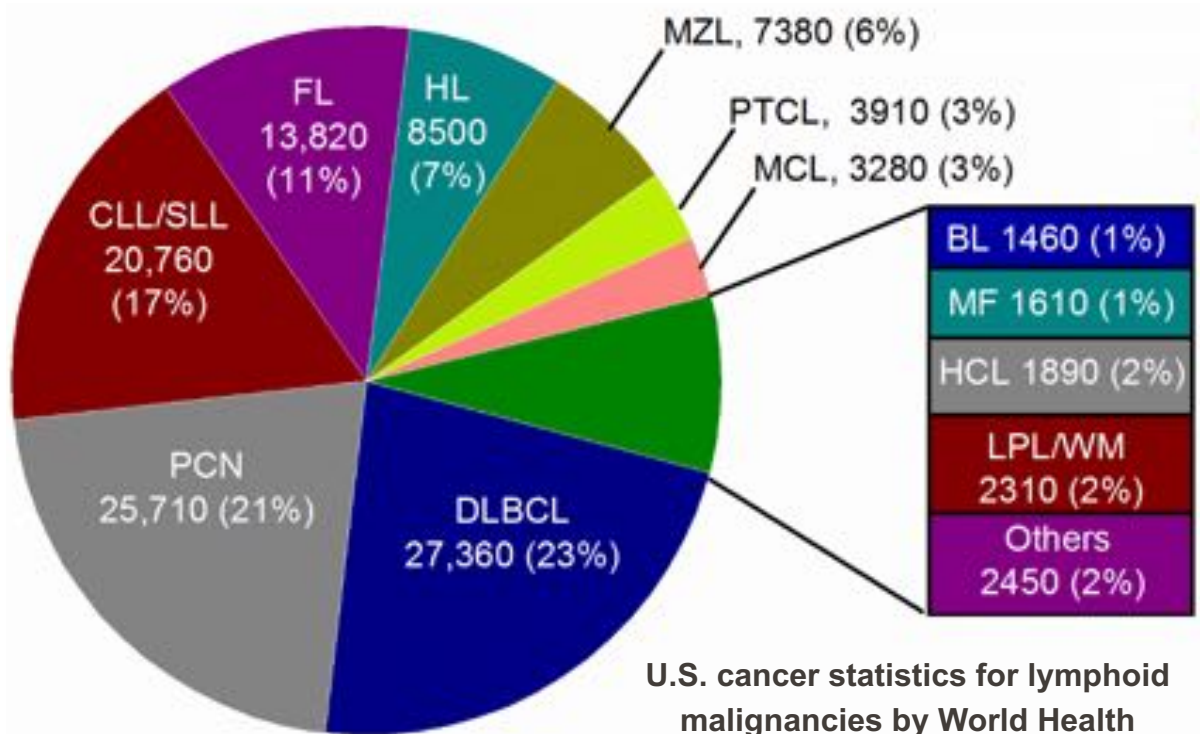


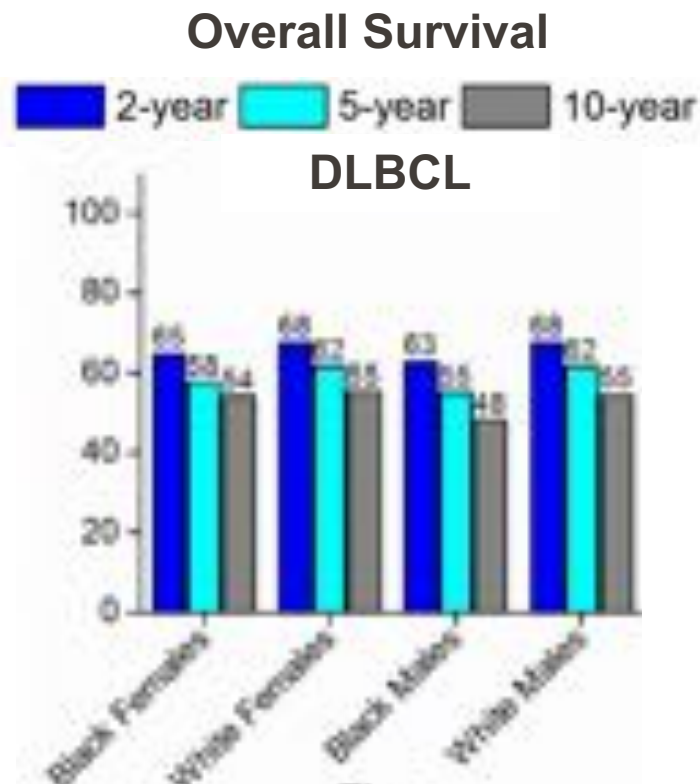
First-line DLBCL Therapy: What now and What's next?

Christopher Flowers, MD, MS, FASCO
Chair, Professor
Department of Lymphoma/Myeloma

Annual Incidence of Lymphoid Cancers in the United States



U.S. cancer statistics for lymphoid malignancies by World Health Organization subtypes



Teras LR, DeSantis CE, Morton LM, Cerhan JR, Jemal A, Flowers CR
CA Cancer J Clin. 2016



Patient Case

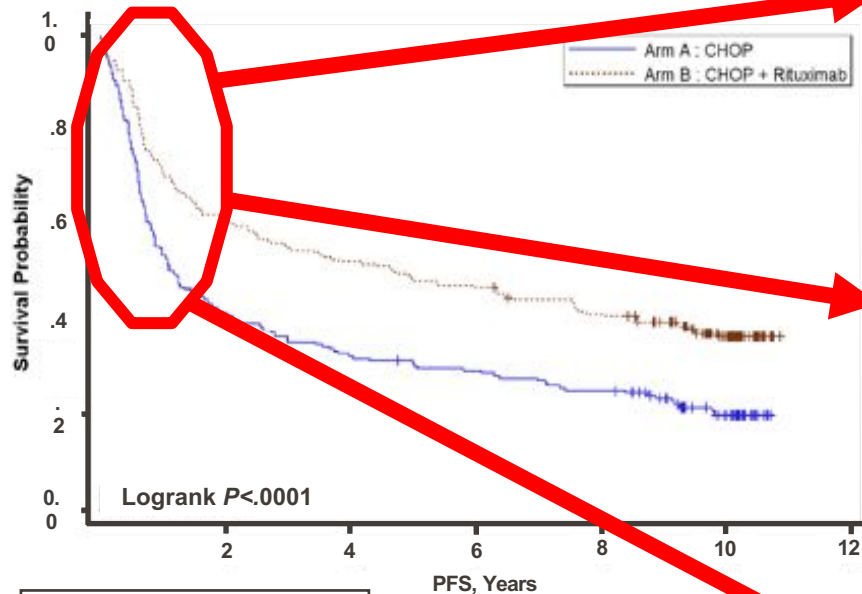
62-year-old woman diagnosed with DLBCL; Stage 4 involving liver & marrow

- Won tennis tournament at her local rec center in the February; now PS 3
- LDH >> ULN

Common approaches to improve her likelihood of cure include:

- A. Whole genome sequencing of the tumor
- B. Cell free DNA analysis of the peripheral blood
- C. Adding ibrutinib to R-CHOP
- D. Adding lenalidomide to R-CHOP
- E. None of the above

DLBCL: Strategies to Improve Beyond R-CHOP-21



Intensification over
R-CHOP-21?

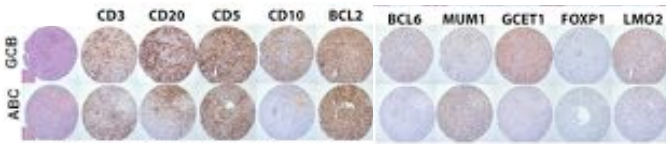
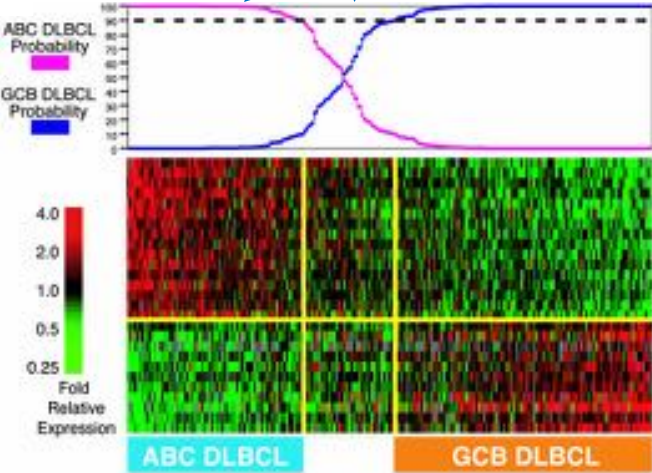
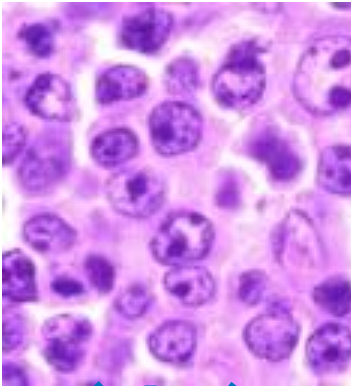
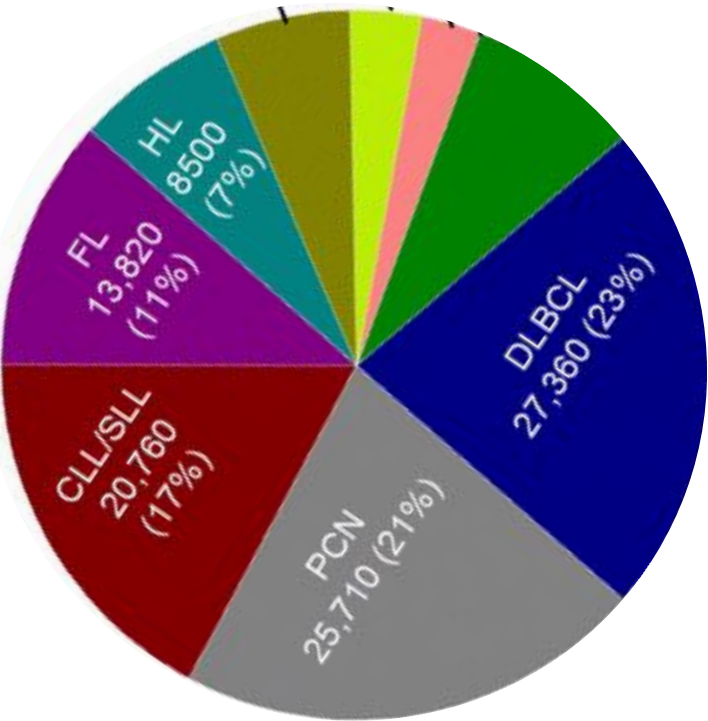
Better predict/evaluate
quality of response?

Take into consideration
biological diversity of DLBCL

Age > 60 years
PS > 2
Stage III-IV
Extranodal sites > 2
LDH > Nml

IPI

Diffuse Large B-cell Lymphoma

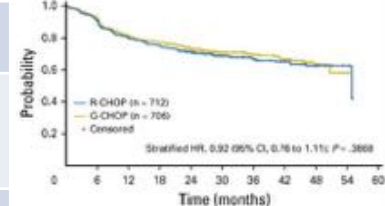


Retrospective studies identify DLBCL patient subgroups unlikely to be cured with R-CHOP

SUBSET	FREQ	R-CHOP		
		CR	PFS	OS
ABC DLBCL	30-50%	NR	2-yr 28%	2-yr 46%
Double-hit lymphoma	3-12%	40%	NR	<1yr
Dual expression of MYC, BCL2	21%	NR	5-yr 27%	5-yr 30%
Elderly DLBCL >60y	50%	70-80%	5-yr 50%	5-yr 58%
High IPI	45%	NR	4-yr 53%	4-yr 55%

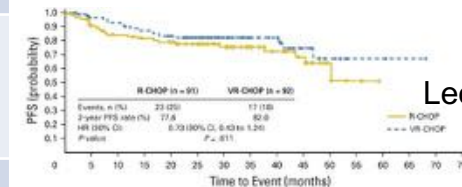
Aukema Blood 2011; Hu Blood 2013; Feugier JCO 2005; Sehn Blood 2005; Nowakowski JCO 2014

Trial	Comparison	Result
GOYA	R-CHOP vs. G-CHOP (n=1,418)	Negative
CALGB 50303	R-CHOP vs. R-DA-EPOCH (n=524)	Negative
PYRAMID (non-GCB)	R-CHOP vs. Bortezomib+R-CHOP (n=206)	Negative
REMoDL-B	R-CHOP vs. Bortezomib+R-CHOP (n=1,085)	Negative
LYM-2034 (non-GCB)	R-CHOP vs. Bortezomib+R-CHP (n=164)	Negative
PHOENIX (ABC)	R-CHOP vs. Ibrutinib+R-CHOP (n=838)	Negative
ECOG 1412	R-CHOP vs. Lenalidomide+R-CHOP (n=345)	?Positive
ROBUST (non-GCB)	R-CHOP vs. Lenalidomide+R-CHOP (n=570)	Negative



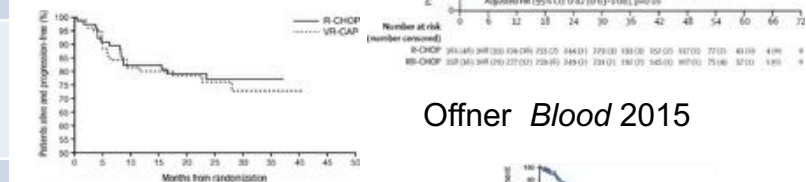
Vitolo *J Clin Oncol* 2017

Bartlett *J Clin Oncol* 2019



Leonard *J Clin Oncol* 2017

Davies *Lancet Onc* 2019



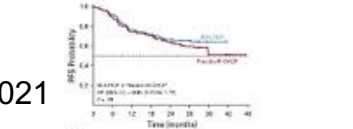
Offner *Blood* 2015

Younnes *J Clin Oncol* 2019

**2-year OS: 87% len/R-CHOP
80% R-CHOP**

Nowakowski *JCO* 2021

Nowakowski *J Clin Oncol* 2021



Progression-Free Survival as a Surrogate End Point for Overall Survival in First-Line Diffuse Large B-Cell Lymphoma: An Individual Patient - Level Analysis of Multiple Randomized Trials (SEAL)

Qian Shi, Norbert Schmitz, Fang-Shu Ou, Jesse G. Dixon, David Cunningham, Michael Pfreundschuh, John F. Seymour, Ulrich Jaeger, Thomas M. Habermann, Corinne Haioun, Hervé Tilly, Hervé Ghesquieres, Francesco Merli, Marita Ziepert, Raoul Herbrecht, Jocelyne Flament, Tommy Fu, Bertrand Coiffier, and Christopher R. Flowers

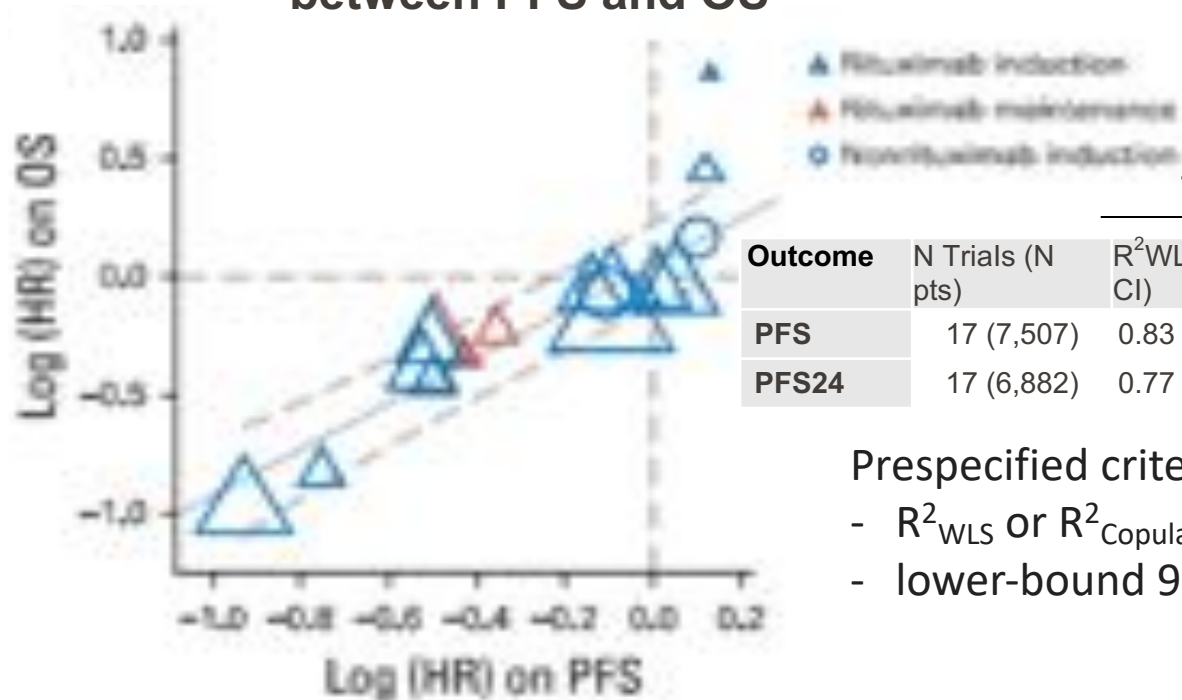
RCTs Included in the Analysis (n=13)

	Control (N=3,450)	Experimental (N=4,057)	Total (N=7,507)
Age (categorical), years			
<60	1,566 (45)	1,562 (39)	3,128 (42)
60-69	1,034 (30)	1,386 (34)	2,420 (32)
≥70	850 (25)	1,109 (27)	1,959 (26)
Sex			
Female	1,580 (46)	1,896 (47)	3,476 (46)
Male	1,870 (54)	2,161 (53)	4,031 (54)
ECOG Performance Status			
Missing	3	1	4
0	1,627 (47)	1,837 (45)	3,464 (46)
1	1,328 (38)	1,641 (40)	2,969 (40)
≥ 2	492 (14)	578 (14)	1,070 (14)
IPI score			
Missing	393	384	777
0-1	1,022 (33)	1,217 (33)	2,239 (33)
2	734 (24)	968 (26)	1,702 (25)
3	768 (25)	878 (24)	1,646 (24)
4-5	533 (17)	610 (17)	1,143 (17)
Ann Arbor Stage			
Missing	14	9	23
I/II	1,223 (35)	1,492 (37)	2,715 (36)
III	787 (23)	1,022 (25)	1,809 (24)
IV	1,426 (41)	1,534 (38)	2,960 (40)

J Clin Oncol. 2018; 36(25): 2593-2602.

