# ALLO TRANSPLANT FOR FOLLICULAR LYMPHOMA

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- I will discuss off-label use
- Conflicts of interest
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- A paradox
  - \* Allo is a cure for an incurable disease...
  - \* Yet not often used

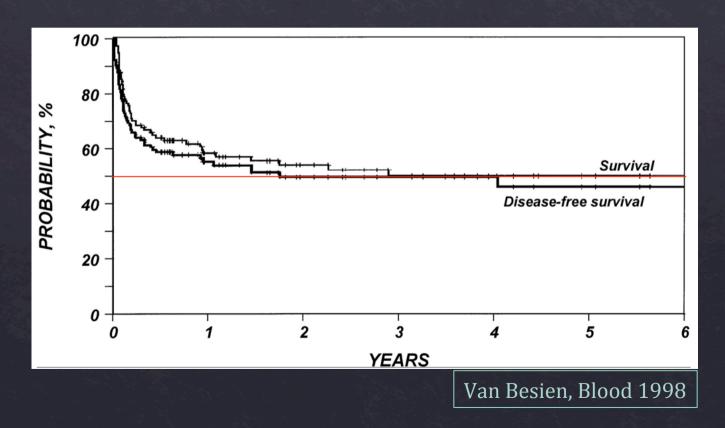
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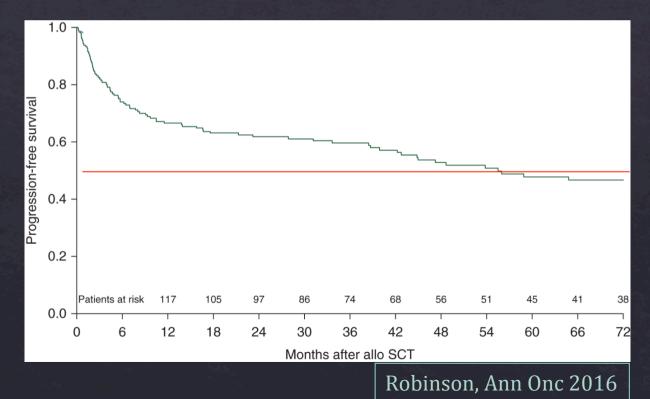
- A paradox
- 11.3 minutes to propose a solution
  - Why?
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  - \* Who/How? Facile

- A paradox
- 11.2 minutes to propose a solution
  - Why?
    Molto facile
  - Who/How? Facile
  - When? Impossibile

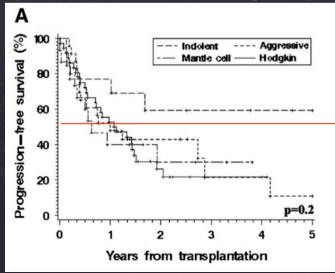
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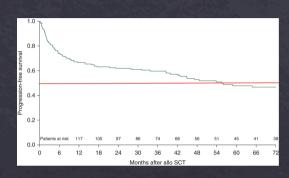


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  - And many many others in between
    - FL best outcome of all lymphomas with allo



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- Our first benchmark
  - ❖ ~½ allo pts are disease-free @5y w/ plateau

- Who?
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  - Opens the window wide
    - Age to late 70s
    - Mild-moderate comorbid conditions tolerable
    - Less selection bias than clinical trial?

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Van Besien, Blood 1998 Robinson, Ann Onc 2016 Rezvani, JCO 2007 Hari, BBMT 2008 Delgado, Leukemia 2010 Pinana, Haematologica 2010 Etc...

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    - Haunting: transplant with SD/PD

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  - Bottom line: many candidates...

- Who?
- How?
  - MAC vs RIC
    - No prospective study in lymphoma
    - Retrospective series
      - MAC higher NRM/lower relapse
      - Generally roughly similar PFS/OS

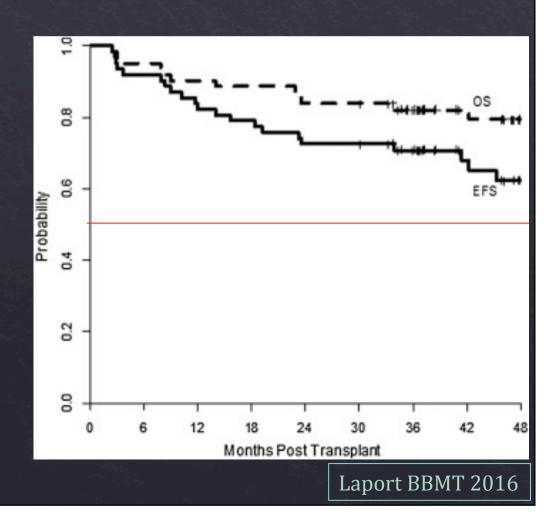
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#### WHO AND How?

