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Follicular Lymphoma: What is the New Order?

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Treatment As It Is Currently Done

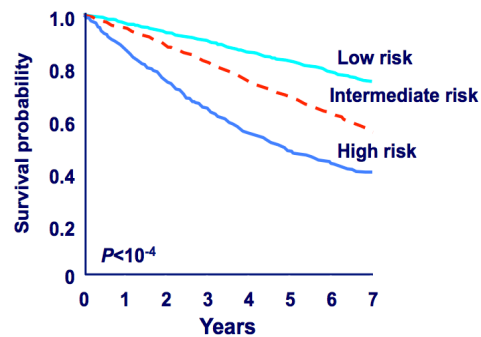
Indications for Treatment of Advanced Follicular Lymphoma: GELF Criteria

- Maximum diameter > 7 cm
- ≥ 3 sites with a diameter of > 3 cm
- Systemic symptoms
- “Substantial” spleen involvement
- Serious effusions
- Risk of local compression sx
- High numbers of circulating lymphoma cells
- Peripheral blood cytopenias

Brice et al, JCO 15:1110, 1997

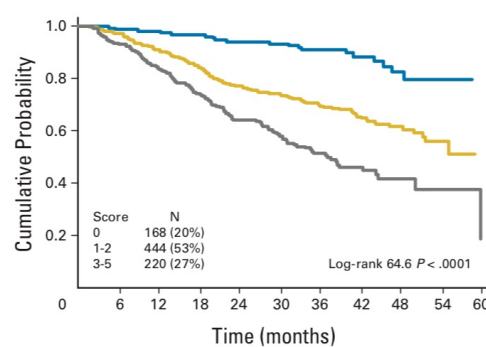
Prognostic Scoring Systems

FLIPI



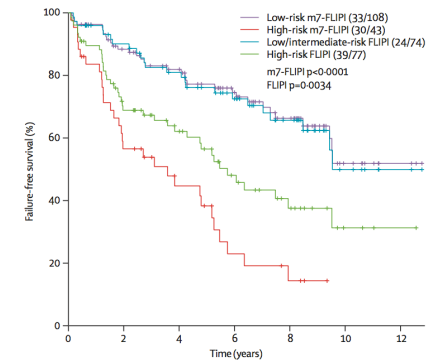
Nodes, LDH, Age,
Stage, Hgb

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β -2M, Hgb, Node size
Age, BM

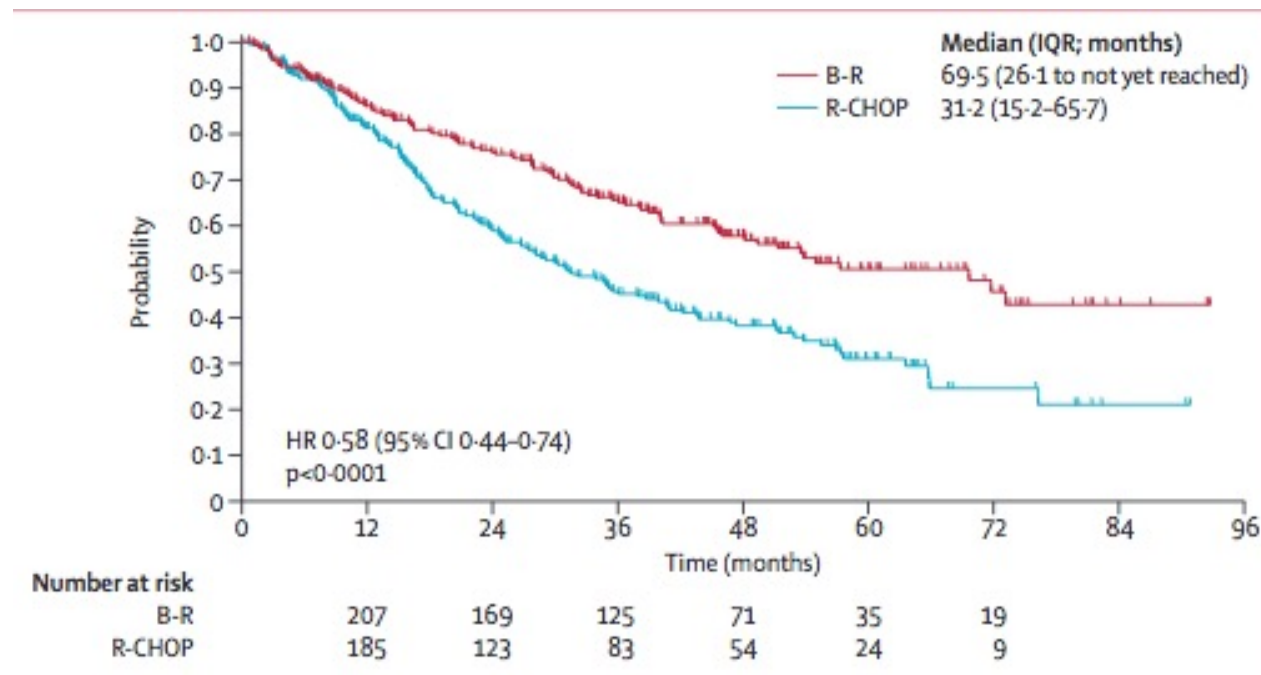
M7-FLIPI



Mutation of 7 genes,
PS, F-2

But what do you do with the information??

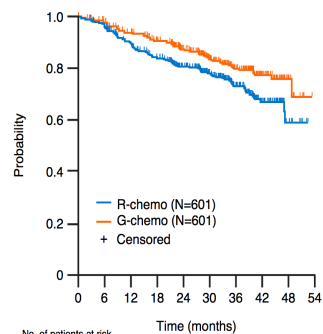
BR vs R-CHOP in Untreated iNHL



Rummel et al, Lancet 381:1203, 2013

GALLIUM Study: PFS and OS

INV-assessed PFS (FL; primary endpoint)



No. of patients at risk	
R-chemo	601 562 505 463 378 266 160 68 10 0
G-chemo	601 570 536 502 405 278 168 75 13 0

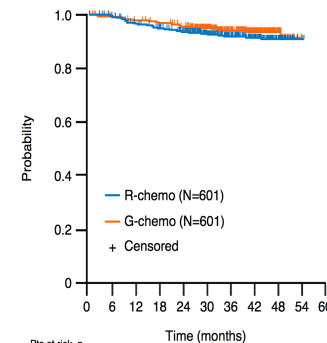
*Stratified analysis; stratification factors: chemotherapy regimen, FLIPI risk group, geographic region

	R-chemo, n=601	G-chemo, n=601
Pts with event, n (%)	144 (24.0)	101 (16.8)
3-yr PFS, % (95% CI)	73.3 (68.8, 77.2)	80.0 (75.9, 83.6)
HR (95% CI), p-value*	0.66 (0.51, 0.85), p=0.0012	

Median follow-up: 34.5 months

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OS (FL)



Pts at risk, n	
R-chemo	601 588 566 549 527 399 265 160 58 2
G-chemo	601 584 573 563 549 416 271 161 55

*Stratified analysis; stratification factors: chemotherapy regimen, FLIPI risk group, geographic region

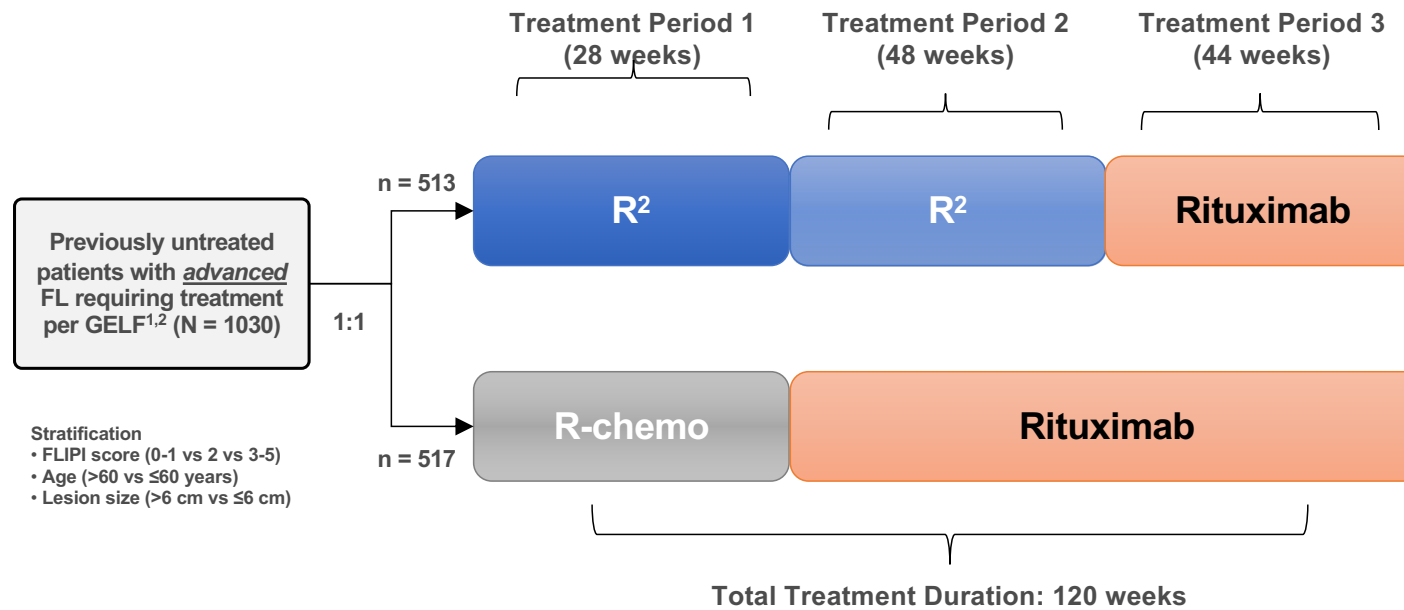
	R-chemo, n=601	G-chemo, n=601
Pts with event, n (%)	46 (7.7)	35 (5.8)
3-yr OS, % (95% CI)	92.1 (89.5, 94.1)	94.0 (91.6, 95.7)
HR (95% CI), p-value*	0.75 (0.49, 1.17), p=0.21	

