# DLBCL: Current Therapeutic Approaches

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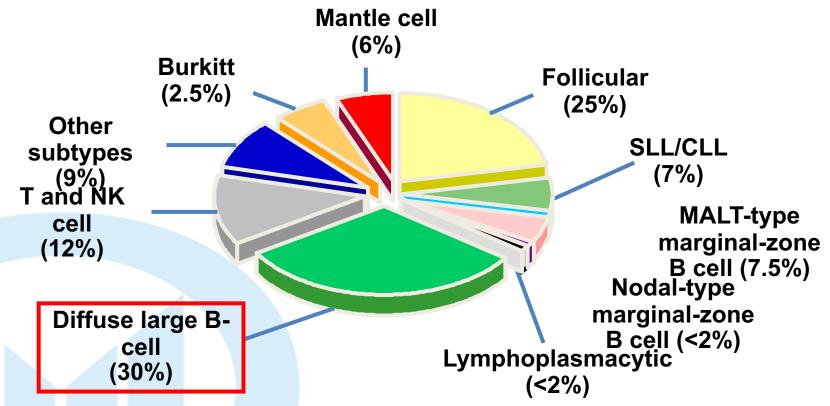


### Outline

- 1. Introduction
- 2. Treating limited stage DLBCL
- 3. Treating advanced stage DLBCL
- 4. Evolving treatment for R/R DLBCL
- 5. Treating elderly pts with DLBCL



#### **Most Common Subtypes of NHL**



#### **Clinical Features**

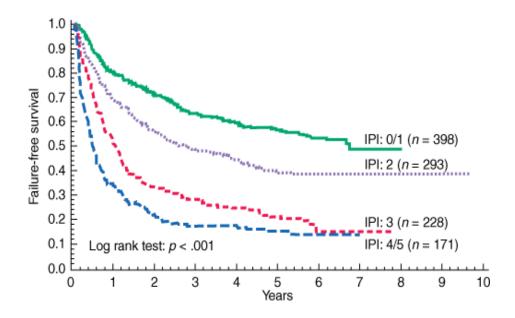
- Lymph nodes enlargement:
  - Neck: Pain or obstructing mass
  - Mediastinal: dyspnea, chest pain, superior vena cava syndrome
  - Retroperitoneal: abdominal mass, abdominal pain, bowel obstruction, hydronephrosis
  - Extranodal disease in 20-40% of cases
  - 60-70% present with advanced disease (III/IV)
- B symptoms: drenching night sweats, persistent fevers, weight loss > 10% in the last 6 months



### DLBCL: Risk stratification and International Prognostic Index (IPI score)

#### Prognostic factors

- Age  $\geq$  60
- Performance status (ECOG)> 2
- LDH above ULN
- Stage III/IV
- Extranodal disease>1
- Risk category
  - Low (0 or 1)
  - Low-intermediate (2)
  - High-intermediate(3)
  - High (4 or 5)

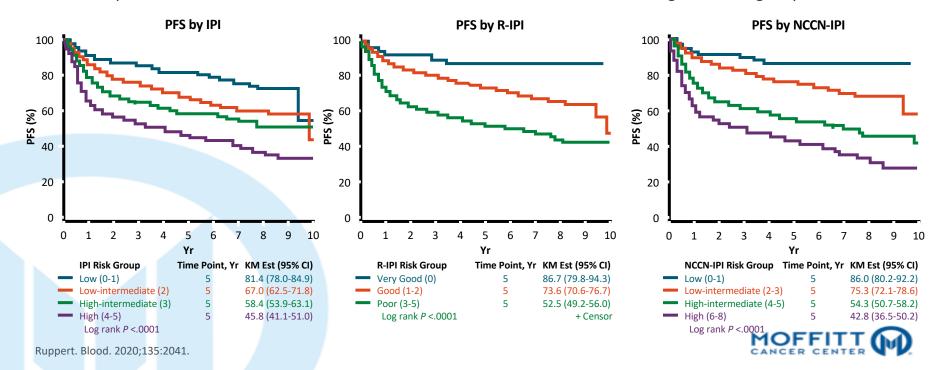


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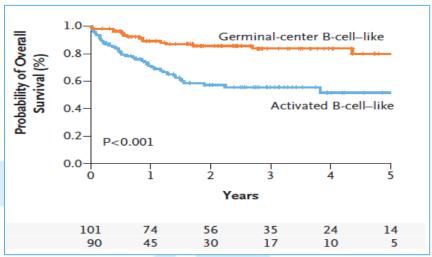
#### **DLBCL prognosis: Comparison of Clinical Prognostic Indexes**

- N = 2124 patients with DLBCL who received R-CHOP from 1998-2009 across 7 multicenter randomized clinical trials
- Compared with the IPI, the NCCN-IPI better discriminated low-risk and high-risk subgroups



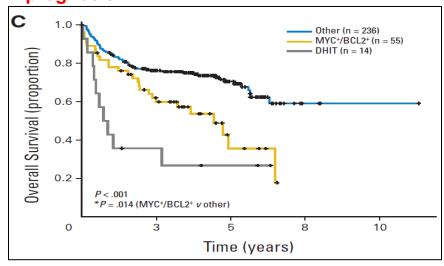
### DLBCL is a molecularly heterogeneous disease; certain patient subsets do worse

Patients with ABC DLBCL are less likely to be cured by R-CHOP



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"Double-Hit" (Myc + Bcl-2) carries worst prognosis



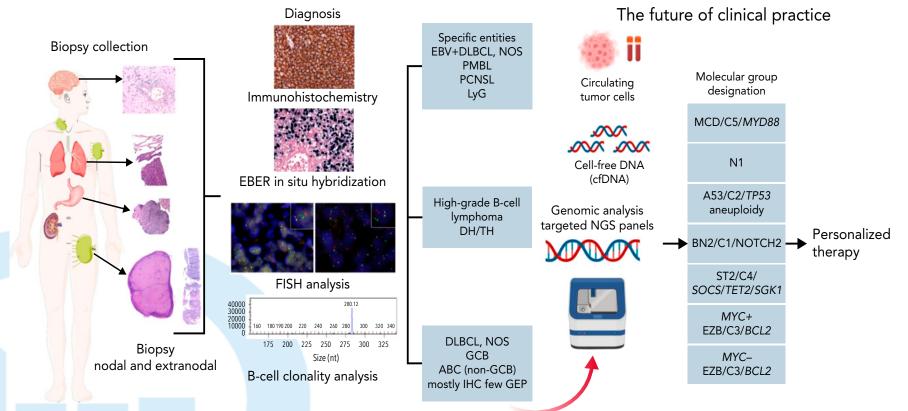
J Clin Oncol 2012 30:3452-3459.

**Additional Unmet Need** 

Primary refractory or first relapse within 12 months
High IPI score at relapse
Transformed lymphoma
Relapse post ASCT or not ASCT eligible

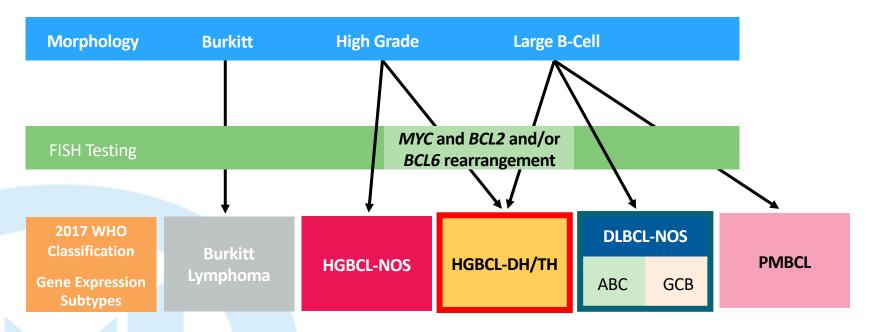


#### **Current and Future Pathology Work Up For DLBCL**





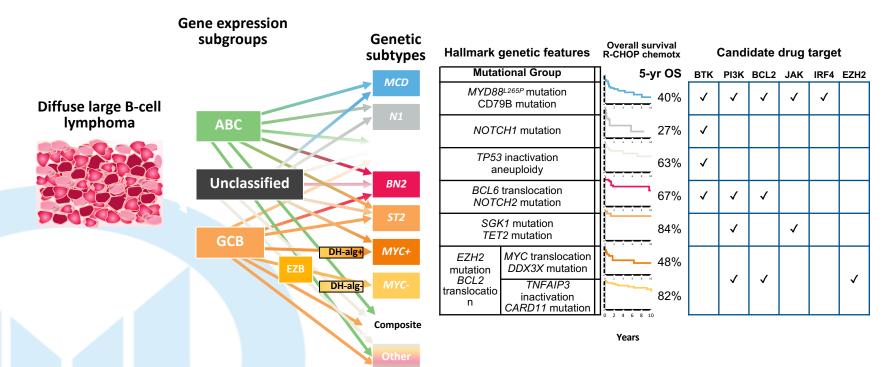
#### WHO Classification: Aggressive B-Cell Lymphoma



