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***La terapia con anti BCL2 “un target trasversale”
nei linfomi***

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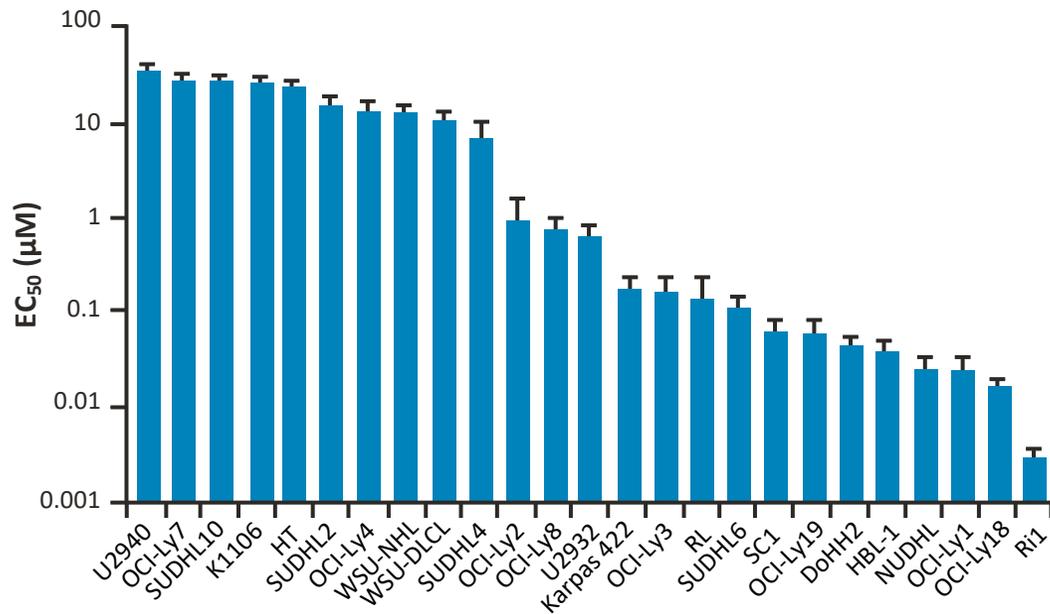
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Venetoclax Demonstrates Single-Agent Activity and Synergy with Other Agents: Preclinical DLBCL and FL Data

Venetoclax has demonstrated single-agent cell-killing activity against DLBCL and FL cell lines¹

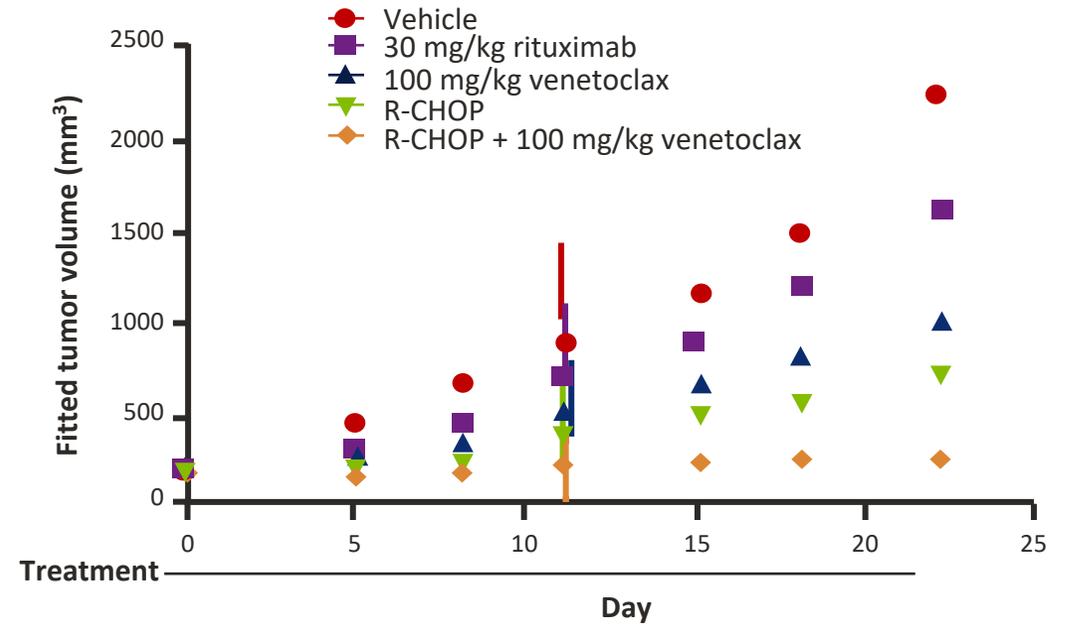
Viability of 25 NHL (DLBCL or FL) cell lines after incubation with increasing concentrations of venetoclax for 48 hours*



Souers AJ, et al. *Nat Med* 2013; 19:202–208 (incl. suppl.);

Venetoclax demonstrated increased efficacy *in vivo* when combined with R-CHOP in a DLBCL xenograft model²

Reduction in tumor volume in animals treated with the combination of venetoclax + R-CHOP or each regimen alone



Zelenetz AD, et al. *Blood* 2019; 133:1964–1976 (incl. suppl.).

Phase I First-in-Human Study of Venetoclax in Patients With Relapsed or Refractory Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma

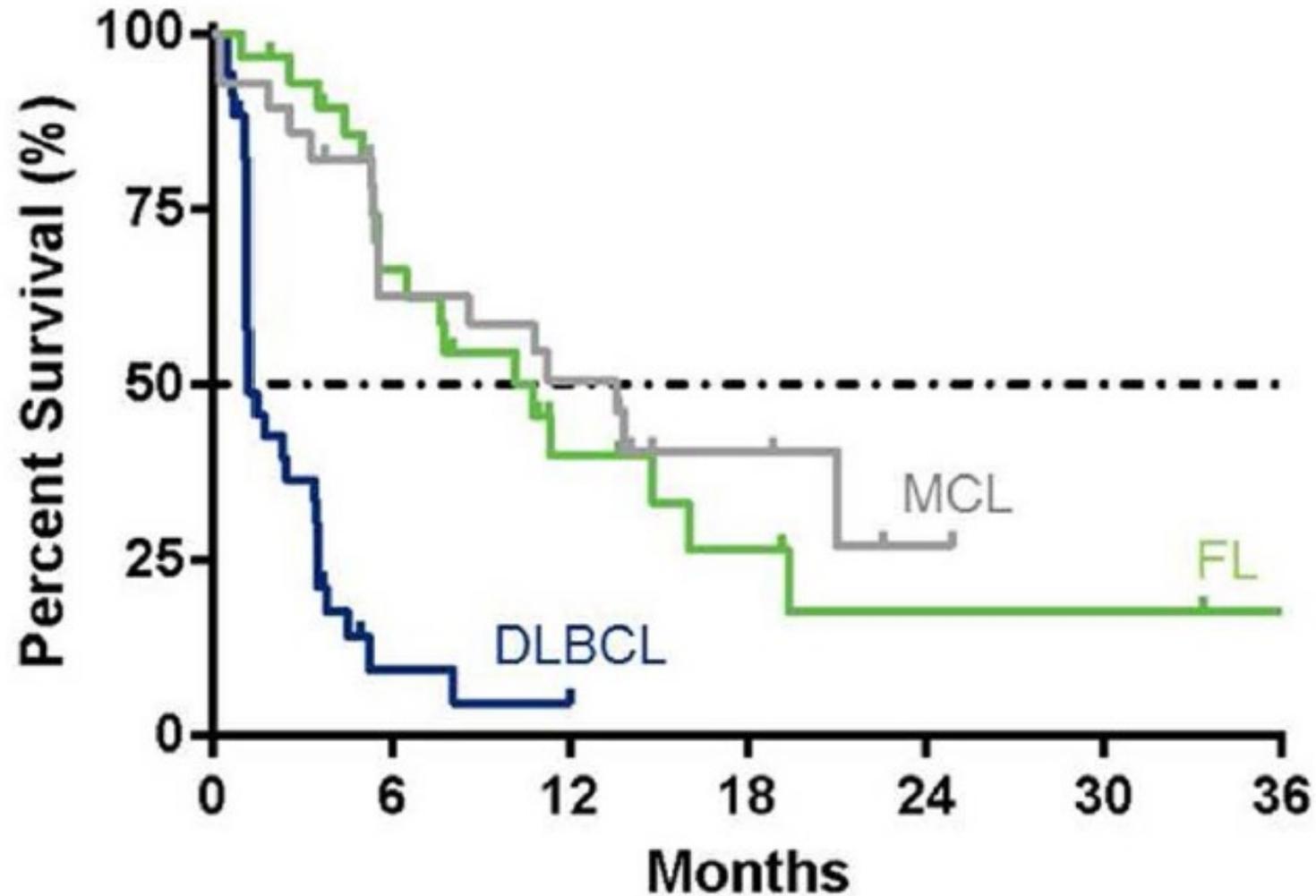
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Characteristic, n (%)		All N=106	MCL n=28	FL n=29	DLBCL n=41 ^a	Other ^b n=8
Age, years	Median (range)	66 (25–86)	72 (35–85)	64 (46–75)	67 (25–86)	63 (56–73)
Prior therapies	Median (range)	3 (1–10)	3 (1–7)	3 (1–10)	3 (1–8)	4 (2–6)
	Rituximab-refractory	33 (31)	8 (29)	8 (28)	16 (39)	1 (33)
Bulky nodes	>5 cm	49 (48)	16 (59)	8 (29)	22 (54)	3 (38)
	>10 cm	14 (14)	3 (11)	2 (7)	8 (20)	1 (13)
LDH	> Upper Limit of Normal	45 (44)	7 (27)	10 (35)	27 (68)	1 (13)

Best responses by histology (intention to treat)

Best Response	All Pts 106 (%)	MCL (28)	FL (29)	DLBCL (41)	WM (4)	MZL (3)
ORR	47 (44)	21 (75)	11 (38)	6 (18)	4 (100)	2 (67)
CR	14 (13)	6 (21)	4 (14)	4 (12)	0	0
PR	33 (31)	15 (54)	7 (28)	2 (6)	4 (100)	2 (67)
SD	32 (30)	5 (18)	17 (59)	8 (24)	0	0
PD	24 (23)	2 (7)	1 (3)	19 (56)	0	1 (33)

Progression free survival by histology



Gercitano et al., JCO 2017

Phase 1 study: treatment adverse events

All Grade AEs (in ≥ 15% patients), n (%)	N=106
Any AE	103 (97)
Nausea	51 (48)
Diarrhea	47 (44)
Fatigue	43 (41)
Decreased appetite	22 (21)
Vomiting	22 (21)
Anemia	19 (18)
Constipation	19 (18)
Headache	19 (18)
Neutropenia	19 (18)
Cough	18 (17)
Back pain	17 (16)
Upper respiratory tract infection	16 (15)

Grade 3/4 AEs (in ≥ 5% patients), n (%)	N=106
Any Grade 3/4 AE	57 (54)
Anemia	17 (16)
Neutropenia	13 (12)
Thrombocytopenia	10 (9)
Fatigue	6 (6)

Serious Adverse Events (in ≥ 2 patients), n (%)	N=106
Any SAE	35 (33)
Diarrhea	3 (3)
Hyponatremia	3 (3)
Influenza	3 (3)

