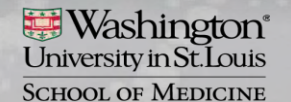


# Advances in the Management of Hodgkin and non-Hodgkin Lymphomas

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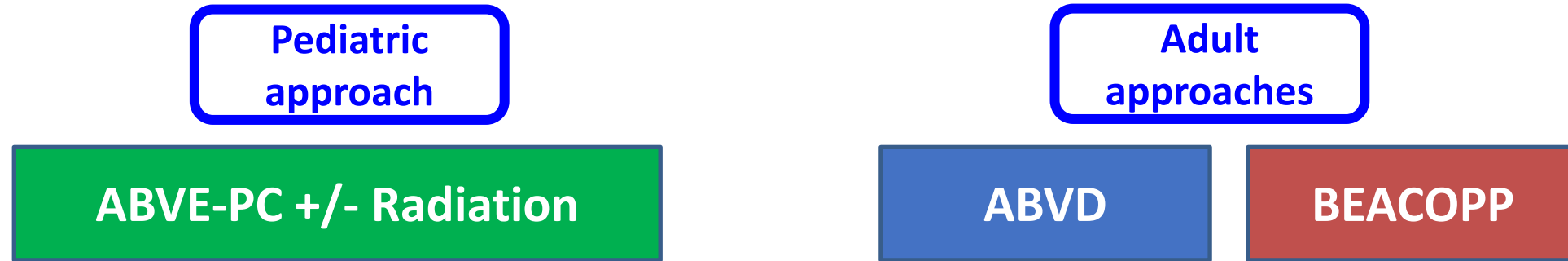
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# Frontline Management of Hodgkin Lymphoma



# Approach to Advanced Stage Hodgkin Lymphoma- pre 2018

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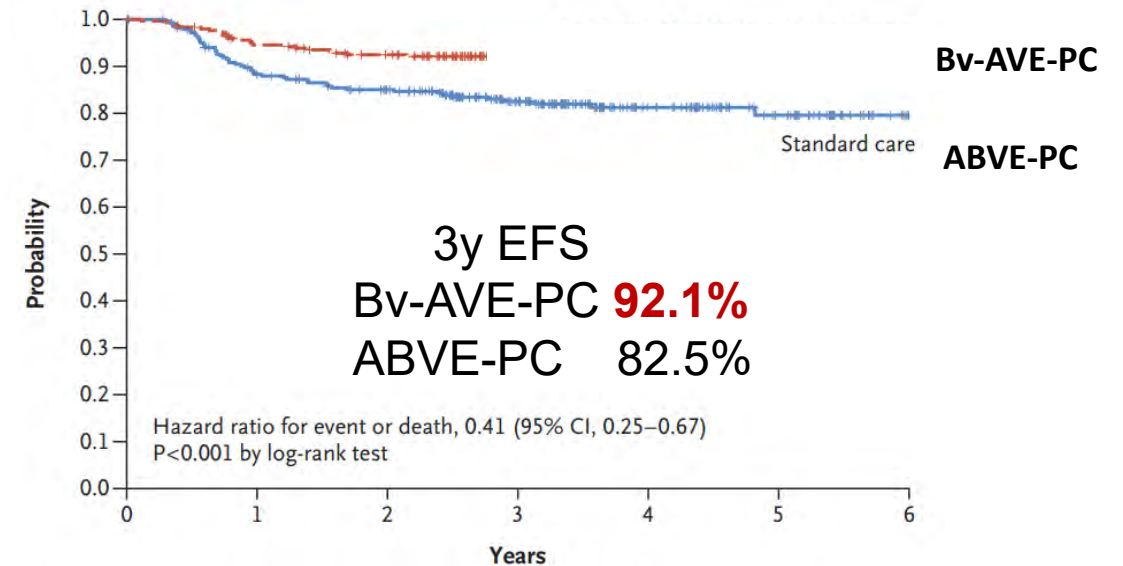
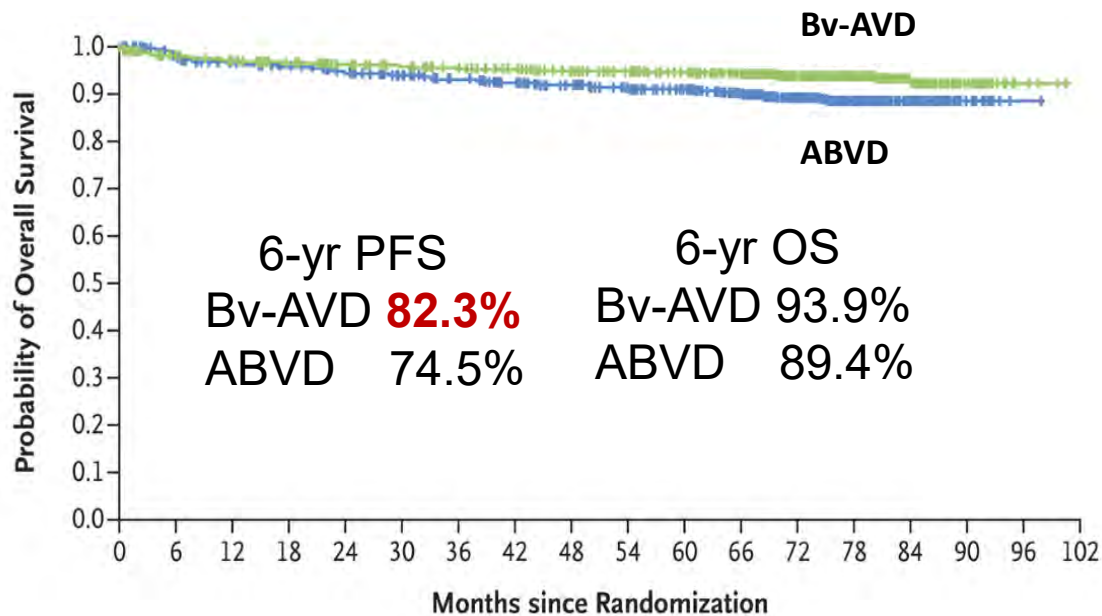
- PET-adapted combination chemotherapy has been the standard for cHL<sup>1,2,3</sup>
- Global, adult, and pediatric approaches differ
  - Consolidative radiation therapy (RT) is still delivered to 55-60% of pediatric patients
- Second-line treatment: high-dose chemo/autologous stem cell transplant

Herrera ASCO 2023, Stephens DM et al. Blood 2019. 2.  
Borchmann P. et al. Lancet 2017 3. Friedman DL et al. JCO 2014



# Advanced Stage cHL: Current SOC

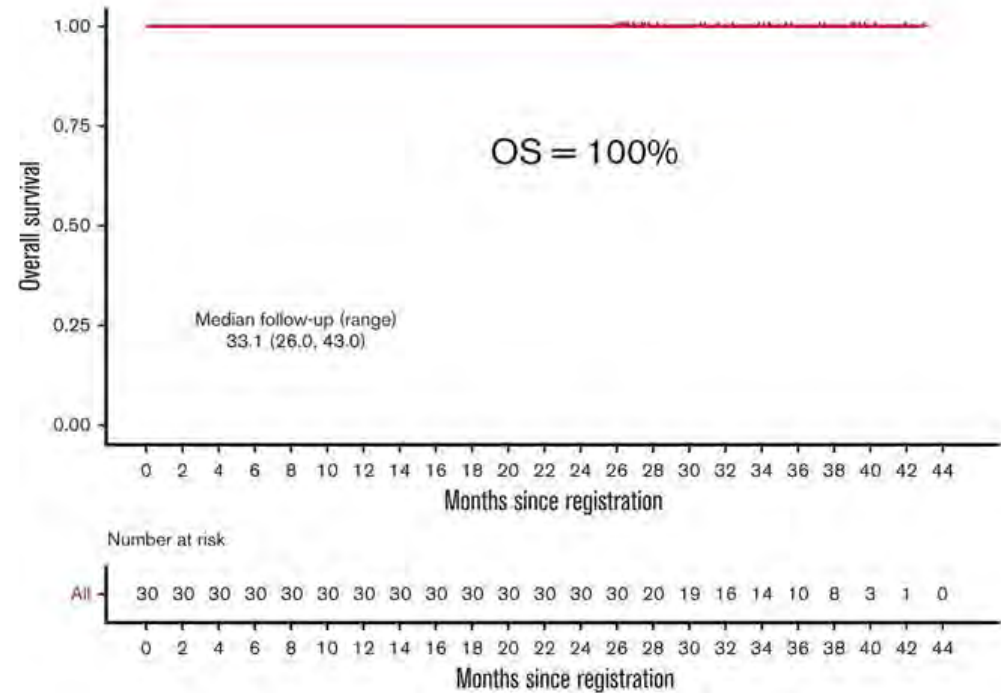
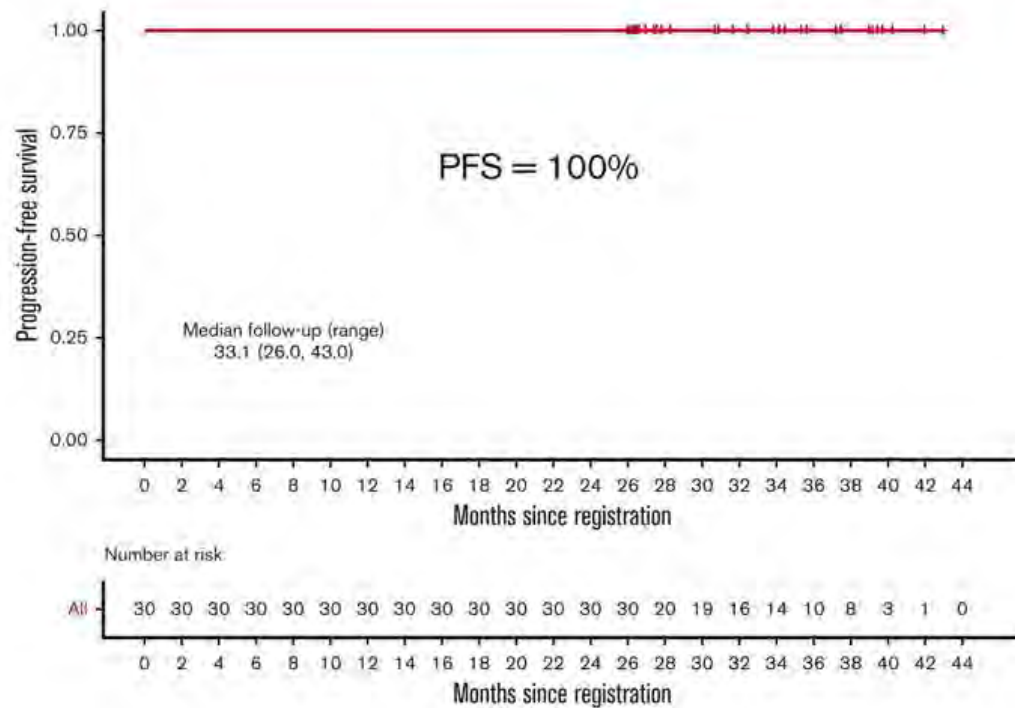
- Brentuximab vedotin (Bv): anti-CD30 antibody drug conjugate
- Bv in frontline treatment of advanced stage cHL improves outcomes in adult (OS) and pediatric (event-free survival) patients<sup>4,5,6</sup>



