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# **Hämatologie im Wandel**

## ***Indolente Lymphome – Behandlungsstrategien und Studien der GLA***

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# *AG Indolente Lymphome*



## **German Lymphoma Alliance (GLA)**

*Gründungstreffen März 2017, Frankfurt*

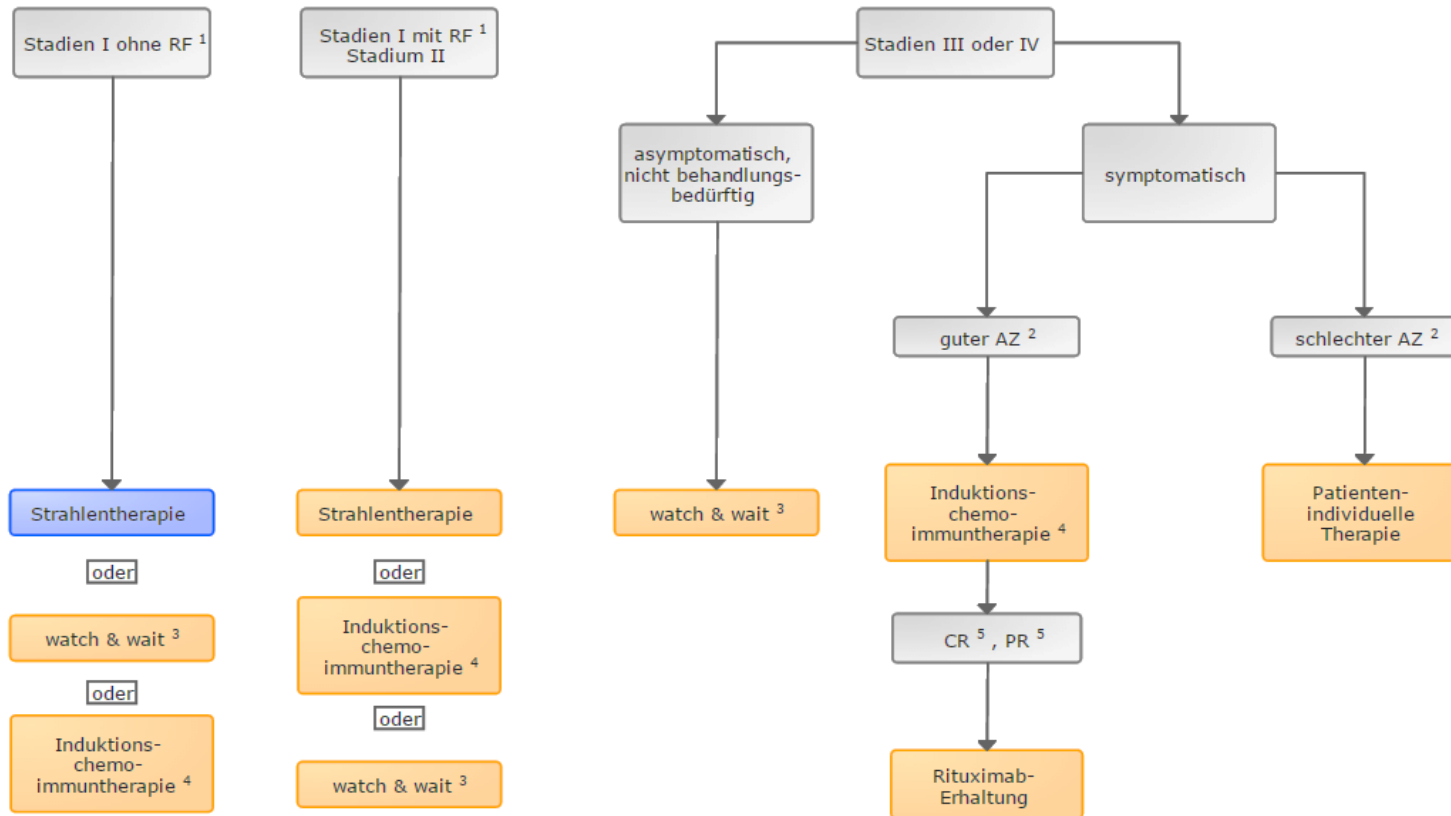


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# Therapeutischer Algorithmus – Leitlinien der DGHO

Abbildung 1: Erstlinientherapie des Follikulären Lymphoms



Legende: █ kurative Therapieintention; █ palliative Therapieintention;

<sup>1</sup> RF – Risikofaktoren (LK ≥ 5 cm)

<sup>2</sup> AZ – Allgemeinzustand;

<sup>3</sup> watch & wait – abwartendes Verhalten unter regelmäßiger Beobachtung

<sup>4</sup> Induktionstherapie: R-Ben – Rituximab / Bendamustin oder R-CHOP – Rituximab / Cyclophosphamid / Doxorubicin / Vincristin / Prednison oder R-MCP – Rituximab / Mitoxantron / Chlorambucil / Prednison;

<sup>5</sup> CR – komplette Remission, PR – partielle Remission

**Buske et al., 2017**

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***Obinutuzumab Monotherapie***  
***ausreichend?***

