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24th Multidisciplinary Management of Cancers: A Case-based Approach

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Case #1

- 26-year-old man presents with cough, dyspnea, 20 lb weight loss, and R cervical LAD
- Chest X-ray → large anterior mediastinal mass
- CT neck/chest → extensive LAD in the bilateral neck, left axilla, mediastinum, and bilateral hilar nodes, the mediastinal mass measures 12 x 7 cm and encases the SVC
- Core biopsy of R cervical LN → large atypical cells positive for CD30, CD15, PAX5 (dim) and negative for CD20, CD3, EBER, and ALK in a mixed inflammatory background with prominent fibrosis, consistent with **classic Hodgkin lymphoma, nodular sclerosis type**
- PET-CT → hypermetabolic LAD in bilateral neck and chest with bulky mediastinal mass, numerous hypermetabolic splenic foci and bone lesions most prominent in spine
- Diagnosis → **Stage IVBx cHL, IPS 4** (male, stage IV, leukocytosis, low albumin)



Which regimen would you use to treat this patient with advanced stage Hodgkin lymphoma?

- A. ABVD
- B. BV-AVD
- C. Nivo-AVD
- D. Escalated BEACOPP
- E. BrECADD

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PET-adapted trials for advanced stage Hodgkin lymphoma

Trial	Population	Regimen (PET2- cohort)	N	PFS	Med f/u	Study conclusions	Reference
RATHL	Stage II*-IV	ABVD x 6	469	81% (7y)	7.3 years	De-escalation to AVD non-inferior	Luminari et al, JCO 2024
		ABVD x 2 → AVD x 4	464	79% (7y)			
AHL LYSA	Stage IIB-IV	eBEACOPP x 6	413	86% (5y)	4.2 years	De-escalation to ABVD non-inferior	Casasnovas et al, <i>Lancet Oncol</i> 2019
		eBEACOPP x 2 → ABVD x 4	361	86% (5y)			
GHSG HD18	Stage IIB-IV	eBEACOPP x 6-8	508	91% (5y)	5.5 years	BEACOPP x 4 cycles non-inferior	Borchmann et al, <i>Lancet</i> 2017
		eBEACOPP x 4	505	91% (5y)			

Trials integrating novel agents into frontline therapy

ECHELON-1	Stage III-IV	ABVD x 6	670	75% (6y)	6 years	PFS & OS benefit with BV-AVD	Ansell et al, NEJM 2022
		BV-AVD x 6	664	82% (6y)			
GHSG HD21	Stage IIB-IV	eBEACOPP x 4-6	740	92% (3y)	3.3 years	BrECADD non-inferior	Borchmann et al, ASH 2023
		BrECADD x 4-6	742	95% (3y)			
SWOG S1826	Stage III-IV	BV-AVD x 6	487	86% (1y)	1 year	PFS benefit with Nivo-AVD	Herrera et al, ICML 2023
		Nivo-AVD x 6	489	94% (1y)			

*Included stage II unfavorable risk patients

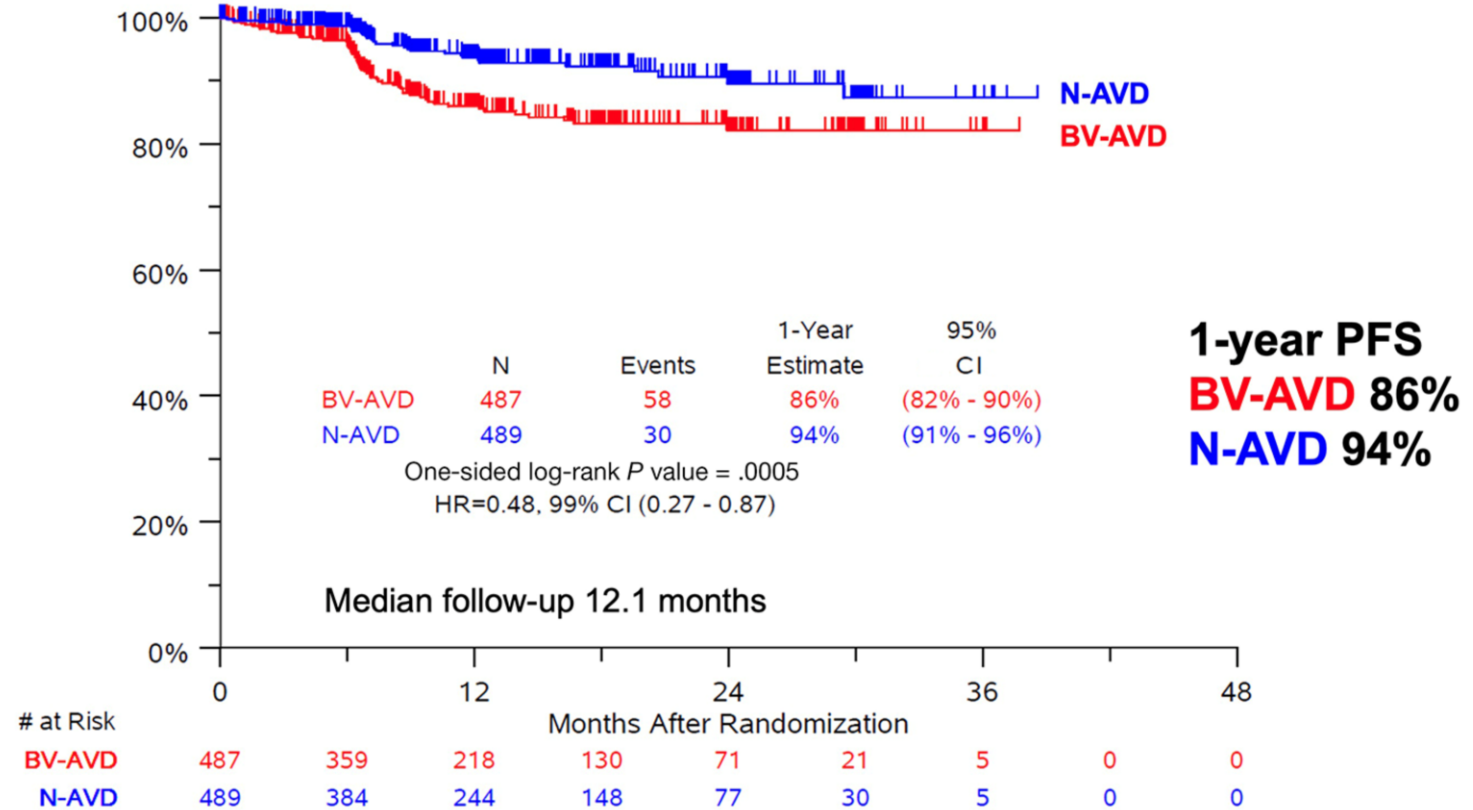
SWOG S1826 trial – Nivo-AVD vs BV-AVD for stage III-IV Hodgkin lymphoma¹

Advantages of Nivo-AVD over BV-AVD:

- PFS benefit
- Less peripheral neuropathy
- G-CSF support not required
- Greater benefit in older adults >60²

Limitations/reservations:

- Short follow-up (1 year)
- Awaiting final manuscript
- Not currently FDA approved



¹ Herrera et al, ICML 2023 Plenary Abstract

² Rutherford et al, ASH 2023 Abstract #181

Case #1

- The patient is a classically trained violinist and concerned about the risk of peripheral neuropathy with brentuximab-based regimens
- He completes **6 cycles of nivo-AVD** with interim and EOT PET-CT showing **metabolic CR (Deauville 2)**
- 16 months in the future, the patient develops recurrent dyspnea and night sweats with repeat PET-CT showing a recurrent hypermetabolic mediastinal mass
- Biopsy of the mediastinal mass confirms **relapsed classic Hodgkin lymphoma**

Which of the following salvage regimens do you recommend?

- A. ICE
- B. BV + bendamustine
- C. BV + nivolumab
- D. Pembrolizumab + GVD
- E. 36 Gy ISRT to the mediastinal mass

Traditional salvage chemotherapy regimens for relapsed/refractory Hodgkin lymphoma

Regimen	N	ORR	CR rate	PFS	Reference
ICE	65	85%	26%*	58% (3y)	Moskowitz et al, <i>Blood</i> 2001
DHAP	102	88%	21%*	59% (3y)	Josting et al, <i>Ann Oncol</i> 2002
GVD	91	70%	19%*	52% (4y)	Bartlett et al, <i>Ann Oncol</i> 2007
IGEV	91	81%	54%*	53% (3y)	Santoro et al, <i>Haematologica</i> 2007
ESHAP	82	67%	50%†	52 mo. (median)	Labrador et al, <i>Ann Hematol</i> 2014
BEGEV	58	83%	75%†	59% (5y)	Santoro et al, <i>J Clin Oncol</i> 2016

*CR rate assessed by CT

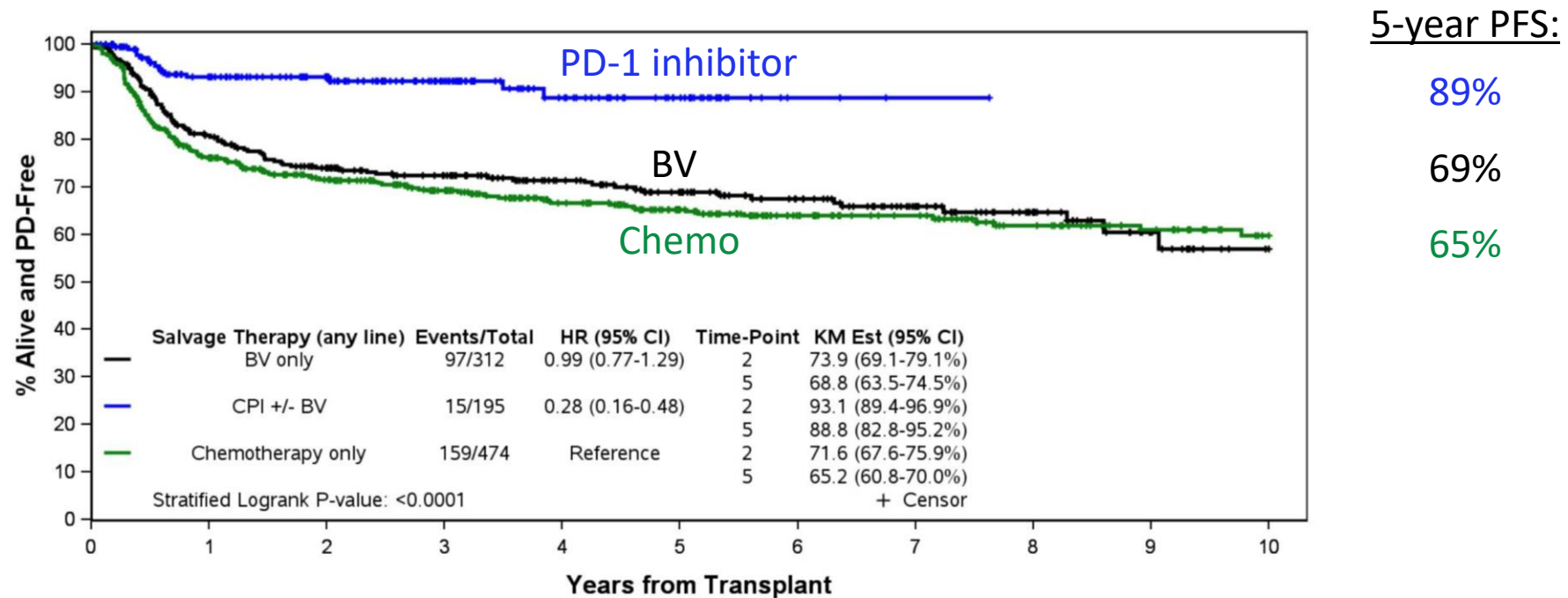
†CR rate assessed by PET

Novel salvage regimens incorporating BV and/or PD-1 inhibitors

Regimen	Phase	N	CR Rate	PFS (All Patients)	PFS (AHCT Cohort)	Median Follow-Up
BV → augmented ICE	2	46	76%	82% (3 yrs)	82% (3 yrs)	20 mo.
BV + ICE	1/2	45	74%	80% (2 yrs)	NR	37 mo.
BV + DHAP	2	55	81%	74% (2 yrs)	NR	27 mo.
BV + ESHAP	1/2	66	70%	71% (2 yrs)	NR	27 mo.
BV + bendamustine	1/2	55	74%	63% (2 yrs)	70% (2 yrs)	21 mo.
Nivolumab + BV	1/2	93	67%	77% (3 yrs)	91% (3 yrs)	34 mo.
Nivolumab + ICE	2	37	91%	72% (2 yrs)	94% (2 yrs)	31 mo.
Pembrolizumab + ICE	2	42	87%	87% (2 yrs)	NR	24 mo.
Pembrolizumab + GVD	2	39	95%	100% (1 yr)	100% (1 yr)	14 mo.

Comparison of salvage regimens prior to ASCT

- PD-1 inhibitor-based salvage regimens prior to ASCT improve PFS compared to BV or platinum-based chemotherapy in multiple large retrospective studies¹⁻³
- PD-1 inhibitor-based salvage therapy prior to ASCT increases the risk of engraftment syndrome⁴



¹ Spinner et al, *Blood* 2023

² Desai et al, *Am J Hematol* 2023

³ Desai et al, *ASH* 2023 #182

⁴ Taranto et al, *ASH* 2023 #3603

Case #1

- The patient receives **2 cycles of pembro-GVD**, achieving **metabolic CR (Deauville 1)**
- He undergoes Cytoxan mobilization, stem cell collection, and **ASCT with BEAM conditioning**
- On day +10 post-ASCT, he develops non-infectious fevers, diarrhea, and elevated AST/ALT coinciding with neutrophil engraftment. He is diagnosed with **engraftment syndrome**, which resolves with a short course of prednisone
- He is discharged on day +14 with excellent post-transplant recovery. He has mild **grade 1 peripheral sensory neuropathy** in his fingertips from prior chemotherapy

Do you recommend post-transplant maintenance or RT consolidation for this patient?

- A. Yes, brentuximab maintenance x 16 cycles
- B. Yes, pembrolizumab maintenance x 8 cycles
- C. Yes, brentuximab + nivolumab maintenance x 8 cycles
- D. Yes, consolidation with 30 Gy ISRT to the mediastinum
- E. No maintenance or consolidation

Post-transplant maintenance or RT consolidation in high-risk patients

- **BV maintenance** improves PFS in patients at high risk for relapse after ASCT (phase 3 AETHERA trial)
 - AETHERA risk factors: primary refractory disease, early relapse <12 months, or extranodal disease at relapse
 - BV maintenance (up to 16 cycles) is FDA approved for patients with 1 or more AETHERA risk factors
 - BV maintenance has greater benefit for patients transplanted in PR than CR (Desai et al, ICML 2023)
- **PD-1 inhibitor maintenance** has encouraging outcomes in small phase 2 studies but not FDA approved

Maintenance regimen	Phase	Population	N	PFS	Reference
Brentuximab x 16 cycles	3	High risk per AETHERA	165	59% at 5 years	Moskowitz et al, <i>Blood</i> 2018
Pembrolizumab x 8 cycles	2	90% high risk per AETHERA	30	82% at 18 months	Armand et al, <i>Blood</i> 2019
BV + nivolumab x 8 cycles	2	High risk per AETHERA	59	94% at 18 months	Herrera et al, <i>Lancet Haematol</i> 2023

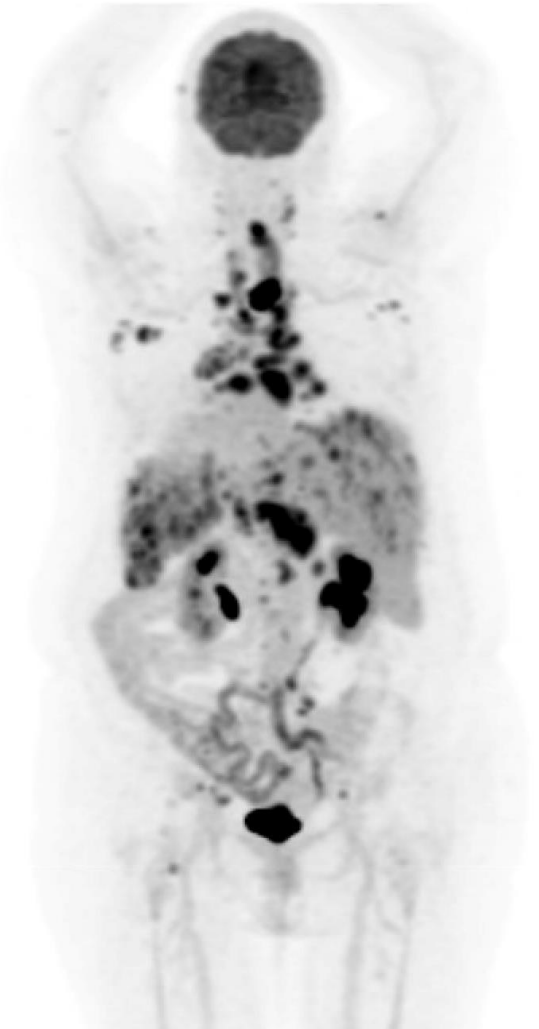
- **RT consolidation** may improve local control and PFS after ASCT based on retrospective studies
 - RT consolidation may be useful for patients with bulky disease or transplanted in PR (Wilke et al, IJROBP 2017)

Case #1 – Key Points

- Nivo-AVD improves PFS over BV-AVD in advanced stage Hodgkin lymphoma and has a better tolerability profile with less neuropathy and no need for G-CSF support
 - Longer follow-up is required to confirm durability
 - Awaiting publication of manuscript prior to FDA approval
- PD-1 inhibitor-based salvage regimens show promising PFS compared to BV or platinum-based regimens in multiple large retrospective studies
 - PD-1 inhibitors prior to ASCT may increase the risk of engraftment syndrome
 - Randomized phase 3 trial is planned to identify the optimal salvage regimen
- BV maintenance after ASCT improves PFS in high-risk patients; PD-1 inhibitor maintenance also appears promising in small studies and RT consolidation may be considered in select patients

Case #2

- 70-year-old woman was found to have a thyroid nodule on regular exam
- Thyroid FNA with atypical lymphocytes suspicious for lymphoid neoplasm
- PET/CT showed **extensive hypermetabolic adenopathy**. There are **hypo-enhancing foci** of hypermetabolism in the **spleen and liver**, and **skeleton**.
- Core biopsy of thyroid isthmus nodule showed **large B-cell lymphoma**. IHC positive for **CD20, CD10, MUM-1, BCL-6**, and **BCL-2**. Cells were negative for C-MYC and Cyclin D1. Ki-67 of 90%. EBER ISH negative. **FISH negative for C-MYC, BCL2, or BCL6 rearrangements**
- **ECOG 1. LDH wnl. EF >60%** on ECHO without other major comorbidities



Which regimen would you use to treat this patient with newly diagnosed GCB-DLBCL, non-double hit, with IPI 3?

