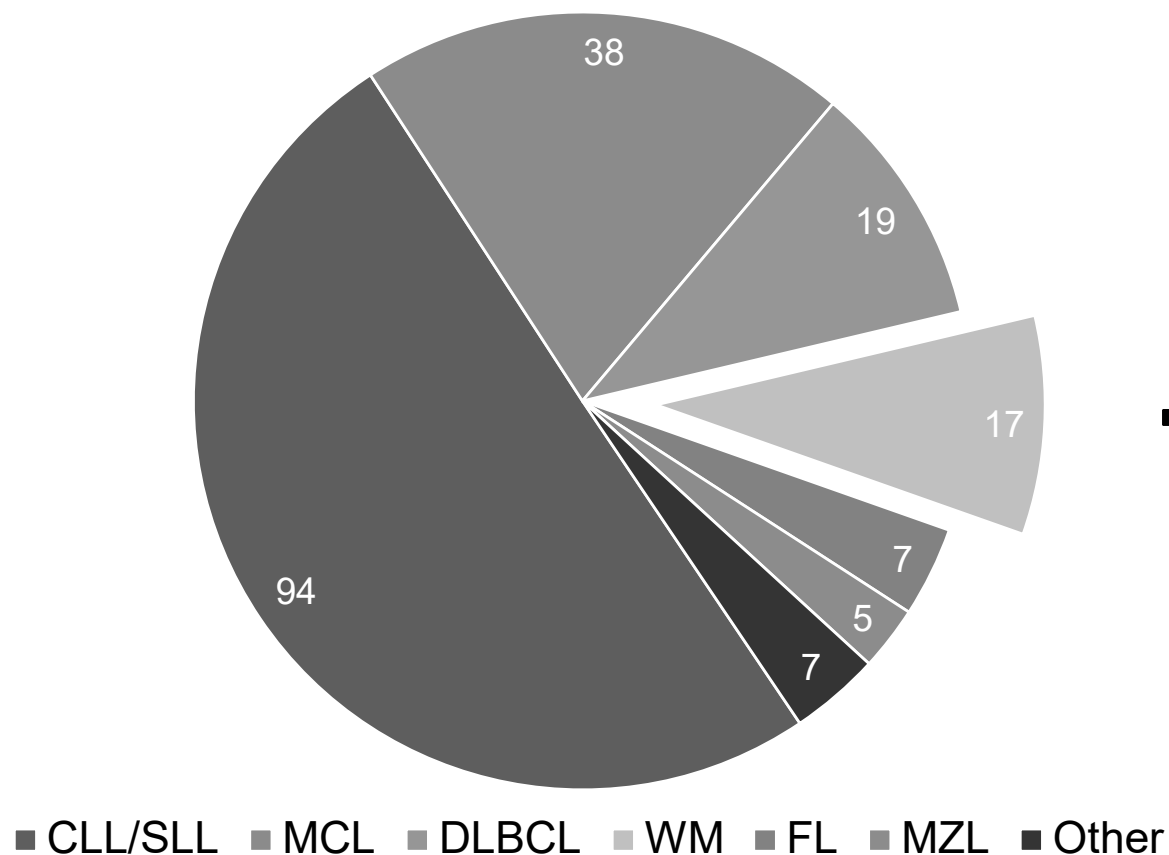
Pirtobrutinib Overcomes Ibrutinib Resistance Related to BTK^{Cys481Ser}



BCWM.1



Pirtobrutinib in Previously Treated Mantle Cell Lymphoma, Waldenström's Macroglobulinemia, and Other NHLs: Phase 1/2 BRUIN Study.



- 15 evaluable for efficacy
- 60% previously exposed to covalent BTK inhibitors
- ORR 60%
 - 1 VPGR
 - 4 PR
 - 4 MR

