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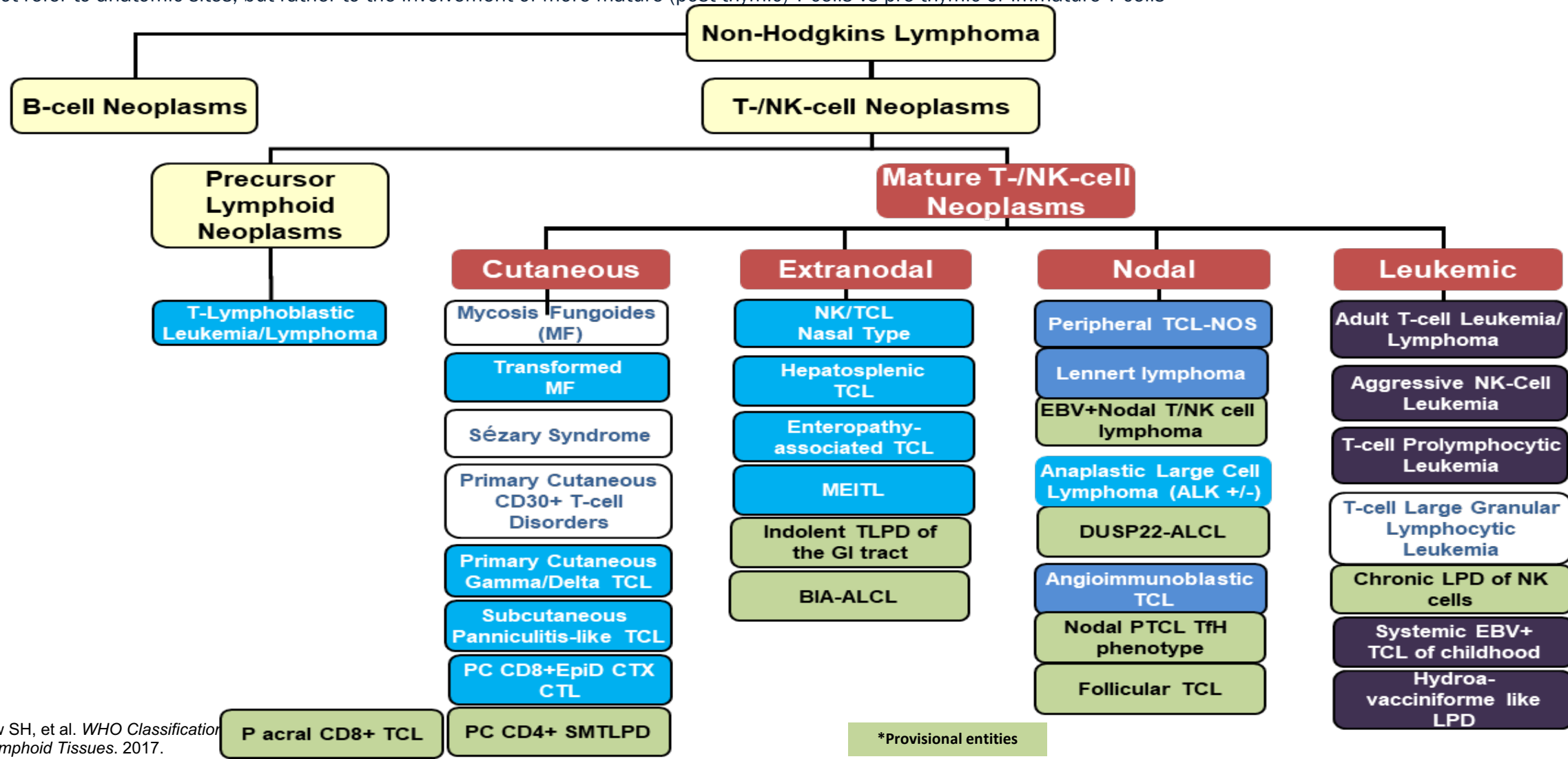
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# Classification of Peripheral T-cell Lymphoma (PTCL)

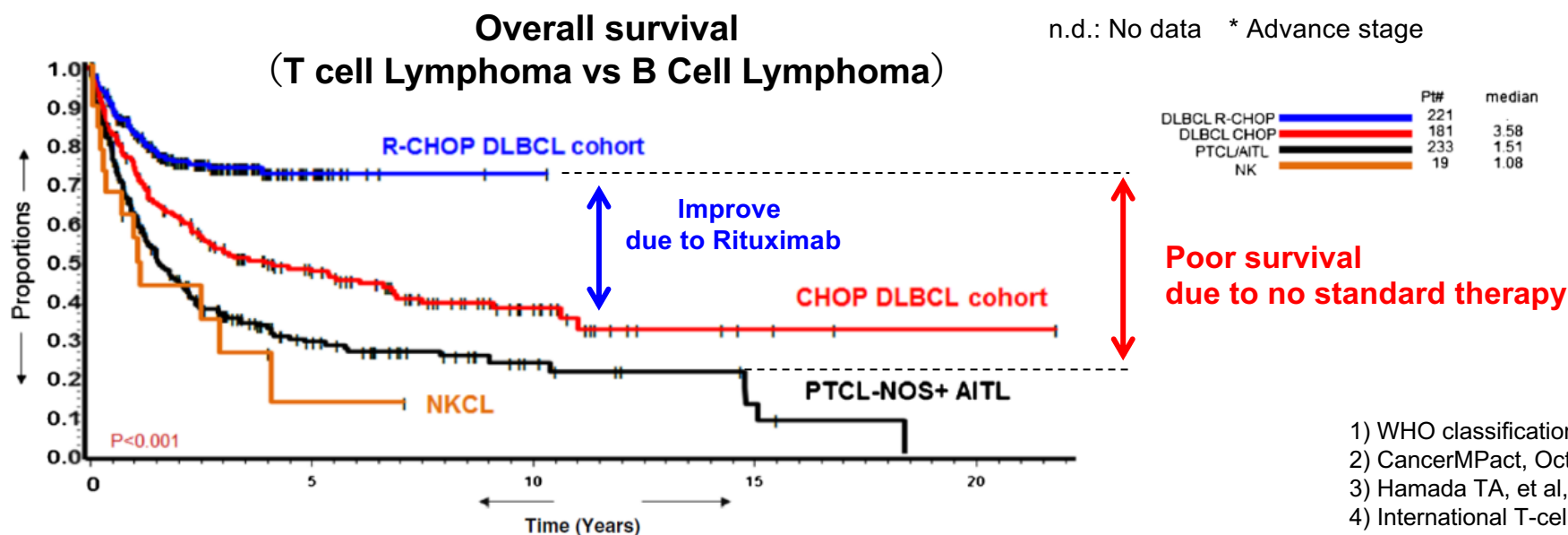
NHL Neoplasm Grouping

2008 WHO Classification of Major Subtypes<sup>2,3</sup>



# PTCL Prognostic Characteristics

Major subtype of T-cell Lymphoma <sup>1)</sup> (WHO classification 2008)	Number of newly diagnosed Pts in 2018 <sup>2)</sup>			5yr OS <sup>4) 5)</sup> (%)
	US	EU	Japan	
PTCL (Peripheral T-cell lymphoma) PTCL-NOS (PTCL not otherwise specified) AITL (Angioimmunoblastic T-cell lymphoma) ALK (+) ALCL (Anaplastic large-cell lymphoma) ALK (-) ALCL	3,683	3,033	2,340	32 32 70 49
CTCL (Cutaneous T-cell lymphoma) MF (Mycosis fungoides) SS (Sezary syndrome)	3,466	1,798	278 <sup>3)</sup>	18~37*



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- 6) Lone W, et al, Current Hematologic Malignancy Reports. 2018.

# Advances in Lymphoma Biology

## Lymphoma Classification and Treatment Timeline

### Early Classifications

- 1832: Hodgkin's description
- 1863: Virchow's lymphosarcoma distinction
- 1891: Billroth's malignant lymphoma naming
- 1942: Gall and Mallory classification
- 1947: Jackson & Parker classification
- 1966: Rappaport classification

### Immunological and Clinical Classifications

- 1974-1975: Lukes & Collins' immunological classification
- 1982: NCI's Working Formulation for Clinical Usage
- 1994: REAL classification
- 1997-1998: WHO classification of neoplastic diseases of haematopoietic and lymphoid tissue

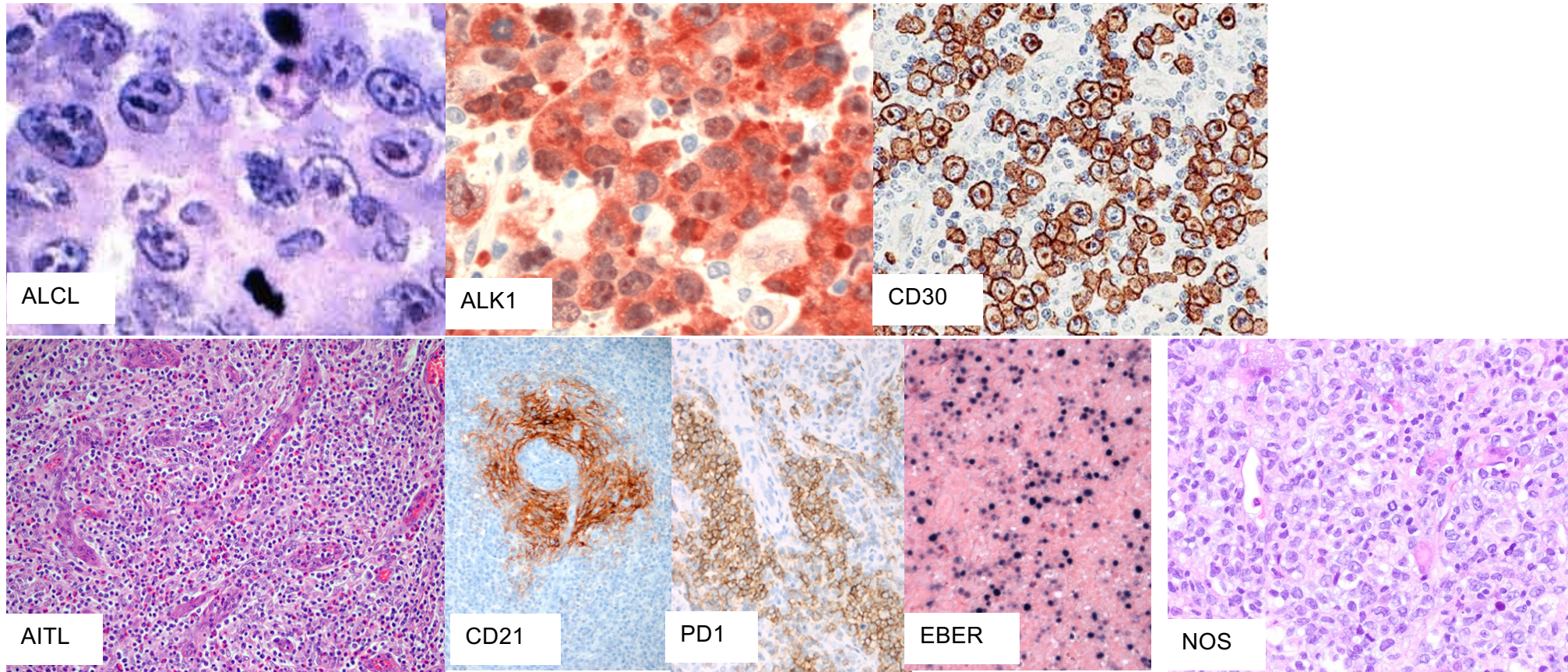
### Modern Classifications

- 2001: WHO Classification of Tumours
- 2008-2016: WHO Classification revisions and updates
- 2022: 5th edition of WHO Classification of Haematolymphoid Tumours (WHO-HAEM5)



# Subtype, subtype, subtype: Pathology as basis for diagnosis, prognosis in PTCL

- Approximately 30-50% of PTCL cases are incorrectly diagnosed with conventional diagnostic techniques<sup>1</sup>
- Immunophenotypic analysis in conjunction with cellular morphology, analysis of lymph node architecture, and molecular genetic assays



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# T-Cell Lymphoma Subtypes Based on Utility of CHOP Treatment

## Always

- Anaplastic large-cell, ALK-1 positive

## CHOP variations

- Peripheral T-cell lymphoma, NOS
- Angioimmunoblastic T-cell lymphoma
- Anaplastic large-cell, ALK-1 negative
- Enteropathy-type intestinal lymphoma
- Subcutaneous panniculitis-like T cell
- Hepatosplenic T-cell lymphoma
- Adult T-cell leukemia/lymphoma

## Never

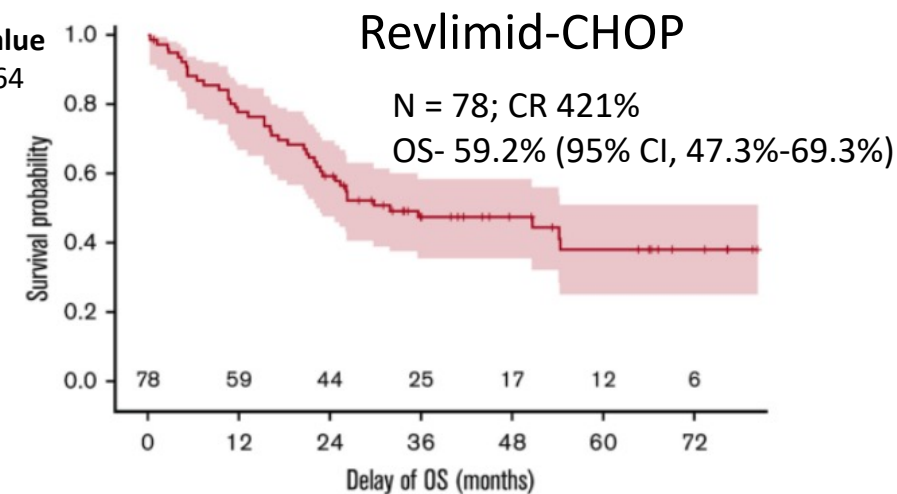
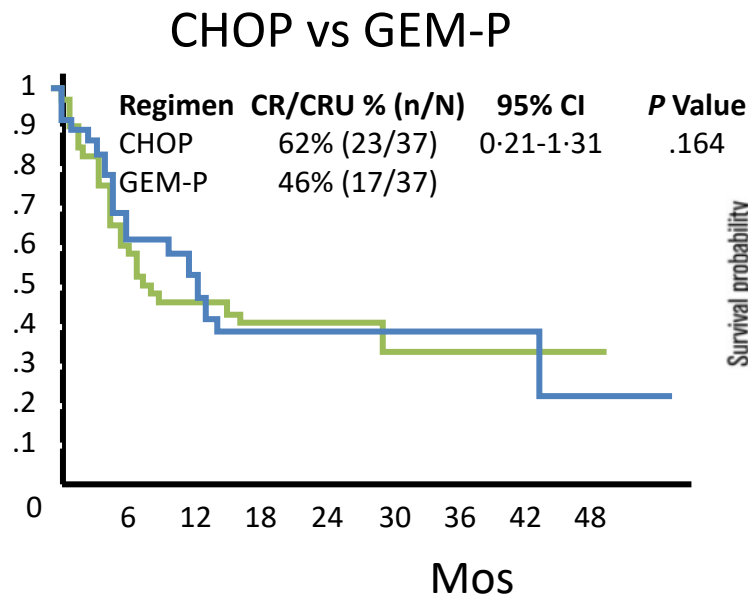
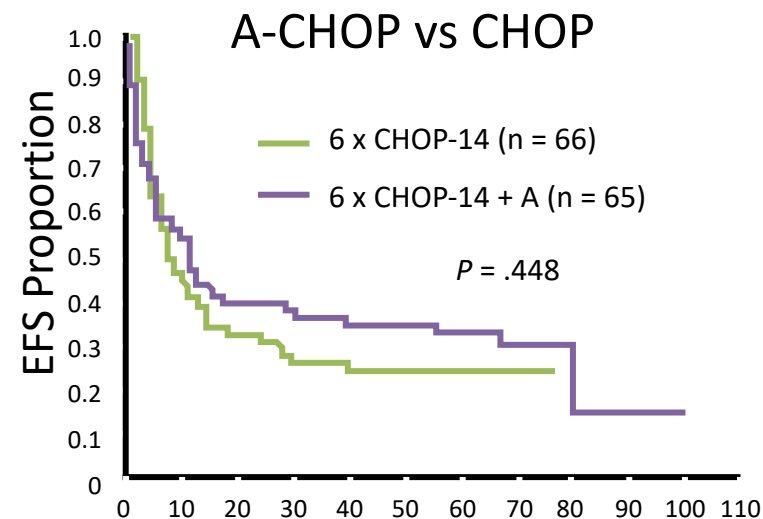
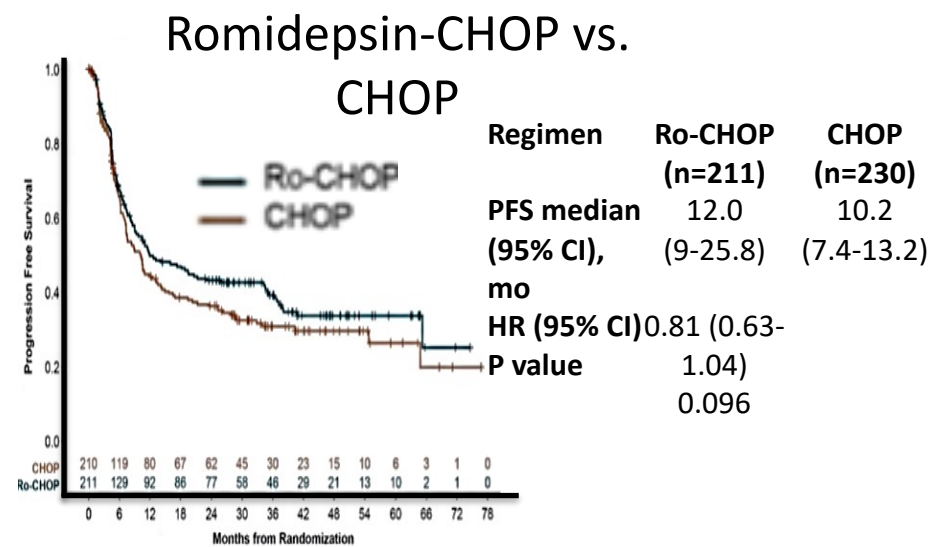
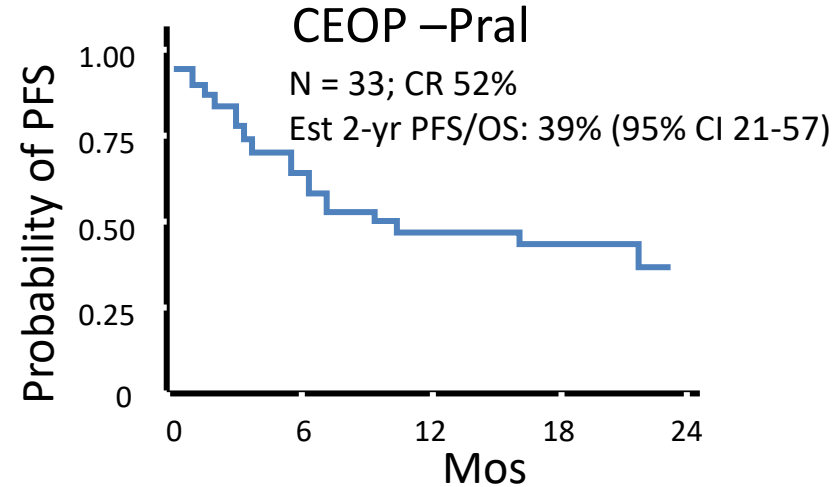
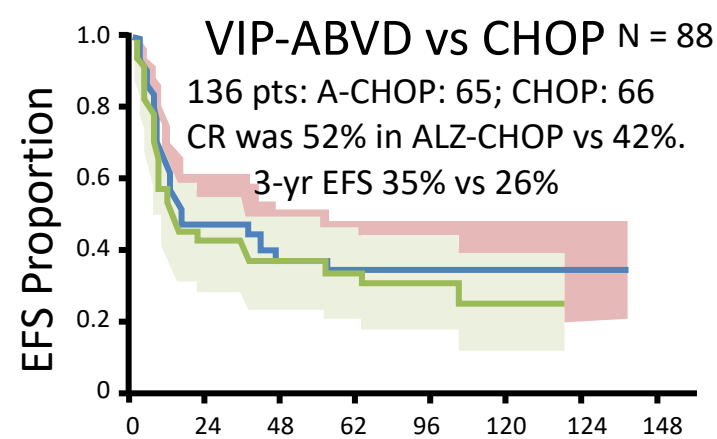
- Mycosis fungoides
- Sézary syndrome
- Primary cutaneous CD30+ disorders
  - Anaplastic large-cell lymphoma
  - Lymphomatoid papulosis
- T-cell large granular lymphocytic
- Extranodal NK/T-cell lymphoma, nasal
- NK/T-cell leukemia/lymphoma
- T-cell prolymphocytic leukemia

## • Is there an R-CHOP?

- Romidepsin
- Lenalidomide
- Alemtuzumab
- Brentuximab
- Etoposide
- Azacitidine
- PI3K $\gamma$  $\delta$  inhibitors

What is the goal? Increased efficacy with Increased toxicity?  
Induction prior to consolidation (SCT): CR/safety  
Increased cure rates: PFS/OS

# Selected Attempts To Improve Upon CHOP for PTCL





# MDACC Outcomes for PTCL

PTCL-NOS, AITL: 321 pts (180 PTCL-NOS, 141 AITL)

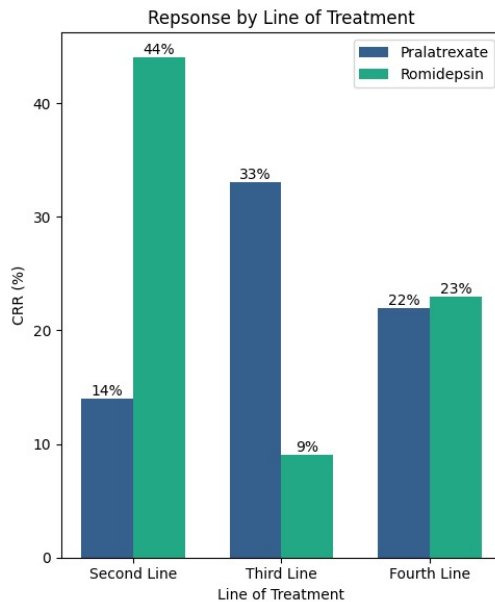
PFS1: PFS to front-line therapy

PFS2: PFS to 1<sup>st</sup> salvage

PFS3: PFS to 2<sup>nd</sup> salvage

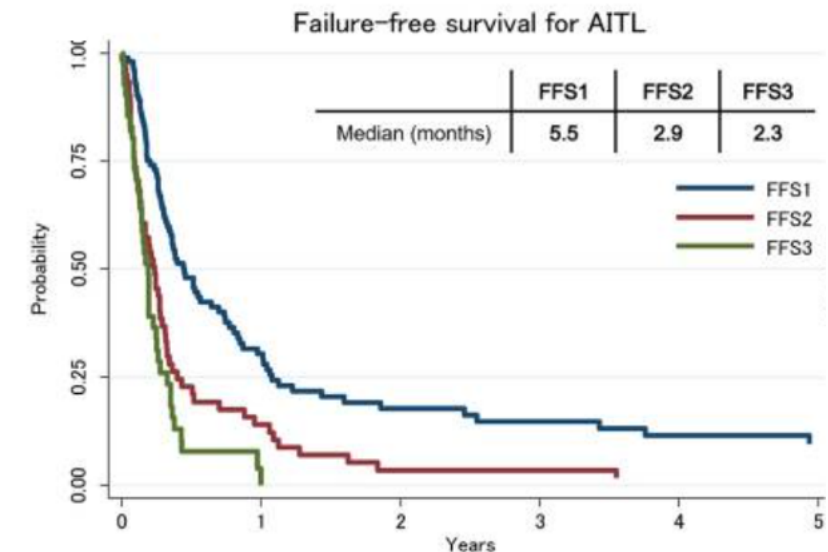
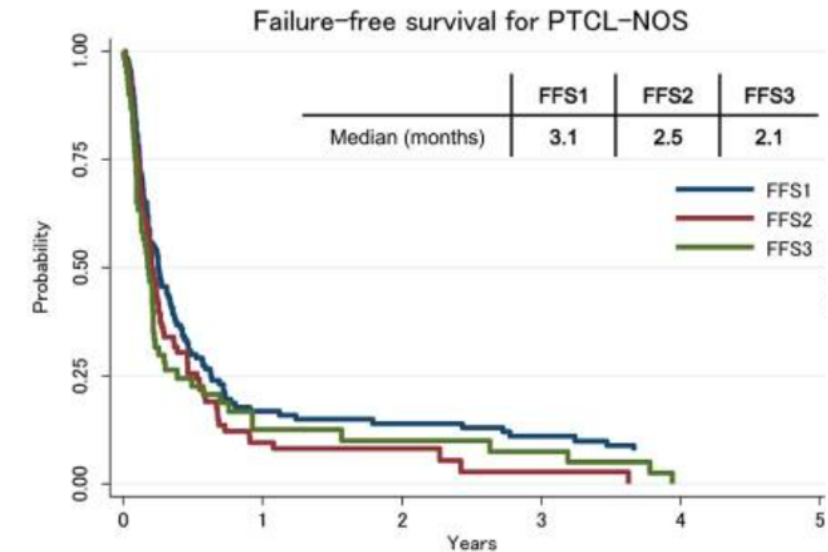
Med OS1, OS2 and OS3 were 47.7, 15.1 and 8.1 mo.

