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*Advances in Malignant lymphomas:
The case of extranodal
and T-cell lymphomas*

Primary mediastinal Lymphoma (PMBCL)

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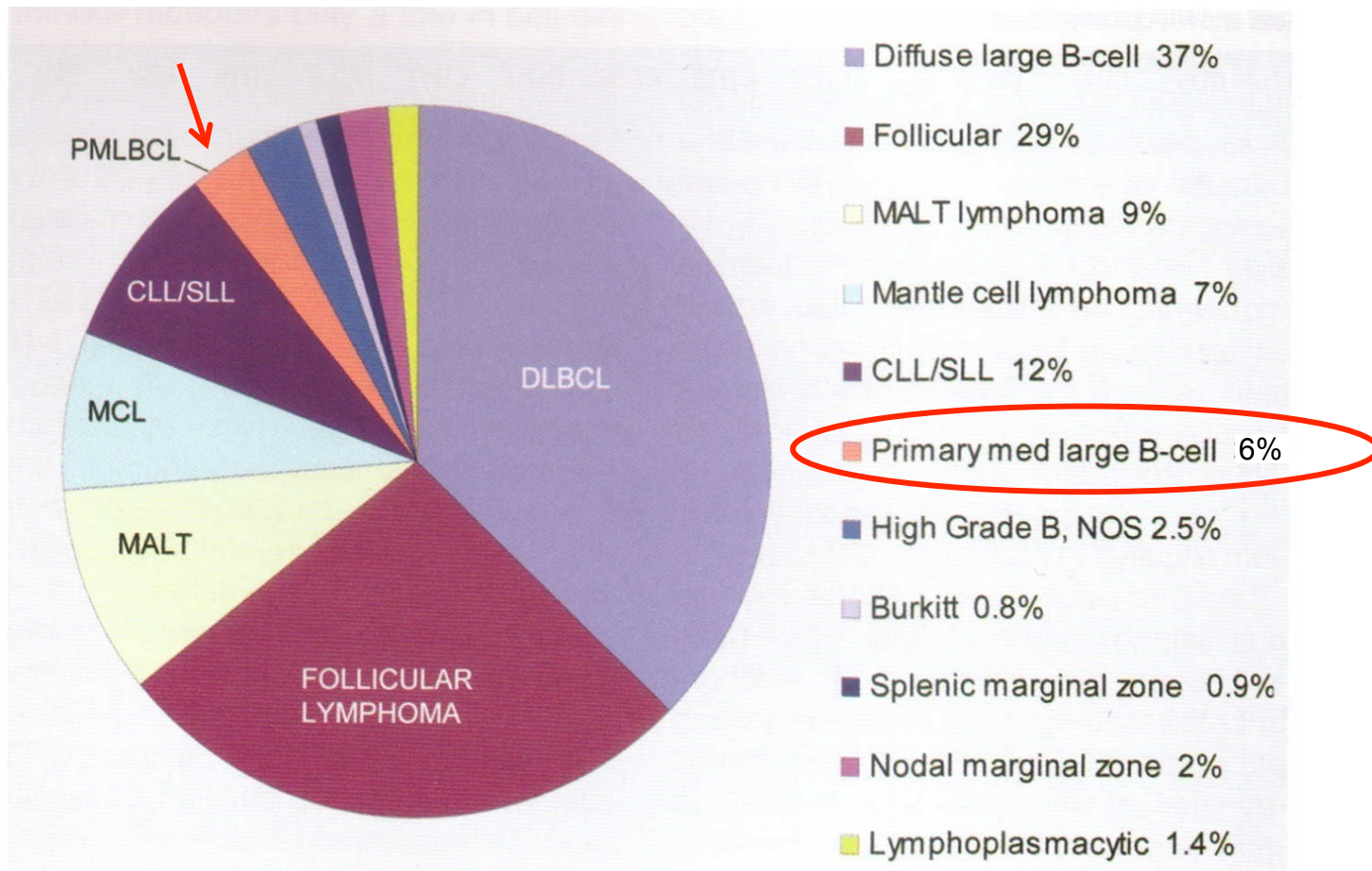
***Is PMBCL a distinct clinico-biological
entity of DLBCL that
needs of a different therapeutic approach ?***

Outline of discussion

- **Epidemiology**
- Pathology and molecular biology
- Clinical features
- Treatment and outcome
- Open questions

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Incidence of B cell NHL in adults



Epidemiology

- PMBCL is a relatively uncommon entity of NHL
- About 2-4% of NHL and 6-10% of DLBCL
- Over-represented in younger female patients
- Peak incidence 3-4th decade of life

Age at diagnosis: DLBCL vs PMBCL

Age	DLBCL		PMBCL
	ABC	CGB	
median	66	61	33
<35	5%	10%	53%
35-60	29%	38%	37%
> 60	66%	52%	9%

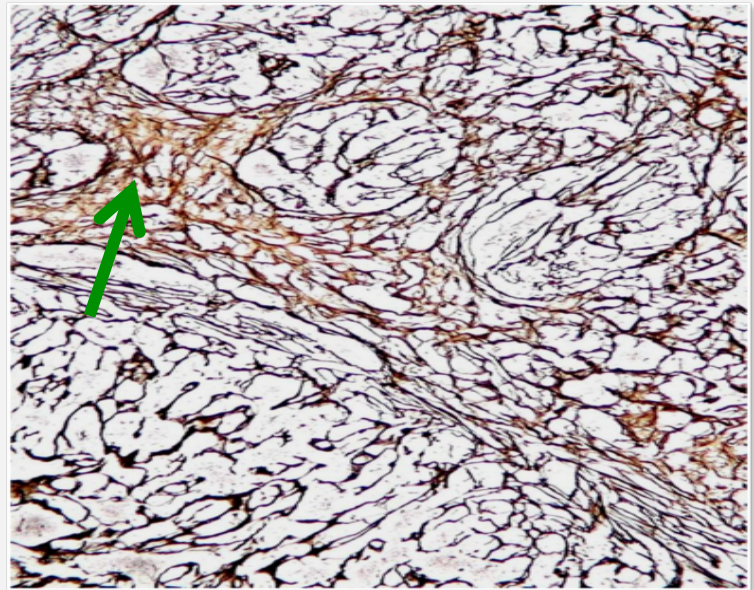
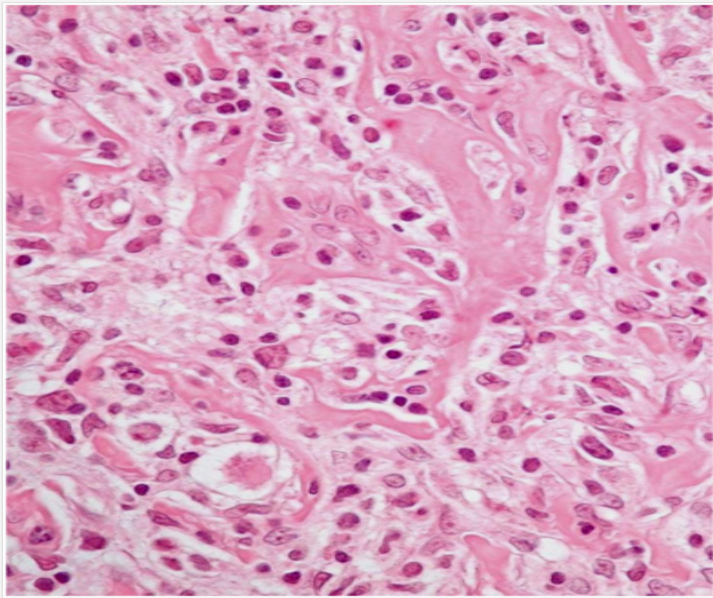
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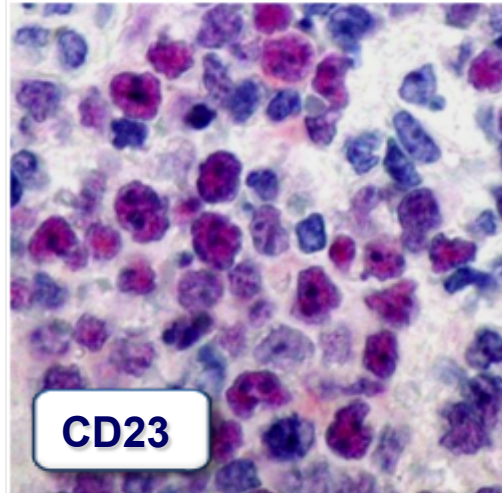
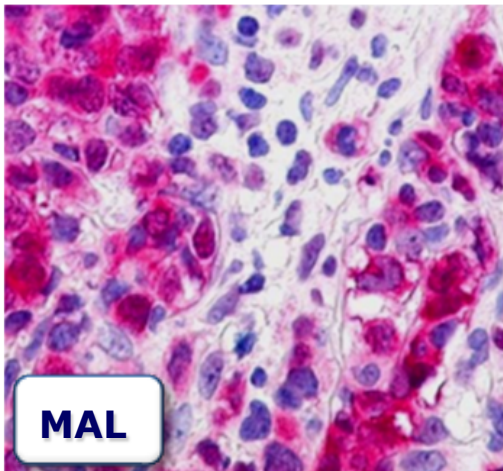
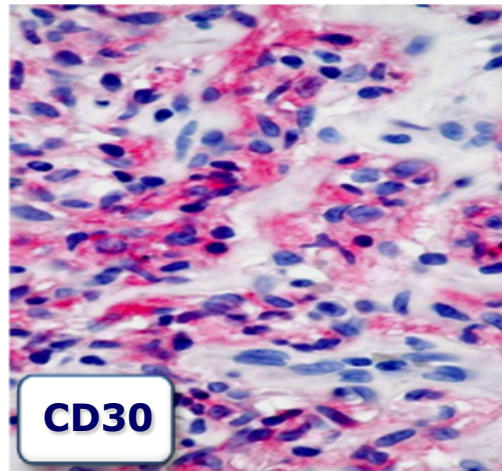
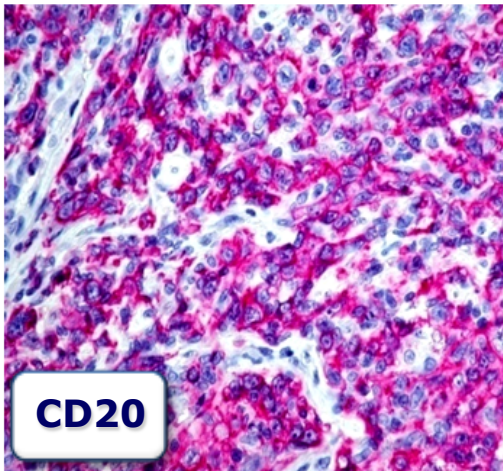
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Pathology

- Arising in thymus
- Sheets of medium to large polymorphic cells proliferation
- Cytoplasm either clear or slightly basophilic
- Alveolar fibrosis in the majority of cases



PMBCL: immunohistochemical features



Courtesy of SA Pileri

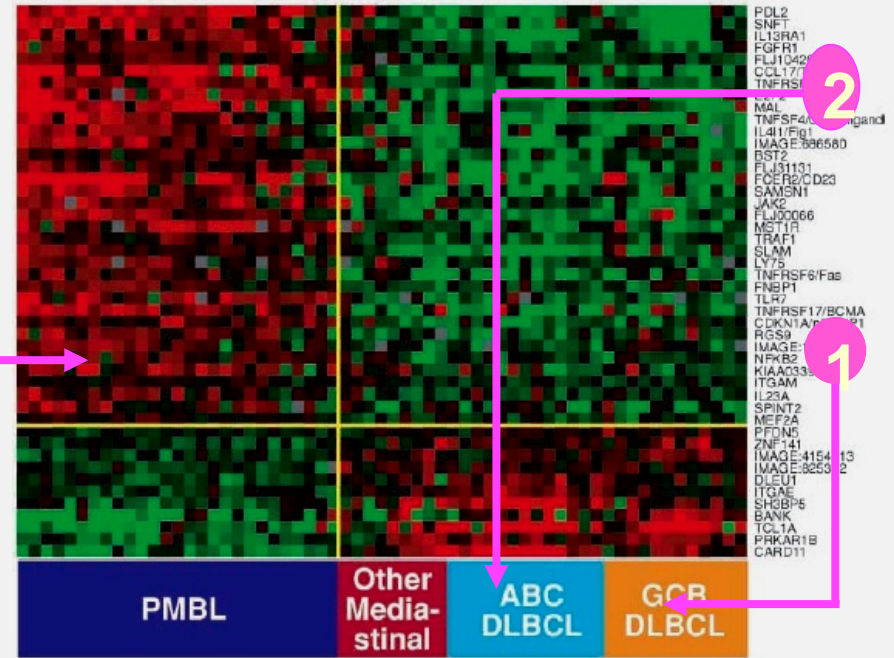
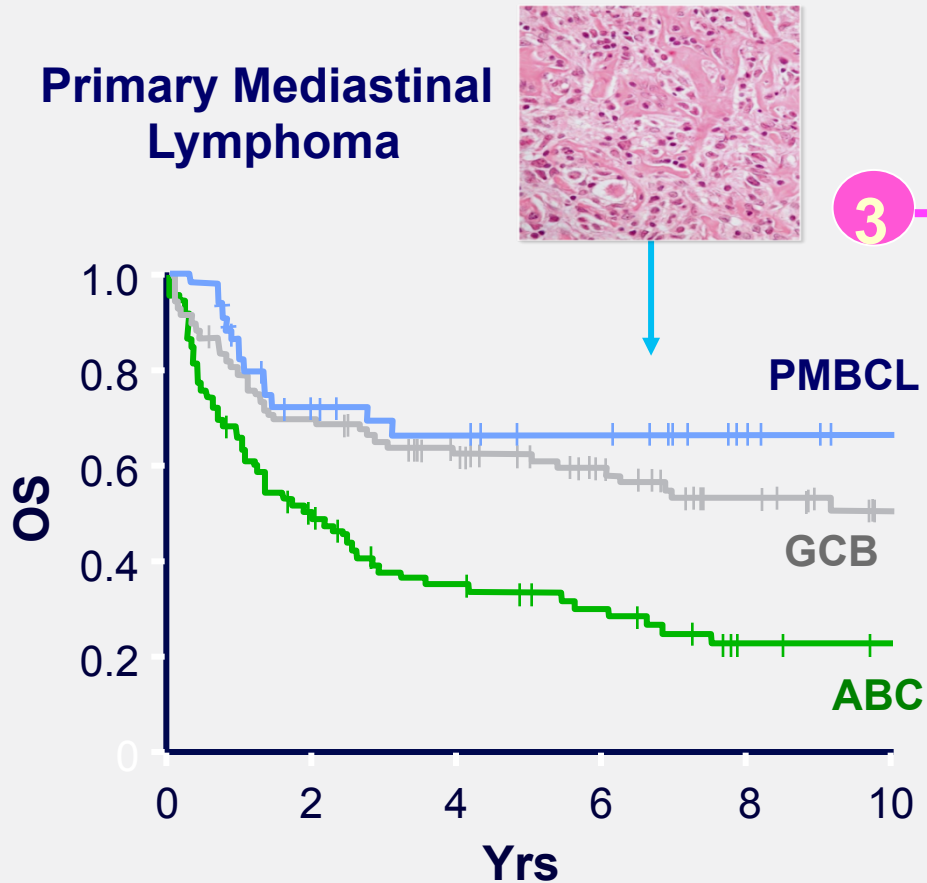
High frequency of BCL-6 mutations and consistent expression of the transcription factors OCT-2, BOB.1, and PU.1 in the absence of Immunoglobulins

CD20	100%
CD30	87%
CD23	70%
CD15	---
EBV	---
Bcl-6	80%
IRF4	75%
Bcl-2	80%
Ig (ISH)	---
BOB.1/Oct-2/PU.1	80%
MAL protein	80%
CD200*	94%

Pileri SA, et al. *Am J Pathol* 2003;162:243–53.

