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# Ibrutinib for treating chronic lymphocytic leukaemia [ID749]

Single Technology Appraisal

3<sup>rd</sup> meeting: 6 August 2016

2<sup>nd</sup> meeting: 6 April 2016

1<sup>st</sup> meeting: 3 February 2016

Technology Appraisal Committee B

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# History of appraisal

## 1<sup>st</sup> meeting

*ACD:  
Did not  
recommend  
for either  
- Relapsed  
/refractory or  
- 17p or  
TP53  
deletion CLL*

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting

*ACD: Did not  
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# ACD2: preliminary recommendations

1.1: Ibrutinib is not recommended for treating chronic lymphocytic leukaemia in adults without a 17p deletion or TP53 mutation.

1.2: Appraisal committee is minded not to recommend ibrutinib as an option for treating chronic lymphocytic leukaemia in adults with a 17p deletion or TP53 mutation. The committee invites the company to submit a proposal for inclusion in the Cancer Drugs Fund.

Since consultation, company has chosen not to accept invitation and has not submitted a CDF proposal noting:  
*'do not believe that better data than this already available data source could be obtained through the CDF'*

# Ibrutinib

- Inhibits Bruton's tyrosine kinase
- Marketing authorisation:
  - 17p deletion or TP53 mutation in patients unsuitable for chemo-immunotherapy
    - 1<sup>st</sup> line
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> line
  - At least 1 prior therapy
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> line
- Oral: 3 once daily
- £55,954.50 per year
- Confidential patient access scheme (PAS)