Pralatrexate or Romidepsin at 1st or 2nd salvage TX were not associated with longer PFS2 or PFS3.



	PFS1	PFS2	PFS3
All	10.3	4.1	2.5
PTCL	8.4	3.1	2.5
AITL	13.1	10.9	2.4

Results: Med Mo



# Intensification → ASCT in PTCL

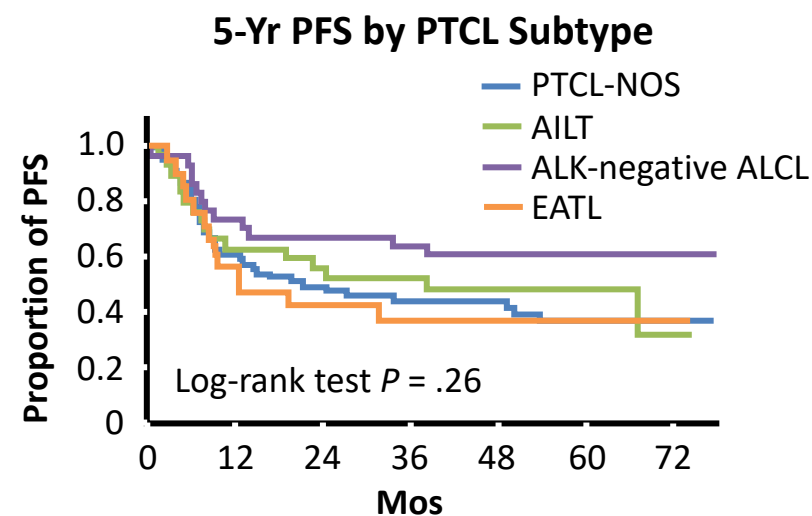
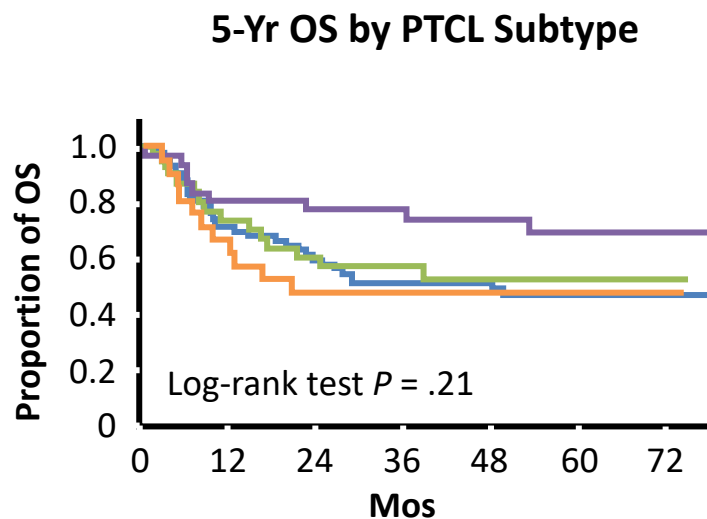
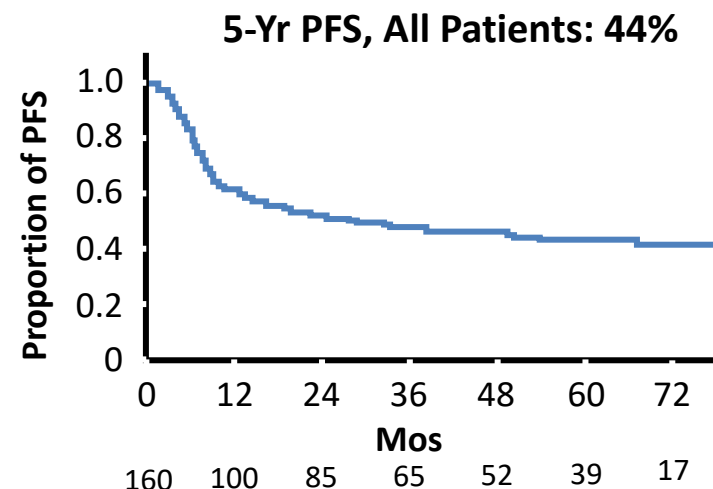
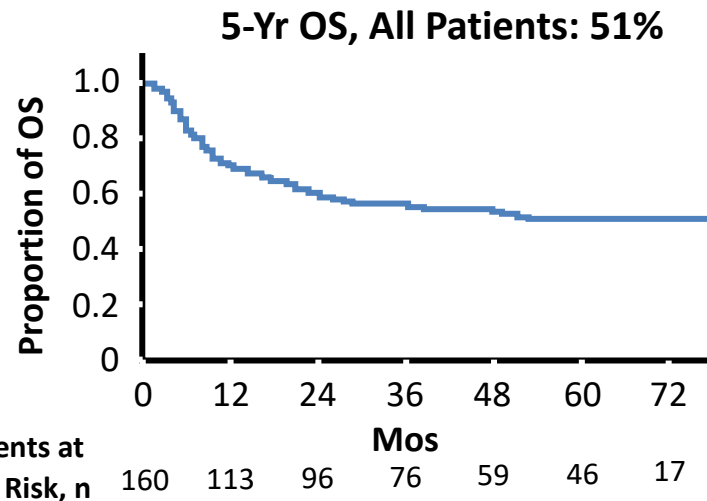
- Phase II NLG-T-01 Trial (aka The Nordic Trial)
- N = 160 patients with untreated systemic PTCL
- Treatment: CHO(E)P-14\* Q2W x 6 cycles

— ORR: 82% with CR 51%



— BEAM or BEAC plus ASCT (n = 115; 72%)

\*Etoposide omitted for patients older than 60 yrs of age.





# CD30-Targeted mAbs: In memoriam

## Dr.Ekhard Podack



> J Immunol. 1993 Dec 1;151(11):5896-906.

Functional effects of CD30 on a large granular lymphoma cell line, YT. Inhibition of cytotoxicity, regulation of CD28 and IL-2R, and induction of homotypic aggregation

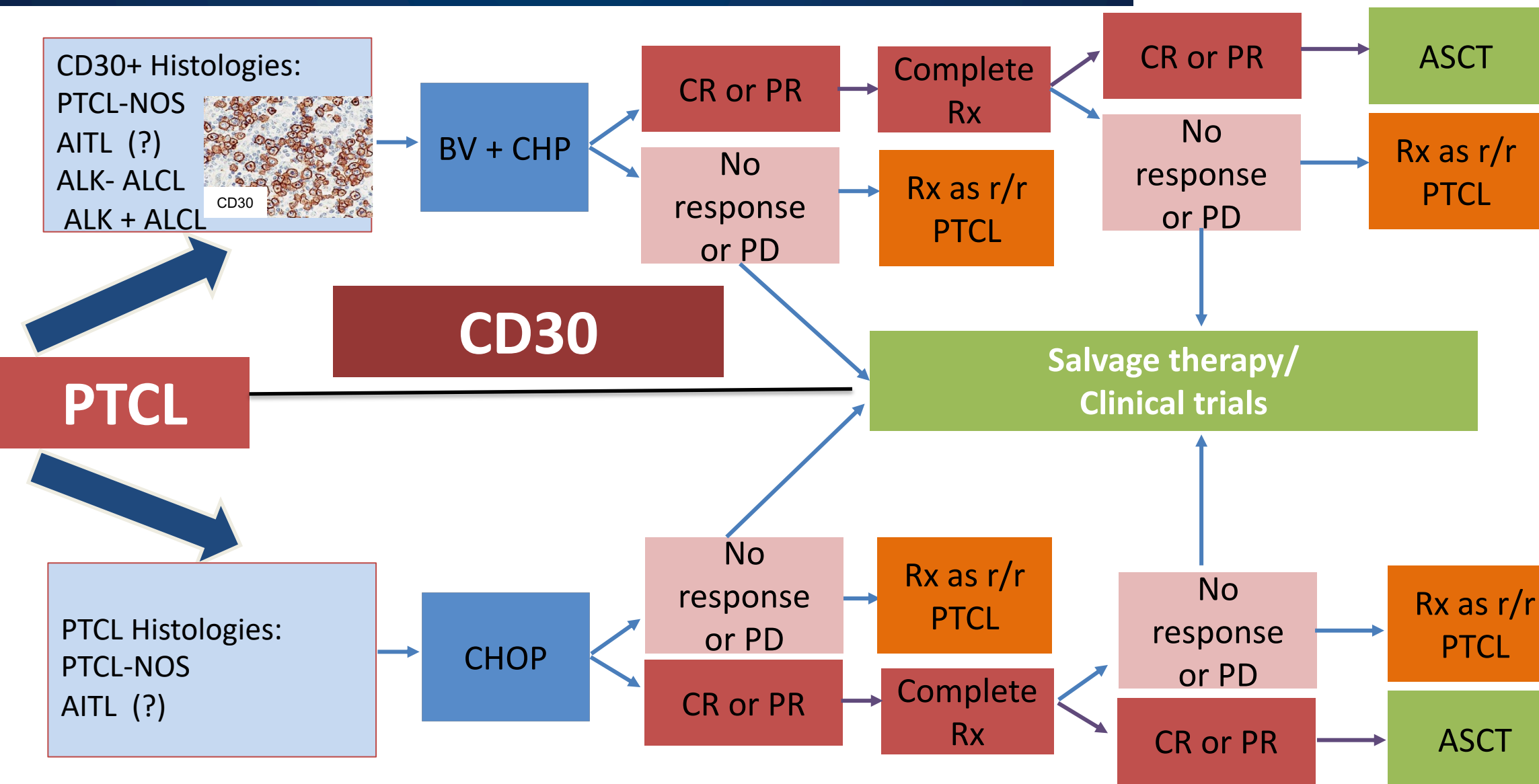
M A Bowen <sup>1</sup>, K J Olsen, L Cheng, D Avila, E R Podack

Antibody	KA (M <sup>-1</sup> )	KD (nM)
10C2	1.65 x 10 <sup>9</sup>	0.607
12B1	5.02 x 10 <sup>9</sup>	0.199
13H1	6.7 x 10 <sup>9</sup>	0.149
15B8	1.02 x 10 <sup>9</sup>	0.978
AC10	6.77 x 10 <sup>9</sup>	0.148
8D10	16.9 x 10 <sup>9</sup>	0.0592

Attributes	8D10F10 mAb	AC10 mAb
Location	Epitope is located in a distinct region of the CD30 protein	Epitope is located in a different region of the CD30 protein
Cluster	Binds to cluster A of CD30 epitopes	Binds to cluster C
Epitope Motifs	Recognizes epitopes with motifs EEKYEE, DFMLYD, and CEPDYLLDE	Recognizes epitopes with motifs YWKIKGLVQPTR, LYERDEGDKWRNK, TQQCPQRPTDCR, GTRLAQEAASK, and FKKRIEAIQIDKYL

Unconjugated Antibody	Antibody Type	Therapeutic Activity in cHL	Therapeutic Activity in sALCL
SGN-30 (cAC10)	Chimerized IgG1 (IgG1)	Minimal activity	17/41 responses
MDX-060	Fully Human	6% ORR in patients with cHL	29% ORR in patients with ALCL

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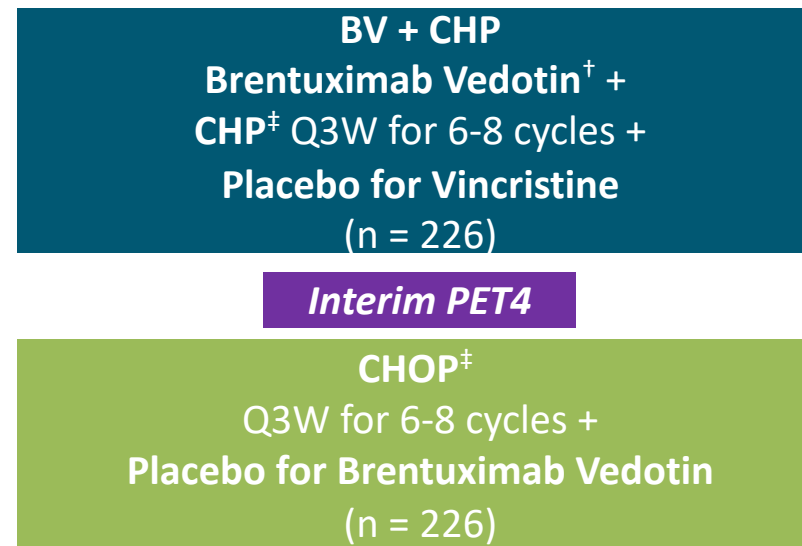


# ECHELON-2: Brentuximab Vedotin + CHP vs CHOP in Previously Untreated CD30+ PTCL

- Multicenter, randomized, double-blind, double-dummy, active-controlled phase III trial

*Stratification for IPI score (0-1 vs 2-3 vs 4-5),  
histologic subtype (ALK+ sALCL vs other subtypes)*

Adult patients with  
previously untreated CD30+  
(≥10% expression) PTCL\*  
(N = 452)



	A+CHP N=226	CHOP N=226
Disease diagnosis, n (%)		
sALCL	162 (72)	154 (68)
ALK+	49 (22)	49 (22)
ALK-	113 (50)	105 (46)
PTCL-NOS	29 (13)	43 (19)
AITL	30 (13)	24 (11)
ATLL	4 (2)	3 (1)
EATL	1 (0)	2 (1)

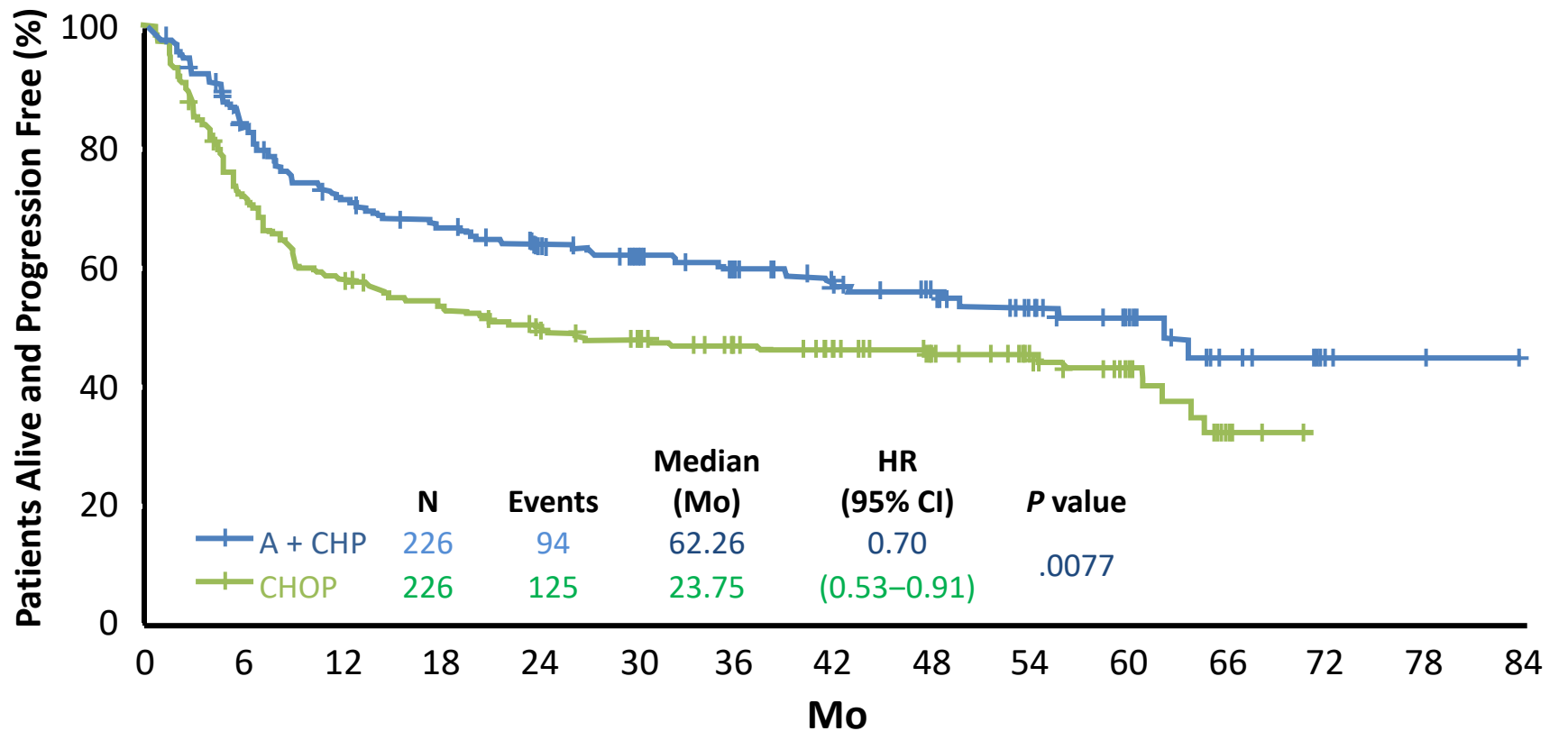
\*PTCL includes sALCL (including ALK+ sALCL with IPI ≥2 and ALK- sALCL), PTCL-NOS, AITL, ATLL, EATL, HSTCL. Study targeted 75% (± 5%) ALCL in line with European regulatory commitment. <sup>†</sup>Brentuximab vedotin 1.8 mg/kg. <sup>‡</sup>Cyclophosphamide 750 mg/m<sup>2</sup>, doxorubicin 50 mg/m<sup>2</sup>, vincristine 1.4 mg/m<sup>2</sup> (CHOP only), prednisone 100 mg on Days 1-5. G-CSF primary prophylaxis, consolidative RT, SCT per investigator discretion.

- Primary endpoint: PFS per BICR (SCT or RT consolidation not considered events)
- Secondary endpoints: OS, PFS per BICR in sALCL patients, CR, ORR, safety

# ECHELON-2 Exploratory Analysis: PFS at 5 Yr

PFS: A+CHP-48.2 months  
[95% CI = 35.2-not  
estimable] vs  
CHOP-20.8 months  
[12.7-47.6]; hazard ratio  
[HR] = 0.70 [0.53-0.92])

BV+CHP reduced risk of  
progression, death, or  
subsequent anticancer  
therapy by 30% vs  
CHOP (investigator  
assessment)

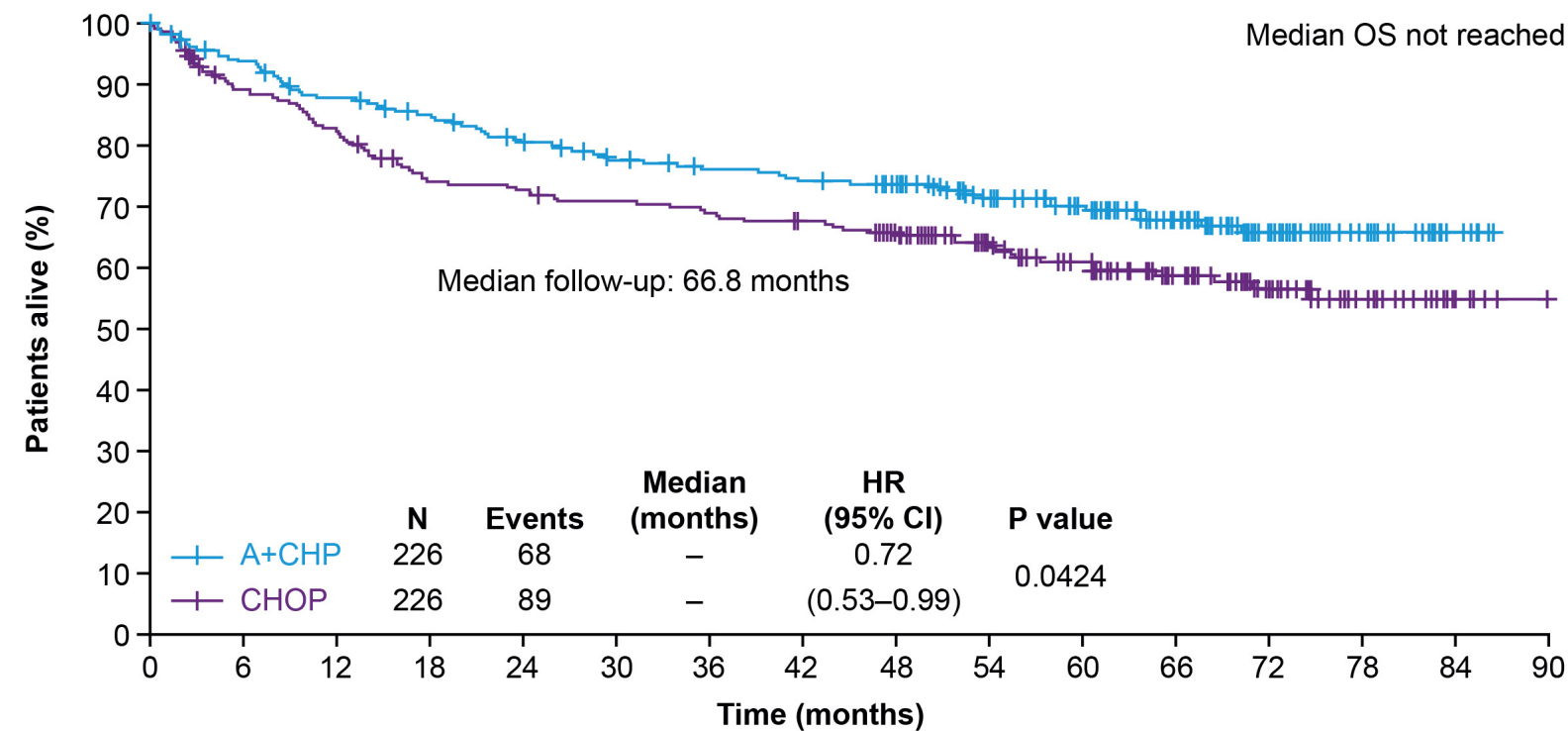


A + CHP	226	179	150	138	123	104	85	67	44	32	21	10	4	2	0
	(0)	(36)	(62)	(72)	(78)	(81)	(85)	(88)	(89)	(91)	(92)	(94)	(94)	(94)	(94)
CHOP	226	159	128	116	101	94	79	70	55	39	24	6	0	0	0
	(0)	(63)	(94)	(103)	(112)	(115)	(117)	(118)	(119)	(119)	(121)	(125)	(125)	(125)	(125)



# ECHELON-2 Secondary Endpoint: OS

A+CHP reduced the risk of death by 28% compared with CHOP

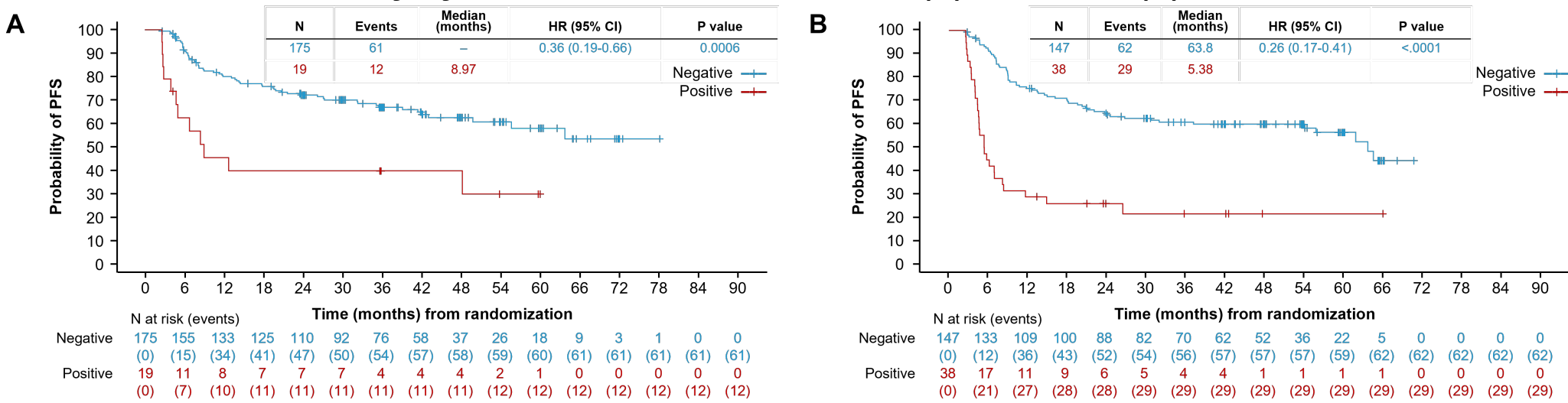


Number of patients at risk (events)