Median follow-up: 34.5 months

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Marcus et al, NEJM 377:1331, 2017

RELEVANCE: Study Design



Co-primary endpoints per 1999 IWG criteria*

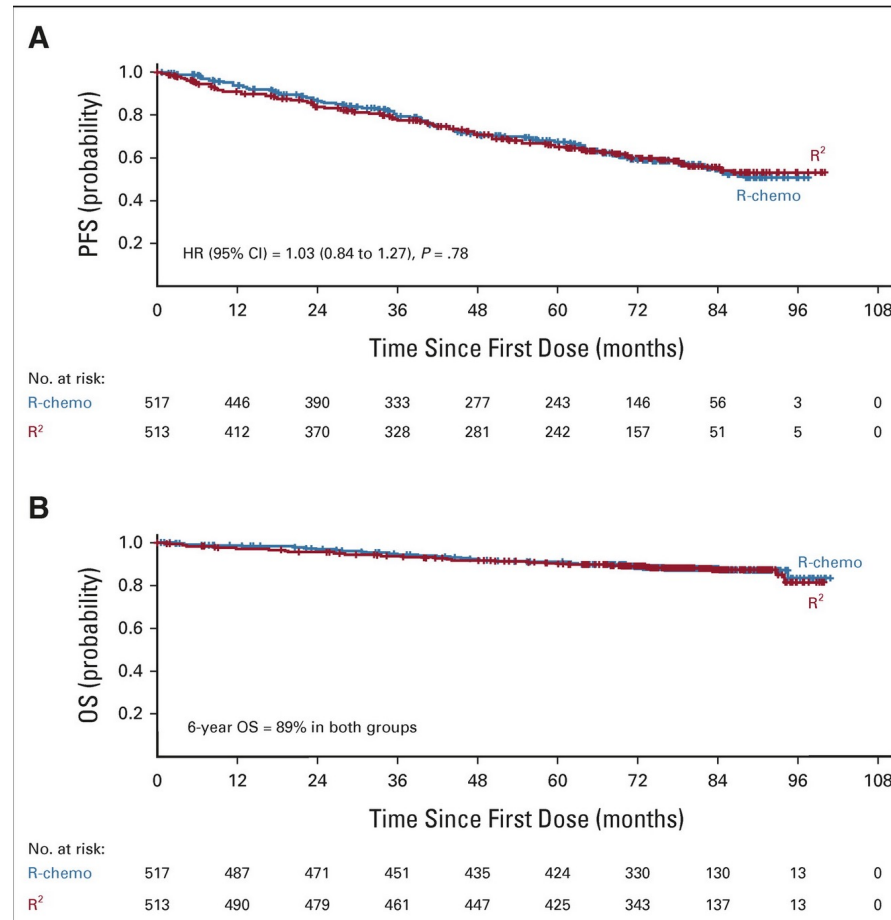
- CR/CRu at 120 weeks
- PFS (first interim analysis at ~50% of targeted events)

Dosing schedule

- **R²**: Lenalidomide 20 mg/d, d2-22/28 until CR/CRu at 6, 9, or 12 cycles, then 10 mg/d (total 18 cycles) and rituximab 375 mg/m²/wk c1 and d1 c2-6; continued in responders q8wk for 12 cycles
- **R-chemo**: 3 options (R-CHOP, R-B, R-CVP) plus 2 years rituximab maintenance
 - Included 72% R-CHOP, 23% R-B, and 5% R-CVP

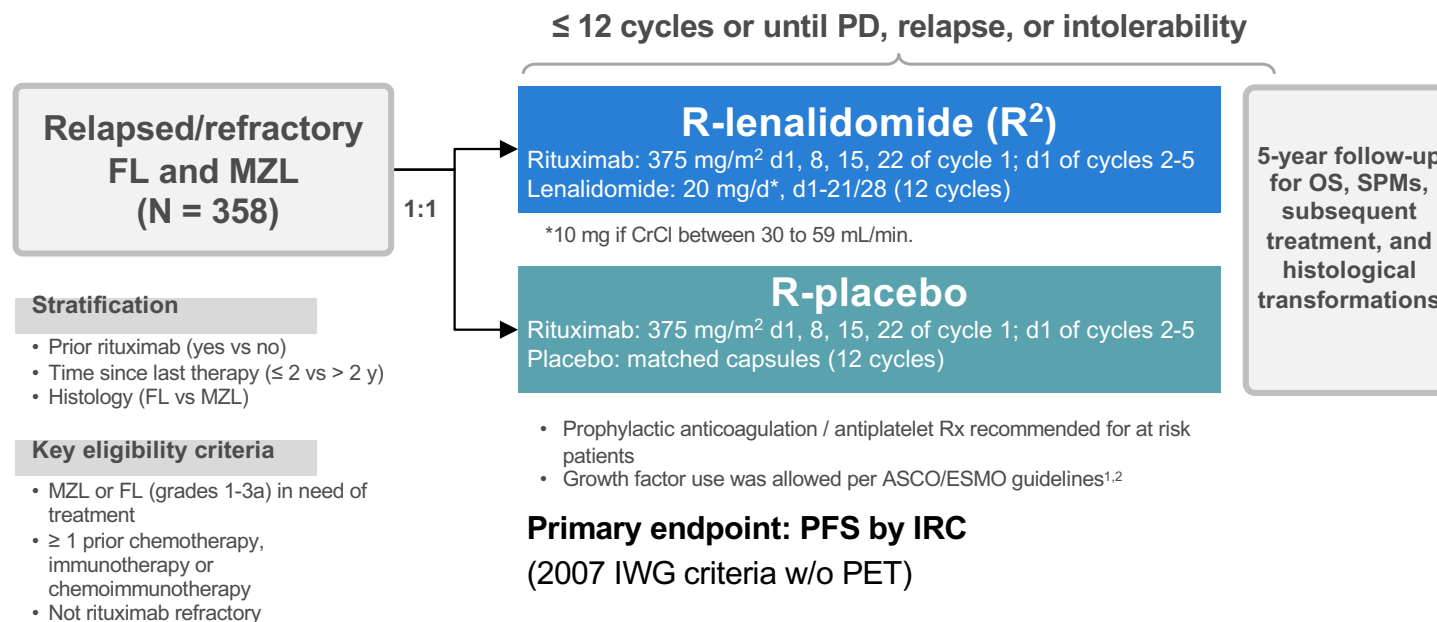
Morschhauser et al, NEJM 379:934, 2018

6-Year Follow-up of RELEVANCE

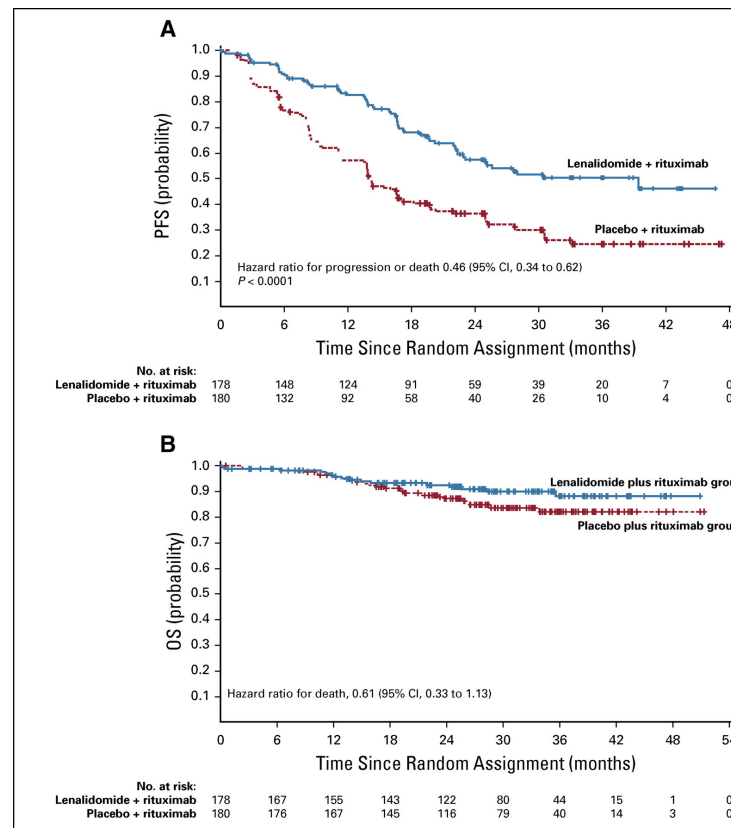


Morschhauser et al, JCO 40:3239, 2022

AUGMENT: Study Design: Randomized double blind phase III trial



PFS and OS From the AUGMENT Trial



Leonard, et al; *JCO* 2019 371188-1199.