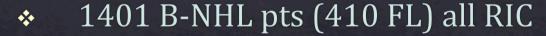
- Who?
- \* How?
  - MAC vs RIC
  - Rituximab
    - Rationale
      - May improve disease and GVHD control
      - ❖ When is R not helpful in FL?...

- Who?
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    - MDACC experience
      - ♦ 47 pts
      - ♦ 5y PFS 83%

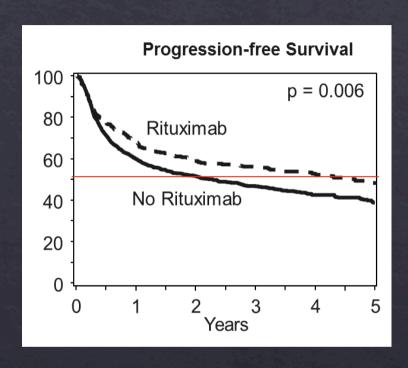
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    - CTN study
      - 65 pts
      - \* 3y PFS 71%



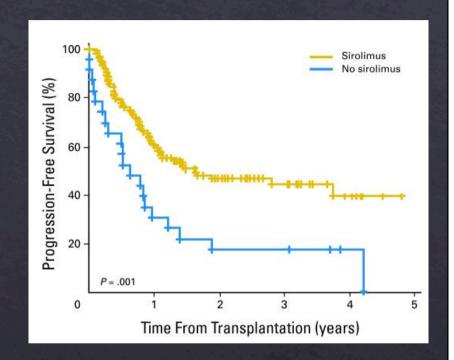
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- \* 3y PFS 56% with R vs 47% without (p=0.006)
- \* 3y OS 64% with R vs 56% without (p=0.01)

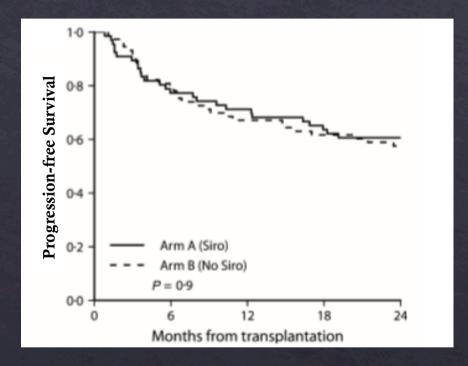


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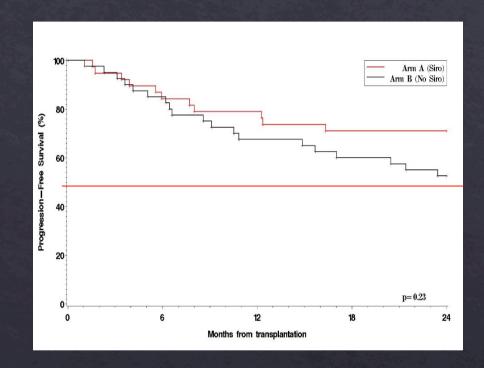
- Another possible double agent
- PFS/OS benefit in retrospective lymphoma study
  - Benefit limited to RIC patients

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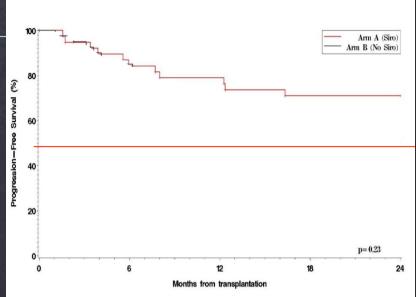
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- Trend for benefit in indolent NHL/HL

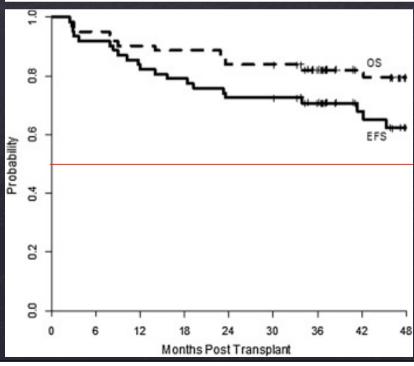
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    - CIBMTR Rituximab study
      - $\star$  HR for PFS sirolimus 0.6, p=0.003
      - HR for OS

0.6, p=0.002

- Who?
- How?
  - The bottom line
    - RIC allo in most
    - Rituximab-containing conditioning
    - Tac/Siro/Mtx for GVHD prophylaxis

- Who?
- How?
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  - \* A modern benchmark
    - Excellent outcomes...
      - ♦ 4y PFS ~60%
      - **♦** 4y OS ~80%
      - NRM 10-15%



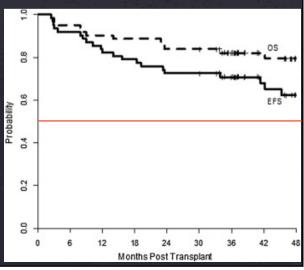


- Herein is the problem
  - A curative but toxic procedure...
  - In a disease with a lot of options

