

Raising the Bar: Striving to Improve Initial Therapy of PTCL

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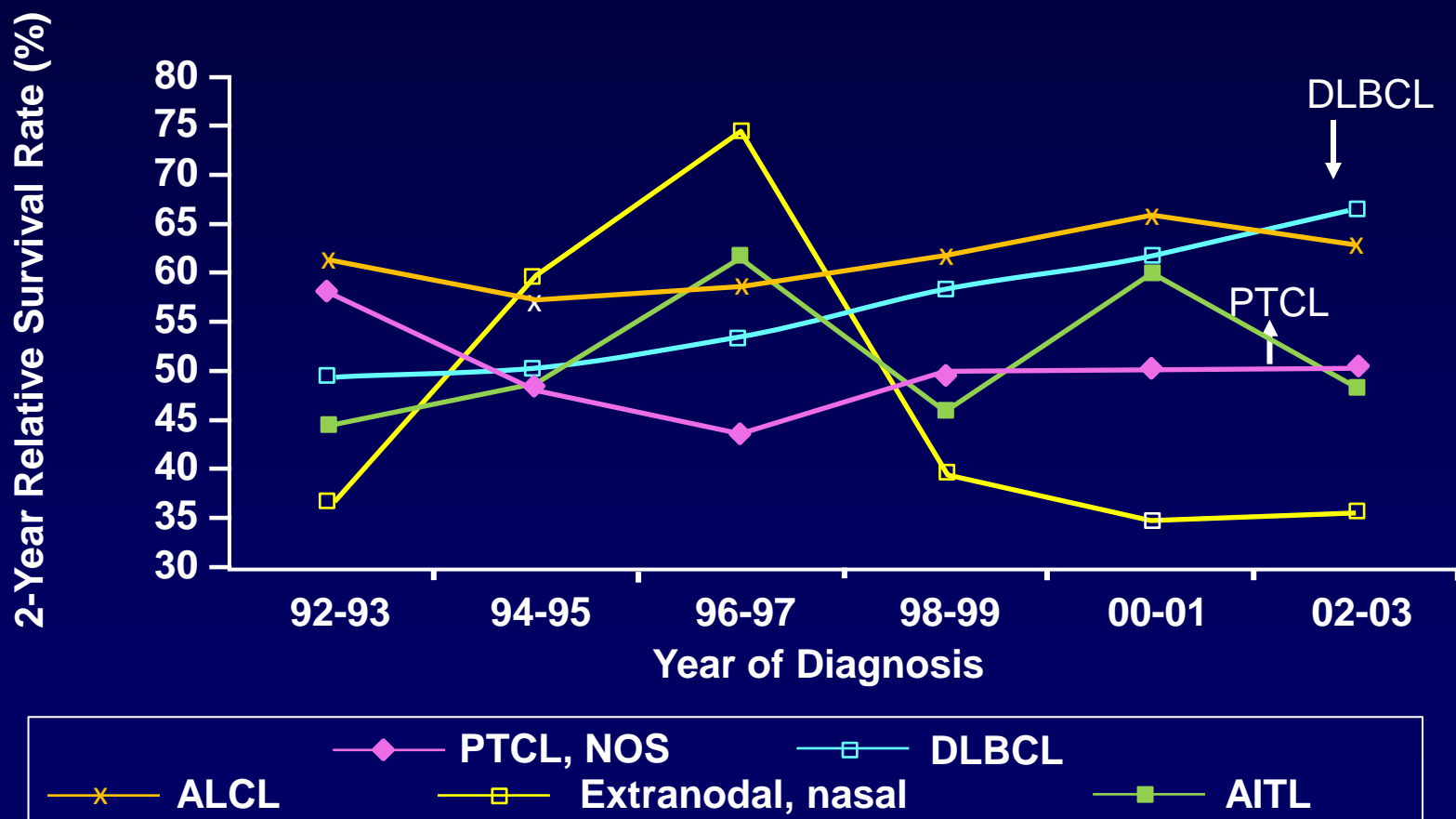
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No Improvement in Outcome in A Decade of Patient Treatment 1992-2003

2-Year Relative Survival



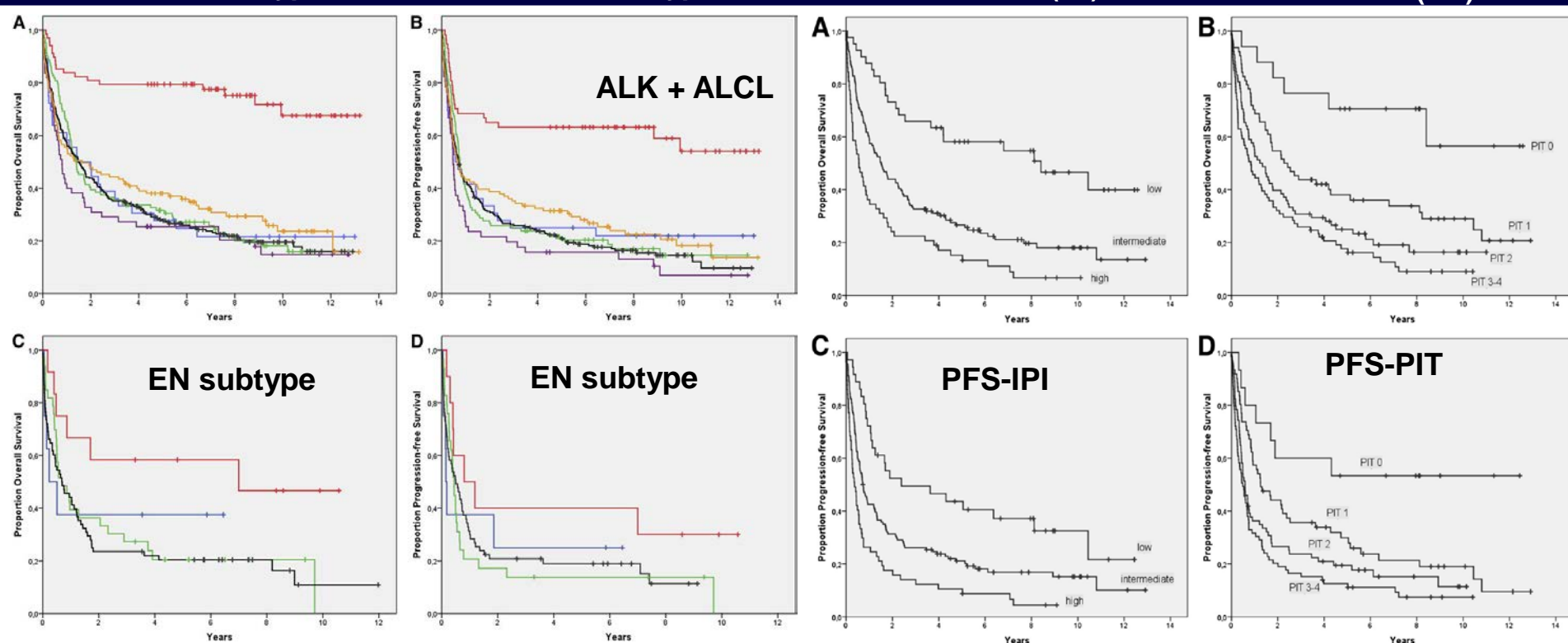
Outcomes of PTCL in Modern Era Swedish Lymphoma Registry: Patients Treatment 2000-2009

Overall Survival
(OS)
Nodal Subtype

Progression-Free
Survival (PFS)
Nodal Subtype

OS
International Prognostic
Index (IPI)

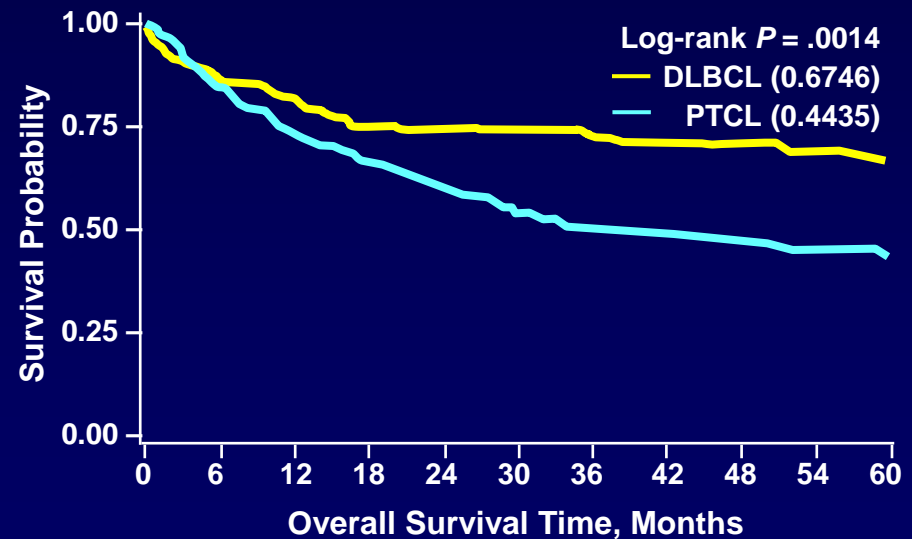
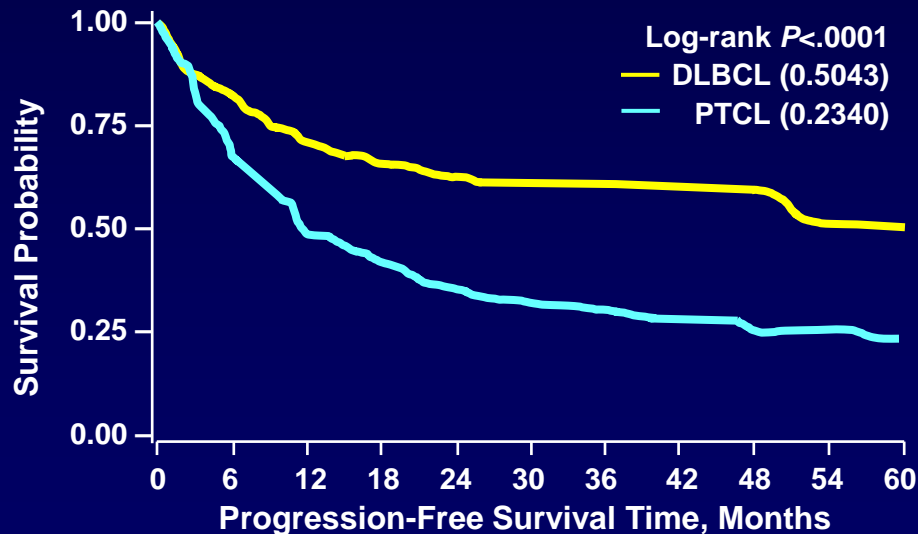
OS
Prognostic Index for
PTCL-U (PIT)



PFS and OS of PTCL Compared to Matched Diffuse Large B-Cell Lymphoma (DLBCL) Patients in the Modern Era (US study)

Patient treatment 2000-2011

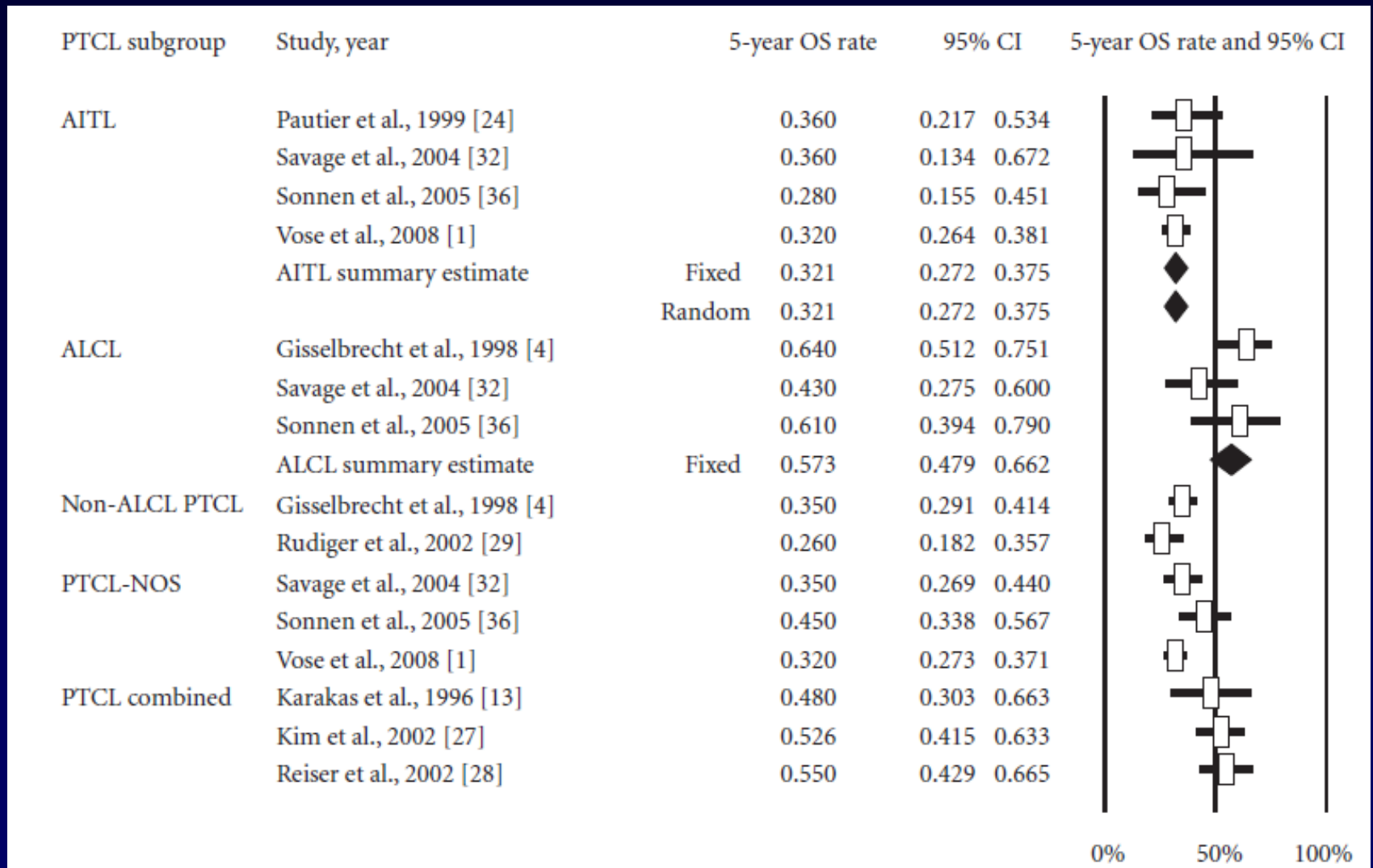
Achieving a complete response (CR) to front-line therapy significant on multivariate analyses



