

Pro bispecific antibodies

Debate: CARTs vs. bispecifics in follicular lymphoma

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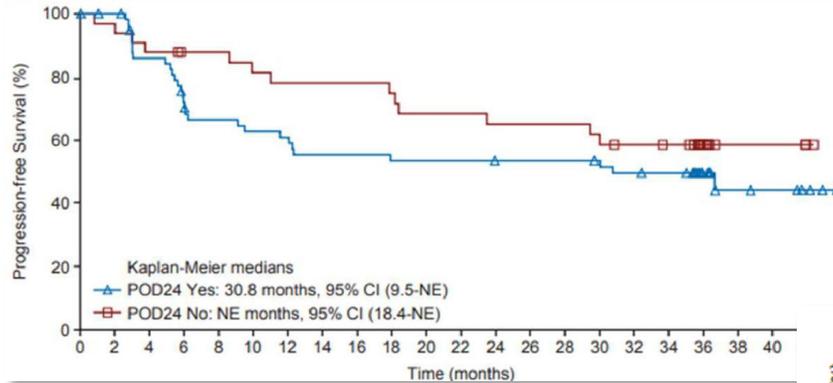
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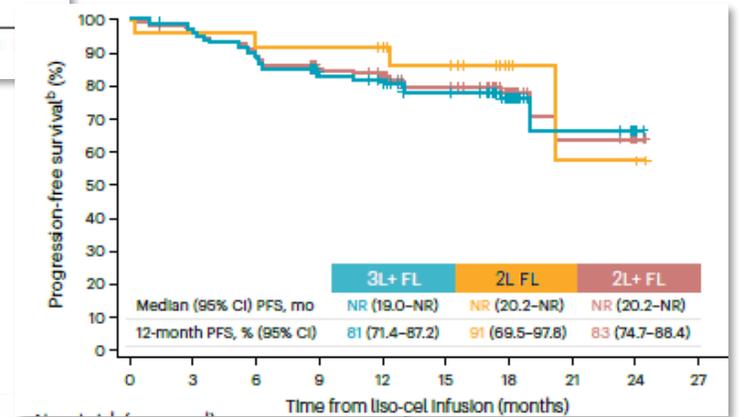
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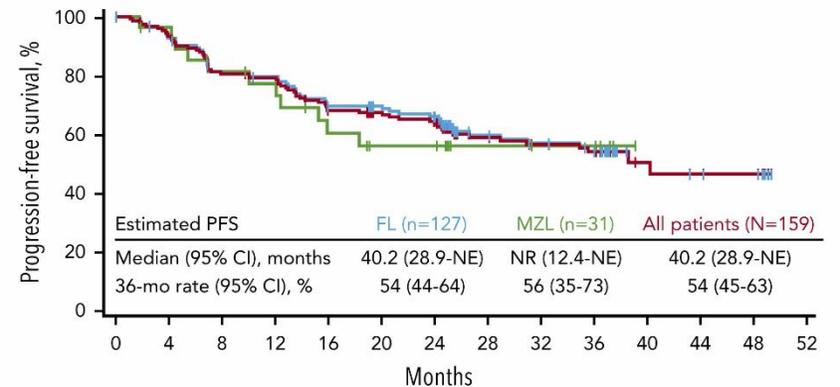
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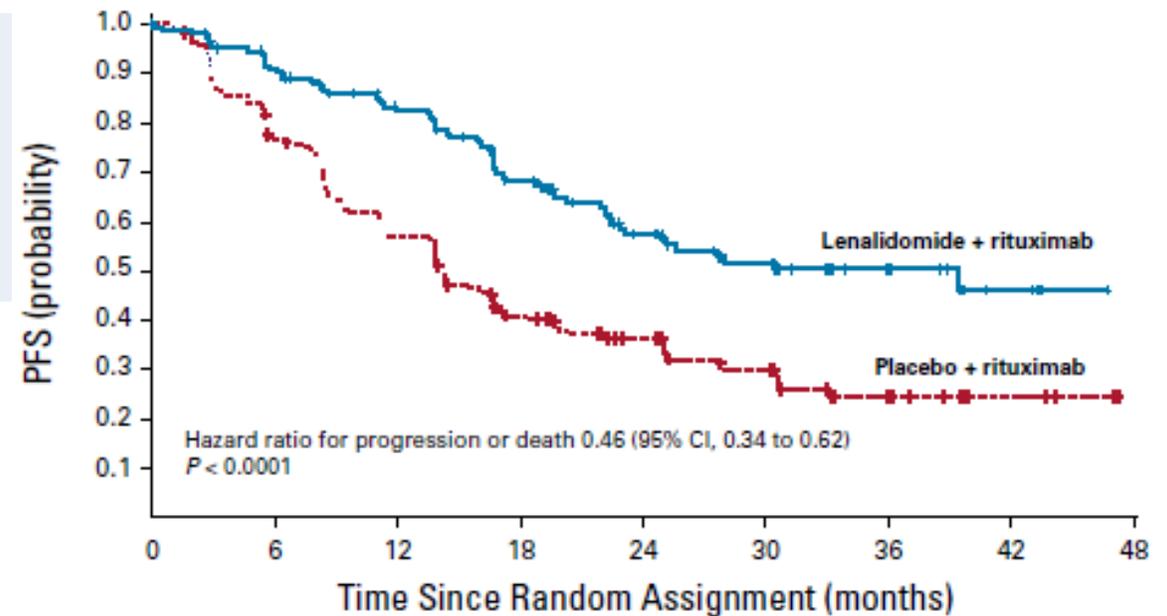
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AUGMENT⁴ – Rituximab + lenalidomide:

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- CRR 34% (by CT scan)
- **PFS: ~82% at 12 months and 58% at 24 months**



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Single-agent phase 1 studies of bispecific CD3/CD20 antibodies in B-NHL - across various dose levels and histologies

Bispecific antibody	Aggressive B-NHL			Indolent B-NHL			CRS / > gr 2
	No	ORR	CRR	No	ORR	CRR	
Mosunetuzumab	124	35%	19%	68	66%	49%	27% / 1%
Odronextamab	45	40%	36%	32	91%	72%	91% / 7%
Glofitamab	69	61%	49%	29	69%	59%	50% / 3.5%
Epcoritamab	22	68%	45%	10	90%	50%	59% / 0%

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**Recent data from phase 1b-2 studies of
mosunetuzumab, odronextamab,
epcoritamab, and glofitamab in r/r FL**

Pivotal phase 2 study of mosunetuzumab in r/r FL

- **ORR 78%**
- **CRR 60%**

Pivotal, single-arm, Phase II expansion study in patients with R/R FL and ≥ 2 prior therapies (NCT02500407)

Key inclusion criteria

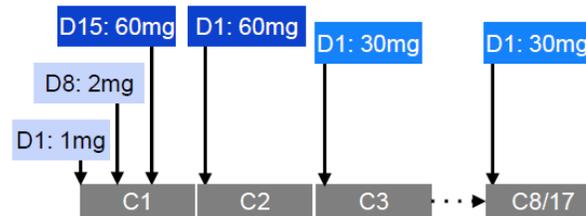
- FL Grade 1–3a
- ECOG PS 0–1
- ≥ 2 prior therapies including an anti-CD20 antibody and an alkylator

Data analysis

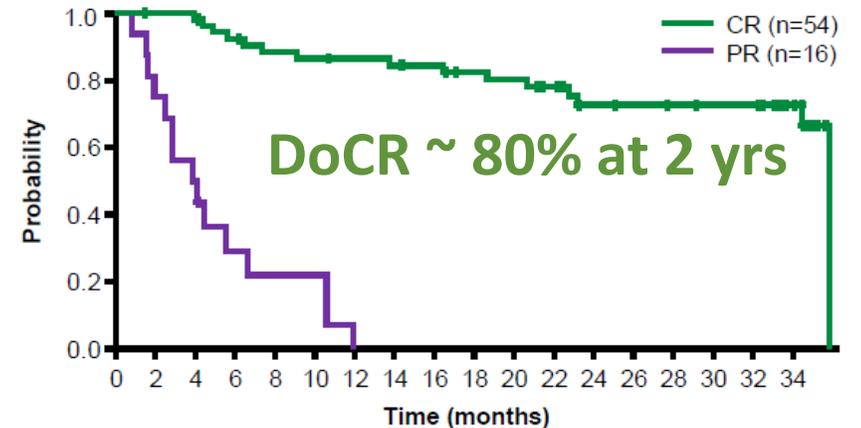
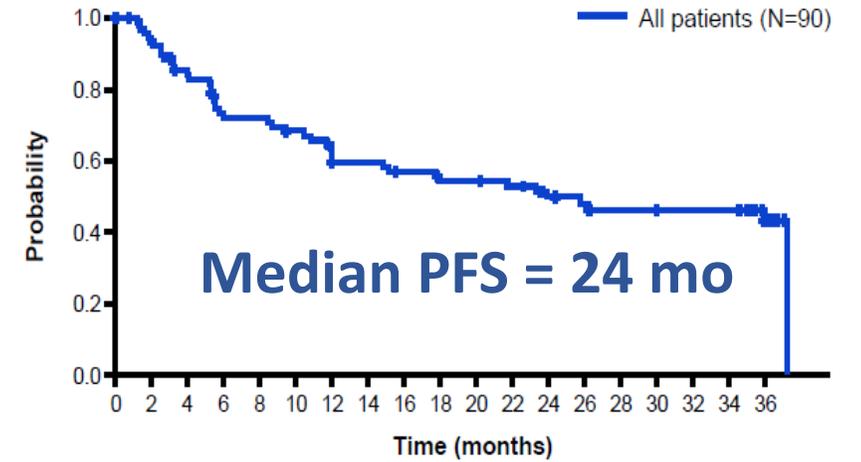
- Study met its primary endpoint: 60% CR rate versus 14% historic control ($p < 0.0001$)^{1,2}
- Updated efficacy and safety analysis with a median follow-up of 37.4 months

Mosunetuzumab administration

- IV mosunetuzumab administered in 21-day cycles with step-up dosing in C1
- Fixed-duration treatment: 8 cycles if CR after C8; 17 cycles if PR/SD after C8
- Retreatment with mosunetuzumab permitted at relapse for patients who achieved CR
- No mandatory hospitalization

