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# I Linfomi Non-Hodgkin a cellule B: novità nella terapia con anticorpi antiCD20



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# Treatment with antiCD20 in B-cell lymphomas

**Consolidated results**

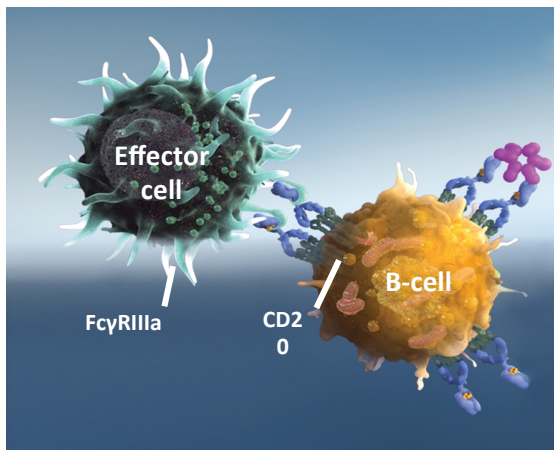
**New antiCD20 antibodies**

**Association with IMiDs**

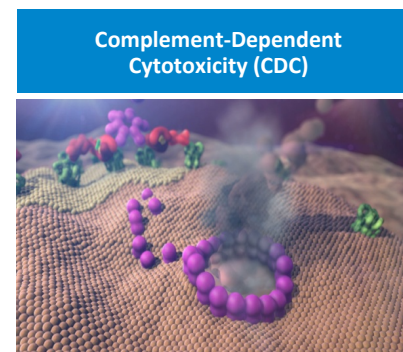
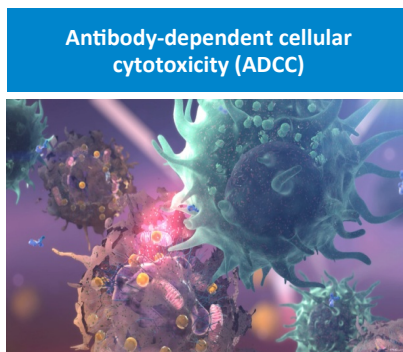
**New modality of administration of antiCD20 antibodies**

**Future development**

# Anti-CD20 mAbs elicit B-cell death through three major mechanisms



- Three major mechanisms of anti-CD20 mAb activity are<sup>1-4</sup>:
  - intercellular interactions such as antibody-dependent cellular cytotoxicity
  - internal cell-killing mechanisms, such as classical apoptosis or Direct Cell Death
  - complement-dependent cytotoxicity.
- There are 2 different anti-CD20 antibodies: type I and type II.

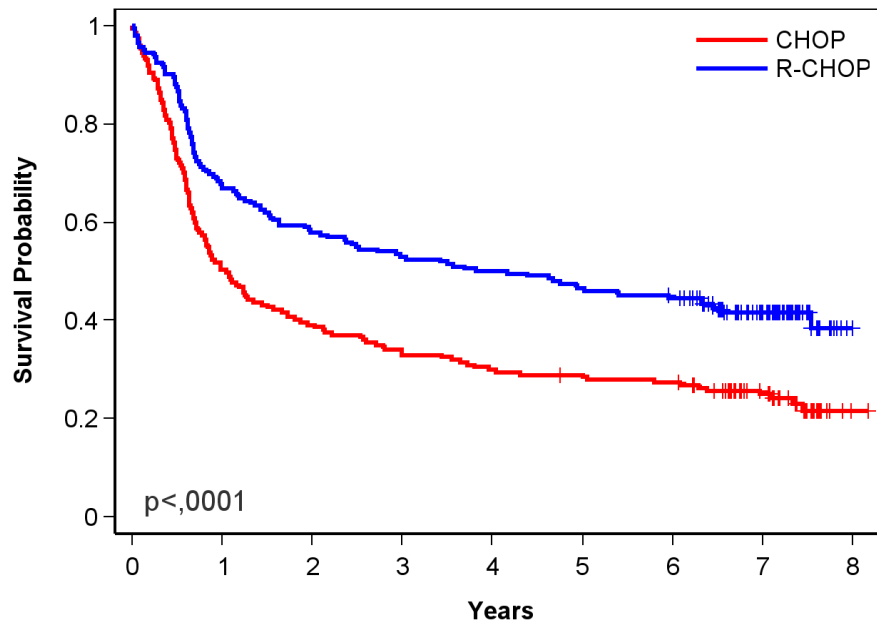


# Long-term results of the GELA study

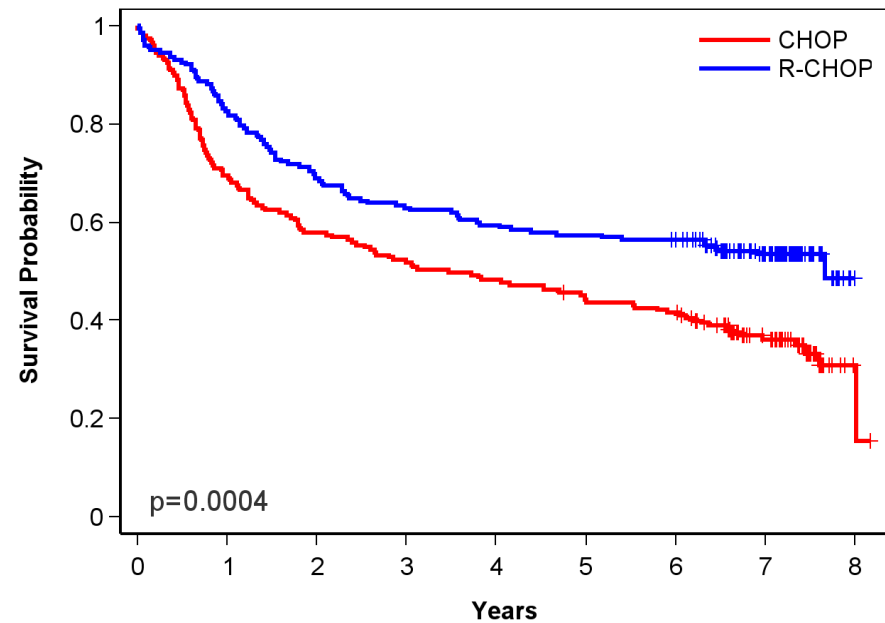
## LNH-98.5 study

R-CHOP vs. CHOP in Older Patients with Diffuse Large B-Cell Lymphoma

EFS – Median follow-up 7 y  
42% vs. 24%

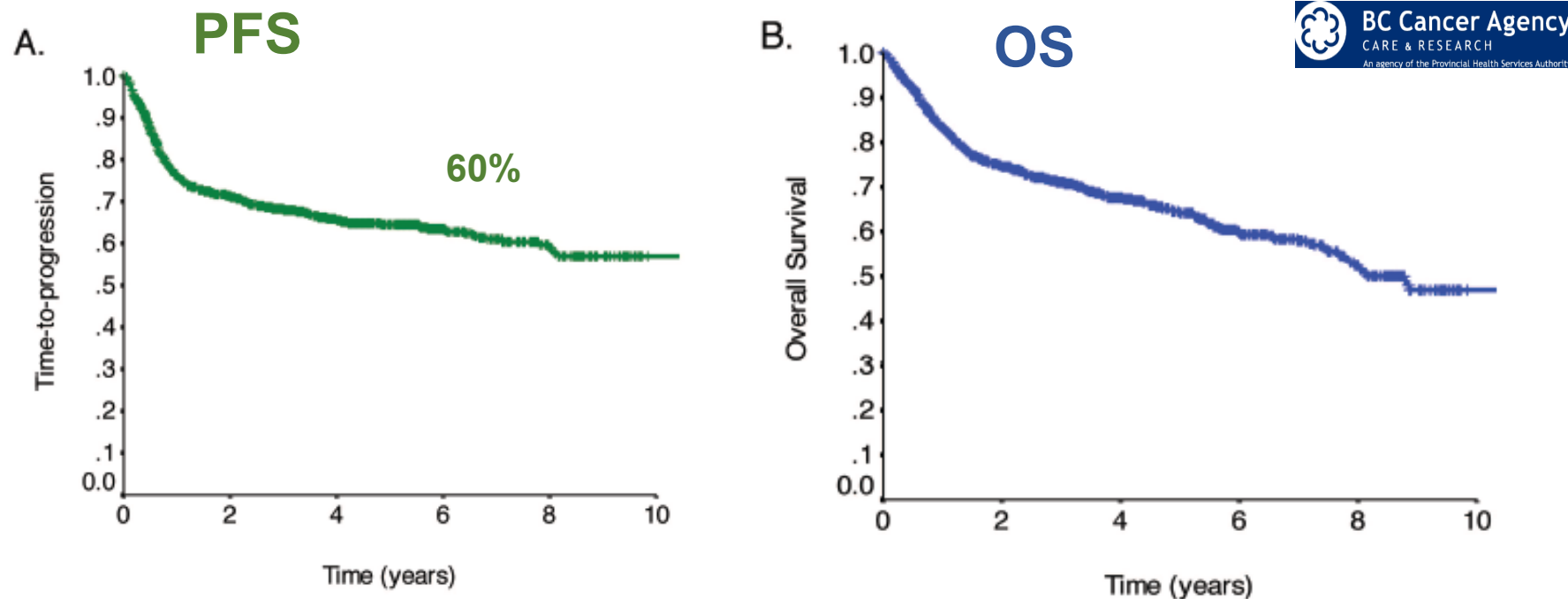


OS – Median follow-up 7 y  
>50% vs. 35%



# What outcome can we expect with R-CHOP in DLBCL ?

Patients with DLBCL treated with R-CHOP-21 at BCCA (n=1476)



**Main role of first line therapy and low activity of salvage treatment**

*BC Cancer Agency Database Sehn Hematology 2012*

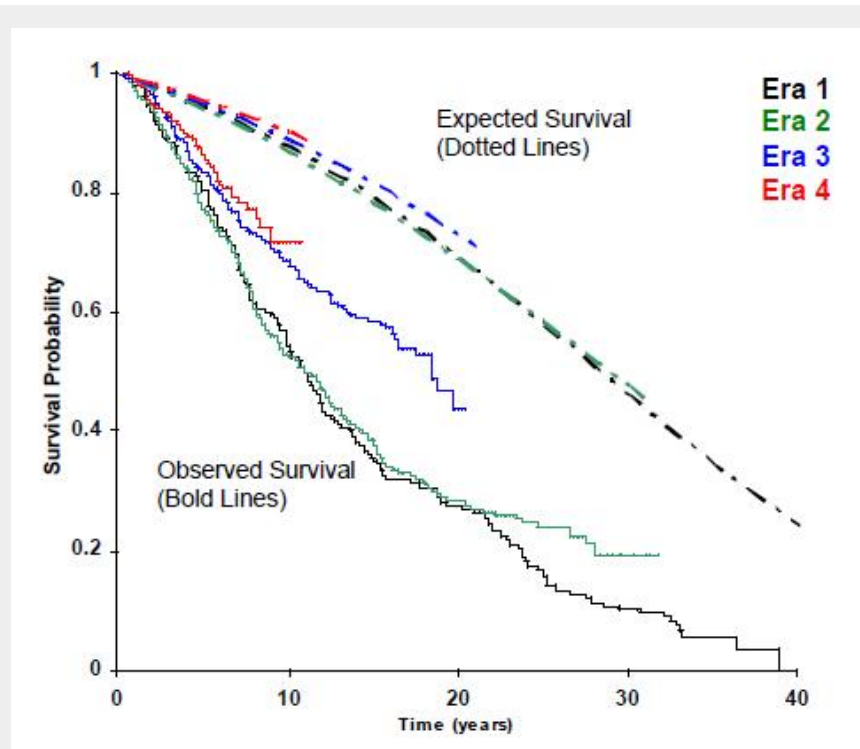
# Improvements in survival in FL during 4 decades: the Stanford University experience on 1334 pts

**Era 1 (1960-1975): pre-anthracycline (median FU 11.1 yrs)**

**Era 2 (1976-1986): anthracycline (median FU 8.6 yrs)**

**Era 3 (1987-1996): aggressive chemotherapy/purine analogs (median FU 11.3 yrs)**

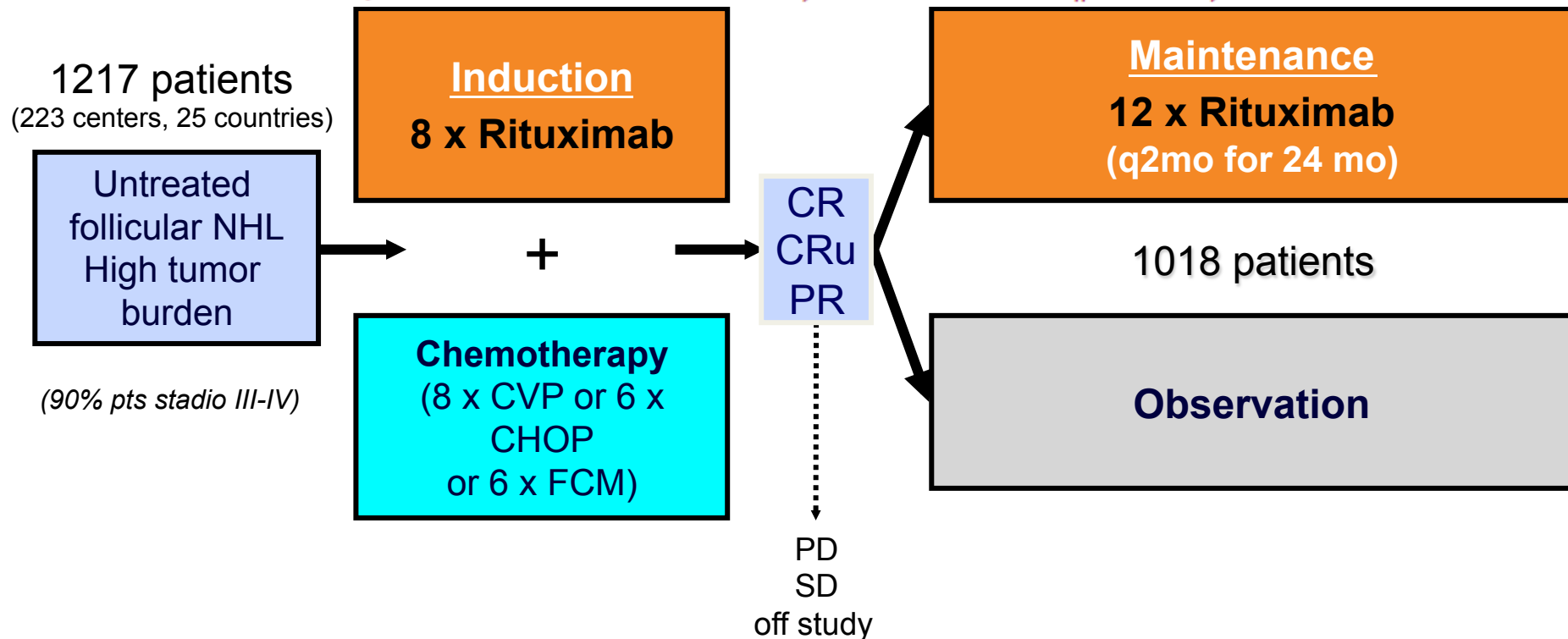
**Era 4 (1997-2003): Rituximab (median FU 6.1 yrs)**



**Improvements in OS exceeded improvements in survival in the general population in the same period**

➔ **W** Rituximab maintenance for 2 years in patients with high tumour burden follicular lymphoma responding to rituximab plus chemotherapy (PRIMA): a phase 3, randomised controlled trial

Gilles Salles, John Francis Seymour, Fritz Offner, Armando López-Guillermo, David Belada, Luc Xerri, Pierre Feugier, Réda Bouabdallah, John Vincent Catalano, Pauline Brice, Dolores Caballero, Corinne Haioun, Lars Moller Pedersen, Alain Delmer, David Simpson, Sirpa Leppa, Pierre Soubeyran, Anton Hagenbeek, Olivier Casasnovas, Tanin Intragumtornchai, Christophe Fermé, Maria Gomes da Silva, Catherine Sebban, Andrew Lister, Jane A Estell, Gustavo Milone, Anne Sonet, Myriam Mendila, Bertrand Coiffier, Hervé Tilly



