

Eppur si muove...

La terapia nel MONDO LINFOMI

**Gli studi osservazionali retrospettivi
come comparazione di confronto: la
valutazione statistica**

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- Supporto **metodologico** per capire come interpretare i risultati degli studi a supporto di tafasitamab





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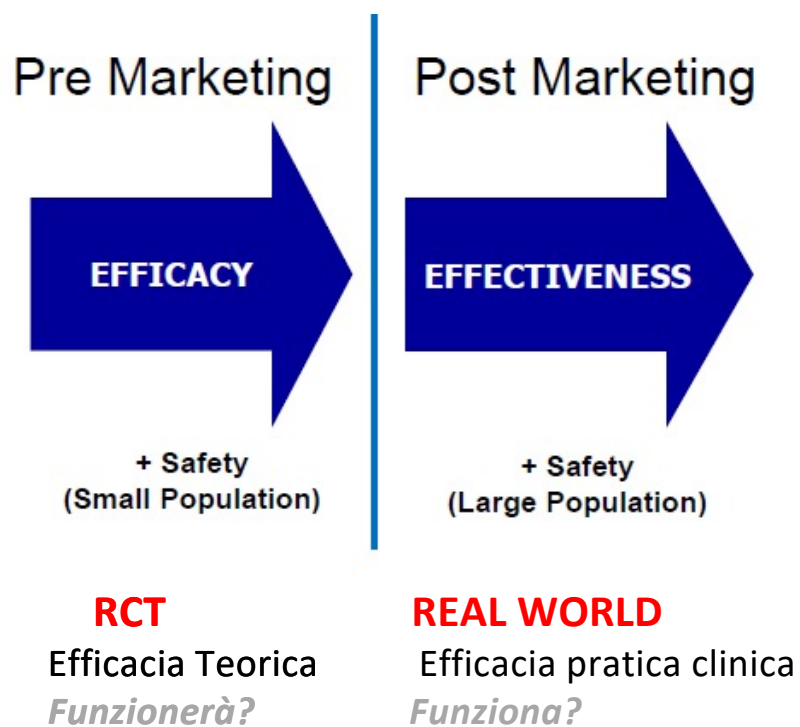


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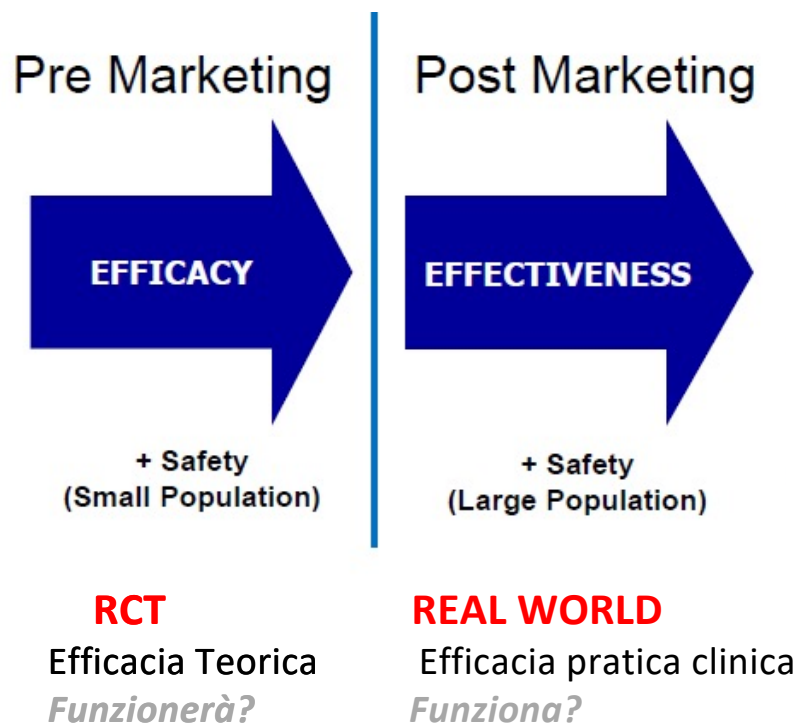


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Tafasitamab funziona nella pratica clinica?



