

## Prognostic factors identified three risk groups in the LRF CLL4 trial, independent of treatment allocation

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Online Supplementary Table S1. Progression-free survival and overall survival for prognostic factors (excluding biomarkers and beta 2 microglobulin).

|   | N. of patients | Overall Survival (OS) |      |          | Progression-Free survival (PFS) |      |          |
|---|----------------|-----------------------|------|----------|---------------------------------|------|----------|
|   |                | Death                 | O/E  | P value* | Progression/Death               | O/E  | P value* |
| Sex   |                |                       |      |          |                                 |      |          |
| Male  | 573            | 302                   | 1.07 | 0.02     | 501                             | 1.05 | 0.03     |
| Female  | 204            | 86                    | 0.80 |          | 169                             | 0.87 |          |
| Age (years)                                     |                |                       |      |          |                                 |      |          |
| <60   | 255            | 88                    | 0.58 | <0.00005 | 217                             | 0.95 | 0.3      |
| 60-69   | 288            | 143                   | 0.99 |          | 251                             | 1.01 |          |
| ≥70   | 234            | 157                   | 1.69 |          | 202                             | 1.05 |          |
| Binet stage                                     |                |                       |      |          |                                 |      |          |
| A-progressive                                   | 191            | 84                    | 0.82 | 0.0002   | 165                             | 0.98 | 0.3      |
| B   | 352            | 167                   | 0.90 |          | 305                             | 0.96 |          |
| C   | 234            | 137                   | 1.35 |          | 200                             | 1.09 |          |
| Treatment allocation                            |                |                       |      |          |                                 |      |          |
| Chlorambucil                                    | 387            | 188                   | 0.96 | 0.7      | 349                             | 1.25 | <0.00005 |
| Fludarabine                                     | 194            | 98                    | 1.03 |          | 174                             | 1.12 |          |
| FC  | 196            | 102                   | 1.05 |          | 147                             | 0.63 |          |
| Hemoglobin (g/dL)                               |                |                       |      |          |                                 |      |          |
| <10.5   | 188            | 116                   | 1.47 | <0.00005 | 166                             | 1.17 | 0.001    |
| 10.5-   | 196            | 97                    | 1.00 |          | 174                             | 1.11 |          |
| 12.3-   | 197            | 92                    | 0.92 |          | 166                             | 0.92 |          |
| 13.7-   | 196            | 83                    | 0.74 |          | 164                             | 0.86 |          |
| Absolute lymphocyte count (x10 <sup>9</sup> /L) |                |                       |      |          |                                 |      |          |
| <35   | 185            | 83                    | 0.86 | 0.4      | 147                             | 0.80 | <0.00005 |
| 35-   | 196            | 113                   | 1.18 |          | 170                             | 0.99 |          |
| 85-   | 187            | 87                    | 0.89 |          | 164                             | 1.01 |          |
| 135-  | 183            | 94                    | 1.09 |          | 167                             | 1.28 |          |
| Platelet count (x10 <sup>9</sup> /L)            |                |                       |      |          |                                 |      |          |
| <100  | 147            | 83                    | 1.29 | 0.9      | 126                             | 1.11 | 0.5      |
| 100-  | 234            | 100                   | 0.79 |          | 203                             | 0.97 |          |
| 150-  | 198            | 98                    | 0.98 |          | 172                             | 0.97 |          |
| 200-  | 198            | 107                   | 1.10 |          | 169                             | 1.00 |          |
| Lactate dehydrogenase (U/L)                     |                |                       |      |          |                                 |      |          |
| <300  | 163            | 85                    | 1.01 | 0.06     | 140                             | 0.93 | 0.008    |
| 300-  | 162            | 67                    | 0.78 |          | 129                             | 0.85 |          |
| 400-  | 158            | 73                    | 0.94 |          | 136                             | 1.01 |          |
| 500-  | 217            | 126                   | 1.22 |          | 196                             | 1.19 |          |