Response to Tazemetostat by *EZH2* Mutation Status

	<i>EZH2</i> ^{mut} (n=45)		<i>EZH2</i> ^{WT} (n=54)	
	IRC-assessed	Investigator-assessed	IRC-assessed	Investigator-assessed
Objective response rate [*]	31 (69%; 53–82)	35 (78%; 63–89)	19 (35%; 23–49)	18 (33%; 21–48)
Overall disease control rate [†]	44 (98%)	45 (100%)	37 (69%)	34 (63%)
Best overall response				
Complete response	6 (13%)	4 (9%)	2 (4%)	3 (6%)
Partial response	25 (56%)	31 (69%)	17 (31%)	15 (28%)
Stable disease	13 (29%)	10 (22%)	18 (33%)	16 (30%)
Progressive disease	1 (2%)	0	12 (22%)	16 (30%)
Not estimable or unknown	0	0	5 (9%)	4 (7%)

Tazemetostat in R/R FL

	EZH2 ^{mut} (n=45)	EZH2 ^{WT} (n=54)
Age, years	62 (57-68)	61 (53-67)
Sex		
Male	19 (42%)	34 (63%)
Female	26 (58%)	20 (37%)
ECOG performance status		
0	21 (47%)	26 (48%)
1	24 (53%)	23 (43%)
2	0	4 (7%)
Missing	0	1 (2%)
Satisfied GELF criteria*		
Yes	31 (69%)	40 (74%)
No	14 (31%)	14 (26%)
Time from initial diagnosis, years	4.7 (1.7-6.4)	6.3 (3.4-9.0)
Histology		
Grade 1, 2, or 3a	42 (93%)	51 (94%) [†]
Grade 3b or transformed follicular lymphoma [‡]	3 (7%)	6 (11%) [†]
Previous lines of anticancer therapy [§]		
One	2 (4%)	1 (2%)
Two	22 (49%)	16 (30%)
Three	10 (22%)	11 (20%)
Four	4 (9%)	10 (19%)
Five or more	7 (16%)	16 (30%)
Median	2 (2-4) ³	3 (2-5)
Refractory to last regimen	22 (49%)	22 (41%)
Poor risk features		
Refractory to a rituximab-containing regimen	22 (49%)	32 (59%)
Double refractory ^{**}	9 (20%)	15 (28%)
Previous haematopoietic stem-cell transplant	4 (9%)	21 (39%)
Disease progression within 24 months of disease diagnosis in patients treated with first-line immunochemotherapy (POD24)	19 (42%)	32 (59%)

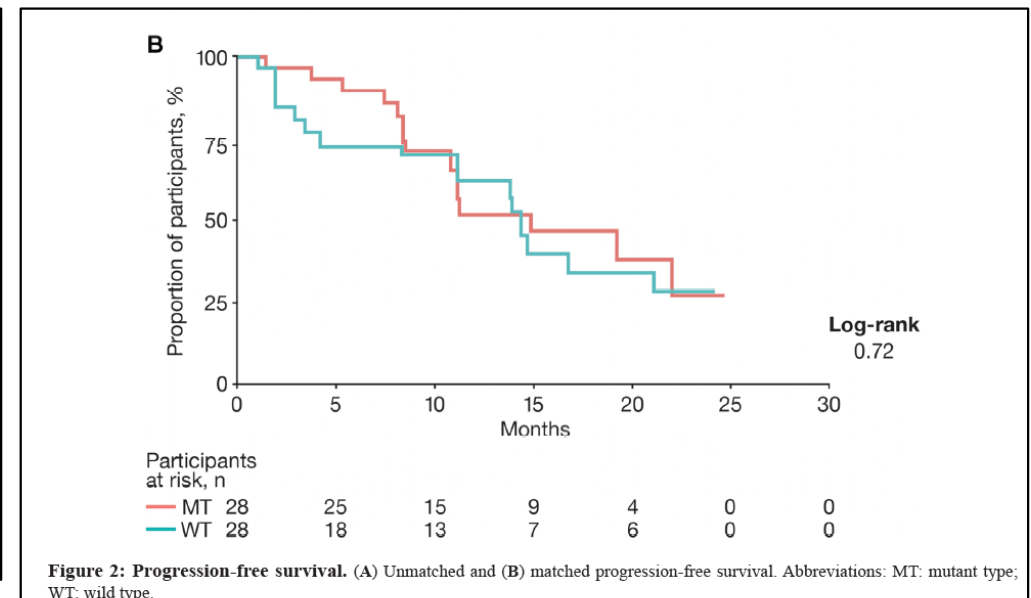
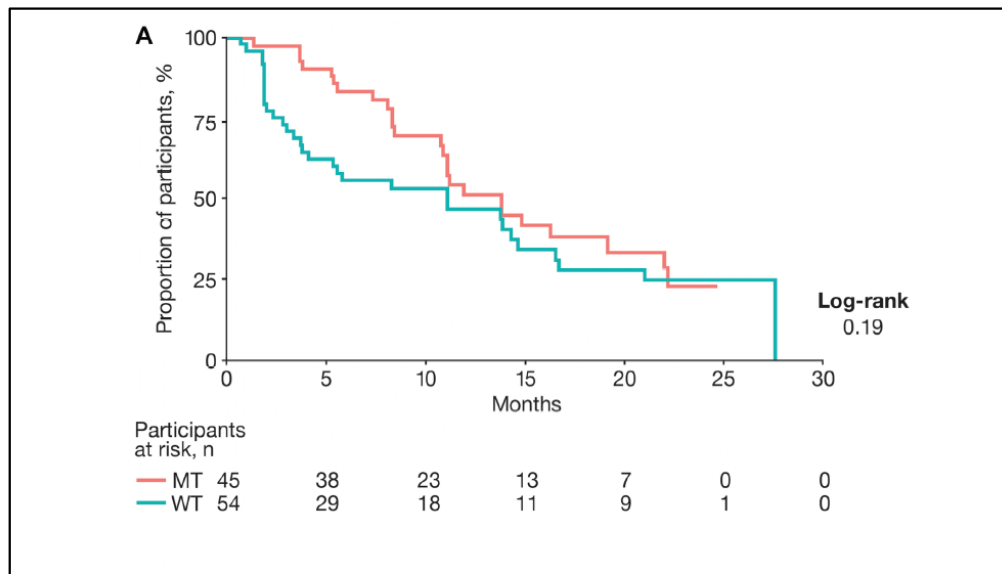
ORR By Mutation Status Before and After Matching

Population	Before matching (<i>n</i> = 99) (95% CI), %	After matching (<i>n</i> = 56) (95% CI), %
WT <i>EZH2</i>	35 (22–48)	50 (31–69)
MT <i>EZH2</i>	69 (55–83)	71 (54–88)

Abbreviations: CI: confidence interval; MT: mutant type, WT: wild type.

- Proudman DG, Gupta D, Nellesen D, et al, Cheson BD. Tazemetostat in relapsed/refractory follicular lymphoma: a propensity score–matched analysis of E7438-G000-101 trial outcomes. *Oncotarget* 2022;13:677-83.

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ROSEWOOD: Study Design

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Stratification by geographic region, number of prior lines, rituximab refractory status

Adults with grade 1-3a R/R FL previously treated with ≥ 2 prior regimens, including an anti-CD20 antibody and appropriate alkylator-based combination therapy; no prior BTK inhibitor; ECOG PS 0-2 (N = 217)

Zanubrutinib + Obinutuzumab*
(n = 145)

Obinutuzumab*
(n = 72)

Treated until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity[†]

*Zanubrutinib dosed at 160 mg PO BID. Obinutuzumab dosed at 1000 mg IV on Days 1, 8, and 15 of Cycle 1; Day 1 of cycles 2-6 and then Q8W up to a maximum of 20 doses. [†]Patients assigned to obinutuzumab with centrally confirmed PD or no response at 12 mo could crossover to receive combination therapy.

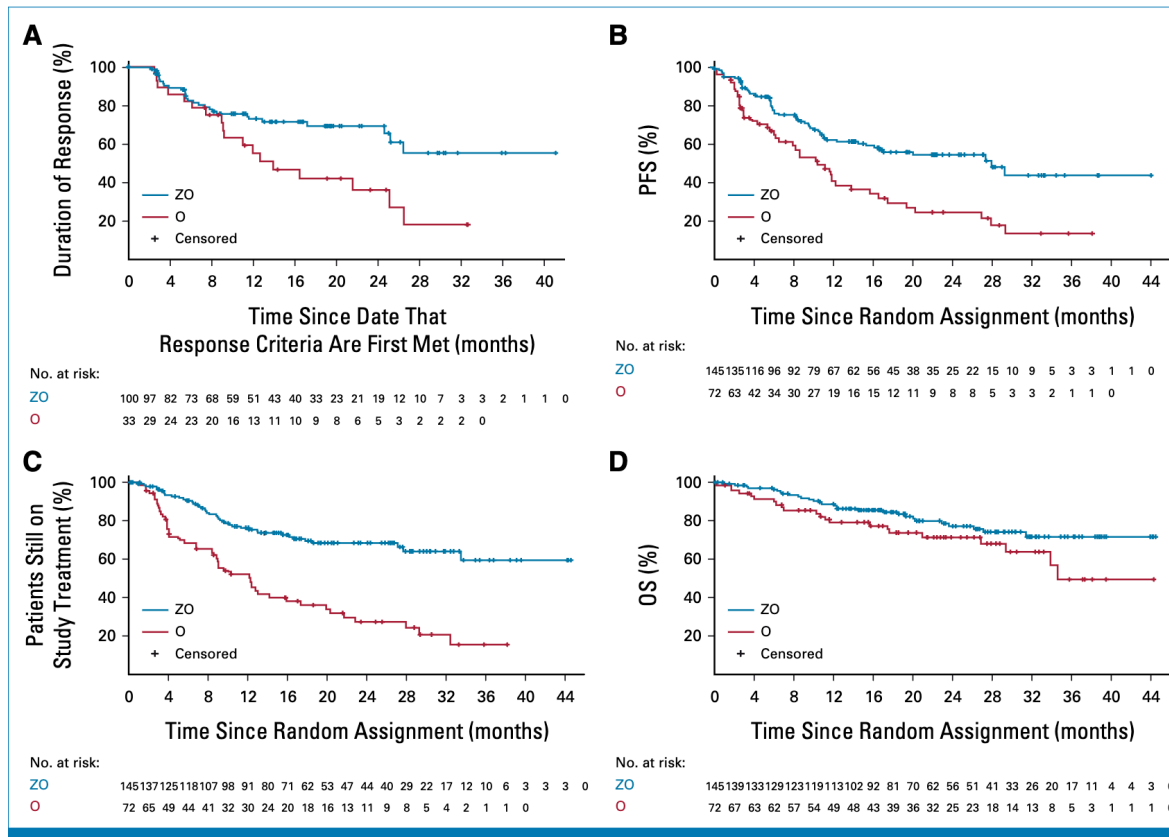
- **Primary endpoint:** ICR-assessed ORR according to Lugano classification
- **Key secondary endpoints:** investigator-assessed ORR, CR, DoR, PFS, OS, safety

