

# Practice Changing Updates in the Treatment of DLBCL and HL

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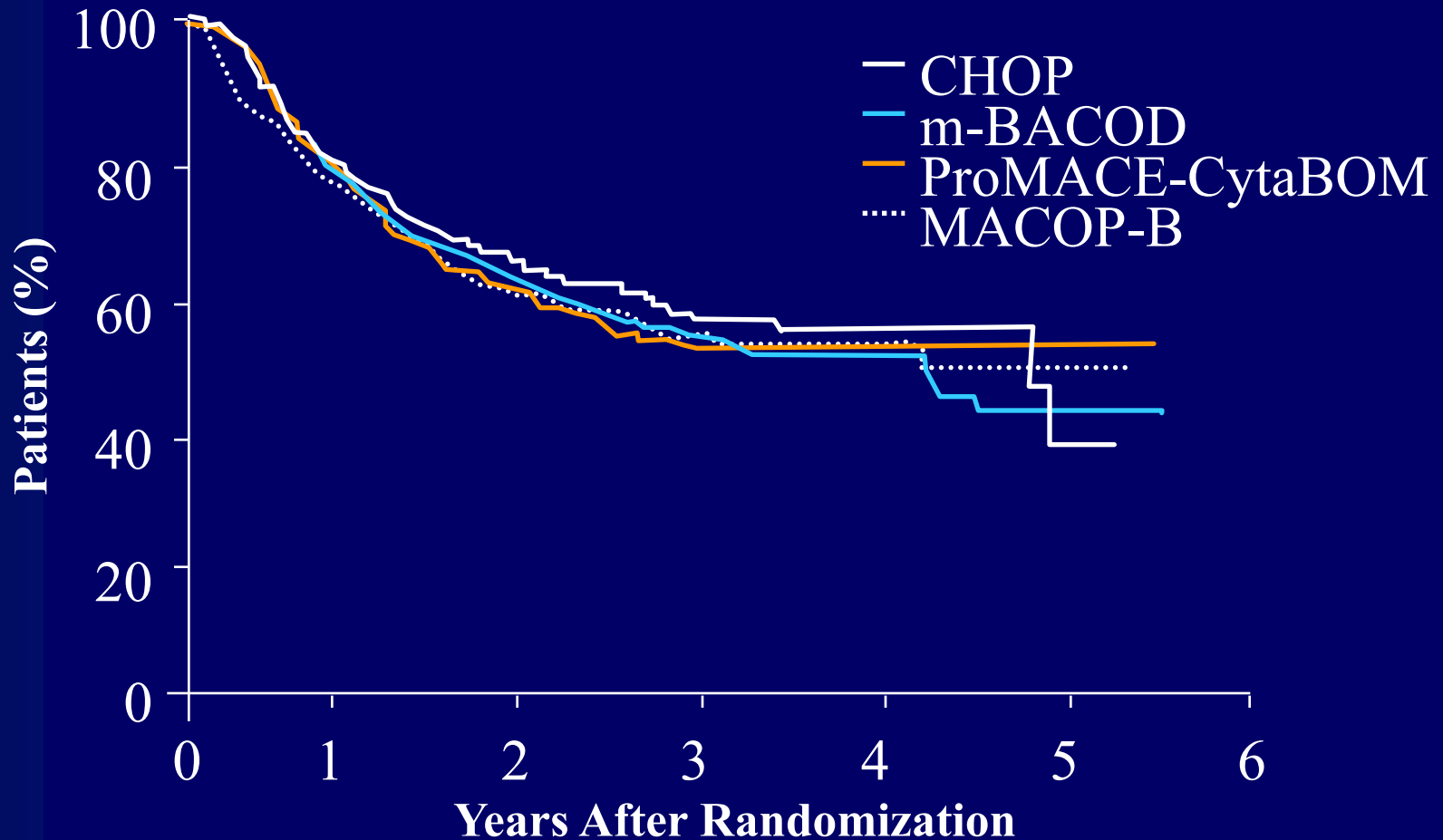
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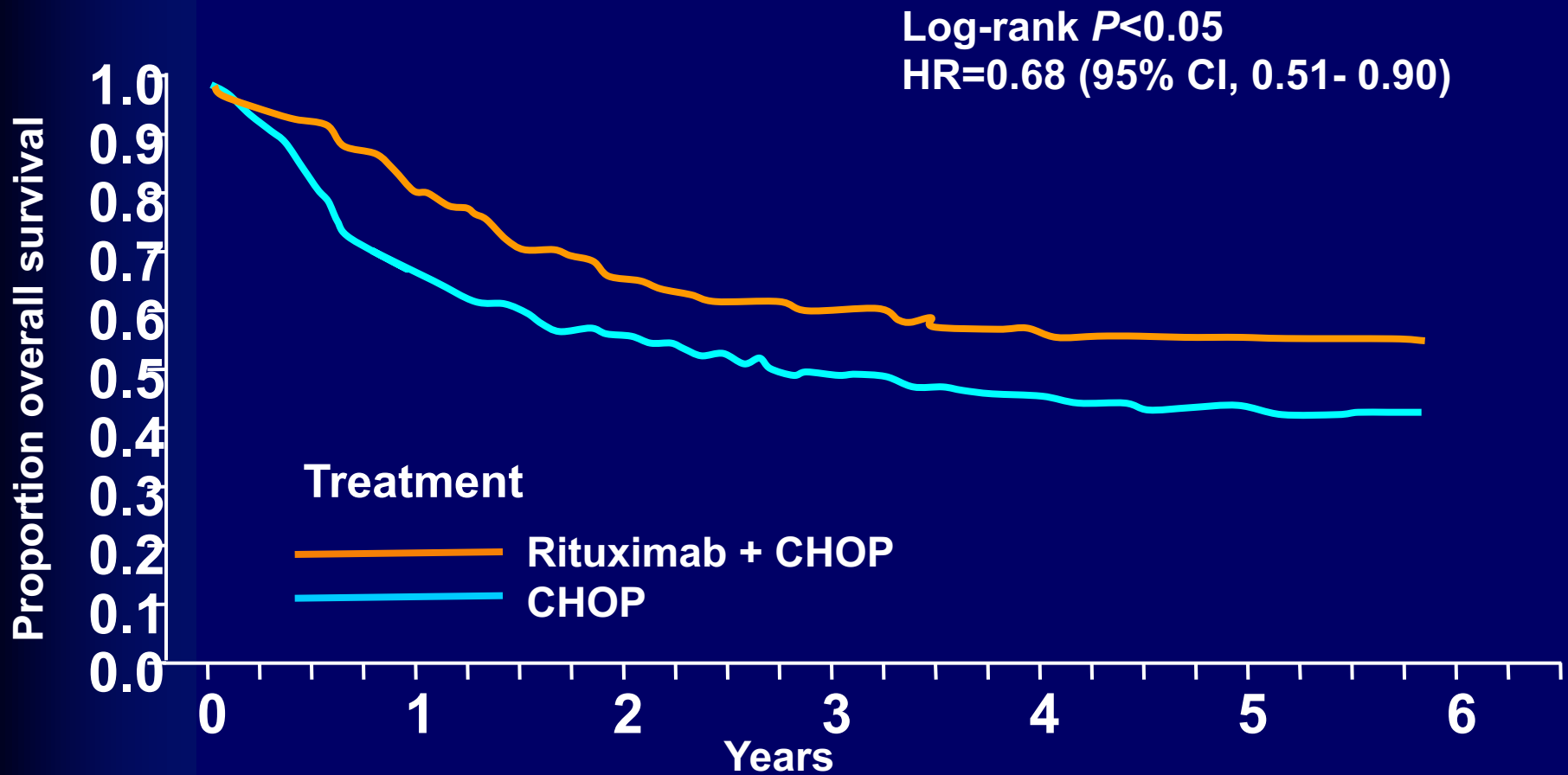
- **NHL is the most common hematologic malignancy**
  - **~ 77,000 new cases Dx 2021<sup>1</sup>**
  - **DLBCL most common NHL subtype ~ 30-40%**
- **45-50% will relapse after standard induction with R-CHOP**



# National High Priority Lymphoma Study: Progression-Free Survival



# LNH 98-5 Trial: Overall Survival Median 5-Year Follow-up

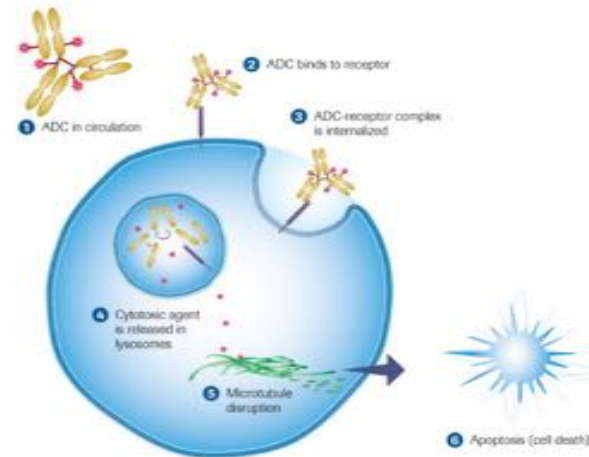
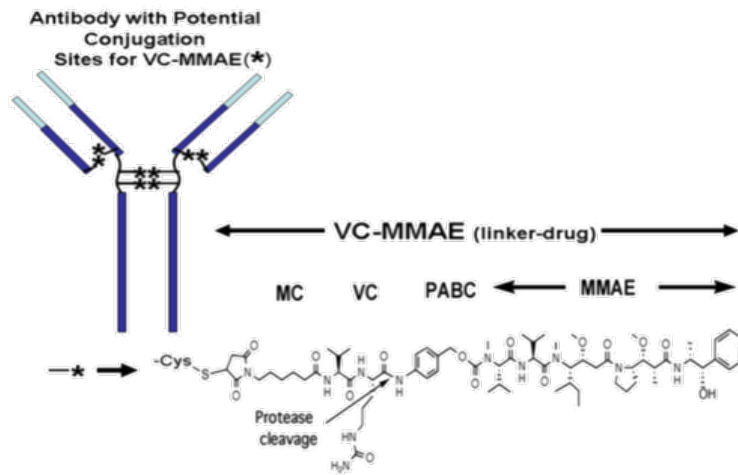


**CHOP/R-CHOP has been the SOC for 20-30 years**

**Can we do better?**

# Polatumumab vedotin

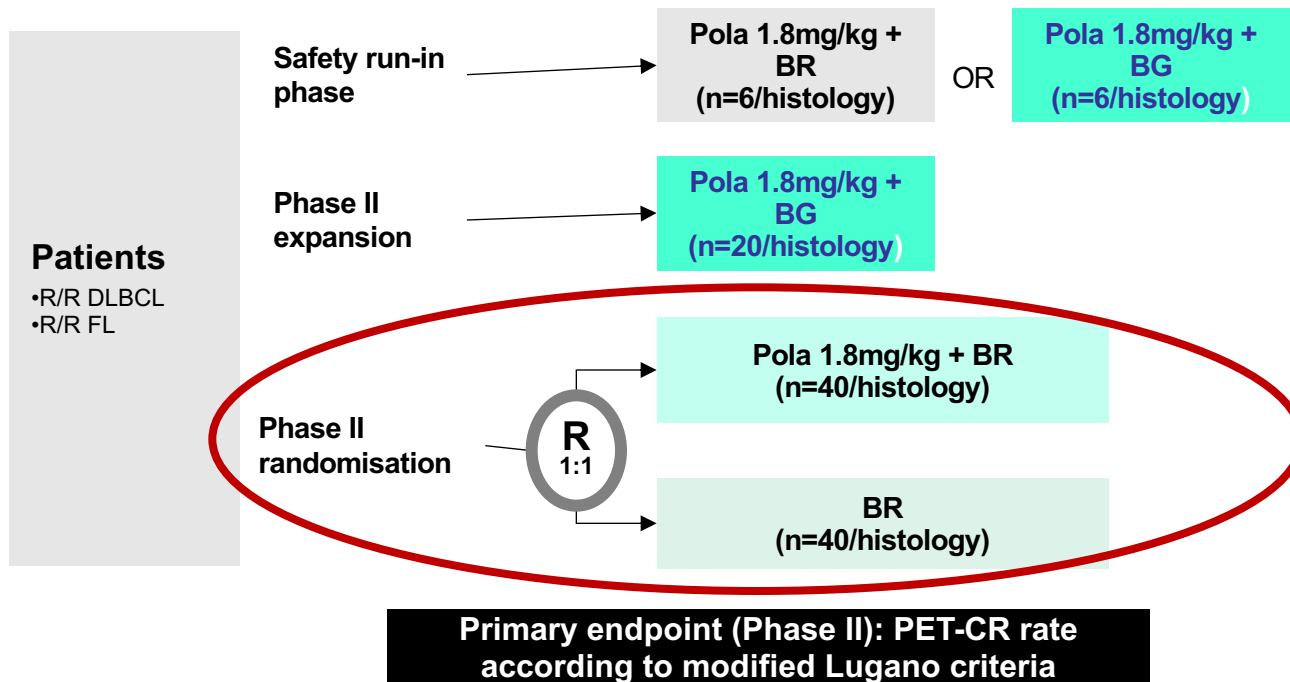
- Polatumumab vedotin (pola) is an antibody drug conjugate (ADC) consisting of a potent microtubule inhibitor monomethyl auristatin E (MMAE) conjugated to CD79b monoclonal antibody via a protease-cleavable peptide linker



