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# Progetto Ematologia Romagna

**NOVITÀ NEI LINFOMI A BASSO GRADO**

## **Introduzione**

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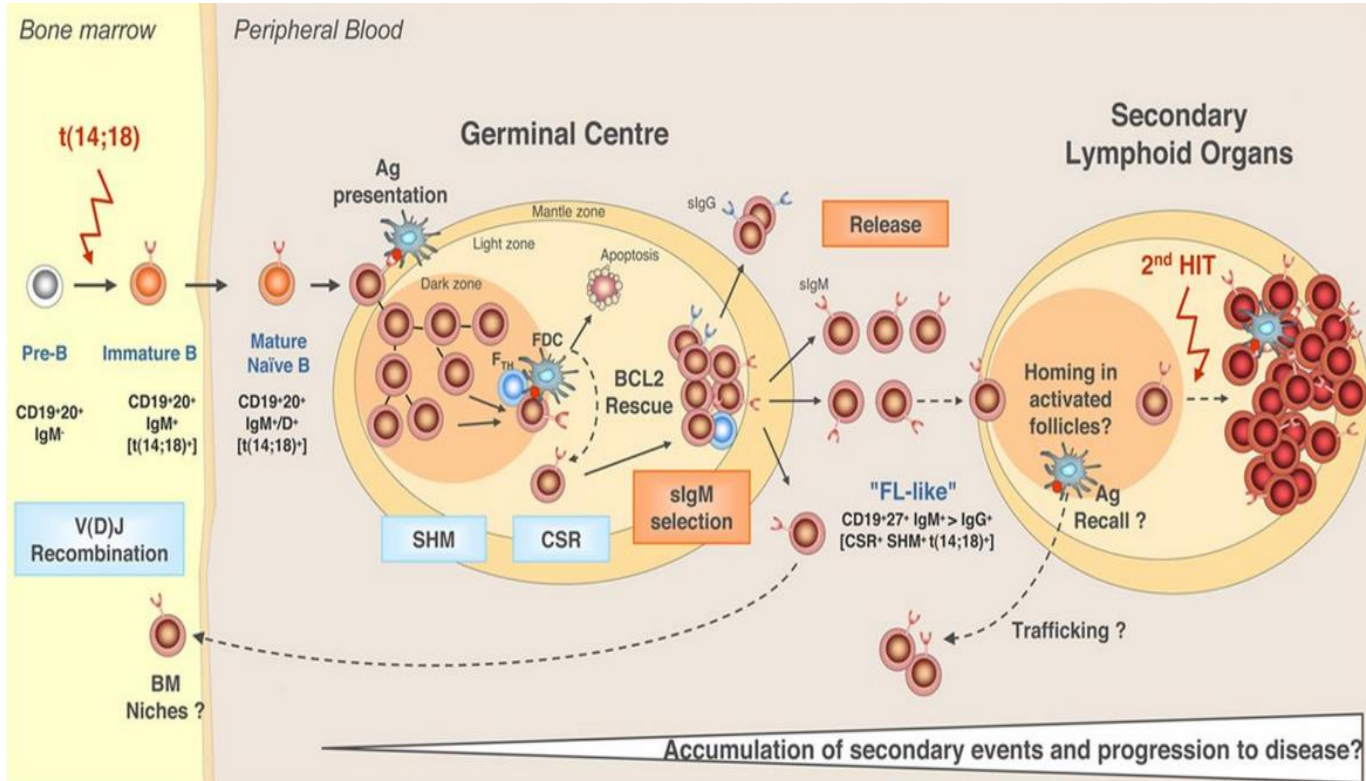


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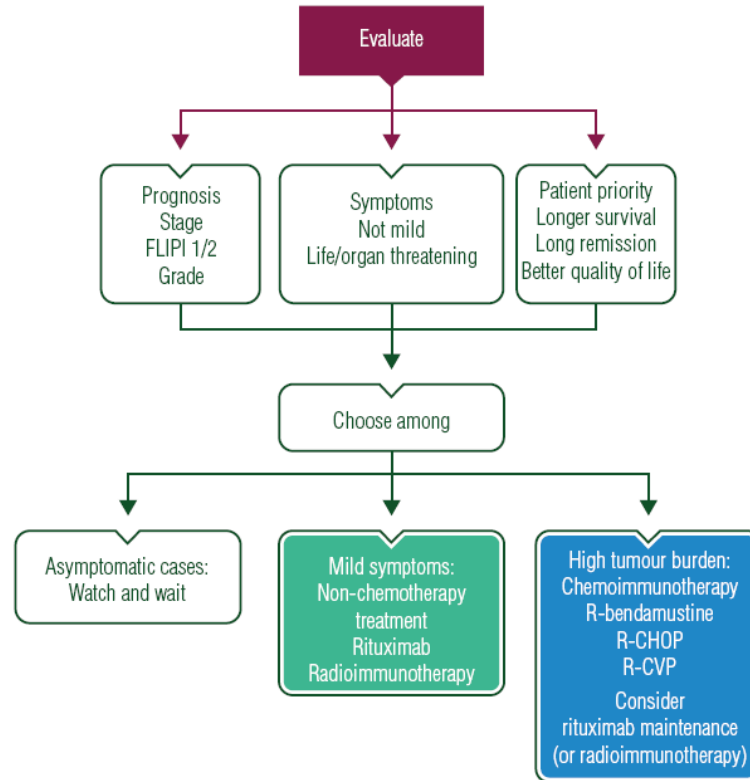
# ***LINFOMA FOLLICOLARE***



- **Linfoma follicolare:** il paradigma di linfoma indolente.
- Malattia a lenta crescita, solo raramente caratterizzata da sintomi sistemici.
- Elevati tassi di risposta alla terapia standard di prima linea (chemioimmunoterapia) con tuttavia tendenza alla ricaduta o alla trasformazione.
- **Stadio** (estensione di malattia limitata/diffusa): determina l'approccio iniziale al paziente (tipo di trattamento/quando trattare).
- **Malattia sintomatica (taglia di malattia o *tumor burden*)**: aspetto su cui si basa la decisione terapeutica (*watch and wait* / inizio di una chemioimmunoterapia).



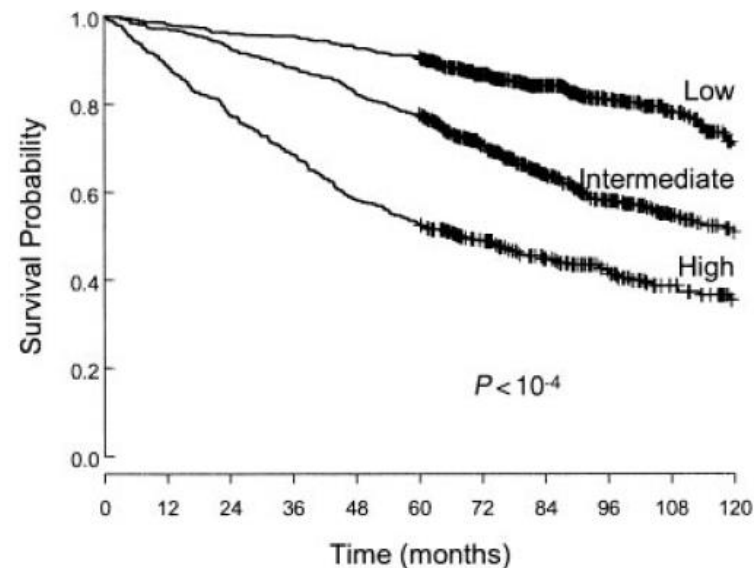
# ELEMENTI DECISIONALI: APPROCCIO DI PRIMA LINEA





Parameter	Adverse factor	RR	95% CI
Age	≥ 60 y	2.38	2.04-2.78
Ann Arbor stage	III-IV	2.00	1.56-2.58
Hemoglobin level	< 120 g/L	1.55	1.30-1.88
Serum LDH level	> ULN	1.50	1.27-1.77
Number of nodal sites	> 4	1.39	1.18-1.64

Risk group	Number of factors*	Distribution of patients, %	5-year OS, % (SE)	10-year OS, % (SE)	RR	95% CI
Low	0-1	36	90.6 (1.2)	70.7 (2.7)	1.0	NA
Intermediate	2	37	77.6 (1.6)	50.9 (2.7)	2.3	1.9-2.8
High	≥ 3	27	52.5 (2.3)	35.5 (2.8)	4.3	3.5-5.3



## No. of Events

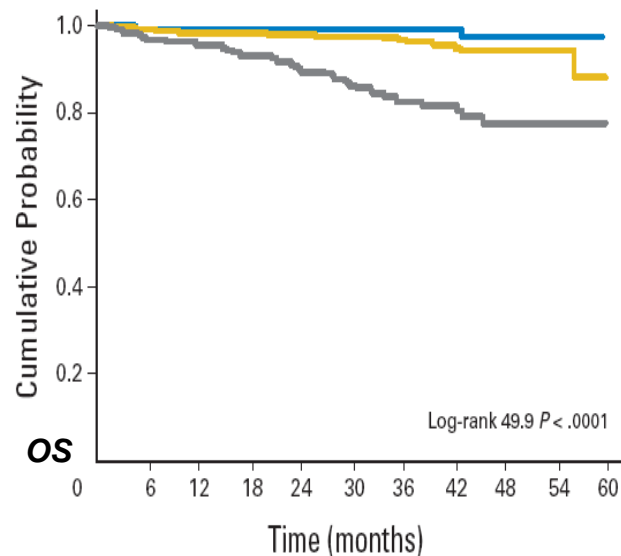
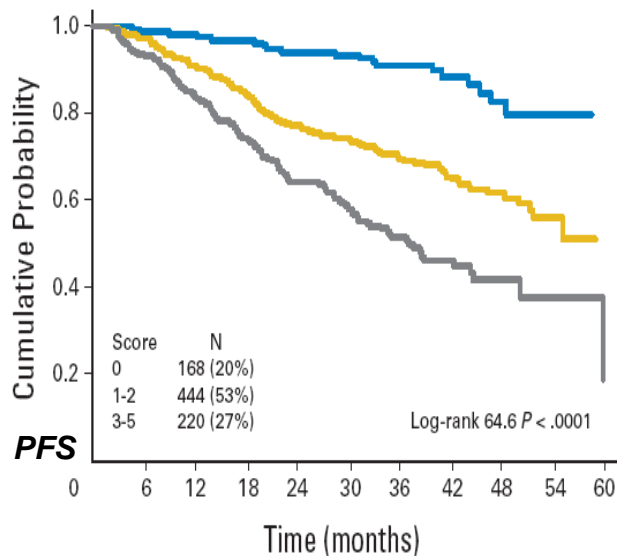
Low	-	12	25	29	46	60	83	95	106	113	125
Intermediate	-	19	49	79	118	150	192	225	247	255	261
High	-	54	109	152	202	229	245	260	268	274	278

## No. at Risk

Low	641	629	616	612	595	581	450	337	241	157	93
Intermediate	670	651	621	591	552	519	385	263	178	108	68
High	484	430	375	332	282	255	193	139	98	56	33

Solal-Céligny P. *Blood*, 2004; 104: 1258-1265

- $\beta_2$  microglobulina aumentata
- Coinvolgimento midollare
- Hb < 12 g/dL
- Età > 60 anni
- Diametro linfonodale > 6 cm

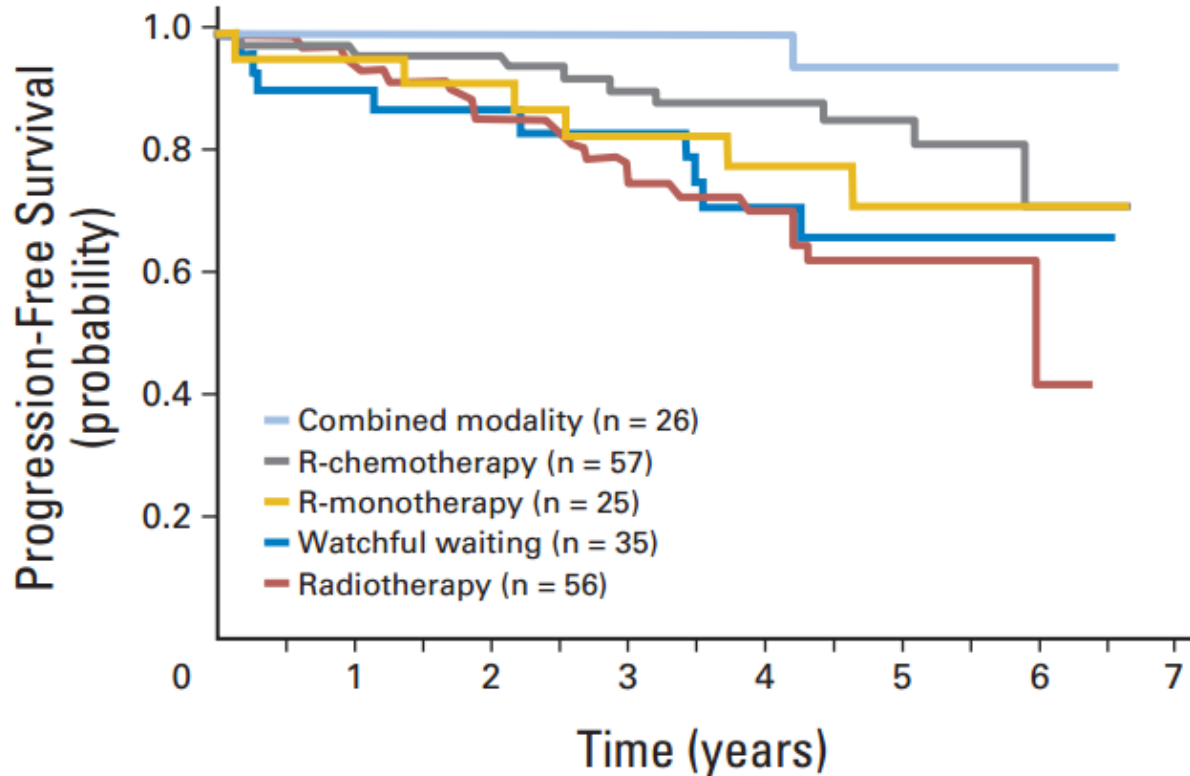


Outcome and Relative Risk of Progression According to Risk Group as Defined by FLIPI2 (N = 832)								
Risk Group	No. of Factors	Patients (%)	PFS					
			3-Year		5-Year		HR	95% CI
			%	SE	%	SE		
Low	0	20	90.9	2.4	79.5	5.0	1.00	—
Intermediate	1-2	53	69.3	2.4	51.2	5.7	3.19	2.00 to 5.15
High	3-5	27	51.3	3.7	18.8	13	5.76	3.53 to 9.40
High v intermediate							1.81	1.40 to 2.33

