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Debate:

Autologous HCT remains the preferred standard of care for first-line therapy of mantle cell lymphoma

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- **Consulting and/or Speaking (past 24 months):** Adaptive Biotechnologies, AstraZeneca, Beigene, Bristol-Myers Squibb, CSL Therapeutics, Karyopharm, Kite, Morphosys, Pharmacyclics, Seattle Genetics, Sanofi, Servier Pharmaceuticals, TG Therapeutics
- I will mention **on-label** uses of ibrutinib (Pharmacyclics), acalabrutinib (Astrazeneca) and zanubrutinib (Beigene) in mantle cell lymphoma
- I will mention a trial looking at on **off-label** use of ibrutinib (Pharmacyclics) in mantle cell lymphoma

Outline

- Retrospective studies of transplant in MCL
- Prospective studies of transplant in MCL
- Comparison of transplant to non-transplant outcomes
- Importance of preventing MCL relapse
- Can we use a risk-adapted approach to select those most likely to benefit from auto-HCT?

History of Mantle Cell Lymphoma

- Initially described in **1982** by Weisenburger and in 1983 by Swerdlow
- Took several years to arrive consensus criteria for the diagnosis between U.S. and Europe: REAL Classification (1994)
- 1995-1997 at least 5 retrospective studies (each with n= 30-80) reporting **median OS in 3-5 yr range**
- 1998- present: successive prospective studies of different regimens

Mantle-Zone Lymphoma:

A Follicular Variant of Intermediate Lymphocytic Lymphoma

DENNIS D. WEISENBURGER, MD,* HUN KIM, MD,† AND HENRY RAPPAPORT, MD‡

Cancer 49:1429–1438, 1982.

Centrocytic Lymphoma: A Distinct Clinicopathologic and Immunologic Entity

A Multiparameter Study of 18 Cases at Diagnosis and Relapse

S. H. SWERDLOW, MD,
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(Am J Pathol 1983, 113:181–197)

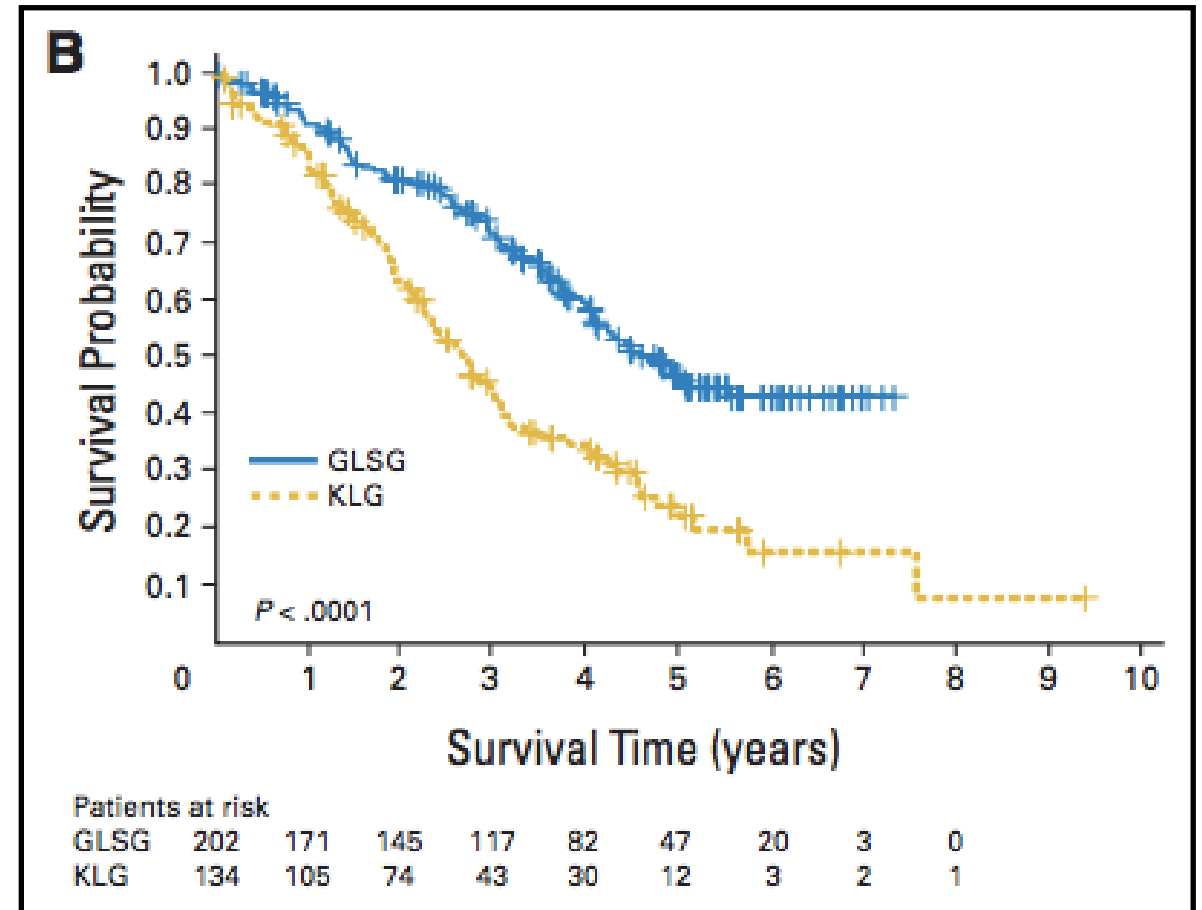
A Revised European-American Classification of Lymphoid Neoplasms: A Proposal From the International Lymphoma Study Group

By Nancy Lee Harris, Elaine S. Jaffe, Harald Stein, Peter M. Banks, John K.C. Chan, Michael L. Cleary,
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Miguel A. Piris, Elisabeth Ralfkiaer, and Roger A. Warnke

Blood, Vol 84, No 5 (September 1), 1994: pp 1361-1392

Not an issue for debate: Outcomes in MCL have improved

- Hermann et al compared MCL outcomes from 2 different eras (1975-1986 vs 1996-2004)
 - Median OS 2.7 yrs → 4.8 yrs
 - But why?
- More recent retrospective and prospective trials have seen even better outcomes
 - median PFS 8-9 years
 - median OS >10 yrs in some studies



Herrmann et al, *J Clin Onc* (2009)

