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# Non T-cell Engaging Options in RR FL

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# FL: Clinical categories and treatment options

- BR
- R-CHOP +/- MR
- R-CVP
- Ritux monoRx
- Len-ritux\*

Newly diagnosed  
FL1-3a

POD24

ASCT?  
Clinical trial?

Double-  
refractory FL

- (PI3Ki)
- CAR-T
- Bispecific agents

RISK FOR TRANSFORMATION

HTB vs. LTB,  
symptomatic vs. asymptomatic



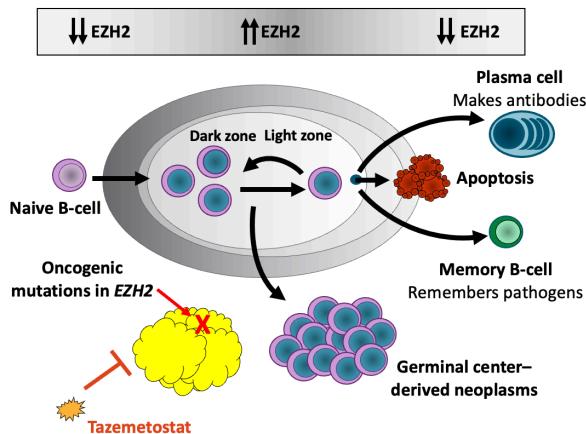
*Biopsy critical at  
relapse to r/o  
transformation*

- ASCT
- Benda + Obinu or Ritux
- Len-rituximab
- (PI3Ki)
- Bispecific agents
- Radiation therapy
- Radioimmunotherapy
- Ritux monoRx
- Tazemetostat
- Zanubrutinib plus obinu

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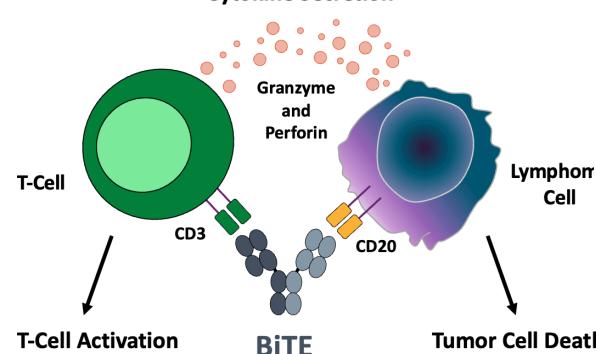
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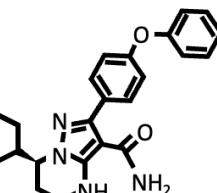
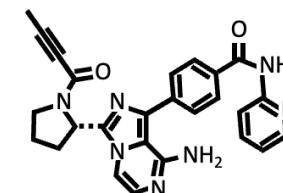
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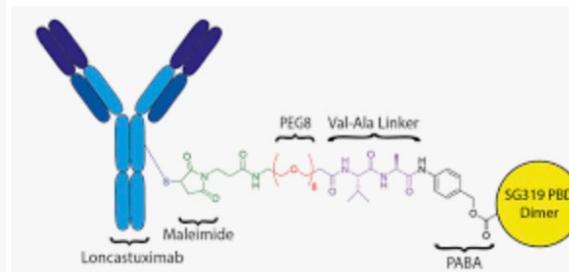
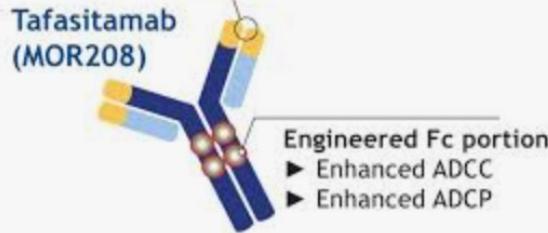


## BTK inhibitors

Zanubrutinib



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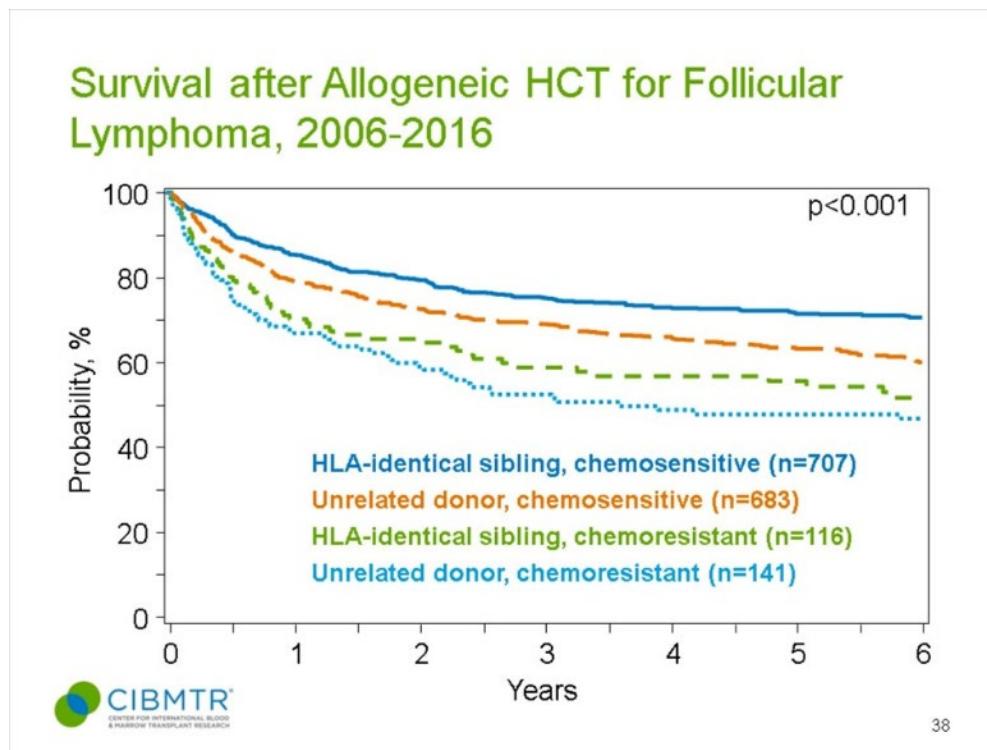
# Chemoimmunotherapy in rel/ref FL

Trial/Agent	Key pt features	Design, Primary endpoint	Outcome	Comments
BR	Rel/ref 1-3 prior regimens	Ph 2 ORR	ORR 90% Med PFS 24m	
BR	Rituximab-sensitive	Ph 2	ORR 92% Med DR 21m Med PFS 23m	
BO	Rituximab-refractory	RP3 (BO + main O vs. B) PFS	Med PFS 25.8m vs. 14m (2018 update)	Overall survival benefit with longer f/u

Benda-based regimens yield med PFS 2 years

Can BR/BO be backbone for more agents?  
 -bortezomib XX  
-lenalidomide XX

# Autologous vs Allogeneic HCT in Early Relapsed FL



**Auto** = autologous HSCT  
**MSD** = allogenic HSCT w/  
matched sibling donor  
**MUD** = allogenic HSCT w/  
matched unrelated donor

