



POST-NEW ORLEANS 2022

Novità dal Meeting della Società Americana di Ematologia

# Novità dal Meeting della Società Americana di Ematologia

Milano  
Teatro Dal Verme  
2-3-4 Febbraio 2023

---

COORDINATORI

Angelo Michele Carella  
Pier Luigi Zinzani

BOARD SCIENTIFICO

Paolo Corradini  
Mauro Krampera  
Fabrizio Pane  
Adriano Venditti

## 2° SESSIONE - LINFOMA II

- 15.55 Stato dell'arte
- 16.05 Linfomi indolenti
- 16.25 Linfomi aggressivi di derivazione B linfocitaria
- 16.45 Terapie di salvataggio con anticorpi monoclonali
- 17.05 Discussione

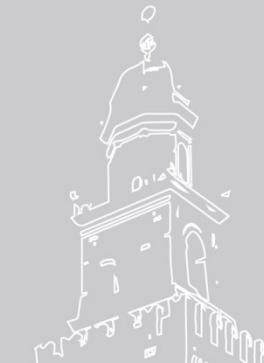
M. MARTELLI

M. MARTELLI

M. LADETTO

A.J.M. FERRERI

L. RIGACCI

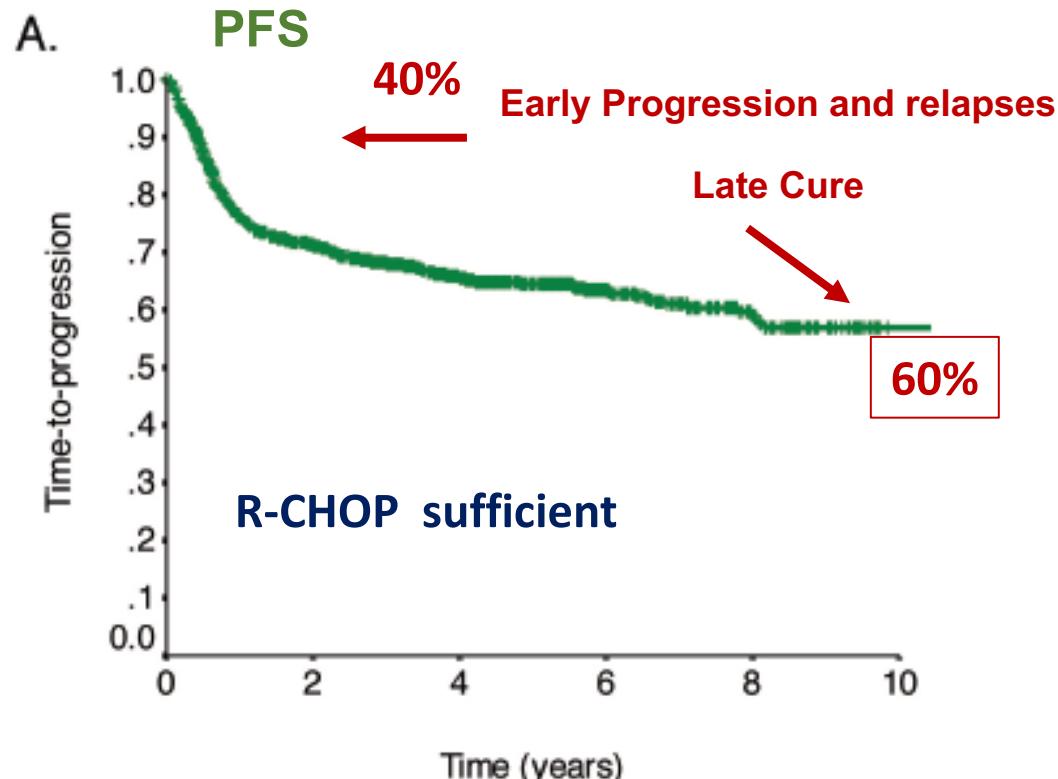




## DICHIARAZIONE Maurizio Martelli

Company name	Research support	Employee	Consultant	Stockholder	Speakers bureau	Advisory board	Other
Roche					X	X	
Gilead					X	X	
Novartis						X	
Takeda						X	
Eusapharma					X	X	
Incyte					X	X	
Janssen					X	X	
BMS						X	
Beigene					X		
Alexion	x						

# Heterogeneity of outcomes in DLBCL treated with R-CHOP



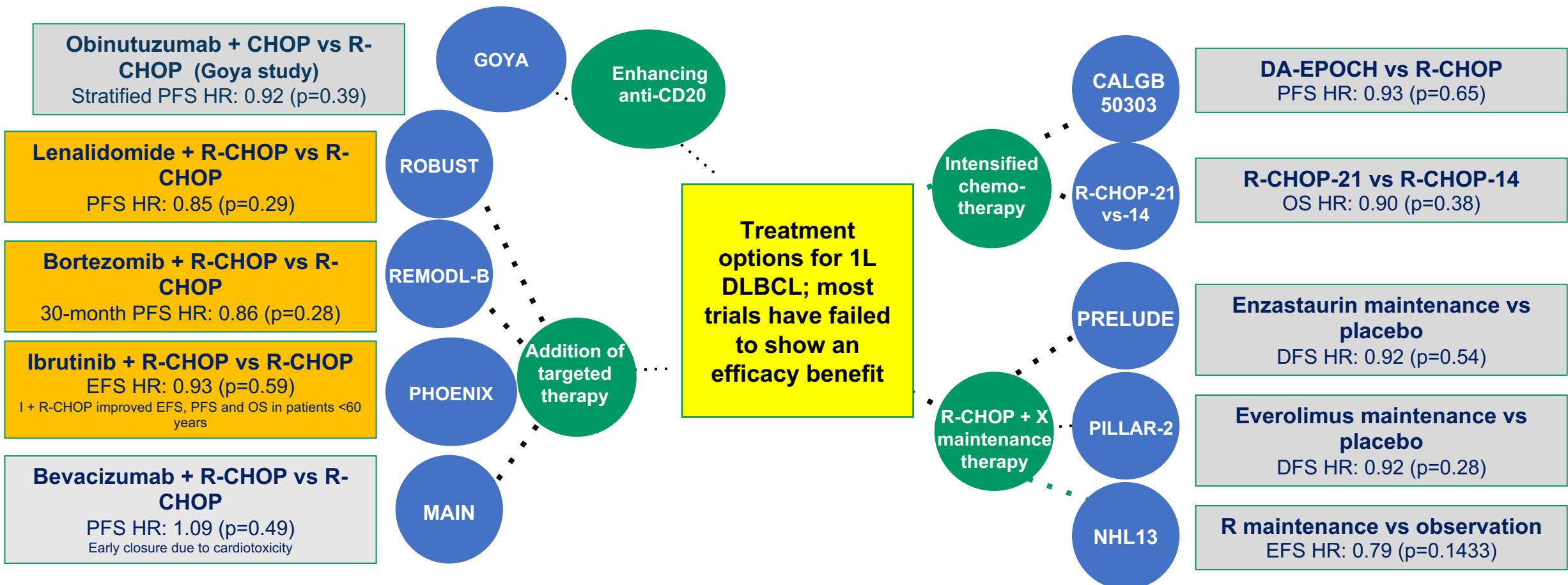
Patients with DLBCL treated with R-CHOP-21 at BCCA (n = 1,476)

R-CHOP is insufficient in 40% of DLBCL:

- Clinical factors
  - IPI (R-IPI)
- GEP
  - ABC vs GCB
- Protein expression
  - MYC and BCL2
- TP-53 expression
- Chromosomal alterations
  - MYC, BCL2, BCL6
- Deep sequencing mutation/combined expression analysis

Sehn LH and Salles G N Engl J Med 2021

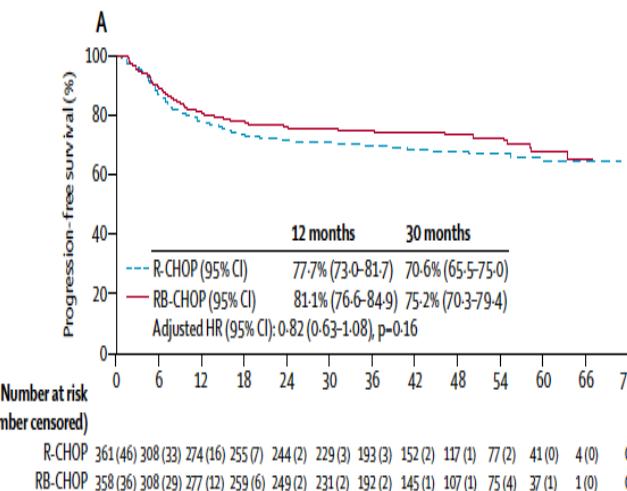
# Treatment options to improve first line DLBCL



# R-CHOP+ X targeting ABC: results of phase III trial

## R-CHOP + Bortezomib

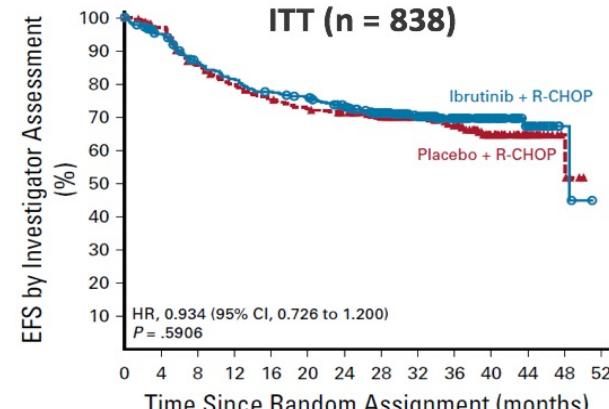
ReMoDL- B



Davies A, et al. Lancet Oncol 2019;

## R-CHOP + Ibrutinib

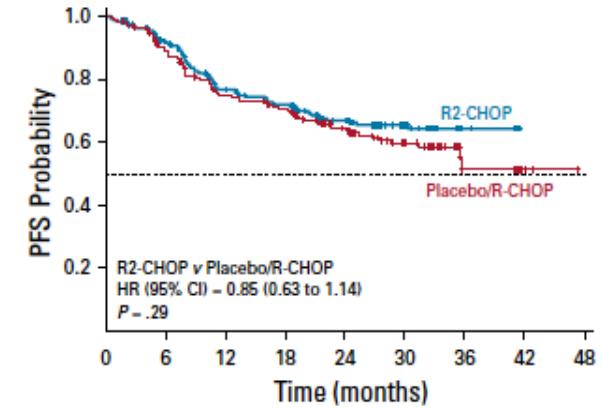
Phoenix



Younes A, et al. J Clin Oncol 2019;

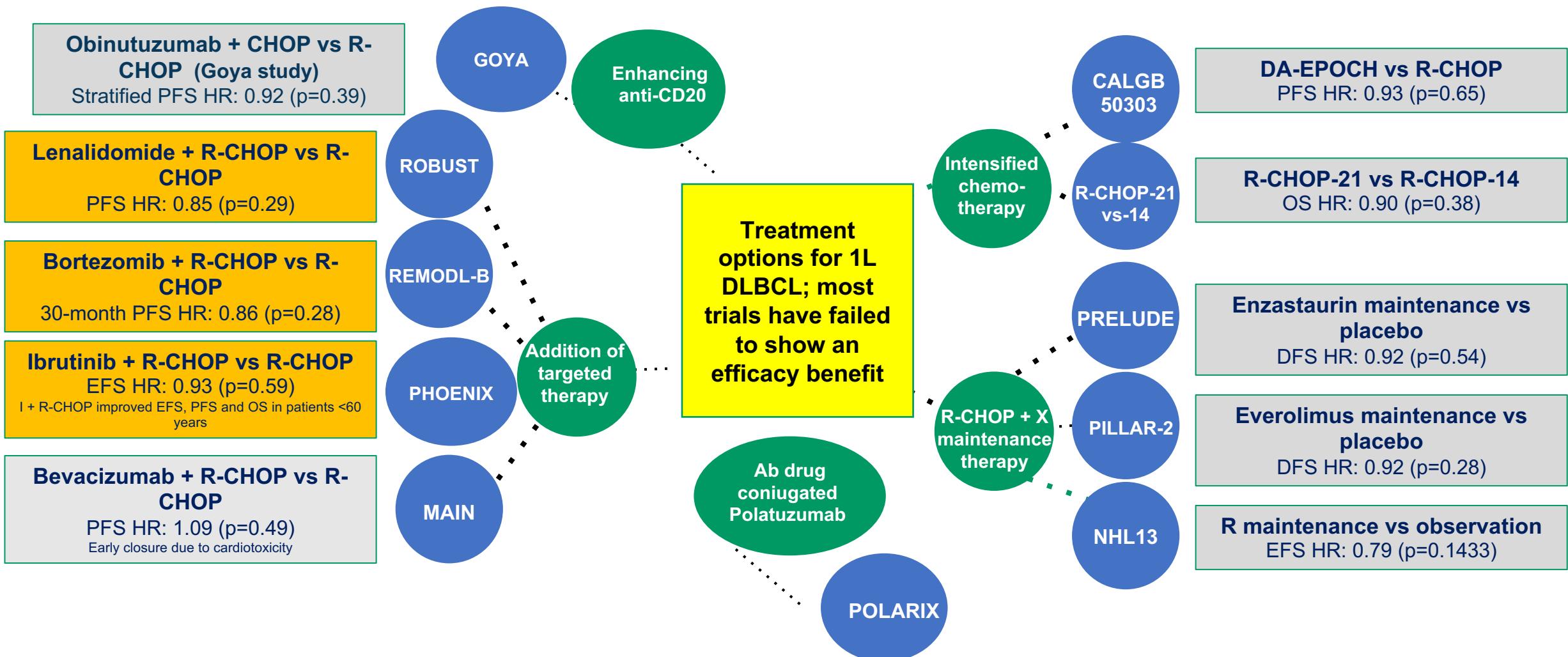
## R-CHOP + Lenalidomide

Robust



Nowakowski G, et al. J Clin Oncol 2021.

