

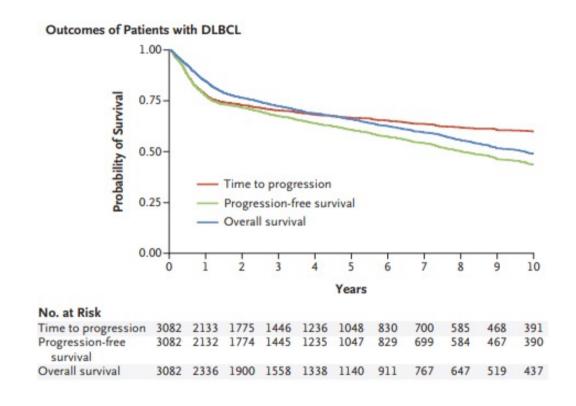
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Il razionale biologico delle combinazioni nei linfomi non Hodgkin

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#### Relapsed/refractory DLBCL: the size of the issue

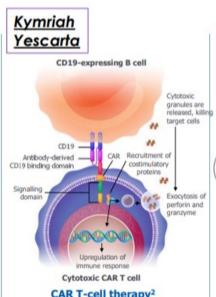


35-40% failures after
R-CHOP first line therapy

### How to improve response in 1 L or in R/R DLBCL?



Sono stati sviluppati mAb multipli per il trattamento delle neoplasie ematologiche. Gli mAb possono mediare la morte cellulare attraverso meccanismi come l'apoptosi, l'inibizione della crescita cellulare, la citotossicità complemento-dipendente (CDC), la citotossicità cellulare anticorpo-dipendente (ADCC), la sensibilizzazione alla chemioterapia o alle radiazioni



#### CAR T-cell therapy<sup>2</sup>

La terapia con cellule T del recettore dell'antigene chimerico (CAR) prende le cellule T dell'ospite e le ingegnerizza geneticamente per esprimere la CAR. I linfociti CAR T riconoscono e dirigono una risposta immunitaria contro le cellule mirate che mostrano un antigene specifico

#### Loncastuximab **Polatuzumab Brentuximab** Antibody Cytotoxic drug Linker Destroys Joins antibody malignant B cells and drug

#### Antibody-drug conjugates (ADCs)3

Gli ADC sono costituiti da un mAb mirato, un linker covalente e un farmaco citotossico. Dopo il legame dell'anticorpo all'antigene, il complesso antigene-ADC viene interiorizzato e il farmaco citotossico viene rilasciato, con consequente morte cellulare



#### Small molecule inhibitors4

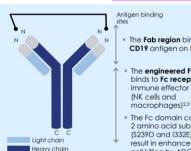
Gli inibitori di piccole molecole inibiscono le molecole di segnalazione responsabili dell'attivazione delle vie che mediano la proliferazione e la sopravvivenza delle cellule B

#### Glofitamab **Epcoritamab** Mosunetuxumab



#### Bispecific antibodies5

Queste proteine artificiali agiscono legandosi contemporaneamente a due diversi tipi di antigene, portando a morte mirata delle cellule tumorali



#### **Tafasitamab**

The Fab region binds to the CD19 antigen on B cells2

- The engineered Fc region binds to Fc receptors on immune effector cells (NK cells and
- The Fc domain contains 2 amino acid substitutions (\$239D and I332E), which result in enhanced tumourcell killing by ADCC and

#### Fc-engineered IgG monoclonal antibody

### **How to improve R-CHOP**

- ✓ Dose- dense RCHOP : RCHOP 14 ?
- ✓ Rituximab modulation: smart R-CHOP- sex-R-CHOP?
- ✓ Front line intensification : ASCT front line ?
- ✓ Wen and for whon CNS prophylaxis?
- ✓ R and different regimen : DA-EPOCH-R
- ✓ Anti CD20 augmentation : obinutuzumab, G-CHOP?
- $\checkmark$  R-CHOP + X
- ✓ Can we identify an unfavourable group of patients based on clinical or biological factors?
- ✓ Wen we can consider an alternative therapy to R-CHOP?

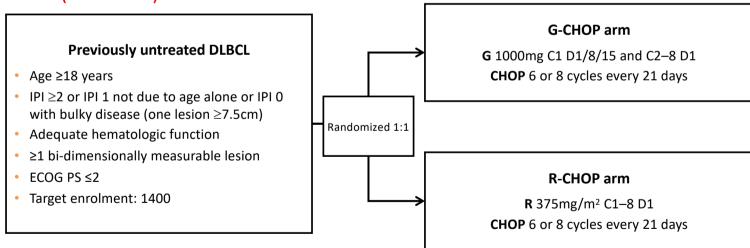
### **Beyond RCHOP**

#### Obinutuzumab or Rituximab Plus Cyclophosphamide, Doxorubicin, Vincristine, and Prednisone in Previously Untreated Diffuse Large B-Cell Lymphoma

Umberto Vitolo, Marek Trněný, David Belada, John M. Burke, Angelo Michele Carella, Neil Chua, Pau Abrisqueta, Judit Demeter, Ian Flinn, Xiaonan Hong, Won Seog Kim, Antonio Pinto, Yuan-Kai Shi, Yoichi Tatsumi, Mikkel Z. Oestergaard, Michael Wenger, Günter Fingerle-Rowson, Olivier Catalani, Tina Nielsen, Maurizio Martelli, and Laurie H. Sehn

International, open-label, randomized Phase III study in 1L DLBCL pts
Scientific support from the Fondazione Italiana Linfomi

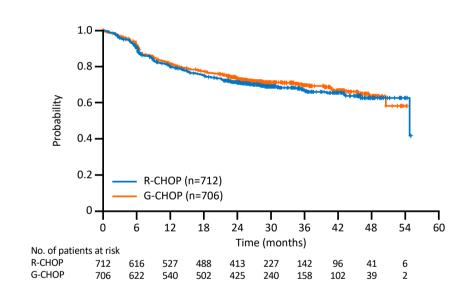
#### GOYA (BO21005)



#### **Primary endpoint**

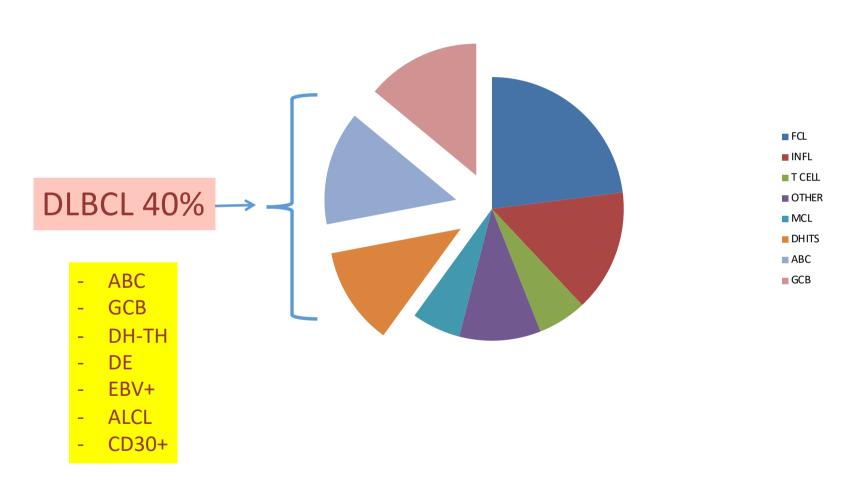
PFS (INV-assessed) Statistical assumption: G-CHOP vs R-CHOP, HR=0.75

### **GOYA RESULTS**

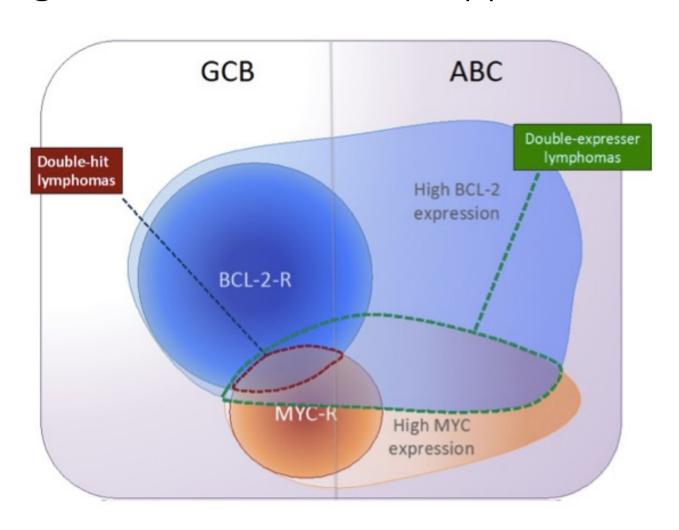


	R-CHOP, n=712	G-CHOP, n=706
Pts with event, n (%)	215 (30.2)	201 (28.5)
1-yr PFS, %	79.8	81.6
2-yr PFS, %	71.3	73.4
3-yr PFS, %	66.9	69.6
HR (95% CI), p-value*	0.92 (0.76, 1.11), p=0.3868	