- Pola has demonstrated efficacy in R/R DLBCL in combination with rituximab<sup>1,2</sup>

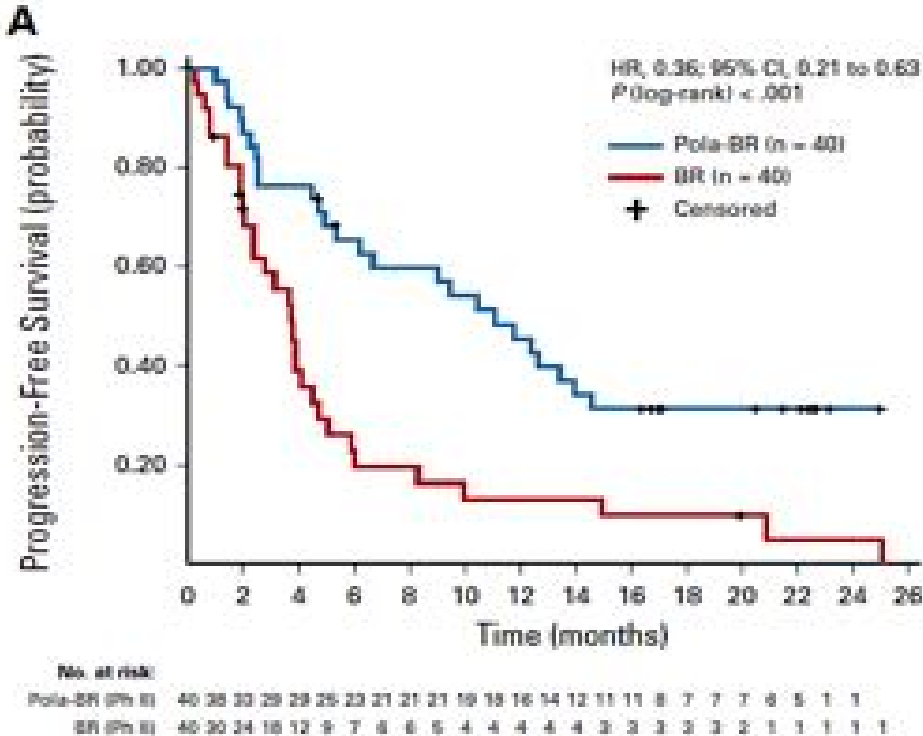
Treatment	Best overall response
Pola +/- rituximab	51–56% <sup>1,2</sup>

# Pola-BR vs BR: Study Design



# Polatuzumab vedotin added to bendamustine/rituximab

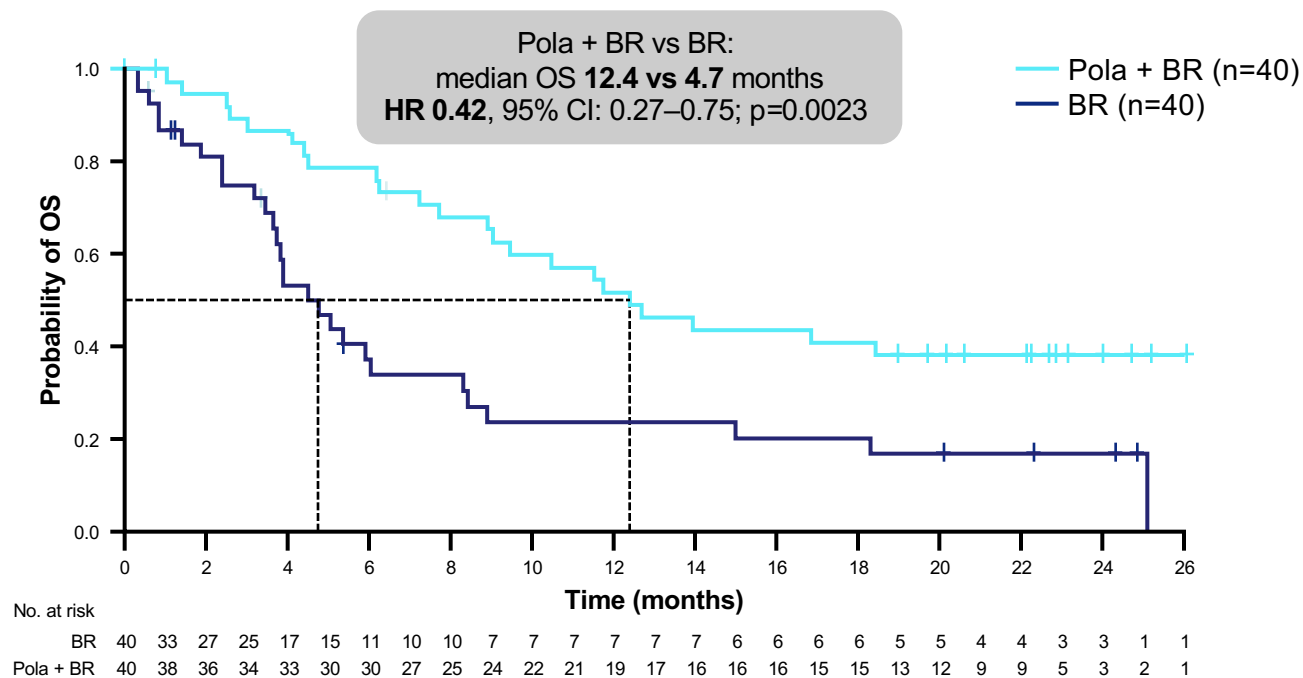
Progression Free Survival (IRC)



- Few patients with durable responses
- Toxicity: hematological, infectious, neurological



# OS was significantly longer with pola + BR versus BR

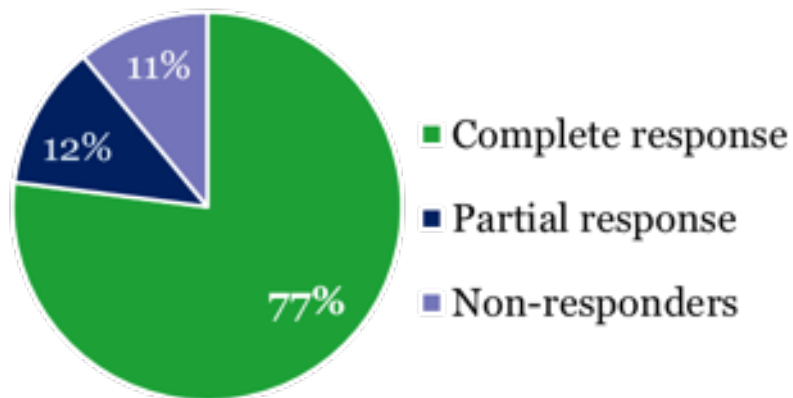


Median follow-up: 22.3 months

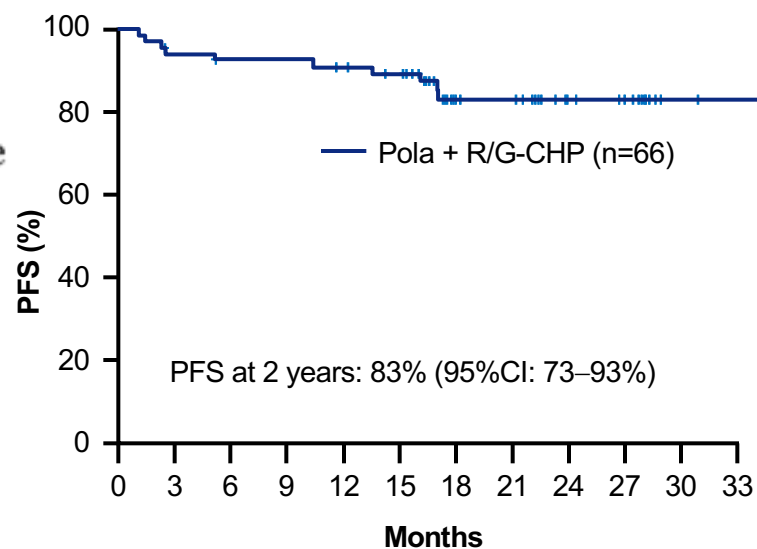
# In frontline: Pola-R-CHP in a phase 1b/2 trial

1 The safety and tolerability of pola-R-CHP is similar to that of R-CHOP

2 Tumour responses to pola-R-CHP assessed by PET



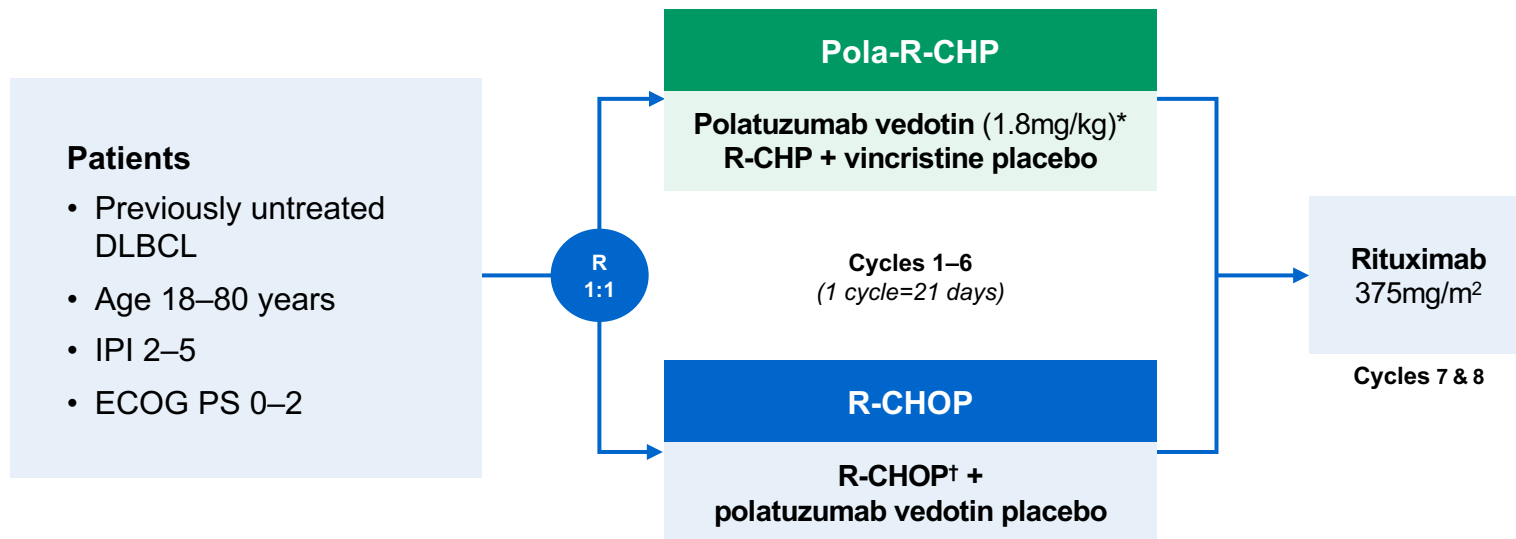
3 PFS in patients with 1L DLBCL receiving pola + R/G-CHP