- A. R-CHOP
- B. Pola-R-CHP
- C. R-DA-EPOCH
- D. R-mini-CHOP

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Polatuzumab Vedotin in Previously Untreated Diffuse Large B-Cell Lymphoma

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Polatuzumab Vedotin

- Antibody drug conjugate that targets **CD79b**
- Approved April 2023 in the upfront setting

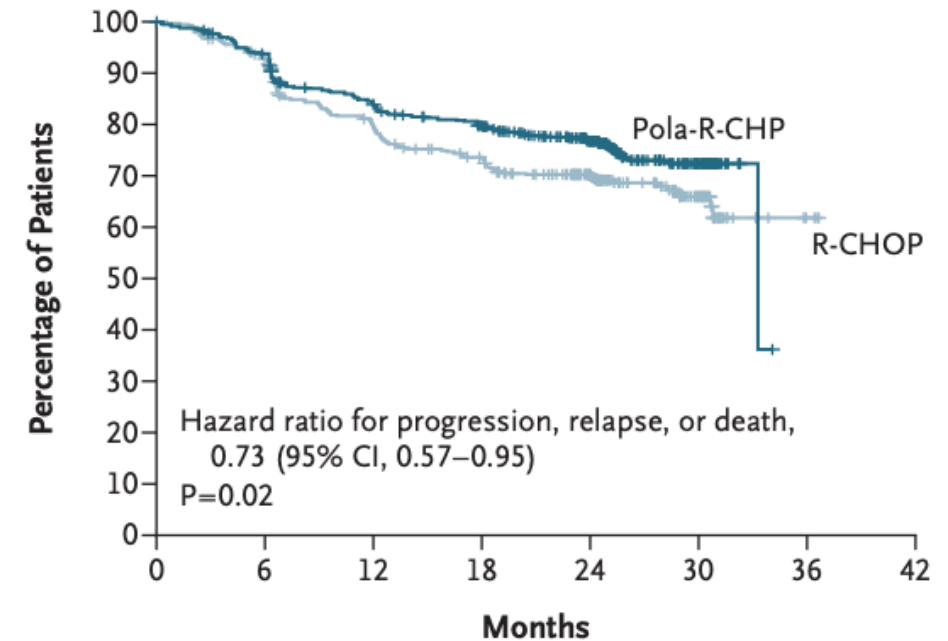
Efficacy

- Two-year PFS was **76.7%** (95% CI = 72.7%–80.8%) in the pola-R-CHP arm compared with **70.2%** (95% CI = 65.8%–74.6%) in the R-CHOP arm
- Subgroup analysis increased benefit in **non-GCB subtype**

Safety

- Higher rates of neutropenic fever (13.8% vs 8%)
- No difference in peripheral neuropathy (1.6% vs 1%)

A Investigator-Assessed Progression-free Survival

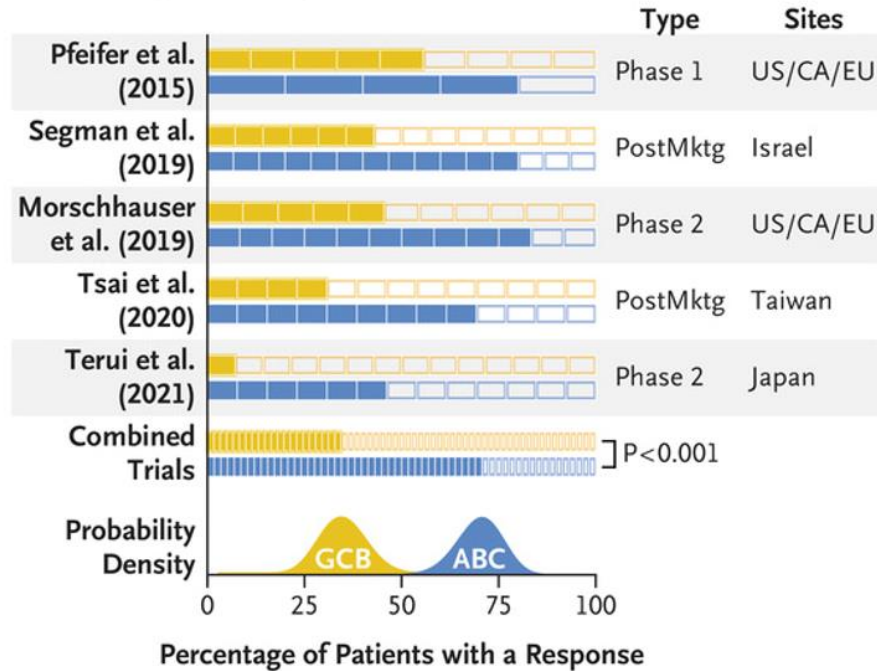


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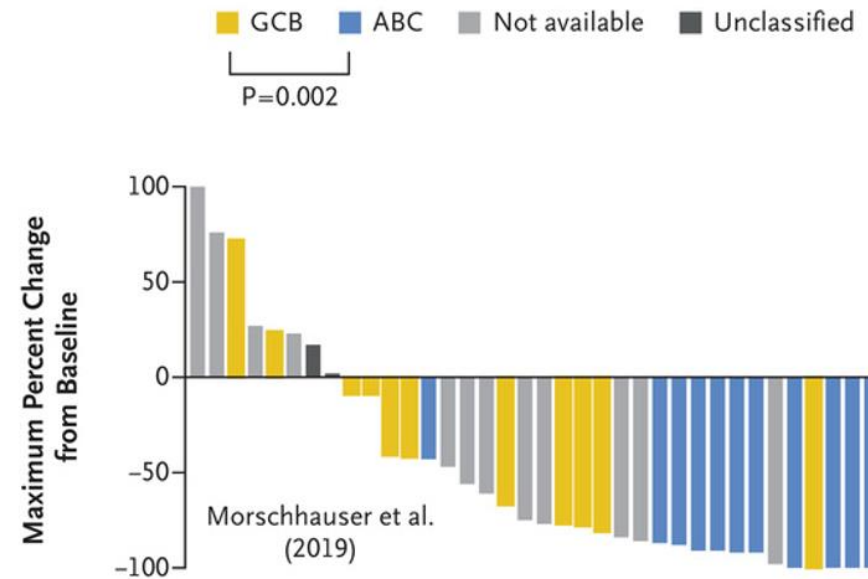
Pola-R-CHP	440	404	353	327	246	78	NE	NE
R-CHOP	439	389	330	296	220	78	3	NE

Early subgroup analysis showed increased benefit for non-GCB cell-of-origin

B Cell of Origin and Response to Polatuzumab Vedotin in DLBCL

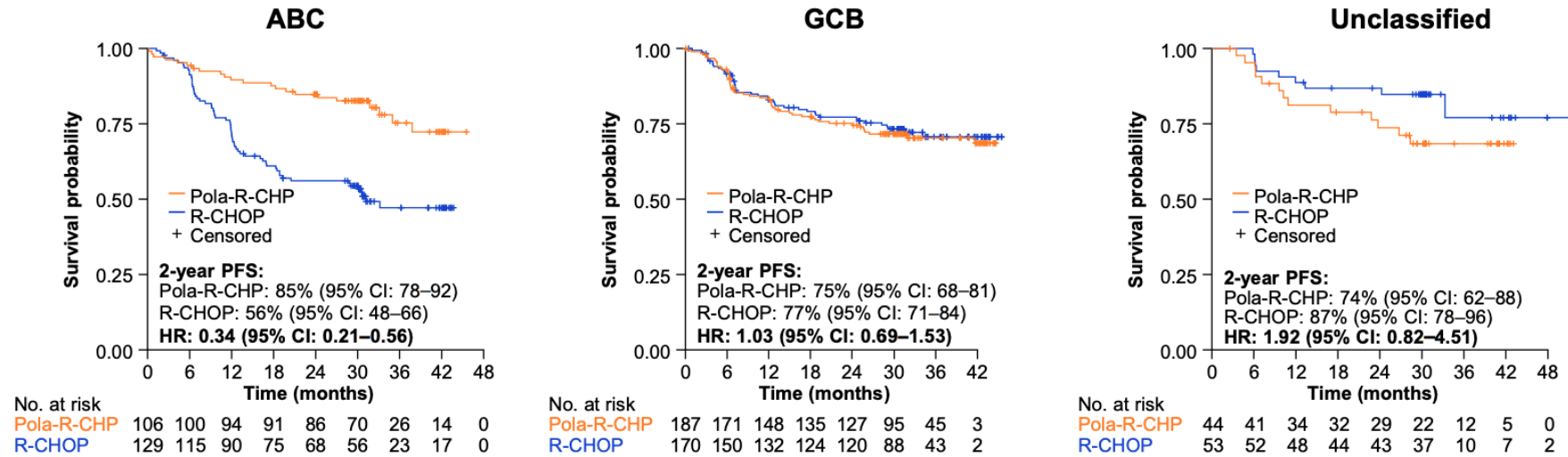


C Cell of Origin and Response to Polatuzumab Vedotin Combined with Rituximab



Further investigation reveals cell-of-origin might not be the whole story

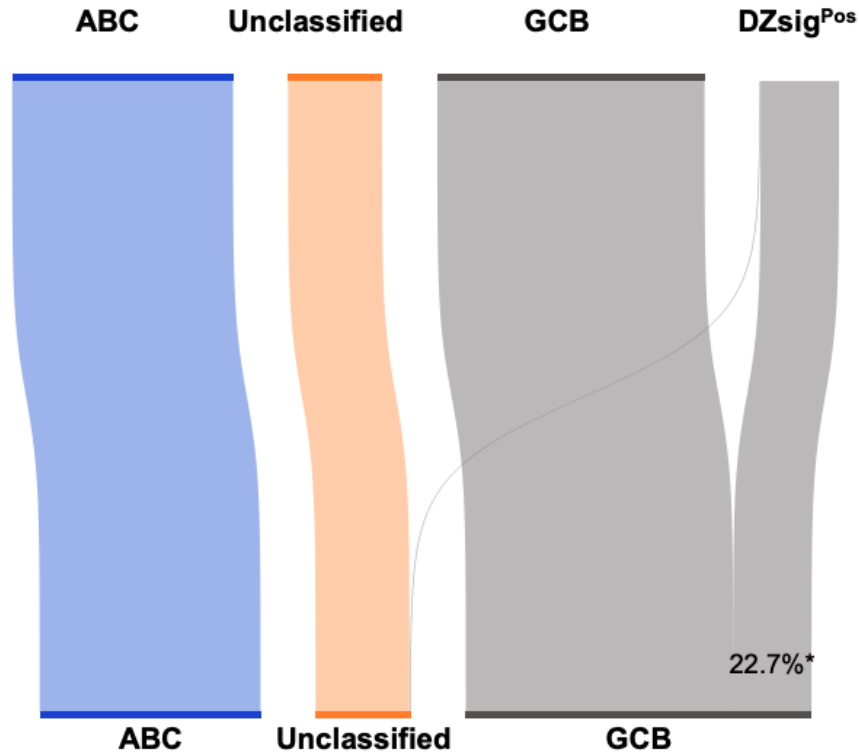
Figure 1. Kaplan–Meier Estimates of Investigator-Assessed PFS* by COO Subgroup.



*Investigator-assessed disease progression and disease relapse or death from any cause were counted as events. Tick marks indicate censored data.

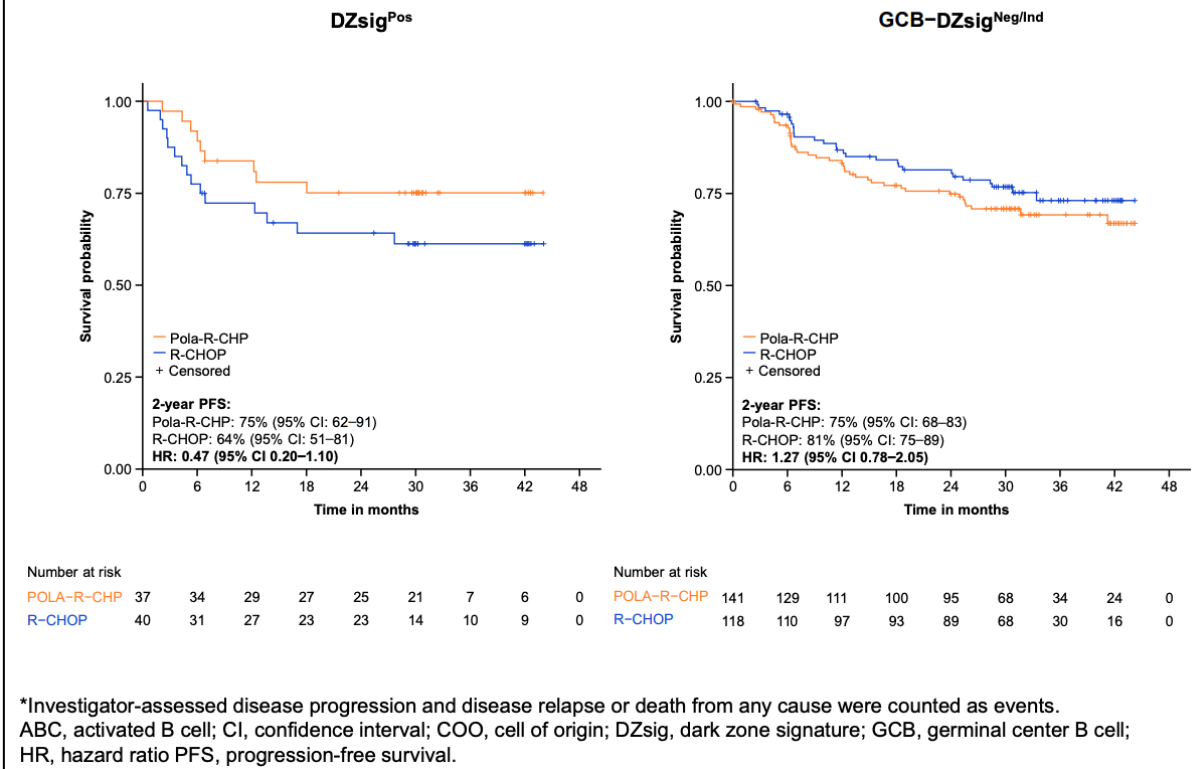
ABC, activated B cell; CI confidence interval; COO, cell of origin; GCB, germinal center B cell; HR, hazard ratio; PFS, progression-free survival.

Molecular subtypes – deep zone signature – might also contribute to effectiveness of polatuzamab



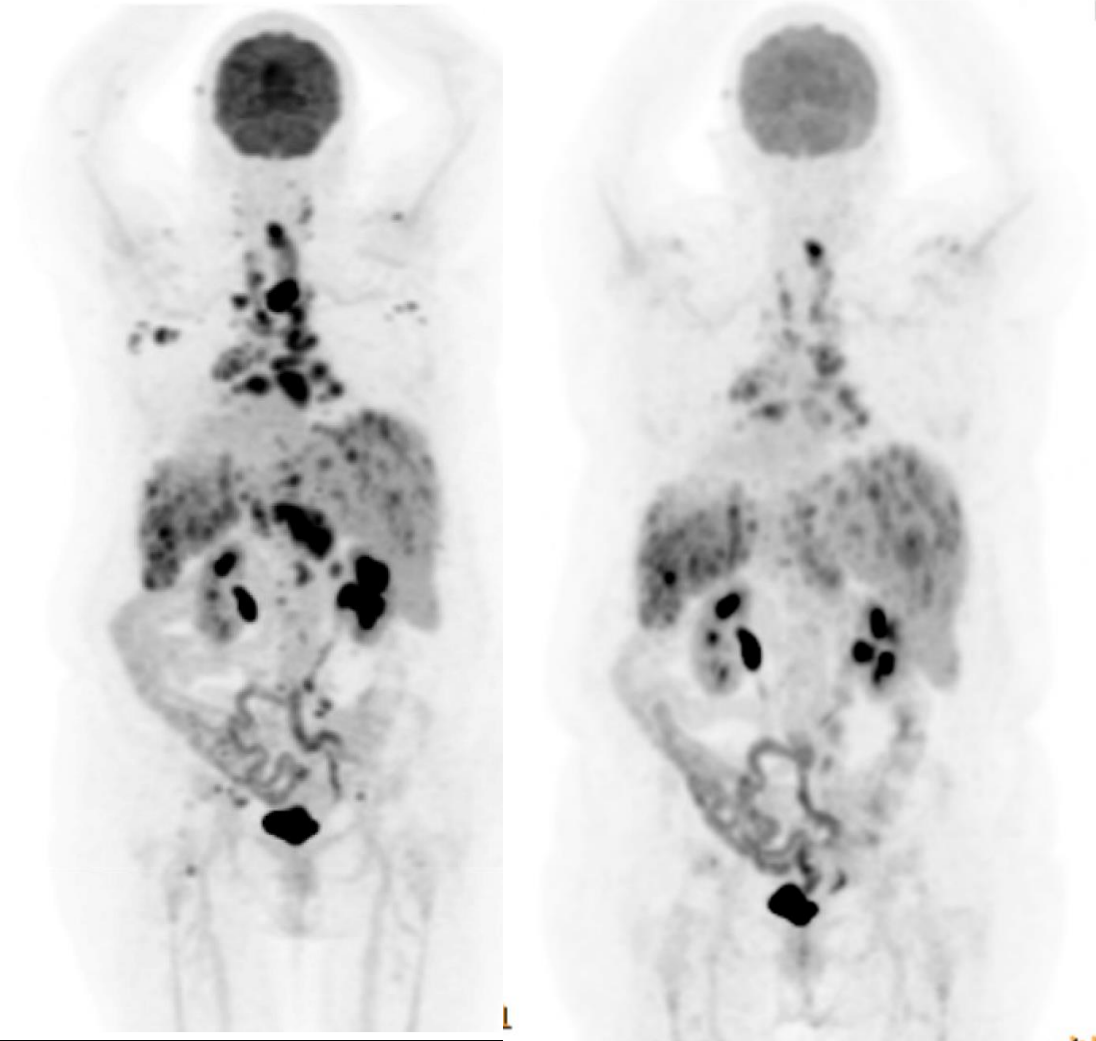
*Proportion of GCB re-classified to DZsig^{Pos}

Figure 3. Kaplan–Meier estimates of investigator-assessed PFS* of DZsig groups by treatment arms.



