



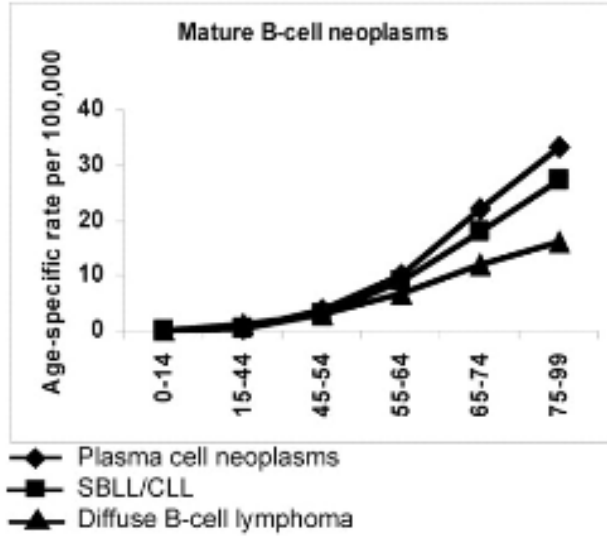
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*BHS Educational Course on Hodgkin lymphoma & aggressive lymphoma*

## Diffuse Large B-cell Lymphoma

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**10%**

**Hodgkin lymphoma (HL)**

**Non-Hodgkin lymphoma (NHL)**

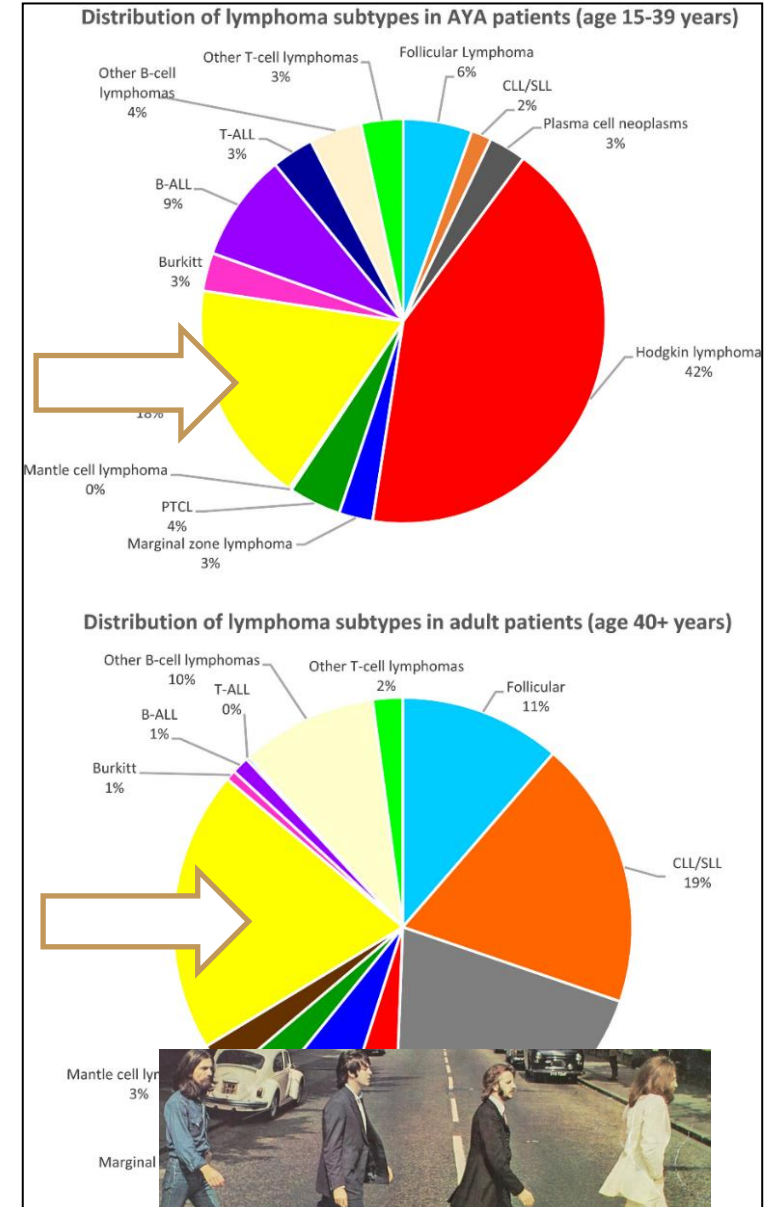
Classical HL  
Non-classical HL  
(B-cell origin)

B-cell NHL **80%**  
T-cell NHL **10%**  
NK-cell NHL

**Incidence 3.8/100.000/year**

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Blum KA, et al. Br J Haematol 2018;183:385-99  
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# Incidence

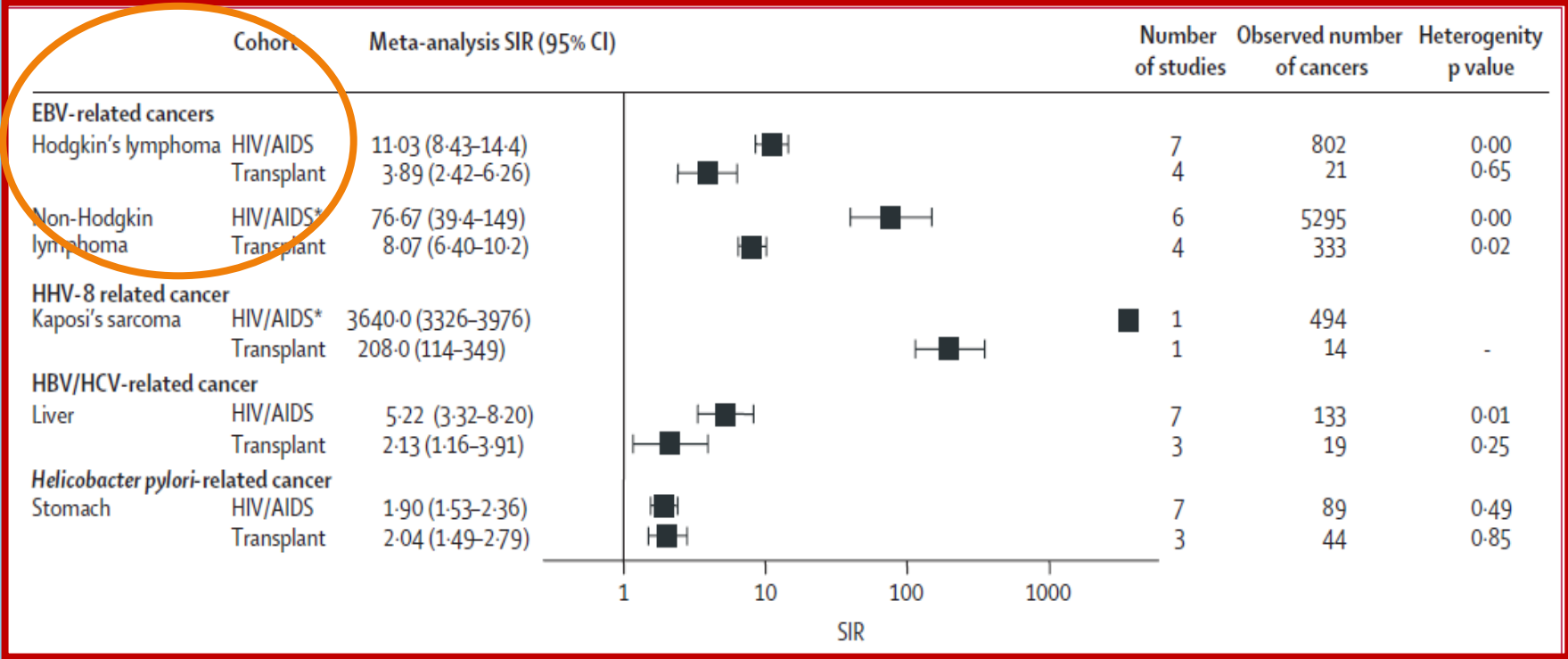


## Etiological classification

- *de novo*
  
- Transformation
  - Richter transformation (CLL/SLL)
  - Transformed FL
  - Transformed HL
  
- Underlying immunodeficiency (viral)

HIV

Etiology



Lymphoma type	CD4+ T-cell count (cells/mm <sup>3</sup> )
Plasmacytoid Burkitt lymphoma	Normal to low (≥200)
DLBCL immunoblastic lymphoma	Very low (<100)
Plasmablastic lymphoma	Low
Classic PEL	Very low (<100)
Solid PEL	Low (<200)
Polyclonal lymphoma	Low (<200)

Grulich AE et al. Lancet 2007;370:59-67  
 Carbone A, et al. Nat Rev Clin Oncol 2014;11:223-38

HIV

Cancer site or type (ICD10)	Period								
	Pre-HAART (1985–1996) 20615 PY			Early-HAART (1997–2001) 17690 PY			Late-HAART (2002–2006) 15410 PY		
	O/E	SIR	95% CI	O/E	SIR	95% CI	O/E	SIR	95% CI
<i>AIDS-defining cancers</i>									
Kaposi's sarcoma (C46)	272/1.1	246	218–277	25/0.7	47.8	22.2–66.6	14/0.6	22.0	12.5–28.5
Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma (C82-C88, C96)	191/1.9	103	88.8–119	52/1.9	26.7	19.9–35.1	32/2.0	16.2	11.1–22.9
Cervix uteri (C53)	4/0.5	8.4	2.2–21.8	2/0.5	3.7	0.3–13.6	0/0.5	—	—
All AIDS-defining cancers	467/3.4	136	124–149	89/3.2	27.7	22.2–34.1	46/3.1	14.7	10.8–19.6
<i>Non-AIDS-defining cancers</i>									
Head and neck (C00-C14, C30-C32) <sup>a</sup>	9/2.1	4.3	2.0–8.3	8/2.7	2.9	1.3–5.8	7/3.2	2.2	0.9–4.5
Stomach (C16)	1/0.7	1.5	0.0–8.5	1/0.9	1.2	0.0–6.7	1/1.0	1.0	0.0–5.6
Small intestine, colon, rectum and rectosigmoid junction (C17-C20)	2/1.8	1.1	0.1–4.0	2/2.8	0.7	0.1–2.6	1/3.5	0.3	0.0–1.6
Anus (C21)	2/0.1	25.7	2.4–94.5	12/0.1	112	57.8–197	6/0.1	49.9	18.0–109
Liver (C22)	2/0.4	5.5	0.5–20.2	7/0.7	10.7	4.2–22.2	5/0.8	6.1	1.9–14.3
Pancreas (C25)	0/0.4	—	—	2/0.6	3.4	0.3–12.4	1/0.7	1.4	0.0–7.8
Trachea, lung and bronchus (C33, C34)	8/2.4	3.3	1.4–6.6	10/3.6	2.8	1.3–5.1	12/4.6	2.6	1.3–4.6
Skin, melanomatous (C43)	3/2.5	1.2	0.2–3.5	2/3.1	0.6	0.1–2.4	6/3.1	2.0	0.7–4.3
Skin, non-melanomatous (C44)	7/4.0	1.7	0.7–3.6	23/6.5	3.5	2.2–5.3	23/7.0	3.3	2.1–4.9
Breast (C50) <sup>b</sup>	1/1.7	0.6	0.0–3.4	4/3.3	1.2	0.3–3.2	4/4.3	0.9	0.2–2.4
Ovary (C56)	2/0.3	6.4	0.6–23.5	0/0.4	—	—	0/0.5	—	—
Prostate (C61)	0/1.1	—	—	5/2.8	1.8	0.6–4.1	5/3.8	1.3	0.4–3.1
Testis (C62)	4/3.0	1.3	0.3–3.4	3/2.4	1.2	0.2–3.7	1/1.8	0.5	0.0–3.1
Kidney (C64)	1/0.5	1.9	0.0–10.6	1/0.8	1.3	0.0–7.2	3/1.0	3.1	0.6–9.2
Bladder (C67)	1/1.0	1.1	0.0–6.0	0/1.4	—	—	1/1.7	0.6	0.0–3.3
Brain, meninges and central nervous systems (C70-C72)	2/0.9	2.2	0.2–7.9	2/0.9	2.2	0.2–8.0	0/1.0	—	—
Thyroid (C80)	0/0.7	0.0	0.0–19.7	1/0.8	1.0	0.0–7.0	0/0.8	—	—
Hodgkin's lymphoma (C81)	7/0.8	9.2	3.6–19.0	12/0.6	21.0	10.8–36.8	13/0.5	28.1	14.9–48.2
Multiple myeloma (C90)	3/0.2	14.8	2.8–43.9	1/0.3	3.2	0.0–18.1	2/0.4	5.1	0.5–18.9
Leukaemias (C91-C95)	1/0.7	1.5	0.0–8.3	2/0.8	2.4	0.2–8.8	1/0.9	1.1	0.0–6.5
All non-AIDS-defining cancers <sup>c</sup>	62/26.7	2.3	1.8–3.0	100/37.3	2.7	2.2–3.3	94/42.8	2.2	1.8–2.7
All cancers	529/30.1	17.6	16.1–19.1	189/40.6	4.7	4.0–5.4	140/46.0	3.0	2.6–3.6



# Etiology

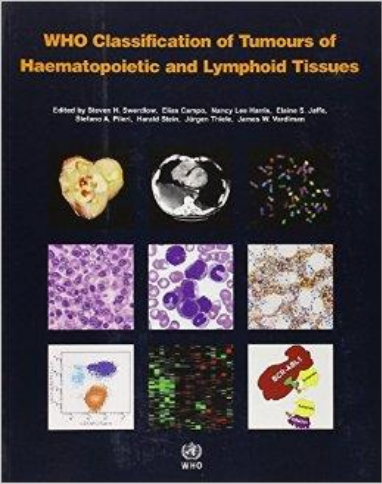
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	Kyllonen et al	Birkeland et al	Adami et al	Vajdic et al	Villeneuve et al
<b>Non-AIDS-defining cancers</b>					
Lip	22.95 (12.55-38.51)	13.02 (10.75-15.63)	53.33 (38.10-72.62)	47.09 (41.76-52.91)	31.76 (23.86-41.45)
Oral cavity and pharynx†	..	5.26 (2.27-10.37)	2.75 (1.50-4.61)	..	3.07 (2.02-4.46)
Oesophagus	..	..	3.21 (1.04-7.48)	3.82 (2.26-6.04)	1.56 (0.51-3.65)
Stomach	..	..	2.30 (1.19-4.02)	1.84 (1.07-2.94)	2.08 (1.17-3.44)
Small intestine	11.76 (3.21-30.12)	..	1.10 (0.03-6.12)	1.72 (0.21-6.23)	..
Colon	3.94 (2.10-6.74)	..	2.30 (1.49-3.40)	2.36 (1.87-2.92)	..
Rectum	..	..	1.90 (1.04-3.19)	0.63 (0.33-1.07)	..
Colon and rectum	..	..	2.14 (1.52-2.92)	1.71 (1.38-2.09)	1.35 (1.00-1.77)
Anus	..	..	10.26 (2.79-26.26)	2.77 (1.51-4.64)	..
Liver	..	..	1.10 (0.30-2.81)	3.19 (1.53-5.88)	1.85 (0.60-4.32)
Pancreas	..	..	0.90 (0.25-2.31)	1.21 (0.56-2.31)	1.08 (0.43-2.22)
Larynx	..	..	2.50 (0.52-7.31)	2.10 (0.96-3.98)	1.74 (0.75-3.43)
Trachea, bronchus, and lung	..	..	1.70 (1.09-2.53)	2.45 (2.00-2.97)	2.10 (1.72-2.53)
Melanoma	..	1.35 (0.28-3.93)	1.80 (0.98-3.02)	2.53 (2.08-3.05)	1.90 (1.16-2.94)
Non-melanoma skin‡	39.10 (29.20-51.27)	10.68 (8.84-12.79)	56.16 (49.75-63.17)	..	..
Breast	1.20 (0.64-2.05)	1.45 (0.72-2.59)	1.00 (0.64-1.49)	1.03 (0.78-1.34)	1.31 (0.98-1.72)
Vulva and vagina	..	..	23.91 (11.94-42.79)	22.22 (13.93-33.64)	..
Uterus	..	..	..	1.74 (0.92-2.97)	0.90 (0.33-1.95)
Ovary	..	..	2.00 (0.91-3.80)	1.15 (0.46-2.38)	1.49 (0.60-3.07)
Penis	..	..	..	15.79 (5.79-34.37)	..
Prostate	..	..	1.10 (0.67-1.70)	0.95 (0.68-1.29)	0.91 (0.64-1.26)
Testis	..	..	2.31 (0.48-6.74)	1.25 (0.34-3.19)	..
Kidney	7.97 (5.00-12.07)	4.08 (1.50-8.88)	4.90 (3.26-7.09)	7.3 (5.69-9.22)	7.32 (5.72-9.23)
Bladder	..	1.63 (0.53-3.81)	2.30 (1.40-3.55)	3.33 (2.40-4.50)	1.98 (1.27-2.95)
Eye	..	..	2.00 (0.05-11.14)	7.56 (3.46-14.36)	..
Brain	..	1.38 (0.28-4.02)	1.00 (0.40-2.06)	0.57 (0.16-1.46)	1.25 (0.54-2.46)
Thyroid	8.09 (4.04-14.47)	0.91 (0.02-5.09)	3.80 (1.39-8.27)	6.90 (4.69-9.80)	5.00 (3.17-7.50)
Hodgkin's lymphoma	..	8.00 (1.65-23.38)	2.20 (0.27-7.94)	3.74 (1.51-7.71)	3.60 (1.65-6.83)
Multiple myeloma	..	..	2.70 (0.99-5.88)	2.67 (1.38-4.67)	3.82 (2.04-6.54)
Leukaemia	..	..	2.36 (1.02-4.65)	2.46 (1.57-3.66)	2.27 (1.32-3.63)
All cancers	3.33 (2.92-3.79)	3.59 (3.12-4.11)	4.05 (3.75-4.36)	3.40 (3.22-3.59)	2.48 (2.31-2.66)
<b>AIDS-defining cancers</b>					
Kaposi's sarcoma	..	..	..	208.0 (113.7-349.0)	..
Cervix uteri	..	..	2.00 (0.65-4.67)	2.50 (1.33-4.27)	1.54 (0.56-3.35)
Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	..	5.48 (2.37-10.80)	6.00 (4.38-8.03)	9.86 (8.37-11.54)	8.87 (7.38-10.56)

**Table 1. Risk Factors for the Development of Post-Transplantation Lymphoproliferative Disorder.\***

Variable	Risk after Solid-Organ Transplantation	Risk after Allogeneic HSCT
<b>Established risk factors</b>		
	Type of transplanted organ, relative risk: multiorgan and intestinal, 239.5; lung, 58.6; pancreas, 34.9; liver, 29.9; heart, 27.6; kidney, 12.6	Type of donor or donation, incidence: haploidentical, ≤20%; unrelated, 4–10%; umbilical cord blood, 4–5%; HLA-identical related, 1–3%
	EBV mismatch at time of transplantation (recipient EBV-negative, donor EBV-positive); relative risk, 10–75	Recipient age, >50 yr; relative risk, 5.1
	Intensity of induction immunosuppressive therapy and duration of maintenance therapy (including graft-rejection episodes); overall SIR, 10	Conditioning regimen (T-cell-depleting strategies, both in vivo and ex vivo; relative risk, 3.1–15.8); maintenance immunosuppressive medication (for chronic GVHD; relative risk, 2.0)
<b>Strong evidence of risk</b>		
	Increased risk associated with ATG, OKT3, tacrolimus, azathioprine, new agents (e.g., belatacept in EBV-negative transplant recipient)	
	Controversial degree of risk associated with alemtuzumab, cyclosporine, mTOR inhibitors	
	No increase in risk associated with mycophenolate mofetil, basiliximab, daclizumab	
<b>Weak evidence of risk</b>		
	Underlying disorder (HCV, cystic fibrosis, autoimmune hepatitis)	Underlying disorder (primary immunodeficiency, advanced Hodgkin's lymphoma)
	Race or ethnic group (risk in descending order): white, black, African	
		Prior splenectomy
	Monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance (in recipient)	Monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance (in recipient or donor)
	Non-EBV infection (HCV or CMV infection)	Non-EBV infection (CMV infection)
	Older donor age and younger recipient age	
	Cytokine gene polymorphisms	
	HLA alleles, haplotypes, mismatches, antibodies	HLA alleles, haplotypes, mismatches, antibodies

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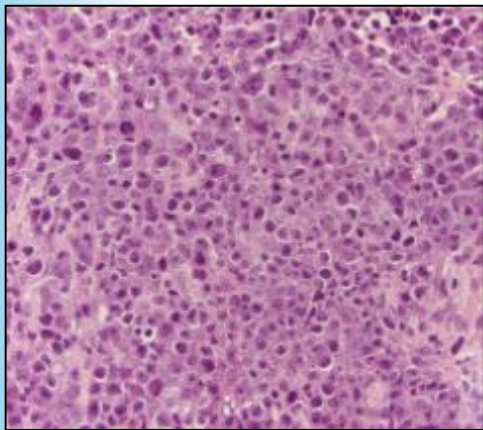


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# Classification

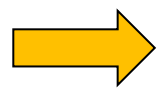
- DLBCL**
- Large cells (> nuclei benign histiocytes)
  - Diffuse pattern
  - B-cell



<b>Transformations of indolent B-cell lymphomas</b>	
Transformations of indolent B-cell lymphomas	<i>Not previously included</i>
<b>Large B-cell lymphomas</b>	
Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma, NOS	(Same)
T-cell/histiocyte-rich large B-cell lymphoma	(Same)
Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma/ high grade B-cell lymphoma with <i>MYC</i> and <i>BCL2</i> rearrangements	High-grade B-cell lymphoma with <i>MYC</i> and <i>BCL2</i> and/or <i>BCL6</i> rearrangements
ALK-positive large B-cell lymphoma	(Same)
Large B-cell lymphoma with <i>IRF4</i> rearrangement	(Same)
High-grade B-cell lymphoma with 11q aberrations	Burkitt-like lymphoma with 11q aberration
Lymphomatoid granulomatosis	(Same)
EBV-positive diffuse large B-cell lymphoma	EBV-positive diffuse large B-cell lymphoma, NOS
Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma associated with chronic inflammation	(Same)
Fibrin-associated large B-cell lymphoma	<i>Not previously included</i> (Previously considered a subtype of diffuse large B-cell lymphoma associated with chronic inflammation)
Fluid overload-associated large B-cell lymphoma	<i>Not previously included</i>
Plasmablastic lymphoma	(Same)
Primary large B-cell lymphoma of immune-privileged sites	<i>Not previously included</i> , encompassing primary diffuse large B-cell lymphoma of the CNS in revised 4 <sup>th</sup> edition (plus primary large B-cell lymphoma of the vitreoretina and primary large B-cell lymphoma of the testis)
Primary cutaneous diffuse large B-cell lymphoma, leg type	(Same)
Intravascular large B-cell lymphoma	(Same)
Primary mediastinal large B-cell lymphoma	(Same)
Mediastinal grey zone lymphoma	B-cell lymphoma, unclassifiable, with features intermediate between DLBCL and classic Hodgkin lymphoma
High-grade B-cell lymphoma, NOS	(Same)
<b>Burkitt lymphoma</b>	
Burkitt lymphoma	(Same)
<b>KSHV/HHV8-associated B-cell lymphoid proliferations and lymphomas</b>	
Primary effusion lymphoma	(Same)
KSHV/HHV8-positive diffuse large B-cell lymphoma	HHV8-positive diffuse large B-cell lymphoma, NOS
KSHV/HHV8-positive germinotropic lymphoproliferative disorder	HHV8-positive germinotropic lymphoproliferative disorder

- Testicular follicular lymphoma\*
- Large B-cell lymphoma with *IRF4* rearrangement\*
- Mantle cell lymphoma
  - In situ mantle cell neoplasia
  - Leukemic non-nodal mantle cell lymphoma
- Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma, NOS
  - Germinal center B-cell subtype
  - Activated B-cell subtype
- Large B-cell lymphoma with 11q aberration\*
- Nodular lymphocyte predominant B-cell lymphoma\*
- T cell/histiocyte-rich large B-cell lymphoma
- Primary diffuse large B-cell lymphoma of the central nervous system
- Primary diffuse large B-cell lymphoma of the testis\*
- Primary cutaneous diffuse large B-cell lymphoma, leg type
- Intravascular large B-cell lymphoma
- HHV-8 and Epstein-Barr virus-negative primary effusion-based lymphoma\*
- Epstein-Barr virus-positive mucocutaneous ulcer\*
- Epstein-Barr virus-positive diffuse large B-cell lymphoma, NOS
- Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma associated with chronic inflammation
  - Fibrin-associated diffuse large B-cell lymphoma
- Lymphomatoid granulomatosis
- Epstein-Barr virus-positive polymorphic B-cell lymphoproliferative disorder, NOS\*
- ALK-positive large B-cell lymphoma
- Plasmablastic lymphoma
- HHV-8-associated lymphoproliferative disorders
  - Multicentric Castleman disease
  - HHV-8-positive germinotropic lymphoproliferative disorder
  - HHV-8-positive diffuse large B-cell lymphoma, NOS
  - Primary effusion lymphoma
- Burkitt lymphoma
- High-grade B-cell lymphoma, with *MYC* and *BCL2* rearrangements\*
- High-grade B-cell lymphoma with *MYC* and *BCL6* rearrangements\*
- High-grade B-cell lymphoma, NOS
- Primary mediastinal large B-cell lymphoma
- Mediastinal gray-zone lymphoma\*

**DLBCL, NOS**

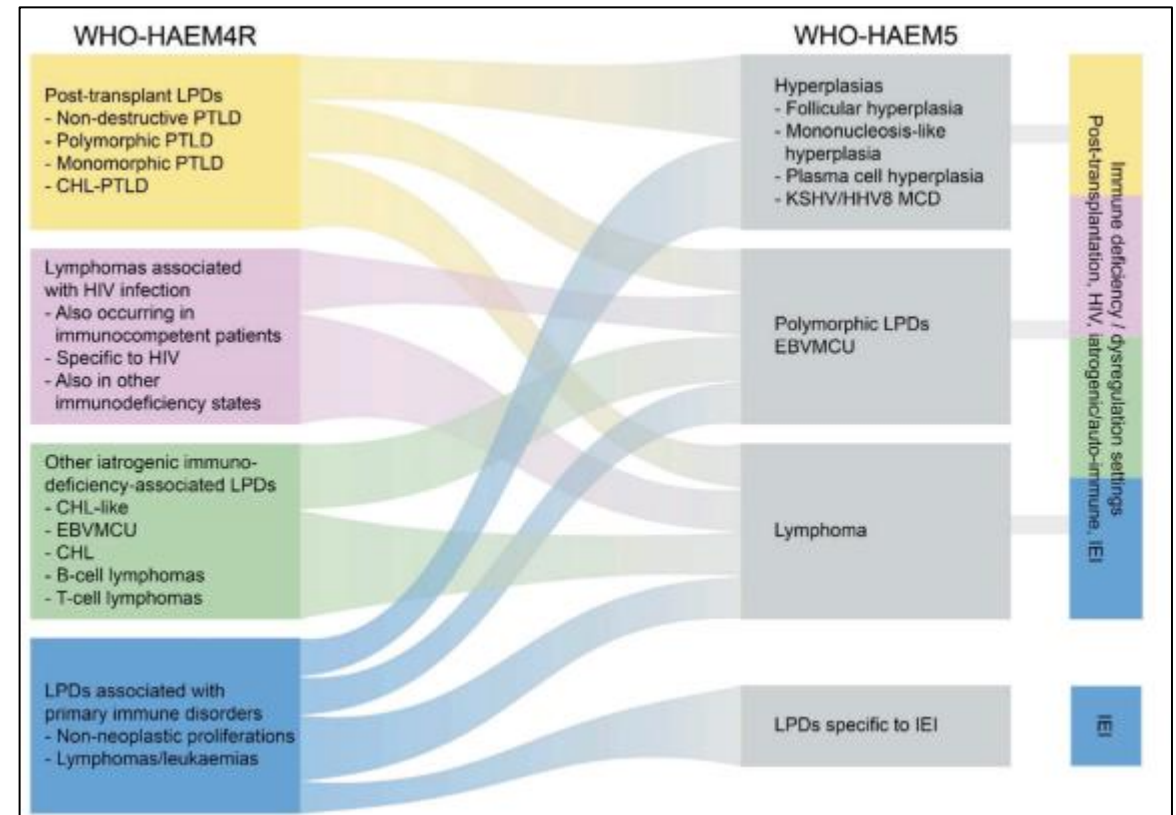
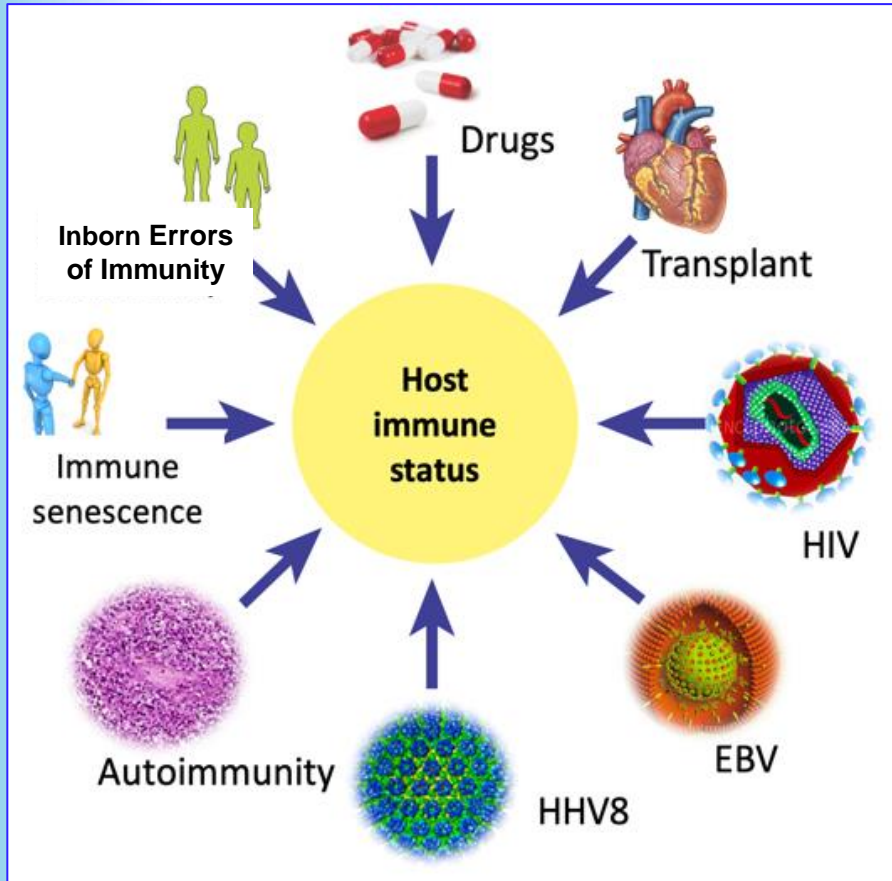


