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# Chemotherapy-Free Treatments in cHL

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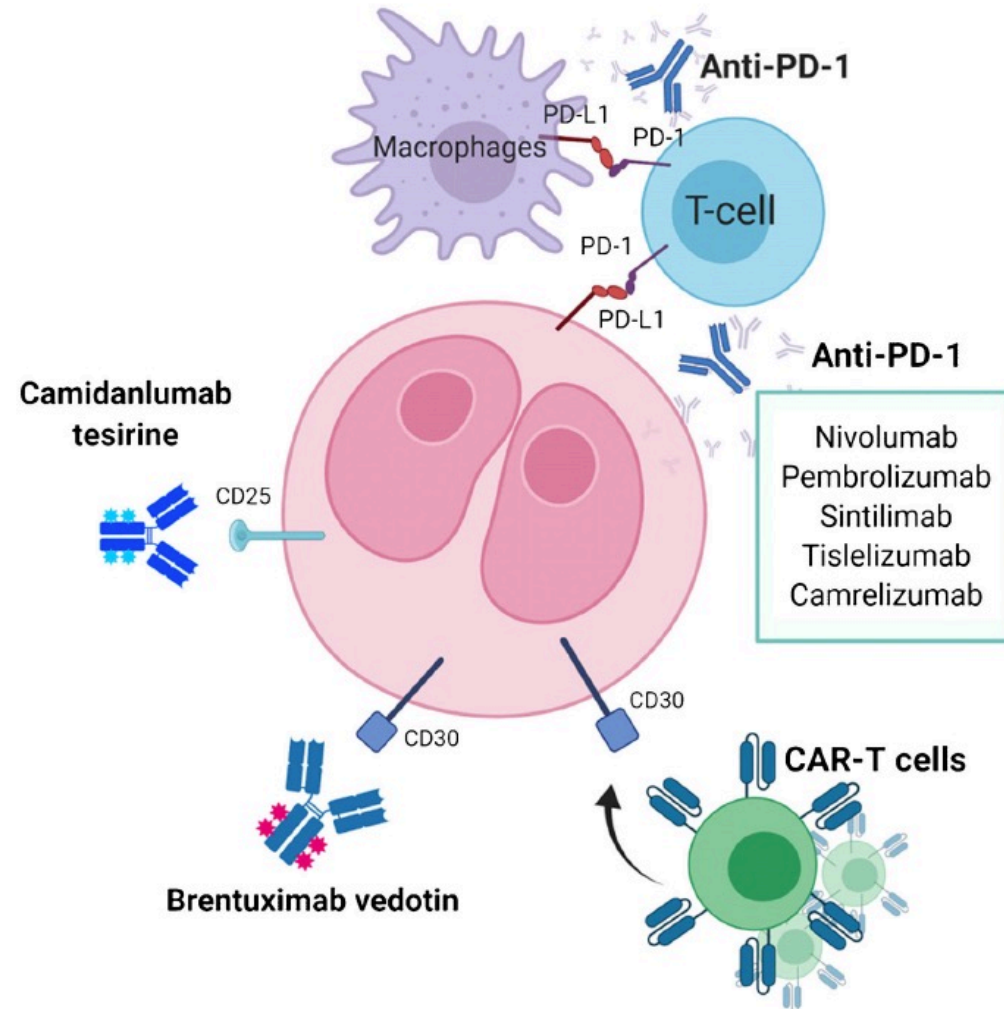
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# Novel Therapeutic Agents in cHL



# Brentuximab

**Multi-Cohort Phase II study of BV as monotherapy or in combination in treatment-naive elderly patients**

**Primary End Point: ORR**

	<b>BV (N=26)</b>	<b>BV+DTIC (N=21)</b>	<b>BV+Benda (N=17)</b>	<b>BV+Nivo (N=21)</b>
<b>ORR (CR+PR), (%)</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>95</b>
<b>CR, (%)</b>	72	68	88	79
<b>Median PFS, mos</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>46.8</b>	<b>40.3</b>	<b>Not reached</b>
<b>Median OS, mos</b>	<b>77.5</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>46.9</b>	<b>Not reached</b>
<b>Median FW, mos</b>	59.4	58.6	51.3	<b>19.4</b>
AE leading to treatment discontinuation, n (%)	42	42	40	30
Death within 30-day safety period, n (%)	0	0	0	0
Peripheral neuropathy (%)	30	26	20	35
Any SAE, (%)	12	11	40	5
Gr ≥3 treatment-related AE, n (%)	50	37	70	60

BV= 1.8 mg/Kg q 3wks; BV+DTIC: BV 1.8 mg/Kg + 375 mg/mq x 12 cycles; BV+ Benda: 1.8 mg/kg + 70/90 mg/mq

*Forero-Torres, Blood 2015; Friedberger, Blood 2017; Yasnchak ASH 2019; Yasnchak ASH 2020*

