



The young side of
LYMPHOMA

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**Nuovi concetti sulla profilassi del sistema
nervoso centrale**

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BACKGROUND

- CNS relapses of DLBCL: relatively rare but often devastating
estimates incidence: about 5% of DLBCL
- Most occur during or closely following frontline immunochemotherapy (median time 6-8 months)
- Secondary CNS lymphomas have poor outcomes

- ▶ Identify patients at highest risk of CNS relapse
 - Clinical risk factor
 - Biological risk factor

- ▶ How to manage patients at high risk of CNS dissemination

- ▶ Treatment of patients with CNS involvement

- ▶ Future perspectives
 - Improve baseline screening
 - Novel therapies

February 2018

HISTORY-PRESENTATION

34-year-old pregnant women (29 week), no comorbidities

ECOG 0

Physical examination: unilateral breast mass in progressive growth, no B symptoms

Laboratory test: normal LDH

HISTOLOGY

Breast biopsy: Diffuse large B cell Lymphoma

IHC: Ki67 80%, Myc>40%, Bcl2 80%, Bcl6+, CD10+, MUM1+

FISH: *BCL6* rearranged, *MYC* and *BCL2* negative

Bone marrow biopsy: pathological lymphocyte infiltrate (7%)

IMAGING

Whole body MRI: breast mass, liver node, increased nodes above diaphragm, focal vertebral lesion (C2)

DLBCL “double expressor” non GCB (Hans algorithm)
Stage IVA (breast, bone marrow, bone, liver)
IPI: 2/5
CNS IPI: 2/6

March 2018

1° course R-CHOP

20 March spontaneous delivery

**CASE
REPORT 1**

Does this patient have risk factors for CNS recurrence?



IDENTIFY PATIENTS AT HIGHEST RISK OF CNS RELAPSE

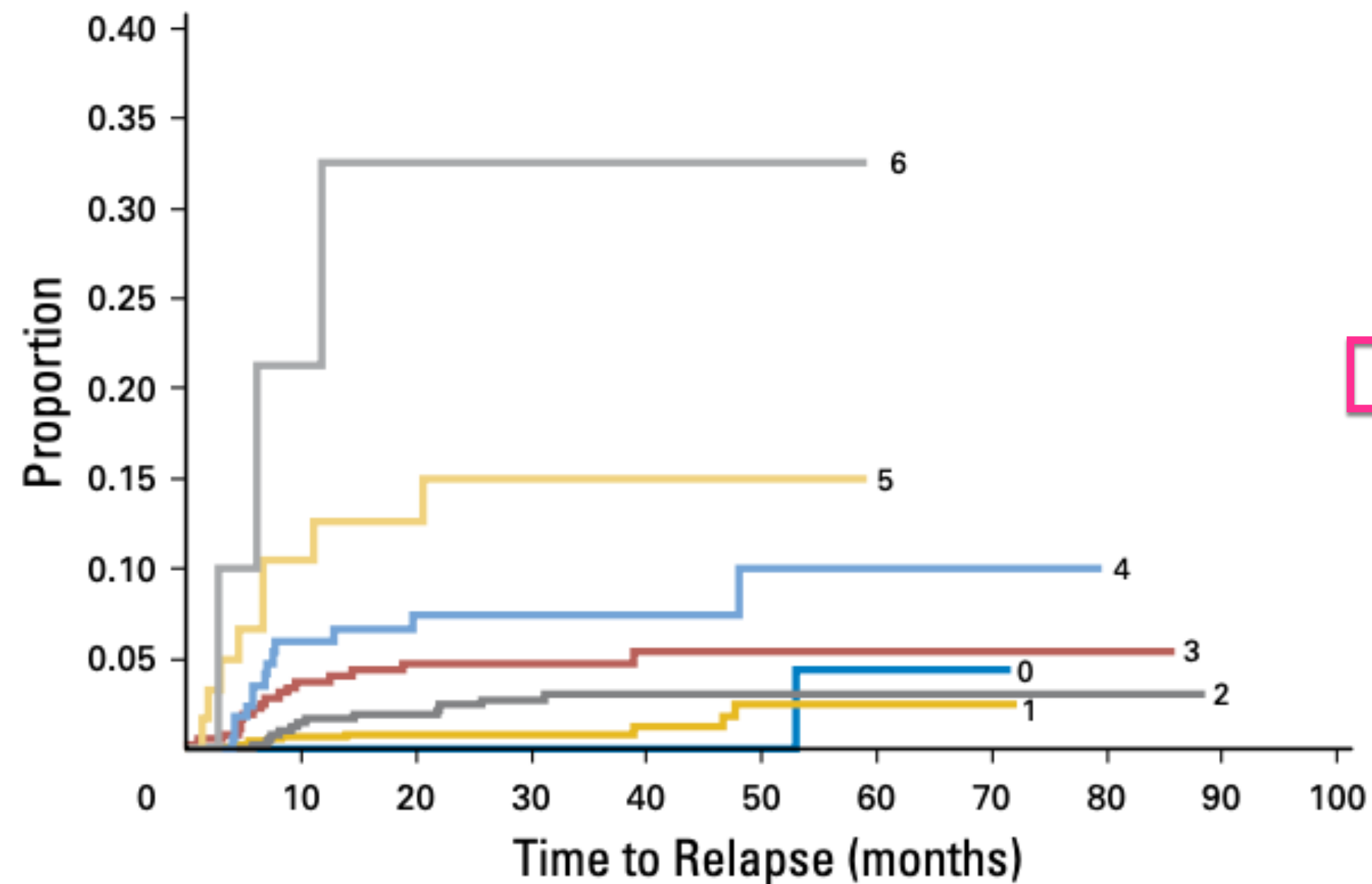
Guideline	Patient selection	Method for CNS prophylaxis suggested
British Society for Haematology (2021) ⁸	<p><i>Offer to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High (4–6) CNS-IPI • ≥3 EN sites • High-risk EN site involvement—testicular, renal/adrenal, intravascular <p><i>Consider in:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breast involvement • Uterine involvement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HD-MTX (≥3g/m² for 2-3 cycles) as early as possible as part of first-line therapy without compromising dose and time intensity of R-CHOP-like treatment • IT prophylaxis not recommended if HD-MTX successfully delivered • Consider IT as well as systemic prophylaxis in testicular DLBCL
NCCN (2022) ⁴⁸	<p><i>Consider in:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High (4–6) CNS-IPI • Double/triple-hit HGBL • High-risk EN site involvement—testicular, breast, primary cutaneous, renal/adrenal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HD-MTX (3-3.5g/m² for 2-4 cycles) during or after the course of treatment and/or • IT methotrexate and/or cytarabine (4-8 doses) during or after the course of treatment
ESMO (2018) ⁴⁹	<p><i>Consider in:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High IPI • High-risk EN site involvement—testicular, renal/adrenal, breast, bone marrow, bone 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HD-MTX is "an option . . . even though the level of supporting evidence is low" • "Little or no role" for IT therapy

ESMO, European Society for Medical Oncology; HGBL, high-grade B-cell lymphoma; NCCN, National Comprehensive Cancer Network.

Wilson et al. Hematology Am Soc Hematol Educ Program. 2022
 McKay et al. BJH 2020
 NCCP B-Cell Lymphoma Version 3 2022
 Tilly et al. Ann Oncol 2015

CLINICAL FACTORS

CNS International Prognostic Index (CNS-IPI)



CNS IPI score (1 post per risk factor)

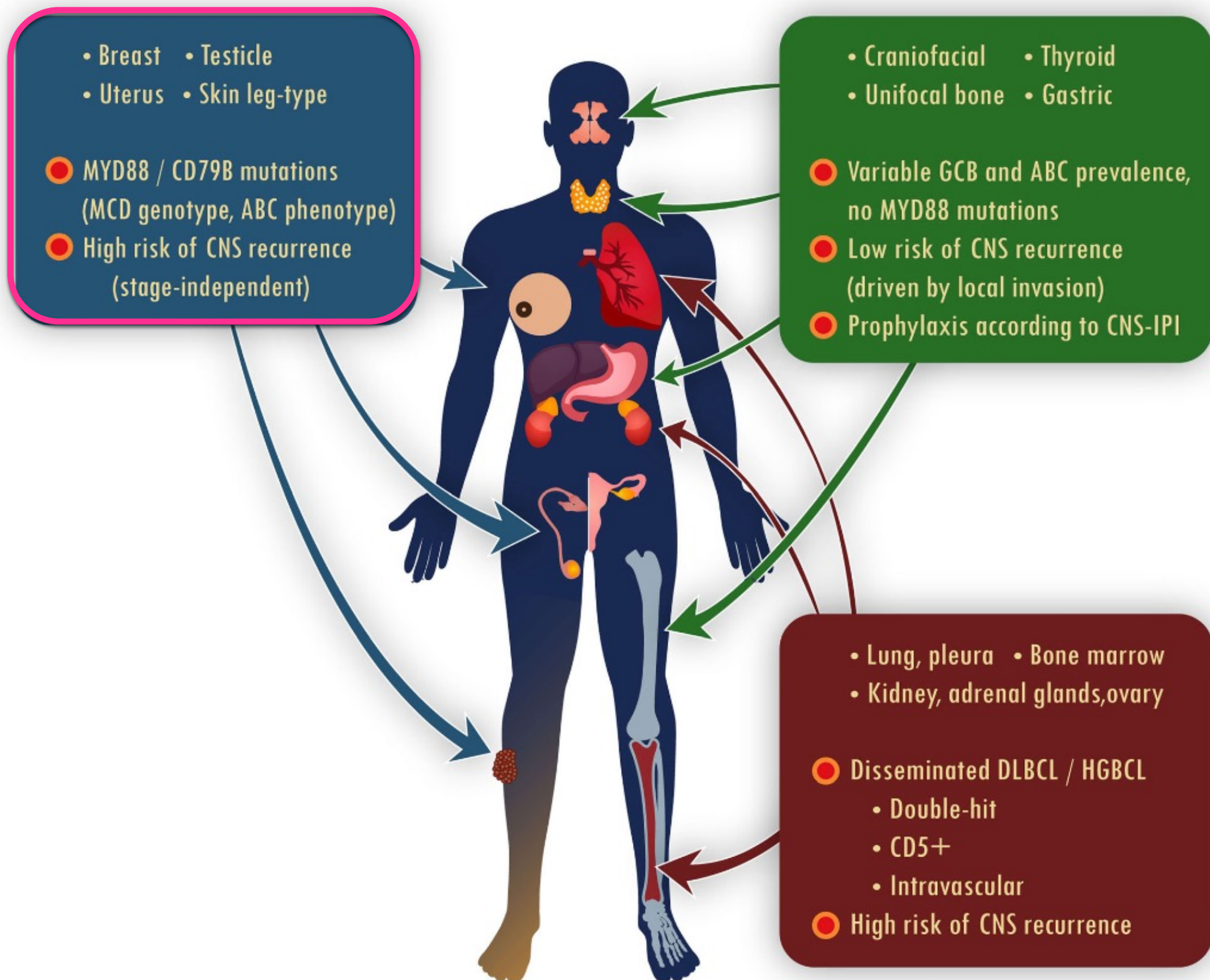
- Age > 60 years
- LDH > upper limit normal
- ECOG Performance status > 1
- Stage III/IV disease
- Extranodal involvement ≥ 2 sites
- Kidney and/or adrenal involvement