**80-85%**

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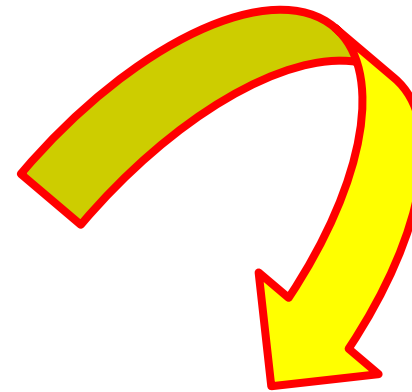
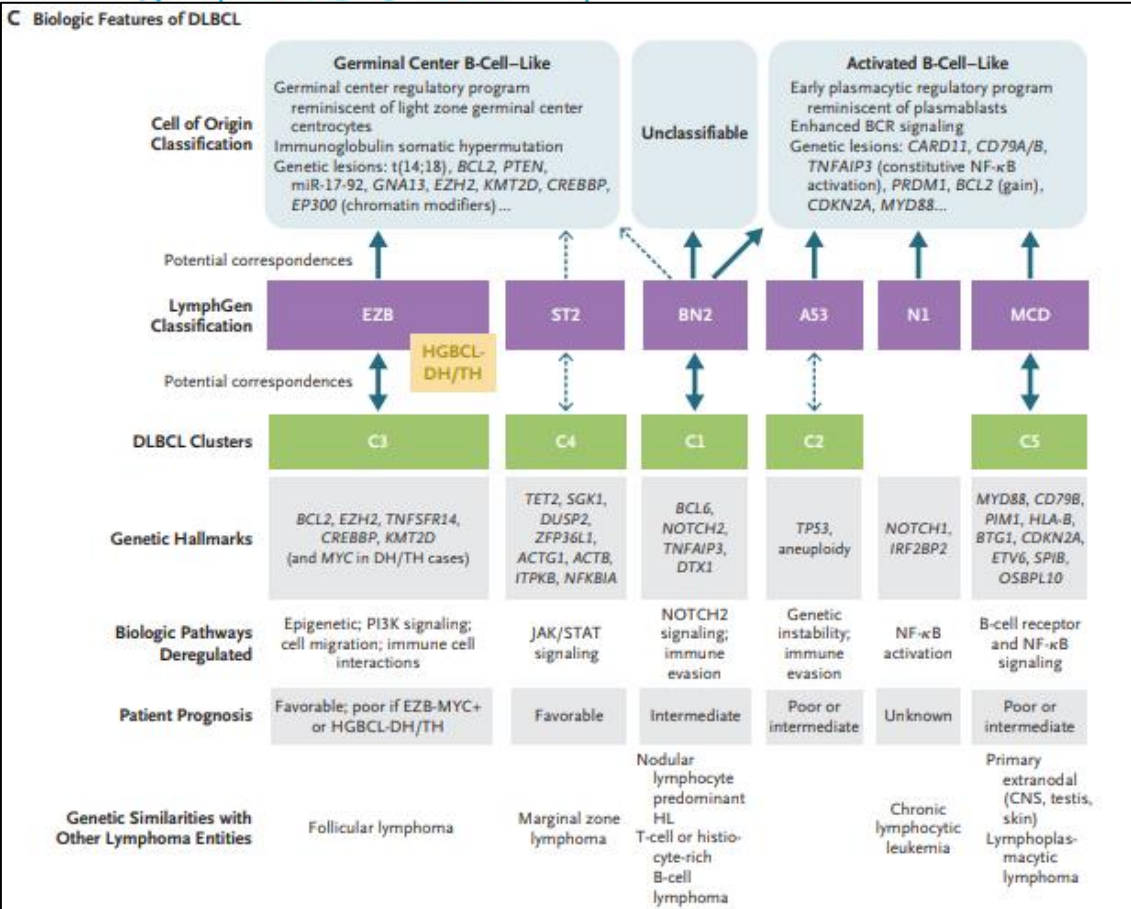


**Table 5.** Three-part nomenclature for lymphoid proliferations and lymphomas arising in the setting of immune deficiency/dysregulation.

Histological diagnosis	Viral association	Immune deficiency/dysregulation setting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hyperplasia (specify type)</li> <li>Polymorphic lymphoproliferative disorder</li> <li>Mucocutaneous ulcer</li> <li>Lymphoma (classify as for immunocompetent patients)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EBV +/-</li> <li>KSHV/HHV8 +/-</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inborn error of immunity (specify type)</li> <li>HIV infection</li> <li>Posttransplant (specify: solid organ/bone marrow)</li> <li>Autoimmune disease</li> <li>Iatrogenic/therapy-related (specify)</li> <li>Immune senescence</li> </ul>



# Molecular classification

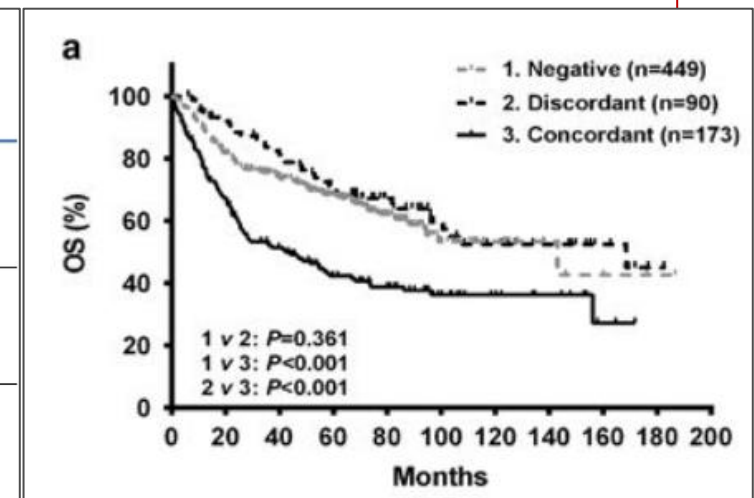


GCB (~60%, total) 5-year OS, 76%				ABC (~30%, total) 5-year OS, 16%			
Cluster 3 5-year PFS, ~50%		Cluster 4 5-year PFS, ~70%		Cluster 2 5-year PFS, ~60%		Cluster 1 5-year PFS, ~80%	
EZB (88% GCB) 5-year PFS, ~60%		BN2 (19% GCB, 41% ABC) 5-year PFS, ~60%		N1 (95% ABC) 5-year PFS, ~20%		MCD (96% ABC) 5-year PFS, ~20%	
EZB, MYC+ (5.9%, total) 5-year OS, 48%	EZB, MYC- (17.8%, total) 5-year OS, 82%	ST2 (6.4%, total) 5-year OS, 84%	BN2 (13.3%, total) 5-year OS, 67%	A53 (5.8%, total) 5-year OS, 63%	MCD (8.7%, total) 5-year OS, 40%	N1 (1.7%, total) 5-year OS, 27%	
MHG positive (~50% MYC+) 3-year PFS, 37%				MHG negative 3-year PFS, 72%			
DHITsig positive (50% DHT+; 27% of total GCB) 5-year PFS 57%				DHITsig negative 5-year PFS 81%			
GCB 1: DHIT+/TP53+ 2-year OS, ~45%		GCB 2: DHIT+/TP53- 2-year OS, ~75%		GCB 3: EZB like 2-year OS, >90%		GCB 4: GCB, NOS 2-year OS, >90%	

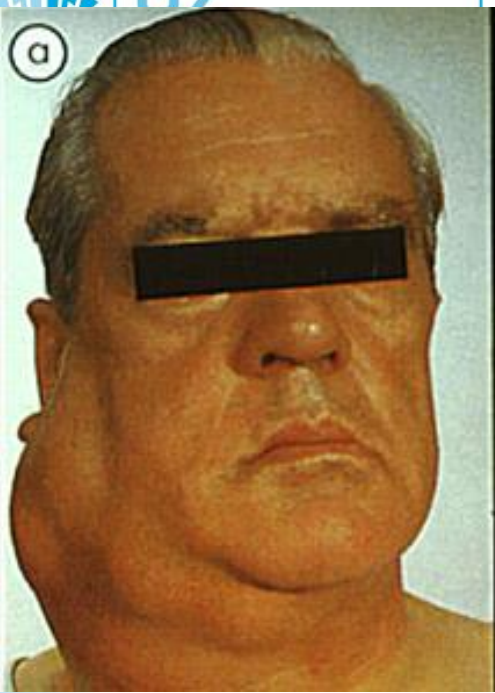
**Favorable-risk ABC DLBCL**  
**Poor-risk GCB DLBCL**

- Nodal masses
- 40%: extranodal involvement
- 1/3: B symptoms
- 50%: stage I-II, 50% stage III-IV
- 10-20%: bone marrow involvement
  - Concordant
  - Discordant

Lymph-node With DLBCL infiltration	Bone- marrow Infiltration with lymphoma=BMI	Clonality studies	Histologically Concordant vs. Discordant
		Clonally Urelated	BMI with different histology and different clonality studies = <b>Discordant histology</b>
		Clonally related	BMI with different histology but similar clonality studies = <b>Discordant histology</b>
		Clonally related	BMI with <b>Concordant histology</b>



# Symptoms

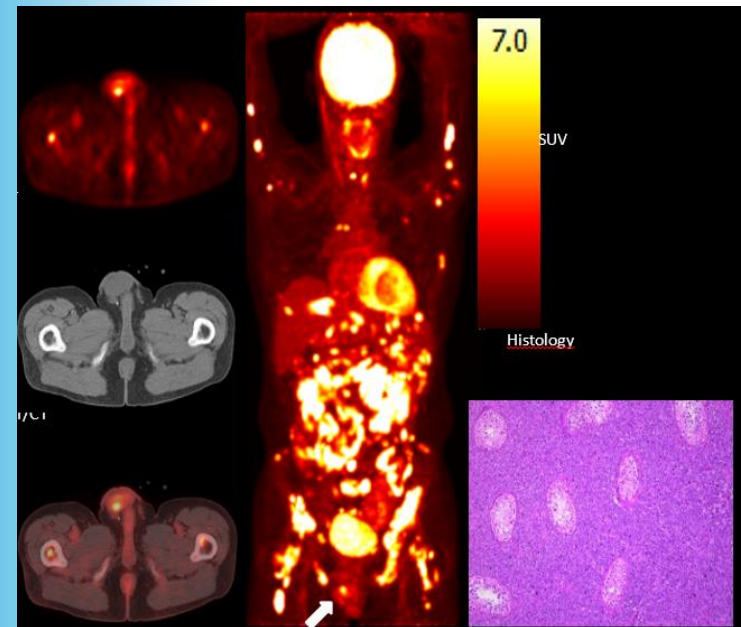


## Ann Arbor/Lugano staging

**Table 2.** Revised Staging System for Primary Nodal Lymphomas

Stage	Involvement	Extranodal (E) Status
<b>Limited</b>		
I	One node or a group of adjacent nodes	Single extranodal lesions without nodal involvement
II	Two or more nodal groups on the same side of the diaphragm	Stage I or II by nodal extent with limited contiguous extranodal involvement
II bulky*	II as above with "bulky" disease	Not applicable
<b>Advanced</b>		
III	Nodes on both sides of the diaphragm; nodes above the diaphragm with spleen involvement	Not applicable
IV	Additional noncontiguous extralymphatic involvement	Not applicable

**A:** no B-symptoms  
**B:** B-symptoms



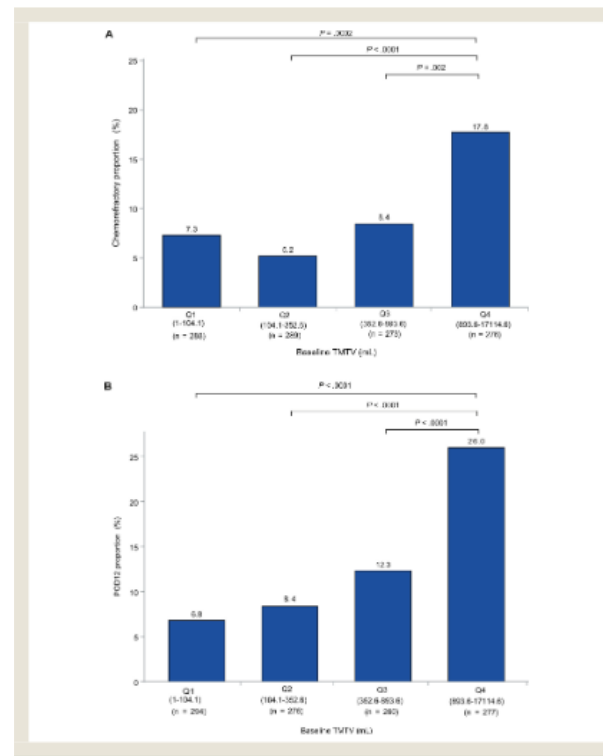
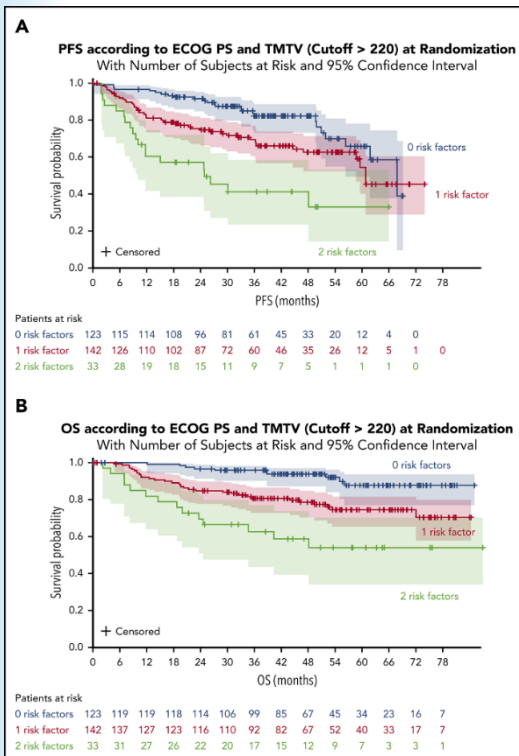
# Staging

**TABLE 1. <sup>18</sup>F-FDG Avidity of Lymphoma According to World Health Organization Histopathologic Classification**

Histology	n	<sup>18</sup> F-FDG-avid	Negative	% <sup>18</sup> F-FDG avidity
Hodgkin disease	233	233	0	100
Burkitt lymphoma	18	18	0	100
Mantle cell lymphoma	14	14	0	100
Anaplastic large T-cell lymphoma	14	14	0	100
Marginal zone lymphoma, nodal	8	8	0	100
Lymphoblastic lymphoma	6	6	0	100
Angioimmunoblastic T-cell lymphoma	4	4	0	100
Plasmacytoma	3	3	0	100
Natural killer/T-cell lymphoma	2	2	0	100
Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma	222	216	6	97
Follicular lymphoma	140	133	7	95
Peripheral T-cell lymphoma	10	9	1	90
Small lymphocytic lymphoma	29	24	5	83
Enteropathy-type T-cell lymphoma	3	2	1	67
Marginal zone lymphoma, splenic	3	2	1	67
MALT marginal zone lymphoma	50	27	23	54
Lymphomatoid papulosis	2	1	1	50
Primary cutaneous anaplastic large T-cell lymphoma	5	2	3	40
All	766	718	48	94

**TABLE 2. <sup>18</sup>F-FDG Avidity of NHL According to Clinical Classification**

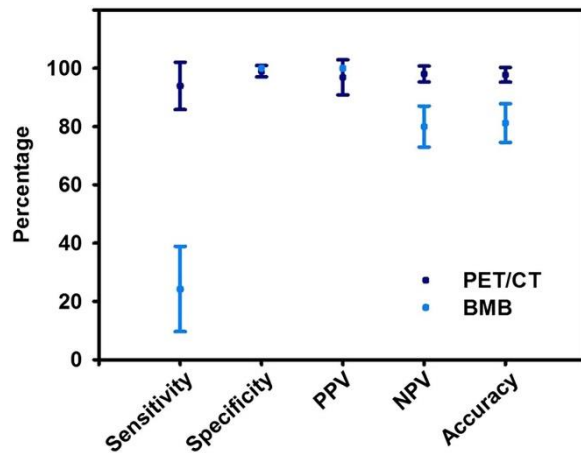
Clinical subtype	n	<sup>18</sup> F-FDG-avid	Negative	% <sup>18</sup> F-FDG avidity
Aggressive*	293	285	8	97
Indolent†	240	200	40	83



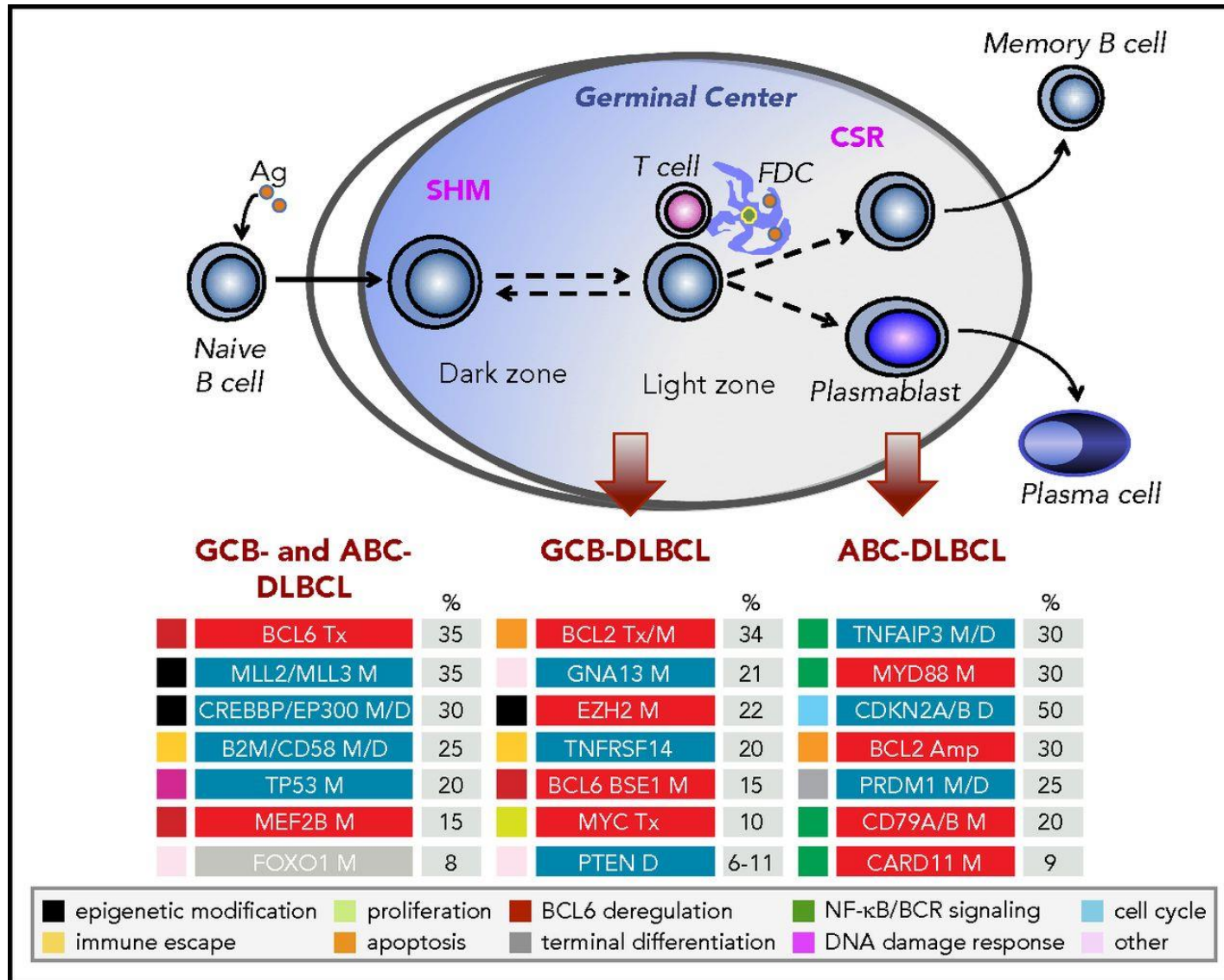
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## Bone marrow biopsy

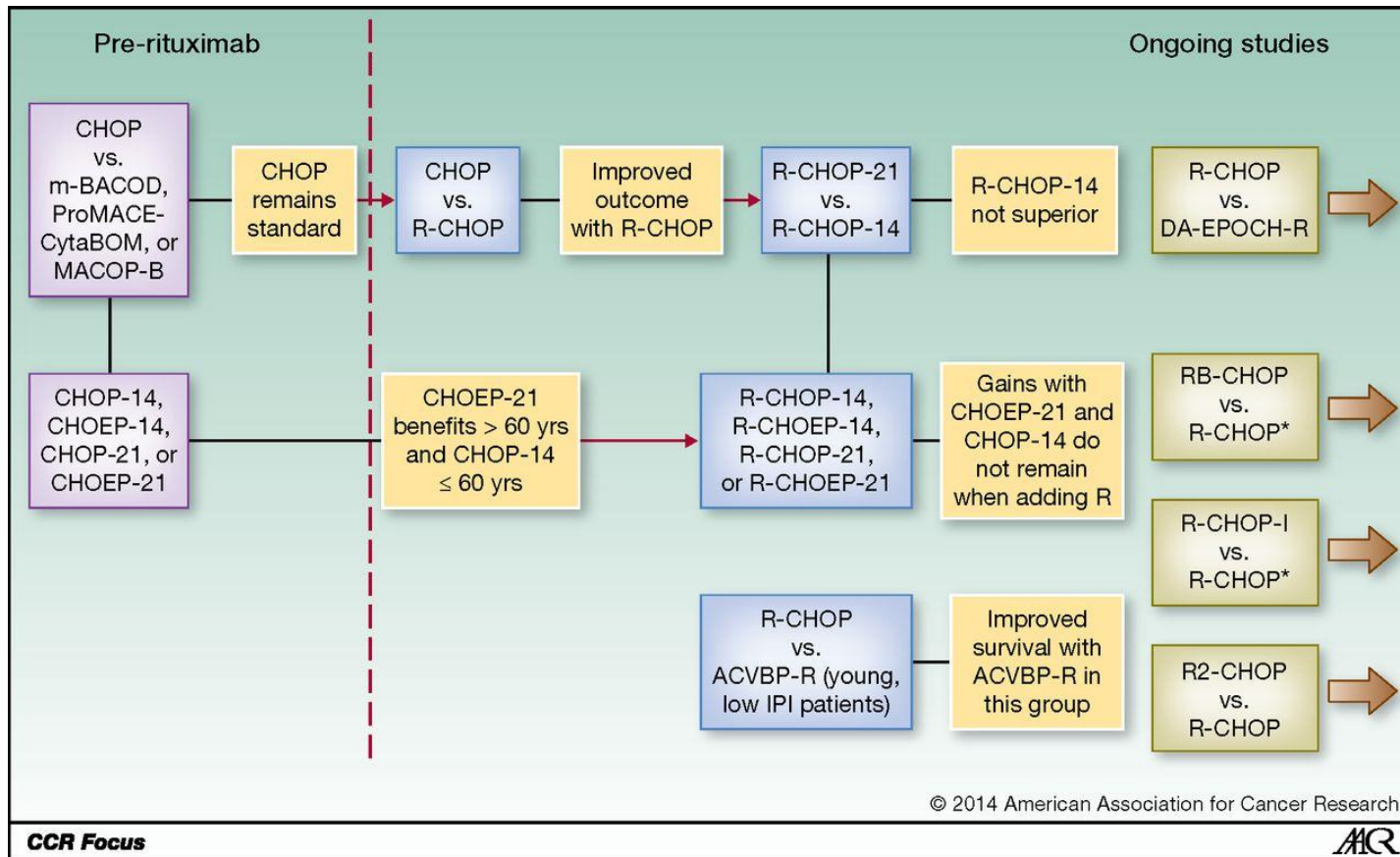
- PET-CT has demonstrated better sensitivity and specificity than bone marrow biopsy for detecting bone marrow involvement.



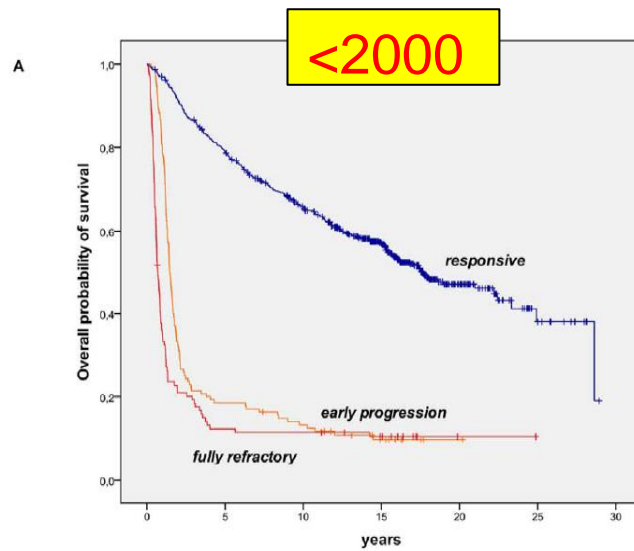
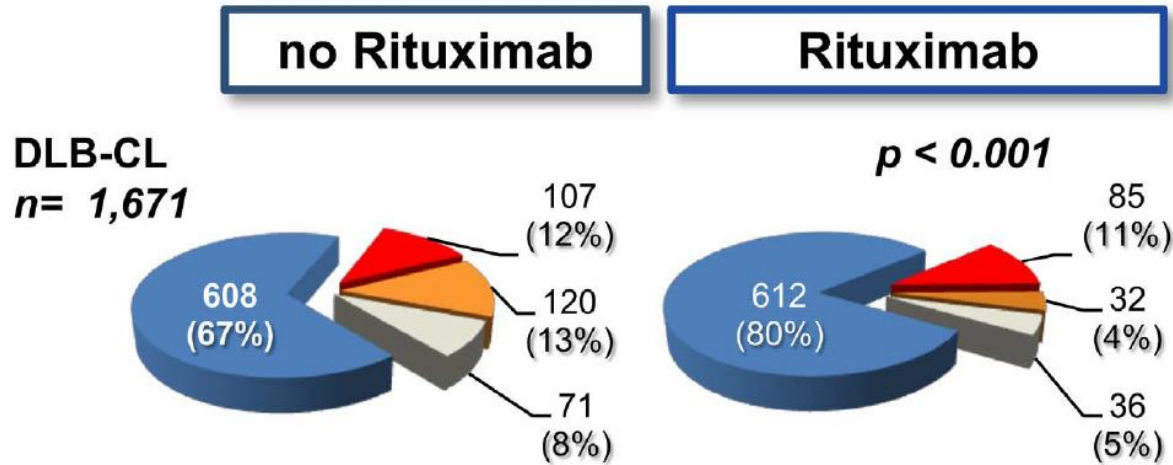
- Low volume involvement (< 10%-20%) and discordant lymphoma may be missed by PET/CT imaging.
- Bone marrow biopsy is no longer required when a PET-CT scan demonstrates bone or marrow involvement but may be appropriate in case of negative PET.