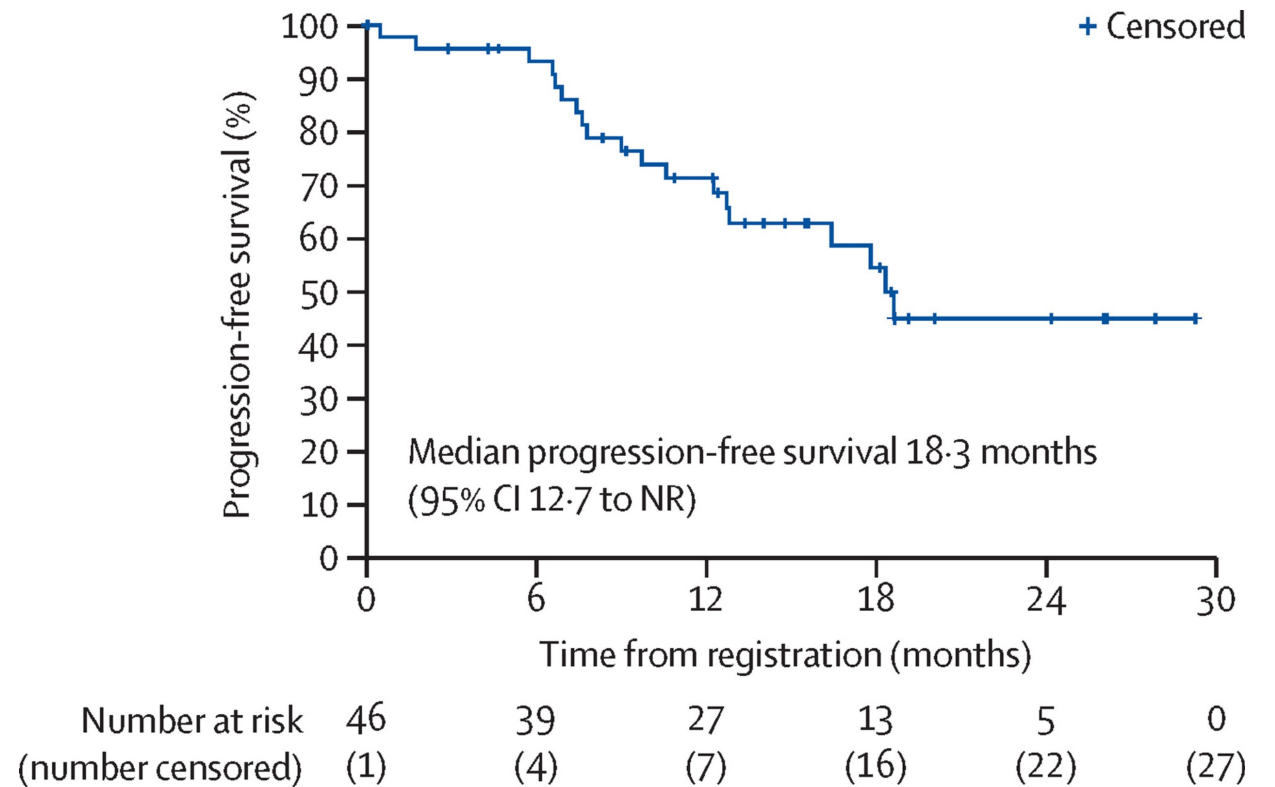
# Brentuximab + Nivolumab

Multicentre, single-arm, phase 2 trial

## Patients outcome and response therapy

	Total (n=46)
Cycle 8 metabolic rate	61% (45-75)
Complete metabolic response	22 (48%)
Partial metabolic response	6 (13%)
Progressive Metabolic Disease	7 (15%)
Off before cycle 8	11 (24%)
Best overall response rate (all cycles)	91% (79-98)
Complete metabolic response	30 (65%)
Partial metabolic response	12 (26%)
No metabolic response	1 (2%)
Progressive metabolic disease	1 (2%)
Not evaluated	2 (4%)
Median duration of response	NR (11.1-NR)
Median overall survival	NR (NR-NR)
Median progression-free survival (months)	18.3 (12.7 to NR)

Data are median or % (95% CI) or n (%), unless otherwise specified. NR=not reached.



# 2L Therapy of r/r Classical Hodgkin Lymphoma

Regimen	No. of Patients	ORR (%)	CR Rate (%)	Imaging Modality	PFS or EFS (all patients)	PFS or EFS (SLT plus ASCT)	Reference
DHAP	241	70	24	CT	NR	72% (3-year)	Josting et al <sup>21</sup>
ESHAP	22	73	41	CT	27% (3-year)	NR	Aparicio et al <sup>22</sup>
GDP	23	70	17	CT	NR	NR	Baetz et al <sup>23</sup>
GVD	41	61	20	CT	52% (4-year)	NR	Bartlett et al <sup>24</sup>
ICE	65	88	26	CT	58% (3.5-year)	68% (3.5-year)	Moskowitz et al <sup>25</sup>
IGEV	91	81	54	CT	53% (3-year)	NR	Santoro et al <sup>26</sup>
BEDEV	59	83	75	PET	59% (5-year)	77% (5-year)	Santoro et al <sup>27</sup>

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- Brentuximab Vedotin
  - Prior to autoHSCT in case of induction failure
    - If CR, the patients are addressed to autoHSCT
  - AutoHSCT failure
  - High-risk of relapse after autoHSCT

# Five-year survival and durability results of brentuximab vedotin in patients with relapsed or refractory Hodgkin lymphoma

