# Zanubrutinib Demonstrates Superior Progression-Free Survival Versus Ibrutinib For Relapsed/Refractory CLL/SLL: ALPINE Final Analysis

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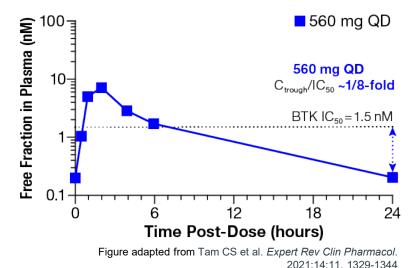
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### **Bruton Tyrosine Kinase Inhibition in CLL**

- B-cell antigen receptor (BCR) signaling is required for tumor expansion and proliferation in CLL and B-cell lymphomas<sup>1</sup>
  - BCR signaling is dependent on Bruton's Tyrosine Kinase (BTK)
- Ibrutinib, a first-generation BTK inhibitor, transformed CLL therapy; however, it has properties that limit use<sup>2</sup>
  - Treatment discontinuation from toxicities has been reported in 16%-23% of patients<sup>3-6</sup>
  - Exposure coverage between dosing intervals falls below IC<sub>50</sub> and variable BTK occupancy at trough has been observed



Ibrutinib concentration-time profile

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Singh SP, Dammeijer F and Hendriks RW. *Molecular Cancer.* 2018; 17:57. <sup>2</sup>Molis S, Matures E, Tam C, Polliack A. *Hematol Oncol.* 2020; 38: 129-136. <sup>3</sup>Sharman JP, Black-Shinn JL, Clark J, et al. *Blood.* 2017;130(suppl 1):4060. <sup>4</sup>Mato AR, Nabhan C, Thompson MC, et al. *Haematologica.* 2018;103(5):874-879. <sup>5</sup>Munir T, Brown JR, O'Brien S, et al. *Am J Hematol.* 2019;94(12):1353-1363. <sup>6</sup>Ghia P, Owen C, Robak T, et al. EHA Abstract EP636 2021.

### **Differentiating Features of Zanubrutinib**

- Zanubrutinib is a second-generation BTK inhibitor
  - Zanubrutinib was designed to have greater BTK specificity than ibrutinib<sup>1</sup>
  - Zanubrutinib has exposure coverage above its IC<sub>50</sub><sup>2</sup>
  - Higher drug-concentration/IC<sub>50</sub> ratios would be expected to lead to more sustained and complete BTK inhibition to improve efficacy<sup>2</sup>
- Zanubrutinib has demonstrated superior PFS by IRC over chemoimmunotherapy in treatment-naive CLL/SLL patients without del(17p)<sup>3</sup>

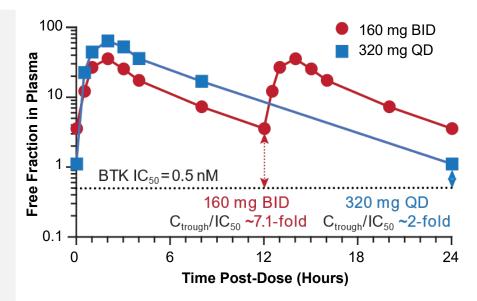
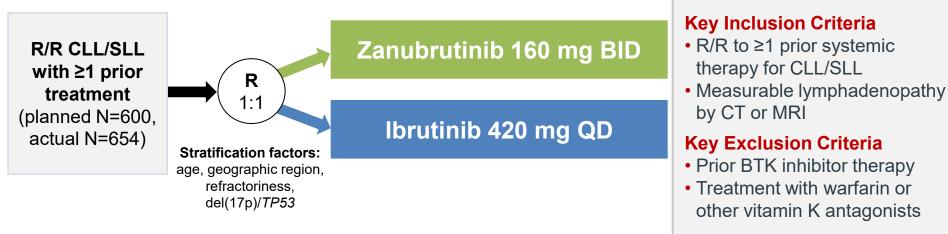