### DLBCL: NOT a single disease

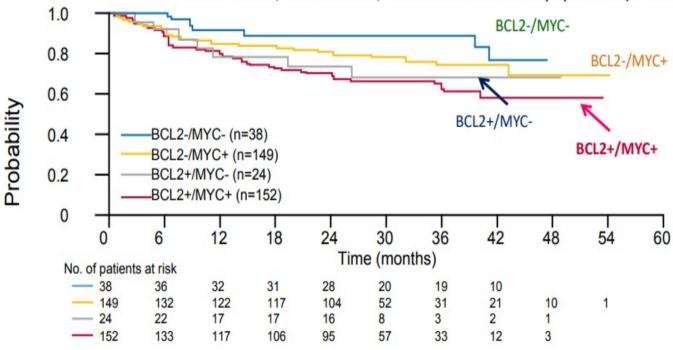


# A biological stratification for a biological-based treatment approach



# Prognostic impact of double BCL2 and MYC expression (DE) in the Goya study

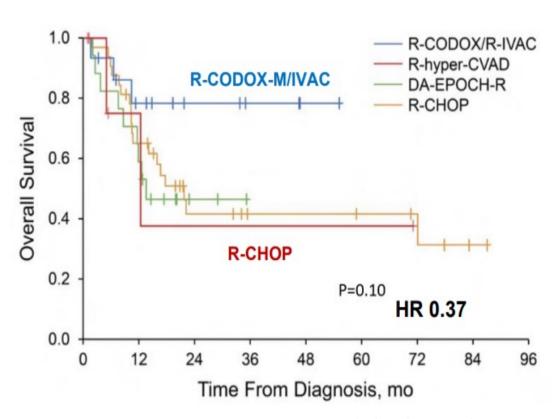
PFS for BCL2+/- IHC vs MYC+/- IHC status in the total population (N=363)



	BCL2-/MYC-,	BCL2-/MYC+,	BCL2+/MYC-	BCL2+/MYC+,
	n=38	n=149	n=24	n=152
3-yr PFS, % (95% CI)	88.6	73.9	68.1	63.1
	(72.5, 95.6)	(64.1, 81.4)	(44.2, 83.4)	(53.8, 71.0)

Vitolo U, et al. Presented at ICML 2017. Hematol Oncol;35:131-3.

# DHL and THL: retrospective CALGB study front-line treatment



100 patients with DHL

>60 years, in 53% pts

R-CHOP 36% R-EPOCH 17% R-CODOX-M/IVAC 17% R-hyper-CVAD 6%

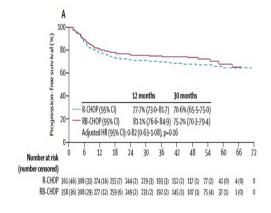
McPhail et al. Hematologica 2018

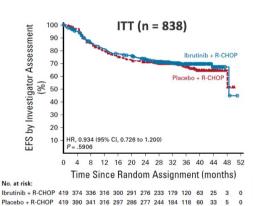
### COO-ABC approach

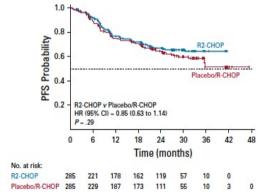
**R-CHOP + Bortezomib** 

R-CHOP + Ibrutinib

R-CHOP + Lenalidomide



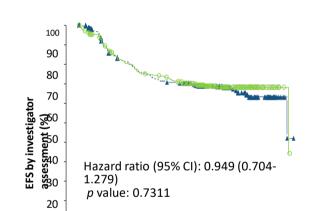




# How to **NOT** treat elderly DLBCL: RCHOP +IBRUTINIB

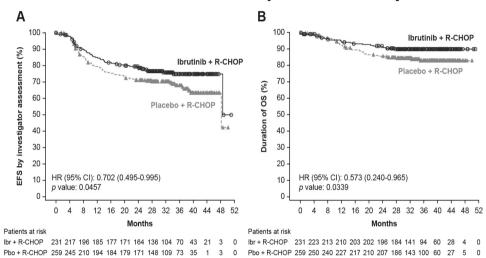






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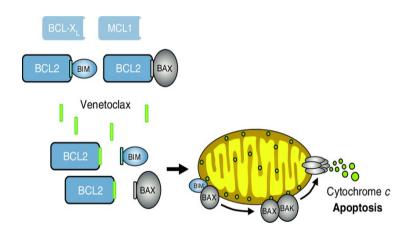
#### EFS and OS in patients < 60 years

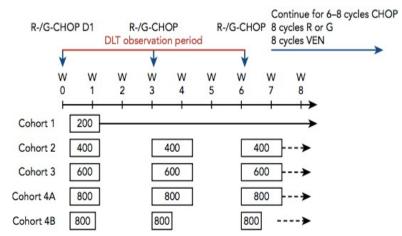


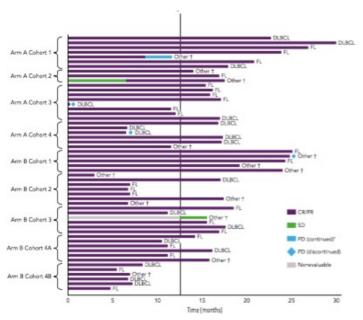
In patients ≥ 60 years, addition of ibrutinib to R-CHOP increased rates of SAEs and AEs leading to R-CHOP discontinuation, which compromised treatment exposure and likely decreased efficacy

### RCHOP +/- X

#### VENETOCLAX

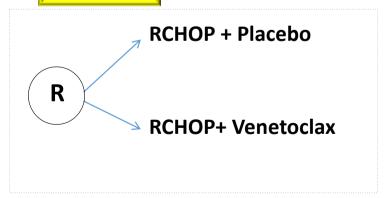




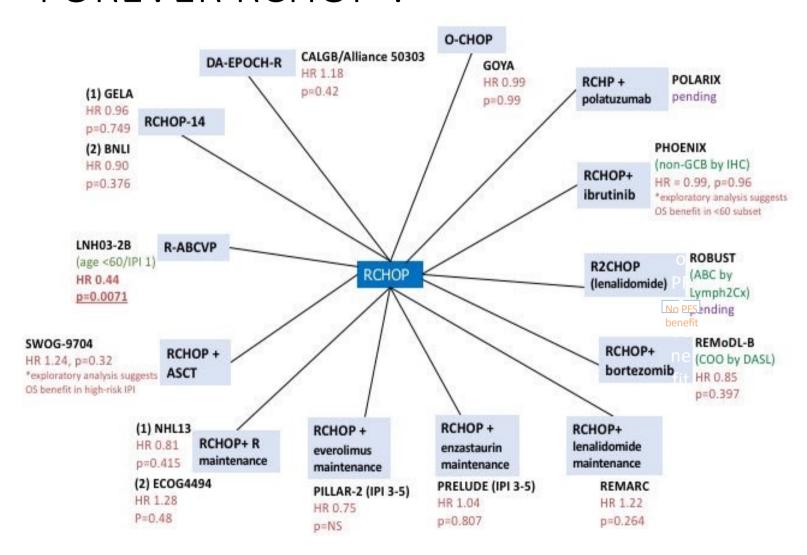


CAVALLI trial, Blood 2019





#### FOREVER RCHOP?



Combination of novel molecular targeted agent plus R-CHOP-based regimen versus R-CHOP alone in previously untreated diffuse large B-cell lymphoma (DLBCL) patients: a systematic review and meta-analysis.