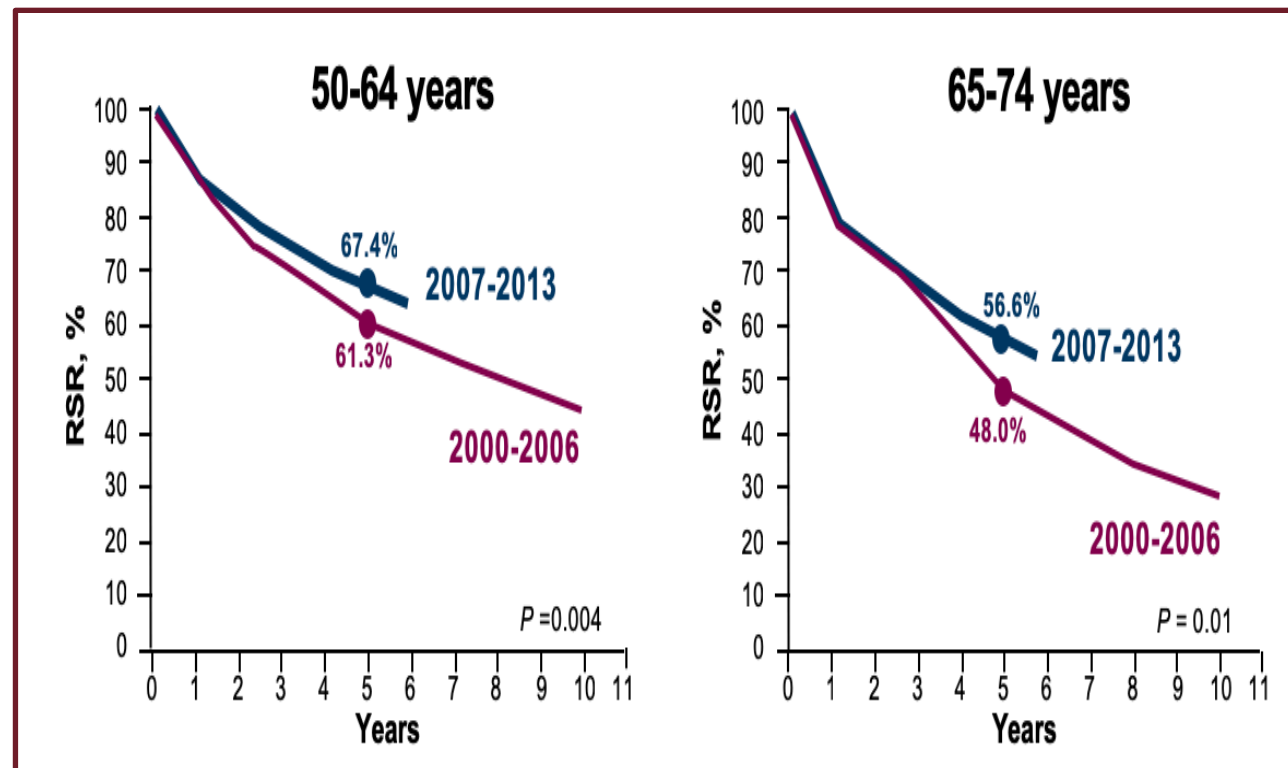
More recent retrospective series in MCL

- 395 patient series from 5 academic centers
- Median OS **11.6 yrs**
- 53% of them had auto-HCT
- Auto-HCT assoc with improved PFS (UVA) and OS (UVA and MVA)
- However there is always the issue of “selection bias” in retrospective trials: patients who are auto-HCT candidates have other favorable factors (lower age, fewer comorbidities, etc)

Calzada et al, Leuk Lym (2018)

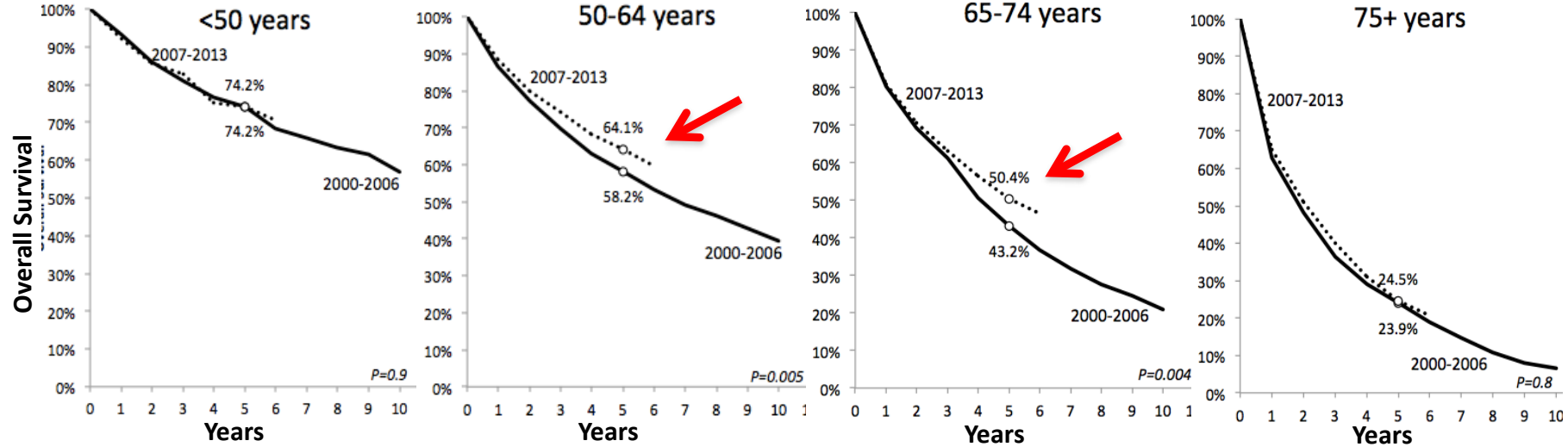
MCL survival is improving in the U.S. (SEER)

- SEER database study
- N=8755 patients
- Broke into two 7 year eras:
 - 2000-2006: N=3799
 - 2007-2013: N=4956
- Patients <50 yrs, did well in both eras
- Significant improvement noted in patients aged 50-64 years and aged 65-74 yrs
- Again the question is why?
- Increased use of auto-HCT?