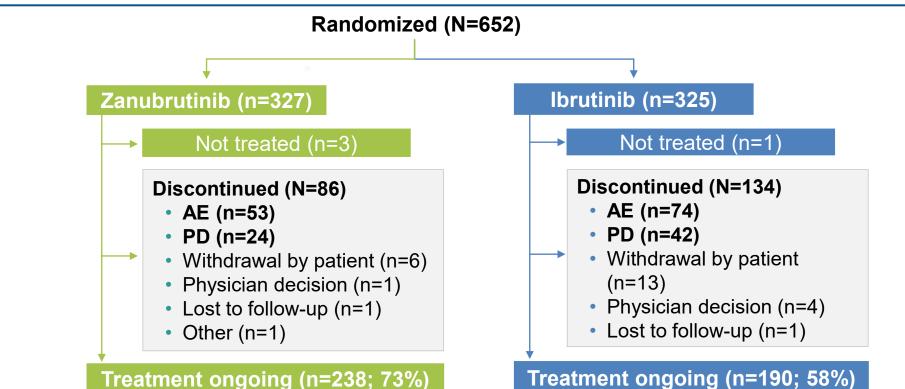
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# **ALPINE Study Design**



Primary Endpoint: ORR (PR+CR) noninferiority and superiority (by investigator)
Key Secondary Endpoints: PFS and incidence of atrial fibrillation
Other Secondary Endpoints: DoR, OS, time to treatment failure, PR-L or higher, PROs, and safety

## **Patient Disposition**

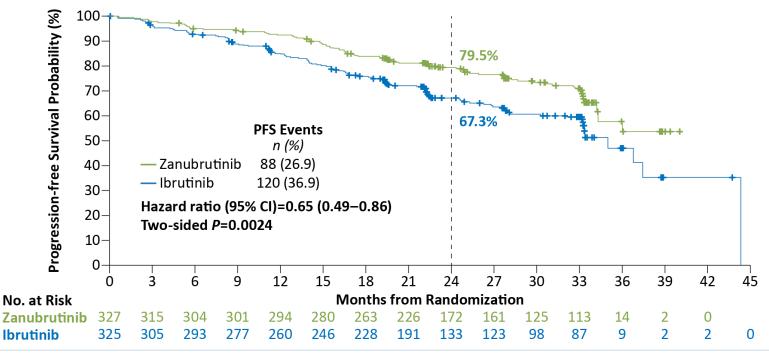


### **Balanced Demographics and Disease Characteristics**

	Zanubrutinib (n=327)	lbrutinib (n=325)
Age, median (range)	67 (35-90)	68 (35-89)
≥65 years, n (%)	201 (61.5)	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)	1 (1-6)	1 (1-12)
>3 prior lines, n (%)	24 (7.3)	30 (9.2)
del(17p) and/or <i>TP53</i> <sup>mut</sup> , n (%)	75 (22.9)	75 (23.1)
del(17p)	45 (13.8)	50 (15.4)
<i>TP53</i> <sup>mut</sup> without del(17p)	30 (9.2)	25 (7.7)
del(11q), n (%)	91 (27.8)	88 (27.1)
IGHV mutational status, n (%)		
Mutated	79 (24.2)	70 (21.5)
Unmutated	239 (73.1)	239 (73.5)
Complex karyotype <sup>a</sup>	56 (17.1)	70 (21.5)
Bulky disease (≥5 cm), n (%)	145 (44.3)	149 (45.8)

## Zanubrutinib PFS Significantly Superior to Ibrutinib

### Median study follow-up of 29.6 months

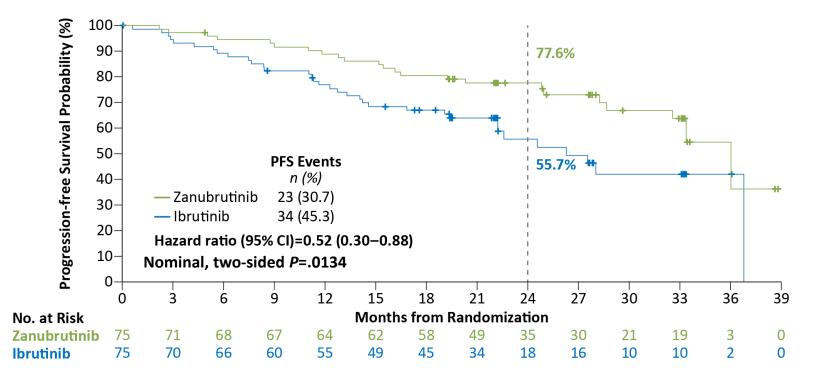


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PFS data assessed by IRC.