G, obinutuzumab; R-CHP, rituximab, cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin, and prednisone; R-CHOP, rituximab, cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin, vincristine, and prednisone

Tilly H, et al. Lancet Oncol 2019; [Epub ahead of print]

# Phase 3 POLARIX Study: Polatuzumab Vedotin + R-CHP Versus R-CHOP for Newly Diagnosed DLBCL—Study Design



## Stratification factors

- IPI score (2 vs 3–5)
- Bulky disease (<7.5 vs ≥7.5cm)
- Geographic region (Western Europe, US, Canada, & Australia vs Asia vs rest of world)

- Primary endpoint: PFS (INV)
- Secondary endpoints: EFS, CR at EOT, DFS, OS, safety

# POLARIX: Baseline Characteristics

Characteristic	Polatuzumab Vedotin + R-CHP (n = 440)	R-CHOP (n = 439)
Median age, yr (range)	65 (19-80)	66.0 (19-80)
Male, n (%)	239 (54)	234 (53)
ECOG PS 0/1, n (%)	374 (85)	363 (83)
Bulky disease (≥7.5 cm), n (%)	193 (44)	192 (44)
Elevated LDH, n (%)	291 (66)	284 (65)
Median time from diagnosis to treatment initiation, days	26	27
Ann Arbor stage III/IV, n (%)	393 (89)	387 (88)
Extranodal sites (≥2), n (%)	213 (48)	213 (49)

Characteristic, n (%)	Polatuzumab Vedotin + R- CHP (n = 440)	R-CHOP (n = 439)
IPI score		
▪ 2	167 (38)	167 (38)
▪ 3-5	273 (62)	272 (62)
Cell of origin		
▪ ABC	102 (31)	119 (35)
▪ GCB	184 (56)	168 (50)
▪ Unclassified	44 (13)	51 (15)
<i>MYC/BCL2</i> expression	139 (38)	151 (41)
<i>MYC/BCL2/BCL6</i> rearrangement	26 (8)	19 (6)

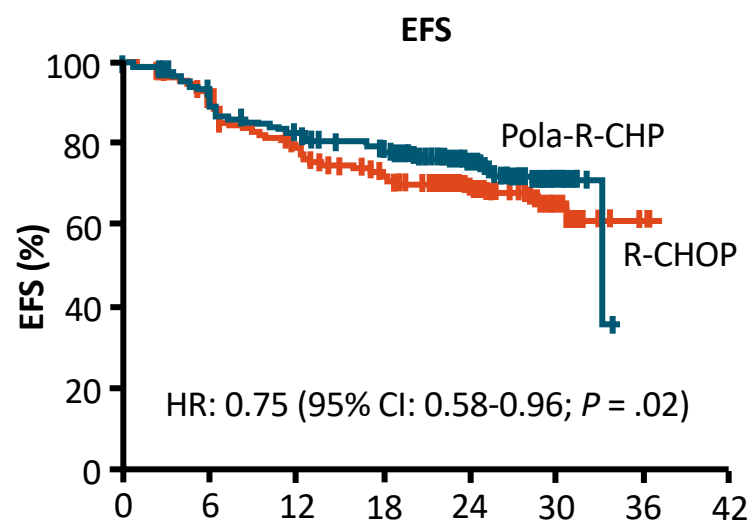
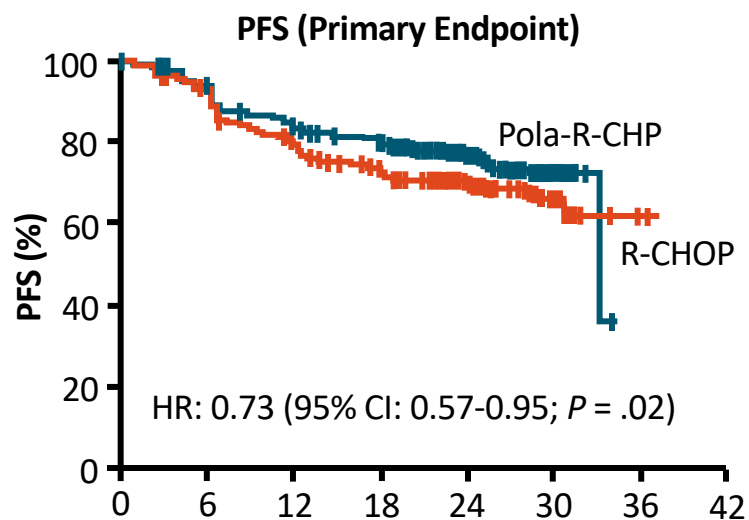
# POLARIX: Polatuzumab Vedotin + R-CHP vs R-CHOP

## Response

Best ORR, %	Polatuzumab Vedotin + R-CHP (n = 440)	R-CHOP (n = 439)
CR	86.6	82.7
PR	9.3	11.4

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## PFS and EFS



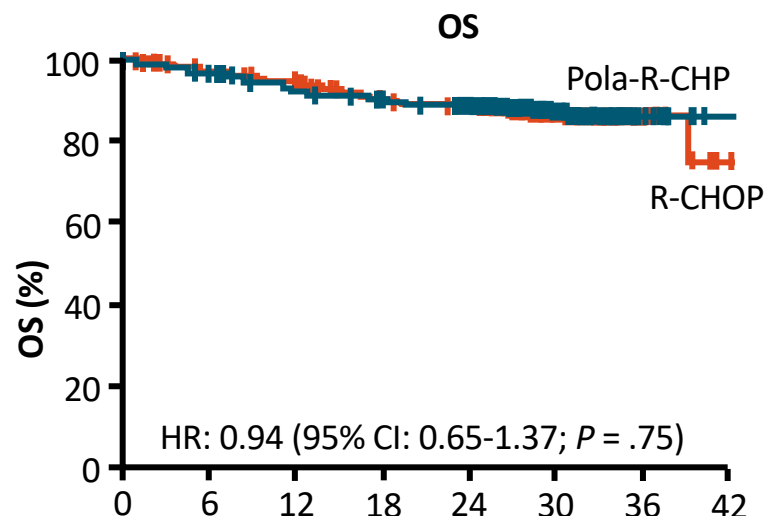
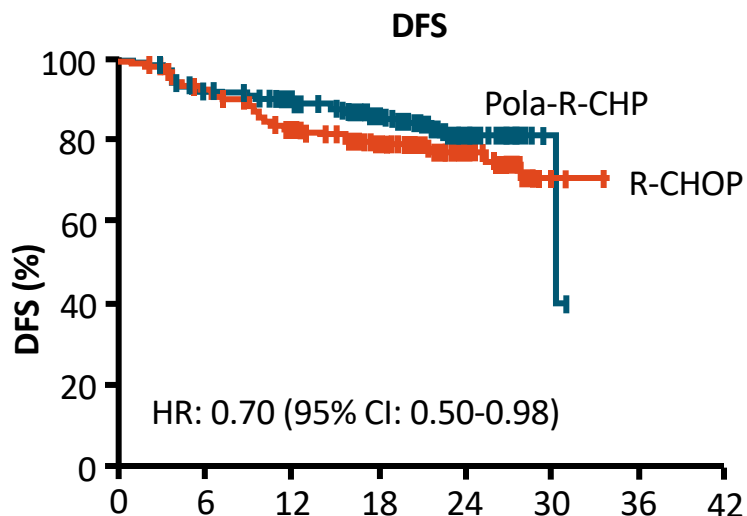
Patients at Risk, n		Mo						
Pola-R-CHP	440	404	353	327	246	78	NE	
R-CHOP	NE	439	389	330	296	220	78	
	NE						3	

Patients at Risk, n		Mo						
Pola-R-CHP	440	402	348	323	243	78	NE	
R-CHOP	NE	439	386	327	294	218	78	
	NE						3	

- **Median follow-up: 28.2 mo**
- **24-mo PFS: 76.7% polatuzumab vedotin + R-CHP vs 70.2% R-CHOP**
- **27% reduction in risk of progression, relapse or death with Pola-R-CHP**

# POLARIX: Polatuzumab Vedotin + R-CHP vs R-CHOP

## DFS and OS



Patients at Risk, n		Mo							
		0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42
Pola-R-CHP	381	342	322	266	106	2	NE		
R-CHOP	NE	363	326	282	238	96	5	NE	

Patients at Risk, n		Mo							
		0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42
Pola-R-CHP	440	423	397	384	362	140	15	1	
R-CHOP	439	414	401	376	355	132	20	2	

# POLARIX: Polatuzumab Vedotin + R-CHP vs R-CHOP

## Subsequent Therapy Not Specified in the Protocol

Subsequent Therapy at Data Cutoff, %	Polatuzumab Vedotin + R-CHP (n = 99)	R-CHOP (n = 133)
Radiotherapy	9.3	13.0
Systemic therapy	17.0	23.5
SCT	3.9	7.1
CAR T-cell	2.0	3.6

- At data cutoff, 99 of 440 patients (22.5%) in the polatuzumab vedotin arm and 133 of 439 patients (30.3%) in the R-CHOP arm had received  $\geq 1$  subsequent course of therapy not specified in the trial protocol
- Unblinding was permitted for individual patients after disease progression, with 8 patients in the R-CHOP arm receiving polatuzumab vedotin as part of subsequent therapy



# POLARIX: Polatumumab Vedotin + R-CHP Vs R-CHOP AEs

AEs, %	Pola + R-CHP (n = 435)		R-CHOP (n = 438)	
	Any Grade	Grade 3/4	Any Grade	Grade 3/4
Peripheral neuropathy	52.9	1.6	53.9	1.1
Nausea	41.6	1.1	36.8	0.5
Neutropenia	30.8	28.3	32.6	30.8
Diarrhea	28.7	3.9	20.1	1.8
Anemia	28.7	12.0	26.0	8.4
Constipation	25.7	1.1	29.0	0.2
Fatigue	24.4	0.9	26.5	2.5
Alopecia	16.3	0	24.0	0.2
Dec appetite	15.6	1.1	14.2	0.7

AEs, %	Pola + R-CHP (n = 435)		R-CHOP (n = 438)	
	Any Grade	Grade 3/4	Any Grade	Grade 3/4
Pyrexia	15.6	1.4	12.6	0
Vomiting	14.9	1.1	14.4	0.7
Febrile neutropenia	14.3	13.8	8.0	8.0
Headache	12.9	0.2	13.0	0.9
Cough	12.9	0	12.1	0
Dec weight	12.6	0.9	11.9	0.2
Asthenia	12.2	1.6	12.1	0.5
Dysgeusia	11.3	0	13.0	0