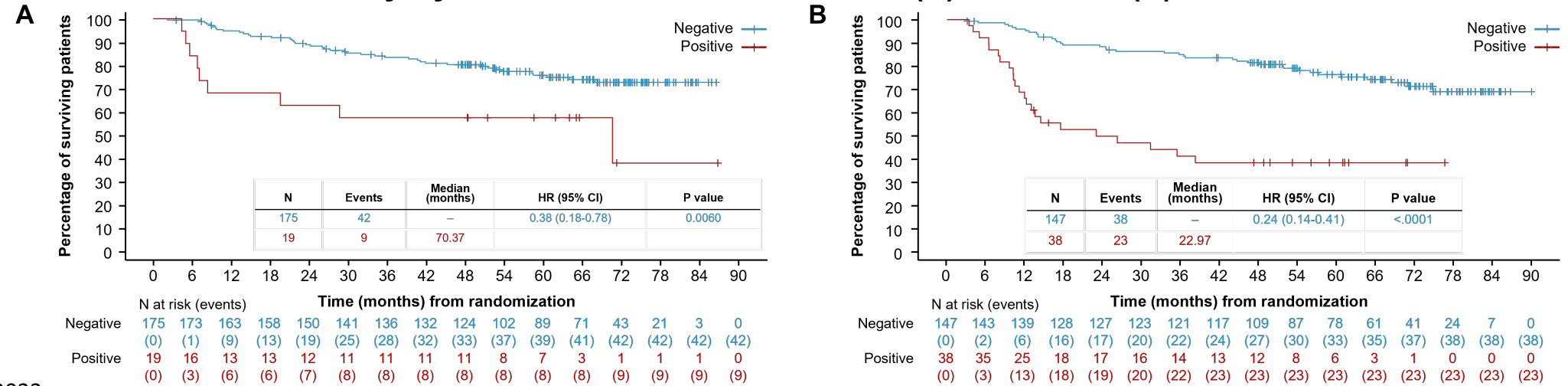
A+CHP	226	208	193	184	173	162	156	152	143	117	103	80	48	23	5	0
	(0)	(14)	(27)	(33)	(42)	(49)	(52)	(56)	(57)	(61)	(63)	(66)	(68)	(68)	(68)	(68)
CHOP	226	196	181	160	157	152	148	143	132	105	90	68	43	25	8	0
	(0)	(24)	(39)	(57)	(60)	(64)	(68)	(71)	(75)	(78)	(83)	(86)	(88)	(89)	(89)	(89)

# PET4negative Patients Show Improved PFS and OS in the Overall Population

PFS by Cycle 4 PET Status in the A+CHP (A) and CHOP (B) arms

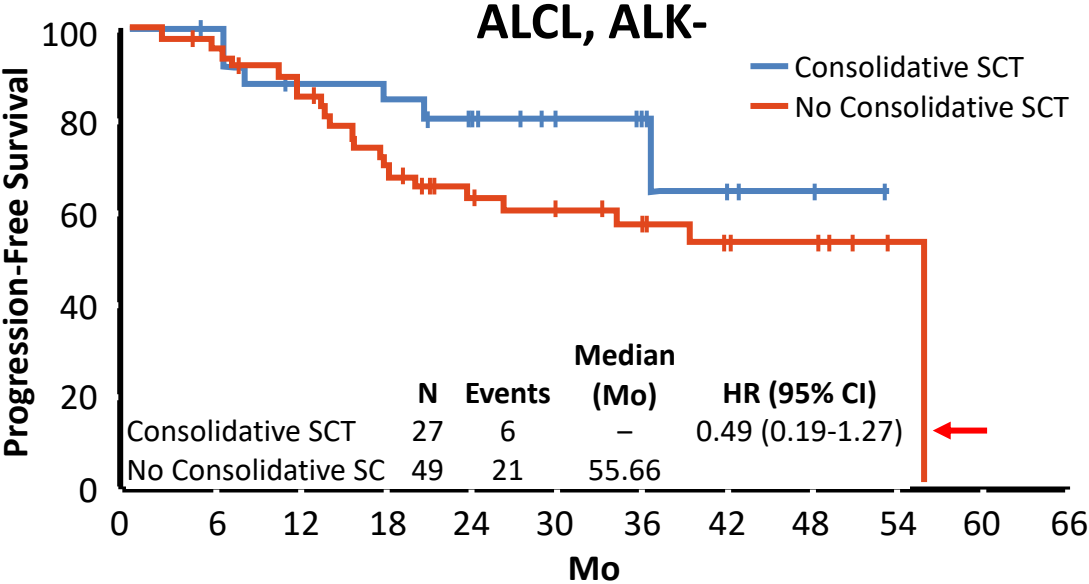
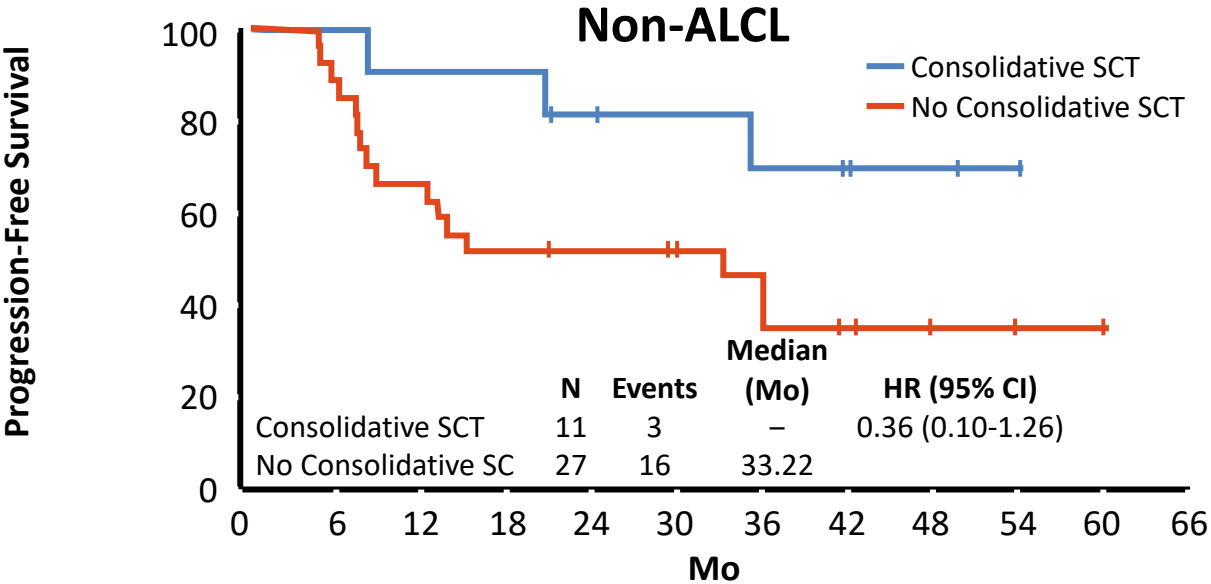
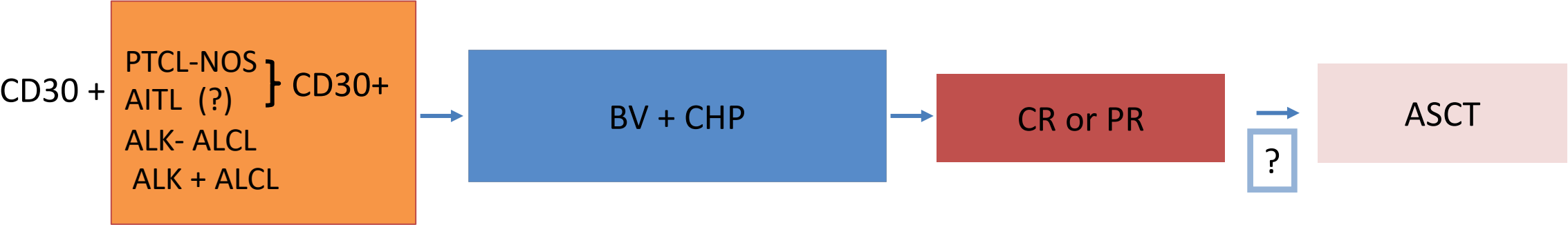


OS by Cycle 4 PET Status in the A+CHP (A) and CHOP (B) arms





# ECHELON-2 Exploratory Analysis: PFS by SCT After CR



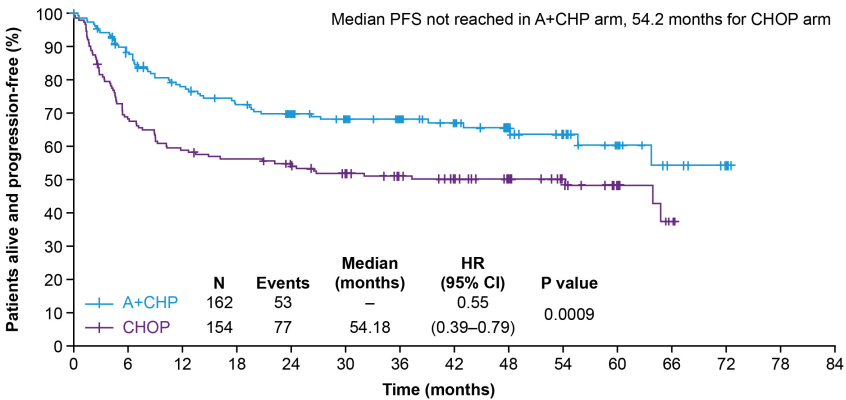
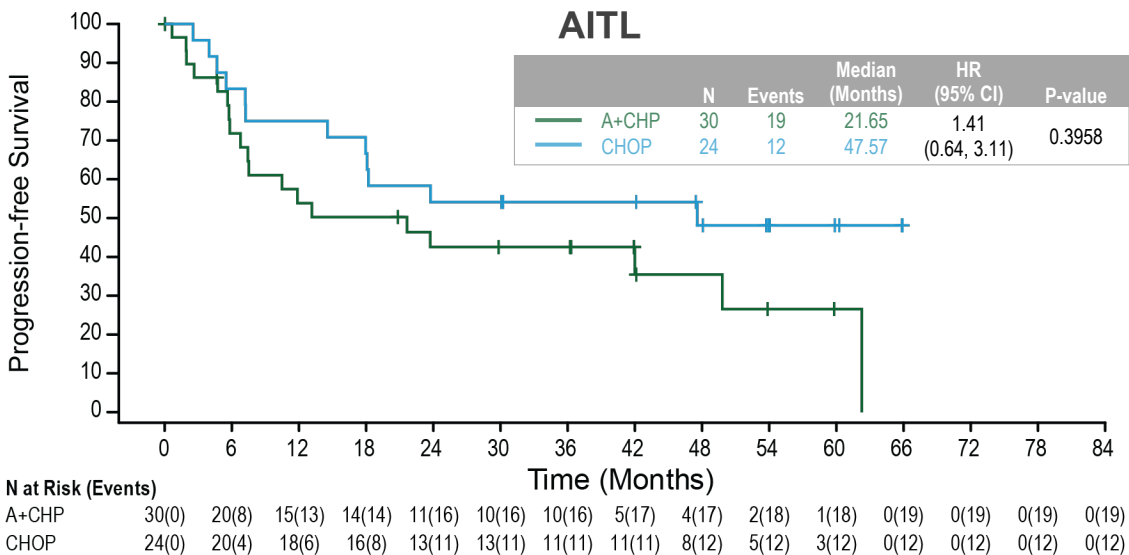
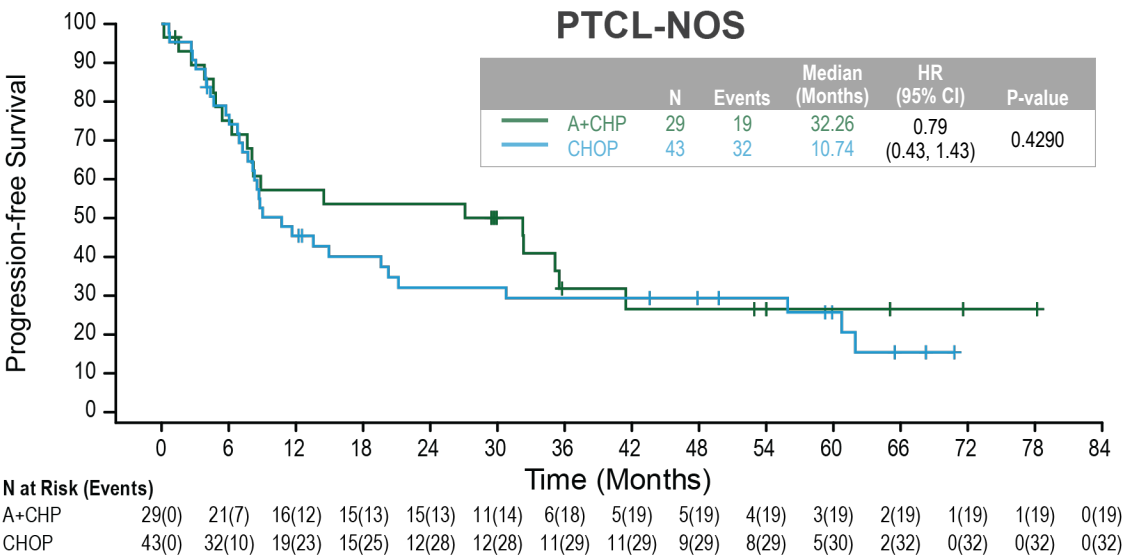
# Response to CHEP-BV

	All Patients (n=46)	
Response	Interim	End of CHEP-BV
<b>Overall response (ORR)</b>	<b>44 (96%)</b>	<b>42 (91%)</b>
<b>Complete response (CR)</b>	<b>27 (59%)</b>	<b>37 (80%)</b>
Partial response (PR)	17	5
Stable disease (SD)	1	0
Progressive disease (PD)	1	4

Response	ALCL (n=16)	Non-ALCL (n=30)	AITL (n=17)	PTCL NOS (n=11)	PTCL TFH (n=2)
<b>Overall response (ORR)</b>	<b>15 (94%)</b>	<b>27 (90%)</b>	<b>16 (94%)</b>	<b>9 (82%)</b>	<b>2 (100%)</b>
<b>Complete response (CR)</b>	<b>15 (94%)</b>	<b>22 (73%)</b>	<b>14 (82%)</b>	<b>6 (55%)</b>	<b>2 (100%)</b>
Partial response (PR)	0	5	2	3	0
Stable disease (SD)	0	0	0	0	0
Progressive disease (PD)	1	3	1	2	0

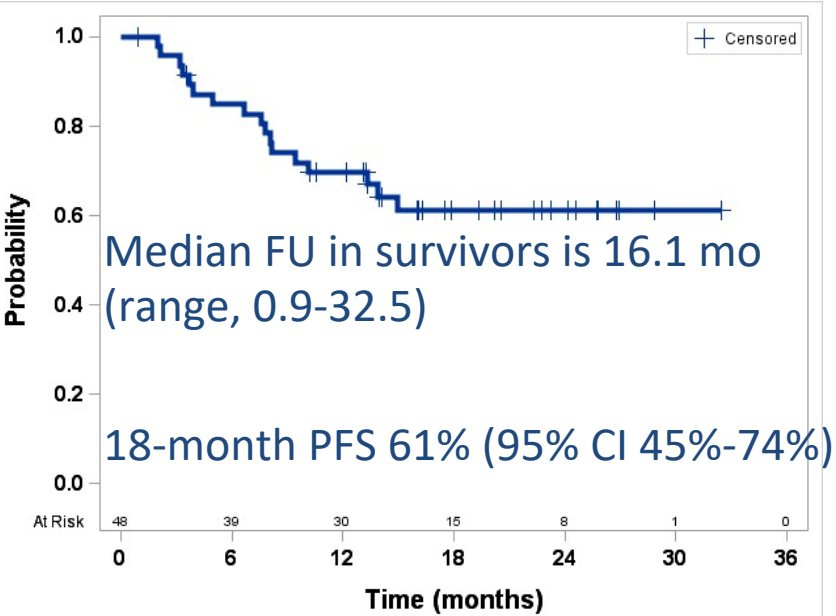


# Summary of PFS CHP-BV (PTCL-NOS, AITL, sALCL vs. CHEP-BV)



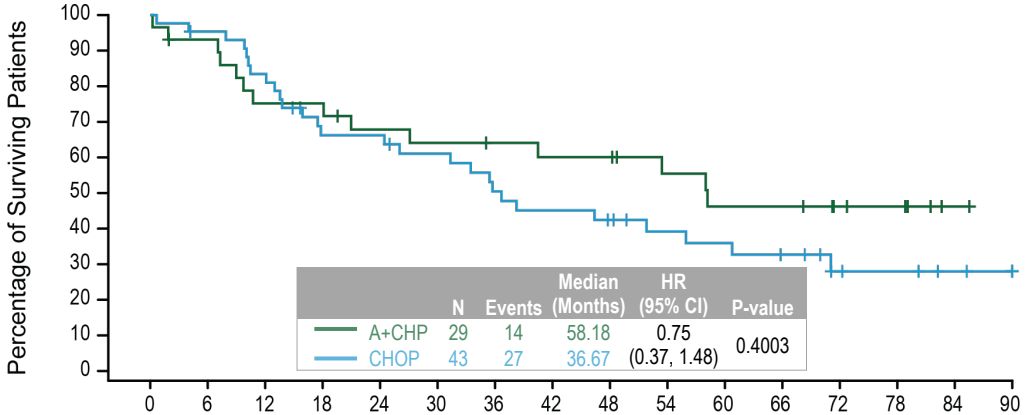
Number of patients at risk (events)

	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72	78	84
A+CHP	162 (0)	136 (18)	117 (34)	107 (42)	95 (46)	81 (48)	67 (48)	55 (49)	33 (50)	23 (51)	15 (52)	7 (53)	2 (53)	0 (53)	0 (53)
CHOP	154 (0)	103 (48)	89 (62)	84 (66)	75 (69)	68 (72)	57 (73)	48 (74)	38 (74)	26 (74)	16 (75)	4 (77)	0 (77)	0 (77)	0 (77)

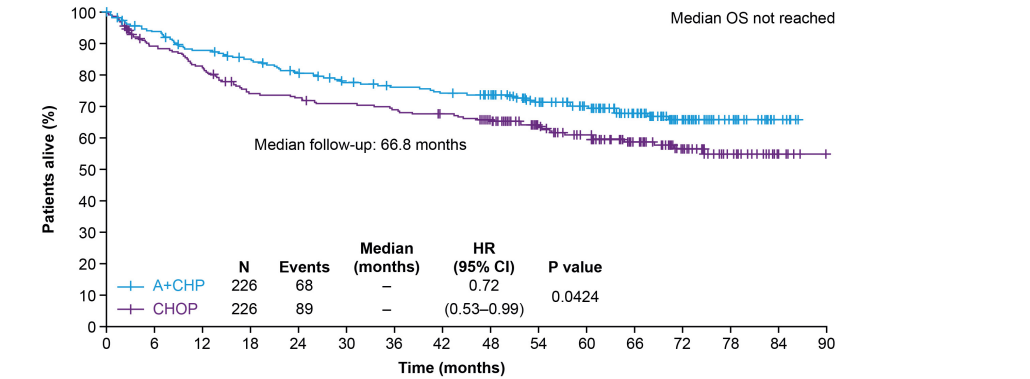


# Summary of OS CHP-BV (PTCL-NOS, AITL, sALCL vs. CHEP-BV)

N at Risk (Events)		Time (Months)														
A+CHP	29(0)	21(7)	16(12)	15(13)	15(13)	11(14)	6(18)	5(19)	5(19)	4(19)	3(19)	2(19)	1(19)	1(19)	0(19)	
CHOP	43(0)	32(10)	19(23)	15(25)	12(28)	12(28)	11(29)	11(29)	9(29)	8(29)	5(30)	2(32)	0(32)	0(32)	0(32)	

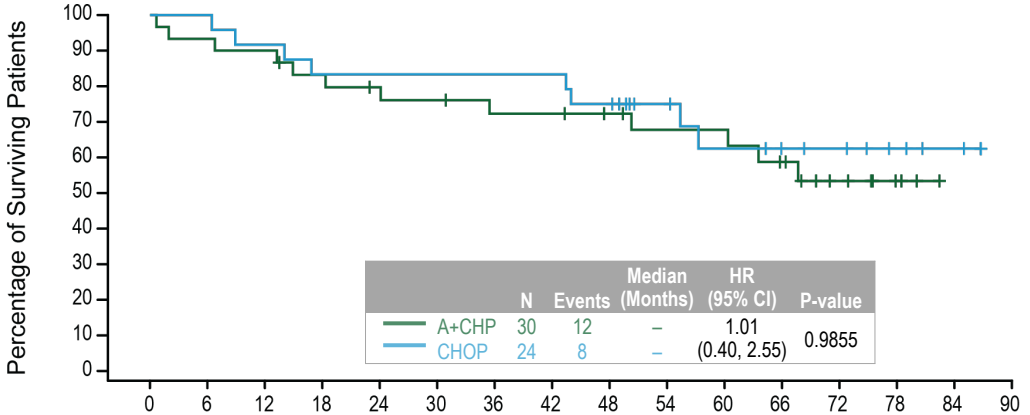


N at Risk (Events)		Time (Months)														
A+CHP	29(0)	26(2)	21(7)	21(7)	18(9)	17(10)	16(10)	15(11)	15(11)	12(12)	10(14)	10(14)	7(14)	6(14)	1(14)	0(14)
CHOP	43(0)	40(2)	35(7)	26(14)	26(14)	23(16)	19(20)	17(22)	15(23)	12(24)	11(25)	9(26)	5(27)	4(27)	2(27)	0(27)

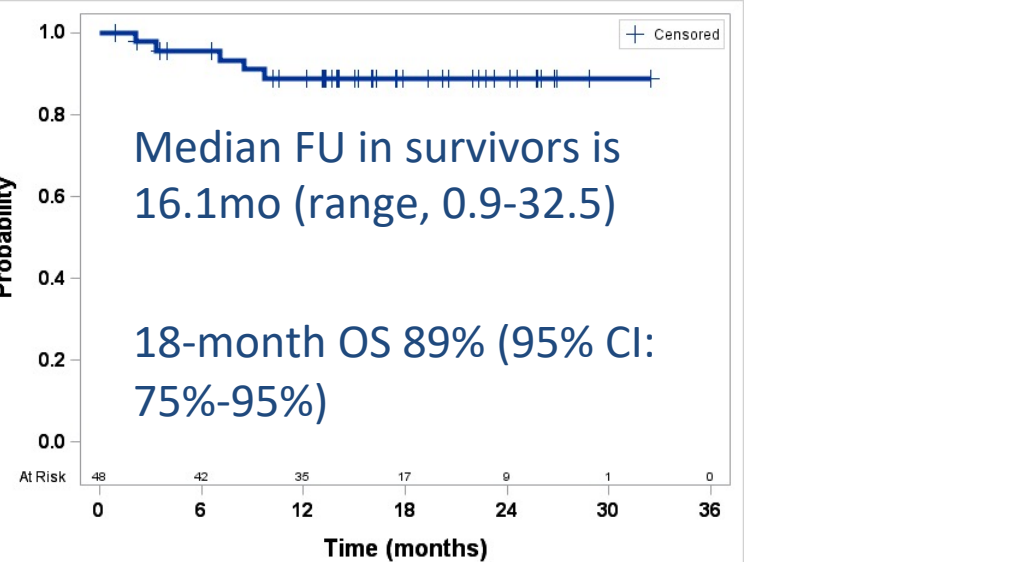


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CHOP	226	196	181	160	157	152	148	143	132	105	90	68	43	25	8	0
	(0)	(24)	(39)	(57)	(60)	(64)	(68)	(71)	(75)	(78)	(83)	(86)	(88)	(89)	(89)	(89)

N at Risk (Events)		Time (Months)														
A+CHP	30(0)	20(8)	15(13)	14(14)	11(16)	10(16)	10(16)	5(17)	4(17)	2(18)	1(18)	0(19)	0(19)	0(19)	0(19)	
CHOP	24(0)	20(4)	18(6)	16(8)	13(11)	13(11)	11(11)	11(11)	8(12)	5(12)	3(12)	0(12)	0(12)	0(12)	0(12)	



N at Risk (Events)		Time (Months)														
A+CHP	30(0)	28(2)	27(3)	24(5)	22(6)	21(7)	19(8)	19(8)	17(8)	15(9)	15(9)	12(11)	7(12)	3(12)	0(12)	0(12)
CHOP	24(0)	24(0)	22(2)	20(4)	20(4)	20(4)	20(4)	20(4)	18(6)	13(6)	10(8)	8(8)	7(8)	4(8)	2(8)	0(8)



# CHP-BV (CD30 <1 and <10)

## Response rate by Investigators

	CD30 <1% (n = 19)	CD30 1% to <10% (n = 27)	Total (N = 46)
<b>Best overall response<sup>a,b</sup>, n (%)</b>			
CR	11 (58)	16 (59)	27 (59)
PR	5 (26)	4 (15)	9 (20)
SD	1 (5)	3 (11)	4 (9)
PD	1 (5)	3 (11)	4 (9)
NE	1 (5)	1 (4)	2 (4)
<b>CR rate<sup>a,b</sup></b>	11 (58)	16 (59)	27 (59)
95% CI <sup>c</sup> for CR rate	(33.5, 79.7)	(38.8, 77.6)	(43.2, 73.0)
<b>ORR (CR+PR), n (%)</b>	16 (84)	20 (74)	36 (78)
95% CI <sup>c</sup> for ORR	(60.4, 96.6)	(53.7, 88.9)	(63.6, 89.1)

## Safety

Treatment-related TEAEs (>10% of total patients)	CD30 <1% (n = 23)	CD30 1% to <10% (n = 32)	Total (N = 55)
Patients with any event, n (%)	17 (74)	26 (81)	43 (78)
Diarrhea	7 (30)	9 (28)	16 (29)
Nausea	5 (22)	8 (25)	13 (24)
Peripheral sensory neuropathy	5 (22)	7 (22)	12 (22)
Anemia	5 (22)	6 (19)	11 (20)
Febrile neutropenia	4 (17)	7 (22)	11 (20)
Lymphopenia	1 (4)	5 (16)	6 (11)
Stomatitis	1 (4)	5 (16)	6 (11)

