

# Follicular Lymphomas Workshop

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**NEW AGENTS: Golcadomide (CC-99282)**

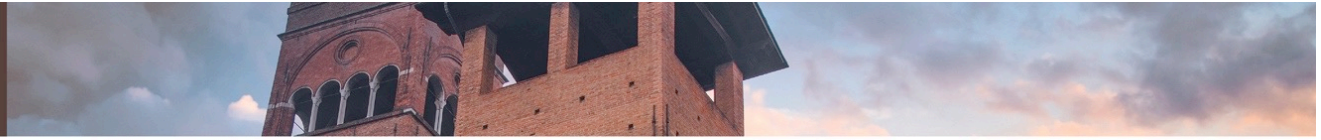
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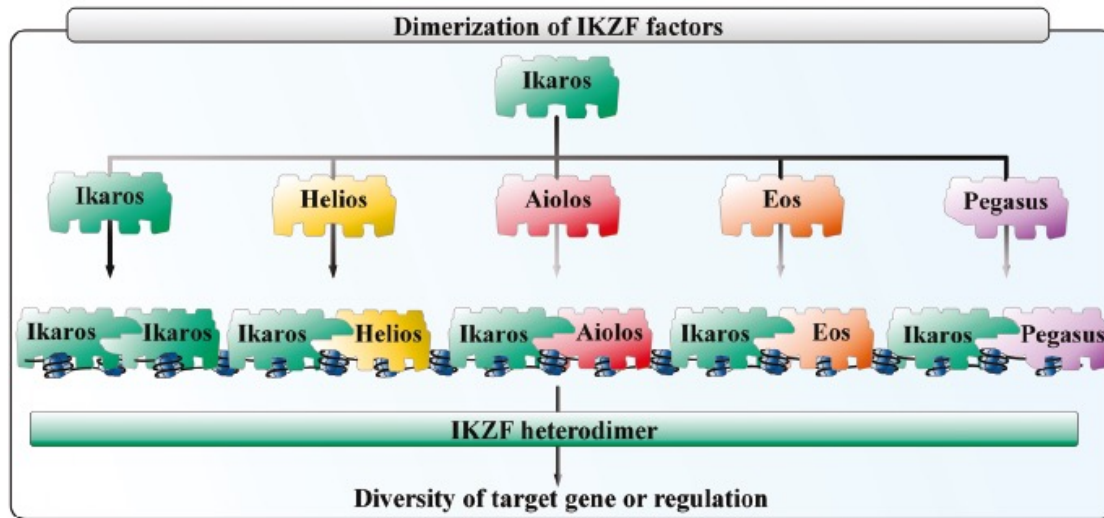
## Background on follicular lymphoma

- Follicular lymphoma (FL) is the most common indolent lymphoma entity<sup>1</sup>
- FL is a chronic disease whose evolution is punctuated by several phases of treatment with few perspectives of curative treatment intent to date<sup>2</sup>
- Standard first-line treatment is based for more than 20 years on immunochemotherapy (R-CHOP or R-CVP or R-BENDA) with toxicities related mainly to chemotherapy<sup>2</sup>
- Relapses or refractory FL can be difficult to treat, particularly in cases of resistance to immuno-chemotherapy or early relapse (POD24)<sup>3</sup>

➔ *Better understanding the sources of the disease and the search for new therapeutic targets is important to consider to optimize therapies and/or new intent into curative perspectives.*

# AIOLOS (IKZF3) a transcription factor targetable in B-cell lymphoma

## AIOLOS & IKAROS family members<sup>1</sup>



## AIOLOS functions<sup>2,3</sup>

**Lymphopoïèse regulation**  
T cell – B cell différenciation

**Immune system**  
Immune defenses  
Gammaglobulins

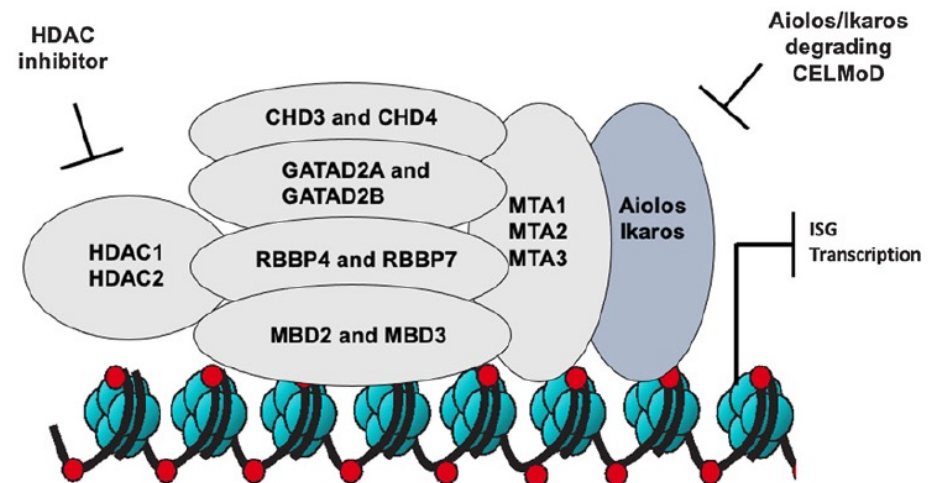
**Mature lymphocyte modulation**  
Modulate gene expression  
Modulate chromatine state (PRC2 and NuRD complexes)