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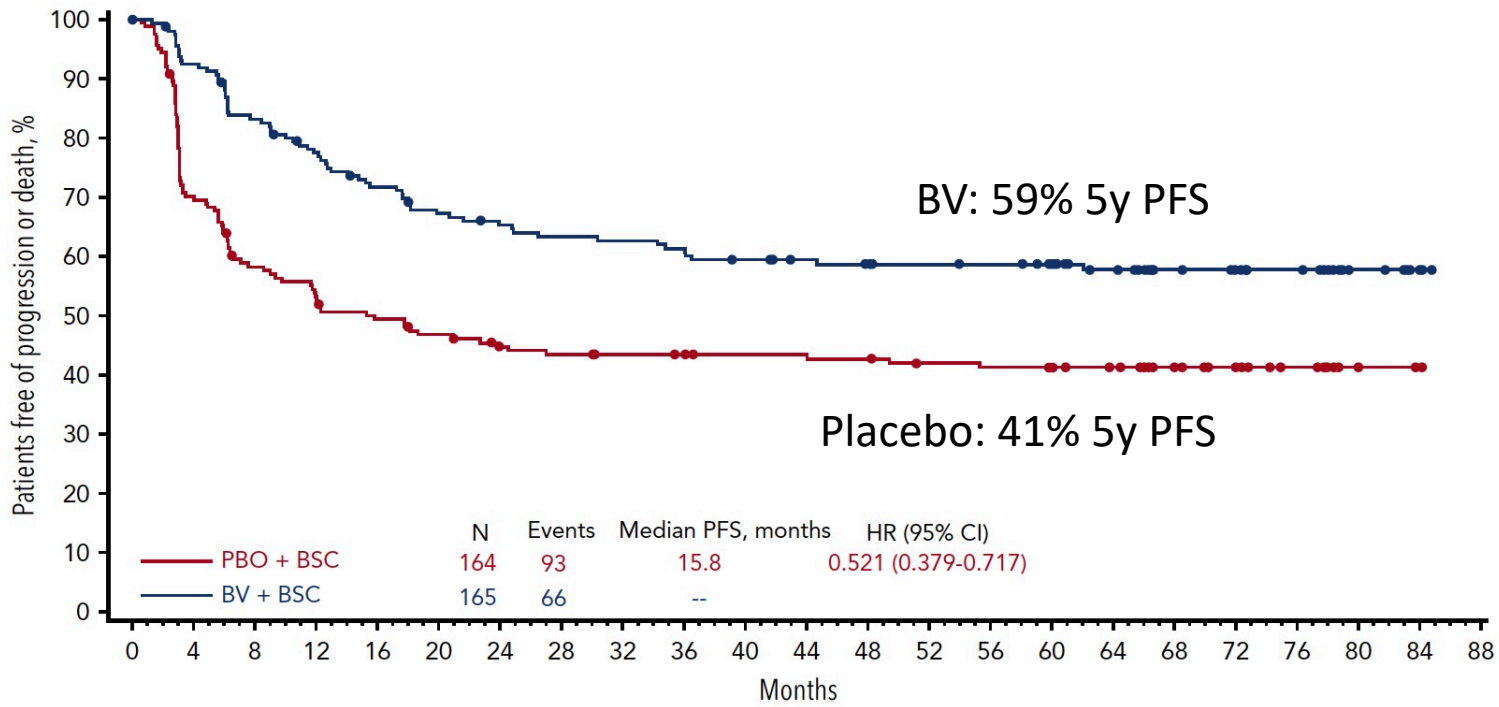
	%
All Patients (n = 102)	100%
CR as Best Response (n = 34)	33%
CR at End-of-Study (n = 13)	13%
<i>No further therapy</i>	9%
<i>Allo-SCT</i>	4%
Peripheral Neuropathy	42%
<i>Resolution</i>	73%
<i>Improvement</i>	14%



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# Consolidation with BV After AutoHSCT in cHL at High-Risk of Relapse



- Relapsed <12 months
- Primary refractory
- Extranodal disease
- PR/SD after salvage Tx
- B symptoms

No. at risk (events)

	0	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	44	48	52	56	60	64	68	72	76	80	84	88
Placebo+BSC	164 (0)	113 (48)	92 (67)	83 (76)	77 (81)	72 (85)	66 (88)	64 (90)	62 (90)	61 (90)	59 (90)	58 (91)	58 (91)	55 (92)	54 (93)	52 (93)	44 (93)	32 (93)	27 (93)	17 (93)	2 (93)	1 (93)	0 (93)
BV+BSC	165 (0)	149 (12)	133 (27)	122 (36)	112 (45)	104 (52)	100 (55)	97 (58)	96 (59)	94 (61)	90 (64)	87 (64)	84 (65)	83 (65)	82 (65)	78 (65)	66 (66)	47 (66)	43 (66)	26 (66)	7 (66)	3 (66)	0 (66)

# Newer Options

- Nivolumab, Pembrolizumab
  - Prior to autoHSCT in case of induction failure (Pembro only)
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# Autologous stem cell transplantation after anti-PD-1 therapy for multiply relapsed or refractory Hodgkin lymphoma

