# On the Horizon: Emerging Systemic Therapies for T-Cell Lymphomas

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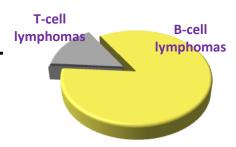
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### PTCL Few ( ...of many ) Facts

PTCL accounts for ~10-15 % of all NHL

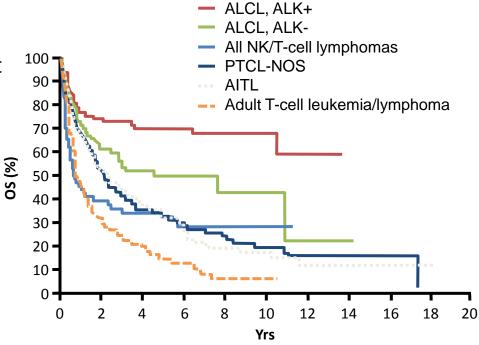


 PTCL subtypes: many entities with diverse biological features and clinical presentation

Aggressive disease with an often poor prognosis with conventional treatment

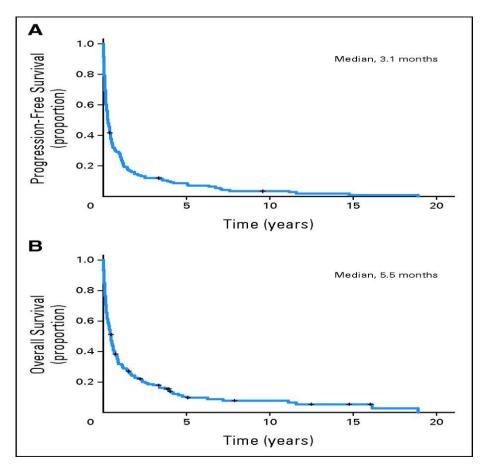
### The International PTCL and NK/TCL Study: OS in PTCL

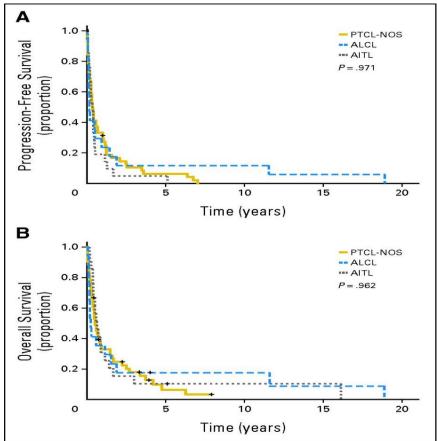
 Majority of patients (> 85%) with most common disease subtypes received anthracycline-containing regimen



PTCL Subtypes						
	ALK+ ALCL	ALK- ALCL	PTCL-NOS	AITL	NK/TCL	ATLL
5-yr OS rate, %	70	49	32	32	32	14

#### First Relapse or Progression of PTCL

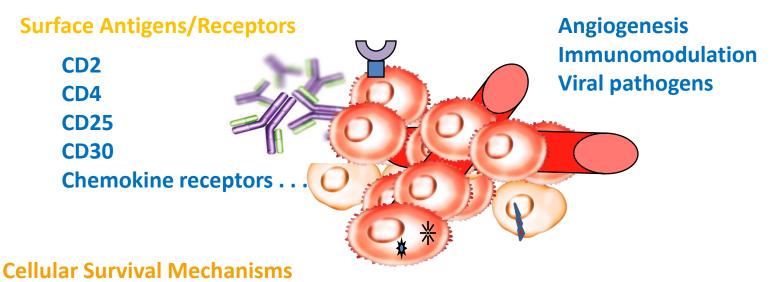




### Targeting Peripheral T-Cell Lymphoma

Targeting the Cancer Cell

Targeting the Microenvironment



Proteasome inhibition
HDAC inhibition
Death receptors and ligands
Cell-cycle arrest
Signal transduction inhibition