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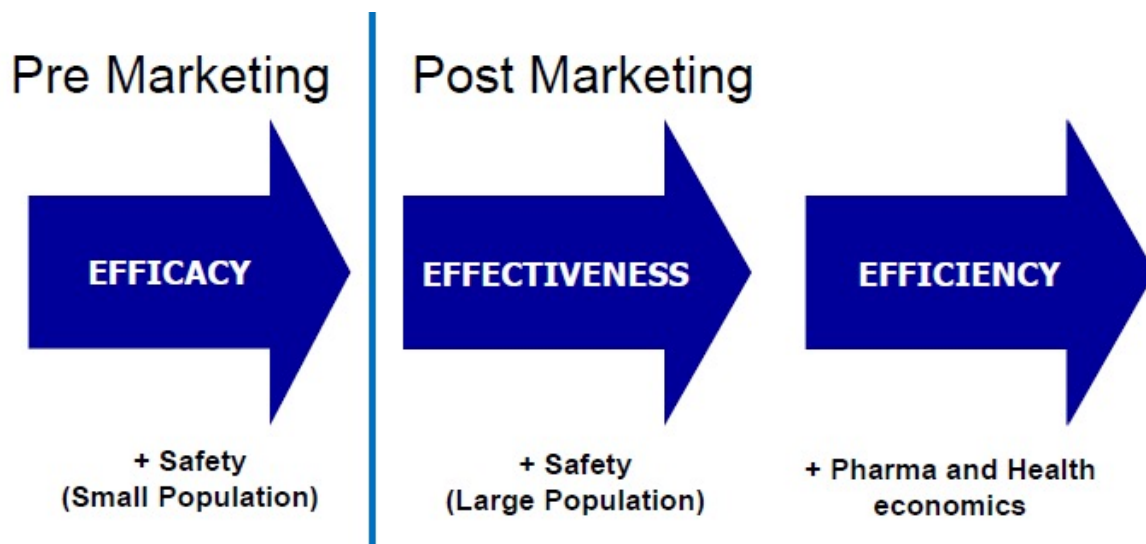


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REAL WORLD
Efficacia pratica clinica
Funziona?

Include i COS
Efficienza
Conviene?

Tafasitamab conviene?



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Tafasitamab with lenalidomide for treating relapsed or refractory diffuse large B-cell lymphoma [ID3795]

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Economic evaluation of polatuzumab-bendamustine-rituximab vs. tafasitamab-lenalidomide in transplant-ineligible R/R DLBCL

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ABSTRACT

Aim: Polatuzumab vedotin-bendamustin-rituximab (PBR) and tafasitamab-lenalidomide (Tafa-L) were approved recently for relapsed/refractory diffuse large B-cell lymphoma (R/R DLBCL) in autologous stem cell transplant (ASCT) ineligible patients. We performed an industry-independent pharmacoeconomic evaluation of both regimens over a 5-year (y) time horizon (US payer perspective; 2020 USD).

Methods: Survival curves, treatment costs, and utility values were applied in a three-state Markov model (progression-free survival (PFS), post-progression survival (PPS), death) to estimate the incremental follow-up (ICER) and cost-utility ratios (ICUR). A novel metric of the incremental cost per 1% gain in the probability of achieving objective response (OR), PFS, and OS were estimated.

Results: Five-year Tafa-L costs (\$470,119) exceeded PBR's (\$249,217) by \$220,902 with incremental gains of 0.71 life-years (LY) and 0.32 quality-adjusted life-years (QALY); yielding ICER of \$310,041/LYg and ICUR of \$694,241/QALYg. Tafa-L had favorable PFS and OS rates over PBR with adjusted differences of +19.2 and +34.1%, respectively at trial follow-up (~2 years), with corresponding 5 years differences in survival of +7.8% in PFS and +21.4% in OS. The incremental cost per 1% gain in the probability of achieving OR, PFS and OS at follow-up were \$8,479, \$6,359, and \$3,583; and \$28,321 and \$10,323 for PFS and OS at 5 years.

