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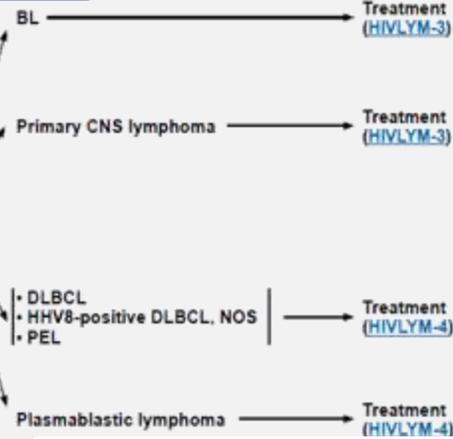
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Longitudinal trends in causes of death among adults with HIV on antiretroviral therapy in Europe and North America from 1996 to 2020: a collaboration of cohort studies

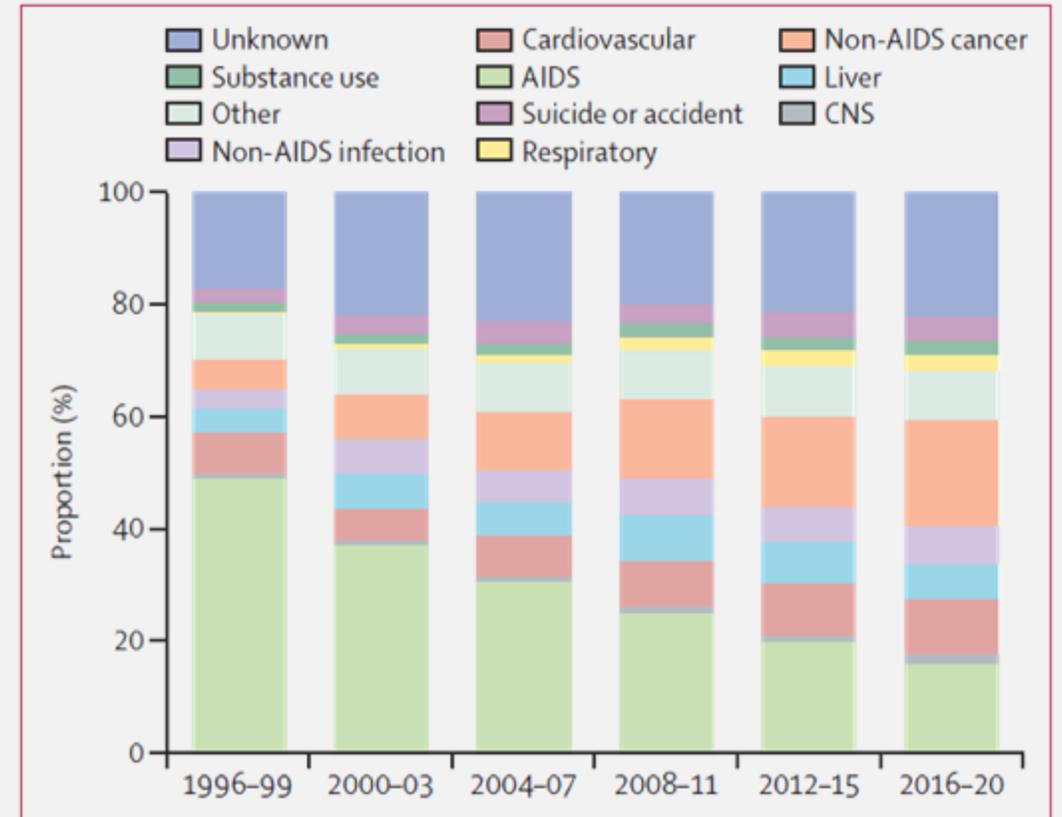
Adam Trickey, *Lancet HIV*, 2024

189,301 PLWH followed up for 1,519,200 person-years

The median age at initiation of ART: 35 years 1996–99  
38 years 2016–20.

Participants' median age: 37 years on Jan 1, 2000  
43 years on Jan 1, 2008  
47 years on Jan 1, 2016

Proportion PLWH with CD4 counts of 0–199:  
42.6% at the start of the 1996–99  
7.6% at the start of the 2016–20



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## Cancer Treatment Disparities in People With HIV in the United States, 2001-2019

McGee-Avila, JK, JCO2024

Adults W HIV: 16,334; Adults W/H HIV 2,880,955

Characteristic	Adults With HIV (n = 16,334), No. (%)	Adults Without HIV (n = 2,880,955), No. (%)	P
Cancer type			<.0001
Cervix	558 (3.4)	49,474 (1.7)	
Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma	3,053 (18.7)	71,729 (2.5)	
HL	1,278 (7.8)	30,540 (1.1)	
Lung	3,561 (21.8)	634,437 (22.0)	
Anus	2,219 (13.6)	19,518 (0.68)	
Prostate	2,987 (18.3)	795,348 (27.6)	
Colon	1,428 (8.7)	462,585 (16.1)	
Breast	1,250 (7.7)	817,324 (28.4)	
Cancer stage			<.0001
Local	6,695 (41.0)	1,591,973 (55.3)	
Regional	3,899 (23.9)	743,109 (25.8)	
Distant	5,740 (35.1)	545,873 (19.0)	

Cancer Type	PWH Not Receiving Cancer Treatment, No. (%)	People Without HIV Not Receiving Cancer Treatment, No. (%)	aOR <sup>a</sup>	95% CI
Overall aOR			<b>1.37</b>	1.32 to 1.44
Cancer type				
Cervix	52 (10.2)	2,961 (6.0)	<b>2.03</b>	1.52 to 2.70
DLBCL	531 (17.4)	10,616 (14.8)	<b>1.53</b>	1.38 to 1.70
HL	229 (17.9)	4,334 (14.2)	<b>1.39</b>	1.19 to 1.63
Lung	923 (25.9)	120,349 (19.0)	<b>1.79</b>	1.65 to 1.93
Anus	104 (4.7)	1,032 (5.3)	0.85	0.68 to 1.08
Prostate	705 (23.6)	141,297 (17.8)	<b>1.32</b>	1.21 to 1.44
Colon	137 (9.6)	23,964 (5.2)	<b>1.73</b>	1.43 to 2.08
Breast	71 (5.7)	27,730 (3.4)	<b>1.38</b>	1.07 to 1.77

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Overall aOR	<b>1.69 (1.55 to 1.84)</b>	<b>1.41 (1.32 to 1.51)</b>	<b>1.14 (1.06 to 1.23)</b>	<b>&lt;.0001</b>
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Cervical cancer	<b>2.27 (1.34 to 3.86)</b>	<b>2.07 (1.28 to 3.35)</b>	<b>1.84 (1.12 to 3.01)</b>	.5720
DLBCL	<b>1.78 (1.49 to 2.12)</b>	<b>1.48 (1.26 to 1.75)</b>	<b>1.32 (1.07 to 1.63)</b>	.0872
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Anal cancer	1.35 (0.85 to 2.15)	0.77 (0.52 to 1.13)	0.71 (0.48 to 1.04)	.1024
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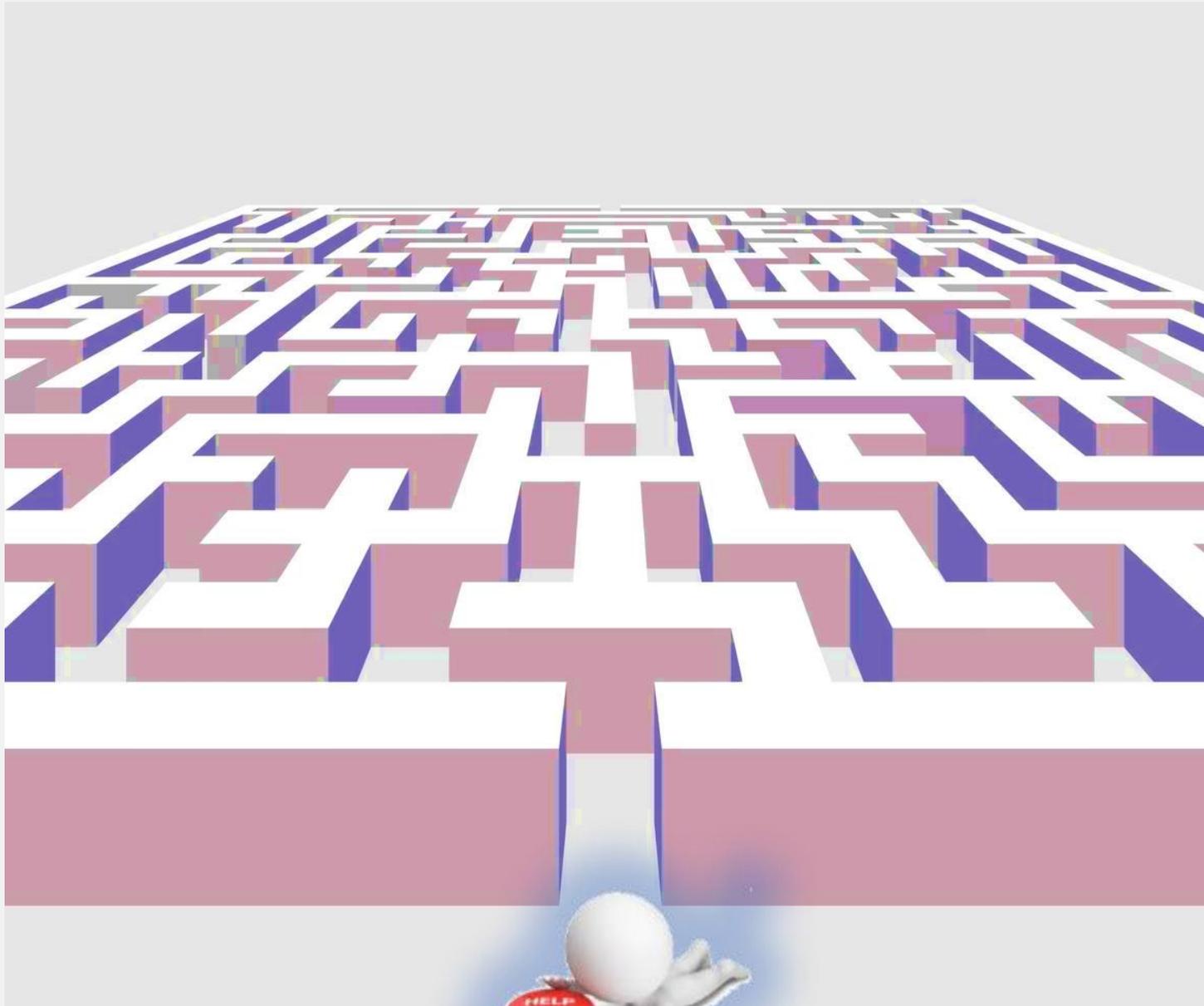
Association between HIV and lack of treatment attenuated over time for many cancer types

HIV remained associated with the lack of treatment for cervical cancer  
**DLBCL**  
 lung cancer

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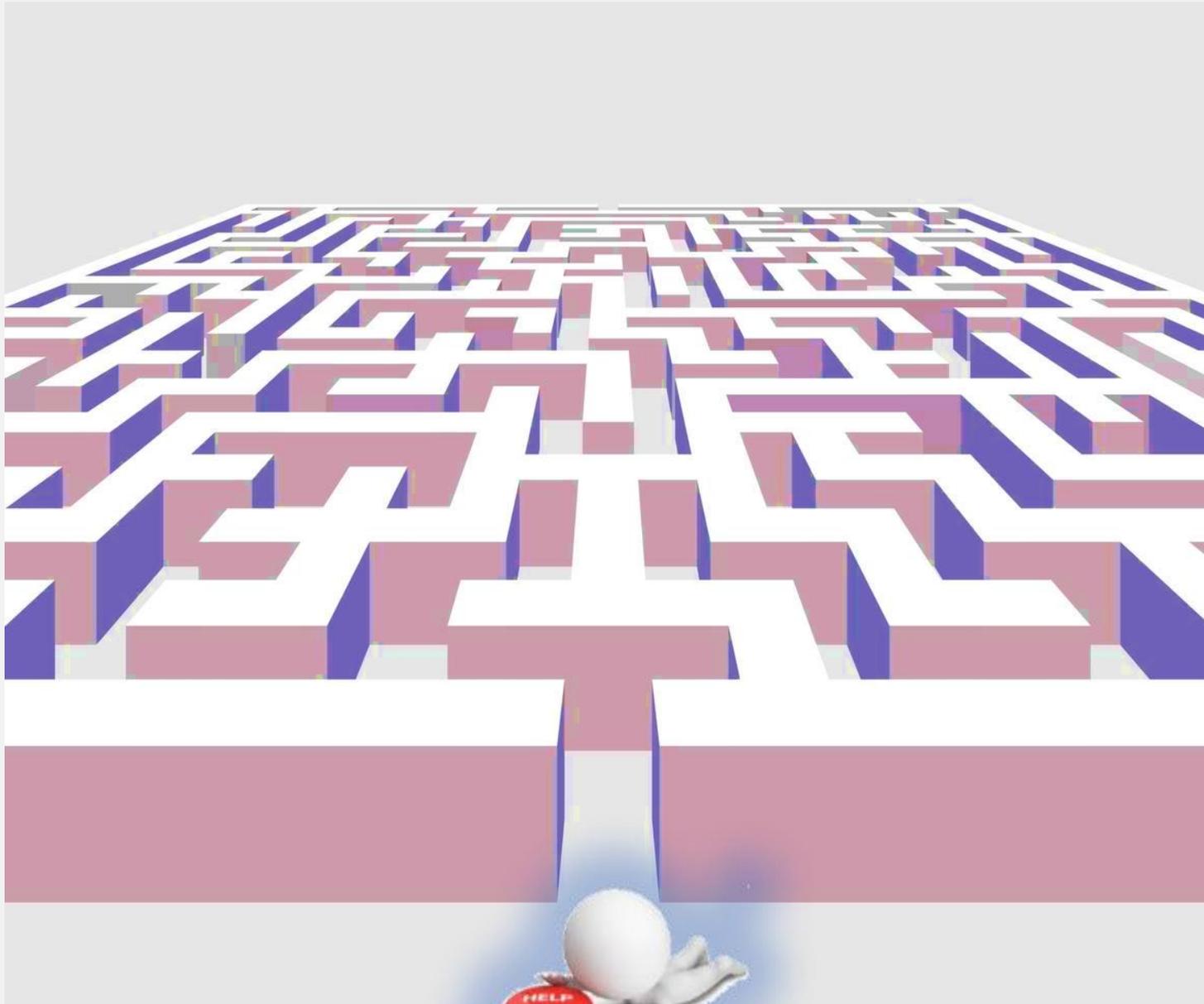
Associations between HIV status and lack of standard treatment by cancer type

During 2014-2019, HIV and lack of standard cancer treatment  
**DLBCL**  
 cancers of the cervix  
 lung



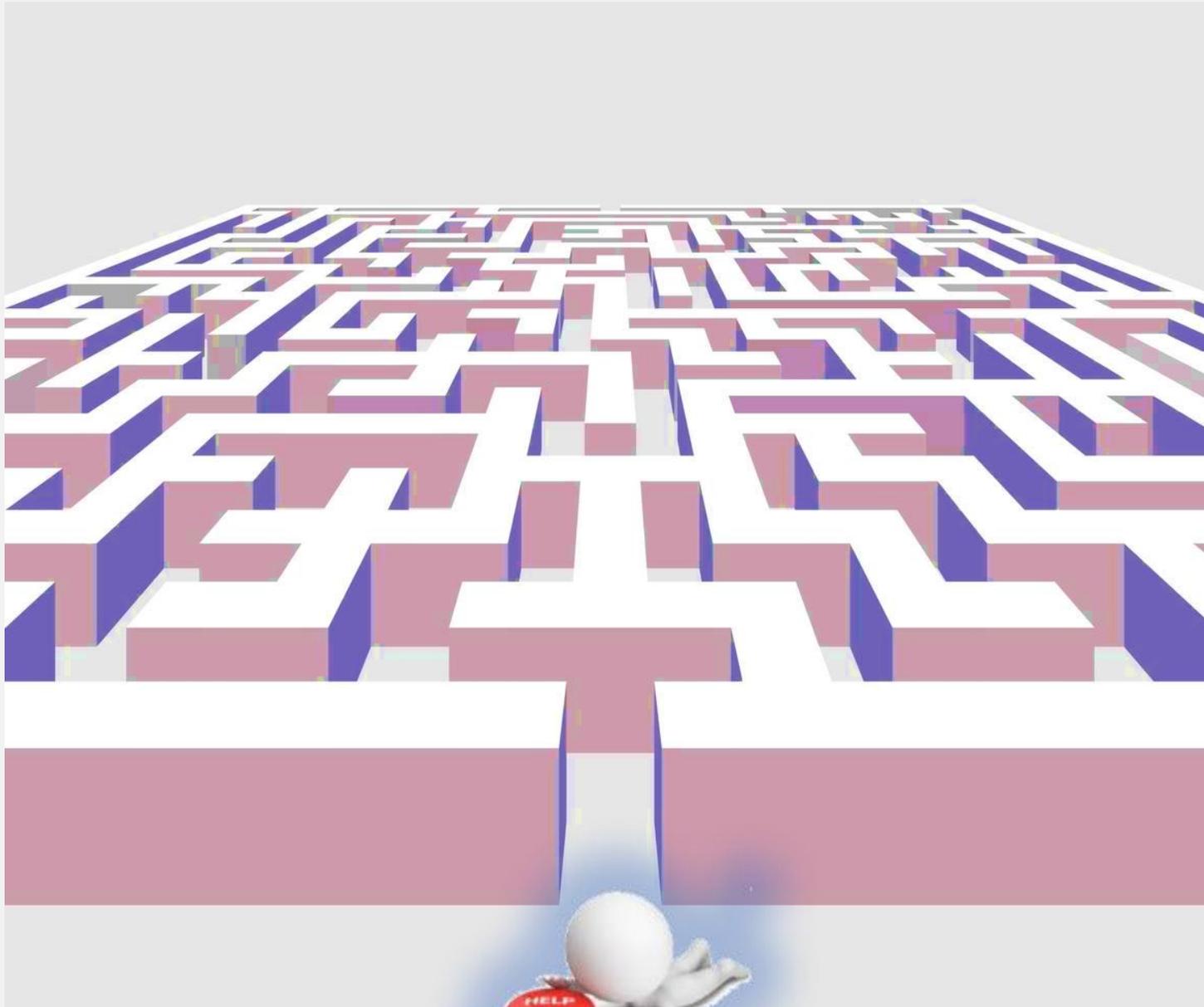
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## Burning issues:

- What do we know about the biology of these lymphomas?
- Are there any guidelines?



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# WHO Classification of Tumors of Hematologic and Lymphoid Tissues

WHO classification, 5th edition 2022	WHO classification, revised 4th edition, 2016	
Hyperplasia arising in immune deficiency/dysregulation distincted in - Follicular proliferation - interfollicular and paracortical proliferations Plasma-cell hyperplasia Mononucleosis-like hyperplasia - T-cell and histiocytic proliferations	Non-destructive forms distincted in: - Florid follicular hyperplasia - Plasmacytic hyperplasia - Infectious mononucleosis	<div data-bbox="1747 419 2372 1162" style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 20px; padding: 10px; background-color: #e0e0e0;"> <p><b>In contrast to the past, WHO 5 subclassifies these lesions based on pathologic features, as in immunocompetent patients, rather than clinical setting.</b></p> </div>
KSHV/HHV8 Multicentric Castleman disease (also included in tumor-like lesion with B-cell predominance)	Multicentric Castleman disease	
<b>Lymphomas arising in immune deficiency/dysregulation</b>	Monomorphic B and T cell neoplasms, cHL <b>Lymphomas associated with HIV infection</b> Other iatrogenic immunodeficiency-associated LPDs	
In born error of immunity-associated lymphoid proliferations and lymphomas	Lymphoproliferative disease associated with primary immune disorders	

# LYMPHOMA AND PLWH: The viral cooperation

**DEFINITION:** a mechanism by which different viruses coinfecting human tissue have synergistic or regulatory effects on carcinogenesis



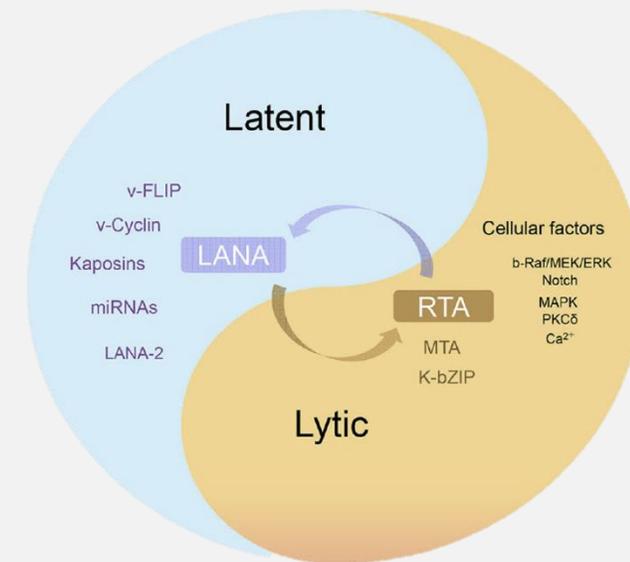
## EBV

originally identified in 1964 by Sir Anthony Epstein and co-workers in Burkitt's lymphoma;

**persists in human cells for a lifetime**

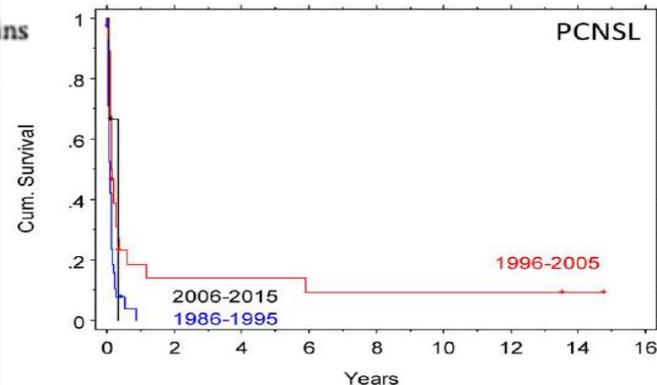
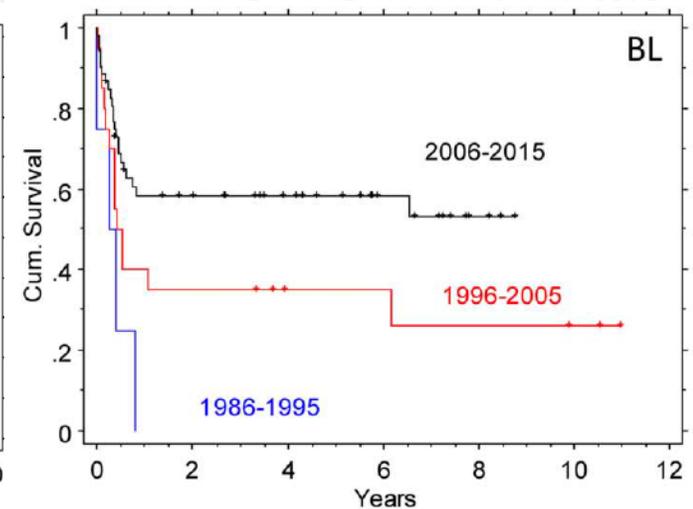
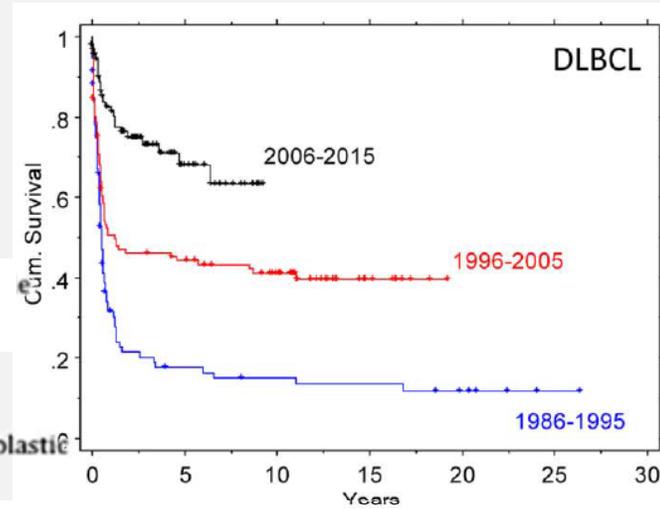
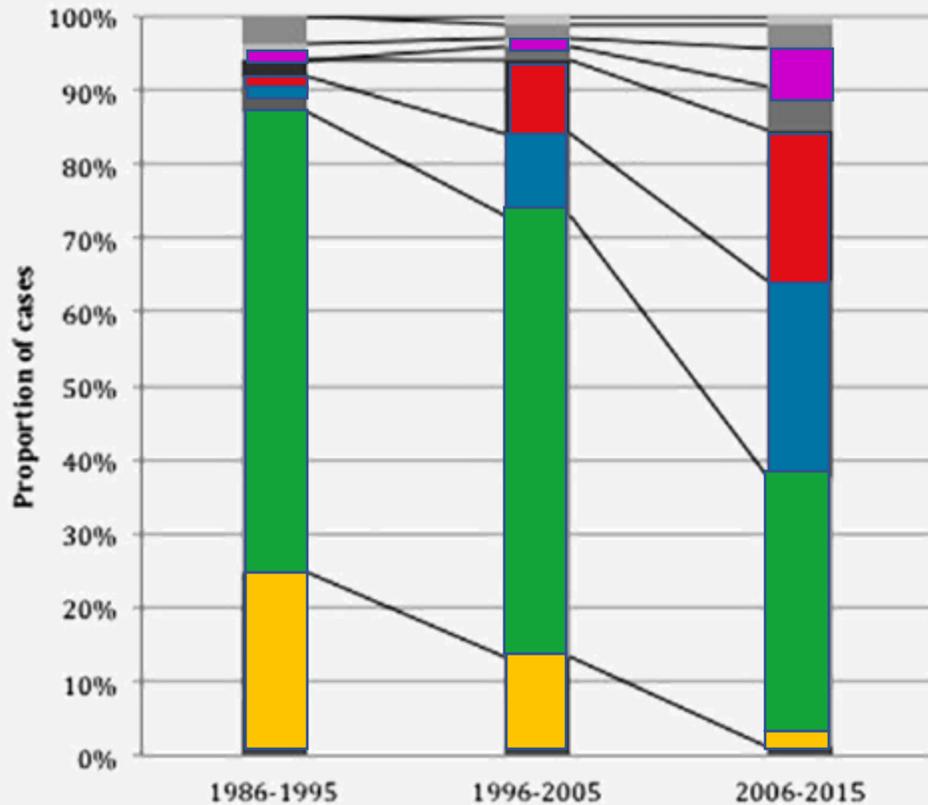
## KSHV/HHV8

Molecular identification in KS in 19 an oncogenic double-stranded DNA virus

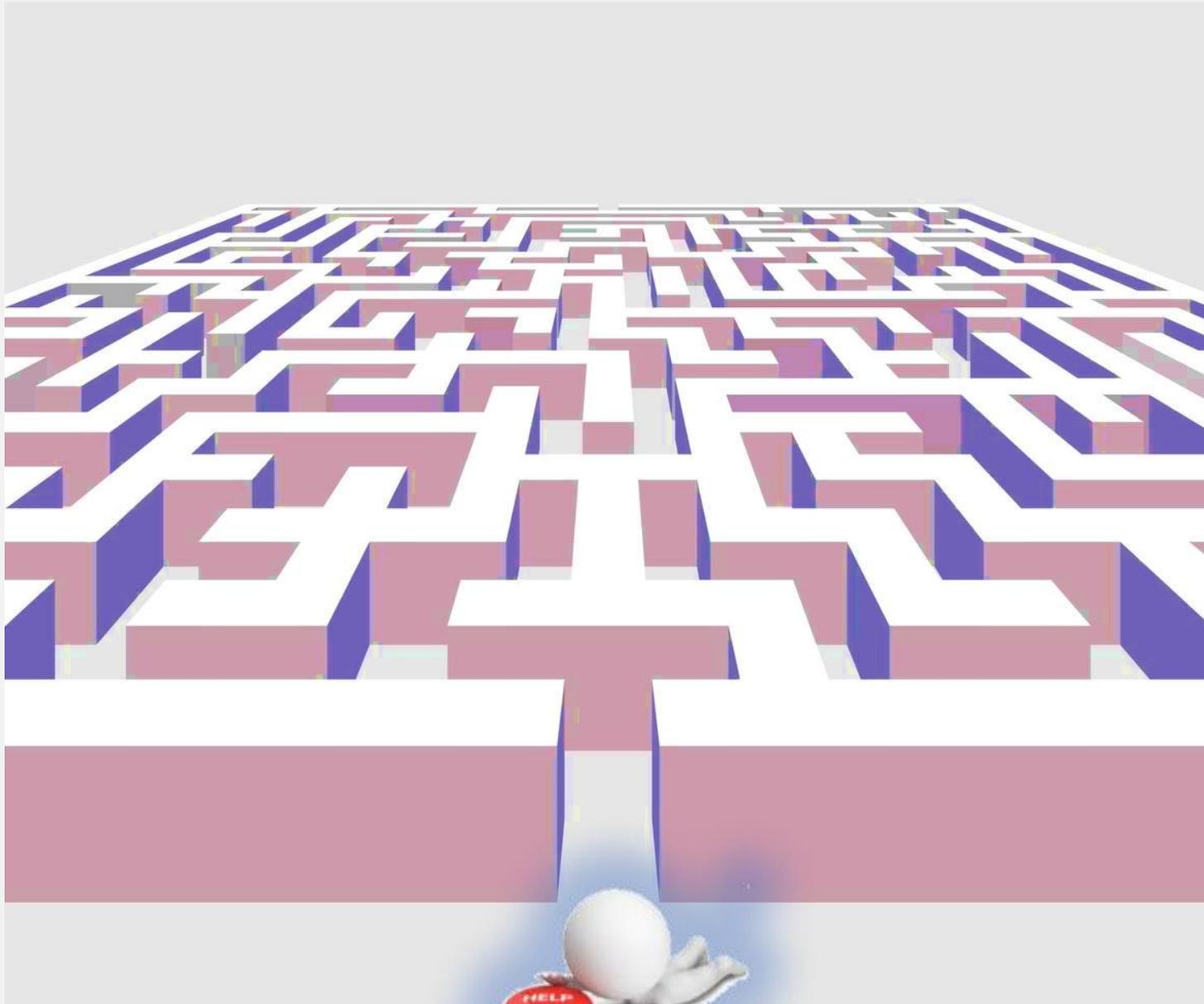


# LYMPHOMA AND PLWH: changes over years

## Evolution of HIV-Associated Lymphoma Over 3 Decades



- use of cART,
- better focus on opportunistic infection prophylaxis
- improved chemotherapy
- Modern therapy!