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### Zanubrutinib Improved PFS in Patients with del(17p)/TP53<sup>mut</sup>



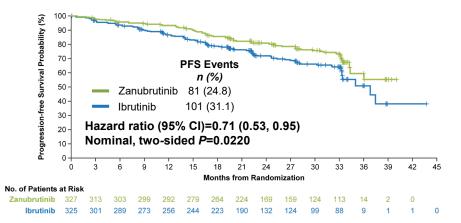
### **PFS Favored Zanubrutinib Across Subgroups**

Subgroup	Zanubrutinil			Ratio (95% CI)ª
	Events/Patients		ITT: 0.65	
Age group				
<65 years	23/126	43/125	H <b>●</b> →	0 42 (0.25, 0.70)
≥65 years	65/201	77/200		0.78 (0.56, 1.09)
Sex				
Male	59/213	91/232	H <b>•</b> -1	0.61 (0.44, 0.84)
Female	29/114	29/93		0.72 (0.43, 1.21)
Prior lines of therapy				
1–3	80/303	102/295	H <del>i</del>	0.67 (0.50, 0.90)
>3	8/24	18/30	<b>⊢●</b>	0.45 (0.19, 1.04)
Baseline <i>del</i> (17p)/ <i>TP53</i> mutation status				
Present	23/75	34/75		0.52 (0.30, 0.88)
Absent	65/251	86/250	<b>⊢●</b> −1	0.67 (0.49, 0.93)
Baseline IGHV mutation status				
Unmutated	72/239	98/239	H <del>İ</del> H	0.64 (0.47, 0.87)
Mutated	15/79	18/70		0.63 (0.32, 1.26)
Complex karyotype				
Yes	20/56	24/70		0.91 (0.50, 1.66)
No	37/153	45/130	<b>⊢</b> ●−−1	0.58 (0.37, 0.90)
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Favors Zanubrutinib Favors Ibrutinib				

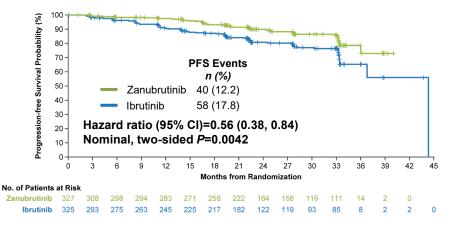
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# Sensitivity Analyses Are Consistent with Primary PFS Analysis, Including Drug Interruptions and Treatment Discontinuation