* Two TLS (1 MCL 200 mg), no clinical sequelae

Gerecitano et al., JCO 2017

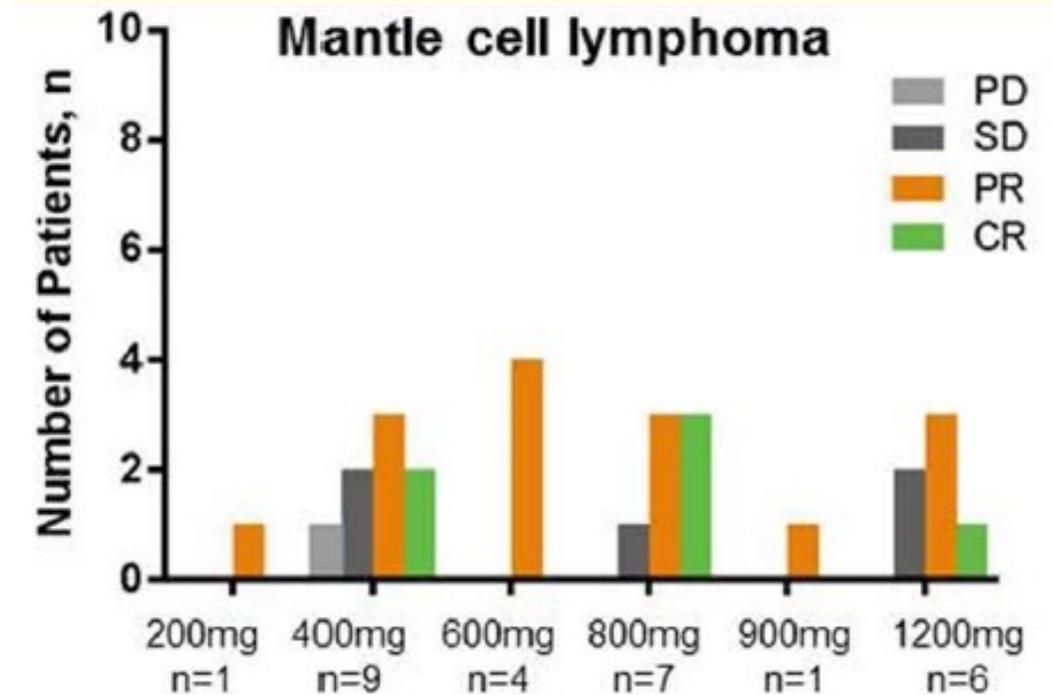
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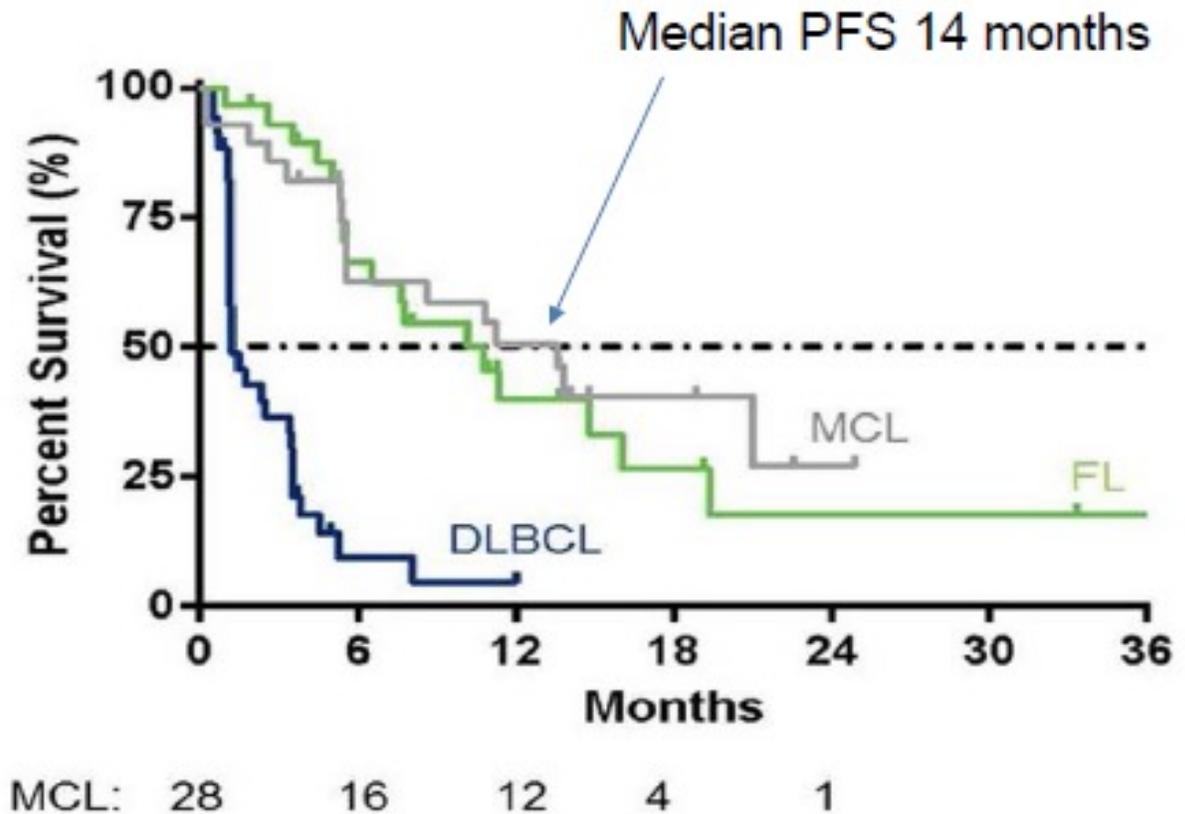
Objective response in MCL

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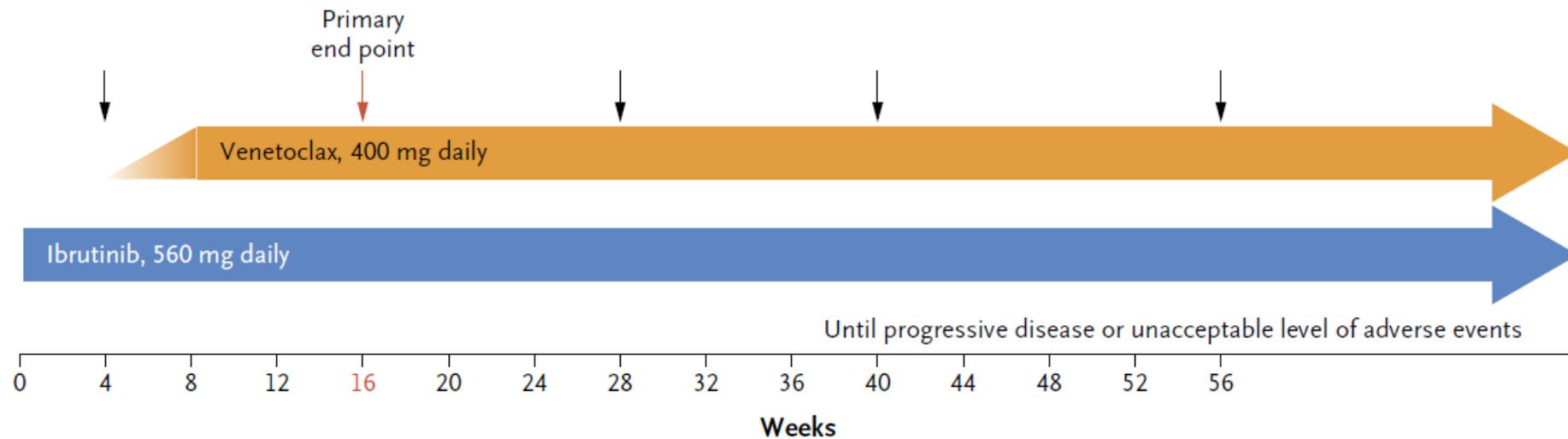
MCL: response to Venetoclax monotherapy and PFS

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Characteristic	24 pts	Value
Median age (range) — yr		68 (47–81)
Sex — no. (%)		
Female		3 (12)
Male		21 (88)
Previous treatment for mantle-cell lymphoma — no. (%)		
Yes		23 (96)
No†		1 (4)
No. of previous therapies among patients who had received therapy — median (range)‡		2 (1–6)
Previous therapy — no./total no. (%)‡		
Autologous transplantation		7/23 (30)
Rituximab		23/23 (100)
Anthracycline		21/23 (91)
High-dose cytarabine		11/23 (48)
Bendamustine		4/23 (17)
Blastic or pleomorphic mantle-cell lymphoma — no./total no. (%)		1/21 (5)
Ki-67 ≥30% — no./total no. (%)		9/21 (43)
TP53 status — no. (%)		
Mutated with deletion		4 (17)
Mutated without deletion		7 (29)
Deletion without mutation		1 (4)

Tam CS et al, NEJM 2018

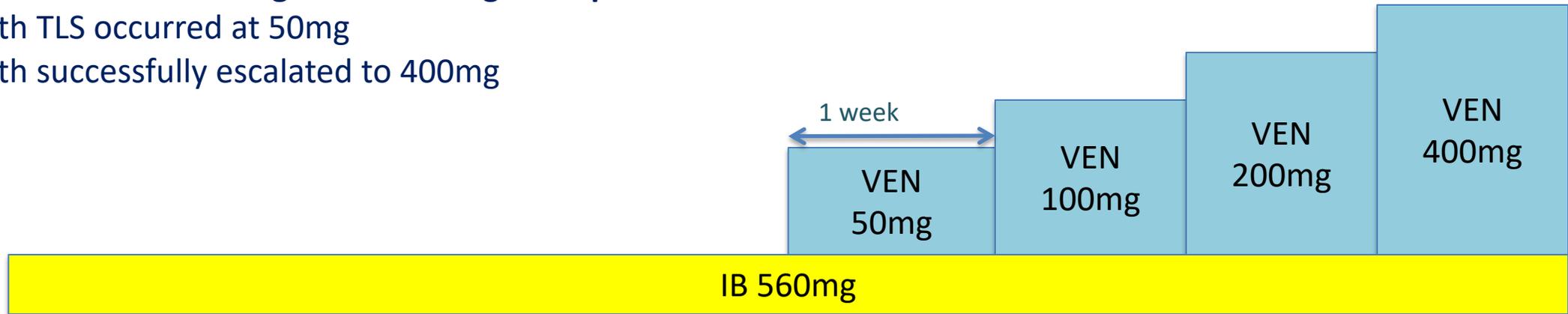
Tumour Lysis Syndrome

N = 16 treated using initial schedule

2 cases of TLS* among 4 baseline high-risk patients

Both TLS occurred at 50mg

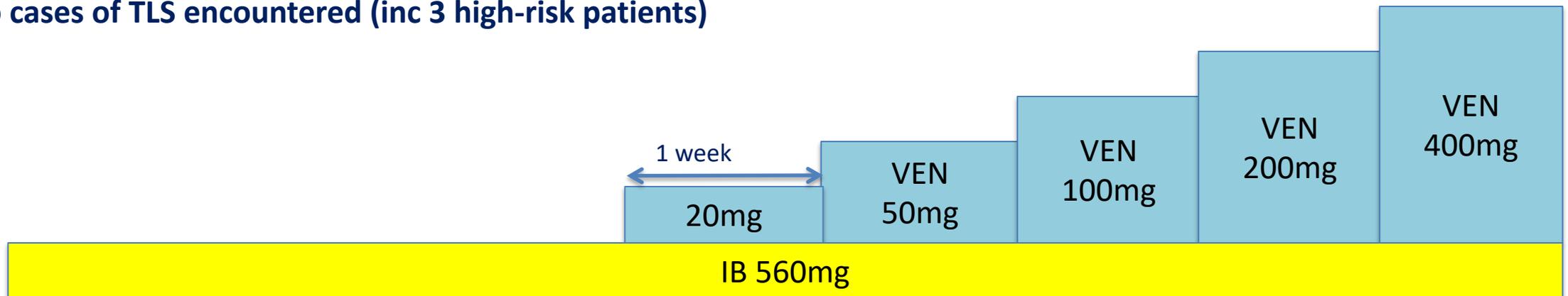
Both successfully escalated to 400mg



one case of grade 3 clinical TLS (acute renal impairment); one case of self-limiting fever, hyperphosphataemia and 400% elevation in LDH, regarded as grade 3 biochemical TLS in absence of alternative explanation.

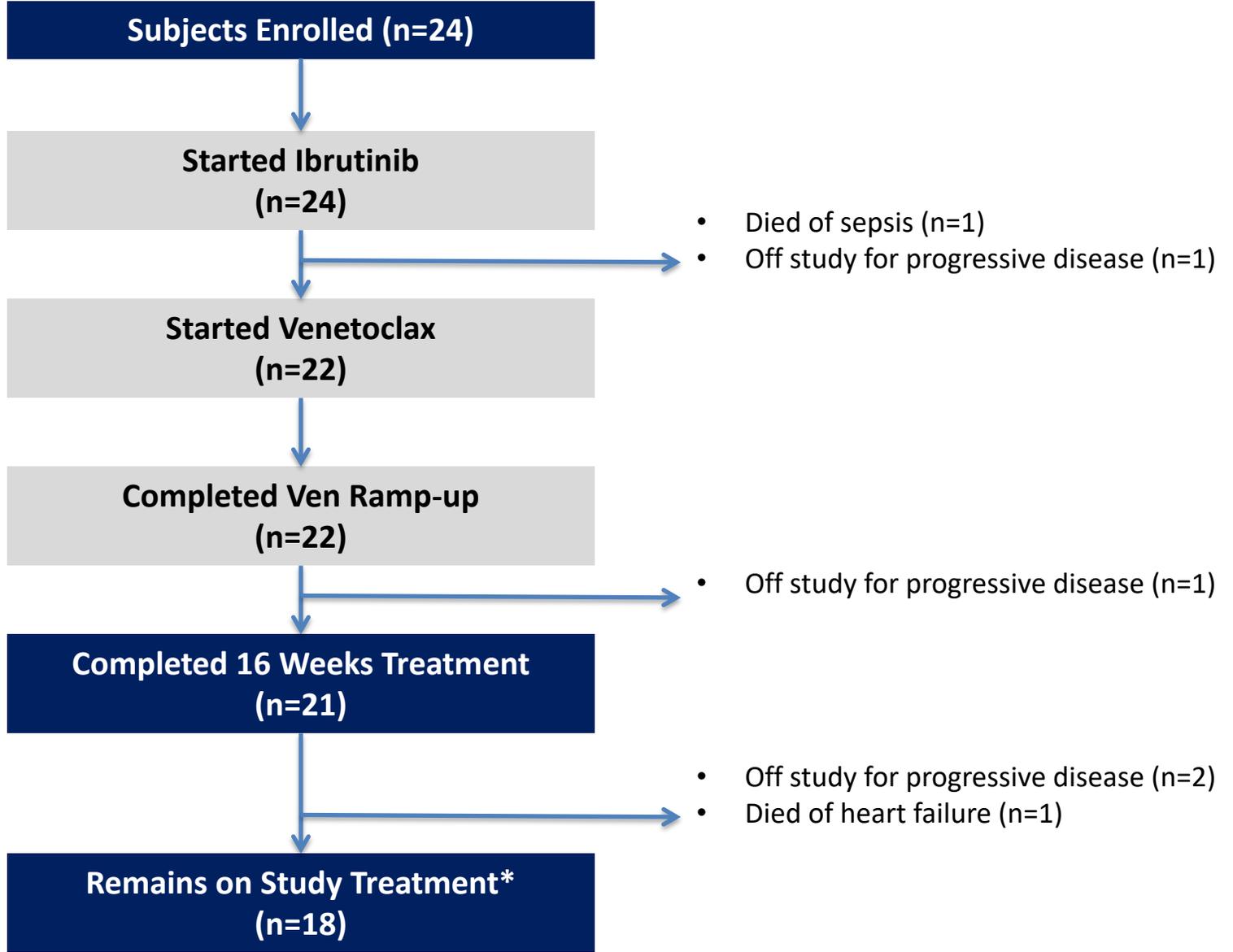
N = 8 treated using revised schedule (20mg start)

