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# **Improved biological insight and new agents in Marginal zone lymphoma**

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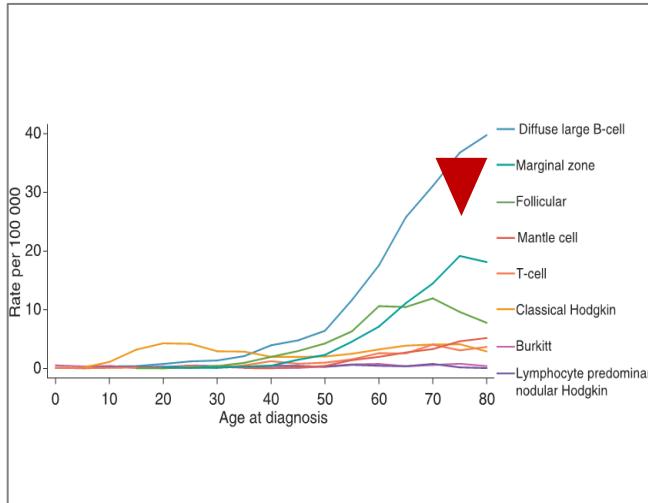
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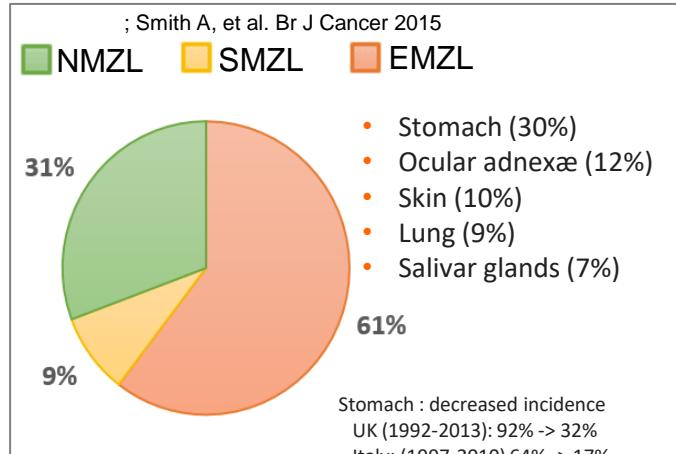
# Epidemiology

- 7% of all mature non-Hodgkin lymphomas, with at 3 distinct entities : EMZL, NMZL, SMZL
- Increasing incidence **with age**
- Increased incidence **1-4% per year** over the last 20 years (USA-France: improved diagnosis?)
- **Predisposing conditions** : infectious agent and autoimmune conditions

Increased incidence >60 & >>80



Three distinct entities

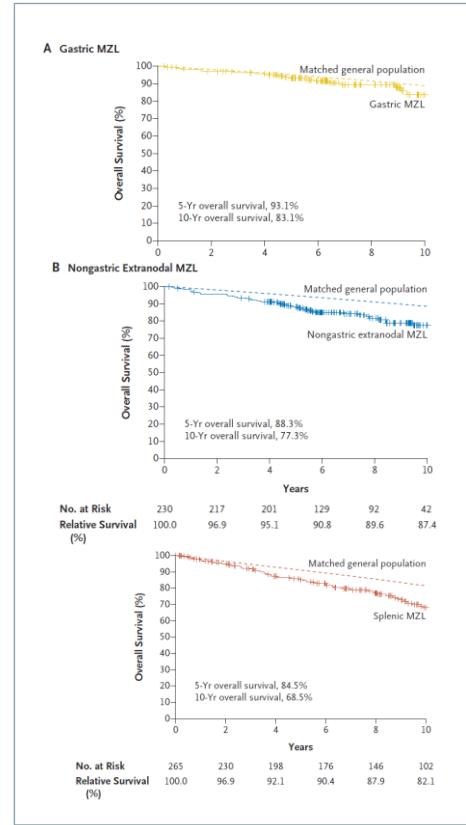


Predisposing conditions

Site of Disease	Infectious Agent	Autoimmune Condition
Stomach	<i>Helicobacter pylori</i>	—
Ocular adnexa	<i>Chlamydia psittaci</i>	Sjögren's syndrome (in lacrimal gland MZL)
Lung	<i>Achromobacter xylosoxidans</i>	Lymphocytic interstitial pneumonia
Intestine	<i>Campylobacter jejuni</i>	—
Skin	<i>Borrelia burgdorferi</i>	—
Salivary gland	—	Sjögren's syndrome
Thyroid	—	Hashimoto's thyroiditis
Lymph node	Hepatitis C virus	—
Spleen	Hepatitis C virus	—

# Outlines

- Indolent disease, with a risk of transformation < 10%
- No standard treatment in L1 : local or systemic therapy
- Prognostic scores : MALT-IPI, HPLL, ILL
- POD24 + in MZL
- Evaluation criteria : cheson 2014
  - without PET which is still exploratory
  - modified Matutes 2008 for SMZL



-ESMO guidelines . Zucca et al. Ann Oncol 2020.

-First line treatments : Zucca et al. J Clin Oncol 2017; 2.Salar et al. Blood 2017; 3. Kalpadakis C et al. EHA 2017; 4. Iannitto et al. ASH 2017; 5

-Pronostic scores : Thieblemont C et al., JCO 2018; Montalban & SMZLSG. Leukemia Lymphoma. 2014; 55:929; Arcaini et al. Blood, 2006;107:4643;

-POD24 : Conconi, Haematologica 2020; Luminari, Blood 2019

-For reviews: Thieblemont C. Blood 2016; Rossi et al. NEJM 2022

# Treatment options

Localized MZL	INDICATIONS	TREATMENT	RESULTS
<b>Infectious agent</b> H.pylori - stomach	<b>Always</b>	<b>Antibiotics</b> <sup>1</sup>	CRR >75%
<b>Amenable to RT</b> e.g. stomach	<b>Stage IE</b> gastric EMZL	<b>RT</b> <sup>2</sup> 24Gy Involved-site	5y-PFS 90%
<b>Not amenable to RT</b> e.g. lung	Other EMZL	<b>Consider surgery</b> <sup>3</sup>	7y-PFS 69% : ocular anexa 7y-PFS ≈75% : lung 5y-/10y-PFS 35%/13% : SMZL

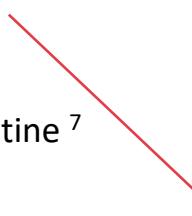
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Disseminated MZL	INDICATIONS	TREATMENT	RESULTS
<b>Disseminated MZL</b>			
EMZL	<b>MALT-IPI ≥ 1</b> Age > 70 ans, Ann Arbor III/IV, LDH > N	R-chlorambucil <sup>4</sup> R-bendamustine <sup>5</sup>	5-y PFS : 72 % 7-year PFS 92.8%
SMZL	<b>Symptoms and cytopenias</b> hb <10g/dL, plat<80G/L, PNN<1.0G/L +/- auto-immune cytopenias	Rituximab <sup>6</sup> R-Bendamustine <sup>5</sup>	5-year PFS 79% 3y-PFS 90%
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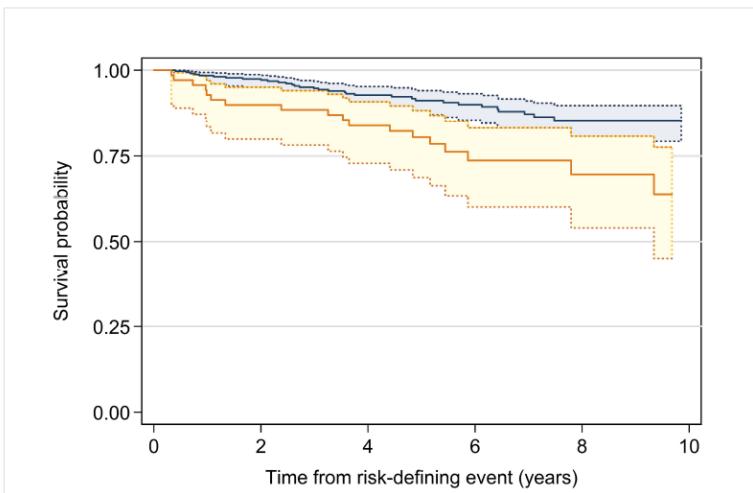
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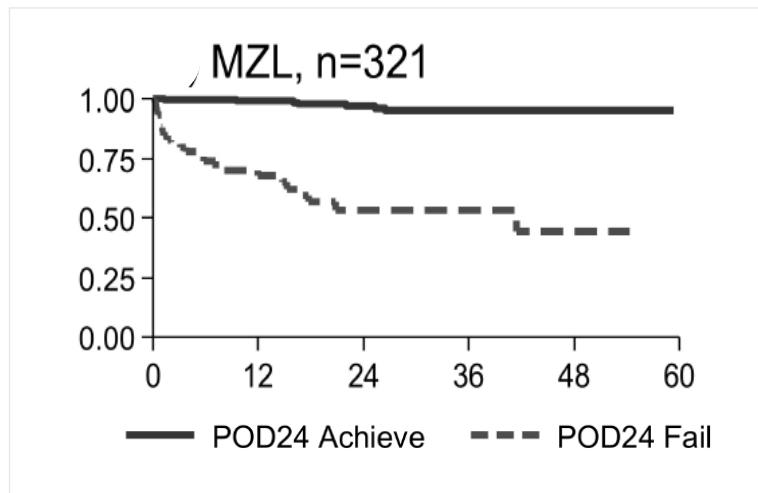
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# Maintenance in MZL ?

