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# Immunotherapy of Hematologic Malignancies

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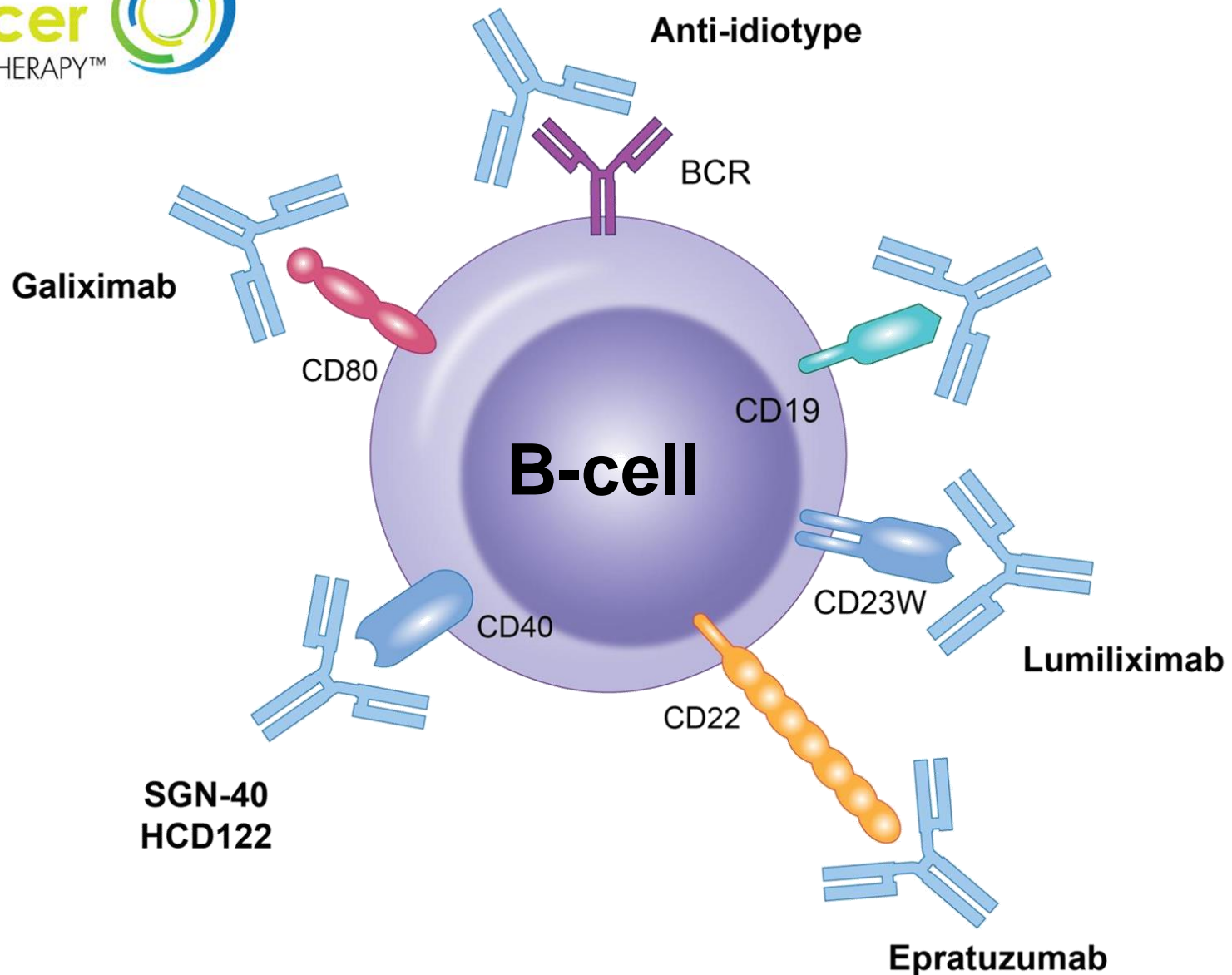
## Patient Selection Criteria for Immune-Based Approaches

- Expression of the desired antigen for CAR-T therapy:
  - e.g. CD19 or BCMA for CAR-T cells
- Disease burden
  - <30% in certain CAR-T trials to minimize the risk of cytokine release syndromes
- Expression of the ligand for checkpoint inhibition
  - e.g. PD-L1 expression for anti-PD-1 therapy
- Presence of co-morbidities:
  - e.g. Presence of active autoimmune diseases which could be worsened

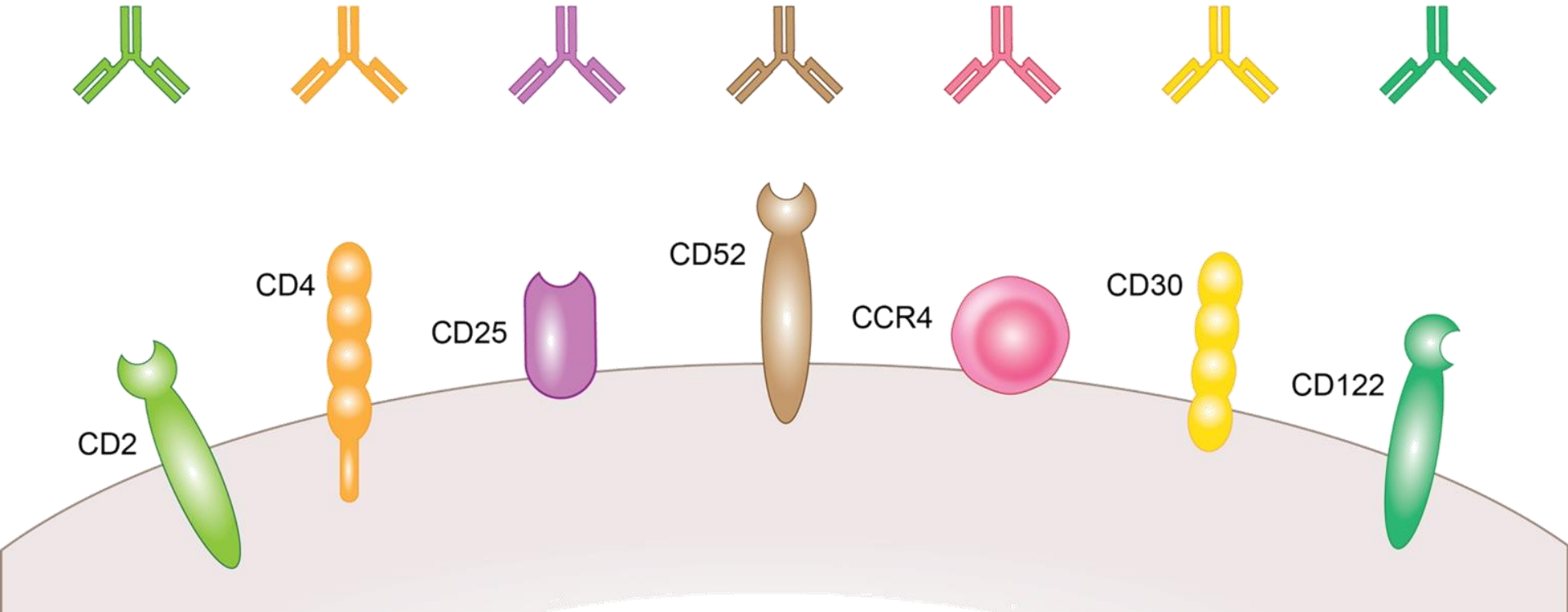


# Lymphomas





## Several monoclonal antibodies targeting T-cell lymphomas

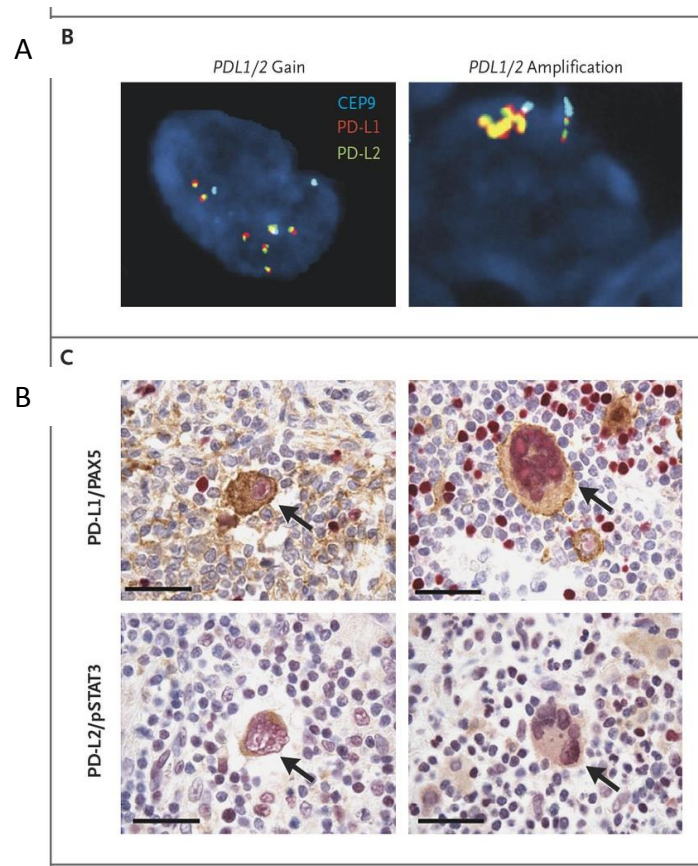




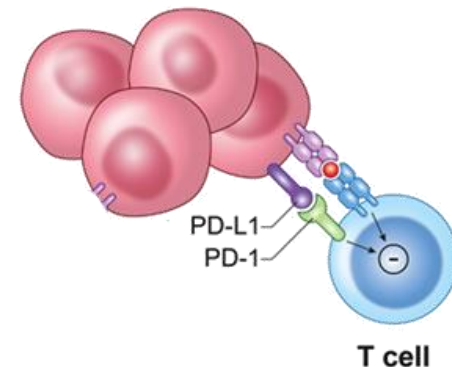


# PD-L1 Expression in Hodgkin's Lymphoma

- Reed-Sternberg cells express both PD-L1 and PD-L2
- Expression of ligands increases with advanced disease
- Unclear whether PD-L1/L2 expression correlates with response to treatment



Ansell SM et al. N Engl J Med 2015;372:311-319



## Anti-PD-1 in Hodgkin's Lymphoma

**Table 3. Clinical Activity in Nivolumab-Treated Patients.\***

Variable	All Patients (N=23)	Failure of Both Stem-Cell Transplantation and Brentuximab (N=15)	No Stem-Cell Transplantation and Failure of Brentuximab (N=3)	No Brentuximab Treatment (N=5)†
Best overall response — no. (%)				
Complete response	4 (17)	1 (7)	0	3 (60)
Partial response	16 (70)	12 (80)	3 (100)	1 (20)
Stable disease	3 (13)	2 (13)	0	1 (20)
Progressive disease	0	0	0	0
Objective response				
No. of patients	20	13	3	4
Percent of patients (95% CI)	87 (66–97)	87 (60–98)	100 (29–100)	80 (28–99)
Progression-free survival at 24 wk — % (95% CI)‡	86 (62–95)	85 (52–96)	NC§	80 (20–97)
Overall survival — wk				
Median	NR	NR	NR	NR
Range at data cutoff¶	21–75	21–75	32–55	30–50

\* NC denotes not calculated, and NR not reached.