Case #2

- The patient received **6 cycles of Pola-R-CHP**
- End of treatment PET/CT showed **partial response, D4**



Which of the following salvage regimens do you recommend?

- A. Platinum-based chemotherapy and plan to proceed to auto-HCT
- B. Platinum-based chemotherapy and plan to proceed to allo-HCT
- C. Referral for axicabtagene ciloleucel
- D. Referral for tisagenlecleucel
- E. Referral for lisocabtagene maraleucel

Choosing a CAR-T product in the second line

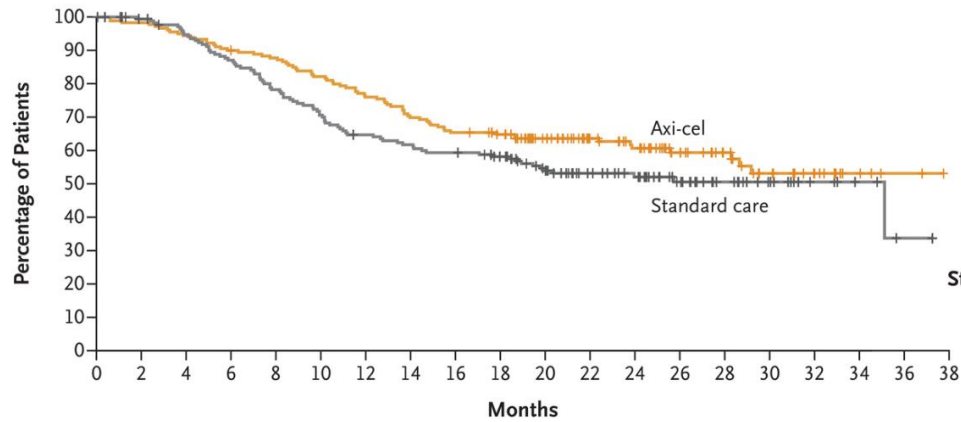
Product	2 nd Line Trial	2nd signal	CR rate	PFS HR (95%CI)	CRS (≥ gr.3)	Neurotox (≥ gr.3)	Median days to manufacture	FDA approval 2 nd line
Axicabtagene ciloleucel ¹	Zuma-7	CD28	65%	0.49 (0.37, 0.65)	92% (11%)	67% (32%)	30.4 ⁴ (28.2-32.7)	✓
Lisocabtagene maraleucel ²	TRANSFORM	4-1BB	66%	0.41 (0.25, 0.66)	42% (2%)	30% (10%)	35.9 (34.8-37)	✓
Tisagenlecleucel ³	BELINDA	4-1BB	46%	1.07 (0.82, 1.4)	58% (12%)	21% (12%)	48.4 (42.9-55.9)	✗

1. Locke et al, *NEJM* 2022
2. Kamdar et al, *Lancet* 2022
3. Bishop et al, *NEJM* 2022
4. Locke et al, *Hemasphere* 2023

Axi-cel and Liso-cel show overall survival benefit in 2nd line

Axi-cel

A Overall Survival



	No. of Patients	Median Overall Survival (95% CI) mo
Axi-cel	180	NR (28.3-NE)
Standard Care	179	35.1 (18.5-NE)

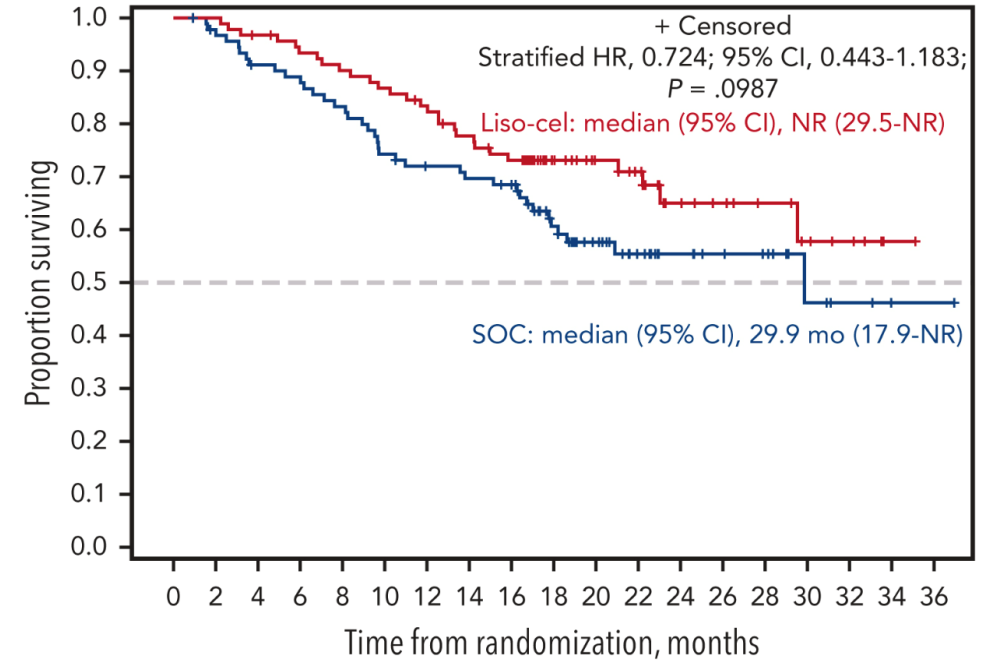
Stratified hazard ratio for death, 0.73 (95% CI, 0.53-1.01)

No. at Risk

	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28	30	32	34	36	38
Axi-cel	180	177	170	161	157	147	136	125	117	111	91	71	60	44	32	21	14	5	2	0
Standard care	179	171	161	148	133	120	109	104	100	91	74	58	47	33	21	14	7	4	1	0

Liso-cel

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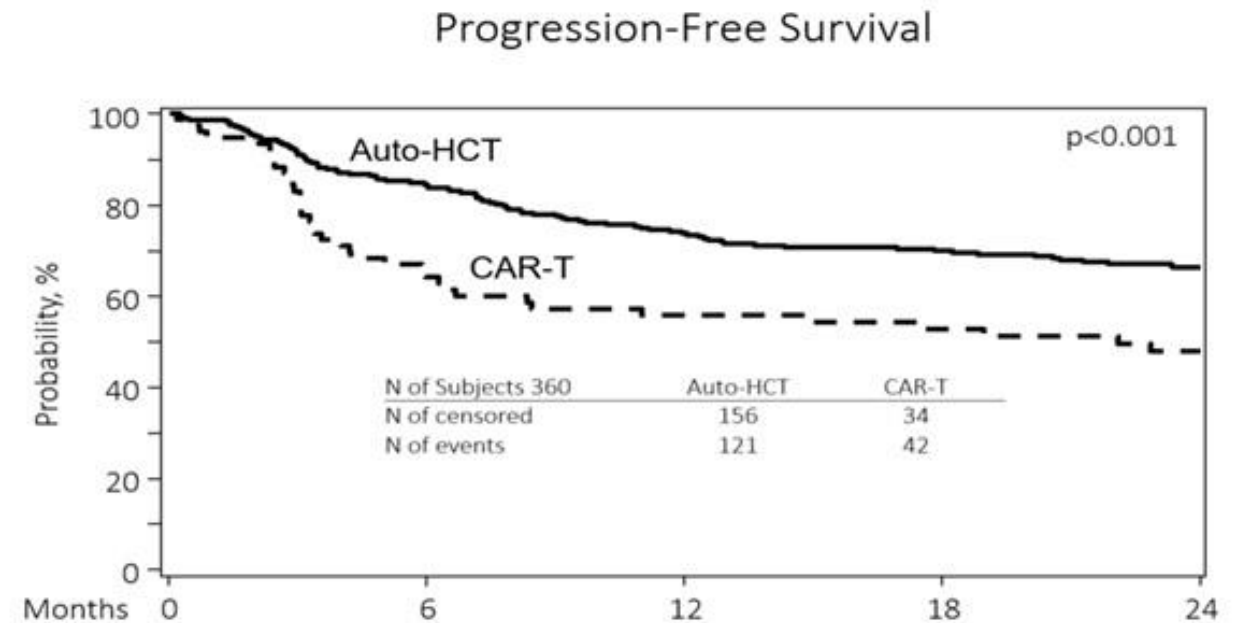
No. at risk

	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28	30	32	34	36
SOC	92	88	81	79	74	66	62	60	58	41	30	21	15	12	10	5	3	1	1
Liso-cel	92	92	88	84	81	78	74	68	63	43	34	30	16	13	10	7	5	1	0

2nd Line: Autologous transplant vs CAR-T in complete responders

Table-1: Selected baseline characteristics

	CAR-T	auto-HCT	P-value
Age, years	64	59	0.14
Extra-nodal disease	58%	63%	0.37
Refractory disease to first-line	29%	20%	0.22
Prior lines of therapy, n	3	2	<0.01
Early treatment failure (within 12 months)	72%	58%	0.02
Elevated LDH before treatment	37%	31%	0.04
high-grade B-cell lymphoma with MYC and BCL2 or BCL6 rearrangement	14%	27%	0.03



Case #2

- The decision was made to proceed to CAR-T **with Axi-cel (Yescarta)**
- She develops **Grade 1 CRS and Grade 1 ICANS** treated with tocilizumab and dexamethasone with resolution of symptoms
- PET/CT 90 days post CAR T shows **CR, D2**
- However, at 6 month follow up, she experiences new supraclavicular LAD and fevers. **Biopsy of SC LN reveals relapsed disease (CD19 positive, no rearrangements)**

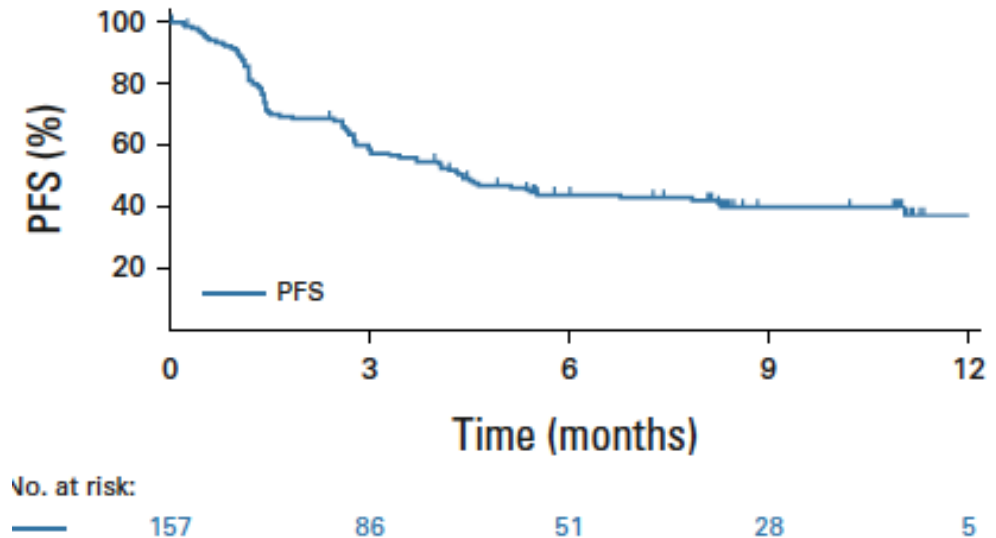
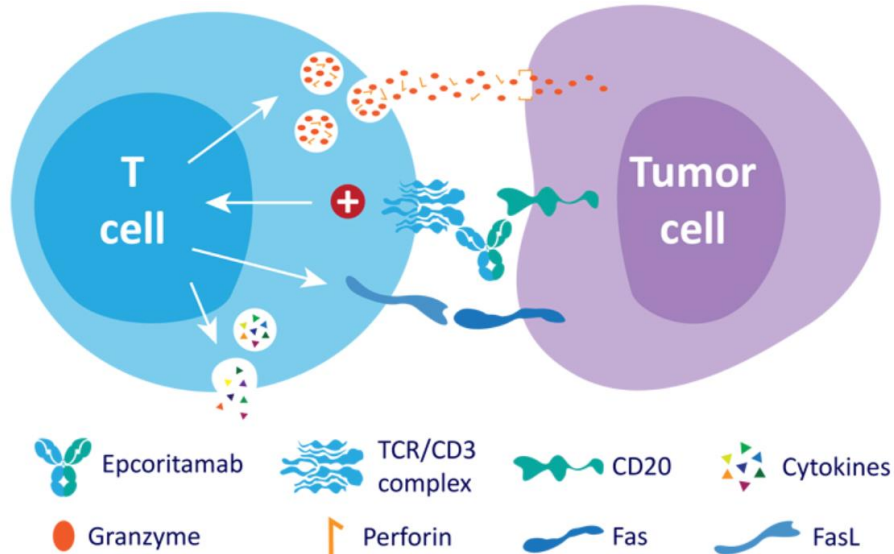
Which of the following third line regimens do you recommend?

- A. Tisagenlecleucel
- B. Epcoritamab-bysps
- C. Glofitamab-gxbms
- D. Loncastuximab tesirine-lpyl
- E. Tafasitamab - Lenalidomide

original reports

Epcoritamab, a Novel, Subcutaneous CD3xCD20 Bispecific T-Cell–Engaging Antibody, in Relapsed or Refractory Large B-Cell Lymphoma: Dose Expansion in a Phase I/II Trial

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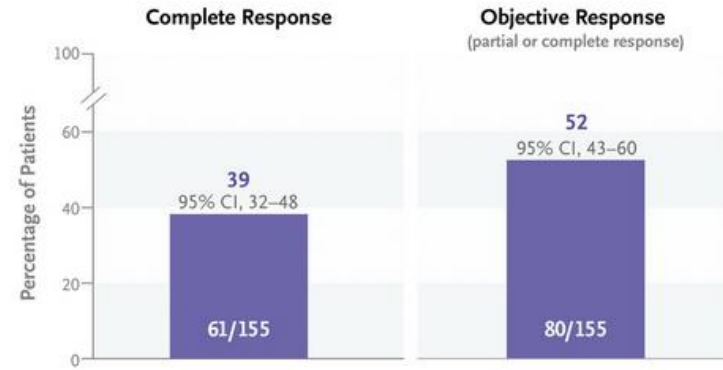
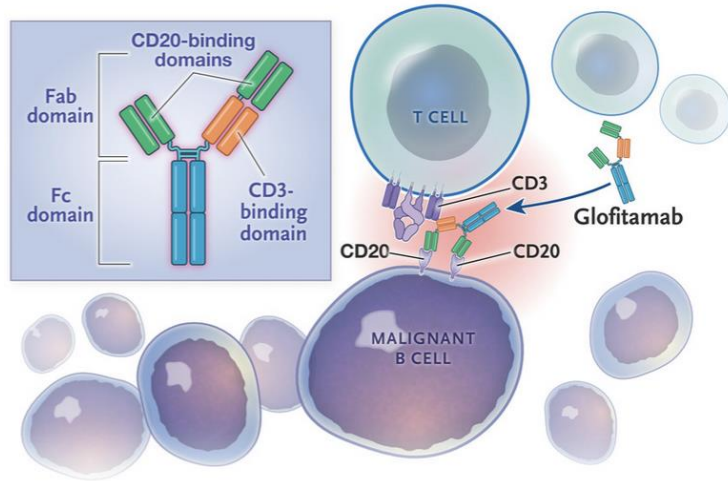
AEs of special interest		
CRS ^c	78 (49.7)	4 (2.5)
ICANS ^d	10 (6.4)	1 (0.6)
Clinical tumor lysis syndrome	2 (1.3)	2 (1.3)

- ORR 63.1%
- CR 38.9%

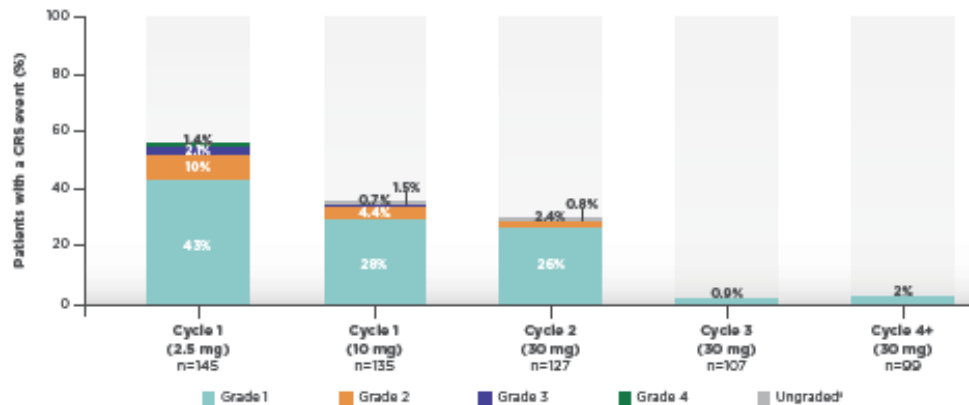
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Glofitamab for Relapsed or Refractory Diffuse Large B-Cell Lymphoma