## POD 24 in MZL



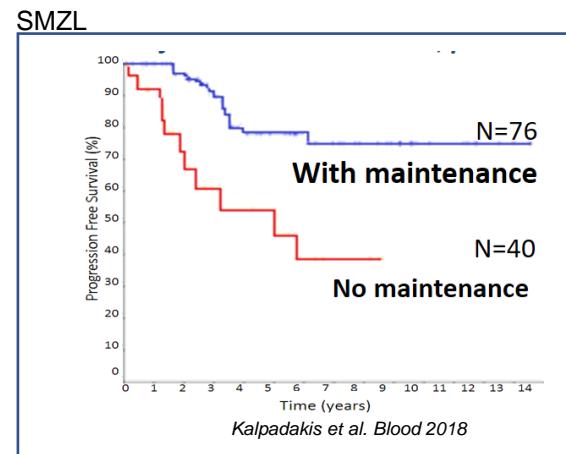
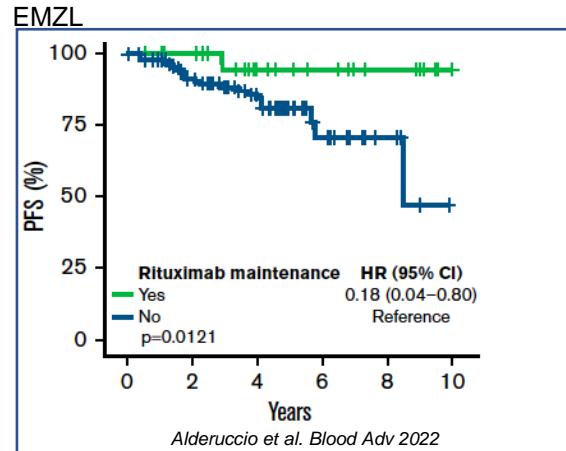
Conconi, Haematologica 2020



Luminari, Blood 2019

# Rituximab maintenance in MZLs

MZL	Study	Rituximab Maintenance	Nber of patients	Results
EMZL	IELSG-38 <sup>1</sup> Prospective Phase 2	<b>2 years</b>	109	<b>CRR : EOI CR 58%</b> $\rightarrow$ 1-y 69% $\rightarrow$ 2-y 80%75%
EMZL	Retrospective multicentric <sup>2</sup>	<b>2 years</b>	221	<b>5y-PFS 94.4% vs 81.1%,</b> $p=.0121$
SMZL	Prospective multicentric <sup>3</sup>	<b>1 or 2 years</b>	108	<b>7y-PFS : 75% vs 39%,</b> $p<.0004$
NMZL /SMZL	MAINTAIN <sup>4</sup> phase 2, randomized	<b>2 years</b>	104	<b>median PFS NR vs 92 months, <math>p=.008</math></b>



No impact on OS !

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**Anatomic-site-specific**, biased usage of somatically mutated Ig genes  
With ongoing maturation of Ag affinity



Expansion of lymphoma is driven by autoantigens or alloantigens exposed in the tissue microenvironment

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Spleen	t(2;7) (p11;q21) <i>IGK/CDK6</i>	+3, +18, del(7q31–32)