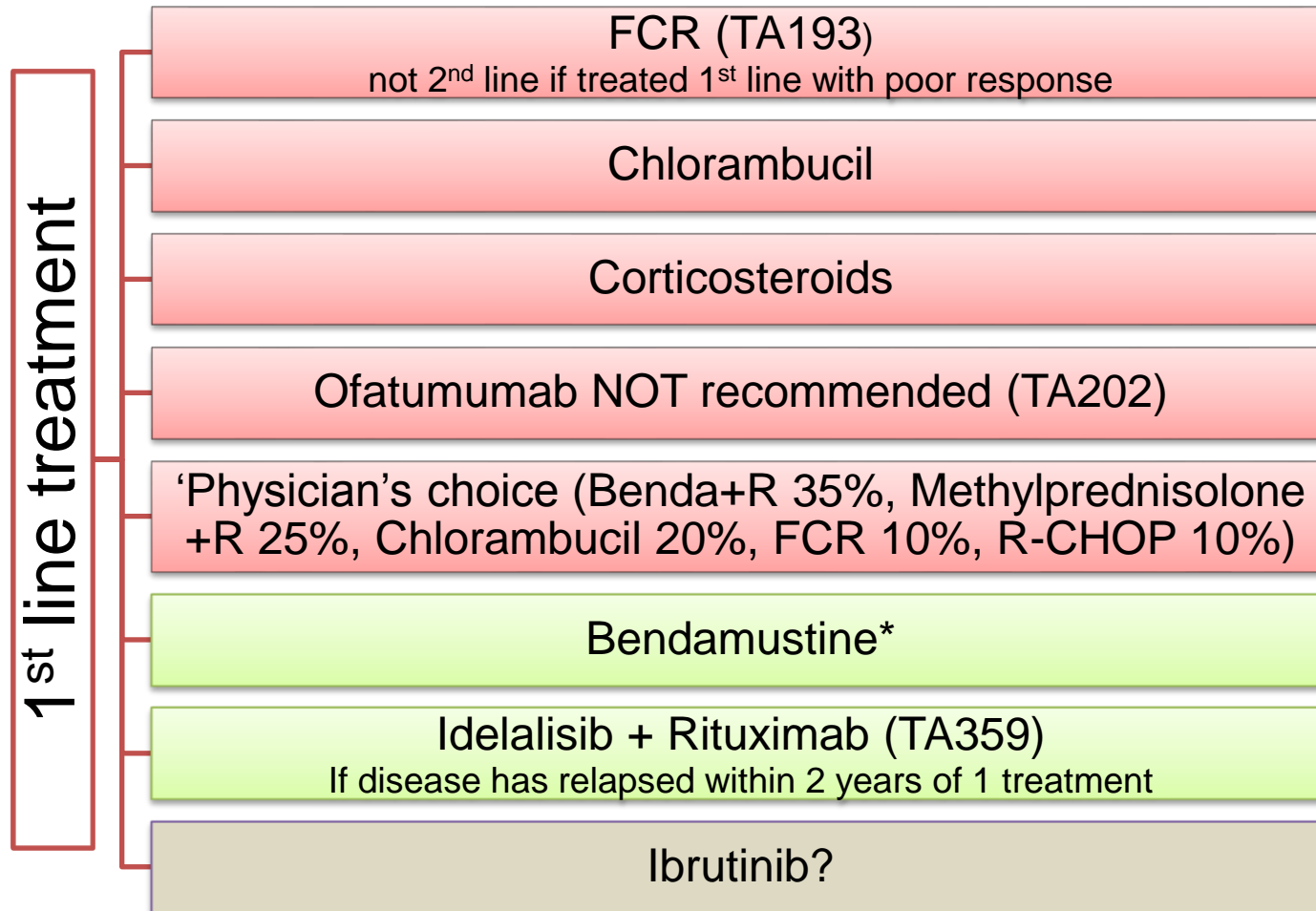
# Scope and Decision Problem

Population	Relapsed or refractory CLL		17p or TP53 deletion CLL
Type	NICE Scope	Company Submission	NICE scope + Company
Intervention	Ibrutinib		
Comparator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FCR</li> <li>• Idelalisib +R</li> <li>• Bendamustine (+/-R)</li> <li>• Chlorambucil (+/- R)</li> <li>• Corticosteroids + R</li> <li>• Rituximab alone for refractory disease</li> <li>• BSC</li> </ul>	<p><u>Base case</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Physician's choice (blended comparator)</li> </ul> <p><u>Additional analysis</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Idelalisib + R</li> <li>• Bendamustine (+/-R)</li> <li>• Ofatumumab</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alemtuzumab + corticosteroids</li> <li>• Idelalisib + R</li> <li>• BSC</li> </ul>
Outcomes	Overall survival; progression-free survival; response rates; adverse effects of treatment; HRQoL		

BSC - best supportive care; FCR – Fludarabine, cyclophosphamide and rituximab; R - Rituximab

# Relapsed Refractory (Without 17p deletion or TP53 mutation) 2<sup>nd</sup> line treatment and place for ibrutinib

*Comparators agreed (green) not agreed (red) by Committee*



\* Recommended by NICE 1<sup>st</sup> line only

# 'Physician's choice' company comments

- “..most relevant comparator for ibrutinib, as demonstrated by the lack of a standard of care”
- “..composition reflects the mix and proportion of therapies that were used in the physician's choice arm of Österborg, 2014 but was adjusted further to include only treatments relevant to UK clinical practice”
- 43 patients in trial
- ‘Patients in the physician's choice arm who developed disease progression during the study could receive OFA salvage therapy for up to 12 months of treatment.’ 46% of patients died in ofatumumab arm vs. 63% in physician choice arm.
- Not adjusted for cross-over, but conservative

Ref: BresMed. Health Technology Assessment Strategy for Ibrutinib for the Treatment of Relapsed/Refractory CLL Summary Report Advisory Board, 2015.

Osterborg abstracts only 2014

Osterborg et al. Leukemia & Lymphoma, 57:9, 2037-2046, 2016

# Physician's choice in submission and in Osterborg

## Contents

- Bendamustine + rituximab – 35%
- Methylprednisolone + rituximab – 25%
- Chlorambucil – 20%
- Fludarabine and cyclophosphamide + rituximab (FCR) – 10%
- Cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin, vincristine and prednisolone + rituximab (R-CHOP) – 10%

**Table 2.** Treatment regimens administered in the PC arm.

Treatment regimen	PC (n = 43)
Alemtuzumab-based therapy, n (%)	11 (26)
Combination therapy <sup>a</sup>	5 (12)
Monotherapy	6 (14)
Alkylator-based therapy, n (%)	12 (28)
Combination therapy	12 (28)
Monotherapy	0
Bendamustine-based therapy, n (%)	5 (12)
Combination therapy	4 (9)
Monotherapy	1 (2)
Chlorambucil-based therapy, n (%)	4 (9)
Combination therapy	3 (7)
Monotherapy	1 (2)
Fludarabine-based therapy, n (%)	6 (14)
Combination therapy	5 (12)
Monotherapy	1 (2)
Glucocorticoid-based therapy, n (%)	3 (7)
Combination therapy	0
Monotherapy	3 (7)
Rituximab-based therapy ± prednisone therapy	2 (5)
Combination therapy	2 (5)
Monotherapy	0

PC, physicians' choice.

Patients in the PC treatment arm could have received more than 1 study drug. Treatment regimens in the PC arm were classified using a hierarchical order (for example, regimens containing fludarabine and alemtuzumab were classified as alemtuzumab-based therapy rather than fludarabine-based therapy).



