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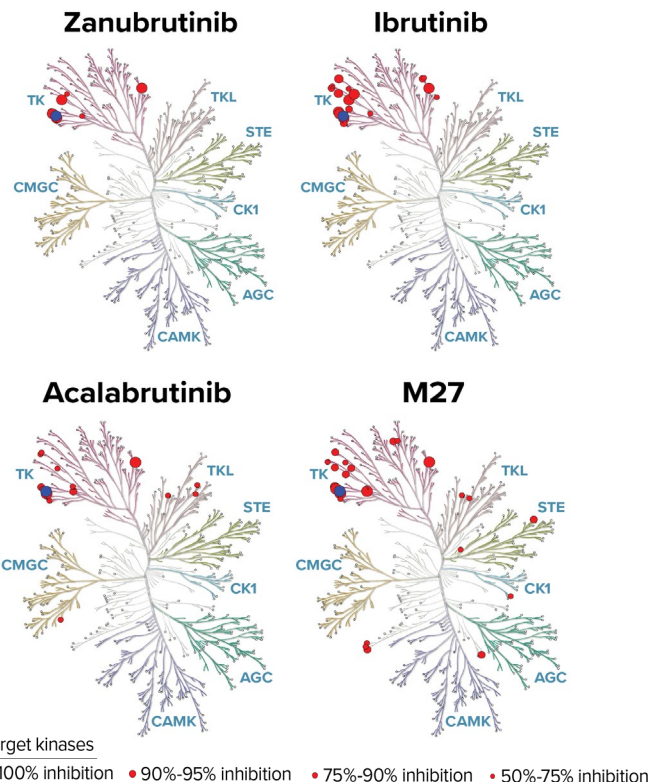
Extended Follow-up of ALPINE Randomized Phase 3 Study Confirms Sustained Superior Progression-free Survival of Zanubrutinib Versus Ibrutinib for Treatment of Relapsed/Refractory Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia and Small Lymphocytic Lymphoma (R/R CLL/SLL)

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Zanubrutinib Is a Differentiated BTKi With High Potency, Bioavailability, and Selectivity

- Zanubrutinib is highly selective for BTK and has potent inhibitory activity against BTK¹
- Zanubrutinib has no active metabolite; ibrutinib and acalabrutinib each have an active metabolite (PCI-45227 and M27, respectively) with activity on kinases other than BTK¹
- Zanubrutinib has continuous exposure coverage above its IC₅₀ compared with ibrutinib² and acalabrutinib³
 - Higher drug-concentration/IC₅₀ ratios would be expected to lead to more sustained and complete BTK inhibition to improve efficacy



¹Tam et al. *Blood Cancer J.* 2023; ²Ou, et al. *Leuk Lymphoma.* 2021; ³Marostica et al. *Cancer Chemother Pharmacol.* 2015.

Abbreviations IC₅₀, half-maximal concentration.

Figure adapted from Shadman et al. *Lancet Haematol.* 2023.



ALPINE Study Design (NCT03734016)

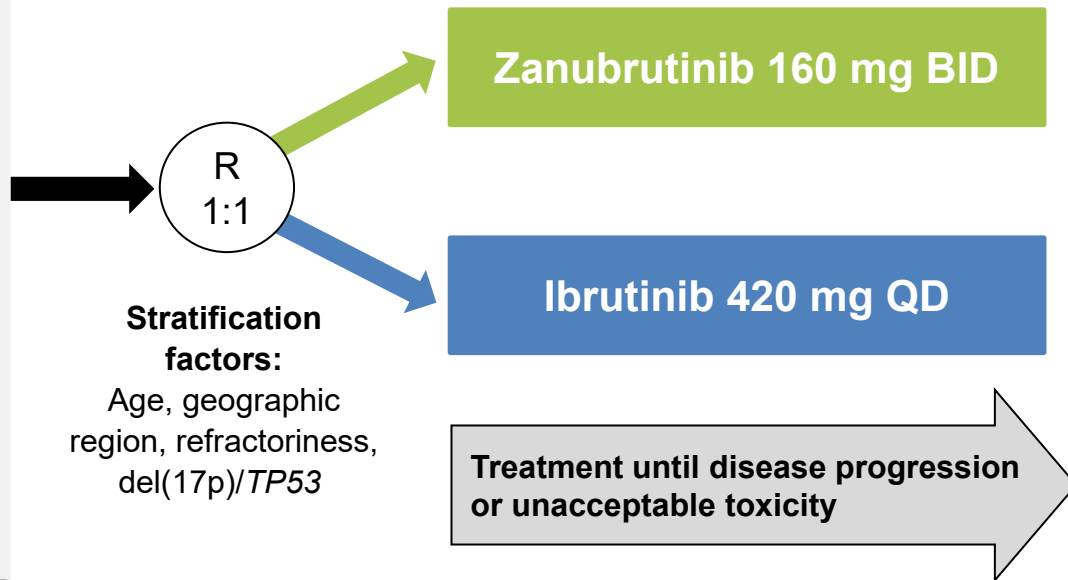
R/R CLL/SLL with ≥ 1 prior treatment
(N=652)

Key Inclusion Criteria

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

Key Exclusion Criteria

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



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Balanced Demographics and Disease Characteristics

