Real-World Treatment Patterns of Bruton Tyrosine Kinase Inhibitors in Patients with Mantle Cell Lymphoma in Community Oncology Practices in the United States

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BACKGROUND

- Mantle cell lymphoma (MCL) is a rare and aggressive B-cell malignancy, accounting for 10% of all non-Hodgkin lymphoma subtypes¹
- Three Bruton tyrosine kinase inhibitors (BTKis) have been approved for the treatment of relapsed/refractory (R/R) MCL in the United States: ibrutinib, acalabrutinib, and zanubrutinib

Figure 1. BTKi Approval Timeline in the United States

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
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• Real-world data on BTKi use in MCL remain limited^{2,3}

OBJECTIVE

• To examine US real-world BTKi treatment pattern, duration, and adherence in patients with MCL

METHODS

• This retrospective observational study used electronic medical record (EMR) data from the Integra Connect database of structured and unstructured fields across 18 US community-based oncology practices with >2000 physician caregivers

Figure 2. Study Design

Study population	BTK i groups		
 Adults with an MCL diagnosis on ≥2 separate dates who started BTKi therapy between 1/1/2019 and 11/30/2021 	 Index date defined as initial use of one of the following BTKis: Acalabrutinib Ibrutinib Zanubrutinib 		
Data collection			

• EMR data were collected to ensure adequate medical history and ≥6-month follow-up period Sociodemographic and clinical characteristics, comorbidities, and treatment patterns were examined for each BTKi group

• Baseline comorbidities were collected ≤90 days prior to the index date based on diagnosis records

Treatment duration was calculated based on EMR and claims until the end of follow-up • Kaplan-Meier analysis was used to compare treatment duration between the BTKi groups

• Discontinuation data were based on unstructured physician notes

Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria

- Age \geq 18 years at index date, with \geq 1 diagnosis of MCL
- ≥1 valid medical or prescription claim 6 months before and after the index date
- Started BTKi treatment between 1/1/2019 and 11/30/2021
- Patients were required to have treatment data available from at least 3 months pre-index date and at least 6 months post-index date

RESULTS

Table 1. Baseline Demographics and Characteristics

Characteristic	Zanubrutinib (n=44)	Acalabrutinib (n=161)	Ibrutinib (n=197)	
Age at index, years				
Mean (SD)*	74 (7.96)	75 (9.46)	70 (9.95)	
Median (Q1-Q3)*	75 (68-79)	76 (69-81)	72 (65-80)	
Min-max	56-89	36-89	36-89	
Age group, n (%)				
<50 years	O (O)	2 (1.2)	6 (3.0)	
50-64 years	8 (18.2)	25 (15.5)	37 (18.8)	
65-79 years	27 (61.4)	81 (50.3)	99 (50.3)	
≥80 years	9 (20.5)	53 (32.9)	61 (30.9)	
Sex, n (%)				
Female	13 (29.5)	47 (29.2)	56 (28.4)	
Male	30 (68.2)	114 (70.8)	141 (71.6)	
Unknown	1 (2.3)	O (O)	O (O)	
Race, n (%)				
White	14 (31.8)	116 (72.0)	129 (65.5)	
Black or African American	2 (4.5)	5 (3.1)	10 (5.1)	
Asian	0 (0)	2 (1.2)	1 (0.5)	
Other	18 (40.9)	38 (23.6)	57 (28.9)	
Ethnicity, n (%)				
Hispanic or Latino	1 (2.3)	9 (5.6)	8 (4.1)	
Not Hispanic or Latino	33 (75.0)	110 (68.3)	152 (77.2)	
Other	10 (22.7)	42 (26.1)	37 (18.8)	
Payer type, n (%)				
Commercial	10 (22.7)	30 (18.6)	48 (24.4)	
Medicare/Medicaid	15 (34.1)	74 (46.0)	76 (38.6)	
Self-pay	O (O)	1 (0.6)	3 (1.5)	
Unknown	1 (2.3)	4 (2.5)	5 (2.5)	
Other	18 (40.9)	52 (32.3)	65 (33.0)	
* <i>P</i> <.05.				