Conclusion: The sustained Tafa-L treatment demonstrated better survival outcomes than 6-cycle PBR though at a greater cost. The incremental costs to gain a 1% improvement in 2 and 5 years survival outcomes with Tafa-L over PBR were modest, underscoring the longer-term benefit of Tafa-L over PBR in patients ineligible for or opting out of ASCT.

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Quesito 1

L'efficacia osservata può essere dovuta solo da lena in mono?



Studio RE-MIND



Quesito 2

*Tafa+lenta è più efficace degli attuali trattamenti standard of care?
(Valore terapeutico aggiunto)*



Studio RE-MIND 2

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1. Focus disegno dello studio RE-MIND

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Purpose: Tafasitamab, an Fc-modified, humanized, anti-CD19 monoclonal antibody, in combination with lenalidomide, demonstrated efficacy in transplant-ineligible patients with relapsed/refractory (R/R) diffuse large B-cell lymphoma (DLBCL), in the single-arm, phase II L-MIND study (NCT02399085). RE-MIND, a retrospective observational study, generated a historic control for L-MIND to delineate the contribution of tafasitamab to the efficacy of the combination.

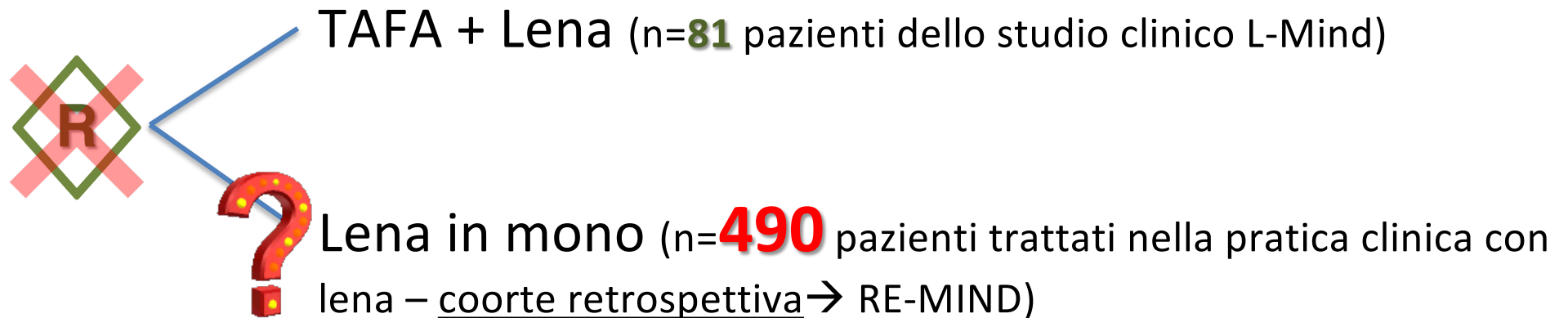
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For relevant baseline patient and disease characteristics, balance between cohorts was achieved using propensity score-matching and weighting to minimize confounding effects (19). To enable adequate cohort balancing, a sample size of 500 patients was projected for the lenalidomide-monotherapy cohort. Estimated propensity score

Perché circa 500 pz?
Sample size calculation

Disegno dello studio **comparativo** NON Randomizzato Sui pazienti appaiati

Results: Data from 490 patients going through lenalidomide monotherapy were collected; 140 qualified for matching with the L-MIND cohort. The primary analysis included 76 patients from each cohort who received a lenalidomide starting dose of 25 mg/day.