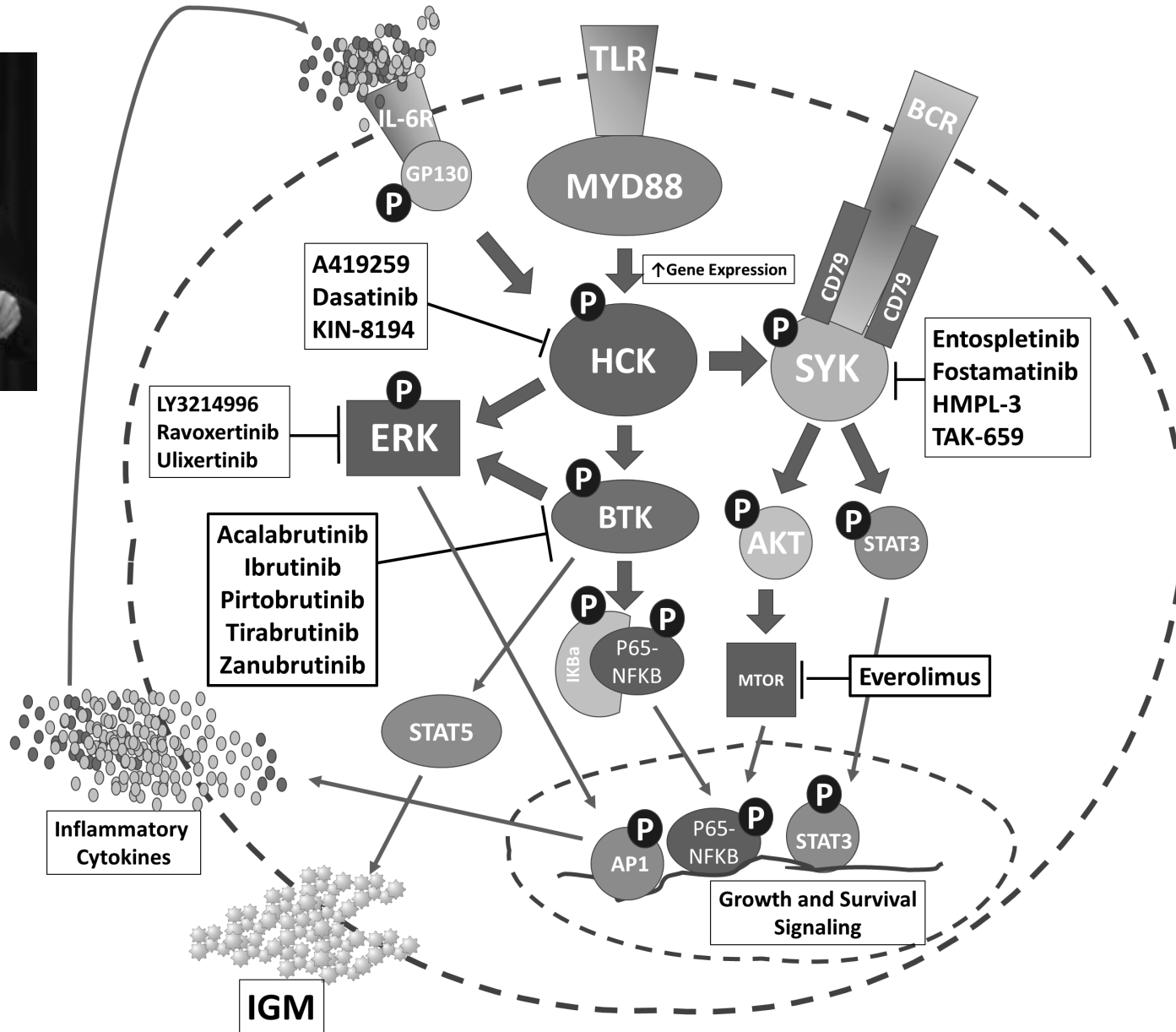
Trial Design



- Single-arm, open-label phase II study
- Multicenter: DFCI/MGH, MSKCC, Mayo, SCCA, Stanford, Colorado Cancer Center.
- Pirtobrutinib at 200 mg orally QD on 28-day cycles
- Dose reduction allowed for toxicity.
- Participants will continue pirtobrutinib until PD or toxicity and will be followed for up to 2 years after completion of 48 cycles of treatment or until death.

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MYD88 directed pro-survival signaling in WM