# 1st line treatments and place for ibrutinib **With** 17p deletion or TP53 mutation

Alemtuzumab  
+/-  
corticosteroids

Idelalisib +  
rituximab  
(TA359)

Best supportive  
care

**Ibrutinib?**

From summary of product characteristics for idelalisib as of June 2016:  
“Idelalisib is indicated in combination with rituximab for the treatment of adult patients with chronic lymphocytic leukaemia (CLL):

- who have received at least one prior therapy, or
- for continuing treatment in patients with 17p deletion or *TP53* mutation who were unsuitable for chemo-immunotherapy and who had already initiated Idelalisib as first line treatment

Note: provisional EMA advice not to start treatment with idelalisib in this subpopulation

# Key trial RESONATE open label RCT

## comparator not in NICE scope

Relapsed or refractory CLL with at least 1 prior therapy, ECOG 0 or 1 and inappropriate for purine analogues (e.g. fludarabine) included 127 with 17p deletion

Ibrutinib (n=195)

Ofatumumab (n=196)  
116 crossed over

**1° endpoint:  
PFS**

Assessed independently + locally until interim analysis then only locally

Tx duration	Ibrutinib until disease progression; Ofatumumab up to 6 months only
Crossover	Permitted at disease progression; 116/191
Quality of life	EORTC QLQ-30, FACiT-F, EQ-5D
Stopped	Stopped early at planned interim analysis 146 PFS events
When analysed	9.4 months median interim analysis and <b>trial stopped early</b> ; 16.0 months median after trial post study monitoring 30 month data provided at last meeting but not in modelling

# Summary of RESONATE results

✓ = chosen for modelling base case

	Whole population		Deletion mutation	
		Median follow-up (months)		Median follow-up (months)
<b>Progression free survival</b>				
Ibrutinib median PFS	Not reached	9.4	Not reached	
Ofatumumab median PFS	8.1	9.4	5.8	
Hazard ratio (ITT)	0.22	9.4	0.25	9.4
Hazard ratio (ITT)	<u>xxx</u> ✓	16.0	<u>xxx</u> ✓	16.0
<b>Overall survival</b>				
Ibrutinib median OS	Not reached	16.0		
Ofatumumab median OS	Not reached	16.0		
Hazard ratio (ITT)	<u>xxx</u>	16.0	Not available	
Hazard ratio (Rank Preserving Structural Failure Time, RPSFT)	<u>xxx</u> ✓	16.0	<u>xxx</u> ✓	16.0

# Summary of evidence for ibrutinib

for 17p no evidence for 1<sup>st</sup> line or for TP53

Relapsed or refractory  
fludarabine-  
inappropriate

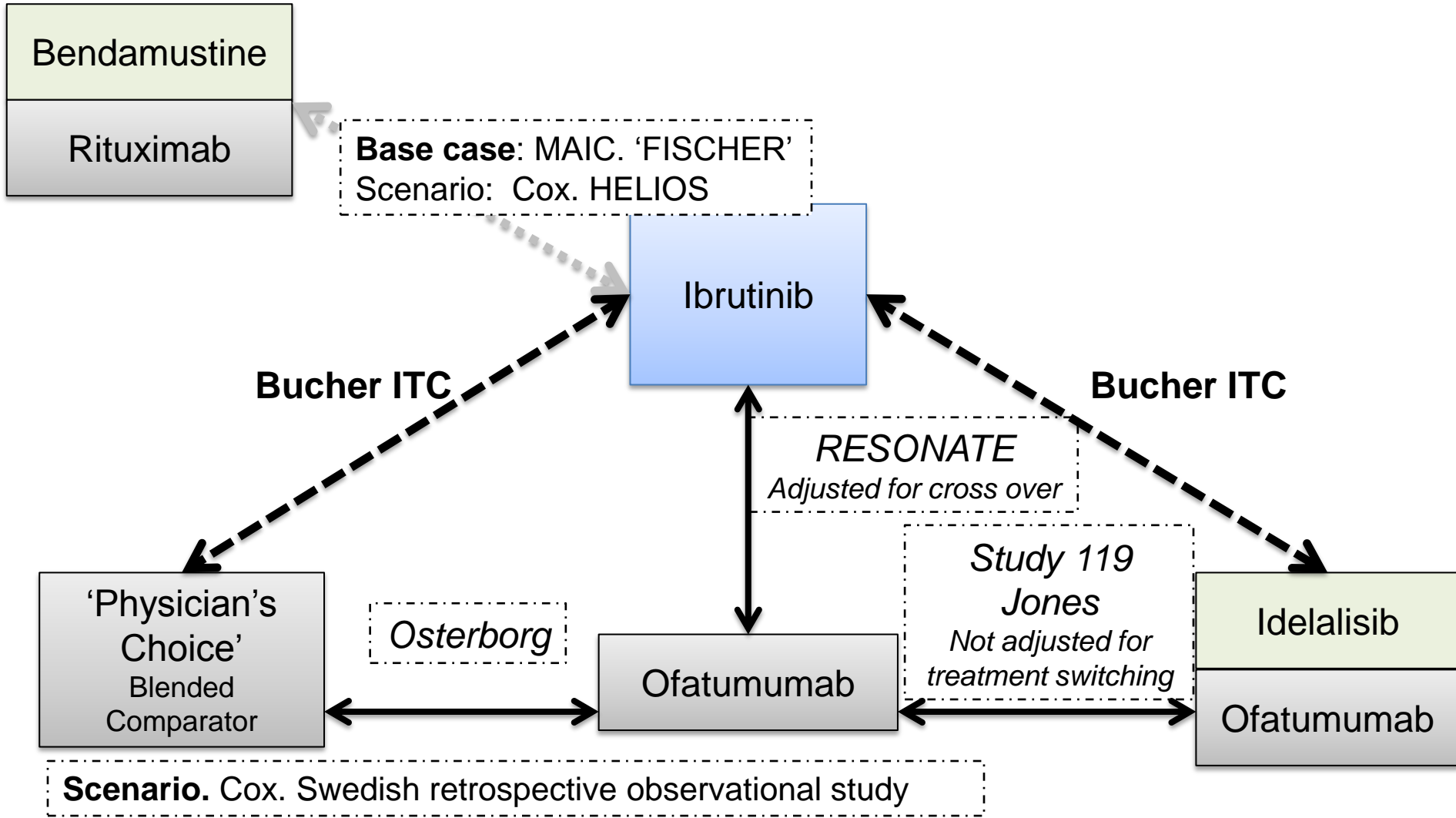
Treatment-naïve and  
have 17p deletion or  
TP53 mutation