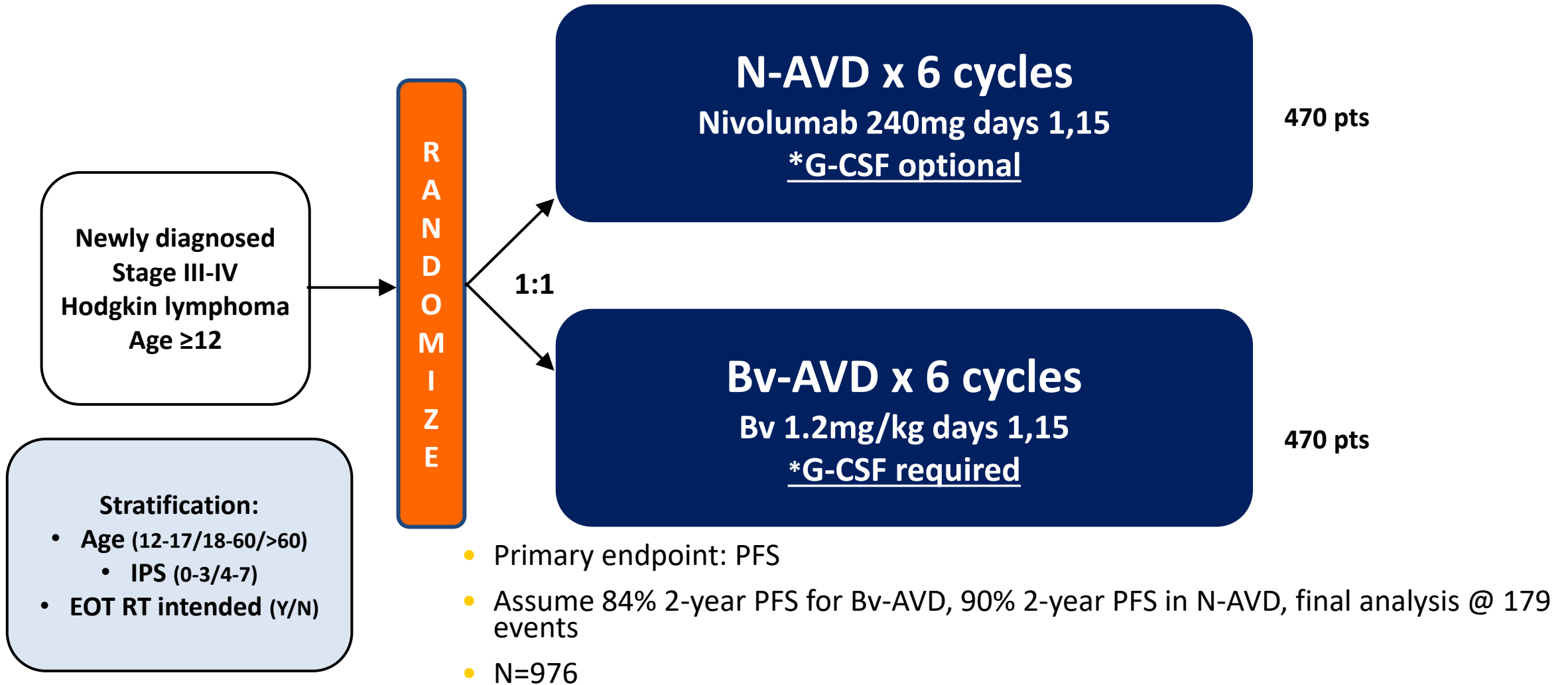
4. Ansell SM et al. NEJM 2022. 5. Castellino SM et al. NEJM 2022. 6. Borchmann P. et al. ISHL, ASH 2022.

# Pembrolizumab- AVD

- Phase II study of sequential pembrolizumab (3 cycles) → AVD (4-6 cycles) N=30
- Median FU 33 mo

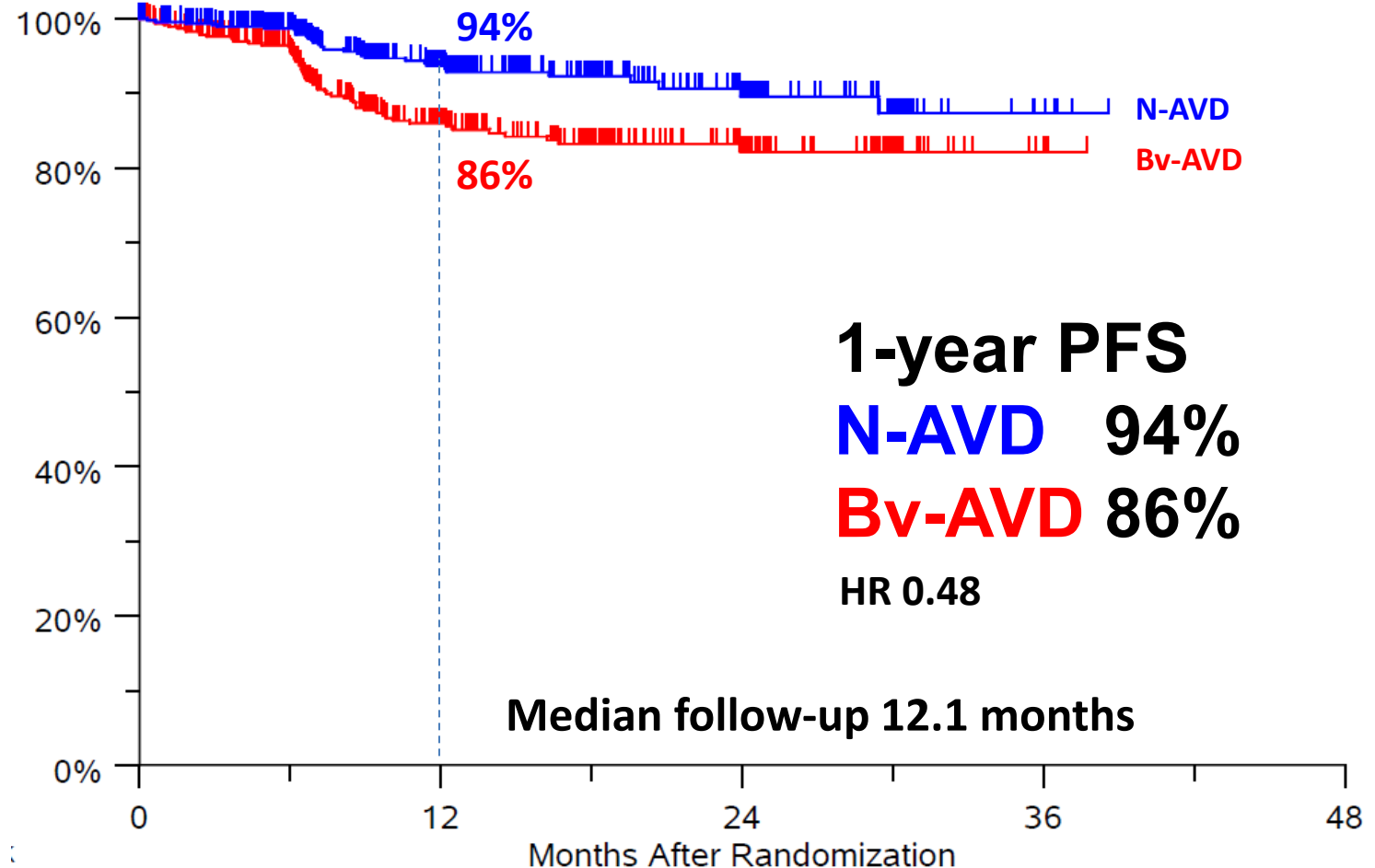


# S1826: Nivo-AVD vs. BV-AVD



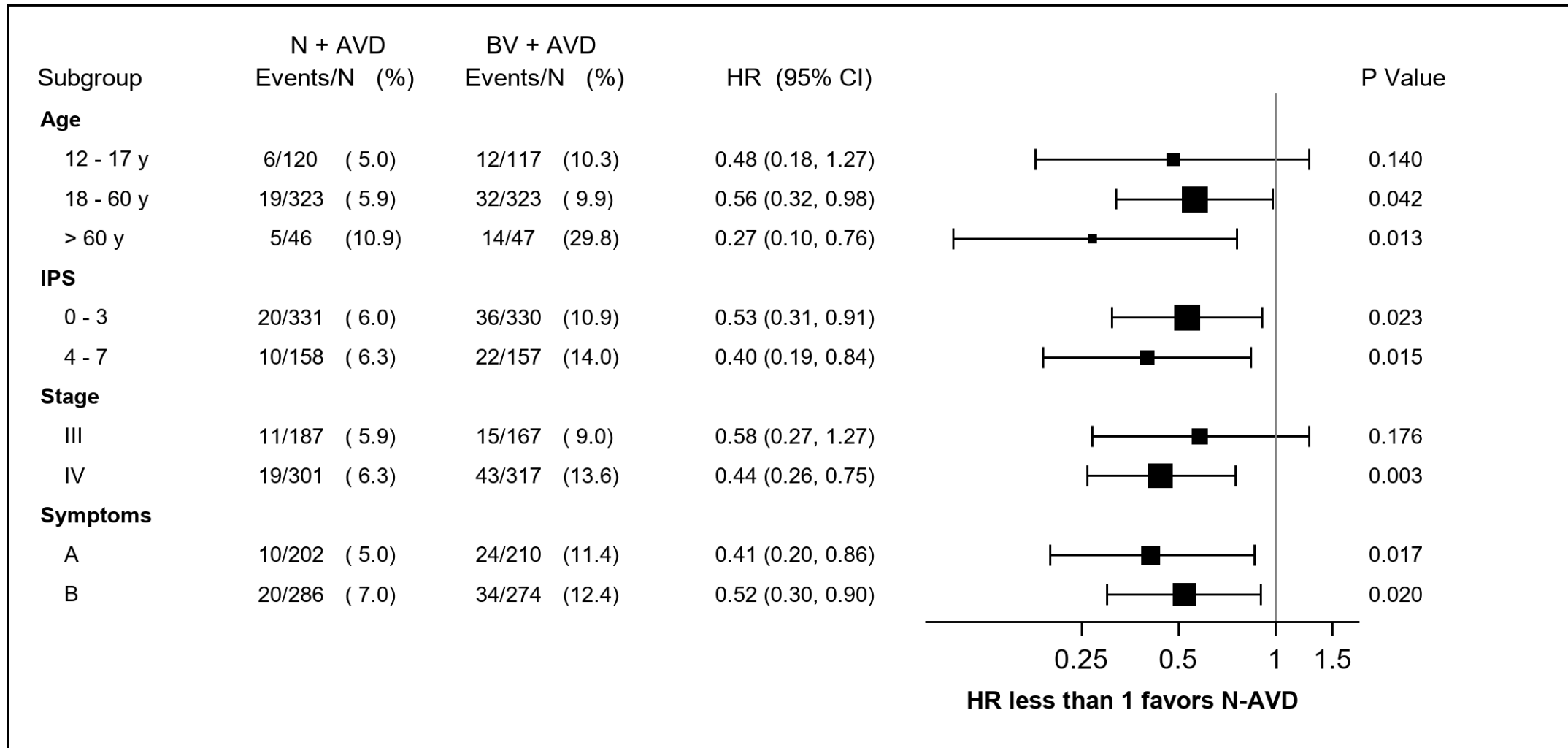
# N-AVD improves PFS compared to Bv-AVD

At planned 2nd interim analysis (50% of total PFS events), the SWOG DSMC recommended reporting the primary S1826 results because the *primary PFS endpoint crossed the protocol-specified conservative statistical boundary*

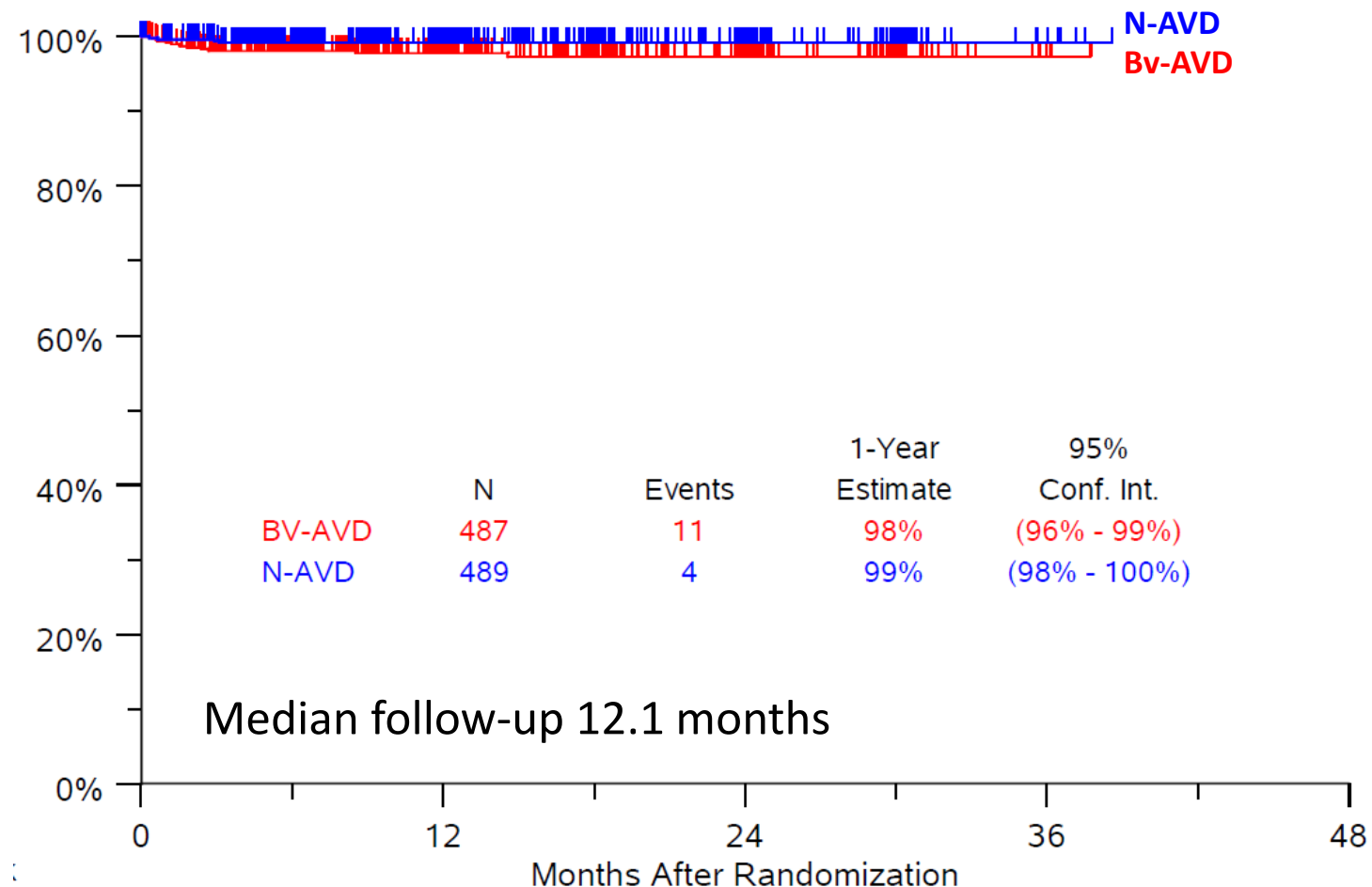




# PFS benefit consistent across subgroups



# Overall Survival



Cause of death	N-AVD	Bv-AVD
Infection	2	4
Sepsis	1	2*
Cardiac arrest	0	1
Pneumonitis	0	1
Dehydration, vomiting, cHL	0	1
cHL	1**	0
Unknown	1	2
Total OS events	4 (3 =0.6%)	11 (2.3%)