#### **Genetic alterations**

AITL: RHOA, TET2, IDH2, DNMT3A, CD28

**ALCL, ALK+:** t(2;5)(*NPM/ALK*)

### Agents With Activity in T-Cell Lymphomas

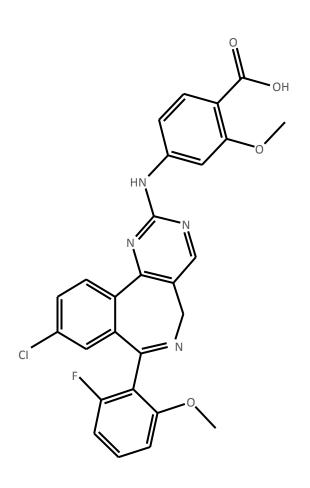
Agent	MOA			
Romidepsin	HDAC inhibitor			
Pralatrexate	Folate analog			
Alisertib (MLN8237)	Aurora kinase A inhibitor			
Belinostat (PXD101)	HDAC inhibitor			
Bendamustine	Alkylating agent			
Brentuximab vedotin	Anti-CD30 monoclonal antibody-toxin conjugate			
Bortezomib	Proteasome inhibitor			
Lenalidomide	Immunomodulator			
IPI-145	PI3Kδ inhibitor			
Mogamulizumab (KW-0761)	Defucosylated anti-CCR4 monoclonal antibody			
Tipifarnib	Farnesyltransferase inhibitor			

### Relapsed/Refractory PTCL FDA-Approved agents

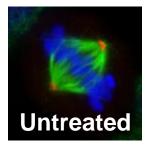
Agent	Dose/schedule	N	ORR (%)	CR (%)	DOR, Mos
Pralatrexate	30 mg/m2 weekly X 6	111	29	11	10.1
Romidepsin	14 mg/m2 Weekly X 3 Q 28 days	131	25	14	17
Belinostat	1000 mg/m2 Daily x5 Q21 days	24 120	<ul><li>25</li><li>26</li></ul>	8 11	3 8
Brentuximab Vedotin (ALCL)	1.8 mg/kg Q 21 days	58	86	57	12.6

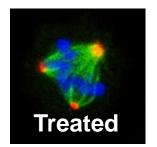
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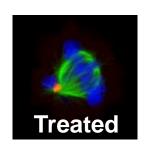
### Alisertib: Aurora A Kinase Inhibitor



- Leads to mitotic arrest
  - Abnormal spindles, unseparated centrosomes
  - Cells undergo apoptosis
- Phase II trial in B-cell and T-cell NHL (N = 48)
  - ORR: 27% (50% [4/8] in T-cell lymphoma)
  - Common grade 3/4 AEs: neutropenia, leukopenia, anemia, thrombocytopenia, stomatitis

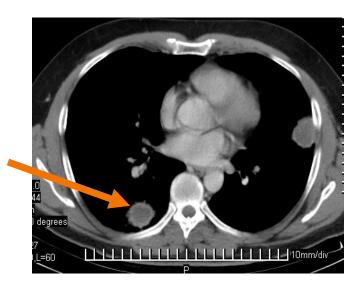


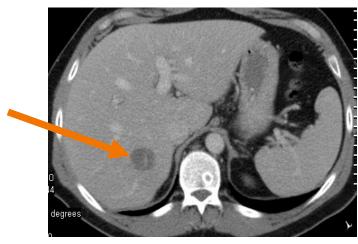




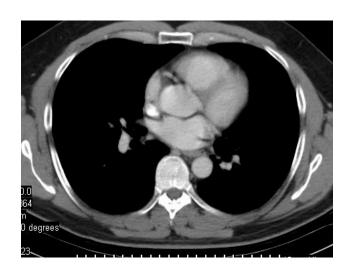
Friedberg J, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2013;

### Patient example: Relapsed enteropathy-associated NHL





Pre Alisertib





Post Alisertib

#### Alisertib: Clinical Trial in PTCL

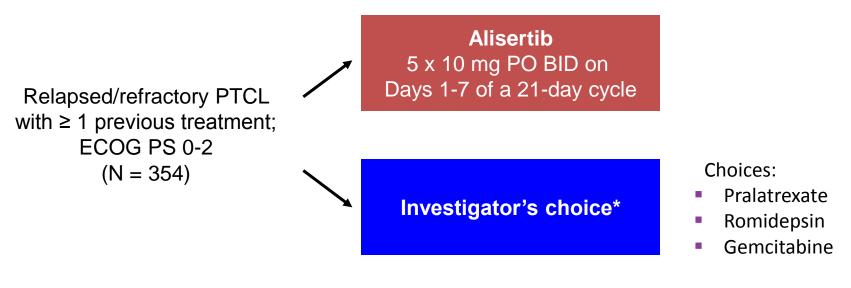
- S1108: Phase II multicenter intergroup single arm study
- Patient population: relapsed refractory peripheral T-cell NHL
  - PTCL NOS, angioimmunoblastic, anaplastic large cell, extranodal NK/T-cell, adult T-cell
  - Transformed MF
- Normal organ function
- ANC  $\ge 1500 \text{ mm}^3$ , platelets  $\ge 75,000 \text{ mm}^3$
- Schema: 21 day cycle
  - Alisertib 50 mg po BID x 7 days
  - Dose reduction to 40 mg BID, 30 mg BID allowed for toxicity