RCTs

<p>RESONATE</p>	<p>RESONATE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2nd line data only</li> <li>- 17p deletion only</li> </ul>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. PCYC1102</li> <li>2. PCYC1103</li> <li>3. PCYC117</li> <li>4. Farooqui, 2014</li> </ol>	<p>Farooqui (n=33)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 1<sup>st</sup> line only</li> </ul>

Uncontrolled  
Not randomised

# Company's results: ibrutinib vs. comparators



ITC = indirect treatment comparison  
 MAIC = Matched adjusted indirect comparison  
 Cox = Proportional hazard modelling

Note: Idelalisib + **rituximab** recommended by NICE on basis of 'study 116'  
 HR OS: 0.34, 95% CI 0.19 to 0.60, p=<0.001

# Indirect comparison analyses and results

✓ = chosen for modelling base case ★ preferred by Committee

Comparator	Used in model	Type	Data ibrutinib	Data comparator	HR PFS (95% CI)	HR OS (95% CI)
Bendamustine + rituximab	Base-case	MAIC 22 variables n=30	RESONATE Patient level data	Fischer (2011), 1 arm trial of <b>bendamustine + R</b> , study level data	<b>xxx</b> ✓	<b>xxx</b> ✓
	Company Scenario	Cox	RESONATE n=195 Patient level data	HELIOS, Ibrutinib+ benda+R vs. <b>bendamustine +R</b> Patient level data	<b>xxx</b> ★	<b>xxx</b> ★
Idelalisib + ofatumumab	Base-case	ITC Bucher method	RESONATE adjusted for cross over	Jones, 2015 not adjusted for treatment switching	<b>0.39</b> (0.23- 0.67) ✓	<b>0.50</b> (0.24 - 1.04) ✓
	ERG scenario	ITC Bucher method	RESONATE <b>Not</b> adjusted for crossover	Jones, 2015 Not adjusted for switching	0.39 (0.23- 0.67) ★	0.58 (0.26–1.30) ★

# Committee's conclusions clinical

Populations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. CLL without a 17p deletion or TP53 mutation who have had at least 1 round of previous treatment, and</li> <li>2. CLL with a 17p deletion or TP53 mutation (1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup>)</li> </ol>
Comparators	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Previously treated: Idelalisib + R, bendamustine</li> <li>2. TP53 and 17p: Idelalisib +R</li> </ol> <p>Not : Physician's choice and ofatumumab FCR, chlorambucil, rituximab monotherapy, corticosteroids</p>
RESONATE	Data immature medians for OS and PFS not reached; effective vs. ofatumuamb, but uncertain
Cross over	Reasonable to adjust RESONATE for cross-over, but not without adjusting other trials in network
Bendamustine	Committee preferred approach using Cox
Idelalisib	Study 119 (Jones et al): Idela+Ofa, not idela+Rituximab; ofatumumab as proxy for rituximab accepted by Committee
TP mutation	Generalise data from 17p deletion to TP53
Results from network	<p>Ibrutinib more effective than bendamustine</p> <p>Ibrutinib benefit over idela+R unclear</p> <p>Ibrutinib better tolerated than idela+R</p>