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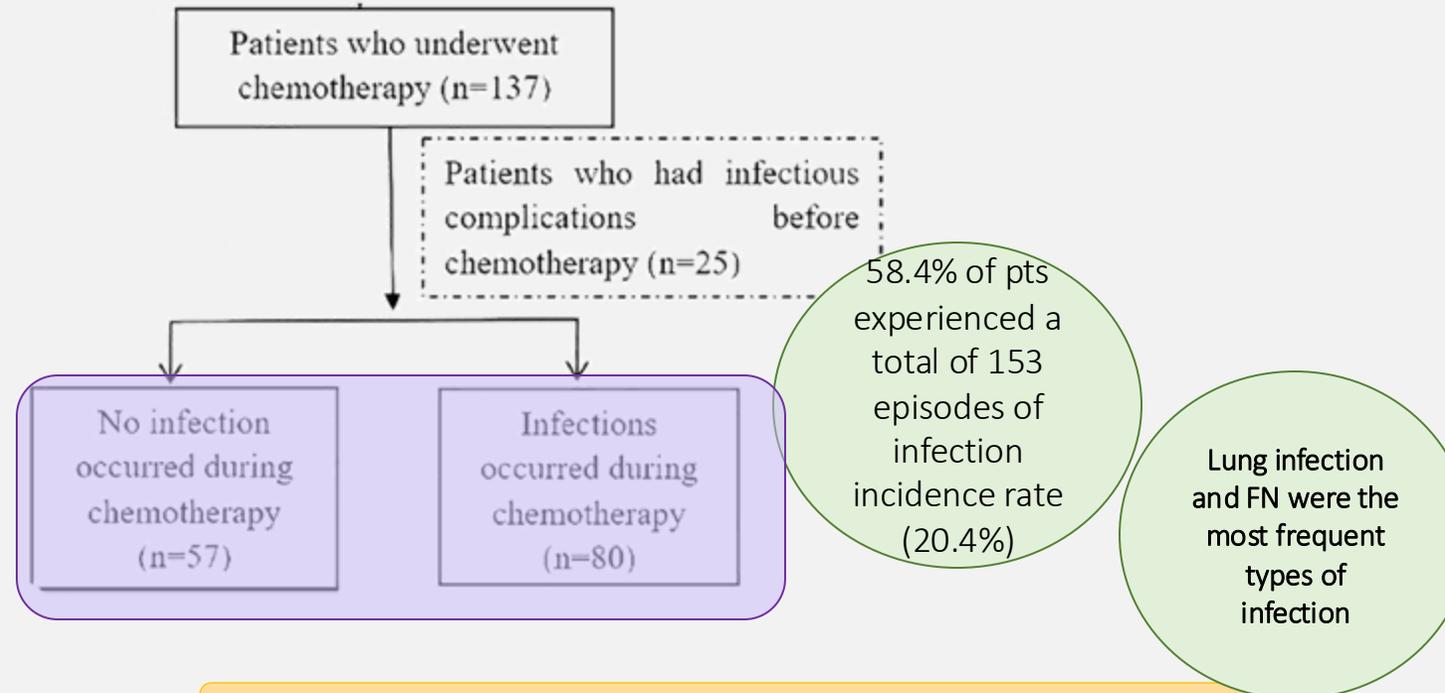
Incidence and spectrum of infections among HIV/AIDS patients with lymphoma during chemotherapy

Wang Z. *Journal of infection and chemotherapy*, 2022

Characteristics	AIDS patients with lymphoma (n = 164)
Age (year)	
Median (interquartile range)	43 (34–55)
Range	8–81
Gender, n (%)	
Male	149 (90.9)
Female	15 (9.1)
Extranodal involvement, n (%)	106 (64.6)
B symptoms, n (%)	34 (20.7)
Serum LDH, n (%)	
Normal	50 (30.5)
>1-3 × ULN	74 (45.1)
>3 × ULN	40 (24.4)
Hemoglobin <100 g/L, n (%)	53 (32.3)
Serum albumin <35 g/L, n (%)	66 (40.2)
AIDS before lymphoma diagnosis, n (%)	78 (47.6)
HAART at lymphoma diagnosis, n (%)	62 (37.8)
CD4 count <200 cells/μL, n (%)	112 (68.3)

Retrospective study,  
164 HIV+ Lymphomas  
56%: DLBCL  
28% BL

1st line treat:  
DLBCL: R-DA-EPOCH  
          R-CHOP  
  
BL: R-hyper-CVAD  
      R-DA-EPOCH



## Multivariate analysis of risk factors for infections during chemotherapy

Variables	OR	95% CI	p
Total number of chemotherapy cycles	1.225	1.043–1.439	0.014
Grade 4 decrease in neutrophil count (<500/mm <sup>3</sup> ) (yes vs. no)	7.128	3.051–16.654	<0.001
Duration of HAART at lymphoma diagnosis (<6 months vs. ≥ 6 months)	3.520	1.432–8.653	0.006
Lymphoma type (DLBCL vs. non-DLBCL)	3.010	1.282–7.069	0.011

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Bandera A 15th EUROPEAN AIDS CONFERENCE October 21-24, 2015, Barcelona, Spain

Cohort pilot study, case-control, monocentric, retrospective

## AIM:

- to evaluate the incidence of HEMATOLOGICAL, NEUROLOGICAL, LIVER TOXICITY, FEBRILE NEUTROPENIA, INFECTIVE COMPLICATIONS AND MUCOSITIS related to the use of chemotherapeutic agents in *HIV-positive and HIV-negative patients* diagnosed with lymphoma from 2006 to 2014;
- to evaluate if HIV related factors are associated with an increased risk of toxicity
- to evaluate clinical outcome as response to chemotherapy, overall survival and disease free survival

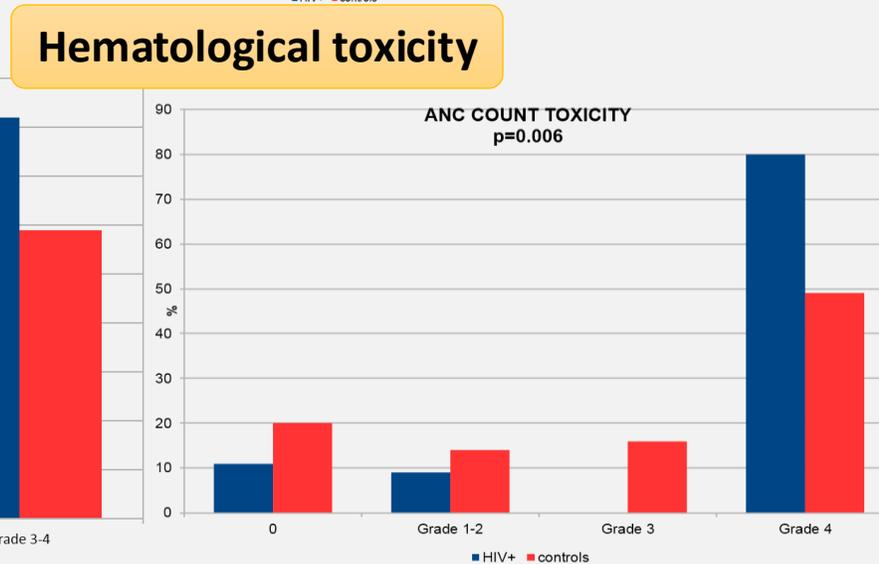
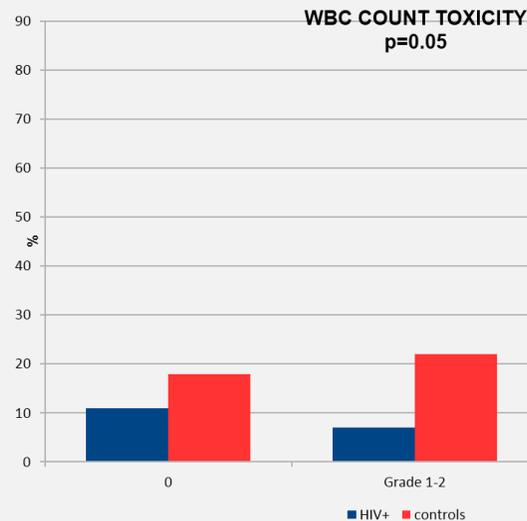
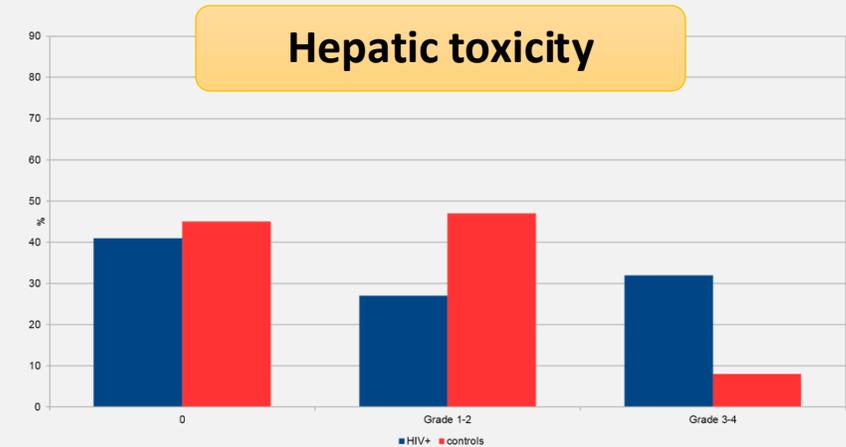
	HIV+ (n=47)	Controls (n=50)	p
	N (%) or median (IQR)	N (%) or median (IQR)	
Age (years)	47 (39-51)	51 (46-56)	ns
Sex (M)	40 (85%)	38 (76%)	ns
HCV Ab pos	14 (37%)	2 (4%)	<0.001
Lymphoma type: - DLBCL - Burkitt	34 (72%) 13 (28%)	38 (76%) 12 (24%)	ns
Ann Arbor stage III-IV	36 (78%)	35 (73%)	ns
Extranodal sites n.	1 (0-2)	1 (0-2)	ns
ECOG 2-4	16 (35%)	14 (30%)	ns
Bulky mass	12 (29%)	16 (36%)	ns
CNS localization	10 (26%)	2 (7%)	0.05
IPI-aa score 3-4	11 (30%)	9 (18%)	0.03
ART use at diagnosis	28 (59%)	-	-
CD4+ T cell at diagnosis (cells/mm <sup>3</sup> )	220 (111-394)	-	-
HIV-RNA log <sub>10</sub> at diagnosis	2.5 (1.6-5.0)	-	-

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## Results

Tossicità di qualsiasi grado							
	Totale cicli (n=401)		Cicli dei casi (n=171)		Cicli dei controlli (n=230)		p value*
	N	%	N	%	N	%	
Tossicità ematologica	201/386	52.07	102/170	60.00	99/216	45.83	<0.01
Neurotossicità	14/394	3.55	5/164	3.05	9/230	3.91	ns
Neutropenia febbrile	22/390	5.64	18/161	11.18	4/229	1.75	<0.01
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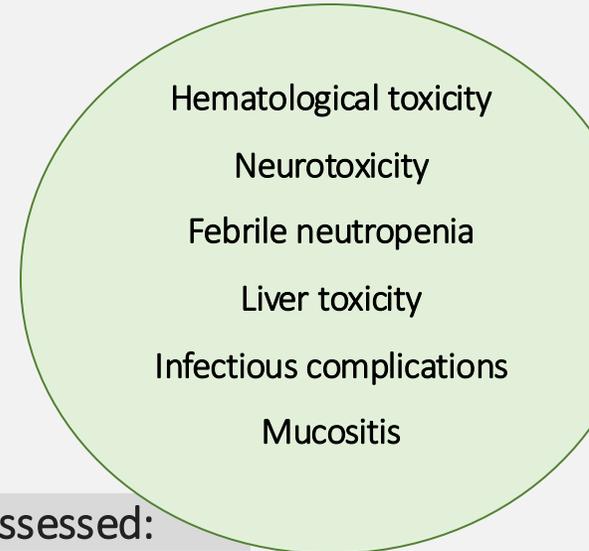


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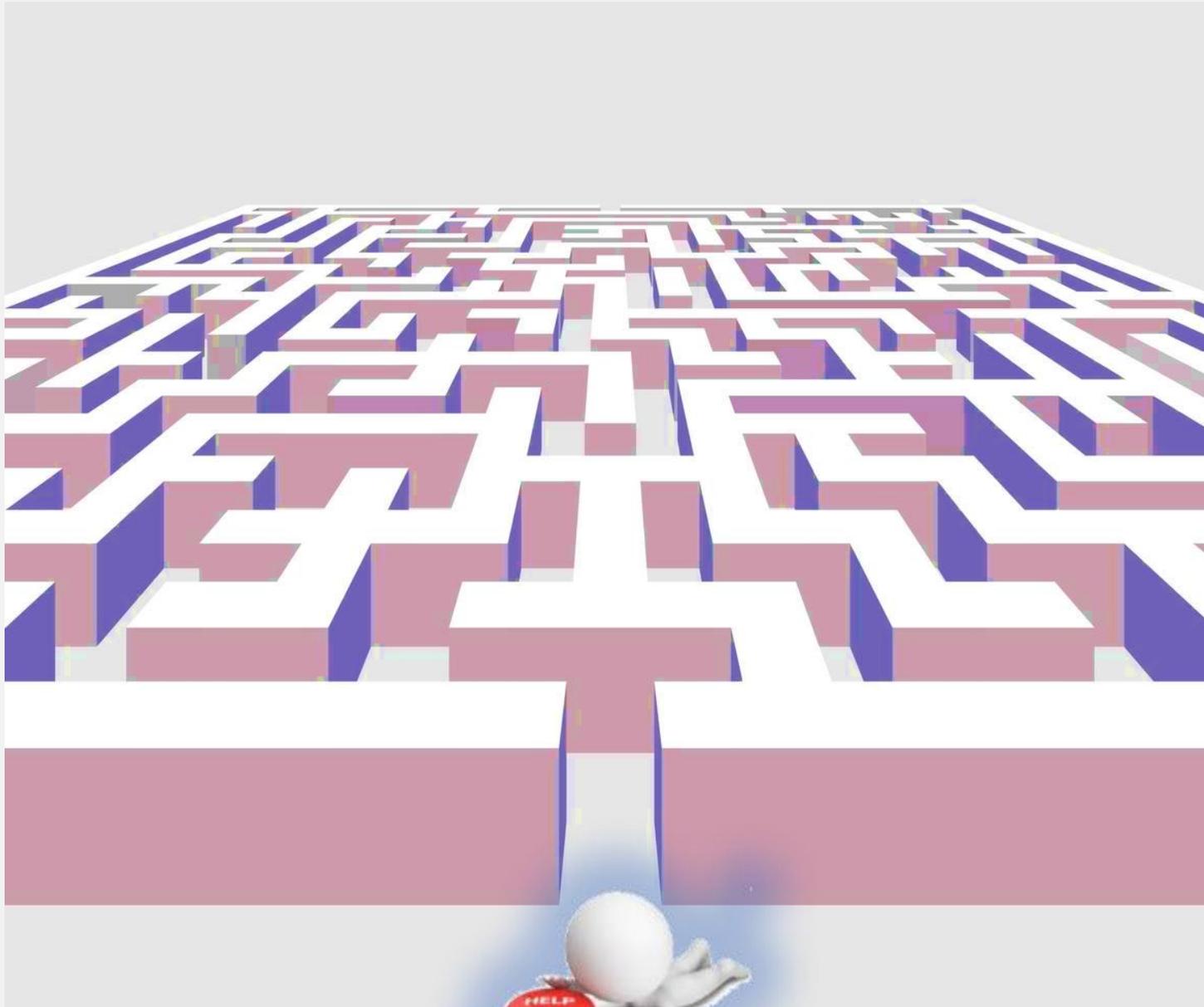
The association of the HIV-related variables respect to an increase in the occurrence of toxicity was assessed:

- HIV viral load at lymphoma diagnosis
- Cd4 T cell count at lymphoma dg
- Percentage of CD4 + T lymphocytes at diagnosis
- ART at diagnosis



None of these associations was significant

Opportunistic Infection	When to Prescribe Prophylaxis or Suppressive Therapy	Preferred Regimens
<i>Pneumocystis jirovecii</i>	CD4 <sup>+</sup> T-cell count <200 cells/ $\mu$ L With any cytotoxic chemotherapy, radiation, or other cancer treatment with expected decline in CD4 <sup>+</sup> count	Trimethoprim/sulfamethoxazole 800/160 mg orally three times per week or 400/80 mg orally once daily Atovaquone 1500 mg daily Both agents also provide prophylaxis against toxoplasmosis
Herpes simplex 1/2 and varicella zoster virus	History of recurrent HSV outbreaks With any cytotoxic chemotherapy, radiation, or other cancer treatment with expected decline in CD4 <sup>+</sup> count as high risk of disseminated VZV when CD4 <sup>+</sup> count <200 cells/ $\mu$ L	Valacyclovir 500 mg orally twice daily
<i>Candida albicans</i>	Recent history of mucosal candidiasis Consider if CD4 <sup>+</sup> T-cell count <100 cells/ $\mu$ L Consider if cancer treatment will lead to prolonged neutropenia or if prolonged exposure to steroids	Fluconazole 200 mg orally once daily Nystatin oral suspension 5 mL 2-4 times daily (does not prevent esophageal candidiasis) Consider micafungin 100 mg intravenously once daily for short periods if DDI concerns with fluconazole
Mycobacterium avium complex	Consider if CD4 <sup>+</sup> T-cell count <100 cells/ $\mu$ L, especially if HIV is uncontrolled and CD4 <sup>+</sup> count expected to decline with treatment	Azithromycin 1,200 mg once per week To avoid drug resistance from single-agent treatment, rule out active infection before prescribing prophylaxis
Hepatitis B virus	Suppressive therapy should be given to anyone with HIV and HBV coinfection regardless of CD4 <sup>+</sup> count or HBV viral load	Tenofovir disoproxil 300 mg orally once daily plus emtricitabine 200 mg orally once daily or lamivudine 300 mg orally once daily Tenofovir alafenamide 25 mg orally once daily plus emtricitabine 200 mg orally daily or lamivudine 300 mg orally once daily



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# LYMPHOMA AND PLWH: LYMPHOMAS AND PET-CT

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Studies included in qualitative synthesis (n = 17)

Recent advancements in <sup>18</sup>F-FDG PET/CT for the diagnosis, staging, and treatment management of HIV-related lymphoma

Soufi GJ, Am J Nucl Med Mol Imaging, 2024

## Differentiating between benign lymphadenopathy and HIV-related lymphoma

Study	Year	Study type	Study population	Study groups	Parameters						
					SURmax	SUV <sub>LN</sub>	SUV <sub>Marrow</sub>	SUV <sub>Liver</sub>	Number of lymph node involved areas	Maximum diameter of lymph nodes	
Chen et al.	2022	Retrospective cross-sectional study	59	37 HIV-related lymphoma (35 B-cell lymphoma; 1 Hodgkin lymphoma; 1T-cell lymphoma)	22 HIV-infected patients with biopsy-proven inflammatory lymphadenopathy	AUC: 0.888 Cut-off: 3.1 Sensitivity: 68.2% Specificity: 91.9% P-value: 0.000*	AUC: 0.815 Cut-off: 8 Sensitivity: 63.6% Specificity: 89.2% P-value: 0.000*	AUC: 0.611 Cut-off: - Sensitivity: - Specificity: - P-value: 0.156	AUC: 0.567 Cut-off: - Sensitivity: - Specificity: - P-value: 0.393	AUC: 0.692 Cut-off: 5 Sensitivity: 62.2% Specificity: 72.7% P-value: 0.000*	AUC: 0.768 Cut-off: 3.6 Sensitivity: 64.9% Specificity: 86.4% P-value: 0.000*

malignant lymphoma colonized extra-lymphatic lesions more frequently (83.8% vs. 54.5%, P = 0.000)

the SURmax, SUVLN in malignant lymphoma were considerably greater (P = 0.000, 0.000)

**SUVLN:** the maximum standardized uptake value (SUVmax) of lymph nodes

**SURmax :** the ratio of the greatest SUVmax of an FDG-avid lesion to the SUVmax of the liver

Lymphoma patients demonstrated significantly higher quantitative PET measures than inflammatory lymphadenopathy patients (p-values = 0.001).

Study	Year	Study type	Study population	Study groups	Single SULmax	TLG	Single SULpeak	MTV	Sum SULpeak	Sum SULmax	
					Mhlanga et al.	2014	Retrospective study	41	19 had biopsy-proven untreated lymphoma (16 DLBCL, 3 HL)	22 with reactive adenopathy without malignancy	AUC: 0.971 Cut-off: 7.8 Sensitivity: 89% Specificity: 100% PPV: 100% NPV: 92%

# LYMPHOMA AND PLWH: LYMPHOMAS AND PET-CT

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## AIM:

characteristics of baseline 18F-FDG PET-CT  
its prognostic value

- 109 patients with HIV-HL
- a prospective ongoing cohort.

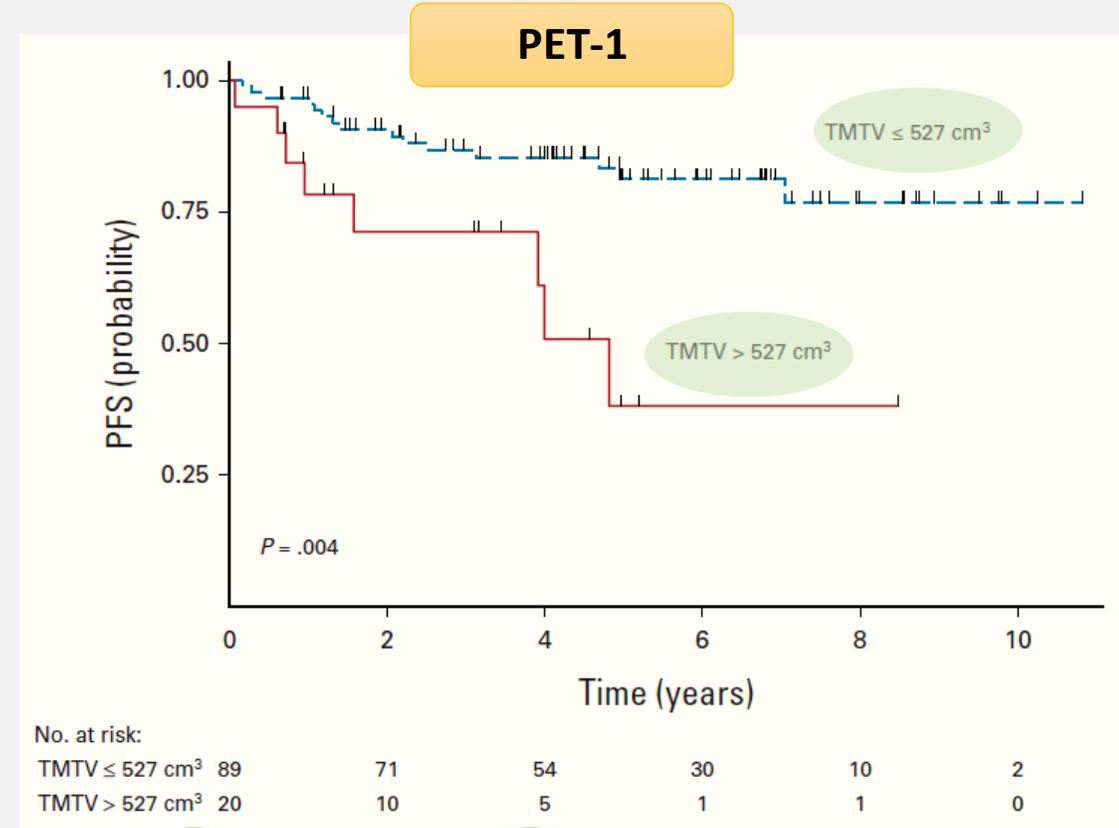
Total metabolic tumor volume (TMTV)

- reflects the active tumor burden of HIV-HL pts

## WHO:

109pts  
79%: stage IIB-IV  
104pts:ABVD

PET-1	
Extranodal involvement	
Bone marrow	42 (39)
Liver	21 (19)
Lung	3 (3)
Pleura	4 (4)
Pericardium	1 (1)
Stomach	2 (2)
Muscle	1 (1)



5-year OS  
86.1%

HL:3;  
NHL:2;  
TRM: 3  
AIDS: 1

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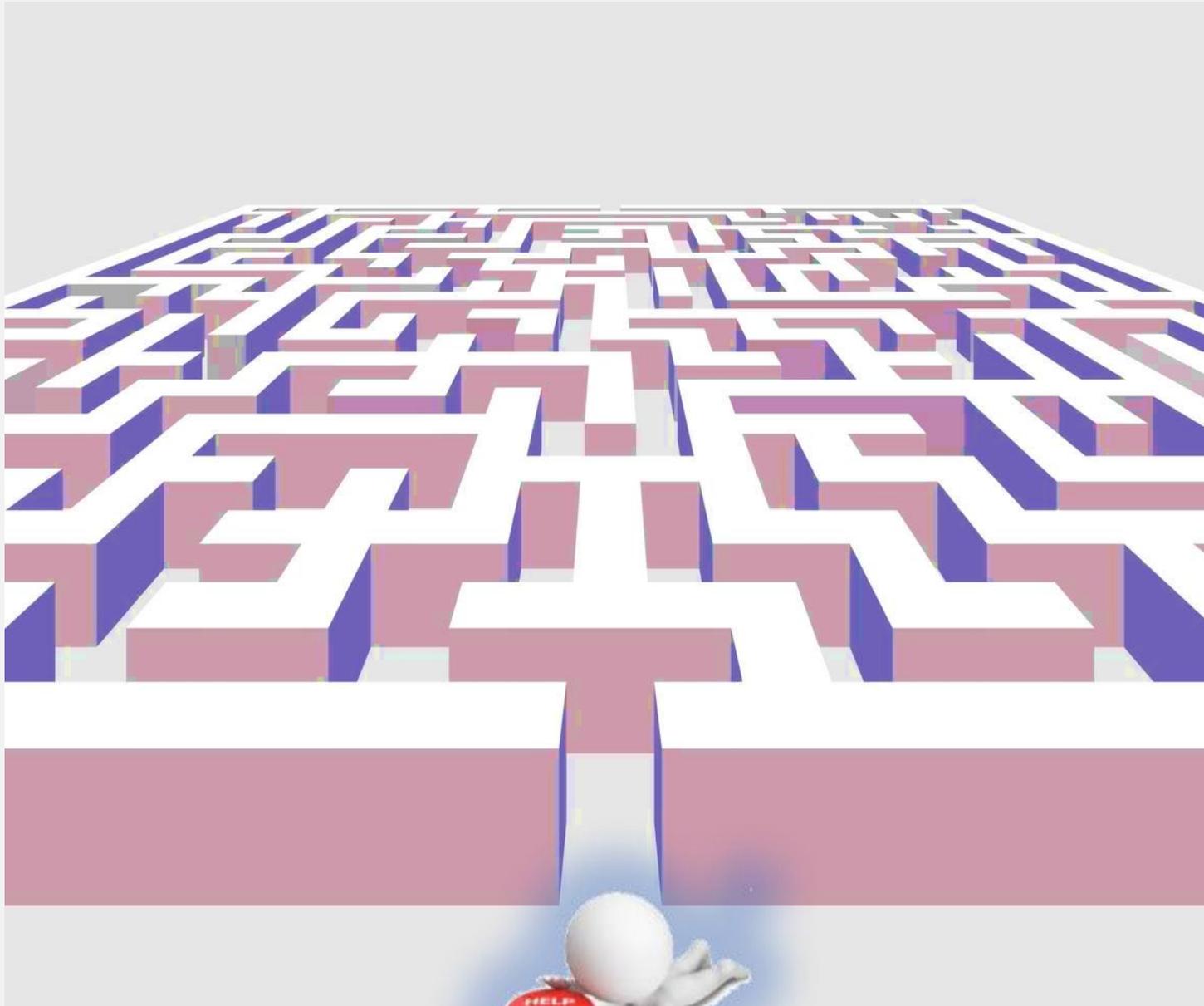
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## PROGNOSTIC ANALYSIS FOR PFS

In the 59 patients with detectable HIVRNA, the median TMTV value was similar to that observed in the 50 patients with undetectable viral load

After a 6.7-year follow-up, 40% of the patients with high TMTV relapsed or died compared with 17% in patients with low TMTV

Variable	Patients, No.	Univariate Analysis, HR (95% CI)	Multivariate Analysis, HR (95% CI)
<b>SUVmax</b>			
≤ 8.7	38	1	
> 8.7	71	3.03 (1.03 to 8.96)	NS
<b>SUVpeak</b>			
≤ 7.1	40	1	
> 7.1	69	3.14 (1.07 to 9.26)	NS
<b>SUVmean</b>			
≤ 5.1	37	1	
> 5.1	72	2.99 (1.02 to 8.86)	NS
<b>TMTV, cm<sup>3</sup></b>			
≤ 527	89	1	
> 527	20	3.62 (1.52 to 8.63)	2.70 (1.13 to 6.49)
<b>TLG, cm<sup>3</sup></b>			
≤ 230	25	1	
> 230	84	8.13 (1.09 to 60.64)	NS
<b>IPS</b>			
Low (reference)	55	1	
Intermediate	43	1.77 (0.70 to 4.49)	NS
High	11	4.01 (1.31 to 12.3)	NS
<b>CD4, cells/μL</b>			
≤ 200	37	1	
> 200	72	0.87 (0.37 to 2.06)	—
<b>HIV-RNA, copies/mL</b>			
Undetectable	50	1	
Detectable	59	0.83 (0.36 to 1.89)	—



## Burning issues:

- What types of lymphomas should I know about?
- Is the risk of infectious toxicity still high today? Are there any other significant toxicities? What about viral factors?
- what about staging?  
what role does the PET scan play?
- **what are the clinical presentations today?**
- Is the risk of CNS recurrence increased compared to the general population?