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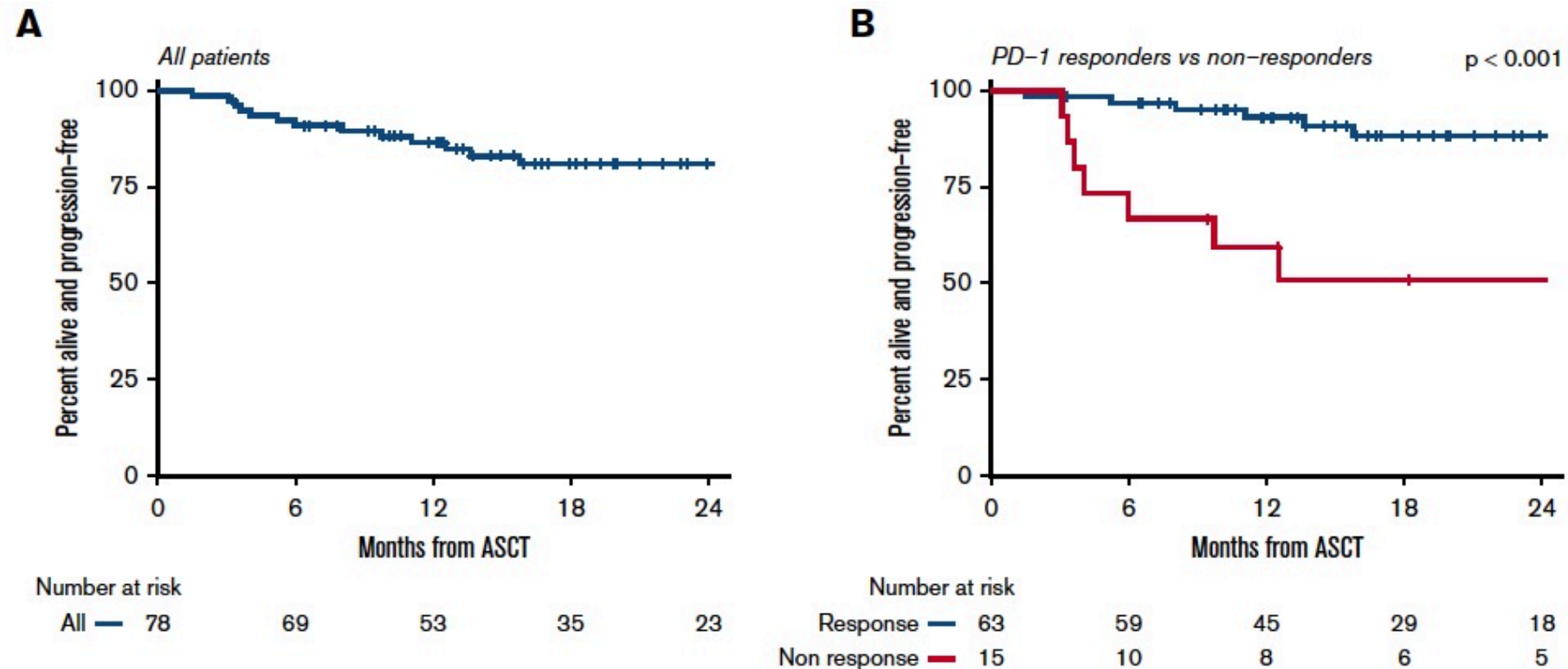
- **Hypothesis:** Anti-PD-1 therapy before ASCT would result in acceptable outcomes among high-risk patients who progressed on or responded insufficiently to  $\geq 1$  salvage regimen, including chemorefractory patients
- **Included** were 78 HL patients who underwent ASCT after an anti-PD-1 mAb as  $\geq 3L$  therapy.
- **Forty-two patients** (54%) refractory to  $\geq 2$  consecutive systemic therapies immediately before anti-PD-1 treatment.
- **Fifty-eight** (74%) patients underwent ASCT after anti-PD-1 treatment, while **20 patients** (26%) received additional therapy after PD-1 blockade and before ASCT.