HGBCL DH/TH: high-grade B-cell lymphoma with MYC and BCL2 and/or BCL6 rearrangements



#### **Novel DLBCL Genomic Subtypes**





### **DLBCL: Limited Stage**

- 3-4 cycles or full 6 cycles of R-CHOP?
- Consolidative radiation?
- Bulky limited stage

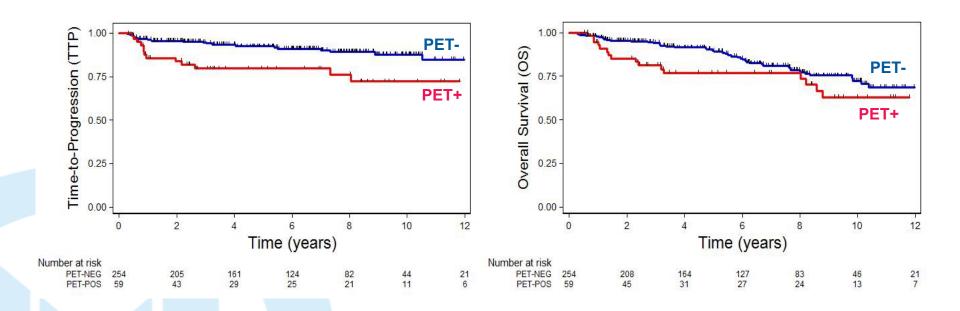


### Studies in limited stage DLBCL: In general good prognosis

Trial	Design	Patients	PFS	os
SWOG S0014 Persky, JCO 2014	Ph II: R-CHOP + IFRT	Stage modified IPI > 1 (N= 60)	4-y: 88%	4-y: 92%
SWOG S0313 Persky, Blood 2015	Ph II: CHOPx3 + IFRT +RIT	Stage modified IPI > 1	5-y: 82%	5-y: 87%
MINT trial Pfreundschuh, Lancet 2011	Ph III: R-CHOPx6 vs CHOPx6 (IFRT x stage I bulky)	< 60y, aaIPI=0, <7.5 cm (N= 101)	6-y: 90%	6-y: 95%
FLYER trial Poeschel,	Ph III: R-CHOPx6 vs R-CHOP+2R	< 60y, aaIPI=0, <7.5 cm (N= 588)	3-y: 94 v 96%	3-y: 98 v 99%
LYSA/GOELAMS Lamy, Blood 2018	Ph III: R-CHOPx4-6 vs R-CHOPx4-6+IFRT (PET guided- pos if DC4)	Stage I/II, < 7cm (n= 319)	5-y EFS 89 v 92%	5-y 92 v 96%
SWOG S1001 Persky, JCO 2020	Ph III: R-CHOPx4 vs R-CHOPx3+IFRT+RIT (PET guided-pos if DC4,5)	Stage I/II, < 10 cm	5-y: 87%	5-y: 90%
BCCA Sehn, ASH 2019	Retrospective: R-CHOPx4 if PET-	Stage I/II (n= 319)	5-y: 88%	5-y: 90%



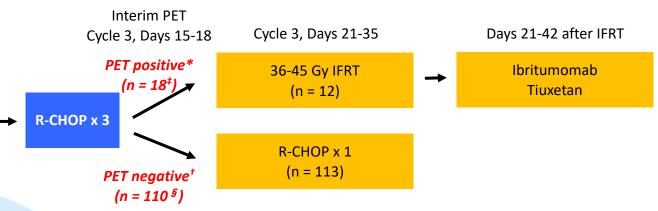
### Outcomes in PET+ Stage I/II DLBCL: BCCA Restrospective Experience





## Intergroup NCTN S1001: Study Design- No IFRT in PET- LS DLBCL

Patients with newly diagnosed stage I/II DLBCL (by PET and CT); non-bulky (< 10 cm); measurable disease; no CNS, testicular, primary mediastinal, or concurrent or preceding indolent lymphoma (N = 132)



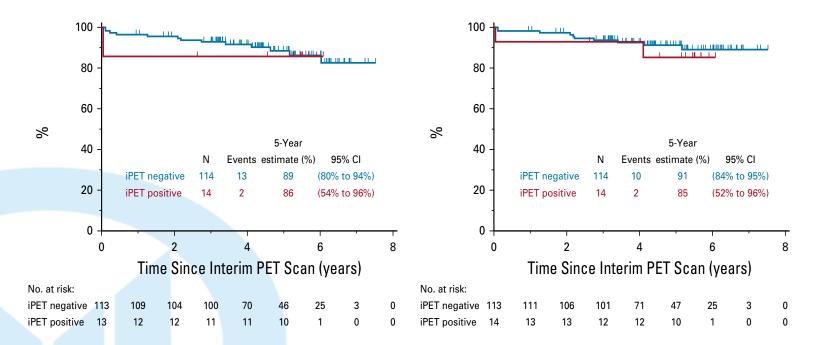
\*PET+: Deauville 4-5. †PET-: Deauville 1-3.  $^{\ddagger}$ n = 2 refused tx; n = 4 with Deaville X transferred to PET- arm.  $^{\$}$ n = 2 did not receive tx. Patients with stage I/II DLBCL by CT but stage III/IV by PET received R-CHOP x 6 cycles.

- Primary endpoint: 5-yr PFS rate
  - Historical estimate of 85% vs alternative hypothesis of 93%

 Secondary endpoints: PFS within PETpositive and PET-negative subgroups, toxicity of PET-directed therapy, response, OS

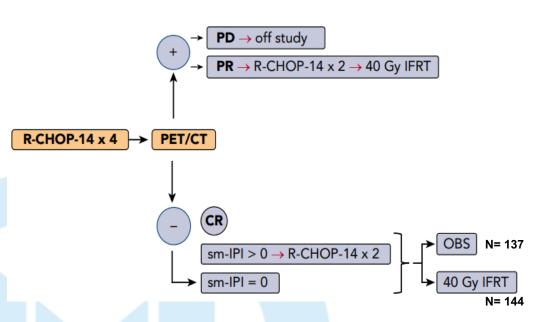


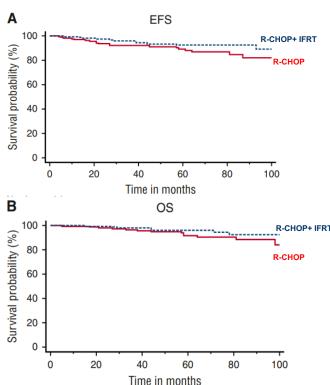
### PET+ disease can be salvaged by radiation: SWOG S1001: iPET+ received IFRT





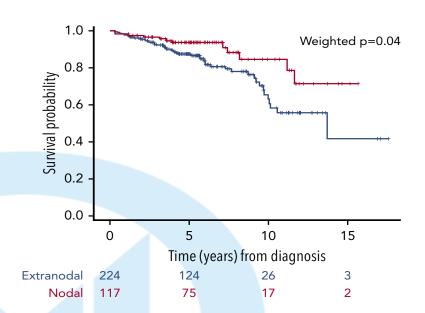
## LYSA/GOELAMS: Limited stage DLBCL- PET scan may not be beneficial if PET-