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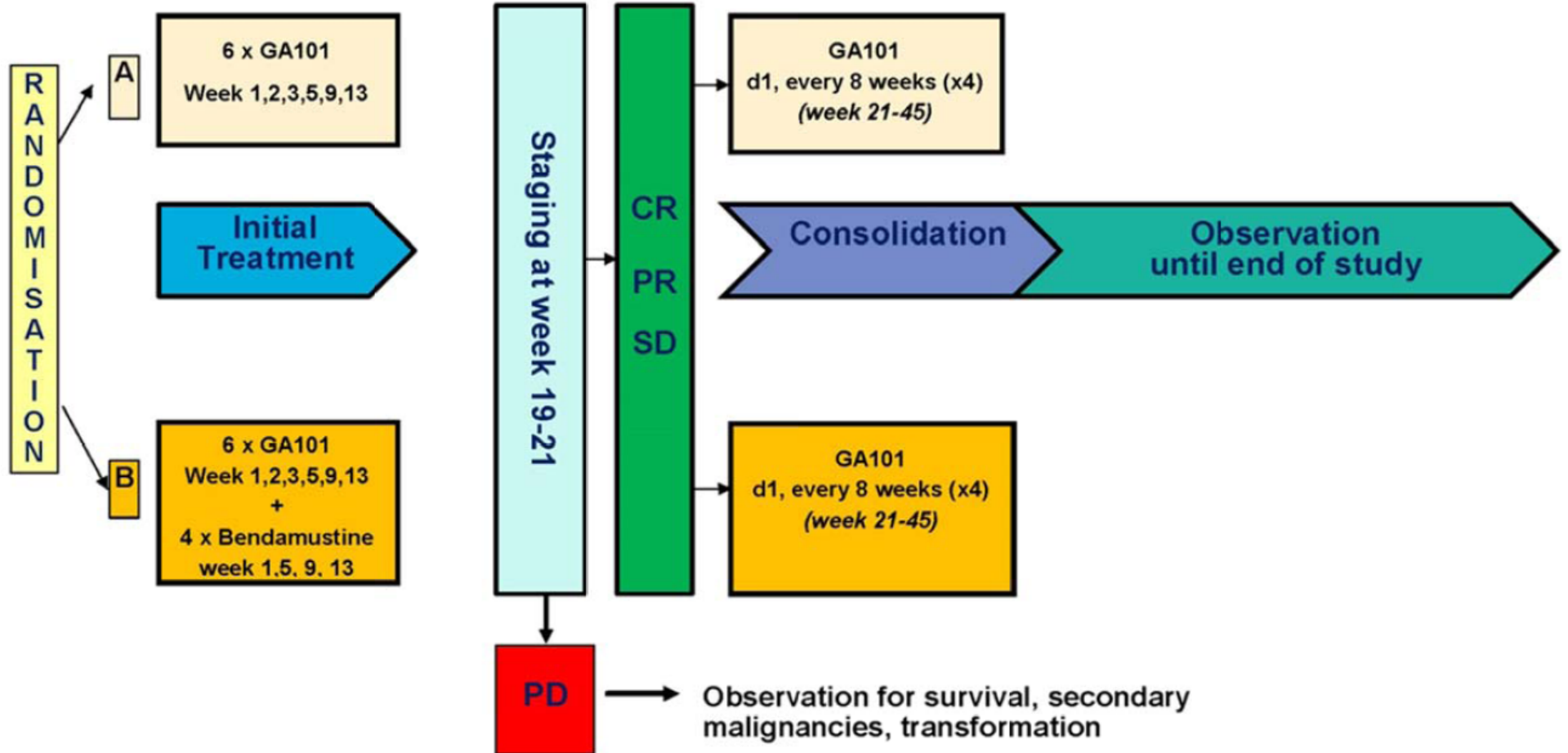


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# Trial Flow





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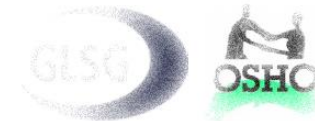
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***Ibrutinib?***

# ALTERNATIVE

GLSG

A prospective multicenter Phase 2 Study of the Chemotherapy-free Combination of the Bruton's Tyrosine Kinase Inhibitor, PCI-32765 (Ibrutinib) in Combination with Obinutuzumab (GA 101) in Patients with Previously Untreated Follicular Lymphoma (FL) and a High Tumor Burden





#### TREATMENT

6 cycles  
Ibrutinib 560mg +  
Obinutuzumab  
1000mg



#### MAINTENANCE TREATMENT

Ibrutinib 560mg/d  
+ Obinutuzumab  
1000mg q8w  
(for 2 years)



#### MRD-BASED MAINTENANCE

1 year additional  
Ibrutinib treatment  
for patients  
remaining MRD-  
positive after  
maintenance



#### TIMELINE

**First patient in:**

Apr 2016

**End of recruitment**

May 2017

**Primary Endpoint**

May 2018

**End of follow up**

Dec. 2022

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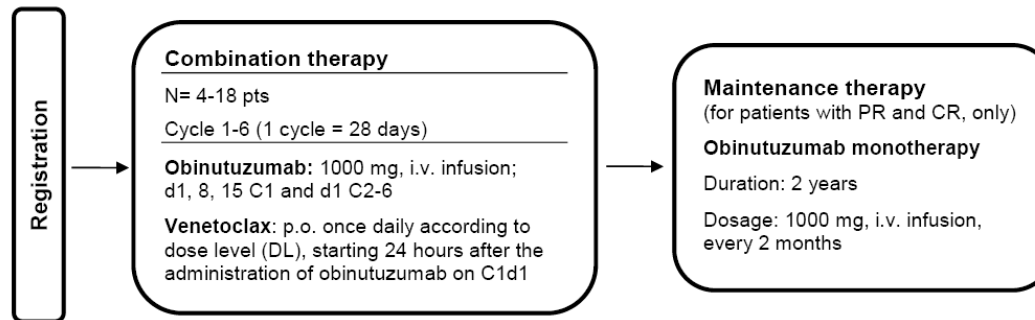
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***Venetoclax?***

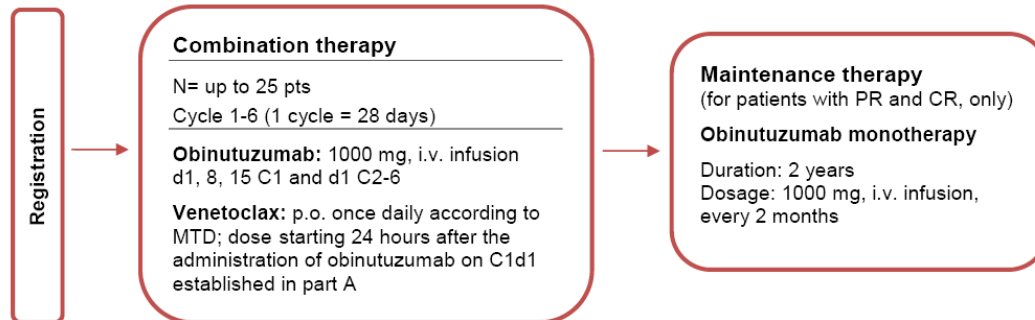
Protocol SAKK 35/15

A phase I trial of obinutuzumab in combination with venetoclax in previously untreated follicular lymphoma patients

Part A – dose escalation



Part B – dose expansion



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***ECWM-R2 Phase II;***  
***Hovon, Greece***  
***Ixazomib/Rituximab/Dex***

***ECWM-R3***  
***Phase II; France***  
***Idelalisib/GA101***



# ***ECWM-1***

first line WM

**Registration**

**Randomisation**

**Standard Arm  
6 x DRC**

**Experimental Arm  
6 x Bortezomib - DRC**

SD, PD  
Follow-up for survival

SD, PD  
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**Follow – up**

For response until progression  
For OS until death

# Study ECWM-1 - Status

- Study activated in: Germany, France, Greece, Sweden, Czech Republic, Spain, Portugal
- Patients randomized: 202, recruitment stopped
- Last patient included: Sept 2018
- Last patient off treatment: April 9 2019 scheduled

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# **Waldenström's Macroglobulinemia**

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***Ibrutinib as the most efficient single chemofree agent in WM***

# Waldenström's Macroglobulinemia

What about Ibrutinib?