Pz appaiati



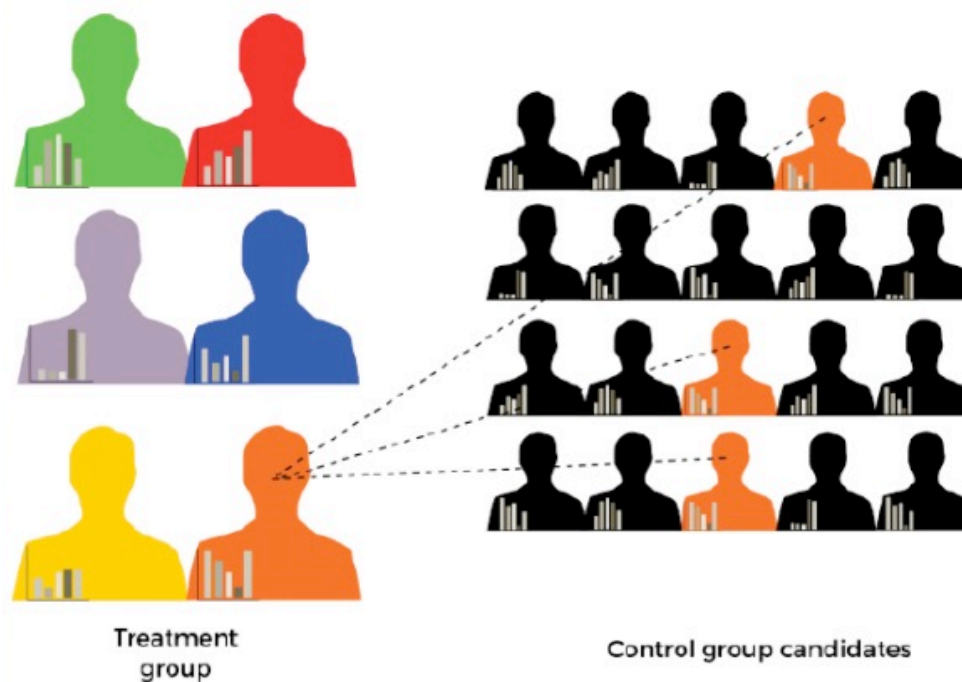
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Tecnica di appaiamento dei pz: **PROPENSITY SCORE MATCHING**



Tafa+lena
L-MIND

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Pz più simili
possibili per le
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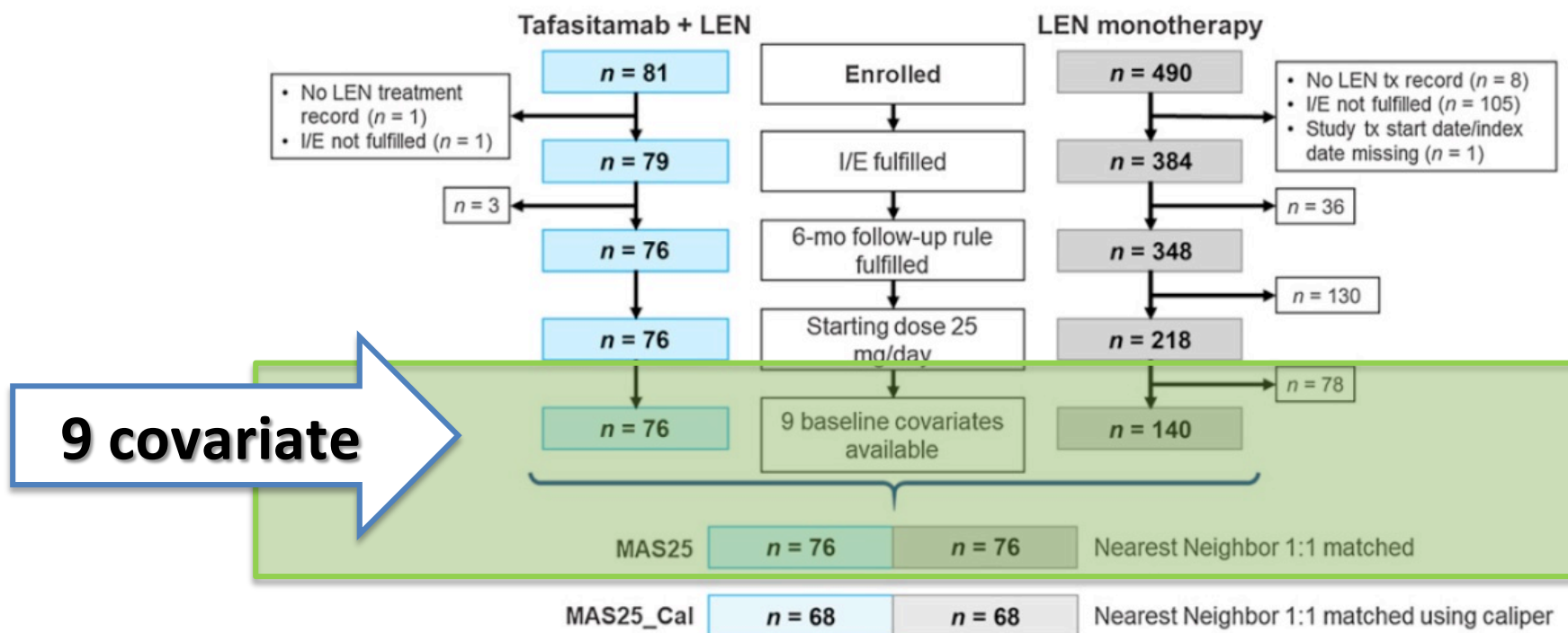