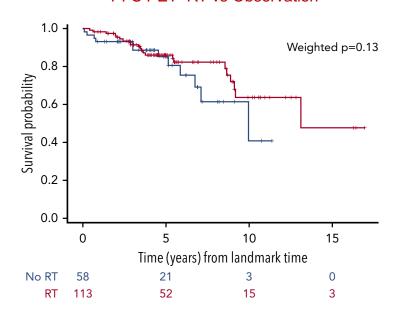


### Stage I Extranodal DLBCL: Outcomes with RT and PET- MSKCC





#### PFS PET- RT vs Observation





### **How I treat limited stage DLBCL?**

- Non-Bulky stage I/II DLBCL
- R-CHOPx3 → PET
  - If PET- → R-CHOPx1
  - If PET+ → IFRT
  - If DC5 consider biopsy
- Bulky stage I/II DLBCL: UNFOLDER (RT is beneficial but no data on PET assessment)
- Extranodal stage I/II: IFRT may not be beneficial if PET negative (Bobillo et al, Blood 2020)

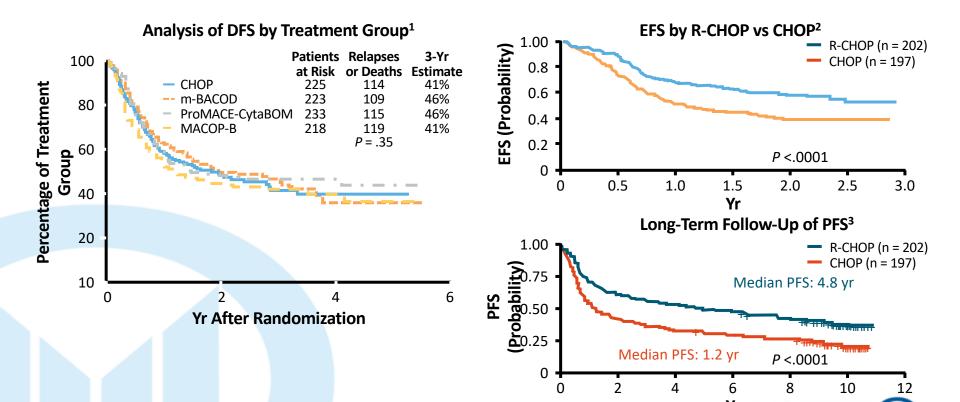


### Advanced stage DLBCL

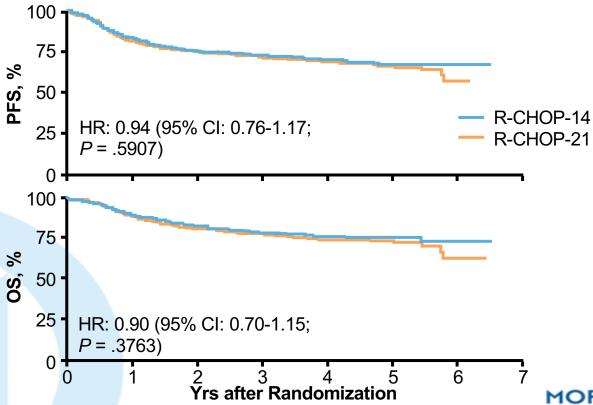




#### R-CHOP: Established as Standard of Care



### R-CHOP-14 vs R-CHOP-21 in Newly Diagnosed DLBCL (Phase III): PFS, OS





Cunningham D, et al: Lancet 381: 1817-26, 2013.

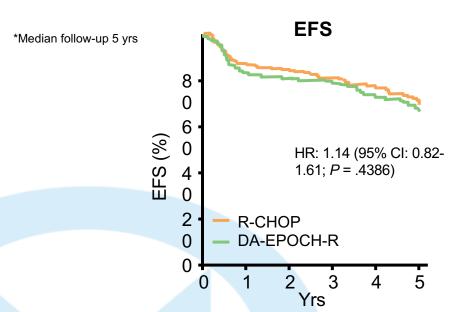
#### **Outcomes adding novel agents and DA-EPOCH**

Clinical trial	ORR (CR) %	PFS	os
PYRAMID (bortezomib- non GCB) <sup>1</sup> VR-CHOP (n=92) R-CHOP (n=91)	96 (56) 98 (49)	2-yr: 82% 2-yr: 78% p=0.611	2-yr: 93% 2-yr: 88%; p= 0.763
CALGB/Alliance 50303 <sup>2</sup> R-CHOP (n= 233) DA-EPOCH-R (n= 232)	89.3 (62.3) 88.8 (61.1)	3-yr: 81% 3-yr: 79%; p= 0.438	3-yr: 85% 3-yr: 85%; p= 0.420
GOYA (obinutuzumab) <sup>3</sup> R-CHOP (n=712) G-CHOP (n=706)	77.9 (59.5) 77.4 (56.7)	3-yr: 66.5% 3-yr: 69.9%; p= 0.92	3-yr: 81.4% 3-yr: 81.2%; p= 1.0
PHOENIX (Ibrutinib) <sup>4</sup> IR-CHOP (n=419) R-CHOP (n=419)	89.3 (67.3) 93.1 (68.0)	HR: 0949 (0.704– 1.279) (p= 0.731)	HR: 0.991 (0.712-1.183) (p= 0.959)
ROBUST (lenalidomide) <sup>5</sup> R2-CHOP (n=285) R-CHOP (n=285)	91 (65) 91 (64)	HR: 0.85 (0.63-1.14) (p = 0.29)	2-yr: 79% 2-yr: 80%; p= NS
REMARC (lenalidomide maintenance) <sup>6</sup> R-CHOP → Len (n= 323) R-CHOP → Px (n= 327)		2-yr: 80% 2-yr: 75%, p= 0.0135)	2-yr: 89% 2-yr: 87%, p= NS

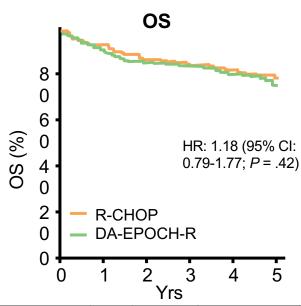
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#### CALGB/Alliance 50303: R-CHOP vs DA-EPOCH-R: Event-Free Survival and OS



Arm	N	Events	3 Yrs (95% CI)	5 Yrs (95% CI)
R-CHOP	233	64	0.81 (0.75-0.85)	0.69 (0.62-0.75)
DA-EPOCH-R	232	70	0.79 (0.73-0.84)	0.66 (0.59-0.72)



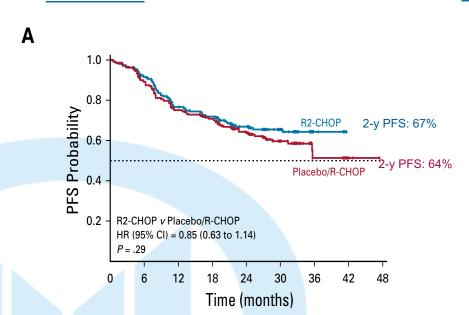
Arm	N	Events	3 Yrs (95% CI)	5 Yrs (95% CI)
R-CHOP	233	44	0.85 (0.80-0.89)	0.80 (0.74-0.85)
DA-EPOCH-R	232	50	0.85 (0.79-0.89)	0.76 (0.70-0.71)

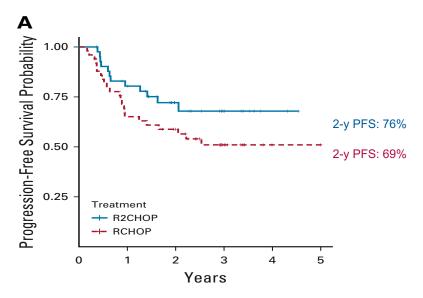


## Does lenalidomide + R-CHOP improve outcomes in DLBCL?

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#### ECOG E1412: R2-CHOP vs R-CHOP







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#### **ROBUST: R2-CHOP vs R-CHOP**

- ✓ Phase III (Only ABC by GEP (NanosTring)
- ✓ N= 570 (R-CHOP: 285, R2-CHOP= 285). Primary endpoint: PFS
- ✓ Median age 65 (21 83)
- ✓ IPI 3 5: 58%, Stage III/IV: 87%
- ✓ Median time from Dx to treatment: 31 days
- ✓ Lenalidomide dose: 15 mg d1-d14 every three weeks