*Dorfman DM et al *Modern Pathology* 2012

GEP defines molecularly and clinically distinct subgroups in DLBCL



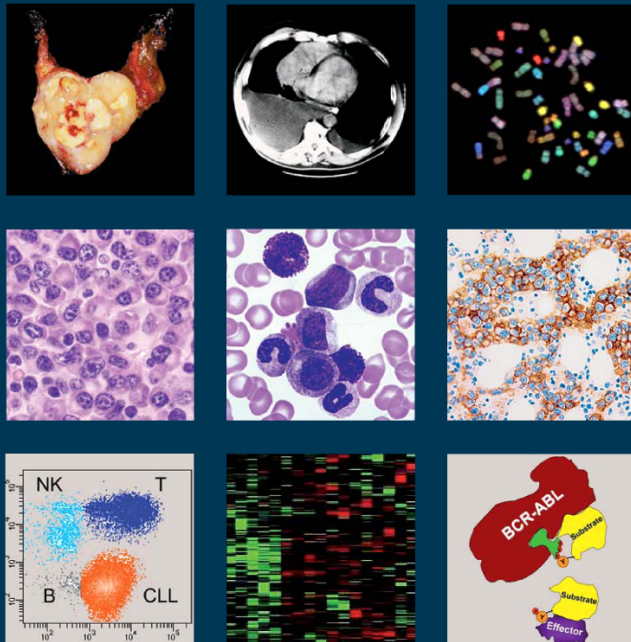
DLBCL Subgroup	5-Yr OS, %
PMBL	64
GCB DLBCL	59
ABC DLBCL	30

Rosenwald A, et al. J Exp Med. 2003

Aggressive B cell lymphomas

WHO Classification of Tumours of Haematopoietic and Lymphoid Tissues

Edited by Steven H. Swerdlow, Elias Campo, Nancy Lee Harris, Elaine S. Jaffe, Stefano A. Pileri, Harald Stein, Jürgen Thiele, James W. Vardiman



2008

- Diffuse large B cell lymphoma (DLBCL)
- Primary DLBCL of CNS
- Primary DLBCL leg type
- EBV positive DLBCL of elderly
- DLBCL associated with chronic inflammation
- Plasmablastic lymphoma
- **Primary mediastinal lymphoma (PMBL)**
- Intravascular large B cell lymphoma
- ALK positive large B cell lymphoma
- Primary effusion lymphoma
- Burkitt lymphoma
- B-cell lymphoma, intermediate between DLBCL and Burkitt lymphoma
- B-cell lymphoma, intermediate between DLBCL and classical Hodgkin's disease

Borderland between PMBCL, MGZL and cHL

Extensive Gene Expression Overlap Between Hodgkin Lymphoma and Primary Mediastinal Large B Cell Lymphoma



MGZL

HL morphology

CD20

CD15

OCT2

MGZL

HL morphology

15+

3 1 +

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

(*Am J Surg Pathol* 2005;29:1411–1421)

Mediastinal Gray Zone Lymphoma The Missing Link Between Classic Hodgkin's Lymphoma and Mediastinal Large B-Cell Lymphoma

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PMBCL

CD20+; CD30+/- ;
CD15- ; OCT2 +; BOB.1+

MGZL

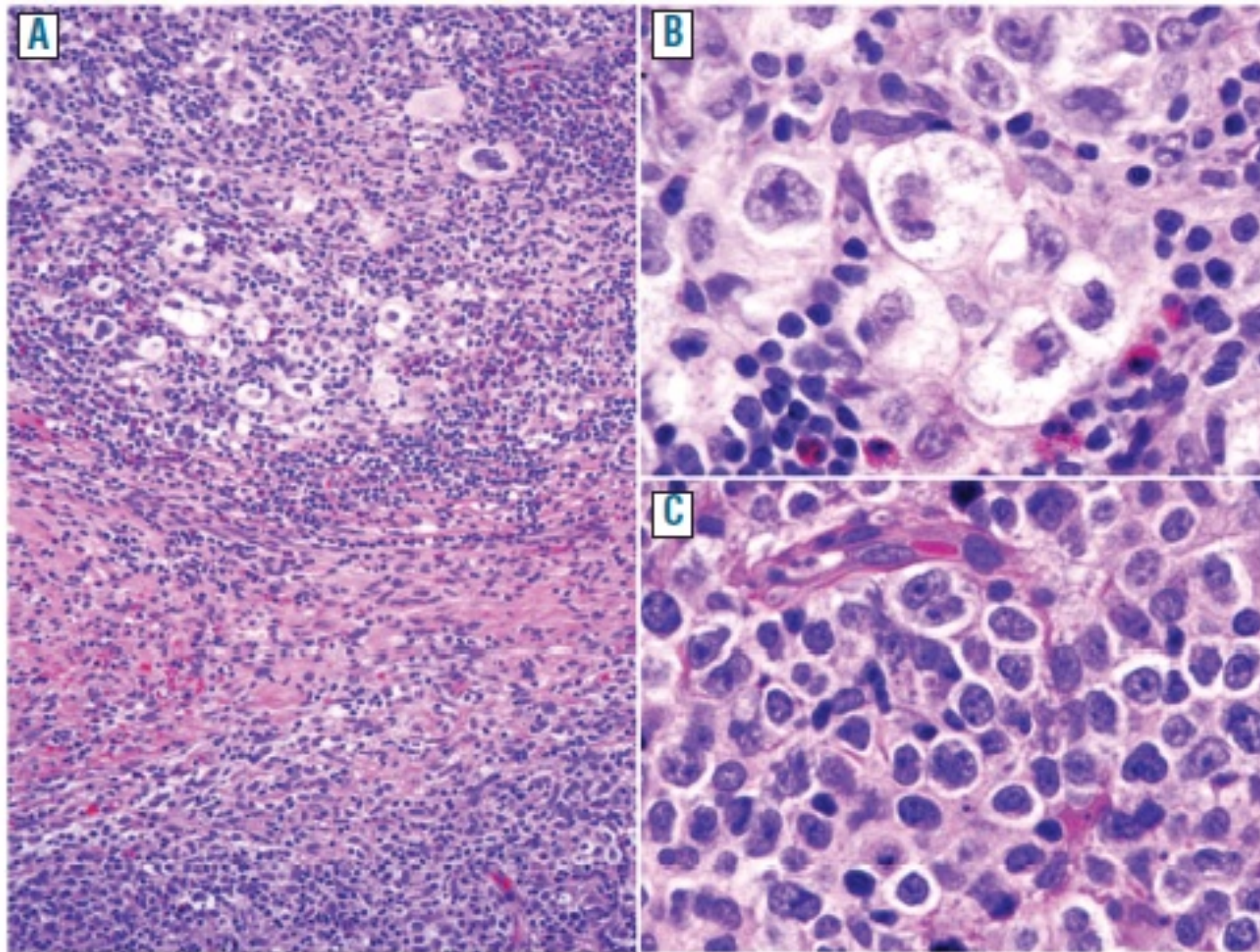
Intermediate features to
fulfill the morphological and
phenotypic criteria

Classical HL

CD20-/+ weak; CD30+;
CD15+; OCT2- BOB.1-

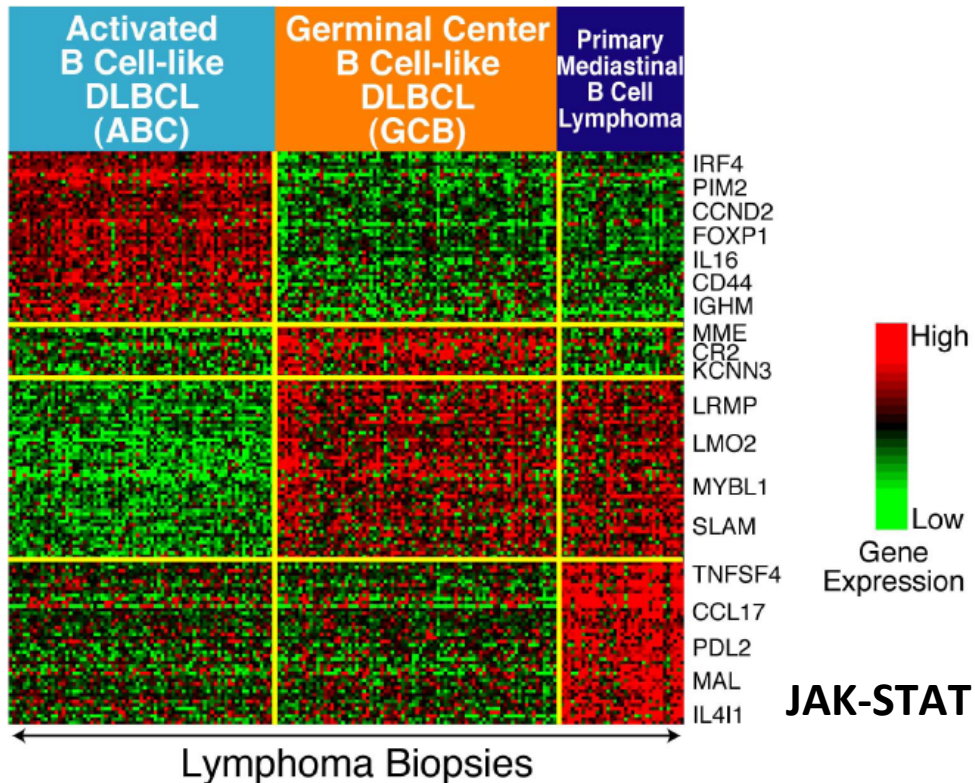
Jaffe E . Educational ASH 2010

Mediastinal gray zone lymphoma (MGZL)

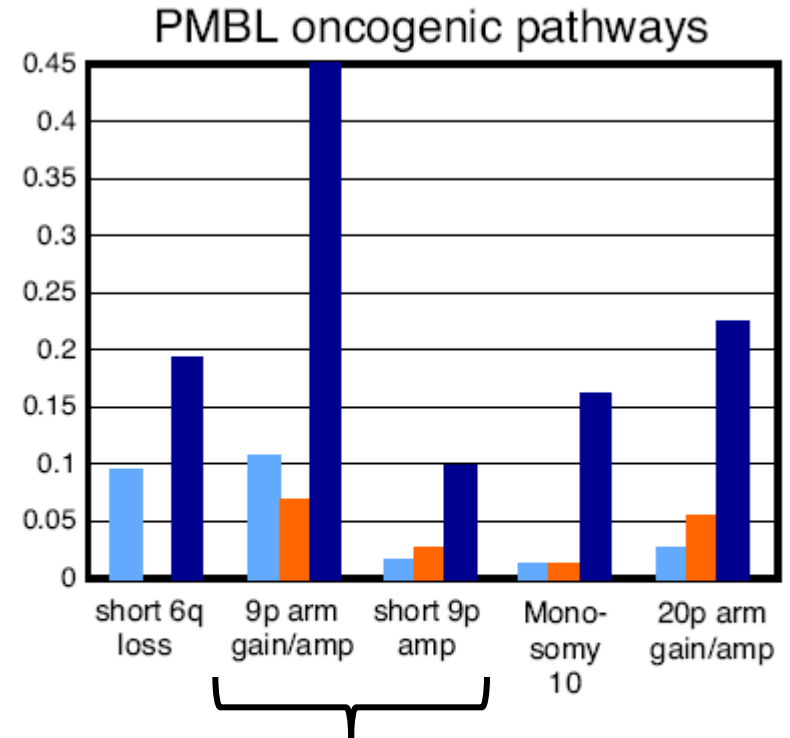


Genomic hybridization: amplification of JAK2, PDL1, PDL2

PMBL transcriptional signature:
constitutively activated JAK2

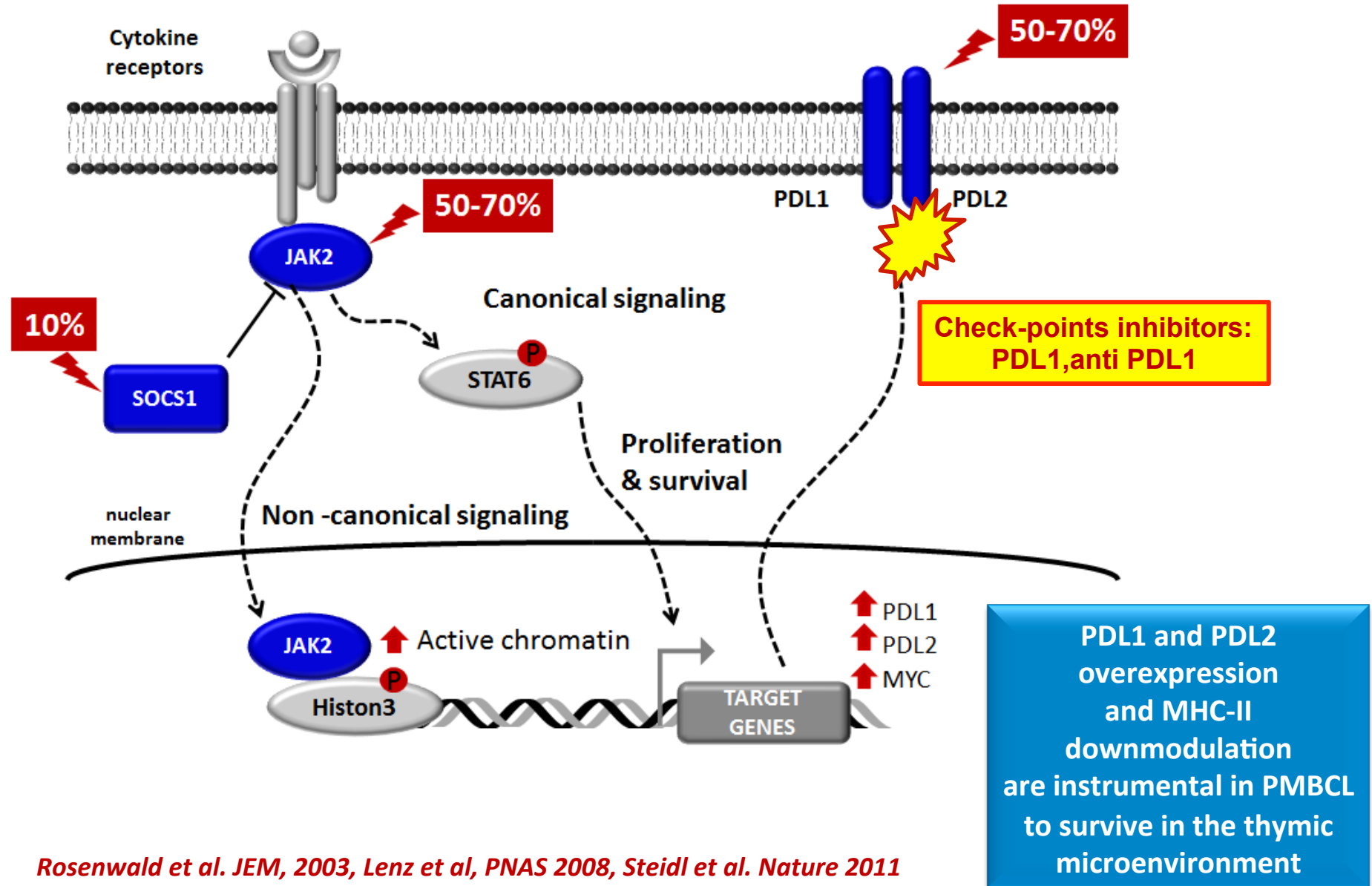


Recurrent amplification involving *JAK2*
is the underlying genetic basis

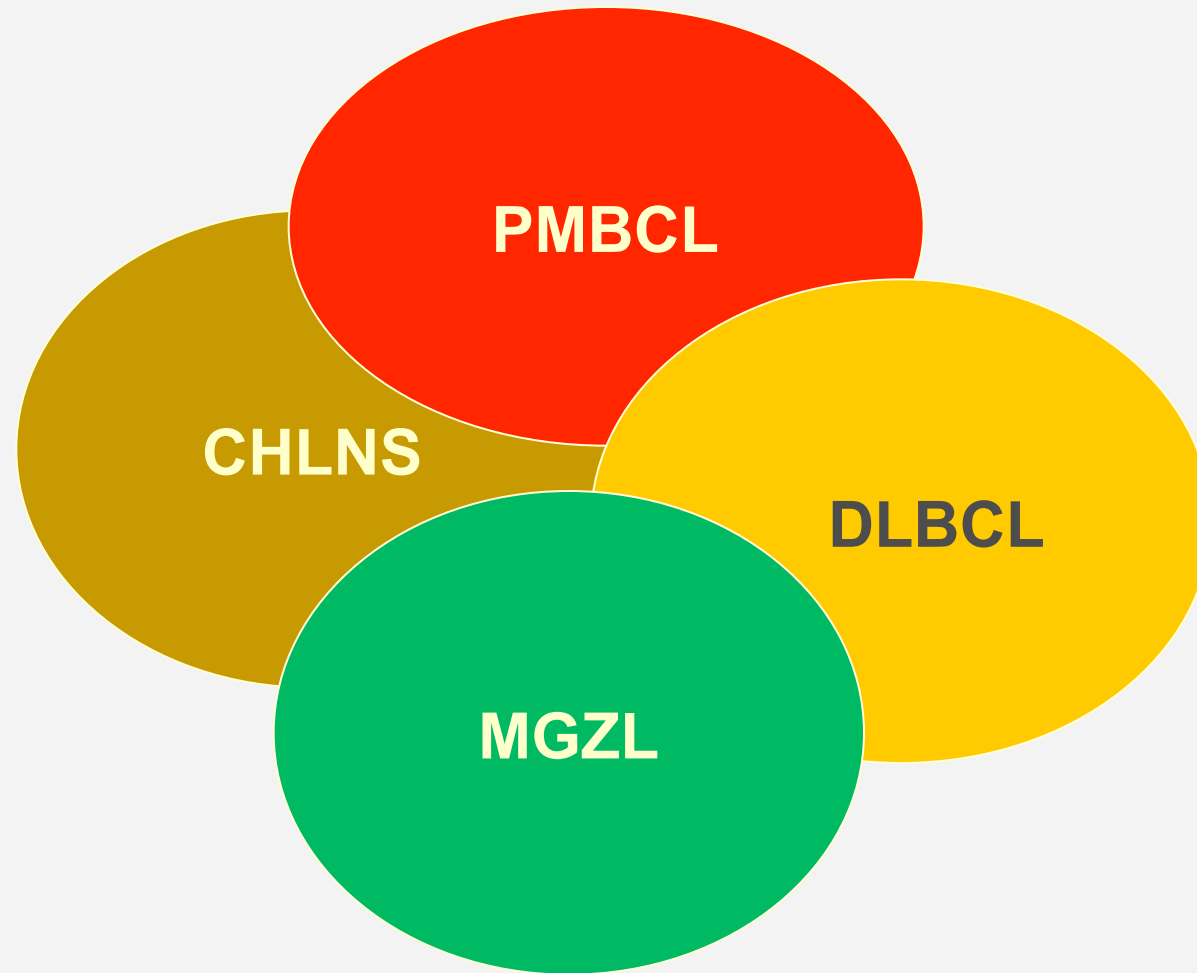


JAK2, PDL1, PDL2

JAK-STAT pathway deregulation is the hallmark of PMBCL and positively regulate the expression of PDL1 and PDL2



