

# AGGRESSIVE LYMPHOMAS



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## PMBCL: first line treatment and salvage therapy

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# MACOP-B + IFRT is an effective therapy in DLBCL with mediastinal involvement

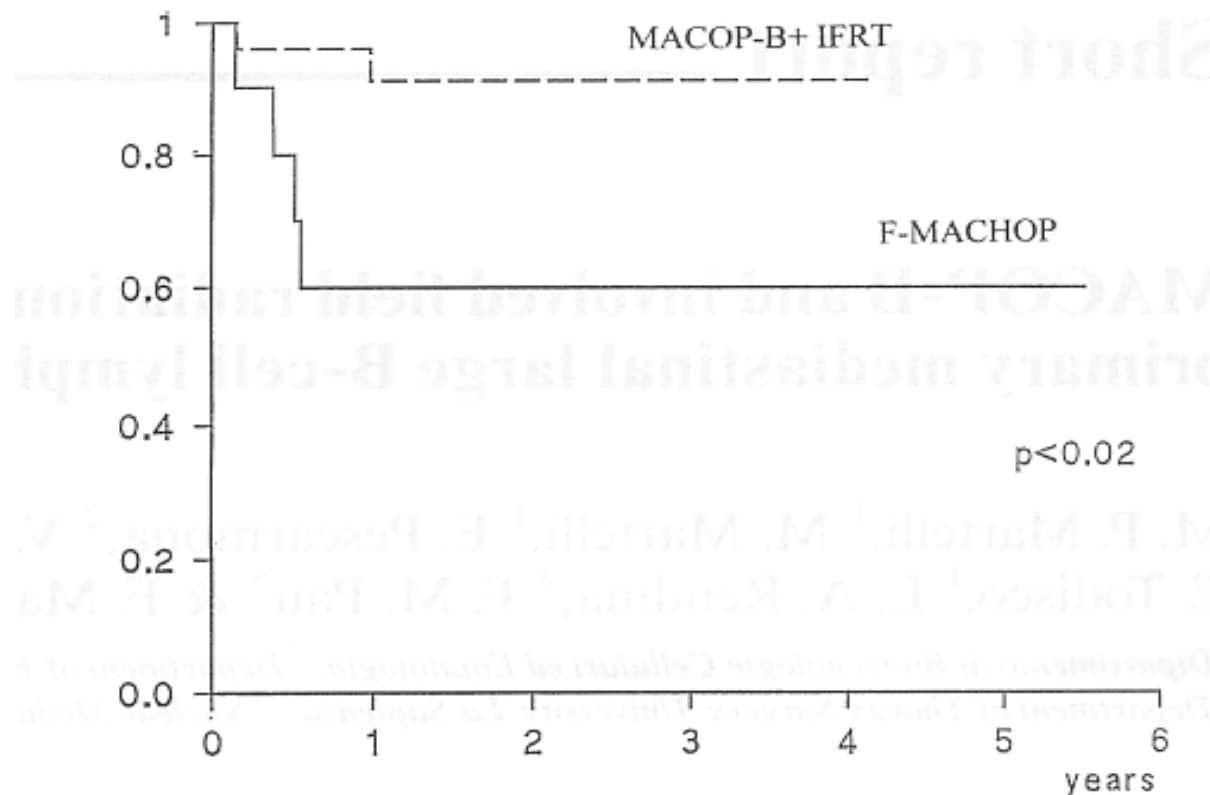


Figure 1. Primary mediastinal large B-cell lymphoma: progression-free survival (PFS) for 10 patients responsive to F-MACHOP and 26 patients responsive to MACOP-B + IFRT. PFS is 60% vs. 91% ( $P < 0.02$ ).

***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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# 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 3-4<sup>th</sup> 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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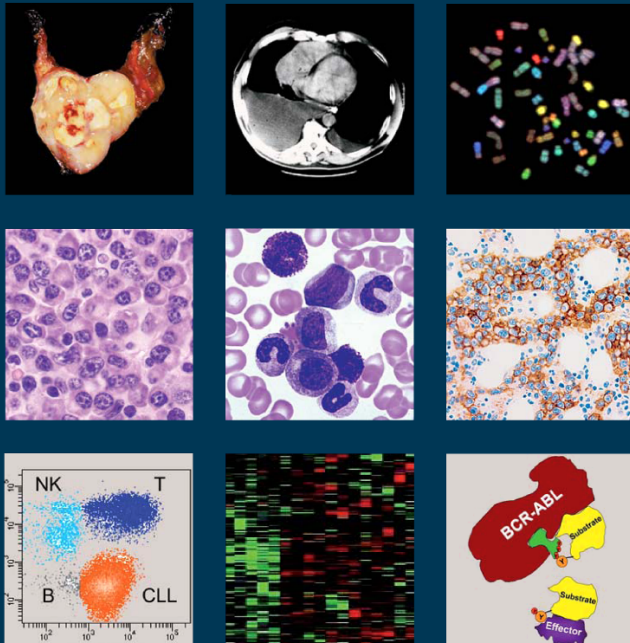
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# Aggressive B cell lymphomas

## 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

C

OCT2+

**MGZL**

hology

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**

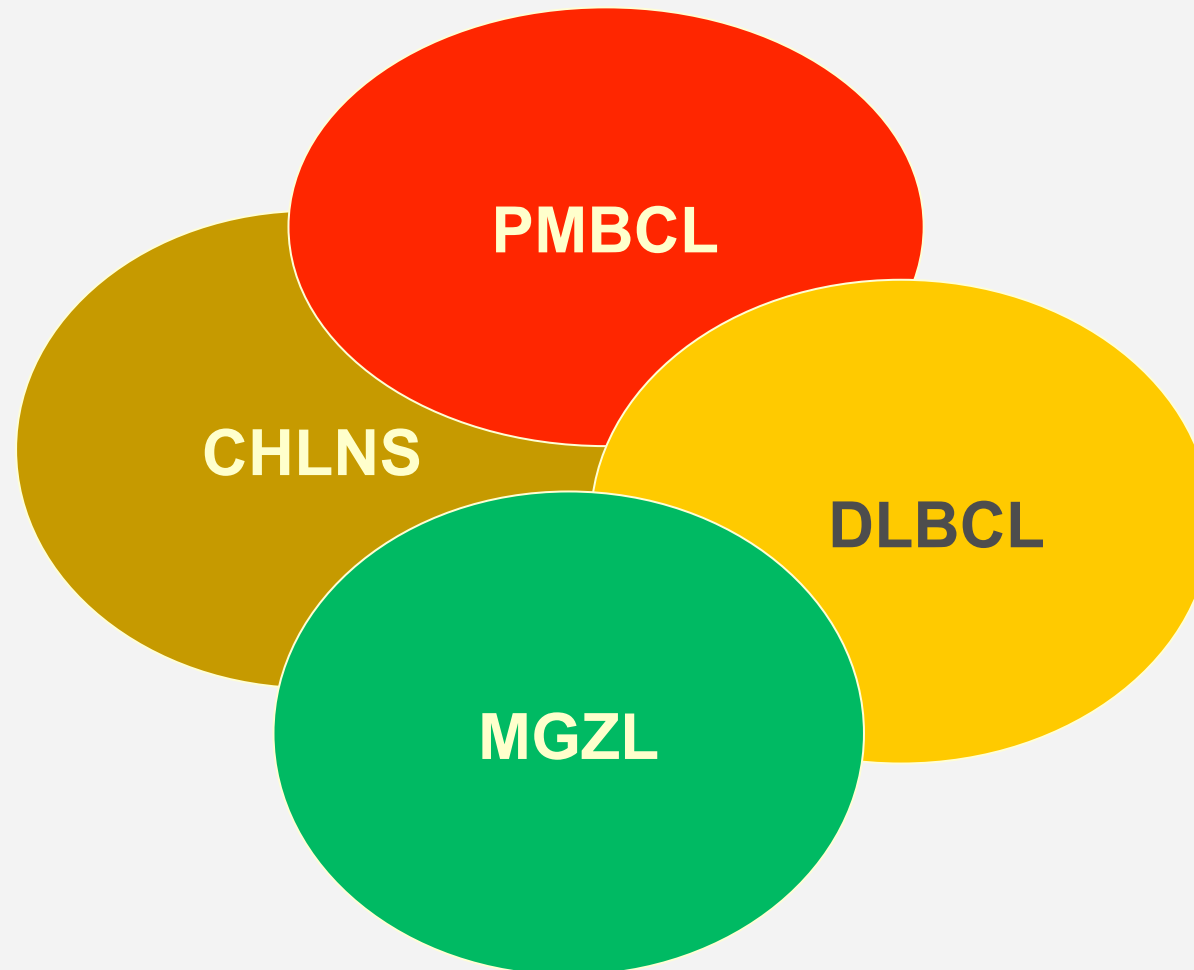
Intermediate features to  
fulfill the morphological and  
phenotypic criteria

**Classical HL**

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

*Jaffe E . Educational ASH 2010*

# Types of Mediastinal Lymphoma-related diseases

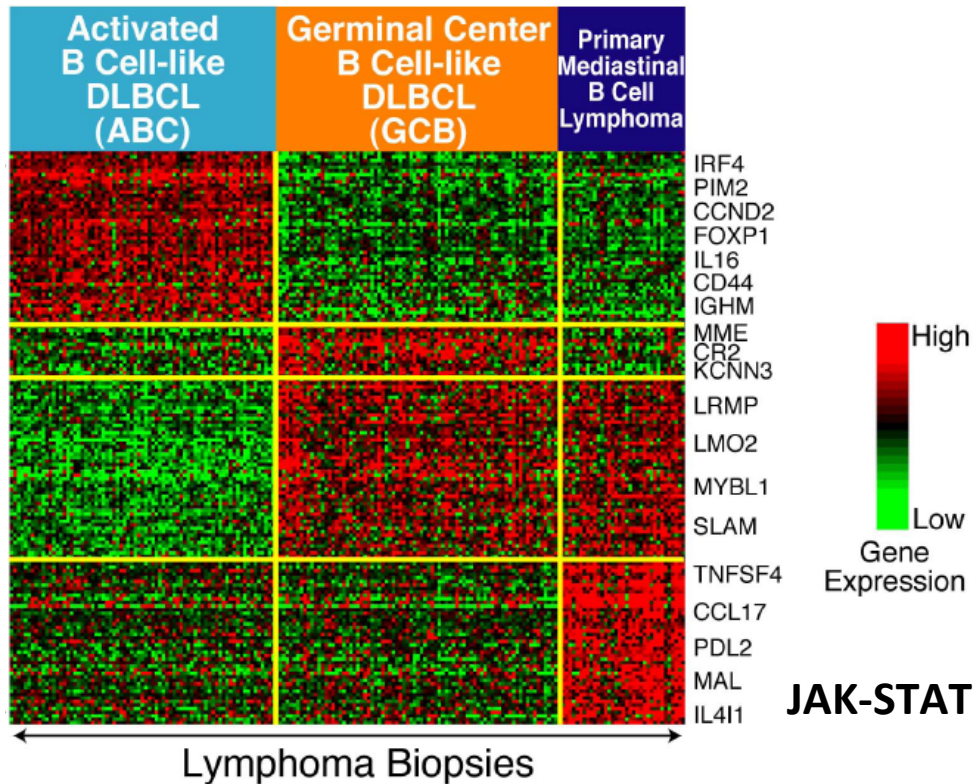


# Clinical features of mediastinal lymphomas

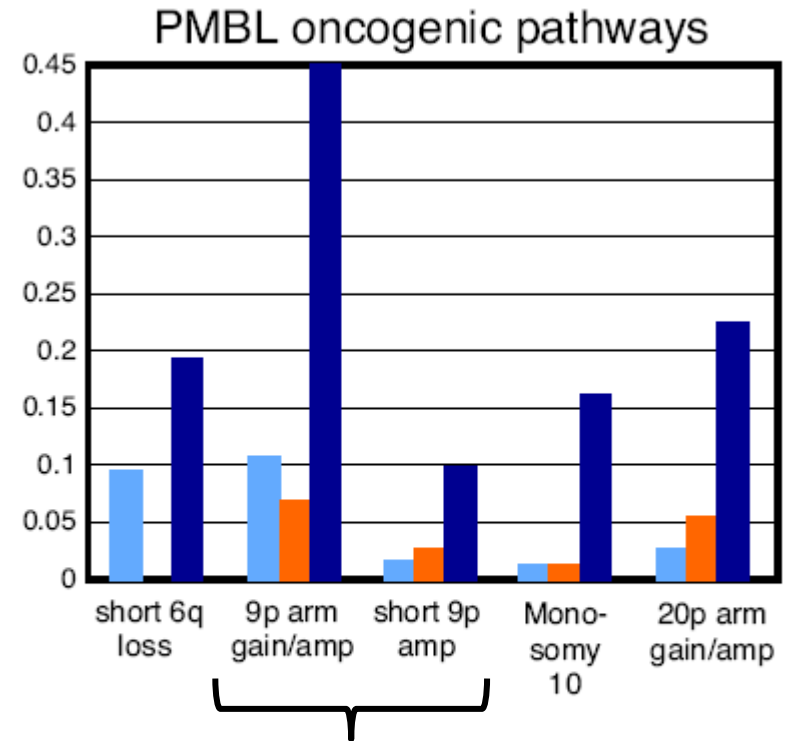
| <i>Features</i>    | <i>PMBCL</i> | <i>cHL</i> | <i>DLBCL</i> | <i>MGZL</i> |
|--------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|-------------|
| Female/male        | 3:1          | 1:1        | 1:1          | 1:3         |
| Median age         | 35           | 28         | 55           | 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%      |