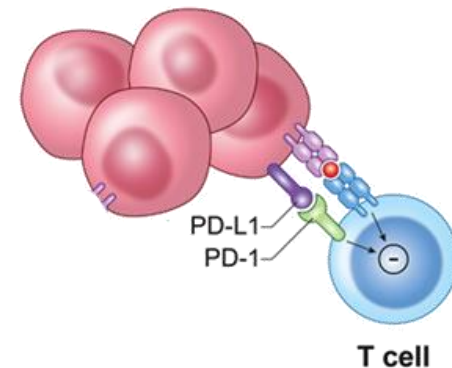
† In this group, two patients had undergone autologous stem-cell transplantation and three had not.

‡ Point estimates were derived from Kaplan–Meier analyses; 95% confidence intervals were derived from Greenwood's formula.

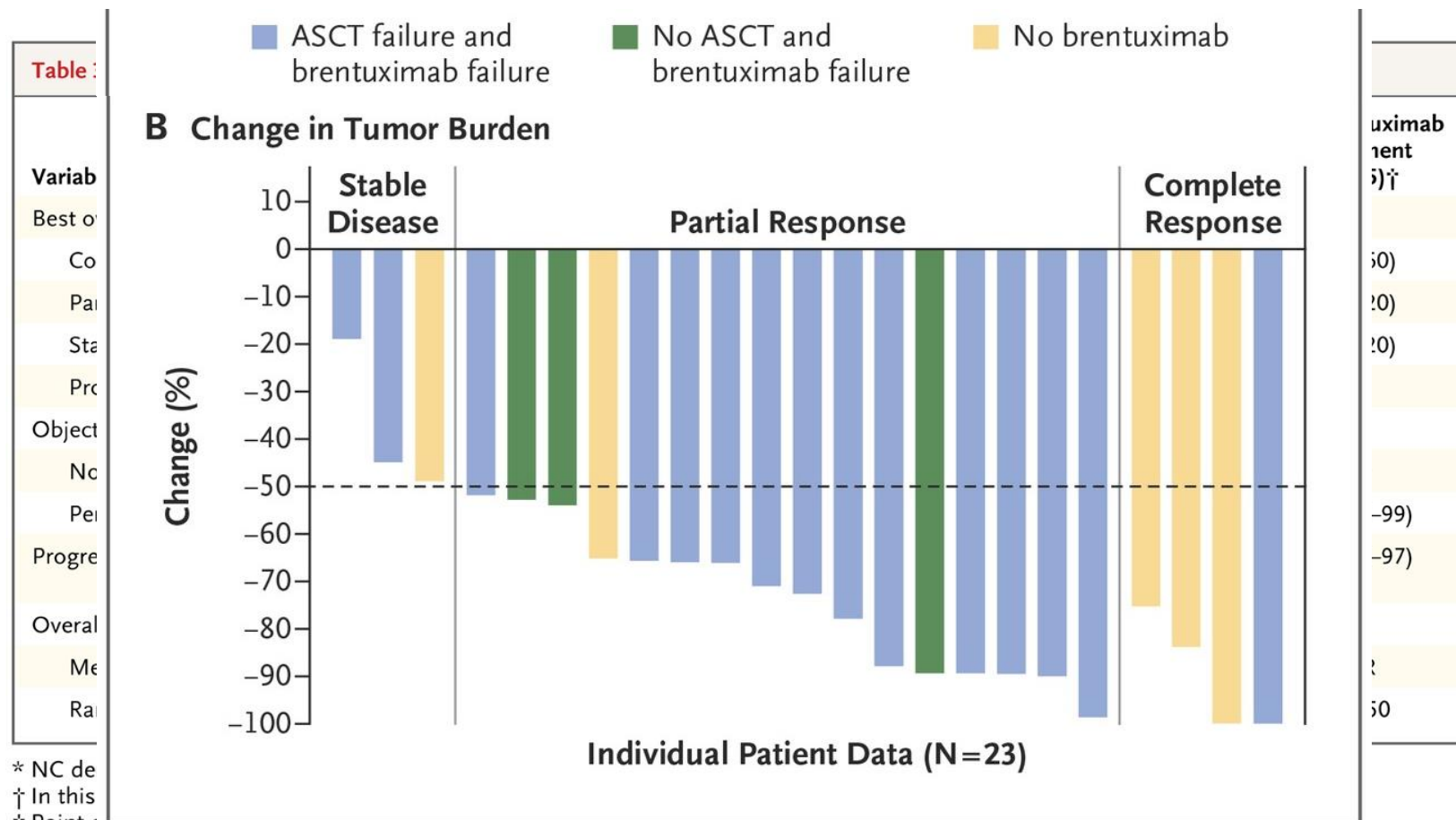
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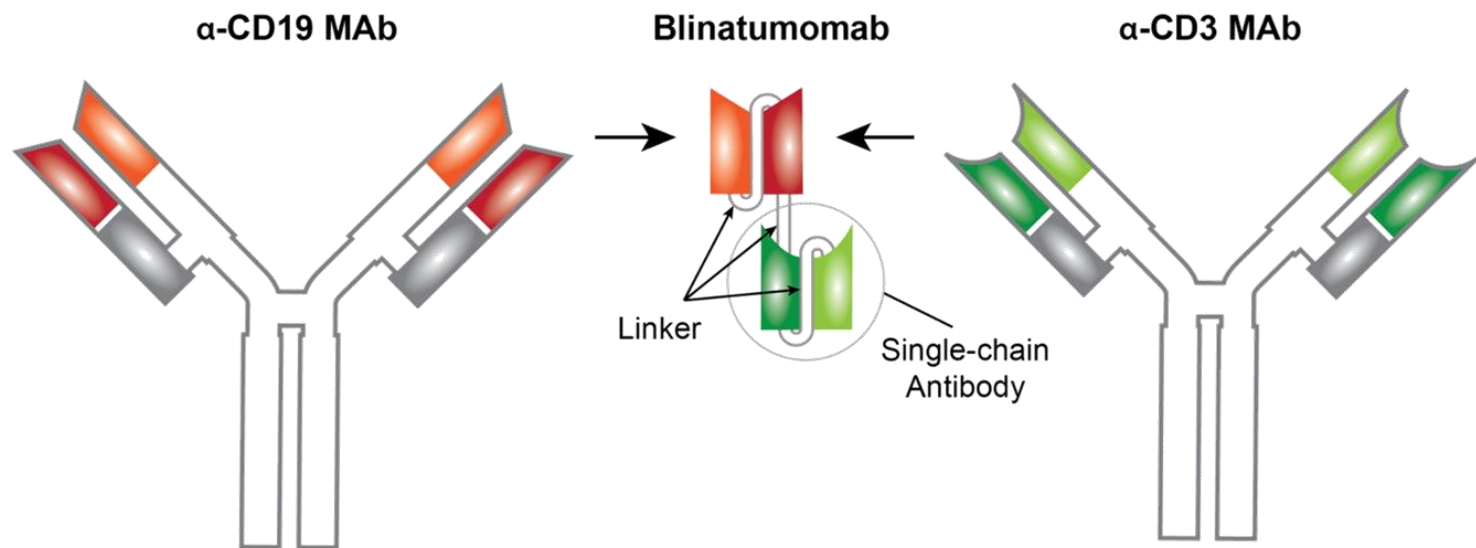
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# Nivolumab in R/R B Cell Malignancies: Efficacy

Types	N	ORR, n (%)	CR, n (%)	PR, n (%)	SD, n (%)
<b>B cell lymphoma</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>8 (28)</b>	<b>2 (7)</b>	<b>6 (21)</b>	<b>14 (48)</b>
<b>DLBCL</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4 (36)</b>	<b>1 (9)</b>	<b>3 (27)</b>	<b>3 (27)</b>
<b>FL</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4 (40)</b>	<b>1 (10)</b>	<b>3 (30)</b>	<b>6 (60)</b>
<b>T cell lymphoma</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>4 (17)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4 (17)</b>	<b>10 (43)</b>
<b>Mycosis fungoides</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2 (15)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2 (15)</b>	<b>9 (69)</b>
<b>PTCL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2 (40)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2 (40)</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Multiple myeloma</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18 (67)</b>
<b>Primary mediastinal B-cell lymphoma</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2 (100)</b>