# Treatment options to improve first line DLBCL

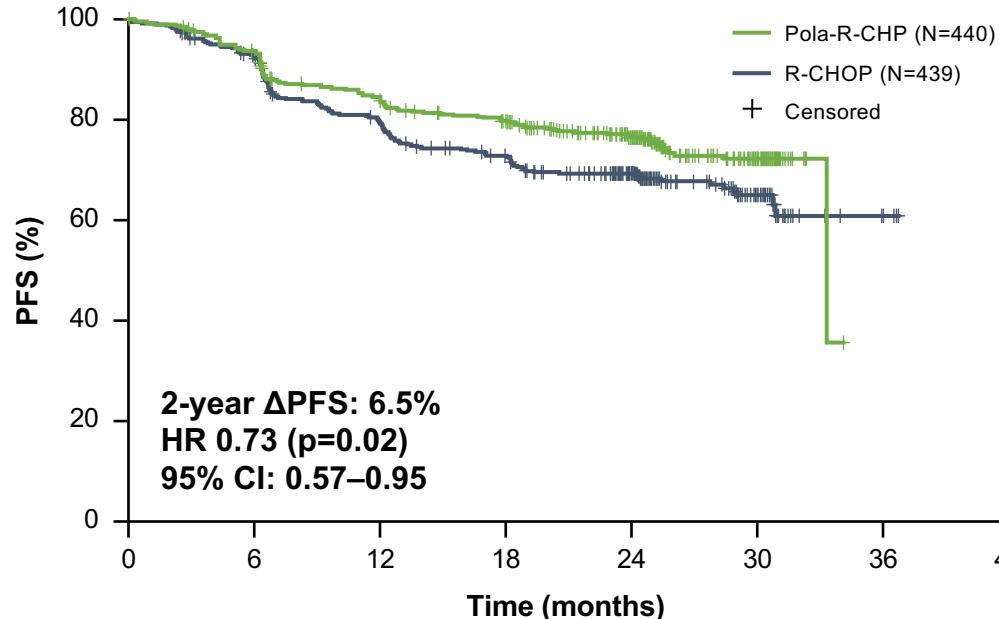


# POLARIX: Polatuzumab Vedotin + R-CHP vs R-CHOP

## Primary endpoint: PFS

Primary analysis (CCOD: June 28, 2021)<sup>1</sup>

Median follow-up: 28.2 months

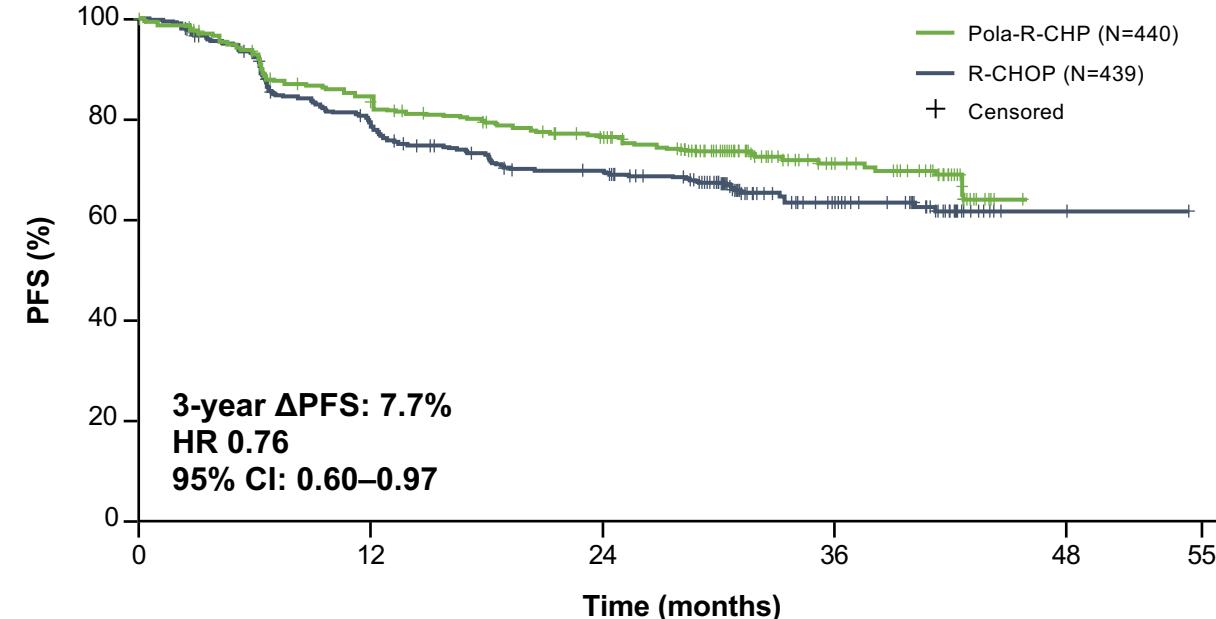


No. of patients at risk

Pola-R-CHP	440	404	353	327	246	78	0	0
R-CHOP	439	389	330	296	220	78	3	0

Updated results (CCOD: June 15, 2022)

Median follow-up: 39.7 months



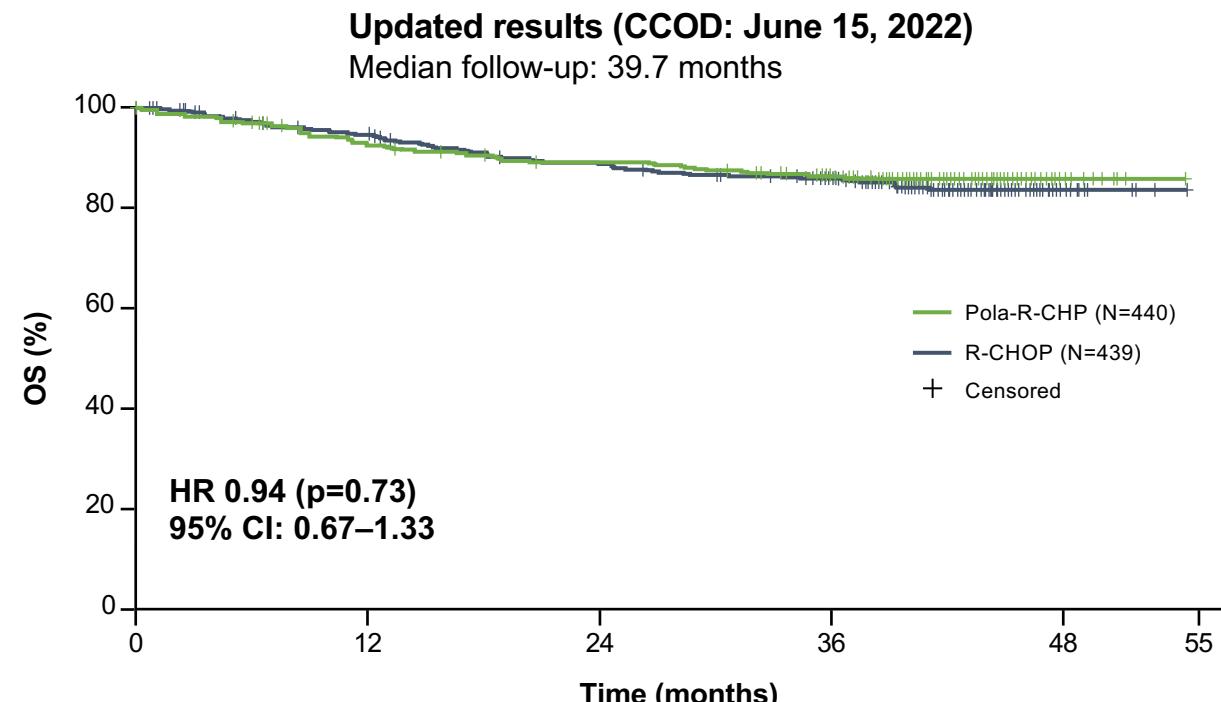
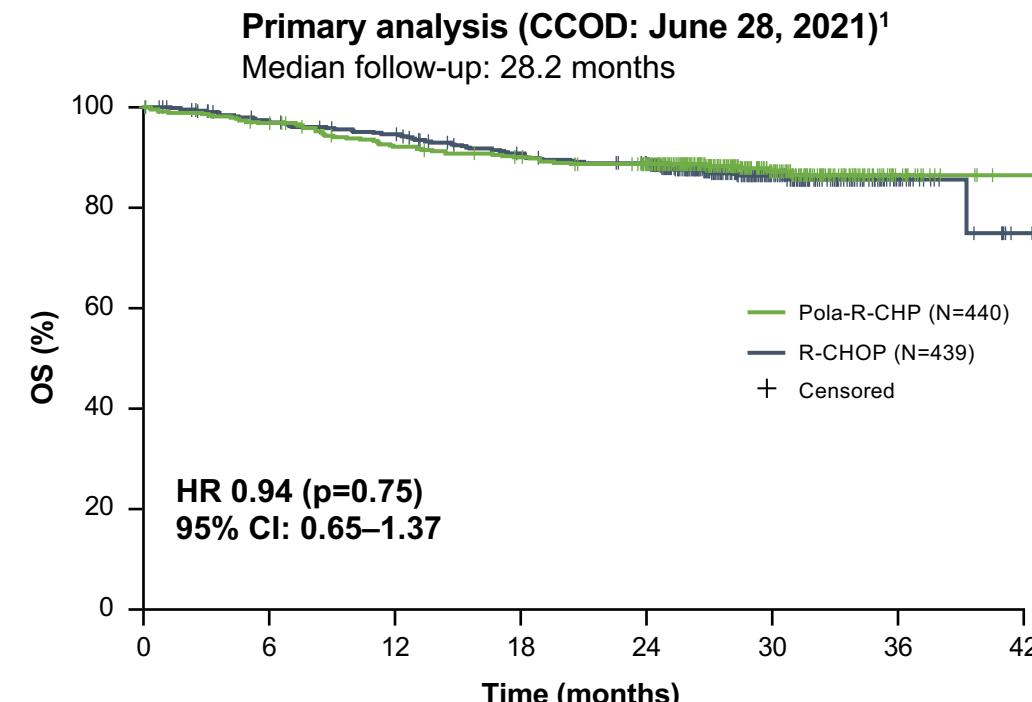
No. of patients at risk

Pola-R-CHP	440	405	354	331	313	242	103	66	0	0
R-CHOP	439	390	331	300	284	222	94	59	2	1

- Best overall response rate: 95.9 % vs 94.1%
  - Complete response rate: 86.6% vs 82.7%

# POLARIX: Polatuzumab Vedotin + R-CHP vs R-CHOP

## No difference for OS

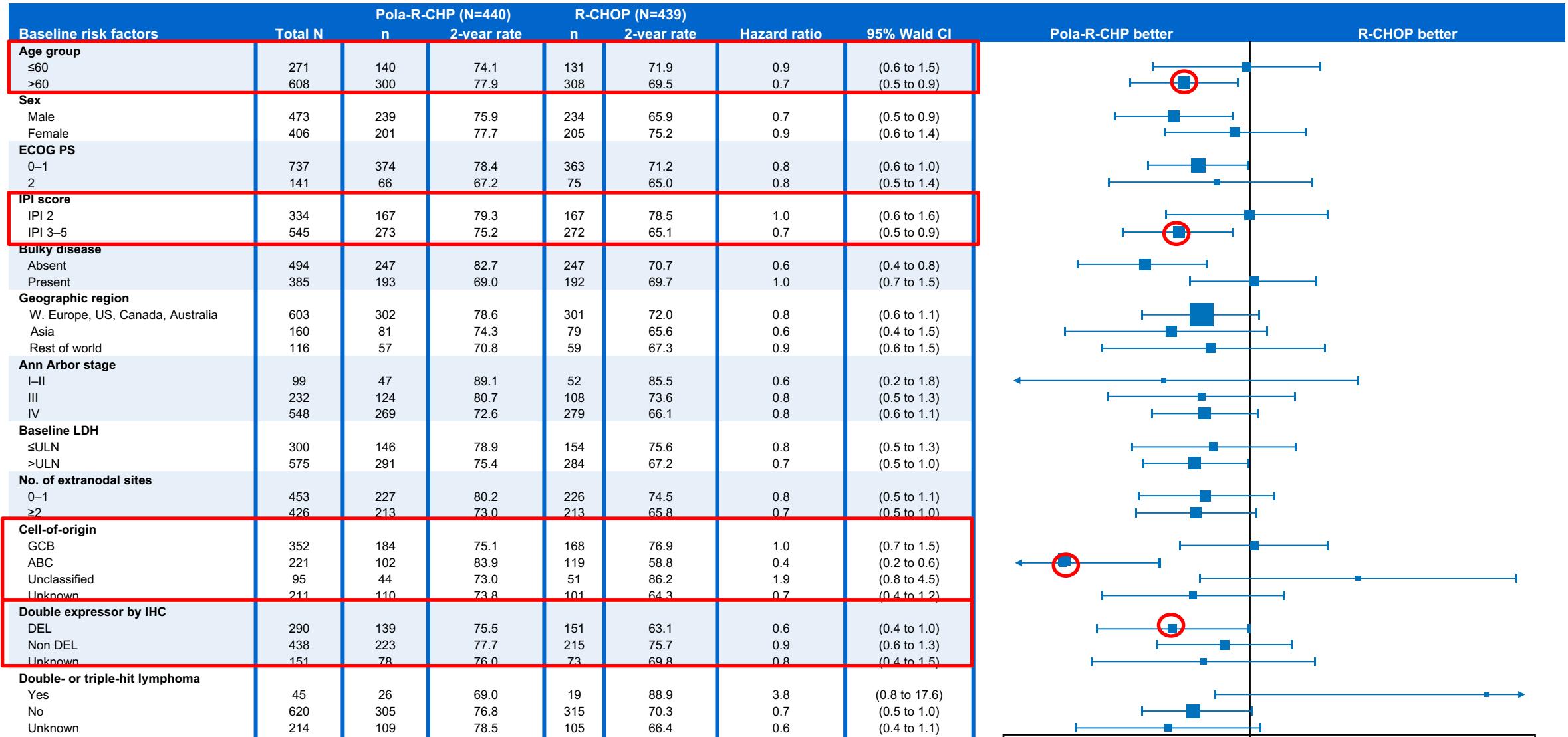


No. of patients at risk								
Pola-R-CHP	440	423	397	384	362	140	15	1
R-CHOP	439	414	401	376	355	132	20	1

