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# La terapia dei Linfomi DLBCL può cambiare nei diversi sottotipi della nuova WHO?

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Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma (DLBCL), NOS

Germinal center B-cell type\*

Activated B-cell type\*

T-cell/histiocyte-rich large B-cell lymphoma

Primary DLBCL of the central nervous system (CNS)

Primary cutaneous DLBCL, leg type

EBV<sup>+</sup> DLBCL, NOS\*

*EBV<sup>+</sup> mucocutaneous ulcer\**

DLBCL associated with chronic inflammation

Lymphomatoid granulomatosis

Primary mediastinal (thymic) large B-cell lymphoma

Intravascular large B-cell lymphoma

ALK<sup>+</sup> large B-cell lymphoma

Plasmablastic lymphoma

Primary effusion lymphoma

*HHV8<sup>+</sup> DLBCL, NOS\**

Burkitt lymphoma

*Burkitt-like lymphoma with 11q aberration\**

High-grade B-cell lymphoma, with *MYC* and *BCL2* and/or *BCL6* rearrangements\*

High-grade B-cell lymphoma, NOS\*

B-cell lymphoma, unclassifiable, with features intermediate between DLBCL and classical Hodgkin lymphoma

# THE UPDATED WHO CLASSIFICATION OF HEMATOLOGICAL MALIGNANCIES

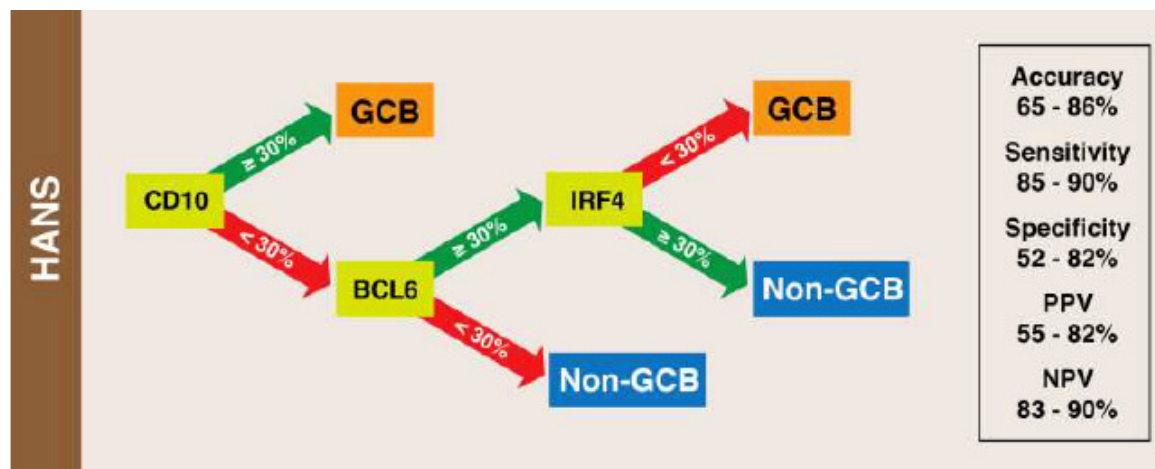
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**Table 2. Highlights of changes in 2016 WHO classification of lymphoid, histiocytic, and dendritic neoplasms**

Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma, NOS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Distinction of GCB vs ABC/non-GC type required with use of immunohistochemical algorithm acceptable, may affect therapy.</li> <li>• Coexpression of MYC and BCL2 considered new prognostic marker (double-expressor lymphoma).</li> <li>• Mutational landscape better understood but clinical impact remains to be determined.</li> </ul>
EBV <sup>+</sup> DLBCL, NOS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This term replaces EBV<sup>+</sup> DLBCL of the elderly because it may occur in younger patients.</li> <li>• Does not include EBV<sup>+</sup> B-cell lymphomas that can be given a more specific diagnosis.</li> </ul>
EBV <sup>+</sup> mucocutaneous ulcer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newly recognized entity associated with iatrogenic immunosuppression or age-related immunosenescence.</li> </ul>
Burkitt lymphoma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>TCF3</i> or <i>ID3</i> mutations in up to ~70% of cases.</li> </ul>
Burkitt-like lymphoma with 11q aberration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New provisional entity that closely resembles Burkitt lymphoma but lacks <i>MYC</i> rearrangement and has some other distinctive features.</li> </ul>
High-grade B-cell lymphoma, with <i>MYC</i> and <i>BCL2</i> and/or <i>BCL6</i> translocations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New category for all “double-/triple-hit” lymphomas other than FL or lymphoblastic lymphomas.</li> </ul>
High-grade B-cell lymphoma, NOS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Together with the new category for the “double-/triple-hit” lymphomas, replaces the 2008 category of B-cell lymphoma, unclassifiable, with features intermediate between DLBCL and Burkitt lymphoma (BCLU).</li> <li>• Includes blastoid-appearing large B-cell lymphomas and cases lacking <i>MYC</i> and <i>BCL2</i> or <i>BCL6</i> translocations that would formerly have been called BCLU.</li> </ul>

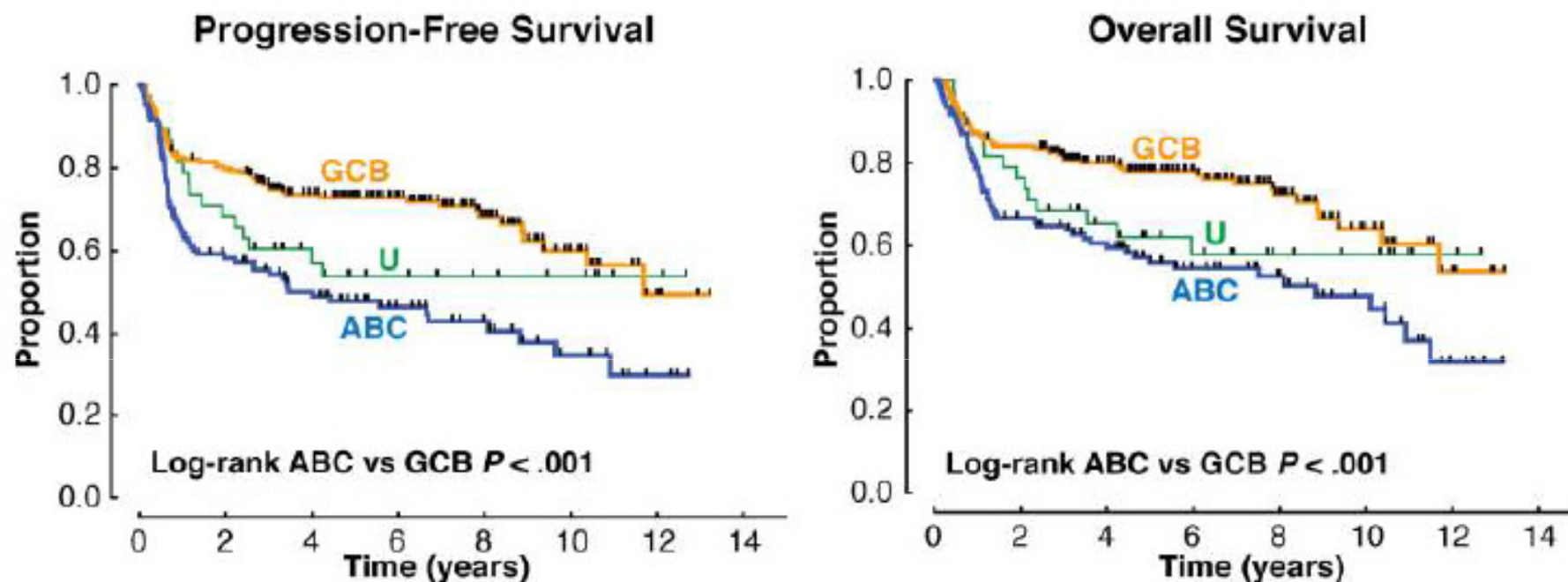
# DLBCL: GCB vs ABC/non-GCB: IHC



- ✓ Do not capture the concept of unclassified;
- ✓ impact of inter-laboratory variability

	GCB	Non-GCB/ABC
<b>HANS</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>62%</b>
<b>CHOI</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>55%</b>
<b>VISCO-YOUNG</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>63%</b>
<b>TALLY</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>78%</b>

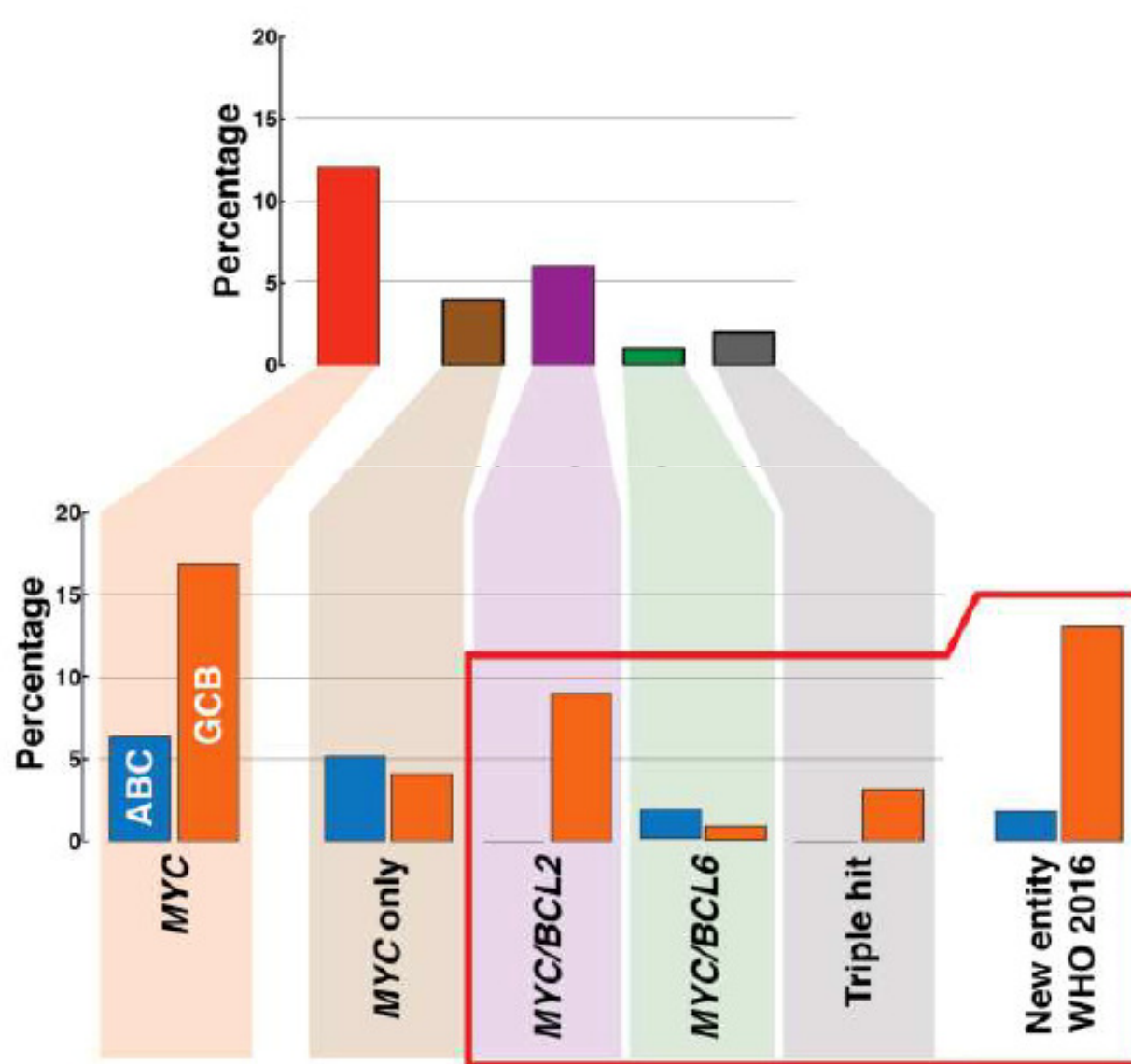
# DLBCL: GCB vs ABC/non-GCB: Nanostring



Lymph2Cx applied to biopsies from 339 patients with *de novo* DLBCL (BCCA)  
Uniformly treated with R-CHOP