Federico M. *J Clin Oncol*, 2009; 27: 4555-4562



# TERAPIA DI PRIMA LINEA (stadio iniziale)

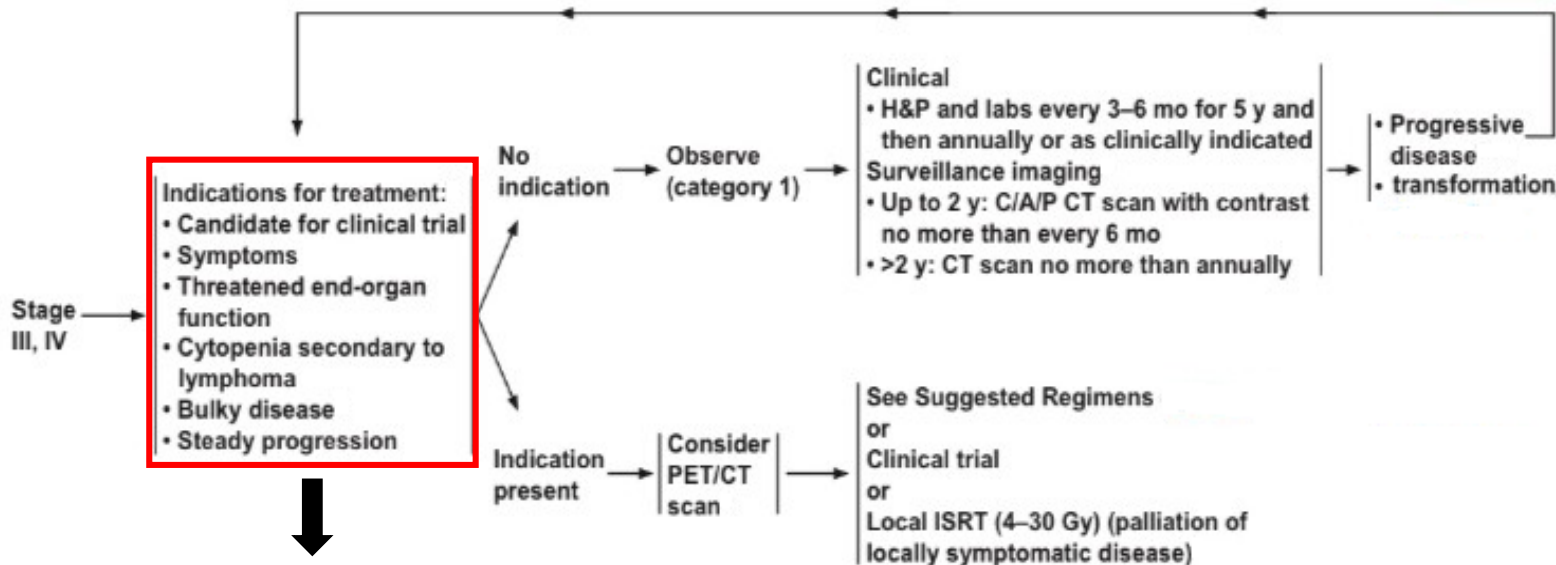




# TERAPIA DI PRIMA LINEA (stadi avanzati)

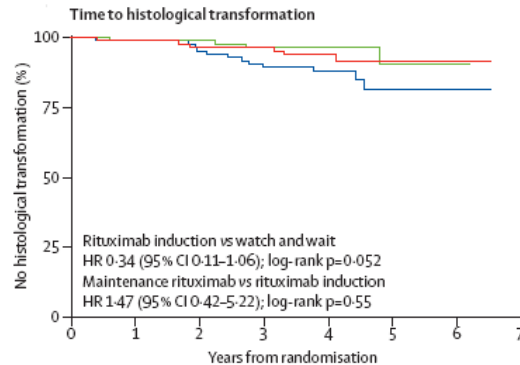
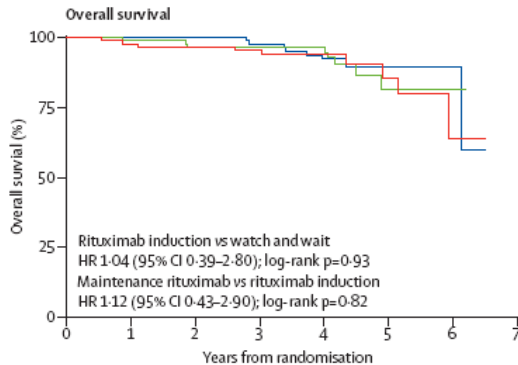
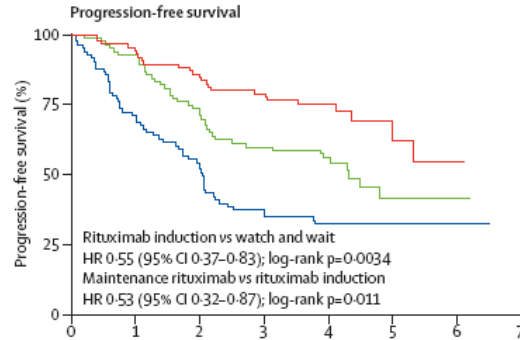
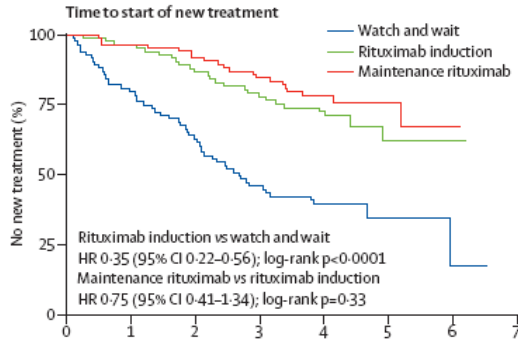
STAGE

INITIAL MANAGEMENT



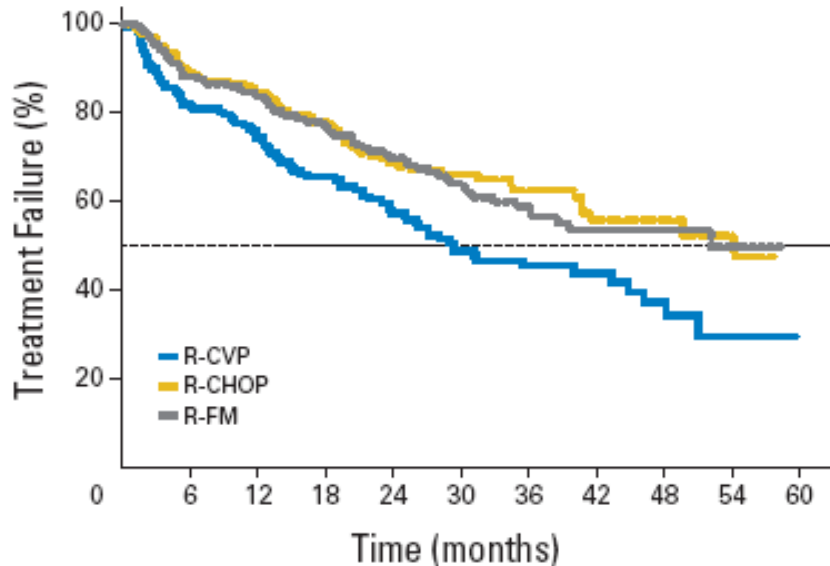
**Tumor burden dictates the initial strategy of management**

# DECISIONI TERAPEUTICHE (ridotta taglia di malattia)

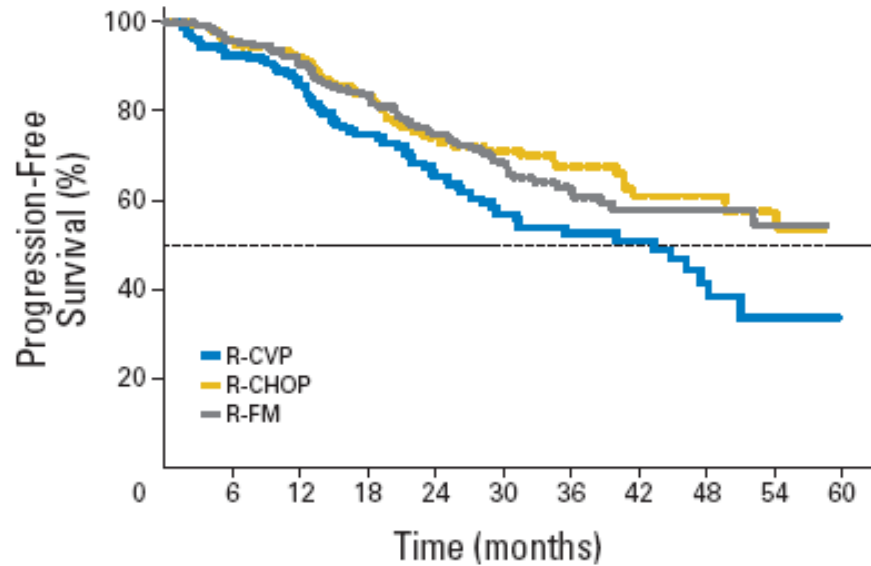


Rituximab versus a watch-and-wait approach in patients with advanced-stage, asymptomatic, non-bulky follicular lymphoma: an open-label randomised phase 3 trial

# DECISIONI TERAPEUTICHE (elevata taglia di malattia)



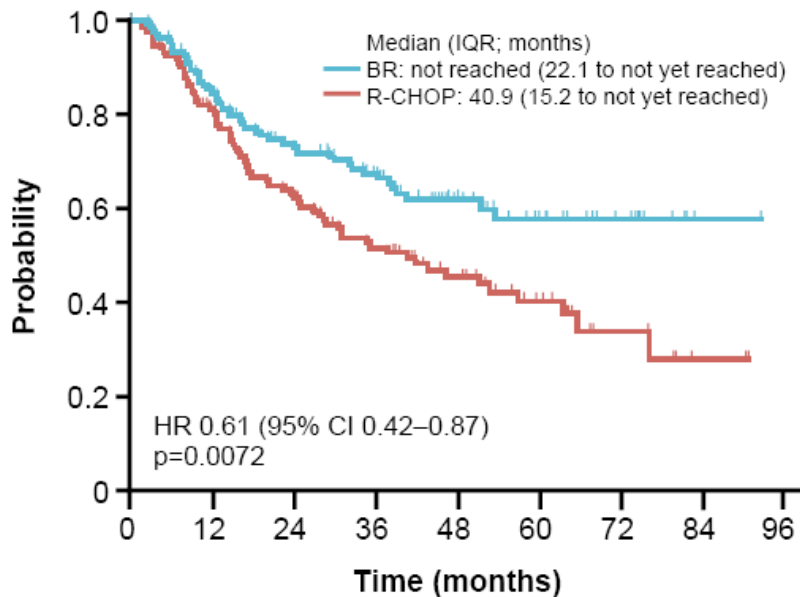
No. at risk	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60
R-CVP	168	136	119	95	74	51	36	23	13	5	1
R-CHOP	165	147	137	120	83	66	47	32	19	12	5
R-FM	171	150	139	120	95	68	50	32	20	12	4



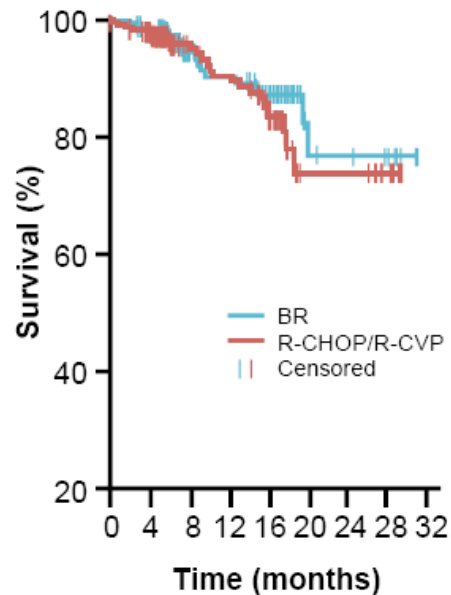
No. at risk	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60
R-CVP	168	154	136	108	85	60	41	27	14	6	1
R-CHOP	165	157	147	128	89	70	51	36	22	14	6
R-FM	171	163	151	130	101	73	55	36	23	14	5

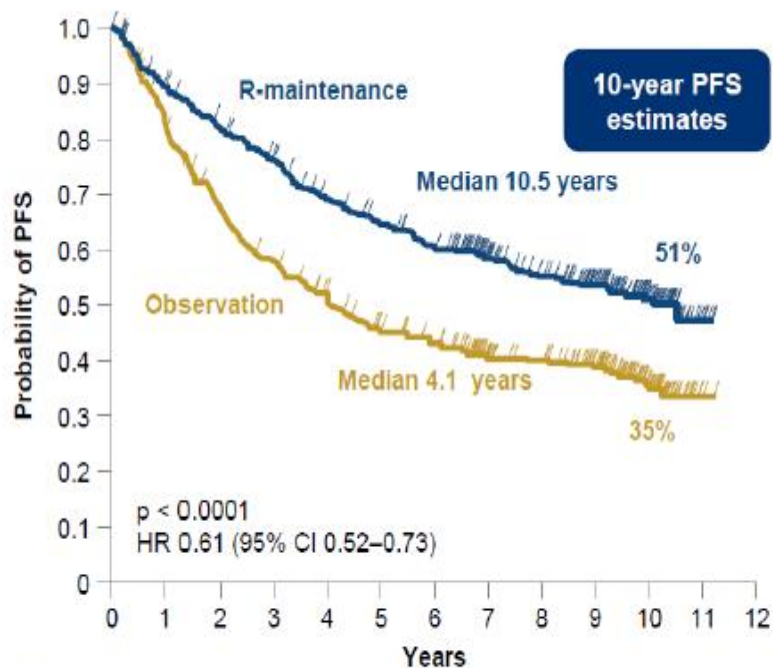
# DECISIONI TERAPEUTICHE (elevata taglia di malattia)

Bendamustine plus rituximab versus CHOP plus rituximab as first-line treatment for patients with indolent and mantle-cell lymphomas: an open-label, multicentre, randomised, phase 3 non-inferiority trial