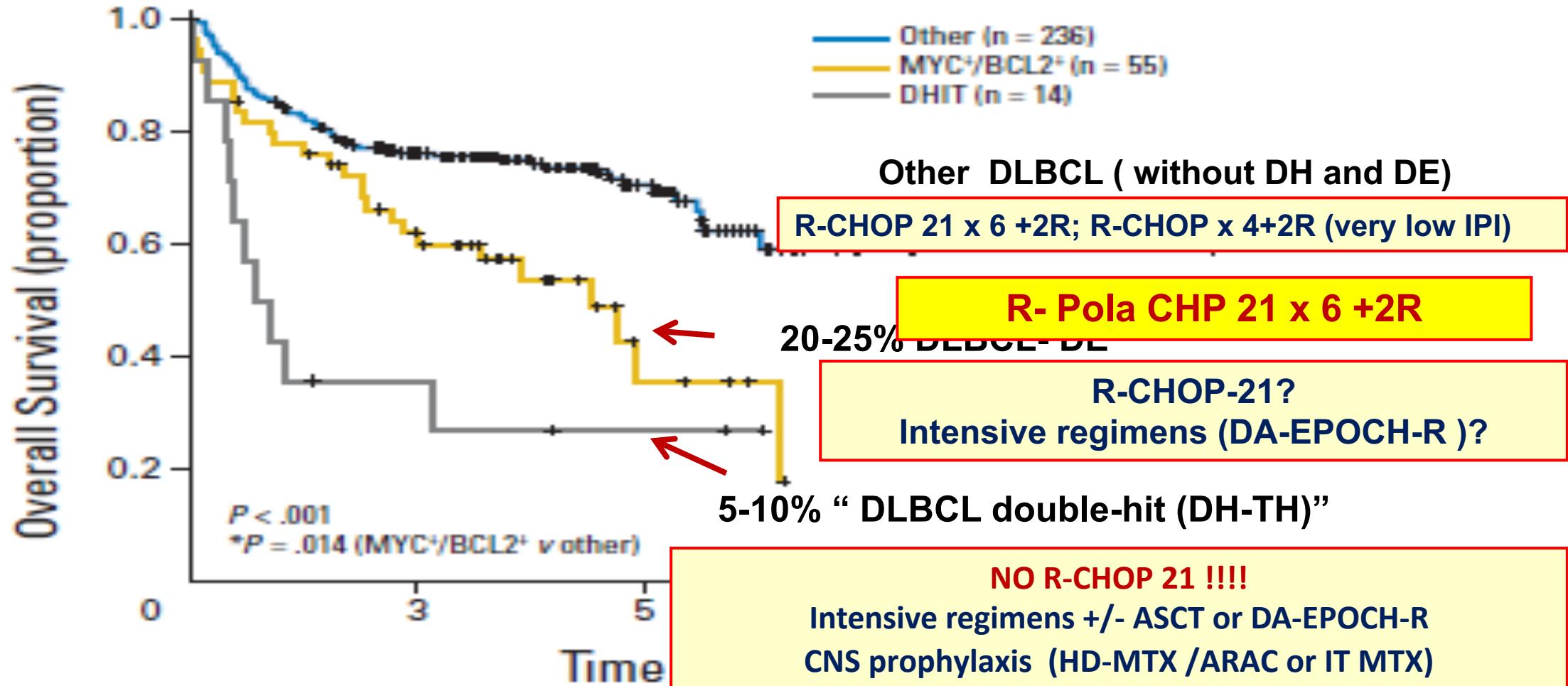
No. of patients at risk								
Pola-R-CHP	440	423	398	387	379	371	338	129
R-CHOP	439	415	403	382	372	361	329	124

**No new safety signals** have been identified with longer follow-up  
compared with the primary analysis

# POLARIX : PFS by subgroup (unstratified)

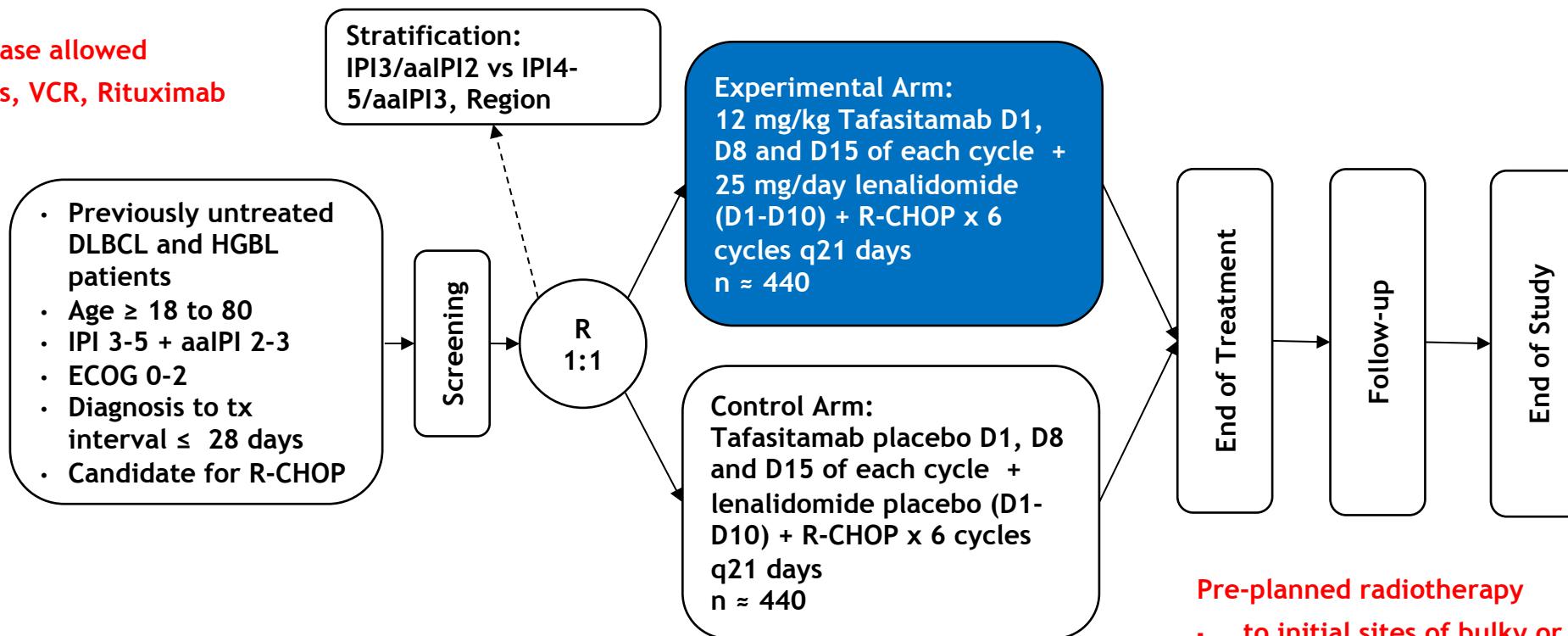


# Front-line therapy of DLBCL in 2022-23



# FRONTMIND – STUDY DESIGN

Prephase allowed  
with steroids, VCR, Rituximab



- Previously untreated DLBCL and HGBL patients
  - Age ≥ 18 to 80
  - IPI 3-5 + aalPI 2-3
  - ECOG 0-2
  - Diagnosis to tx interval ≤ 28 days
  - Candidate for R-CHOP
- Pre-planned radiotherapy**
- to initial sites of bulky or extranodal disease per institutional guidelines
- Pre-planned CNS prophylaxis with IV Methotrexate**
- Primary endpoint: PFS assessed by investigator (Cheson 2014 criteria)
  - Sample size: 880 patients
  - Target hazard ratio: 0.70, analysis at 274 PFS events, ~43 months after 1st patient 1st visit (FPFV)
  - Power: 83%; Interim analysis for futility at 274 PFS events, 18 months after FPFV; IDMC review; Safety run-in first 40 patients

# Novel and Emerging Combinations: Next Wave of R-CHOP “Plus”

- R-CHP + polatuzumab vedotin
- Bispecific antibodies plus:
  - R-CHOP + glofitamab
- R<sup>2</sup>-CHOP + tafasitamab
- Loncastuximab tesirine + R-CHOP
- R-CHOP + Acalabrutinib

## Agnostic

- CAR T-cell therapy
- Tafasitamab/lenalidomide
- Loncastuximab tesirine
- Polatuzumab vedotin



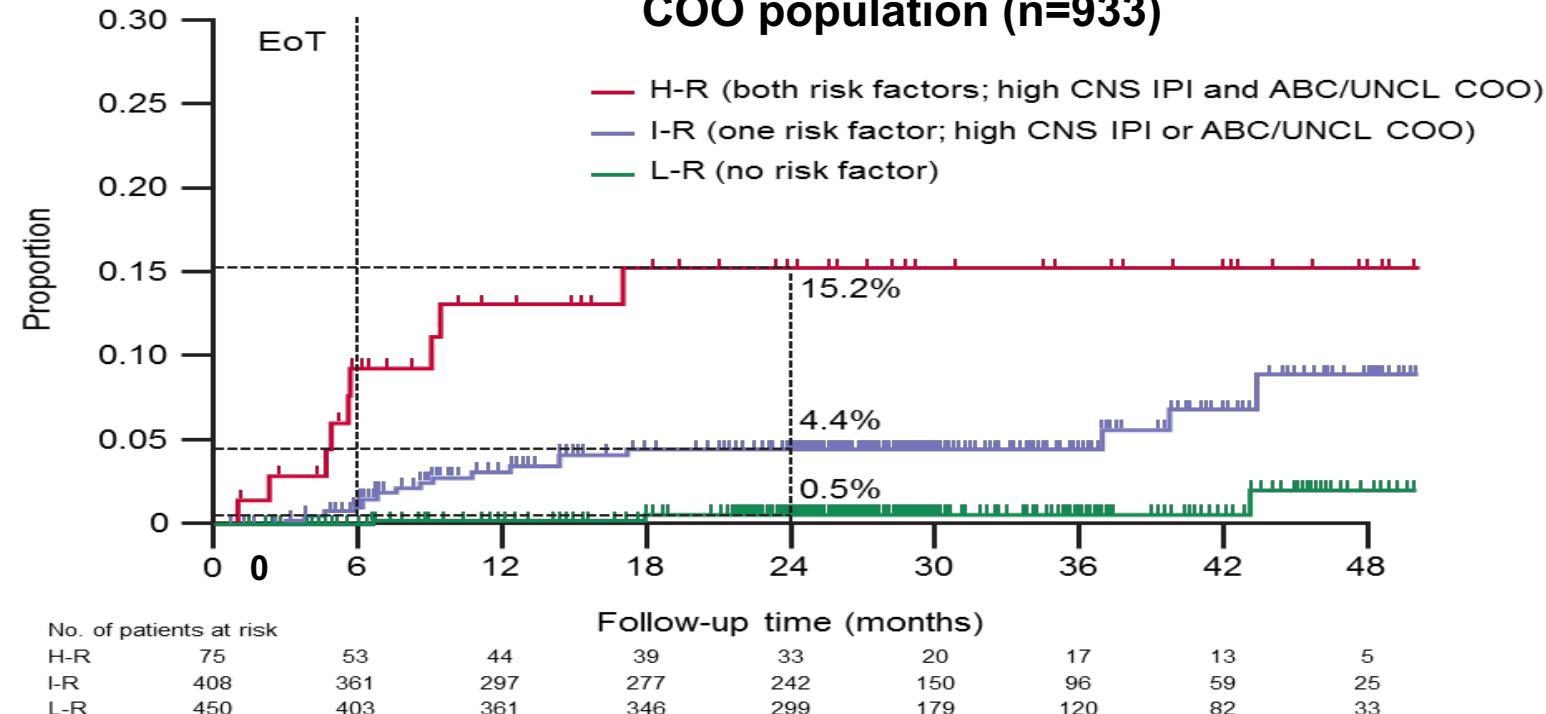
- BTK inhibitors
- PI3K inhibitors
- BCL2 inhibitors
- IRAK4 inhibitors

# Integration of cell of origin into the clinical CNS International Prognostic Index improves CNS relapse prediction in DLBCL

Magdalena Klanova,<sup>1-3</sup> Laurie H. Sehn,<sup>4</sup> Isabelle Bence-Bruckler,<sup>5</sup> Federica Cavallo,<sup>6</sup> Jie Jin,<sup>7</sup> Maurizio Martelli,<sup>8</sup> Douglas Stewart,<sup>9</sup> Umberto Vitolo,<sup>10</sup> Francesco Zaja,<sup>11</sup> Qingyuan Zhang,<sup>12</sup> Federico Mattiello,<sup>13</sup> Gila Sellam,<sup>3</sup> Elizabeth A. Punnoose,<sup>14</sup> Edith Szafer-Glusman,<sup>14</sup> Christopher R. Bolen,<sup>15</sup> Mikkel Z. Oestergaard,<sup>16</sup> Guenter R. Fingerle-Rowson,<sup>3</sup> Tina Nielsen,<sup>3</sup> and Marek Trneny<sup>1</sup>