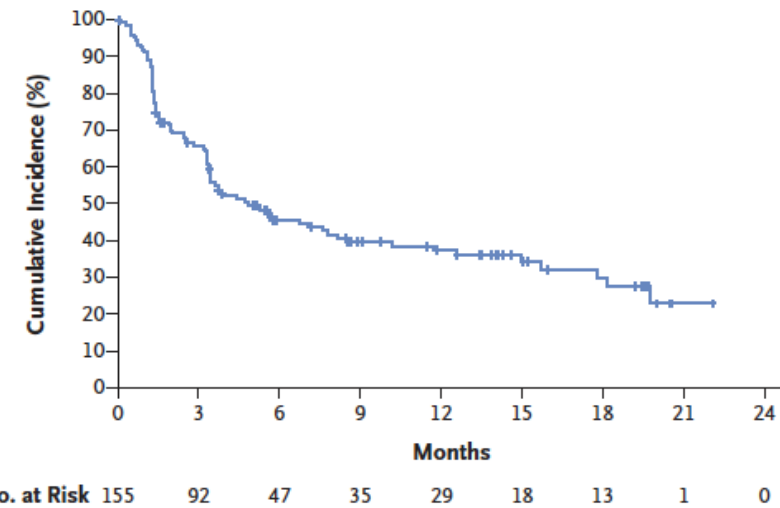
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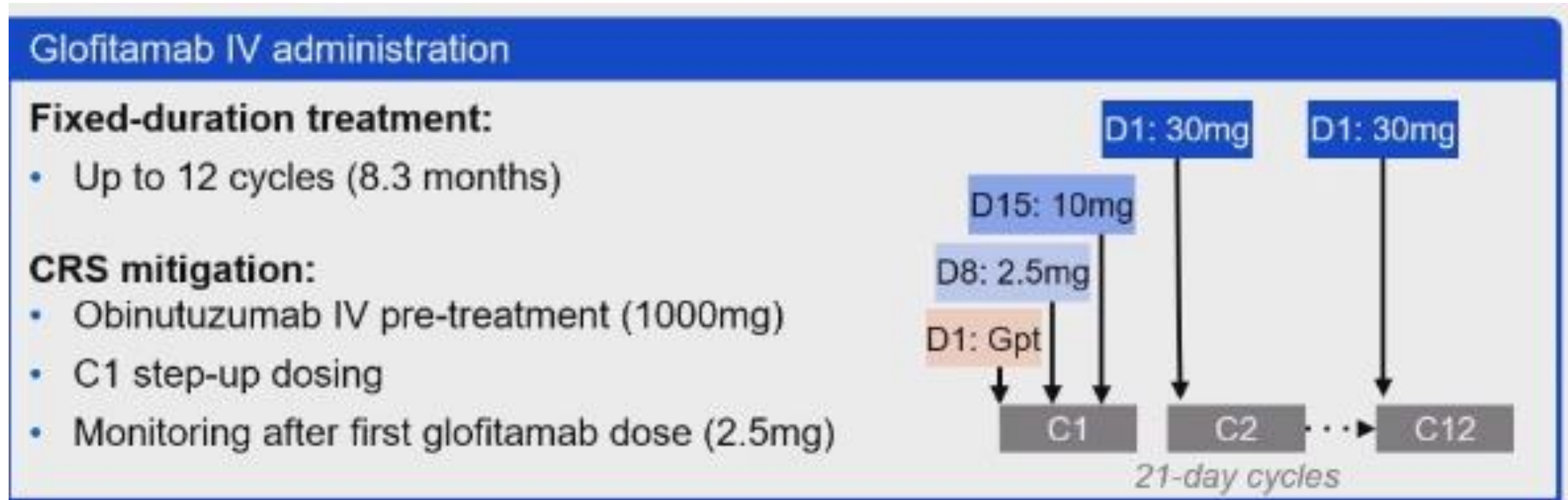
CRS incidence by grade and cycle^{1,4*†}



Progression-free Survival in the Main Analysis Cohort



Glofitamab Dosing Schedule



Evidence for Bispecifics in the Third Line

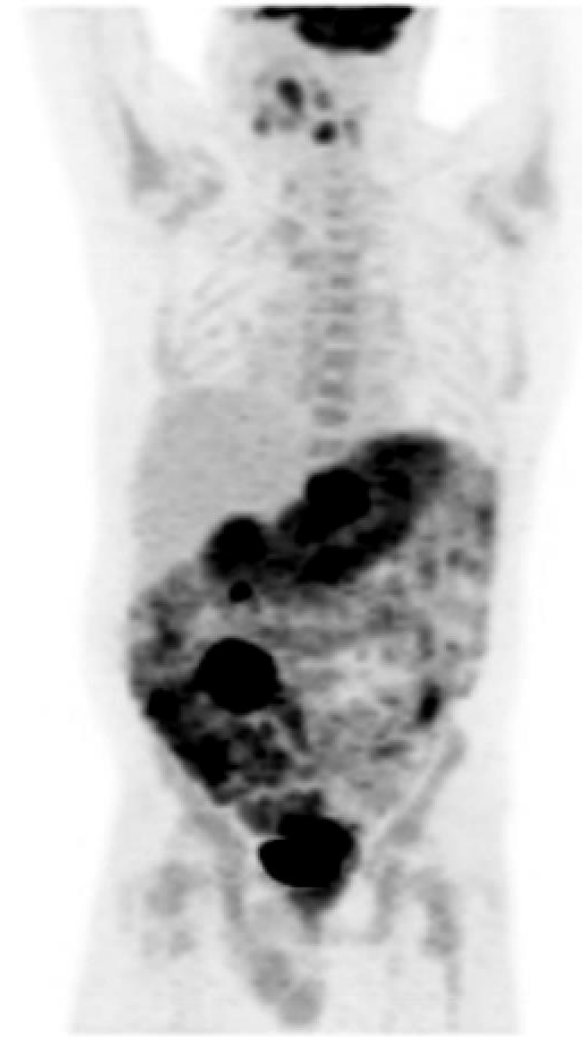
Bispecific	Patients (N)	Response rates	Survival outcomes	Rates of CRS	Rates of neurotoxicity	Treatment-related mortality
Epcoritamab (dose escalation)	68	ORR 68% (CR 45%) for LBCL	mPFS 9.1 mo	59% (no grade 3+)	6% (3% grade 3+)	0 patients
Epcoritamab (dose expansion)	157	ORR 63% (CR 39%) Prior CAR-T: ORR 54% (CR 34%)	mPFS 4.4 mo	50% (2.5% grade 3+)	6% (0.6% grade 3+)	9 patients (6%)
Glofitamab	154	ORR 52% (CR 39%) Prior CAR-T: CR 35%	mPFS 4.9 mo 1 y: PFS 37%, OS 50%	63% (4% grade 3+)	8% (3% grade 3+)	8 patients (5%)
Odronextamab	85	No prior CAR-T: ORR 53% (CR 53%)	mPFS 11.5 mo	54% (7% grade 3+)	12% (3% grade 3+)	7 patients (5%)

Case #2 – Key Points

- R-Polatumab-CHP provides a PFS benefit in the frontline setting
 - Previous data suggested there is a greater benefit in non-GCB subtype DLBCL, but new data suggests there might be additional benefit for specific genetic subtypes
 - Future studies planned using bispecifics in the upfront setting
- Axi-cel and liso-cel are both FDA approved in the 2nd line relapsed setting
 - Axi-cel has fastest and most reliable manufacturing
 - Liso-cel has less CRS/ICANS and may be appropriate for older, frail patients
- Glofitimab and epcoritamab are bispecific antibodies approved for the treatment of relapsed/refractory DLBCL
 - These can be delivered off the shelf and outpatient
 - Manageable toxicity but require brief hospitalization during the first cycle

Case #3

- 44-year-old man who presents with 25 lb weight loss, diarrhea, and abdominal pain
- CT revealed: **mesenteric mass** in the right mid abdomen, at 3.7 x 3.2 cm, and severe, **diffuse wall thickening in the stomach**
- He subsequently had an upper endoscopy, which showed diffuse gastric fold thickening, with an erythematous and friable mucosa; there were multiple small clean-based ulcers
- The pathology showed **mantle cell lymphoma**. This was **Cyclin D1 positive, SOX11 positive, TP53 mutated, and had a Ki-67 score of 65%**



Which regimen would you use to treat this patient with newly diagnosed TP53 mutated mantle cell lymphoma?

- A. Serial surveillance
- B. NORDIC trial: Maxi-CHOP alternating with with R-HiDAC
- C. Bendamustine + Rituximab followed by rituximab maintenance
- D. LyMA regimen: RDHA + platinum x 4 cycles followed by auto transplant
- E. Triangle regimen: Alternating R-CHOP with covalent BTKi/RDHA + platinum

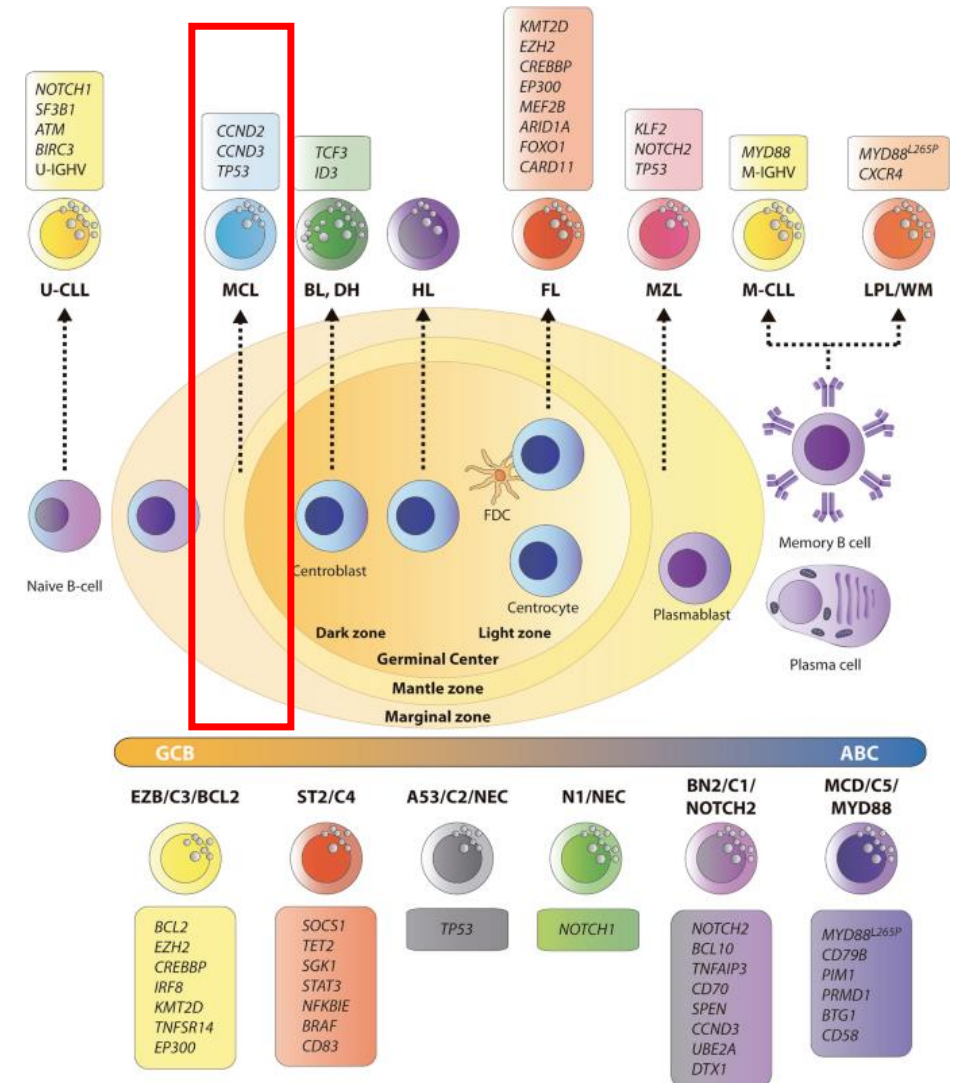
Mantle Cell Lymphoma

WHO Classification

Mantle cell lymphoma (MCL)	
Classical MCL	Mostly SOX11 (+) Unmutated/minimally mutated IGHV
Indolent leukemic non-nodal MCL ^a	Mostly SOX11 (-) Mutated IGHV
In situ mantle cell neoplasia	New name for in situ MCL, reflecting low clinical risk

^a Indolent leukemic non-nodal MCL with peripheral blood, bone marrow, and sometimes splenic involvement, may become more aggressive

ICC Classification



Regimens are Incorporating More non-Chemo Products The Triangle Regimen

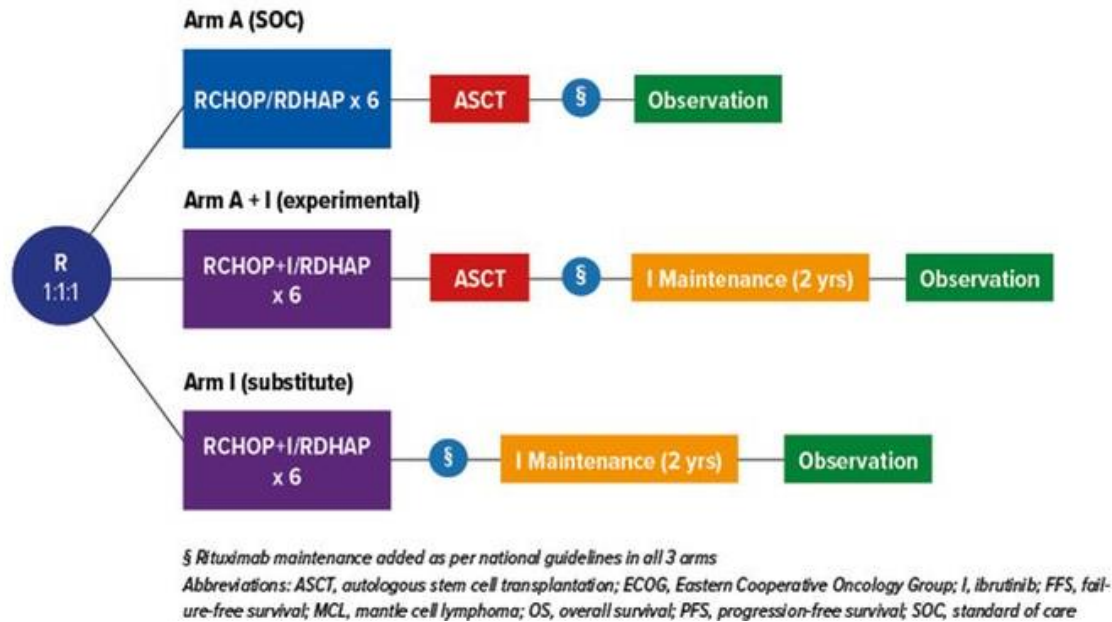
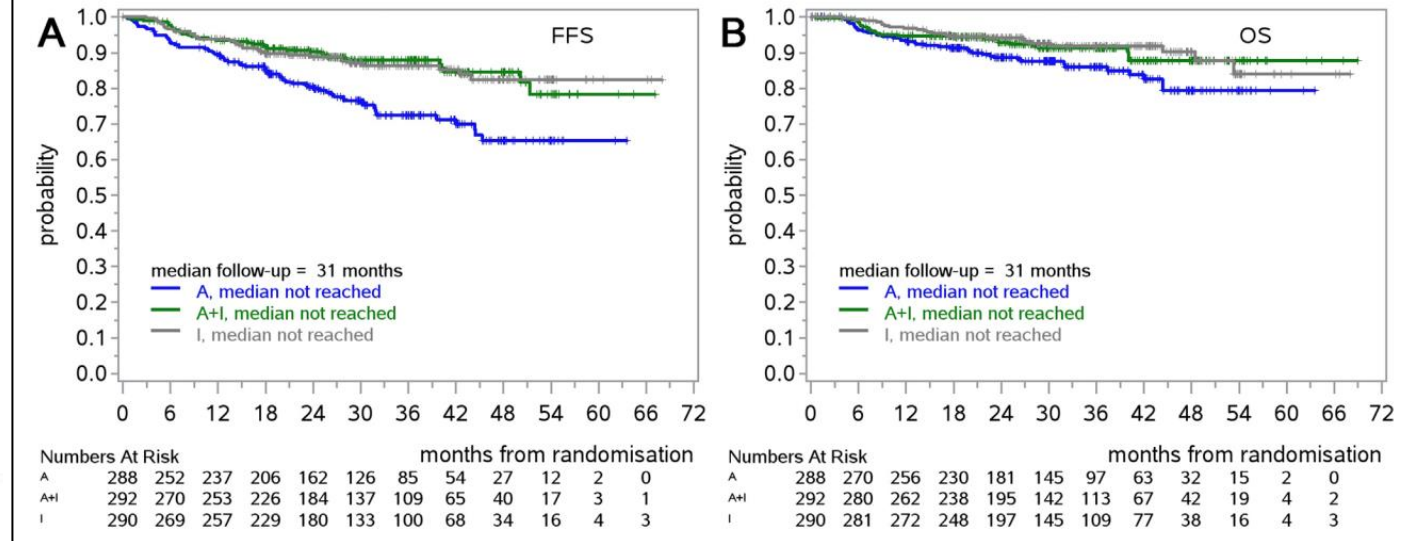
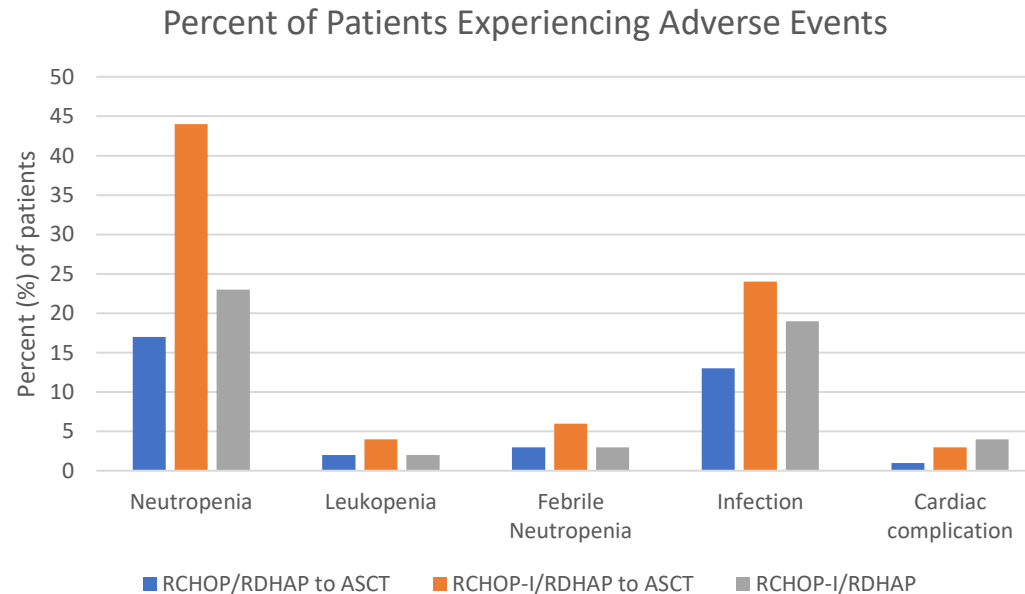