1% assay failure rate

# Recurrent translocations in DLBCL: the new WHO 2016 entities

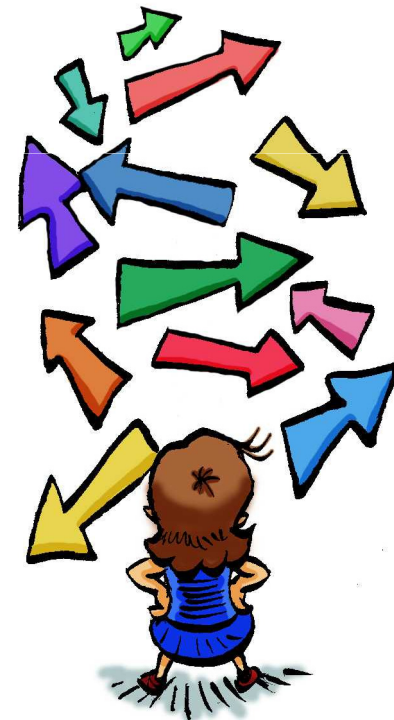


Courtesy of David Scott

# DLBCL: the new WHO 2016 entities

**How I treat?**

- ✓ **GCB vs ABC/non-GCB**
- ✓ **High grade B-cell lymphoma**





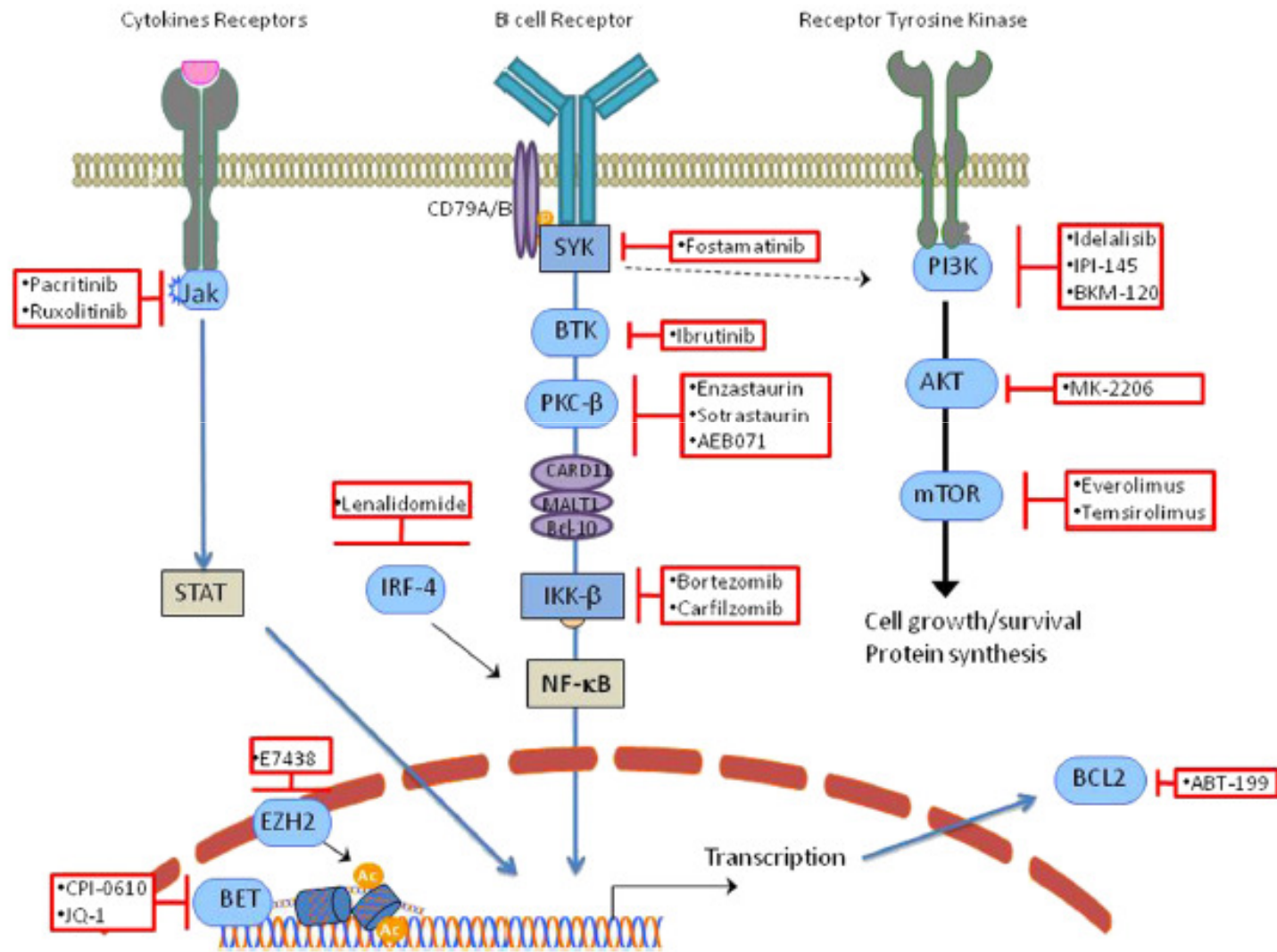
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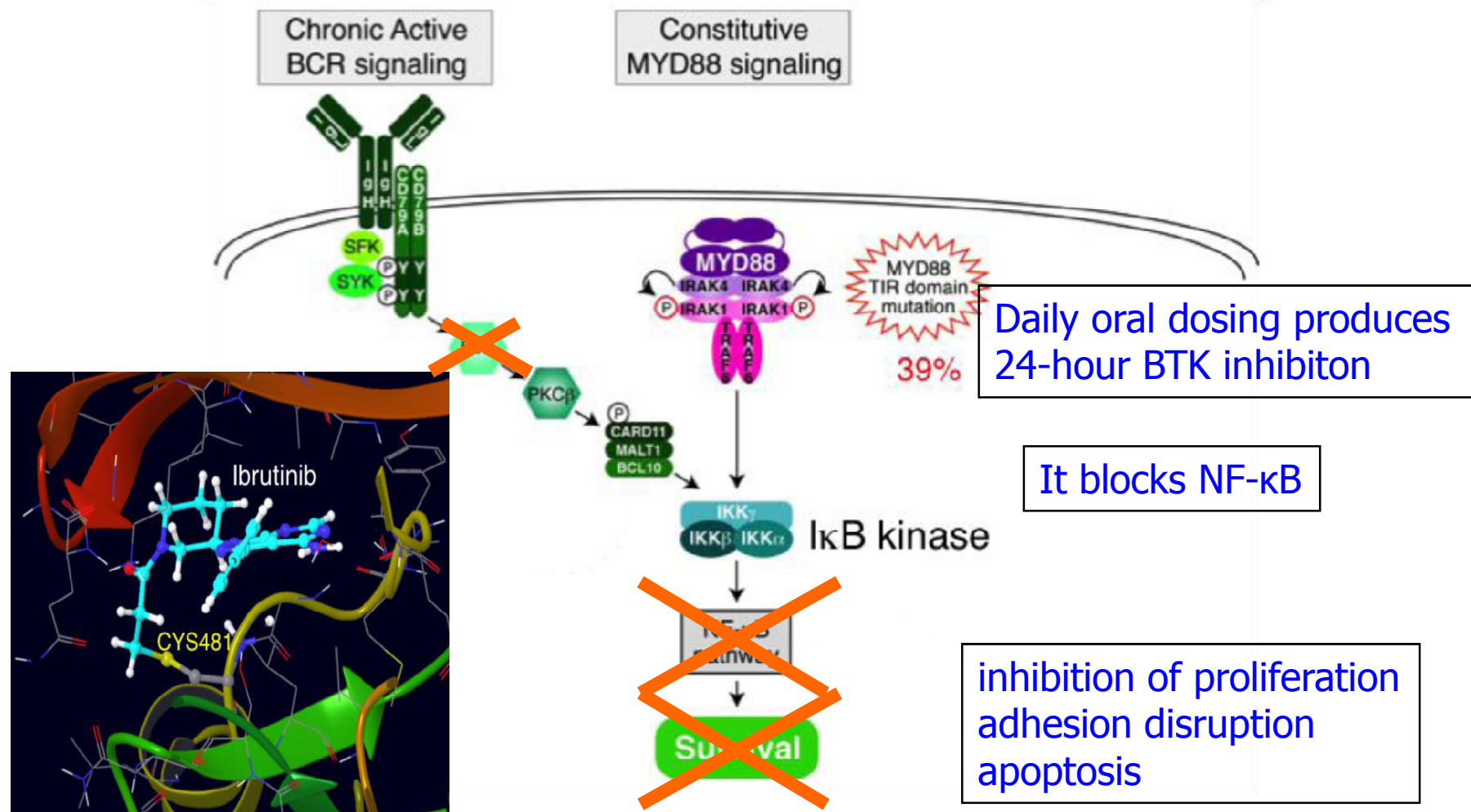
- ✓ **GCB vs ABC/non-GCB**
- ✓ High grade B-cell lymphoma



# Pathways Targeted By Treatments in ABC and GCB DLBCL



# Targeting B-Cell Receptor Signaling Through Inhibition of Bruton Tyrosine Kinase (BTK)

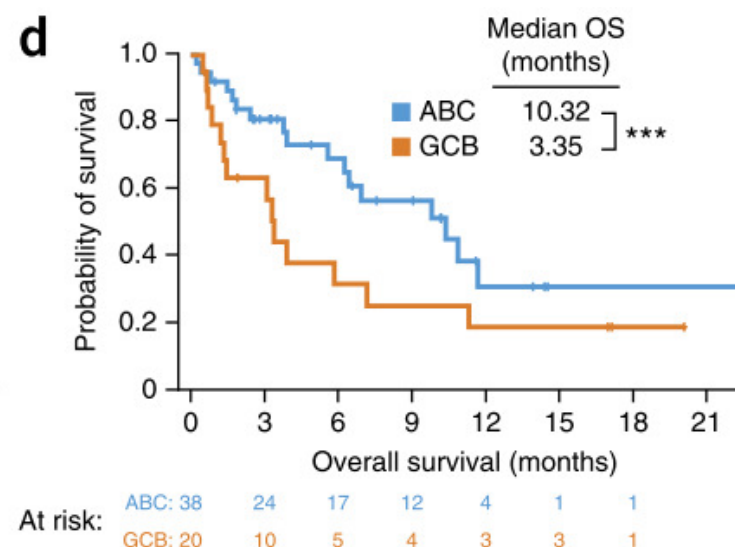
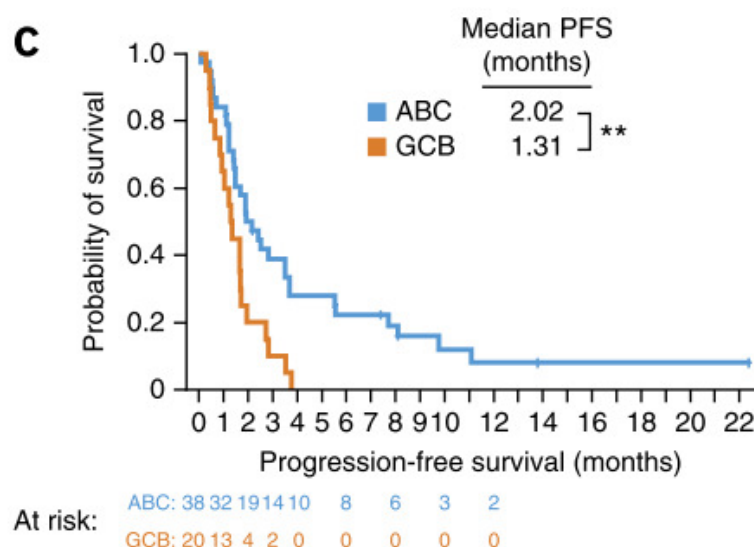
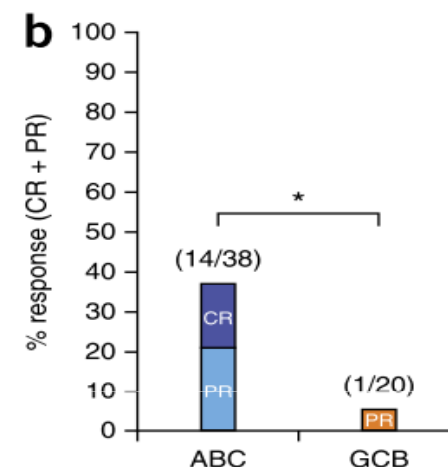


# Ibrutinib in DLBCL, by COO subgroups

The Bruton's Tyrosine Kinase (BTK) inhibitor, ibrutinib (PCI-32765) has a preferential activity in ABC DLBCL: phase II interim results

**Table 1** Baseline characteristics by DLBCL subtype

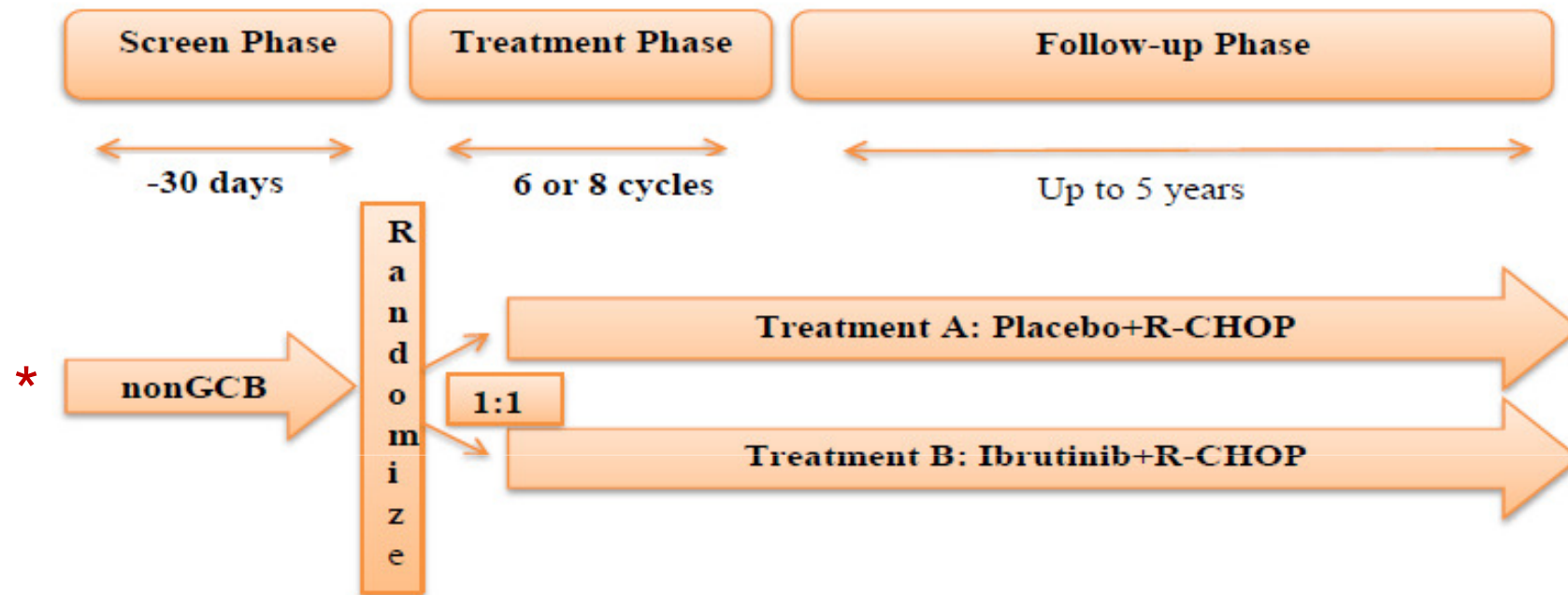
Characteristics	ABC (N = 38)	GCB (N = 20)	Unclassified (N = 17)	Unknown (N = 5)
Median age, years (range)	60 (34–89)	65 (28–92)	63 (44–85)	65 (58–78)
Sex (male)	66%	70%	82%	60%
ECOG performance score $\geq 2$	5%	20%	24%	40%
RIP1 (poor)	63%	59%	50%	60%
Median time from diagnosis, months (range)	19 (4–118)	17 (11–104)	21 (7–332)	19 (9–57)
Median number of prior regimens (range)	3 (1–7)	3.5 (1–7)	3 (1–4)	3 (1–3)
Prior ASCT	13%	30%	24%	40%
Chemotherapy-refractory disease	66%	65%	59%	50%



PR, partial response; SPD, sum of the products of the greatest perpendicular diameter.

Wilson WH, et al. Nat Med. 2015;21:922-6.