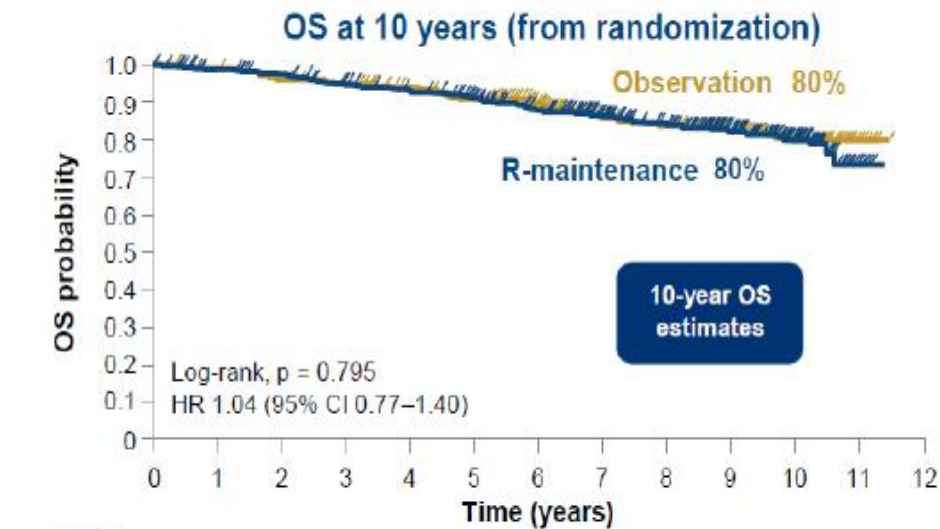


Randomized trial of bendamustine-rituximab or R-CHOP/R-CVP in first-line treatment of indolent NHL or MCL: the BRIGHT study





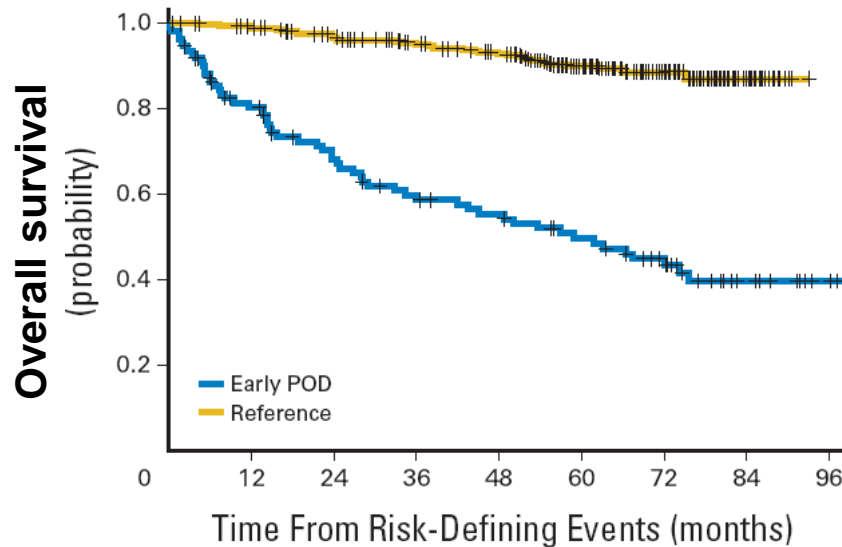
No. left	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Observation	513	415	336	290	251	217	200	155	147	122	41	1	0
Rituximab	505	445	406	372	333	309	284	231	208	170	67	4	0



No. left	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Observation	513	501	485	472	460	440	412	319	297	256	91	8	0
Rituximab	505	492	480	464	449	432	407	341	313	261	107	8	0

# SIGNIFICATO DELLA PROGRESSIONE PRECOCE

- 20-30% dei pazienti con linfoma follicolare mostra una progressione di malattia entro 24 mesi dalla terapia di induzione o di mantenimento.



No. at risk	0	12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96
Early POD	110	82	66	56	50	42	32	14	3
Reference	420	408	387	363	344	253	145	34	0

Casulo C. *J Clin Oncol*, 2015; 33: 2516-2522

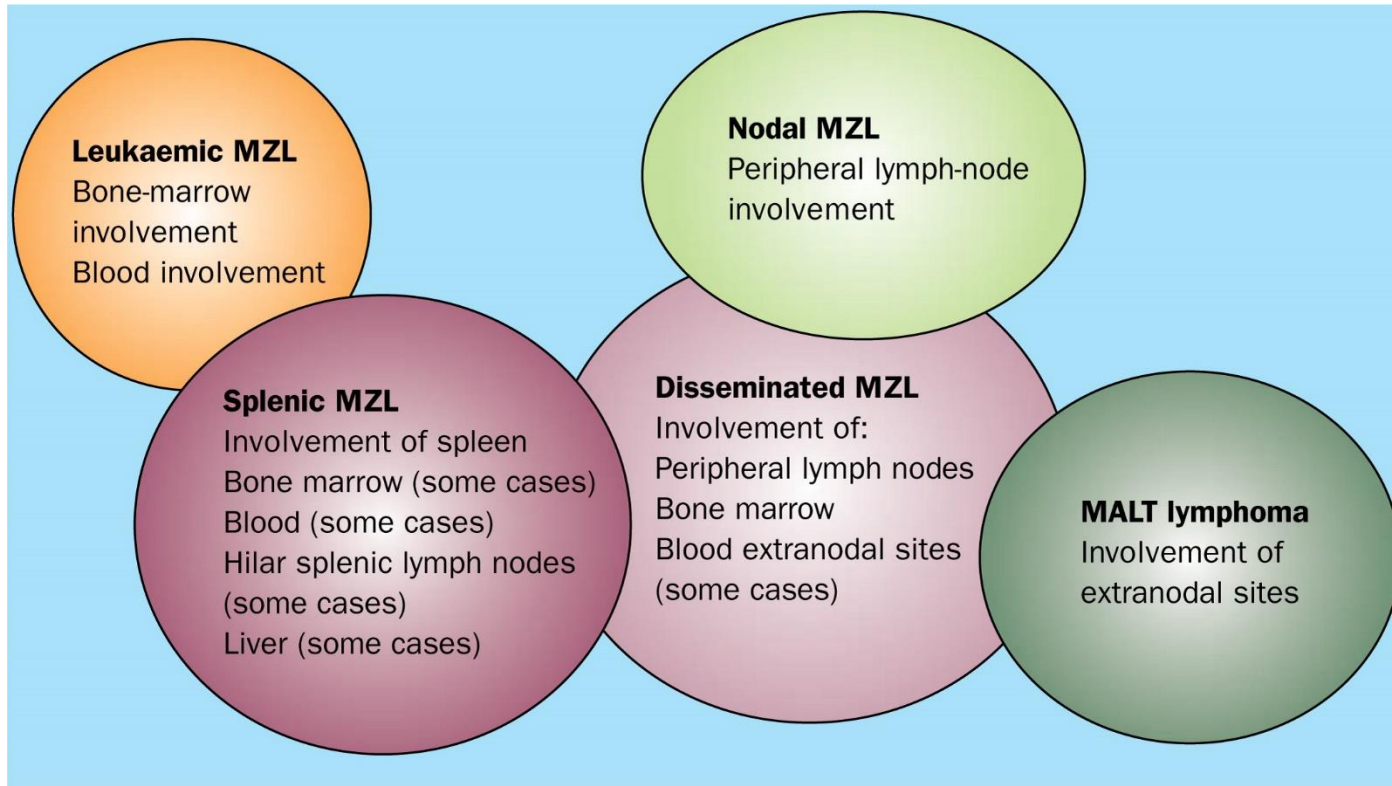


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# ***LINFOMI DELLA ZONA MARGINALE***



# CLASSIFICAZIONE CLINICA



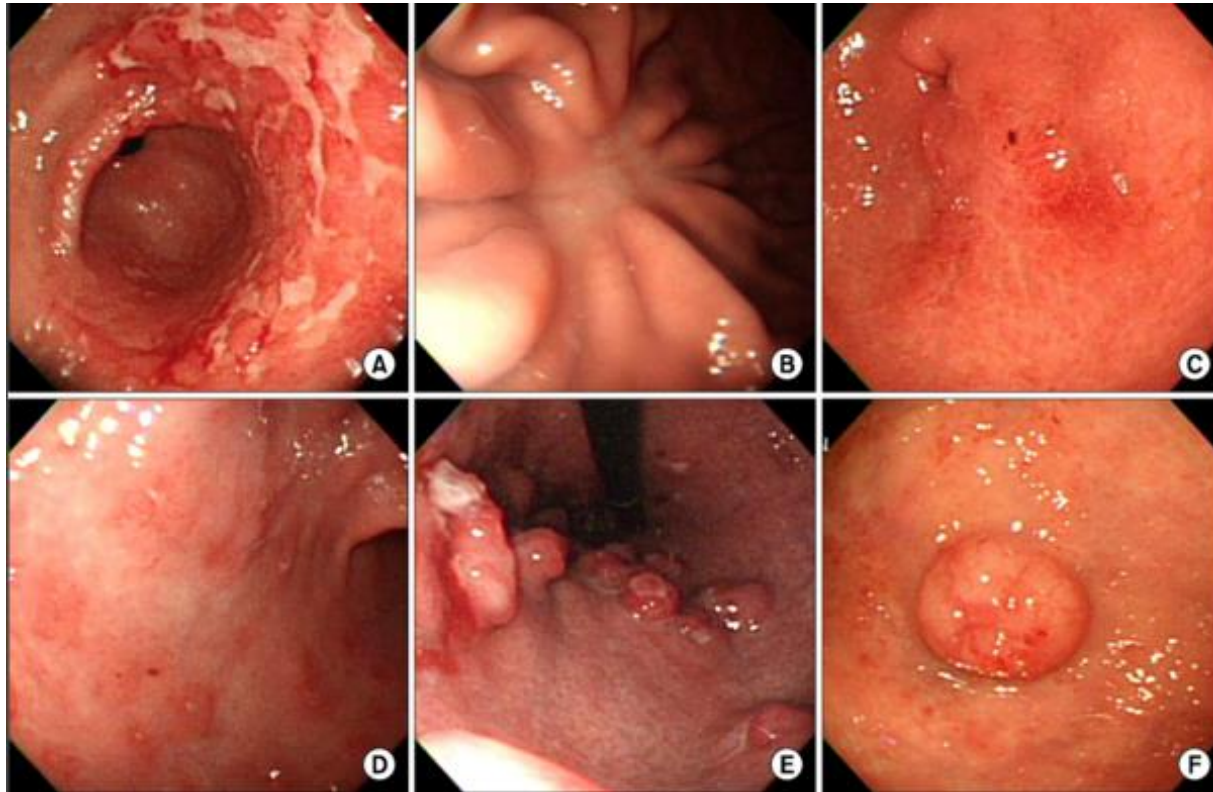
Thieblemont C. *Lancet Oncol*, 2003; 4: 95-103





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# LINFOMA MALT GASTRICO





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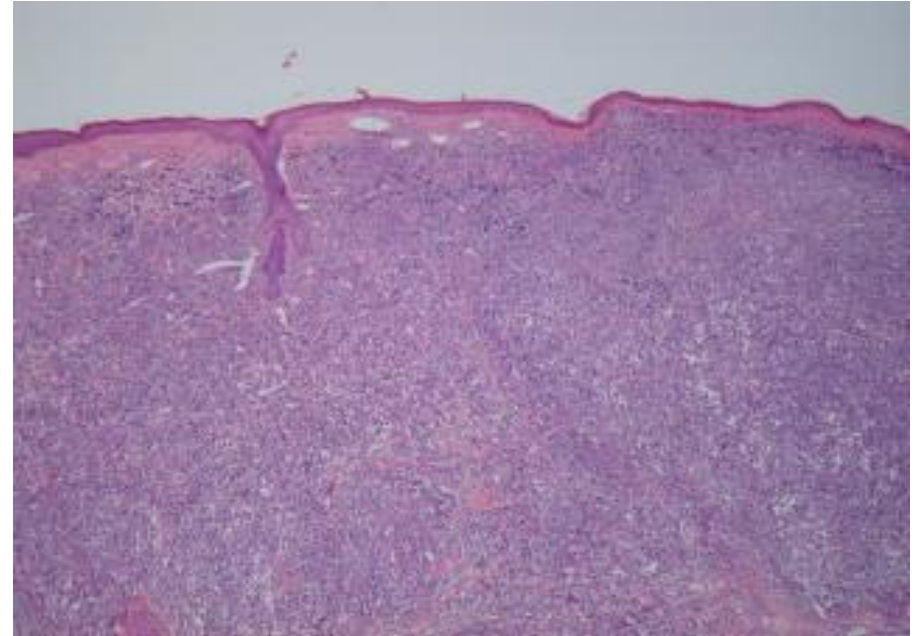
# LINFOMA MALT DELLA CONGIUNTIVA