Guillermo Villacampa 1 · Rodrigo Dienstmann 1 · Francesc Bosch 2 · Pau Abrisqueta 2

#### IMPROVING R-CHOP EFFICACY IN DLBCL

Randomized trials

....infusional therapy (R-EOCH)

....Rituximab maintenance

....obinutuzimab instead rituximab

....lenalidomide

....everolimus

....ibrutinib

....bortezomib

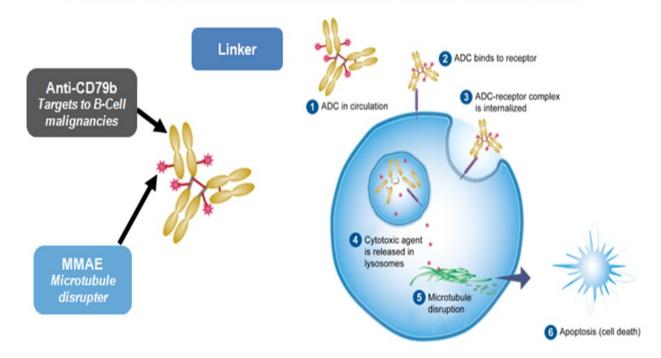
MORE SAES WITH SLIGHT PFS IMPROVEMENT IN YOUNG PATIENTS

Villacampa et al. Ann Hematol 2021

### **UPCOMING DATA**

#### Polatuzumab Vedotin (CD79b-ADC)

 ADC comprising potent microtubule inhibitor MMAE conjugated to CD79b monoclonal antibody via a protease-cleavable peptide linker

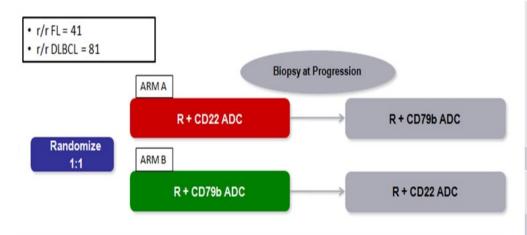


<sup>▼</sup> Polatuzumab vedotin è sottoposto a monitoraggio addizionale. Ciò permetterà la rapida identificazione di nuove informazioni sulla sicurezza. Agli operatori sanitari è richiesto di segnalare qualsiasi reazione avversa sospetta. Vedere paragrafo 4.8 dell'RCP per informazioni sulle modalità di segnalazione delle reazioni avverse.

Polatuzumab vedotin or pinatuzumab vedotin plus rituximab in patients with relapsed or refractory non-Hodgkin lymphoma: final results from a phase 2 randomised study (ROMULUS)



Franck Morschhauser, Ian W Flinn, Ranjana Advani, Laurie H Sehn, Catherine Diefenbach, Kathryn Kollbaba, Oliver W Fress\*, Gilles Salles, Herve Tilly, Andy I Chen, Sarit Assouline, Bruce D Cheson, Martin Dreyling, Anton Hagenbeek, Pier Luigi Zinzani, Surai Jones, Ji Cheng, Dan Lu, Elicia Penuel, Jamie Hirata, Michael Wenger, Yu-Waye Chu, Jeff Sharman



Rituximab (R) (375 mg/m²) + ADC (2.4 mg/kg) administered in every-21-day cycles up to one year

Morschhauser F et al, Lancet Hematology 2019

	DLBCL		FL	
	R+CD22 ADC (N=42)	R+CD79b ADC (N=39)	R+CD22 ADC (N=21)	R+CD79b ADC (N=20)
Objective response, n (%) Complete Response 95% CI Partial Response 95% CI	24 (57%) 10 (24%) [12%-39%] 14 (33%) [20%-50%]	22 (56%) 6 (15%) [6%-31%] 16 (41%) [26%-58%]	13 (62%) 2 (10%) [11%-30%] 11 (52%) [30%-74%]	14 (70%) 8 (40%) [19%-64%] 6 (30%) [12%-54%]
Stable disease, n (%)	3 (7%)	4 (10%)	6 (29%)	6 (30%)
Progressive disease, n (%)	7 (21%)	11 (30%)	1 (5%)	0
Unable to evaluate, n (%)	8 (19%)	2 (5%)	1 (5%)	0
Median Duration of Response, mo. (95% CI)	6.0 (2.9- 12.2)	NR (2.6-NR)	5.8 (2.6-10.1)	NR (5.7-NR)

# Pola-R-CHP: Polatuzumab Vedotin Combined with Rituximab, Doxorubicin, Cyclophosphamide, Prednisone for Patients with Previously Untreated DLBCL\*

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#### Pola-R-CHP administration

Drug	Route	Dose	Days
Rituximab	IV	375 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	1
Cyclophosphamide	IV	750 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	1
Doxorubicin	IV	50 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	1
Vincristine	-		-
Prednisone	PO	100 mg/day	1–5
Polatuzumab vedotin	IV	1.8 mg/kg	2 (cycle 1 and cycle 2) 1 (subsequent cycles)

6-8 cycles at 21-day interval

Response evaluation (CT and PET) after 4 cycles and end of treatment

#### Objectives

To assess safety, tolerability and efficacy of Pola-R-CHP

Tilly et al,
Presentated at
ICML 2017

### **Patient Baseline Characteristics**

Characteristics	N = 45
Median age, yr (range)	<b>69</b> (45–80)
Sex	
Male, n (%)	22 (49)
Female, n (%)	23 (51)
ECOG PS, n (%)	
0–1	30 (67)
2	15 (33)
Stage III/IV disease, n (%)	37 (82)
International Prognosis Index (IPI), n (%)	
0–1	1 (2)
2 3	9 (20)
	18 (40)
4–5	17 (38)
Available cell of origin, n = 34	40 (05)
Activated B-cell, n (%)	12 (35)
Germinal center B-cell, n (%)	17 (50)
Unclassified, n (%)	5 (15)

### **PET Response at End of Treatment**

	Pola-R-CHP (N =45)	90% CI
Overall response rate, n (%)	41 (91)	[81, 97]
Complete response	35 (78)	[65, 87]
Partial response	6 (13)	[6, 25]
Progressive disease, n (%)	3 (7)	[2, 16]
Unevaluable/missing, n (%)	1 (2)	[0, 10]

# Phase III trial comparing efficacy and safety of Pola R-CHP vs R-CHOP in DLBCL\*

POLARIX

Multicenter, double-blind, placebo-controlled, randomized, Phase III trial to evaluate safety and efficacy of pola in Objective combination with R-CHP, compared with R-CHOP alone, in patients with previously untreated DLBCL **Patients** Arm A Rituximab · Previously untreated DLBCL Pola 1.8 mg/kg + R-CHP\* 375 mg/m<sup>2</sup> Age 18–80 years 6 cycles Cycles 7 and 8 · IPI 2-5 · ECOG PS 0-2 Study Design Arm B Rituximab Stratification factors R-CHOP† 375 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IPI score (2 vs 3–5) 6 cycles Cycles 7 and 8 Bulky disease (≥7.5cm) Geographical region Primary: INV-assessed PFS **Endpoints** Secondary: PET-CT CR (by IRC) at EOT, EFS, 2-year PFS, OS, and safety

### POLARIX: Key endpoints and analysis timing

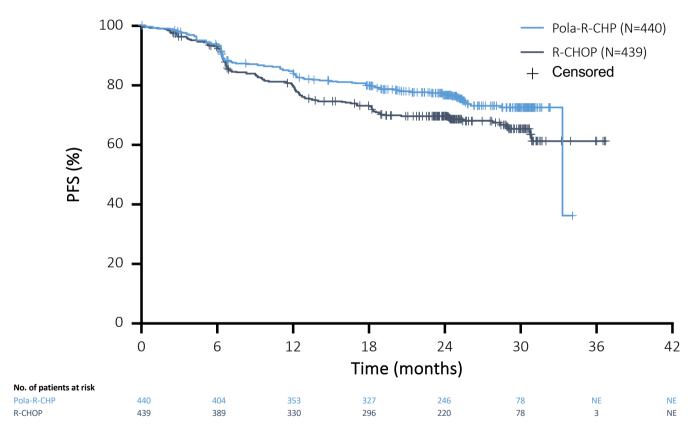
Key endpoints	
Primary endpoint	Progression-free survival (Investigator-assessed)
Secondary endpoints	Event-free survival  Complete response rate at end of treatment (PET/CT, IRC-assessed)  Disease-free survival  Overall survival
Safety endpoints	Incidence, nature, and severity of adverse events

#### Statistical design and timing of primary analysis:

- 875 patients, all on study for ≥24 months with approximately 228 PFS events, were required for the primary analysis. This occurred on June 28, 2021 (clinical cut-off date)
- Median follow up at the primary analysis was 28.2 months

### Primary endpoint: Progression-free survival

Pola-R-CHP significantly improved PFS versus R-CHOP



HR 0.73 (P<0.02)