Fewer than 2% of  
patients with FL  
undergo autoHCT

# ASCT vs No ASCT for Early Progressing FL

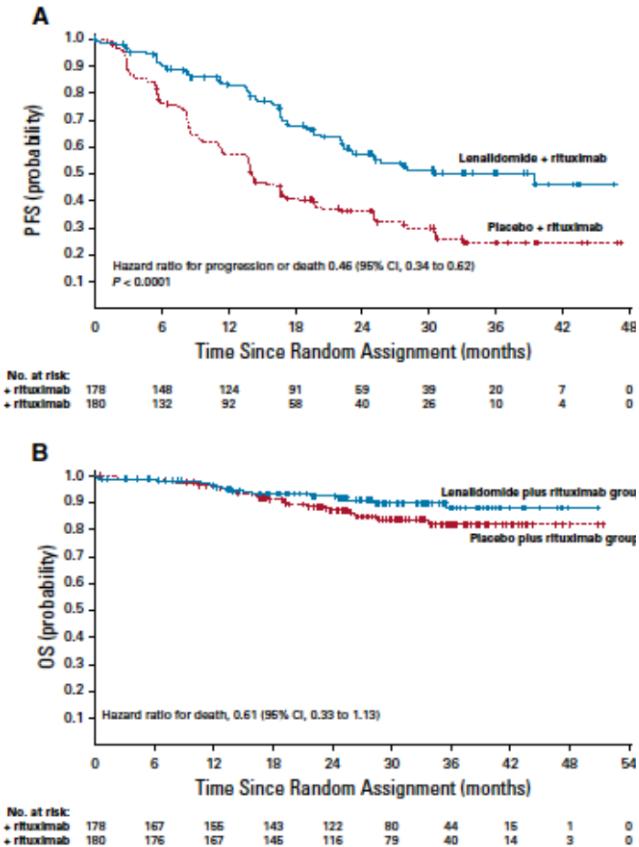
Study	Casulo et al <sup>[1]</sup>	Manna et al <sup>[2]</sup>	Jurunovic et al <sup>[3]</sup>
Patient cohorts	NLCS and CIBMTR	Calgary	GLSG
Patient population	Failure to achieve at least a PR or early relapse ≤ 2 yrs on frontline rituximab-based CIT	Early relapse ≤ 2 yrs following frontline CIT	Progressive, relapsed, or refractory disease ≤ 2 yrs on systemic frontline therapy*
N	349 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ ASCT cohort: 175</li> <li>▪ Non-ASCT cohort: 174</li> </ul>	84 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ ASCT cohort: 50</li> <li>▪ Non-ASCT cohort: 34</li> </ul>	113 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ ASCT cohort: 52</li> <li>▪ Non-ASCT cohort: 46<sup>†</sup></li> </ul>
5-Yr PFS, %	Not reported	Not reported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ ASCT cohort: 51%</li> <li>▪ Non-ASCT cohort: 19%</li> <li>▪ <math>P &lt; .0001</math></li> </ul>
5-Yr OS, %	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ ASCT cohort: 67%</li> <li>▪ Non-ASCT cohort: 60%</li> <li>▪ <math>P = .16</math></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ ASCT cohort: 85%</li> <li>▪ Non-ASCT cohort: 58%</li> <li>▪ <math>P = .001</math></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ ASCT cohort: 77%</li> <li>▪ Non-ASCT cohort: 59%</li> <li>▪ <math>P = .031</math></li> </ul>

1. Casulo. Biol Blood Marrow Transplant. 2018;24:1163. 2. Manna. Leuk Lymphoma. 2019;60:133. 3. Jurinovic. Biol Blood Marrow Transplant. 2018;24:1172.

\*At ≤ 65 yrs of age. <sup>†</sup>Excludes patients with cytoreduction failure.

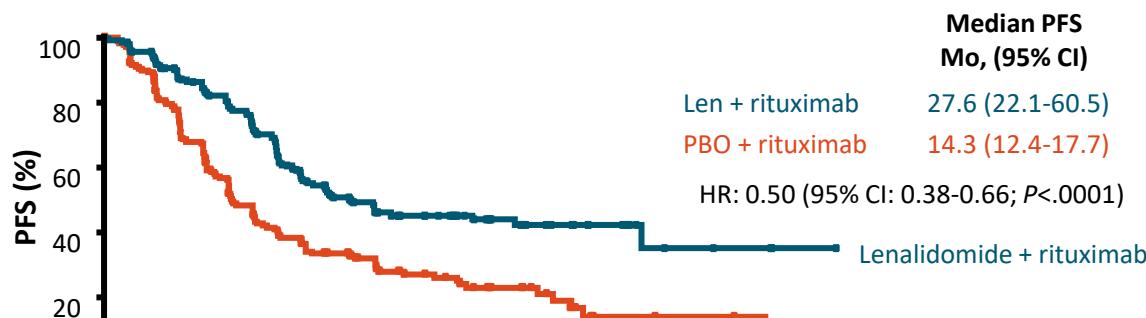
# Lenalidomide in relapsed (not refractory) FL: AUGMENT RP3 Len-ritux vs. Pbo-ritux

- N= 147 FL
- Disease characteristics:
  - ~30% relapsed within 2 years of initial Rx (POD24)
  - 50% progressed within 2 years of most recent therapy
  - 17% refractory to most recent regimen
- Results (R2 only):
  - Med PFS 39.4m (vs. 14m for R-pbo)
    - ORR 78%, CR 34%
  - Med DR 36.6m
  - Med OS NR