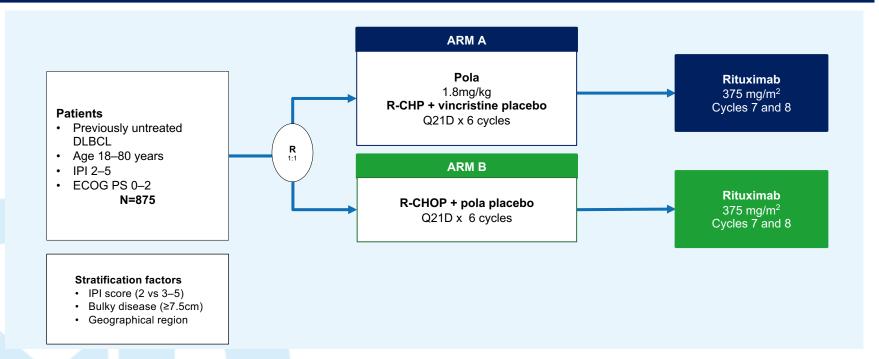
#### ECOG E1412: R2-CHOP vs R-CHOP

- ✓ Phase II (all DLBCL but stratified by COO [also using GEP-NanosTring])
- ✓ N= 280 (R-CHOP: 145, R2-CHOP: 135). Primary endpoint: PFS
- ✓ Median age 66 (24 92)
- ✓ IPI 3-5: 66%, Stage III/IV: 97%
- ✓ Median time from Dx to treatment:21 days
- ✓ Lenalidomide dose: 25 mg d1-d10 every three weeks



#### **POLARIX: Study design**

A double-blinded, phase 3, placebo-controlled trial



LYSA, the lymphoma study association; IPI, international prognostic index; ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group Performance Status; R-CHP, rituximab, cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin, and prednisone; Q21D, every 21 days; R-CHOP, rituximab, cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin, vincristine, and prednisone



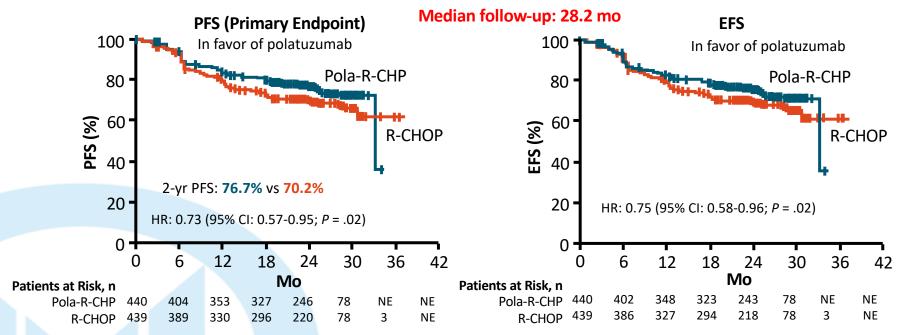
#### **POLARIX: Baseline Characteristics**

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	26	27	
initiation, days			
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			
<b>2</b>	167 (38)	167 (38)	
<b>•</b> 3-5	273 (62)	272 (62)	
Cell of origin			
■ ABC	102 (31)	119 (35)	
■ GCB	184 (56)	168 (50)	
<ul><li>Unclassified</li></ul>	44 (13)	51 (15)	
MYC/BCL2 expression	139 (38)	151 (41)	
MYC/BCL2/BCL6 rearrangement	26 (8)	19 (6)	



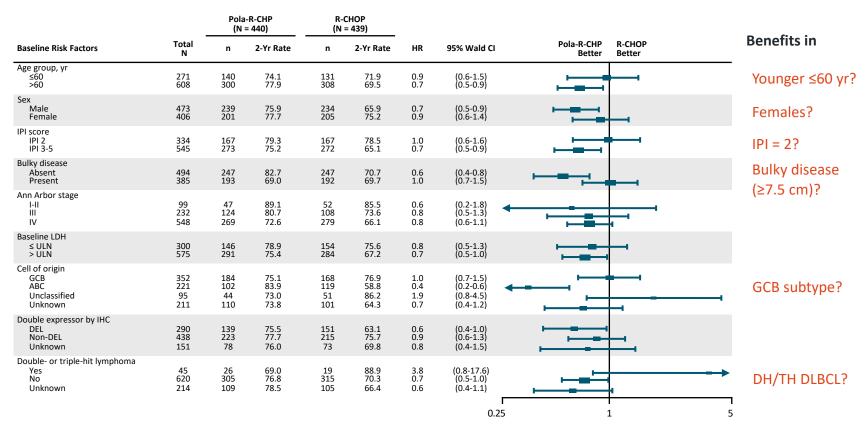
## POLARIX: Polatuzumab Vedotin + R-CHP vs R-CHOP PFS, EFS, and Response



- Best overall response rate: 95.9 % vs 94.1%
  - Complete response rate: 86.6% vs 82.7%

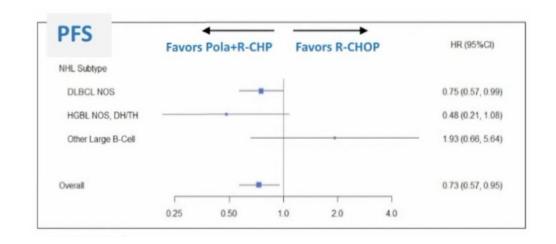


#### **POLARIX: Subgroup Analysis of PFS**



## Imminent approval of polatuzumab as frontline for DLBCL: Questions remain

- ODAC FDA concerns:
  - Modest PFS benefit
  - Lack of OS benefit
  - Heterogenous population
  - No pathology central review
  - DTI 26- 28 days



Panel agrees that R-CHOP is still acceptable control arm for future trials



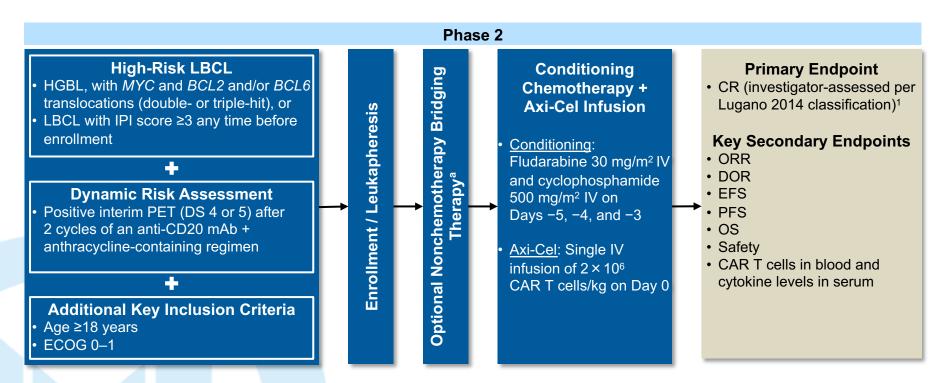
## Ongoing Clinical trials in Untreated DLBCL

- Acalabrutinib + R-CHOP vs R-CHOP
- FrontMIND: Tafasitamab + R<sup>2</sup>-CHOP vs R-CHOP
- M20-61: Epcoritamab + R-CHOP vs R-CHOP

Is adding X to R-CHOP the answer in the era of highly effective novel therapies?