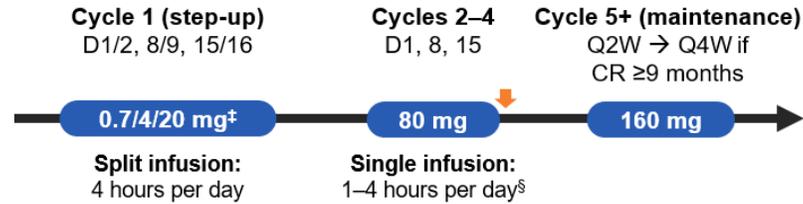


Refractory to last prior therapy	62 (69%)
Refractory to any prior anti-CD20 therapy	71 (79%)
POD24	47 (52%)
Double refractory to prior anti-CD20 and alkylator therapy	48 (53%)



Phase 2 study of odronextamab in r/r FL (ELM-2)

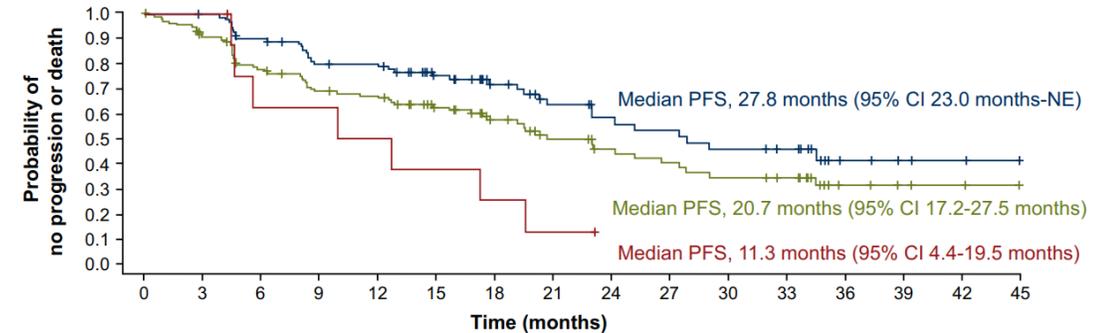
Odronextamab administration (IV, 21-day cycles)



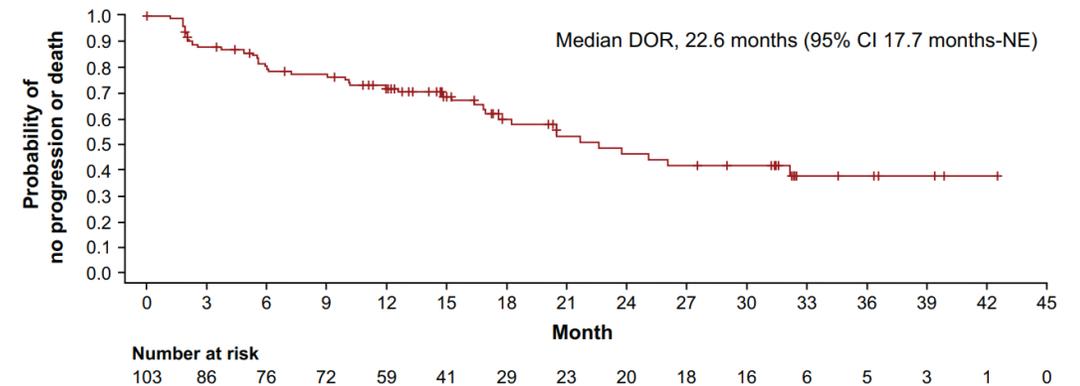
Refractory to last line of therapy, %	72
Refractory to anti-CD20 antibody, %	74
Double refractory to alkylator and anti-CD20 antibody, %	41
POD24, %	49

In 128 FL patients, median FU 20 months:

- ORR 80%
- CRR 73%
- Median PFS 21 months
- 2-year PFS rate 46%
- No impact of POD24 on response



Number at risk	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39	42	45
All patients	128	109	90	78	74	56	40	29	24	21	18	16	6	4	3	0
Patients with CR	94	93	81	70	68	51	37	27	23	21	18	16	6	4	3	0
Patients with PR	9	9	5	5	4	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



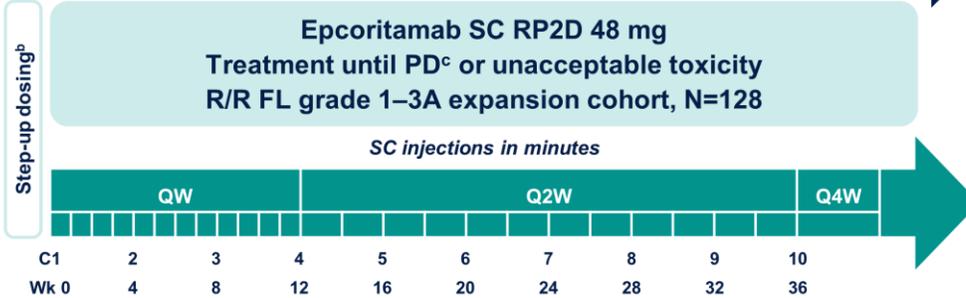
FL expansion cohort from the phase I-II study of epcoritamab in B-NHL (EPCORE NHL-1)

Dose expansion

Key inclusion criteria^a:

- R/R CD20⁺ mature B-cell neoplasm
- ECOG PS 0–2
- ≥2 prior lines of antineoplastic therapy, including ≥1 anti-CD20 mAb
- Prior treatment with an alkylating agent or lenalidomide
- FDG-avid disease by PET/CT
- Prior CAR T allowed

Data cutoff: April 21, 2023
Median follow-up: 17.4 mo



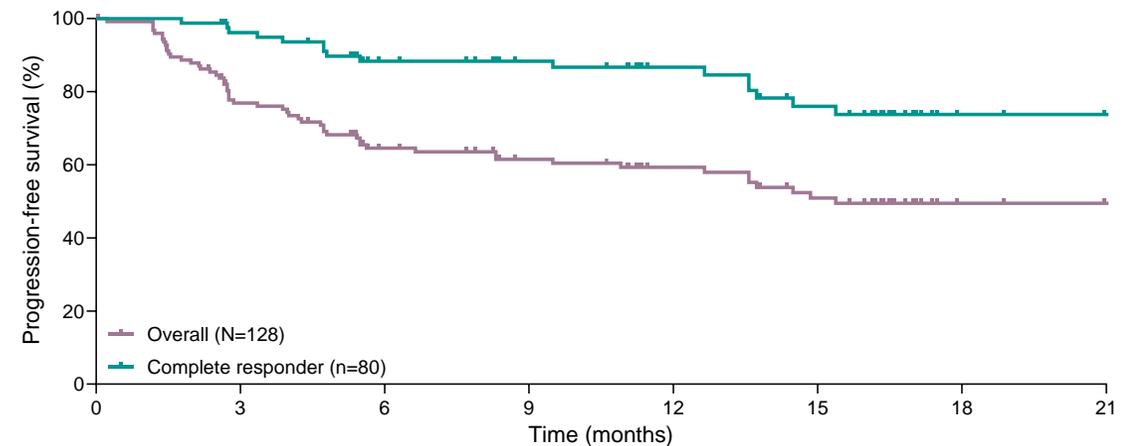
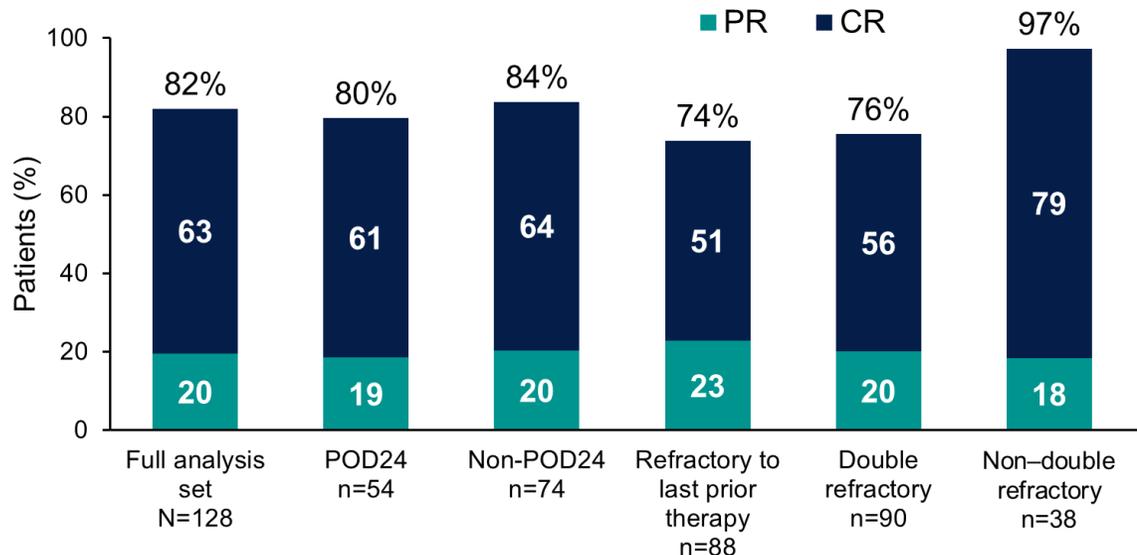
- **Primary endpoint:** ORR by independent review committee (IRC)
- **Key secondary endpoints:** MRD^d, DOR, TTR, PFS, OS, CR rate, and safety/tolerability

≥4 prior lines, n (%)	40 (31)
POD24, ^a n (%)	54 (42)
Double refractory, ^{b,c} n (%)	90 (70)
Primary refractory, ^b n (%)	69 (54)
Refractory ^b to last prior systemic therapy, n (%)	88 (69)

