

# CORSO EDUCAZIONALE GRUPPO LINFOMI IN PAZIENTI CON IMMUNODEFICIT

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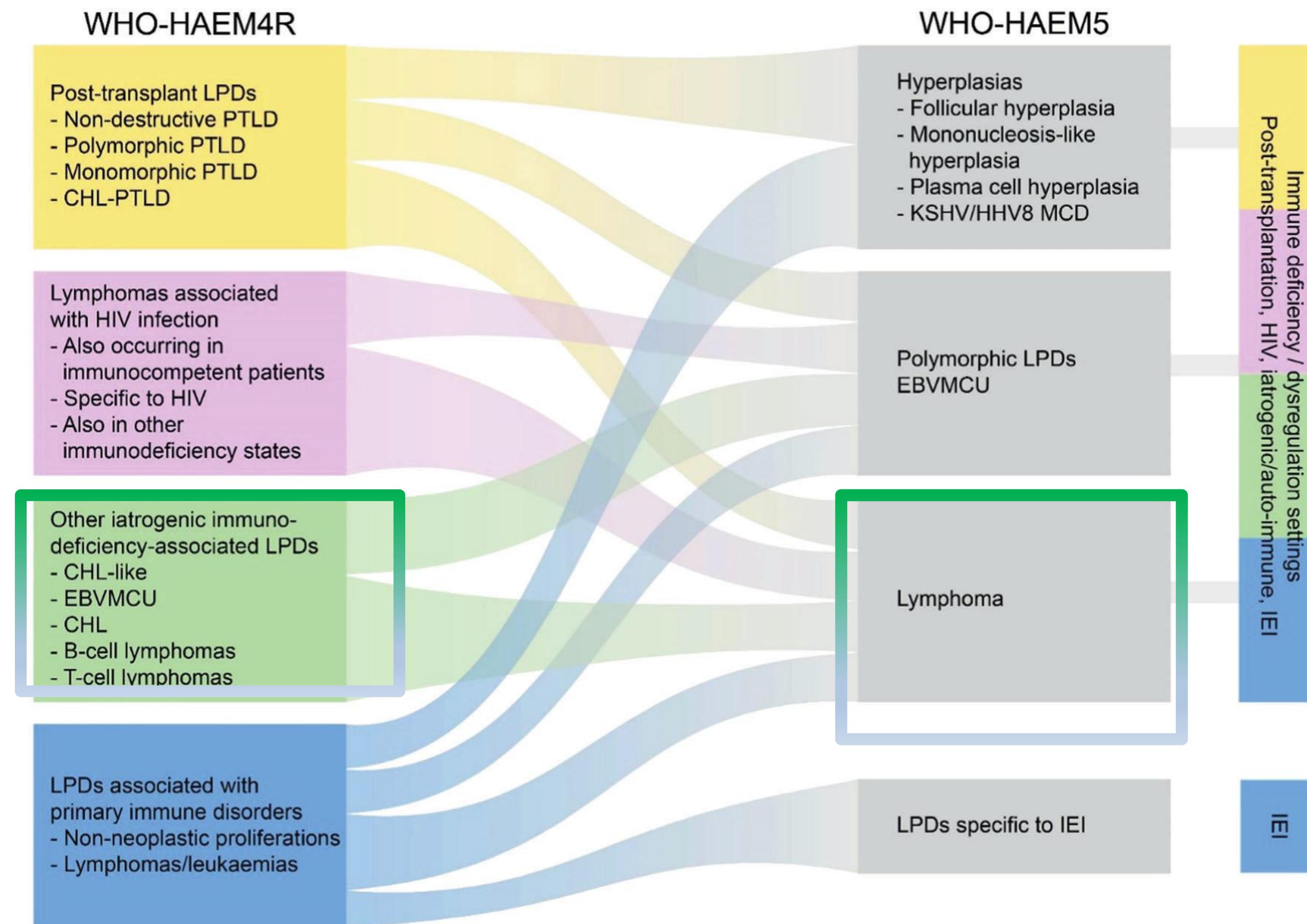
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# Immune Deficiency / Disregulation settings (IDD-LPDs)

## Classificazione



# Classificazione IDD-LPDs

## WHO HAEM5

- **Morfologia** (hyperplasia, polymorphic, LPD, Lymphoma)
- **Virus** (EBV and HSV/HHV8, etc..)
- **Clinica:** Quadro immunologico [trapianto, HIV, CART, malattie autoimmuni], immunosenescenza

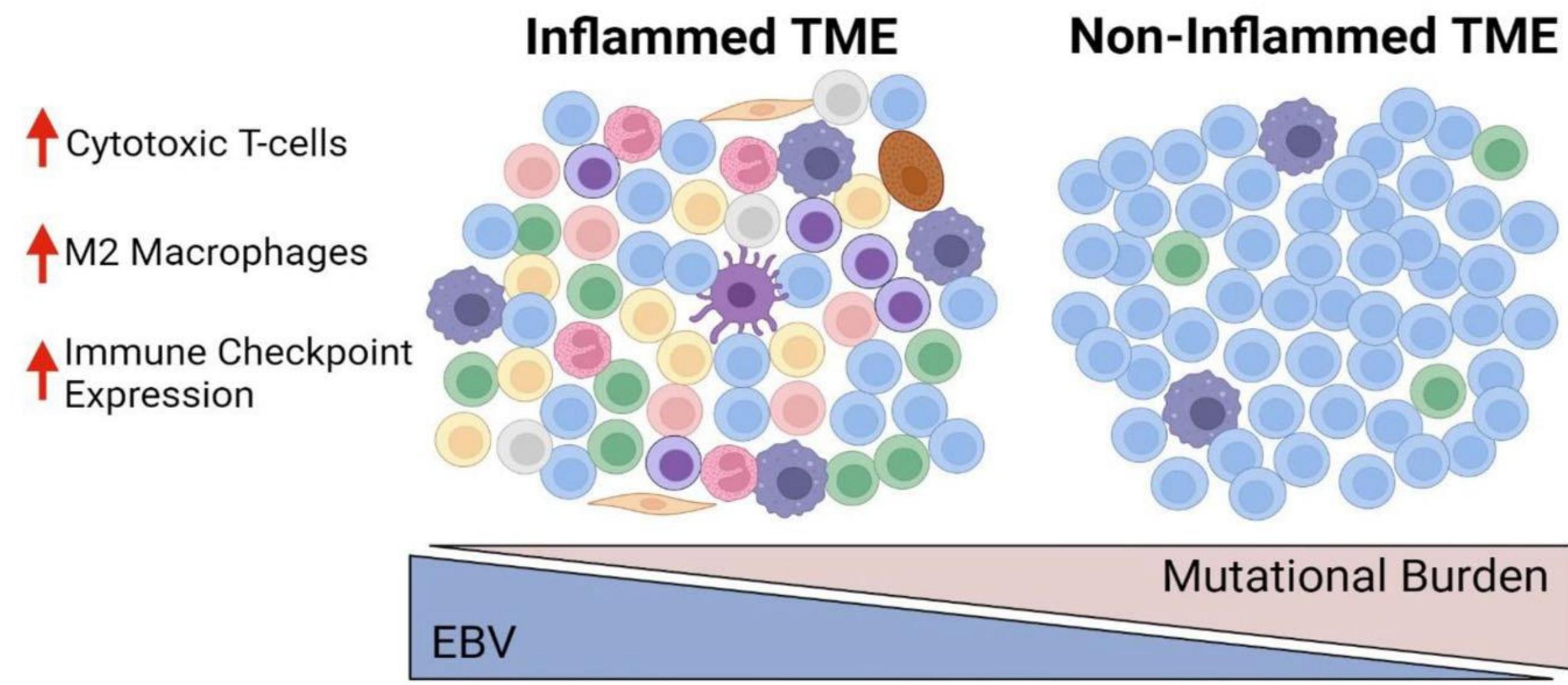
**Note:** in questa categoria la classificazione non considera le associazioni noti tra patologie autoimmuni e Linfomi (AHIA e indolenti, Sjogren e MZL)

WHO classification, 5th edition	WHO classification, revised 4th edition
Hyperplasia arising in immune deficiency/ dysregulation distincted in - Follicular proliferation - interfollicular and paracortical proliferations	Non-destructive forms distincted in: - Florid follicular hyperplasia  - Plasmacytic hyperplasia - Infectious mononucleosis
Plasma-cell hyperplasia Mononucleosis-like hyperplasia - T-cell and histiocytic proliferations	
KSHV/HHV8 Multicentric Castleman disease (also included in tumor-like lesion with B-cell predominance)	Multicentric Castleman disease
Polymorphic LPD arising in immune deficiency/ dysregulation	Polymorphic
Epstein-Barr virus-positive mucocutaneous ulcer	Epstein-Barr virus-positive mucocutaneous ulcer
Lymphomas arising in immune deficiency/ dysregulation	Monomorphic B and T cell neoplasms, cHL
In born error of immunity-associated lymphoid proliferations and lymphomas	Lymphomas associated with HIV infection Other iatrogenic immunodeficiency-associated LPDs Lymphoproliferative disease associated with primary immune disorders

# Eziopatogenesi IDD LPDs

## Microambiente

- Studio con pannello genomico di 770 geni su Linfomi aggressivi post-trapianto
- Microambiente a due modalità: infiammato e non infiammato
- 1) Infiammato: elevata espressione EBV e migliore sopravvivenza e migliore risposta a R o RIS
- 2) non infiammato: peggiore sopravvivenza, elevato burden mutazioni

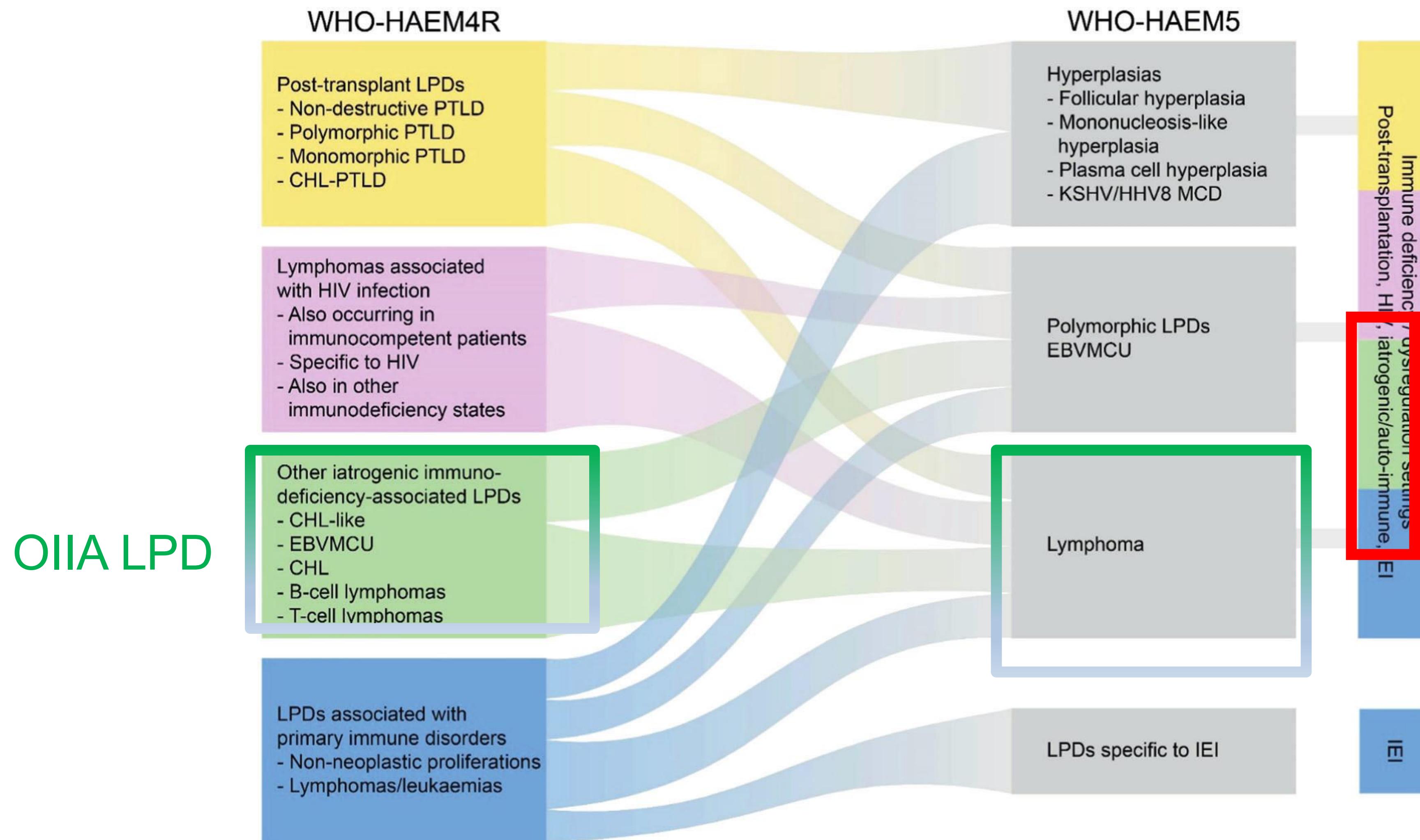


Dierickx et al. Histopathology 2025; 86, 106–118.