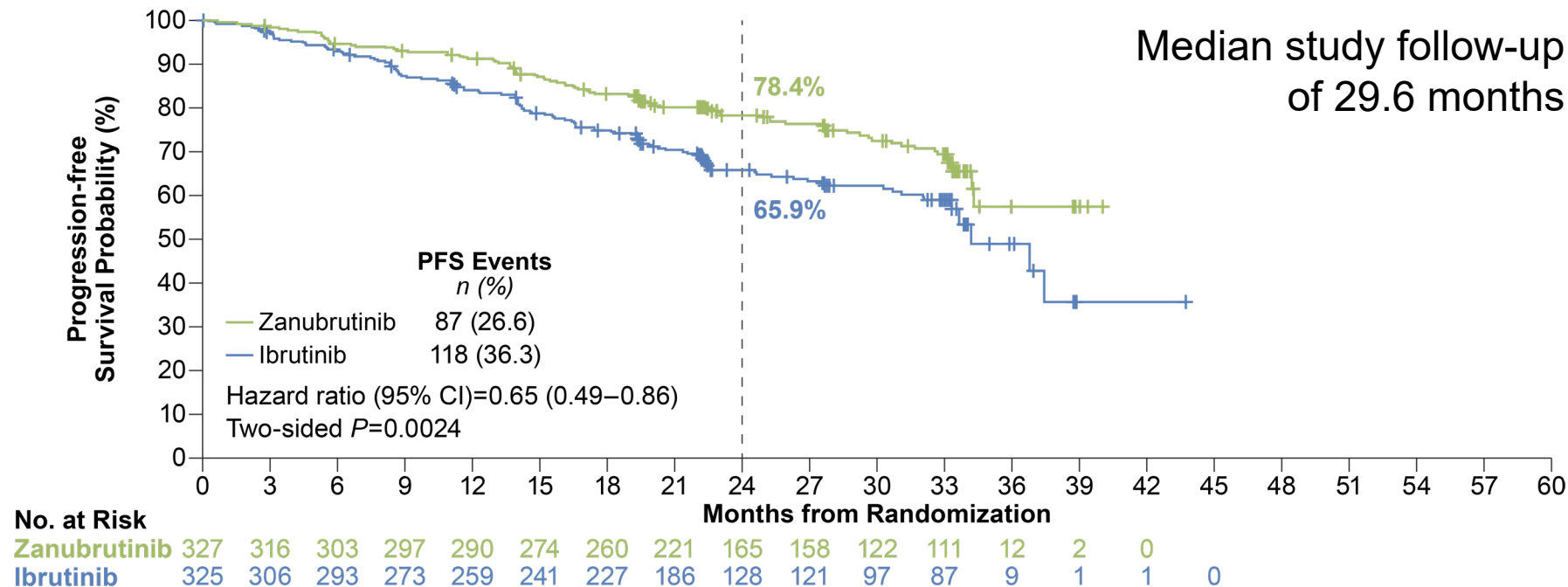
	Zanubrutinib (n=327)	Ibrutinib (n=325)
Age, median (range) ≥65 years, n (%)	67 (35-90) 201 (61.5)	68 (35-89) 200 (61.5)
Male, n (%)	213 (65.1)	232 (71.4)
ECOG PS ≥1, n (%)	198 (60.6)	203 (62.5)
Prior lines of systemic therapy, median (range) >3 prior lines, n (%)	1 (1-6) 24 (7.3)	1 (1-12) 30 (9.2)
del(17p) 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)
IGHV mutational status, n (%) Mutated Unmutated	80 (24.5) 240 (73.4)	70 (21.5) 241 (74.2)
Complex karyotype^a	56 (17.1)	70 (21.5)
Bulky disease (≥5 cm), n (%)	145 (44.3)	149 (45.8)

^aComplex karyotype is defined as having ≥3 abnormalities.

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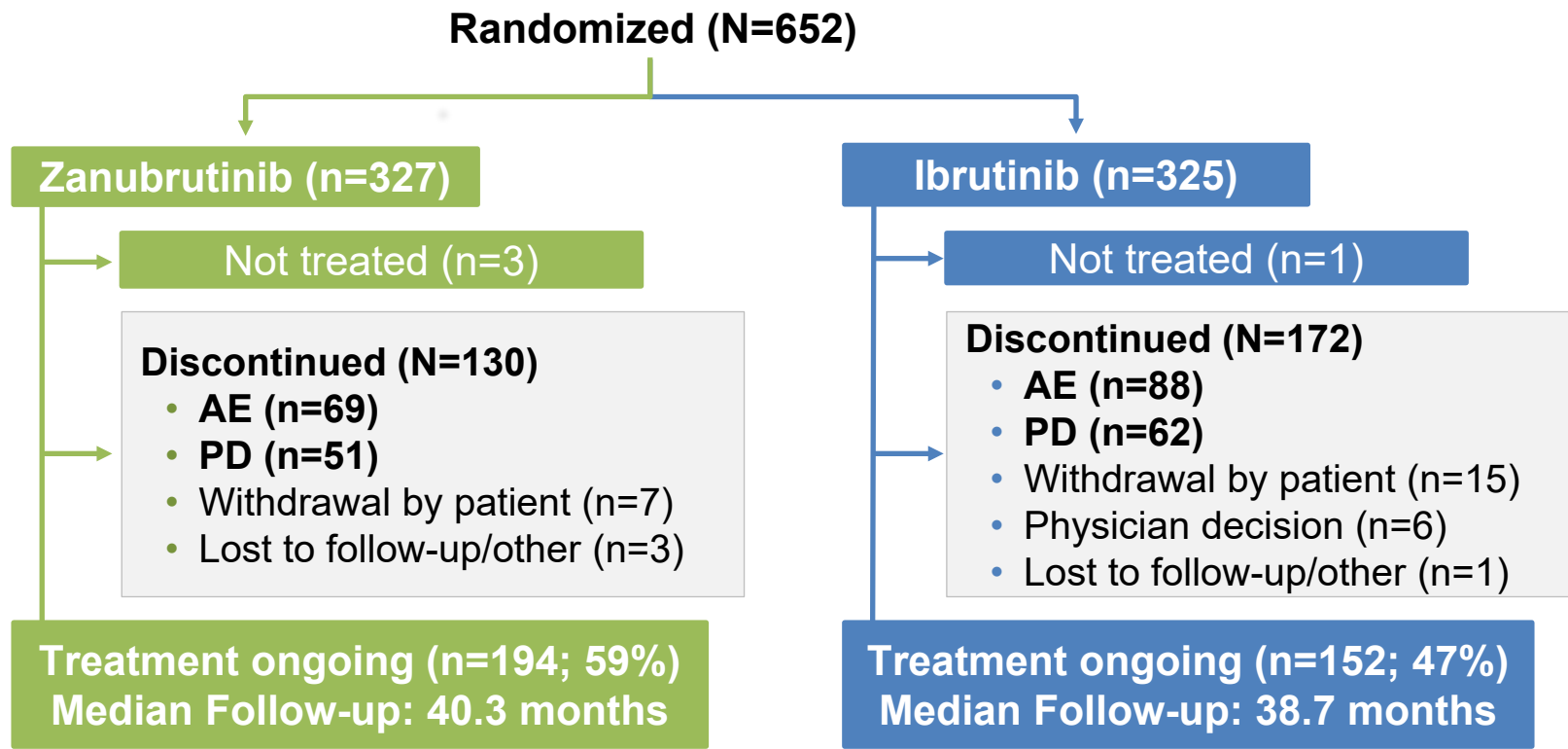
Previous Report Demonstrated Zanubrutinib is Clinically and Statistically Superior to Ibrutinib