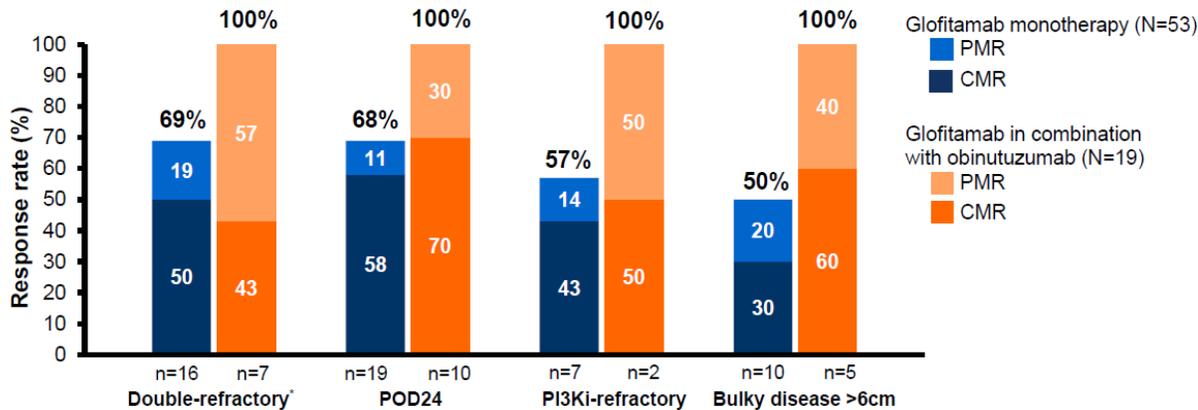
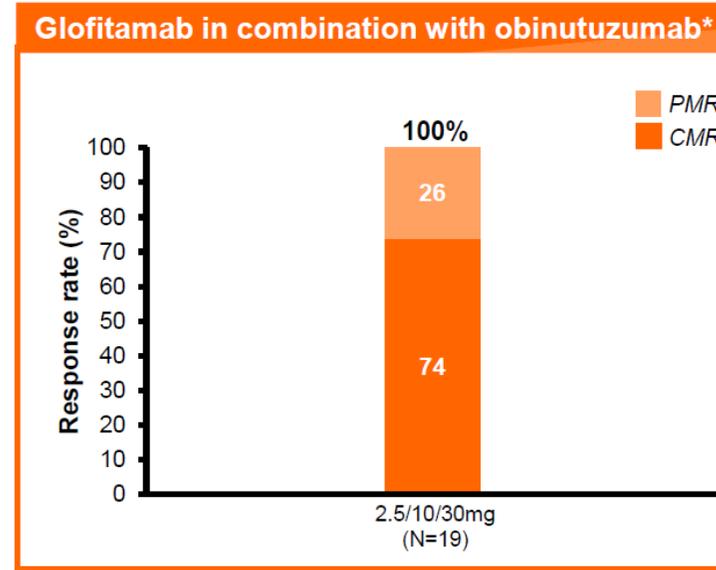
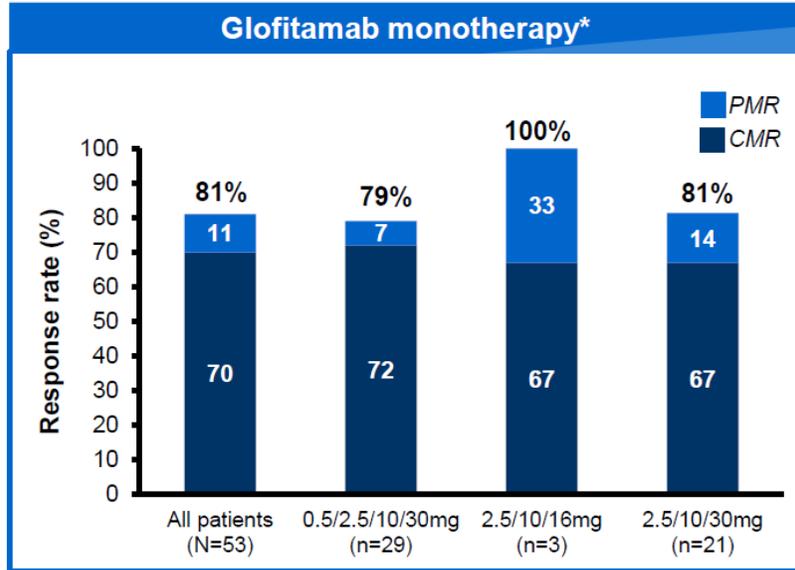
ORR: 82%