Reasons for Poor Outcomes

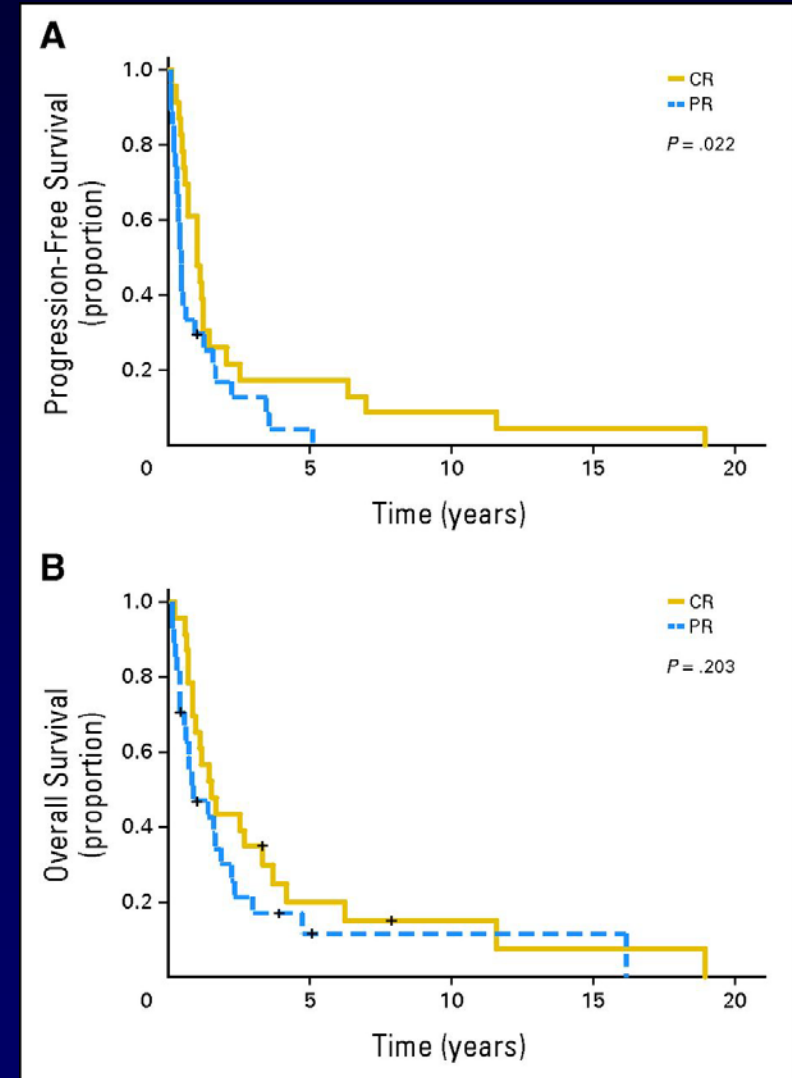
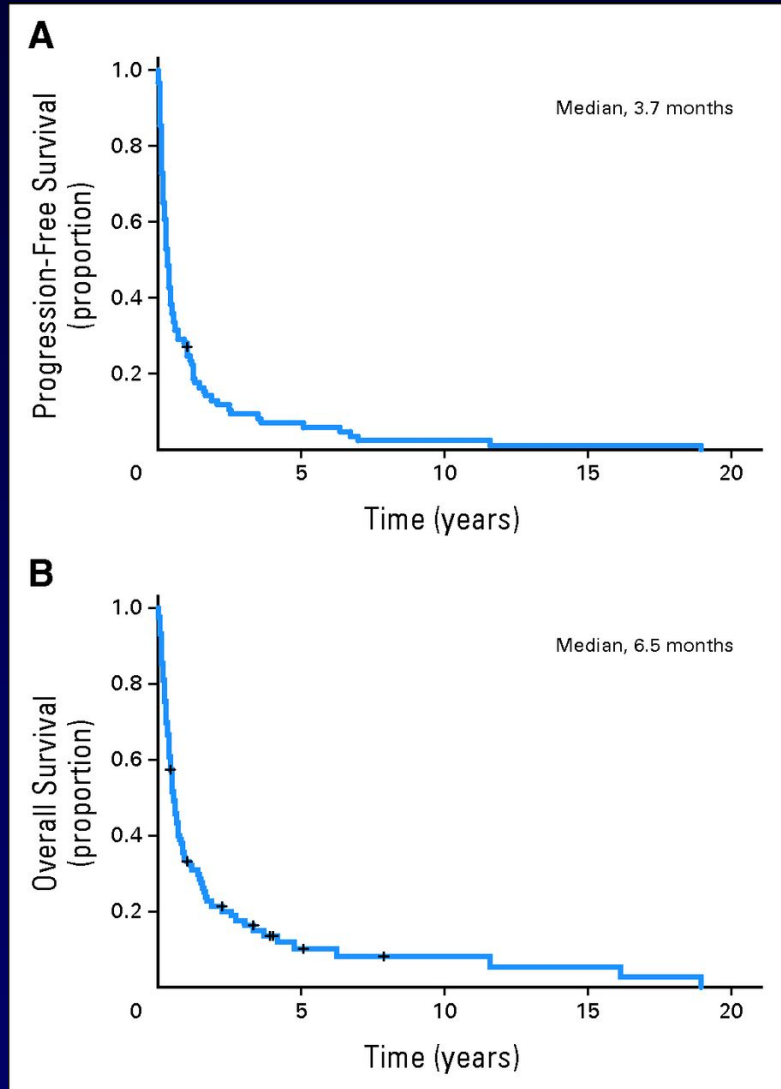
- **Diagnosis difficult**
 - Needs expert pathology
- **Treated like B-cell NHL**
 - CHOP or anthracycline-based therapy
 - Multidrug resistance (MDR)
 - Doxorubicin and vincristine are substrates
- **Outcome of patients who fail front-line therapy is poor**
- **Not one disease**
 - Molecular studies show distinct biological entities

Front-Line Anthracycline-Based Therapy for PTCL Meta-Analysis: OS In Older Series



ALCL excluded: Estimated 5-year OS ~ 37 % (95% CI 35%, 39%)

Poor Outcome (Second PFS and OS) After Relapse or Progression of PTCL



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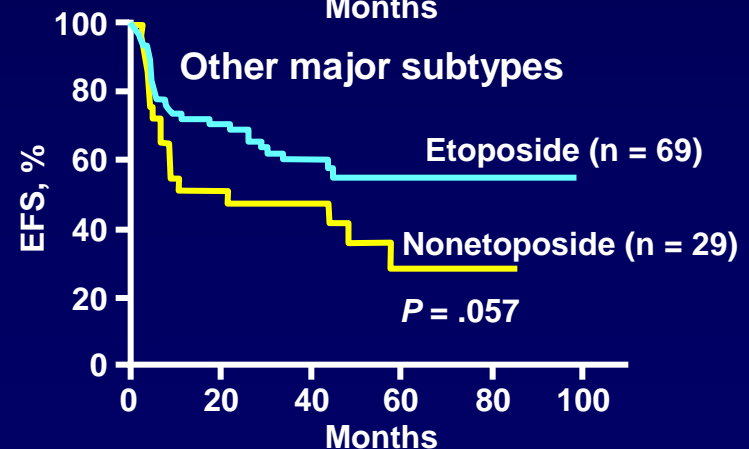
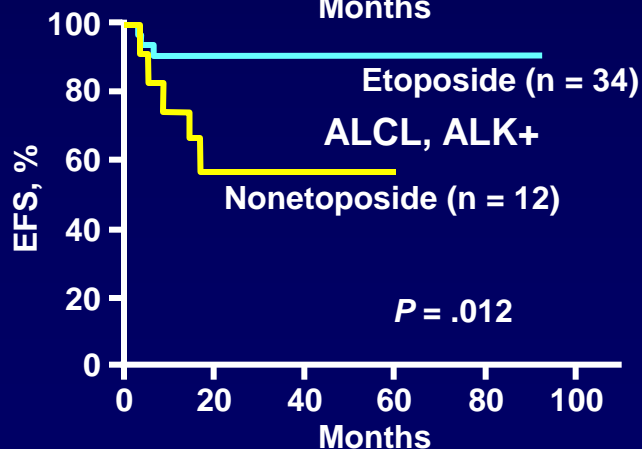
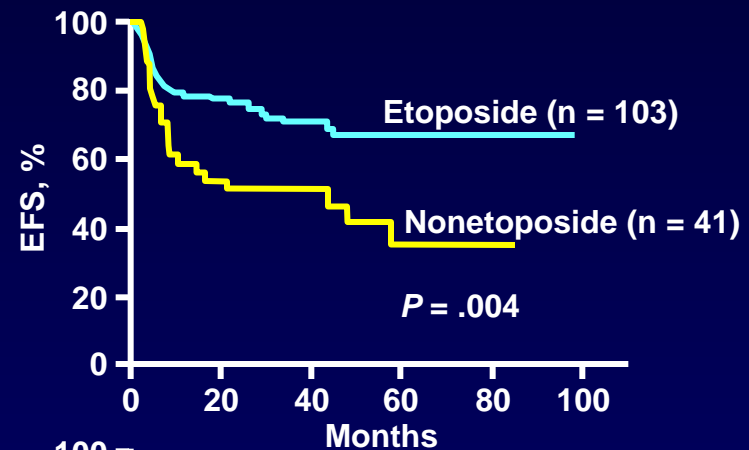
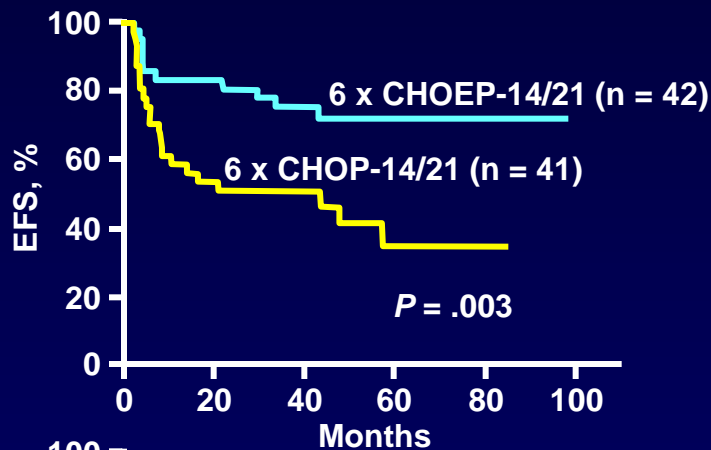
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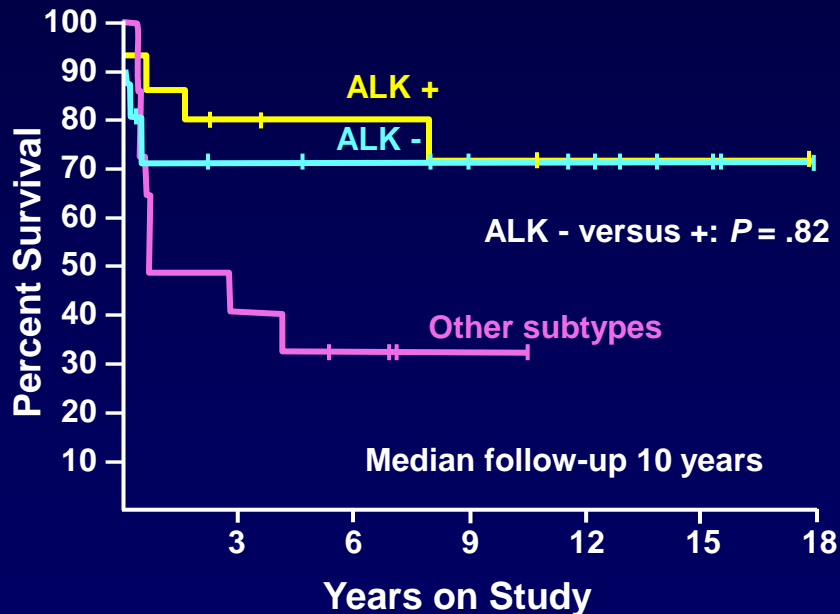
Event-Free Survival (EFS) of Younger Patients With PTCL: GHGNHLSG

