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Zanubrutinib Demonstrates Superior Progression-Free Survival Compared with Ibrutinib for Treatment of Relapsed/Refractory Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia and Small Lymphocytic Lymphoma: Results from Final Analysis of ALPINE Randomized Phase 3 Study

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Bruton Tyrosine Kinase Inhibition in CLL: Background

- B-cell antigen receptor (BCR) signaling is required for tumor expansion and proliferation in CLL and B-cell lymphomas¹
 - BCR signaling is dependent on BTK (Bruton's Tyrosine Kinase)
- Ibrutinib, a first-in-class, covalent BTK inhibitor, has transformed CLL therapy; however, it has properties that limit use
 - Treatment discontinuation from toxicities has been reported in 16%-23% of patients³⁻⁶
 - Exposure coverage between dosing intervals falls below IC_{50} and variable BTK occupancy at trough has been observed

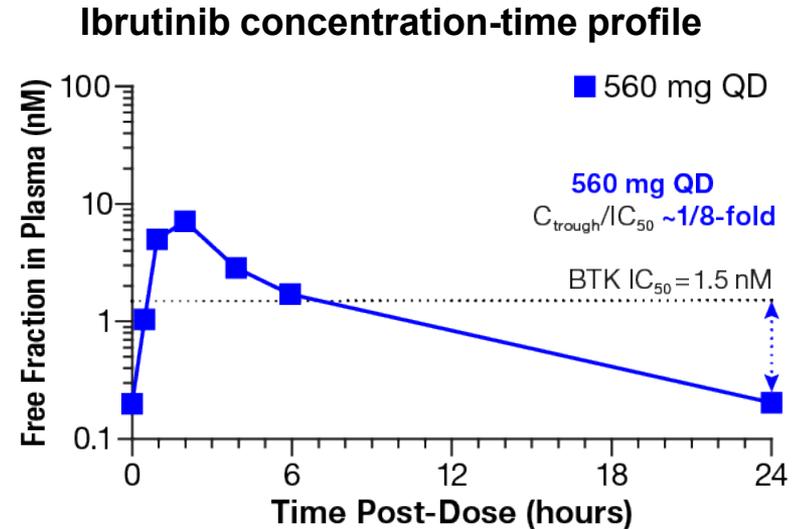


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Zanubrutinib: Differentiating Features and Background

- Zanubrutinib is a second-generation Bruton tyrosine kinase inhibitor (BTKi)
 - Zanubrutinib was designed to have greater BTK specificity than ibrutinib
 - Zanubrutinib has exposure coverage above its IC_{50}
 - Higher drug-concentration/ IC_{50} ratios would be expected to lead to more sustained and complete BTK inhibition to improve efficacy
- Zanubrutinib has demonstrated superior PFS by IRC over chemoimmunotherapy in treatment-naïve CLL/SLL patients without del(17p)¹

¹Tam CS, Brown JB, Kahl BS, et al. *Lancet Oncol.* 2022. [https://doi.org/10.1016/S1470-2045\(22\)00293-5](https://doi.org/10.1016/S1470-2045(22)00293-5)

