

# MAVRiC: A Phase 2 Study of Mutation-Guided Finite-Duration Acalabrutinib Plus Venetoclax for Relapse After Frontline Finite-Duration Covalent Bruton Tyrosine Kinase Inhibitor Plus Venetoclax–Based Combination Therapy in Patients With Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia/Small Lymphocytic Lymphoma

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Plain language summary

**Why will we perform this research?**  
Chronic lymphocytic leukemia/small lymphocytic lymphoma (CLL/SLL) is a blood cancer for which there is no definitive cure. Although the combination of targeted therapies like Bruton tyrosine kinase inhibitors (BTKis) and BCL-2 inhibitors (BCL-2is) have improved outcomes for many patients with CLL/SLL, disease progression may eventually occur. It is also unknown whether patients who were previously treated with these types of drugs can benefit from retreatment with them after disease progression occurs.

**Who will participate in this study?**  
Adult patients (aged ≥18 years) with CLL/SLL who previously responded to prior first-line treatment with a finite-duration covalent BTKi and BCL-2i with or without another drug called obinutuzumab for at least 2 years after completion of treatment who later relapsed will be eligible to participate in this study.

**How will we perform this research?**  
Patients participating in this study will receive a combination of a covalent BTKi called acalabrutinib and a BCL-2i called venetoclax. Patients with high-risk CLL/SLL, defined as genetic characteristics that are indicative of poor prognosis (unmutated IGHV, TP53 mutation, and del(17p)) will receive 24 cycles (28 days each) of treatment, and patients without these high-risk disease genetic characteristics will receive 14 cycles of treatment. Patients will be followed for 3 or 4 years after treatment, depending on their treatment group.

**Where can I access more information?**  
More information on this trial can be found on ClinicalTrials.gov, using the trial number NCT07024706.

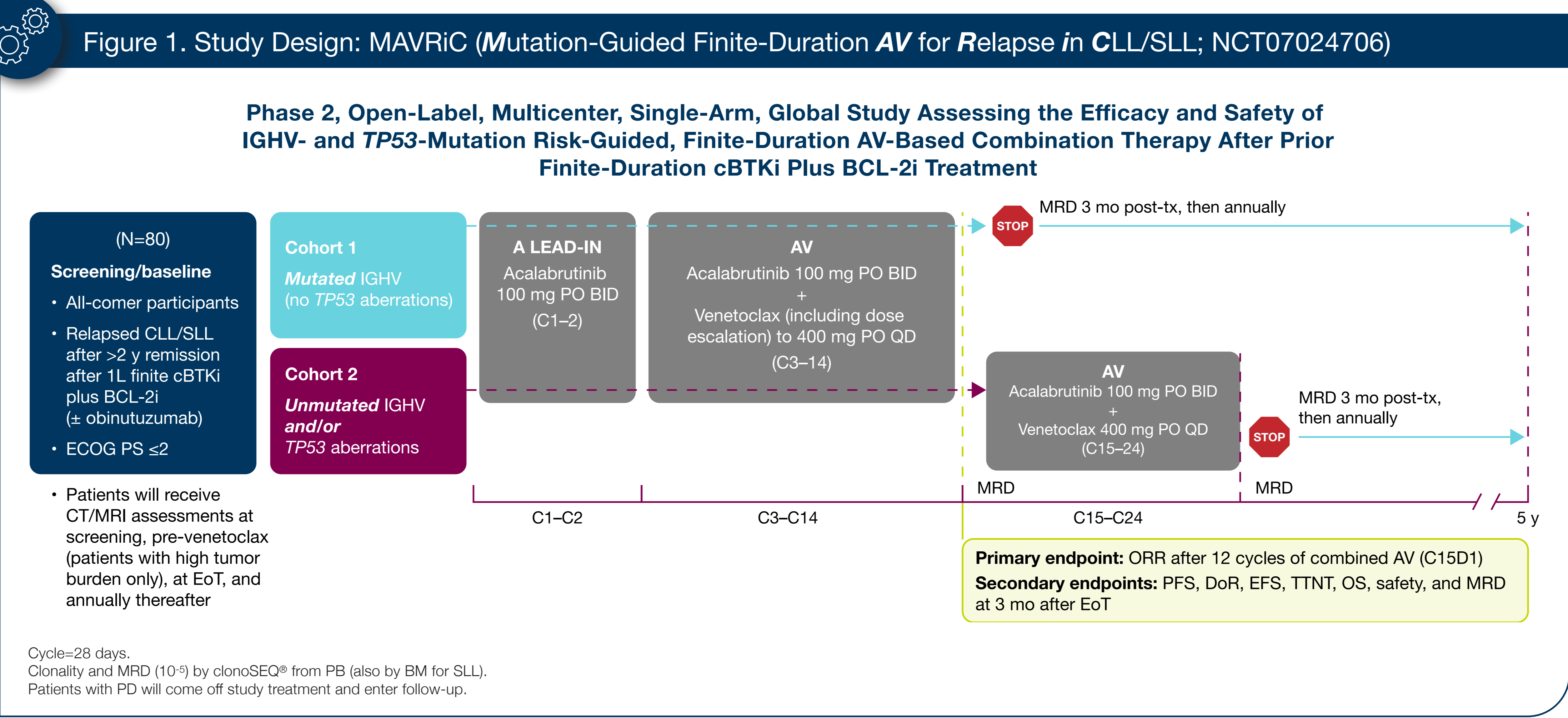
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Background