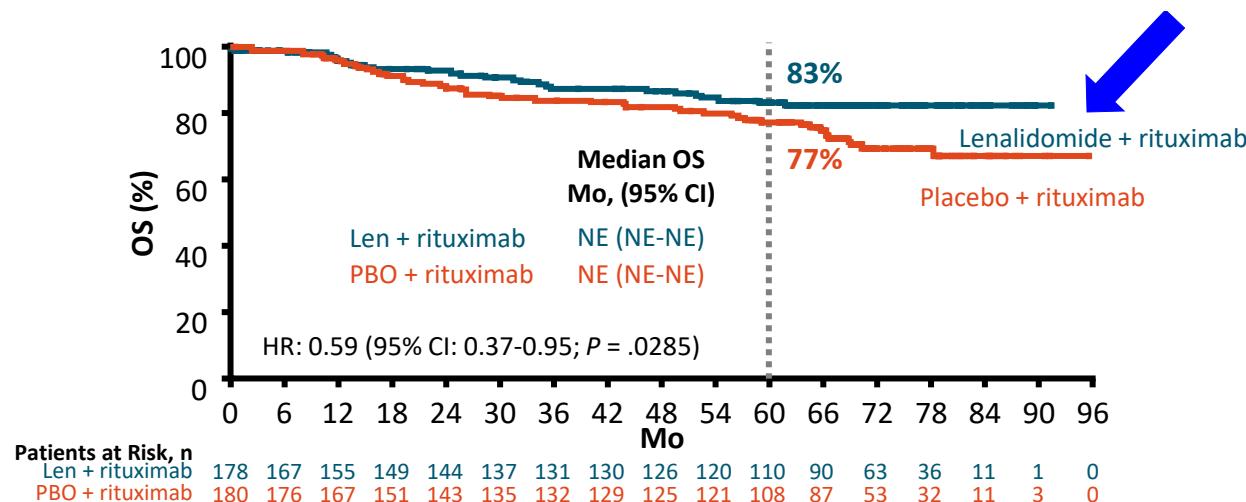


# AUGMENT: 5-Yr Survival

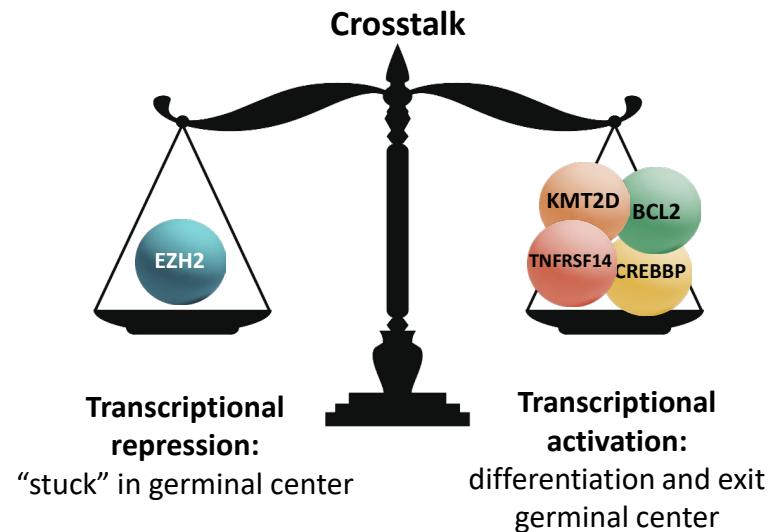
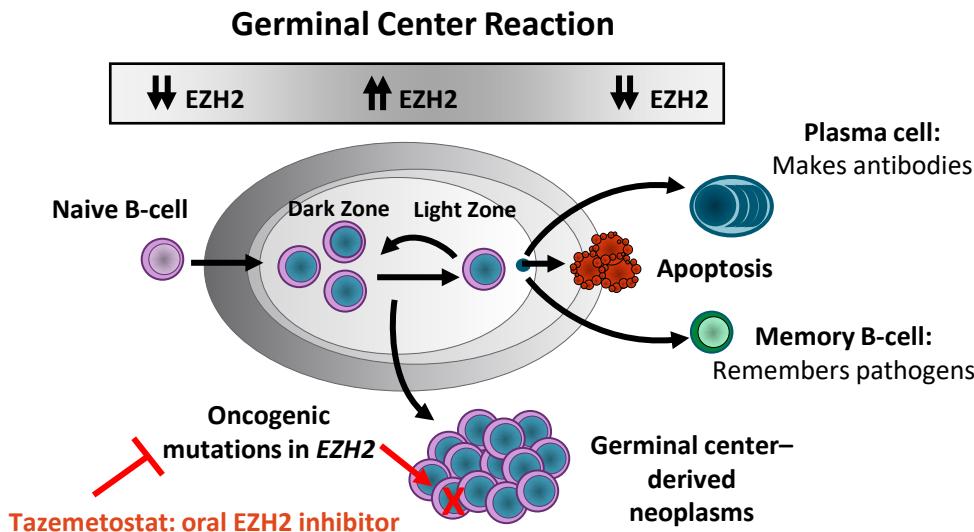
- Median follow-up: 65.9 mo



Can (and should) LenR be a backbone for future drug development?



# Follicular Lymphoma and EZH2: Tazemetostat



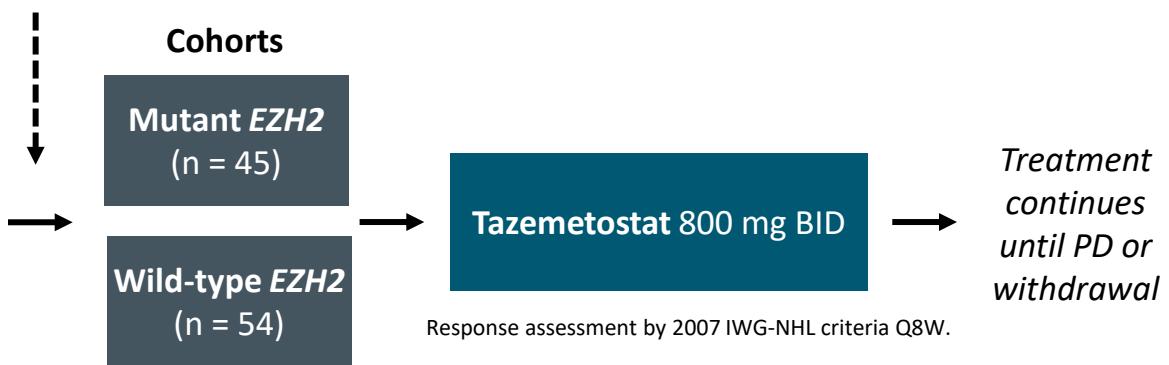
- EZH2: an epigenetic regulator of gene expression and cell fate decisions
  - In normal B-cell biology, EZH2 regulates germinal center formation
  - *EZH2* mutations can lead to oncogenic transformation by locking B-cells in germinal state and preventing terminal differentiation

# Phase II Study: Tazemetostat in R/R FL

- Open label, multicohort, single-arm phase II study conducted at 38 sites across NA, Europe, Australia (data cutoff for efficacy: August 9, 2019; for safety: May 24, 2019)

*SCREENING:* Central testing of archival tissue for EZH2 hot spot activating mutations

Adults with R/R FL (grade 1-3b) with measurable disease per IWG-NHL following  $\geq 2$  prior systemic treatments (including  $\geq 1$  anti-CD20-based regimen); transformed FL allowed; tumor tissue for *EZH2* mutation testing; life expectancy  $\geq 3$  mo; ECOG PS 0-2 (N = 99)



- Primary endpoint:** ORR
- Secondary endpoints:** DoR, PFS, safety/tolerability

# Tazemetostat monotherapy: Activity in both mutant and wt EZH2 FL

- Tazemetostat was generally well tolerated
- No treatment-related deaths

# SYMPHONY-1 Phase Ib: Tazemetostat + R<sup>2</sup> in R/R FL

- Phase Ib safety run-in analysis (stage 1) of international, randomized, double-blind phase Ib/III trial (median follow-up: 11.2 mo)
  - Stage 2: phase III design comparing tazemetostat at RP3D + R<sup>2</sup> vs placebo + R<sup>2</sup> in patients with R/R FL
  - Stage 3 (to be executed if stage 2 futility analysis finds that efficacy fails in overall population but is promising for *EZH2*-mutated subpopulation): in patients with *EZH2*-mutated R/R FL

Adults with R/R FL grades 1-3A;  
tumor tissue for *EZH2* mut testing;  
≥1 prior systemic CT, IO, or CIT;  
prior HSCT, CAR T-cell tx permitted;  
no prior lenalidomide, tazemetostat,  
or other *EZH2* inhibitor;  
measurable disease per Lugano;  
ECOG PS 0-2  
(N = 44)



**Phase Ib: Dose Escalation (3 + 3 Design)**  
**Tazemetostat** 400/600/800 mg BID x 28-d cycles +  
**Rituximab** 375 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV on D1,8,15,22 of cycle 1,  
then D1 of cycles 2-5 +  
**Lenalidomide** 20 mg\* PO QD on D1-21 of  
28-d cycles x 12