CRR: 63%

Median time to CR: 6 weeks



Glofitamab alone and in combination with obinutuzumab in r/r FL



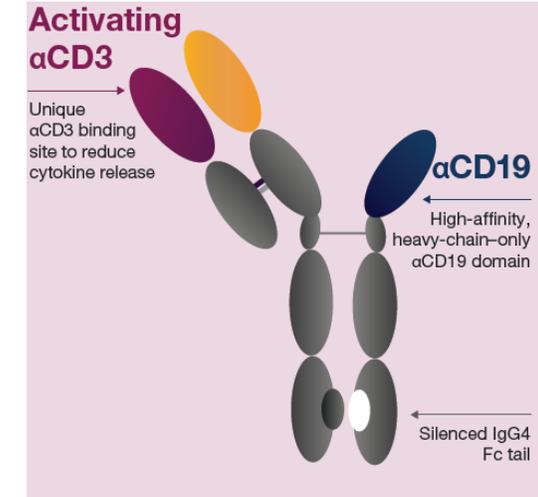
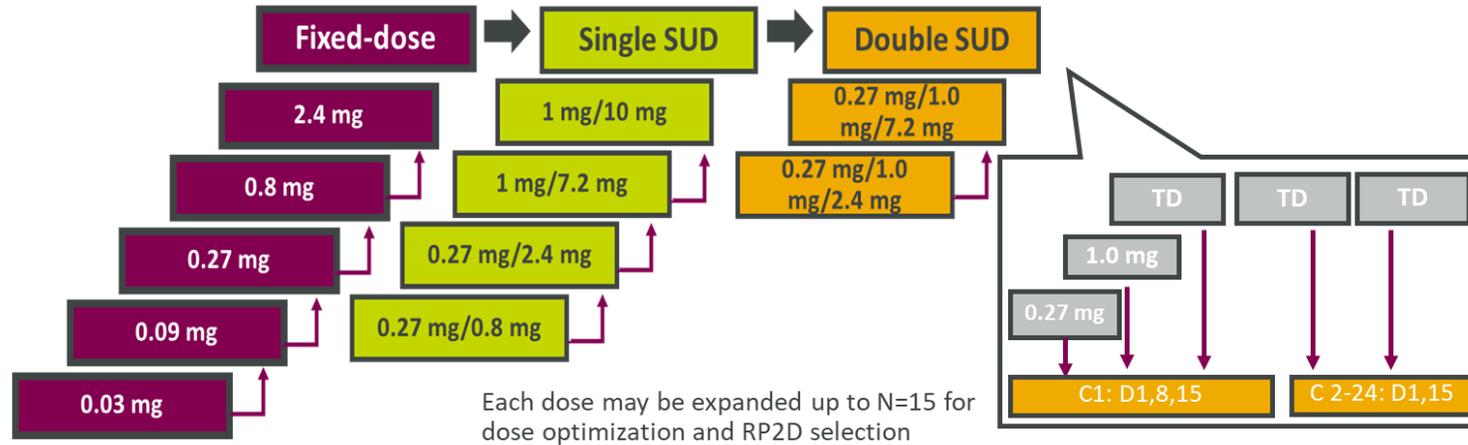
N (%) of patients unless stated	Glofitamab + obinutuzumab cohort (N=19)
Refractory to any prior therapy	13 (68.4)
Refractory to most recent therapy line	8 (42.1)
Refractory to any prior anti-CD20	10 (52.6)
Double-refractory*	7 (36.8)
POD24	10 (52.6)
PI3K inhibitor-refractory	2 (10.5)
Bulky disease >6cm	5 (26.3)

Phase 1 study of AZD0486 (CD19xCD3 bispecific) in r/r B-NHL

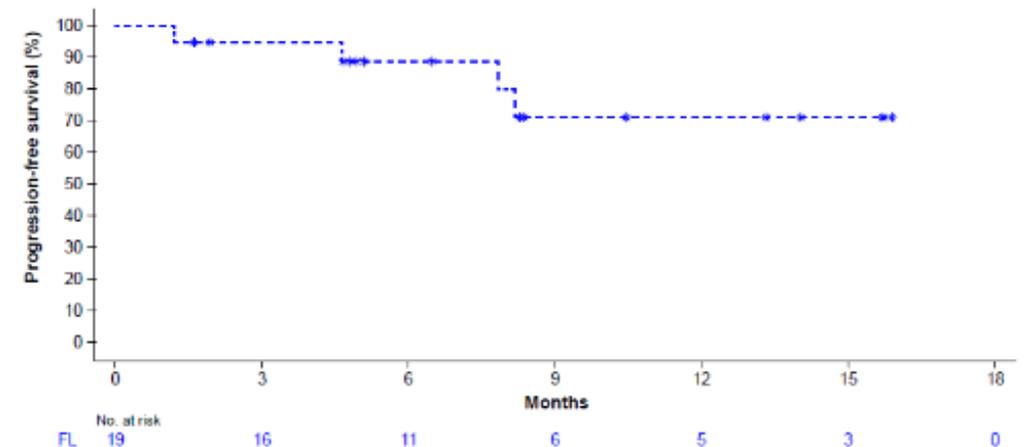
Key Eligibility

- Age ≥18 years
- CD19+ R/R B-NHL
- ≥ 2 prior lines of therapy (anti-CD19 directed regimens and prior TCEs allowed)
- ECOG PS ≤ 2
- ≥ 1 measurable lesion
- No active CNS disease