## Risk of CNS relapse by CNS-IPI-COO, COO population (n=933)

## GOYA STUDY



CNS IPI

CNS-IPI-COO

CNS IPI	n (%)	2-year relapse rate	n (%)	2-year relapse rate
H-R	165 (17.7%)	9.6%	75 (8.0%)	15.2%
I-R	596 (63.9%)	2.2%	408 (43.7%)	4.4%
L-R	172 (18.4%)	1.4%	450 (48.2%)	0.5%

# Who and What... ?

## High CNS IPI (4-6)

Age > 60 years

LDH > normal

ECOG PS > 1

Stage III/IV disease

Extranodal involvement > 1

Kidney and/or adrenal

Testis and Kidney and/or adrenal  
glands if only involved

Double HIT

Double-expressor and COO ABC  
according to CNS IPI

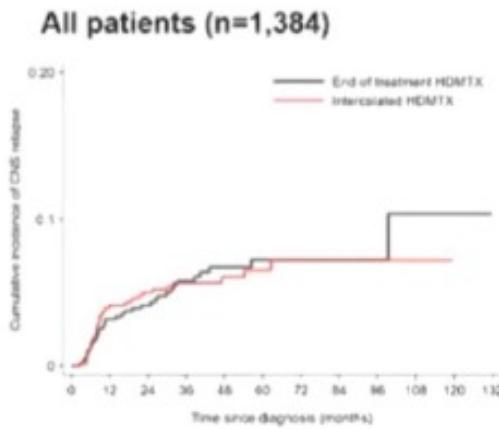
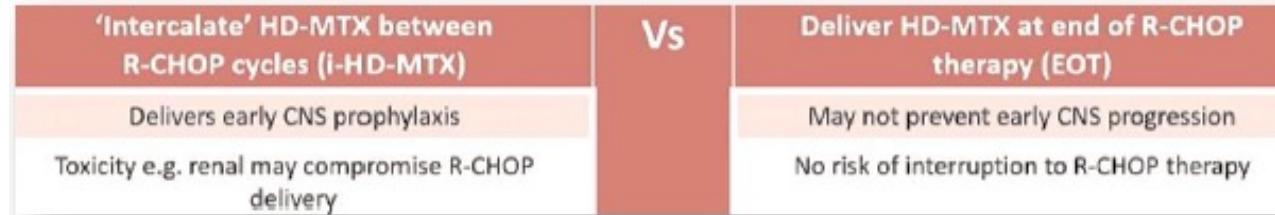
CNS-directed prophylaxis should be offered  
to patients at high-risk of CNS relapse

**•4-6 cycles of IT prophylaxis (MTX, Ara-C) + 2 courses of MTX  
 $3\text{ g/m}^2$  or 2-4 courses of MTX  $1.5 \text{ g/m}^2$  in elderly pts and/or  
comorbidity (dose-adjusted according to creatinine clearance)**

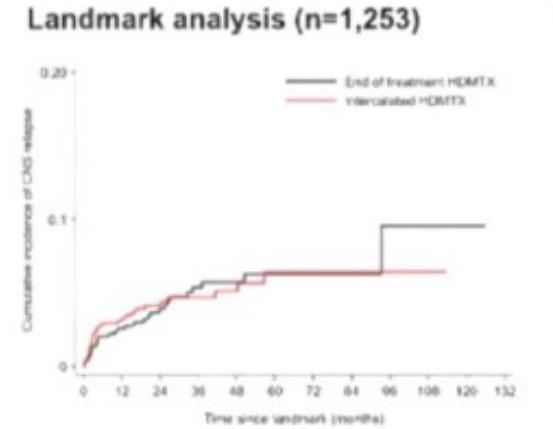
# Timing of high dose methotrexate CNS prophylaxis in DLBCL: a multicentre international analysis of 1,384 patients

Matthew R. Wilson\*, Toby A. Eyre, Amy A. Kirkwood, Nicole Wong Doo, Carole Soussain, Sylvain Choquet, Nicolás Martinez-Calle, Gavin Preston, Matthew Ahearne, Elisabeth Schorb, Marie-Pierre Moles-Moreau, Matthew Ku, Chiara Rusconi, Jahanzaib Khwaja, Mayur Narkhede, Katharine L. Lewis, Teresa Calimeri, Eric Durot, Loïc Renaud, Andreas Kiesbye Øvlsisen, Graham McIlroy, Timothy J. Ebsworth, Johnathan Elliot, Anna Santarsieri, Laure Ricard, Nimish Shah, Qin Liu, Adam S. Zayac, Francesco Vassallo, Laure Lebras, Louise Roulin, Naelle Lombion, Kate Manos, Ruben Fernandez, Nada Hamad, Alberto Lopez-Garcia, Deirdre O'Mahony, Praveen Gounder, Nathalie Forgeard, Charlotte Lees, Kossi Agbetiafa, Tim Strüessmann, Thura Win Htut, Aline Clavert, Hamish Scott, Anna Guidetti, Brett R Barlow, Jeffery Smith, Fiona Miall, Christopher P. Fox, Chan Y. Cheah, Tarec Christoffer El Galaly, Andrés J. M. Ferreri, Kate Cwynarski, Pamela McKay

\*Beatson West of Scotland Cancer Centre, Glasgow, United Kingdom

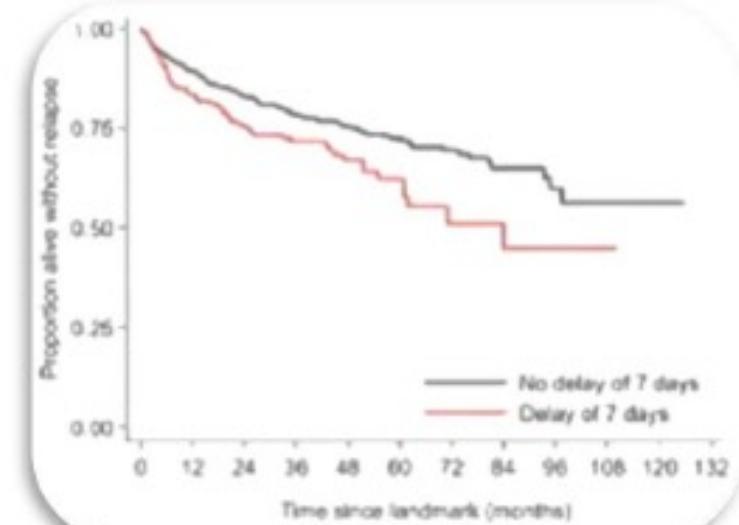
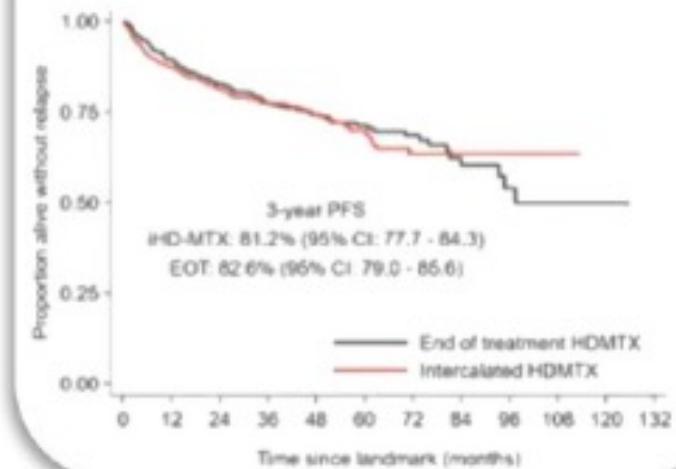


3-year CNS relapse rates: 5.8% vs 5.7%  
HR: 1.01 (95% CI: 0.65-1.57)  
3-year difference: 0.04% (95% CI: -2.0 to 3.1)



3-year CNS relapse rates: 4.7% vs 4.7%  
HR: 0.99 (95% CI: 0.60-1.66)  
3-year difference: -0.03% (95% CI: -1.0 to 3.0%)

Results for landmark cohort (n=1,253)

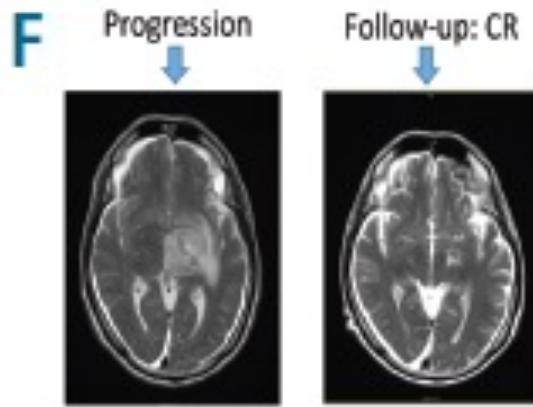


Wilson M , et al. ASH 2021

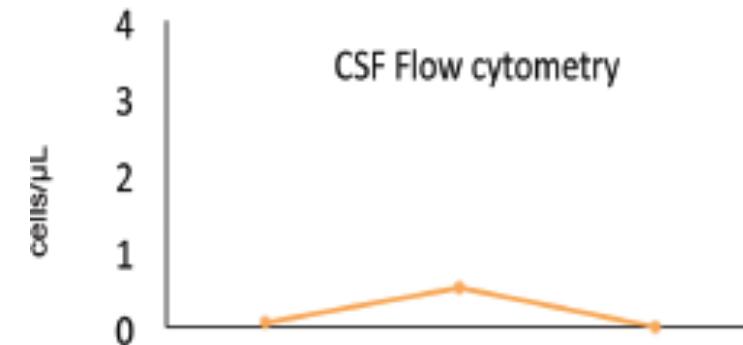
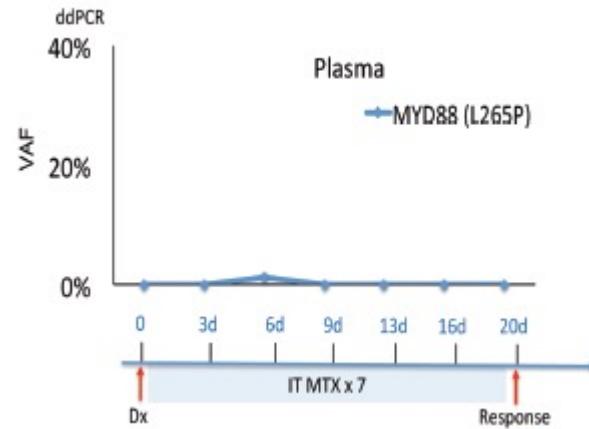
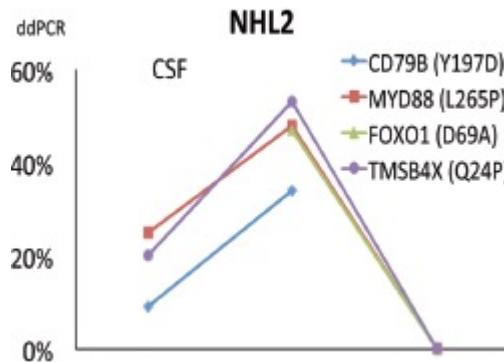
# Cell free circulating tumor DNA in cerebrospinal fluid detects and monitors central nervous system involvement of B-cell lymphomas