No cases of TLS encountered (inc 3 high-risk patients)



Data-Cutoff 10-Jan-2017

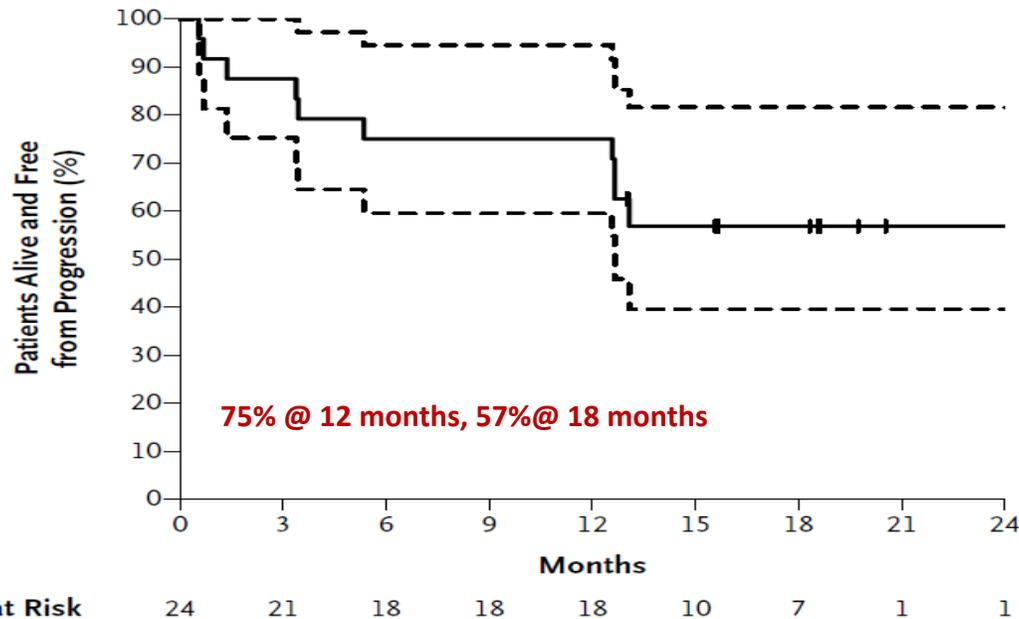
Median Follow-up 8.3 months
(1.4 to 17.7+ months)



Venetoclax & ibrutinib in relapsed MCL

PFS

A Progression-free Survival



Tam et al, NEJM 2018

Response@ wk 16	No PET (N= 24)	PET (N = 24)
CR (%)	10 (42)	15 (62)
PR (%)	4 (17)	2 (8)
PD (%)	3 (12)	4 (17)

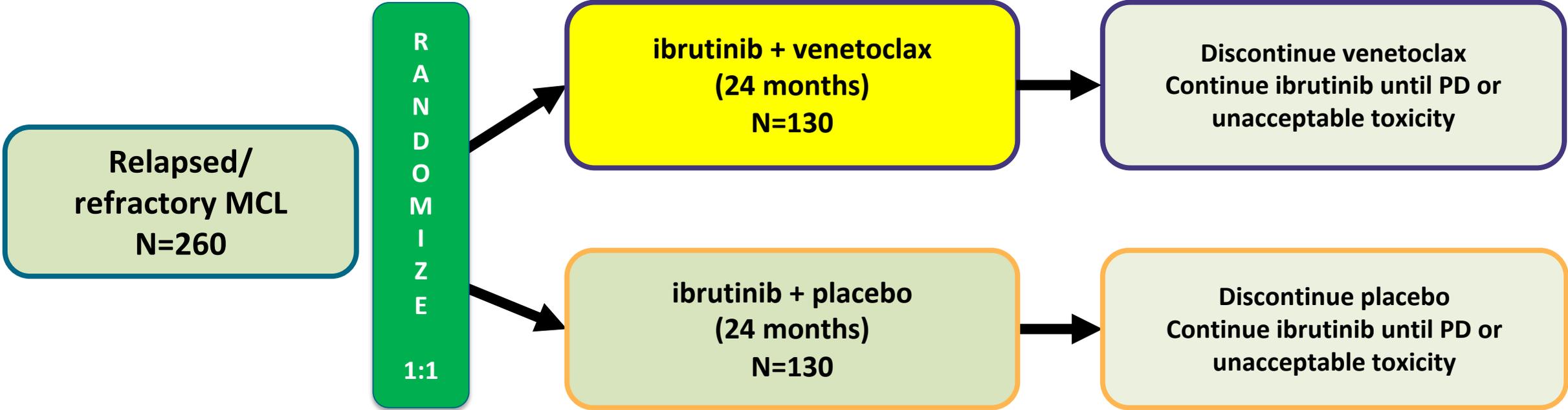
Toxicity mostly Grade 1-2

diarrhea, fatigue

Grade 3-4

- 33% neutropenia
- 12% diarrhea
- 4% bleeding
- 8% atrial fibrillation
- 8% tumor lysis

Phase 3 Study Design of PCYC-1143: SYMPATICO



Primary Endpoint PFS*

Study start: May 2017

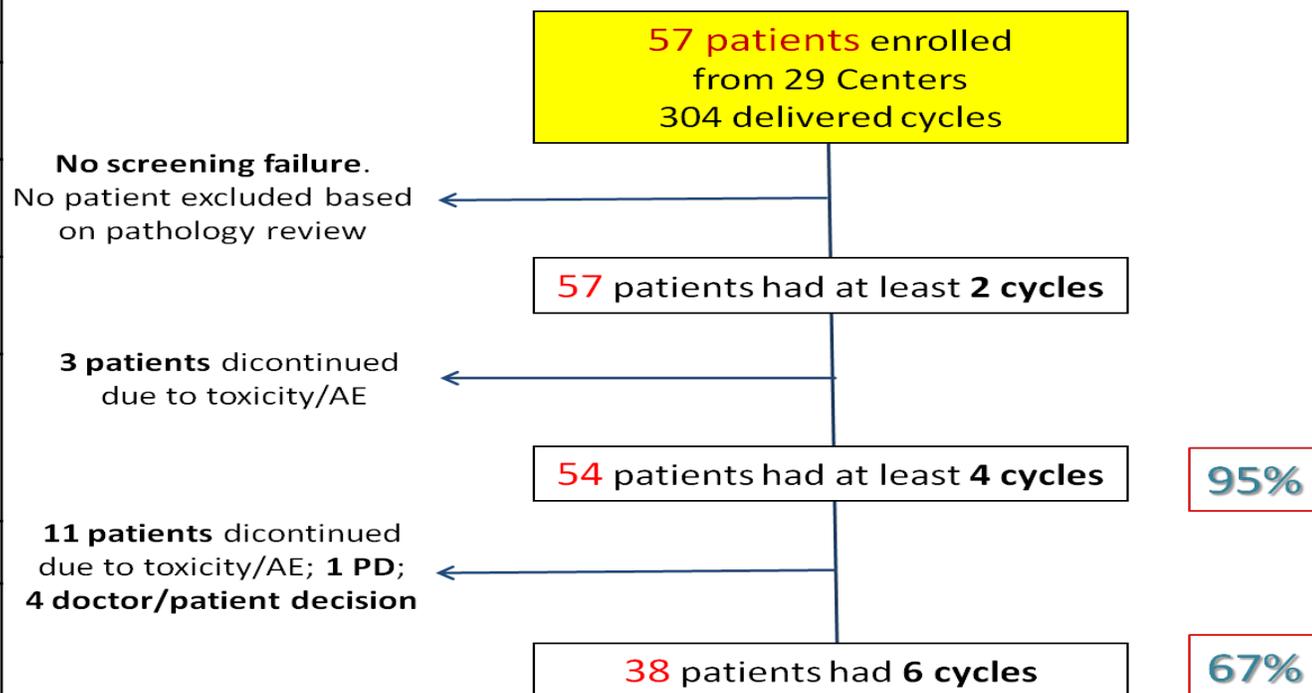
Estimated end of study March 2022

FIL R-BAC 500 trial

Patients' characteristics at inclusion

	Overall (57)	%
Age, years median (range)	71 (61-79)	
Gender male	43	75
Performance Status 0-1	54	94
AAS III-IV	52	91
MIPI risk category low intermediate high	9 23 25	16 40 44
BM involvement	36	63
Histology classical pleomorphic blastoid	43 8 6	75 14 11
Ki-67 (%) ≥30% median (range)	16 20 (5-85)	31