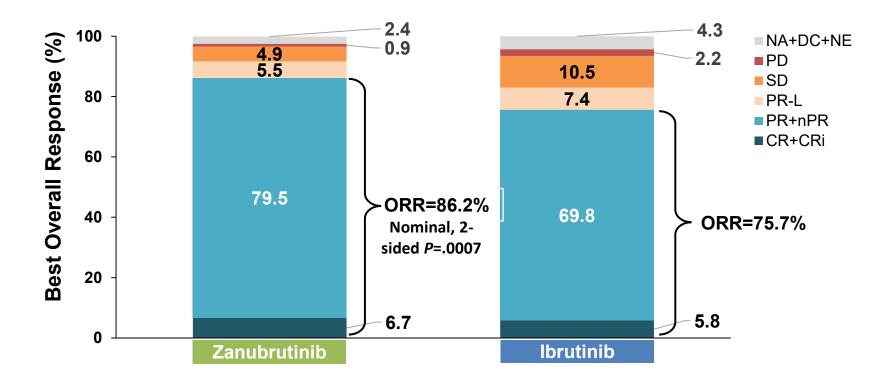
#### Drug Interruptions<sup>1,2</sup>



#### **Treatment Discontinuation<sup>2</sup>**



### Zanubrutinib Showed Higher ORR Assessed by IRC



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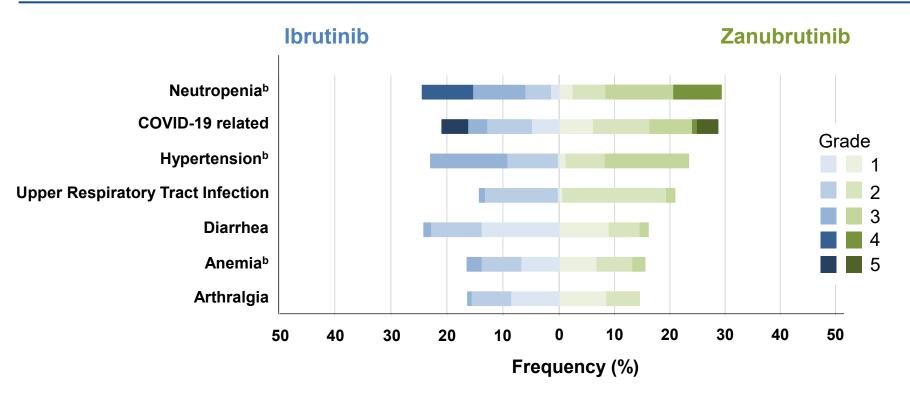
CR, complete response; CRi, complete response with incomplete bone marrow recovery; nPR, nodular partial response; PR, partial response; PR-L, partial response with lymphocytosis; SD, stable response; PD, progressive disease; NA, not assessed; DC, discontinued prior to first assessment; NE, not evaluable.

# **Overall Safety/Tolerability Summary**

### Zanubrutinib safety profile was favorable to ibrutinib

	Zanubrutinib (n=324)	lbrutinib (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)			

### Most Common Adverse Events<sup>a</sup>



<sup>a</sup>Adverse events occurring in ≥15% of patients in either arm. <sup>b</sup>Pooled terms.

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# Zanubrutinib Had A Favorable Cardiac Profile

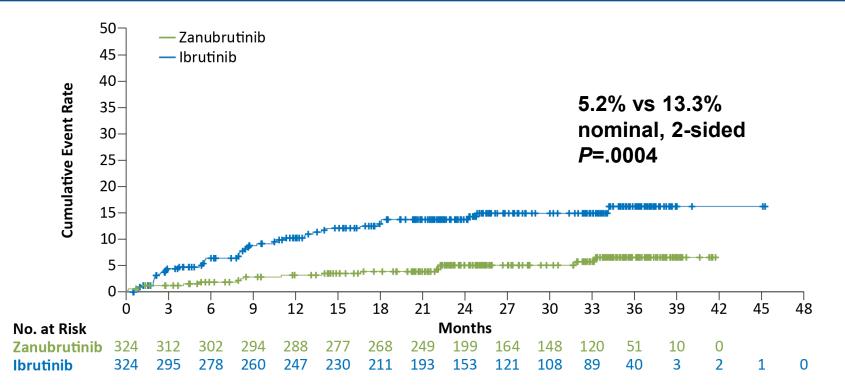
# Lower rate of cardiac events, serious cardiac events, treatment discontinuation, and deaths

- 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%)

deaths	Zanubrutinib (n=324)	lbrutinib (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) <sup>a</sup>
Cardiac failure	0	2 (0.6)
Cardiac failure acute	0	1 (0.3) <sup>a</sup>
Congestive cardiomyopathy	0	1 (0.3) <sup>a</sup>
Myocardial infarction	0	1 (0.3) <sup>a</sup>
Palpitations	0	1 (0.3)
Ventricular fibrillation	0	1 (0.3)

<sup>a</sup>Cardiac deaths. One death not listed due to myocardial infarction with ibrutinib discontinuation due to diarrhea 14 days prior to the fatal event.

### **Fewer Atrial Fibrillation/Flutter Events With Zanubrutinib**



### 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<sup>mut</sup> 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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