\* 1 death from COVID-19/sepsis

\*\* never received treatment, ineligible on C1D1

# More neutropenia with N-AVD

# More growth factor use/bone pain with BV-AVD

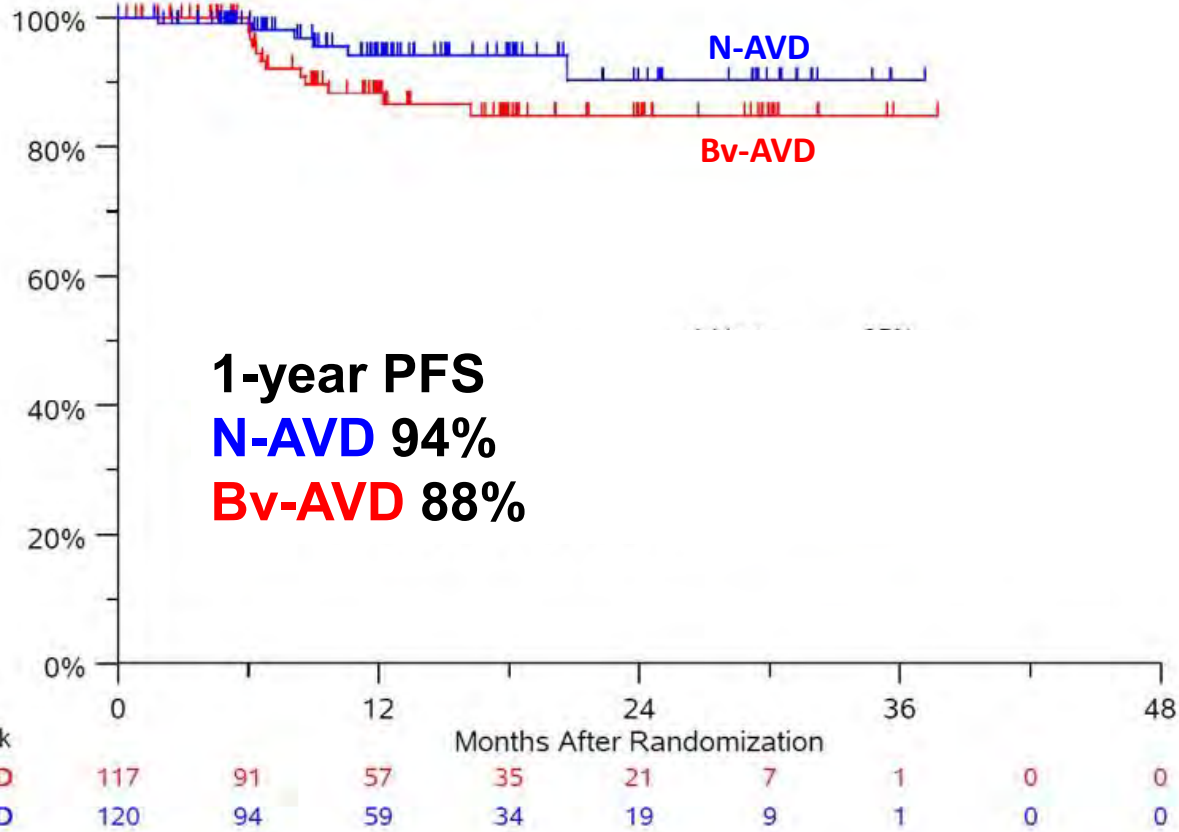
Toxicity	N-AVD n = 483	Bv-AVD n = 473
	Gr ≥ 3, %	Gr ≥ 3, %
Neutropenia	47%	25%
Anemia	6%	9%
Thrombocytopenia	2%	3%
Received G-CSF	54%	95%
Bone pain	8%	20%

# Toxicity Profile Favors Nivo-AVD

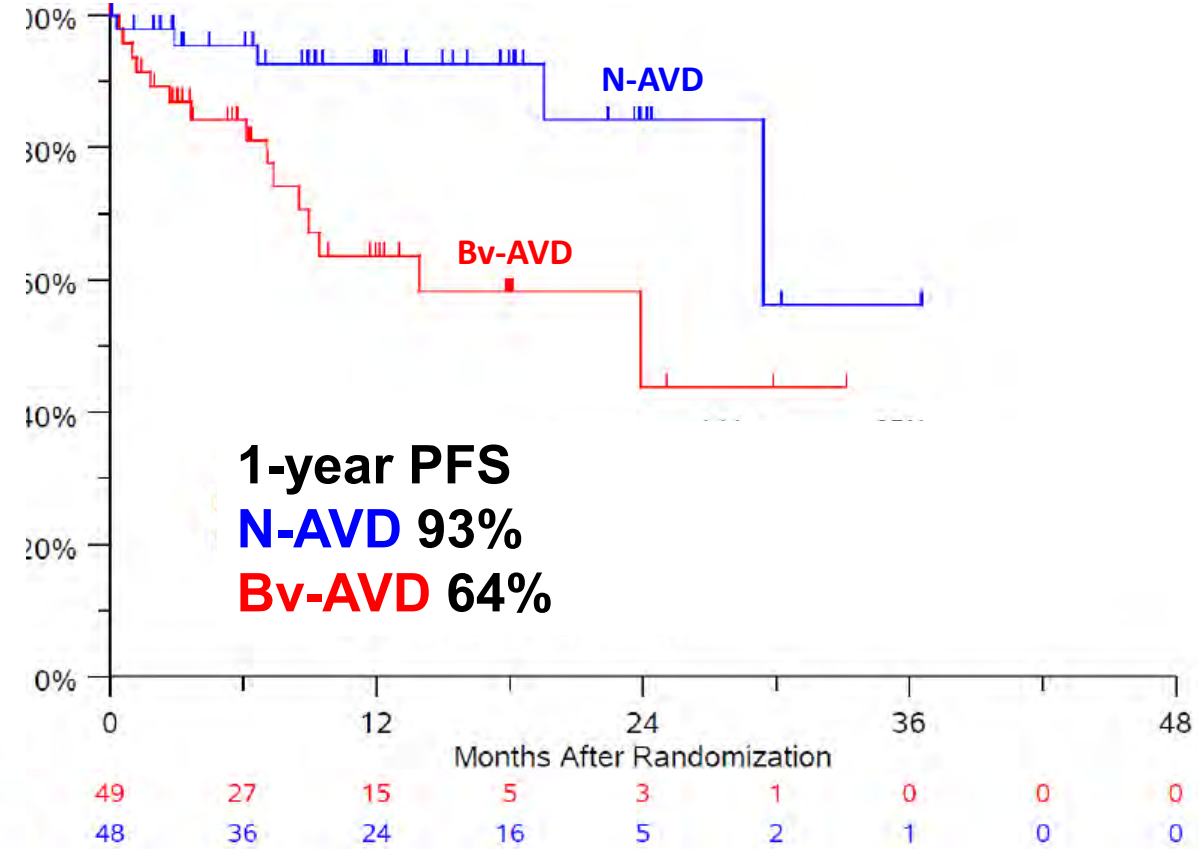
Toxicity	N-AVD n = 483	Bv-AVD n = 473
Febrile Neutropenia	5%	7%
Peripheral Neuropathy		
• All Grades	29%	55%
• Grade $\geq 3$	1%	8%
Discontinued Bv or Nivolumab	11%	22%

# Ends of the Spectrum– the Young and the Old

Patients 12-17



Patients >60



Rutherford ASH 2023, Kelly ASH 2023

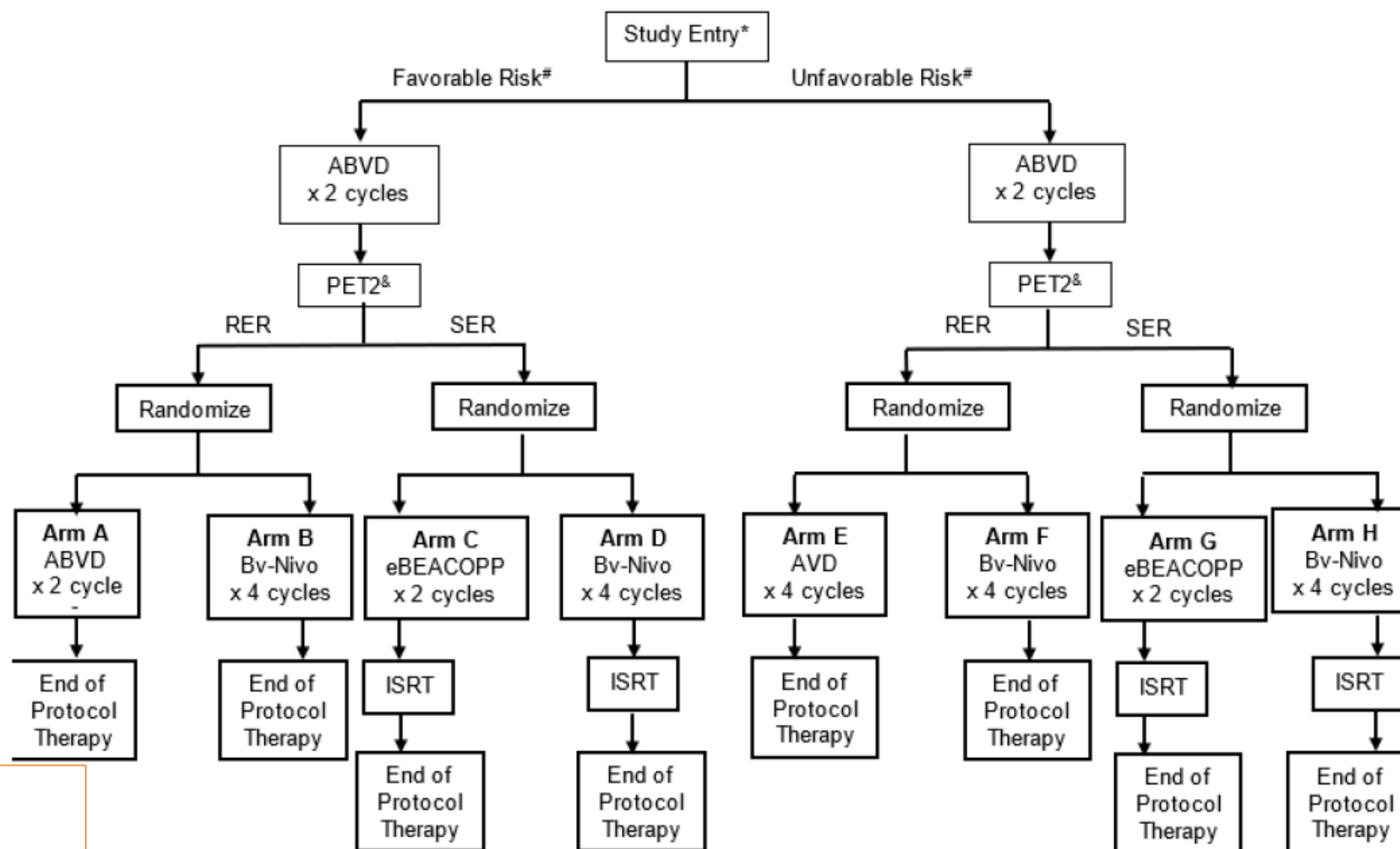


# S1826 Conclusions

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- **N-AVD improved 1-yr PFS compared to Bv-AVD in advanced stage cHL**
- N-AVD was well-tolerated
  - Few immune-related adverse events
  - Growth factors NOT required
- Follow-up ongoing to confirm durability of PFS, long-term safety, OS, PROs
- Key step towards harmonizing pediatric and adult therapy of cHL
- **N-AVD is poised to be a new standard therapy for advanced stage cHL**