Types of Mediastinal Lymphoma-related diseases



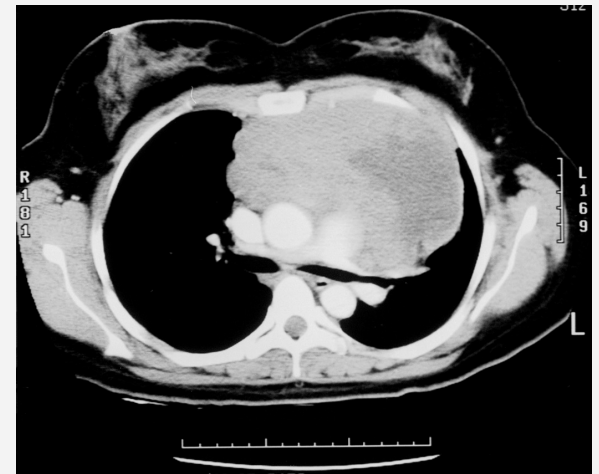
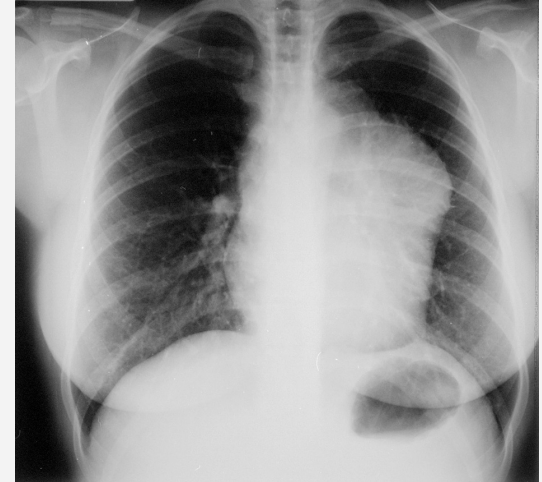
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Clinical features

- Bulky anterior mediastinal mass
- Local typically extension
 - *Pleuro-pericardial effusions*
 - *Vena Cava Syndrome (VCS)*
 - *Dyspnoea, cough*
 - *Dysphagia*
- Usually stage I/II (bulky mass)
- No infradiaphragmatic lymph node
- No marrow involvement
- Typical extranodal sites (kidney, ovary, pancreas) more common at relapse



VCS (50%) may be a clinical emergency

Prognostic factors

IPI and aalPI are less useful

- LDH elevated and age over 40 years *
- Male gender and B symptoms at diagnosis **
- *Presence of extranodal disease at diagnosis*
- *Inadequate response to initial therapy*

*Zinzani P.L et al. Haematologica, 2002***

*Savage et al Ann. Oncol 2006**

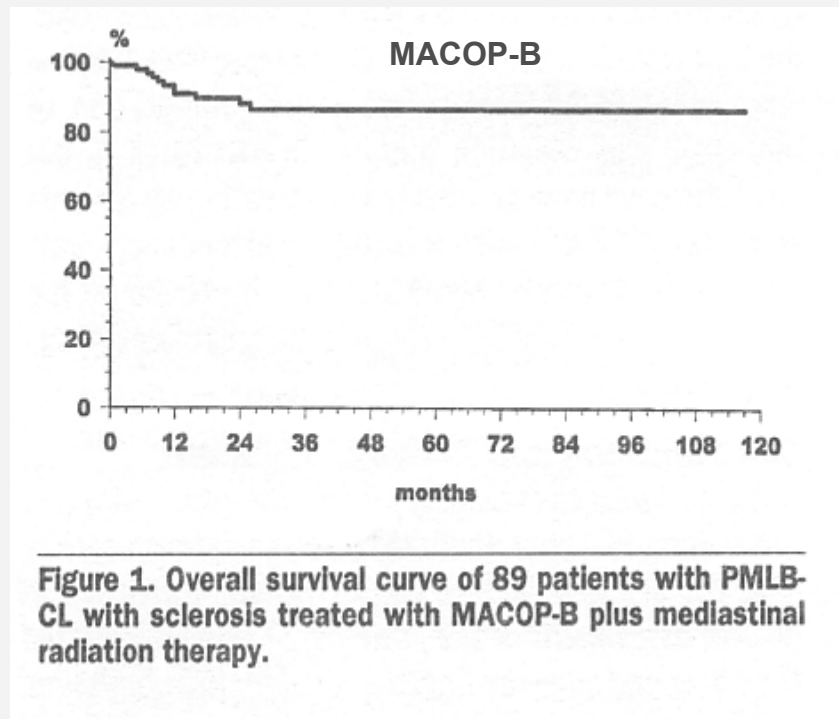
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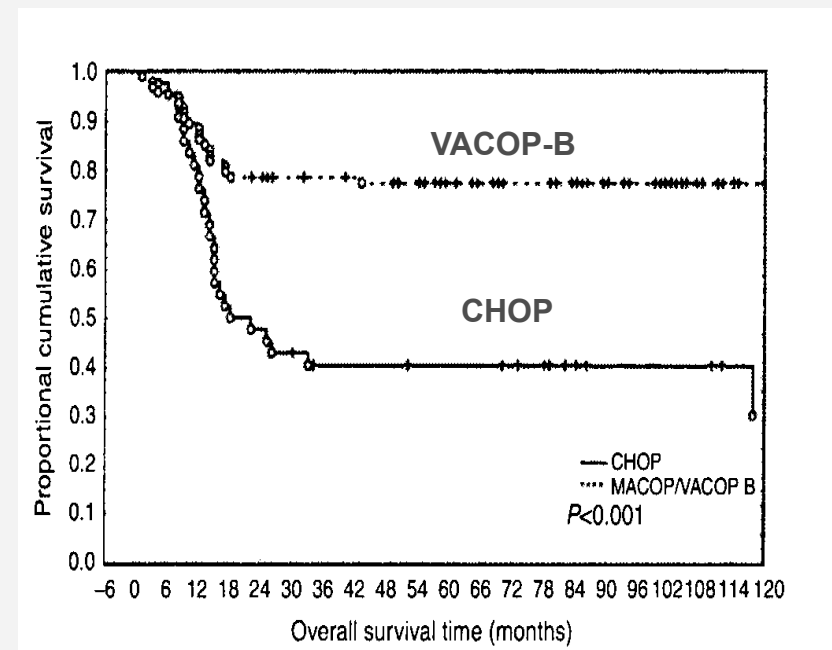
Italian retrospective / prospective trials in PMBCL patients treated with MACOP-B + IFRT (pre-Rituximab era)

Overall survival



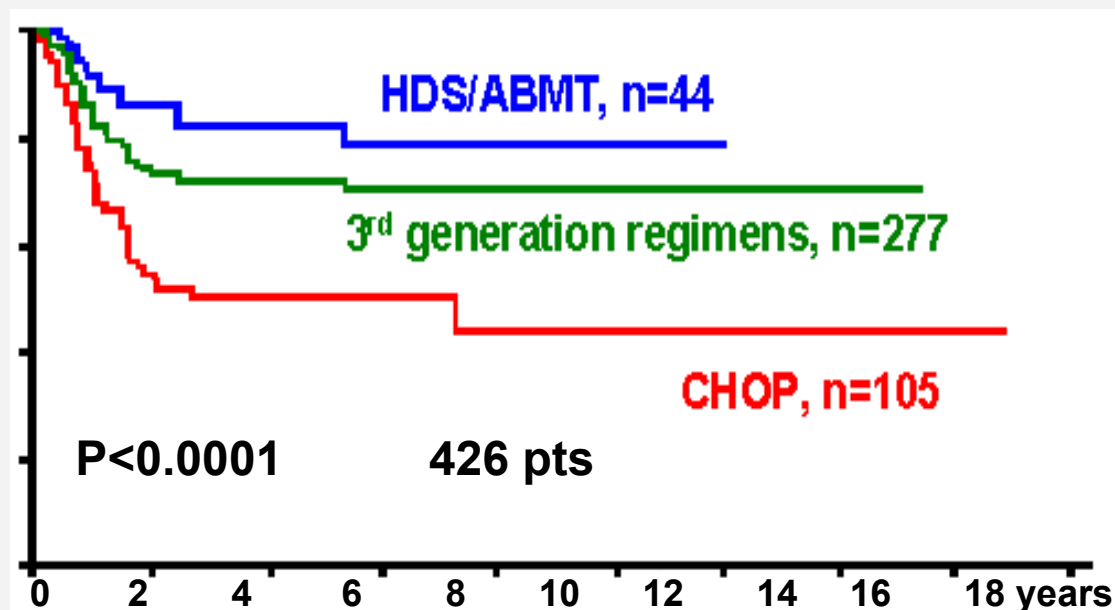
Zinzani P.L., Martelli M, De Renzo A, et al. Haematologica, 2001

Overall survival



Todeschini et al B.J.Cancer 2004

Induction chemotherapy strategies in PMBCL: A multinational retrospective study on 426 untreated patients



	CHOP	3 rd generation	HDS / ABMT
CR after CT	49%	51%	53%
CR after CT+RT	61%	79%	75%
10-year OS	44%	71%	77%
Follow-up	52 mos	55 mos	36 mos



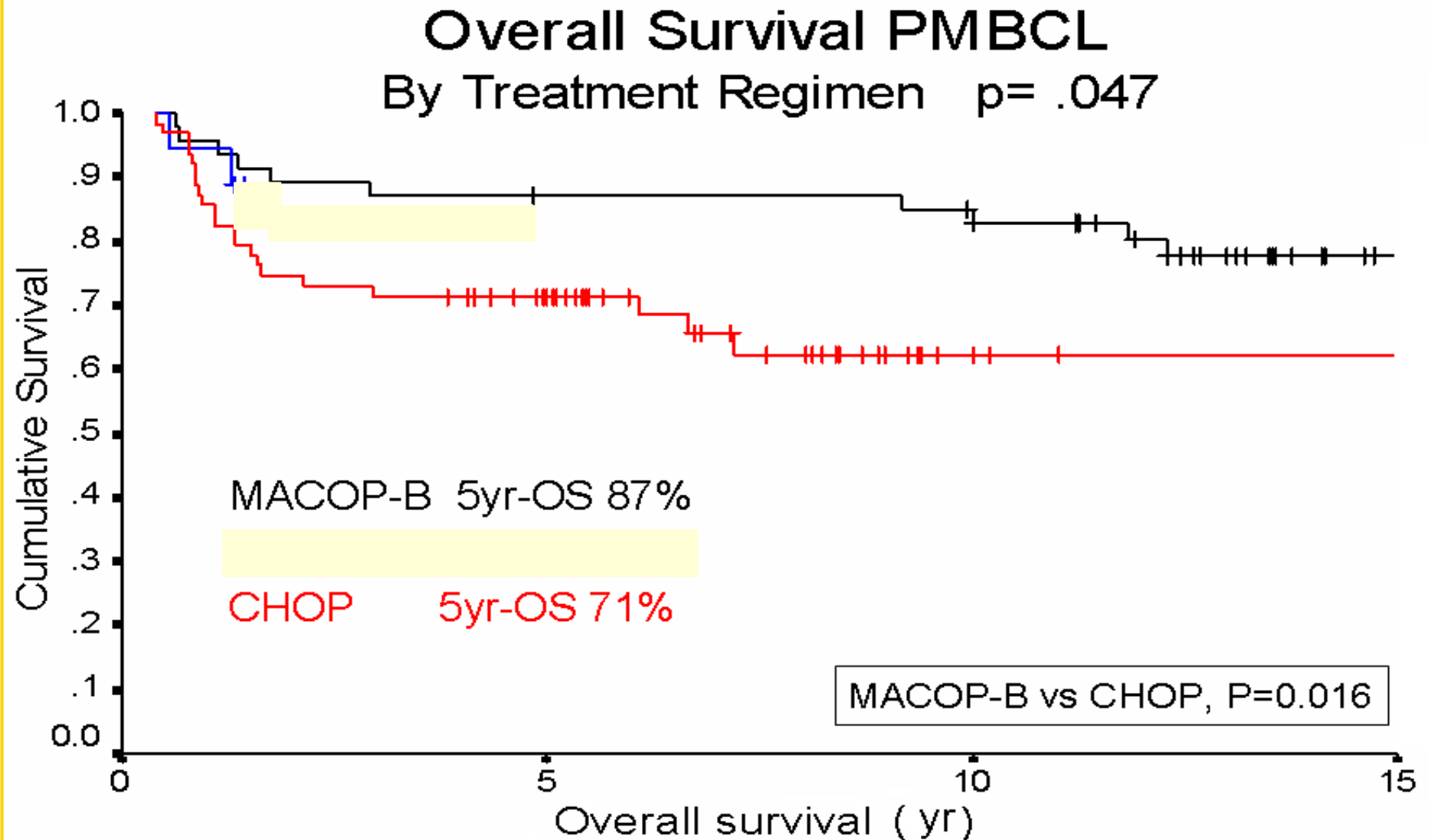
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An agency of the Provincial Health Services Authority