Progression-Free Survival is a Surrogate End Point for Overall Survival in First-Line Diffuse Large B-Cell Lymphoma

Trial-level treatment effect correlation between PFS and OS



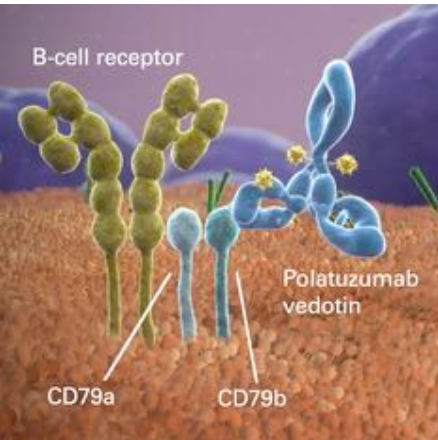
Trial Level surrogacy:

Patient Level surrogacy:

Outcome	N Trials (N pts)	R ² WLS (95% CI)	R ² Copula (95% CI)	Global OR (95% CI)
PFS	17 (7,507)	0.83 (0.57-0.94)	0.85 (0.73-0.98)	0.85 (0.84-0.86)
PFS24	17 (6,882)	0.77 (0.51-0.92)	0.78 (0.59-0.96)	61.1 (52.6-69.6)

Prespecified criteria for surrogacy:

- R^2_{WLS} or $R^2_{Copula} \geq 0.80$ and neither < 0.7
- lower-bound 95% CI > 0.60



POLARIX: 1L DLBCL Phase 3

The NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL of MEDICINE

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Polatuzumab Vedotin in Previously Untreated Diffuse Large B-Cell Lymphoma

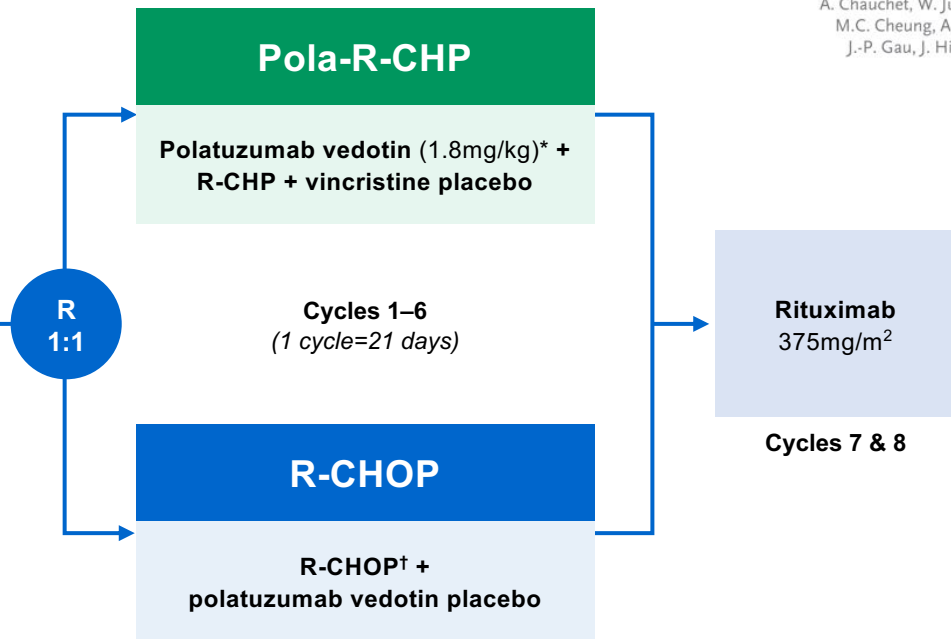
H. Tilly, F. Morschhauser, L.H. Sehn, J.W. Friedberg, M. Trnný, J.P. Sharman, C. Herbaux, J.M. Burke, M. Matasar, S. Rai, K. Izutsu, N. Mehta-Shah, L. Oberic, A. Chauchet, W. Jurczak, Y. Song, R. Greil, L. Mykhalska, J.M. Bergua-Burgues, M.C. Cheung, A. Pinto, H.-J. Shin, G. Hapgood, E. Munhoz, P. Abrisqueta, J.-P. Gau, J. Hirata, Y. Jiang, M. Yan, C. Lee, C.R. Flowers, and G. Salles

Patients

- Previously untreated DLBCL
- Age 18–80 years
- IPI 2–5
- ECOG PS 0–2

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

Progression-free survival (Investigator-assessed)

Secondary endpoints

- Event-free survival
- Complete response rate at end of treatment (PET/CT, IRC-assessed)
- Disease-free survival
- Overall survival

Safety endpoints

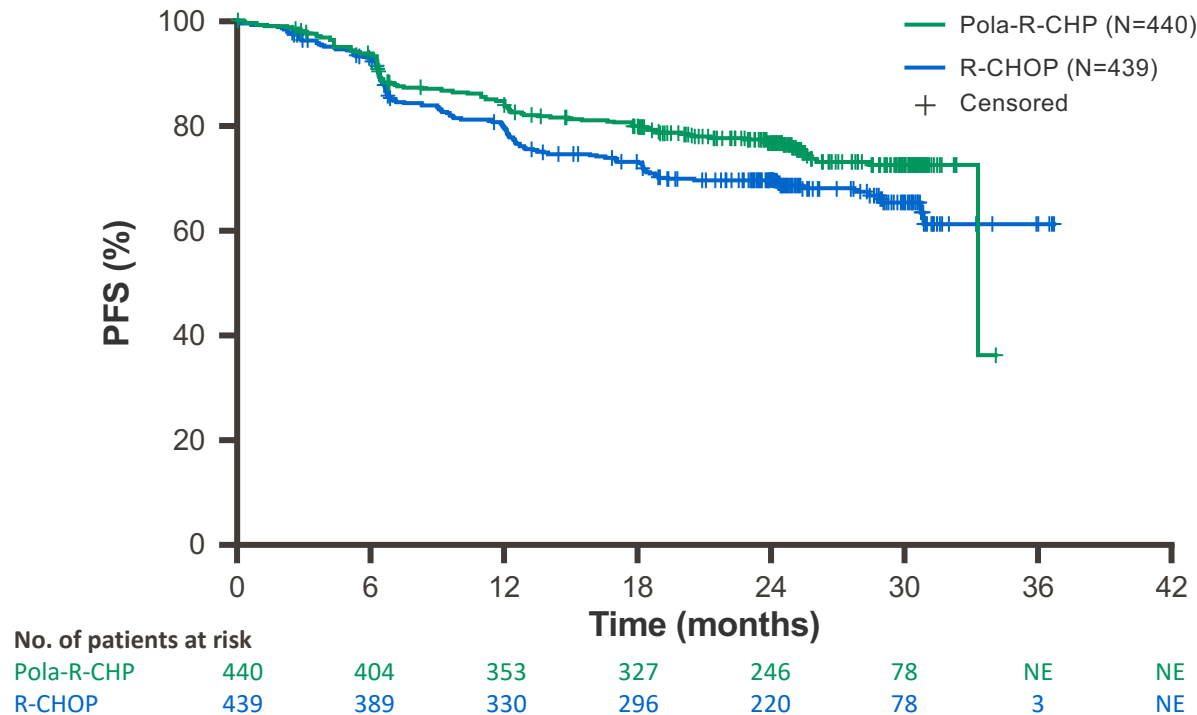
Incidence, nature, and severity of adverse events

CCOD: June 28, 2021

Median follow up at the primary analysis: 28.2 months

Primary endpoint: Progression-free survival

Pola-R-CHP significantly improved PFS vs R-CHOP

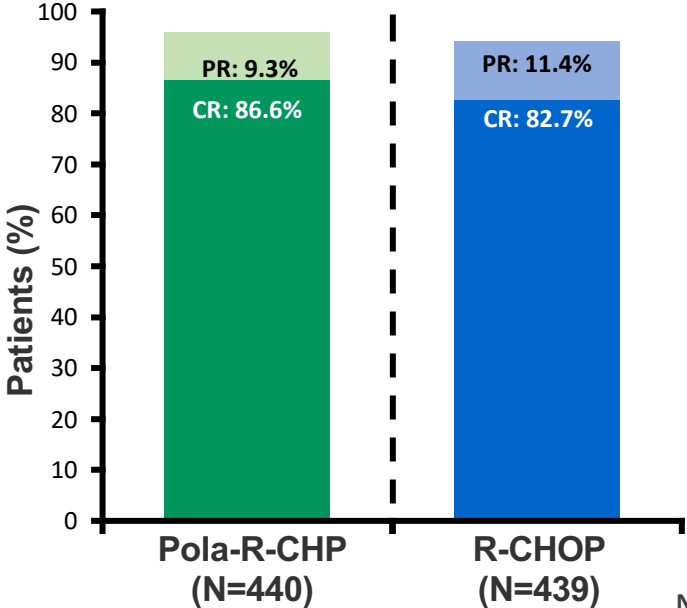


HR 0.73 (P=0.02)
95% CI: 0.57, 0.95

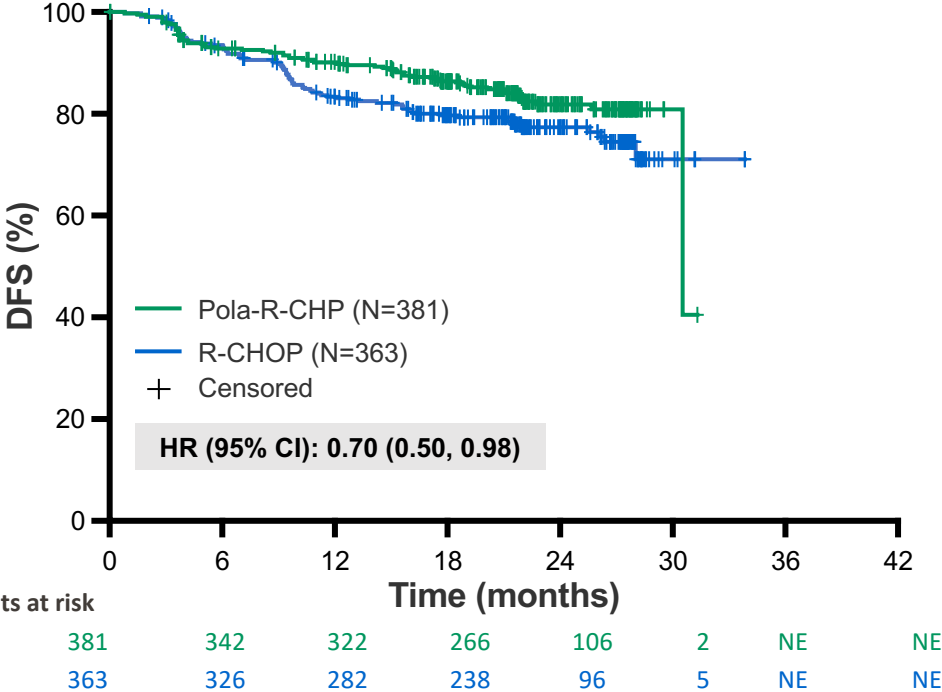
- Pola-R-CHP demonstrated a **27% reduction in the relative risk of disease progression, relapse, or death** vs R-CHOP
- **24-month PFS:**
76.7% with Pola-R-CHP vs 70.2% with R-CHOP ($\Delta=6.5\%$)

Response rates and disease-free survival

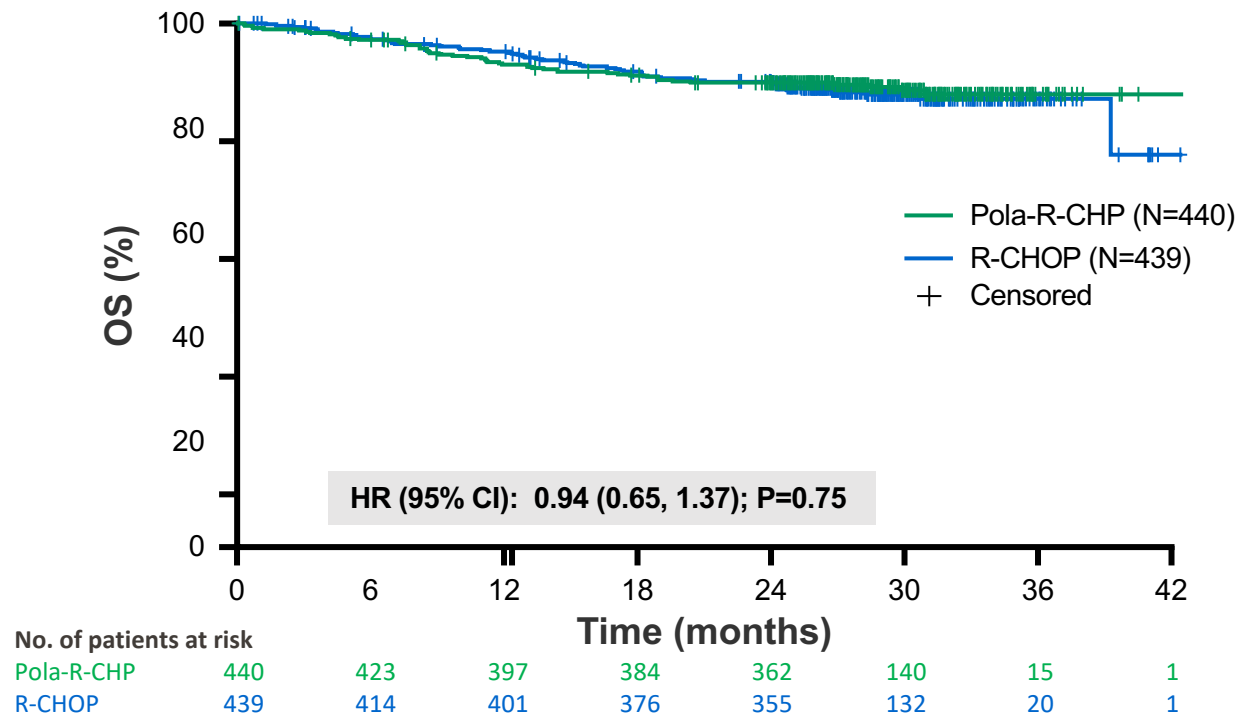
Best overall response



Disease-free survival



Overall survival

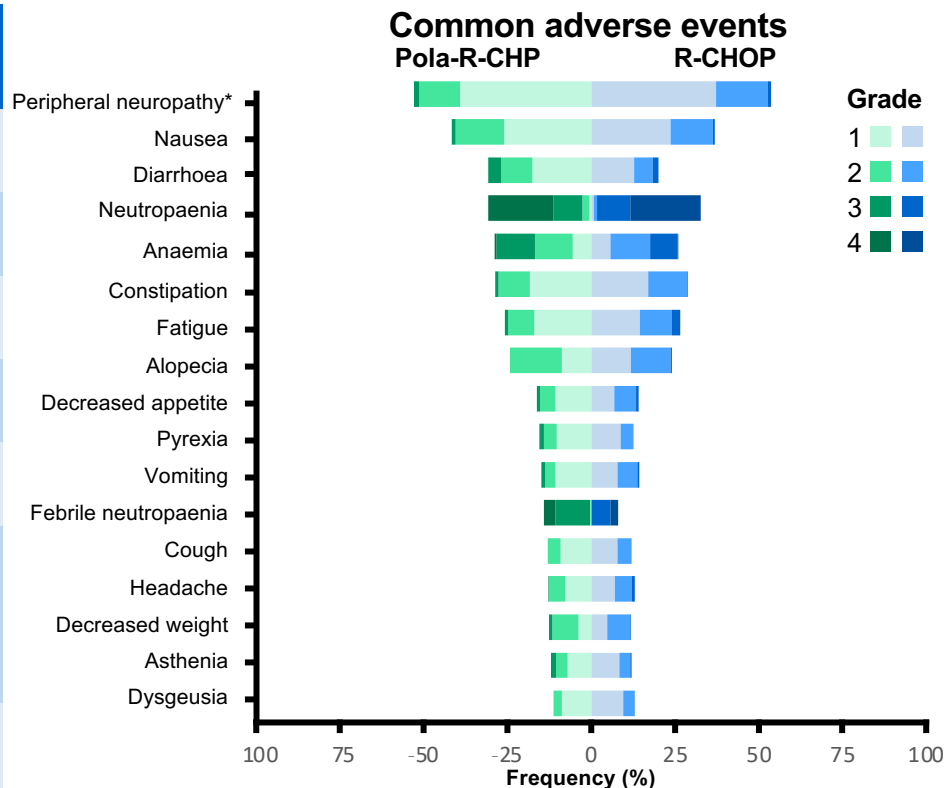


ITT population. Data cut-off: June 28, 2021; median 28.2 months' follow-up.
OS, overall survival.