# COG-AHOD2131: A Randomized Phase 3 Interim Response Adapted Trial Comparing Standard Therapy with Immuno-oncology Therapy for Children and Adults with Newly Diagnosed Stage I/II Classic Hodgkin Lymphoma



Ongoing:  
NCT05675410

# Mantle Cell Lymphoma

# Frontline Therapy for Mantle Cell Lymphoma

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- BTK based Regimens
- Elderly vs. Younger

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While significant progress is being made, frontline regimens for high risk patients remains an unmet need



# Relapsed Therapy For Mantle Cell Lymphoma

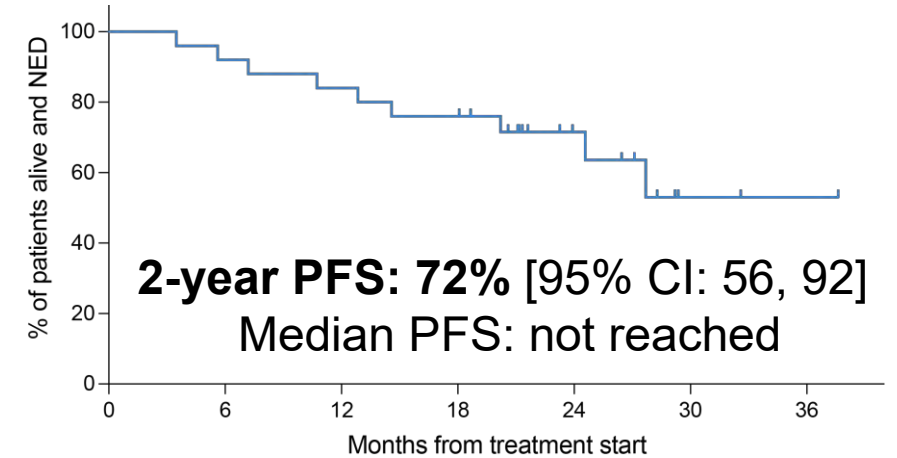
Agent	N	ORR	CR	PFS	Approval Year
Acalabrutinib	124	81%	48%	28.6 mo	2017
Zanubrutinib	86	84%	78%	33 mo	2019
Lenalidomide	134	25%	7%	4 mo	2013
<i>(Ibrutinib)</i>	<i>111</i>	<i>66%</i>	<i>21%</i>	<i>12.5 mo</i>	<i>2014</i>
Pirtobrutinib	90	58%	20%	7.4 mo	2019

Le Gouill Haematologica 2024; Goy JCO 2013; Song Blood 2022; Wang NEJM 2013; Dreyling Hemasphere 2022; Wang JCO 2023; Shah JCO 2023

# BOVen Results

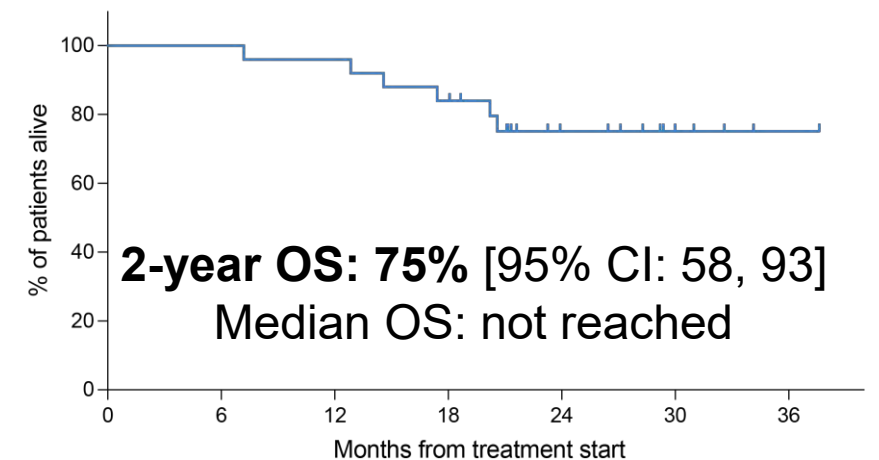
- ORR: 96% (PR 88%, CR 8%)
- 11/25 completed 24 mo of therapy
  - 100% achieved CR
  - 8/10 undetectable MRD → Stopped treatment
    - 2 had recurrent disease and resumed treatment

## Progression-Free Survival



No. at risk 25

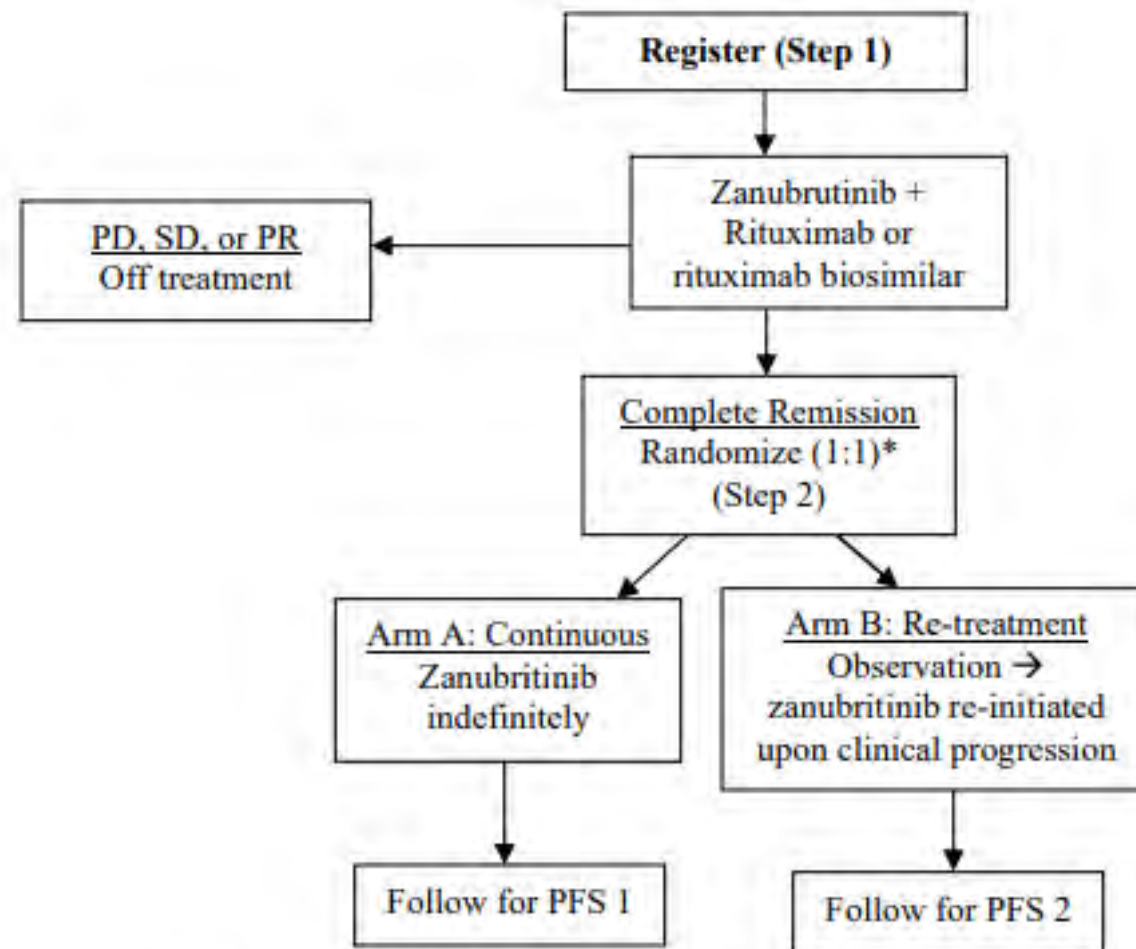
## Overall Survival



No. at risk 25 25 24 21 10 4 1

Kumar et al ASH 2023

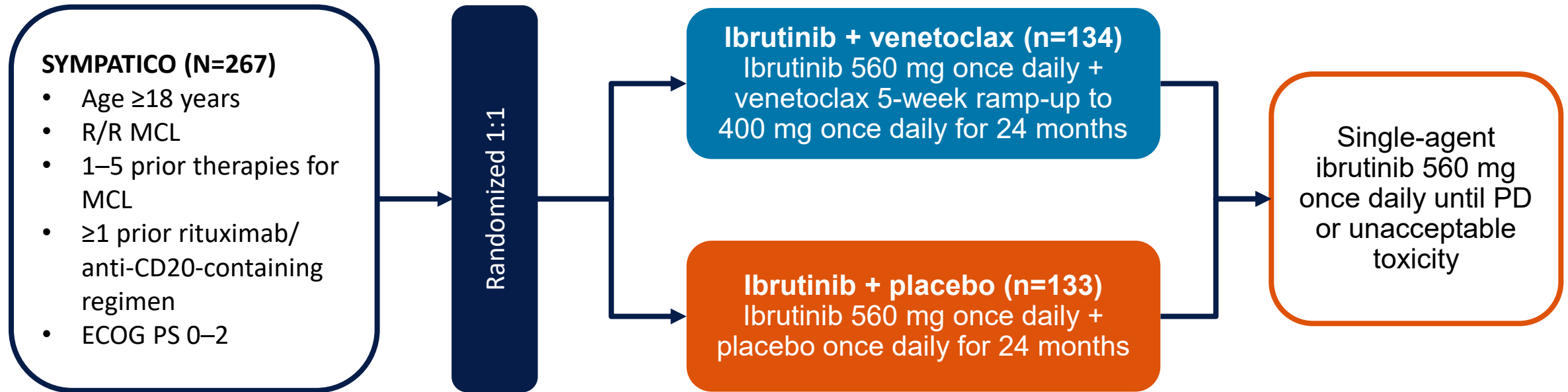
# A052101: Randomized Phase III study of Continuous vs Intermittent Maintenance in untreated, older patients with Mantle cell lymphoma



\* Patients will be stratified by age (60-69 years vs.  $\geq 70$  years) and MCL IPI score (low, intermediate, or high)