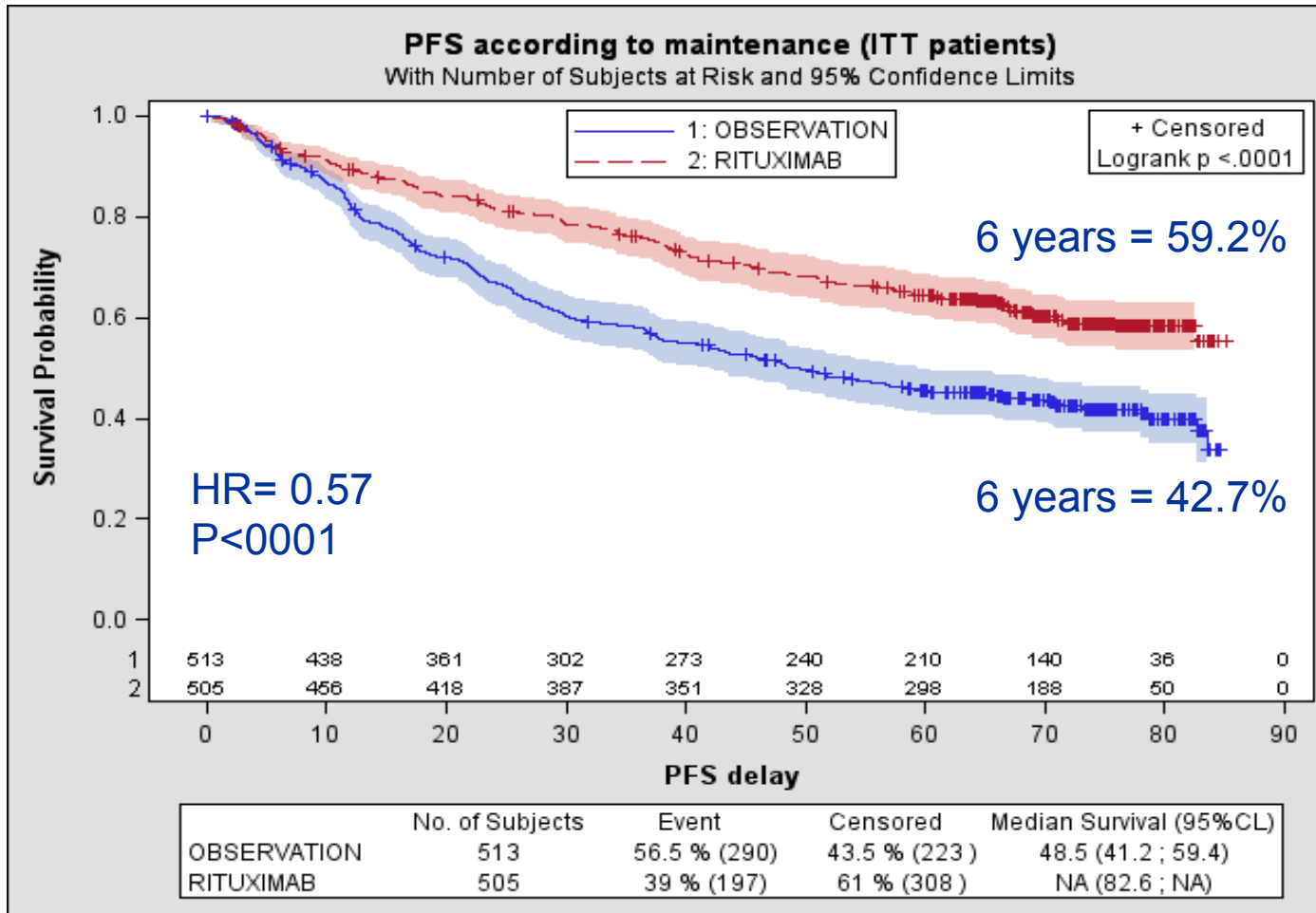
(Median follow-up 3 years)

Salles GA, et al. Lancet 2011;377:42-51.



# PRIMA 6 years follow-up

## Progression free survival from randomization



# Treatment with antiCD20 in B-cell lymphomas

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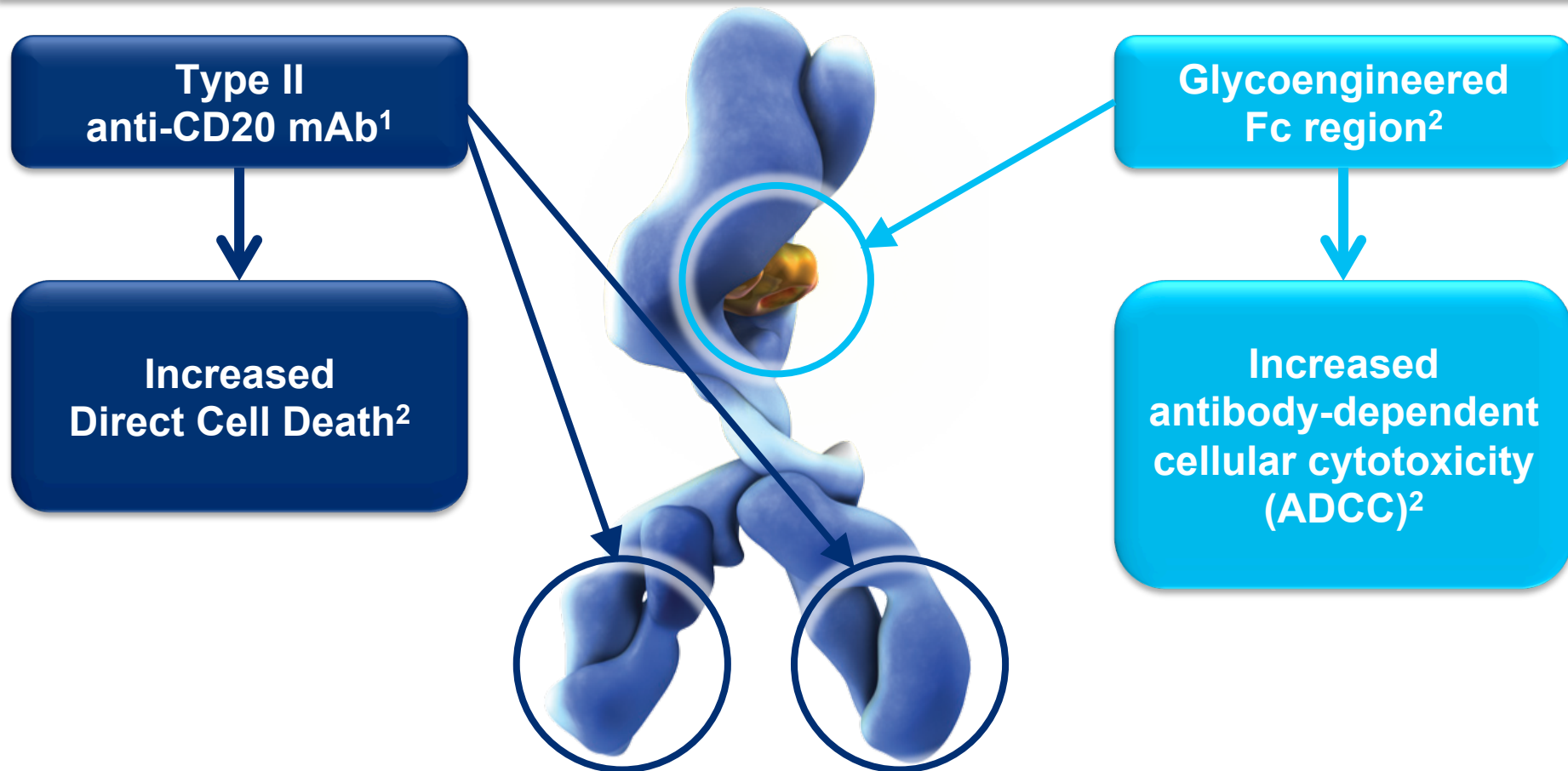
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# Novel Anti-CD20 MoAbs for Relapsed/ Refractory Indolent NHL

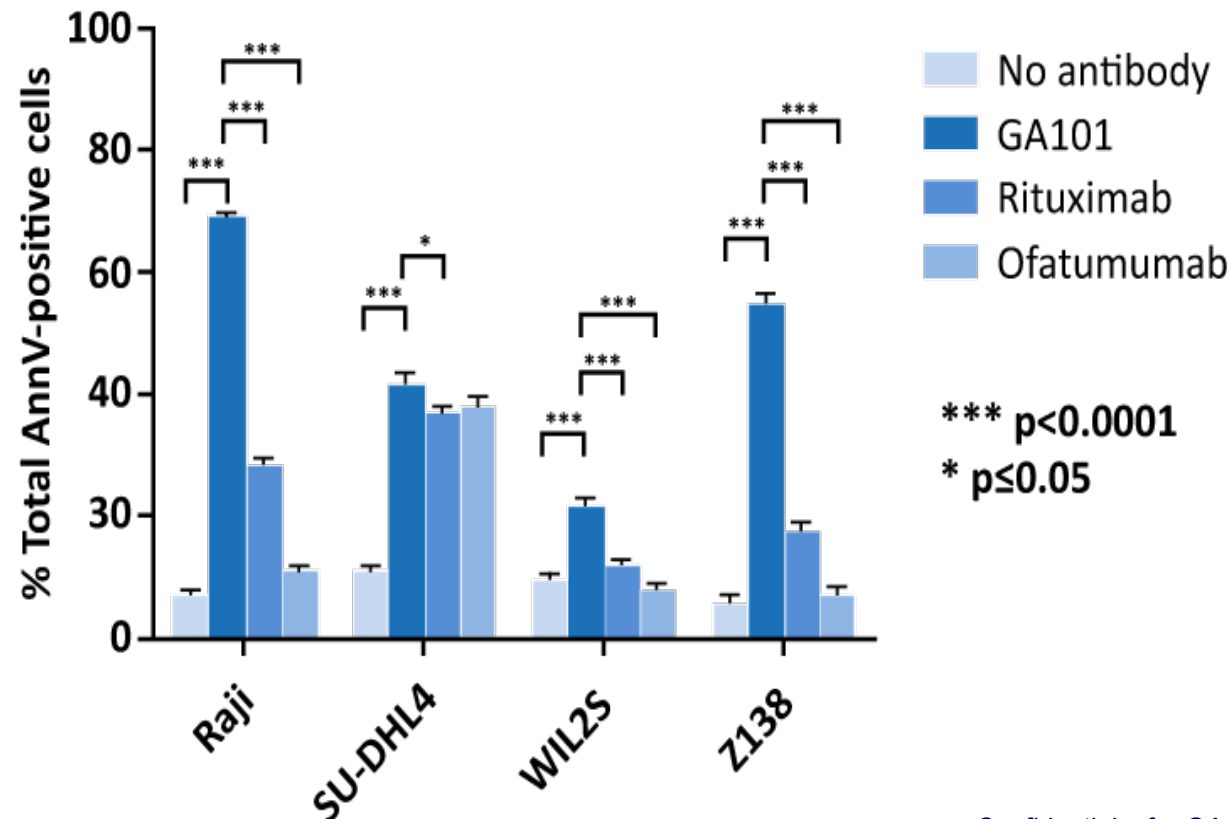
MoAb	Phase	Efficacy
Ofatumumab	I/II	Dose (ORR): 300 mg (63%), 500 mg (33%), 700 mg (20%), 1000 mg (50%)
	II	ORR: 11%, 6-mo PFS in 116 patients with rituximab-refractory FL
Veltuzumab	I/II	IV administration: ORR: 44%; CR: 27% DOR in patients with FL: 19.7 mos
		Subcutaneous administration: ORR: 53% CR: 20% in patients with indolent NHL
Ocrelizumab	I/II	ORR: 38%; PFS: 11.4 mos in patients with FL
GA101	II	Low dose (400 mg; n = 18): 17% ORR
		High dose (1600/800 mg; n = 22): 55% ORR

# GA101: Designed for increased antibody-dependent cellular cytotoxicity (ADCC) and Direct Cell Death

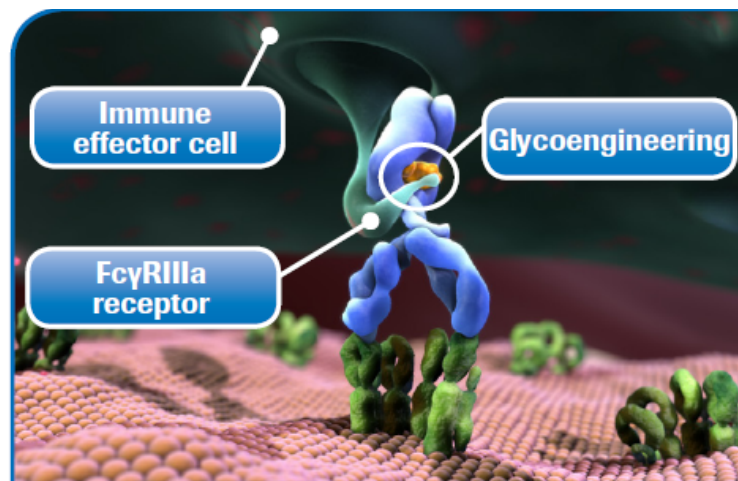
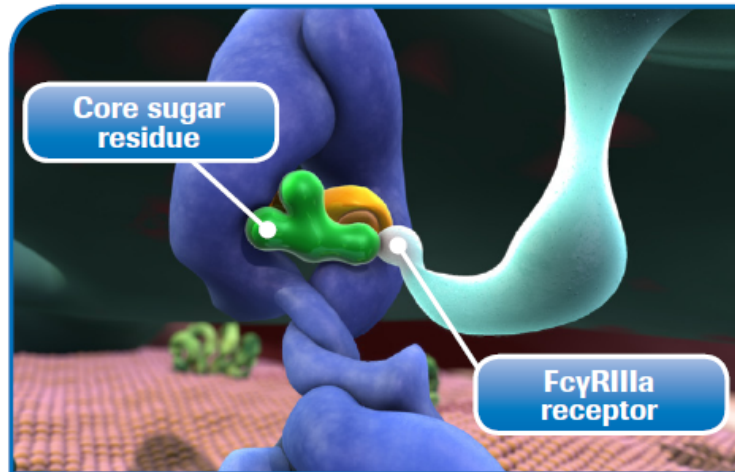


Extensive clinical development program to evaluate the superiority of GA101 over rituximab in multiple head-to-head trials

# Induction of direct cell death GA101-, Rituximab-, and Ofatumumab-mediated direct cell death assessed in four CD20-expressing cell lines Raji, SUDHL4, WIL2S, and Z138



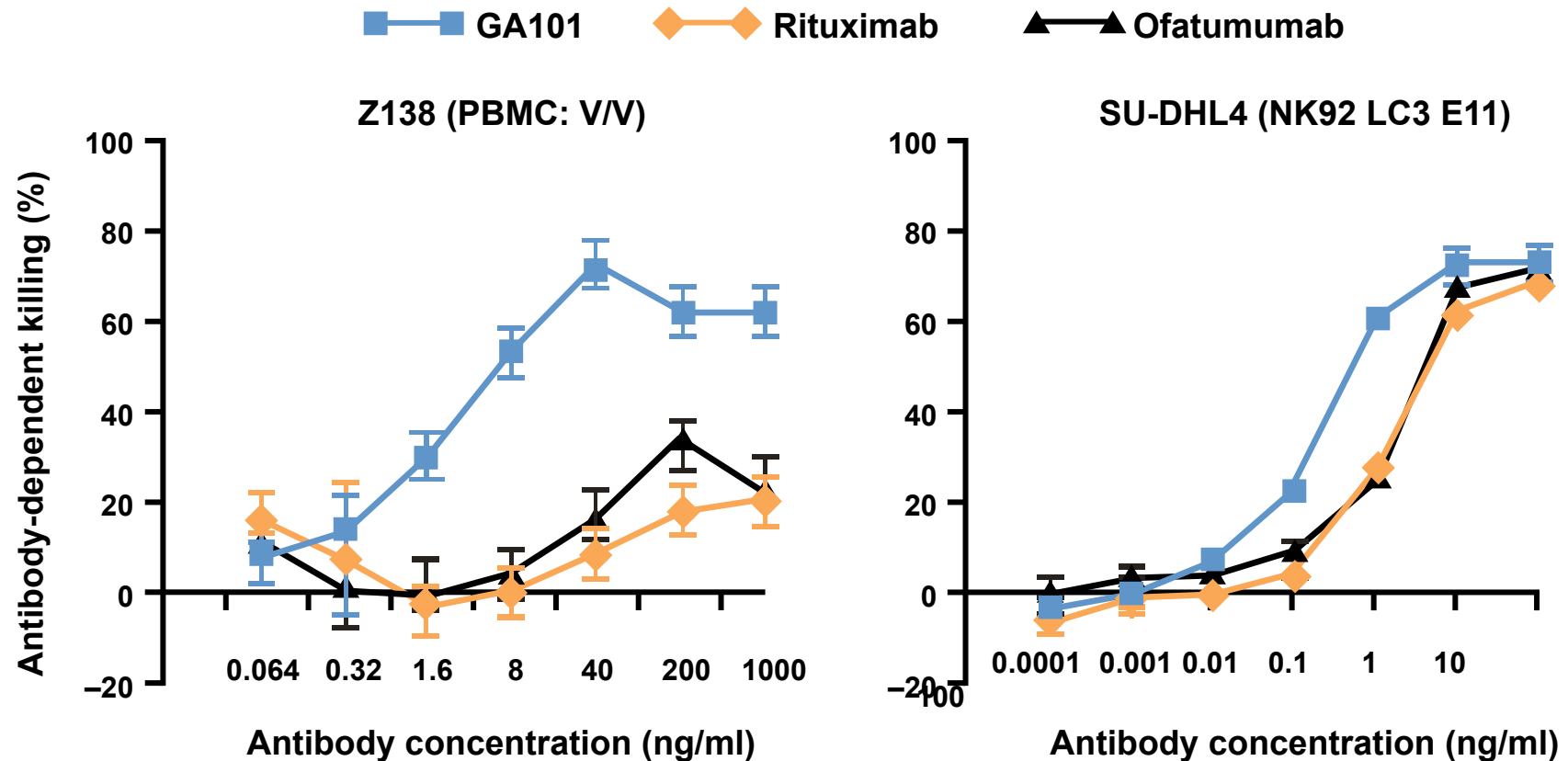
# GA101: Designed through glycoengineering to increase affinity to, and activation of, immune effector cells