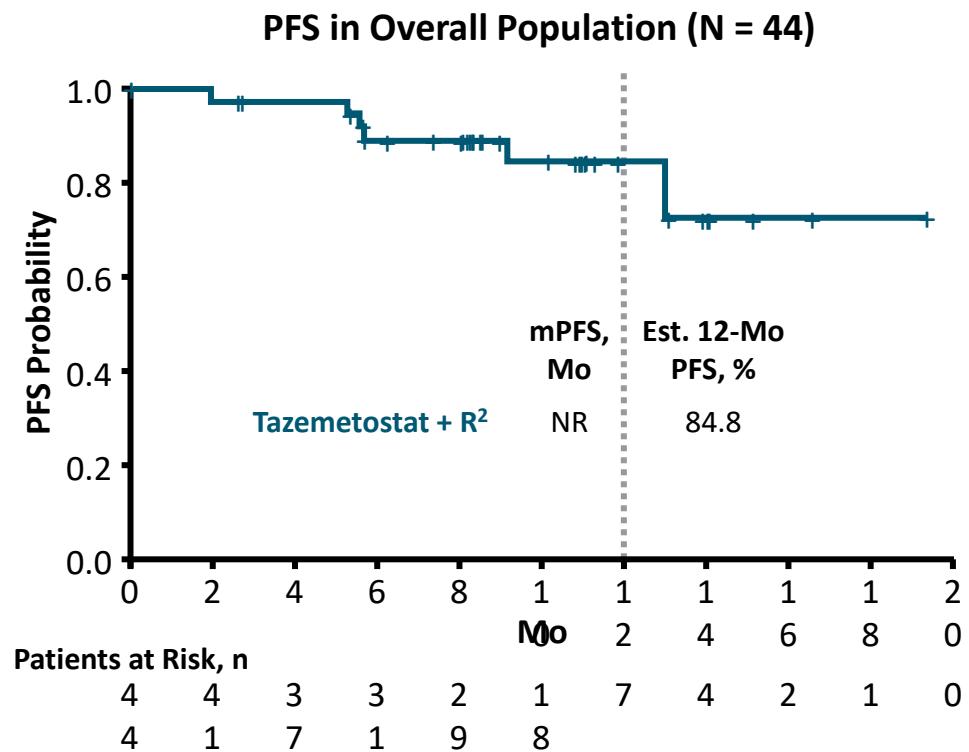
\*10 mg if CrCl <60 mL/min.

- **Primary endpoints:** safety/tolerability, tazemetostat RP3D
- **Secondary endpoint:** safety PK parameters

# SYMPHONY-1 Phase Ib: Efficacy in Overall Population

Response	Tazemetostat + R <sup>2</sup> (n = 41)
ORR, n (%)	40 (97.6)
▪ CR	21 (51.2)
▪ PR	19 (46.3)
▪ SD	1 (2.4)
Median DoR, mo	NR

- At data cutoff (June 14, 2022), 56.8% (25/44) had treatment ongoing, 6.8% (3/44) had PD



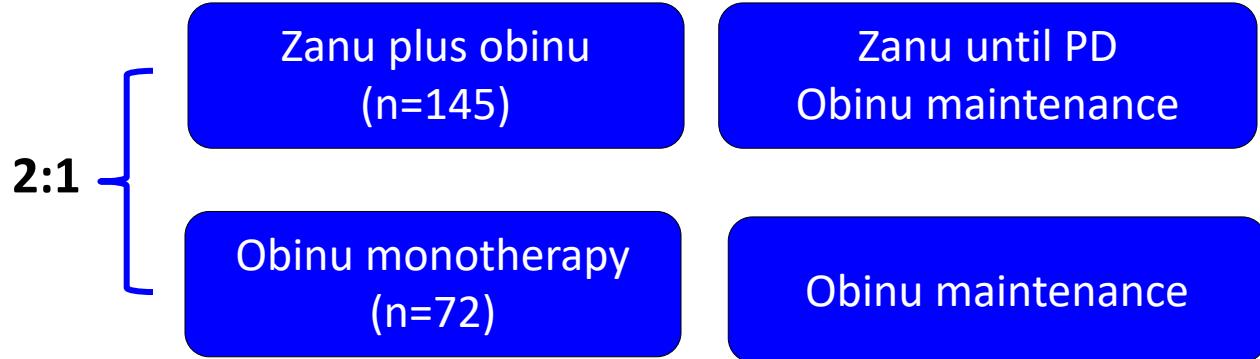
# SYMPHONY-1 Phase Ib: Efficacy by Subgroup

*RP2 is ONGOING  
(including UChicago)*

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# ROSEWOOD: RP2 of Zanubrutinib plus Obinutuzumab vs. Obinutuzumab monotherapy in R/R FL

- Grade 1-3A RR FL
- 3L+
- No prior BTKi



## Dosing:

Zanubrutinib 160mg BID

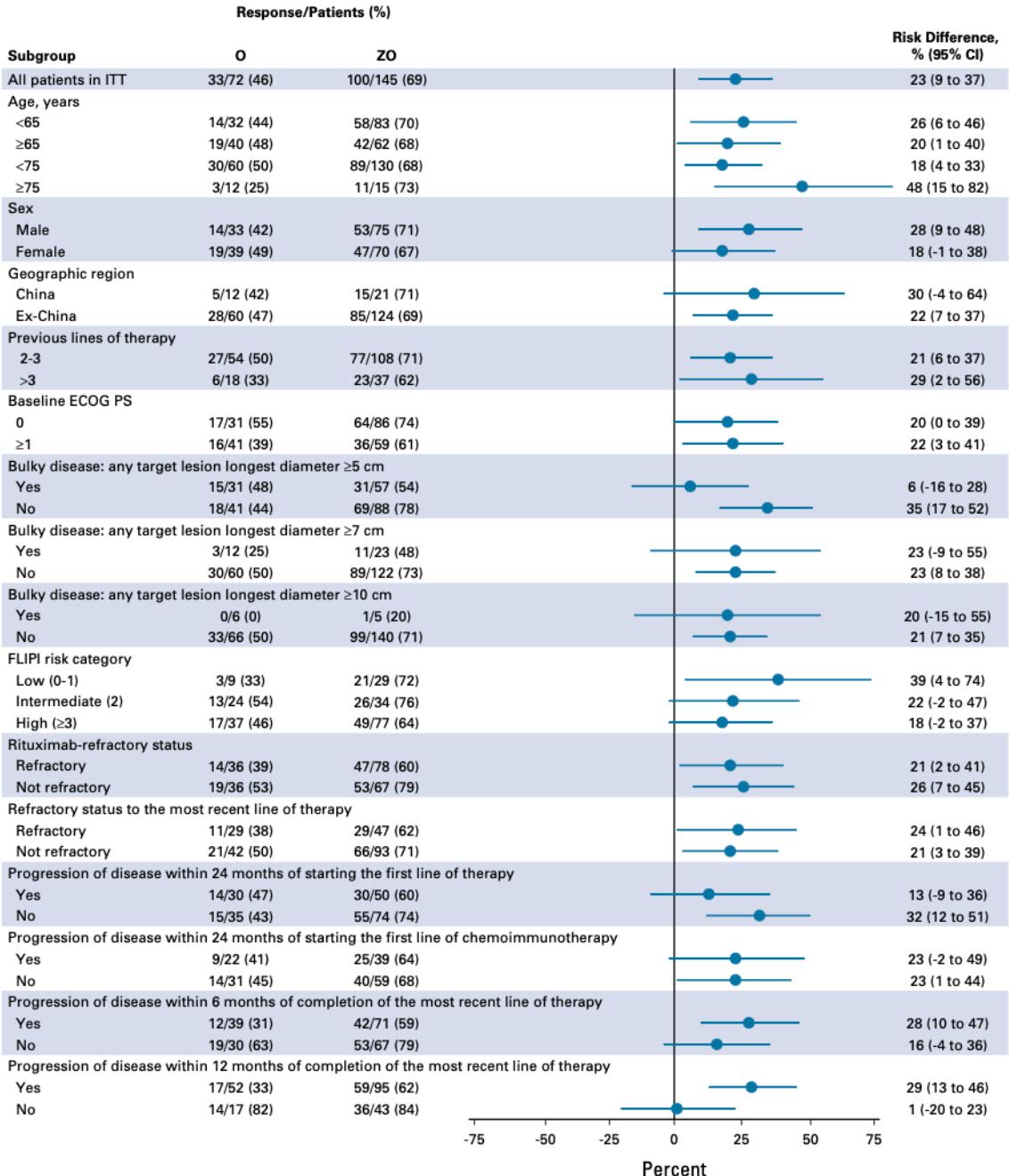
Obinu 1000mg IV C1D1, C1D8, C1D15 then D1 of C2-6,  
then q8 weeks x 2y