# Committee's conclusions cost

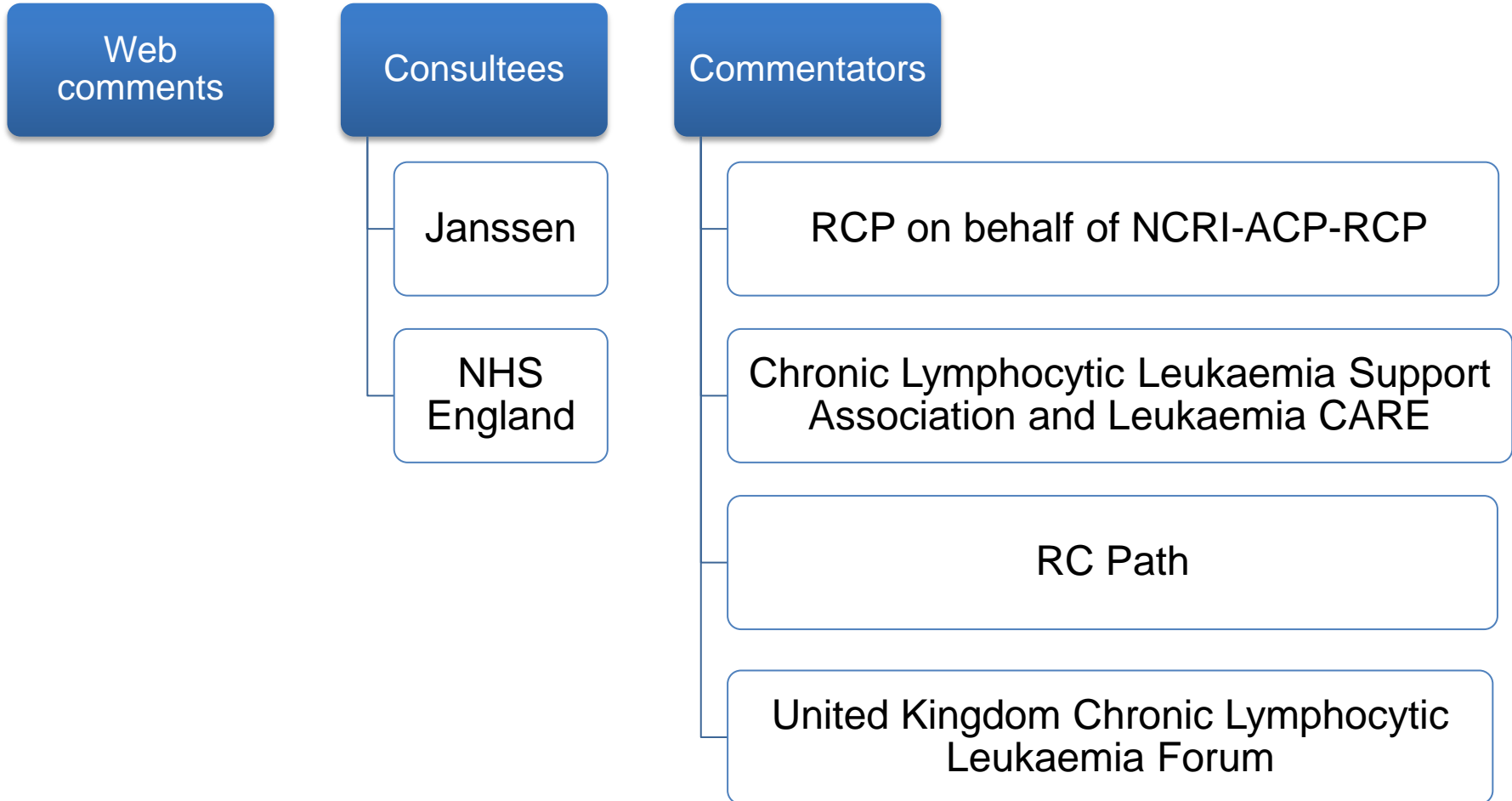
Extrapolating PFS	<p>Key driver of cost effectiveness</p> <p>Considerable extrapolation</p> <p>Committee noted 'improbably long periods in progressed disease' with company's preferred <b>Weibull</b> function</p> <p>Committee noted ERG suggested <b>exponential</b> function provided a more credible period of time in progressed disease</p>
Extrapolating overall survival	<p>Original company model predicted 10 times as many patients who have ibrutinib would be alive after 20 years compared with patients having idelalisib + rituximab: improbable</p> <p>During consultation to ACD1 company agreed with committee that Weibull function provided best fit</p>
Treatment duration	<p>Time to progression determines treatment duration, which in turn determines the cost of treatment; treatment beyond progression occurs in the NHS</p>
Benefit over time	<p>Company's base case assumes ibrutinib benefit constant over time; committee considered scenario limiting benefit to 5 years</p>
Key ERG's analyses	<p>Using the exponential function to extrapolate the overall survival and progression-free Kaplan-Meier survival curves from RESONATE and not adjusting for crossover</p>