# Genomic hybridization: amplification of JAK2, PDL1, PDL2

PMBL transcriptional signature:  
constitutively activated JAK2

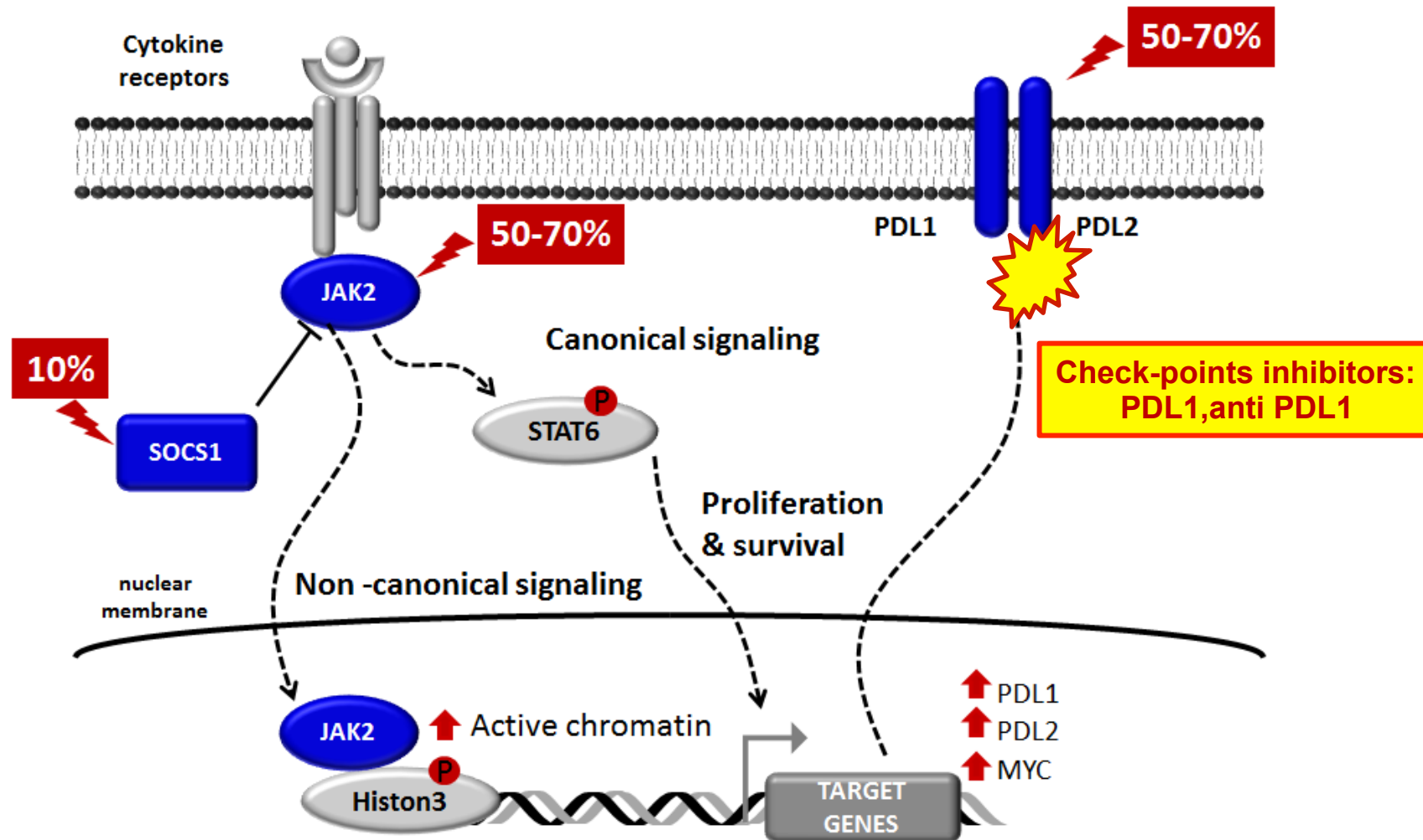


Recurrent amplification involving *JAK2*  
is the underlying genetic basis



***JAK2, PDL1, PDL2***

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



*Rosenwald et al. JEM, 2003, Lenz et al, PNAS 2008, Steidl et al. Nature 2011*

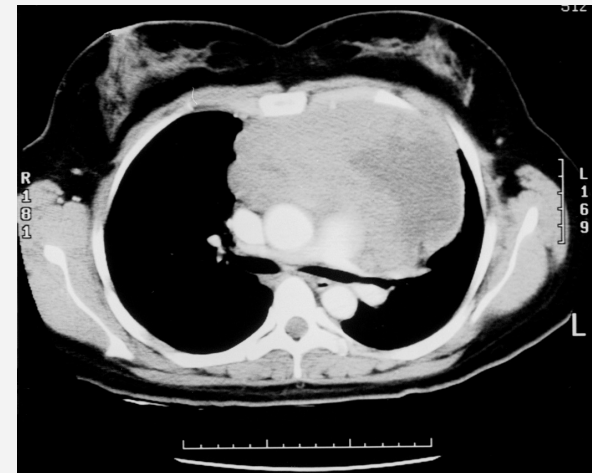
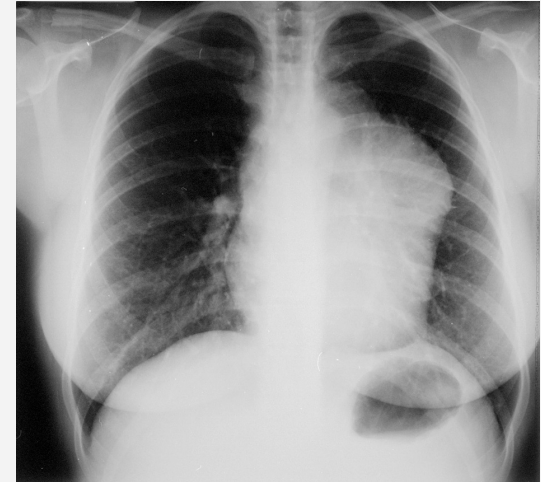
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# Clinical features

- 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\**

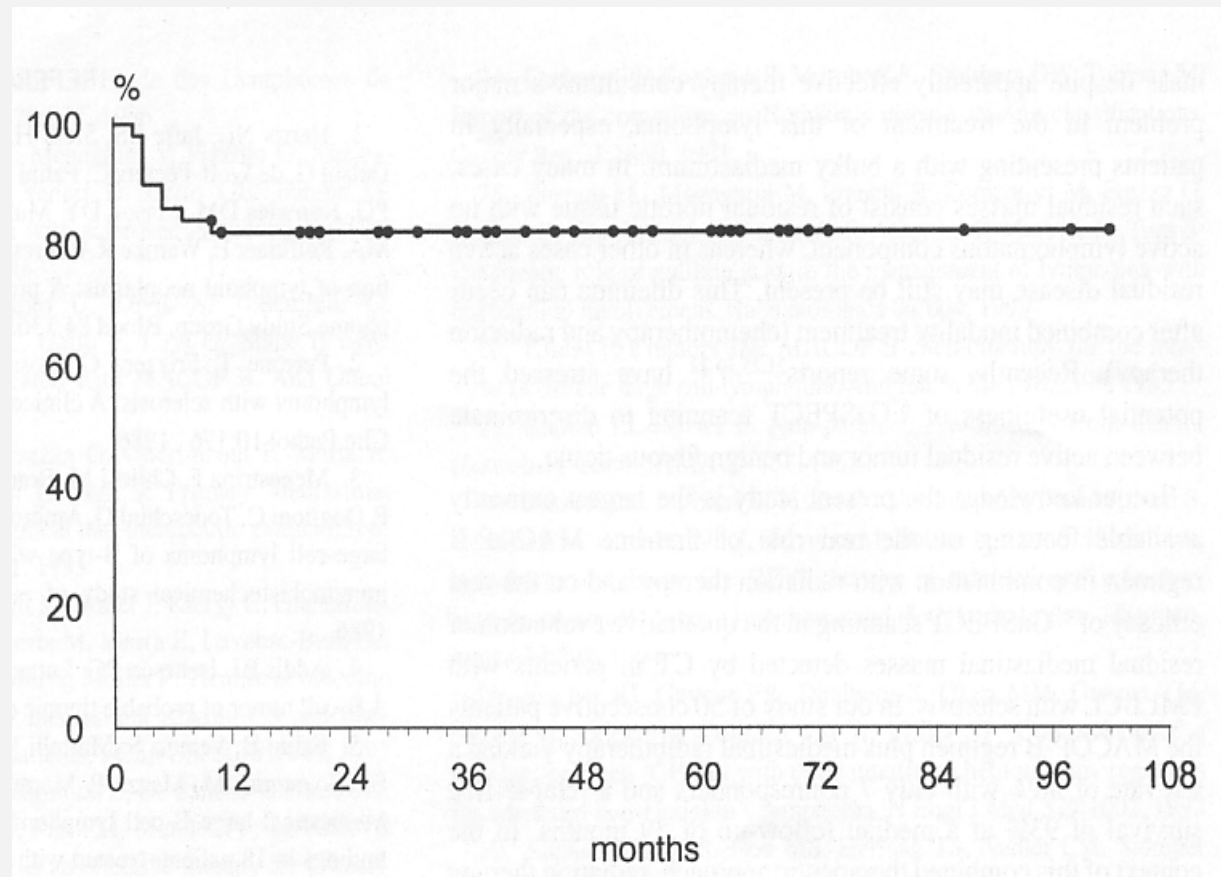
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# PMBCL : MACOP-B + mediastinal IFRT in 50 pts

## Relapse Free Survival



**Zinzani P.L, Martelli M, Magagnoli M, et al. Blood, 1999**

## A multicenter italian prospective study on 89 untreated patients treated with MACOP-B plus IFRT

### Overall survival

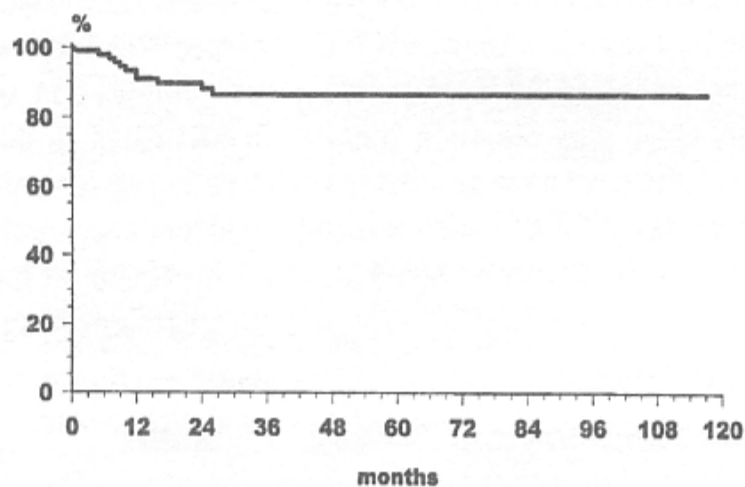


Figure 1. Overall survival curve of 89 patients with PMLB-CL with sclerosis treated with MACOP-B plus mediastinal radiation therapy.

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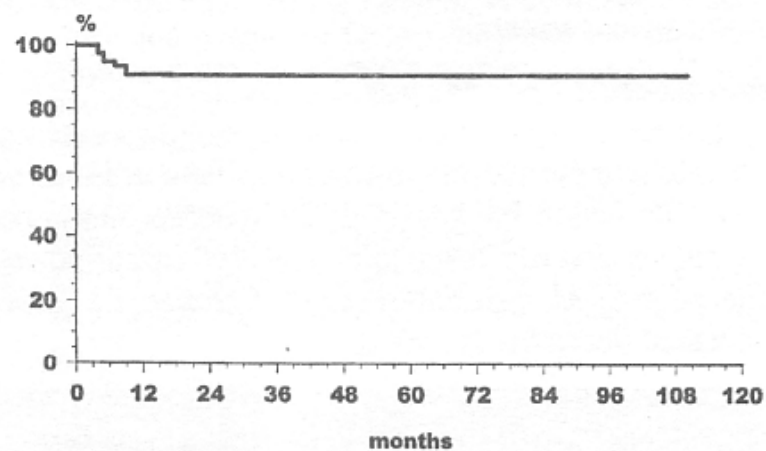
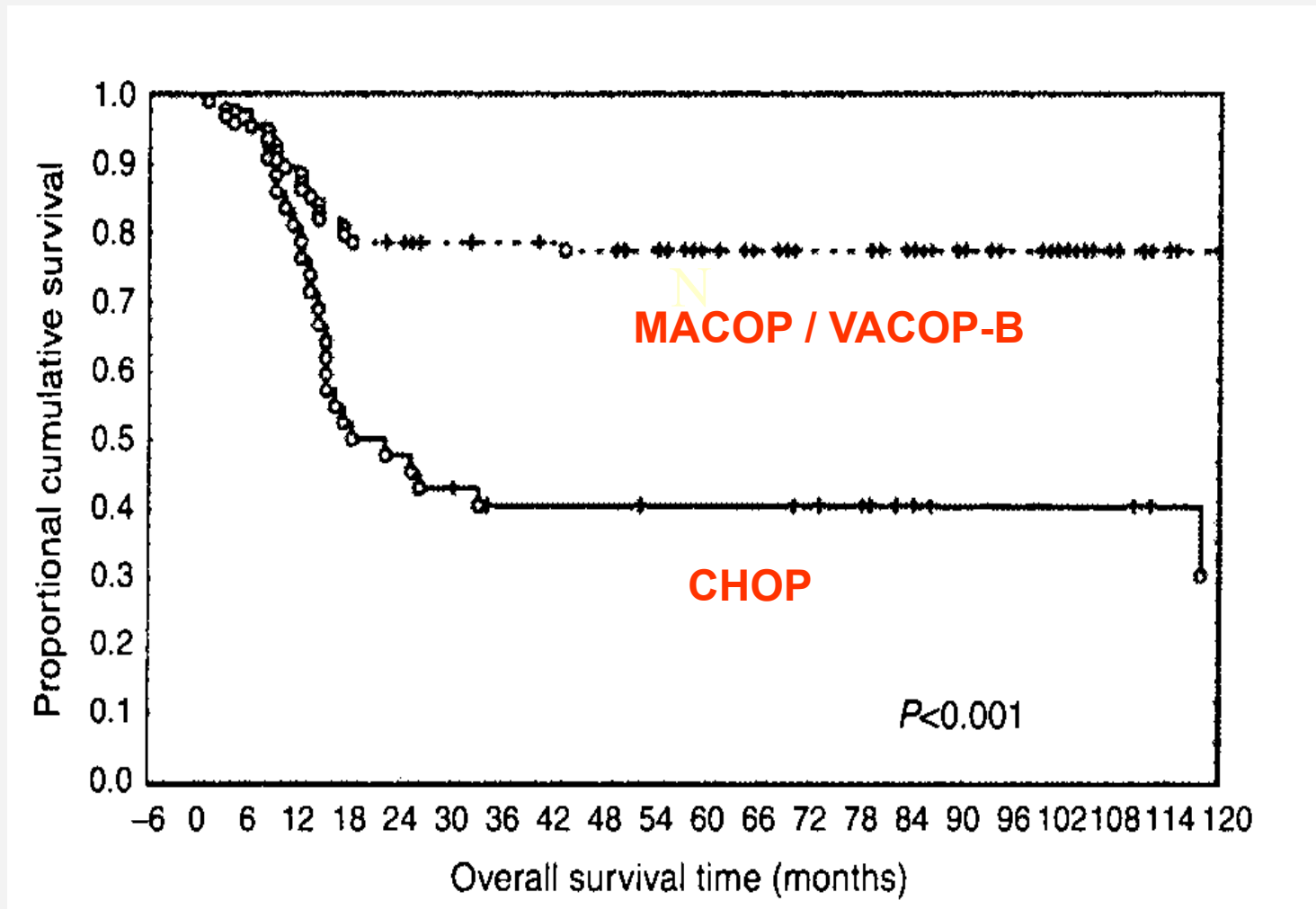


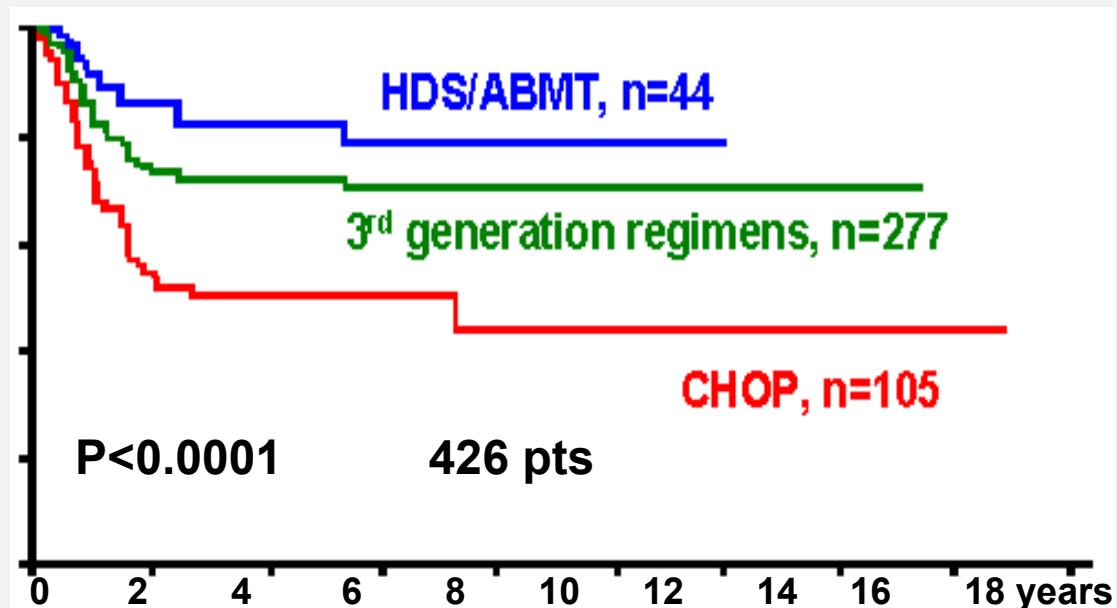
Figure 2. Relapse-free survival curve of 78 CR patients treated with MACOP-B plus mediastinal radiation therapy.