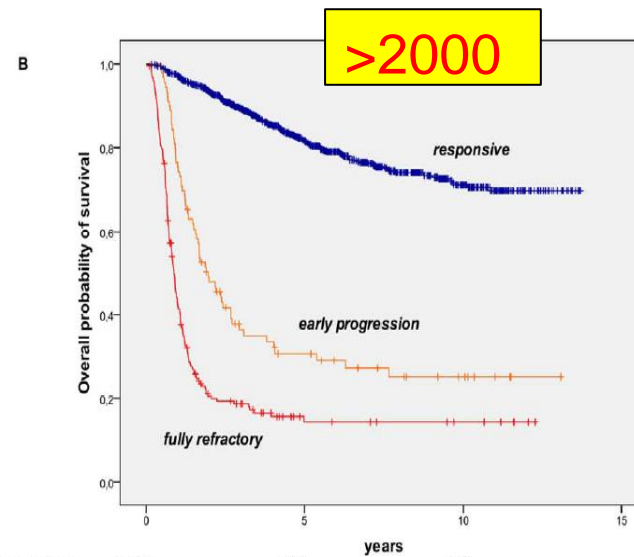




**Rituximab**  
 =  
**“the great equalizer”**

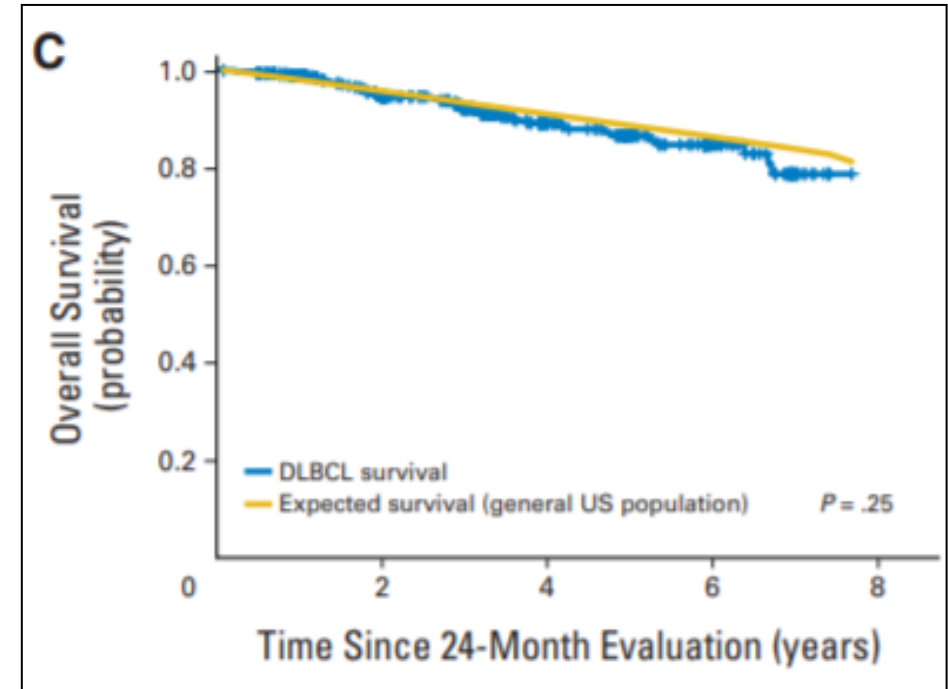
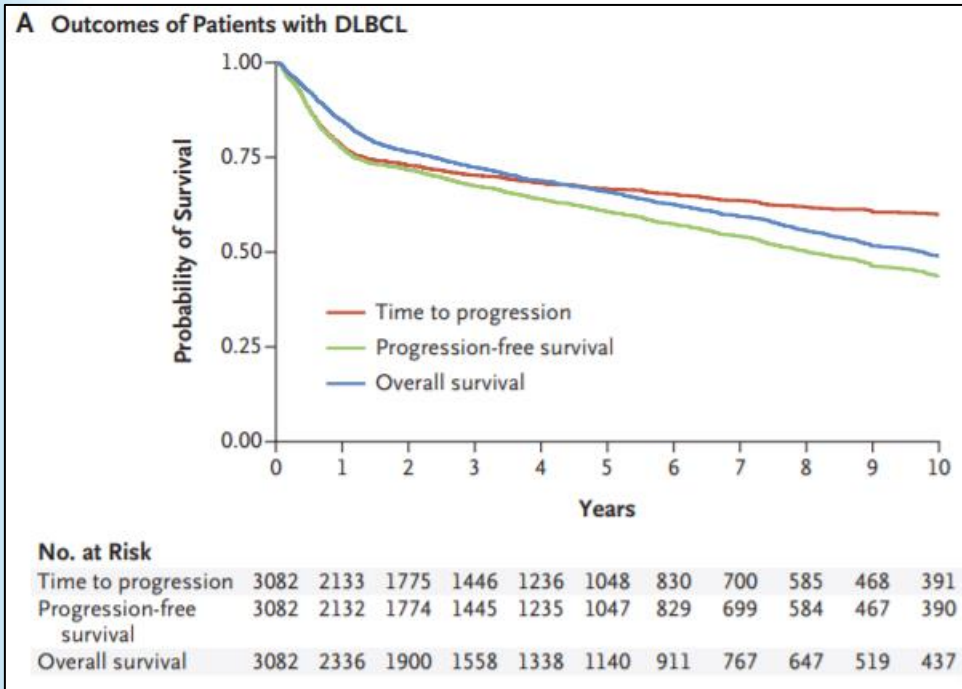


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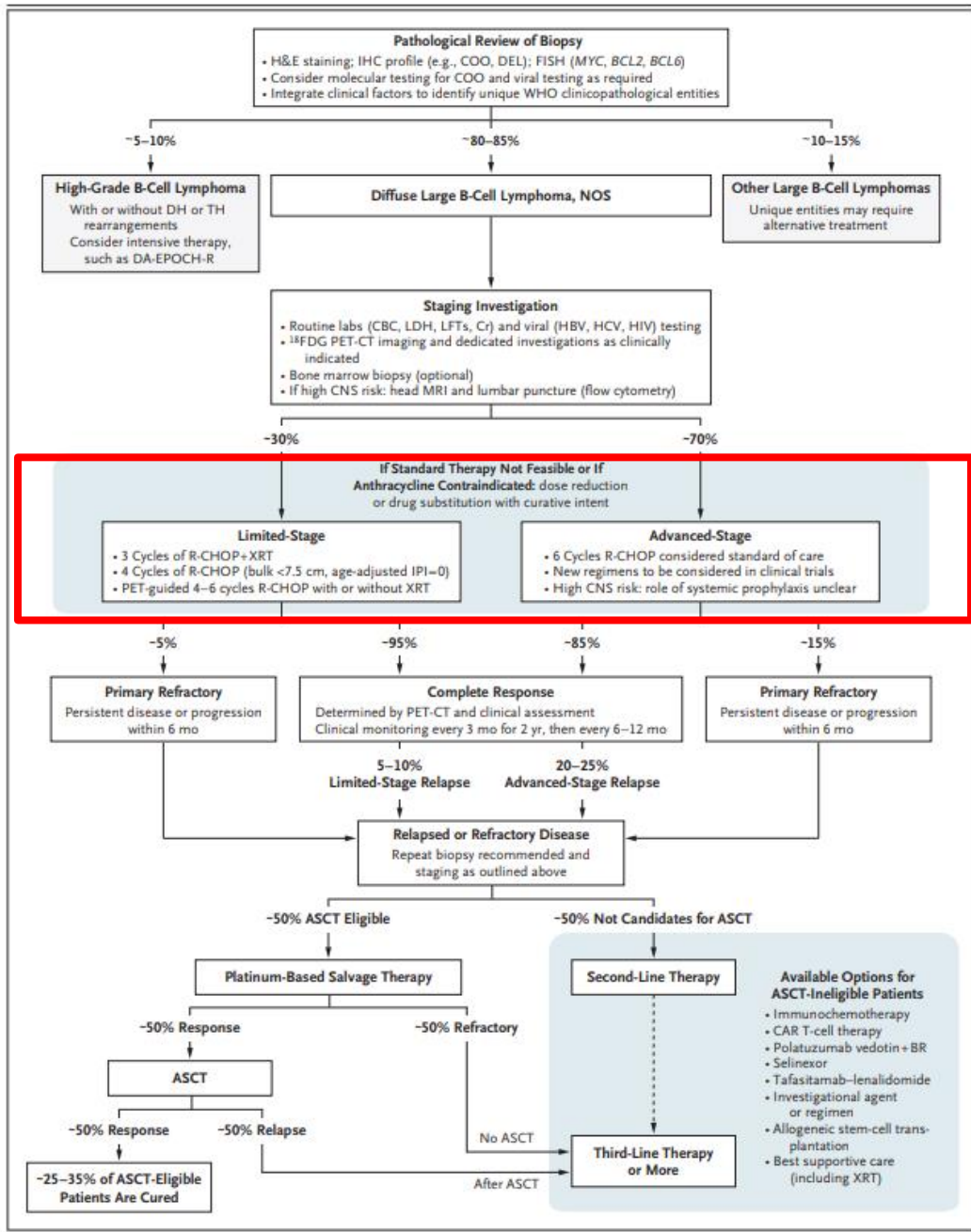


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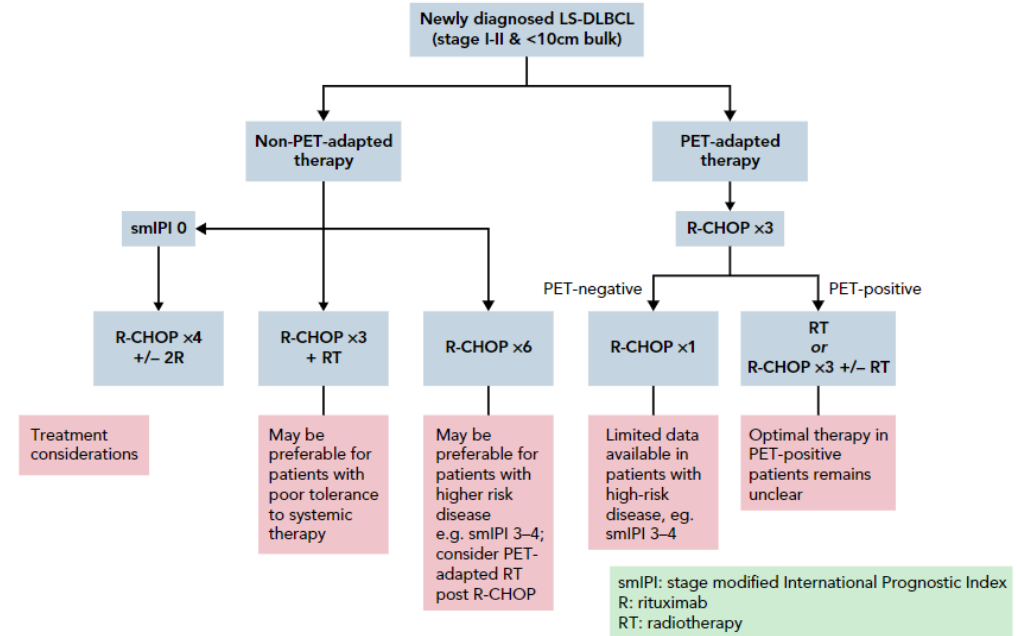
# Treatment



# 1L treatment



Strategy	Combined modality	Abbreviated chemo	PET-adapted		Standard chemo	
<b>Trial details</b>	SWOG S0014 <sup>33</sup> Phase II single arm n=60	GLA FLYER <sup>12</sup> Phase III RCT n=592	LYSA/GOELAMS 02-03 <sup>10</sup> Ph III RCT n=334	SWOG S1001 <sup>11</sup> Ph II n=132	LYSA LNH09-IB <sup>58</sup> Ph III RCT n=650	DHSNHL MiNT <sup>9</sup> Ph III RCT n=824
<b>Population</b>	Age >18 smIPI ≥1 Bulk >10cm permitted (for stage I only)	Age 18-60 aalPI 0 Bulk >7.5cm not permitted	Age 18-75 Bulk >7cm not permitted	Age >18 ECOG 0-2 Bulk >10cm not permitted	Age 18-80 DLBCL/G3BFL aalPI 0 Bulk >10cm permitted	Age 18-60yrs Stage I-IV: 72% I-II aalPI 0-1 Bulk permitted: >5, 7 or 10cm (per institution)
<b>Treatment</b>	RCHOP x3 + RT 40-46Gy	RCHOP x6* vs RCHOP x4 + 2R	RCHOP14 x4 then PET-neg: RT* vs nil. PET-pos or adverse features: RCHOP14 x6 + RT*	RCHOP x3 then PET-neg: RCHOP x1 PET-pos: RT + RIT	RCHOP x6* vs R-CHOP x2 then PET-neg: RCHOP x2 PET-pos: RCHOP x4	CHOP-like x6* vs R-CHOP-like x6 Bulk received RT 30-40Gy



# Phase III FLYER

n = 592

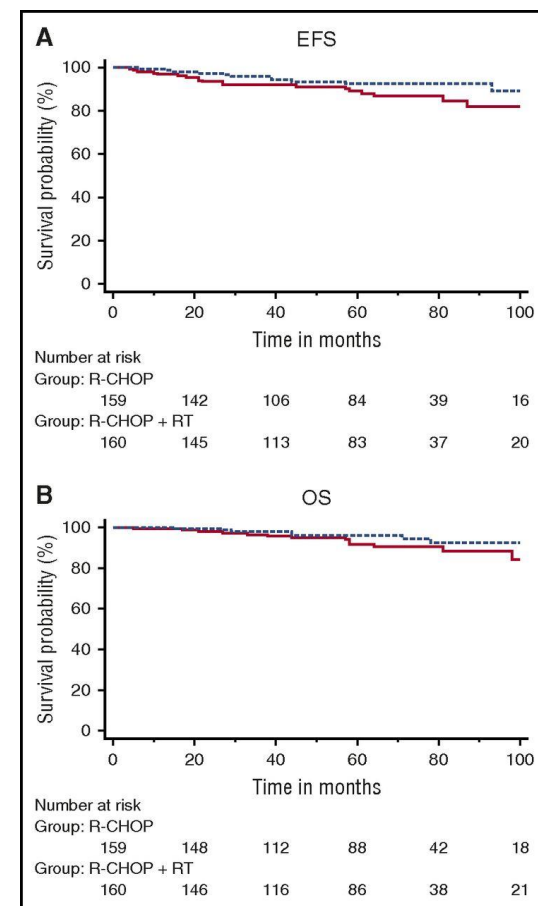
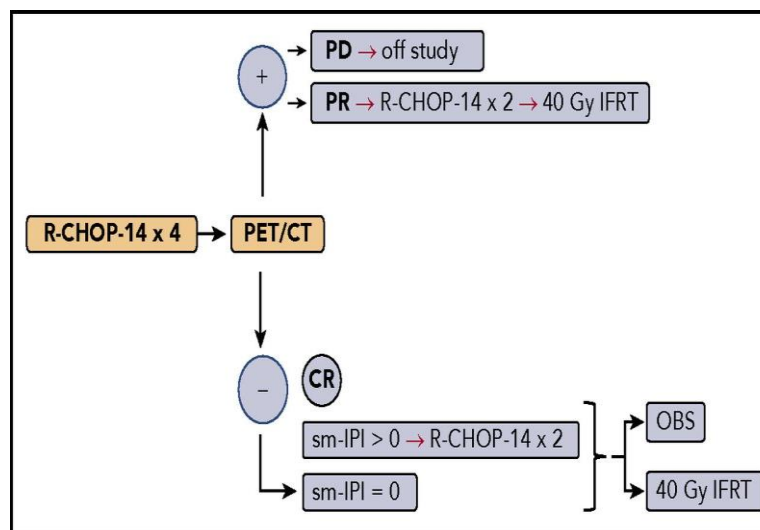
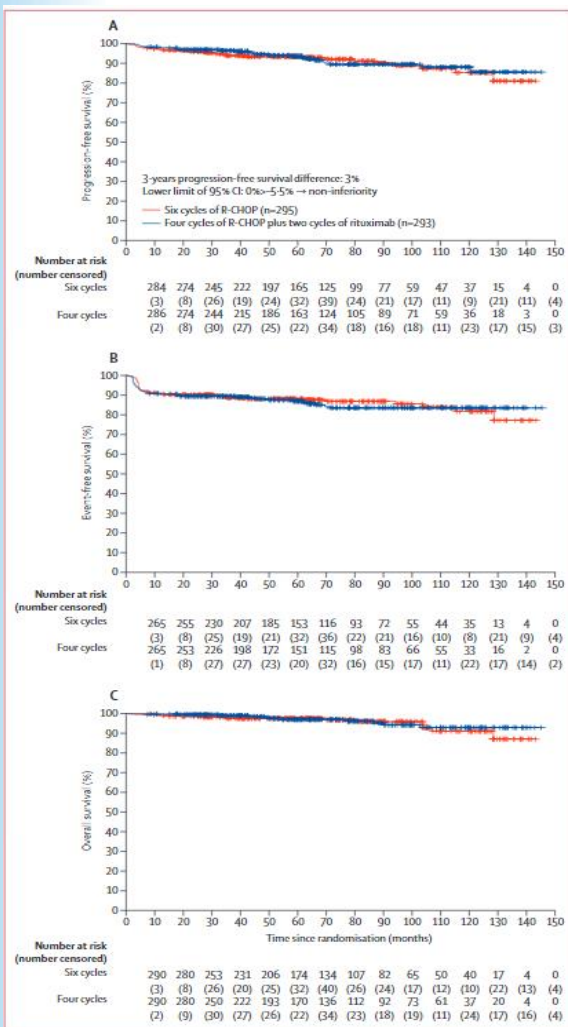
18 to 60 years, aaPI = 0, no bulky disease  
6 x R-CHOP21 vs 4 x R-CHOP21 + 2 x R

# 1L treatment

## Phase III LYSA/GOELAMS

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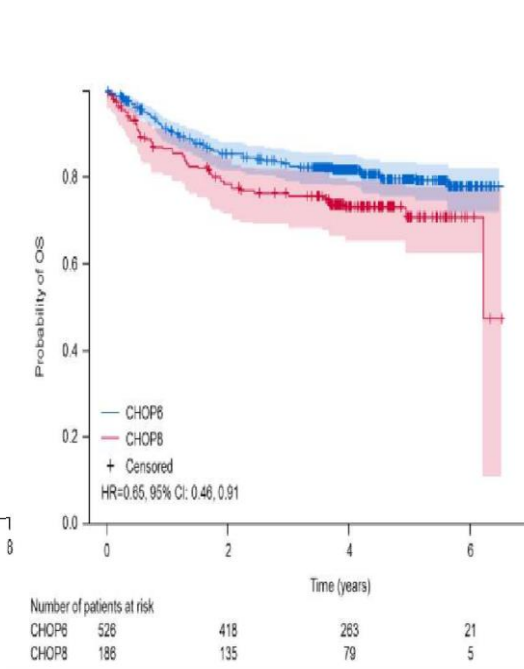
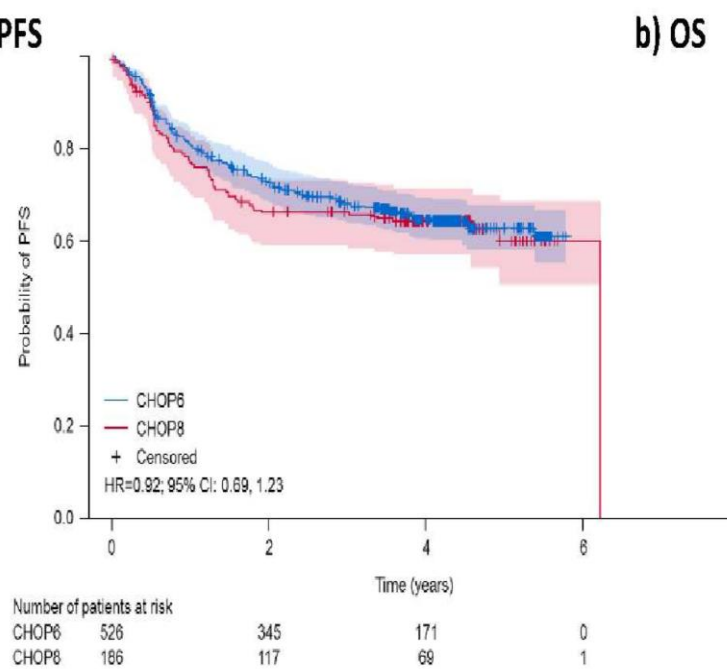
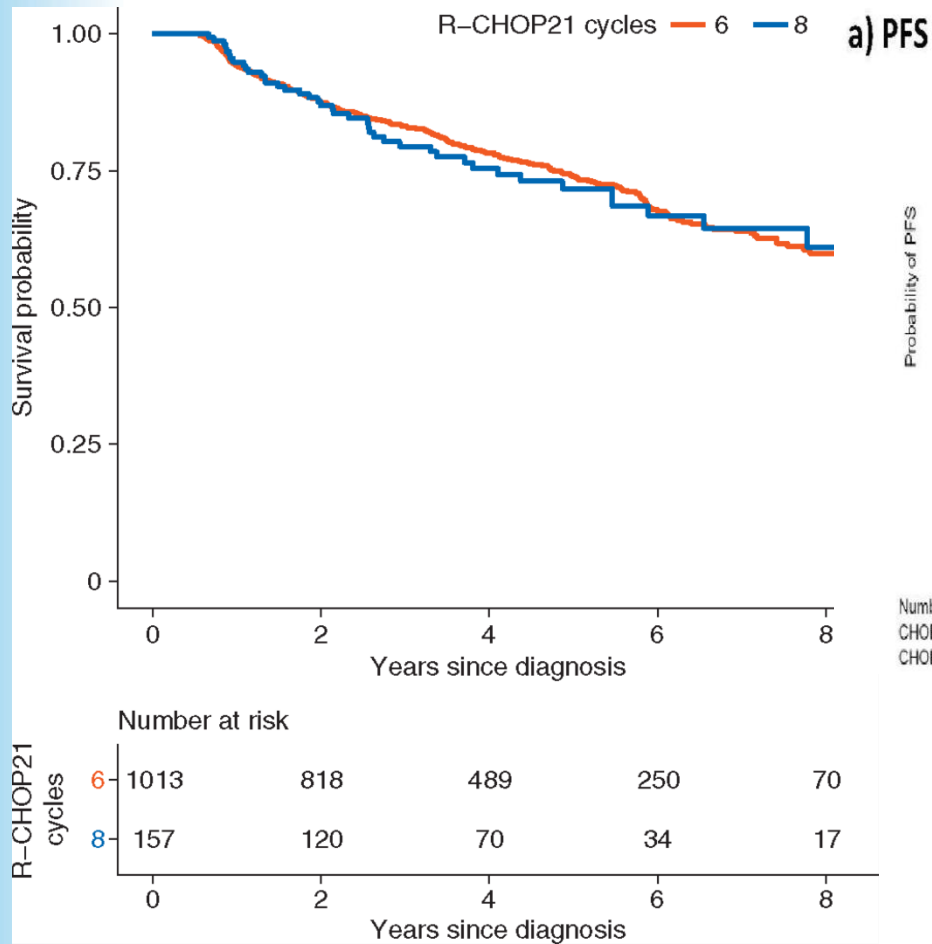
Non-bulky limited stage  
4-6 x R-CHOP14 +/- RT 40 Gy



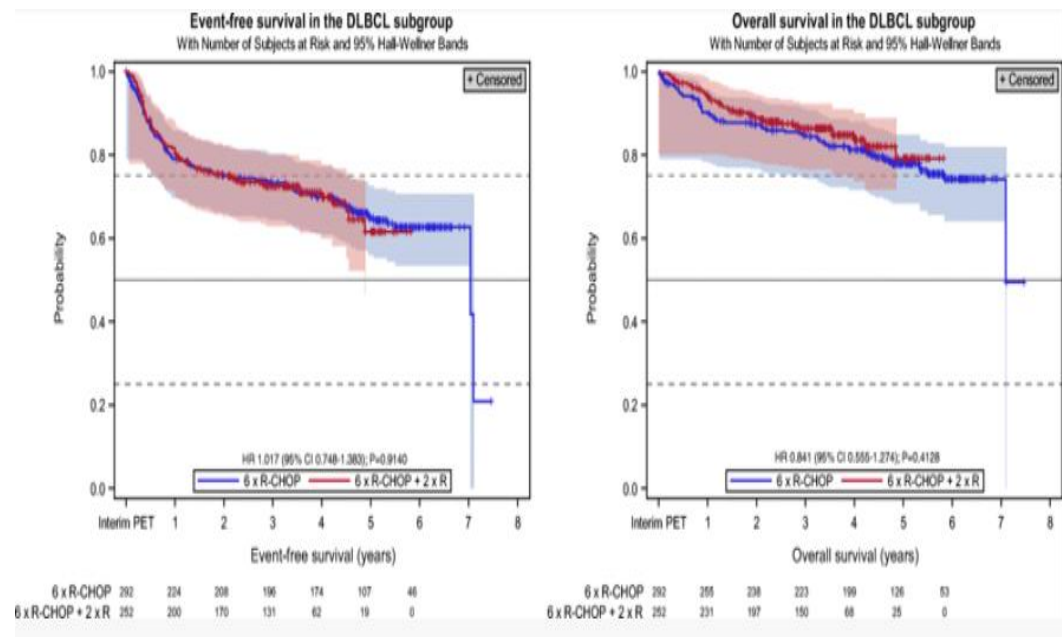
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Nordic Lymphoma Group (registry)  
 n = 1170  
 6 x R-CHOP21 vs 8 x R-CHOP21

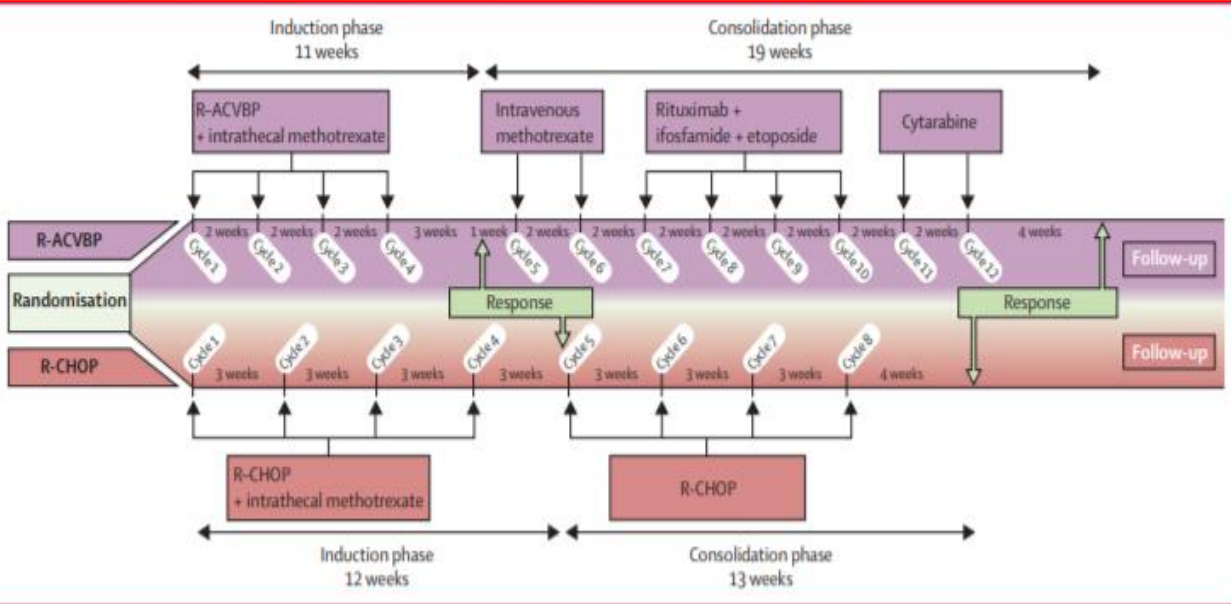
GOYA trial  
 n = 722  
 6 x R-CHOP21 + 2 x R vs  
 8 x R-CHOP21