Safety summary

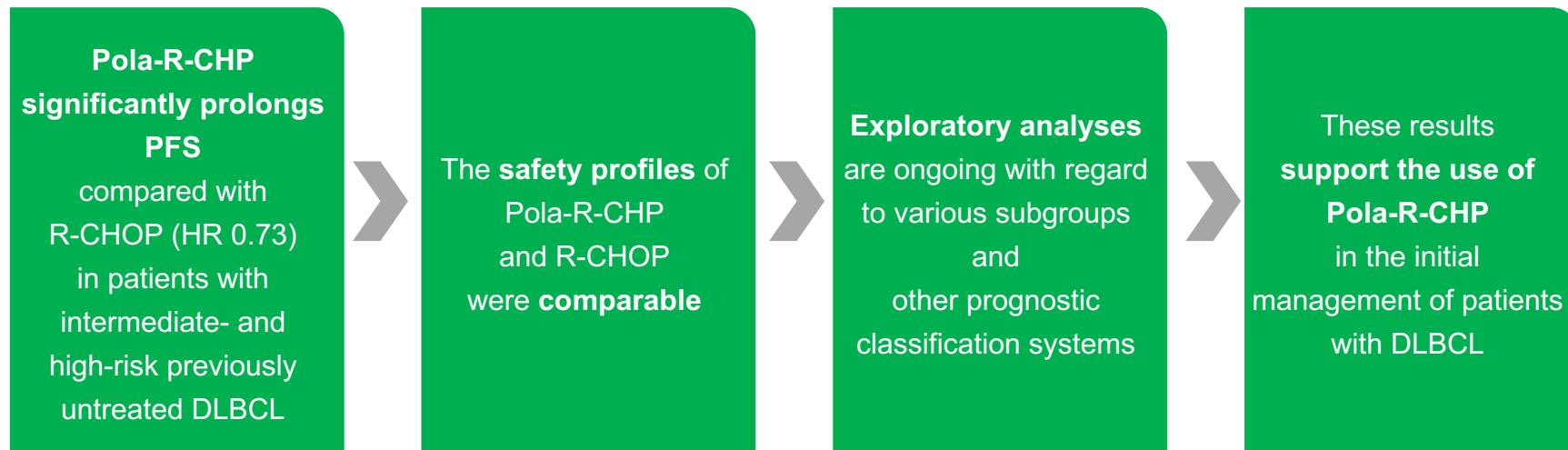
Safety profiles were similar with Pola-R-CHP and R-CHOP

n (%)	Pola-R-CHP (N=435)	R-CHOP (N=438)
Any-grade adverse events	426 (97.9)	431 (98.4)
Grade 3–4	251 (57.7)	252 (57.5)
Grade 5	13 (3.0)	10 (2.3)
Serious adverse events	148 (34.0)	134 (30.6)
Adverse events leading to:		
Discontinuation of any study drug	27 (6.2)	29 (6.6)
Polatuzumab vedotin / vincristine	19 (4.4)	22 (5.0)
Dose reduction of any study drug	40 (9.2)	57 (13.0)

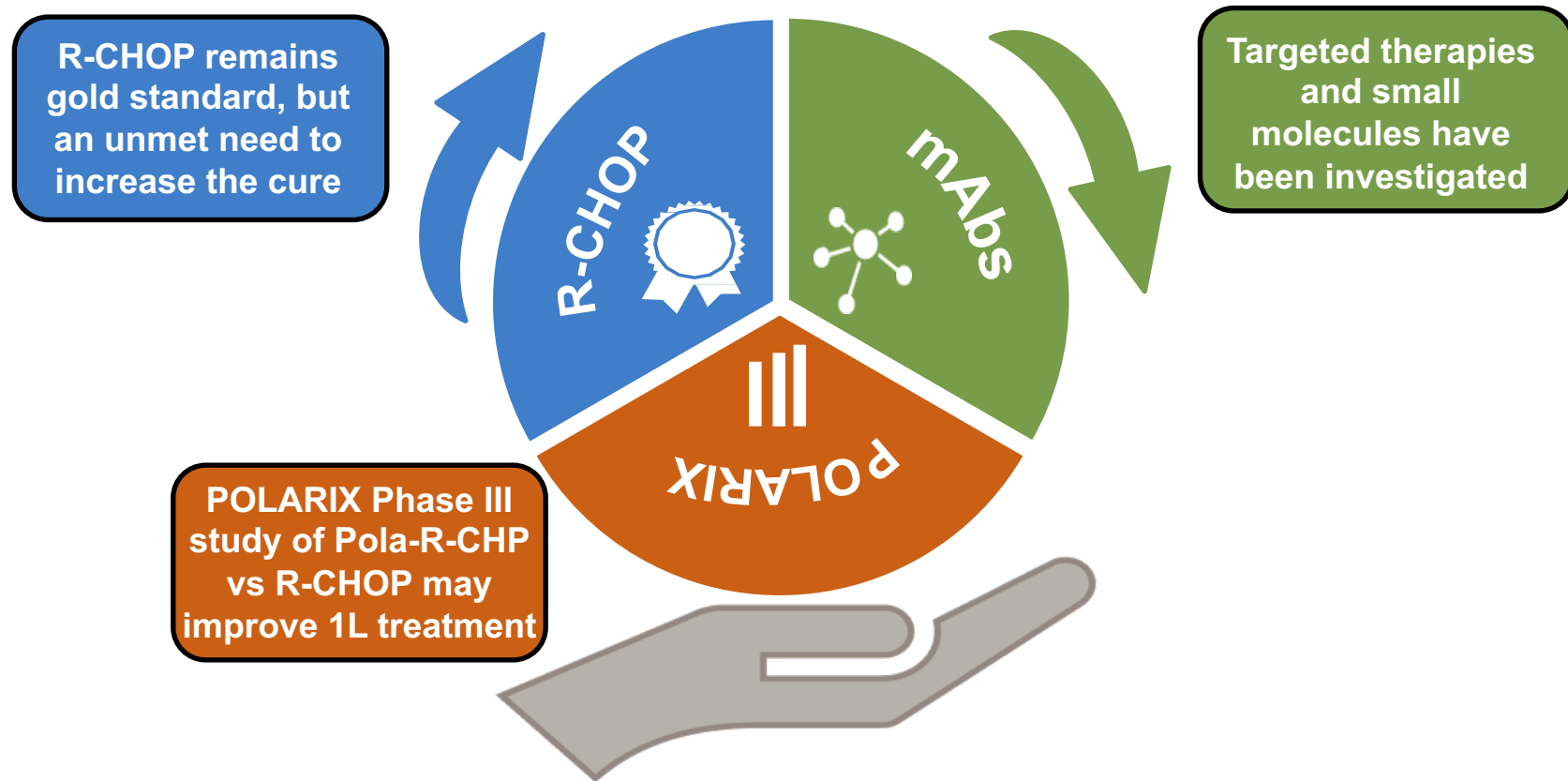


* ITT population. Data cut-off: June 28, 2021; median 28.2 months' follow-up.
CI, confidence interval; HR, hazard ratio; NE, not evaluable; PFS, progression-free survival.

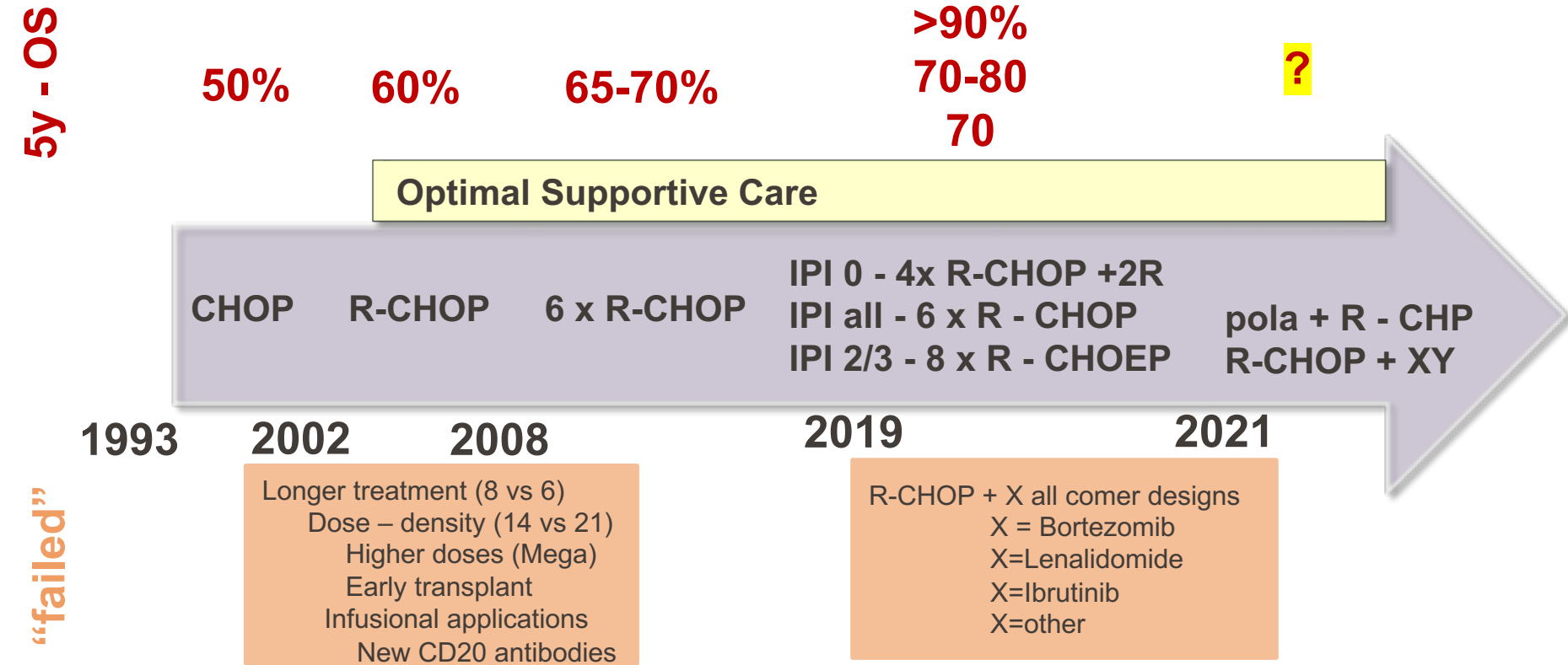
POLARIX: Conclusions



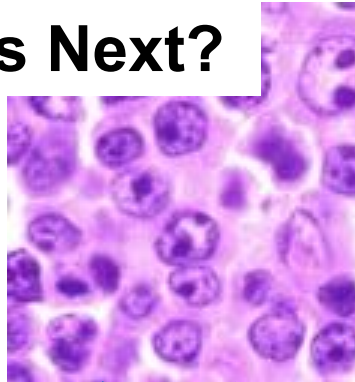
First-line DLBCL: what does the future hold?



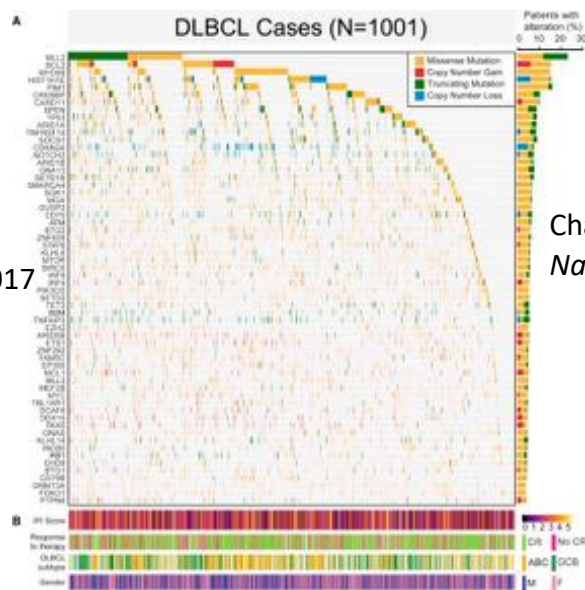
Empirical Development/Optimization of R-CHOP



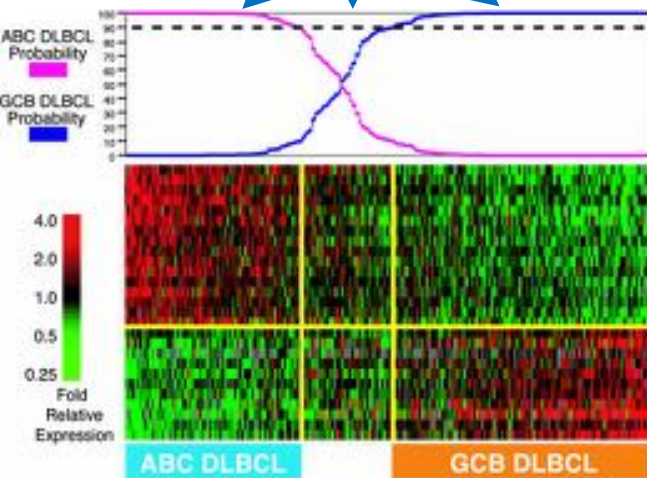
What's Next?



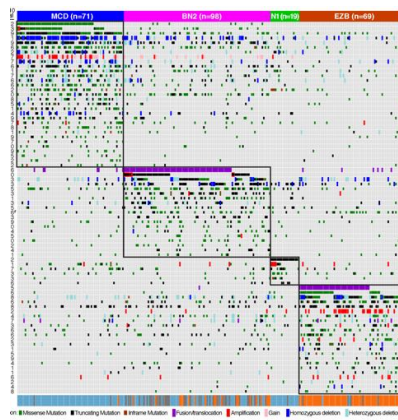
Reddy
Cell 2017



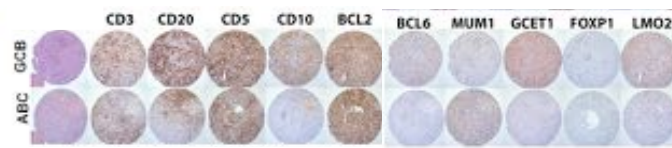
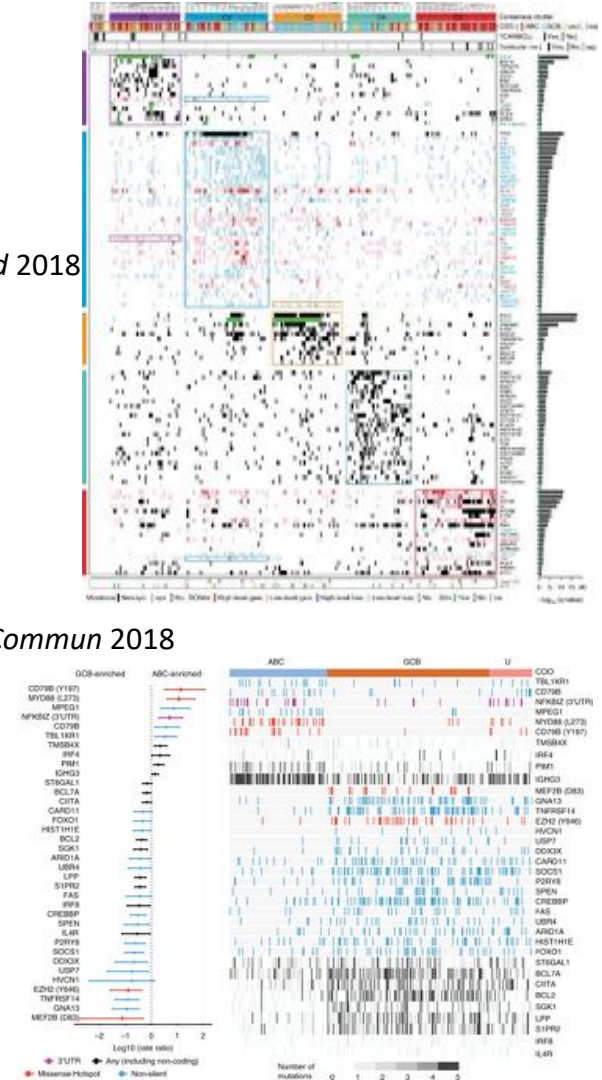
Chapuy
Nat Med 2018