**Human diseases**  
Leukemia  
Immune deficiency (CIVD)  
Lymphoma  
Autoimmune diseases

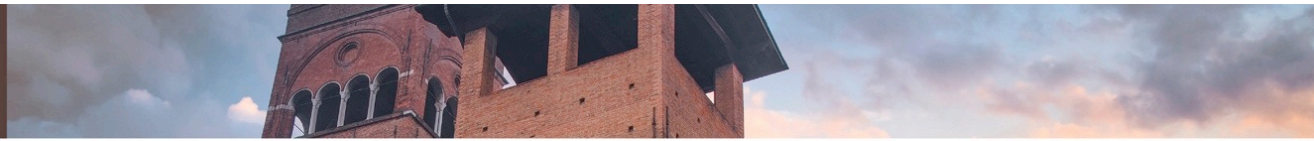
## AIOLOS (IKZF3), transcription factor targetable in B-cell lymphoma

- IKAROS family members are widely involved in **B-ALL leukemia with driver mutations**
- **Not mutated in mature lymphomas**, not considered as a driver event.
- The driver genetic events in lymphoma (BCL6, PAX5, and EZH2<sup>1</sup>) could be **under the control of transcription factors such as AIOLOS / IKAROS<sup>1,2</sup>**
- In preclinical lymphoma cell lines, AIOLOS/IKAROS cooperate in **transcriptional repressor NuRD complex** (nucleosome remodeling and deacetylase)<sup>2</sup>

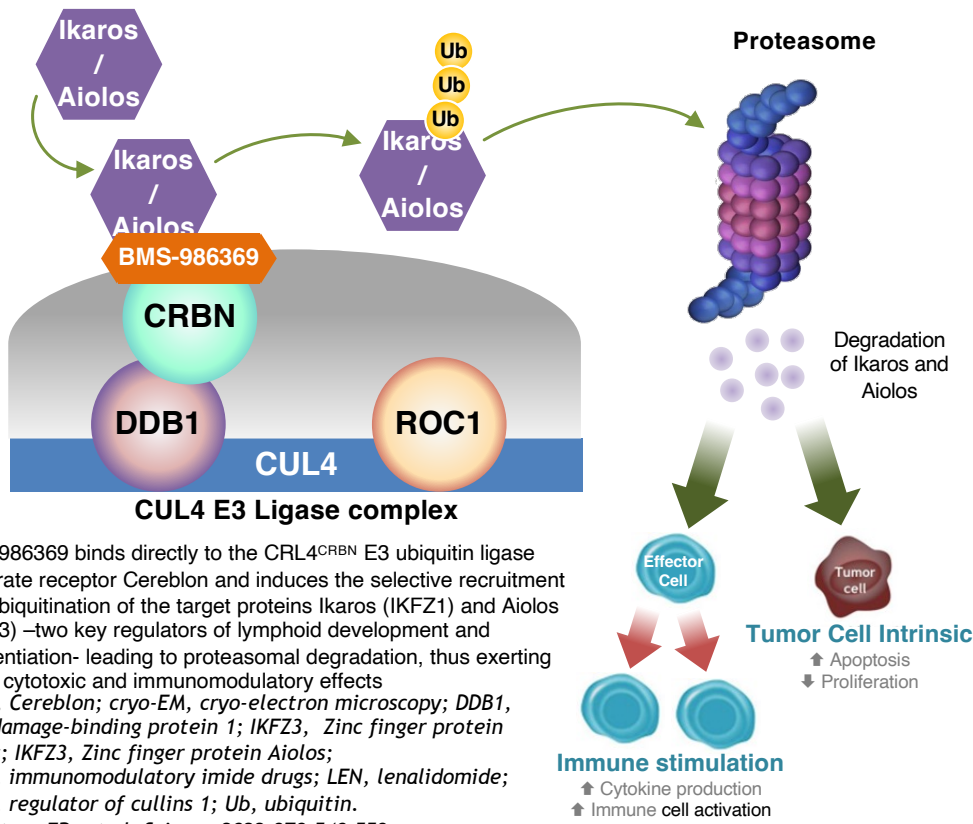
Model of avadomide and HDAC1/2 inhibition of NuRD complex transcriptional repression to upregulate expression of ISGs<sup>2</sup>



