sitc Society for Immunotherapy of Cancer

ADVANCES IN Cancer IMMUNOTHERAPY™

Immunotherapy for the Treatment of Hematologic Malignancies

Nora Bennani, MD

Mayo Clinic College of Medicine

AAEM AMERICAN ACADEMY OF EMERGENCY MEDICINE
CHAMPION OF THE EMERGENCY PHYSICIAN

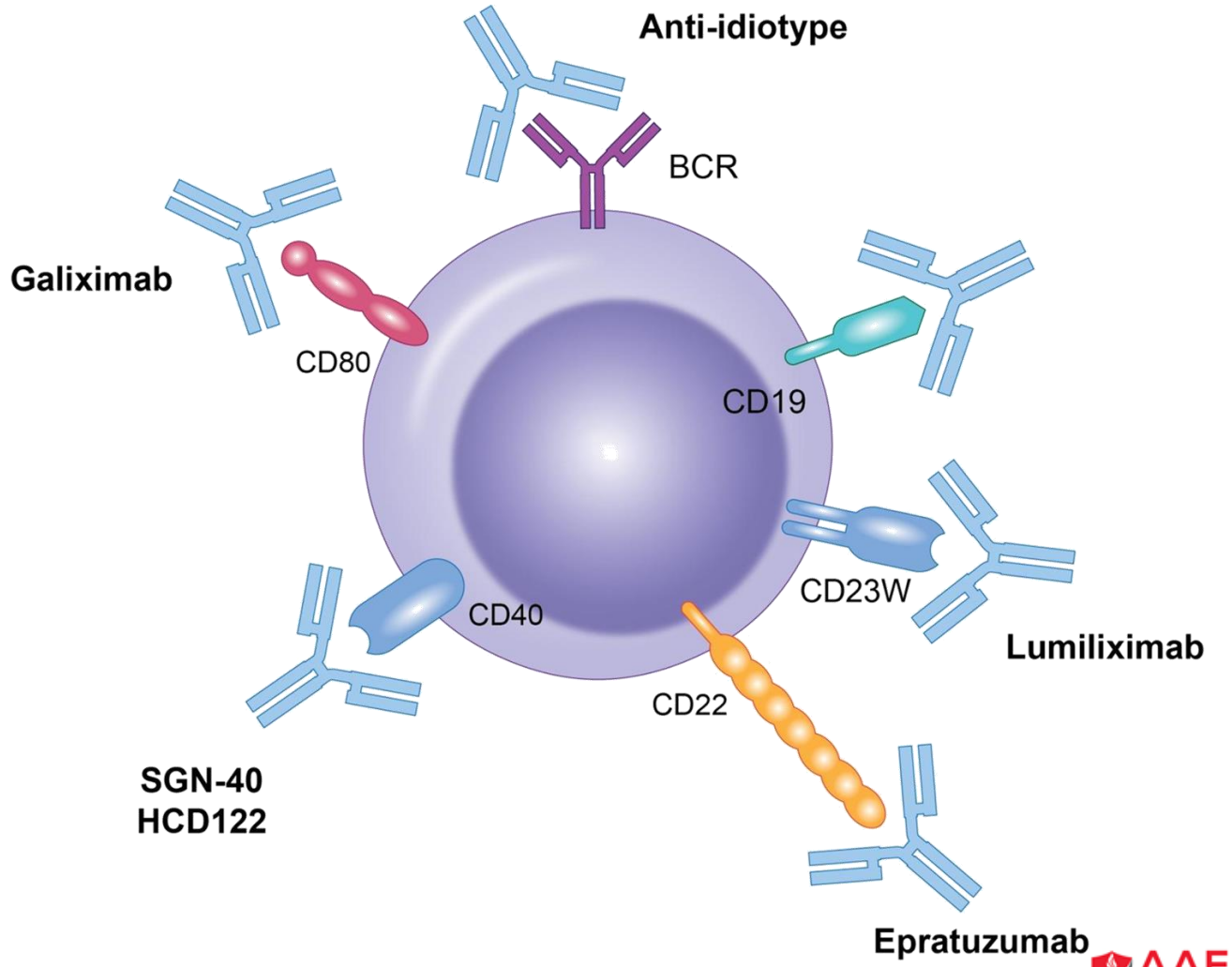
ACCC Association of Community Cancer Centers

sitc Society for Immunotherapy of Cancer

Disclosures

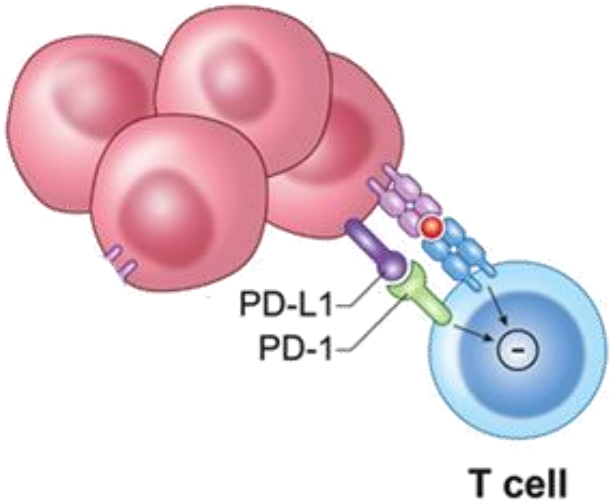
- No disclosures.
- Mayo clinic receives money for clinical trial conduct from BMS, Merck, Celgene, Kite Pharma.
- I will not be discussing non-FDA approved indications during my presentation. If I do, it would be within the context of a clinical trial.

Monoclonal Antibodies Targeting B Cell Lymphomas



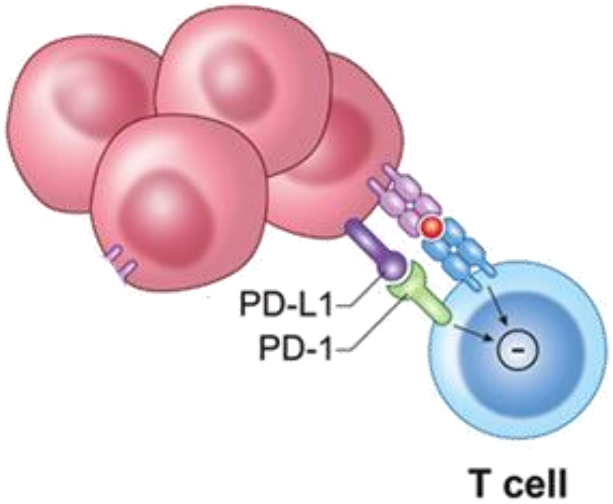
FDA-approved Checkpoint Inhibitors for Lymphomas

- Nivolumab (anti-PD-1)
  - CheckMate 205/039: Patients with cHL that has relapsed or progressed after autologous hematopoietic stem cell transplantation and post-transplantation brentuximab vedotin
- Pembrolizumab (anti-PD-1)
  - KEYNOTE-087: Adult and pediatric patients with refractory cHL, or patients whose disease has relapsed after three or more lines of therapy
  - KEYNOTE-170: Adult and pediatric patients with refractory primary mediastinal large B-cell lymphoma (PMBCL), or those who have relapsed after 2 or more prior lines of therapy



Patient Selection Criteria for Checkpoint Inhibitor Therapies

- Expression of the ligand for checkpoint inhibition
  - e.g. PD-L1 expression for anti-PD-1 therapy
- Relapse or progression after previous therapies
  - Nivolumab: After prior HSCT and brentuximab therapy
  - Pembrolizumab: Relapse after three prior treatments, PMBCL
- Presence of co-morbidities
  - e.g. Presence of active autoimmune disease which could be worsened