*What can we achieve (and what not)  
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***Challenges!***

# Responses to ibrutinib are impacted by MYD88 (L265P and non-L265P) and CXCR4 mutations

	MYD88 <sup>MUT</sup> CXCR4 <sup>WT</sup>	MYD88 <sup>MUT</sup> CXCR4 <sup>WHIM</sup>	MYD88 <sup>WT</sup> CXCR4 <sup>WT</sup>	p-value
N=	36	21	5	
Overall RR	100%	85.7%	60%	<0.01
Major RR	91.7%	61.9%	0%	<0.01

2 patients subsequently found to have other MYD88 mutations not picked up by AS-PCR

***CXCR4 mutated and MYD88<sup>WT</sup>/CXCR4<sup>WT</sup> patients are  
„high risk“ patients in the era of ibrutinib***

***Approaches to improve on this!***

# Treatment of WM

## What comes next?

*Improving Ibrutinib (Ibrutinib as a backbone)!*

→ *Rituximab/Ibrutinib?*

→ *Ibrutinib/Proteasome inhibitor?*



# Ibrutinib Treatment in Waldenström's Macroglobulinemia: Follow-up Efficacy and Safety from the iINNOVATE™ Study

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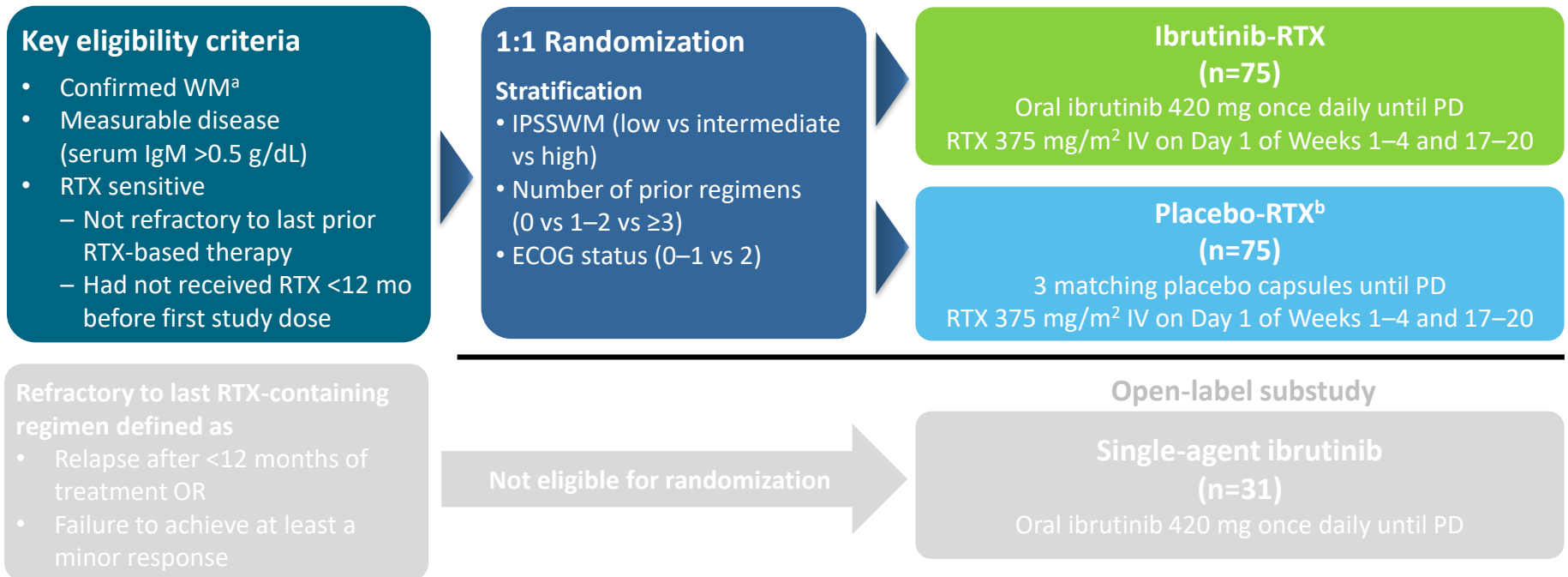
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# Randomized Study: iNNOVATE (PCYC-1127) Study Design