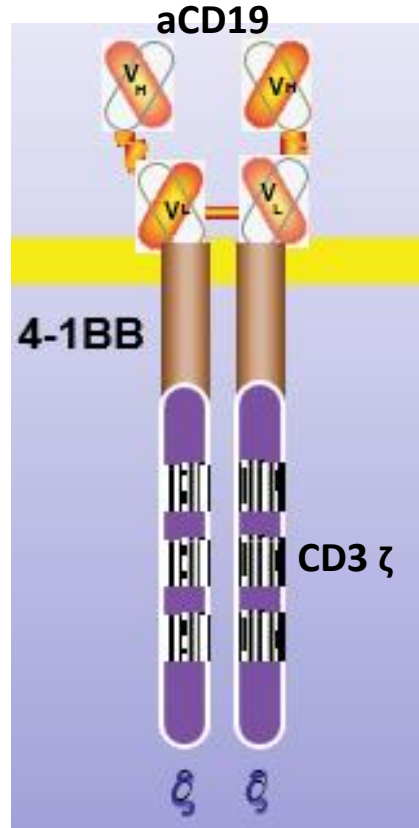
# BiTE: Blinatumumab

- Combines the F(ab) of an antibody with an anti-CD3 F(ab)
- Lacks the Cf region
- Requires continuous infusions
- Shown considerable activity in:
  - Follicular NHL
  - DLBCL
  - ALL





# Chimeric Antigen Receptor for CD19 (CTL019)



## Extracellular domain

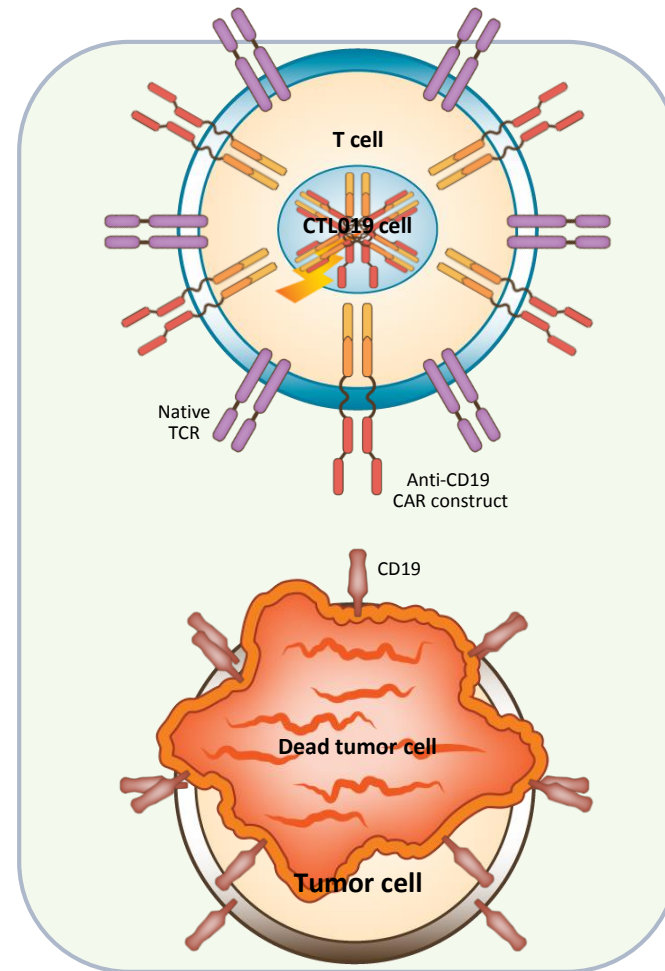
- FMC63 mouse hybridoma derivative

## Intracellular domain

- Fusion protein

# Redirecting the Specificity of T cells

- Gene transfer technology stably expresses CARs on T cells<sup>1,2</sup>
- CAR T cell therapy takes advantage of the cytotoxic potential of T cells, killing tumor cells in an *antigen-dependent* manner<sup>1,3</sup>
- Persistent CAR T cells consist of both effector (cytotoxic) and central memory T cells<sup>3</sup>
- **T cells are *non-cross resistant* to chemotherapy**



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2. Hollyman D, et al. *J Immunother*. 2009;32:169-180.
3. Kalos M, et al. *Sci Transl Med*. 2011;3:95ra73.

# CAR T-cell therapies in DLBCL

*Efficacy and safety*

	CTL019 <sup>1</sup>		KTE-C19 <sup>2,3</sup>		JCAR017 <sup>4,5</sup>
Disease state	r/r DLBCL		r/r DLBCL	r/r TFL/PMBCL	r/r DLBCL, NOS, tDLBCL, FL3B
Pts treated, n	85		77	24	28
Follow-up, median	NR		8.7 mo		NR
<b>Efficacy</b>					
ORR (best response)	59%		82%	83%	80% <sup>a</sup>
CR (best response)	43%		54%	71%	60% <sup>a</sup>
CR (3 months)	37%		NR	NR	45%
CR (6 months)	NR		31%	50%	NR
<b>Safety</b>					
CRS	31% grade 1/2; 26% grade 3/4		13% grade ≥3		36% grade 1/2; 0% grade 3/4
Neurotoxicity	13% grade 3/4		28% grade ≥3		4% grade 1/2; 14% grade 3/4

<sup>a</sup>20 pts with DLBCL were evaluated for efficacy.

CR, complete response; CRS, cytokine release syndrome; NR, not reported; ORR, overall response rate.

1. Schuster, SJ, et al. ICML 2017 [abstract 007]. 2. Locke FL, et al. AACR 2017 [abstract CT019]; 3. Locke FL, et al. ASCO 2017 [abstract 7512]; 4. Abramson JS, et al. *Blood*. 2016;128(22) [abstract 4192]; 5. Abramson JS, et al. ASCO 2017 [abstract 7513].





# CAR T-cell therapies in DLBCL

## *UPENN Single Institution Study*

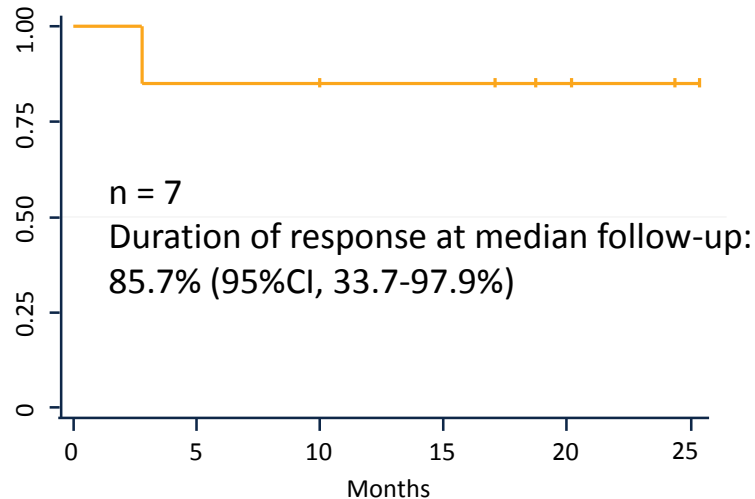
- Results from a single-center, phase 2 study at the University of Pennsylvania showed durable remissions with a single infusion of CTL019 in r/r DLBCL (Cohort A)<sup>1,2</sup>
  - No patient in CR at 6 months has relapsed (median follow-up, 23.3 months)

**Response Rates  
(N = 15)**

	Month 3	Month 6
ORR	7 (47%)	7 (47%)
CR	3 (20%)	6 (40%)
PR	4 (27%)	1 (7%)

CR, complete response; DLBCL, diffuse large B-cell lymphoma;  
ORR, overall response rate; PR, partial response.

**Duration of Response  
(n = 7; CR + PR)**



1. Schuster SJ, et al. *Blood*. 2015;126(23):[abstract 183].  
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# CAR T-cell therapies in FL

## *UPENN Single Institution Study*

**FL: ORR at 3 mo. 79%**  
**(N = 14)**

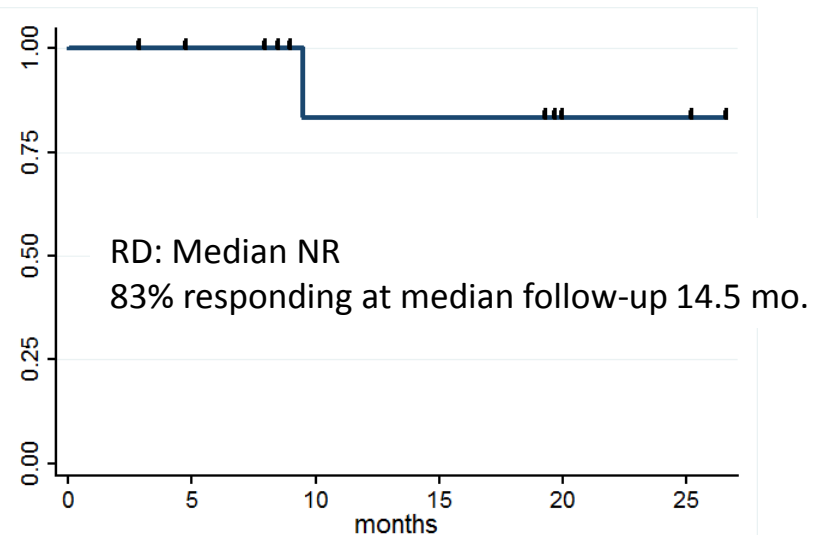
**FL: Best Response Rate 79%**  
**(N = 14)**

- CR: 7 (50%)  
- PR: 4  
- PD: 3

- CR: 10 (71%)  
- PR: 1  
- PD: 3

- 3 patients with PRs by anatomic criteria at 3 months converted to CRs by 6 months
- 1 patient with PR at 3 months who remained in PR at 6 and 9 months had PD