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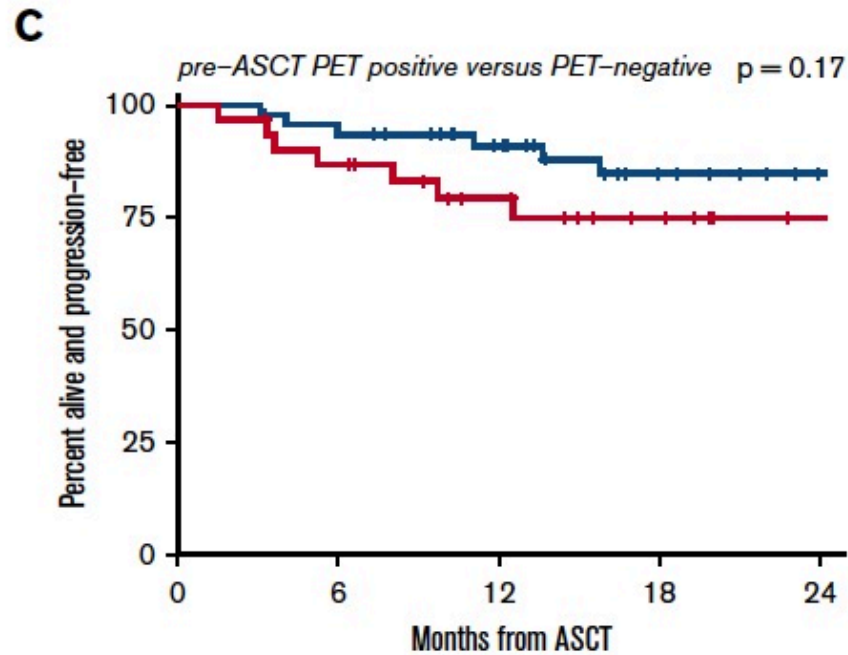
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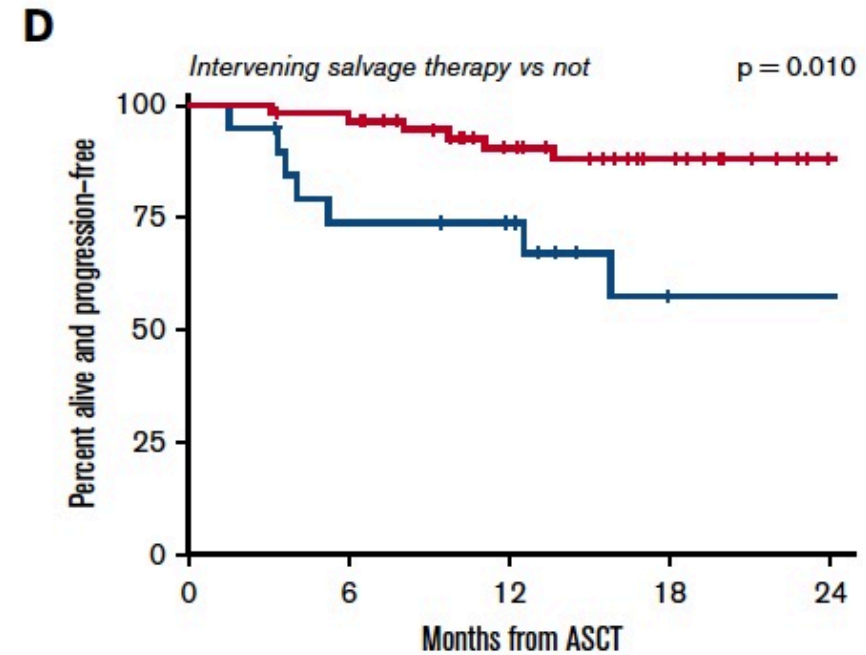
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Number at risk		0	6	12	18	24
Negative	47	47	43	34	22	15
Positive	31	31	26	19	13	8



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Yes	20	20	14	12	5	5
No	58	58	55	41	30	18

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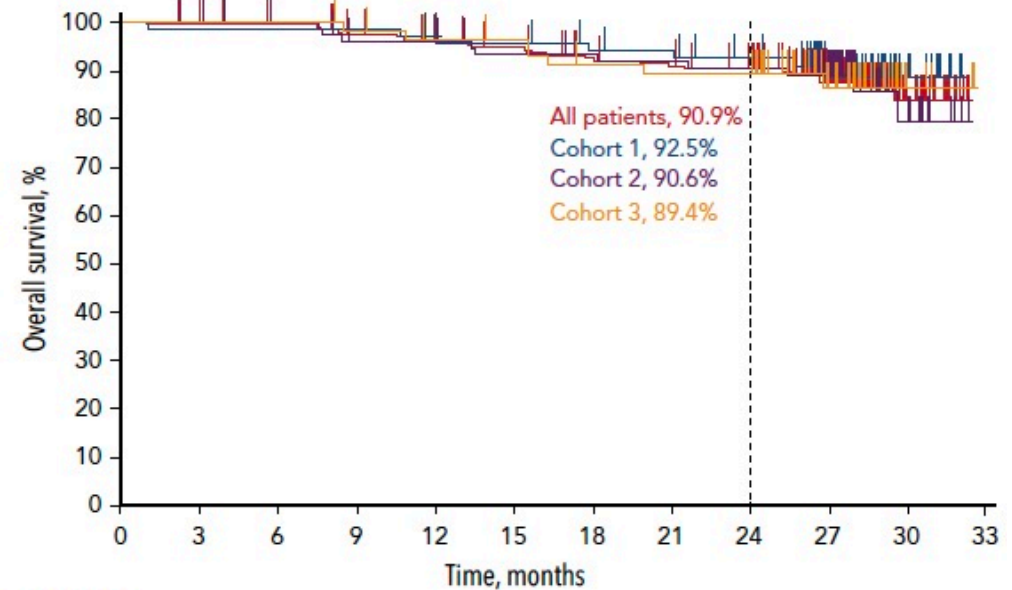
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**ORR: 72%; CR: 27.6%, PR: 44%**

**mOS: NR in all patients or in any cohort**

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No. at risk											
210	207	205	198	190	186	178	175	170	115	26	0
69	68	68	68	64	64	61	60	56	40	11	0
81	79	77	72	71	68	67	66	65	47	10	0
60	60	60	58	55	54	50	49	49	28	5	0