The Vancouver Experience

Savage et al. Annals of Oncology 2006





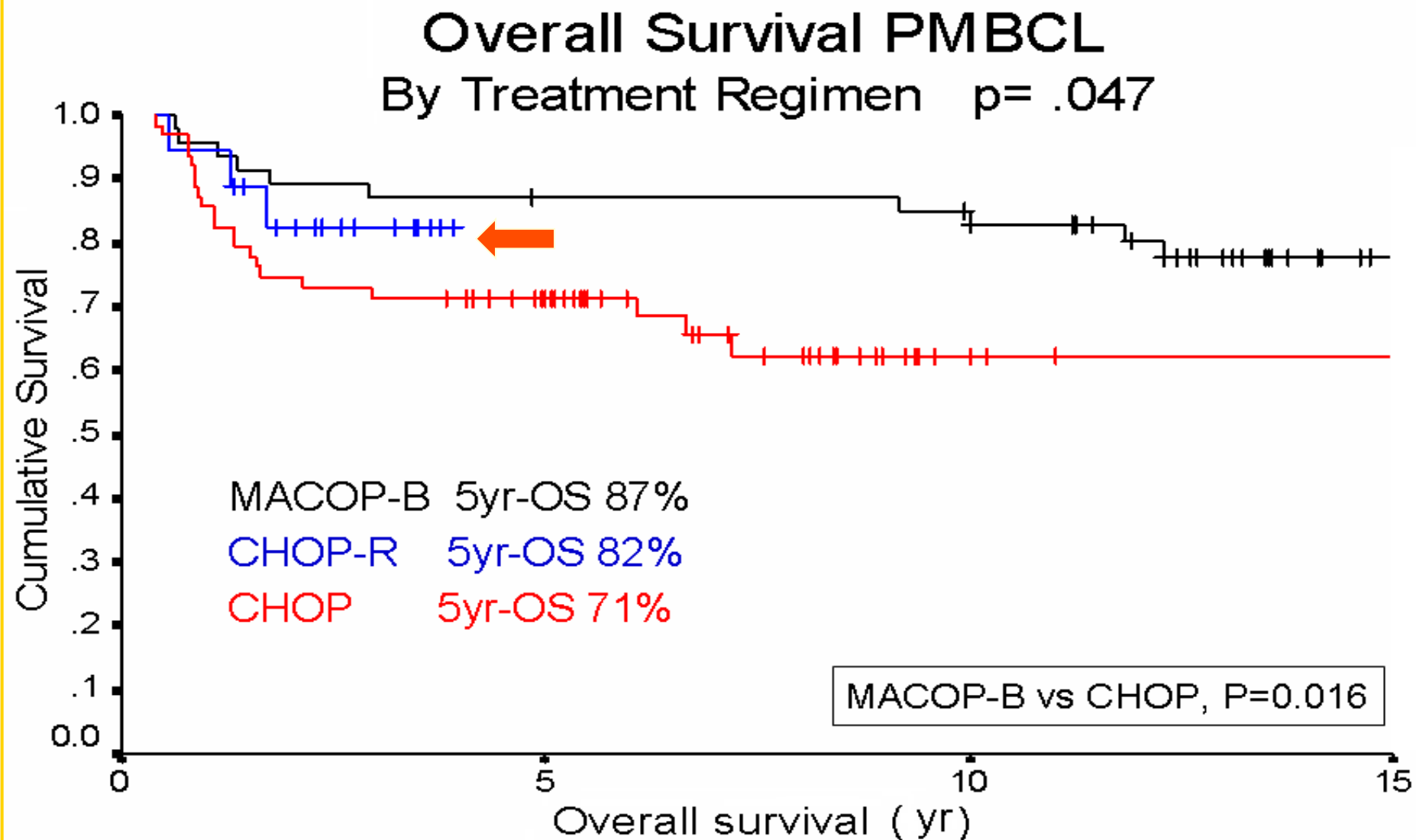
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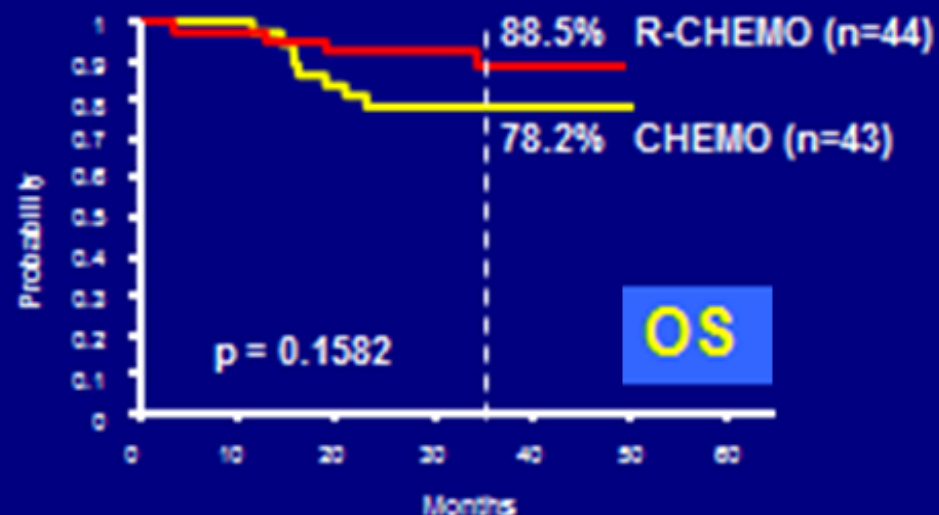
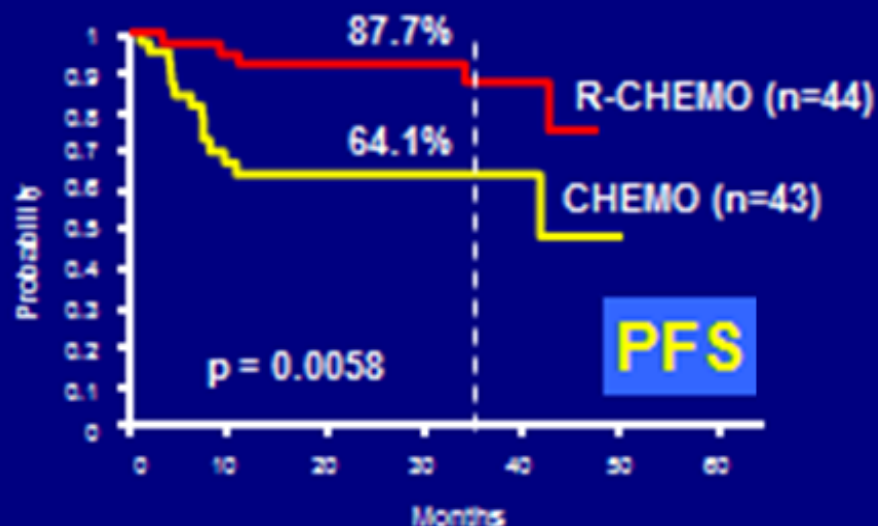




PMBCL: Chemo vs R-Chemo

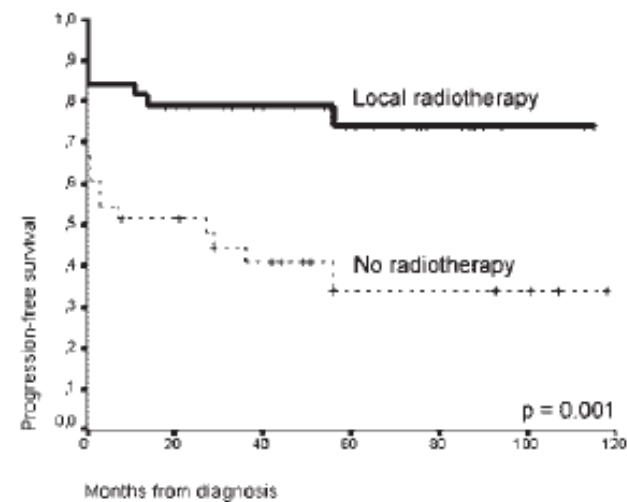
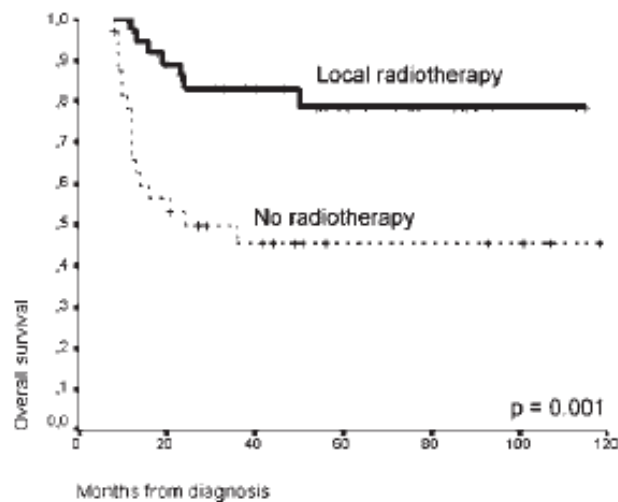
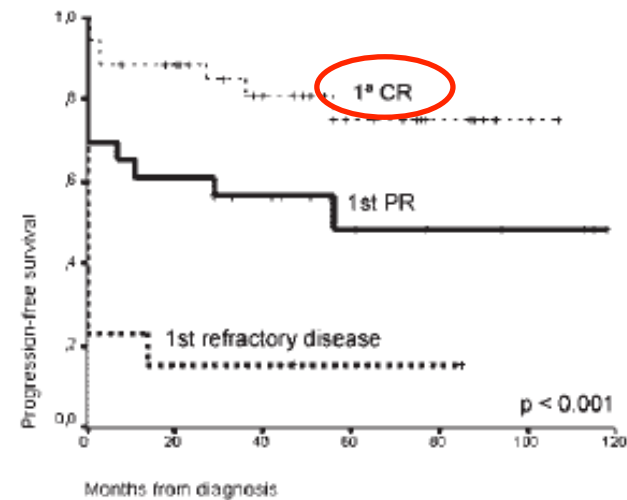
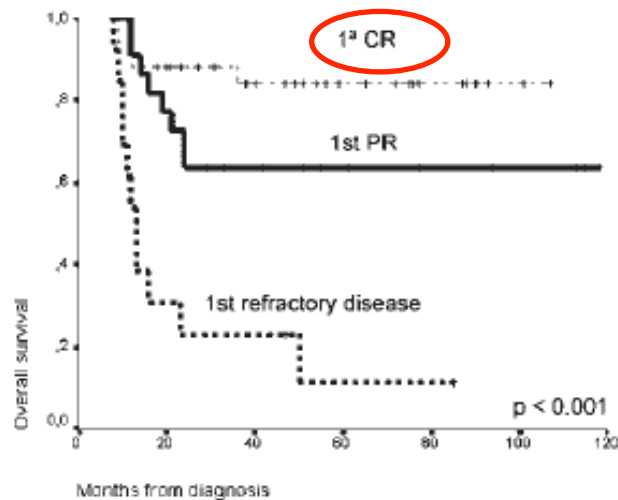
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- 87 /714 (10.5%) of DLBCL were **PMBCL**
- median follow-up, 37 months
- R-chemo CR = 80% vs Chemo alone 54% ($p = 0.03$)
- R virtually eliminated PD in PMBCL (2.5% vs 24%; $p = .006$)
- Mediastinal IFRT 74% of patients



M. Rieger et al, Ann Oncol; 2010

ASCT in PMBCL: GEL-TAMO experience



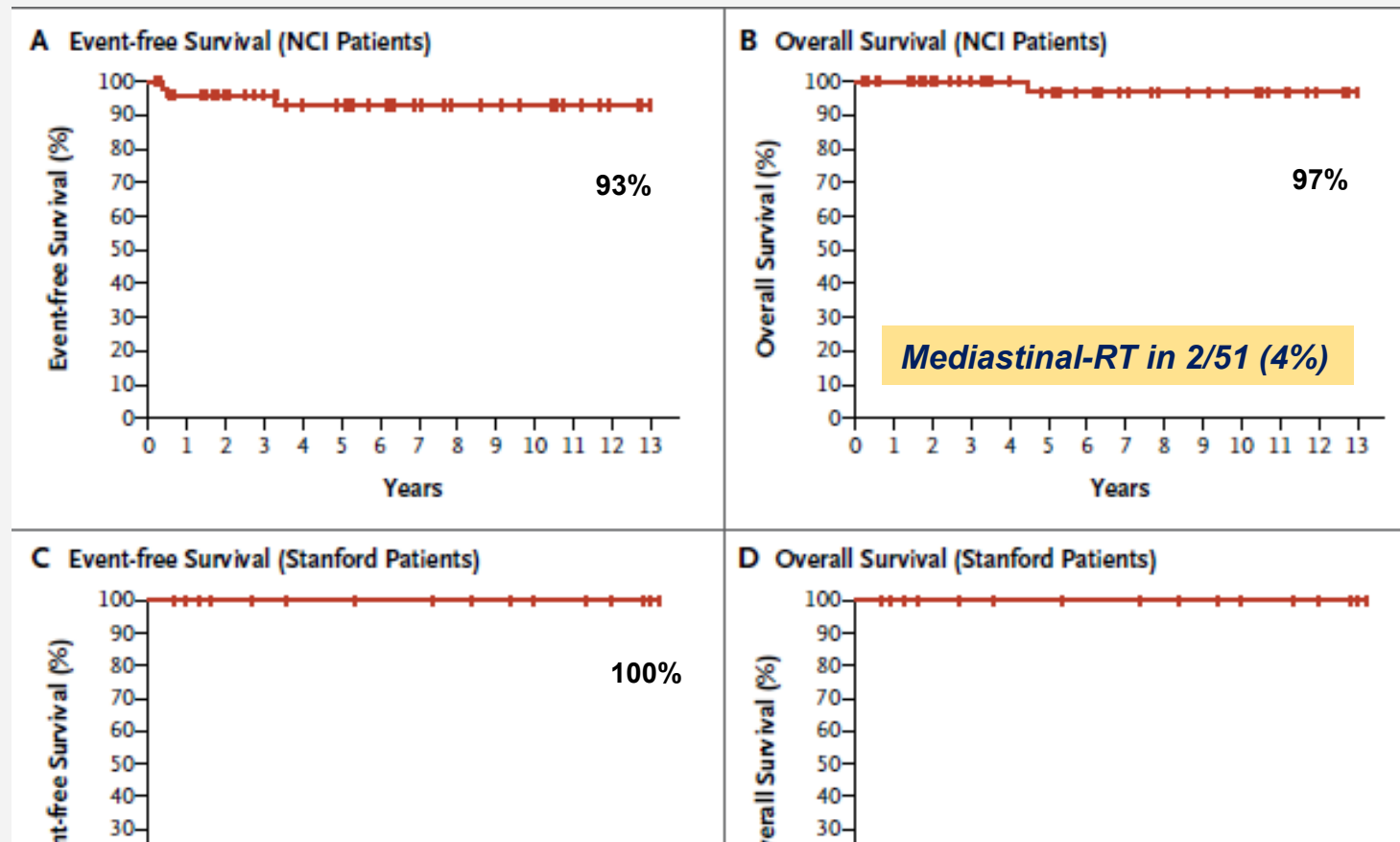
Rodriguez et al Hematological Oncology 2008

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Dose-Adjusted EPOCH-Rituximab Therapy in Primary Mediastinal B-Cell Lymphoma

Kieron Dunleavy, M.D., Stefania Pittaluga, M.D., Ph.D., Lauren S. Maeda, M.D.,
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Seth M. Steinberg, Ph.D., Cliona Grant, M.D., George Wright, Ph.D.,
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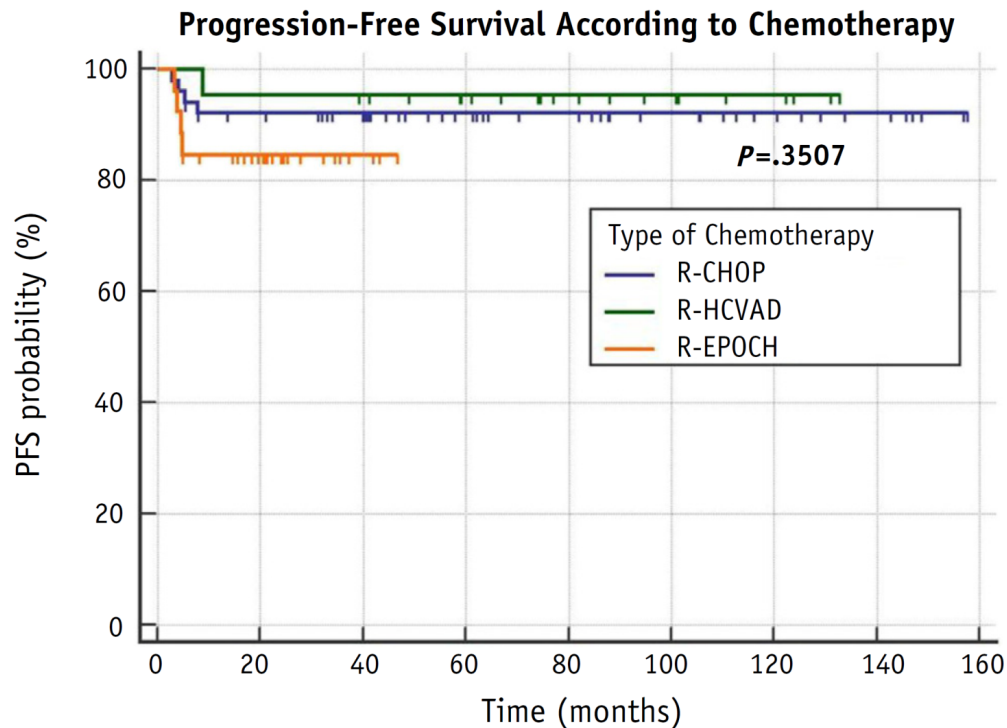
DA-EPOCH Rituximab: NCI results (51 patients)



Therapy with DA-EPOCH-R had an high cure rate and obviated the need of a mediastinal radiotherapy

Dunleavy K et al N.Engl. J. Med 2013

MDACC retrospective PMBCL series



Treatment characteristics			
Characteristic	R-CHOP (n=50)	R-HCVAD (n=22)	R-EPOCH (n=25)
No. of cycles			
Median	6	6	6
Range	5-8	5-8	4-7
Radiation therapy			
Consolidative (presumed CR)	42 (84%)	17 (77.2%)	5 (20%)
Salvage	3 (6%)	1 (4.5%)	4 (16%)
No radiation	5 (10%)	4 (18.2%)	16 (64%)
Radiation dose			
Median, Gy	39.6	39.6	39.6
Range, Gy	30-45	16.2-45	30.6-43.2
Radiation technique			
3D	36 (80%)	16 (88.9%)	1 (11.1%)
IMRT	6 (13.3%)	1 (5.6%)	7 (77.8%)
Protons	3 (6.7%)	1 (5.6%)	1 (11.1%)

PMBCL and MGZL comparison in clinical outcome following DA-EPOCH-R

Characteristics	PMBCL (n=40)	MGZL(n=16)	P-value
Male sex	38%	75%	0.017
Age	32 (19-52)	30(14-51)	ns
Stage III/IV	30%	12%	ns
Extranodal sites	57%	25%	0.039
Pleural effusion	52%	12%	0.007
EFS	95%	45%	0.0002
OS	100%	75%	0.0036

Dunleavy K. et al 11 ICML 2011; 150

PMBCL: take home messages (1)

- ❖ PMBCL has better outcome than others DLBCL
- ❖ Third generation regimens (M/VACOP-B) superior to CHOP regimen in the pre-Rituximab era
- ❖ Rituximab combination with CHOP/CHOP like regimens removes the differences with more intensive third generation regimens
- ❖ ***R-CHOP-V/MACOP-B with mediastinal IFRT*** may be considered the standard treatment (***5-yrs EFS=80-85%***)
- ❖ ***DA-EPOCH-R without mediastinal IFRT*** has shown very promising results in a single prospective phase II trial but ***need to be confirmed*** in further prospective trials.