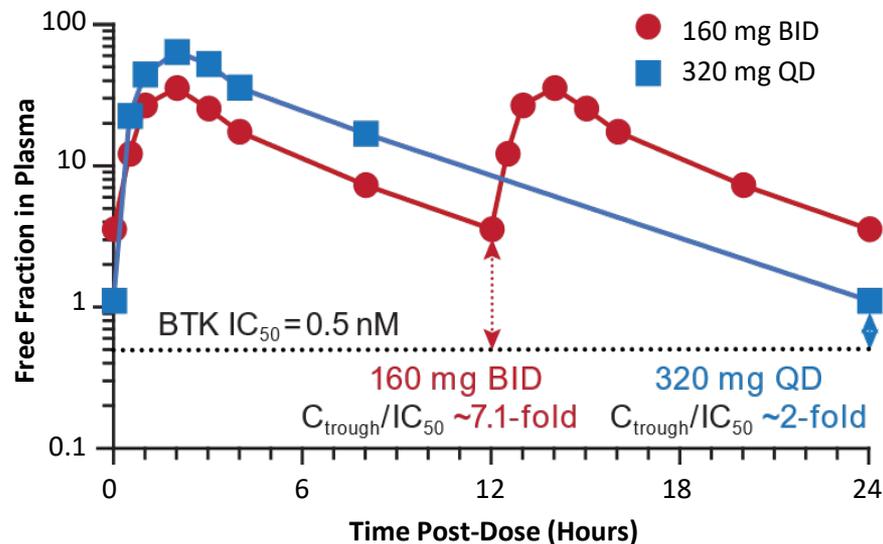


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ALPINE Study Design

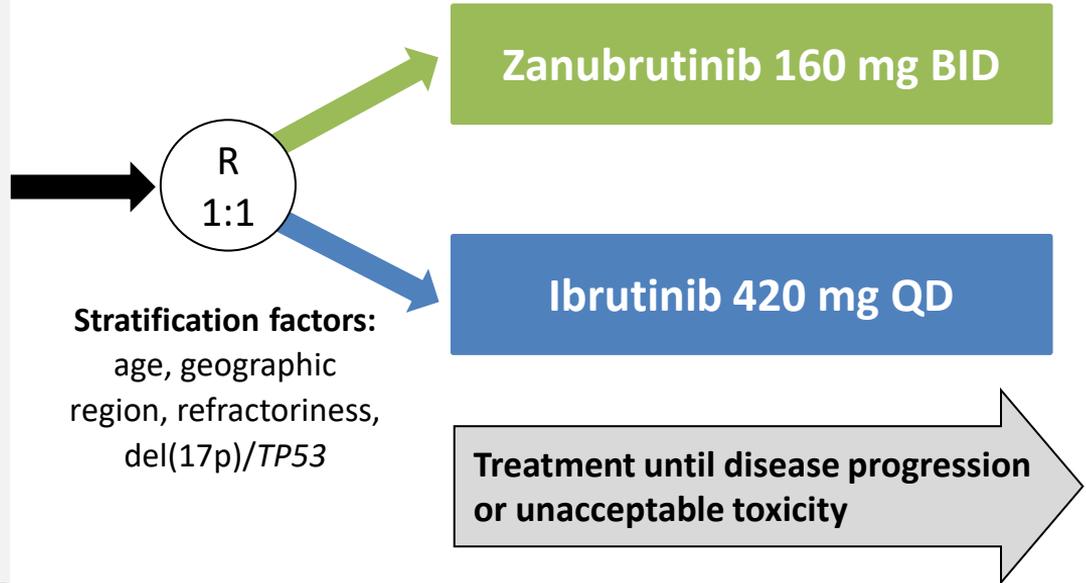
R/R CLL/SLL with ≥ 1 prior treatment
(Planned N=600, Actual N=652)

Key Inclusion Criteria

- R/R to ≥ 1 prior systemic therapy for CLL/SLL
- Measurable lymphadenopathy by CT or MRI

Key Exclusion Criteria

- Prior BTK inhibitor therapy
- Treatment with warfarin or other vitamin K antagonists



Endpoints and Statistical Design

Primary Endpoint

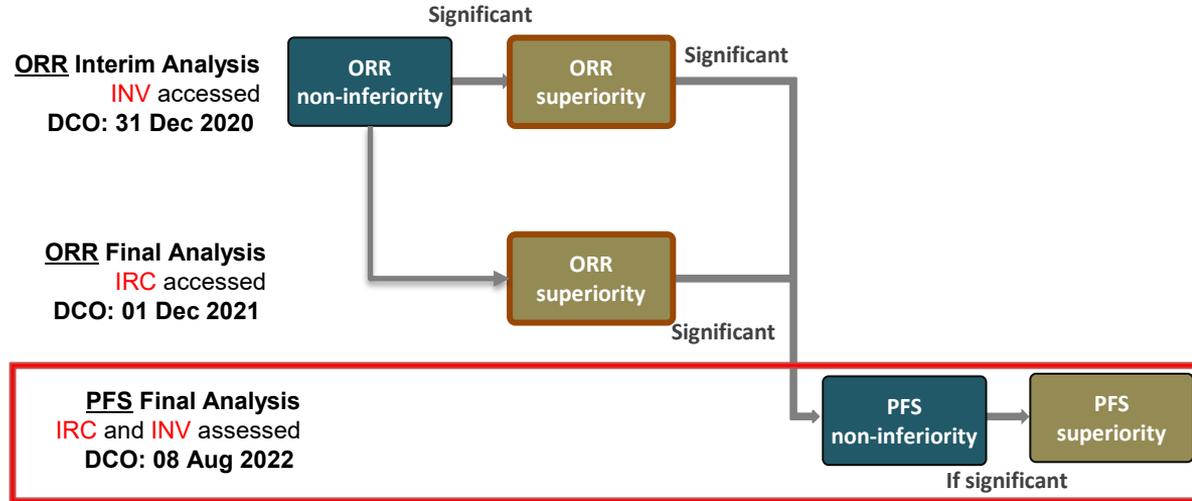
- ORR (PR+CR) noninferiority and superiority (by investigator)