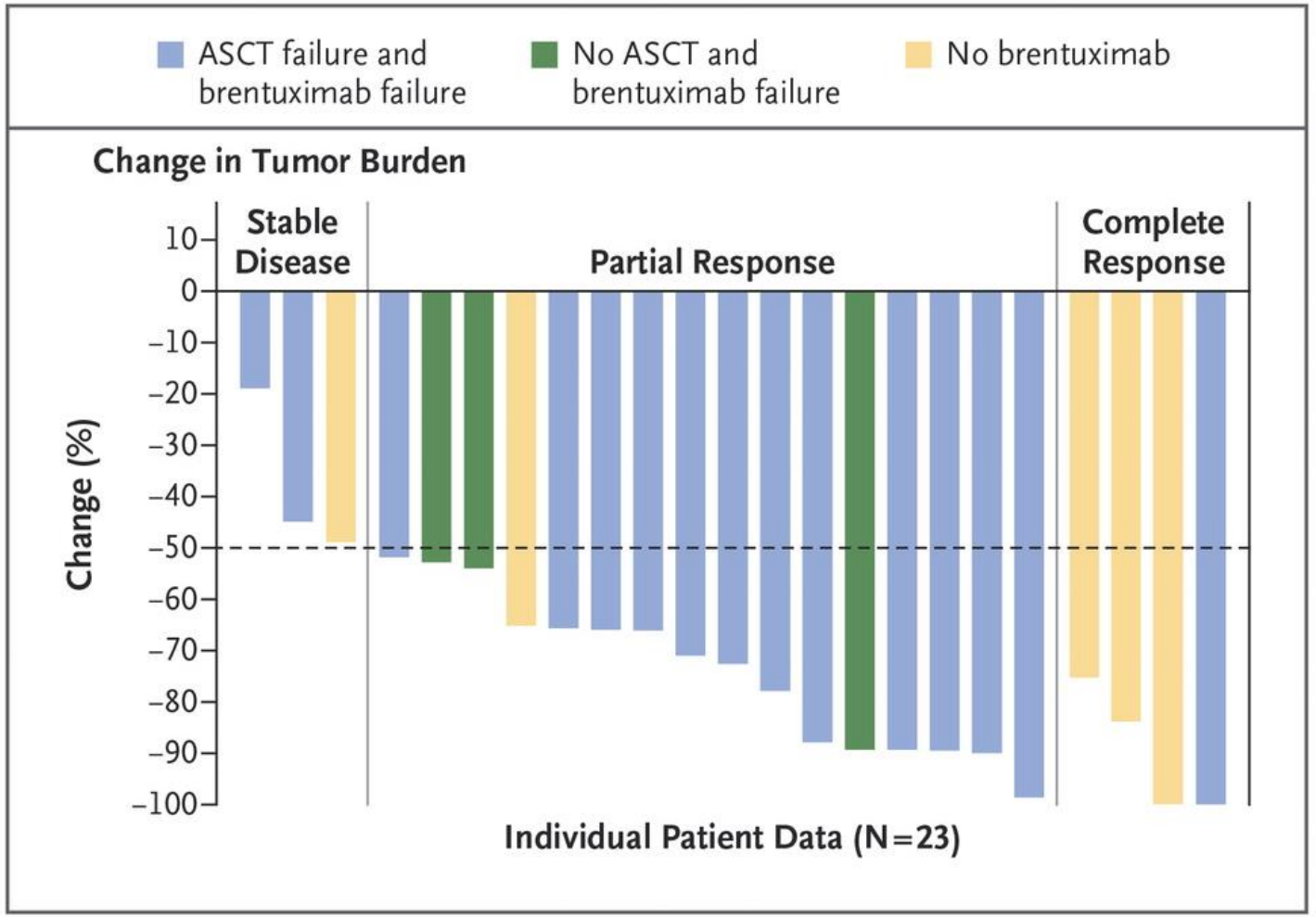
Nivolumab in Hodgkin Lymphoma

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

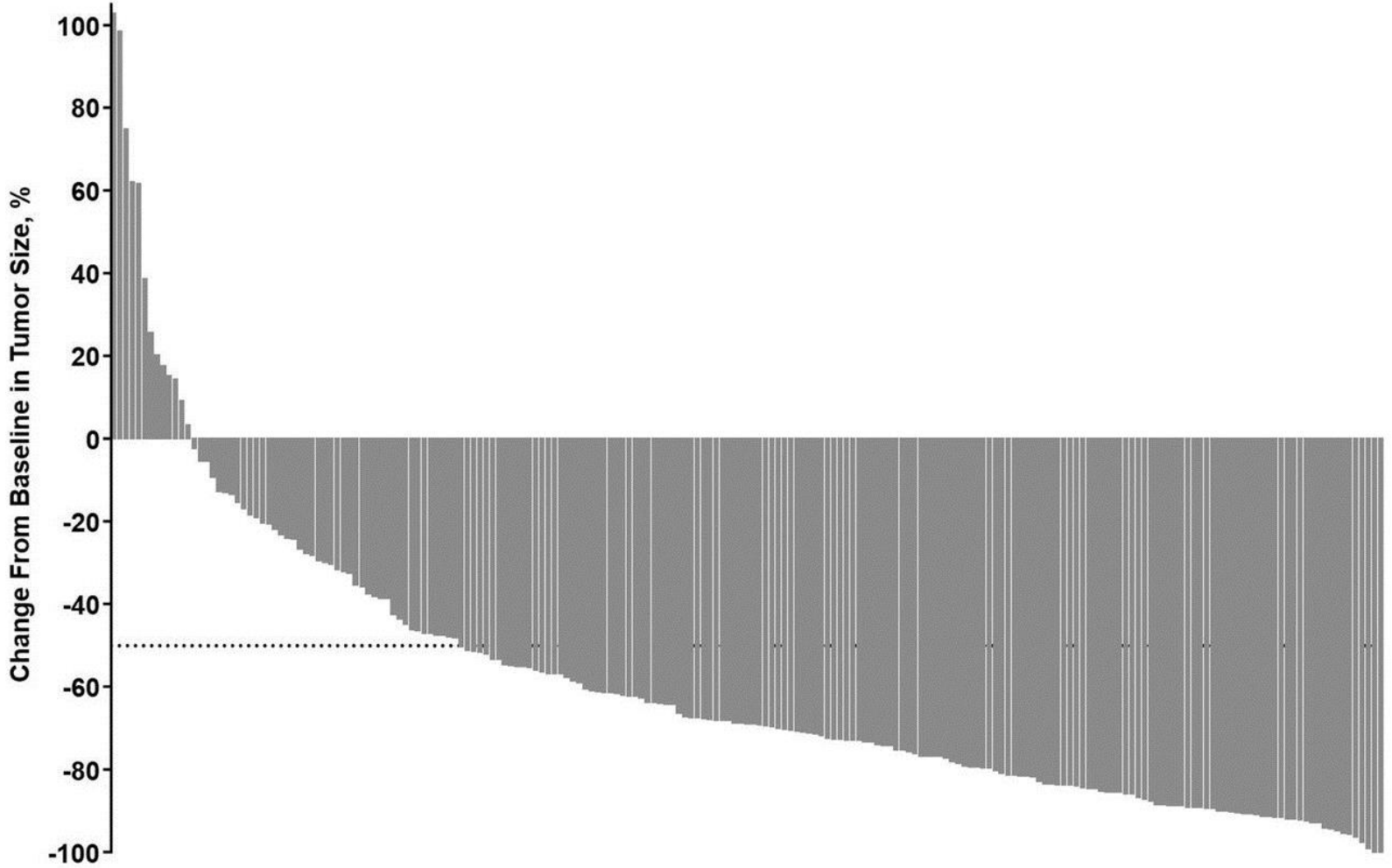
Ansell et al. NEJM 2015

Nivolumab in Hodgkin Lymphoma



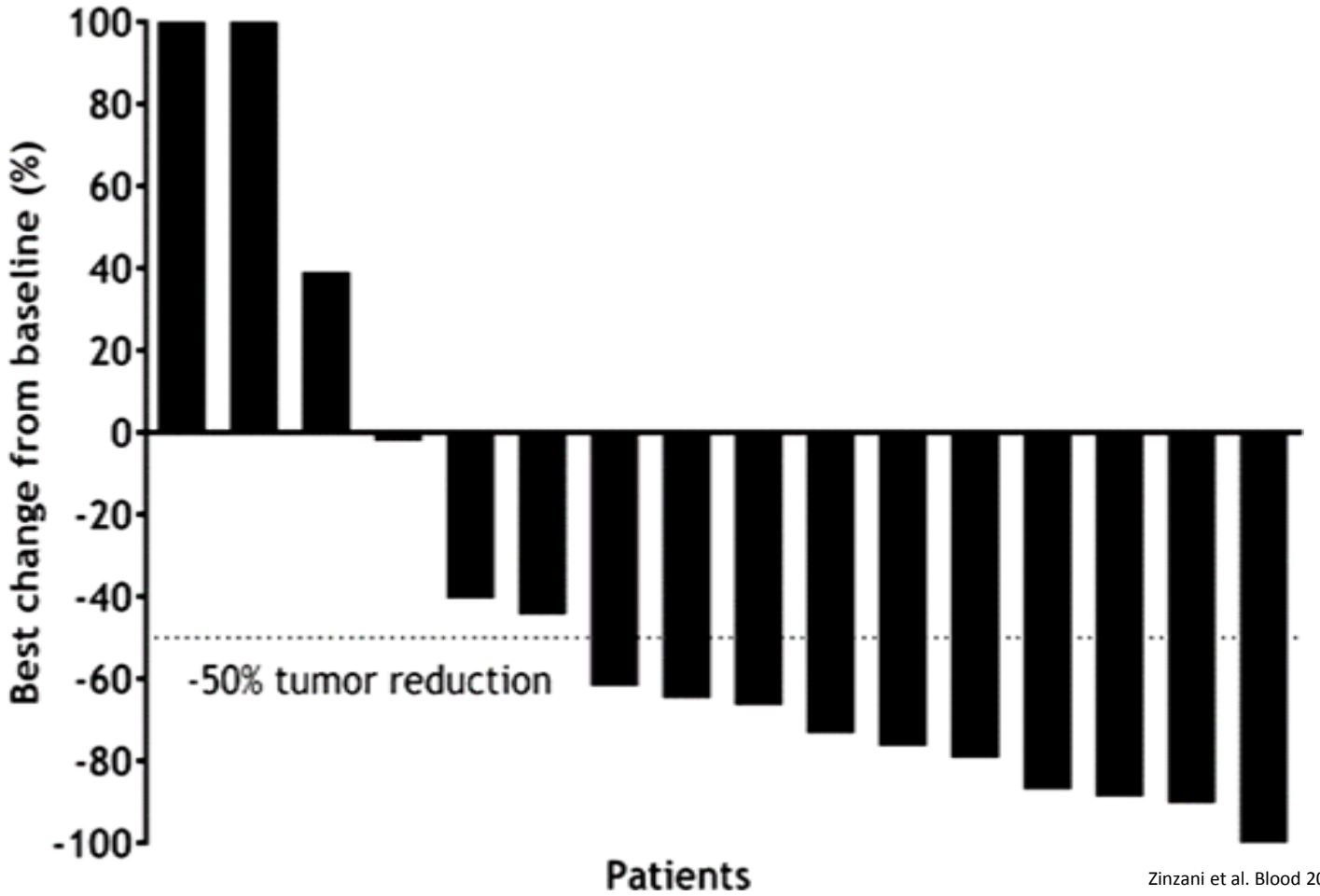
Ansell et al. NEJM 2015

Pembrolizumab in Hodgkin Lymphoma



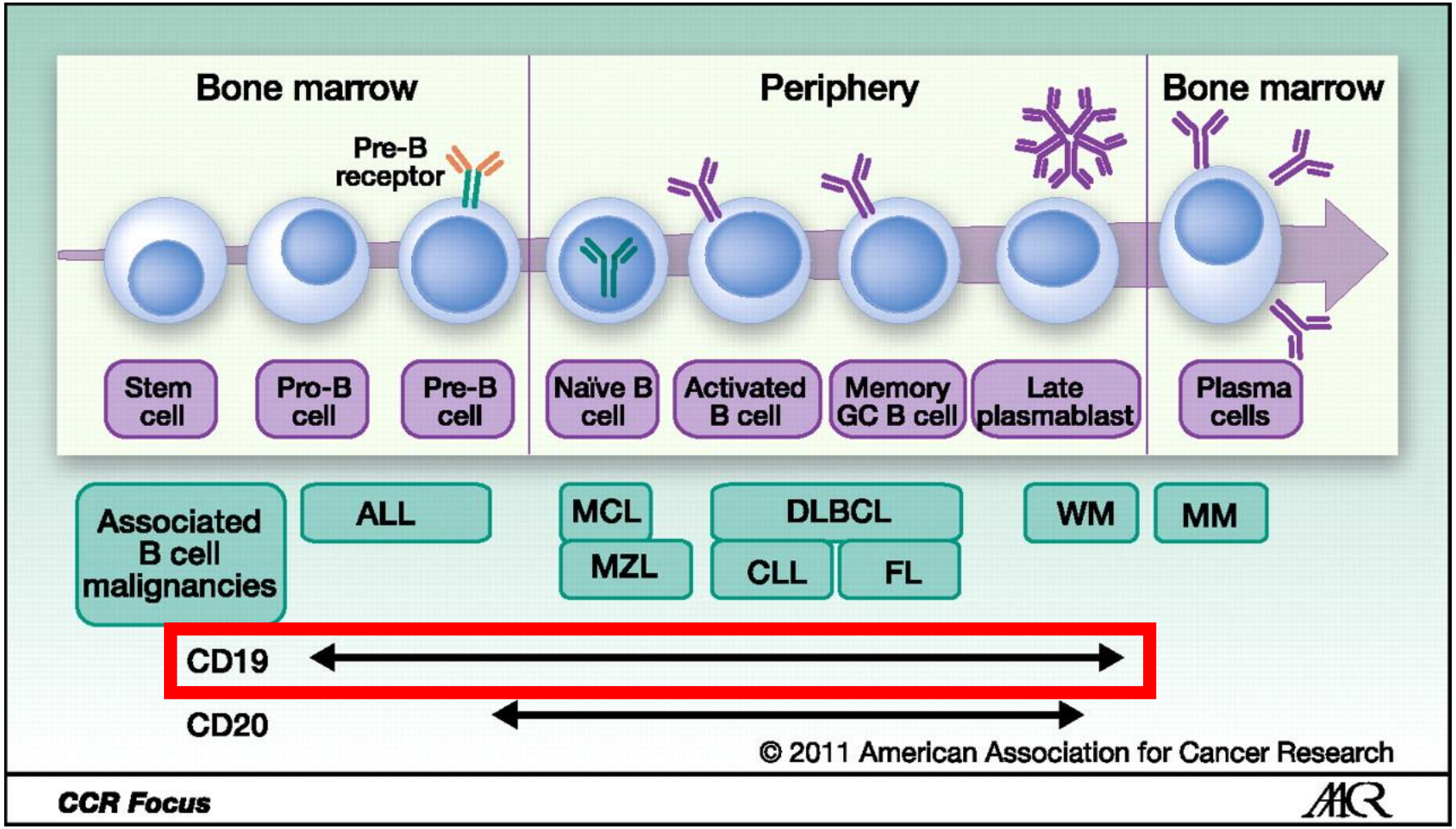
Zinzani et al. Hematological Oncology 2017