- No new safety signals were observed
- Three patients (5%) discontinued study treatment due to TEAE
- Sixteen patients (29%) had BV-related TE SAEs
- One patient (2%) had a treatment-related fatal event of general physical health deterioration

Treatment-emergent SAEs (>5% of total patients)	CD30 <1% (n = 23)	CD30 1% to <10% (n = 32)	Total (N = 55)
Patients with any SAE, n (%)	8 (35)	12 (38)	20 (36)
Febrile neutropenia	4 (17)	7 (22)	11 (20)
Diarrhea	2 (9)	2 (6)	4 (7)

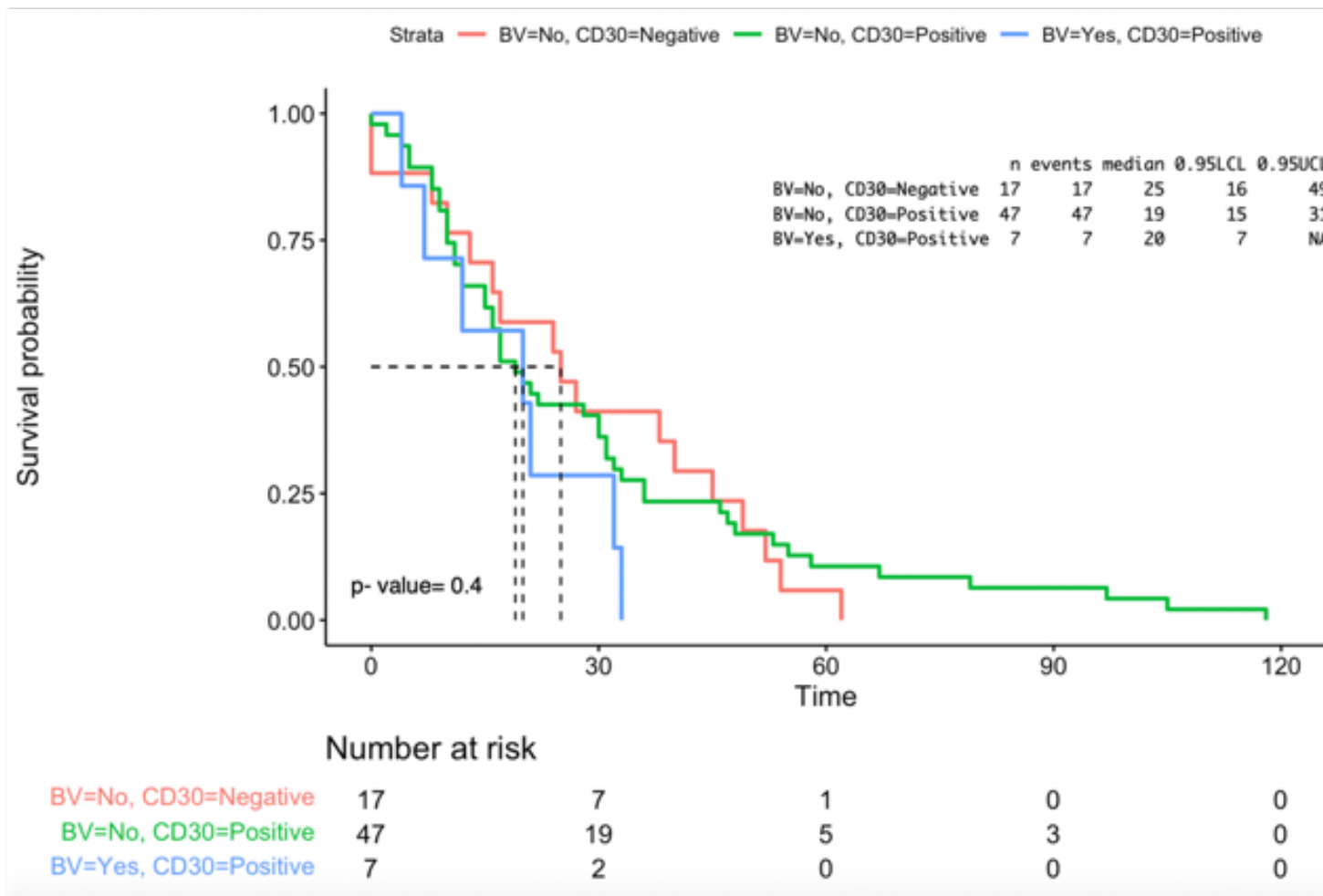
Grade ≥3 TEAEs (>10% of total patients)	CD30 <1% (n = 23)	CD30 1% to <10% (n = 32)	Total (N = 55)
Patients with any event, n (%)	13 (57)	16 (50)	29 (53)
Febrile neutropenia	4 (17)	6 (19)	10 (18)
Neutropenia	2 (9)	7 (22)	9 (16)
Anemia	1 (4)	6 (19)	9 (13)

- ORR per INV was 76% (61.2, 87.4) overall with 79% (54.4, 93.9) and 74% (53.7, 88.9) for CD30 <1%, CD30 1 to <10%, respectively.

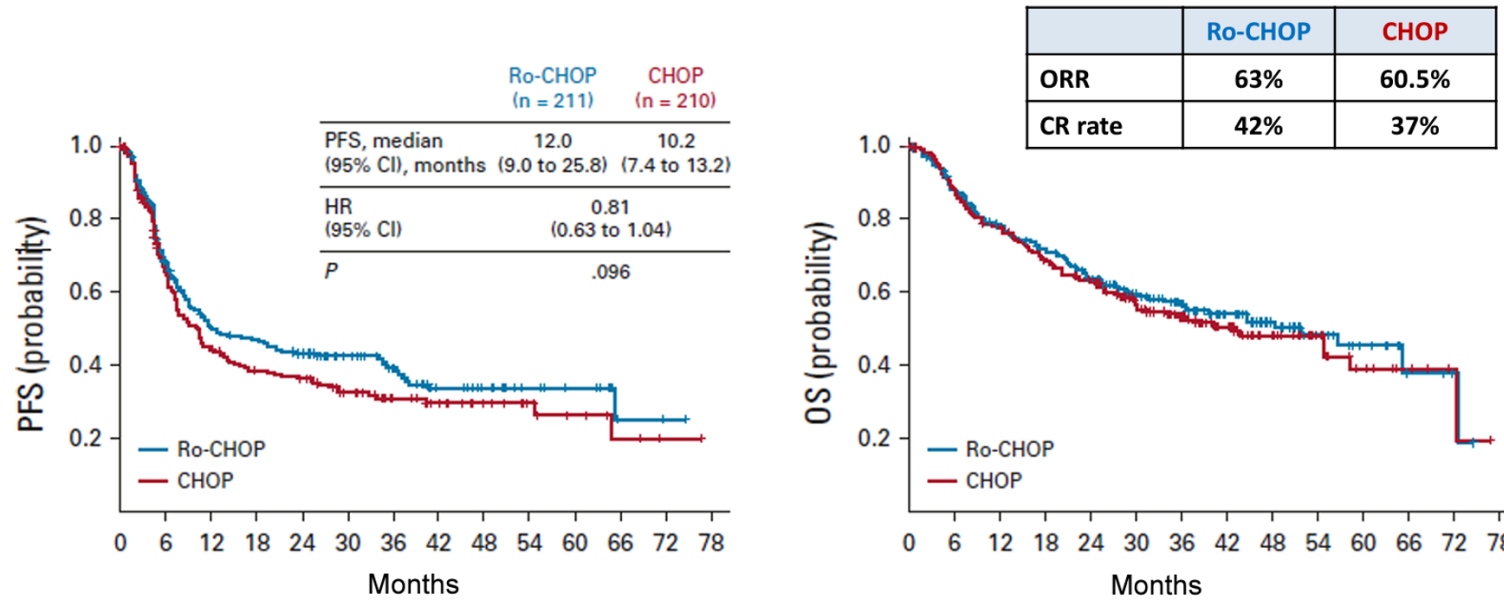


# CD30 Expression in AITL

Demographics	N	CD 30 Expression			p <sup>2</sup>
		All, N= 237 <sup>1</sup>	No, N= 55 <sup>1</sup>	Yes, N= 182 <sup>1</sup>	
<b>Gender</b>	237				0.3
Female		113 (48%)	23 (42%)	90 (49%)	
Male		124 (52%)	32 (58%)	92 (51%)	
<b>Race</b>	196				0.7
Asian		9 (4.6%)	2 (4.2%)	7 (4.7%)	
Black or African American		8 (4.1%)	3 (6.3%)	5 (3.4%)	
Declined to Answer		2 (1.0%)	0 (0%)	2 (1.4%)	
Other		5 (2.6%)	2 (4.2%)	3 (2%)	
White of Caucasian		172 (88%)	41 (85%)	131 (89%)	
Unknown		41	7	34	
<b>Stage</b>	165				<0.001
I		3 (1.8%)	1 (2.3%)	2 (1.6%)	
II		9 (5.5%)	5 (12%)	4 (3.3%)	
III		71 (43%)	7 (16%)	64 (52%)	
IV		82 (50%)	30 (70%)	52 (43%)	
Unknown		72	12	60	
<b>BM Involvement</b>	179	72 (40%)	20 (48%)	52 (38%)	0.3
Unknown		58	13	45	
<b>BV First Line</b>	171	32 (19%)	3 (7%)	29 (23%)	<b>0.023</b>
Unknown		66	12	54	
<b>Transplant</b>	155	68 (44%)	19 (48%)	49 (43%)	0.6
Unknown		82	15	67	



# Ro-CHOP vs. CHOP in Untreated PTCL

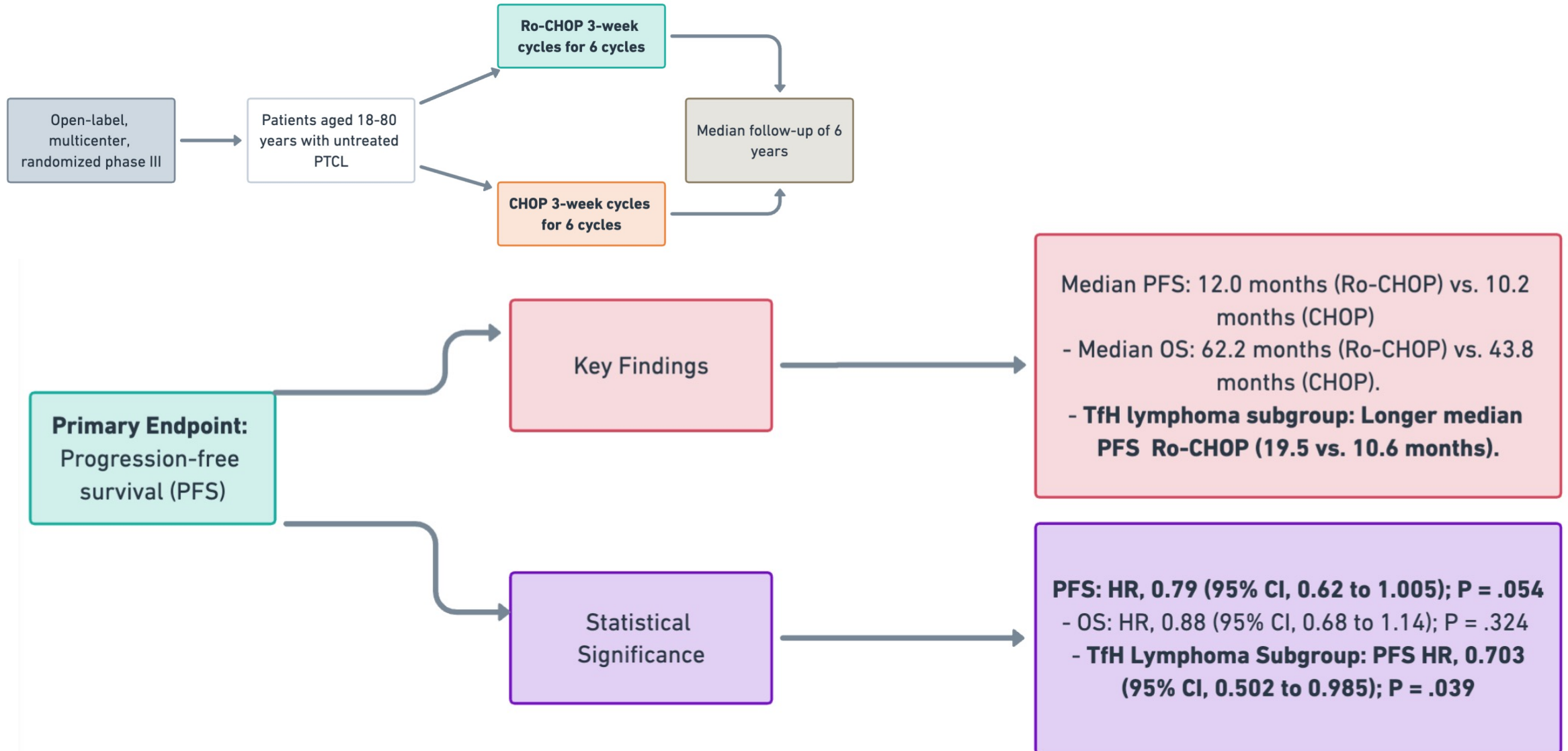


- PFS primary endpoint was not met
- Similar OS and response rates,
- Greater toxicity with
- Ro-CHOP

Outcome		Ro-CHOP (N=210)	CHOP (N=208)
Treatment-emergent AEs	Grade 3 or higher	94%	70%
	Grade 4	74%	42%
	Serious	42%	29%
Delivery of CHOP	6 cycles without dose reduction or interruption	53%	60%
	Average RDI < 90%	15%	9%

Potentially compromised delivery of CHOP backbone

# Ro-CHOP Trial: 5-year update



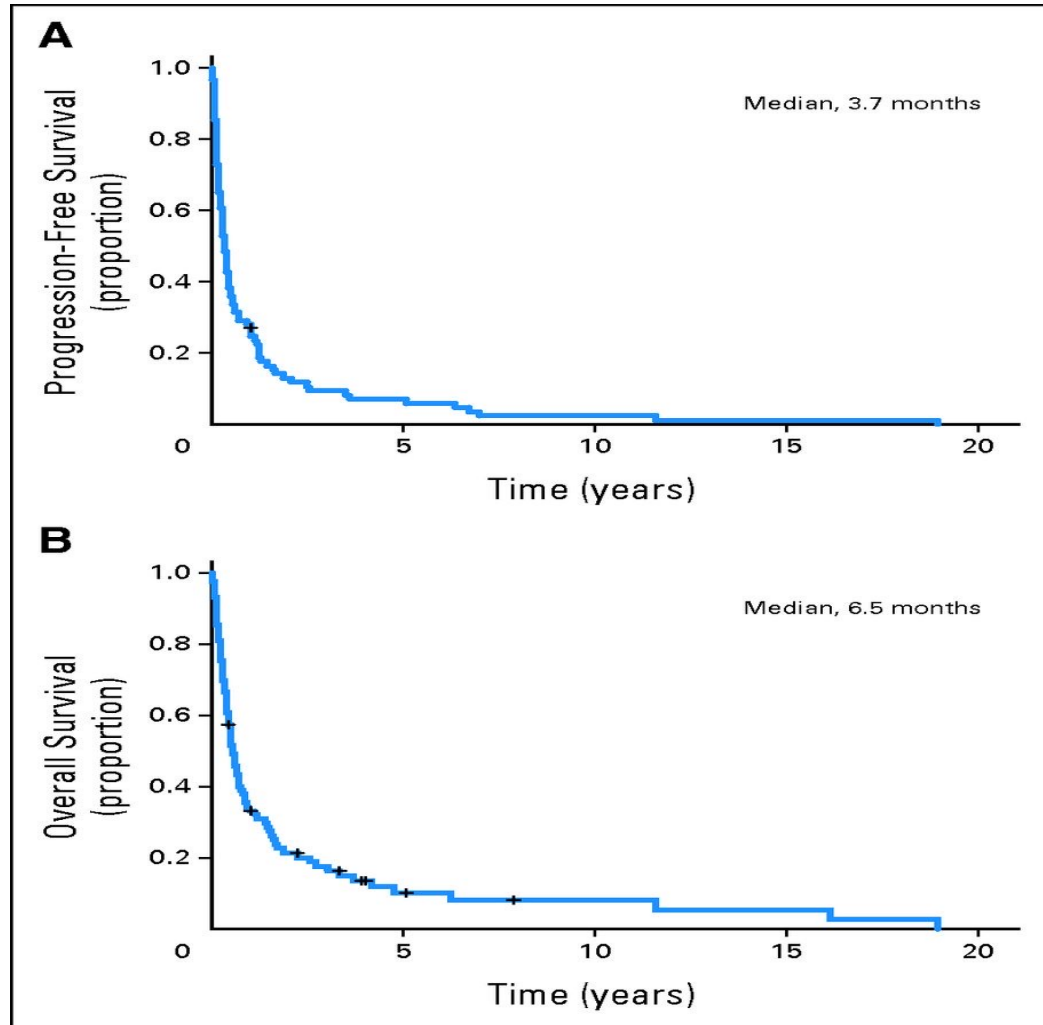


# Summary of Frontline studies in TCL:

- CD30 targeted therapy has improved survival- at 5 years, frontline treatment with A+CHP continues to provide clinically meaningful improvement in PFS and OS versus CHOP
- Bv CHP has not demonstrated any OS benefit for non-ALCL patient eg, AITL)
- Addition of etoposide in CHEP-BV was tolerable and led to high CR rate
  - PFS in ALCL > non-ALCL subgroup
  - CHEP-BV + ASCT + BV consolidation associated with excellent PFS
- Impact of % CD30 expression: Initial findings show that A+CHP is effective for patients with non-ALCL PTCL regardless of CD30 expression by local testing supporting the proposed, multi-faceted mechanism of action of BV in combination with CHP

**Overwhelming number of patients relapse – where chemotherapy is even less effective**

# Patients With Relapsed or Refractory Disease Have an Especially Poor Prognosis



**2<sup>nd</sup> PFS (median, 3.7 months) of patients treated with chemotherapy (n = 89) with R/R PTCL**

**2<sup>nd</sup> PFS = 3.7 months**

**OS (median, 6.5 months) after first relapse or progression of PTCL.**

**Overall Survival from 2<sup>nd</sup> Relapse = 6.5 months**

# Pralatrexate and Belinostat: Primary Efficacy Data Supporting Accelerated Approval

	PROPEL Study Pralatrexate <sup>1</sup> N = 109	BELIEF Study Belinostat <sup>2</sup> N = 120
<b>Overall response rate (ORR), n (%)</b>	<b>32 (29%)</b>	<b>31 (26%)</b>
<b>Best overall response</b>		
Complete response (CR)	11 (10%)	13 (11%)
Complete response unconfirmed (CRu)*	1 (1%)	-
Partial response (PR)	20 (18%)	18 (15%)
Duration of response, median (95% CI)	10.1 months (3.4–NE)	13.6 months (4.5–29.4)
Progression-free survival (PFS), median (95% CI)	3.5 months (1.7–4.8)	1.6 (1.4–2.7)
Overall survival (OS), median (95% CI)	14.5 months (10.6–22.5)	7.9 (6.1–13.9)

1. O'Connor, 2011; 2. O'Connor, 2015

\*CRu is a category between CR and PR (ie, does not strictly match either CR or PR); a CRu does not indicate a short-lasting CR



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- | Gene                  | Freq.  |
|-----------------------|--------|
| <i>RHOA</i> (G17V)    | 50-70% |
| Epigenetic regulators |        |
| <i>TET2</i>           | 47-83% |
| <i>DNMT3</i>          | 20-30% |
| <i>IDH2</i> (R172)    | 20-45% |

Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4

AITL survival model score

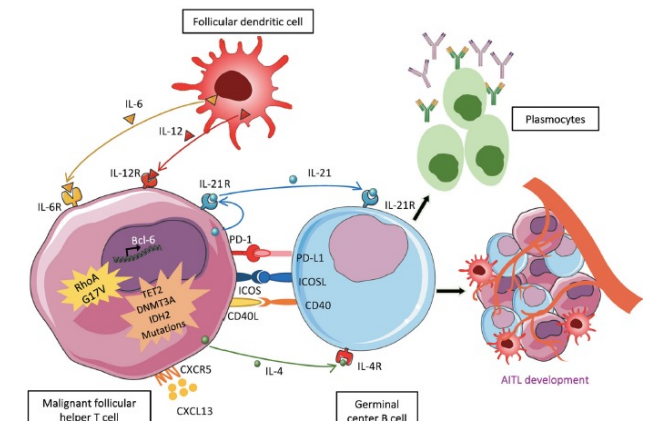
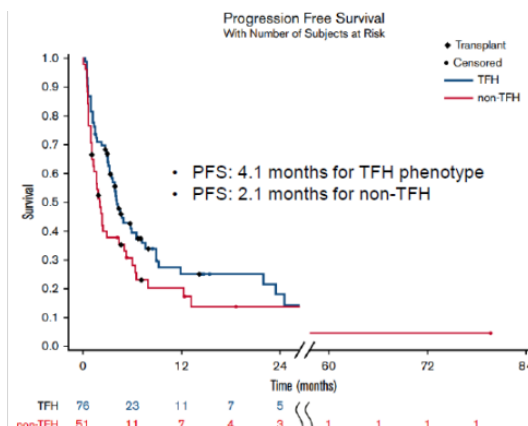
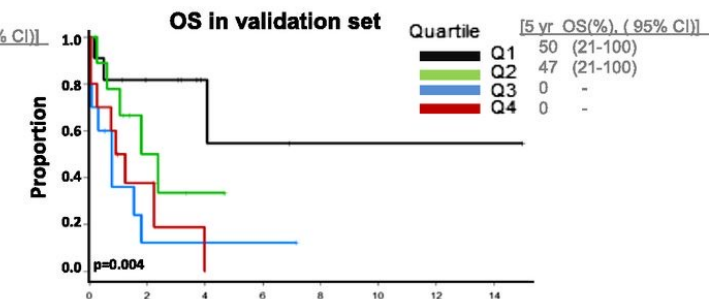
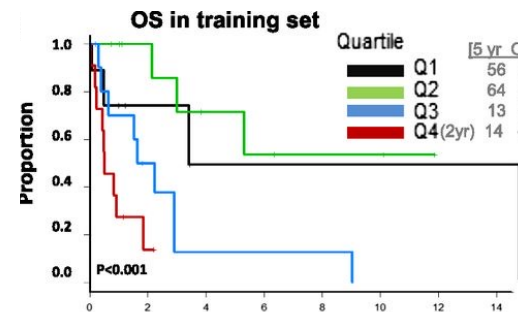
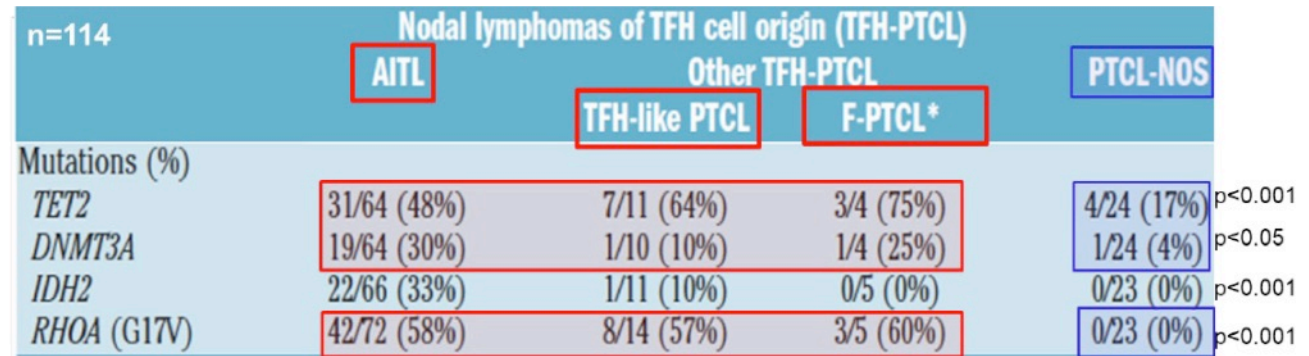
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Monocytic signature