# POLARIX: Safety

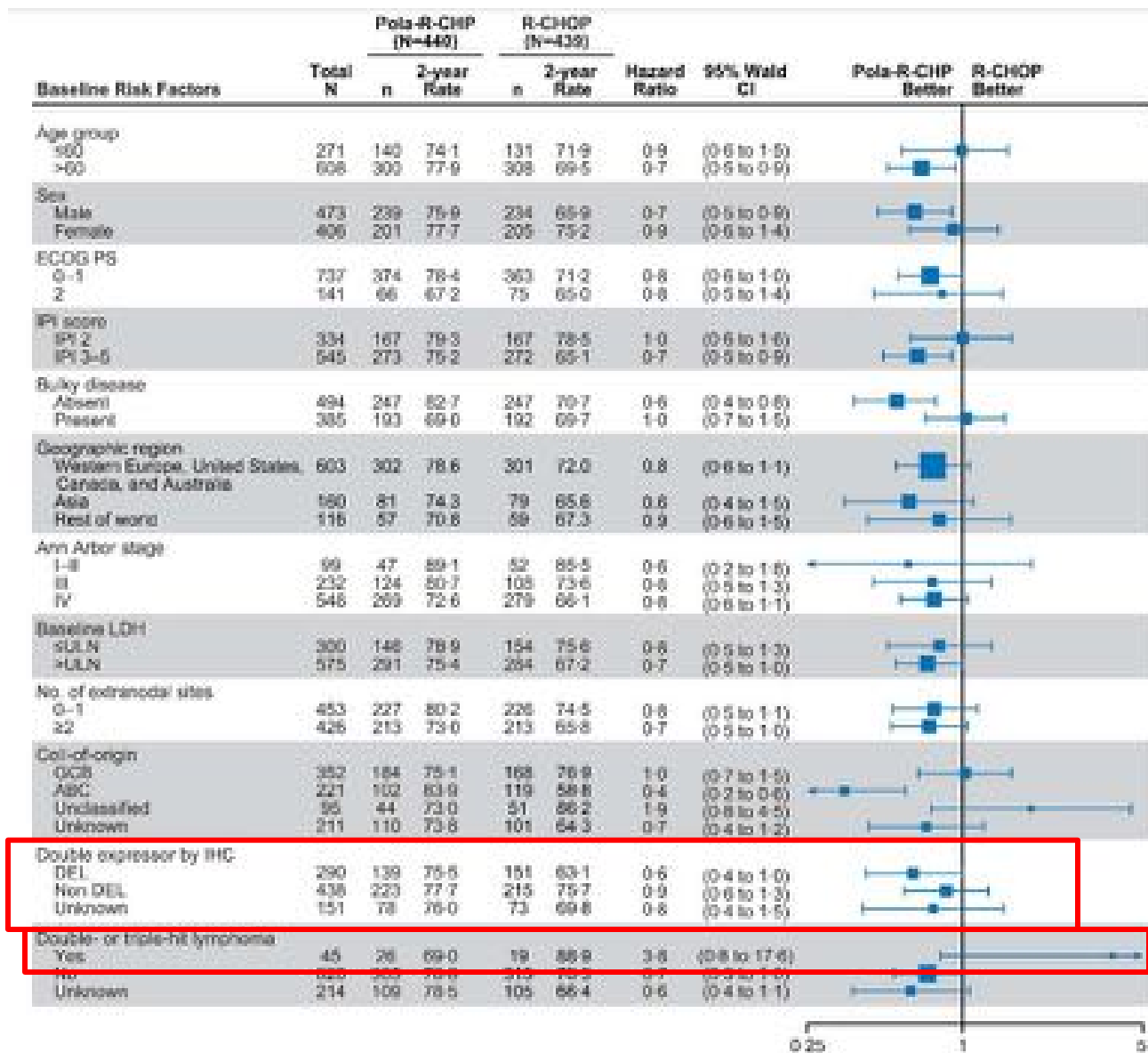
AEs, n (%)	Polatuzumab Vedotin + R-CHP (n = 440)	R-CHOP (n = 439)
Any grade AEs	426 (97.9)	431 (98.4)
▪Grade ≥3*	264 (60.7)	262 (59.8)
Serious AEs	148 (34.0)	134 (30.6)
AEs leading to:		
▪D/c of any study drug†	27 (6.2)	29 (6.6)
▪Dose reduction of any study drug	40 (9.2)	57 (13.0)

\*Grade 5 AEs: 13 patients (3.0%) and 10 patients (2.3%), respectively.

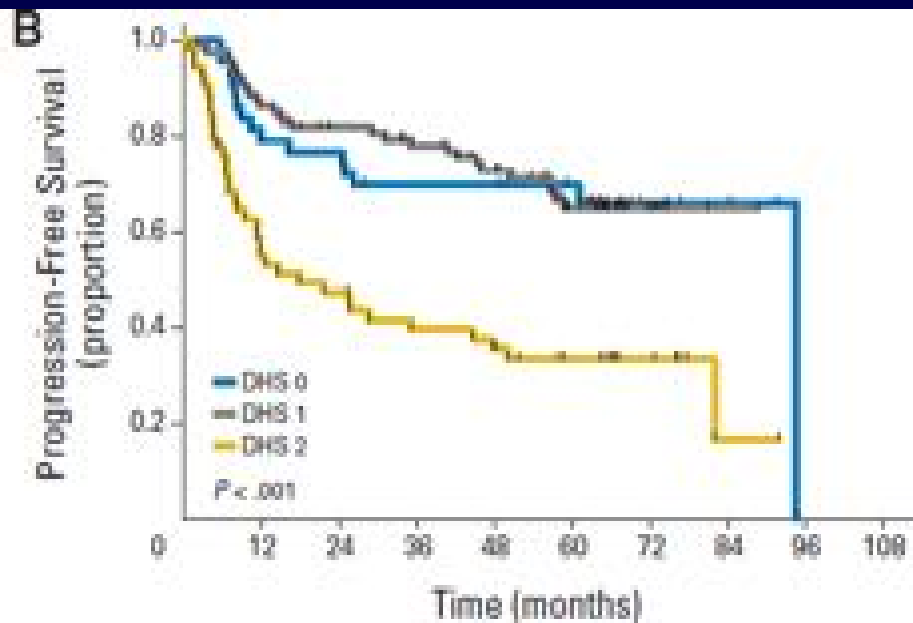
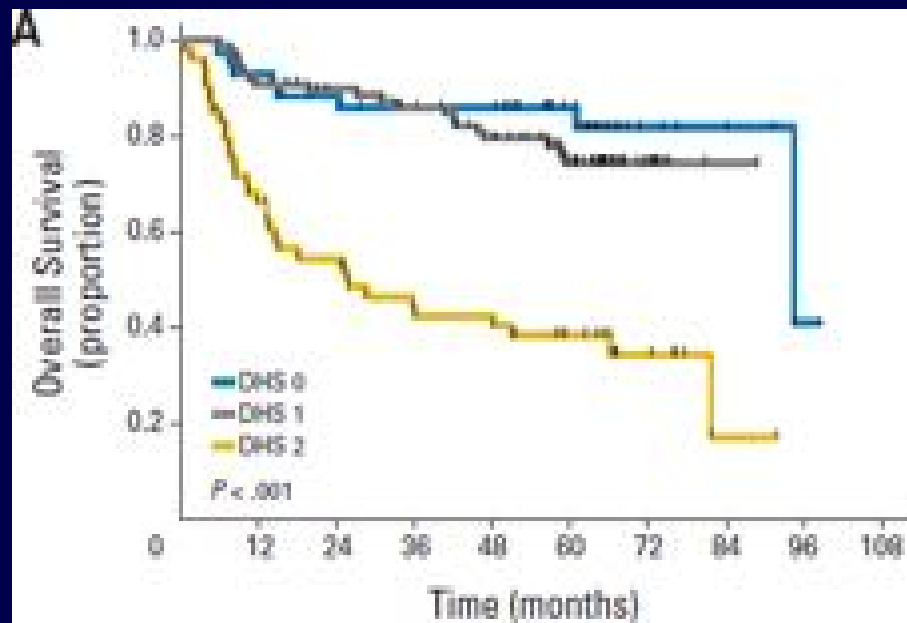
†19 patients (4.4%) d/c PV in PV arm, 22 patients (5.0%) d/c vincristine in R-CHOP arm.