# PMBCL: retrospective multicentre italian study



*Todeschini et al B.J.Cancer 2004*

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



|                | CHOP   | 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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     |



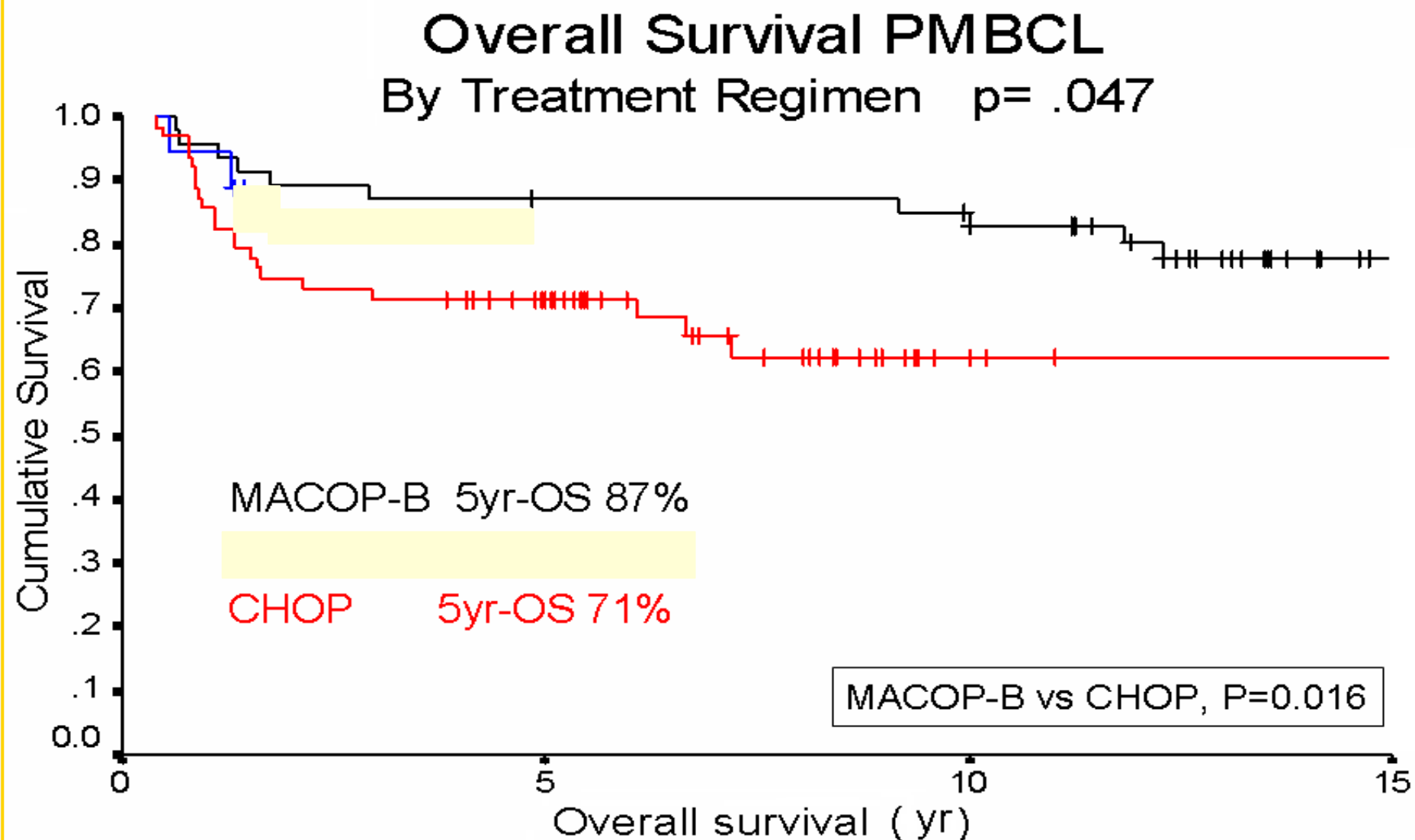
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**The Vancouver Experience**

Savage et al. Annals of Oncology 2006





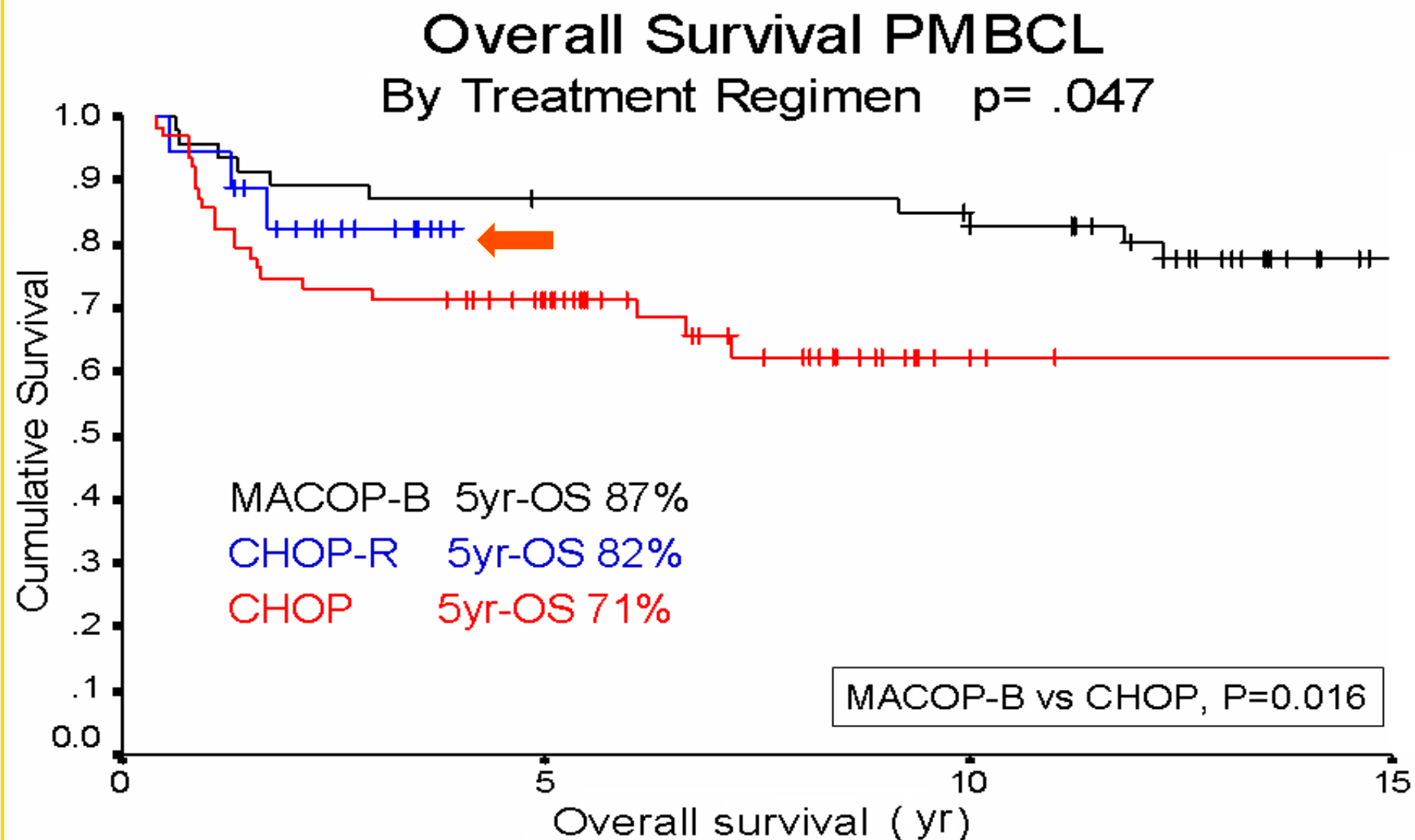
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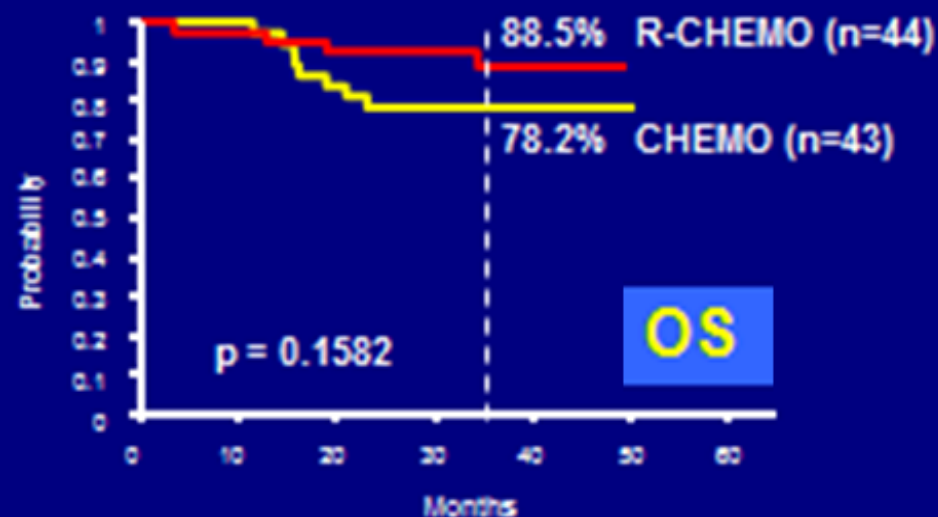
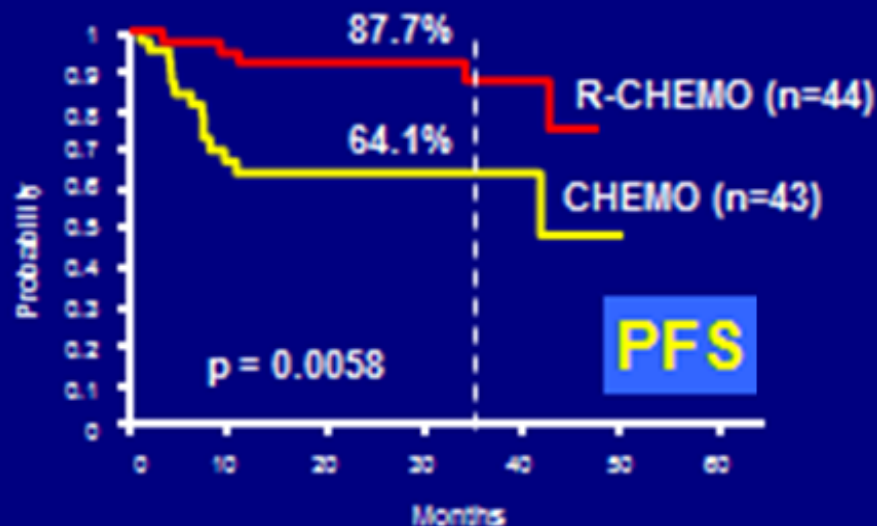
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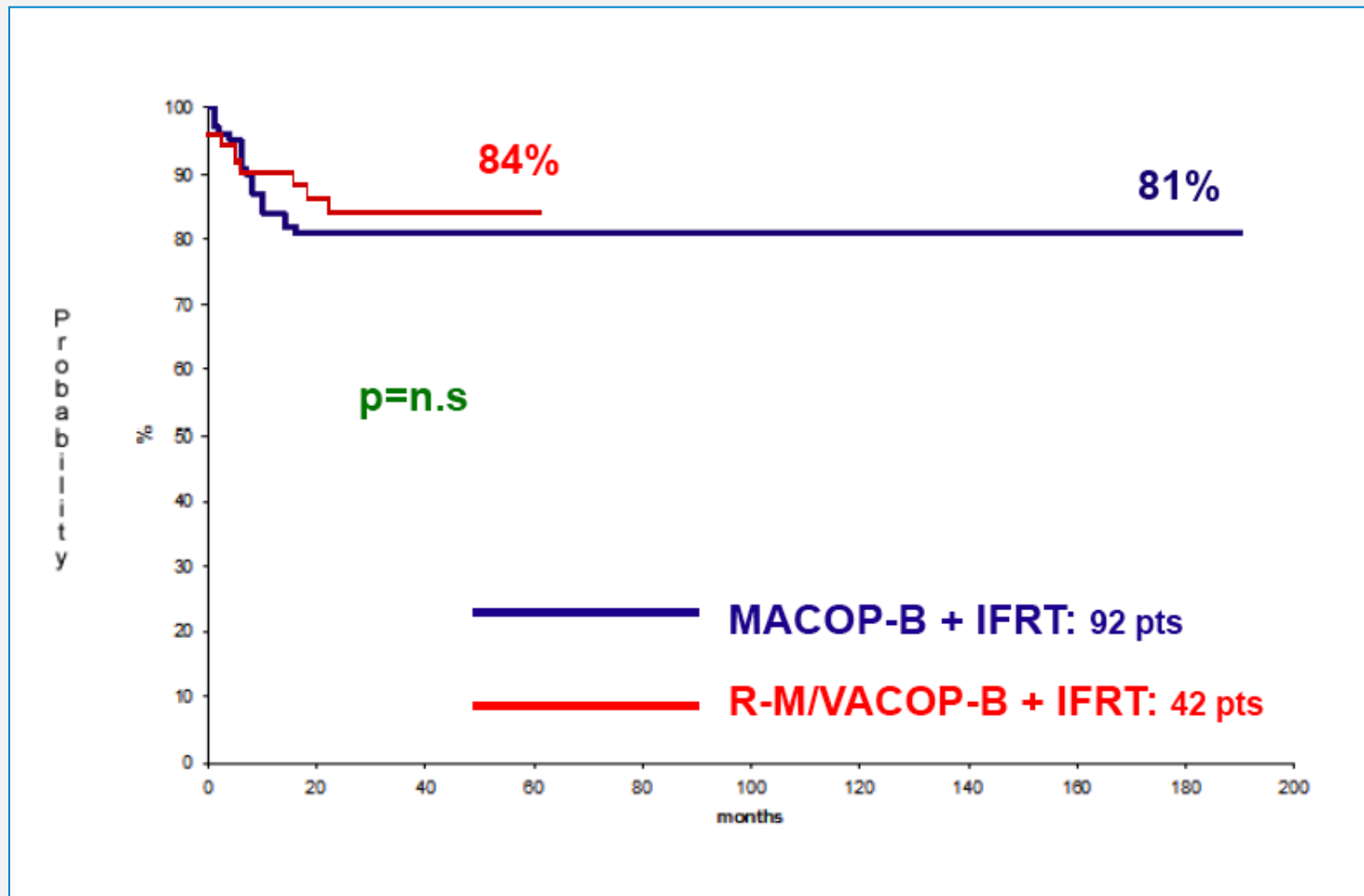
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- 87 /714 (10.5% ) of DLBCL were **PMBCL**
- median follow-up, 37 months
- R-chemo CR = 80% vs Chemo alone 54% (  $p= 0.03$ )
- R virtually eliminated PD in PMBCL (2.5% vs 24%;  $p = .006$ )
- Mediastinal IFRT 74% of patients



# M / VACOP-B + mediastinal RT PFS in pre / post Rituximab era



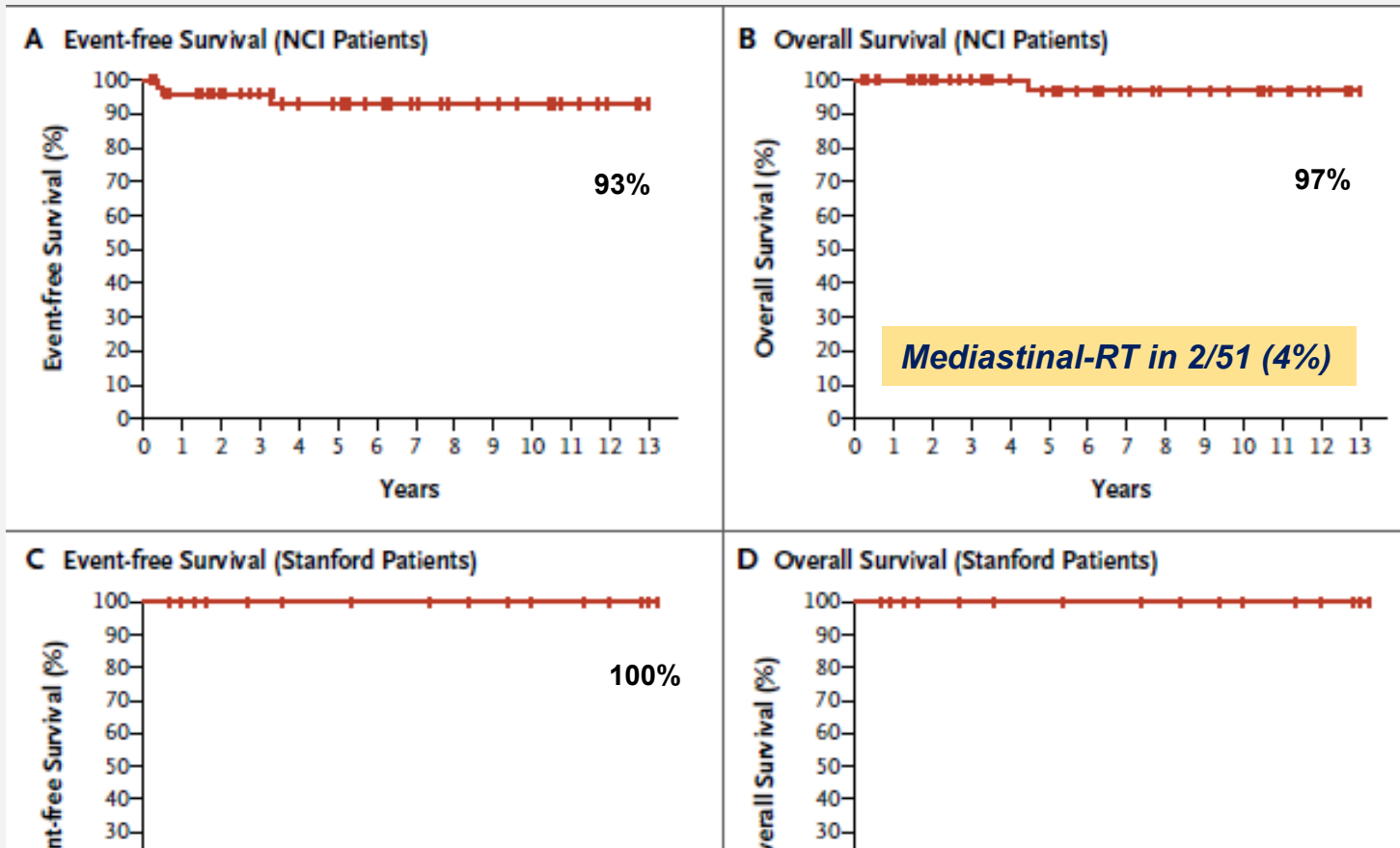
*De Sanctis V, Martelli M et al. Int J Rad Oncol Biol Phys 2008;  
Zinzani PL, Martelli M et al. Clinical Lymph and Myeloma 2009*