PETAL trial  
 n = 544 (DLBCL)  
 iPET negative patients: 2xR vs no R  
 following 6 x R-CHOP



# 1L treatment: COO?



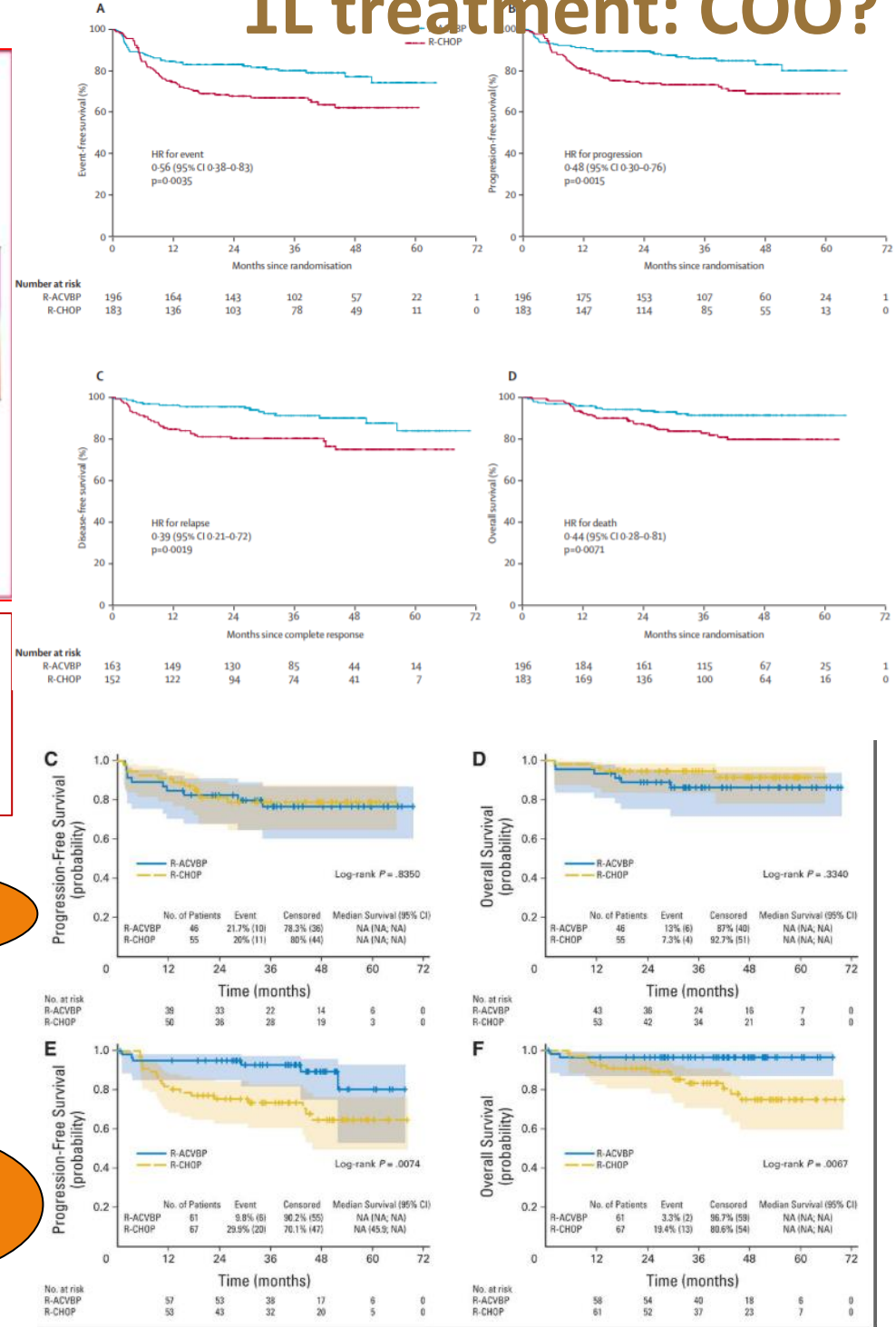
18–59 years, first line; age-adjusted international prognostic index equal = 1 (low intermediate)

**Phase III:  
LNH 03-2B**

GCB

non-GCB

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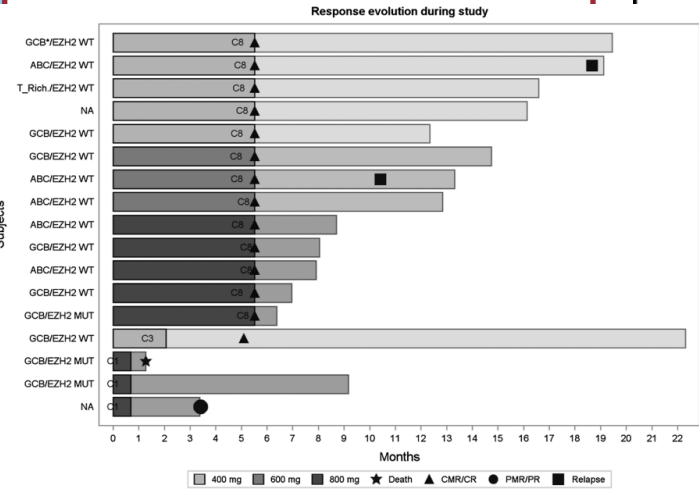
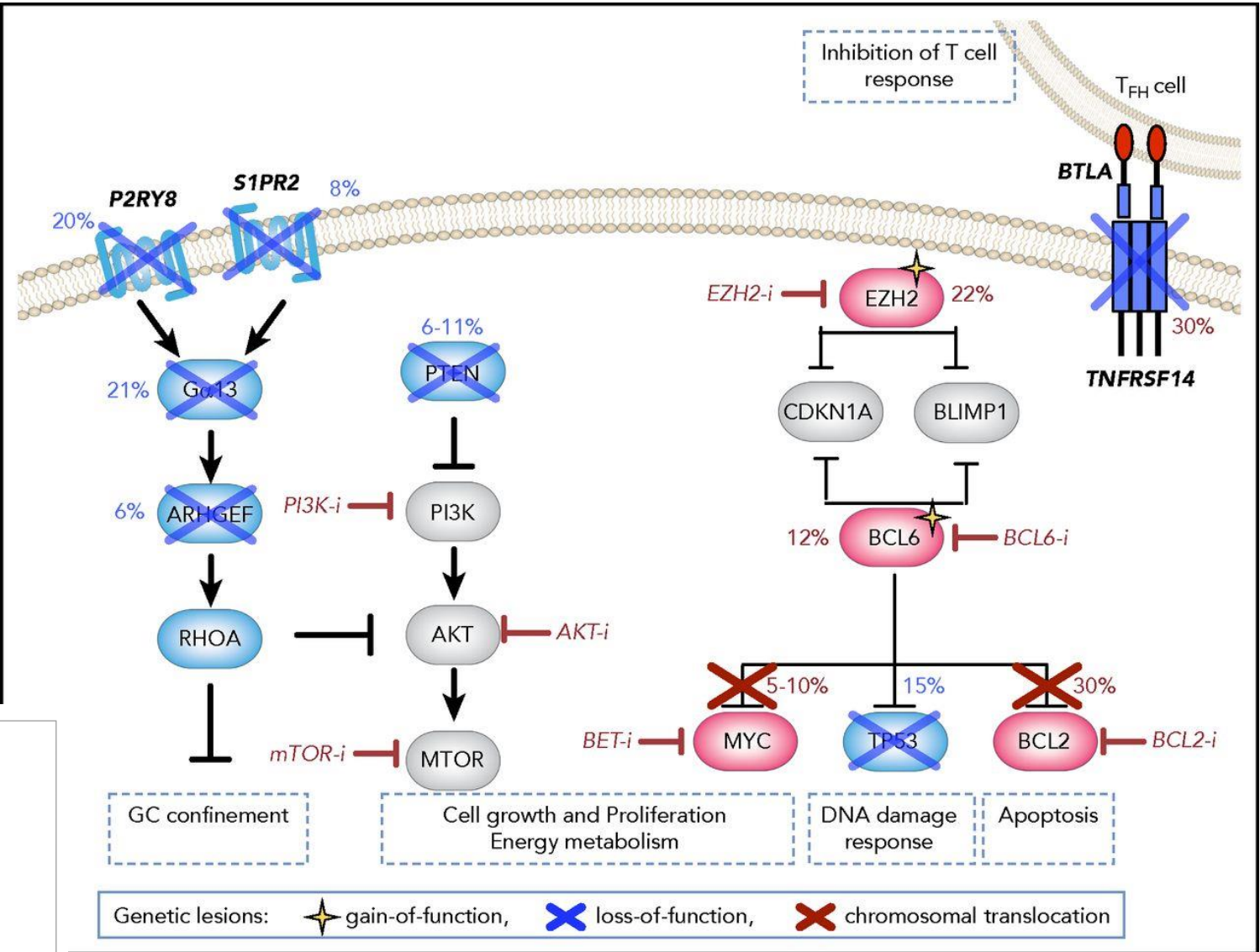




## Tailored therapy in GCB?

Less focus compared to ABC:

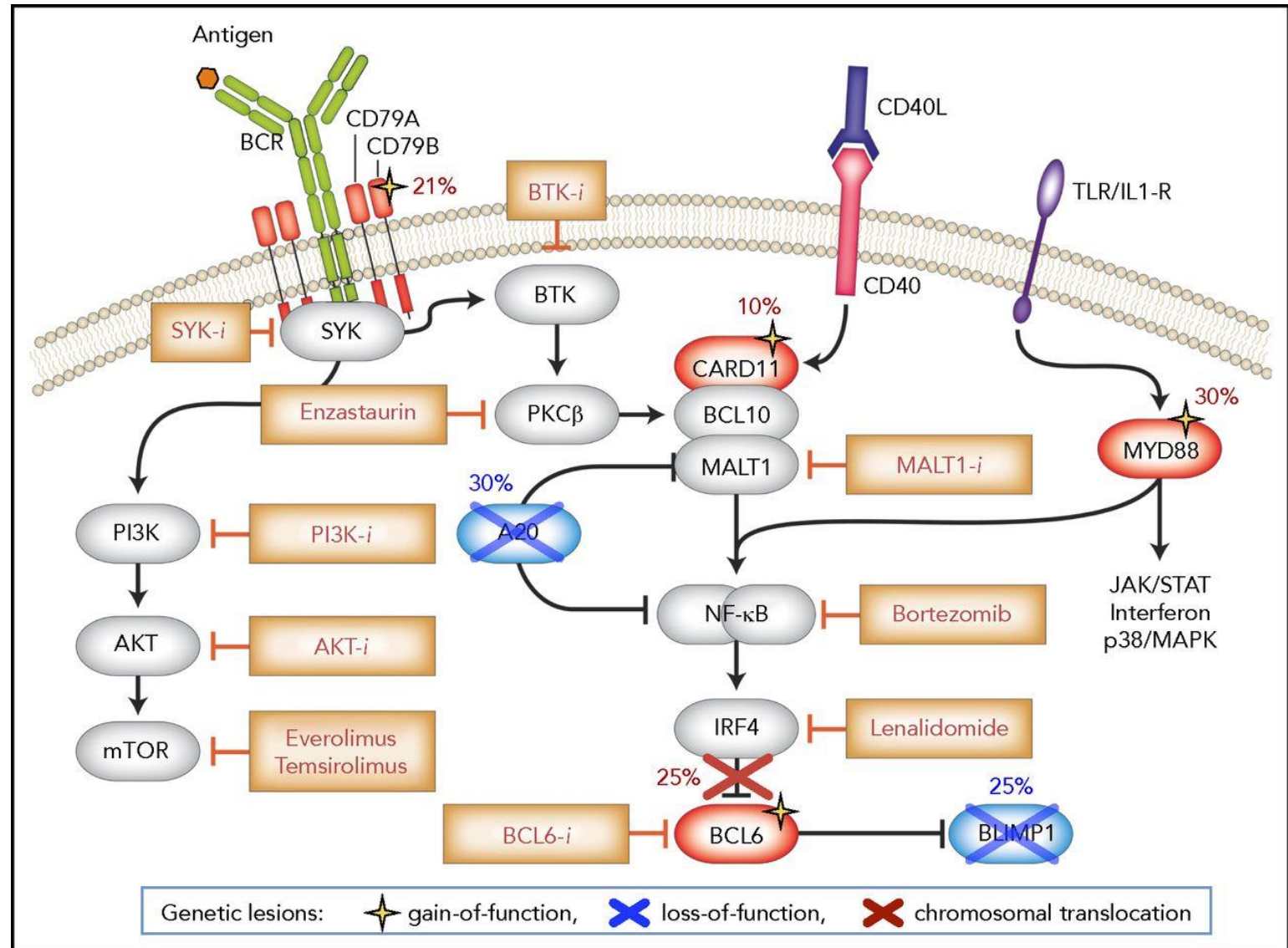
- Better outcome
- Marked heterogeneity
- Tazemetostat (LYSA trial EPZ-6438)



## Targeted treatment in ABC?

More focus compared to ABC:

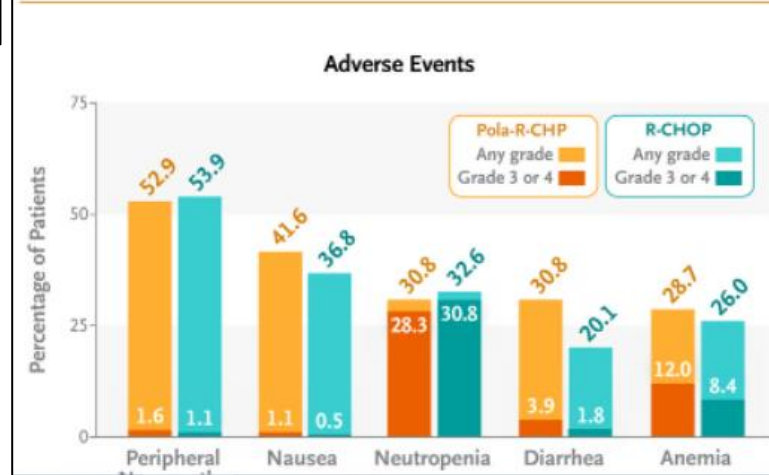
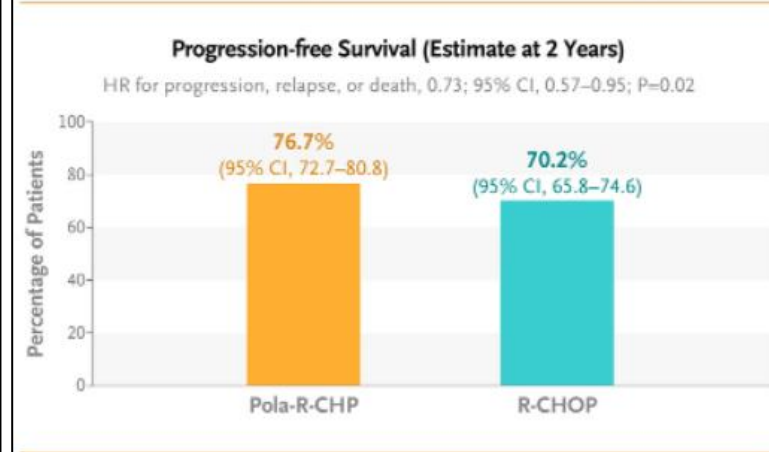
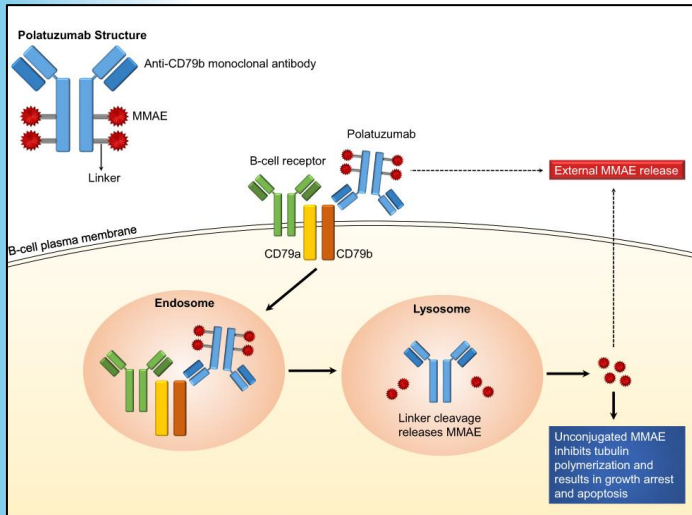
- Poor outcome
- Less heterogeneity
- Targeting NF-KB
- Targeting BCR signaling
- Immunomodulatory agents



Therapy	DLBCL Subtype	Better compared to R-CHOP?	Study
R-CHP-bortezomib	All	No	REMoDL-B, 2019
Obinutuzumab-CHOP	All	No	GOYA, 2017
R-CHOP-ibrutinib	Non-GCB	< 60 year? MCD and N1 subtypes?	PHOENIX, 2019
R-CHOP-lenalidomide	ABC	No	ROBUST, 2021
R-CHOP-lenalidomide (Phase 2)	All	? Yes	ECOG-ACRIN E1412, 2021
Rituximab maintenance	All	No	US Interstudy Group, 2006
Lenalidomide maintenance	All	Elderly patients	REMARC, 2017

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 Thieblemont C, et al. *J Clin Oncol* 2017;35:2473-81  
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## Polatuzumab vedotin (CD79b)



Baseline Risk Factors	Total N	Pola-R-CHP (N=440) n	Pola-R-CHP (N=440) 2-year Rate	R-CHOP (N=439) n	R-CHOP (N=439) 2-year Rate	Hazard Ratio	95% Wald CI	Pola-R-CHP Better	R-CHOP Better
Age group									
≤60	271	140	74.1	131	71.9	0.9	(0.6 to 1.5)		
>60	608	300	77.9	308	69.5	0.7	(0.5 to 0.9)		
Sex									
Male	473	239	75.9	234	65.9	0.7	(0.5 to 0.9)		
Female	406	201	77.7	205	75.2	0.9	(0.6 to 1.4)		
ECOG PS									
0–1	737	374	78.4	363	71.2	0.8	(0.6 to 1.0)		
2	141	66	67.2	75	65.0	0.8	(0.5 to 1.4)		
IPI score									
IPI 2	334	167	79.3	167	78.5	1.0	(0.6 to 1.6)		
IPI 3–5	545	273	75.2	272	65.1	0.7	(0.5 to 0.9)		
Bulky disease									
Absent	494	247	82.7	247	70.7	0.6	(0.4 to 0.8)		
Present	385	193	69.0	192	69.7	1.0	(0.7 to 1.5)		
Geographic region									
Western Europe, United States, Canada, and Australia	603	302	78.6	301	72.0	0.8	(0.6 to 1.1)		
Asia	160	81	74.3	79	65.6	0.6	(0.4 to 1.5)		
Rest of world	116	57	70.8	59	67.3	0.9	(0.6 to 1.5)		
Ann Arbor stage									
I–II	99	47	89.1	52	85.5	0.6	(0.2 to 1.8)		
III	232	124	80.7	108	73.6	0.8	(0.5 to 1.3)		
IV	546	269	72.6	279	66.1	0.8	(0.6 to 1.1)		
Baseline LDH									
≤ULN	300	146	78.9	154	75.6	0.8	(0.5 to 1.3)		
>ULN	575	291	75.4	284	67.2	0.7	(0.5 to 1.0)		
No. of extranodal sites									
0–1	453	227	80.2	226	74.5	0.8	(0.5 to 1.1)		
≥2	426	213	73.0	213	65.8	0.7	(0.5 to 1.0)		
Cell-of-origin									
GCB	352	184	75.1	168	76.9	1.0	(0.7 to 1.5)		
ABC	221	102	83.9	119	58.8	0.4	(0.2 to 0.6)		
Unclassified	95	44	73.0	51	86.2	1.9	(0.8 to 4.5)		
Unknown	211	110	73.8	101	64.3	0.7	(0.4 to 1.2)		
Double expressor by IHC									
DEL	290	139	75.5	151	63.1	0.6	(0.4 to 1.0)		
Non DEL	438	223	77.7	215	75.7	0.9	(0.6 to 1.3)		
Unknown	151	78	76.0	73	69.8	0.8	(0.4 to 1.5)		
Double- or triple-hit lymphoma									
Yes	45	26	89.0	19	88.9	3.8	(0.8 to 17.6)		
No	620	305	76.8	315	70.3	0.7	(0.5 to 1.0)		
Unknown	214	109	78.5	105	66.4	0.6	(0.4 to 1.1)		

- No consensus/uniform guidelines on RIS:

**STOP antimetabolites**  
**Reduce CNI dose**  
**Continue or increase steroids**

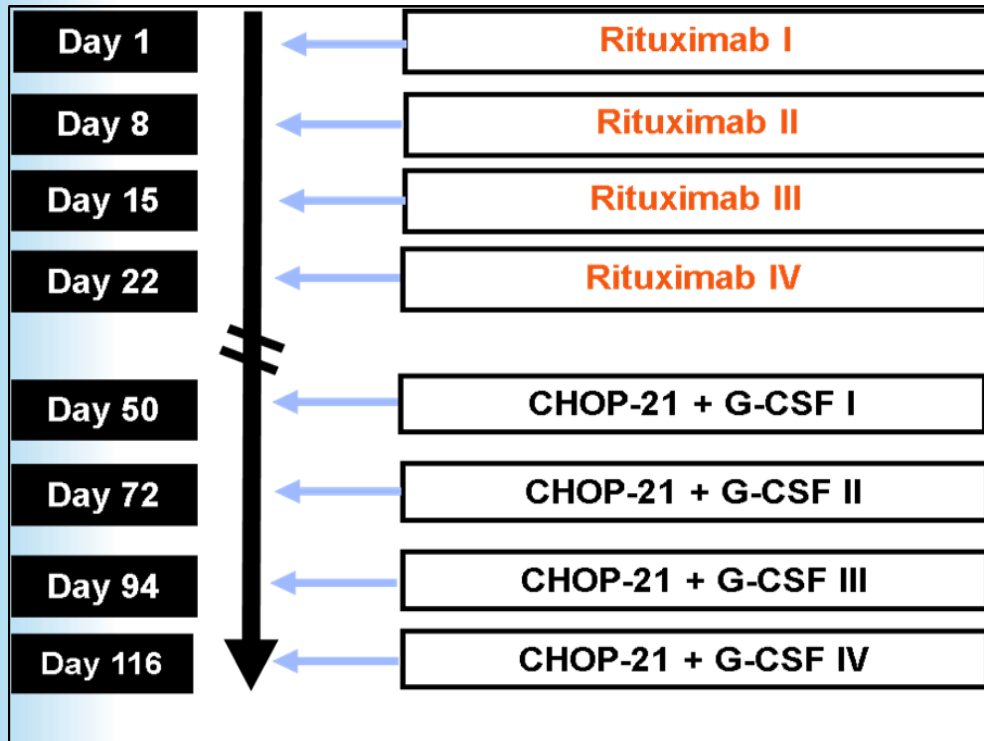
- 1-4 weeks → response rates: 0 - >50%

**Organ  
dependent**

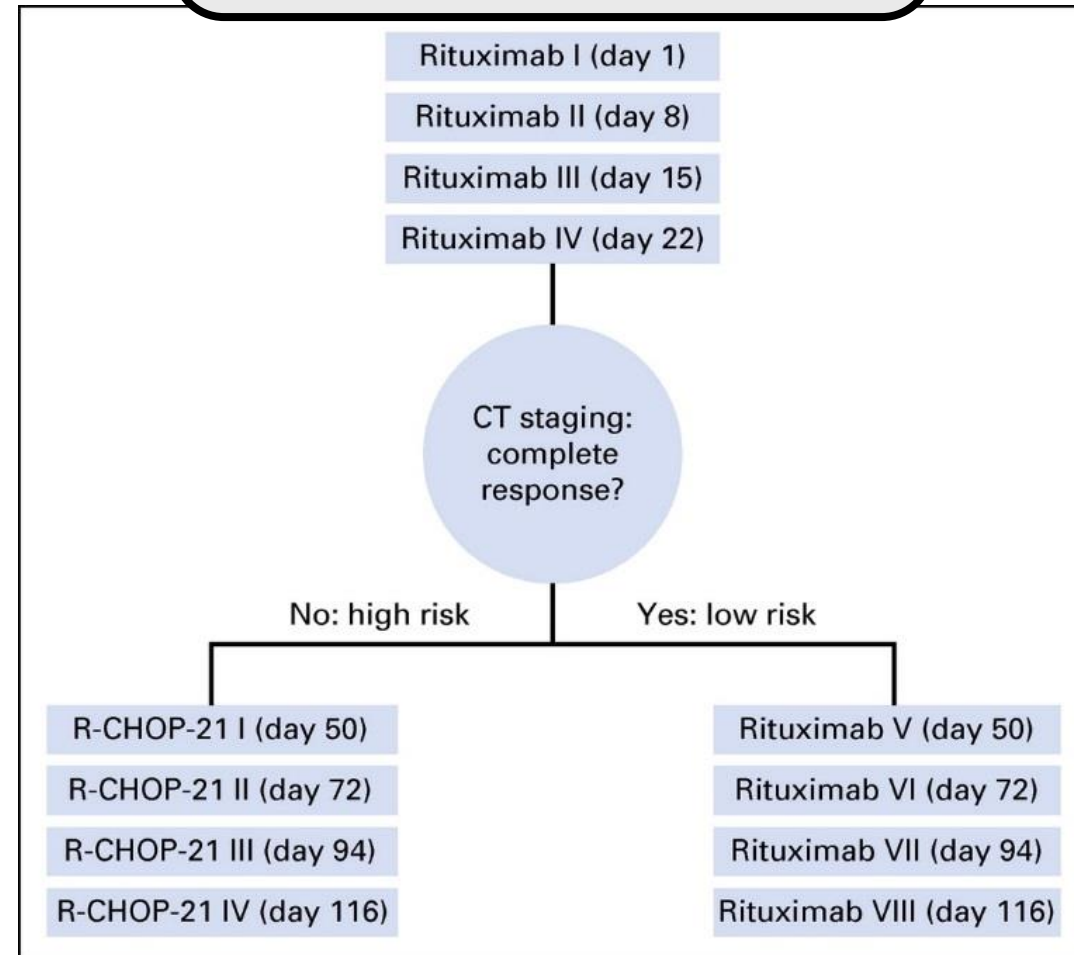
Kidney: dialysis rescue  
 HSC: less efficacy  
 Heart: risk sudden death

	Treatment	Overall response rate (CR)
Pennsylvania	RIS only	45% (37%)
Baltimore	Sequential therapy (RIS – IFN $\alpha$ – chemo)	6% (0%)