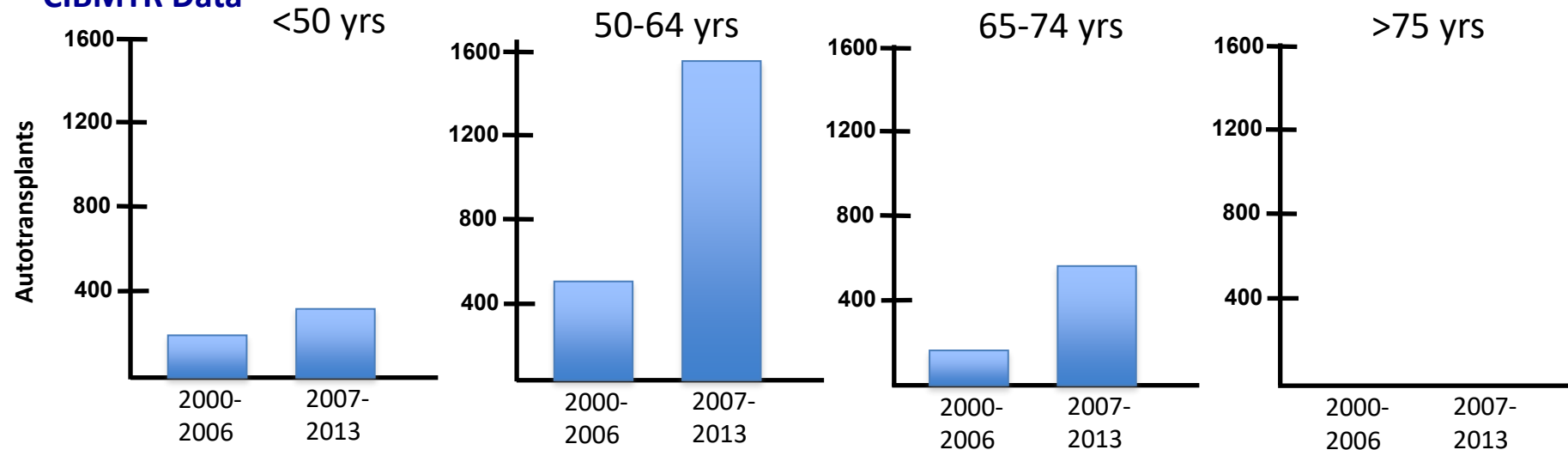


Increasing use of autoHCT in CR1 correlates with improvement in MCL survival

SEER Data



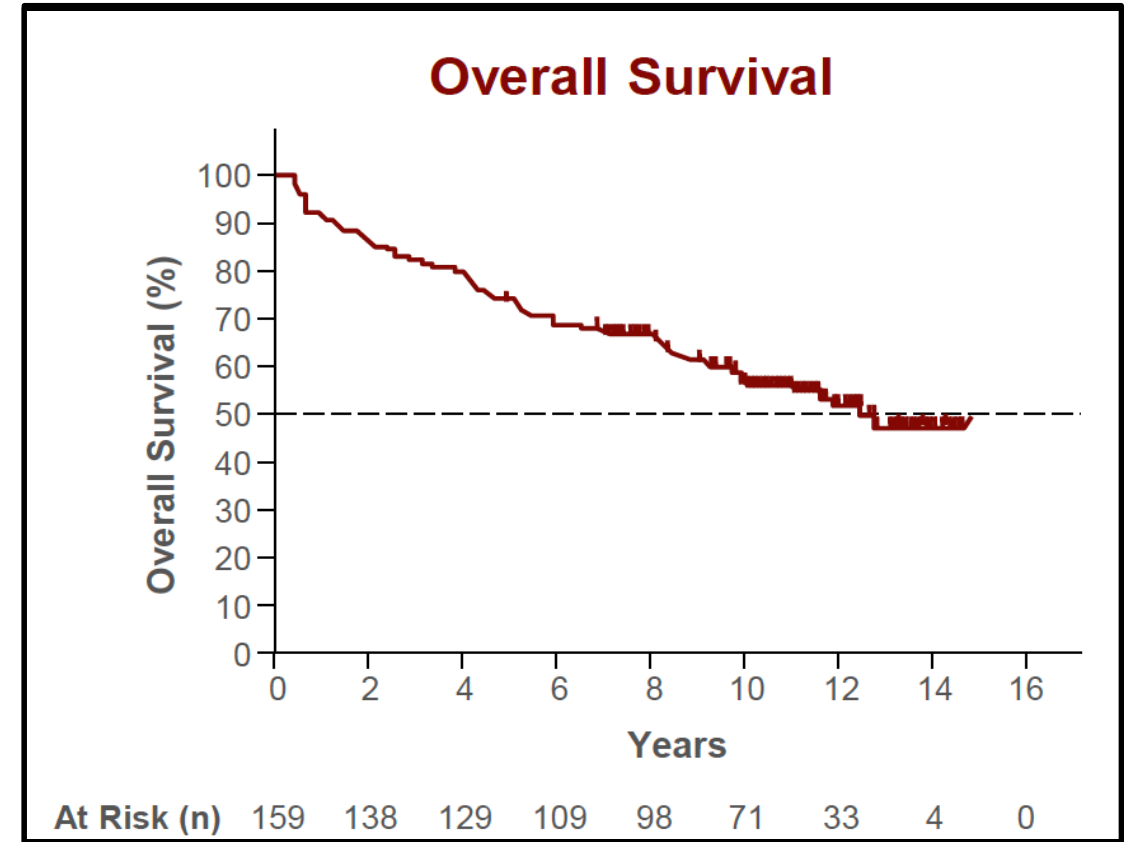
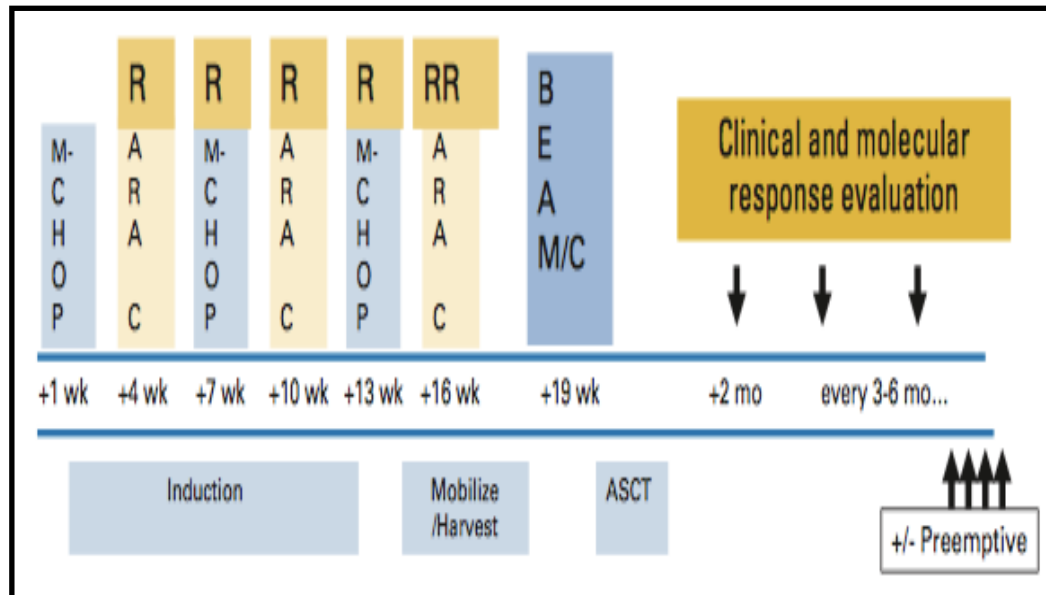
CIBMTR Data



What about prospective trials?

Intensive 1L Rx for MCL: excellent results with hi-dose araC induction and autoHCT

- Nordic MCL-2 regimen as an example
- Low treatment-related mortality
- 8-9 yr median 1st remission (ITT); 11 yrs for those getting auto-HCT; median OS >10 yrs
- Feasible to give entirely outpatient
- Unclear how much benefit from the autoHCT component