Key Secondary Endpoints

- PFS
- Incidence of atrial fibrillation

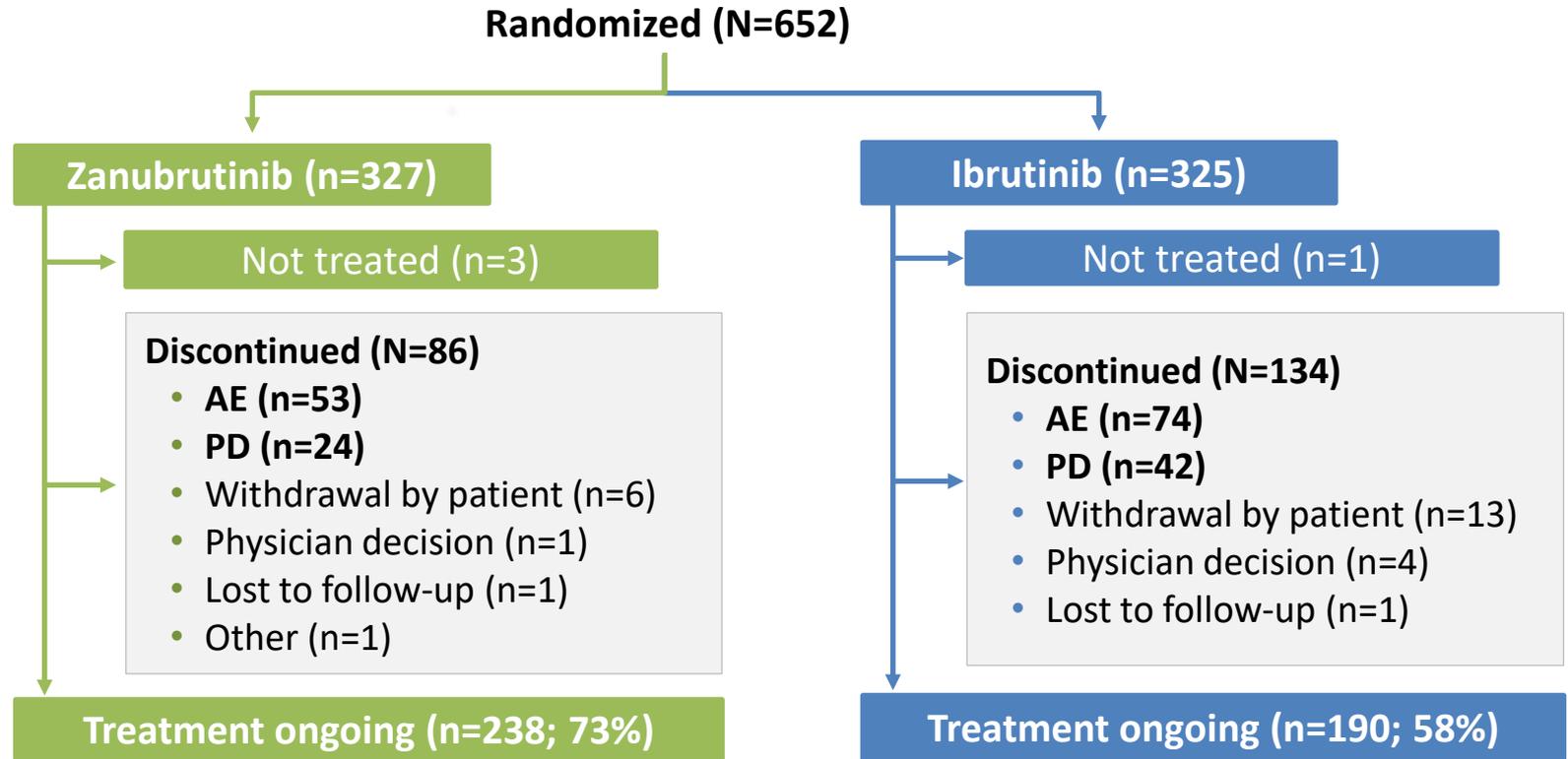
Other Secondary Endpoints

- DoR, OS
- Time to treatment failure
- PR-L or higher
- Patient-reported outcomes
- Safety



Overall response rate noninferiority and superiority were demonstrated in the ORR interim and final analyses; PFS was tested for noninferiority under hierarchical testing when 205 events had occurred

Patient Disposition



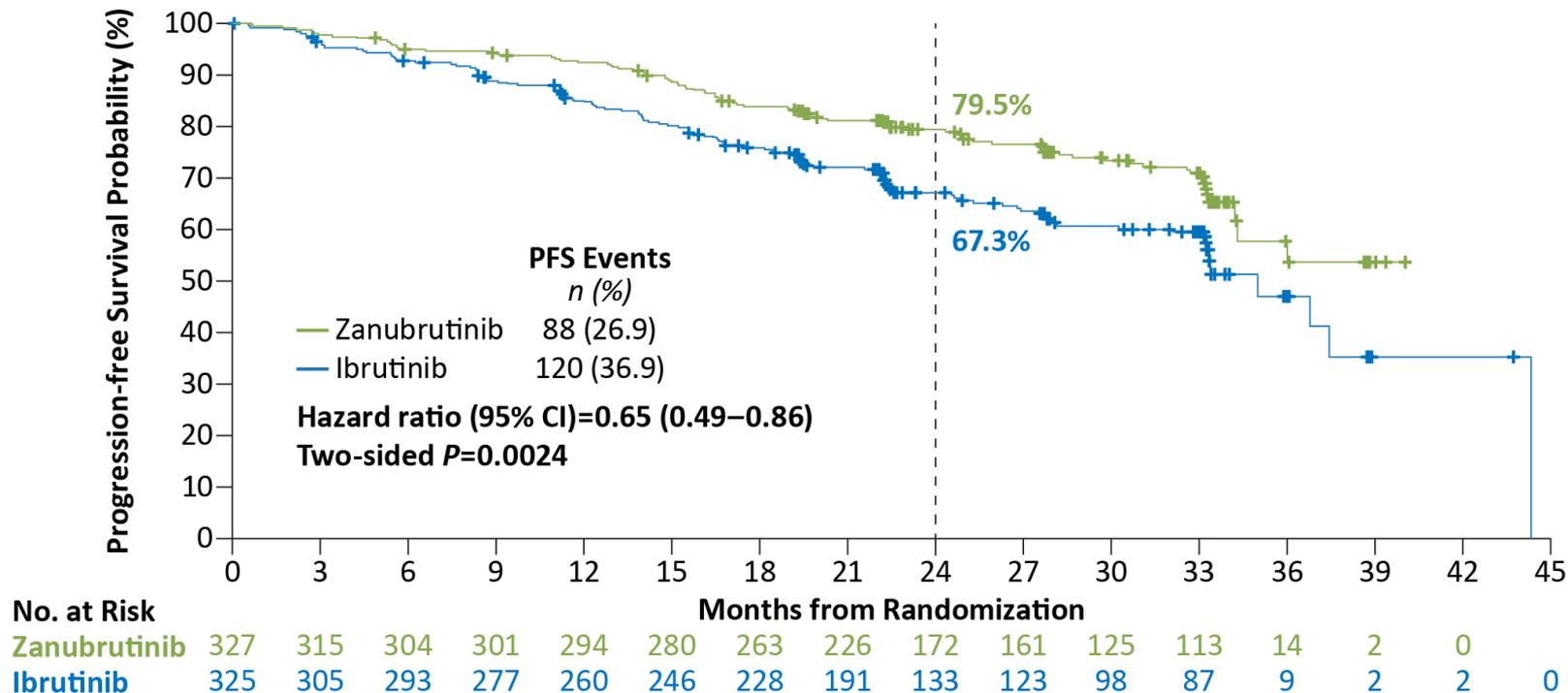
Balanced Demographics and Disease Characteristics

