



# 1712: OTHER CANCERS IN PATIENTS WITH CHRONIC LYMPHOCYTIC LEUKEMIA / SMALL LYMPHOCYTIC LYMPHOMA

Helen Ma,<sup>1,2</sup> Kari Rabe,<sup>3</sup> Edward Ratner,<sup>4,5</sup> Sam Kosydar,<sup>3</sup> Roberta Santos Azevedo,<sup>6</sup> Pankaj Gupta,<sup>1</sup> Susan O'Brien,<sup>2</sup> Paul Hampel,<sup>3</sup> Lindsey Roeker,<sup>3</sup> Yucai Wang,<sup>3</sup> Susan Slager,<sup>3</sup> Sameer A. Parikh,<sup>3</sup> Alessandra Ferrajoli<sup>6</sup>

1. Tibor Rubin VA Medical Center, Long Beach, CA, USA; 2. UCI Chao Family Comprehensive Cancer Center, University of California, Irvine, Orange, CA, USA; 3. Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN, USA; 4. Minneapolis VA Medical Center, Minneapolis, MN, USA; 5. University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, USA; 6. MD Anderson Cancer Center, University of Texas, Houston, TX, USA.



## 1. introduction

- Patients with CLL/SLL exhibit an elevated risk of developing **other cancers (OC)** relative to the general population.<sup>1</sup>
- 12.6% of patients on **chemoimmunotherapy (CIT)** clinical trials developed **OC**.<sup>2</sup>
- Targeted therapies** (e.g., BTK and BCL2 inhibitors) are now the standard of care for the initial treatment of CLL/SLL.<sup>3-4</sup>
- Risk of OC** in patients receiving **targeted therapies** is not known.

## 2. aim

Estimate the **risk of OC** in patients with newly diagnosed CLL/SLL in the current treatment era

## 3. methods

- Retrospective cohort analysis of patients diagnosed with CLL/SLL since 1/2016 from across the US Department of VA and Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN
- Abstracted **OC**. Analysis exclusions:
  - Any **OC** prior to or concurrent (within 3 months) with CLL/SLL diagnosis
  - Non-melanoma skin cancers
- Risk of OC** estimated using cumulative incidence methodology and analyzed using multivariable (MV) Cox regression; results reported as Hazard ratios (HR) and 95% confidence intervals (95% CI)
- Any CLL-directed therapy as time-dependent covariate
- MV subanalyses by type of CLL-directed treatment:
  - CIT only**
  - Targeted therapy only**
  - CIT +/- Targeted therapy**

## 4. results

Patient Characteristics, n=6346	n (%)	Other Cancer, n=569	n (%)
Median Follow-up, years [IQR]	3.8 [2.1-5.9]	Prostate	127 (22)
Age at diagnosis, median [range]	71 [23-102]	Lung	117 (21)
Male Sex	5811 (92)	Hematologic malignancies	90 (16)
Race and Ethnicity		Melanoma	66 (12)
White	5148 (81)	Gastrointestinal	64 (11)
Black	584 (9)	Kidney and bladder	44 (8)
Other	308 (5)	Head and neck	18 (3)
Unknown	306 (5)	Other / Unknown	43 (8)
<b>Prognostic factors</b>		<b>Cumulative Incidence of OC</b>	
IGHV mutated (n=1316)	673 (51)		
CLL FISH panel (n=2517)			
del17	186 (7)		
del11q	303 (12)		
trisomy 12	502 (20)		
del13q	883 (35)		
<b>Treatment</b>		<b>MV Cox Regression Results</b>	
Observation	4145	Factor	HR (95% CI)
<b>Targeted therapy only</b>	1680	Age (increase per year)	1.011 (1.003-1.018)
Monoclonal Ab	285	Male sex	1.671 (1.136-2.459)
<b>CIT only</b>	141	Any CLL-directed therapy	1.448 (1.206-1.738)
<b>CIT and Targeted therapy</b>	95	<b>Subanalyses by Type of CLL-Directed Therapy*</b>	
<b>Type of Targeted Therapy (+/- mAb)</b>		<b>CIT only</b>	1.475 (1.050-2.070)
<b>BTK inhibitor</b>		<b>Targeted therapy only</b>	1.264 (1.028-1.555)
Ibrutinib	931 (52)	<b>CIT +/- Targeted therapy</b>	1.651 (1.277-2.136)
Acalabrutinib	357 (20)		
Zanubrutinib	157 (9)		
<b>BCL2 inhibitor</b>			
Venetoclax	258 (15)		
BTK inhibitor + BCL2 inhibitor	28 (2)		

\* Age- and sex-adjusted

## 5. conclusions

- The most common types of **OC** were prostate, lung, and hematologic malignancies.
- In newly diagnosed patients with CLL/SLL, **risk of OC was 4.3% at 2 years and 9.7% at 5 years** after a diagnosis of CLL/SLL.
- Increasing age and male sex were significantly associated with risk of **OC** after CLL/SLL.
- Compared to patients managed with active surveillance, patients requiring therapy for CLL had a **45% increased risk of OC**.
  - Specifically, **risk of OC** is elevated in patients treated with **Targeted therapy only** (26%), but not as much as in those treated with **CIT only** (48%) nor with **CIT +/- Targeted therapy** (65%).

## 6. references

- Greene MH, Hoover RN, Fraumeni JF Jr. Subsequent cancer in patients with chronic lymphocytic leukemia—a possible immunologic mechanism. *J Natl Cancer Inst.* 1978;61(2):337-340.
- Csanádi M, Ágh T, Tordai A, Tapprich C, Vokó Z, Stamatopoulos K. Secondary primary malignancies after treatment with chemo-immunotherapy in treatment-naïve patients with CLL: a systematic literature review. *Expert Rev Hematol.* 2022;15(3):273-284.
- Shanafelt TD, Wang XV, Kay NE, et al. Ibrutinib-Rituximab or Chemoimmunotherapy for Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia. *N Engl J Med.* 2019;381(5):432-443.
- Fischer K, Al-Sawaf O, Bahlo J, et al. Venetoclax and Obinutuzumab in Patients with CLL and Coexisting Conditions. *N Engl J Med.* 2019;380(23):2225-2236.

## 7. acknowledgments

The authors would like to thank patients, caregivers, and clinicians involved in this study.

Email: Helen.Ma@va.gov