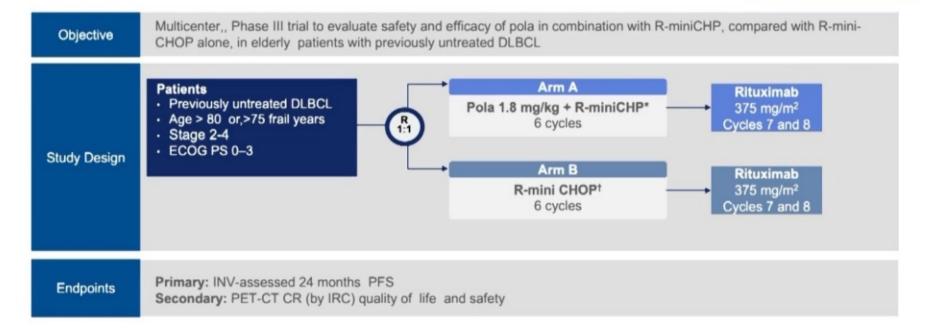
95% CI: 0.57, 0.95

- Pola-R-CHP demonstrated a 27% reduction in the relative risk of disease progression, relapse, or death versus R-CHOP
- 24-month PFS:
   76.7% with Pola-R-CHP versus 70.2% with R-CHOP (Δ=6.5%)

ITT population. Data cut-off: June 28, 2021; median 28.2 months' follow-up. NE, not evaluable.

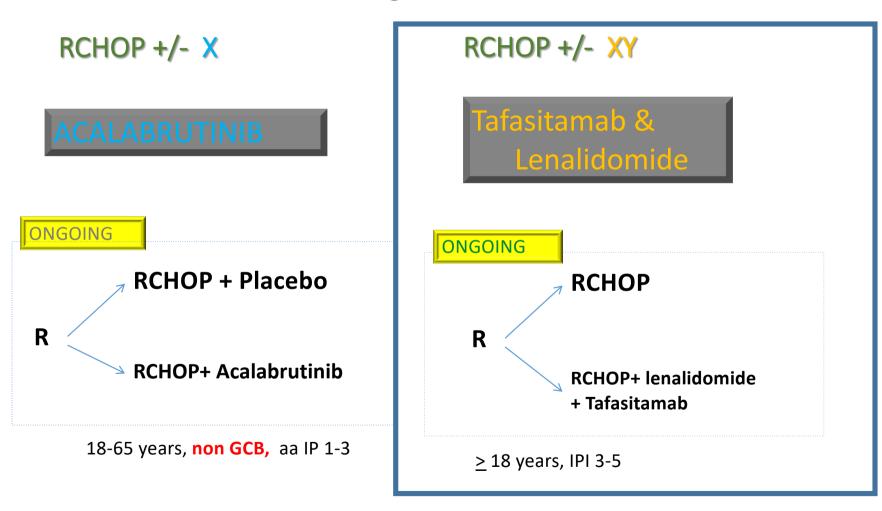
## Phase III trial comparing efficacy and safety of Pola R-miniCHP vs R-miniCHOP in elderly DLBCL

POLA BEAR



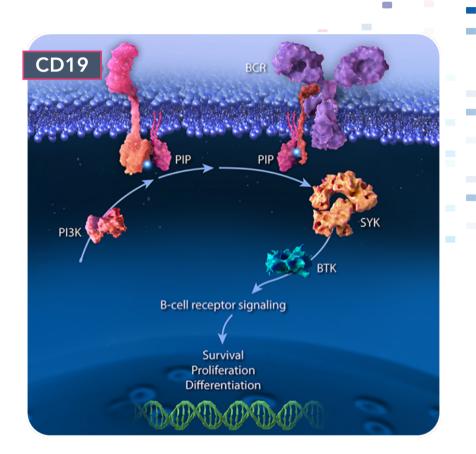
### RCHOP+ X:

toward a clinical and/or biological tailored treatment



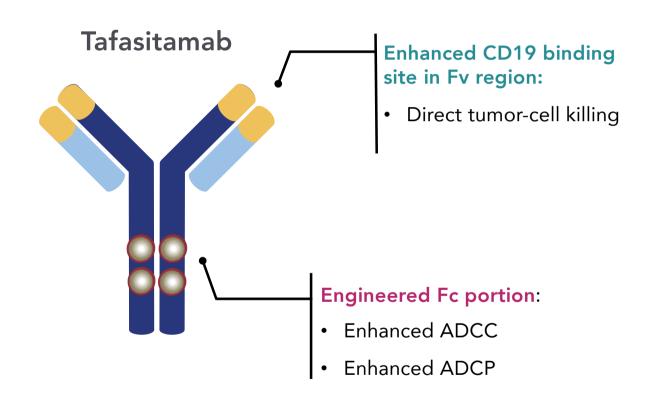
### CD19 IN B-CELL BIOLOGY

- CD19 is a B-cell 95 kD transmembrane protein and signaling molecule involved in:
  - B-cell development and differentiation
  - B-cell proliferation
  - B-cell signaling
- CD19 works in complex with the B-cell receptor and other cell-surface molecules to trigger both direct and indirect recruitment and binding of various downstream protein kinases



#### TAFASITAMAB IS AN FC-ENGINEERED MONOCLONAL ANTIBODY

- Tafasitamab was generated by enhancing CD19 binding affinity and binding to Fc receptors on immune cells to increase Fc-mediated effector functions, such as ADCC and ADCP
- As CD19 is expressed on a broader range of B-cell subtypes, tafasitamab can target more B-cell subtypes than CD20-targeting therapies



# PRELIMINARY DATA FROM FIRST-MIND: A PHASE 1B, RANDOMISED STUDY TO ASSESS THE SAFETY AND PRELIMINARY EFFICACY OF TAFASITAMAB + LENALIDOMIDE IN ADDITION TO

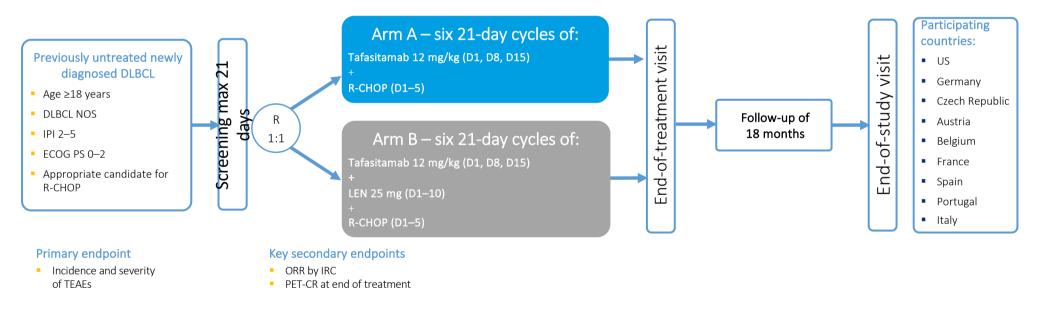
R-CHOP IN PATIENTS WITH NEWLY DIAGNOSED DIFFUSE LARGE
B-CELL LYMPHOMA

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#### STUDY DESIGN

#### INTERNATIONAL, OPEN-LABEL, PROSPECTIVE, RANDOMISED PHASE 1B STUDY IN 1L DLBCL

• FIRST-MIND to confirm the <u>safety and preliminary efficacy</u> of **tafasitamab in addition to R-CHOP (Arm A)** or **tafasitamab + LEN in addition to R-CHOP (Arm B)** in patients with newly diagnosed DLBCL



Granulocyte-colony stimulating factor prophylaxis was mandatory in both treatment arms and venous thromboembolism prophylaxis was mandatory in Arm B.

1L, first-line; D, day(s); DLBCL, diffuse large B-cell lymphoma; ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; IPI, International Prognosis Index;
IRC, independent review committee; LEN, lenalidomide; max, maximum; NOS, not otherwise specified; ORR, overall response rate; PET-CR, complete response assessed by positron emission tomography; R, randomisation; R-CHOP, rituximab, cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin, vincristine and prednisone; TEAE, treatment-emergent adverse event; US, United States.

Clinicaltrials.gov. <a href="https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT04134936">https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT04134936</a> (accessed 30 June 2021); Belada D, et al. Poster presentation at Virtual ICML 2021; Abstract 237;

Belada D, et al. Poster presentation at ASH 2020; Abstract 3028.