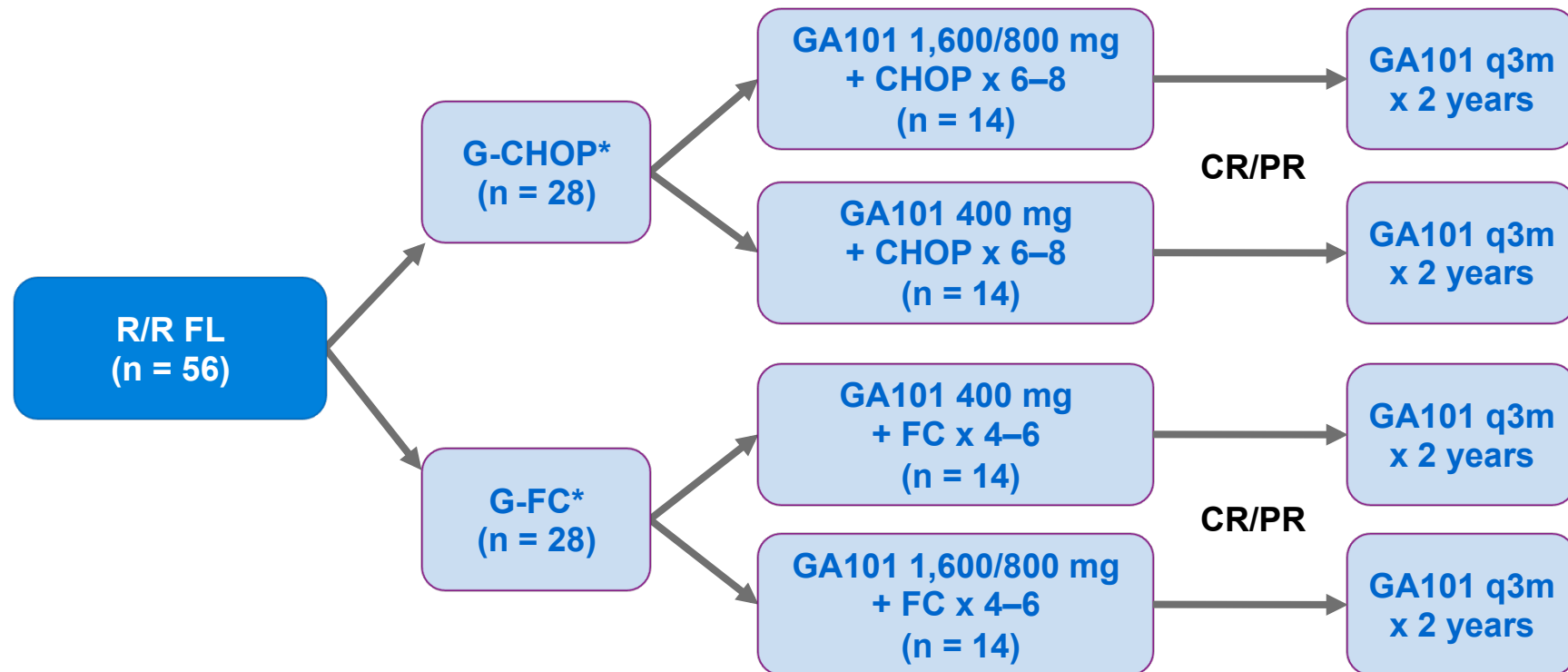
- The presence of certain sugar residues on the Fc region of an antibody may interfere with its ability to bind to immune effector cells<sup>1,2</sup>
- Removal of these sugars via glycoengineering may increase binding affinity between the Fc region of therapeutic antibodies and the Fc receptors on immune effector cells, such as macrophages and natural killer cells<sup>3</sup>
- In preclinical studies, glycoengineering of the Fc region of GA101 has demonstrated up to a 100-fold increase in ADCC over non-glycoengineered mAbs<sup>2,3</sup>

# GA101-induced ADCC

**GA101 exhibited up to 100-fold higher ADCC potency than rituximab and ofatumumab on Z138 and SU-DHL4 cell lines**



# Obinutuzomab (GA101) plus CHOP or FC in relapsed/refractory Follicular Lymphoma: results of the Gaudì study





# Obinutuzumab (GA101) plus CHOP or FC in relapsed/refractory follicular lymphoma: results of the GAUDI study (BO21000)

The overall response rate was 96% with G-CHOP and 93% with G-FC

Patients	G-CHOP						G-FC					
	400/400 mg (n = 14)		1600/800 mg (n = 14)		Total (n = 28)		400/400 mg (n = 14)		1600/800 mg (n = 14)		Total (n = 28)	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
ORR	13	93	14	100	27	96	14	100	12	86	26	93
CR	2	14	9	64	11	39	11	79	3	21	14	50
PR	11	79	5	36	16	57	3	21	9	64	12	43
SD	1	7	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
PD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7	1	4

Patients	Treatment-related (all grades)					
	400/400 mg (n = 14)		1600/800 mg (n = 14)		Total (n = 28)	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>G-CHOP</b>						
Neutropenia	4	29	8	57	12	43
Febrile neutropenia	—	—	1	7	1	4
Thrombocytopenia	—	—	1	7	1	4
Anemia	3	21	3	21	6	21
Leukopenia	—	—	1	7	1	4
<b>G-FC</b>						
Neutropenia	9	64	5	36	14	50
Febrile neutropenia	—	—	1	7	1	4
Thrombocytopenia	2	14	4	29	6	21
Anemia	1	7	—	—	1	4
Leukopenia	—	—	1	7	1	4

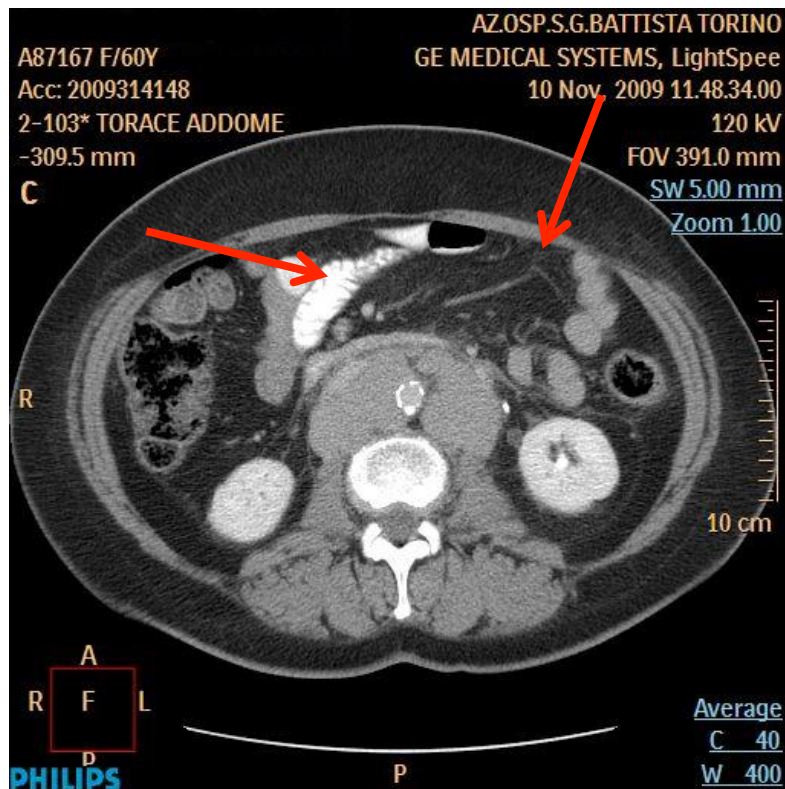
## Grade 3-4 neutropenia:

43% of pts in the G-CHOP and 50% in the G-FC

Acceptable safety profile but G-FC was associated with more AEs than G-CHOP



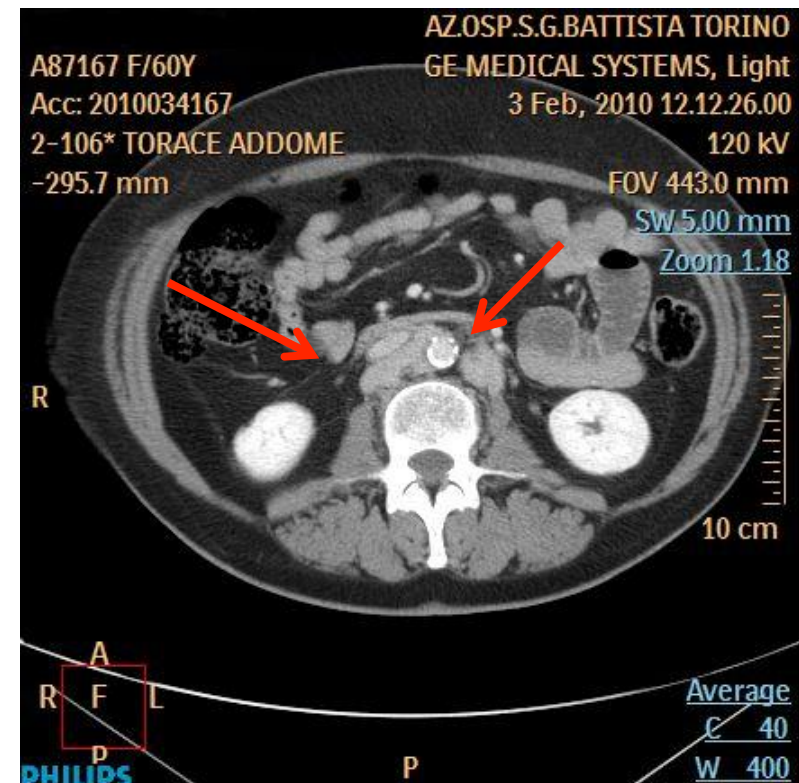
# GAUDI STUDY: Turin experience 11 patients



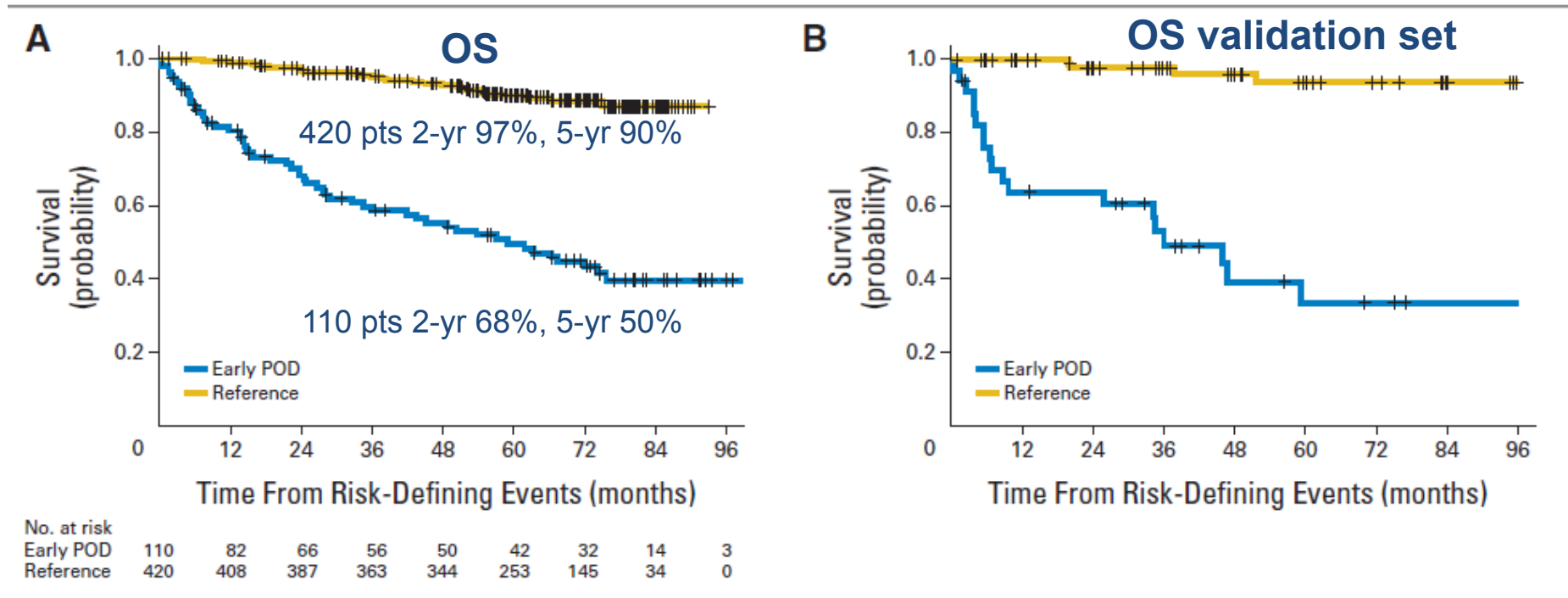
BASELINE CT



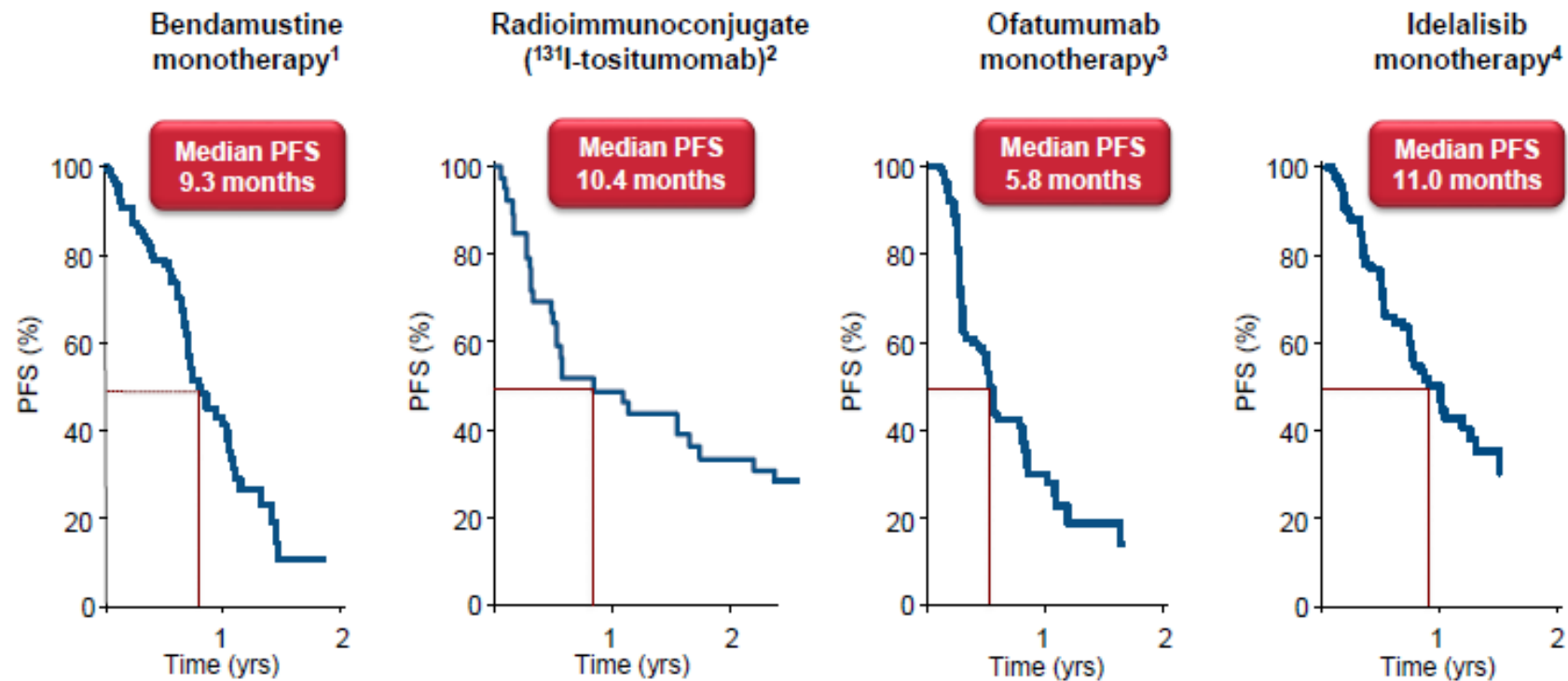
INTERIM CT after 4 cycles GA101- FC



### Early Relapse of Follicular Lymphoma After Rituximab Plus Cyclophosphamide, Doxorubicin, Vincristine, and Prednisone Defines Patients at High Risk for Death: An Analysis From the National LymphoCare Study