**Duration of Response**  
**(n = 11; CR + PR)**

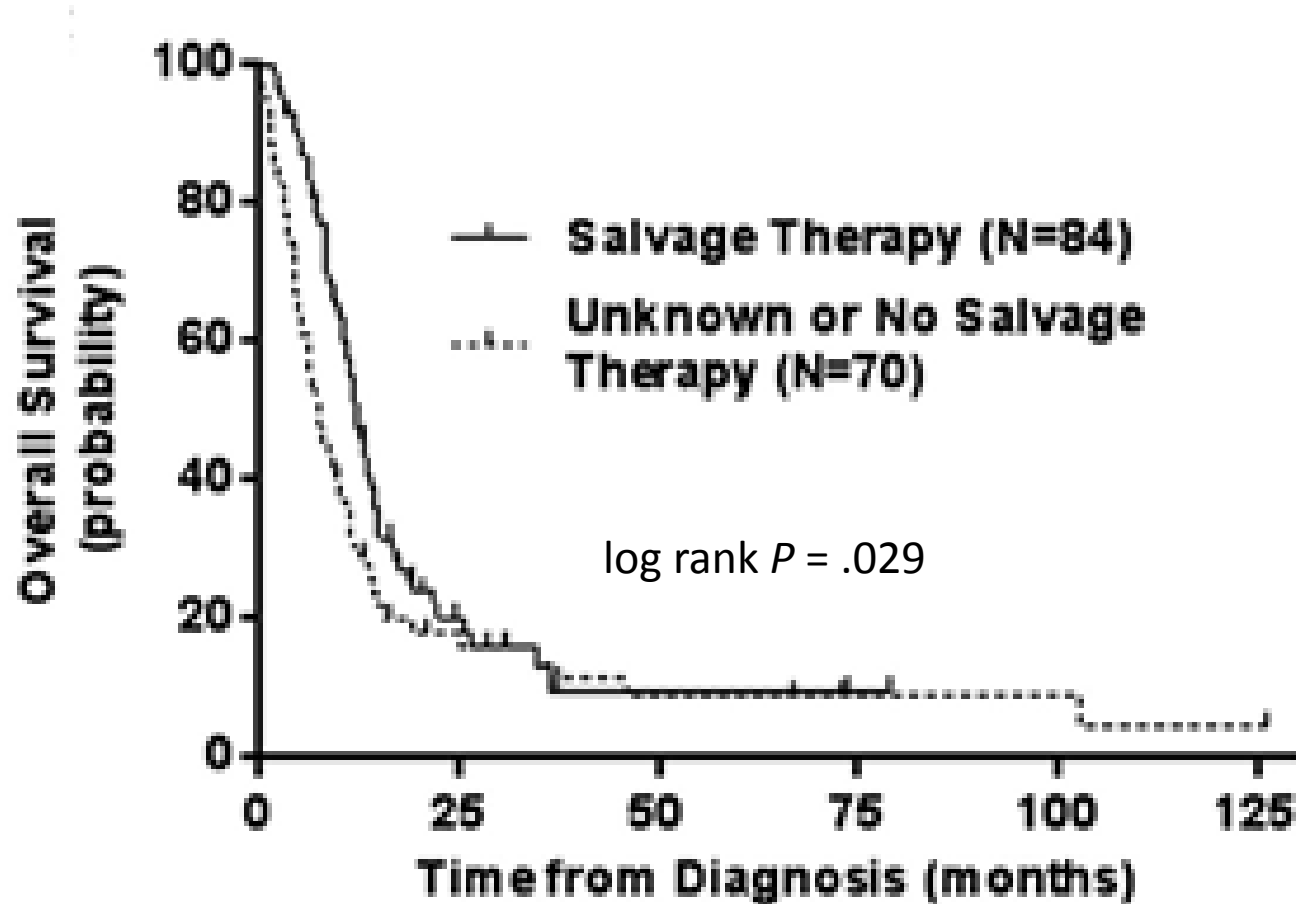


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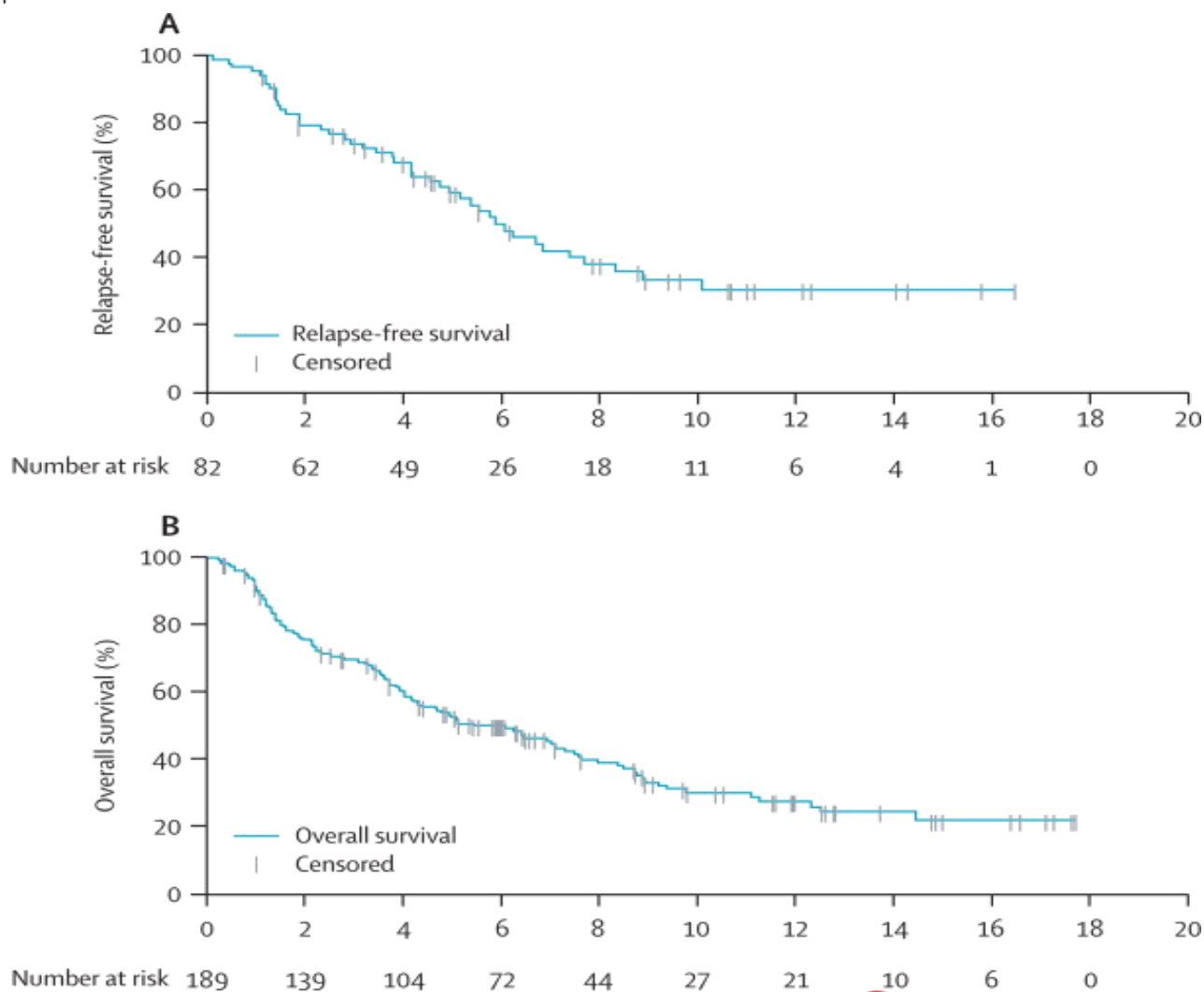
# Survival for relapsed/refractory double-hit lymphoma: salvage therapy vs palliative care