NCT05976763

# SYMPATICO



**Stratification:** ECOG PS, prior lines of therapy, TLS risk<sup>a</sup>

- **Primary endpoint:**

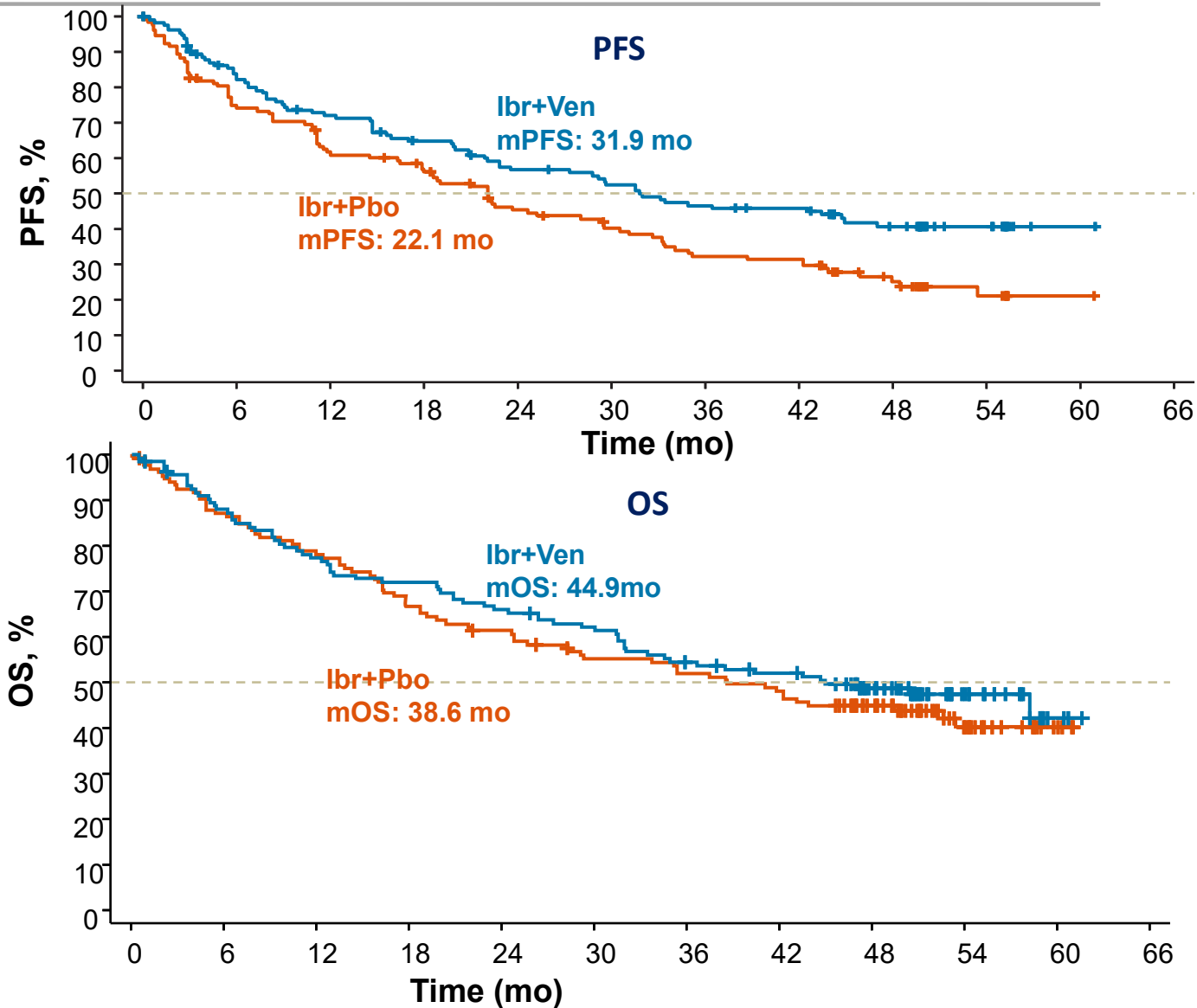
- PFS by investigator assessment using Lugano criteria

- **Secondary endpoints (tested hierarchically in the following order):**

- CR rate by investigator assessment
- TTNT<sup>b</sup>
- OS (interim analysis)
- ORR by investigator assessment

# SYMPATICO

- High risk population
  - 1/3 patients TP53 mutated
  - 1/3 patients high risk MIPI
- Ibrutinib+Venetoclax favored in all prespecified subgroups
  - Improved time to next treatment
- Higher grade  $\geq 3$  AEs with ibrutinib+venetoclax
  - 84% vs. 76%
  - Diarrhea, pneumonia higher





# SYMPATICO

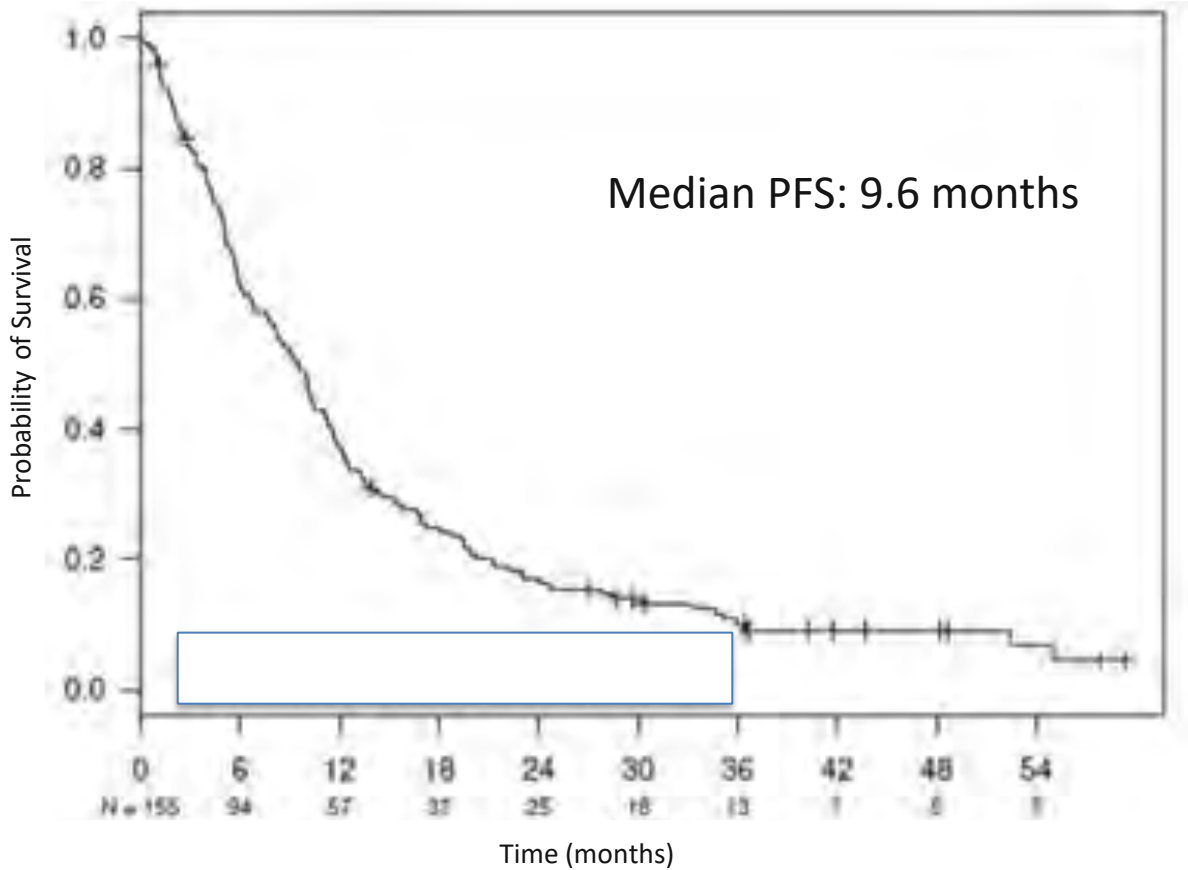
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- Ibrutinib+venetoclax improved PFS over ibrutinib alone
  - Expected increase in toxicity
- Ibrutinib no longer approved in the US
- Ibrutinib appears less effective than other available BTKi

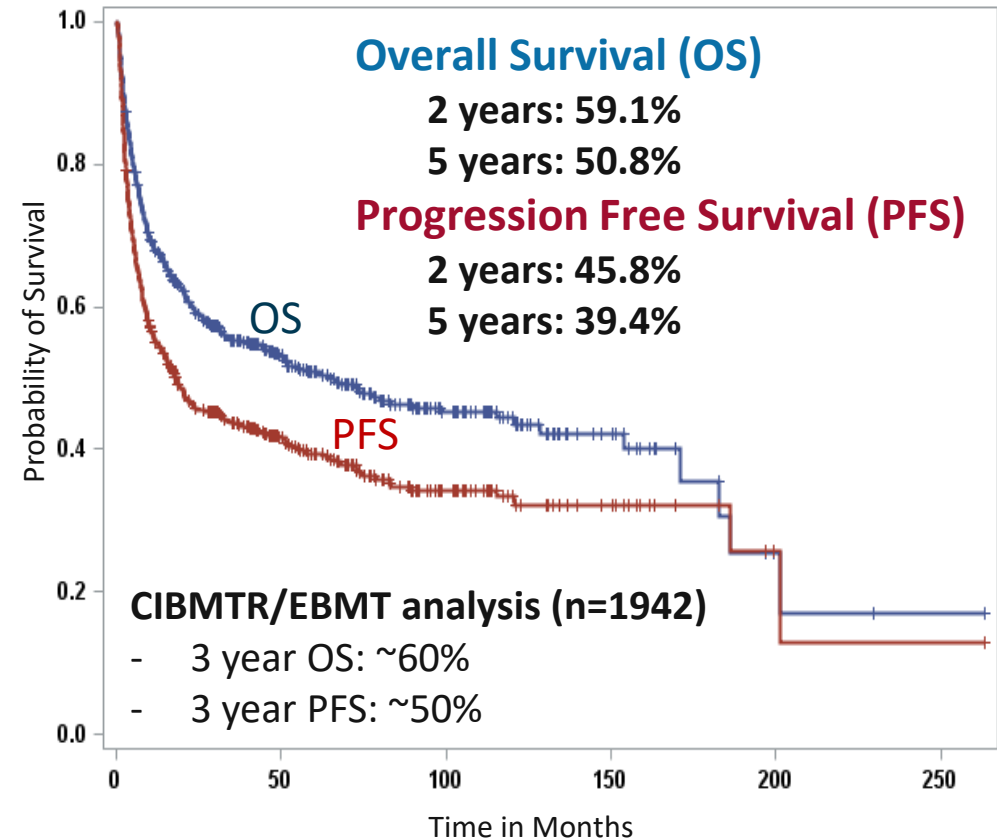
# Relapsed/Refractory T-cell Lymphomas

# Outcomes in Relapsed/Refractory PTCL

### PFS in Relapsed/Refractory PTCL (n=499)



### Outcomes of Allogeneic Transplant for T-cell Lymphomas (n=508)



Lansigan ACTA Hematol epub 2019; Mehta-Shah ASH 2017; Dreger et al ICML 2021

# Clinical Activity of Standard Chemotherapy in R/R PTCL

Regimen	N	ORR/CR%	DOR
ICE	40	70% / 35%	mPFS: 6 months
GemDexCis	51	80% / 47%	mPFS: 4 months
ESHAP	22	32% / 18%	mPFS: 2.5mo
Gemcitabine	20	55% / 30%	mDOR: 34 mo
Bendamustine	60	50% / 28%	mDOR: 3.5 mo
Romidepsin	45	25% / 15%	mDOR: 8.9 mo
Bellinostat	57	26% / 11%	mDOR: 8.3 mo
Pralatrexate	111	29% / 15%	mDOR: 7.6 mo
Brentuximab vedotin	34	69% / 44%	mPFS: 6.7 mo

Damaj et al JCO 2013; Zinzani et al Ann Oncol 2012; Kogure et al Ann Hematol 2014; Arkenau et al hematologica 2007; Parkin et al Blood 2013; Horwitz et al Blood 2005; Mehta-Shah, ASH Education Book 2019