#### **ZUMA-12 Study Design**

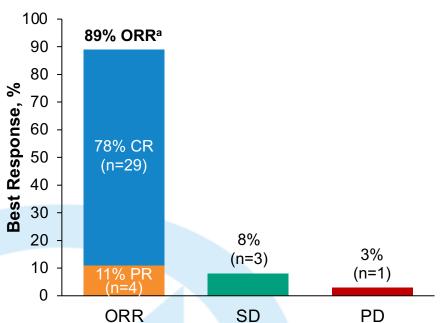




#### **ZUMA-12: Baseline Patient Characteristics**

Characteristic	All Treated (N=40)
Median age (range), years	61 (23–86)
≥65 years, n (%)	15 (38)
Male, n (%)	27 (68)
Disease stage III/IV, n (%)	38 (95)
ECOG 1, n (%)	25 (63)
1 Prior line of systemic therapy, n (%)	40 (100)
Double- or triple-hit as determined by FISH per investigator, n (%) <sup>a</sup>	17 (43)
Double- or triple-hit as determined by FISH per central laboratory, n (%) <sup>a</sup>	10 (25)
IPI score ≥3 <sup>b</sup>	31 (78)
Deauville 5-point scale, n (%)	
4	19 (48)
5	21 (53)

#### **ZUMA-12: Efficacy**

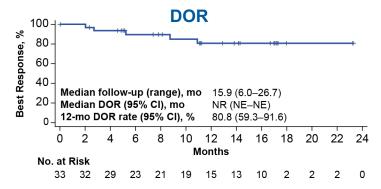


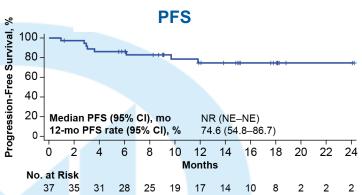
	Efficacy Evaluable N=37 <sup>b</sup>
Median follow-up (range), months	15.9 (6.0–26.7)
Patients with ≥12-month follow-up, n (%)	23 (62)
Patients with ongoing response as of data cutoff	27 (73)
Median time to response (range), months	
Initial objective response	1.0 (0.9–6.8)
Initial CR	1.0 (0.9–6.8)
Patients converted from PR/SD to CR, n (%)	7 (19)
PR to CR	6 (16)
SD to CR	1 (3)

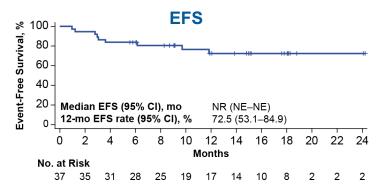
Among all treated patients (N=40), ORR Was 90% (95% CI, 76-97); CR Rate Was 80% (95% CI, 64-91)

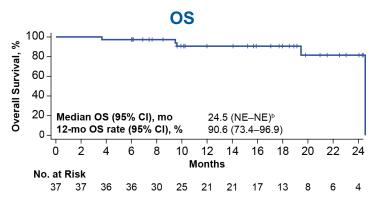


### Duration of Response, Event-Free Survival, Progression-Free Survival, and Overall Survival<sup>a</sup>











## High Risk Features and Dx to Treatment Interval (DTI) of Frontline DLBCL studies

Factor	DTI	Int- High Risk - 3-5 IPI	High Risk - IPI 4-5	MYC-R	DHL
CALGB (R-EPOCH vs R-CHOP)	NR	29.6%	13.6%	5.2%	< 1%
PHOENIX Ibrutinib R-CHOP	27 days	43.2%	16.5%	NR	NR
GOYA (G-CHOP)	NR	46.9%	15.4%	NR	1.1%
POLARIX Pola R-CHOP	26 days	62%	NR	NR	7.9% (tested)
ROBUST (R2-CHOP)	31 days	58%	NR	NR	
ZUMA-12	?	78%	NR	48%	43%

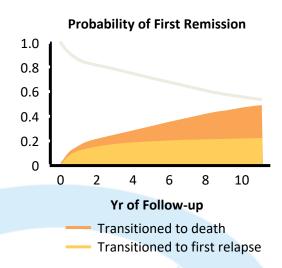


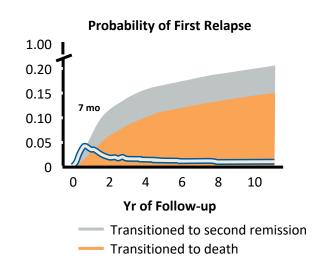
## Relapse/Refractory DLBCL

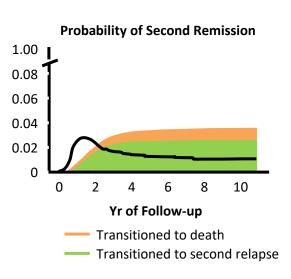




## **Outcomes of patients with DLBCL**







#### Swedish registry study (median f/u: 5 yr)

- N = 2941 with response to 1L tx
- R-CHOP: 91%
- Completed ≥6 cycles: 90%

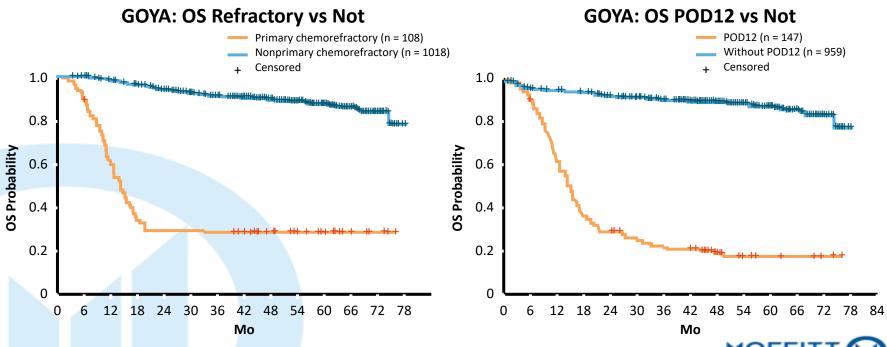
#### Relapsed on 1L tx: 18% (n = 538)

- Within first 2 yr: 72%
- After Yr 5: 1%
- 44% responded to salvage tx



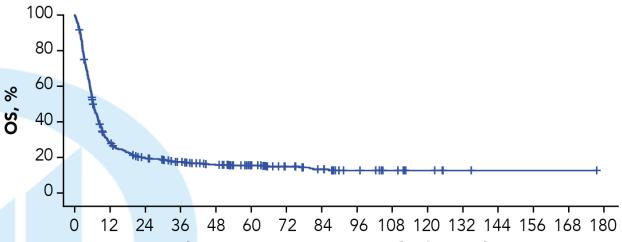
## Early Relapse and Refractoriness Associated With Poor Survival in DLBCL

Data from the phase III GOYA among patients with DLBCL who received 1L rituximab or obinutuzumab
 + CHOP



# Refractory Diffuse Large B cell Lymphoma carries a poor prognosis

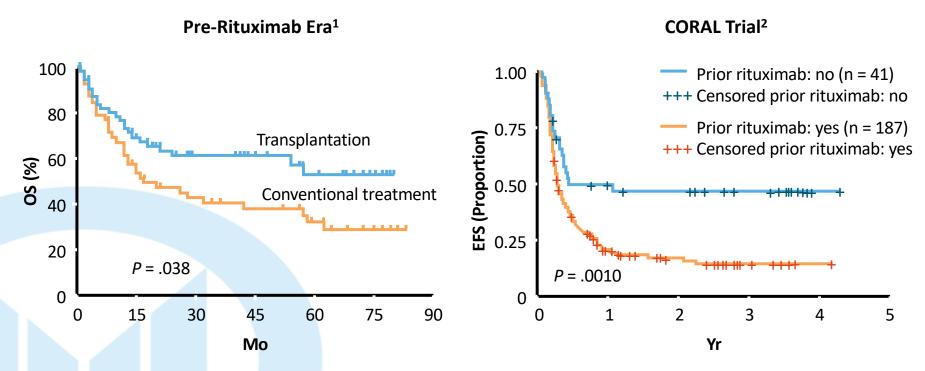
- SCHOLAR-1 patient level meta-analysis of refractory Aggressive NHL
  - ORR of 26% (CR of 7%, PR of 19%)
  - Median OS of 6.6 months