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## Iatrogenic - immune

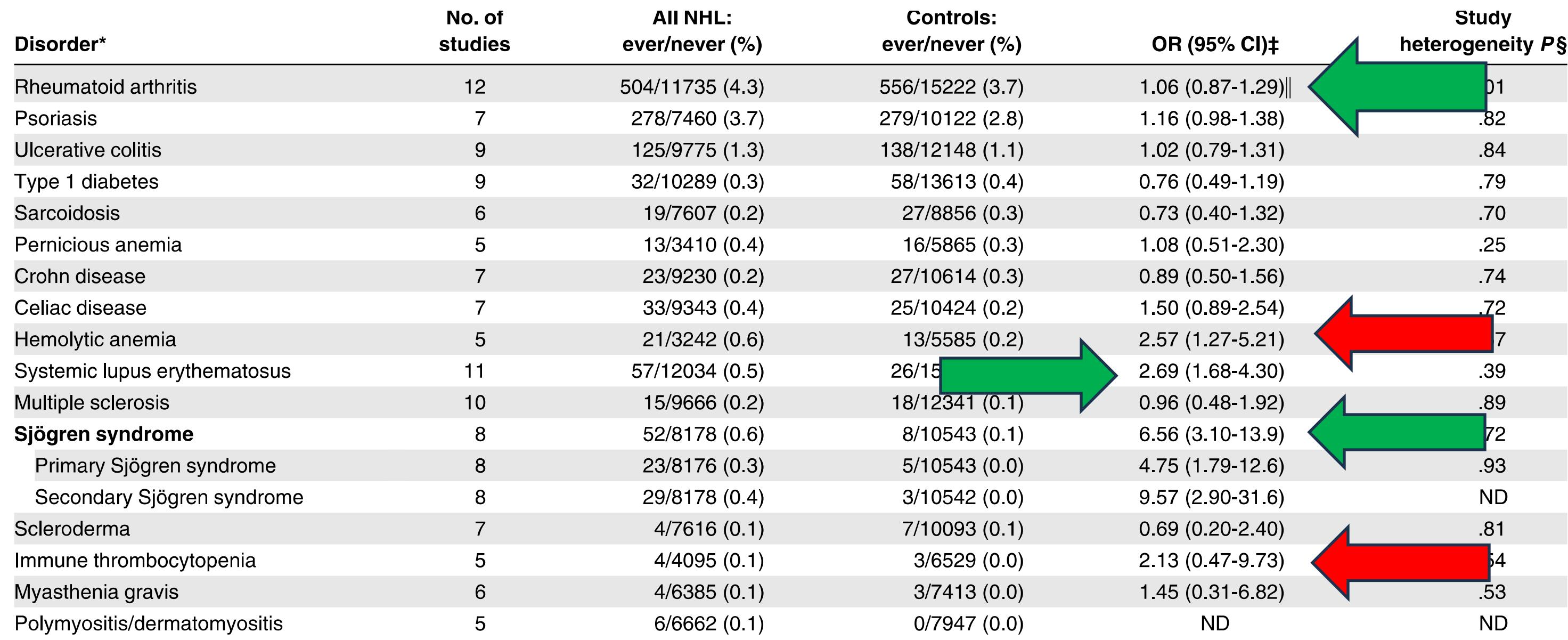


# Classificazione Malattia Autoimmuni (AID)

Immune response		Organ involvement	
B-cell responses	Autoimmune hemolytic anemia Hashimoto's thyroiditis/hypothyroidism Myasthenia gravis Pernicious anemia Rheumatoid arthritis Sjögren's syndrome Systemic lupus erythematosus	Involvement of multiple organs	Rheumatoid arthritis Sjögren's syndrome Systemic lupus erythematosus Dermatomyositis/polymyositis Sarcoidosis Systemic sclerosis/scleroderma
T-cell responses	Celiac disease Dermatomyositis/polymyositis Immune thrombocytopenic purpura Inflammatory bowel disease (ulcerative colitis, Crohn's disease) Multiple sclerosis Psoriasis Sarcoidosis Systemic sclerosis/scleroderma Type 1 diabetes	Targeted toward a single organ or system  Dermatological Hematological Neurological Endocrine	Type 1 diabetes Pernicious anemia Celiac disease Inflammatory bowel disease (Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis) Psoriasis Autoimmune hemolytic anemia Immune thrombocytopenic purpura Myasthenia gravis Multiple sclerosis Hashimoto's thyroiditis/hypothyroidism

Wang S. et al. Am J Epidemiol. 2015;181(6):406–421

# Epidemiologia: associazione AID e LNH



Disorder†	Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma (n = 3709)		Follicular lymphoma (n = 2712)		CLL/SLL/PLL/MCL‡ (n = 2096)		Marginal-zone lymphoma group§ (n = 744)	
	Ever/ never	OR (95% CI)	Ever/never	OR (95% CI)	Ever/never	OR (95% CI)	Ever/never	OR (95% CI)
Psoriasis	70/1974	1.11 (0.85-1.46)	43/1381	0.95 (0.68-1.32)	69/1260	1.18 (0.89-1.57)	10/200	1.08 (0.56-2.08)
Ulcerative colitis	38/2664	1.23 (0.85-1.78)	20/2040	0.89 (0.55-1.45)	16/1579	1.02 (0.59-1.79)	6/417	1.28 (0.54-3.04)
Type 1 diabetes	7/2875	0.59 (0.27-1.31)	4/1963	0.53 (0.19-1.49)	13/1800	1.97 (1.00-3.88)	2/506	1.17 (0.27-5.00)
Sarcoidosis	5/2217	0.69 (0.26-1.80)	4/1810	0.63 (0.22-1.82)	2/1363	0.39 (0.09-1.66)	1/410	0.64 (0.08-4.80)
Pernicious anemia	8/1138	2.12 (0.87-5.16)	0/917	ND	0/110	ND	3/204	2.29 (0.58-8.94)
Crohn disease	10/2523	1.49 (0.71-3.13)	1/1970	0.16 (0.02-1.23)	2/1574	0.49 (0.11-2.16)	3/406	2.41 (0.69-8.46)
Celiac disease	11/2574	1.83 (0.89-3.74)	6/1795	1.13 (0.45-2.85)	3/1937	0.73 (0.21-2.52)	0/518	ND
Hemolytic anemia	8/951	3.22 (1.31-7.89)	3/756	1.46 (0.40-5.37)	1/245	2.90 (0.31-27.2)	1/143	2.23 (0.24-21.0)
Systemic lupus erythematosus	17/3347	2.74 (1.47-5.11)	9/2455	1.70 (0.77-3.74)	6/2045	2.10 (0.825-4.42)	10/583	7.52 (3.39-16.7)
Multiple sclerosis	5/2897	1.03 (0.38-2.80)	5/2267	1.08 (0.39-2.98)	2/1483	1.07 (0.23-4.96)	2/603	1.37 (0.30-6.20)
<b>Sjögren syndrome</b>	18/2350	8.92 (3.83-20.7)	7/1794	3.91 (1.39-11.0)	1/1397	0.62 (0.07-5.07)	15/396	30.6 (12.3-76.1)
Primary Sjögren syndrome	8/2348	6.57 (2.12-20.3)	2/1794	1.78 (0.34-9.37)	1/1397	1.01 (0.11-9.15)	8/396	23.1 (7.16-74.6)
Secondary Sjögren syndrome	10/2350	12.8 (3.49-47.3)	5/1794	7.55 (1.75-32.7)	0/1397	ND	7/396	44.6 (10.6-187)

- Studio americano prospettico, che raccoglie gli studi condotti dal Lymphoma Epidemiology (InterLymph) Consortium (1983–2004)
- Associazione con Sjögren e LES
- Dubbia associazione con AR per grande eterogeneità
- Confermata associazione AR e LNH se usi steroidi e IS → gravità malattia

Karin Ekstrom Smedby et al. BLOOD, 15 APRIL 2008, 111, 8

# Epidemiologia: associazione AID e LNH

Autoimmune condition, by system	Controls (n=122,531)	Non-Hodgkin lymphoma <sup>†</sup> (n=33,721)		Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma (n=10,144)	T-cell non-Hodgkin lymphoma (n=1,870)	Marginal zone lymphoma (n=1,908)	Follicular lymphoma (n=4,491)	Chronic lymphocytic lymphoma (n=9,171)
	No.	No.	OR (95% CI) <sup>‡</sup>	OR (95% CI) <sup>‡</sup>	OR (95% CI) <sup>‡</sup>	OR (95% CI) <sup>‡</sup>	OR (95% CI) <sup>‡</sup>	OR (95% CI) <sup>‡</sup>
<b>Systemic/Connective Tissue</b>								
Rheumatoid arthritis	3,289	1,157	1.2 (1.1-1.3) <sup>*</sup>	1.4 (1.2-1.5) <sup>*</sup>	1.5 (1.1-1.8)	1.2 (1.0-1.6)	1.3 (1.1-1.5)	1.1 (1.0-1.2)
Sjögren syndrome	255	142	1.9 (1.5-2.3) <sup>*</sup>	2.0 (1.5-2.8) <sup>*</sup>	0.8 (0.2-2.4)	6.6 (4.6-9.53) <sup>*</sup>	1.3 (0.7-2.2)	1.1 (0.7-1.7)
Systemic lupus erythematosus	285	129	1.5 (1.2-1.9) <sup>*</sup>	1.4 (1.0-2.0)	2.4 (1.3-4.4)	2.8 (1.7-4.7) <sup>*</sup>	1.0 (0.6-1.8)	1.4 (0.9-2.0)
Sarcoidosis	96	42	1.5 (1.0-2.2)	2.0 (1.2-3.3)	0.6 (0.1-4.6)	1.6 (0.5-5.0)	1.3 (0.5-3.1)	0.7 (0.3-1.8)
Systemic sclerosis	79	33	1.4 (0.9-2.2)	2.0 (1.1-3.6)	0.8 (0.1-5.8)	1.8 (0.5-5.8)	0.8 (0.3-2.7)	0.7 (0.3-1.9)
Polymyalgia rheumatica	1,244	344	0.9 (0.8-1.0)	0.9 (0.8-1.1)	1.2 (0.8-1.8)	0.7 (0.4-1.1)	0.8 (0.6-1.1)	0.8 (0.7-1.0)
Ankylosing spondylitis	128	40	1.1 (0.7-1.5)	0.9 (0.5-1.7)	0.9 (0.2-3.4)	2.2 (0.9-5.4)	0.8 (0.3-2.3)	1.1 (0.6-2.0)
Dermatomyositis/polymyositis	128	38	1.0 (0.7-1.4)	0.8 (0.4-1.5)	1.0 (0.2-3.9)	0.4 (0.1-2.7)	1.1 (0.5-2.5)	1.2 (0.7-2.2)
<b>Blood</b>								
Autoimmune hemolytic anemia	44	87	6.5 (4.4-9.4) <sup>*</sup>	3.3 (1.7-6.3) <sup>*</sup>	9.7 (4.3-22) <sup>*</sup>	7.4 (3.1-18) <sup>*</sup>	3.4 (1.4-8.2)	8.7 (5.5-14) <sup>*</sup>
Aplastic anemia	64	45	1.8 (1.5-2.1)	1.9 (1.1-3.5)	2.0 (1.0-7.8)	1.5 (0.5-5.4)	2.4 (1.1-5.2)	1.2 (0.0-2.5)
<b>Cardiovascular</b>								
Systemic vasculitis	25	9	1.1 (0.5-2.7)	1.3 (0.4-4.4)	4.2 (0.9-18)	-	0.9 (0.1-6.6)	1.4 (0.4-4.8)
Chronic rheumatic heart disease	3,948	1,221	1.1 (1.0-1.1)	1.1 (1.0-1.2)	1.0 (0.8-1.3)	1.1 (0.9-1.4)	1.1 (0.9-1.3)	1.0 (0.9-1.1)
Giant cell arteritis	397	91	0.8 (0.6-1.0)	0.7 (0.5-1.0)	1.0 (0.4-2.2)	0.3 (0.1-1.0)	0.8 (0.4-1.3)	0.9 (0.6-1.3)
Polyarteritis nodosa	34	11	1.1 (0.5-2.2)	2.3 (1.0-5.2)	1.8 (0.2-13)	-	1.5 (0.3-6.5)	0.4 (0.1-2.7)
<b>Endocrine</b>								
Addison disease	185	54	1.0 (0.7-1.3)	1.3 (0.8-2.0)	0.6 (0.2-2.6)	0.5 (0.1-2.2)	0.8 (0.4-1.8)	0.7 (0.4-1.4)
Graves disease	354	91	0.9 (0.7-1.1)	1.1 (0.7-1.5)	0.5 (0.2-1.6)	1.0 (0.5-2.2)	0.6 (0.3-1.1)	0.7 (0.4-1.1)
Hashimoto thyroiditis	286	94	1.1 (0.8-1.4)	1.2 (0.8-1.7)	0.7 (0.2-2.1)	1.0 (0.4-2.2)	1.0 (0.6-1.8)	0.9 (0.6-1.4)
<b>Skin</b>								
Psoriasis	1,513	520	1.2 (1.0-1.3)	1.2 (1.0-1.4)	3.1 (2.5-4.0) <sup>*</sup>	1.3 (1.0-1.9)	1.0 (0.8-1.3)	0.8 (0.7-1.0)
Alopecia areata	97	19	0.7 (0.4-1.1)	0.7 (0.3-1.6)	1.3 (0.3-5.2)	-	0.5 (0.1-2.1)	0.6 (0.2-1.7)
Pemphigus	22	12	1.8 (0.9-3.8)	2.5 (0.9-6.6)	5.9 (1.4-25)	2.3 (0.3-17)	1.3 (0.2-10)	1.1 (0.3-5.0)

Studio SMAHRT da registro: casi controlli Linfomi – AID

SEER Medicare data dal 86 al 02

confermata associazione tra alcune AID e alcuni LNH

Lesley A Anderson et al. *nt J Cancer*. 2009 July 15; 125(2): 398–405.