Schmitz N et al. J Clin Oncol. 2016
Eyre TA et al. Lancet Oncol 2022

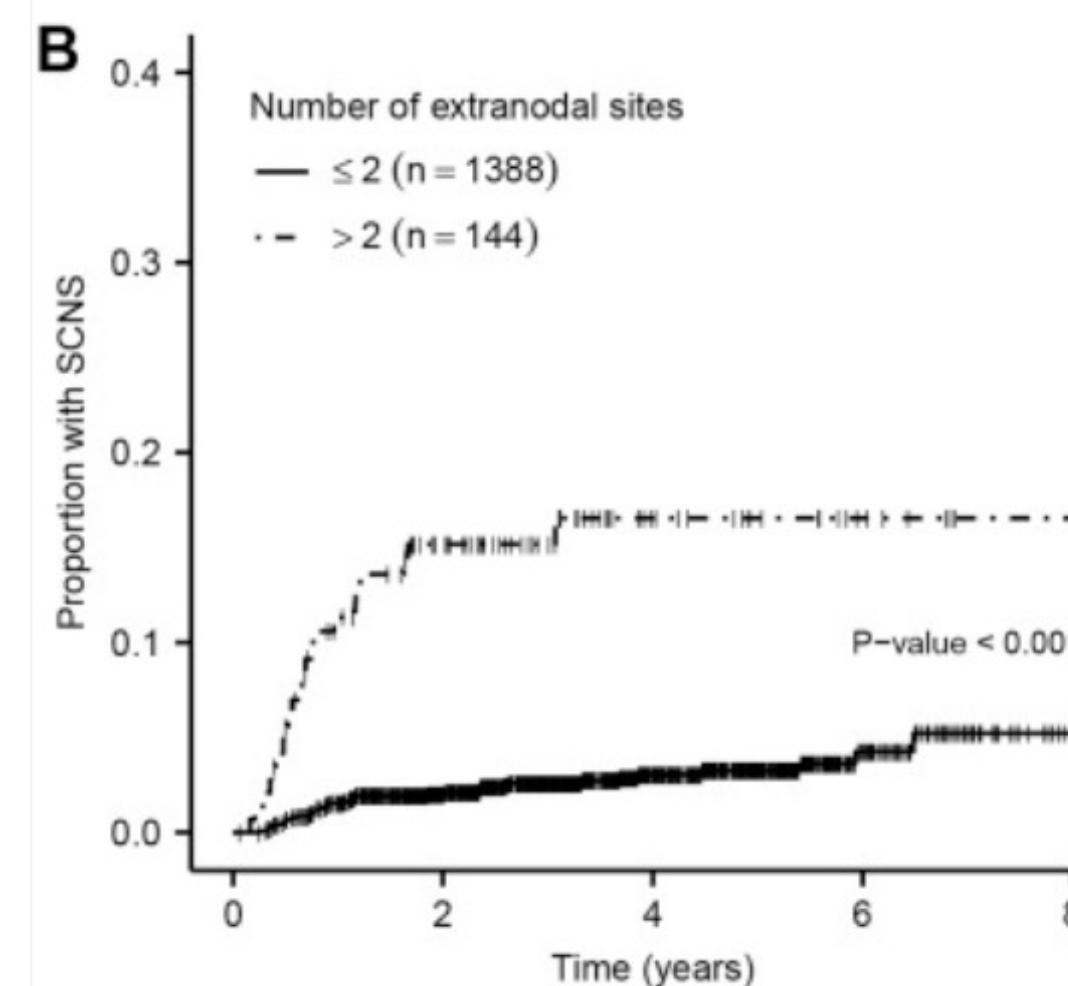
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CLINICAL FACTORS



Anatomical site	Number of assessed patients (ref)	Cumulative risk of CNS relapse	Treatment (Induction + Prophylaxis)
Renal/adrenal gland	55 (DLBCL) (23)	35%	R-CHOP (46%)/CHOP-like (54%); IT (14%)
Testis	371 (DLBCL) (24)	34%	Anthracyclines-based chemo; IT (18% of pts)
	73 (DLBCL) (26)	25%	R-CHOP + variable prophylaxis (6 HD-MTX; 2 HD-MTX + IT)
Breast	204 (DLBCL) (25)	5%	Anthracycline-based chemo + IFRT; IT (4%)
	84 (51 high grade) (27)	14%	Variable Treatment w/o prophylaxis
	75 (DLBCL) (28)	20%	Chemo with Rtx (in 69%) + IT (in 8%)
Paranasal sinus	44 (37 DLBCL) (17)	11%	Anthracycline-based chemo; IT (89%)
	40 (DLBCL) (29)	1.5%	R-CHOP + IT proph (in 30% of pt)
Orbit	143 (not specified) (30)	5%	Not specified
Spine/epidural soft tissue	48 (28 Intermediate; 12 High Grade) (31)	8%	Anthracycline-based chemo; IT (19% of pts; none of those who relapsed)



3-year cumulative incidence of SCNS
 extranodal sites >2: 15.2%
 ≤2: 2.6%

Ollila T et al, Curr Treat Options in Oncol 2018
 Calimeri T et al, Ann Lymphoma 2019
 El-Galaly T et al, Eur J Cancer 2017

BIOLOGICAL FACTORS

MYC and BCL2 translocations-overexpression

- “Double-triple hit lymphomas”: historically associated with high CNS risk (5-20%)
 - early stage: low rate of CNS events
 - selection bias and non uniform application of *FISH*
 - risk may be rated to high risk clinical features
- “Double expressor” lymphomas: most ABC

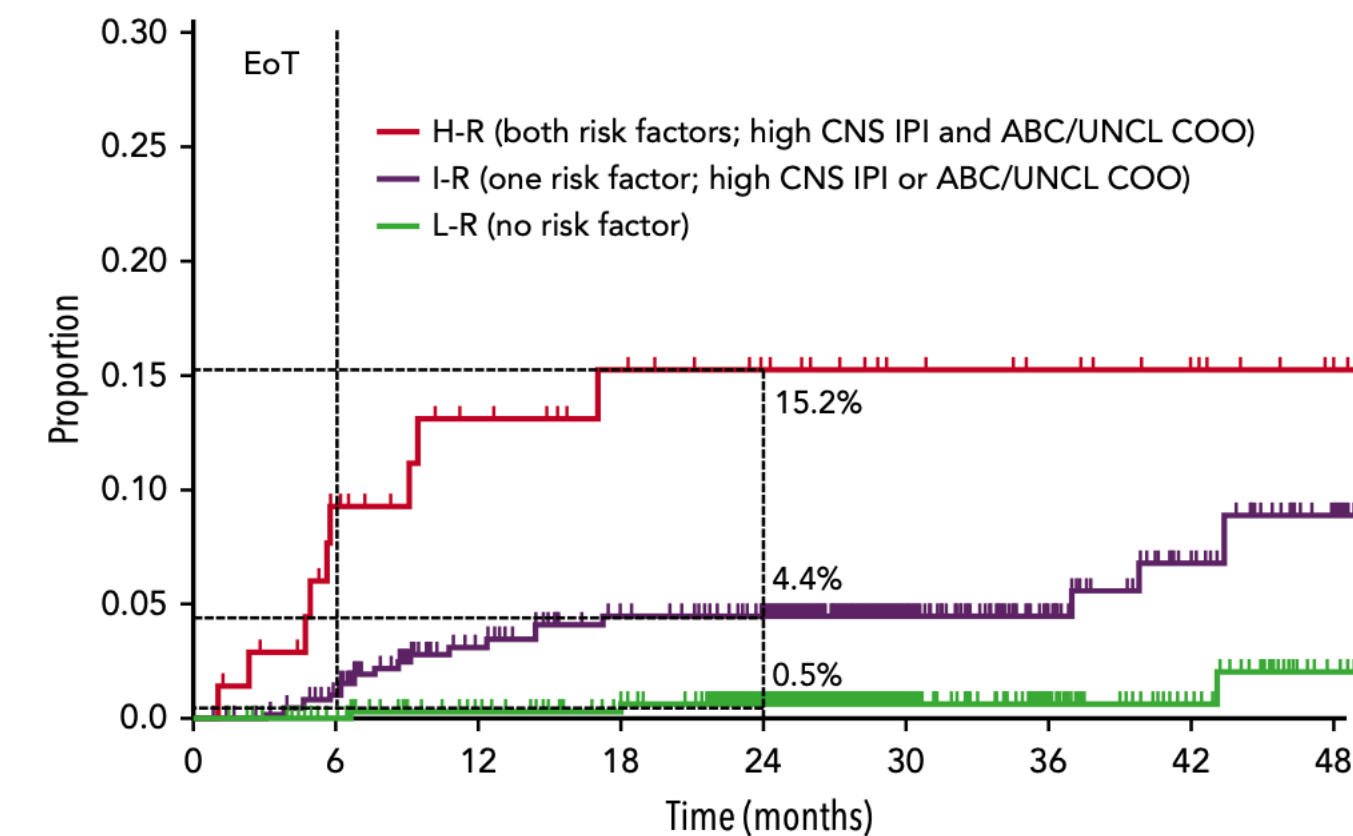


Cell of Origin (COO)

- Activated B-cell phenotype (determined by GEP): independent risk factor for CNS relapse—> CNS Relapse risk: 7-9%
- GOYA *post-hoc* analysis: ABC (GEP)+CNS IPI



CNS relapse risk 15%
(8% of study population)



Savage KJ et al. Blood 2016
Torka P et al. Blood Adv 2022
Klanova M et al. Blood 2019