# Leukemia



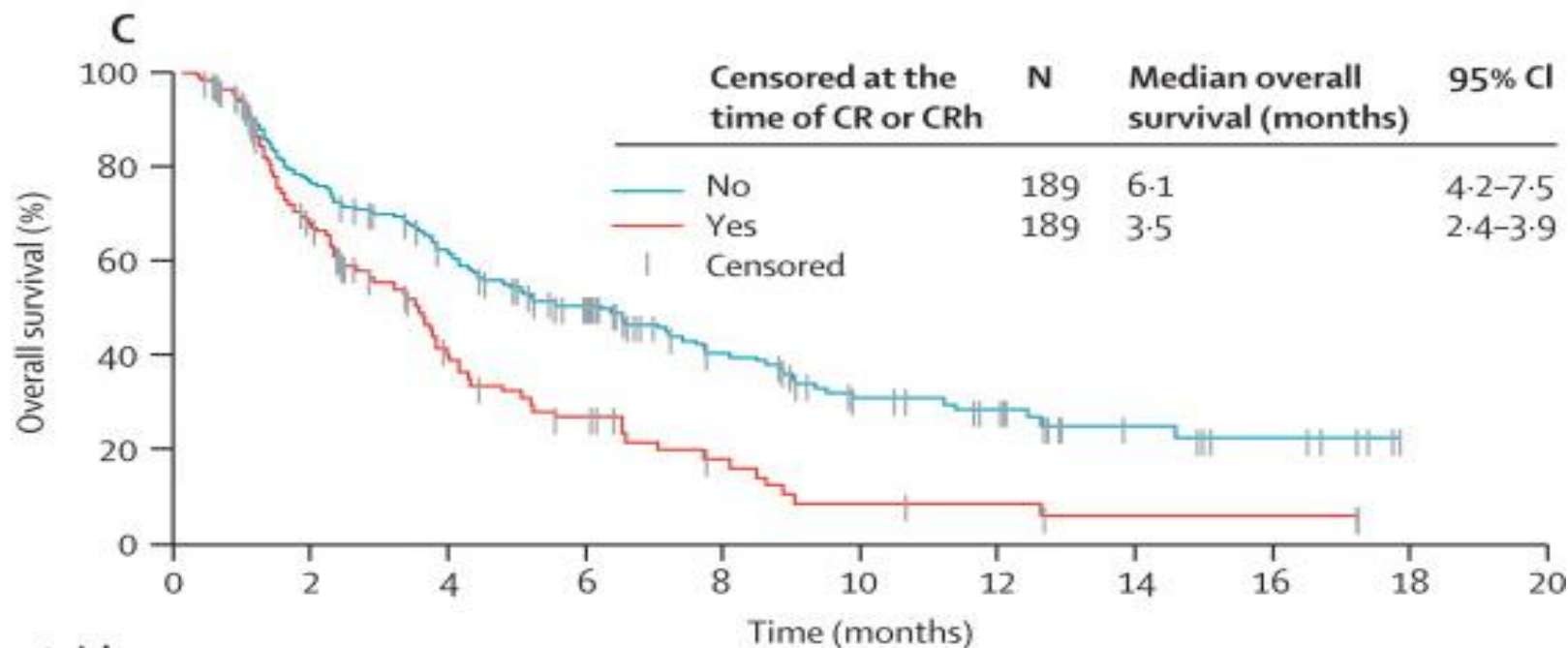
# Blinatumumab in ALL



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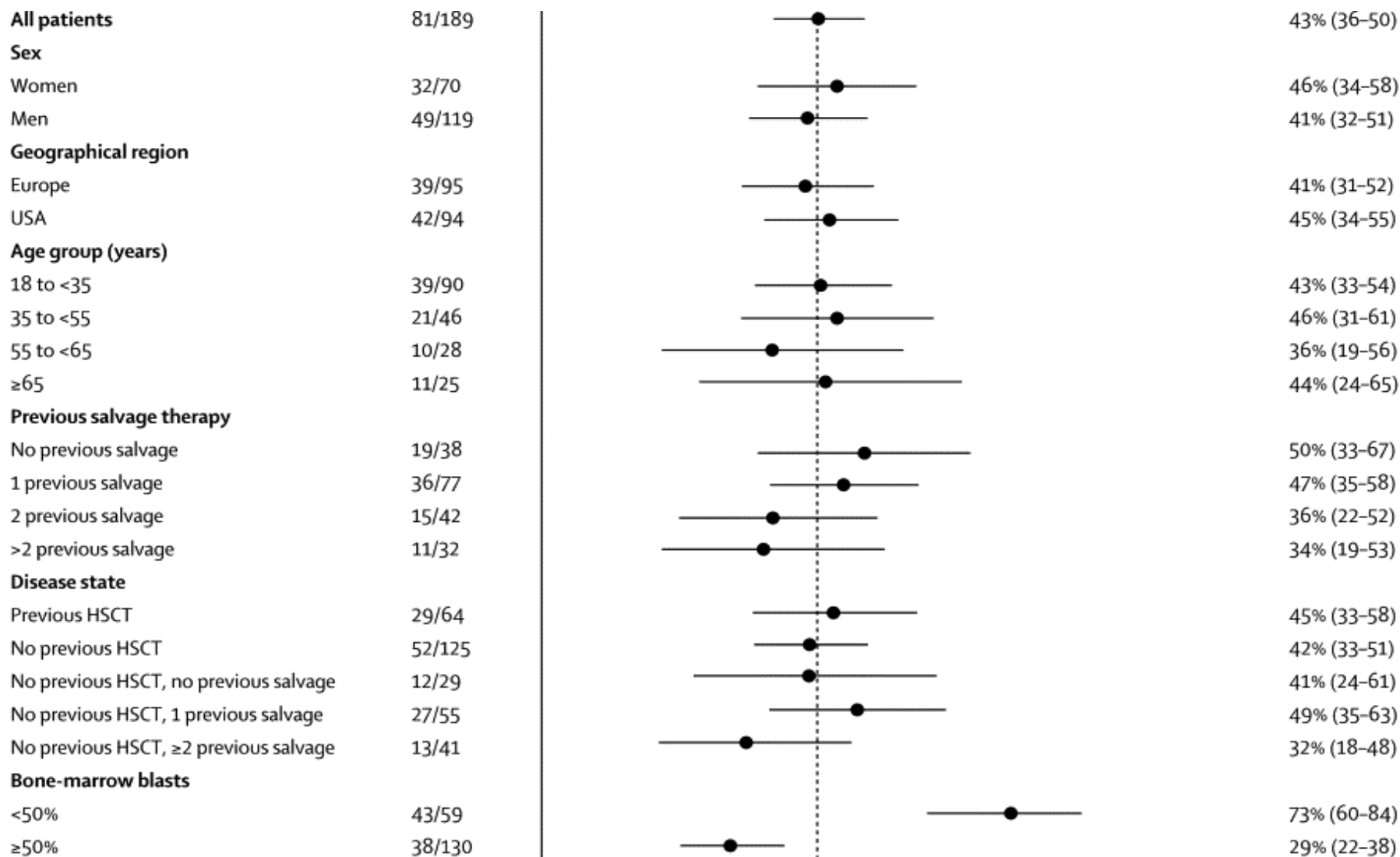
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Number at risk										
Not censored at CR or CRh	189	139	104	72	44	27	21	10	6	0
Censored at CR or CRh	189	75	29	18	9	4	3	1	1	0

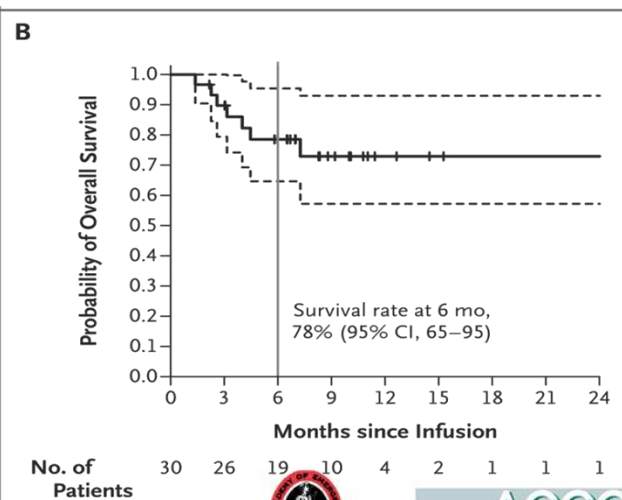
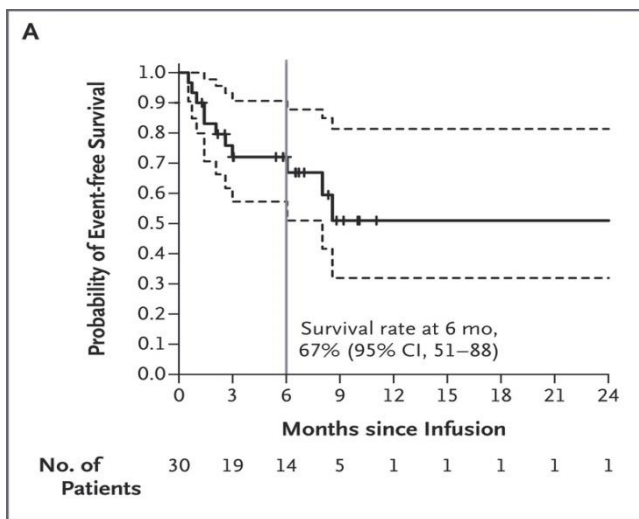
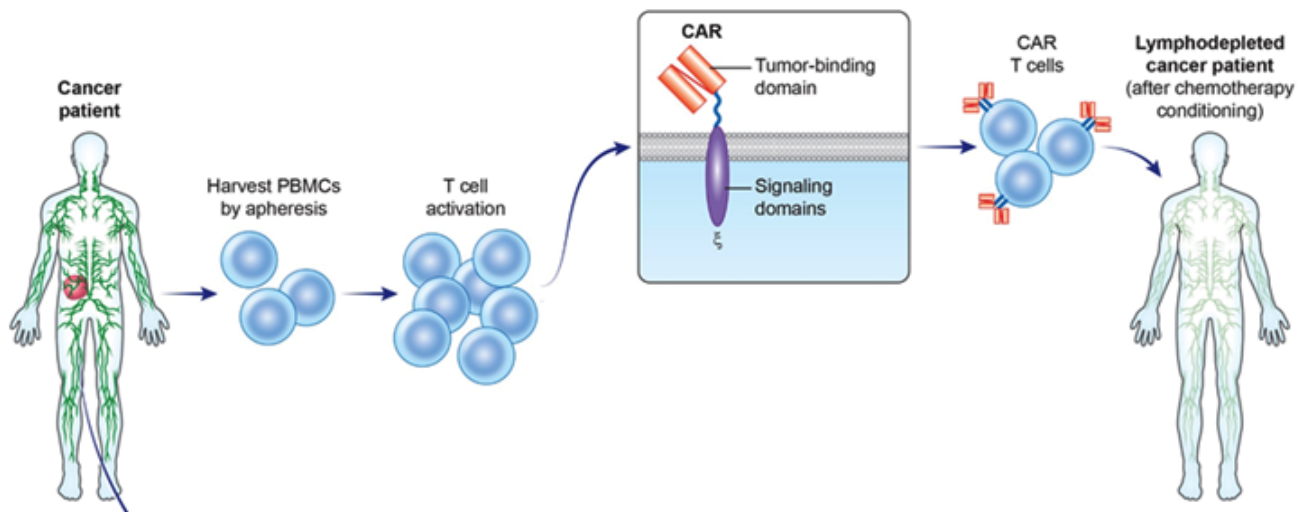


# Blinatumumab in ALL



# CD-19 CAR-T in ALL

## Probability of Event-Free and Overall Survival at Six Months.



# Antigen-specific Approaches in ALL

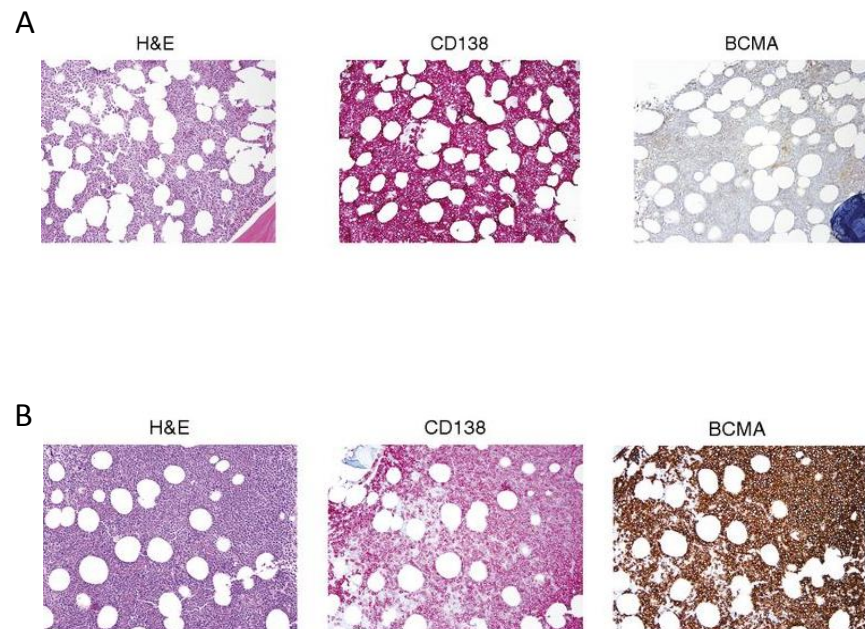
Technology:	CART	ADC	BiTE
Example	CART-19	Inotuzumab (anti-CD22 + toxin)	Blinatumumab (anti-CD3/CD19)
Dosing	One infusion	Every 3 weeks	Continuous 28 days
Complete Response	90%	19%	66%
Survival	78% 6 mos OS	5-6 months median	9 mos median
Major toxicity	Cytokine release	Hepatotoxicity	Cytokine release
Antigen loss relapse?	Yes	No	Yes
Challenges	Complex manufacturing, individualized	Lower response rates	Burdensome infusion

# Myeloma



Two patients with multiply relapsed myeloma considering participation in a BCMA CAR-T cell trial.