# Phase 3 POLARIX Study: PFS (INV) by Subgroup

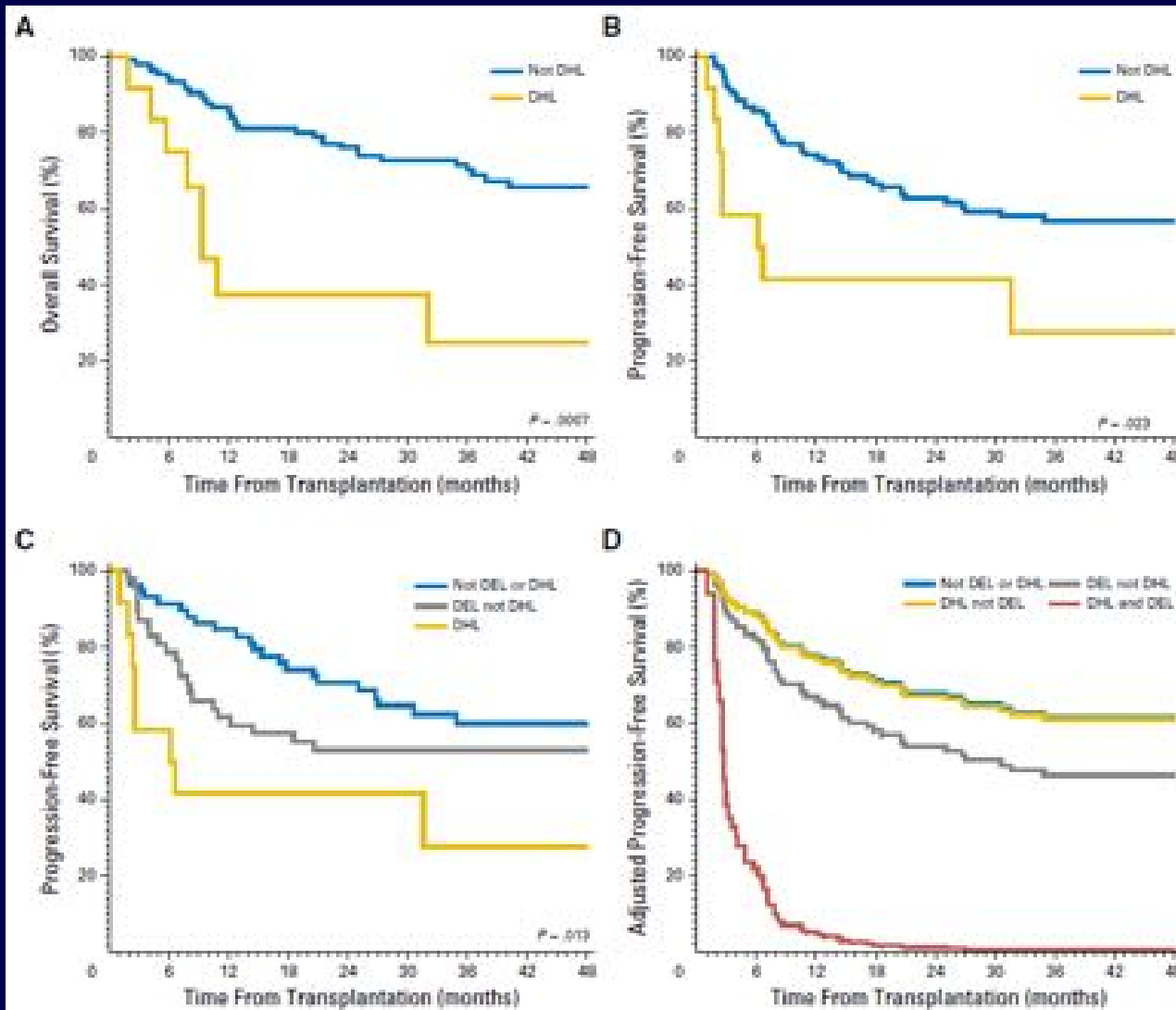
## Exploratory Analysis



# Double Expression - Prognosis

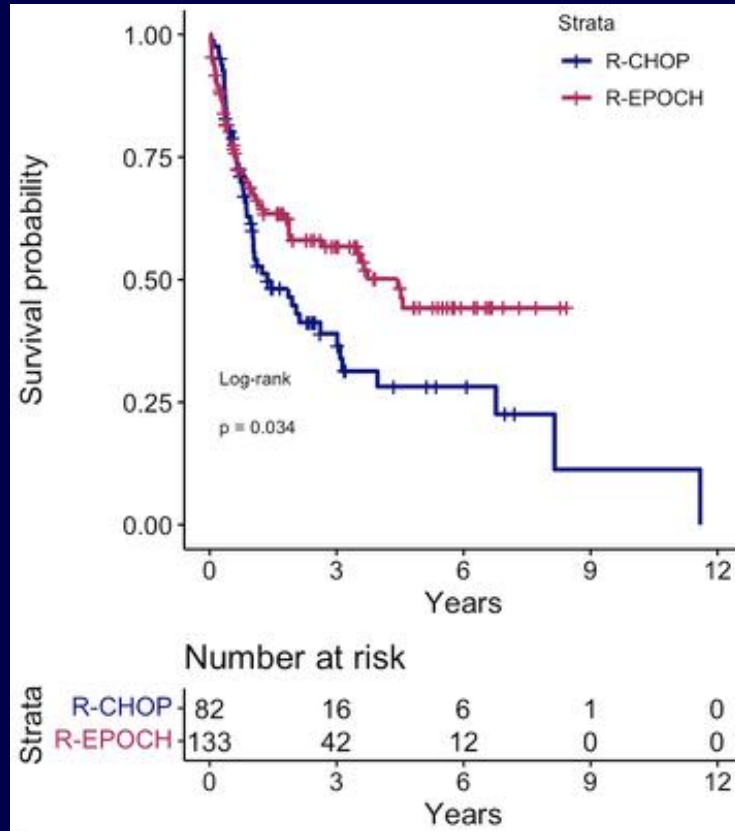


# Relapsed DEL/DHL and AutoPSCT

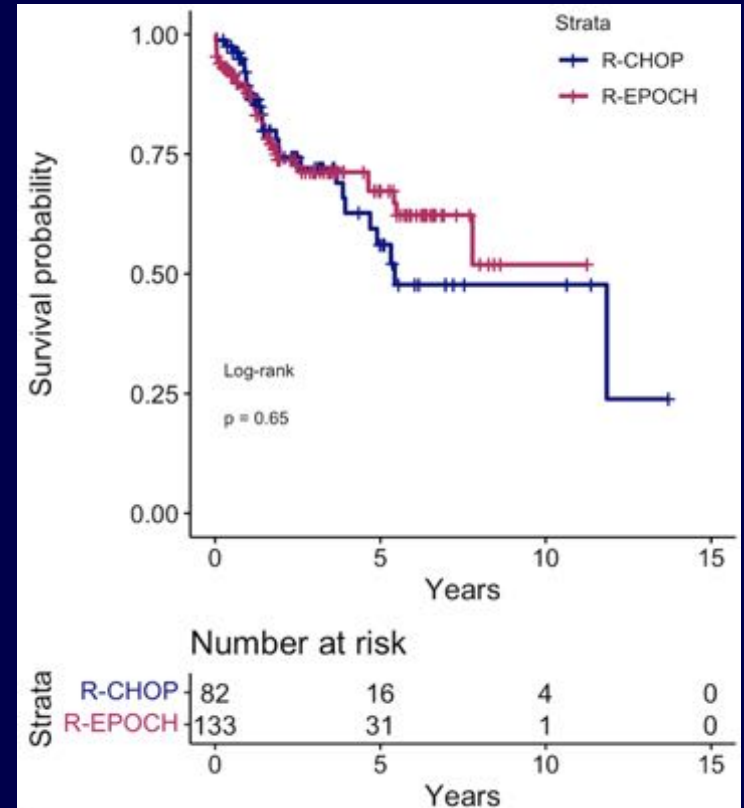


# R-DA-EPOCH for DEL

PFS



OS



# POLARIX: Conclusions

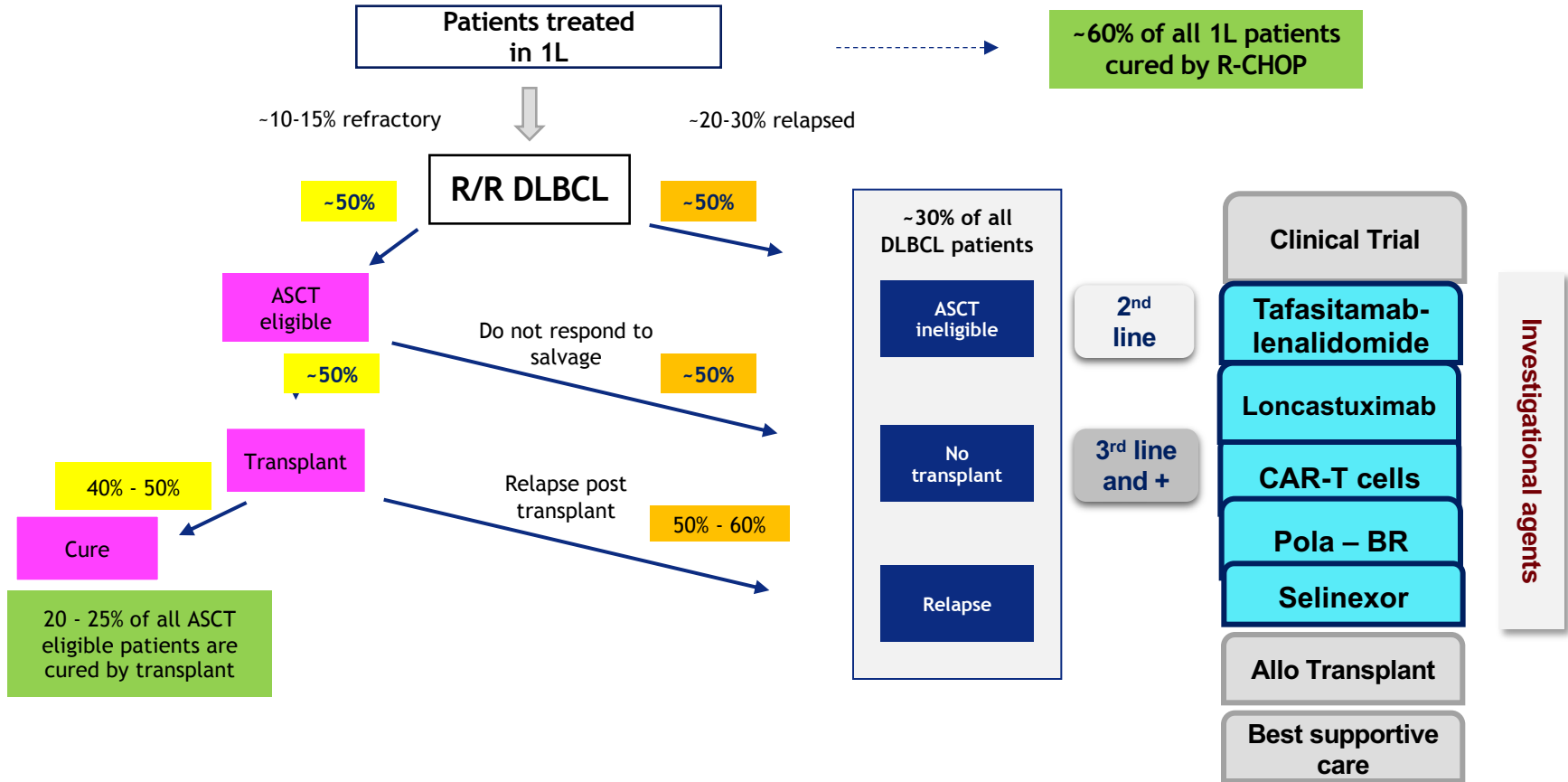
- In patients with intermediate-risk or high-risk untreated DLBCL, polatuzumab vedotin + R-CHP significantly increased PFS vs R-CHOP
  - HR: 0.73 (95% CI: 0.57-0.95;  $P < .02$ )
- Frequency of AEs similar between treatment arms
- Exploratory analyses of various subgroups and other prognostic classification systems are ongoing
- Investigators conclude these data support use of polatuzumab vedotin + R-CHP in patients with untreated DLBCL and may represent a new SOC for previously untreated DLBCL ?

# Relapsed/Refractory DLBCL



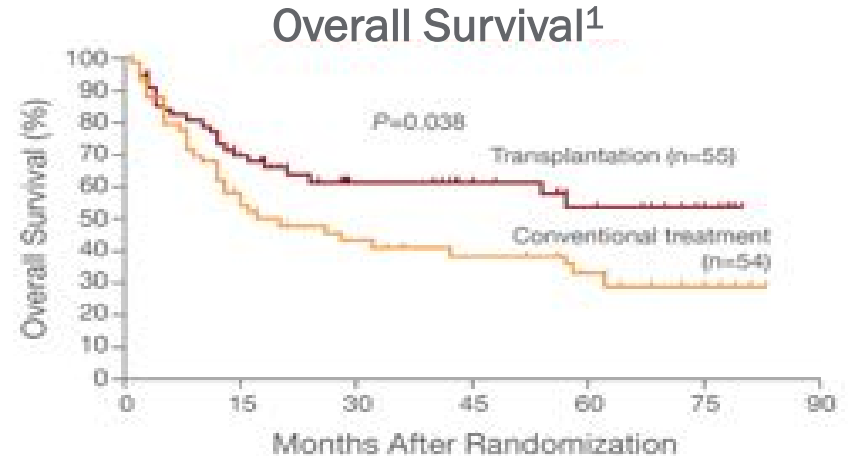
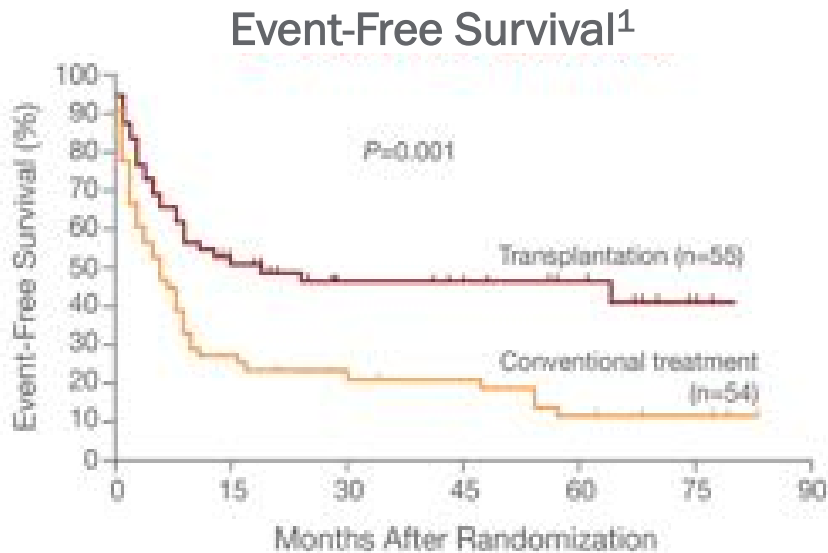


# Relapsed and refractory DLBCL



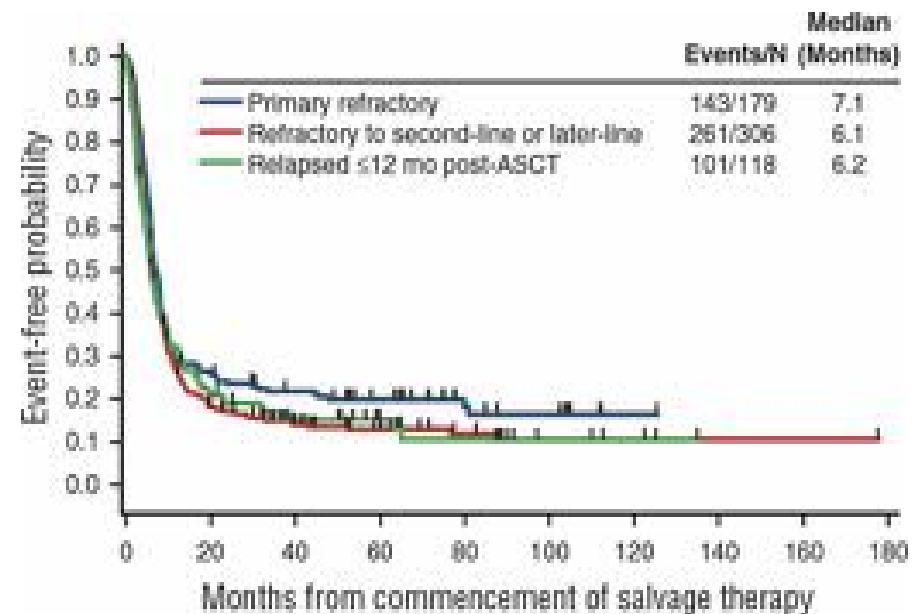
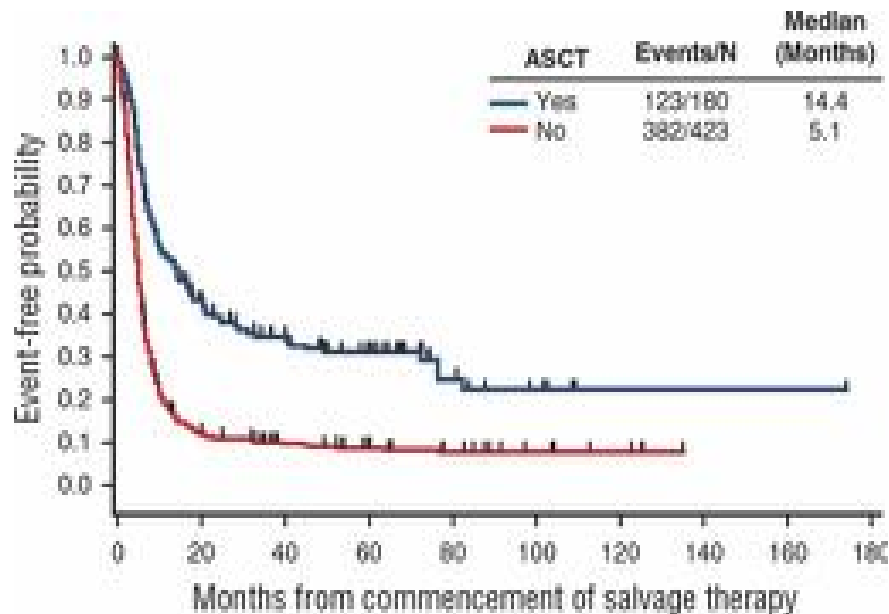
# Exciting New Developments for R/R DLBCL Cellular Therapy