#### PRELIMINARY EFFICACY (22 MAR 2021 DATA CUT-OFF)

- For the 60 patients with a tumour assessment at end of treatment across both treatment arms (response-evaluable population):
  - ORR=83.3% (n=50/60) [95% CI: 71.5–91.7]
  - CR=75.0 % (n=45/60) [95% CI: 62.1–85.3]

### CONCLUSIONS<sup>1</sup>

- Encouraging interim data suggest that the addition of tafasitamab or tafasitamab + LEN to R-CHOP is tolerable in patients with newly diagnosed DLBCL
- Incidence of TEAEs was generally comparable between treatment arms, including incidence of febrile neutropenia
- The safety profile was consistent with R-CHOP alone or in combination with LEN (R2-CHOP) $^{2-4}$
- Grade ≥3 neutropenia and thrombocytopenia events were more frequent in the tafasitamab + LEN + R-CHOP arm (B) than in the tafasitamab + R-CHOP arm (A); events were manageable and the average relative dose intensity of R-CHOP was maintained
- At end of treatment, ORR in evaluable patients was 83.3% and the CR rate was 75.0%

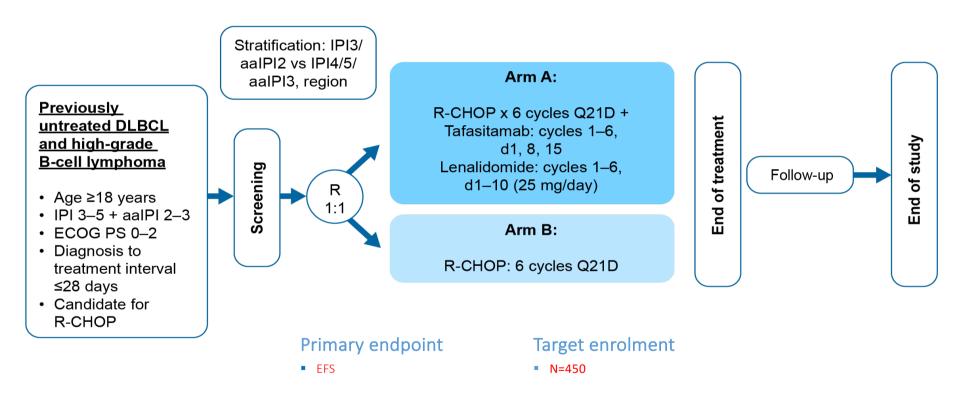
CR, complete response; DLBCL, diffuse large B-cell lymphoma; LEN, lenalidomide; ORR, overall response rate; R-CHOP, rituximab, cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin, vincristine and prednisone; R2-CHOP, rituximab, lenalidomide, cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin, vincristine and prednisone; TEAE, treatment-emergent adverse event.

<sup>1.</sup> Belada D, et al. Poster presentation at Virtual ICML 2021; Abstract 237; 2. Sehn LH, et al. Blood. 2019;134(Suppl 1):4088;

<sup>3.</sup> Vitolo U, et al. Hematol Oncol. 2019;37:36-7; 4. Nowakowski GS, et al. Presented at ICML 2019. Article 006.

### frontMIND: STUDY DESIGN (MORPHOSYS TRIAL)

INTERNATIONAL, PROSPECTIVE, OPEN-LABEL PHASE 3 STUDY IN 1L DLBCL AND HIGH-GRADE B-CELL LYMPHOMA



1L, first-line; aaIPI, age-adjusted International Prognostic Index; d, day(s); DLBCL, diffuse large B-cell lymphoma; ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; EFS, event-free survival; IPI, International Prognostic Index; Q21D, every 21 days; R, randomisation; R-CHOP, rituximab, cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin hydrochloride, vincristine and prednisolone.

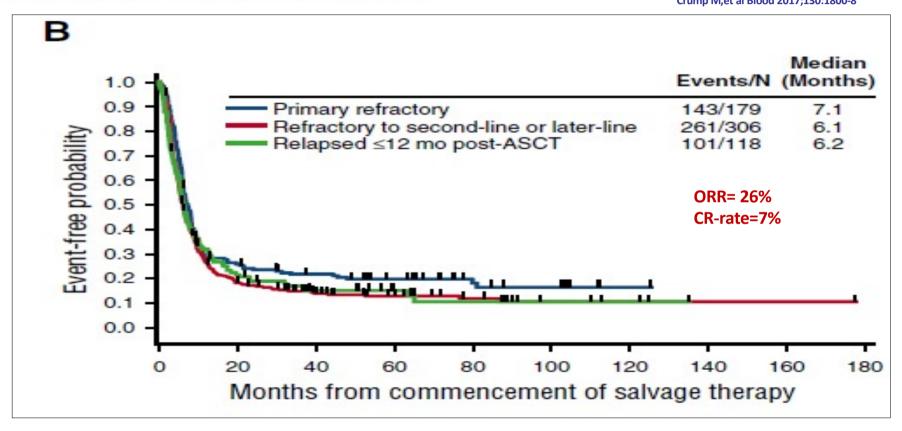
### TERAPIA DI SECONDA LINEA

### **Common Treatment Algorithm for DLBCL** CHOP-R (100%) (DA-R-EPOCH) Cure (60-70%) Relapsed/Refractory (30-40%) 2<sup>nd</sup> line therapy R-ICE, R-DICE, R-DHAP, etc Transplant eligible (20-25%) Transplant ineligible (10-15%) ASCT + HDC Relapse (15-20%) Relapse (10-15%) **Cure (5%)** 3<sup>rd</sup> line or later therapy (25-35%)

#### **CLINICAL TRIALS AND OBSERVATIONS**

# Outcomes in refractory diffuse large B-cell lymphoma: results from the international SCHOLAR-1 study

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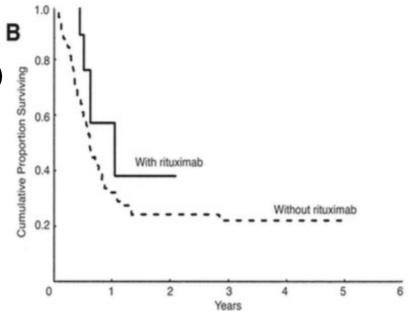


Main role of front line therapy in DLBCL nd low activity of salvage therapy

### **Outcome of patients not eligible to transplantation**

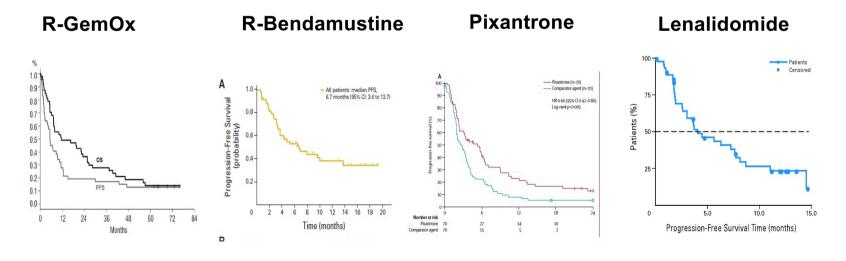
#### Five -year FU of Coiffer trial (NEJM 2002)

- 399 RHOP vs CHOP
- Median age 69 year



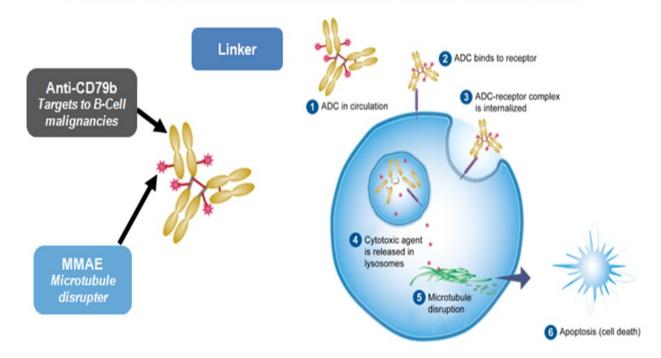
### Unsatisfactory outcome among patients non-eligible to transplant

REGIMEN	N	Median age	ORR%	CR %	PFS	Reference
R-GEMOX	49	69	46	38	5-yrs 12.8%	Mounier N, Haematol 2013
R-Bendamustine	55	76	50	28	Median 8.8 mo	Arcari A, Leuk Lymph2015
Pixantrone	70	60	37	20	Median 5.3 mo	Pettengel R, Lancet Onc 2012
Lenalidomide	49	65	35	12	Median 4 mo	Wiernik PH, JCO 2008



# Polatuzumab Vedotin (CD79b-ADC)

 ADC comprising potent microtubule inhibitor MMAE conjugated to CD79b monoclonal antibody via a protease-cleavable peptide linker



<sup>▼</sup> Polatuzumab vedotin è sottoposto a monitoraggio addizionale. Ciò permetterà la rapida identificazione di nuove informazioni sulla sicurezza. Agli operatori sanitari è richiesto di segnalare qualsiasi reazione avversa sospetta. Vedere paragrafo 4.8 dell'RCP per informazioni sulle modalità di segnalazione delle reazioni avverse.