- Herein is the problem
- Randomized data easy to summarize
  - CTN phase 3 "genetic rand" trial
    - RIC allo vs auto
    - (Remember auto OS benefit in CUP)
    - FCR conditioning
    - 30 pts (closed for accrual)
    - At median f/u 3y, PFS allo 86% vs 63%

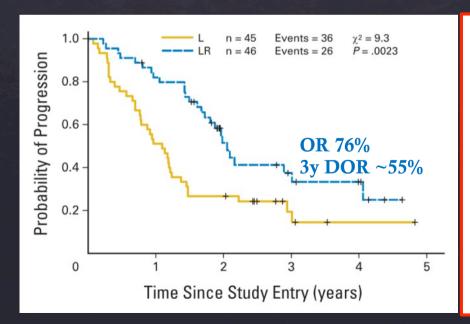
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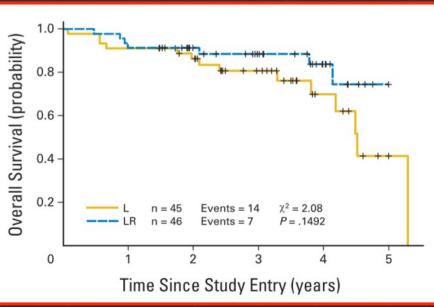
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  - Comparison metrics
    - Need to compare allo PFS to drug X DOR
    - While using OS as final arbiter (drug effectiveness + state of field)



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    - Phase 2, 46 pts on R/len arm

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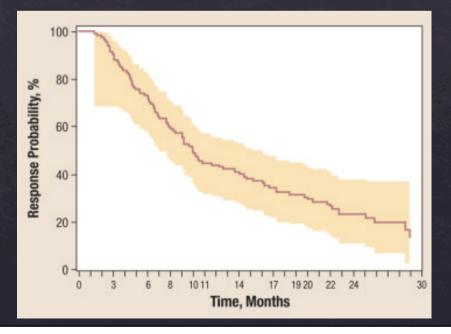




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    - Early patients?
    - Good enough salvage options?

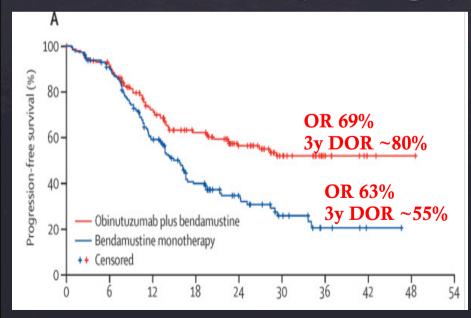
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  - Consider (salvage) bendamustine
    - Pooled ph2 trial analysis
    - 161 pts
    - Median 2 prior

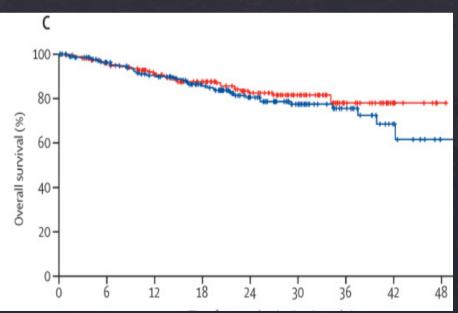
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    - 155 pts FL treated O-benda on GADOLIN
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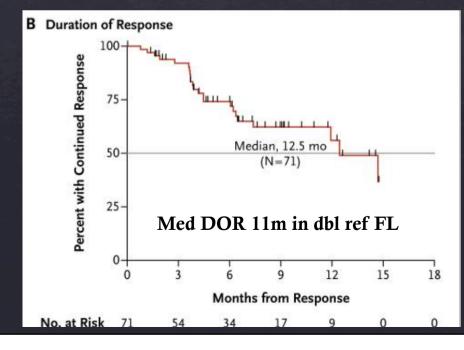


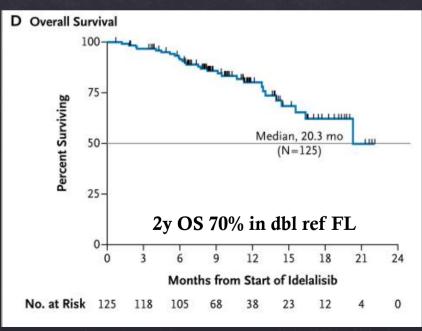


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  - Consider (salvage) bendamustine
    - Allo may rival benda by itself
    - Even relatively early in course...
    - In combination may be superior

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  - Consider idelalisib
    - 125 pts phase 2 (72 FL)
    - Median 4 prior

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    - Strong argument for allo (in dbl ref)...

#### CONCLUSION

- Why?
  - Effective curative therapy
- Who?
  - Many patients up to late 70s
- How?
  - \* RIC + R and sirolimus
- When?
  - Viable consideration after 3 lines, strong afterwards
  - Modulated by responsiveness: R-ref, alk-ref
  - Will depend on future of experimental therapies (CAR-T)

## GRAZIE!