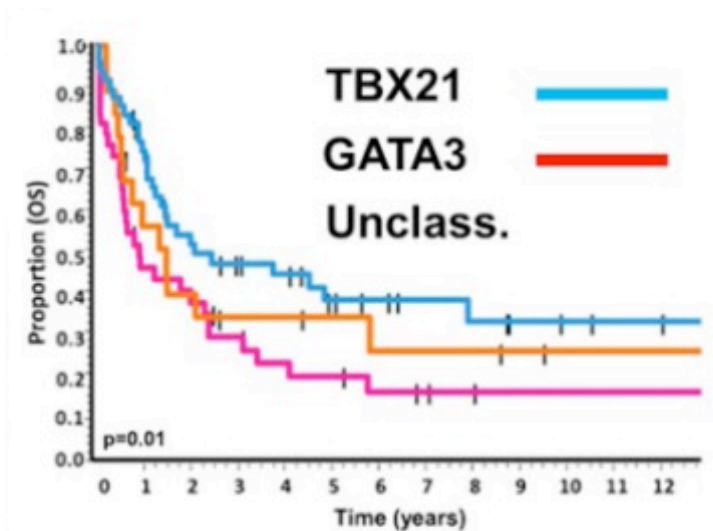
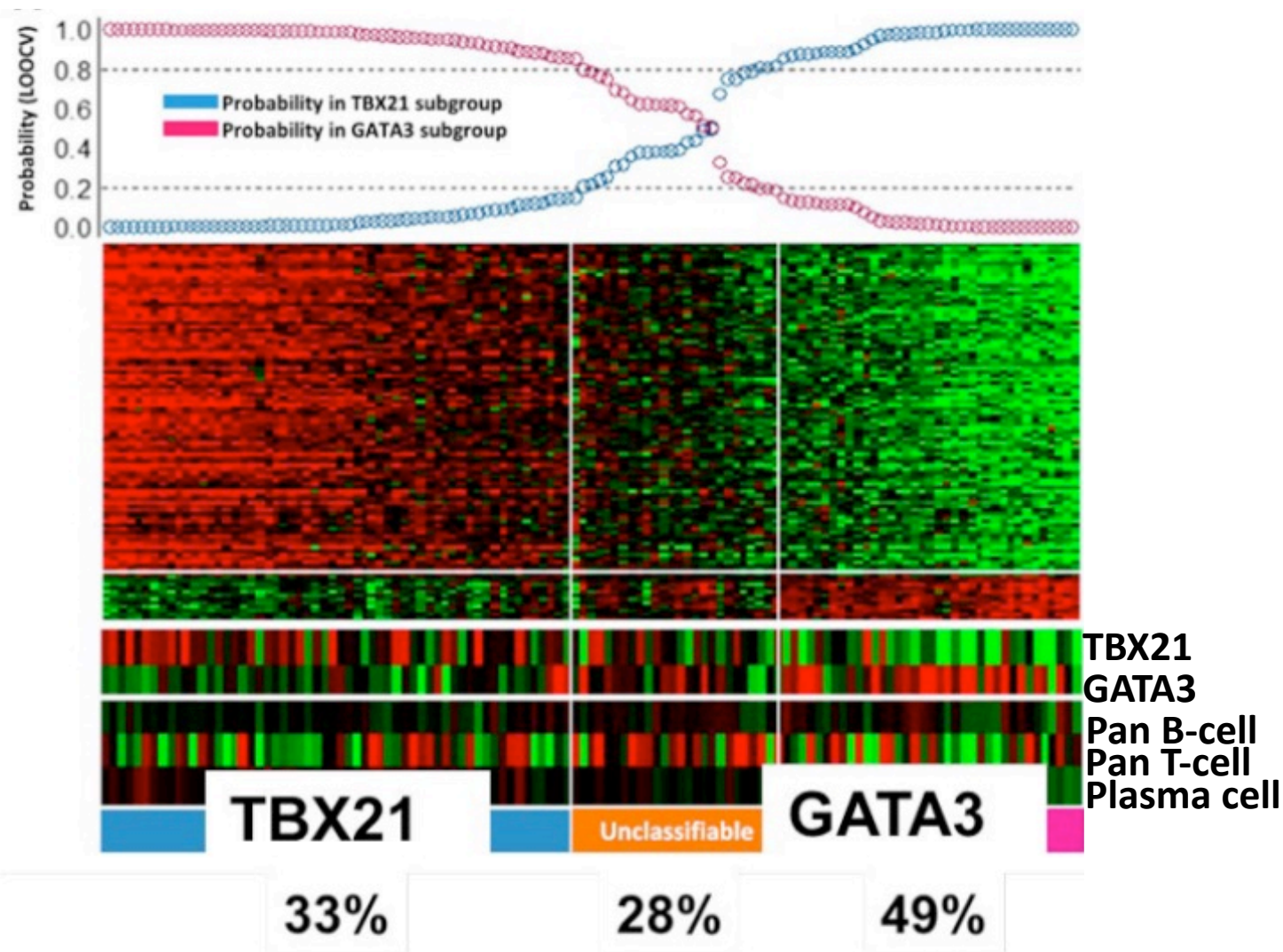
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AITL with <i>RHOA</i> mutations	Classical clinicopath features
	Higher microvessels density
	More FDC proliferation
	More pronounced THF phenotype
AITL with <i>IDH2</i> mutations	Medium to large tumor cells with clear cells
	Strong CD10 and CXCL13 expression
	Gains of chromosomes 5 and 21



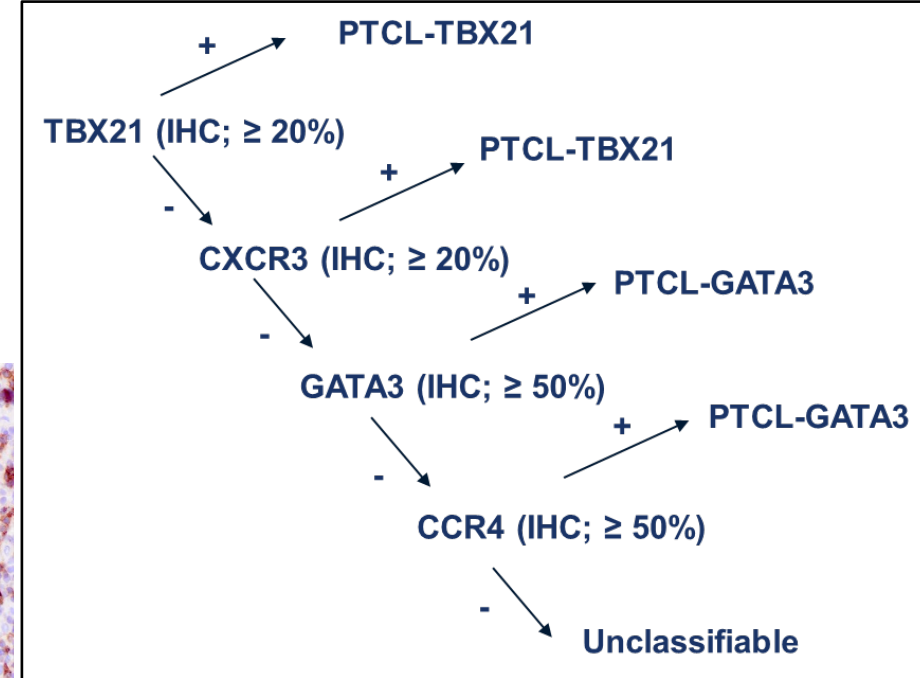
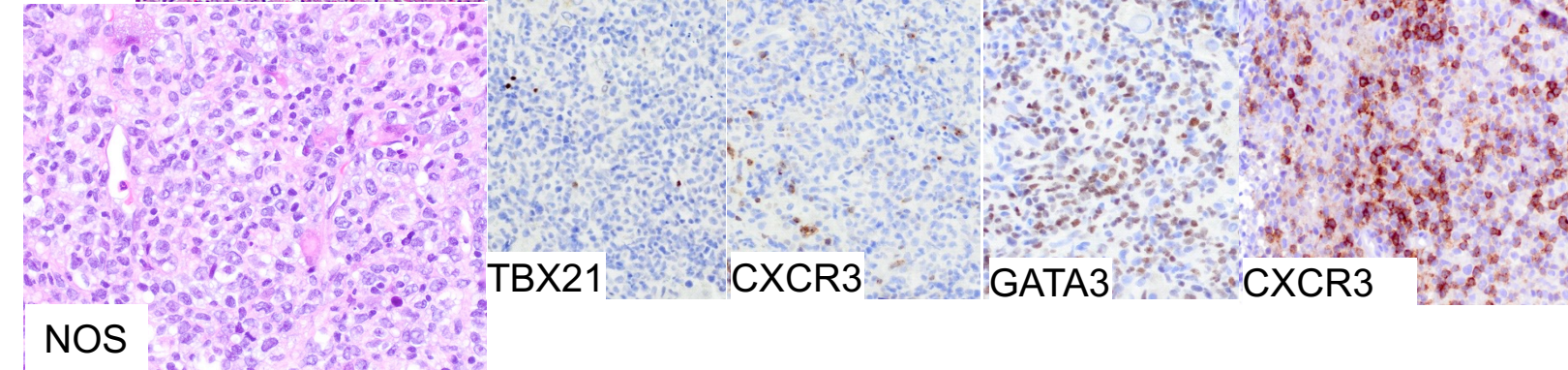
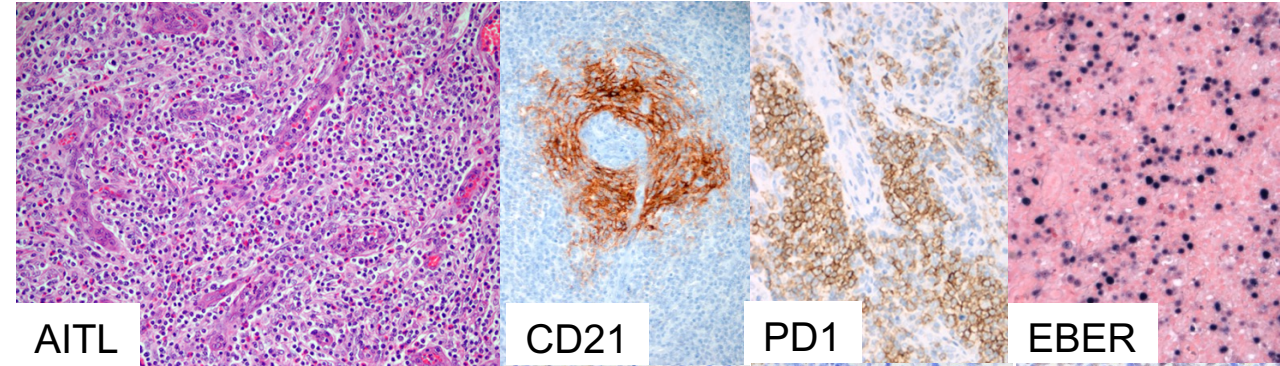
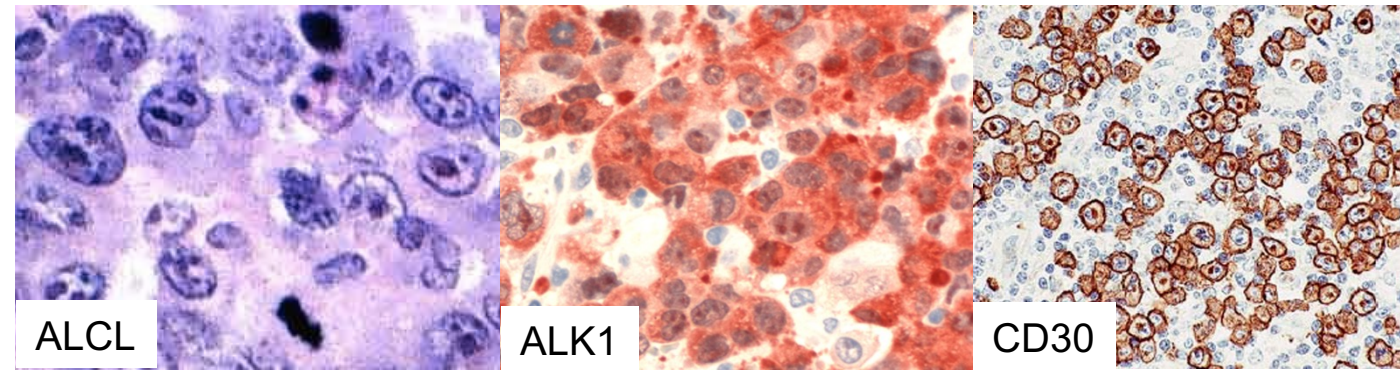
# Gene expression signatures delineate biological and prognostic subgroups in peripheral T-cell lymphoma



	Cell of origin for PTCL-NOS	
	PTCL-GATA3	PTCL-TBX21
Frequency	33%	49%
Gene expression	GATA3 and its target genes	TBX21 and its target genes
Phenotype	Th2 (IL4, IL5, IL13)	Th1 (IFN $\gamma$ )
Cell Signaling	MYC and PI3K-mTOR	NF- $\kappa$ B
Median OS	< 1 year	> 2 years

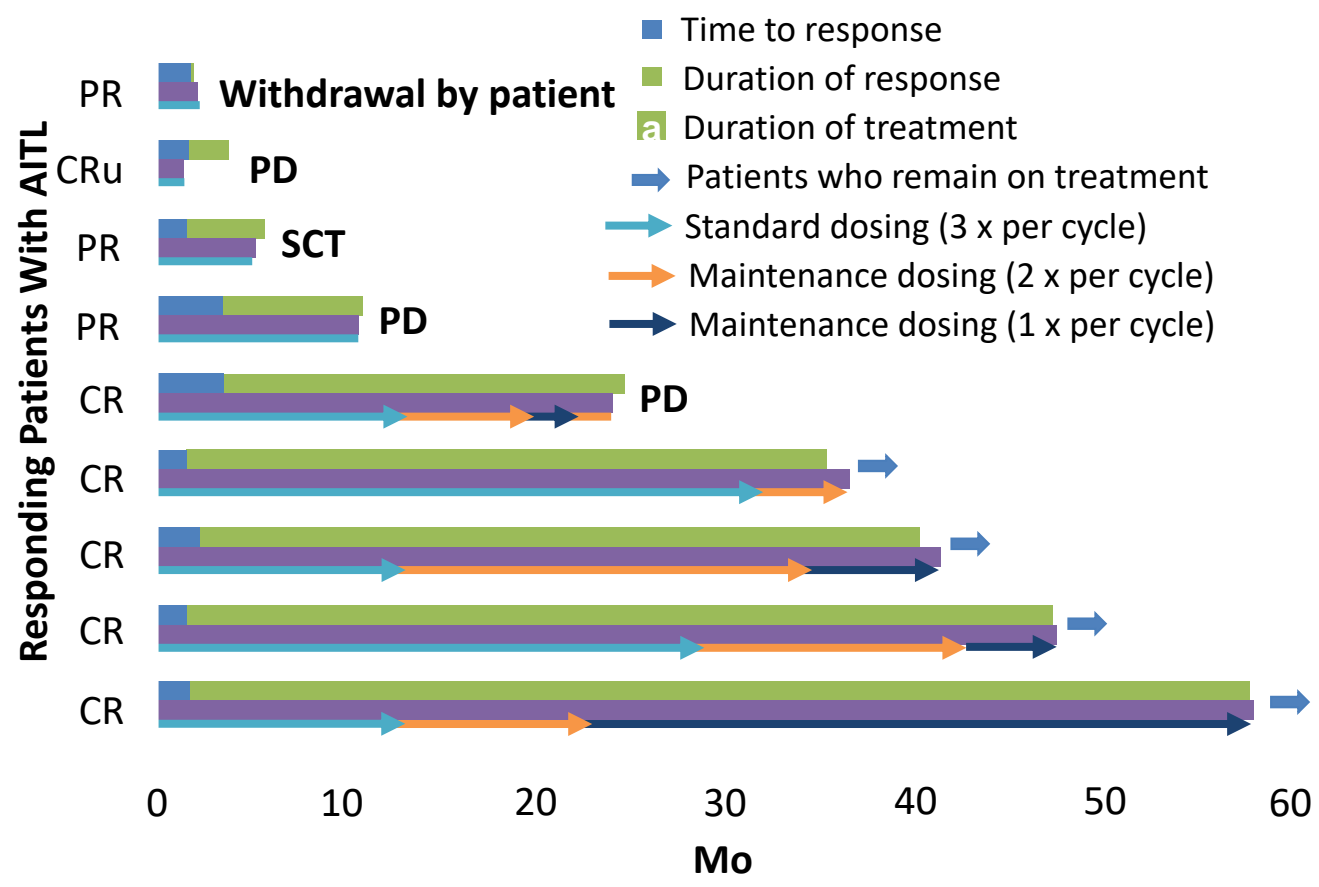


# COO based Diagnosis in PTCL

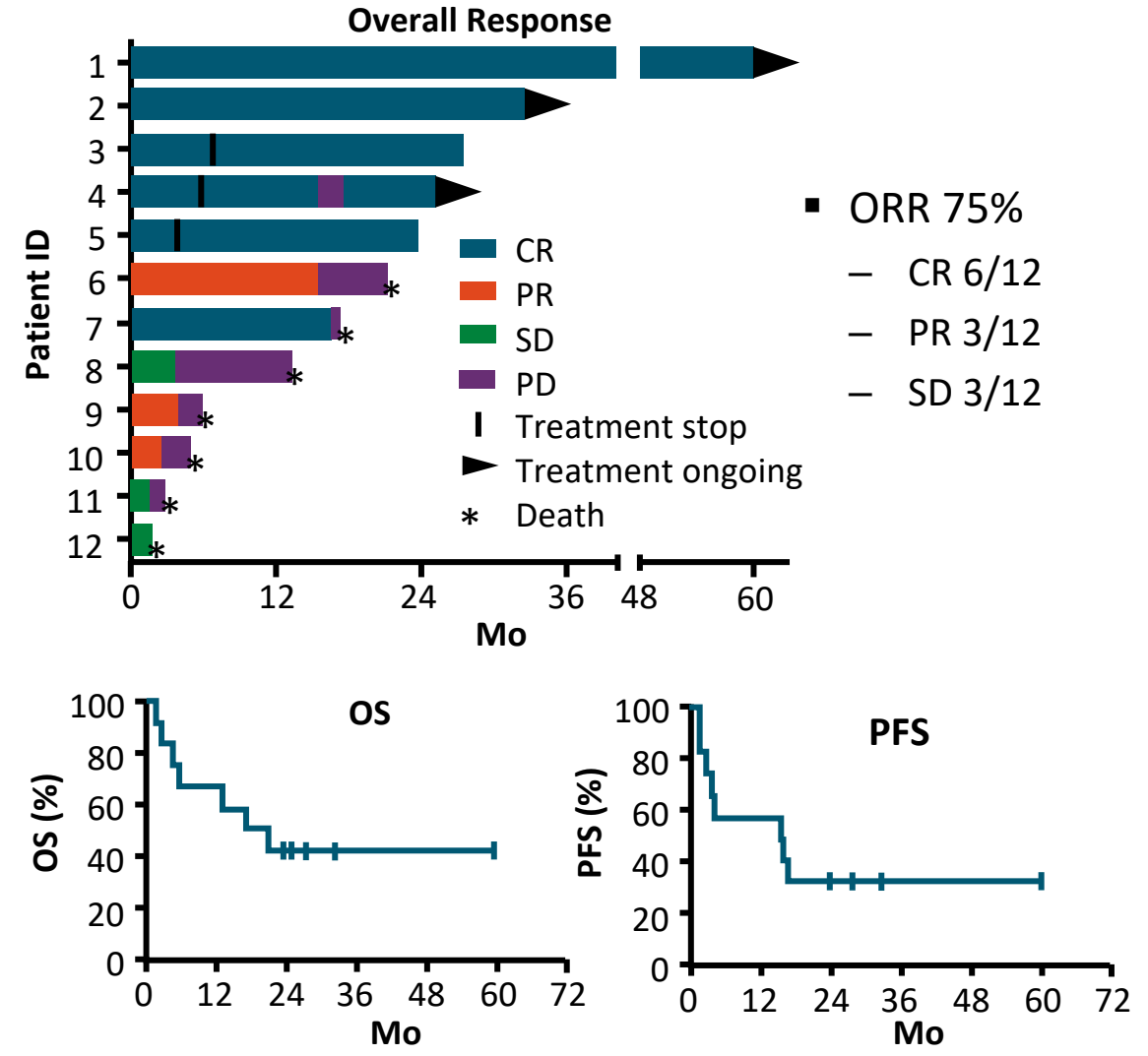


# Nodal Lymphomas with TFH Phenotype: Role of Epigenetic Modifiers

## Romidepsin in AITL<sup>1</sup>

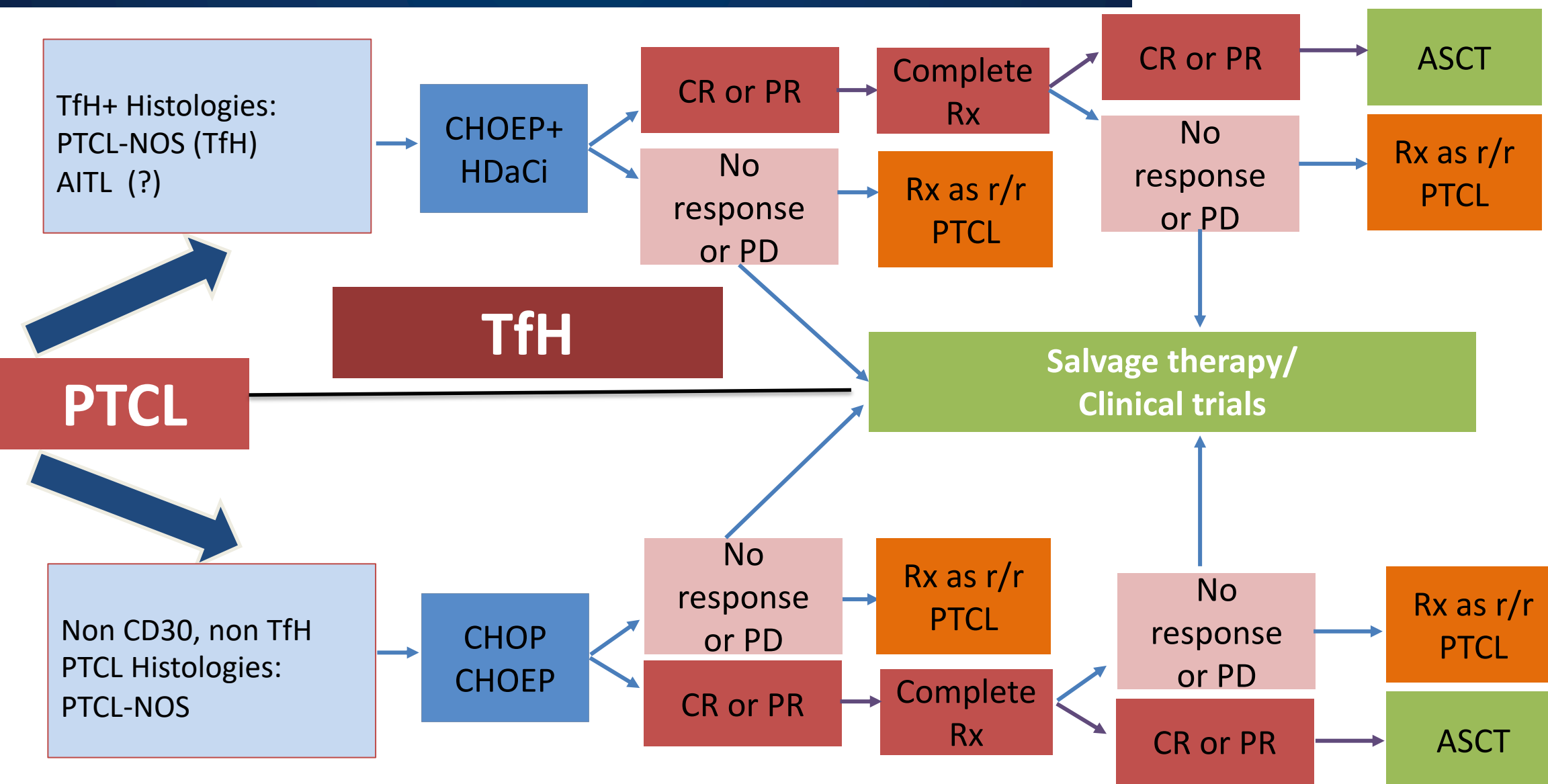


## Azacitidine in AITL<sup>2</sup>



1. Pro. Hematol Oncol. 2017;35:914. 2. Lemonnier. Blood. 2018;132:2305.

# TfH as the predictive marker in TCL: Lessons from Ro-CHOP Phase III

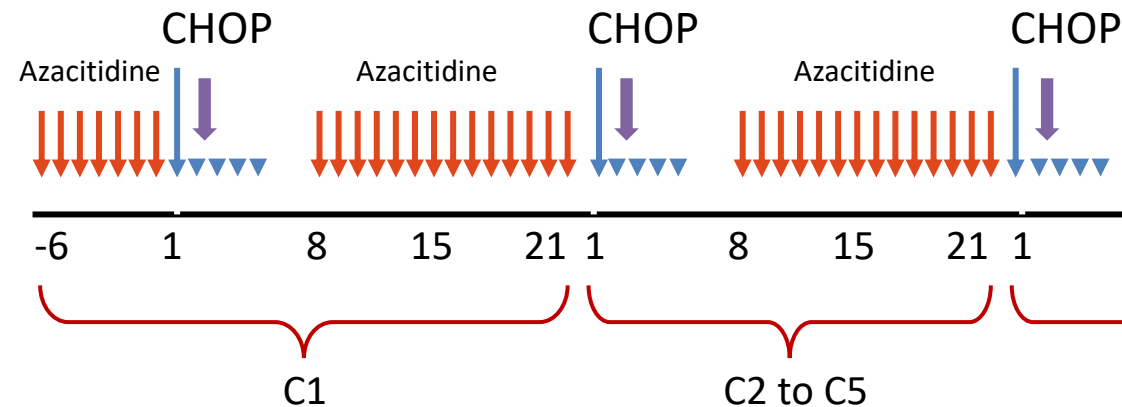




# Phase II Trial: Azacitidine + CHOP as Initial Therapy for PTCL

## Treatment

- ↓ Azacitidine: cycle 1, days -6 to 0; 1-5 days, days 8-21
- ↓ Cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin, vincristine: day 1
- ▼ Prednisone: days 1-5
- ▼ Growth factor e.g., pegfilgrastim:



- Azacitidine dosing: 300 mg/day, d-6 to 0, then D8-21
- Patients in CR/PR after 6 cycles can receive consolidation

## Patients with untreated PTCL (N = 20)

Nodal TCL w/TFH phenotype (per WHO 2016)

- AITL
- Follicular TCL
- PTCL-NOS, TFH variant

PTCL-NOS

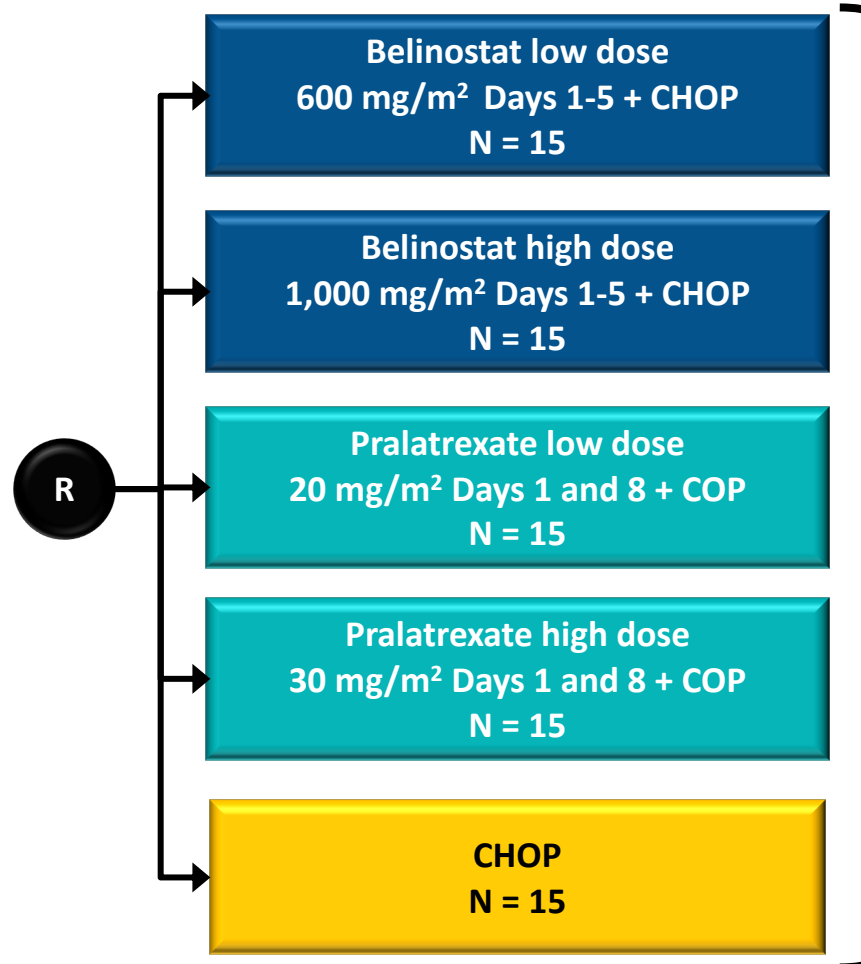
- ALCL, ALK neg
- ALCL, ALK pos w/IPI >2
- Adult T-cell lymphoma/leukemia

Response	Interim			EOT		
	n	Evaluable, % (n = 20)	PTCL-TFH, % (n = 17)	n	Evaluable, % (n = 20)	PTCL-TFH, % (n = 17)
ORR	17	85	94	15	75	88
CR	11	55	59	15	75	88
PR	6	30	35	0	0	0
SD	2	10	0	1	5	0
PD	1	5	6	2	10	6
Discontinued	0	0	0	2	10	6
Median FU, mo	15 (range: 9-23)					



# SPI-BEL-301 Phase 3 PMR Study Design in Patients With Newly Diagnosed, Untreated PTCL

## Part 1: Dose Optimization 75 patients

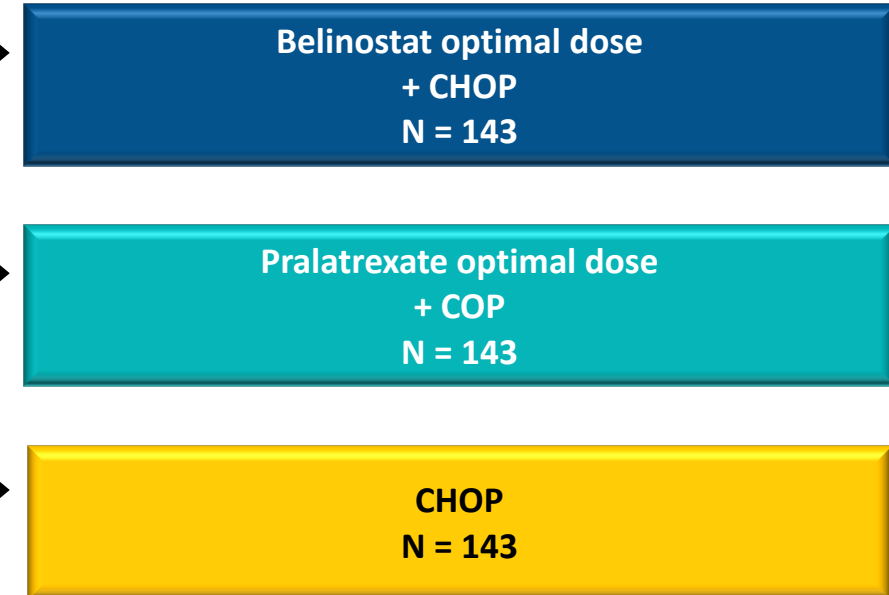


IDMC will select Part 2 dose based on

- Safety
- Unconfirmed ORR at 3 months
- PFS according to investigator assessment

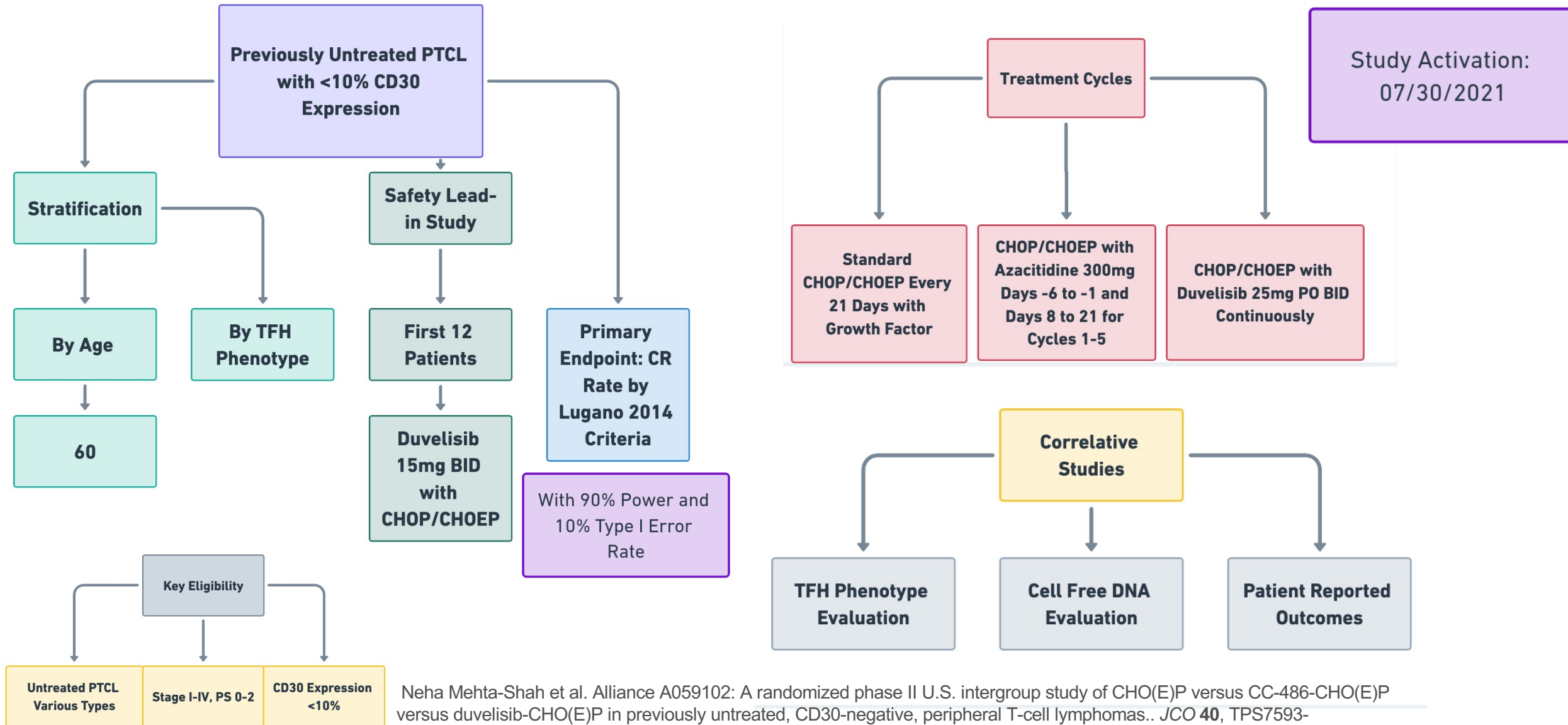
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## Part 2: Confirmatory RCT 429 patients



Follow-up  
for  
PFS  
and OS

# A051902 Intergroup Study



Neha Mehta-Shah et al. Alliance A059102: A randomized phase II U.S. intergroup study of CHO(E)P versus CC-486-CHO(E)P versus duvelisib-CHO(E)P in previously untreated, CD30-negative, peripheral T-cell lymphomas.. *JCO* 40, TPS7593-TPS7593(2022).DOI:[10.1200/JCO.2022.40.16\\_suppl.TPS7593](https://doi.org/10.1200/JCO.2022.40.16_suppl.TPS7593)

# Emerging themes in T cell Lymphomas

- Epigenetic targeting of Tfh
- Targeting dysregulated pathways: JAK/STAT, PI3K, EZH1/2
- Targeting cytotoxic, gamma-delta and NK subtypes

# Golidocitinib: Demographics and Baseline Characteristics

Demographics & Characteristics	n = 104
Median age, y (range)	58 (20 - 78)
Female/Male, n (%)	37 (35.6)/67 (64.4)
ECOG PS, n (%)	
0/≥1	46 (44.2)/58 (55.8)
Median lines of prior systemic therapies (range)	2 (1 - 3)
Types of prior systemic therapies, n (%)	
Chemotherapy	104 (100.0)
Pralatrexate	1 (1.0)
Mitoxantrone liposome	3 (2.9)
HDAC inhibitor	50 (48.1)
Brentuximab vedotin	13 (12.5)
ALK inhibitor	1 (1.0)
Prior autologous HSCT, n (%)	2 (1.9)
Bone marrow involvement at baseline, n (%)	20 (19.2)
LDH elevation at baseline, n (%)	52 (50.0)

Demographics & Characteristics	n = 104
Histology subtypes by central review, n (%)	
PTCL, NOS	51 (49.0)
AITL	16 (15.4)
ALCL	11 (10.6)
NK/TCL	4 (3.8)
Others*	9 (8.7)
Central confirmed non-PTCL	4 (3.8)
Unable to confirm	9 (8.7)

*Data cut-off date: August 31, 2023*

- Between Feb 26, 2021 to Oct 12, 2022, a total of 104 subjects with r/r PTCLs were enrolled.
- All subjects received at least one dose of golidocitinib at 150 mg QD.

Note: \* 'Others' including 1 centrally diagnosed as T cell prolymphocytic leukemia and 8 centrally diagnosed as PTCLs with unconfirmable histology subtypes.

Abbreviations: AITL, angioimmunoblastic T cell lymphoma; ALCL, anaplastic large-cell lymphoma; ALK, anaplastic lymphoma kinase; ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group Performance Status; HDAC, histone deacetylase; HSCT, hematopoietic stem cell transplant; LDH, lactate dehydrogenase; NK/TCL, natural-killer/T cell lymphoma; PTCL, NOS, peripheral T cell lymphoma, not otherwise specified; r/r, relapsed/refractory; QD, once daily.

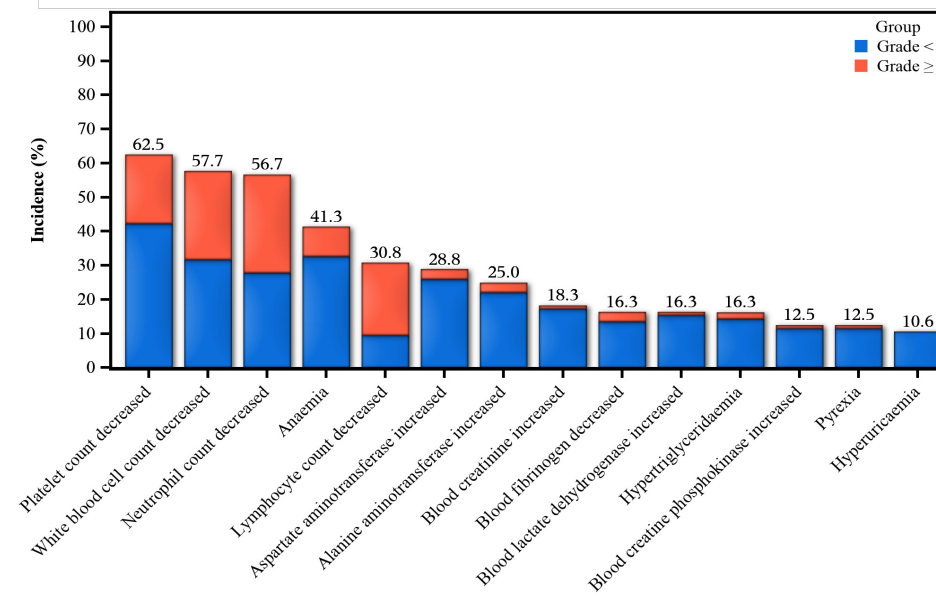
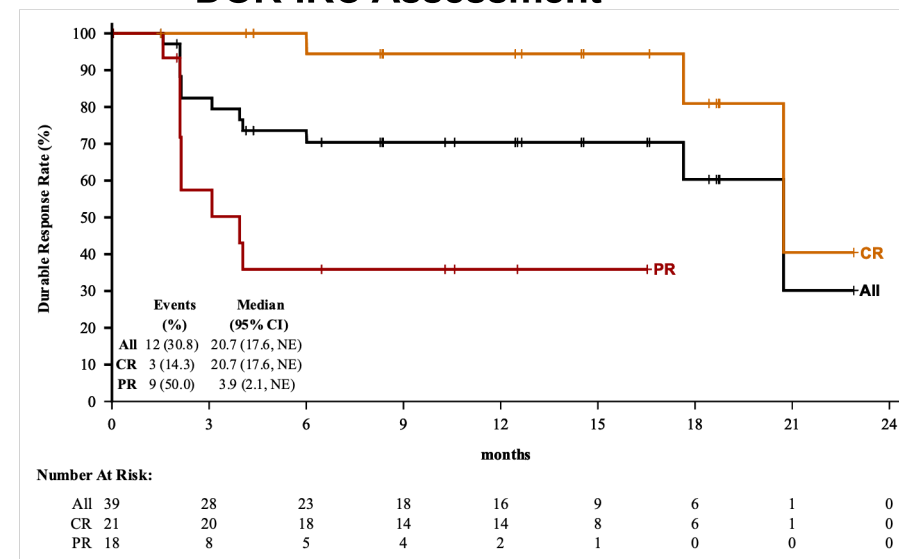


# Tumor Response

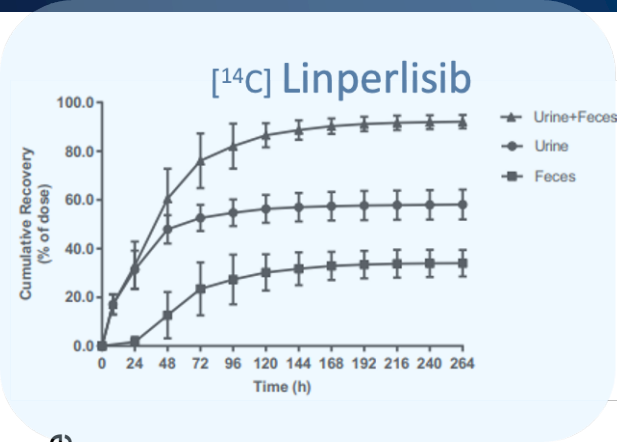
Tumor Response	n = 88	
	By IRC	By Investigator
ORR, n (%)	39 (44.3)	35 (39.8)
Overall response, n (%)		
Complete response	21 (23.9)	10 (11.4)
Partial response	18 (20.5)	25 (28.4)
Stable disease	17 (19.3)	15 (17.0)
Progressive disease	20 (22.7)	26 (29.5)
Not evaluable	12 (13.6)	12 (13.6)

The following subjects were **not** included in the efficacy analysis set: 4 confirmed as non-PTCL by central pathology review, 9 not providing sufficient tumor tissue for central pathology confirmation, and 3 no baseline measurable lesions by IRC assessment. Abbreviations: CR, complete response; IRC, independent review committee; ORR, objective response rate; PR, partial response; PTCL, peripheral T cell lymphoma.

## DOR-IRC Assessment



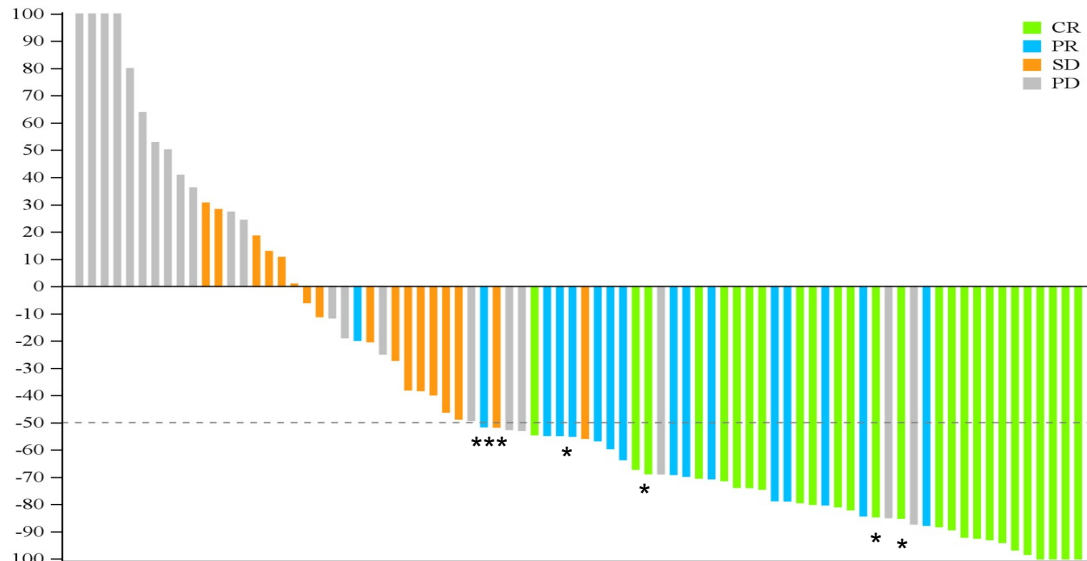
# Linperlisib: pharmacokinetics and Efficacy



PI3K DRUG	Dose	% in Urine	% in Feces
Linperlisib	80 mg, po	58	34
Idelalisib	25 mg, po	14	78
Duvelisib	150 mg, po	14	79
Copanlisib	12 mg, iv	22	64
Umbralisib	800 mg, po	3	81

A higher urinary excretion rate of YY-20394 may lead to lower incidence of diarrhea and colitis and other AEs

Best % change in SPD from baseline



Patients

\* Five PD patients had new lesions appearing, even though target lesions met the response criteria

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Response	n(%)
<b>ORR, n(%)</b>	<b>42(48)</b>
95% CI	(37, 59)
<b>CR</b>	<b>26(30)</b>
PR	16(18)
SD	18(21)
PD	21(24)
NE	7(8)
<b>DCR, n(%)</b>	<b>60(68)</b>
95% CI	(57, 78)

- FAS, n=88 patients
  - ✓ The study met the primary endpoint
  - ✓ CR 30%, PR 18%
- A disease control rate of 69% observed

PI3K Inhibitor	# pts	ORR	CR	Reference
Duvelisib	35	50%	19%*	Horwitz et al.
Tenalisib	35	45.7%	26%	Huen et al.
Linperlisib	48	48%	30%	Song et. al

# Safety

Any Grade TRAEs, Preferred Term	(≥10%)
	n (%)
Neutropenia	58 (59)
Leukopenia	46 (47)
Thrombocytopenia	31 (32)
Anemia	24 (24)
Elevated ALT	23 (23)
Elevated AST	20 (20)
Pneumonia	20 (20)
Lymphocytopenia	17 (17)
Hypertriglyceridemia	15 (15)
Fever	15 (15)
Diarrhea	14 (14)
Elevated lipase	13 (13)
Hyperuricemia	13 (13)
Rash	13 (13)
Hypercholesterolemia	12 (12)
Hyponatremia	11 (11)
Elevated lactate dehydrogenase	10 (10)
Elevated creatinine	10 (10)

≥Grade 3 TRAE, Preferred Term	(≥5%)
	n (%)
Neutropenia	31 (32)
Pneumonia	14 (14)
Leukopenia	10 (10)
Anemia	6 (6)
Thrombocytopenia	5 (5)
Upper respiratory tract infection	5 (5)
Lymphocytopenia	5 (5)

- TRAEs were observed in 94 pts (95.9%)
- The most frequent ≥Grade 3 TRAE were **neutropenia, pneumonia and leukopenia;**
- ***Immune-related ≥Grade 3 TRAEs as elevated ALT,AST, diarrhea, colitis, rash were observed at <5%;***
- The most frequent drug-related SAE was pneumonia (11%);
- Twenty-two pts (22.4%) had dose reductions, and 9 pts (9.2%) discontinued from the study due to AEs.

