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**Zanubrutinib Demonstrates Superior PFS vs Ibrutinib  
for Treatment of R/R CLL/SLL:  
Final PFS Analysis of Phase 3 ALPINE Study**

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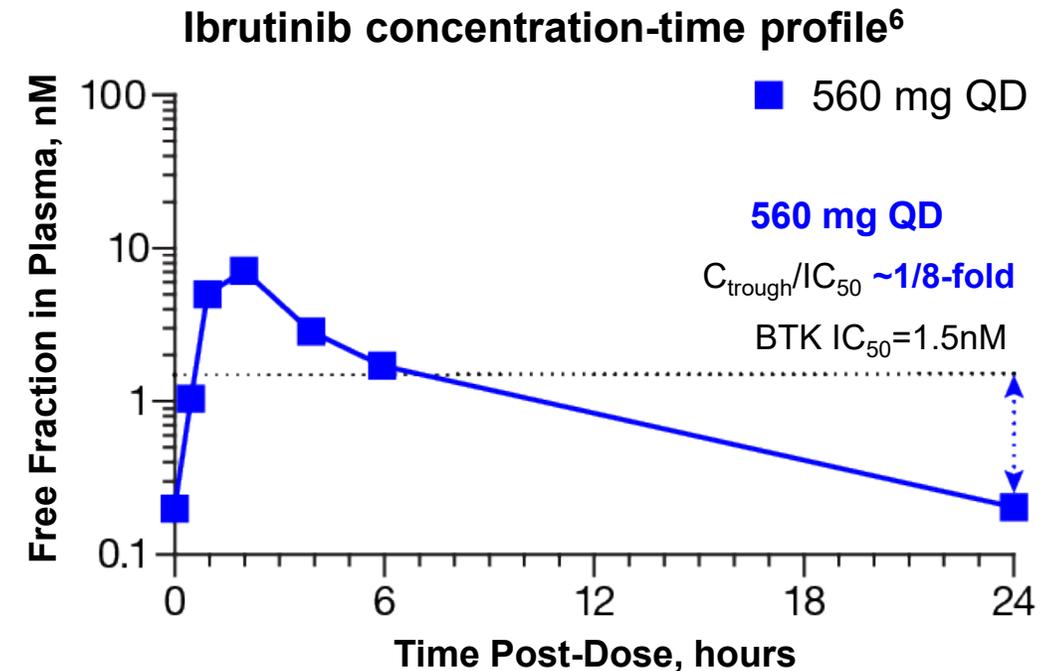
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# Bruton Tyrosine Kinase Inhibition in CLL: Background

- BCR signaling is required for tumor expansion and proliferation in CLL and B-cell lymphomas<sup>1</sup>
  - BCR signaling is dependent on BTK
- 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 patients<sup>2-5</sup>
  - Exposure coverage between dosing intervals falls below  $IC_{50}$  and variable BTK occupancy at trough has been observed

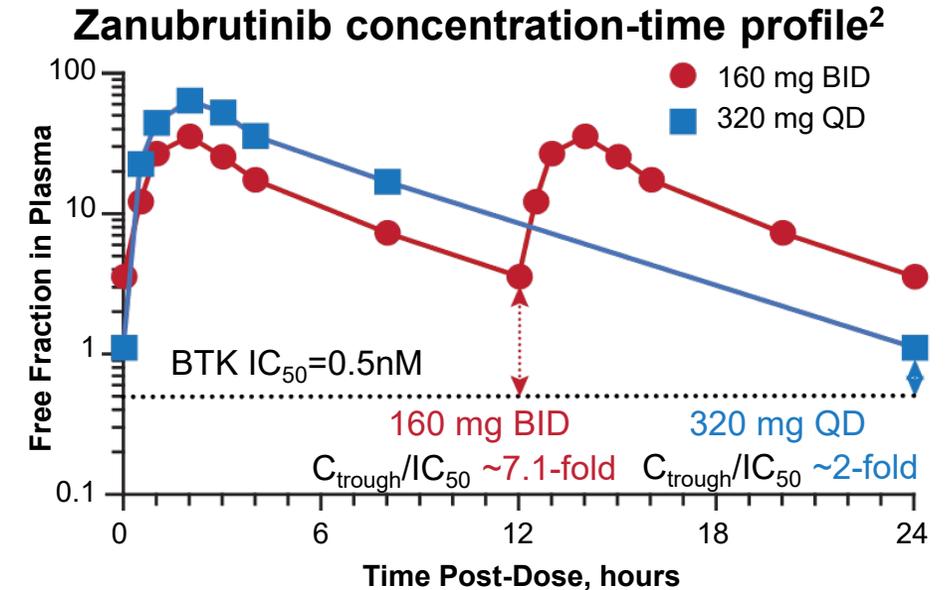


BCR, B-cell antigen receptor; BTK, Bruton tyrosine kinase; CLL, chronic lymphocytic leukemia;  $C_{\text{trough}}$ , trough concentration;  $IC_{50}$ , half maximal inhibitory concentration; QD, daily.