BIOLOGICAL FACTORS

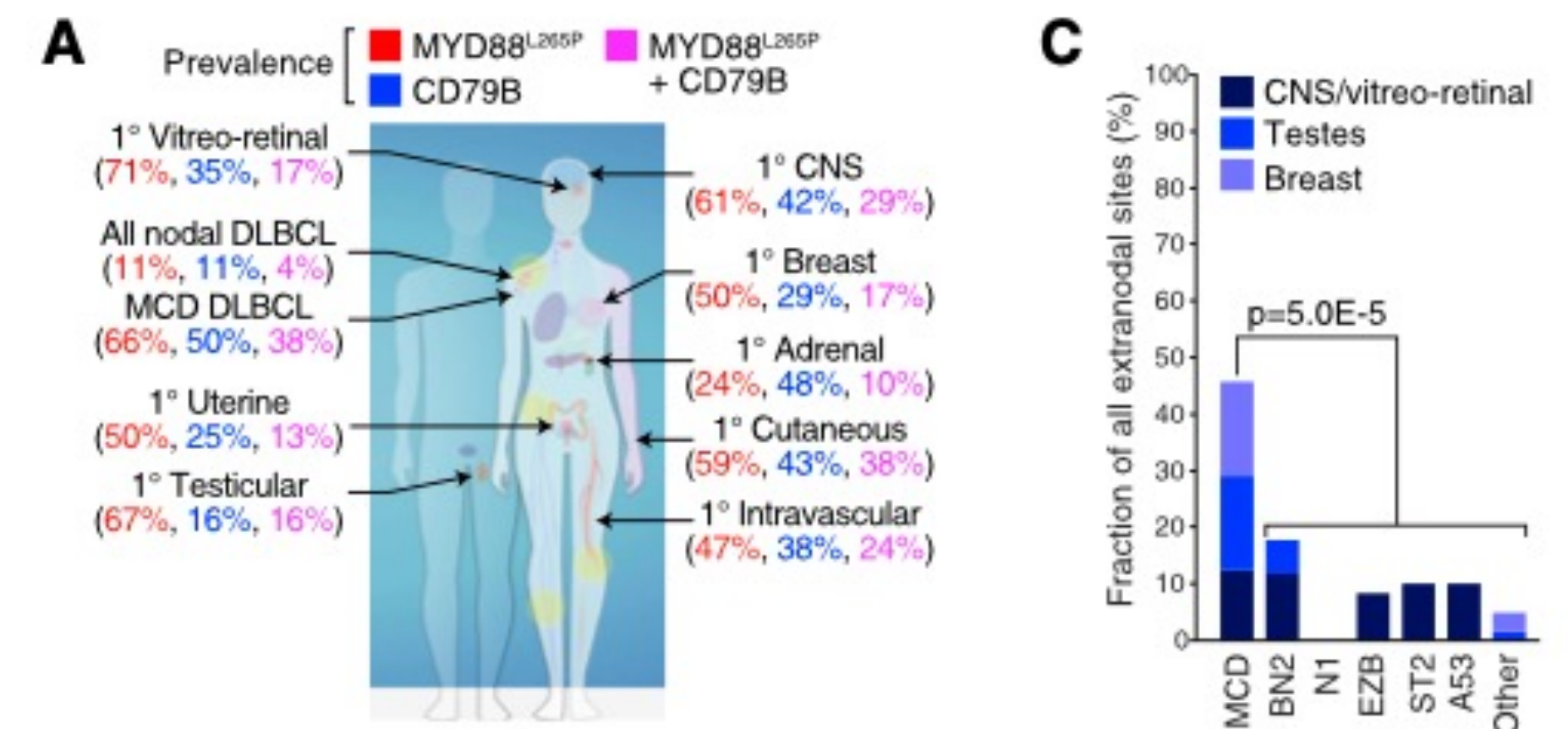
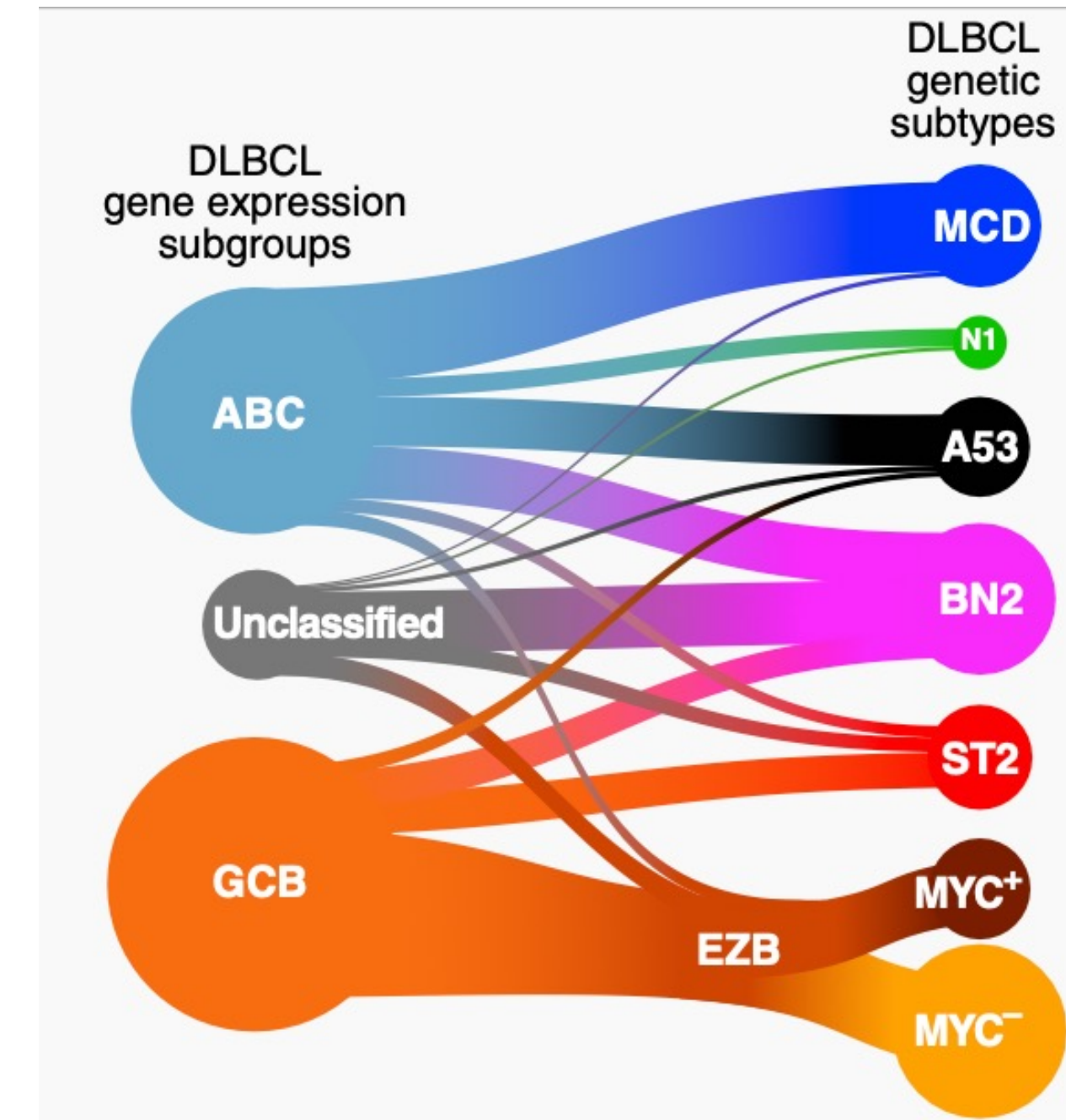
New taxonomy of DLBCL

Multiplatform analyses encompassing point mutations, structural variants and copy-number alterations identify new molecular subgroup:

MCD and C5 clusters

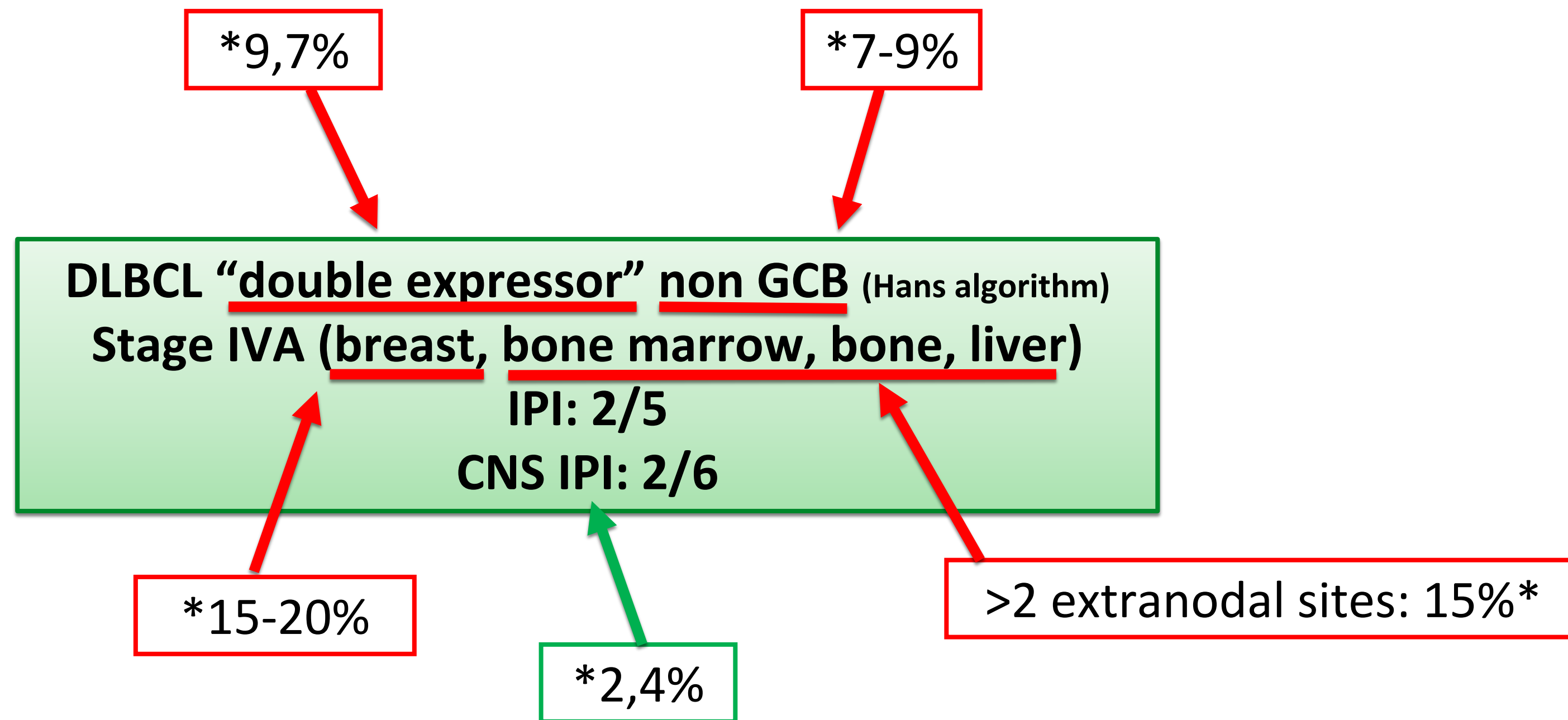
- almost exclusively ABC subtypes
- high frequency of *MYD88*, *CD79*, *PIM1*, and *ETV6* mutations
- genetic features overlap with those observed in primary extranodal lymphomas of immune-privileged sites (e.g. CNS, testes, breast, vitreo-retina)
- elevated CNS risk (38% vs 8%)
- present in almost 50% of CNS relapses

Schmitz R et al. NEJM 2018
 Chapuy B et al. Nat Medicine 2018
 Wright GW et al. Cancer Cell 2020
 Ollila T et al. Blood 2021



**CASE
REPORT 1**

Does this patient have risk factors for CNS recurrence?