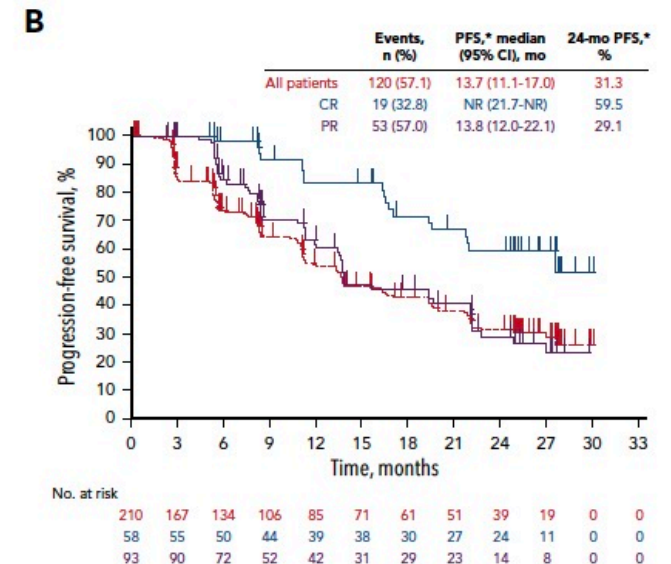
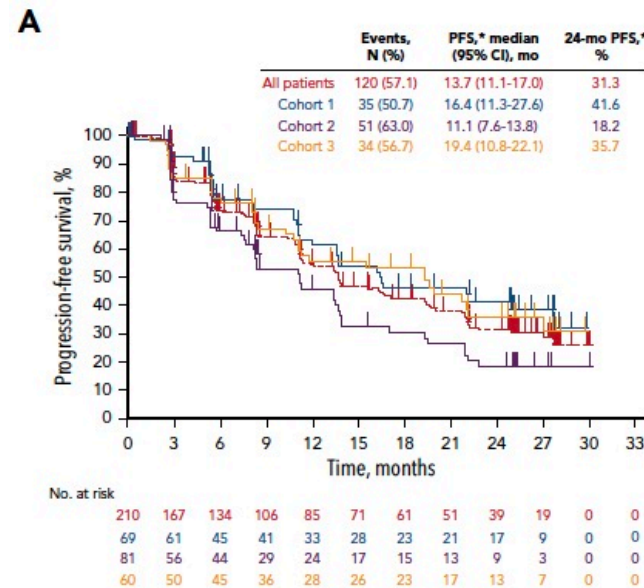
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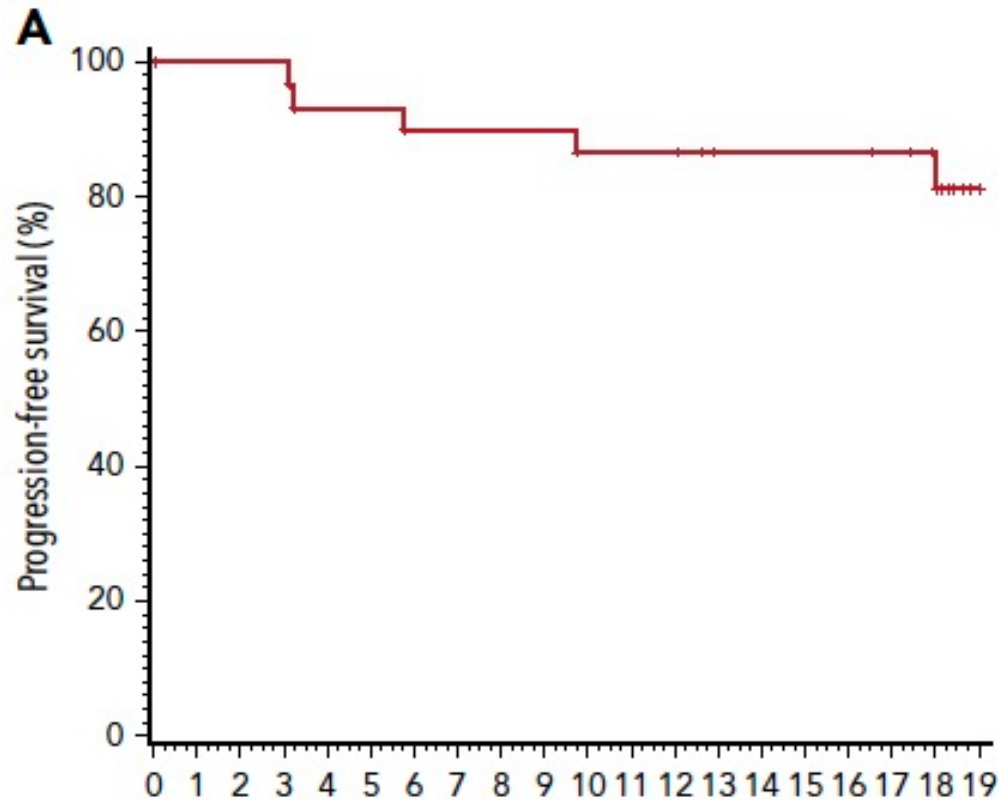
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- **Hypothesis:** Pembrolizumab as consolidation after ASCT would improve the PFS at 18 months after ASCT (primary end point) from 60% to 80%
- R/R HL patients (n= 30) deemed at *high-risk by clinical criteria* were enrolled
- They had received ASCT and had chemosensitive disease, i.e., they had achieved PMR or CMR after salvage therapy and prior to ASCT
- Pembrolizumab at 200 mg IV every 3 weeks for up to 8 cycles, starting within 21 days of post-ASCT discharge
- **Toxicity** was manageable, with 30% of patients experiencing at least 1 grade 3 or higher AE, and 40% at least 1 grade 2 or higher immune-related AE.