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# Zanubrutinib: Differentiating Features and Background

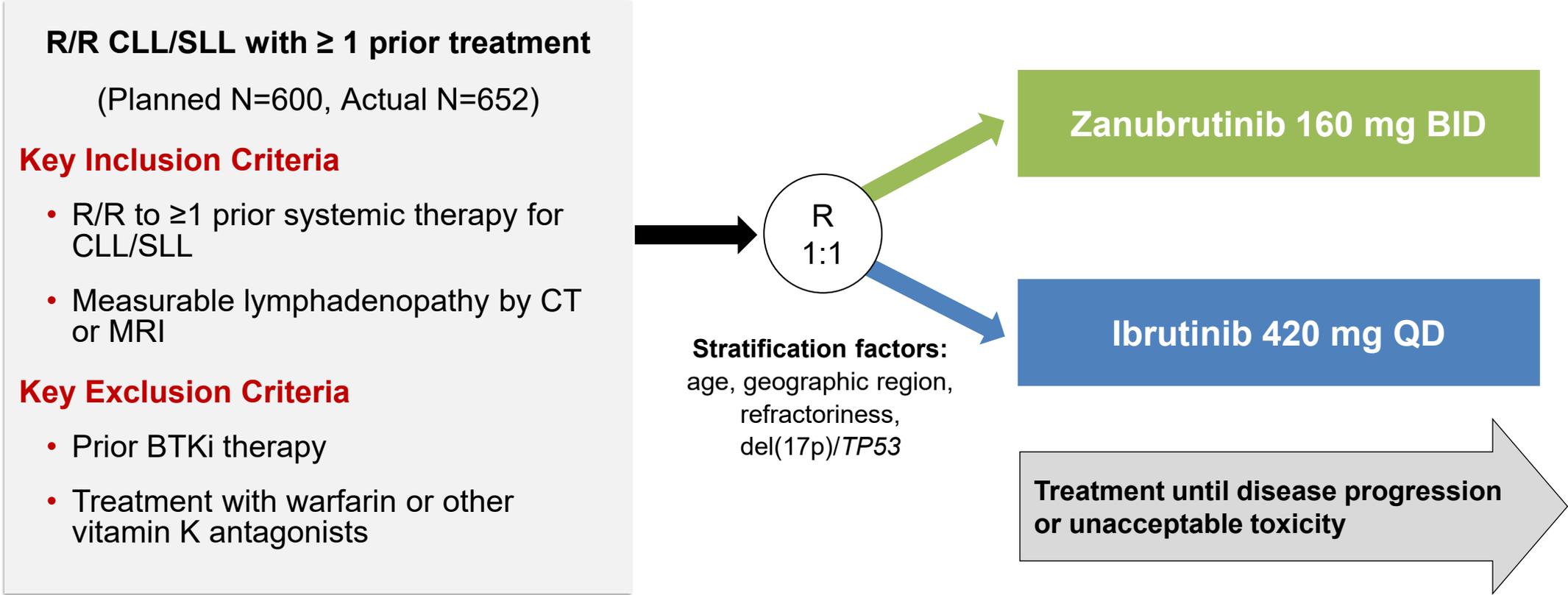
- Zanubrutinib is a next-generation BTKi
  - Zanubrutinib was designed to have greater BTK specificity than ibrutinib
  - Zanubrutinib has exposure coverage above  $IC_{50}$
  - Higher drug-concentration/ $IC_{50}$  ratios would be expected to lead to more sustained and complete BTK inhibition to improve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



BID, twice daily; BTK, Bruton tyrosine kinase; BTKi, Bruton tyrosine kinase inhibitor; CLL, chronic lymphocytic leukemia; del(17p), deletion in chromosome 17p;  $IC_{50}$ , half maximal inhibitory concentration; IRC, independent review committee; PFS, progression-free survival; QD, daily; SLL, small lymphocytic lymphoma.