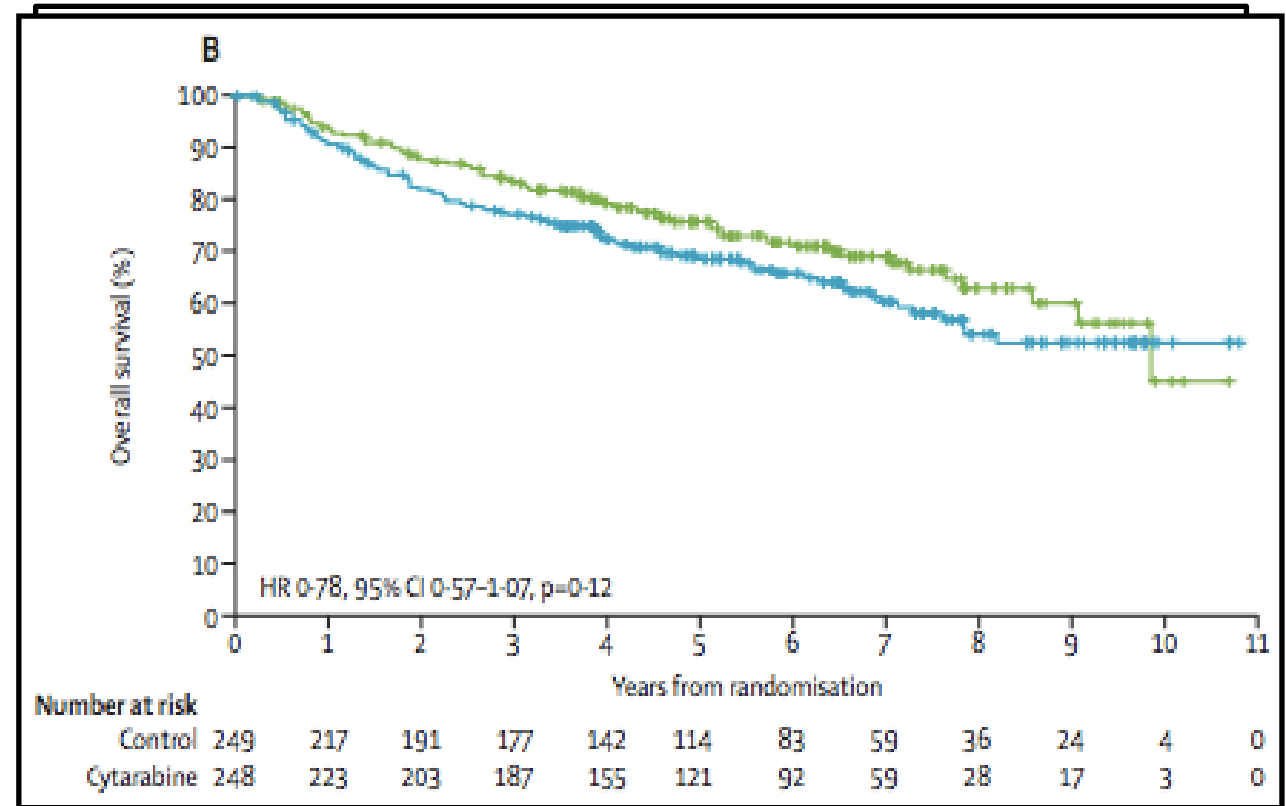


Geisler et al, Blood (2008)
Geisler et al, Br J Haem (2012)
Eskelund et al. Br J Hae (2016)

Intensive 1L Rx for MCL: excellent results with hi-dose araC induction and autoHCT



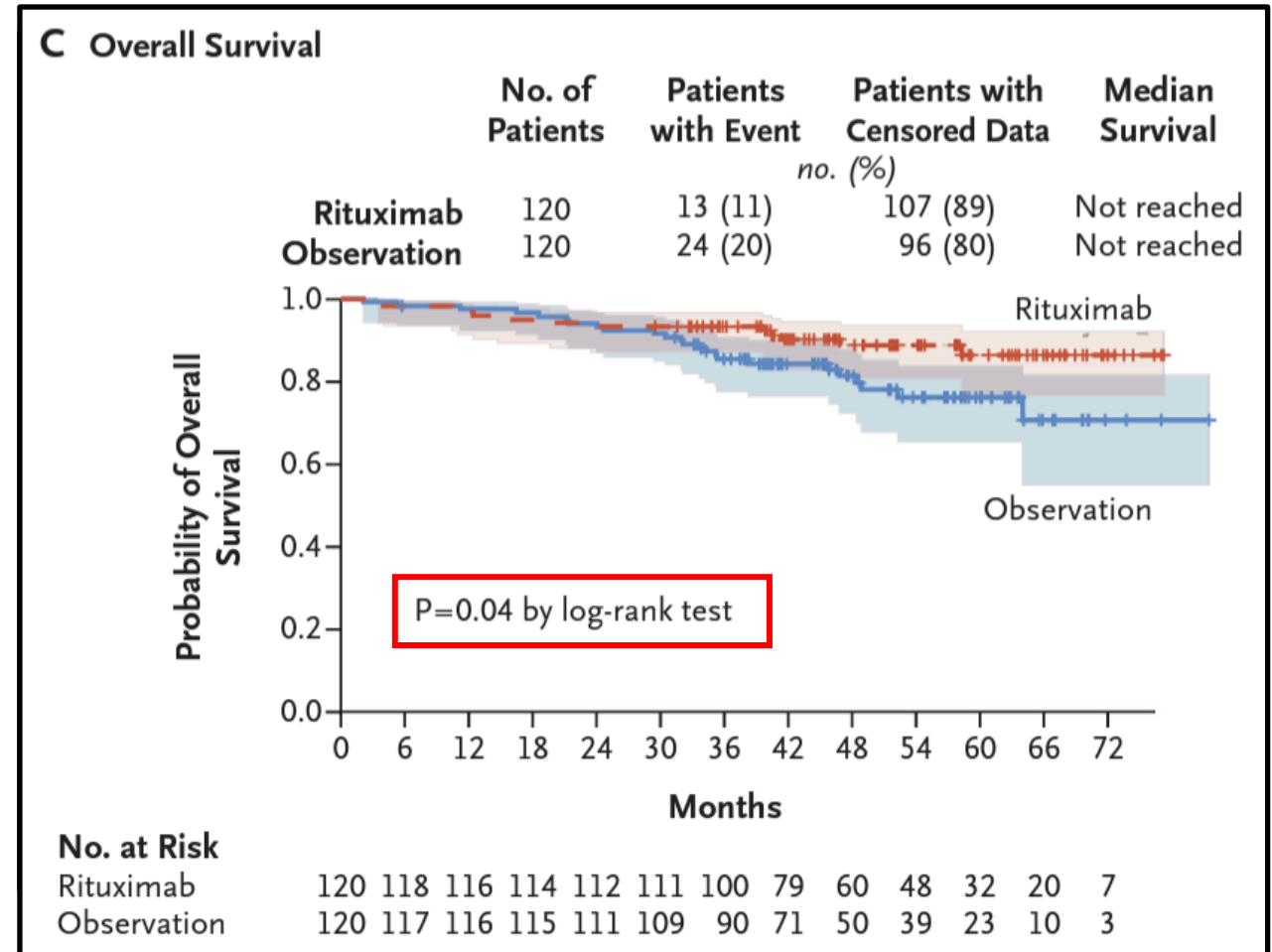
- Compared RCHOPx6 vs RCHOP alt with RDHAP as induction
- RCHOP/ RDHAP arm had superior outcomes
 - 9.1 yr med TTF
 - Med OS 9.8 yrs
 - Outcomes even better in subgroup that actually got to transplant
- All patients underwent auto-HCT



Hermine et al, Lancet (2016)

LyMa/ LYSA trial: maintenance rituximab post auto-HCT

- N=299 enrolled
- Induction: R-DHAP x 4
- 257 (86%) underwent AutoHCT
- 238 (80%) randomized to no maint vs 3 yrs R maint
- OS at 4 years: 89% vs 80%
- Extrapolation of OS curve: 8-10 years med OS ?
- All patients were planned to undergo auto-HCT



Le Gouill et al, NEJM (2017)

So, outcomes for MCL have definitely improved. But why?

- Earlier diagnosis? (lead time bias)
- Better treatment
- Identifying the subset who can defer therapy, and leaving them alone
- Rituximab
- Intensive induction (including high dose araC)
- More widespread use of autoHCT?
- Newer "non-chemotherapy" drugs
 - Proteasome inhibitors, BTK inhibitors, lenalidomide, bcl-2 inhibitors
- CAR-T cell therapy (too new to explain improvements in 2010-2019)

How do non-transplant approaches compare?