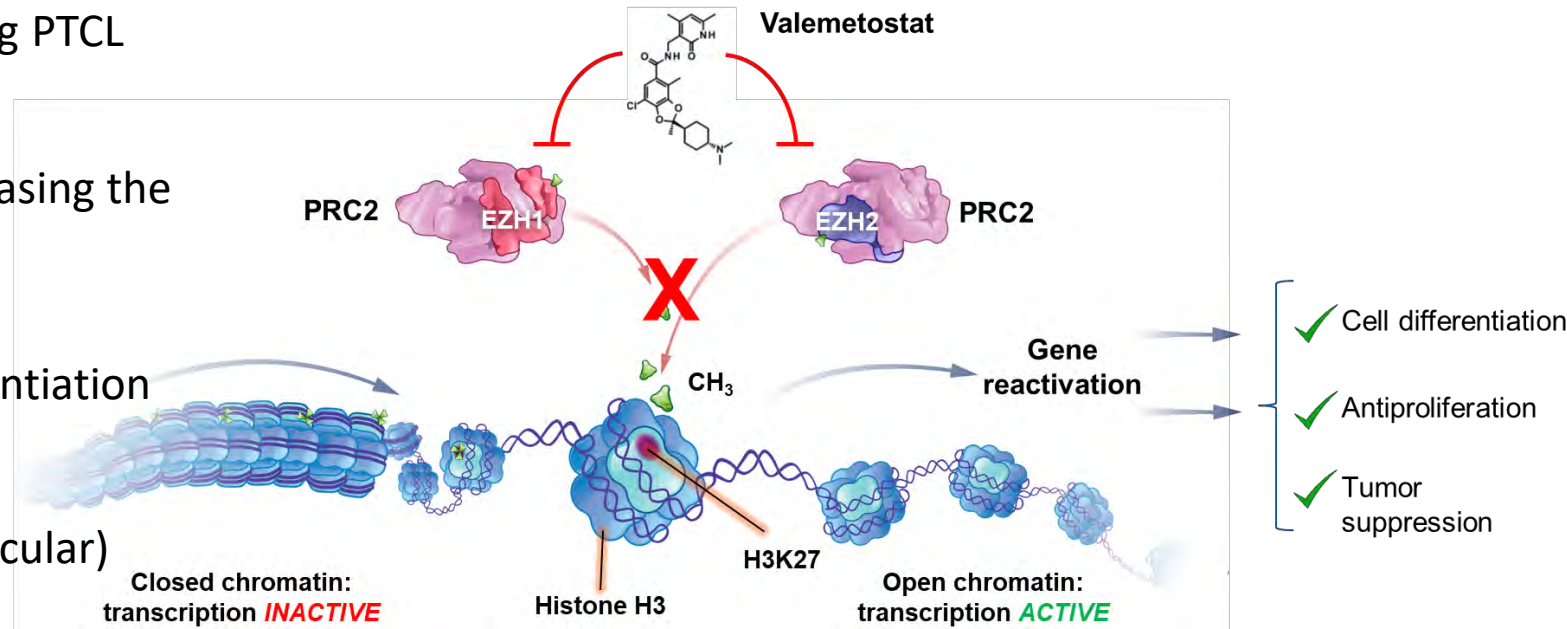
# New Kids on the Horizon

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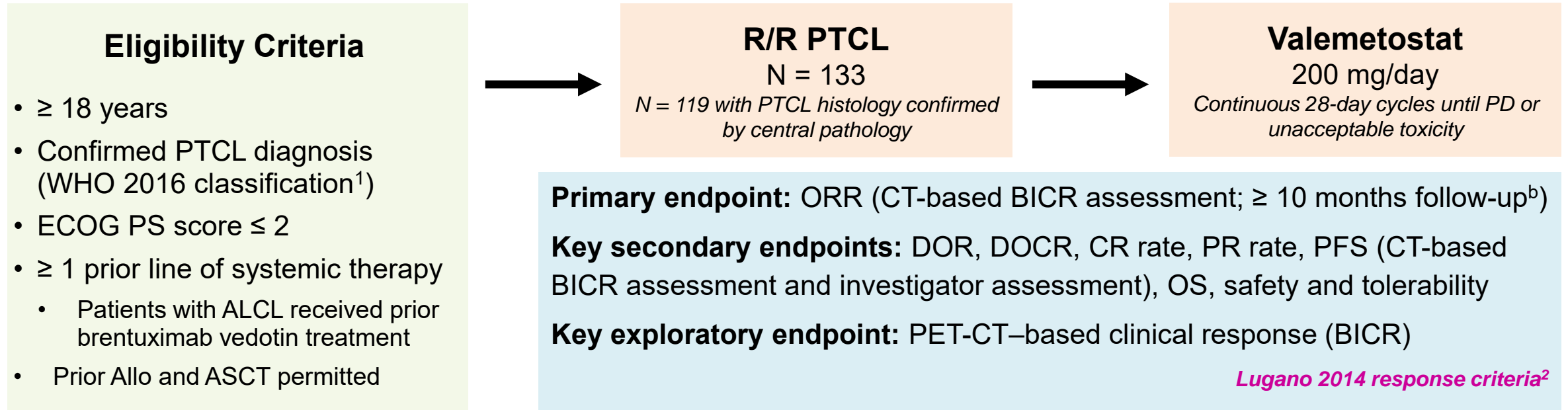
- EZH2 inhibitors
- JAK/STAT Inhibitors
- PI3K inhibitors

# EZH2 inhibitors Background

- EZH2 overexpression drives the development and progression of many types of cancer, including PTCL
  - *EZH2* mutations are rare in PTCL
- EZH 1/2 inhibitors inhibit H3K27me3 → increasing the expression of genes associated with the regulation of cell proliferation and differentiation
- EZH2 inhibitors generally well tolerated
  - Tazemetostat (approved in US for R/R Follicular)
  - Valemetostat (approved in Japan for R/R ATLL)
- Two EZH2 inhibitors presented



# VALENTINE-PTCL01: global, multicenter, open-label, single-arm, phase 2 trial of valemestostat in R/R PTCLs



133 patients with PTCL (53 TFH phenotype; 41 PTCL NOS; 9 ALCL) with 119 evaluable for efficacy  
Median age 69; median 2 lines of prior therapy  
Required central path review for evaluability

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# Valemetostat Efficacy

## CT-based assessment

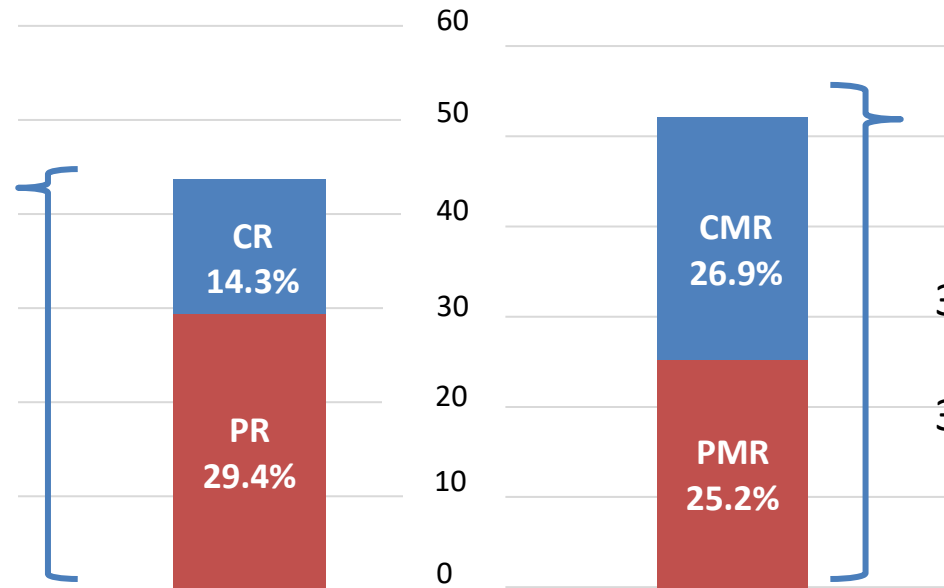
(Primary endpoint)

**ORR was 43.7%**  
(n = 52; 95% CI, 34.6–53.1)

17 patients (14.3%) achieved a **CR**

35 patients (29.4%) achieved a **PR**

## Efficacy-evaluable population (N = 119)



## PET-CT-based assessment

(Exploratory endpoint)

**ORR was 52.1%**  
(n = 62; 95% CI, 42.8–61.3)

32 patients (26.9%) achieved a **CMR**

30 patients (25.2%) achieved a **PMR**

- Ten (8.4%) patients treated with valemetostat proceeded to allo-HCT, including 8 patients (6.7%) with a CR<sup>a</sup> and 2 patients with an unknown response
  - The median time from first dose of valemetostat to subsequent allo-HCT was 6.9 months

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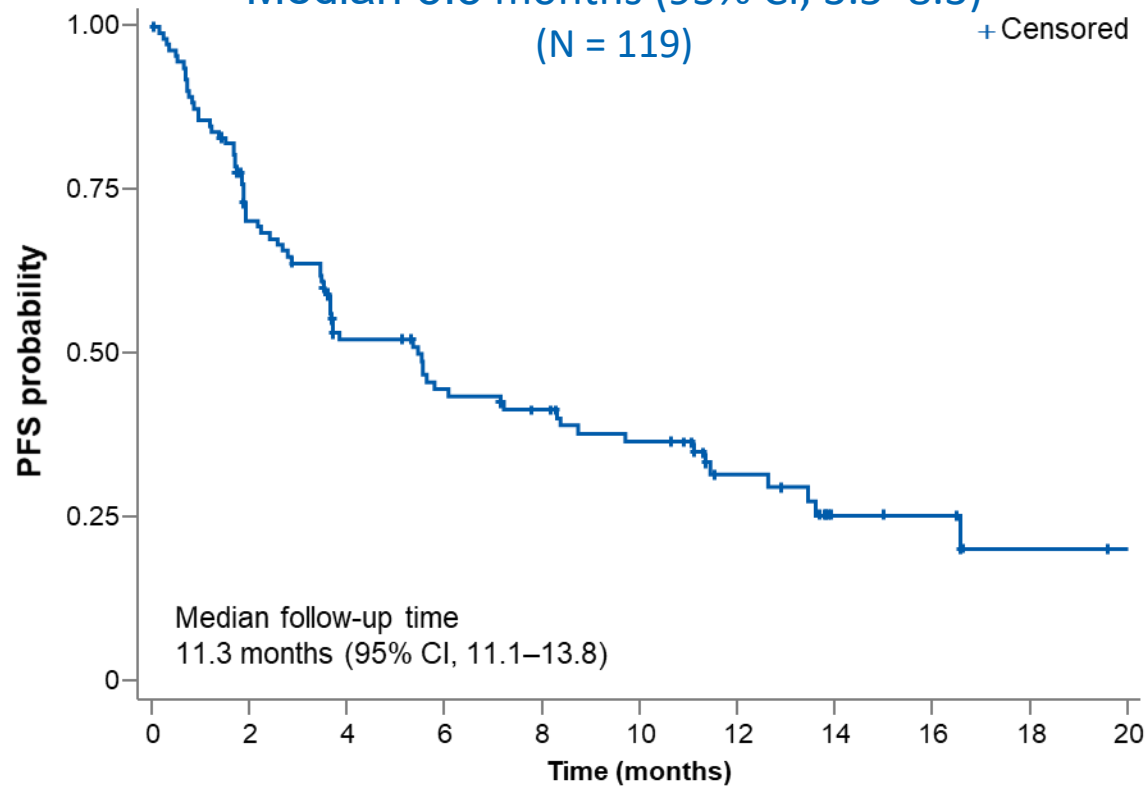
# Progression-Free Survival and Overall Survival

## PFS<sup>a</sup>

Median 5.5 months (95% CI, 3.5–8.3)

(N = 119)

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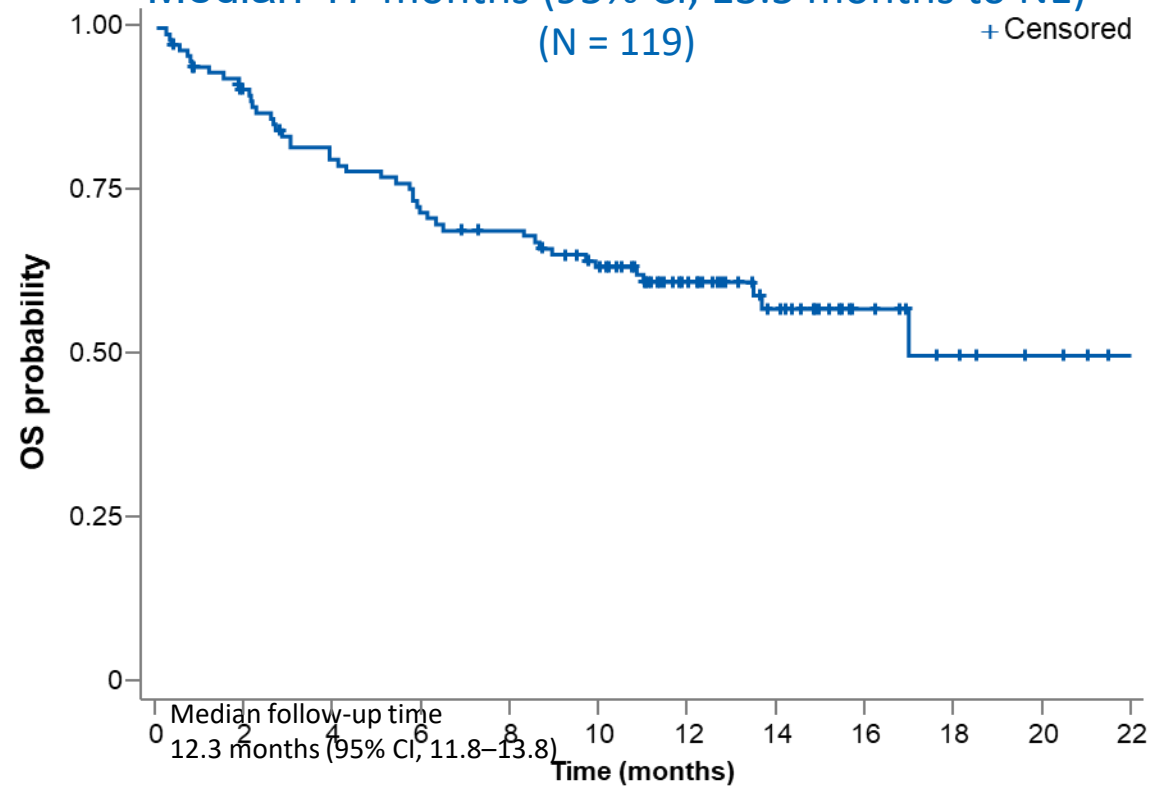


## OS

Median 17 months (95% CI, 13.5 months to NE)