18-60 years of age, lactate dehydrogenase (LDH) \leq upper normal value (UNV)

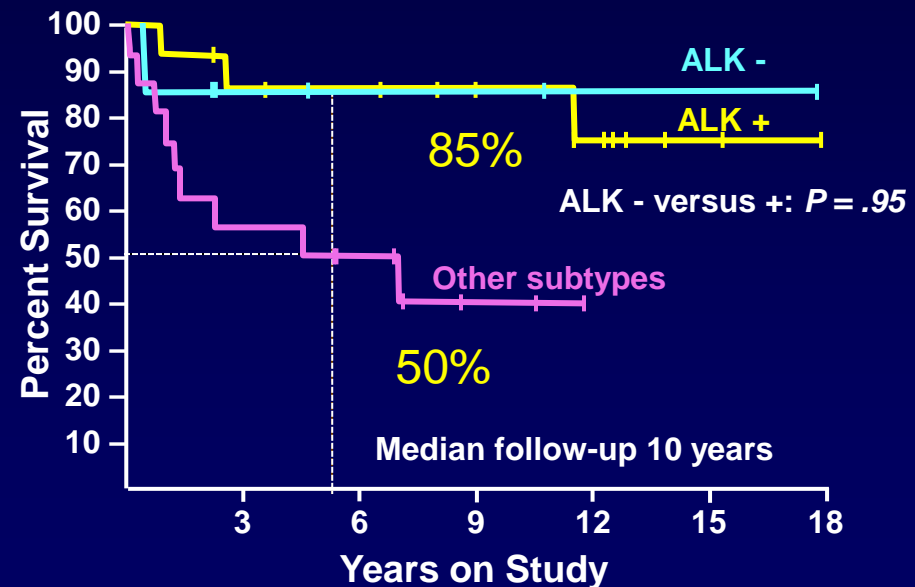


Phase II Study of Dose-Adjusted EPOCH in PTCL Patient Treatment 1999-2009

Progression-Free Survival



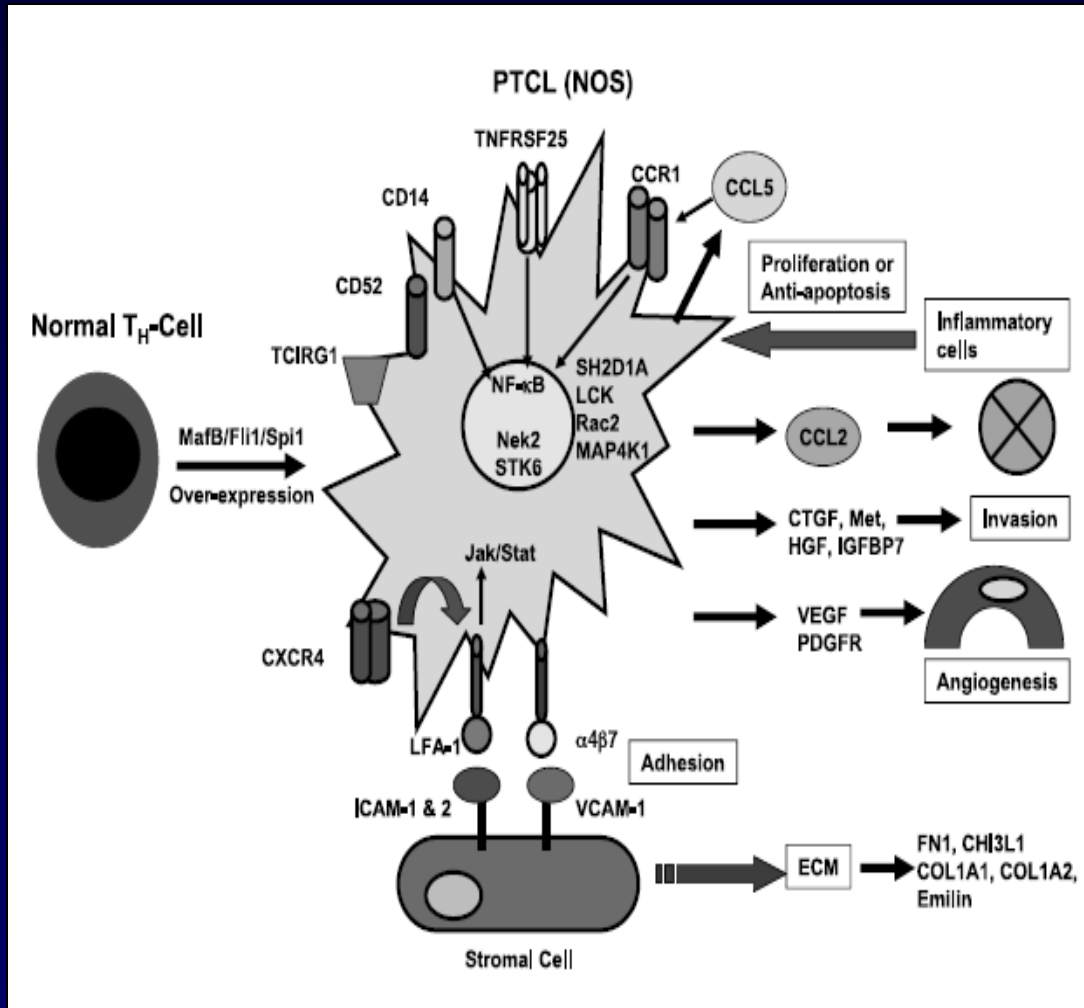
Overall Survival



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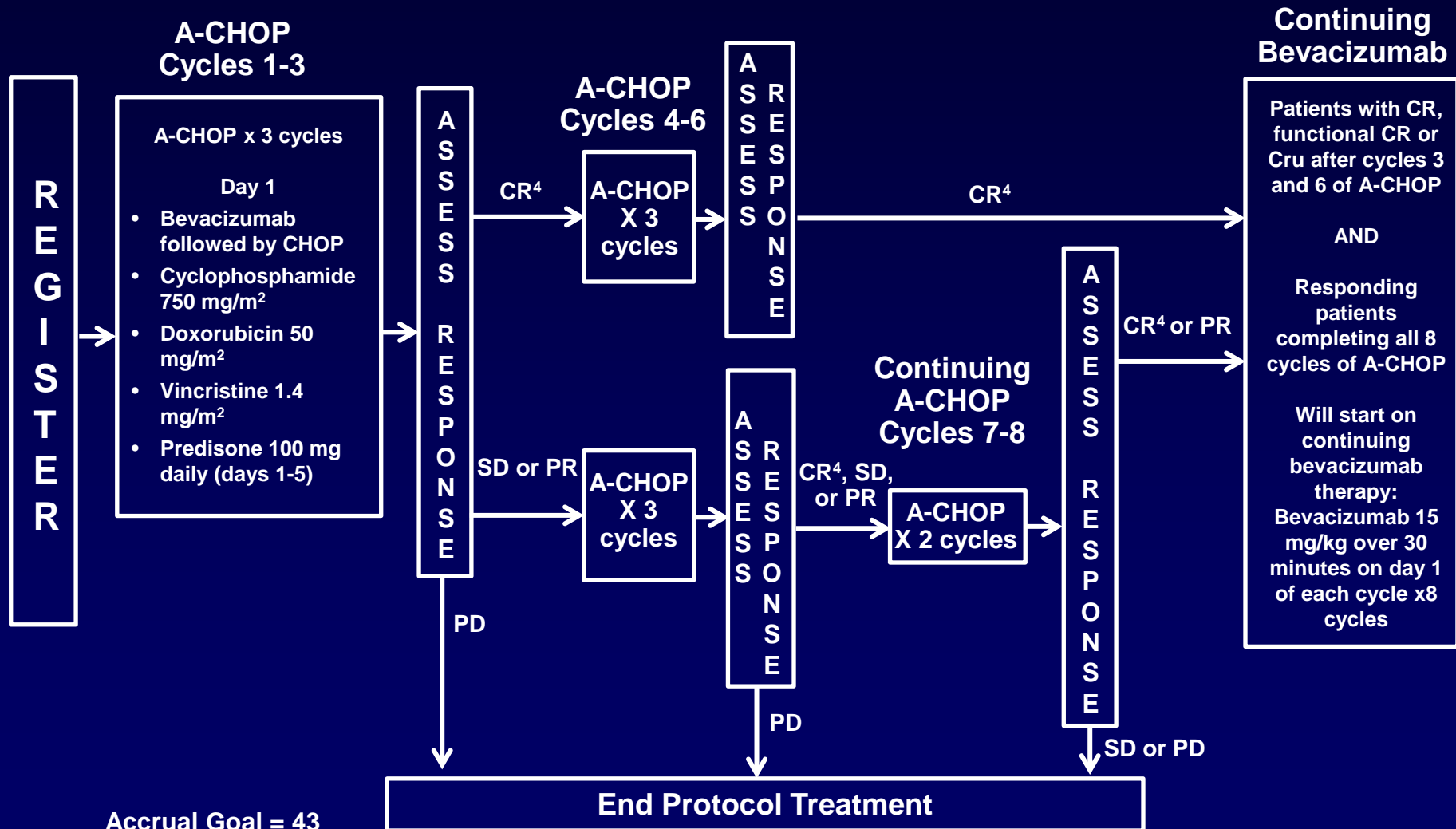
- **Adding rationally targeted drugs to CHOP or anthracycline-based therapy**

Genes Overexpressed in PTCL



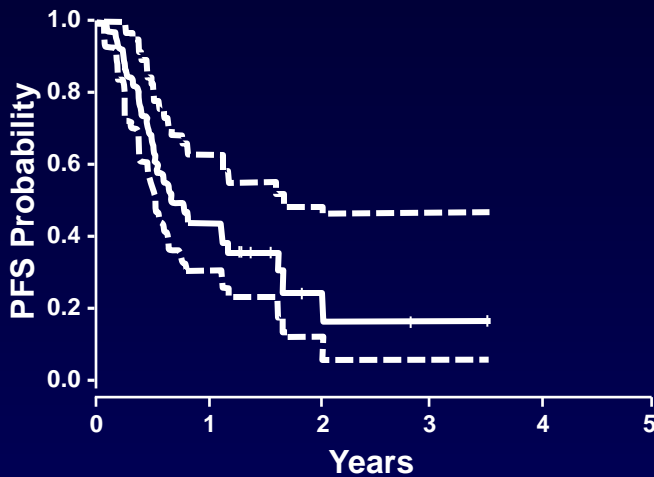
- Vascular biology
- Protein ubiquitination
- *MDR* related
- Regulation of transcription
- Chemo taxis
- Immune response

Phase II Study of Bevacizumab and CHOP (A-CHOP) for PTCL ECOG 2404

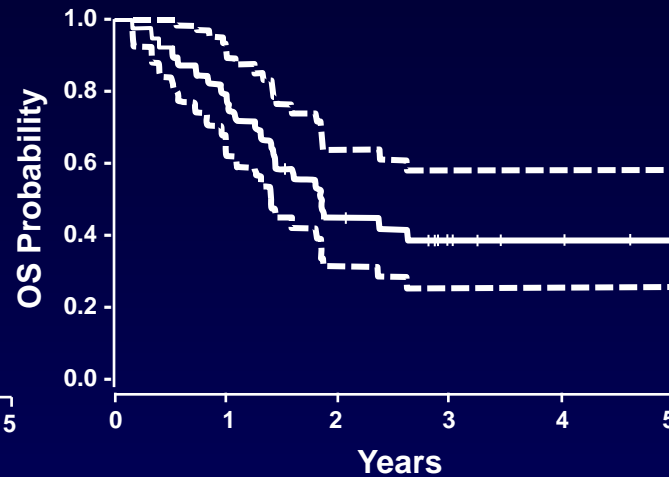


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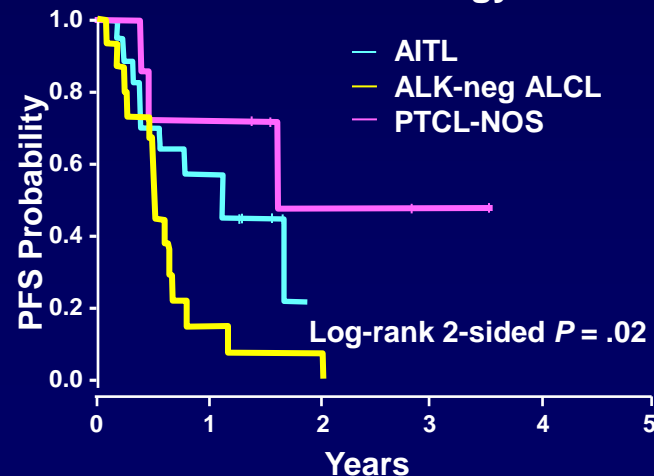
Progression-Free Survival