* Cumulative risk of CNS relapse

HOW TO MANAGE PATIENTS AT HIGH RISK OF CNS DISSEMINATION

Optimize baseline screening

- Watch out for symptoms

Table 4 Most common neurological symptoms at CNS dissemination in DLBCL

Symptoms	Incidence
Cranial nerve palsy	30%
Intracranial hypertension (nausea, vomiting)	4–10%
Mental status changes	20–30%
Gait/balance disturbance	10%
Peripheral sensory/motor symptoms	25%
Headaches	20–50%
Visual symptoms (uveitis, floaters or campimeter deficits)	5–10%
Seizures, brain stem or cerebellum symptoms	5%
Focal CNS deficits	50%
No symptoms	<5%

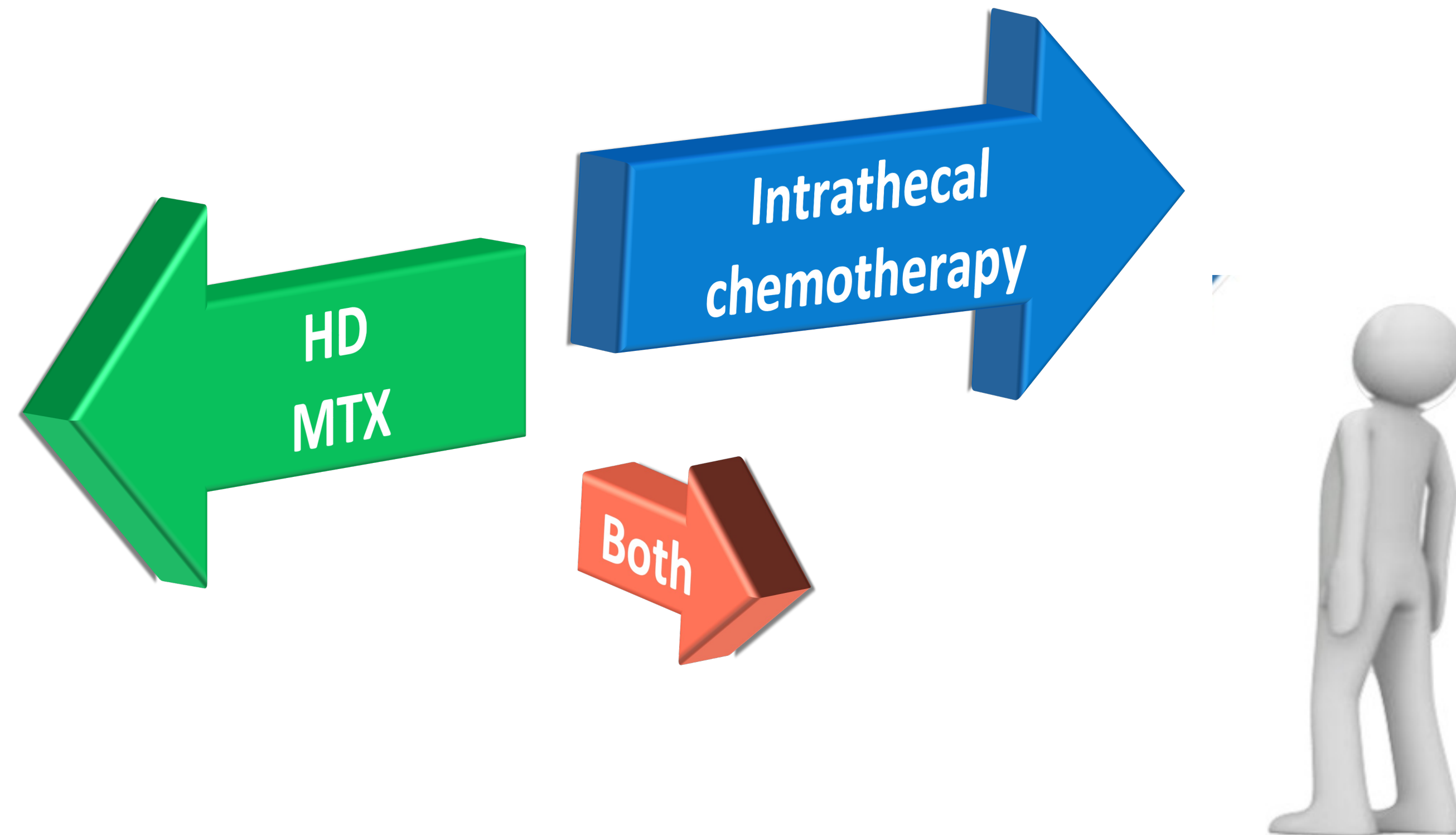
- Consider baseline CNS assessment (CSF study, MRI brain +/- spine)

CSF studies

- Cytology (high specific, limited sensitivity)
- Flow cytometry
- Increased soluble CD19 protein
- ctDNA
- *MYD88* and *ASXL2* mutations

HOW TO MANAGE PATIENTS AT HIGH RISK OF CNS DISSEMINATION

Strategies for prophylaxis of CNS



INTRATHECAL CHEMOTHERAPY (IT)

- Large systematic review (>7000 patients):
 - ▶ Most of CNS relapses are parenchymal
 - ▶ NO benefit of stand-alone IT prophylaxis

- exception: testicular DLBCL
IELSG-10 and IELSG-30 study



No CNS relapses with 6RCHOP-2HD-MTX-IT liposomal cytarabine and contralateral RTT (54 pts)

Study (year)	Study design	N	Patients	Treatment	IT MTX prophylaxis	Time to CNS relapse	CNS relapse risk
Boehme V <i>et al.</i> (2009) ⁹⁰	Post-hoc analysis RICOVER-60	1,217	61-80 yr "aggressive"	CHOP vs. R-CHOP	57%	8 mth	6.9% vs. 4.1% (2 yr) No benefit in the rituximab group
Tai WM <i>et al.</i> (2011) ⁹¹	Retrospective	499	≥18 yr (R)-CHOP	18%*	6%* (2 yr)	6.7 mth	No benefit
Villa D <i>et al.</i> (2011) ⁹²	Retrospective	435	>16 yr, III-IV or testicular	(R)-CHOP	4%*	6.7 mth	6.4% (R-CHOP) No benefit
Schmitz N <i>et al.</i> (2012) ⁹³	Post-hoc analysis MinT trial and others	2,210	18-60 yr	CHOP vs. R-CHOP	NR	7 mth	2.3% (2 yr) No benefit in the rituximab group
Kumar A <i>et al.</i> (2012) ⁹⁴	Prospective NCCN database	989	≥18 yr	R-CHOP	11% (72% IT)	12.8 mth	2% (2.5 yr) 5.4% with prophylaxis vs. 1.4% without prophylaxis No benefit
Gleeson M <i>et al.</i> (2017) ⁹⁵	Post-hoc analysis UK NCRI trials	984	≥18 yr, II-IV or I Bulky	R-CHOP 14 vs. R-CHOP 21	18%	8 mth	1.9% (6 yr) No benefit No benefit by CNS-IPI
Klanova M <i>et al.</i> (2019) ²⁵	Post-hoc analysis GOYA	1,418	≥18 yr	R-CHOP vs. G-CHOP	10%	8.5 mth	2.5% (2 yr) No benefit No benefit by CNS-IPI
Eyre T <i>et al.</i> (2019) ³⁵	Retrospective	690	>70 yr	R-CHOP	14%	9.4 mth	3.1% (3 yr) No benefit

Bobillo S *et al.* Haematologica 2023
Eyre T *et al.* Haematologica 2020

HIGH-DOSE METHOTREXATE (HD-MTX)

HD-MTX ($\geq 3\text{g}/\text{m}^2$)

- several large retrospective studies have failed to demonstrate a reduction in CNS relapse or superiority over IT
- No consensus on the optimal dose or timing of HD-MTX

Intercalated vs end of treatment HD-MTX (i-MTX vs EOT-MTX):

- ▶ increased toxicity and risk of RCHOP delay (19,3%) with i-MTX
- ▶ No differences in CNS relapses (3y CNS relapse 9,1%)

Wilson et al. Blood 2022

Study (year)	n	Design	Risk factors	Systemic treatment	CNS Prophylaxis	CNS relapse	Comments
Lewis et al ³² (2022)	2300	Multicenter, retrospective	CNS-IPI ≥ 4 Testicular, breast involvement DHL	R-CHOP (94%) R-EPOCH (6%)	1. HD-MTX (18%) 2. No HD-MTX (82%)	1. 9.2% (5y) 2. 8.1% (5y)	No benefit HD-MTX
Wilson et al ³³ (2022)	1384	Multicenter, retrospective	High-risk EN sites CNS-IPI ≥ 4 ≥ 2 EN and LDH \uparrow	R-CHOP	1. HD-MTX (all, intercalated, or EOT)	1. 5.7% (3y) 2. 5.8% (3y)	No difference between EOT and intercalated HD-MTX
Orellana-Noia et al ³⁴ (2022)	1030	Multicenter, retrospective	Not described	R-CHOP (48%) R-EPOCH (45%) Other (7%)	1. HD-MTX (20%) 2. IT (77%)	1. 6.8% 2. 5.4%	No benefit HD-MTX vs IT
Puckrin et al ³⁵ (2021)	326	Multicenter, retrospective	CNS-IPI ≥ 4 Testicular DHL LDH \uparrow + ECOG >1 + >1 EN	R-CHOP (85%) Intensive chemotherapy (15%)	1. HD-MTX (35%) 2. No HD-MTX (65%)	1. 12.2% 2. 11.2%	No benefit HD-MTX
Bobillo et al ³⁶ (2021)	585	Single-center, retrospective	CNS-IPI ≥ 4 High-risk EN sites DHL	R-CHOP (68%) R-EPOCH (15%) Other (17%)	1. HD-MTX (7%) 2. IT MTX (43%) 3. None (50%)	1. 7.5% (5y) 2. 5.5% (3y) 3. 5%	No benefit (IT or HD-MTX)
Ong et al ³⁷ (2021)	226	Multicenter, retrospective	High-risk EN sites CNS-IPI ≥ 4	R-CHOP	1. HD-MTX (29%) 2. No HD-MTX (71%)	1. 3.1% (3y, isolated) 2. 14.6% (3y, isolated)	HD-MTX significantly reduced risk of isolated CNS relapse
Wilson et al ³⁸ (2020)	334	Multicenter, retrospective	CNS-IPI ≥ 4 High-risk EN sites ≥ 2 EN sites and LDH \uparrow	R-CHOP	1. HD-MTX (all, intercalated, or EOT)	1. 6.8% (3y) 2. 4.7% (3y)	No difference between EOT and intercalated HD-MTX
Lee et al ³⁹ (2019)	130	Single-center, retrospective	CNS-IPI ≥ 4 High-risk EN sites ≥ 2 EN and LDH \uparrow	R-CHOP	1. HD-MTX (49%) 2. None (51%)	1. 6.9% (2y) 2. 8.1% (2y)	No benefit HD-MTX
Goldschmidt et al ⁴⁰ (2019)	480	Multicenter, retrospective	High-risk EN sites Stage IV, LDH \uparrow , ≥ 1 EN	CHOP +/-R (80%)	1. HD-MTX (27%) 2. None (73%)	1. 6.9% 2. 6.3%	No benefit HD-MTX