Figure 1.

RE-MIND: patient disposition. I/E, inclusion or exclusion criteria; LEN, lenalidomide; MAS25, matched analysis set 25; MAS25_Cal, matched analysis set 25 with use of caliper; mo, month; tx, treatment.

Disegno dello studio comparativo NON Randomizzato

Variabili clino prognostiche al basale di appaiamento

SONO CLINICAMENTE RILEVANTI?

9.2.2 General Aspects of Cohort Balancing

Comparable patient populations from the observational cohort and the L-MIND cohort in respect to the following baseline covariates will be created:

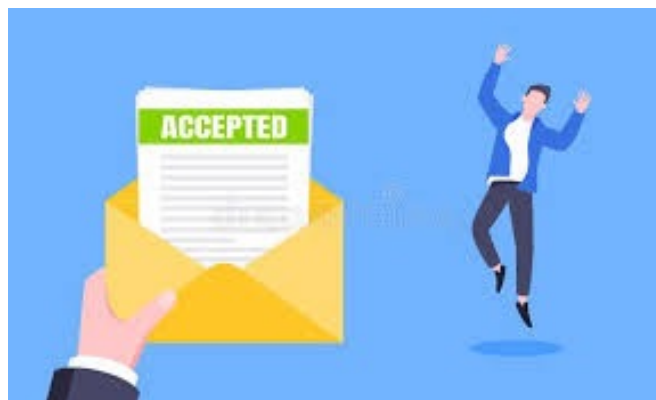
- age (as categorical variable with subgroups <70 vs. ≥ 70 years of age),
- Ann Arbor Stage (I/II vs. III/IV),
- refractoriness to last therapy line (Yes vs. No),
- number of previous lines of therapy (1 vs. 2/3),
- history of primary refractoriness (Yes vs. No),
- prior ASCT (Yes vs. No),
- neutropenia (cut-off $< 1.5 \times 10^9/L$) (Yes vs. No),
- anemia (cut-off < 10 g/dL) (Yes vs. No) and
- elevated lactate dehydrogenase (LDH) levels ($>$ upper limit of normal [ULN]) (Yes vs. No).

Disegno dello studio comparativo NON Randomizzato

Calcolo del sample size

Sample-size calculation

With 81 patients enrolled in L-MIND, the ePS-based 1:1 matching would result in a sample size of maximum $n = 2 \times 81$. With an assumed difference of 23% in ORR for lenalidomide monotherapy (35%) versus the tafasitamab–lenalidomide combination (58%), the achieved power was 80% and the minimal detectable statistical difference in ORR was 17% using Fisher's exact test for unpaired data. To enable adequate cohort balancing (SMD of ≤ 0.2 for all covariates), a sample size of 500 patients was projected for the lenalidomide-monotherapy cohort.