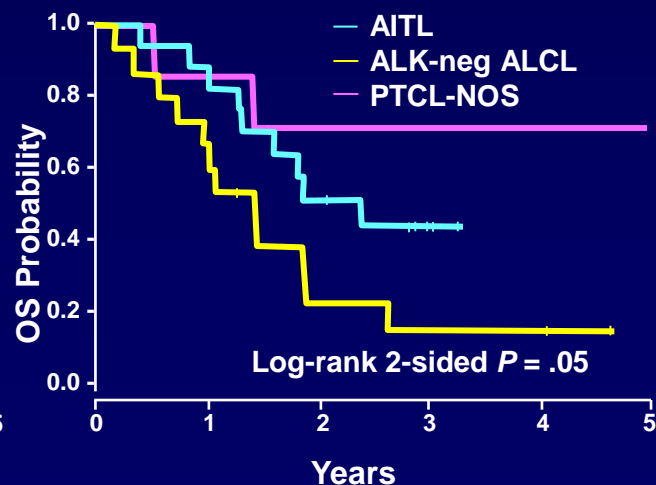
Overall Survival



Progression-Free Survival Based on Histology



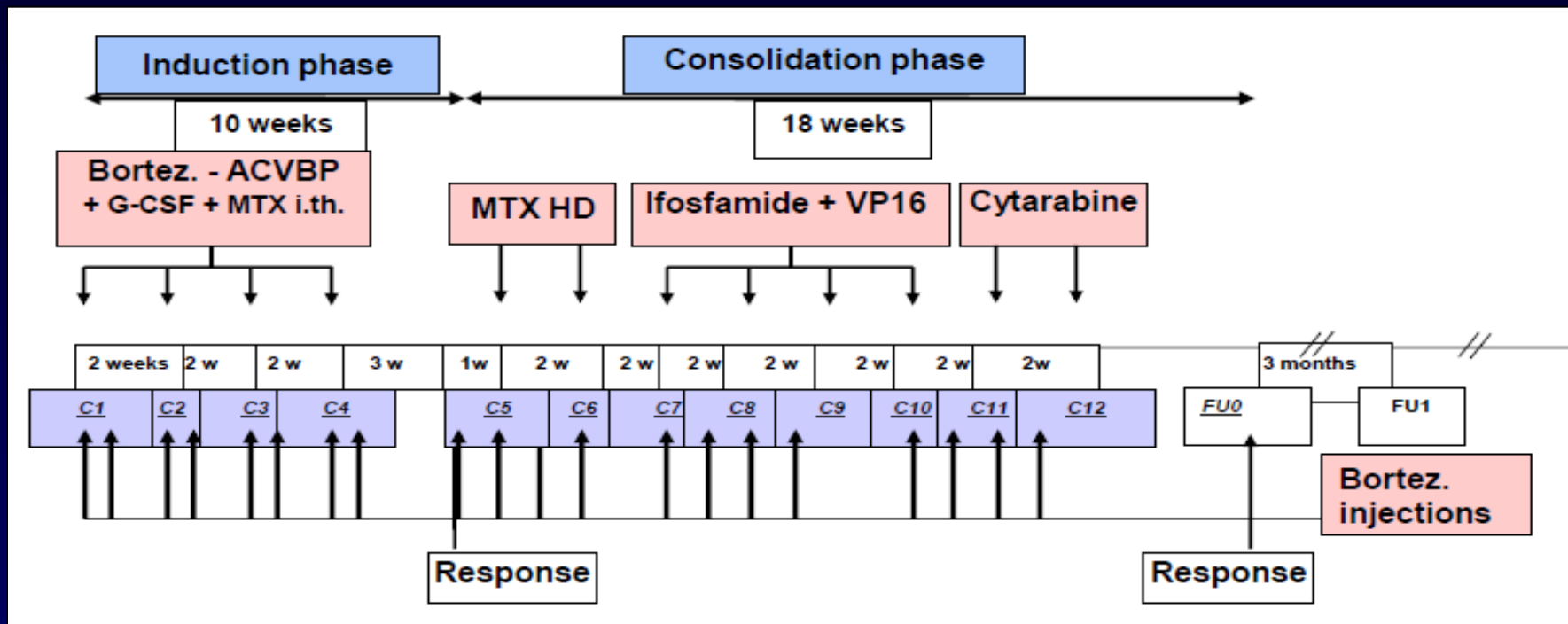
Overall Survival Based on Histology



- ORR 90% BUT not durable
- 1-year PFS 44%
- EF monitored after A-CHOP before bevacizumab
- 22 pts rec'd at least 4 cycles of A-CHOP
- Cardiac toxicity in 5/22 pts (22%)
- Gr 3-4 CHF in 4 pts (18%)

GELA-LNH05-1T

Delmer et al ASCO 2009 # 8554



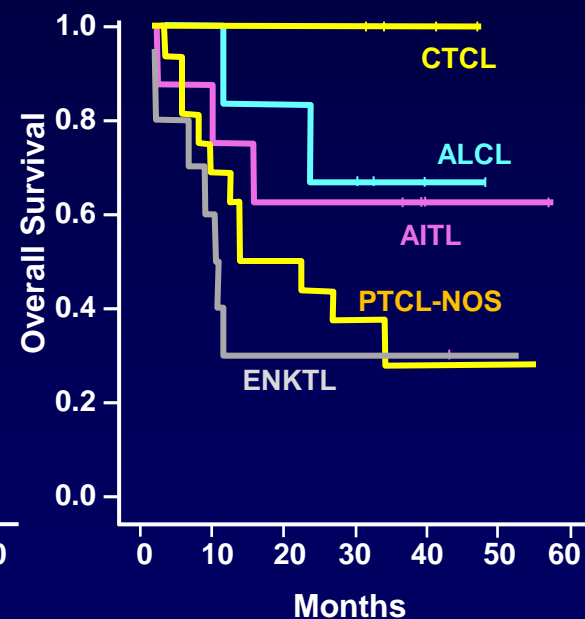
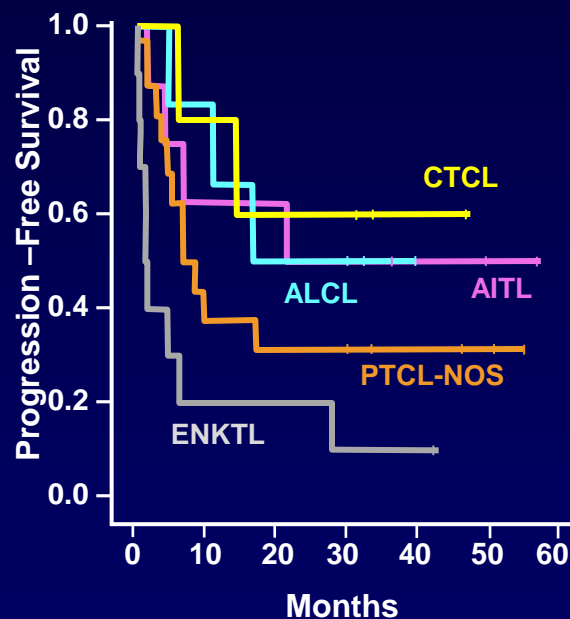
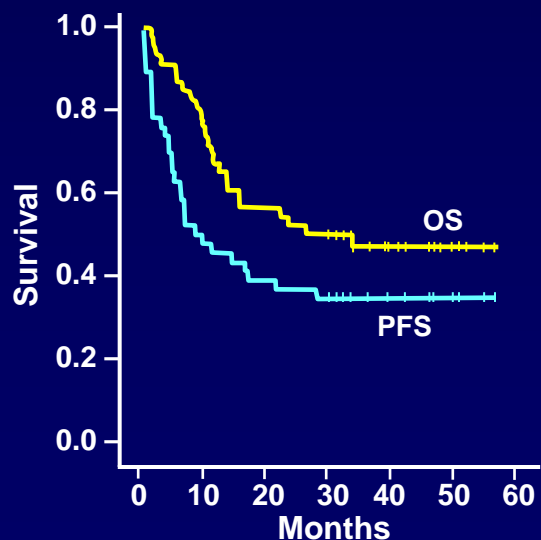
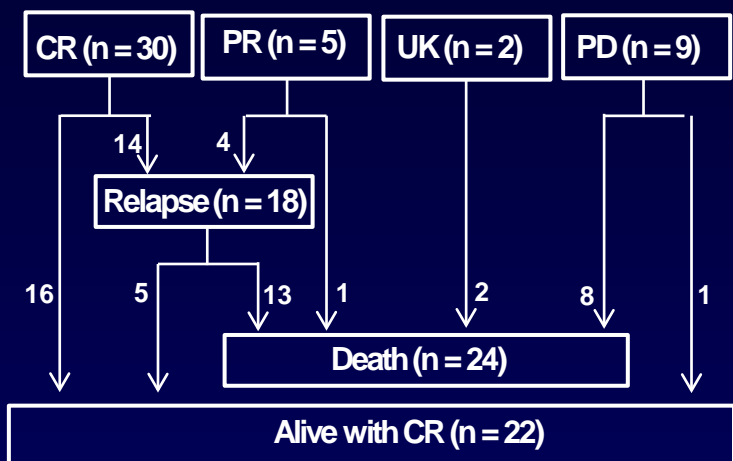
- Age 18 - 65 years
- PTCL except ALCL
- Non previously treated

- Phase II study
- Main objective EFS
- Written consent

CR 49% (similar to results with ACVBP alone), more toxicity

Bortezomib+CHOP as First-Line for Stage 3-4 PTCL

ORR 76%, CR 65%, 3-year PFS 37%, OS 47%



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- **Consideration of transplant as consolidation**

What Are the Data Supporting ASCT for PTCL?

No randomized clinical trial comparing chemotherapy vs ASCT

- **Retrospective data from prospective randomized trials for aggressive lymphomas**
 - **GELA pooled analysis with matched controls no advantage to ASCT¹**
- **Prospective data**
 - **Variable front-line chemotherapy**
 - **Variable preparative regimen for ASCT**
 - **Variable inclusion criteria**

ASCT in PTCL: Upfront Treatment

Prospective PTCL Restricted Trials

| Citation | Patients , n | Age, y | Regimen | Tx rate | CR/PR, % | OS, % | FU |
|--|--|--------|---|---------|----------|-----------------------|------|
| Corradini <i>Leukemia</i> 2006 | 62 Incl ALK + ALCL | 43 | 1. APO → DHAP → HD Mito./Mel 2. MACOP-B → HD AraC/Mito → BEAM | 74 | 72 | 34 ALK- ALCL 21 | 12 y |
| Rodriguez <i>Eur J Hematol</i> 2007 | 26 | 44 | MegaCHOP/IFE → BEAM | 73 | 81 | 73 | 3 y |
| D'Amore <i>JCO</i> 2012 | 160 | 55 | CHOEP-14 → BEAM/BEAC | 70 | 82 | 50 | 5 y |
| Mercadal <i>Ann Onc</i> 2008 | 41 | 47 | HighCHOP/ ESHAP altern. → BEAM/BEAC | 41 | 59 | 39 | 4 y |
| Reimer <i>JCO</i> 2009 | 83 | 47 | CHOP → DexaBEAM/ESHAP → HD Cy + TBI | 66 | 71 | 48 | 3y |
| Ahn <i>ASH</i> 201 | ~ 25%-60% do not get to ASCT, OS ~ 50% | | | | | | 3y |
| | | | +Etop | | | | |