	Zanubrutinib (n=327)	Ibrutinib (n=325)
Age, median (range) ≥65 years, n (%)	67 (35-90) 201 (61.5)	68 (35-89) 200 (61.5)
Male, n (%)	213 (65.1)	232 (71.4)
ECOG PS ≥1, n (%)	198 (60.6)	203 (62.5)
Prior lines of systemic therapy, median (range) >3 prior lines, n (%)	1 (1-6) 24 (7.3)	1 (1-12) 30 (9.2)
del(17p) and/or TP53^{mut}, n (%) del(17p) TP53 ^{mut} without del(17p)	75 (22.9) 45 (13.8) 30 (9.2)	75 (23.1) 50 (15.4) 25 (7.7)
del(11q), n (%)	91 (27.8)	88 (27.1)
IGHV mutational status, n (%) Mutated Unmutated	 79 (24.2) 239 (73.1)	 70 (21.5) 239 (73.5)
Complex karyotype*	56 (17.1)	70 (21.5)
Bulky disease (≥5 cm), n (%)	145 (44.3)	149 (45.8)

*Complex karyotype is defined as having ≥3 abnormalities.

Zanubrutinib PFS by IRC Significantly Superior to Ibrutinib

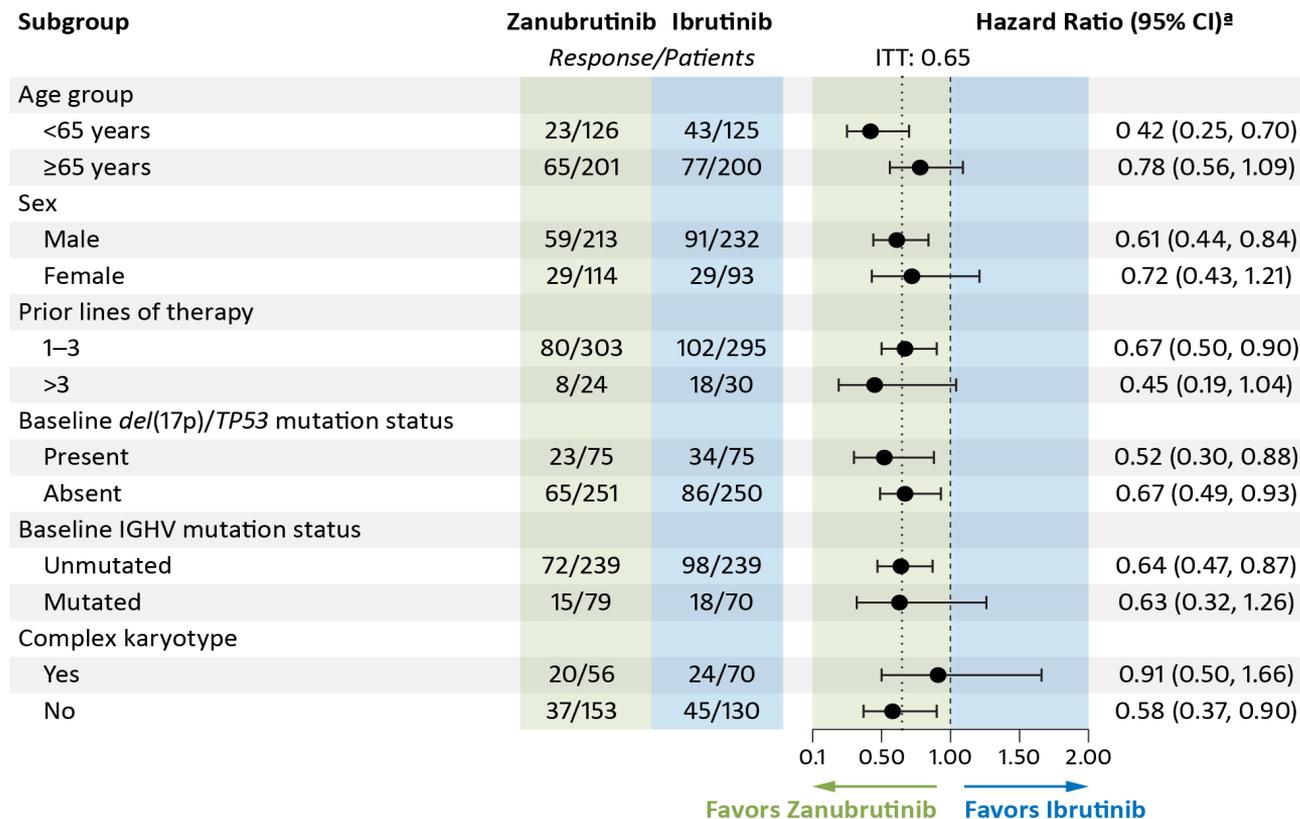
Median study follow-up of 29.6 months



Data cutoff: 8 Aug 2022



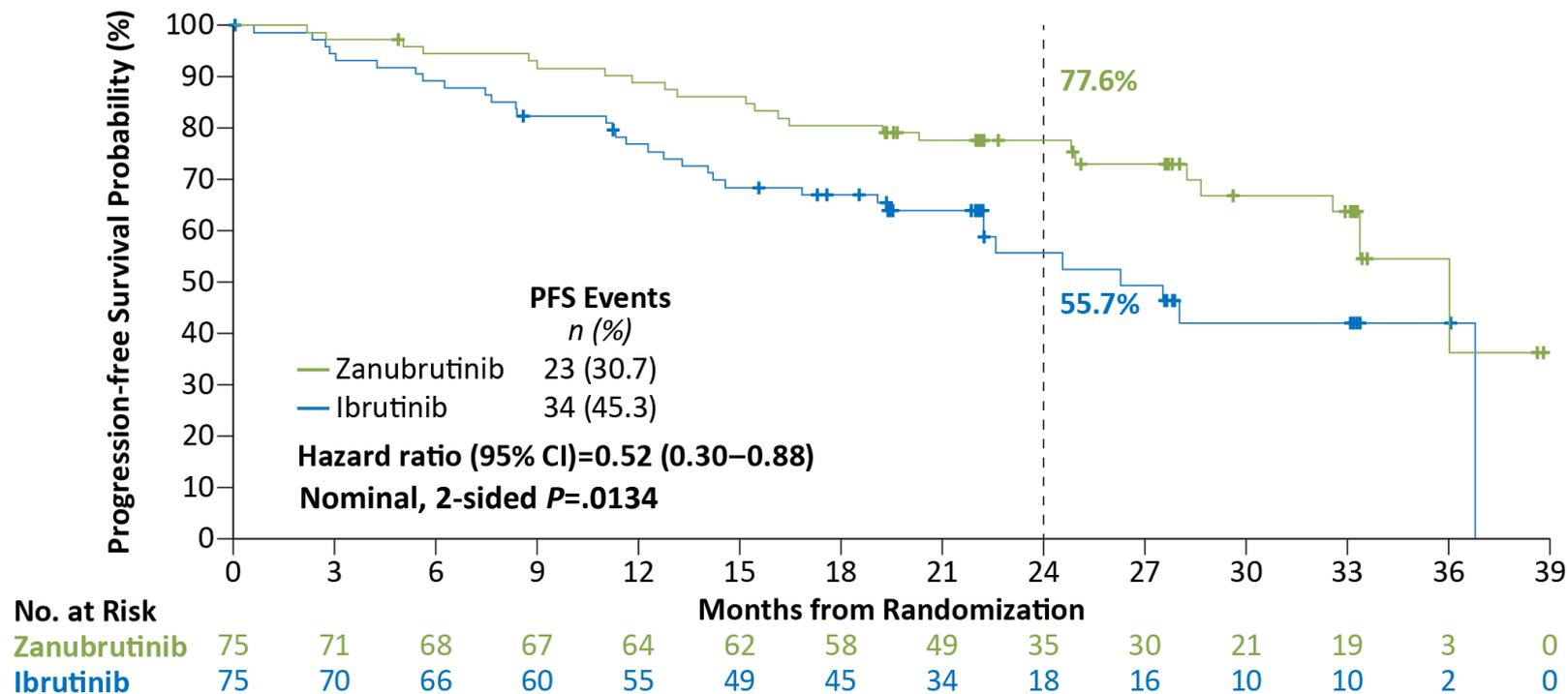
PFS Favored Zanubrutinib Across Subgroups



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Zanubrutinib Improved PFS in Patients with del(17p)/TP53^{mut}