# R-CHOP + iBtk for untreated DLBCL, non GCB



## Population:

Subjects with DLBCL who in non-GCB sub-population determined by central IHC

## Stratification factors:

- R-IPI score low risk (1) vs. intermediate risk (2-3) vs. high risk (4-5)
- Region (United States/Western Europe vs. Rest of World)
- Number of treatment cycles (6 vs. 8 cycles)

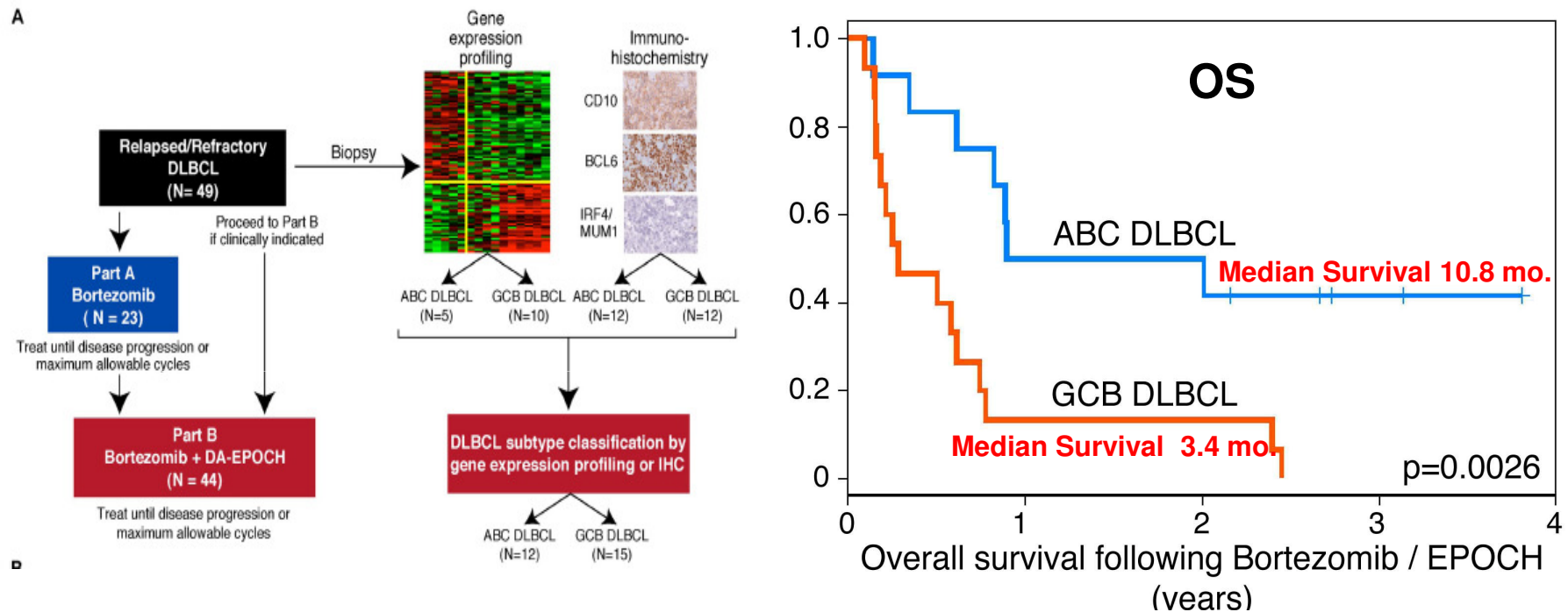


**\*IHC based on Hans' algorithm.**





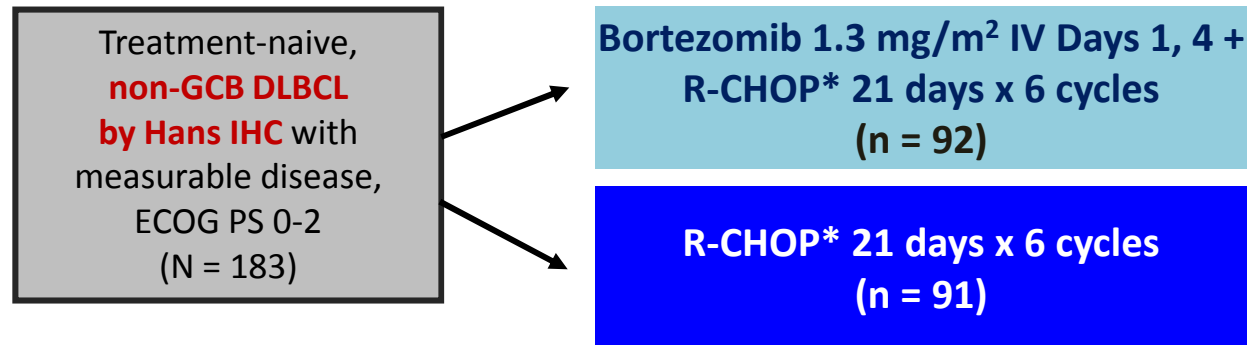
# Efficacy of bortezomib combinations in different subtypes of DLBCL



Subtype	Total	Complete response	Partial response	No response	p-value
ABC DLBCL	12	5 (41.7%)	5 (41.7%)	2 (17%)	0.0004
GCB DLBCL	15	1 (6.5%)	1 (6.5%)	13 (87%)	

# PYRAMID: Study Design, non-GCB DLBCL

Prospective randomized, open-label phase II study

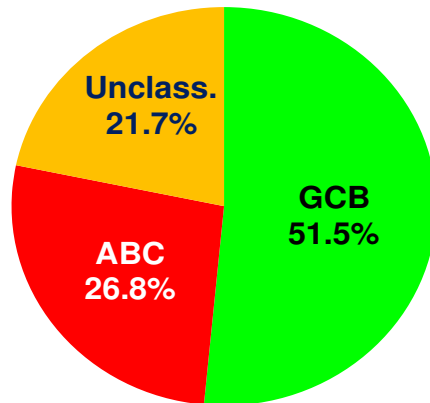
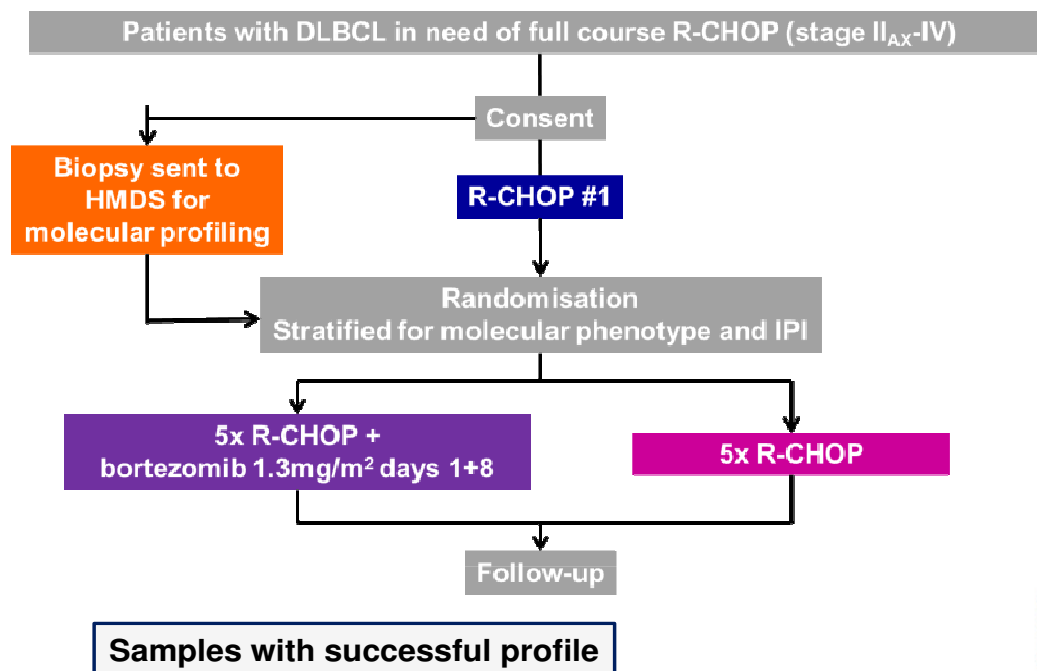


Outcome, %	VR-CHOP (n = 92)	R-CHOP (n = 91)	HR (95% CI)	P Value
CR	56	49		
<b>2-yr PFS rate</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>0.73 (0.43-1.24)</b>	<b>.611</b>
2-yr OS rate	93	88	0.75 (0.38-1.45)	.763

## Limits:

- a probable patient selection in the PYRAMID trial → R-CHOP alone better outcomes than expected
- IHC based on Hans algorithm

# REMoDL trial

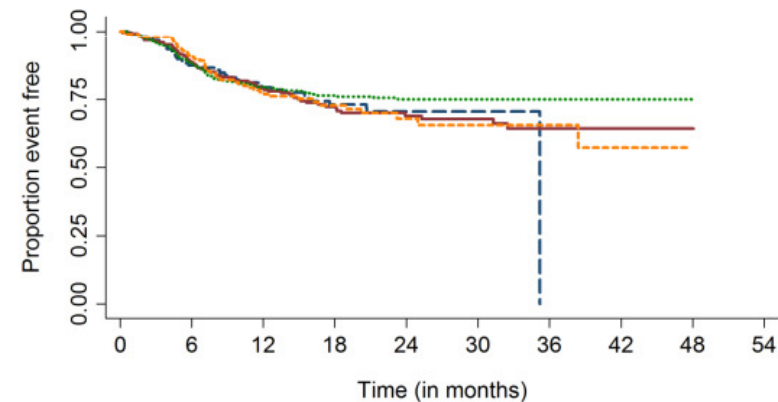


1132 patients registered.  
1085 patients eligible and randomised.

Median turn around = 10 days

Treatment-naïve,  
**ABC DLBCL**  
**by DASL assay**

**REMoDL-B**



Number at risk									
Fail	156	104	85	60	52	4	0	0	0
ABC	244	194	145	94	64	40	15	4	1
GCB	475	366	266	176	131	67	34	15	1
Unc	198	149	101	55	30	15	9	4	0

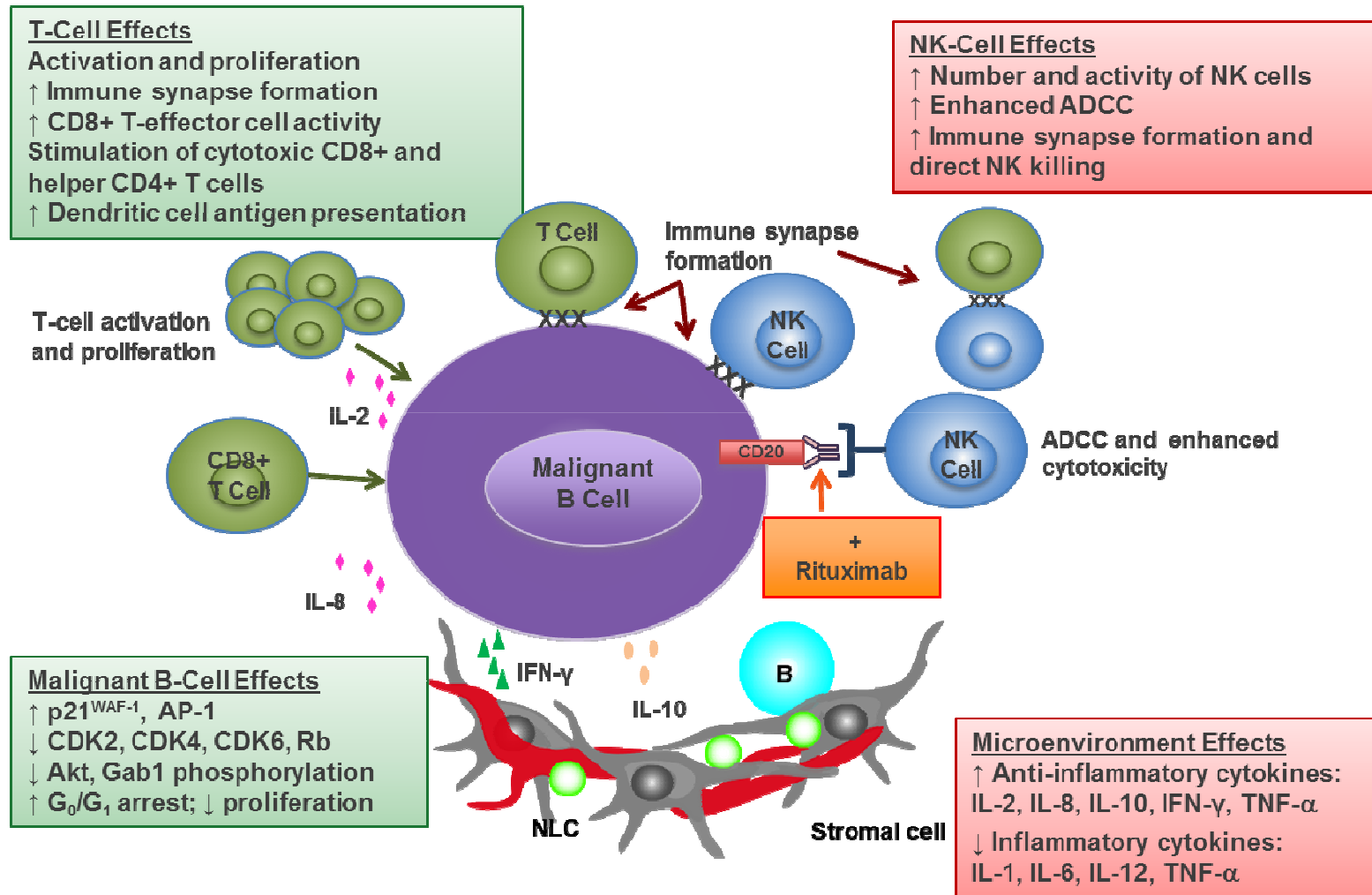


DASL, cDNA-mediated annealing, selection, extension and ligation;  
HMDS, Haematological Malignancy Diagnostic Service.

Davies A, et al. Blood 2015;126:812a.  
(Updated data presented in oral presentation at ASH annual meeting.)