# Epidemiologia: associazione AID e LNH

Autoimmune disease	All lymphoma	All NHL <sup>b</sup>	B-cell origin <sup>b</sup>	T/NK-cell origin <sup>b</sup>	HL	Others
All autoimmune disease	<b>1.45 (1.26–1.67)</b>	<b>1.32 (1.10–1.58)</b>	1.21 (0.995–1.47)	<b>2.02 (1.33–3.08)</b>	<b>2.55 (1.58–4.04)</b>	<b>1.50 (1.16–1.93)</b>
B-cell response	<b>1.42 (1.15–1.75)</b>	1.25 (0.95–1.65)	1.24 (0.92–1.68)	1.30 (0.65–2.61)	2.16 (0.99–4.16)	<b>1.61 (1.12–2.31)</b>
Hashimoto's thyroiditis	1.09 (0.71–1.68)	1.00 (0.58–1.75)	1.17 (0.67–2.04)	– <sup>c</sup>	1.72 (0.28–5.58)	1.15 (0.54–2.45)
Rheumatoid arthritis	1.34 (0.99–1.81)	1.16 (0.78–1.73)	1.11 (0.72–1.73)	1.44 (0.58–3.56)	1.45 (0.35–3.94)	<b>1.69 (1.03–2.78)</b>
Sjogren syndrome	1.38 (0.75–2.51)	0.78 (0.29–2.08)	0.92 (0.34–2.48)	–	3.97 (0.65–12.74)	2.10 (0.86–5.11)
Systemic lupus erythematosus	<b>3.99 (2.50–6.37)</b>	<b>4.17 (2.38–7.31)</b>	<b>3.36 (1.72–6.57)</b>	<b>8.48 (3.09–23.29)</b>	<b>6.64 (1.08–21.40)</b>	<b>2.72 (1.002–7.36)</b>
T-cell response	<b>1.42 (1.19–1.69)</b>	<b>1.32 (1.06–1.65)</b>	1.16 (0.90–1.49)	<b>2.30 (1.43–3.72)</b>	<b>2.23 (1.23–3.81)</b>	<b>1.44 (1.05–1.96)</b>
Ulcerative colitis	0.89 (0.49–1.63)	0.91 (0.43–1.92)	0.76 (0.31–1.83)	1.78 (0.44–7.23)	–	1.07 (0.40–2.89)
Crohn's disease	1.53 (0.79–2.97)	1.34 (0.55–3.25)	0.94 (0.30–2.95)	3.56 (0.87–14.49)	2.35 (0.13–10.64)	1.70 (0.54–5.35)
Multiple sclerosis	<b>4.52 (1.82–11.24)</b>	2.75 (0.67–11.24)	3.23 (0.79–13.24)	–	–	<b>9.02 (2.80–29.05)</b>
Psoriasis	<b>1.61 (1.27–2.05)</b>	<b>1.51 (1.11–2.05)</b>	1.24 (0.86–1.78)	<b>3.06 (1.70–5.50)</b>	<b>2.87 (1.33–5.46)</b>	1.51 (0.97–2.37)
Sarcoidosis	<b>26.37 (11.45–55.12)</b>	<b>14.82 (5.15–42.62)</b>	3.77 (0.51–27.86)	<b>84.59 (20.07–240.47)</b>	<b>33.17 (1.83–162.96)</b>	<b>32.13 (10.95–94.31)</b>
Type I diabetes	0.98 (0.74–1.30)	0.94 (0.65–1.36)	1.01 (0.69–1.49)	0.58 (0.18–1.84)	1.53 (0.53–3.52)	0.95 (0.57–1.58)
Others	1.03 (0.74–1.43)	1.07 (0.71–1.60)	1.06 (0.68–1.64)	1.14 (0.42–3.11)	1.73 (0.53–4.21)	0.81 (0.41–1.57)
Ankylosing spondylitis	1.13 (0.70–1.81)	1.10 (0.60–2.00)	0.94 (0.47–1.91)	1.93 (0.61–6.16)	1.96 (0.32–6.35)	1.02 (0.42–2.49)
Behcet's disease	2.30 (0.94–5.61)	1.39 (0.34–5.60)	1.64 (0.41–6.65)	–	7.04 (0.40–32.32)	3.20 (0.79–13.03)
Graves' disease	0.80 (0.48–1.33)	1.00 (0.56–1.78)	1.08 (0.59–1.96)	0.58 (0.08–4.14)	0.84 (0.05–3.82)	0.35 (0.09–1.43)

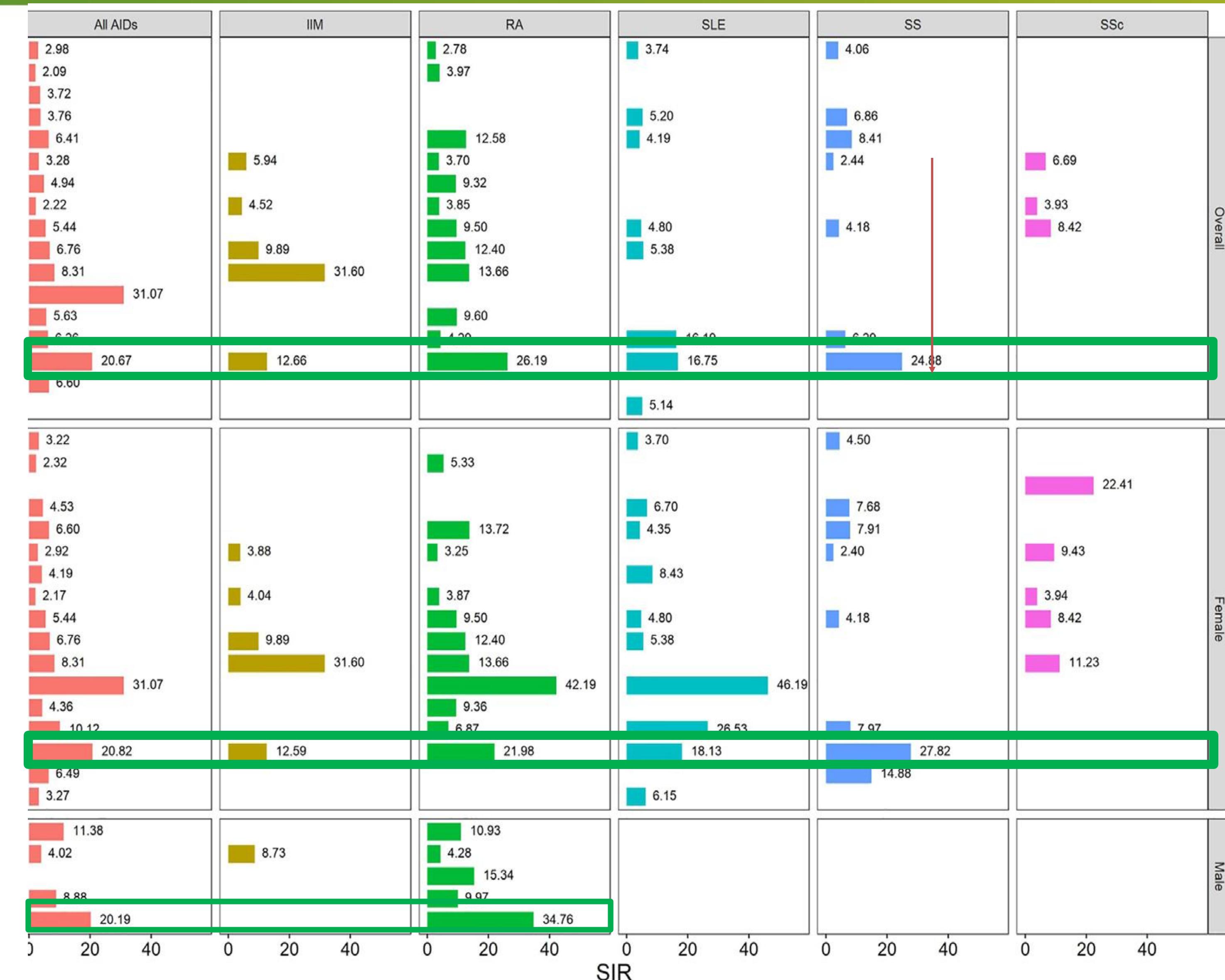
- Studio **coreano da registro nazionale** fino al 2015
- 13% pazienti con malattie autoimmuni, di queste 322 (0.2%) aveva anche il linfoma.
- Di quelli con il linfoma 155 avevano avuto il linfoma dopo la diagnosi di malattie autoimmuni.
- Le malattie autoimmuni più associate al linfoma sono sarcoidosi, sclerosi multipla e psoriasi tra le autoimmuni t-mediate, LES tra quelle b-mediate.
- Nessuna differenza di OS in chi ha il linfoma con o senza malattie autoimmuni

Kim et al. Autoimmune Journal 2021

# Epidemiologia:

## Associazione AID e LNH

- Studio Cinese su 10,317 pz
- Database retrospettivo, dal '06 al 15
- 5 Malattie Autoimmuni in un singolo centro di riferimento
- Incidenza LNH al secondo posto assoluto, confermata associazione con AR, LES e SS
- Primo studio a segnalare associazione con miopatia infiammatoria idiopatica



Zhou et al Cancer Communications. 2022;42:435–446.