# Standard of Care for Chemosensitive R/R DLBCL Is ASCT



- 20% to 50% of patients will relapse or be refractory to R-CHOP, depending on IPI<sup>2</sup>
- 30% to 40% of patients will respond to salvage chemotherapy and proceed to ASCT<sup>2</sup>
  - Relative equivalency with intensive salvage regimens
- 50% will relapse after ASCT<sup>2</sup>

# Outcomes for Patients With Refractory Disease: SCHOLAR-1 Event-Free Probability



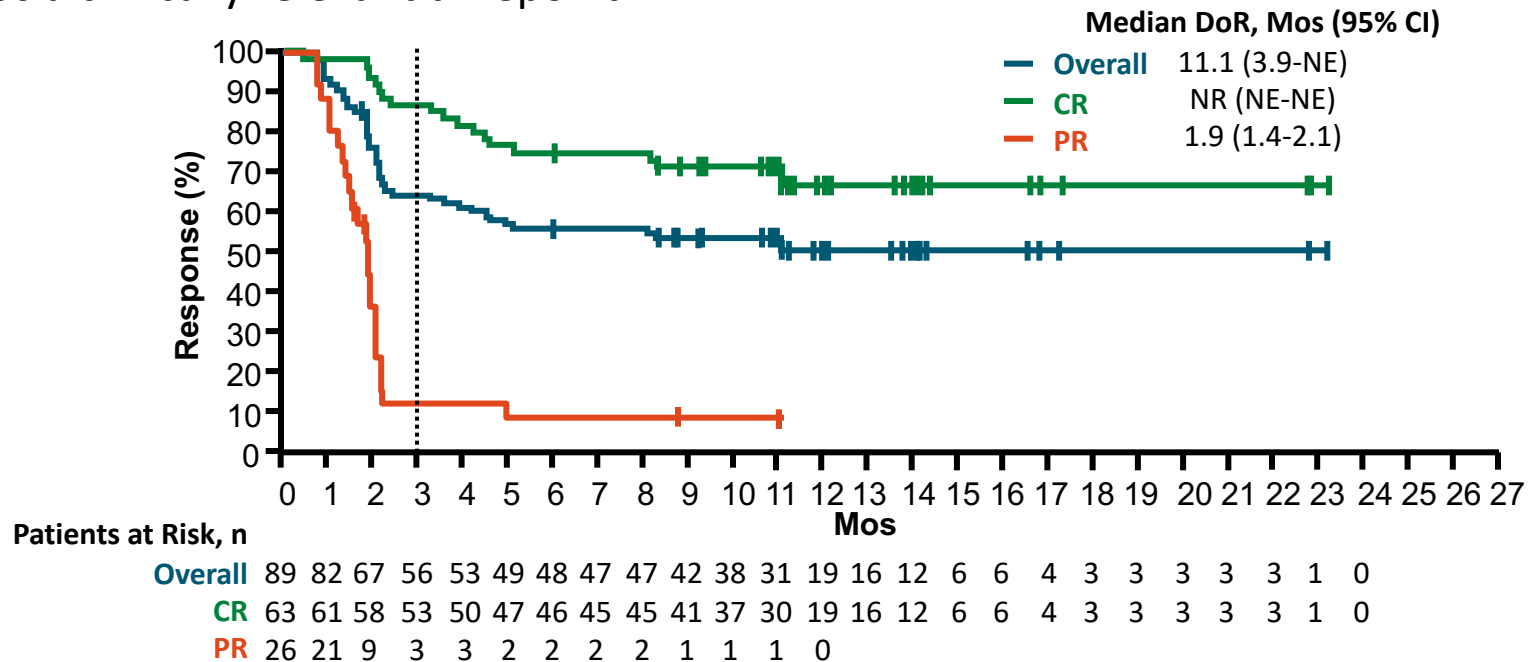
# Axicabtagene Ciloleucel in Patients With Refractory DLBCL (ZUMA-1): Background

- Axi-cel: autologous second-generation CD19-directed CAR T-cell therapy<sup>[1,2]</sup>
  - FDA approved for use in adult R/R large B-cell lymphoma after  $\geq 2$  lines of therapy based on the results of ZUMA-1
- ZUMA-1: multicenter, multicohort phase I/II trial in patients with refractory DLBCL, PMBCL, or transformed FL (N = 111)<sup>[2]</sup>
  - After median follow-up of 15.4 mos, ORR of 82%, CR rate of 54% in 108 patients with minimum 1-yr follow-up
    - Responses ongoing in 42% at time of primary analysis, with 40% in CR
- Current report of long-term follow-up data from ZUMA-1 evaluated durability of responses with axi-cel treatment over time and the prognostic value of PR and CR at Month 3 for long-term remissions<sup>[3]</sup>

1. Axicabtagene ciloleucel [package insert]. 2017. 2. Neelapu SS, et al. N Engl J Med. 2017;377:2531-2544. 3. Locke FL, et al. ASCO 2018. Abstract 3003.

# ZUMA-1: Duration of Response by Best Objective Response (Primary Analysis)

- More than one half of patients with PR progressed by Month 3, defining Month 3 as a clinically relevant timepoint



# ZUMA-1 Long-term Follow-up: Conclusions

- Long-term analysis of phase II ZUMA-1 trial demonstrated high, durable response rates in patients with refractory large B-cell lymphoma treated with axi-cel
- ORR and CR rate increased during long-term follow-up, with patients achieving CRs up to 1 yr after a single infusion of axi-cel
- Patients with an ongoing response at 3 months had ~ 80% probability of maintaining response at 12 months
- Investigators concluded that achieving PR or CR by 3 months may be prognostic of long-term response to axi-cel
- **At 18 mon med F/U PFS is ~ 37%**

**ASH 2021: Three Randomized Phase III Trials Comparing CART  
to SOC AP SCT in patients with Primary Refractory DLBCL OR  
Relapsed within 12 Months**



# ZUMA-7, TRANSFORM, and BELINDA in 2L DLBCL: Study Summary

Variable	Axi-Cel (ZUMA-7) <sup>1</sup>	Liso-Cel (TRANSFORM) <sup>2</sup>	Tisa-Cel (BELINDA) <sup>3,4</sup>
Study design	Axi-cel vs salvage Chemo before HDT-ASCT	Liso-cel vs salvage Chemo before HDT-ASCT	Tisa-cel vs salvage Chemo before HDT-ASCT
Bridging therapy regimens allowed	Steroids	Protocol-defined SOC regimen	R-DHAP, R-ICE, R-GemOx, or R-GDP
Primary endpoint	EFS	EFS	EFS
Secondary endpoints	ORR, OS, PFS, safety, PROs	CR rate, PFS, OS, DOR, ORR, PFS, safety, PROs	ORR, safety, cellular kinetics
Crossover to CAR T-cell therapy allowed?	No Nonresponders could receive additional treatment off protocol	Yes	Yes

# ZUMA-7, TRANSFORM, and BELINDA in 2L DLBCL: Efficacy Results

Factor	Axi-Cel (ZUMA-7) <sup>1</sup>		Liso-Cel (TRANSFORM) <sup>2</sup>		Tisa-Cel (BELINDA) <sup>3</sup>	
	Axi-Cel (n=180)	SOC (n=179)	Liso-Cel (n=92)	SOC (n=92)	Tisa-Cel (n=162)	SOC (n=160)
Median follow-up, months	24.9		6.2		10.0	
Median EFS, months (95% CI)	8.3 (4.5-15.8)	2.0 (1.6-2.8)	10.1 (6.1-NR)	2.3 (2.2-4.3)	3.0 (2.9-4.2)	3.0 (3.0-3.5)
HR P value	0.398 (0.31-0.51) <0.0001		0.349 (0.23-0.53) <0.0001		1.07 (0.82-1.40) 0.69	
ORR, % CR, %	83 65	50 32	86 66	48 39	46 28	43 28

- **ZUMA-7 and TRANSFORM met their primary endpoint of EFS**
- **BELINDA failed to meet its primary endpoint of EFS and had no advantage over SOC**

# ZUMA-7, TRANSFORM, and BELINDA in 2L DLBCL: Safety Results

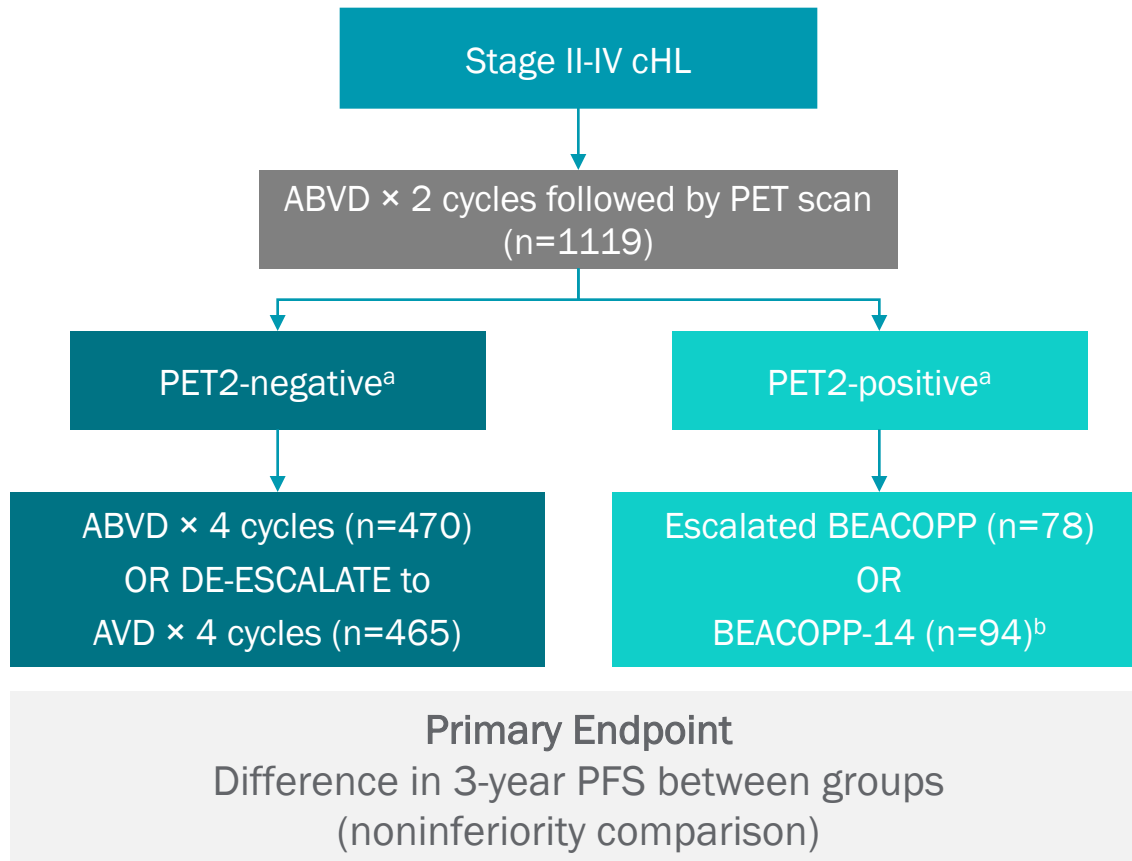
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	Axi-Cel (n=180)	SOC (n=179)	Liso-Cel (n=92)	SOC (n=92)	Tisa-Cel (n=162)	SOC (n=160)
Grade AE, %	100	100	100	99	99	99
Grade ≥3 AE	91	83	92	87	84	90
Grade ≥3 CRS, %	6	-	1	-	5	-
Median time to onset, day	3	-	5	-	Not reported	-
Median duration, day	7	-	Not reported	-	Not reported	-
Grade ≥3 NE, %	21	1	4	-	2	-
Median time to onset, day	7	23	11	-	Not reported	-
Median duration, day	9	23	Not reported	-	Not reported	-

- Across all studies, AEs between the CAR T-cell therapy and SOC were generally comparable with a low incidence of grade ≥3 CRS and NE

# Treatment of Newly Diagnosed Hodgkin's Lymphoma

## Recent Developments

# RATHL: Response-Adapted Therapy for Advanced cHL



<sup>a</sup> PET2-negative = Deauville score of 1-3; PET2-positive = Deauville score of 4-5.