2. Focus disegno dello studio RE-MIND 2

Tutto pre-specificato nel protocollo
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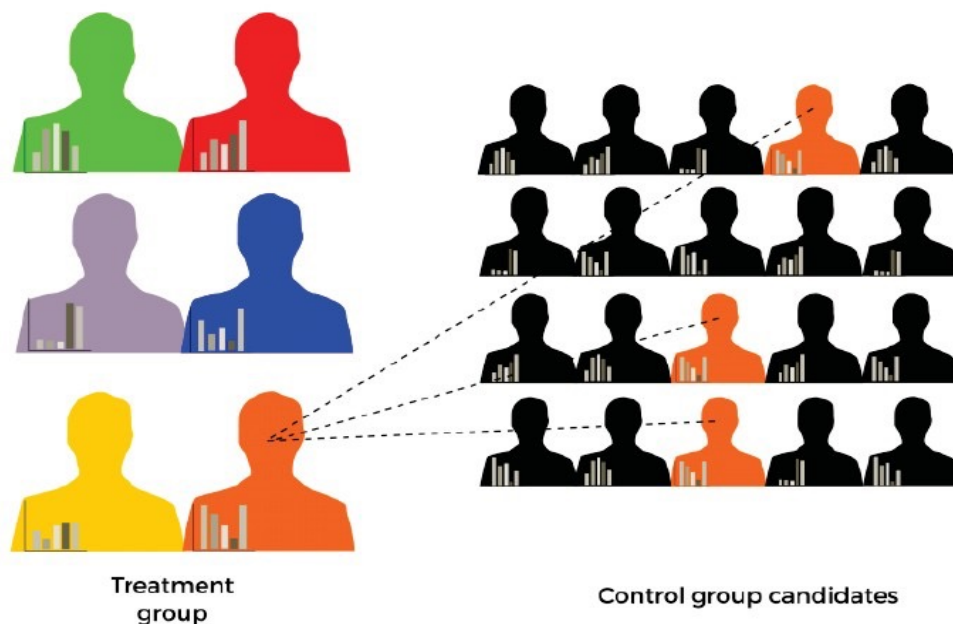


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SoC (n=**3454** pazienti trattati nella pratica clinica con lena – coorte retrospettiva → RE-MIND2)