### Clinical Activity

Category	N = 37 (%)
PTCL response rate	30%
Transformed MF response rate	0%
Complete response	2 (5)
Partial response	7 (19)
Stable disease	7 (19)

### Alisertib or Single-Agent Chemotherapy in Patients With Relapsed/Refractory PTCL

Multicenter, randomized, open-label phase III trial



- Primary endpoint: ORR, PFS
- Secondary endpoints: CR, OS, DoR, time to response, TTP, safety

### Alisertib in T-cell Lymphoma: Future Directions

- International randomized phase III trial comparing alisertib to investigator's choice
- Phase I: combination with romidepsin
- Phase I: combination with vorinostat
- Preclinial: combination with PI3K inhibition

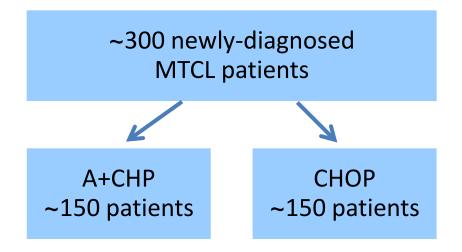
### Brentuximab Vedotin in Relapsed or Refractory Mature T-/NK-Cell Lymphomas

	Best Clinical Response per Investigator					
Response, n (%)	CR	PR	SD	PD	ORR (CR + PR)	
Mature T-/NK-cell lymphomas (n = 22)	6 (27)	2 (9)	6 (27)	8 (36)	8 (36)	
AITL (n = 10)	4 (40)	1 (10)	2 (20)	3 (30)	5 (50)	
PTCL-NOS (n = 12)	2 (17)	1 (8)	4 (33)	5 (42)	3 (25)	

 Median duration of objective response has not been reached (range to date: 0.1+ to 18+ wks)

### **ECHELON-2** Phase 3 Study

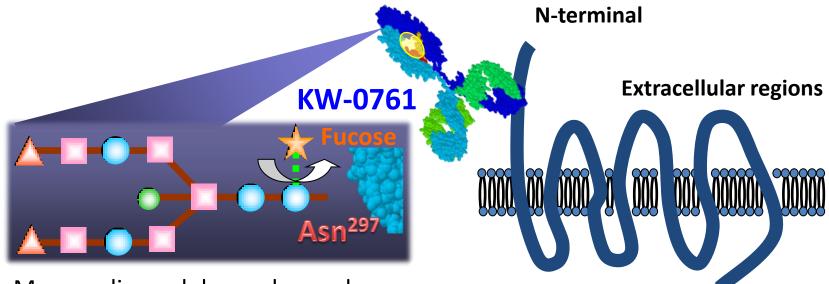
- Randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study to evaluate the efficacy and safety of brentuximab vedotin and CHP (A+CHP) vs CHOP for the frontline treatment of CD30+ MTCL\*
- Enrolling approximately 300 patients at 130 sites in 14 countries (ClinicalTrials.gov #NCT01777152)



#### Stratified by:

- MTCL histology: ALK-positive sALCL, all others
- IPI score: 0–1, 2–3, 4–5

## Mogamulizumab: A Defucosylated Humanized Anti-CCR4 Antibody



 Mogamulizumab has enhanced ADCC due to defucosylated Fc region<sup>[1,2]</sup>

- CCR4 is highly expressed
   (~ 90%) in ATLL<sup>[3]</sup>
- Significantly associated with skin involvement (P < .05) and unfavorable outcomes<sup>[3]</sup>

