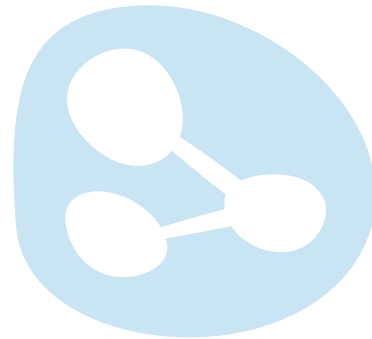


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# **UPDATE ON FOLLICULAR LYMPHOMA**

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**DISCOVERY AND VALIDATION OF  
A SIMPLIFIED SCORING SYSTEM  
(THE PRIMA-PROGNOSTIC INDEX) IN  
*DE NOVO* FL TREATED INITIALLY WITH  
IMMUNOCHEMOTHERAPY**

**Bachy E, et al. Blood 2017;130(S1):413**

# PRIMA-PI

## INTRODUCTION

- In FL, no Prognostic Index (PI) had been developed that was based on patients treated only with initial immunochemotherapy
- This led to the development of the PRIMA-PI<sup>1</sup> which included:
  - Model building using PFS as the primary endpoint
  - Data from the PRIMA trial<sup>2</sup> cohort of 1,135 patients for the discovery component
- For the validation component, patients with FL from the FL2000 trial<sup>3</sup> and MER-SPORE<sup>4</sup> were included; EFS was the primary endpoint
- **The aim of the investigation was to develop an easy-to-compute and reliable PI that could aid in trial stratification and routine clinical evaluation**

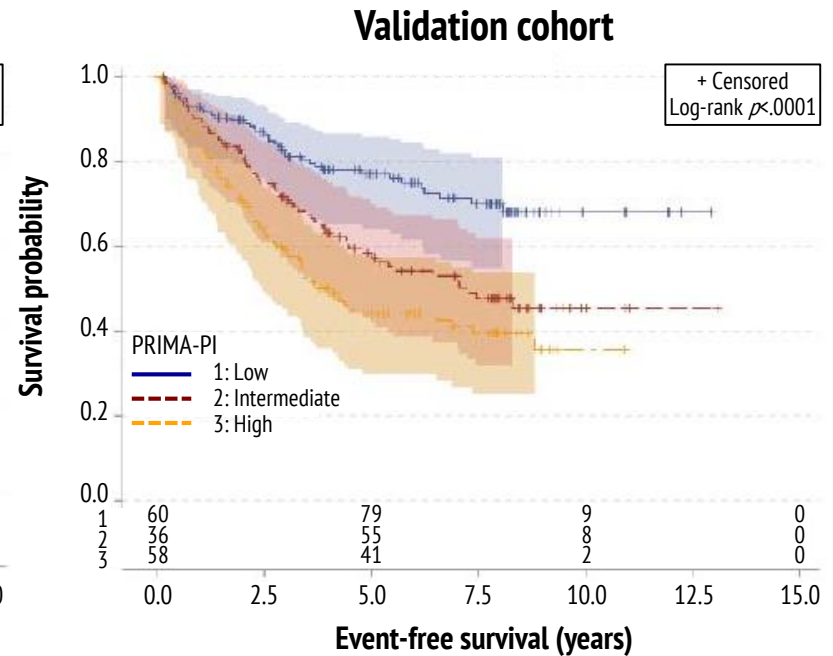
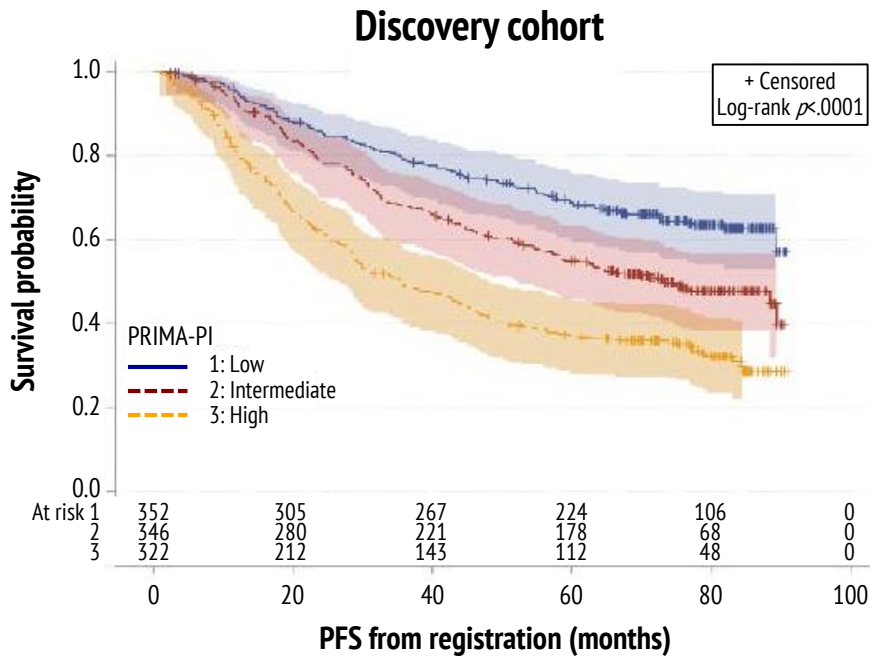
EFS, event-free survival; FL, follicular lymphoma; FL2000, follicular lymphoma trial with start date 2000; MER, Molecular Epidemiology Resource; PI, prognostic index; PFS, progression free survival; PRIMA, PRIMA; Primary Rituximab and MAintenance trial; SPORE, Specialized Program of Research Excellence

# PRIMA-PI

## RESULTS (1)

- PRIMA-PI features included:
  - It is a two-factor model consisting of B2M and BM involvement
  - With 3 risk categories based on B2M and BM involvement
    - Low: Neither
    - Intermediate: Either
    - High: Both
- PFS24 was a strong post-treatment prognostic parameter for subsequent OS in the discovery cohort
- **PRIMA-PI was highly discriminatory** for predicting outcome for the 3 risk categories in the validation cohort

# PRIMA-PI RESULTS (2)



# PRIMA-PI

## CONCLUSIONS

- PRIMA-PI is an **easy-to-compute prognostic index** for patients with FL treated upfront with Immunochemotherapy



# **PROGNOSTIC VALUE OF PET-CT AFTER 1<sup>ST</sup>-LINE THERAPY IN PATIENTS WITH FL: A POOLED ANALYSIS OF CENTRAL SCAN REVIEW IN THREE MULTICENTRE STUDIES**

**Trotman J et al. Lancet Haematol 2014;1(1):e17-e27**

# PET-CT AFTER FRONTLINE THERAPY FOR FL

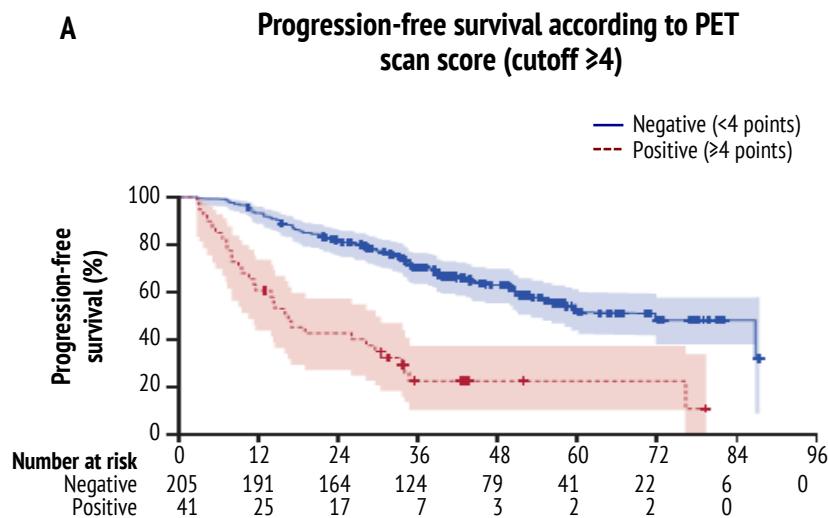
## INTRODUCTION

- $^{18}\text{F}$ -fluorodeoxyglucose (FDG) PET-CT imaging has been shown to be useful for assessing treatment response following 1L rituximab chemotherapy of FL<sup>1</sup>
- This study analysed the application of the five-point Deauville scale (5PS), used to score FDG uptake on PET images, in a large cohort derived from three studies<sup>2</sup>
- The aim was to assess the **correlation between post-induction PET status and survival** in patients with FL, and confirm the primary role of PET response assessment