-> NFκB patchway is activated in the absence of upstream stimulation

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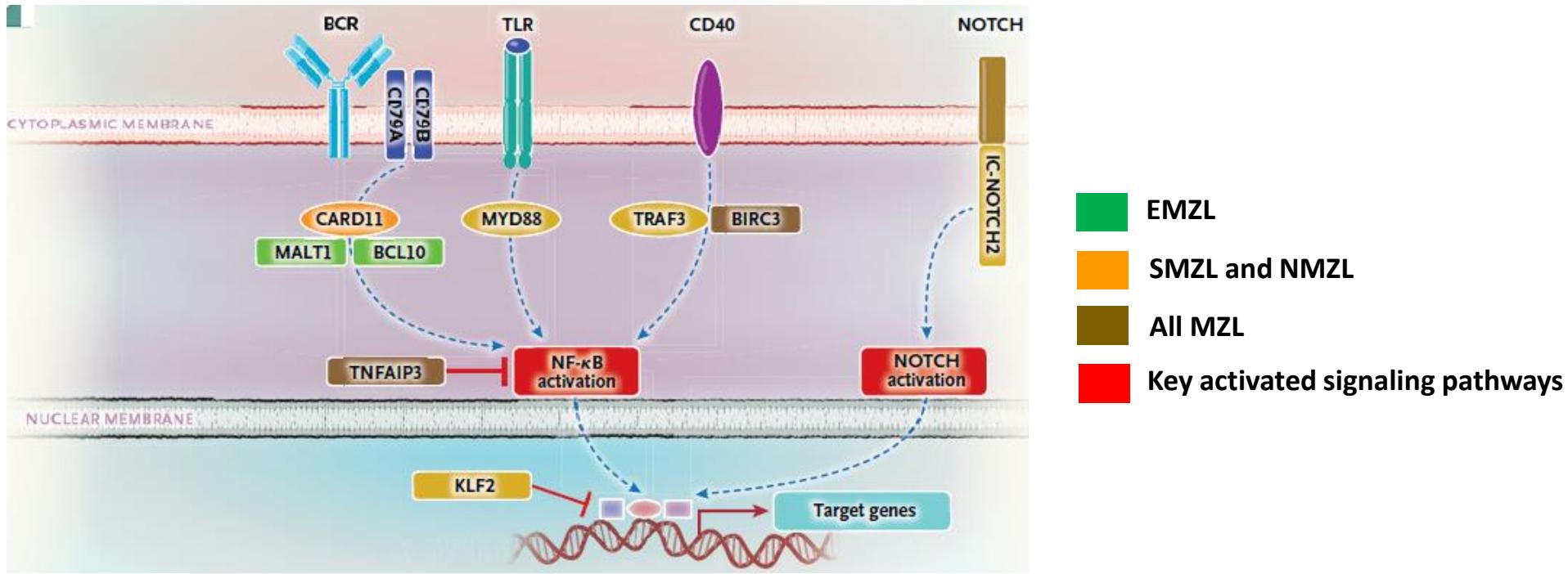
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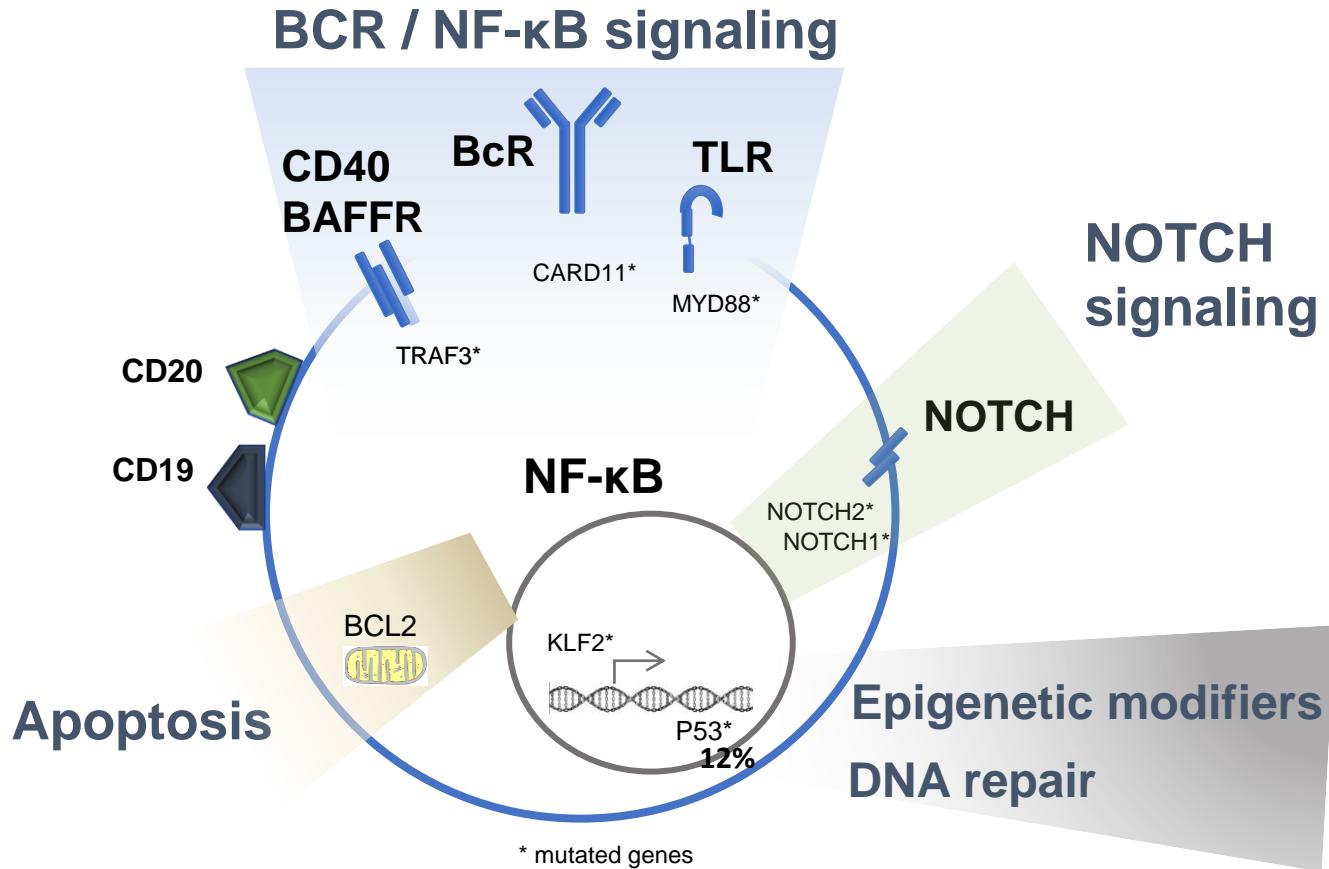
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**Site-specific mutations**

# Molecules affected by genetic lesions in MZLs



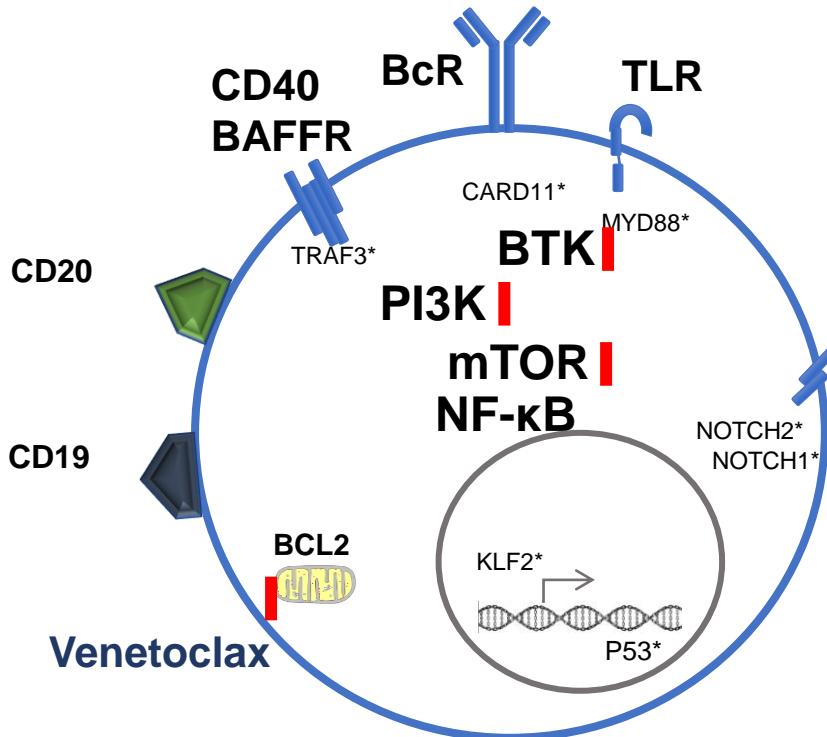
# Oncogenic cooperation with shared altered pathways in MZL