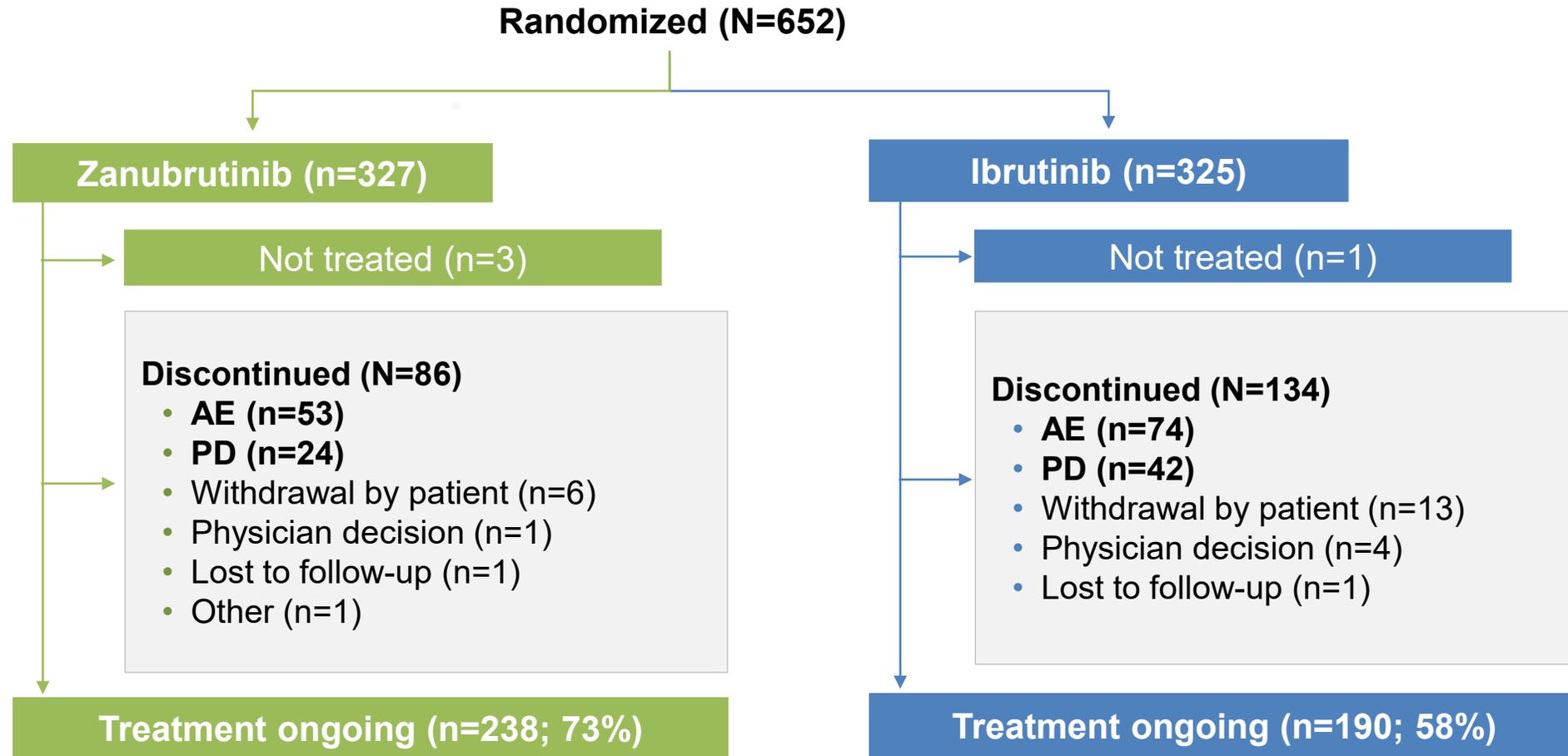
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# ALPINE Study Design



BID, twice daily; BTKi, Bruton tyrosine kinase inhibitor; CLL, chronic lymphocytic leukemia; CT, computed tomography; del(17p), deletion in chromosome 17p; MRI, magnetic resonance imaging; QD, daily; R, randomized; R/R, relapsed/refractory; SLL, small lymphocytic lymphoma; TP53, tumor protein p53.