# LYMPHOMA AND PLWH: clinical presentation

## HIV Infection and Survival of Lymphoma Patients in the Era of Highly Active Antiretroviral Therapy 2004-15

**HIV HL: 1,729/36,521 (4.7%), HIV DLBCL: 4,424/81,534 (5.4%) HIV BL: 1,348/4,684 (28.8%)**

Xuesong Han, 2016

	HL			DLBCL			BL			PTCL			FL		
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Stage															
I	5,911 (17)	214 (12.4)	<0.0001	21,537 (27.9)	996 (22.5)	<0.0001	683 (20.5)	190 (14.1)	<0.0001	3,754 (32.2)	79 (19.9)	<0.0001	11,906 (26.9)	87 (20)	<0.0001
II	15,573 (44.8)	384 (22.2)		15,833 (20.5)	619 (14)		518 (15.5)	141 (10.5)		1,561 (13.4)	55 (13.9)		7,591 (17.1)	58 (13.3)	
III	7,321 (21)	405 (23.4)		13,539 (17.6)	785 (17.7)		361 (10.8)	164 (12.2)		2,308 (19.8)	90 (22.7)		11,386 (25.7)	121 (27.8)	
IV	5,987 (17.2)	726 (42)		26,201 (34)	2,024 (45.8)		1,774 (53.2)	853 (63.3)		4,042 (34.7)	172 (43.4)		13,402 (30.3)	169 (38.9)	
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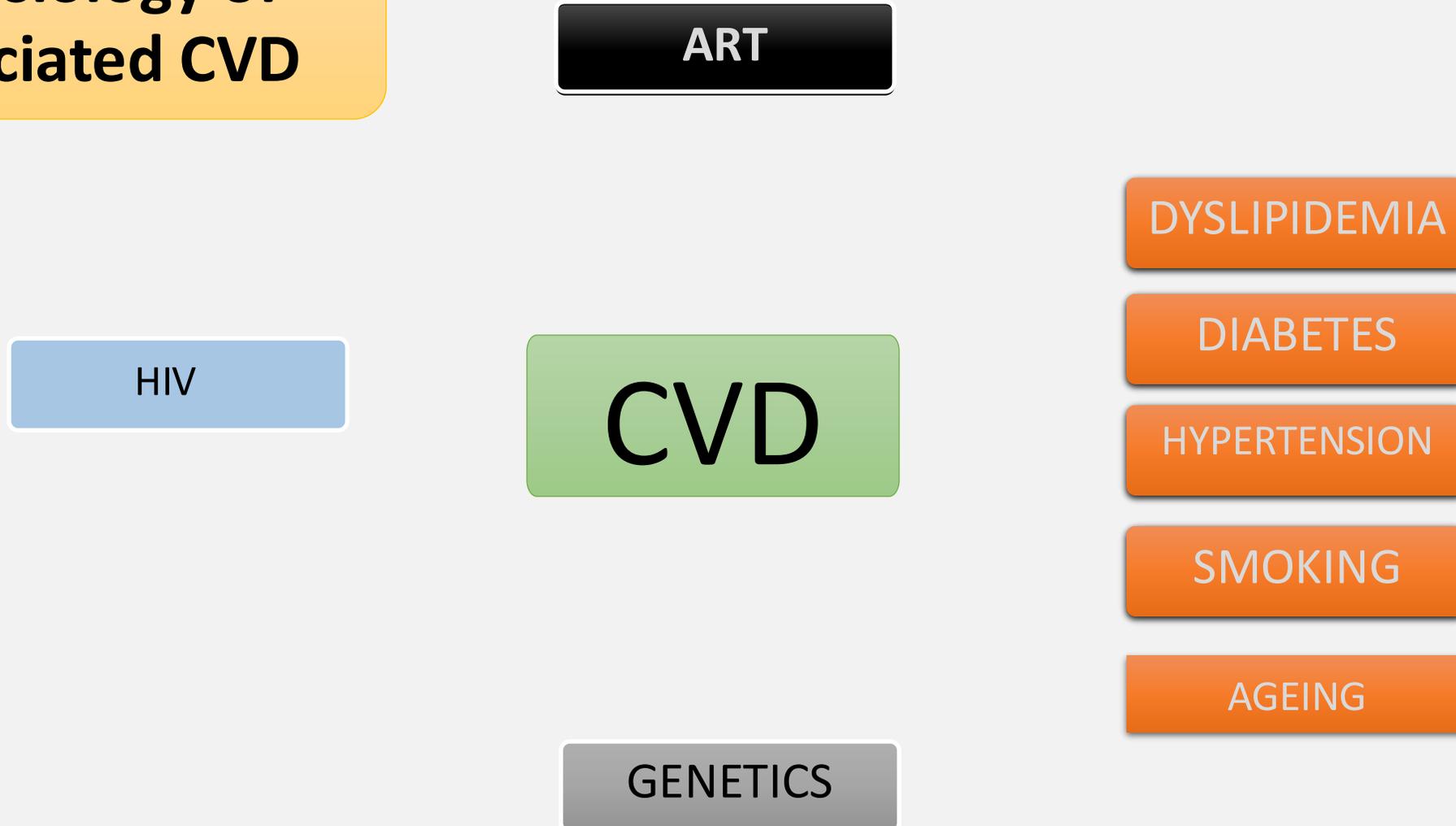
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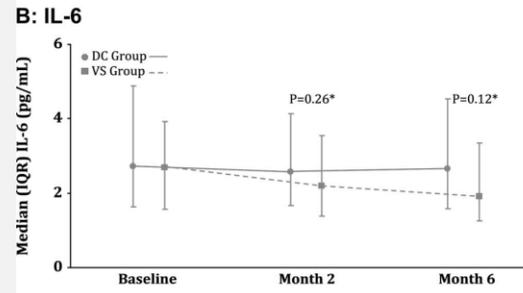
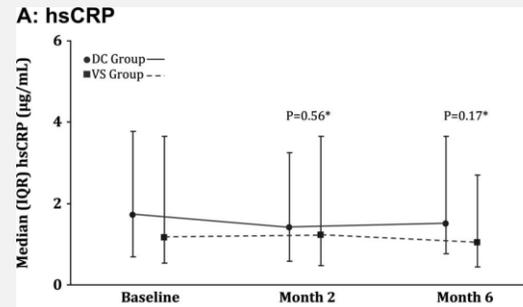
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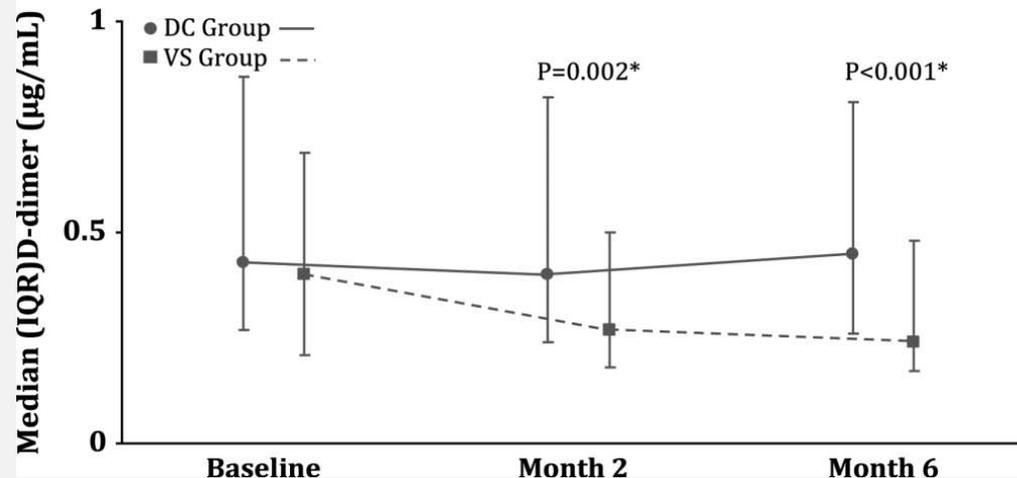
HIV

is an independent risk factor for:

- Myocardial Infarction
- Stroke
- Peripheral Artery Disease



### C: D-dimer



Changes in inflammatory and coagulation biomarkers: a randomized comparison of immediate versus deferred antiretroviral therapy in patients with HIV infection.

*J Acquir Immune Defic Syndr.* 2011;

DYSLIPIDEMIA

DIABETES

HYPERTENSION

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Thanks to Dr Squillace

## Pathophysiology of HIV-Associated CVD

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### Associations between integrase strand-transfer inhibitors and cardiovascular disease in people living with HIV: a multicentre prospective study from the RESPOND cohort consortium

*Bastian Neesgaard, Lauren Greenberg, Jose M Miró, Katharina Grabmeier-Pfistershammer, Gilles Wandeler, Colette Smith, Stéphane De Wit, Ferdinand Wit, Annegret Pelchen-Matthews, Cristina Mussini, Antonella Castagna, Christian Pradier, Antonella d'Arminio Monforte, Jörg J Vehreschild, Anders Sönnnerborg, Alain V Anne, Andrew Carr, Loveleen Bansal-Matharu, Jens D Lundgren, Harmony Garges, Felipe Rogatto, Robert Zangerle, Huldrych F Günthard, Line D Rasmussen, Coca Necsoi, Marc van der Valk, Marianna Menozzi, Camilla Muccini, Lars Peters, Amanda Mccroft, Lene Ryom*

#### Summary

**Background** Although associations between older antiretroviral drug classes and cardiovascular disease in people living with HIV are well described, there is a paucity of data regarding a possible association with integrase strand-transfer inhibitors (INSTIs). We investigated whether exposure to INSTIs was associated with an increased incidence of cardiovascular disease.

*Lancet HIV* 2022; 9: e474–85

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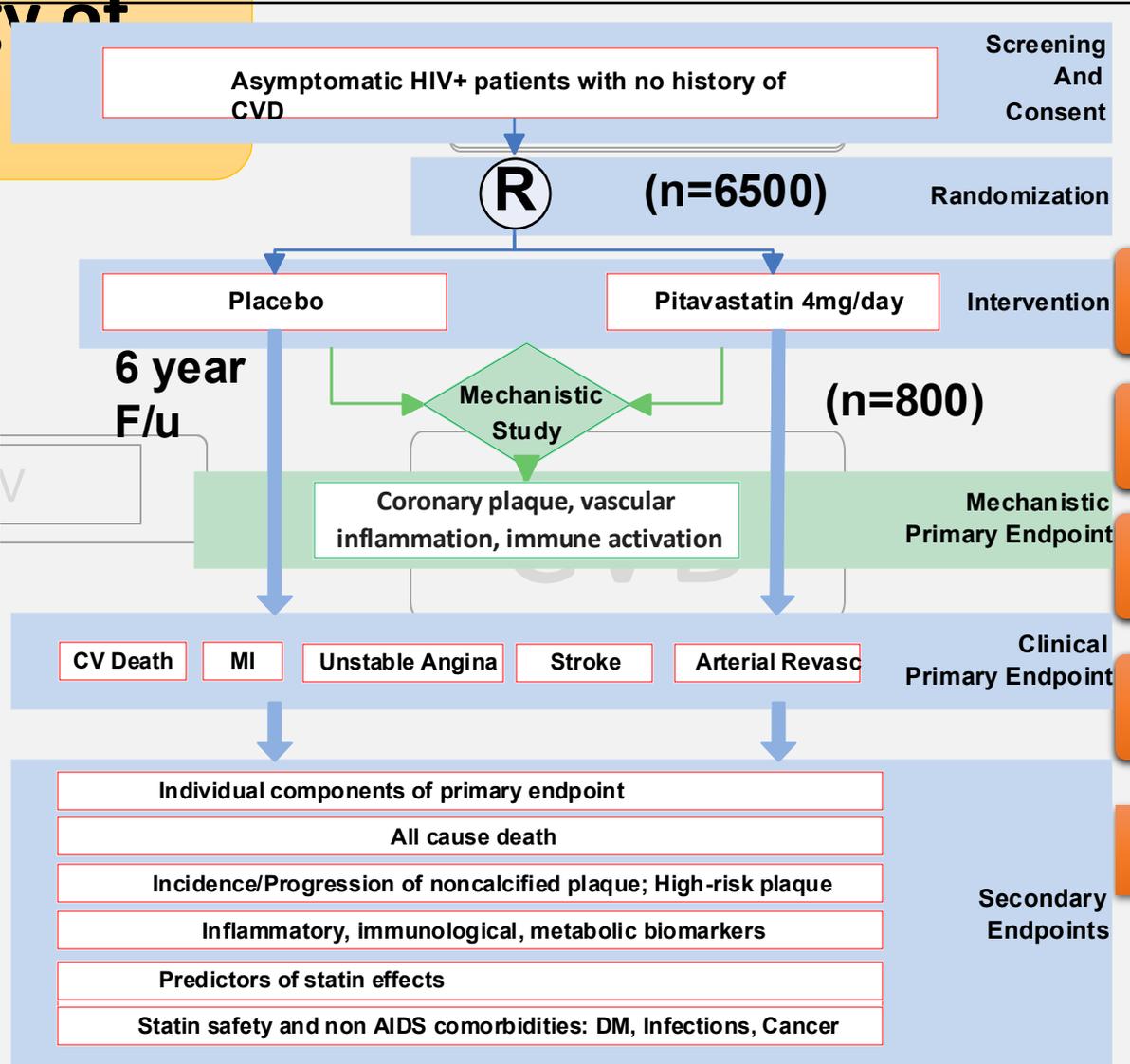
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# LYMPHOMA AND PLWH: cardiovascular and metabolic risk

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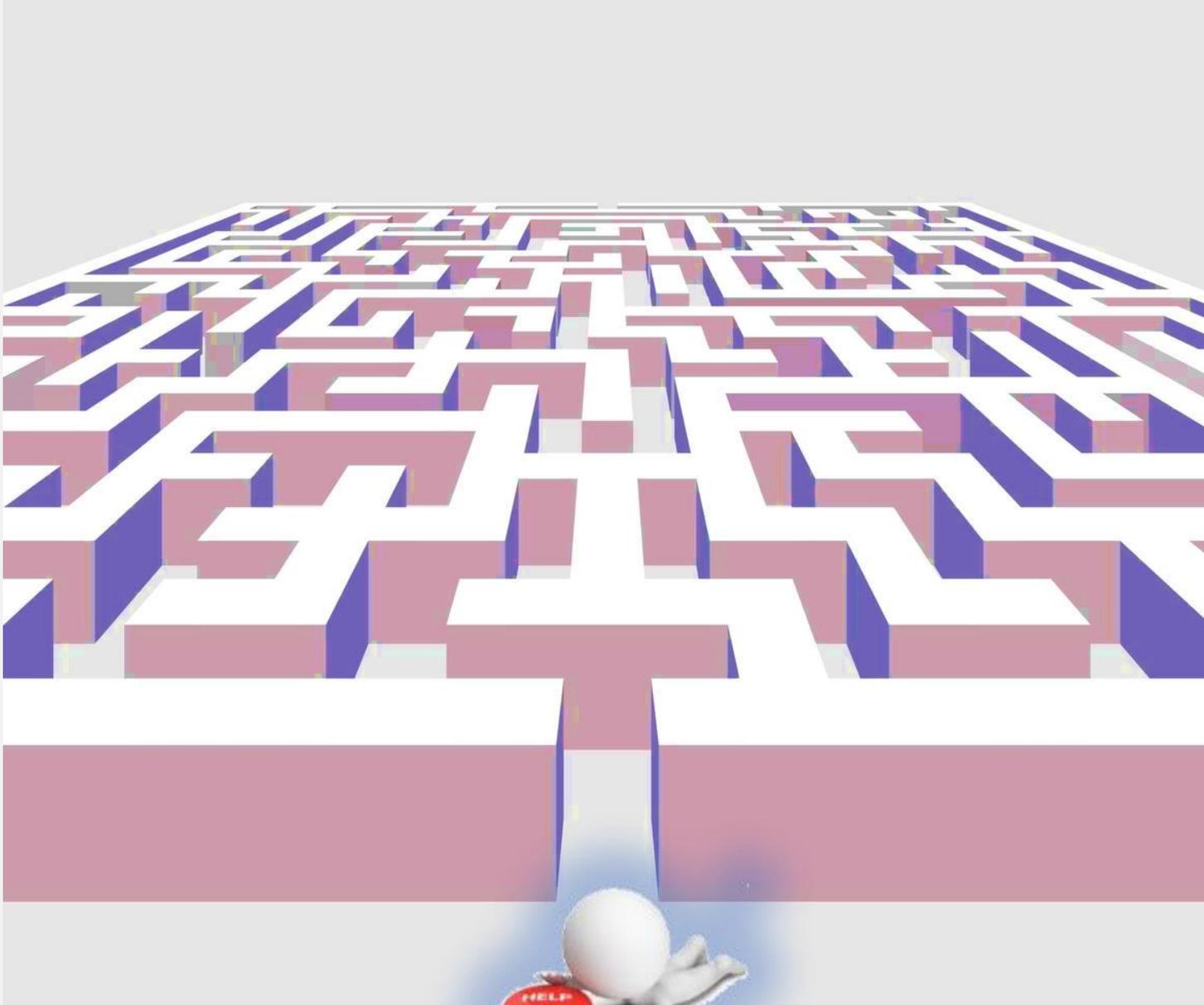
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- DYSLIPIDEMIA
- DIABETES
- HYPERTENSION
- SMOKING
- AGEING



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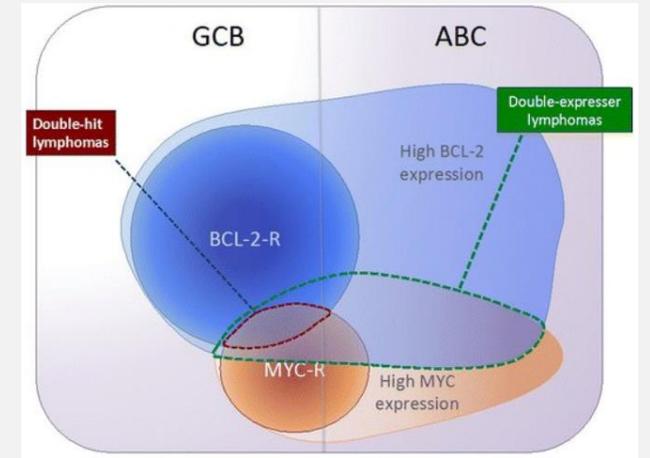
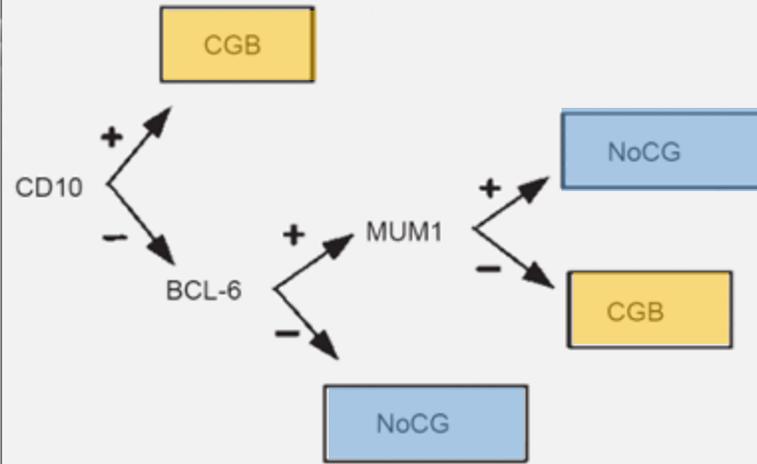
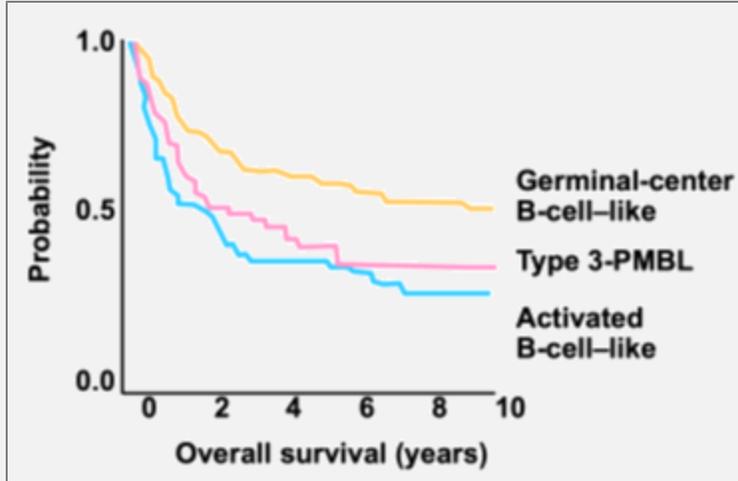
- What do we know about the biology of these lymphomas?
- Are there any guidelines?

**(D) LBCL**

# LYMPHOMA AND general population: DLBCL and COO

Distinct types of diffuse large B-cell lymphoma identified by gene expression profiling.

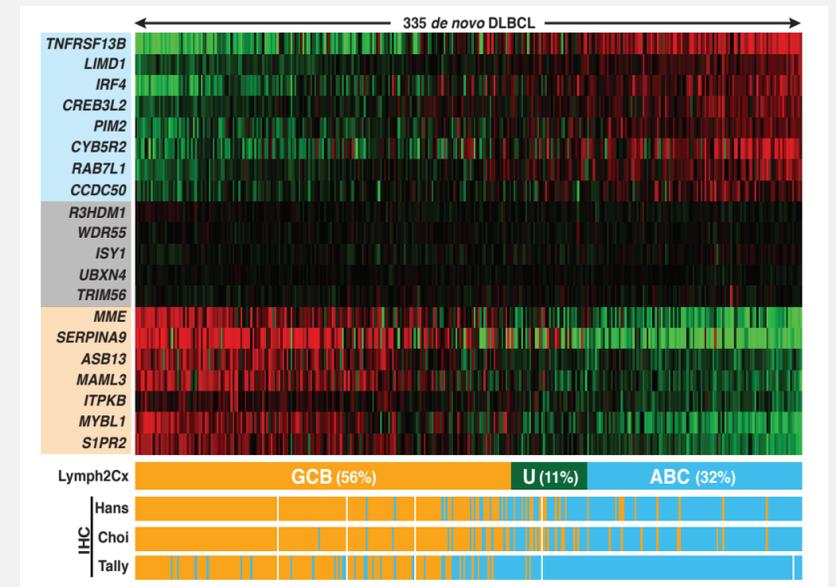
Alizadeh AA. *Nature*, 2000



- First definition of COO using Lymph2Cx model- Nanostring
  - RNA based Gene expression assay
  - Suitable for FFPE samples
- Based on differential gene expression, cases classified as “ABC” vs “GCB” vs “Unclassifiable”

In *Germinal Center-type* → mutations of BCL6, Histone Acetyltransferases and EZH2 lead to a repressed transcriptional state.

In *ABC-type* → mutations in the B-cell Receptor Pathway lead to unchecked activation of NFκB.



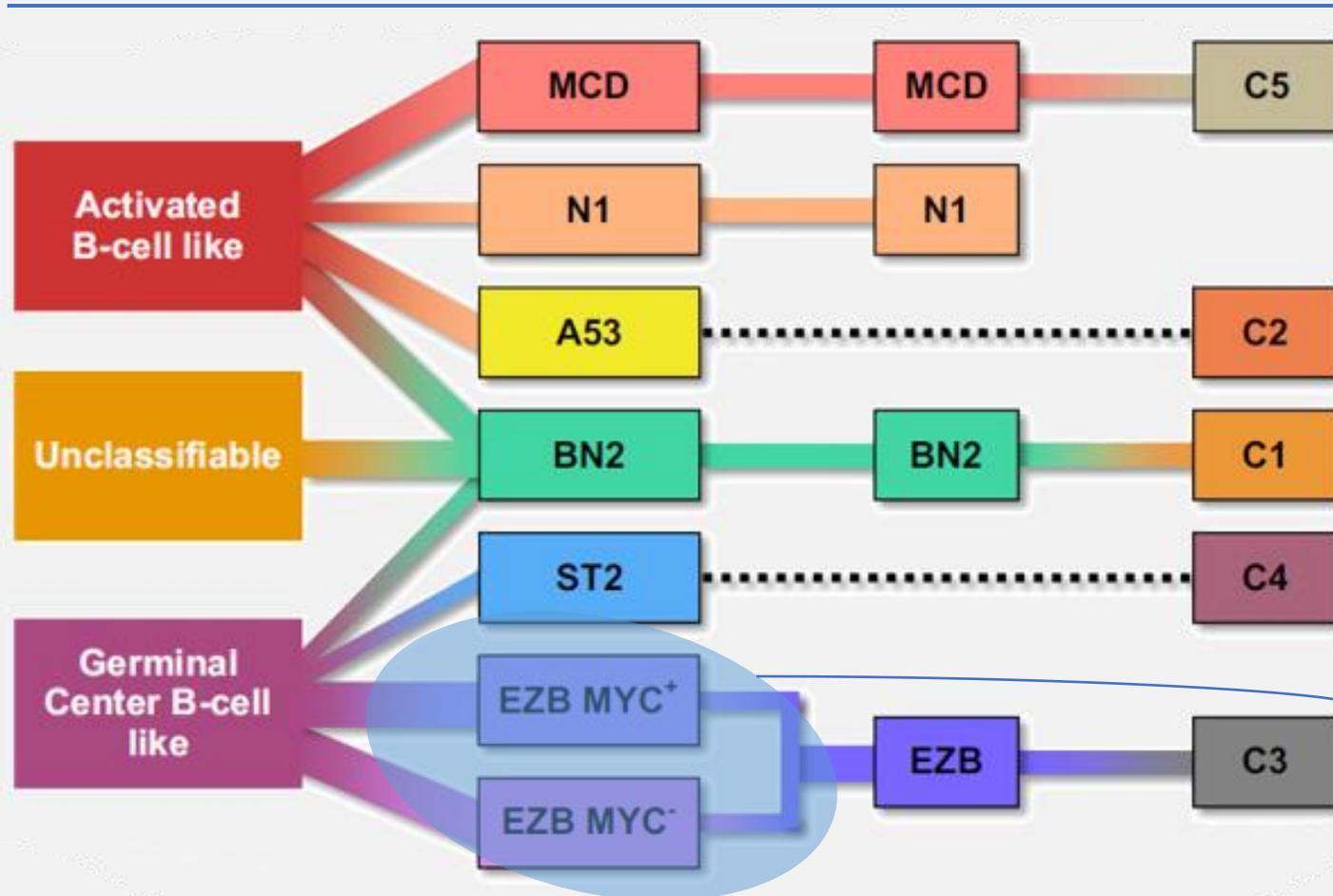
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Diffuse Large B-Cell Lymphoma (DLBCL): Early Patient Management and Emerging Treatment Options  
P. Vodicka, OncoTargets and Therapy 2022

NCI-Lymph Gen  
Wright Cancer Cell

NCI LymphGen –  
Schmitz NEJM

HARVARD – Chapuy  
Nature Medicine



New algorithms have further expanded the concept of “COO”  
Increased heterogeneity within established groups (GCB, ABC, U)

Specific subtypes have different

- gene expression profiles
- microenvironmental features
- outcomes

reflects germinal center dark vs light zone origin and MYC target gene expression.