Pembrolizumab in Primary Mediastinal Large B cell Lymphoma



Zinzani et al. Blood 2016

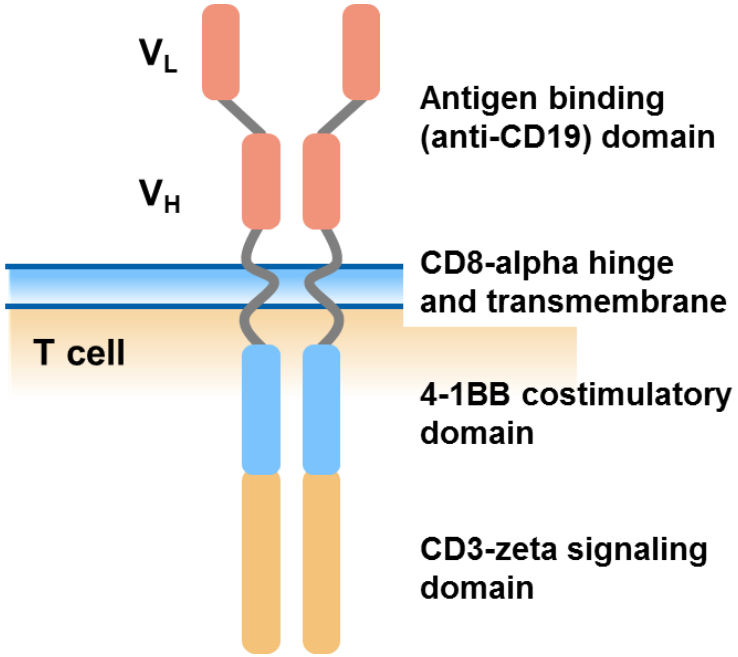
B Cell Malignancies are CD19+

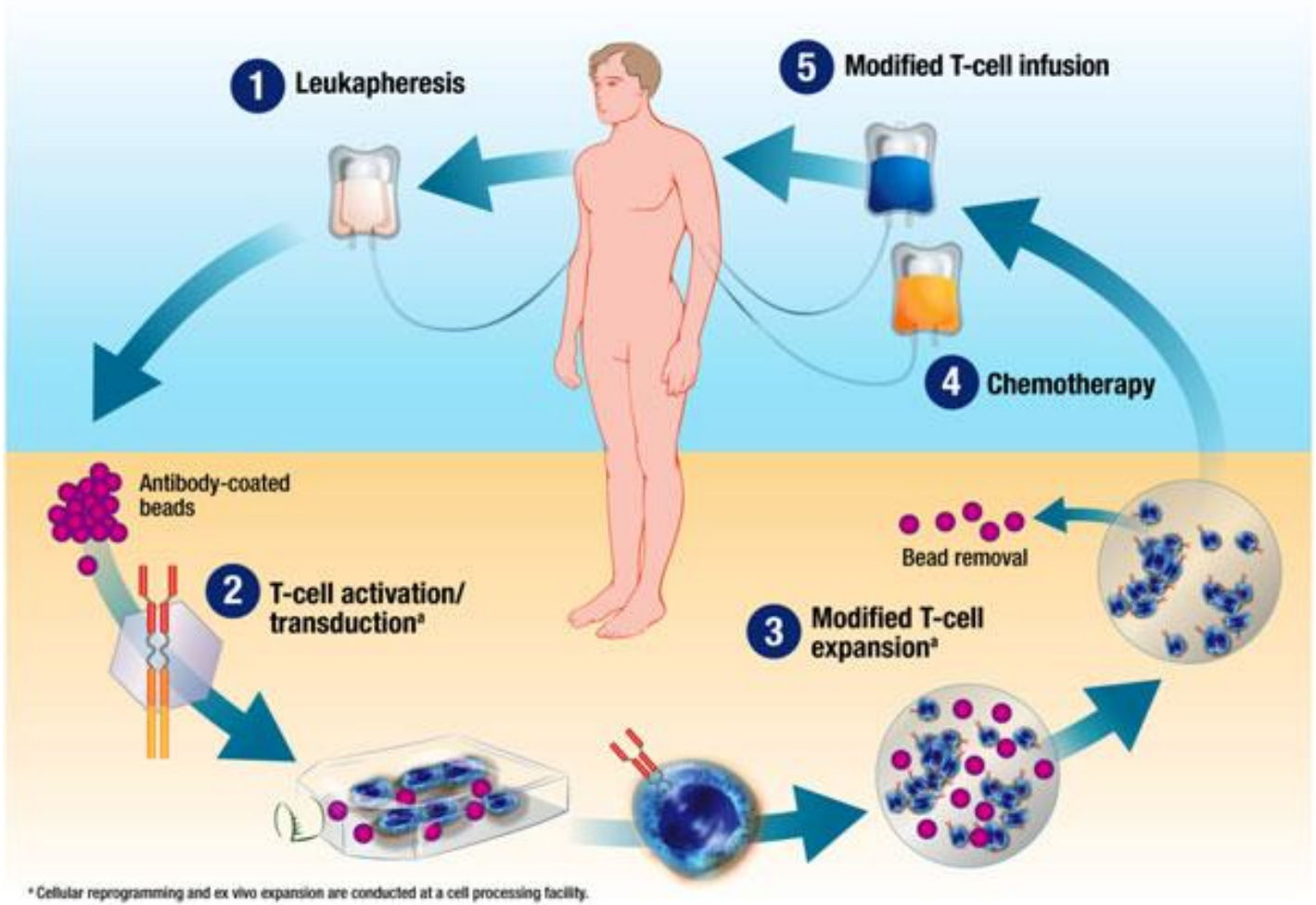


Blanc et al. Clinical Cancer Research 2011

Chimeric Antigen Receptor (CAR) T cell Therapy

- Engineering patient T cells to target and eliminate cells presenting specific antigens





