

Phase I/II Study of Pembrolizumab in Combination with Ublituximab (TG-1101) and Umbralisib (TGR-1202) in Patients with Relapsed/Refractory CLL and Richter's Transformation (RT)

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Background / Rationale

Data suggests that PD-1 and its ligands PD-L1/PD-L2 mediate immune evasion in CLL. However, recent work (Ding et al, *Blood* 2017) demonstrates that pembrolizumab (pembro) alone is ineffective in patients (pts) with CLL (ORR 0%, median PFS 2.4 months). In 5 pts with relapsed/refractory (r/r) CLL, 3 responded to the combination of ibrutinib / nivolumab (Jain ASH, 2016). A key interaction exists between PI3K signaling and immune checkpoint surveillance by which inhibition of PI3K decreases PD-L1 tumor expression.

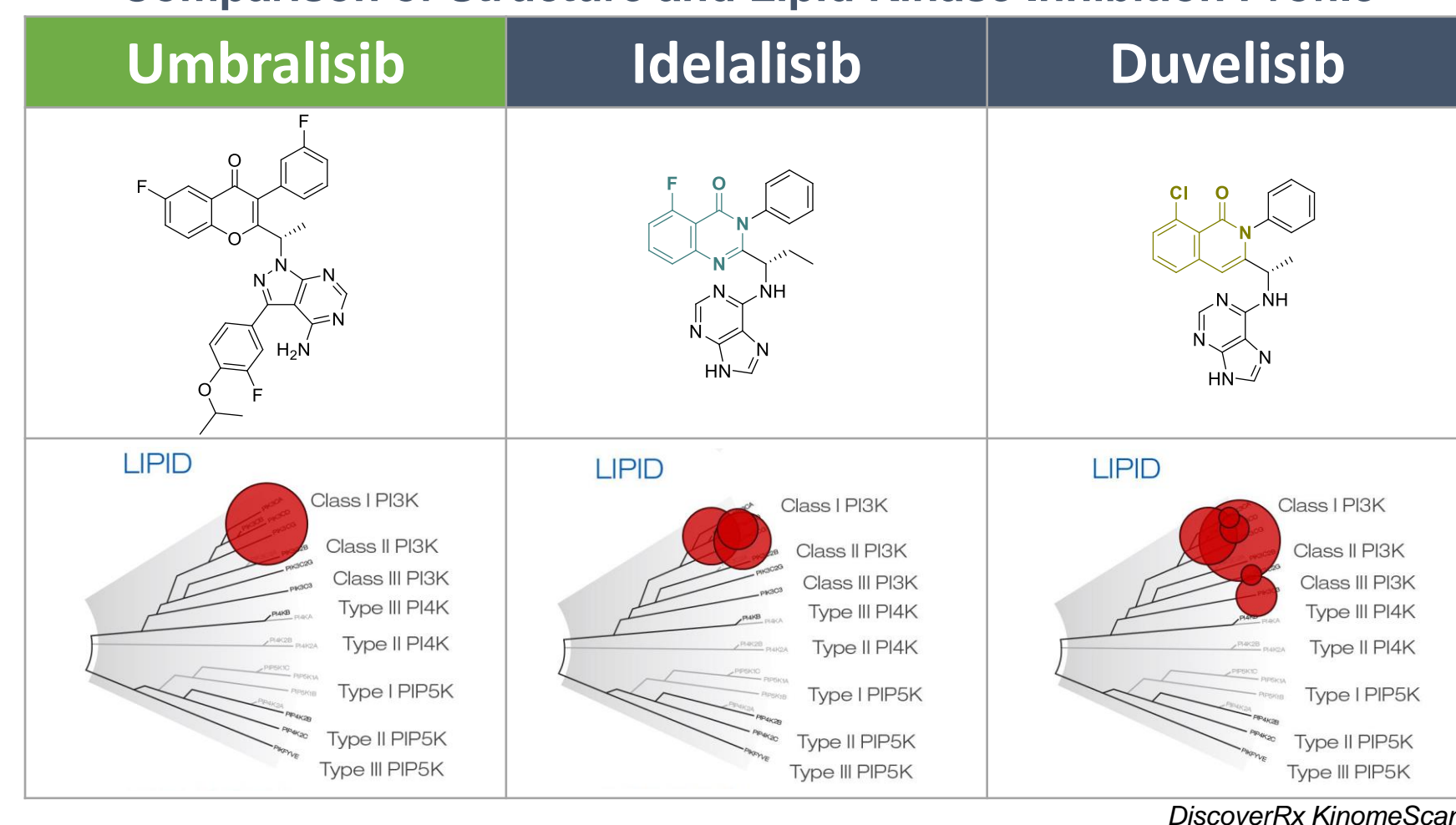
We therefore hypothesized synergistic activity with PD-1 + PI3K blockade. We tested the safety and activity of umbralisib, a next generation highly-specific PI3K δ inhibitor, in combination with pembro and the glycoengineered anti-CD20 mAb ublituximab in r/r CLL and RT, representing the first reported combination of a PD-1 inhibitor with a PI3K δ inhibitor.