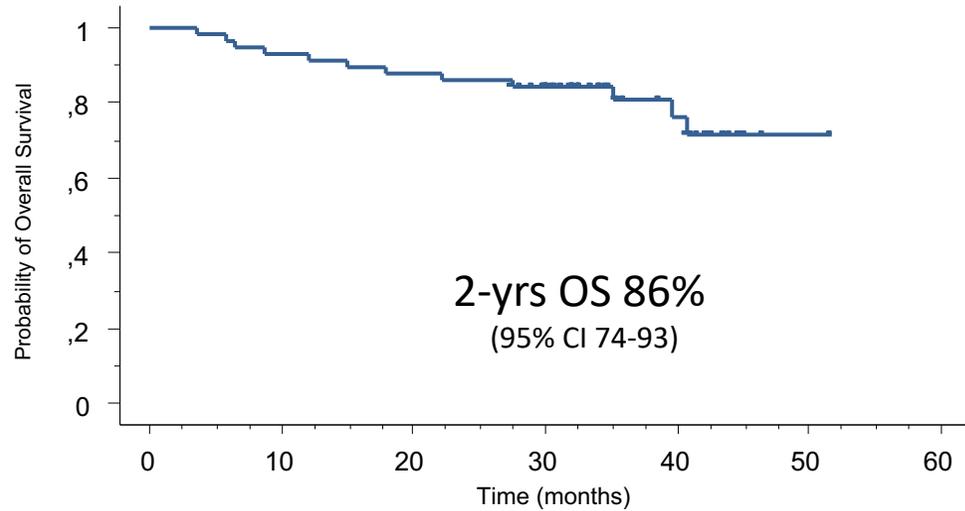
Trial profile



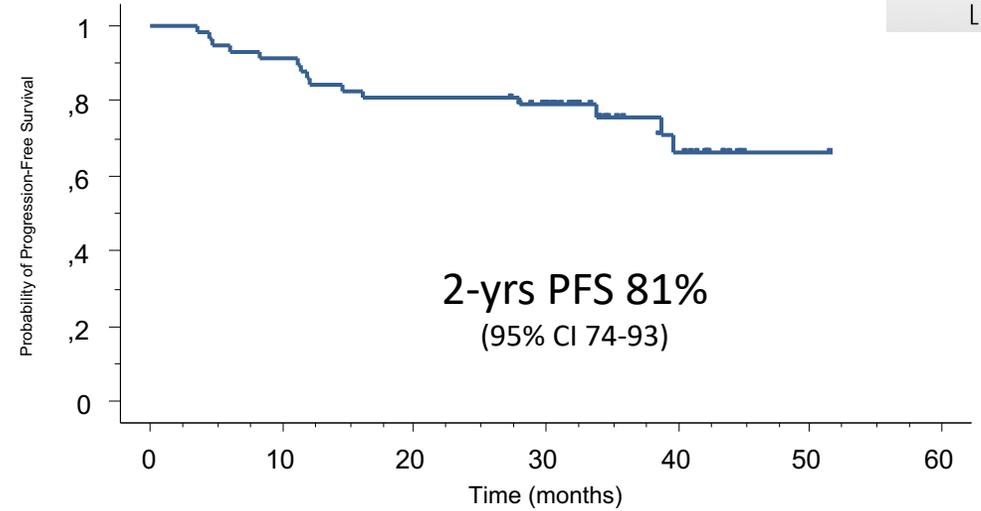


Survival curves *Median follow-up 35 months (28-52)*

OS



PFS

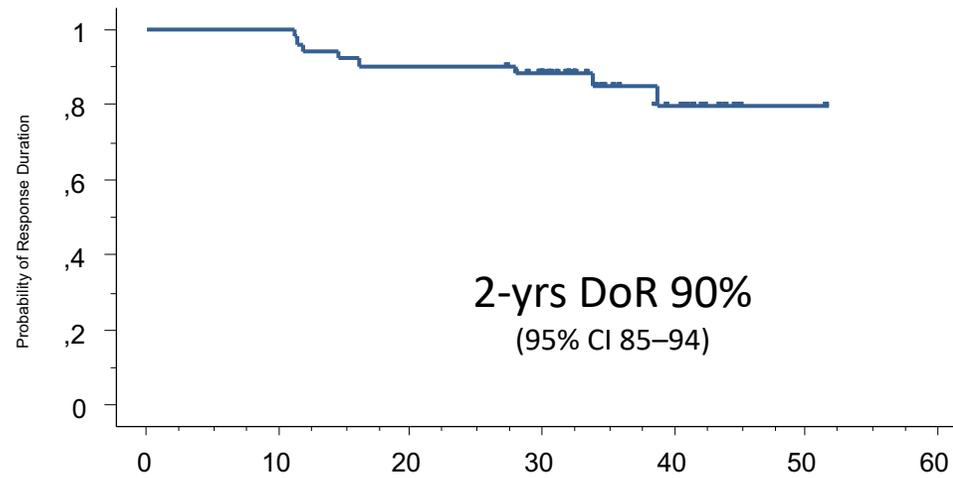


Number at risk

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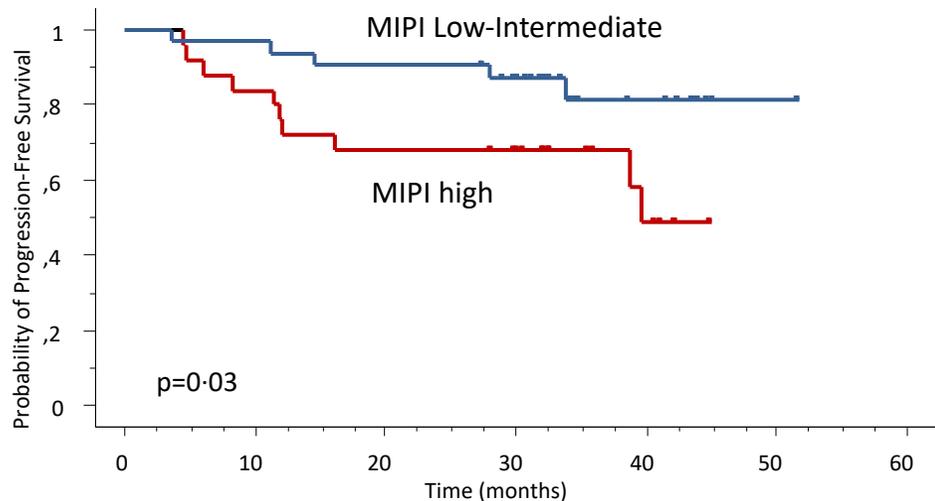


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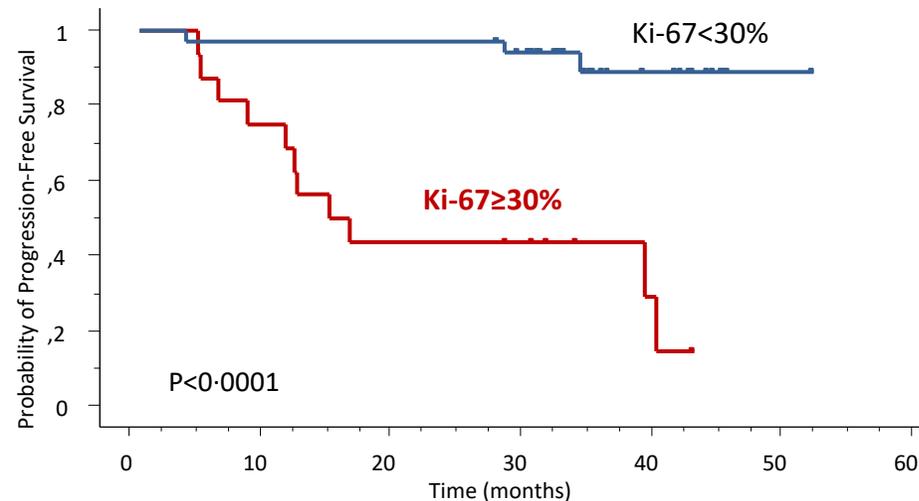
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Survival curves *Univariate analysis for PFS*

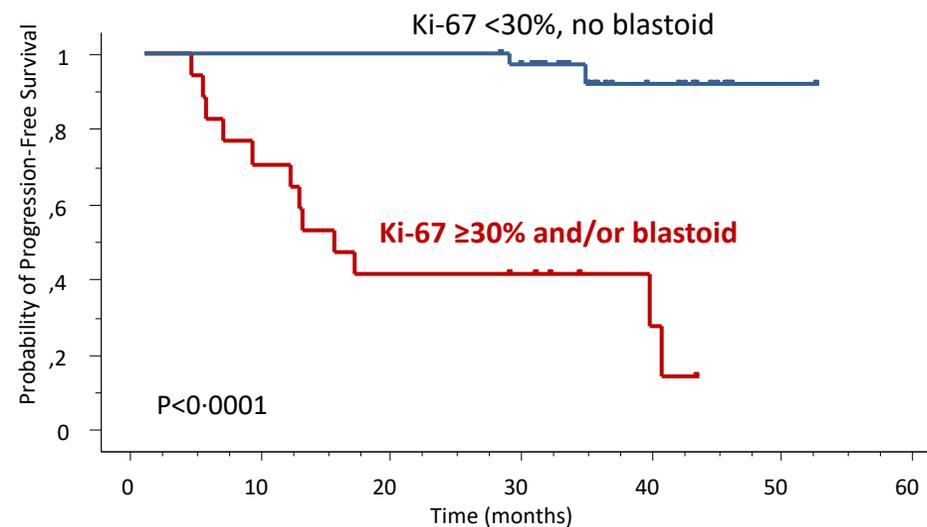
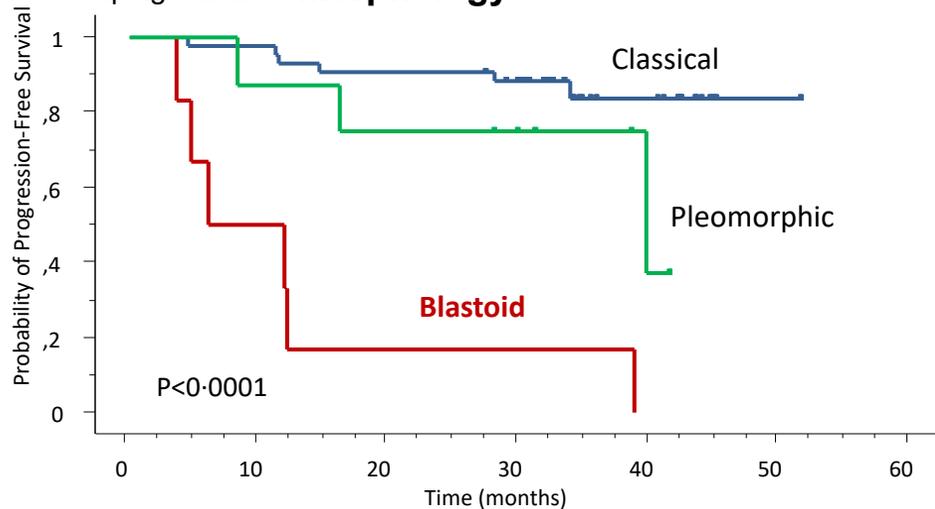
Grouping Variable: **MIPI**



Grouping Variable: **Ki-67**



Grouping Variable: **Morphology**



New therapeutic approach in MCL

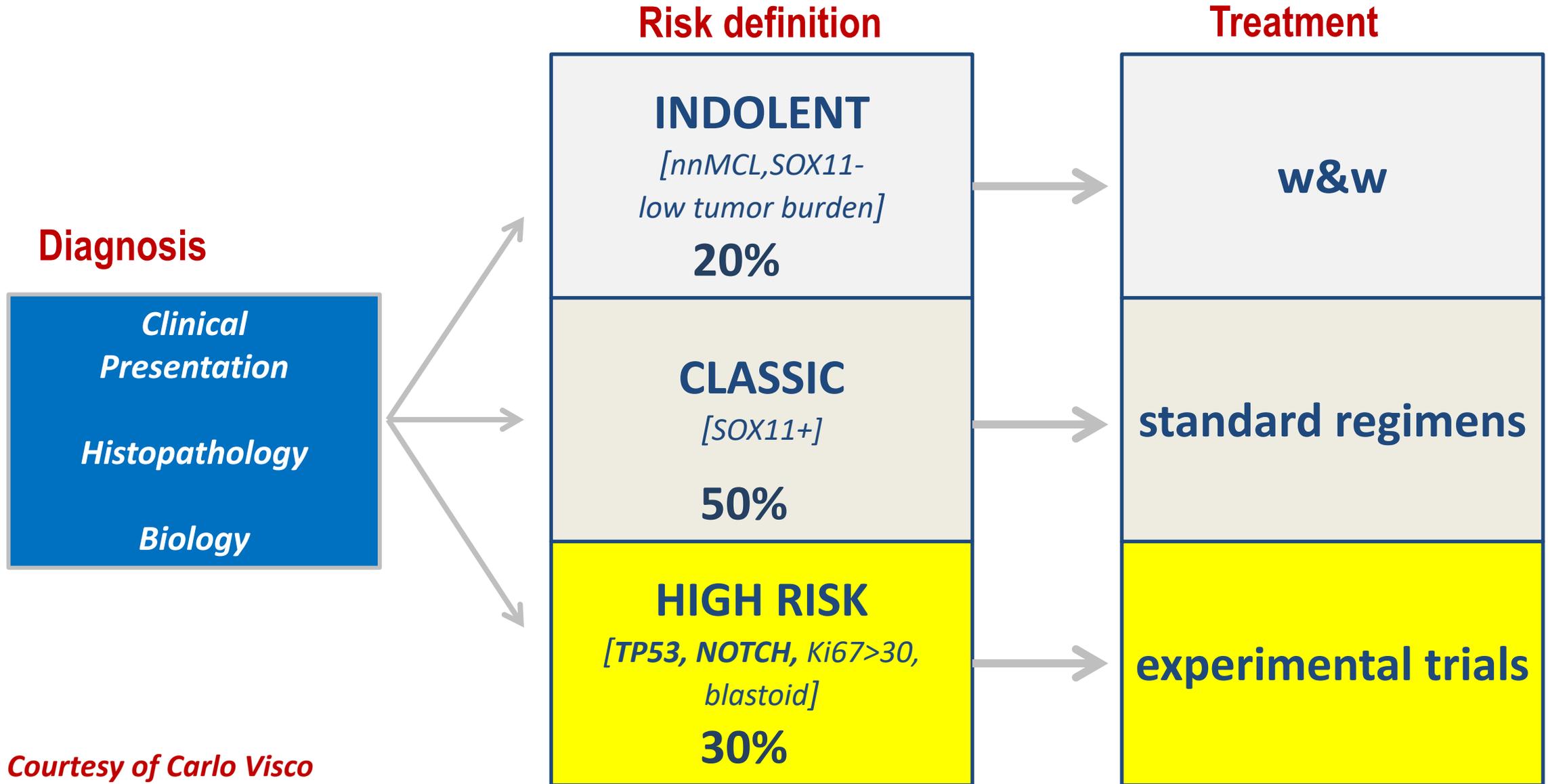
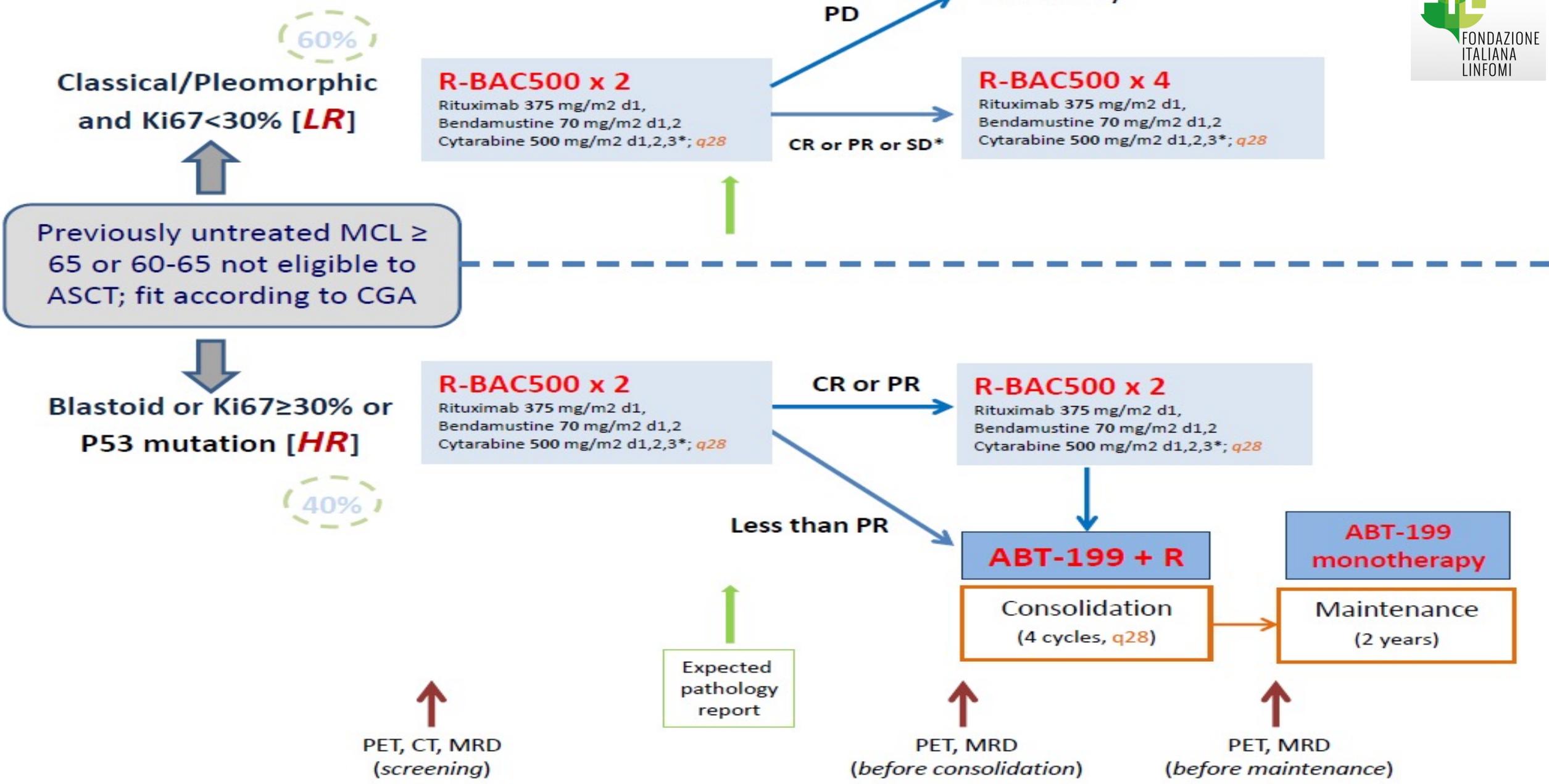
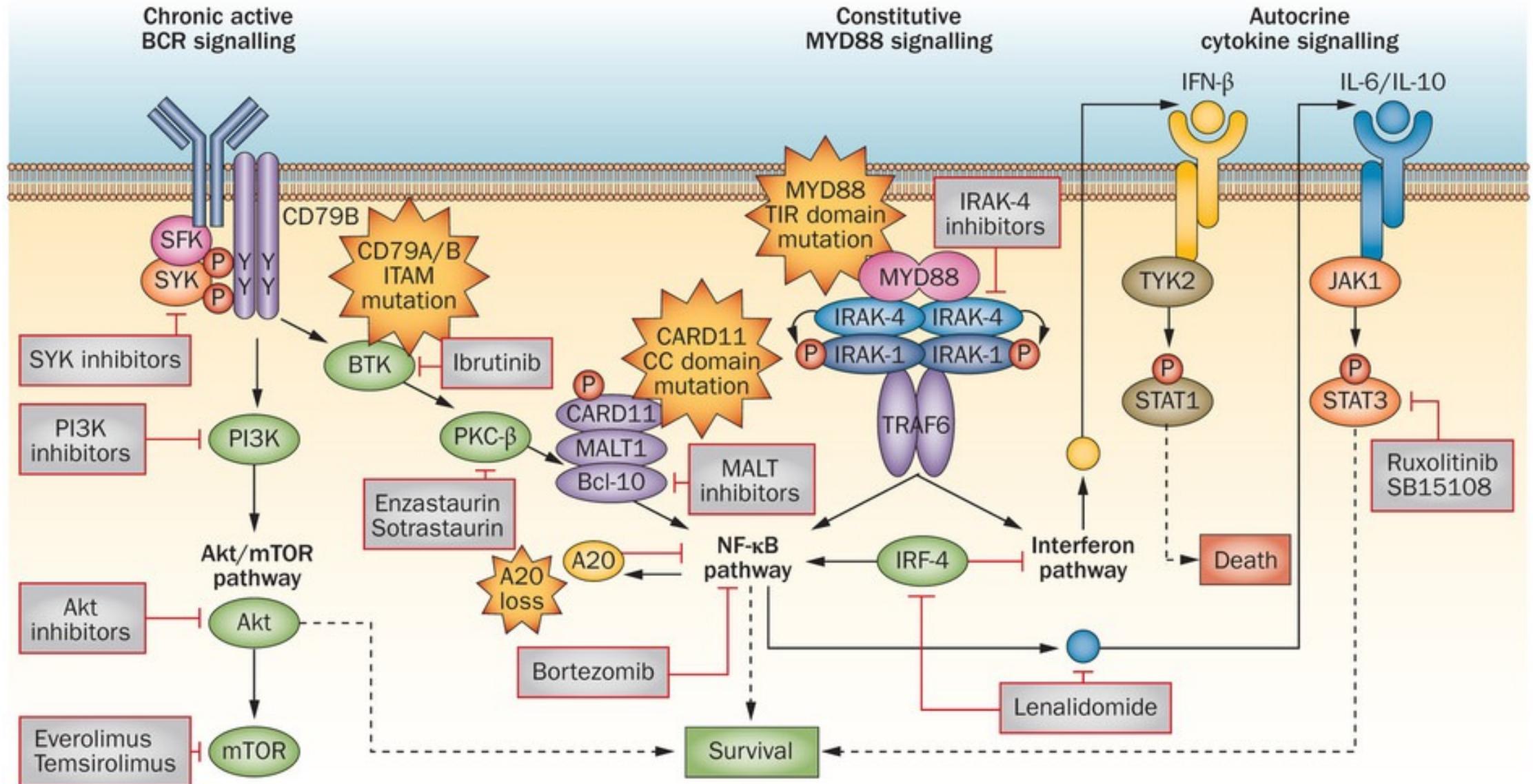