## Sequential Treatment (ST)

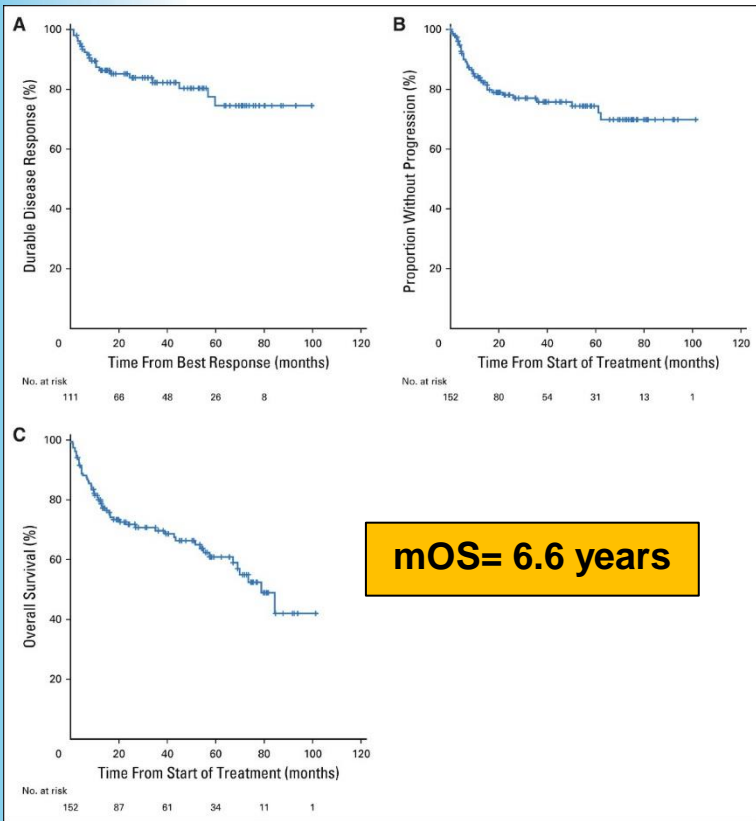


## Risk Stratified Sequential Treatment (RSST)

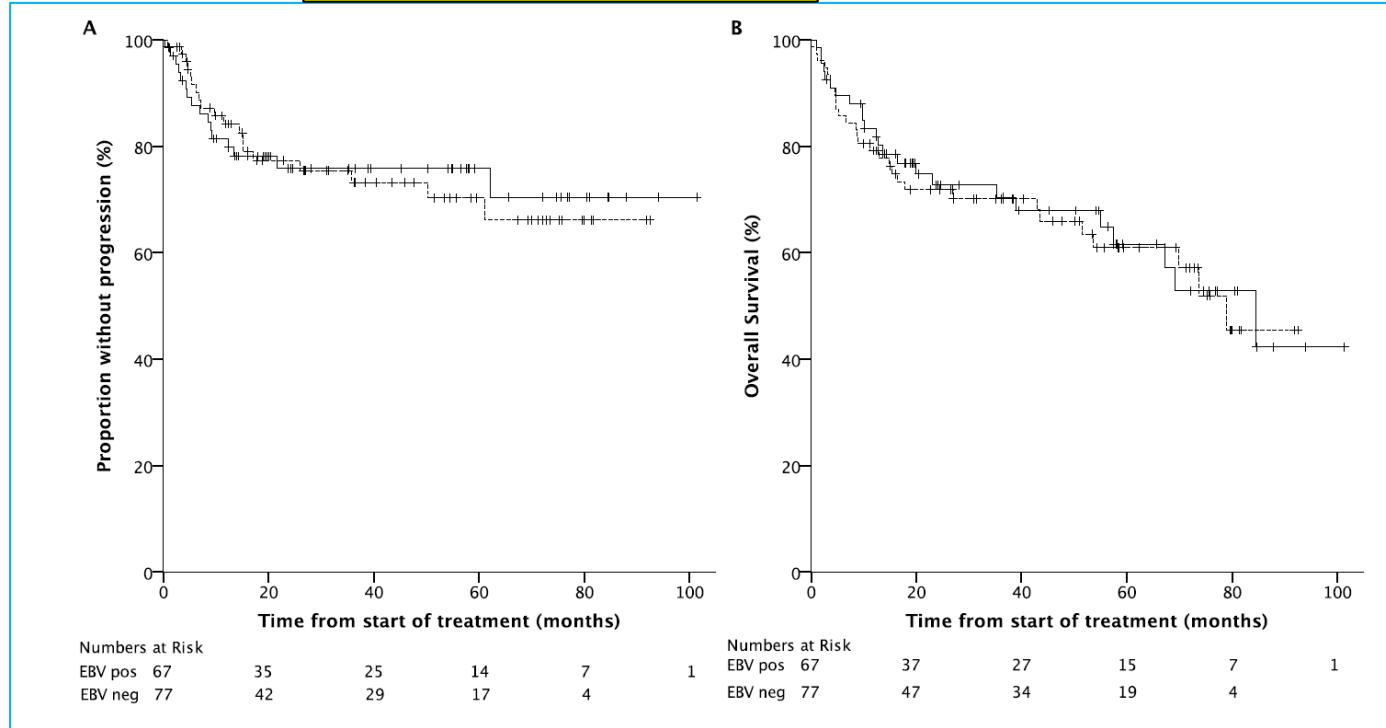


**PTLD1 trial**

**n = 152 (SOT)**



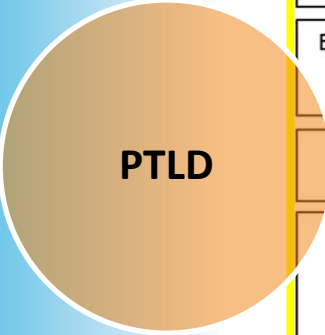
**mOS= 6.6 years**



**25%: CR at interim staging**

**Risk factors predictive for OS:**

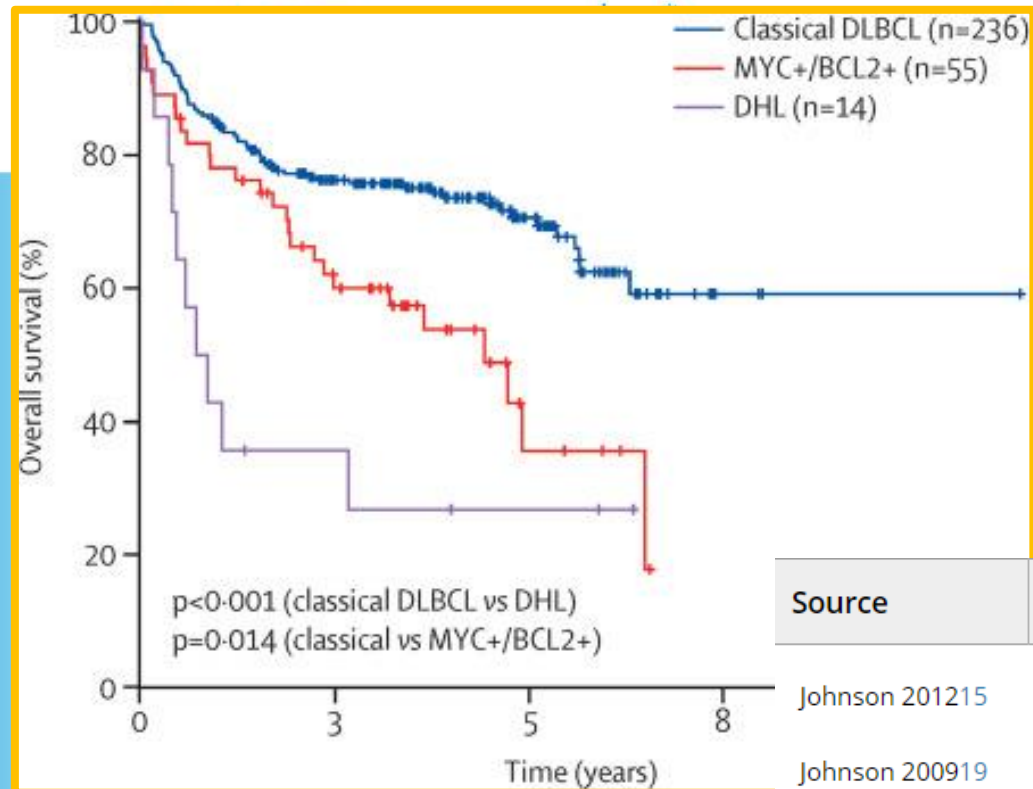
- IPI score
- Response to rituximab at interim staging
- Type of transplant



Primary EBV infection-associated PTLD	EBV-associated PTLD with EBV-reactivation and non EBV-associated PTLD					
Antiviral treatment + IR	Immunosuppression reduction (IR)					
	CD20-positive PTLD			CD20-negative PTLD		
Early lesion- ... DLBCL-type PTLD	wait for response to IR			wait for response to IR		
	Early lesion-	Poly-morphic ... DLBCL-type- PTLD	Burkitt-PTLD	pCNS PTLD	Plasmacytoma-like- and Hodgkin-PTLD	Plasmablastic- and T-cell PTLD
no CR	Ann Arbor stage I	Ann Arbor stage II-IV	Ann Arbor any stage	Ann Arbor stage I	Ann Arbor stage II-IV	Ann Arbor any stage
IVIG*	4 courses rituximab (R)	<b>Risk Stratified</b> <b>Sequential treatment (ST):</b> 4 courses rituximab (R) followed by 4 cycles of CHOP-21 + GCSF in fixed sequence <sup>†‡</sup>		4xR plus HD-MTX*  or 4xR plus WBRT*	radiotherapy  for plasmacytoma-like PTLD: also surgical resection	4# PAD or ABVD + GCSF  (if response but no CR after 4 cycles: additional cycles)
no CR	no CR <sup>†</sup>					
4 courses rituximab*	surgical resection / radiotherapy  +/- 4 additional courses R					6-8 cycles CHOP-21 + GCSF <sup>‡</sup>



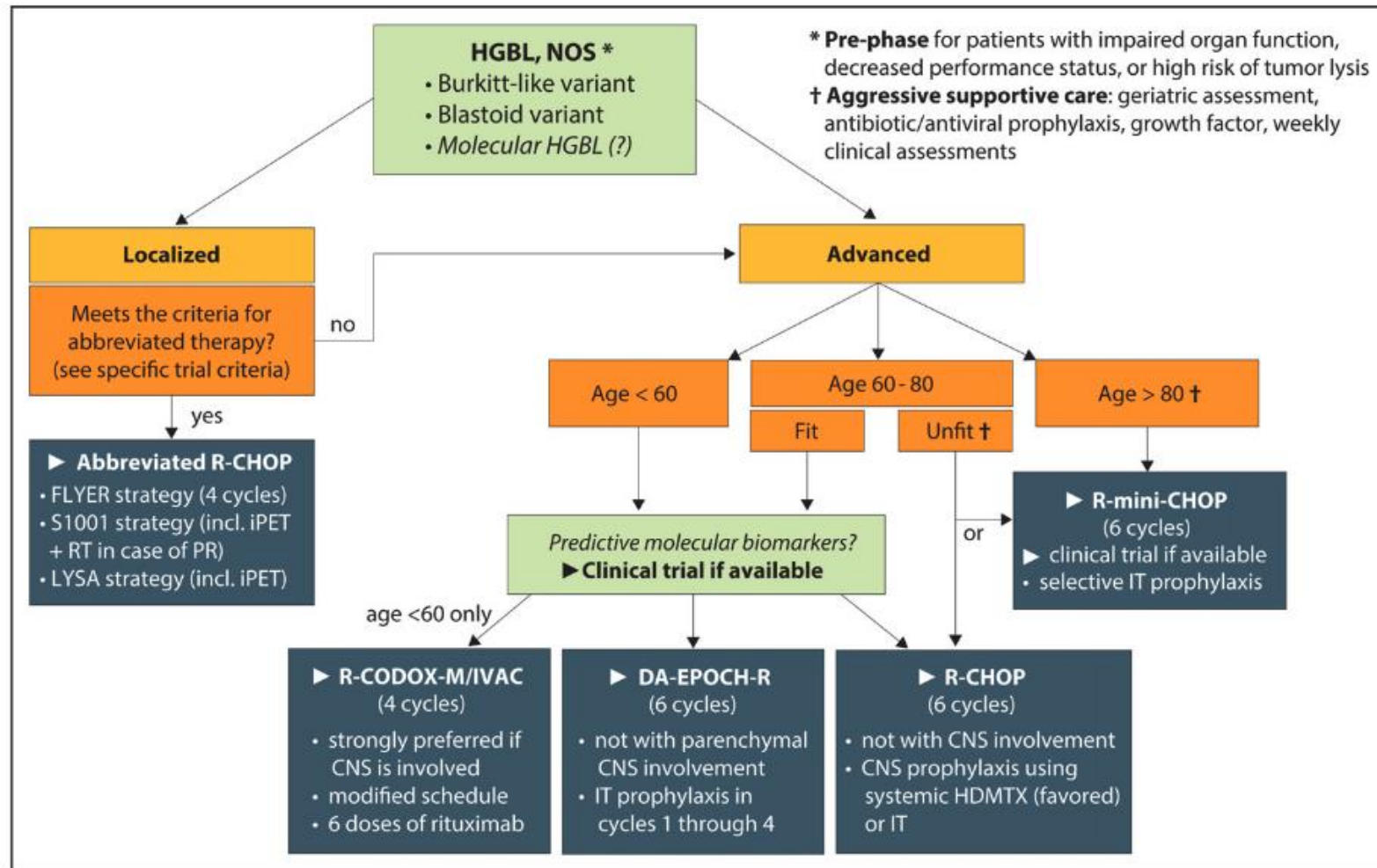
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Source	Focus	Patients, No.	Treatment, No.	PFS/EFS	OS
Johnson 201215	DHL	14	R-CHOP: 14	PFS: 18% at 5 y	OS: 27% at 5 y
Johnson 200919	DHL	54	R-CHOP: 11	N/A	Median OS: 1.4 y
Petrich 201446	DHL	311	R-CHOP: 100	Median PFS: 7.8 mo	N/A
			R-EPOCH: 64	Median PFS: 21.6 mo	N/A
Oki 201451	DHL	129	R-CHOP: 57	EFS: 20% at 5 y	OS: 22% at 5 y
			R-EPOCH: 28	N/A	N/A
Johnson 201215	DEL	55	R-CHOP: 55	PFS: 32% at 5 y	OS: 36% at 5 y
Green 201243	DEL	54	R-CHOP: 54	PFS: 39% at 3 y	OS: 43% at 3 y
Hu 201344	DEL	157	R-CHOP: 157	PFS: 27% at 5 y	OS: 30% at 5 y

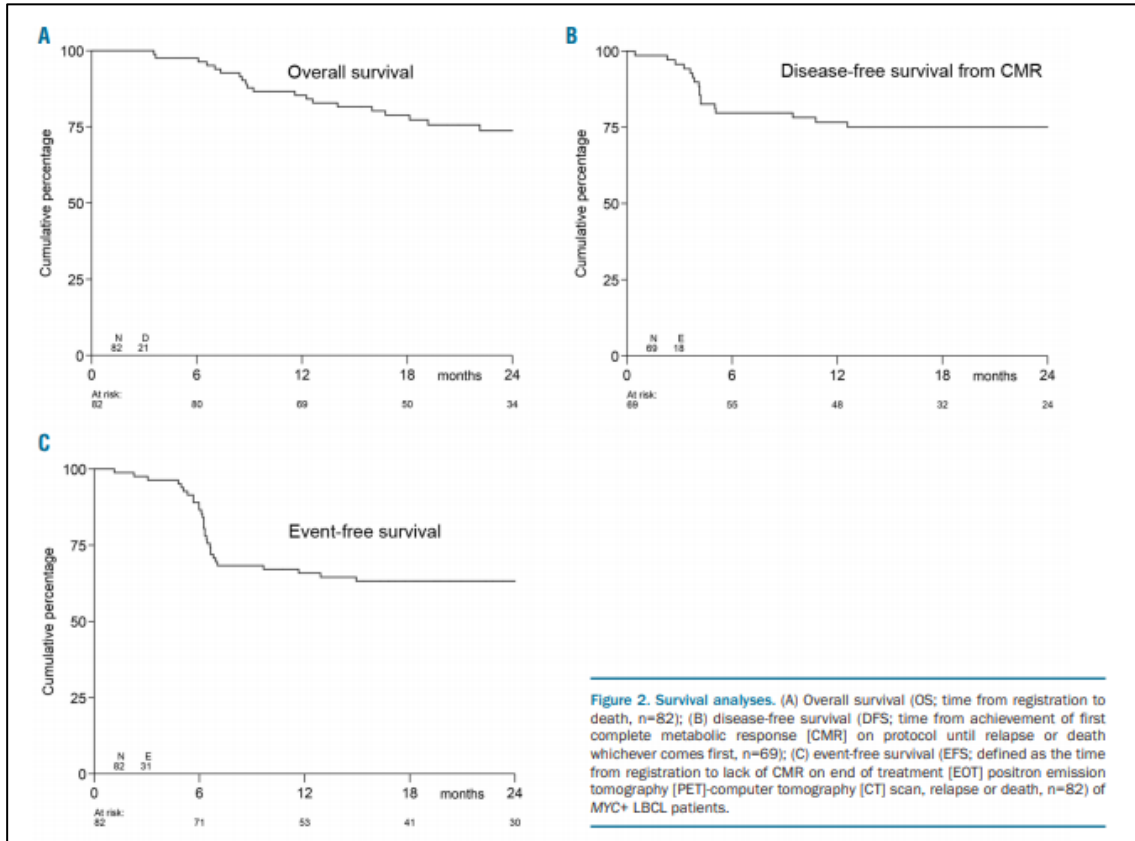
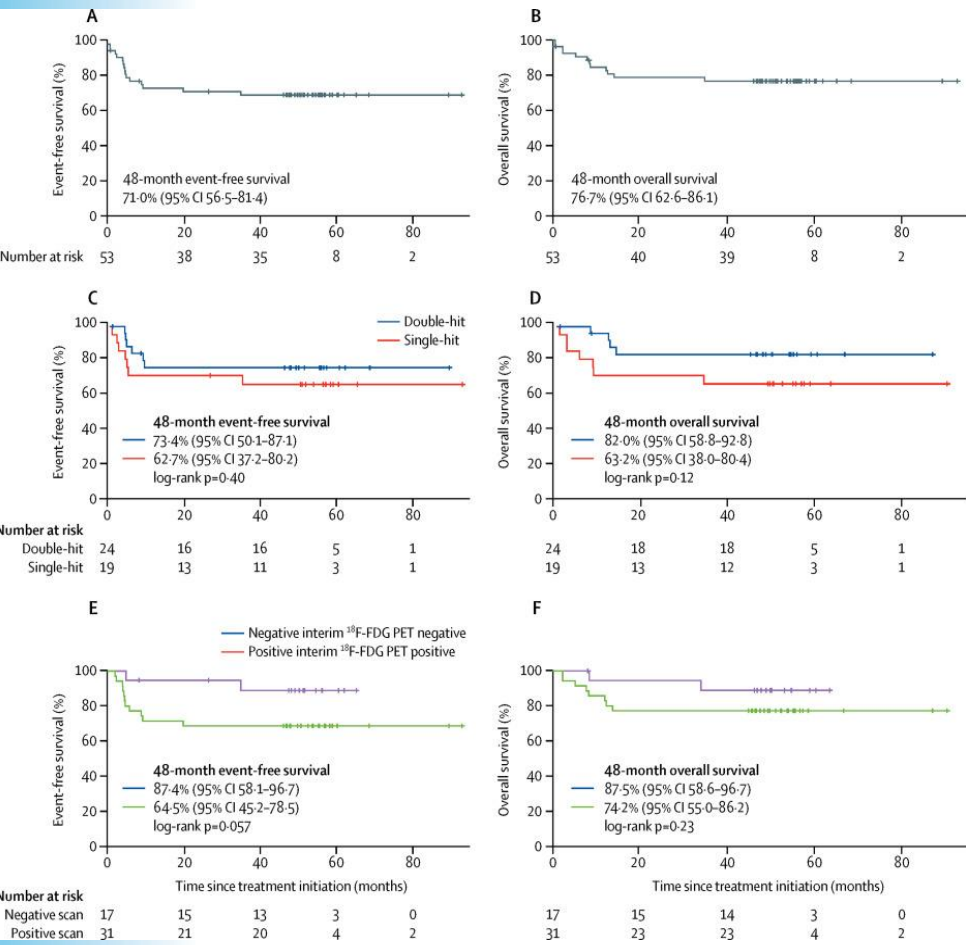
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DA-EPOCH-R

R<sup>2</sup>-CHOP

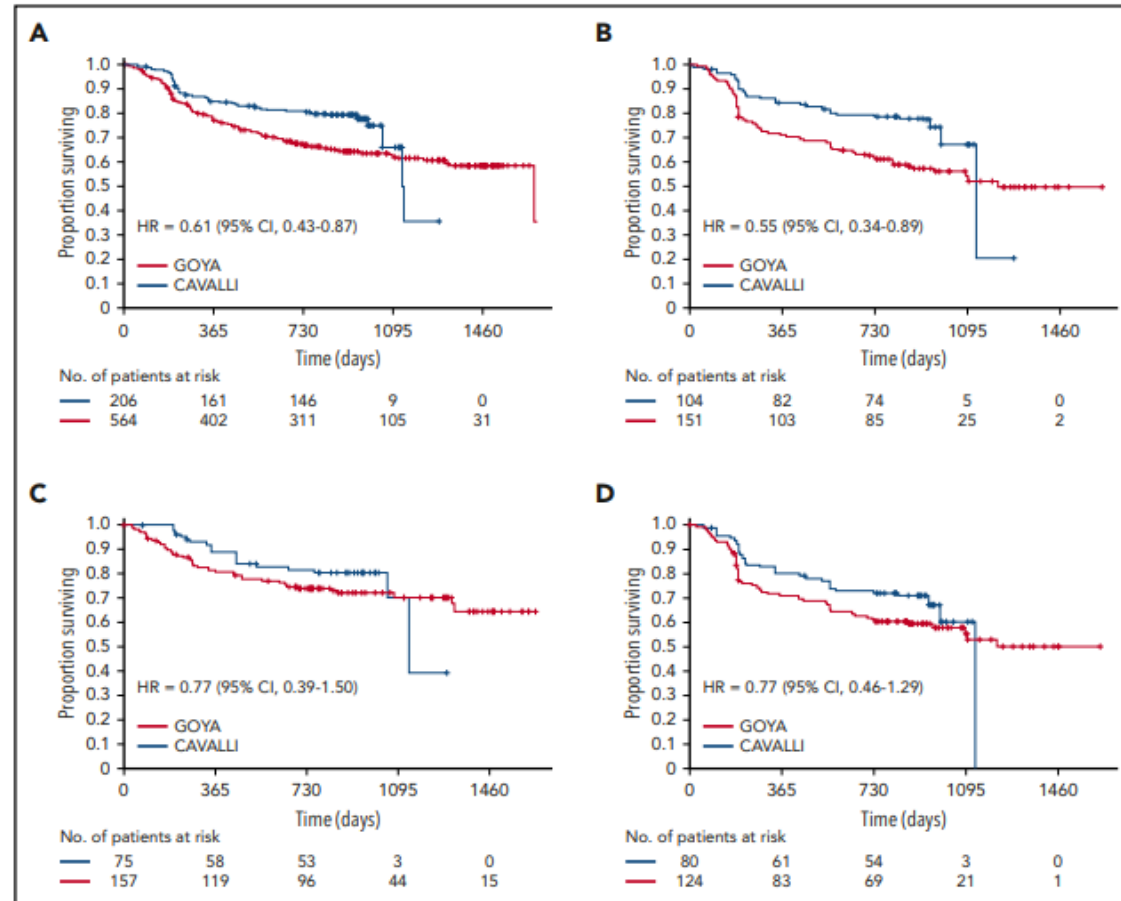


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# R-CHOP + Venetoclax

Phase II:  
CAVALLI



**Figure 1. Investigator-assessed PFS in CAVALLI vs GOYA IPI 2 to 5.** Kaplan-Meier curves for the overall population (A) and the Bcl-2 IHC<sup>+</sup> (B), Bcl-2 IHC<sup>-</sup> (C), and DEL (D) subgroups. The following covariates were adjusted: age, sex, ECOG PS, bone marrow involvement, IPI (high vs nonhigh), bulky disease (>7.5 cm), disease stage (IV vs I-III), LDH, and COO.

# CNS prophylaxis

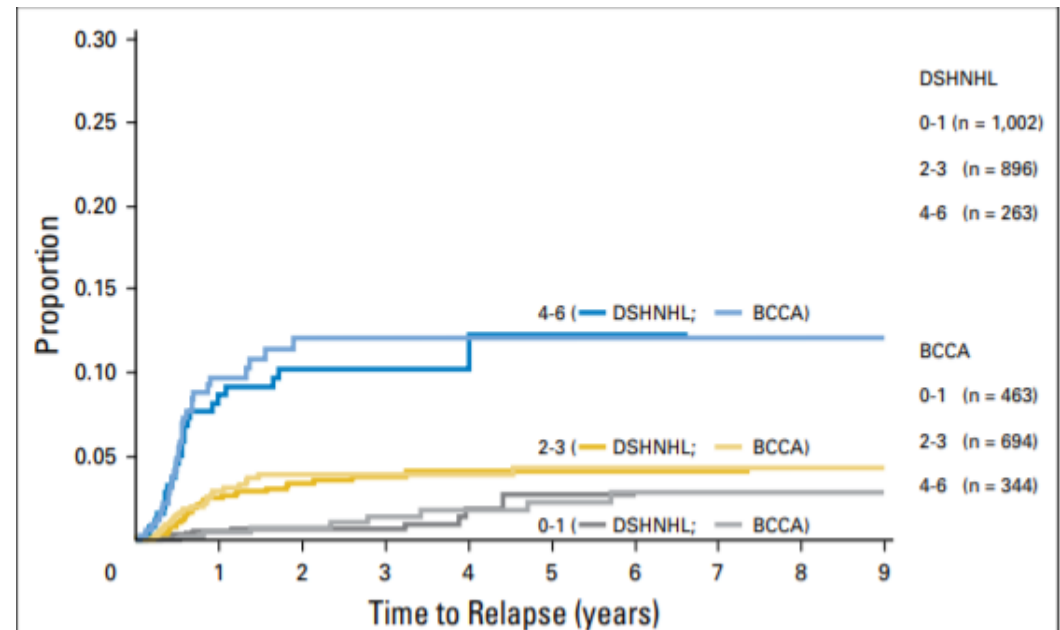
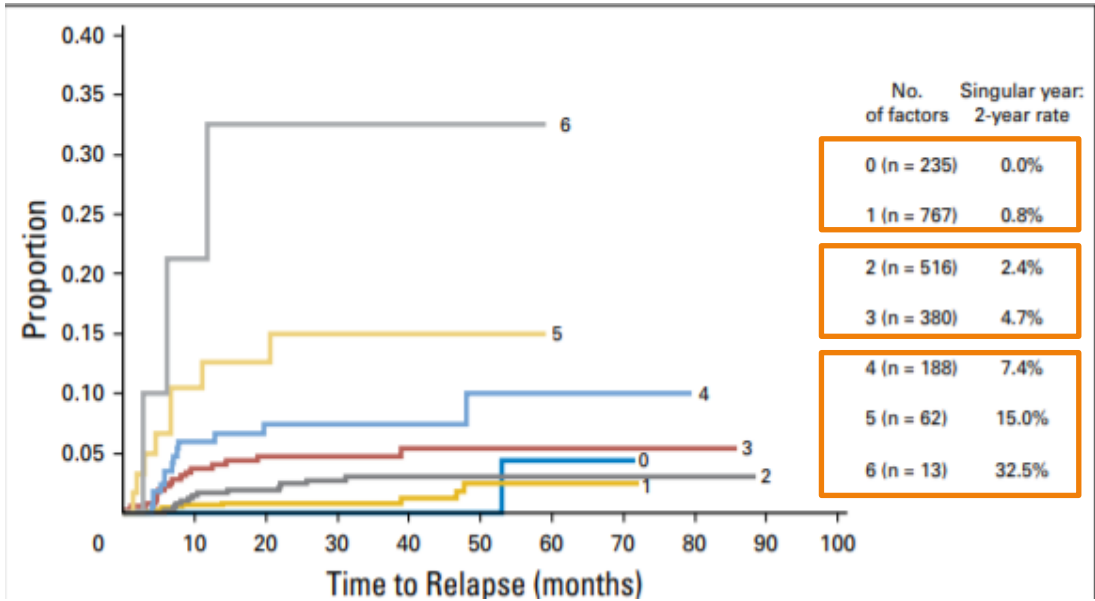
**Table 2.** Factors Defining the CNS International Prognostic Index: Results of Multivariable Analysis

Factor	Hazard Ratio	95% CI	P
Kidney and/or adrenal glands involved	2.8	1.3 to 5.8	.006
Age > 60 years	2.5	1.3 to 4.5	.001
LDH > normal	2.4	1.3 to 4.5	.005
ECOG PS > 1	2.2	1.3 to 3.9	.006
Stage III/IV disease	2.0	1.0 to 3.8	.039
Extranodal involvement > 1	1.0	0.5 to 1.8	.935