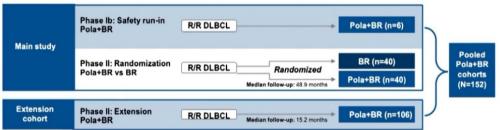
#### Pola + BR vs BR

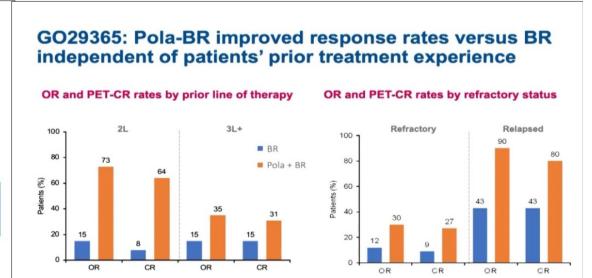
# Randomised Phase II study of pola-BR *versus* BR (GO29365): study design

Key eligibility criteria

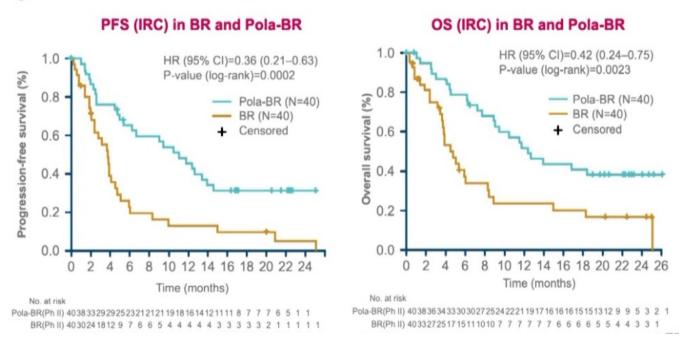
Inclusion: transplant-ineligible DLBCL, after at least 1 line of therapy

Exclusion: prior allogeneic SCT; history of transformation from indolent disease; current Grade >1 PN



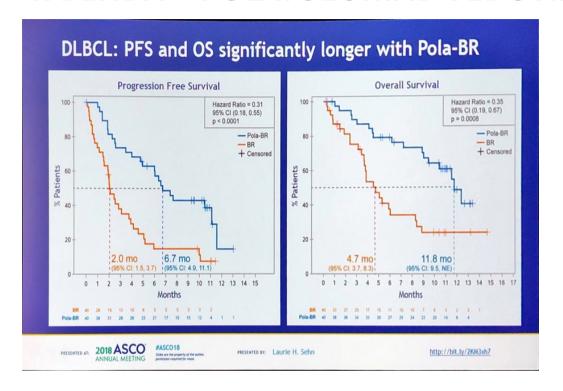


# GO29365: PFS and OS was significantly longer with pola + BR versus BR



Pola + BR vs BR: median OS 12.4 vs 4.7 months

#### **R BENDA + POLATUZUMAB VEDOTIN**



	Ph lb safety run-in	Randomi	Ph lb/ll expansion	
	Pola-BR (N=6)	Pola-BR (N=40)	BR (N=40)	Pola-BG (N=27)
PET-CR at EOT (IRC) n (%)	3 (50)	16 (40)	7 (18)	8 (30)
ORR, n (%)	3 (50)	18 (45)	7 (18)	11 (41)
DoR Median, mo (95% CI)	NR (NR, NR)	10.3 (5.6, NR)	4.1 (2.6, 12.7)	28.4 (3.0, 31.9)
PFS Median, mo (95% CI)	NR (1.8, NR)	7.6 (6.0, 17.0)	2.0 (1.5, 3.7)	5.4 (2.8, 30.4)
OS Median, mo (95% CI)	NR (5.6, NR)	12.4 (9.0, NR)	4.7 (3.7, 8.3)	10.8 (5.8, 33.8)

Studio di fase II

Pola-R Benda vs R Benda in r/r DLBCL RC 40% vs 18% prolungamento della PFS e anche della OS (fino a 12 mesi)

Concluso programma di uso compassionevole Approvato da FDA dalla 3°linea e da EMA dalla 2°

Sehn L et al, ASCO 2018

# POLARGO Phase III study: Pola in combination with R-GemOx in R/R DLBCL

#### Rationale

- Pola + BR had an acceptable safety profile and demonstrated benefit vs BR in the GO29365 study
- R-GemOx is another widely used combination in DLBCL

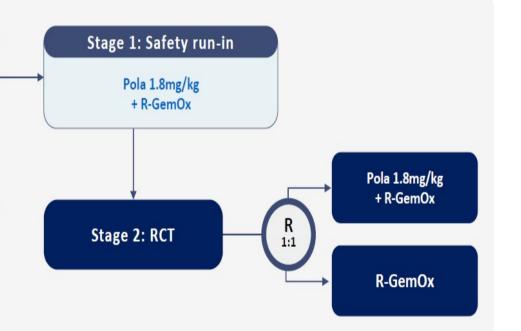
#### **Patients**

- Ages ≥18 years
- Histologically confirmed R/R DLBCL
- ≥1 bi-dimensionally measurable lesion
- ECOG PS 0-2
- Adequate haematological function

#### **Endpoints**

Primary: OS

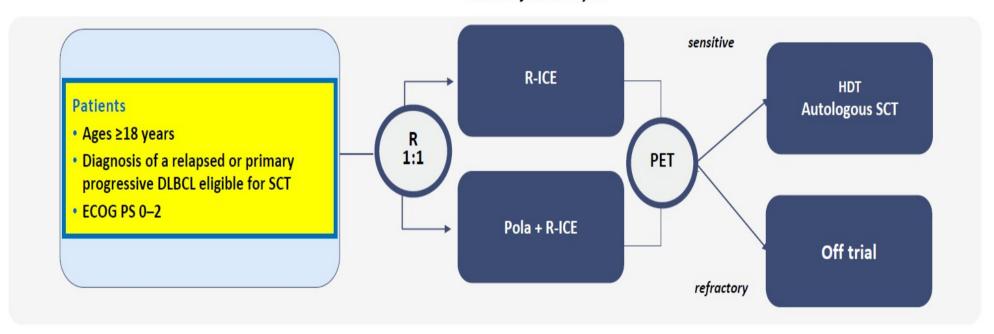
Secondary: Other efficacy and safety



**EUDRACT NUMBER: 2018-003727-10** 

# R-ICE vs Pola R-ICE in a phase 3 study bridge to transplant

2 cycles, followed by an assessment then a further cycle



Primary Endpoint: 2-year EFS rate







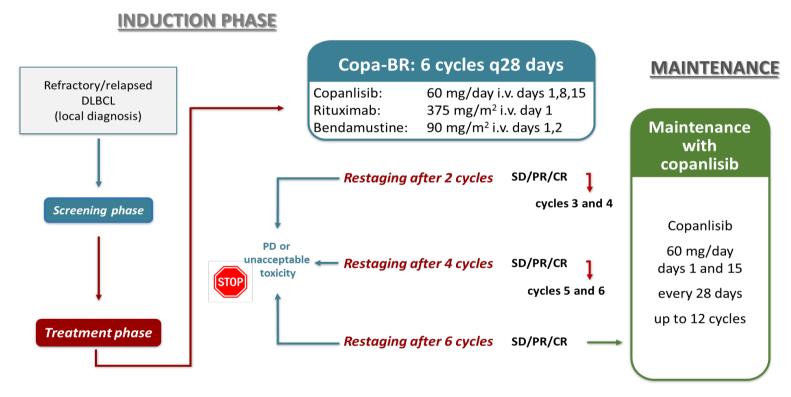


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# RB backbone and biological agents



#### **CopaRB phase 2 trial**



#### Descrizione

Studio sperimentale, multicentrico internazionale, in aperto, a braccio singolo, di fase II, che valuta l'efficacia di Copanlisib somministrato in combinazione alla terapia standard con Rituximab e Bendamustina in pazienti con linfoma diffuso a grandi cellule B (DLBCL), che hanno precedentemente effettuato almeno una ma non più di tre linee di terapia, non eleggibili a un trattamento di chemioterapia ad alte dosi e successivo trapianto di cellule staminali autologhe o a una terapia con CAR T-cell, o che hanno ripresentato la malattia dopo risposta completa o progressione dopo risposta parziale.