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- **The 18 months PFS = 82%** (5 pts had relapsed)
- **The 18-month OS was 100%**





## Pembrolizumab versus brentuximab vedotin in relapsed or refractory classical Hodgkin lymphoma (KEYNOTE-204): an interim analysis of a multicentre, randomised, open-label, phase 3 study

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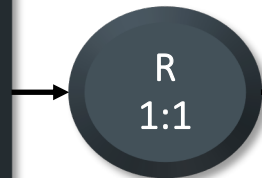
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**Interpretation** Pembrolizumab showed statistically significant and clinically meaningful improvement in progression-free survival compared with brentuximab vedotin, with safety consistent with previous reports. These data support pembrolizumab as the preferred treatment option for patients with relapsed or refractory classical Hodgkin lymphoma who have relapsed post-autologous HSCT or are ineligible for autologous HSCT.

# KEYNOTE-204 Study Design (NCT02684292)

## Key Eligibility Criteria

- Relapsed or refractory cHL
- Relapse after auto-SCT or ineligible for auto-SCT and failed 1 prior line of therapy
- Measurable disease per IWG 2007 criteria<sup>1</sup>
- ECOG PS 0-1
- BV-naive and BV-exposed patients eligible



Pembrolizumab  
200 mg IV Q3W  
Up to 35 cycles

Brentuximab vedotin  
1.8 mg/kg IV Q3W  
Up to 35 cycles

- Response assessed Q12W per IWG 2007 Revised Response Criteria for Malignant Lymphoma<sup>1</sup>
- AEs evaluated Q3W throughout the trial period, and Q12W during follow-up

## Stratification Factors

- Prior auto-SCT (yes vs no)
- Status after 1L therapy (primary refractory vs relapsed <12 months vs relapsed ≥12 months after end of 1L therapy)

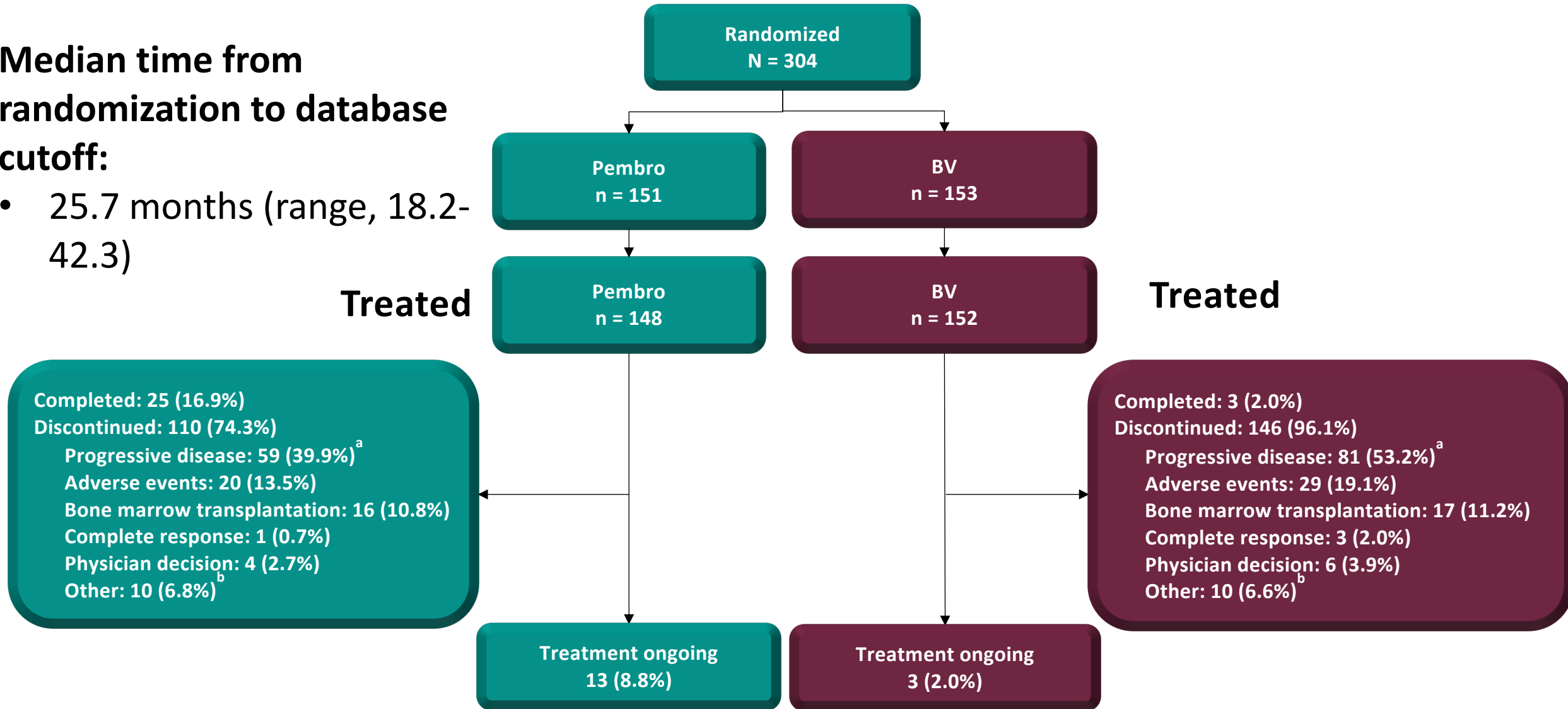
**Primary End Point:** PFS per blinded independent central review (BICR) by IWG 2007 criteria including clinical and imaging data following auto-SCT or allogeneic stem cell transplantation (allo-SCT); OS

**Secondary End Points:** PFS per BICR by IWG 2007 criteria excluding clinical and imaging data following auto-SCT or allo-SCT; ORR by BICR per IWG 2007; PFS per investigator review; DOR; safety

# Disposition

## Median time from randomization to database cutoff:

- 25.7 months (range, 18.2-42.3)



<sup>a</sup>Includes clinical progression.