## Committee's conclusions cost (2)

Costs	Of routine follow-up determined by disease response to treatment as measured in RESONATE; corrected by company
Utilities	After 1 <sup>st</sup> consultation, the company provided age-adjusted utility values, and chose a lower utility value in the post progression state (0.60)
End of life	Criteria met, on balance
Innovation	Yes

# Comments on ACD2



# Main points from consultation + if addressed by Janssen

Main points	New evidence?
Magnitude of ibrutinib's treatment effect	No, 30 months data seen previously (Also 9.4 month and 16 month) <b>No change to model</b>
Comparators	Marketing data <b>No change to model</b>
Adjusting for cross over	Median overall survival from a trial with ofatumumab as a comparator 'Wierda et al.' 2010. <b>No change to model</b>
17p deletion/TP53 mutation	Abstract from European Haematology Association (EHA) Congress <b>No change to model</b>

# Magnitude of ibrutinib's treatment effect

# Immature data

Consideration	Consultation comments
<p><b>Immature data</b> Median PFS and OS not reached; reflects successful treatment but uncertainty because of greater proportion of the modelled time horizon depended on extrapolations</p>	<p>At a median of 30 months follow-up in the RESONATE trial, patients treated with ibrutinib have not yet reached median OS and <b>xxx</b> of patients remain alive</p> <p>Indicates significant step forward for patients; inappropriate to view as uncertainty.</p>

Consideration	Consultation comments
<p><b>Considerable uncertainty around the PFS and OS benefits of ibrutinib compared idelalisib plus rituximab; ibrutinib likely to offer preferable toxicity profile</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NMA based on comparison with idelalisib plus ofatumumab; unable to establish equivalence with I+R</li> <li>• Concerns with immature data</li> </ul> <p><b>Uncertain benefits of ibrutinib compared with I+R unlikely to warrant the significant additional acquisition cost</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Idelalisib toxicity – significant concern, life threatening infections</li> <li>• Ibrutinib ‘clearly superior both in terms of toxicity and efficacy’</li> <li>• ‘Most effective drug for treating relapsed / refractory CLL with an excellent side effect profile’</li> <li>• Appropriate to assume I+O equivalent to I+R</li> <li>• <i>Company:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Median OS not reached at 30 month follow up; unprecedented benefits. Idelalisib recommended with a median OS of 21.6 months</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Methodological challenges resulted from a lack of publically available data on I+R trials; represents uncertainty that Janssen cannot address</p>
<p>⊙ Issues to discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does Committee think ibrutinib is more effective than idelalisib?</li> <li>• Does Committee think the current estimates over or under estimate level of effect?</li> </ul>	

# Comparators

# Comparators company comments

- Company submitted ibrutinib to NICE '7 days before idelalisib guidance released'
  - N.b. Janssen requested that appraisal be delayed to await more mature data; NICE agreed.
- 'Clinicians agree that both physicians choice and ofatumumab relevant comparators'
  - N.b. committee has concluded that neither are relevant comparators
- 'Unreasonable for the committee to expect Janssen to have been able to generate evidence against IR. It is unfair ...'
  - N.b. Indirect comparisons frequent in NICE appraisals.
- 'Latest market research data from May 2016 shows **xxx** of patients receiving idelalisib, **xxx** bendamustine and the remainder a mix of chemoimmunotherapy regimens that we have previously described as physicians' choice'.
  - N.b physicians' choice in submission includes bendamustine



# Contraindications and special warnings

SPC	<b>Idelalisib 24 Jun 2016</b>	<b>Ibrutinib 1 Jun 2016</b>
Contra-indications	Hypersensitivity	Hypersensitivity, St. John's Wort
Bleeding-related	None	Major haemorrhagic events, some fatal. Warfarin or other vitamin K antagonists should not be administered with ibrutinib
Infections	Infections, some fatal. 'Should not be initiated in patients with any evidence of ongoing systemic bacterial, fungal, or viral infection. 'Prophylaxis for Pneumocystis jirovecii pneumonia should be administered to all patients throughout treatment.'	'Patients should be monitored for fever, neutropenia and infections and appropriate anti-infective therapy should be instituted as indicated'
Liver	Liver function tests in all patients every 2 weeks for the first 3 months	None

# Comparators previously treated population

Comparator	ACD Considerations	Consultation comments
Idelalisib + rituximab	<b>Main comparator.</b> In the absence of ibrutinib, clinicians would offer idelalisib + rituximab	Less likely to be used because of infection-related deaths
Bendamustine	No longer available through CDF; difficult to obtain, but offered with rituximab for some patients	Bendamustine is not available in England for this indication <i>n.b. marketing data as of May 2016 still used</i>
Ofatumumab	No longer available through CDF Not recommended by NICE Not a comparator	Only 'replaced' when ibrutinib became available; only approved and funded drug when trial started
Physician's choice (includes bendamustine)	Not representative of UK treatments; blended comparator Not a comparator	Company maintains it is relevant as no single standard of care; not a blended comparator as taken from single trial

⊙ Issues to discuss:

- Has the committee seen evidence or arguments to change its decision on each of these 4 comparators in this population?