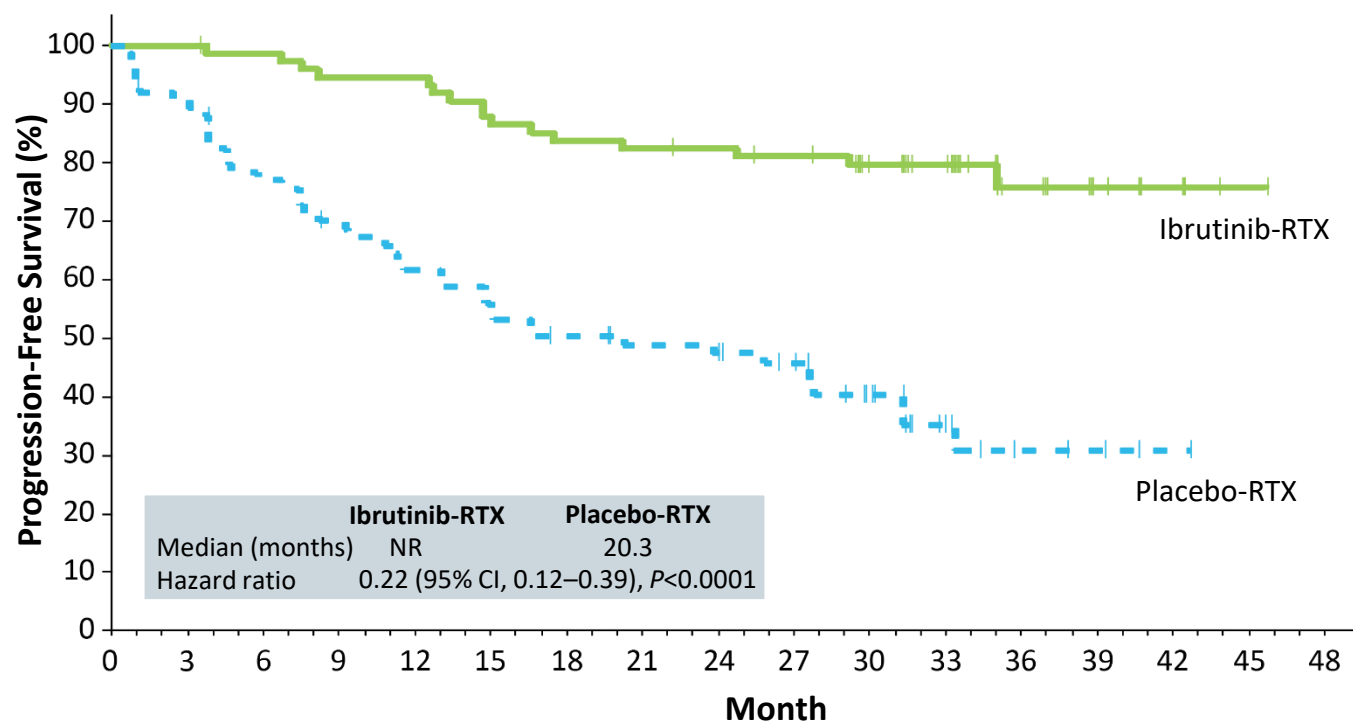
- **Primary endpoint:** PFS by IRC
- **Secondary endpoints** include response rate, OS, safety

<sup>a</sup>Treatment-naïve patients were allowed to enroll following a protocol amendment (Nov 2015); therefore, their enrollment started later than previously treated patients.

<sup>b</sup>Access to next-line ibrutinib (crossover) for patients treated with placebo in combination with rituximab may be provided after confirmed disease progression (by IRC) and disease requiring treatment.

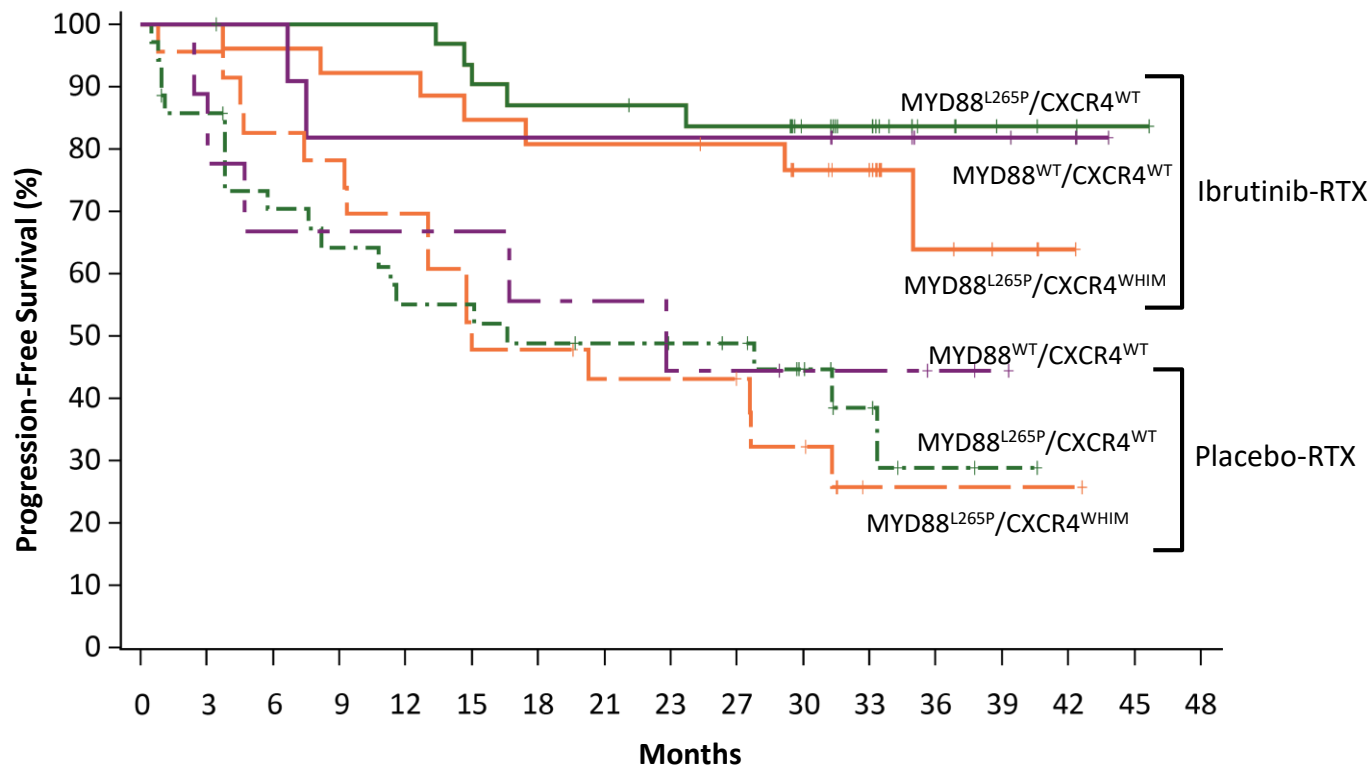
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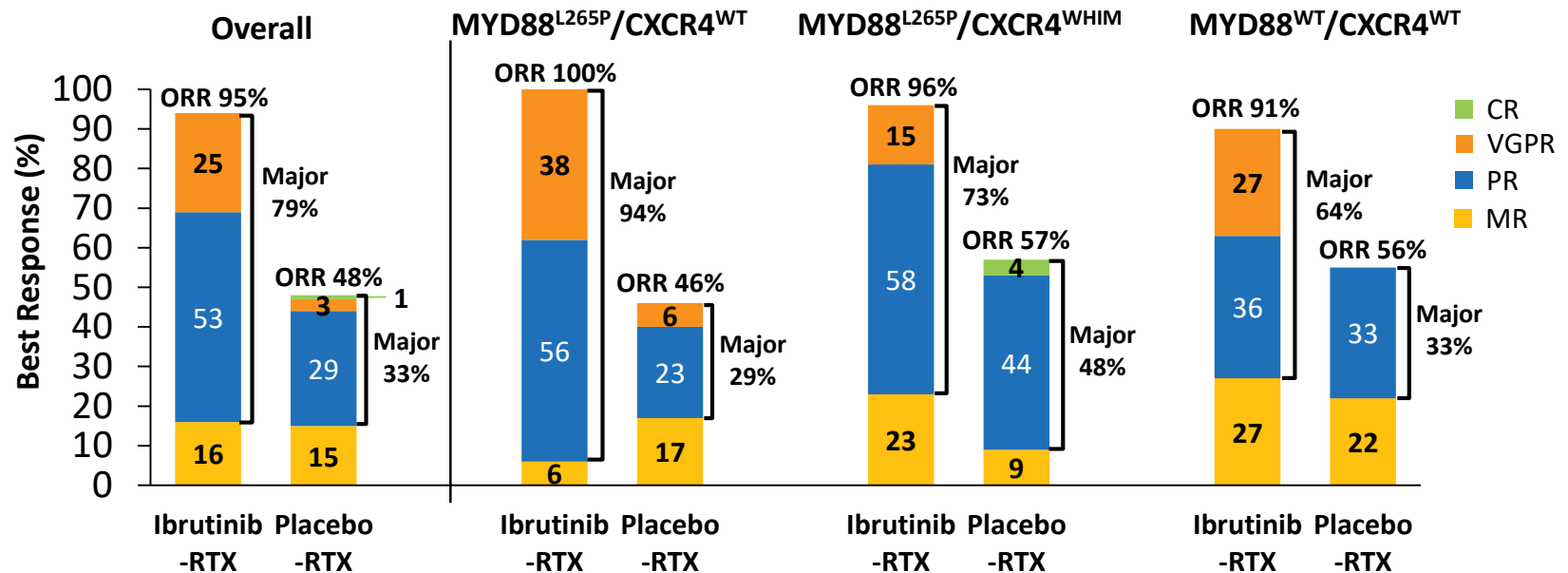
• 36-month PFS rates:  
76% vs 31%