• In 402 patients with MCL identified to start BTKi therapy (44 zanubrutinib; 161 acalabrutinib; 197 ibrutinib), the median (range) age at BTKi therapy start was 75 (56-89) years for the zanubrutinib, 76 (36-89) for the acalabrutinib, and 72 (36-89) for the ibrutinib groups (*P*<.01; **Table 1**) • There were no significant differences between the 3 BTKi groups in other baseline characteristics

• The zanubrutinib group had more comorbidities at baseline than the acalabrutinib group (**Table 2**)

Table 2. Baseline Comorbidities

n (%)	Zanubrutinib (n=44)	Acalabrutinib (n=161)	Ibrutinib (n=197)	
Atrial fibrillation	5 (11.4)	15 (9.3)	12 (6.1)	
Cardiac arrhythmias (other than atrial fibrillation)	9 (20.5)	24 (14.9)	25 (12.7)	
Cardiovascular disease	18 (40.9)	66 (41.0)	63 (32.0)	
Chronic pulmonary disease*	11 (25.0)	27 (16.8)	25 (12.7)	
Diabetes	10 (22.7)	27 (16.8)	28 (14.2)	
GERD	12 (27.3)	41 (25.5)	38 (19.3)	
Hypertension	16 (36.4)	67 (41.6)	71 (36.0)	
Renal disease	9 (20.5)	24 (14.9)	28 (14.2)	

GERD, gastroesophageal reflux disease. * P<.05

BTKi Utilization and Switching Pattern

- Half of patients treated with zanubrutinib used other BTKis in prior therapy, with 31.8% switching from other BTKis to zanubrutinib within 60 days of treatment start

Table 3. BTKi Switching Pattern

n (%)	Zanubrutinib (n=44)	Acalabrutinib (n=161)	lbrutinib (n=197)
Prior BTKi use	22 (50.0)	47 (29.2)	-
Switched BTKi within 60 days	14 (31.8)	27 (16.8)	-
Switched from acalabrutinib	6 (13.6)	-	
Switched from ibrutinib	8 (18.2)	27 (16.8)	
Switched from zanubrutinib	-	1 (0.6)	2 (0.1)

BTKi Treatment Duration and Adherence

- Given the later approval date of zanubrutinib, the zanubrutinib group had a shorter mean follow-up period (493 days) vs the acalabrutinib (701 days) and ibrutinib (746 days) groups
- Nevertheless, patients treated with zanubrutinib had significantly longer median treatment duration (292 days) vs acalabrutinib (259 days) and ibrutinib (149 days) (*P*<.01; **Table 4** and **Figure 3**)

• In the acalabrutinib group, 29% had prior BTKi use (Table 3)

Table 4. BTKi Treatment Duration and Adherence						
Days or n (%)	Zanubrutinib (n=44)	Acalabrutinib (n=161)	Ibrutinib (n=197)			
Treatment duration, days						
Average follow-up	493	701	746			
Median treatment*	292	259	149			
Adherence, n (%)						
>30 days	44 (100)	161 (100)	197 (100)			
>60 days*	40 (91)	137 (85)	137 (70)			
>90 days*	34 (84)	119 (75)	114 (59)			
>180 days*	27 (64)	100 (64)	87 (45)			
>360 days*	16 (53)	67 (45)	58 (31)			
* <i>P</i> <.05.	<i>P</i> <.05.					

Figure 3. Treatment Duration Between BTKi Groups



BTKi Treatment Discontinuation

• The discontinuation rate was lower in the zanubrutinib vs acalabrutinib or ibrutinib groups (**Table 5**)

Table 5. BTKi Discontinuation

n (%)	Zanubrutinib (n=44)	Acalabrutinib (n=161)
Discontinuation	19 (43.2)	83 (51.6)
Discontinuation due to toxicity	6 (13.6)	28 (17.4)
Discontinuation due to no response, disease progression, or worsened comorbidities	8 (18.2)	37 (23.0)



+ Censored Log-rank P<.001

CONCLUSIONS

- Real-world EMR data from US communitybased oncology practices suggested significantly longer treatment duration, better adherence, and a lower discontinuation rate in patients with MCL treated with zanubrutinib compared with acalabrutinib or ibrutinib
- Further analyses on long-term utilization and outcomes are needed upon data maturation

LIMITATION

• This study is subject to the inherent limitations of a retrospective, observational, real-world study using EMR data with potentially inconsistent data documentation

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