# Comparators untreated population with 17p/TP53 mutation

Comparator	ACD Considerations	Consultation comments
Alemtuzumab	Marketing authorisation now limited only to MS so difficult to obtain; not a comparator	No comments
Idelalisib + rituximab (I+R)	<p>Recommended by NICE, but provisional EMA advice to not start treatment with I+R in this population</p> <p>No other treatment options, and company did not provide any other comparison (such as best supportive care).</p> <p>Noting EMA advice provisional, I+R only available comparator</p>	Idelalisib + rituximab 'entirely inappropriate' as instructed by MHRA not to use it for this indication

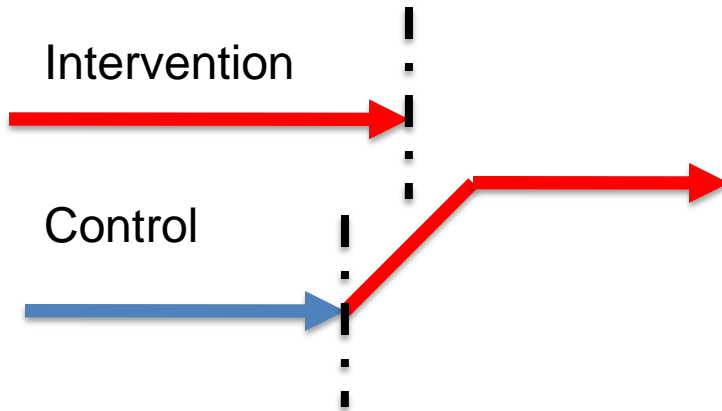
## ⊙ Issues to discuss:

- Does committee agree that idelalisib + rituximab not a comparator?
- Is physician choice a proxy for no treatment options?
- Is committee able to make a decision based on the evidence presented?