# Randomized Study: Progression-Free Survival Benefit With Ibrutinib-RTX Independent of MYD88/CXCR4 Genotype



- Improved PFS across all genotypes with ibrutinib-RTX
- 36-month PFS rates
  - MYD88<sup>L265P</sup>/CXCR4<sup>WT</sup>: 84% vs 29%
  - MYD88<sup>L265P</sup>/CXCR4<sup>WHIM</sup>: 64% vs 26%
  - MYD88<sup>WT</sup>/CXCR4<sup>WT</sup>: 82% vs 44%

# Randomized Study: Higher Response Rates<sup>a</sup> With Ibrutinib-RTX Independent of MYD88/CXCR4 Genotype



	Ibrutinib -RTX	Placebo -RTX	Ibrutinib -RTX	Placebo -RTX	Ibrutinib -RTX	Placebo -RTX	Ibrutinib -RTX	Placebo -RTX
Median time to ≥PR, months (range)	2 (1-28)	6 (2-26)	2 (1-28)	5 (2-17)	3 (1-19)	11 (4-18)	6 (1-17)	6 (5-26)
Median time to ≥MR, months (range)	1 (1-18)	3 (1-24)	1 (1-18)	3 (1-24)	1 (1-11)	3 (1-8)	2 (1-17)	3 (2-17)

CR, complete response; MR, minor response; PR, partial response; VGPR, very good partial response.

<sup>a</sup>Following modified 6th IWWM Response Criteria (NCCN 2014); required two consecutive assessments.

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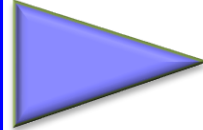
# ECWM-2 - Quartal III 2018

first line WM – single arm phase II



## Key eligibility criteria

- Confirmed WM (N=53)
- Measurable disease  
(serum IgM > 0.5 g/dL)
- In need of treatment
- ECOG PS status of 0–2
- Genotyped for MYD88/CXCR4



## Treatment

### Induction

- Bortezomib SC 1.6/m<sup>2</sup> d1,8,15 cycle 1-6
- Rituximab 375 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV cycle 1, 1400 SC cycle 1-6
- Ibrutinib 420 mg PO continuously

### Maintenance

- Rituximab 1400 SC every 2<sup>nd</sup> month x 12
- Ibrutinib 420 mg PO continuously



# Study Flow – CZAR-1



## Key eligibility criteria

- Confirmed WM (N=184)
- Treatment naïve or relapsed/refractory
- In need of treatment
- No prior treatment with BTK inhibitors or Carfilzomib

## 1:1 Randomization

### Stratification

- MYD88/CXCR4 mutations
- Number of prior regimens (0 vs  $\geq 1$ )

## Arm A

### Carfilzomib/Ibrutinib

Oral ibrutinib 420 mg once daily until PD  
Carfilzomib 20 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV d1 cycle 1,  
70mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV d 8,15 cycle 1,  
70mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV d 1, 8,15 cycle 2-12,  
70mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV d 1,15 cycle 13-24

## Arm B

### Ibrutinib

Oral ibrutinib 420 mg once daily until PD

*PD*

*Follow-up for survival*



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- **Primary Endpoint:** Rate of CR/VGPR 12 months after start of treatment

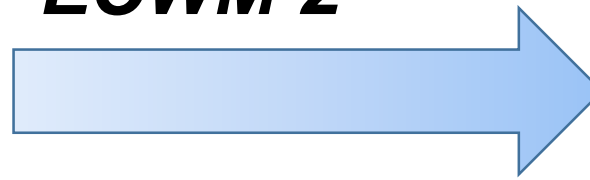
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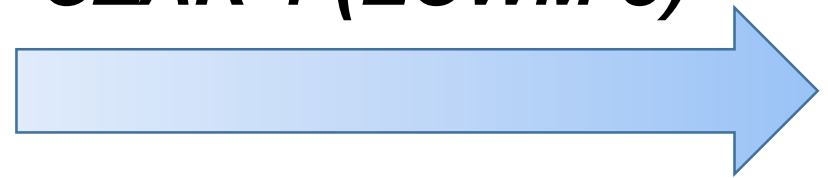
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***ECWM-2***