# LYMPHOMA AND PLWH: DLBCL and COO

A digital gene expression assay based on the expression of 20 genes (Lymph2Cx, Nanostring Technologies, FFPE)

Using the Lymph2Cx assay for assessing cell-of-origin subtypes of HIV-related diffuse large B-cell

Maria Joao Baptista, Leukemia and Lymphoma, 2018

## Aim:

- to study a series of HIV-DLBCL uniformly treated with RCHOP
- to investigate the prognostic impact of COO subtypes
- to compare the results with those obtained with Hans algorithm

## WHO:

47 pts treated with R-CHOP

- 42 DLBCL
- 3 HGBL NOS
- 2 HGBL, DH

Characteristic	Whole series N=47	Lymph2Cx assay			p Value <sup>a</sup>	Hans algorithm		p Value <sup>b</sup>
		GCB N=30	ABC N=9	UNC N=8		GC N=18	Non-GC N=27	
Age years, median [range]	44 [27–63]	44.5 [30–63]	44 [36–58]	42.5 [27–61]	.618	43.5 [30–62]	44 [33–63]	.951
Male, N (%)	39 (83%)	25 (83%)	7 (78%)	7 (88%)	.520	16 (89%)	21 (78%)	.295
ECOG ≥2, N (%)	23 (49%)	13 (43%)	8 (89%)	2 (25%)	.019	5 (28%)	17 (63%)	.021
B-symptoms, N (%)	19 (40%)	6 (20%)	8 (89%)	5 (63%)	<.001	5 (28%)	14 (52%)	.109
Extranodal disease, N (%)	23 (49%)	16 (53%)	4 (44%)	3 (38%)	.465	10 (56%)	12 (44%)	.465
Bulky disease, N (%)	7 (15%)	4 (13%)	1 (11%)	2 (25%)	.676	5 (28%)	2 (7%)	.078
LDH increased, N (%)	29 (62%)	16 (53%)	6 (67%)	7 (88%)	.377	10 (56%)	17 (63%)	.619
B2M increased, N (%)	30/34 (88%)	18/21 (86%)	9 (100%)	3/4 (75%)	.328	11/14 (79%)	18/19 (95%)	.193
Ann Arbor III or IV, N (%)	35 (75%)	20 (67%)	9 (100%)	6 (75%)	.047	11 (61%)	23 (85%)	.069
IPI ≥2, N (%)	21 (45%)	12 (40%)	6 (67%)	3 (38%)	.153	5 (28%)	15 (56%)	.066
HBV, N (%)	9/38 (24%)	6/24 (25%)	2 (22%)	1/5 (20%)	.626	5/17 (29%)	4/21 (19%)	.357
HCV, N (%)	14/38 (37%)	8/23 (35%)	4 (44%)	2/6 (33%)	.454	7/17 (41%)	7/21 (33%)	.618
History of previous AIDS, N (%)	22/45 (49%)	13/29 (45%)	6/8 (75%)	3 (38%)	.133	5/17 (29%)	16/26 (62%)	.039
History of OI, N (%)	18/36 (50%)	12/22 (55%)	4/8 (50%)	2/6 (33%)	.574	6/15 (40%)	11/19 (58%)	.300
Previous cART, N (%)	29/46 (63%)	18/29 (62%)	7 (78%)	4 (50%)	.329	10/17 (59%)	18 (67%)	.598
Detectable HIV-load, N (%)	29/44 (66%)	15/27 (56%)	8 (89%)	6 (75%)	.076	11/17 (65%)	17/25 (68%)	.824
CD4 counts <100/μL, N (%)	19/46 (41%)	10/29 (35%)	5 (56%)	4 (50%)	.228	6/18 (33%)	13/26 (50%)	.272
Diagnosis, N								
DLBCL	42	27	9	6	.614	15	25	.051
HGBL, DH	2	1	0	1		0	2	
HGBL, NOS	3	2	0	1		3	0	
CR achievement, N (%)	32 (68%)	22 (73%)	7 (78%)	3 (38%)	.581	14 (78%)	18 (67%)	.420
CD10, N (%)	15/45 (33%)	14/29 (48%)	0 (0%)	1/7 (14%)	.008	15 (83%)	0 (0%)	<.001
BCL6, N (%)	29/44 (66%)	21/28 (75%)	4 (44%)	4/7 (57%)	.100	17/17 (100%)	12 (44%)	<.001
MUM1, N (%)	26/44 (59%)	13/28 (46%)	7 (78%)	6/7 (86%)	.103	4/17 (24%)	22 (82%)	<.001
EBER, N (%)	10/44 (23%)	5/28 (18%)	4 (44%)	1/7 (14%)	.178	2/17 (12%)	8 (30%)	.271

# LYMPHOMA AND PLWH: DLBCL and COO

Still Far to Go With Characterisation of Molecular and Genetic Features of Diffuse Large B-Cell Lymphoma in People Living With HIV: A Scoping Review

Manyau CP, Oncology Reviews, 2024

## COO

## TUMOR MARKERS

Included

Studies included for review (n=24)  
Total reports of included studies (n =32)

The distributions of COO varied widely between studies

Of the 12 studies which assessed the impact of COO on survival, only two found statistically significant association with survival (**BETTER FOR GC**)

Risk factors were more frequent in NGC-DLBCL.

- o Lower CD4+ cell counts
- o EBV positivity
- o CNS involvement



Pathway	Marker	Frequency	Prognosis/ (citation)
Cell cycle promoters	MYC	14%–58%	↔ [23, 32, 45, 50] ↑ [49]
B-cell activators/ differentiation	BCL6	28%–87%	↔ [32]
	FOXP1	37%–62%	↔ [30, 32]
	CD10	20%–53%	↔ [32]
			↓ [38]
	CD138/ syn1	0%–16%	↔ [53]
Apoptotic regulators	MUM1	14%–75%	↔ [32, 53]
	Blimp1	10%–28%	↔ [30, 32]
	BCL2	16%–60%	↔ [30, 32, 40] ↑ [48, 50]
Other	p53	12%–64%	↔ [40] ↓ [32]
	CD20	74%–99%	↔ [32, 53] ↓ [38]
	Ki67	16%–85%	↔ [32, 48] ↑ [36] ↓ [30]
	DPE	10%–42%	↑ [23, 36] ↔
	LMO2	50–55	↔ [32]



# LYMPHOMA AND PLWH: DLBCL and MYC positivity



MYC rearrangements in HIV-associated large B-cell lymphomas: EUROMYC, a European retrospective study

C. Pagani, Blood Advances, 2023

## WHO:

**155 HIV pts** who had received fluorescence in situ hybridization analysis for MYC

Retrospective study

## AIM:

prevalence and prognostic impact of MYC rearrangements in HIV-associated LBCL

Pts with myc +: 43

DLBCL ,NOS: 129

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HGBL,NOS :16

HGBL MYC +: 8

HGBL, DH/TH: 10

HGBL MYC+.10

# LYMPHOMA AND PLWH: DLBCL and MYC positivity



MYC rearrangements in HIV-associated large B-cell lymphomas: EUROMYC, a European retrospective study

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WHO:  
155 HIV pts who had  
in situ hybridization a

Retrospective stud

AIM:  
prevalence and pro  
rearrangements in

Pts with myc +: 43  
DLBCL ,NOS: 129  
DLBCL myc+: 25

HGBL,NOS :16  
HGBL MYC +: 8

HGBL, DH/TH: 10  
HGBL MYC+.10

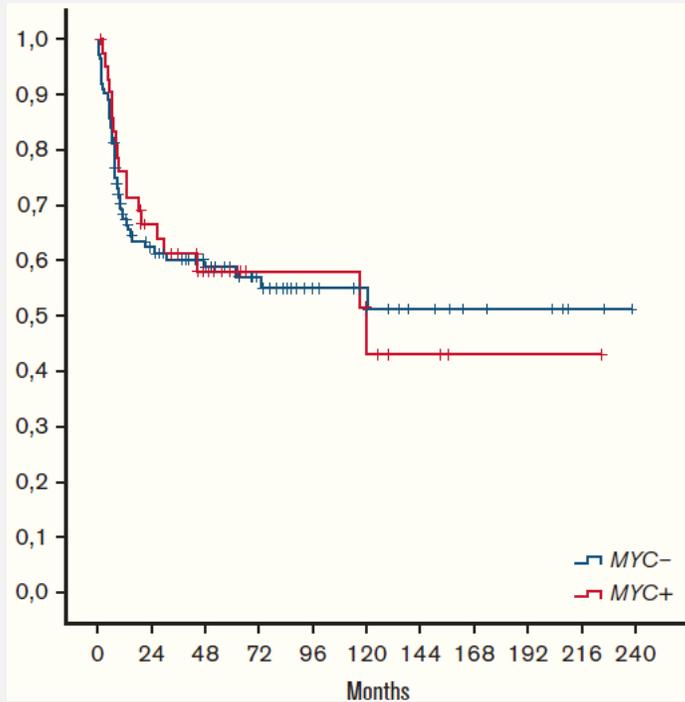
	Patients with <i>MYC</i> +, n = 43	Patients with <i>MYC</i> -, n = 112	Total, N = 155	<i>P</i> valu
Median age (range), y	46 (26-74)	48 (23-83)	47 (23-83)	ns
Age >60 y	7 (16%)	14 (12%)	21 (14%)	ns
Male sex	37 (86%)	88 (79%)	125 (81%)	ns
Stage III-IV	40/43 (93%)	88/110* (80%)	128/155 (82%)	.05
B symptoms	22/43 (51%)	55/108* (51%)	77/151* (51%)	ns
Increased LDH	30/39* (77%)	70/104* (67%)	100/143* (70%)	ns
<b>Extranodal sites</b>				.05
≤ 2	19/38* (50%)	68/100* (68%)	87/138* (63%)	
> 2	19/38* (50%)	32/100* (32%)	51/138* (37%)	
CNS involvement	4/29* (14%)	2/64* (3%)	6/93* (6%)	.052
Kidney/adrenal gland involvement	8/29* (27%)	8/64* (12%)	16/93* (17%)	.074
ECOG performance status ≥2	19/34* (56%)	42/87* (48%)	61/121* (50%)	ns
IPI intermediate high-high	23/39* (64%)	49/92* (53%)	72/131* (55%)	ns
HCV seropositivity	11/38* (29%)	34/93* (36%)	45/131* (34%)	ns
Positive HBsAg	3/36* (8%)	8/89* (9%)	11/125* (9%)	ns
Median CD4 <sup>+</sup> cell baseline (range), n/mmc	215 (32-1170)	198 (8-990)	198 (8-1170)	ns
CD4 <sup>+</sup> cell <200/mmc	19/38* (50%)	51/100* (51%)	70/138* (51%)	ns
Detectable HIV load	24/40* (60%)	65/107* (61%)	89/147* (60%)	ns
AIDS before lymphoma diagnosis	5/41* (12%)	30/111* (27%)	35/152* (23%)	.054
cART before lymphoma diagnosis	20/42* (48%)	62/110* (56%)	32/152* (54%)	ns

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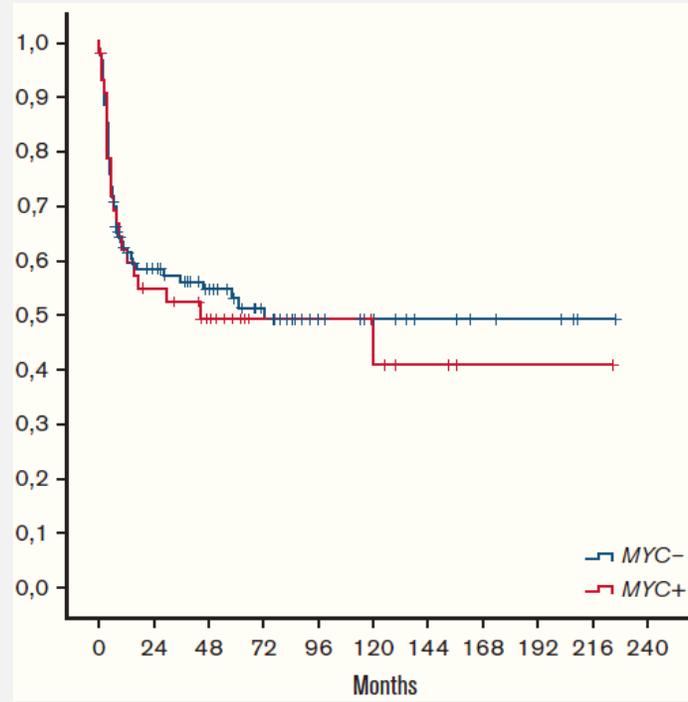
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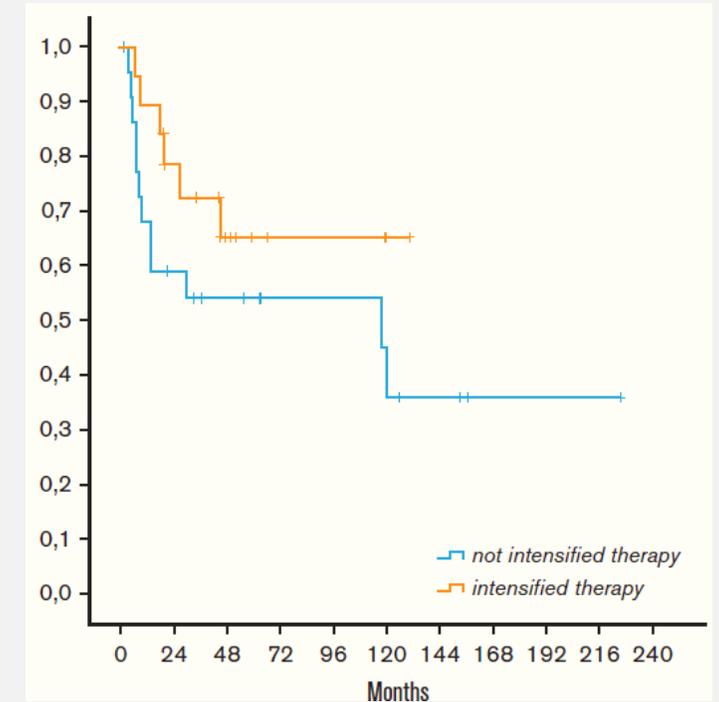
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Whole population

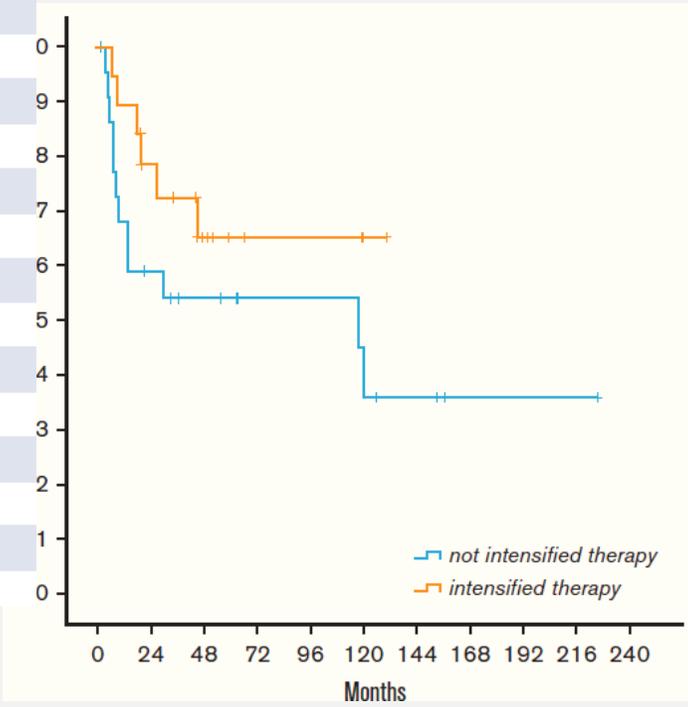
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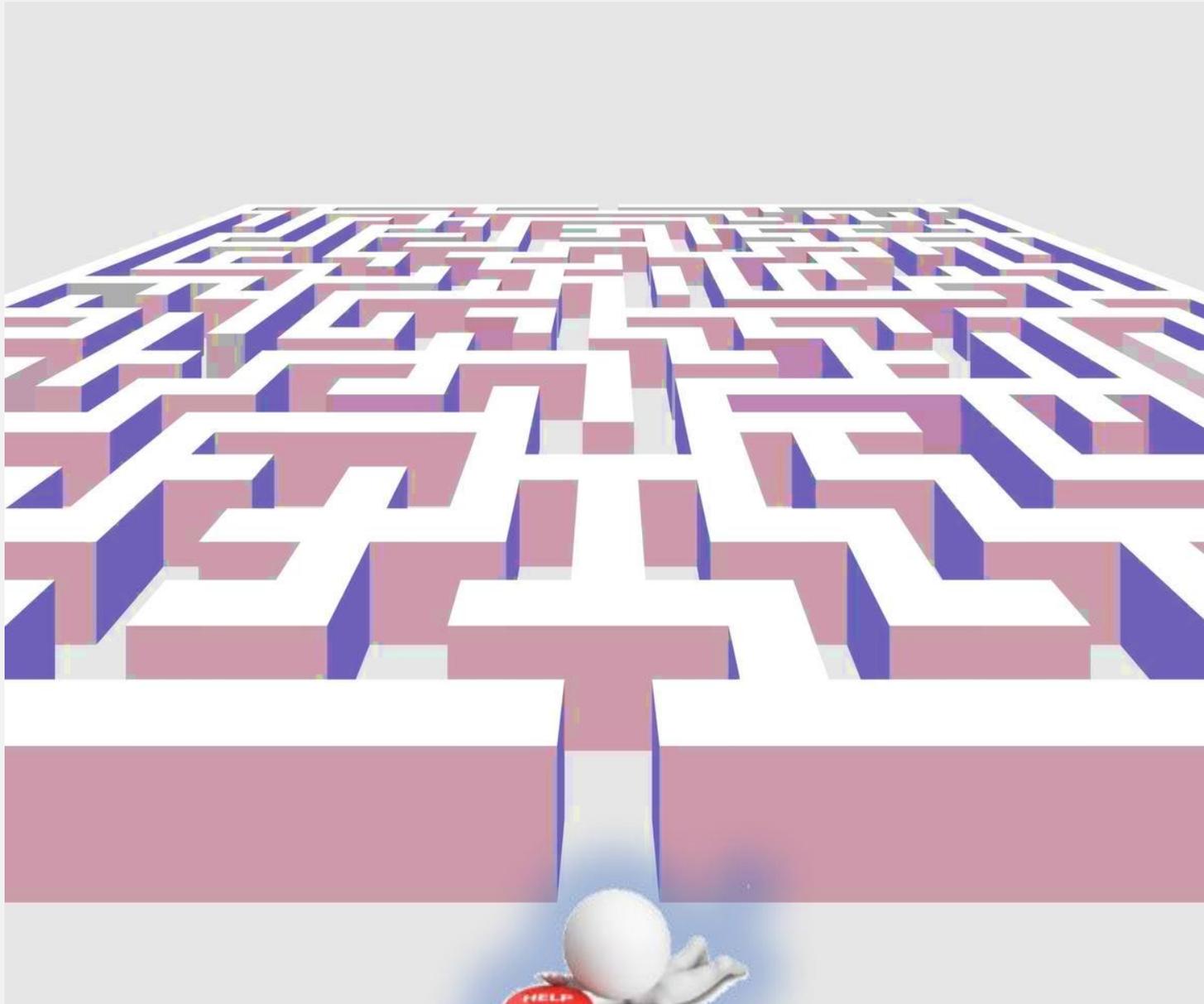
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	Patients with <b>MYC+</b> n = 43	Patients with <b>MYC-</b> n = 112	Total N = 155	P value
Rituximab	41 (95%)	99 (88%)	140 (90%)	ns
CHOP/CHOP-like	15 (35%)	76 (68%)	91 (59%)	.0001
<b>Infusional therapy</b>	<b>8 (19%)</b>	9 (8%)	17 (11%)	.063
DA-EPOCH	6	6	12	
CDE	2	3	5	
<b>iCT</b>	<b>19 (44%)</b>	23 (20%)	42 (27%)	.003
CARMEN Regimen <sup>28</sup>	9	1	10	
GMALL	3	2	5	
CODOX IVAC	2	1	3	
CT* + ASCT consolidation	3	15	18	
Other†	2	4	6	
Palliative care	1 (2%)	4 (3%)	5 (3%)	ns
<b>CNS prophylaxis</b>	<b>32/37‡ (86%)</b>	62/94‡ (66%)	94/131‡ (72%)	.011
IT (MTX ± ARA-C)	24	55	79	
Iv MTX ± IT	8	7	15	
Radiotherapy	2 (5%)	9 (8%)	11 (7%)	ns

OVERALL SURVIVAL MYC +



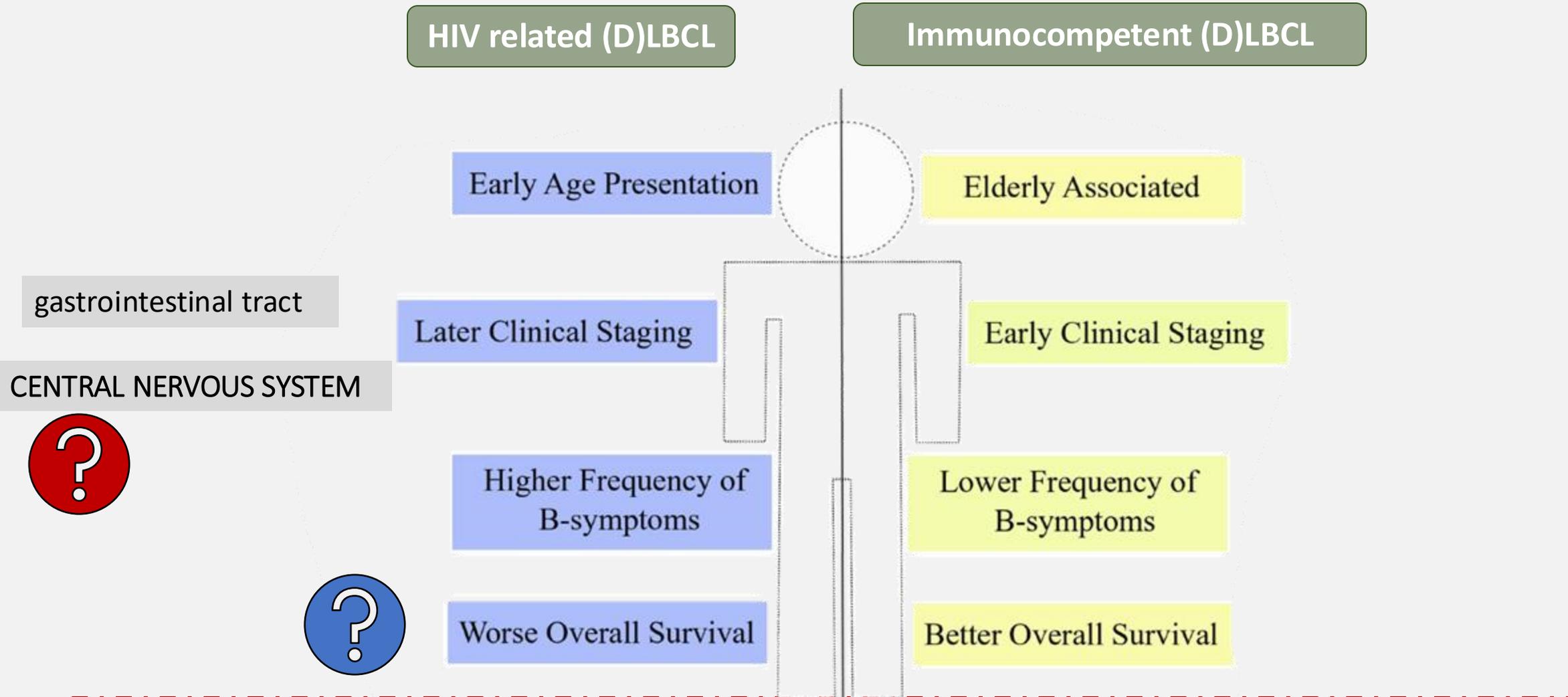
OS			
	Hazard ratio	95% confidence interval	P value
ECOG PS ≥2	2.8	1.4-5.6	.003
Increased LDH	2.2	1.1-4.1	.018
Ki67>90%	0.56	0.3-0.96	.035



## Burning issues:

- What types of lymphomas should I know about?
- Is the risk of infectious toxicity still high today? Are there any other significant toxicities? What about viral factors?
- what about staging?  
what role does the PET scan play?
- what are the clinical presentations today?
- Is the risk of CNS recurrence increased compared to the general population?