FDA-approved CAR T Cell Therapies for Lymphoma

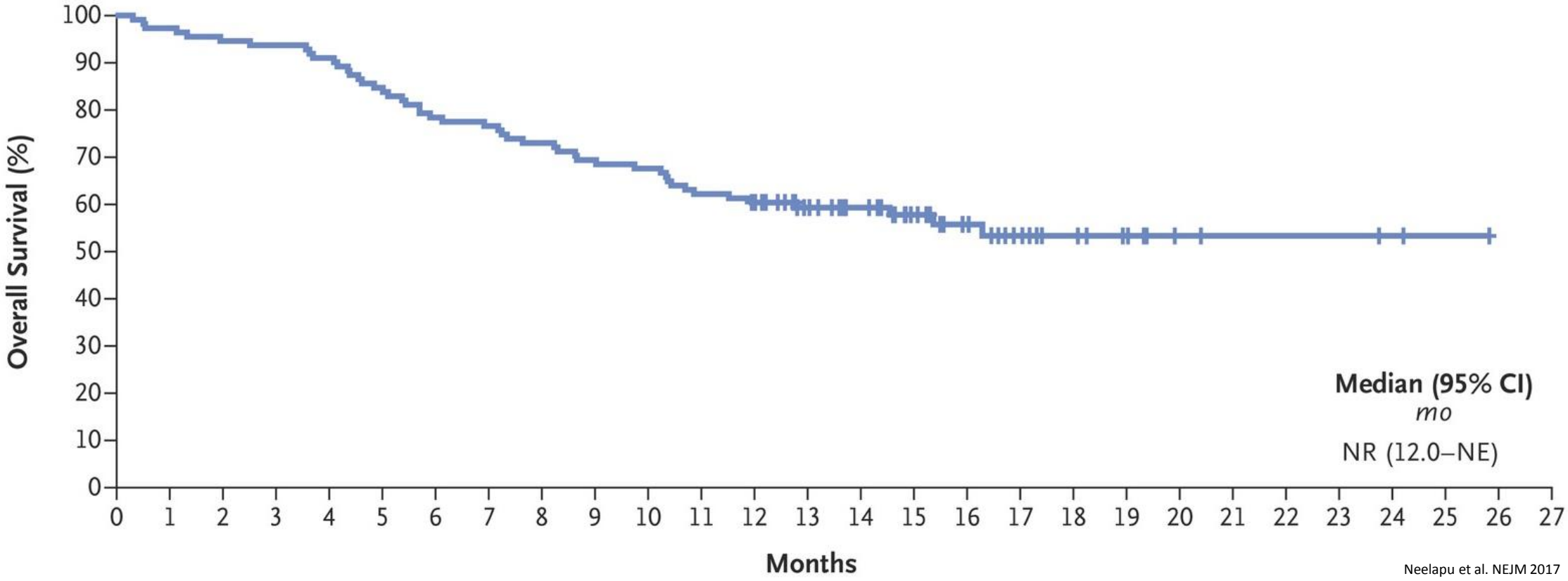
- Axicabtagene ciloleucel (Yescarta)
  - ZUMA-1: Adult patients with relapsed or refractory large B cell lymphoma after two or more lines of systemic therapy, including diffuse large B cell lymphoma, high-grade B cell lymphoma, and DLBCL arising from follicular lymphoma
- Tisagenlecleucel (Kymriah)
  - JULIET: adult patients with relapsed/refractory large B cell lymphoma—including diffuse large B cell lymphoma (DLBCL), high-grade B cell lymphoma and DLBCL arising from follicular lymphoma—after 2 or more lines of systemic therapy.

Patient Selection Criteria for CAR T Therapies

- Expression of the desired antigen for CAR T therapy
  - e.g. CD19
- Disease burden
  - CAR T trials: <30% to minimize the risk of cytokine release syndrome
- Presence of co-morbidities
  - e.g. Presence of active autoimmune diseases which could be worsened