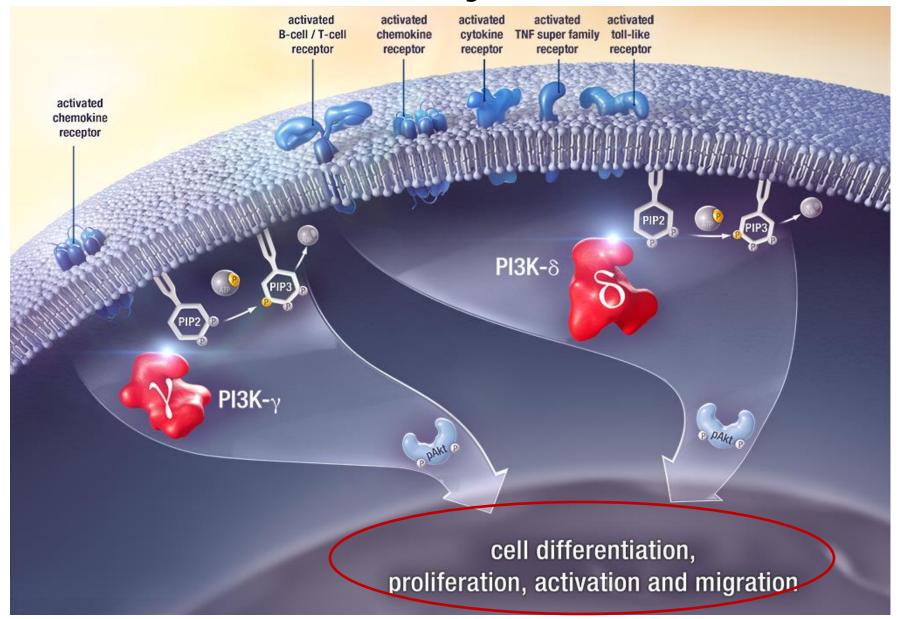
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Courtesy of T. Ishida

## Mogamulizumab (KW-0761): Studies in Patients With T-Cell Lymphoma

- Active in phase II study in patients with ATLL (N = 28)<sup>[1]</sup>
  - ORR: 50% (13/26); 8 CR
  - Median PFS: 5.2 mos
  - Median OS: 13.7 mos
  - AEs: infusion reactions (89%), skin rash (63%)
- Mycosis fungoides/Sezary syndrome (N = 38)<sup>[2]</sup>
  - ORR: 37% (MF: 29%; SS: 47%)
- Approved in Japan for the treatment of ATLL
- Ongoing multicenter, randomized phase III clinical trial of mogamulizumab vs vorinostat in patients with MF/SS<sup>[3]</sup>
- 1. Ishida T, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2012;30:837-842. 2. Duvic M, et al. 2012 ASH. Abstract 3697.
- 3. ClinicalTrials.gov. NCT01728805.

### PI3K-δ and PI3K-γ Support the Growth and Survival of B-cell and T-cell Malignancies



### IPI-145: A PI3K- $\delta$ , γ Inhibitor

PI3K Isoform	ΡΙ3Κ-δ	РІЗК-ү
Expression	Primarily Leukocytes	Primarily Leukocytes
Biochemical Activity (K <sub>D</sub> )	23 pM	243 pM
Whole Blood Assay (IC <sub>50</sub> )	96 nM Anti-FcER1	1028 nM fMLP

- Potent oral inhibitor of PI3K-δ and PI3K-γ isoforms
  - Selective for PI3K over other protein and lipid kinases
- Inhibits malignant B-cell and T-cell survival
  - Direct effects on tumor cells
  - Disrupting tumor cell interactions within the microenvironment

**IPI-145** 

DiNitto J, et al. Keystone Symposia: PI3-Kinase and Interplay with Other Signaling Pathways 2013. Abstract 1032. Palombella V, et al. Keystone Symposia: PI3-Kinase and Interplay with Other Signaling Pathways 2013. Horwitz S, et al. ASCO 2013. Abstract 8518.

### IPI-145-02: Phase 1 Study of Duvelisib in Advanced Hematologic Malignancies

- T-cell Lymphoma (TCL) patients completed enrollment in August 2013
  - Duvelisib administered orally BID in 28-day cycles to 35 TCL patients
  - 25 mg (n=1), 50 mg (n=1), 60 mg (n=4), 75 mg (MTD; n=27), 100 mg (n=2)
- Key Study Endpoints
  - Pharmacodynamics: changes in cytokines, chemokines, and matrix metalloproteinases (MMPs) in patient serum, and early PET (Cycle 1 Day 22)
  - Tumor response based on standard disease-specific criteria
    - Systemic/Peripheral TCL (PTCL) = IWG criteria (Cheson et al, 2007)
    - Cutaneous TCL (CTCL) = mSWAT assessment (Olsen et al, 2011)
  - Safety: adverse events (AEs) per CTCAE version 4.03