Months From Commencement of Salvage Therapy

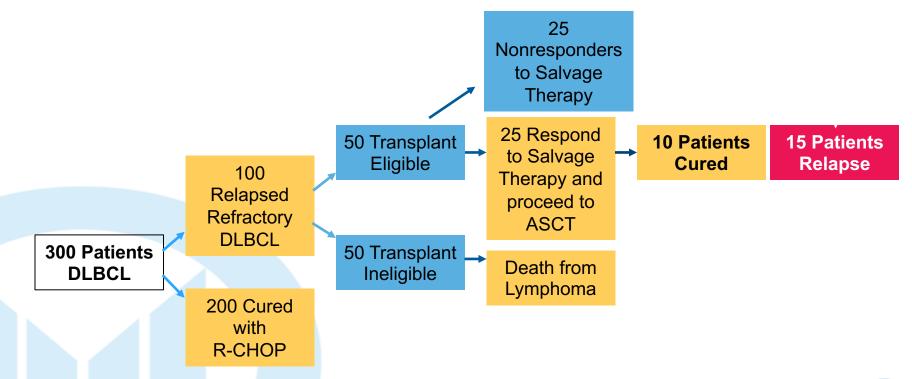


# High-Dose Chemotherapy + ASCT in Relapsed NHL



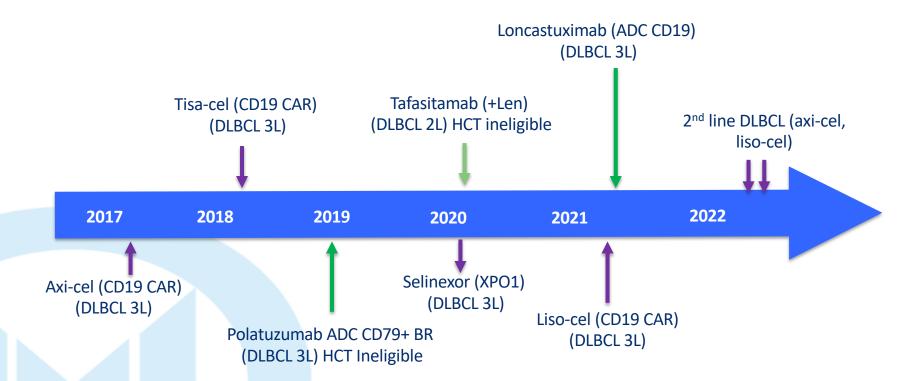


# Outcomes of patients with Advanced DLBCL- Historical Outcomes





## **US FDA approvals of R/R DLBCL**

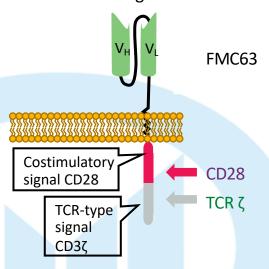




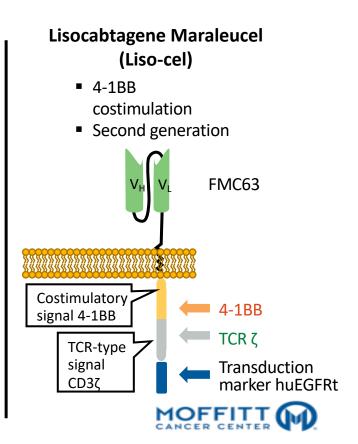
## **CD19-Directed CAR T-Cell Products**

## Axicabtagene Ciloleucel (Axi-cel)

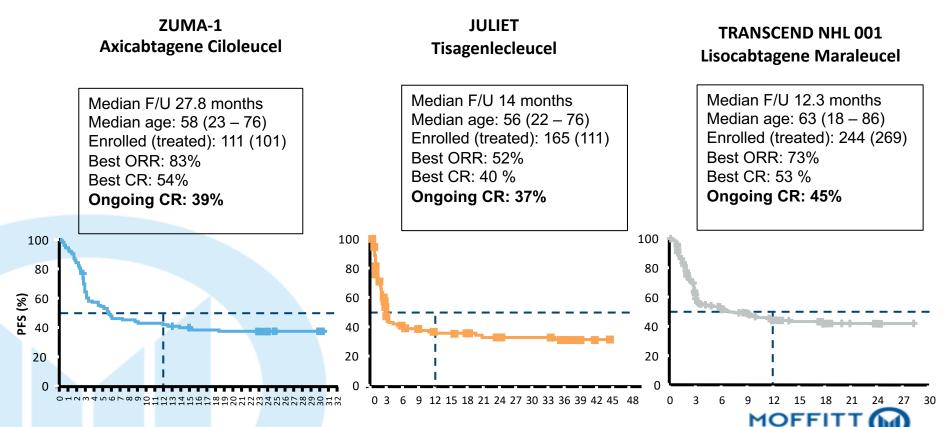
- CD28 costimulation
- Second generation



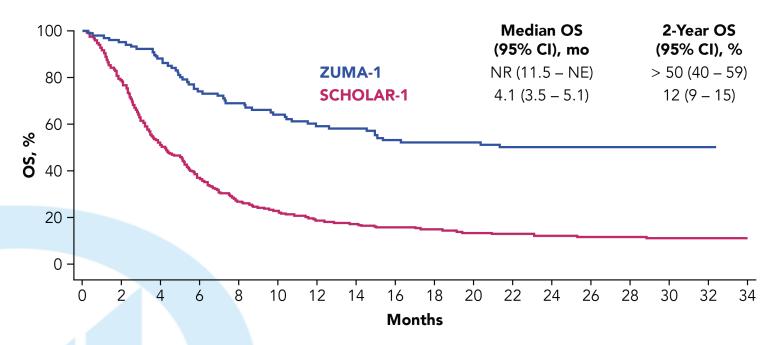
### Tisagenlecleucel (Tisa-cel) ■ 4-1BB costimulation Second generation FMC63 Costimulatory 4-1BB signal 4-1BB TCR ζ TCR-type signal CD37



### Pivotal Anti-CD19 CAR T-Cell Therapy Trials: DLBCL



## Simulation-Based Standardized OS Curves for ZUMA-1 and SCHOLAR-1



A stratified Cox proportional hazards model indicated a 73% reduction in the risk of death in ZUMA-1 relative to SCHOLAR-1 (hazard ratio, 0.27, 95%CI 0.2-0.38; *P* < .0001)



### Will CD19 CAR T-cell Therapy Replace Auto-transplant?

### **ZUMA-7**

Axicabtagene ciloleucel

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Met endpoint

#### **BELINDA**

**Tisagenlecleucel** 

High-risk DLBCL/B-cell lymphomas:

- Refractory to first-line tx
- Relapsed after first-line tx

### **TRANSFORM**

Lisocabtagene maraleucel

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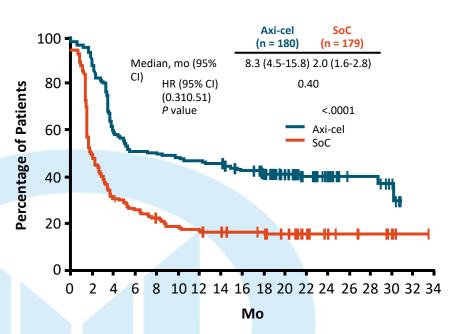
**CAR T-cell therapy** 

Salvage therapy/ auto-transplant

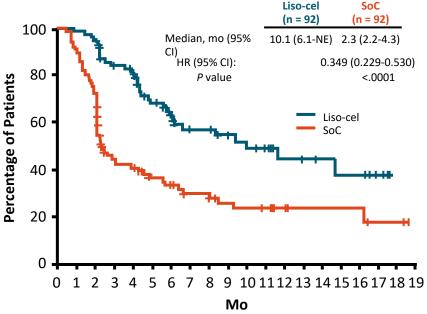


## CAR T-Cell Therapy: A New SoC in Early Relapsed DLBCL

#### ZUMA-7: Median EFS<sup>1</sup>



#### TRANSFORM: Median EFS<sup>2</sup>





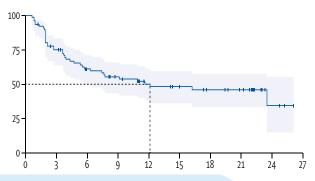
## Phase 3 DLBCL trials (CART vs SOC)