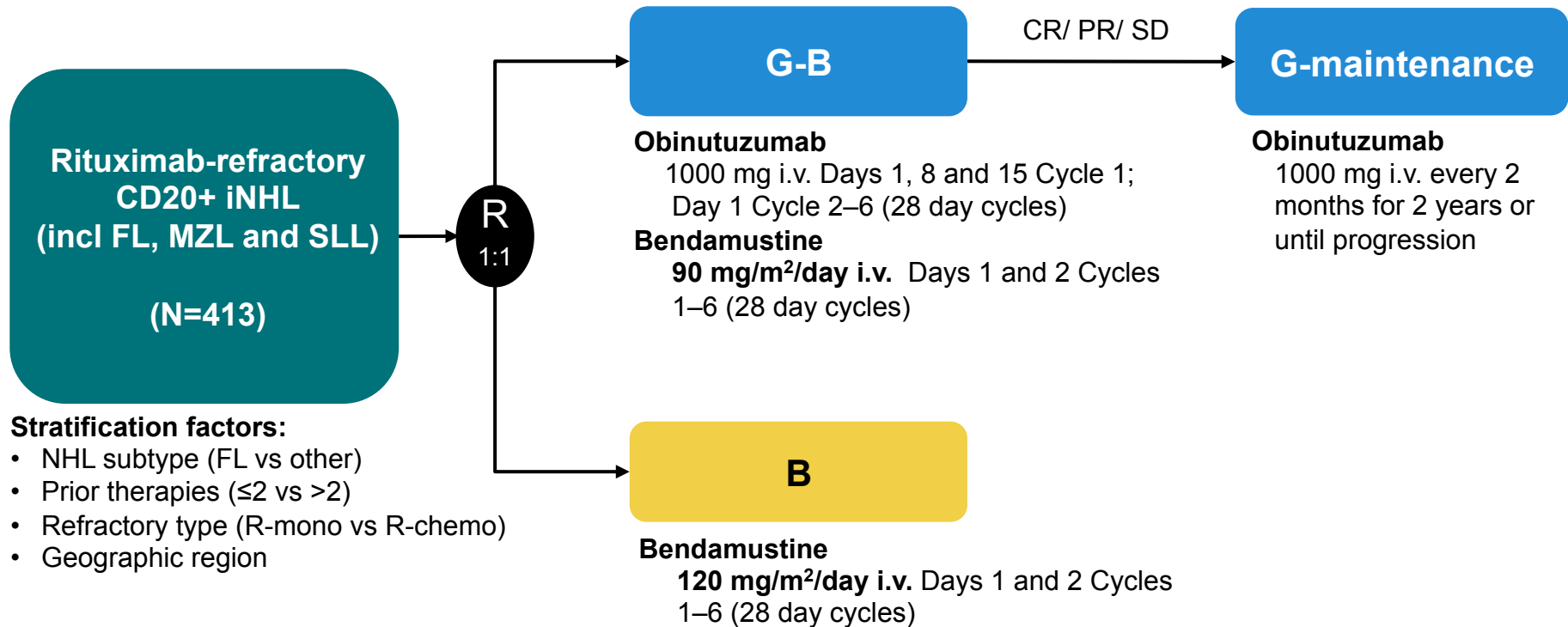
# Limited options are available for Relapsed – Refractory iNHL not eligible to transplant



iNHL, indolent non-Hodgkin lymphoma; SoC, standard of care

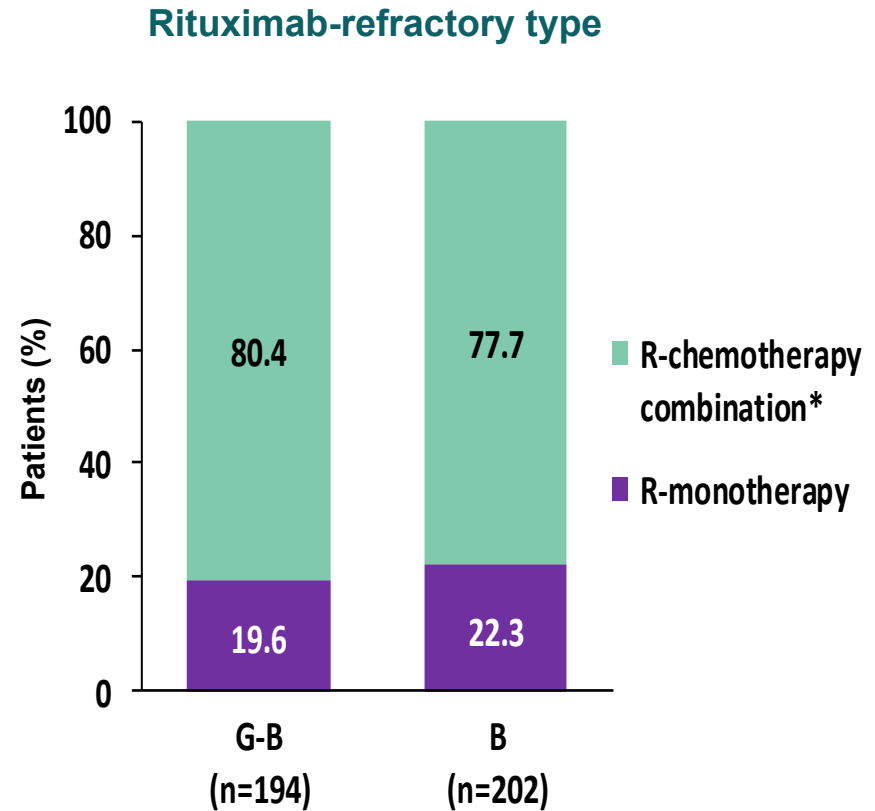
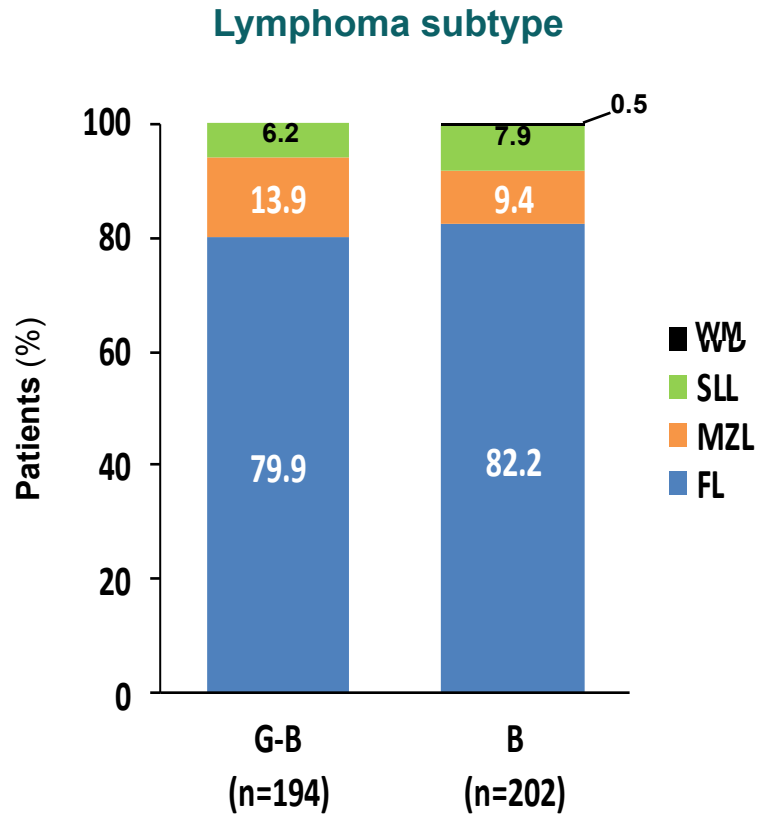
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4. Gopal et al. N Engl J Med 2014;370:1008–18

# GADOLIN: Study design (NCT01059630)



<b>Primary endpoint</b>	PFS as assessed by an IRF
<b>Secondary endpoints</b>	PFS as assessed by investigator, OS, end-of-induction response, best overall response, ORR, CRR, duration of response, EFS, DFS, safety, PK profile, pharmacoeconomics, PROs
<b>*Safety plan</b>	Early safety interim analysis conducted by a DSMB after 20 patients received Cycle 1 to evaluate for overt excess toxicity resulting in protocol modifications to be considered

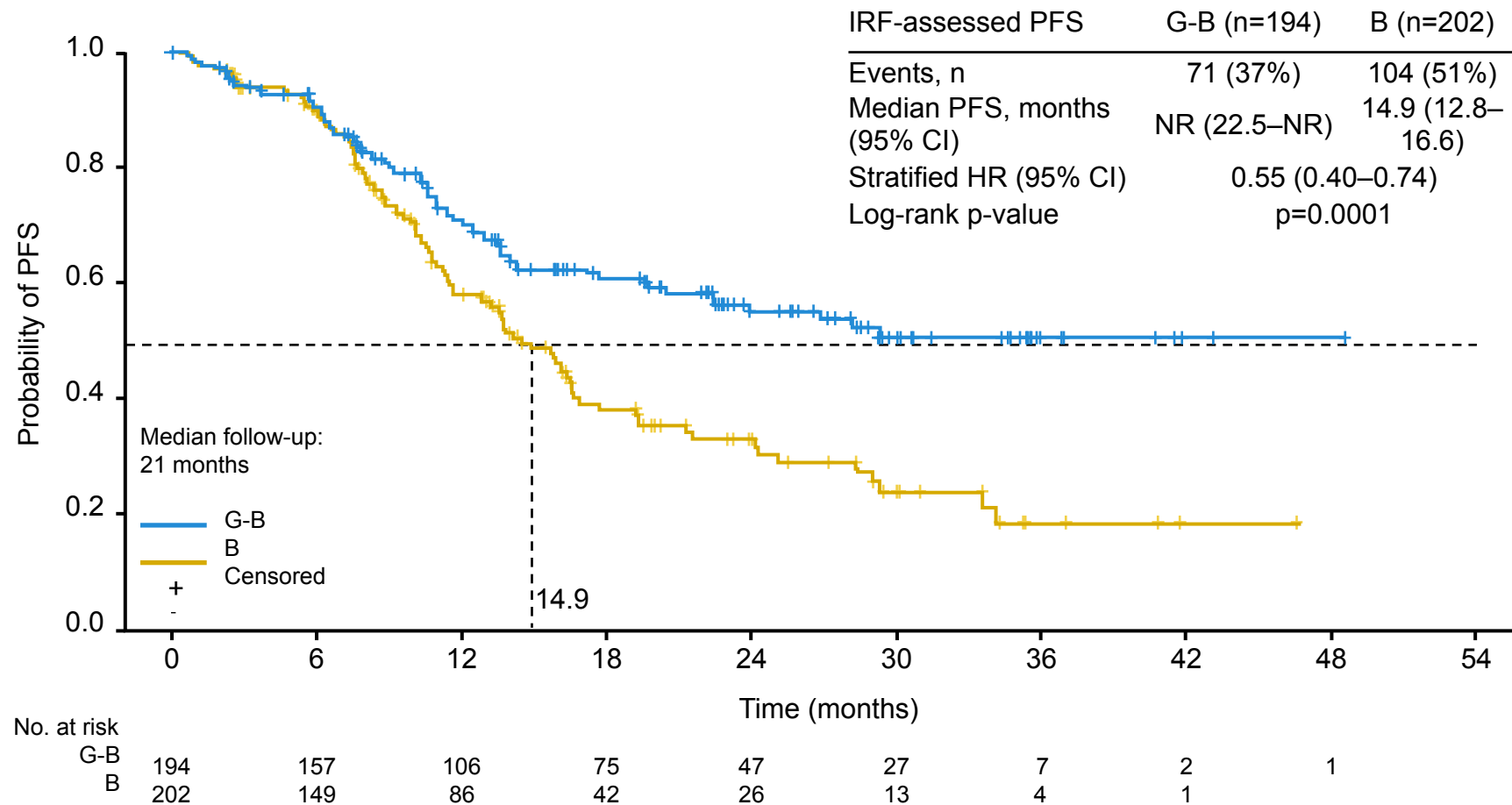
# GADOLIN: Baseline disease characteristics



\* Including patients who relapsed during or within 6 months of R-maintenance following R-chemotherapy

FL, follicular lymphoma; MZL, marginal zone lymphoma including extranodal, nodal and splenic; SLL, small lymphocytic lymphoma; WM, Waldenström macroglobulinemia.

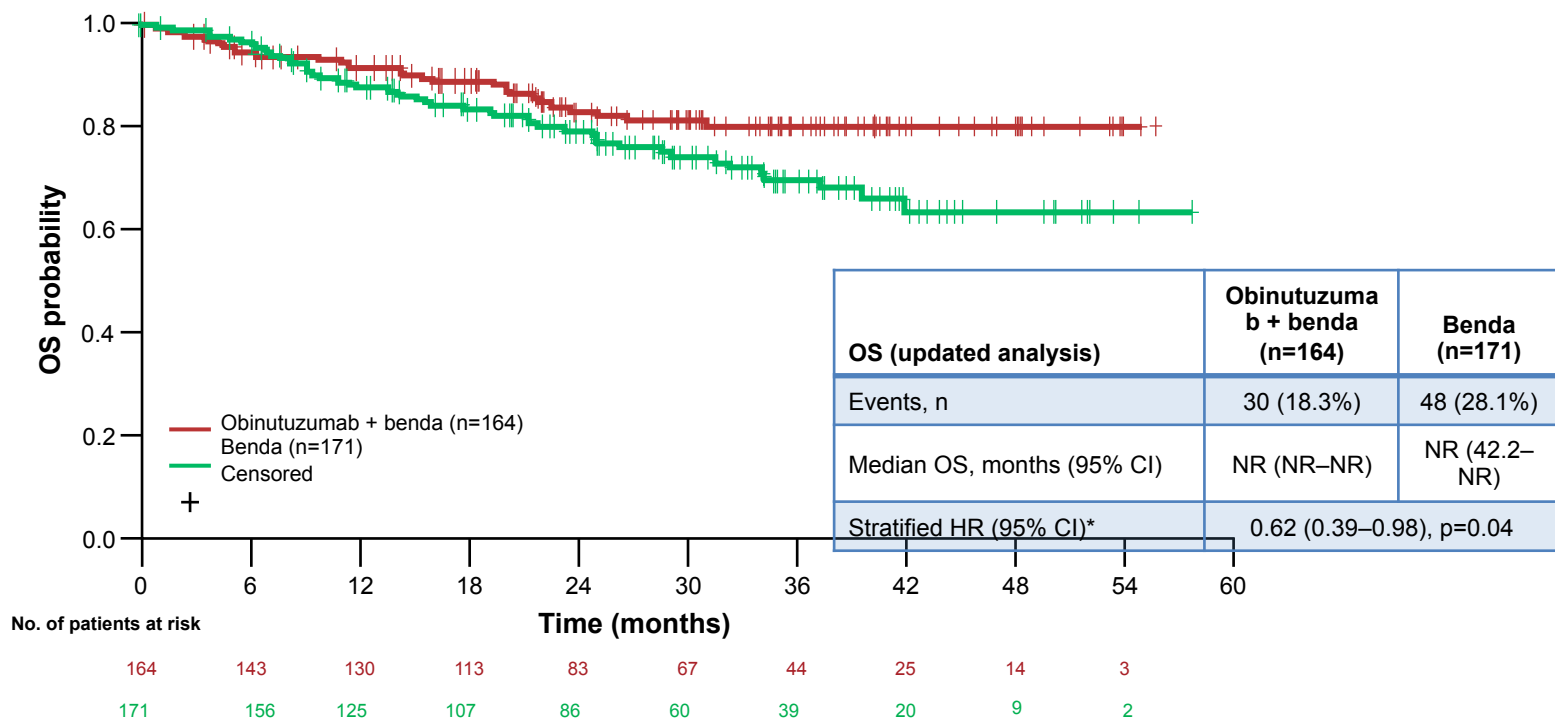
# GADOLIN primary outcome: IRF-assessed PFS



IRF, independent radiology facility; HR, hazard ratio; CI, confidence interval; NR, not reached.