# Patient Disposition



# Balanced Demographics and Disease Characteristics

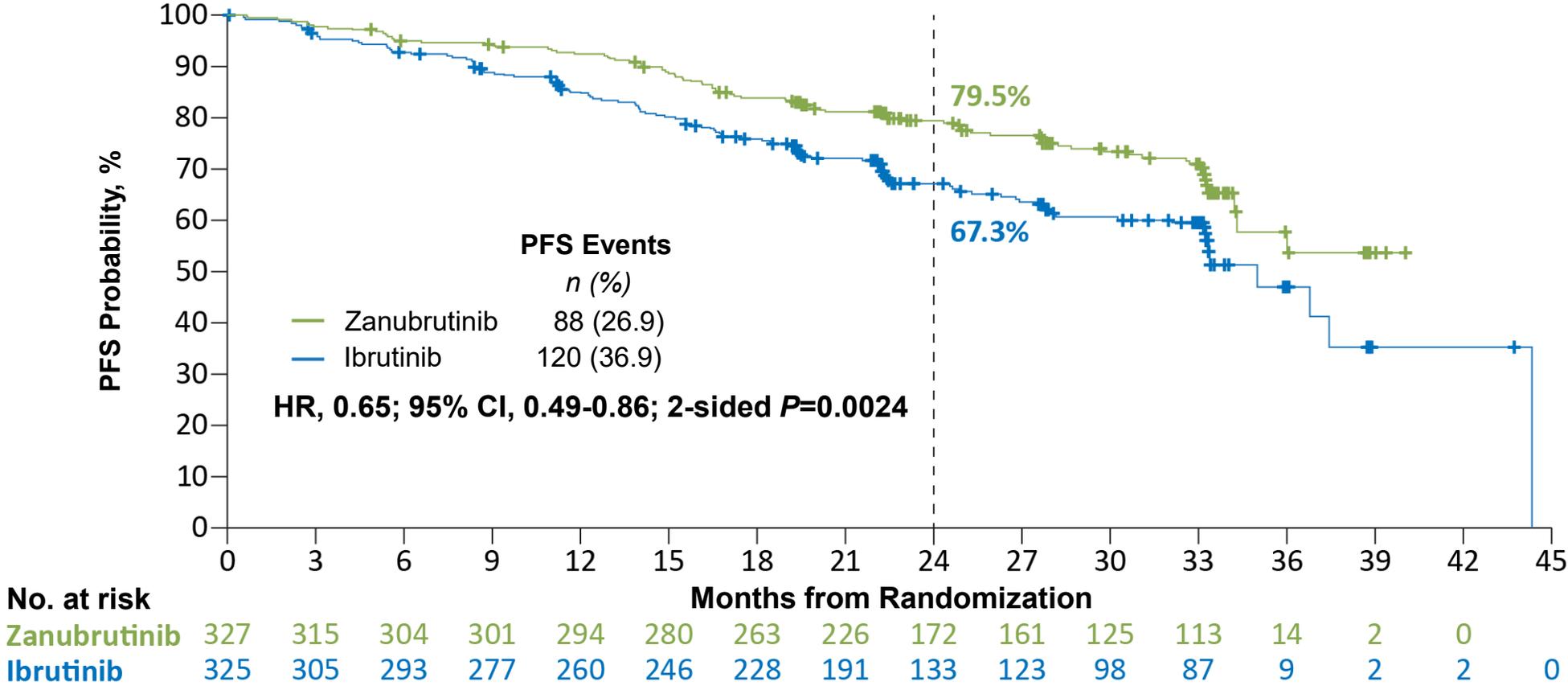
	Zanubrutinib (n=327)	Ibrutinib (n=325)
<b>Age, median (range)</b> ≥65 years, n (%)	<b>67 (35-90)</b> 201 (61.5)	<b>68 (35-89)</b> 200 (61.5)
<b>Male, n (%)</b>	<b>213 (65.1)</b>	<b>232 (71.4)</b>
<b>ECOG PS ≥1, n (%)</b>	<b>198 (60.6)</b>	<b>203 (62.5)</b>
<b>Prior lines of systemic therapy, median (range)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

<sup>a</sup> Complex karyotype is defined as having ≥3 abnormalities.

ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; del(11q), deletion in chromosome 11q; del(17p), deletion in chromosome 17p; IGHV, immunoglobulin heavy chain variable region; TP53<sup>mut</sup>, tumor protein 53 mutation.