**Primary endpoint:** ORR

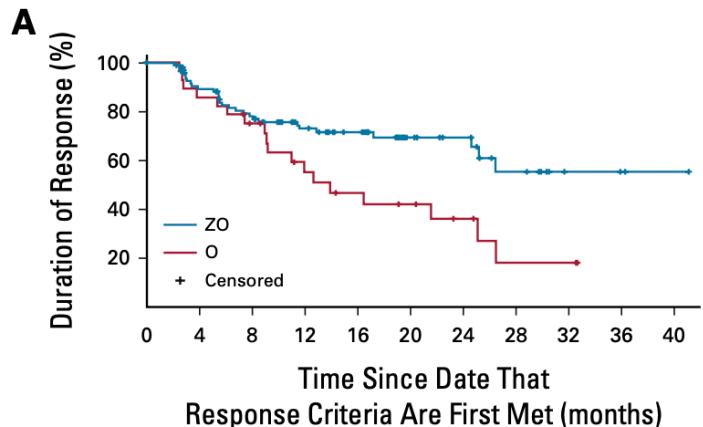
# ROSEWOOD: Results

- Responses across most subgroups
- Lower response rates for bulky disease and early progressors

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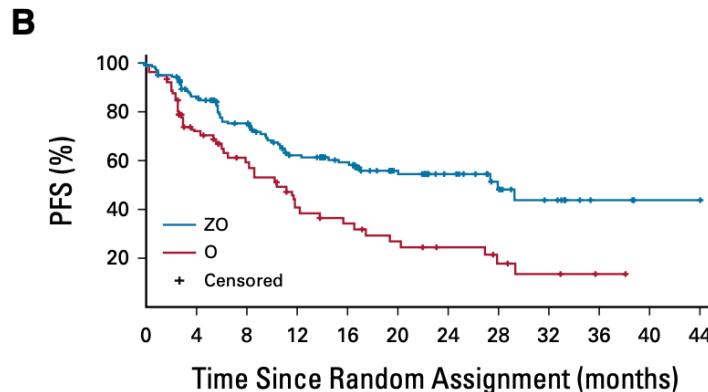


# ROSEWOOD: DR, PFS, TTNT, OS



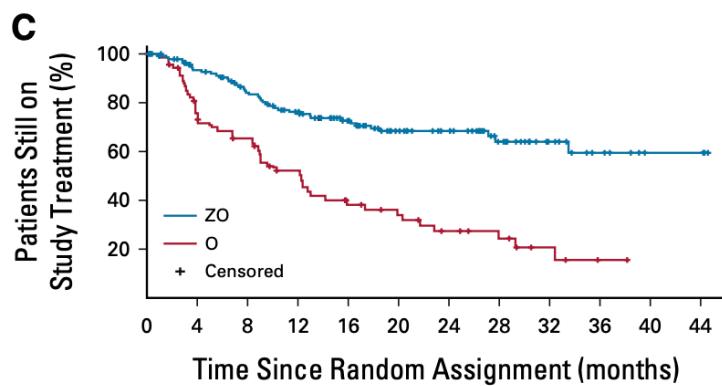
No. at risk:

Time (months)	ZO	O
0	100	100
4	97	82
8	73	68
12	59	51
16	43	40
20	33	32
24	23	20
28	10	11
32	7	10
36	3	9
40	2	8
44	1	6



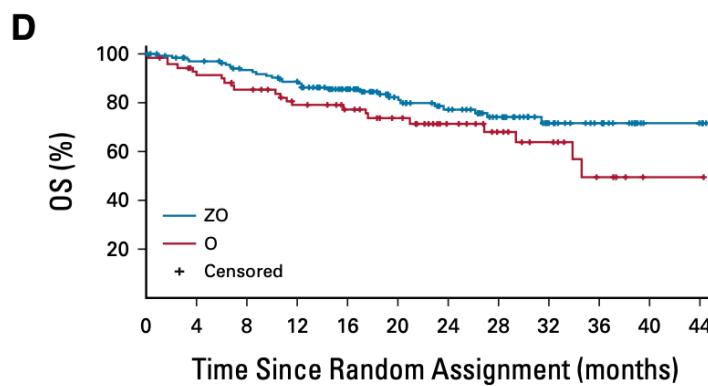
No. at risk:

Time (months)	ZO	O
0	145	72
4	135	63
8	116	42
12	96	34
16	92	30
20	79	27
24	67	19
28	62	16
32	56	15
36	45	12
40	38	11
44	35	9



No. at risk:

Time (months)	ZO	O
0	145	72
4	137	65
8	125	49
12	118	44
16	107	41
20	98	32
24	91	24
28	80	18
32	71	16
36	62	13
40	53	11
44	47	9



No. at risk:

Time (months)	ZO	O
0	145	72
4	139	67
8	131	63
12	129	62
16	119	57
20	113	54
24	102	49
28	92	43
32	81	39
36	70	36
40	62	32
44	56	25

# Targeting CD19 in RR FL

# inMIND: RP3 Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled, International, Multicenter Study

- FL gr 1-3A or MZL
- 2L+

Primary endpoint: PFS

Relapsed/refractory status to last therapy, n (%)			
Relapsed	148 (54.2)	164 (59.6)	312 (56.9)
Refractory	112 (41.0)	97 (35.2)	209 (38.1)
Undetermined	13 (4.8)	14 (5.1)	27 (4.9)
Refractory to prior anti-CD20 therapy, n (%)	118 (43.2)	115 (41.8)	233 (42.5)