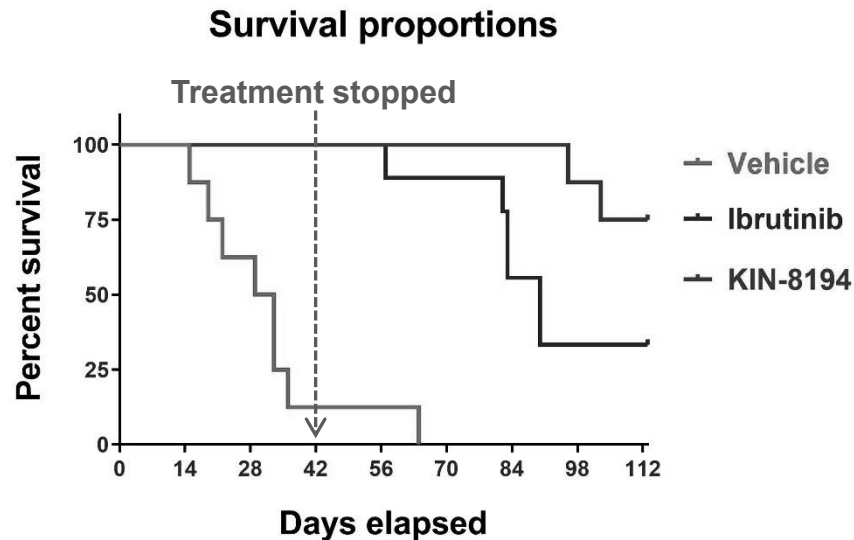
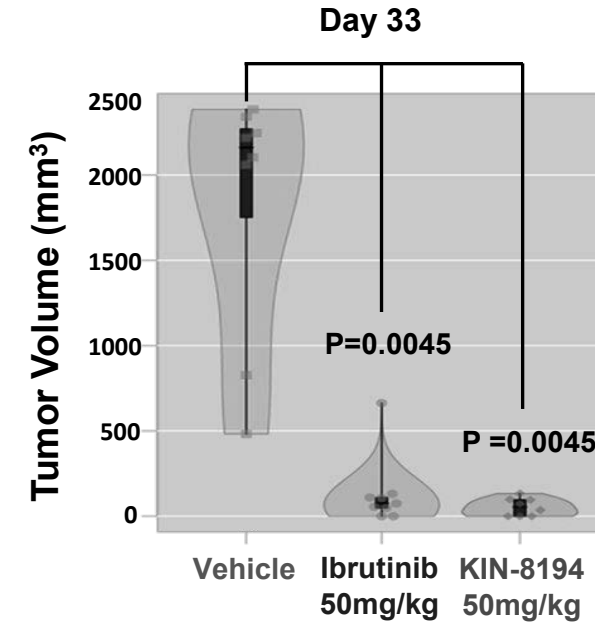
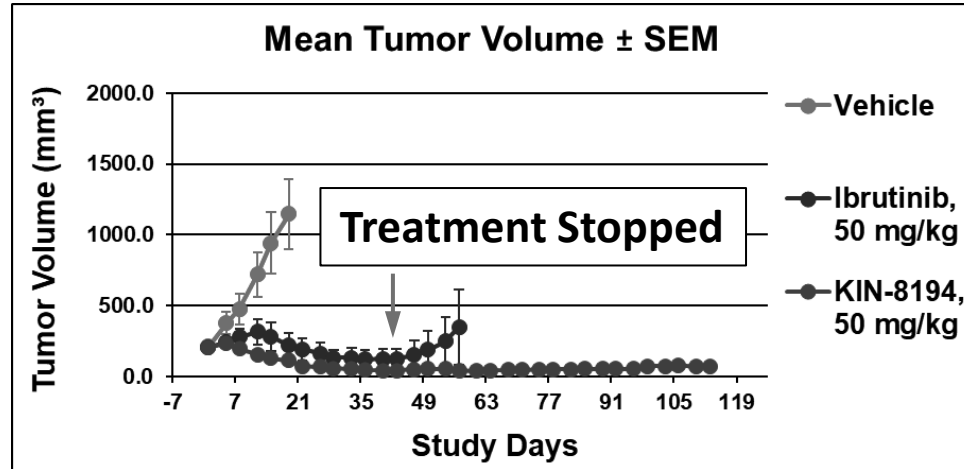


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Development of a dual HCK/BTK Inhibitor: KIN-8194