ASCT in PTCL

Summary of Prospective Trials

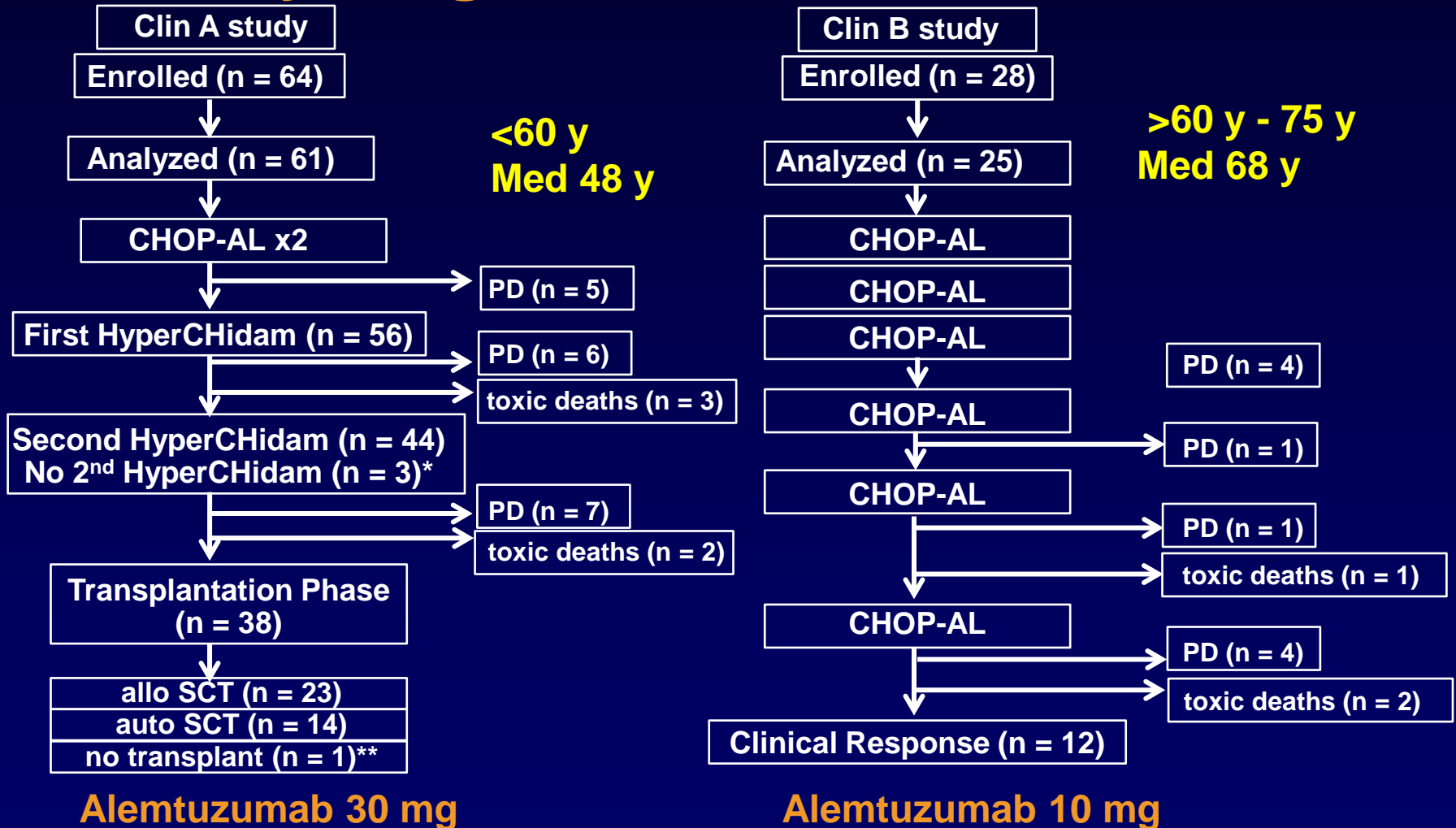
- **~25%-60% do not get to ASCT due to disease progression during primary therapy**
- **~20% relapse within the first year after ASCT**
- **Additional ~10% relapse by 2 years post ASCT**
- **Does ASCT as consolidation improve results or just select for healthier people with chemosensitive disease?**
 - **Factors (high-risk disease) predict for poor outcome after chemotherapy and ASCT**

Alemtuzumab (A) + Chemotherapy

First-Line Treatment of PTCL

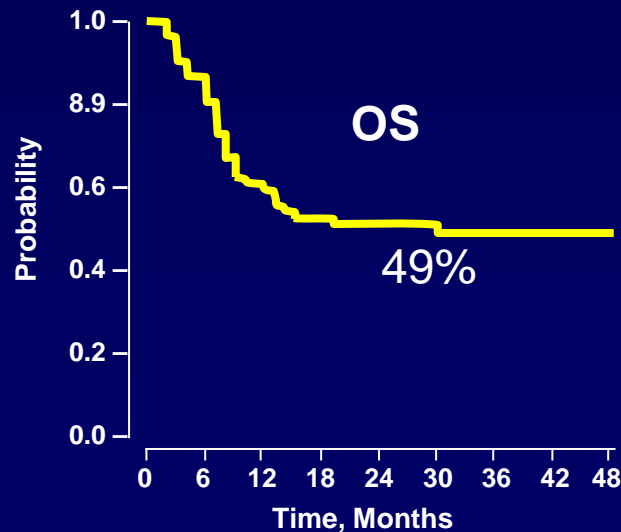
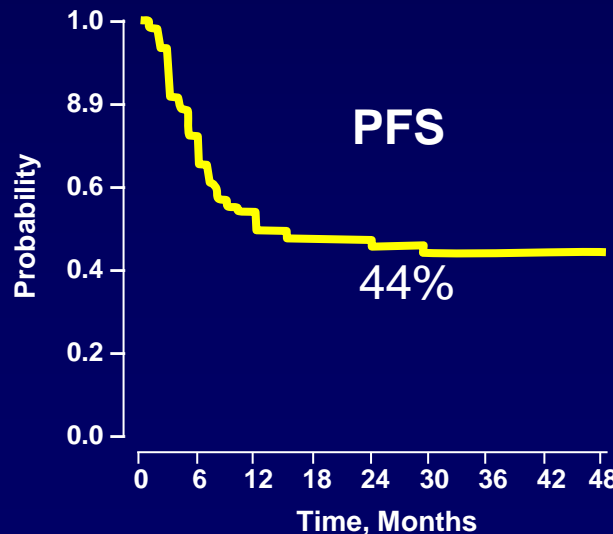
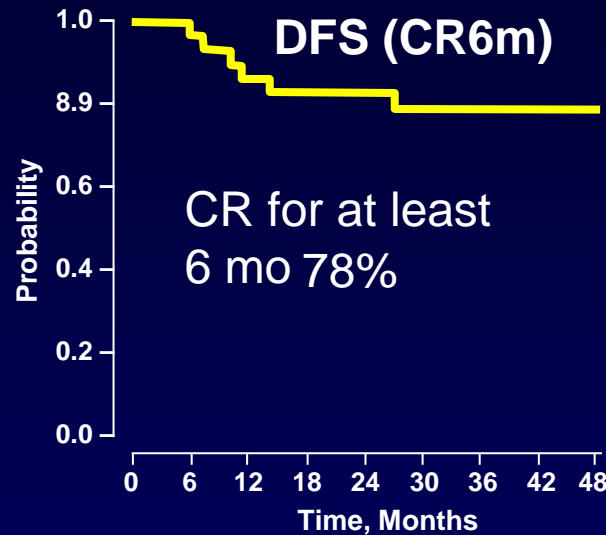
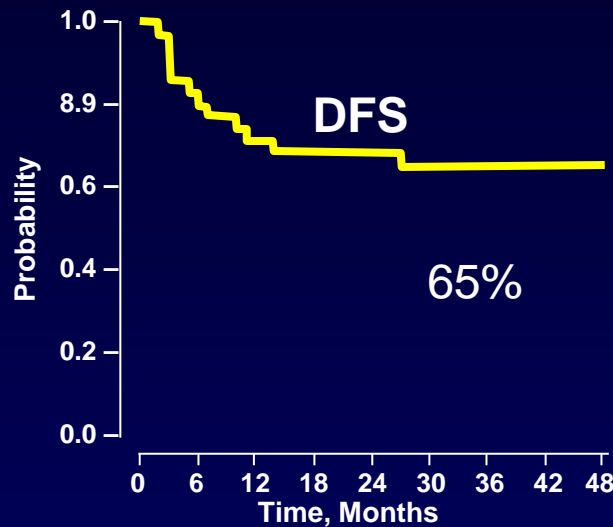
| Citation | n | PTCL | A dose, mg | Chemo | ORR/CR | % PFS/EFS | % Toxicity |
|--|----|------|------------------|---------|------------------------|-----------|---------------------------|
| Gallamani <i>Blood</i> 2007 | 24 | 14 | 30 | CHOP-28 | 75/71 (50% PTCL) | 48 (2 yr) | 17% G4 infection |
| Kim <i>Cancer Chemother Pharmacol</i> 2007 | 20 | | 30 | CHOP | 80/65 | 43 (1 yr) | 10% death infection |
| Kluin- Nelemans <i>Annals of Oncol</i> 2011 | 20 | 10 | 30x3 | CHOP-14 | 90/60 | 27 (2 yr) | 15% EBV=LPD2 0% TRM |

Phase II Study of Intensified Chemoimmunotherapy With or Without SCT in Newly Diagnosed Patients With PTCL



*these 3 patients underwent transplantation after 1 cycle HyperCHidam; **physician decision

Results Arm A: Estimated 4-Year Outcomes Median Follow-Up 40 Months, 62% Received SCT



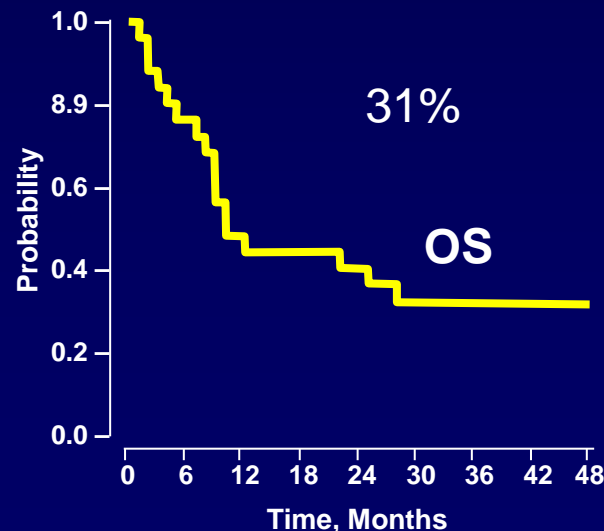
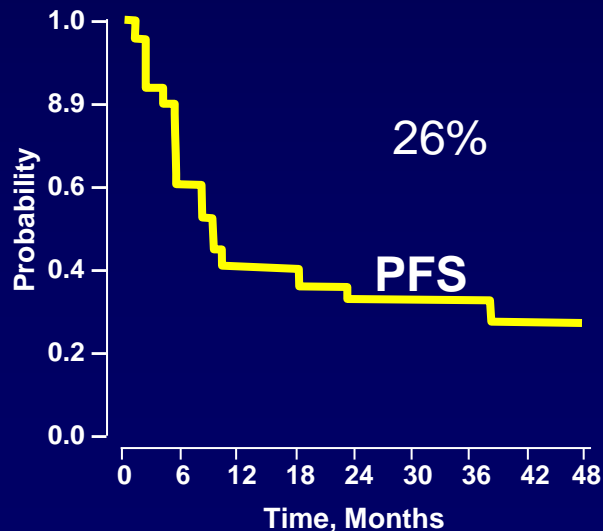
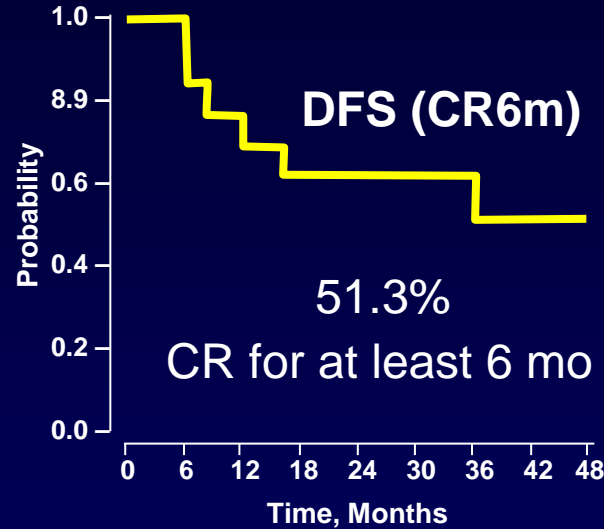
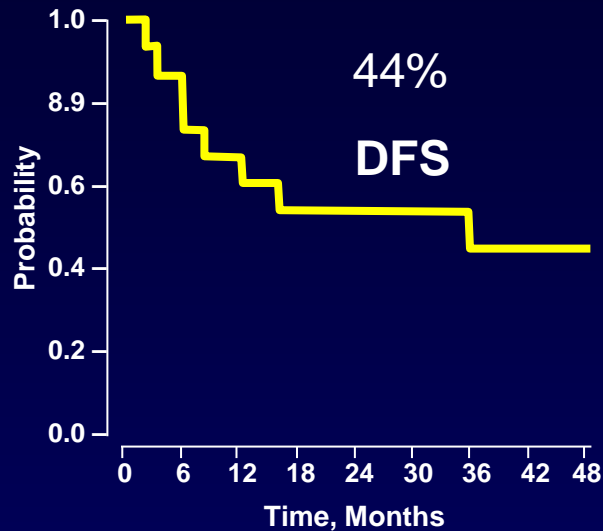
No diff auto vs allo
4-y OS 92% vs 69%
 $P = 0.8$
4-y PFS 70% vs 69%
 $P = 0.9$

CMV 14%

Results Arm B: Estimated 4-Year Outcomes

Median Follow-Up 48 Months

Stopped Early Due to Poor OS

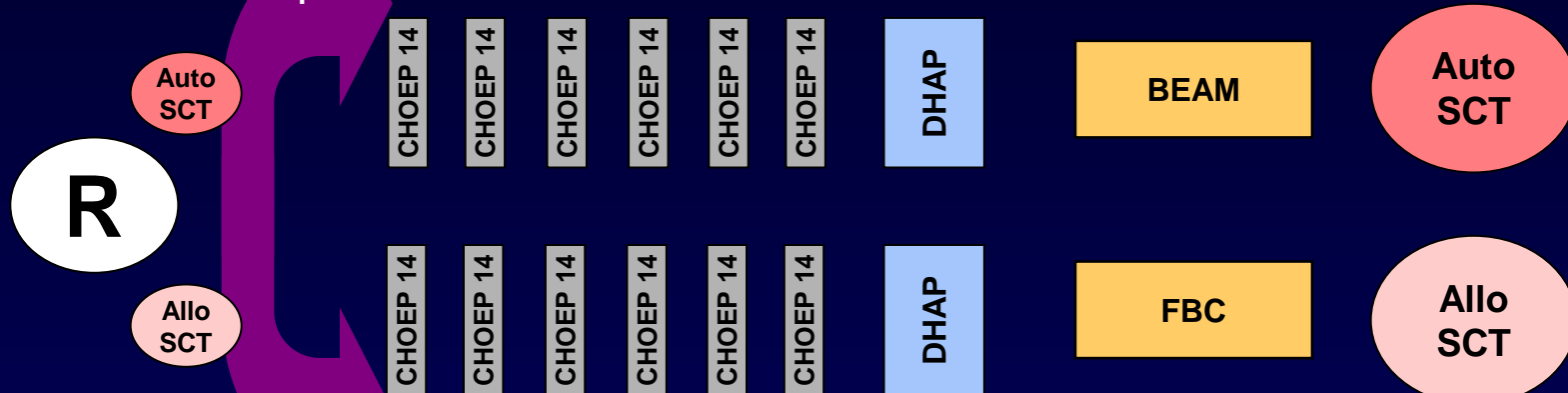


Conclusions:

- Alemtuzumab cannot be safely used with SCT
- Allo transplant not recommended outside trial
- Alemtuzumab low dose also toxic

Ongoing Phase III Trials

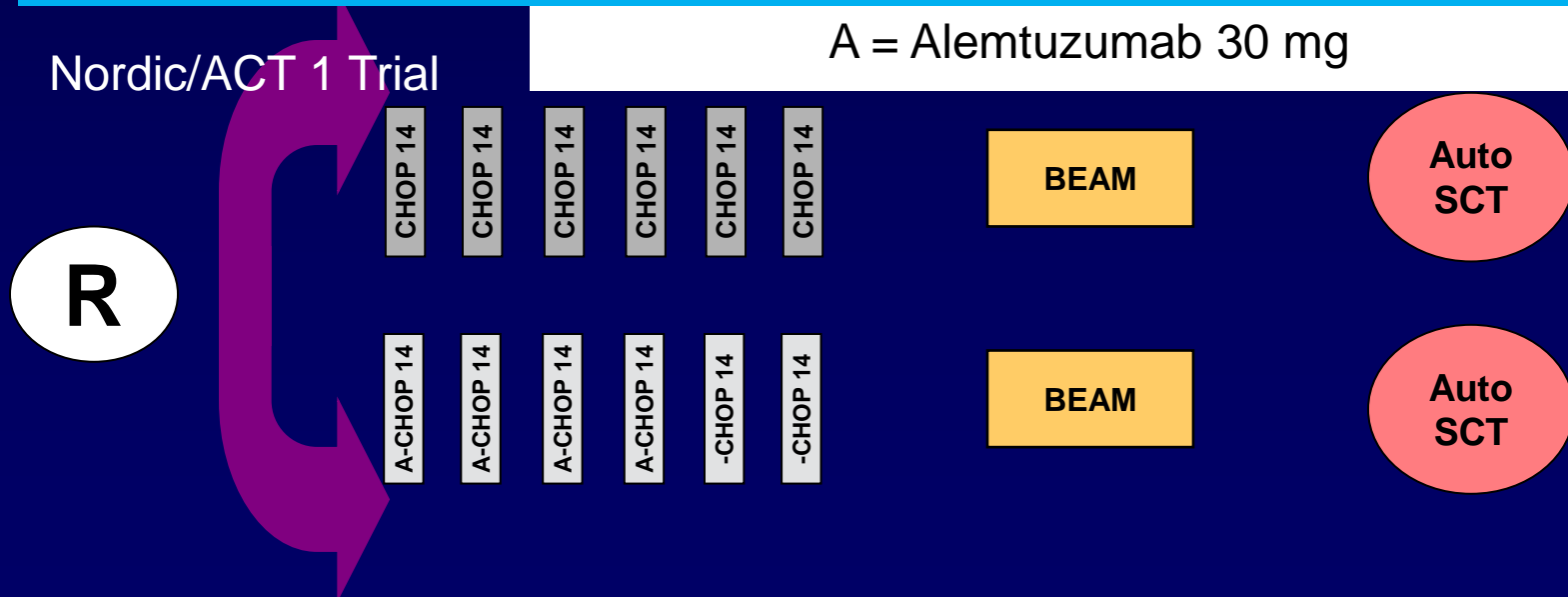
German Group



No trial addressing chemo versus transplant

Nordic/ACT 1 Trial

A = Alemtuzumab 30 mg



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- **Alternative to CHOP (nonanthracycline based regimen)**

S0350 Regimen (PEGS): Phase II Trial in PTCL Cisplatinum, Etoposide, Gemcitabine Plus Solumedrol

Rationale: Use non MDR substrates due to high P glycoprotein expression in PTCL (non adriamycin- or vincristine-based regimen)

- **PEGS schema: administered q 21 days**
 - **Cisplatinum: 25 mg/m² IV d1-4**
 - **Etoposide: 40 mg/m² IV d1-4**
 - **Gemcitabine: 1000 mg/m² IV d1**
 - **Solumedrol: 250 mg IV d1-4**

Objectives: ORR, 2-y PFS, OS, tolerability

Molecular studies (GEP), P glycoprotein assessment

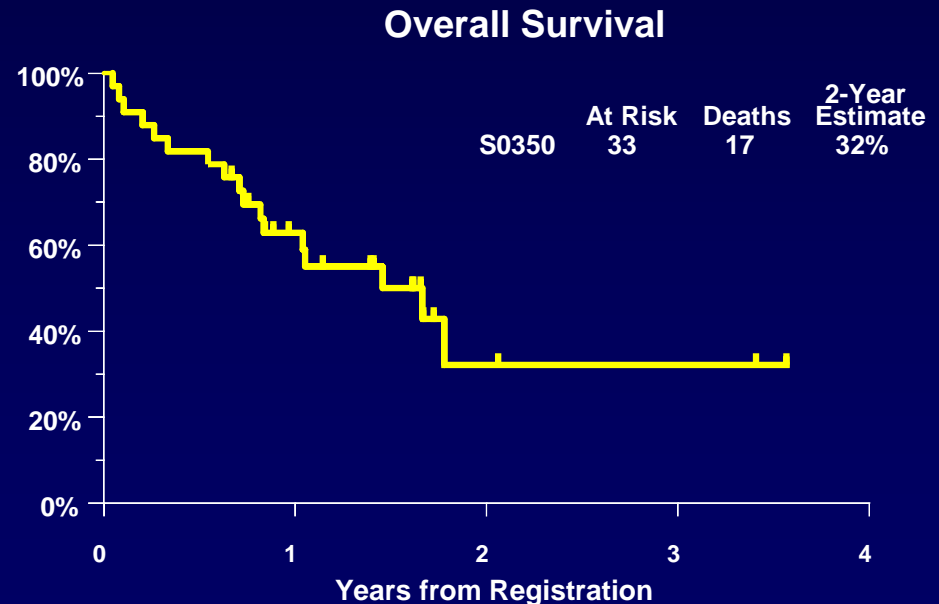
Accrual 6/55 over 2 years

Amended to include relapsed disease

Response

- ORR [CR + PR] = 39% [13/33] , average Rx 5.5 cycles
- 2-year OS = 32% (95% CI: 8%-56%)
- Median OS = 17 mo (95% CI: 15 mo to 20 mo)

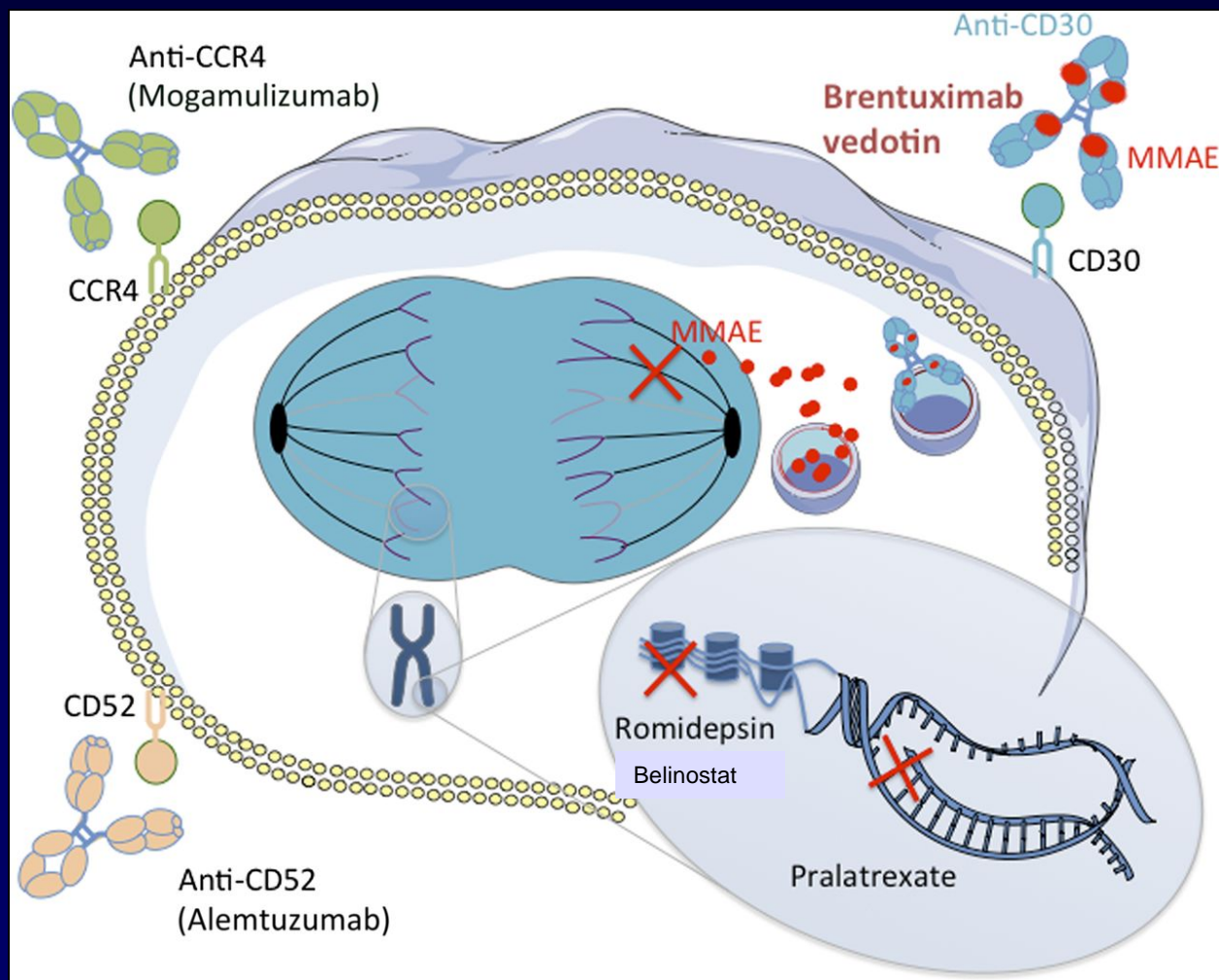
| Response | N (%) | Histologic Subtype |
|----------|-----------------------|---|
| CR | 6 CONFIRMED (18%) | PTCL (NOS) = 4 ALCL (ALK-) = 2 |
| | 2 UNCONFIRMED (6%) | PTCL (NOS) = 2 |
| | TOTAL = 8 (24%) | |
| PR | 5 (15%) | PTCL (NOS) = 3 ALCL (ALK-) = 1 AITL = 1 |
| STABLE | 4 (12%) | |