#### **Patient Characteristics**

Characteristics	PTCL N=16	CTCL N=19	
Disease subtype	AITCL=3, SPTCL=3, ALCL=2, EATCL=1, NKTCL=1, PTCL NOS=6	MF=9, MF-LCT=4, Sézary=5, pcALCL=1	
Age (years), median (range)	70 (34, 86)	64 (48, 81)	
Female, n (%)	8 (50)	11 (58)	
Prior Systemic Therapies, median (range)	2.5 (1, 7)	6 (2, 11)	
Months from Last Therapy to First Dose, median (range)	1.6 (0.4, 24.8)	0.7 (0.2, 2.8)	
ECOG Score 0 / 1 / 2 / missing, n	1 / 10 / 4 / 1	4 / 13 / 2 / 0	
IPI Score at Screening, n (%)			
0	1 (6)	2/18 (11)	
1-2	5 (31)	9/18 (50)	
3-5	10 (63)	7/18 (39)	

MF = mycosis fungoides; LCT = large-cell transformed; AITCL= angioimmunoblastic TCL; SPTCL= subcutaneous panniculitic TCL; pcALCL= primary cutaneous anaplastic large cell lymphoma; EATCL= enteropathy-associated TCL; NKTCL= natural killer TCL; NOS= not otherwise specified.

Horwitz S. et al, ASH 2014 Abstr. 803

### Clinical Activity in TCL

Domilation			Median Time to Response,					
Population	n	CR	PR	SD	PD	ORR	months (Range)	
All TCL	33	2 (6)	12 (36)	7 (21)	12 (36)	14 (42)	1.9 (1.5, 3.8)	
PTCL	15	2 (13)	6 (40)	1 (7)	6 (40)	8 (53)	1.9 (1.5, 3.5)	
CTCL	18	0	6 (33)	6 (33)	6 (33)	6 (33)	2.4 (1.6, 3.8)	

Includes evaluable patients = at least 1 on-treatment response assessment or PD without assessment CR = complete response; PR = partial respon

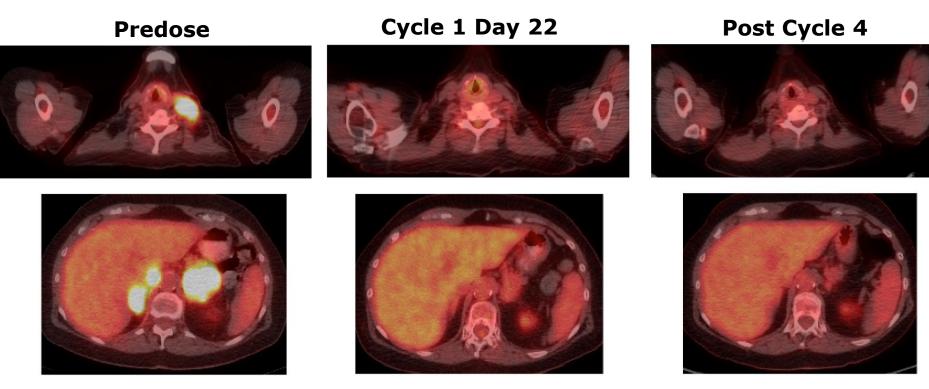
- Clinical activity observed across PTCL and CTCL subtypes
  - PTCL: CRs in 1 EATCL and 1 PTCL NOS

PRs in 2 AITCL, 2 SPTCL, 1 PTCL NOS, 1 ALCL (ALK-negative)

- CTCL: PRs in 4 MF, 1 Sézary syndrome, and 1 MF-LCT

#### Early Pharmacodynamic Response in PET Avid Disease May Predict Best Clinical Response

• Below: CT scans from a 71 year-old woman with relapsed AITCL. Prior therapies: rituximab (ITP), CHOP, pralatrexate, vorinostat, brentuximab vedotin



- 10 patients evaluated with PET (PET-CT) at Cycle 1 Day 22, 6 with a reduction in SUV, 4 with an increase in SUV
- 83% (5/6) with PET response had a subsequent clinical response (CR or PR)
- 100% (4/4) without PET response had disease progression