Efficacy Studies in BTK wild-type TMD8 xenografted mice

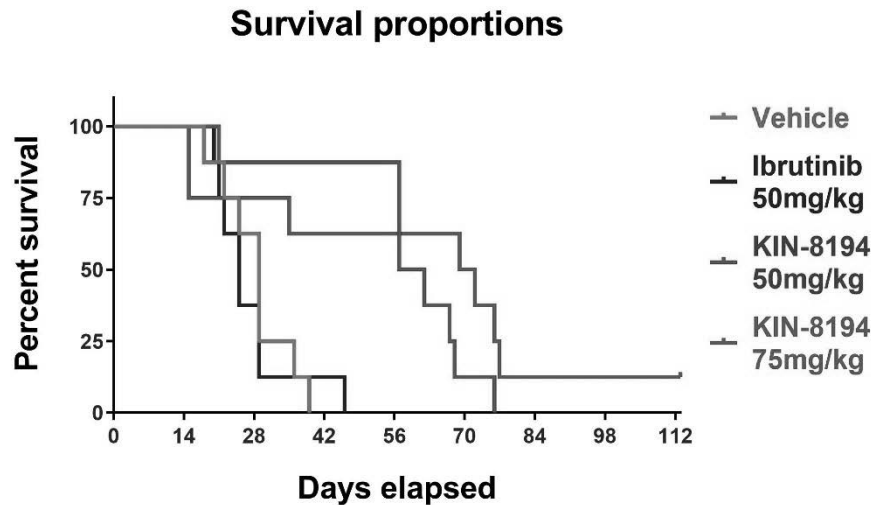
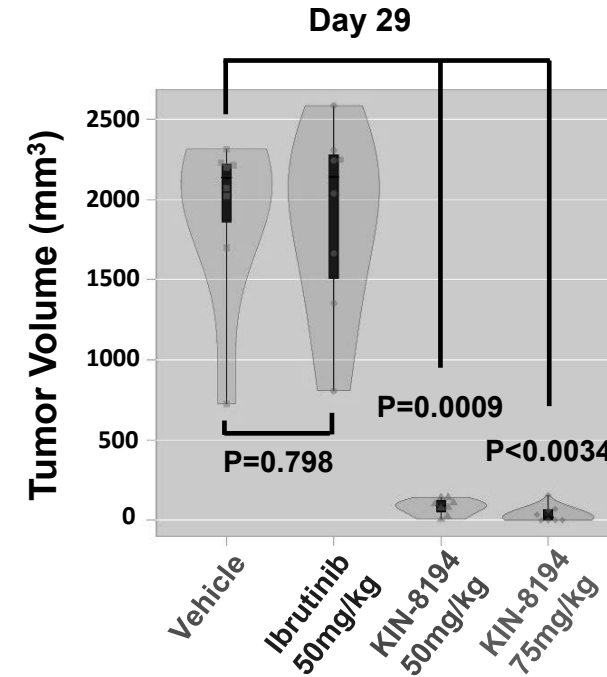
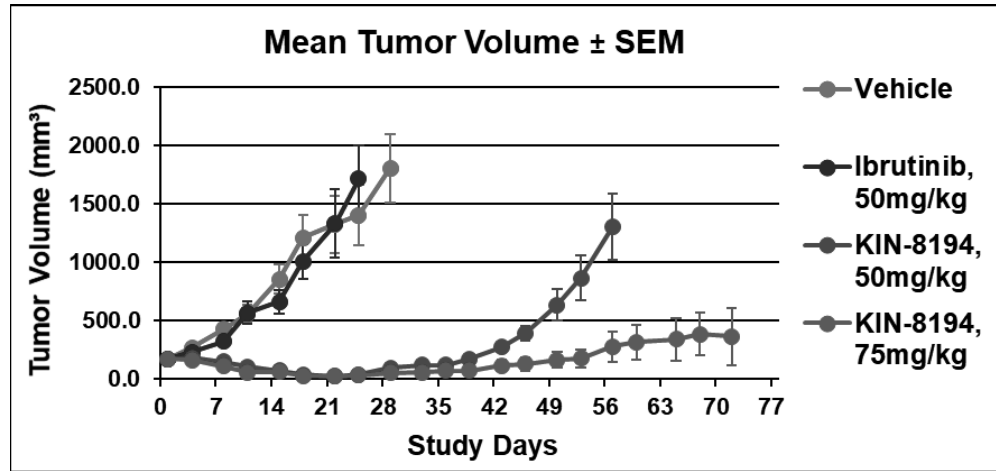


Median Survival	Vehicle	Ibrutinib (50mg/kg)	KIN-8194 (50mg/kg)
(days)	31	90	Undefined

Log-rank (Mantel-Cox) test, P<0.0001

Development of a dual HCK/BTK Inhibitor: KIN-8194

Efficacy Studies in BTK Cys481 mutated TMD8 xenografted mice



Median Survival	Vehicle	Ibrutinib 50mg/kg	KIN-8194 50mg/kg	KIN-8194 75mg/kg
(days)	29	25	57.5	70.5

Log-rank (Mantel-Cox) test, P=0.0007

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