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# GADOLIN: Analysis of OS



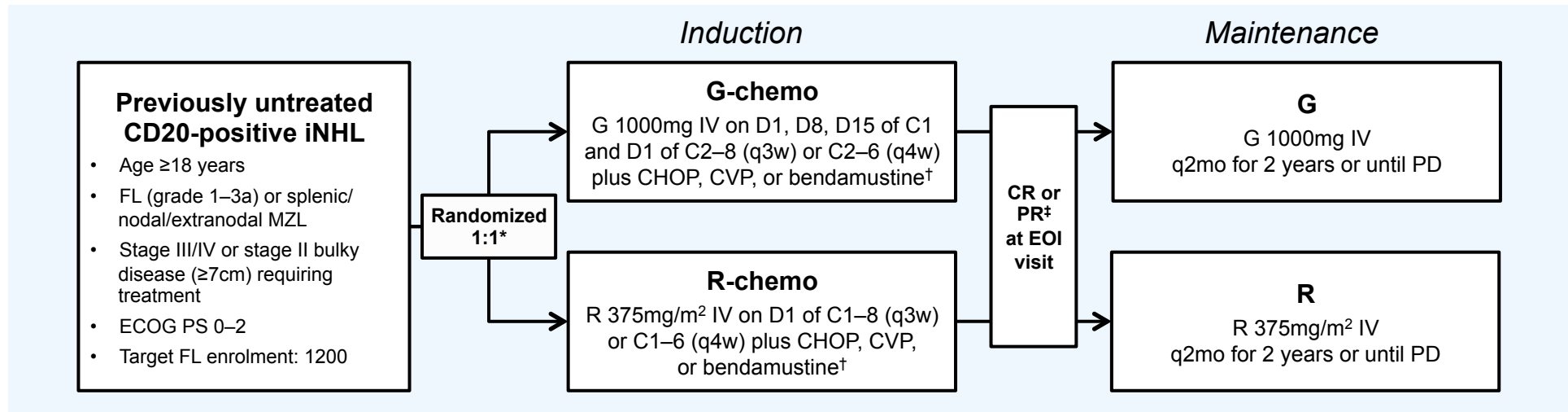
- At updated analysis cut-off **(01 May 2015)** 48/171 (28.1%) patients with FL in the bendequimab arm and 30/164 (18.3%) in the Obinutuzumab + bendequimab arm had died
- Results suggest an emerging survival benefit for Obinutuzumab + bendequimab versus bendequimab alone in the FL population

\*Stratification factors: refractory type (R vs R-chemo), prior therapies ( $\leq 2$  vs  $> 2$ )  
 Bende, bendamustine; CI, confidence interval; FL, follicular lymphoma; HR, hazard ratio;  
 NR, not reached; OS, overall survival



**Obinutuzumab–Based Induction and Maintenance Prolongs Progression–Free Survival (PFS) in Patients with Previously Untreated Follicular Lymphoma: Primary Results of the Randomized Phase 3 GALLIUM Study**

*International, open-label, randomized Phase III study*



**Primary endpoint**

- PFS (INV-assessed in FL)

**Secondary and other endpoints**

- PFS (IRC-assessed)<sup>§</sup>
- OS, EFS, DFS, DoR, TTNT
- CR/ORR at EOI (+/- FDG-PET)
- Safety

\*FL and MZL pts were randomized separately; stratification factors: chemotherapy, FLIPI (FL) or IPI (MZL) risk group, geographic region; †CHOP q3w × 6 cycles, CVP q3w × 8 cycles, bendamustine q4w × 6 cycles; choice by site (FL) or by pt (MZL); ‡Pts with SD at EOI were followed for PD for up to 2 years; §Confirmatory endpoint

# Baseline patient and disease characteristics (FL)

<i>Characteristic</i>	<i>R-chemo, n=601</i>	<i>G-chemo, n=601</i>
Median age, years (range)	58 (23–85)	60 (26–88)
Male, % (n)	46.6% (280)	47.1% (283)
Ann Arbor stage at diagnosis, % (n)		
I	1.3% (8)*	1.7% (10)†
II	7.4% (44)*	6.9% (41)†
III	35.0% (209)*	34.8% (208)†
IV	56.3% (336)*	56.7% (339)†
FLIPI risk group, % (n)		
Low (0–1)	20.8% (125)	21.3% (128)
Intermediate (2)	37.1% (223)	37.3% (224)
High (≥3)	42.1% (253)	41.4% (249)
B symptoms, % (n)	34.3% (206)‡	33.4% (201)
Bone marrow involvement, % (n)	49.3% (295)†	53.7% (318)§
Extranodal involvement, % (n)	65.9% (396)	65.2% (392)
Bulky disease (≥7cm), % (n)	45.2% (271)‡	42.5% (255)‡
Median (range) time from diagnosis to randomization, months	1.4 (0–168.1)	1.5 (0.1–121.6)¶

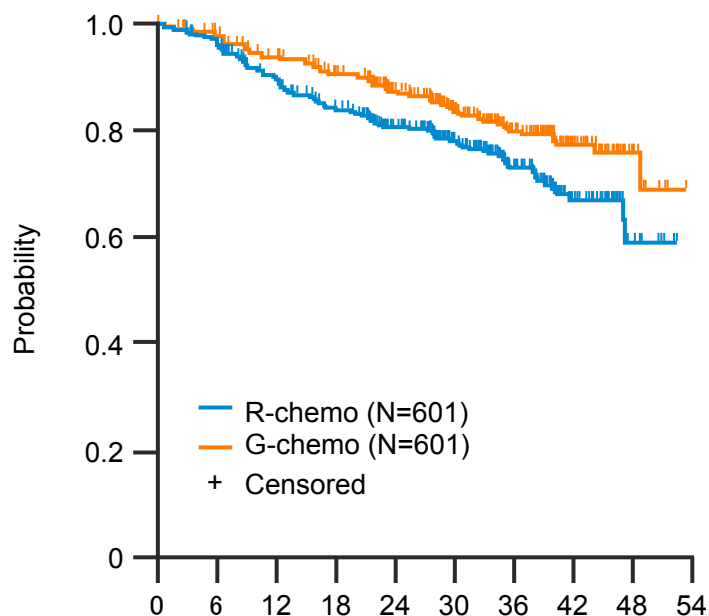
\*n=597; †n=598; ‡n=600; §n=592; ¶n=598, value not determined in three pts

## Response rates at end of induction (FL)\*

% (n); 95% CI	CT (by investigator)	
	R-chemo, n=601	G-chemo, n=601
<b>ORR</b>	<b>86.9% (522); 83.9, 89.5</b>	<b>88.5% (532); 85.7, 91.0</b>
<b>CR</b>	<b>23.8% (143); 20.4, 27.4</b>	<b>19.5% (117); 16.4, 22.9</b>
PR	63.1% (379)	69.1% (415)
SD	1.3% (8)	0.5% (3)
PD	4.0% (24)	2.3% (14)
Not evaluable / missing	3.5% (21) / 4.3% (26)	4.0% (24) / 4.7% (28)

\*INV-assessed using the Revised Response Criteria for Malignant Lymphoma (Cheson BD, et al. J Clin Oncol 2007)  
INV, investigator

# INV-assessed PFS (FL; primary endpoint)



No. of patients at risk	Time (months)									
R-chemo	601	562	505	463	378	266	160	68	10	0
G-chemo	601	570	536	502	405	278	168	75	13	0

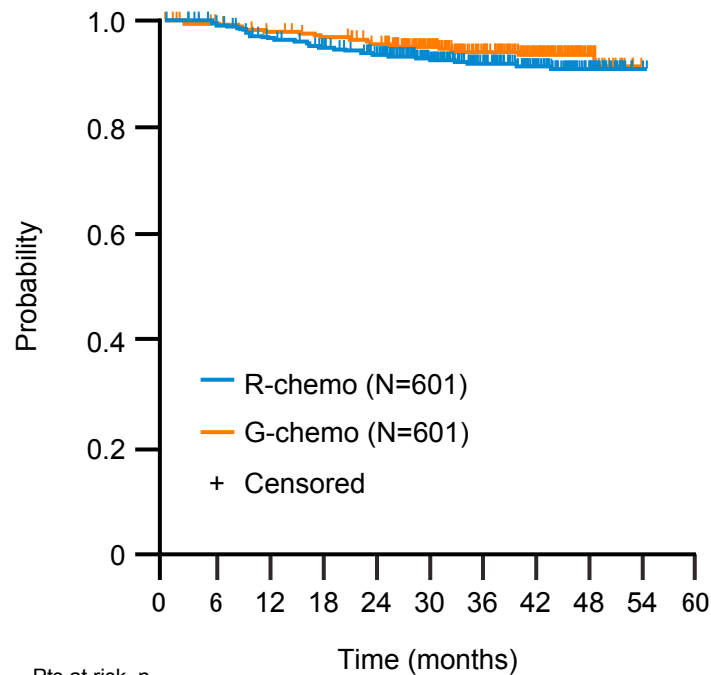
\*Stratified analysis; stratification factors: chemotherapy regimen, FLIPI risk group, geographic region

	<i>R-chemo,</i> <i>n=601</i>	<i>G-chemo,</i> <i>n=601</i>
Pts with event, n (%)	144 (24.0)	101 (16.8)
3-yr PFS, % (95% CI)	73.3 (68.8, 77.2)	80.0 (75.9, 83.6)
HR (95% CI), p-value*	0.66 (0.51, 0.85), p=0.0012	

*Median follow-up: 34.5 months*

**34% reduction in the risk of progression or death**

# OS (FL)



Pts at risk, n	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60
R-chemo	601	588	566	549	527	399	265	160	58	2	
G-chemo	601	584	573	563	549	416	271	161	55		

\*Stratified analysis; stratification factors: chemotherapy regimen, FLIPI risk group, geographic region

	<i>R-chemo,</i> <i>n=601</i>	<i>G-chemo,</i> <i>n=601</i>
Pts with event, n (%)	46 (7.7)	35 (5.8)
3-yr OS, % (95% CI)	92.1 (89.5, 94.1)	94.0 (91.6, 95.7)
HR (95% CI), p-value*	0.75 (0.49, 1.17), p=0.21	

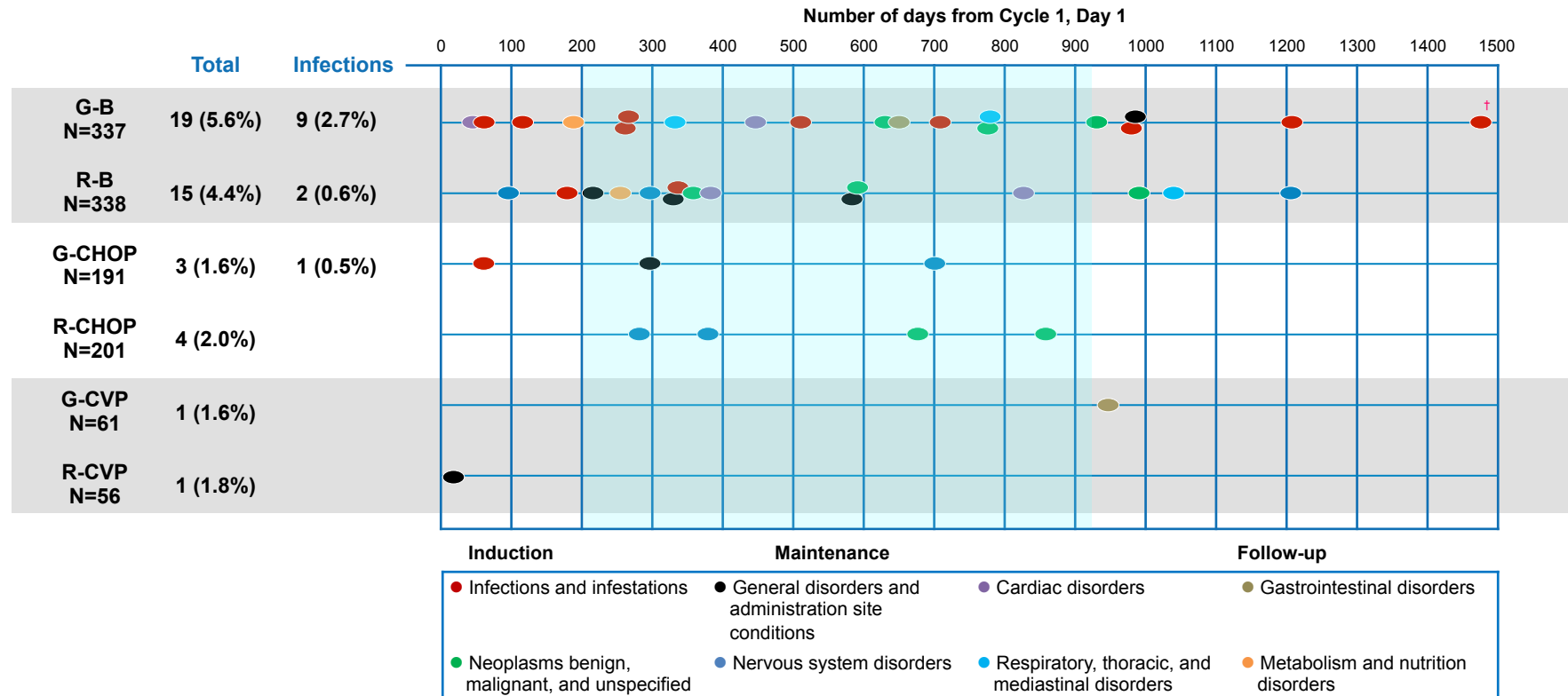
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# Safety summary (FL)

% (n)	R-chemo (n=597)	G-chemo (n=595)
Any AE	98.3% (587)	99.5% (592)
Grade ≥3 AEs (≥5% in either arm)	67.8% (405)	74.6% (444)
Neutropenia	37.9% (226)	43.9% (261)
Leucopenia	8.4% (50)	8.6% (51)
Febrile neutropenia	4.9% (29)	6.9% (41)
IRRs*	3.7% (22)	6.7% (40)
Thrombocytopenia	2.7% (16)	6.1% (36)
Grade ≥3 AEs of special interest by category (selected)		
Infections†	15.6% (93)	20.0% (119)
IRRs‡	6.7% (40)	12.4% (74)
Second neoplasms§	2.7% (16)	4.7% (28)
SAEs	39.9% (238)	46.1% (274)
AEs causing treatment discontinuation	14.2% (85)	16.3% (97)
Grade 5 (fatal) AEs	3.4% (20)	4.0% (24)**
Median (range) change from baseline in IgG levels at end of induction, g/ l††	-1.46 (-16.4–9.1)††	-1.50 (-22.3–6.5)‡‡

\*As MedDRA preferred term; †All events in MedDRA System Organ Class 'Infections and Infestations'; ‡Any AE occurring during or within 24h of infusion of G or R and considered drug-related; §Standardized MedDRA query for malignant or unspecified tumors starting 6 mo after treatment start; ††Ig levels were measured during screening, at EOI and end of maintenance and during follow-up; \*\*Includes patient who died after clinical cut-off date from AE starting before cut-off date; ††n=472; ‡‡n=462

# Grade 5 (fatal) AEs by treatment (FL)\*



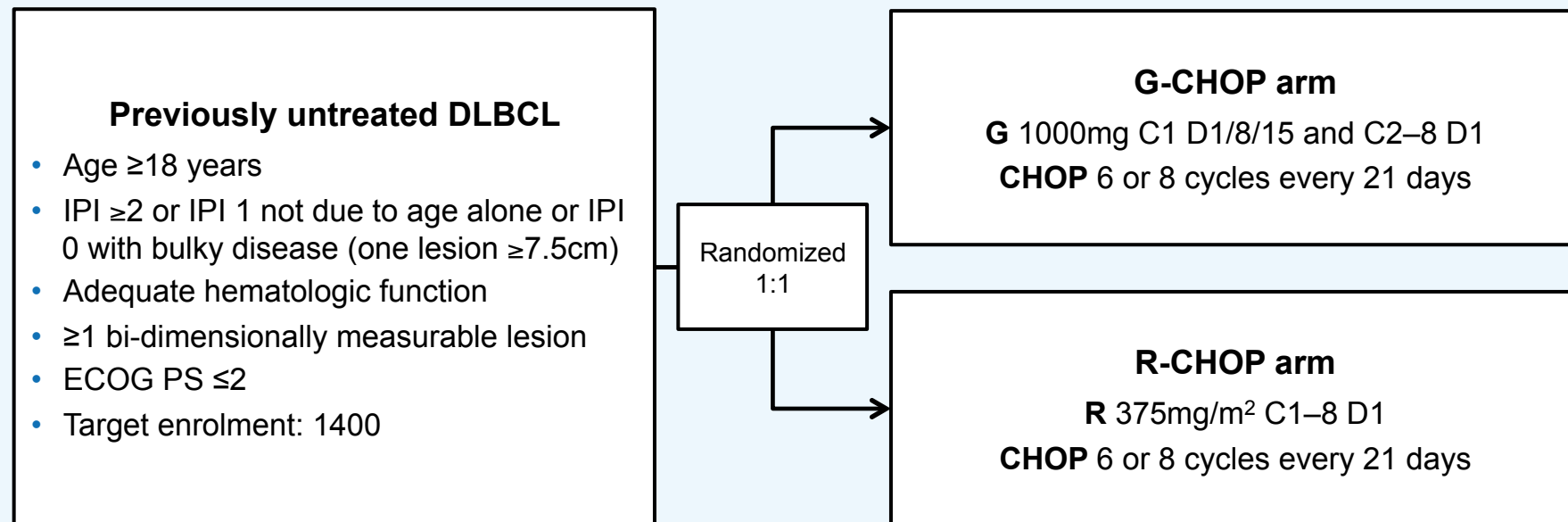
\*Includes only pts who died before clinical cut-off date; †this patient (G-B group) was initially assigned three causes of death (*Clostridium difficile* colitis, prostate cancer, and myelodysplastic syndrome); *Clostridium difficile* colitis was the most acute, so the patient has been assigned to the 'Infections and infestations' category and the number of fatal AEs in G-B pts in neoplasms SOC reduced from 5 to 3