## Genetica

Associazione SNPs AID e LNH

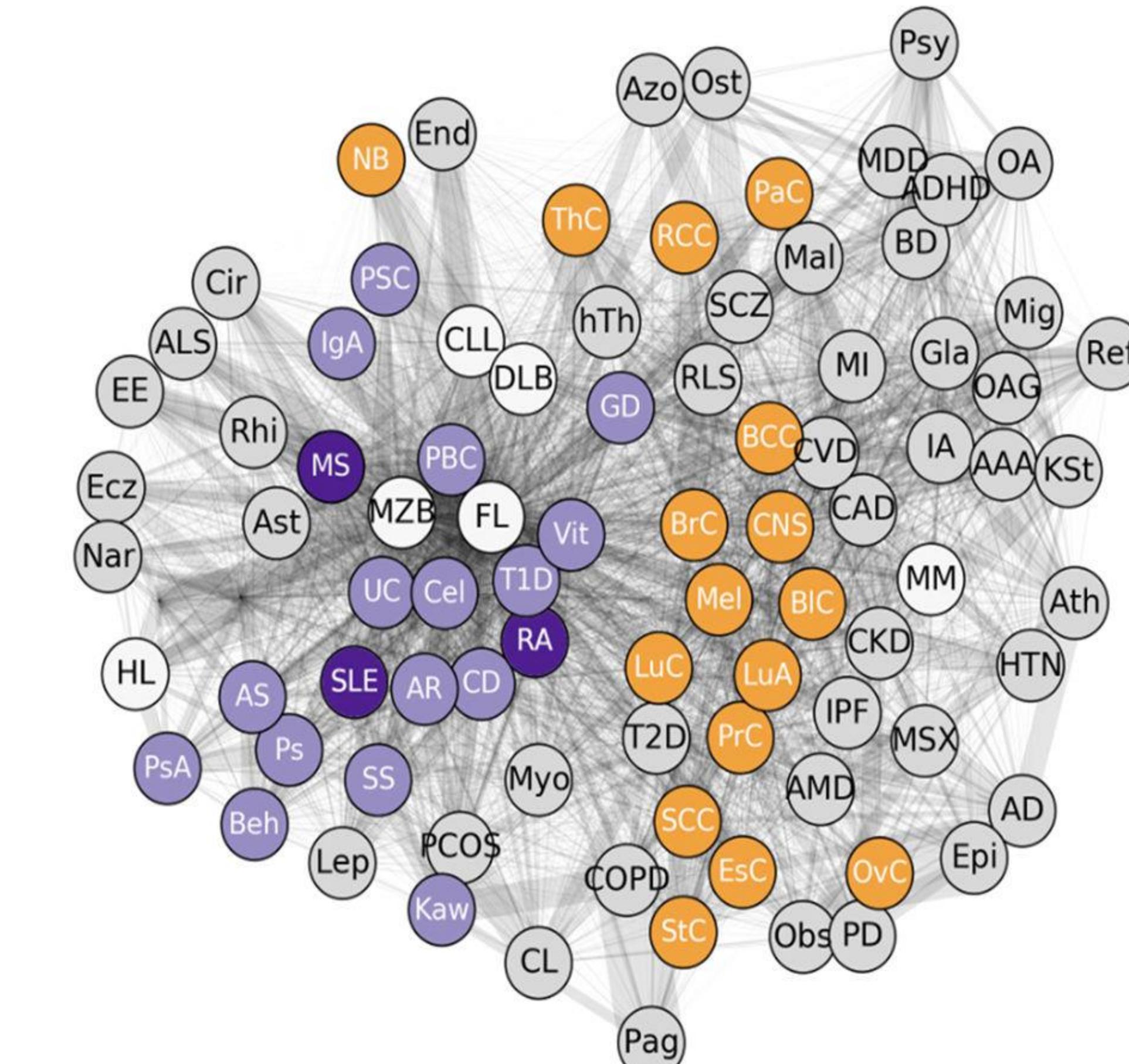
- Largo studio epidemiologico sulla popolazione dell'Interlymph Consortium - 12,982 NHL casi e 16,441 controlli
- Tesi: impatto di SNPs e citochine B sullo sviluppo di linfomi
- Sviluppo: Studiano polimorfismi SNPs su 3 geni principali TNF, IL10 e HLA
- Conclusione: Possibile interazione tra SNPs rs1800629 (TNF G308A – gene coinvolto nelle risposte immunitarie B) in DLBCL e MZL e patologie autoimmuni.
- Ipotesi: sinergia genetica e stato infiammatorio cronico in chi porta il TNF G308A con iperespressione TNF alfa

Wang S. et al. AmJEpidemiol. 2015;181(6):406–421

# Genetica

Associazione SNPs AID e LNH

The collective findings further suggest that monitoring and managing inflammation or other factors associated with the disease course as the way to reducing the risk of malignant B-cell lymphoma in patients with AD.



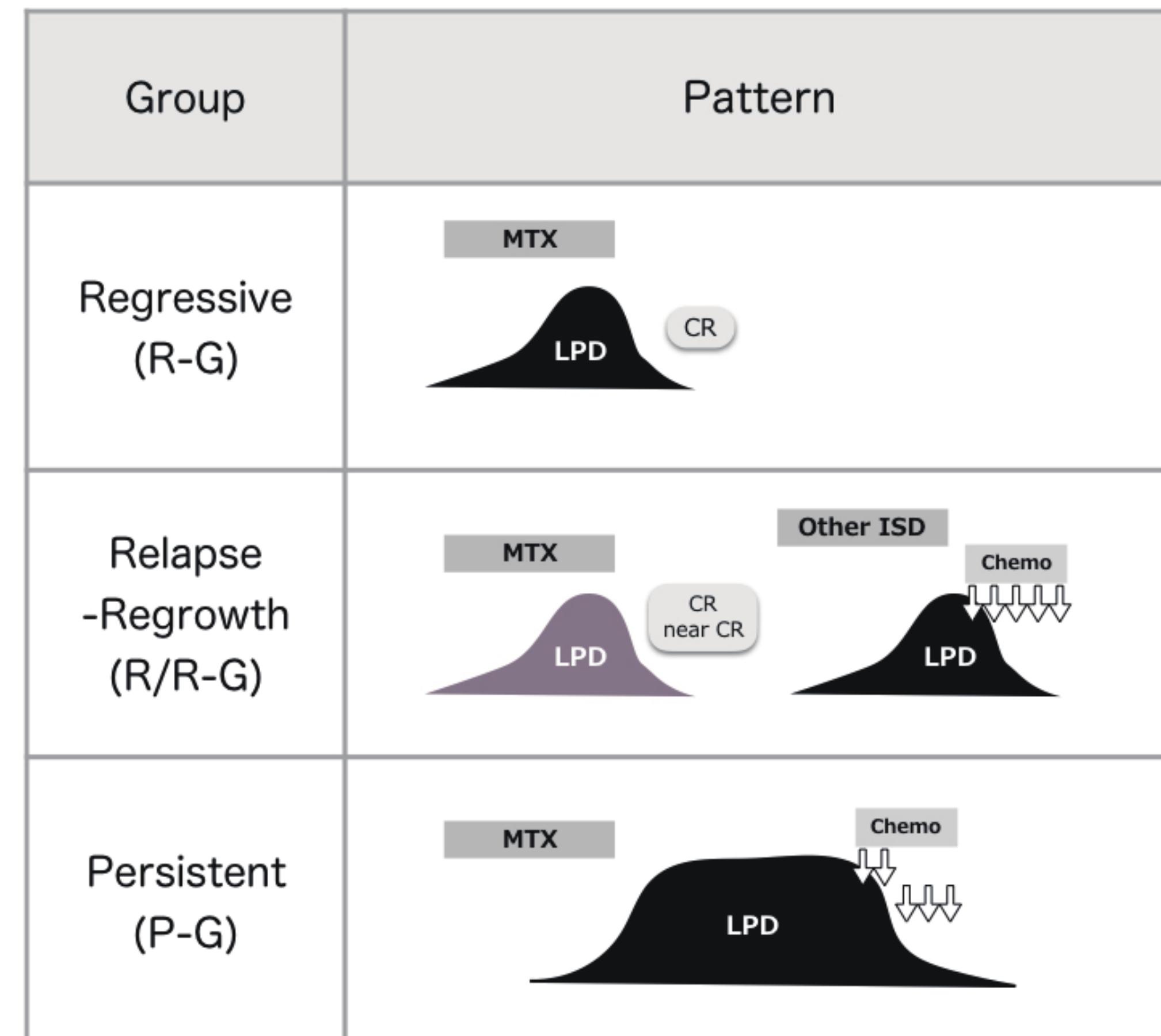
Din et al. Genet Epidemiol . 2019 October

# Clinica OIIA - LPDs (MTX-LPDs in Artrite Reumatoide)

Other iatrogenic immunodeficiency-associated lymphoproliferative disorders

MTX-LPD	N	Female (%)	Age* (y)	Basal disease*	MTX duration* (y)	CS 3 or 4	EBV+ (%)	Clinical course (%)				Survival rate (%)				
								R-G	R/R-G	P-G	Ch-G	All	R-G	R/R-G	P-G	Ch-G
EBV+DLBCL	66	71	68	13.5	6.1	62	100	62	3	17	17	91	95	100	72	90
DLBCL-NOS	50	59	66	11.1	5.4	60	0	26	6	36	26	60	100	67	72	53
CHL	51	74	62	13	5.6	75	76	14	40	24	21	78	100	65	67	100
P-LPD	17	64	65	11	7.2	64	100	76	18	0	6	82	92	33	-	0
EBVMUCU	32	84	70	9.4	6.3	-**	100	81	3	13	3	97	100	100	75	100
NS-LPD	9	56	65	16	8.9	33	57	89	11	0	0	89	100	0	-	-
Total	225	70	66	12.5	6.1	54.7	70.6	48	13.5	20.3	16.4	81.3	97.2	67.7	67.2	81

- Review su 274 casi di Linfomi in pazienti trattati con MTX (pubblicati e confermati dalla 4° edizione della WHO)
- Rischio di linfoma in Artrite Reumatoide è tra 3 e 5 di OR
- Controversie sulla definizione di farmaci che causano il linfoma.
- Genetic and phenotypic differences MTX-DLBCL and DLBCL De novo**



Tokuhira et al. Journal of clinical and experimental hematopathology Vol. 59 No.2, 72-92, 2019  
Mamose, 2019. Carreras et al 2018

# Clinica: la prospettiva ematologica

- Retrospettivo su 81 OIIA-LPDs in diverse AID (AR 72 su 81, poi artrite psoriasica, dermatomiosite, rettocolite ulcerosa)
- MTX, poi steroidi, biologici, tacrolimus.
- Quasi tutti revisione centralizzata (76 su 81) ed eseguite analisi ulteriori con EBER e COO.
- Lo scopo: fattori prognostici per la risposta alla sola IS e un confronto interno con chi fa la chemioterapia subito insieme alla IS

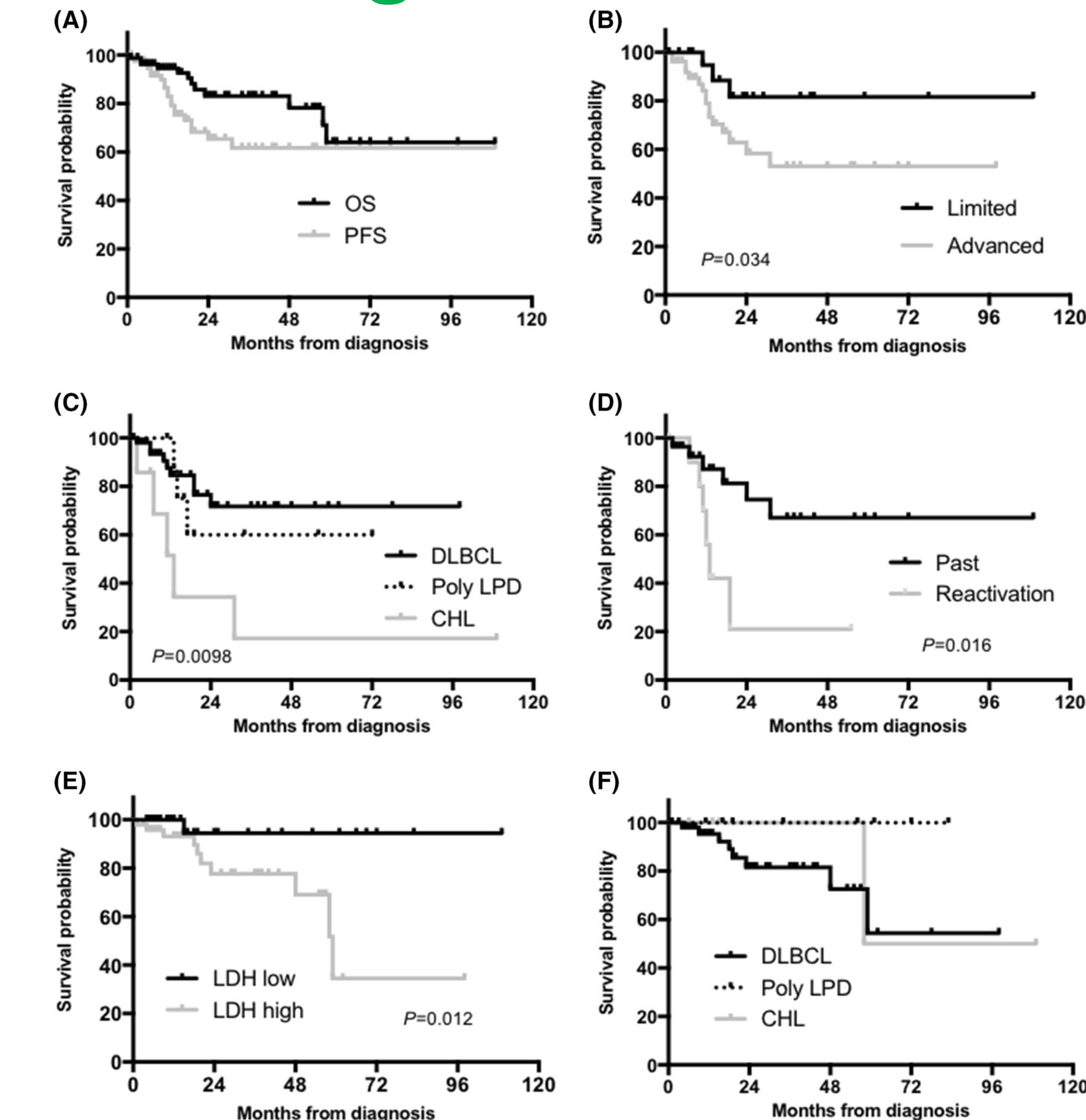
LPD type	Case (n)	EBER positive—n (%)
All	67	29 (43)
DLBCL	45	17 (38)
GCB type	12	1 (8)
Non-GCB type	25	12 (48)
Unknown	8	4 (50)
CHL	6	5 (83)
MC	4	4 (100)
LR	1	0
LD	1	1 (100)
Polymorphic LPD	10	6 (60)
Others	6	1 (17)