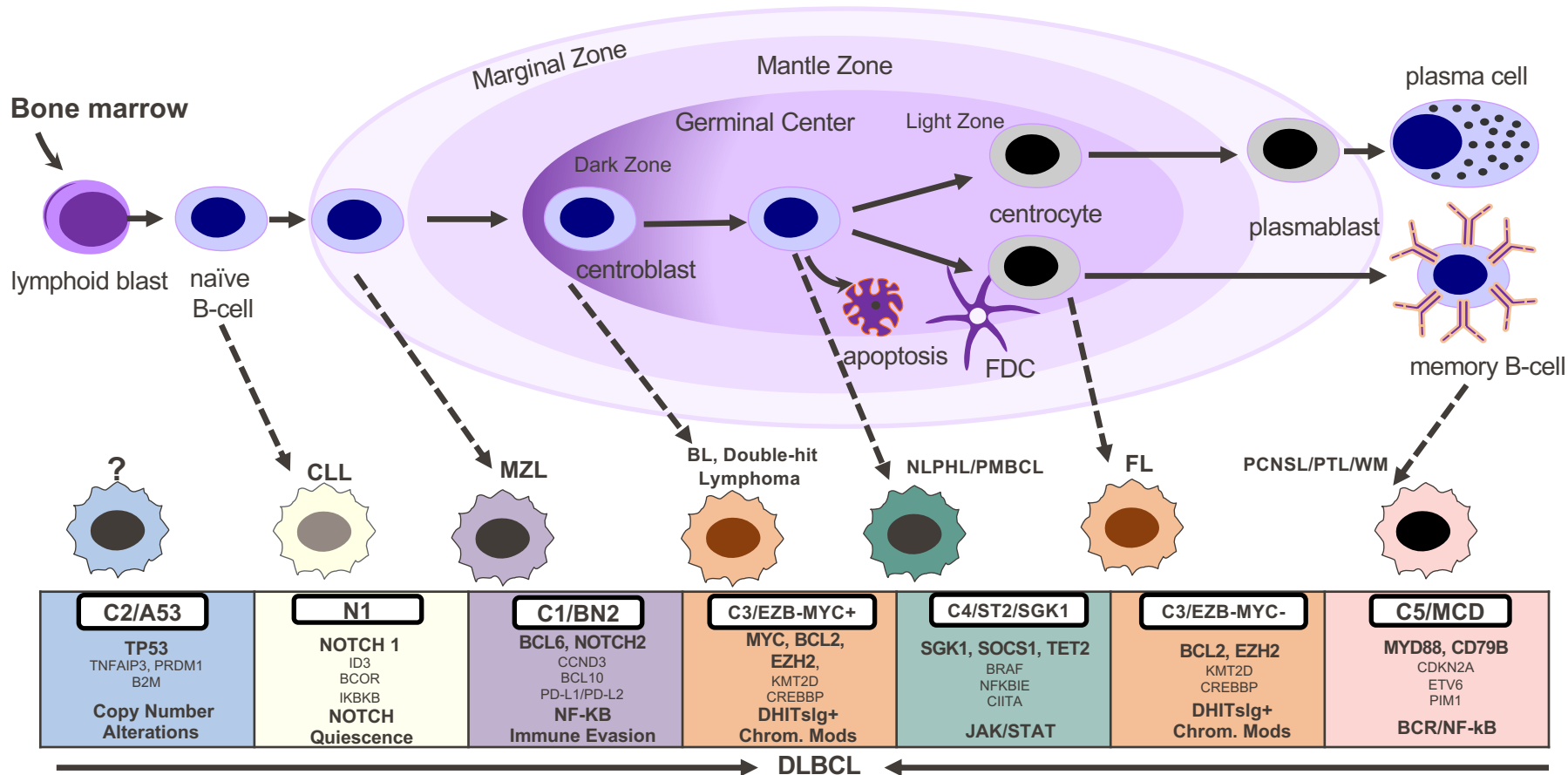
Schmitz *NEJM* 2018



Arthur *Nat Commun* 2018



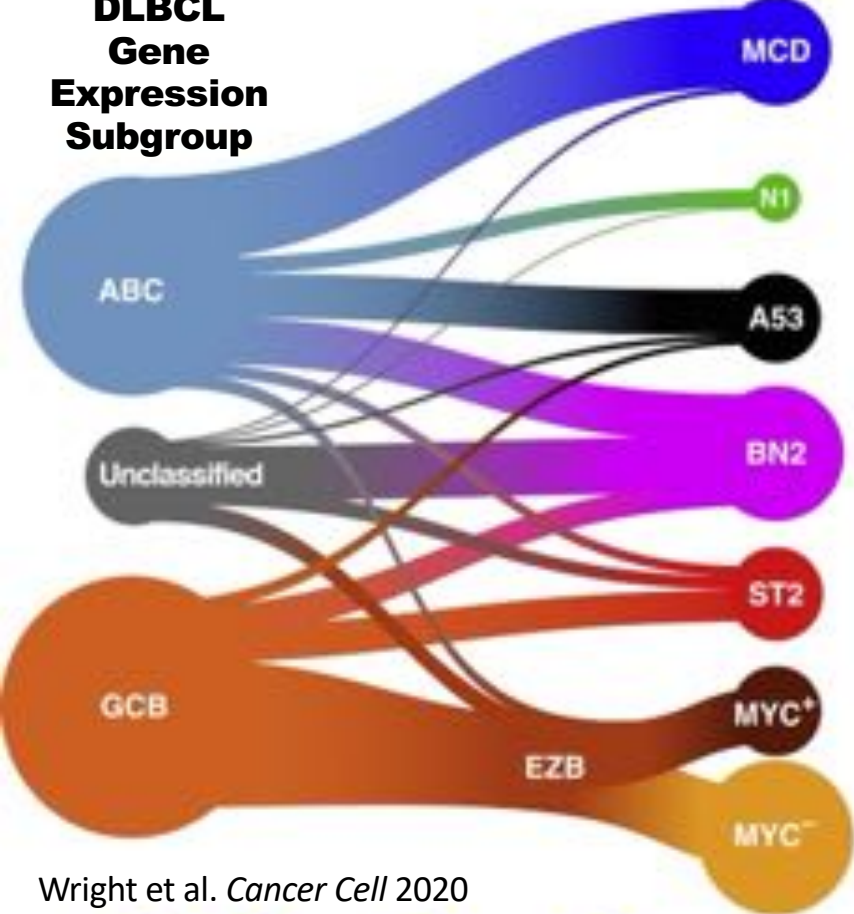
Linking Genomic Subtypes to Cell Biology



Implications of the DLBCL Genomic Subtypes for Pathogenesis and Therapy

DLBCL Genomic Subtype

DLBCL Gene Expression Subgroup

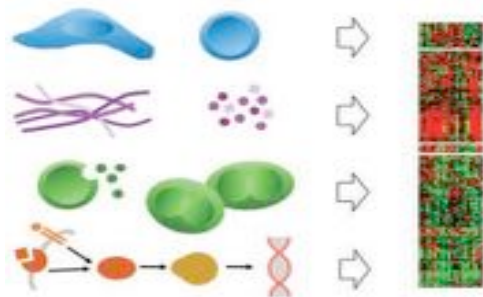


Prevalence	5-yr overall survival	Genetically related lymphomas
8.7%	42% (AI) 37% (ABC)	Primary extranodal DLBCL Transformed WM
1.7%	27% (AI) 22% (ABC)	NOTCH1-mutant CLL
5.8%	63% (AI) 33% (ABC) 100% (GCB)	-
13.3%	67% (AI) 76% (ABC) 100% (GCB) 38% (UC)	MZL Transformed MZL
6.4%	84% (AI) 81% (GCB)	NLPD THRLBCL
5.9% (MYC ⁺) 17.8% (MYC ⁻)	48% (MYC ⁺) 52% (MYC ⁻)	FL Transformed FL BL (EZB-MYC ⁺)

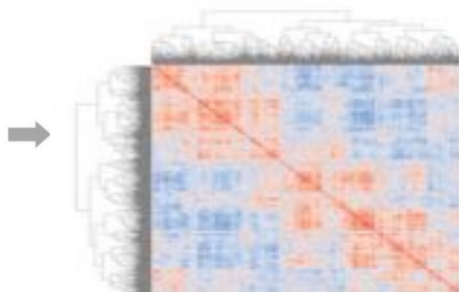
Drug Target					
BTK	PI3K	BCL2	JAK	IRF4	EZH2
X	X	X	X	X	
X					
X	X	X			
	X		X		
	X	X			X

Using transcriptomics to distinguish subtypes of the DLBCL microenvironment

Development of 25(FGES)



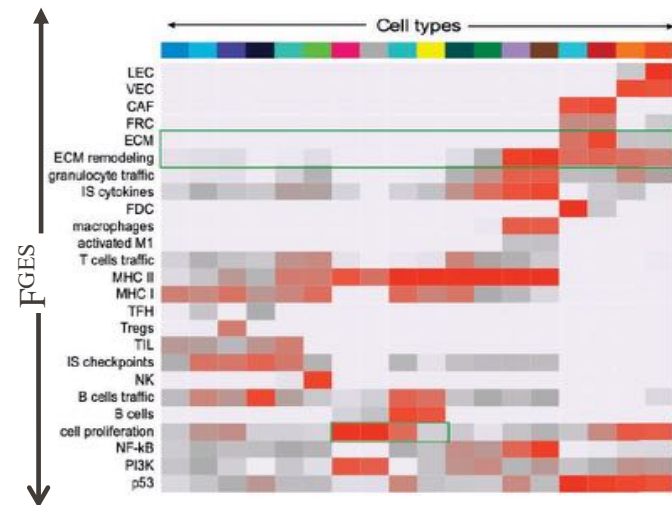
DLBCL Samples Correlation



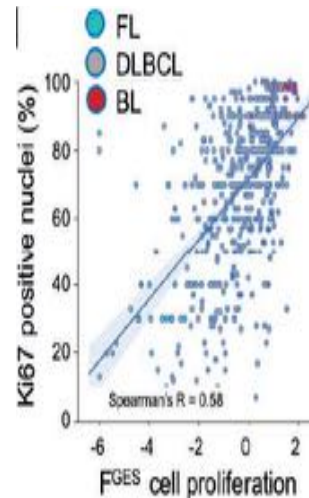
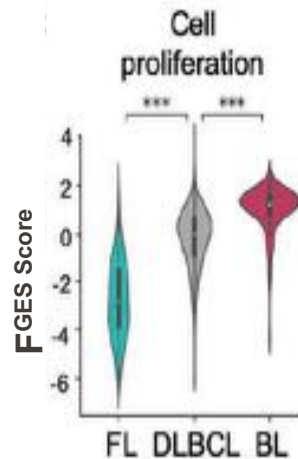
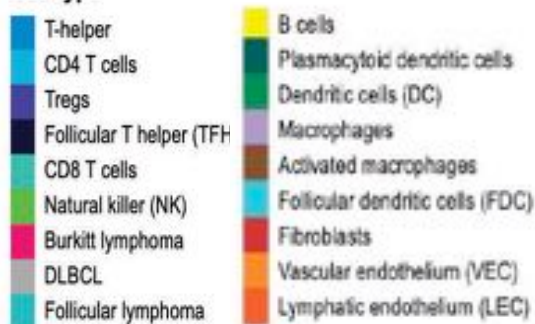
Communities Detection



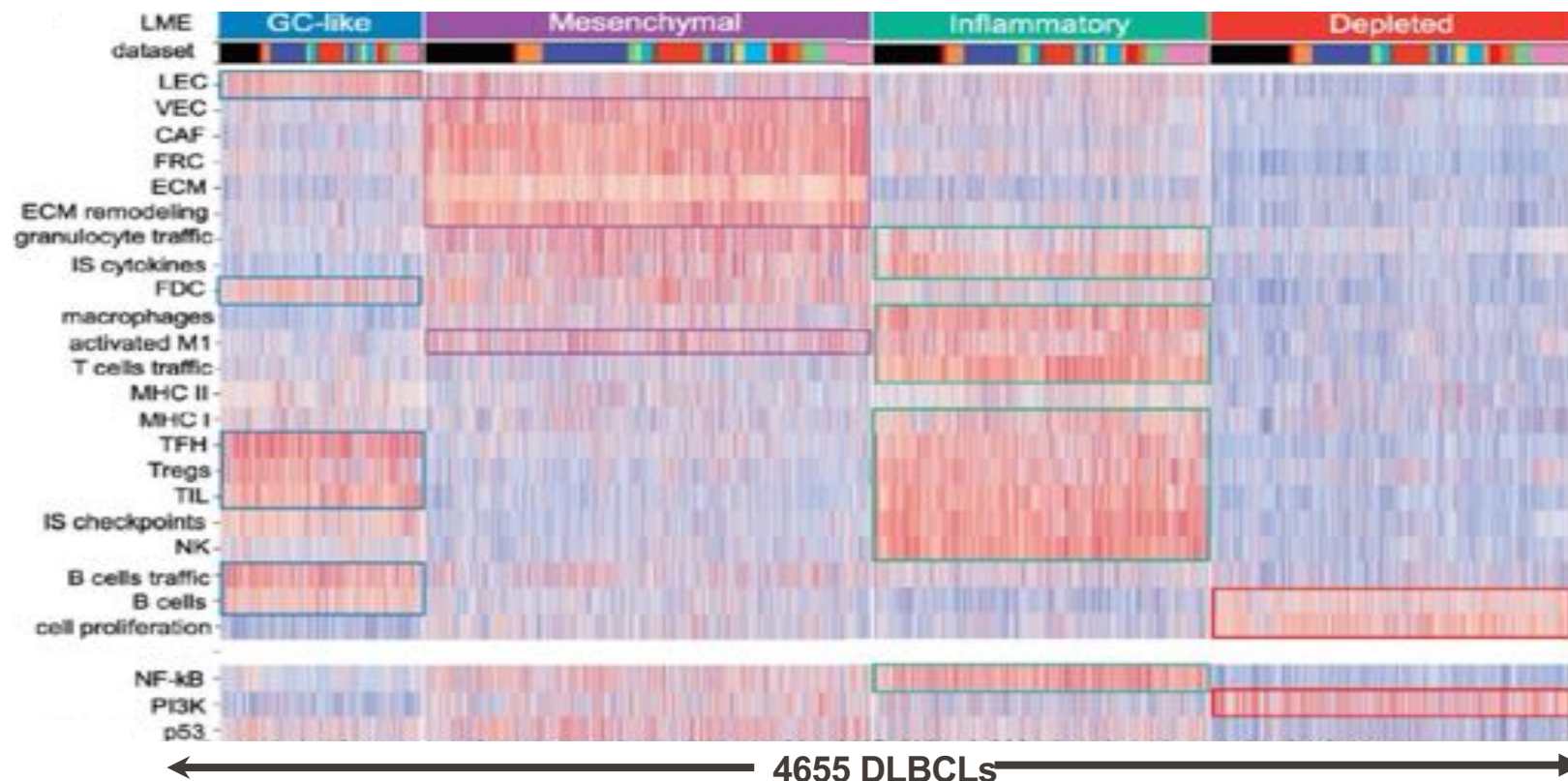
LME Clusters



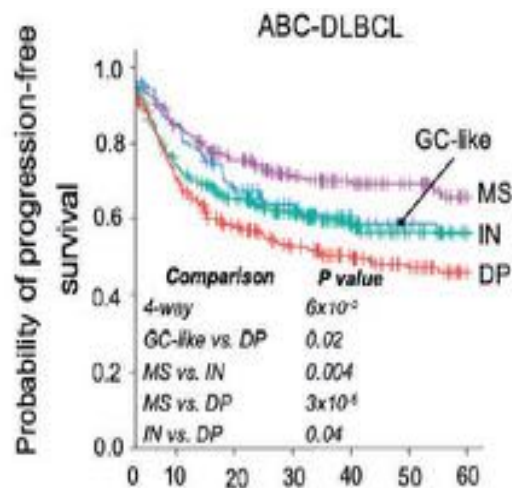
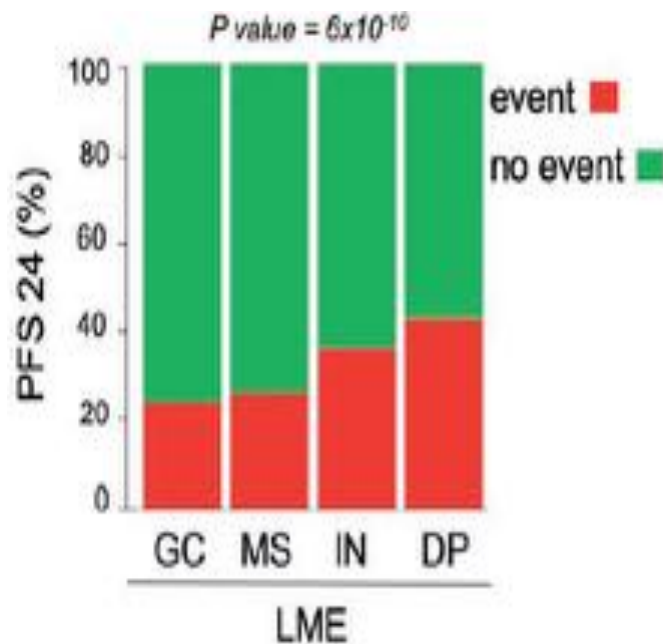
Cell type



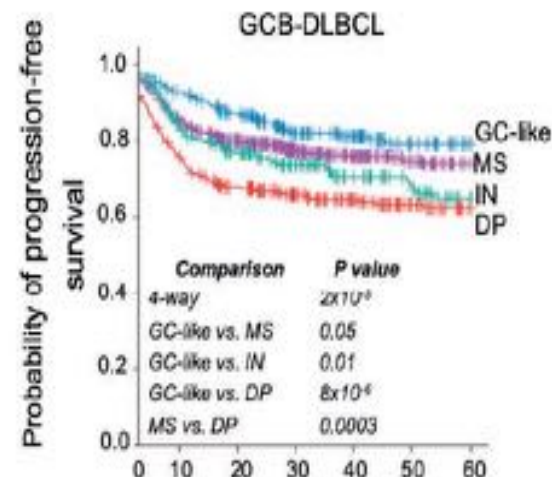
Heat map of the activity scores of 25 FGES (x-axis) denoting four major LME clusters termed as GC-like, mesenchymal, inflammatory and depleted



PFS at 24 months (PFS24) in DLBCL patients according to the LME category Kaplan-Meier models of PFS according to LME category in ABC- and GCB DLBCL



No. at risk		Months						
GC-like	105	88	66	51	35	26	21	
MS	224	178	148	108	87	69	50	
IN	326	234	186	142	98	71	57	
DP	258	176	126	93	69	50	31	