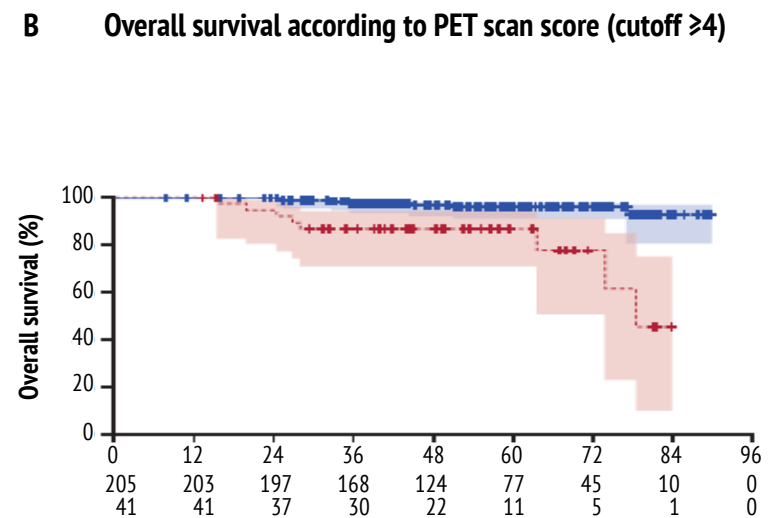
# PET-CT AFTER FRONTLINE THERAPY FOR FL

## RESULTS: ALL PATIENTS

FL PATIENTS WITH A POSITIVE PET-CT SCAN (> 4 POINTS) HAD SIGNIFICANTLY SHORTER PFS AND OS COMPARED WITH THOSE WITH A NEGATIVE SCAN (< 4 POINTS)



	Events	Censored	Median survival (95% CI), months	Log-rank <i>p</i> value
Negative (n=205)	81 (40%)	124 (60%)	74 (54.7-NA)	<0.0001
Positive (n=41)	31 (76%)	10 (24%)	16.9 (10.8-31.4)	



	Events	Censored	Median survival (95% CI), months	Log-rank <i>p</i> value
Negative (n=205)	7 (3%)	198 (97%)	NA (NA-NA)	<0.0001
Positive (n=41)	8 (20%)	33 (80%)	78.7 (74.1-NA)	

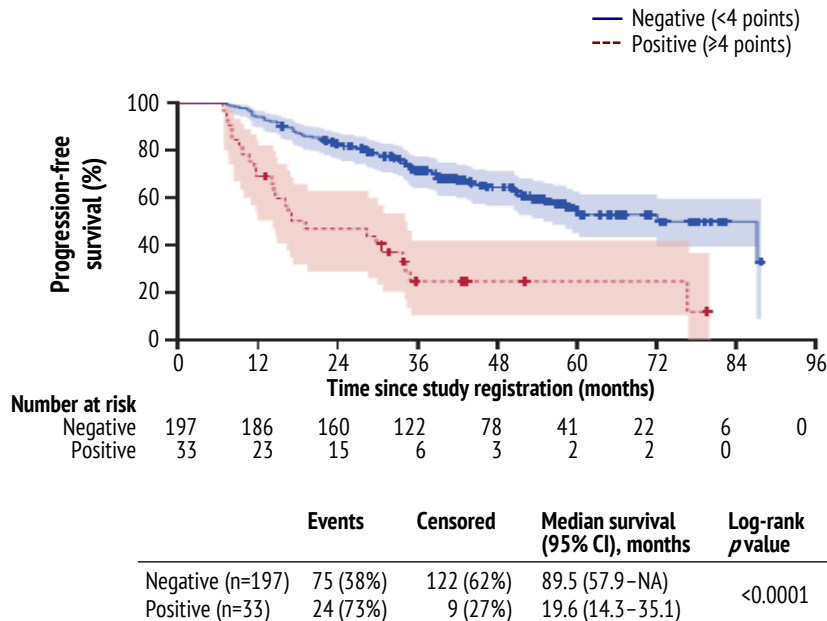
1L, first line; FL, follicular lymphoma; OS, overall survival; PET-CT, Positron Emission Tomography and Computed Tomography Scan; PFS, progression free survival

# PET-CT AFTER FRONTLINE THERAPY FOR FL

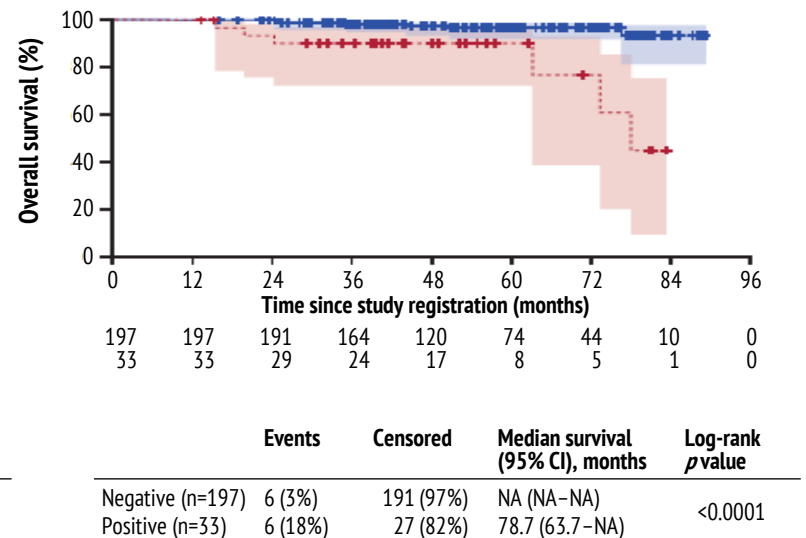
## RESULTS: IWC RESPONDERS

FL PATIENTS WITH A POSITIVE PET-CT SCAN (> 4 POINTS) HAD SIGNIFICANTLY SHORTER PFS AND OS COMPARED WITH THOSE WITH A NEGATIVE SCAN (< 4 POINTS)

**C** Progression-free survival according to PET scan score (cutoff  $\geq 4$ ) in IWC responders



**D** Overall survival according to PET scan score (cutoff  $\geq 4$ ) in IWC responders



# PET-CT AFTER FRONTLINE THERAPY FOR FL

## CONCLUSIONS

- Post-induction PET status according to 5PS was a **significant predictor of both PFS and OS**
- PET-CT should be considered as a new standard for assessing treatment response for FL in clinical practice

# **VALIDATION OF POD24 AS A ROBUST EARLY CLINICAL ENDPOINT OF POOR SURVIVAL IN FL: RESULTS FROM THE FL ANALYSIS OF SURROGACY HYPOTHESIS (FLASH)**

**Casulo C et al. Blood 2017; 130:412**

# POD24 IN FL

## INTRODUCTION

- FL is the most common indolent lymphoma<sup>1</sup> with prolonged survival<sup>2</sup>
- However, there is significant clinical heterogeneity with a subset of patients experiencing transformation, early recurrence or refractory disease<sup>3</sup>
- Using the FLASH data, the aims of this investigation<sup>4</sup> was to
  - evaluate the association between FLIPI and other baseline factors on PFS24
  - **validate POD24** as an early clinical endpoint in FL
  - Investigate individual data from 5,453 patients on 13 clinical trials

FL, follicular lymphoma; FLASH, follicular lymphoma analysis of surrogacy hypothesis; FLIPI, follicular lymphoma international prognostic index; PFS24, progression-free survival within 24 months of trial enrolment; POD24, progression of disease within 24 months of diagnosis