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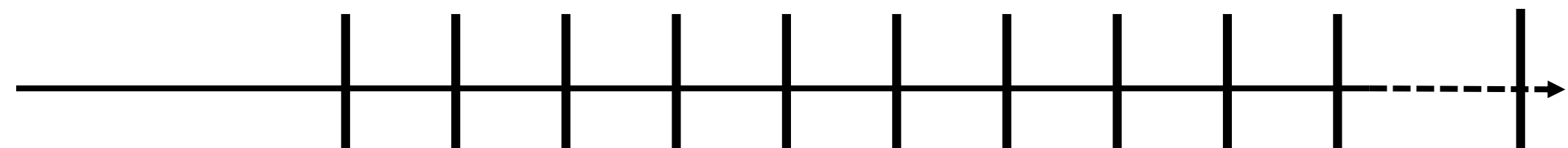


Q3 Q4  
2018

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2019

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2020

Q2  
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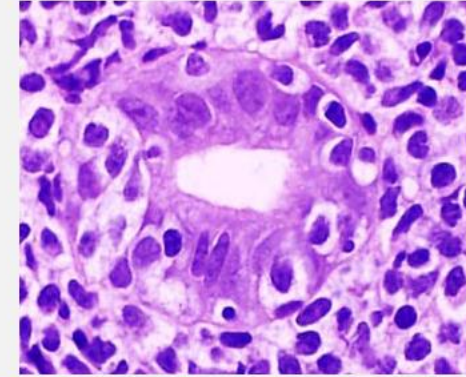
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**Deutsche Krebshilfe**  
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# **Aktivierte Zentren (n = 91)**

Seit Mai 2015

- 435 Patienten 2/2019
- 202 Patienten validiert

## **2. Förderperiode genehmigt**

**Inklusive Biosampling Program  
(In Kooperation mit C. Pott/M.  
Kneba)**

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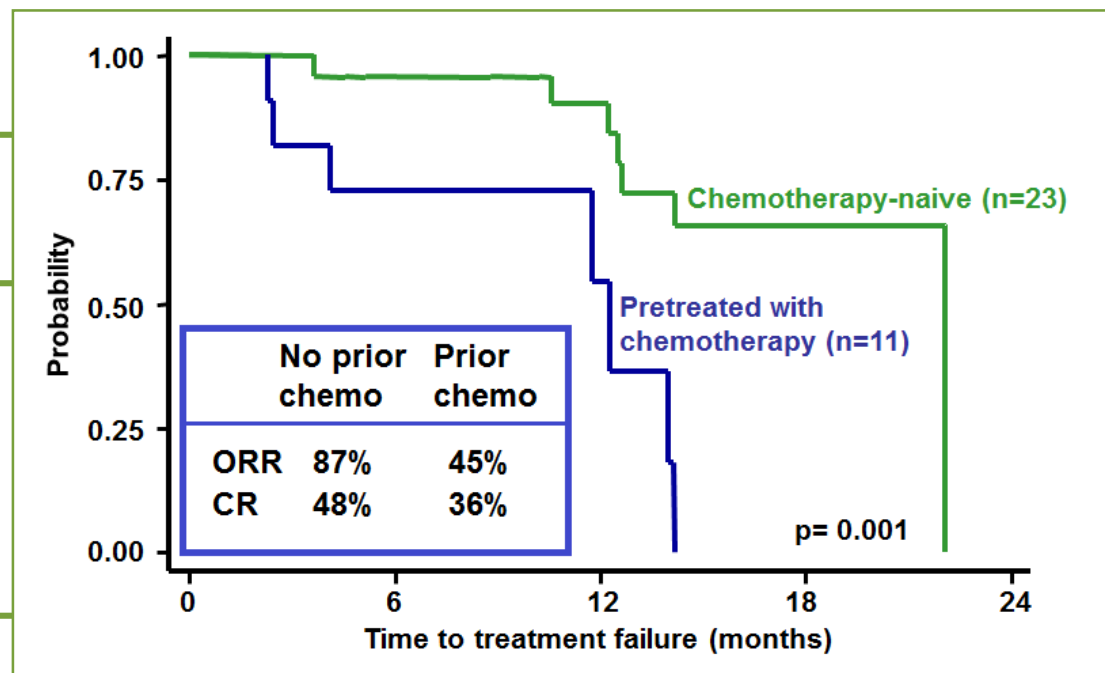
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# Rituximab activity in MALT lymphoma

<i>response</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>%</i>
<b>ORR</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>73</b>
<b>SD</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>PD</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>



34 pts, 11 with prior chemotherapy,  
15 gastric, 20 stage IV

*IELSG phase II study, Conconi et al. Blood 2003*

# OLYMP-1

## OBINUTUZUMAB in MARGINAL ZONE LYMPHOMA

### Key eligibility criteria

- Treatment naïve confirmed MZoL (N=56)
  - nodal/extranodal/splenic
- In need of treatment
- Not eligible or refractory to local therapy

### Treatment

#### Induction:

Cycle 1 (28 days cycle): Obinutuzumab (GA101) 1000mg i.v. fixed dose day 1,8,15

Cycle 2-6 (28 days cycle): Obinutuzumab (GA101) 1000mg i.v. fixed dose day 1

#### Maintenance

Obinutuzumab (GA101) 1000mg i.v. fixed dose day 1 every 8 weeks for a maximum of 12 infusions