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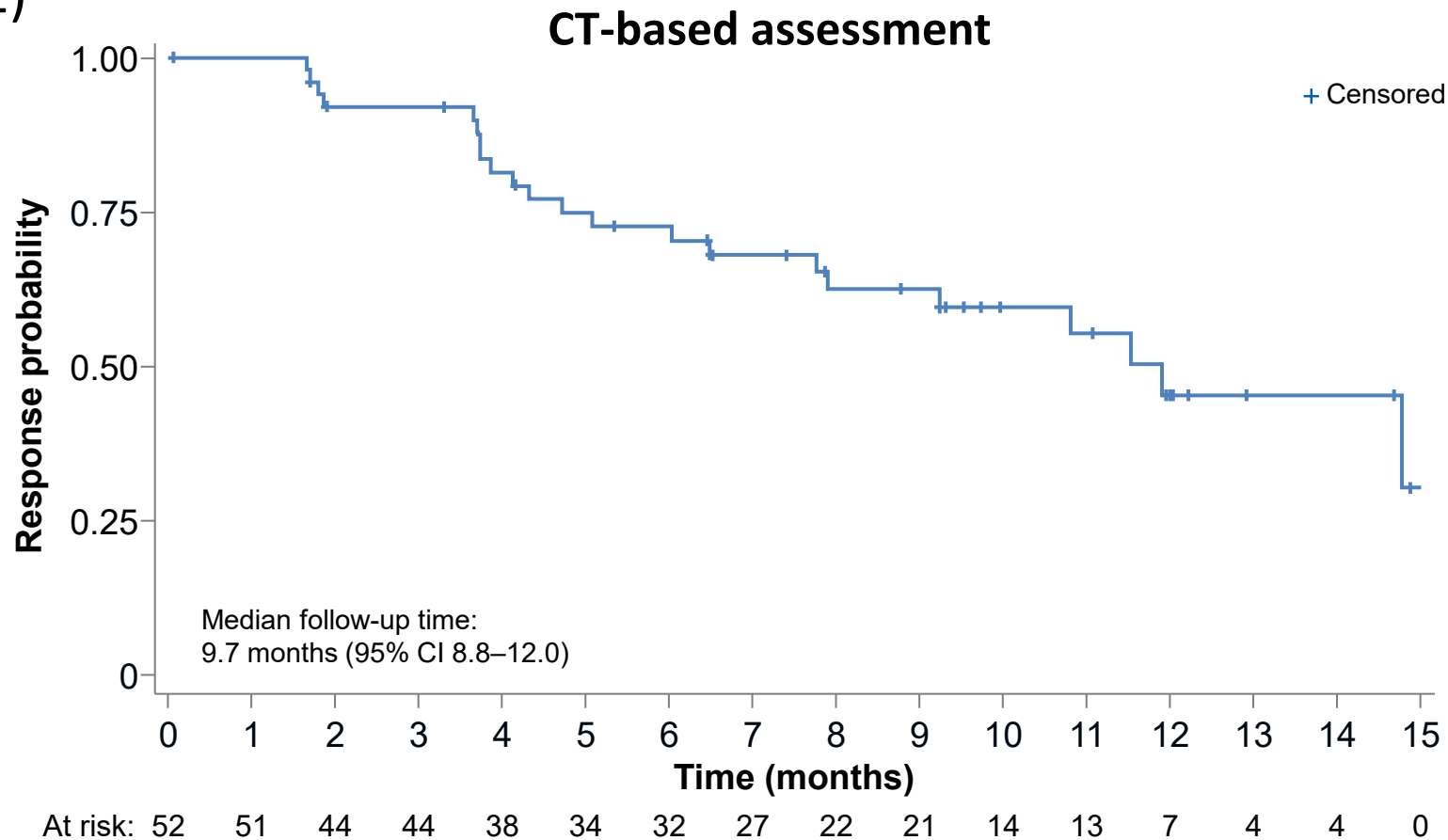


- Median **TTR** was **8.1 weeks** (range, 5–37) and median **DOR** was **11.9 months** (95% CI, 7.8 months to NE)

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# Duration of Response (CT-Based BICR Assessment)

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- Data cutoff: May 5, 2023.
- NE, not evaluable; TTR, time to response.

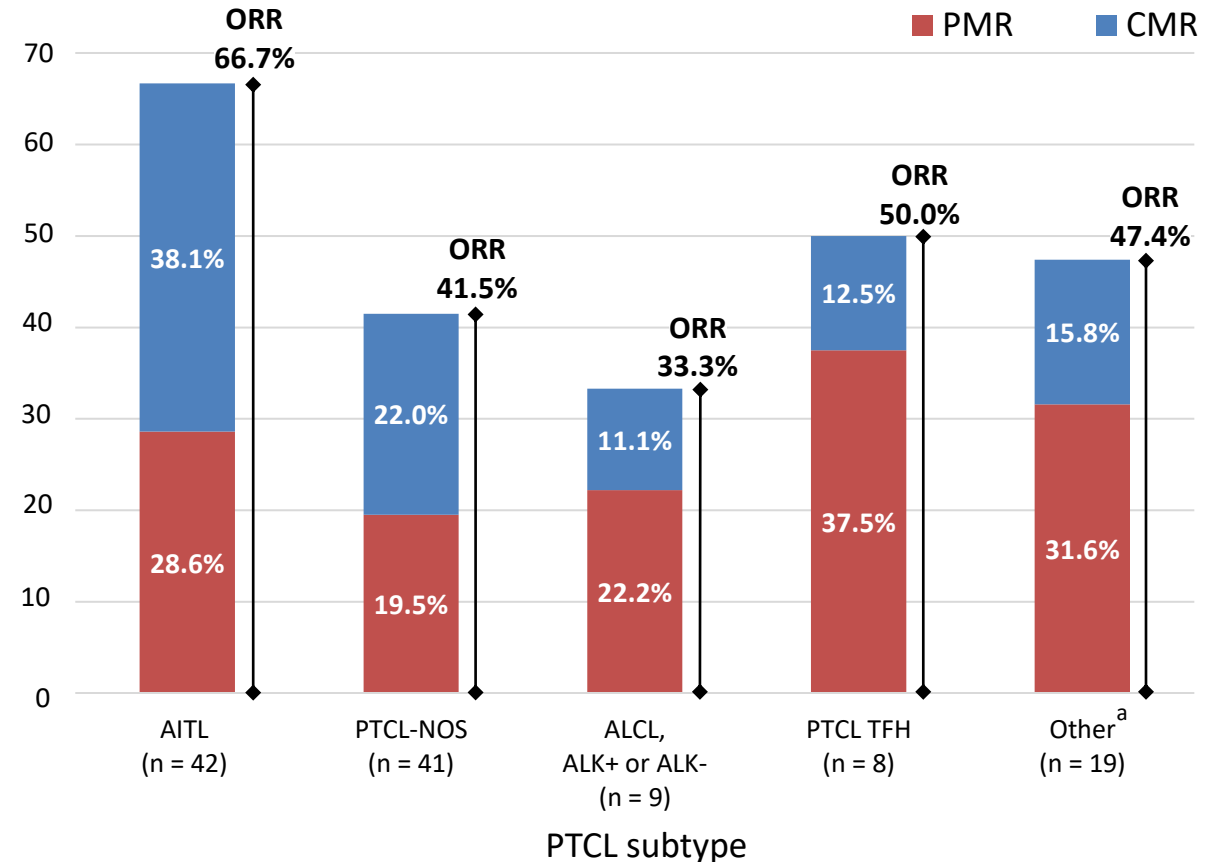
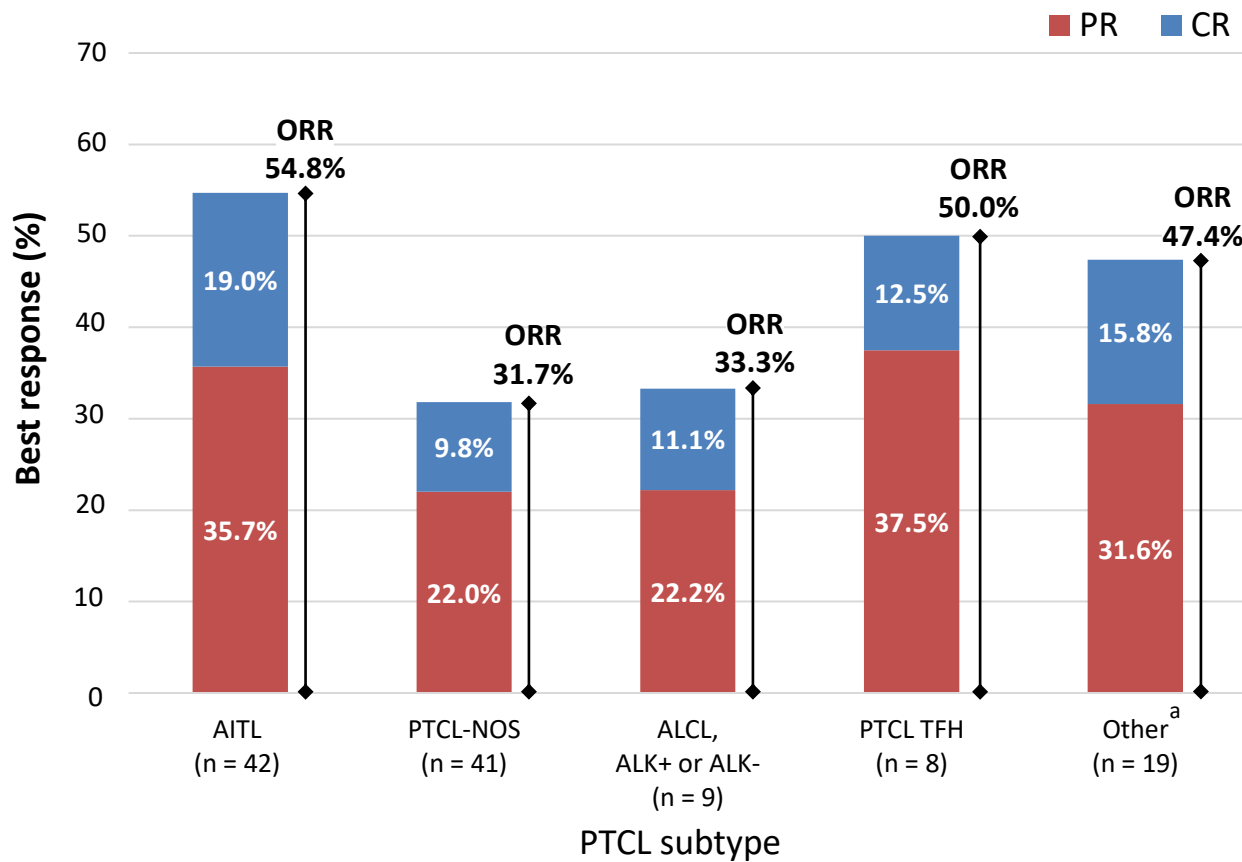
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# Responses Seen Across PTCL Subtypes