PMBCL: take home messages (2)

- ❖ There are no evidences to support ASCT as first line consolidation therapy in PMBCL
- ❖ **MGZL** have a more aggressive clinical course and poorer outcome than PMBCL
- ❖ **DA-EPOCH-R** in a recent prospective series of **MGZL** have reported a significantly lower EFS and OS if compared to PMBCL.
- ❖ There is no consensus in the optimum treatment of **MGZL**
- ❖ **MGZL** requires more likely mediastinal RT than PMBCL .

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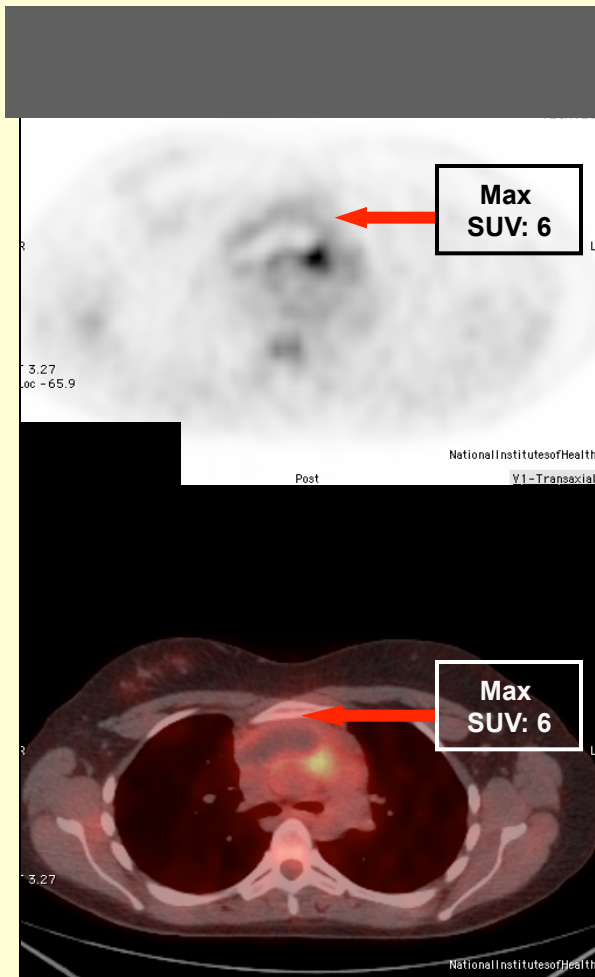
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FDG-PET Post R-CHT

The problem of false positive results

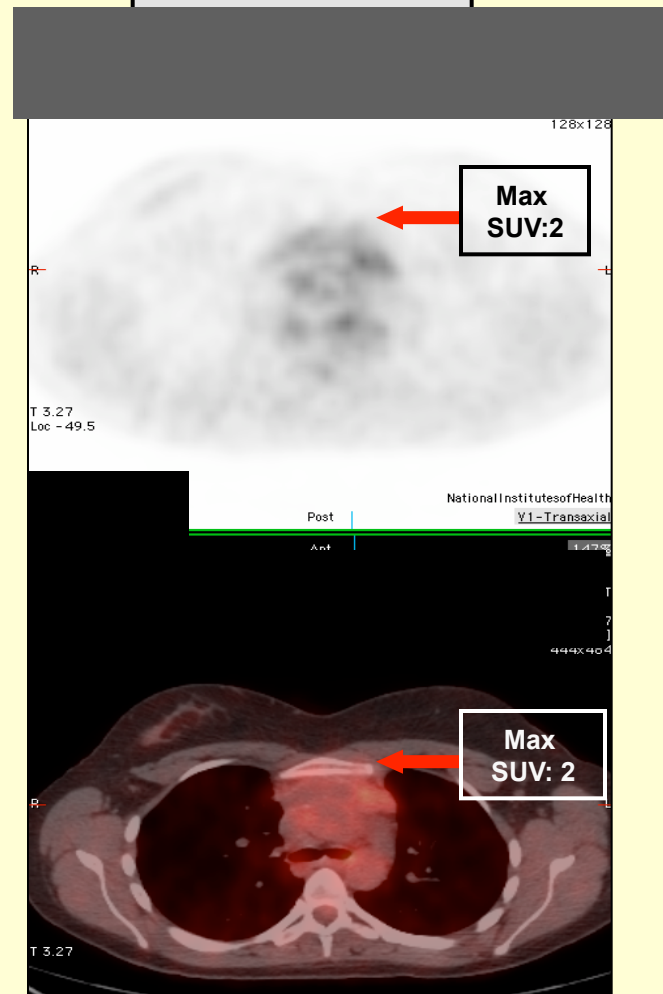
2 weeks end of chemoimmunotherapy



Observe



6 weeks later

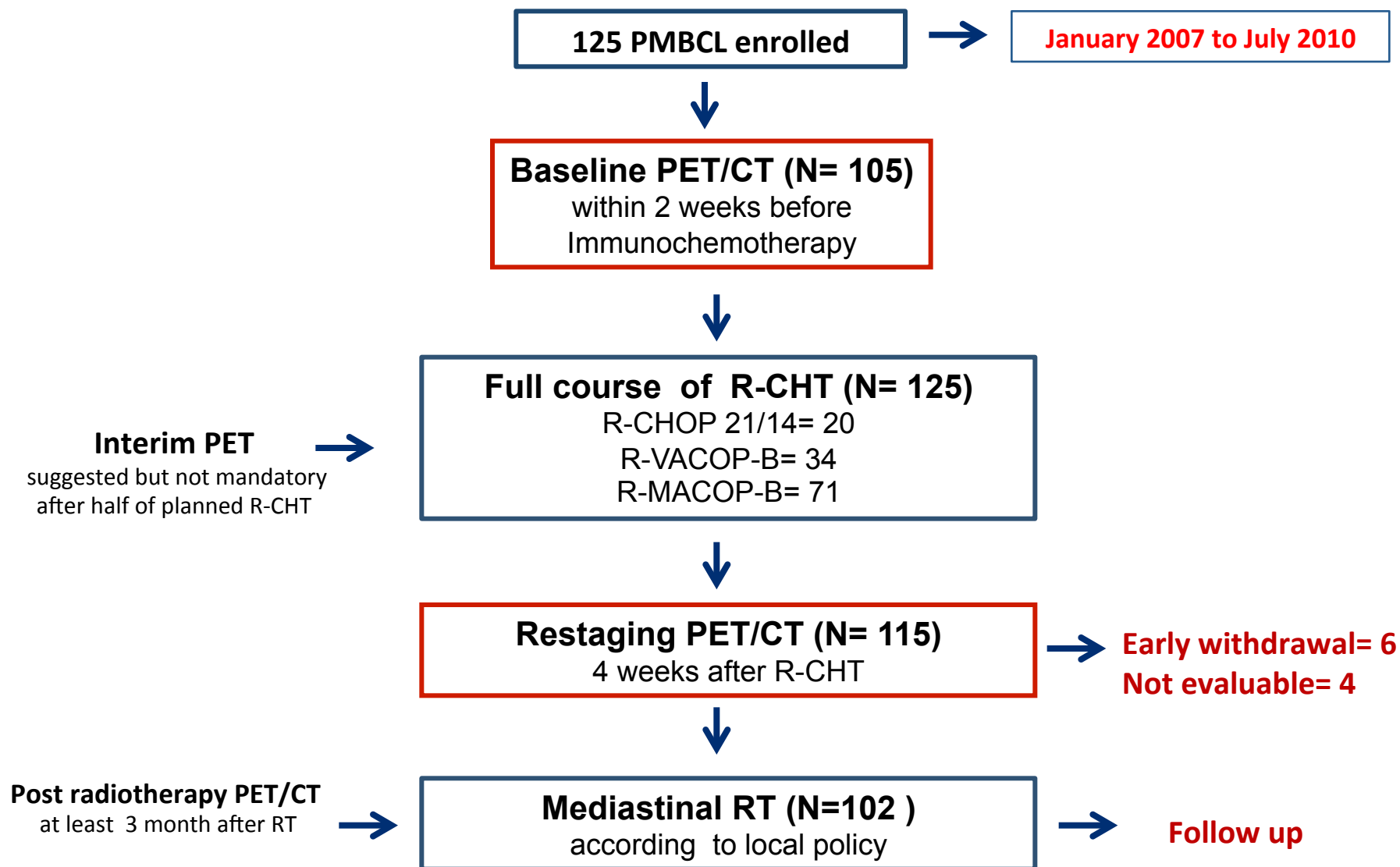


[¹⁸F]Fluorodeoxyglucose Positron Emission Tomography Predicts Survival Following Chemoimmunotherapy for Primary Mediastinal Large B-Cell Lymphoma: Results of the International Extranodal Lymphoma Study Group IELSG-26 Study

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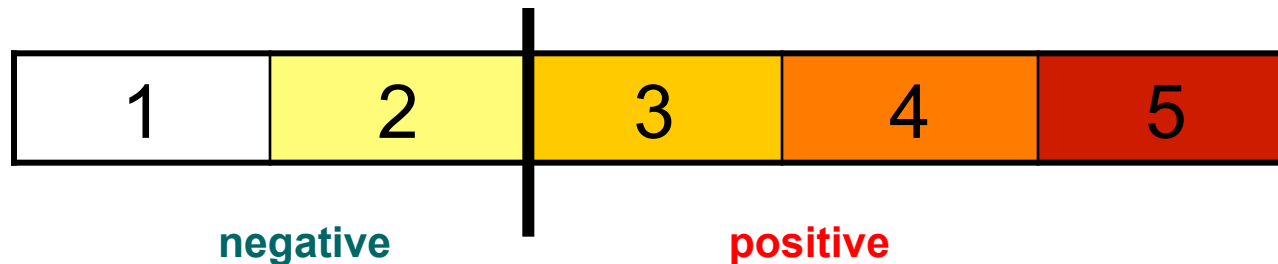
IELSG-26 study design



PET/CT response criteria (4 weeks after R-CHT)

* *Deauville criteria [5-point visual analysis scale] (Leuk Lymphoma 2009)*

1. No uptake.
2. Uptake $\leq$ mediastinum.
3. Uptake $>$ mediastinum but $\leq$ liver.
4. Uptake moderately more than liver uptake, at any site.
5. Markedly increased uptake at any site and new disease sites



Patients achieving a metabolic CR (mCR) according the IHP criteria are designated by score 1-2 in the Deauville criteria

PET/CT response : results

Post R-chemo PET interpretation - blind central review
115 /125 studies reviewed

115 PET/CT

54 (47%) PET-neg

NPV= 98%

61 (53%) PET-pos

PPV=18%

Deauville score

Nr. of patients

PD or relapse

1	2	3	4	5
12	42	27	24	10
-	1	-	5	6

negative

positive

MBP cut-off

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81 (70%) PET-neg

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34 (30%) PET-pos

PPV=32%

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PD or relapse

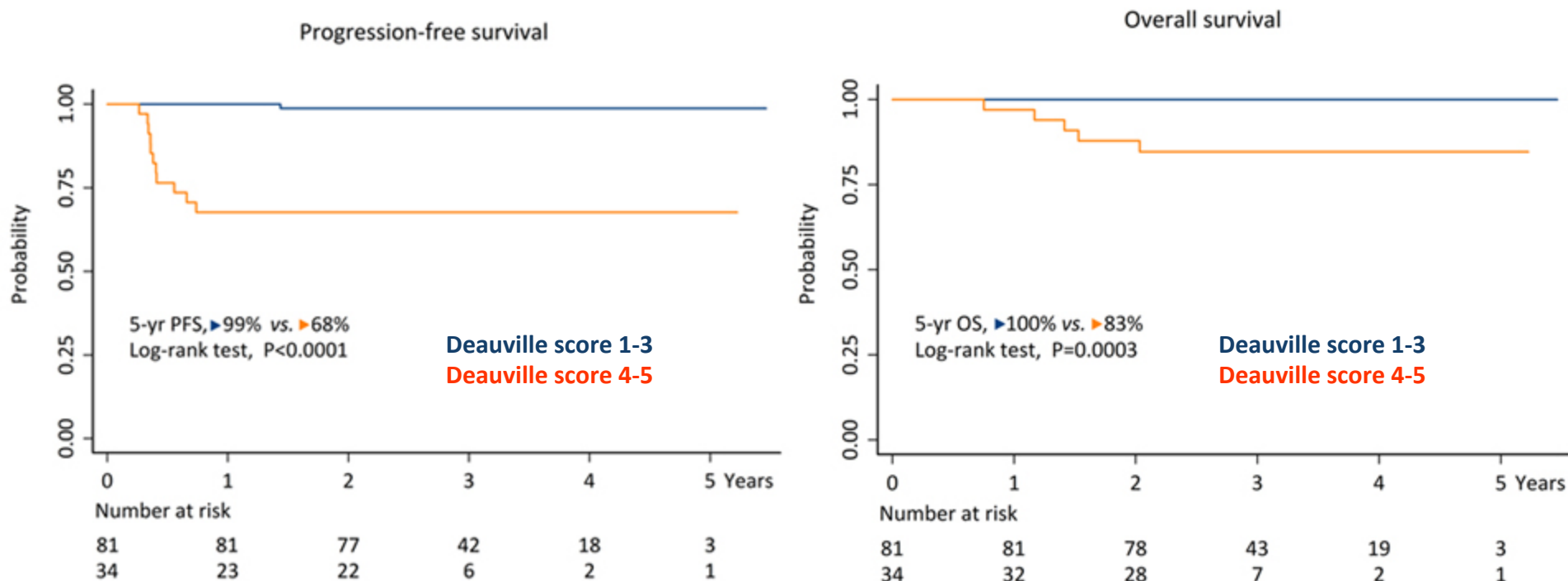
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negative