# LYMPHOMA AND PLWH: Clinical Characteristics



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# LYMPHOMA AND PLWH: FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH SURVIVAL



Outcomes for HIV-associated diffuse large B-cell lymphoma in the modern combined antiretroviral therapy era

Besson C, AIDS 2017

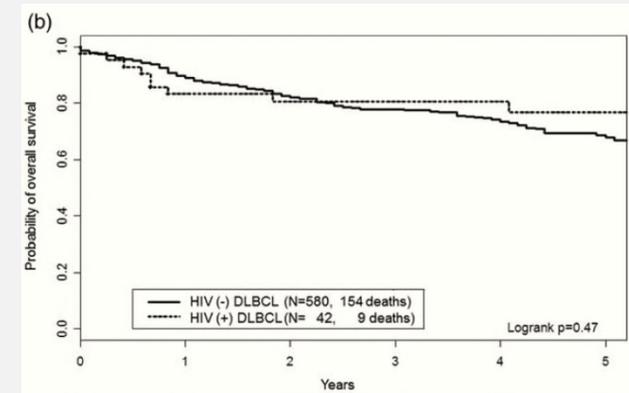
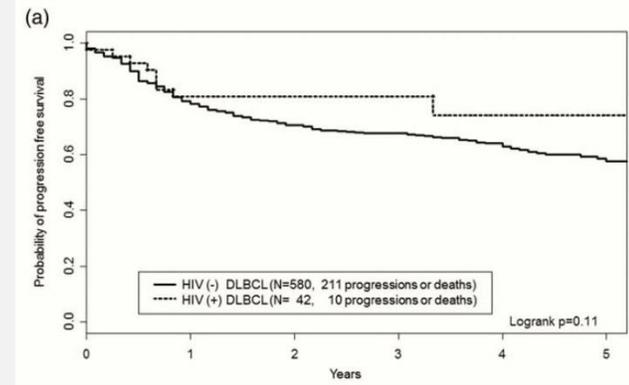
Prospective multicenter (22)  
cohort study of HIV related L. 2008-2015

179 consecutive patients → focus on 52 DLBCL;  
median age: 51

Median follow-up since diagnosis was 40 months

>Poor PS,  
>more than one  
extranodal site  
>advanced aalPI  
were associated  
with poorer PFS

## COMPARISON WITH 52 DLBCL HIV NEG



	N = 52 (%)	Median (IQR)	Lymphoma characteristics	
Demographics			Histologic subtype <sup>e</sup>	
Male sex	45 (87)		GC	17 (47)
Age (years)		51.5 (44.5–59)	Non-GC	19 (53)
Geographic origin <sup>a</sup>			Extranodal sites <sup>d</sup>	
White	46 (92)		0	9 (19)
Sub-Saharan	4 (8)		1	15 (29)
HIV characteristics			>1	27 (52)
HIV transmission group <sup>b</sup>			Ann-Arbor stage	
MSM	18 (42)		I–II	8 (16)
Heterosexuals	12 (29)		III–IV	44 (84)
Intravenous drug users	12 (29)		Performance status	
Year of HIV infection			0–1	34 (65)
≤1995	25 (49)		2–4	18 (35)
1996–2005	16 (31)		LDH above normal <sup>a</sup>	
≥2006	10 (20)		0–1	25 (50)
Prior AIDS-defining illness	24 (46)		aalPI <sup>a</sup>	
CD4 <sup>+</sup> T cell (nadir/μl) <sup>c</sup>		93.5 (44–200)	0–1	21 (42)
CD4 <sup>+</sup> cell count/μl <sup>a</sup>		233 (105–406)	2–3	29 (58)
≤200	21 (42)			
HIV load (copies/ml) <sup>a</sup>				
<50	29 (57)			
≥50	21 (43)	80 173 (280–293 938)		
cART at DLBCL diagnosis	41 (79)			
Length of cART therapy (years) <sup>d</sup>		11.4 (5.7–13.9)		

Changes in the influence of lymphoma- and HIV-specific factors on outcomes in AIDS-related non-Hodgkin lymphoma. Ann Oncol 2015.  
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# LYMPHOMA AND PLWH: CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM INVOLVEMENT

2008

	HAART before lymphoma n=31	No HAART before lymphoma n=100	p
CNS involvement (out of the 131 from the series)	1/31 (3.2%)	25/100 (25%)	0.008
PCL (out of the 131 from the series)	*1/31 (3.2%)	13/100 (13%)	0.108
Leptomeningeal spread secondary to systemic NHL (out of the 117 with systemic NHL)	0/30 (0%)	12/87 (14%)	0.023

2016

CNS<sup>B</sup>: 2-5% DLBCL

CNS<sup>B</sup>: 25-30% BL

CNS<sup>R</sup> in adequately treated patients :2, 3,5%

Existing DB of 1546 pts/9 trials  
2/3 pts in cART era; 53% on cART at chemo

Age, years (median, range)	39 (18-74)
Sex, male n (%)	710 (81%)
Enrolment period	
Pre-cART (1990-95) n (%)	279 (31%)
cART era (1996-2010) n (%)	607 (69%)
CD4 count, × 10 <sup>9</sup> cells/l (median; range)	0.398 (0-15.84)
Median viral load (copies/ml; range)	27,000 (0-6,080,000)
Prior history of AIDS, n (%)	232 (28%)
Concurrent cART therapy with chemotherapy	449 (53%)
Histology, n (%)	
Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma	570 (64%)
Burkitt/Burkitt-like lymphoma	285 (32%)
Other lymphomas	31 (3%)
Age-adjusted IPI, n (%) <sup>1</sup>	
Low (score=0)	95 (12%)
Intermediate (score 1-2)	488 (63%)
High (score=3)	187 (24%)

2016

CNS involvement at baseline, n (%)	111 (13%)
Type of IT CNS therapy; n (%)	
CNS treatment 2 <sup>nd</sup> to CNS <sup>B</sup>	111 (13%)
Single drug IT chemoprophylaxis	628 (71%)
Triple drug IT chemoprophylaxis	141 (16%)
No IT CNS chemoprophylaxis	6 (7%)
Systemic chemotherapy, n(%)	
CHOP	325 (36%)
Infusional regimens <sup>2</sup>	134 (15%)
Dose intense regimens <sup>3</sup>	261 (29%)
Less intense <sup>4</sup>	166 (19%)
Rituximab use; n(%)	756 (31%)

44/837 patients  
CNSR (5.26%),  
→ 13% of all  
relapses  
(44/293).

Decrease in the frequency of meningeal involvement in AIDS-related systemic lymphoma in patients receiving HAART Navarro JT; Haematologica  
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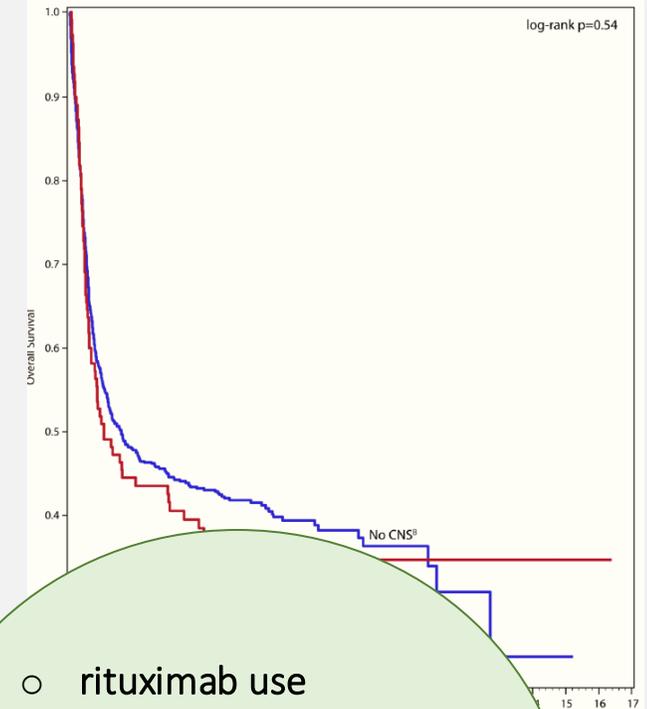
2016

	Hazard Ratio	95% CI	P
Age	0.99	0.95 - 1.03	0.72
Gender (Male)	1.10	0.40 - 3.00	0.85
Enrolment Date			0.50
1990-1995	Reference		
1996-2010	0.48	0.06 - 4.11	
CD4 count	1.00	1.00 - 1.00	0.5
Viral load	1.00	1.00 - 1.00	0.09
AIDS history	1.40	0.45 - 4.39	0.56
Concurrent cART Therapy	1.90	0.23 - 15.97	0.56
Histology			0.07
Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma	Reference		
Burkitt/Burkitt-like lymphoma	2.45	1.14 - 5.31	
Other lymphomas	1.25	0.15 - 10.59	
Age-adjusted IPI			0.77
Low	Reference		
Intermediate	0.96	0.32 - 2.90	
High	0.61	0.12 - 3.03	

CNS <sup>B</sup>	3.68	1.49 - 9.10	0.005
No	Reference		
Yes	3.67	1.49 - 9.10	
Treatment <sup>I</sup>			0.71
CHOP	Reference		
Infusional <sup>I</sup>	0.00		
Dose intense <sup>I</sup>	1.15	0.47 - 2.80	
Less intense <sup>I</sup>	1.72	0.70 - 4.24	
Rituximab	0.26	0.05 - 1.42	0.12
CR with initial treatment	0.14	0.07 - 0.32	<0.0001

No association with cART use with CNS relapse

no difference in CNSB in the pre-cART and cART era (13% each)



- rituximab use
- infusional chemo
- concurrent cART
- lower aaIPI scores were independently associated with increased OS for all patients on multivariate analysis

# FACTORS ASSOCIATED TO SURVIVAL: THE MUSTHAL GROUP EXPERIENCE

96 PTS (DG  
1996-2023)  
Median  
age:49



## Sierologie

- HIV-Ab positivo: 96 (100%)
- HBsAg positivo: 9 (9%, 95% CI 5-17%)
- HCV Ab positivo: 33 (34%, 95% CI 26-44%)

## Status viro-immunologico alla diagnosi di HIV

- Conta CD4+ (media, /ul): 126 (range 3-463)
- Conta CD8+ (media, /ul): 690 (range 40-2938)
- Rapporto CD4/CD8 (media): 0.22 (range 0-1.8)
- HIV-RNA (log10): 5.09 (range 1.59-7)

## Status viro-immunologico alla diagnosi di linfoma

- Conta CD4+ (media, /ul): 280 (range 4-1237)
- Conta CD8+ (media, /ul): 945 (range 40-3779)
- Rapporto CD4/CD8 (media): 0.42 (range 0-1.8)
- HIV-RNA (log10): 3.36 (range 1.59-7.04)

## cART alla diagnosi di linfoma\*

- Sì: 63 (66%, 95% CI 56-74%)
- No: 33 (34%, 95% CI 26-44%)

\*almeno 6 mesi prima della diagnosi di linfoma

## Istotipo\*

- DLBCL: 82 (85%, 95% CI 77-91%)
- HGBL: 14 (15%, 95% CI 9-23%)
  - HGBL con traslocazione di MYC e BCL2: 4
  - HGBL con traslocazione di MYC e BCL2 e BCL6\*: 1
  - HGBL, non altrimenti specificato (NOS): 9

## Stadio

- I: 4 (4%, 95% CI 2-10%)
- II: 5 (6%, 95% CI 2-12%)
- III: 18 (19%, 95% CI 12-28%)
- **IV: 68 (71%, 95% CI 61-79%)**
- Non disponibile: 1

## Siti interessati alla diagnosi

- Malattia nodale: 20 (20%, 95% CI 14-30%)
- **1 sito extranodale: 38 (40%, 95% CI 30-50%)**
- **≥ 2 siti extranodali: 38 (40%, 95% CI 30-50%)**
- **SNC: 8 (8%, 95% CI 4-16%)**
- Renale/surrenale: 6 (6%, 95% CI 3-13%)

## Eastern cooperative oncologic group (ECOG) performance status (PS)

- 0-1: 60 (62%, 95% CI 52-73%)
- ≥ 2: 35 (36%, 95% CI 28-46%)
- Non disponibile: 1

## International Prognostic Index (IPI)

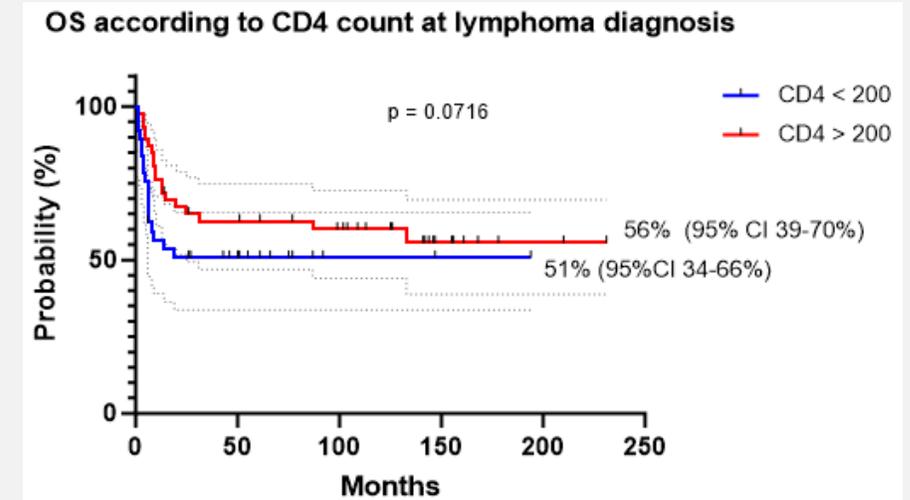
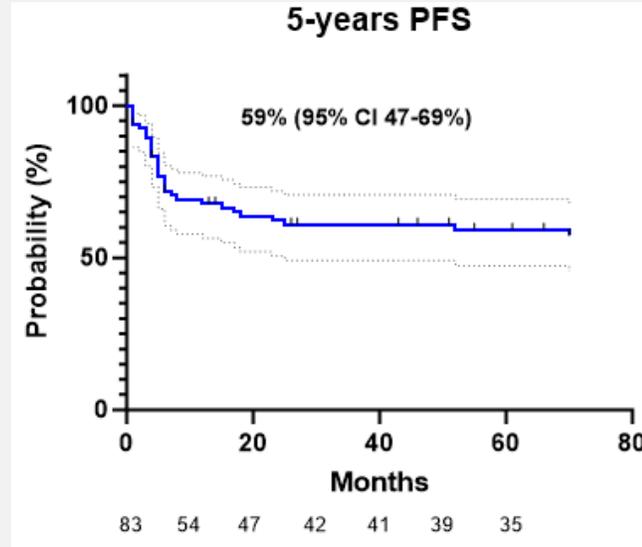
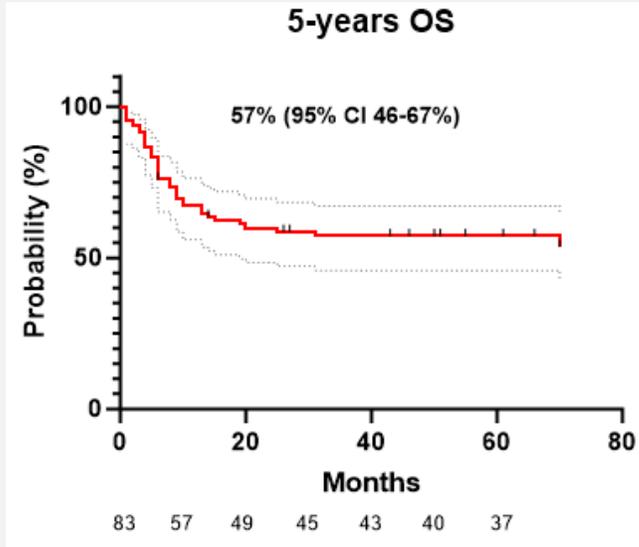
- Basso (0-1): 14 (15%, 95% CI 9-23%)
- **Intermedio (2-3): 58 (60%, 95% CI 50-69%)**
- **Alto (4-5): 23 (24%, 95% CI 17-33%)**
- Non disponibile: 1 (1%, 95% CI 2-6%)

## Central nervous system (CNS)-IPI

- Basso (0-1): 13 (14%, 95% CI 8-22%)
- **Intermedio (2-3): 57 (59%, 95% CI 49-68%)**
- **Alto (4-6): 25 (26%, 95% CI 18-36%)**
- Not available: 1 (1%, 95% CI 2-6%)

Unpublished data

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## Impact on OS → HIV related variables

- CD4+ nadir, HR: 1.004 (0.9827 - 1.028) (p= 0.7268)
- CD8+ abs al nadir, HR: 1 (0.9982 - 1.003) (p= 0.7107)
- HIV-RNA log10 zenith, HR: 1.772 (0.8316 - 7.707) (p= 0.2512)
- CD4+ abs diagnosis, HR: 0.9913 (0.9651 - 1.003) (p= 0.2622)
- CD8+ abs diagnosis, HR: 1.001 (0.9981 - 1.003) (p= 0.4712)
- HIV-RNA log10 diagnosis, HR: 0.7787 (0.3609 - 1.645) (p= 0.4987)
- cART at diagnosis, HR: 0.3742 (0.03852 - 3.649) (p= 0.3523)

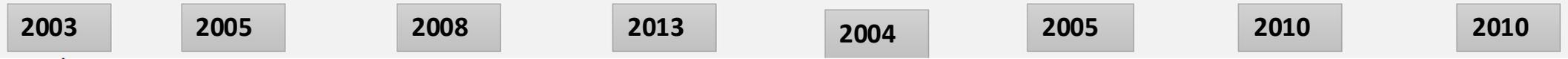
- 8 pazienti (8%, 95% CI 4-16%) recidivati/progrediti nel SNC:
  - 5/25 con CNS-IPI HR (20%, 95% CI 9-39%)
  - 3/57 con CNS-IPI IR (5%, 95% CI 2-14%)
  - 0/13 con CNS-IPI LR (0%, 95% CI 0-23%)
- Chemioterapia IT: 51 pazienti (53%, 95% CI 43-63%) → 36 profilassi
- HD-MTX EV: 13 pazienti (14%, 95% CI 8-22%) → 3 profilassi
- Non differenze significative nell'incidenza di ricaduta/progressione SNC stratificando per profilassi

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DLBCL histology, N (%)	44 (72)	120 (80)	81 (100)	39 (98)	76 (78)	53 (72)	79 (75)	33 (100)
CD4 <sup>+</sup> $\mu$ L, median	172	133	158	114	160	161	181 vs. 194	208
aa-IPI $\geq$ 2, N (%)	29 (48)	70 (47)	55 (67)	11 (27)	62 (67)	42 (57)	70 (66)	25 (76)
Outcome, %								
CR * rate	77	47 vs. 58	69	47	45	70	73 vs. 55	91
PFS *	69 (2-year)	9.5 vs. 11.3 months	-	52 (2-year)	36 (2-year)	59 (2-year)	66 vs. 63 (2-year)	84 (5-year)
OS *	75 (2-year)	28 vs. 35 months	56 (3-year)	62 (2-year)	43 (2-year)	64 (2-year)	70 vs. 67 (2-year)	68 (5-year)
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## Infusional regimens

- Should antiretroviral therapy be suspended during chemotherapy?

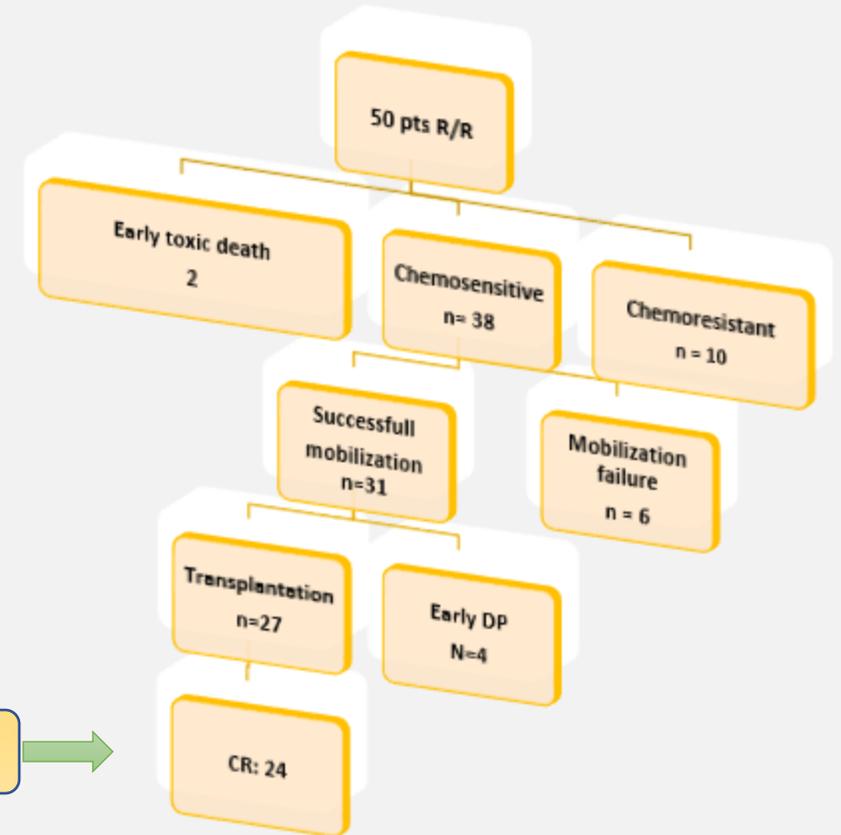
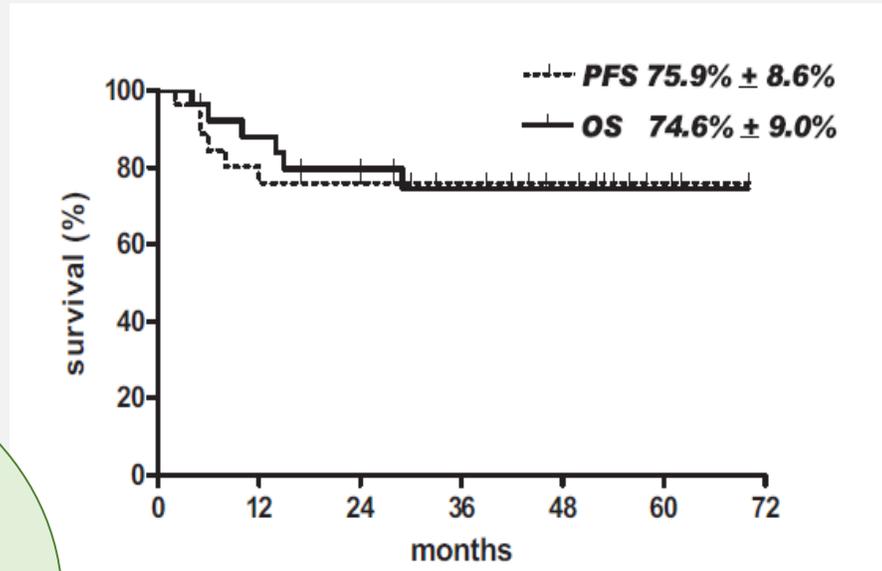
NO!  
By pooled analysis of 1546 pts.  
*Blood, 2013*

YES!  
There is need to maximize opportunistic infection prophylaxis in patients with CD4 count <50/mL, according to current guidelines on HIV management.

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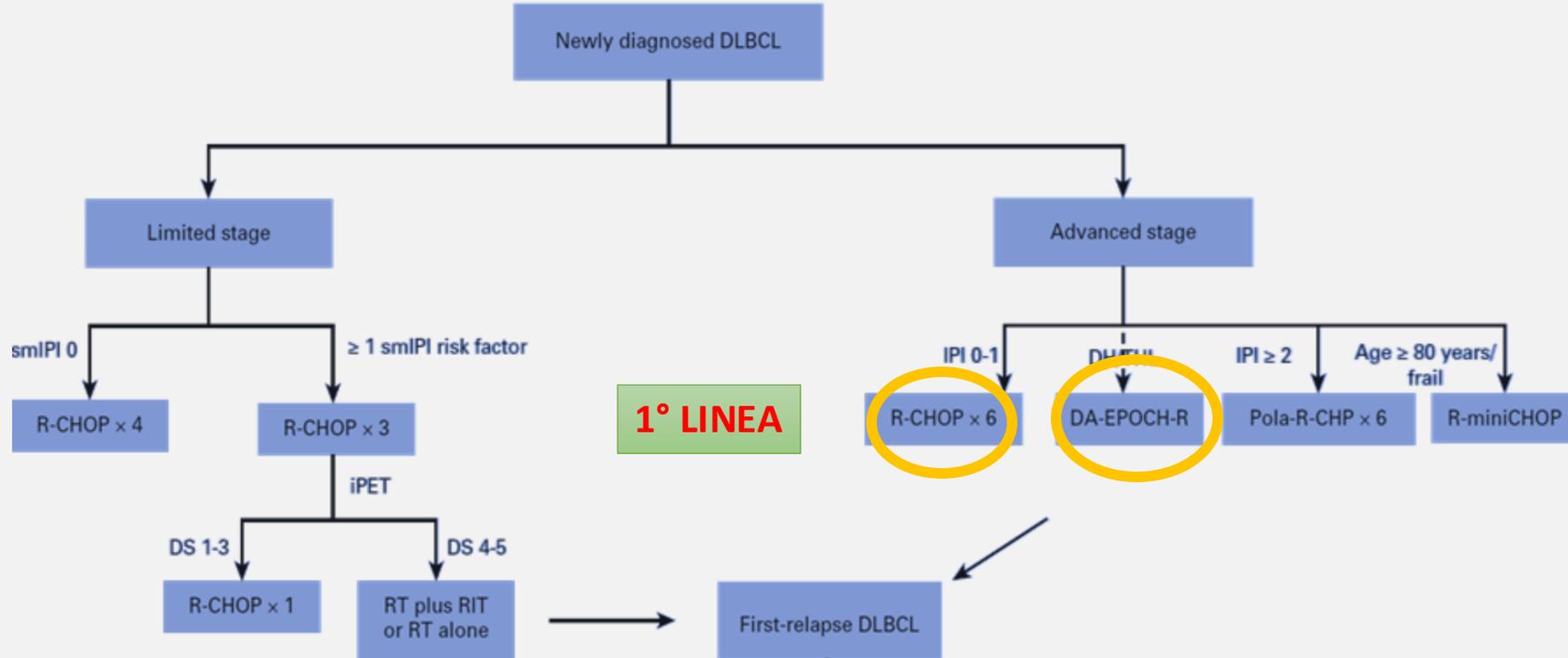
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- Is the approach with intensive chemotherapy and peripheral stem cell rescue feasible?



**YES!**  
HIV infection should not preclude lymphoma patients from undergoing HDC-ASCT, according to the same eligibility criteria adopted for the general population

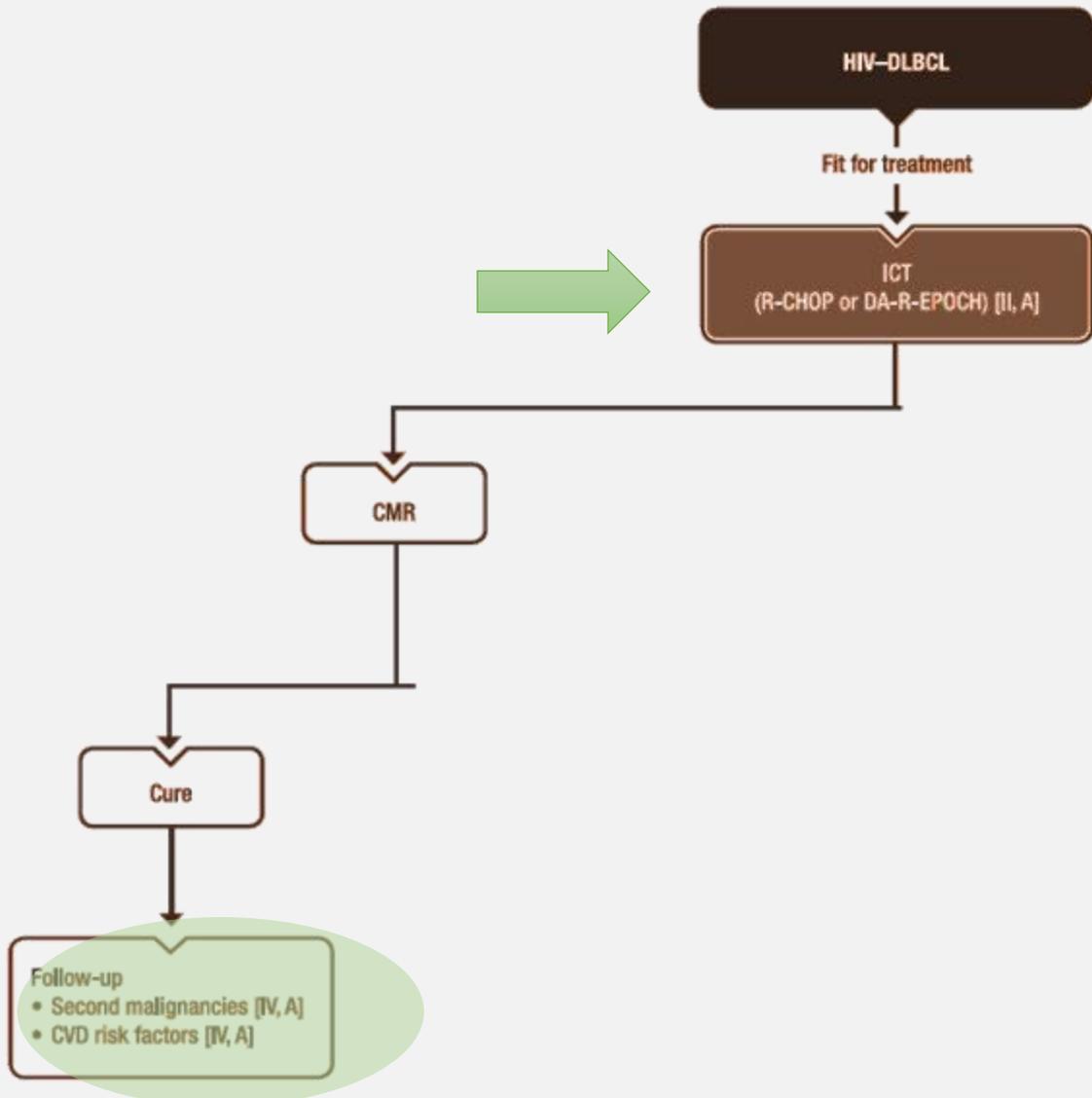
# LYMPHOMA IN GENERAL POPULATION: DLBCL -THERAPY



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First-line therapy			
IPI 0	IPI 1-2	IPI 3-5	Old/ Frail
4 x R-CHOP + 2 x R	6 x R-CHOP	6 x Pola-R-CHP	R-miniCHOP