CART arm	ZUMA-7	TRANSFORM	BELINDA
Construct	CD19-CD28-CD3z	CD19-41BB-CD3z	CD19-41BB-CD3z
Vector	Retrovirus	Lentivirus	Lentivirus
Dose	2 x 10 <sup>6</sup> /kg	0.6 – 6.0 x 10 <sup>8</sup>	1.0 x10 <sup>8</sup>
Bridging chemoTX	Not allowed (only steroids)	63% (SOC CIT)	83% (SOC CIT)
Conditioning regimen	Flu 30 mg/m <sup>2</sup> x3d Cy 500 mg/m <sup>2</sup> x3d	Flu 25/m <sup>2</sup> x 3d Cy 250 mg/m <sup>2</sup> x3d	Flu 30 mg/m <sup>2</sup> x3d Cy 300 mg/m <sup>2</sup> x3d
ORR/CR	83%/65%	86%/66%	46/28%
EFS median	8.3 months	10.1 months	3.1 months
G3+ CRS	6%	1%	5%
G3+ ICANS	21%	4%	3%
SOC arm	2L CIT (ICE, GDP, DHAP)	2L CIT (ICE, GDP, DHAP)	2L CIT (ICE, GDP, DHAP)
ASCT	36%	46%	33%
ORR/CR	50%/32%	48%/39%	43%/28%
EFS median	2 months	2.3 months	3.1 months
Crossover CART	56%	55%	51%

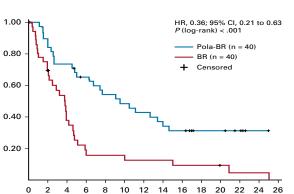


### Current non-CART approved therapies for R/R DLBCL

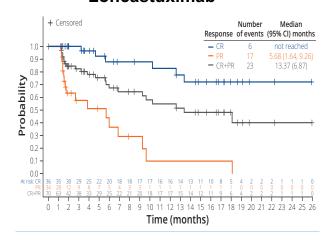
#### Lenalidomide + Tafasitamab



#### Polatuzumab + BR



#### Loncastuximab



Median follow up: 17.3 months

ORR/CR: 59%/41%

Median PFS: 12.1 months

Median lines: 1 Post CAR-T: No Median follow up: 22.3 months

ORR/CR: 45%/40%

Median PFS: 9.5 months

Median lines: 2 Post CAR-T: No Median follow up: 13.4 months

ORR/CR: 48%/24%

Median PFS: 4.9 months

Median lines: 3 Post CAR-T: yes



## Summary of novel approaches for DLBCL

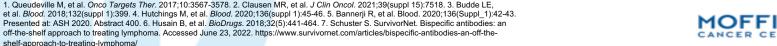
	Selinexor	Polatuzumab + BR	Tafasitamab + Lenalidomide	Loncastuximab
	(N=134)	(N=40)	(N=81)	(n=145)
Median Age, years (range)	67 (35, 91)	67 (33, 86)	72 (62, 76)	66 (56, 71)
Study Phase	II	II	Ш	I
Prior regimens, median (range)	2 (1 - 5)	2 (1 - 7)	2 (1-4)	3 (2 – 4)
1, n (%)	0	11 (28)	40 (50)	0
2, n (%)	84 (63)	11 (28)	35 (43)	63 (43)
≥3. n (%)	46 (34)	18 (45)	6 (7)	82 (56)
Type of DLBCL				
De novo DLBCL, n (%)	101 (75)	38 (95)	74 (91)	127 (88)
Transformed DLBCL, n (%)	31 (23)	0	7 (9)	NR
Double hit lymphoma (%)	2 (2)	2 (5)	NR	20 (14)
Prior CART therapy	0	0	0	13 (9)
Responses				
Best ORR (%)	29	45	60*	48.3
Complete Response (%)	13	40	43	24.3
Partial Response (%)	16	5	18	24
Duration of Response (median, months)	9.3	12.6	21.7	10.3
DOR >6 months (%)	38	64	93	
Median PFS, months	2.6	12.4	Not reached	4.9



### Bispecific Antibodies in Non-Hodgkin Lymphomas

The Original: Proof of Concept		The Emerging: Viabl	le Future Therapies?	
Blinatumomab <sup>1</sup>	Epcoritamab <sup>2</sup>	Mosunetuzumab³	Glofitamab⁴	Odronextamab⁵
BiTE®  α-Target single-chain antibody (scFv) Linker α-CD3 single-chain antibody (scFv)	CD20 CD3		High avidity binding to CD20 on B cells*  CD3 T-cell engagement  Silent Fc region extends half-life and reduces toxicity	Co.2 Co.3 Co.3 Co.3 Co.3 Co.3 Co.3 Co.3 Co.3
CD3 (scFV) x CD19 (scFV)	DuoBody- CD3 x CD20 BsAb	CD3 x CD20 Knobs-in-hole Fc BsAb	CD3 (Fab) x CD20 (Fab x2) Fc BsAb	CD3 x CD20 Common LC Fc BsAb

- Numerous bispecific antibody structures exist
- Properties of the BsAbs vary by construct
- Distinguishing features of BsAbs include:
  - Off-the-shelf rapid access, relative ease of delivery<sup>6,7</sup>
  - Adaptable lack of persistence and ability to modulate dosing may improve tolerability<sup>6</sup>





## Glofitamab for RR Large B-cell Lymphoma (3L): Phase 2 Pivotal Results

#### **Baseline Characteristics**

N= 155 pts

Time limited therapy (12 cycles IV with pretreatment

obinutuzumab)

Median lines: 3 (2-7)

Primary refractory: 58%

Prior CAR-T: 38% Prior auto HCT: 18%

#### **Results**

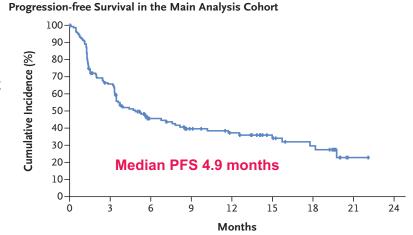
Median f/u: 12.6 months

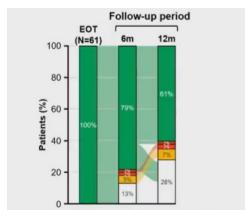
ORR= 52% CR= 39%

PFS in CR pts at EOT: Not reached

Median PFS= 4.9 months

CRS all (G≥3)= 63% (4%) Mainly during C1







# **Key trial: Epcoritamab for R/R DLBCL: Phase 2 pivotal study EPCORE**

#### **Baseline Characteristics**

N= 157 pts Unlimited treatment (SC) Median lines: 3 (2-11) Primary refractory: 61%

Prior CAR-T: 39% Prior auto HCT: 20%

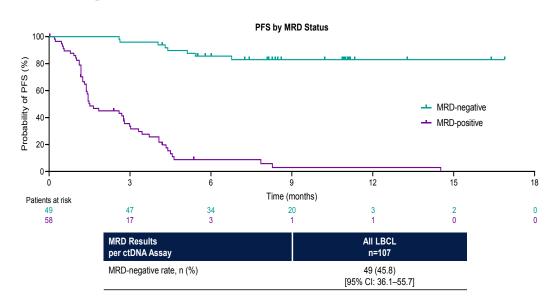
#### **Results**

Median f/u: 10.7 months

ORR= 63% CR= 39%

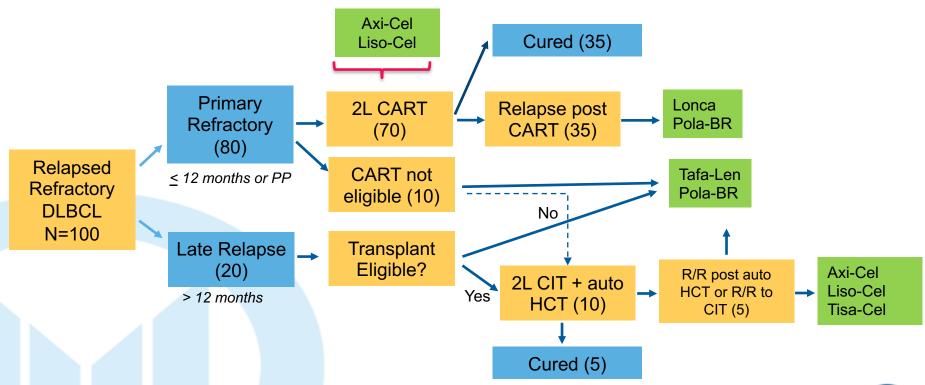
PFS in CR pts at EOT: Not reached

Median PFS= 4.4 months. Not reached in MRD-CRS all (G≥3)= 49.7% (2.5%) Mainly during C1