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

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

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Ranjana Advani, M.D., Clara C. Chen, M.D., Julie Hessler, R.N.,  
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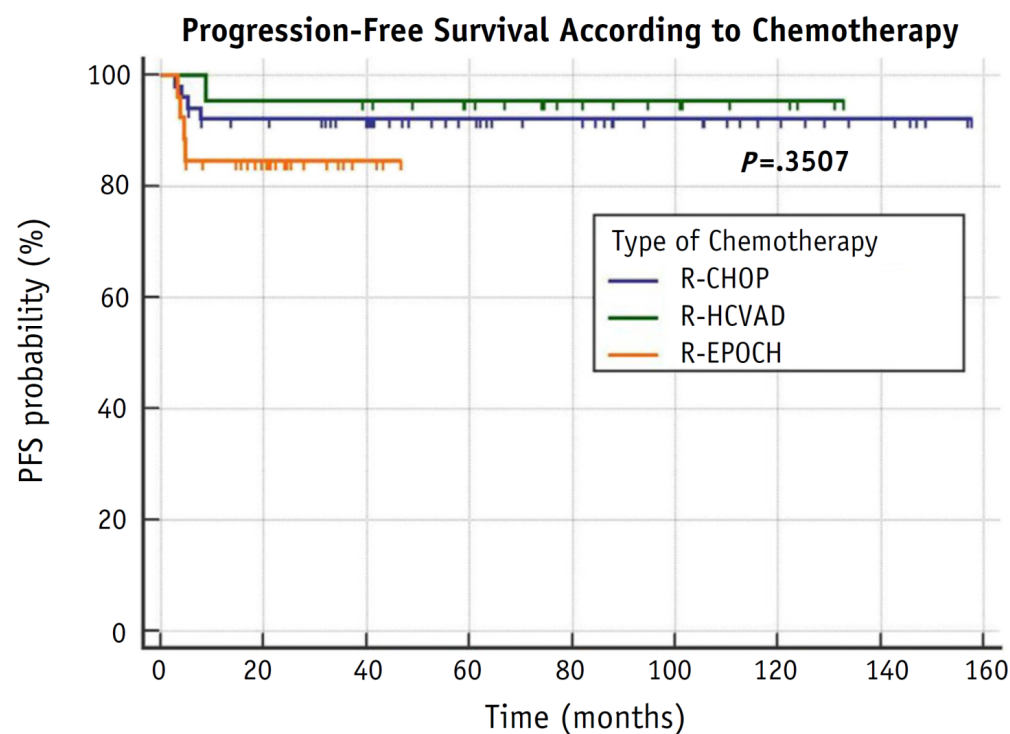
# DA-EPOCH Rituximab: NCI results (51 patients)



**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



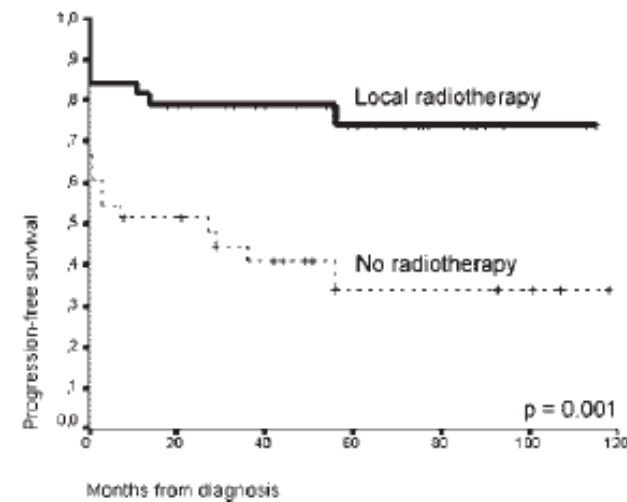
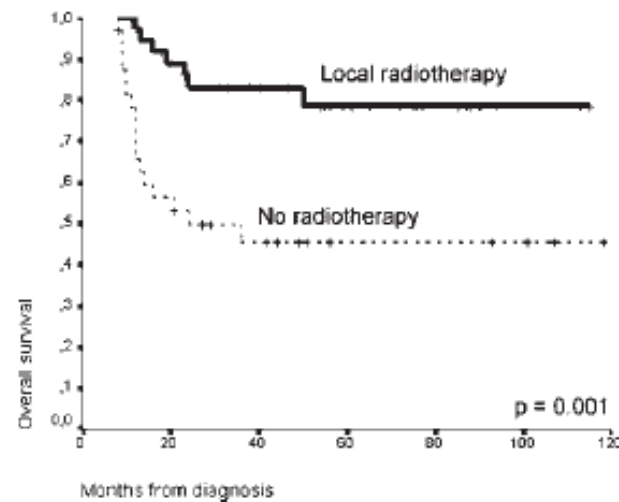
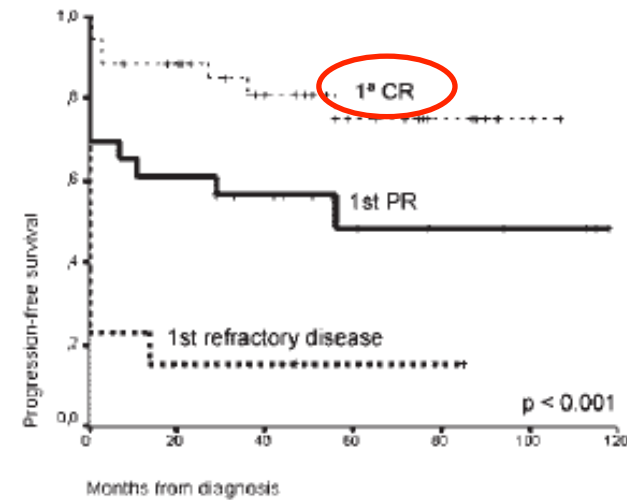
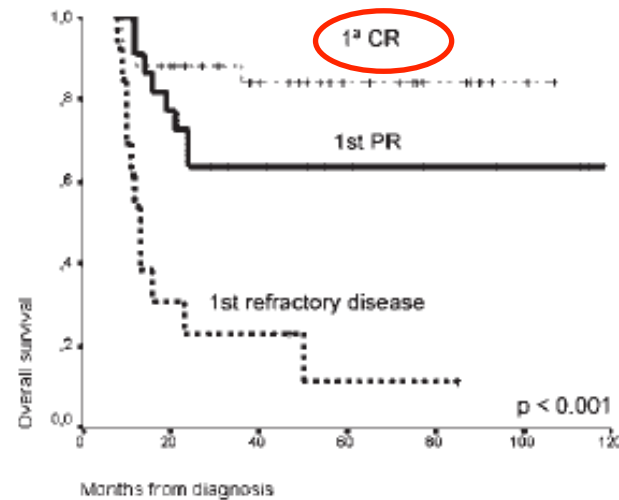
| Treatment characteristics      |                    |                     |                     |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Characteristic                 | R-CHOP<br>(n = 50) | R-HCVAD<br>(n = 22) | R-EPOCH<br>(n = 25) |
| No. of cycles                  |                    |                     |                     |
| Median                         | 6                  | 6                   | 6                   |
| Range                          | 5-8                | 5-8                 | 4-7                 |
| Radiation therapy              |                    |                     |                     |
| Consolidative<br>(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*

# ASCT in PMBCL: GELTAMO experience



*Rodriguez et al Hematological Oncology 2008*

# 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 and should be reserved only for patients who achieve a not complete response
- ❖ **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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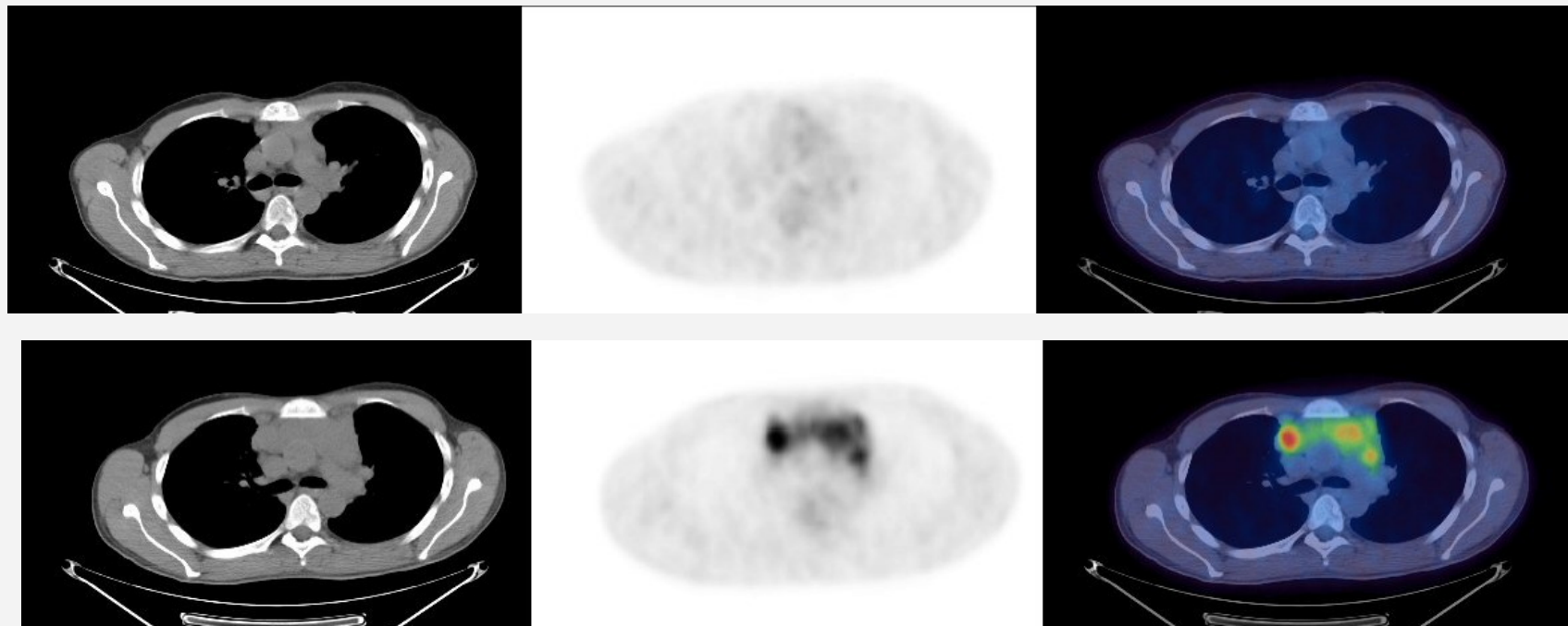
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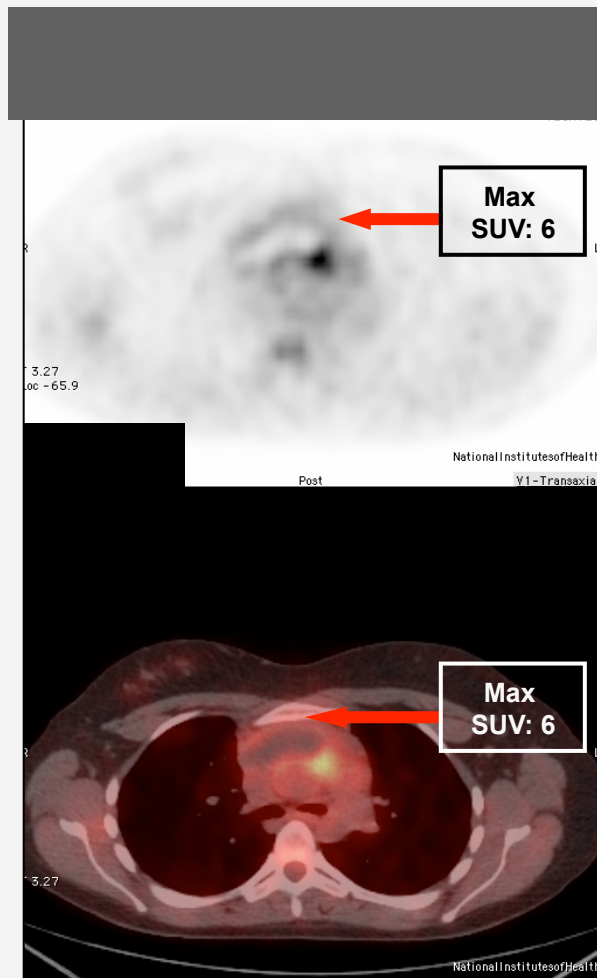
## PET-CT assessment for PMBCL