Outcomes with non-intensive induction (>30 pts)

| Regimen | # pts | Median PFS | Ref |
|-----------------------|-----------------|--|-----|
| CHOP <u>vs</u> R-CHOP | 112 | 14-21 months | 1 |
| MCP <u>vs</u> R-MCP | 90 | 18-20 months | 2 |
| RCHOP → R | 560 (subset) | 5-6 years | 3 |
| RCHOP <u>vs</u> BR | 94 | 21 months <u>vs</u> 35 months | 4 |
| RCHOP <u>vs</u> VRCAP | 487 | 14 <u>vs</u> 25 months | 5 |
| BR <u>vs</u> BR → R | 120 | 4.6 <u>yrs</u> | 6 |
| R ² | 38 | >4 <u>yrs</u> (7.8% secondary malignancy) | 7 |
| OVERALL | | 1-6 years (2-4 on average) | |

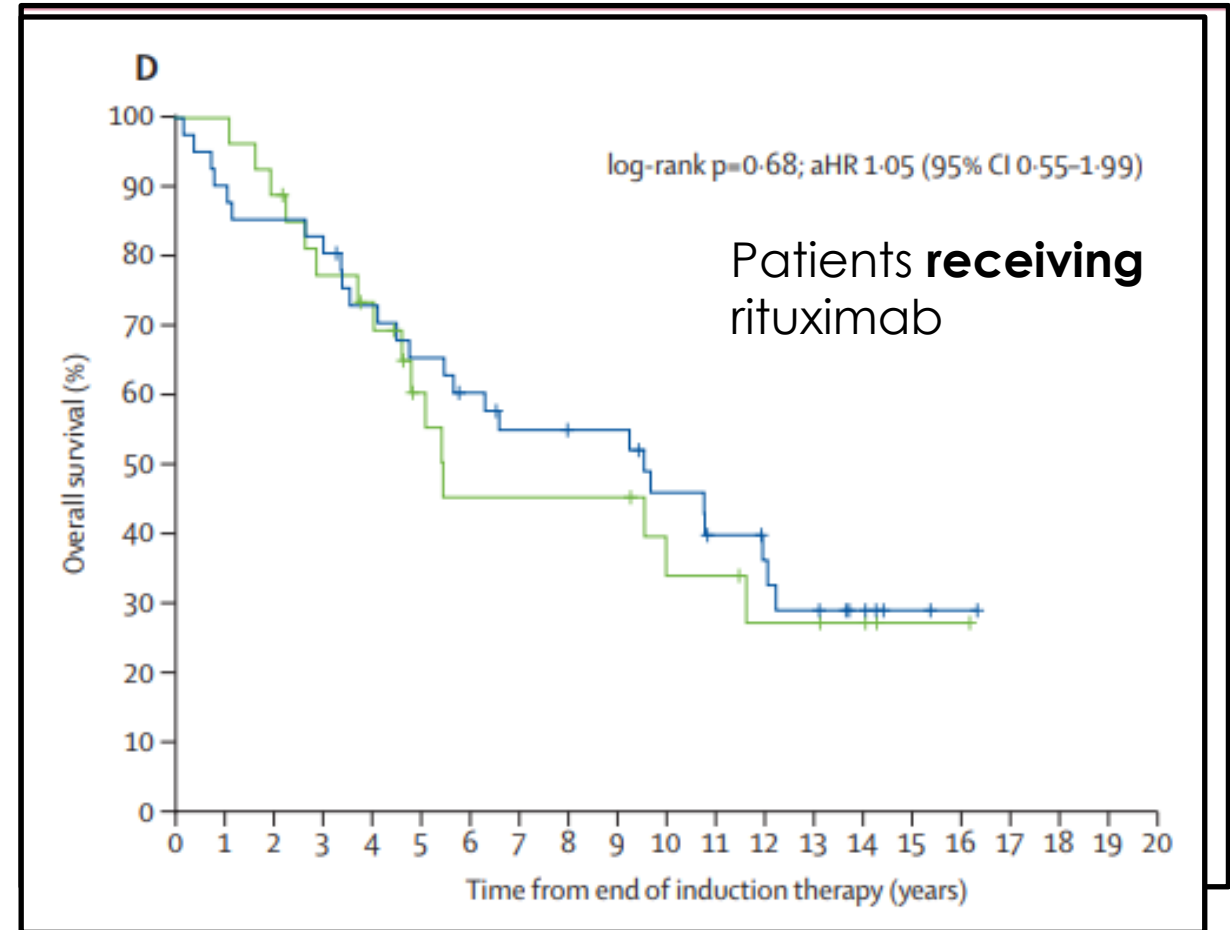
¹Lenz (2005); ²Hermine et al, Lancet (2016); ³Kluin-Nelemans (2012);

⁴Rummel (2013); ⁵Robak (2015); ⁶Rummel (2016); ⁷Ruan (2018)

Getting back to the question of whether auto-HCT in first remission actually improves survival ?

Prospective RCT of auto-HCT for MCL: Does it improve OS?

- Dreyling et al: CHOP followed by autoHCT vs IFN
 - PFS benefit but no OS benefit
 - Outdated induction
 - Outdated transplant (Cy/TBI)
 - Trial started in 1996; original pub 2005
- Follow up publication in 2021
 - PFS benefit persisted
 - OS benefit emerged (7.5 y vs 4.8 y)
 - However PFS and OS benefit only seen in patients who did NOT receive rituximab
 - So... better induction may reduce benefit of auto-HCT



Dreyling M, et al. *Blood* (2005); Zoellner AK, et al. *Lancet Haem* (2021)

First-line therapy for MCL: Does it improve OS?

- Dreyling et al: CHOP followed by autoHCT vs IFN
 - PFS benefit and OS benefit
 - Outdated induction and transplant
 - PFS and OS benefit limited to those **not** receiving rituximab
- **No published prospective trials of auto-HCT vs no auto-HCT using modern induction regimens**
 - TRIANGLE study and ECOG-ACRIN 4151 are ongoing
- Are there any recent retrospective studies that specifically address the auto-HCT question ?
- (Can't use CIBMTR database for this question)

Survival Outcomes of Younger Patients With Mantle Cell Lymphoma Treated in the Rituximab Era

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- Retrospective study from 25 centers
- Patients were considered *transplant-eligible* based on age and co-morbidities
- Compared outcomes of those who had autoHCT in first remission vs those who did not
- 1,029 patients total
- 657 underwent autoHCT; 372 did not

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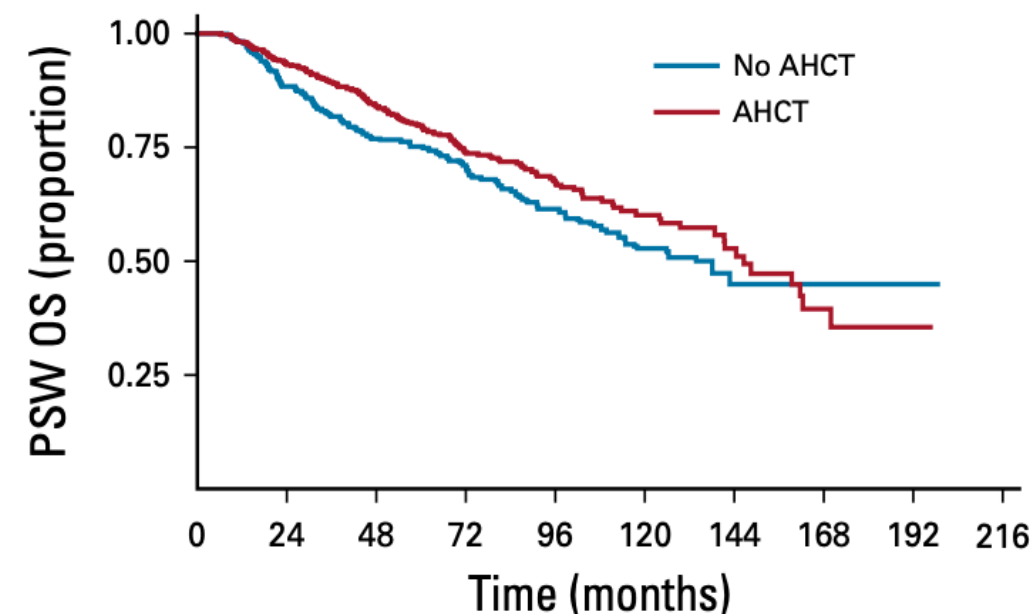
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- On unadjusted analysis, autoHCT was associated with improved me PFS (75 vs 44 mo, $P < 0.01$) and OS (147 mo vs 115 mo, $p < 0.05$).
- On MVA, autoHCT was assoc with improved PFS (HR 0.54, $p < 0.01$) and a trend toward improved OS (HR 0.77, $p = 0.06$).
- After propensity-score weighted analysis, autoHCT remained assoc with improved PFS (HR 0.70, $p < 0.05$) but not OS (HR 0.87, $p = .2$).
- Suggests selection bias still present, despite effort to only include transplant-eligible pts