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# New drugs in MZL



Ibrutinib  
Zanubrutinib

Idelalisib  
Copanlisib  
Umbralisib  
Parsaclisib  
Duvelisib

Everolimus

Lenalidomide

# New drugs in MZL

Anti-CD20 MAb

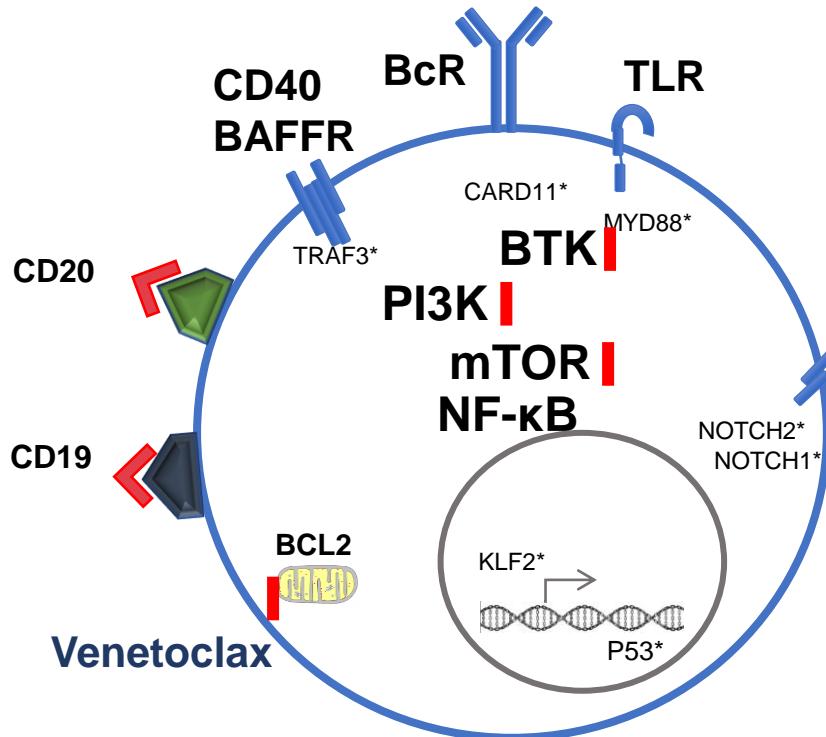
CD20x203 bispecific

Anti-CD19 CAR T-cells

Tafasitamab

Loncastuximab tesirine

Lenalidomide

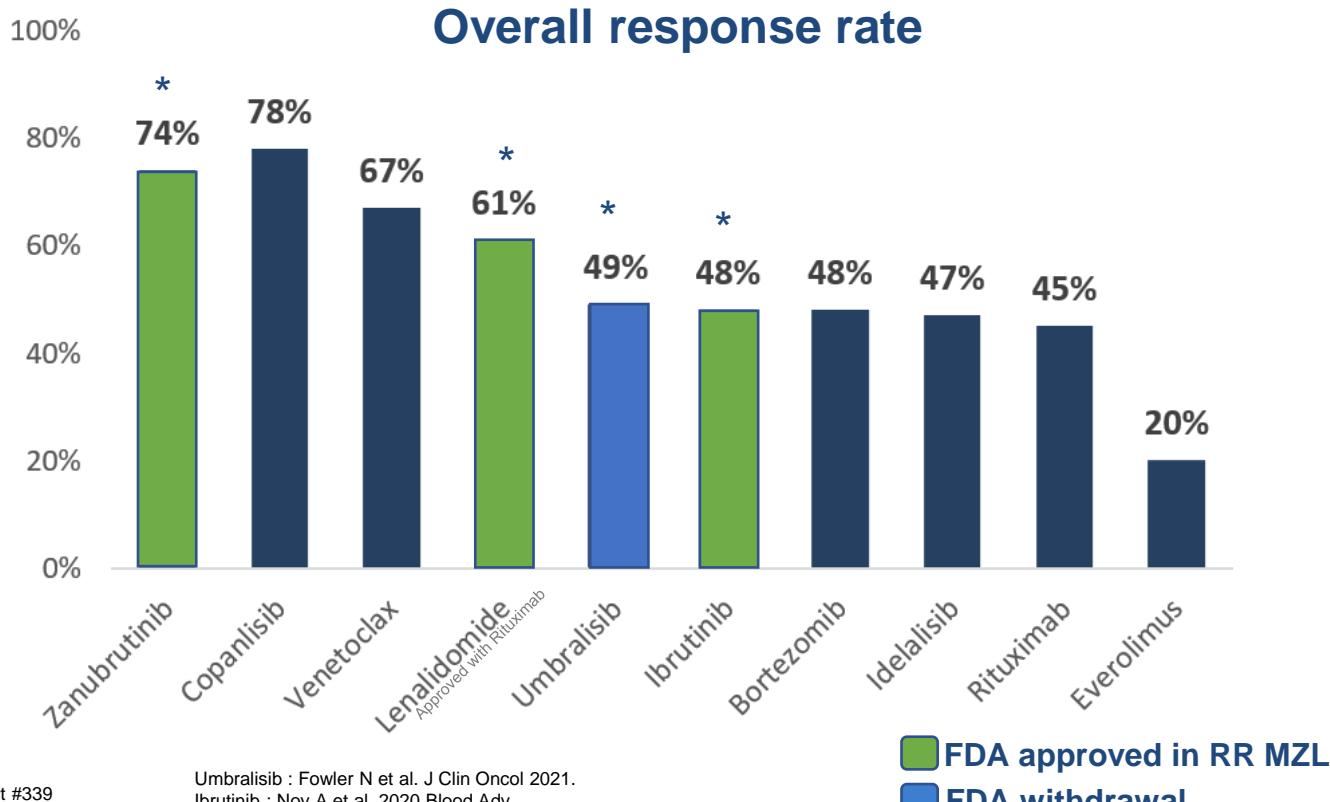


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Parsaclisib  
Duvelisib

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# Single Agent Activity in R/R MZL



Zanubrutinib: Opat ASH2020 Abstract #339

Copanlisib : Panayiotidis et al. Blood advances 2020

Venetoclax Davids MA et al J Clin Oncol 2017

Lenalidomide Becnel et al. B J Haematol 2019

Umbralisib : Fowler N et al. J Clin Oncol 2021.

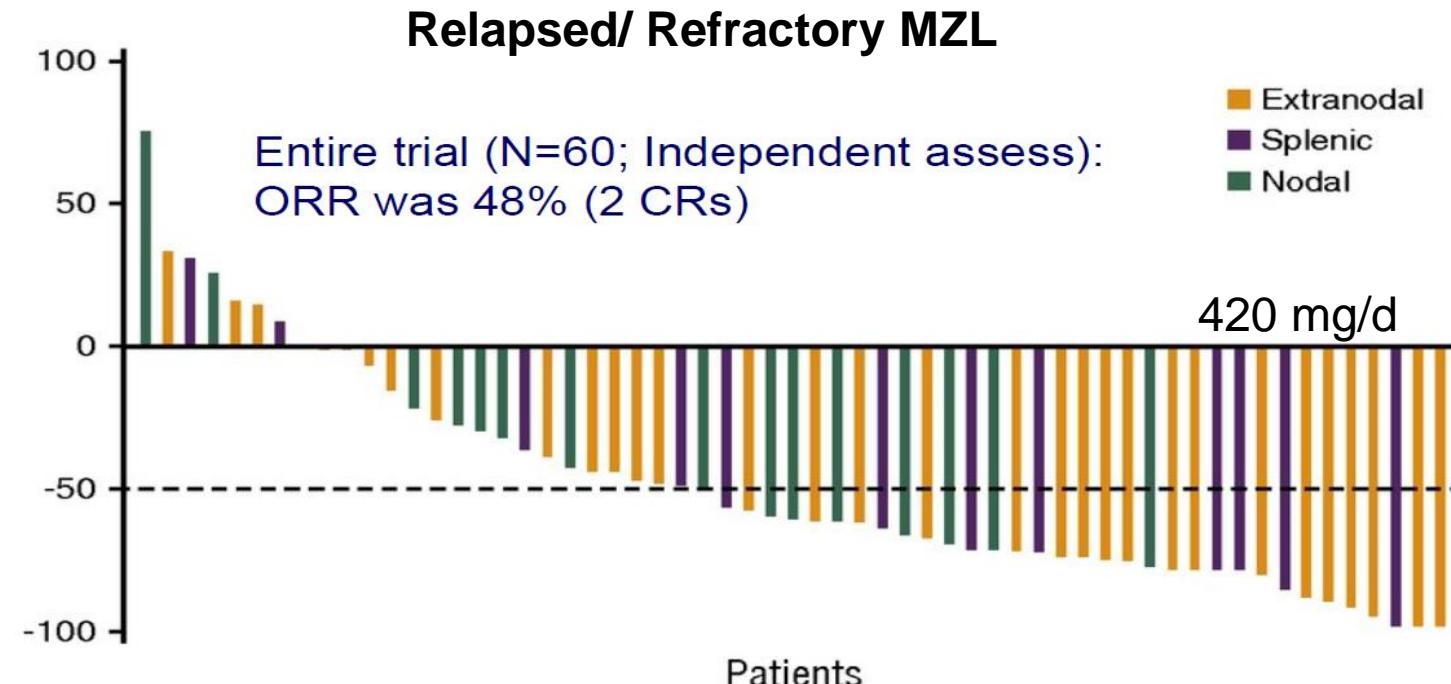
Ibrutinib : Noy A et al, 2020 Blood Adv

Bortezomib Conconi et al. Ann Oncol 2011

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Everolimus Conconi et al. Br J Haematol 2014