# FDG-PET Post R-CHT

## The problem of false positive results

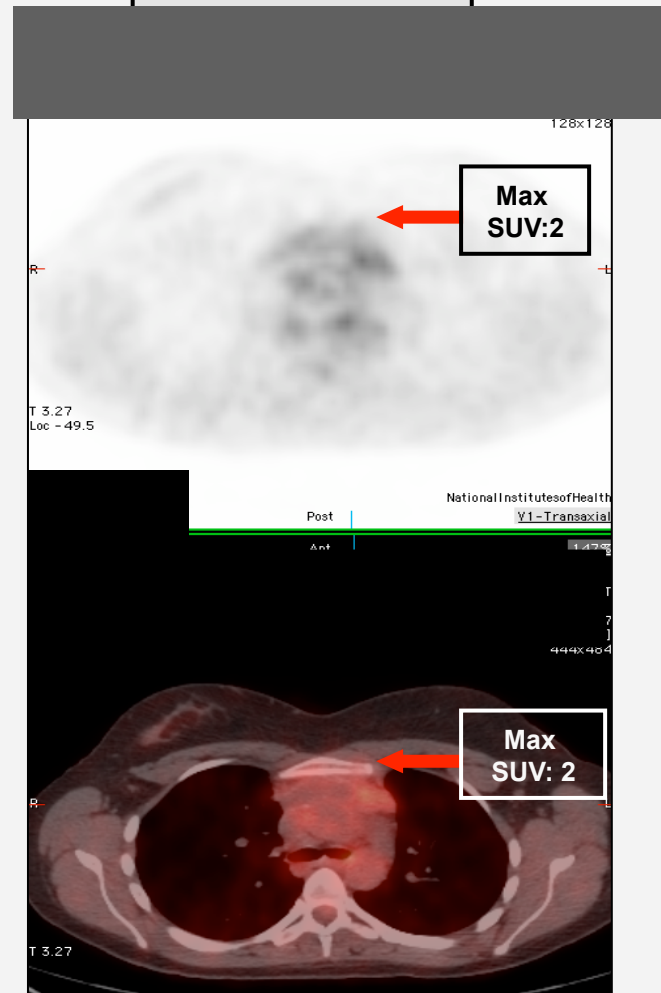
2 weeks end of chemoimmunotherapy



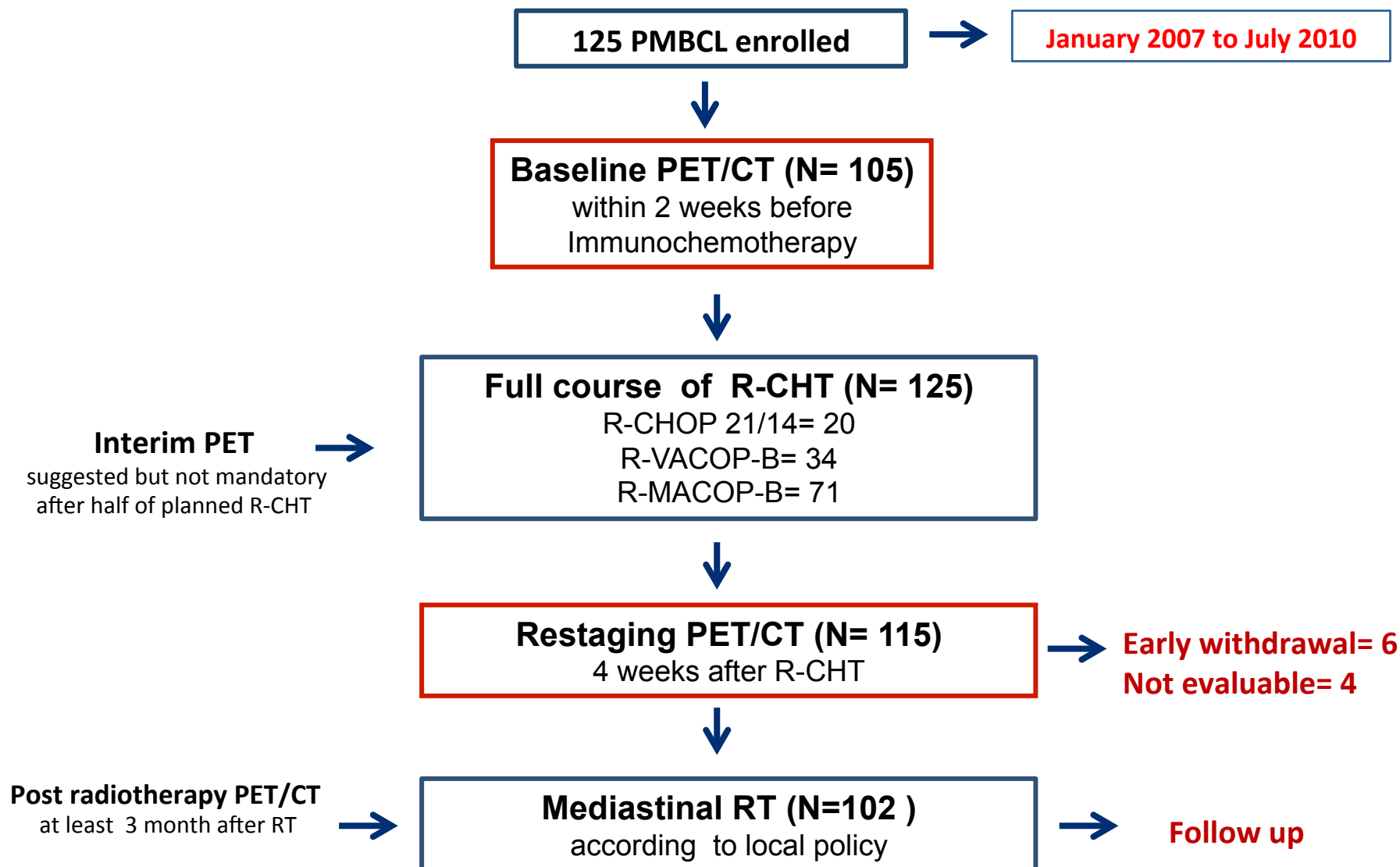
Observe



6 weeks later



# IELSG-26 study design



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ORIGINAL REPORT

# [<sup>18</sup>F]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

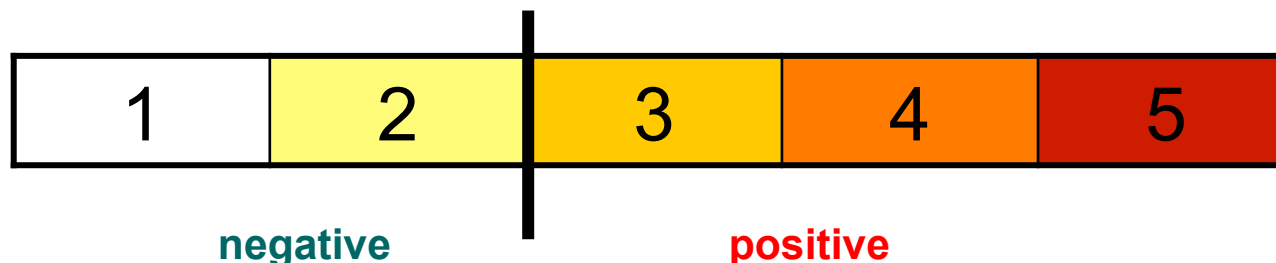
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# PET/CT response criteria (4 weeks after R-CHT)

\* *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         |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>12</b> | <b>42</b> | <b>27</b> | <b>24</b> | <b>10</b> |
| -         | 1         | -         | 5         | 6         |

negative

positive

**MBP cut-off**

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

**115 PET/CT**

**81 (70%) PET-neg**

**NPV= 99%**

**34 (30%) PET-pos**

**PPV=32%**

*Deauville score*

Nr. of patients

PD or relapse

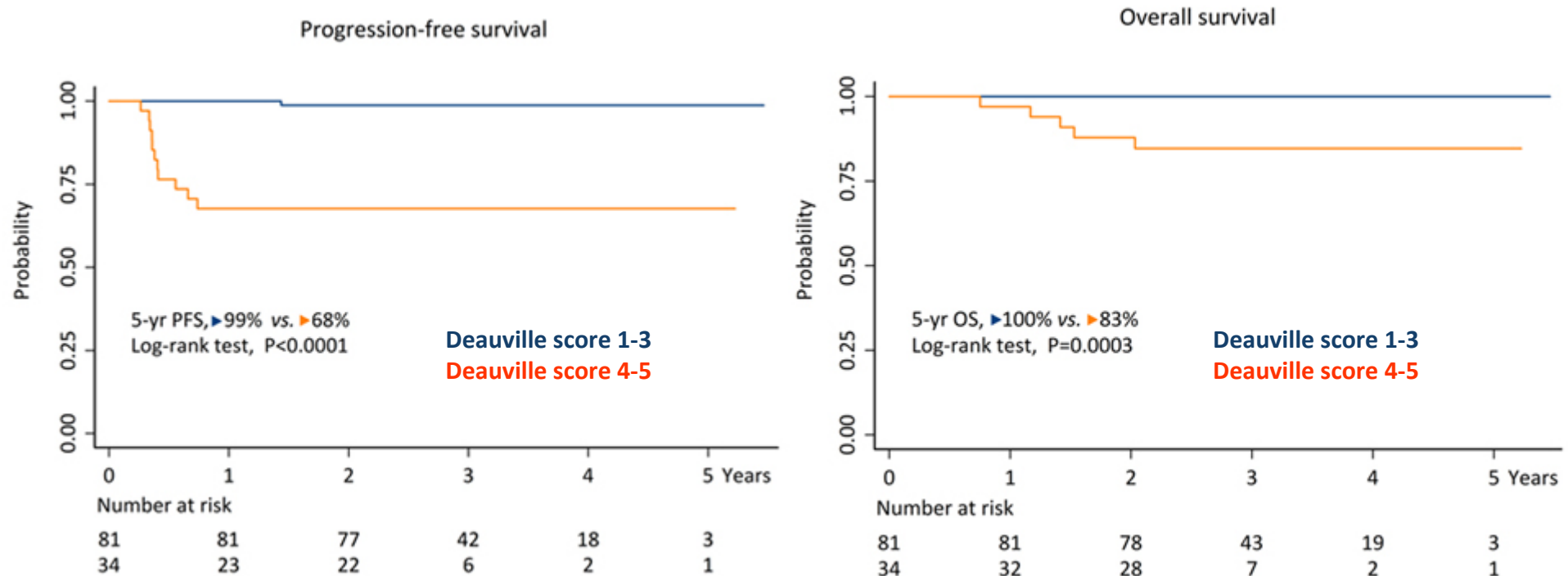
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positive

***Liver cut-off***

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



*Martelli et al. J.Clin.Oncol 2014*

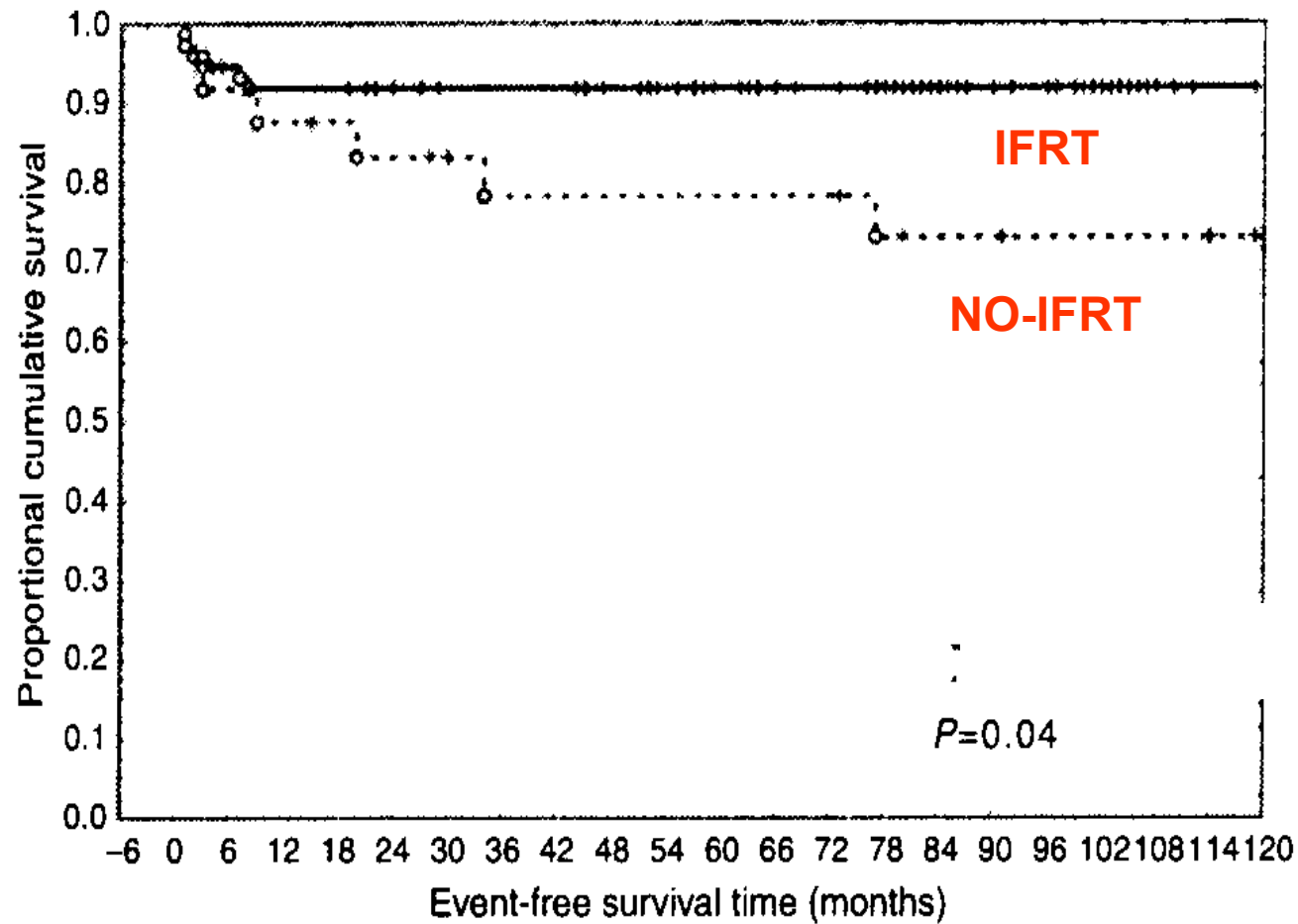
## Take home messages (3)

- 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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## Mediastinal RT in a retrospective Italian study



*Todeschini et al B.J.Cancer 2004*

# 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

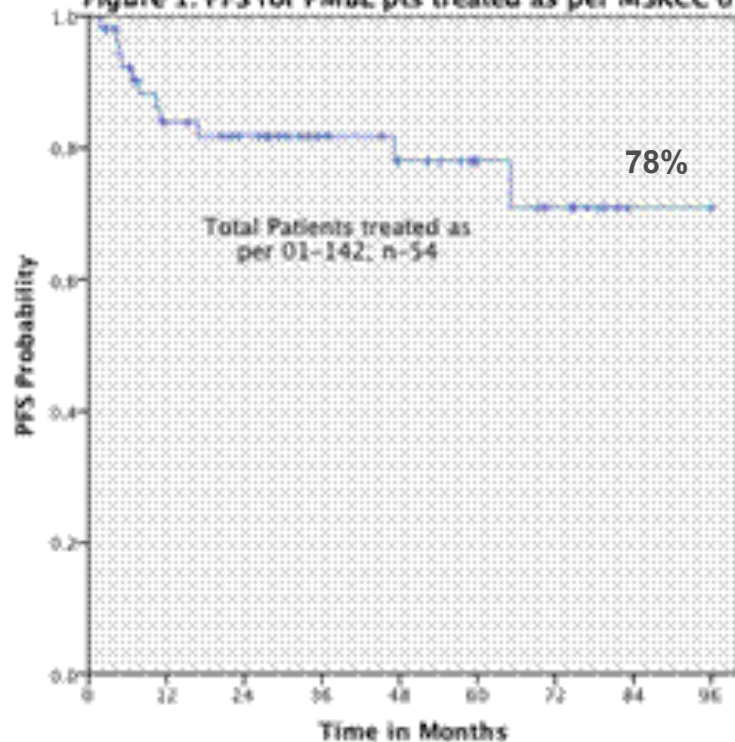
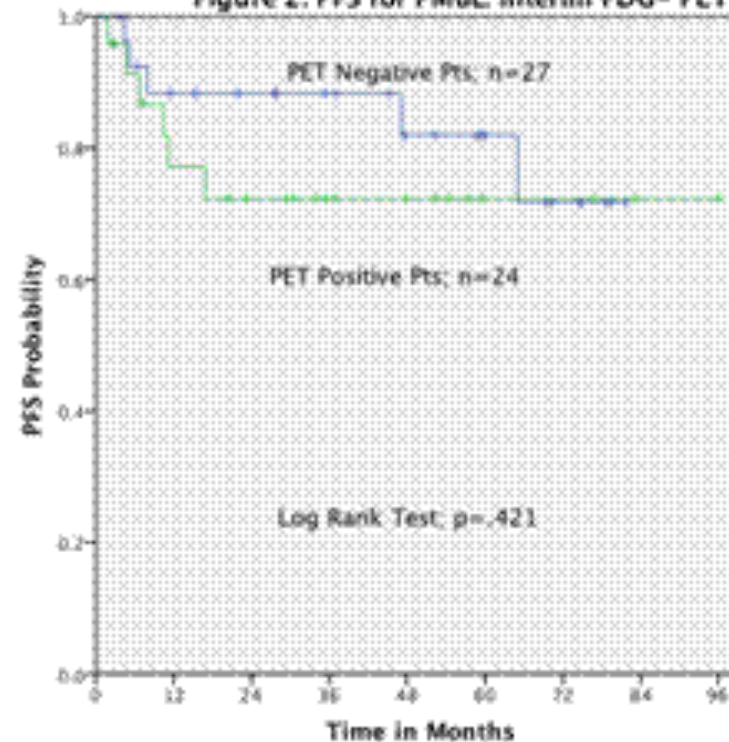


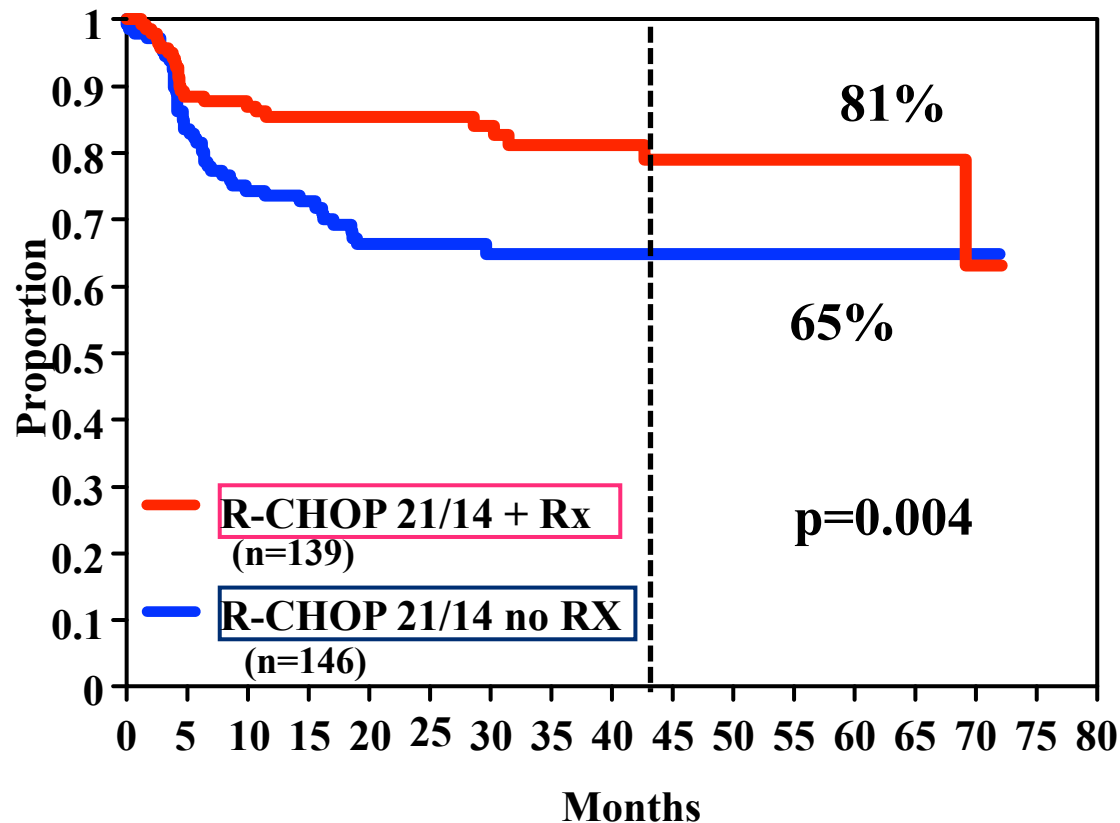
Figure 2: PFS for PMBL: Interim FDG- PET