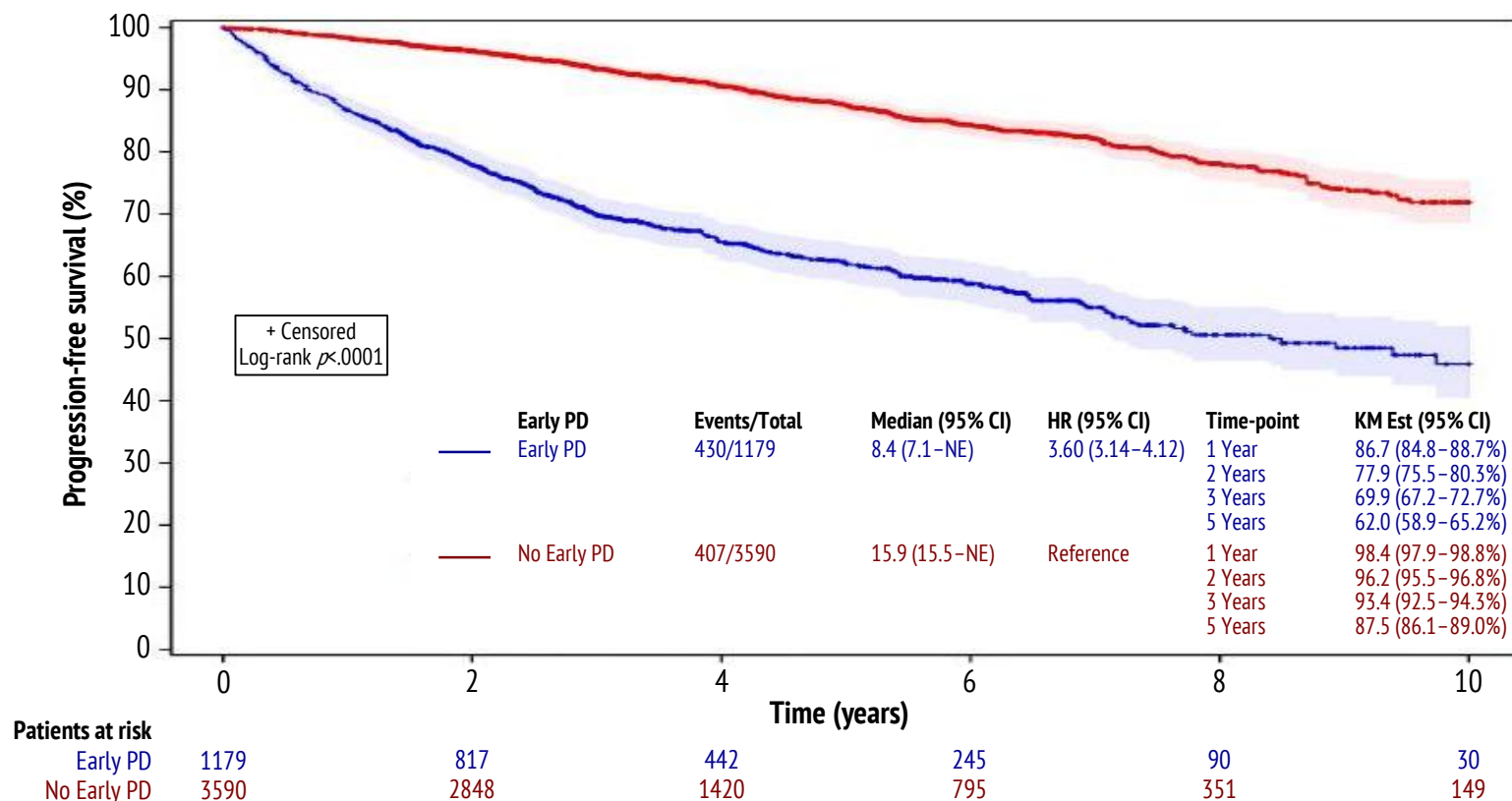
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1. No authors, Blood 1997; 89(11):3909-18; 2. NIH, SEER data <https://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/follicular.html>; 3. Dreyling M et al. Annals of Oncology 2016; 27(S5): v83–v90; 4. Casulo C et al. Blood 2017; 130:412

# POD24 IN FL

## RESULTS

### LANDMARK OS OF FL PATIENTS WITH EARLY POD (STARTING AT 2 YEARS AFTER REGISTRATION)





# POD24 IN FL

## CONCLUSIONS

- These results **confirm POD24 as an early clinical endpoint of poor survival in FL** that should be utilised to identify patients for prospective clinical trials

# OBINUTUZUMAB FOR THE 1<sup>ST</sup>-LINE TREATMENT OF FL (GALLIUM TRIAL)

Marcus R et al. N Engl J Med 2017;377(14):1331-1344

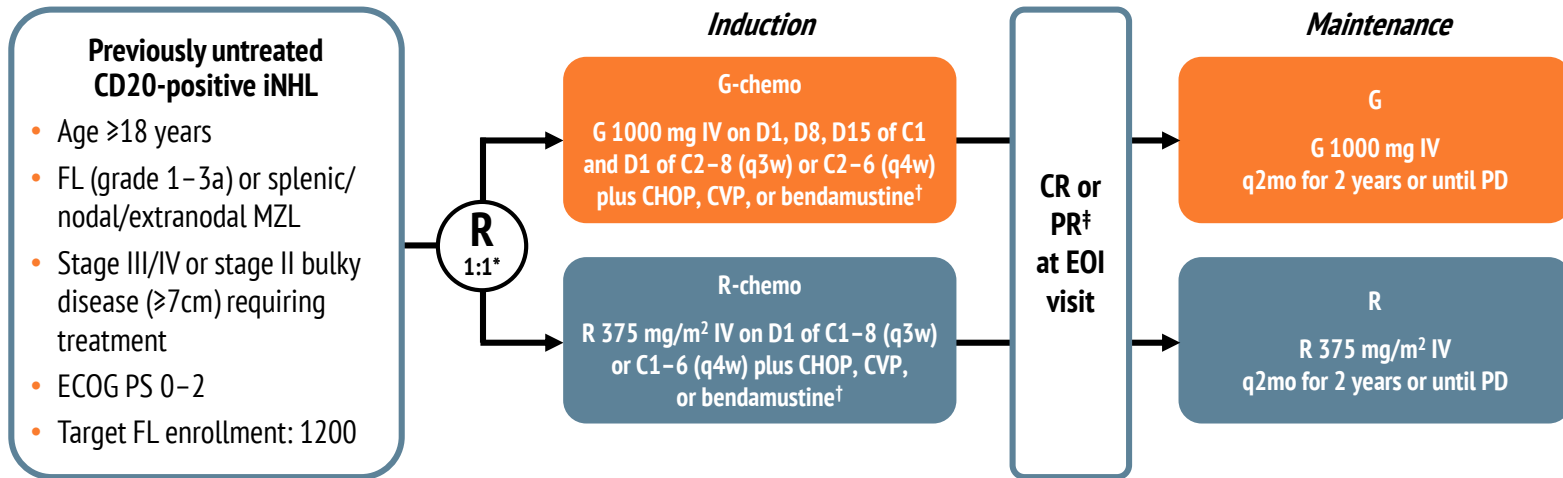
# GALLIUM TRIAL: 1<sup>ST</sup>-LINE FL, MZL

## INTRODUCTION

- The aim of the GALLIUM trial was to compare the efficacy and safety of **induction** with **obinutuzumab**, as compared with **rituximab**, each combined with **chemotherapy**, followed by **maintenance** therapy with the same monoclonal antibody, in patients with previously untreated indolent non-Hodgkin's lymphoma (FL or MZL)

# GALLIUM TRIAL: 1<sup>ST</sup>-LINE FL AND MZL

## DESIGN



Primary endpoint	Secondary and other endpoints	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PFS (INV-assessed in FL)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PFS (IRC-assessed)<sup>§</sup></li> <li>• OS, EFS, DFS, DoR, TTNT</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CR/ORR at EOI (+/- FDG-PET)</li> <li>• Safety</li> </ul>

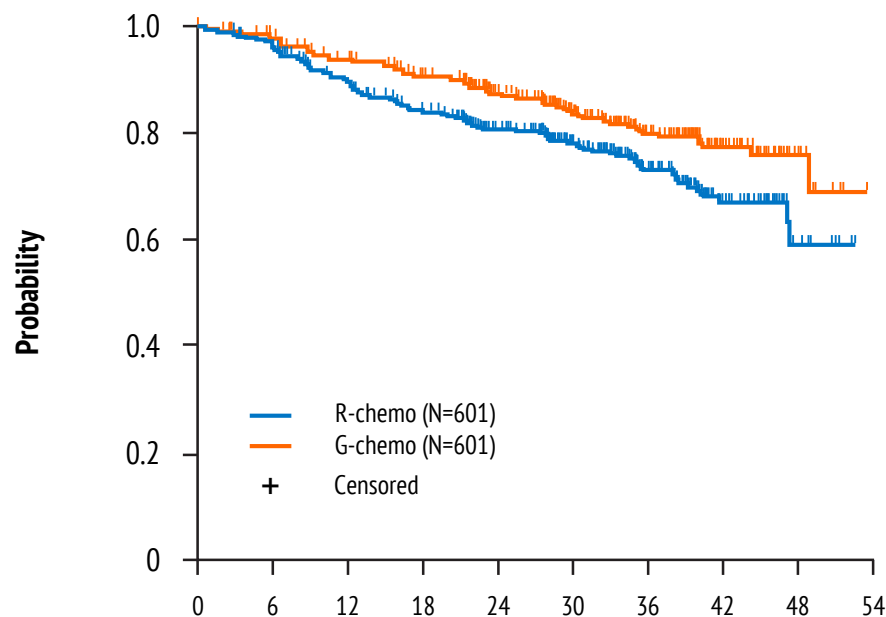
\*FL and MZL pts were randomized separately; stratification factors: chemotherapy, FLIPI (FL) or IPI (MZL) risk group, geographic region; <sup>†</sup>CHOP q3w × 6 cycles, CVP q3w × 8 cycles, bendamustine q4w × 6 cycles; choice by site (FL) or by pt (MZL); <sup>‡</sup>Pts with SD at EOI were followed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