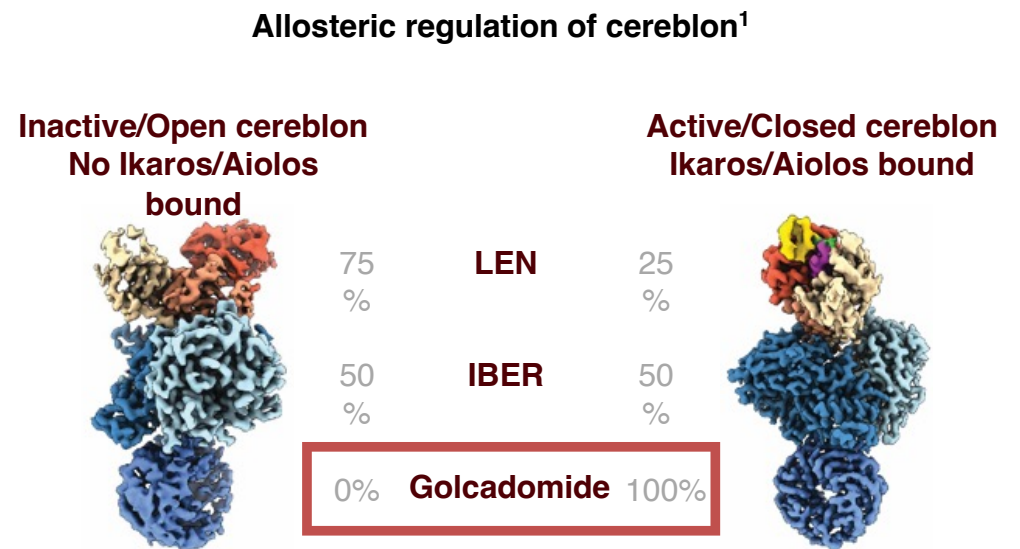
ISG= interferon-stimulated genes



# Golcadomide (CC-99282) is a potent first-in-class lymphoma Cereblon E3 ligase modulator (CELMoD®) with pleotropic MoA



BMS-986369 binds directly to the CRL4<sup>CRBN</sup> E3 ubiquitin ligase substrate receptor Cereblon and induces the selective recruitment and ubiquitination of the target proteins Ikaros (IKFZ1) and Aiolos (IKFZ3) –two key regulators of lymphoid development and differentiation- leading to proteasomal degradation, thus exerting direct cytotoxic and immunomodulatory effects  
 CRBN, Cereblon; cryo-EM, cryo-electron microscopy; DDB1, DNA damage-binding protein 1; IKFZ3, Zinc finger protein Ikaros; IKFZ3, Zinc finger protein Aiolos; IMiDs, immunomodulatory imide drugs; LEN, lenalidomide; ROC1, regulator of cullins 1; Ub, ubiquitin.  
 1. Watson ER, et al. Science 2022;378:549-553



- Recent cryo-EM data indicates that the cereblon complex has both an *open, inactive state* and a *closed, active state* and that IMiDs and CELMoDs drive the closed conformation<sup>1</sup>
- Due to the unique binding modes of BMS-986369 it is more efficient than LEN at driving the closed conformation,<sup>1</sup> leading to deeper and more rapid degradation of Ikaros/Aiolos

## CC-99282-NHL-001 (NCT03930953) is a multicenter, phase 1, open-label, dose-finding, first-in-human study evaluating CC-99282 in patients with R/R NHL

### Population



R/R DLBCL or FL after  $\geq 2$  LOT or DLBCL after  $\geq 1$  LOT + unfit for transplant