# UNFOLDER phase 3 study: preliminary results

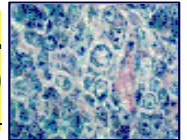
Patients 18- 60 years, aalPI=0 with bulk or aalPI=1, ITT (n=443)

Patients randomised to 4 arms (n=285)



GERMAN HIGH-GRADE NHL  
STUDY GROUP (DSHNHL)

[www.lymphome.de/en/Groups/DSHNHL](http://www.lymphome.de/en/Groups/DSHNHL)



**~20% PMBCL**

*Patients randomized  
to receive or not IFRT  
irrespectively of PET response*

**Discontinuation of the no RT arms due to evident benefit for IFRT in bulky disease**

# 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



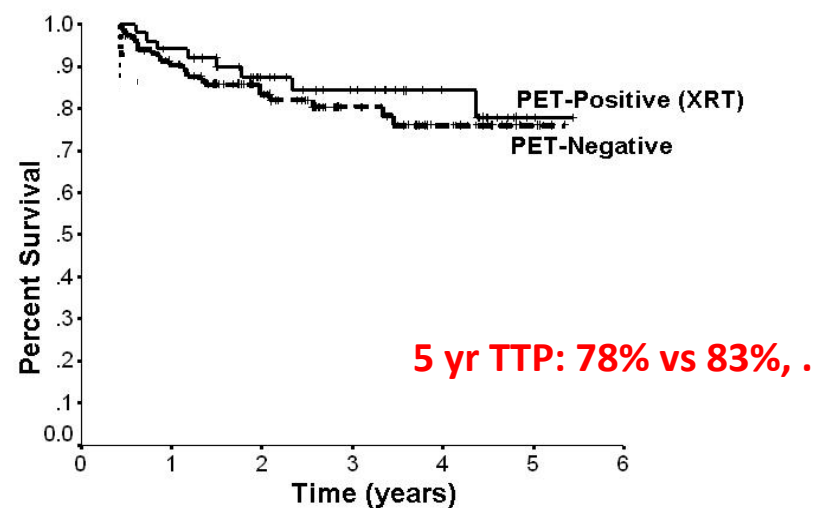
CT abnormalities  
≥ 2 cm



**R-CHOP+PET = 59**



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

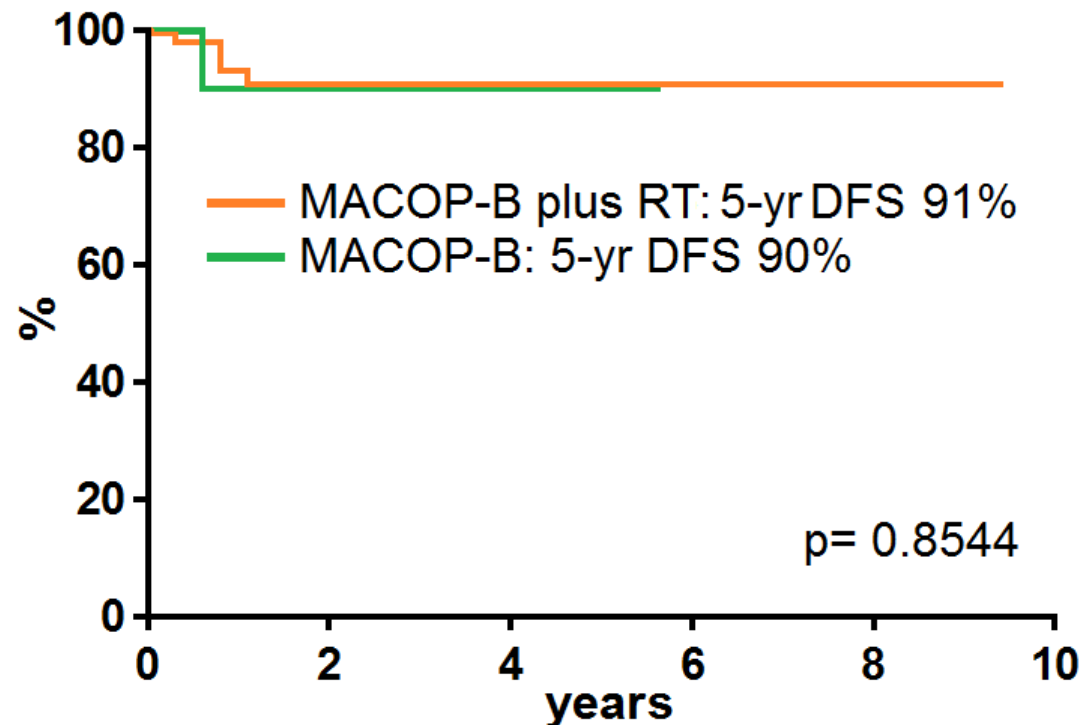


*Savage et al ASH 2012 abs 623*

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

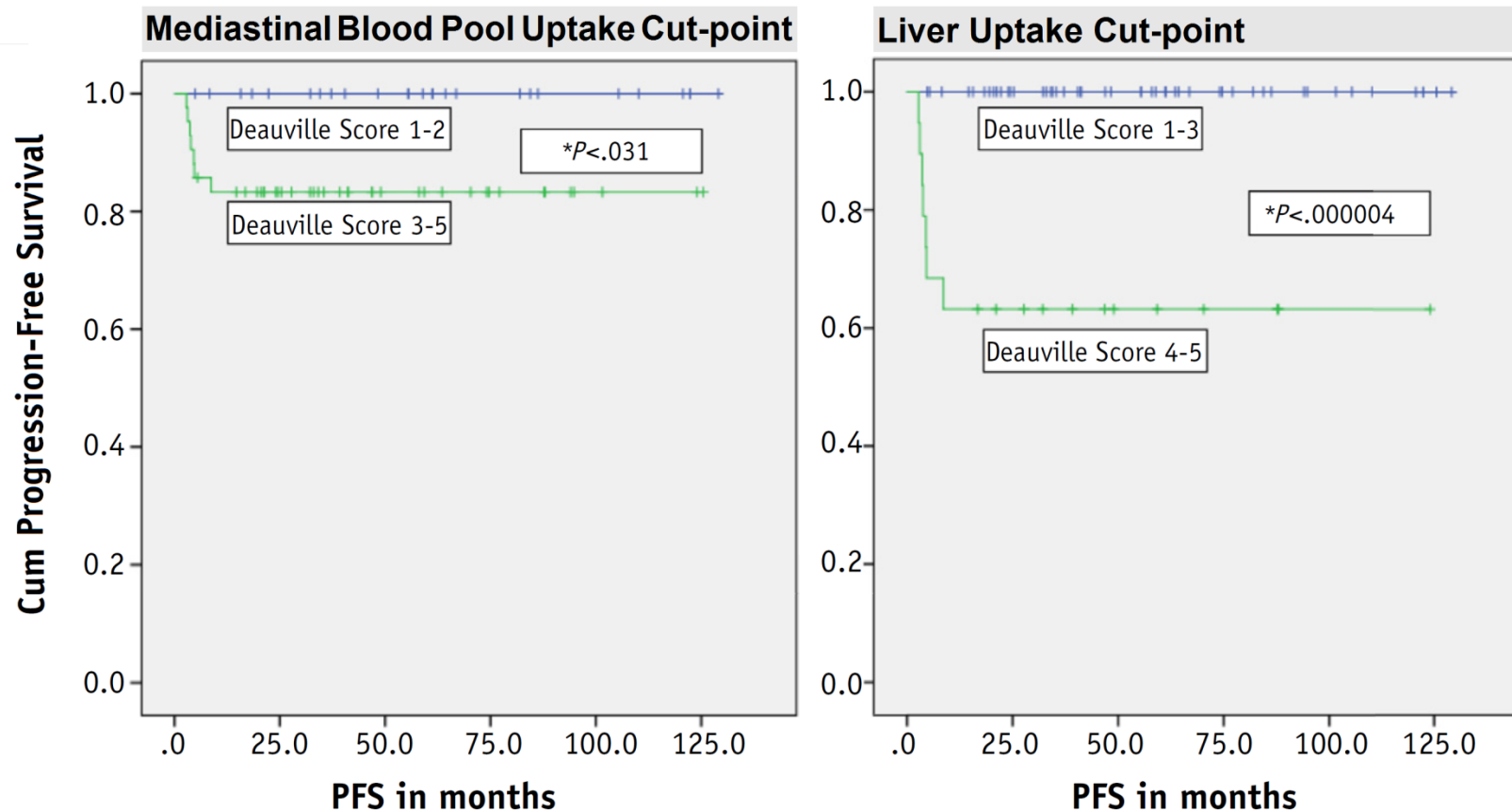
| MACOP-B-R ± RT                   |       |      |
|----------------------------------|-------|------|
| Response                         | N     | %    |
| CR                               | 61/74 | 82.4 |
| PR                               | 5/74  | 6.8  |
| PD                               | 8/74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

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





# IELSG 37 study



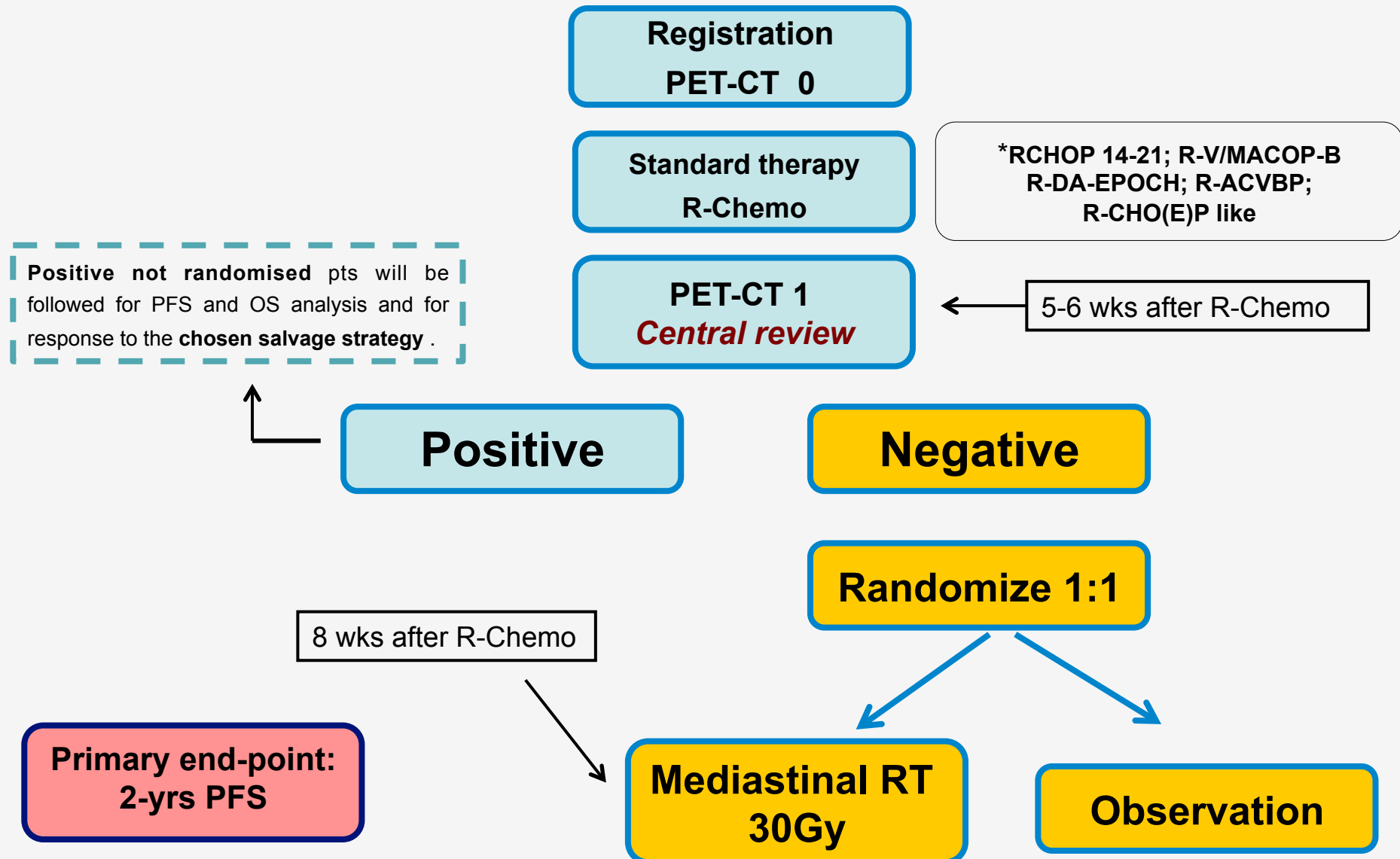
**A randomized, open-label, multicentre,  
two-arm phase III comparative study  
assessing the role of involved mediastinal  
radiotherapy in Primary Mediastinal Large  
B-Cell Lymphoma (PMBCL).**

**October 2012**



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# Trial design



# Central PET-CT review workflow



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reviewers download images from Widen