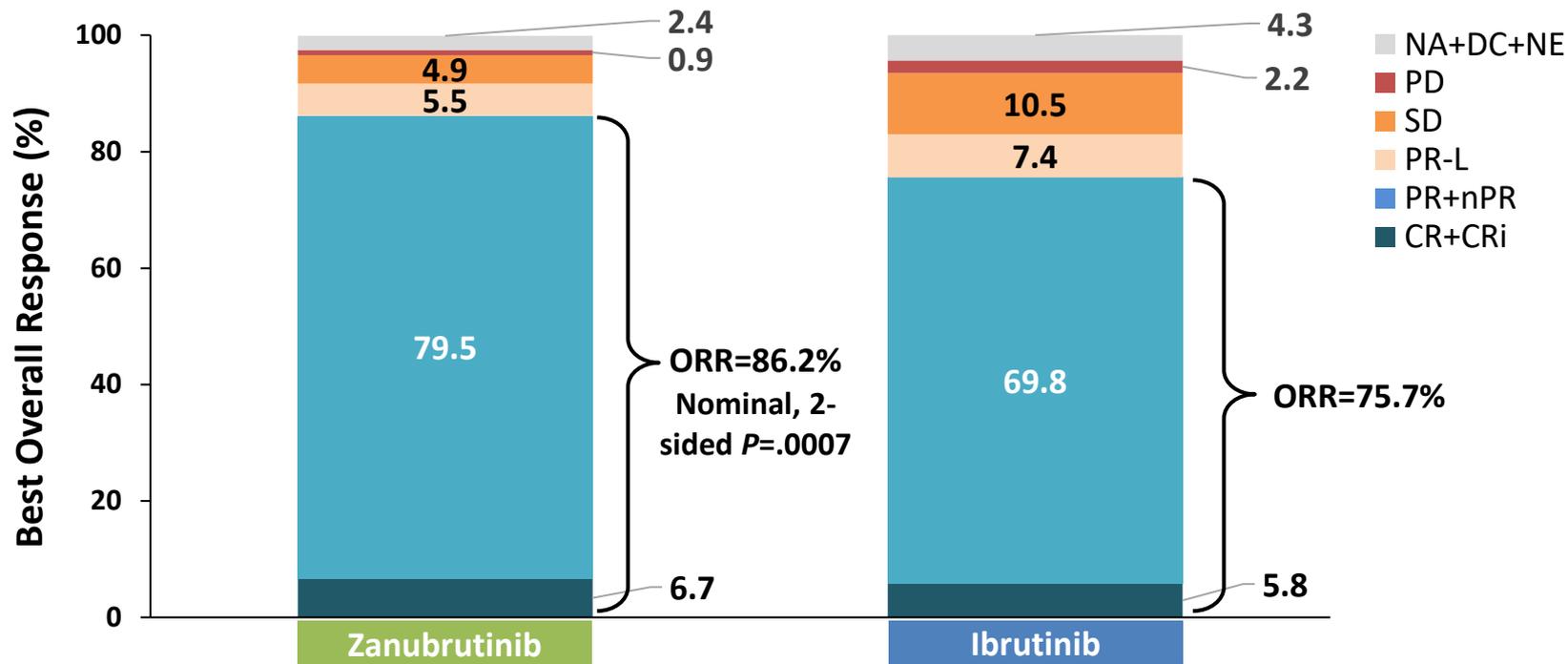


PFS data assessed by IRC

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Zanubrutinib Showed Higher ORR Assessed by IRC



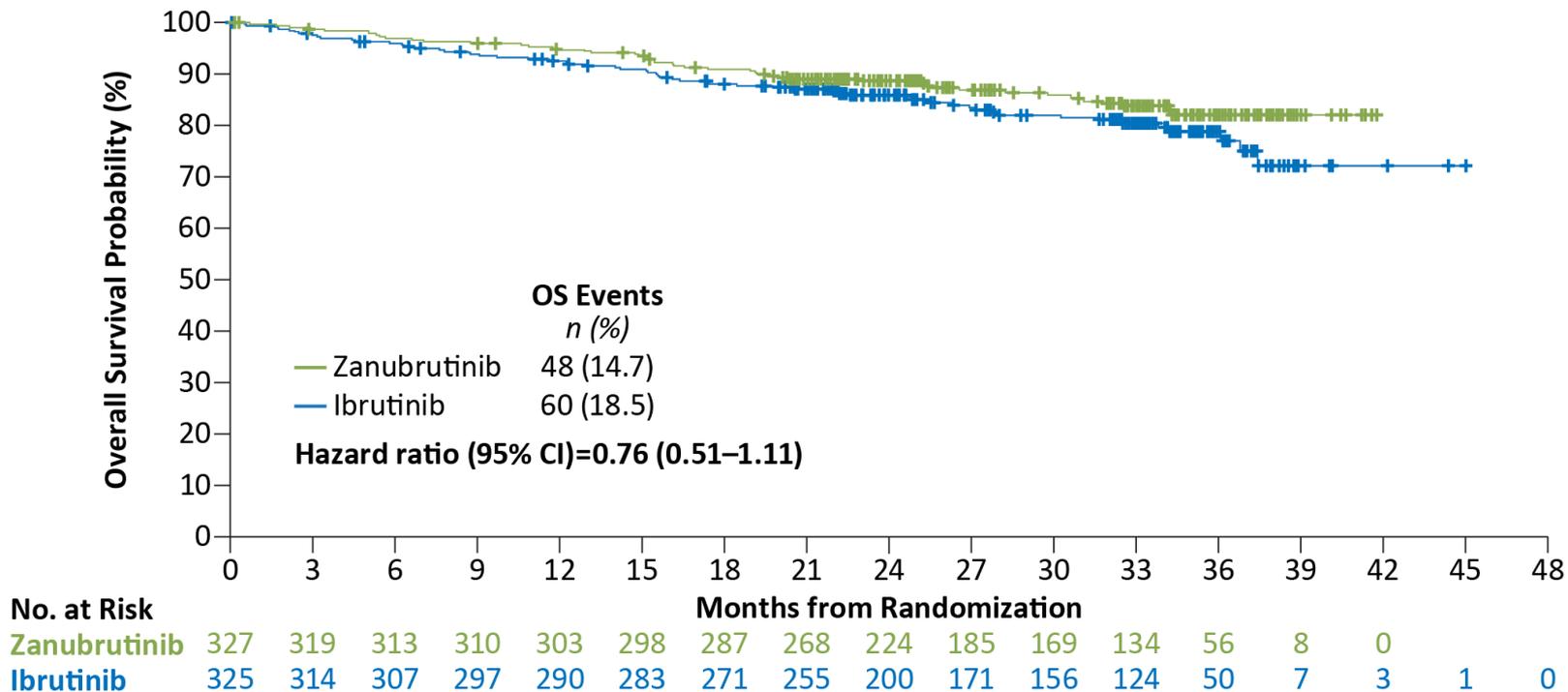
CR, complete response; CRi, complete response with incomplete bone marrow recovery; nPR, nodular partial response; PR, partial response; PR-L, partial response with lymphocytosis; SD, stable response; PD, progressive disease; NA, not assessed; DC, discontinued prior to first assessment; NE, not evaluable.