Figure 1A: FFS (primary outcome) and B: OS according to randomized trial arm A (R-CHOP/R-DHAP followed by ASCT), A+I (ibrutinib-R-CHOP/R-DHAP followed by ASCT and ibrutinib maintenance) and I (ibrutinib-R-CHOP/R-DHAP followed by ibrutinib maintenance)



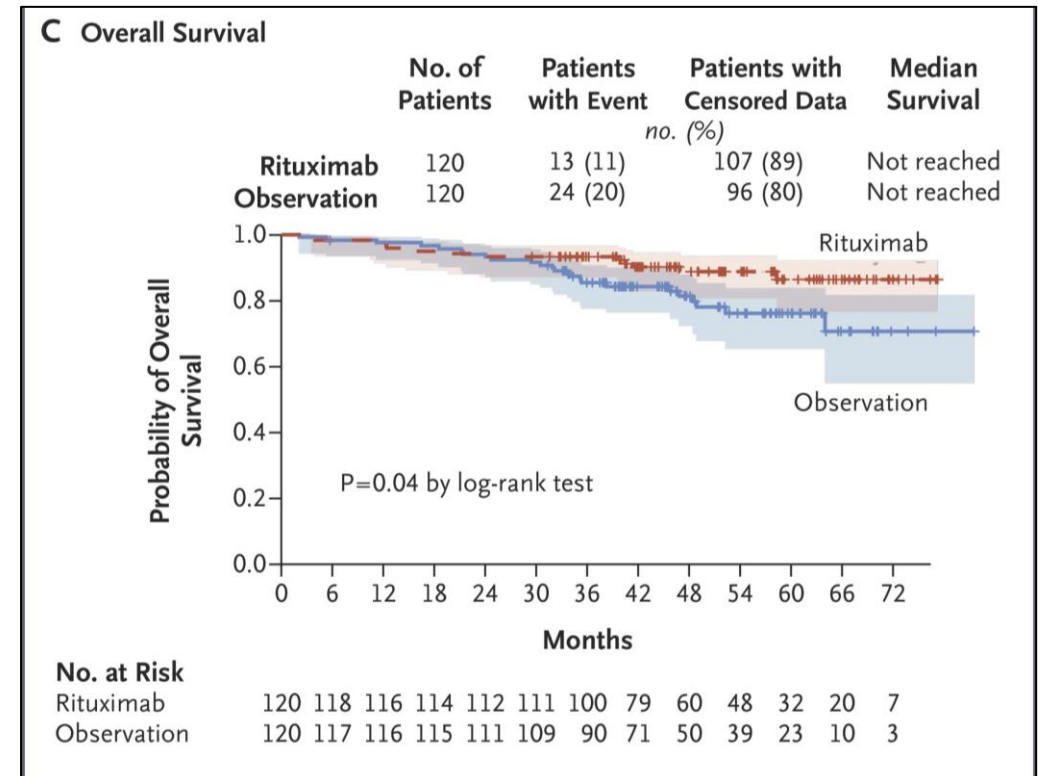
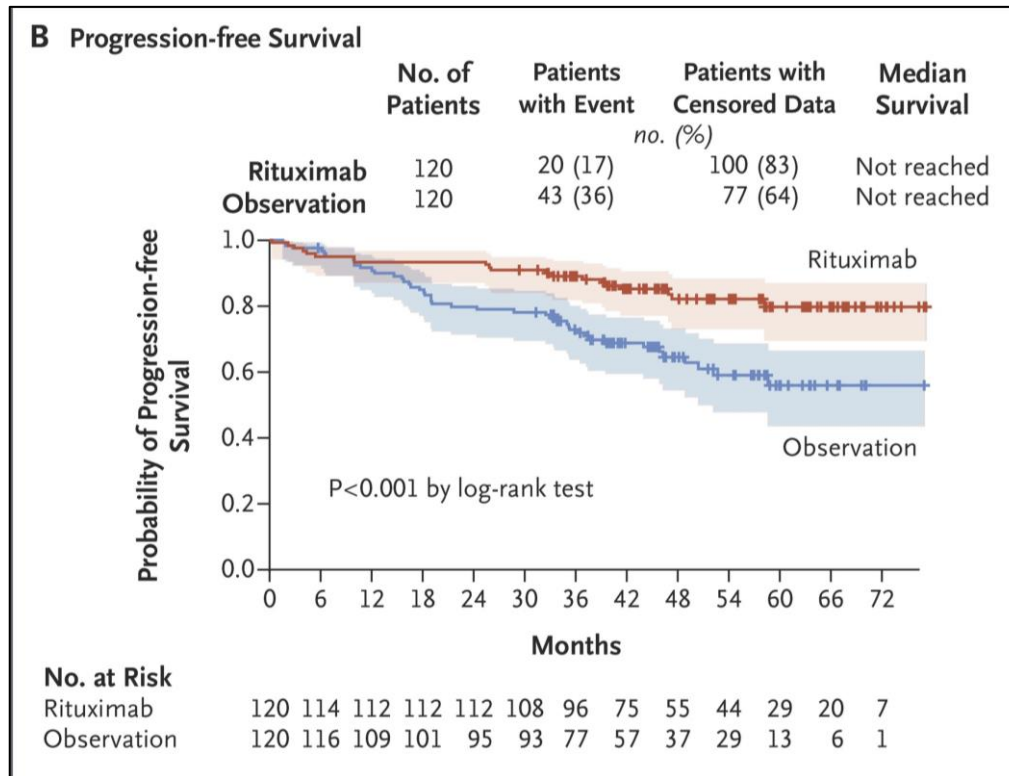
The Triangle Regimen: Safety and Tolerability

- No significant differences in Grade 3–5 adverse events (AEs) between induction with R-CHOP/R-DHAP vs ibrutinib-R-CHOP/R-DHAP patient groups
- No significant differences in Grade 3–5 AEs between the two ASCT-containing arms (arm A and arm A + I)
- More Grade 3-5 AEs during maintenance in the ibrutinib-R-CHOP/DHAP + ASCT group



Rituximab after Autologous Stem-Cell Transplantation in Mantle-Cell Lymphoma

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Chemo-Free Regimens

Treatment	Outcome	Adverse Events	Reference
Lenalidomide + Rituximab	ORR: 92% 3-year PFS: 80%	Neutropenia (42%) Rash (29%)	Ruan et al, <i>NEJM</i> 2015
Venetoclax/lenalidomide/rituximab	ORR: 96%	Neutropenia (68%) Thrombocytopenia (50%)	Phillips et al, <i>JCO</i> 2021
Ibrutinib + Rituximab	ORR: 96% 3-year OFS: 87%	Grade 3 A fib (22%)	Jain et al, <i>JCO</i> 2022
Ibrutinib/Obinutuzumab/venetoclax	ORR: 85% 1-year PFS: 93%	Neutropenia (60%)	OASIS: Le Gouill, <i>Blood</i> 2021
Acalabrutinib/venetoclax/rituximab	ORR: 100% 1-year PFS: 89%	Diarrhea (62%) Headache (52%)	Wang et al, <i>Blood</i> 2021
Zanubrutinib + Rituximab	<i>In progress</i>	<i>In progress</i>	Dreyling et al, <i>Future Oncology</i> 2021

Case #3

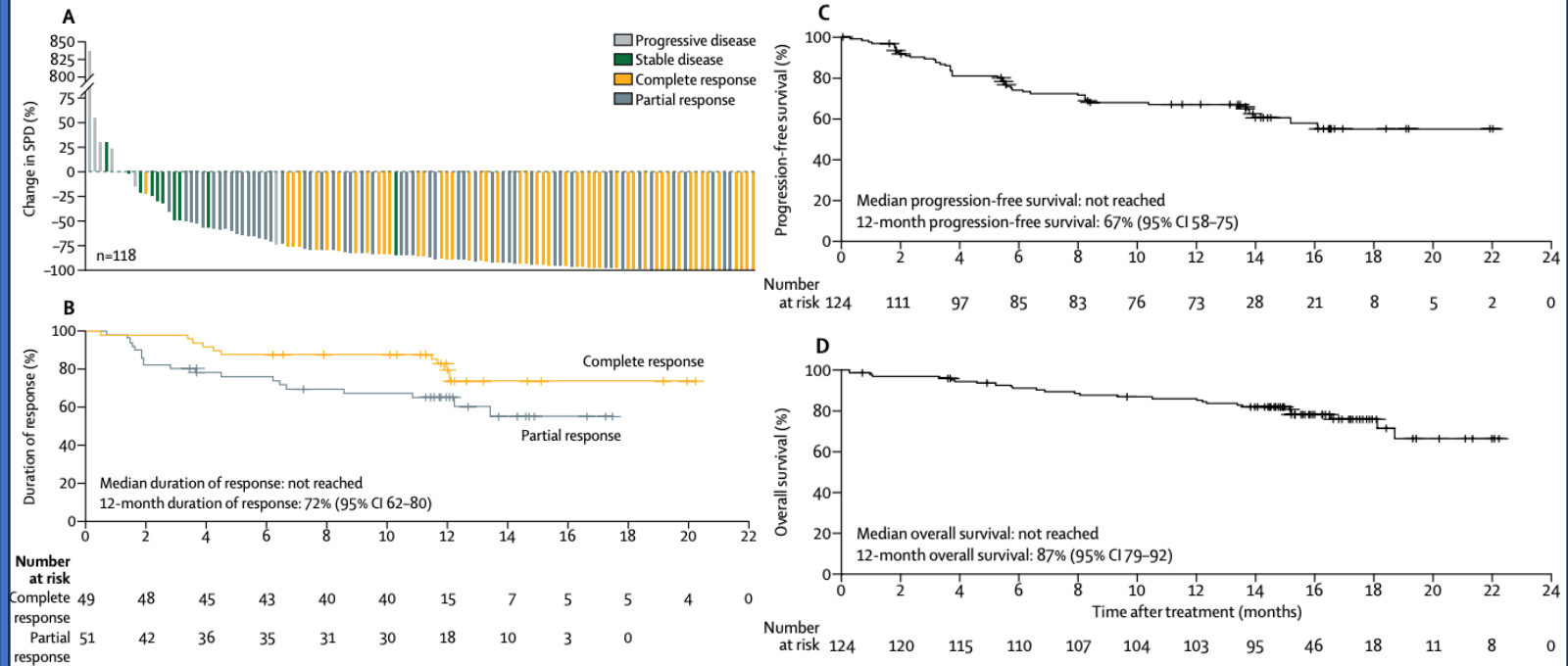
- He was started on R-CHOP (Maxi-R-CHOP held out of **concern for TLS and GI perforation**)
- He was subsequently switched to **4 cycles of R-DHAOx, which he tolerated well**
- His best response was **PR, and presented with persistent symptoms**

How would you proceed?

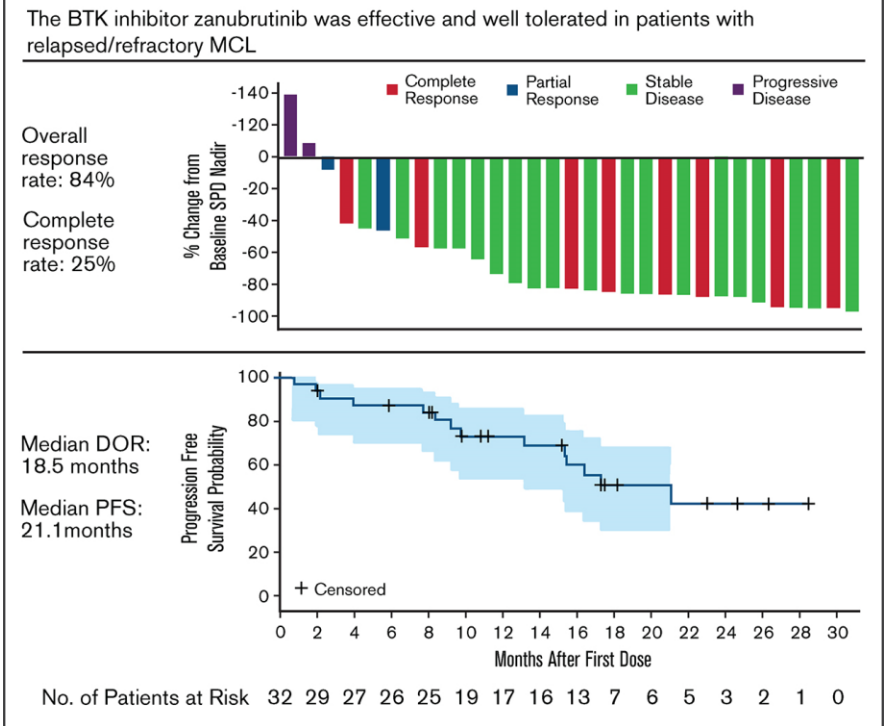
- A. BTKi monotherapy (acalabrutinib or zanubrutinib)
- B. Rituximab + lenalidomide
- C. Ibrutinib + venetoclax
- D. Gemcitabine + oxaliplatin + rituximab
- E. Brexucabtagene autoleucel

BTKi monotherapy in the relapsed/refractory setting

Acalabrutinib



Zanubrutinib



Wang et al, *Lancet* 2018
Song et al, *Clinical Cancer Research* 2020
Tam et al, *Blood Adv* 2021



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 Notice

Pharmacyclics LLC.; Withdrawal of Approval of Indications for Mantle Cell Lymphoma and Marginal Zone Lymphoma for IMBRUVICA (ibrutinib) Capsules and Tablets

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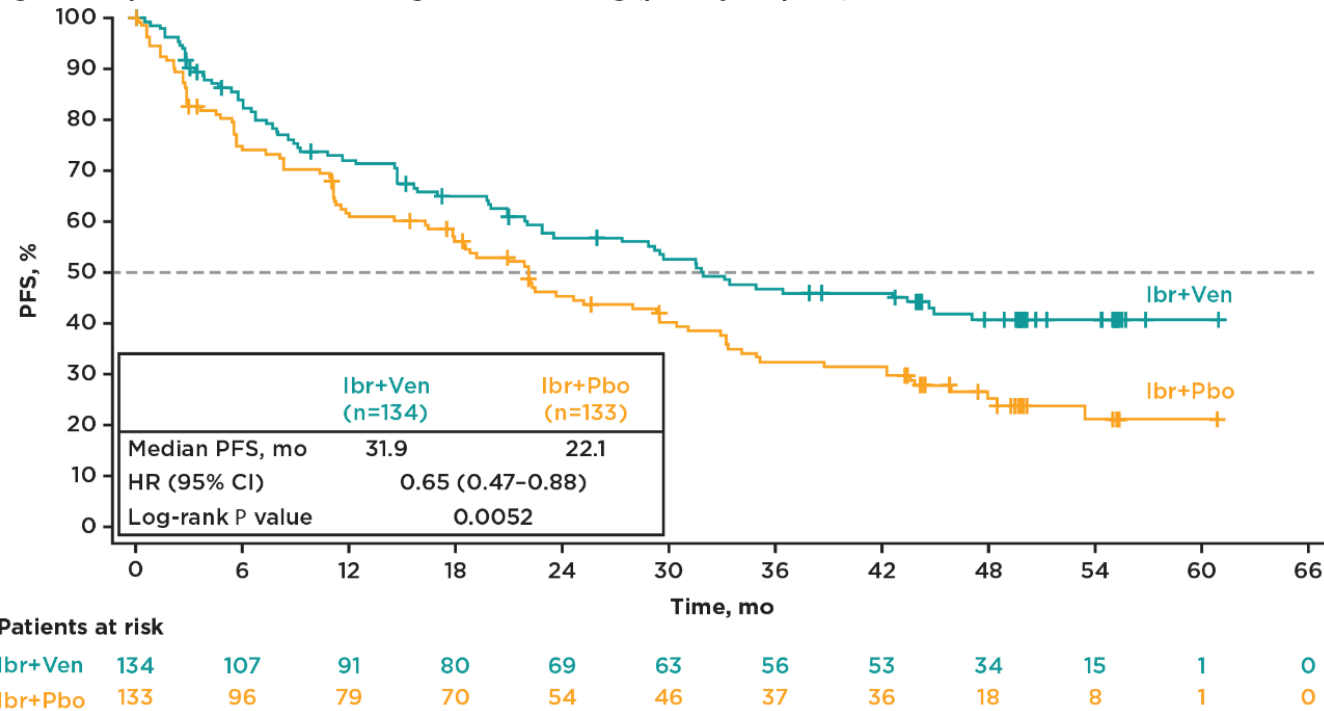


SYMPATICO

Combination Ibrutinib + Venetoclax

- Ibr+Ven combination had statistically significant improvement in **PFS** compared with Ibr+Placebo
- **CR** rates also significantly improved with Ibr+Ven
- **OS** was not significantly improved at this interim analysis
- The **safety** profile of Ibr+Ven was consistent with known AEs for each agent

Figure. PFS per INV Assessment Using Global Censoring (primary endpoint)



Case #3

- Patient was treated with **zanubrutinib**
- After 2 cycles, he achieved a **PR**
- He had persistent GI bleeding

How would you proceed?