Axicabtagene ciloleucel in B Cell Lymphoma

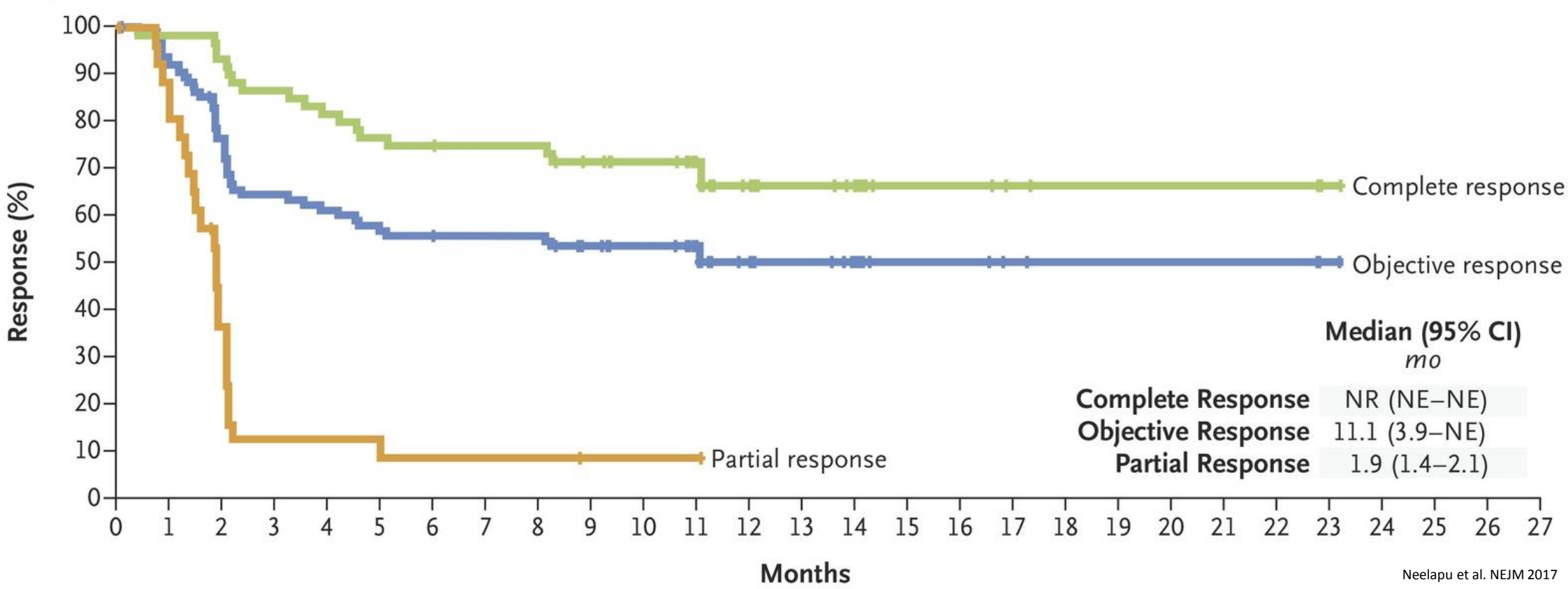
Overall Survival



Neelapu et al. NEJM 2017

Axicabtagene ciloleucel in B Cell Lymphoma

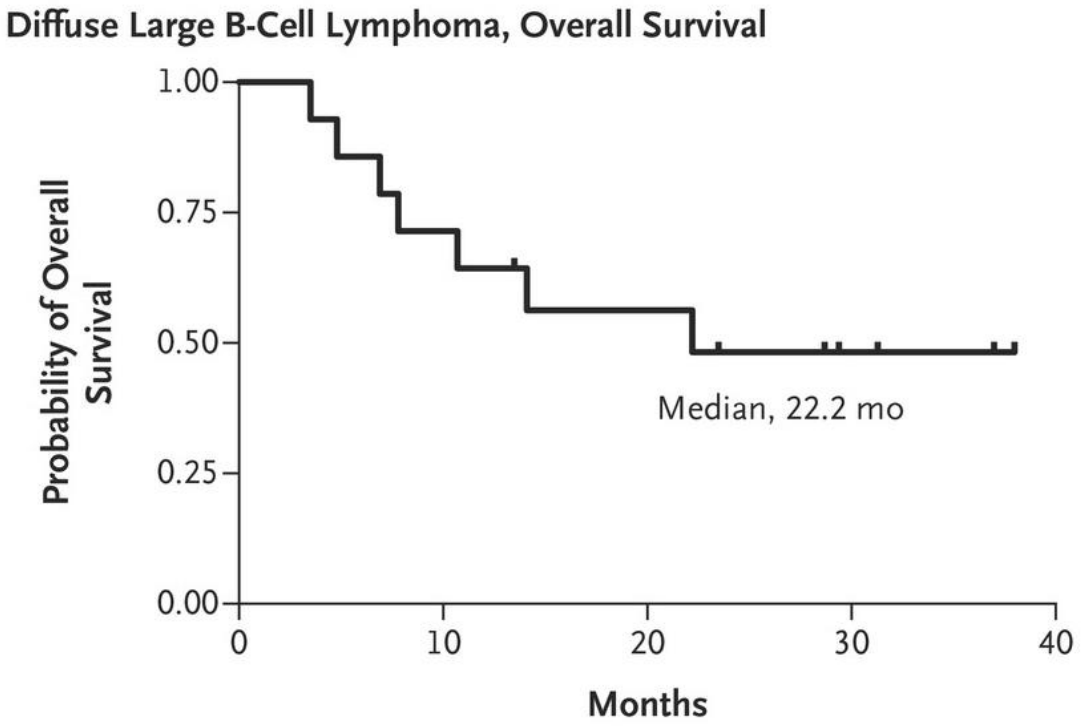
Duration of Response

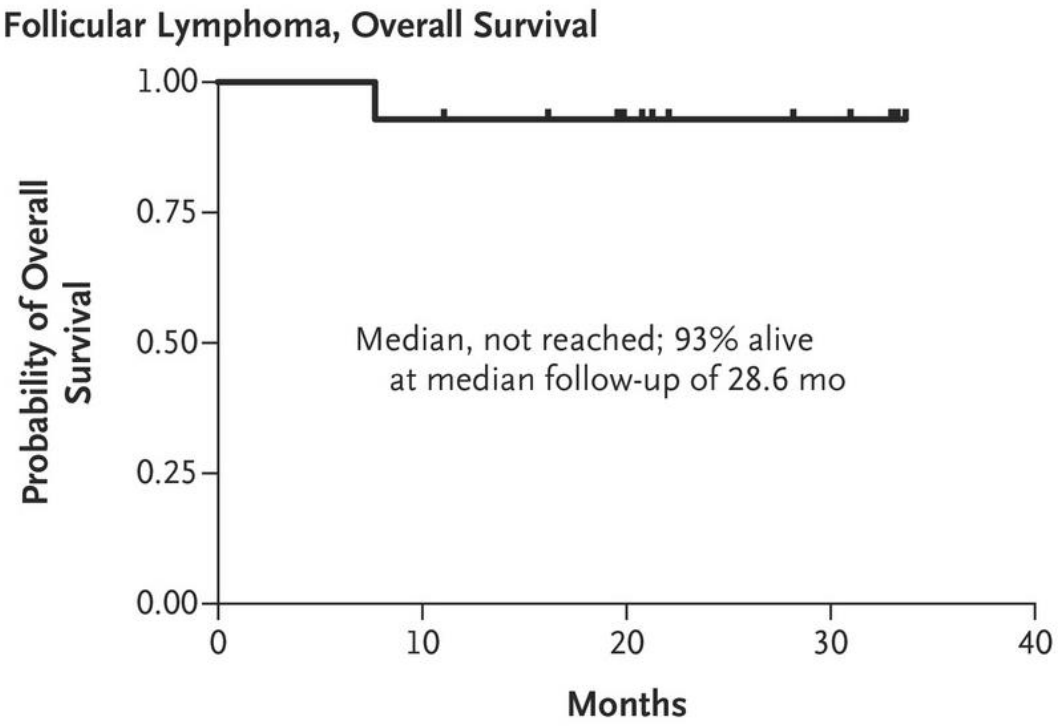


Neelapu et al. NEJM 2017

Tisagenlecleucel in B Cell Lymphoma

Overall Survival

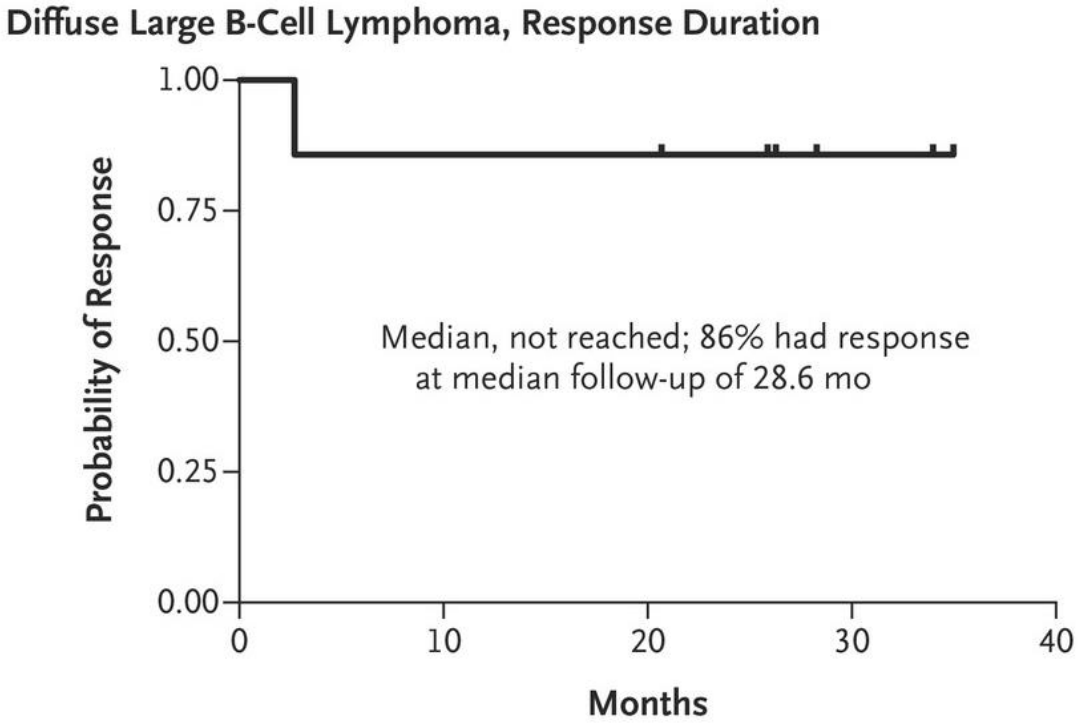


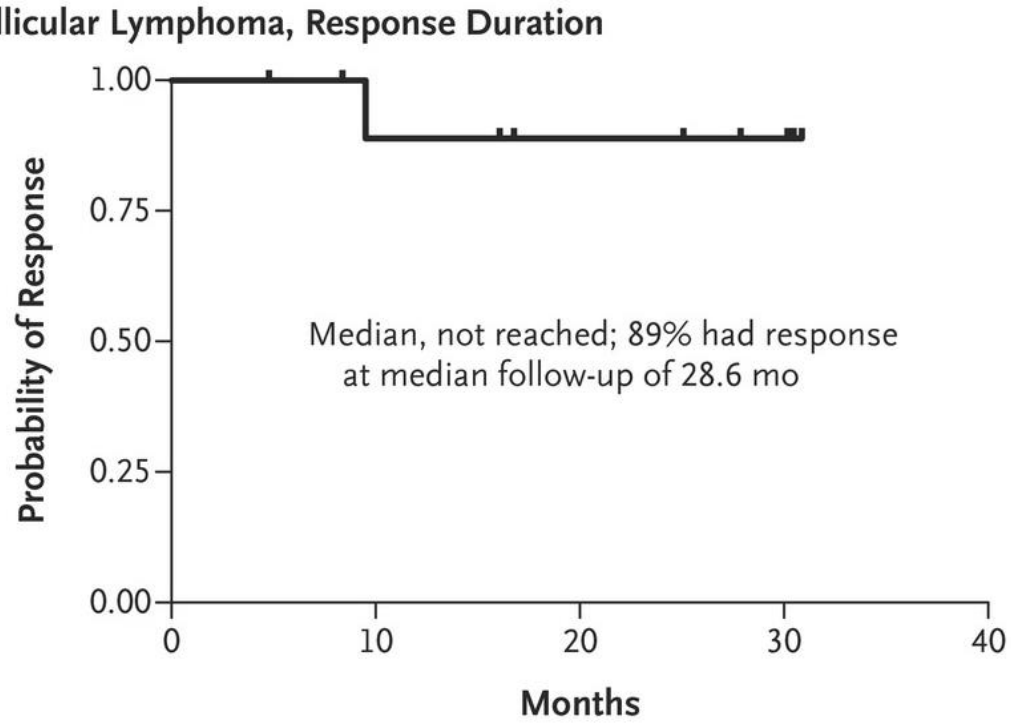


Schuster et al. NEJM 2017

Tisagenlecleucel in B Cell Lymphoma

Duration of Response



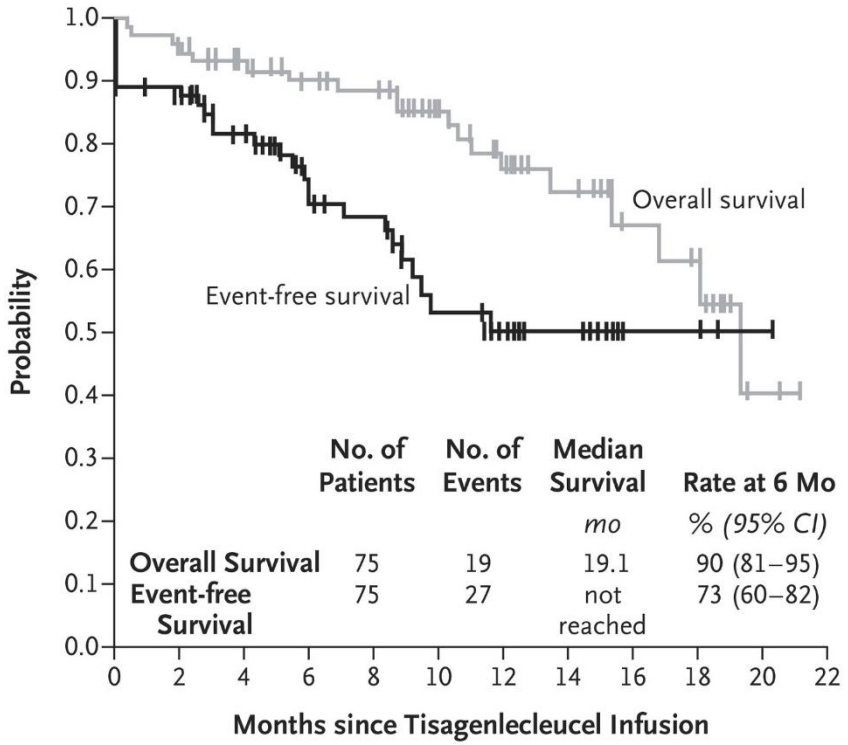


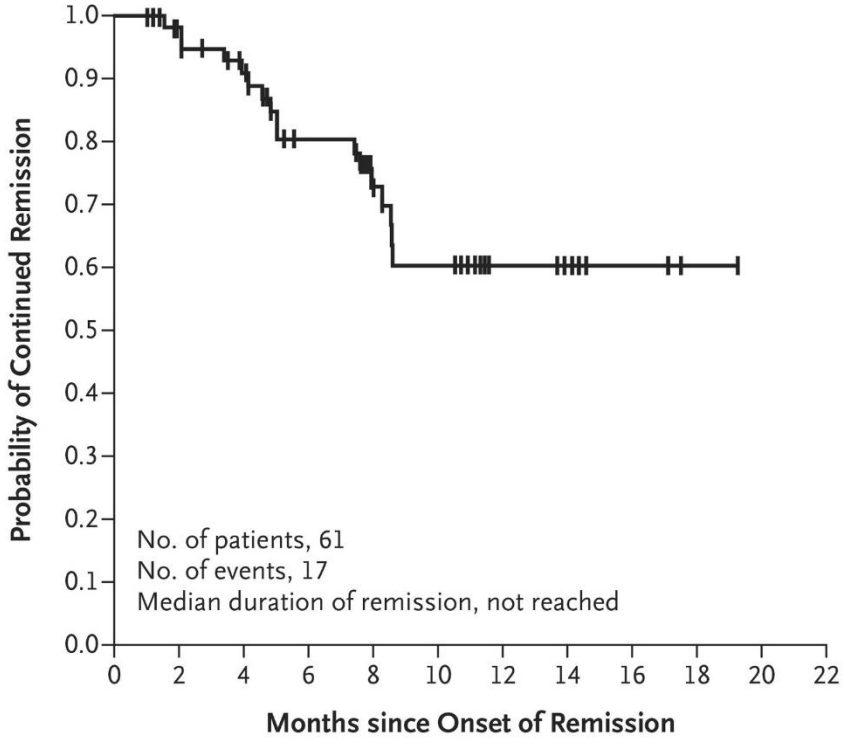
Schuster et al. NEJM 2017

FDA-approved CAR T Cell Therapies for Acute Leukemia

Tisagenlecleucel

- ELIANA: patients up to age 25 years with B-cell precursor acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL) that is refractory or in second or later relapse