SAS = 98 patients

# Efficacy: PTCL subtypes

	AITL n=48	PTCL-NOS n=24	NK/T n=8	Other* n=8	Total n=88
<b>Best Response, n (%)</b>					
CR	23(48)	2(8)	0(0)	1(13)	26(30)
PR	8(17)	5(21)	2(25)	1(13)	16(18)
SD	8(17)	7(29)	3(38)	0(0)	18(21)
PD	6(13)	9(38)	2(25)	4(50)	21(24)
NE	3(6)	1(4)	1(13)	2(25)	7(8)
<b>ORR, n(%)</b>	31(65)	7(29)	2(25)	2(25)	42(48)
95% CI	(50, 78)	(13, 51)	(3, 65)	(3, 65)	(37, 59)
<b>DCR, n(%)</b>	39(81)	14(58)	5(63)	2(25)	60(68)
95% CI	(67, 91)	(37, 78)	(25, 92)	(3, 65)	(57, 78)

\*Other, includes ALCL, MEITL, or unclassified PTCL

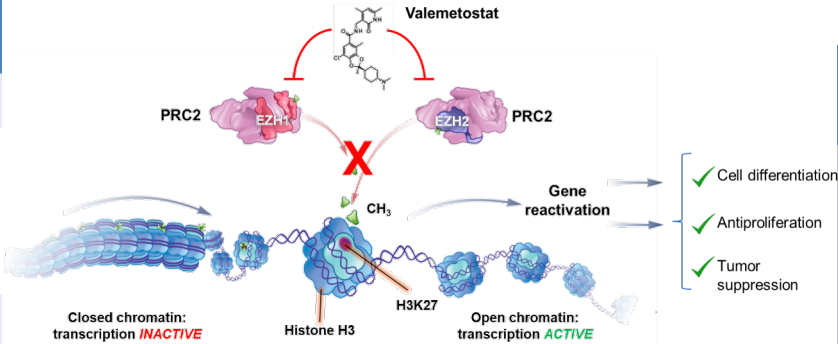


# Open label single arm Phase2 Study Design in r/r T-Cell Lymphoma

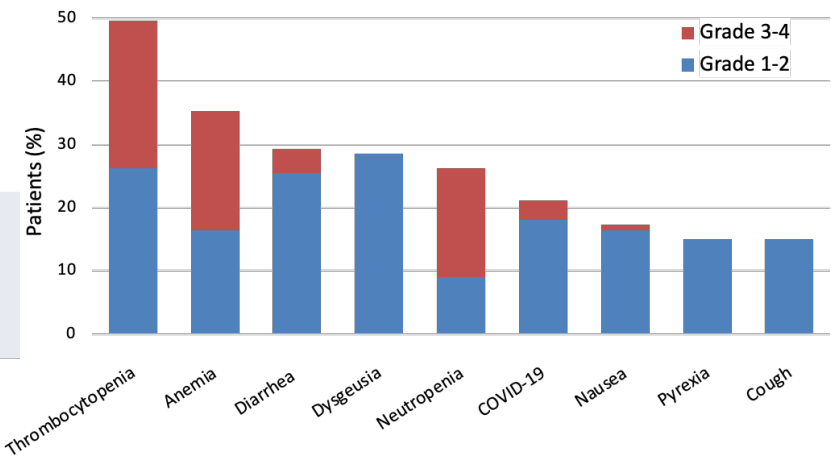
- A Phase2 study (NCT05274997) opened in August 2022
  - First trial to evaluate linterlisib-treated patients in the U.S. and E.U.
  - Stage 1, interim analysis for safety,
  - Stage 2, study completion N=36 pts
- r/r T-cell lymphomas having  $\geq 1$  prior therapy
  - All PTCL subtypes enrolling, PTCL-NOS, AITL, ALCL, NKT, EATL, MEITL and CD30+ brentuximab-progressing or intolerant.
  - There is a Central Lab confirmation of diagnosis in this study
  - CTCL patients are enrolling
- Dose schedules for 28-day cycles
  - 80 mg QD (RP2D) to progression
  - 80 mg QD for 4 cycles or until response, followed by 40 mg QD
- Primary endpoint is Overall Response Rate
- Principal Investigators: Dr. Swami Iyer (Study Chair), Dr. Pierluigi Zinzani
- Study is closed

# Baseline Demographics and Disease Characteristics

Characteristic	PTCL (N = 133)
Median age, years (range)	69.0 (22–85)
Sex, n (%)	
Male	91 (68.4)
Female	42 (31.6)
ECOG PS score, n (%)	
0	58 (43.6)
1	65 (48.9)
2	9 (6.8)
3	1 (0.8)
Median prior lines of therapy (range)	2.0 (1–12)
1	36 (27.1)
2	36 (27.1)
3	29 (21.8)
≥ 4	32 (24.1)
Prior HCT, n (%)	35 (26.3)
Autologous	32 (24.1)
Allogeneic	5 (3.8)



Valemetostat tosylate (valemetostat) is a novel, potent, and selective dual inhibitor of EZH2 and EZH1 that suppresses aberrant H3K27me3, thereby promoting antitumorigenic processes<sup>2-4</sup>



PTCL subtypes, n (%) (WHO 2016 classification; central review)	PTCL (N = 133)
TFH phenotype	
AITL	42 (31.6)
Nodal PTCL with TFH phenotype	8 (6.0)
FTL	3 (2.3)
PTCL-NOS	41 (30.8)
ALCL	
ALK <sup>+</sup>	7 (5.3)
ALK <sup>-</sup>	2 (1.5)
MEITL	1 (0.8)
CD8 <sup>+</sup> PCAECTCL	1 (0.8)
PCGTL	1 (0.8)
Other TCL <sup>a</sup>	13 (9.8)
Non-TCL or undetermined <sup>b</sup>	6 (4.5)
Missing <sup>c</sup>	8 (6.0)

Efficacy  
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# Clinical Response (BICR Assessment)

## CT-based assessment

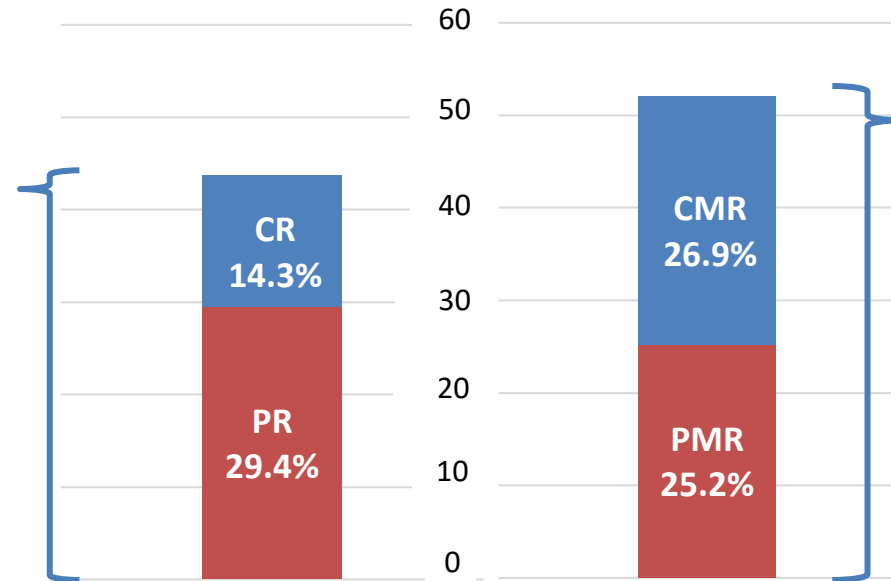
(Primary endpoint)

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 valemestostat 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 valemestostat to subsequent allo-HCT was 6.9 months

# "Do or do not. There is no try."

- Oh yes, the past can hurt. But the way I see it, you can either run from it or learn from it- Simba

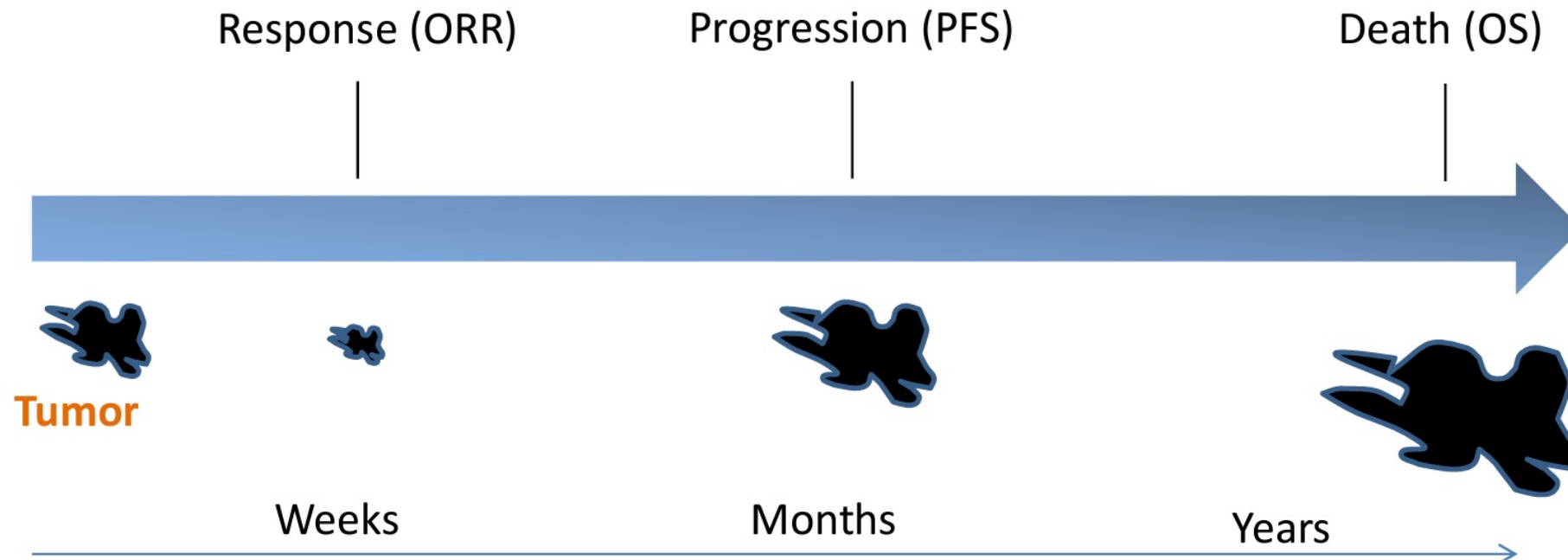




## Conduct of Clinical Trials to Verify Benefit



- Early endpoints may not correlate with longer-term outcomes

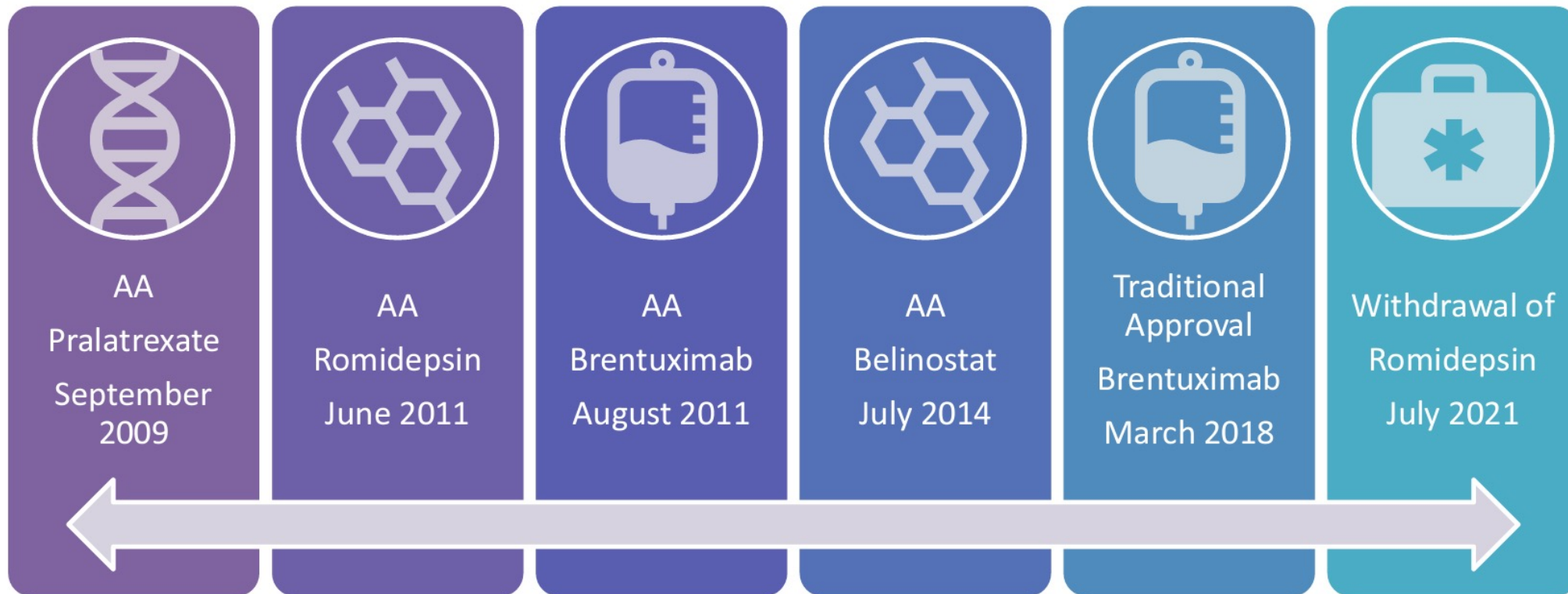


Abbreviations: ORR, objective response rate; PFS, progression-free survival; OS, overall survival

# FDA: Commitments for PMR to show clinical benefit (or OS)



## Approvals in PTCL



# Is PFS the best endpoint for PTCL?

## Reasons Why PFS Is an Inappropriate Primary End Point in Most Trials Evaluating Anticancer Drugs

Improvement in PFS is **seldom a surrogate** for, nor reliably predictive of, improvement in OS

Improvement in PFS is not a surrogate for, **nor predictive of, improvement in QoL**

PFS does **not recognize** that the **balance between benefit and harm** depends not only on changes in tumor size but also on toxicity

PFS measurement and comparisons are **subject to error and bias** because of

- Timing of assessment**
- Measurement error in assessing tumor progression**
- Informative censoring because of uneven dropout between groups in an RCT**

Improvement in PFS is **widely misunderstood by patients** and the public to **imply** improvement in **survival**

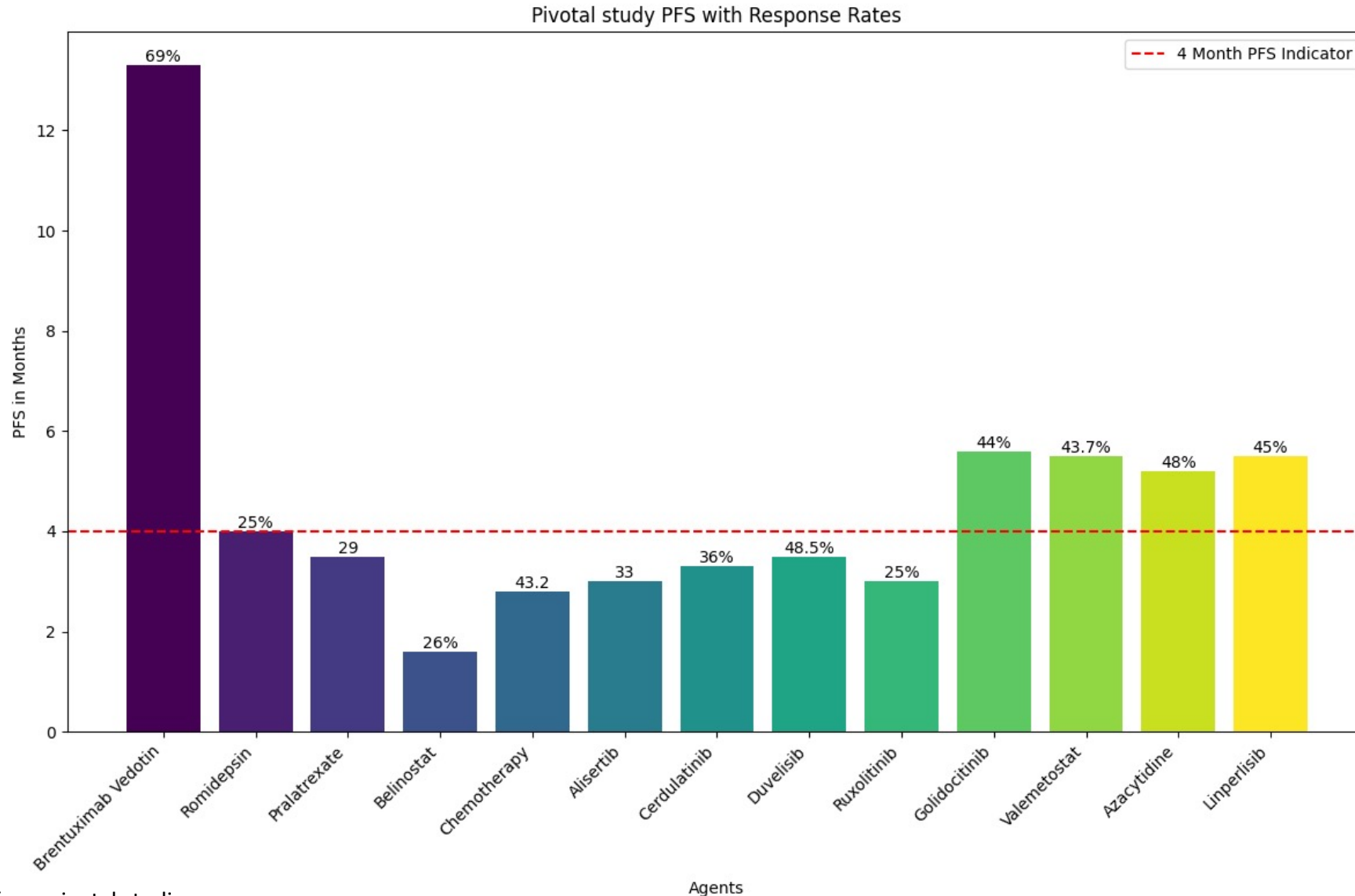
Endpoint	Definition	Events Included	Clinical Implications
<b>PFS (Progression-Free Survival)</b>	Time from start of treatment to disease progression or death from any cause.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Disease progression</li><li>- Death from any cause</li></ul>	Measures the effectiveness of a treatment in delaying disease progression. Does not account for subsequent treatments.
<b>EFS (Event-Free Survival)</b>	Time from start of treatment to the occurrence of any predefined event.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Disease progression</li><li>- Initiation of new treatment</li><li>- Death from any cause</li></ul>	Provides a comprehensive view of treatment failure, including disease progression, new treatment initiation, and death.
<b>FFS (Failure-Free Survival)</b>	Time from start of treatment to treatment failure due to disease progression or relapse.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Disease progression</li><li>- Relapse</li><li>- Death related to the disease (in some definitions)</li></ul>	Focuses on the duration of disease control without progression or relapse, excluding deaths not directly related to the disease.

# PFS in Pivotal studies

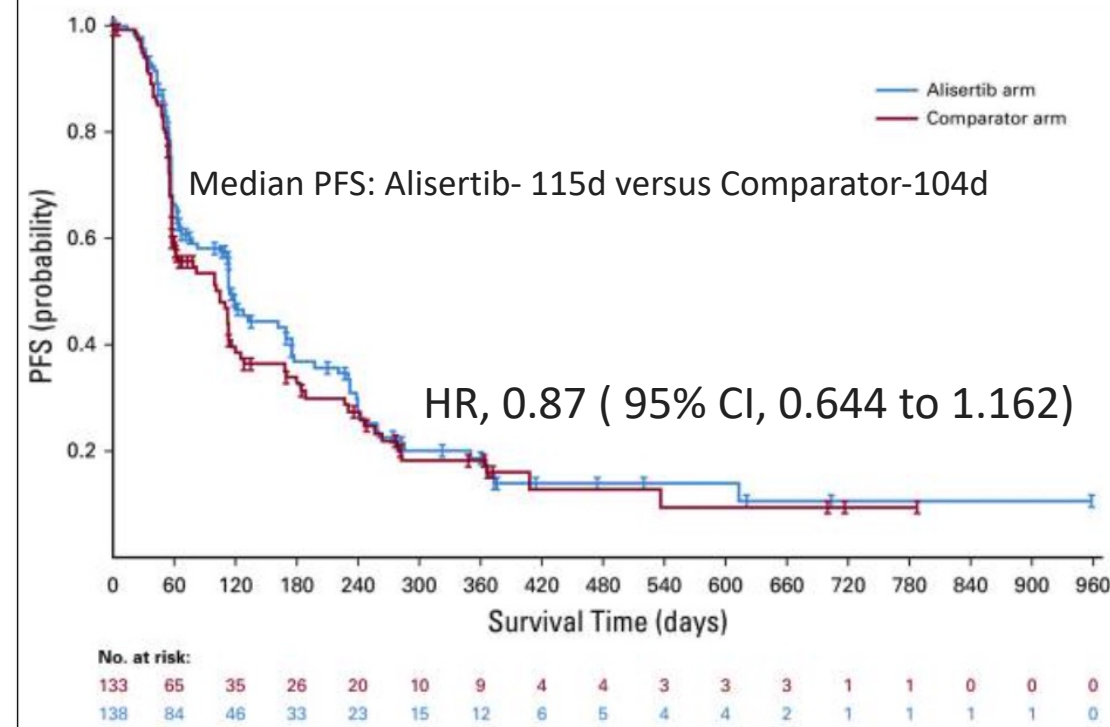
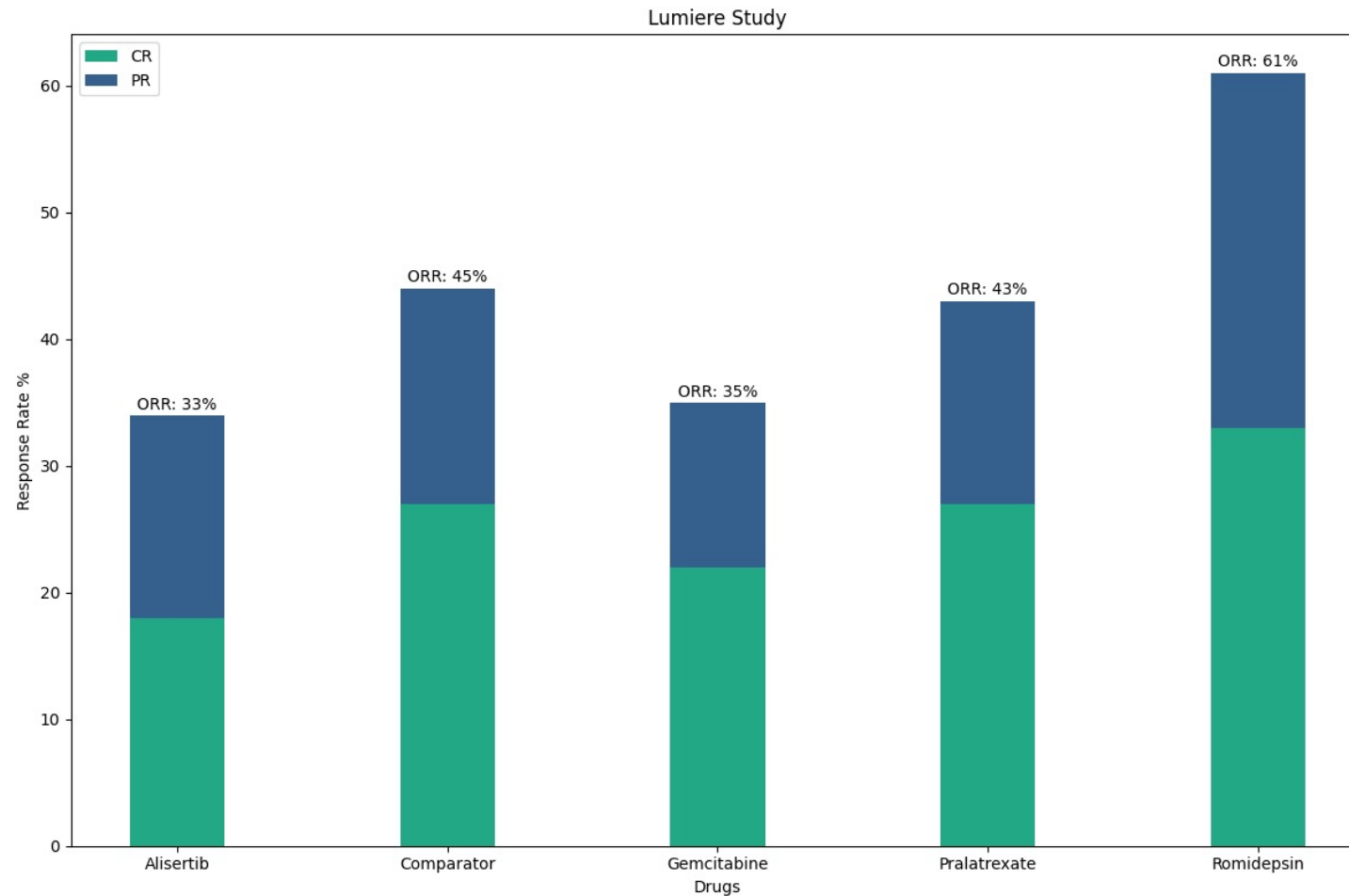
Regimen	Type of Study	No. Patients	Median PFS	PFS by Subtype
Nordic CHOEP-ASCT	Retrospective	160	5-year PFS: 44%	PTCL-NOS: 38%; AITL: 49%; ALCL: 61%
Ro-CHOP	Prospective	211	Median PFS: 12.0 months	TFH: 19.5 months, Non-TFH: 8.7 months, Median OS for TFH: 65 months, PTCL-NOS: 25.8 months
CHOP		210	Median PFS: 10.2 months	TFH: 10.6 months, Non-TFH: 9 months
ECHELON-2 BV CHP	Prospective	226	Median PFS: 62.3 months; 5-year PFS: 51%	sALCL: Not Reported (NR), PTCL-NOS: 32.3 months, AITL: 21.7 months, 5-year PFS - sALCL: 60%, PTCL-NOS: 26.5%; AITL: 26.6%;
CHOP		226	Median PFS: 23.8 months; 5-year PFS: 43%	sALCL: 54.2 months, PTCL-NOS: 10.7 months, AITL: 47.6 months, 5-year PFS -sALCL: 48.4%, PTCL-NOS: 25.7%; AITL: 48.1%;



# Beware of PFS threshold in r/r PTCL

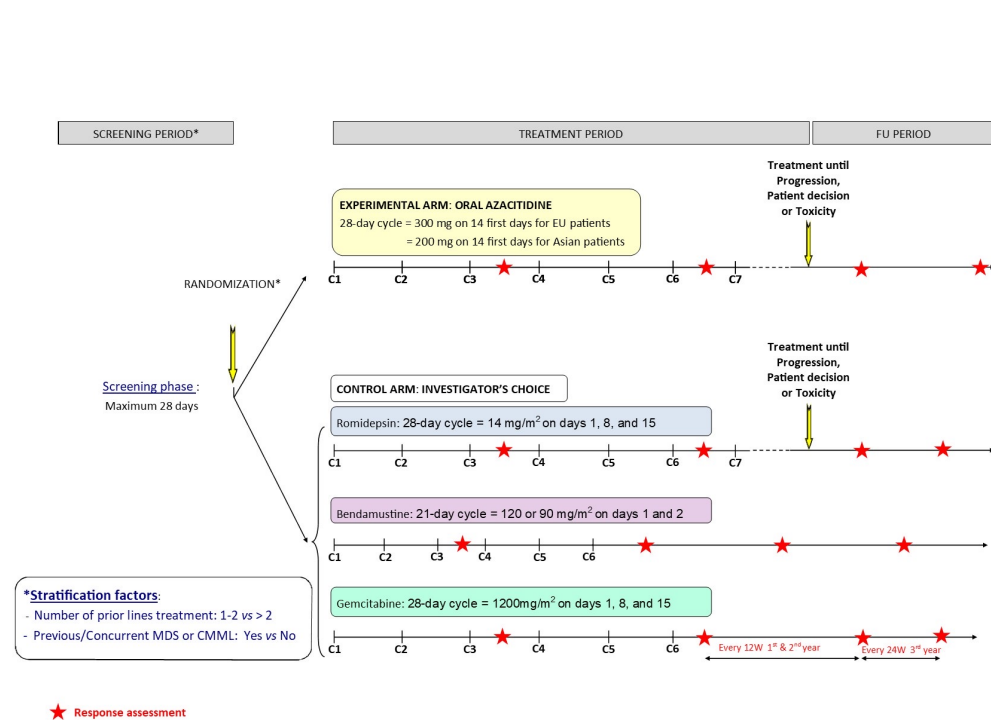


# LUMIERE STUDY: PFS was 1/3 of proposed time



261 PFS events, to detect a difference in median PFS of 6 months in the comparator arm and 9 months in the alisertib arm (85% power;  $\alpha = .0125$ )