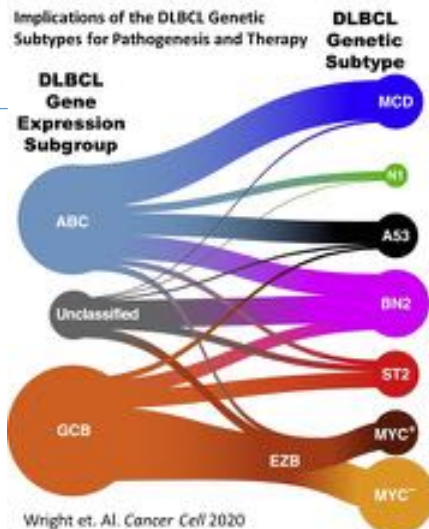


No. at risk		Months						
GC-like	224	218	214	207	203	203	200	
MS	558	525	489	473	464	457	451	
IN	206	193	176	172	165	154	146	
DP	300	259	227	214	211	205	199	

What's Next?: Improve DLBCL Risk Prediction and Treatment Strategies



Improved Probabilistic Algorithm



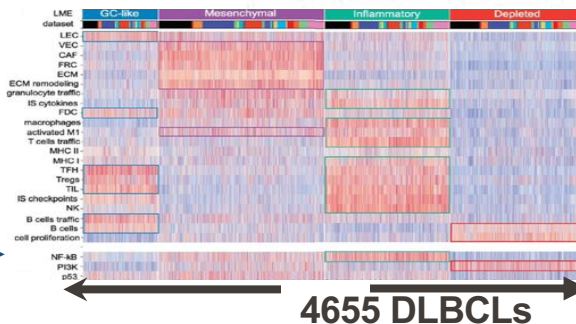
Prediction of Subtype with estimate of uncertainty

Reduce Uncertainty in Prediction of Outcome Adding Large Database and RWE

Drug Target					
BLK	PI3K	BCL2	JAK	IRF4	CD22
X	X	X	X	X	
X					
X	X	X			
	X		X		
X	X				X

Design Frontline and Relapsed DLBCL Trials based on subtype directed targets

Define Additional Biological subsets (40.6%)



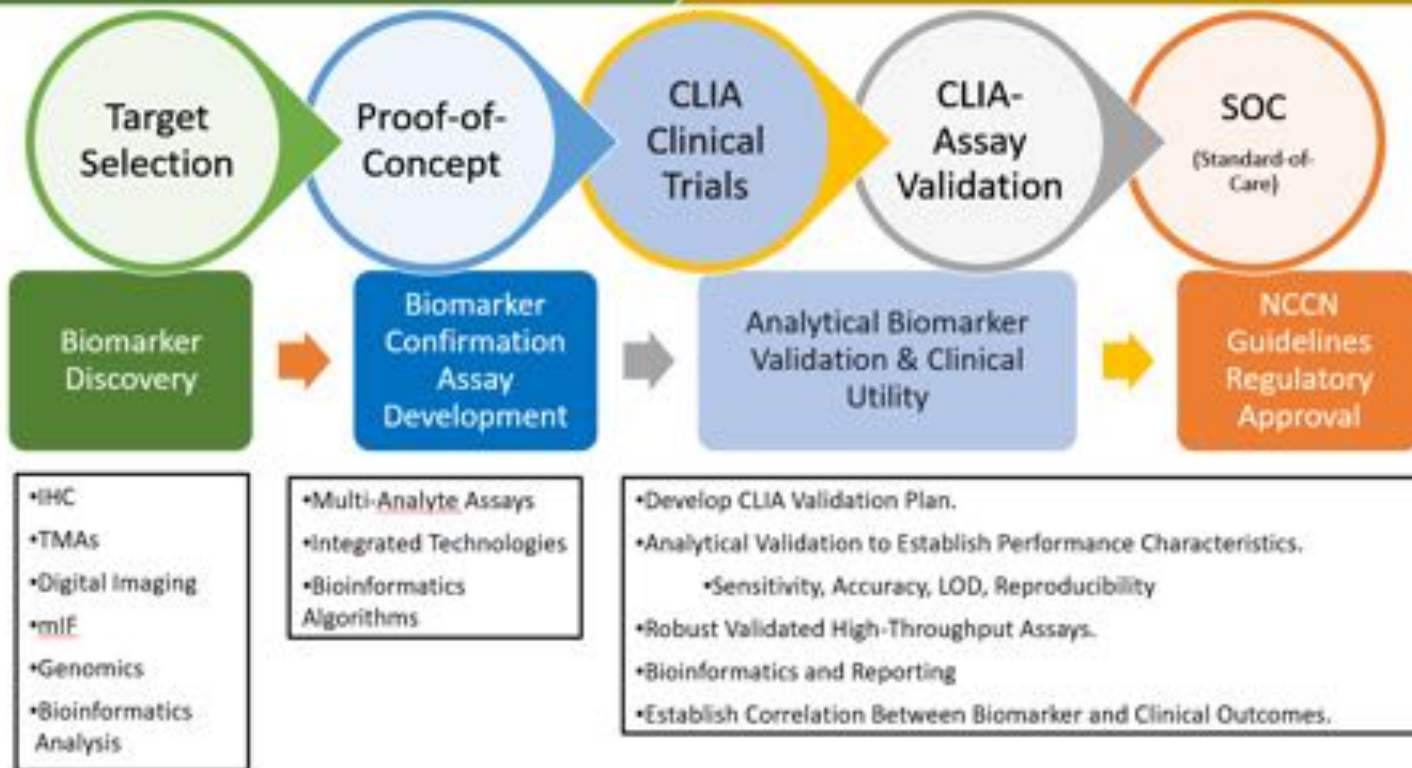
Identify New Therapeutic Targets / Cellular Therapy for Additional Subtypes

Integral Biomarker Pathway Accelerator



ALL Pre-CLIA Labs
(IHC & TMP-IL/IHC Lab & GTDL)

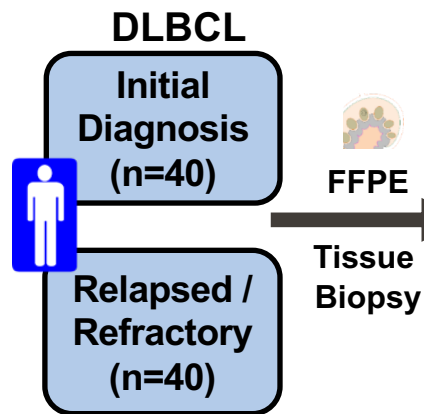
All CLIA Labs +
Clinical Trials Laboratory Unit



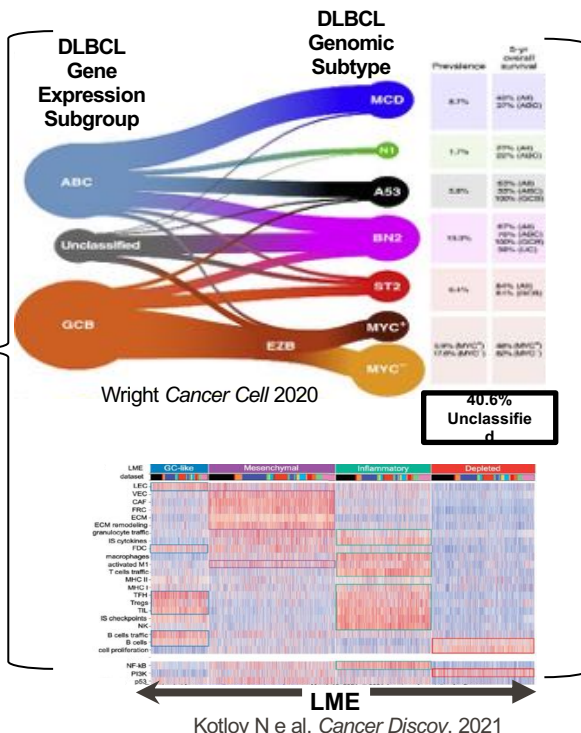
“Test the test” Trial in DLBCL – Molecular Testing to Shorten DTI

Protocol: 2022-0396; RCTS 61163

Study Design:



LymphGen and LME Classification



Results available (≤7 days) from submission ?

Yes

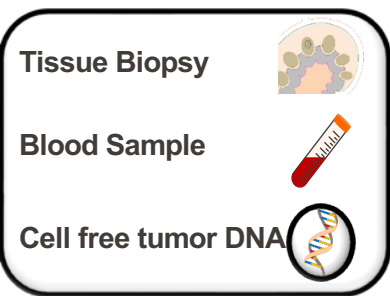
Target: >65% results

Evaluate:

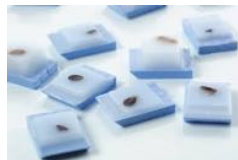
- DTI Prevalence/response by:
- NCI / DFCI Clusters
- LME subgroups

No

What's Next?: Genomic Subtyping Evaluation of Diffuse Large B-cell Lymphoma



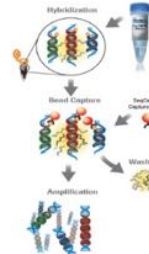
FFPE Sample → Isolate DNA



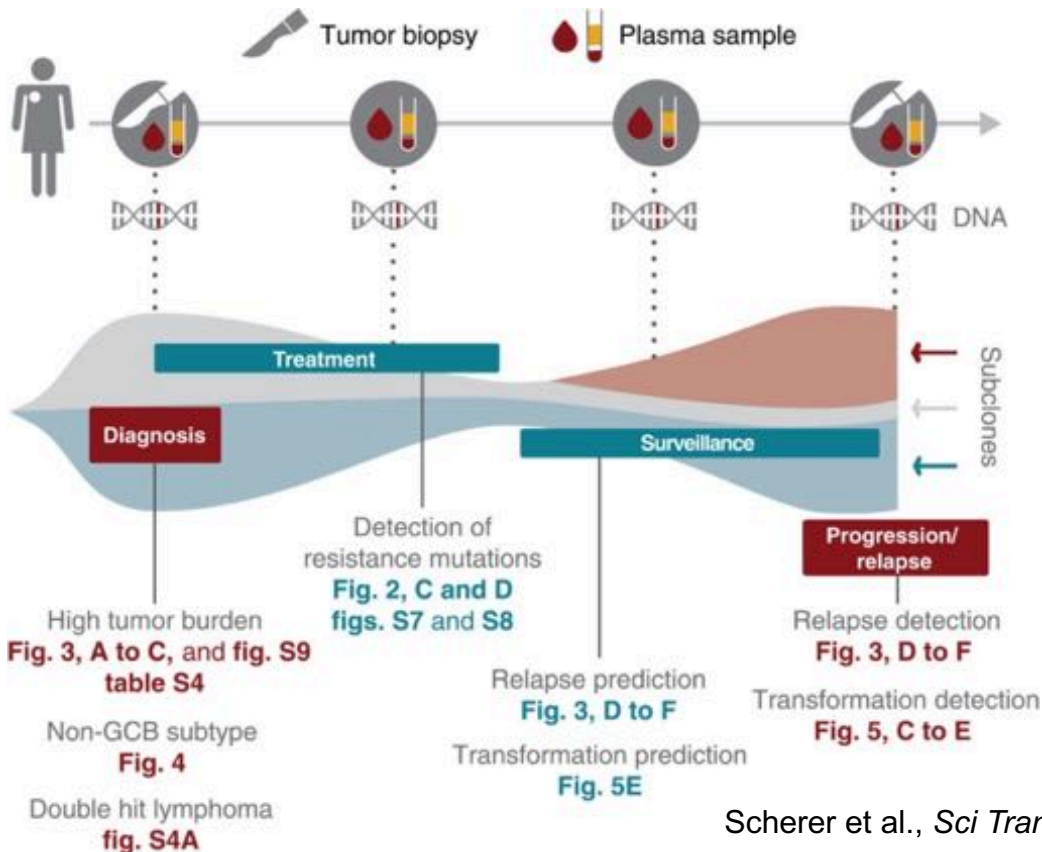
Blood Sample → Isolate plasma → Isolate cfDNA



Quality control → duplex-UMI NGS library prep → Hybrid capture → Sequence → Analyze



Less invasive identification of DLBCL poor-risk groups

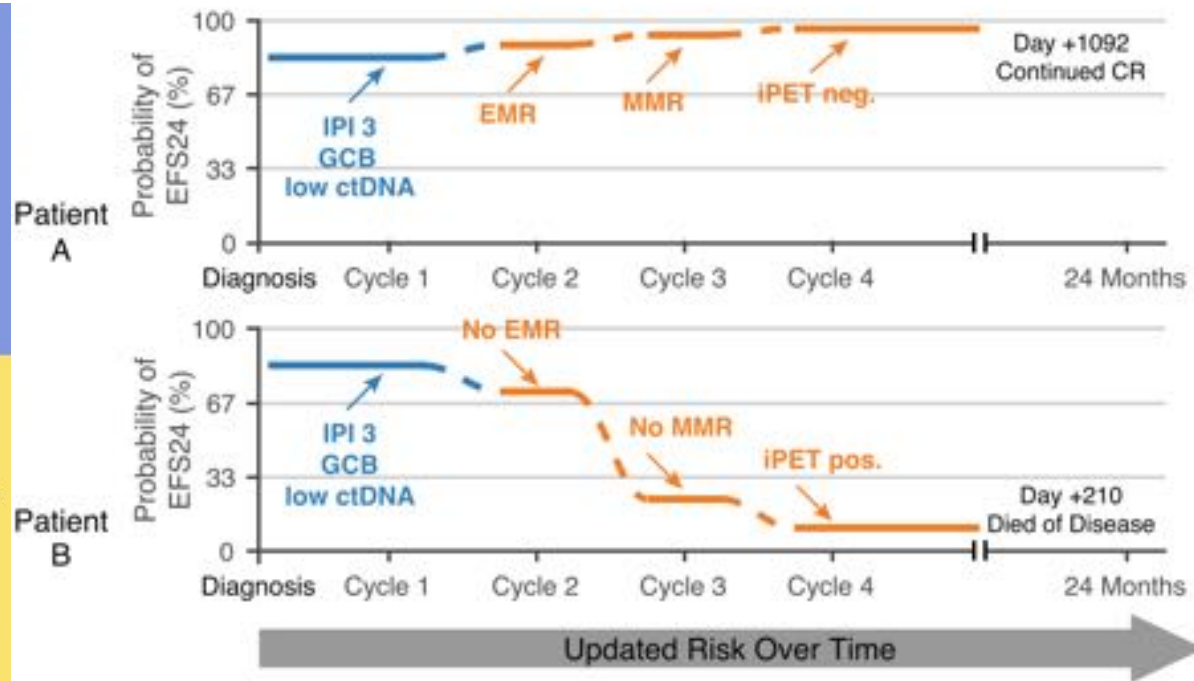
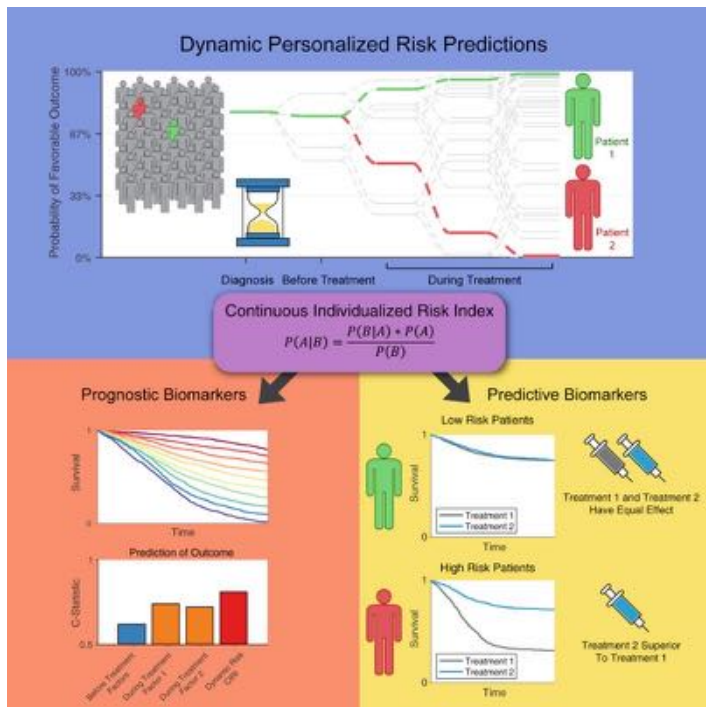


Which ctDNA technology?