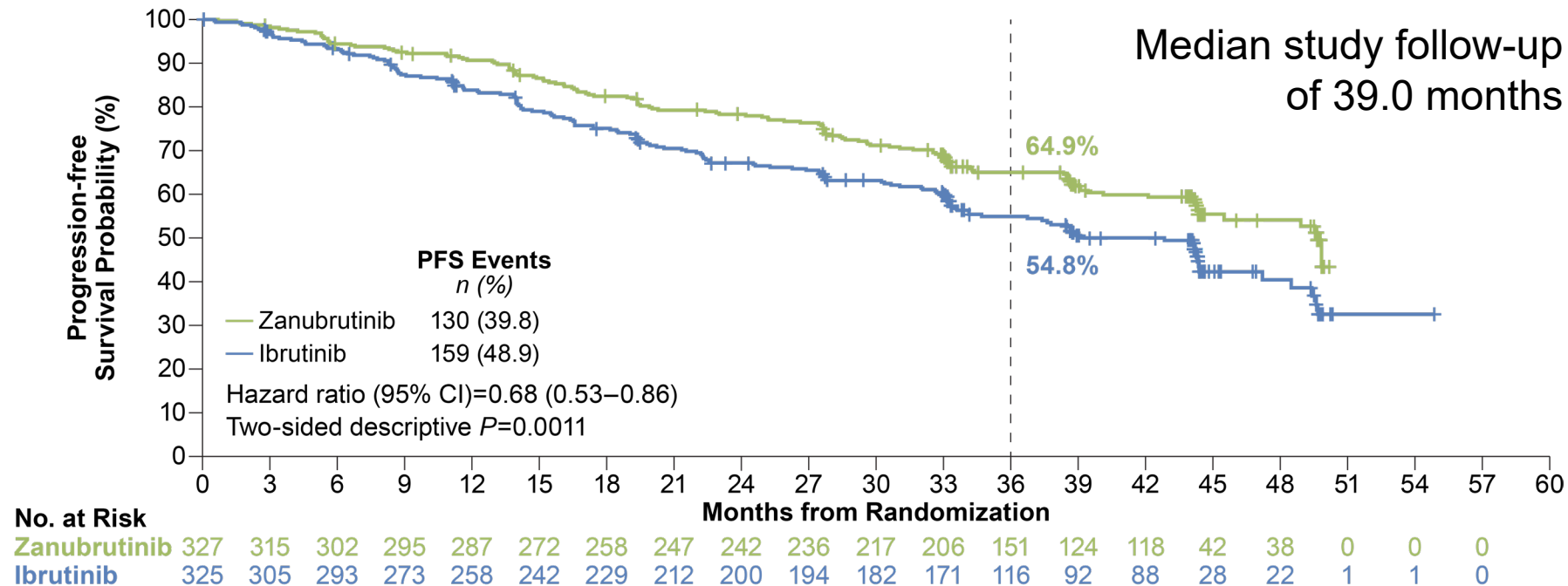
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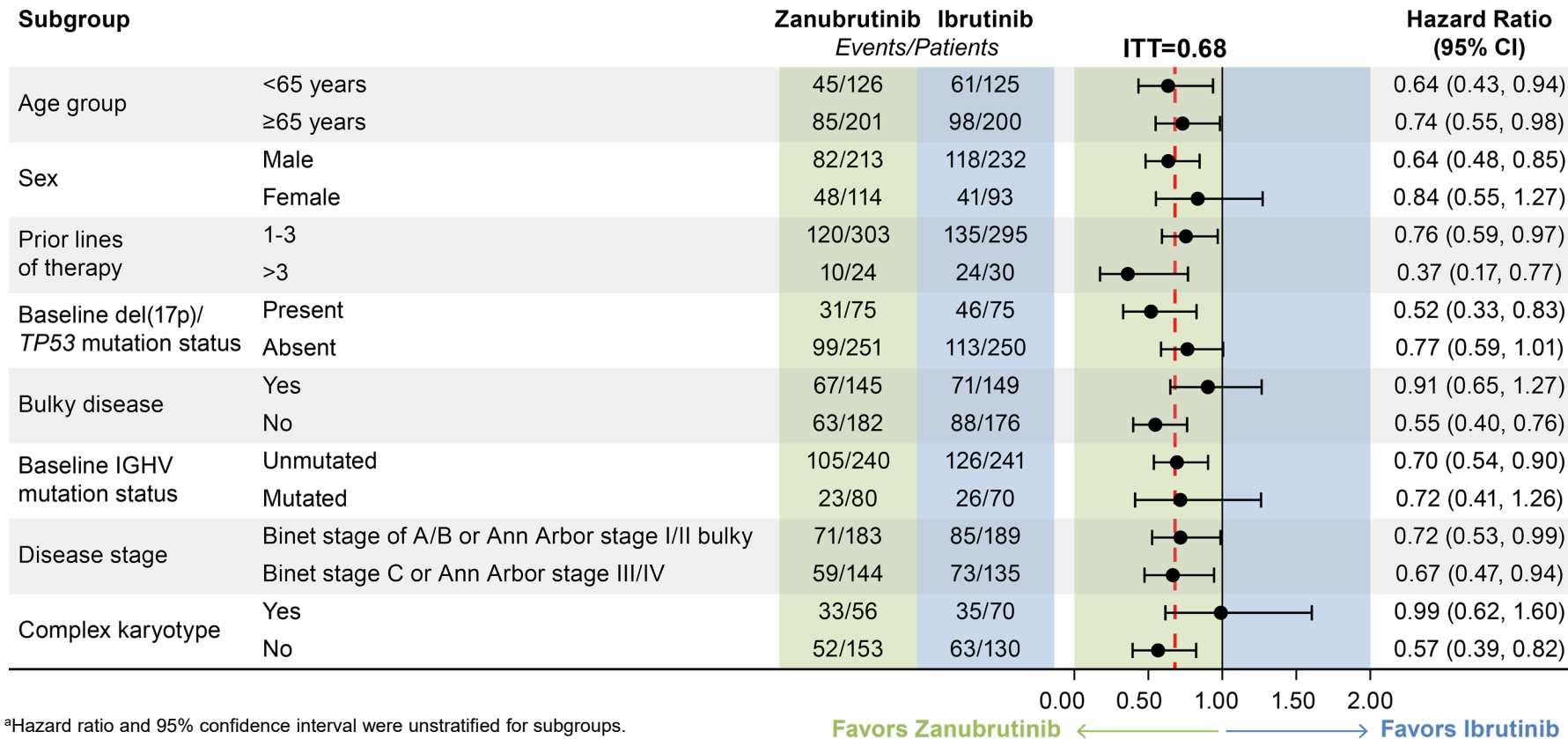
Patient Disposition at Extended Follow-up