**First line MZoL – single arm phase II German Study**

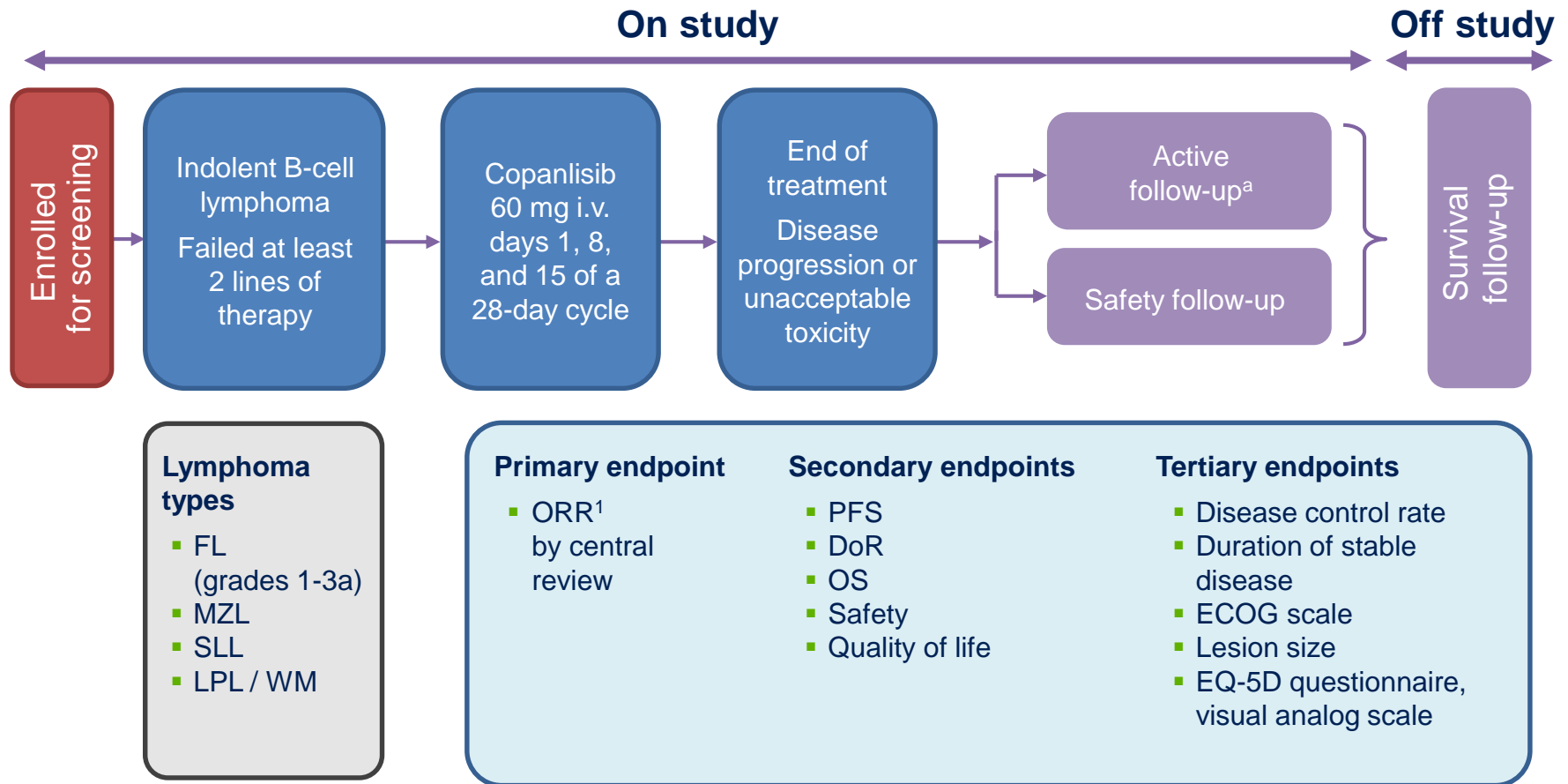
# Copanlisib in patients with relapsed or refractory indolent B-cell lymphoma: primary results of the pivotal CHRONOS-1 study

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# Study design



<sup>a</sup>Patients who discontinued treatment for any reason other than progressive disease entered active follow-up  
 DoR, duration of response; ECOG, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group; EQ-5D, EuroQoL five dimensions questionnaire; ORR objective response rate; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival

1. Cheson et al. *J Clin Oncol* 2007; 25: 579-586

# Primary endpoint: ORR

	FL (n=104)	MZL (n=23)	SLL (n=8)	LPL / WM (n=6)	Total (N=142) <sup>a</sup>
<b>Best response, n (%)</b>					
Complete response	15 (14.4%)	2 (8.7%)	0	0	17 (12.0%)
Partial response	46 (44.2%)	14 (60.9%)	6 (75.0%)	1 (16.7%)	67 (47.2%)
Stable disease	35 (33.7%)	4 (17.4%)	1 (12.5%)	3 (50.0%)	42 (29.6%)
Progressive disease	2 (1.9%)	0	1 (12.5%)	0	3 (2.1%)
NE / NA	6 (5.8%)	3 (13.0%)	0	2 (33.3%)	12 (8.5%)
<b>ORR, n (%)</b>	61 (58.7%)	16 (69.6%)	6 (75.0%)	1 (16.7%)	84 (59.2%)
95% CI	48.6-68.2	47.1-86.8	34.9-96.8	0.4-64.1	50.6-67.3
<b>Disease control rate, n (%)</b>	91 (87.5%)	20 (87.0%)	7 (87.5%)	4 (66.7%)	122 (85.9%)
95% CI	79.6-93.2	66.4-97.2	47.4-99.7	2.3-95.7	79.1-91.2

- In patients who were refractory to the last regimen, the ORR was 60.5% (95% CI 49.3-70.9)

<sup>a</sup>Full analysis set; includes all treated patients  
CI, confidence interval; NA, not available; NE, not evaluable

# COUP-1

## *Copanlisib and Rituximab in Marginalzone Lymphoma*

### Key eligibility criteria

- Treatment naïve and relapsed confirmed MZoL (N=56)
  - nodal/extranodal/splenic
- In need of treatment
- Not eligible or refractory to local therapy

### Treatment

Induction (Cycle 1-6, 28 days cycle):