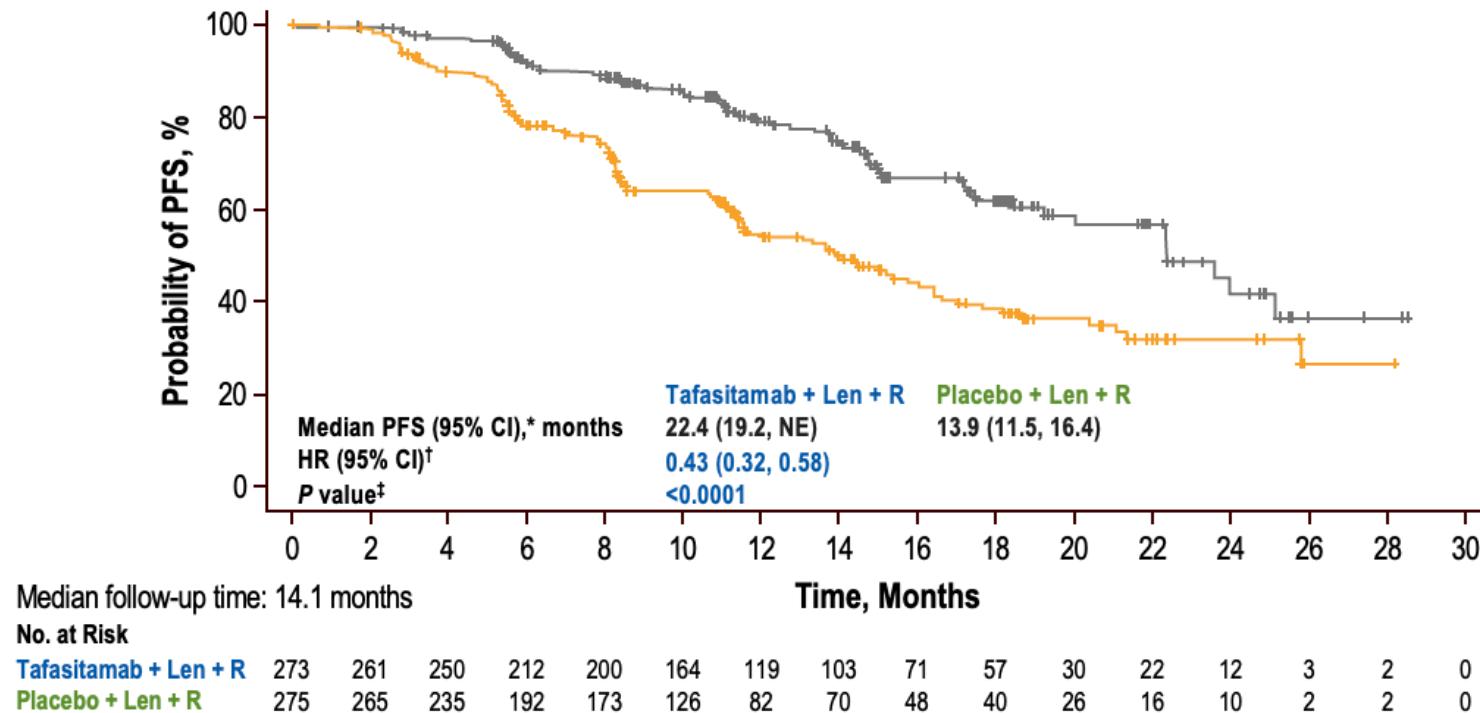
# inMIND: PET-CR and ORR

Higher PET-CR rate and ORR was observed with tafasitamab arm (~10% difference via PET)



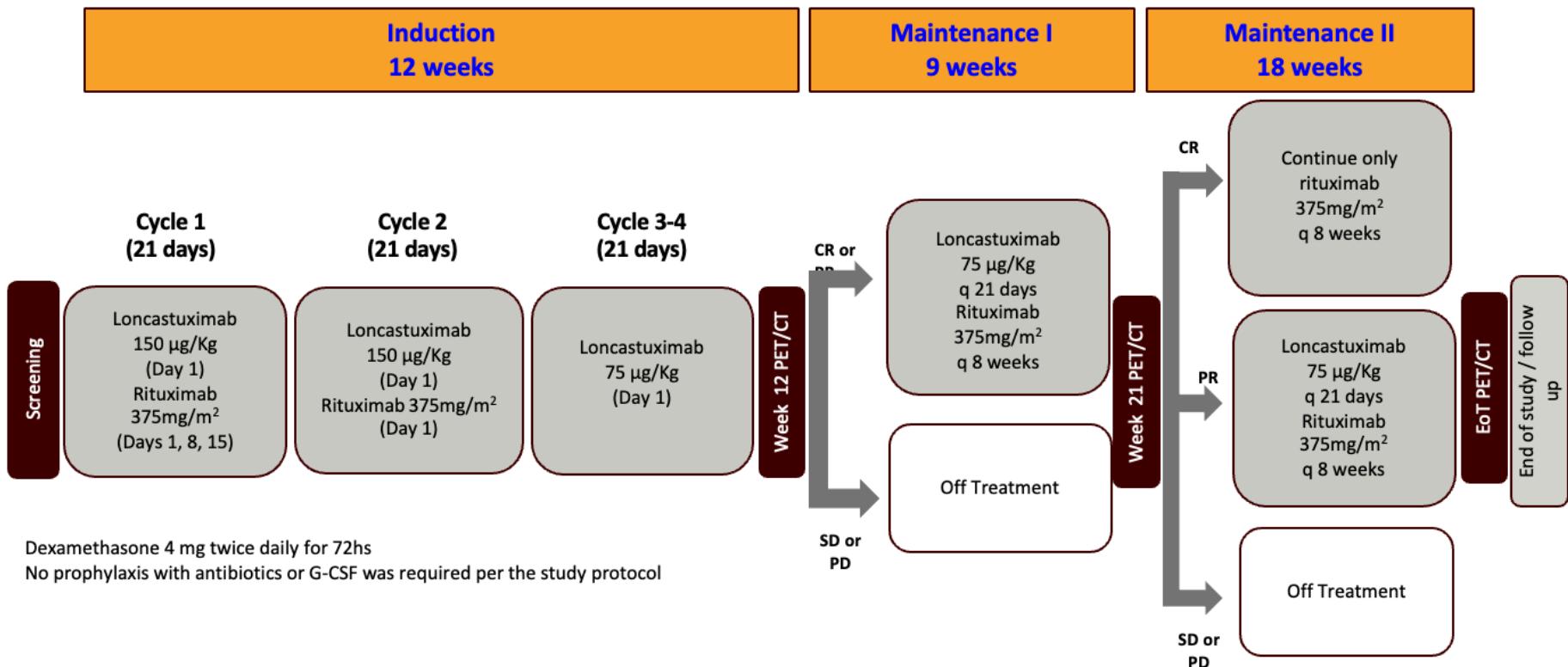
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# inMIND Primary Endpoint: PFS by Investigator Assessment