Finding	n (%)				<i>p</i> value
	All (n = 81)	RD (n = 41)	PD (n = 18)	CRT (n = 22)	
Median age—years (range)	69 (35–87)	67 (41–67)	65 (35–84)	67 (53–80)	NS
Female	55 (68)	32 (78)	8 (44)	15 (68)	0.011
Median AID duration—years (range)	13 (0–42)	15 (0–40)	11 (1–32)	17 (6–42)	NS
AID treatment					
MTX	78 (96)	40 (98)	18 (100)	22 (100)	NS
Median MTX duration—months (range)	60 (11–336)	85 (11–255)	56 (12–168)	88 (11–336)	NS
Steroids	35 (43)	17 (41)	9 (50)	9 (41)	NS
Biologics	21 (26)	11 (27)	4 (22)	6 (27)	NS
Tacrolimus	7 (9)	3 (7)	3 (17)	1 (5)	NS
DMARDs	15 (19)	7 (17)	3 (17)	5 (23)	NS
LPD histology (n = 76)					
DLBCL	50 (66)	25 (68)	12 (67)	13 (62)	NS
Polymorphic LPD	10 (13)	8 (22)	1 (6)	1 (5)	NS
CHL	7 (9)	2 (5)	2 (11)	3 (14)	NS
MCL	2 (3)	-	1 (6)	1 (5)	-
LPL	2 (3)	1 (3)	1 (6)	-	-
FL	1 (1)	-	1 (6)	-	-
PTCL	2 (3)	1 (3)	-	1 (5)	-
EATL	1 (1)	-	-	1 (5)	-
ALCL	1 (1)	-	-	1 (5)	-
EBER positive (n = 67)	29 (43)	19 (58)	4 (22)	6 (46)	0.0153
Clinical stage					
I	16 (20)	9	3	4	-
II	10 (13)	3	3	4	-
III	18 (23)	11	4	3	-
IV	36 (45)	17	8	11	-
Unknown	1 (1)	1	-	-	-
Extranodal disease	53 (66)	24	12	17	NS
Only extranodal disease	27 (34)	12	5	10	NS
Elevated LDH	49 (61)	24	12	13	NS
Performance status > 1	24 (30)	8	6	10	NS
Median lymphocyte count/mm <sup>3</sup> (range)	1058 (107–12,261)	1008 (107–12,261)	1146 (140–5300)	1005 (123–11,245)	NS
Median sIL-2R-U/ml (range)	1087 (247–14,300)	884 (247–9180)	2257 (264–14,300)	1154 (350–14,300)	NS
Reactivation of EBV Ab (n = 39)	11 (28)	7 (32)	2 (20)	2 (29)	NS
Detectable EBV-DNA (n = 24)	18 (75)	11 (65)	5 (100)	2 (100)	NS

# Clinica: la prospettiva ematologica

## Outcome

- Pazienti EBER pos rispondono meglio alla riduzione IS (confermato alla multivariata). Ipotesi: AR la risposta t all'infezione EBV è ridotta, la riduzione della IS ristabilisce la risposta immunologica
- I pazienti con concomitante riattivazione vanno peggio: probabilmente perché avendo un livello più alto non riesce la sola riduzione di IS a vincere la spinta proliferativa dell'EBV
- CHL OIIA outcome sfavorevole. Hodgkin e Reed-Sternberg cells esprimono latent membrane protein (LMP-1 – latenza tipo II) senza EBNA-2 (latenza tipo III – più frequente in HIV e PTLD)



# Clinica: la prospettiva ematologica

- Retrospettivo
- Istologie molto diverse, 55 DLBCL o HD, 12 di istologie restanti
- 67 casi su 3 ospedali in 9 anni.
- 20 con tessuto disponibile → analisi molecolare
- Revisionati

Table II. Clinical features of other iatrogenic immunodeficiency-associated lymphoproliferative disorders (OIAs-LPDs).

Clinical characteristics	All patients (n = 67)	DLBCL-type (n = 36)	HL-type (n = 19)
Age, years, median (range)	69 (30–85)	71 (30–85)	67 (52–79)
Sex (male/female), n	16/51	5/31	6/13
ECOG PS score 0–1/2–4, n	50/15	24/12	16/2
Stage I/II/III/IV, n	15/15/11/26	11/9/3/13	3/2/6/8
Underlying disease, n/N (%)			
Rheumatoid arthritis	62/67 (93)	33/36 (92)	18/19 (95)
SLE	3/67 (4)	1/36 (3)	2/19 (11)
Myasthenia gravis	1/67 (1)	0/36 (0)	0/19 (0)
Polymyalgia rheumatica	1/67 (1)	0/36 (0)	1/19 (5)
Polymyositis	1/67 (1)	1/36 (3)	0/19 (0)
Ulcerative colitis	1/67 (1)	1/36 (3)	0/19 (0)
Immunosuppressant, n/N (%)			
MTX	60/67 (90)	32/36 (89)	17/19 (89)
MTX and biological agents	19/67 (28)	10/36 (28)	6/19 (32)
Biological agents without MTX	2/67 (3)	1/36 (3)	1/19 (5)
I symptoms, n/N (%)	19/65 (29)	6/36 (17)	9/18 (50)
IPI score 3–5, n/N (%)	29/63 (46)	17/36 (47)	9/18 (50)
Hb level ≤100 g/l, n/N (%)	12/65 (18)	5/36 (14)	5/19 (26)
Elevated serum LDH level, n/N (%)	37/65 (57)	21/36 (58)	13/19 (68)
Serum CRP level >5.0 mg/dl, n/N (%)	15/65 (23)	8/36 (22)	6/19 (32)
Serum albumin level ≤3 g/dl, n/N (%)	14/65 (22)	8/36 (22)	4/19 (21)
Lymphocyte count ≤800/µl, n/N (%)	19/64 (30)	10/35 (29)	5/18 (28)
Duration of MTX administration, years, median (range)	7.4 (0.2–24.0) (n = 45)	8.4 (0.5–22.3) (n = 21)	8.2 (0.2–24.0) (n = 14)
Extranodal disease, n/N (%)	32/63 (51)	20/36 (56)	6/18 (33)
EBER positive, n/N (%)	39/65 (60)	15/36 (42)	15/18 (83)
Died, n/N (%)	8/67 (12)	4/36 (11)	4/19 (21)

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# Clinica: la prospettiva ematologica

## Outcome

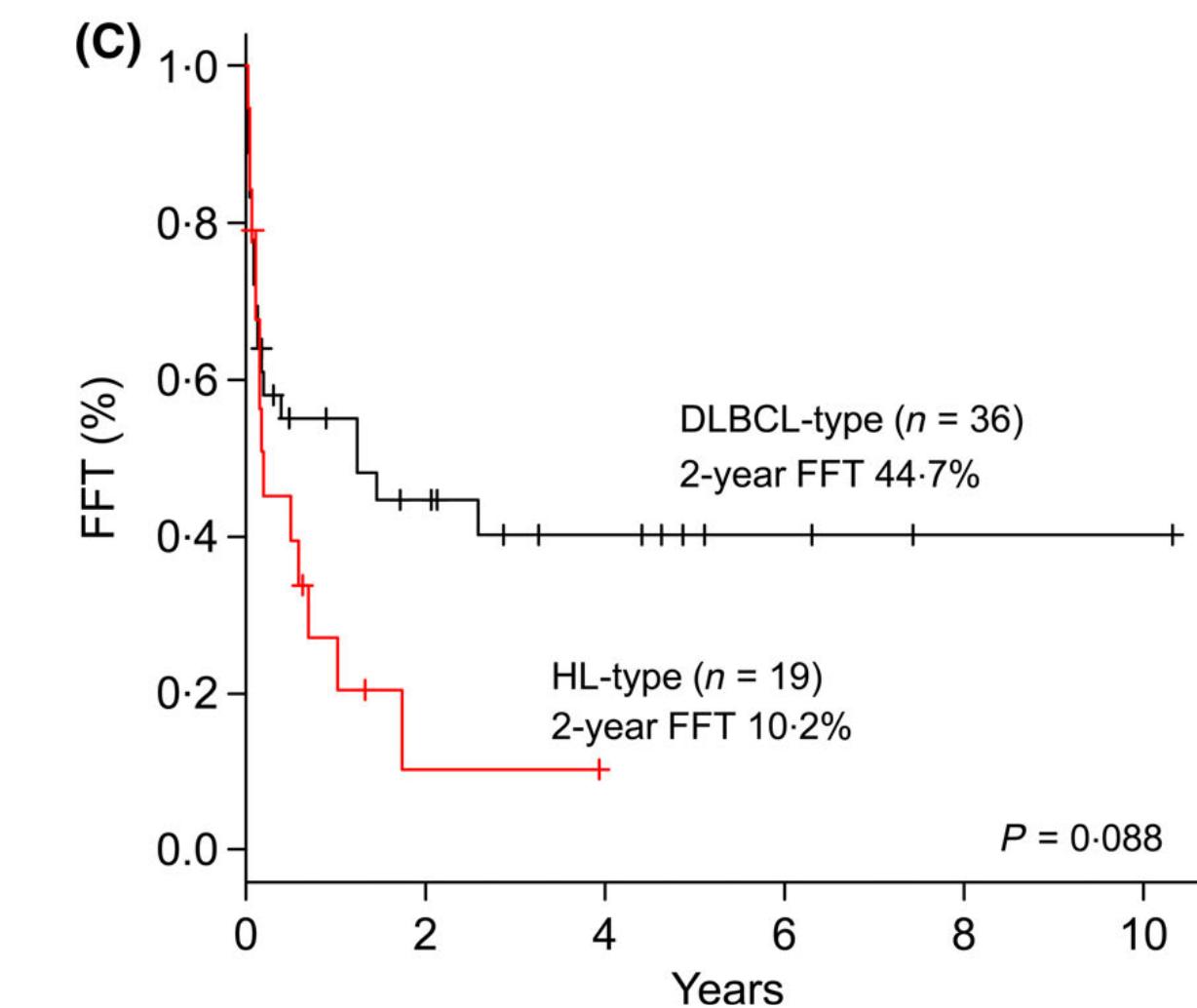
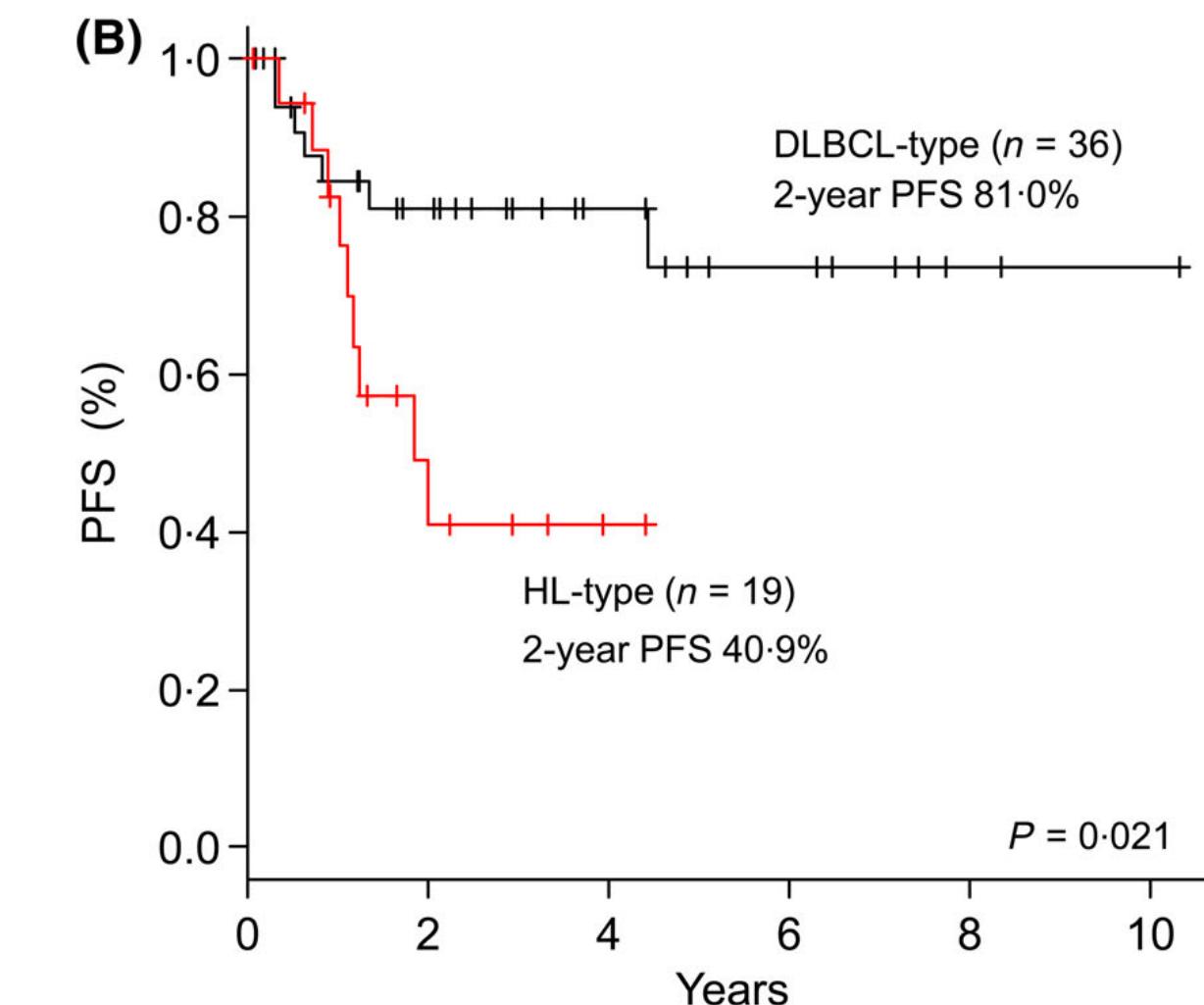
- Regressione più frequente nei DLBCL EBV pos rispetto agli EBV neg (67 Vs 33%).
- FFT dei DLBCL EBV pos migliore di quella dei DLBCL EBV neg
- PFS migliore dei DLBCL rispetto HL