ROSEWOOD: Patient Outcomes

End Point	ZO (n = 145)	O (n = 72)	HR (95% CI)	Two-Sided P Value
ORR by ICR, % (95% CI)	69 (61 to 76)	46 (34 to 58)	—	.001
CR, No. (%)	57 (39)	14 (19)	—	.004
PR, No. (%)	43 (30)	19 (26)	—	—
DOR by ICR, months, median (95% CI)	NE (25.3 to NE)	14.0 (9.2 to 25.1)	—	—
18-month rate, %	69 (58 to 78)	42 (23 to 60)	—	—
Duration of CR by ICR, months, median (95% CI)	NE (26.5 to NE)	26.5 (2.7 to NE)	—	—
18-month rate, % (95% CI)	87 (74 to 94)	51 (21 to 75)	—	—
PFS by ICR, months, median (95% CI)	28.0 (16.1 to NE)	10.4 (6.5 to 13.8)	0.50 (0.33 to 0.75)	<.001
Median TTNT, months	NE (33.4 to NE)	12.2 (8.5 to 17.3)	0.34 (0.22 to 0.52)	<.001
Median OS, months (95% CI)	NE (NE to NE)	34.6 (29.3 to NE)	0.62 (0.35 to 1.07)	.085
24-month rate, % (95% CI)	77 (68 to 84)	71 (58 to 81)	—	—

Abbreviations: CR, complete response; DOR, duration of response; HR, hazard ratio; ICR, independent central review; NE, not estimable; O, obinutuzumab; ORR, overall response rate; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival; PR, partial response; TTNT, time to next treatment; ZO, zanubrutinib plus obinutuzumab.

ROSEWOOD: Patient Outcomes



Zinzani et al, JCO 41:5107, 2023

Regulatory Approval Status in the US for CD20xCD3 Bispecific Abs for FL

- **Mosunetuzumab**
 - FDA approval for R/R follicular lymphoma, \geq 3rd line, **12/22/2022**
- **Odronextamab**
 - FDA accepted application 09/29/2023
 - Target action date for FDA decision **03/31/2024**
- **Epcoritamab**
 - FL cohort of EPCORE NHL-1 trial “exceeded protocol pre-specified threshold for efficacy” ORR 82% (ASH 2023)
 - Will submit application to FDA in next 6-12 mo

CD20xCD3 Bispecifics for r/r FL Gr 1-3a

Agent	No. of pts	ORR %	CR %	Med DOCR mo	PFS mo	Ref
Glofitamab	44	71	48	NR	11.8	1, 2
Mosunetuzumab	90	79	60	NR	24	3, 4
Odronextamab	131	82	75	20.5	20.2	5, 6
Epcoritamab	10	90	50	NA	NR	7

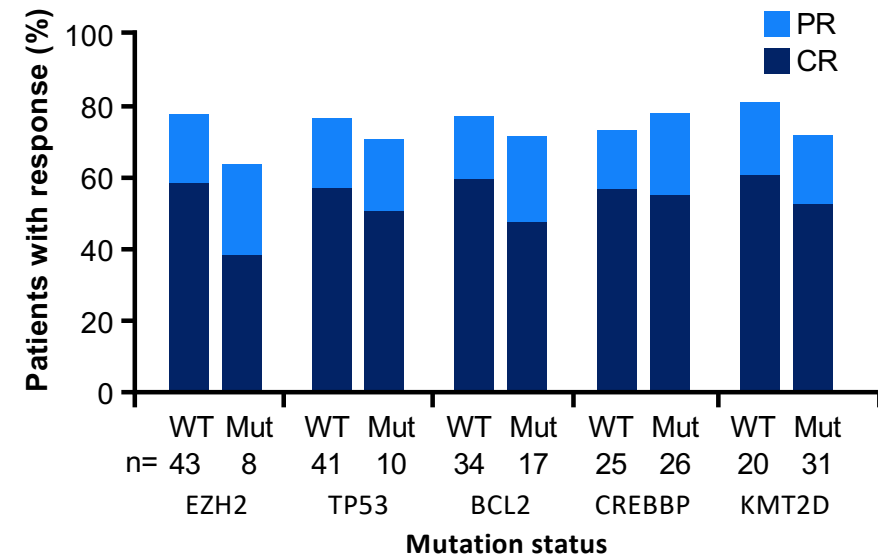
- **Responses including CRs occur early (median time \leq 3 mo)**

• 1. Hutchings 2021; JCO 39:1959-1970; 2. Morschhauser et al, ASH 2021, 3. Budde Lancet Oncol 2022; 23:1055-1065 4. Bartlett ASH 2022; 5. Bannerji Lancet Haem 2022; 9: e327-39;23: 1055-65; 6. Taszner EHA 2023; 7. Hutchings Lancet 2021; 398: 1157-69

Mosun CR rates in high risk subsets

Risk factor	CR rate %
ALL	60%
POD24	57% (vs. 62%)
Bulky	61% (vs. 59%)
Refract to prior CD20	55% (vs. 79%)
Double refractory	50% (vs. 71%)
Refractory last line	52% (vs. 79%)

Response by mutation status

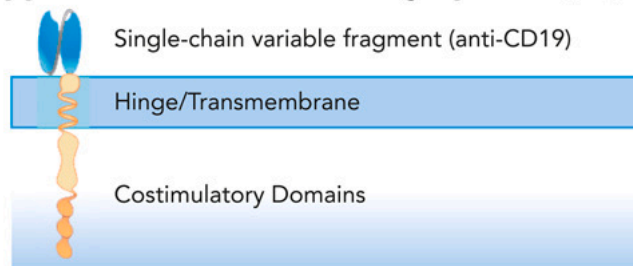


Bispecific Studies in Untreated Follicular Lymphoma

Bispecific	CT.Gov identifier	Design of study	Phase	Additional Agent(s)	Sponsor/Investigator
Mosunetuzumab (M)	NCT05207670	Subq M, Front-Line, low tumor burden FL (+other B-NHL)	2	-	Genentech
	NCT05169658	M +/- Pola + Obin in untreated FL	2	Pola, Obin	U of Washington
	NCT05410418	M + Polatuzumab for FL	2	Pola	Wash U
	NCT05994235	Taz and Mosun in Untreated FL	2	Tazemetostat	Cornell
Epcoritamab (E)	NCT05783609	R+E for First-Line FL	2	Rituximab	DFCI
	NCT06112847	Len+E for Untreated FL	2	Lenalidomide	City of Hope/NCI
	NCT06191744	ER ² vs R ² vs CIT First-Line FL	3	Rituximab, Len	Genmab

Three-year follow-up analysis of axi-cel in R/R indolent NHL (ZUMA-5)

Axi-cel: Autologous anti-CD19 chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T-cell therapy approved for R/R follicular lymphoma (FL)

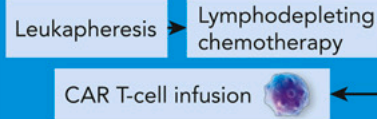


ZUMA-5: Phase 2 study of axi-cel in R/R iNHL

R/R iNHL (N=159)

- FL or marginal zone lymphoma (MZL)
- ≥2 prior lines of therapy

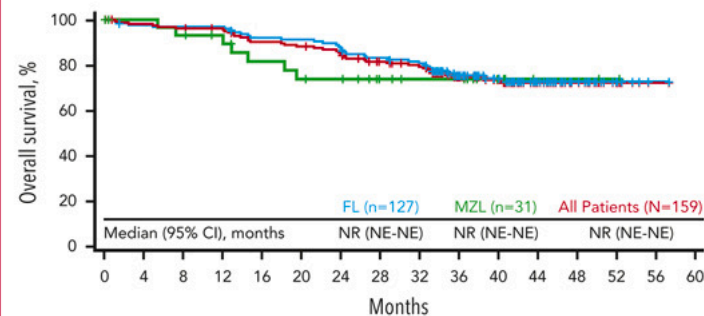
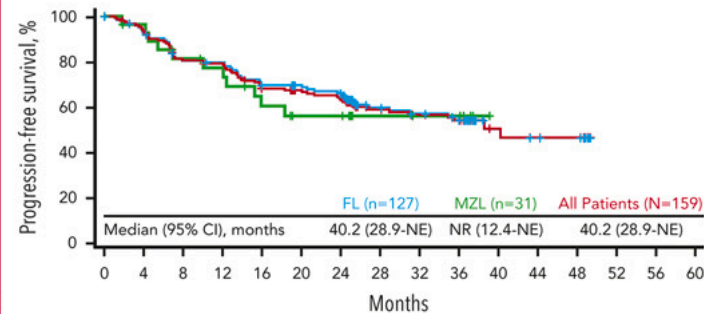
Axi-Cel Treatment



Key Long-Term Endpoints

- DOR, PFS, OS, TTNT
- Lymphoma-specific survival
- Safety
- Outcomes by prior bendamustine exposure and baseline tumor burden