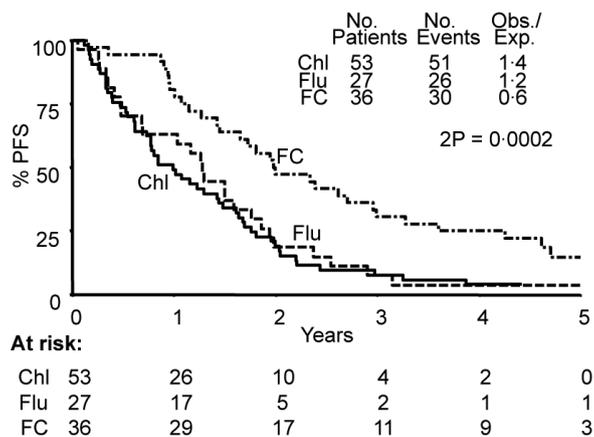
\*P value for trend, except for treatment allocation (heterogeneity). FC: fludarabine+cyclophosphamide.

Online Supplementary Table S2. Progression-free survival, overall survival and response for biomarkers and beta-2 microglobulin.

|                                  | Overall survival (OS) |       |      | Progression-Free survival (PFS) |                   |      | N. of patients with response data | Response |                          | Good response (CR/NPR) | P value*  |        |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-------|------|---------------------------------|-------------------|------|-----------------------------------|----------|--------------------------|------------------------|-----------|--------|
|                                  | N. of patients        | Death | O/E  | P value*                        | Progression/Death | O/E  |                                   | P value* | Any response (CR/NPR/PR) |                        |           |        |
| Beta-2 microglobulin (mg/L)      |                       |       |      |                                 |                   |      |                                   |          |                          |                        |           |        |
| <3                               | 168                   | 55    | 0.57 | <0.00005                        | 135               | 0.82 | 0.0001                            | 159      | 140 (88%)                | <0.0001                | 77 (48%)  | 0.01   |
| 3-                               | 142                   | 67    | 0.94 |                                 | 117               | 0.89 |                                   | 135      | 109 (81%)                |                        | 52 (39%)  |        |
| 4-                               | 94                    | 55    | 1.44 |                                 | 86                | 1.26 |                                   | 87       | 63 (72%)                 |                        | 33 (38%)  |        |
| 5-                               | 153                   | 94    | 1.46 |                                 | 139               | 1.24 |                                   | 143      | 101 (71%)                |                        | 48 (34%)  |        |
| FISH (Dohner hierarchical model) |                       |       |      |                                 |                   |      |                                   |          |                          |                        |           |        |
| TP53 del (10%)                   | 33                    | 30    | 5.11 | <0.00005                        | 33                | 4.39 | <0.00005                          | 31       | 9 (29%)                  | <0.0001                | 2 (6%)    | 0.0007 |
| 11q- (5%)                        | 112                   | 66    | 1.35 |                                 | 103               | 1.45 |                                   | 104      | 75 (72%)                 |                        | 30 (29%)  |        |
| tris12 (3%)                      | 69                    | 38    | 1.18 |                                 | 59                | 1.00 |                                   | 65       | 52 (80%)                 |                        | 30 (46%)  |        |
| 6q- (5%)                         | 20                    | 15    | 1.54 |                                 | 18                | 0.92 |                                   | 20       | 17 (85%)                 |                        | 9 (45%)   |        |
| normal                           | 83                    | 49    | 0.96 |                                 | 76                | 0.92 |                                   | 79       | 69 (87%)                 |                        | 36 (46%)  |        |
| 13q- (5%)                        | 224                   | 84    | 0.62 |                                 | 184               | 0.79 |                                   | 210      | 177 (84%)                |                        | 89 (42%)  |        |