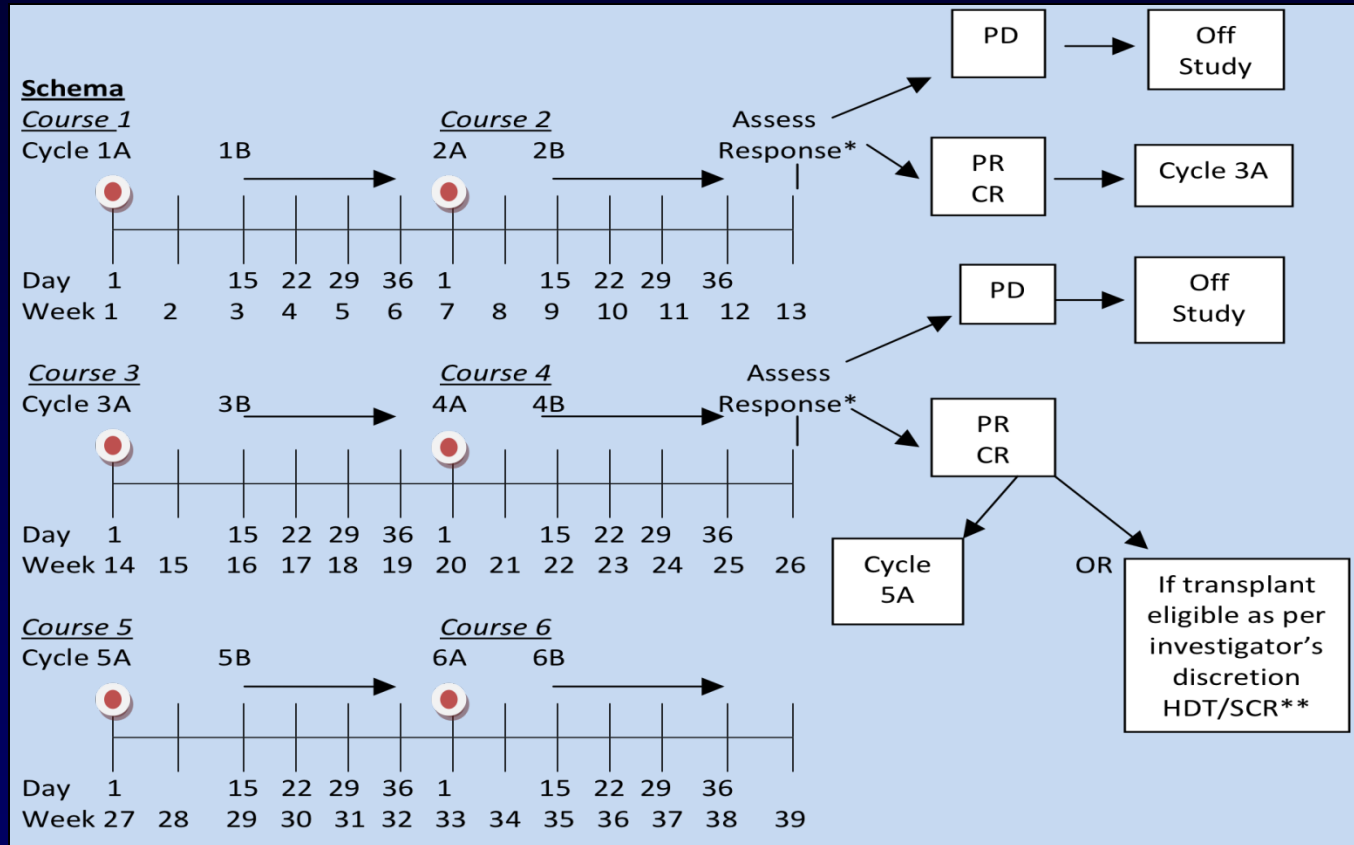
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- **Adding novel agents to front-line setting**

Mechanisms of Action of New Drugs in PTCL



CEOP-P As Front-Line Therapy for Patients With Stage II- IV Peripheral T-Cell NHL



Cycle A

Cyclophosphamide 750 mg/m² d1 IV

Etoposide 100 mg/m² d1-3[#] IV

Vincristine 1.4 mg/m² (capped at 2 mg) d1 IV

Prednisone 100 mg PO d1-5

*Pegfilgrastim 6 mg d4 wk 1 of each course SQ

[#]Etoposide can be given PO on d2 and d3 at double dose of 100 mg/m² BID

Cycle B

Pralatrexate 30 mg/m² d1 IV q wk x3

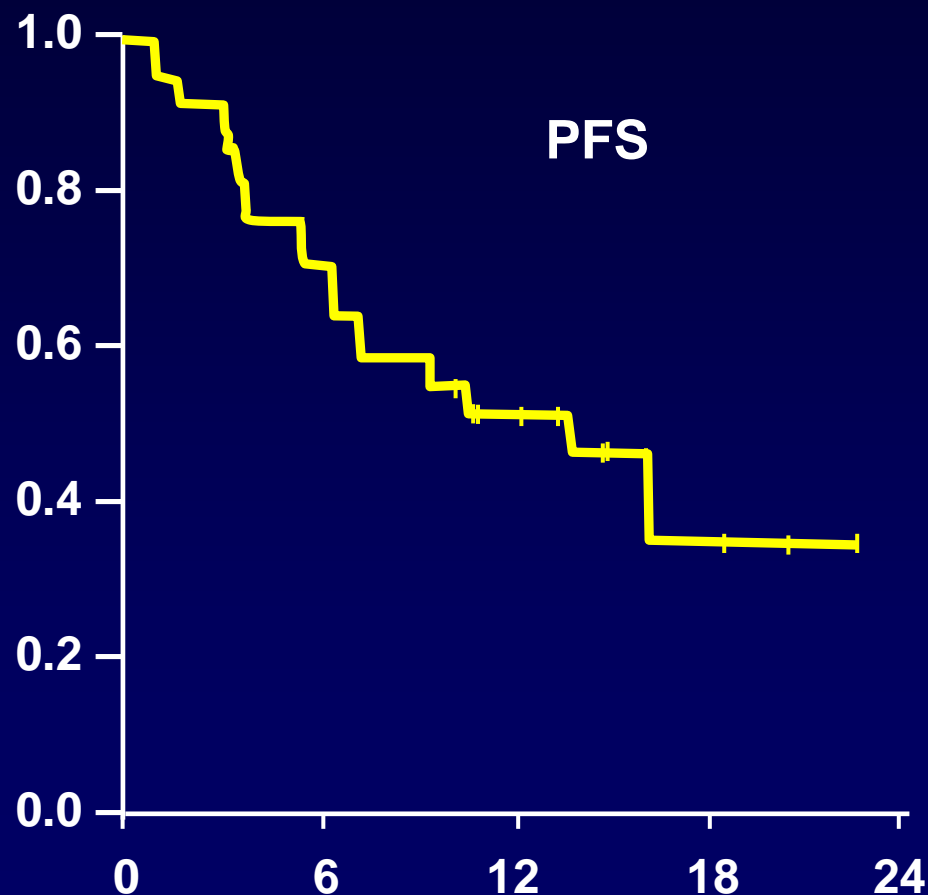
*Filgrastim (G-SCF) 300 mcg d30 of each course SQ (optional, per institutional standards)

SCHEMA NOTE: Patients achieving SD after 4 courses (1, 2, 3, 4) will receive 2 additional courses (5, 6) and then be reevaluated for response post course 6. *Pegfilgrastim/filgrastim are suggested/optional per MD choice.

**HDT/SCR, high-dose therapy/stem-cell rescue (see section 5.7)

CEOP-P: Results

- CR rate (50%) at end of therapy suggests the regimen useful per study design
 - Primary statistical aim of improving CR from 40%-60% not met
- Estimated 1- and-2 year PFS are 50% and 34% respectively.
- -Age <60 y, a low IPI score, achieving a CR, and consolidation with ASCT were statistically significant for better PFS
- Estimated 1- and 2-year OS is 64%
- Defining optimal front-line therapy in PTCL continues to be a challenge and an unmet need



Brentuximab Vedotin Administered Concurrently or Sequentially With Multiagent Chemotherapy As Front-Line Treatment of ALCL and Other CD30-Positive Mature T-Cell and NK-Cell Lymphomas

Med age 56, 69% stage 3-4, 73% ALCL

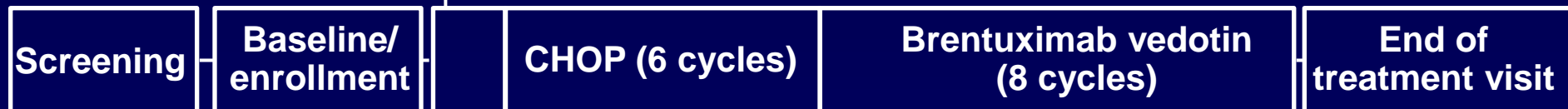
Pretreatment
(Up to 28 days)

**Study
Treatment**
(21-day cycle)

**End of
Treatment**
(~30 days after last
dose of study drug)

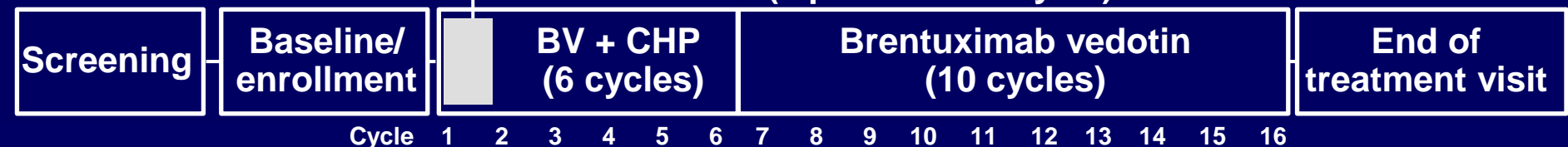
Sequential Treatment

Brentuximab vedotin (2 cycles)



Combination Treatment

DLT evaluation (6 patients – 1 cycle)



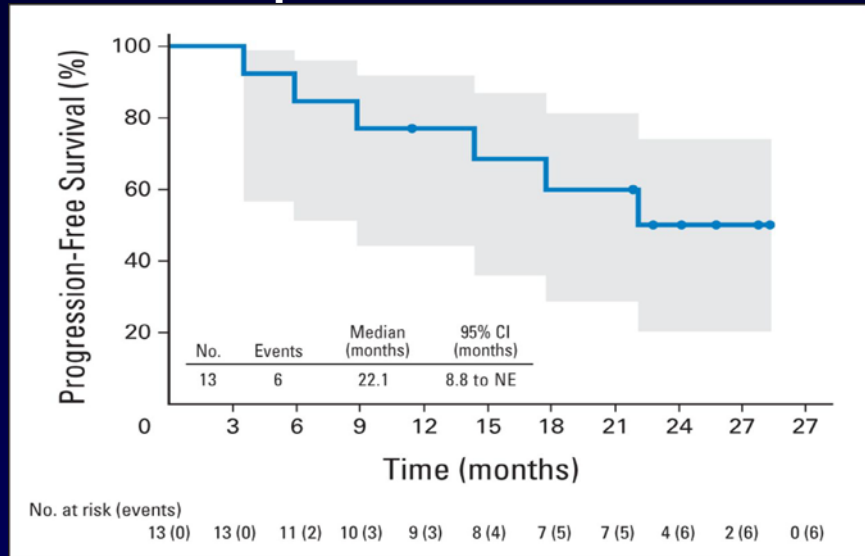
Response After Sequential or Combination Treatment

| Response | Sequential ALCL n = 13 | | Combination | | | | | |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------|----------------|------------|-------------------|------------|-----------------|------------|
| | | | ALCL n = 19 | | Non-ALCL n = 7 | | Total n = 26 | |
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % |
| Objective response | 11 | 85 | 19 | 100 | 7 | 100 | 26 | 100 |
| Complete remission | 8 | 62 | 16 | 84 | 7 | 100 | 23 | 88 |
| Partial remission | 3 | 23 | 3 | 16 | 0 | | 3 | 12 |
| Stable disease | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | |
| Progressive disease | 2 | 15 | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | |

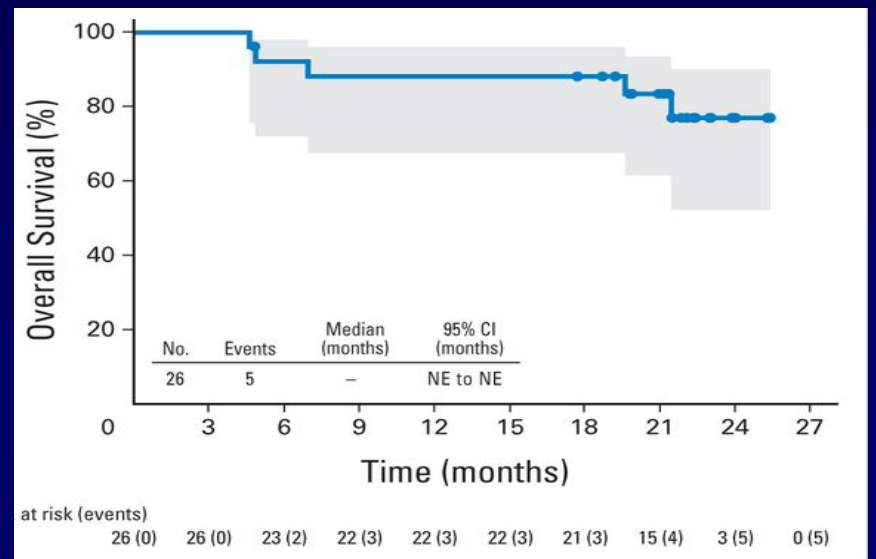
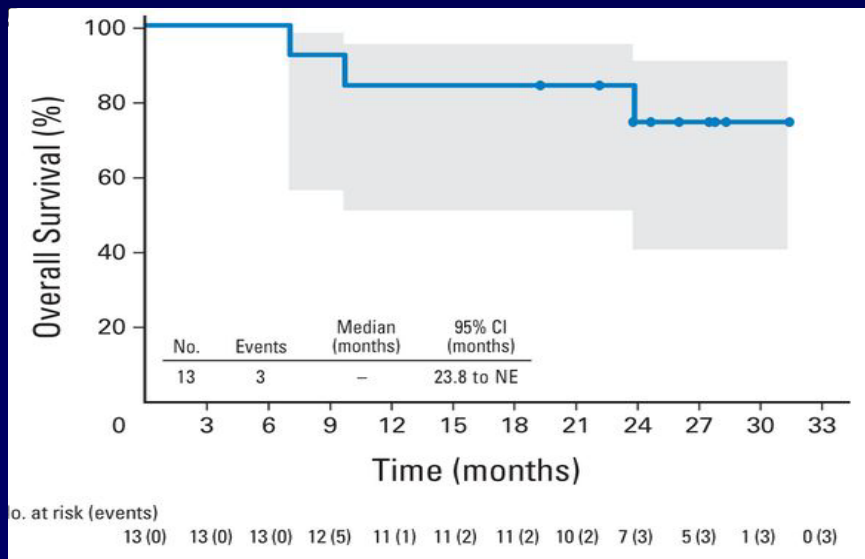
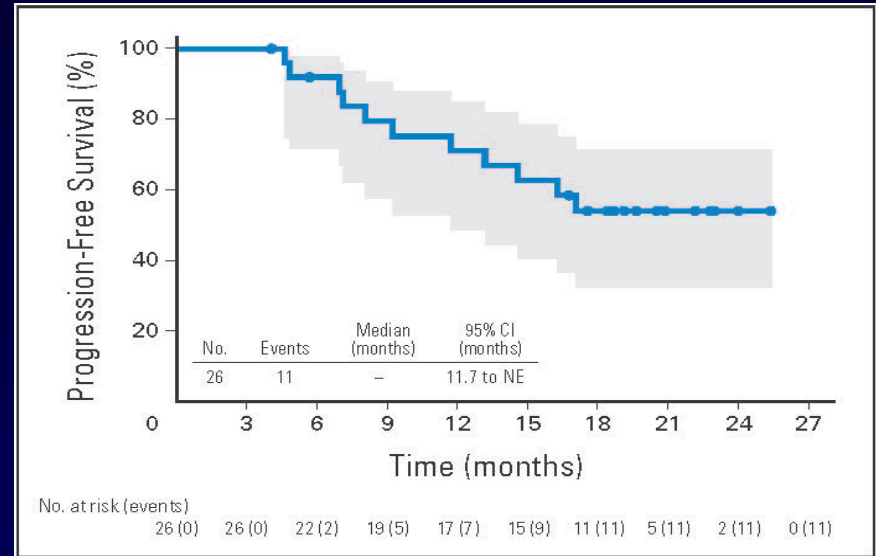
Response assessment per investigator at cycle 8 (sequential treatment), cycle 6 (combination treatment), or at last available response assessment for patients who discontinued treatment before these timepoints.