# Zanubrutinib PFS by IRC Superior to Ibrutinib

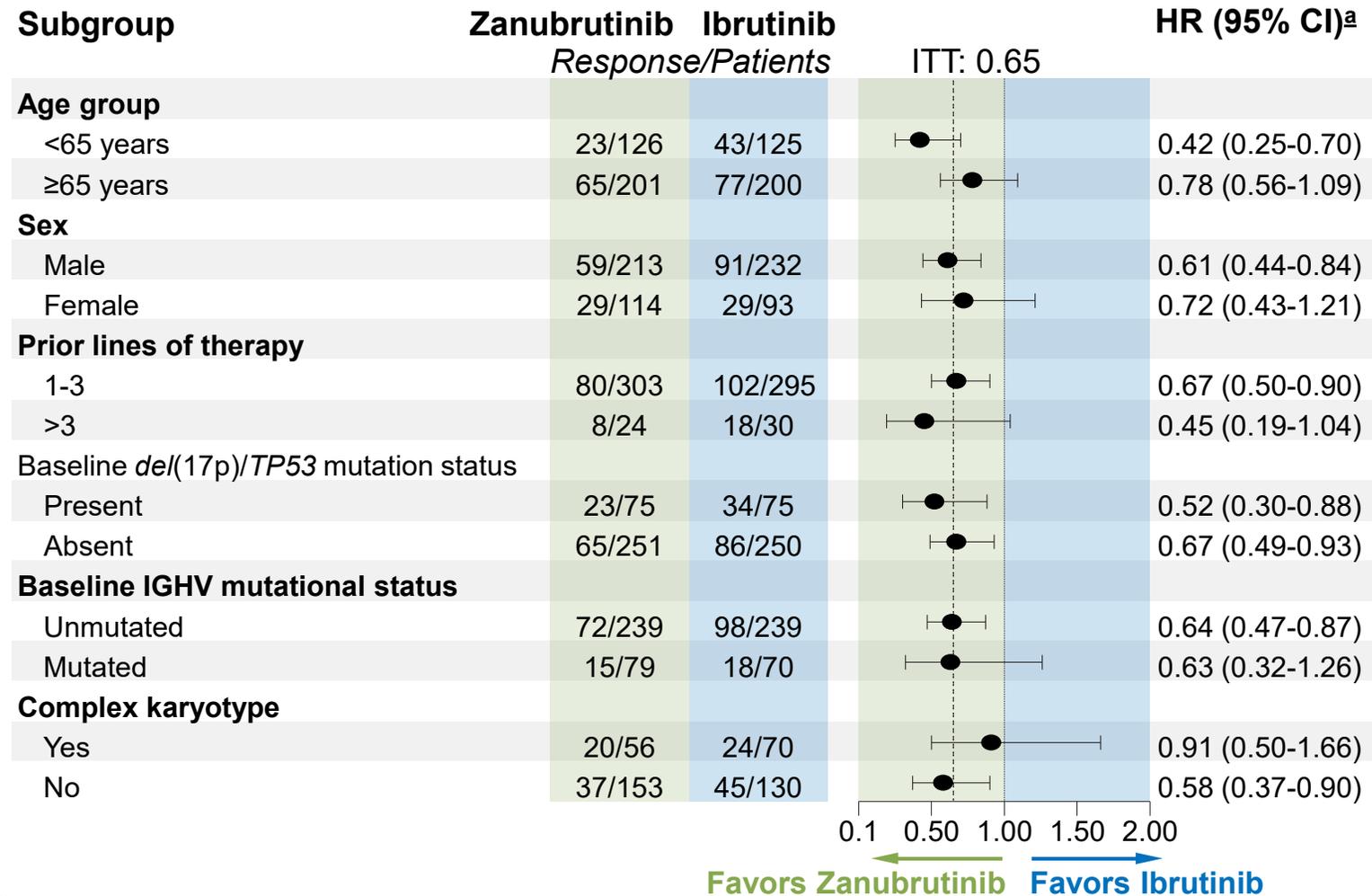
- Median study follow-up of 29.6 months



DCO, data cutoff; HR, hazard ratio; PFS, progression-free survival.

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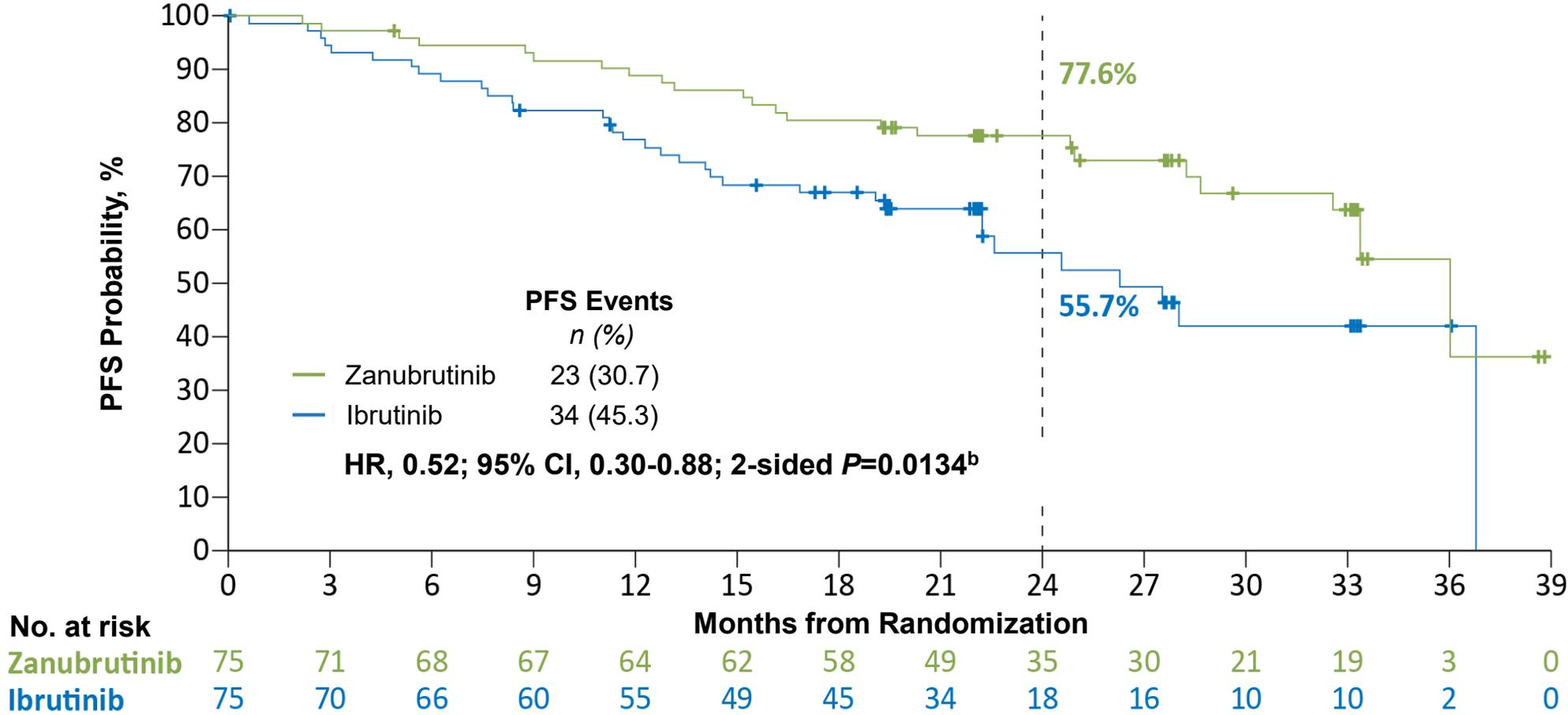
# PFS Favored Zanubrutinib Across Subgroups