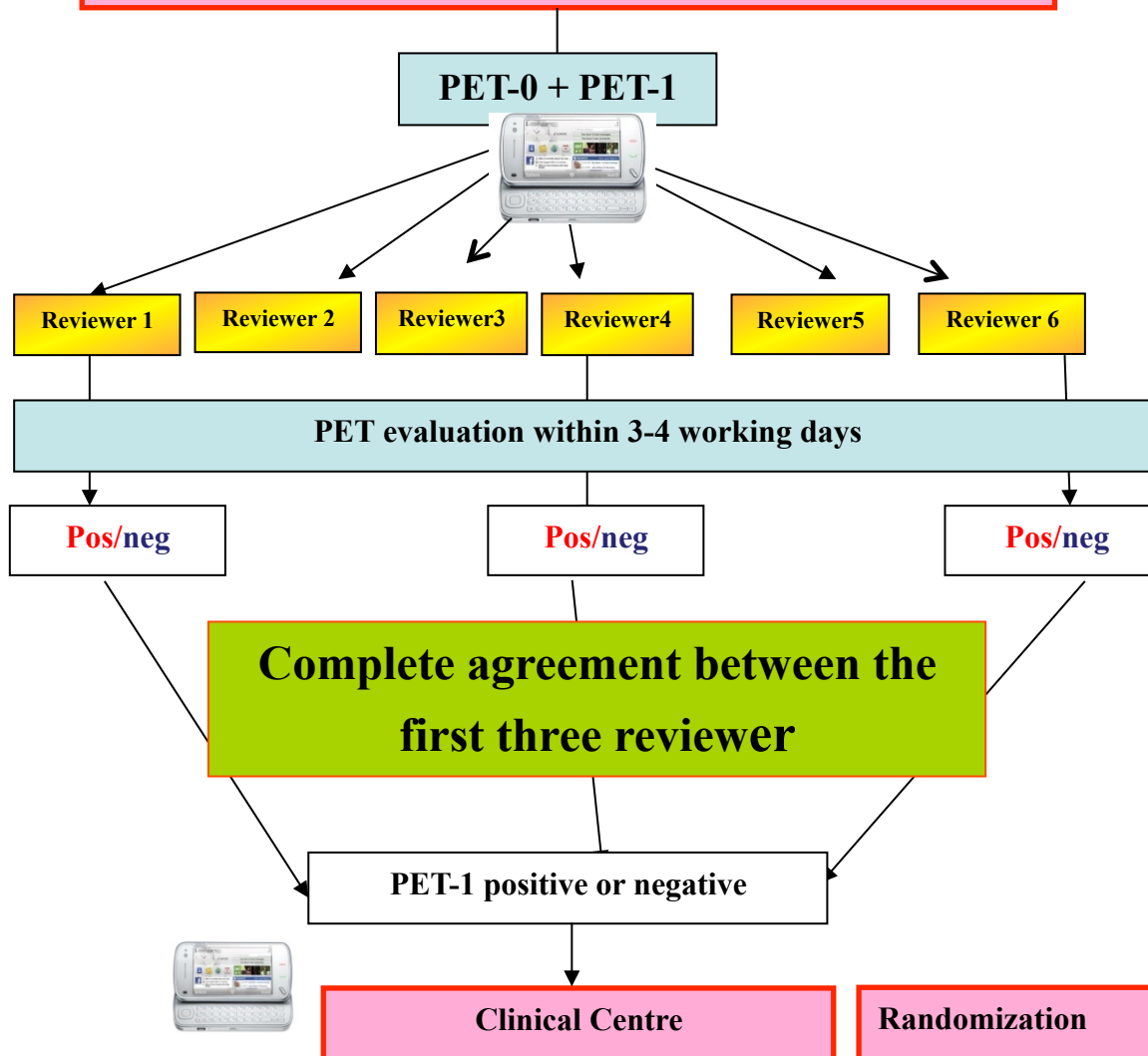
reviewers evaluate images

reviewers post results to Widen

Widen combine reviews

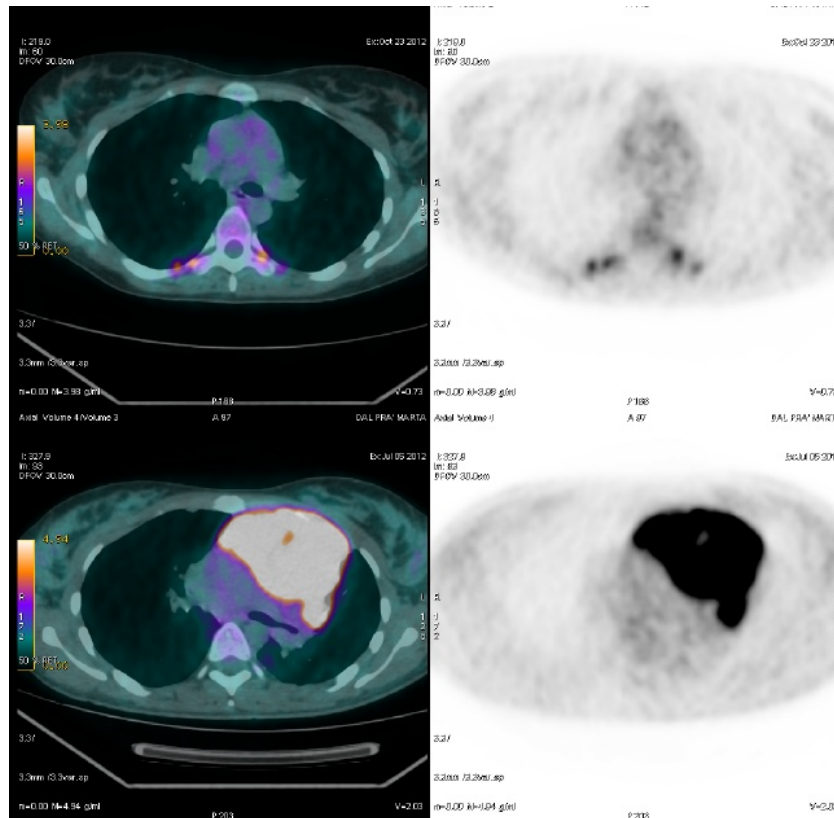
Widen send results to Clinical Centre

Local PET centre uploads PET images on Widen



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

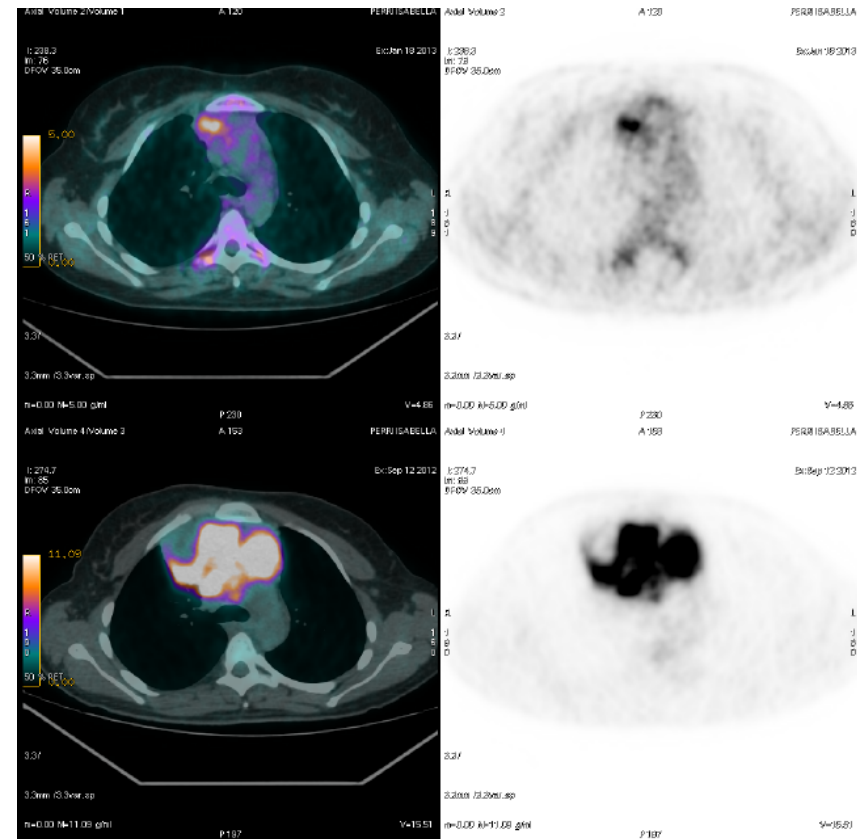
## Post-CHT PET



**PET-0**

**Deauville score 2**  
**Central review: negative**

## Post-CHT PET



**PET-0**

**Deauville score 4**  
**Central review: positive**

# Enrolled patients by sites (March, 2016)

| <b>Total number of patients</b>        | <b>240</b> |
|----------------------------------------|------------|
| <b>Countries enrolling</b>             | <b>9</b>   |
| <b>Centres with at least 1 patient</b> | <b>52</b>  |

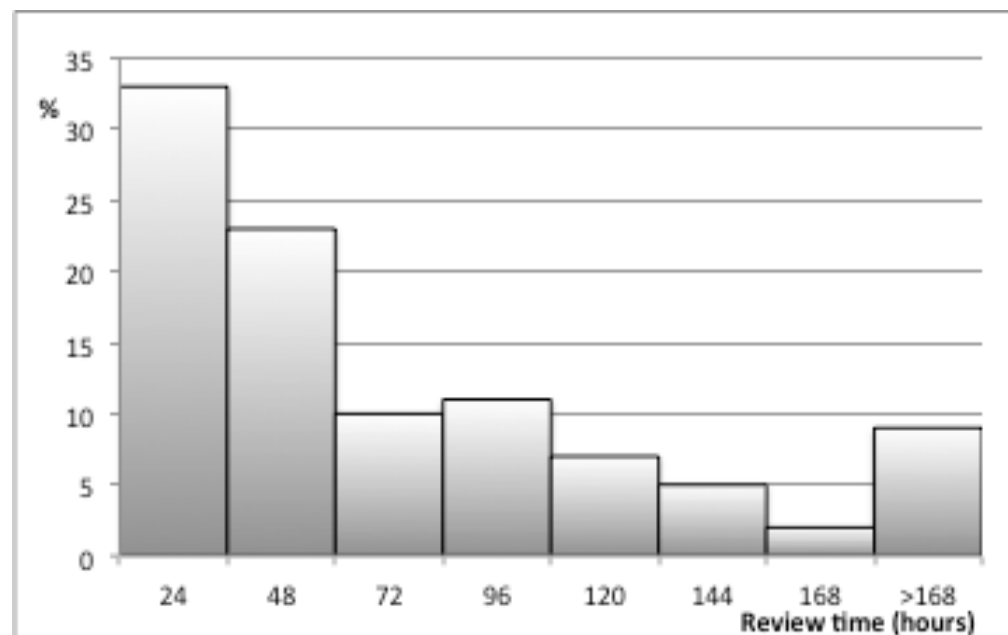
| Country      | Center                    | Patients   |
|--------------|---------------------------|------------|
| <b>Italy</b> | <b>FIL</b>                | <b>172</b> |
| Ukraine      | Kiev                      | 21         |
| Canada       | Toronto                   | 3          |
| Norway       | 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*

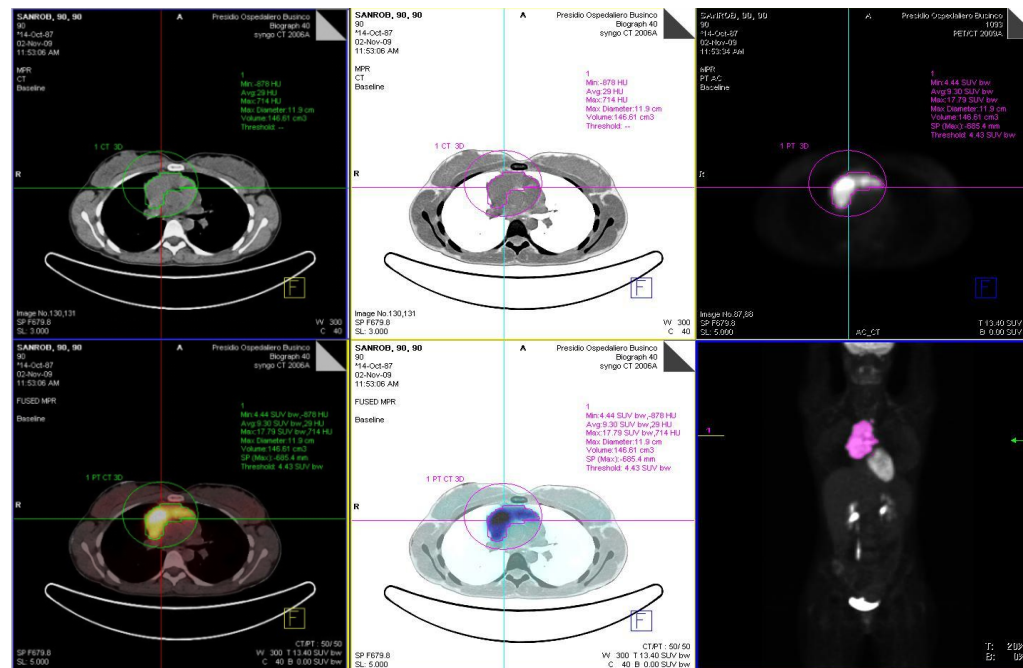


# Open questions

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

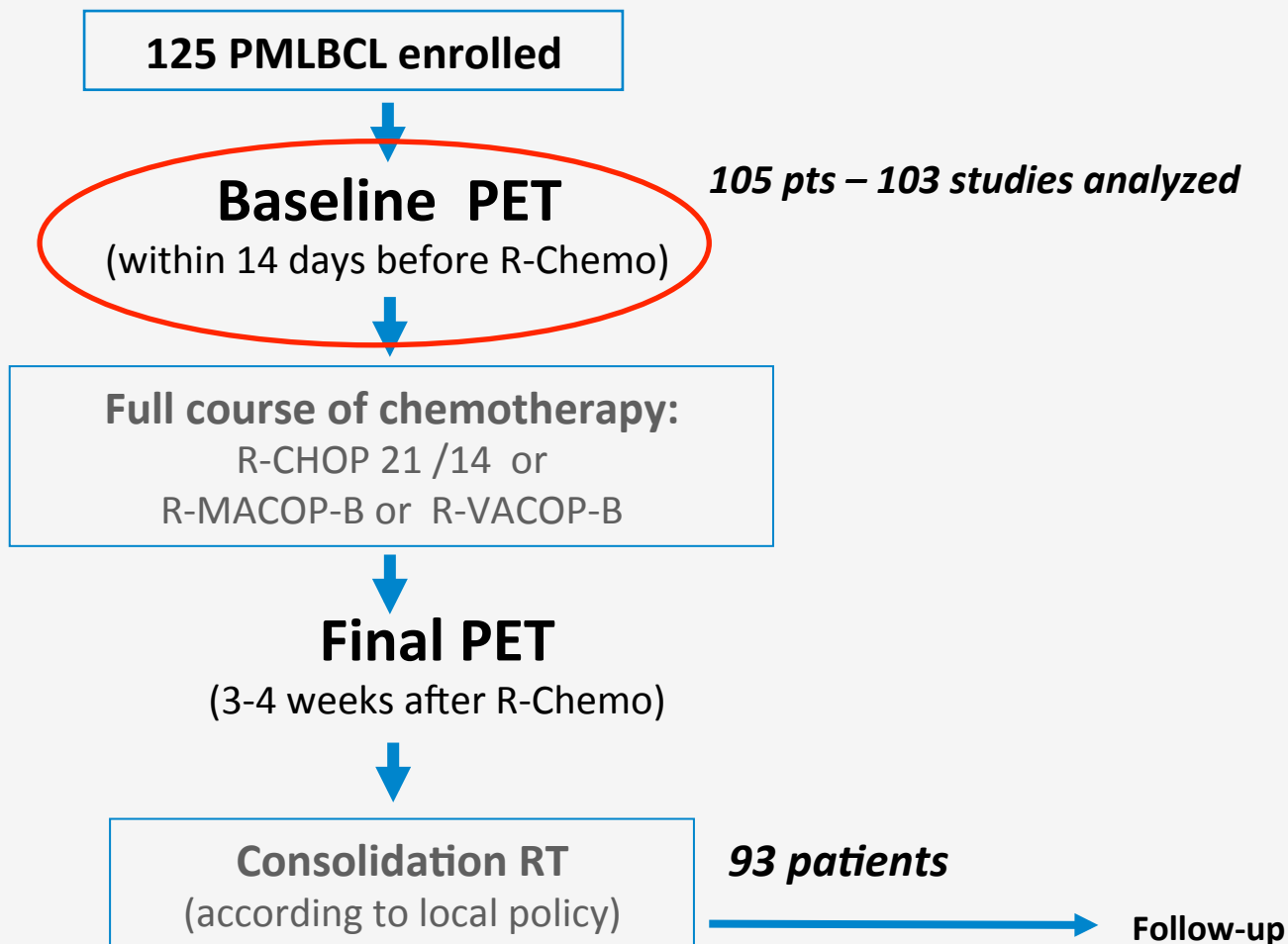
# Functional and quantitative PET parameters

- 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



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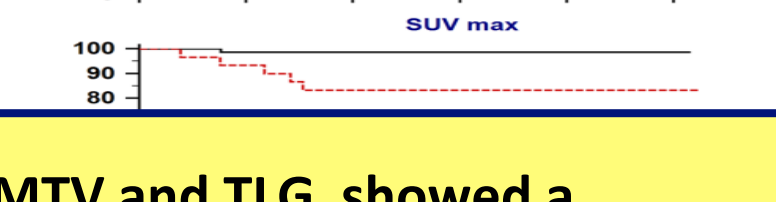
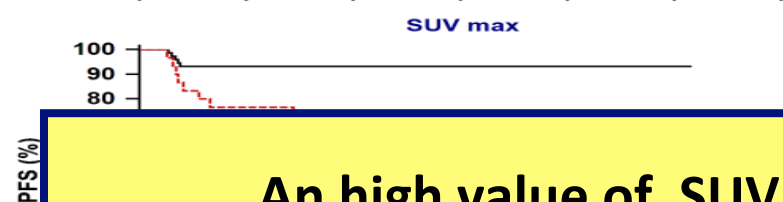
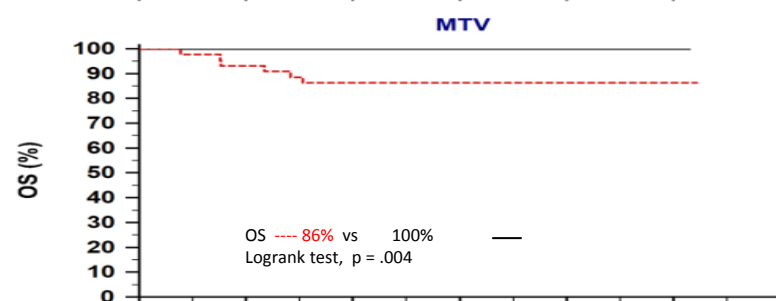
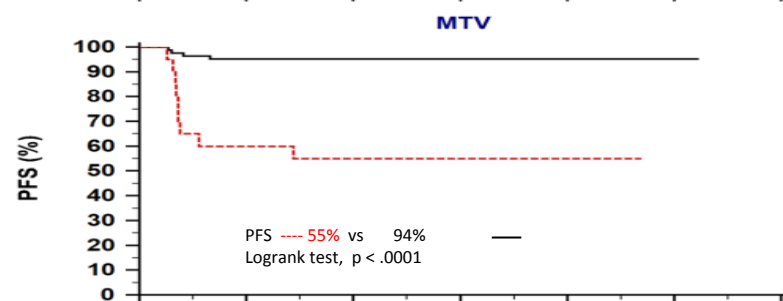
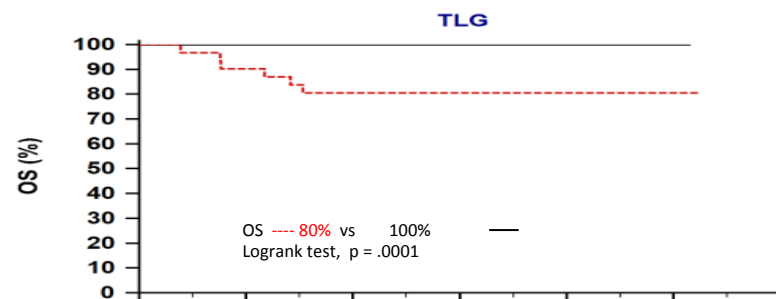
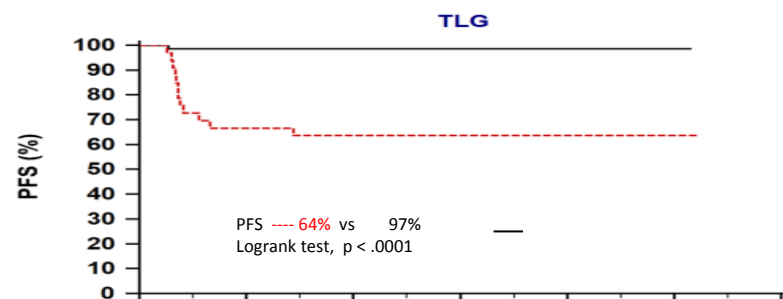
### CLINICAL TRIALS AND OBSERVATIONS