| IGHV mutation                    |                       |       |      |                                 |                   |      |                                   |          |                          |                        |           |        |
| <97%                             | 160                   | 45    | 0.50 | <0.00005                        | 113               | 0.63 | <0.00005                          | 146      | 126 (86%)                | 0.0008                 | 69 (47%)  | 0.02   |
| 97%                              | 46                    | 22    | 0.89 |                                 | 41                | 0.98 |                                   | 45       | 36 (80%)                 |                        | 19 (42%)  |        |
| 98-99%                           | 95                    | 65    | 1.47 |                                 | 88                | 1.15 |                                   | 88       | 75 (85%)                 |                        | 33 (38%)  |        |
| 100%                             | 232                   | 133   | 1.25 |                                 | 215               | 1.34 |                                   | 222      | 158 (71%)                |                        | 78 (35%)  |        |
| IGHV3-21 use                     |                       |       |      |                                 |                   |      |                                   |          |                          |                        |           |        |
| IGHV mutated, no V3-21           | 187                   | 59    | 0.56 | <0.00005                        | 139               | 0.68 | <0.00005                          | 173      | 146 (84%)                | 0.03                   | 84 (49%)  | 0.01   |
| IGHV3-21                         | 40                    | 24    | 1.33 |                                 | 34                | 1.15 |                                   | 39       | 33 (85%)                 |                        | 14 (36%)  |        |
| IGHV unmutated, no V3-21         | 306                   | 182   | 1.29 |                                 | 284               | 1.28 |                                   | 289      | 216 (75%)                |                        | 101 (35%) |        |
| CD38 expression                  |                       |       |      |                                 |                   |      |                                   |          |                          |                        |           |        |
| ≤7%                              | 201                   | 68    | 0.60 | <0.00005                        | 155               | 0.75 | <0.00005                          | 188      | 154 (82%)                | 0.07                   | 77 (41%)  | 0.4    |
| 8-20%                            | 72                    | 43    | 1.42 |                                 | 65                | 1.37 |                                   | 68       | 50 (74%)                 |                        | 25 (37%)  |        |
| 20-30%                           | 32                    | 18    | 1.09 |                                 | 28                | 1.01 |                                   | 31       | 26 (84%)                 |                        | 12 (39%)  |        |
| >30%                             | 230                   | 134   | 1.30 |                                 | 210               | 1.20 |                                   | 219      | 161 (74%)                |                        | 80 (37%)  |        |
| ZAP-70                           |                       |       |      |                                 |                   |      |                                   |          |                          |                        |           |        |
| ≤10%                             | 242                   | 106   | 0.88 | 0.07                            | 193               | 0.83 | <0.00005                          | 220      | 187 (85%)                | 0.008                  | 98 (45%)  | 0.09   |
| >10%                             | 236                   | 127   | 1.12 |                                 | 214               | 1.24 |                                   | 227      | 170 (75%)                |                        | 83 (37%)  |        |