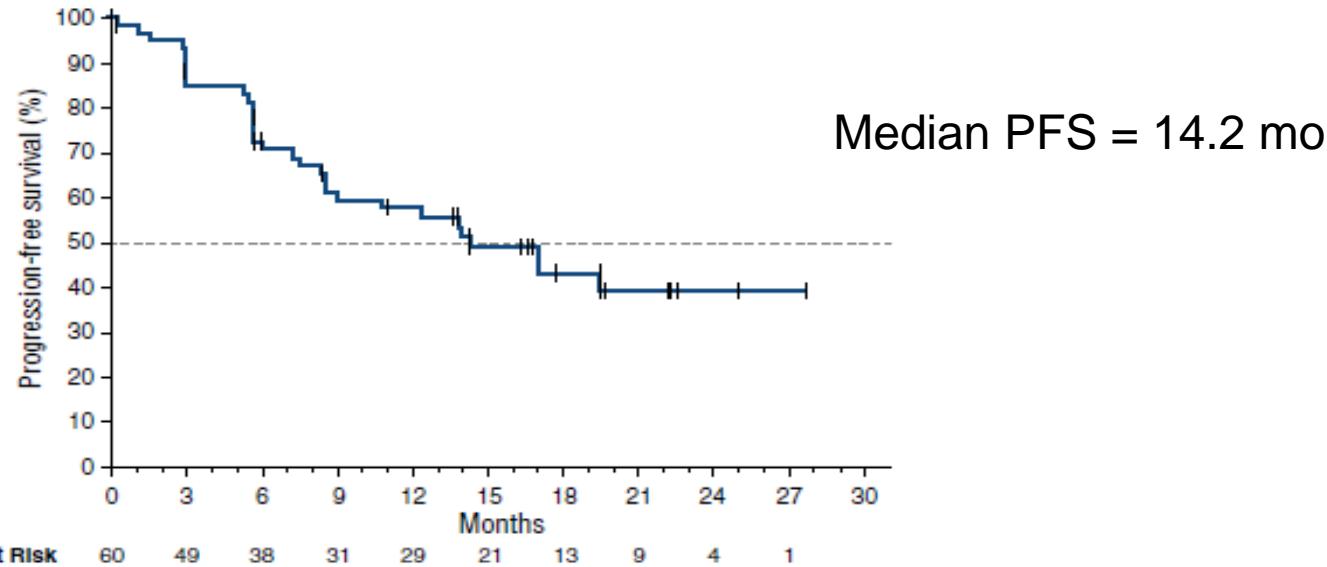
# Ibrutinib



FDA approved

Noy et al. Blood 2017;129:2224-2232

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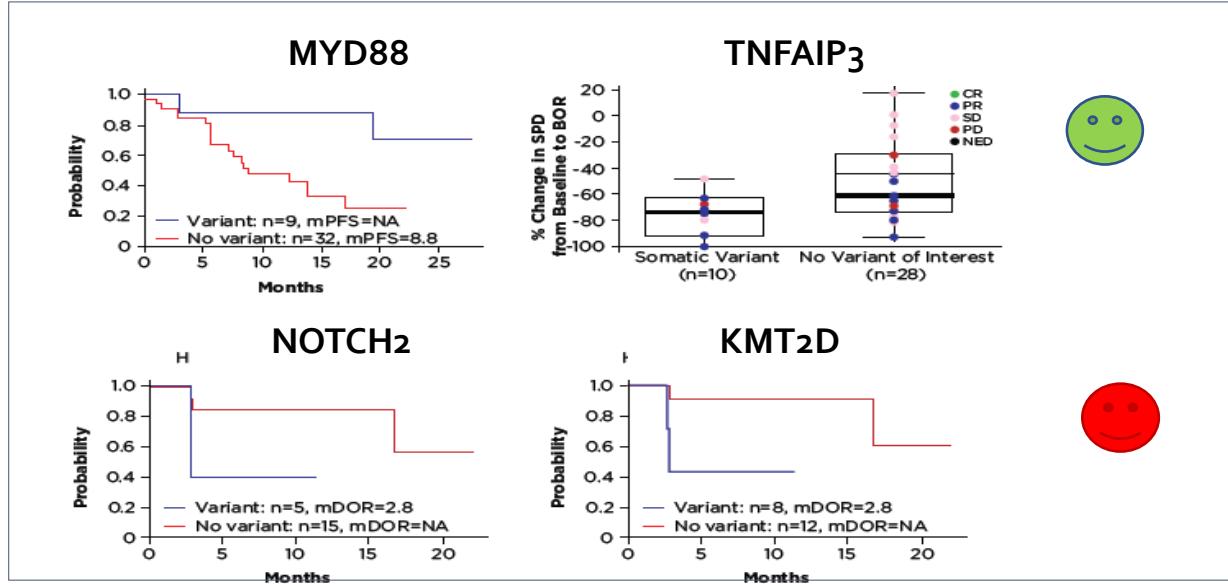


\*ibrutinib is the first FDA-approved treatment for MZL.

= approved in MZL patients who require systemic therapy following  $\geq 1$  prior anti-CD20-based therapy

# Biomarkers associated in MZL treated with Ibrutinib

N=41 patients

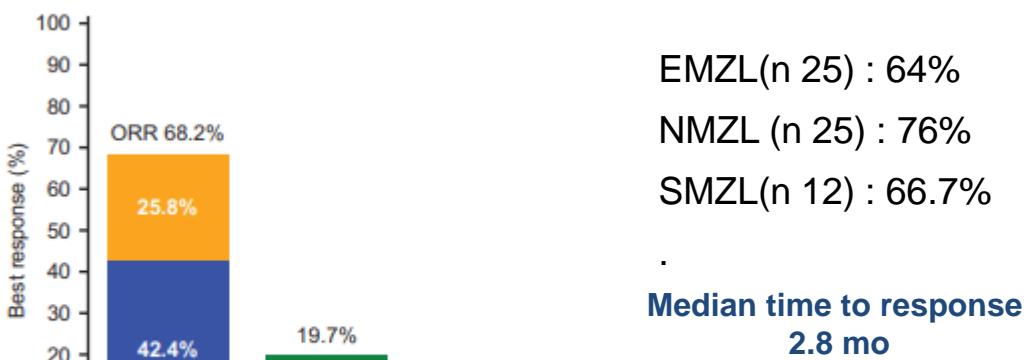


- Mutation in **MYD88** and **TNFAIP3 (A20)**, which are involved in BCR-NFkB signaling pathway were positively associated with DOR
- Mutations in **NOTCH2** and **KMT2D (MLL2)**, which are not involved in BCR-NFkB signaling, were negatively correlated with DOR

# Zanubrutinib

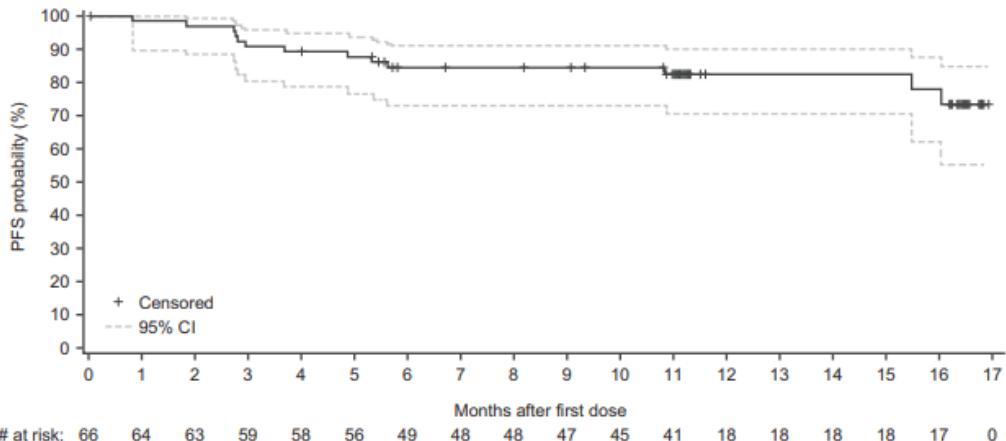
- next-generation BTK inhibitor
- Selective and irreversible BTK inhibitor
- Maximize BTK occupancy and minimize off-target inhibition of TEC- and EGFR-family kinases