# How to improve R-CHOP results in DLBCL ...substitute with different antiCD20 antibody

## The GOYA study:

International, open-label, randomized Phase III study in 1L DLBCL pts

- Scientific support from the Fondazione Italiana Linfomi



- Number of CHOP cycles pre-planned in advance for all pts at each site
- Randomization stratification factors: planned number of CHOP cycles, IPI, geographic region



# Baseline patient and disease characteristics

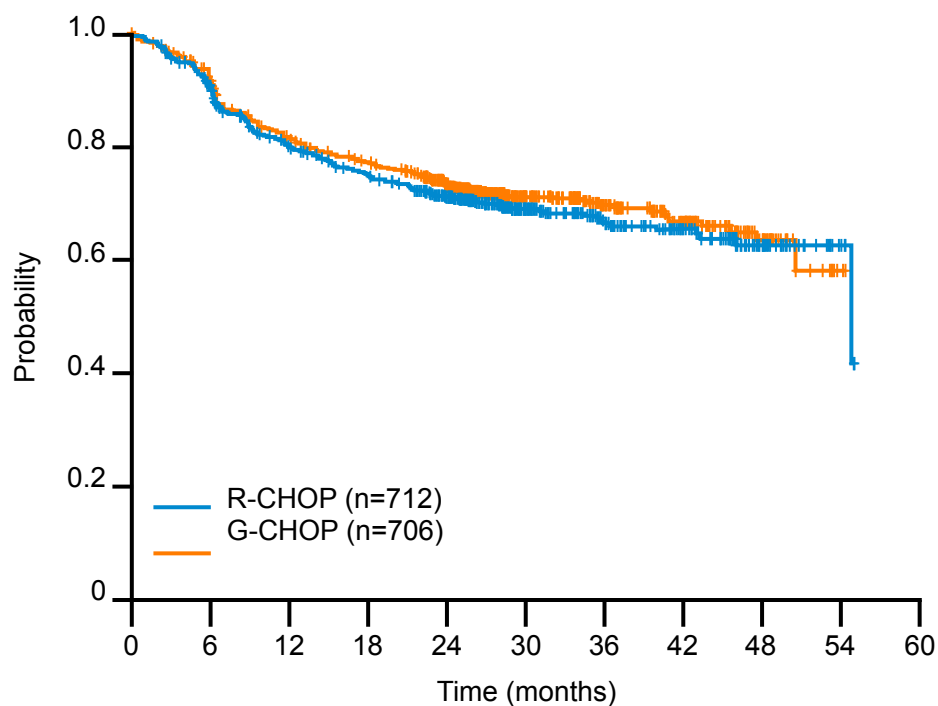
<i>% (n)</i>	<i>R-CHOP, n=712</i>	<i>G-CHOP, n=706</i>
Median age, years (range)	62.0 (18–83)	62.0 (18–86)
Female	46.2% (329)	47.7% (337)
Ann Arbor stage at diagnosis		
I–II	24.1% (171)	24.1% (170)
III–IV	75.9% (540)	75.9% (536)
ECOG PS*		
0	46.3% (330)	46.0% (325)
1	39.7% (283)	41.5% (293)
2	13.8% (98)	12.2% (86)
IPI		
Low/low-intermediate	57.4% (409)	53.3% (376)
High-intermediate	27.0% (192)	31.3% (221)
High	15.6% (111)	15.4% (109)
Extranodal involvement (>1 site)	33.7% (240)	37.3% (263)
Bone marrow involvement	10.9% (77)	10.9% (76)
Bulky disease (≥7.5cm)	36.9% (262)	37.1% (261)
COO subtype in evaluable pts (n=933) †		
GCB	58.2% (269)	57.5% (271)
ABC	25.5% (118)	26.5% (125)
Unclassified	16.2% (75)	15.9% (75)

\*ECOG PS 3: R-CHOP, n=1; G-CHOP, n=1

†Missing COO classifications due to: restricted Chinese export license, n=252; CD20+ DLBCL not confirmed, n=102; missing/inadequate tissue, n=131

# Investigator-assessed PFS (primary endpoint)

Kaplan-Meier plot of investigator-assessed PFS by treatment arm



No. of patients at risk											
		0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54
R-CHOP	712	616	527	488	413	227	142	96	41	6	
G-CHOP	706	622	540	502	425	240	158	102	39	2	

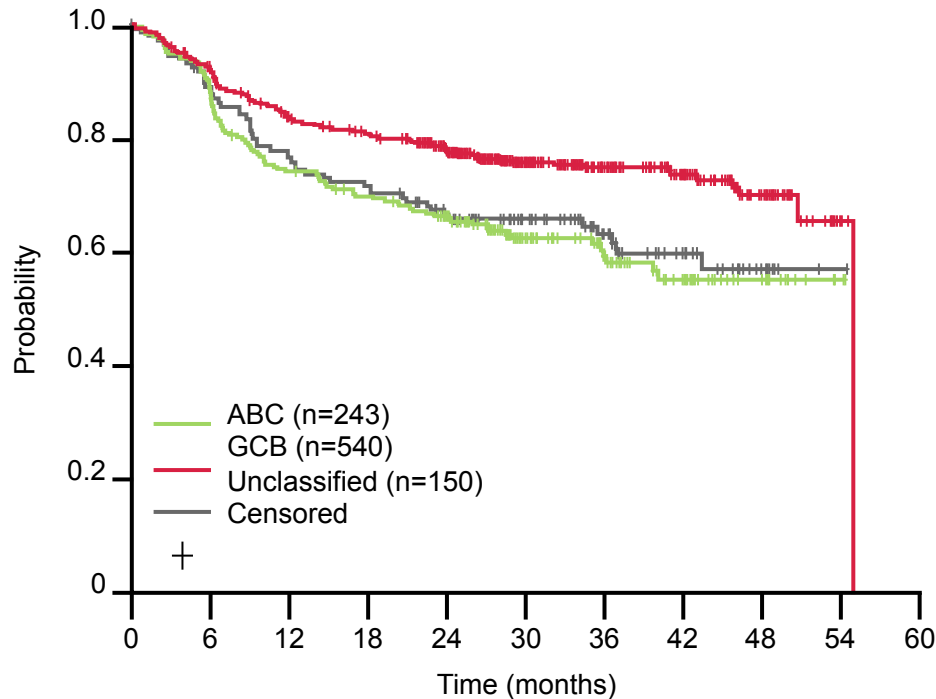
	<b>R- CHOP, n=712</b>	<b>G- CHOP, n=706</b>
Pts with event, n (%)	215 (30.2)	201 (28.5)
1-yr PFS, %	79.8	81.6
2-yr PFS, %	71.3	73.4
3-yr PFS, %	66.9	69.6
HR (95% CI), p-value*	0.92 (0.76, 1.11), p=0.3868	

Median follow-up: 29 months

\*Stratified analysis; stratification factors: IPI score, number of planned chemotherapy cycles

# Investigator-assessed PFS by cell of origin\*

Kaplan-Meier plot of investigator-assessed PFS by COO



No. of patients at risk		Time (months)									
		0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54
ABC	243	209	174	161	144	78	52	32	13	2	
GCB	540	480	417	398	344	207	139	96	41	3	
Unclassified	150	128	111	103	86	64	42	25	9	1	

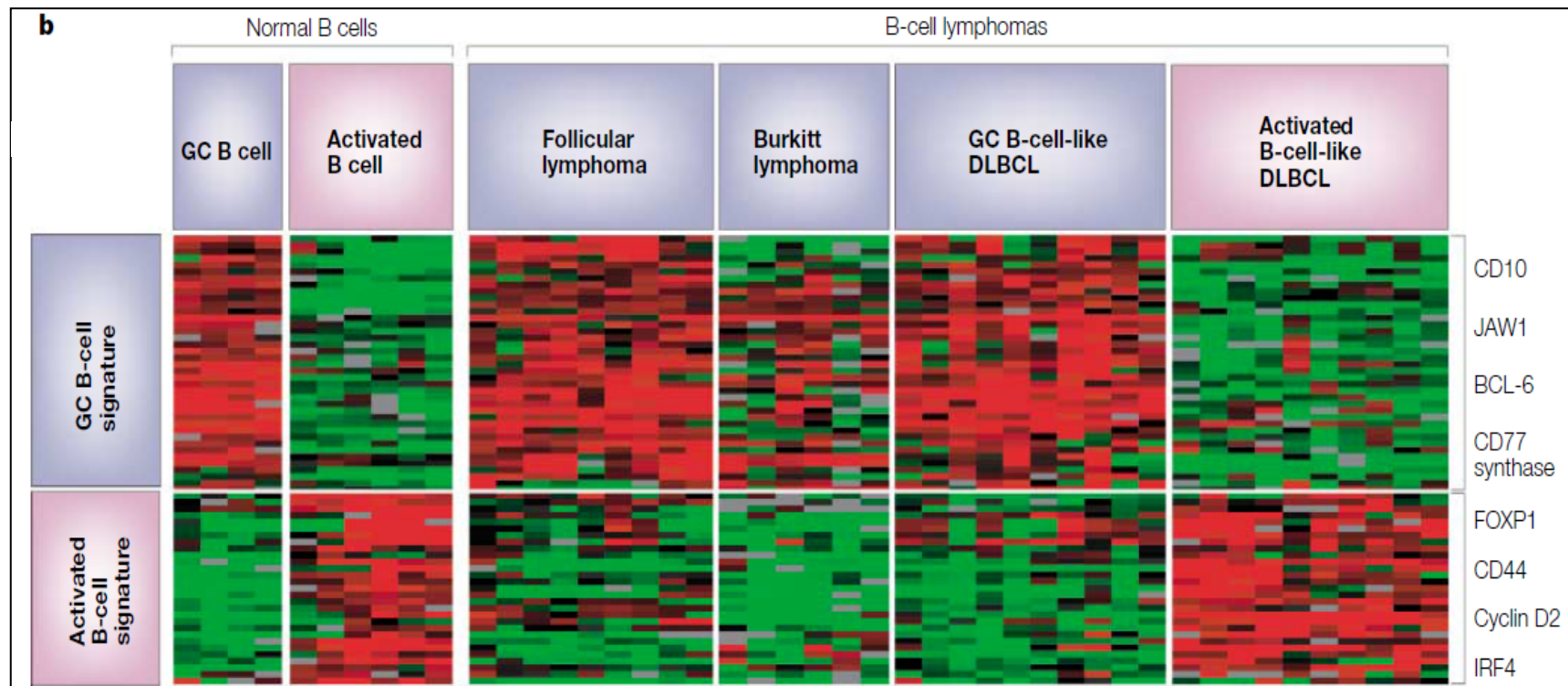
	ABC, n=24 3	GCB, n=54 0	Unclassif ied, n=150
Pts with event, n (%)	92 (37.9)	129 (23.9)	54 (36.0)
2-yr PFS, %	66.4	78.0	65.9
3-yr PFS, %	59.3	75.0	63.2

HR (95% CI)	
ABC vs GCB	1.70 (1.30, 2.23)
Unclassified vs GCB	1.57 (1.14, 2.16)

\*Exploratory analysis; COO classification determined for 933 pts by gene expression profiling assay (Nanostring); missing COO classifications due to: restricted Chinese export license, n=252; CD20+ DLBCL not confirmed, n=102; missing/inadequate tissue, n=131; PFS HR=0.82 (0.64, 1.04) in pts with COO classification; PFS HR=1.18 (0.85, 1.64) in pts without COO classification

# FL and GCB DLBCL patients share similar biology

FL and GCB DLBCL both arise from germinal centre B cells and share a similar gene expression profile



# Treatment with antiCD20 in B-cell lymphomas

**Consolidated results**

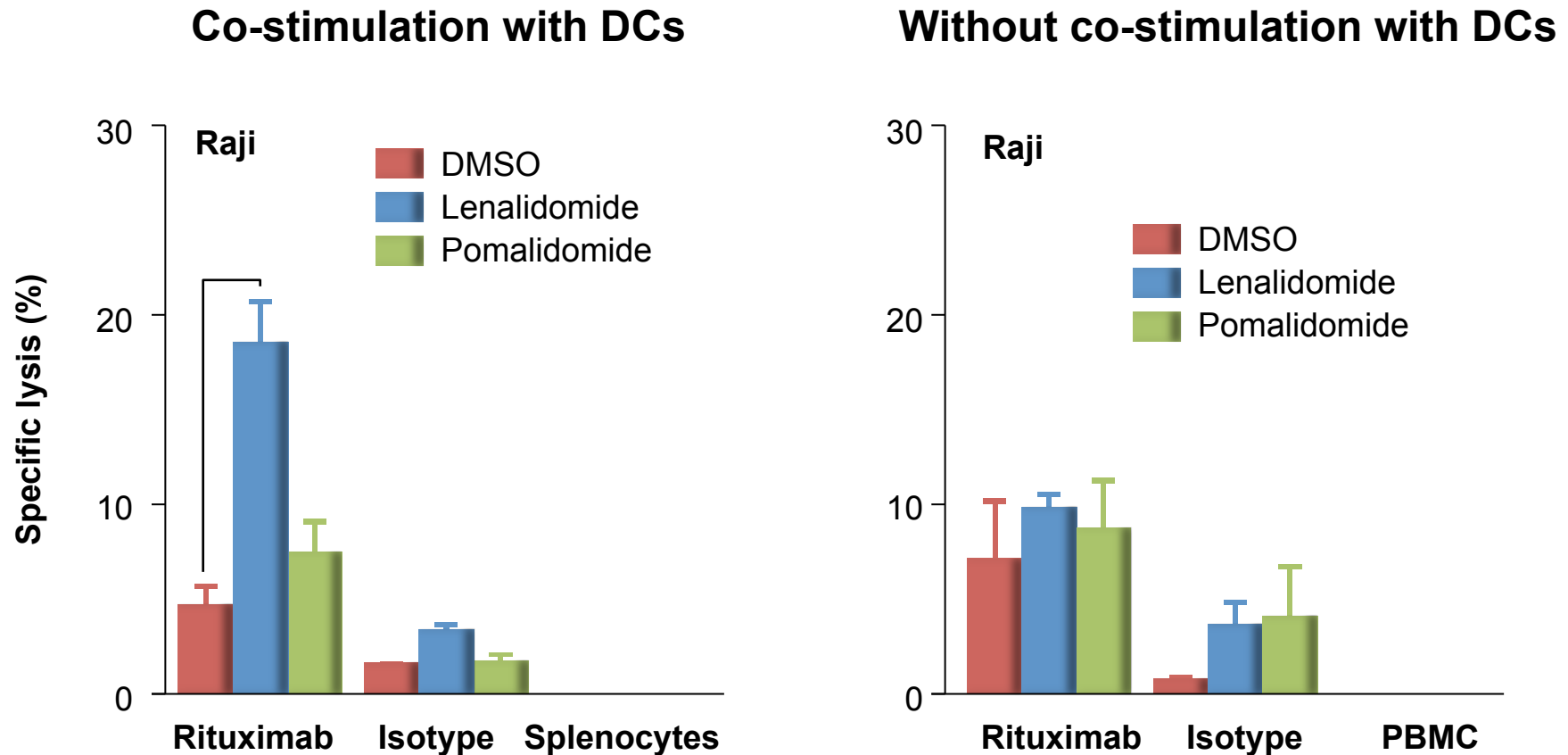
**New antiCD20 antibodies**

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**Future development**

# IMiD enhancement of rituximab-dependent ADCC ex vivo is mediated via co-stimulation of NK-cells by DCs



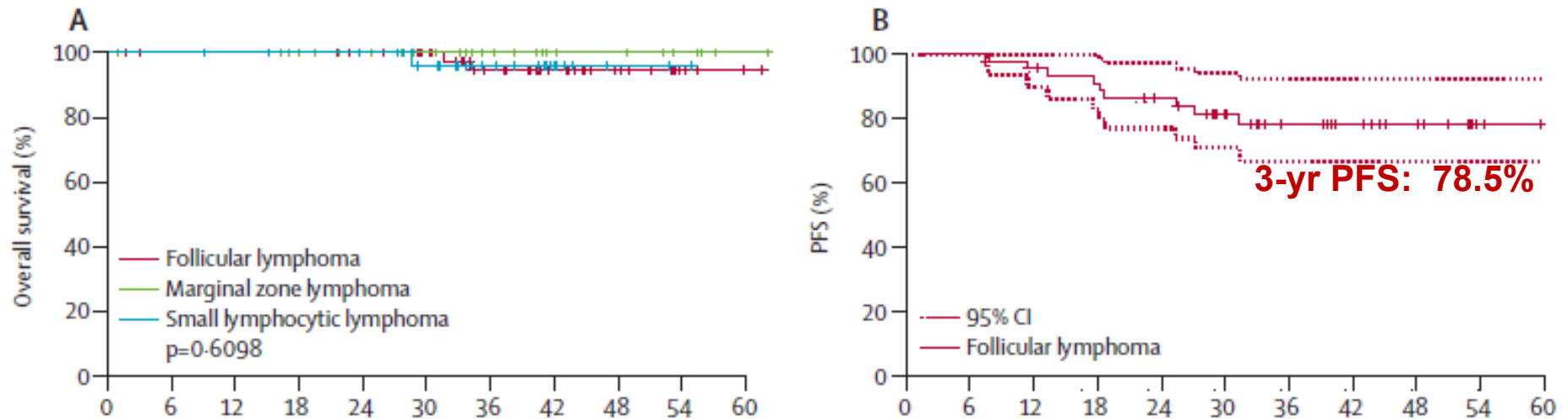
**Provides rationale for R2 regimen**

Data is represented by means with error bars showing mean  $\pm$  1.0 SE.