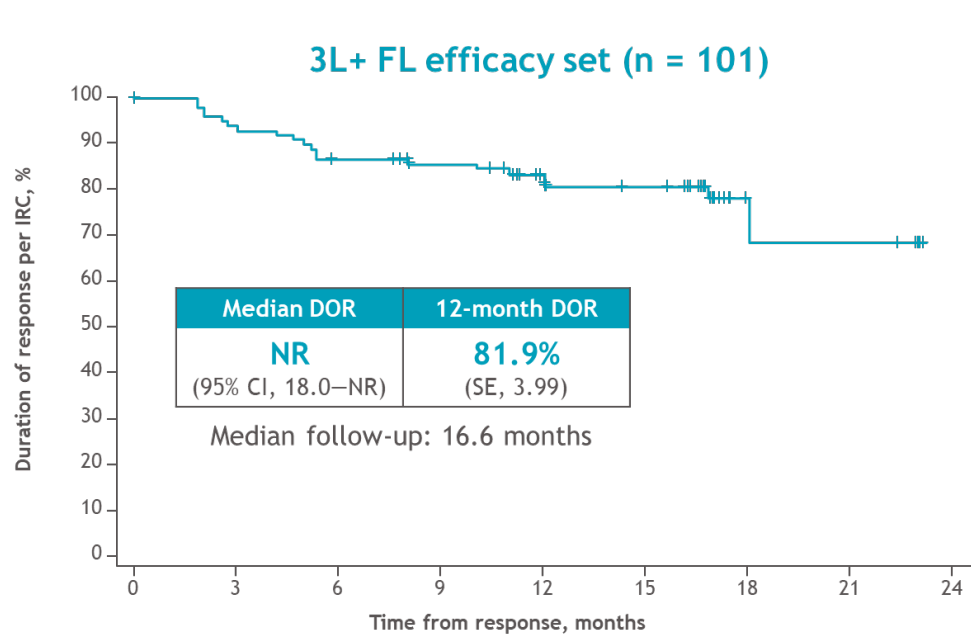
Long-Term Survival Outcomes



ZUMA-5 Outcomes by POD24 Status

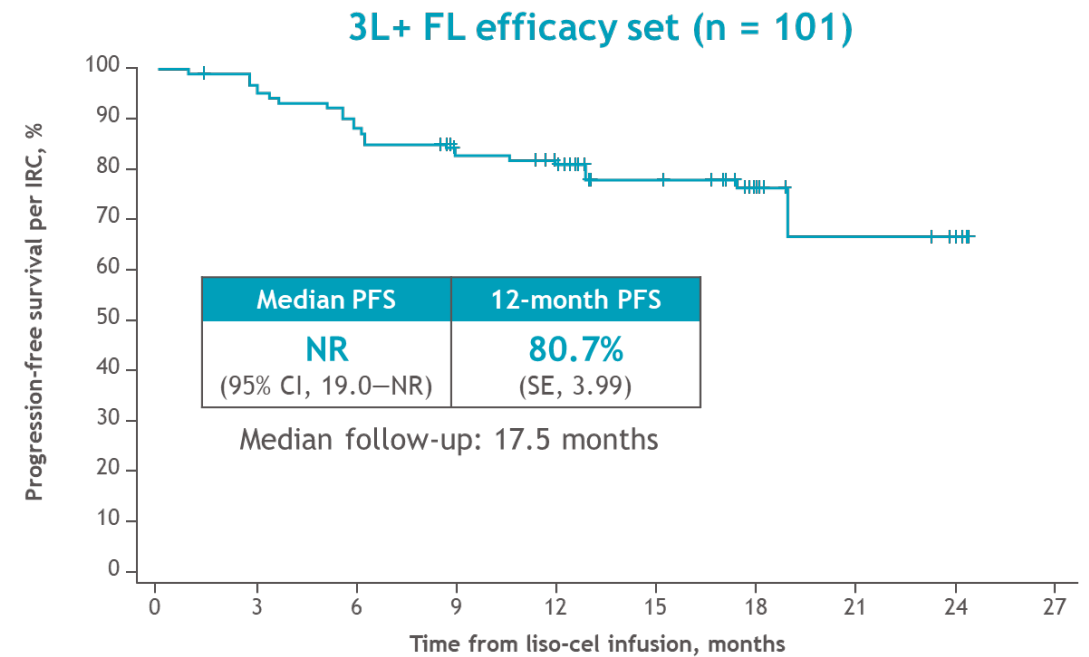
Parameter (95% CI)	Follicular Lymphoma (n=78) ^a	
	With POD24 (n=49)	Without POD24 (n=29)
Median DOR, months	38.6 (14.5–NE)	NR (24.7–NE)
24-month rate, %	61.1 (44.3–74.3)	72.4 (50.2–85.9)
Median PFS, months	39.6 (13.1–NE)	NR (25.7–NE)
24-month rate, %	57.3 (41.2–70.4)	73.0 (51.1–86.2)
Median OS, months	NR (39.6–NE)	NR (NE–NE)
24-month rate, %	77.6 (63.1–86.9)	85.9 (66.7–94.5)

TRANSCEND-FL: DOR and PFS



No. at risk (censored)

3L+ FL	98 (0)	91 (1)	83 (1)	77 (5)	62 (12)	49 (12)	8 (40)	7 (0)	0 (7)
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No. at risk (censored)

3L+ FL	101 (0)	96 (1)	89 (0)	78 (6)	72 (3)	50 (20)	19 (30)	7 (11)	2 (5)	0 (2)
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Treatment As It Could Be Done

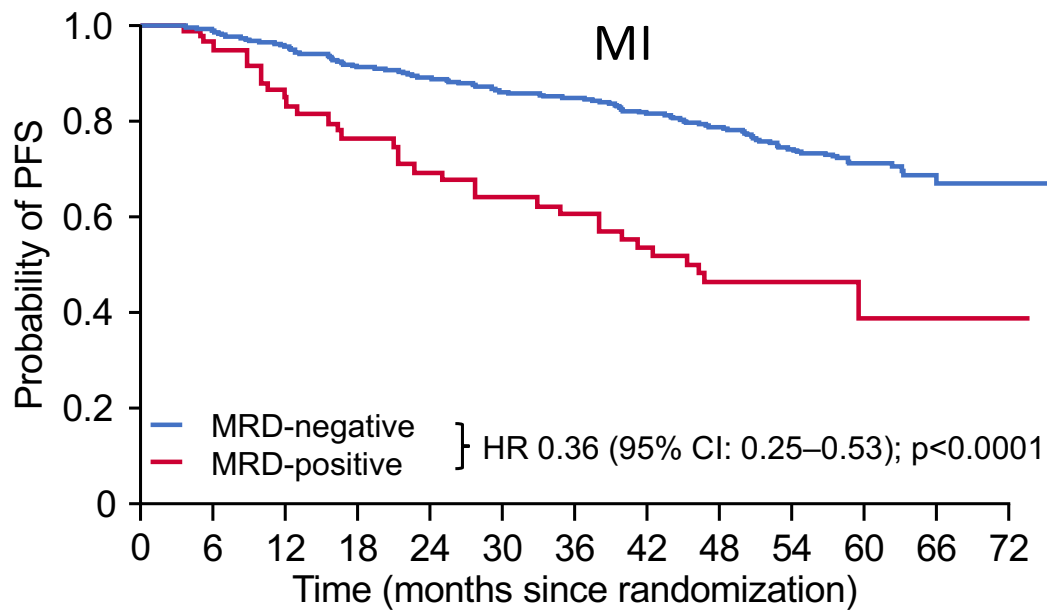
GALLIUM: Response rates at end of induction

	<i>CT (by investigator) % (n); 95% CI</i>	
	<i>R-chemo, n=601</i>	<i>G-chemo, n=601</i>
ORR	86.9% (522); 83.9, 89.5	88.5% (532); 85.7, 91.0
CR	23.8% (143); 20.4, 27.4	19.5% (117); 16.4, 22.9
PR	63.1% (379)	69.1% (415)
SD	1.3% (8)	0.5% (3)
PD	4.0% (24)	2.3% (14)
Not evaluable / missing	3.5% (21) / 4.3% (26)	4.0% (24) / 4.7% (28)

*INV-assessed using the Revised Response Criteria for Malignant Lymphoma (Cheson BD, et al. J Clin Oncol 2007)