Zanubrutinib Sustains PFS Benefit Over Ibrutinib At Extended Follow-up



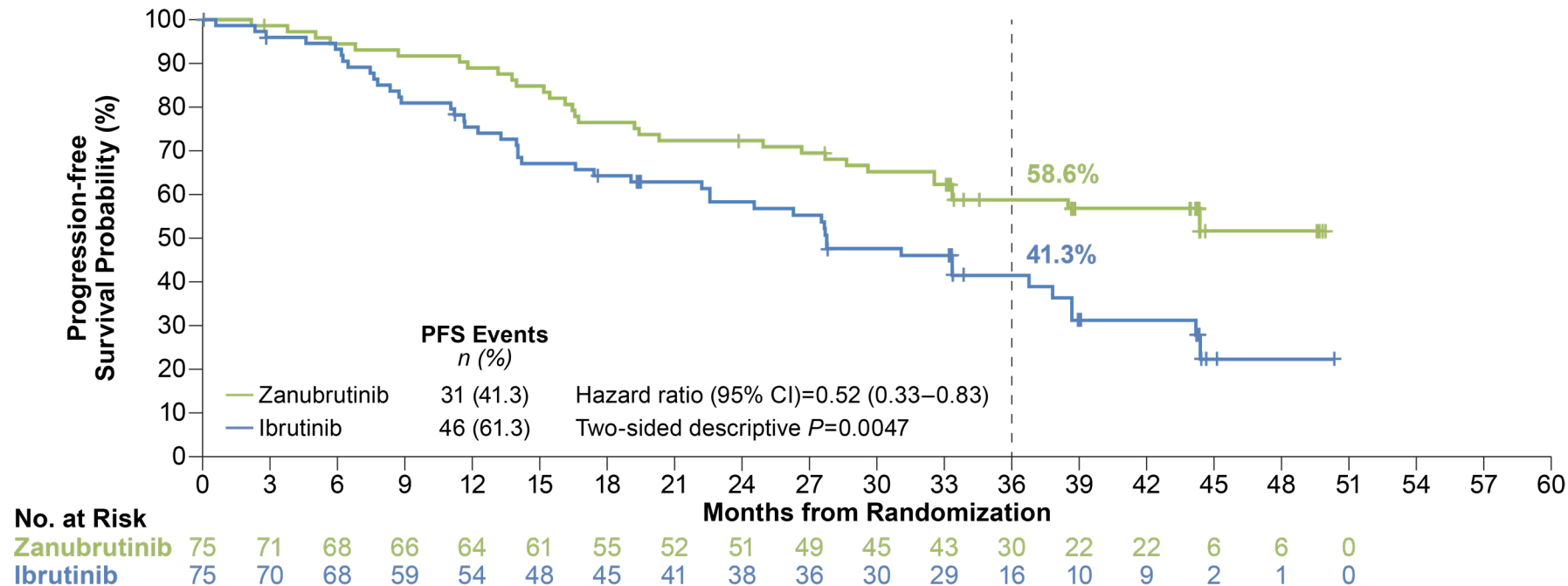
PFS Favored Zanutbrutinib Across Subgroups



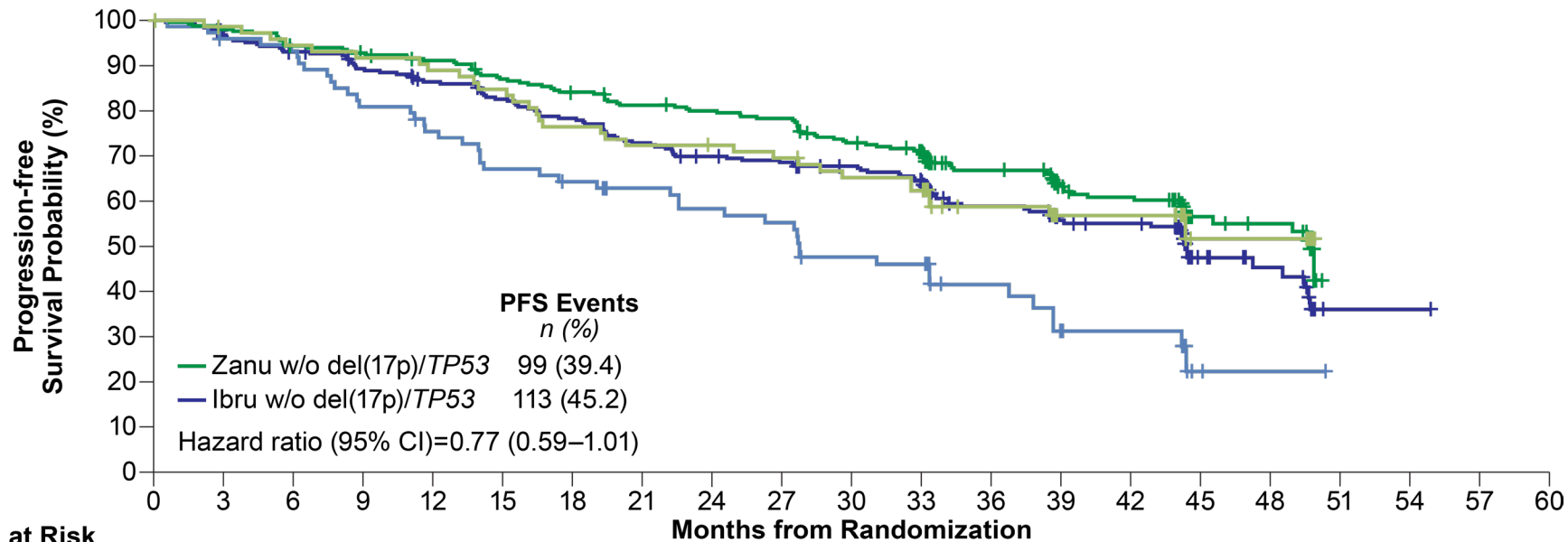
^aHazard ratio and 95% confidence interval were unstratified for subgroups.