- CLL/SLL is a persistent disease for which there is no definitive cure<sup>1</sup>
- Fixed-duration treatment with a cBTKi and a BCL-2i is now a 1L treatment option for patients with CLL/SLL<sup>2-4</sup>
  - EU approvals for fixed-duration acalabrutinib plus venetoclax (± obinutuzumab) and ibrutinib plus venetoclax were based on results demonstrating significant improvements in PFS vs chemoimmunotherapy from the phase 3 AMPLIFY and GLOW studies, respectively<sup>3-6</sup>
- However, a significant proportion of patients experience disease progression following fixed-duration 1L treatment and will need subsequent lines of therapy or retreatment<sup>5,6</sup>
- Furthermore, as seen in prior studies of cBTKi plus BCL-2i, patients with unmutated IGHV were more likely to achieve uMRD compared with those with mutated IGHV yet were also more likely to relapse sooner<sup>5,6</sup>
- More prospective data in a clinical trial setting are needed to better understand whether patients can be effectively retreated with finite-duration (total 14 cycles or 24 cycles) cBTKi plus BCL-2i at relapse, as there is limited published evidence assessing retreatment with a BTKi plus BCL-2i<sup>7,8</sup>

Rationale

- This study (**Figure 1**) is the first to evaluate the efficacy of acalabrutinib plus venetoclax–based retreatment in patients with CLL/SLL with disease relapse after cBTKi plus BCL-2i 1L therapy
- Whether longer treatment duration for patients with higher–genetic-risk CLL/SLL may lead to longer remissions will also be evaluated



Summary

- MAVRiC (NCT07024706) is a phase 2, open-label, multicenter, single-arm, global study assessing the efficacy and safety of IGHV- and TP53-mutation risk-guided, finite-duration acalabrutinib plus venetoclax after prior finite-duration cBTKi plus BCL-2i treatment in patients with CLL/SLL
- Global enrollment is planned for 80 patients

Key inclusion criteria

**All patients**

- Age ≥18 years
- Diagnosis of CLL/SLL per iwCLL 2018 criteria<sup>9</sup>
- Prior 1L treatment with finite-duration cBTKi plus BCL-2i ± obinutuzumab with a response of PR or better for ≥2 years after the end of prior 1L treatment with subsequent relapse
- ECOG PS ≤2
- Adequate organ function

**Cohort 1**

- Mutated IGHV and no TP53 aberrations

**Cohort 2**

- Unmutated IGHV and/or TP53 aberrations

Key exclusion criteria

**All patients**

- Clinically significant cardiovascular disease within 6 months of enrollment
- Active central nervous system involvement
- Richter transformation
- Active significant infection
- Renal dysfunction or impairment

Study endpoints

**1° Efficacy**

- ORR, defined as percentage of patients who have a best response of CR, CRi, nPR, or PR, per iwCLL 2018 criteria<sup>9</sup> as assessed by the investigator after C14

**2° Efficacy**

- PFS and DoR by investigator and per iwCLL 2018 criteria,<sup>9</sup> EFS, TTNT, OS, safety/tolerability, and uMRD (<10<sup>-5</sup>; clonoSEQ) in peripheral blood at 3 months after the end of treatment

**Safety**

- AEs, SAEs, AEs leading to treatment discontinuation, ECIs, and relevant clinical laboratory results

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**Abbreviations**

1L, first line; A, acalabrutinib; AE, adverse event; AV, acalabrutinib plus venetoclax; BCL-2i, B-cell lymphoma-2 inhibitor; BID, twice daily; BM, bone marrow; BTKi, Bruton tyrosine kinase inhibitor; CLL, chronic lymphocytic leukemia; CR, complete remission; CRi, complete remission with incomplete bone marrow recovery; CT, computed tomography; D, day; DoR, duration of response; ECI, event of clinical interest; ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; EFS, event-free survival; EoT, end of treatment; EU, European Union; IGHV, immunoglobulin heavy chain variable region genes; iwCLL, International Workshop on Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia; mo, months; MRD, minimal residual disease; MRI, magnetic resonance imaging; nPR, nodular partial remission; ORR, overall response rate; OS, overall survival; PB, peripheral blood; PD, progressive disease; PFS, progression-free survival; PO, oral; PR, partial remission; QD, once daily; SAE, serious adverse event; SLL, small lymphocytic lymphoma; TTNT, time to next treatment; tx, treatment; uMRD, undetectable minimal residual disease; y, years