Haematologica 2021

Volume 106(2):513-521

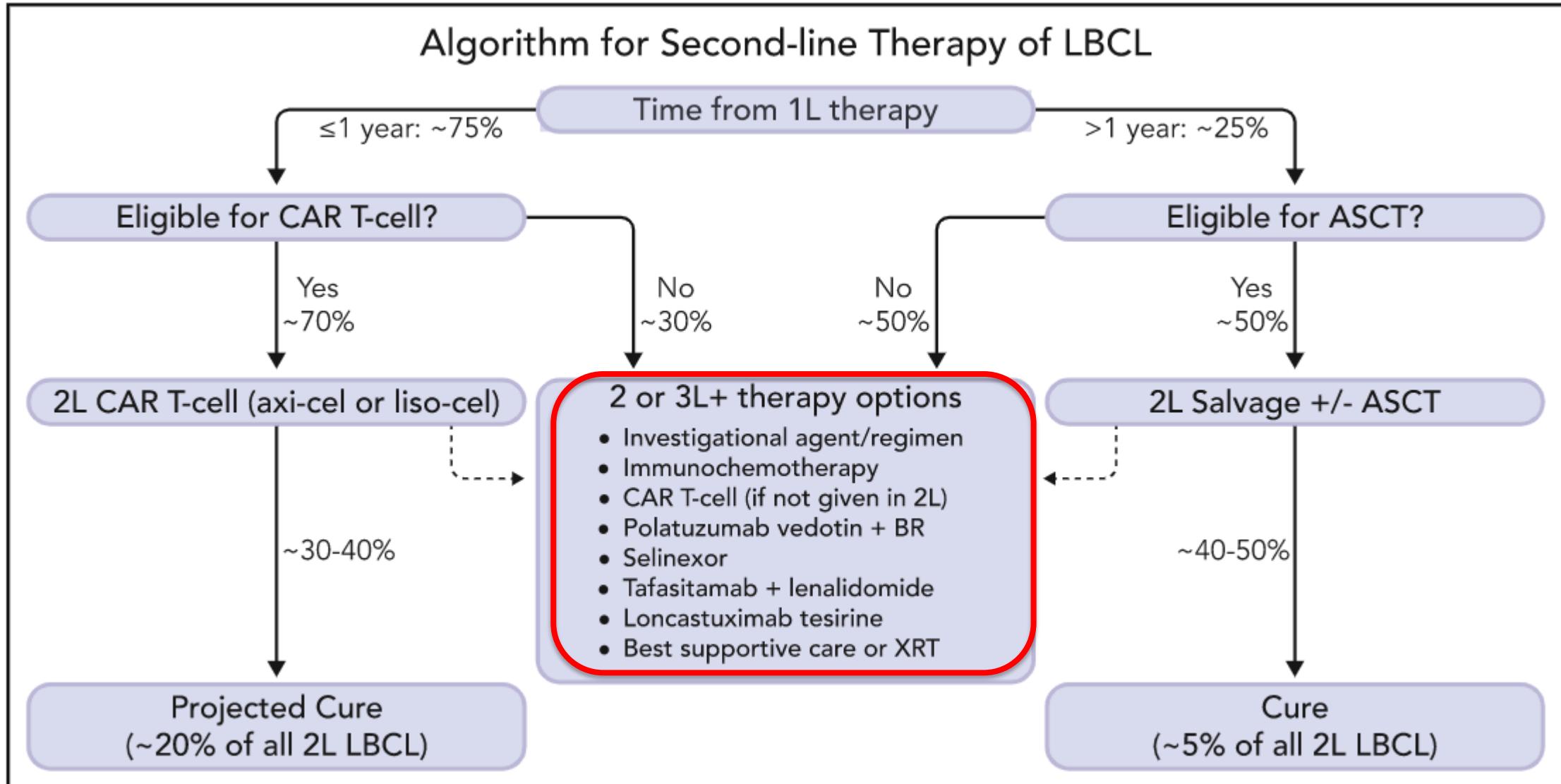


Sabela Bobillo,<sup>1\*</sup> Marta Crespo,<sup>1\*</sup> Laura Escudero,<sup>2\*</sup> Regina Mayor,<sup>2</sup> Priyanka Raheja,<sup>1</sup> Cecilia Carpio,<sup>1</sup> Carlota Rubio-Perez,<sup>2</sup> Bárbara Tazón-Vega,<sup>1</sup> Carlos Palacio,<sup>1</sup> Júlia Carabia,<sup>1</sup> Isabel Jiménez,<sup>1</sup> Juan. C. Nieto,<sup>1</sup> Julia Montoro,<sup>1</sup> Francisco Martínez-Ricarte,<sup>3</sup> Josep Castellví,<sup>4</sup> Marc Simó,<sup>5</sup> Lluís Puigdefàbregas,<sup>1</sup> Pau Abrisqueta,<sup>1</sup> Francesc Bosch<sup>1#</sup> and Joan Seoane<sup>2,6#</sup>



- Circulating tumor DNA (CT DNA) in the CSF of patients with CNS Lymphoma is more abundant than in plasma
- CT DNA in the CSF fluid exhibits higher sensitivity than flow cytometry in detecting CNS lesions
- CT DNA in CSF fluid can be used to monitor CNS tumor burden and response to treatment

# A new treatment algorithm for patients with R/R DLBCL after first-line therapy



# Novel therapies approved in RR-DLBCL

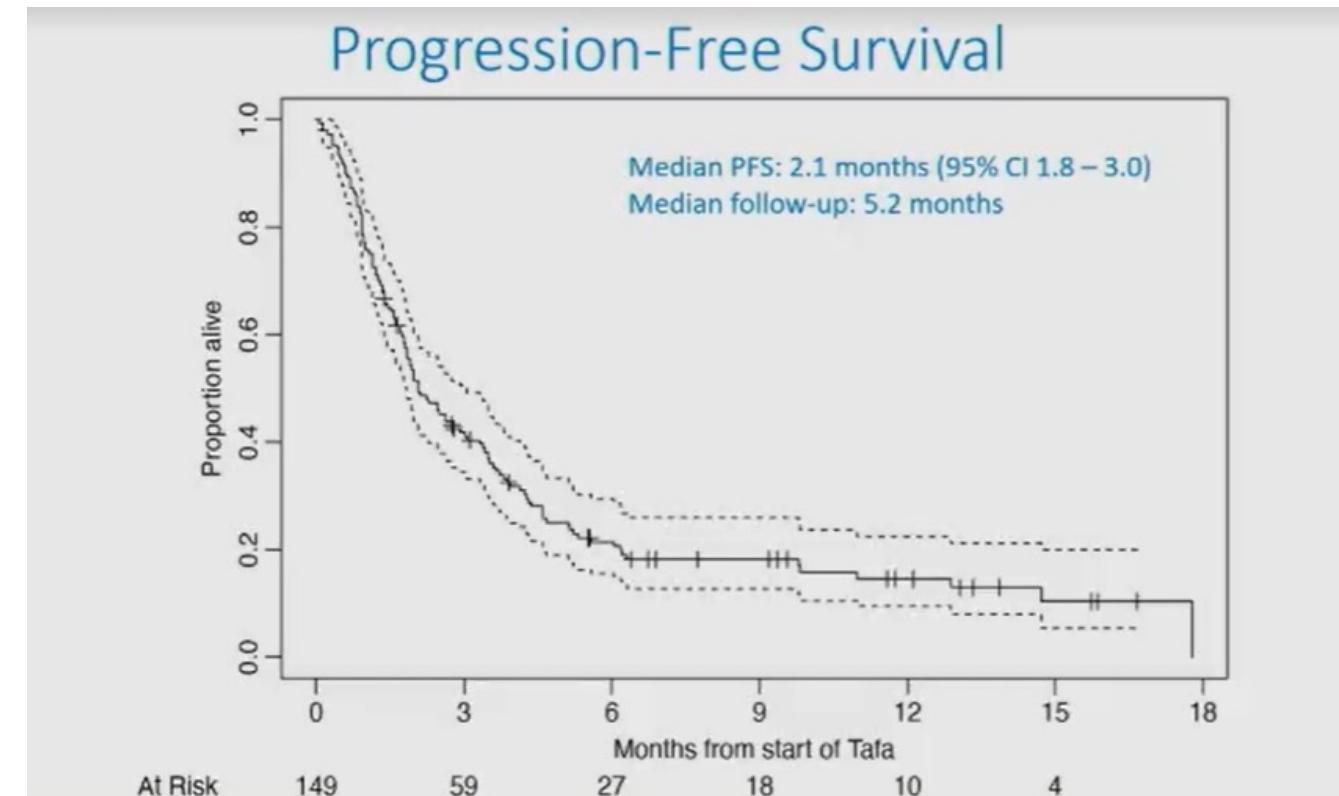
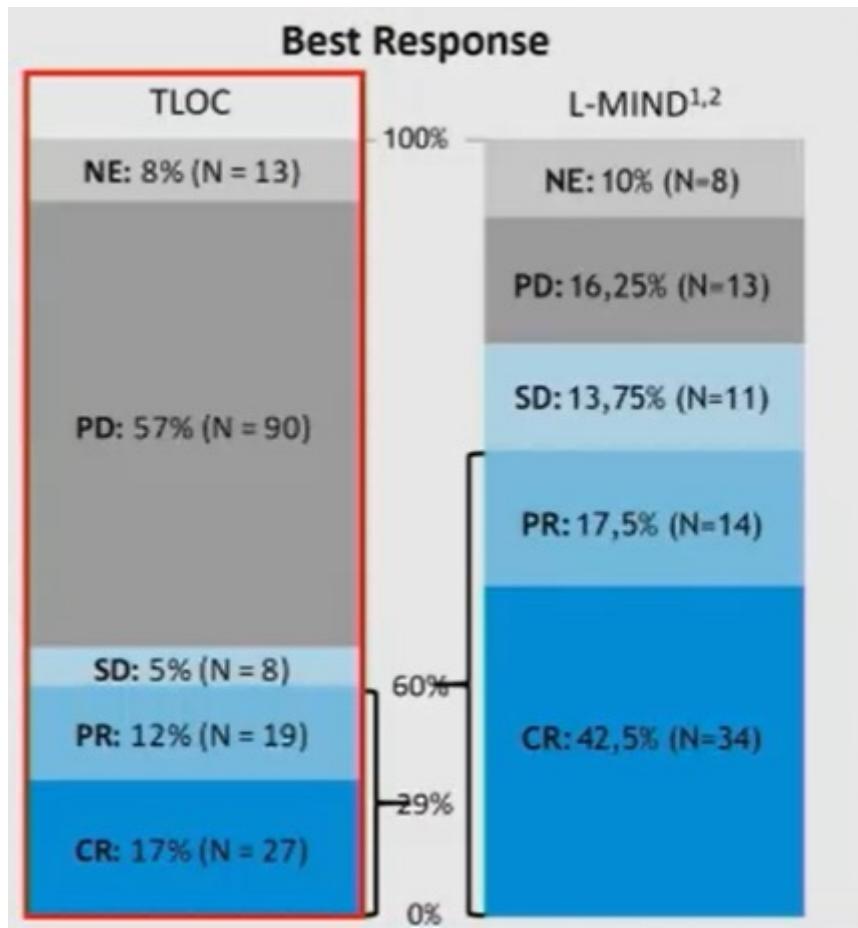
	Pola-BR	Selinexor	Tafasitamab/Lenalidomide	Locastuximab Tesirine
MOA	Anti-CD79b ADC	XPO-1 inhibitor	Anti-CD19 mAb/Immunomodulator	Anti-CD19 ADC
ORR	45%	28%	58%	48%
CR rate	40%	10%	40%	24%
PFS	9.2 m	2.6 m	11.6 m	4.9 m
DOR	12.6 m	9.3 m	43.9 m	10.3 m
OS	12.4 m	NR	33.5 m	9.9 m

Sehn LH et al Blood Adv.2022; Kalakonda Lancet Haematol 2020; Duell J. et al Haematologica 2021.; Caimi PF et al Lancet Oncol. 2021

# Pola-BR in real life setting

	<b>n</b>	<b>Refractory to last prior therapy</b>	<b>mOS months</b>	<b>mPFS months</b>	<b>CR rate</b>	<b>ORR</b>	<b>mFUP months</b>
<b>Vodicka et al.</b>	21	76.2	8.7	3.8	23.8	33.3	6.8
<b>Dimou et al.</b>	49*	78.0	8.5	4.0	20.0 25.0 (best)	35.0 43.0 (best)	10.8
<b>Segman et al.</b>	47	23.0	8.3	5.6	40.0	61.0	6.8
<b>Liebers et al.</b>	54*	87	5.5	3.25	14.8 (best)	48.1 (best)	7.5
<b>Northend et al.</b>	133	68.4	8.2	4.8	31.6 (best)	57.0(best)	7.7
<b>Pellegrini et al.</b>	55	81.8	9.0	4.9	18.2 27.3 (best)	32.7 49.1(best)	11

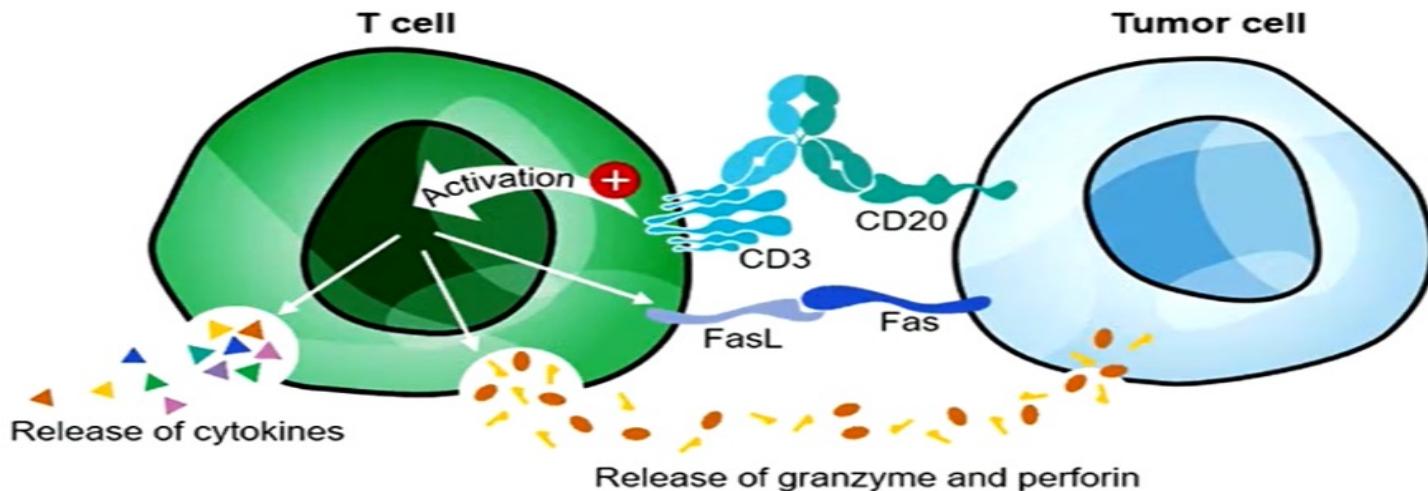
# Real-world Tafra-len treatment N= 157 (retrospective study): Responses and Progression-Free Survival



42 patients (28%) had CAR-T before TL  
- 4/19 CD19 not reported , more prior lines of tx, more prior refractory