<sup>§</sup>Confirmatory endpoint

# GALLIUM TRIAL: 1<sup>ST</sup>-LINE FL†

## RESULTS: PFS

PFS SIGNIFICANTLY LONGER WITH G-CHEMO COMPARED WITH THE R-CHEMO



No. of patients at risk

Time (months)

	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54
R-chemo	601	562	505	463	378	266	160	68	10	0
G-chemo	601	570	536	502	405	278	168	75	13	0

	R-chemo n=601	G-chemo n=601
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=.001	

Median follow-up: 34.5 months

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

† results are for the FL cohort of patients

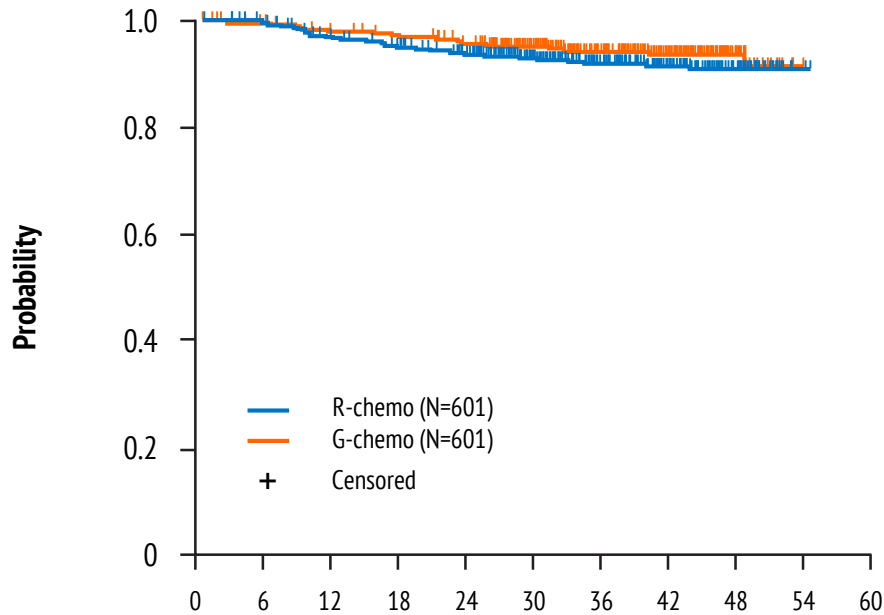
CI, confidence interval; FL, follicular lymphoma; FLIPI, Follicular Lymphoma International Prognostic Index; G, obinutuzumab; HR, hazard ratio; n, number of patients; No., number; P, probability; PFS, progression free survival; Pts, patients; R, rituximab; yr, year;

Marcus R et al. N Engl J Med 2017;377(14):1331-1344; NCT01332968, Clinicaltrials.gov

# GALLIUM TRIAL: 1<sup>ST</sup>-LINE FL†

## RESULTS: OS

### OS SIMILAR WITH G-CHEMO AND R-CHEMO



	R-chemo n=601	G-chemo n=601
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=.21	

Median follow-up: 34.5 months

No. of patients at risk	Time (months)									
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

† results are for the FL cohort of patients

# GALLIUM TRIAL: 1<sup>ST</sup>-LINE FL<sup>†</sup>

## CONCLUSIONS

- Obinutuzumab-based immunochemotherapy and maintenance therapy **resulted in longer PFS** than rituximab-based therapy

† based on the results for the FL cohort of patients

# **RITUXIMAB PLUS LENALIDOMIDE IN ADVANCED UNTREATED FL (RELEVANCE TRIAL)**

**Morschhauser F et al. N Engl J Med 2018;379(10):934-947**



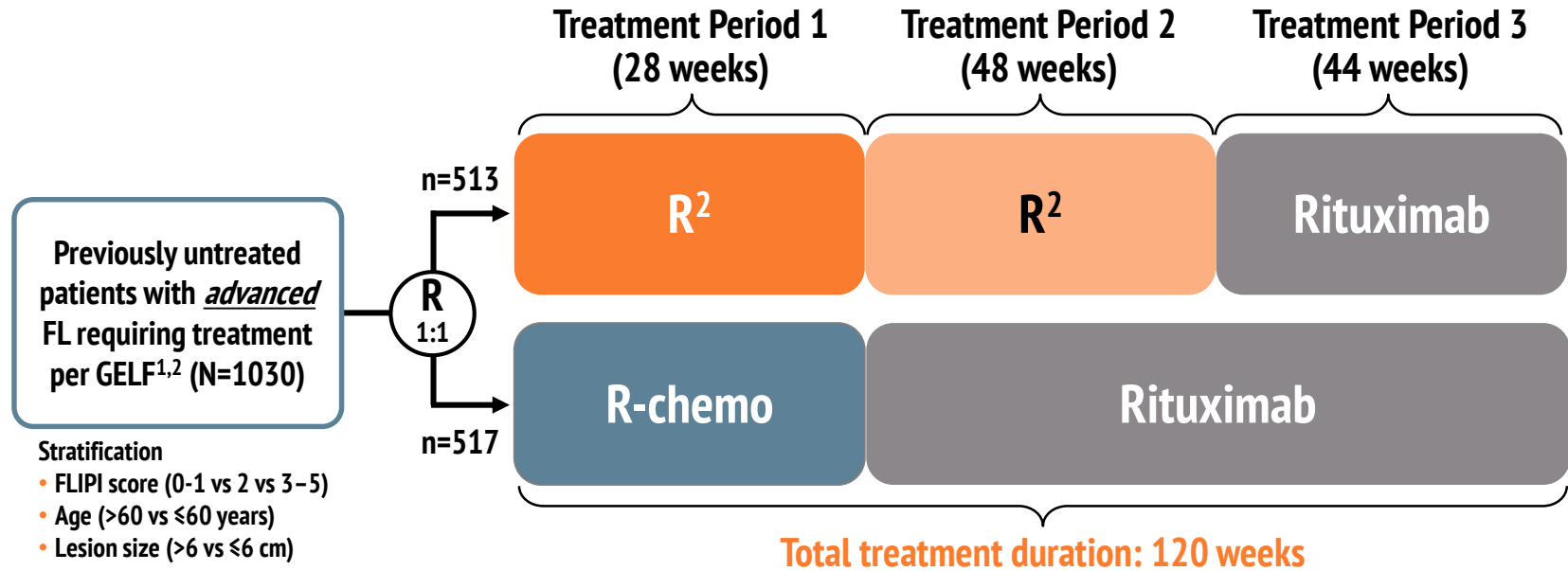
# RELEVANCE TRIAL: R<sup>2</sup> IN 1L FL

## INTRODUCTION

- The RELEVANCE trial was a randomized, phase 3 trial that compared the efficacy and safety of **R<sup>2</sup> with those of R+chemo**, with both regimens followed by maintenance therapy with R, in patients with previously untreated, advanced FL

# RELEVANCE TRIAL<sup>3</sup>: R<sup>2</sup> IN 1L FL

## DESIGN



### Co-primary endpoints per 1999 IWG criteria\*

- CR/CRu at 120 weeks
- PFS (first interim analysis at ~50% of targeted events)

NCT01476787; NCT01650701; EUDRA 2011-002792-42.