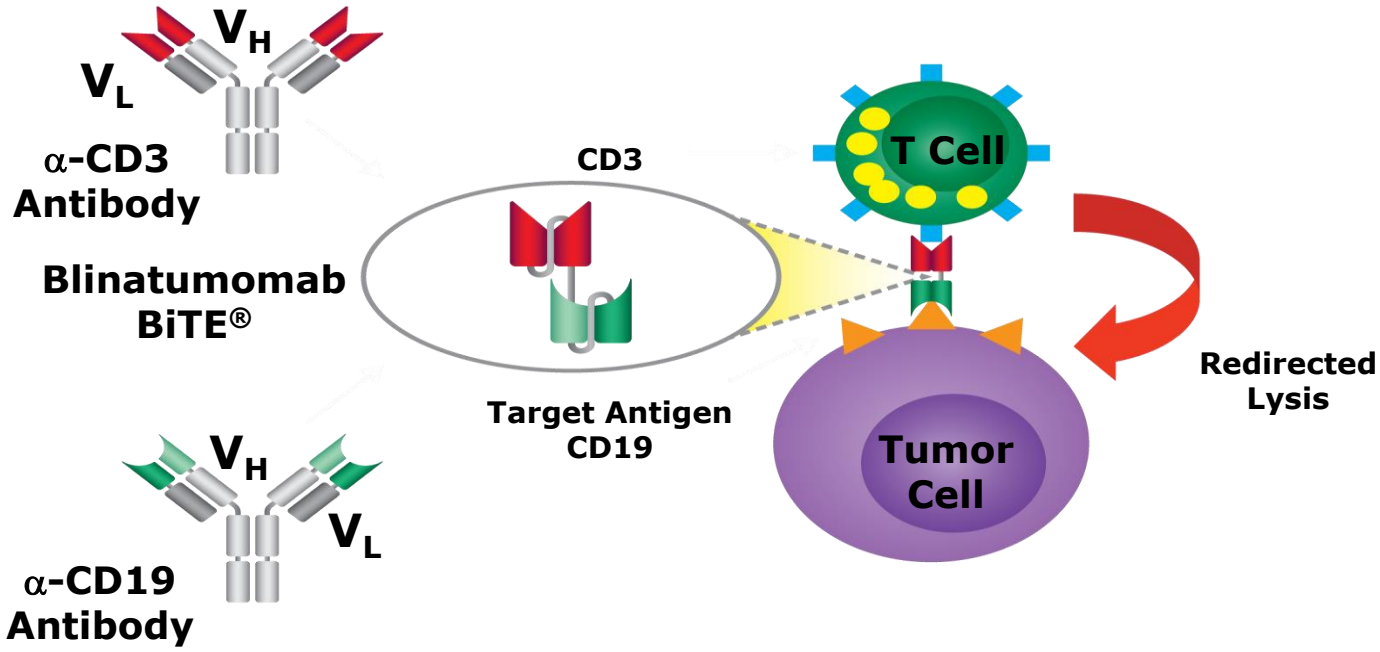




Maude et al. NEJM 2018

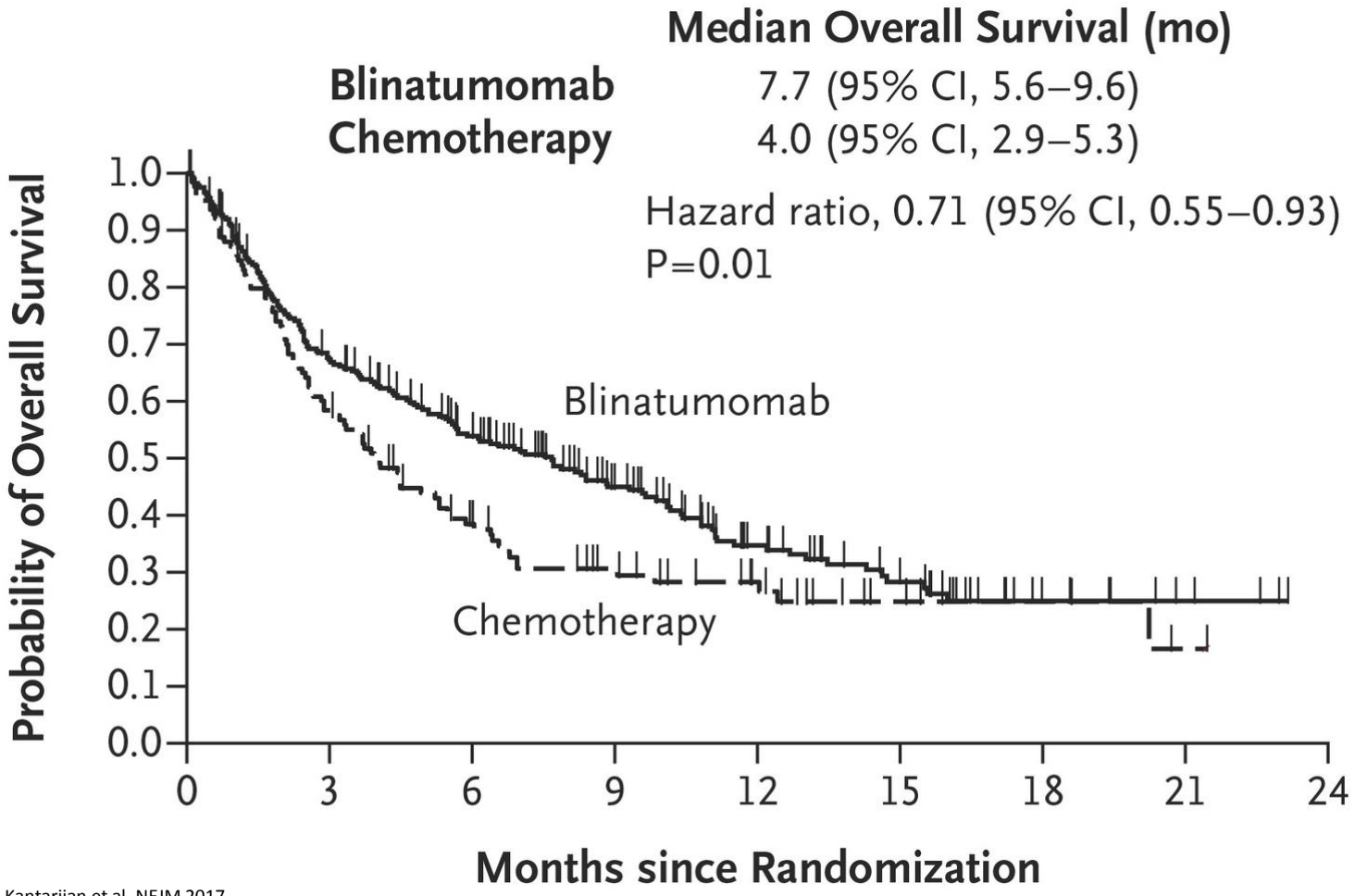
BiTE (Blinatumumab) Therapy

- Combines anti-CD19 F(ab) with anti-CD3 F(ab)
- Lacks the Fc region
- Facilitates T cell engagement with CD19+ tumor cells (Similar to CD19 CAR T)
- FDA approval: Patients with relapsed/refractory B cell precursor ALL