Study Design

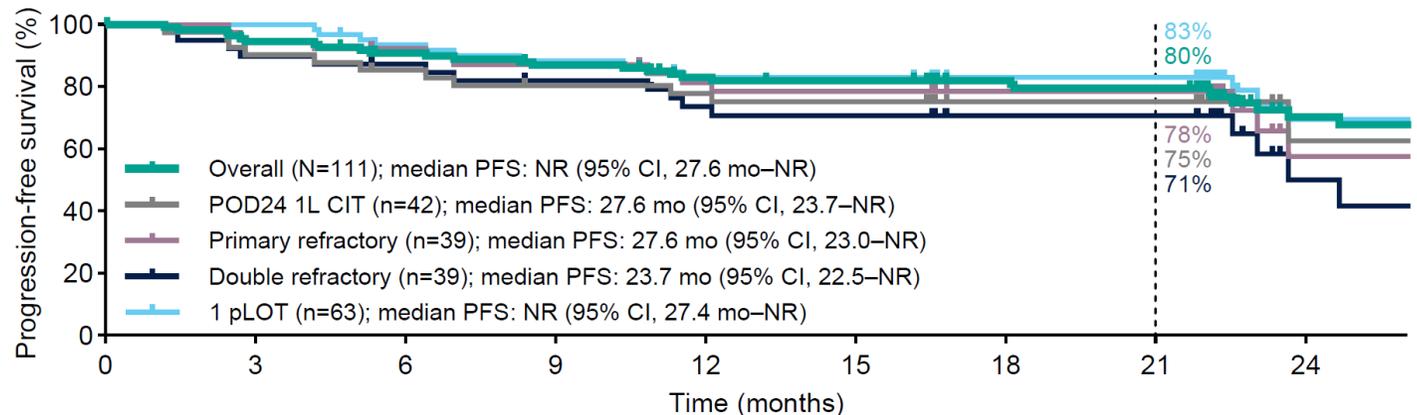
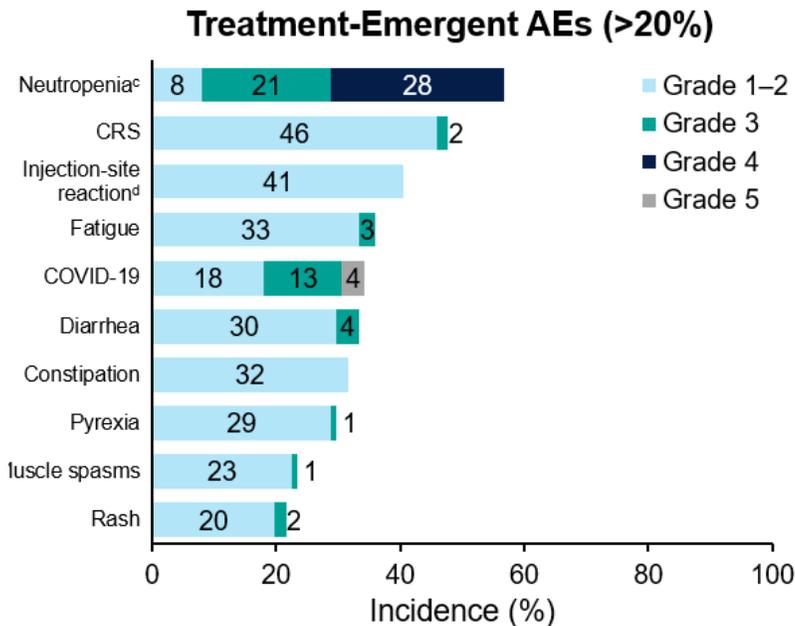
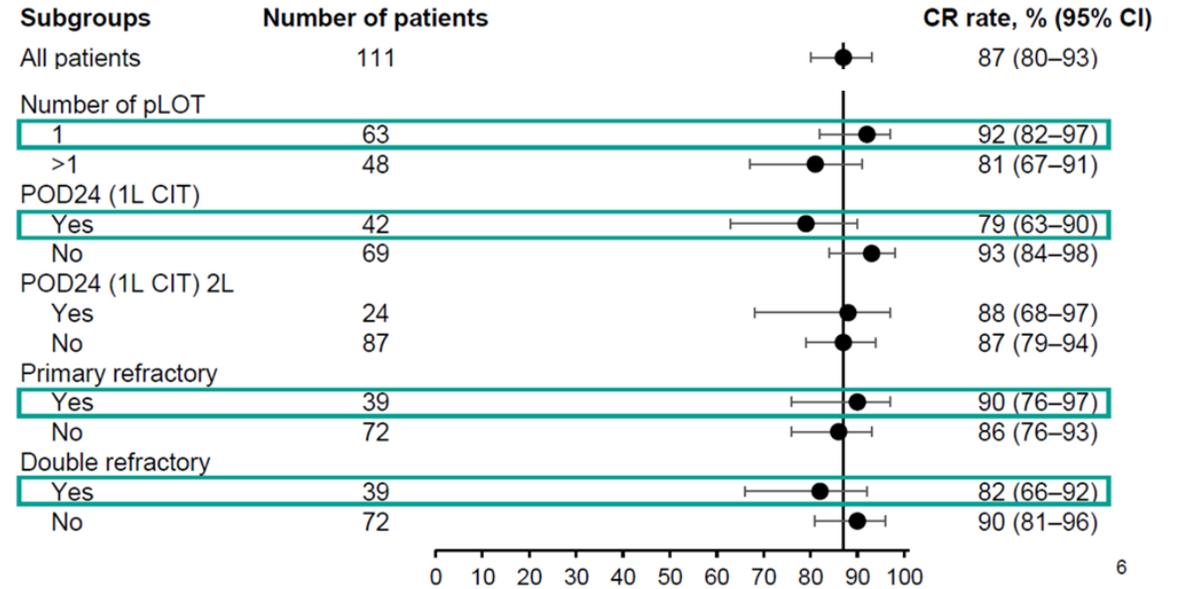


- So far 56 FL patients treated in this phase 1 study
- For the 41 patients treated at doses ≥2.4 mg:
 - ORR 95%, CRR 85%
 - CR in 6 out of 7 patients with CD20-negative disease
 - CR in both patients with prior CD20xCD3 therapy
 - No impact of POD24 on response (14 patients, CR 100%)