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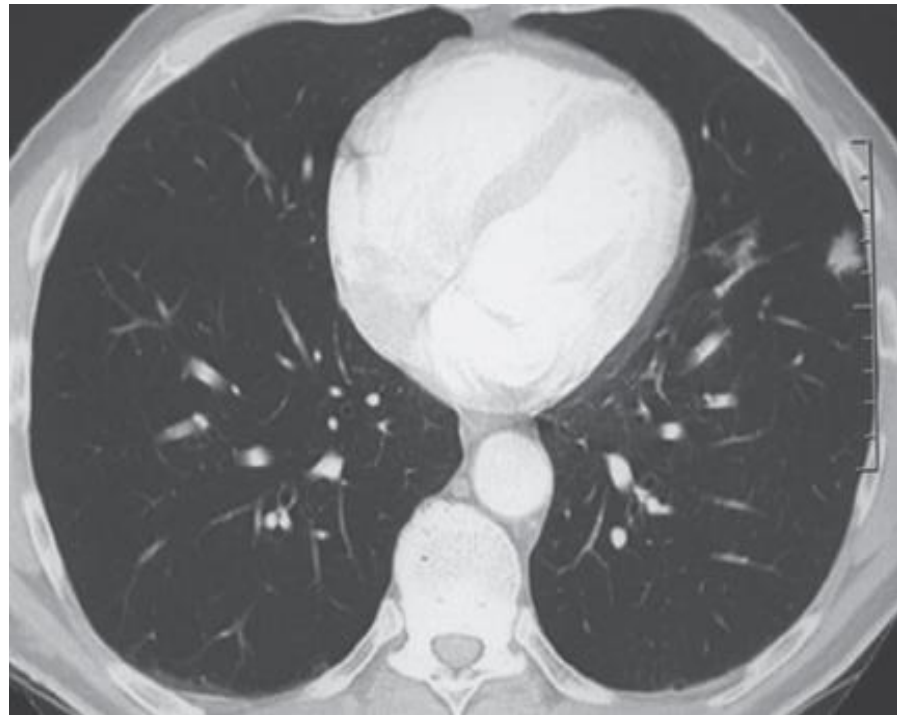
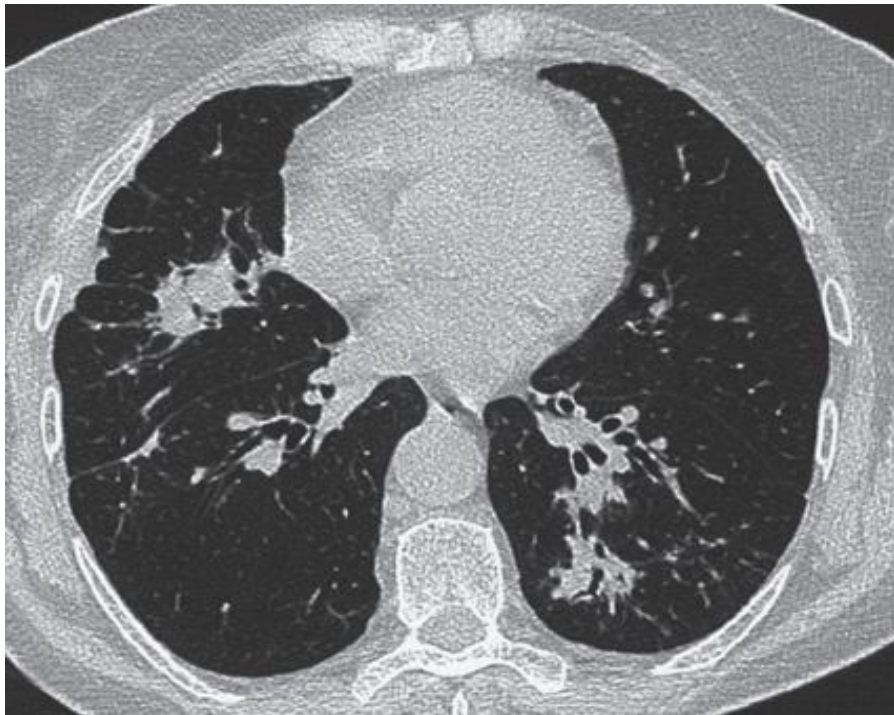
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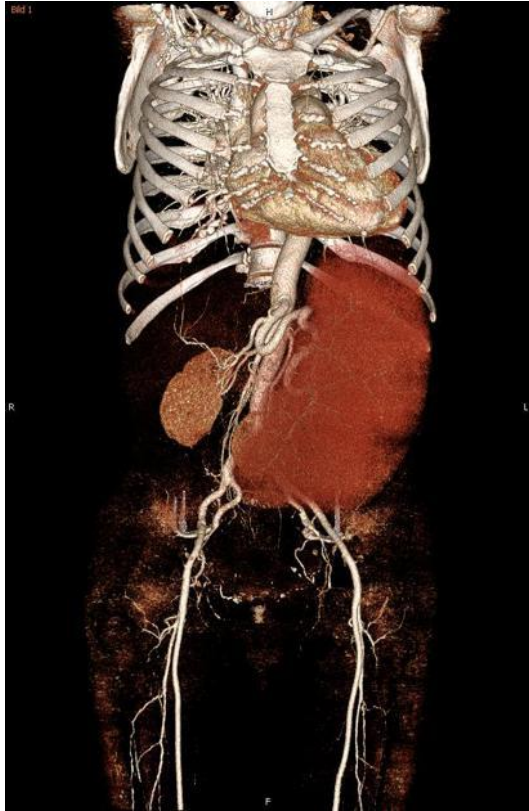
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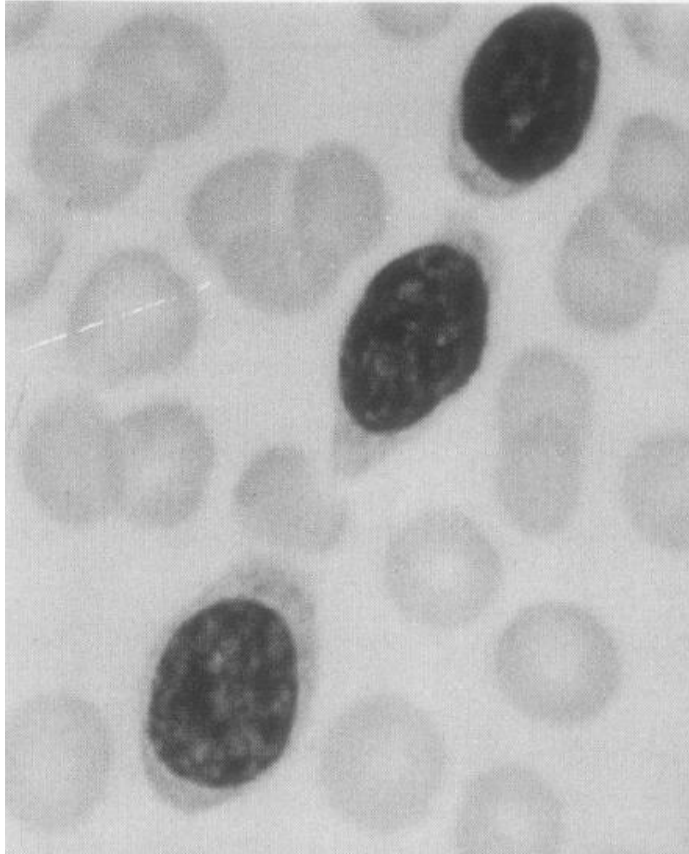


Zinzani PL. *Clin Lymphoma Myeloma Leuk*, 2007; 7: 566-572



# LINFOMA MARGINALE SPLENICO





**Splenic B cell lymphoma with circulating villous lymphocytes: differential diagnosis of B cell leukaemias with large spleens**

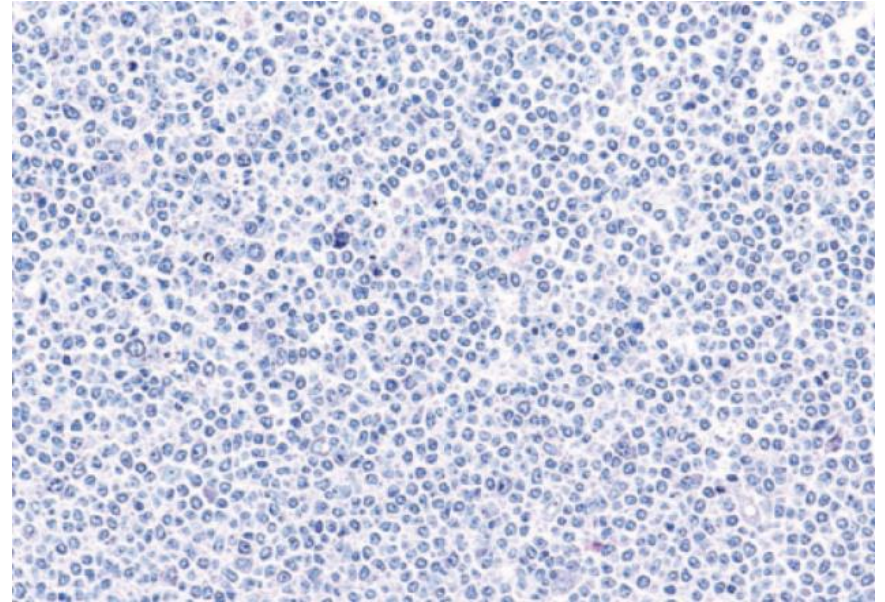
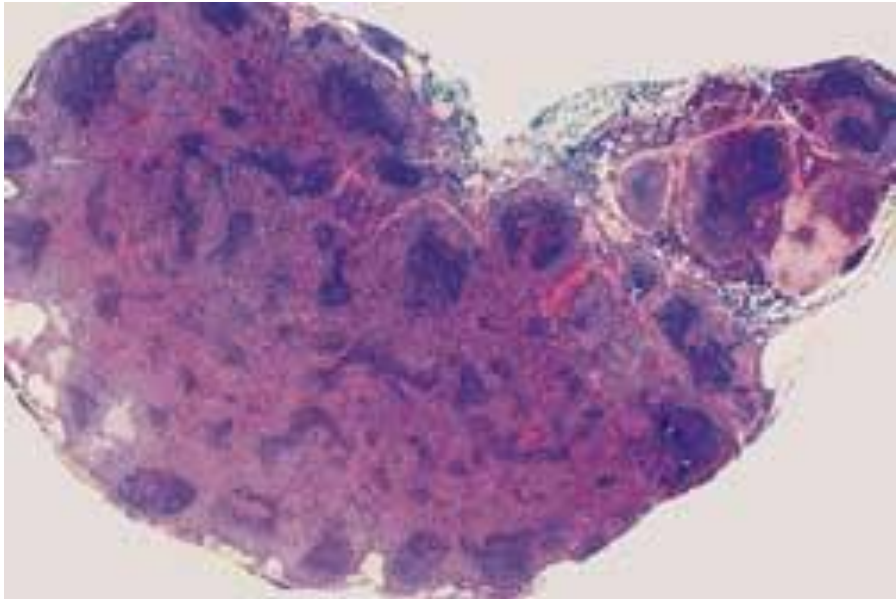
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# LINFOMA MARGINALE NODALE



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## **Linfoma follicolare**

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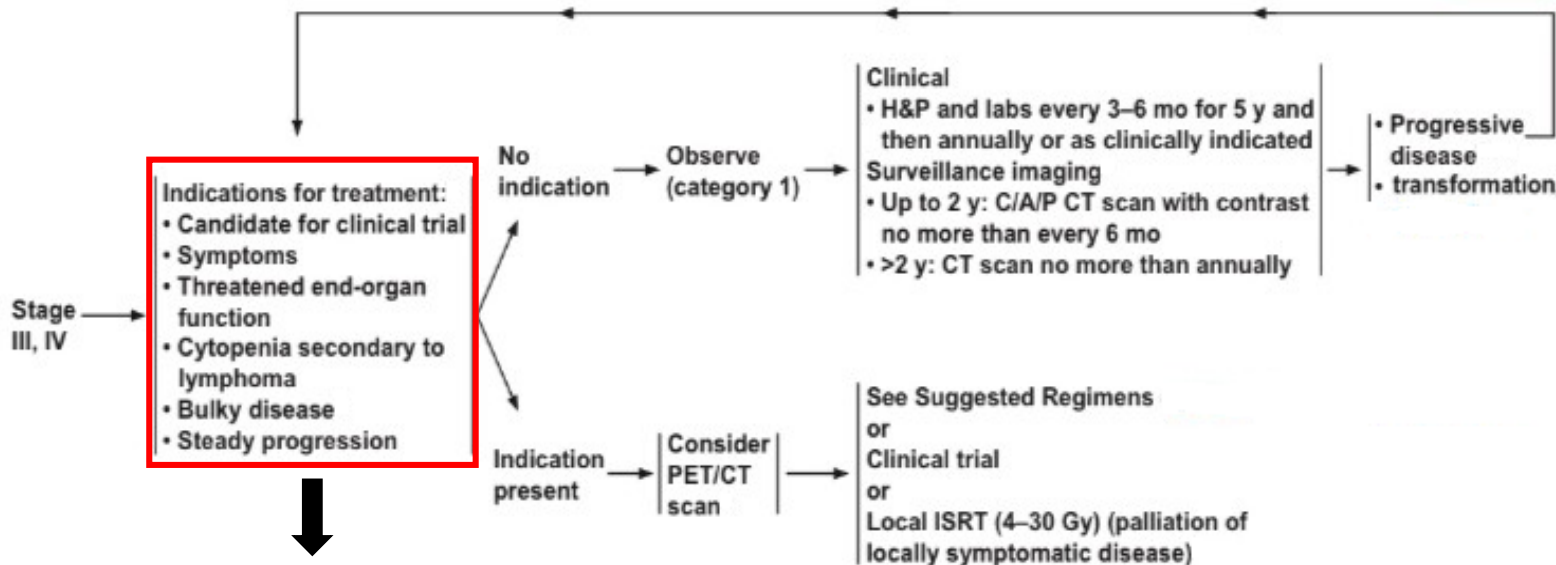
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# TERAPIA DI PRIMA LINEA (stadi avanzati)

STAGE

INITIAL MANAGEMENT



**Tumor burden dictates the initial strategy of management**



## Terapie convenzionali

- Chemioimmunoterapia  $\pm$  mantenimento
  - Rituximab + CHOP
  - Rituximab + CVP
  - Rituximab + bendamustina