positive

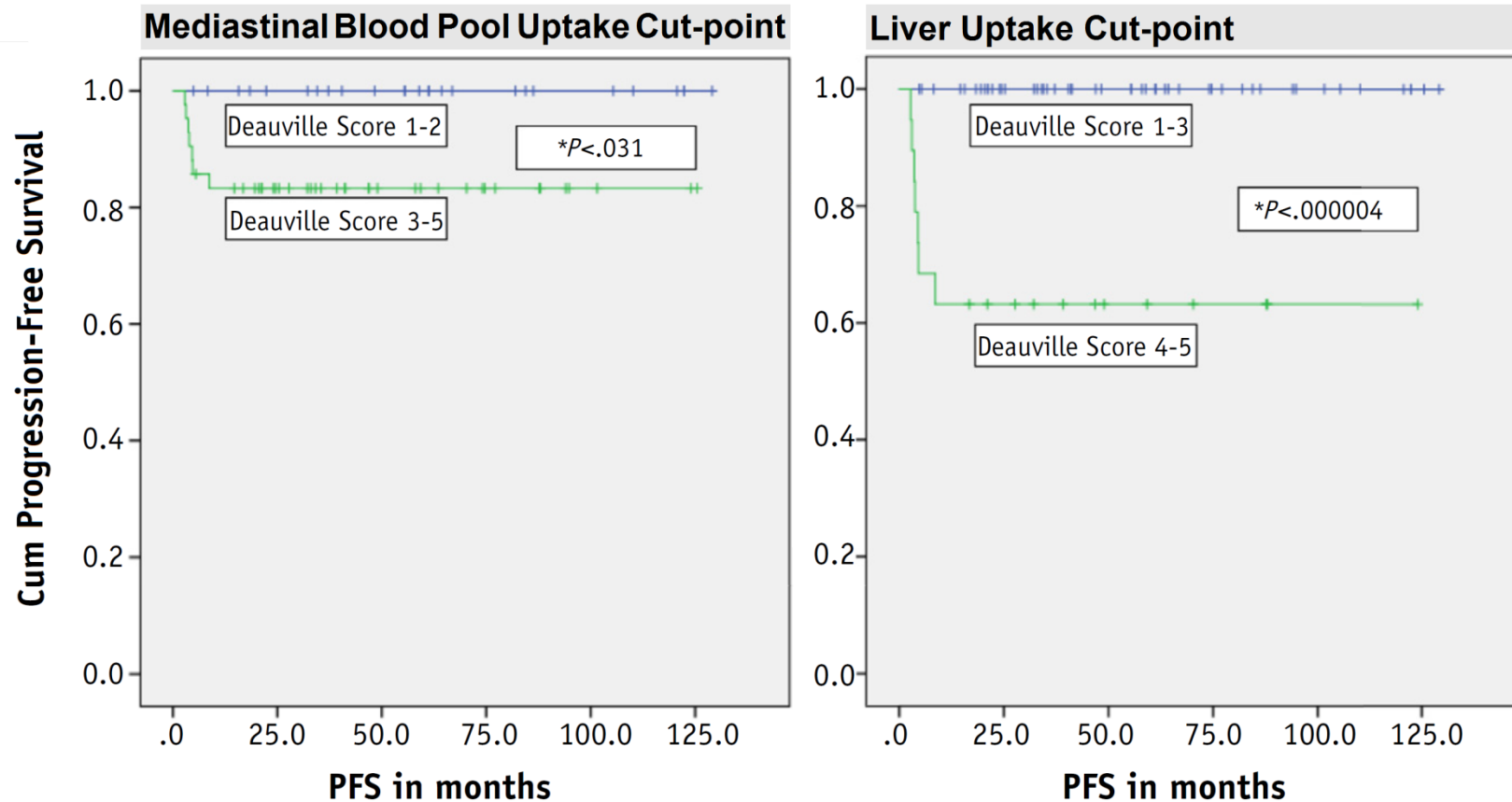
Liver cut-off

PET response defined by the *liver uptake cut-point*



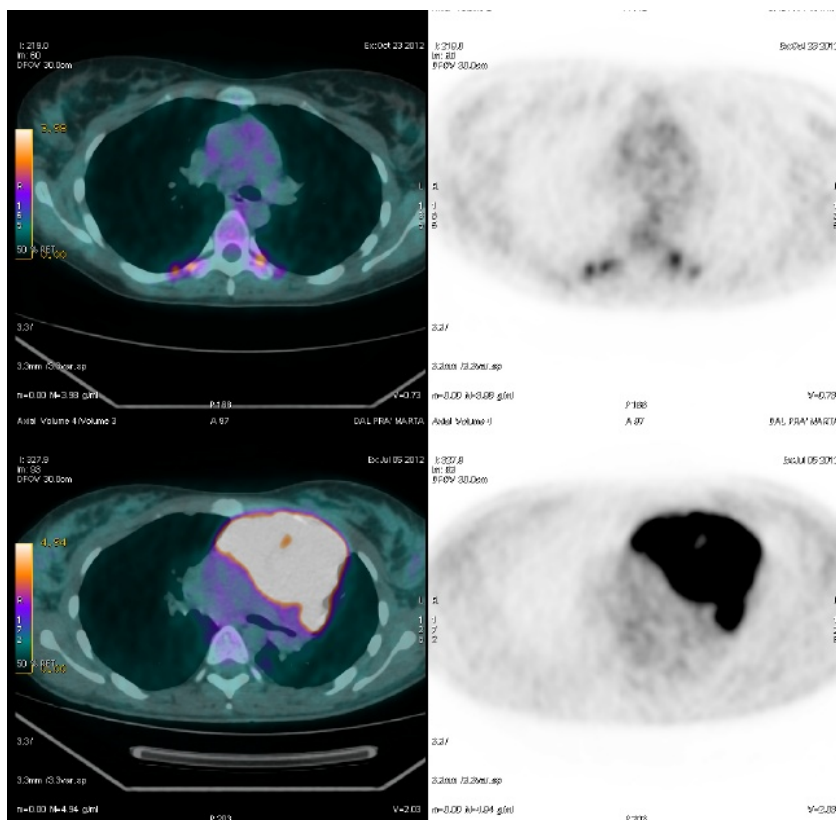
Martelli et al. J.Clin.Oncol 2014

MDACC retrospective PMBCL series: PFS according to the DS at the end of immunochemotherapy



PET-CT post chemotherapy PET/CT evaluation according visual assessment

Post-CHT PET

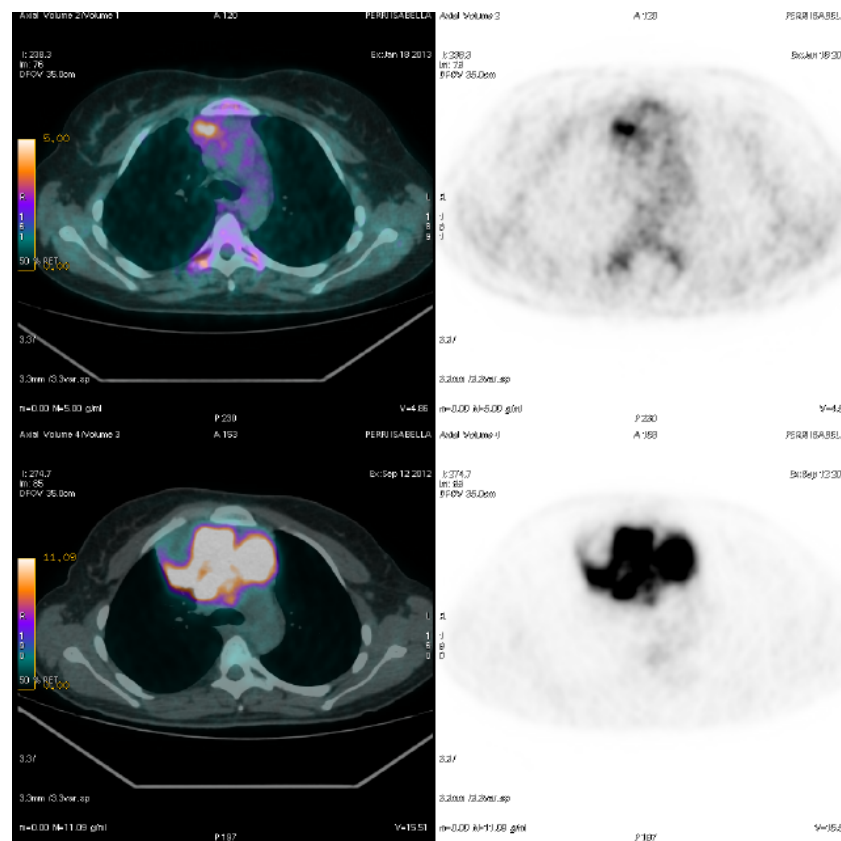


PET-0

Deauville score 2

Central review: negative

Post-CHT PET



PET-0

Deauville score 4

Central review: positive

Take home messages (3)

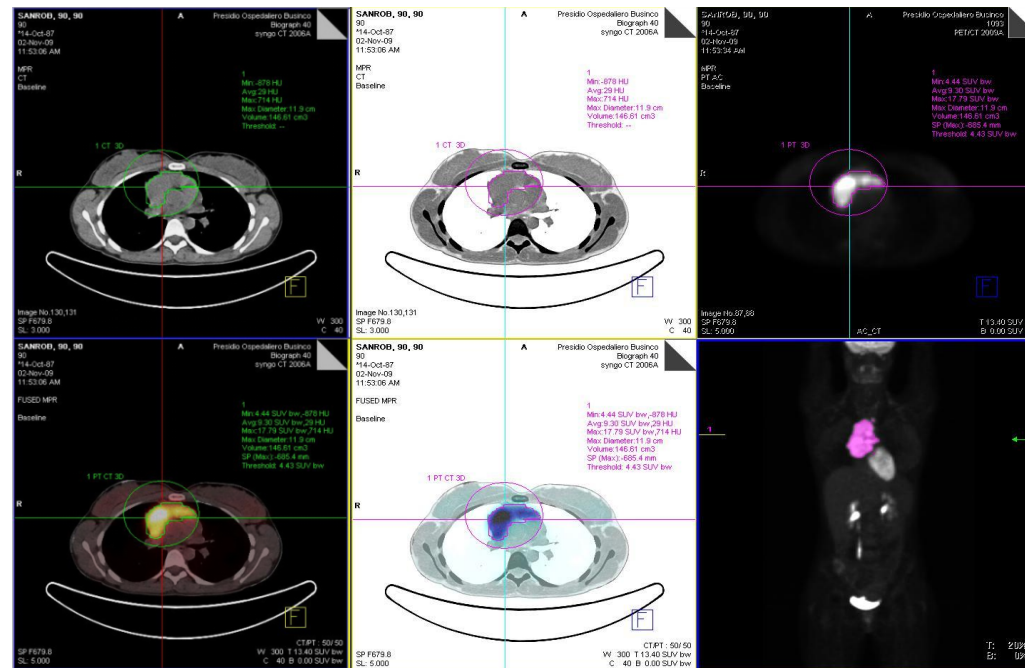
- The incidence of PET-positive rate after R-CHT in PMBCL was higher (53%) than in DLBCL using the MBP cut-point. However approximately 90% of patients are projected to be alive and 5-yrs PFS after treatment.
- Post-treatment negative PET/CT after R-CHT is significantly associated with a longer PFS.
- ***Liver uptake*** may represent a more appropriate cut-point than MBP to identify those patients with a significant increased risk of relapse or progressive disease.

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Functional and quantitative PET parameters

- Assessment of the prognostic value of
 - maximum Standard Uptake Value (**SUVmax**)
 - metabolic tumor volume (**MTV**)
 - total lesion glycolysis (**TLG**)
- SUV max, MTV and TLG** were measured following a standard protocol on basal PET





Prognostic value of the baseline functional PET parameters in PMBCL

125 PMLBCL enrolled



Baseline PET

(within 14 days before R-Chemo)

105 pts – 103 studies analyzed



Full course of chemotherapy:

R-CHOP 21 /14 or
R-MACOP-B or R-VACOP-B



Final PET

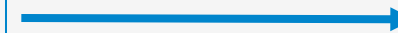
(3-4 weeks after R-Chemo)



Consolidation RT

(according to local policy)

93 patients



Follow-up



Regular Article

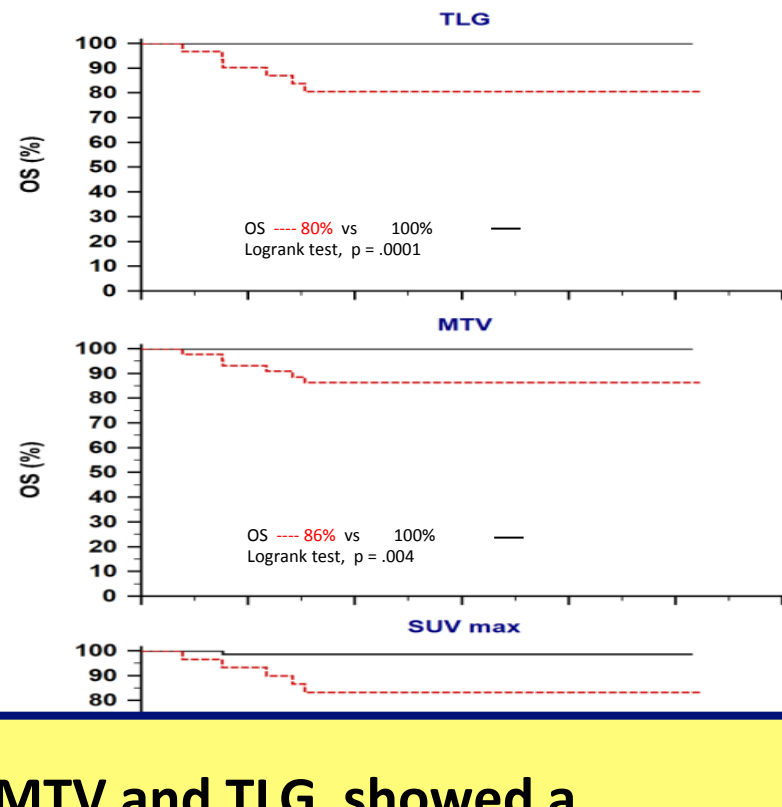
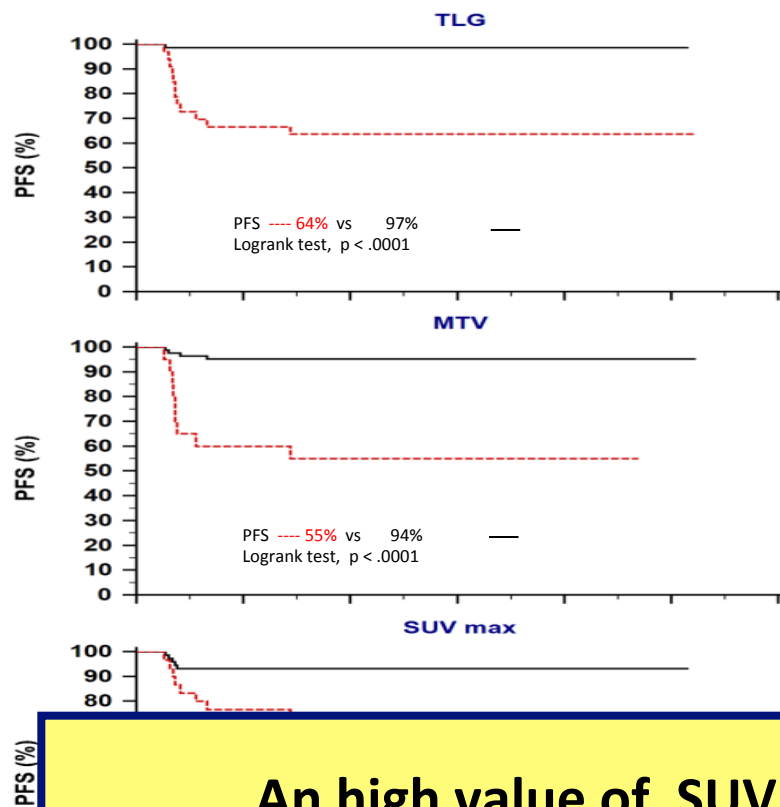
CLINICAL TRIALS AND OBSERVATIONS

Utility of baseline 18FDG-PET/CT functional parameters in defining prognosis of primary mediastinal (thymic) large B-cell lymphoma

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Prognostic value of baseline functional 18-FDG parameters in the IELSG 26 study in PMBCL

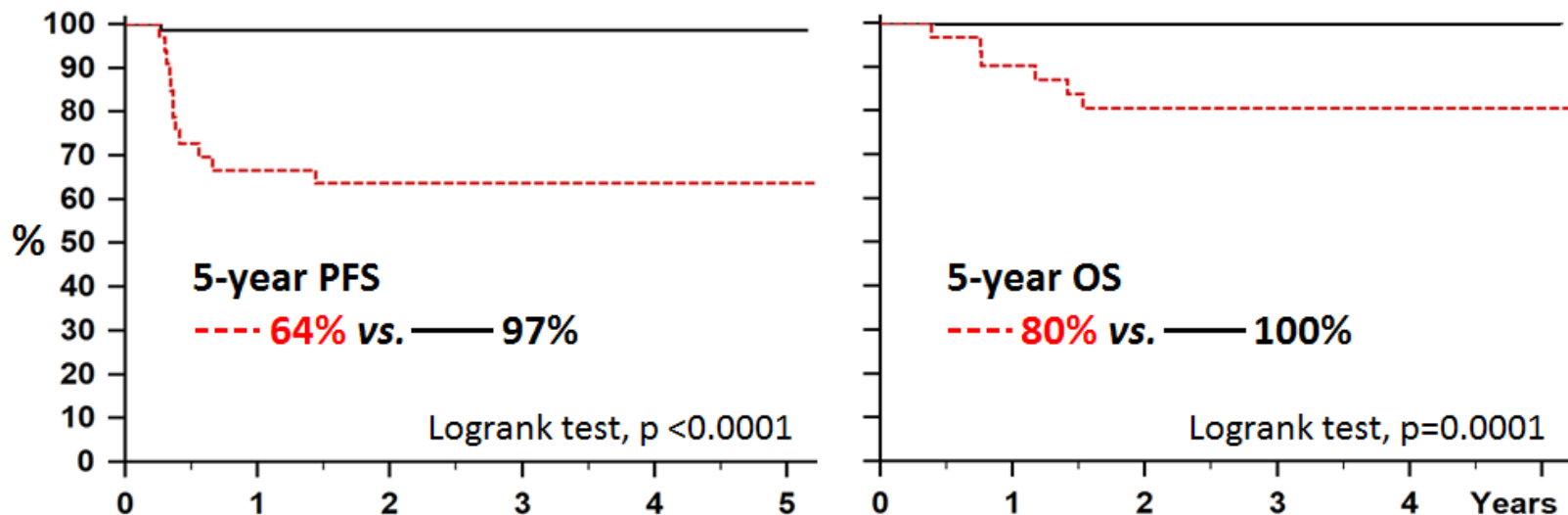


An high value of SUVmax, MTV and TLG showed a significant inferior PFS and OS at *univariate analysis*

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TLG retained statistical significance for both OS and PFS at multivariate analysis

Elevated vs. **non-Elevated** TLG (cut-off defined by ROC curve)



Open questions

- What is the role of PET scan in the response evaluation after chemo-immunotherapy?
- Should new quantitative functional PET parameters (QPM), identify very high risk patients to candidate for more intensive regimens (DA-EPOCH-R) ?
- Can mediastinal radiotherapy be removed in selected patients and if the PET scan can drive this selection?