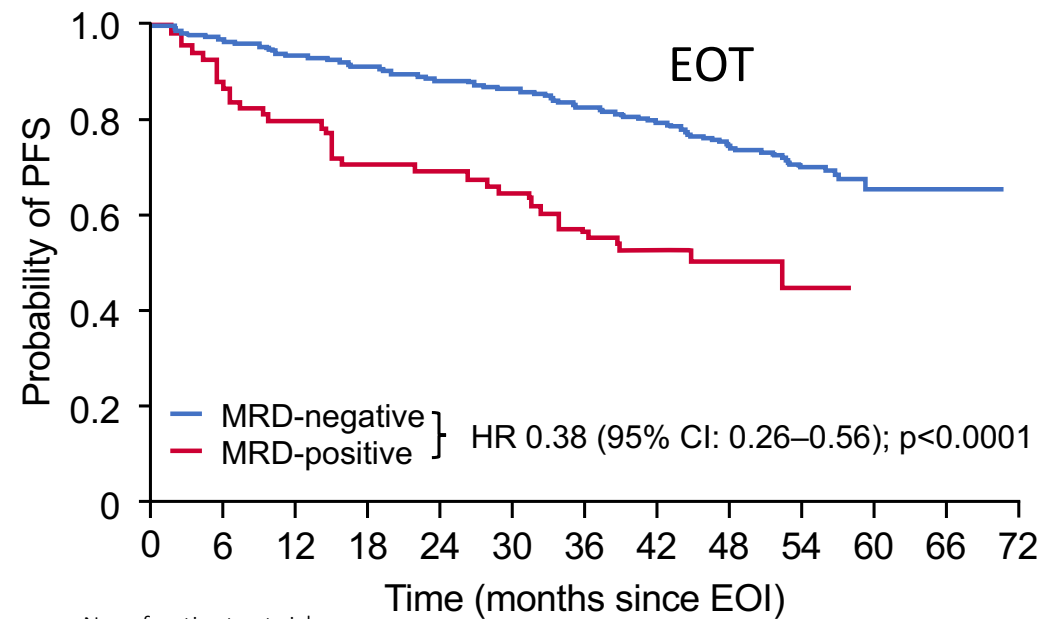
Marcus et al NEJM 377:1331, 2017

PFS by MRD status



No. of patients at risk

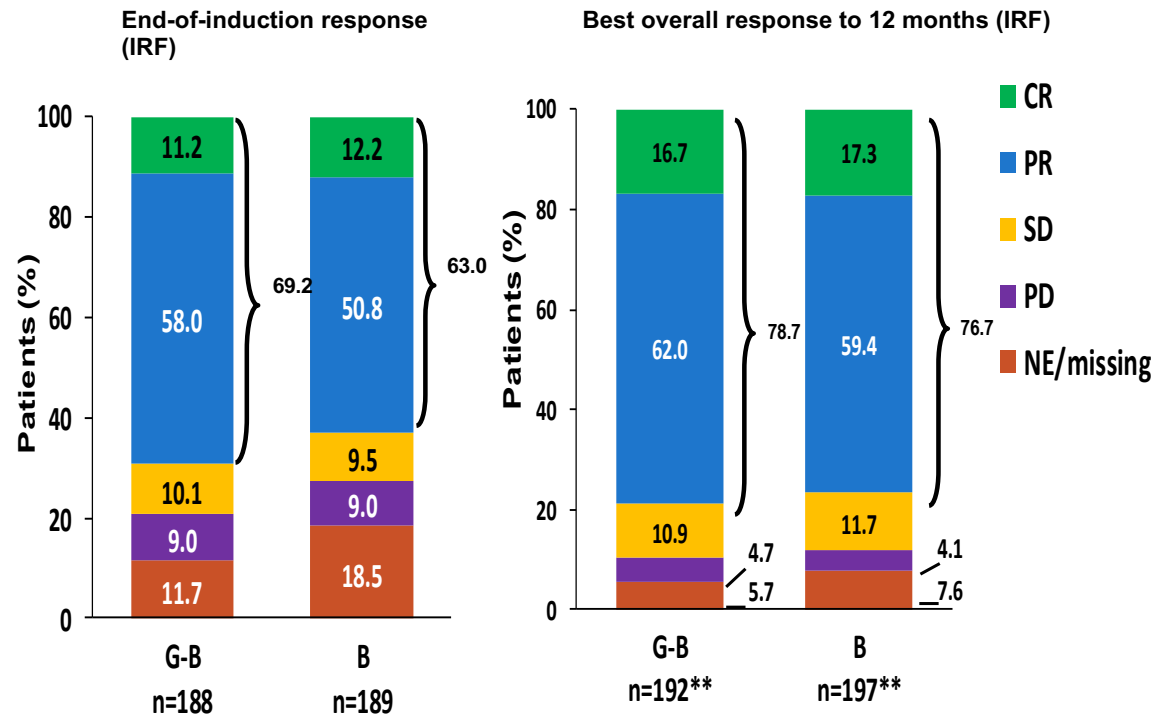
—	626	619	583	545	526	501	484	455	396	262	165	39	15
—	59	57	51	44	39	36	34	30	24	17	5	1	1



No. of patients at risk

—	564	540	512	494	469	452	426	367	230	127	27	12
—	70	60	54	48	47	44	37	33	14	5		

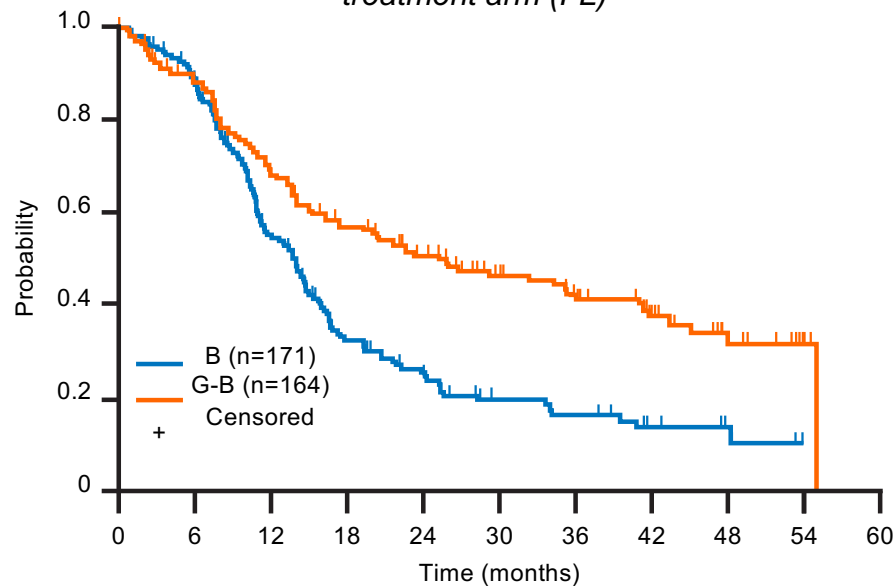
GADOLIN: Response to Therapy



Cheson et al, JCO 36:2259,2018

INV-assessed PFS in the FL population

Kaplan-Meier plot of INV-assessed PFS by treatment arm (FL)



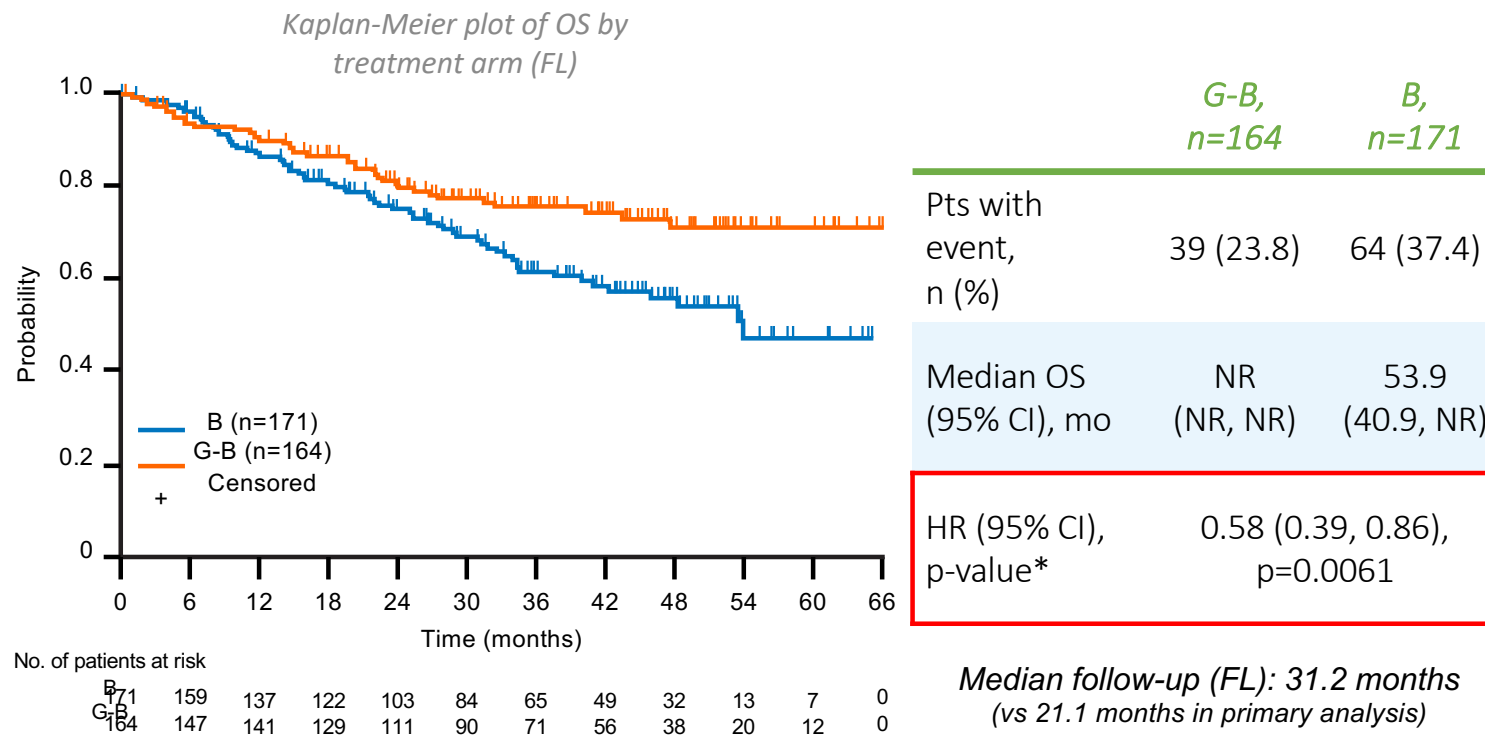
No. of patients at risk		0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60
B	171	141	84	45	32	18	15	9	4	0	0	0
G-B	164	138	107	86	67	49	40	26	15	4	0	0

	G-B, n=164	B, n=171
Pts with event, n (%)	93 (56.7)	125 (73.1)
Median PFS (95% CI), mo	25.3 (17.4, 36.0)	14.0 (11.3, 15.3)
HR (95% CI), p-value*	0.52 (0.39, 0.69), p<0.0001	