Figure 1: FLOW CHART – TREATMENT SCHEME **FIL V-RBAC**

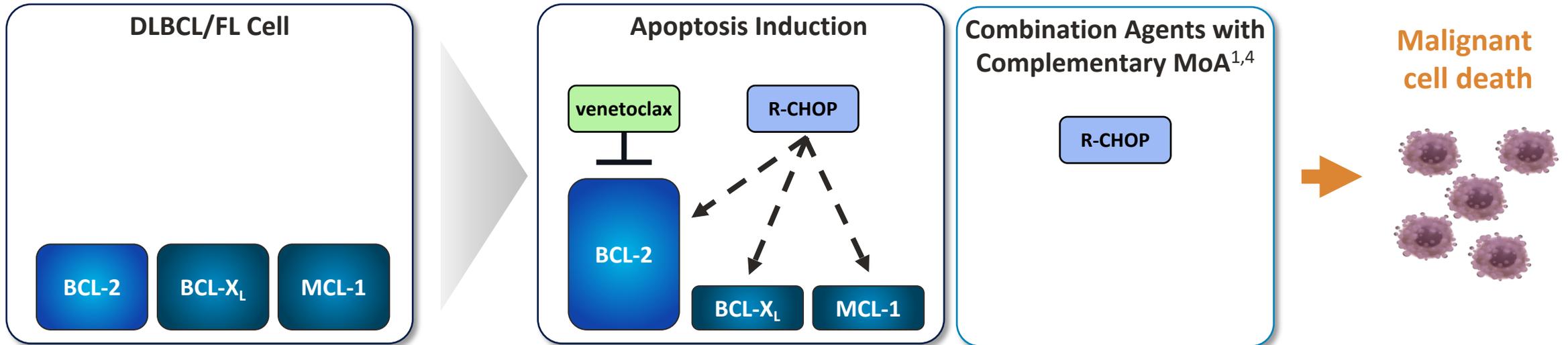


Pathways with therapeutic potential in ABC DLBCL



Venetoclax Induces apoptosis in DLBCL and FL cells in combination with other agents

BCL-2 dependency is common in DLBCL and FL;
however, NHL cells can be co-dependent on other BCL-2 family members for survival



R-CHOP indirectly increases sensitivity to BCL-2 inhibition in DLBCL cells

de Jong MR, et al. Int J Mol Sci 2019; 20:6036.

Smith VM, et al. Haematologica 2019

Towards molecular driven therapy: R-CHOP + X novel drugs

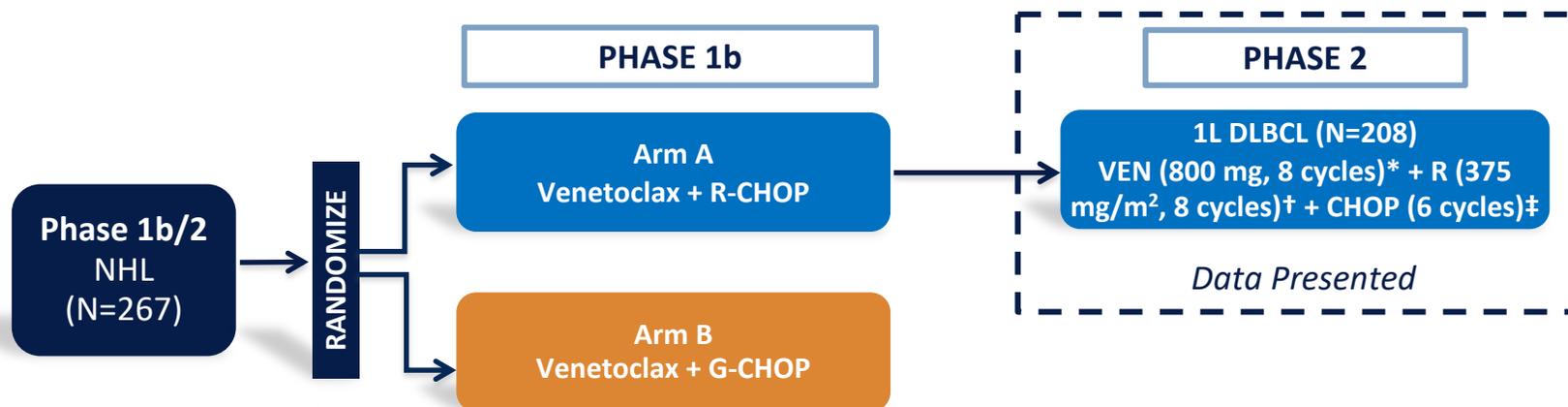
New Agent	Mechanism
 Lenalidomide	Immunomodulator
 Bortezomib	Proteasome inhibitor
Everolimus	mTOR inhibitor
Panobinostat	HDACs inhibitor
 Ibrutinib	BTK inhibitor
Tamatinib	Inhibitors of Syk in B-cell signaling pathway
Enzastaurin	PKC β -selective inhibitors
 Venetoclax	Pro-apoptotic anti Bcl-2 family
SELINEXOR	Selective inhibitor of nuclear export (SINE)

What X?

- **Bortezomib: Bor-RCHOP (Phase 3)**
- **Ibrutinib: IBR-CHOP (Phase 3)**
- **Lenalidomide: R2-CHOP (Phase 3)**
- **Venetoclax: Ven+ R-CHOP (Phase 2)**

A phase 2 study of venetoclax plus R-CHOP as first-line treatment for patients with diffuse large B-cell lymphoma

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PHASE 2 INCLUSION CRITERIA

- Previously untreated CD20+ DLBCL
- ≥18 years of age
- IPI 2-5
- ECOG PS ≤2
- ≥1 measurable lesion >1.5 cm

PHASE 2 OBJECTIVES

Primary: **PET-CR (6-8 wks after last R dose, IRC assessed)**
Secondary: **PFS (INV-assessed), OS, safety**
Biomarker/Exploratory: **Efficacy in BCL-2 IHC+/- and DH patients, and COO subtypes and clonal sequencing/ctDNA assessment**