Sequential R-CHOP 14 followed by ICE consolidation without consolidation IFRT for patients with PMBL MSKCC Protocol

Figure 1: PFS for PMBL pts treated as per MSKCC 01-142

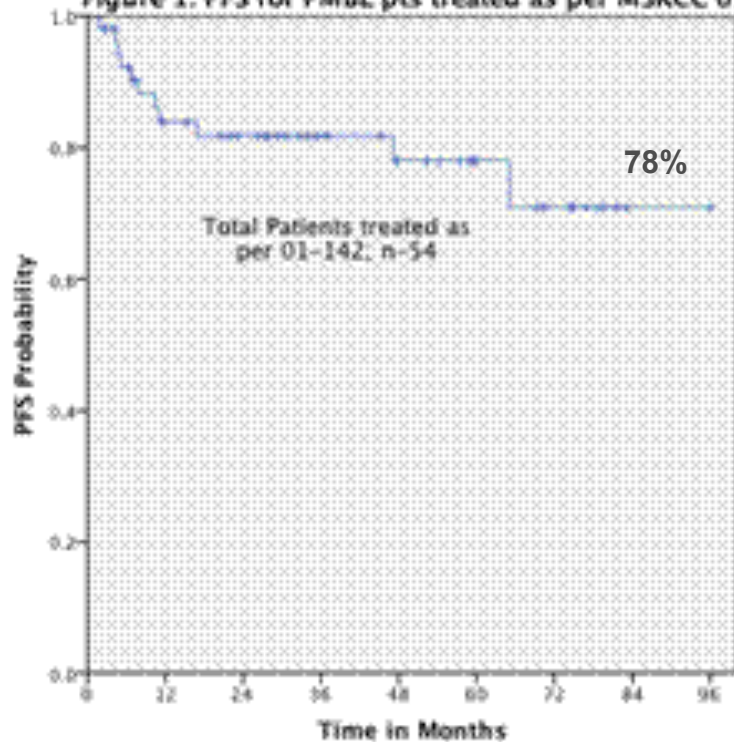
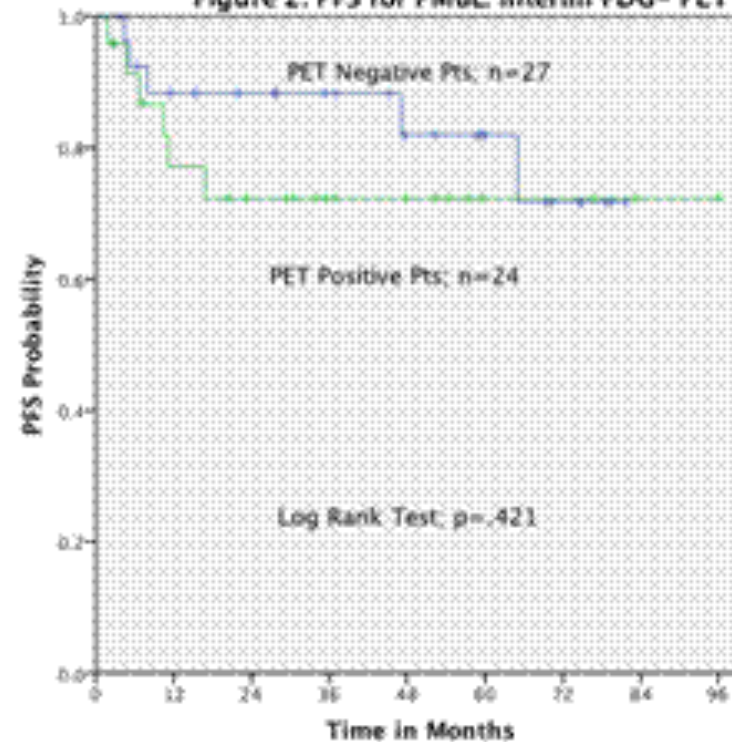


Figure 2: PFS for PMBL: Interim FDG- PET



PMBCL: RT PET+ residual area

176 PMBCL
80 CHOP
96 R-CHOP



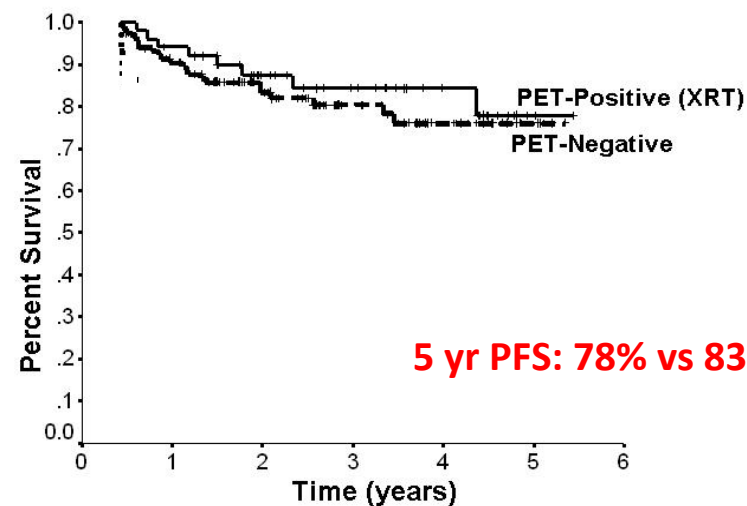
RCHOP –21 x 6-8
RT era 96
PET era 50
PET self 9



CT abnormalities
≥ 2 cm



R-CHOP+PET = 59



NEG = 35 (59%): No RT (regardless of initial bulk)
POS= 24 (41%) : 23 /24 XRT

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IELSG 37 study

**A randomized, open-label, multicentre,
two-arm phase III comparative study
assessing the role of involved mediastinal
radiotherapy in Primary Mediastinal Large
B-Cell Lymphoma (PMBCL).**

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Trial design



Registration
PET-CT 0

Standard therapy
R-Chemo

*RCHOP 14-21; R-V/MACOP-B
R-DA-EPOCH; R-ACVBP;
R-CHO(E)P like

PET-CT 1
Central review

5-6 wks after R-Chemo

Positive not randomised pts will be followed for PFS and OS analysis and for response to the chosen salvage strategy.

Positive

Negative

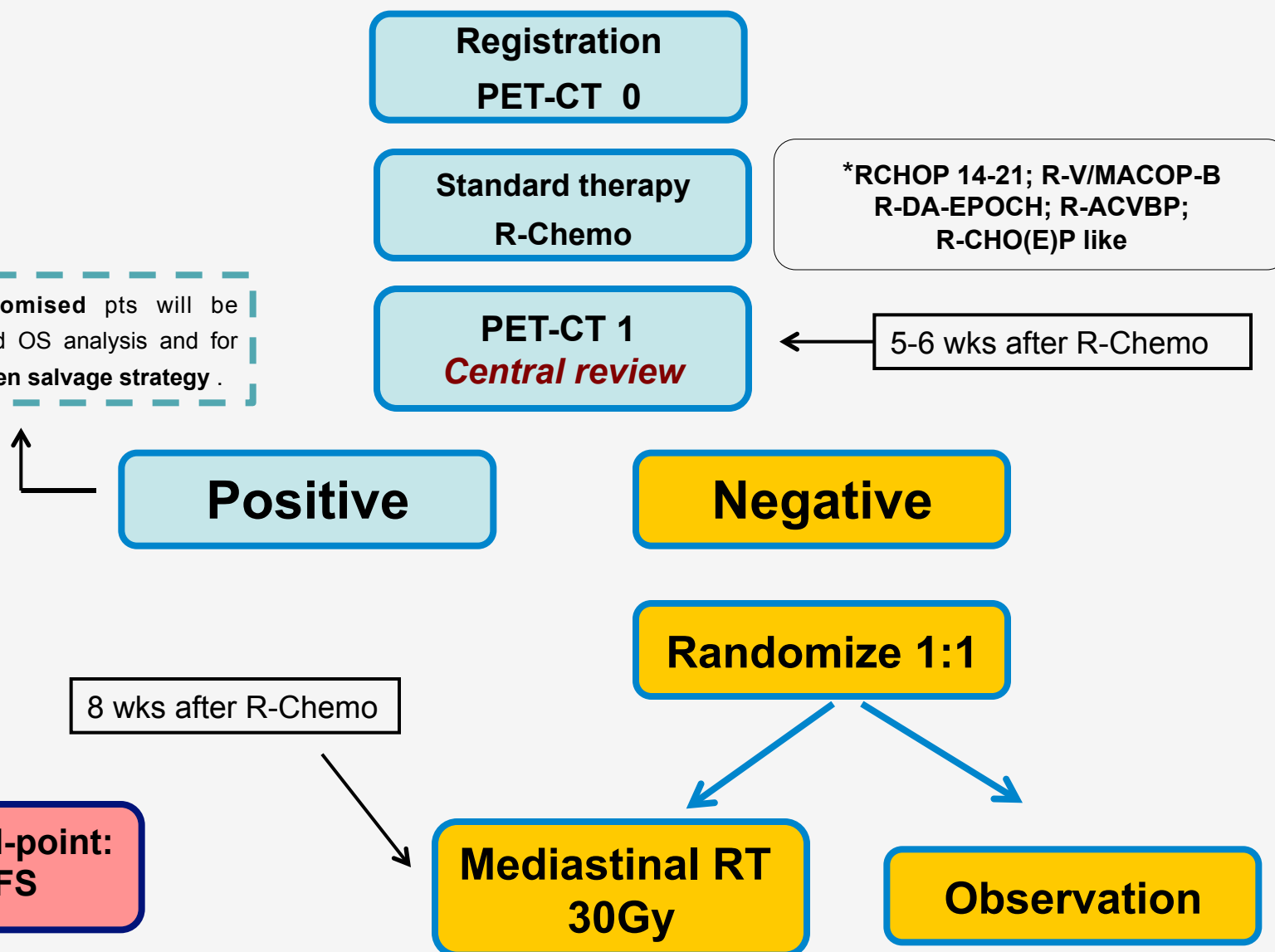
Randomize 1:1

8 wks after R-Chemo

Primary end-point:
2-yrs PFS

Mediastinal RT
30Gy

Observation



Central PET-CT review workflow



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reviewers download images from Widen

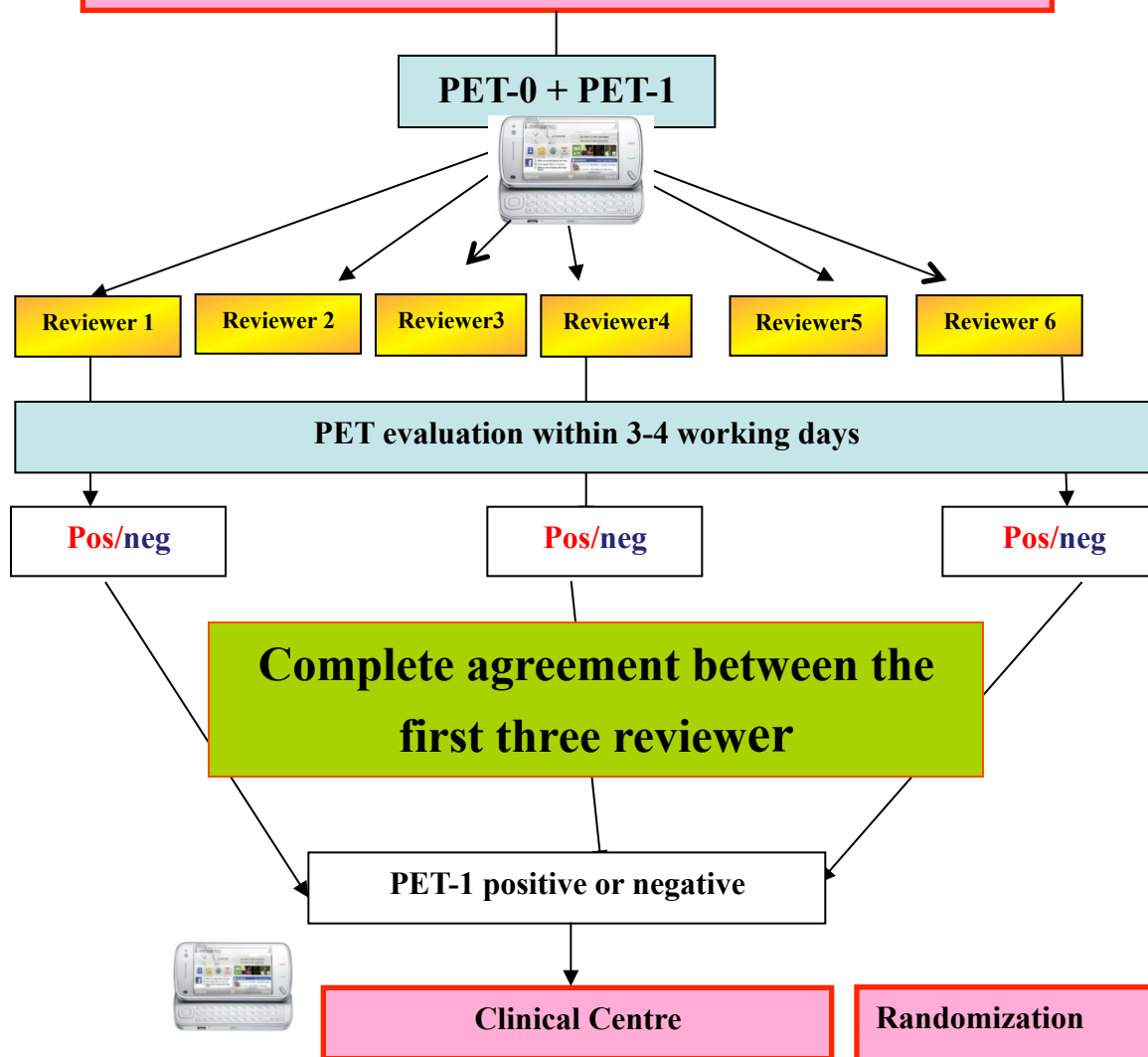
reviewers evaluate images

reviewers post results to Widen

Widen combine reviews

Widen send results to Clinical Centre

Local PET centre uploads PET images on Widen



Enrolled patients by sites (March, 2016)

Total number of patients	240
Countries enrolling	9
Centres with at least 1 patient	52