Outcomes

Sequential Treatment

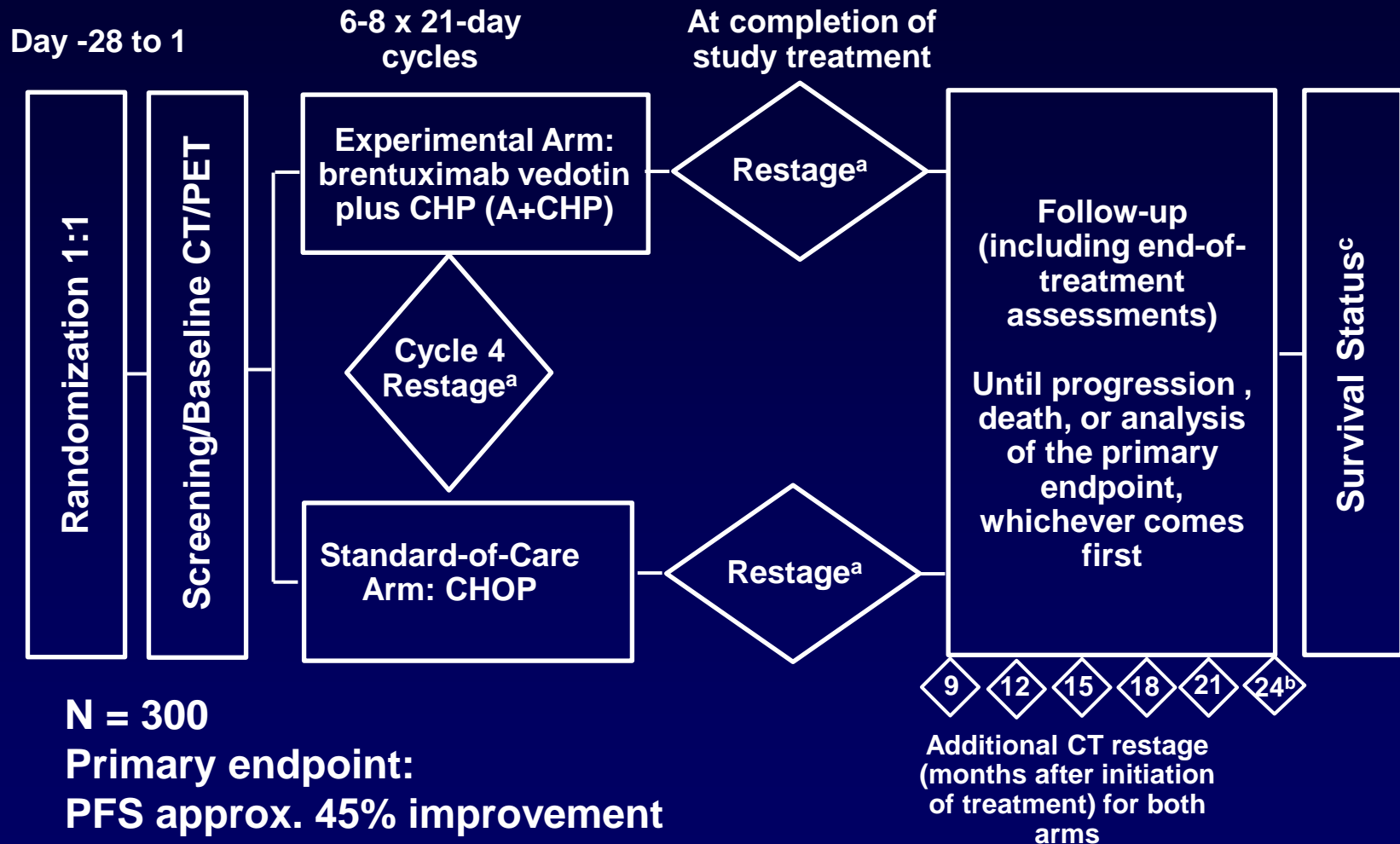


Combination Treatment



Echelon-2 Trial

PTCL-CD30+ ($\geq 10\%$) if ALK+ ALCL IPI ≥ 2



^aCT and PET scans required

^bAdditional CT scans every 6 months thereafter until progression per investigator, death, or analysis of the primary endpoint, whichever comes first

^cFor patients with documented progression, continued follow-up for survival every 6 months until death or study closure, whichever comes first

Other Ongoing Phase III Trials

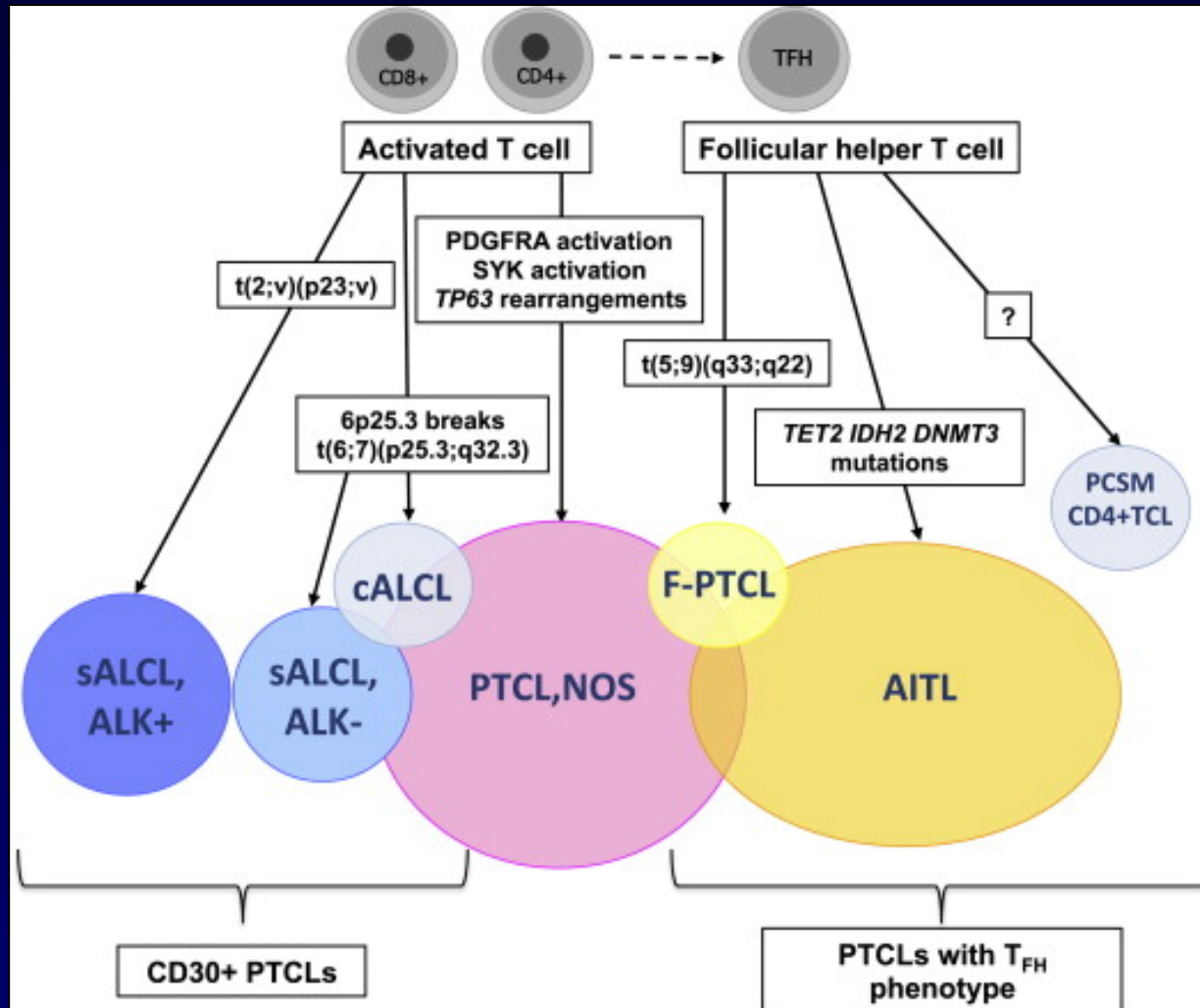
Front-Line Therapy of PTCL

| Study | Population | Endpoint | Setting |
|--|-----------------------------|------------|--|
| Immunotherapy | | | |
| Alemtuzumab + chemo vs chemo | Newly diagnosed PTCL | EFS | Induction |
| Antimetabolite | | | |
| Pralatrexate maintenance vs observation | Newly diagnosed PTCL | OS | Maintenance: Closed due to poor accrual |
| Histone deacetylase inhibitor | | | |
| Romidepsin + CHOP vs CHOP | Newly diagnosed PTCL | PFS | Induction |

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- **Significant advances in biology have led to well defined molecular subsets**

Putative Cellular Derivation and Known Oncogenic Pathways for the Main Nodal and Selected PTCL Entities



Potential Molecular Targets for Future Therapeutic Interventions in PTCL

| Target | Function | Rationale | Agent | References |
|----------------------------|---------------------|--|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| BCL2 | Antiapoptotic | Overexpressed in PTCL; correlates with poor prognosis | ABT-199 | Rassidakis et al, Souers et al |
| IDH2 | Metabolic enzyme | Mutated in AITL and PTCL-NOS; produced 2HG, which blocks chromatin-modifying enzymes | Mutant IDH2 inhibitor | Cairns et al, Wang et al |
| BRD4 | Epigenetic "reader" | BRD4 inhibition kills AML with mutant IDH2 (preclinical) | JQ1; iBET | Chen et al |
| FYN | Kinase | Activating mutations in AITL and PTCL-NOS | Dasatinib | Couronne et al |
| JAK2/STAT3 | Kinase | Pathway activation in AITL and PTCL-NOS | Ruxolitinib | Maurer et al |
| JAK3 | Kinase | Activating mutations in NKTCL | Tofacitinib | Koo et al |
| PI3K δ and γ | Kinase | Promote growth/survival in PTCL | IPI-145 | Horwitz et al |
| MTOR | Kinase | Promotes growth/survival in PTCL | Everolimus | Kim et al |
| PDGFR α | Kinase | Pathway activation in PTCL | Imatinib | Piccaluga et al |

Q1: What Would You Recommend As Initial Therapy?

1) CHOP (cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin, vincristine, prednisone)

2) CHOEP (cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin, vincristine, etoposide, prednisone)

3) Hyper-CVAD (cyclophosphamide, vincristine, doxorubicin, prednisone)

4) Brentuximab vedotin

5) Gemcitabine + cisplatin-based regimen

Q2: What Would You Do Next?

- 1) Observation without further therapy**
- 2) Consolidate with high-dose therapy (HDT) and autologous stem cell transplant (ASCT)**
- 3) Type siblings for possible allogeneic transplant (allo-SCT)**
- 4) Start maintenance brentuximab vedotin**

Take-Home Message

- **Standard CHOP; does not work well for most subtypes**
- **Clinical trial should always be first choice**
- **Off trial: etoposide-based regimen for ALCL or pts less than age 60 y for other histologies**
- **If CR (PTCL-NOS, ALK – ALCL, AILT), consider consolidation with SCT**
- **Improved understanding of biology and has offered some clarity to the broader term ‘PTCL’**
 - **Specific entities defined**
 - **Molecular-based prognostic markers identified**
- **Potential new targets identified that provide a rationale for new approaches to therapy**