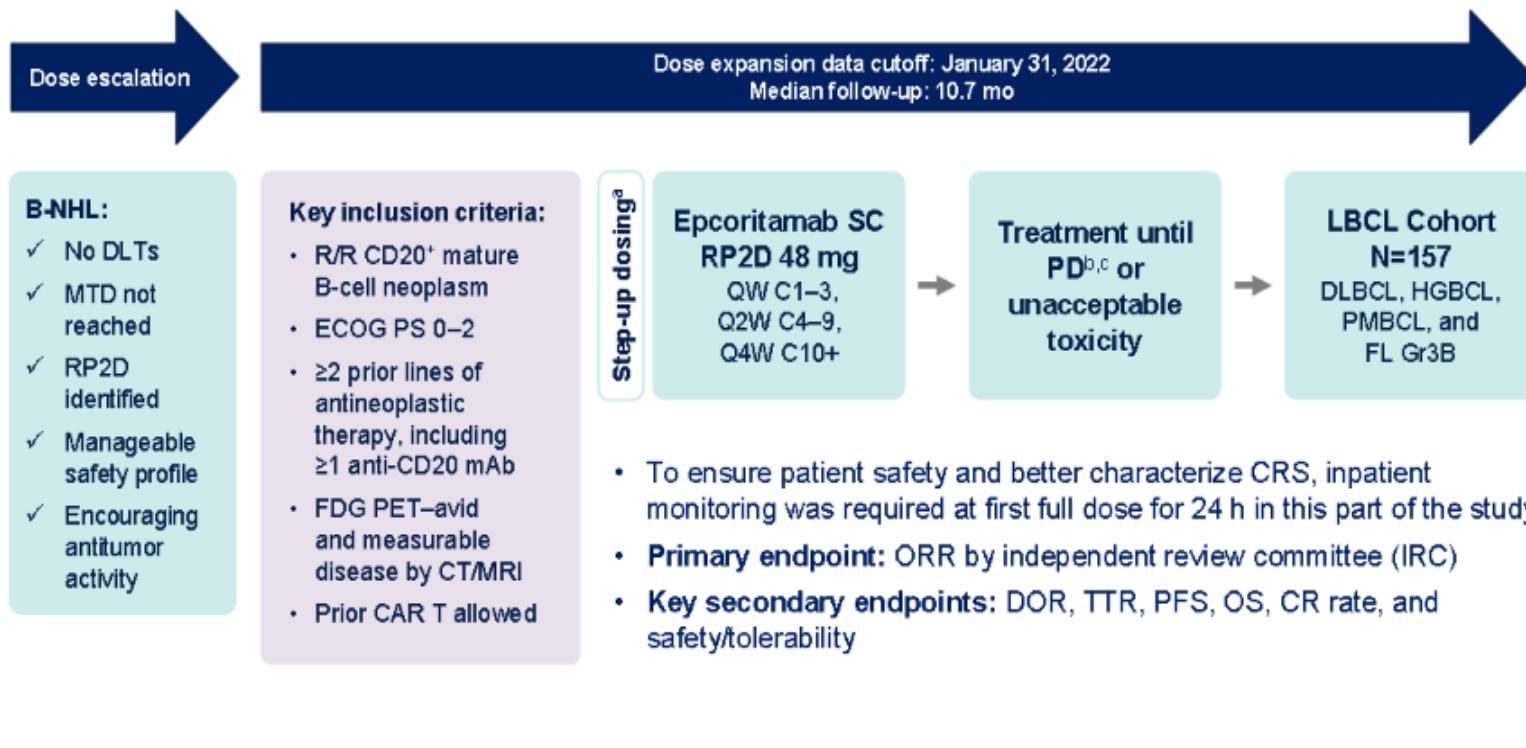
Worse PFS was seen in patients with refractory disease,  $\geq 3$  lines of therapy, higher IPI

# Bispecific antibodies CD3xCD20

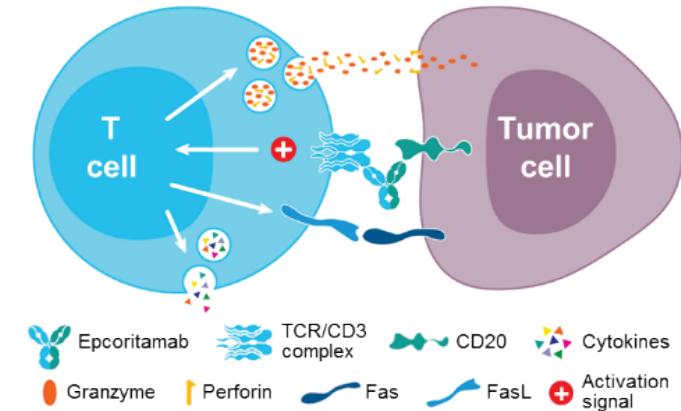


# Subcutaneous Epcoritamab in R/R DLBCL: a phase 2 study in 157 patients

## EPCORE NHL-1: LBCL Expansion Cohort



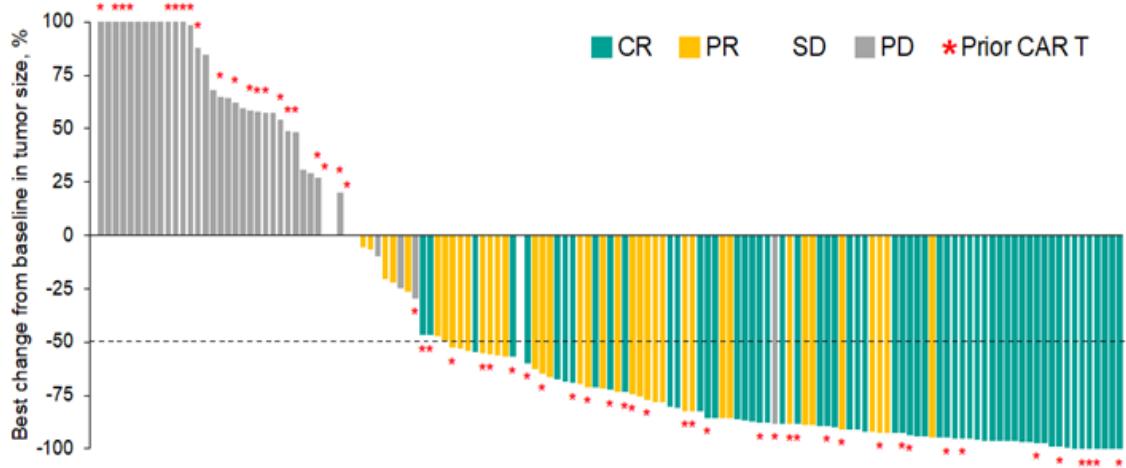
- Induces T-cell activation by binding to CD3 on T cells and CD20 on malignant B cells
- Promotes immunological synapse between bound cells, resulting in apoptosis of B cells
- Binds to a distinct epitope on CD20, different from the epitopes of rituximab and obinutuzumab
- Retains activity in the presence of CD20 mAbs



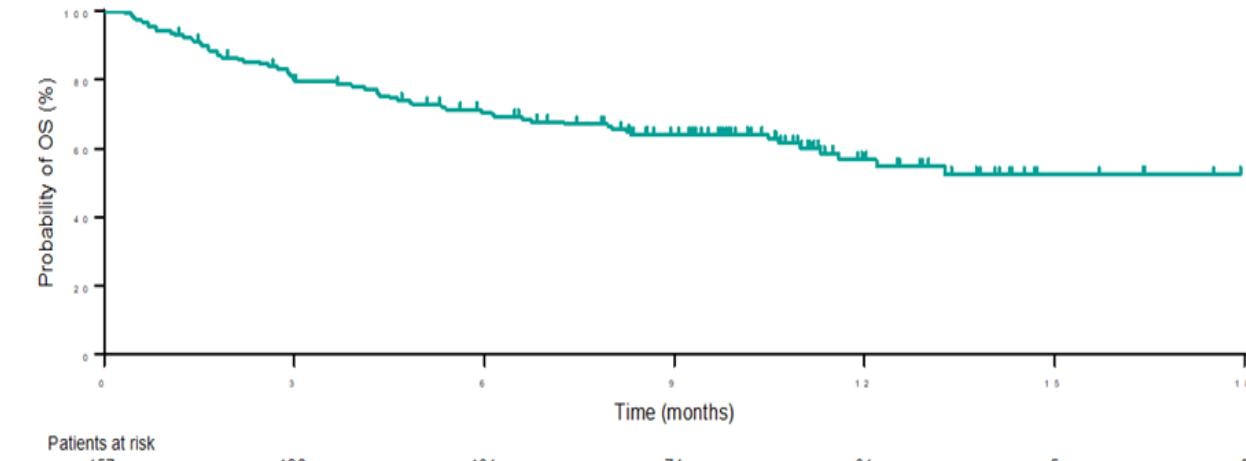
# Subcutanous Epcoritamab in R/R DLBCL:

## Patients Were Challenging to Treat and Highly Refractory

Demographics	LBCL, N=157	Prior Treatments	LBCL, N=157
Median age (range), y	64 (20–83)	Median time from initial diagnosis to first dose, y	1.6
<65 y, n (%)	80 (51)	Median time from end of last therapy to first dose, mo	2.4
65 to <75 y, n (%)	48 (31)	Median prior lines of therapy (range)	3 (2–11)
≥75 y, n (%)	29 (18)	≥3 Lines of therapy, n (%)	111 (71)
ECOG PS, n (%)		Primary refractory <sup>b</sup> disease, n (%)	96 (61)
0	74 (47)	Refractory <sup>b</sup> to last systemic therapy, n (%)	130 (83)
1	78 (50)	Refractory <sup>b</sup> to ≥2 consecutive lines of therapy, n (%)	119 (76)
2	5 (3)	Prior ASCT, n (%)	31 (20)
Disease Characteristics <sup>a</sup>	LBCL, N=157	Prior CAR T therapy, n (%)	61 (39)
Disease type, n (%)		Progressed within 6 mo of CAR T therapy	46/61 (75)
DLBCL	139 (89)		
De novo	97/139 (70)		
Transformed	40/139 (29)		
Unknown	2/139 (1)		
HGBCL	9 (6)		
PMBCL	4 (3)		
FL Gr3B	5 (3)		

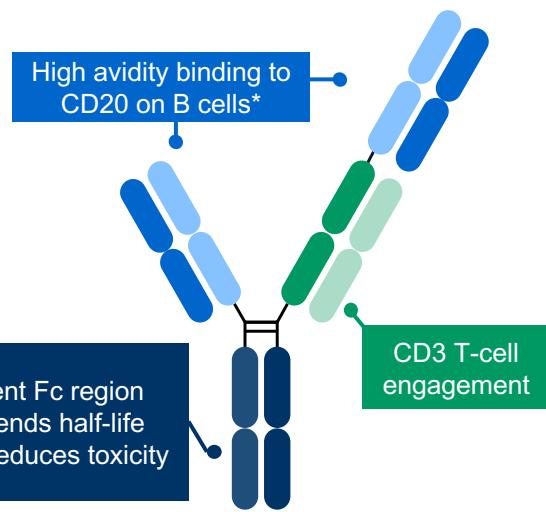


Response rate:  
ORR 63%, CR 39%, prior CART 34%

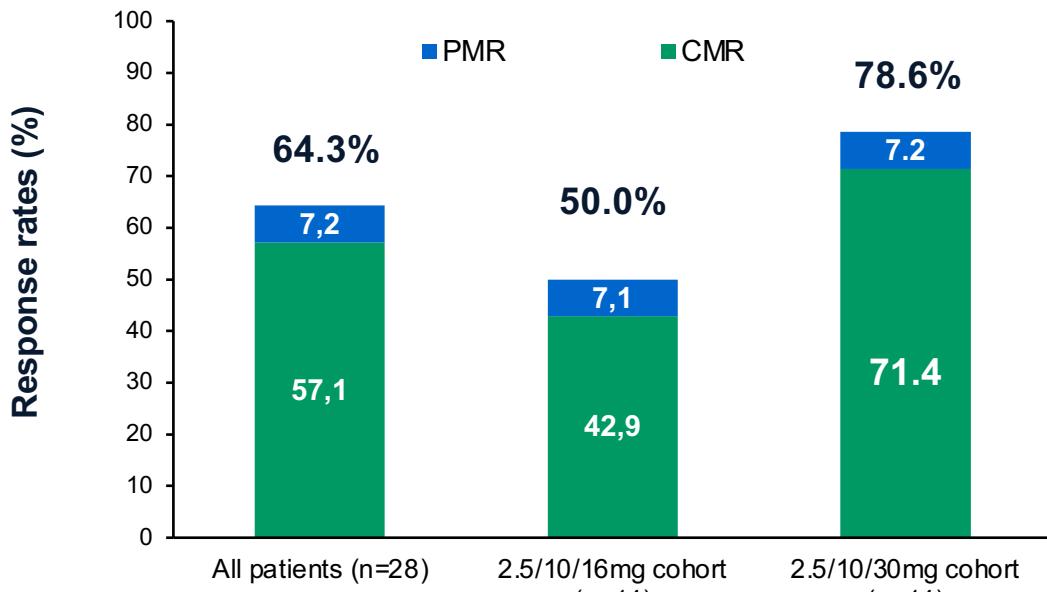


Overall Survival:  
Median not reached, 6 mo 71%, 12 mo 57%

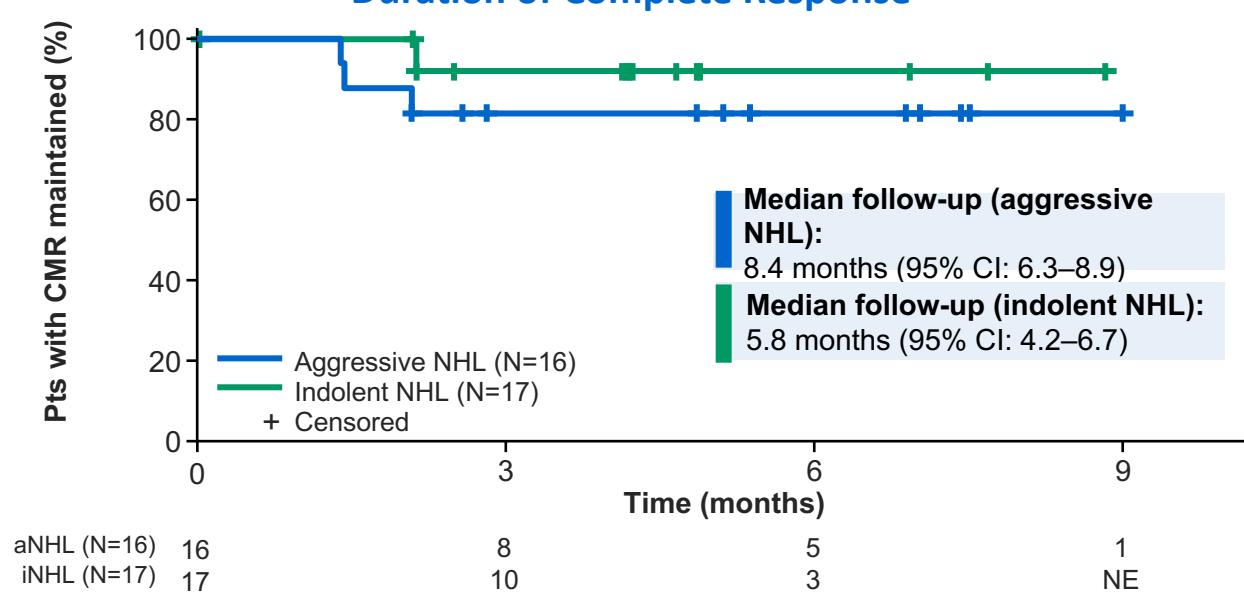
# Glofitamab in R/R B-cell lymphoma patients.