Umbralisib

Umbralisib (TGR-1202) is a next generation PI3K δ inhibitor, with a unique structure and activity profile distinct from other PI3K δ inhibitors in development, including:

- A differentiated safety profile from other PI3K δ inhibitors, notably with respect to hepatic toxicity and colitis;
- A prolonged half-life that enables once-daily dosing;
- High selectivity to the δ isoform of PI3K; and
- Also targets casein kinase-1 epsilon (CK-1 ϵ), a protein which may inhibit regulatory T-cell function (Deng et al, 2016)

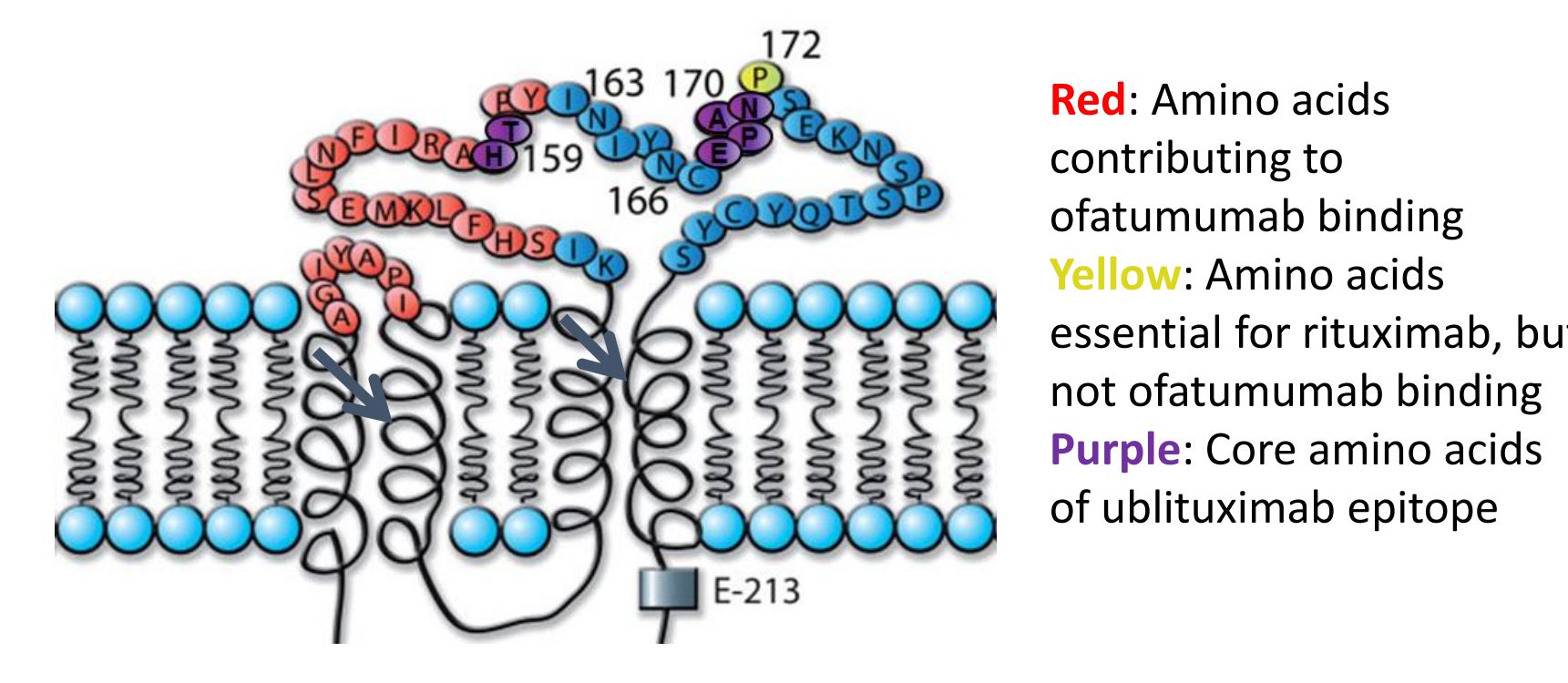
Comparison of Structure and Lipid Kinase Inhibition Profile