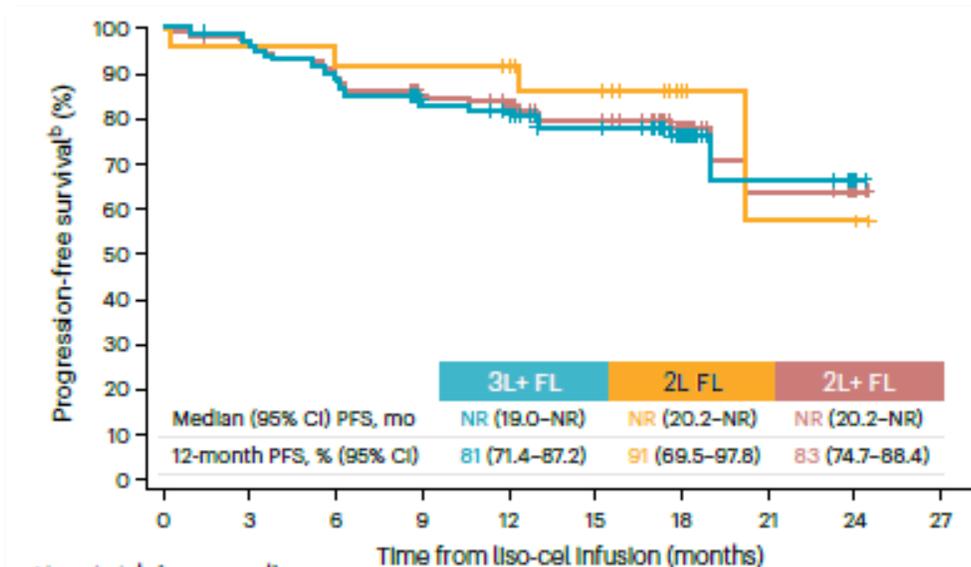
Phase Ib/II study of fixed-duration epcoritamab + R² in patients with R/R FL

Best Response, n (%) ^a	N=111
Overall response	107 (96)
Complete response	97 (87)
Partial response	10 (9)
Progressive disease	2 (2)



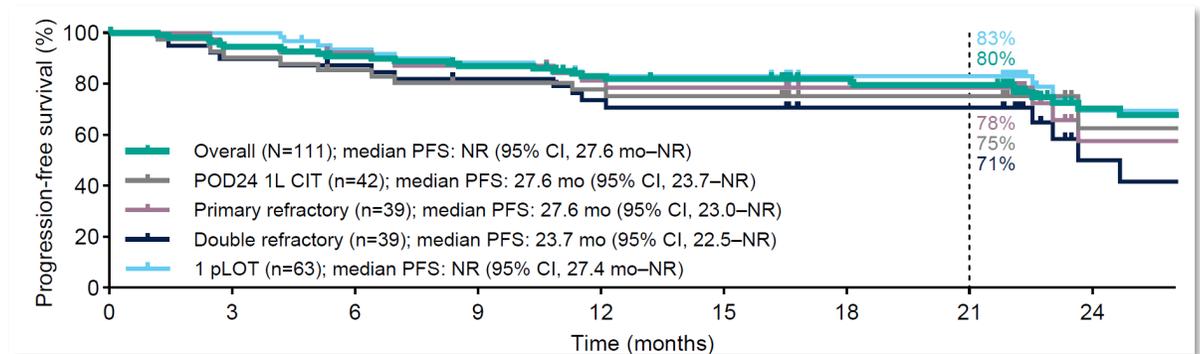
TRANSCEND FL (Liso-cel)

- ITT = **139** patients
- CRS: 59%, mainly grade 1-2
- ICANS: **15%**
- MAS/HLH in one patient
- Second primary malignancies in 4 patients
- ORR 93%
- CRR 90%
- PFS: 72% at 24 months (PP)



EPCORE NHL-2 arm 2 (Epcos + R²)

- ITT = **111** patients
- CRS: 48%, mainly grade 1-2
- ICANS: **2%**
- MAS/HLH not observed
- Second primary malignancies not observed
- ORR 96%
- CRR 87%
- PFS: 80% at 21 months



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The advantages of the bispecific antibodies:

- The safety:
 - Less CRS, less ICANS
- The simplicity
 - Off-the-shelf and easy to deliver
- The price:
 - Not as expensive as CARTs
 - You can stop treatment if no CR, as only complete responses are durable
- The combinability
 - Epcor + R²: ORR 96%, CRR 87%, 21-m PFS 80%
 - Glofit + Obinutuzumab: ORR 100%, CRR 74%
 - Glofit + Englumafusp alfa: ORR 91%, CRR 74%*

*Hutchings M, et al. ASH 2022, abstract #4259 (poster).

Look out for the following studies

- OLYMPIA-5:
 - Phase 3 trial of odronextamab plus lenalidomide vs rituximab plus lenalidomide in relapsed/refractory follicular lymphoma and marginal zone lymphoma
- EPCORE FL-1:
 - Phase 3 trial of subcutaneous epcoritamab with rituximab and lenalidomide (R2) Vs R2 alone in patients with relapsed or refractory follicular lymphoma
- CELESTIMO:
 - Phase III trial of mosunetuzumab plus lenalidomide versus rituximab plus lenalidomide in patients with relapsed or refractory follicular lymphoma who have received ≥ 1 line of systemic therapy