# Adjusting for cross-over and treatment switching

# 'Crossover' and 'treatment switching'

1st line treatment

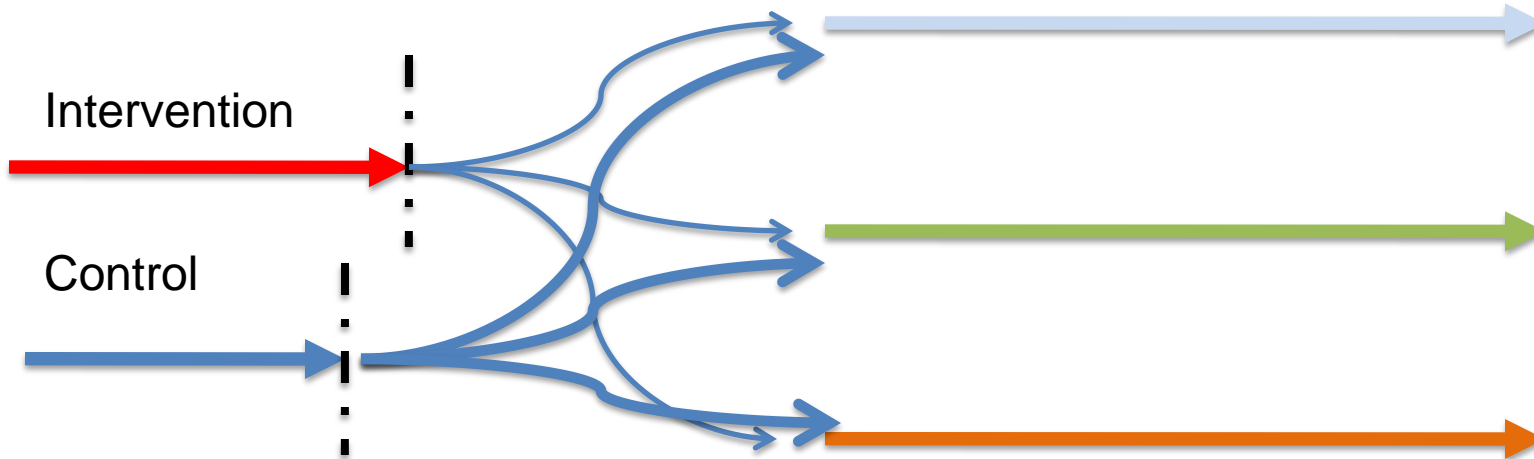


Progression = End of treatment  
End of randomised portion of study

# 'Crossover' and 'treatment switching'

1st line treatment

2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> etc. line treatment



Progression = End of treatment  
End of randomised portion of study

# Adjusting for cross over

- ‘Janssen urges the Committee to follow NICE DSU guidance, ...by accepting that adjustment for cross-over must be taken into account under these circumstances.’ (for RESONATE)
- ‘Study 119, the Committee has further stated that while no cross-over from the control arm (ofatumumab) to the experimental arm (IO) occurred, progressed patients may have left the trial and received other life-extending therapies. Adjustment for this type of “cross-over” (to treatment arms outside of the study) is not recommended by NICE DSU guidance, ..’
  - N.b. From Gilead (idelalisib) comments on 1<sup>st</sup> ACD:  
‘119 trial was open label and patients receiving ofatumumab monotherapy were likely to switch to other available therapies. During the time of the study RESONATE was un-blinded and a compassionate use programme for ibrutinib was made available.... Patients that did not respond well to ofatumumab may have withdrawn from the study prior to their PFS assessment (because they had knowledge of the treatment they were receiving).’

# Decision Support Unit

This TSD focuses upon adjusting survival time estimates in the presence of treatment switching from the control treatment onto the experimental treatment. In some circumstances it may be desirable to also adjust for switching from the experimental treatment onto the control treatment, or for switching onto other alternative therapies – although often such switches may represent realistic treatment pathways that do not require adjustment within an economic evaluation context. RPSFTM and IPE methods are designed to cope with

Don't need to adjust if:

1. 'realistic treatment pathways' i.e. treatments routinely offered in the NHS
2. Treatment does not extend life

If both are present, appropriate to adjust for treatment switching

⊙ Does the committee maintain that adjusting only RESONATE data for crossover is inappropriate?

Ref: Nicholas R Latimer<sup>1</sup> Keith R Abrams Nice DU Technical Support Document 16: Adjusting survival time estimates in the Presence of treatment switching

TSD = Technical support document P 46



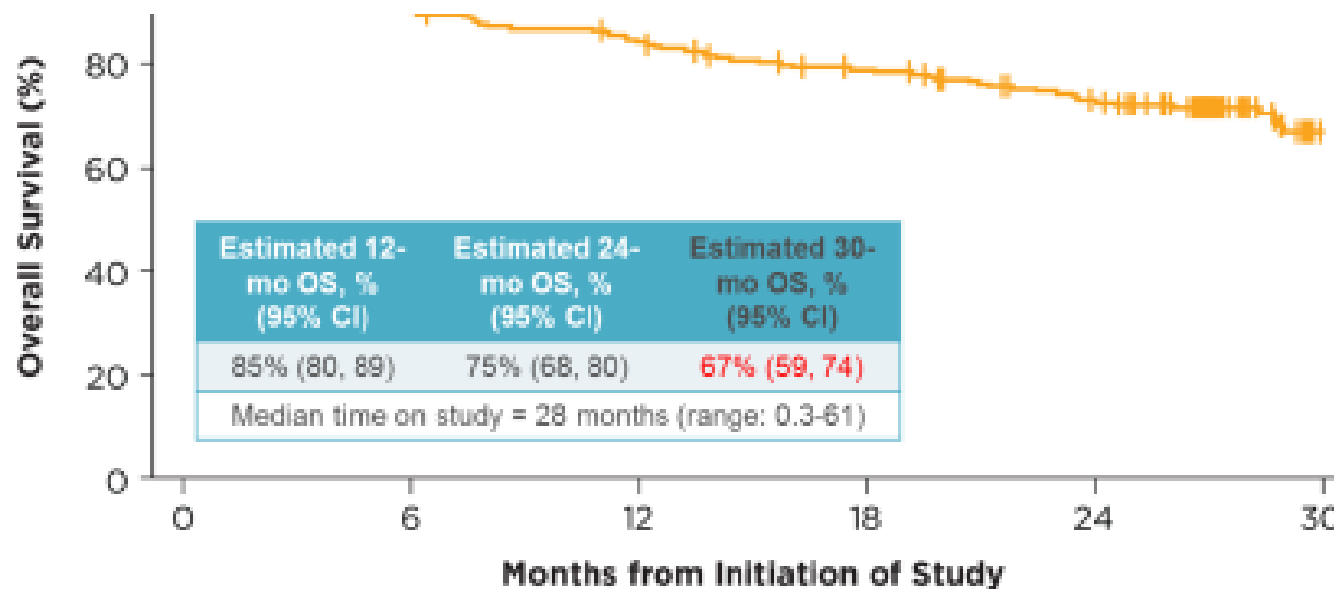
17p deletion/TP53 mutation

# New evidence 17p

## company declines CDF

Company: 'By applying to the CDF and by nature of the disease, it is unlikely that data "certainty" in terms of reaching median PFS or median OS would be attainable over a short time period (e.g. two years).'

Instead, company submitted data from a study of 243 patients with 17p (both treatment naive and relapsed/refractory), showing median PFS and OS not yet met at 30 month follow-up.



Ref: Given by company only as 'Recent European Haematology Association (EHA) Congress'

# Part 2