Responses were observed across all PTCL subtypes

**CT-based assessment**  
(N = 119)

**PET-CT-based assessment**  
(N = 119)



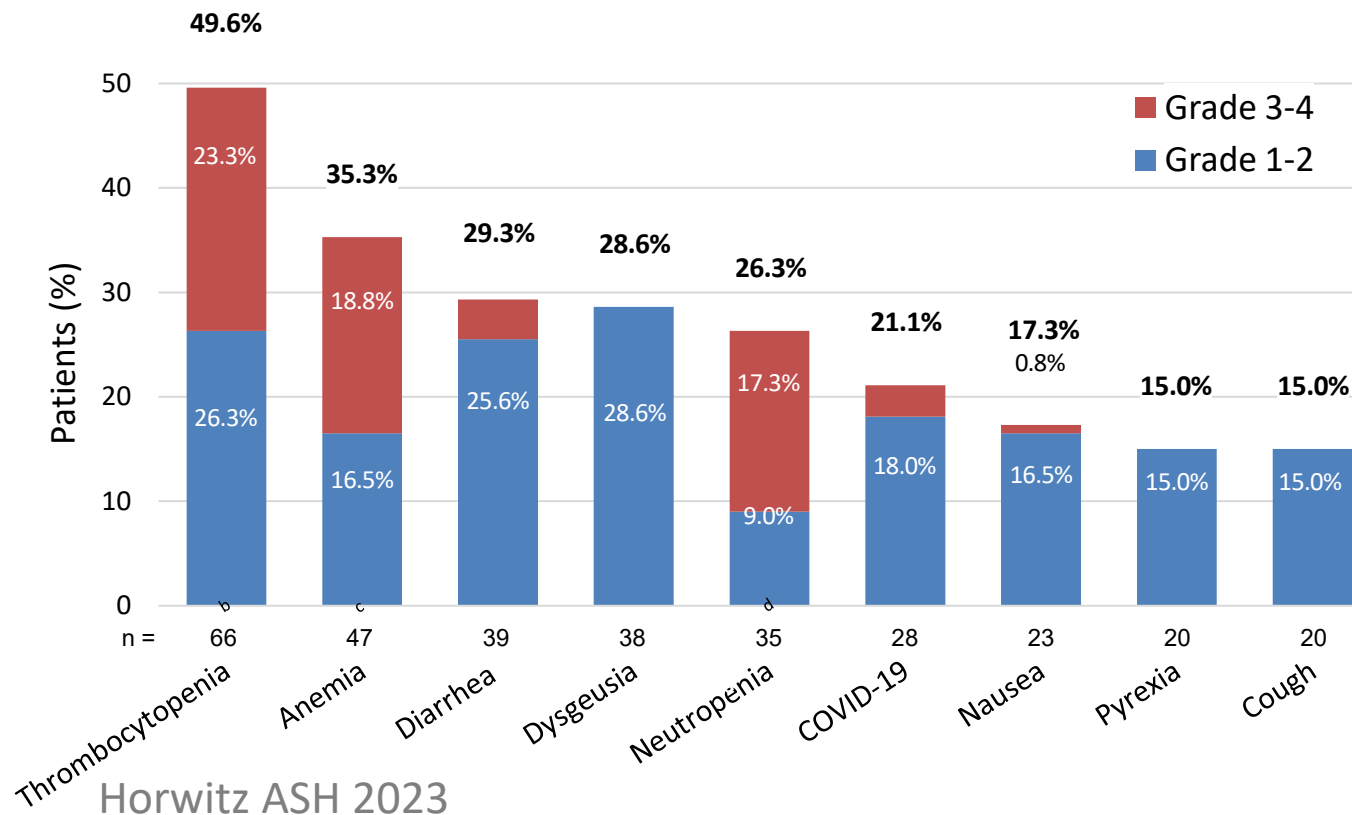
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<sup>a</sup> Other TCLs include 3 patients with FTL, 1 with PCGTL, 1 with CD8<sup>+</sup> PCAECTCL, 1 with MEITL, and 13 with other eligible, but undetermined PTCL subtypes.

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# Valemetostat Tolerability

- Cytopenias were common and manageable with dose modifications and/or supportive care
  - Thrombocytopenia was the most frequent any grade (49.6%) and grade  $\geq 3$  (23.3%) TEAE
  - Thrombocytopenia often transient
- 2 patients developed secondary AML and discontinued treatment



TEAEs leading to dose modifications <sup>a</sup> (N = 133)			
	Treatment discontinuation	Dose reduction	Dose interruption
Preferred term	%	%	%
Any TEAE	9.8	15.8	49.6
Thrombocytopenia	2.3	5.3	16.5
Anemia	0	3.8	9.8
COVID-19	0	1.5	8.3
Neutropenia	0	2.3	5.3

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## Valemetostat Conclusions

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- Valemetostat is a well tolerated oral EZH1/2 inhibitor with high ORR
  - ORR: 52% by PET, 44% by CT
  - Durable responses seen
- Compares favorably to available agents (belinostat, pralatrexate, romidepsin) which have ORR ~25% and not as well tolerated
- Need confirmatory study

# Other EZH2 Inhibitors

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- HH2853 (EZH 1/2 Inhibitor)
  - 34 R/R PTCL patients with ORR 65%, CR 22%
  - Median duration of response NR
- Talmimetostat (EZH 1/2 inhibitor)
  - 3/7 ORR (2 CR, 1 PR)

Drescher ASCO 2023; Hong ASH 2023



# JAK/STAT Inhibition in T-cell Lymphoma

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- JAK/STAT upregulated in 25-90% TCL
- Cerdulatinib (JAK/SYK)
  - ORR 35% (7/20)
- Ruxolitinib:
  - ORR 23%
    - If with JAK/STAT activation: ORR 29%
- Golidicitinib: oral JAK1 selective inhibitor
  - Single arm phase II study (n=112)
  - **ORR by CT: 44% (CR 24%)**
  - Median follow-up 6 mo, median duration of response not reached
  - Promising activity in AITL and PTCL-NOS
    - AITL: 9/16 responders
    - PTCL: 23/50 responders

# Golidocitinib Study Design

## Key eligibility criteria

### Patients with r/r PTCLs

- PTCLs diagnosed locally
- Relapsed or refractory/intolerant to prior systemic therapy
- For ALCL patients, the prior systemic treatment should include CD30-targeted therapy (brentuximab vedotin) Measurable disease
- Age  $\geq 18$  y (for Korean  $\geq 19$  y)
- ECOG PS  $\leq 2$
- Adequate organ/system functions

**Golidocitinib 150 mg QD**

1 cycle = 21 days

## Tumor assessment

Day 1 of Cycle 3, and then every 3 cycles until disease progression or intolerance or withdrawal from the study

- **Primary endpoint:** IRC assessed ORR **based on CT** per Lugano 2014 criteria
- **Secondary endpoints:** IRC assessed CRR, DoR, PFS and TTR, and safety  
investigator assessed ORR, CRR, DoR, PFS, TTR

104 patients with PTCL (51 PTCL NOS; 16 AITL; 11 ALCL) with 119 evaluable for efficacy

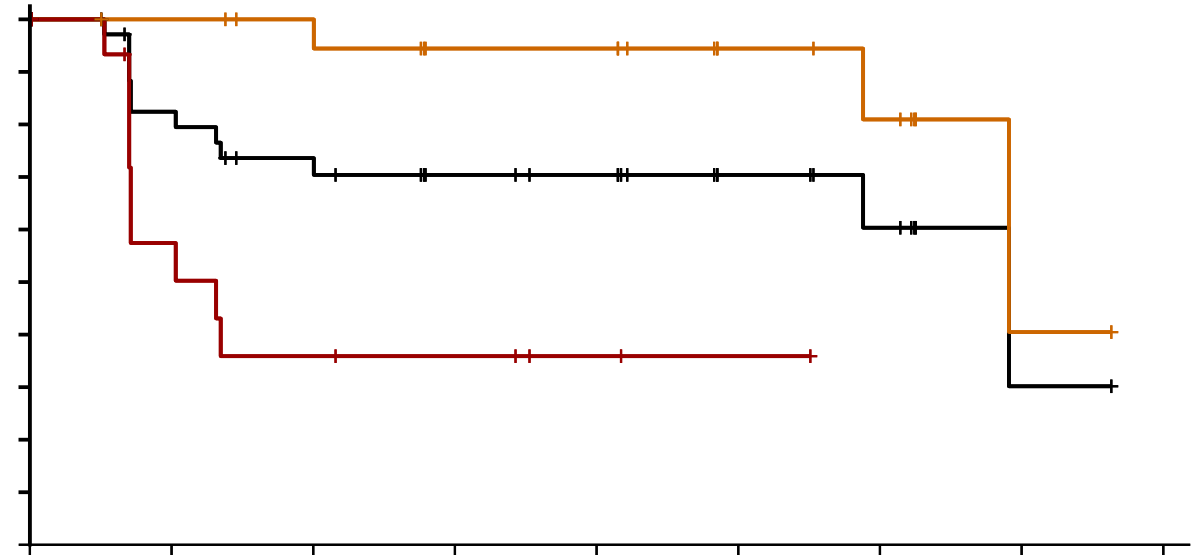
Median age 58; median 2 lines of prior therapy

Required central path review for evaluability (n=88)

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# Golidicitinib Results

Tumor Response	n = 88
ORR, n (%)	39 (44.3)
Overall response, n (%)	
Complete response	21 (23.9)
Partial response	18 (20.5)
Stable disease	17 (19.3)
Progressive disease	20 (22.7)
Not evaluable	12 (13.6)



- The most common (incidence >10%) Grade≥3 TRAEs included thrombocytopenia, leukopenia, neutropenia
- mDoR was 20.7 months (53.8% still responding);
- patients with CRs achieved longer DoR compared with those with PRs;
- mPFS was 5.6 months; mOS was 19.4 months (52.3% still surviving).

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## Conclusion

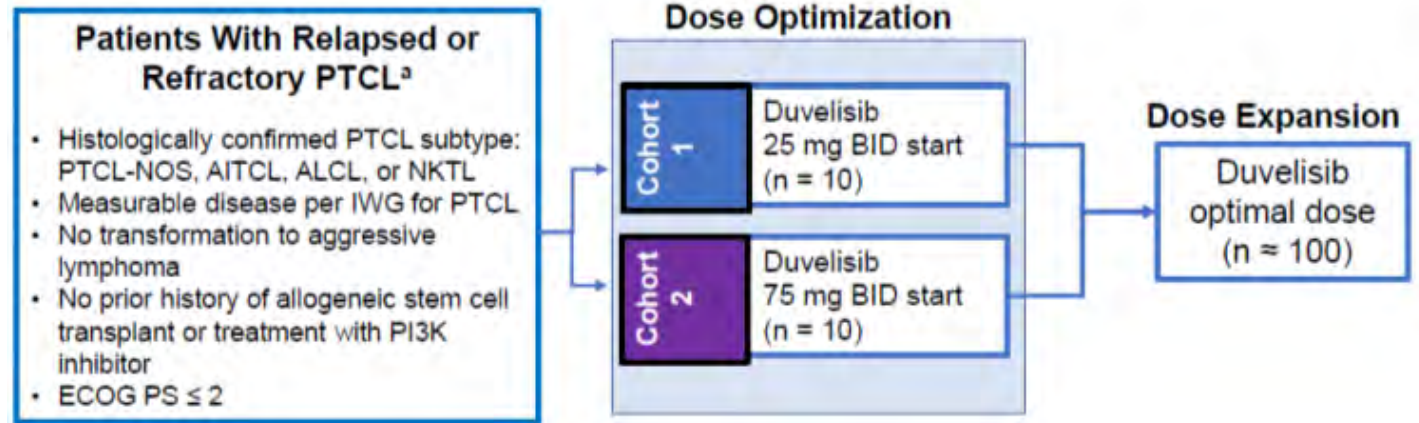
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- Goliditacinib shows efficacy with ORR 44% and CR 24% by CT
- Median DOR 20.7 mo
- Toxicity is manageable
- Did not report response by JAK/STAT or by PET
  
- Again, promising potential new addition to the armamentarium
  - Likely will need confirmatory study

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# PI3K Inhibitors in PTCL

- Duvelisib is an oral gamma/delta phosphoinositide 3-kinases (PI3K) inhibitor
- Studied in single agent phase II study (PRIMO)
  - 75mg BID x 2 cycles → 25mg BID unless progression/intolerance
  - ORR 49%, CR 34%
    - Median duration of response 7 mo
  - Grade ≥3 transaminitis 23%
- In combination study of duvelisib 75mg BID and romidepsin (n=66):
  - ORR 55%, CR 34%
  - Grade ≥3 transaminitis 14%
- Multiple other PI3 kinase inhibitors in development
  - Tonalisib: ORR 46% (n=35)
  - Linperlisib: *ongoing @ WUSTL*



Characteristic	PRIMO-EP (N=101)	
	ORR (%)	mPFS (range)
<b>Overall</b>	<b>49/101 (49%)</b>	<b>3.6 mo (3.2-8.1)</b>
PTCL-NOS	25/52 (48%)	6 mo (1.8- 8.1)
<b>AITL</b>	<b>20/30 (67%)</b>	<b>9.2 mo (3.8- NC)</b>
ALCL	2/15 (13%)	1.5 mo (0.4 - 1.8)

# CAR T-cells in T-cell Lymphomas

## CD 5 CAR (Baylor; NCT03081910)

- CRs seen in PTCL, AITL

## CD30 CAR

- Baylor: NCT02917083
- UNC: NCT02690545
- UNC: NCT03602157

## CD7 CAR

- Baylor NCT 03680011

## CD70 Allo CAR

- NCT04502446
- At MTD, ORR 75% PTCL (n=7), 67% CTCL (n=8)

## CD7 Allo CAR

- WUSTL NCT 05377827
- CR rate 58% in T-ALL (n=12)

Pre-CD5 CAR T =>



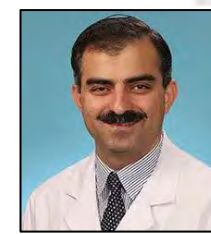
CR @ 4 wk post CD5 CAR-T



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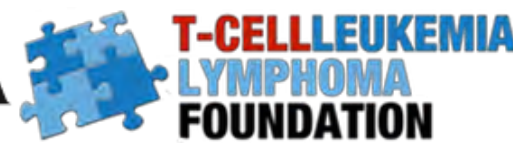
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