### Primary objective



Safety, tolerability, MTD/RP2D

### Secondary objective

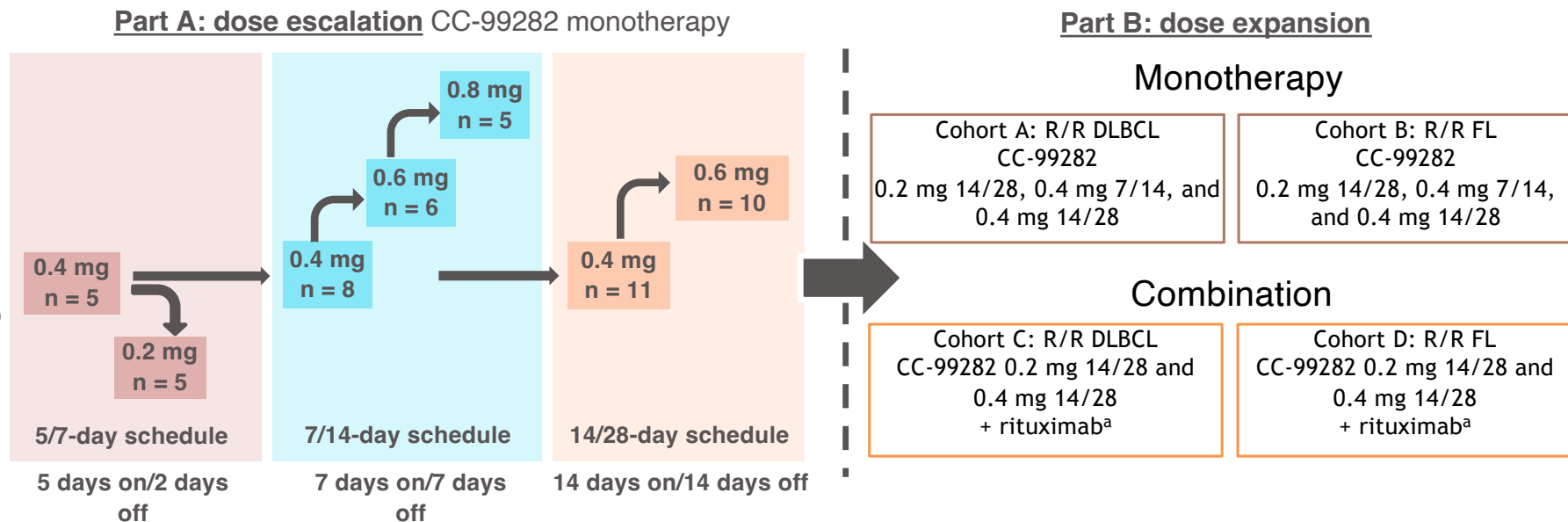


PK, preliminary efficacy

### Exploratory objective

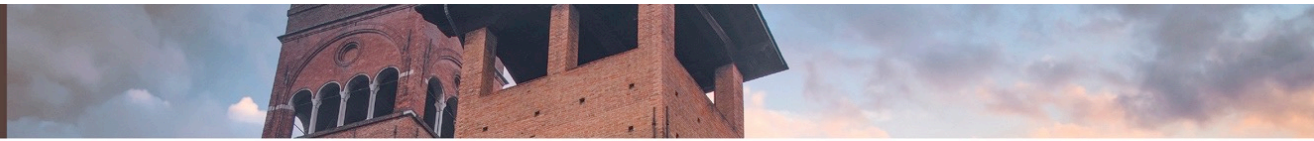
Pharmacodynamics

Duration of treatment is up to 2 years



<sup>a</sup>Rituximab dosing was 375 mg/m<sup>2</sup> on Days 1, 8, 15, and 22 of Cycle 1, and Day 1 of Cycles 2-5.

DLBCL, diffuse large B-cell lymphoma; FL, follicular lymphoma; LOT, line of therapy; MTD, maximum tolerated dose; NHL, non-Hodgkin lymphoma; PK, pharmacokinetics; R/R, relapsed or refractory; RP2D, recommended phase 2 dose.



Baseline characteristics of patients enrolled in part A (CC-99282-NHL-001 study)

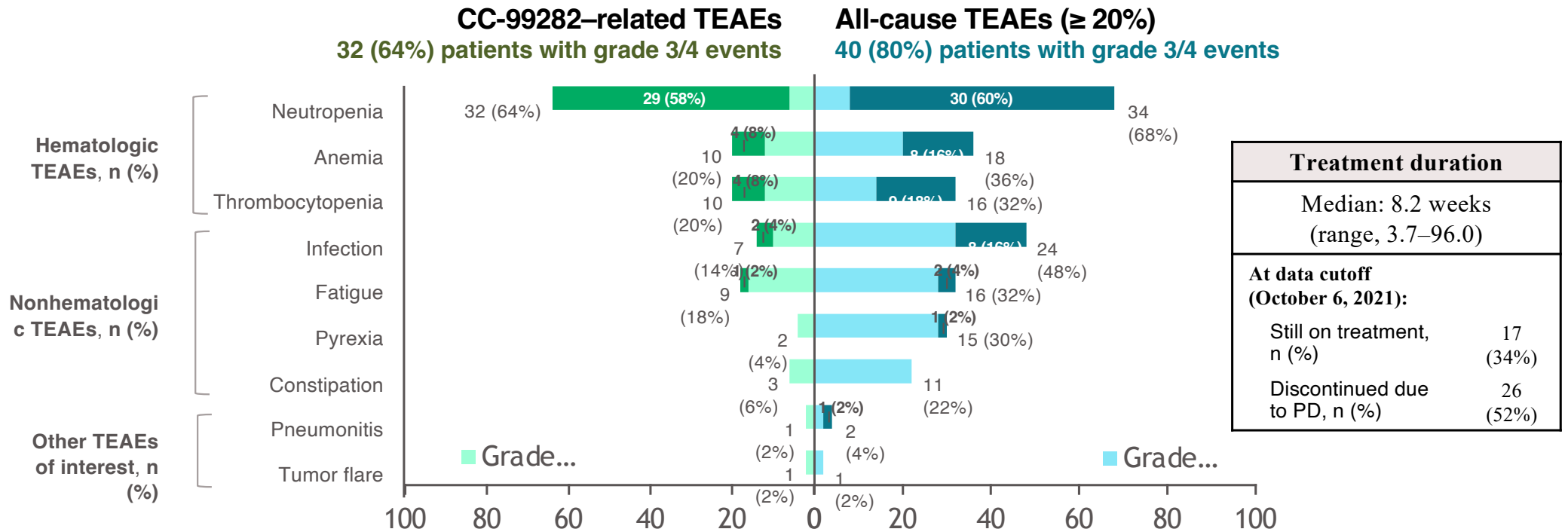
Characteristic		All patients (N = 50)
Age, years, median (range)		65.5 (35–89)
Sex, male, n (%)		29 (58)
Diagnosis, n (%)	DLBCL	38 (76)
	NOS	22 (44)
	Double-hit or triple-hit positive <sup>a</sup>	7 (14)
	Transformed	16 (32)
	FL (grade I to grade IIIB)	12 (24)
Time from initial diagnosis to first dose, months, median (range)	DLBCL	22.5 (4.5–94.5)
	FL	71.8 (22.5–135.9)
ECOG performance status score, n (%)	0	21 (42)
	1	25 (50)
	2	4 (8)
Stage IV cancer at diagnosis, n (%)		29 (58)
Treatment history	No. of prior lines of therapy, median (range)	3 (1–8)
	Prior stem cell transplant, n (%)	10 (20)
	Prior CAR T-cell therapy, n (%)	14 (28)
	Prior lenalidomide/avadomide treatment, n (%)	11 (22)
	Refractory <sup>b</sup> to last regimen, n (%)	25 (50)

Data cutoff: October 6, 2021.