<sup>b</sup> PET2-positive patients received 3 cycles of escalated BEACOPP or 4 cycles of BEACOPP-14 and underwent an additional PET scan. Patients who were still PET-positive received radiotherapy or a salvage regimen; those who were PET-negative received either 1 cycle of escalated BEACOPP or 2 cycles of BEACOPP-14.

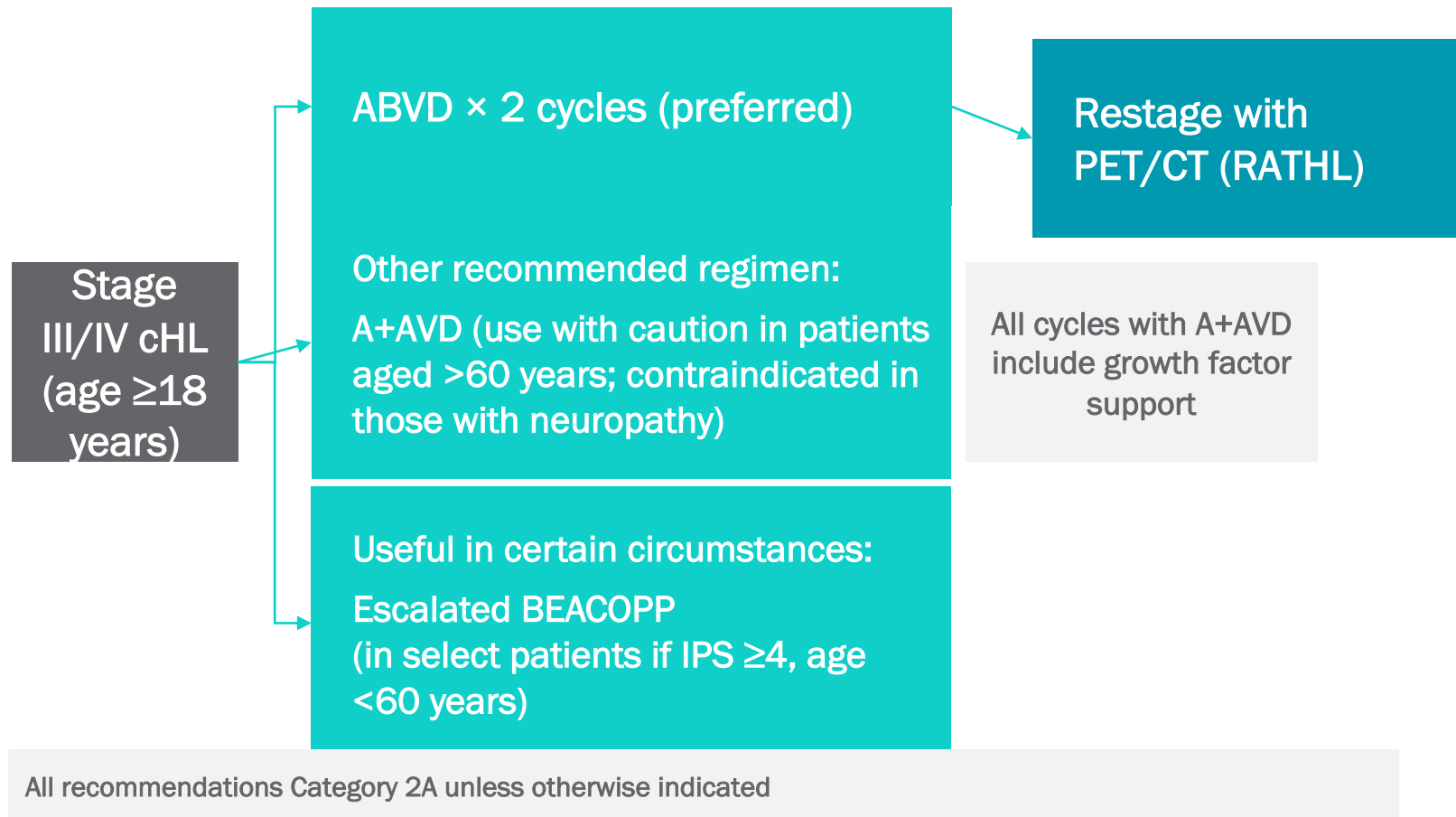
Johnson P, et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2016;374(25):2419-2429.

# RATHL Outcomes<sup>1,2</sup>

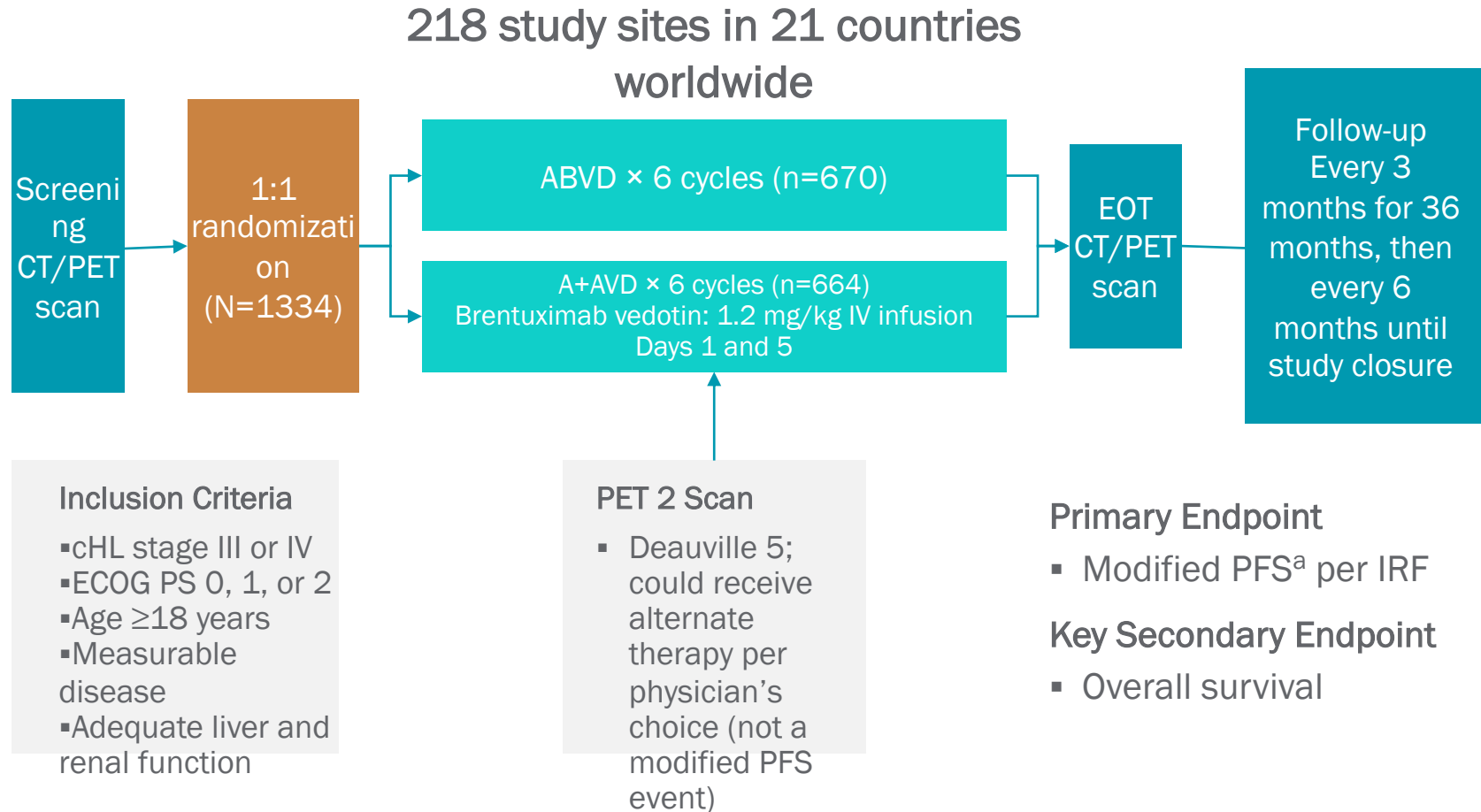
Outcome, %	ABVD (n=470)	AVD (n=465)	BEACOPP (n=172)
3-year PFS (95% CI)	85.7 (82.1, 88.6)	84.4 (80.7, 87.5)	67.5 (59.7, 74.2)
Ann Arbor stage III or IV and age ≤60 years			
3-year PFS (95% CI)	82.1 (76.5, 86.5)	82.1 (76.3, 86.4)	63.9 (52.9, 72.9)
5-year PFS (95% CI)	82.7 (78.8, 86.0)	80.6 (76.2, 84.2)	65.7 (57.9, 72.5)

- De-escalation to AVD was associated with lower pulmonary toxicity risk compared with ABVD

# NCCN Guidelines<sup>®</sup> in Stage III-IV cHL (Last Updated February 2022)



# ECHELON-1: A+AVD vs ABVD in Advanced cHL

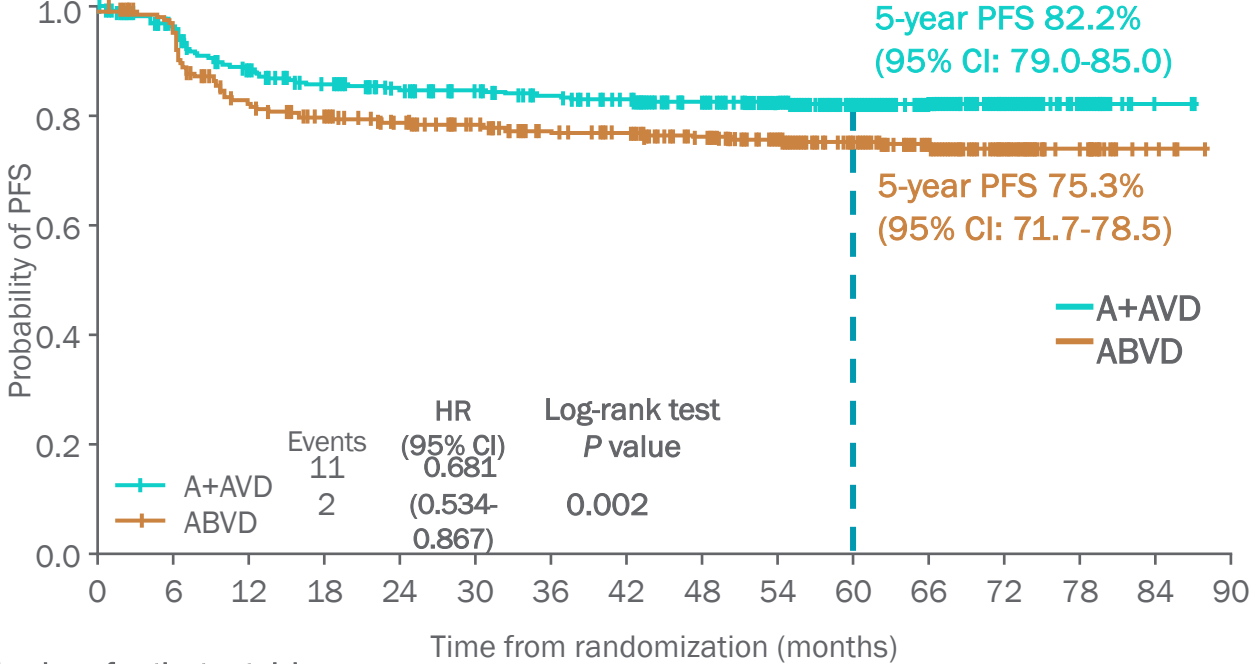


<sup>a</sup> Modified PFS: Progression, death from any cause, or receipt of additional anticancer therapy for patients not in CR after completion of frontline therapy.