Bargou et al. Science 2008

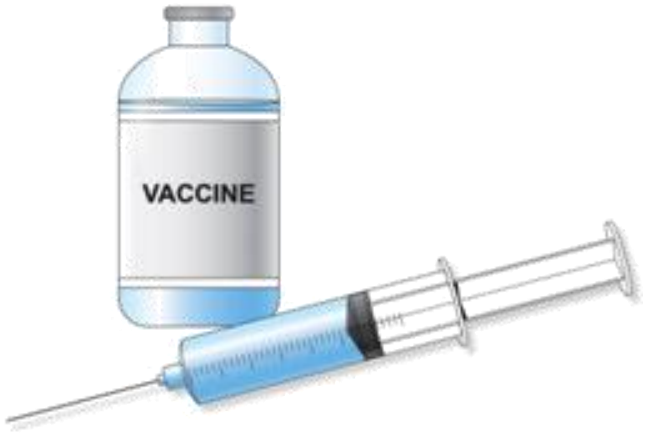
Blinatumomab for B-ALL



Kantarjian et al. NEJM 2017

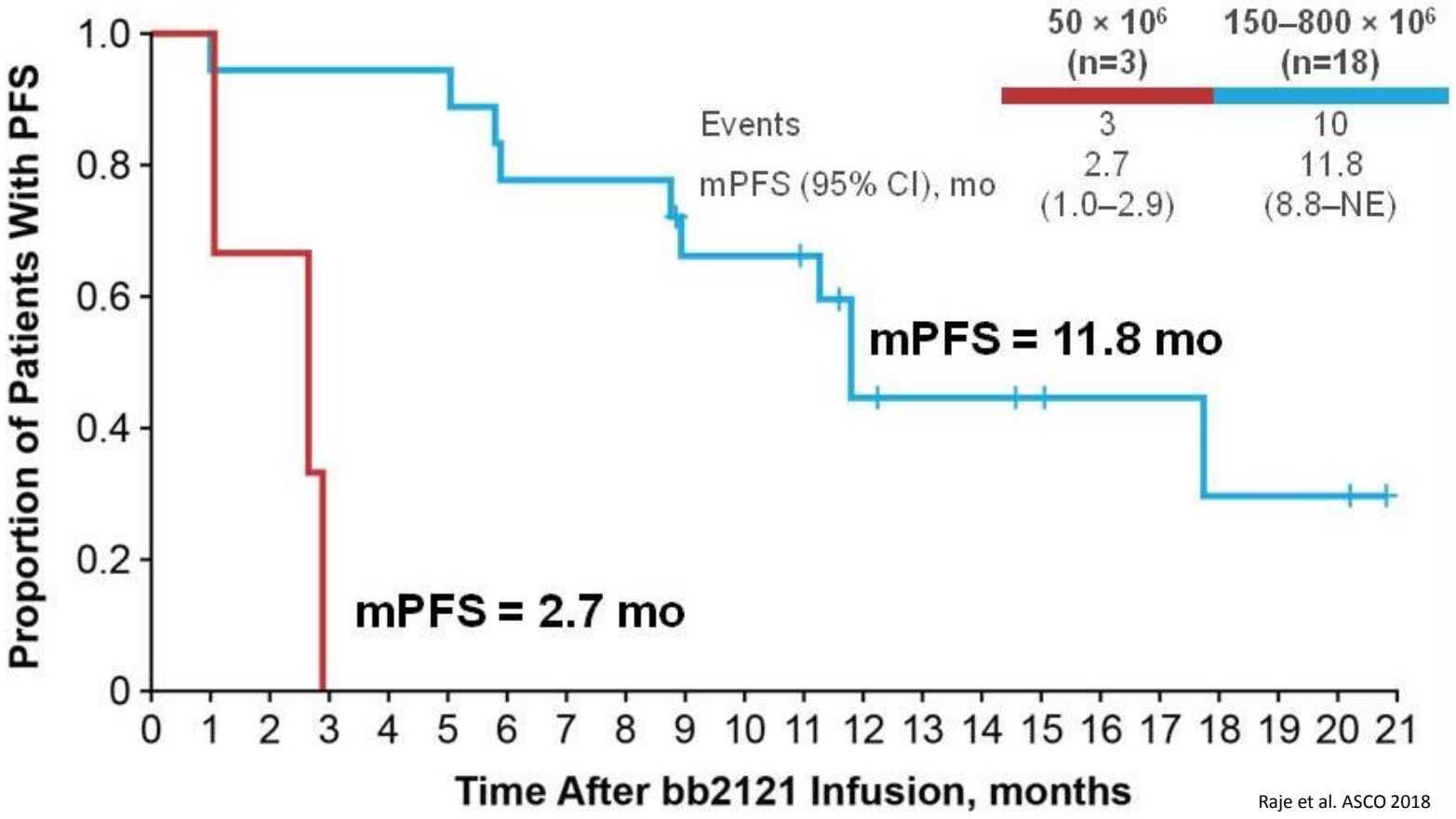
Immunotherapies for Multiple Myeloma

- No approved checkpoint inhibitors
  - KEYNOTE-183/185/023: Halted or discontinued due to risk/benefit profile
- Vaccine-based approaches
  - Non-antigen Specific
    - Attenuated measles
    - Whole cell – FM-CSF
    - Dendritic – tumor fusions
  - Antigen Specific
    - Idiotype: RNA < DNA, protein
    - Pulsed dendritic cells
    - Tumor-specific peptides



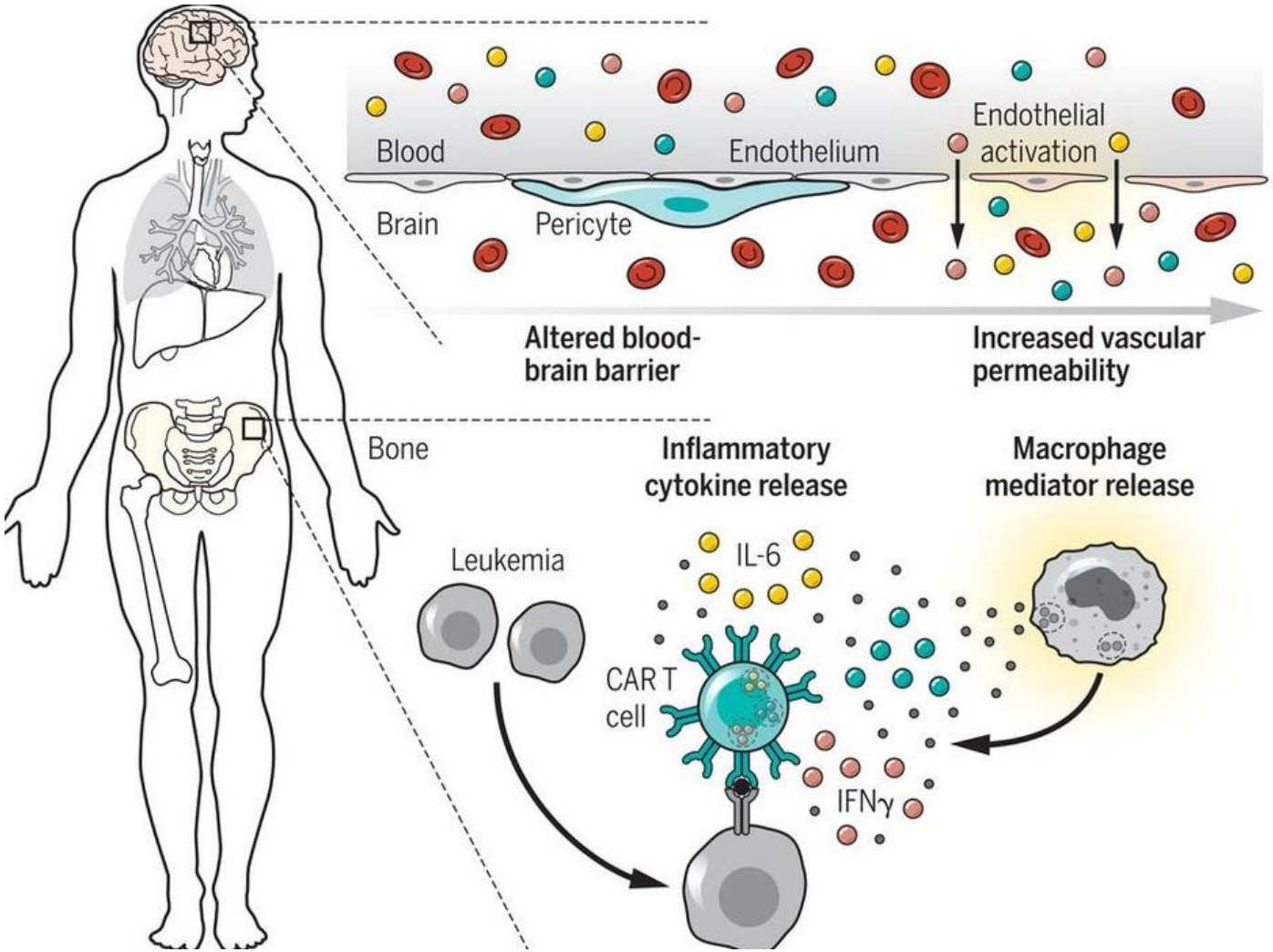
In Development: BCMA+ CAR T Therapy for Myeloma

- bb2121
  - B cell maturation antigen (BCMA)
  - Phase I CRB-401 study
  - Previously treated patients with relapsed/refractory multiple myeloma



Raje et al. ASCO 2018

Cytokine Release Syndrome (CRS)



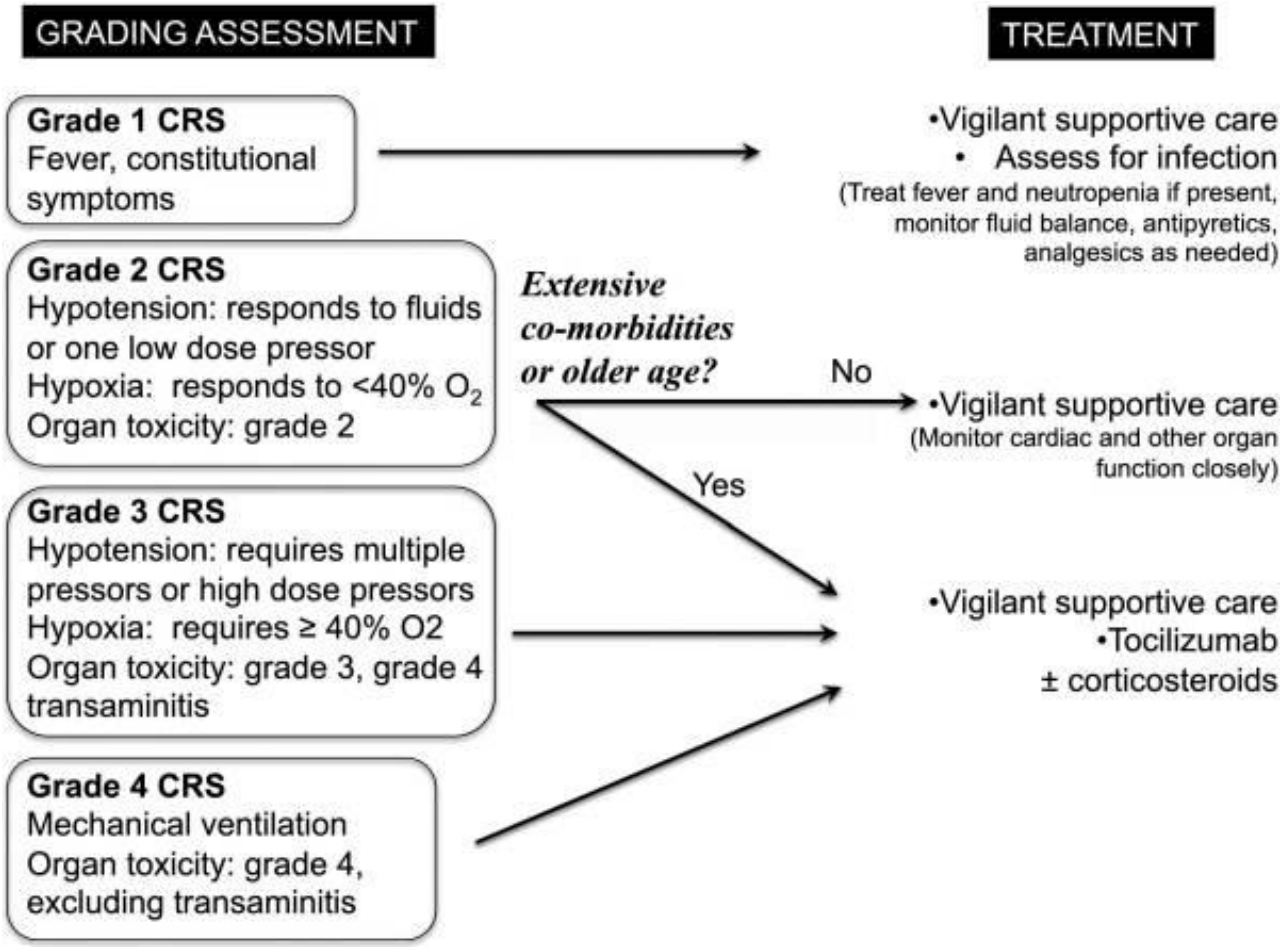
Neurotoxicity
Delirium
Aphasia
Seizures
Cerebral edema
Intracranial hemorrhage