## Nuove strategie

- Chemioimmunoterapia  $\pm$  mantenimento
  - Obinutuzumab + CHOP
  - Obinutuzumab + CVP
  - Obinutuzumab + bendamustina
- Farmaci immunomodulanti
  - Rituximab + lenalidomide (R<sup>2</sup>)
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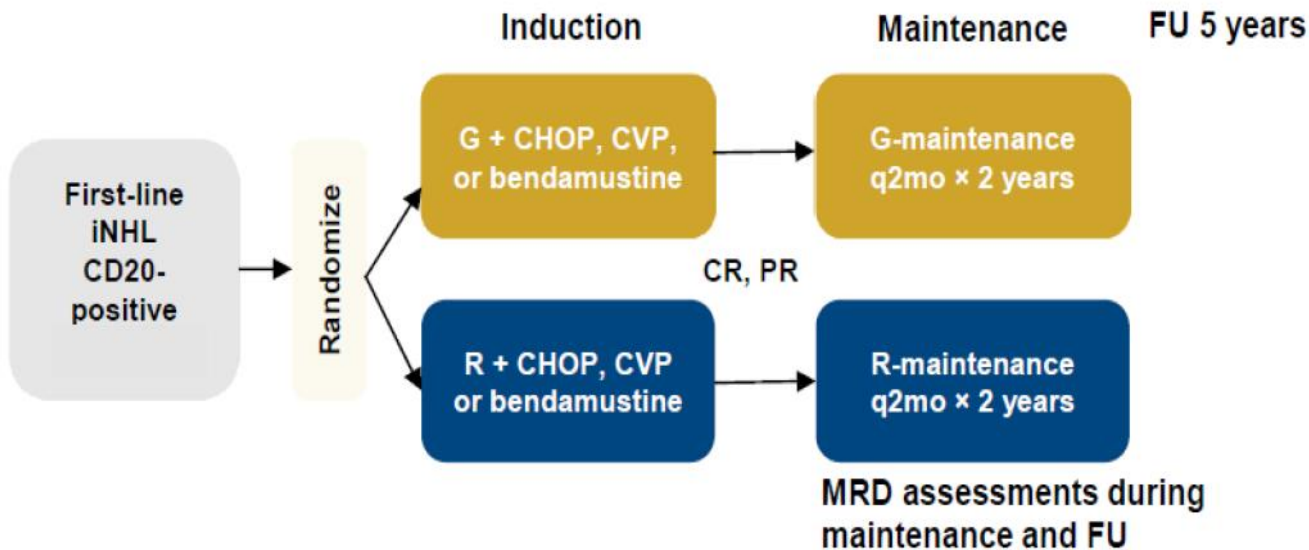
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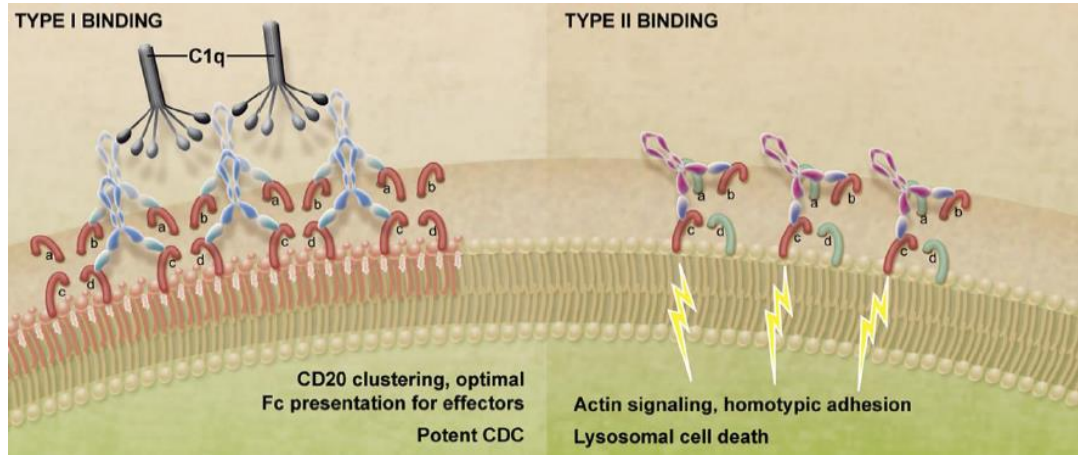
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  - **Obinutuzumab + bendamustina**
- Farmaci immunomodulanti
  - Rituximab + lenalidomide (R<sup>2</sup>)
  - **Obinutuzumab + lenalidomide**



# OBINUTUZUMAB-CHEMIOTERAPIA (1)

Obinutuzumab for the First-Line Treatment of Follicular Lymphoma

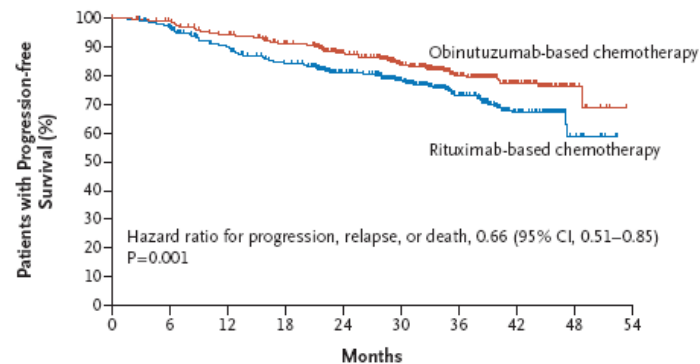




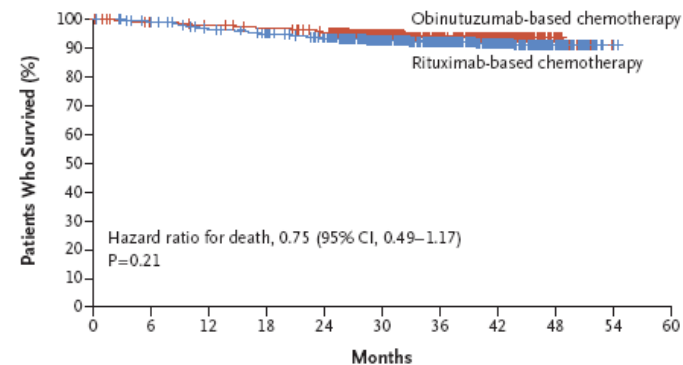
- **Tipo I:** legame con tetrameri adiacenti di antigene CD20 occupando tutti i siti disponibili; ridistribuzione del CD20 in *lipid rafts*; orientamento ottimale per attivazione del complemento tramite la via classica (C1q).
- **Tipo II:** legame all'interno dello stesso tetramero di antigene CD20; minore quota di anticorpo legato (*half-maximal binding capacity*); riarrangiamento di molecole di actina, attivazione di catepsine lisosomiali, generazione di radicali liberi dell'ossigeno (morte cellulare non-apoptica).

**Table 1.** Demographic and Disease Characteristics of the Patients at Baseline (Intention-to-Treat Population).

Characteristic	Obinutuzumab Group (N=601)	Rituximab Group (N=601)
Age — yr		
Median	60	58
Range	26–88	23–85
Weight — kg		
Median	75.0	74.0
Range	35.3–155.0	32.4–158.0
Body-surface area — m <sup>2</sup>		
Median	1.8	1.8
Range	1.2–2.6	1.1–2.8
Male sex — no. (%)	283 (47.1)	280 (46.6)
Ann Arbor stage at diagnosis — no. (%)		
I	10 (1.7)	8 (1.3)
II	41 (6.8)	44 (7.3)
III	208 (34.6)	209 (34.8)
IV	339 (56.4)	336 (55.9)
Missing data	3 (0.5)	4 (0.7)
FLIPI risk status — no. (%)		
Low risk	128 (21.3)	125 (20.8)
Intermediate risk	224 (37.3)	223 (37.1)
High risk	249 (41.4)	253 (42.1)
B symptoms — no./total no. (%)	201/601 (33.4)	206/600 (34.3)
Bone marrow involvement — no./total no. (%)	318/592 (53.7)	295/598 (49.3)
Extranodal involvement — no. (%)	392 (65.2)	396 (65.9)
Bulk disease — no./total no. (%)	255/600 (42.5)	271/600 (45.2)
Time from initial diagnosis to randomization — mo		
Median	1.5	1.4
Range	0.1–121.6	0.0–168.1
Chemotherapy regimen — no. (%)		
Bendamustine	345 (57.4)	341 (56.7)
CHOP	195 (32.4)	203 (33.8)
CVP	61 (10.1)	57 (9.5)

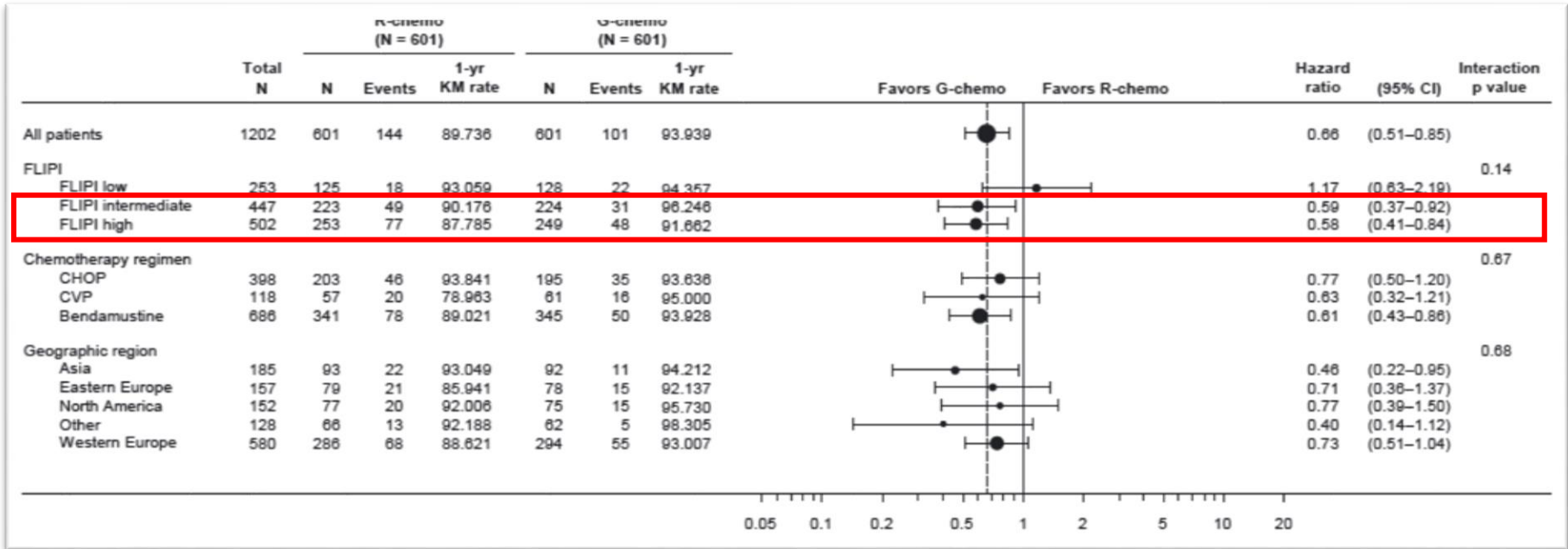
**Progression-free Survival****No. at Risk**

Obinutuzumab-based chemotherapy	601	570	536	502	405	278	168	75	13	0
Rituximab-based chemotherapy	601	562	505	463	378	266	160	68	10	0

**Overall Survival****No. at Risk**

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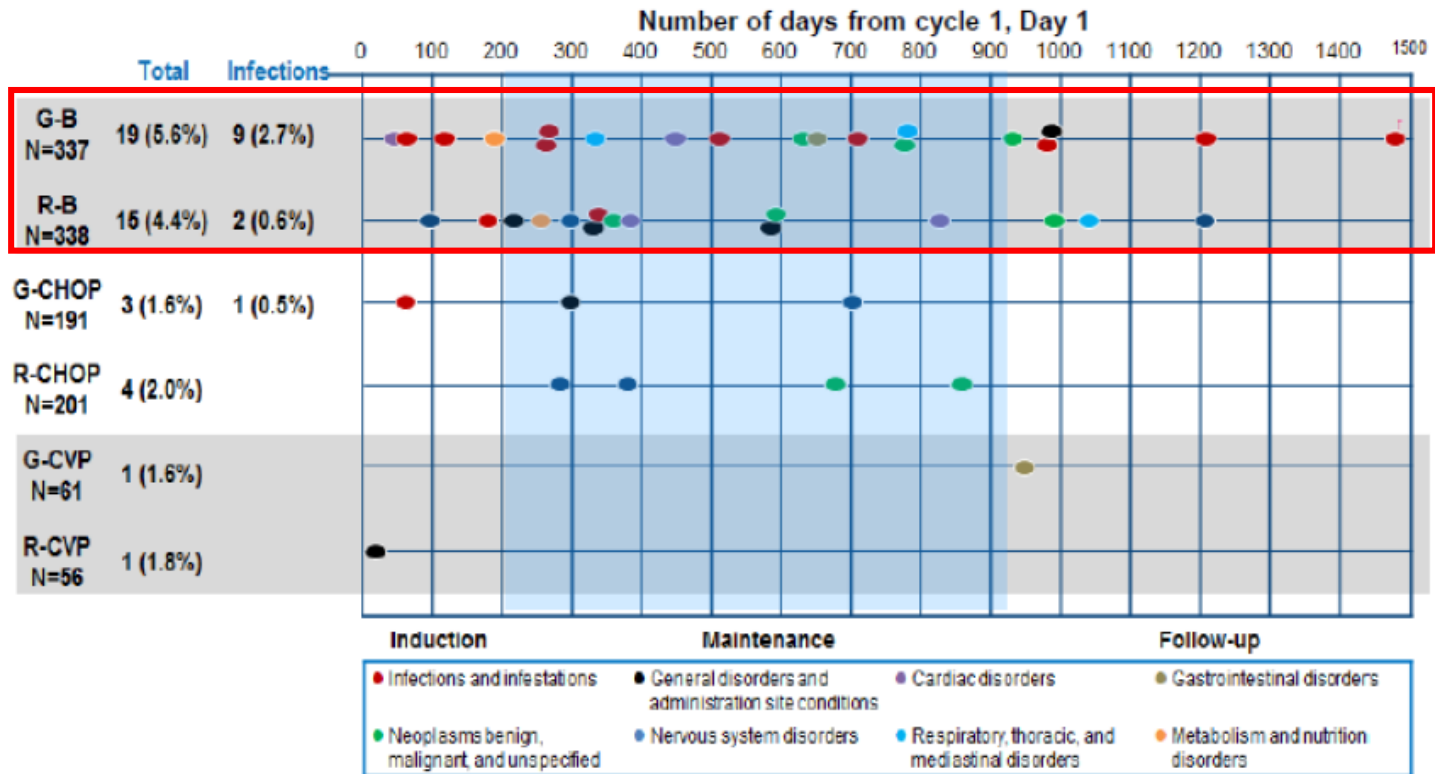
# OBINUTUZUMAB-CHEMIOTERAPIA (4)