<sup>a</sup> HR and 95% CI were unstratified for subgroups.

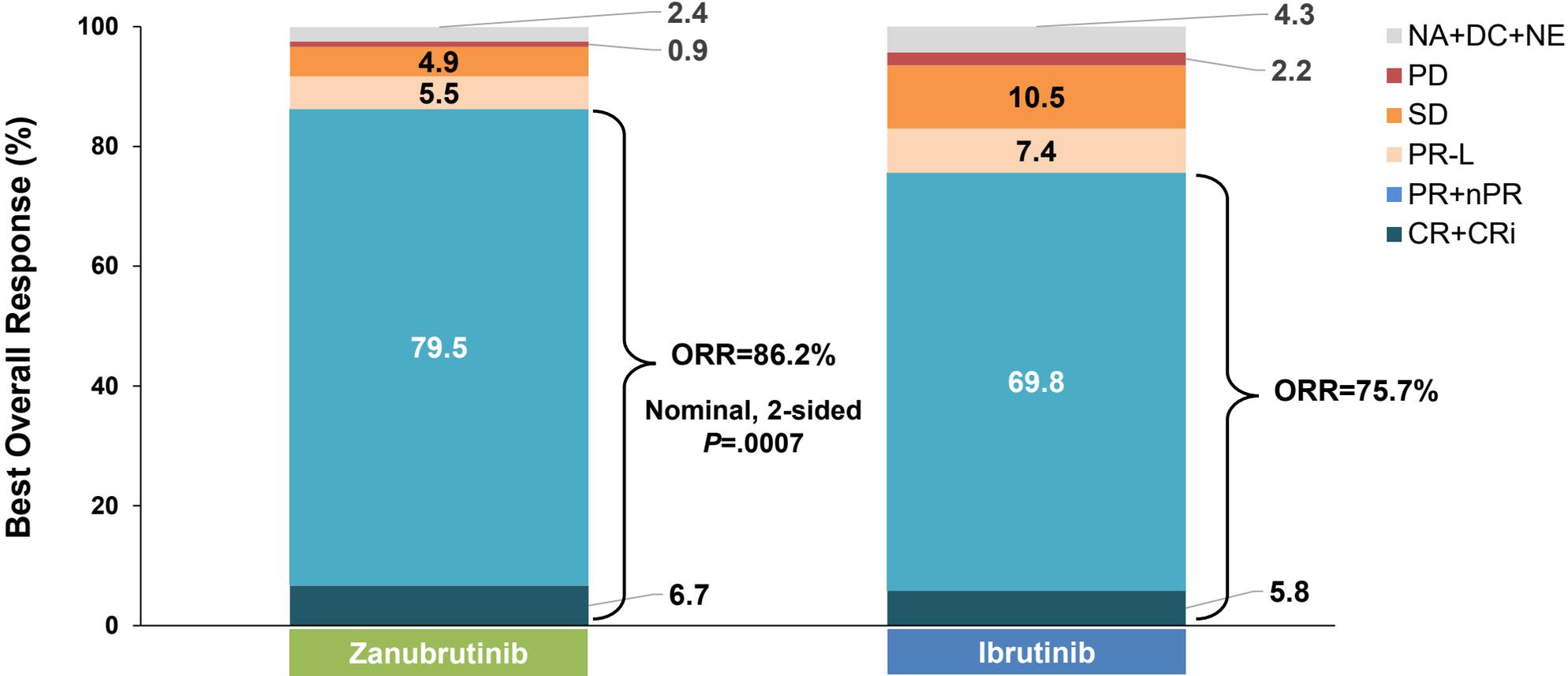
DCO, data cutoff; del(17p), deletion in chromosome 17p; HR, hazard ratio; IGHV, immunoglobulin heavy chain variable region; ITT, intention to treat; TP53, tumor protein 53.