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Overall Survival

Fewer deaths with zanubrutinib compared with ibrutinib



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Overall Safety/Tolerability Summary

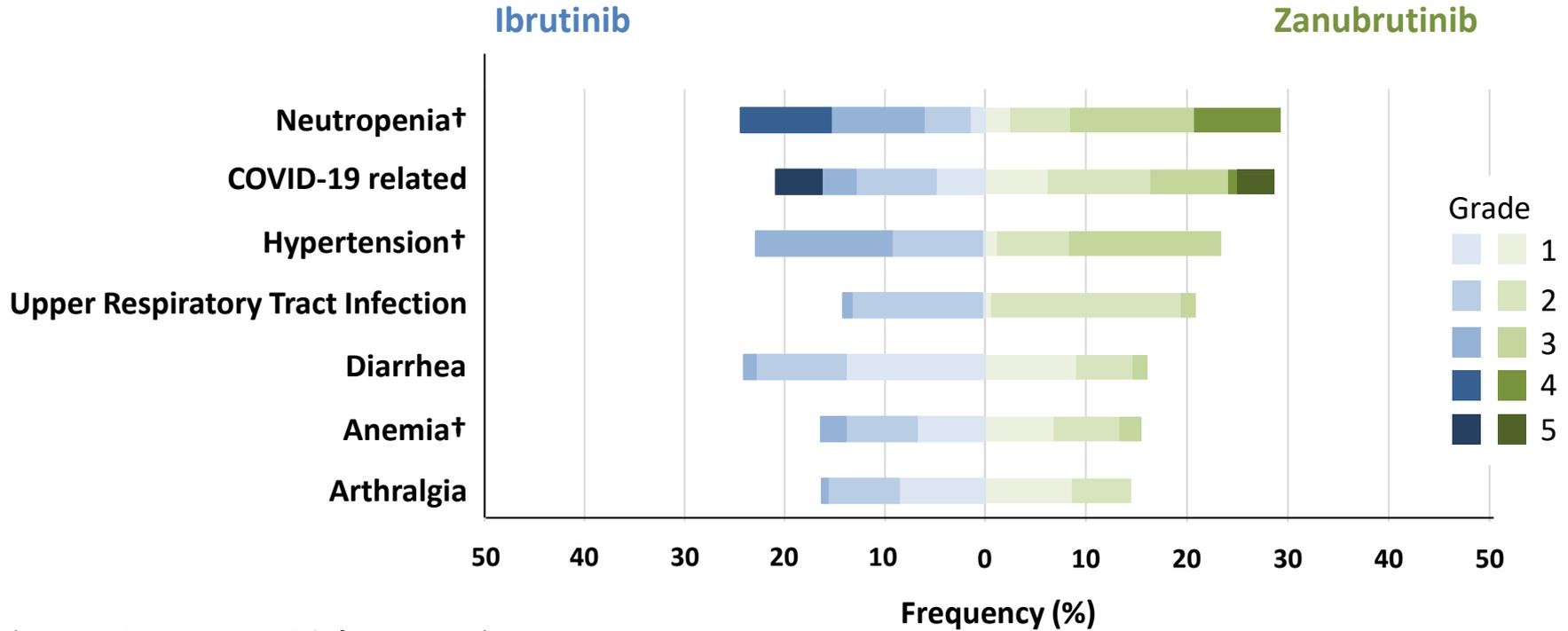
Zanubrutinib safety profile was favorable to ibrutinib

	Zanubrutinib (n=324)	Ibrutinib (n=324)
Median treatment duration, months	28.4	24.3
Any grade adverse event	318 (98.1)	321 (99.1)
Grade 3 to 5	218 (67.3)	228 (70.4)
Grade 5	33 (10.2)	36 (11.1)
Serious adverse event	136 (42.0)	162 (50.0)
Adverse events leading to		
Dose reduction	40 (12.3)	55 (17.0)
Dose interruption	162 (50.0)	184 (56.8)
Treatment discontinuation	50 (15.4)	72 (22.2)

Data cutoff: 8 Aug 2022



Most Common Adverse Events*



*Adverse events occurring in $\geq 15\%$ of patients in either arm.

†Pooled terms.