Marcus R. *N Engl J Med*, 2017; 377: 1331-1344



# OBINUTUZUMAB-CHEMIOTERAPIA (5)

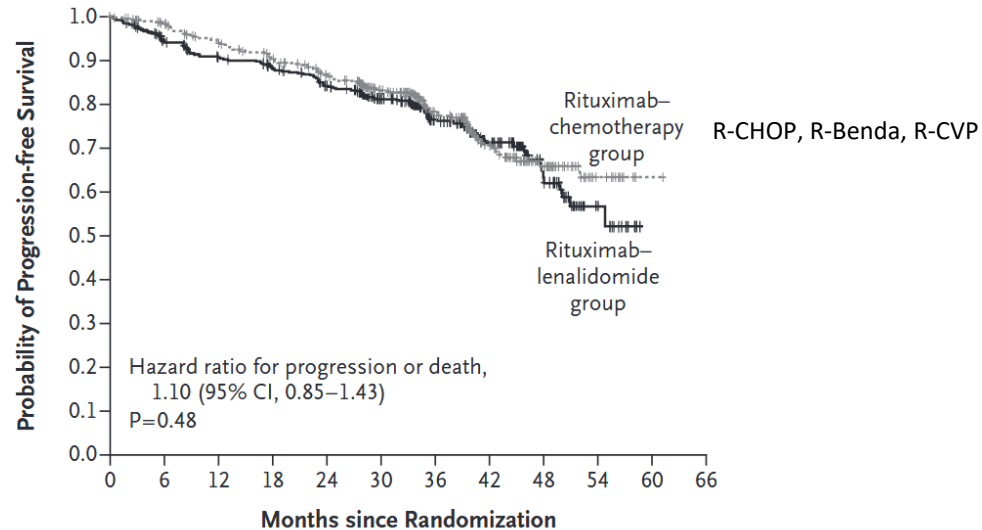






# RITUXIMAB-LENALIDOMIDE

## Rituximab plus Lenalidomide in Advanced Untreated Follicular Lymphoma

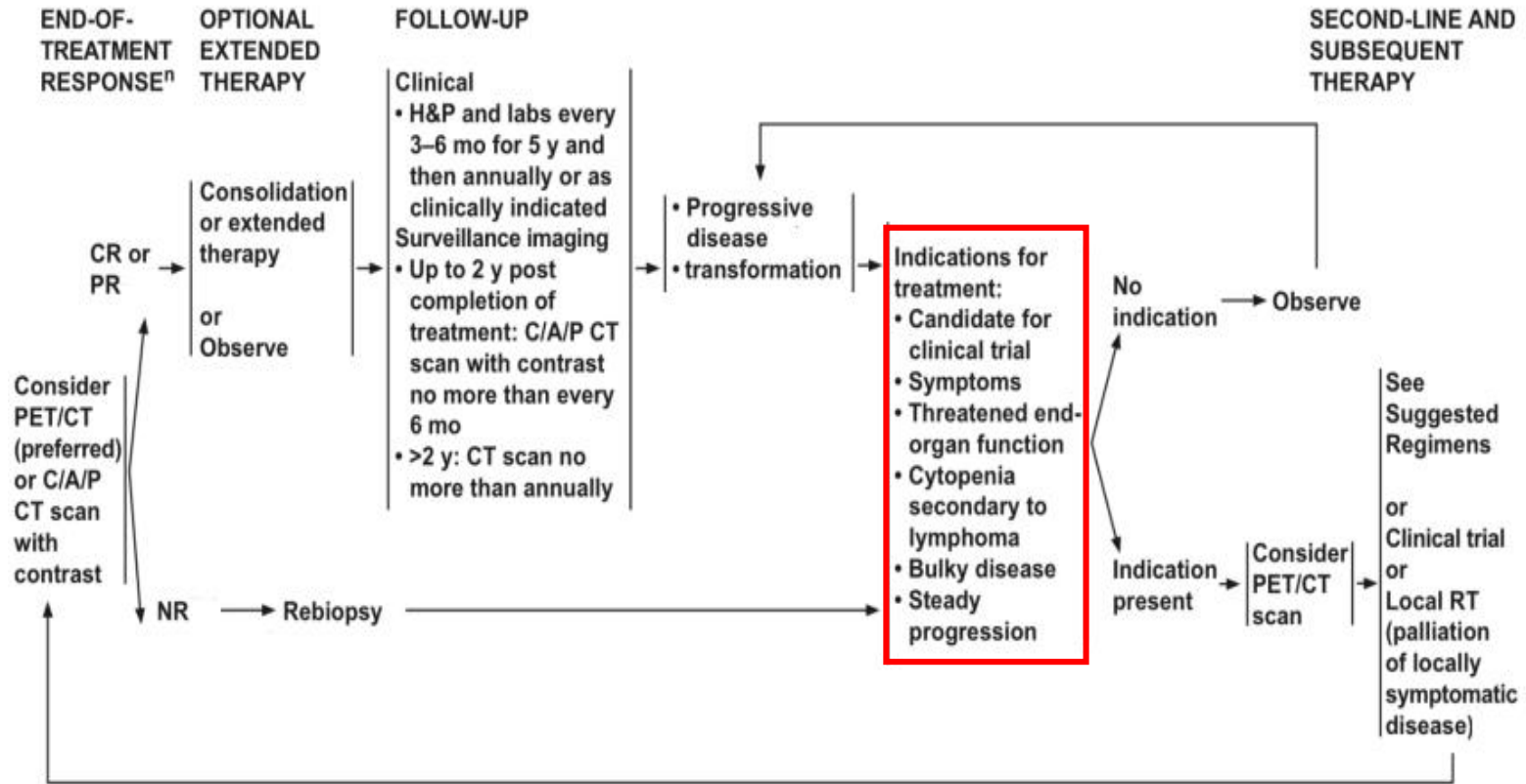


### No. at Risk

Rituximab-lenalidomide group	513	435	409	393	364	282	174	107	49	13	0	
Rituximab-chemotherapy group	517	474	446	417	387	287	175	109	51	14	1	0

Morschhauser F. *N Engl J Med*, 2018; 379: 934-947

# TERAPIA NEL PAZIENTE RICADUTO-REFRATTARIO



## Terapie convenzionali

- Rituximab  $\pm$  mantenimento
- Chemioimmunoterapia  $\pm$  mantenimento
- Obinutuzumab + bendamustina
- Radioimmunoterapia
- Radioterapia
- Trapianto autologo
- Trapianto allogenico

## Nuove strategie

- PI3K inibitori
  - idelalisib
  - copanlisib
  - duvelisib
- Farmaci immunomodulanti
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- Trials clinici con nuovi farmaci
  - Radioimmunoconiugati
  - Tazemetostat
  - Linfociti T-CAR
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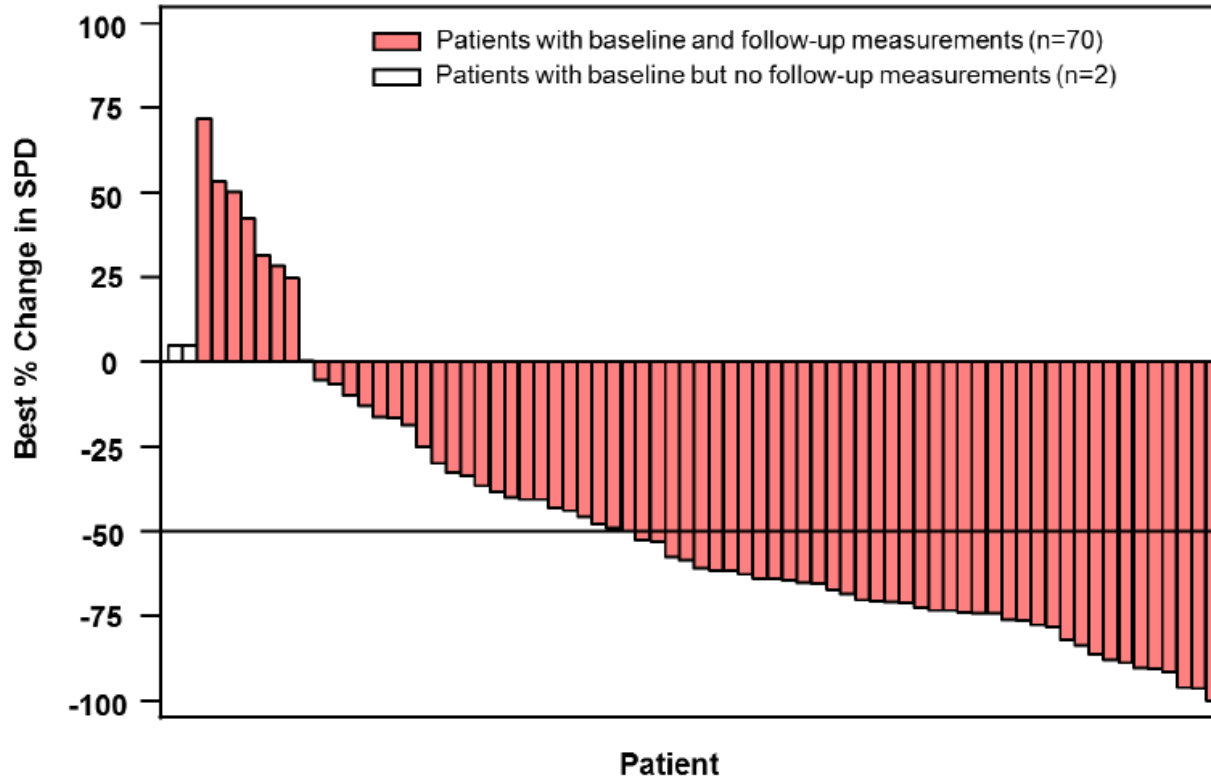


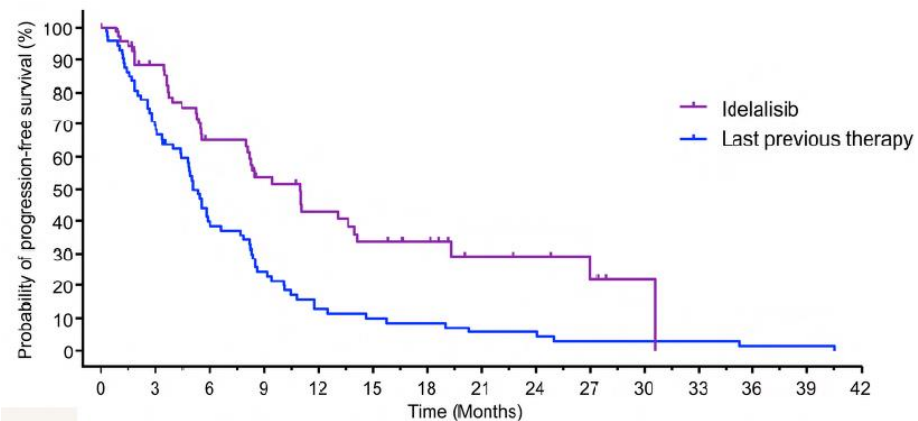
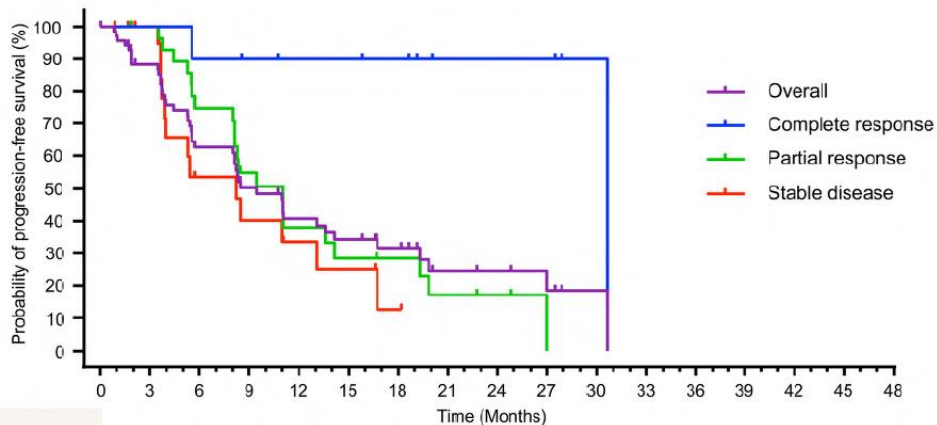
Characteristic (N = 72)	Patients
Median (range) age, y	62 (33–84)
Men, n. (%)	39 (54.2)
White, n. (%)	64 (88.9)
FL grade, n. (%)	
1	21 (29.2)
2	39 (54.2)
3a	12 (16.7)
Disease burden, n. (%)	
Stage III or IV	60 (83.3)
Elevated LDH <sup>†</sup>	21 (29.2)
Bulky disease <sup>‡</sup>	16 (22.2)
FLIPI risk score at baseline, n. (%)	
Low	15 (20.8)
Intermediate	18 (25.0)
High	39 (54.2)
ECOG, n. (%)	
0	31 (43.1)
1	35 (48.6)
2	6 (8.3)
Baseline cytopenia, n. (%) <sup>§</sup>	
Neutropenia	8 (11.1)
Anemia	8 (11.1)
Thrombocytopenia	5 (6.9)

Characteristic (N = 72)	Patients
Median (range) lines of prior therapy, n.	4 (2–12)
Prior therapy, n. (%)	
Rituximab	72 (100)
Alkylating agents	72 (100)
Bendamustine	50 (69.4)
Anthracycline	51 (70.8)
Purine analog	17 (23.6)
Autologous stem-cell transplantation	12 (16.7)
Prior therapy to which disease was refractory, n. (%) <sup>  </sup>	
Rituximab	72 (100)
Bendamustine and rituximab	33 (45.8)
Bendamustine	32 (44.4)
R-CHOP	27 (37.5)
R-CVP	16 (22.2)
Disease refractory to ≥2 regimens	57 (79.2)
Disease refractory to most recent regimen	62 (86.1)
Treatment disposition at time of data cutoff, n. (%)	
Ongoing	7 (9.7)
Discontinued	
PD	38 (52.8)
AE	15 (20.8)
Investigator request <sup>†</sup>	4 (5.6)
Death	5 (6.9)
Withdrew consent	3 (4.2)
Received antibiotic prophylaxis	10 (13.9)



**ORR 55,6%**  
**CR 13,9%**  
**PR 41,7%**  
**SD 31,9%**

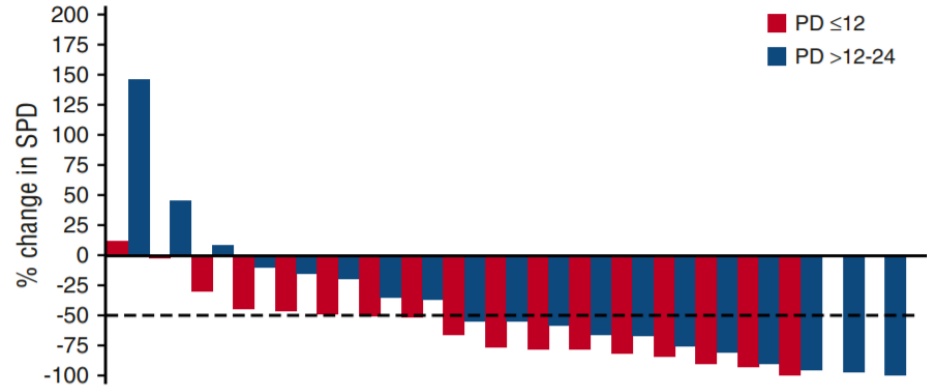
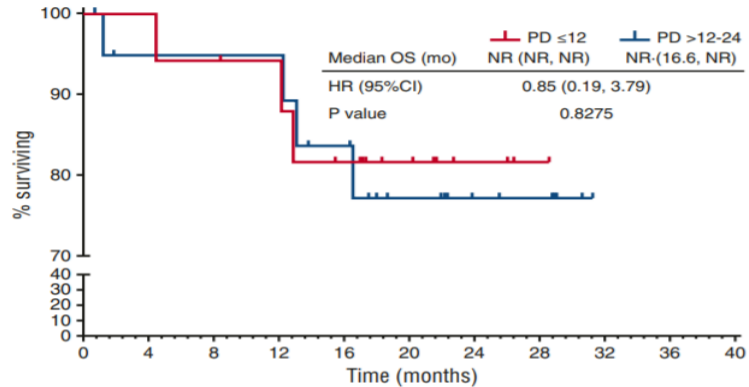
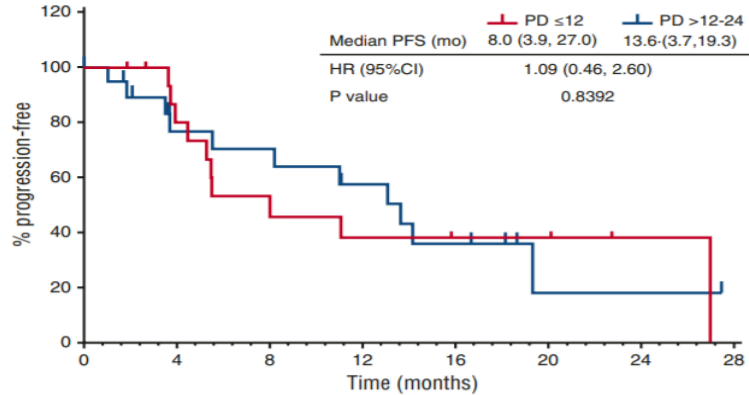






