

Management of BTK Inhibitor Associated Adverse Events: Current Practice Trends Among Healthcare Providers and Concordance With Expert Recommendations

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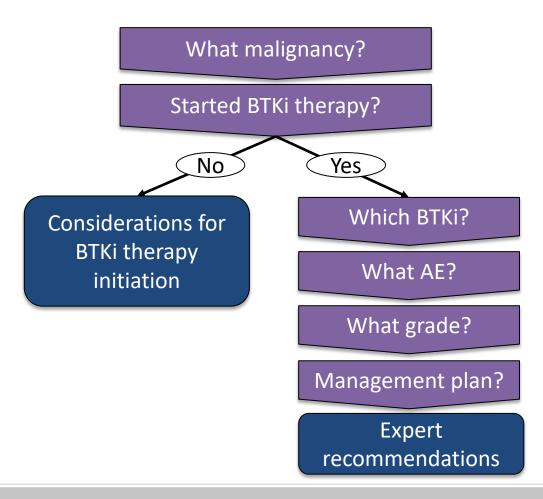
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Background

- The advent of BTK inhibitors (BTKi; ibrutinib, acalabrutinib, zanubrutinib) has dramatically improved outcomes for many patients with B-cell malignancies
- To ensure optimal patient outcomes with BTKi therapy, it is essential to maintain both ongoing therapy and patient quality of life
 - These dual goals require prompt recognition and management of the unique adverse events (AEs) associated with BTKi therapy
- In 2019, we developed an online decision support tool to provide case specific guidance on managing BTKi AEs
- Here, we report data from this tool comparing expert recommendations and community HCPs management plans for defined patient scenarios

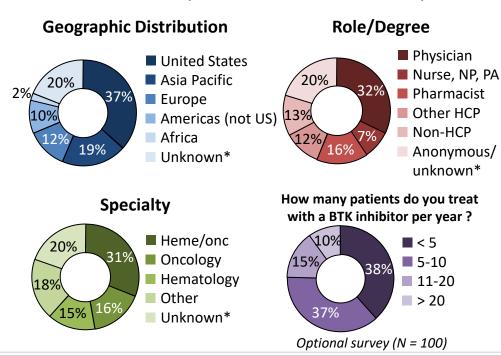
Tool Development

- 5 experts identified a simplified set of key questions on BTKi AEs
 - Experts: Jeremy S. Abramson, MD,
 MMSc; Farrukh T. Awan, MD; John P.
 Leonard, MD; Julie M. Vose, MD,
 MBA; and Christopher Flowers, MD
- In July 2019, these experts
 provided recommendations for
 managing distinct AE scenarios
 arising from the different
 combinations of the chosen
 characteristics



Demographics of Tool Participants: September 2019 - October 2020

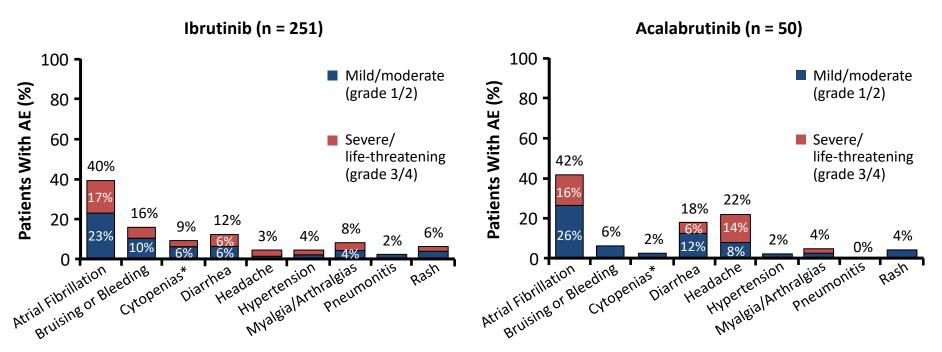
970 complete cases entered by 532 distinct individuals



Disease Entered	Cases From All Participants, n (%)	Cases From HCP Participants, n (%)
CLL	679 (70)	485 (73)
MCL	159 (16)	100 (16)
MZL	58 (6)	33 (6)
WM	71 (7)	45 (7)
VVIVI	71 (7)	45 (7)
Begun BTKi Tx?	Cases From All Participants, n (%)	Cases From HCP Participants, n (%)
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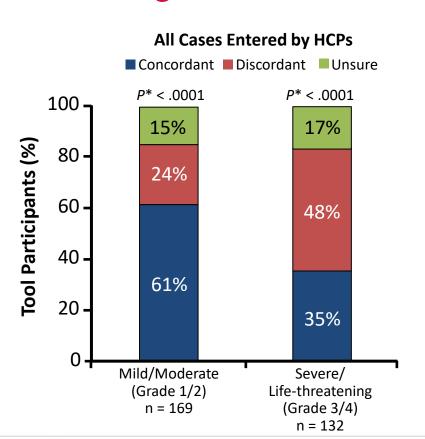
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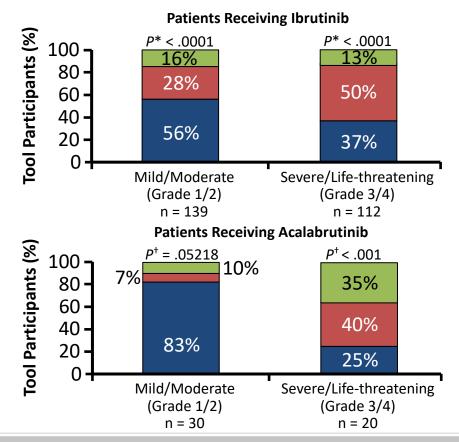
Patient Cases Entered Into Tool by HCPs: Type of AE (N = 301)