Ublituximab

Ublituximab (TG-1101, UTX) is a novel, chimeric monoclonal antibody targeting a unique epitope on the CD20 antigen, and glycoengineered to enhance affinity for all variants of Fc γ R11a receptors, thereby demonstrating greater antibody-dependent cellular cytotoxicity (ADCC) activity than rituximab and ofatumumab.

Ublituximab is currently in Phase 3 development in combination with ibrutinib or umbralisib for patients with chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL), and in Phase 2b study for patients with NHL (DLBCL, FL, SLL, MZL).



Study Design

Phase I/II dose-escalation (3+3 design), multicenter study to assess the safety and efficacy of pembro in combination with umbralisib and ublituximab (UTX) in pts with relapsed or refractory CLL and RT (NCT02535286).

DLT evaluation period: CLL Cohort - Cycles 3 and 4; RT Cohort- Cycle 1

Key DLT criteria are events below considered at least possibly related to either pembro, umbralisib or UTX:

- GR4 anemia, neutropenia, or thrombocytopenia lasting >7 days; GR \geq 3 febrile neutropenia;
- GR \geq 3 non-hematologic tox unresponsive to supportive care except GR \geq 3 ALT/AST that resolves to \leq GR2 within 7 days;
- Treatment delay of \geq 14 days due to unresolved toxicity unresponsive to standard supportive care measure; or
- Any non-hematologic toxicity of Grade 2 that is dose-limiting in the judgment of the Study Chair.

Study Objectives

Primary Objective

To determine the safety of umbralisib + UTX + pembro in CLL and RT pts

Secondary Objectives

- To evaluate efficacy (ORR, PFS)
- To describe the immunophenotypic and cytokine profiles of B and T cells in subjects

Key Eligibility Criteria

- CLL or RT pts who have progressed on at least one prior therapy.
- Amendment in Aug 2017 requires CLL pts to be BTK refractory (progression on or within 6 mos of prior BTK) and RT pts must be chemo-immunotherapy refractory (ie. R-CHOP) or not eligible for high-dose chemotherapy
- No limit on # of prior therapy treatment regimens
- ANC > 750/ μ L, platelet count > 40,000/ μ L

Results

Demographics

Evaluable for Safety, n	11
Evaluable for Efficacy [†] , n	10
Median Age, years (range)	70 (60 - 81)
Male/Female	7 / 4
ECOG, 0/1	6 / 5
Prior Therapy Regimens, median (range)	2 (1 - 7)
17p del and P53 mutated, n (%)	2 (18%)
Complex Karyotype, n (%)	5 (45%)
Notch 1, ATM mut, SF3B1 mut, n (%)	4 (36%)
Bulky Disease, n (%)	7 (64%)
Prior BTK, n (%)	7 (64%)
Refractory to Prior BTK, n (%)	6 (55%)
Median Follow-up, mos (range)	7 (1 - 24)