Connors JM, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2018;378(4):331-344.



# ECHELON-1: PFS Per Investigator at 5-Year Follow-Up

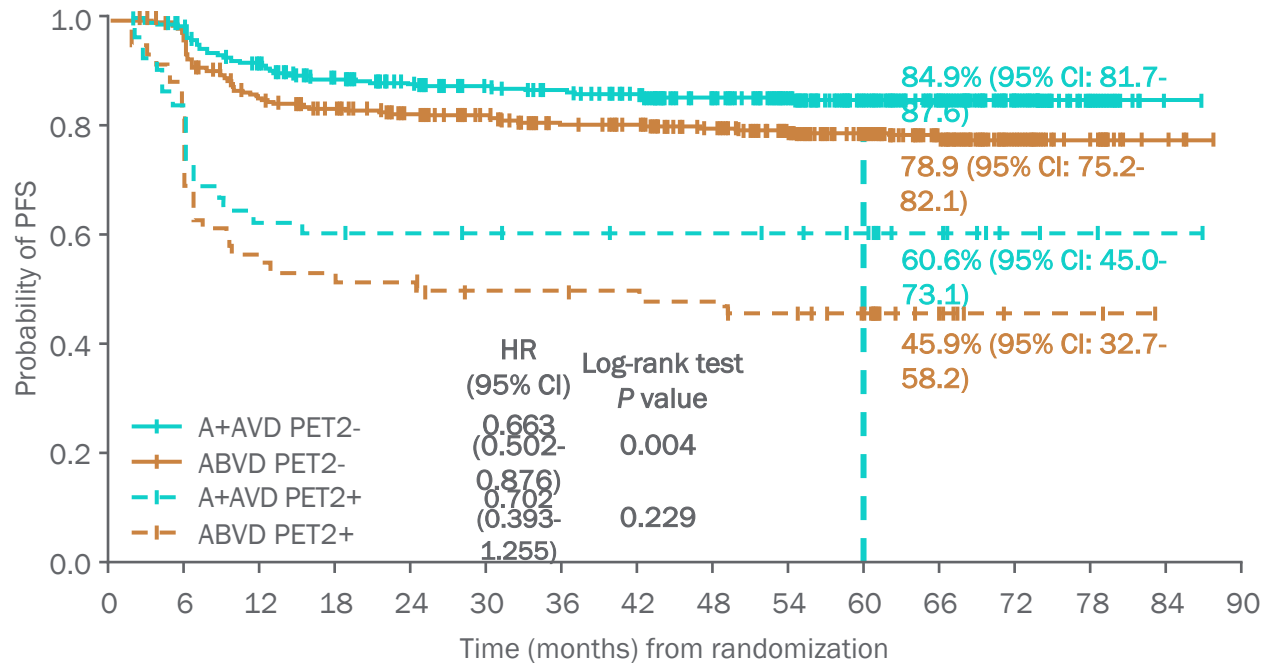


Number of patients at risk

A+AVD	66	62	56	53	51	50	49	47	44	41	33	20	10	38	2	0	
ABVD	67	61	52	50	47	45	43	42	39	36	29	17	7	23	22	4	0
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Straus DJ, et al. ASH 2020. Abstract 2973.

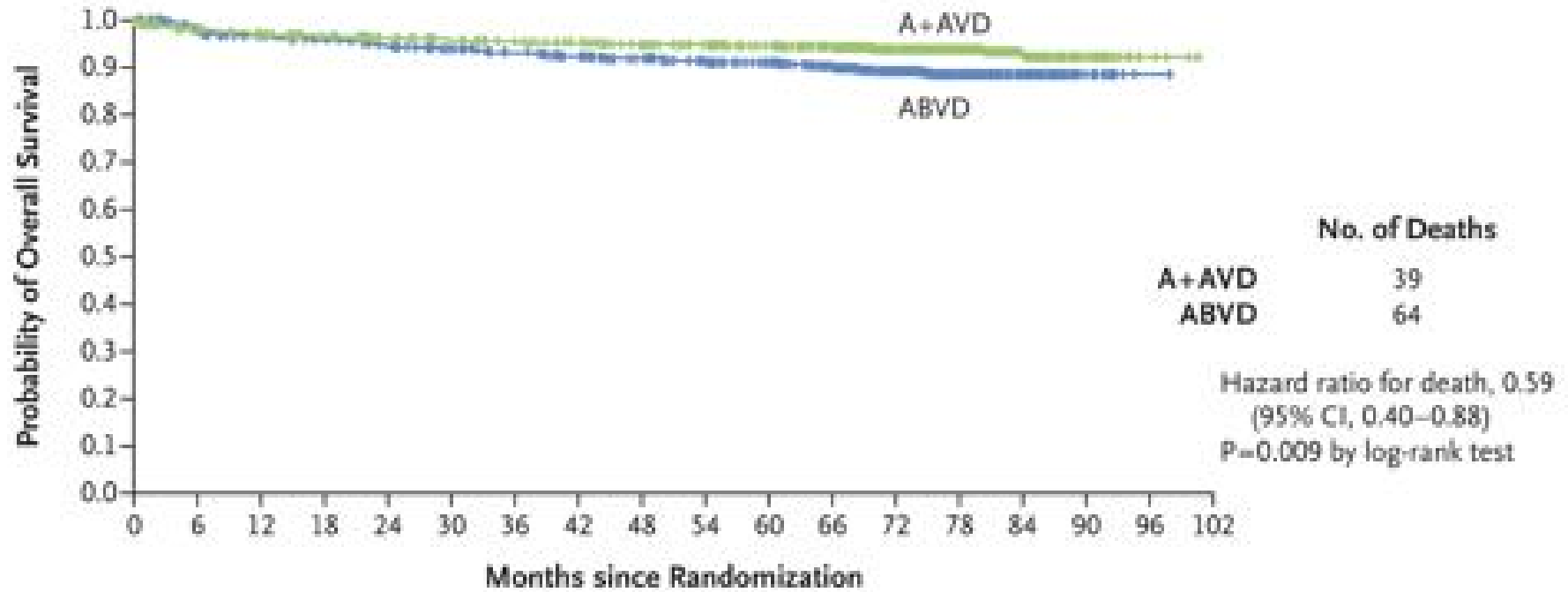
# ECHELON-1: 5-Year PFS Rates by PET2 Status



## Number of patients at risk

	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72	78	84	90
A+AVD PET2-	58	57	52	50	48	47	46	44	41	38	31	18	98	36	1	0
ABVD PET2-	58	55	48	46	44	42	40	39	36	33	27	17	70	20	4	0
A+AVD PET2+	47	39	28	27	26	25	24	23	23	22	18	10	3	2	1	0
ABVD PET2+	58	46	32	31	30	26	26	25	24	22	18	8	2	2	0	0

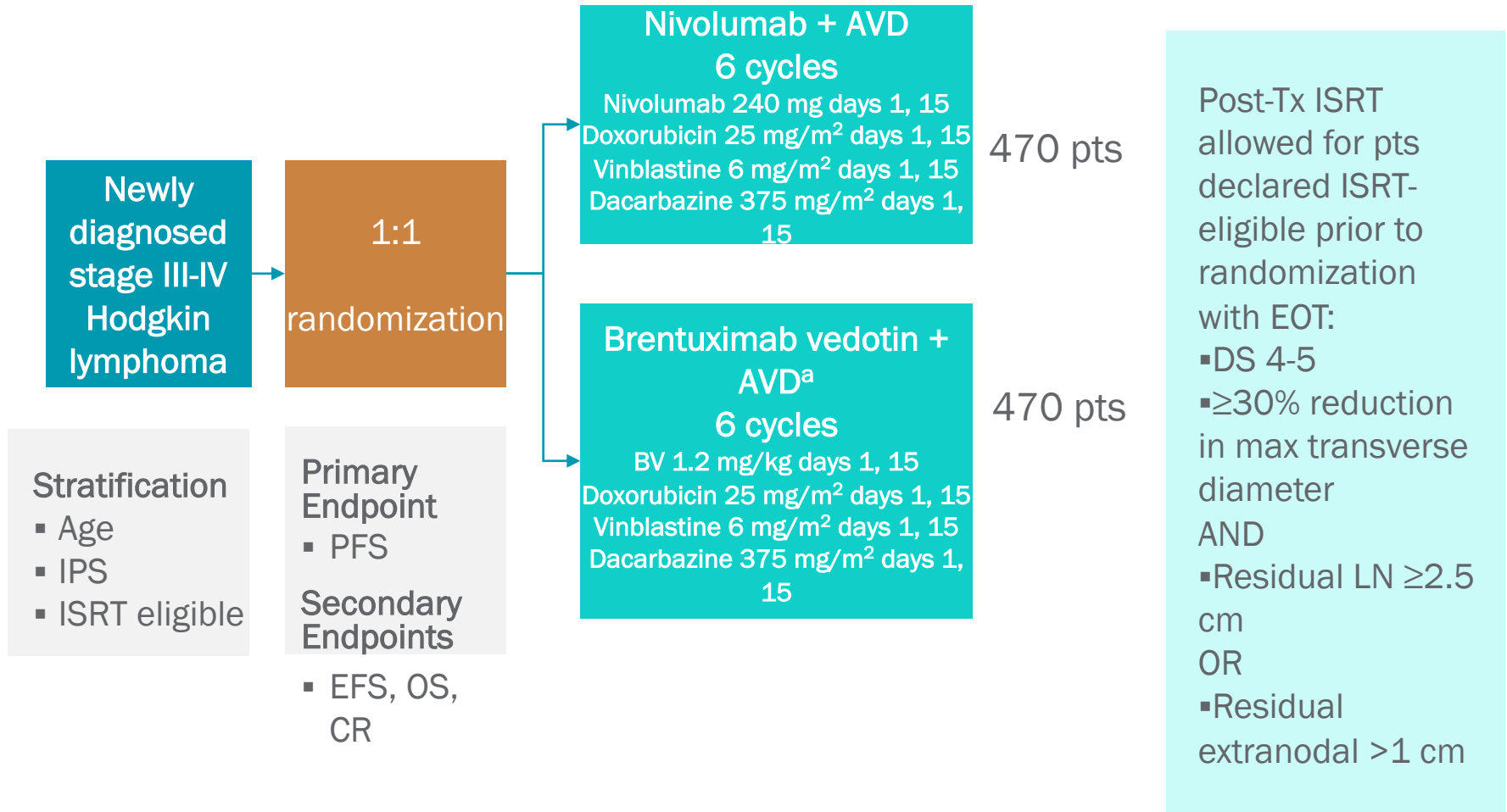
# ECHELON-1: LTFU Overall Survival Analysis



## No. at Risk

<b>A+AVD</b>	664	638	626	612	598	584	572	557	538	517	494	461	350	209	97	27	4	0
<b>ABVD</b>	670	634	614	604	587	567	545	527	505	479	454	411	308	191	84	11	1	0

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<sup>a</sup> G-CSF is mandatory in BV-AVD arm, optional in N-AVD arm

# Conclusions

- Will Pola-CHP become the new SOC for previously untreated DLBCL?
  - For higher risk DLBCL/DEL?
- CAR T (Axi-Cel/Liso-Cel) is the new SOC for primary refractory DLBCL *and* for patients that relapse within 12 months?
- Is A-AVD the new SOC for previously untreated Hodgkin's lymphoma?
  - At least for now (\$1826?)