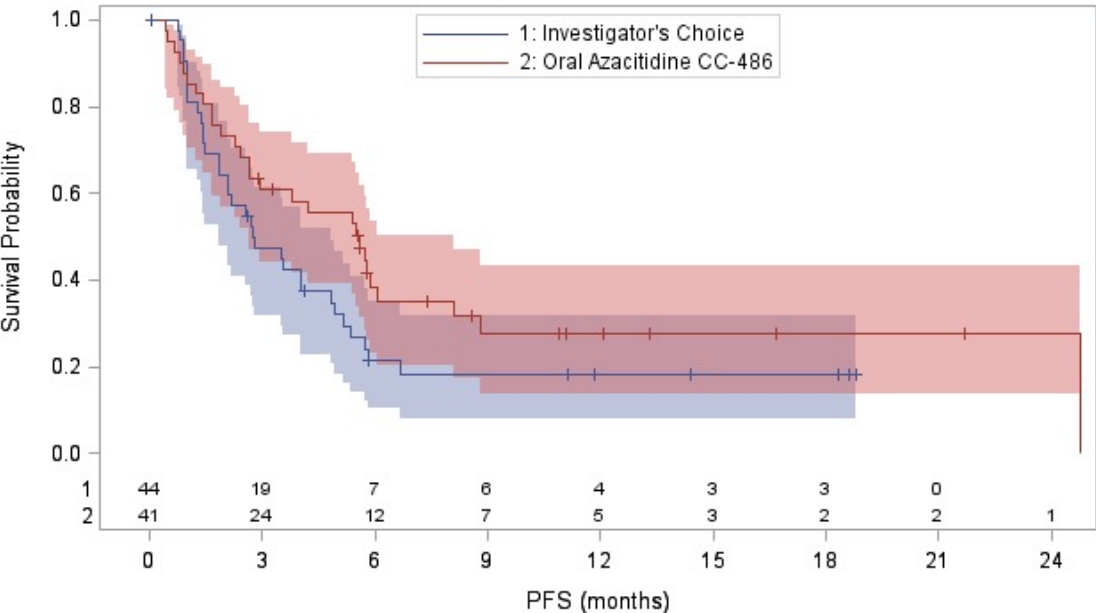
# ORACLE: Phase III study baseline characteristics



	Azacitidine CC486	Investigator treatment choice	romidepsin	Bendamustine	gemcitabine
<b>N</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>median age (IQR)</b>	<b>70.5 (65-77)</b>	<b>68 (58.5-73.5)</b>	<b>68.5 (62.5-71.5)</b>	<b>63.5 (53-68)</b>	<b>72 (64-78)</b>
<b>Sex male</b>	<b>22 (52%)</b>	<b>28 (64%)</b>	<b>3 (75%)</b>	<b>10 (62.5%)</b>	<b>15 (62.5%)</b>
<b>ECOG 2-3</b>	<b>11 (26%)</b>	<b>9 (20%)</b>	<b>0 (0%)</b>	<b>4 (25%)</b>	<b>5 (20%)</b>
<b>Bone marrow involvement</b>	<b>12/37 (32%)</b>	<b>17/40 (42,5%)</b>	<b>1/4 (25%)</b>	<b>8/16 (50%)</b>	<b>8/20 (40%)</b>
<b>Associated MDS/CMML</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1 (2%)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1 (4%)</b>
<b>IPI 4-5</b>	<b>13/42 (31%)</b>	<b>14/42 (33%)</b>	<b>0/4</b>	<b>5/15 (33%)</b>	<b>9/23 (39%)</b>
<b>Previous line number</b>					
<b>1-2 vs ≥3</b>	<b>34 (81%) vs 8 (19%)</b>	<b>37 (84%) vs 7(16%)</b>	<b>4 (100%) vs 0 (0%)</b>	<b>14 (88%) vs 2 (12%)</b>	<b>19 (79%) vs 5 (21%)</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>24 (57%)</b>	<b>14 (32%)</b>	<b>4 (100%)</b>	<b>3 (19%)</b>	<b>7 (29%)</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>10 (24%)</b>	<b>23 (52%)</b>	<b>0 (0%)</b>	<b>11 (69%)</b>	<b>12 (50%)</b>
<b>refractory patients</b>	<b>20 (48%)</b>	<b>28 (64%)</b>	<b>1 (25%)</b>	<b>13 (80%)</b>	<b>14 (58%)</b>

# PFS –primary endpoint and OS

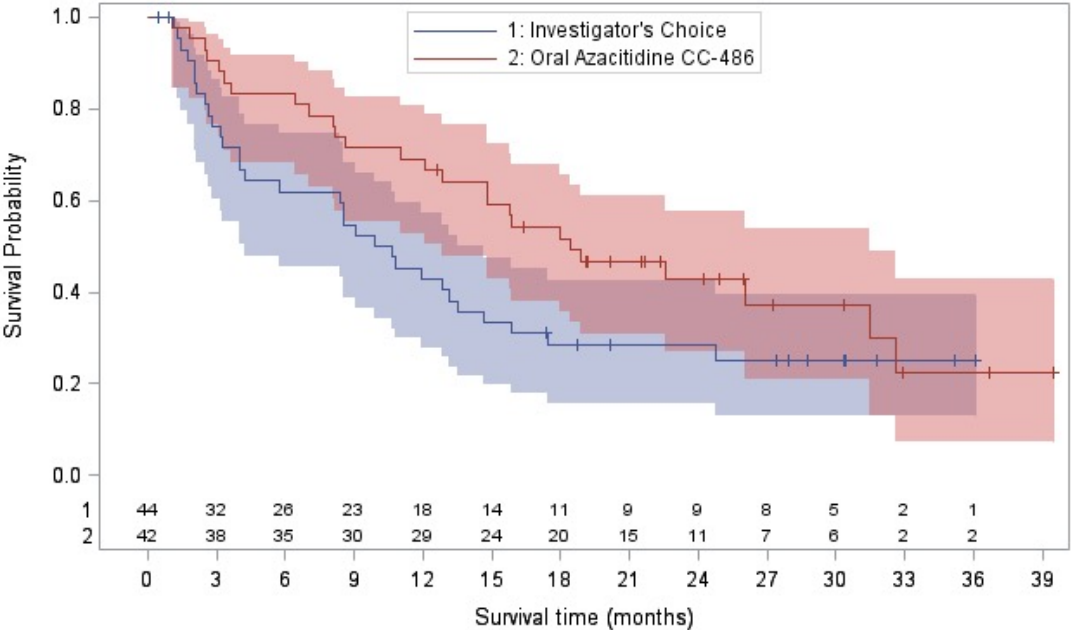
**PFS\* from randomization - FDA C2 censoring – ITT Set**  
With Number of Subjects at Risk and 95% Confidence Limits



\* Progression assessment based on local assessment using the Lugano classification

	CC-486	Investigator's choice
median	5.6 months	2.8 months
95% CI	2.7 - 8.1 months	1.9 - 4.8 months
	<b>P=0.0421</b>	>p=0.025

**Overall Survival from randomization - ITT Set**  
With Number of Subjects at Risk and 95% Confidence Limits

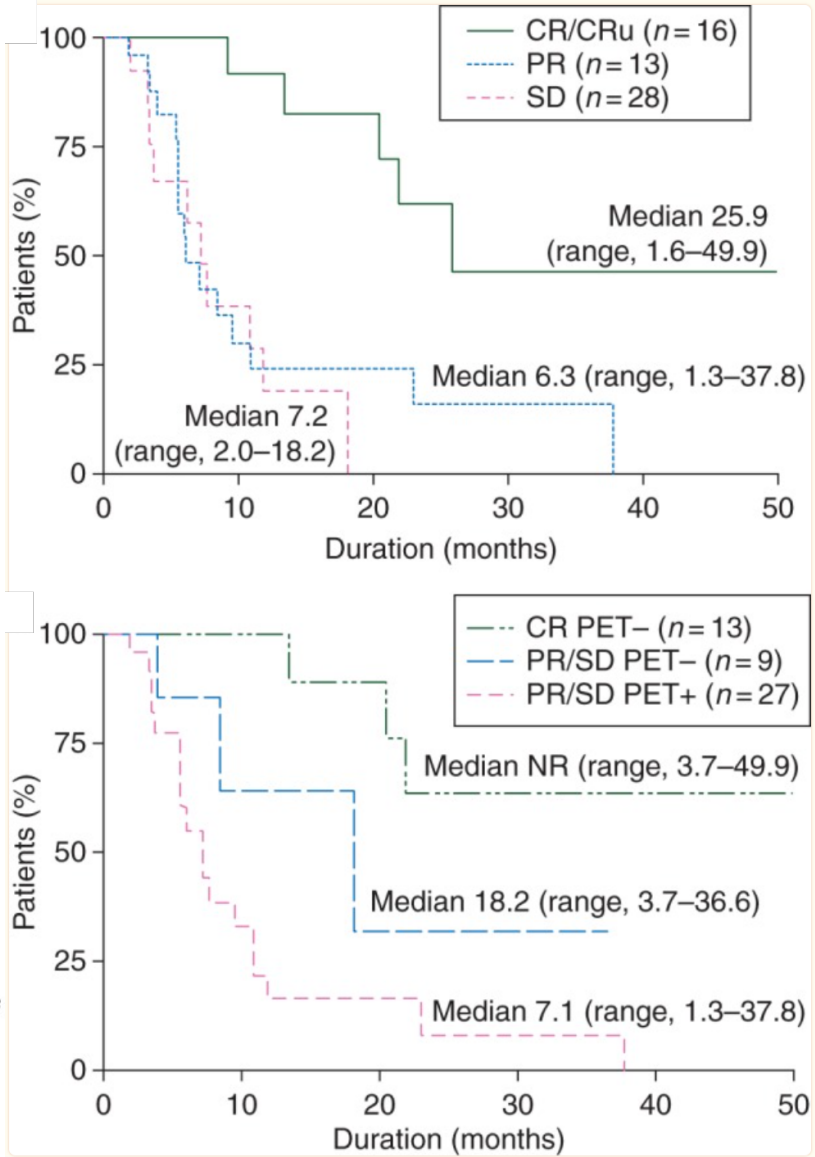
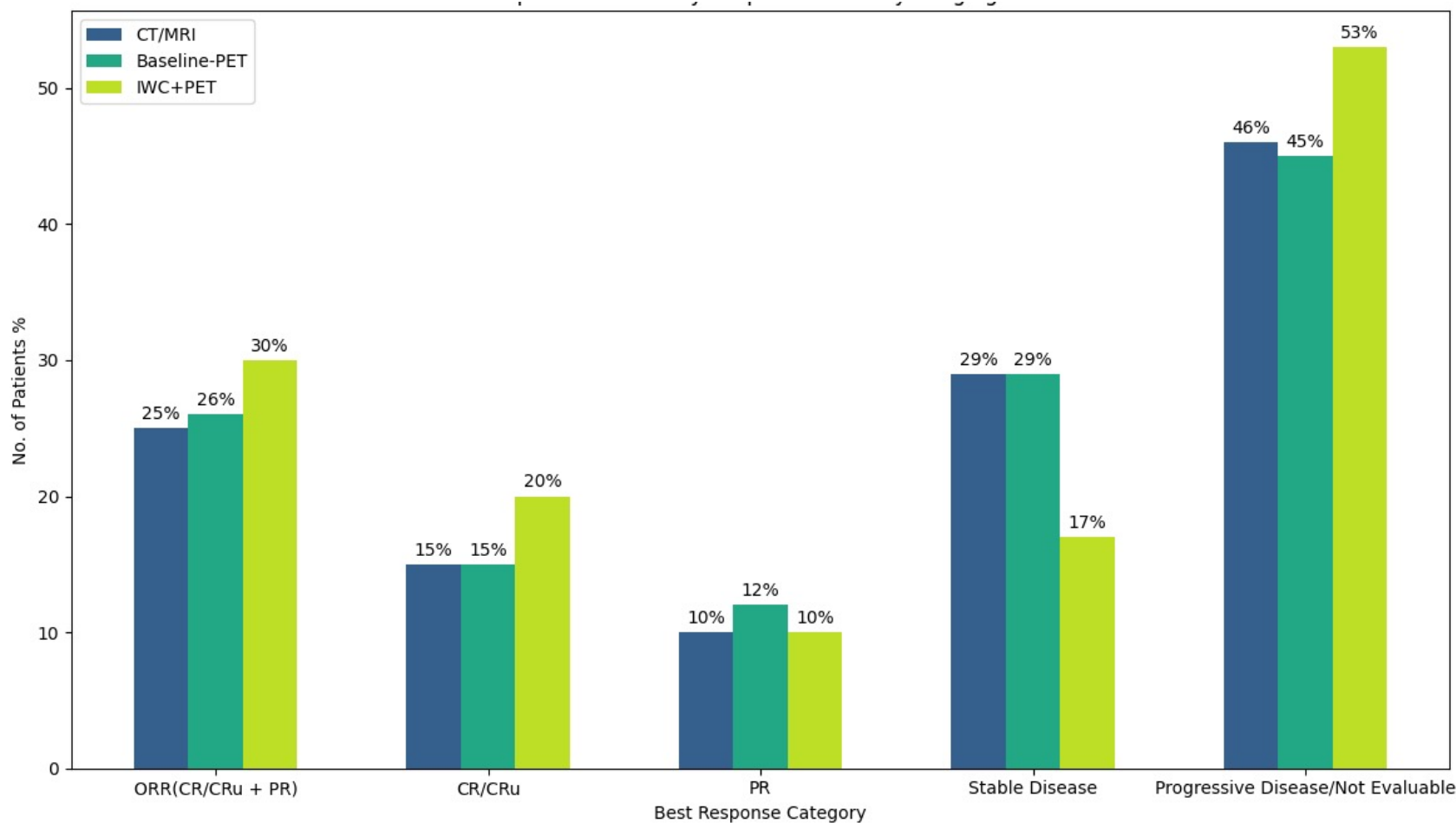


	CC-486	Investigator's choice
median	18.4 months	10.3 months
95% CI	12.9 – 31.5 months	4.2 – 13.5 months
	<b>P=0.0166*</b>	

\* Descriptive p value

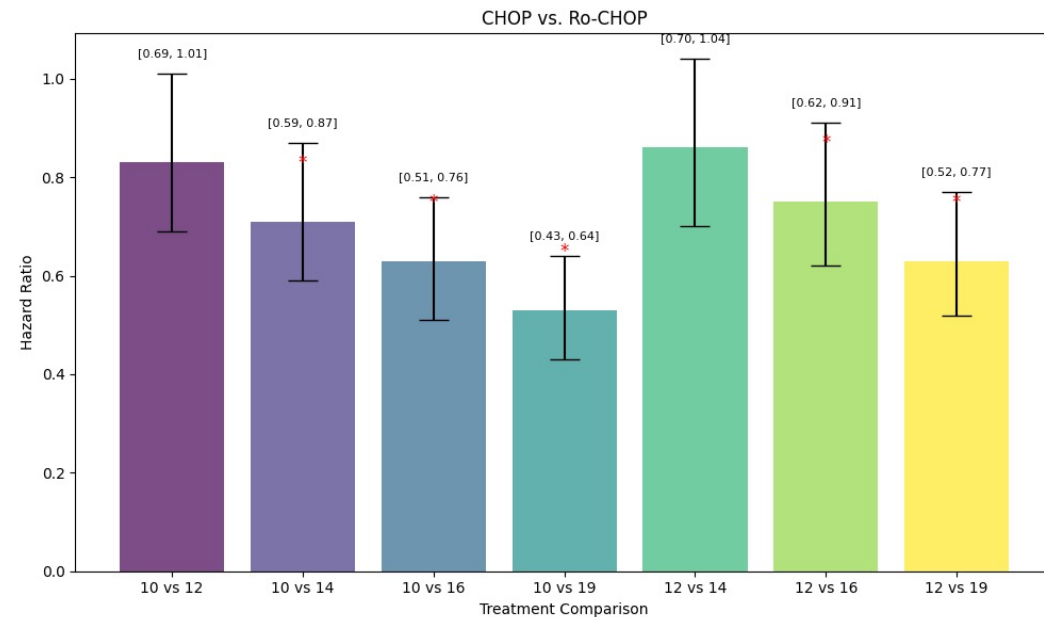


# Romidepsin pivotal study response rate by PET Status



# PFS goals for PTCL can vary: but be realistic!

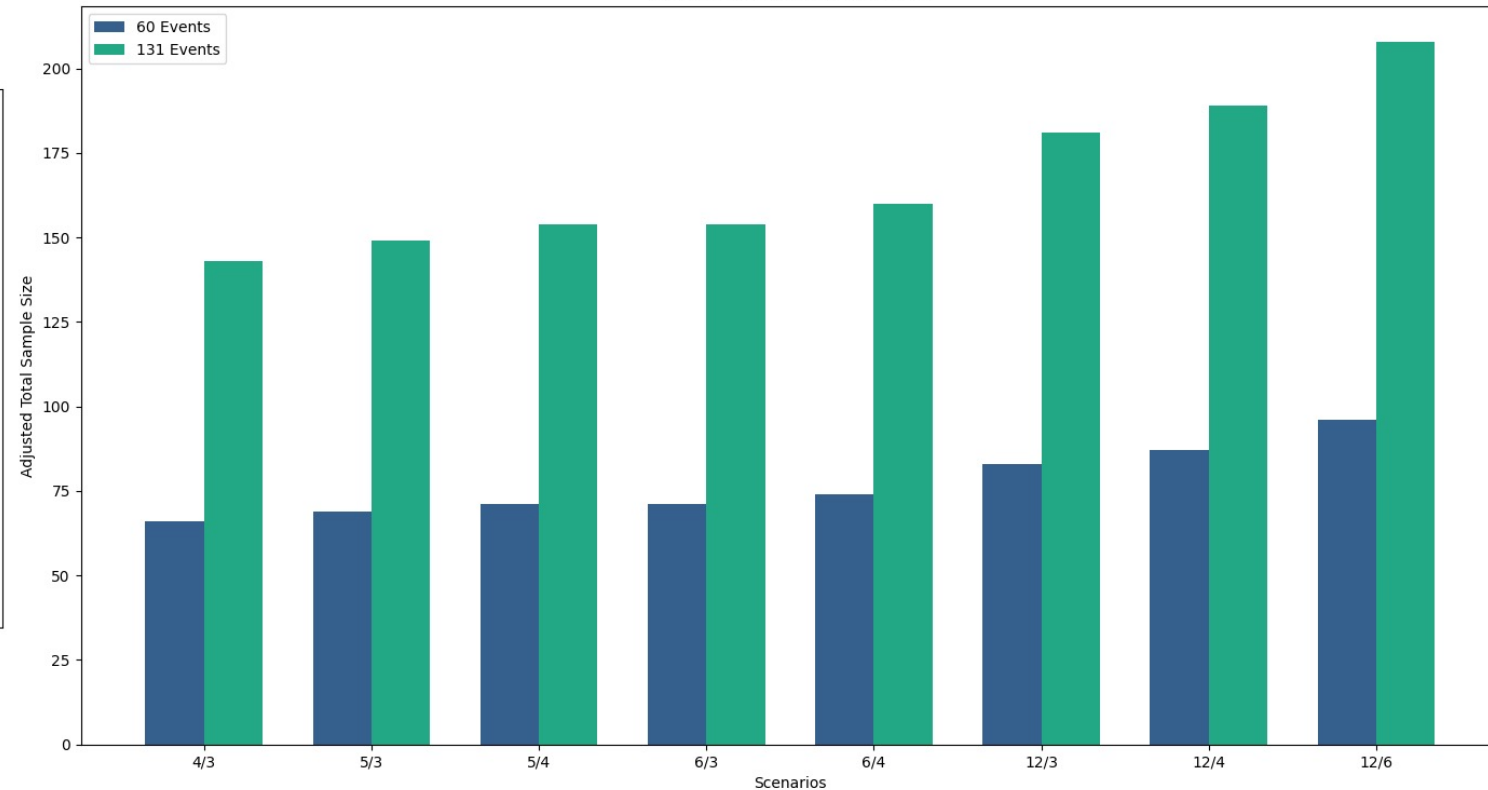
## Frontline studies HR



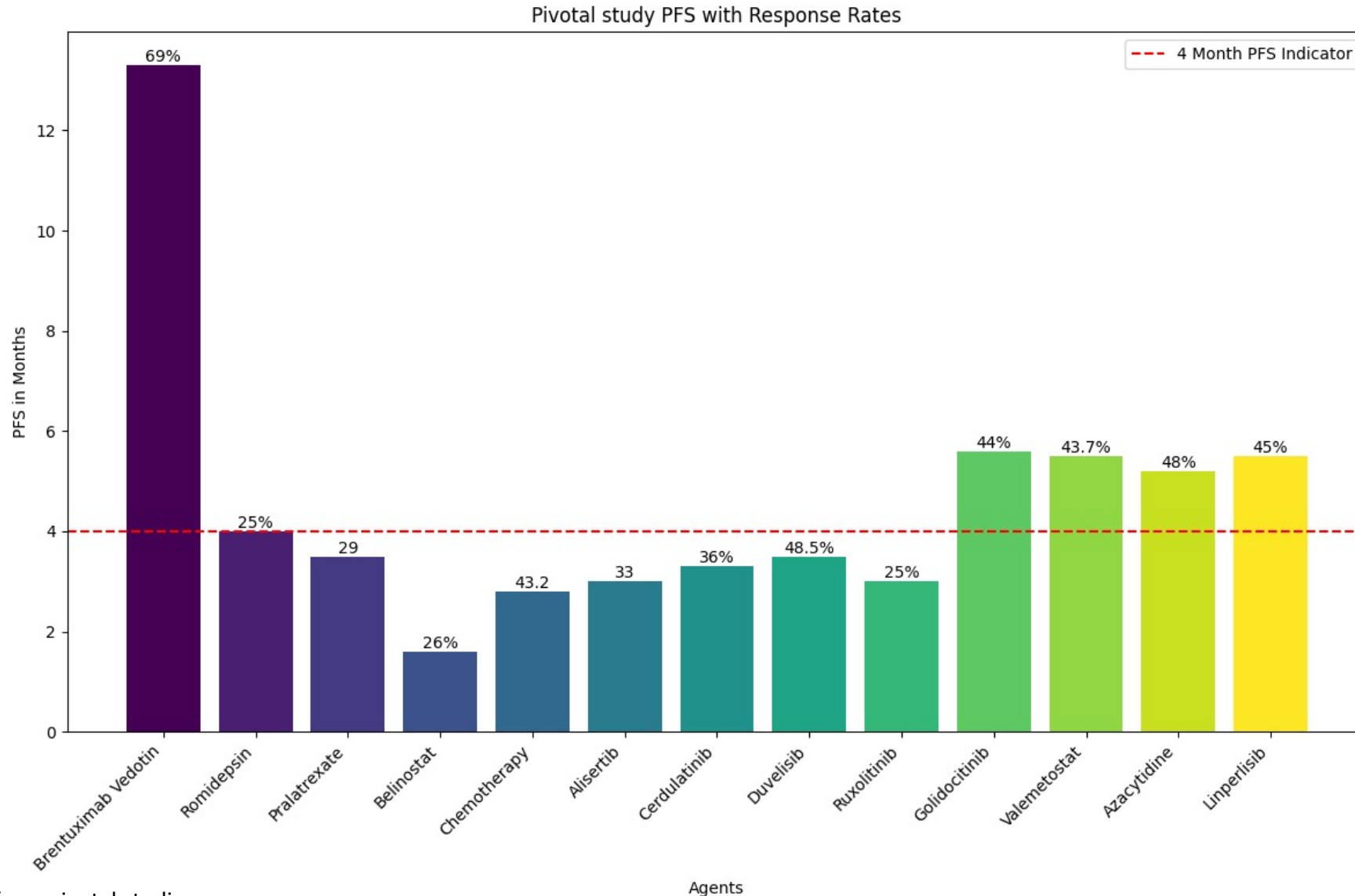
40% improvement in median PFS (from 12 months in control to 16.8 months in testing arms)

## R/r studies HR

Adjusted Sample Sizes for PFS Scenarios  
HR: 0.6, 95% CI: (0.428, 0.840)



# Beware of PFS threshold in r/r PTCL



# Conclusions

- Impact size of treatment: higher response rate (RR) generally has higher impact- intensification is reasonable
- In newly diagnosed T-cell lymphoma (TCL), progression-free survival (PFS) is around 10 months even with 80% RR
  - ✓ Adding compound X takes into account additional benefit but is diminished by compounded toxicity
  - ✓ Benefit can vary more for one group than another
  - ✓ Tilting the efficacy/risk ratio by enriching responsive groups
  - ✓ E2 and Ro-CHOP studies have shown this is possible
- Current paradigm of single agent approval followed by combination approaches
- For rare disease and promising drug- potential benefit is assumed to exist until proven otherwise
  - Preclinical and early phase studies are promising
  - However, aim for realistic PFS in front line and relapsed/refractory settings
  - Humbling lessons point to an incremental approach that can get drugs approved (eg in Lung Cancer)
  - Targeting disease subtypes
  - Naysayers and data pundits who don't treat patients
  - They analyze data and perform a watchdog function
  - We should be given the benefit of the doubt to get drugs approved
- ODAC meeting was reality check on FDA views
  - An exceptional case was made for PTCL approval
  - This is unlikely to happen again in PTCL or other diseases



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