**Table IV.** Initial chemotherapy for other iatrogenic immunodeficiency-associated lymphoproliferative disorders (OIIA-LPDs).

	DLBCL-type	HL-type	P
Patients receiving initial chemotherapy, % (n/N)	58 (21/36)	75 (15/19)	0.149
ORR, % (n/N)	90 (18/20)	63 (9/15)	0.052
CR, % (n/N)	65 (13/20)	53 (8/15)	0.511
The content of initial chemotherapy	RCHOP (n = 17) Rituximab (n = 3) RTHPCOP (n = 1)	RCHOP (n = 2) CHOP (n = 3) CVP (n = 2) ABVD (n = 5) Rituximab (n = 3)	

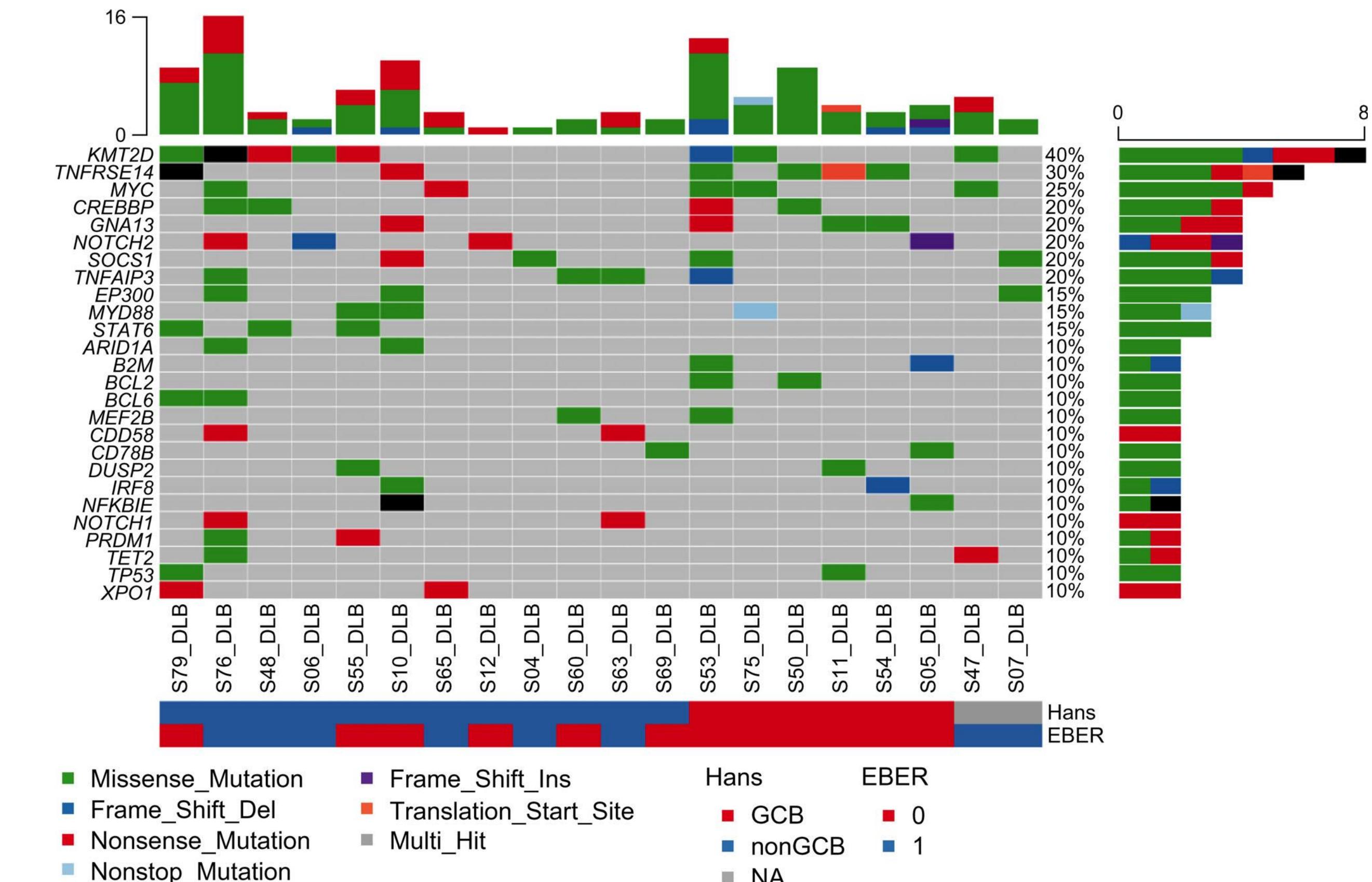
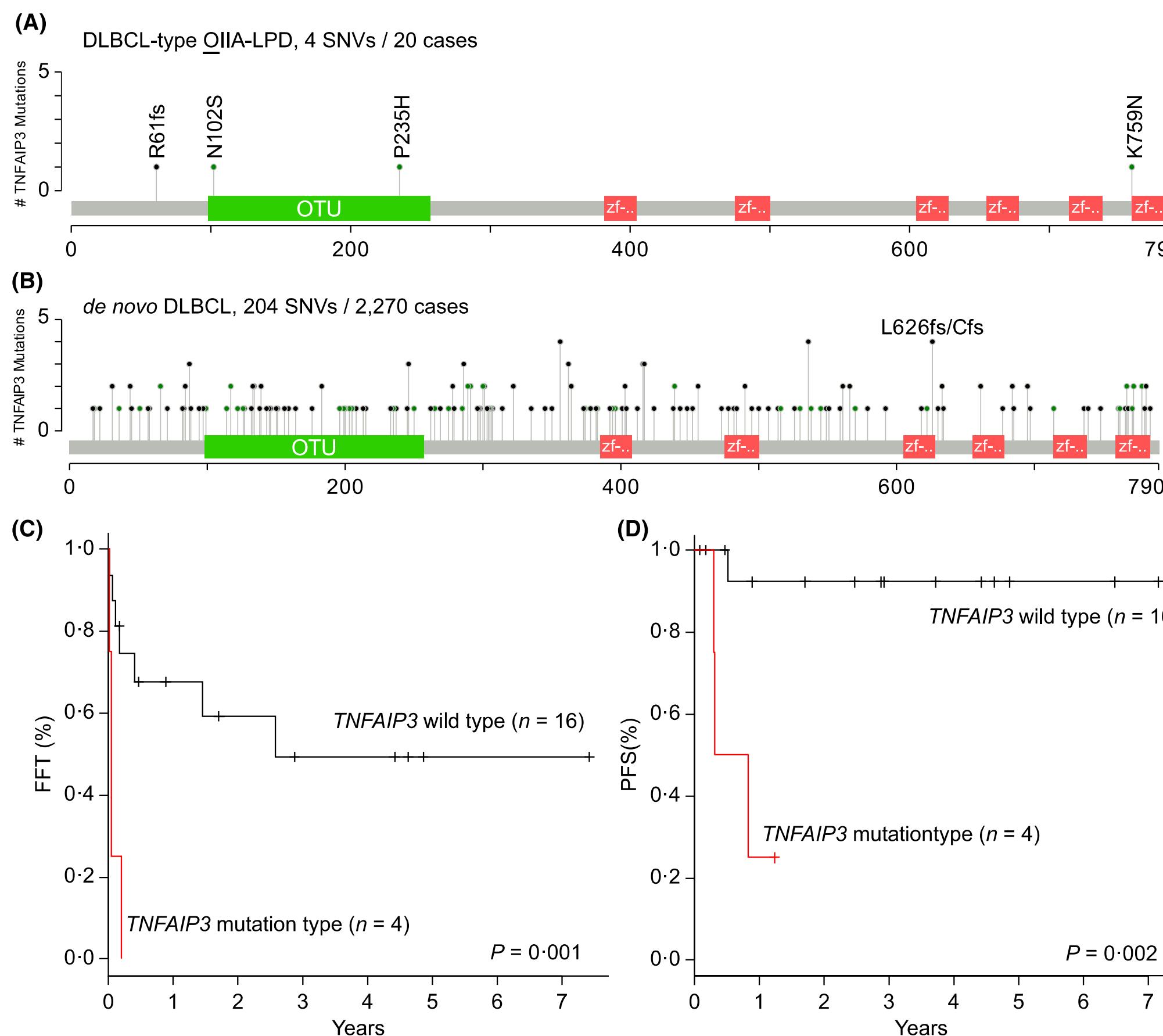
**Table III.** Clinical outcome following withdrawal of MTX or tacrolimus in the onset of other iatrogenic immunodeficiency-associated lymphoproliferative disorders (OIIA-LPDs).

MTX or tacrolimus use in the onset	All patients (n = 59)	DLBCL-type (n = 32)	HL-type (n = 15)
Only MTX use in the onset, n (%)	50 (85)	27 (84)	13 (87)
Only tacrolimus use in the onset, n (%)	4 (7)	2 (6)	1 (7)
MTX and tacrolimus use in the onset, n (%)	5 (8)	3 (9)	1 (7)
MTX or tacrolimus cessation, n	58	32	15
Regression and no relapse, n (%)	22 (38)	15 (47)	3 (20)
Relapse after regression, n (%)	12 (21)	4 (13)	5 (33)
Persistent, n (%)	12 (21)	5 (16)	4 (27)
Initiation of immediate chemotherapy, n (%)	11 (19)	8 (25)	2 (13)
Lost follow-up, n (%)	1 (1)	0	1 (7)
MTX continuation, n	1	0	0