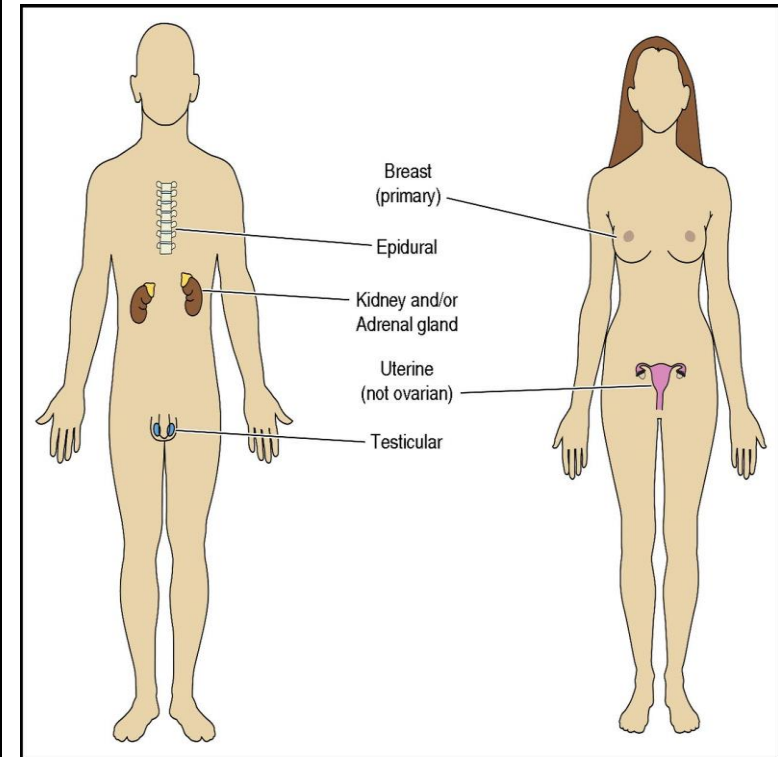
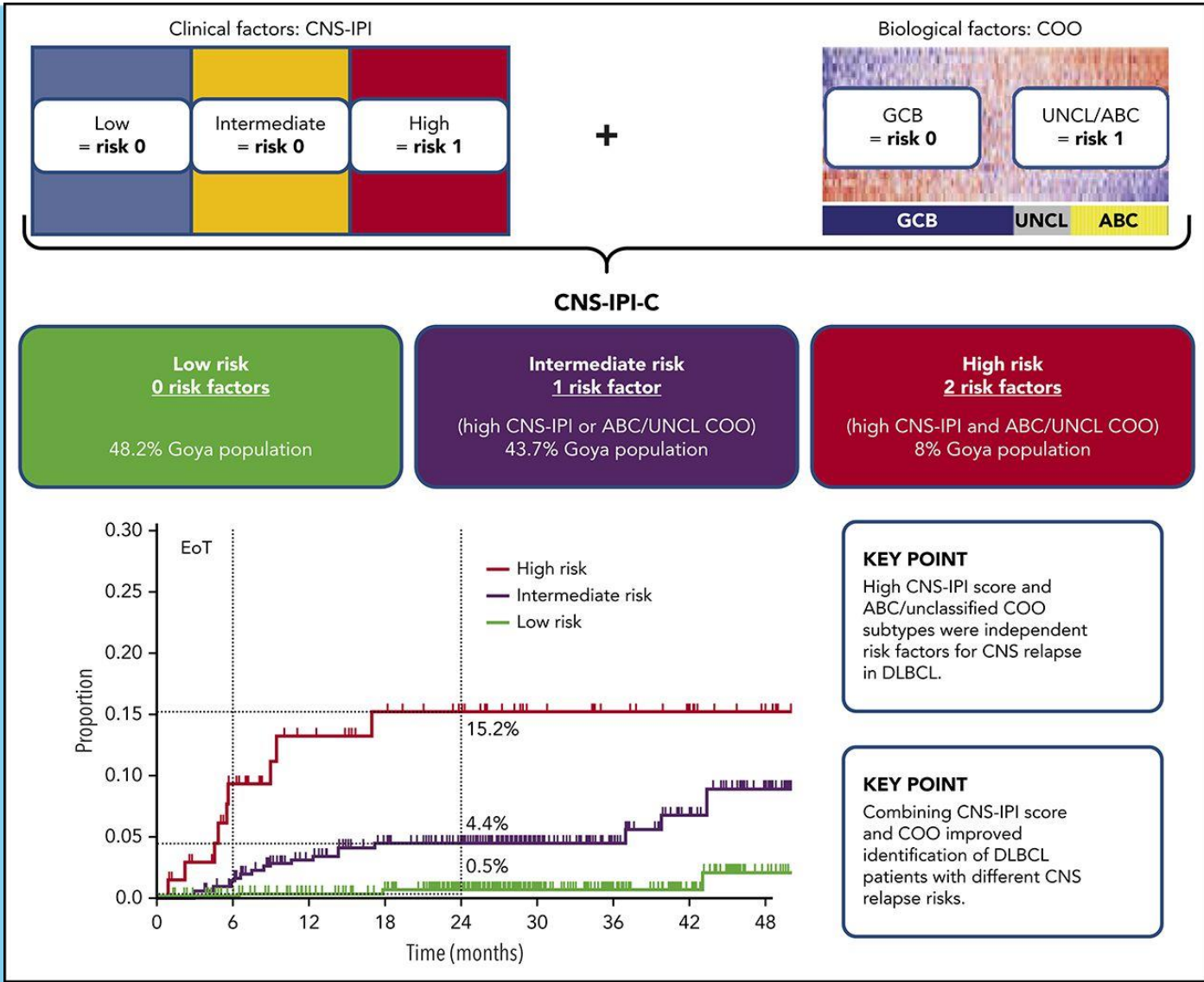
Abbreviations: ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; LDH, lactate dehydrogenase.

**Table 1.** Risk stratification for secondary CNS involvement in non-Hodgkin lymphoma integrating histologic, clinical, and molecular factors

Histologic subtype	Histologic subtype-specific risk factors	Approximate CNS relapse risk
DLBCL	CNS-IPI $\geq 4^6$ or involvement of breast, <sup>17</sup> testis, <sup>18</sup> uterus, <sup>19</sup> epidural, <sup>20,21</sup> kidney/adrenals <sup>6,16</sup>	10% at 2 y Varies by site
	MYC/BCL2 DE DLBCL, particularly if ABC subtype <sup>22</sup>	10% at 2 y (15% if ABC COO)
	CD5 <sup>+</sup> DLBCL <sup>23</sup>	12.7% at 2 y
	Intravascular large B-cell lymphoma <sup>24</sup>	25% at 3 y
	IgM-secreting DLBCL <sup>25</sup>	41% cumulative incidence (7 of 17)
HGBL with MYC and BCL2 and/or BCL6 rearrangements <sup>26</sup>		13% at 3 y
MCL	Blastoid histology or Ki-67 $\geq 30\%^{27}$	25.4% at 2 y
PTCL (PTCL-NOS, AITL, ALCL)	>1 extranodal site, skin or gastrointestinal involvement <sup>28</sup>	~10% at 2 y
ALK <sup>+</sup> ALCL	>1 extranodal site <sup>29</sup>	1-y 15%



# CNS prophylaxis

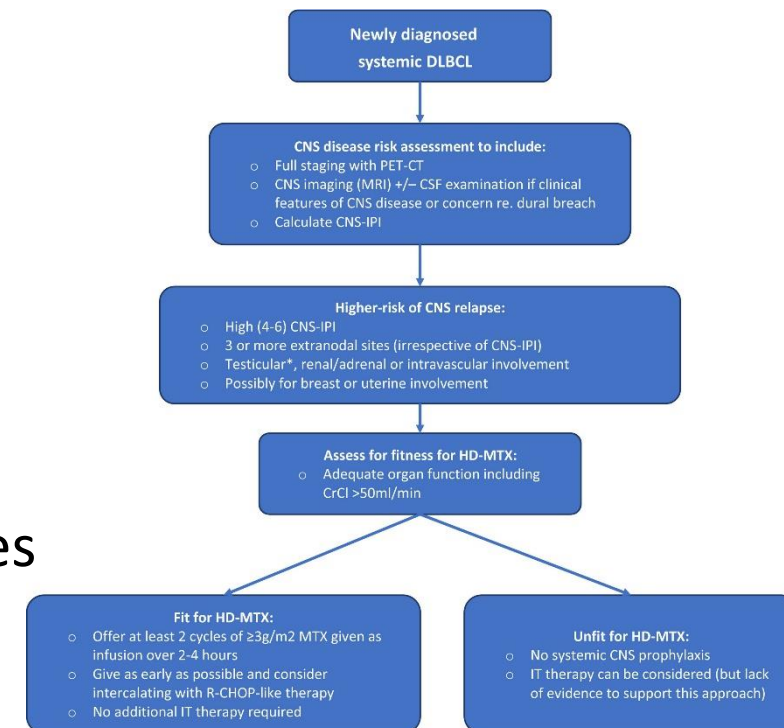


**BCL2/MYC dual-expression status did not impact CNS relapse risk**

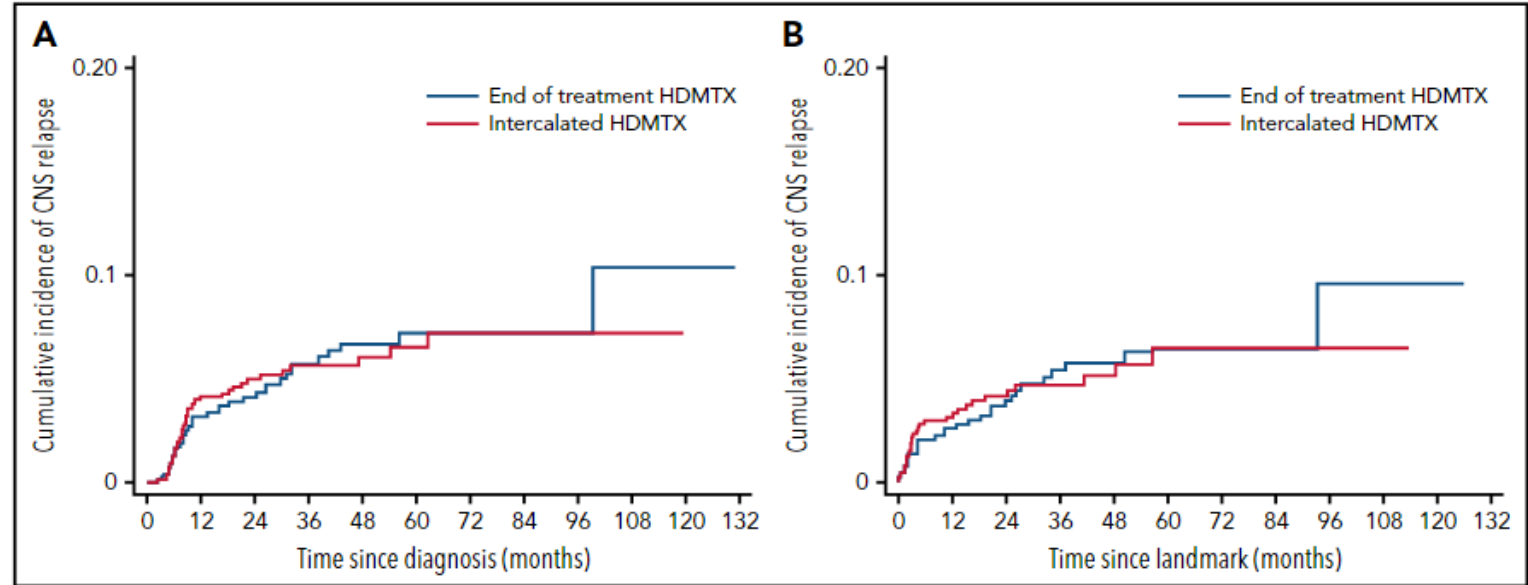
## Prophylactic strategies

- Stand-alone IT chemotherapy (MTX, Ara-C, steroids): not recommended anymore based on a systematic review

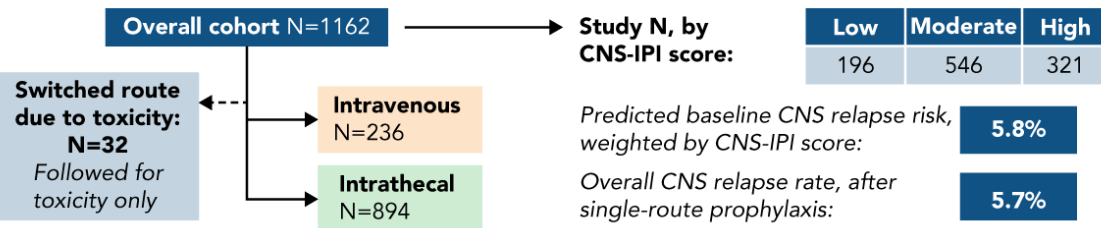
- HD MTX
  - 2 cycles of MTX 3 gr/m<sup>2</sup>
  - MTX 3 gr/m<sup>2</sup> on day 15 (R-CHOP21) 2-4 cycles



## Prophylactic strategies



### Single-route central nervous system prophylaxis for aggressive non-Hodgkin lymphomas: real-world outcomes from 21 US academic institutions



5.4%	CNS relapse after intrathecal prophylaxis
6.8%	CNS relapse after intravenous prophylaxis

P=0.40

#### Key findings:

- CNS relapse rates similar to CNS-IPI predictions, despite all patients receiving prophylaxis
- PPx route did not significantly affect CNS relapse rate
- Higher CNS relapse risk despite single-route PPx with:
  - Testicular involvement
  - Non-GCB subtype
  - Increased extranodal burden

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**High dose therapy and autologous stem cell transplantation in first relapse**

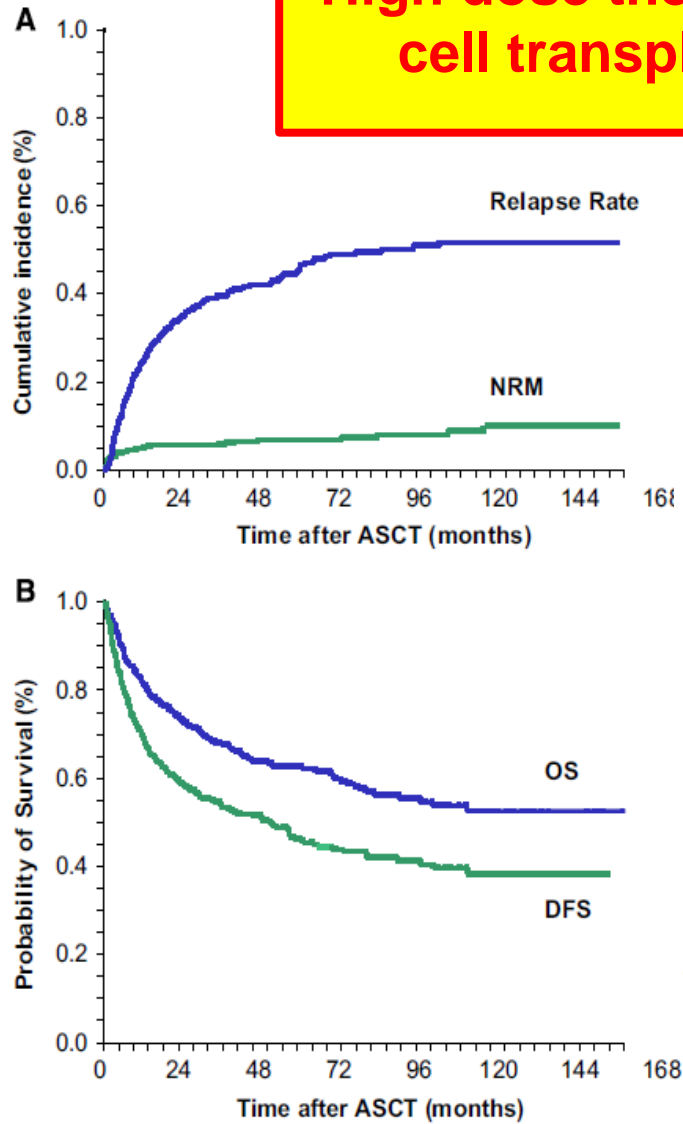


Figure 2. Overall outcome of the entire series (n = 470). (A) Relapse rate and nonrelapse mortality. (B) DFS and OS.

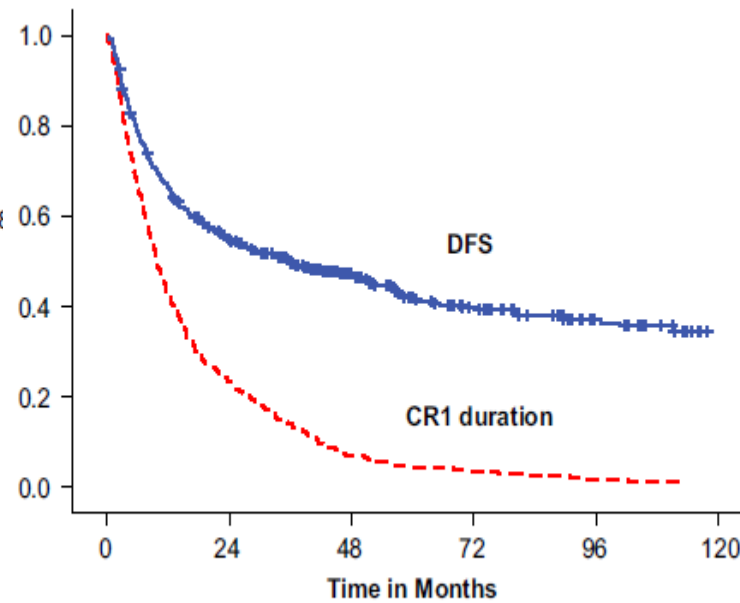
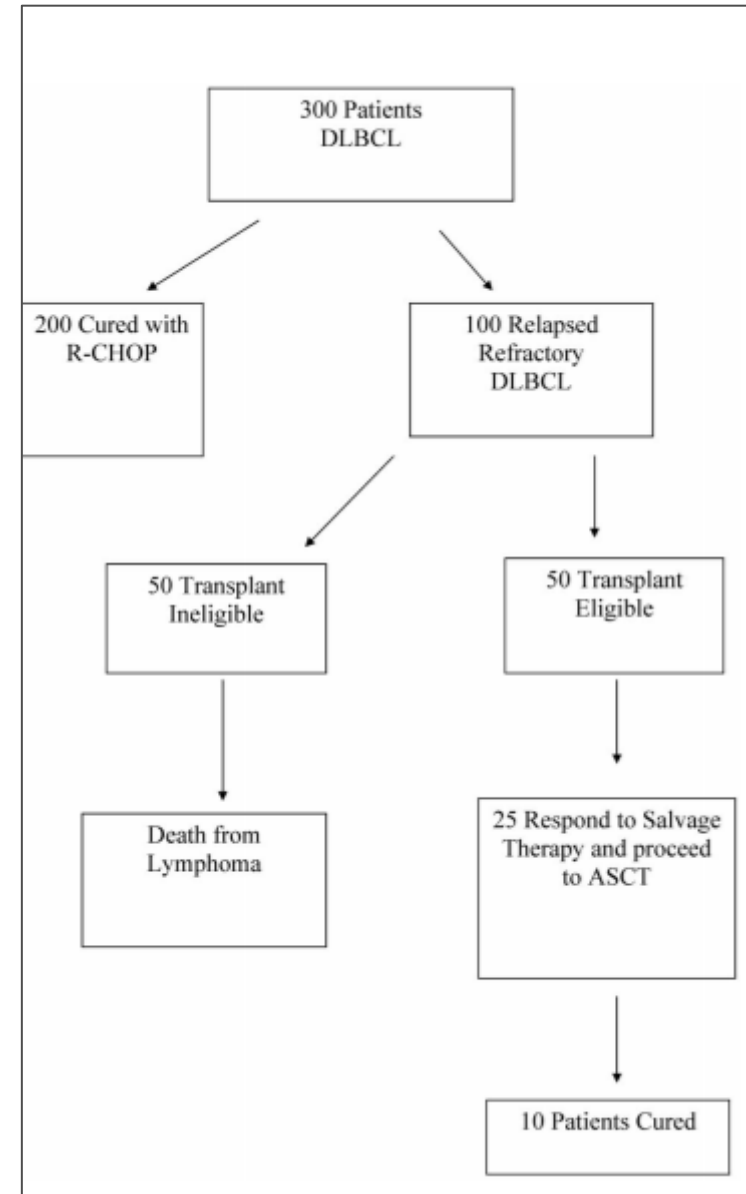
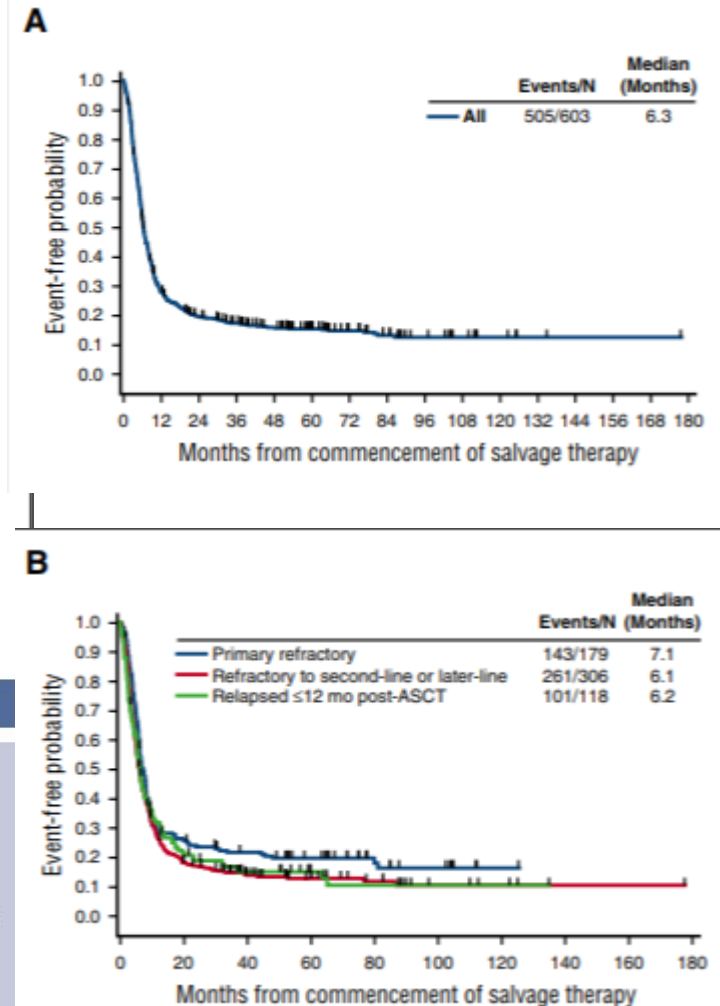
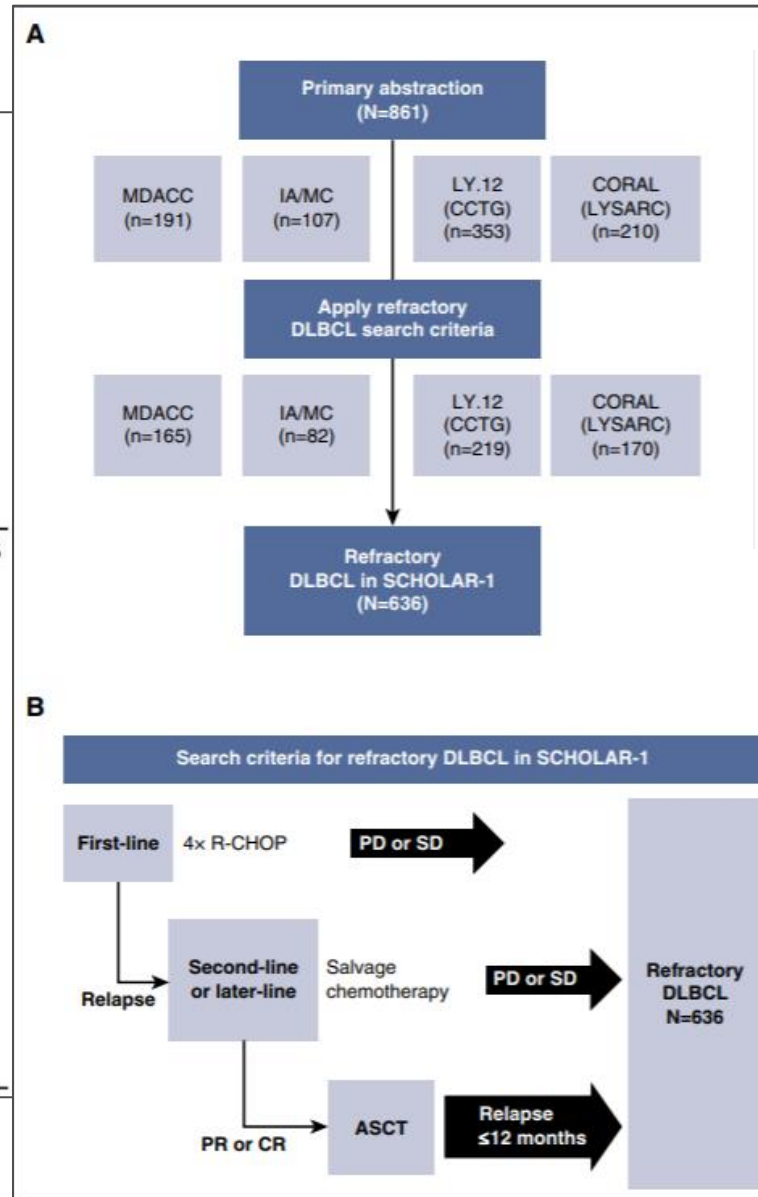
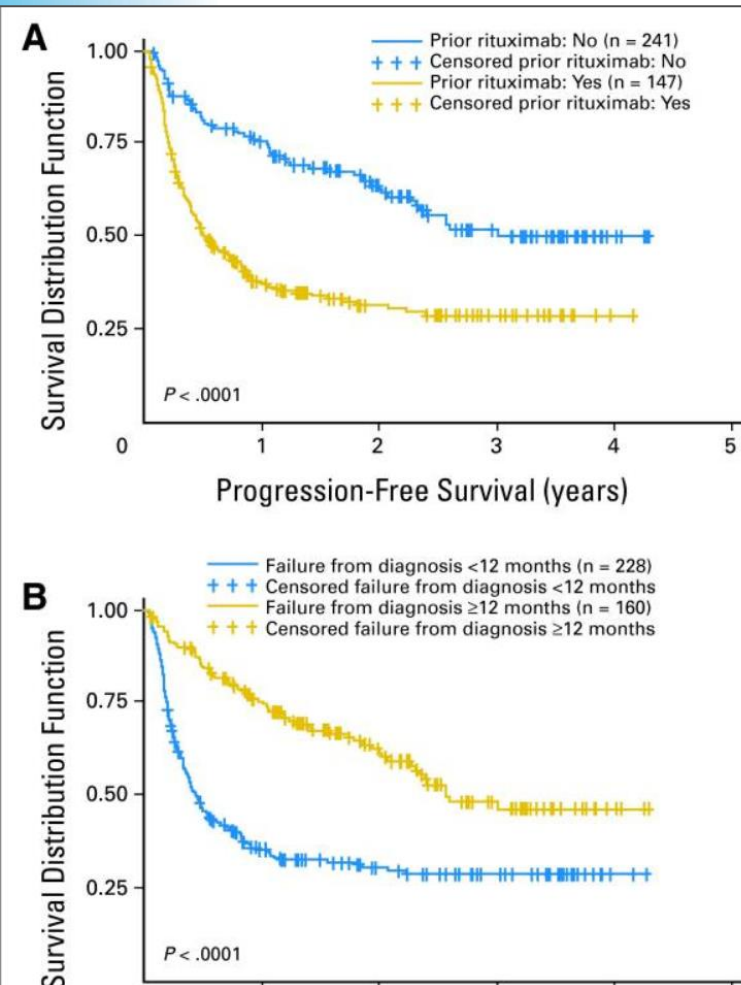


Figure 3. Duration of first complete remission and DFS after the ASCT for the entire series (n = 470).





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## Salvage chemotherapy (transplant ineligible)

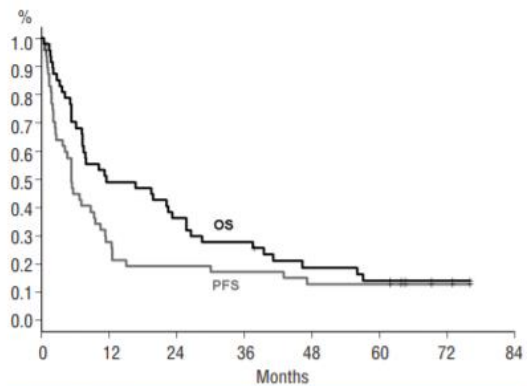


Figure 2. Overall survival (OS) and progression-free survival (PFS) in patients treated with R-GemOx.