Characteristics	BGB-3111-214 (MAGNOLIA study) R/R MZL (N = 68)
Age, years	
Median (range)	70 (37-95)
Age category, n (%)	
≥65 years and <75 years	22 (32.4)
≥75 years	19 (27.9)
MZL subtype, n (%)	
Extranodal (MALT)	26 (38.2)
Nodal	26 (38.2)
Splenic	12 (17.6)



EMZL(n 25) : 64%  
NMZL (n 25) : 76%  
SMZL(n 12) : 66.7%

Median time to response  
2.8 mo



# Zanubrutinib in MZL : The MAGNOLIA Trial

AE, n (%)	BGB-3111-214 (MAGNOLIA study) (N = 68)	
	Any-grade AE	Grade $\geq 3$ AE
<b>Patients with <math>\geq 1</math> AE</b>	65 (95.6)	27 (39.7)
Diarrhea	15 (22.1)	2 (2.9)
Contusion	14 (20.6)	0
Constipation	10 (14.7)	0
Pyrexia	9 (13.2)	2 (2.9)
Abdominal pain	8 (11.8)	
Upper respiratory tract infection	8 (11.8)	1 (1.5)
Back pain	7 (10.3)	0
Nausea	7 (10.3)	0
COVID-19 pneumonia	4 (5.9)	3 (4.4)
Pneumonia	2 (2.9)	2 (2.9)
<b>AE of interest</b>		
Bleeding	25 (36.8)	0
Major hemorrhage <sup>a</sup>	0	0
Atrial fibrillation/flutter	2 (2.9)	1 (1.5)
Hypertension <sup>b</sup>	2 (2.9)	1 (1.5)
Second primary malignancies <sup>c</sup>	5 (7.4)	3 (4.4)
Skin cancers	2 (2.9)	0
Infections	31 (45.6)	11 (16.2) <sup>f</sup>
Opportunistic infections	2 (2.9)	1 (1.5)
Tumor lysis syndrome	0	0
Anemia	4 (5.9)	2 (2.9)
Neutropenia <sup>d</sup>	9 (13.2)	7 (10.3)
Thrombocytopenia <sup>e</sup>	10 (14.7)	3 (4.4)

Most of AEs were Grade 1-2

- diarrhea (22.1%)
- contusion (20.6%)
- constipation (14.7%)
- atrial fibrillation/flutter :2 patients

Grade 3 hypertension : 1 patient

No patient experienced major hemorrhage.

4 patients discontinued treatment due to AEs, none of which were considered treatment-related by the investigators

# Copanlisib (PI3K-d and PI3K- $\alpha$ inhibitor)

## Chronos-1

	No. of patients	ORR	CR	mDOR
<b>Indolent lymphoma</b>				
• FL	141	59.2%	12%	22.6 mo (0–687 days)
• MZL (EMZL: 4, SMZL: 4, NZML: 15)	104 23	— 70%	— 8.7%	Not reached (50–100 days)

TEAEs occurring in >10% of patients with indolent lymphomas	All grades	Grade 3/4
Hyperglycemia	70%	30%
Hypertension	70%	49%
Fatigue	64%	-
Diarrhea / Colitis	36%	5%
Neutropenia	36%	30%

Dreyling M. et al. Am J Hematol. 2019 Dec

# Parsasiclib

## Citadel 204

	All Treated Patients (N = 100)		
	Nodal MZL (N = 31)	Extranodal MZL (N = 34)	Splenic MZL (N = 35)
Objective response rate, %	51.6	55.9	65.7
95% CI	33.1–69.8	37.9–72.8	47.8–80.9
Best objective response, n (%)			
Complete response	2 (6.5)	3 (8.8)	1 (2.9)
Partial response	14 (45.2)	16 (47.1)	22 (62.9)
	All Treated Patients (N = 100)		
Median PFS (95% CI), months	16.5 (13.5–19.6)		

### Among All Treated Patients:

- Most frequently occurring TEAEs leading to dose interruption were
  - diarrhea (n=14),
  - neutropenia (n=5)
  - pyrexia (n=5)
- Most frequently occurring TEAEs leading to dose reduction were diarrhea (n=5), maculo-popular rash (n=3), colitis and rash (n=2 each)
- Most common TEAEs leading to treatment discontinuation were diarrhea (n=9) and colitis (n=5)

# PI3K $\delta$ inhibitors - Summary - Toxicities

	<i>Idelalisib</i> <i>(Zydelig) – USPI (iNHL only)</i>	<i>Duvelisib</i>	<i>TGR 1202<sup>3</sup></i>	<i>TGR 1202 + CD-20<sup>4</sup></i>	<i>Copanlisib<sup>5</sup></i>	<i>INCBO50465 (ASH '17)</i>
	All grades ( $\geq$ grade 3)	All grades ( $\geq$ grade 3)	All grades ( $\geq$ grade 3)	All grades ( $\geq$ grade 3)	All grades ( $\geq$ grade 3)	All grades ( $\geq$ grade 3)
Diarrhea/Colitis	47% (14%)	44%(15%) <sup>1</sup> 5% G3/4 colitis	43%(3%) <sup>10</sup> No colitis	47% (3%) 2 colitis (<1.5%)	36% (5%) 0.7% colitis	36% (10%) 4 colitis (~6%)
Pneumonia	25% (16%) Fatal/serious pneumonitis 4% (combo)	18% (9%) <sup>1</sup> 3 pneumonitis (~2%)	(5%) No pneumonitis	8% (5%) 2 pneumonitis (~1.5%)	~2% 7% pneumonitis and ~1.4% G3/4 <sup>11</sup>	10% (5%) 1 pneumonitis (~2%)
ALT Elevations	50% (19%)	14% (6%) <sup>1</sup>	NA	NA	25% (all G1)	24% (0%)
AST Elevations	41% (12%)	NA	NA	NA	26% (all G1)	24% (2%)
ALT/AST Elevations	NA	28% (17%) <sup>2</sup>	4% (2%)	8% (3%)	Mostly Grade 1 <sup>6</sup>	N/A
Discontinuations due to AE	20-28%	17%-33% <sup>2</sup>	7%	<8% due to TGR 1202 AE	17%	19% due to AE

<sup>1</sup>ASH 2016 Abstract #1218 and Presentation Slides n=129 for AE %; 2 Patel et al ASCO 2015 (CLL treatment naïve only); 3 O'Connor et al ASH 2015; 4 O'Connor et al EHA 2016, Burris ASCO 2016; 5Dreyling et al AACR/ASCO 2017/ICM Safety Summary and USPI; 6Annals of Oncology 27: 1928–1940, 2016; 71 grade 3 event ~ 1 week after INCBO50465 discontinuation; all other elevations were grade 1; 8All AST elevations were grade 1; 935% of responders discontinued due to AE as of 01Sep16; 10ASH 2017 Investor Presentation Deck; 11USPI2017

# Novel drugs in r/rMZL

: high rate of toxicities

Pathway	Drug	Target	Patients n	ORR	CR	Toxicity G3/4
PI3K/AKT/mTOR	Everolimus	mTOR	24	28	4	46%
	Idelalisib	PI3K-d	15	57	6	27%
	Copanlisib	PI3K-d &-a	23	70	9	49%
BcR	Ibrutinib	BTK	63	48	3	8%
MicroEnv	Lenalidomide	Immune modulator	30	89	67	35%

# Chemo-free association in R/R MZL

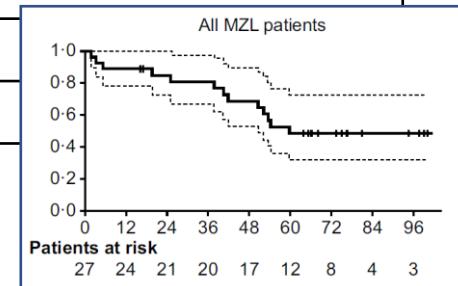
Trial	Combo	status	Phase	ORR*	CR*	Median PFS
AUGMENT*	R-LEN	R/R	III	65%	29%	-
MAGNIFY*	R-LEN	R/R	III	65%	38%	38,4 mo
inMIND	TAFA-R-LEN	R/R	III		enrolling	
MALIBU (IELSG47)	R-Ibrutinib	1rst line	II		enrolling	
MSKCC	I-R-Len	1rst line	II		enrolling	