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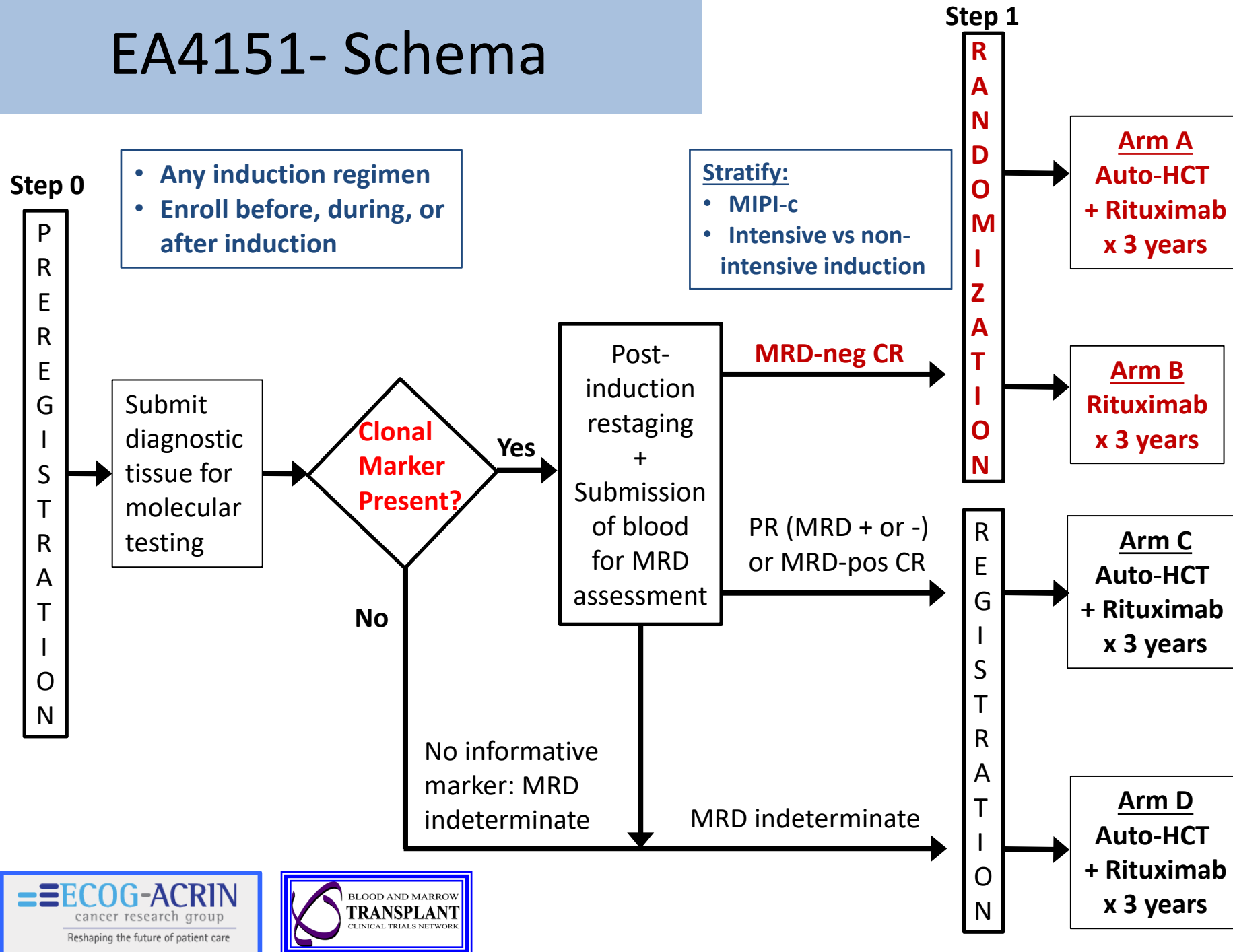
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- “Prospective, randomized trials are urgently needed to determine the true benefit of consolidative auto-HCT. It is likely that some subgroups derive minimal benefit from auto-HCT consolidation, such as patients with certain genetic abnormalities (e.g. TP53 mutations) and those who achieve minimal residual disease negativity after induction.”

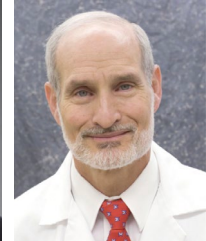
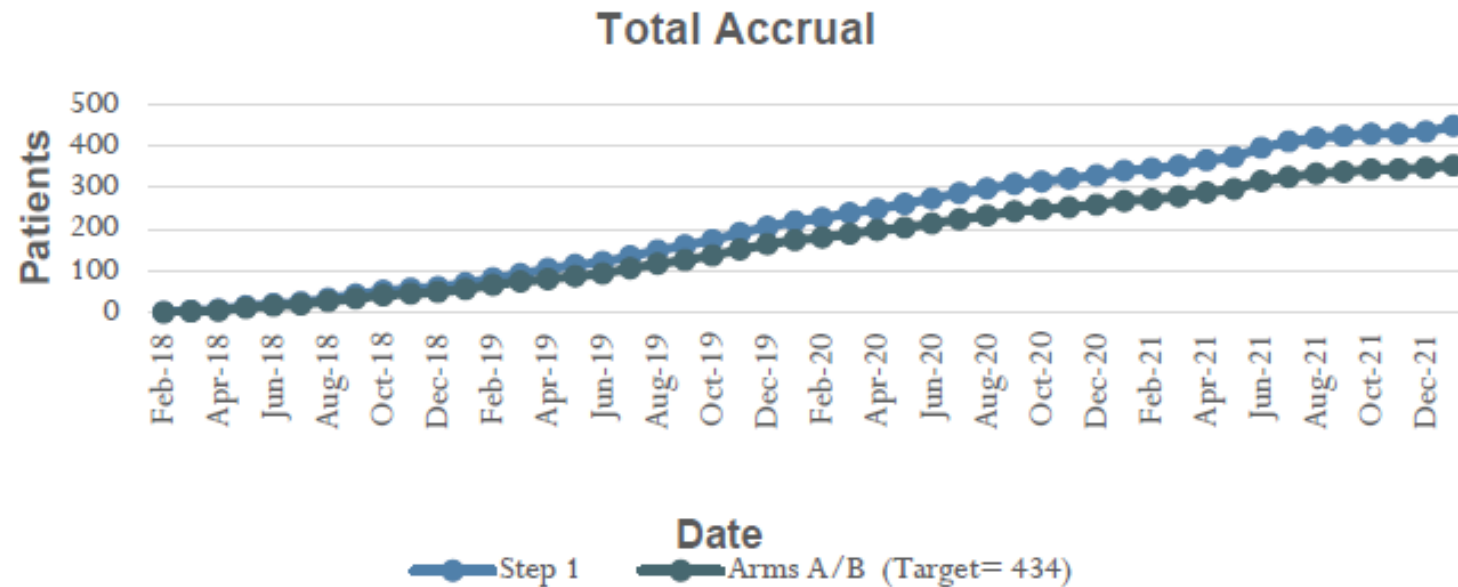
EA4151- Schema