Possono partecipare a questo studio pazienti con età maggiore o uguale a 18 anni che rispettano i criteri di eleggibilità previsti dallo studio.



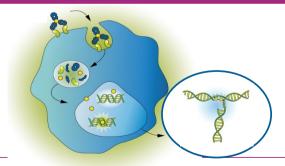
#### → \(\bigcap\) Loncastuximab tesirine in relapsed or refractory diffuse large B-cell lymphoma (LOTIS-2): a multicentre, open-label, single-arm, phase 2 trial

Paolo F Caimi, Weiyun Ai, Juan Pablo Alderuccio, Kirit M Ardeshna, Mehdi Hamadani, Brian Hess, Brad S Kahl, John Radford, Melhem Solh, Anastasios Stathis, Pier Luigi Zinzani, Karin Havenith, Jay Feingold, Shui He, Yajuan Qin, David Ungar, Xiaoyan Zhang, Carmelo Carlo-Stella

#### Despite recent advances in DLBCL treatment, outcomes for patients with R/R DLBCL remain poor

- Lonca is an ADC comprising a humanised anti-CD19 antibody conjugated to a potent PBD dimer<sup>2</sup>
- Lonca had encouraging antitumour activity and acceptable safety in R/R DLBCL in a Phase 1 first-in-human trial<sup>3</sup>

#### Lonca targets CD19, which is expressed in the majority of B-cell malignancies



#### internalised

- 2. The linker is cleaved and PBD dimers released
- Cytotoxic DNA cross-links are formed
- The DNA replication fork stalls
- The cell goes into apoptosis

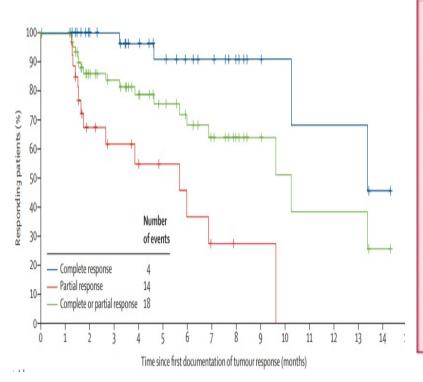
# Lonca in R/R DLBCL



Patient treatment history	Total (N=145)	
No. of previous systemic therapies,* median (r	3 (2–7)	
First-line systemic therapy response, n (%)	Relapse Refractory <sup>†</sup> Other <sup>‡</sup>	99 (68.3) 29 (20.0) 17 (11.7)
Last-line systemic therapy response, n (%)	Relapse Refractory <sup>†</sup> Other <sup>‡</sup>	43 (29.7) 84 (57.9) 18 (12.4)
Refractory to all prior therapies, n (%)	Yes No Other <sup>‡</sup>	25 (17.2) 115 (79.3) 5 (3.4)
Prior stem cell transplant, n (%)	Allogeneic Autologous Both	2 (1.4) 21 (14.5) 1 (0.7)

et al. Lancet Oncology 2021

#### Loncastuximab: duration of response



	As-treated population (n=145)
Overall response rate (complete or partial response)	70 (483) [39-9-567])
Complete response rate	35 (24·1% [17-4-31·9])
Complete response	35 (24%)
Partial response	35 (24%)
Stable disease	22 (15%)
Progressive disease	30 (21%)
Not evaluable*	23 (16%)

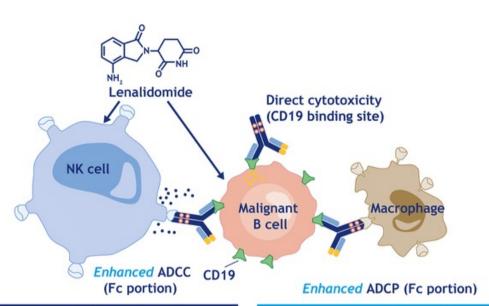
Data are n (% [95% CI]) or n (%). Response was assessed by central independent review. A best overall response of stable disease could only be achieved after the patient was on the study for a minimum of 35 days following the first dose of loncastuximab tesirine. Any disease assessment indicating stable disease before this timepoint was considered not evaluable for response if no assessment after this timepoint was available. "Patients without any scan available to the independent reviewer or patients whose scan was determined to be not evaluable by the independent reviewer.

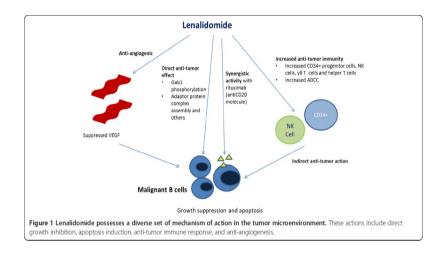
Table 2: Best overall responses and overall response rate

Median DOR for the whole population 10.3 months

Median DOR for CR patients 13.4 months

#### MOR 208: an enhanced anti CD19



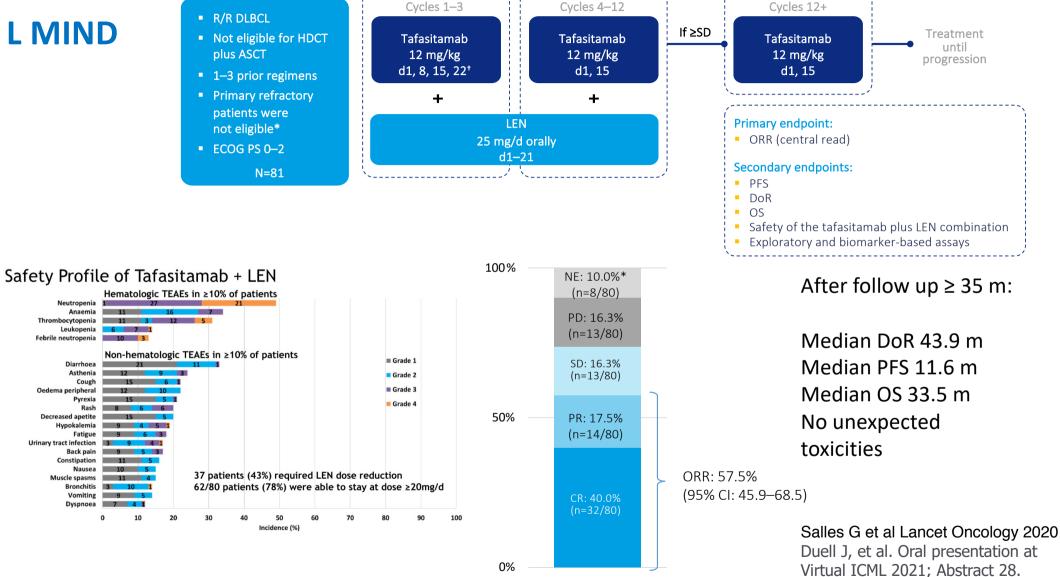


# Affinity-matured CD19 binding site • ADCC↑ • ADCP↑ • Direct cell death • Encouraging single-agent activity in R/R DLBCL and iNHL patients

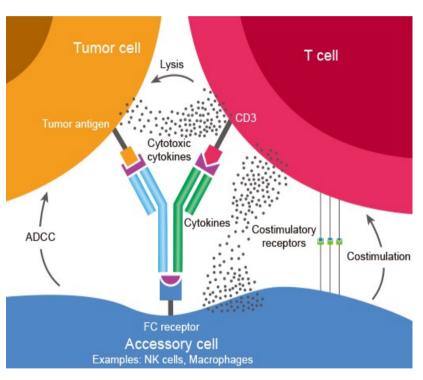
#### Lenalidomide

- T-cell and NK-cell activation/expansion
- · Direct cell death
- Well studied as an anti-lymphoma agent, alone or in combination

ADCC, antibody-dependent cellular cytotoxicity; ADCP, antibody-dependent cellular phagocytosis; DLBCL, diffuse large B-cell lymphoma; iNHL, indolent non-Hodgkin's lymphoma; mAb, monoclonal antibody; NK, natural killer; R/R, relapsed/refractory.