- A. Continue zanubrutinib
- B. Add venetoclax
- C. Switch to pirtobrutinib
- D. Switch to rituximab + lenalidomide
- E. Switch to brexucabtagene autoleucel

Case #3

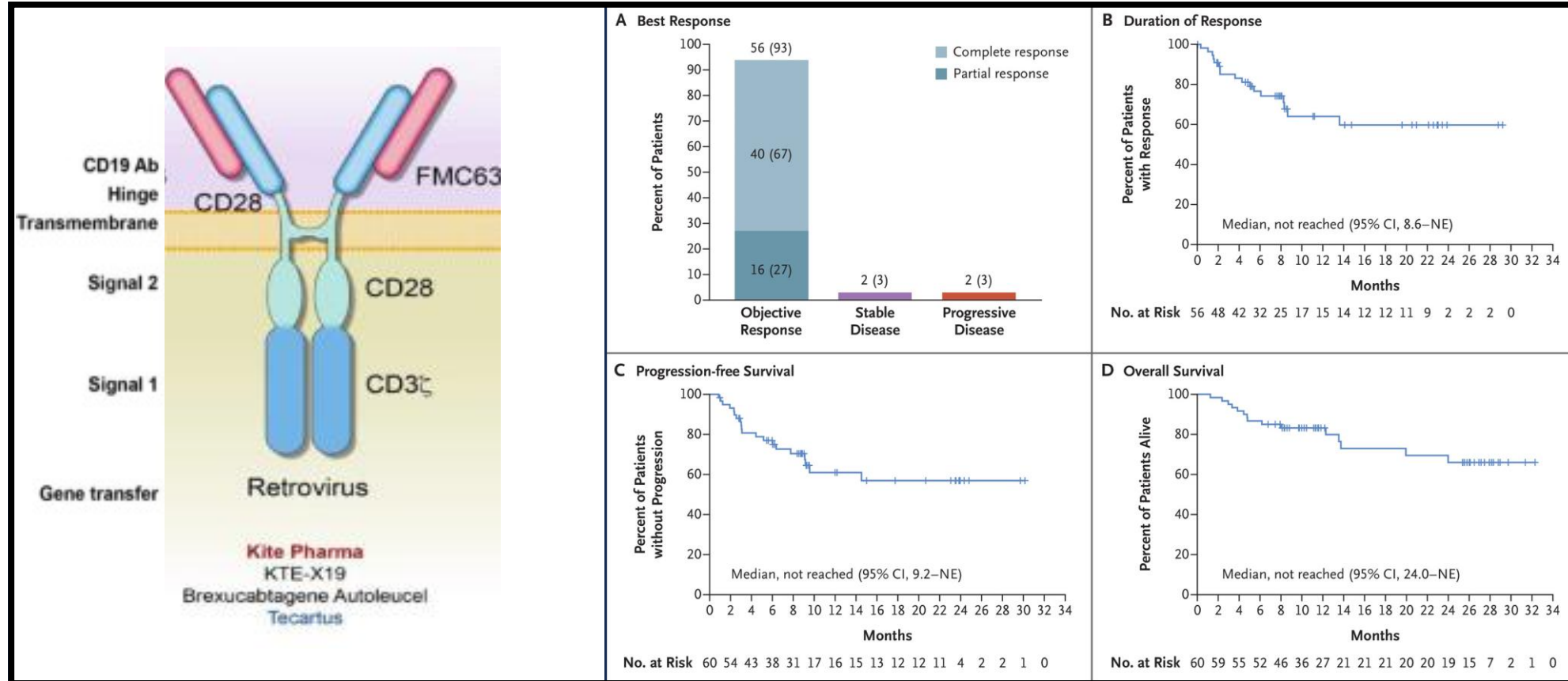
- Decision was made to treat with **brexucabtagene autoleucel**
- He has a **Deauville 2 CR** shown to the right
- He continues in CR nine months later



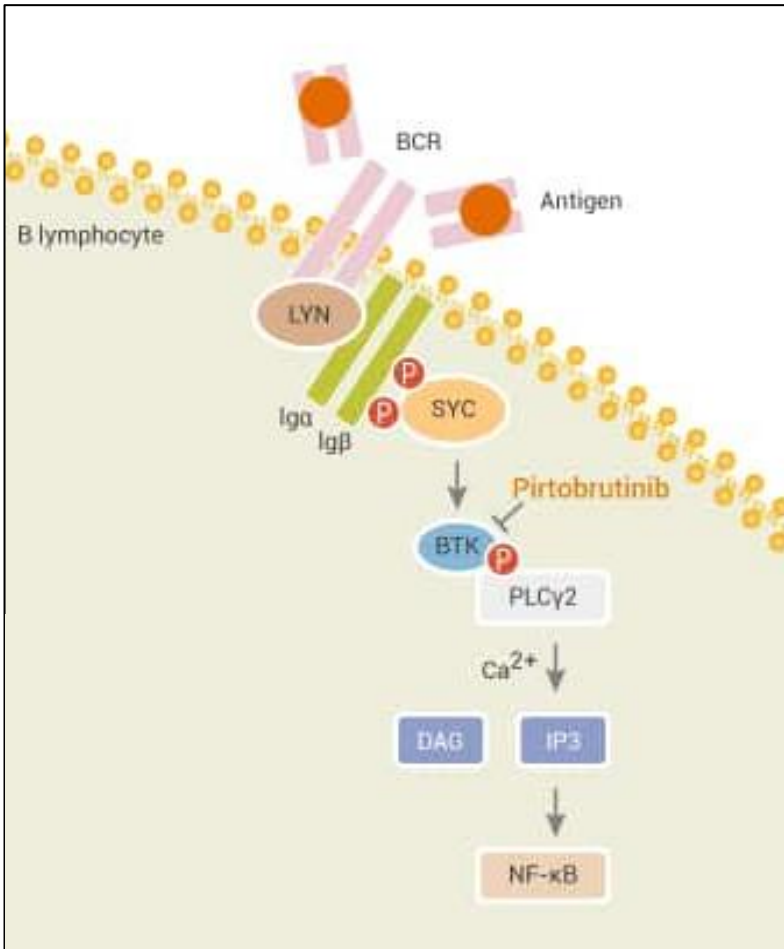
ORIGINAL ARTICLE

KTE-X19 CAR T-Cell Therapy in Relapsed or Refractory Mantle-Cell Lymphoma

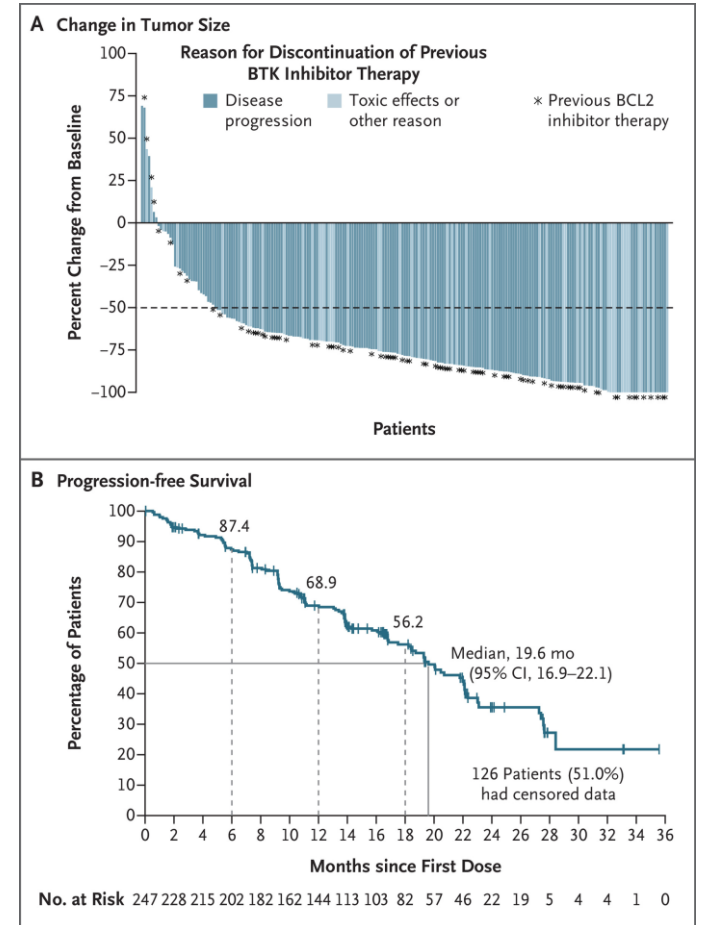
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Pirtobrutinib

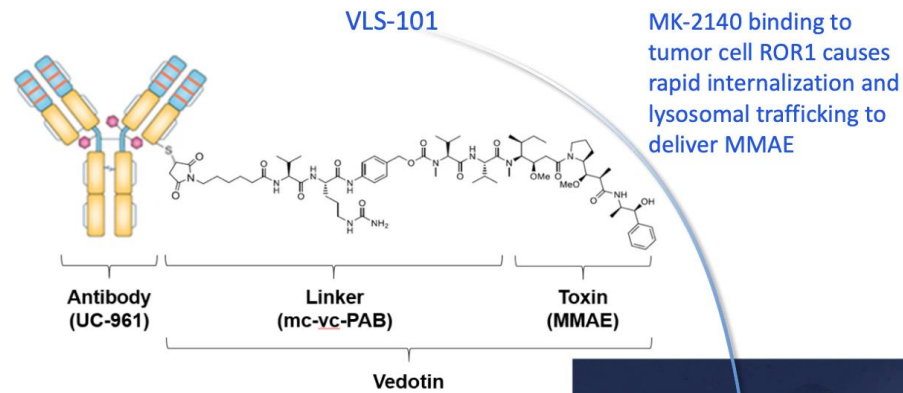


- 120 patients with prior BTK inhibitor treatment received oral pirtobrutinib at 200 mg once daily until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity.
- ORR: 73.3% (67.3, 78.7)
- mPFS: 19.6 months
- Most common side effects:
 - Fatigue (29%)
 - Musculoskeletal pain (27%)
 - Diarrhea (19%)
 - Edema (18%)
 - Dyspnea (17%)

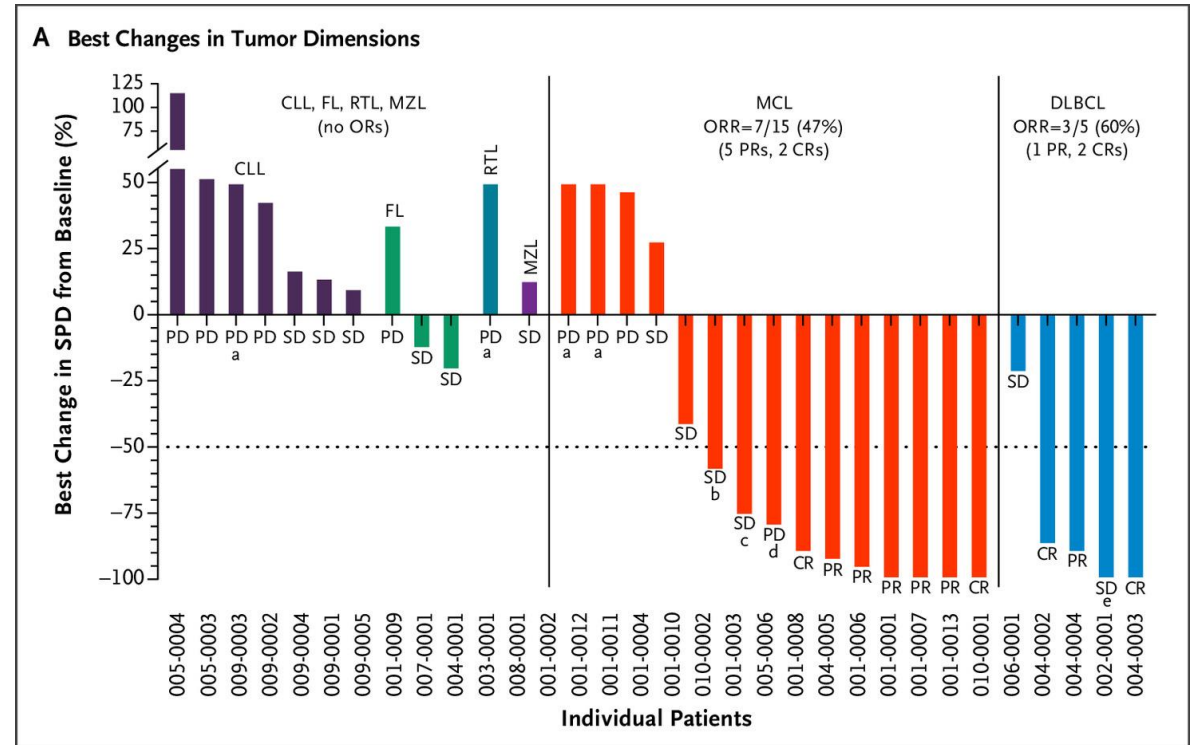
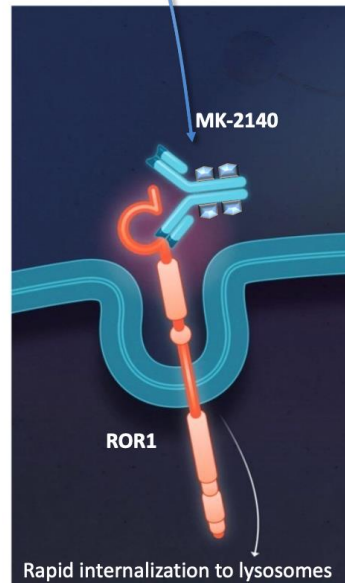


Other emerging therapies in the 3rd line setting

Zilovertamab vedotin



- Humanized IgG1k monoclonal antibody, UC-961
- Cleavable mc-vc-PAB linker
- Anti-microtubule toxin, MMAE (mean MMAE-to-antibody ratio = 4; range 0-8)



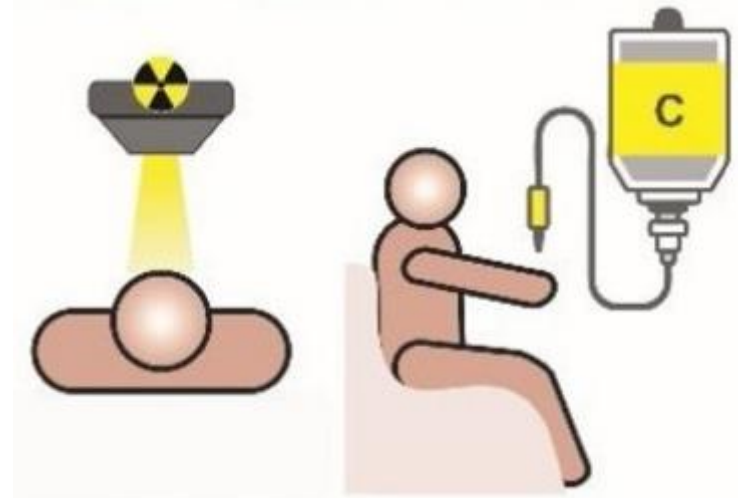
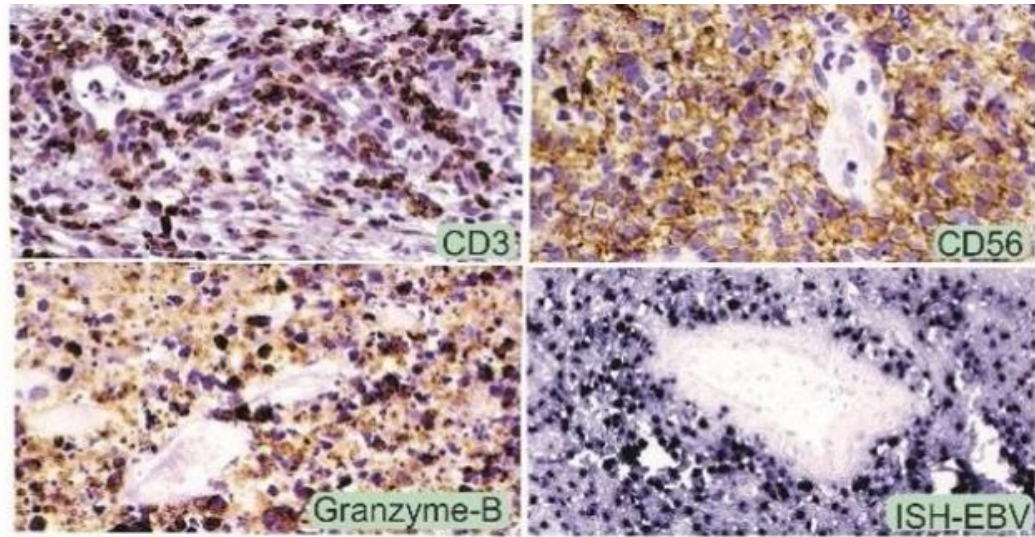
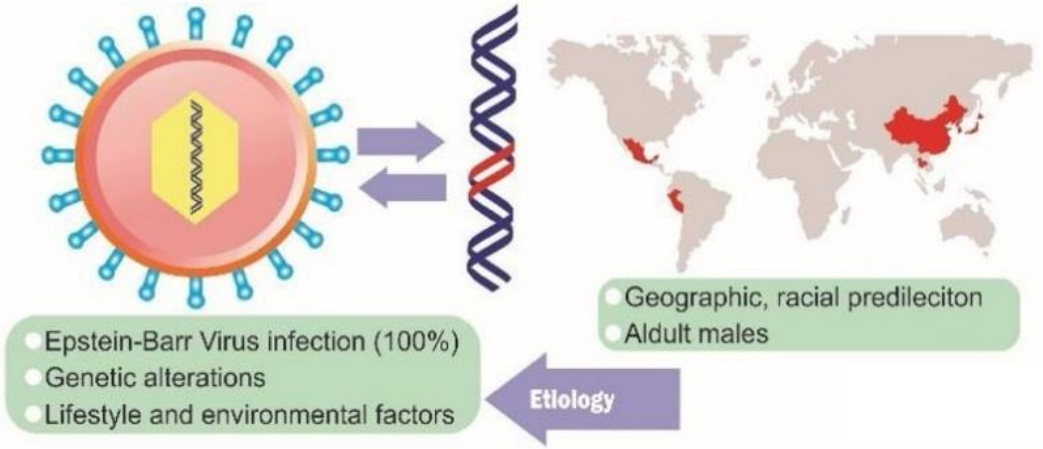
Case #3 – Key Points

- Upfront therapy is evolving for mantle cell lymphoma, especially for patients who are TP53 mutated
 - Incorporating BTKi
 - Less cytotoxic chemotherapy
- The role of transplant in the upfront setting is controversial
- Results from the SYMPATICO trial suggest combination venetoclax + BTKi therapy can yield a rapid response, if needed
- Many emerging therapies for third line
 - FDA-approved brexu-cel and pirtobrutinib
 - Other pipeline options include zilovertamab vedotin and bispecific antibodies

Case #4

- 39-year-old previously healthy man presents with **60lb weight loss** over previous 5 months with associated night sweats/fevers
- He is found to have an **oropharyngeal mass with cervical LAD**
- Initially biopsies were inconclusive but repeat core biopsy revealed rare **EBV/CD56+ cells consistent with EBV+ extranodal NK/T cell lymphoma**. CD3, CD30, MUM1 positive, CD56, EBER positive. CD5 negative
- PET/CT revealed **stage IIE** disease
- Bone marrow biopsy shows no involvement

Extra nodal NK/T cell lymphoma, nasal type



Extra nodal NK/T cell lymphoma, nasal type

Prognostic Index of Natural Killer Lymphoma (PINK)		Prognostic Index of Natural Killer Cell Lymphoma with EBV DNA (PINK-E)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age > 60 years • Stage III or IV Disease • Distant Lymph-Node Involvement • Non-Nasal Type Disease 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age > 60 years • Stage III or IV Disease • Distant Lymph-Node Involvement • Non-Nasal Type Disease • Epstein-Barr Virus DNA 	
Low Risk:	0 Risk Factors	Low Risk:	0-1 Risk Factors
Intermediate Risk:	1 Risk Factors	Intermediate Risk:	2 Risk Factors
High Risk:	2 Risk Factors	High Risk:	≥ 3 Risk Factors

How would you treat this patient with localized extra nodal NK/T cell lymphoma?