\*Per central (IRC) review by 1999 IWG with CT

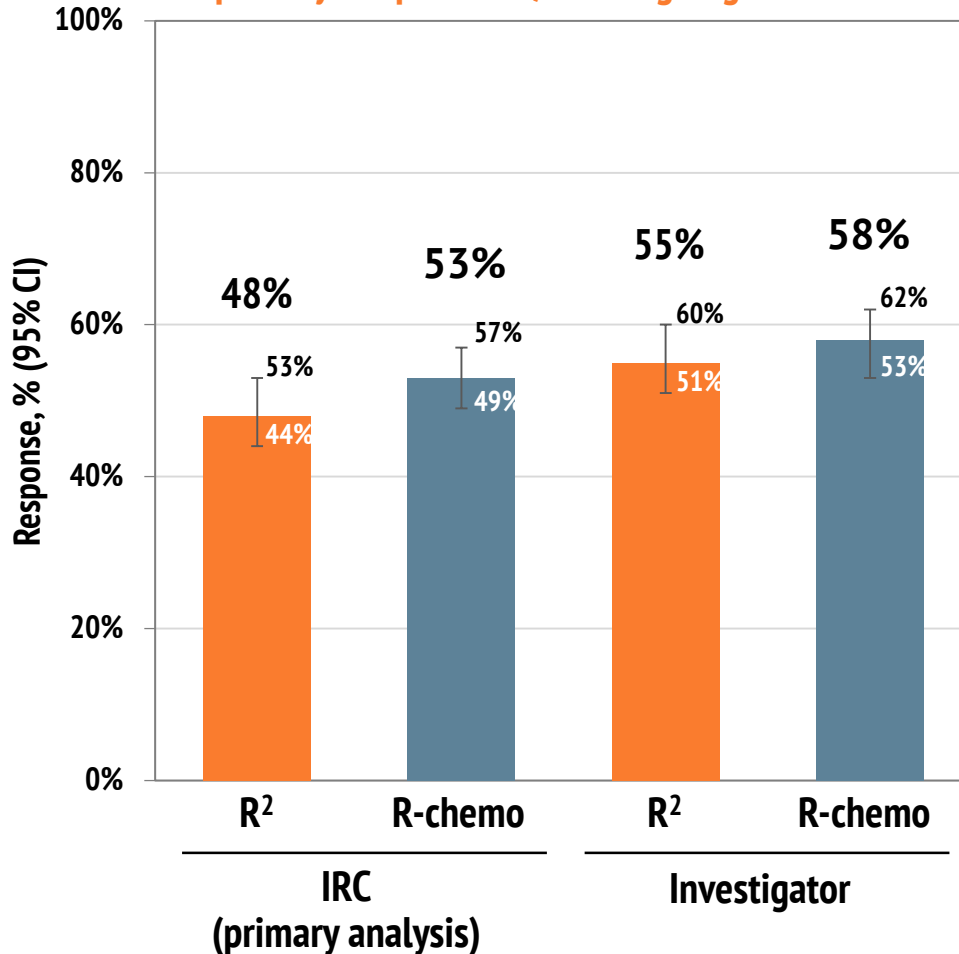
### Dosing schedule

- **R<sup>2</sup>**: Lenalidomide 20 mg/d, d2-22/28 until CR/CRu at 6, 9, or 12 cycles, then 10 mg/d (total 18 cycles) and rituximab 375 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/wk c1 and d1 c2-6; continued in responders q8wk for 12 cycles
- **R-chemo**: 3 options (R-CHOP, R-B, R-CVP) plus 2 years rituximab maintenance
  - R-chemo regimen selected pre-randomization by investigators
  - Included 72% R-CHOP, 23% R-B, and 5% R-CVP

# RELEVANCE TRIAL: R<sup>2</sup> IN 1L FL

## RESULTS: RESPONSE (ITT)

Co-primary endpoint: CR/CRu ongoing at 120 weeks

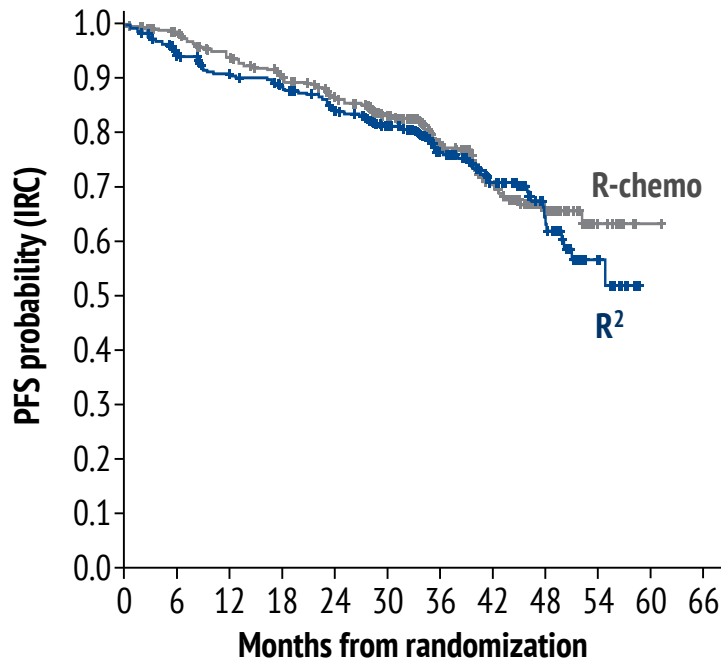


- Best overall response (CR+CRu+PR)
  - 84% R<sup>2</sup> vs 89% R-chemo (IRC)
  - 86% R<sup>2</sup> vs 92% R-chemo (investigator)
- SPD reduction of ≥50% at 12 weeks was 81% for R<sup>2</sup> and 90% for R-chemo
- ORR ongoing at 120 weeks
  - 61% R<sup>2</sup> vs 65% R-chemo (IRC)
  - 65% R<sup>2</sup> vs 68% R-chemo (investigator)
- Probability of maintaining response (CR/CRu/PR) for ≥3 years for R<sup>2</sup> vs R-chemo, respectively
  - 77% vs 74% (IRC)
  - 82% vs 77% (investigator)
- Data cut-off 31 May 2017

# RELEVANCE TRIAL: R<sup>2</sup> IN 1L FL

## RESULTS: PFS

AT A MEDIAN FOLLOW-UP OF 37.9 MO, INTERIM PFS (50% EVENTS) WAS SIMILAR IN BOTH ARMS



### Number of patients at risk

R <sup>2</sup>	513	435	409	393	364	282	174	107	49	13	0	
R-chemo	517	474	446	417	387	287	175	109	51	14	1	0

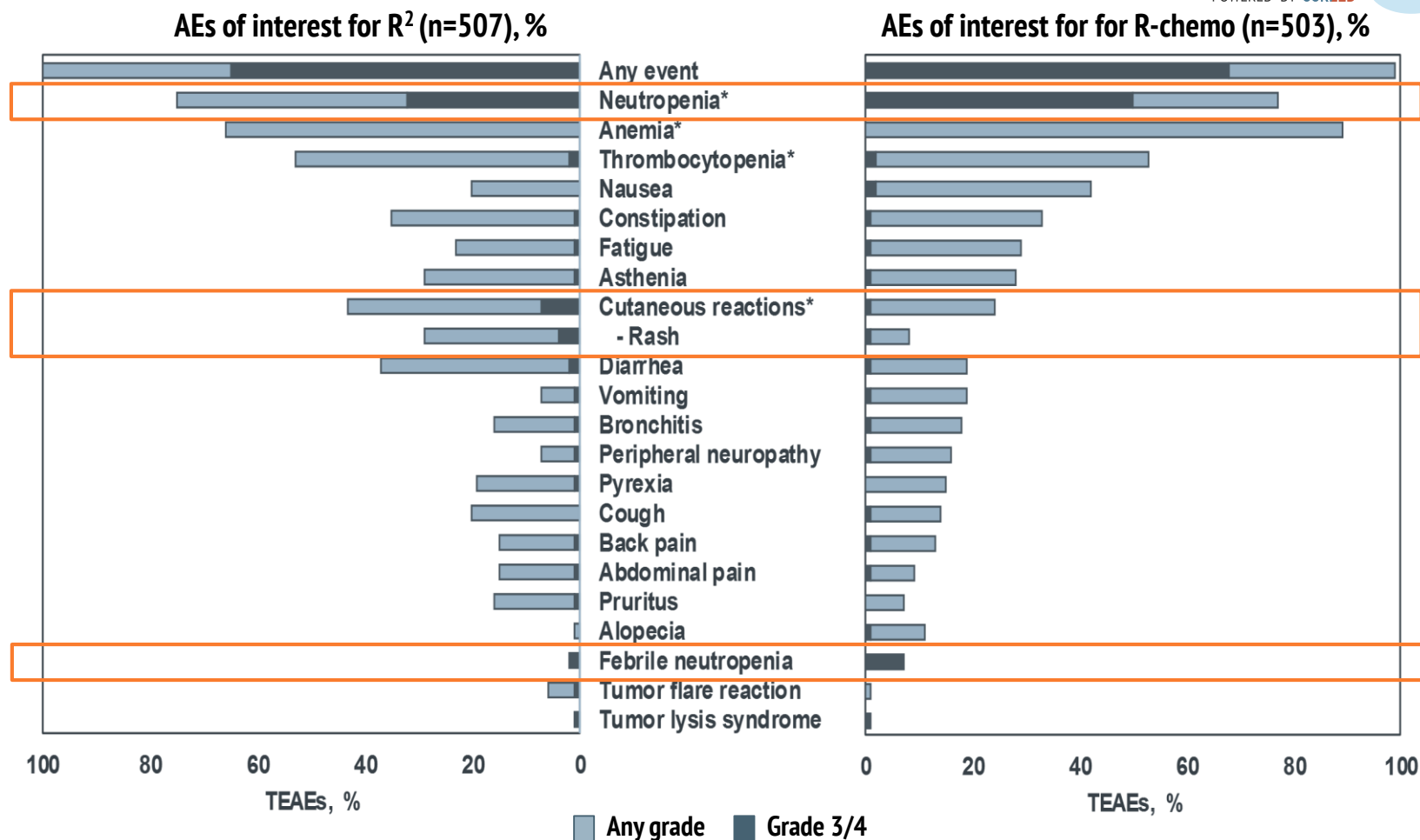
### Interim PFS By IRC (Co-Primary Endpoint)