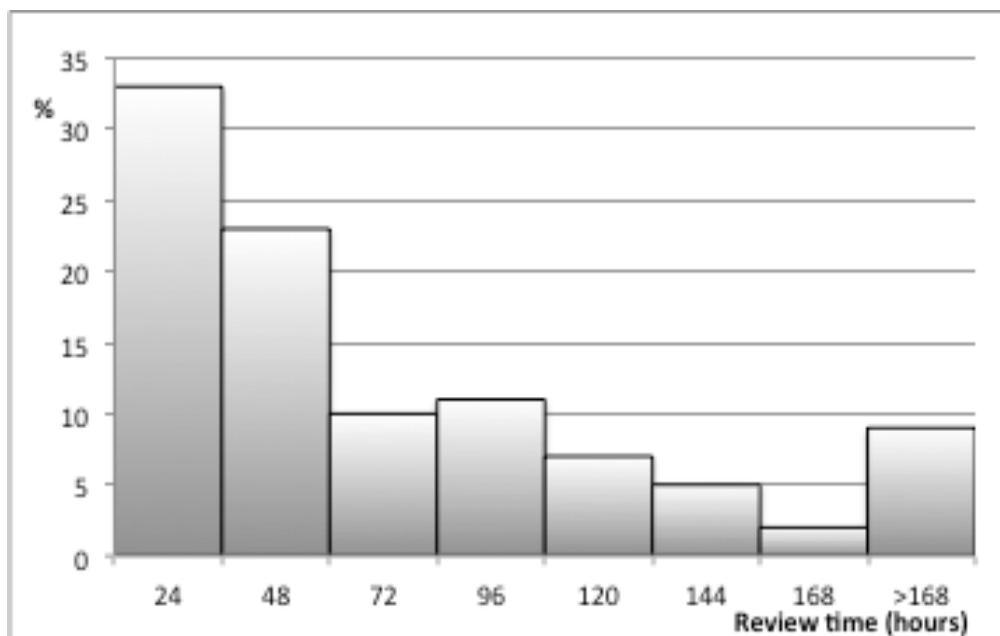
Country	Center	Patients
Italy	FIL	172
Ukraine	Kiev	21
Canada	Toronto	3
Norway	Oslo	4
	Trondheim	2
Sweden	Lund	3
Switzerland	Bern	5
	St. Gallen	2
	Bellinzona	3
UK	Glasgow	3
	Leeds St. James	1
	London Guy's & St. Thomas	2
	London UCLH	2
	Southampton	4
	Manchester	2
	Newcastle	1
	Norfolk	1
	Nottingham	2
USA	Louisville	1

Central PET Review After Chemotherapy

(March, 2016)

PET REVIEWED	PET NEGATIVE	PET POSITIVE
190	85 (45%)	105 (55%)
102 (MBP neg score 1-2)	35 (34%)	67 (66%)
88 (Liver neg score 1-3)	50 (57%)	38 (43%)

The average and median review time was 70 h and 46 h, respectively



Randomization (March, 2016)

RANDOMIZED Patients	ARM A (Radiotherapy)	ARM B (Observation)
85	43	42



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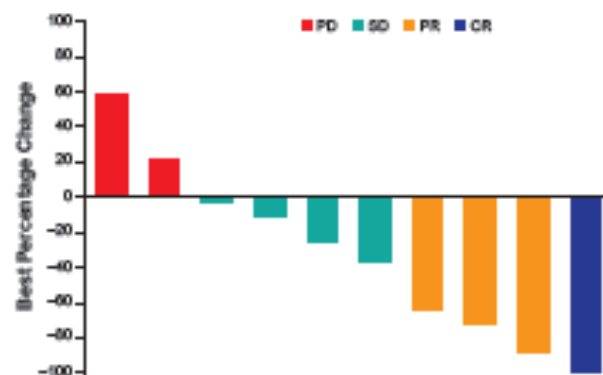
Take home messages (4)

- Baseline functional PET parameters (SUV,TLG,MTV) should be a powerful predictors of PMBCL outcome and in future should help us to stratify those patients with a significant increased risk of relapse/progression.
- Randomized phase III trial (ongoing IELSG 37 trial) will assess whether RT can be safely omitted in PMBCL with a negative PET-CT after R-Chemotherapy
- New biological drugs for selective pathways, should be also explored in the future treatment of PMBCL

Phase 1b Study of PD-1 Blockade With Pembrolizumab in Patients With Relapsed/Refractory PMBCL

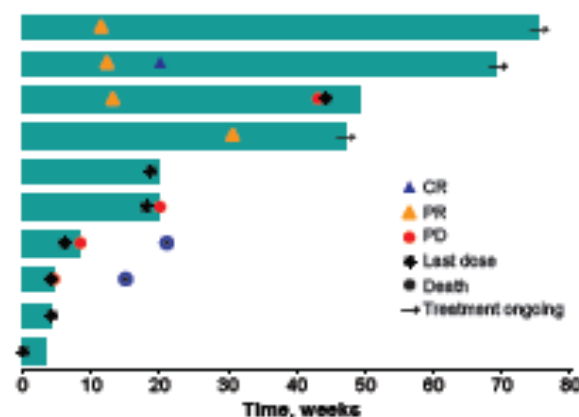
Characteristic	n = 11
Sex, n (%)	
Female	8 (73)
Male	3 (27)
Age, median (range), years	31 (23-62)
Race, n (%)	
White	10 (91)
Asian	1 (9)
ECOG PS, n (%)	
0	5 (45)
1	5 (45)
4	1 (9)
Bulky lymphadenopathy, n (%)	
Yes	7 (64)
No	4 (36)
Disease manifestation, n (%)	
Anemia	1 (9)
Bone marrow involvement	0 (0)
CNS involvement	0 (0)
Hepatomegaly	0 (0)
Lymphadenopathy	7 (64)
Splenomegaly	0 (0)
Thrombocytopenia	0 (0)
Other	1 (9)
Prior lines of therapy, n (%)	
2	4 (36)
3	1 (9)
≥4	6 (55)
Autologous stem cell transplantation, n (%)	3 (27)
Prior radiation, n (%)	7 (64)
Prior rituximab, n (%)	11 (100)

Figure 2. Change from baseline in tumor size.



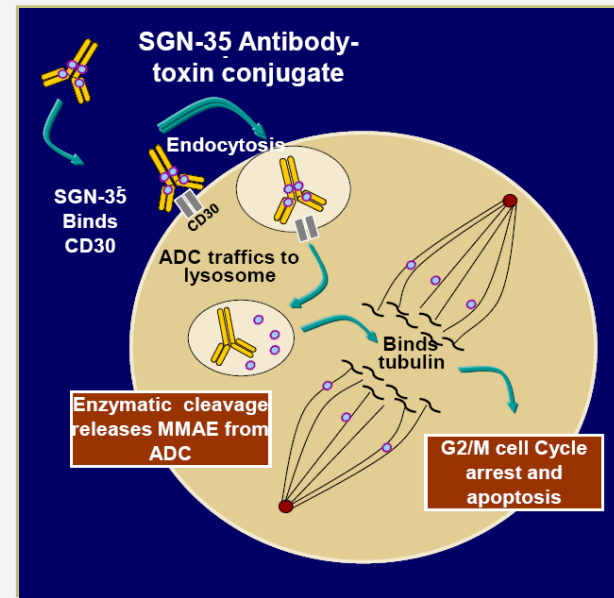
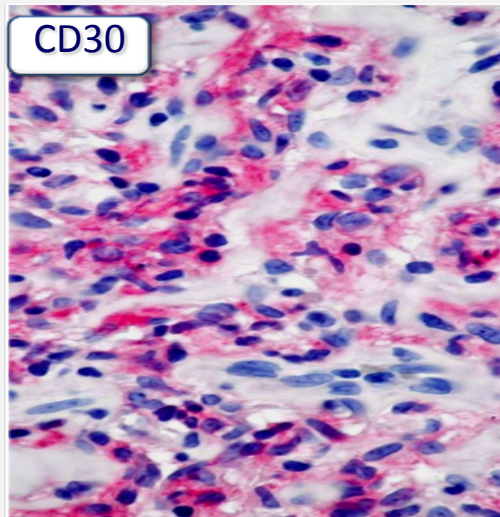
CR = complete remission; PD = progressive disease; PR = partial remission; SD = stable disease.

Figure 3. Time since initiation of treatment.



CR = complete remission; PD = progressive disease; PR = partial remission.

Brentuximab vedotin (SGN-35)



SGN-35 antibody-drug conjugate

✓ CD30-target antibody conjugated to an auristatin (MMAE), an anti-tubulin agent

✓ **CD30 is present in more than 80% of PMBCL usually weak and heterogeneous**

Brentuximab vedotin phase II study for relapsed/ refractory PMBCL

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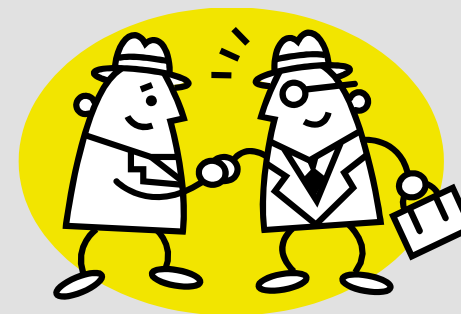


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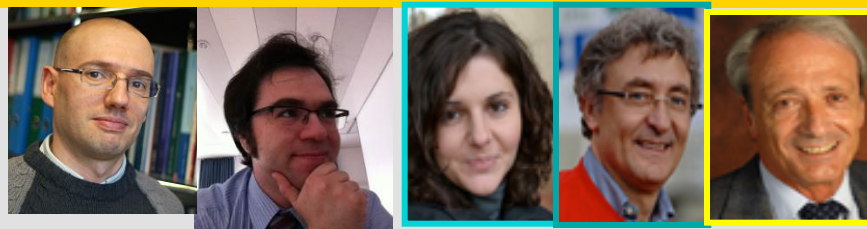
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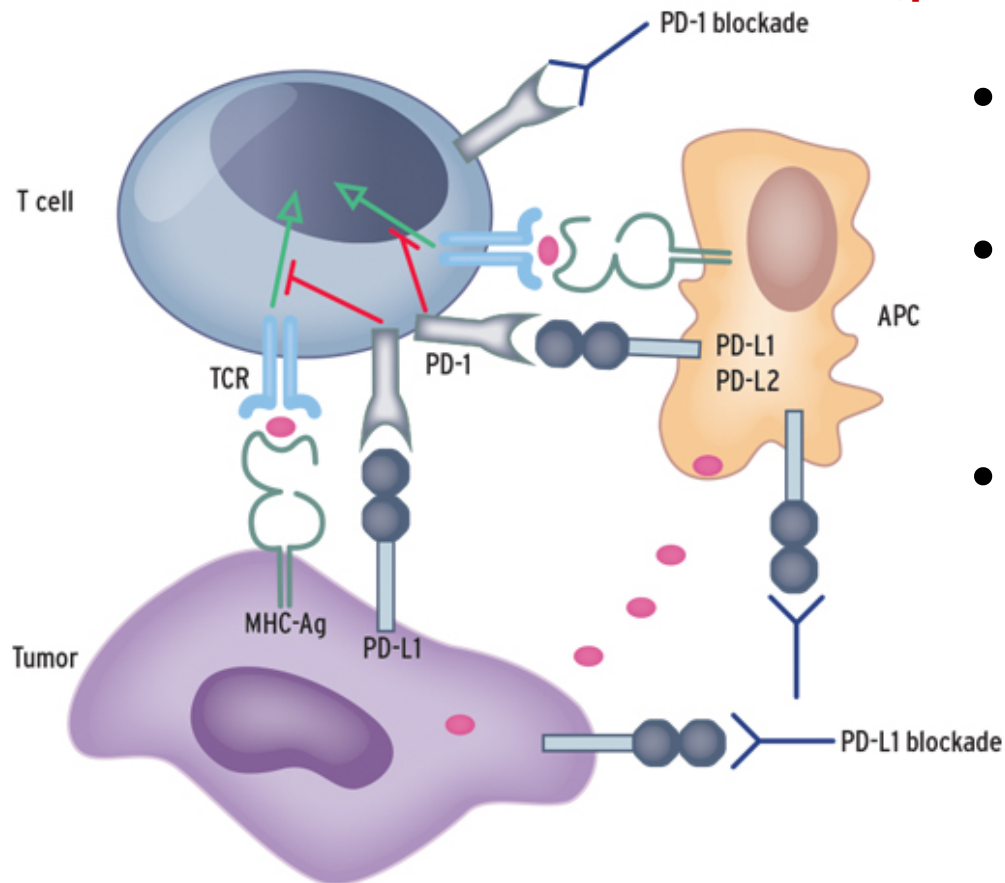
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Back- up

PD-1 Pathway as target therapy of PMBCL

Checkpoints inhibitors:
nivolumab, pidilizumab



- PD-1 is expressed on the surface of activated T cells
- Its ligands, PD-L1 and PD-L2, are overexpressed in certain tumor cells (**PMBCL, LH**)
- Binding of PD-1 to its ligands inhibits T-cell activation, allowing tumors to evade the immune response

Clinical features of mediastinal lymphomas

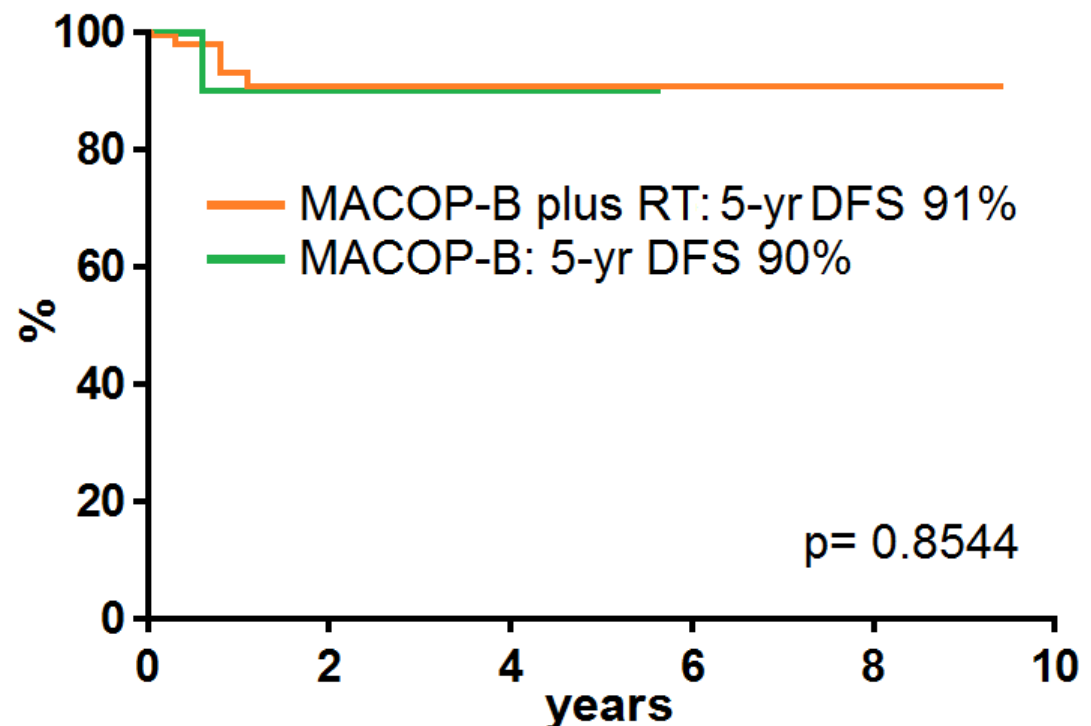
<i>Features</i>	<i>PMBCL</i>	<i>cHL</i>	<i>DLBCL</i>	<i>MGZL</i>
Female/male	3:1	1:1	1:1	1:3
Median age	35	28	55	35
Stage I-II	70-80%	55%	30%	70-80%
Mediastinal invol.	100%	80%	20%	80%
Extranodal sites	uncommon	uncommon	common	uncommn
Bone marrow	2%	3%	10-15%	3%
Elevated LDH	70-80%	rare	50%	70-80%
B symptoms	< 20%	40%	50%	40%
Bulky disease	70-80%	50%	10-15%	60-70%

PET-guided RT after R-MACOP-B in PMBCL

MACOP-B-R ± RT		
Response	N	%
CR	61/74	82.4
PR	5/74	6.8
PD	8/74	10.8

post-chemotherapy PET EVALUATION		
RESULT	N	%
PET- POSITIVE	51	68.9
PET-NEGATIVE	23	31.1

➔ RT



- *A PET-guided RT approach after MACOP-B plus rituximab may allow a patient tailored treatment*