# 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

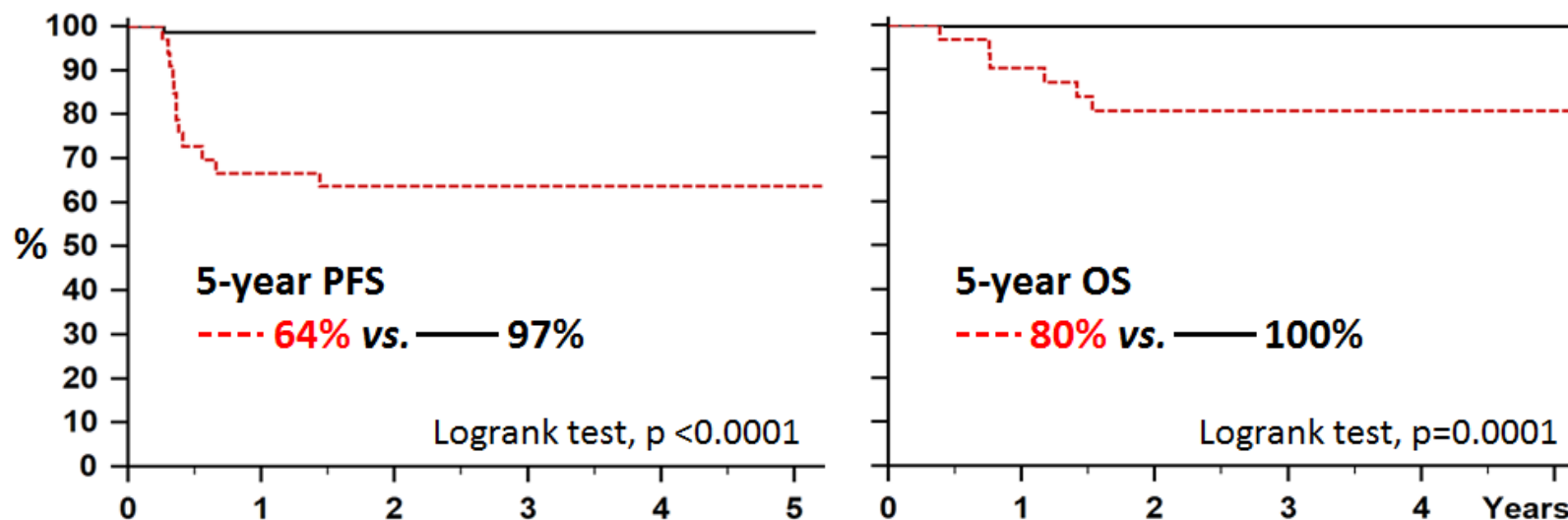


**An high value of SUVmax, MTV and TLG showed a significant inferior PFS and OS at *univariate analysis***

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

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

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

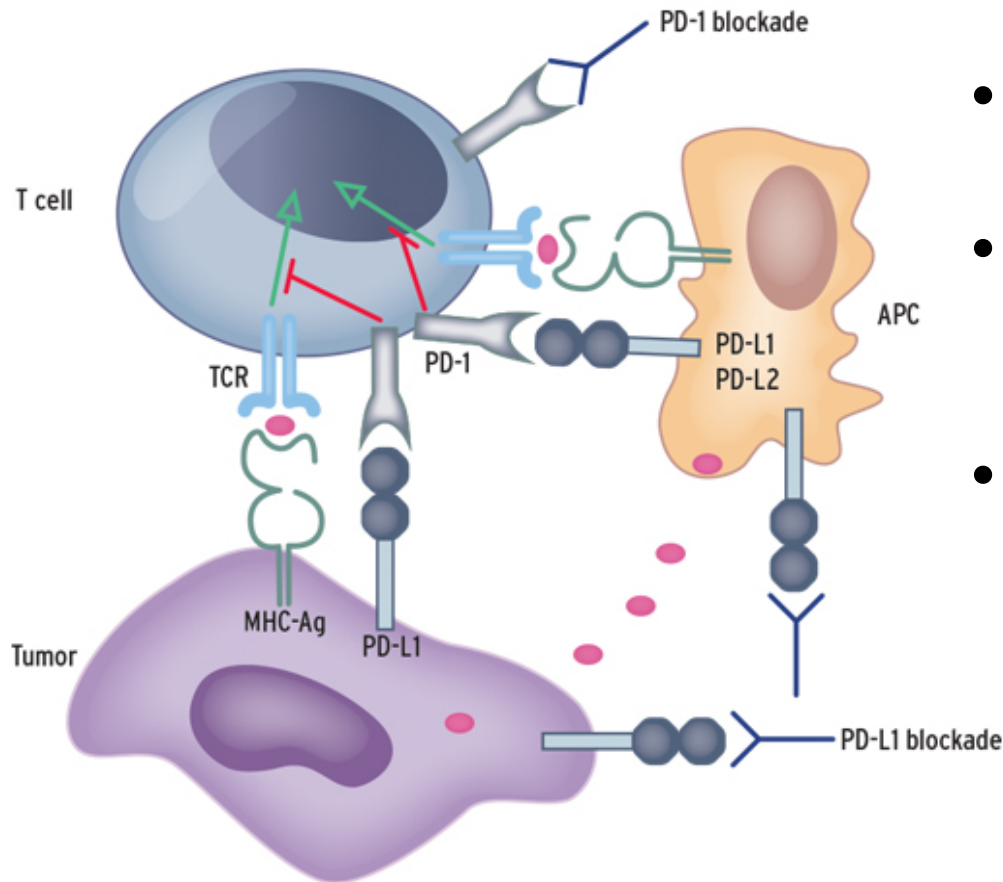


## Take home messages (4)

- 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
- 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.
- New biological drugs for selective pathways, should be also explored in the future treatment of PMBCL

# PD-1 Pathway as target therapy of PMBCL

**Checkpoints inhibitors:  
nivolumab, pidilizumab**

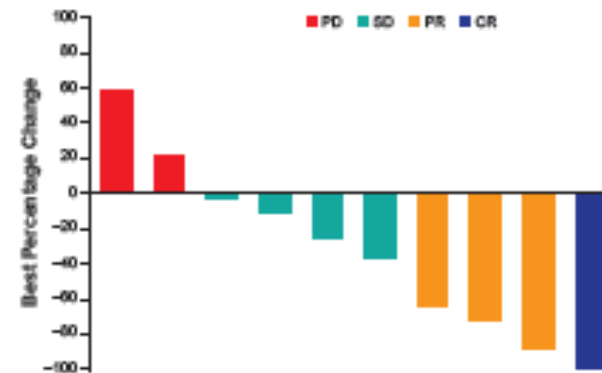


- PD-1 is expressed on the surface of activated T cells
- Its ligands, PD-L1 and PD-L2, are overexpressed in certain tumor cells (**PMBCl, LH**)
- Binding of PD-1 to its ligands inhibits T-cell activation, allowing tumors to evade the immune response

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

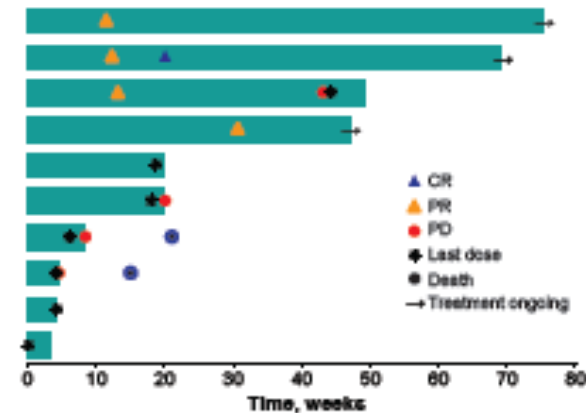
| Characteristic                              | n = 11     |
|---------------------------------------------|------------|
| Sex, n (%)                                  |            |
| Female                                      | 8 (73)     |
| Male                                        | 3 (27)     |
| 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.



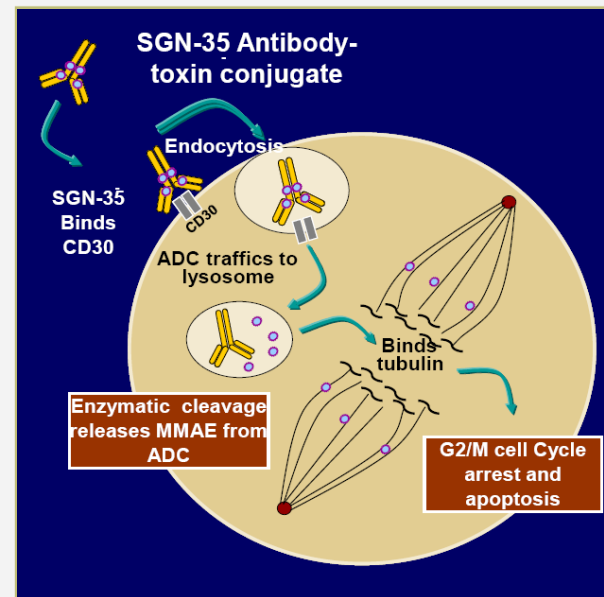
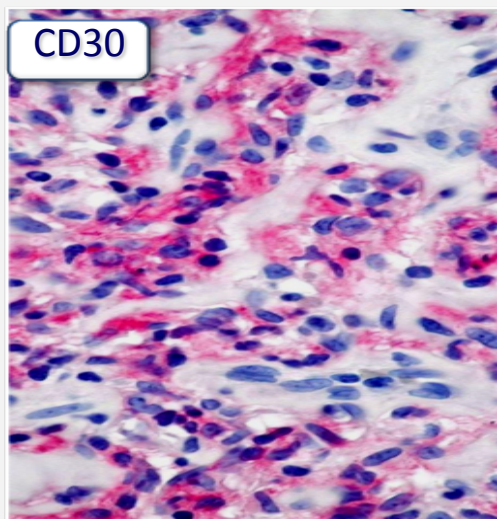
CR = complete remission; PD = progressive disease; PR = partial remission; SD = stable disease.

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

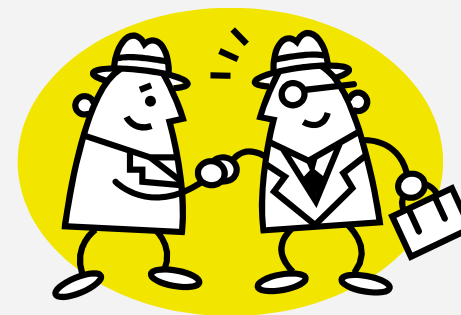
✓ CD30 is present in more than 80% of PMBCL usually weak and heterogeneous

## Brentuximab vedotin phase II study for relapsed/ refractory PMBCL

Principal investigator **PL Zinzani**



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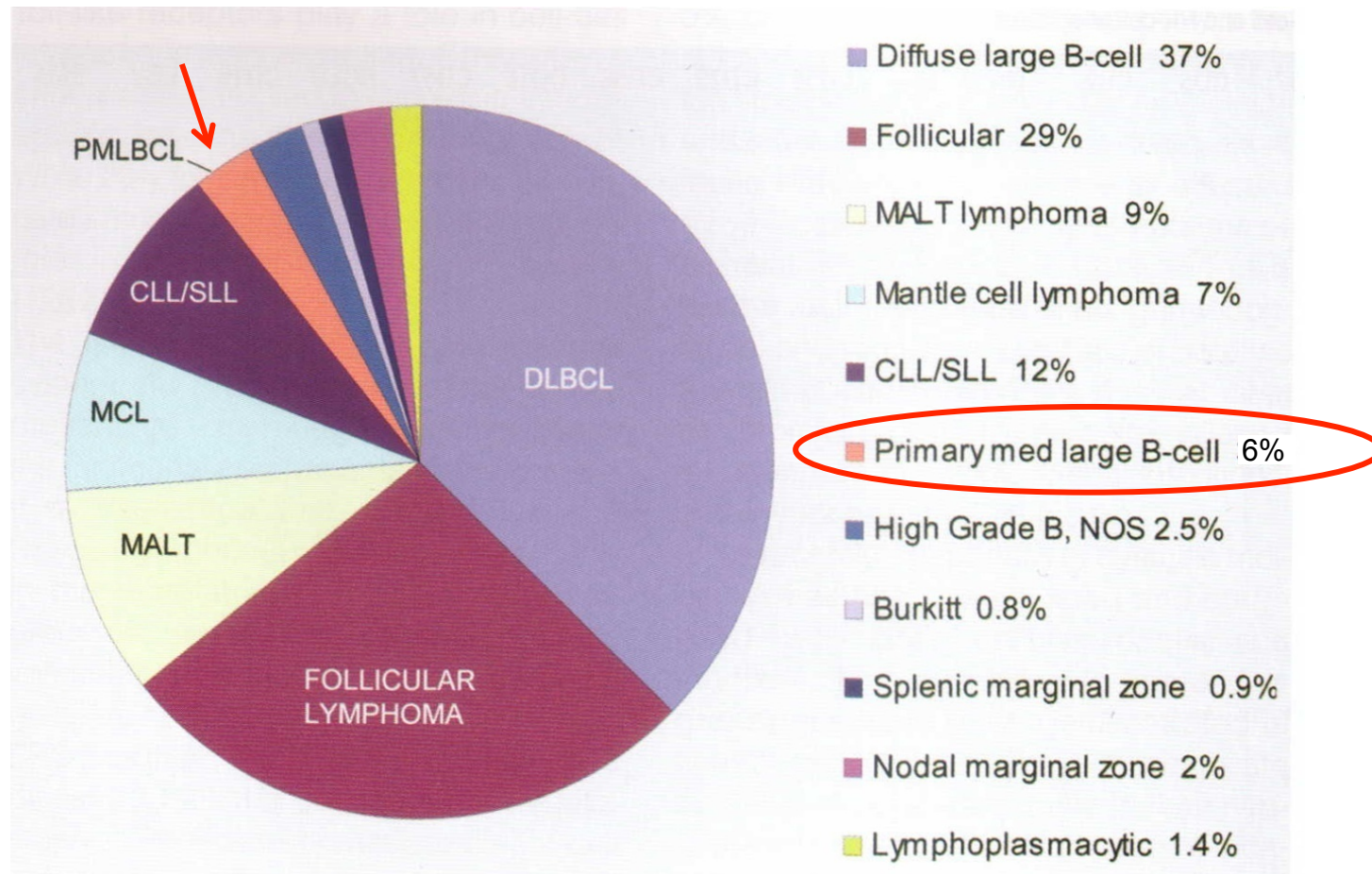
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***Thank you for the attention***



# Incidence of B cell NHL in adults



## Randomization (March, 2016)

| RANDOMIZED<br>Patients | ARM A<br>(Radiotherapy) | ARM B<br>(Observation) |
|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 85                     | 43                      | 42                     |



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