ADCC, antibody-dependent cellular cytotoxicity; DC, dendritic cell; DMSO, dimethyl sulfoxide; IMiD, immunomodulatory drug; NK, natural killer; PBMC, peripheral blood mononuclear cells; SE, standard error.

# Safety and activity of lenalidomide and rituximab in untreated indolent lymphoma: an open-label, phase 2 trial

110 pts (Jun 2008 – Aug 2011): 50 FL, 30 MZL and 30 SLL.



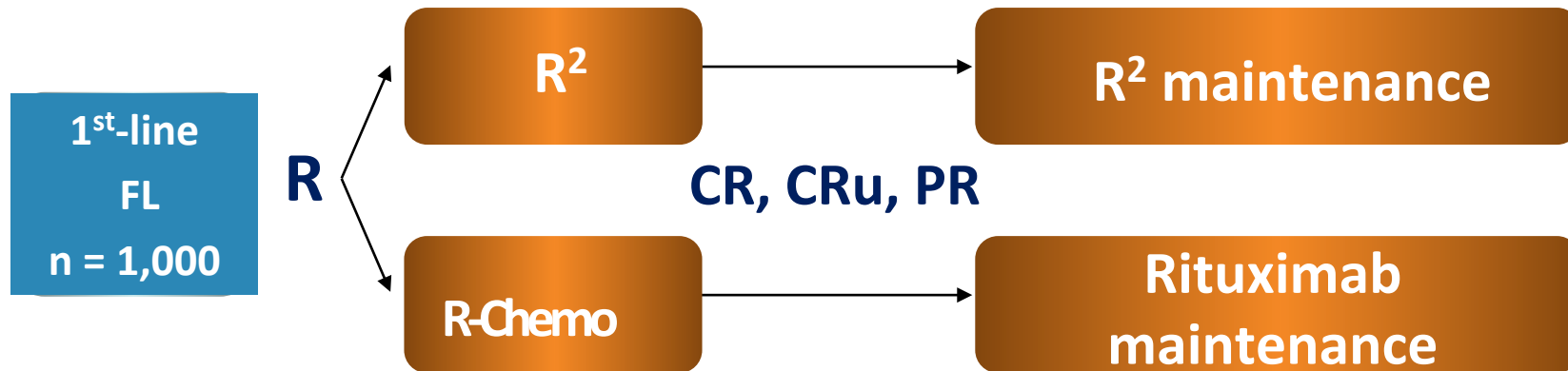
- ▶ 3-year OS: 96.1%
- ▶ Median PFS for Follicular Lymphoma pts not reached at 40.6 months
- ▶ **89% Bcl2+ pts at diagnosis achieved molecular remission after 6 cycles**

- ▶ Most common grade 3-4 haematological toxicity was neutropenia: 35% of pts
- ▶ Most common grade 3-4 non-haematological toxicities were: muscle pain (9%), rash (8%), dyspnoea or pulmonary symptoms (5%), fatigue (5%), thrombosis (5%)



# RELEVANCE trial: Rituximab and Lenalidomide vs any chemotherapy

International, phase 3, multi-centre, randomized study  
(Frank Morschhauser, Nathan Fowler)



- **R-Chemo** according to investigator choice of R-CHOP, R-CVP, R-B
- **R + Lenalidomide 20 mg x 6 cycles; if CR then 10 mg; if PR 20 mg x further 3-6 cycles and then 10 mg for up to 18 cycles**
- Co-primary end-points
  - surrogate end-point: CR/CRu rate at 1.5 years
  - PFS





# Phase 2 Studies of R2-CHOP in Front-line DLBCL



Agent	Dose	Route	Day of Cycle
Lenalidomide	25 mg	po	1-10
Rituximab	375 mg/ m <sup>2</sup>	IV	1
Cyclophosphamide	750 mg/ m <sup>2</sup>	IV	1
Doxorubicin	50 mg/ m <sup>2</sup>	IV	1
Vincristine	1.4 mg/ m <sup>2</sup>	IV	1
Prednisone	100 mg/ m <sup>2</sup>	po	1-5
<i>Pegfilgrastim</i>	<i>6 mg</i>	<i>SC</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Aspirin</i>	<i>325 mg</i>	<i>po</i>	<i>daily</i>

Agent	Dose	Route	Day of Cycle
Lenalidomide	15 mg	po	1-14
Rituximab	375 mg/ m <sup>2</sup>	IV	1
Cyclophosphamide	750 mg/ m <sup>2</sup>	IV	1
Doxorubicin	50 mg/ m <sup>2</sup>	IV	1
Vincristine	1.4 mg/ m <sup>2</sup>	IV	1
Prednisone	40 mg/ m <sup>2</sup>	po	1-5
<i>Pegfilgrastim</i>	-	-	-
<i>LMWH prophylaxis</i>		<i>SC</i>	<i>daily</i>

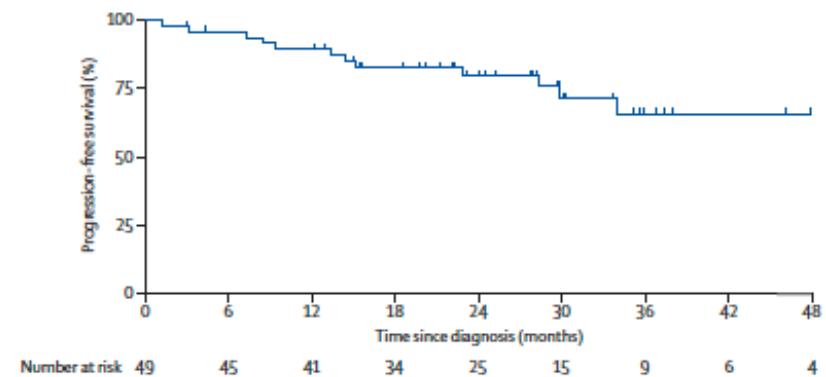
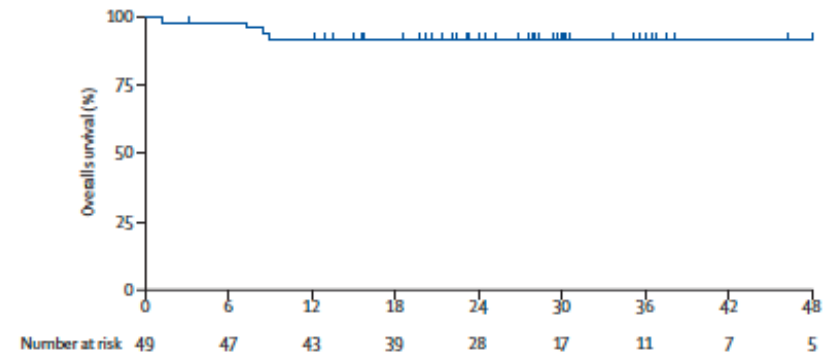
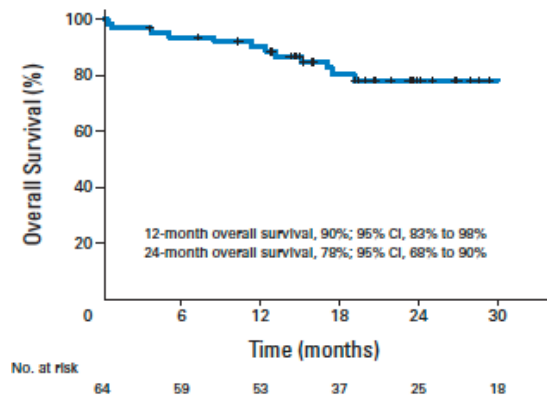
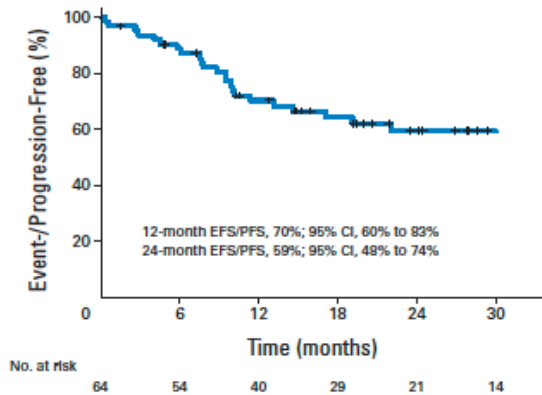
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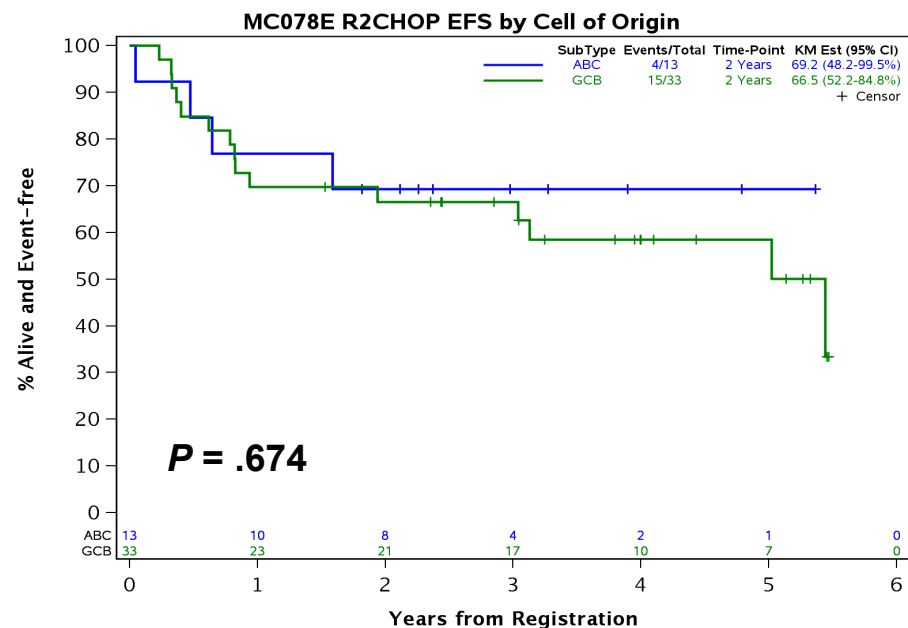
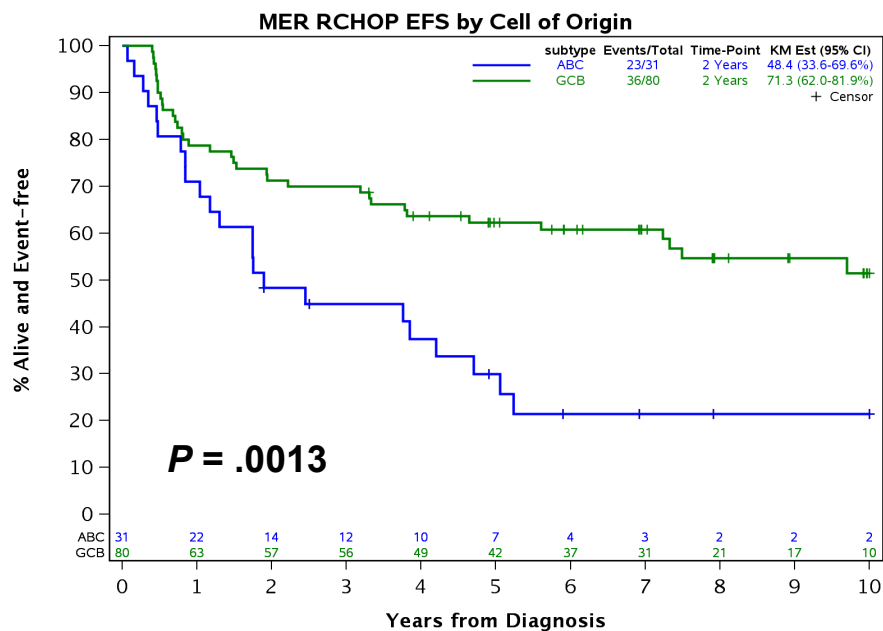
N=60  
 ORR 98%  
 CR 80%



N=49  
 ORR 92%  
 CR 86%



# Phase 2 Study of R2-CHOP in Newly Diagnosed DLBCL by COO by Nanostring Assay: EFS



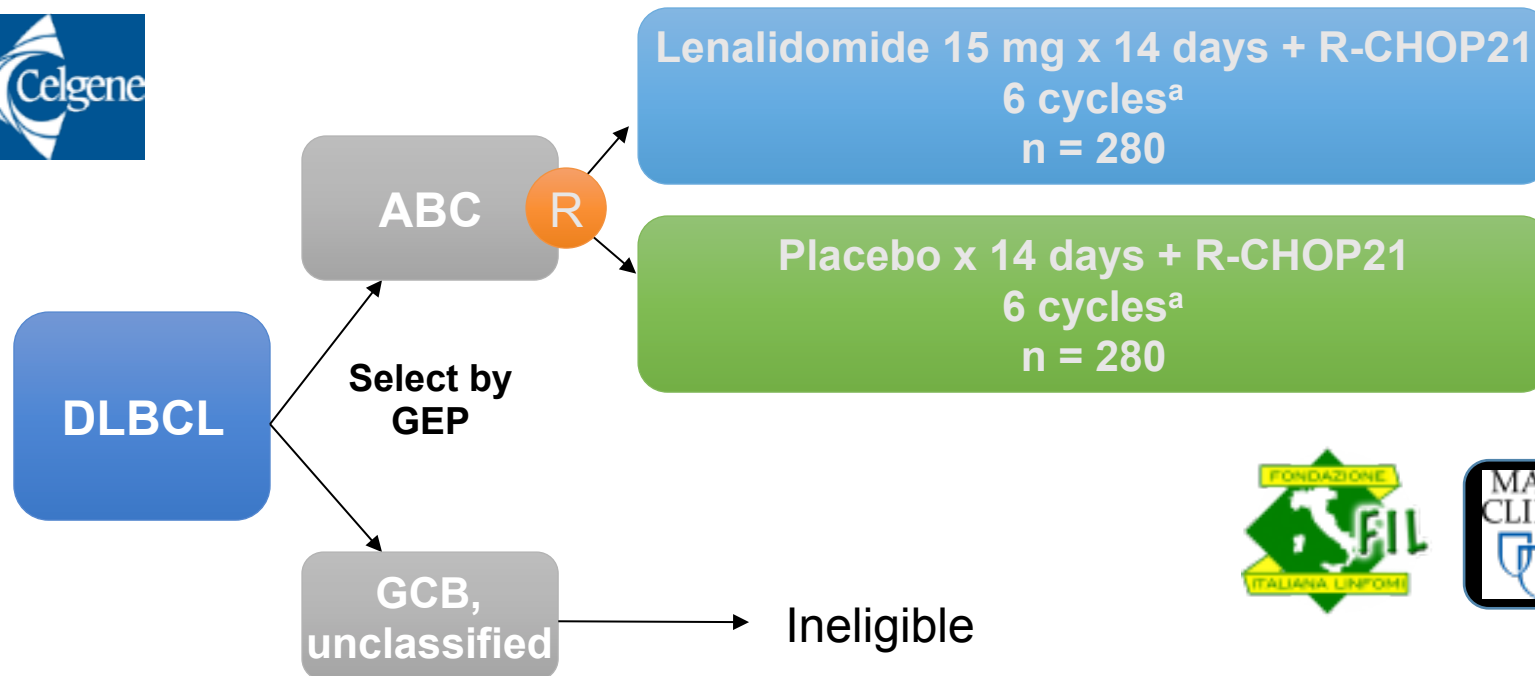
Cohort	N	GCB		ABC		Unclassified	
		n (%)	EFS24	n (%)	EFS24	n (%)	EFS24
MER R-CHOP	124	80 (65%)	71%*	31 (25%)	48%	13 (10%)	46%
MC078E R <sup>2</sup> -CHOP	50	33 (66%)	67%#	13 (26%)	69%	4 (8%)	50%

# DLC-002 (ROBUST) study design: COO categorization made on nanostring

Sponsor: Celgene Corporation. Team leader: FIL and Mayo Clinic.