Copanlisib: 60 mg/kg days 1, 8, 15

Rituximab: 375 mg/m<sup>2</sup> day 1

Maintenance

Copanlisib: 60 mg/kg i.v. fixed dose day 1 and day 8 every 8 weeks x 12

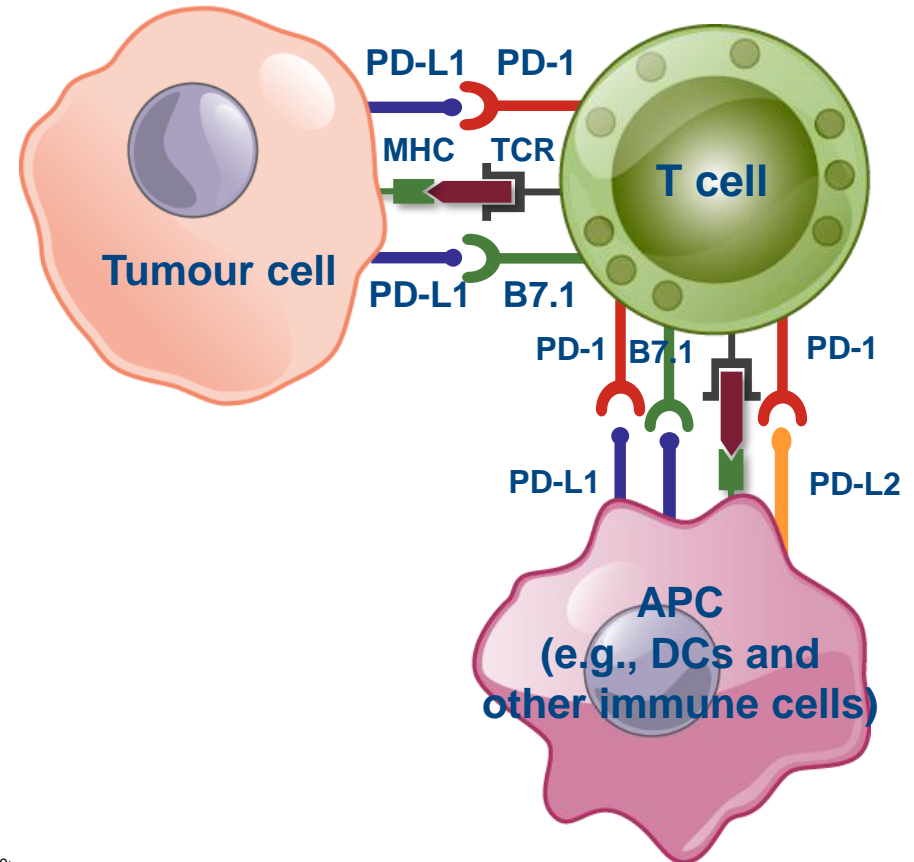
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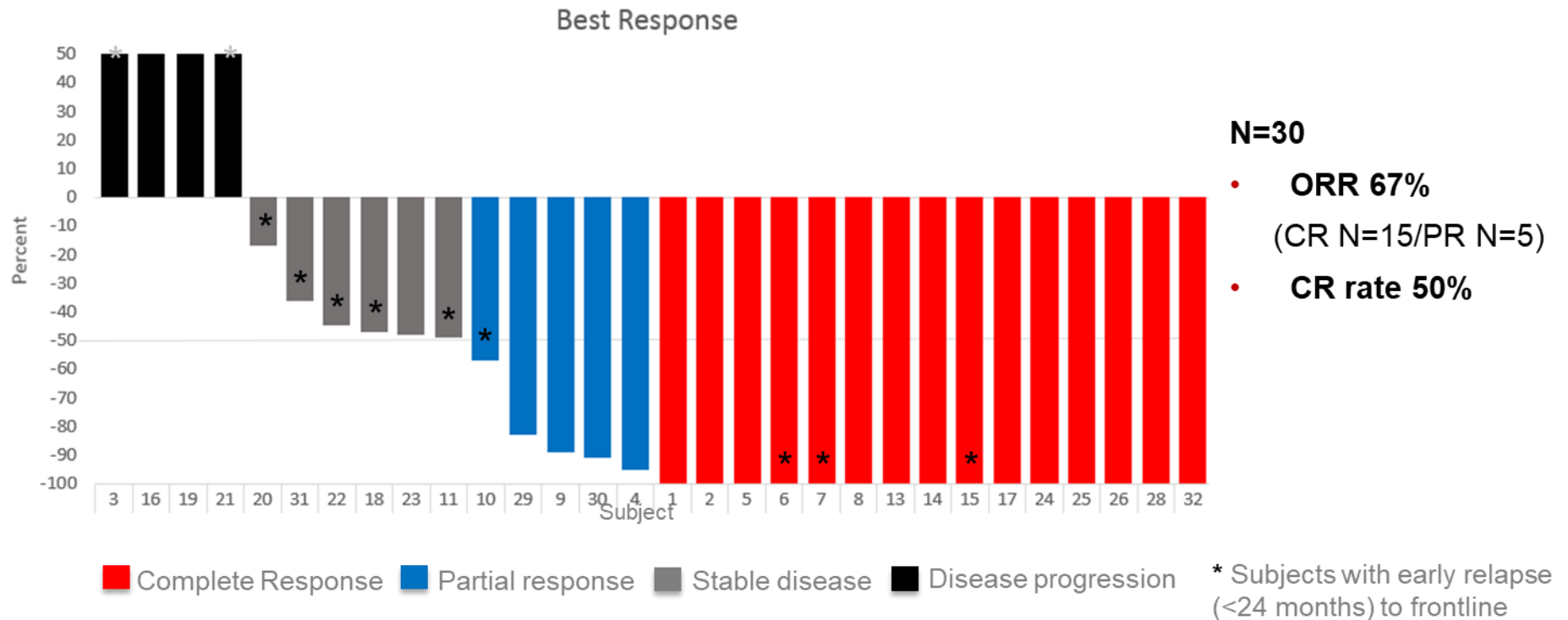
# INHIBITING ANTI-TUMOUR T-CELL ACTIVITY

## The PD-L1/PD-1 Pathway

- Stimulatory and inhibitory factors are involved at every step of the cancer-immunity cycle<sup>1</sup>
- Immune checkpoint molecule PD-L1 negatively regulates T-cell function<sup>1,2</sup>
  - Tumour cells and tumour-infiltrating immune cells express PD-L1<sup>3,4</sup>
- PD-L1 can inhibit anti-tumour T-cell response and block T-cell-mediated tumour killing by binding to its receptors, PD-1 and B7.1 (CD80)<sup>1-4</sup>
- Inhibiting the interaction between PD-L1 and PD-1 and B7.1 reinvigorates and enhances anti-cancer immunity<sup>3-5</sup>
  - Preserving the PD-L2/PD-1 interaction may preserve immune homeostasis in normal tissues<sup>5-7</sup>



# High Complete Response Rates with Pembrolizumab in Combination with Rituximab in Patients with Relapsed Follicular Lymphoma: Results of an Open-label, Phase II Study





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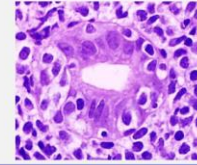
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**MZoL – single arm phase II German-Italian Study**

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## Registry



# MZL - Programm

## Clinical Trials



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