# Lenalidomide in MZL

## 1rst Line

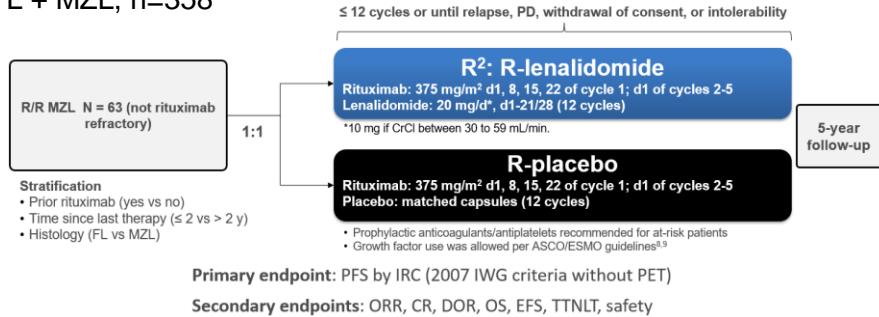
MZL, n=18 MZL only (1L = 11; RR =7)	
Phase	II
dose	25mg/d, D1-21 /28
ORR	61%
CR	33%
2-y PFS	ND

MZL, among MZL+FL – 1L n=27 /100	
Phase	II
dose	LEN 20 mg/d, D1-21 /28 ; + <b>Rituximab</b> 375 mg/m <sup>2</sup> on D1, continuing in responders for ≥C6–C12
ORR	89%
CR	67%
2-y PFS	83% (FL, MZL, SL)



# AUGMENT clinical trial : R/R

FL + MZL, n=358

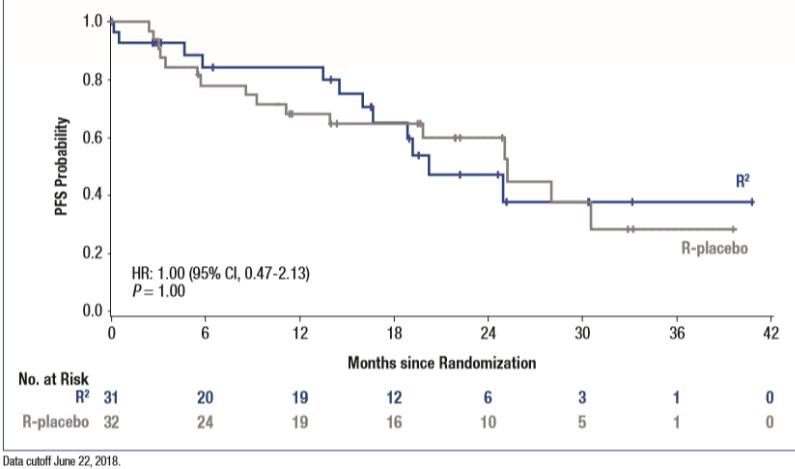


## MZL, among MZL+FL – RR n=63 /358

Phase	III
dose	20mg/d, D1-21 /28 + R x 12 cycles
ORR	65% vs 44% (p=0,13)
CR	29% vs 13% (p=0,13)
2-y PFS	-

## Relapsed MZL

Figure 2. AUGMENT: Progression-Free Survival in MZL Patients (ITT, IRC)\*

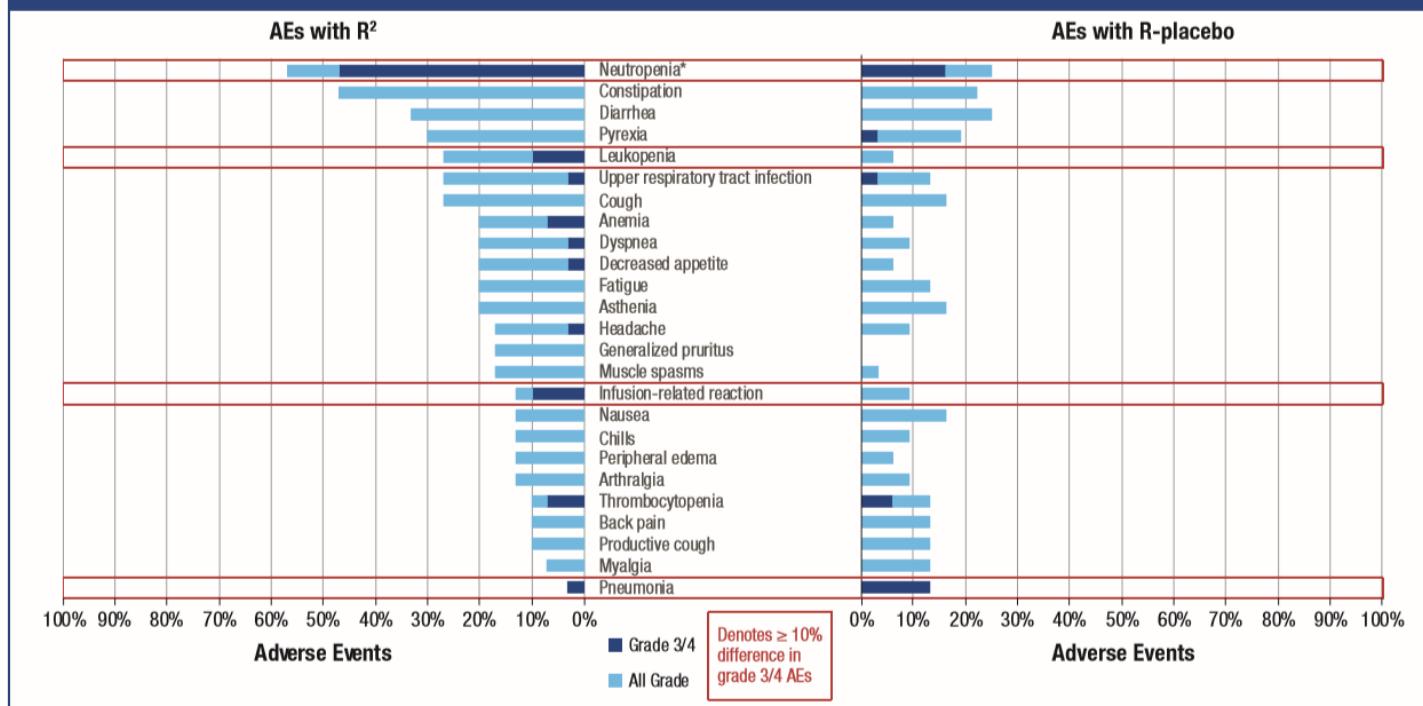


**Median PFS for MZL patients : 20.2 mo R2**  
vs 25.2 mo R-placebo (HR = 1.00; 95% CI, 0.47-2.13; P = 1.0)

Leonard J et al. J Clin Oncol 2019;37(14):1188-1199 (FL + MZL)  
Thieblemont C, EHA 2019: abstract PS1262 (MZL only)

# Essai AUGMENT - Toxicities

Figure 3. AUGMENT: All Grade and Grade 3/4 Adverse Events (AEs; > 10% All Grade; Safety Population)



Data cutoff June 22, 2018.

\*One R<sup>2</sup> patient and 0 R-placebo patients had grade 3/4 febrile neutropenia.