Enrollment BM biopsy shows the following staining



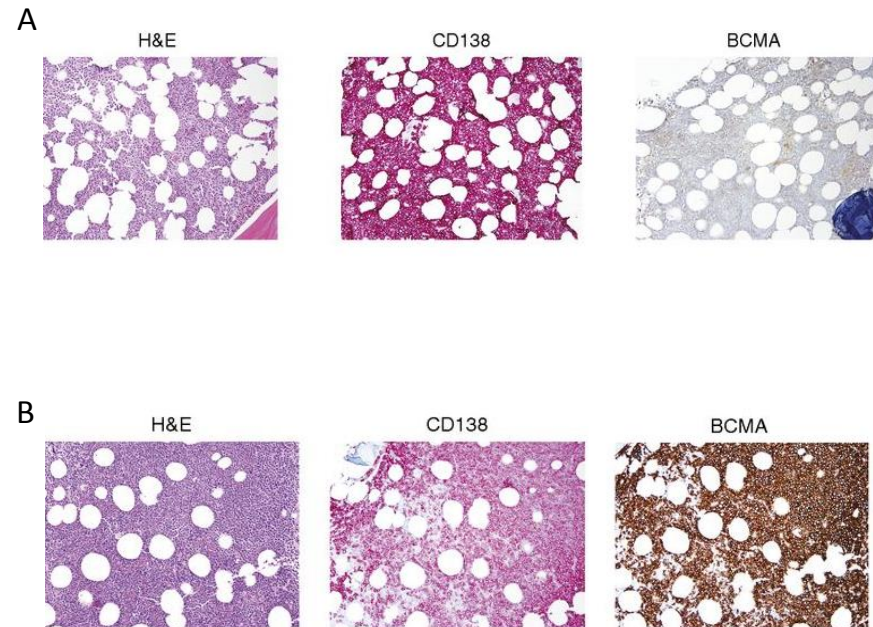
Which of the following statements is true?

A. Pt A more likely to respond to BCMA CAR-T cell therapy

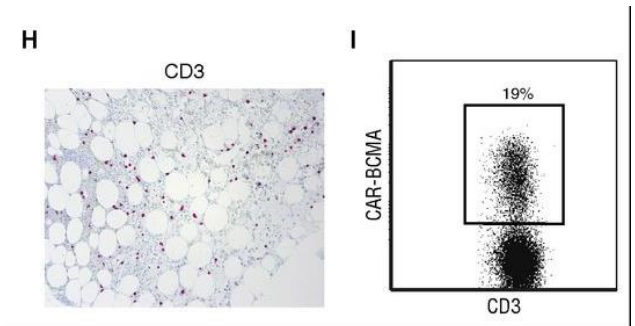
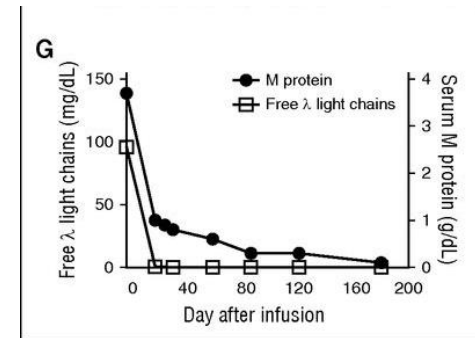
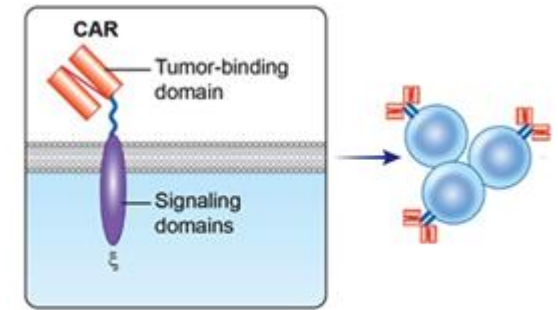
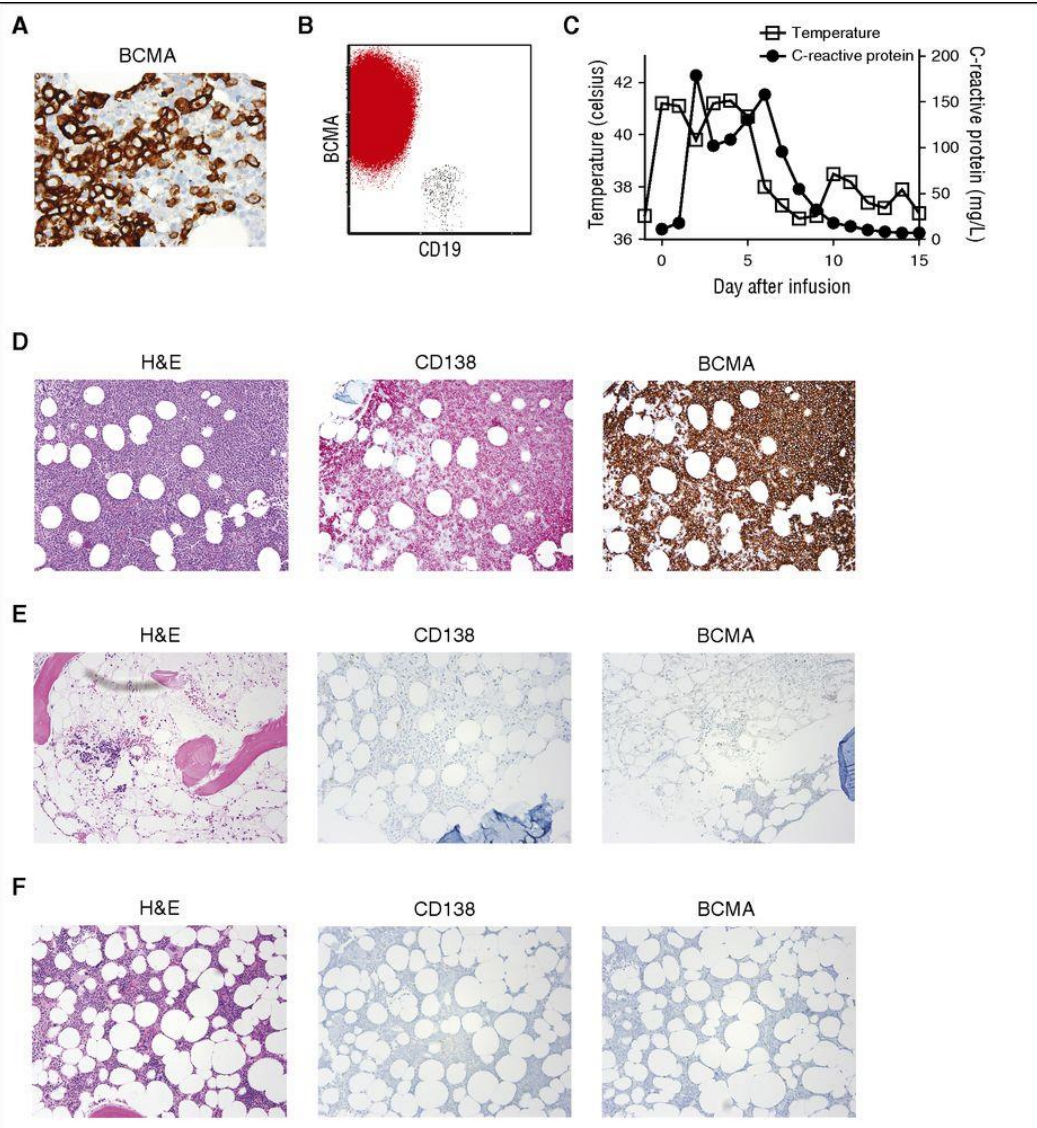
B. Pt B more likely to suffer from cytokine release syndrome (CRS) following BCMA CAR-T cell therapy

C. CRS is independent of disease burden

D. CRS is only seen in ALL









## Types of Vaccines Used in Myeloma

- **Non-Antigen Specific**
  - Attenuated measles
  - Whole cell - GM-CSF
  - Dendritic – tumor fusions
- **Antigen Specific**
  - Idiotypic: RNA, DNA, protein
  - Pulsed dendritic cells
  - Tumor-specific peptides



## Resources:

Boyiadzis et al. *Journal for ImmunoTherapy of Cancer* (2016) 4:90  
DOI 10.1186/s40425-016-0188-z

Journal for ImmunoTherapy  
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### POSITION ARTICLE AND GUIDELINES

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# The Society for Immunotherapy of Cancer consensus statement on immunotherapy for the treatment of hematologic malignancies: multiple myeloma, lymphoma, and acute leukemia