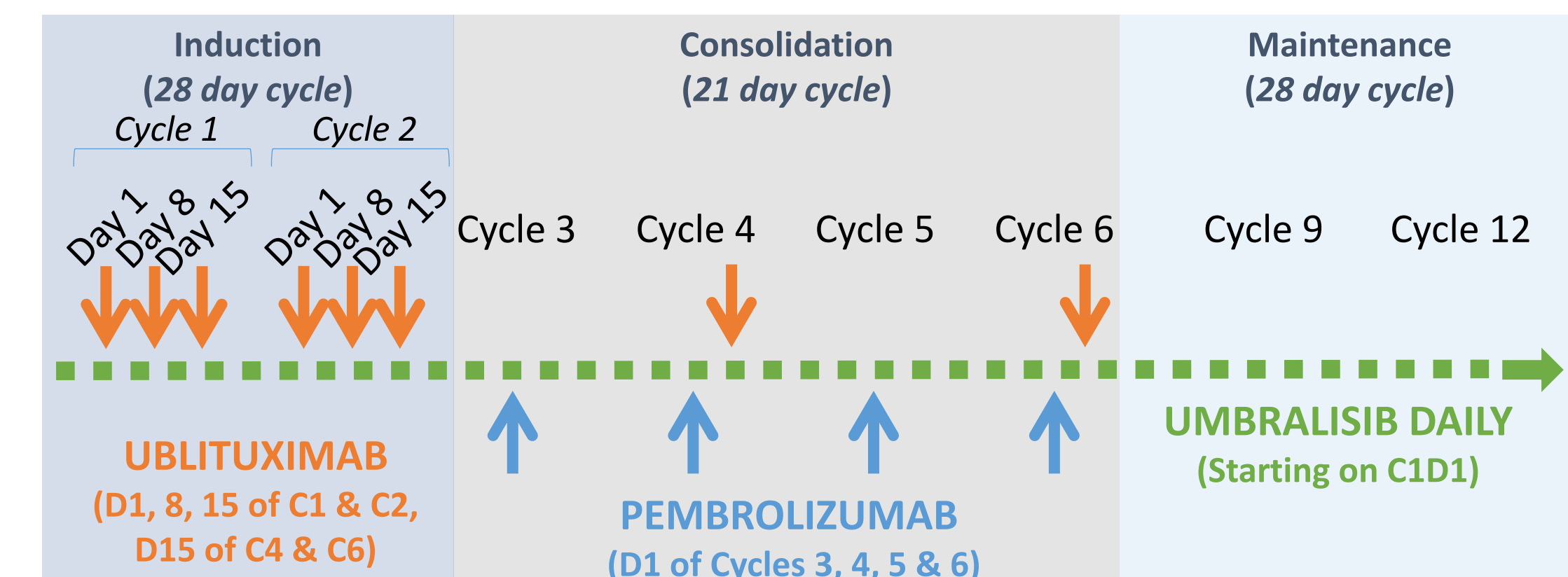
[†]1 patient too early for response assessment

Treatment Schedule

Dose Escalation Schema:

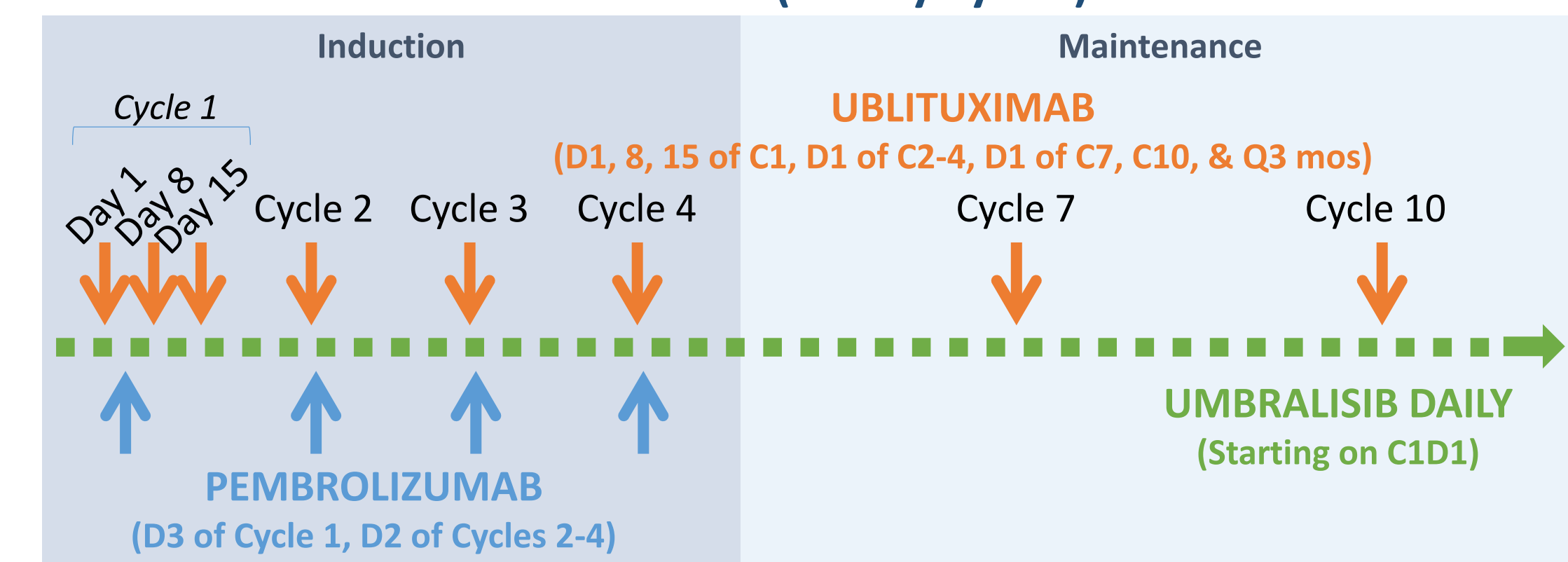
Cohort	UTX Dose	Umbralisib	Pembro
1	900 mg	800 mg	100 mg
2	900 mg	800 mg	200 mg