	R <sup>2</sup> (n=513)	R-chemo (n=517)
Events, n (%)	119 (23)	111 (21)
3-year PFS (95% CI)	77% (72%-80%)	78% (74%-82%)
HR (95% CI)	1.10 (0.85-1.43)	
Pvalue	0.48	

Data cut-off 31 May 2017

# RELEVANCE TRIAL: R<sup>2</sup> IN 1L FL

## RESULTS: AEs



Data cut-off 31 May 2017. Includes any-grade TEAEs (≥15%) and select AEs of interest as assessed per NCI CTCAE v4.03.

\*Hematologic AEs were based on laboratory tests; all anemia events were grade 1. \*Cutaneous reactions included preferred terms from skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders (including rash), gastrointestinal disorders, general disorders and administration site conditions, infections and infestations, and reproductive system and breast disorders

# RELEVANCE TRIAL: R<sup>2</sup> IN 1L FL

## CONCLUSIONS

- In previously untreated FL, the efficacy of R<sup>2</sup> was similar to that of R+chemo
- The **safety profile differed in the two groups**, with a;
  - higher incidence of grade 3-4 neutropenia and febrile neutropenia of any grade with R+chemo
  - higher incidence of grade 3-4 cutaneous reactions with R<sup>2</sup>

# PHOSPHATIDYLINOSITOL 3-KINASE INHIBITION BY COPANLISIB IN RELAPSED OR REFRACTORY INDOLENT LYMPHOMA

Dreyling M et al. J Clin Oncol 2017; 35(35):3898-3905

# CHRONOS-1 TRIAL: COPANLISIB IN R/R iNHL

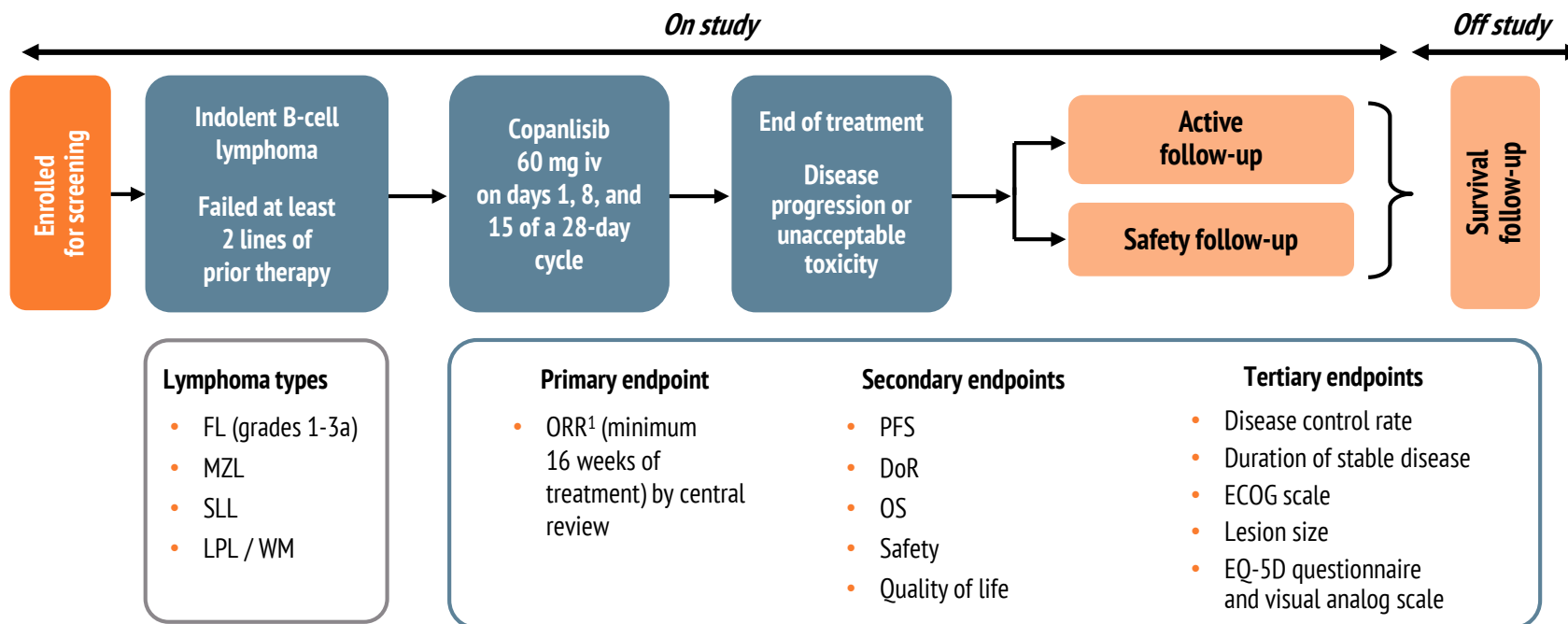
## INTRODUCTION

- Copanlisib is an IV pan-class I PI3K inhibitor with predominant activity against the PI3K- $\alpha$  and PI3K- $\delta$  isoforms<sup>1,2</sup>
- It is approved by the US FDA for the treatment of patients with relapsed FL who have received at least two prior systemic therapies
- The aim of this open-label phase II study was to evaluate the efficacy and safety of copanlisib in patients with relapsed or refractory indolent B-cell lymphoma<sup>3</sup>