Wilson et al. Hematology Am Soc Hematol Educ Program. 2022
Bobillo S et al. Haematologica 2023

34-year-old women

**DLBCL “double expressor” non GCB (Hans algorithm)
Stage IVA (breast, bone marrow, bone, liver)
IPI: 2/5
CNS IPI: 2/6**

**What therapy would you suggest to this patient?
Would you recommend CNS prophylaxis?**

1. R-CHOP without CNS prophylaxis
2. R-CHOP with CNS prophylaxis
3. Intensified chemotherapy with CNS prophylaxis



34-year-old women

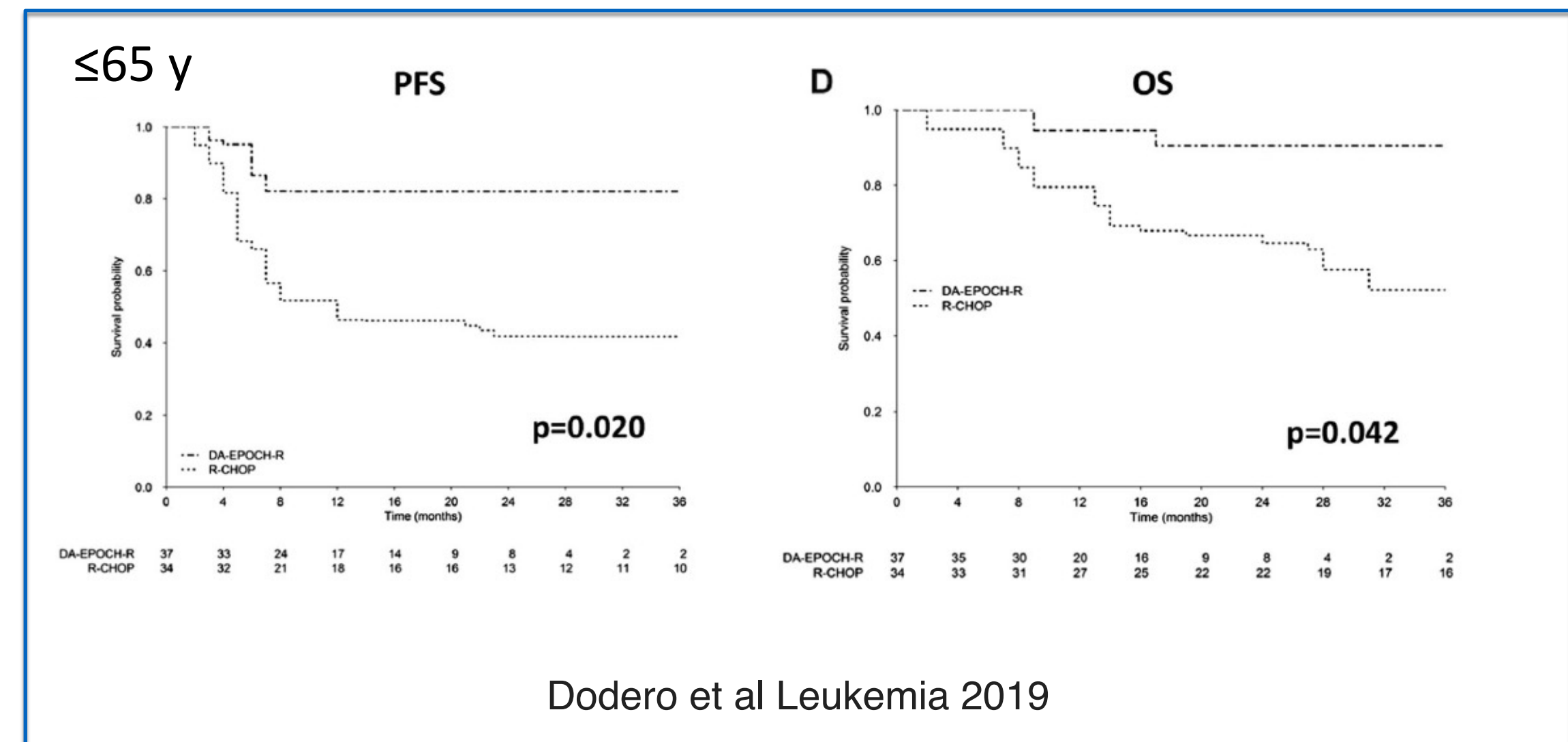
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TREATMENT

R-DAEPOCH + IT MTX Prophylaxis

Dose-adjusted EPOCH plus rituximab improves the clinical outcome of young patients affected by double expressor diffuse large B-cell lymphoma

A. Dodero¹ · A. Guidetti^{1,2} · A. Tucci³ · F. Barretta⁴ · M. Novo⁵ · L. Devizzi¹ · A. Re³ · A. Passi³ · A. Pellegrinelli⁶ · G. Pruneri^{2,6} · R. Miceli⁴ · A. Testi⁶ · M. Pennisi¹ · M. C. Di Chio¹ · P. Matteucci¹ · C. Carniti¹ · F. Facchetti⁷ · G. Rossi³ · P. Corradini^{1,2}



TREATMENT

April 2018

1° RDAEPOCH level 0 + 1° IT MTX
2° RDAEPOCH level 0 + 2° IT MTX
3° RDAEPOCH level 1 + 3° IT MTX

4° RDAEPOCH level 2 + 4° IT MTX
5° RDAEPOCH level 1 + 5° IT MTX
6° IT MTX

Restaging

PET: negative

Whole body MRI: complete remission

August 2018

Restaging (PET, TC, BM biopsy): COMPLETE METABOLIC RESPONSE

April 2019

Back pain, paresthesias —> Whole spine and brain MRI: bone lesions (D2, D4, L4, L5, ribs), radiculitis of the cauda and lumbar nerve roots

-> CFS exam: T reactive lymphocytes

-> bone biopsy: Diffuse large B cell Lymphoma

WB PET-TC: diffuse bone lesions and pathological tissue from right iliac region to medullary canal, solid intramedullary tissue between D12 and L5