Treatment Schedule – CLL Patients:



Efficacy assessed at the end of Cycles 2, 6 & 12. After Month 12, efficacy is assessed per investigator discretion.

Treatment Schedule – RT Patients (28 day cycles):



Efficacy assessed at the end of Cycles 2 & 4 and Q3 cycles thereafter until Month 12. After Month 12, efficacy assessed per investigator discretion.

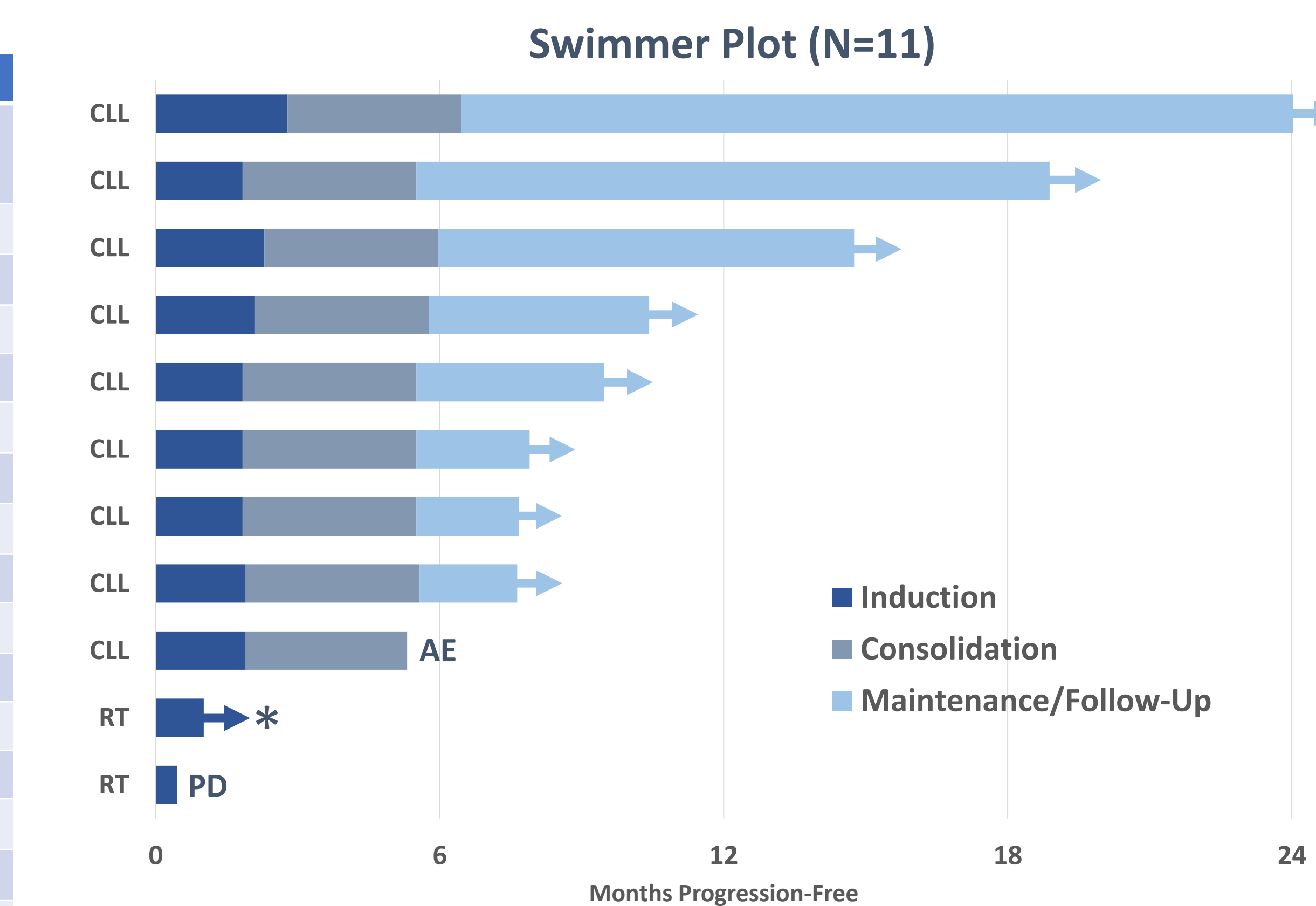
Safety

All Causality / All Grade AE's >10% or Grade 3/4 > 5% (N = 11)

All Causality AE's Cycle 3 through Cycle 6 for CLL and Cycle \geq 1 for RT	All Grades		Grade 3/4	
	N	%	N	%
Chills	5	45%	-	-
Pyrexia	5	45%	-	-
Neutropenia	4	36%	3	27%
Fatigue	4	36%	1	9%
Cough	4	36%	-	-
Decreased Appetite	4	36%	-	-
Headache	4	36%	-	-
Leukopenia	3	27%	1	9%
Face Edema	3	27%	-	-
Anemia	2	18%	1	9%
Nausea	2	18%	1	9%
Rash	2	18%	1	9%
Arthralgia	2	18%	-	-
Blood Alk Phosphate increased	2	18%	-	-
Contusion	2	18%	-	-
Diarrhea	2	18%	-	-
Dry Mouth	2	18%	-	-
Hypothyroidism	2	18%	-	-
Peripheral Edema	2	18%	-	-
Oropharyngeal pain	2	18%	-	-
Thrombocytopenia	2	18%	-	-
Vomiting	2	18%	-	-
AST/ALT increased	1	9%	1	9%
Asthenia	1	9%	1	9%
Back pain	1	9%	1	9%
Blood cholesterol increased	1	9%	1	9%
Hypertriglyceridemia	1	9%	1	9%
Hypophosphatemia	1	9%	1	9%