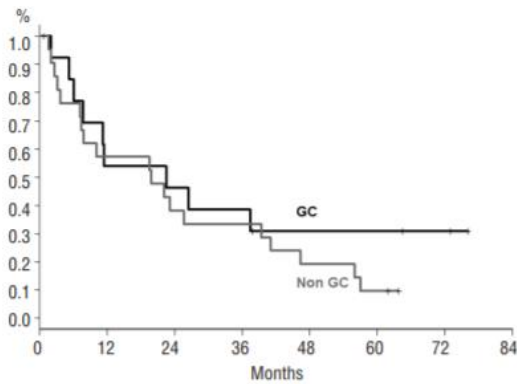


Figure 3. Overall survival according to pathological subtype of lymphoma.

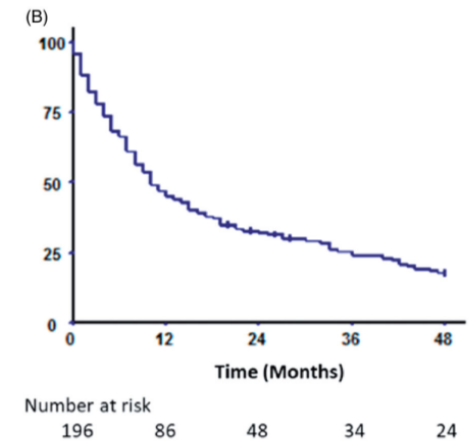
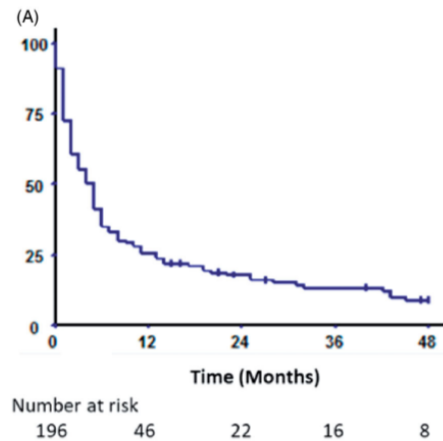


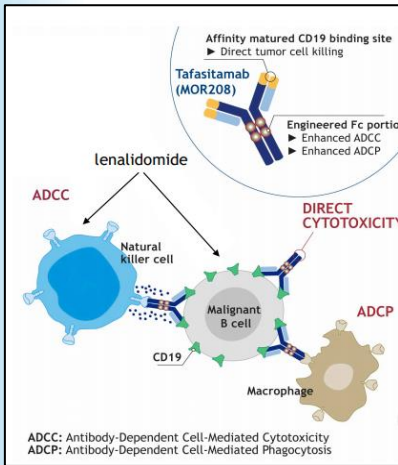
Figure 2. Outcome of the population. (A) PFS; median: 5 months. (B) OS; median: 10 months.

**Table 4. Select Agents in Development for the Treatment of DLBCL.\***

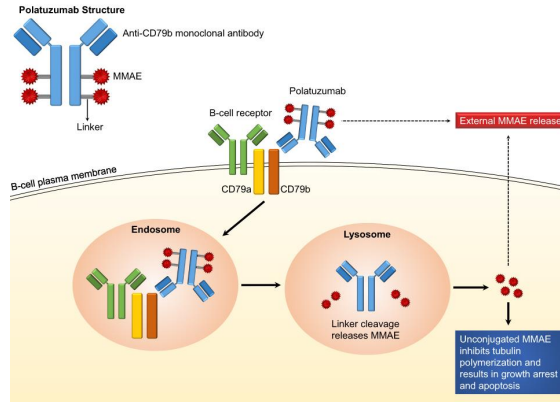
Class and Agent	Target	Clinical Trial Phase	Overall Response Rate	Complete Response Rate	Study
<i>percent</i>					
<b>CAR T-cell therapy†</b>					
Axicabtagene ciloleucel	CD19	1	82	54	Neelapu et al. <sup>68</sup>
Tisagenlecleucel	CD19	2	52	40	Schuster et al. <sup>69</sup>
Lisocabtagene maraleucel	CD19	1	73	53	Abramson et al. <sup>67</sup>
<b>Monoclonal antibodies</b>					
Tafasitamab	CD19	2a	26	6	Jurczak et al. <sup>70</sup>
Tafasitamab plus lenalidomide	CD19	2	60	43	Salles et al. <sup>71</sup>
<b>Antibody–drug conjugates</b>					
Loncastuximab tesirine	CD19	1	42	23	Hamadani et al. <sup>72</sup>
Brentuximab vedotin	CD30	2	44	17	Jacobsen et al. <sup>73</sup>
Polatuzumab vedotin	CD79b	1	52‡	13‡	Palanca-Wessels et al. <sup>74</sup>
Polatuzumab vedotin plus BR vs. BR	CD79b	2, randomized	45 vs. 17.5	40 vs. 17.5	Sehn et al. <sup>75</sup>
<b>Bispecific antibodies</b>					
Blinatumomab	CD19–CD3	2	43	19	Viardot et al. <sup>76</sup>
Mosunetuzumab	CD20–CD3	1/1b	35§	19§	Schuster et al. <sup>77</sup>
Glofitamab	CD20–CD3	1/1b	41	29	Hutchings et al. <sup>78</sup>
Odronextamab	CD20–CD3	1	42¶	35¶	Bannerji et al. <sup>79</sup>
Epcoritamab	CD20–CD3	1/2	76	32	Hutchings et al. <sup>80</sup>
<b>NF-κB and BCR modifiers</b>					
Ibrutinib	BTK	1/2	37 ABC, 5 GCB	16 ABC, 0 GCB	Wilson et al. <sup>81</sup>
Lenalidomide vs. investigator's choice	Multiple, NF-κB	2, randomized	28 vs. 12	10 vs. 2	Czuczman et al. <sup>82</sup>
<b>Agents with other targets</b>					
Venetoclax	BCL2	1	18	12	Davids et al. <sup>83</sup>
Selinexor	XPO1	2b	28	12	Kalakonda et al. <sup>84</sup>
<b>Checkpoint inhibitors</b>					
Nivolumab	PD-1	2	≤10	≤3	Ansell et al. <sup>85</sup>
Magrolimab	CD47	1b	40	33	Advani et al. <sup>86</sup>
<b>Epigenetic modifiers</b>					
Tazemetostat	EZH2	2	17 EZH2 mt, 17 EZH2 wt	3 EZH2 mt, 9 EZH2 wt	Ribrag et al. <sup>87</sup>

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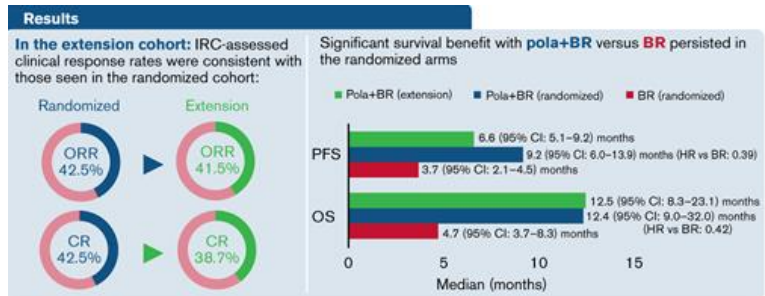
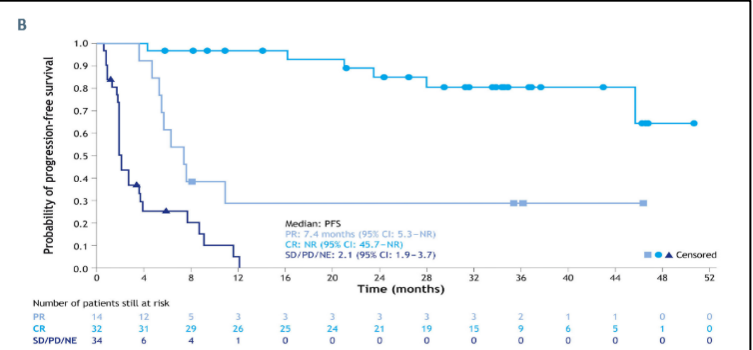
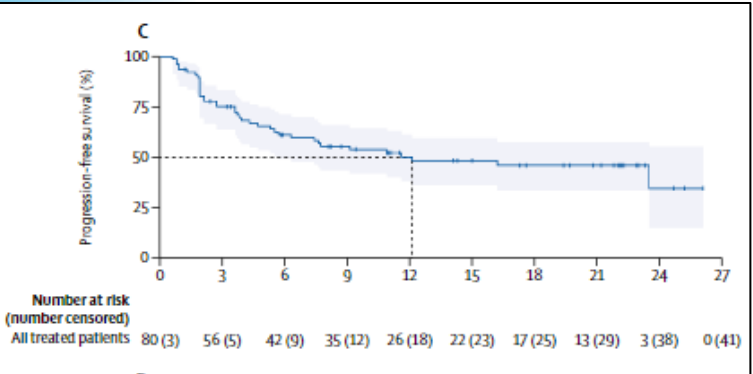
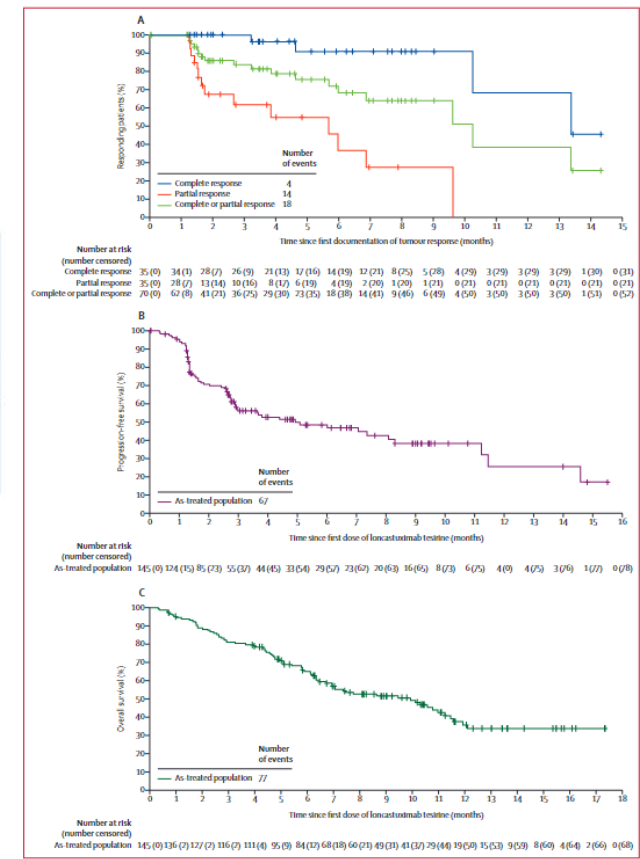
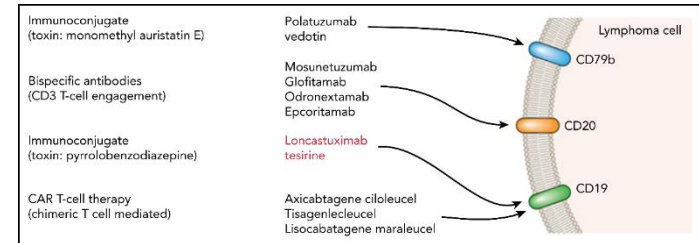
## Tafasitamab (CD19) Phase 2 L-Mind



## Polatuzumab vedotin (CD79b)



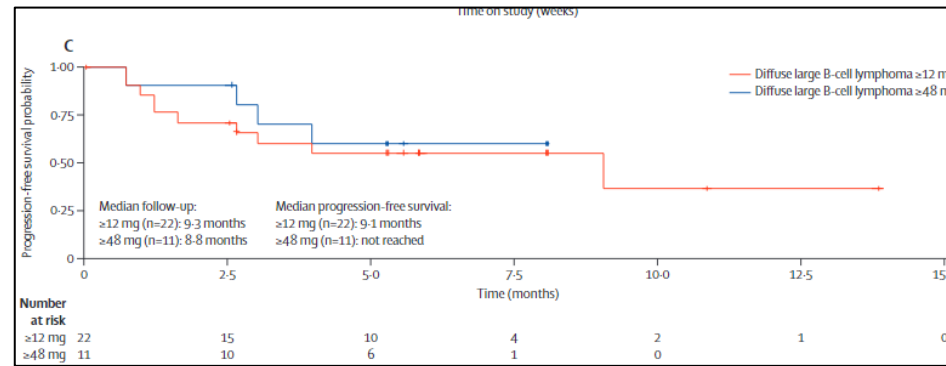
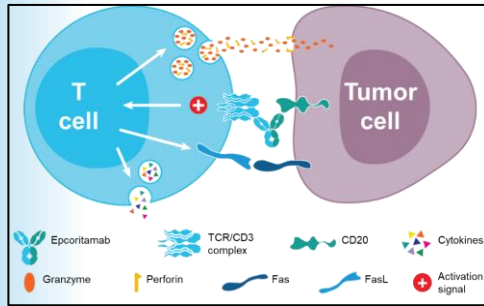
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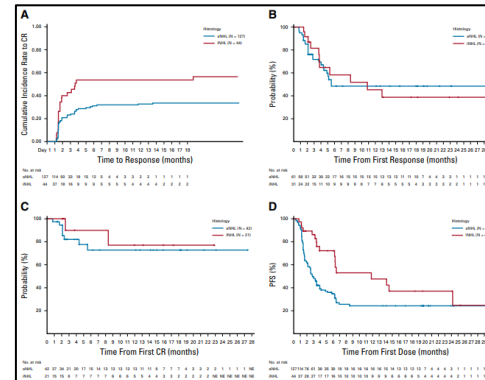
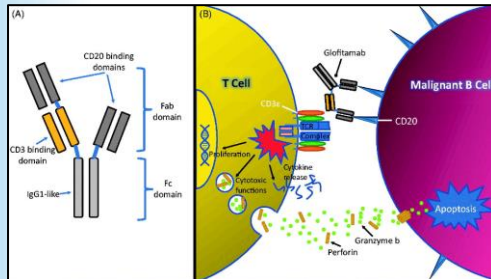
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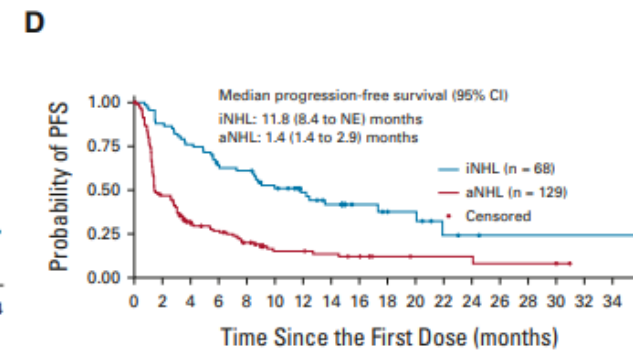
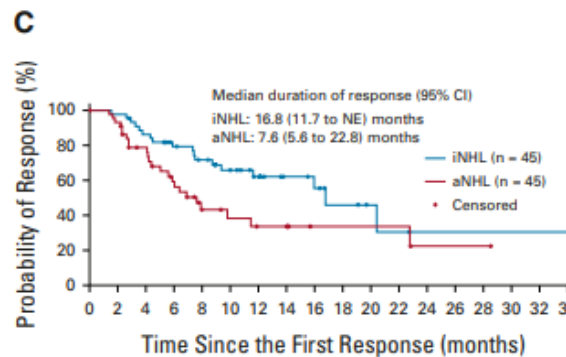


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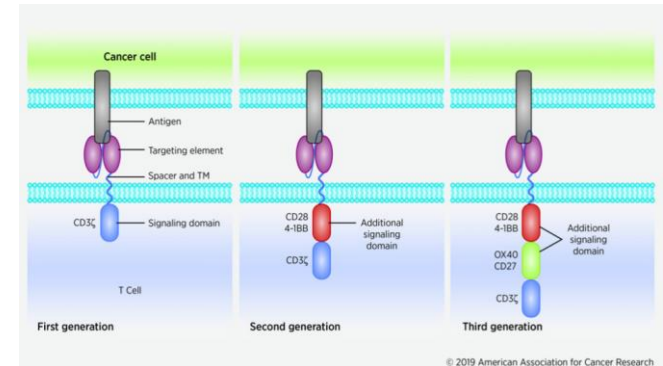
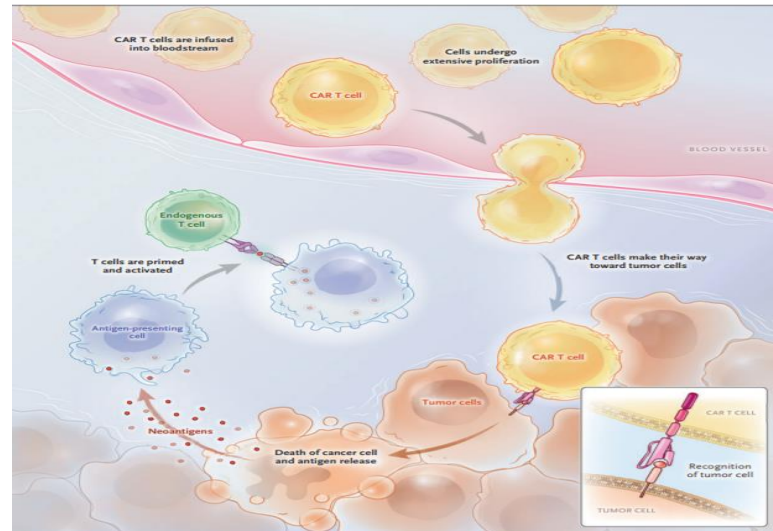
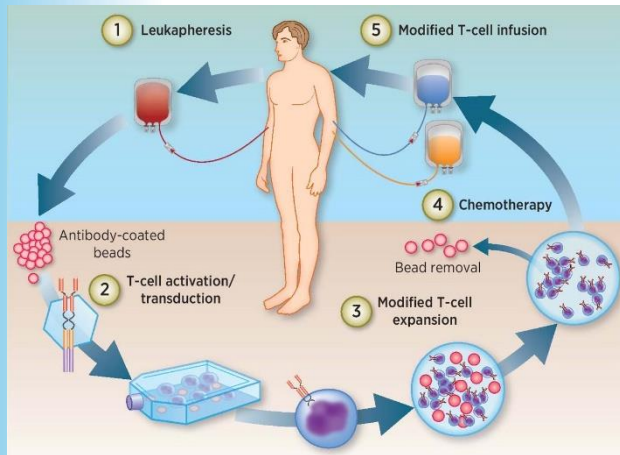
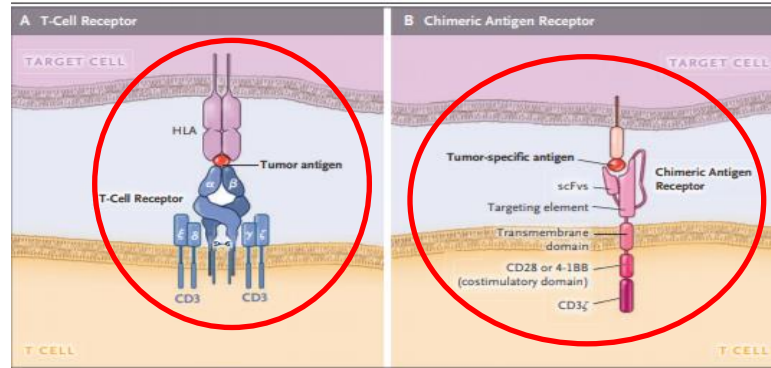
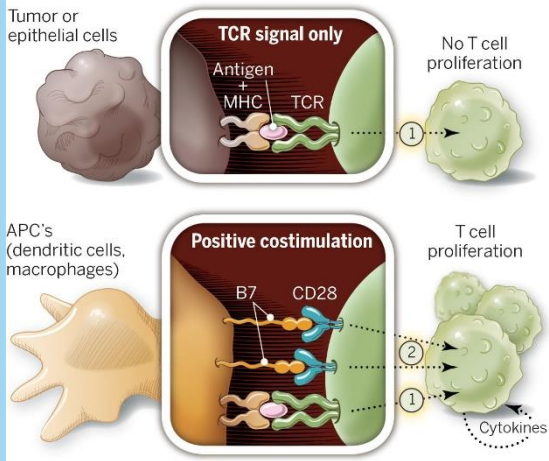


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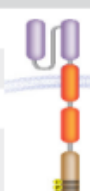

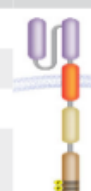


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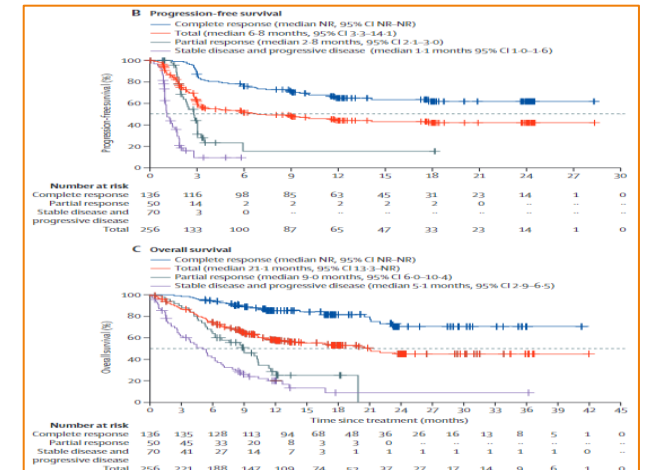
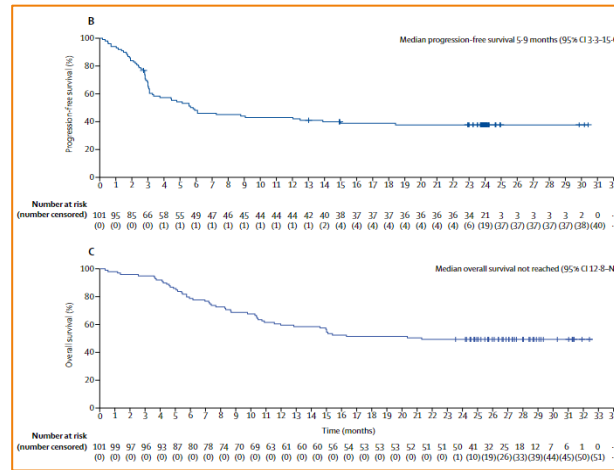
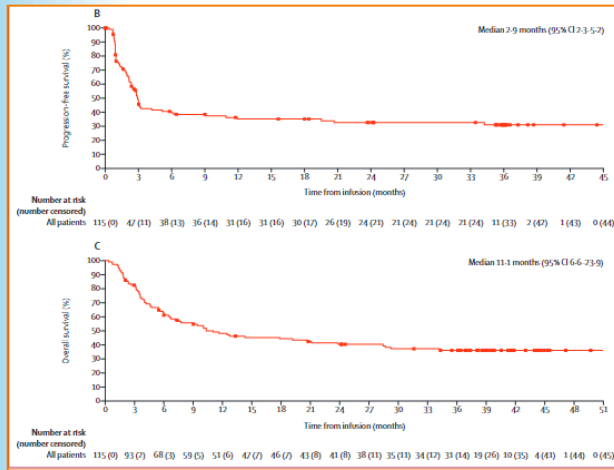
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# 2L/3L/RR treatment: CARTs

	Axicabtagene ciloleucel ZUMA-1 <sup>4</sup>	Tisagenlecleucel JULIET <sup>2,10,11</sup>	Lisocabtagene maraleucel TRANSCEND <sup>6</sup>
CAR	 α CD19	 α CD19	 α CD19
Transmembrane domain	CD28	CD8	CD28
Co-stimulatory domain	CD28	4-1BB	4-1BB
T-cell activation domain	CD3ζ	CD3ζ	CD3ζ
Leukapheresis	Fresh product direct to manufacturing (within US)	Cryopreserved product (could be stored before manufacturing)	Fresh product direct to manufacturing (within US)
Conditioning therapy	Cyclophosphamide-fludarabine (500 mg/m <sup>2</sup> , 30 mg/m <sup>2</sup> daily × 3 days)	Cyclophosphamide-fludarabine (250 mg/m <sup>2</sup> , 25 mg/m <sup>2</sup> daily × 3 days) or Bendamustine (90 mg/m <sup>2</sup> daily × 2 days) <sup>a</sup>	Cyclophosphamide-fludarabine (300 mg/m <sup>2</sup> , 30 mg/m <sup>2</sup> daily × 3 days)
CAR-T cell target dose	2 × 10 <sup>6</sup> /kg; max dose was 2 × 10 <sup>8</sup> /kg	0.1 × 10 <sup>8</sup> to 6 × 10 <sup>8</sup> flat dose	0.5 × 10 <sup>8</sup> to 1.5 × 10 <sup>8</sup> each of CD4+ and CD8+ CAR-T cells at 1:1 dose ratio
CNS disease	No history of, or active, CNS disease allowed	No active CNS disease allowed	Secondary CNS allowed
Prior anti-CD19 therapy	Not allowed	Not allowed	Allowed, if CD19+ tumor present
Bridging therapy	Not permitted	Permitted <sup>b</sup>	Permitted <sup>b</sup>
Outpatient administration	Not allowed	Allowed	Allowed
Patients enrolled, n	119	167	344
Patients infused, n	7 (phase 1) 101 (phase 2)	99 (main cohort) 16 (Cohort A)	294 <sup>c</sup>
Manufacturing failure, n	1	12	2



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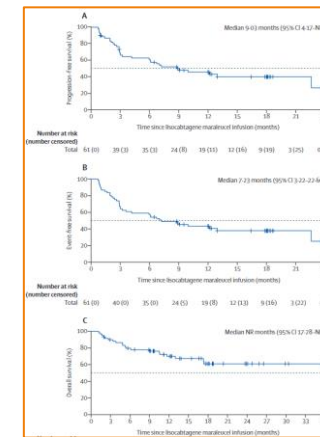
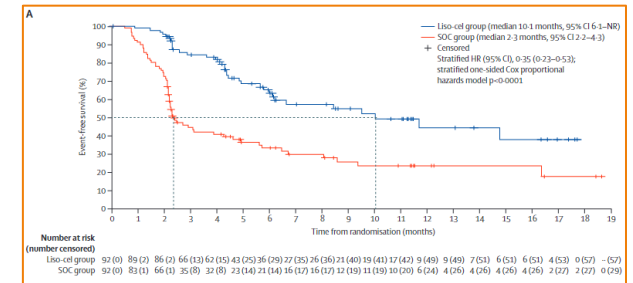
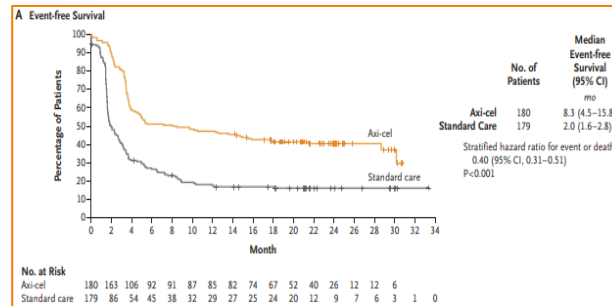
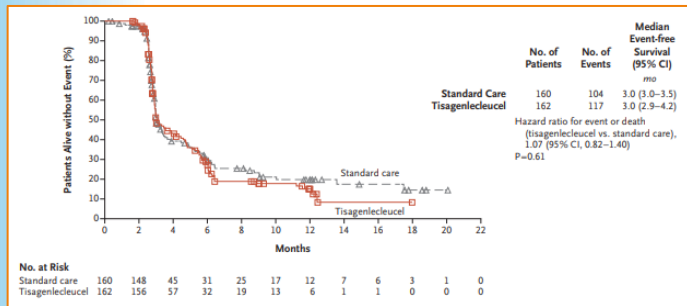


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**ZUMA-1 (Axi-Cel)**  
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**TRANSCEND NHL001 (Liso-Cel)**  
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# 2L treatment: CARTs