<sup>a</sup>Double-hit was defined as positive for MYC + BCL2 or MYC + BCL6, and triple-hit as positive for MYC + BCL2 + BCL6. <sup>b</sup>Refractory was defined as never having achieved an objective response (eg, stable or progressive disease) to prior lines of therapy; patients with short (< 6-month duration) responses to last therapy are not included in this definition. CAR, chimeric antigen receptor; DLBCL, diffuse large B-cell lymphoma; FL, follicular lymphoma; NOS, not otherwise specified.

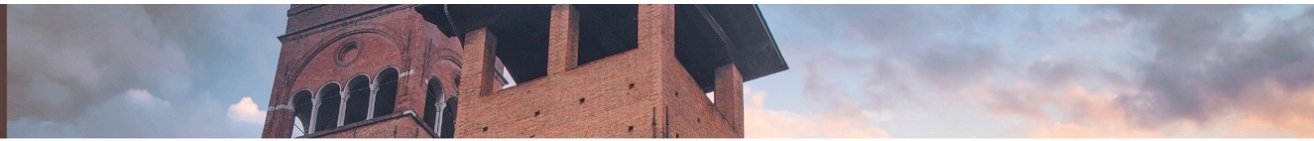


# Common ( $\geq 20\%$ all-cause) TEAEs and other TEAEs of interest<sup>a</sup>



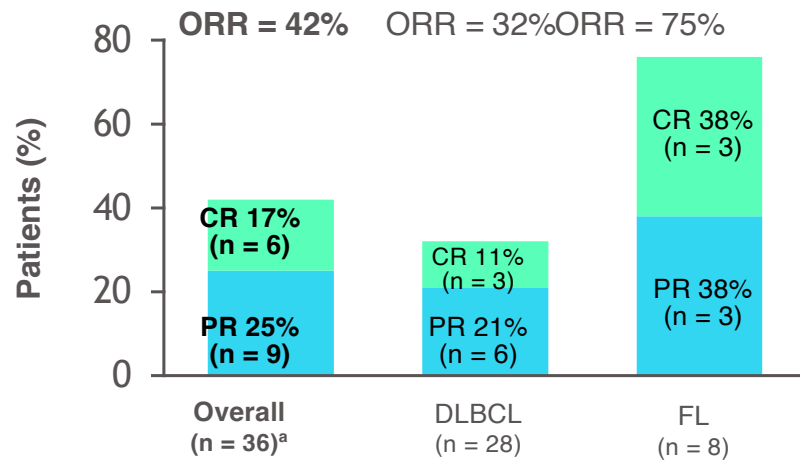
- Neutropenia, a class effect of CELMoD agents, was manageable with dose modifications and G-CSF support (31 [62%] patients)
- No patients permanently discontinued treatment with CC-99282 due to neutropenia

<sup>a</sup>Safety population. No instances of cytokine release syndrome were observed. CELMoD, cereblon E3 ligase modulator; G-CSF, granulocyte colony-stimulating factor; PD, progressive disease; TEAE, treatment-emergent adverse event.



# Promising activity of CC-99282 monotherapy in heavily pretreated patients with R/R NHL

## Overall response by tumor type (≥ 0.4 mg CC-99282)

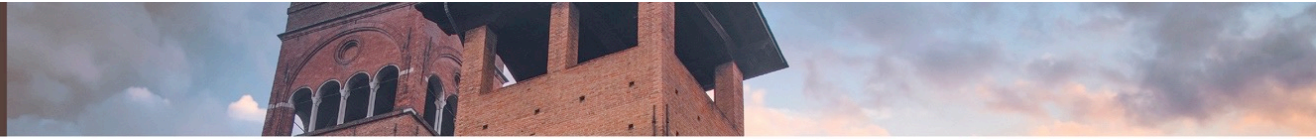


## Response at 0.4 mg (the dose of interest) in dosing schedules of interest

Response	7/14 days (n = 8)	14/28 days (n = 11)
PR + CR	38% (n = 3)	45% (n = 5)
CR	25% (n = 2)	36% (n = 4)

- Patients showing objective responses to CC-99282 monotherapy included some patients who had progressed on or after prior treatment with cellular therapy and/or IMiD/CELMoD agents