# LYMPHOMA AND PLWH : DLBCL THERAPY –first line-



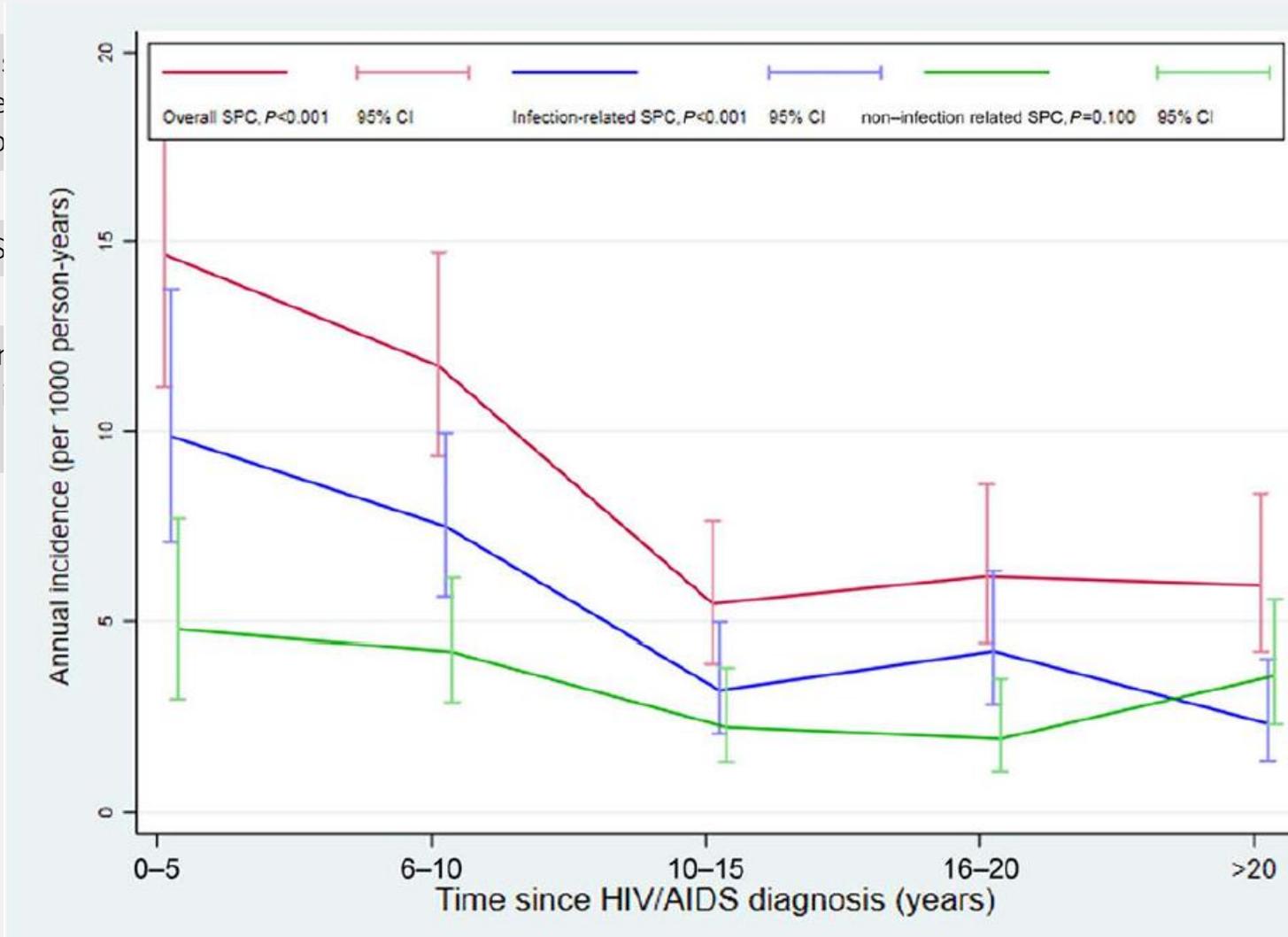
# LYMPHOMA AND PLWH: risk of developing second primary cancer

Second Primary Cancers in People With HIV/AIDS: A National Data Linkage Study of Incidence and Risk Factors Di Ciaccio PR, J Acquir Immune Defic Syndr. 2023

Of 29,383 individuals were included in the person-years of follow-up

The most common SPC

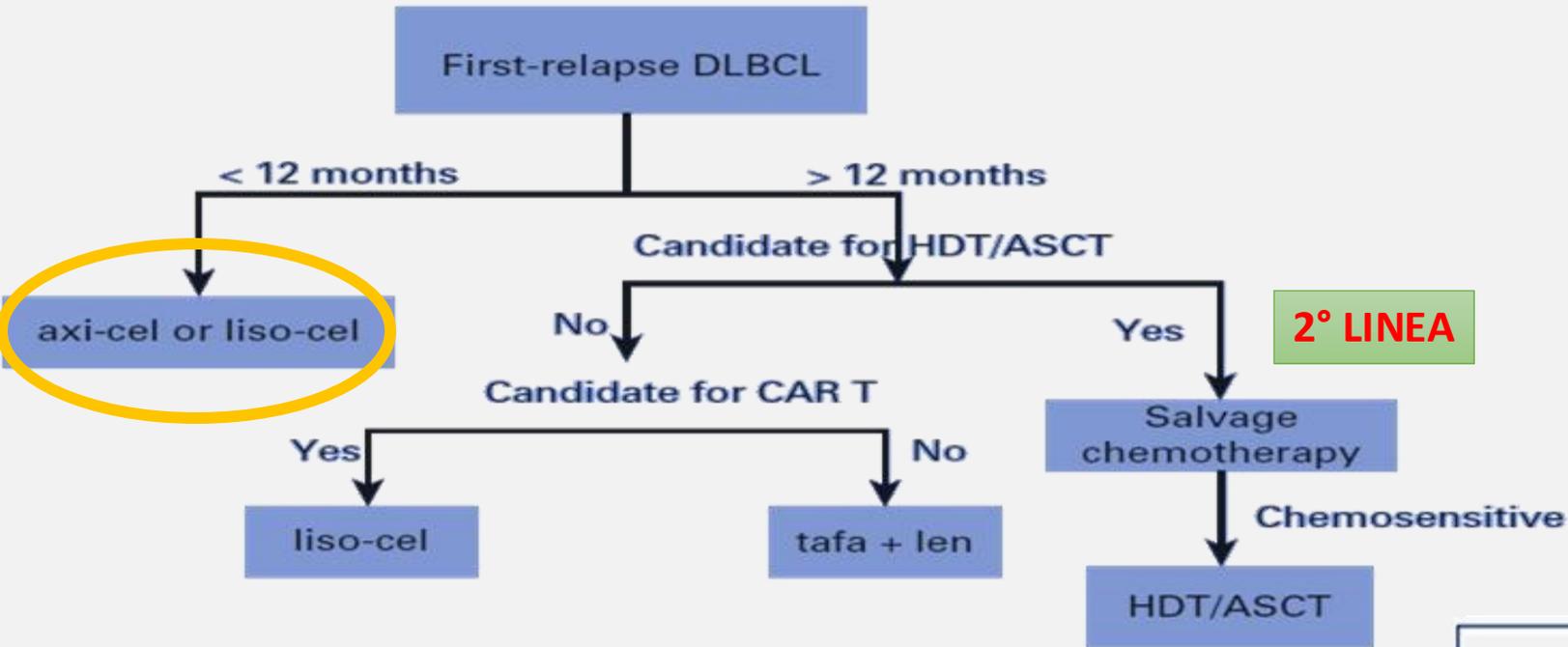
The incidence of non-infection related SPC (P=0.100) and the acquisition of SPC



Cancers Identified in the Cohort

	Number of Second Cancers	% (Rounded)
Lymphoma	41	18
OS	30	13
	27	12
	25	11
	14	6
	9	4
	83	36
<b>Total</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>100</b>

# LYMPHOMA IN GENERAL POPULATION: DLBCL –THERAPY 2° LINES



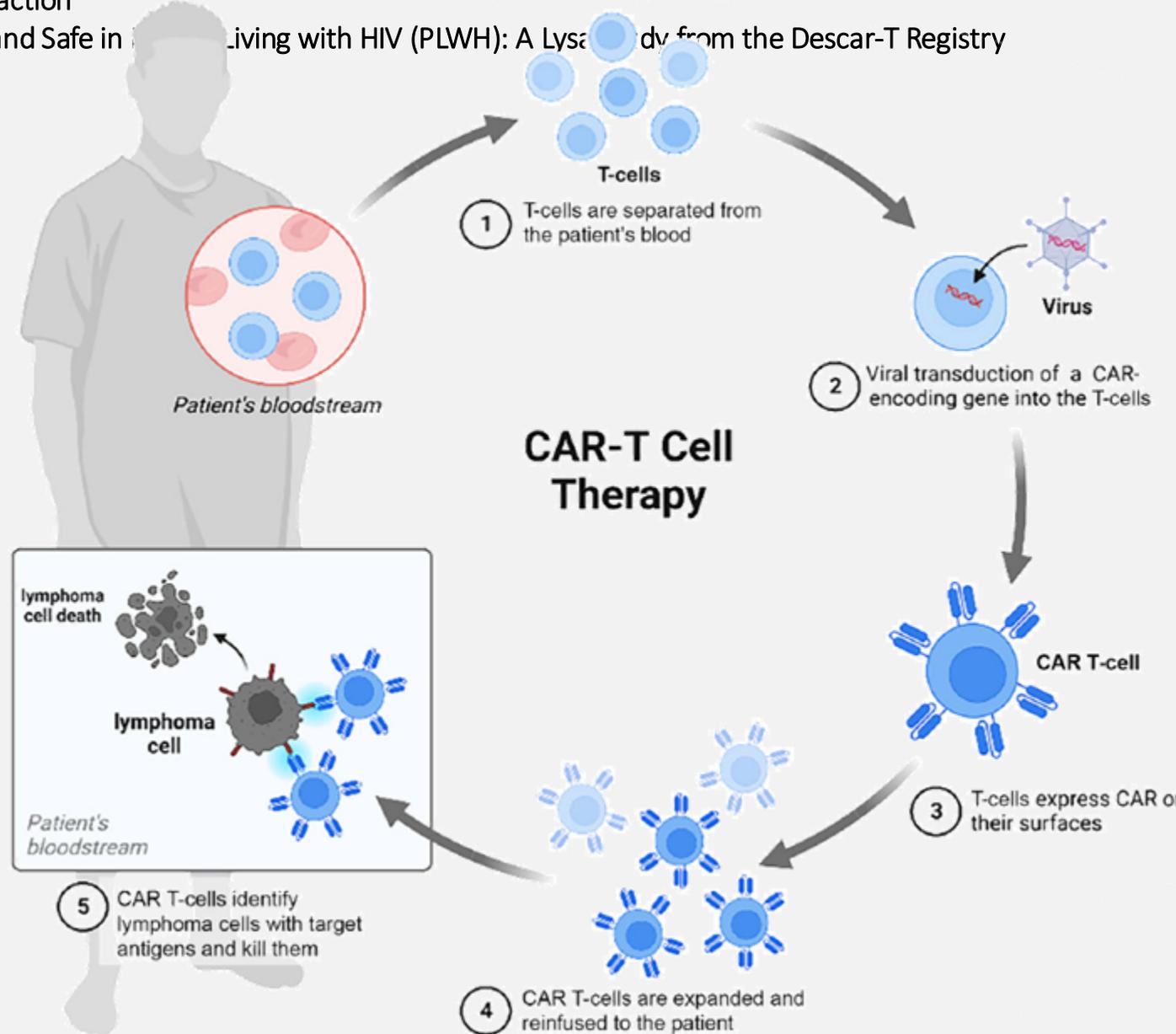
## Second-line therapy

Primary refractory/early relapse ( $\leq 12$ mo.), CAR-T eligible patients	Late relapse ( $> 12$ mo.), HDCT/ASCT eligible	CAR-T and HDCT/ASCT ineligible patients
CAR-T cell therapy (Axicabtagene ciloleucel, Lisocabtagene maraleucel)	Platin-based salvage immunochemotherapy followed by HDCT/ASCT	Pola-BR
		Tafasitamab/ Lenalidomide
		R-GemOx

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TABLE 1 Use of CAR T-cell therapy in patients with HIV (n = 6).

Case	References	Age (years)	Sex	Combined ART	CD4 <sup>+</sup> T-cells (cells/ $\mu$ L)	T-cells (cells/ $\mu$ L)	Viral load (copies/mL)	Lymphoma	CAR product	Side effects (grade)/therapy	Response (follow up)
1	[33]	47	m	Yes	52	n.s.	67	DLBCL	Axicabtagene ciloleucel	CRS (grade 2)/tocilizumab, steroid ICANS (grade 3)/steroid	CR (1 year)
2	[33]	n.s.	m	Bictegravir/emtricitabine/tenofovir alafenamide	127	n.s.	Undetectable	DLBCL	Axicabtagene ciloleucel	no CRS no ICANS	CR (at least 28 days)
3	[31]	n.s.	n.s.	n.s.	127	n.s.	Undetectable	DLBCL	Axicabtagene ciloleucel	n.s.	CR (n.s.)
4	[32]	49	m	Yes	170	847	Undetectable	DLBCL	Axicabtagene ciloleucel	CRS (grade 1)/steroid ICANS (grade 2)/steroid	PR (PD after 2 months)
5	[36]	66	f	n.s.	629	n.s.	Undetectable	DLBCL	Axicabtagene ciloleucel	CRS (grade 1)/steroid ICANS (grade 2)/steroid	PD (isolated CNS recurrence after 4 months with systemic CR)
6	[34]	53	m	Yes	n.s.	n.s.	n.s.	DLBCL	Axicabtagene ciloleucel	CRS (grade 1)/anakinra, steroid ICANS (grade 3)/anakinra, steroid	PD (after 15 days)

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**Histological subtypes** : diffuse large B-cell lymphoma (n=20, 84%),  
follicular lymphoma (n=2, 8%),  
transformed follicular lymphoma (n=1, 4%)  
grey zone lymphoma (n=1, 4%).

17% prior ABMT

Median time from HIV diagnosis to CAR T was 136 months  
(range 11-342) and HIV viral load at lymphodepletion was undetectable in all available cases (11/24 patients).

At time of CAR T infusion, 4 patients (17%) had ECOG PS 2, 15 (63%) elevated LDH, and 10 (42%) elevated ferritin.

CRS : 21 patients (88%)

ICANS: 33%

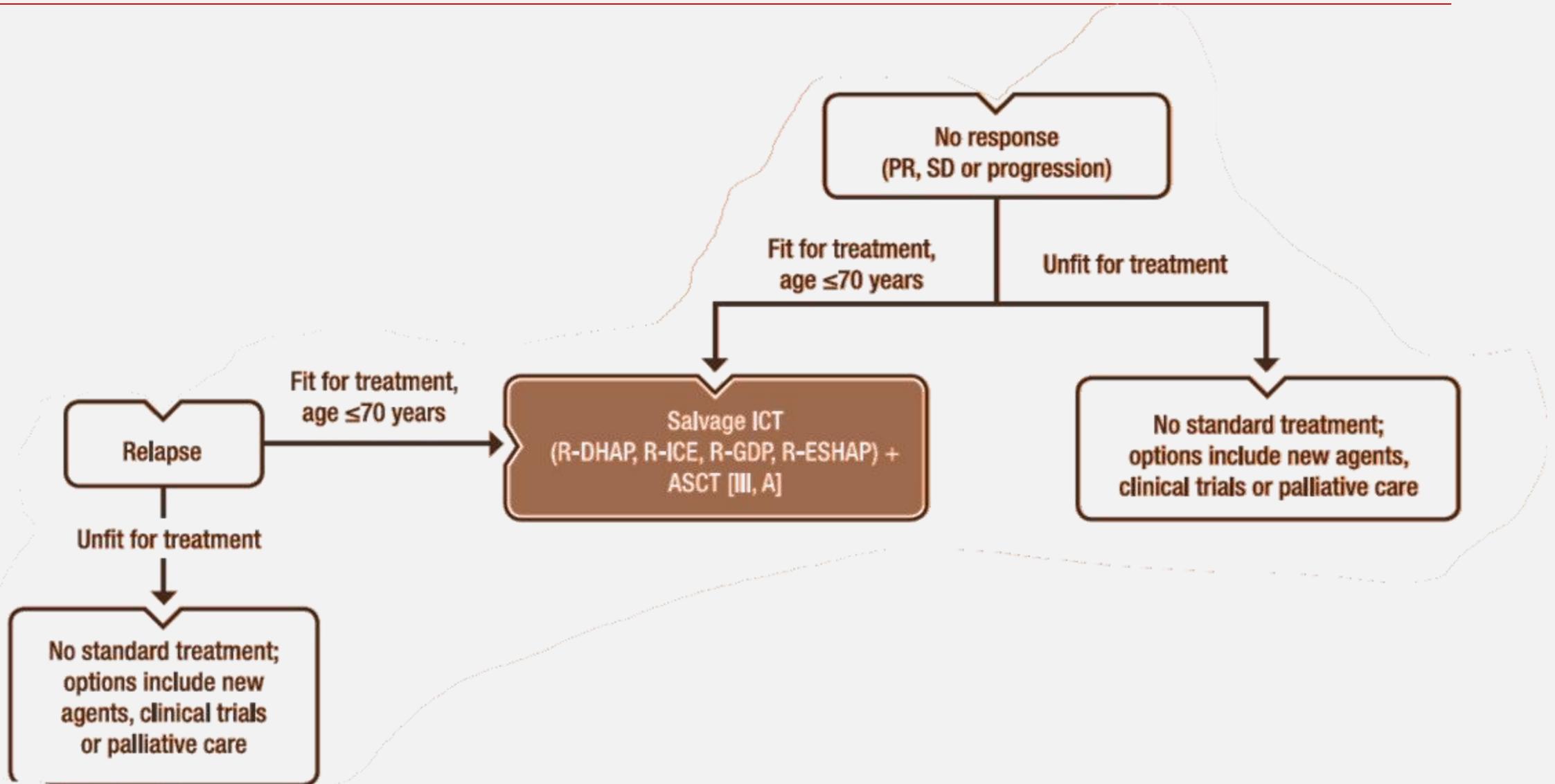
Overall Response Rate (ORR) among PLWH at 90 days (M3) from axi-cel infusion was 50%, with 42%  
Response Rate (CRR).

With a median follow-up of 10.5 months (95% CI, 6-16), PFS and OS at 12 months were 40% (95% CI, 18-58), 10% (95% CI, 28-75) respectively.

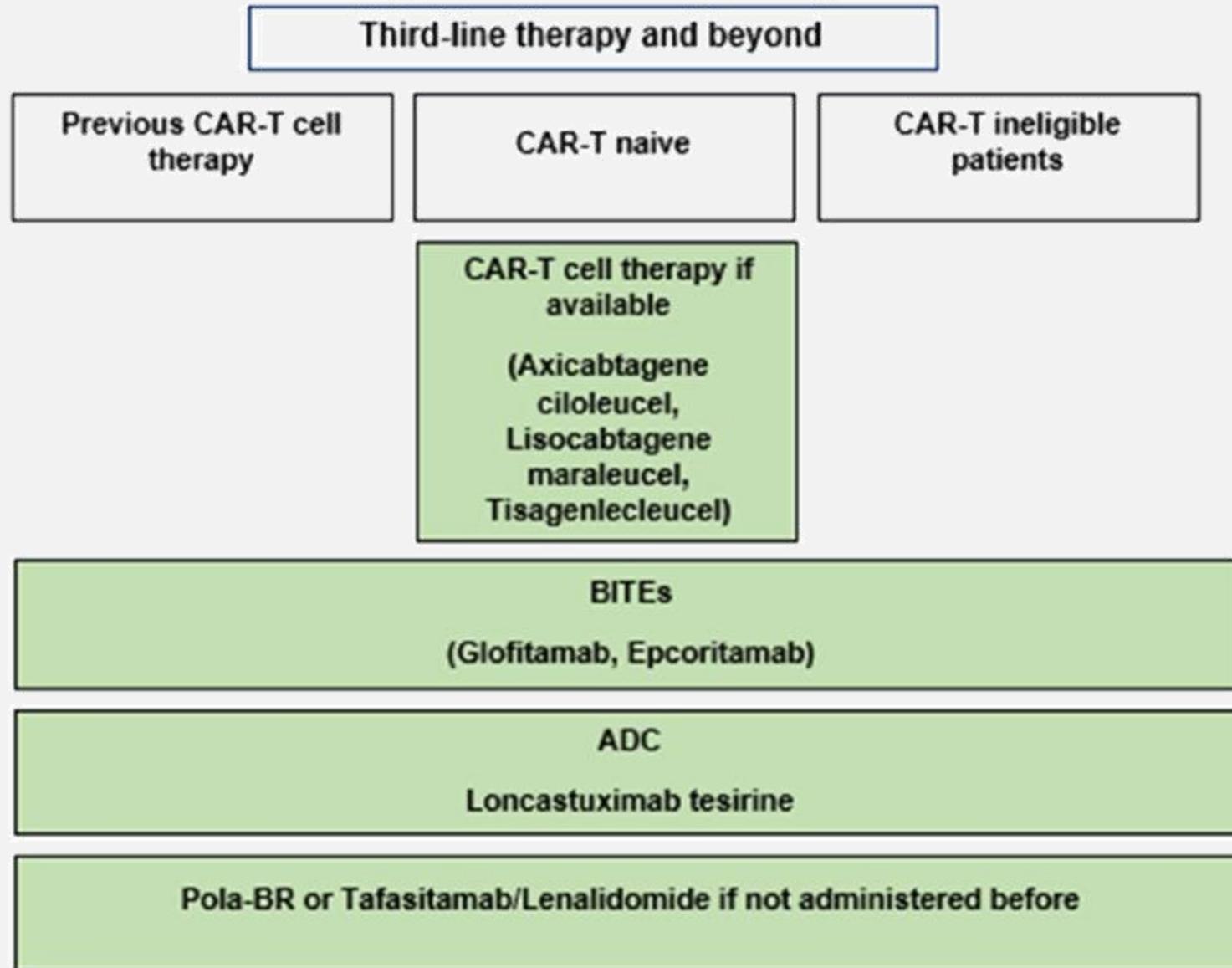
## Ten deaths were reported:

8 patients  
died of disease  
progression, 1 of  
Pseudomonas infection,  
and 1 of progressive  
multifocal  
leukoencephalopathy not  
directly  
related to CAR T-cells.

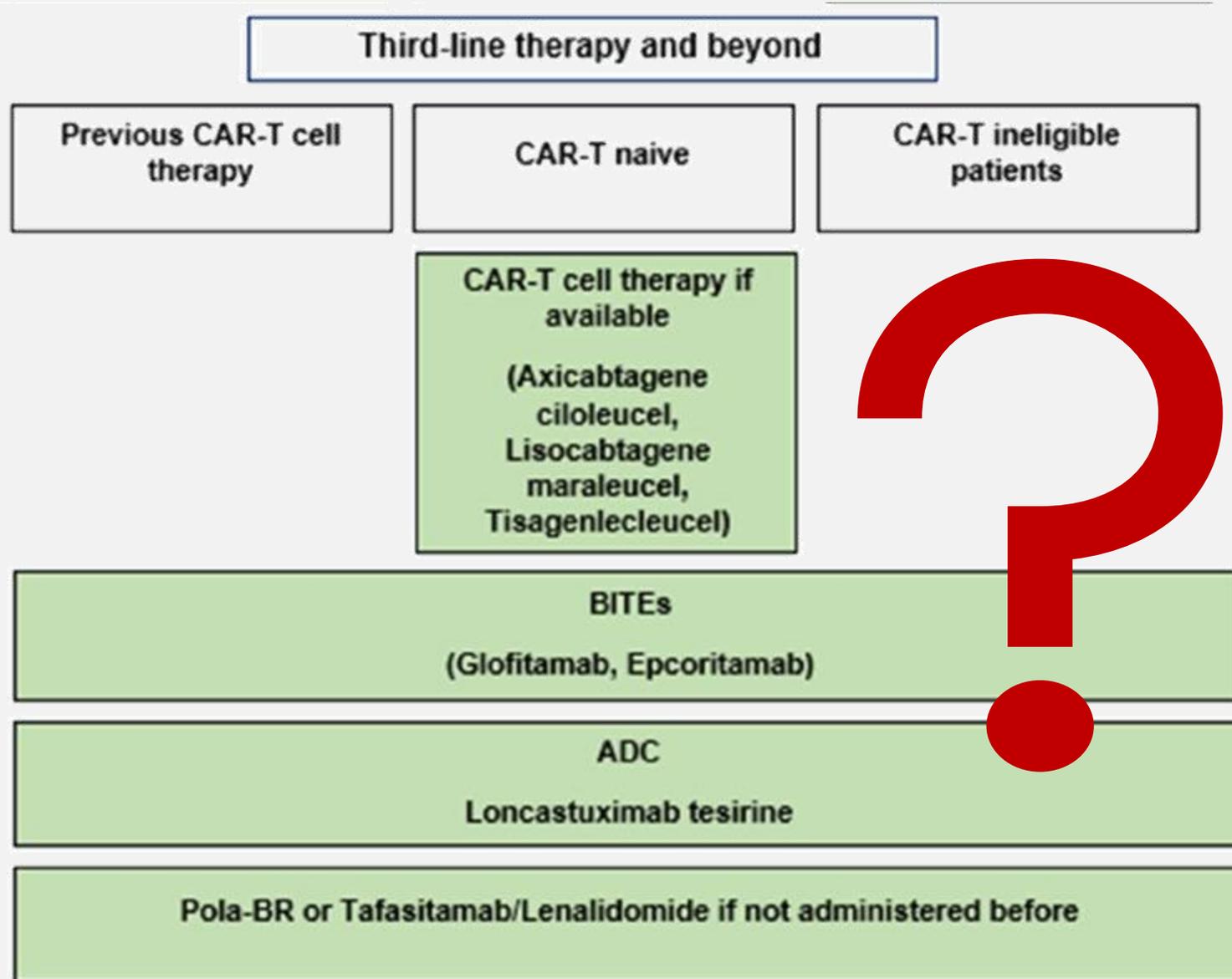
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# LYMPHOMA AND PLWH: DLBCL –THERAPY 3° LINES: EPICO TRIAL

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International single-arm phase 2 trial addressing feasibility and efficacy of epcoritamab in PLWH with relapsed/refractory large B-cell lymphoma

## **Inclusion criteria:**

- Adult ( $\geq 18$  yo) HIV+ pts with CD20+ **RR LBCL**
- ECOG PS score of 0-2
- **Prior lines  $\geq 2$  (anti-CD20)**
- CD4  $>50$  cell/mcL
- Failed or not eligible for HDT-ASCT

## **Primary endpoint: ORR**

P0 : ORR 35%

P1 : ORR 60% (GCT3013-01 LBCL expansion cohort)

**Sample size: 27 patients with RR HIV+ DLBCL**

## **15 centers:**

• **10 Italy**

• **4 Spain**

• **1 France**

## **Two-step Simon minimax model:**

*First step:* 16 pts  $\rightarrow$  if 7 responses observed  $\rightarrow$  *Second step*

**Treatment active if 13 responses observed**

# LYMPHOMA AND PLWH: BURKITT LYMPHOMA



BL International Prognostic Index (BL-IPI) Olszewski, a. JCO 2021

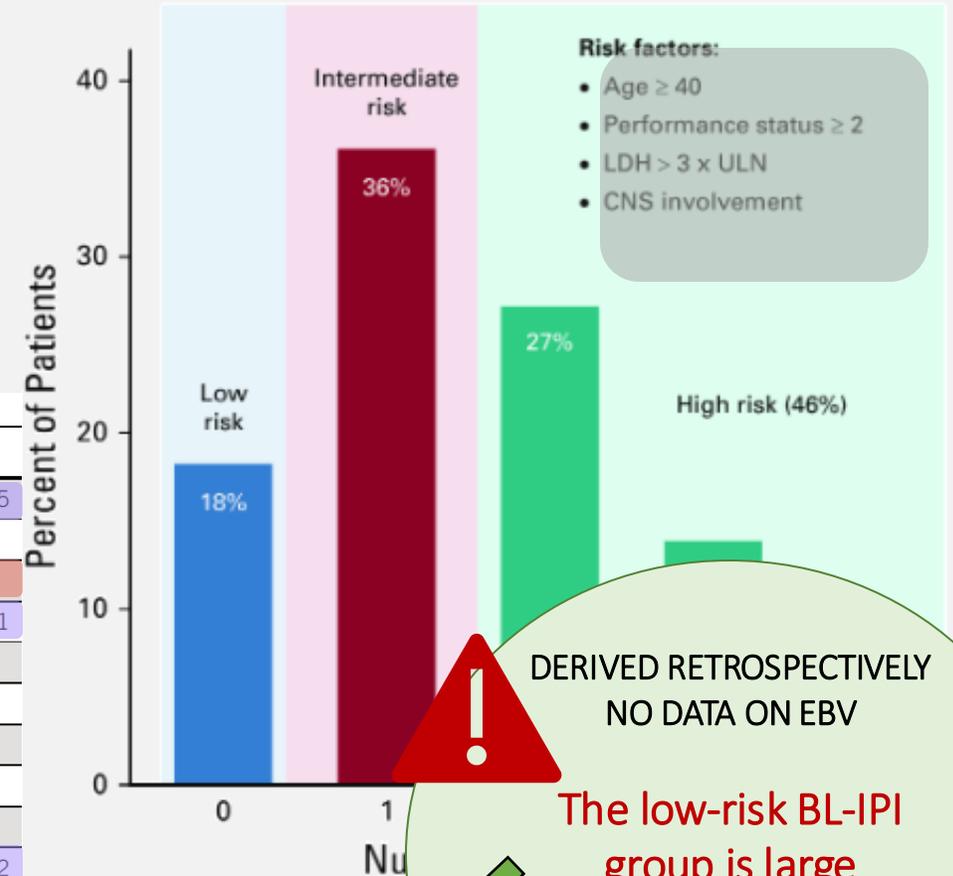
## “Historical” risk factors

### HR at least one of

- ECOG performance status above 1
- Ann Arbor stage III or IV
- elevated serum LDH (>ULN)
- tumour mass of 7 cm or greater