- Target 434 pts randomized (217 per arm)
- Activated 8/30/17
- On track to complete accrual Dec 2022 with current design

EA4151 monthly pre-registrations, as of 2/10/22

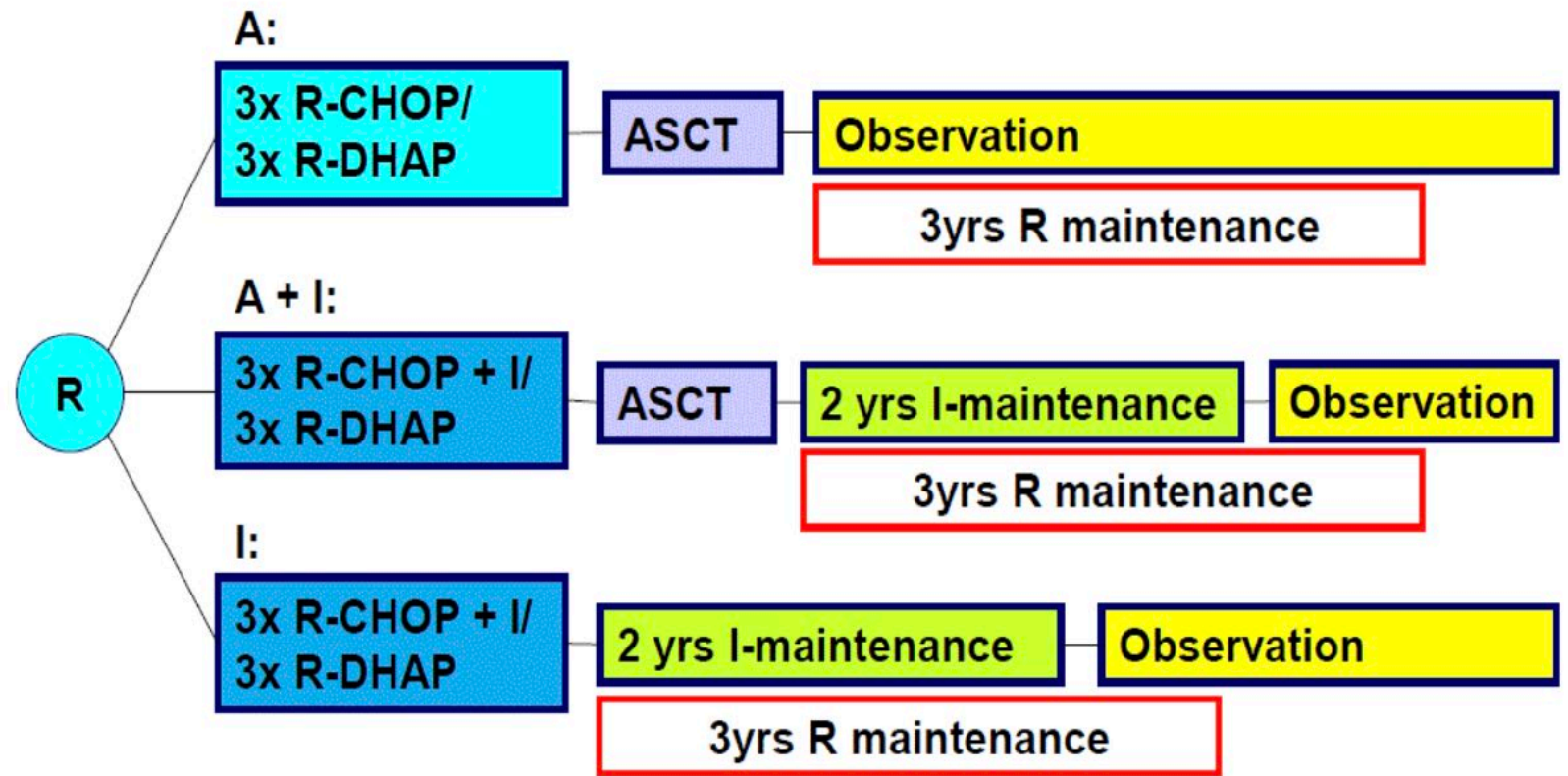
- Patients assigned to a treatment arm = **449** (plus ~25 pending), Arm A=175, Arm B=184, Arm C=34, Arm D=56
- **83% of target of 359/434 patients randomized to Arms A & B**



TRIANGLE Trial (Europe)



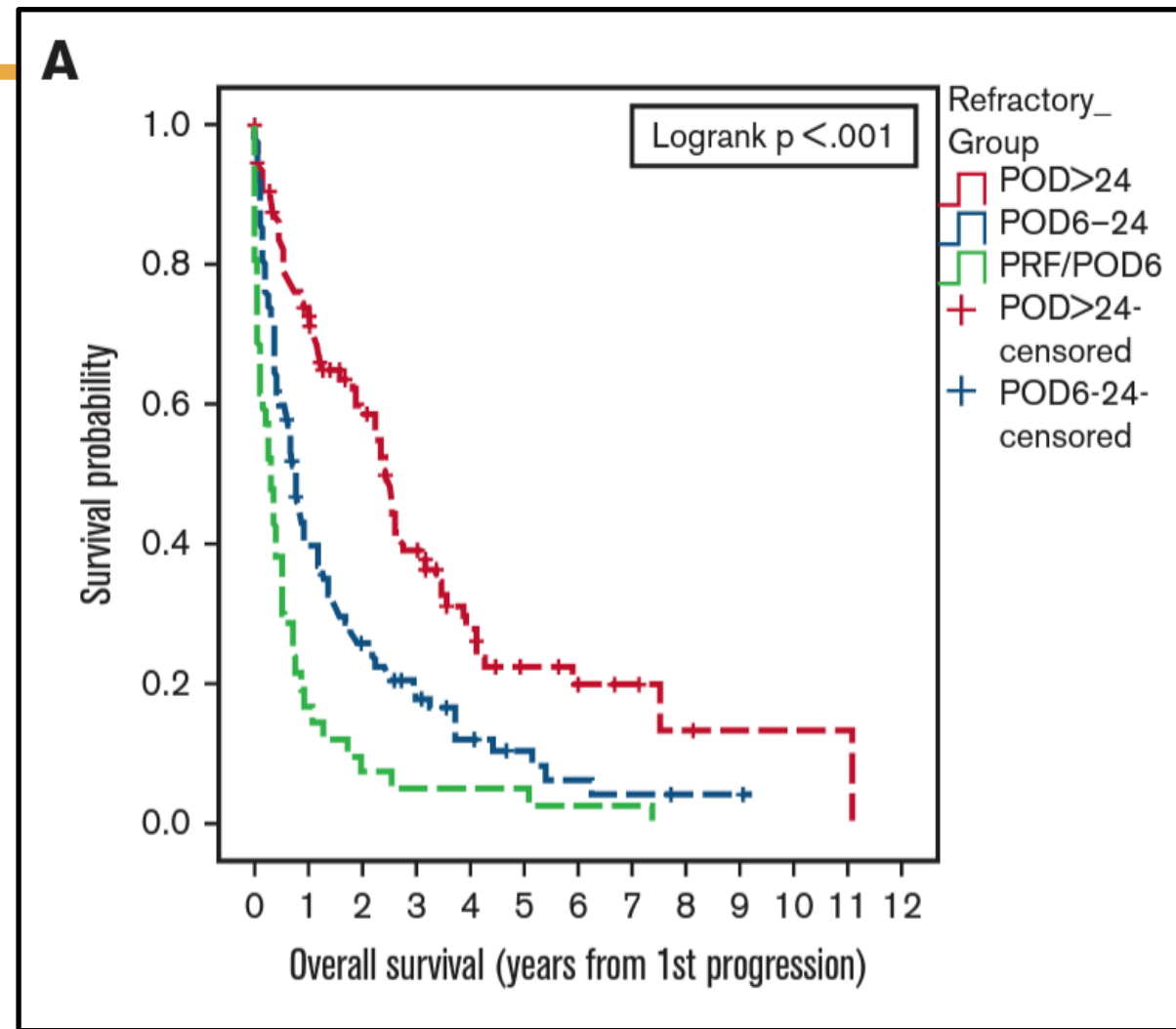
- Target 870 pts (290 per arm)
- Activated Oct 2017
- Completed accrual Dec 2020
- Endpoint eval May 2024 (?)