\*P values for trend, except for 13q groupings and IGHV3-21 use. O/E: observed/expected; CR: complete response; NPR: nodular partial response; PR: partial response.

Online Supplementary Figure S1. Progression-free survival by randomized treatment arm in patients with >5% 11q loss.



Chl: chlorambucil; Flu: fludarabine; FC: fludarabine+cyclophosphamide.

**Online Supplementary Table S3. Associations with IGHV mutational status and other prognostic factors.**

| Variable                           | N. of patients | IGHV mutated | IGHV unmutated | P value   |
|------------------------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|-----------|
| Sex                                |                |              |                |           |
| Male                               | 394            | 139 (35%)    | 255 (65%)      | 0.007     |
| Female                             | 139            | 67 (48%)     | 72 (52%)       |           |
| Age (years)                        |                |              |                |           |
| <60                                | 164            | 71 (43%)     | 93 (57%)       | 0.3 *     |
| 60-69                              | 207            | 73 (35%)     | 134 (65%)      |           |
| ≥70                                | 162            | 62 (38%)     | 100 (62%)      |           |
| Binet Stage                        |                |              |                |           |
| A-progressive                      | 132            | 56 (42%)     | 76 (58%)       | 0.6 *     |
| B                                  | 238            | 78 (33%)     | 160 (67%)      |           |
| C                                  | 163            | 72 (44%)     | 91 (56%)       |           |
| Treatment Allocation               |                |              |                |           |
| Chlorambucil                       | 260            | 102 (39%)    | 158 (61%)      | 0.5       |
| Fludarabine                        | 130            | 54 (42%)     | 76 (58%)       |           |
| Fludarabine+cyclophosphamide       | 143            | 50 (35%)     | 93 (65%)       |           |
| FISH (Dohner's hierarchical model) |                |              |                |           |
| TP53 del (10%)                     | 29             | 7 (24%)      | 22 (76%)       | <0.0001 * |
| 11q- (5%)                          | 106            | 23 (22%)     | 83 (78%)       |           |
| tris12 (3%)                        | 61             | 14 (23%)     | 47 (77%)       |           |
| 6q- (5%)                           | 14             | 2 (14%)      | 12 (86%)       |           |
| normal                             | 69             | 21 (30%)     | 48 (70%)       |           |
| 13q- (5%)                          | 177            | 107 (60%)    | 70 (40%)       |           |
| TP53 deletion                      |                |              |                |           |
| ≤10%                               | 458            | 179 (39%)    | 279 (61%)      | 0.1       |
| >10%                               | 29             | 7 (24%)      | 22 (76%)       |           |
| 11q-                               |                |              |                |           |
| ≤5%                                | 380            | 161 (42%)    | 219 (58%)      | 0.0002    |
| >5%                                | 110            | 25 (23%)     | 85 (77%)       |           |
| tris12                             |                |              |                |           |
| ≤3%                                | 411            | 169 (41%)    | 242 (59%)      | 0.001     |
| >3%                                | 79             | 17 (22%)     | 62 (78%)       |           |
| 6q-                                |                |              |                |           |
| ≤5%                                | 303            | 116 (38%)    | 187 (62%)      | 0.1       |
| >5%                                | 26             | 6 (23%)      | 20 (77%)       |           |
| 13q-                               |                |              |                |           |
| ≤5%                                | 208            | 50 (24%)     | 158 (76%)      | <0.0001   |
| >5%                                | 282            | 136 (48%)    | 146 (52%)      |           |
| CD38                               |                |              |                |           |
| ≤7%                                | 161            | 104 (65%)    | 57 (35%)       | <0.0001   |
| >7%                                | 286            | 72 (25%)     | 214 (75%)      |           |
| ZAP-70                             |                |              |                |           |
| ≤10%                               | 232            | 144 (62%)    | 88 (38%)       | <0.0001   |
| >10%                               | 232            | 34 (15%)     | 198 (85%)      |           |

\*P value for trend.

**Online Supplementary Table S4. Progression-free survival (PFS), overall survival (OS) and response by risk group, within treatment arm.**

|                              | Good          | Risk Group Intermediate | Poor         | P value* |
|------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|--------------|----------|
| Fludarabine+cyclophosphamide |               |                         |              |          |
| Any response, n (%)          | 25 (100%)     | 94 (97%)                | 2 (25%)      | <0.0001  |
| 5-year PFS (95% CI)          | 56% (37%-76%) | 26% (17%-34%)           | 0%           | <0.00005 |
| 5-year OS (95% CI)           | 83% (68%-98%) | 47% (37%-57%)           | 0%           | <0.00005 |
| Fludarabine                  |               |                         |              |          |
| Any response, n (%)          | 22 (88%)      | 62 (74%)                | 3 (38%)      | 0.009    |
| 5-year PFS (95% CI)          | 33% (15%-51%) | 13% (6%-20%)            | 0%           | <0.00005 |
| 5-year OS (95% CI)           | 70% (53%-87%) | 50% (39%-61%)           | 0%           | <0.00005 |
| Chlorambucil                 |               |                         |              |          |
| Any response, n (%)          | 42 (81%)      | 127 (72%)               | 4 (27%)      | 0.001    |
| 5-year PFS (95% CI)          | 25% (14%-36%) | 6% (2%-10%)             | 0%           | <0.00005 |
| 5-year OS (95% CI)           | 81% (71%-91%) | 58% (51%-65%)           | 20% (0%-40%) | <0.00005 |

\*P values for trend.