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## Mutazione TNFAIP3



Mutazione TNFAIP3 associata a prognosi sfavorevole

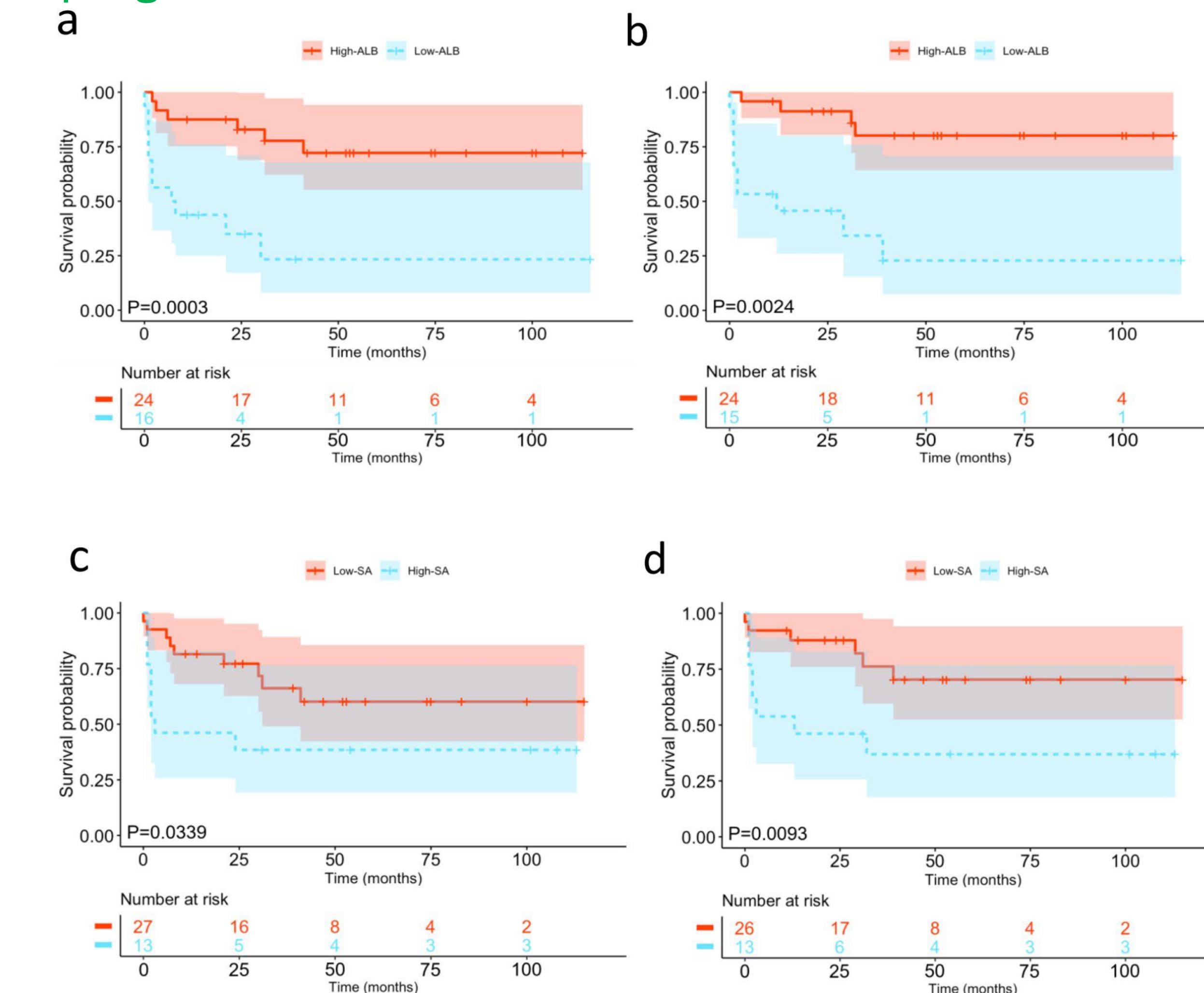
Divisi per classificazione molecolare (MCD, BN2, N1 e EZB),

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# Clinica: la prospettiva ematologica

## Fattori prognostici

- Retrospettivo, su 12 aa in una provincia cinese: 55 pts con linfoma e AID
- Linfoma con revisione istologica e storia di malattia autoimmune
- Esclusi disturbi autoimmuni associati a linfoma e malattie autoimmuni da meno di 1 aa.
- Studio di associazione AID – Linfoma
- Associazione tra livelli di albumina e acido sialico e outcome LNH



Zhan et al. BMC Cancer (2025) 25:351

# Farmaci

## IDD LPDs secondari a diversi farmaci in AR

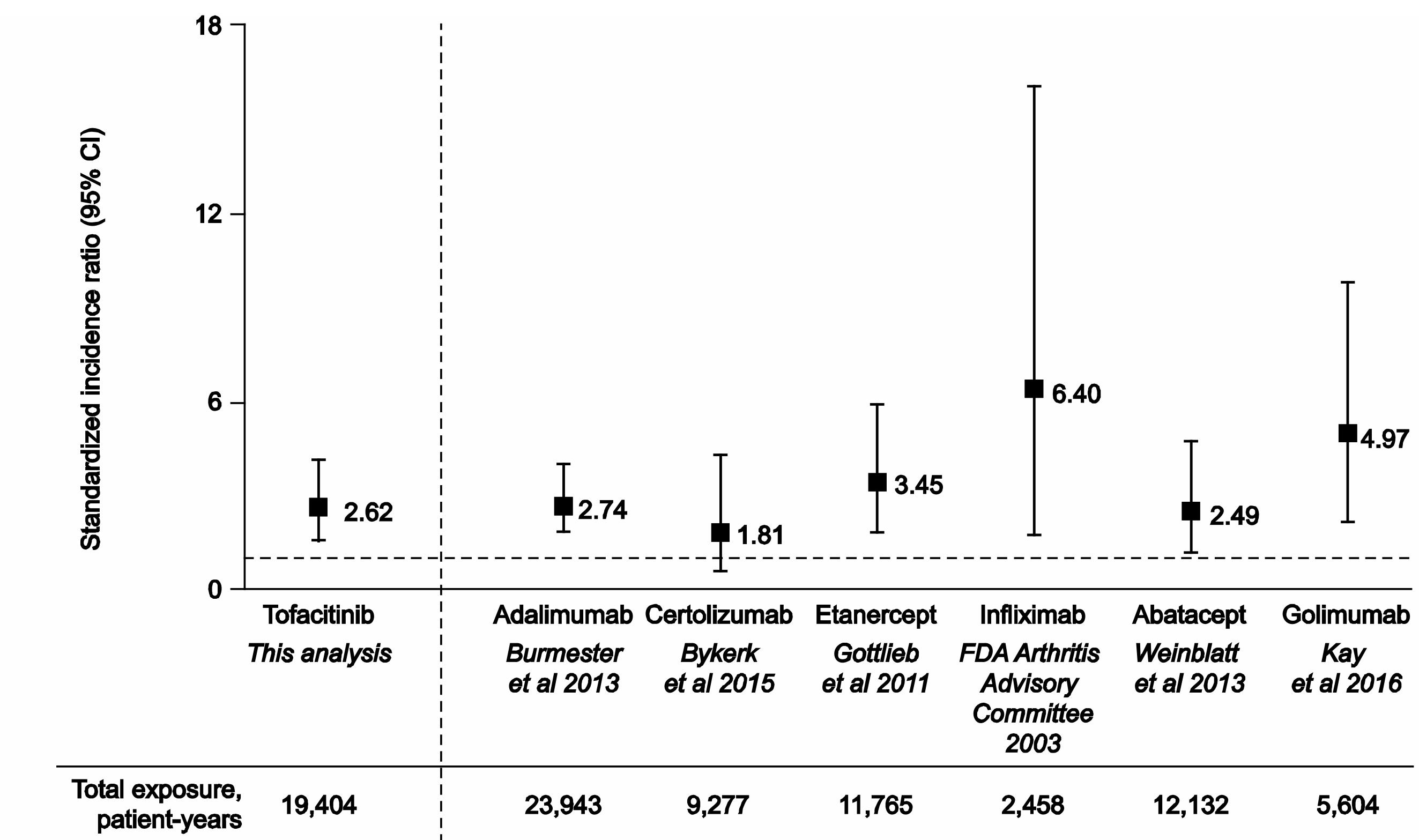
	Bionaïve	TNFi	Rituximab	Tocilizumab	Abatacept	Total
No. of patients	71 088	47 864*	9094	2029	1708*	124 997*
Follow-up time (pyrs)	322 167	242 260*	29 810	2827	3352*	584 236*
Female (%)	72.1	74.8	79.0	80.1	78.0	73.7
Age mean (mean range)	61.1 (57–62)	55.0 (50–57)	57.9 (58–58)	55.9 (55–57)	57.5 (56–58)	58.5 (50–62)
No. of lymphomas	288	230	6	6	3	533
Incidence per 100 000 pyrs (95% CI)	89 (79–100)	81 (70–94)	20 (7–44)	177 (57–413)	60 (7–216)	85 (77–92)

- Studio su 12 registri europei, 12.000 pazienti con Artrite Reumatoide, 533 pazienti con Linfoma.
- Valutano l'incidenza di linfomi nei pazienti con artrite reumatoide esposti a vari farmaci biologici
- Non ci sono differenze statisticamente rilevanti
- Non c'è stata alcuna revisione centralizzata.
- AR > farmaci anti-TNF?

Mercer et al. Ann Reum 2017

# Farmaci

- Tofacitinib: Inibitore di JAK 2 utilizzato per AR
- Rischio aumentato di 2.62 volte di linfoma
- 19 linfomi insorti, diversa istologia (MZL, HD, DLBCL, T)
- Caso-controllo: maggiore frequenza di anti-CCP; positività FR, DASS28, SS



Mariette et al Arthritis Care & Research Vol. 70, No. 5, May 2018, pp 685–694

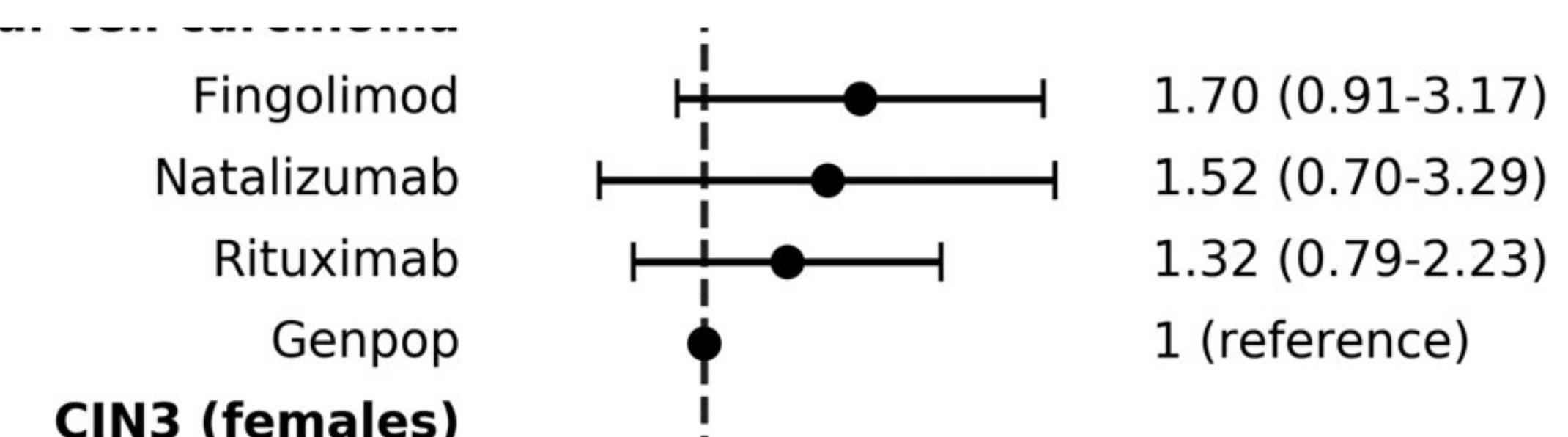
# Farmaci

## Sclerosi Multipla: Fungolimod

- Sclerosi Multipla è una malattia infiammatoria demielinizzante del sistema nervoso centrale causata da immunizzazione della proteina mielinica o oligodendrociti
- Terapia: base steroidea iniziale, poi shift a terapia di mantenimento.
- Fungolimod è un antagonista del recettore type 1 sphingosine-1-phosphate. Effetto: riduce la sensibilità di linfociti autoaggressivi alle citochine circolanti, riducendo l'uscita dagli organi linfoidi delle cellule t. Molecola lipofilica.
- Effetti collaterali confermati: PML
- Alcuni casi riportati di Linfomi Primitivi Cerebrali in corso di Fungolimod. Pazienti giovani, con Primitivi Cerebrali Diffusi a Grandi Cellule B. Particolare aspetto istopatologico (CD20 pos, EBV neg, CD3 su diffusi piccoli linfociti T policlonali) su 3 pazienti.

Studio Svedese su 1700 pazienti che hanno ricevuto il farmaco:

Confermato da incremento di dose: più alta la dose maggiore la probabilità di linfoma



Peter Alping. Ann Neurol. 2020 May;87(5):688-699.

Saeed Vaheb Clin Case Rep. 2023;11, Takanashi K. Cureus 15(12)

# Primary Sjogren Syndrome (SS)

## Studio italiano

- Sindrome di Sjogren è una malattia cronica autoimmune infiammatoria, caratterizzata da ridotta secrezione lacrimale e salivare. Primaria se è solo ghiandolare secondaria se è associata con altri disturbi autoimmuni (overlap).
- Retrospettivo, caso controllo
- 144 pazienti, 27% diagnosi concomitante pSS e LNH
- Nota associazione con Malattie Linfoproliferative indolenti.
- Parotide spesso coinvolta come primo organo dal Linfoma: focus su tumefazione parotidea in pSS
- Fattori di rischio per sviluppare Linfomi da pSS: positività fattore reumatoide, crioglobulinemia, C4 consumato e leucopenia
- Sviluppo di tumefazione parotide è un fattore associato allo sviluppo di Linfoma, sia esordio pSS sia esordio LNH.