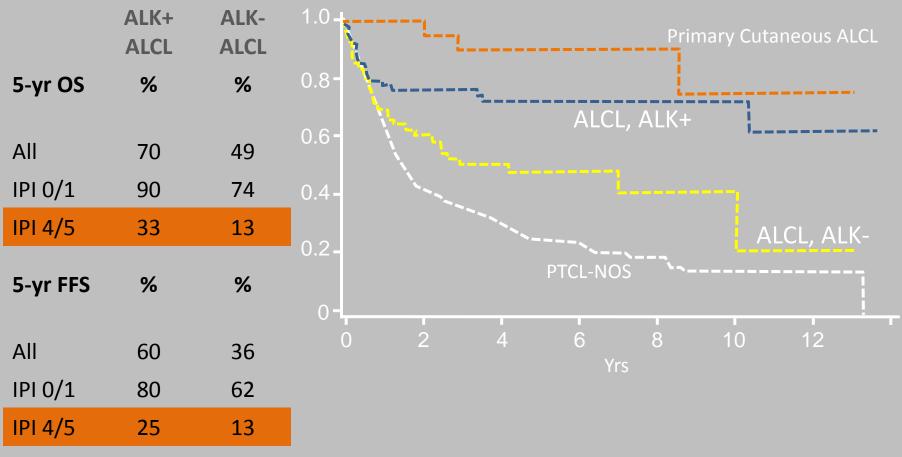
### High Activity of Tipifarnib in T-Cell Lymphoma

- Single arm, single agent Phase II trial in relapsed/refractory lymphoma . N=93
- Primary endpoint of Response Rate
- Tipifarnib given 300 mg bid 21 days of 28-day cycles
- Three cohorts:
  - Cohort 1: Aggressive B-NHL ( N=42)
  - Cohort 2: Indolent B-NHL (N=15)
  - Cohort 3: T-NHL and HL ( N=36)
- Safety findings (grade3-4): 37% neutropenia, 31% thrombocytopenia, 11% anemia

### Phase II of Tipifarnib in T-cell lymphoma

- Cohort 3 (T-cell and HL)
- ORR=31% (11/36); 6 CR; 5 PR
- T-cell NHL 41% (7/17)
  - MF-50% (2/4)
  - PTCL-50% (4/8), 3 CRs, 1 PR
  - ALCL-20% (1/5)
- DOR: median 11.3 months
- OS: median 19.7 months

### Anaplastic Large Cell Lymphoma



Vose J, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2008;28:4124-4130. Savage KJ, et al. Blood. 2008;111:5496-5504.

### Crizotinib

- Tyrosine kinase inhibitor of anaplastic lymphoma kinase (ALK)
  - Competitive binding to ATP binding pocket
  - Inhibits c-Met / Hepatocyte growth factor receptor tyrosine kinase
  - Approved for late-stage ALK expressing NSCLC
    - EML-ALK fusion
  - ROS1 rearrangements

## Phase I Study: Crizotinib for R/R ALK+ Pediatric Tumors

- 9 ALCL patients enrolled, ALK+ by FISH or IHC
- All received previous multiagent chemotherapy
- 7 CRs
  - Rx with doses 165-280 mg/m<sup>2</sup> BID
  - CR onset: C1 (n = 2), C2 (n = 3), C3 (n = 1), C5 (n = 1)
- 5 patients remain on Rx: 7+ to 30+ cycles
- 3 patients removed from Rx to receive SCT: 4-9 cycles

### Crizotinib

- 11 ALK+ relapsed NHL patients (9 ALCL)
  - Median of 3 prior therapies
  - Clinical responses in 10 of 11
    - All 9 ALCL pts achieved complete remissions lasting 2-40+ months
    - Negative for NPM/ALK by PCR
    - 2 -yr PFS 64%
  - Non-cross resistant with brentuximab

### ALK small molecule inhibitors

Crizotinib	Pfizer	MET/ALK	Approved for ALK+ late stage NSCLC
CH5424802	Chugai Pharm	ALK	1/11
LDK378	Novartis	ALK	I
AP26113	Ariad Pharm	ALK/EGFR	1/11
ASP3026	Astellas Pharma	ALK	I
X-396	Xcovery	ALK	Preclinical
GSK-1838705	GlaxoSmithKline	ALK/IGF-1R	Preclinical
NMS-E628	Nerviano Med. Sci.	ALK/TRK	Preclinical

#### Going Forward.....New Strategies

- Add a novel agent to an existing regimen
  - CHOP +....
- Use maintenance approach
- Create a different chemotherapy platform for first line treatment using novel drugs
- Investigate treatments which are effective for specific subtypes
- Brentuximab ALCL
- MogamulizumabATLL
- L-asparaginase
- To continue to make progress, we should continue to encourage participation in clinical trials