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



<sup>a</sup> PFS data assessed by IRC. <sup>b</sup> Nominal *P* value.  
 del(17p), deletion in chromosome 17p; DCO, data cutoff; HR, hazard ratio; PFS, progression-free survival; TP53<sup>mut</sup>, tumor protein 53 mutation.

# Zanubrutinib Showed Higher ORR Assessed by IRC



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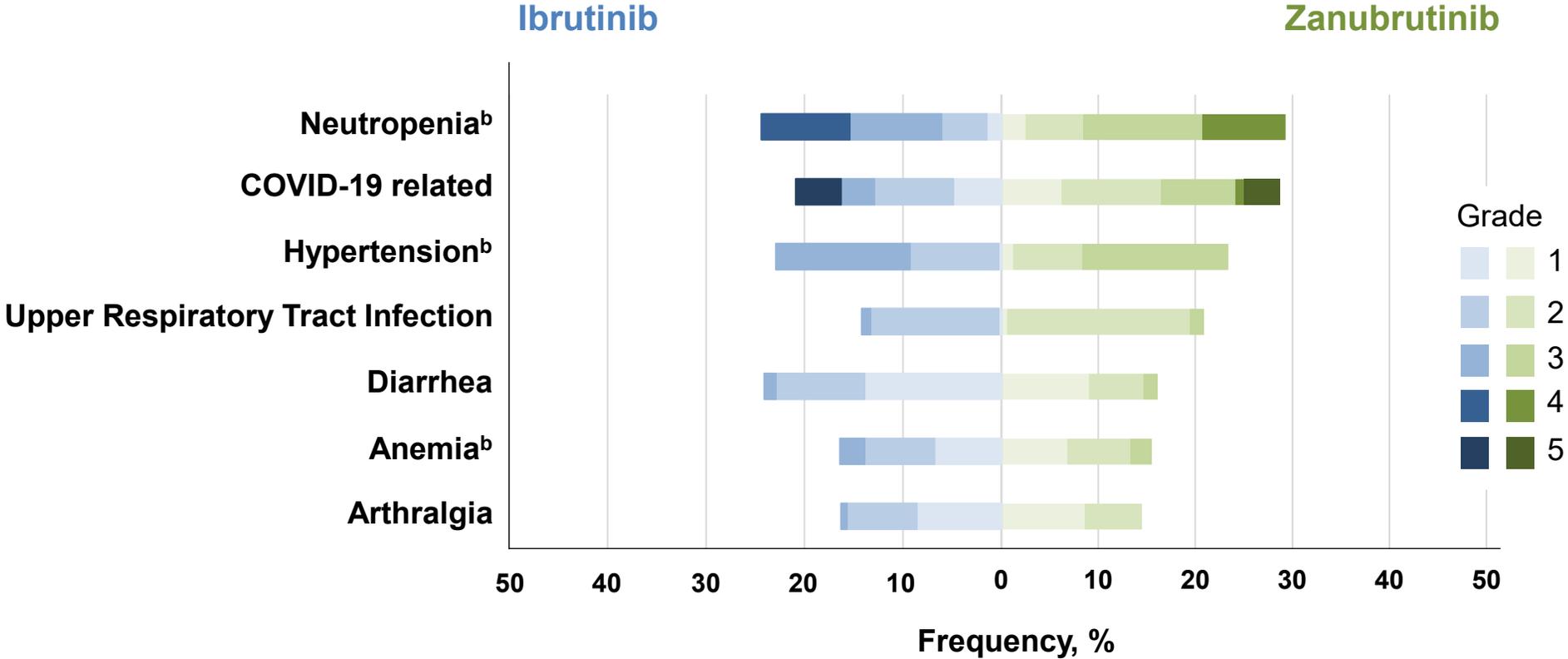
CR, complete response; CRi, complete response with incomplete bone marrow recovery; DC, discontinued prior to first assessment; DCO, data cutoff; IRC, independent review committee; NA, not assessed; NE, not evaluable; nPR, nodular partial response; ORR, overall response rate; PD, progressive disease; PR, partial response; PR-L, partial response with lymphocytosis; SD, stable disease.