CNS and systemic RELAPSE of DLBCL

3 MATRix-3 RICE-ASCT (“MARIETTA”)

May 2019

1° MATRix + IT MTX arac

2° MATRix + IT MTX arac

Whole spine and brain MRI- WB TC: PR

3° MATRix + IT MTX arac

Leukapheresis

1° RICE + IT MTX arac

2° RICE + IT MTX arac

Evaluation for CAR-T therapy:
Not eligible

BONE PROGRESSION

2RMEGA CHOP → responsive

ASCT → ALLOGENEIC sibling SCT

SPLENIC-EPATIC PROGRESSION

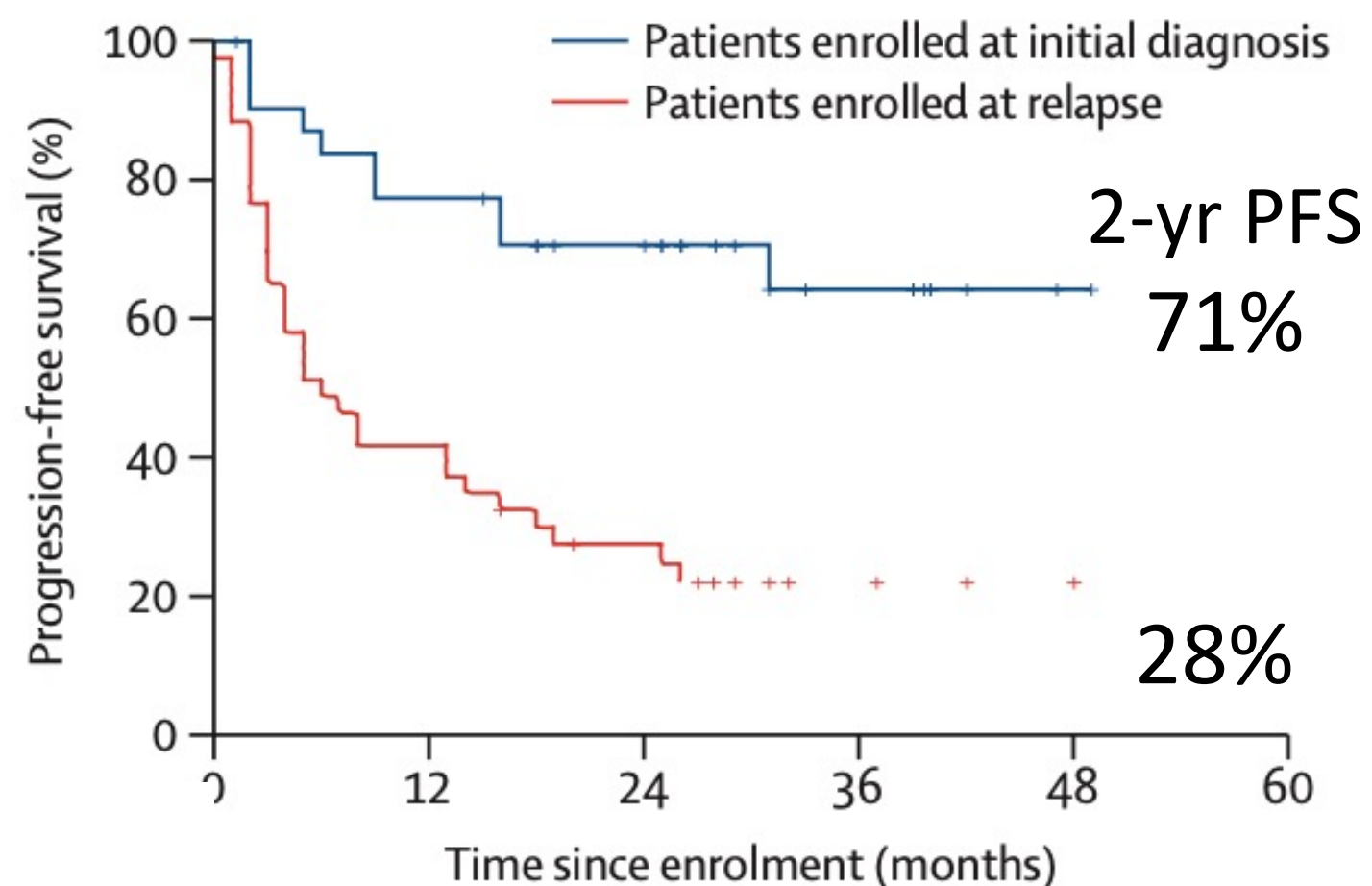
August 2020

DEATH FOR LYMPHOMA PROGRESSION

TREATMENT OF PATIENTS WITH CNS INVOLVEMENT

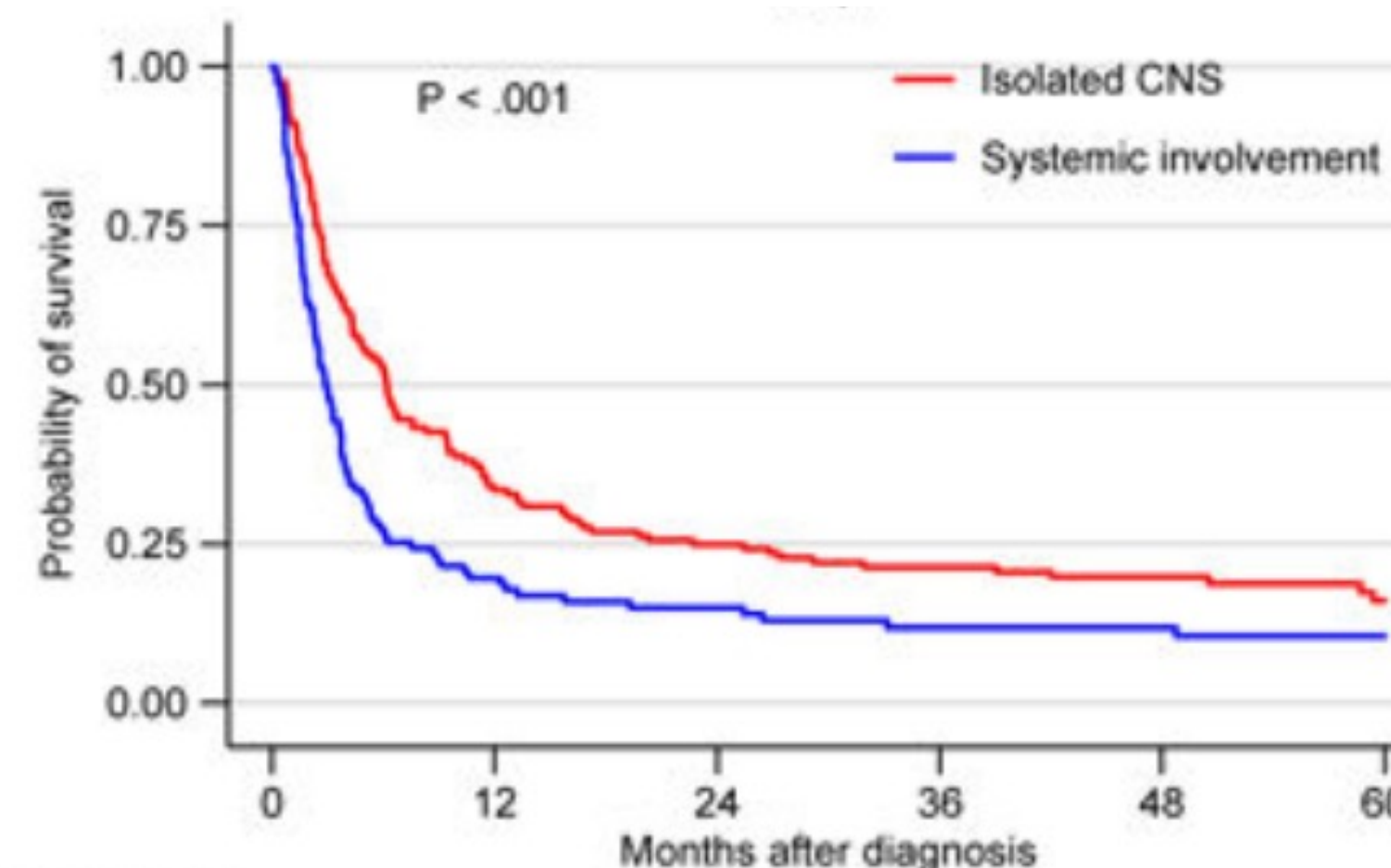
Prospective Study: MARIETTA n=75 -> HSCT=37

Ferreri AJM et al. Lancet Haematol 2021



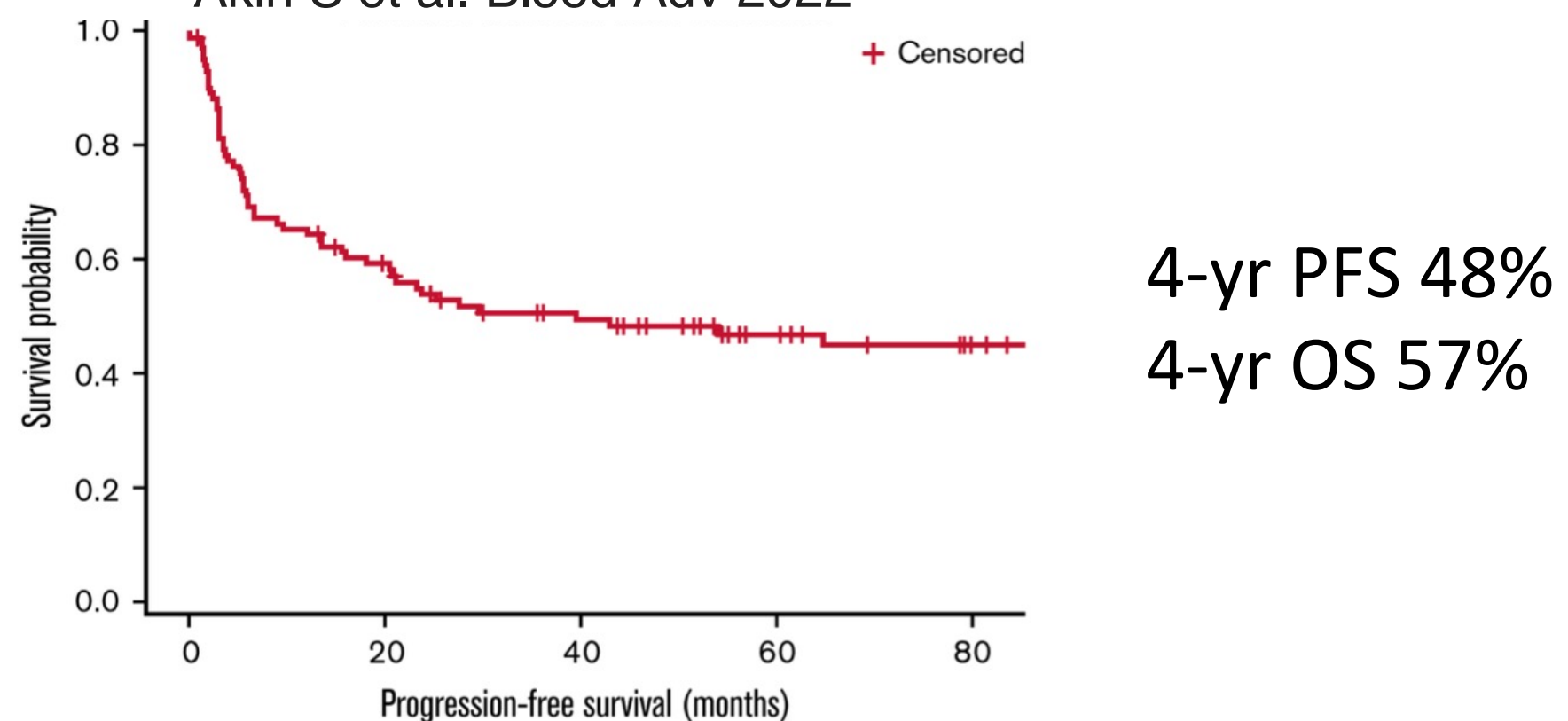
Retrospective study SCNSL n=291 -> HSCT=25