# CHRONOS-1 TRIAL: COPANLISIB IN R/R iNHL

## DESIGN

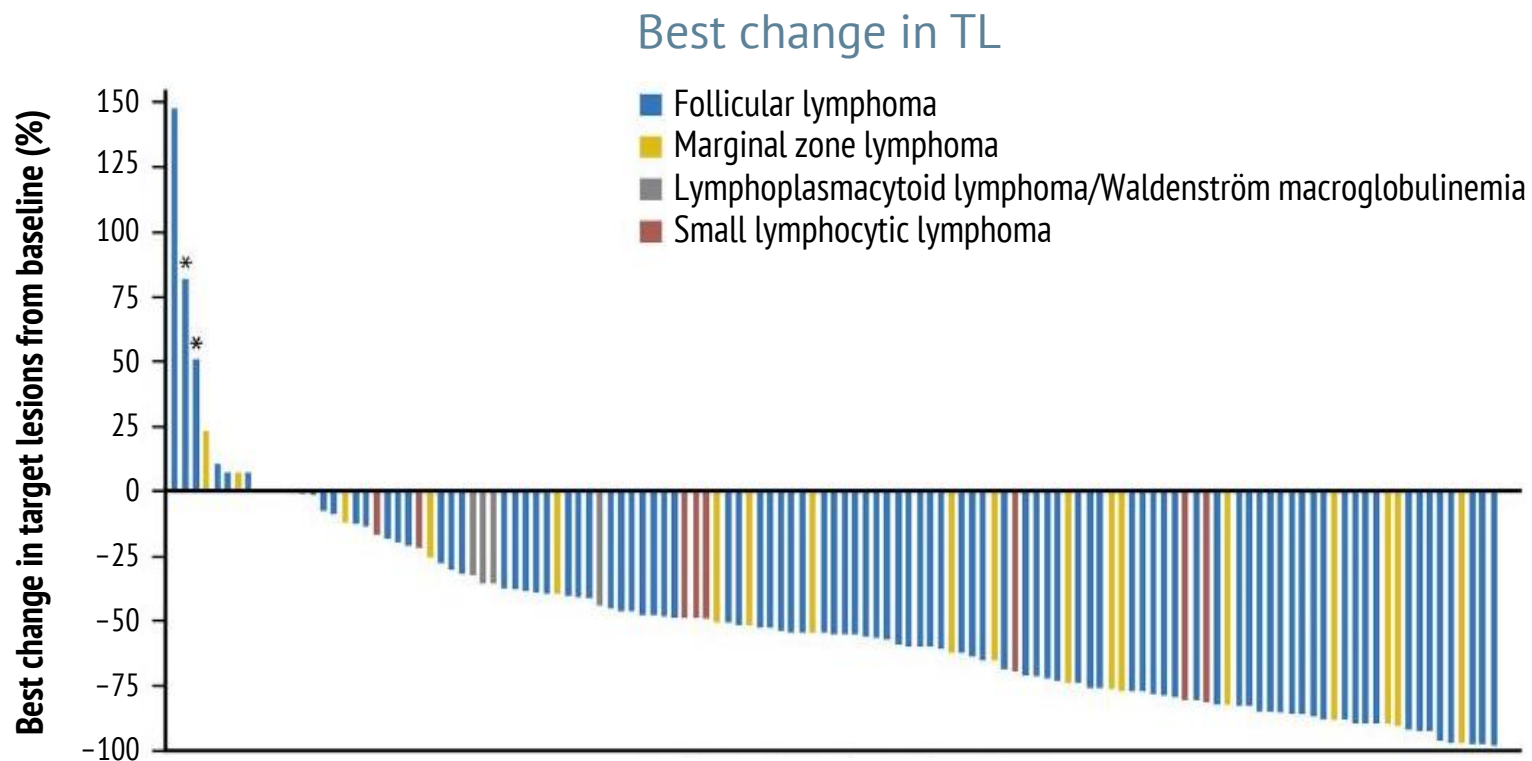


DoR, duration of response; ECOG, ECOG, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group; FL, follicular lymphoma; EQ-5D, European Quality of Life Five Dimension Five Level Scale Questionnaire; iNHL, indolent non-Hodgkin's lymphoma; LPL, Lymphoplasmacytoid lymphoma; MZL, marginal zone lymphoma; ORR, objective tumour response rate; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression free survival; R/R, relapsed or refractory; SLL, small lymphocytic lymphoma; WM, Waldenström; Dreyling M et al. J Clin Oncol 2017; 35(35):3898-3905; NCT01660451 part B, CHRONOS-1

# CHRONOS-1 TRIAL: COPANLISIB IN R/R iNHL

## RESULTS: EFFICACY

ORR 59%; CR 12%; MEDIAN TTR, 53 DAYS; MEDIAN DOR, 22.6 MONTHS;  
MEDIAN PFS 11.2 MONTHS, AND MEDIAN OS NOT YET BEEN REACHED



\* Patient was assessed by independent review as having stable disease

Individual patients (n=125)

CR, complete response; DOR, duration of response; iNHL, indolent non-Hodgkin's lymphoma; ORR, objective tumour response rate; PFS, progression free survival; OS, overall survival; R/R, relapsed or refractory; TTR, time to response

Dreyling M et al. J Clin Oncol 2017; 35(35):3898-3905; NCT01660451 part B, CHRONOS-1

# CHRONOS-1 TRIAL: COPANLISIB IN R/R iNHL

## RESULTS: SAFETY

- The most frequent TEAEs:
  - transient hyperglycemia
    - all grades, 50%; grade 3 or 4, 41%
  - transient hypertension
    - all grades, 30%; grade 3, 24%
  - other grade  $\geq 3$  events included decreased neutrophil count (24%) and lung infection (15%)

# CHRONOS-1 TRIAL: COPANLISIB IN R/R iNHL

## CONCLUSIONS

- Copanlisib demonstrated **significant efficacy and a manageable safety profile** in heavily pre-treated patients with R/R indolent lymphoma

**DYNAMO: A PHASE 2 STUDY  
DEMONSTRATING THE CLINICAL ACTIVITY  
OF DUVELISIB IN PATIENTS WITH  
DOUBLE-REFRACTORY (DR) iNHL**

**Zinzani P et al. Hematol Oncol 2017; 35(S2):69-70**

# DYNAMO TRIAL: DUVELISIB IN DR iNHL

## INTRODUCTION

- Duvelisib is an oral, dual inhibitor of PI3K- $\delta,\gamma$ <sup>1</sup>
- It is approved by the FDA<sup>1</sup> for;
  - R/R CLL or SLL
  - R/R FL after at least two prior systemic therapies

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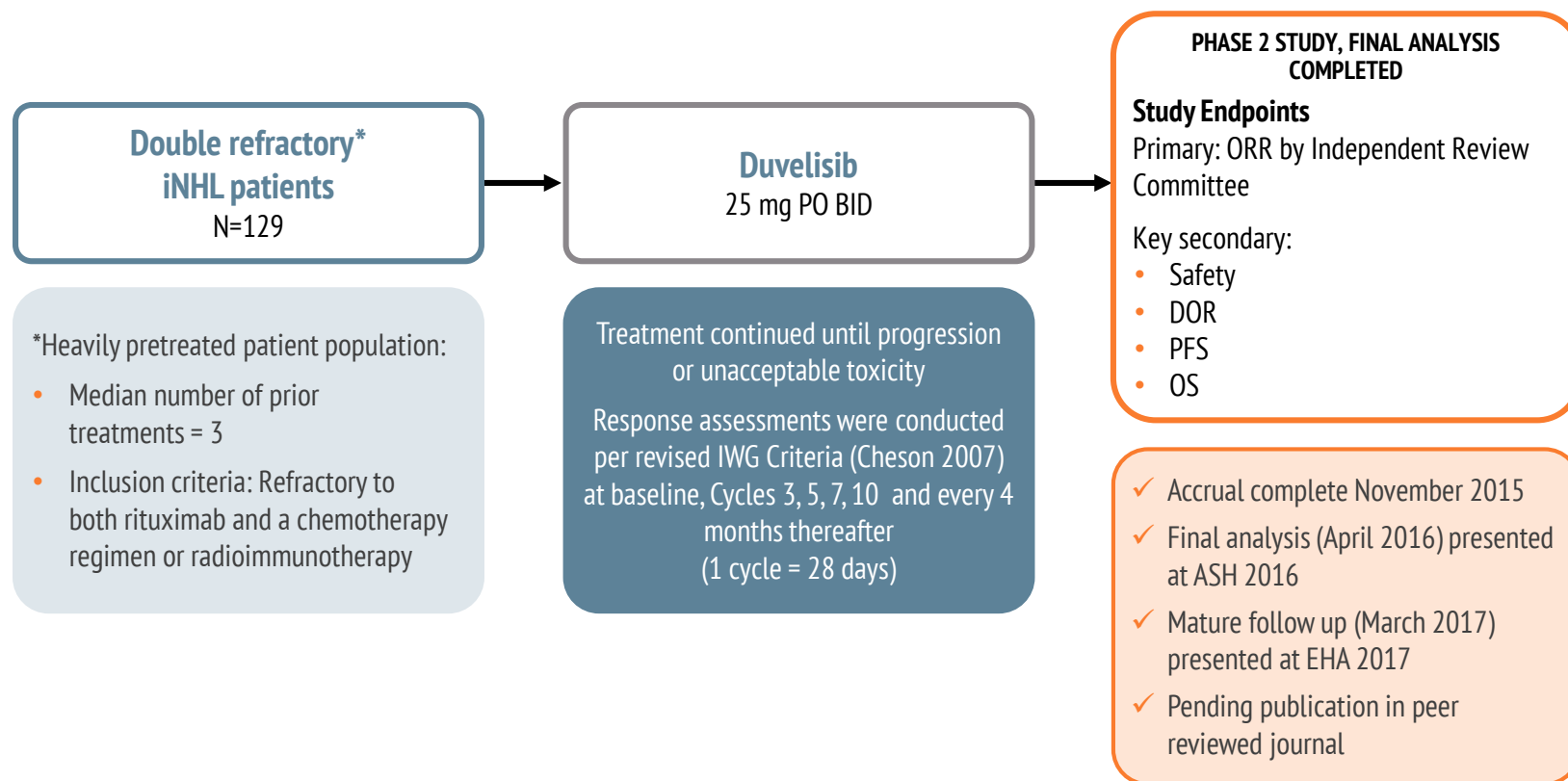
CLL, chronic lymphocytic lymphoma; DR, double refractory; FDA, Food and Drug Administration; FL, follicular lymphoma; iNHL, indolent non-Hodgkin's lymphoma; PI3K, phosphatidylinositol 3-kinase; R/R, relapse or refractory; SLL, small lymphocytic lymphoma