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# Immunotherapy case #1

## Classical Hodgkin lymphoma

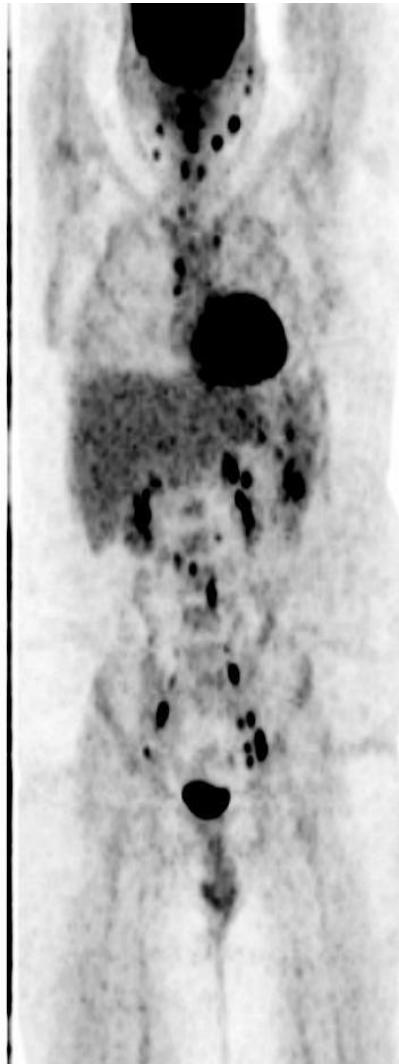


# Sequence of events

- 27 yr old male, diagnosed at age 21 with classical Hodgkin lymphoma
- **March 2011:** Initial presentation with n/v, weight loss, fevers, night sweats. Stage IV-B disease, high risk (4/7 on IPS)
- **March – Aug 2011:** ABVD x 6 cycles with partial response
- **Nov 2011 – Jan 2012:** ICE x 3 with partial response but persistent disease on PET. Autologous PBSC collection
- **Feb – March 2012:** GVD x 2 cycles: progression
- **March – May 2012:** COPP x 2 cycles: good PR
- **May – June 2012:** BEAM /auto HCT. July 2012: Progression
- **Aug – Nov 2012:** Brentuximab x 5 doses with good PR after 3 cycles



# Response to brentuximab





# Sequence of events

- **Dec 2012:** RIC AlloHCT (FCR conditioning)
- **June 2013:** relapsed lymphoma AND liver GVHD. GVHD treated with sirolimus. HL retreated with brentuximab but developed severe neuropathy after 2-3 doses.
- **Oct 2014 – Dec 2014:** Lenalidomide + Bendamustine. Dec 2014: Progression, including extensive liver involvement.
- **Jan 2015:** One cycle of Gem/Cis/Dex given but severe cytopenias limited further treatment.
- **Feb 2015:** Start nivolumab.
- **May 2015:** Complete remisison by PET. Continued nivolumab through remainder of 2015 and all of 2016.
- **Oct 2015:** Vitiligo. Start nb-UVB treatment
- **Oct 2016:** Some progression of disease. Added lenalidomide 10 mg po qd
- **Feb 2017:** Overall improvement in disease burden. Continue Lenalidomide + nivolumab

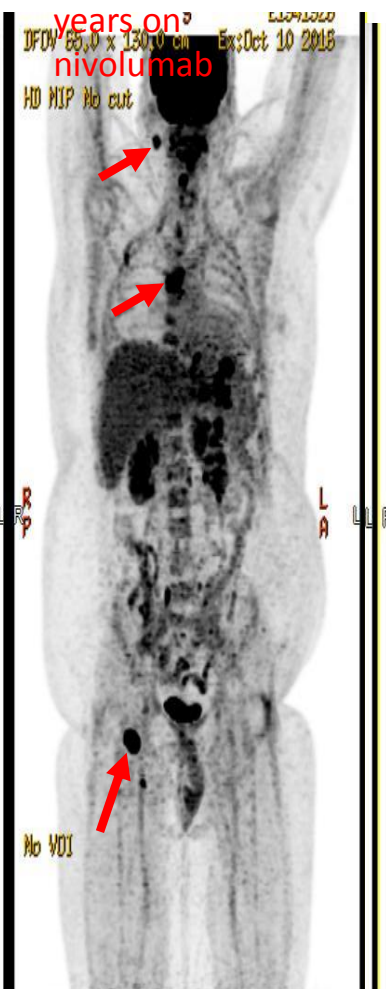
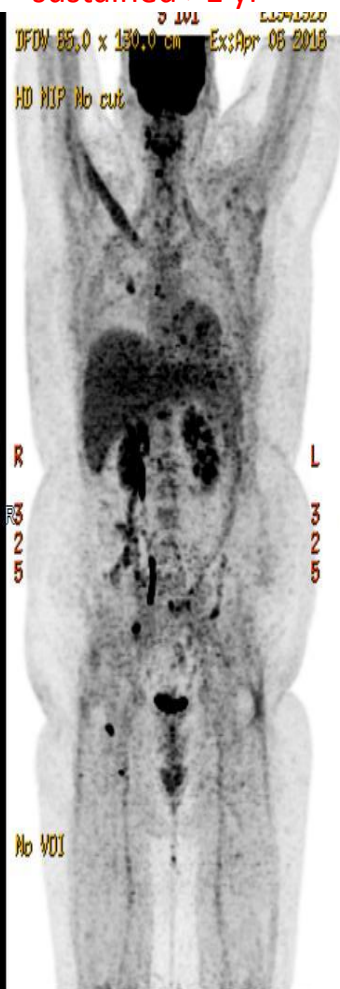
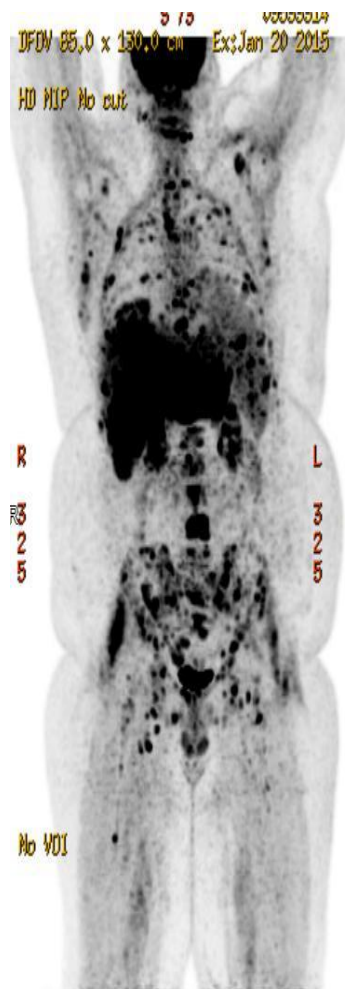


Dramatic response  
to nivolumab

Response  
sustained >1 yr

Starting to  
progress after 1.5  
years on  
nivolumab

6 months after adding  
lenalidomide 10mg QD





Oct 2015 (8 months on nivolumab)

Flank



Left arm



Right arm





Oct 2015

Aug 2016  
(after nbUVB therapy)







Oct 2015



Aug 2016  
(after nbUVB therapy)



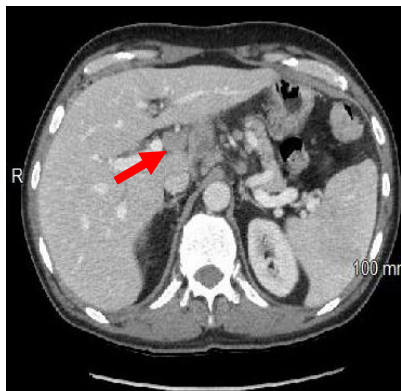
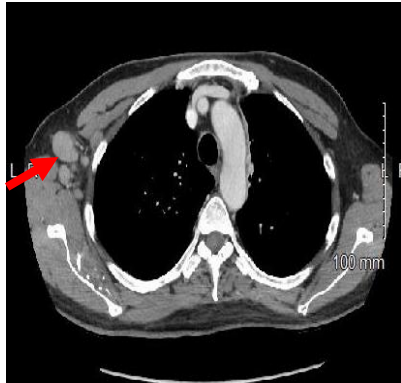
# Immunotherapy case #2

## Classical Hodgkin lymphoma



44 yr old male with cHL s/p multiple relapses, autoHCT, alloHCT, DLI, RT, brentuximab, Len, benda, TGR-1202...

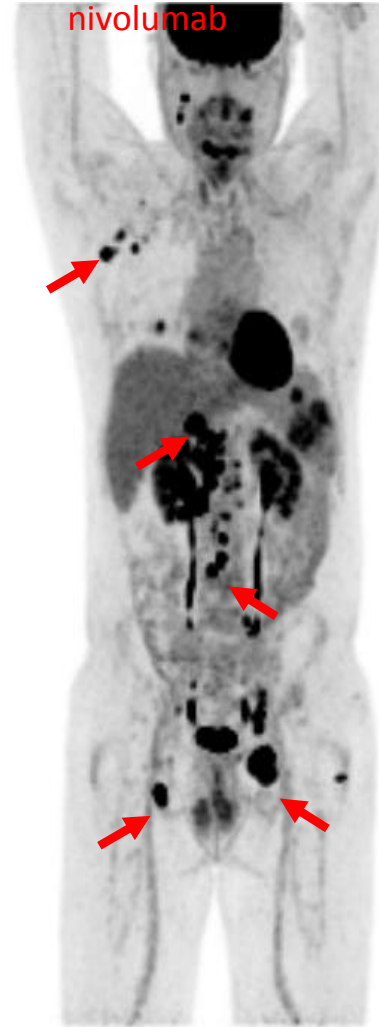
Prior to nivolumab



Response to nivolumab



Starting to progress,  
after 10 mo on  
nivolumab



6 months after adding  
lenalidomide 10mg QD



(Despite clear progression  
on Len in the past)