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



Zanubrutinib Demonstrated Robust PFS Benefit Independent of del(17p)/TP53 Mutation Status

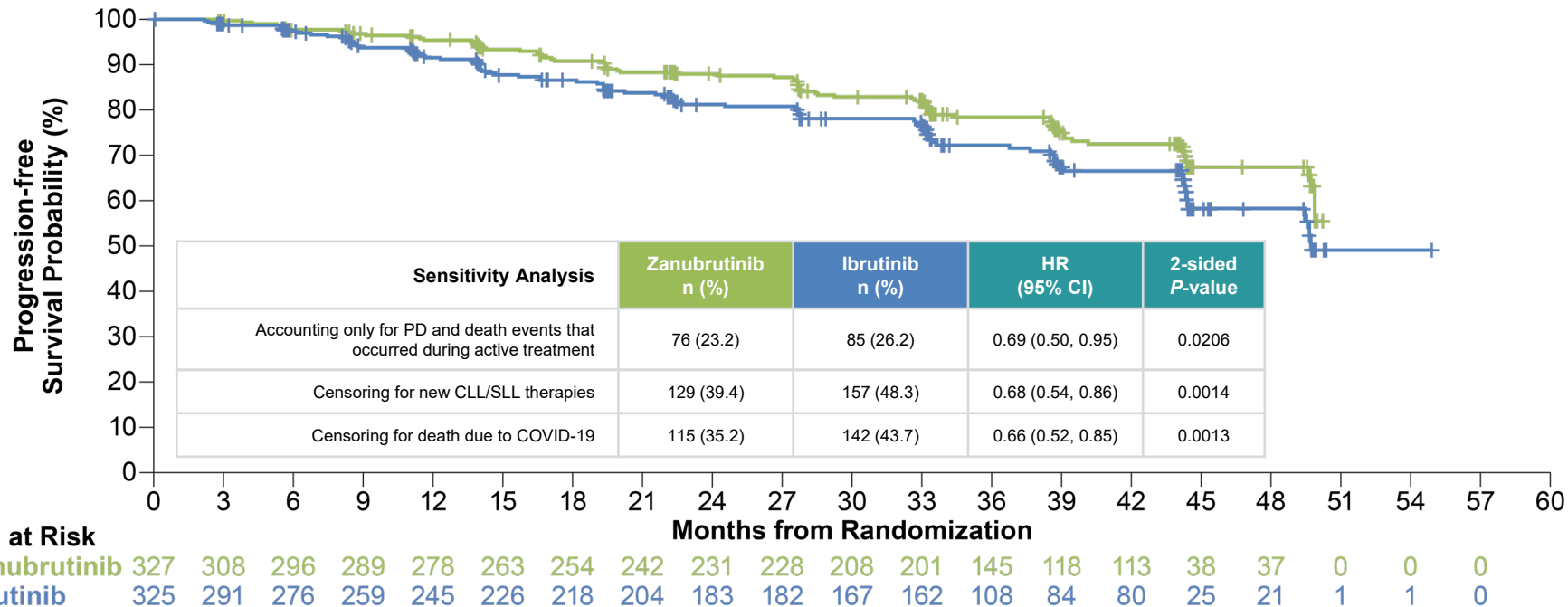


No. at Risk

	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39	42	45	48	51	54	57	60	
Zanu with del(17p)/TP53	75	71	68	66	64	61	55	52	51	49	45	43	30	22	22	6	6	0	0	0	0	0
Ibru with del(17p)/TP53	75	70	68	59	54	48	45	41	38	36	30	29	16	10	9	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Zanu w/o del(17p)/TP53	251	243	233	228	222	211	203	195	191	187	172	163	121	102	96	36	32	0	0	0	0	0
Ibru w/o del(17p)/TP53	250	235	225	214	204	194	184	171	162	158	152	142	100	82	79	26	21	1	1	0	0	0