- Adaptive (Sequentia)
 - VDJ “idiotype” sequencing
 - requires tumor tissue
- CAPP-Seq
 - Sequencing ~200 most common mutations
 - No need for tumor tissue

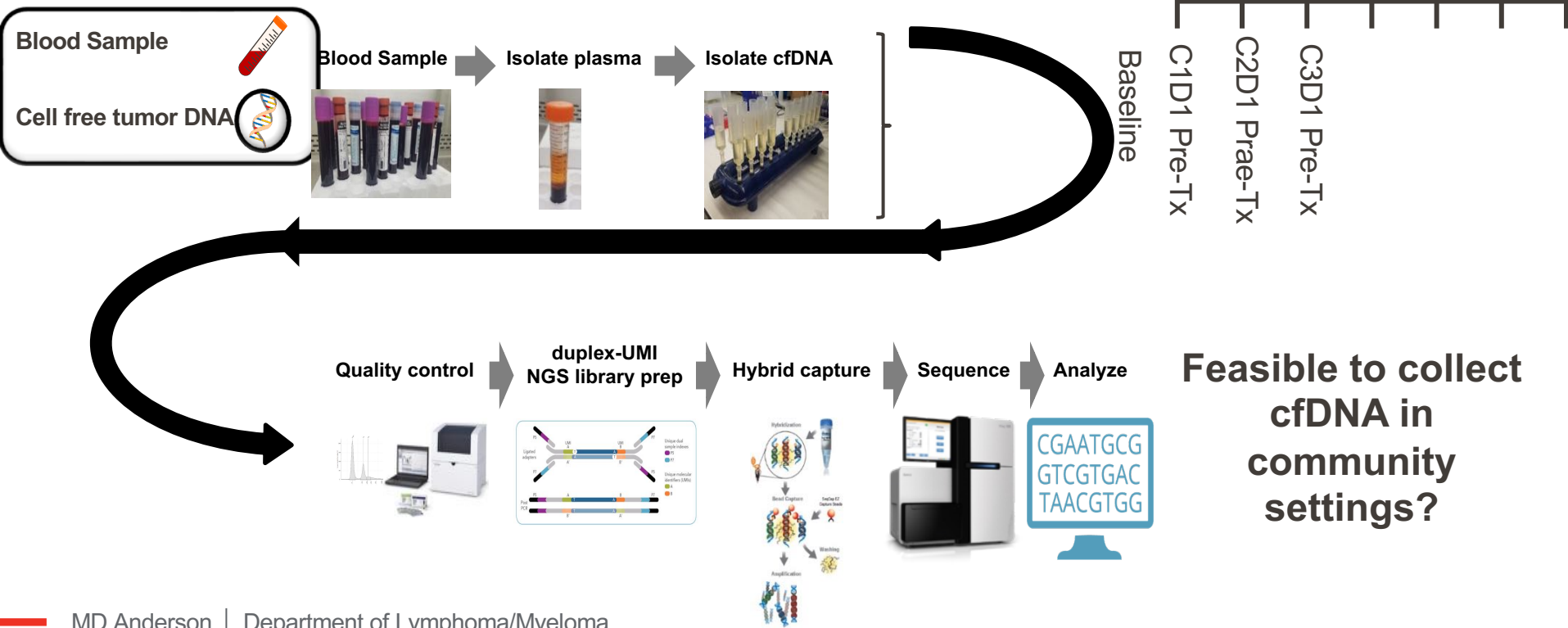
Scherer et al., *Sci Transl Med* 2016

Dynamic "real time" updated risk prediction based upon ctDNA changes



Evaluation of cfDNA collection for Diffuse Large B-cell Lymphoma: in academic and community settings

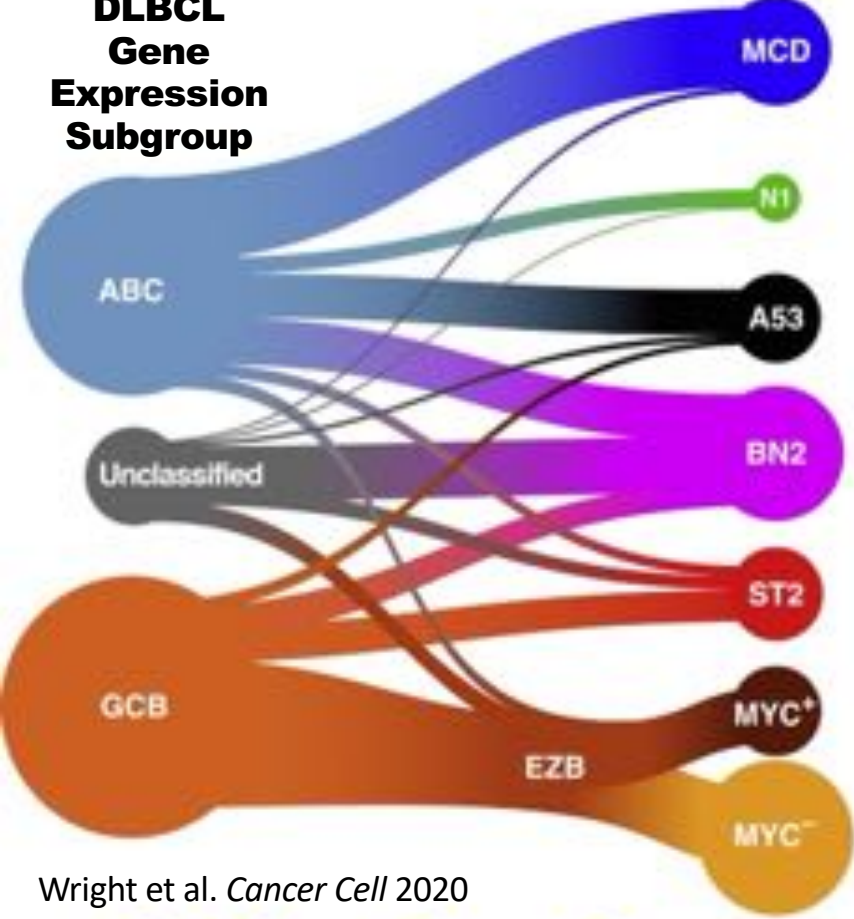
Protocol: 2022-0603



Implications of the DLBCL Genomic Subtypes for Pathogenesis and Therapy

DLBCL Genomic Subtype

DLBCL Gene Expression Subgroup



Prevalence	5-yr overall survival	Genetically related lymphomas
8.7%	42% (All) 37% (ABC)	Primary extranodal DLBCL Transformed WM
1.7%	27% (All) 22% (ABC)	NOTCH1-mutant CLL
5.8%	63% (All) 33% (ABC) 100% (GCB)	-
13.3%	67% (All) 76% (ABC) 100% (GCB) 38% (UC)	MZL Transformed MZL
6.4%	84% (All) 81% (GCB)	NLPD THRLBCL
5.9% (MYC ⁺) 17.8% (MYC ⁻)	48% (MYC ⁺) 52% (MYC ⁻)	FL Transformed FL BL (EZB-MYC ⁺)

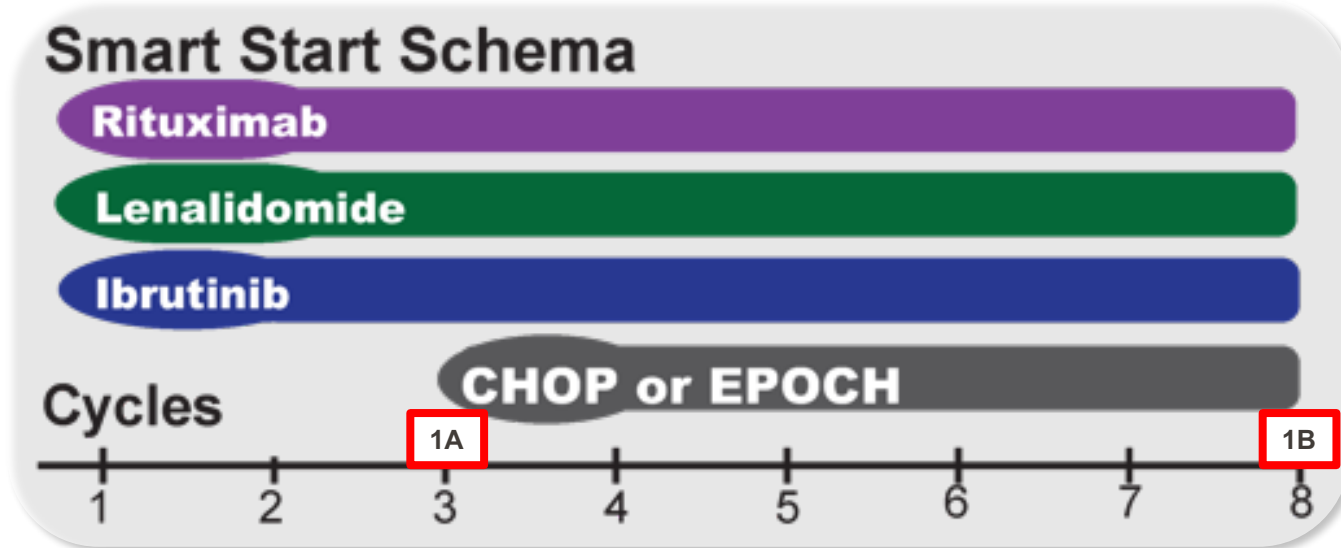
Drug Target					
BTK	PI3K	BCL2	JAK	IRF4	EZH2
X	X	X	X	X	
X					
X	X	X			
	X		X		
	X	X			X

The diagram illustrates the BCR signaling pathway and its inhibition in CLL. The BCR (blue box) is shown with its cytoplasmic tails (A, B, C, D) and associated kinases (SYK, BTK). The BTK (yellow box) is inhibited by Ibrutinib (black box). The BTK signaling pathway involves PKC β (green hexagon) and CARD11 (green hexagon). CARD11 is mutated (red jagged shape) and is associated with MALT1 and BCL10 (green hexagons). The MYD88 (purple box) is mutated (red jagged shape) and is associated with IRAK4, IRAK1, and IRAK2 (pink boxes). The MYD88 signaling pathway involves IRAK1, IRAK2, and TYK2 (yellow box). The TYK2 signaling pathway involves STAT1 (brown oval). The BTK signaling pathway also involves IKK β and IKK γ (green hexagons). The IKK complex (IKK β and IKK γ) is mutated (red jagged shape) and is associated with IRF7 (yellow hexagon). The IRF7 signaling pathway involves IFN (red oval). The IFN signaling pathway involves the Interferon pathway (grey box) and leads to Death (red jagged shape). The NF κ B (green box) is inhibited by Lenalidomide (black box). The NF κ B signaling pathway involves SuXal (green box) and leads to Death (red jagged shape).

Lenalidomide: Upregulate IL2 in T-cells
Ibrutinib: ITK inhibition shift Th2 to Th1

Study Design

- Phase 2 single arm, single center, investigator-initiated trial



First 2 cycles of RLI are without chemotherapy

CHOP or EPOCH selected by MD for reasons including high ki-67, high IPI,

Mandatory GCSF, VTE, PJP & VZV prophylaxis

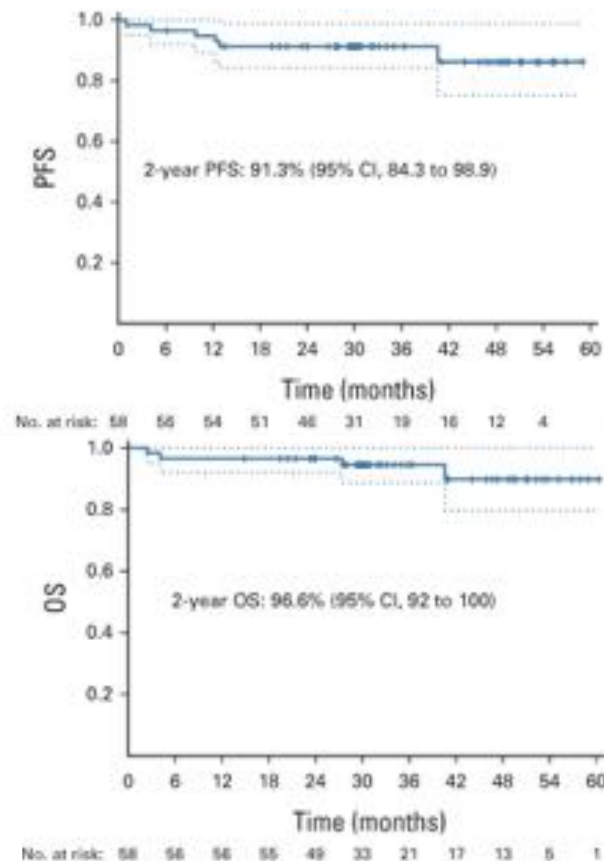
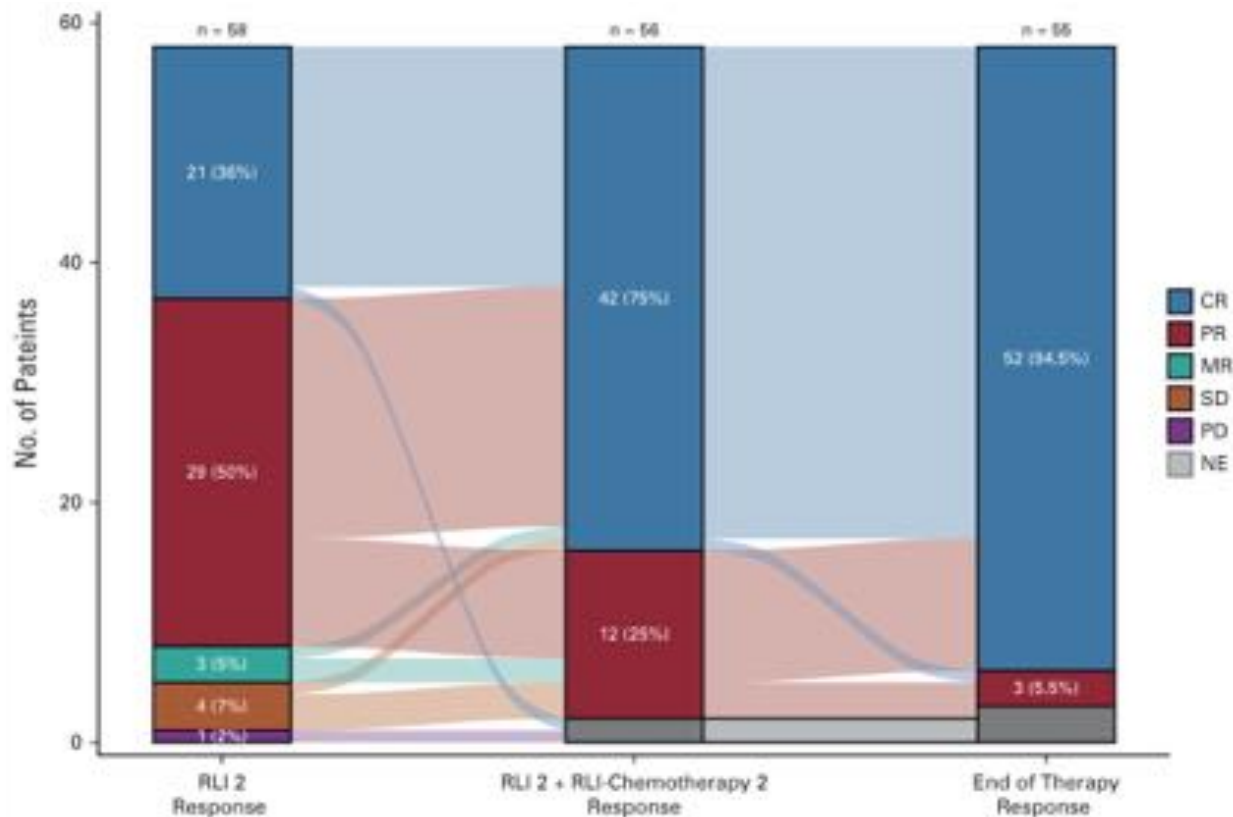
July 2018:
Dosing for 65+y was amended to Ibrutinib 420mg with chemotherapy
N = 9

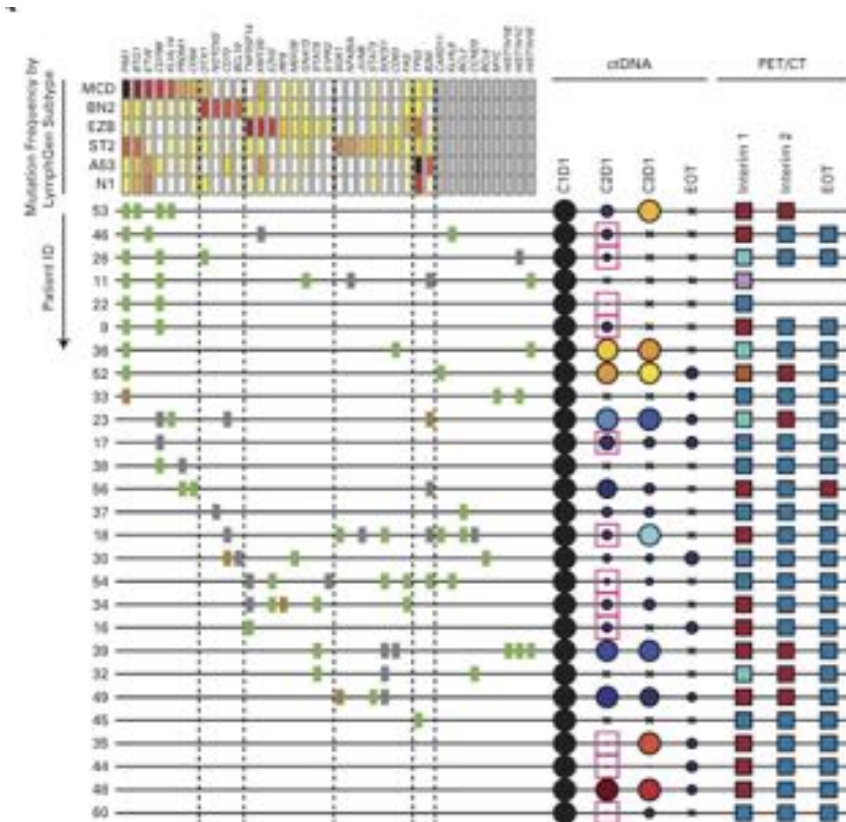
Primary Objectives

- 1A: To determine the ORR at the end of 2 cycles of RLI alone
- 1B: To determine the CR rate at the end of RLI x 2 + RLI combined with chemotherapy x 6