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Best Response	Tumor, No. (%)				
	FL (n = 104)	MZL (n = 23)	SLL (n = 8)	LPL/WM (n = 6)	Total (N = 142)*
Complete response	15 (14)	2 (9)	0	0	17 (12)
Partial response	46 (44)	14 (61)	6 (75)	1 (17)	67 (47)
Stable disease	35 (34)†	4 (17)	1 (13)	3 (50)	43 (30)†
Progressive disease	2 (2)	0	1 (13)	0	3 (2)
Not evaluable	0	1 (4)	0	0	1 (< 1)
Not available‡	6 (6)	2 (9)	0	2 (33)	11 (8)
Objective response rate	61 (59)	16 (70)	6 (75)	1 (17)	84 (59)
95% CI§	49 to 68	47 to 87	35 to 97	0.4 to 64	51 to 67
Disease control rate	91 (88)	20 (87)	7 (88)	4 (67)	122 (86)
95% CI§	80 to 93	66 to 97	47 to 100	22 to 96	79 to 91

Abbreviations: FL, follicular lymphoma; LPL/WM, lymphoplasmacytoid lymphoma/Waldenström macroglobulinemia; MZL, marginal zone lymphoma; SLL, small lymphocytic lymphoma.

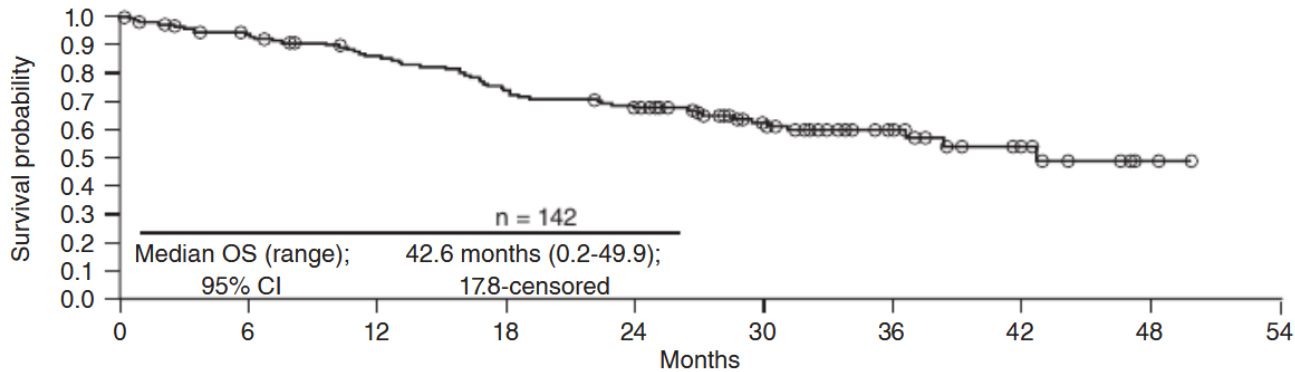
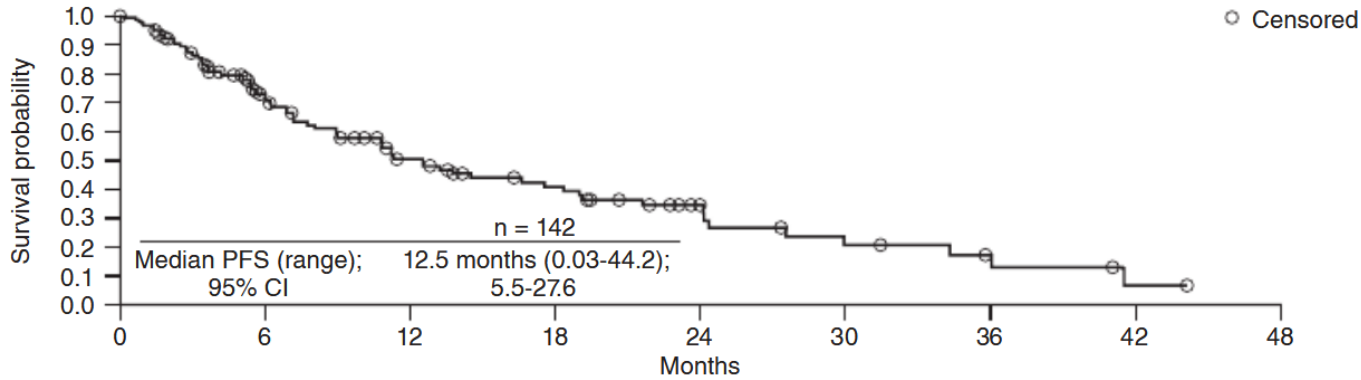
\*One patient with diffuse large B-cell lymphoma was included because the initial investigator assessment was indolent non-Hodgkin lymphoma, which was later confirmed by the investigator and central pathology review to be diffuse large B-cell lymphoma.

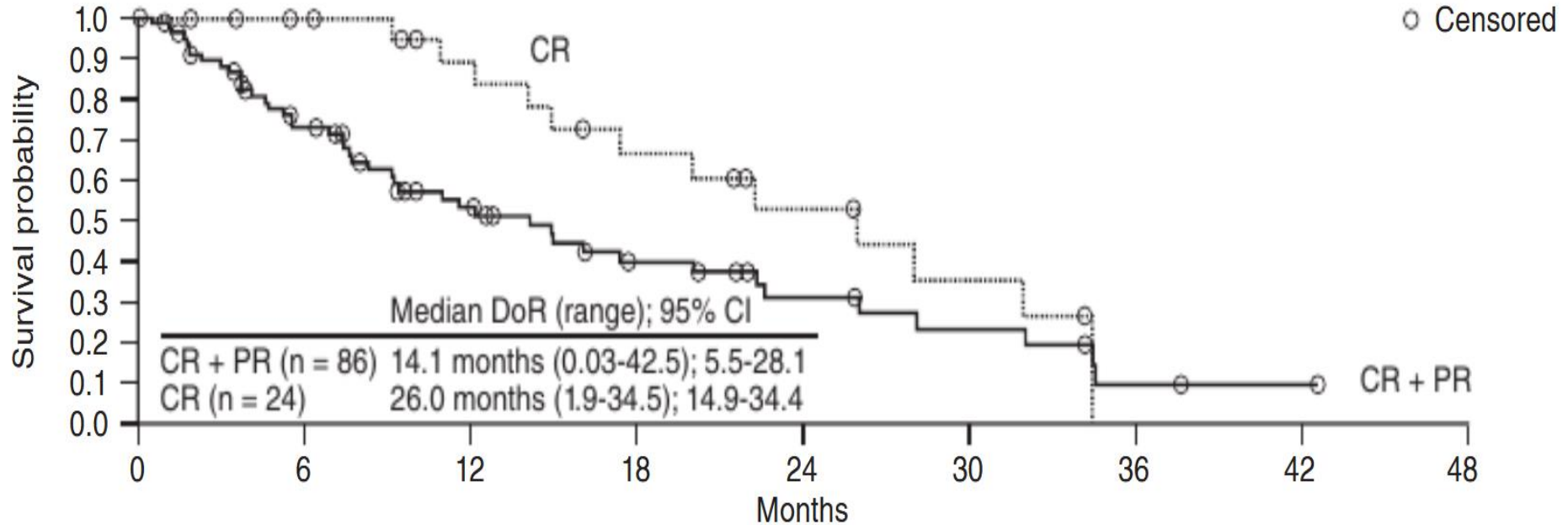
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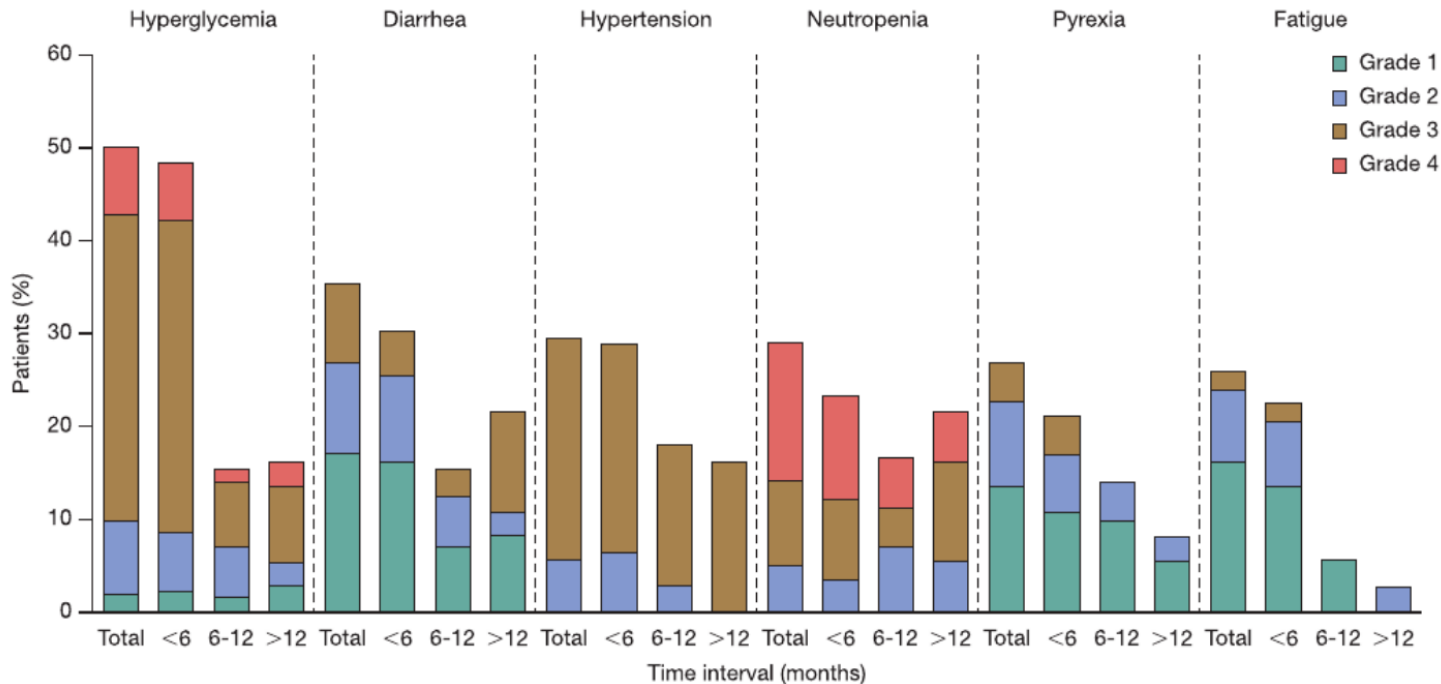
‡Of the full analysis set of 142 patients, data for 11 (8%) were not available for the analysis of the primary efficacy variable (objective response rate).

§95% CIs by exact binomial calculation.