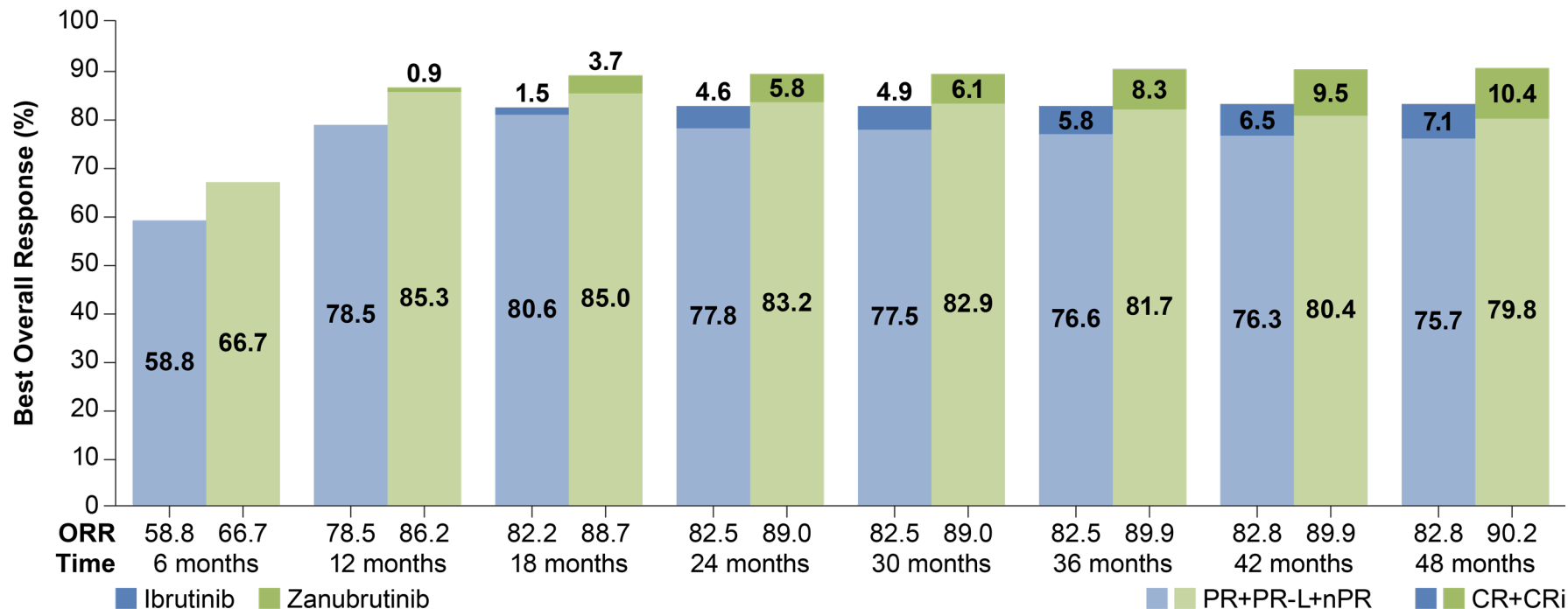


Zanubrutinib PFS Benefit Was Consistent Across Multiple Sensitivity Analyses

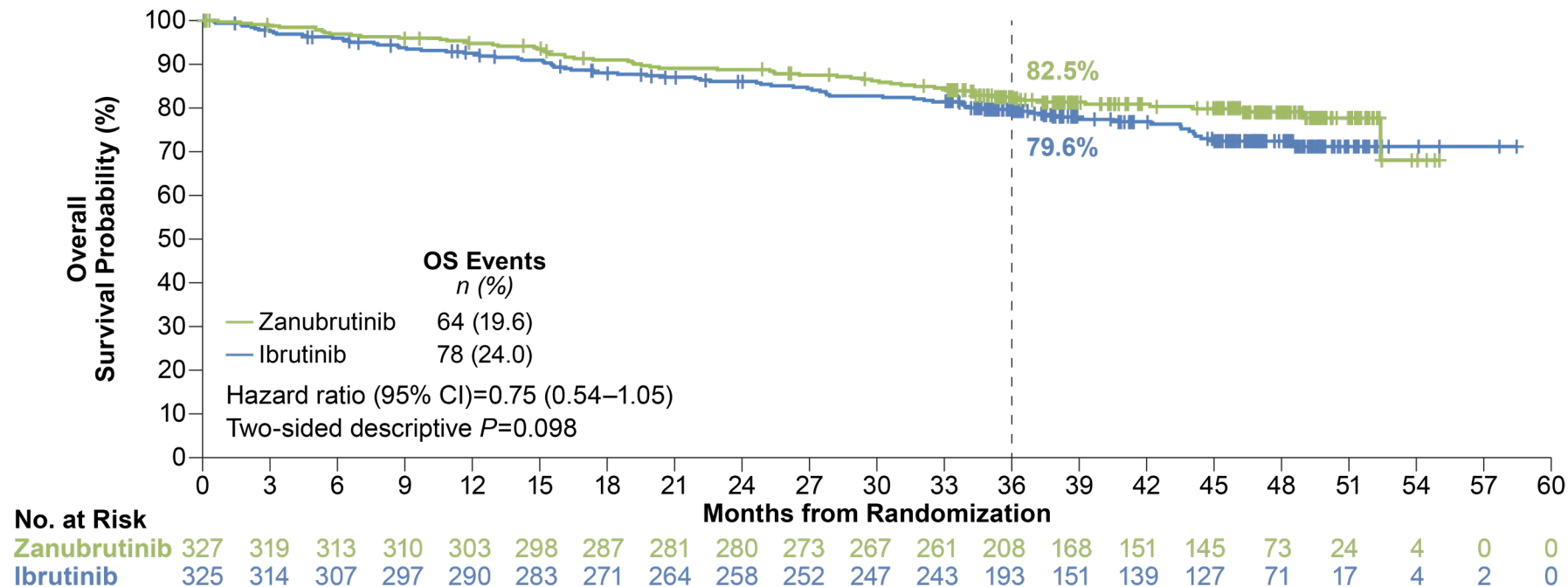


Complete Responses Deepen Over Time in Both Arms

A higher proportion of patients achieved CR/CRi with zanubrutinib than ibrutinib



Overall Survival at Longer Follow-up



Overall Safety/Tolerability Summary

Zanubrutinib safety profile remained favorable vs ibrutinib

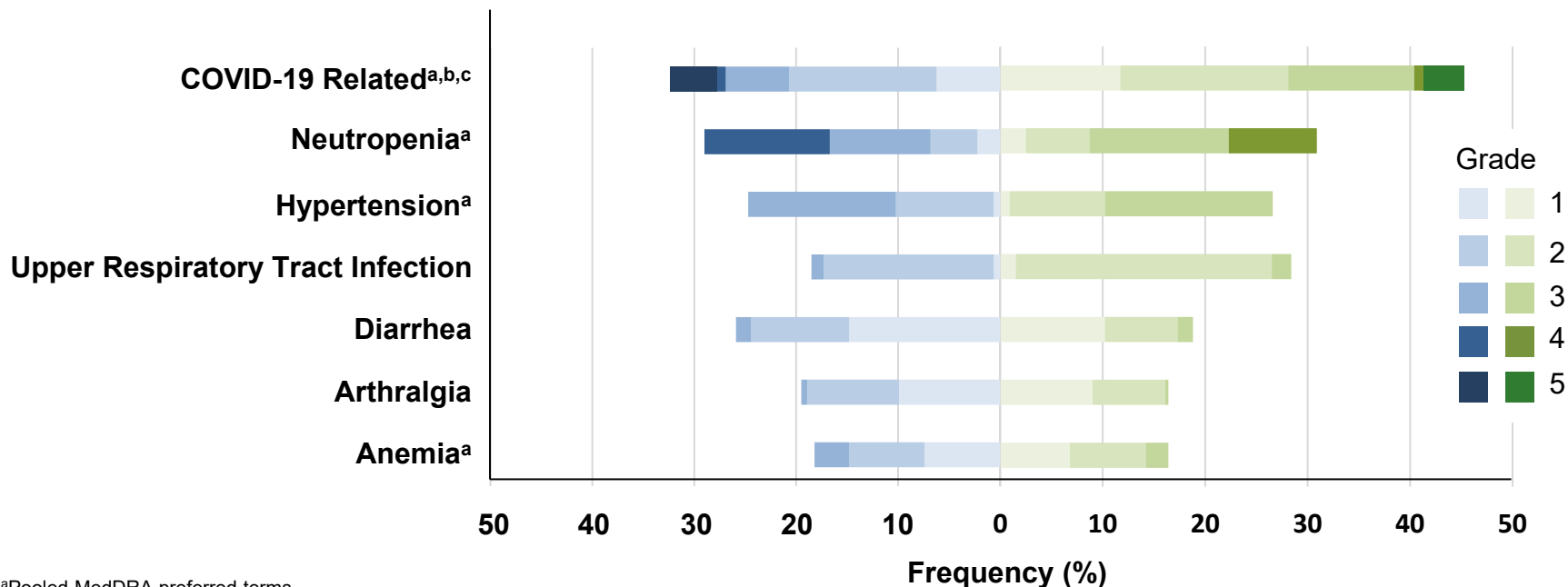
	Zanubrutinib (n=324)	Ibrutinib (n=324)
Median treatment duration, months	38.3 (0.4, 54.9)	35.0 (0.1, 58.4)
Any grade adverse event	320 (98.8)	323 (99.7)
Grade 3 to 5	235 (72.5)	251 (77.5)
Grade 5	41 (12.7)	40 (12.3)
Serious adverse event	165 (50.9)	191 (59.0)
Adverse events leading to		
Dose reduction	47 (14.5)	59 (18.2)
Dose interruption	196 (60.5)	201 (62.0)
Treatment discontinuation	64 (19.8)	85 (26.2)
Hospitalization	150 (46.3)	180 (55.6)