## Response rate: Aggressive NHL



For aggressive NHL, a trend of improved response was observed at the RP2D (2.5/10/30mg; N=14), with a **CMR rate of 71.4%**



- The median duration of response for complete responders have not been reached
- Aggressive NHL:** 13/16 CMRs are ongoing, 8 CMRs lasting >3 months; 5 CMRs lasting >6 months
- Indolent NHL:** 16/17 CMRs are ongoing, 10 CMRs lasting >3 months; 3 CMRs lasting >6 months

# CD20xCD3 bispecific antibodies + SoC

Rational combinations of targeted therapies

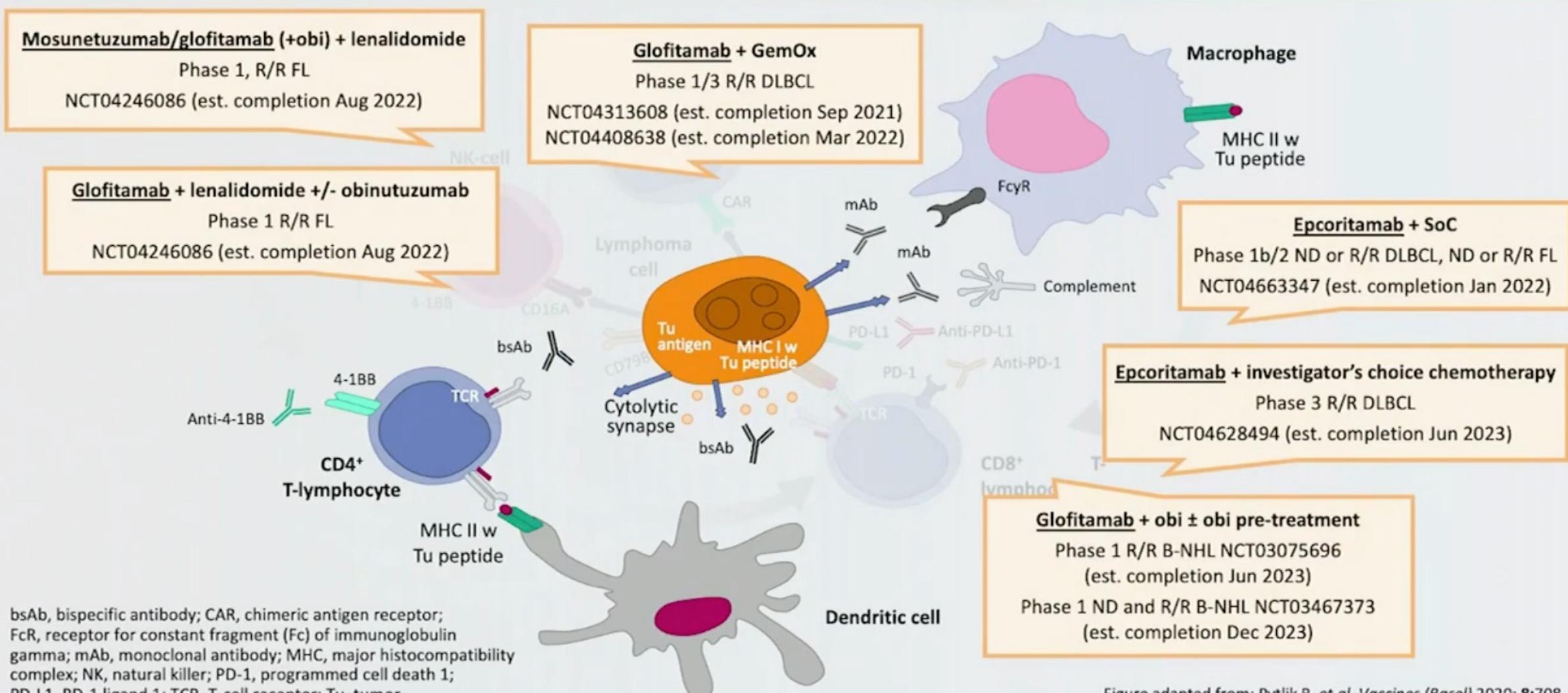
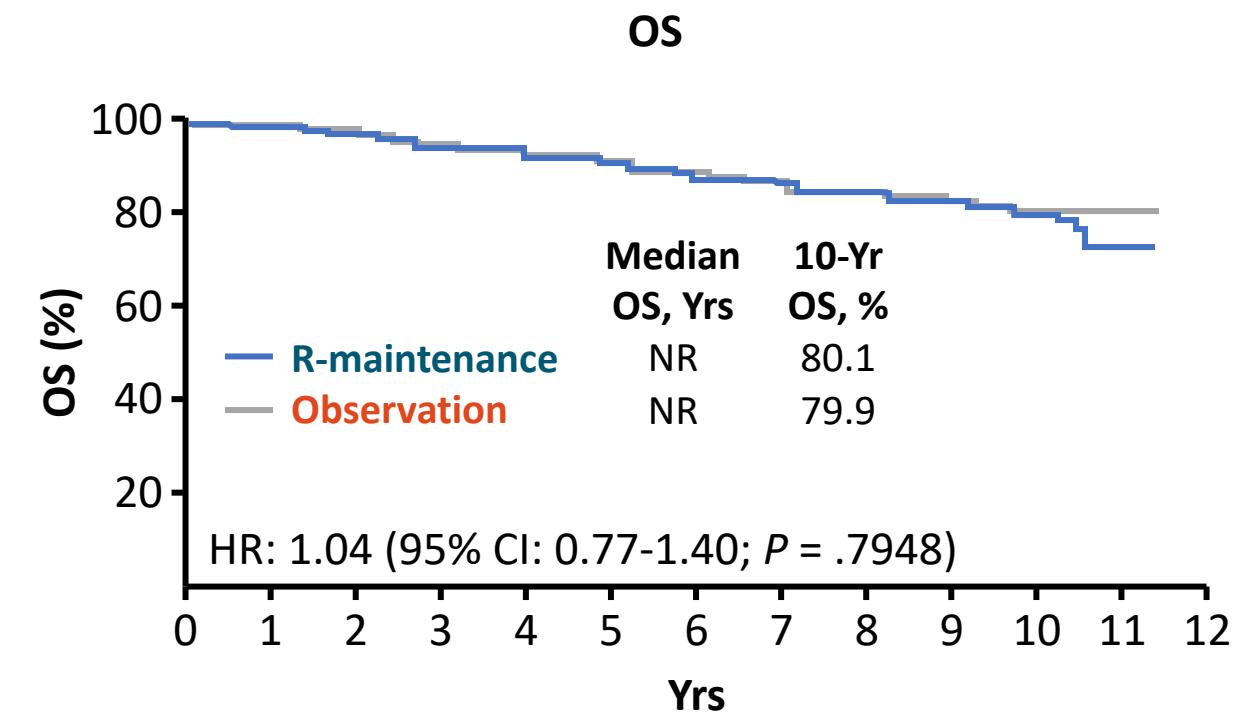
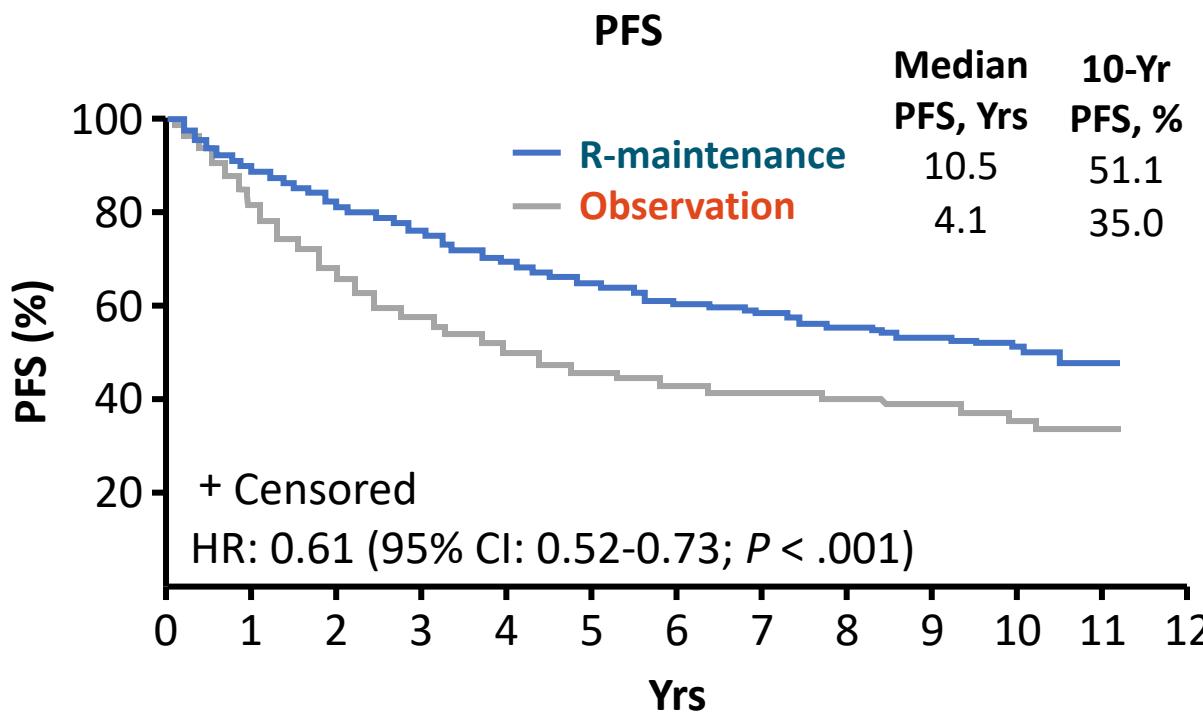


Figure adapted from: Pytlik R, et al. *Vaccines (Basel)* 2020; 8:708.

By courtesy of Salles G, ICML 2021

# PRIMA Long-term Follow-up: PFS but Not OS Improved with Maintenance Rituximab vs Observation



Patients at Risk, n

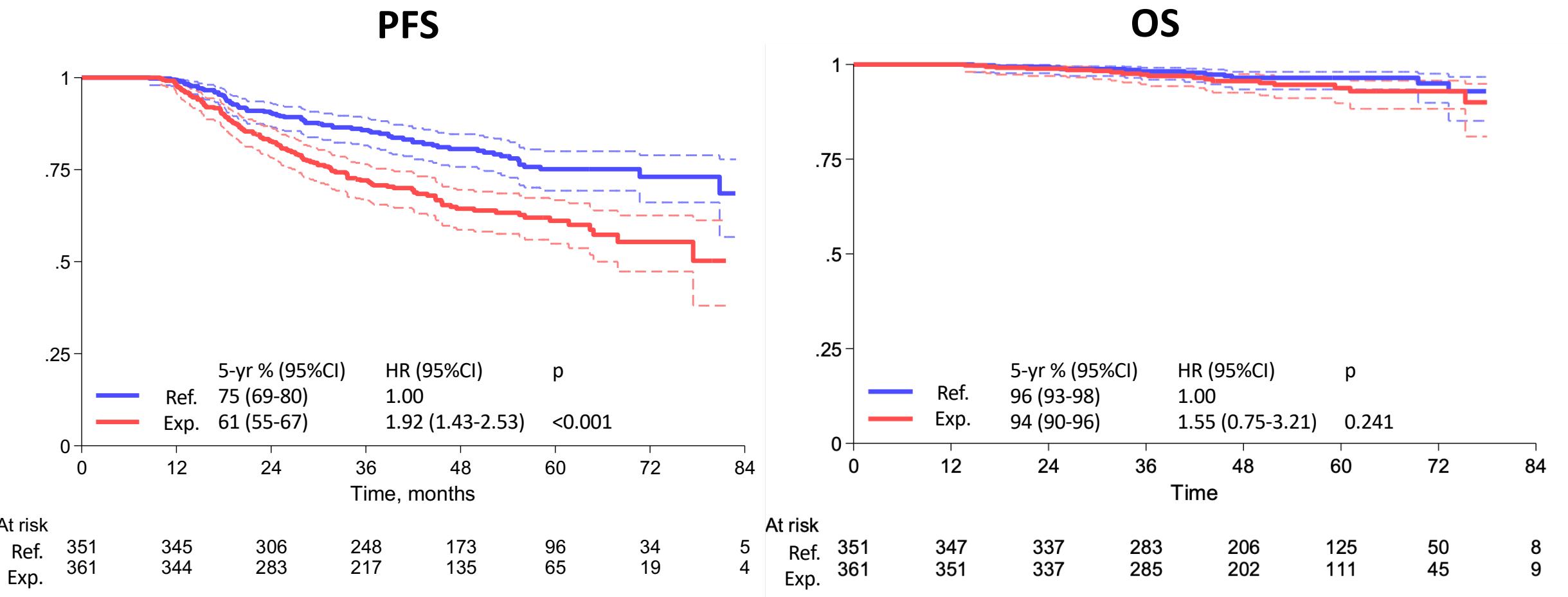
<b>R-maint</b>	505	445	406	372	333	309	284	231	208	170	67	4	0
<b>Obs</b>	513	415	336	290	251	217	200	155	147	122	41	1	0