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Zanubrutinib Had A Favorable Cardiac Profile

Lower rate of cardiac events, serious cardiac events, treatment discontinuation, and deaths

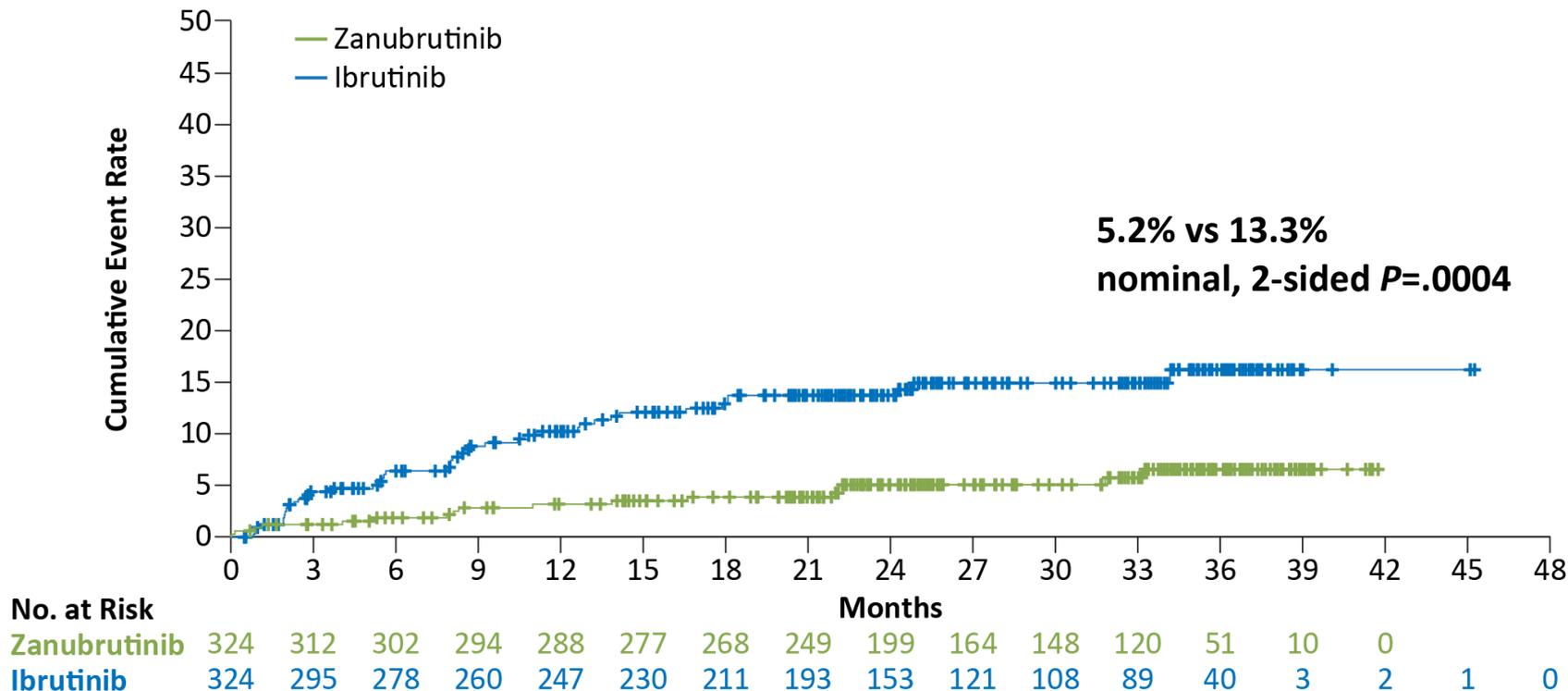
- Lower rate of serious cardiac adverse events reported with zanubrutinib
 - A fib/flutter (n=2)
 - MI/ACS (n=2)
 - CHF (n=2)
- **Fatal cardiac events:**
 - **Zanubrutinib, n=0 (0%)**
 - **Ibrutinib, n=6 (1.9%)**

	Zanubrutinib (n=324)	Ibrutinib (n=324)
Cardiac adverse events	69 (21.3%)	96 (29.6%)
Serious cardiac adverse events	6 (1.9%)	25 (7.7%)
Cardiac adverse events leading to treatment discontinuation	1 (0.3)	14 (4.3)
Ventricular extrasystoles	1 (0.3)	0
Atrial fibrillation	0	5 (1.5)
Cardiac arrest	0	2 (0.6)*
Cardiac failure	0	2 (0.6)
Cardiac failure acute	0	1 (0.3)*
Congestive cardiomyopathy	0	1 (0.3)*
Myocardial infarction	0	1 (0.3)*
Palpitations	0	1 (0.3)
Ventricular fibrillation	0	1 (0.3)

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Fewer Atrial Fibrillation/Flutter Events With Zanubrutinib



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Conclusions

- Zanubrutinib demonstrated superior PFS over ibrutinib in patients with relapsed/refractory CLL/SLL
 - PFS benefit seen across all major subgroups, including the del(17p)/TP53^{mut} population
- Zanubrutinib has a favorable safety profile compared with ibrutinib
 - Lower rate of grade ≥3 and serious AEs, fewer AEs leading to treatment discontinuation and dose reduction
 - Zanubrutinib has a better cardiac profile than ibrutinib with lower rates of atrial fibrillation, serious cardiac events, cardiac events leading to treatment discontinuation, and fatal cardiac events
- ALPINE is the first study to demonstrate PFS superiority in a head-to-head comparison of BTK inhibitors in patients with relapsed/refractory CLL/SLL; **zanubrutinib has now proven superiority to ibrutinib in both PFS and ORR.**

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