## **DLBCL: Changing the treatment paradigm**

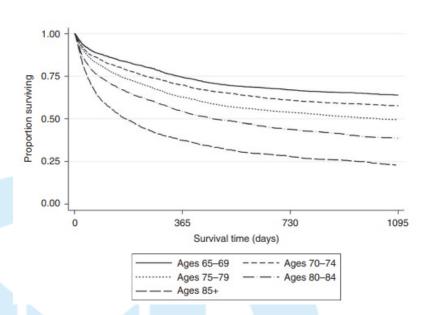


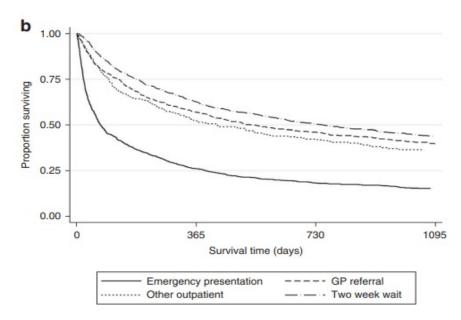
## Unfit or very elderly patients

- No precise definition of frailty:
  - Age older than 75?,80?, 85?
  - Based on geriatric assessments: dependence in ADL, decreased physical activity, exhaustion
- Focus on symptoms control or quality of life: Palliative care team involved
- Few studies available
- Single agent chemotherapy: chlorambucil, etoposide, bendamustine?



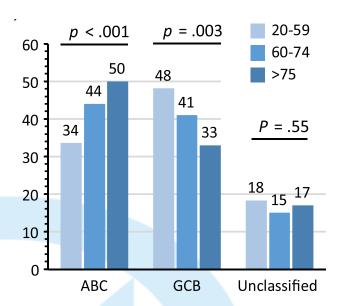
## Outcomes: Impact of age and site of presentation

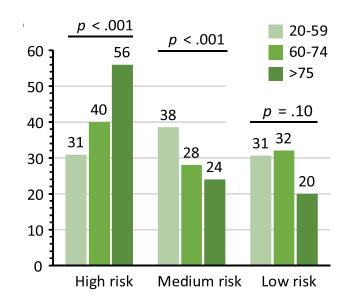






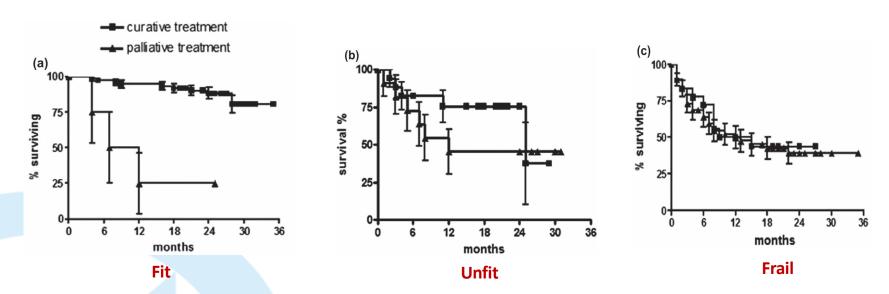
### DLBCL in the Elderly: Epidemiology and age comparison







## Survival of DLBCL patients per GCA categories

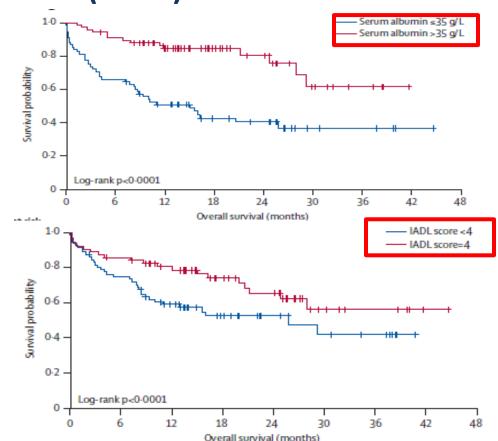


- Within the single CGA categories, the 2-year OS of patients treated with curative or palliative intent was 88% vs. 25% (p = 0.0001) in fit, 75% vs. 45% (p = 0.32) in unfit and 44% vs. 39% (p = 0.75) in frail patients, respectively
- Multivariate analysis showed only IPI [HR: 4.60 (1.35–15.64); p= 0.008] and CGA [HR: 3.69 (1.09–12.51); p= 0.03] had strong association with OS

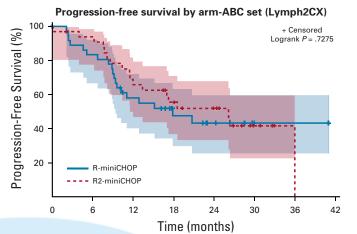


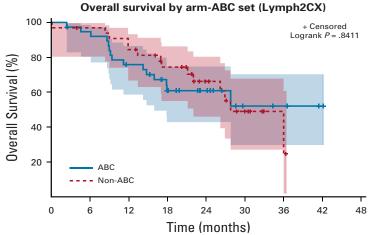
# R-miniCHOP in patients older than 80 with DLBCL: Phase II trial (GELA)

- N=149 (age: 80-95).
   Multicenter study
- MiniCHOP
  - Rituximab 375mg/m2 d1
  - Doxorubicin 25mg/m2 d1
  - CTX 400mg/m2 d1
  - VCR 1mg d1
  - Prednisone 40mg/m2 d1-5
- Median f/u: 20 months
- Stage III/IV: 75%
- Outcomes:
  - CR: 63%
  - 2y OS: 59%
  - 2y PFS: 47%



## SENIOR trial: SQ rituximab-mini CHOP +/- lenalidomide in DLBCL > than 80: Outcomes and Prognostic Factors





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Variable	HR (95% CI)	P
IPI (0-2 <i>v</i> 3-5)	0.94 (0.43 to 2.04)	.871
Non-ABC v ABC (Lymph2CX)	1.14 (0.68 to 1.92)	.614
IADL scale	0.72 (0.44 to 1.18)	.193
MNA (normal v malnourished)	1.16 (0.67 to 2.03)	.596
Ann Arbor stage (II-III v IV)	2.01 (0.94 to 4.32)	.073
Lymphocyte count (< 1 $\nu \ge 1$ G/L)	0.80 (0.50 to 1.30)	.373
Albumin (≤35 $v$ > 35 g/L)	2.08 (1.25 to 3.57)	.005



## **Elderly DLBCL: practical points**

- Early diagnosis (improves survival)
- GCA better than "physician eye"- Logistics on getting the score
- Fit or unfit: R-CHOP or mini R-CHOP (Battailard et al Blood Advances 2021)
  - Dose intensity important up to the age 80
  - > 80 dose intensity less relevant so mini R-CHOP is fine
- For frail pts: NO standard of care. Consider clinical trials



## Mosunetuzumab for Untreated Elderly DLBCL ineligible for anthracycline based CIT

Mosun: CD20/CD3 Bispecific antibody

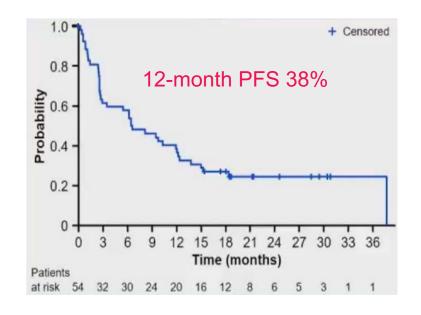
Untreated DLBCL (n=54

Eligible if:

- Age > 80

 Age 60-79 if : impairment > 1 ADL, instrumental ADL, inability to tolerate full dose CHOP

Best response, n (%) [95% CI]	N=54
ORR	30 (56) [41–69]
CR	23 (43) [29–57]
Response at EOT, n (%) [95% CI]	N=54
ORR	24 (44) [31–59]
CR	19 (35) [23-49]



CRS grade1-2: 26%, No G≥3 GRS, tocilizumab use 0%



## **Conclusions- Unmet needs**

- Post CAR-T relapses
- Logistics of CAR-T
- Bi-Specific antibodies in the community practice?
- Cost