- A. Combination RT + DeVIC
- B. Modified SMILE
- C. P-GEMOX +/- RT
- D. DDGP +/- RT
- E. Sandwich chemoradiation: GELAD x 2 cycles followed by RT x 2 cycles

Case #4

- He was treated with **DeVIC x 3 cycles + RT in 25 fractions**
- He was determined to be in **remission** by imaging and EBV quantitative PCR
- 1 month later, he was admitted to OSH for **fevers, pancytopenia, hepatosplenomegaly, transaminitis** with notable **ferritin 35,000** and **soluble IL2 1500** (nml range 158-623 U/mL)
- Bone marrow biopsy with **hemophagocytosis** and no evidence of lymphoma

Hemophagocytic Lymphohistiocytosis

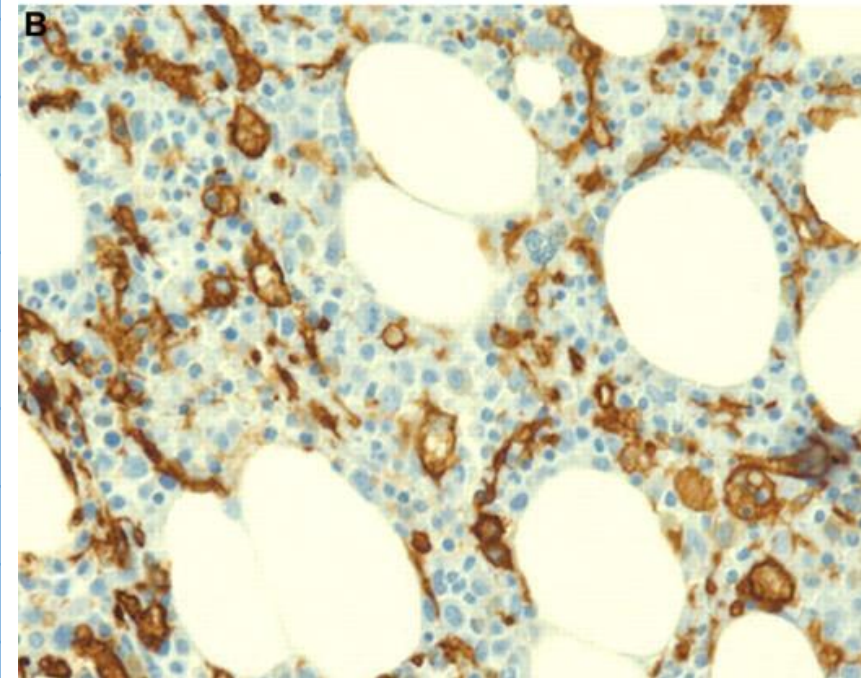
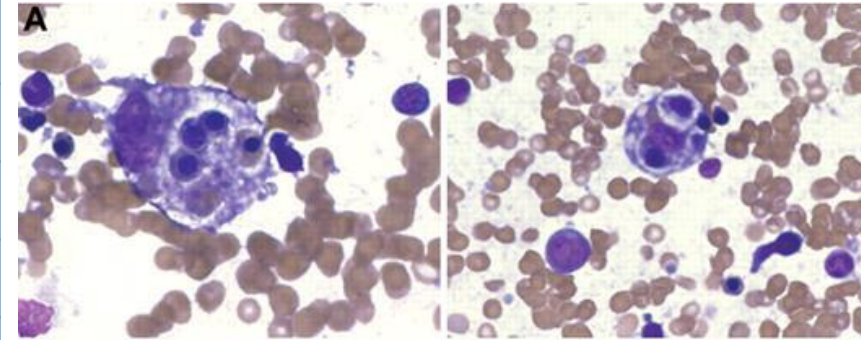
Diagnostic Criteria

A. Molecular diagnosis consistent with HLH: pathologic mutations of PRF1, UNC13D, Munc18-2, Rab27a, STX11, SH2D1A, or BIRC4

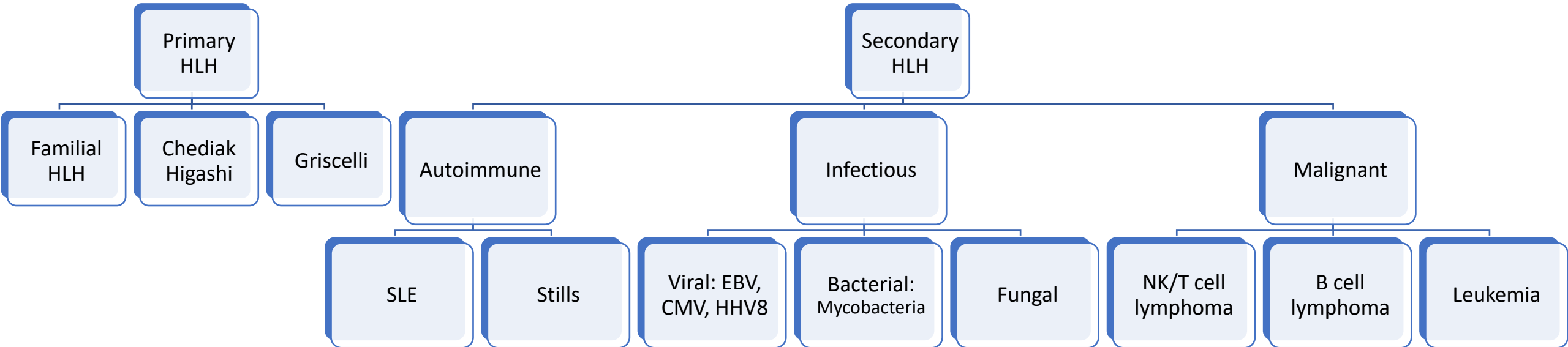
or

B. Five of the 8 criteria listed below are fulfilled:

1. Fever $\geq 38.5^{\circ}\text{C}$
2. Splenomegaly
3. Cytopenias (affecting at least 2 of 3 lineages in the peripheral blood)
 - Hemoglobin $< 9 \text{ g/dL}$ (in infants < 4 weeks: hemoglobin $< 10 \text{ g/dL}$)
 - Platelets $< 100 \times 10^3/\text{mL}$
 - Neutrophils $< 1 \times 10^3/\text{mL}$
4. Hypertriglyceridemia ($> 265 \text{ mg/dL}$) and/or hypofibrinogenemia ($< 150 \text{ mg/dL}$)
5. Hemophagocytosis in bone marrow, spleen, lymph nodes, or liver
6. Low or absent NK-cell activity
7. Ferritin $> 500 \text{ ng/mL}^{\ddagger}$
8. Elevated sCD25 (α -chain of sIL-2 receptor)



Hemophagocytic Lymphohistiocytosis



Targeted Genes to Test for Familial/Primary HLH

<i>ADA</i>	<i>AP3B1</i>	<i>AP3D1</i>	<i>BLOC1S6</i>	<i>CD27</i>
<i>CD70</i>	<i>CDC42</i>	<i>CORO1A</i>	<i>CTPS1</i>	<i>IFNAR2</i>
<i>ITK</i>	<i>LYST</i>	<i>MAGT1</i>	<i>MVK</i>	<i>NLRC4</i>
<i>PRF1</i>	<i>RAB27A</i>	<i>SH2D1A</i>	<i>SLC7A7</i>	<i>STX11</i>
	<i>STXBP2</i>	<i>UNC13D</i>	<i>XIAP</i>	

Hemophagocytic Lymphohistiocytosis (HLH)

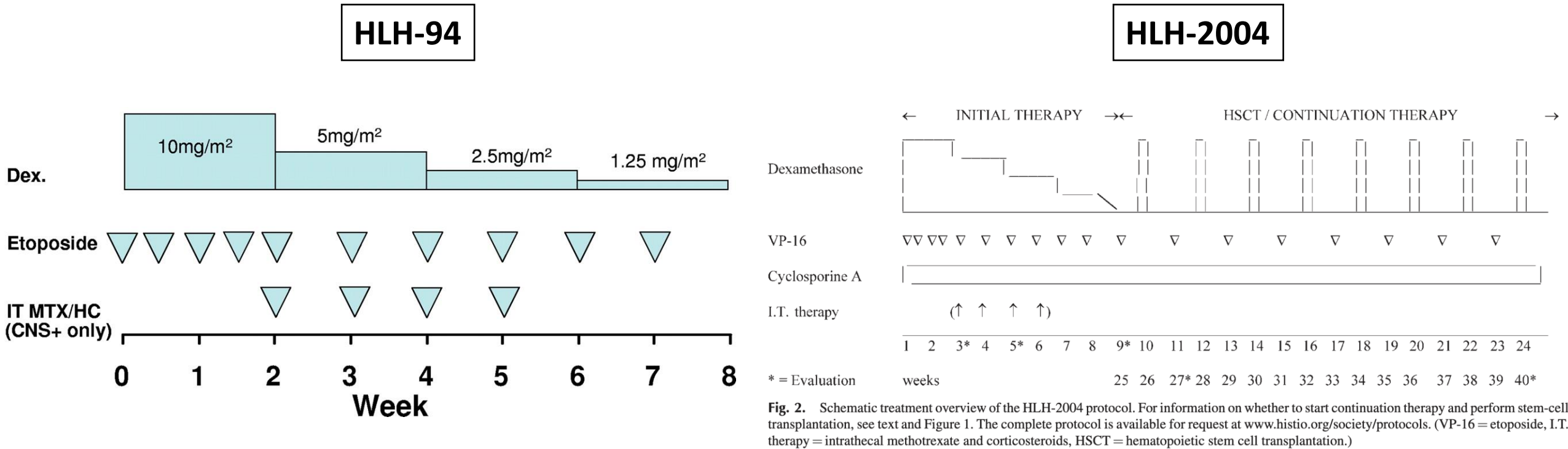


Fig. 2. Schematic treatment overview of the HLH-2004 protocol. For information on whether to start continuation therapy and perform stem-cell transplantation, see text and Figure 1. The complete protocol is available for request at www.histio.org/society/protocols. (VP-16 = etoposide, I.T. therapy = intrathecal methotrexate and corticosteroids, HSCT = hematopoietic stem cell transplantation.)

Case #4

- CT chest/abd/pelv: Few prominent loops of small bowel. Nondistended colon with liquid stool. Findings may represent early **enterocolitis** in appropriate clinical setting. PEG in place
- CT sinus: Bilateral maxillary sinus inflammatory changes which result in narrowing of the left ostiomeatal unit. Bilateral mastoid effusions
- **EBV PCR positive** at this time.
- He was started on **HLH-94 protocol**

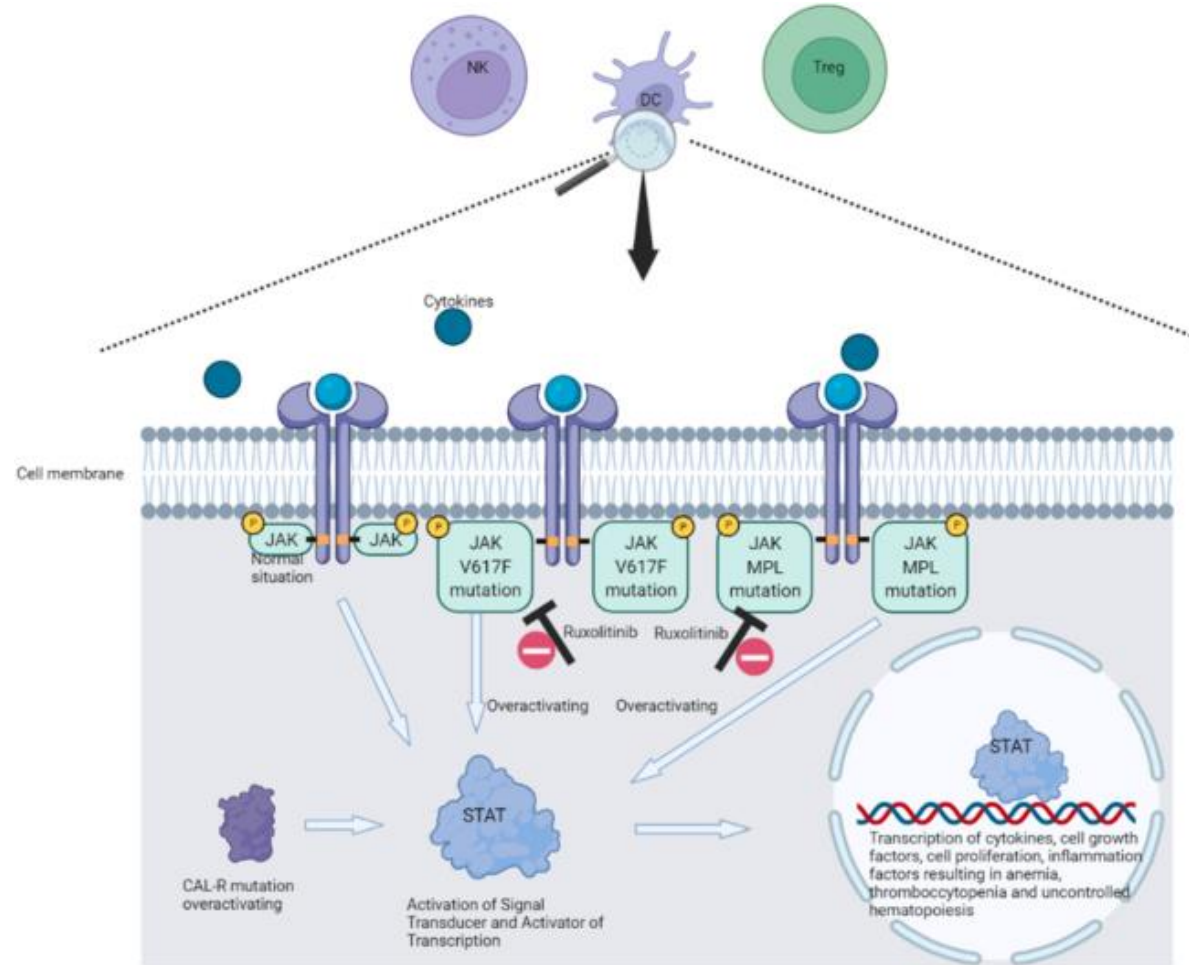
Case #4

- After cycle 7 of etoposide, he presented to OSH for **neutropenic fever**
- **ANC: 310; Hgb: 6.5; Plts: 37; AST/ALT ~100**
- **Ferritin 17,000**
- **EBV viral load 2,577**
- Found to have colitis and ultimately transferred to UCSF for further management

How would you treat this patient?

- A. PET/CT and repeat bone marrow biopsy to look for lymphoma recurrence
 - B. Perform genetic testing for primary HLH
 - C. Refer for allogeneic stem cell transplant
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- A. Add ruxolitinib
 - B. Add anakinra

Refractory HLH: Ruxolitinib

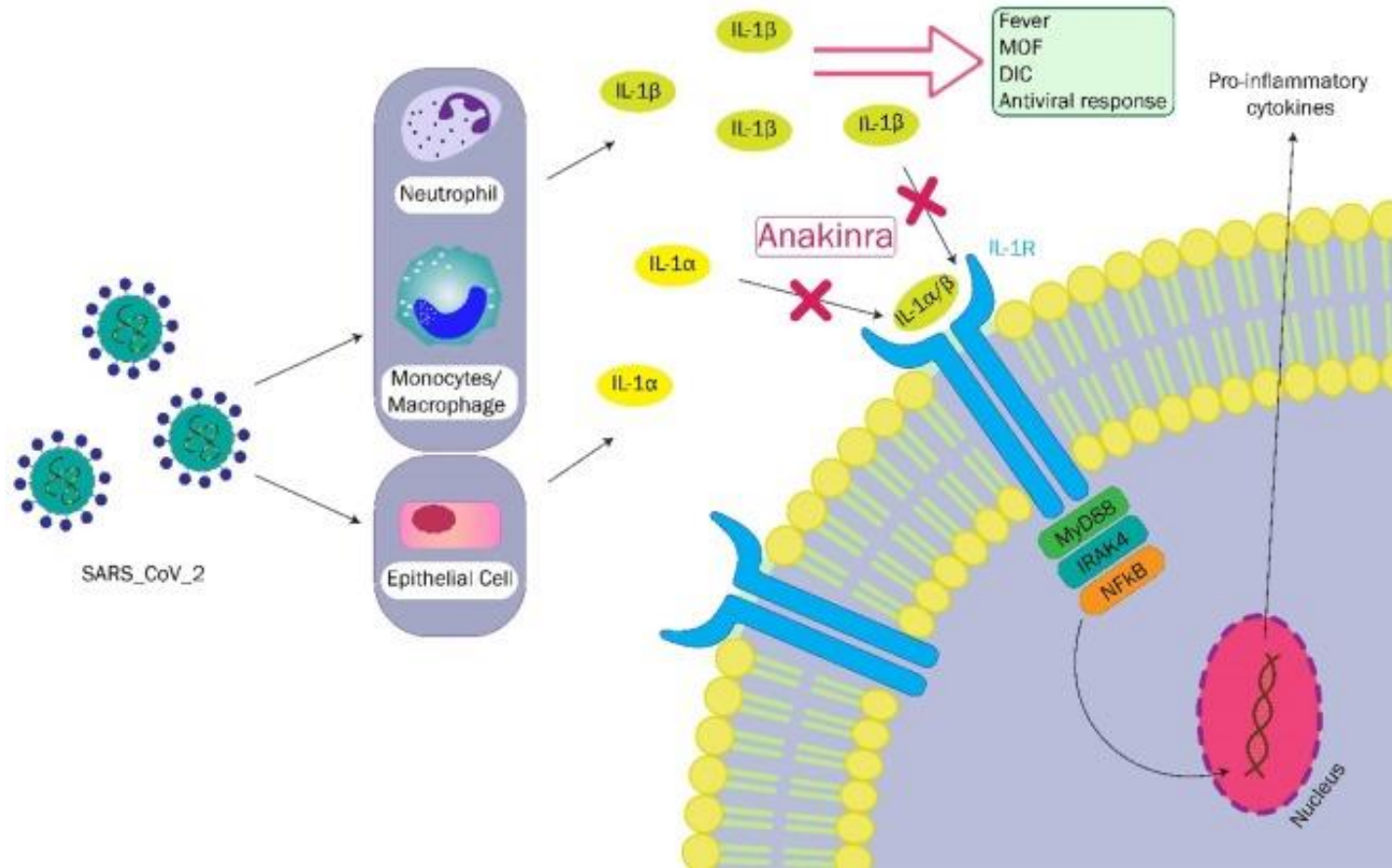


Refractory HLH: Ruxolitinib

Table 3. Publications on Ruxolitinib for the Treatment of Adults with mHLH.