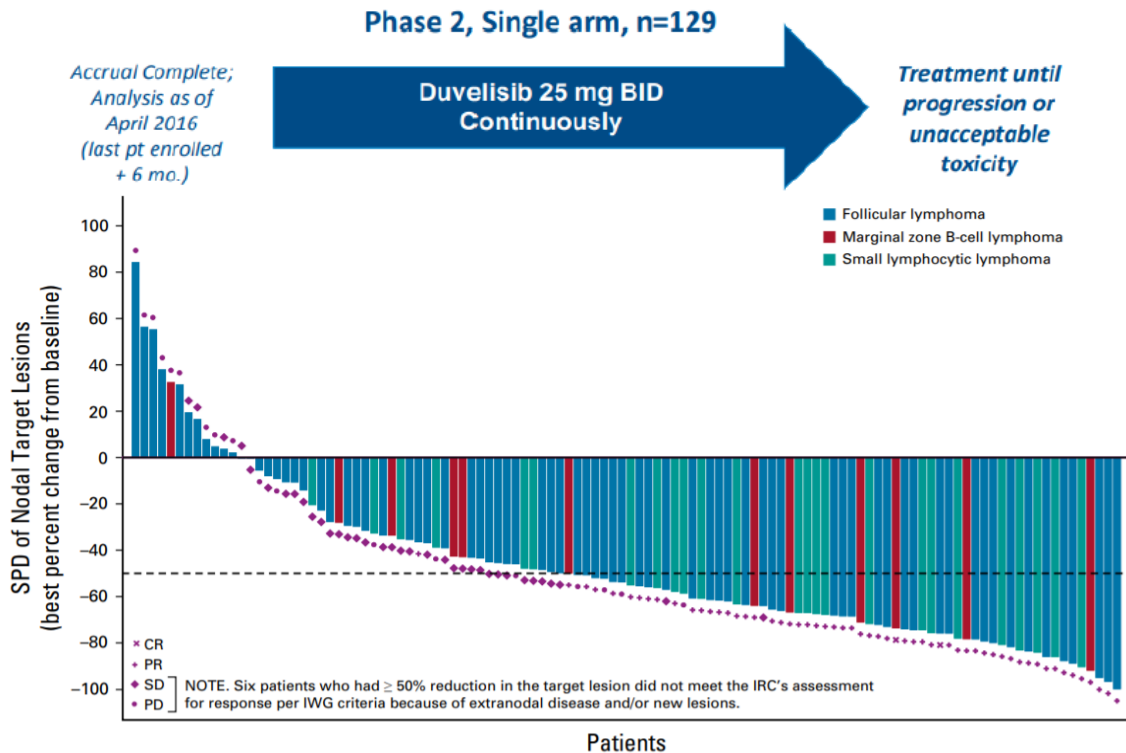
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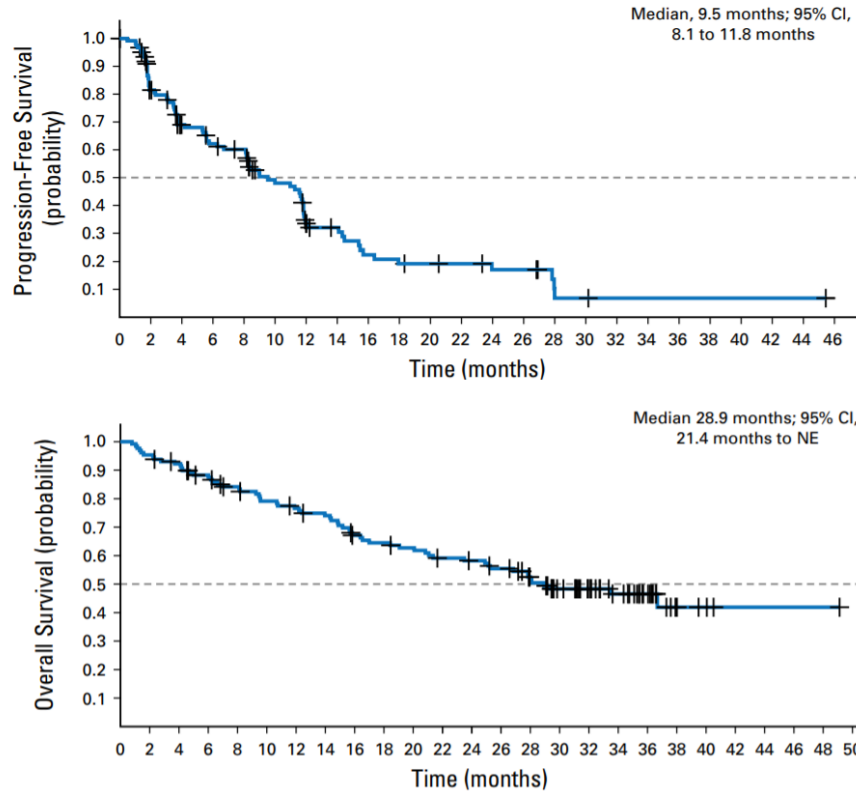
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Efficacy	Response by IRC, No. (%)	Response by Investigator, No. (%)
All patients (N = 129)		
ORR (CR + PR)	61 (47.3)	77 (59.7)
95% Exact binomial CI	38.4 to 56.3	50.7 to 68.2
Best response		
CR	2 (1.6)	4 (3.1)
PR	59 (45.7)	73 (56.6)
SD	42 (32.6)	38 (29.5)
PD	18 (14.0)	8 (6.2)
Unknown	7 (5.4)	6 (4.7)
No evidence of disease*	1 (0.8)	0
Median DOR by IWG, months	10.0	10.0
95% CI	6.3 to 10.5	6.5 to 12.5
Median PFS, months	9.5	10.0
95% CI	8.1 to 11.8	8.3 to 11.7
Median OS, months	28.9	
95% CI	21.4 to NE	
Median TTR, months	1.87	1.87
Range	1.4-11.7	1.0-12.3

Efficacy	Response by IRC, No. (%)	Response by Investigator, No. (%)
Follicular lymphoma (n = 83)		
ORR (CR + PR)	35 (42.2)	44 (53.0)
95% Exact binomial CI	31.4 to 53.5	41.7 to 64.1
Best response		
CR	1 (1.2)	2 (2.4)
PR	34 (41.0)	42 (50.6)
SD	29 (34.9)	28 (33.7)
PD	14 (16.9)	7 (8.4)
Unknown	5 (6.0)	4 (4.8)



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## Nuove strategie

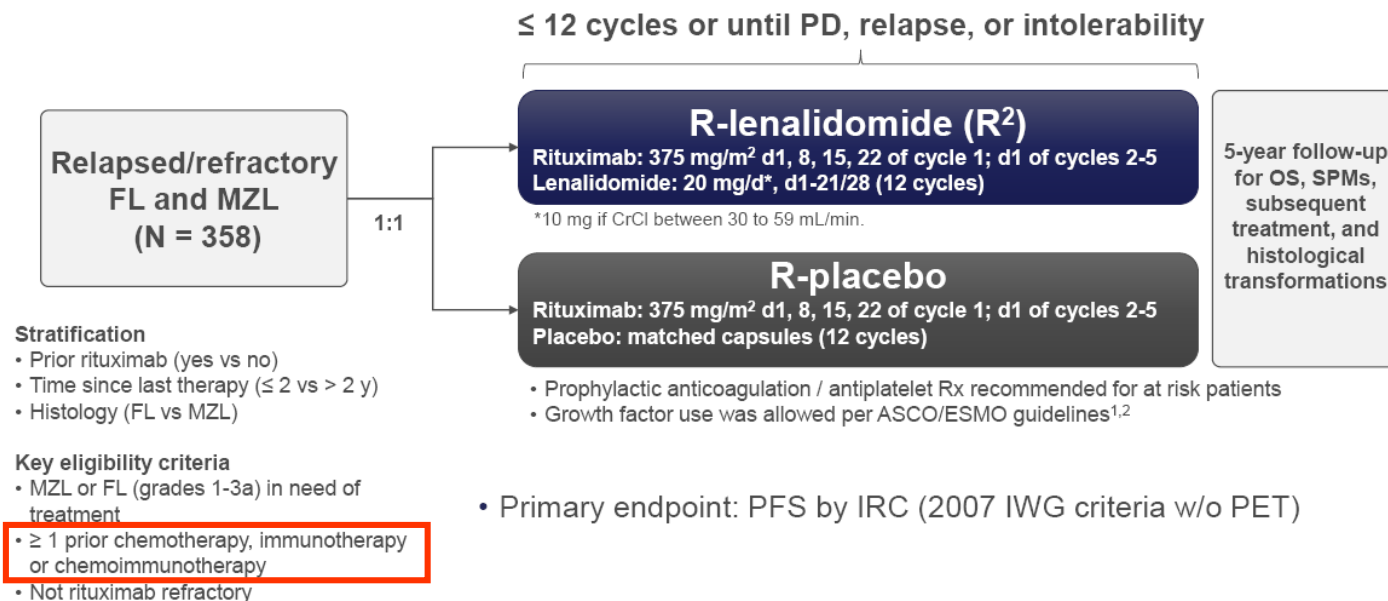
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# RITUXIMAB-LENALIDOMIDE (1)

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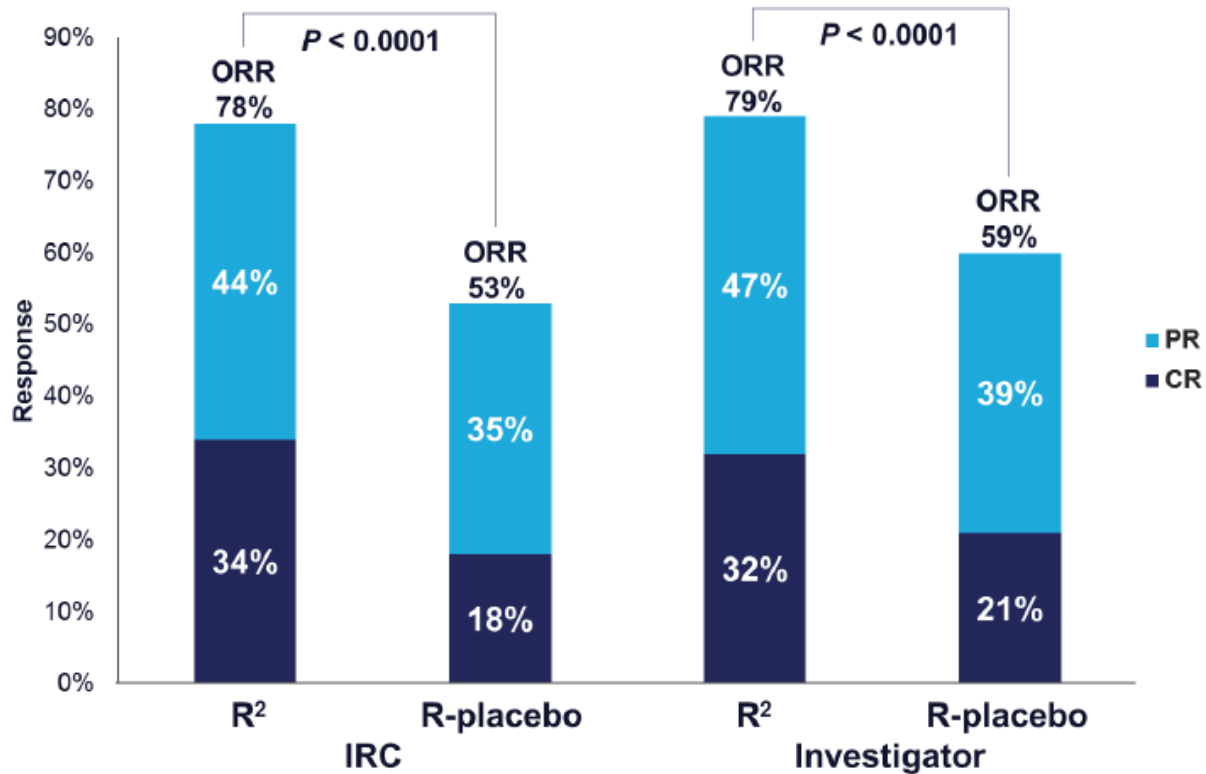


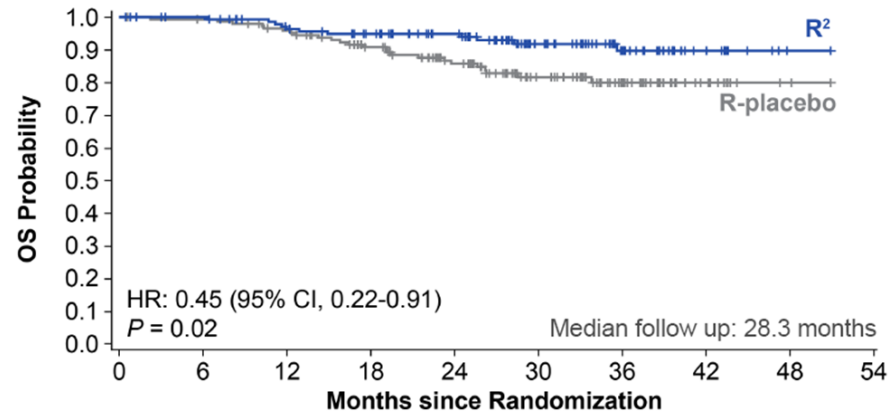
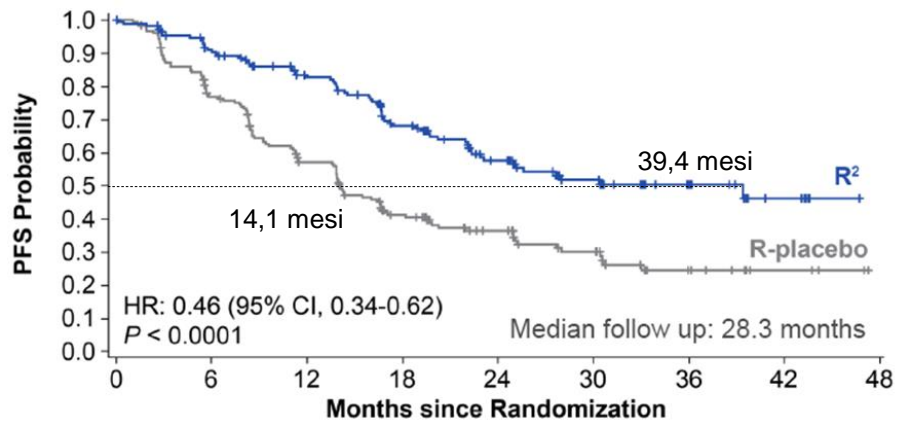
# RITUXIMAB-LENALIDOMIDE (2)

Characteristic, n (%)		R <sup>2</sup> (n = 178)	R-placebo (n = 180)
Median age, y (range)		64 (26-86)	62 (35-88)
Age ≥ 60 y		108 (61)	106 (59)
Age ≥ 65 y		82 (46)	73 (41)
ECOG PS 1-2*		62 (35)	52 (29)
Positive BM involvement, n involved/performed (%)		33/106 (31)	31/111 (28)
Ann Arbor stage III or IV at study entry		137 (77)	124 (69)
Bulky disease <sup>†</sup> (≥ 7 cm or ≥ 3 cm x 3)		45 (25)	49 (27)
High tumor burden per GELF criteria <sup>1,2</sup>		97 (54)	86 (48)
Histology	FL	147 (83)	148 (82)
	MZL	31 (17)	32 (18)
LDH > ULN		43 (24)	39 (22)
B-symptoms		16 (9)	12 (7)
FLIPI score <sup>‡</sup>	0 or 1	52 (29)	67 (37)
	2	55 (31)	58 (32)
	3 to 5	69 (39)	54 (30)



# RITUXIMAB-LENALIDOMIDE (3)





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	Pz	ORR %	CR %	mPFS (mesi)	mOS (mesi)	
<b>Idelalisib</b>	72	56	14	11	N.R.	Idelalisib: approvato in Italia. Applicabili dalla 3 <sup>a</sup> linea. Dati su attività nei pazienti POD24. Risposte limitate. Tossicità rilevante. Profilassi raccomandate.
<b>Copanlisib</b>	104	58	14	13	43	
<b>Duvelisib</b>	83	44	2	10	29	
<b>R<sup>2</sup></b>	178	78	34	39	N.R.	Non ancora approvato in Italia (FDA). Approccio chemo-free. Applicabile dalla 2 <sup>a</sup> linea. Risultati promettenti.
<b>Beta-lutin</b>	57	65	28	—	—	Risultati preliminari.
<b>Tazemetostat (EZH2<sup>mut</sup>)</b>	45	~ 60	~ 12	14	N.R.	Recente approvazione FDA. Attività nei pazienti POD24. Buona tolleranza.
<b>Axi-cel</b>	80	95	81	24	N.R.	Risultati preliminari. CRS 77% (grado ≥ 3: 7%) Neurotossicità 55% (grado ≥ 3: 15%)