El-Galaly TC et al. Eur J Cancer 2018



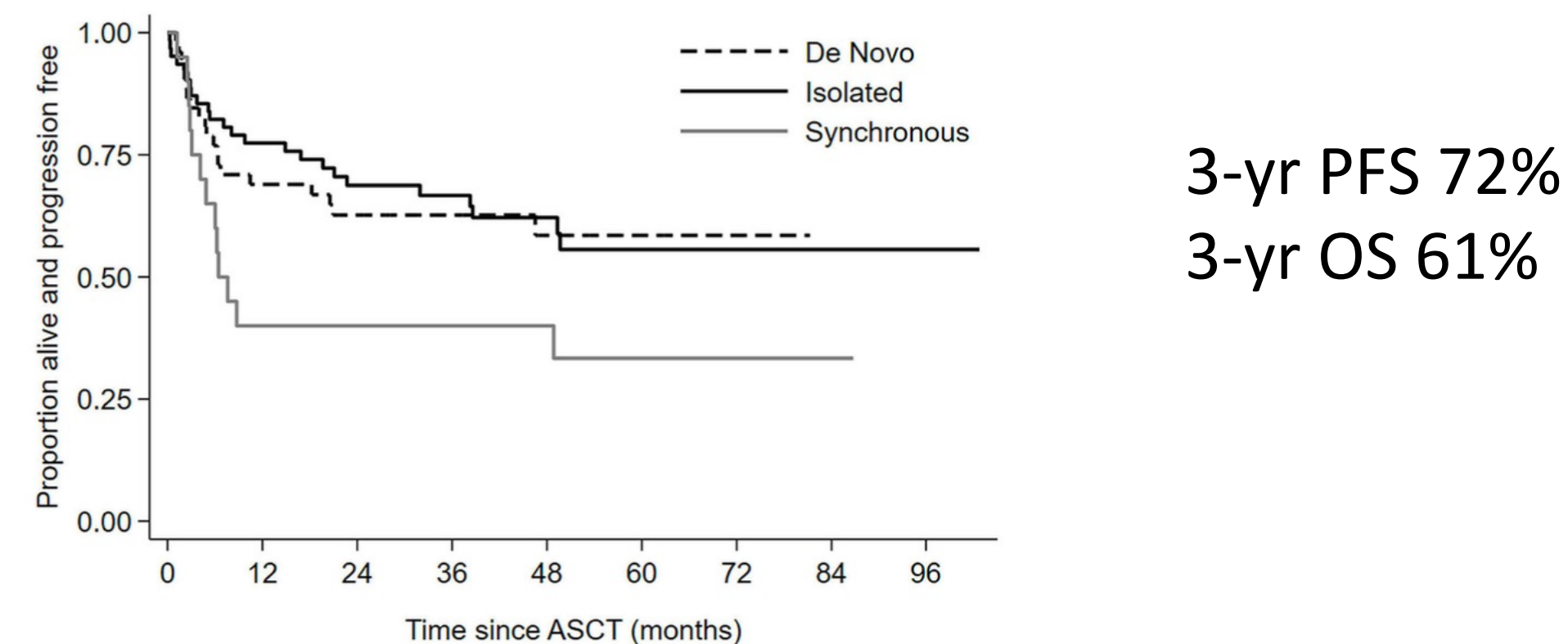
Retrospective study SCNSL HSCT n=102

Akin S et al. Blood Adv 2022

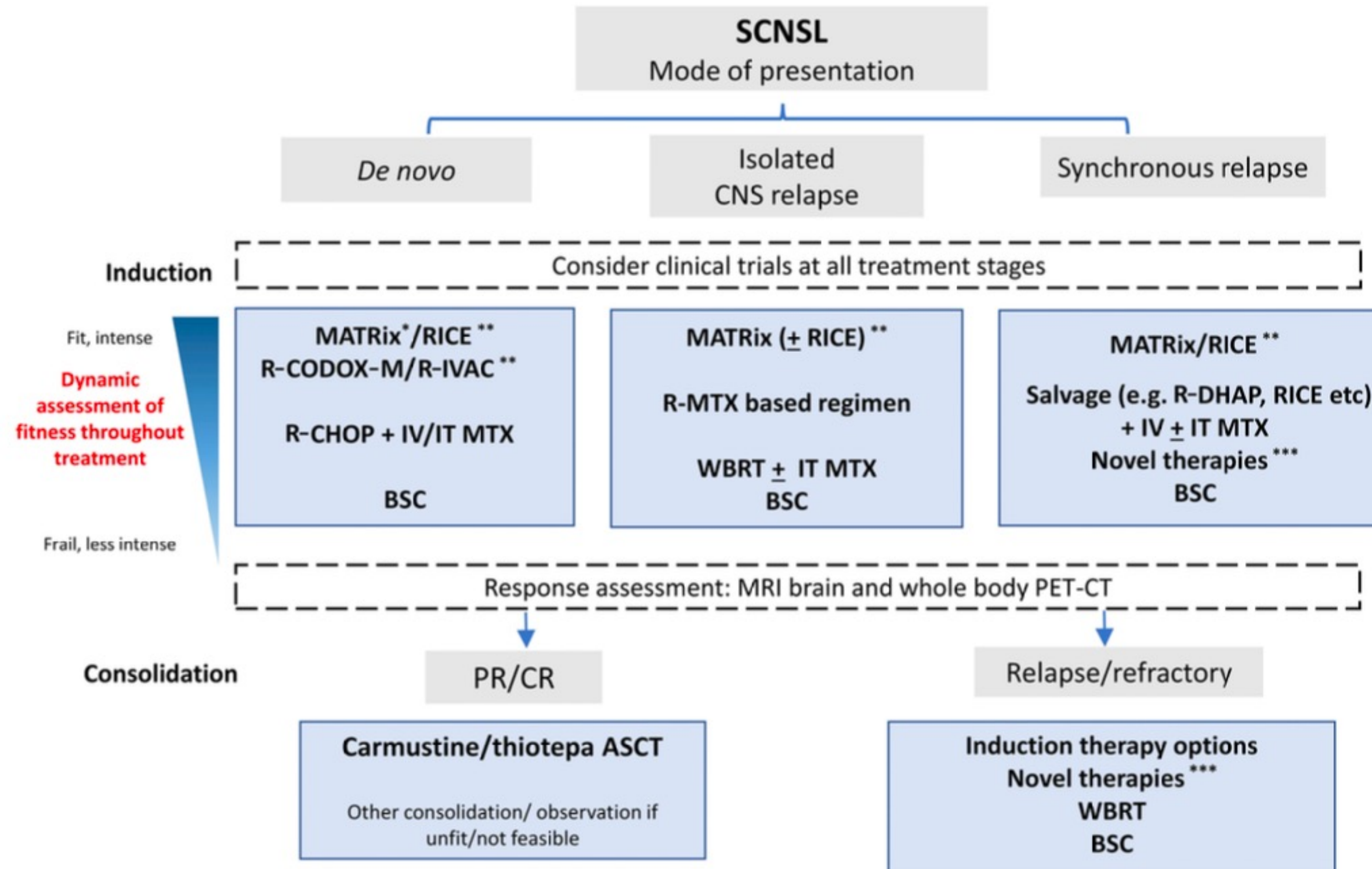


Retrospective study SCNSL HSCT n=134

Khawaja J et al Haematologica 2023



TREATMENT OF PATIENTS WITH CNS INVOLVEMENT



February 2020

HISTORY-PRESENTATION

75-year-old women

Medical history: 2011 Lymphoplasmacytic lymphoma (LPL) treated with 4 FCR courses
(stop for cytopenias)

Physical examination-clinic: polistational adenopathies, pleural effusion, edema

Laboratory test: elevated LDH

ECOG 2

Simplified GA: unfit

HISTOLOGY

Lymphnode biopsy: Diffuse large B cell Lymphoma

IHC: Ki67 90%, Myc 50%, Bcl2 100%, Bcl6+, CD10-, MUM1+

FISH: *BCL6*, *BCL2* and *MYC* not rearranged

Bone marrow: pathological small-medium size lymphocyte infiltrate (15%), mutation of *MYD88 L265P*

IMAGING

WB PET-TC: pathological uptake of diffuse increased
lymphnodes, uterus, tibia, bones

CNS exam: B clonal lymphocytes CD19+CD20+CD5-CD38-
slgk, large lymphocytes (30 cells/mcl)

Whole spine-brain MRI: cauda equina thickening

Secondary CNS lymphoma
DLBCL “Double expressor” non GCB (Hans algorithm)
Stage IVA (bone marrow, bone, uterus, CNS)
IPI: 5/5

75-year-old women
Unfit

Secondary CNS lymphoma
DLBCL “Double expressor” non GCB (Hans algorithm)
Stage IVA (bone marrow, bone, uterus, CNS)
IPI: 5/5

What therapy would you suggest to this patient?

1. Best supportive care
2. R-CHOP (reduced dose) + IV/IT MTX
3. MATRix/R-ICE



TREATMENT

February 2020

Proposed therapy: 6 R-CHOP21 + IT MTX-Cytarabine

1° course R-CHOP 100% (VCR 50%) + tibial RTT 8Gy

9/3/2020

2° course R-CHOP 100% (VCR 50%) + 1° IT MTX Cytarabine (4 cells/mcl)

2° IT MTX Cytarabine (negative IF e cytology)

16/4/2020

3° course R-CHOP 75%

3° IT MTX Cytarabine (negative IF e cytology)

4° IT MTX Cytarabine (negative IF e cytology)



CVC-related polymicrobial sepsis,
enteritis, herpetic mucositis

28/5/2020

4° course R-miniCHOP + 5° IT MTX Cytarabine (negative)



Neutropenic fever - FUO

Restaging after 4 courses

TC: CR

BOM: negative



Persistent neutropenia and thrombocytopenia

16/7/2020

4 rituximab (21d) + 4 IT MTX Cytarabine

September 2020

Restaging at the end of treatment

WB TC-PET: inguinal increased nodes and pulmonary nodules with increased uptake

Whole spine MRI: negative

Lymph node biopsy: Diffuse large B cell Lymphoma

**Systemic relapse of DLBCL
Stage IVA (lung, lymphnodes)
IPI: 3/5**

TREATMENT

Proposed therapy: Loncastuximab tesirine-ibrutinib

(Phase 1/2 Open-Label Study ADCT-402-103)