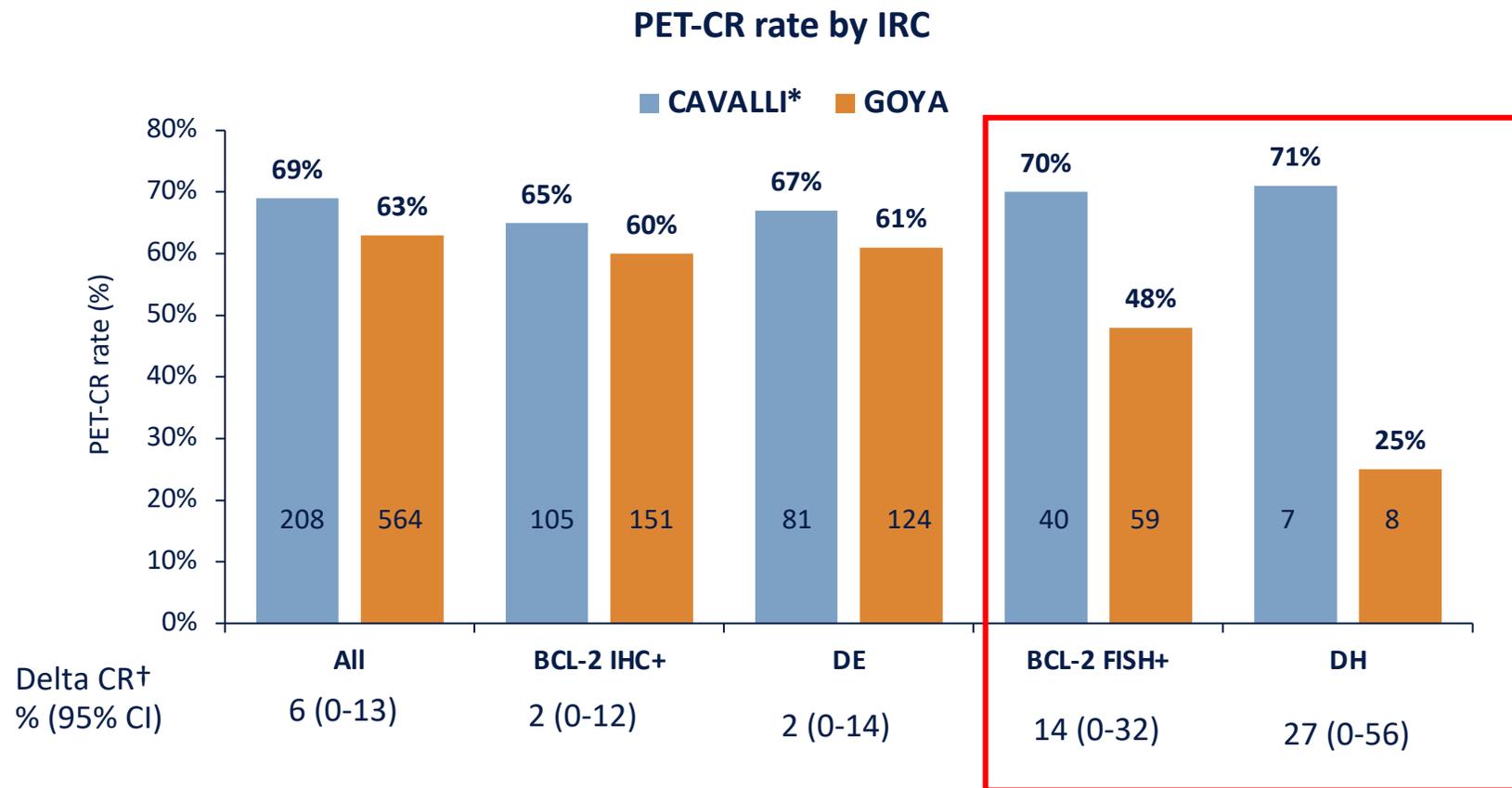
Historical control: R-CHOP GOYA IPI 2-5

Baseline patients characteristics

Parameter	CAVALLI phase 2 (N = 206)	GOYA IPI 2 to 5 (N = 564)	Parameter	CAVALLI phase 2 (N = 206)	GOYA IPI 2 to 5 (N = 564)
Age, median (range), y	65 (18-85)	62 (18-83)	Bcl-2^t and Myc IHC	n = 179	n = 299
Female	93 (45)	267 (47)	Bcl-2 IHC ⁺ /Myc IHC ⁺ (DHL, DEL)	80 (45)	124 (41)
ECOG PS*			Bcl-2 IHC ⁺ /Myc IHC ⁻	24 (13)	24 (8)
0-1	172 (84)	476 (84)	Bcl-2 IHC ⁻ /Myc IHC ⁺	53 (30)	119 (40)
2	34 (17)	87 (15)	BCL-2 FISH	n = 151	n = 265
Stage III-IV	177 (86)	478 (85)	Positive	40 (26)	59 (22)
IPI			Negative	89 (59)	145 (55)
2-3	155 (75)	455 (81)	Undetermined	22 (15)	61 (23)
4-5	51 (25)	109 (19)	MYC FISH	n = 142	n = 232
COO	n = 171	n = 373	Positive	12 (8)	20 (9)
ABC	48 (28)	104 (28)	Negative	110 (78)	178 (77)
GCB	101 (59)	213 (57)	Undetermined	20 (14)	34 (15)
Unclassified	22 (13)	56 (15)	BCL-2 & MYC FISH	n = 139	n = 230
Bcl-2 IHC	n = 179	n = 308	BCL-2 FISH ⁺ /MYC FISH ⁺ (DHL)	7 (5)	8 (3)
High	104 (58)	151 (49)			
Low	75 (42)	157 (51)			
Myc IHC	n = 179	n = 304			
Positive	133 (74)	248 (82)			
Negative	46 (26)	56 (18)			
Double expressor	n = 179	n = 299			
Yes	80 (45)	124 (41)			
No	99 (55)	175 (59)			

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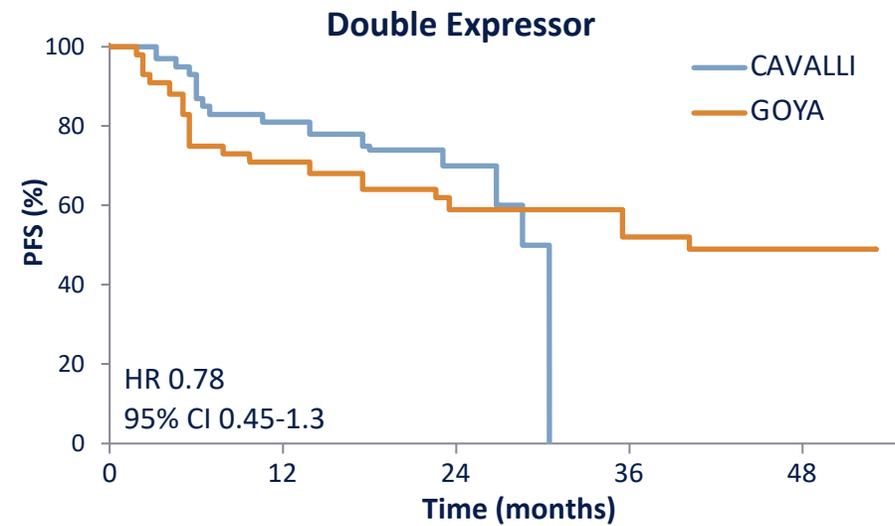
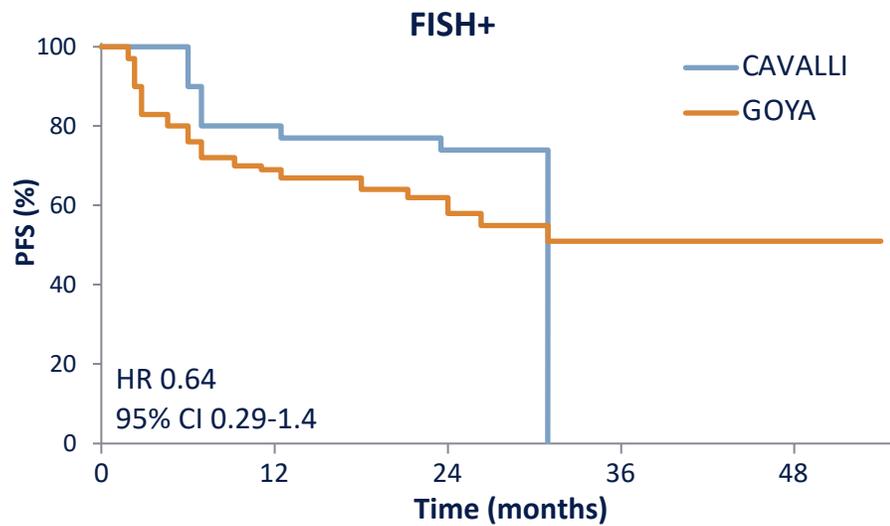
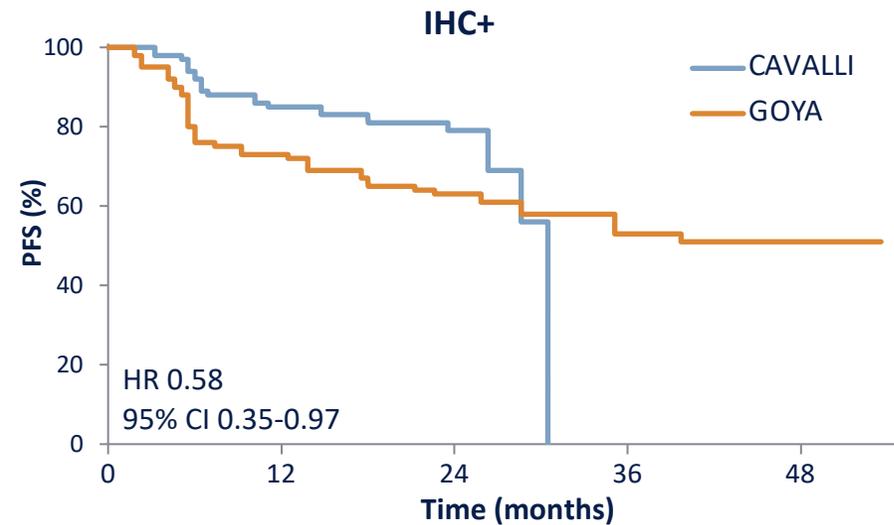
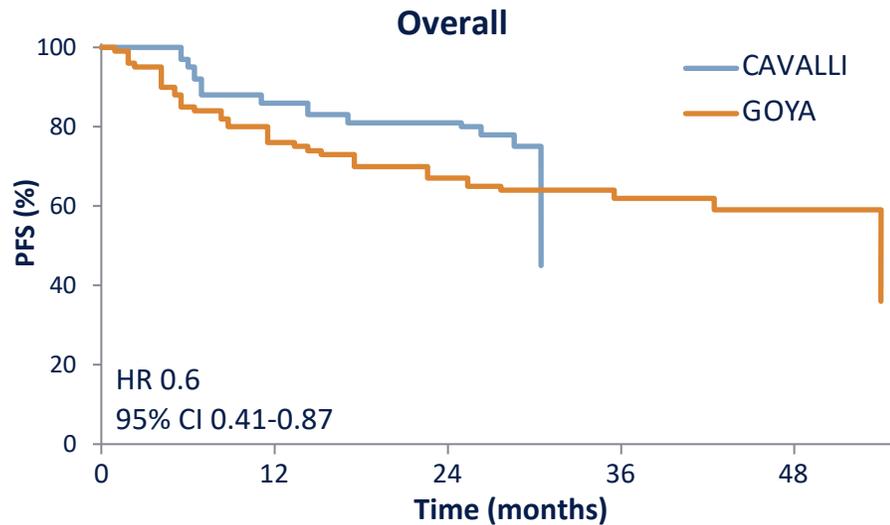
Primary end point: PET-CR Rate by IRC



PET-CR rates were similar in GOYA for BCL-2 IHC+ and DE patients, but higher in CAVALLI for patients with BCL-2 FISH+ and DH status.

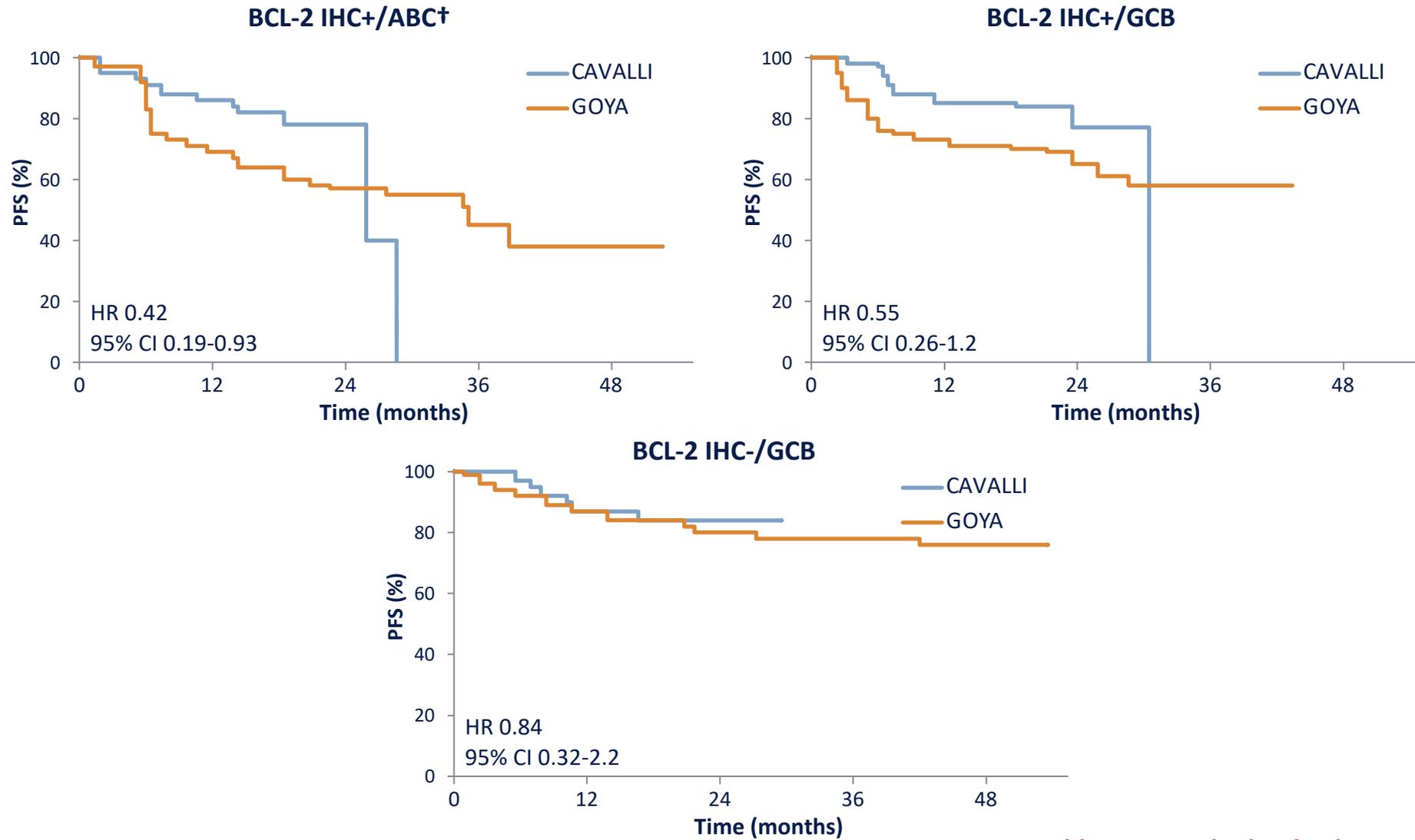
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PFS in All Patients and Biomarker Subgroups