1. Duvelisib, US PI accessed 29 Jan 2019 <http://www.verastem.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/prescribing-information.pdf>;

2. Zinzani P, *et al.*, Hematol Oncol. 2017; 35(S2):69-70; NCT01882803, DYNAMO trial, [clinicaltrials.gov](http://clinicaltrials.gov)

## DESIGN

### A PHASE 2 STUDY OF DUVELISIB MONOTHERAPY IN DOUBLE REFRACTORY iNHL POPULATIONS



## RESULTS: ORR

### MET PRIMARY ENDPOINT OF ORR BY IRC IN DOUBLE REFRACTORY iNHL PATIENTS AT FINAL ANALYSIS

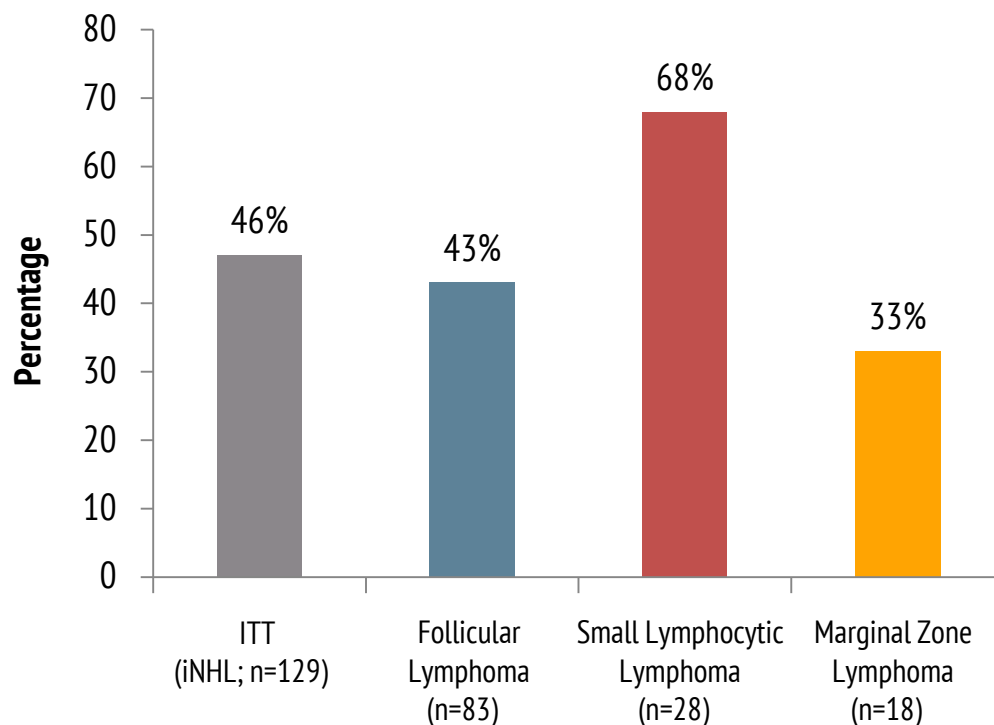
#### Primary endpoint:

- ORR by IRC at per-protocol final analysis: (p=0.0001)

#### Secondary endpoints:

- Median PFS on duvelisib: 8.3 months
- Median DOR: 9.9 months

ORR per IRC at mature follow up

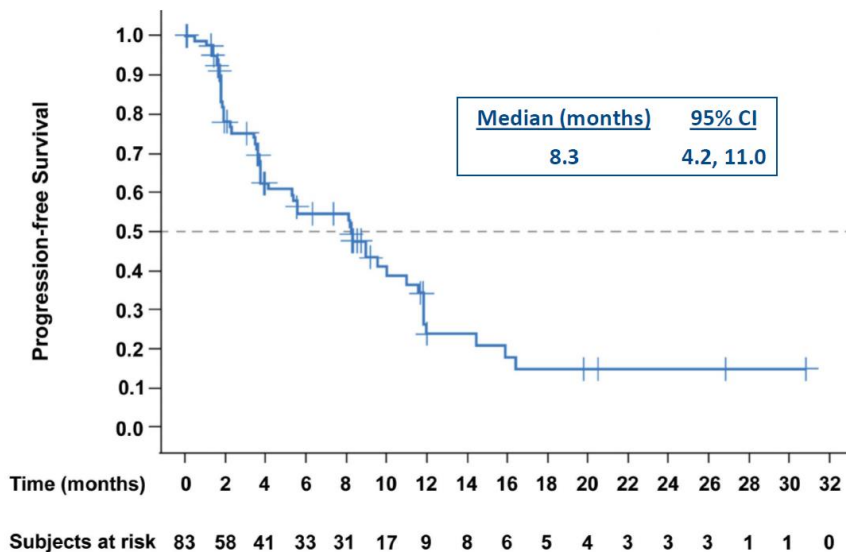




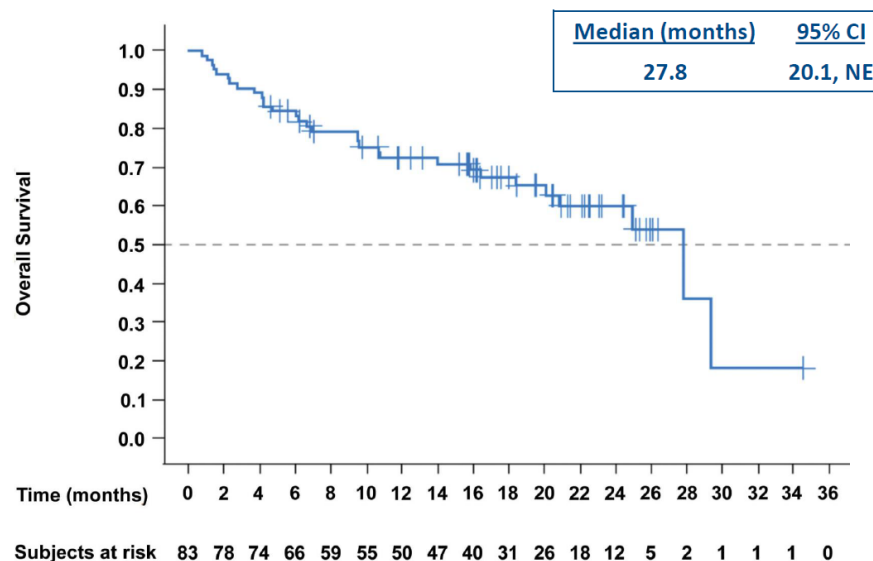
# DYNAMO TRIAL: DUVELISIB IN DR iNHL

## RESULTS: PFS AND OS PER IRC

### PFS per IRC



### OS



CI, confidence interval; DR, double refractory; iNHL, indolent non-Hodgkin's lymphoma; IRC, independent review committee; NE, not evaluable;

PFS, progression free survival

Zinzani P, *et al.*, Hematol Oncol. 2017; 35(S2):69-70; NCT01882803, DYNAMO trial, clinicaltrials.gov

# DYNAMO TRIAL: DUVELISIB IN DR iNHL

## RESULTS: SAFETY

- Most common AEs  $\geq$  Grade 3 were:
  - transient cytopenia, including neutropenia (23%), anaemia (12%), thrombocytopenia (10%)
  - diarrhoea (15%)
- Opportunistic infections occurred in <5% of patients, none fatal
- Six patients had an AE with outcome of death

# DYNAMO TRIAL: DUVELISIB IN DR iNHL

## CONCLUSIONS

- The DYNAMO trial met its primary endpoint, with duvelisib achieving an **ORR of 46%**, significantly greater than null hypothesis that the ORR would be  $\leq 30\%$  ( $p=0.0001$ )
- Duvelisib was generally well tolerated

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