L= Loncastuximab-tesirine: 60 µg/kg IV Q3W × 2 ->QW4 x10

I= Ibrutinib: 560 mg/day po continuous beginning C1D1

November 2020

- C1 L-I → thrombocytopenia grade II
- C2 L-I → atrial fibrillation grade II

Restaging

WB TC-PET: PR

- C3 L-I
- C4 L-I

WB TC-PET: improved PR

- C5 L-I
- C6 L-I

WB TC-PET: improved PR

→ neutropenia and thrombocytopenia grade III stop Ibrutinib -> ↓ 420 mg

- C7 L-I
- C8 L-I
- C9 L-I

WB TC-PET: CR

→ neutropenia grade III + erythema grade III stop Ibrutinib -> ↓ 280 mg

- C10 L-I
- C11-13 I

WB TC-PET: CR

→ relapsing erythema grade III October 2021 stop Ibrutinib

February 2023 Persistent CR

FUTURE PERSPECTIVES: Novel therapies

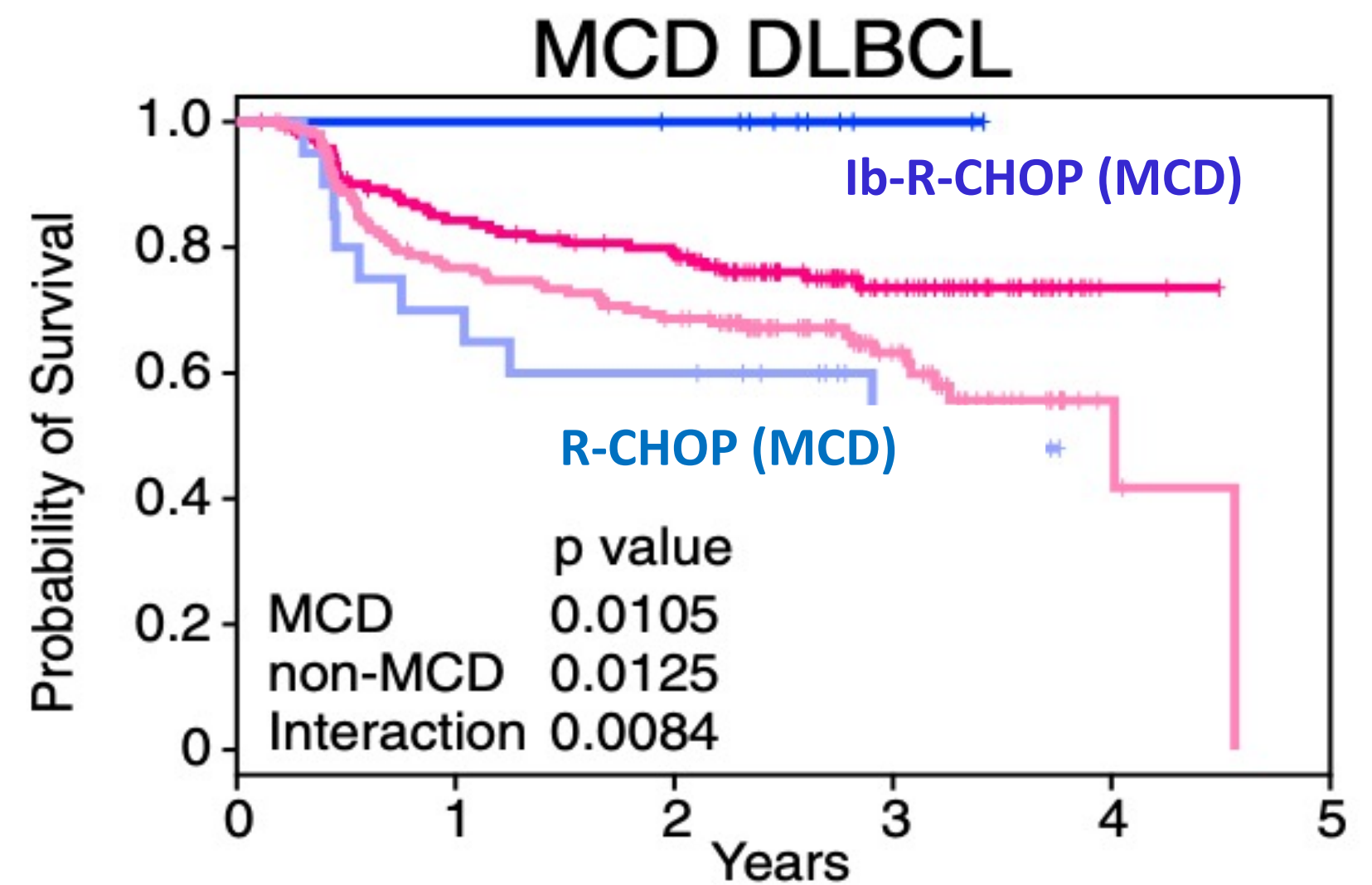
Ibrutinib

	Patients	Treatment	Response	Median Follow up	Outcome (median)
1	29 PCNSL R/R 15 SCNSL R/R	Ibr	ORR 31/40 (78%) 17/40 (42%) CR	22 m	PFS 4 m OS 19,5 m
2	9 PCNSL R/R 6 SCNSL (3 de novo)	Ibr-R-MTX	ORR 12/15 (80%) 8/15 CR (53%) 4/15 PR (27%)	19,7 m	PFS 9,2 m OS n.r
3	13 PCNSL R/R 5 PCNSL de novo	Ibr- DA-TEDDI-R	17/18 reduction 15/18 (83%) PR*	15,5 m	PFS 15,5 m (R/R) OS n.r.

* 39% aspergillosis, ^ 3 pts stop for AE

Ongonig study with acalabrutinib and durvalumab (NCT04462328)

1. Grommes C et al. Blood 2018
2. Grommes C et al. Blood 2019
3. Lionakis et al. Cancer Cell 2017



Wilson WH et al. Cancer Cell 2021

FUTURE PERSPECTIVES: Novel therapies

Immunomodulatory agents

	Patients	Treatment	Response	Median Follow up	Outcome (median)
1	25 PCNSL or PVRL R/R	pom-DMZ	ORR 12/25 (48%) 8/25 (32%) CR/CRu 4/25 (16%) PR	16,5 m	PFS 5 m
2	34 PCNSL R/R 11 PVRL R/R (+5 early death/PD)	len-RTX	ORR 16/45 (36%) 13/45 (29%) CR 3/45 (7%) PR	19,2 m	PFS 8 m OS 18 m
3	6 PCNSL R/R 8 SCNSL R/R	HD MTX/RTT + len-RTX	ORR 64% (4 sustained response > 18 m)	12,5 m	PFS 6 m

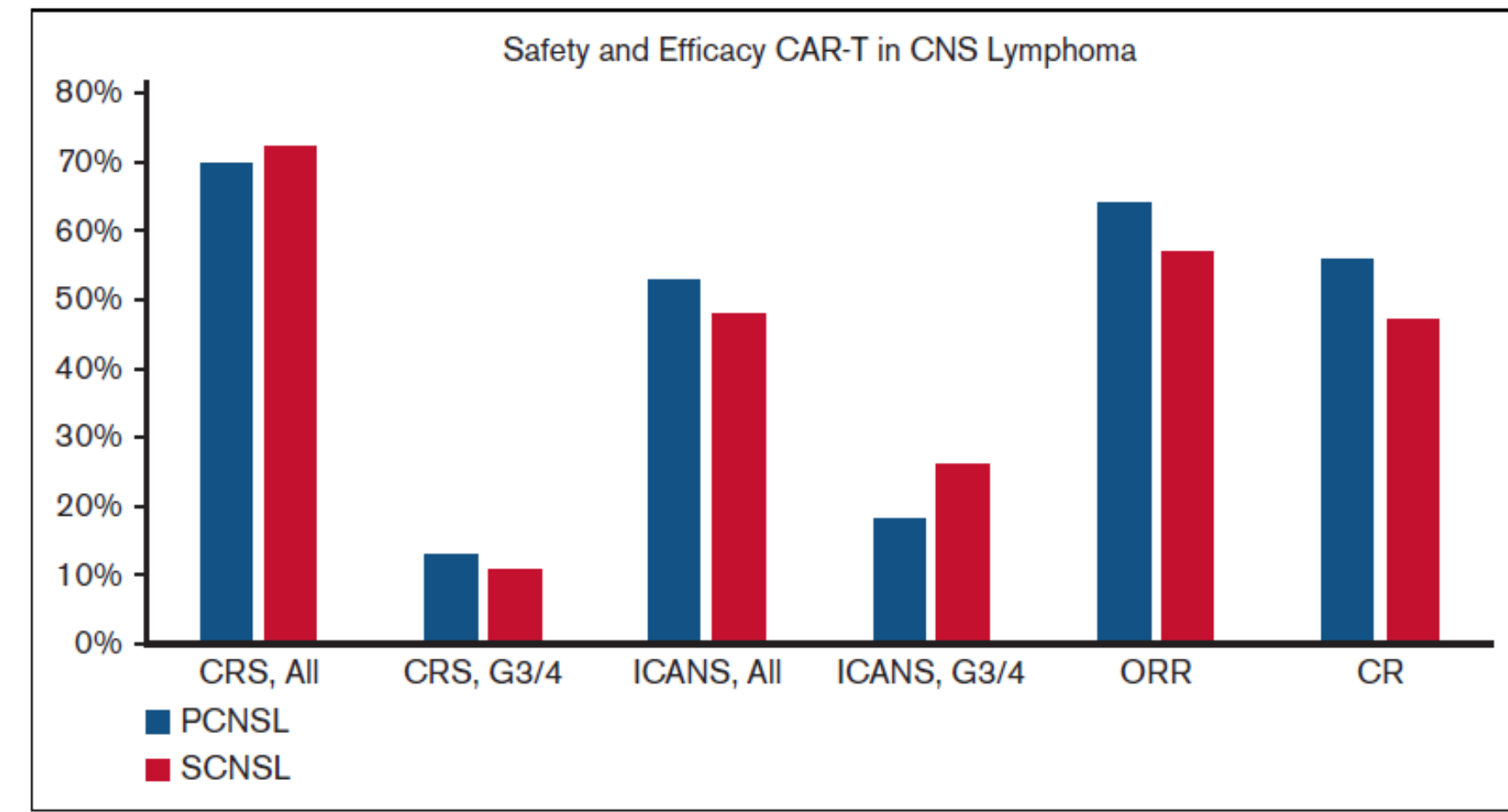
R2CHOP (136 patients): 2y CNS relapse 0,7% (11)

1. Tun HW et al. Blood 2018
2. Ghesquieres H et al. Ann of Oncol 2019
3. Rubensteins JL et al. Blood Adv 2019

CAR-T

Toxicity and efficacy of CAR T-cell therapy in primary and secondary CNS lymphoma: a meta-analysis of 128 patients

	Median follow up	Ongoing response
PCNSL: 30 pts	12,2 m	37%
SCNSL: 98 pts	10 m	46%



Cook M et al. Blood adv 2023

FUTURE PERSPECTIVES: Improve baseline screening

▶ **ctDNA**

- 136 patients (92 CNSL): ctDNA detectable in 100% of CSF and 78% of plasma samples
- Pretreatment plasma ctDNA is related to outcome Mutter J et al JCO 2022
- 19 patients 6 isolated CNSL, 1 SCNSL, 12 systemic lymphomas (SL)
 - ▶ ctDNA found only in all CNSL-SCNSL
 - ▶ ctDNA detected in CSF before CNS relapse in 2 patients

Bobillo S et al. Haematologica 2021

▶ **Clonotypic DNA-NGS MRD**

- 13 CNSL -> detected in 100% of CSF samples
- 22 DLBCL HR -> 8 (36%) detectable clonotypic DNA (cDNA) in CSF: 2 relapsed in CNS
12 months CNS relapse risk 29% in cDNA+ vs 0% in cDNA-

Olszewski A et al. Blood Adv 2021

▶ **MYD88 L265P mutation**

- 73 PCNSL de novo or R/R: Mut *MYD88* in 88% of PCNSL biopsies- 82% concordance in paired tissue-CSF samples
- > combined analysis of *MYD88* and IL-10: sensibility 94% and specificity 98% in distinguishing PCNSL
- *MYD88* mutations identified in 70% of primary testicular lymphomas

Ferreri AJM et al BJH 2021

CONCLUSIONS

- ▶ Try to optimize baseline screening (MRI-CSF) to identify very high risk patients
- ▶ To date, there is an absence of robust prospective data informing risk estimation and the definitive benefit of prophylactic strategies
 - in high-risk patients consider HD-MTX (at EOT)
 - IT therapy + HD-MTX in Testicular DLBCL
- ▶ Future direction:
 - expand ultrasensitive technology to detect occult CNS involvement at presentation (ctDNA, *MYD88* mutation)
 - biological agents active against B lymphomas with good CNS bioavailability could improve front-line treatment effectiveness and reduce CNS dissemination

The young side of **LYMPHOMA**

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