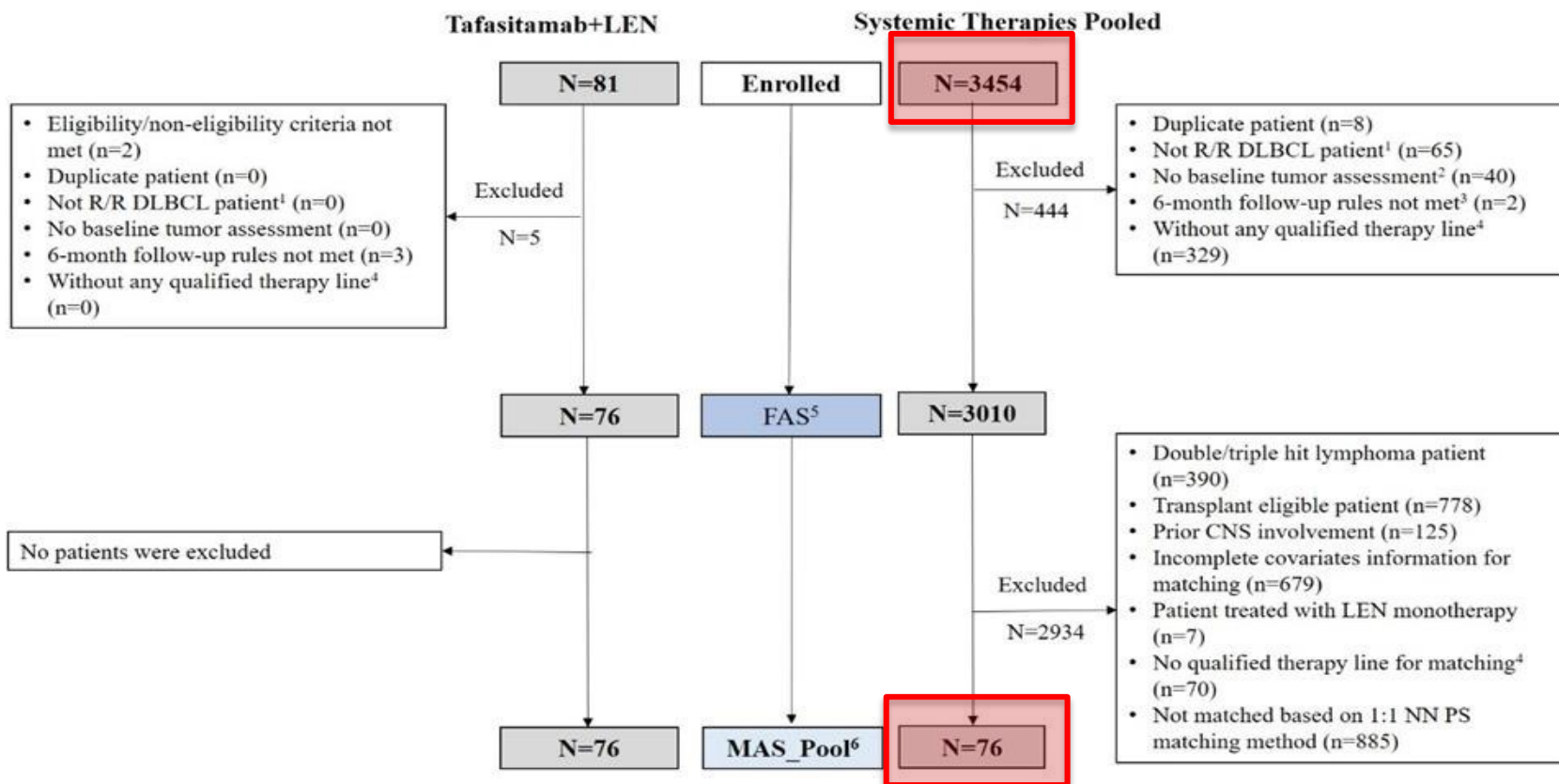
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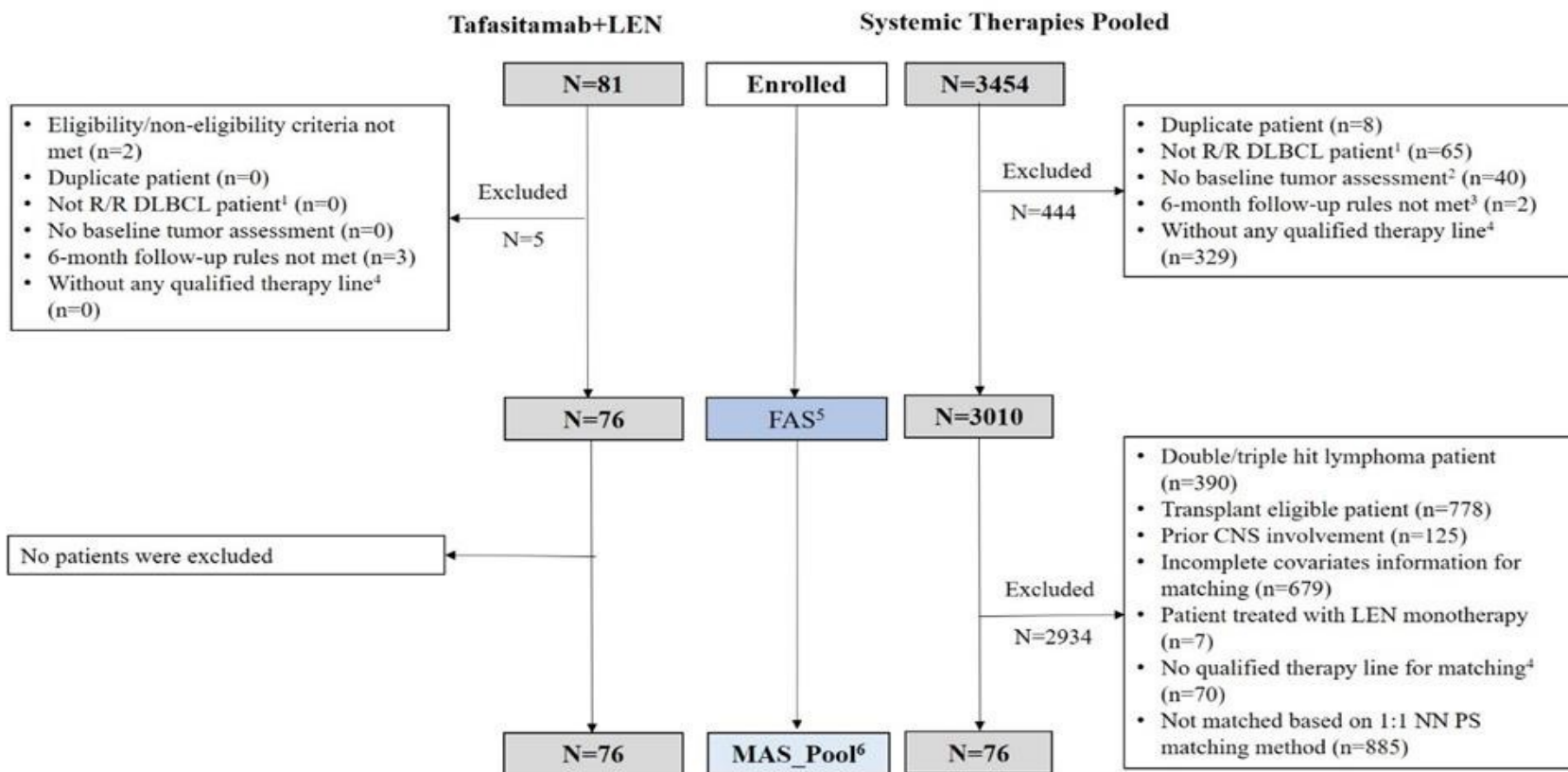