# Mechanisms of action of lenalidomide in lymphoma cells and nodal microenvironment



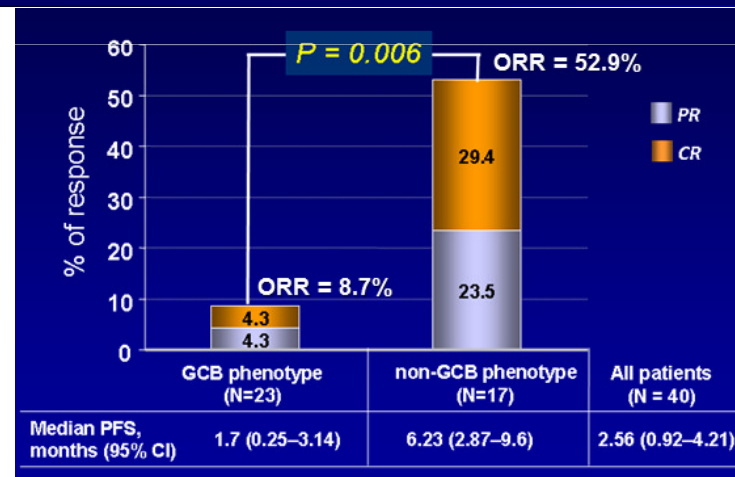
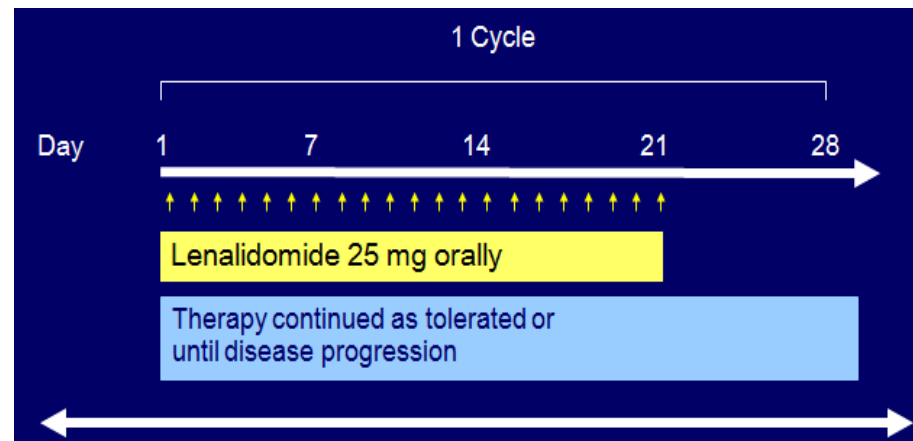
# Activity of Lenalidomide in R/R DLBCL

R/R DLBCL	n	ORR	CR/CRu	Median PFS, mo
All patients <sup>1</sup>	26	19%	12%	4.0*
All patients <sup>2</sup>	108	28%	7%	2.7
All patients <sup>3</sup>	40	28%	15% <sup>†</sup>	2.6
GCB by IHC	23	9%	4%	1.7
Non-GCB by IHC	17	53%	29%	6.2
All patients <sup>4</sup>	51	27%	N/A	3.1
GCB by IHC	23	26%	N/A	2.3
Non-GCB by IHC	28	29%	N/A	3.5
GCB by GEP	14	21%	N/A	3.0
ABC by GEP	11	46%	N/A	18.9

\*Included all patients in mixed NHL population.

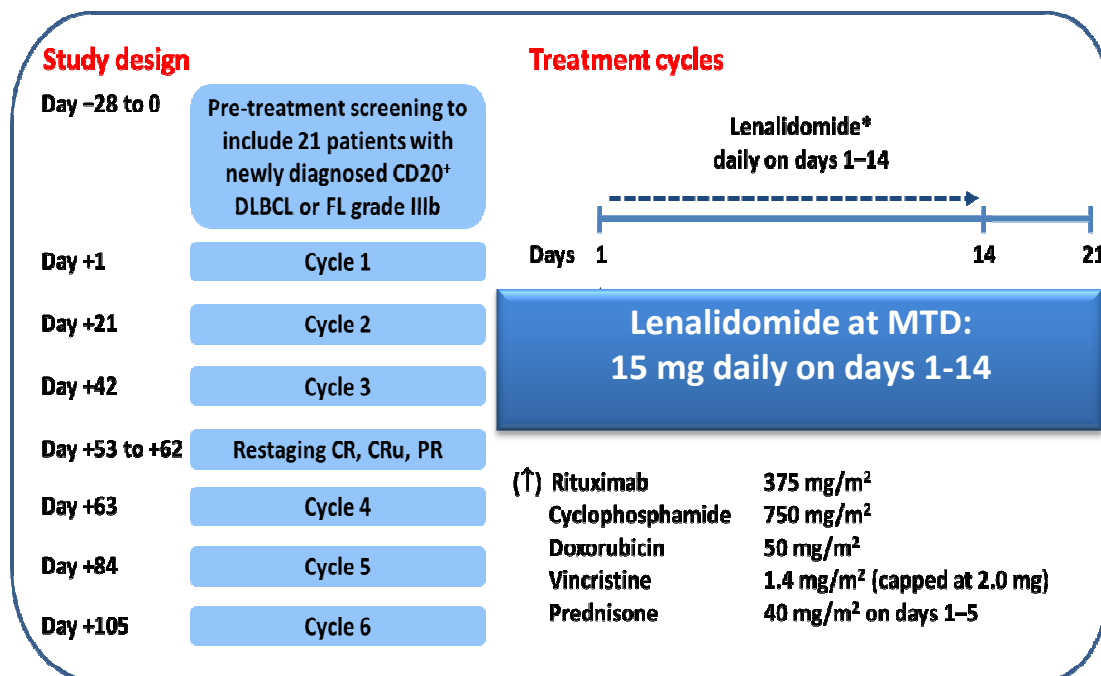
<sup>†</sup>CR only (not CRu)

**Please note: Direct comparisons between trial designs should not be made due to differences between trial designs and patient characteristics.**



1. Wiernik PH, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2008;26:4952-7.
2. Witzig TE, et al. Ann Oncol. 2011;22:1622-7.
3. Hernandez-Ilizaliturri FJ, et al. Cancer. 2011;117:5058-66.
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# Lenalidomide + R-CHOP in elderly patients with untreated DLBCL, REAL07 phase I-II trial



**CNS prophylaxis according to Italian Society of Hematology guidelines**  
**Pegfilgrastim or G-CSF as neutropenia prophylaxis**  
**Low Molecular Weight Heparin as DVT prophylaxis**

**Lenalidomide provided free by Celgene**

III	8 (16%)
IV	35 (71%)

International Prognostic Index risk	
Low-intermediate risk	19 (39%)
High-intermediate or high risk	30 (61%)

Lymphoma type	
Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma	45 (92%)
Follicular lymphoma grade 3b	4 (8%)
Bone marrow involvement	17 (35%)
B symptoms	21 (43%)
Increased lactate dehydrogenase concentration*	22 (45%)
Increased $\beta_2$ microglobulin*	34 (69%)

Data are median (IQR) or n (%). \*Higher than the upper limit of normal.

**Table 1: Baseline clinical characteristics**

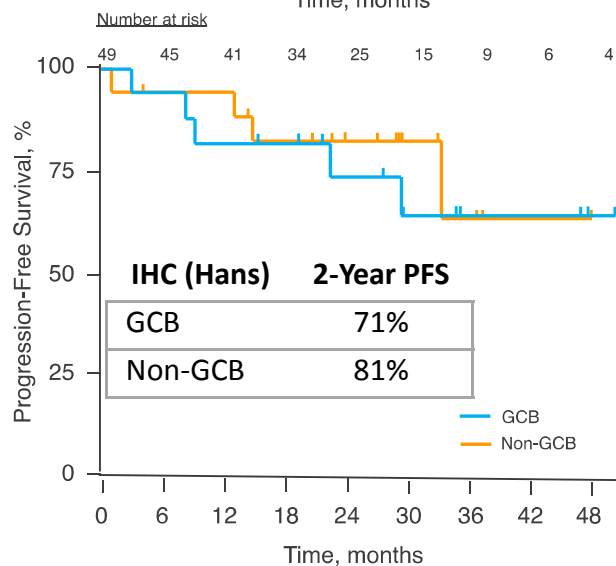
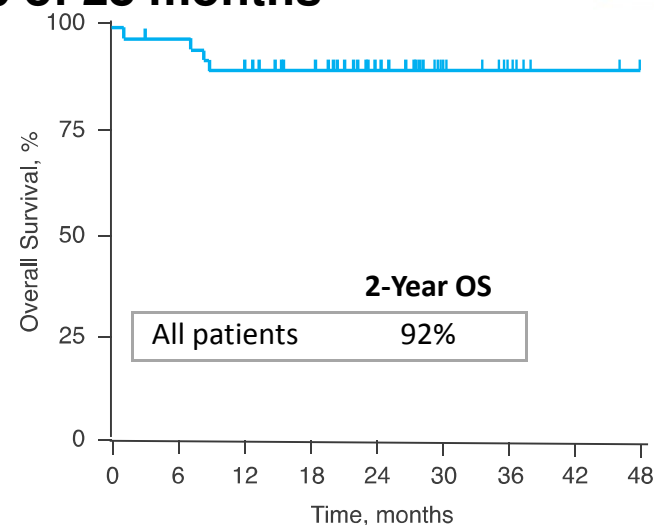
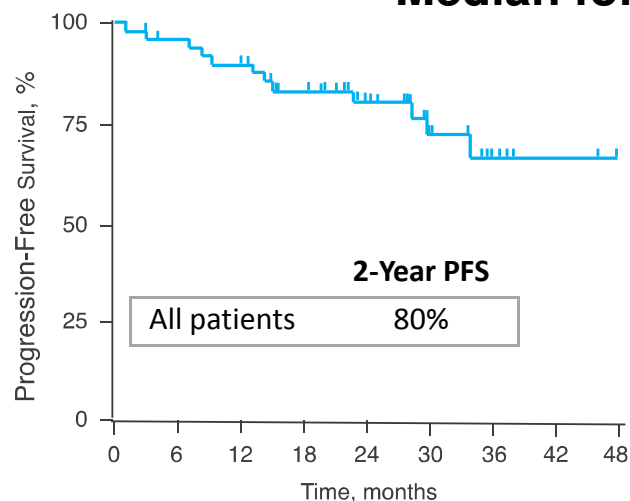
G-CSF, granulocyte-colony stimulating factor; DVT, deep vein thrombosis;  
 FL, follicular lymphoma; MTD, maximum tolerated dose;

Chiappella A, et al. Haematologica. 2013;98:1732-8.  
 Vitolo U, et al. Lancet Oncol. 2014;15:730-7.

# REAL07 Phase II R2-CHOP21 in Elderly Untreated DLBCL: PFS and OS; PFS by COO and PFS by IPI

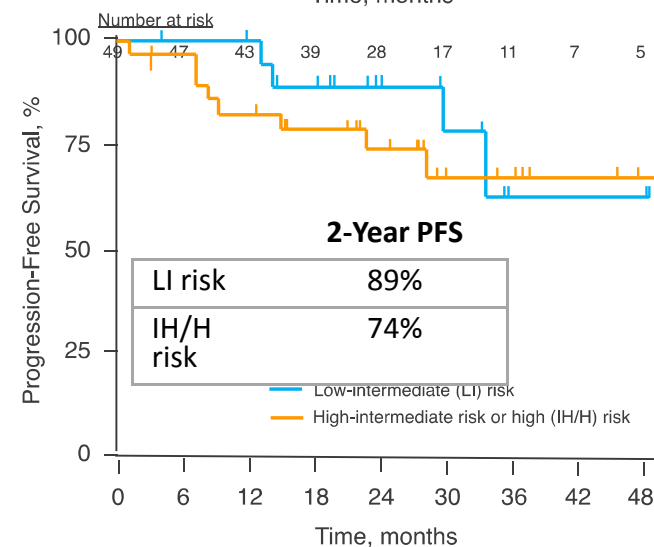


Median follow-up of 28 months



Number at risk

	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48
GCB	16	14	12	11	8	6	3	3	
Non-GCB	16	15	15	12	10	5	3	3	1



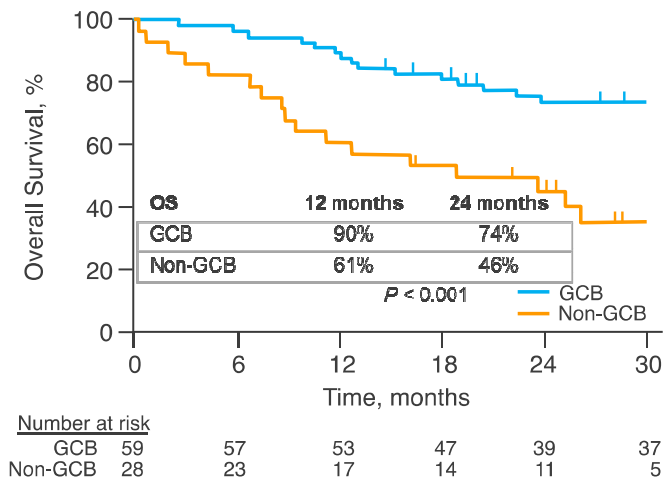
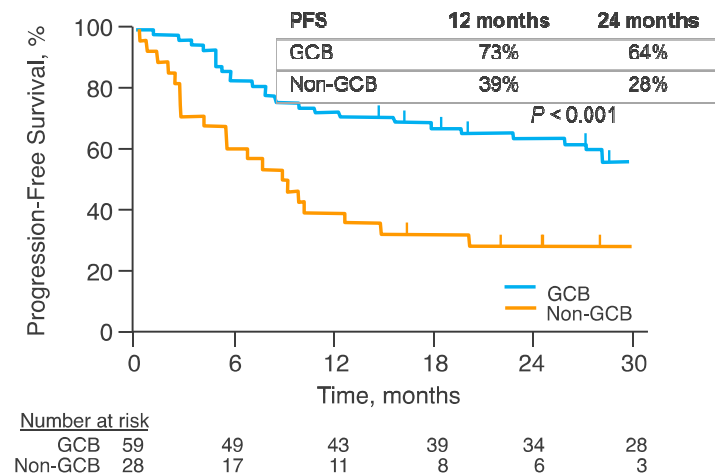
Number at risk

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LI	20	19	18	15	10	6	2	2	2
HI/H	29	26	23	19	15	9	7	4	4