Relapse of MCL is no picnic

- Recent cohort of >1000 MCL pts from 12 U.S. centers (2000-2017)
- 465 had a relapse
- Outcomes poor esp if POD<24 mo.
- Confirmed in BCCA validation set
 - median OS <3 yrs even in the group with POD > 24 mo



Non-transplant/ CAR options for rel-refr MCL

Published studies with n>30, only MCL

| Regimen | # pts | ORR | Median PFS | Median OS | Ref |
|---------------------------------|-------|---------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------|
| Bortezomib* | 141 | 32% | 7 mo | 23 mo | 1 |
| Temsirolimus | 162 | 22% | 3-7 months | 13 mo (T); 10 mo (IC) | 2 |
| Temsir+ ritux | 71 | 59% | 10 months | 29 months | 3 |
| Lenalidomide* (prior bortez) | 134 | 28% | 4 months | 19 months | 4 |
| Len*+Ritux (R ²) | 44 | 57% | 11 months | 24 months | 5 |
| Ibrutinib* | 111 | 67% | 13 months | 22.5 months | 8,9 |
| Idelalisib | 40 | 40% | 4 months 8 mo if <6 prior reg | Not reported | 10 |
| Acalabrutinib* | 124 | 81% | 20 months | >24 months (72% at 2 yrs) | 11,12 |
| Zanubrutinib* | 112 | 85% (62% CR) | 26 months | 38 months | 13 |
| OVERALL | | 20-80% | Approx 1-2 years | Approx 2-3 (maybe 4) years | |

*FDA Approved Agent for R/R MCL

¹Goy et al, Ann Oncol (2009); ²Hess et al, JCO (2009); ³Ansell et al, Lancet Oncol (2011); ⁴Goy et al, JCO (2013); ⁵Wang et al, Lancet Oncol (2012); ⁶Kouroukis et al, Leuk Lym (2011); ⁷Visco et al, JCO (2013); ⁸Wang et al, NEJM (2013); ⁹Wang et al, Blood (2015); ¹⁰Kahl et al, Blood (2014); ¹¹Wang et al, Lancet (2017); ¹²Wang et al, ASH (2018); ¹³Zhou et al, J Hem Onc (2021)

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Once MCL relapses, the clock is ticking

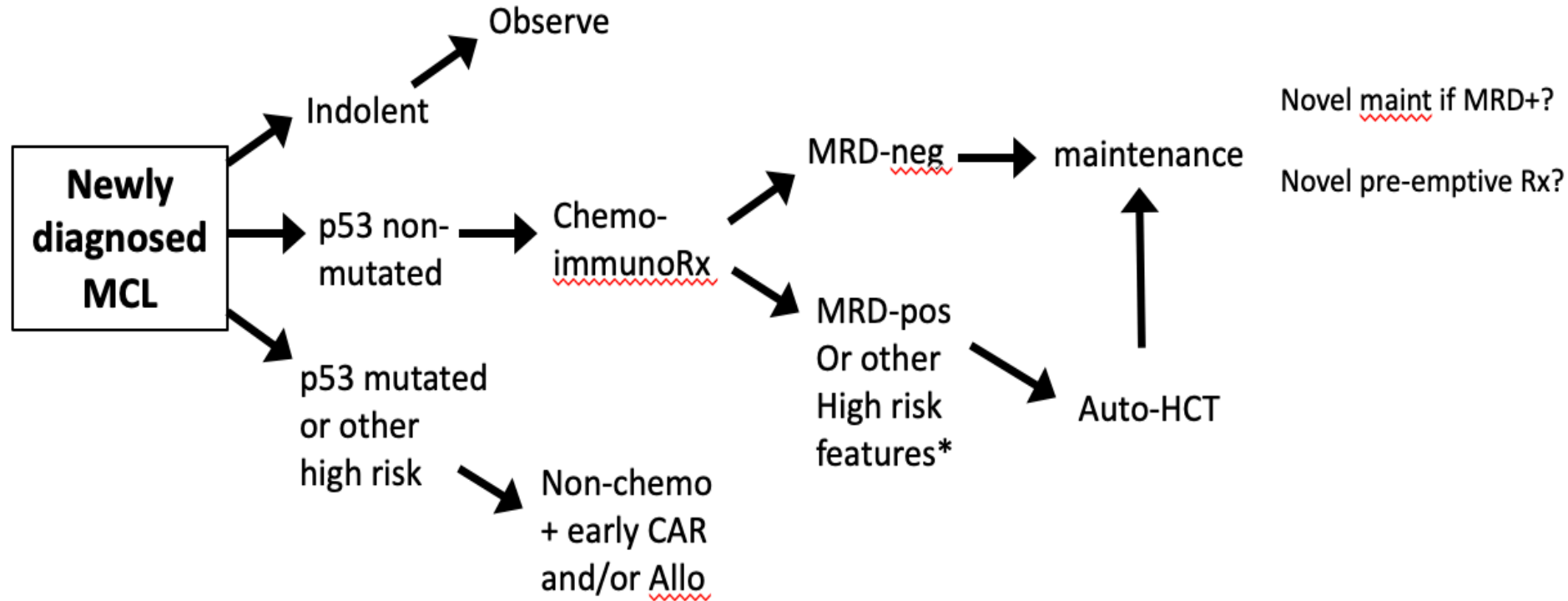


- So . . . Goal should be **LONGEST POSSIBLE FIRST RESMISSION**

MCL is not a “one size fits all” disease



First-line Rx of MCL in 2022 and beyond: Hybrid of big guns and magic bullets?



*MIPI-c, complex karyotype, high risk genomic alterations (KMT2D, CDKN2A, MCL-35(?), miR-18b(?), others?)

Summary

- For younger MCL patients, when combined with induction that includes rituximab and araC, auto-HCT consolidation:
- Leads to longer PFS vs non-auto-HCT approaches
- Can avoid additional therapy for **8-10 yrs or longer**
- Has modest late toxicities
- Avoids the need for continuous or repeated therapies
- Avoids/ defers need for continuous BTK-i , CAR-T, allo-HCT