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PFS in BCL-2+ Patients in COO Subgroups



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Safety Summary

AEs	CAVALLI (N=208)		GOYA IPI 2-5 (N=564)	
	%	N	%	N
Any AE	99	206	94	528
AE with fatal outcome (Grade 5)	2	4*	5	30
Serious AE	56	116	41	230
Grade 3-4 AE	86	179	66	373
AE leading to withdrawal from any treatment	24	50	10	56
AE leading to withdrawal from VEN treatment	20	41	NA	NA

Grade 3-4 AEs	CAVALLI (N=208)		GOYA IPI 2-5 (N=564)	
	%	N	%	N
Neutropenia	68	141	39	219
Febrile neutropenia	31	64	16	92
Thrombocytopenia	22	45	2	9
Anemia	24	49	9	50
Infections*	22	46	16	90
Pneumonia	4	9	5	28
Sepsis	2	5	1	6
Fatigue	6	12	3	18
Diarrhea	4	9	2	9
Nausea/vomiting	6	12	1	4

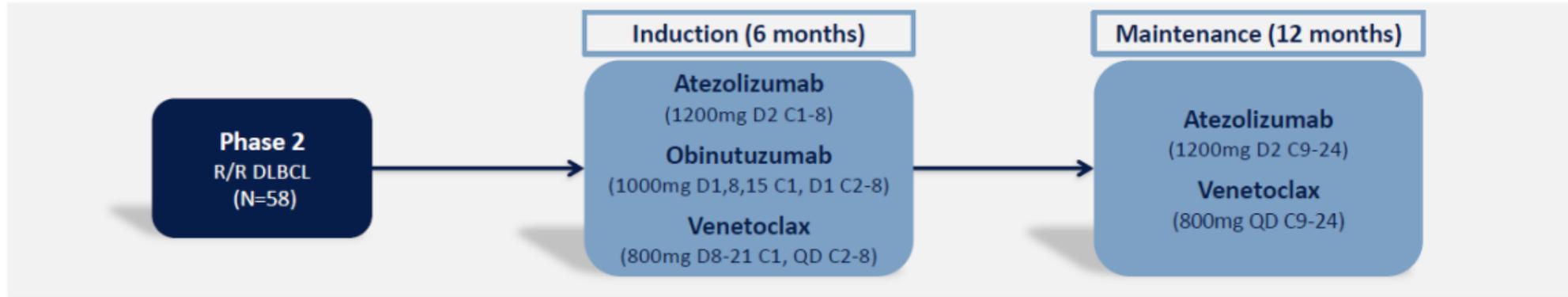
*4 fatal AEs reported in CAVALLI (neutropenia, sudden cardiac death, sepsis, and MDS). 3 during follow-up (>6 months after the last dose of VEN) and 1 (C1) due to sepsis with multiple medical issues

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Cavalli study: conclusions

- Higher rates of neutropenia (68% vs 39%), febrile neutropenia (31% vs 16%), thrombocytopenia (22% vs 2%), anemia (24% vs 9%) and infections (22% vs 16%) with the addition of **VEN to R-CHOP**, but no increase in the risk of death
- **VEN+R-CHOP** despite higher AE rates, dose intensity of chemotherapy was maintained at similar levels to historical comparator
- **VEN+R-CHOP** resulted in a PFS benefit in 1L DLBCL BCL-2+ populations, including in ABC and GCB COO subtypes, when compared with historical data from GOYA

GATA: Phase 2 study in R/R DLBCL



INCLUSION CRITERIA

- Adults ≥ 18 years old with R/R DLBCL after ≥ 1 rituximab and anthracycline containing regimen
- ECOG performance stats 0-2
- ≥ 1 node or tumor lesion >1.5 cm

EXCLUSION CRITERIA

- CNS or meningeal involvement
- CD20- status at last biopsy
- Prior PML, documented HIV infection, or active hepatitis B
- Active immune-related disease criteria or known active infection

OBJECTIVES

Primary: *OMRR at EOI*

Secondary: *PFS, OS, DOR, OMRR, best response*

GATA: Patients' characteristics & Safety

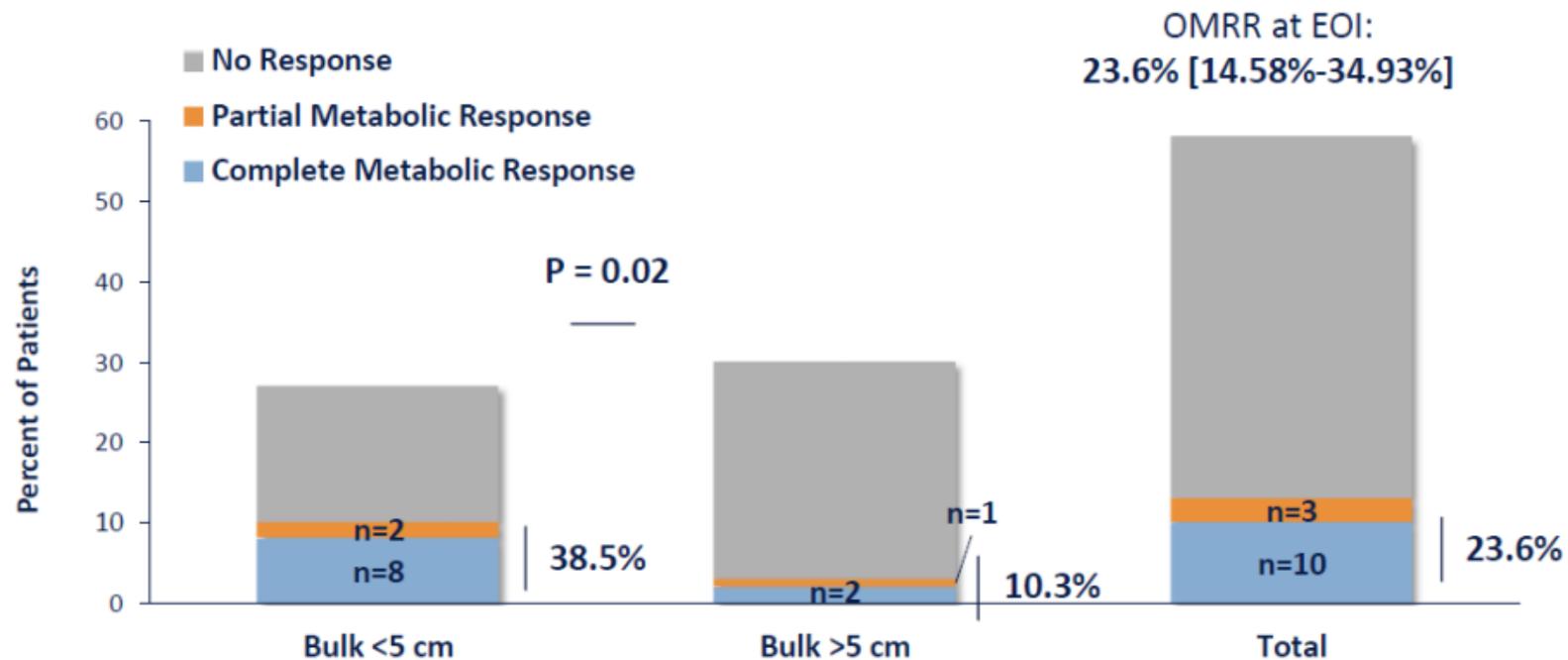
Characteristic, %	N=58
Median follow-up, months (range)	9 (6.9-11.8)
Median age, years (range)	70 (39-85)
Male	53.4%
Ann Arbor Stage IV	84.5%
aalPI (≥ 2)	63.2%
≥ 2 prior lines of therapy	83.6%
Refractory to last therapeutic line	63.6%
Bulky (≥ 10 cm)	15.5%
ECOG 2	19.0%
DH/TH	6.9%
Autologous transplant	4.6%

Safety	N=58
Grade 3/4 AEs	48 (84.2%)
Neutropenia	33.3%
Lymphopenia	35.1%
Thrombocytopenia	17.5%
Anemia	10.5%

- **AESI:** A grade 3 autoimmune colitis and a grade 1 hypothyroidism occurred during induction
- 6 (10.5%) had an AE that led to discontinuation of any drug
- No grade 5 AEs were observed

GATA Primary Endpoint: Response

- Median of 4 cycles (1-8) has been administered, with a median follow-up of 9 months (6.9-11.8)
- All 3 drugs were stopped in 78% of patients; mostly for progressive disease
- No difference was observed according to COO:
 - GC → OMRR of 20.8%
 - Non-GC → OMRR of 25.0%



Si specifica che si fa riferimento ad indicazioni terapeutiche ancora in studio e non approvate da EMA

VICER – Phase 1 Study in R/R DLBCL: Study Design and Endpoints



INCLUSION CRITERIA

- R/R DLBCL after rituximab and anthracycline-containing CIT regimen
- ≤2 prior systemic therapies for lymphoma
- ECOG ≤2
- Adequate organ and marrow function

EXCLUSION CRITERIA

- Active TLS
- CNS lymphoma

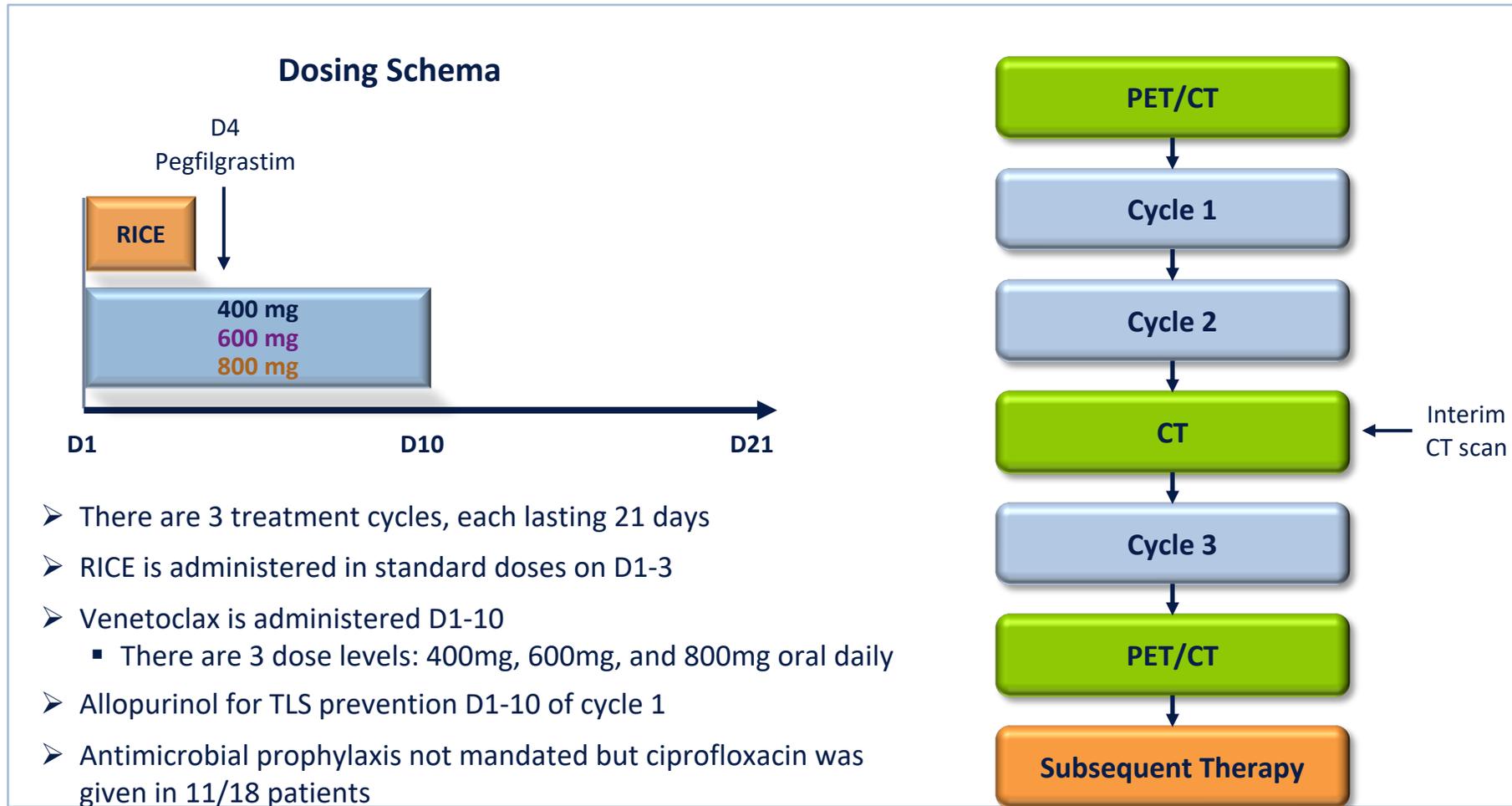
OBJECTIVES

Primary: **OOMR**

Secondary: **ORR, proportion of patients proceeding to ASCT, PFS, OS, number of PB stem cells collected, median number of CD34+ cells**

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VICER – Dosing Schema



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VICER – Baseline Characteristics