# Phase II R2-CHOP21 in Untreated DLBCL and comparison with historical R-CHOP21 group

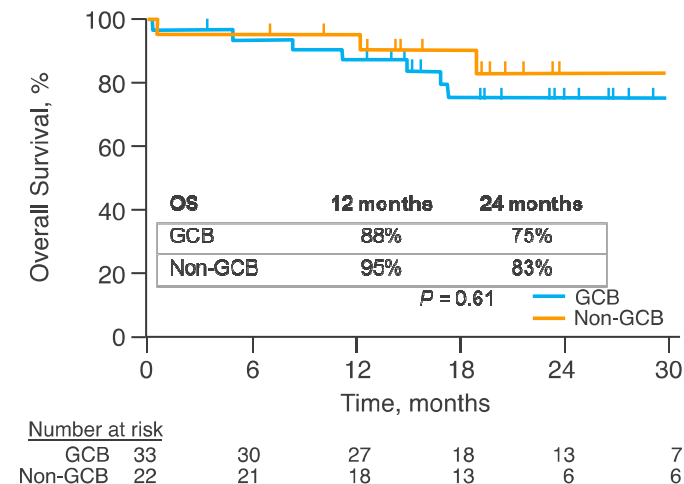
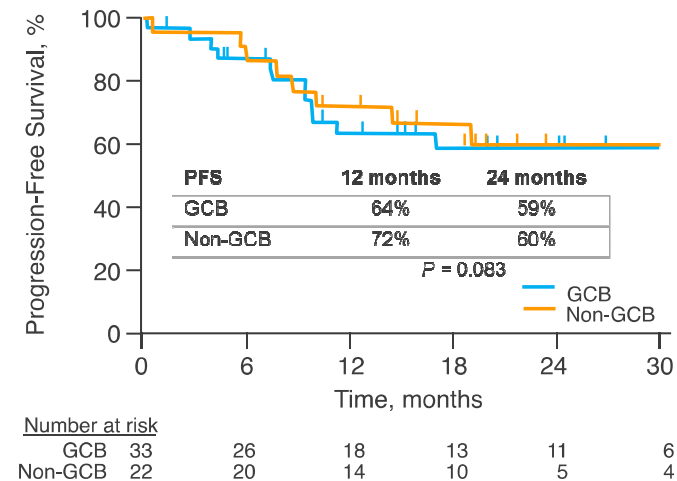


## Historical R-CHOP



IHC (Hans)

## R<sup>2</sup>-CHOP

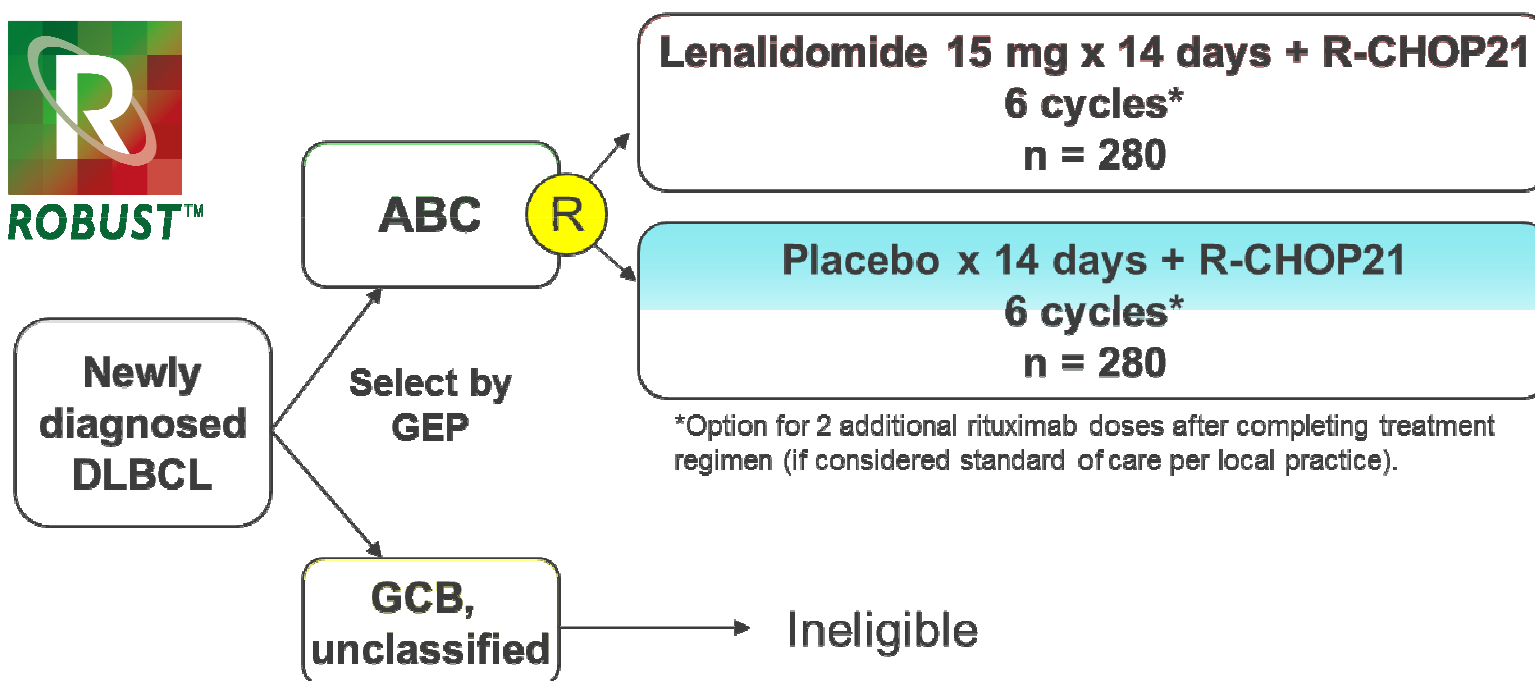




# DLC-002 (ROBUST): Phase III Randomized Efficacy and Safety Study of Lenalidomide Plus R-CHOP vs. Placebo Plus R-CHOP in Patients With Untreated ABC-type Diffuse Large B-cell Lymphoma



Sponsor: Celgene Corporation. Team leader: FIL and Mayo Clinic. PIs: U. Vitolo, T. Witzig.  
Writing committee: U. Vitolo, A. Chiappella, M. Spina, T. Witzig, G. Nowakowski.



- Newly diagnosed ABC DLBCL; IPI  $\geq 2$ ; ECOG PS  $\leq 2$ ; age  $\geq 18$  years
- Primary endpoint = PFS; N = 560
- 90% power to detect 60% difference in PFS (control median PFS estimate = 24 months)

# Comparison of COO determination between trials

	PHOENIX	PYRAMID	REMoDL-B	ROBUST
Sub-typing method	IHC	IHC	Illumina DASL assay	Nanostring
Central pathology review	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Site locations	Global	US	UK	Global

Sub-typing	ROBUST (Nanostring)	• Gold standard, investigational
	REMoDL-B (DASL)	• Cases analyzed on more than one occasion → 72% concordance <sup>1</sup>
	PYRAMID (IHC)	• IHC, discordance compared to GEP
	PHOENIX (IHC)	• IHC, discordance compared to GEP

# Take home messages

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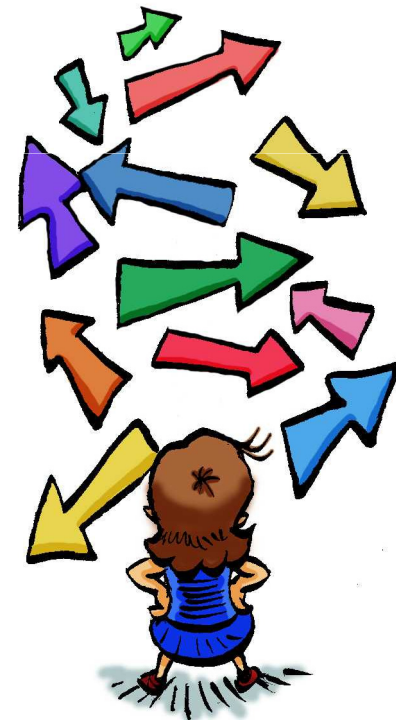
- R-CHOP21 is still the standard of care in DLBCL
- COO determined by investigational NanoString assay should identify ABC as a poor prognosis subgroup
- The addition of novel drug to R-CHOP may be an option
- The real role of lenalidomide in first line setting, in addition to standard R-CHOP, in ABC-DLBCL or ibrutinib in addition to R-CHOP in non-GCB DLBCL, should be demonstrated in randomized phase III clinical trials



# DLBCL: the new WHO 2016 entities

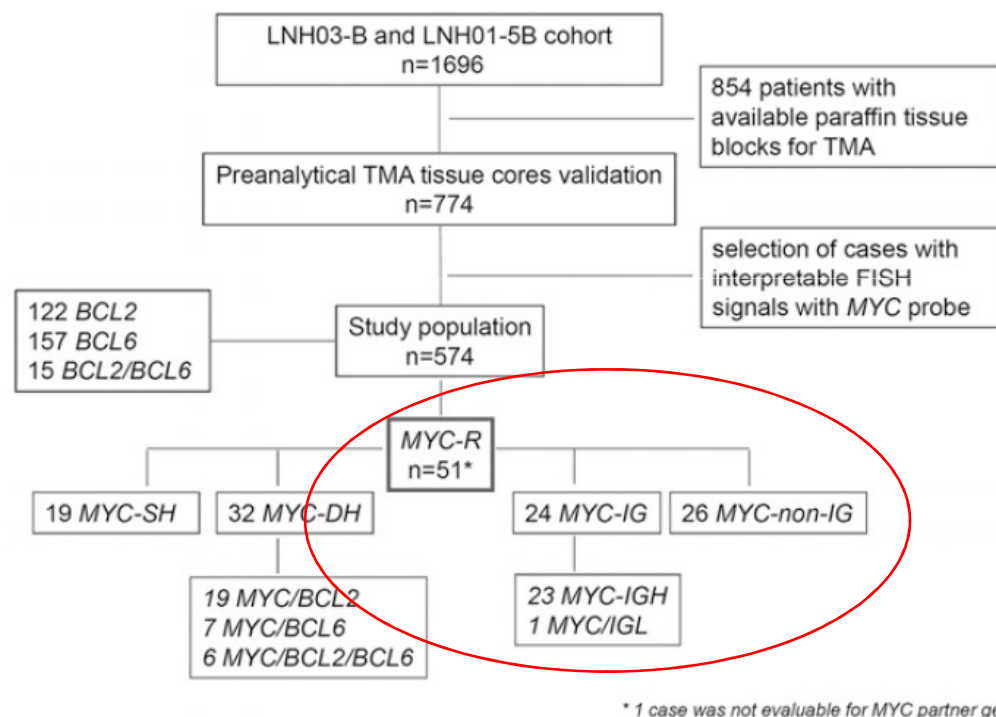
## How I treat?

- ✓ GCB vs ABC/non-GCB
- ✓ High grade B-cell lymphoma



## ***MYC-IG* rearrangements are negative predictors of survival in DLBCL patients treated with immunochemotherapy: a GELA/LYSA study**

Christiane Copie-Bergman, Peggy Cuillière-Dartigues, Maryse Baia, Josette Briere, Richard Delarue, Danielle Canioni, Gilles Salles, Marie Parrens, Karim Belhadj, Bettina Fabiani, Christian Recher, Tony Petrella, Nicolas Ketterer, Frederic Peyrade, Corinne Haioun, Inga Nagel, Reiner Siebert, Fabrice Jardin, Karen Leroy, Jean-Philippe Jais, Herve Tilly, Thierry Jo Molina and Philippe Gaulard



- ✓ Prospective, homogeneously treated (R-CHOP/R-ACVBP)
- ✓ 774 DLBCL
- ✓ 51 MYC-R(FISH)
- ✓ MYC translocation partner:
  - Gene-IG (MYC-IG) in 24
  - MYC-non-IG in 26

**Figure 1. Flow-chart of LNH03-B and LNH01-5B cohort, case selection, and FISH results.** *BCL2-R*, DLBCL with *BCL2* gene rearrangement; *BCL6-R*, DLBCL with *BCL6* gene rearrangement; *MYC-R*, DLBCL with *MYC* gene rearrangement; *MYC-IG*, *MYC* gene rearrangement with *IG* partner gene; *MYC-non-IG*, *MYC* gene rearrangement with non-*IG* partner gene.