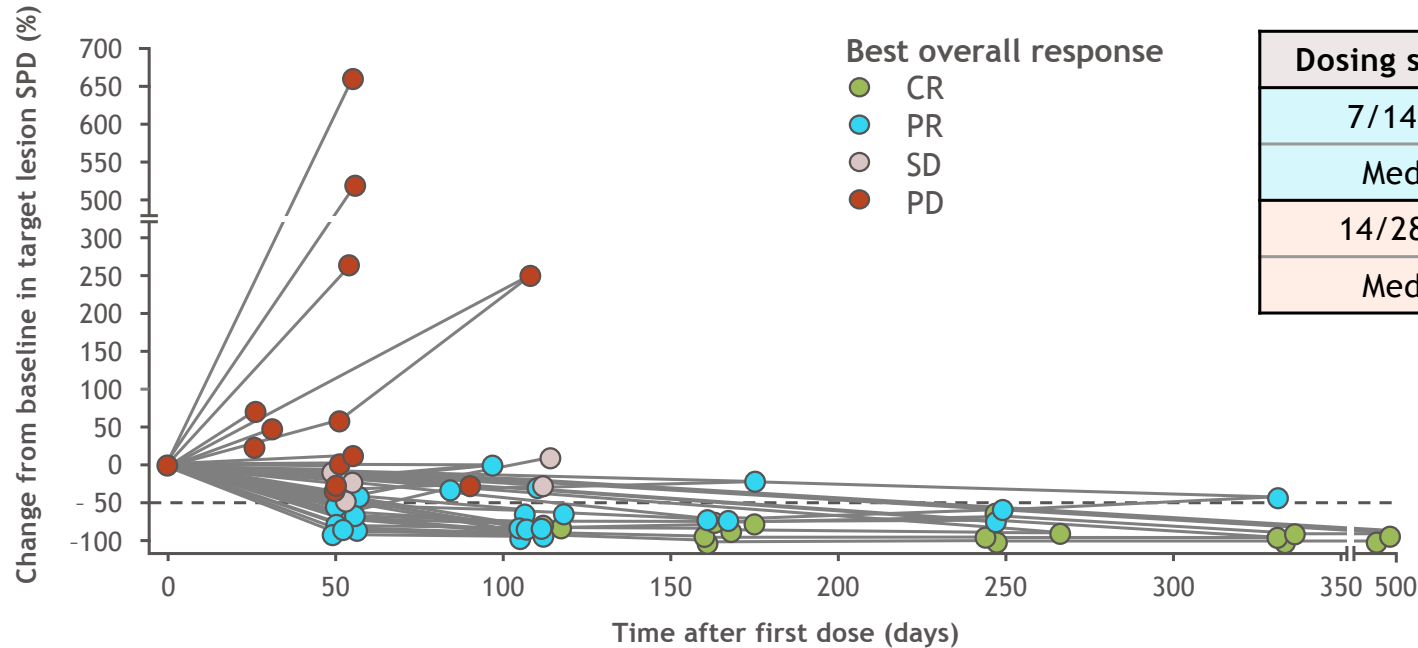
<sup>a</sup>Three patients treated with 0.6 mg on the 14/28 days schedule and 1 patient with 0.6 mg on the 7/14 days schedule had no post-baseline assessments and were ongoing as of the data cutoff date and are not included in the efficacy summary. CELMoD, cereblon E3 ligase modulator; CR, complete response; DLBCL, diffuse large B-cell lymphoma; FL, follicular lymphoma; IMiD, immunomodulatory drug; NHL, non-Hodgkin lymphoma; ORR, overall response rate; PR, partial response; R/R, relapsed or refractory.



# Depth of response over time in patients treated with CC-99282 monotherapy

- Median time to response was 53 days (range, 50–107)<sup>a</sup>

Change in SPD of target lesions over time



Dosing schedule	Median DOR (range) <sup>a</sup>
7/14 days	239 days (48-587)
Median follow-up: 247 (21-690) days	
14/28 days	112 days (63-414)
Median follow-up: 121 (22-464) days	

<sup>a</sup>Based on the time to response observed (not censored) values for responders; patients who did not respond were not included in this calculation. CR, complete response; DOR, duration of response; PR, partial response; SD, stable disease; SPD, sum of product of diameters.