<sup>b</sup>Other included nonstudy anticancer therapy, excluded medication, noncompliance, withdrawal by patient, and protocol deviations.

Data cutoff: January 16, 2020.

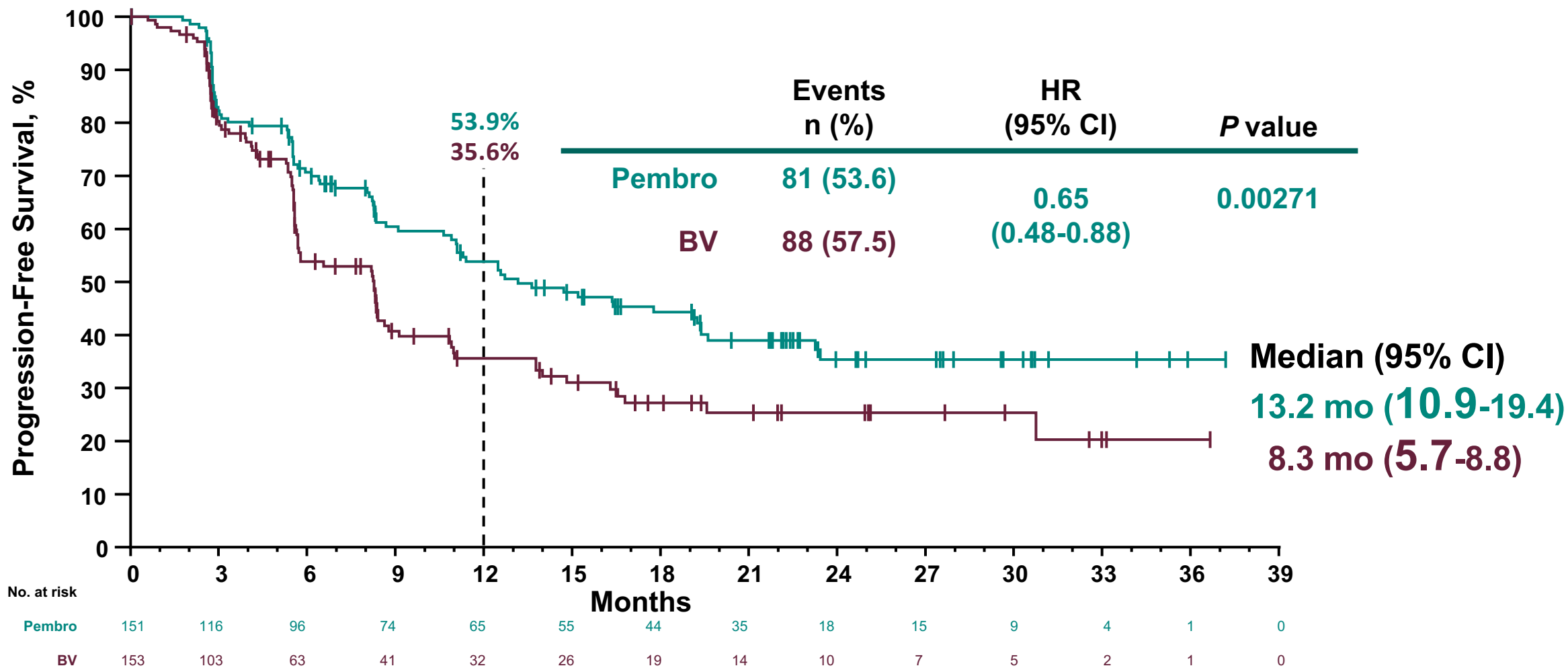
# Patient Characteristics

	Pembro n = 151	BV n = 153
Age, median (range)	36 (18-84)	35 (18-83)
≥65 years, n (%)	27 (17.9)	22 (14.4)
Male, n (%)	84 (55.6)	90 (58.8)
White, n (%)	119 (78.8)	115 (75.2)
ECOG PS 0, n (%)	86 (57.0)	100 (65.3)
<b>Prior auto-SCT, n (%)</b>		
Yes	56 (37.1)	56 (36.6)
No	95 (62.9)	97 (63.4)

	Pembro n = 151	BV n = 153
<b>Disease status after frontline therapy, n (%)</b>		
Primary refractory	61 (40.4)	62 (40.5)
Relapsed <12 months	42 (27.8)	42 (27.5)
Relapsed ≥12 months	48 (31.8)	49 (32.0)
<b>Prior BV, n (%)</b>	5 (3.3)	10 (6.5)
<b>Prior radiation, n (%)</b>	58 (38.4)	61 (39.9)
<b>Bulky disease, n (%)</b>	35 (23.2)	25 (16.3)
<b>Baseline B-symptoms, n (%)</b>	43 (28.5)	36 (23.5)
<b>Baseline bone marrow involvement, n (%)</b>	12 (7.9)	5 (3.3)

# Primary End Point: Progression-Free Survival per Blinded Independent Central Review

Including clinical and imaging data following auto-SCT or allo-SCT





# Take Home Messages

- Chemo-free regimens still to demonstrate their efficacy