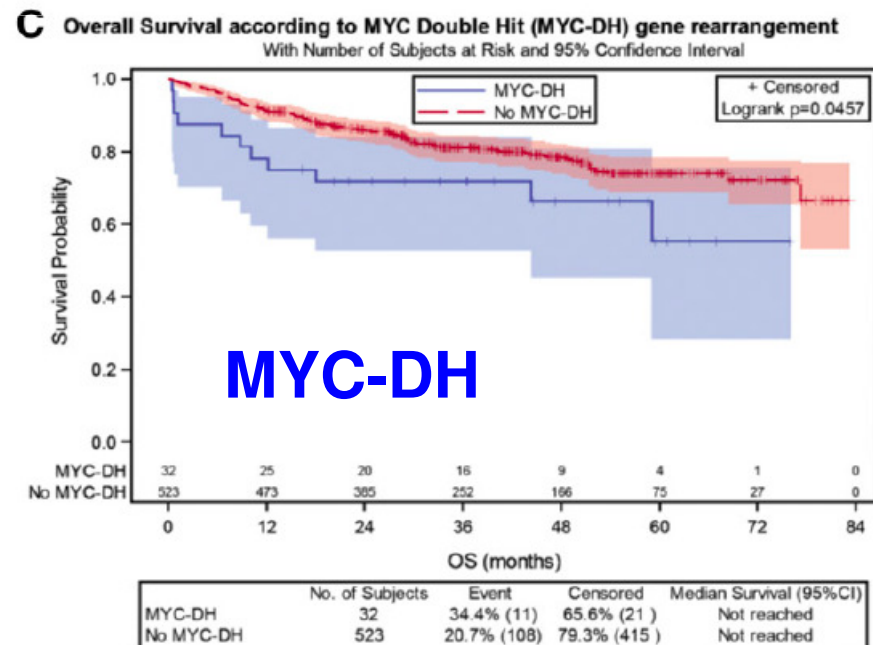
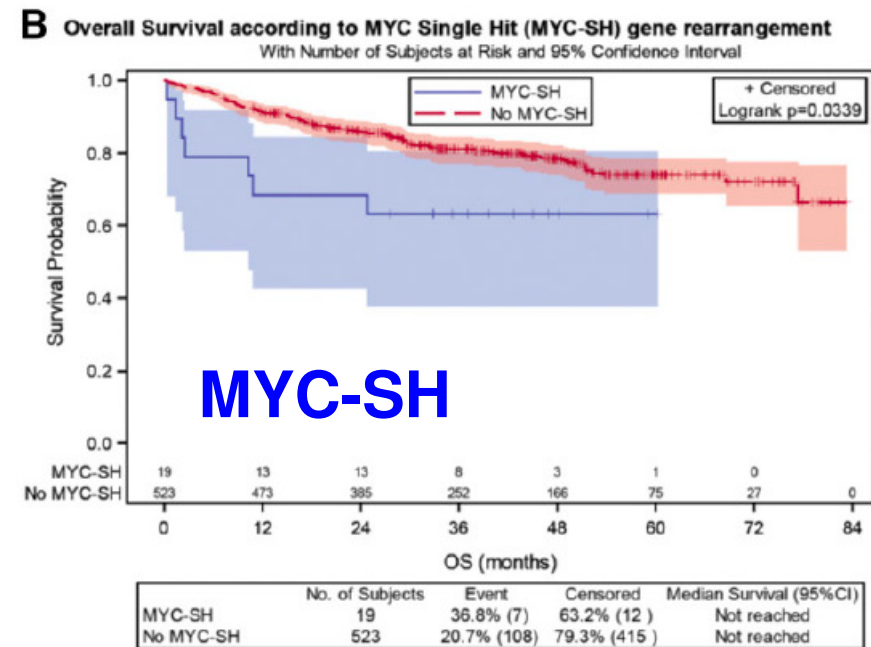
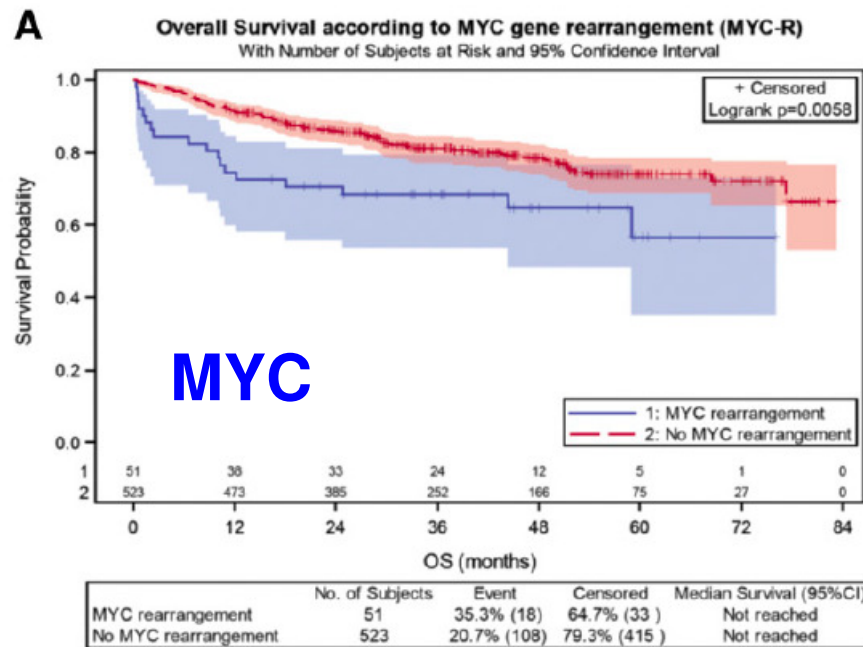
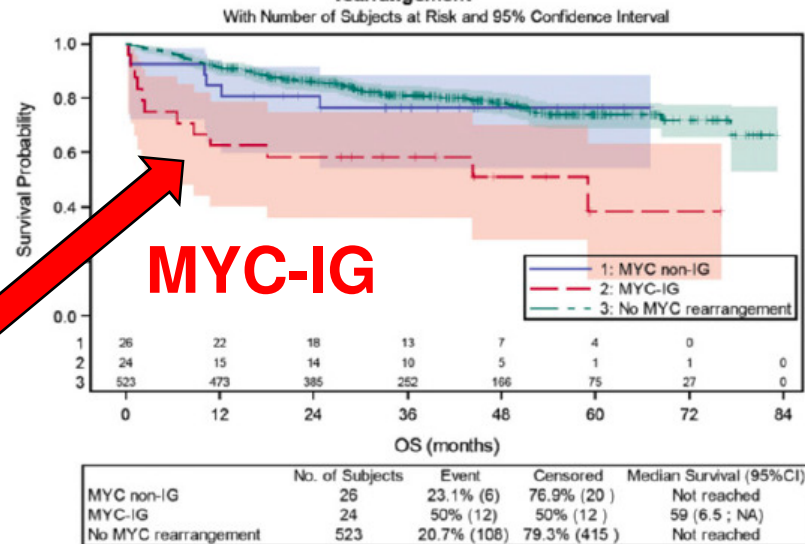


Figure 2. Univariate analysis of *MYC*-R for OS. (A) The global population, (B) SH, and (C) subgroups of DLBCL patients.

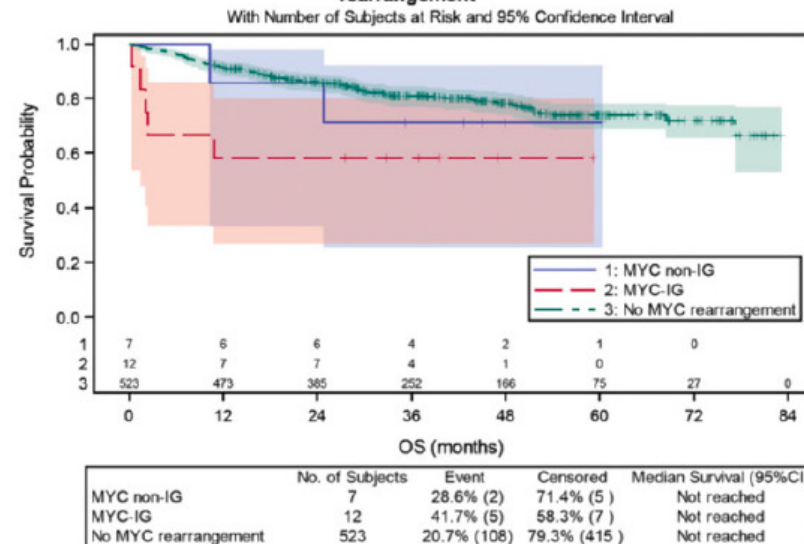
## MYC-IG

Overall survival according to MYC partner gene including patients with no MYC rearrangement



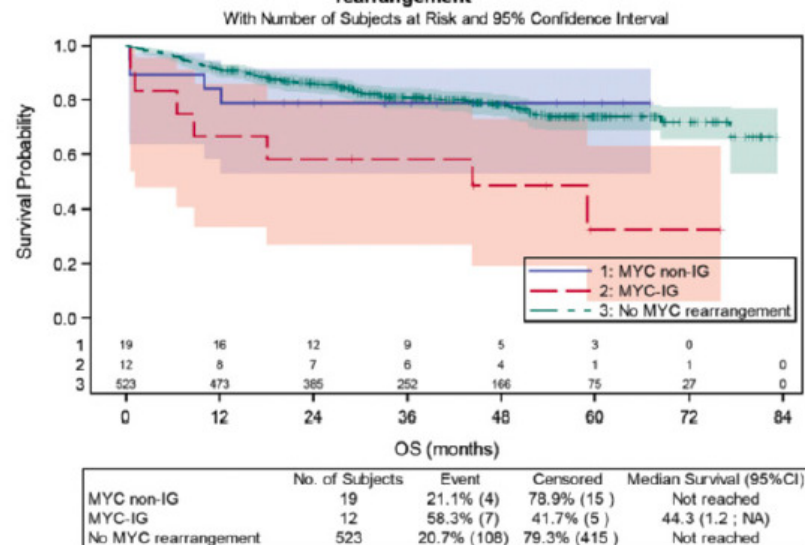
## MYC-SH-IG

Overall survival according to MYC-SH partner gene including patients with no MYC rearrangement



## MYC-DH-IG

Overall survival according to MYC-DH partner gene including patients with no MYC rearrangement



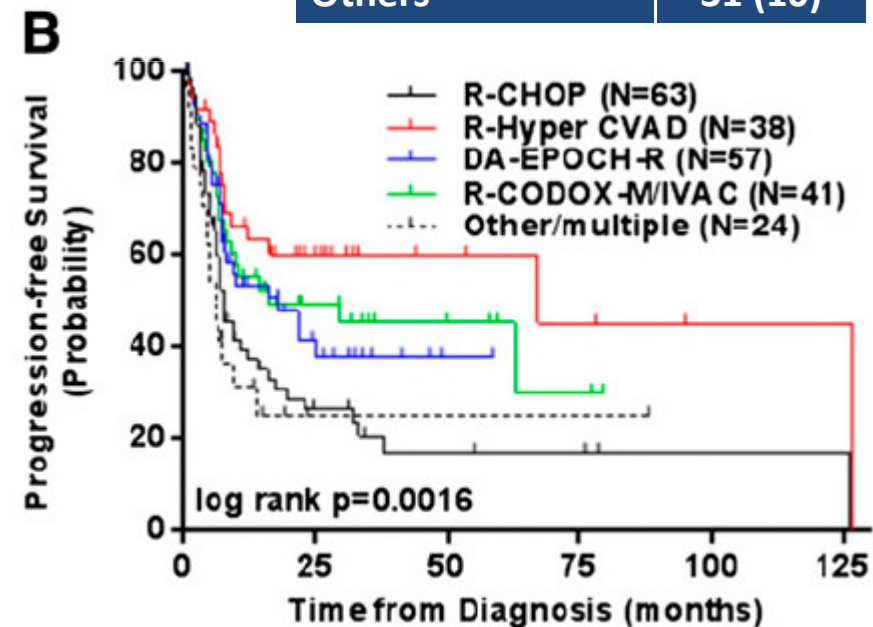
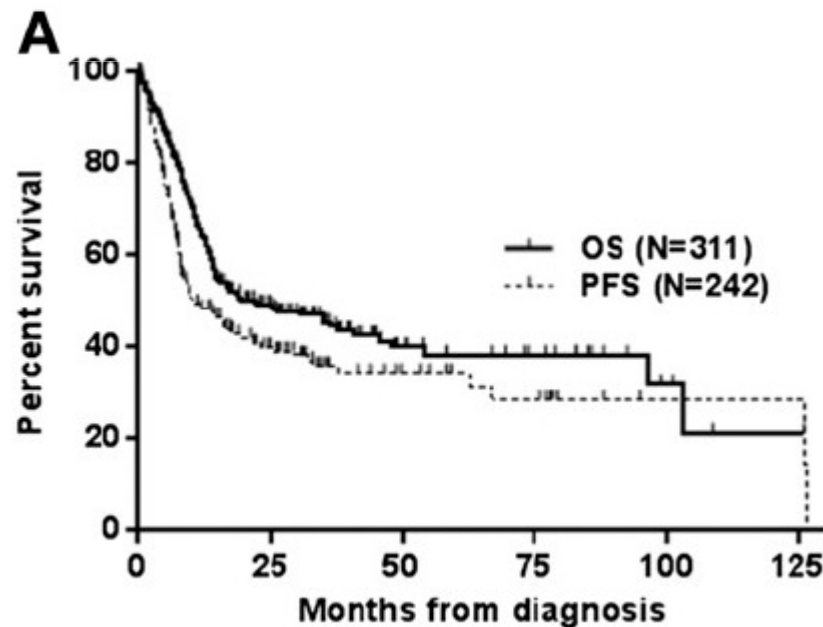
- ✓ MYC-IG patients had shorter OS ( $P=.0002$ ) compared with MYC-negative
- ✓ no survival difference was observed between MYC-non-IG and MYC-neg.
- ✓ In multivariate analyses, MYC-IG predicted poor PFS ( $P=.0051$ ) and OS ( $P=.0006$ ) independently from the IPI and the Hans classifier.

# Double Hit Lymphoma (DHL)

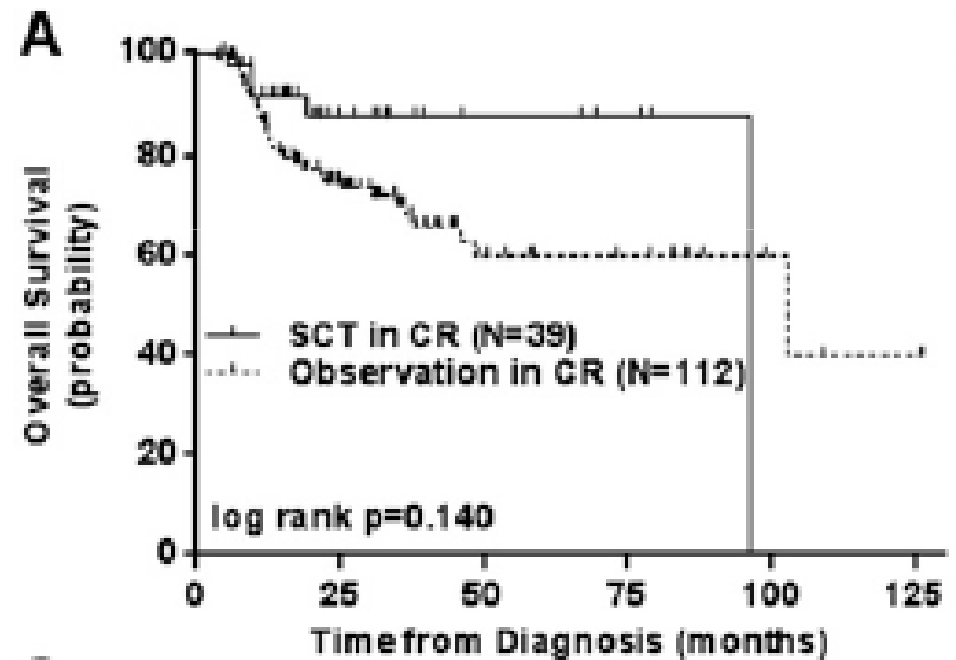
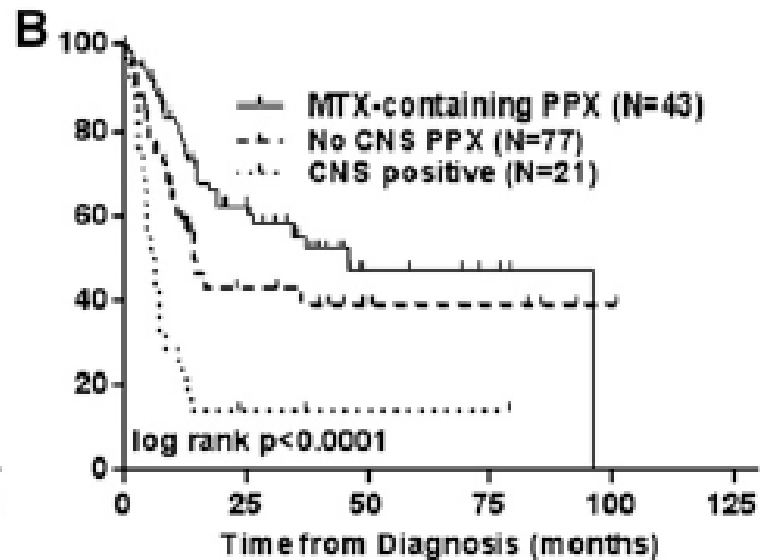
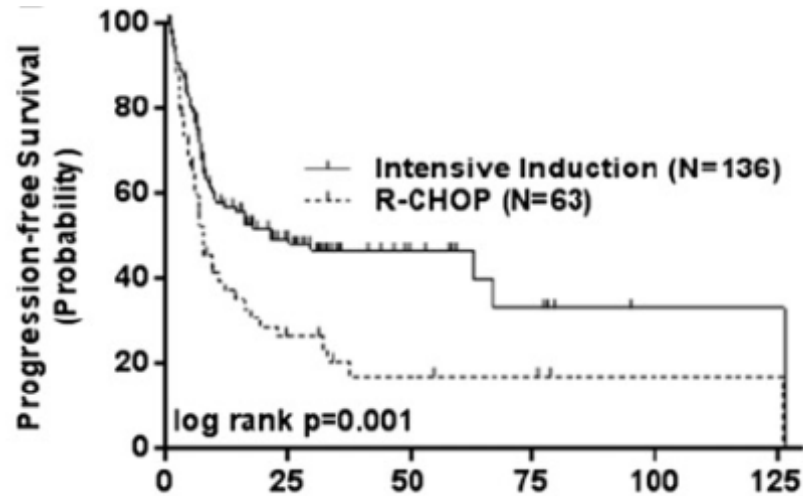
## DOUBLE HYT LYMPHOMA