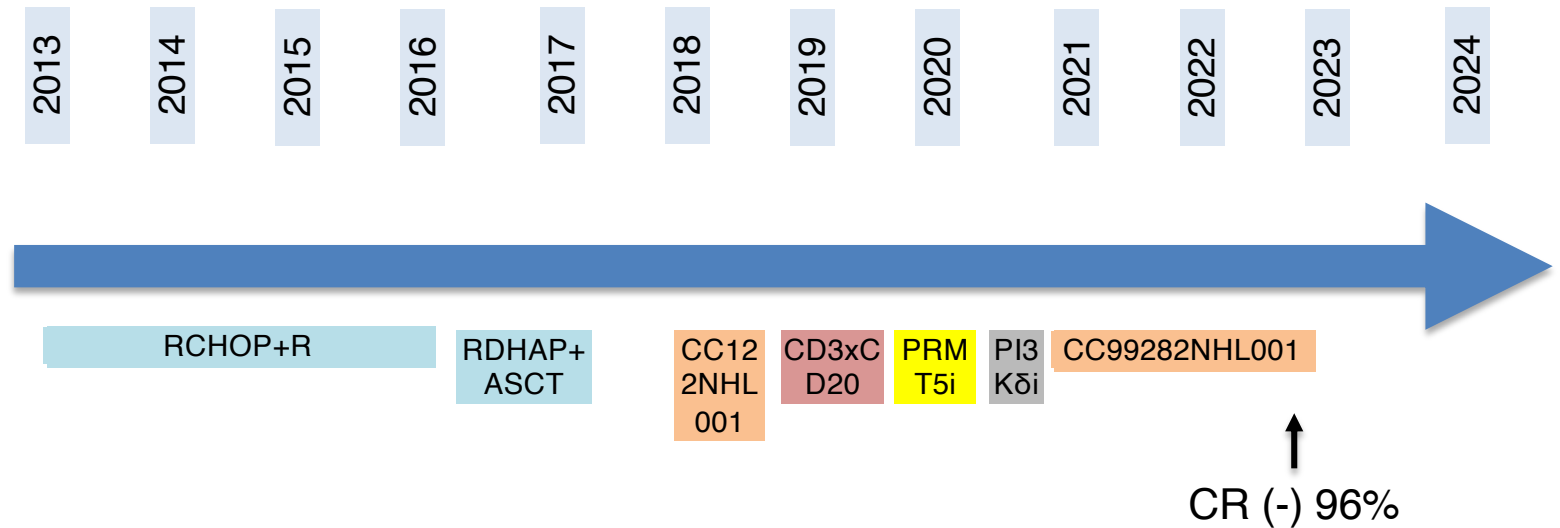
## Case study picture

### Clinical summary:

- Man 49 y/o
- FL
- G1 WHO
- AA stage IV

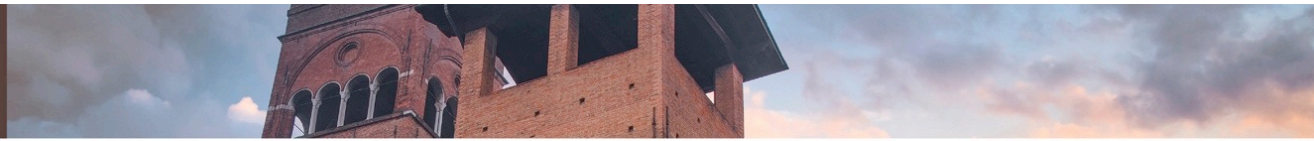
### Molecular profile (tumor sample) mut:

- CREBBP/KAT3A
- BCL2
- KMT2D/MLL2
- GNA13
- EP300
- MEF2B



## Conclusion

- The transcription factor AIOLOS continues to represent a new therapeutic target in B-NHL including FL
- Golcadomide by targeting AIOLOS produces meaningful antitumor efficacy (update data to see at EHA meeting) in B-NHL.
- The tolerance profile of GOLCADOMIDE is acceptable and as expected mainly neutropenia
- Several combination therapeutic trials are underway with golcadomide for B-NHL, in particular agents targeting EZH2 and bispecific CD20xCD3.



## Golcadomide for NHL - ongoing Studies

### CC-99282-NHL-001

NCT03930953

- Phase 1/2
- R/R DLBCL and R/R FL
- Monotherapy and in combination with other anti-lymphoma agents

Enrolling

### CC-220-DLBCL-001

NCT04884035

- Phase 1
- 1L DLBCL
- Combination with R-CHOP or Pola-R-CHP

Enrolling

### NCT05169515

- Phase 1
- R/R DLBCL and R/R FL
- Combination with mosunetuzumab or glofitamab

Enrolling

### NCT05283720

- Phase 2
- R/R DLBCL and R/R FL
- Combination with epcoritamab

Enrolling

### NCT06356129

- Phase 3 registrational
- 1L High-Risk LBCL
- Combination with R-CHOP vs R-CHOP

Initiating 1H 2024

### CA073-1022

- Phase 2
- 1L FL
- Combination with rituximab vs rituximab + chemotherapy

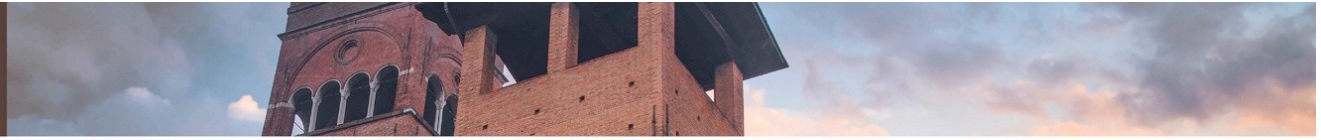
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### NCT06035497

- Phase 1/2 (Phase 2 registrational)
- R/R ATL and R/R PTCL, Japan only
- Monotherapy

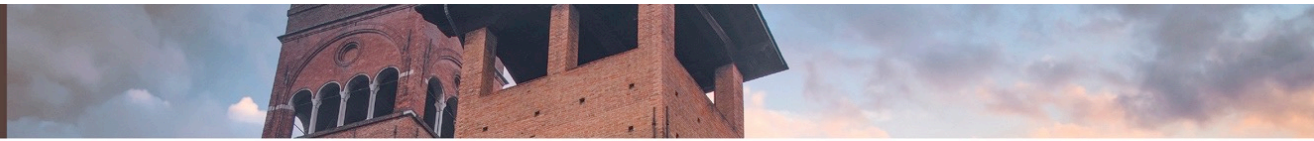
Phase 1 enrolling

1L, first line; DLBCL, diffuse large B-cell lymphoma; FL, follicular lymphoma; NHL, non-Hodgkin lymphoma; ATL, adult T cell lymphoma, PTCL, peripheral T cell lymphoma, Pola-RCHP, polatuzumab vedotin, rituximab, cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin and prednisone; R-CHOP, rituximab, cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin, vincristine, and prednisone; R/R, relapsed/refractory



## Perspectives to treat B-NHL with chemo free regimens

- Continue the work of understanding the protein targets and transcription factors to be targeted in lymphoma.
- Targeted AIOLOS by protein degraders could represent an ideal booster or synergic effect with BCR-signalling immunotherapy and/or EZH2 inhibitors.
- Select one of the best combinations for the FL which could be based on the CD20/19 axis + AIOLOS axis + EPIDRUG (EZH2) triplet.
- Seek new treatment objectives beyond improving the endpoints of therapies, by considering the curative intent for FL with new combinations.