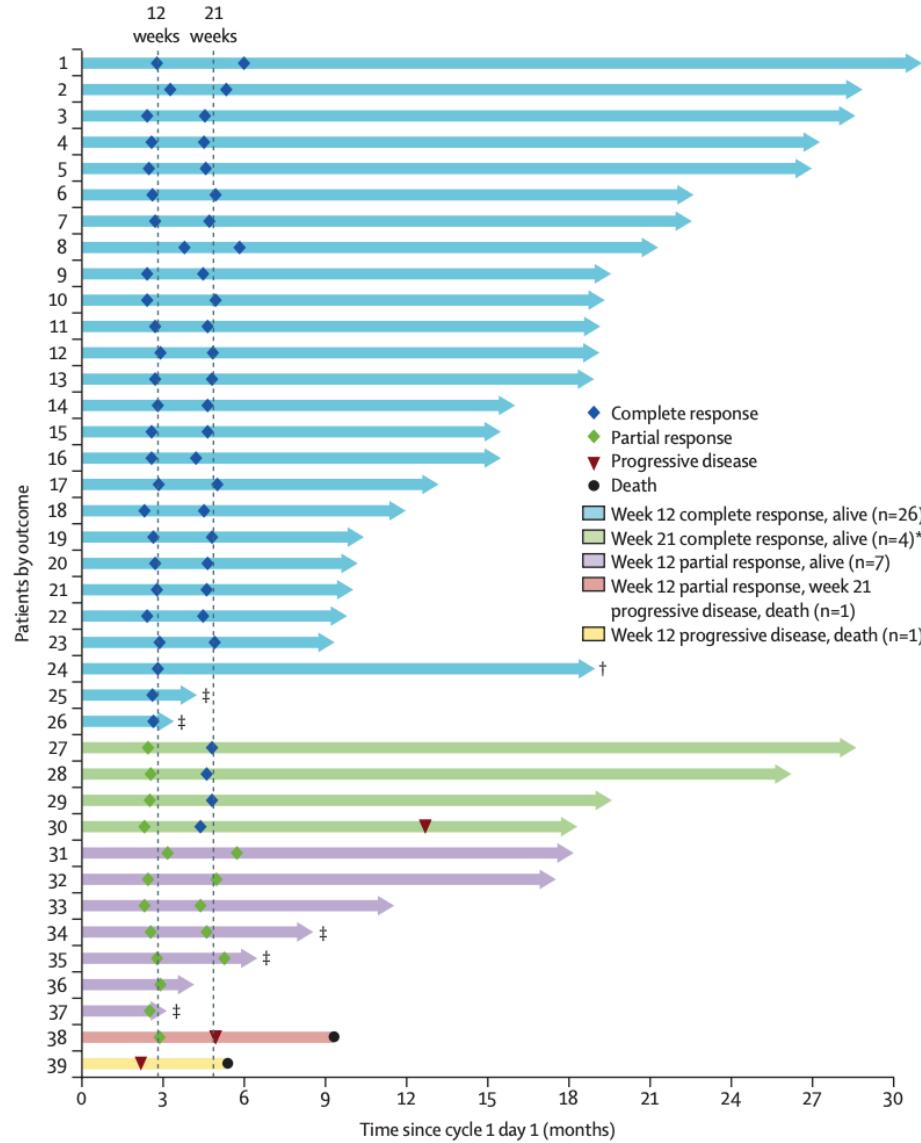


Med PFS 22.4m vs. 13.9m  
( $p < 0.0001$ )  
No diff in OS

# Loncastuximab teserine plus rituximab: single arm, single center phase 2 study

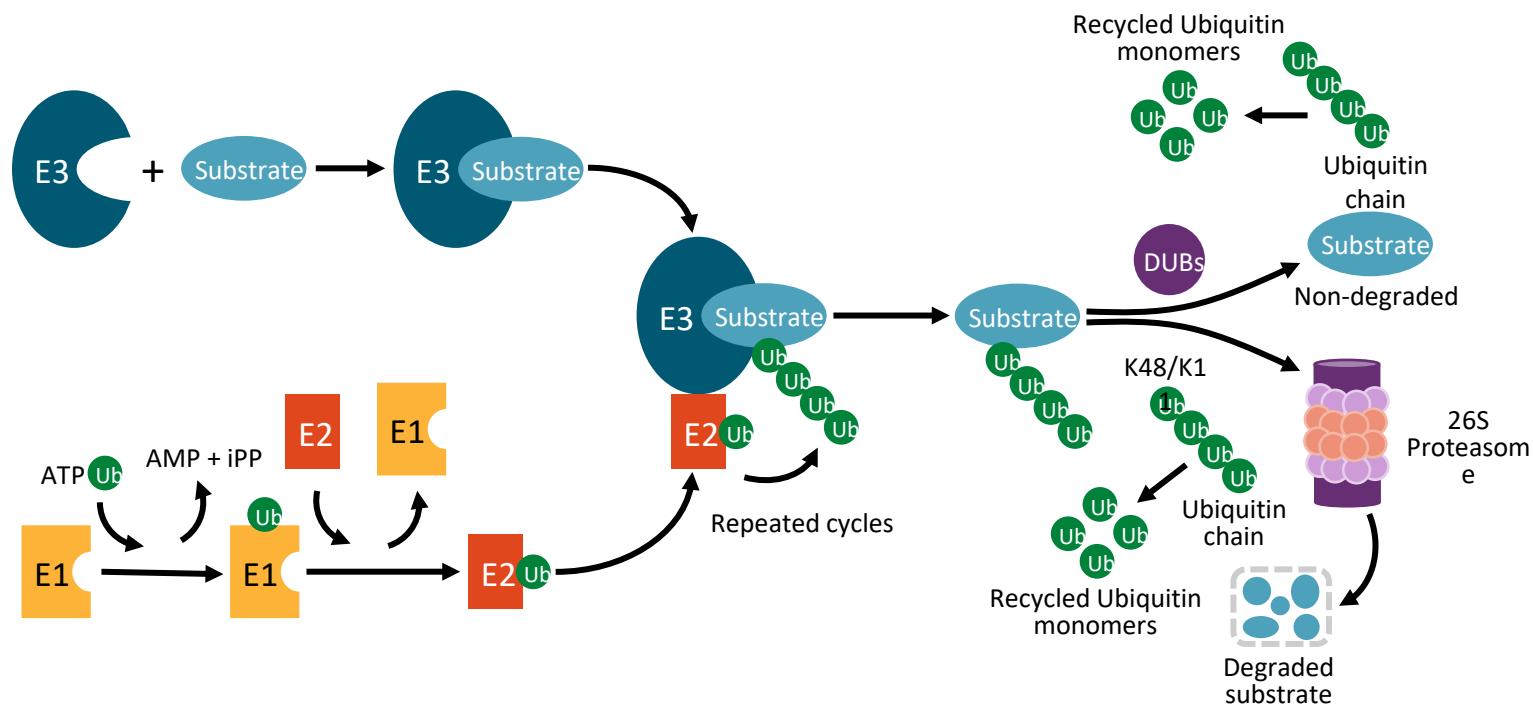


# Loncastuximab plus rituximab in RR FL: Results



# CelMODs

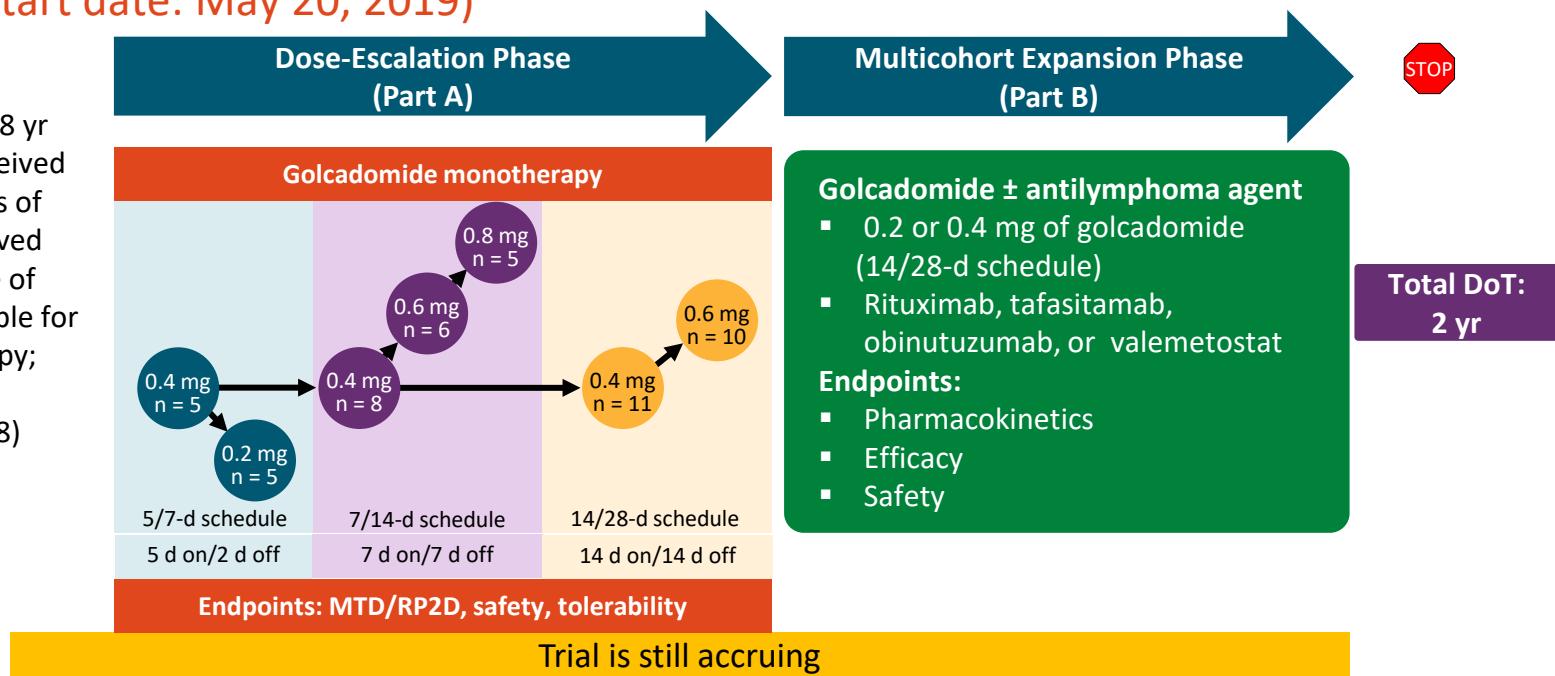
# Ubiquitin-Proteasome System (UPS)