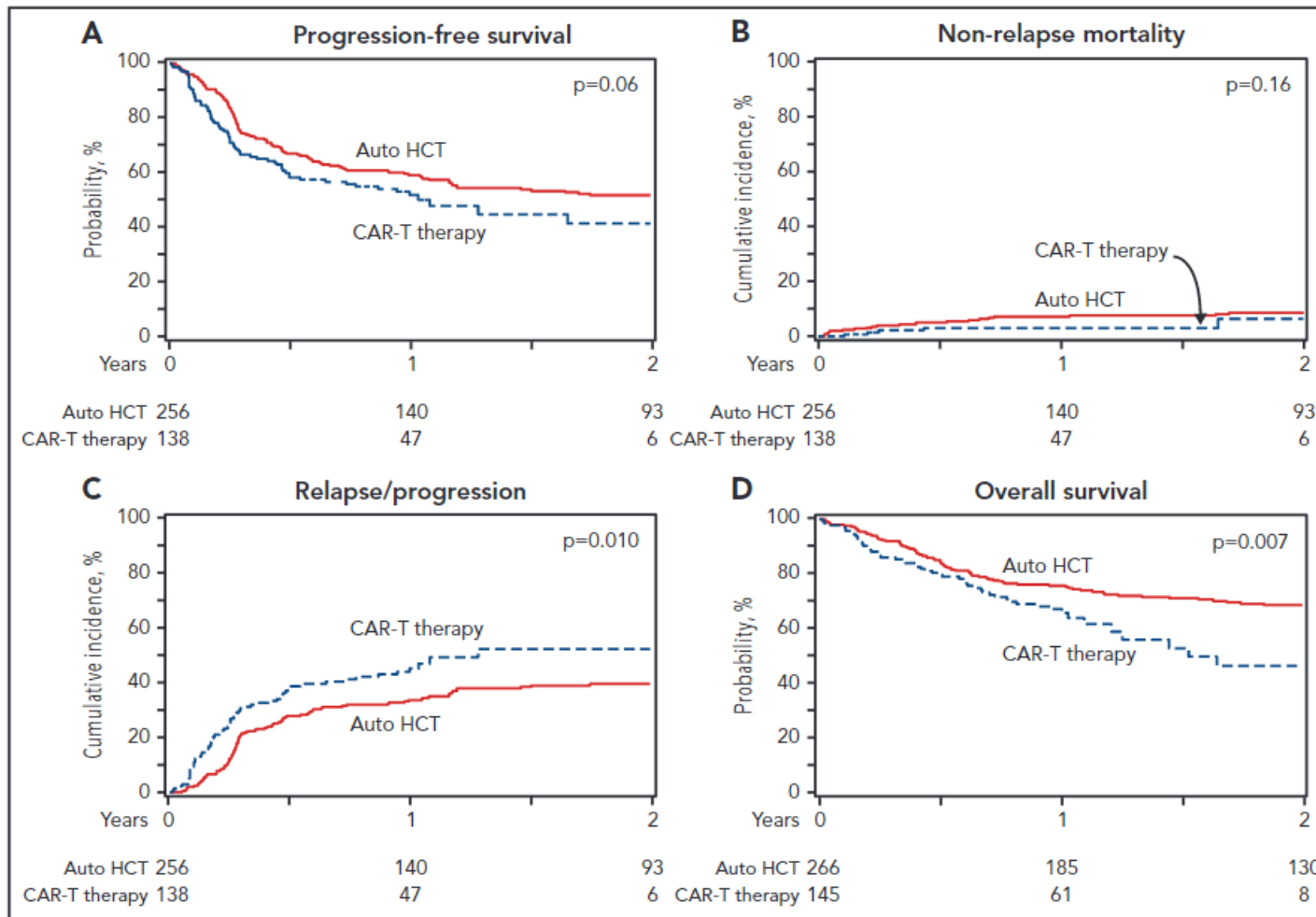
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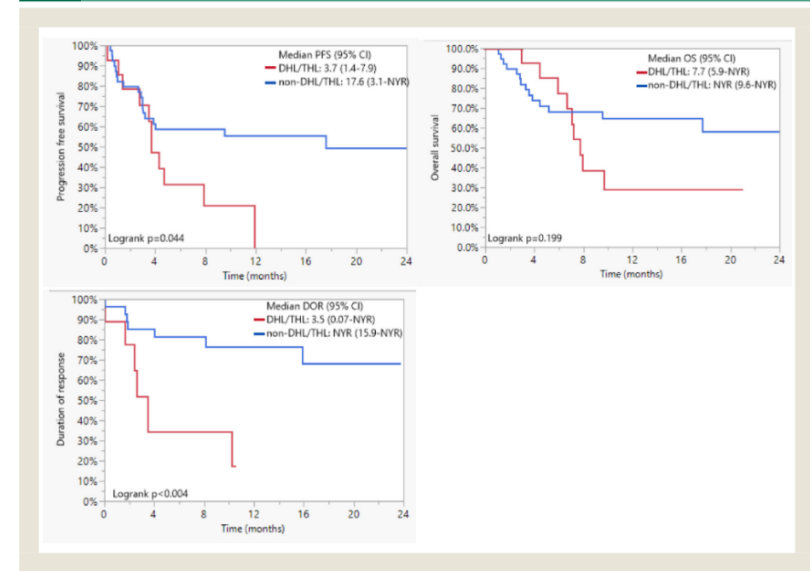
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# 2L/3L/RR treatment

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**Figure 2** Kaplan-Meier curve showing survival probability comparisons between the DHL and non-DHL cohorts after CAR-T, demonstrating (A) median PFS 3.7 months vs. NR for DHL and non-DHL, respectively,  $P = .011$  by log-rank test. (B) median OS 7.7 months and NR for DHL and non-DHL, respectively,  $P = .200$  by log-rank test. (C) median DOR 2.6 months and NR for DHL and non-DHL, respectively,  $P = .029$  by log-rank test. CAR-T = CD19-directed chimeric antigen T-cell receptor; DHL = double hit lymphomas; DOR = duration of response; NR = not reached; OS = overall survival; PFS = progression free survival



Novel CART constructs  
Maintenance strategies  
(immunomodulators, allogeneic HSCTx)

**Table 1.** Clinical trials in DLBCL included patients with double-hit or double expressor lymphoma.

Treatment type	Regimen	Trial design	Population	ORR/CR	PFS	OS	Trial
CAR T	Axi-cel	Phase 1/2	R/R DLBCL including DEL in 30 and DHL in 5 patients, 64% and 11% of total assessed, respectively	DEL: 91%/70%	-	-	ZUMA 1 [75]
	Axi-cel	Phase 2	High risk DLBCL with positive interim PET, DHL in 17 of 32 patients, 53%	85%/74%	-	-	ZUMA 12 [26]
	Tisa-cel	Phase 2	R/R DLBCL including DHL in 19 of 70, 27%	DHL: 50%/25%	-	-	Juliet [73]
	Liso-cel	Phase 2	R/R DLBCL including DHL in 36 of 269, 13%	DHL: 76%/61%	-	-	TRANSCEND [71]
	Axi-cel (n = 94) tisa-cel (n = 36)	Retrospective	R/R DLBCL, MYC rearranged in 32 of 130 and DHL in 22 of 130	-	MYC: HR = 0.96 (0.58-1.61) DHL: HR = 0.96 (0.55-1.69)	MYC: HR = 1.20 (0.66-2.19) DHL: HR = 1.05 (0.54-2.06)	[76]
	Axi-cel	Retrospective	R/R DLBCL, DHL in 64 (21%) and DEL in 98 (33%) of 298	-	DHL: 12-month, 39%	DHL: 12-month, 69%	[77]
Targeted therapy + chemo-immunotherapy	R/G-CHP-polatuzumab	Phase 1/2	De novo DLBCL, DEL in 13 of 82 patients, 16%	DEL: 92%/69%	DEL: 12-month 92%	-	[78]
	Venetoclax + R-CHOP	Phase 2	De novo DLBCL, DEL in 80 of 206 patients, 39%	DEL: 84%/66%	24-month, 79%	24-month, 72%	CAVALI [79]
	Venetoclax + R-EPOCH	Phase 1	De novo DLBCL, DHL in 15 of 30 patients, 50%	DHL: 93%/80%	-	-	[80]
	Lenalidomide + R-EPOCH	Phase 1	De novo DLBCL, 10 of 15 DEL, 66% and 5 of 15 DHL, 3%	DEL: 100%/100% DHL: 80%/60%	DEL: 100% at 20 months DHL: 60% at 20 months	DEL: 100% at 20 months DHL: 60% at 20 months	[81]
Targeted therapy/ Chemo-free	Venetoclax, ibrutinib, prednisone, obinutuzumab, lenalidomide	Phase 1/2	R/R NHL, DHL in 12 of 53 patients, 23%	DHL: 58%/50%	-	-	VIPOR [25]
	Venetoclax, polatuzumab, rituximab	Phase 1/2	R/R DLBCL, DEL in 20 of 57 patients, 34%	DEL: 40%/35%	-	-	GO29833 [82]
	Tafasitamab, lenalidomide	Phase 2	R/R DLBCL, MYC rearranged in 7 and DHL in 2 of 81 patients	MYC: 58%/50% DHL: 50%/50%	-	-	L-MIND [25]
	Mosunetuzumab	Phase 1/2	De novo DLBCL, elderly or unfit, DHL in 4 of 19 patients, 21%	DHL: 50%/50%	-	-	[83]

**Zuma-12:  
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**HIGH RISK DISEASE**

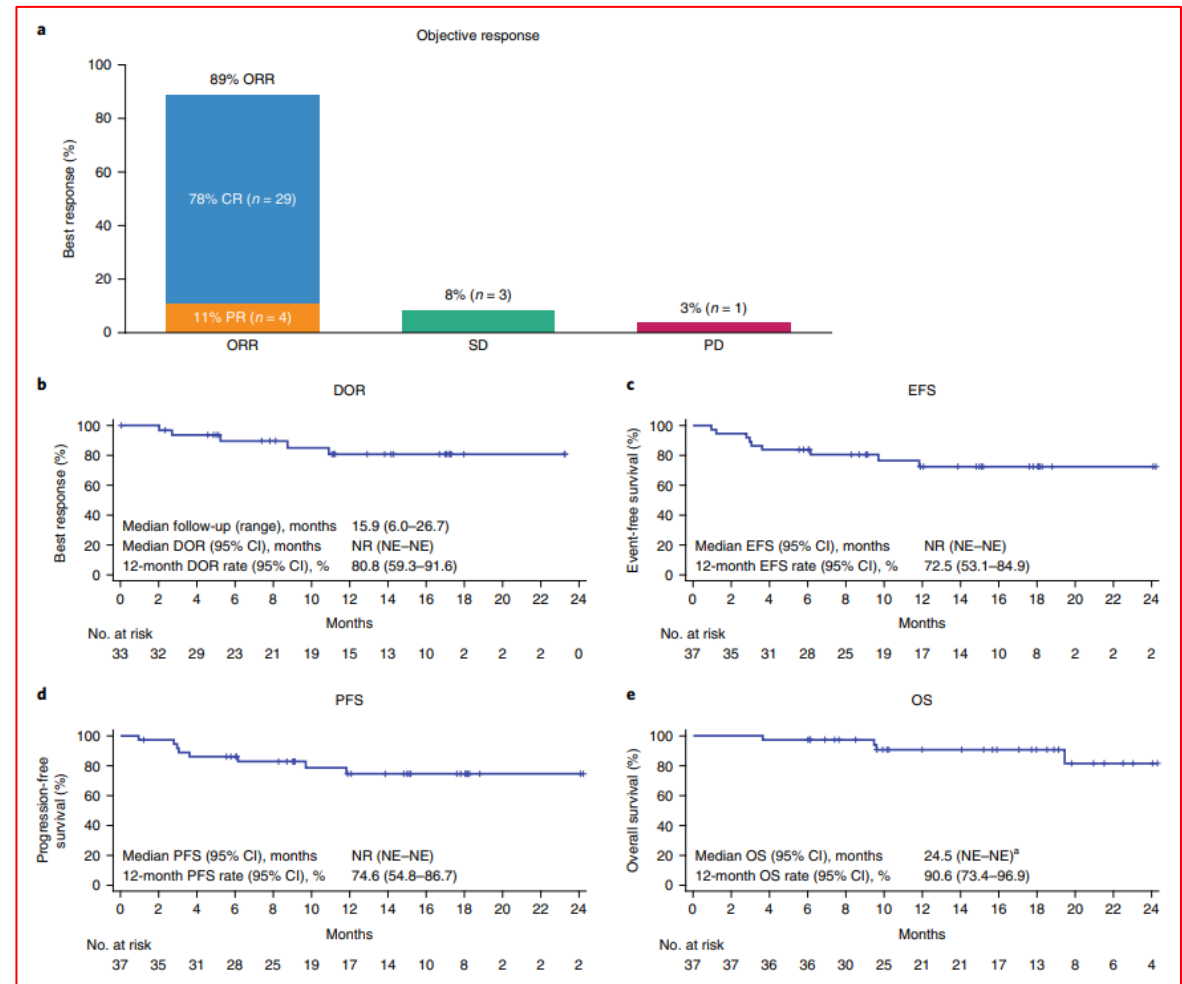
- double- or triple-hit lymphoma
- LBCL with IPI  $\geq 3$

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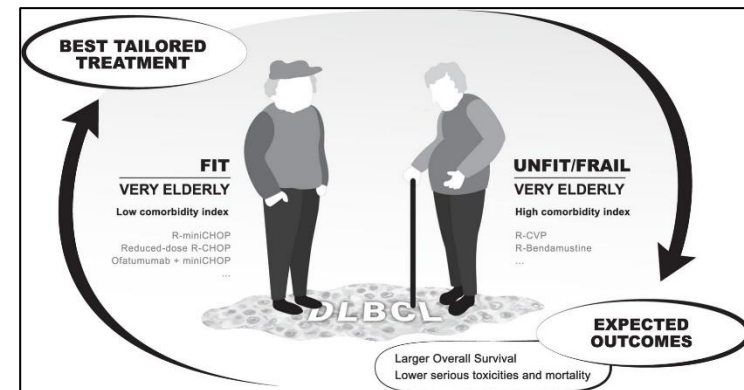
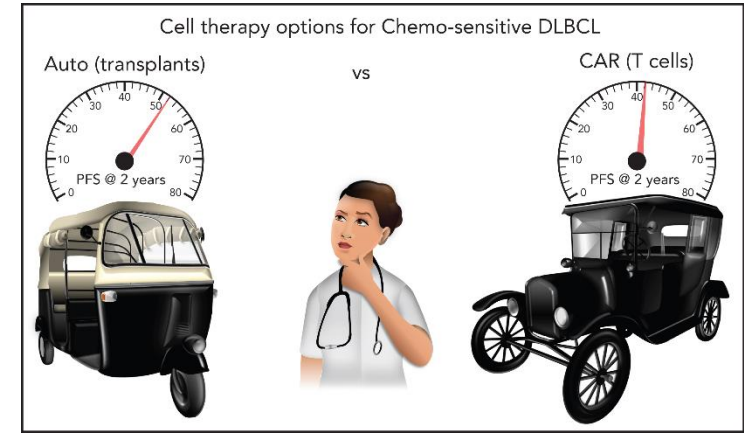
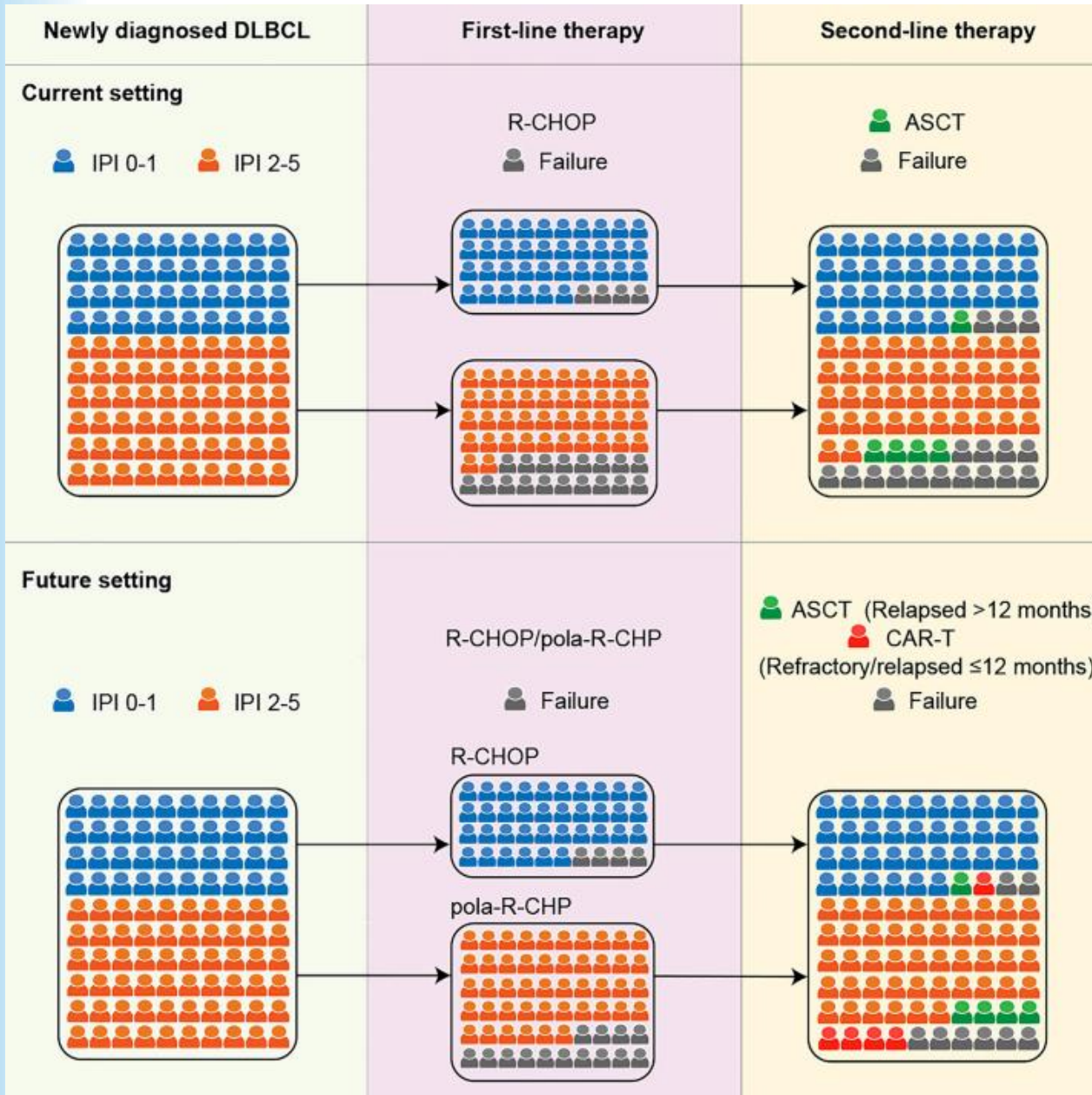
PET2<sup>+</sup> (DS 4-5) after two cycles of chemoimmunotherapy

**Table 3 | Adverse events of interest occurring in  $\geq 15\%$  of all treated patients, by worst grade**

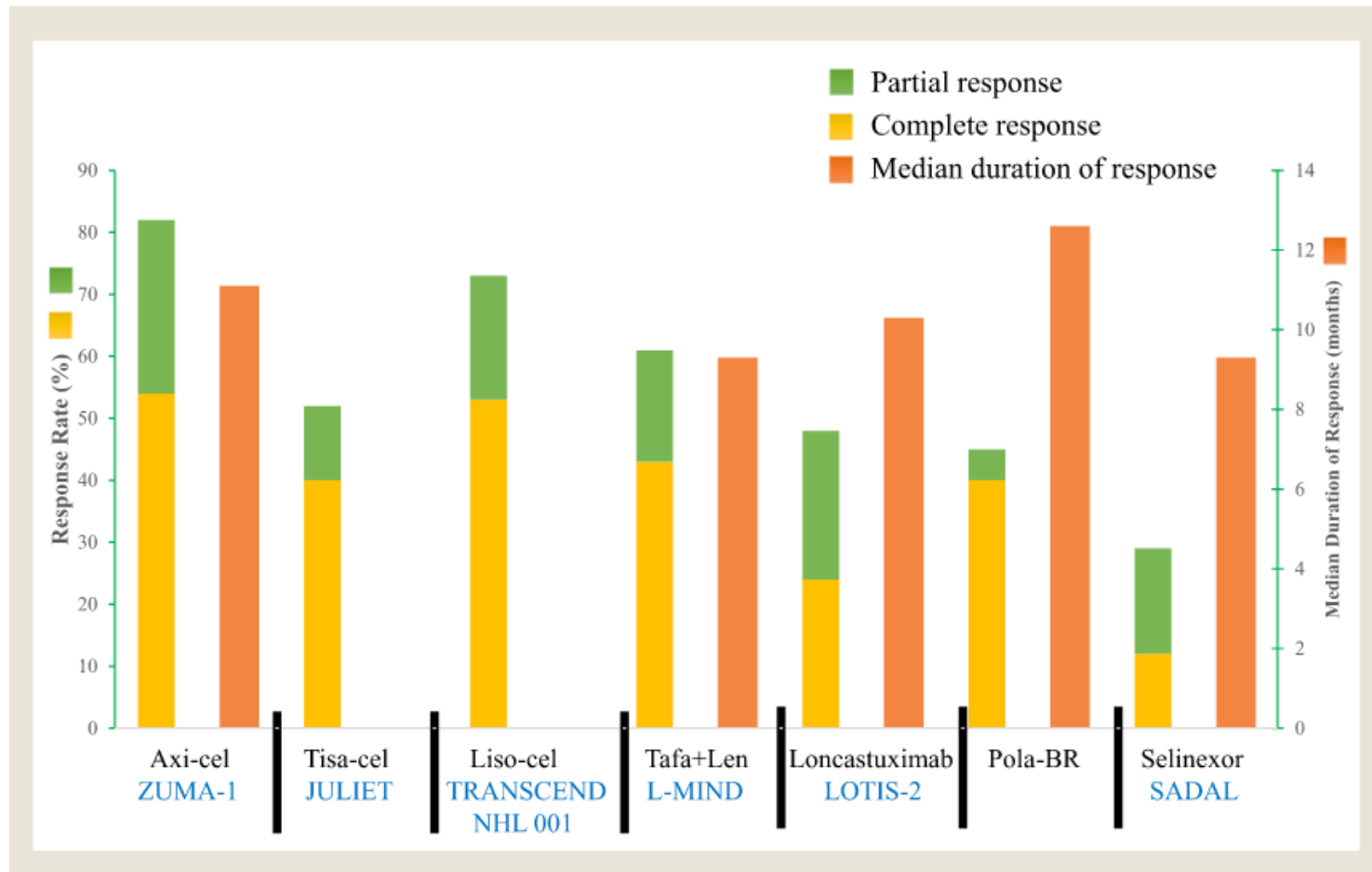
Adverse event <sup>a</sup> , n (%)	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade $\geq 3$	Total
Subjects with any CRS <sup>a</sup>	27 (68)	10 (25)	3 (8)	40 (100)
Pyrexia	8 (20)	28 (70)	4 (10)	40 (100)
Hypotension	7 (18)	5 (13)	0 (0)	12 (30)
Chills	9 (23)	1 (3)	0 (0)	10 (25)
Hypoxia	2 (5)	2 (5)	5 (13)	9 (23)
Sinus tachycardia	6 (15)	0 (0)	0 (0)	6 (15)
Subjects with any neurologic events	14 (35)	6 (15)	9 (23)	29 (73)
Confusional state	7 (18)	2 (5)	2 (5)	11 (28)
Encephalopathy	2 (5)	2 (5)	6 (15)	10 (25)
Tremor	8 (20)	2 (5)	0 (0)	10 (25)



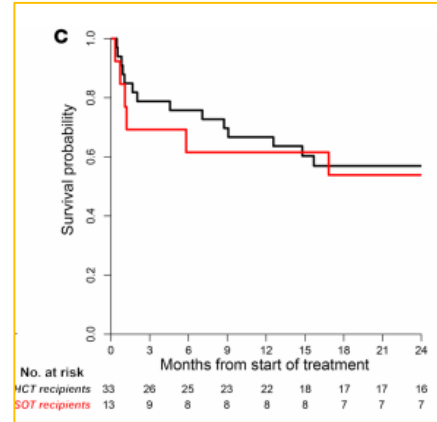
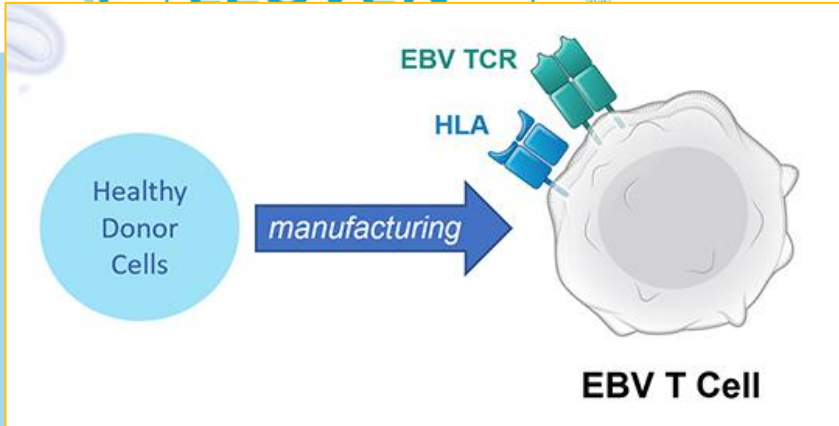
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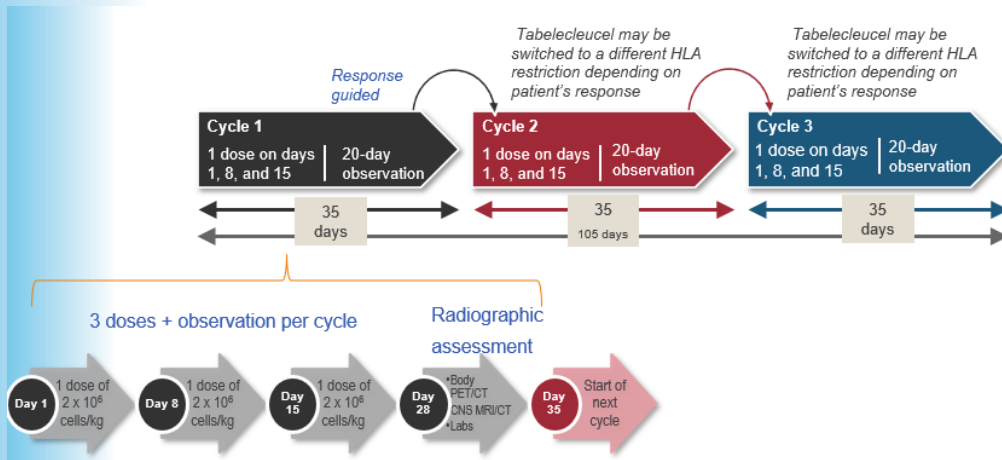
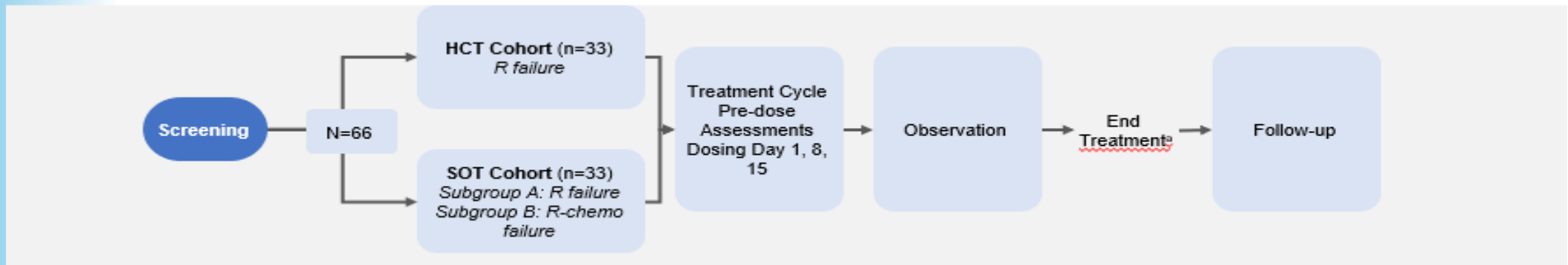
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Ultimate response to treatment

Cohort	N	CR	PR	SD	POD	CR + PR
HCT recipients	33	19	3	1	9	68%
SOT recipients	13	2	5	1	5	54%

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## Take home messages

1. DLBCL is a very **heterogeneous** lymphoma subtype, even within the COO subtypes.
2. **Underlying immunodeficiency** is a very important risk factor.
3. **R-CHOP** remains the first line treatment in DLBCL, NOS. Phase III trials with new therapeutic strategies combined with R-CHOP have been disappointing.
4. **New immunotherapeutic options** are changing the therapeutic landscape (in all lines) .
5. **HGBL** is associated with a poor prognosis and requires more intensive first line therapy.
6. The role of **central nervous system prophylaxis** in high risk patients remains controversial.

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