^{*}Mild/moderate includes grade 1-3 cytopenias and severe/life-threatening includes grade 3 neutropenia with infection or fever or grade 4 cytopenias. †Severe/life-threatening includes grade 3 thrombocytopenia with bleeding, grade 4 thrombocytopenia, and grade 4 neutropenia lasting longer than 7 days and mild/moderate includes any other cytopenias.

HCP Agreement With Expert Recommendations





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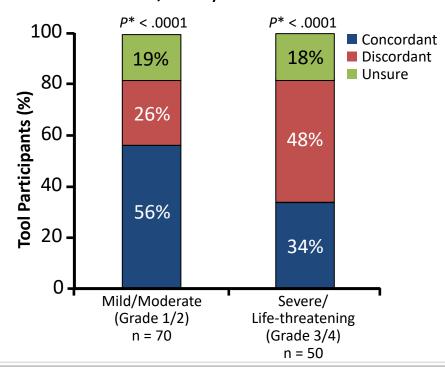
^{*}Chi-square P value for HCP selection vs expert recommendations.

[‡]Fisher exact probability test (two-tailed) for HCP selection vs expert recommendations.

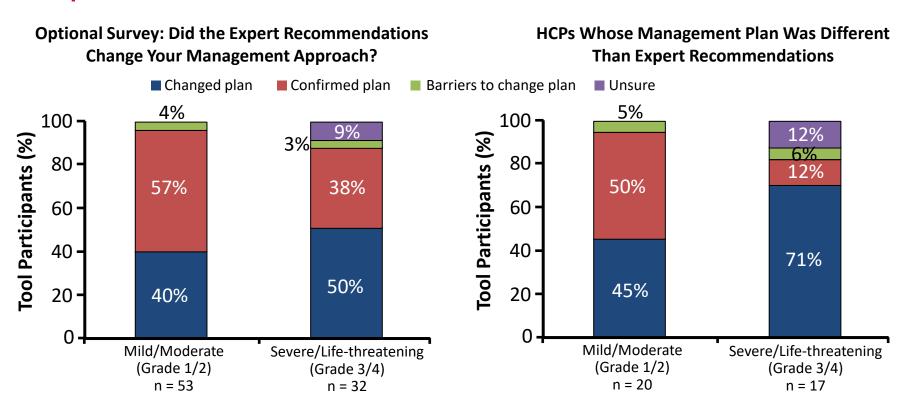
Example: Management of Atrial Fibrillation

Expert Recommendations	Summary
Grade 1/2	 Cardiology consult Treatment with BTKi can generally be continued while rate control—directed therapeutic interventions are initiated Use of concurrent anticoagulant therapy needs to be assessed on a case-by-case basis
Grade 3/4	 Cardiology consult Hold BTKi until symptoms resolve and there is adequate rate control After clinical resolution to grade < 3 or baseline, BTKi can be resumed at the same dose for the first occurrence or can be dose reduced for recurrences Discontinue for recurrence after dose reductions (per package insert)

Agreement With Expert Recommendations by Grade/Severity of Atrial Fibrillation



Impact of Tool on Planned HCP Clinical Practice



Conclusions

- In our online tool on managing BTKi AEs, 75% of clinicians indicated that they treat ≤ 10 patients/yr with a BTKi
- Most common AEs (≥ 10%) entered regardless of BTKi choice were atrial fibrillation, diarrhea, and bruising or bleeding
 - Headache was also a commonly entered for acalabrutinib
- Management of BTKi AEs by HCPs often diverges from evidence-based expert recommendations, especially grade 3/4 AEs
 - For grade 1/2 AEs, 24% did not match expert recommendations and 15% were unsure
 - For grade 3/4 AEs, 48% did not match expert recommendations and 17% were unsure
- Use of an online tool providing easy access to BTKi AE management recommendations may improve patient care and safety
 - For HCPs whose plans differed from expert recommendations, 71% would change their management approach for grade 3/4 AEs based on the information from this tool