Most Common Adverse Events By Grade Occurring $\geq 15\%$ of Patients in Both Arms

Ibrutinib

Zanubrutinib



^aPooled MedDRA preferred terms

^bIncludes preferred terms of COVID-19, COVID-19 pneumonia, and suspected COVID-19.

^cGrade 5 COVID-related events: 13 (4.0%) with zanubrutinib and 15 (4.6%) with ibrutinib.



Adverse Events of Special Interest^a Occurring in ≥2 Patients

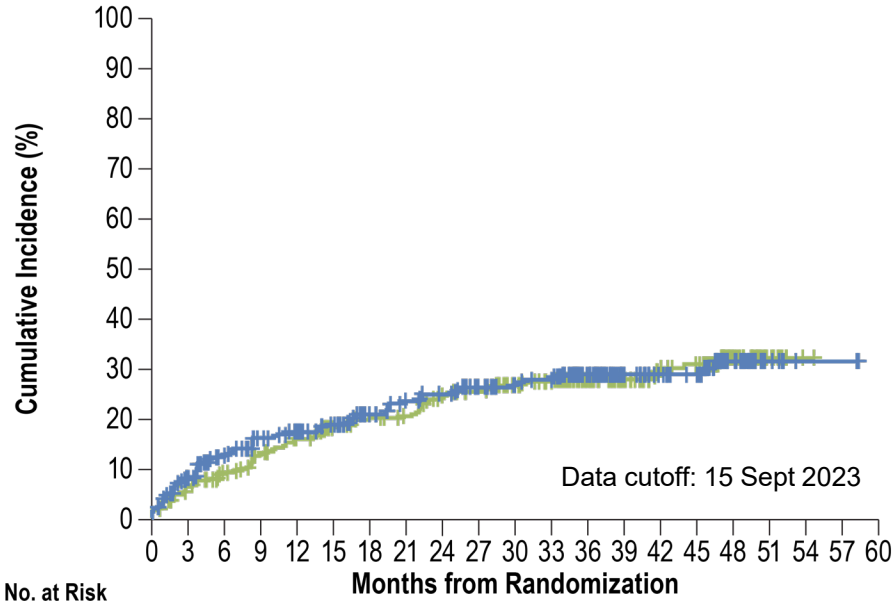
	Zanubrutinib (n=324)		Ibrutinib (n=324)	
	Any Grade	Grade ≥3	Any Grade	Grade ≥3
Infection	264 (81.5)	115 (35.5)	260 (80.2)	111 (34.3)
<i>Opportunistic Infections</i>	8 (2.5)	6 (1.9)	13 (4.0)	5 (1.5)
COVID-19 Related^b	145 (44.8)	56 (17.3)	105 (32.4)	38 (11.7)
Bleeding	142 (43.8)	12 (3.7)	144 (44.4)	13 (4.0)
<i>Major Hemorrhage</i>	13 (4.0)	12 (3.7)	16 (4.9)	13 (4.0)
Hypertension	86 (26.5)	53 (16.4)	80 (24.7)	47 (14.5)
Atrial fibrillation/flutter	22 (6.8)	10 (3.1)	53 (16.4)	16 (4.9)
Anemia	53 (16.4)	7 (2.2)	59 (18.2)	11 (3.4)
Neutropenia	100 (30.9)	72 (22.2)	94 (29.0)	72 (22.2)
Thrombocytopenia	43 (13.3)	12 (3.7)	53 (16.4)	19 (5.9)
Second primary malignancies	46 (14.2)	26 (8.0)	52 (16.0)	19 (5.9)

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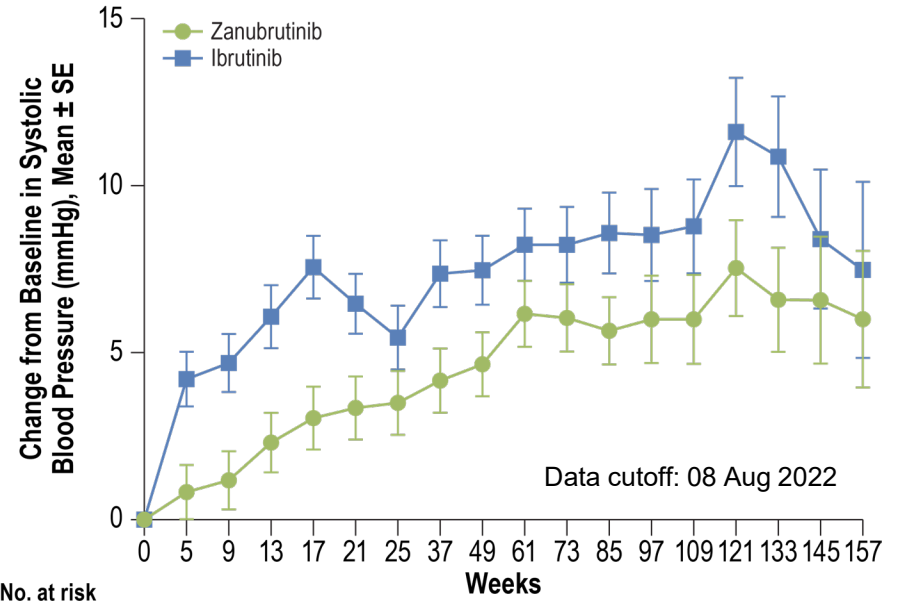


Despite Similar Hypertension Rates, Change in Systolic Blood Pressure Was Lower with Zanubrutinib



No. at Risk

Zanubrutinib	324	296	279	262	247	232	220	215	196	188	175	165	133	108	91	86	37	10	1	0	0
Ibrutinib	324	280	253	231	221	207	185	172	164	150	140	136	108	79	69	64	32	7	2	2	0