### **BISPECIFIC ANTIBODIES**



- BsAbs redirect immune effector cells in close proximity to malignant cells
- T cells undergo activation due to CD3 crosslinking, which is associated with cytokine release (IFN-g, TNF-a, IL-2, -6, -10) and cytotoxic granule release (granzyme B)
- T-cell activation is MHC-unrestricted and no longer depends on the native TCR specificity of the activated T cell

# **BsAbs in Clinical Development**

Bispecifics	Indications	Lymphoma type	ORR	CR	CRS	CRS Gd 3-4
Mosunetuzumab <sup>1</sup>	r/r NHLs	iNHL aNHL	63% (42/67) 37% (46/124)	44% 19%	29%	1%
Odranextamab <sup>2</sup>	r/r NHLs	FL DLBCL	96% 58%	77% 42%	59%	6.4%
Glofitamab* <sup>3</sup>	r/r NHLs	iNHL aNHL	67% (12/18) 49% (42/85)	52% 31%	56.4%	3.2%
Epocritamab <sup>4</sup>	r/r NHLs	FL DLBCL	100% (6/6) 56% (5/9)	0% 44%	59%	0%
Plamotamab <sup>5</sup>	r/r NHLs	FL DLBCL	75% 57%	38% 38%	55%	5%

<sup>\*</sup> Pretreatment with Obinutuzumab 7 days prior to Glofitamab to debulk and mitigate CRS

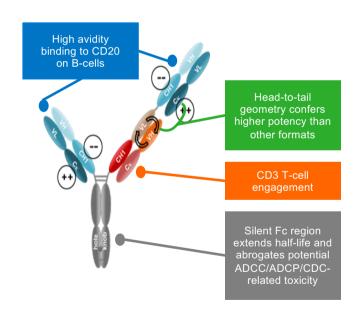
# Glofitamab, a Novel, Bivalent CD20-Targeting T-Cell-Engaging Bispecific Antibody, Induces Durable Complete Remissions in Relapsed or Refractory B-Cell Lymphoma: A Phase I Trial

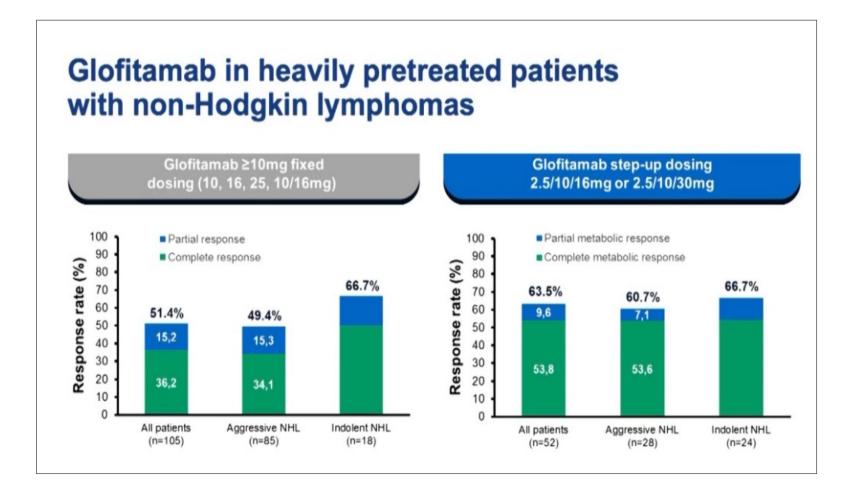
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**Glofitamab** (CD20-TCB, RG6026, RO7082859) is a novel T-cell-engaging bispecific full-length antibody with a unique 2:1 molecular configuration

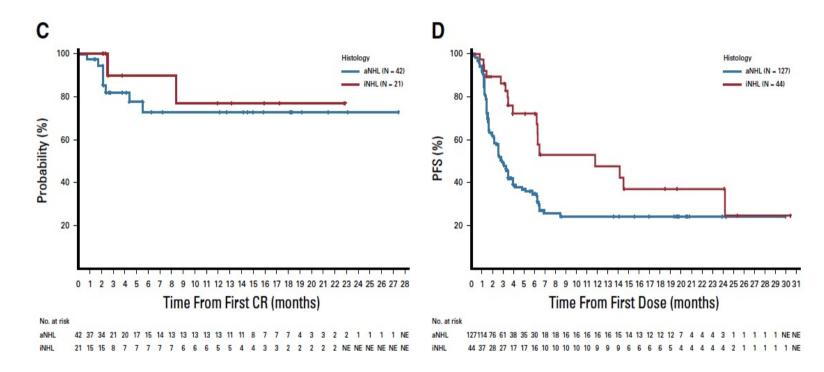
Glofitamab's molecular configuration is associated with superior potency under experimental conditions vs other CD20-CD3 bispecific antibodies with a 1:1 format, enabling concomitant treatment with other CD20 directed antibodies<sup>3,4</sup>

Induces rapid T-cell activation, proliferation and cytokine release, leading to target cell lysis





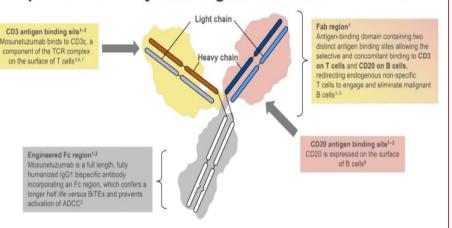
# **GLOFITAMAB OUTCOME:** duration of CR and PFS



Median DOCR not reached
Of 63 patients with CR, 53 (84.1%) ongoing CR
with a maximum observation of 27.4 mos

The median PFS was 2.9 months, with a plateau of approximately 24% from 8 months onward

# Mosunetuzumab is a full length, fully humanized, IgG1 bispecific antibody that targets both CD3 and CD20



ADCC, antibody-dependent cell-mediated cytotoxicity; BiTE, bispecific T-cell engager;

Eab fragment antique blodies: Ec fragment countailisable; InC4 [immunoslobulis C4: TCP, T-cell recenter)



533 Mosunetuzumab Plus Polatuzumab Vedotin Has Promising Efficacy and a Favorable Safety Profile in Patients with Relapsed/Refractory Aggressive B-Cell Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma: Updated Results from a Phase lb/ll Study

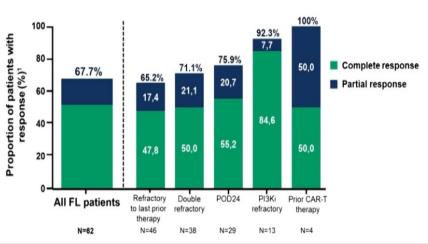
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Session: 627. Aggressive Lymphomas: Clinical and Epidemiological: Real World evidence for CAR-T Management I Hematology Disease Topics & Pathways:

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# Mosunetuzumab in patients with relapsed/refractory follicular lymphoma

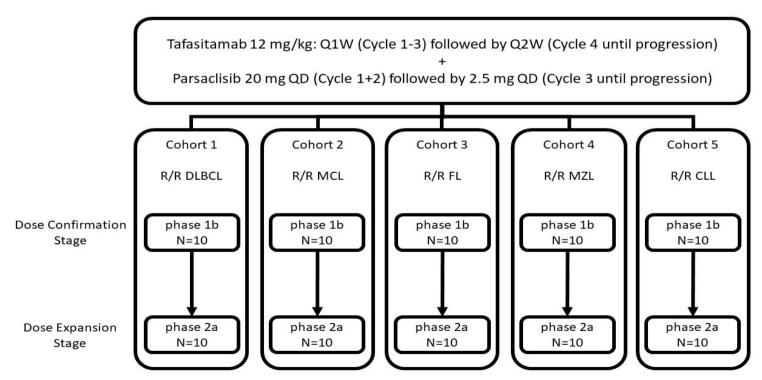


Conclusions: M-Pola shows promising efficacy and a favorable safety profile in pts with heavily pretreated R/R aggressive B-NHL, including those who have received prior CAR-T therapy. A low rate of CRS was observed, with the majority of events being Gr 1. The Phase II dose-expansion cohort continues to enroll pts with R/R aggressive B-NHL.

## STUDY DESIGN

#### Tafasitamab e Parsaclisib

- Clinical Phase: 1b/2a
- **Study Design:** Single-arm, open-label, Phase 1b/2a, multicenter basket study that includes 5 disease-specific cohorts to which participants will be assigned based on the histology of their underlying disease



# Conclusions

- DLBCL is a heterogenous disease, and a more accurate recognition of unfavourable DLBCL subsets is raccomanded to better tailor the treatment
- R-Chemotherapy is the backbone of treatment with novel drugs, but randomized trials with «X» + R-CHOP have failed
- New study designs potentially focused on mutational alterations with combination of multiple novel drugs may have a grater chance of success
- The addition of mAb anti CD19 could represent the keystone in the treatment of DLBCL