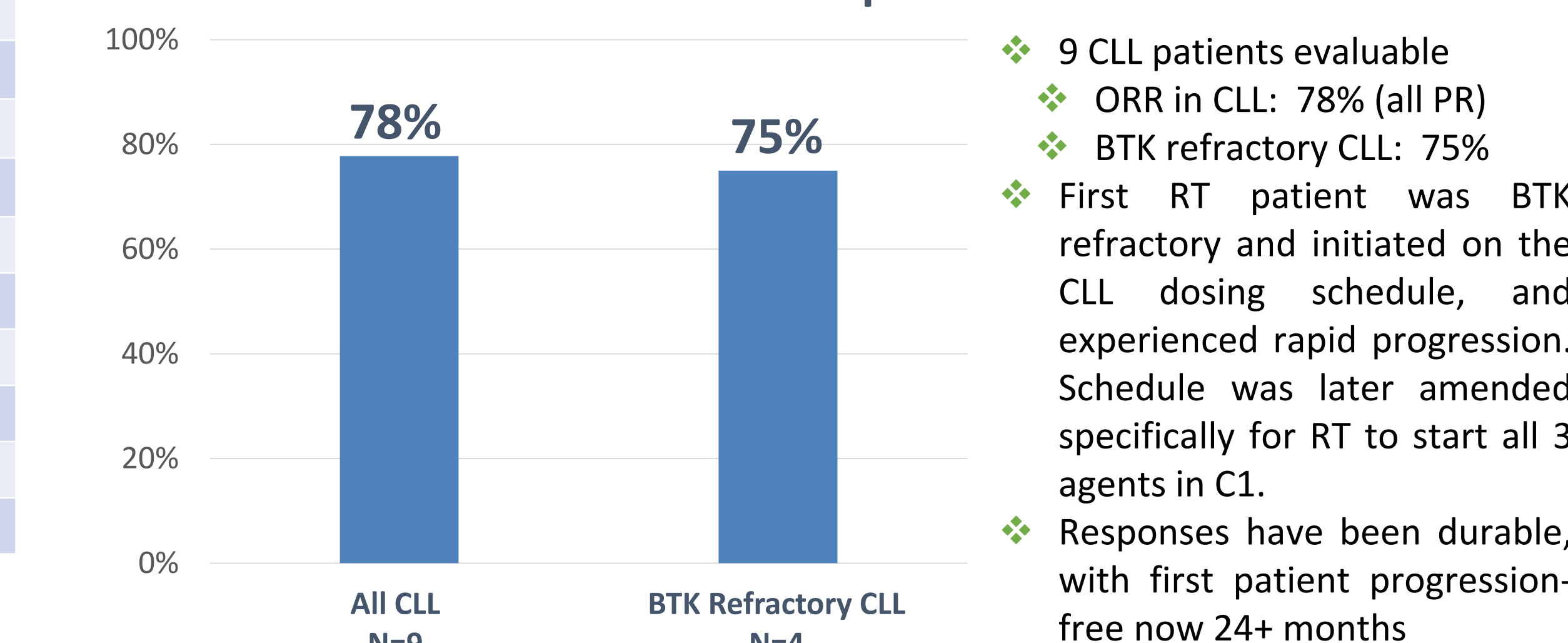
- 5 pts (3 CLL/2 RT) treated at the pembro 100 mg dose and 6 pts (all CLL) at 200 mg dose
- 1 DLT at 200 mg pembro dose (LFT) with no additional DLTs reported; MTD not reached, therefore the primary study endpoint was met
- No events of colitis have been reported. Of the 2 events of diarrhea, 1 each was Grade 1 and Grade 2, with no Grade 3/4 reported
- Pembro was interrupted for 3 pts (Grade 3 Nausea, Grade 2 Pyrexia, Grade 1 Face Edema)
- Umbralisib dose reduced in 2 pts (Arthralgia, Fatigue/Asthenia), discontinued in 2 pts: 1 during Cycles 3 – 6 (Fatigue/Asthenia – same pt above as dose reduced) and 1 patient in cycle 2 (prior to pembro dosing) due to ongoing AST/ALT increase (Grade 3); both patients continued to receive UTX + pembro

Efficacy



* RT Case: 62 yo male; 7 prior lines of therapy, including HD chemo, R-CHOP, ASCT, and Ibrutinib (refractory). Initiated study in Oct 2017. As of Dec 2017, no significant AE's or lab abnormalities, with complete resolution of palpable lymphadenopathy. Radiologic assessment pending.

Overall Response Rate



- 9 CLL patients evaluable
- ORR in CLL: 78% (all PR)
- BTK refractory CLL: 75%
- First RT patient was BTK refractory and initiated on the CLL dosing schedule, and experienced rapid progression. Schedule was later amended specifically for RT to start all 3 agents in C1.
- Responses have been durable, with first patient progression-free now 24+ months

Conclusions

- Umbralisib + Ublituximab (U2 regimen) + Pembrolizumab is the first study combining a PI3K δ plus a checkpoint inhibitor in CLL and RT patients
- MTD was not reached therefore primary endpoint was met. One AE of increased LFTs was observed which met criteria for DLT; patient was re-challenged and remains on study treatment with umbralisib maintenance now 15+ months
- Richter's schedule amended to start triple therapy from Day 1 with the first patient through DLT evaluation period with limited AE's and resolution of palpable lymphadenopathy
- Highly active triple combination in BTK refractory patient population warrants further evaluation – enrollment continues specific to this population