Median follow-up (FL): 31.2 months
(vs 21.1 months in primary analysis)

Cheson et al, JCO 36:2259,2018

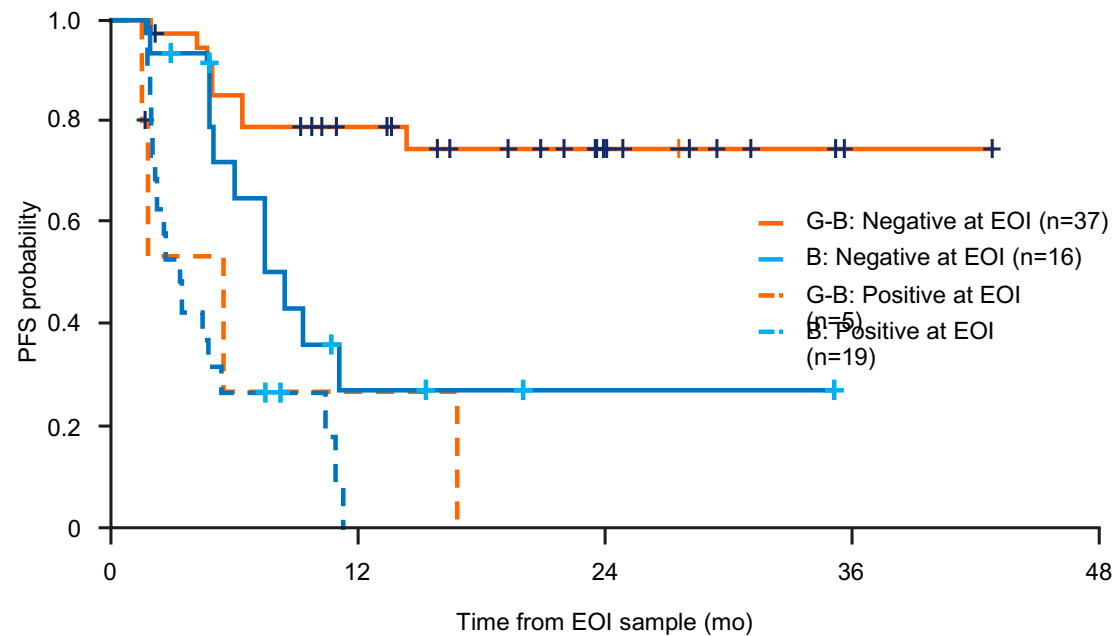
OS in the FL population



Cheson et al, JCO 36:2259,2018

MRD status at EOI and association with PFS in the FL population¹

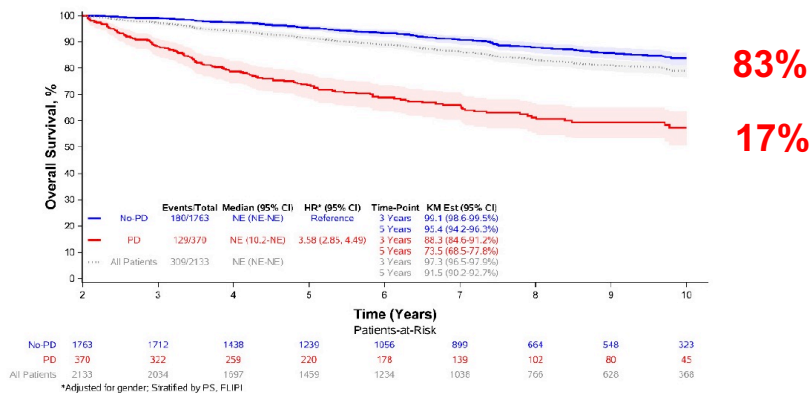
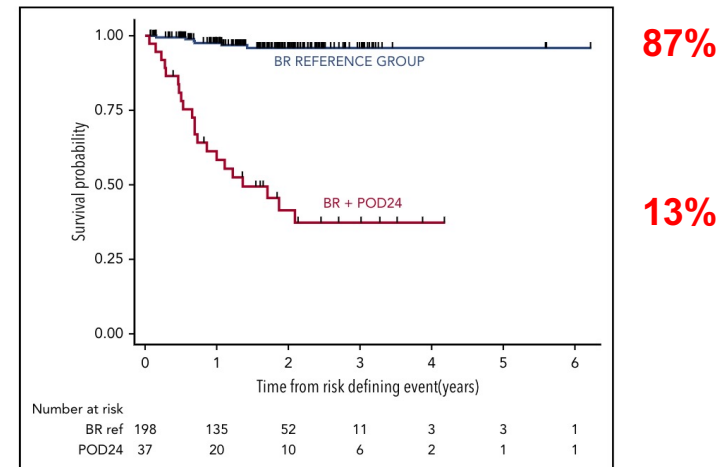
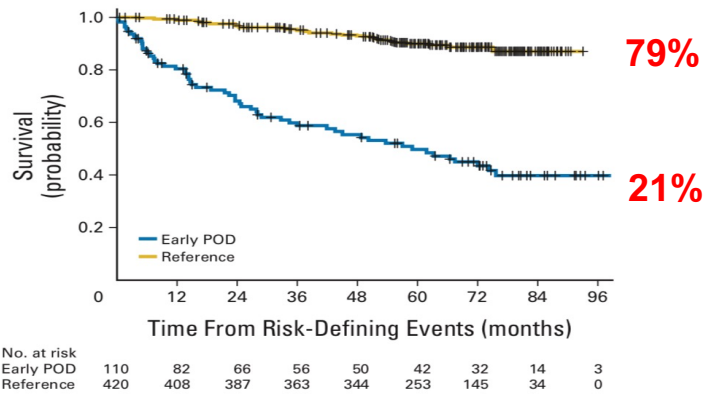
Kaplan-Meier plot of PFS by MRD status at EOI and by treatment arm in the FL population



• 1. Pott C, et al. Blood 2015;126:3978

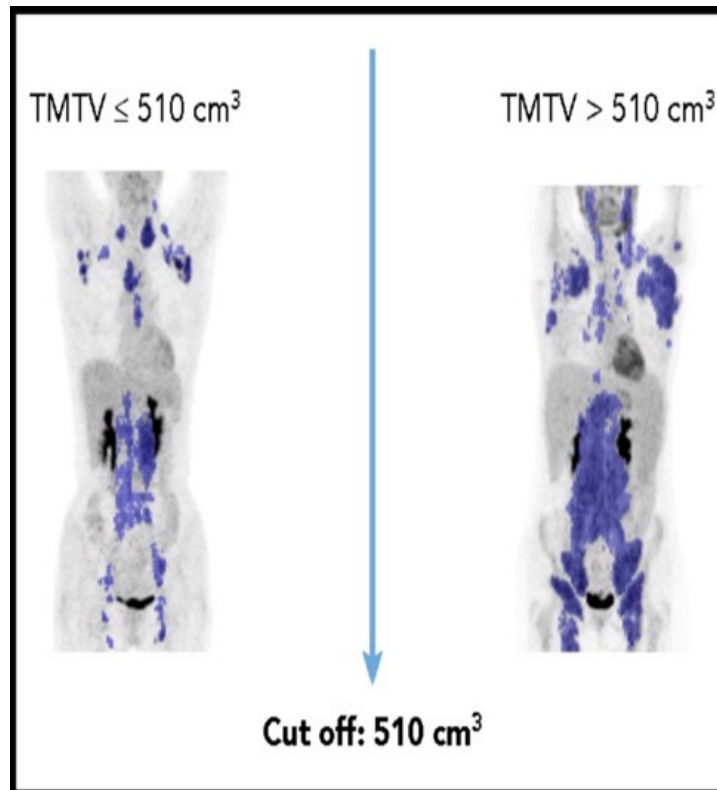
Treatment As It Will Be Done

Early Relapsing FL after Chemoimmunotherapy Identifies Patients with Inferior Overall Survival



Casulo et al JCO 2015;33:2516; Casulo et al Blood 2022; 139:1684; Freeman et al Blood 2019;134:761

Macroscopic tumor burden on PET scan

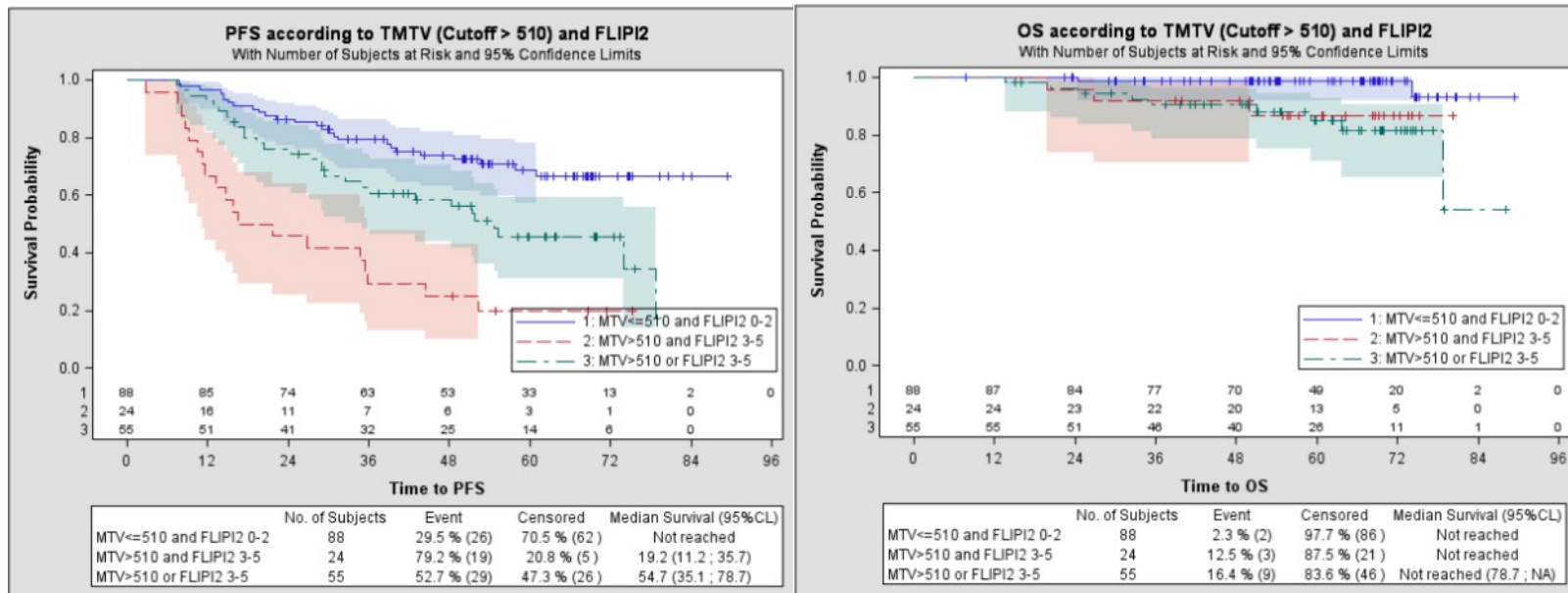


TMTV : Total metabolic tumor volume

TMTV = sum total of all metabolically active lesions.