Patient Characteristic	Total, n = 18* (%)
Age, years (median, range)	55.5 (27-78)
Gender	
Female	4 (22)
Male	14 (78)
Disease refractory to prior chemotherapy	11 (61)
Time (months) from diagnosis to relapse (median, range) ²	12 (3-193)
Bulky disease at enrollment	6 (33)
Involvement of >1 extranodal site	2 (11)
Secondary IPI	
Low (0-1)	12 (67)
High (≥2)	6 (33)
Cell of origin	
GCB	10 (56)
non-GCB	8 (44)
Molecular abnormalities	
Double expressor	8 (44)
Double hit	4 (22)

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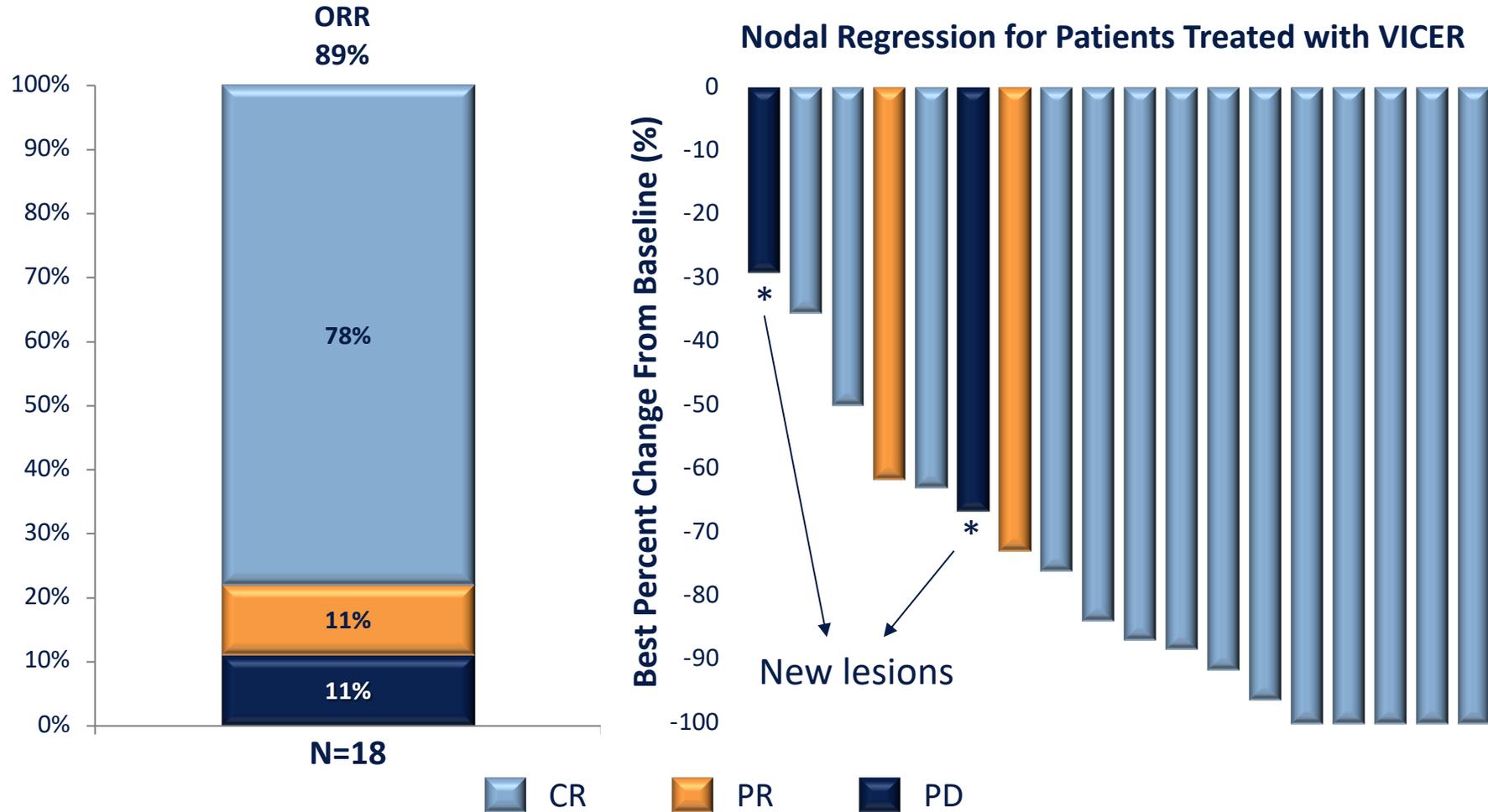
VICER – Safety

Any grade TEAEs (≥20% of patients)	Total, n = 18 (%)
Thrombocytopenia	17 (94.4)
Neutropenia	15 (83.3)
Anemia	15 (83.3)
Lymphocyte count decreased	13 (72.2)
Fatigue	8 (44.4)
Nausea	8 (44.4)
Diarrhea	7 (38.9)
Sensory neuropathy	6 (33.3)
Anorexia	6 (33.3)
Febrile neutropenia	5 (27.8)
Infection with neutropenia	5 (27.8)
Increased transaminase	5 (27.8)
Constipation	4 (22.2)
Abdominal pain	4 (22.2)

Grade ≥3 TEAEs (≥10% of patients)	Total, n = 18 (%)
Neutropenia*	14 (77.8)
Lymphopenia	12 (66.7)
Thrombocytopenia	11 (61.1)
Anemia	6 (33.3)
Febrile neutropenia*	5 (27.8)
Infection with neutropenia*	5 (27.8)
Elevated transaminase level*	2 (11.1)
TLS*	1 (5.5)
Encephalopathy*†	1 (5.5)

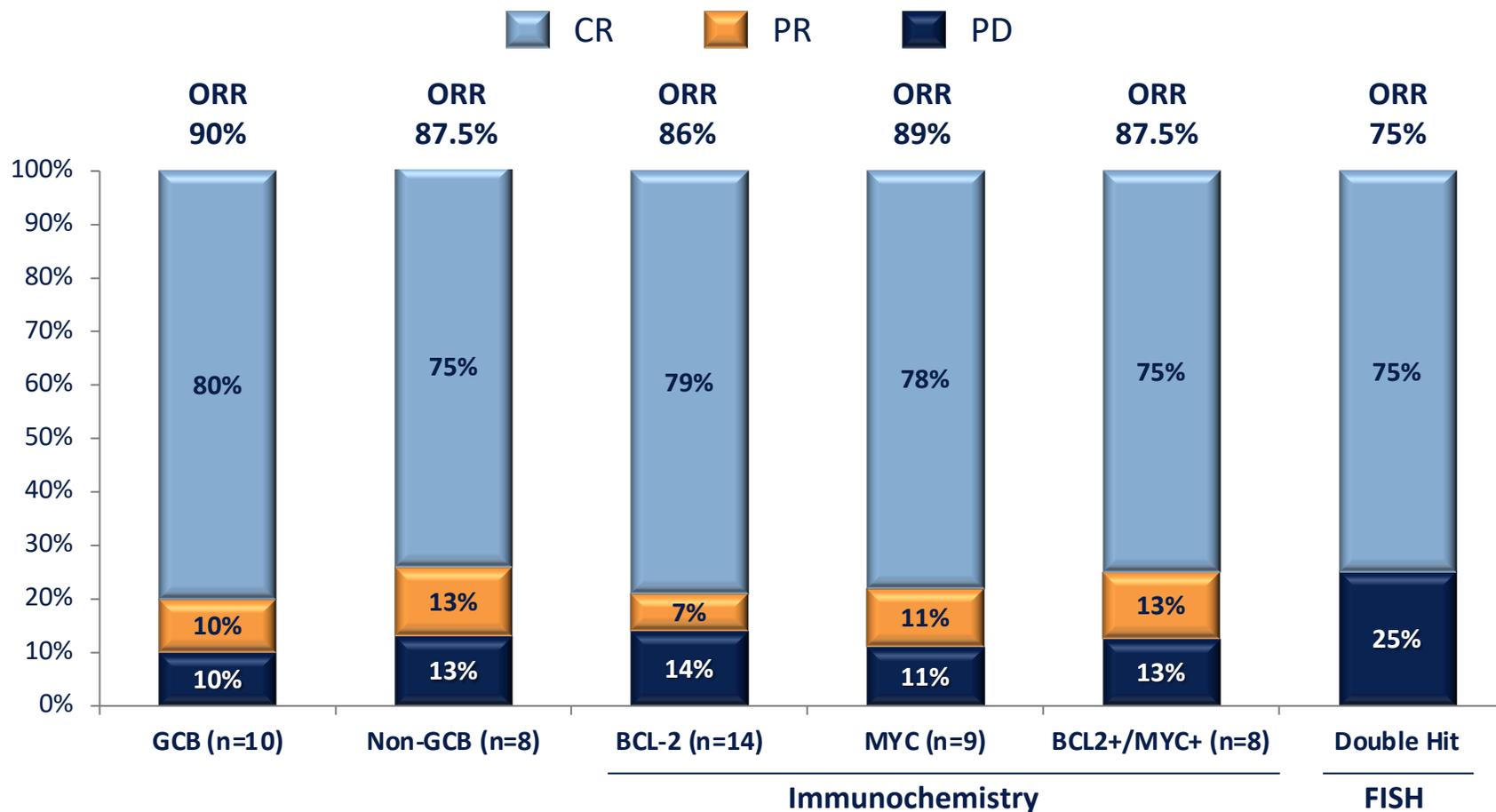
- 3 subjects had ≥1 cycle delayed ≥7 days secondary to hematologic toxicity
 - Total of 5 cycles delayed
- No RICE dose reductions were required, 1 venetoclax dose reduction 800 → 600mg at C3, DL3
- No treatment-related deaths
- 2 subjects died as a result of PD

VICER – Response



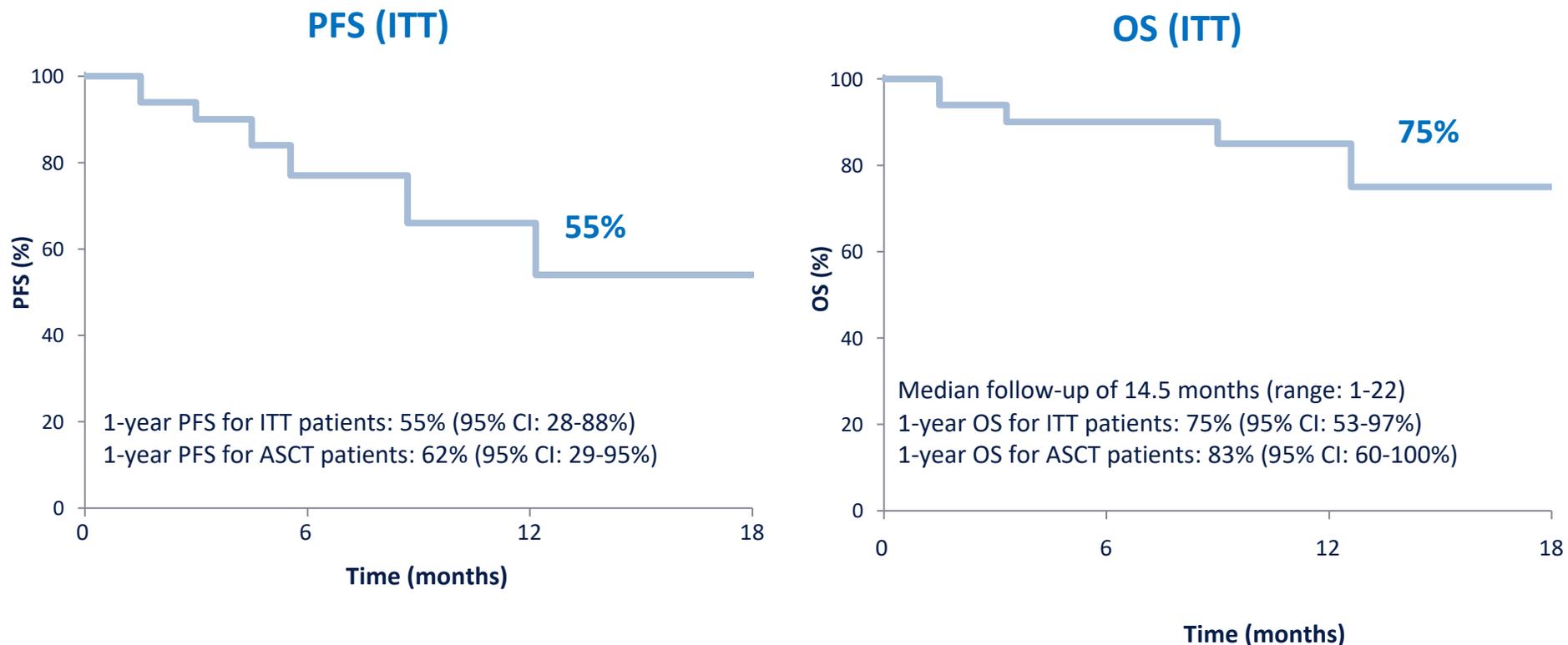
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VICER – Response by subgroups



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VICER – PFS & Overall Survival



- All responding patients (n=16) proceeded to stem cell mobilization and collection; Two patients failed to achieved CD34+ cell dose targets
- Median CD34+ cell dose collected: 3.71×10^6 cell/kg
- 14 patients (78%) underwent ASCT – Median time from day 1 to ASCT = 97 days (76-195)
- All patients had hematopoietic engraftment post ASCT



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