PIs: U. Vitolo, T. Witzig.

Writing committee: U. Vitolo, A. Chiappella, M. Spina, T. Witzig, G. Nowakowski.



- Newly diagnosed ABC DLBCL; IPI  $\geq 2$ ; ECOG PS  $\leq 2$ ; age 18–80 years
- Primary endpoint = PFS; N = 560
- 90% power to detect 60% difference in PFS (control median PFS estimate = 24 months)
- 208 sites expected to be involved

<sup>a</sup>Option for 2 additional rituximab doses after completing treatment regimen (if considered standard of care per local practice). ABC, activated B-cell like; COO, cell of origin; DLBCL, diffuse large B-cell lymphoma; ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; GCB, germinal centre B-cell like; GEP, gene expression profile; IPI, International Prognostic Index; PFS, progression-free survival; PI, principle investigator; R-CHOP, rituximab plus cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin, vincristine, prednisone.

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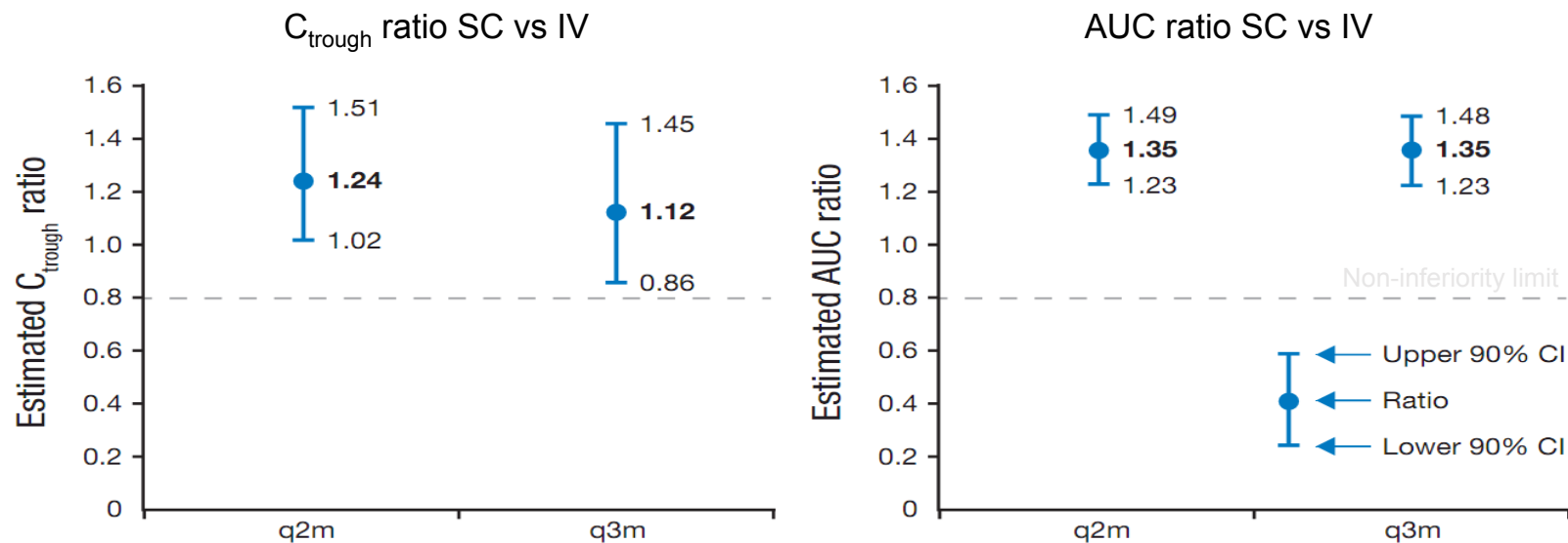
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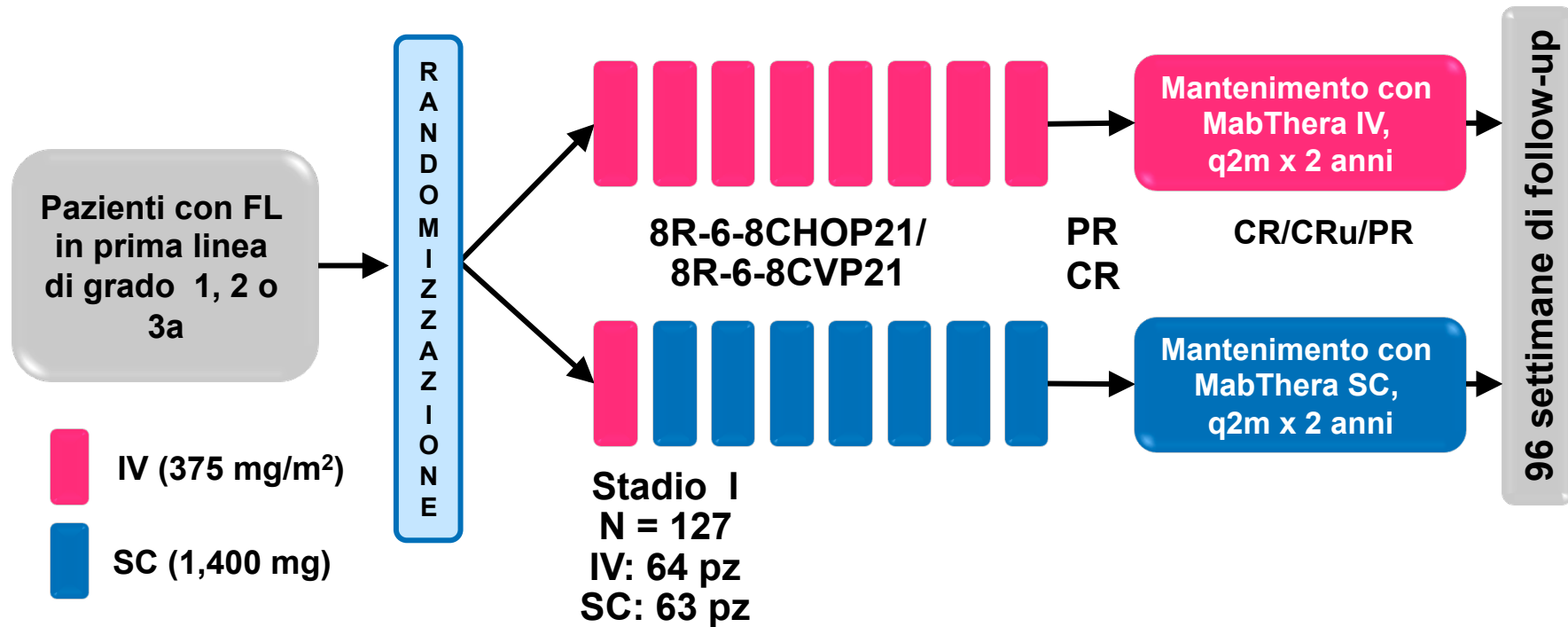
# SparkThera - 1,400 mg fixed dose of Rituximab SC is predicted to be non-inferior to the IV dose of 375 mg/m<sup>2</sup>

## SparkThera: stage 2 PK endpoint primario– C<sub>trough</sub>



- L'endpoint primario di PK (SC:IV C<sub>trough</sub> ratio) è stato raggiunto : il limite inferiore del 90% CIs è al di sopra del margine di **non inferiorità predefinito di 0.8** per la schedula **ogni 2 mesi (1.02) e ogni 3 mesi (0.86)**
- Rituximab SC alla dose di 1400 mg è risultato non inferiore a rituximab alla dose di 375 mg/m<sup>2</sup> somministrato per via endovenosa

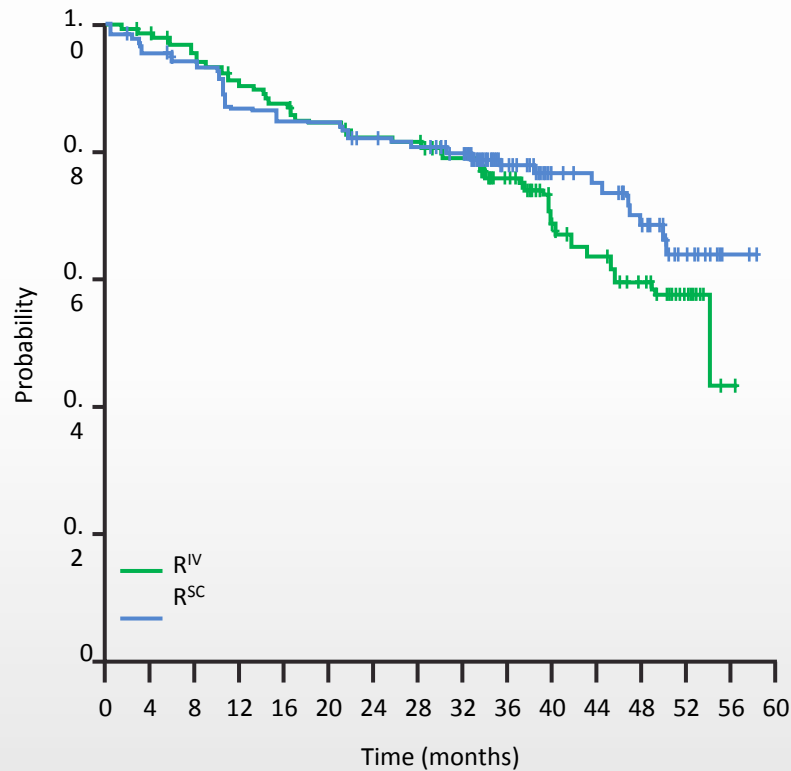
# SABRINA: Conferma della dose e dell'efficacia di rituximab SC nell'induzione e mantenimento nel FL



Endpoint primario: PK Ctrough<sub>SC:IV</sub> ratio maggiore di 0.8, AUC<sub>SC:IV</sub> ratio > 0.8

Endpoint secondario: efficacia (ORR, CR, CRu, PR) alla fine dell'induzione

# SABRINA: progression-free survival (ITT)



Patients at risk, n	
Rituximab IV	205 196 186 176 171 162 157 156 138 73 41 35 29 14 2 0
Rituximab SC	205 188 183 169 166 164 158 154 139 81 51 48 40 23 2 0

	R <sup>IV</sup> (n=205)	R <sup>SC</sup> (n=205)
Patients with event, n (%)	57 (27.8)	50 (24.4)
HR (95% CI), p-value*	0.84 (0.57, 1.23), p=0.3696	

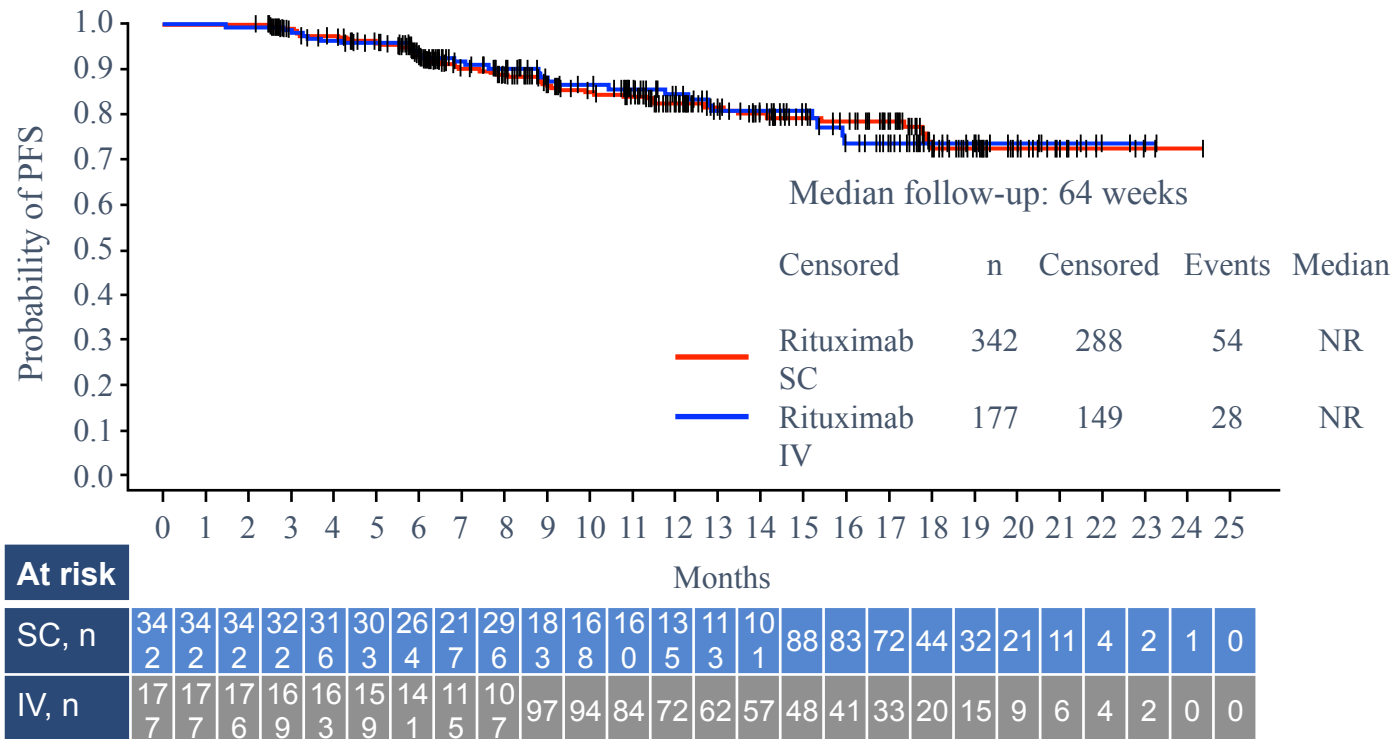
**Median follow-up: 37 months**



## SABRINA: safety overview

n (%)	R <sup>IV</sup> (n=210*)	R <sup>SC</sup> (n=197*)
Any AE	199 (95)	189 (96)
Grade ≥3 AEs	116 (55)	111 (56)
SAEs	72 (34)	73 (37)
Deaths	22 (10)	14 (7)
AEs leading to death	12 (6)	7 (4)
Deaths due to disease progression	7 (3)	6 (3)
Deaths due to unknown cause	2 (<1)	1 (<1)

# MabEase: comparative, randomised (2:1 ), multicentre, open-label, phase IIIb study in previously untreated DLBCL R-CHOP 21/14 with R sc vs iv



**PFS was comparable between treatment arms**

# Analisi di impatto dei benefici tecnico-organizzativi di una formulazione sottocute nel percorso paziente con linfoma

***Il progetto ha coinvolto 17 centri di Ematologia ed i risultati hanno dimostrato che l'uso di MabThera SC può ridurre:***

## Risultati nell'uso di MabThera SC

Impegno complessivo tempo del paziente

**-59%**

Impegno del personale infermieristico nella gestione del paziente

**-54%**

Impegno del personale per allestimento farmaco

**-54%**

Scarti farmaco

**-94%**

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## Conclusions

- ✓ **CD20 is still the best target for monoclonal antibodies in the treatment of B-cell lymphoma**
- ✓ **Rituximab has changed the outcome of FL and DLBCL**
- ✓ **Obinutuzumab is the first glycoengineered antiCD20 antibody with a different mode of action than Rituximab**
- ✓ **Obinutuzumab has shown a greater clinical activity in FL and CLL**
- ✓ **Rituximab can be safely combined with Lenalidomide as chemotherapy free regimen in FL or with RCHOP backbone with preliminary good results**
- ✓ **Rituximab sub cute provides a more friendly mode of administration allowing to save time for the patient, nurses, pharmacists and overall organization**
- ✓ **Future developments of antiCD20 include possibly bispecific antibodies allowing to restore T-cell cytotoxic activity against lymphoma cells.**