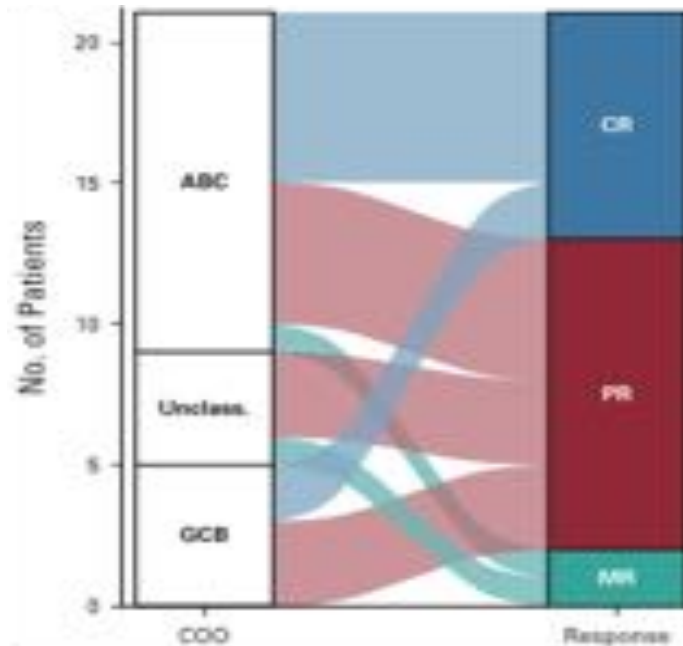


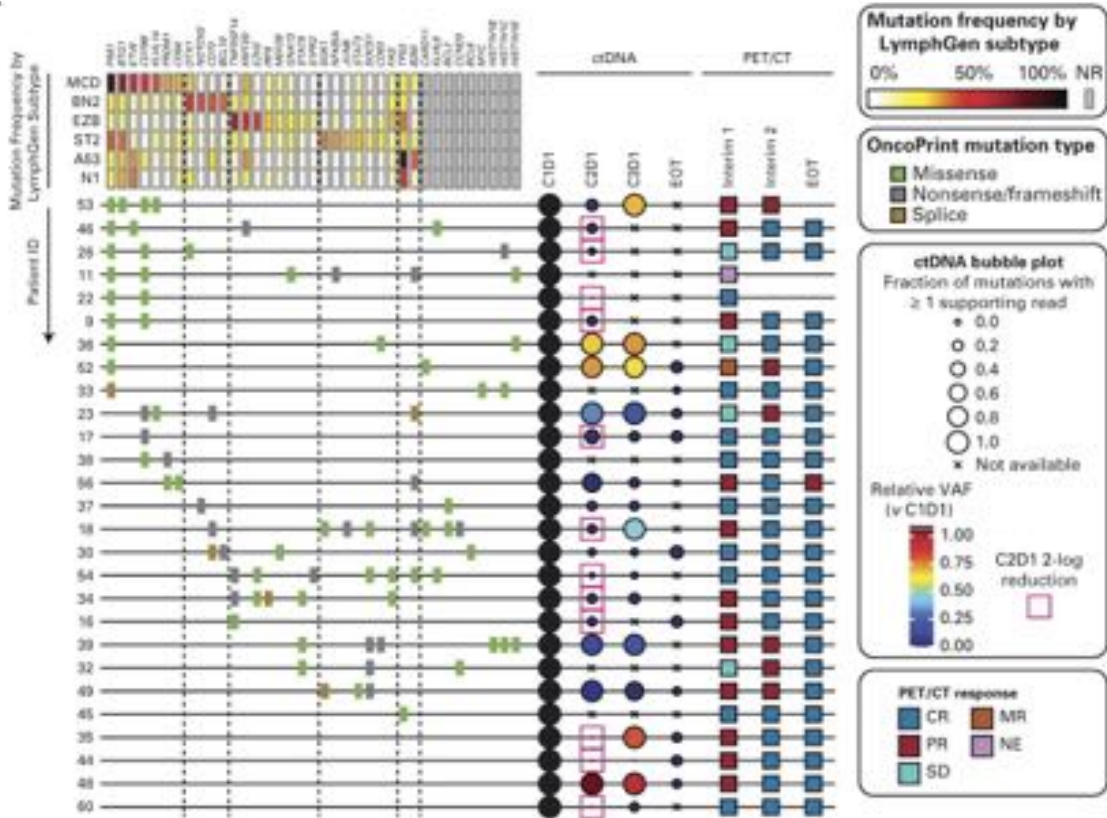
Smart Start: Results





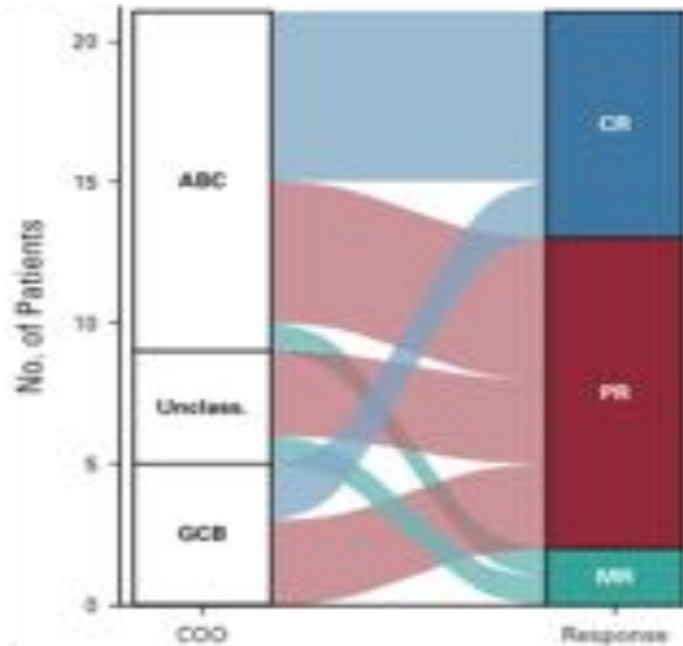
PET/CT after 2 cycles



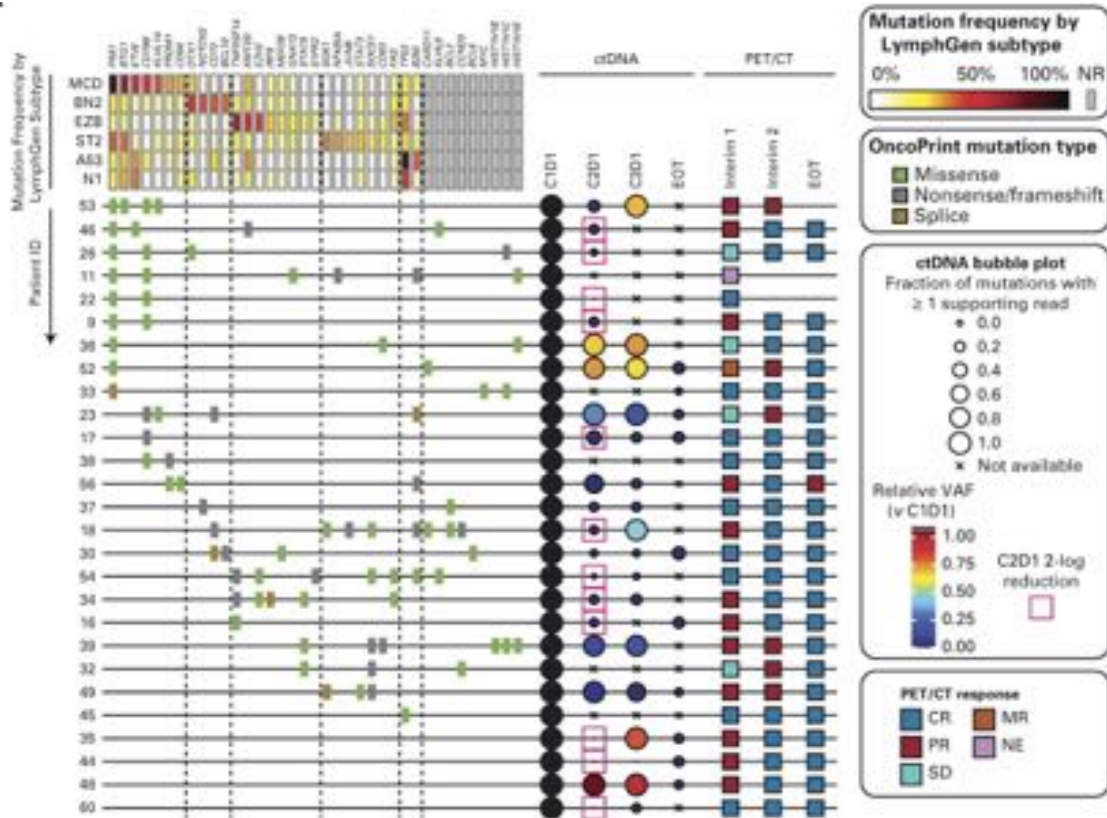


Response after RLI by subtype

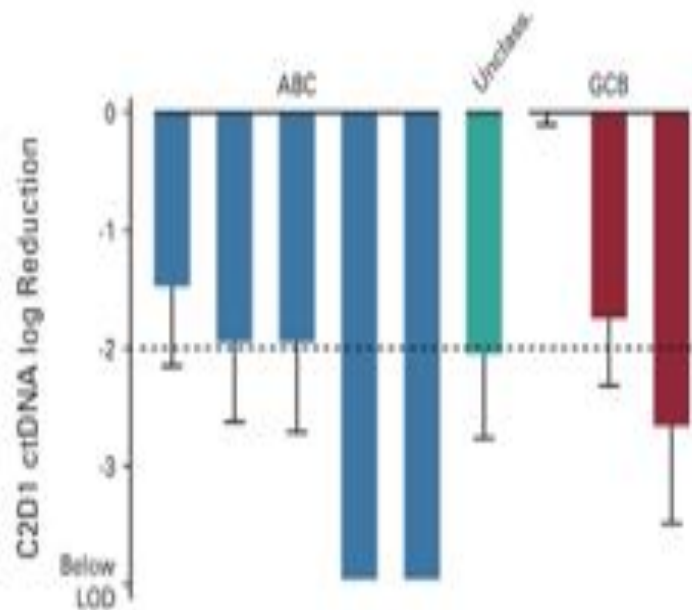
PET/CT after 2 cycles



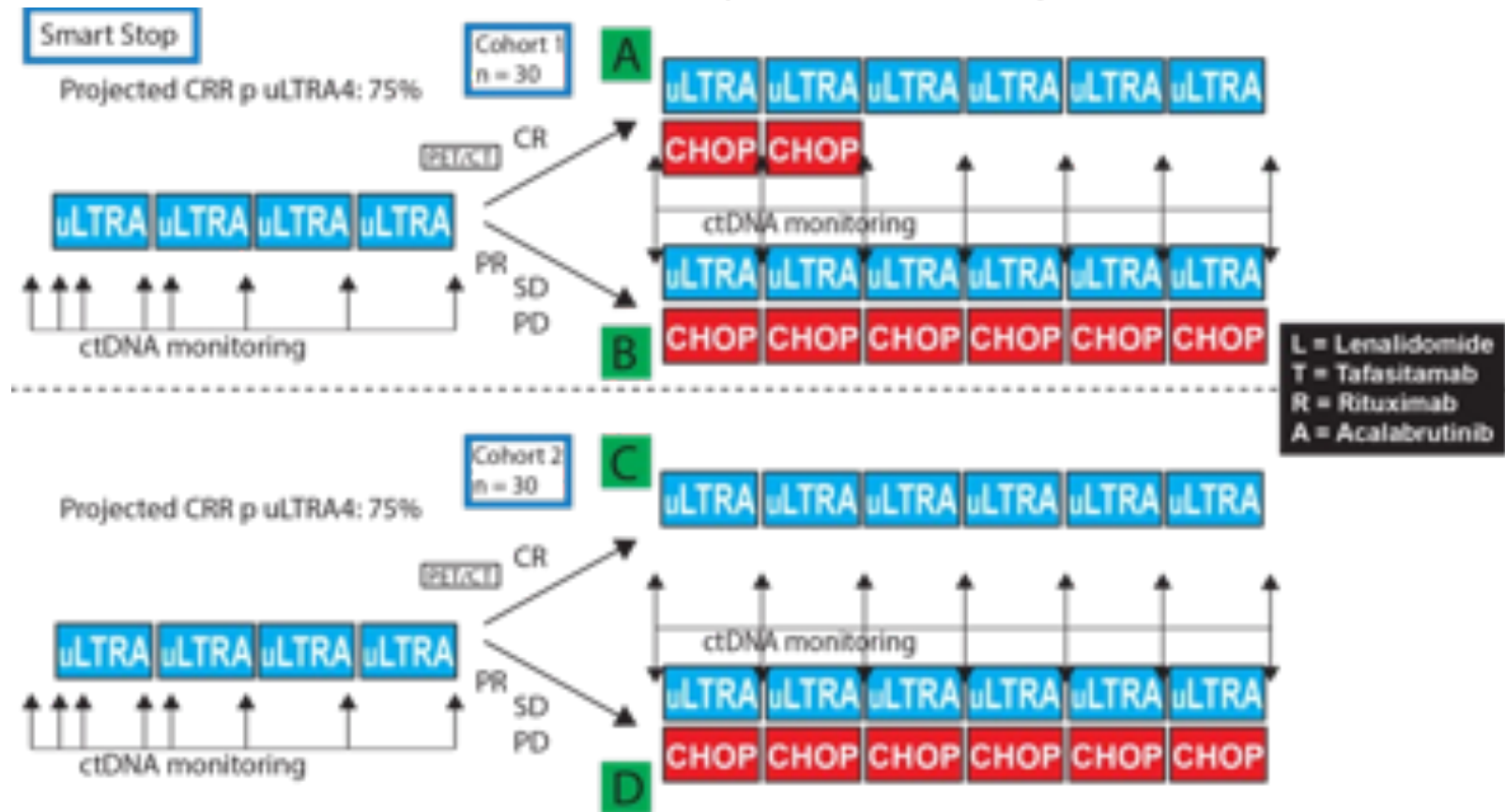
Smart Start: Results



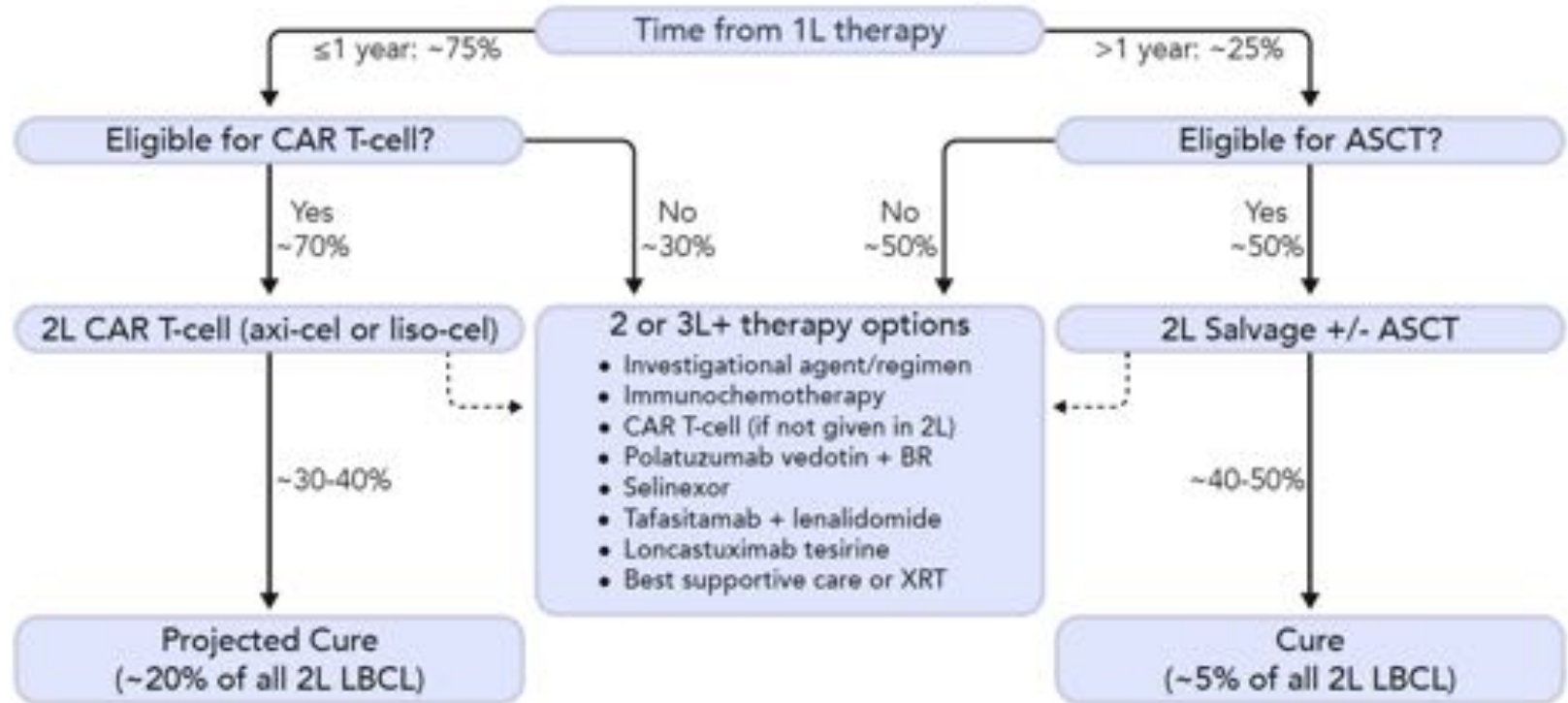
Response after RLI
by subtype
cfDNA after 1 cycles



Smart Stop: Study Design



What Now: Algorithm for R/R LBCL



1L, first-line; 2L, second-line; ASCT, autologous stem cell transplant; axi-cel, axicabtagene ciloleucel; BR, bendamustine, rituximab; CAR T-cell, chimeric antigen receptor T cell; LBCL, large B-cell lymphoma; liso-cel, R/R, relapsed/refractory; XRT, radiotherapy.