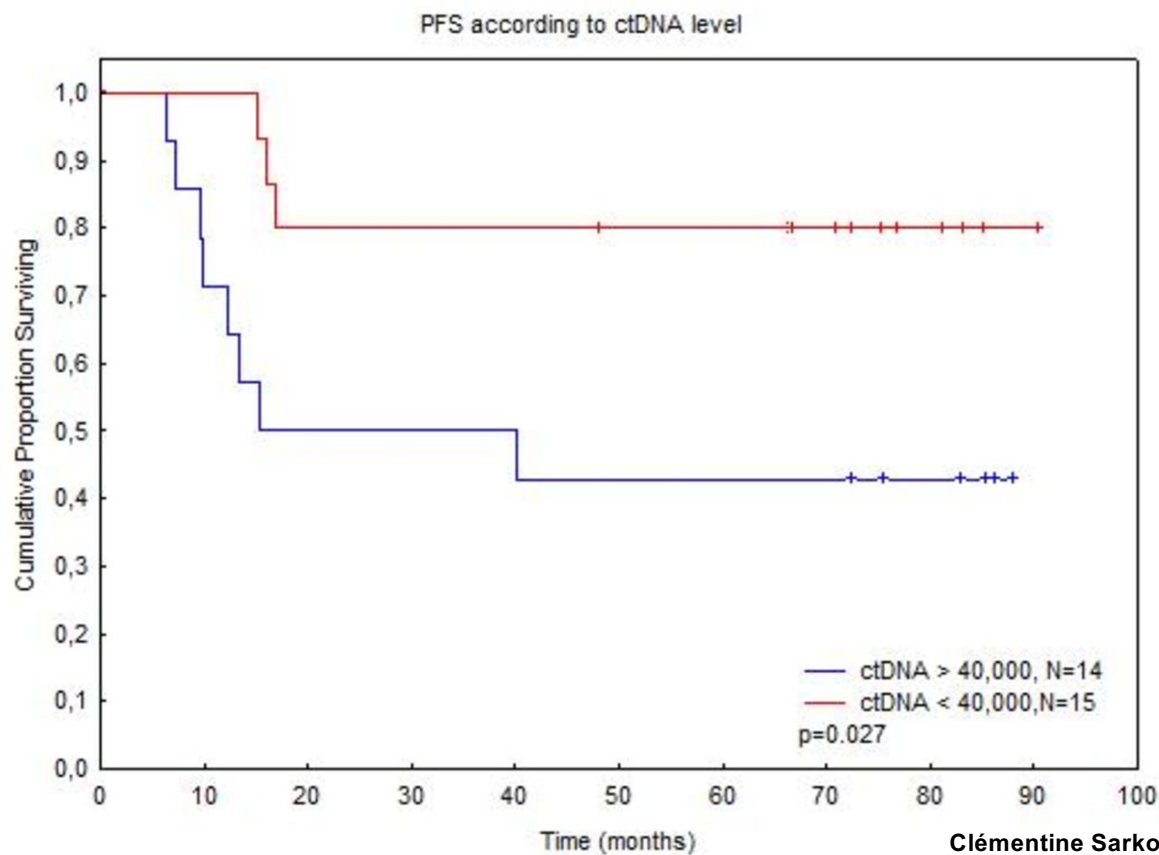
Courtesy, Michel Meignan

Pre-Treatment TMTV in FL



Meignan et al, JCO, 34:3618, 2016

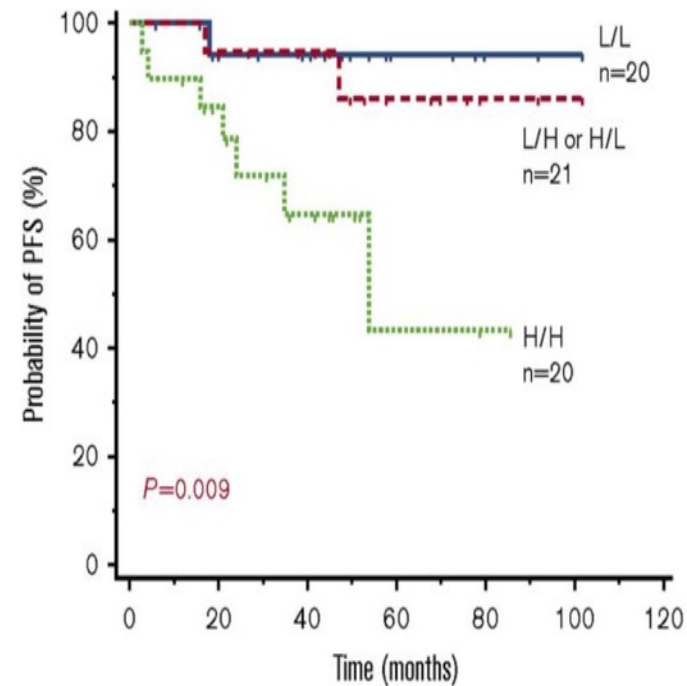
PFS of FL according to the level of pre-tx circulating tumor DNA (Clonoseq)



Clémentine Sarkozy et al. Blood 2015;126:2675

Pretreatment TMTV + ctDNA

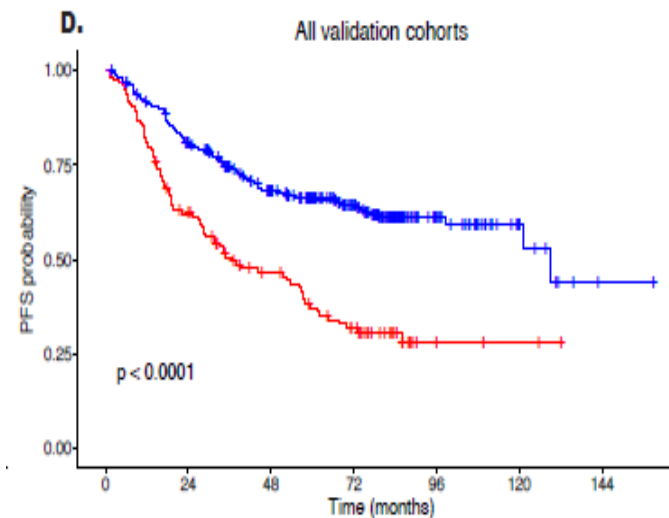
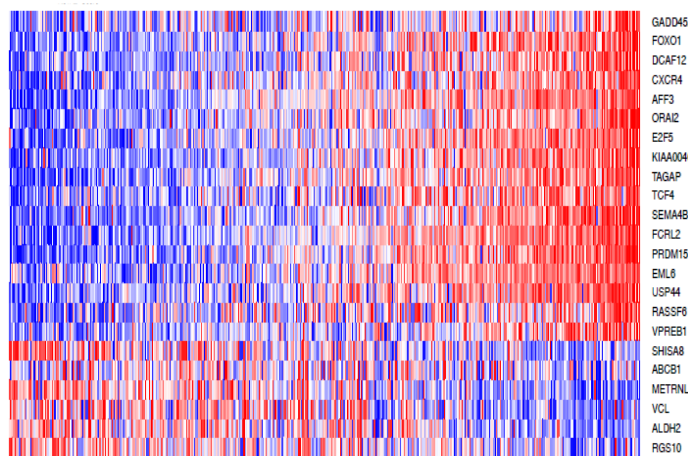
- Tumor burden assessment in two clinical cohorts with FL diagnosed between 2007 and 2014.
- High TMTV defined as TMTV > 510cm³
- High ctDNA defined as >2550 Eqg/mL (equivalent genome per milliliter)
- L/L versus H/H 4 year PFS 96% vs 73%.



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To better personalize treatments in pts with follicular lymphoma, we need to better characterize upfront those with a high risk of treatment failure:

- new clinical index based on b2M and BM (Bachy et al., ASH 2018 abstr 413)
- GEP biological stratification using a simple digital expression test



- (Huet et al., Lancet Oncology, 19:549, 2018)

Conclusions

- Treatment the way we do it now - *Empiric*
- Treatment as we could do it now – *Reactive*
 - Posttreatment PET-CT
 - Interim MRD
 - Posttreatment MRD +/- PET
- Treatment as it will be done – *Proactive*
 - Pretreatment patient/tumor biology
 - Adaptive approach
 - Novel agents in lieu of CIT (where available)
 - Increase the *cure* of follicular lymphoma