No. at risk

Zanubrutinib	327	316	317	314	308	298	295	298	288	281	267	268	231	191	164	150	114	51
Ibrutinib	325	317	311	301	293	279	278	268	255	248	230	223	190	145	124	112	93	42



Zanubrutinib Continues to Demonstrate a More Favorable Cardiac Safety Profile Than Ibrutinib

- Serious cardiac adverse events were lower with zanubrutinib vs ibrutinib
 - Atrial fibrillation/flutter (3 vs 13)
 - Ventricular fibrillation (0 vs 2)
 - MI^a/acute coronary syndrome (3 vs 3)
- **Fatal cardiac events^b:**
 - **Zanubrutinib, n=0 (0%)**
 - **Ibrutinib, n=6 (1.9%)**

	Zanubrutinib (n=324)	Ibrutinib (n=324)
Cardiac adverse events	80 (24.7)	112 (34.6)
Serious cardiac adverse events	11 (3.4)	31 (9.6)
Cardiac adverse events leading to treatment discontinuation	3 (0.9)	15 (4.6)
Ventricular extrasystoles	1 (0.3)	0
Atrial fibrillation/flutter	1 (0.3)	6 (1.9)
Cardiac failure	1 (0.3)	2 (0.6)
Cardiac arrest	0	2 (0.6) ^b
Cardiac failure acute	0	1 (0.3) ^b
Congestive cardiomyopathy	0	1 (0.3) ^b
Myocardial infarction	0	1 (0.3) ^b
Palpitations	0	1 (0.3)
Ventricular fibrillation	0	1 (0.3)

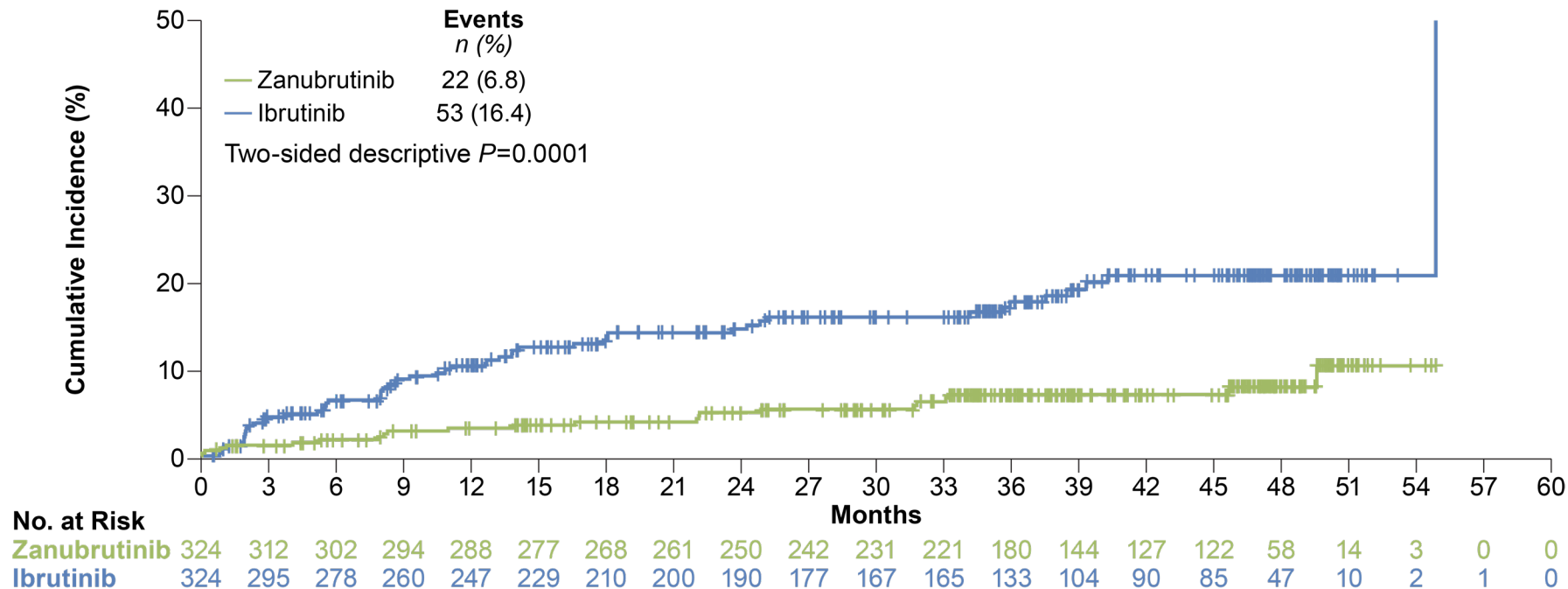
^aIncluding acute MI.

^bFatal cardiac event (n=6); 1 death (myocardial infarction with ibrutinib) was not listed due to discontinuation due to diarrhea 14 days prior to the fatal event.

Abbreviations: MI, myocardial infarction.



Significantly Fewer Atrial Fibrillation/Flutter Events With Zanubrutinib Than Ibrutinib



Median study follow-up 39.0 months



Conclusions

- ALPINE is the only study to demonstrate PFS superiority in a head-to-head comparison of BTK inhibitors
- Zanubrutinib demonstrated sustained PFS benefit over ibrutinib in patients with R/R CLL/SLL with a median follow-up of 39 months
 - Durable PFS benefits seen across major subgroups, including the $\text{del}(17p)/TP53^{mut}$ population
 - PFS benefit is consistent across multiple sensitivity analyses demonstrating that PFS advantage with zanubrutinib was primarily driven by efficacy and not tolerability
- While responses deepened over time in both arms, ORR was higher with zanubrutinib with increased rates of CR/CRi compared with ibrutinib
- Zanubrutinib continues to demonstrate a more favorable safety/tolerability profile compared with ibrutinib
 - Lower rate of grade ≥ 3 and serious AEs, fewer AEs leading to treatment discontinuation, and dose reduction
 - Safer cardiac profile than ibrutinib with significantly lower rates of atrial fibrillation, serious cardiac events, cardiac events leading to treatment discontinuation, and no fatal cardiac events
- **With over 3 years of follow-up, these data reconfirm zanubrutinib improved efficacy over ibrutinib and a more favorable safety profile in patients with R/R CLL/SLL**



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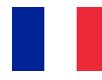
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