Summary of 3 Randomized Second-line CAR T-cell Therapy Trials

Patient population similar: R/R within 12 months of therapy
Definition of EFS (Primary Endpoint) differed between trials

	Bridging Allowed	% Bridging	% CAR-T	% ASCT	Cross-Over Planned*	% Cross-Over	EFS	OS
ZUMA-7	NO	0	94	36	NO	56	✓	NS
TRANSFORM	YES	63	97	46	YES	51	✓	NS
Belinda	YES	83	96	33	YES	51	NS	NS

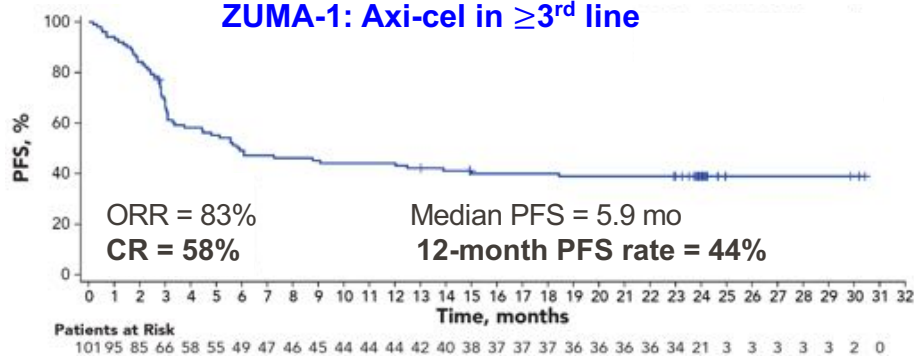
*Belinda permitted cross-over only after 2 lines of salvage

ASCT, autologous stem cell transplant; CAR-T, chimeric antigen receptor T cell; EFS, event-free survival; NS, not significant; OS, overall survival; R/R, relapsed/refractory

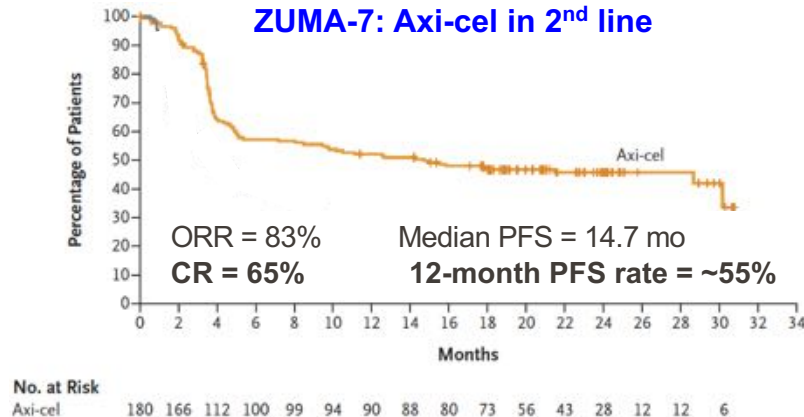
Locke FL et al. *New Engl J Med*. 2022;386:640-654. Kamdar M et al. ASH 2021. Abstract 91. Bishop MR et al. *New Engl J Med*. 2022;386:629-639.

Axi-cel in LBCL: 3rd line vs. 2nd line vs. 1st line

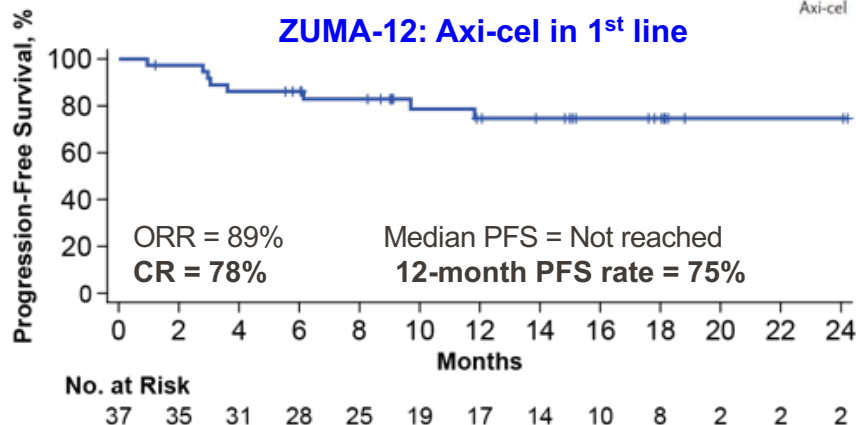
ZUMA-1: Axi-cel in $\geq 3^{\text{rd}}$ line



ZUMA-7: Axi-cel in 2nd line



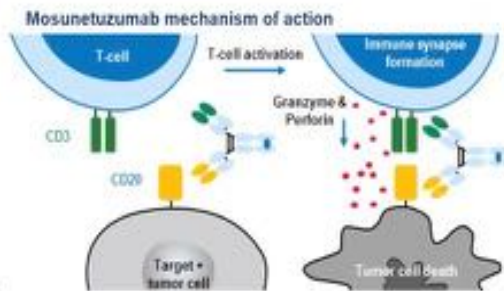
ZUMA-12: Axi-cel in 1st line



Neelapu et al, *N Eng J Med* 2017
Locke et al, *Lancet Oncol* 2019
Locke et al, *N Eng J Med* 2021
Neelapu et al, *Nat Med* 2022

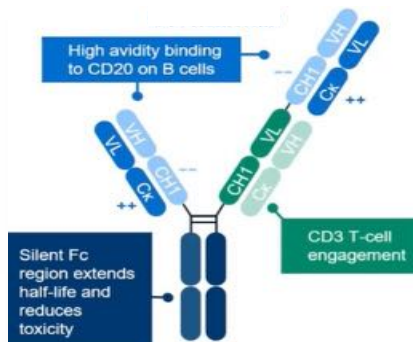
What's Next?: CD3/CD20 Bispecific Antibodies

Mosunetuzumab



IV, SQ

Glofitamab



IV

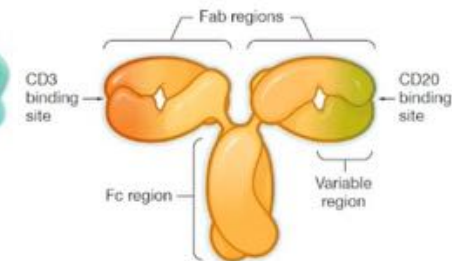
Epcoritamab



SQ

Odronextamab

Odronextamab bispecific antibody structure



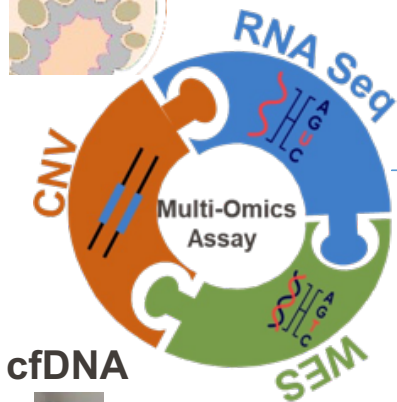
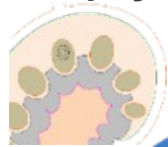
IV

Some *specific* CD20-CD3 bispecific abs for B-NHL

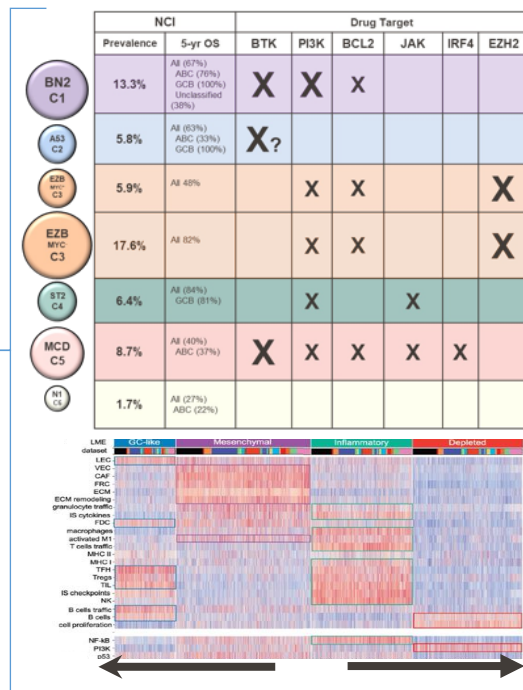
		Odronextamab	Mosunetuzumab	Glofitamab	Plamotamab	Epcoritamab
Study Phase		Phase 1/2	Phase 1/1b	Phase 1b	Phase 1	Phase 1/2
Study Population		R/R B-NHL patients with aggressive disease after at least 2 prior therapies	R/R NHL patients with at least 2 prior therapies	R/R NHL patients with aggressive disease after at least 1 prior systemic therapy	Transplant ineligible R/R NHL patients	R/R DLBCL and aggressive NHL patients after anti-CD20 treatment and/or ASCT
Administration		IV	IV	IV	IV	SC
Sample Size		DLBCL = 71 FL = 37	DLBCL = 119 FL = 62	DLBCL = 85, FL = 18 (fixed dosing)	DLBCL = 18 FL = 5	DLBCL = 46 FL = 12
Efficacy	DLBCL: ORR, CR, mDoR/DoCR	60% ORR, 60% CR, mDOR 10.3 mo, mDoCR 9.5 mo	35% ORR, 19% CR	49% ORR, 34% CR, mDoCR NR	39% ORR, 28% CR	68% ORR, 46% CR (dose 12-60 mg)
	FL: ORR, CR, mDoR/DoCR	93% ORR, 75% CR, mDOR 7.7 mo, mDoCR 8.1 mo	68% ORR, 50% CR, mDoR 20.4 mo	67% ORR, 50% CR, mDoR NR	ORR N/A, 20% CR	80% ORR, 60% CR (dose 12-48 mg)
Safety	All CRS	62%	28.4% (Group B); 23% (FL population)	56%	56%	59%
	Grade 3+ CRS	7%	1.4%; 6%	2%	4%	0%

Future Direction: Improving Lymphoma Trial and Treatment Strategies

FFPE
Tissue
Biopsy



cfDNA

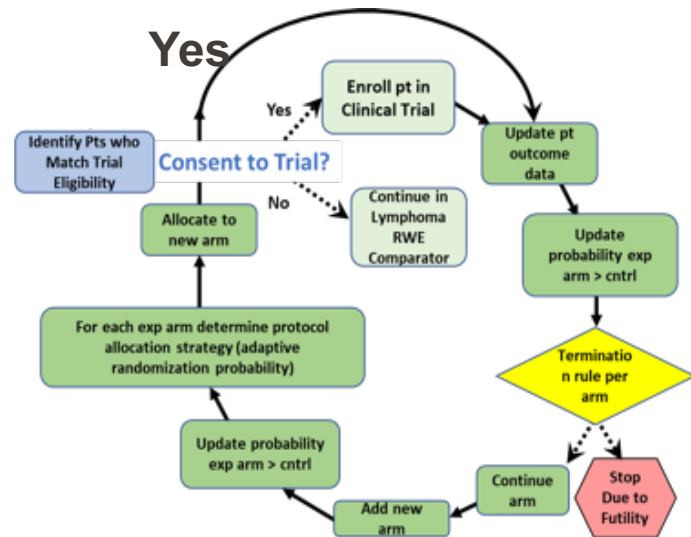


LymphGen and LME Classification

Results Adequate
for Trial
Enrollment?
(0-7 days)

No

Yes



Research Leaders in Lymphoma/Myeloma

FIH/Indolent



Christopher Flowers, MD, MSc
Chair, Professor
Department of Lymphoma/Myeloma



Loretta Nastoupil, MD
Associate Professor
Department of Lymphoma/Myeloma

Aggressive



Jason Westin, MD
Associate Professor
Department of Lymphoma/Myeloma

Translational



Michael Green, PhD
Associate Professor
Department of Lymphoma/Myeloma

CAR T



Sattva Neelapu, MD
Deputy Chair, Professor
Department of Lymphoma/Myeloma

Mantle Cell



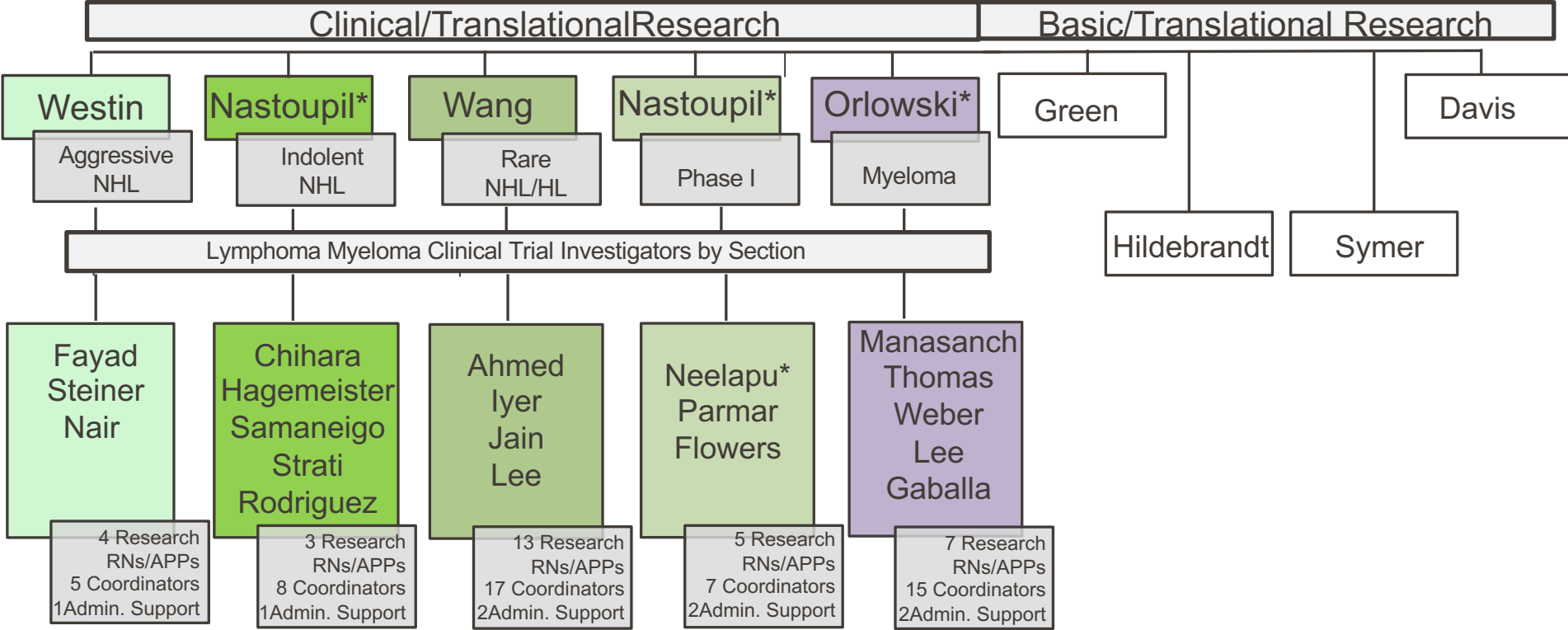
Michael Wang, MD
Professor
Department of Lymphoma/Myeloma

Myeloma



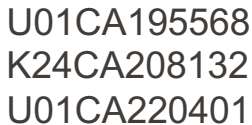
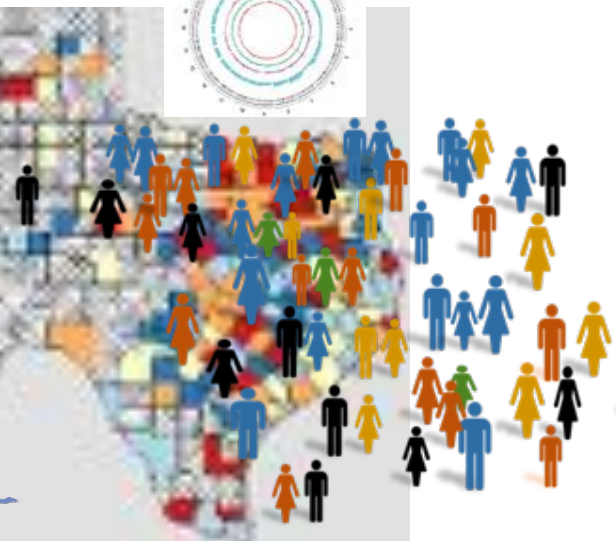
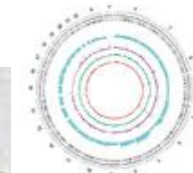
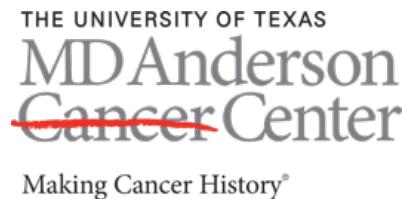
Robert Z. Orlowski, M.D., Ph.D.
Professor
Department of Lymphoma/Myeloma

Research Leaders in Lymphoma/Myeloma



*Deputy Chair

Lymphoma Epidemiology of Outcomes



**Informatics Tools for Quantitative Digital Pathology
Profiling and Integrated Prognostic Modeling (U01 CA220401)**



Questions?

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

MDAnderson
Cancer Center

Making Cancer History®

Christopher Flowers, MD, MS, FASCO
Chair, Professor
Department of Lymphoma/Myeloma

Contact: crflowers@mdanderson.org