Sex F, n/N (%)	129/144 (89.58)
Age at NHL diagnosis, mean (s.d.), years	55.9 (12.5)
Follow-up from pSS diagnosis to NHL diagnosis, median (range), years	4 (0–30)
NHL histotype, n/N (%)	
MZL	120/144 (83.33)
MZL MALT	108/144 (75.00)
MZL primary splenic	3/144 (2.08)
MZL primary nodal	9/144 (6.25)
DLBCL	17/144 (11.81)
Follicular	4/144 (2.78)
Lymphoplasmacytic	2/144 (1.39)
Mantle cell	1/144 (0.69)
NHL clinical localization, n/N (%)	
Isolated nodal NHL	17/144 (11.81)
Isolated extranodal NHL	94/144 (65.27)
Extranodal – nodal NHL	127/144 (86.19)
Parotid glands	83/144 (57.64)
Submandibular glands	5/144 (3.47)
Minor salivary glands	3/144 (2.08)
Salivary glands (whole)	90/144 (62.5)
Lachrymal glands	6/144 (4.17)
Salivary or lachrymal glands	95/144 (65.97)
Stomach	12/144 (8.33)
Lung	10/144 (6.94)
Spleen	5/144 (3.47)
Skin	2/144 (1.39)
Breast	2/144 (1.39)
Ocular adnexa	2/144 (1.39)
Thymus	2/144 (1.39)
Ovary	1/144 (0.69)
Large intestine	1/144 (0.69)
Liver	1/144 (0.69)
Larynx	1/144 (0.69)
Bone marrow NHL positivity	30/144 (20.83)
NHL stage, n/N (%)	
I	67/142 (47.18)
II	22/142 (15.49)
III	9/142 (6.34)
IV	44/142 (30.99)

# Sclerosi Sistemica (SSc)

## Studio italiano

- Su 454 SS afferenti alla Reumatologia di Modena, 2 linfomi (DLBCL morto di sepsi e BALT guarito con ch)
- Review: 130 pazienti con SSc che hanno sviluppato patologie ematologiche, Linfomi erano il 66, 55 LNH B (soprattutto DLBCL).
- Spesso le due malattie vicine (di queste il 30% sospetto paraneo?), un 30% però entro 5 aa dalla diagnosi.
- Interessante: spesso overlap, con Sjogren e Artrite Reumatoide
- Suggestione: SSc di breve durata, relative elevate frequenze dei maschi, ANA pos (MCL e FL in letteratura), sesta decade.

# Sclerosi Sistemica (SSc)

## Diagnosi differenziale

### POEMS Syndrome



Table 2: Consensus Diagnostic Criteria for iMCD	
Type of Criteria	Description
Major criteria (need both)	Histopathologic lymph node features consistent with iMCD spectrum Enlarged lymph nodes ( $\geq 1$ cm in short-axis diameter) at two or more lymph node stations
Minor criteria (need at least two of 11)	Laboratory criteria Elevated CRP level or ESR Anemia Thrombocytopenia Hypoalbuminemia Renal dysfunction Polyclonal hypergammaglobulinemia Clinical criteria Constitutional symptoms: night sweats, fever, weight loss, or fatigue Large spleen or liver Fluid accumulation: edema, anasarca, ascites, or pleural effusion Eruptive cherry hemangiomas or violaceous papules Lymphocytic interstitial pneumonitis
Exclusion criteria (must rule out diseases that can mimic iMCD)	Infection-related disorders (HHV8, clinical EBV-lymphoproliferative disorders such as infectious mononucleosis or chronic active EBV, other uncontrolled infections causing widespread inflammation and adenopathy such as CMV, toxoplasmosis, HIV, active tuberculosis) Autoimmune or autoinflammatory diseases (SLE, RA, adult-onset Still disease, JIA, autoimmune lymphoproliferative syndrome) Malignant or lymphoproliferative disorders (lymphoma, multiple myeloma, primary lymph node plasmacytoma, FDC sarcoma, POEMS syndrome)
Note.—Adapted and reprinted, with permission, from reference 23. CMV = cytomegalovirus, CRP = C-reactive protein, ESR = erythrocyte sedimentation rate, JIA = juvenile idiopathic arthritis, RA = rheumatoid arthritis, SLE = systemic lupus erythematosus.	

**Table II.** Symptoms suggestive of lymphoproliferation in systemic sclerosis

Haematological abnormalities	Characteristic features and clinical symptoms	
Hypergammaglobulinaemia	Overlapping of systemic sclerosis with another autoimmune disease, particularly Sjögren's syndrome	
Presence of monoclonal protein	Older age, short duration of the disease, diffuse cutaneous systemic sclerosis, worse lung function parameters, pulmonary arterial hypertension	
Presence of cryoglobulins	Type I	An extremely high risk of lymphoma, severe course of systemic sclerosis, worse prognosis, lower-limb ulcerations, kidney failure, vasculitis
	Type II	Ulcerations, symptoms of vasculitis, severe course of systemic sclerosis, worse prognosis
	Type III	

# Sclerosi Sistemica e Linfomi

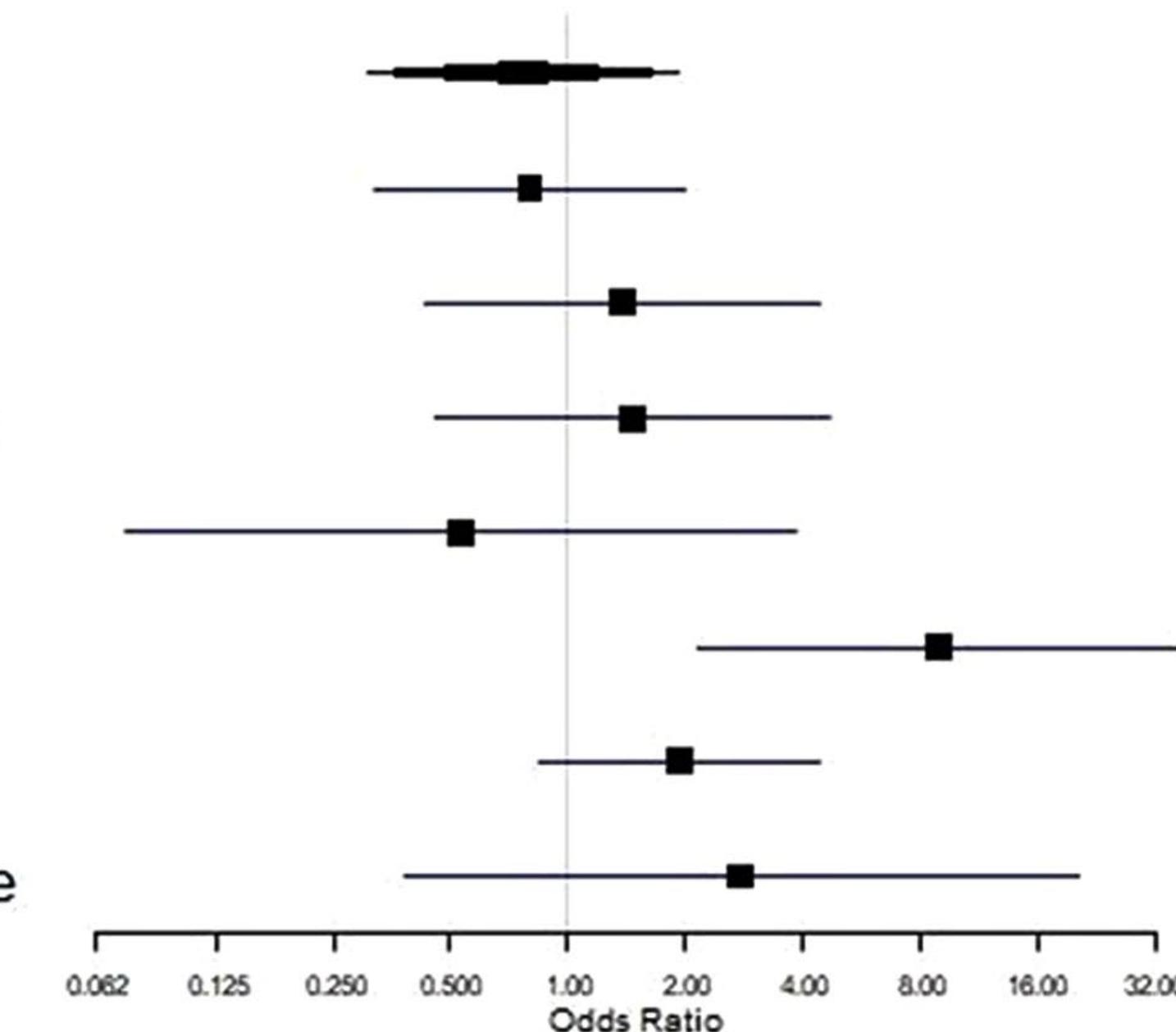
## Mortalità

- Studio su mortalità da neoplasia in pazienti con SSc su database spagnolo nazionale (10.000 pazienti)  
Spagna
- Incremento mortalità in Linfomi T associati a SSc

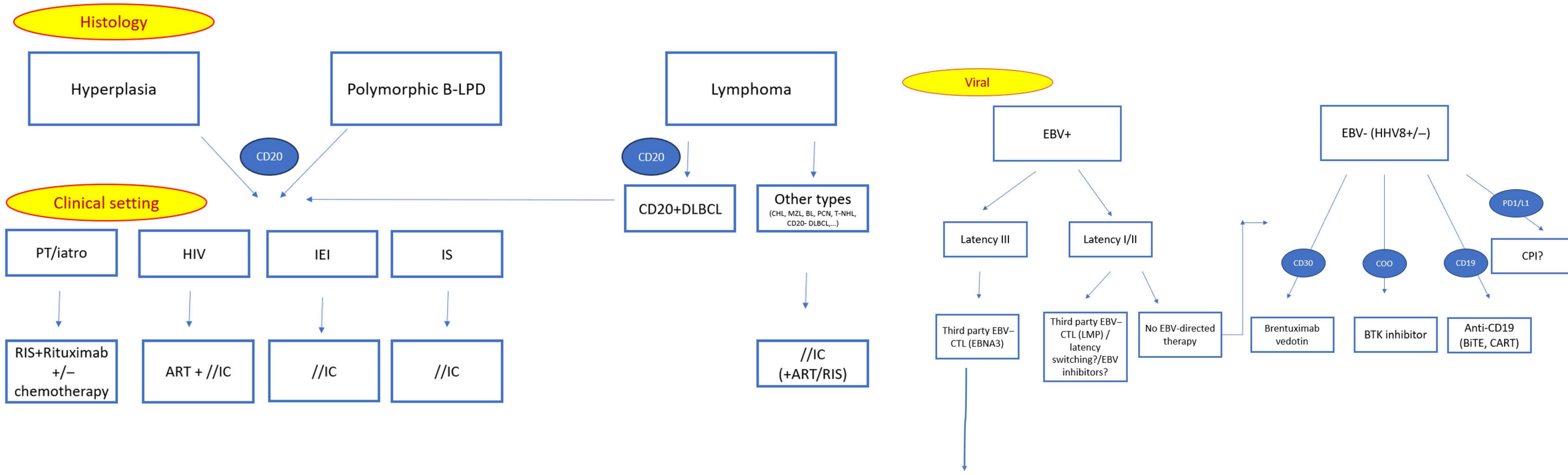
**Forest Plot - Esclerodermia - Odds Ratio (95% CI)**

**Haematological**

- Malign haemotological
- Lymphoma
- Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma
- B cell lineage
- T/NK cell lineage
- Leukemia
- Myelodisplastic syndrome



# Terapia



Da donatori “terzi” con HLA parzialmente compatibile

## Conclusioni

- 1) Incidenza bassa delle patologie linfoproliferative in AID
- 2) Difficile discriminazione tra LPD iatrogenici e autoimmuni
- 3) Studi da registro e metanalisi, assenza di studi prospettici, solo retrospettivi
- 4) Base patologica affascinante: importanza comune di TNF e del ruolo dell'infiammazione
- 5) Linfomi EBER pos in AID hanno caratteristiche particolari: ruolo della riduzione IS
- 6) Pochi studi dalla prospettiva ematologica in Italia, pochi dati su come influenza la terapia la malattia autoimmune o su outcome dei pazienti affetti da IDD LPD