9 Baseline covariates:

- Age group,
- Ann Arbor Stage
- Number of prior lines of therapy
- History of primary refractoriness
- Refractoriness to last therapy line
- Prior ASCT
- Elevated LDH
- Neutropenia
- Anemia



Da 3454 pz arruolati ... 76 pz usati per le analisi !?!?



NON è un aspetto negativo:

Per fare confronti fra trattamenti in assenza di randomizzazione è auspicabile utilizzare un propensity score matching con molte variabili (→ perdita di molti pz nel braccio di confronto storico)

Conclusioni (1)



Conclusioni (2)

- Gli studi RE-MIND e RE-MIND 2 sono studi ibridi per il confronto indiretto fra tafa + lena e altri trattamenti
 - Sono studi di nuova concezione (poco conosciuti ma sempre più utilizzati)
 - Molto utili in assenza di altre evidenze dirette
 - Sono metodologicamente solidi e ben disegnati (**protocollo prespecificato**)
 - La grande perdita di pz nei bracci di confronto artificiali non è una debolezza ma una forza: sono state usate MOLTE covariate per il matching
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Conclusioni (3)

Da un punto di vista **METODOLOGICO**:

Re-MIND e Re-MIND2 sono stati condotti in modo corretto



Da un punto di vista **CLINICO**:

Le 9 covariate cliniche prognostiche utilizzate hanno reso simili i pazienti?

Grazie!

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