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# MAGNIFY clinical trial : R/R

**Multicenter, non-registrational phase IIIb trial** in patients with R/R FL grade 1-3a and MZL

**Goal :** to determine the optimal duration of LEN

**Treatment :** LEN 20 mg/d, d1-21/28 + R 375 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/wk c1 and q8wk c3+ (R<sup>2</sup>) **-12 cycles**

followed by 1:1 randomization in patients  $\geq$  SD to continued R<sup>2</sup> vs R maintenance **for 18 months.**

**Primary endpoint :** ORR by 1999 IWG criteria for induction R<sup>2</sup> in efficacy-evaluable patients receiving  $\geq$  1 treatment with baseline/post-baseline assessments

**Results :** n=370 patients (80% FL grade 1-3a; **20% MZL**)

Median age of 66 y, 83% stage III/IV disease

Median of 2 prior therapies (95% prior rituximab-containing)

Median follow-up : 16.7 mo

	ORR, %	CR, %	Median TTR, mo (range)	Median DOR, mo (95% CI)*	Median PFS, mo (95% CI)*
MZL	65	38	2.7 (1.9-11.1)	35.8 (NR-NR)	38.4 (26.5-38.4)

**Grade 3/4 AEs occurring in  $\geq$  5% of patients**

37% neutropenia  
3% febrile neutropenia),

8% leukopenia,  
6% thrombocytopenia,  
5% anemia,  
5% fatigue

Andorsky DJ., ASCO 2019 – abstract 7513

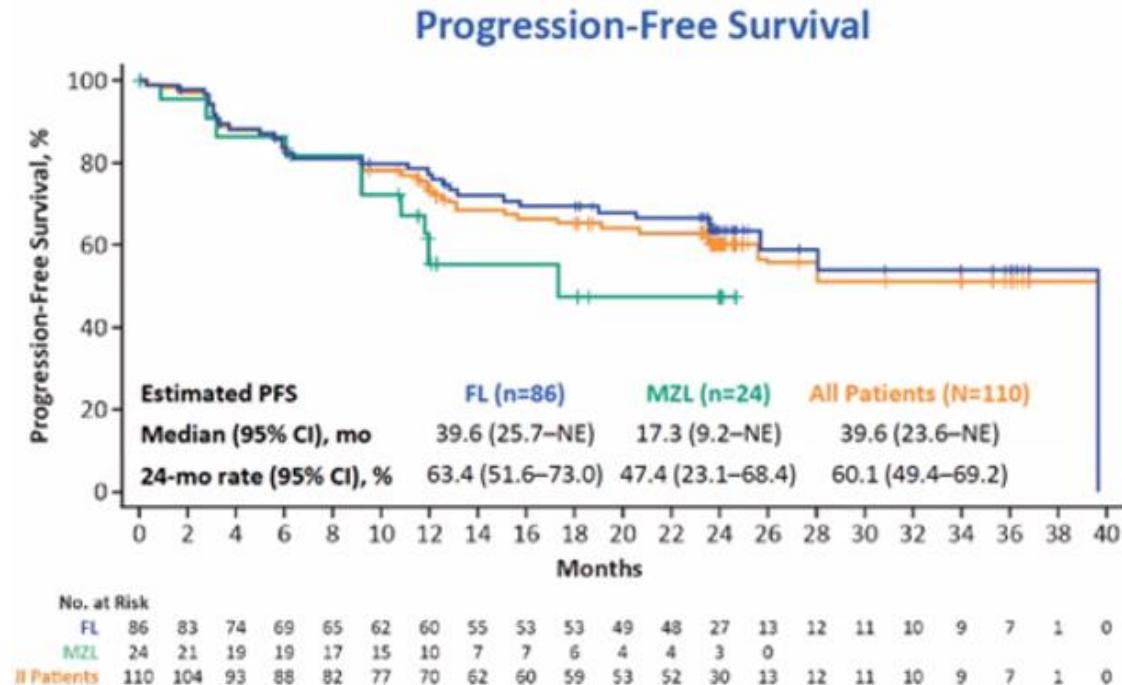
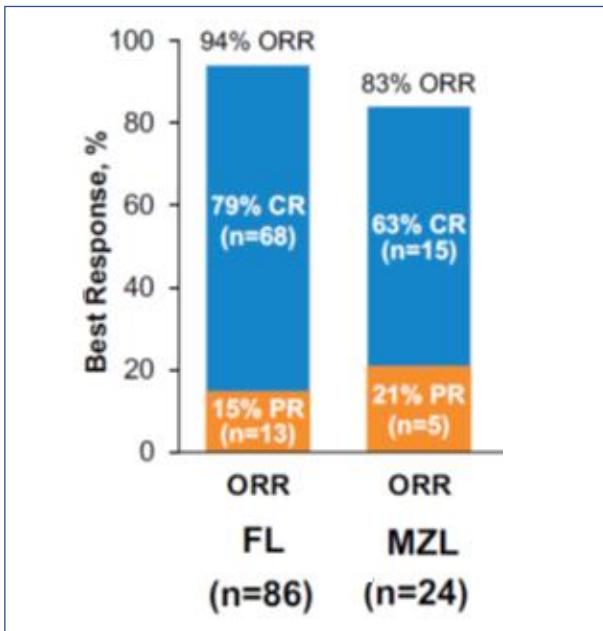
Frederick Lansigan., ASH 2021 – abstract 812

# T-cell engagers

Product	drugs	Results	Reference
CAR T-cells	Axicabtagene ciloleucel (ZUMA 5)	- ORR = 83% - CRR = 63% - 12-mo PFS : 45.1%	Neelapu et al. ASH 2021 Abstract #93
CD20xCD3 bispecifics	Epcoritamab Mosunetuzumab	In need of further investigation	

# Axicabtagene ciloleucel (ZUMA 5)

Median FU: FL = 30,9 mo – MZL: 23,8 mo

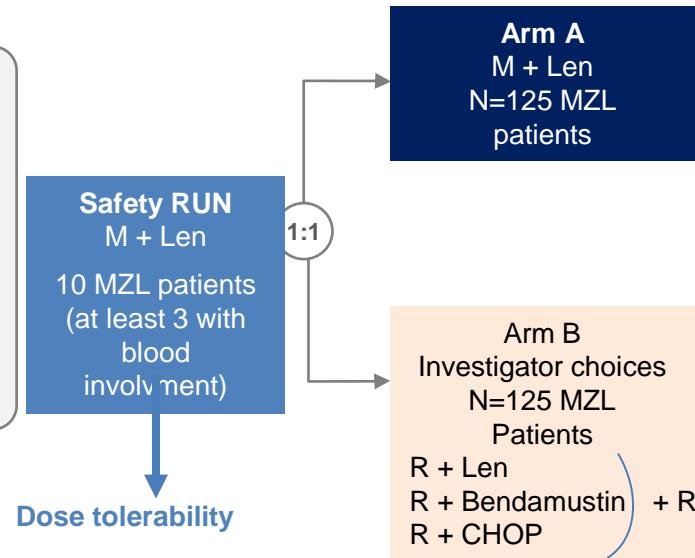




# MARSUN : Phase III, Open-Label, Multicenter, Randomized, Controlled Study Investigating the Safety, Tolerability, Pharmacokinetics, and Efficacy of Mosunetuzumab-Lenalidomide or investigator choices in Patients with Relapsed or Refractory Marginal Zone Lymphoma

## Eligibility

- Histologically centralized confirmed diagnosis of MZL
- >=1 prior systemic therapy (antiCD20 +/- chemo)
- N=250 MZL + 10 safety RUN
- Stratification:
  - EMZL SMZL NMZL
  - Time since last treatment <2y vs ≥2y



## Endpoints

- 1° EP: PFS and CR24  
2° EP:
  - Safety
  - OS
  - ORR, CR
  - DOR
  - DOCR
  - EFS
  - TTNLT
  - HT
  - Tolerability
  - Pharmacokinetics
  - Biomarkers Exploratory

**Fixed duration of treatment = 1 year**

# To speed the approval of the right drugs in MZL

Ongoing project

## Need for new choices based on

- Specific entity trials
- Establishment of surrogate markers to reduce duration of clinical trials

### MZL Analysis of Surrogate Hypothesis

### The MASH project

- To define new surrogate markers in MZL

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# In conclusion

- Novel strategies in MZL will include MOA, TCE, and targeted treatments
- CAR T-cells are under evaluation
- New surrogate markers for regulatory approvals to reduce duration of clinical trials and give access to innovative treatments

# Thank you !



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