# Immunotherapy case #3

Low grade B-cell non-Hodgkin lymphoma



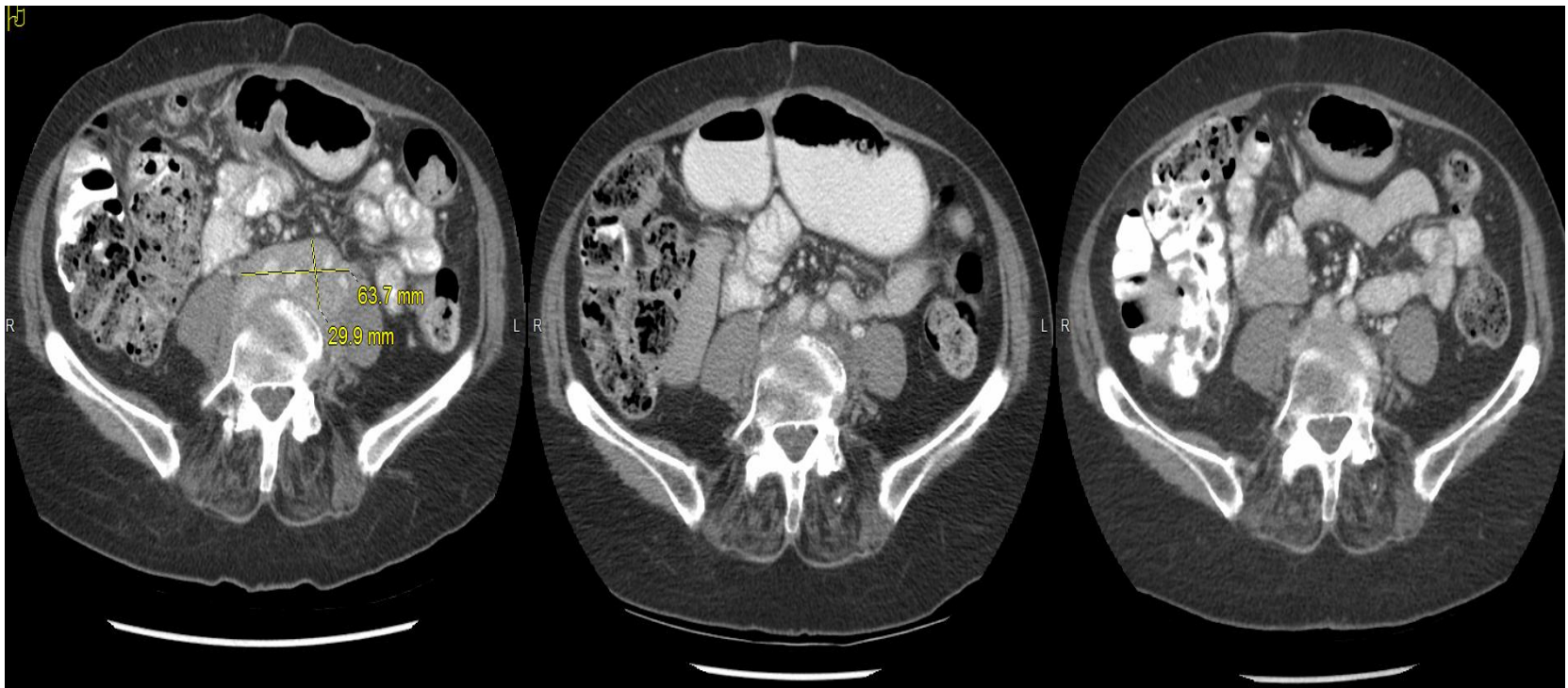
## Sequence of events

- 82 yr old female, noted right submandibular mass.
- CT neck showed right parotid mass. CT CAP showed diffuse adenopathy
- right submandibular needle biopsy: extranodal marginal zone lymphoma
- She had some fatigue and abdominal bloating along with some night sweats, so treatment was recommended
- Despite large disease burden, given her age, treated with single agent rituximab (as opposed to rituximab + chemotherapy), followed by maintenance rituximab (one dose every 8 weeks for 2 years)

**Pre-treatment**

**After 4 weekly  
doses of rituximab**

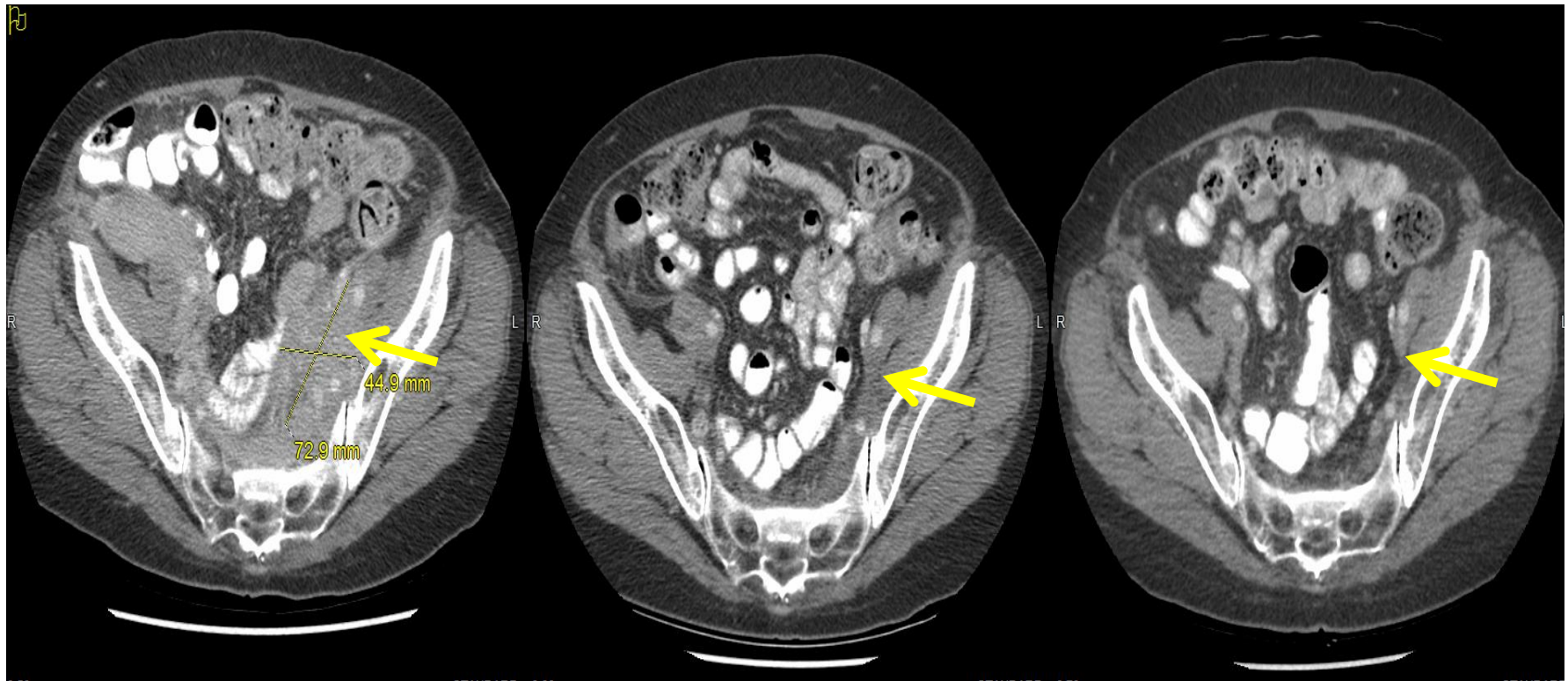
**After 2 years of  
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**Pre-treatment**

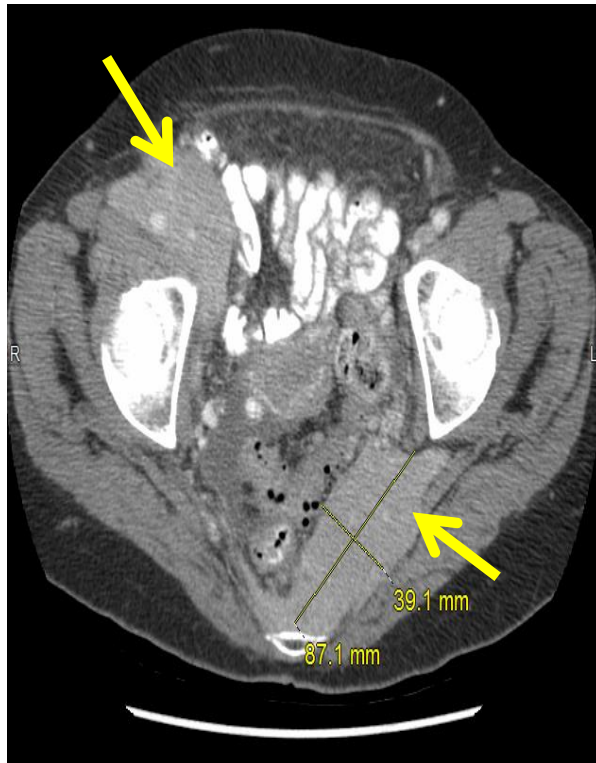
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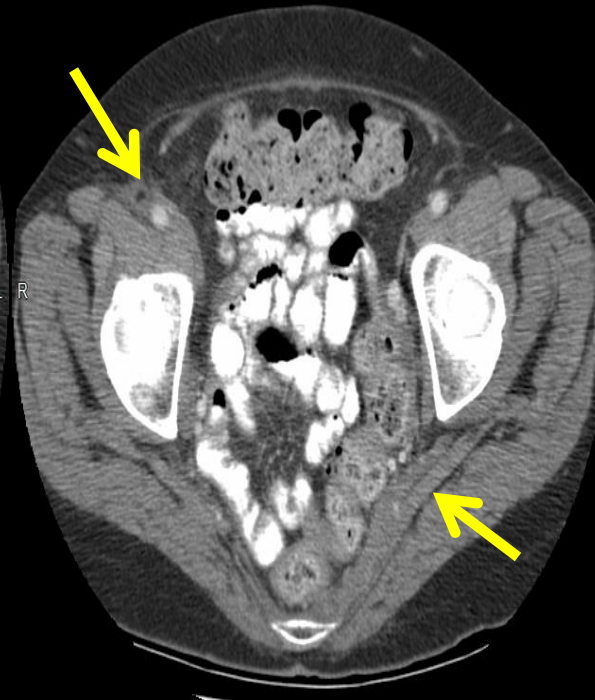




**Pre-treatment**



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