Variable	Univariable			Multivariable		
	HR	95% CI	P	HR	95% CI	P
Age ≥ 40	1.79	1.34 to 2.38	< .001	1.53	1.14 to 2.05	.005
Female	1.05	0.78 to 1.41	.74			
HIV-positive	1.15	0.85 to 1.56	.36			
PS ECOG ≥ 2	2.22	1.69 to 2.92	< .001	1.62	1.20 to 2.17	.001
No MYC rearrangement	0.82	0.53 to 1.29	.39			
Stage 3 or 4	2.35	1.57 to 3.53	< .001			
B symptoms	1.23	0.95 to 1.59	.12			
> 1 extranodal site	1.24	0.95 to 1.60	.11			
Marrow involvement	1.64	1.27 to 2.13	< .001			
CNS involvement	2.02	1.52 to 2.69	< .001	1.61	1.20 to 2.16	.002
LDH > 3 × ULN	2.12	1.62 to 2.77	< .001	1.71	1.29 to 2.27	< .001
Hemoglobin < 11.5 g/dL	1.63	1.25 to 2.12	< .001			
Albumin < 3.5 g/dL	1.55	1.19 to 2.03	.001			

## BL International Prognostic Index (BL-IPI)



The low-risk BL-IPI group is large enough to consider de-escalated treatment strategies

**BL**

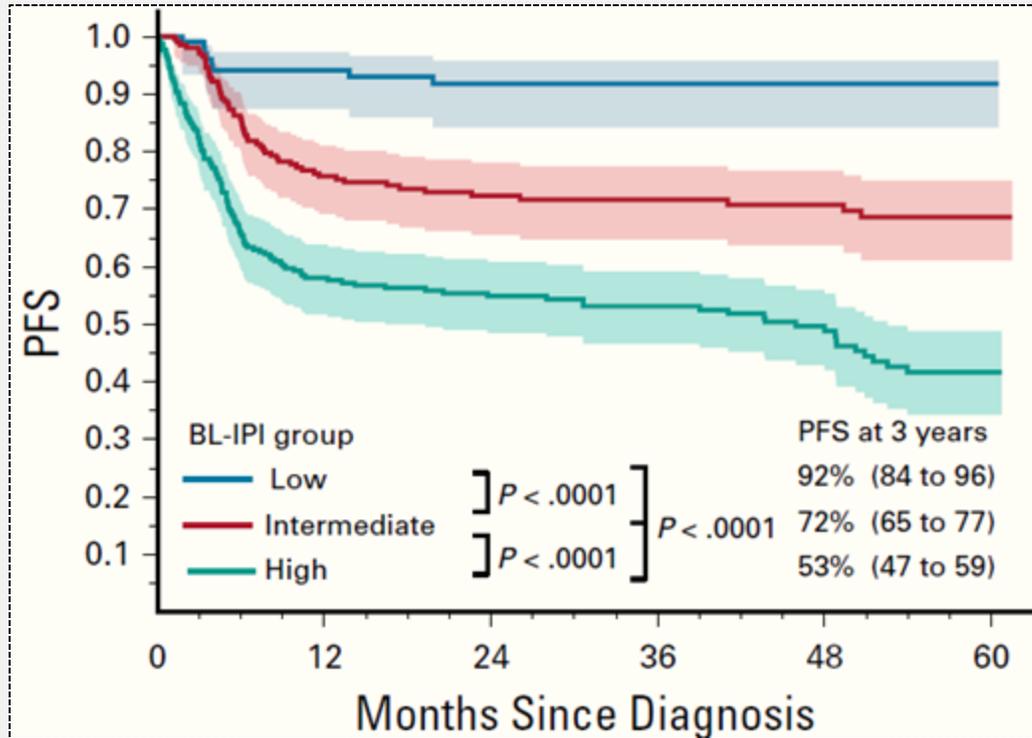
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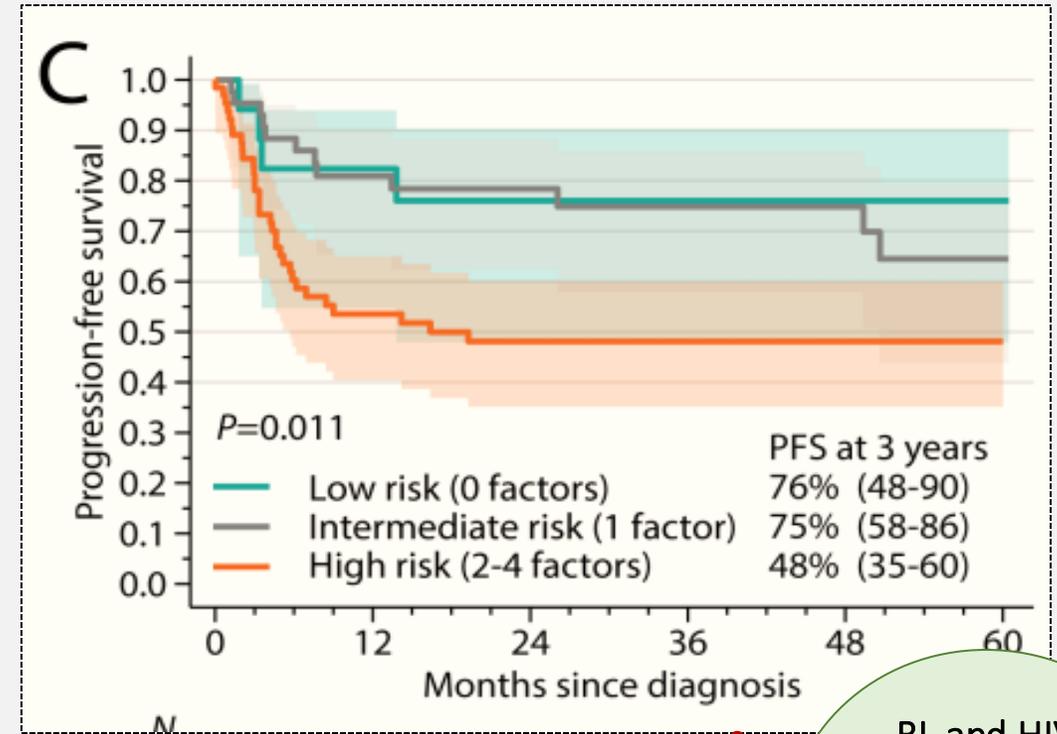
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HIV NEG

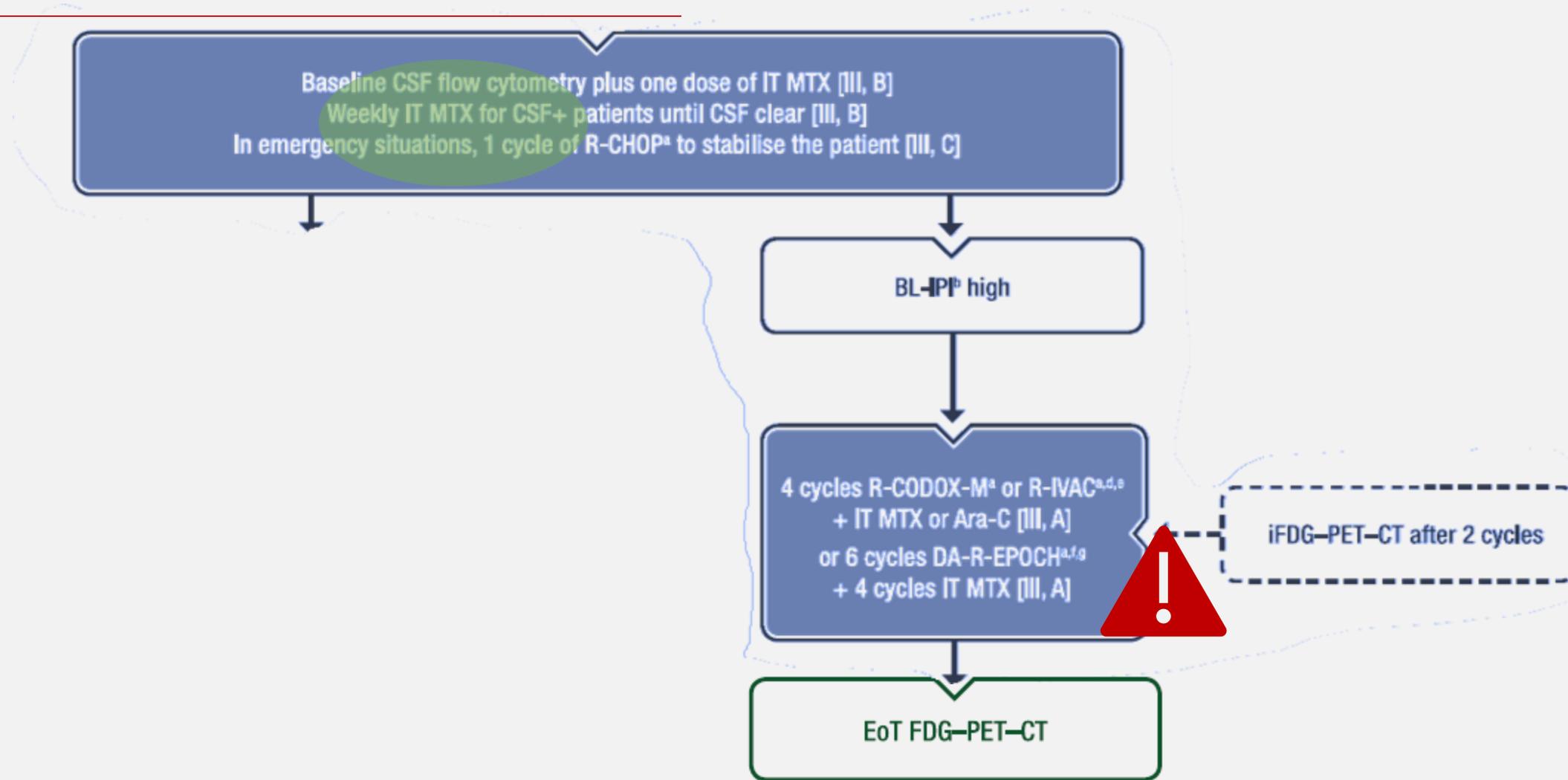


HIV POS

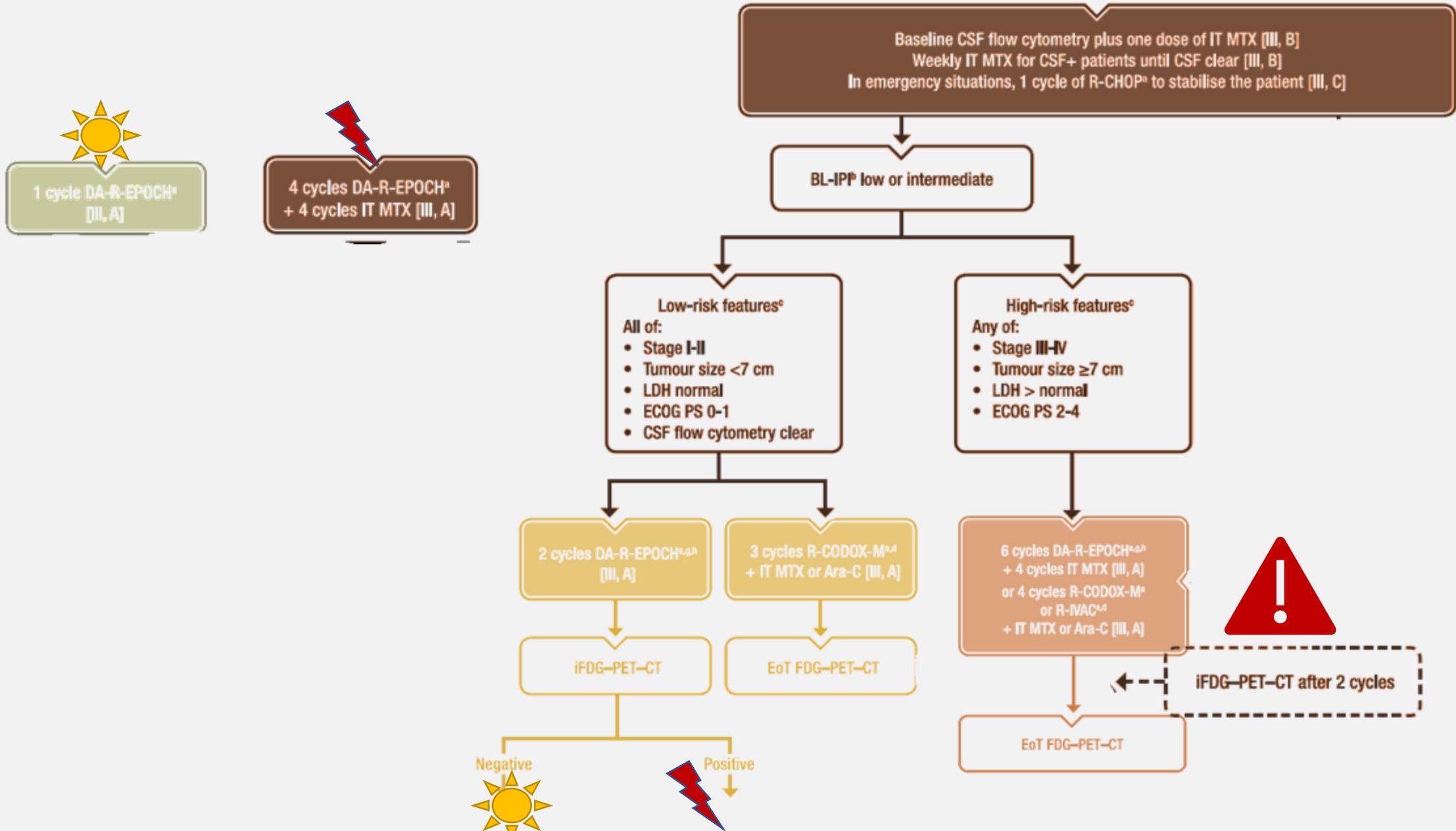


BL and HIV  
about 20%  
of CNS  
involvement  
at diagnosis

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## Risk factors for central nervous system recurrence in Burkitt lymphoma

multicenter retrospective study  
641 pts patients aged  $\geq 18$  BL 2009- 2018

Prevalence of baseline CNS inv: 19%

### CHEMO REGIMENS:

CODOX –M/IVAC: 30%  
HYPER-C-VAD/MA: 30%  
R-DA-EPOCH:28%

BL RELAPSE:26%  
CNS RELPASE:6%

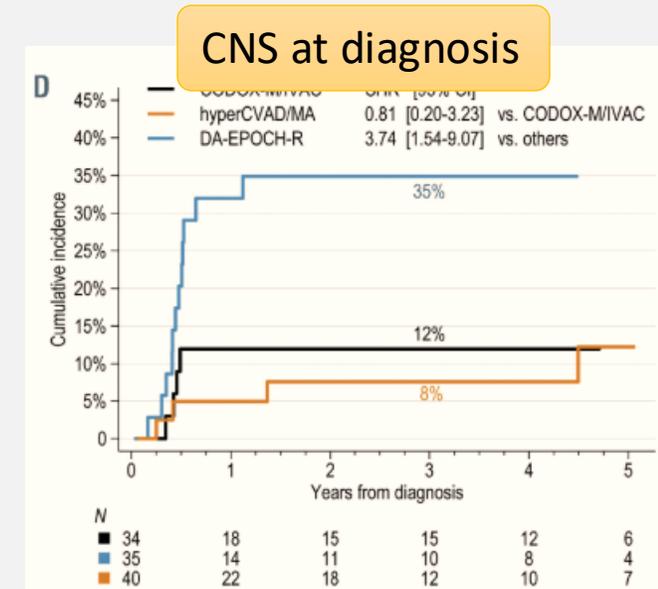
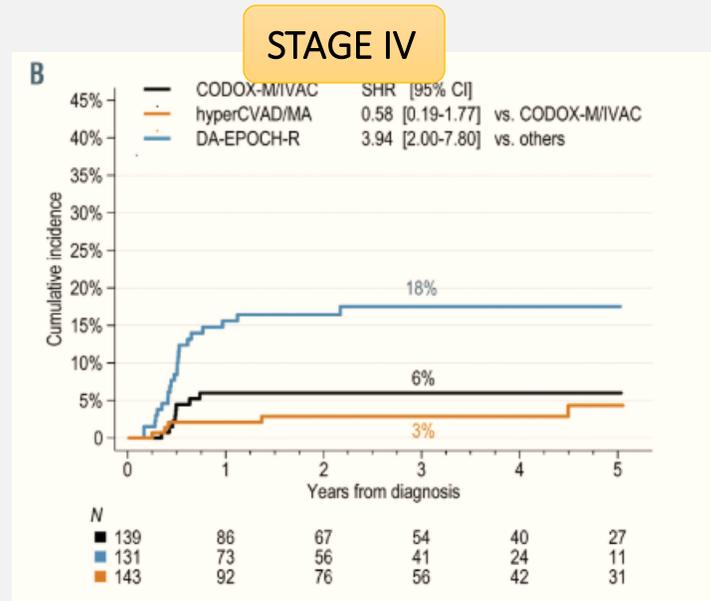
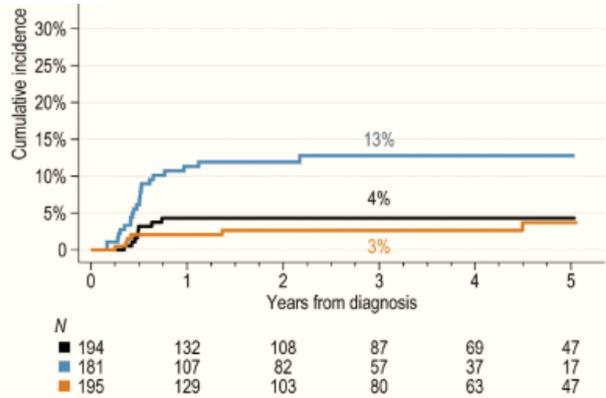
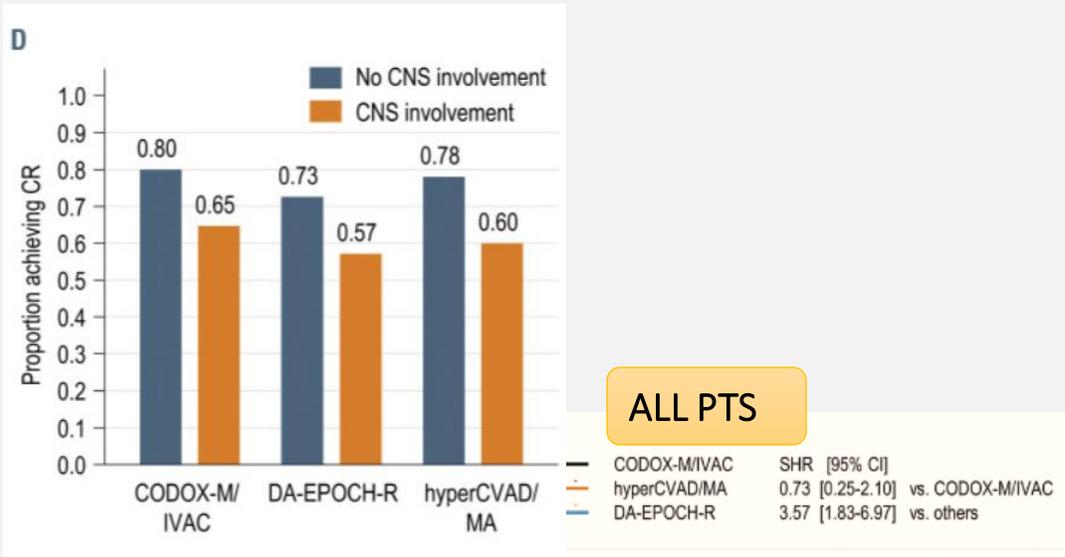
Variable	Cumulative incidence at 3 years				Univariate model		P
	With	95% CI	Without	95% CI	SHR	95% CI	
Age $\geq 40$ years	6	(4-9)	7	(4-11)	0.92	(0.47-1.79)	0.80
Age $\geq 60$ years	5	(2-11)	7	(5-9)	0.86	(0.38-1.95)	0.72
Female sex	9	(5-14)	6	(4-8)	1.57	(0.78-3.13)	0.20
HIV infection	11	(6-17)	5	(3-8)	2.04	(1.05-4.00)	0.036
Stage 4	9	(6-12)	1	(0-3)	13.47	(1.83-98.9)	0.011
B symptoms	7	(4-11)	6	(4-9)	1.25	(0.65-2.40)	0.50
ECOG PS 2-4	11	(6-17)	5	(3-7)	2.31	(1.14-4.67)	0.019
Hemoglobin $< 11.5$ g/dL	9	(6-14)	4	(2-7)	2.54	(1.26-5.11)	0.009
Albumin $< 3.5$ g/dL	9	(5-13)	5	(3-8)	1.84	(0.92-3.66)	0.08
LDH $> ULN$	7	(5-10)	6	(2-11)	1.48	(0.62-3.55)	0.38
LDH $> 3x ULN$	10	(6-14)	4	(3-7)	2.30	(1.17-4.50)	0.016
LDH $> 5x ULN$	10	(6-16)	5	(3-8)	2.04	(1.05-3.97)	0.036
$\geq 2$ extranodal sites	9	(6-14)	4	(2-7)	2.13	(1.09-4.16)	0.027
Involvement at diagnosis:							
CNS	18	(11-26)	4	(2-6)	5.73	(2.98-11.0)	$< 0.001$
Bone marrow	9	(6-14)	5	(3-7)	2.14	(1.09-4.17)	0.026
Intestine	5	(2-11)	7	(5-9)	0.74	(0.29-1.88)	0.52
Liver	8	(3-16)	6	(4-9)	1.30	(0.54-3.14)	0.55
Pancreas	9	(2-24)	6	(4-9)	1.31	(0.32-5.30)	0.70
Pleura/peritoneum	5	(2-11)	7	(5-9)	0.76	(0.27-2.15)	0.60
Kidney/adrenal	4	(1-12)	7	(5-9)	0.61	(0.15-2.58)	0.51
Testis <sup>a</sup>	26	(6-52)	5	(3-8)	5.93	(1.74-20.2)	0.004
Uterus/ovary <sup>a</sup>	8	(1-31)	9	(5-15)	0.97	(0.13-7.35)	0.97
Female breast <sup>a</sup>	8	(1-29)	9	(5-15)	0.90	(0.11-7.22)	0.92

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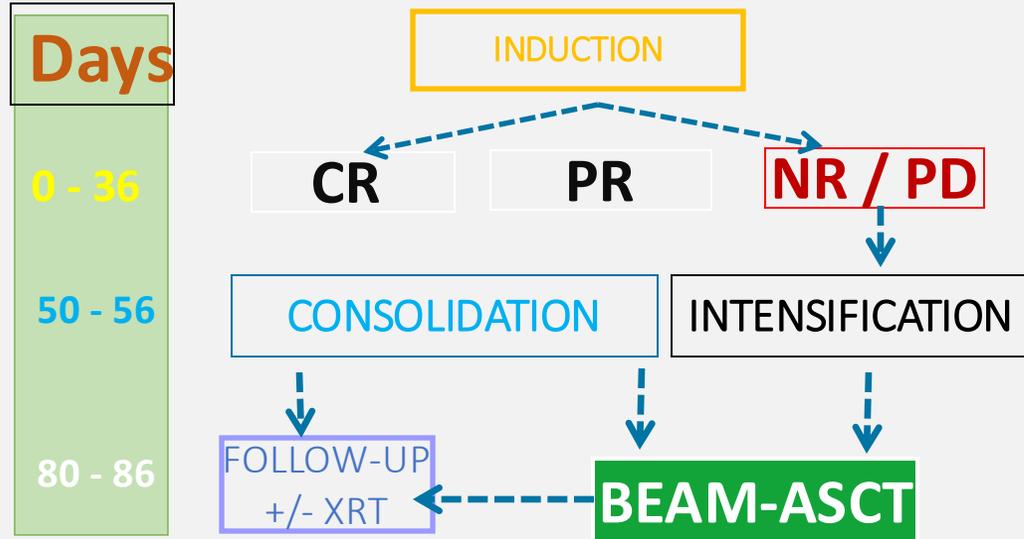
CNS recurrence: 6%



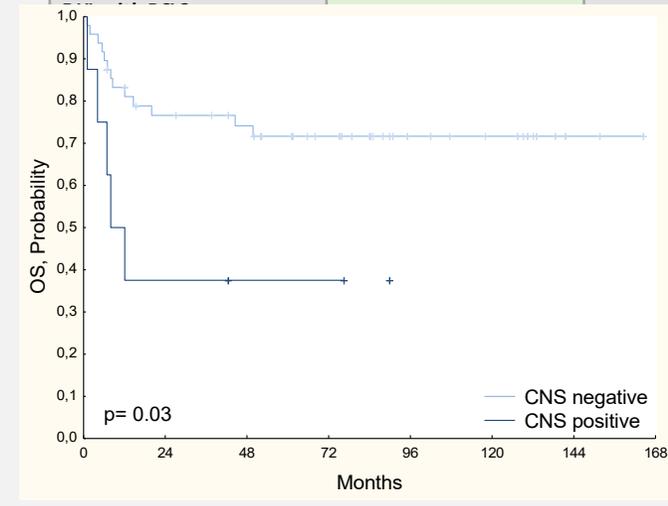
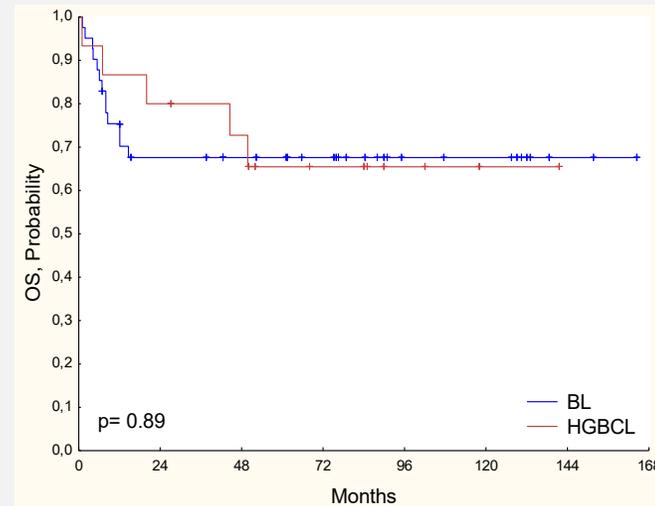
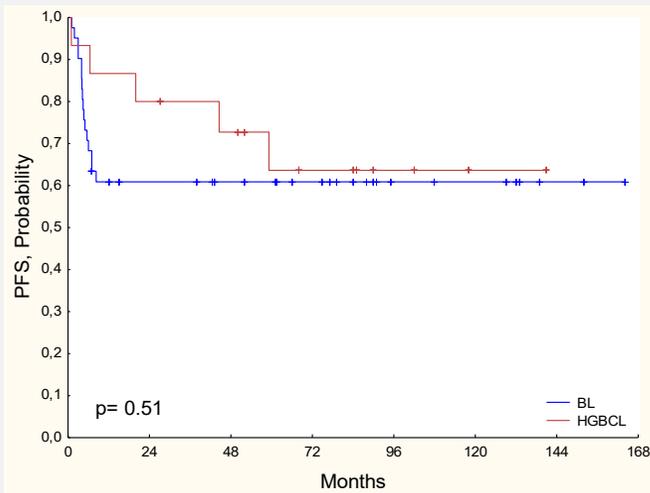
Underdiagnosis of occult leptomeningeal disease might result in suboptimal intrathecal treatment WITH DA-EPOCH-R!