# Overall Safety/Tolerability Summary

- Zanubrutinib safety profile was more favorable compared with ibrutinib

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

# 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. DCO, data cutoff.

# Zanubrutinib had a Favorable Cardiac Profile

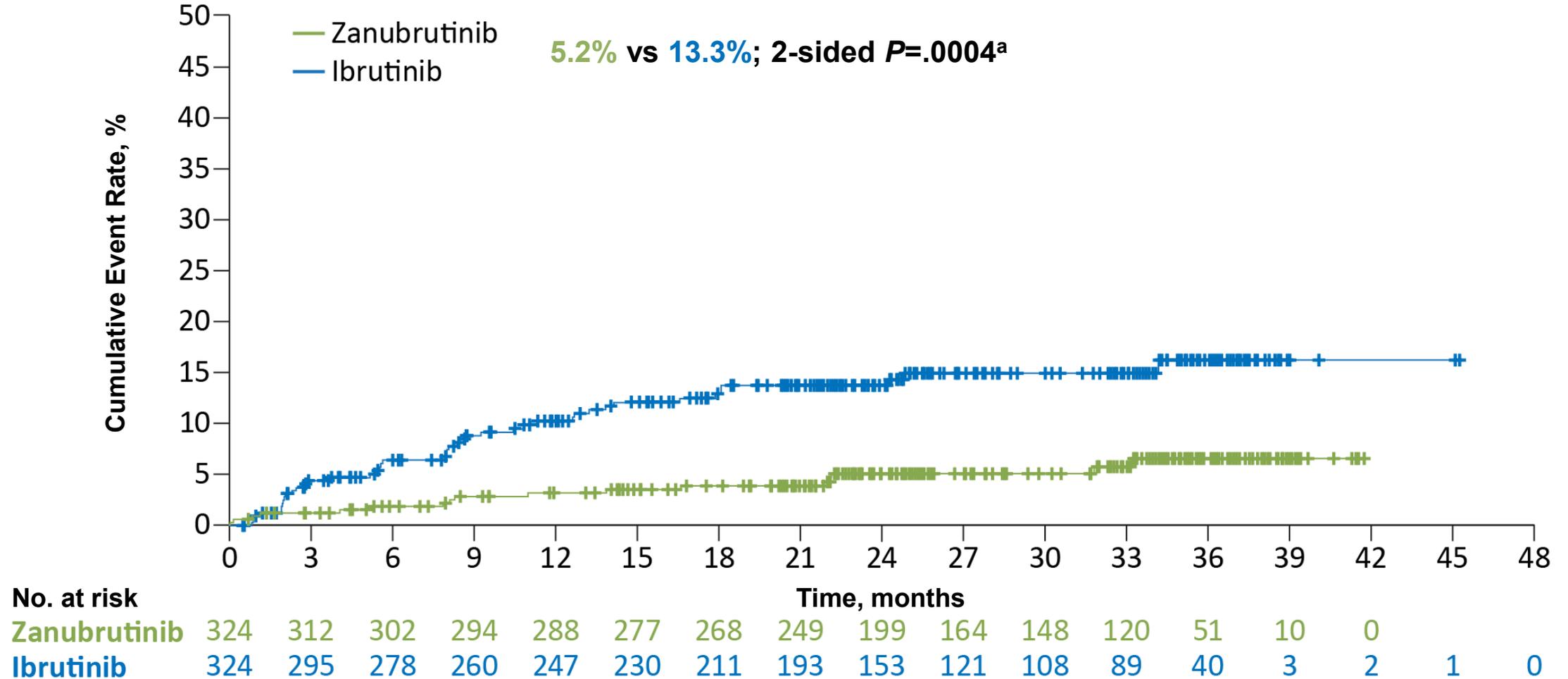
- Lower rates of cardiac events, serious cardiac events, treatment discontinuation, and deaths

- Lower rate of serious cardiac AEs reported with zanubrutinib
  - Atrial fibrillation/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)
<b>Cardiac AEs</b>	<b>69 (21.3%)</b>	<b>96 (29.6%)</b>
<b>Serious cardiac AEs</b>	<b>6 (1.9%)</b>	<b>25 (7.7%)</b>
<b>Cardiac AEs leading to treatment discontinuation</b>	<b>1 (0.3)</b>	<b>14 (4.3)</b>
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. ACS, acute coronary syndrome; AE, adverse event; CHF, congestive heart failure; DCO, data cutoff; MI, myocardial infarction.

# Fewer Atrial Fibrillation/Flutter Events With Zanubrutinib



<sup>a</sup> Nominal  $P$  value.  
DCO, data cutoff.

# Conclusions

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- 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 had 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 had 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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