Patients at Risk, n

<b>R-maint</b>	505	492	480	464	449	432	407	341	313	261	107	8	0
<b>Obs</b>	513	501	485	472	460	440	412	319	297	256	91	8	0

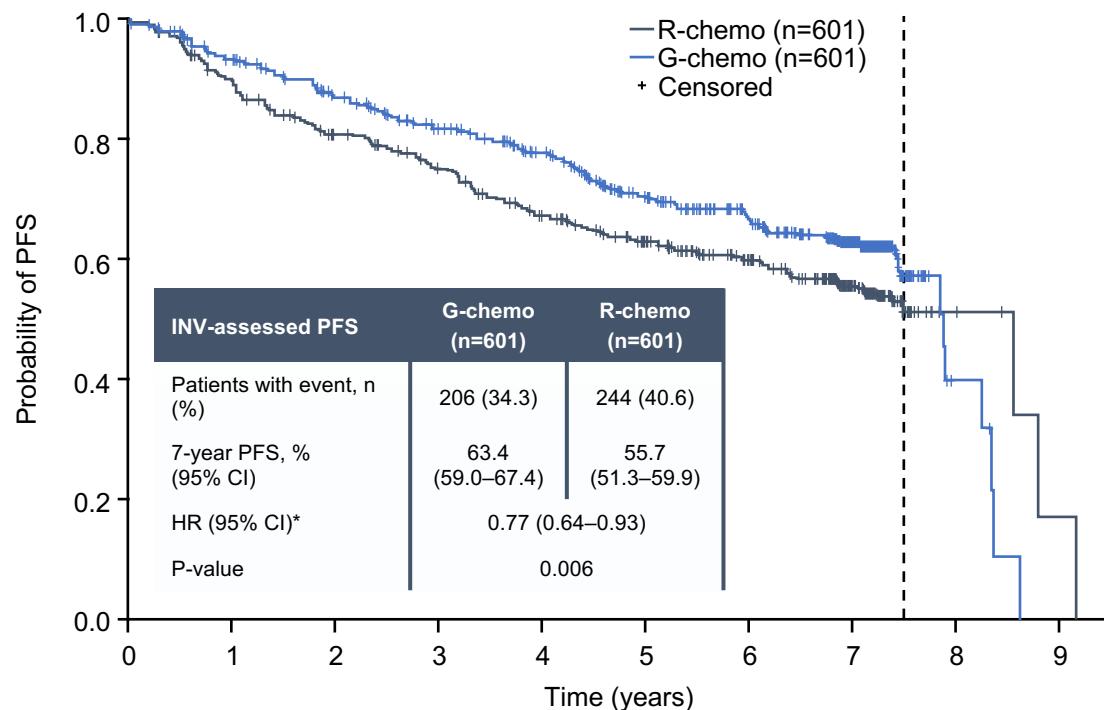
# Updated results of the FOLL12 trial

N=712, Med f-up 53m, 197 PFS events , 30 deaths

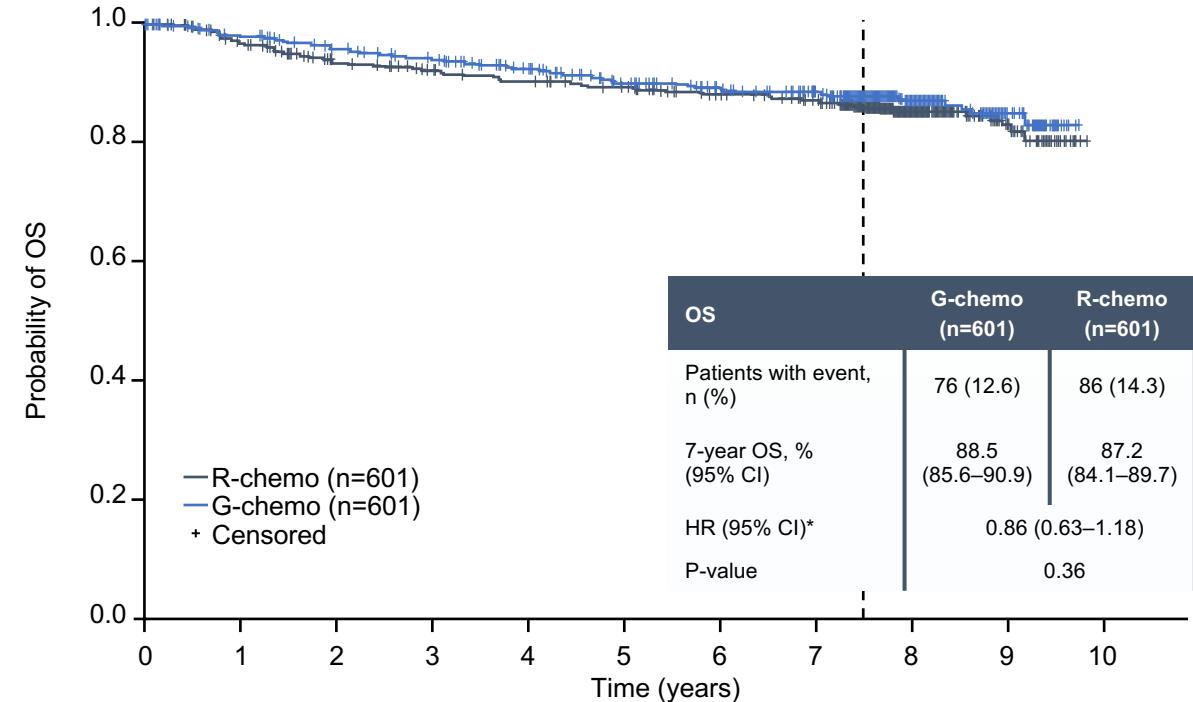


# GALLIUM study first line follicular lymphoma

PFS



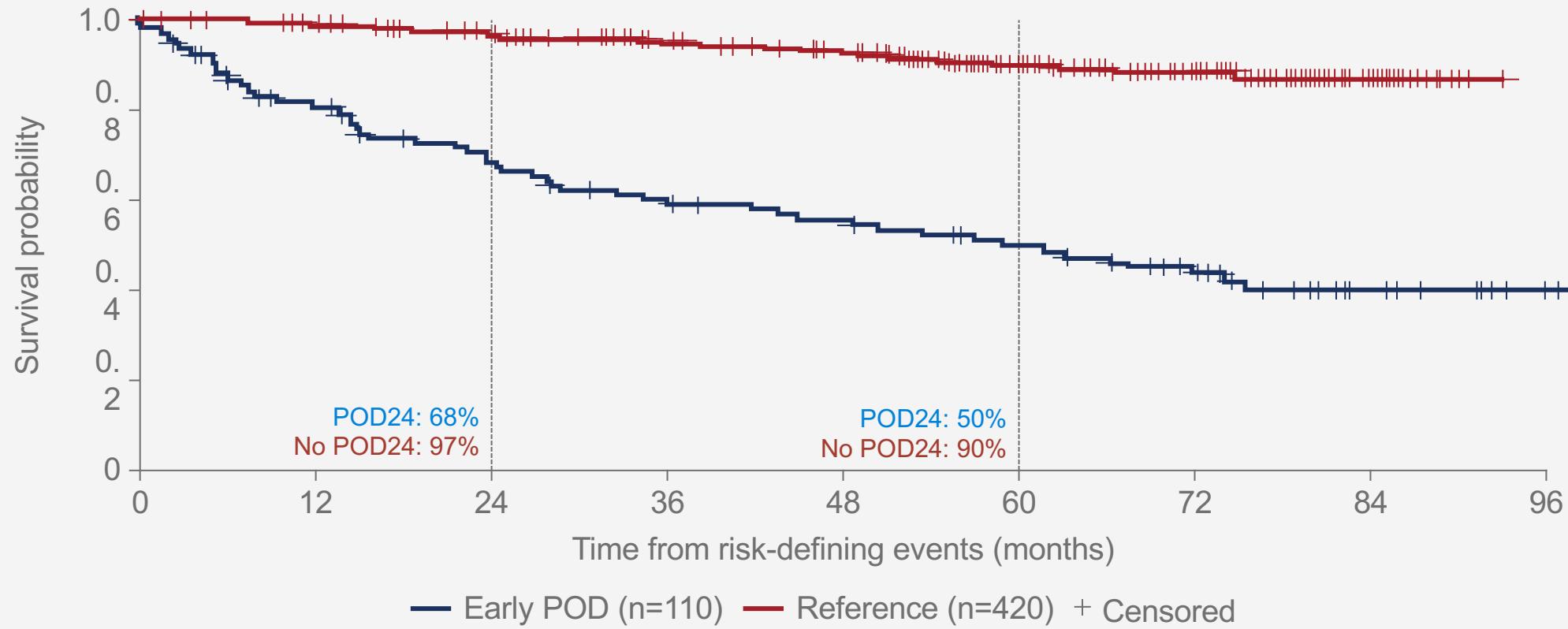
OS

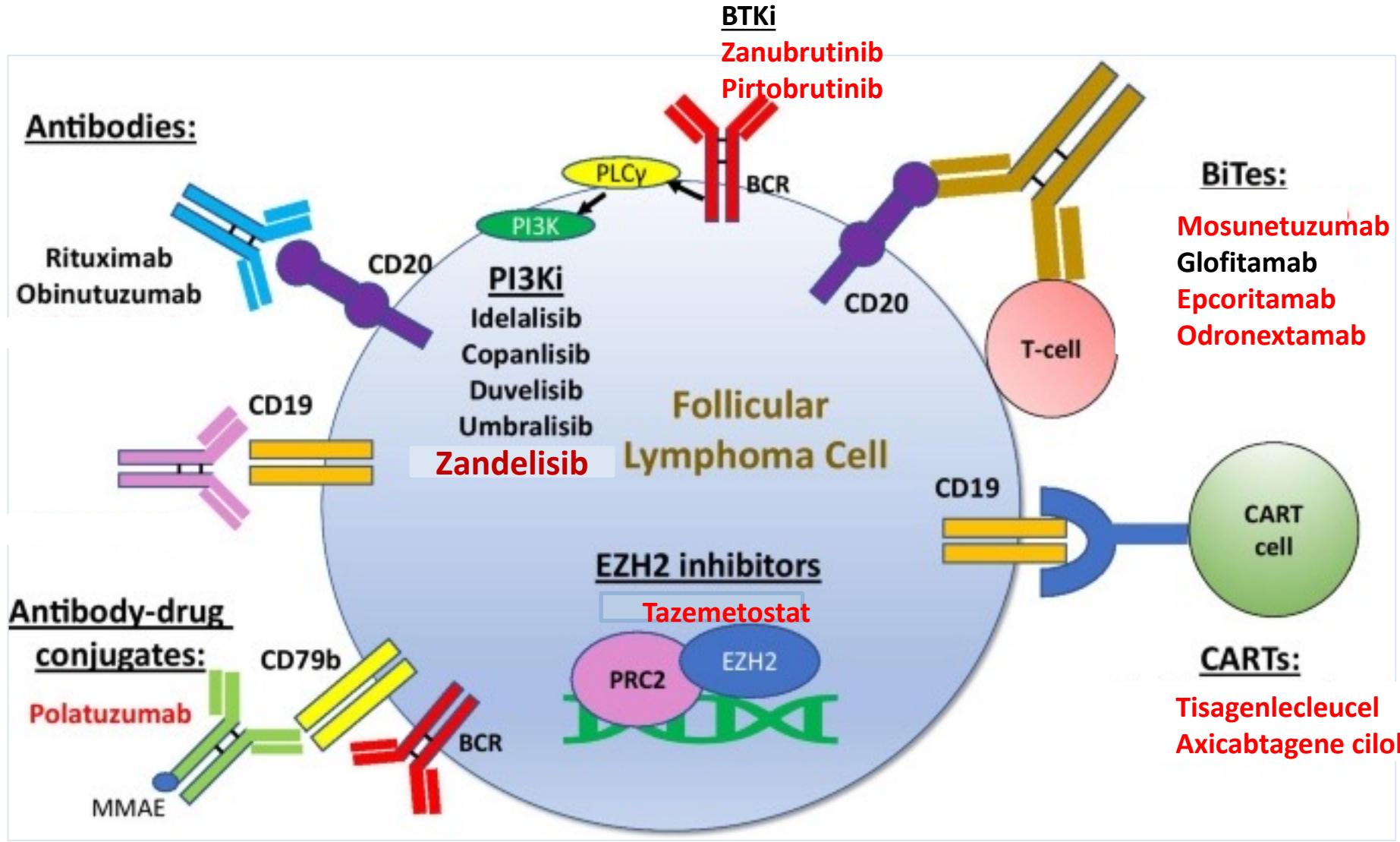


PFS favored G-chemo vs R-chemo in patients with an intermediate-to-high-risk (2–5) FLIPI score

# Patients with advanced stage FL who progress in their first or second years of treatment have poorer outcomes

Casulo and colleagues (2015) explored the association between early POD within 24 months and risk of death after R-CHOP





## Novel agents investigated in RR-Follicular/Indolent



**POST-NEW ORLEANS 2022**

Novità dal Meeting della Società Americana di Ematologia

# Novità dal Meeting della Società Americana di Ematologia

Milano  
Teatro Dal Verme  
2-3-4 Febbraio 2023

---

**COORDINATORI**

Angelo Michele Carella  
Pier Luigi Zinzani

**BOARD SCIENTIFICO**

Paolo Corradini  
Mauro Krampera  
Fabrizio Pane  
Adriano Venditti

**16.05 Linfomi indolenti**

**16.25 Linfomi aggressivi di derivazione B linfocitaria**

**16.45 Terapie di salvataggio con anticorpi monoclonali**

**17.05 Discussione**

**M. LADETTO**

**A.J.M. FERRERI**

**L. RIGACCI**