**intensive intrathecal regimen (starting with twice-weekly administration) in cases with CSF involvement**

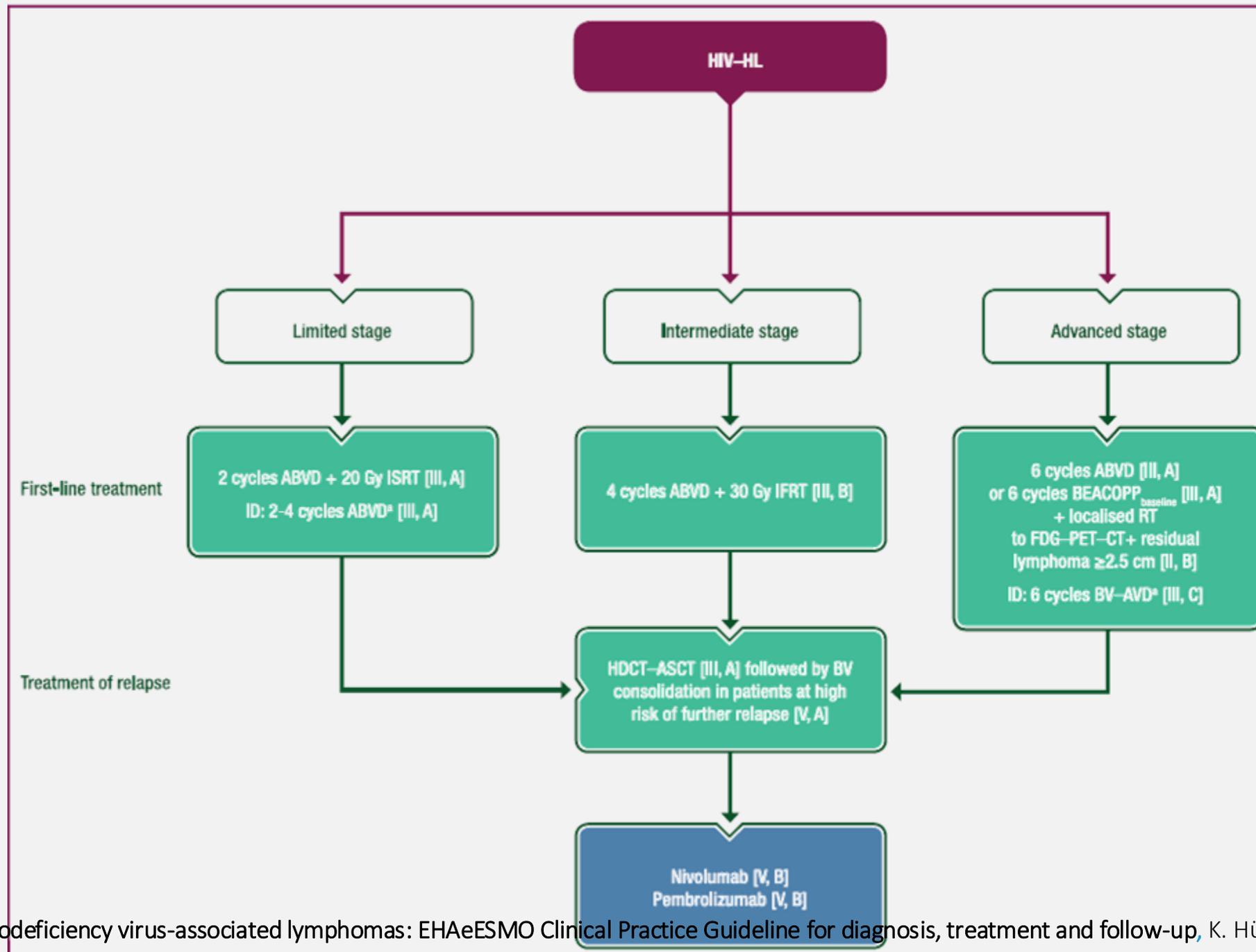
# LYMPHOMA AND PLWH: BURKITT LYMPHOMA, Carmen protocol



	BL (n=41)	HGBCL (n=15)
Median age (range)	42 (27-66)	47 (26-63)
Gender - males	38 (93%)	12 (80%)
ECOG-PS >1	18 (44%)	8 (53%)
HBsAg or HbCAb positivity	10 (24%)	7 (47%)
HCV sieropositivity	5 (12%)	1 (7%)
B symptoms	16 (39%)	4 (27%)
IPI ≥2	36 (88%)	14 (93%)
High LDH serum level	36 (88%)	14 (93%)
Stage (Ann Arbor) III-IV	38 (93%)	14 (93%)
Extranodal disease	36 (88%)	15 (100%)
CNS involvement	7 (17%)	1 (7%)
Bone marrow infiltration	10 (24%)	4 (27%)
Bulky disease	18 (44%)	8 (53%)
Single Hit*	-	9 (60%)
Double Hit (DHL)**	-	1(7%) 0 1 (7%)



HL

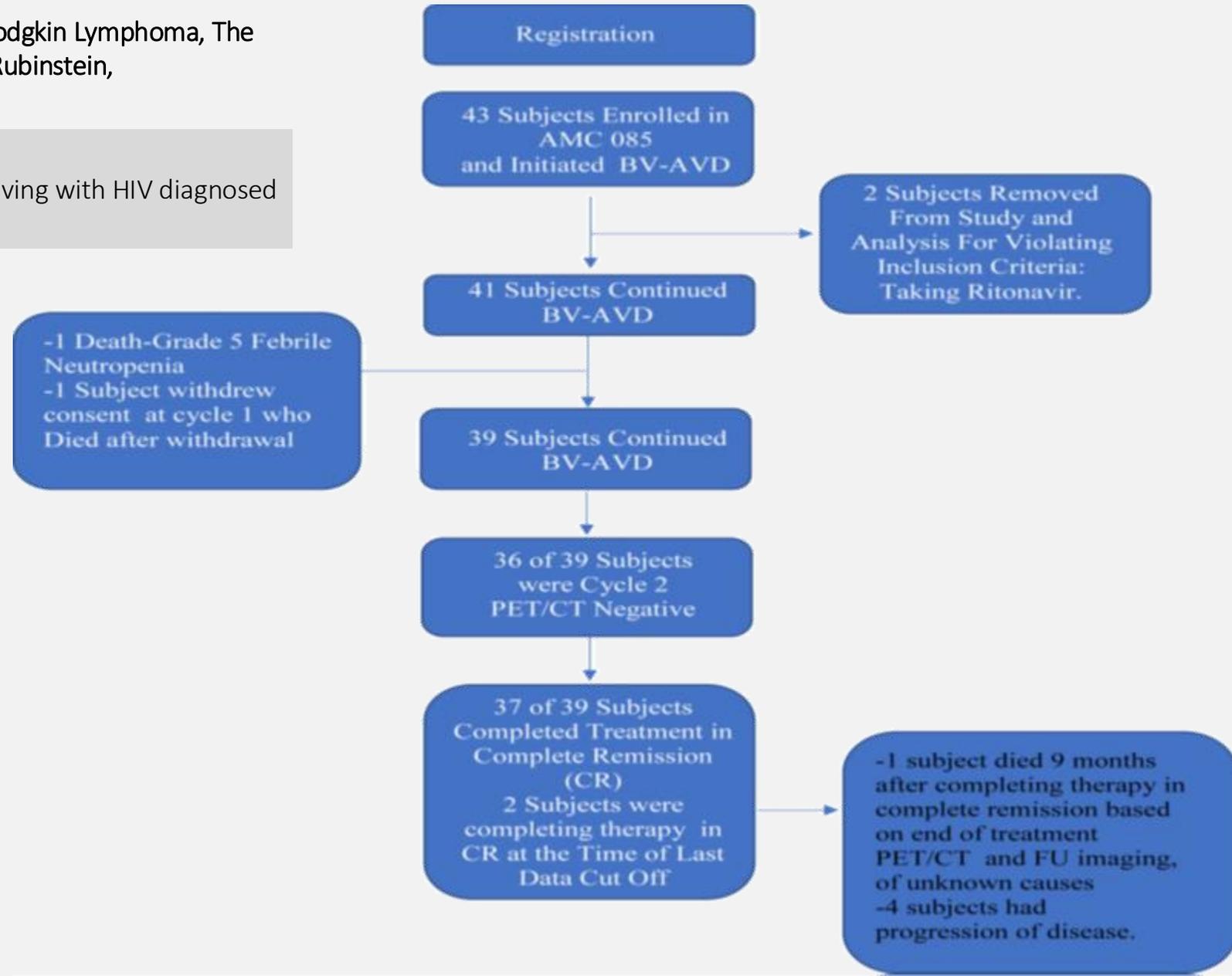


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**AIM:**  
to understand the activity and safety of BV-AVD in people living with HIV diagnosed with Hodgkin lymphom

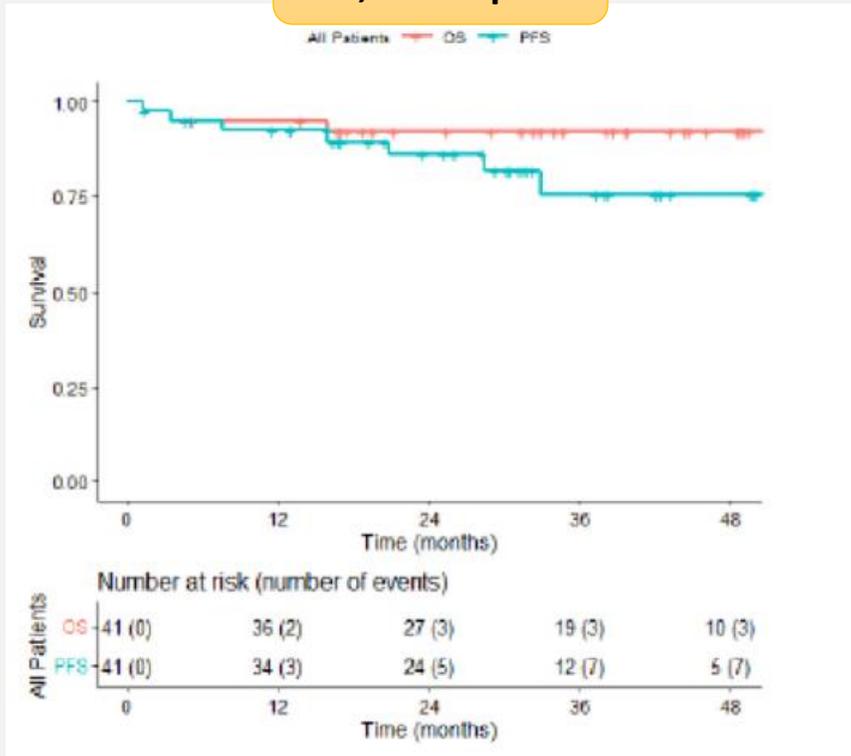
**Eligible patients**  
≥ 18 years of age,  
untreated **stage II-IV HIV-associated classical HL**  
KPS > 30%,  
CD4 + T-cell count ≥ 50 cells/μl,  
were required to take ART,  
were not on strong CYP3A4/P-glycoprotein inhibitors



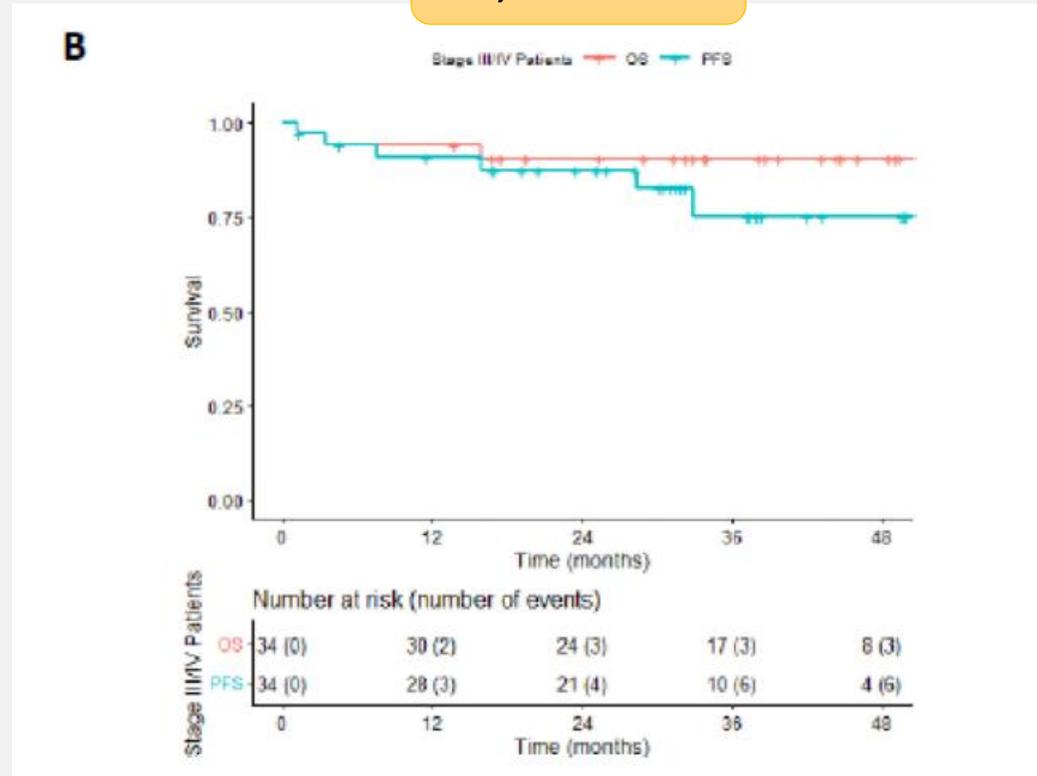
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**PFS, OS all pts**



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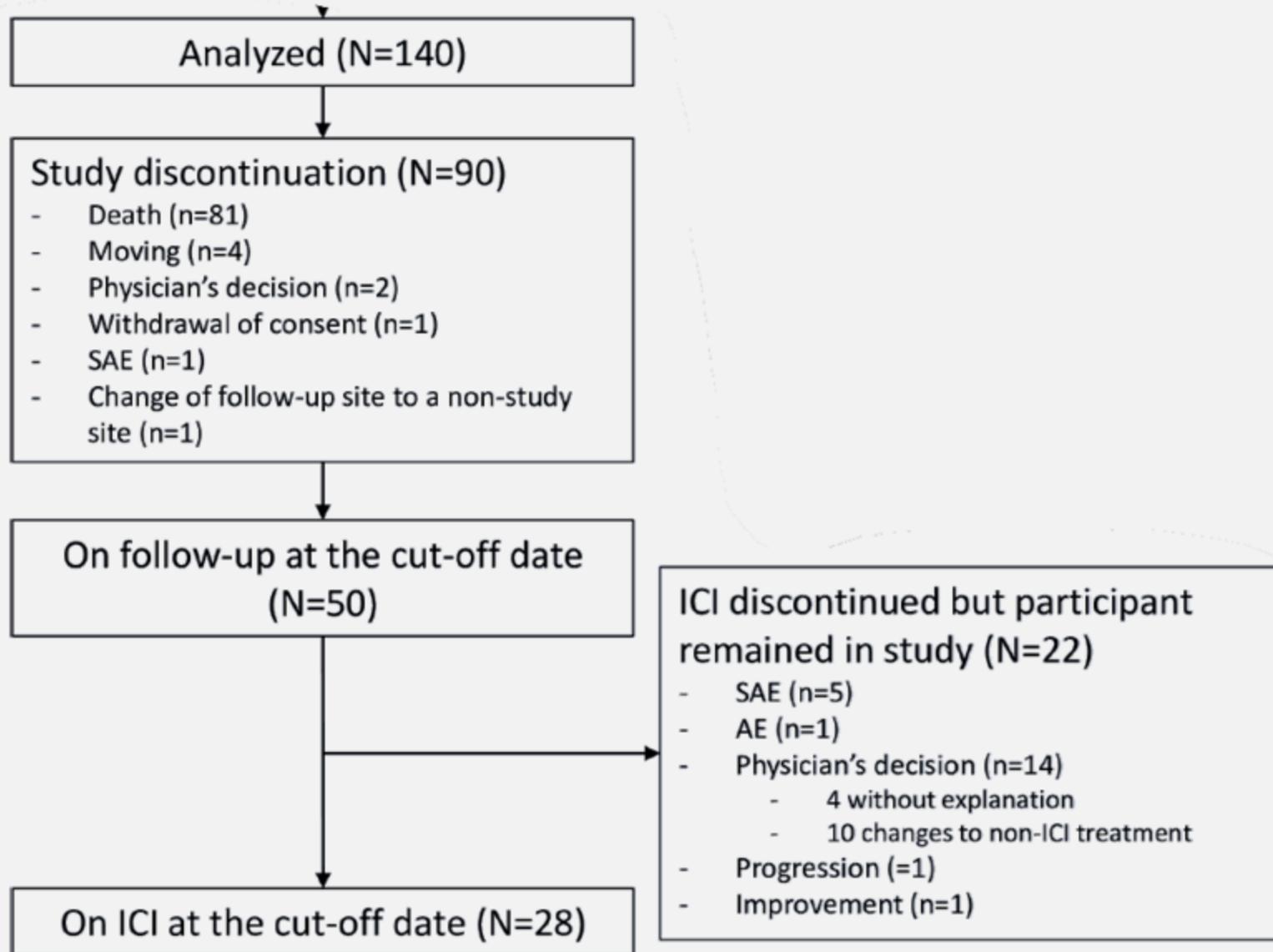
More pronounced neutropenia  
-AVD induces an increase CD4 and CD8+ T-cells, in the setting of HIV and despite the concurrent use of lympho-toxic chemotherapy, AVD.

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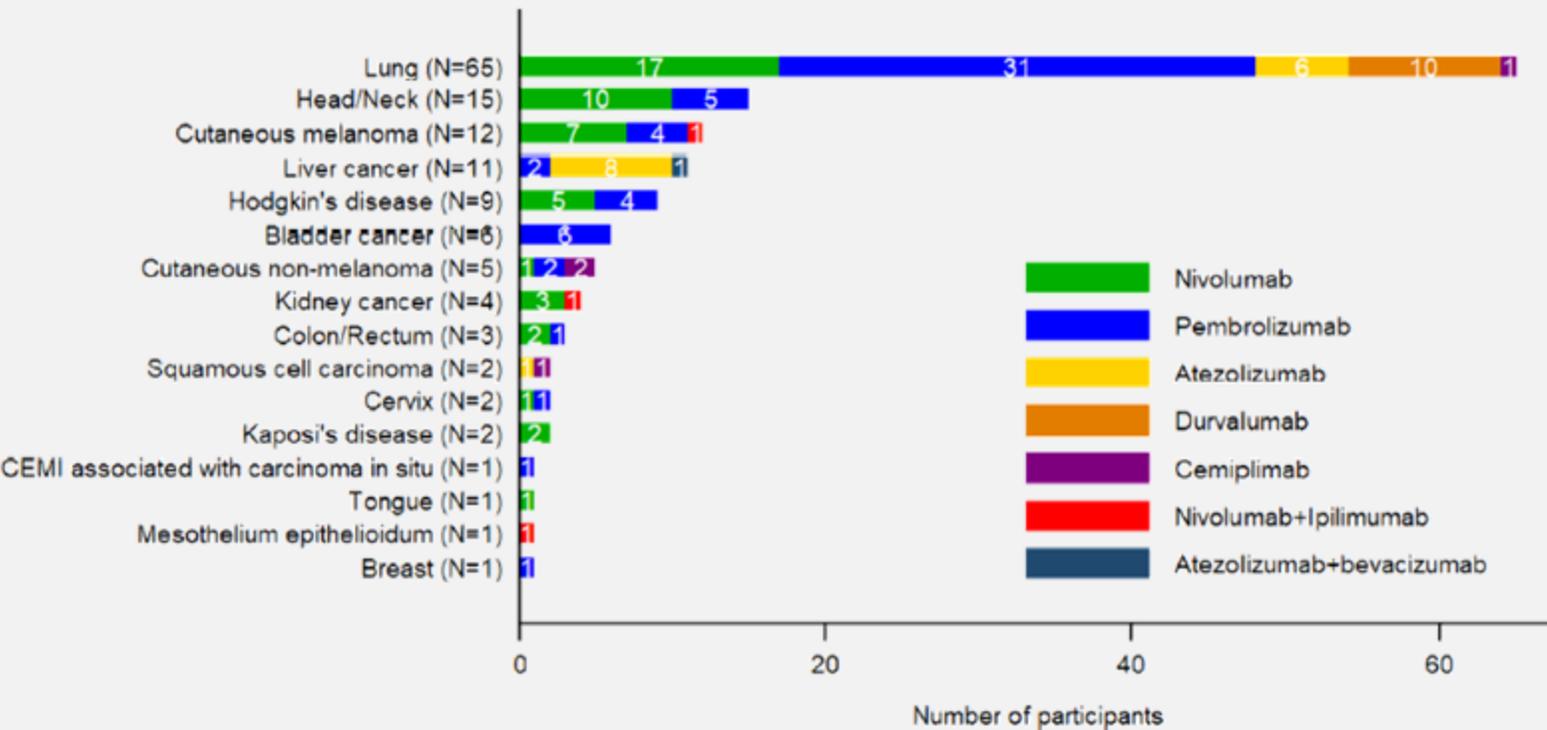
Prospective, multicenter  
WHO  
participants  $\geq 18$  years of age,  
with HIV infection and a  
histologically proven cancer,  
naïve for ICI therapy  
any CD4 lymphocytes count or HIV VL.

**Primary outcome:** the incidence of the first occurrence  
of grade  $\geq 3$  irAEs during the study period



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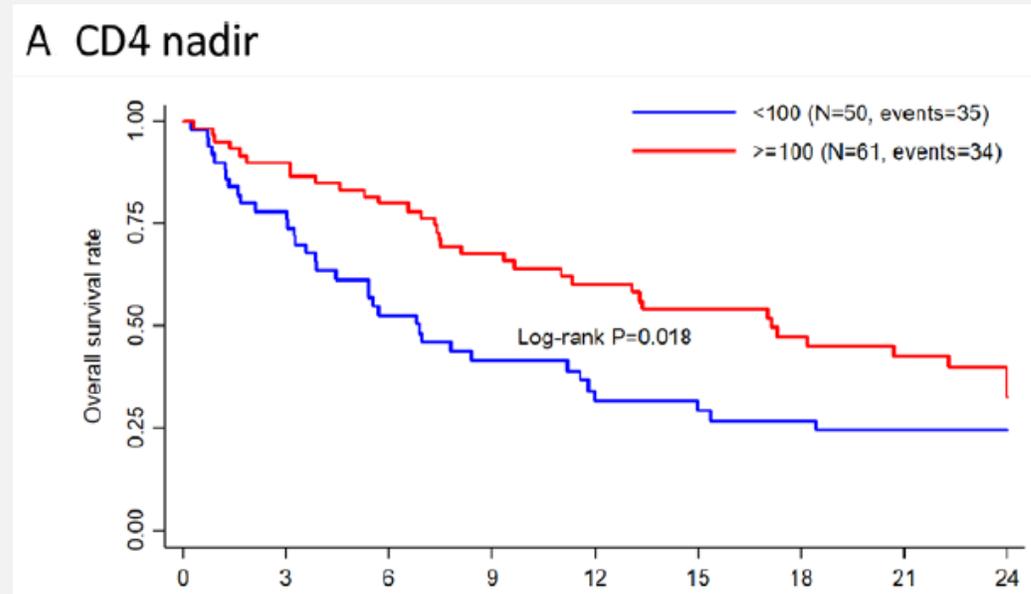
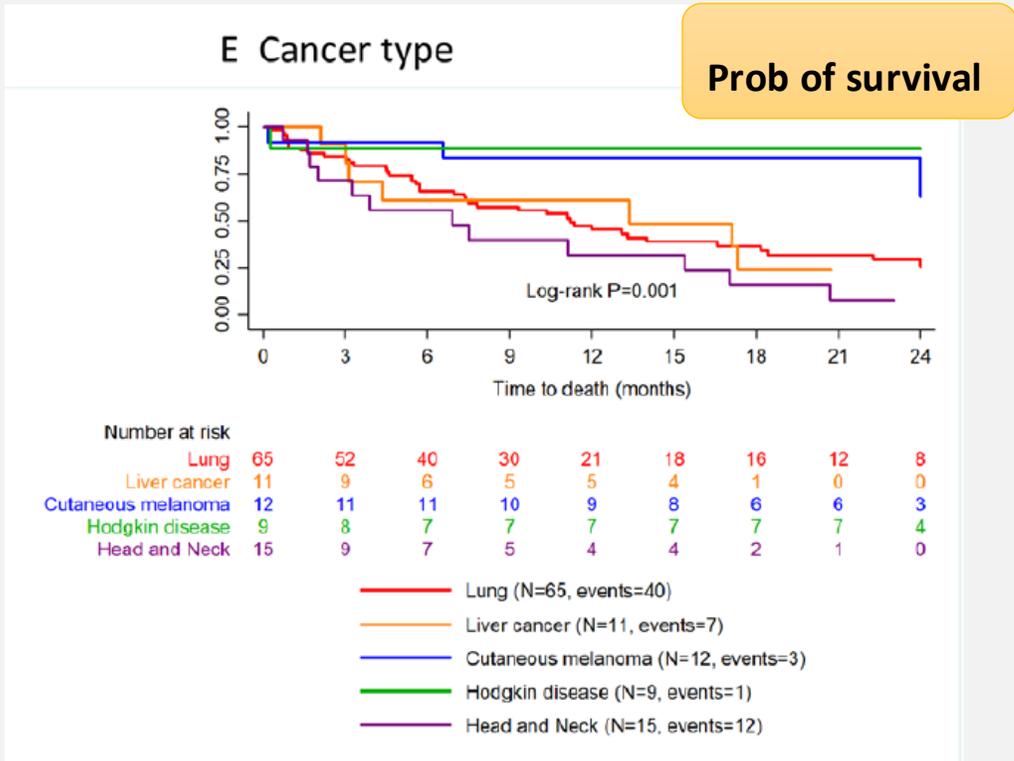
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Pay attention to TB HBV/HCV !!

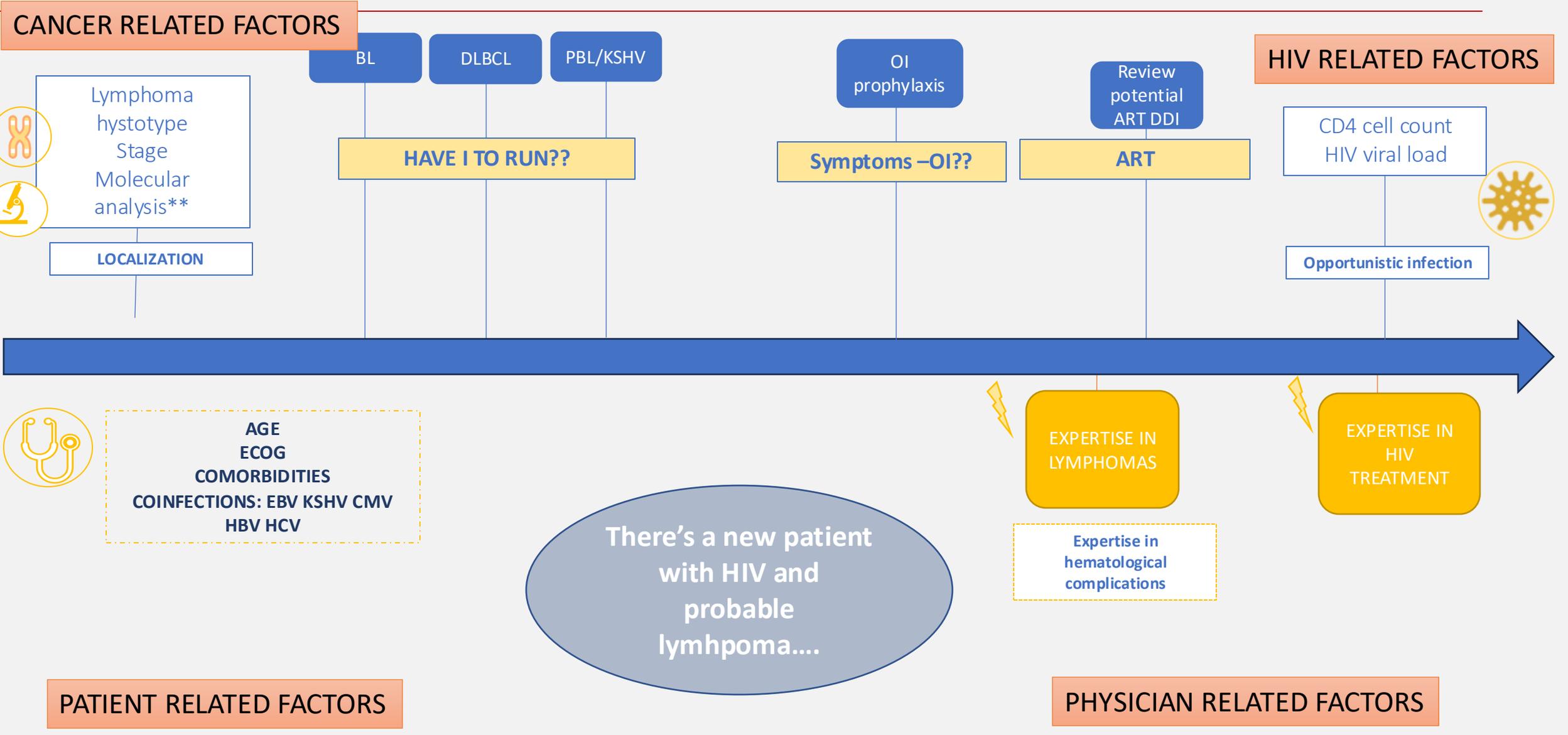
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## STAPLES:

- 1) We're not alone!
- 2) The power of ART
- 3) Pay attention to CD4 but do not hesitate to cure
- 4) Look for clinical trials!
- 5) Offer standard, full dose cancer therapy as appropriate for cancer type
- 6) Always check if that specific cancer therapy raise concern for OI or infections