- ✓ 311 pts DHL ; median age 60 (19-87);
- ✓ DLBCL= 154 (50%) BCLU= 150( 48%)
- ✓ BCL2 += 87%; BCL6+ =6% triple Hit= 6%;
- ✓ GCB= 58 %

R-CHOP	100 (32)
R-Hyper-CVAD	66 (21)
DA-EPOCH-R	64 (21)
R-CODOX-M/IVAC	42 (14)
R-ICE	9 (3)
Others	31 (10)



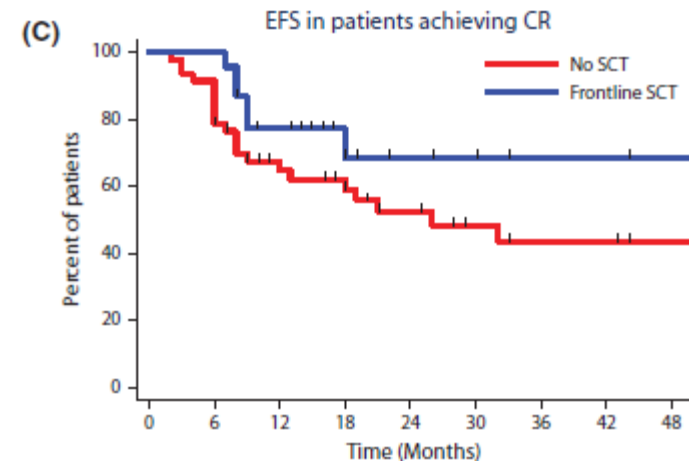
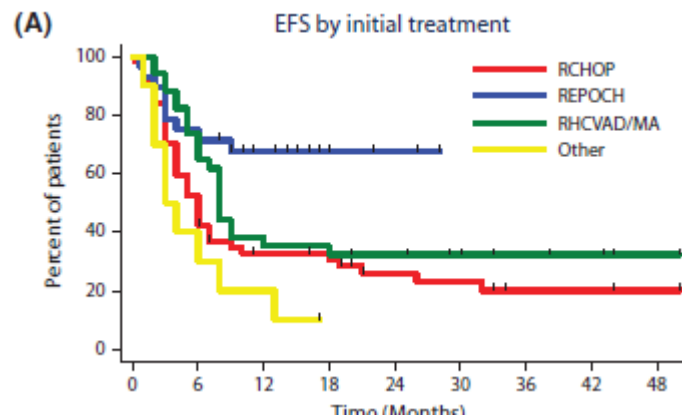
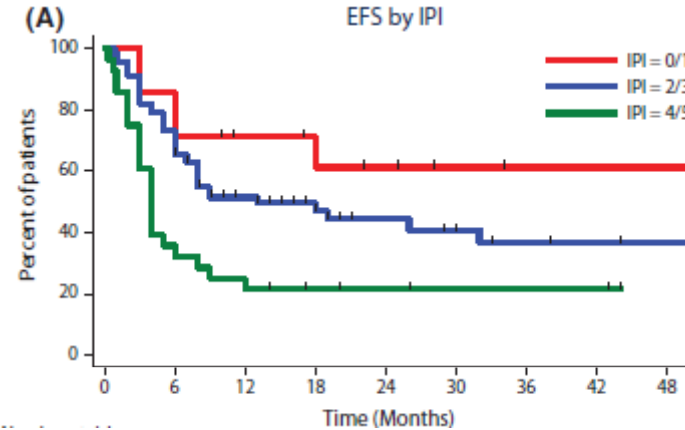
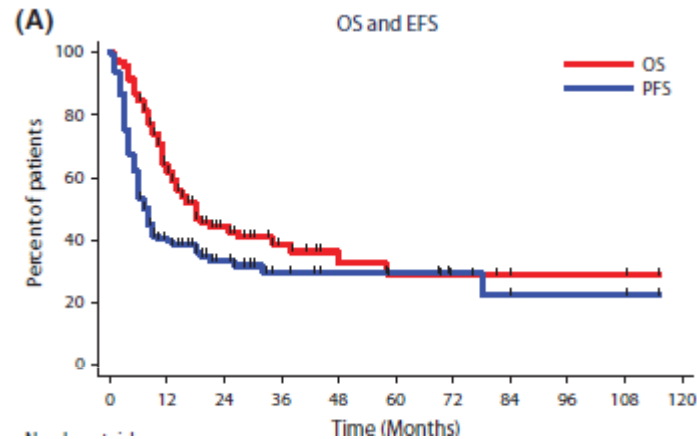
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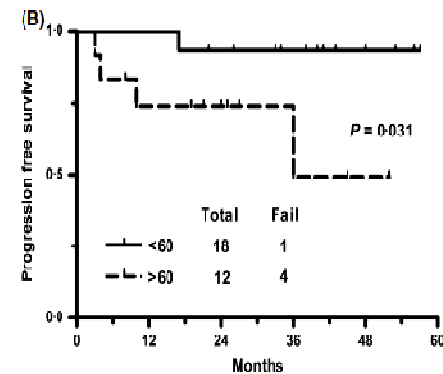
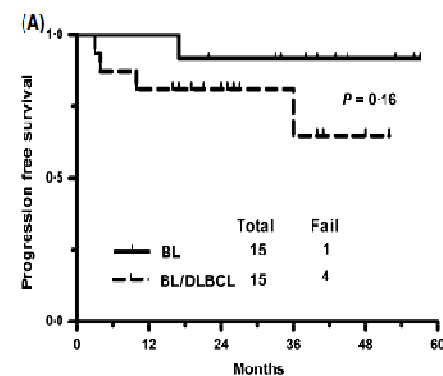
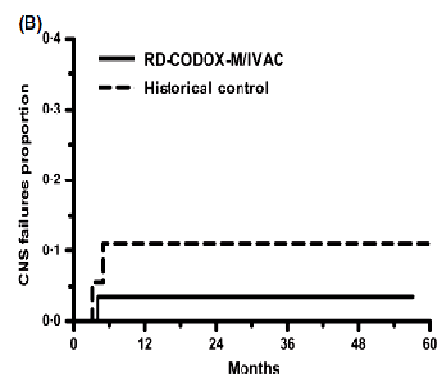
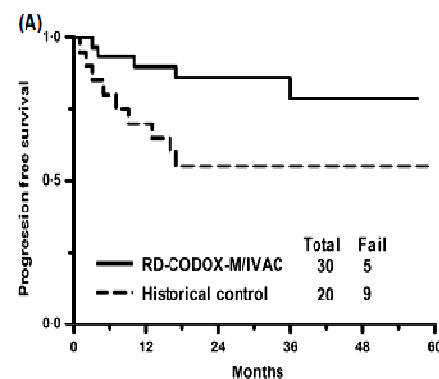
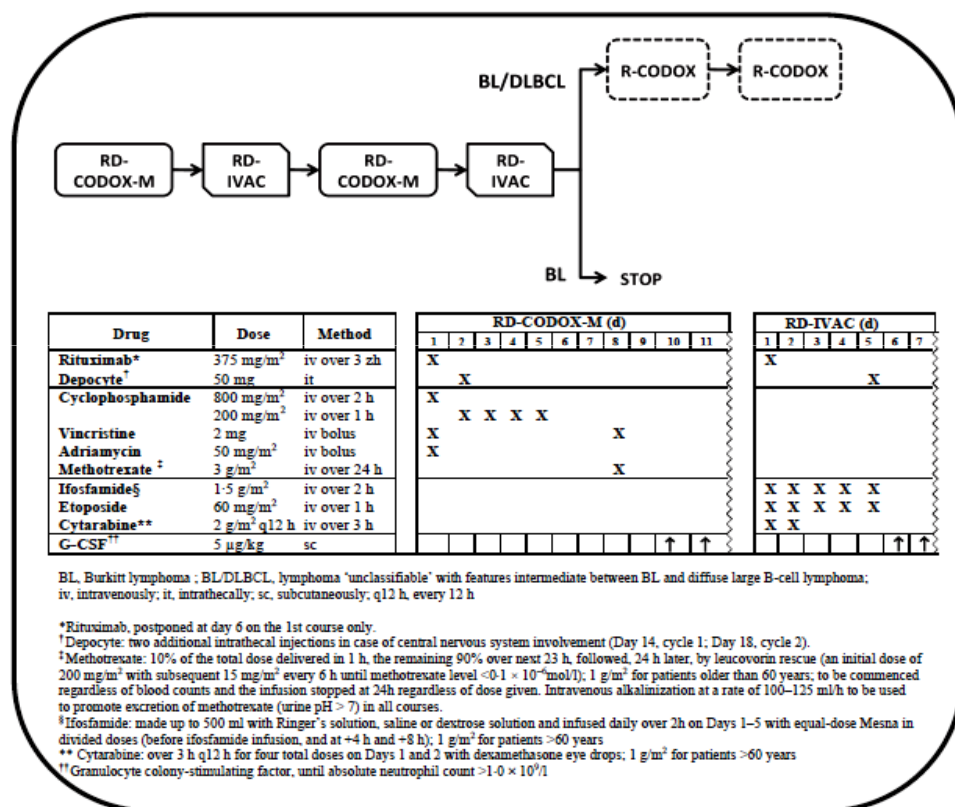


# Double Hit Lymphoma (DHL)

129 pts DHL ; median age 62; IPI 2-3 =61%; MYC/BCL2 pos=72%; triple Hit= 11%; GCB 90%



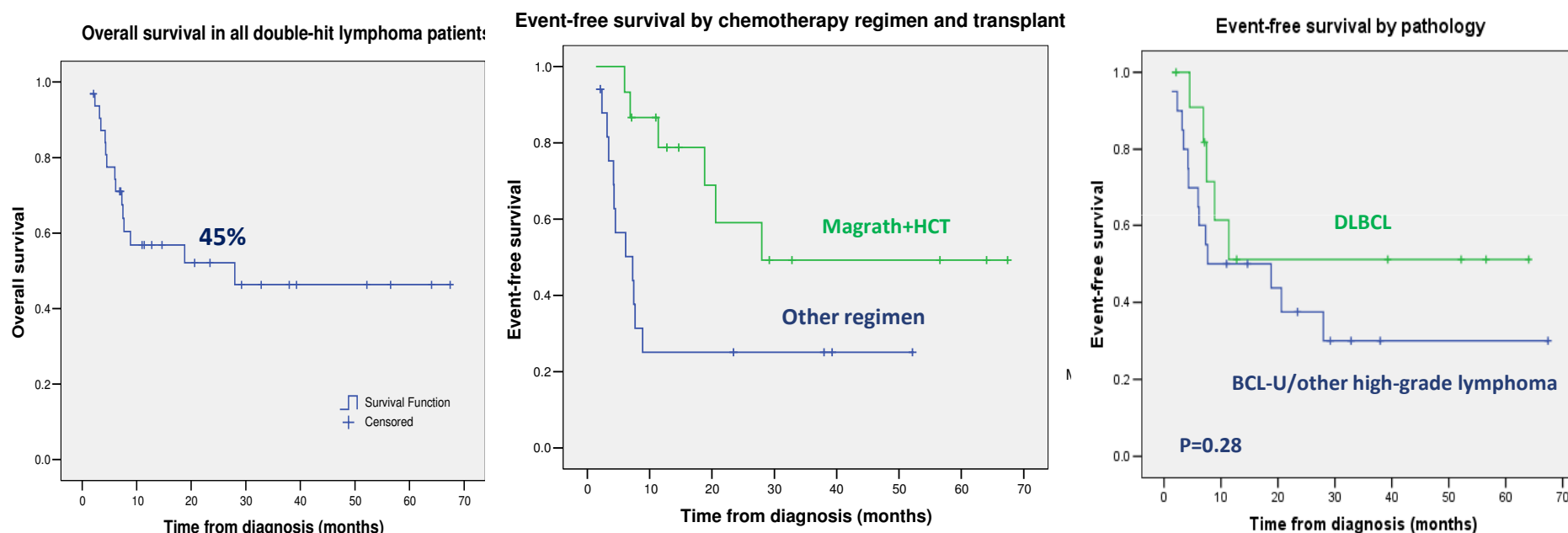
## RD-CODOX-M/IVAC with rituximab and intrathecal liposomal cytarabine in adult Burkitt lymphoma and 'unclassifiable' highly aggressive B-cell lymphoma