Reference	N	Mean Age (Range)	HLH Type	New or R/R HLH	Target Rux Dose (BID)	Rux Duration	HLH Therapy	Response	OS * (f/u if Known)
Boonstra 2021 [84]	1	70	R/R Hodgkin; EBV viremia	New	15 mg	1.5 m	Rux	PR	100%
Hansen 2021 [85]	1	33	SPTL	R/R	15 mg	11 m	Dex/Etop → Cy, Doxo, Vin, Pred → Rux, Etop, IVIG +Alem	CR	100% (1 y)
Stalder 2023 [86]	6	52 y (34–72 y)	AML	New	10 mg	31–122 d	Dex, Etop, Rux, induction chemo	CR (83%), PR (17%)	33% (120 d)
Trantham 2020 [87]	2	66 y, 24 y	Suspected Hodgkin DLBCL	R/R	10 mg 15 mg	~6 m ~25 d	Dex/Etop → Benda/Brentux → Rux → Alem/Anakinra R-EPOCH x3 → R-CHOP x3 → Rux, HD MTX, AraC, IT → R-GCD → R-ICE → Alem/Dex	CR (100%)	0% (1 y, 14.5 m)
J Wang 2021 [88]	3	27 y, 28 y, 66 y	B cell lymphoma	R/R	10 mg	NR	HLH94 → Rux, Doxo (lipo), Etop, Methylpred → chemo → HCT	NR	NR
H Wang 2020 [89]	2	24 y, 45 y	EBV+ NK cell leukemia Relapsed PTL	New	5 mg	~5 w	Dex/Etop, PLEX, Rux, Gem/Ox/Peg → Pred Dex/Etop/Rux → Gem/Ox/Peg	?CR (100%)	0% (~2 m?)
Zhou 2020 [90]	36	44.7 y (31–58 y)	Lymphoma	New	0.3 mg/kg daily	14 d	Dex/Etop/Rux/Doxo → chemo	CR (28%), PR (56%)	39% (5 m)

Refractory HLH: Anakinra

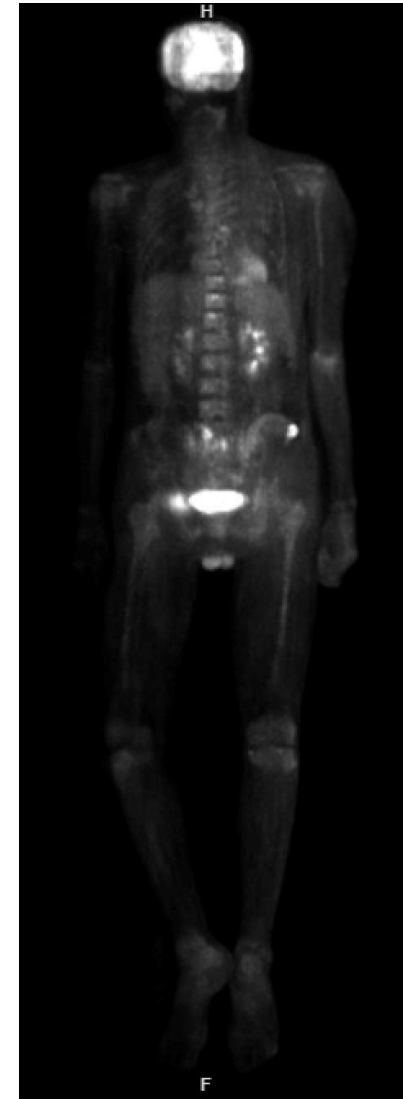


21 Case Reports:

- 10 patients first line therapy
- 5 patients as monotherapy
- Effective in 19/21 patients (90.5%)
- Fever resolution in 19 patients (90.5%) within a median of 1.0 day

Case #4

- PET/CT revealed: **multiple sites of focal osseous hypermetabolism** in the pelvis and spine with variable degrees of confidence.
Deauville 5 if lymphoma
- Biopsy of bone lesion reveals **recurrent NK/T cell lymphoma**
- Bone marrow biopsy shows **NK/T cell involvement**



How would you treat this patient with recurrent stage IVE extra nodal NK/T cell lymphoma?

- A. Modified SMILE
- B. P-GEMOX +/- RT
- C. Allo-HCT
- D. Pembrolizumab or nivolumab

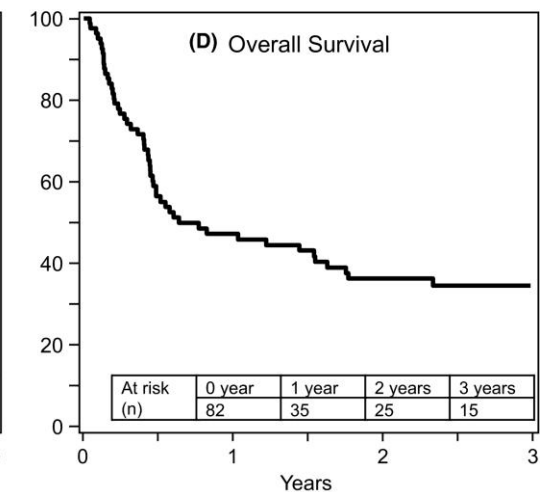
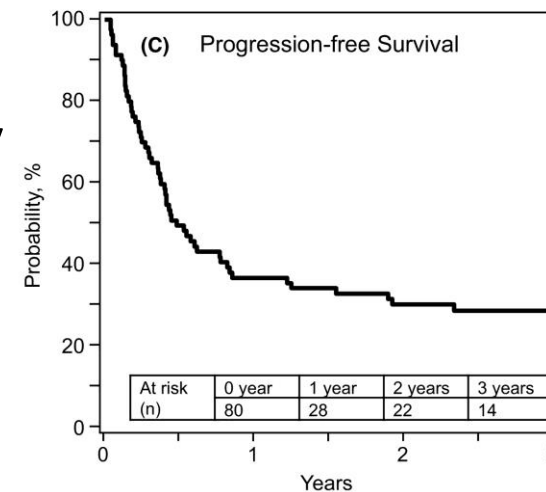
For advanced stage disease: combination chemotherapy with L-asparaginase is used

SMILE Regimen	L-Asparaginase / Methotrexate / Dexamethasone Regimen
In younger patients with better performance status	In older patients or those with lesser performance status
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Methotrexate 2 g/m² IV (6 hours) on Day 1• Leucovorin 15 mg x4 IV or PO on Days 2, 3, 4• Ifosfamide 1500 mg/m² IV on Days 2, 3, 4• Mesna 300 mg/m² x3 IV on Days 2, 3, 4• Dexamethasone 40 mg/day IV or PO on Days 2, 3, 4• Etoposide 100 mg/m² IV on Days 2, 3, 4• L-Asparaginase (<i>Escherichia coli</i>) 6000 U/m² IV on Days 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20• G-CSF SubQ or IV starting on Day 6 until WBC > 5000/μL	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• L-Asparaginase (<i>Escherichia coli</i>) 6000 U/m² IM on Days 2, 3, 6, and 8• Methotrexate 3g/m² IV on Day 1• Dexamethasone 40 mg x4 on Days 1, 2, 3, 4

There may be a role for allogenic stem cell transplant for patients who are chemo responsive

Kanate *et al.* 2018:

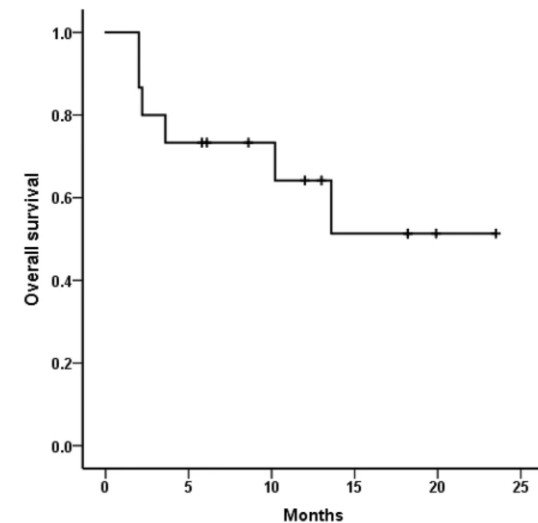
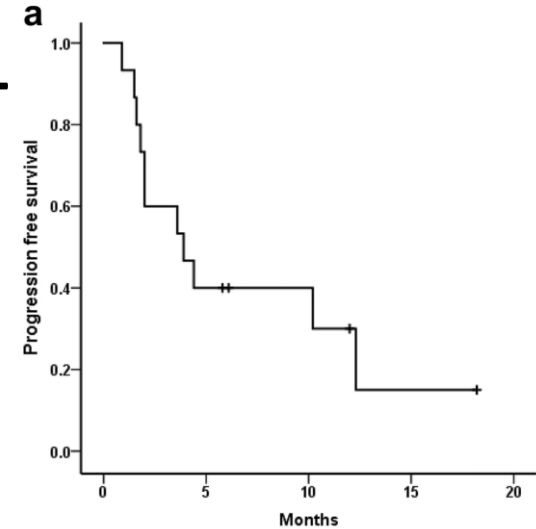
- 82 patients
- Included patients in CR (45%), PR (30%), or refractory disease (12%) at time of AlloHSCT.
- At median follow up of 36 months:
 - 3-Year PFS: 28%
 - 3-Year OS: 34%



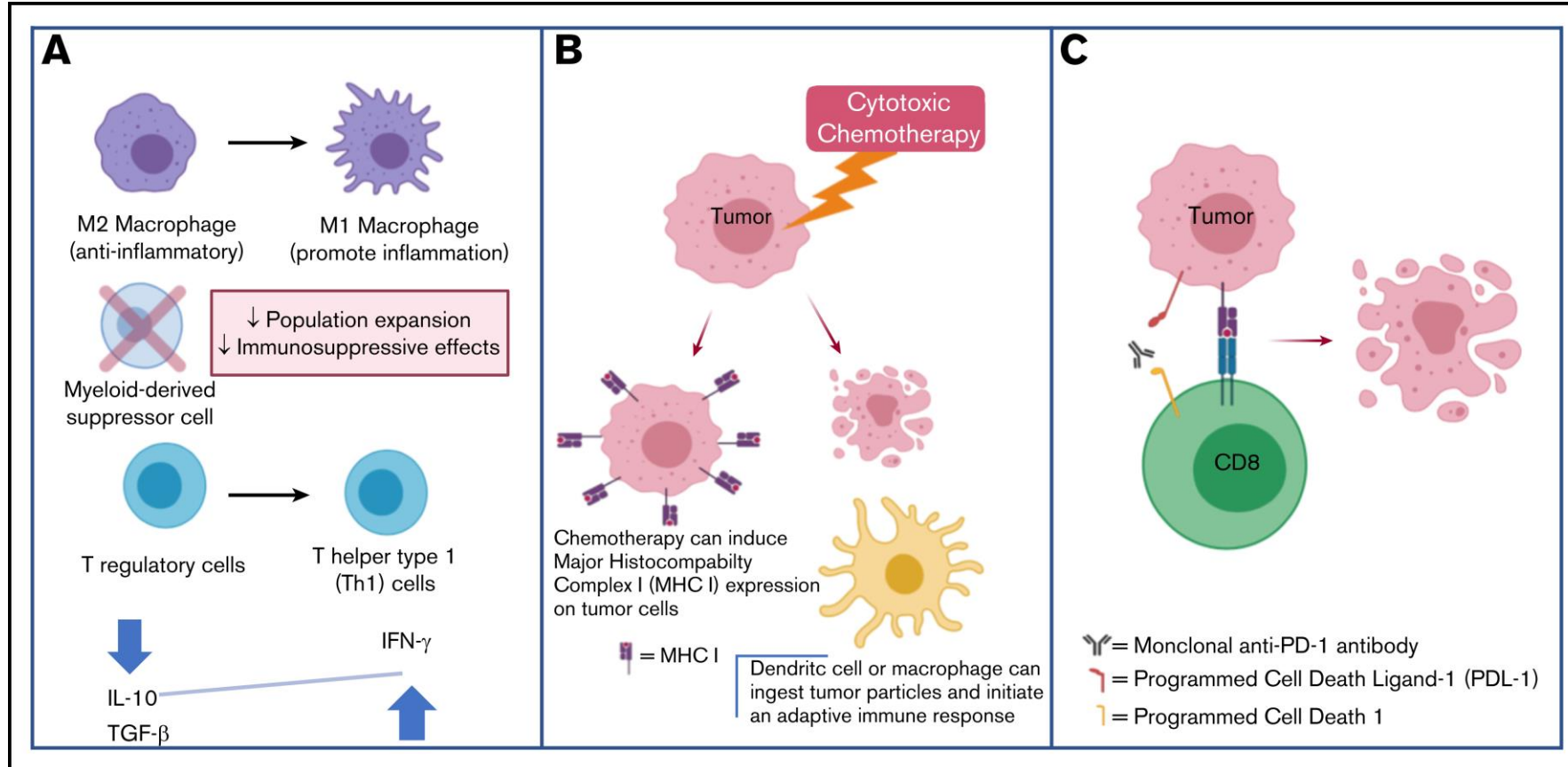
Novel CAR-T cell product for ENKTL

Baltaleucel-T (CMD-003): autologous EBV-specific T-Cell product

- Bridging chemotherapy allowed. All chemotherapy stopped 2 weeks prior to baltaleucel-T infusion.
- Two Cohorts:
 - Salvage: 10 of 15 patients with measurable disease on PET/CT
 - Adjuvant: 5 of 15 patients without measurable disease on PET/CT



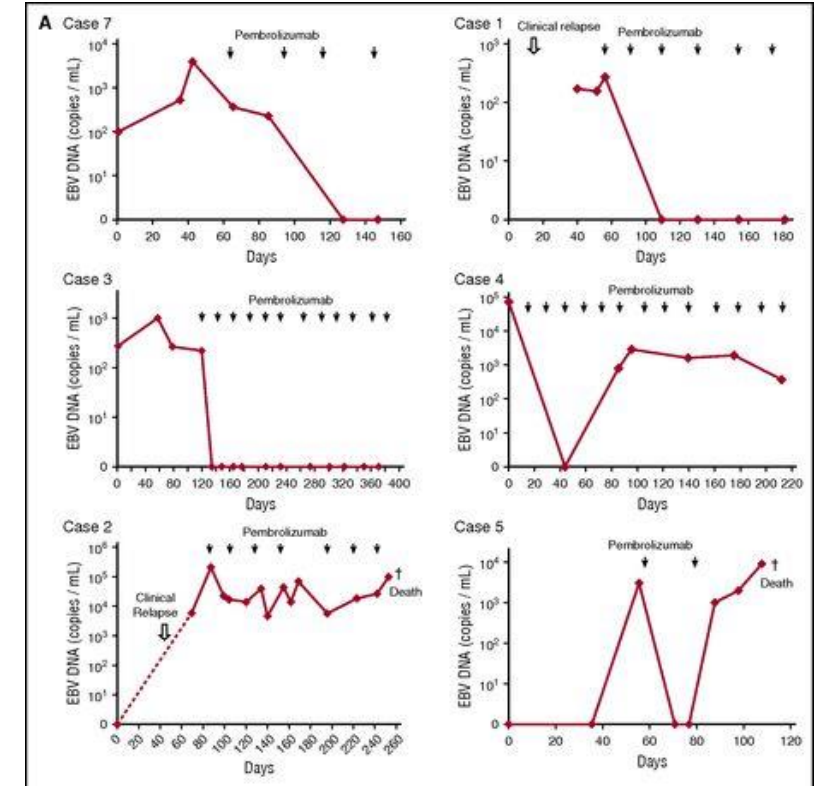
Check Point Inhibitors in ENKTL



Check Point Inhibitors in ENKTL

• Pembrolizumab

- 7 patients
- Median of 7 cycles pembrolizumab administered.
- All 7 patients achieved some type of objective response.
- 2 patients achieved CR
- 2 patients achieved clinical and radiologic CR,
 - 2 having molecular remission (undetectable EBV DNA).



Case #4: Conclusion

- The patient was started on **SMILE chemotherapy**
- His course was complicated by **neutropenic enterocolitis**
- Unfortunately, the patient had progressive fevers and encephalopathy and was transferred to the ICU for intubation
- He soon developed **DIC leading to renal failure and ultimately expired in the ICU**

Case #4 – Key Points

- Hemophagocytic Lymphohistiocytosis (HLH) is a clinical syndrome that is most often triggered by underlying malignancy and/or infection
 - Primary HLH is rare and genetic testing can be sent to aid in diagnosis
 - Primary HLH is treated with HLH-94 protocol
 - Secondary HLH is treated by treating the underlying cause
 - A thorough workup for lymphoma including PET/CT should always be performed
 - Primary HLH can be treated with HLH-94, but 50% of patients are refractory to treatment
 - Evidence is emerging for the use of ruxolitinib and anakinra in the refractory setting

Case #4 – Key Points

- NK/T cell lymphoma is an aggressive non-Hodgkin's lymphoma that can be treated with RT and chemotherapy in early stage
 - All patients should receive a PET/CT and bone marrow biopsy for appropriate staging
 - EBV viremia can be used to track MRD
- Transplant could be considered for patients achieving a CR
- Check point inhibitors can be used in the R/R setting