# CC-99282-NHL-001: Phase I/II First-in-Human Trial of Golcadomide in R/R NHL

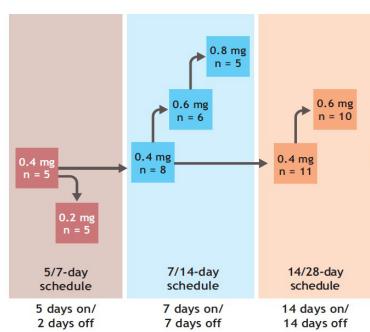
- Nonrandomized multicenter, 2-part, first-in-human, open-label phase I/II trial  
**(study start date: May 20, 2019)**

Patients aged  $\geq 18$  yr with R/R NHL; received  $\geq 2$  previous lines of therapy or received  $\geq 1$  previous line of therapy and ineligible for any other therapy; ECOG PS 0-2 (Target N = 438)

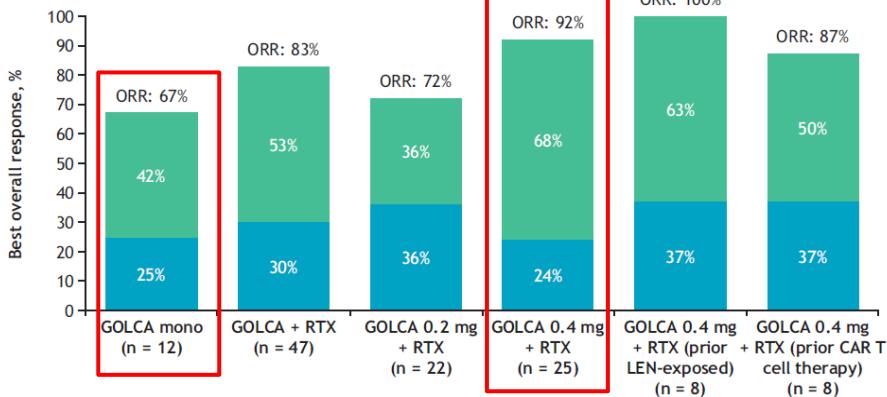
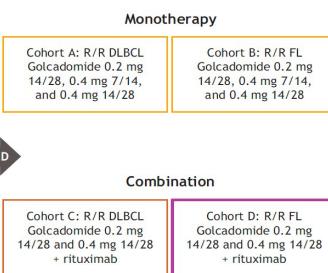


# Golcadomide with or without rituximab R in 2L+ FL

Part A: Dose escalation  
Golca monotherapy



Part B: Dose expansion

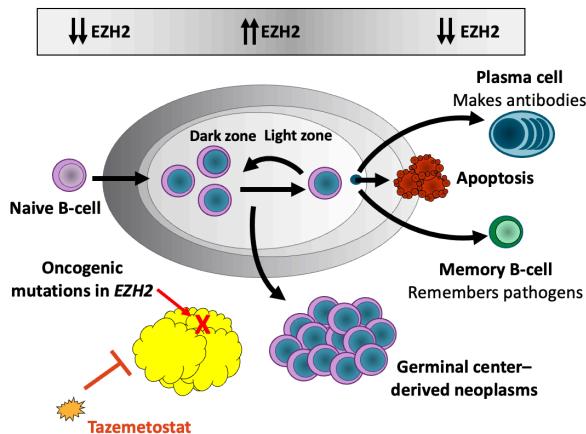


TRAE, n (%)	Part B / Rituximab combination			
	Golcadomide 0.2 mg (n = 22)	Golcadomide 0.4 mg (n = 34)		
Patient with ≥ 1 TRAE	22 (100)	16 (73)	30 (88)	20 (59)
<b>Neutropenia</b>	15 (68)	12 (55)	17 (50)	15 (44)
Febrile neutropenia	1 (5)	1 (5)	3 (9)	3 (9)
Anemia	2 (9)	1 (5)	8 (24)	3 (9)
Thrombocytopenia	4 (18)	1 (5)	6 (18)	-
Pneumonia	3 (14)	2 (9)	3 (9)	1 (3)
Constipation	3 (14)	-	4 (12)	1 (3)
Vomiting	1 (5)	-	-	-
Nausea	3 (14)	-	1 (3)	-
Diarrhea	3 (14)	-	3 (9)	-
Fatigue	2 (9)	-	4 (12)	-
Asthenia	2 (9)	-	4 (12)	-
Pyrexia	-	-	1 (3)	-
Pruritus	2 (9)	-	4 (12)	-

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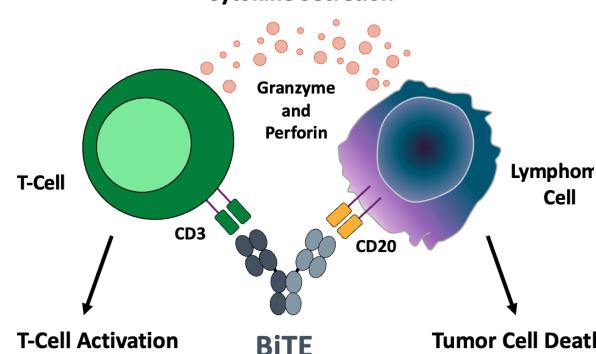
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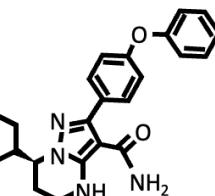
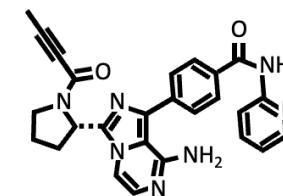
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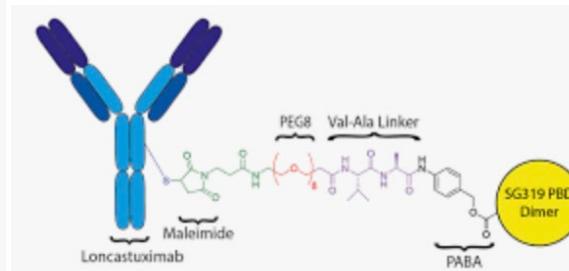
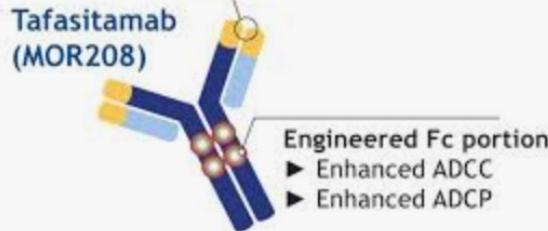


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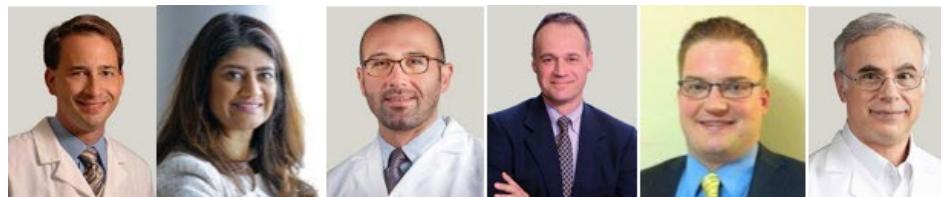
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