# Perspectives to treat B-NHL with chemo free regimens

## Cooperations and synergistic antitumoral effect of AIOLoS degraders + Epigenetic drugs in lymphoma - *Preclinical results*

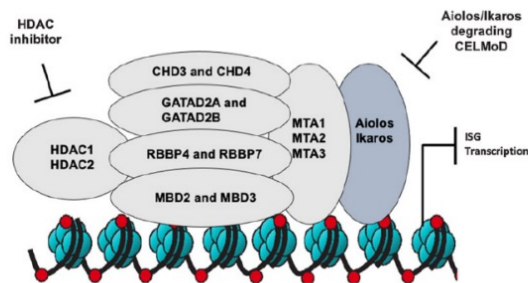
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### Interactome of Aiolos/Ikaros Reveals Combination Rationale of Cereblon Modulators with HDAC Inhibitors in DLBCL

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**Figure 6.** Model of evadomide and HDAC/2 inhibition of NuRD complex transcriptional repression to upregulate expression of ISGs. Multipronged approach to inhibition of the NuRD complex through CELMoD-mediated degradation of Aiolos and Ikaros in combination with HDAC/2 inhibitor, resulting in increased ISG transcription and synergistic antiproliferative activity in DLBCL cells.

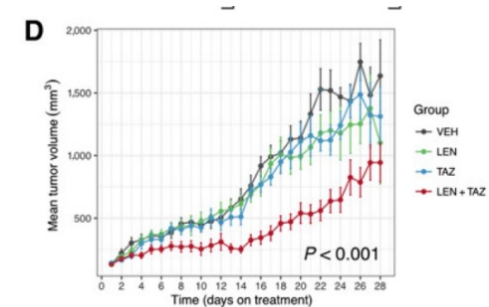
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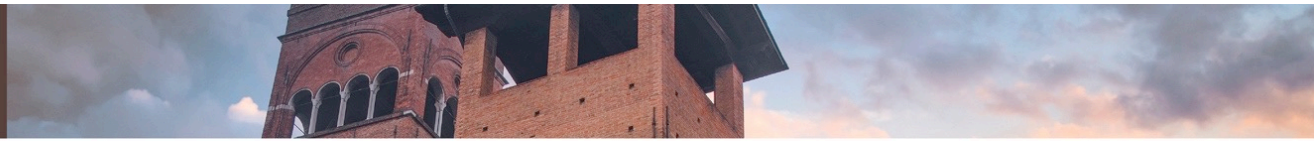


### Combined EZH2 Inhibition and IKAROS Degradation Leads to Enhanced Antitumor Activity in Diffuse Large B-cell Lymphoma

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# Perspectives to treat B-NHL with chemo free regimens

## We need

- Multi-drug regimens
- Mutli-class regimens
- With synergy
- With tolerability

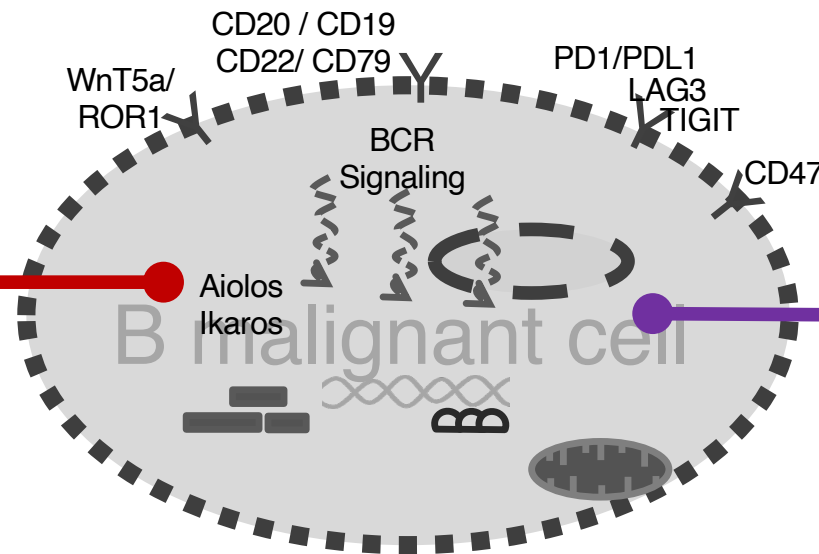
## 1/ BCR signaling immunotherapies

MoAb      ADC      Bispe      CART

E.G. TRIPLET chemofree regimens to treat FL

## 2/ Targeting protein degraders

IMiDs, CELMOD



## 3/ Molecular targeted therapies or Epidrugs

EZH2 inh, BET inh, KMT2D inh, BTK inh, PI3K inh, MALT1 inh, Cell cycle inh, CDK9 inh

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