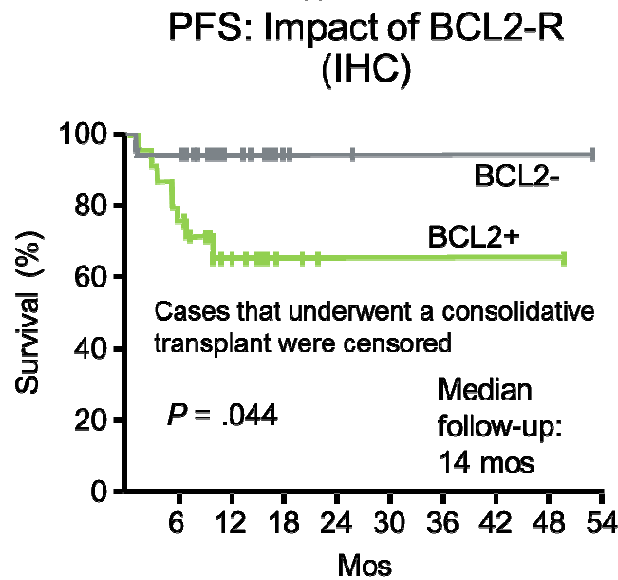
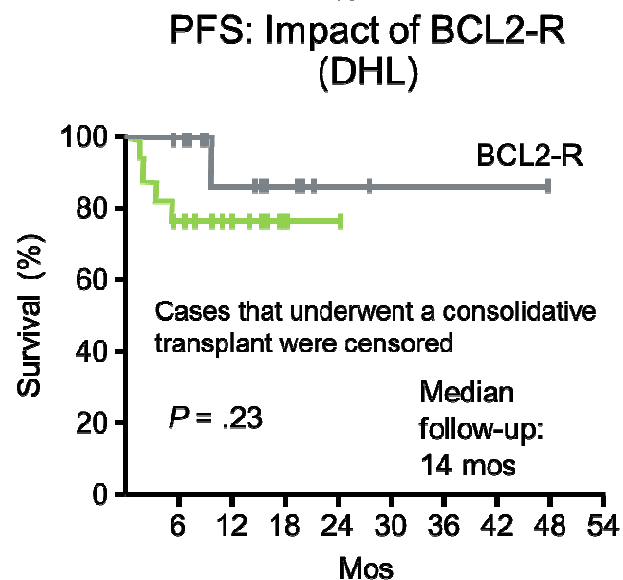
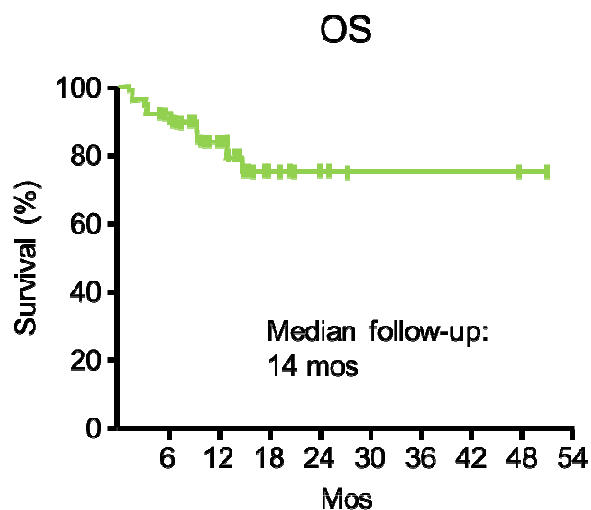
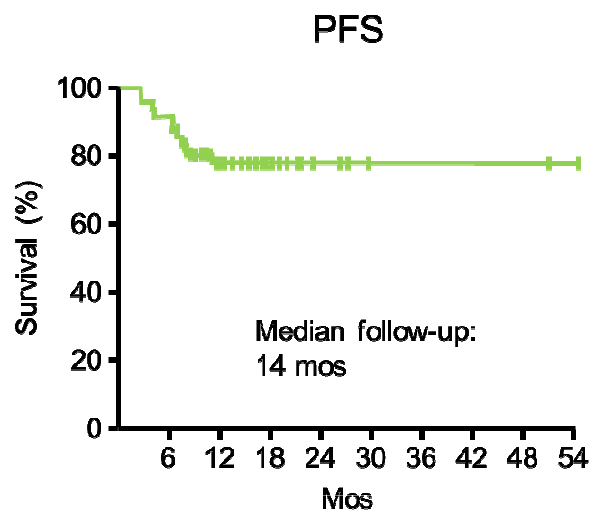
# Double Hit Lymphoma (DHL)

## Outcome of Patients with Double-hit Lymphomas Treated with CODOX-M/IVAC + R followed by HSCT in British Columbia



- ✓ Patients with DHIT NHL treated with R-CODOX-M/IVAC plus SCT can have durable CR
- ✓ Patients with DLBCL histology may have a more favorable outcome than those with BCL-U
- ✓ Progression during initial therapy prior to SCT remains a significant problem

# Double Hit Lymphoma (DHL)

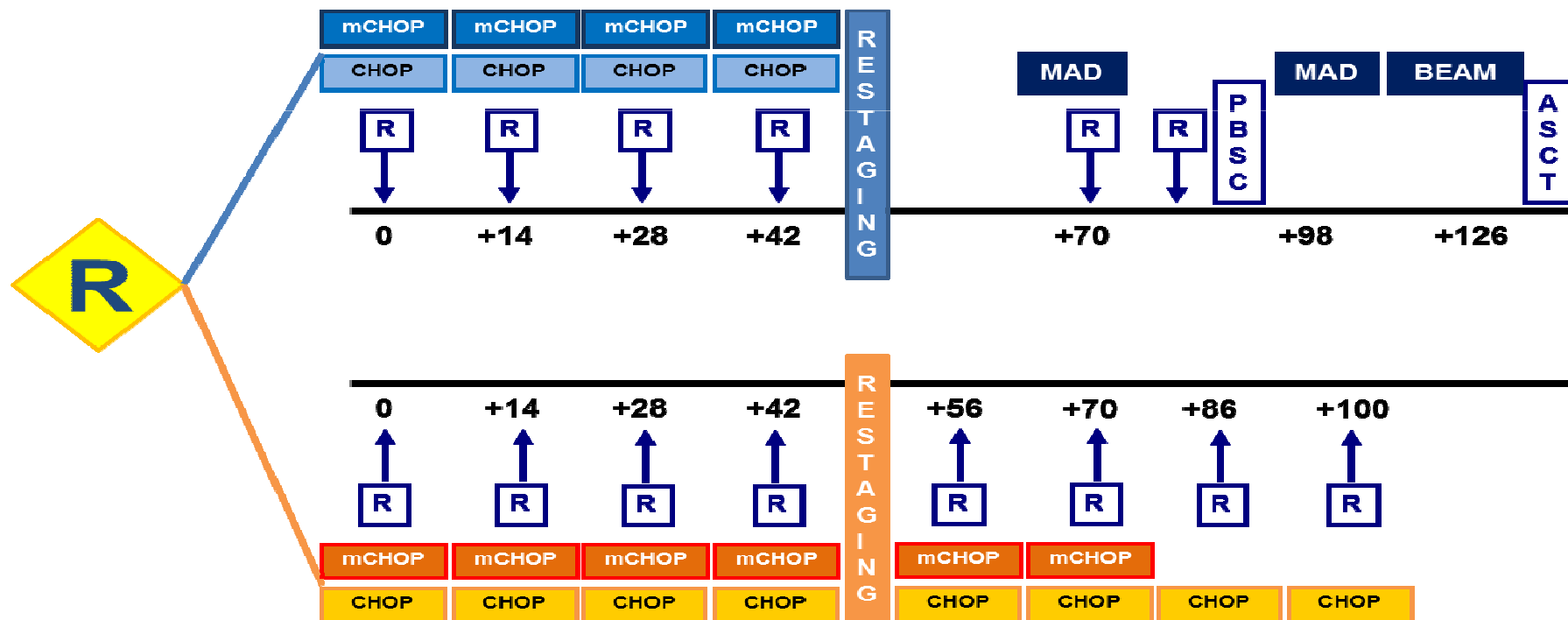


DA-EPOCH-R in MYC-Rearranged Aggressive B-Cell Lymphoma: Early data suggest that DA-EPOCH-R showed good efficacy in MYC-R DLBCL and BCL-U

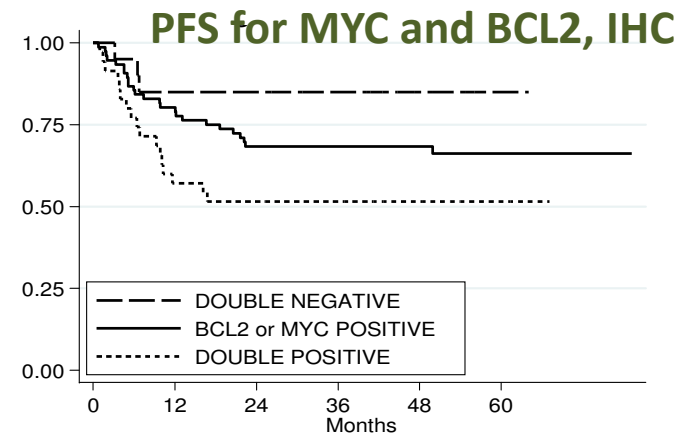
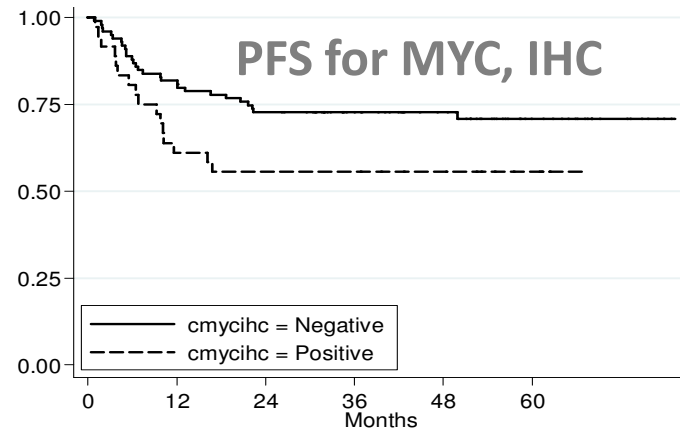
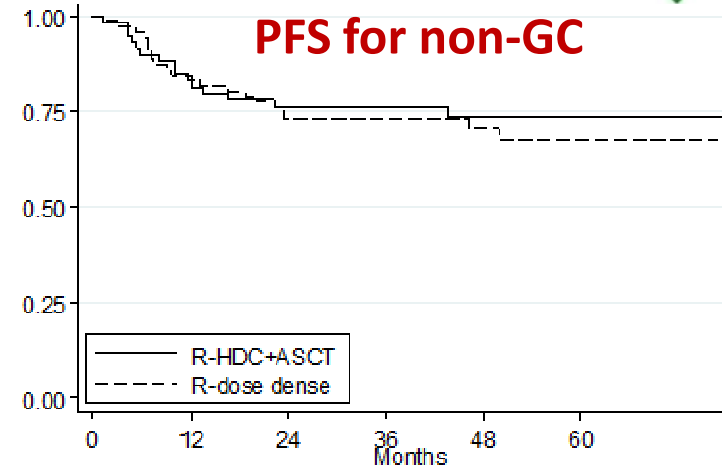
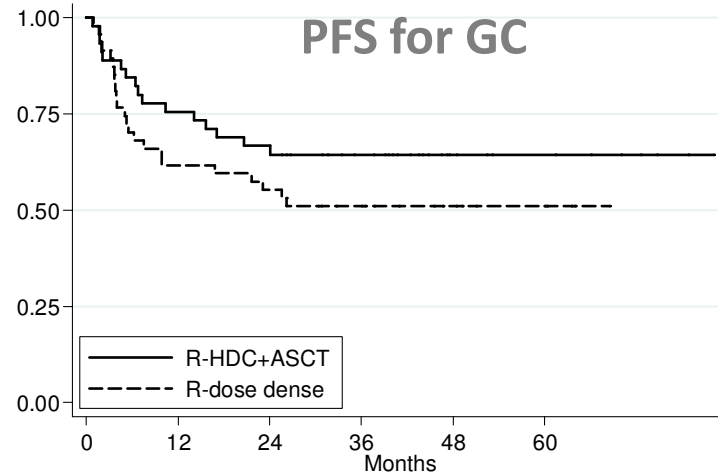
# FIL experience – DLCL04



From 2005 to 2010, 412 untreated DLBCL were enrolled into the FIL-DLCL04 phase III randomized trial aimed at investigating the benefit of intensification with high dose therapy + autotransplant (R-HDC+ASCT) compared to R-dose-dense therapy as first line in young DLBCL at poor risk (aa-IPI 2-3).



# FIL experience – DLCL04



# Take home messages

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## High-Grade B-cell lymphomas

- ✓ It is important a correct diagnosis performed by expert hemopathologists.
- ✓ A consensus has not yet been reached to provide specific guidelines as to which DLBCL should have FISH.
- ✓ Some believe that all DLBCL should have genetic studies for the detection of MYC, BCL2, and BCL6 rearrangements, whereas others would limit them, for example, to cases with a GCB phenotype and/or high-grade morphology or to cases with 40% MYC cells.
- ✓ HGBL with MYC and BCL2 and/or BCL6 rearrangement should be treated with intensified schemes.
- ✓ The treatment of HGBL in the elderly is still an unmet clinical need.

# Take home messages – PDTA 2016

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## ***DLBCL AGGRESSIVI MYC+, DOUBLE/TRIPLE HIT*** **I LINEA**

**Se FISH positiva solo per myc:** trattamento come DLBCL classico o come linfoma aggressivo a seconda della presentazione clinica

**Se double/triple hit (FISH positiva per myc e per bcl2 +/- bcl6),** trattare come linfoma aggressivo:

→ < 65 anni o elegibili a terapia ad alte dosi + ASCT:

- protocolli Burkitt-like +FEAM/BEAM + ASCT
- R-Magrath (R-CODOX-M + R-IVAC) + PL con Depocyte (off label) o con PL triplice + FEAM/BEAM + ASCT

→ > 65 anni o non elegibili a terapia ad alte dosi + ASCT:

- R-Magrath al 75% della dose (FIT)
  - R-DA-EPOCH a dosi piene o ridotte o R-EPOCH (FIT/UNFIT)
  - R-CHOP-Metotrexate (UNFIT)
  - regimi a intensità ridotta o palliazione (UNFIT o frail)
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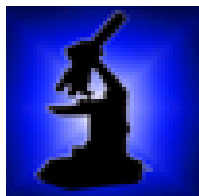


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