Hemodynamic instability
Tachycardia
Hypotension
Capillary leak syndrome

Organ dysfunction
AST and ALT elevation
Hyperbilirubinemia
Respiratory failure

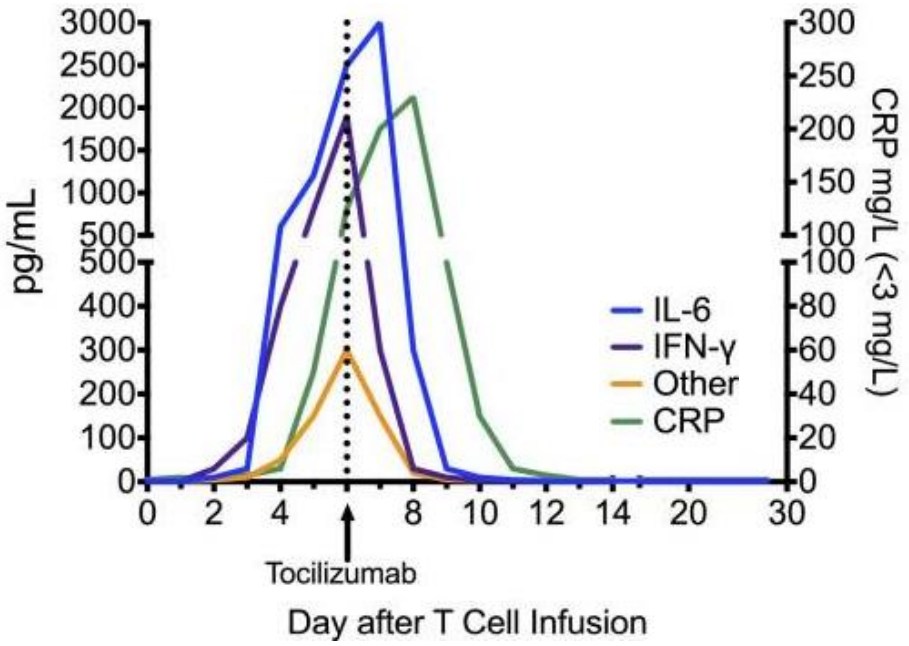
June et al. Science 2018

CRS management



Lee et al. Blood 2014

- Tocilizumab
  - Monoclonal antibody that blocks IL-6 signaling



Further Resources

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

Journal for ImmunoTherapy of Cancer

POSITION ARTICLE AND GUIDELINES Open Access

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

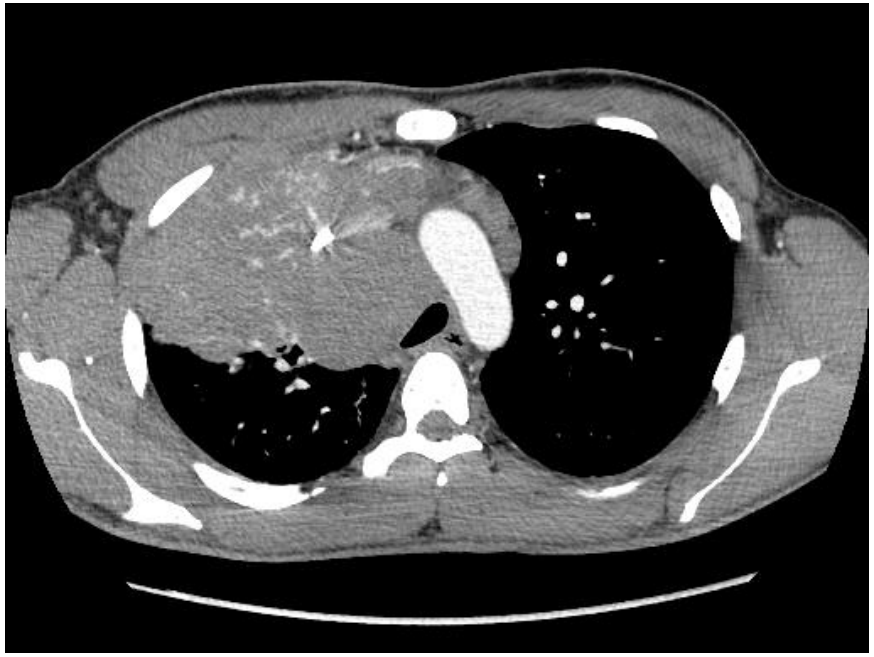
Michael Boyiadzis[1†], Michael R. Bishop[2†], Rafat Abonour[3], Kenneth C. Anderson[4], Stephen M. Ansell[5], David Avigan[6], Lisa Barbarotta[7], Austin John Barrett[8], Koen Van Besien[9], P. Leif Bergsagel[10], Ivan Borrello[11], Joshua Brody[12], Jill Brufsky[13], Mitchell Cairo[14], Ajai Chari[12], Adam Cohen[15], Jorge Cortes[16], Stephen J. Forman[17], Jonathan W. Friedberg[18], Ephraim J. Fuchs[19], Steven D. Gore[20], Sundar Jagannath[12], Brad S. Kahl[21], Justin Kline[22], James N. Kochenderfer[23], Larry W. Kwak[24], Ronald Levy[25], Marcos de Lima[26], Mark R. Litzow[27], Anuj Mahindra[28], Jeffrey Miller[29], Nikhil C. Munshi[30], Robert Z. Orlowski[31], John M. Pagel[32], David L. Porter[33], Stephen J. Russell[5], Karl Schwartz[34], Margaret A. Shipp[35], David Siegel[36], Richard M. Stone[4], Martin S. Tallman[37], John M. Timmerman[38], Frits Van Rhee[39], Edmund K. Waller[40], Ann Welsh[41], Michael Werner[42], Peter H. Wiernik[43] and Madhav V. Dhodapkar[44*]

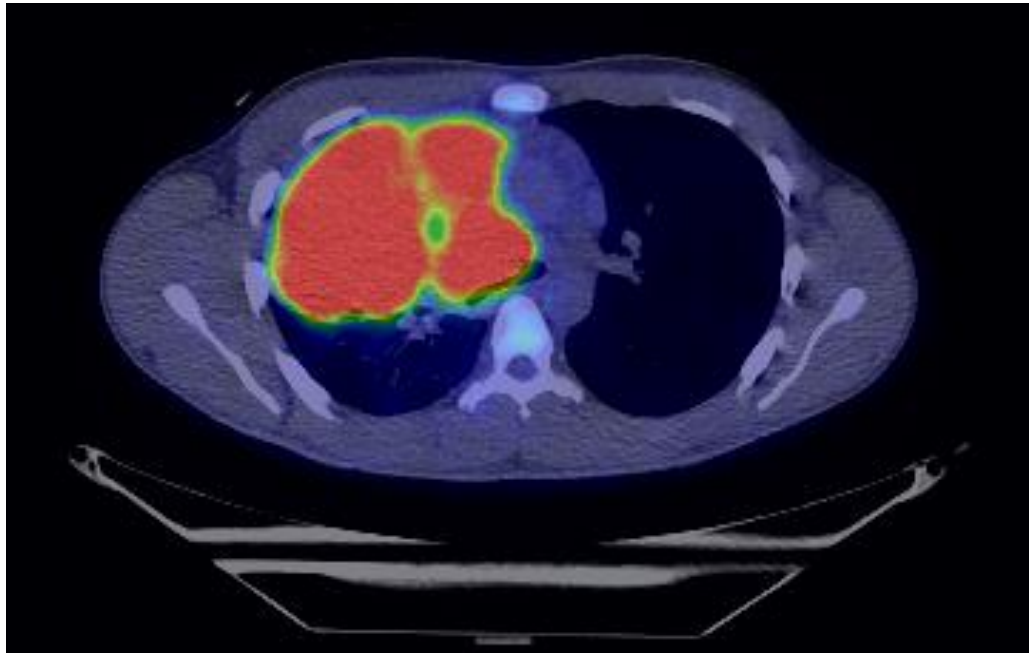
Lymphoma Case #1

History

- 21-year-old male patient
- Early 2016, began to develop increasing joint pain, and shortness of breath. Persistent itching and significant weight loss.
- Lymph node in the right neck.
- Referred to rheumatologist. He was found to have a polyarticular arthritis but also had evidence for clubbing, and a diagnosis of hypertrophic arthropathy was made.
- In view of the fact that this would likely be secondary to a malignancy, the patient had a CT scan of the chest. The CT chest showed a large mediastinal mass. The patient then underwent a CT-guided biopsy of the mass.

CT/PET Scan





Pathology

- Classic Hodgkin lymphoma, nodular sclerosis type

Findings

- Classical Hodgkin lymphoma, nodular sclerosis type.
- Bone marrow aspirate and biopsy - negative.
- Hemoglobin of 13.8, a white cell count of 18.2, and a platelet count of 338,000.
- LDH is elevated at 638. His sedimentation rate is elevated at 41.
- PET scan confirms a large FDG-avid hypermetabolic mass in the right mediastinum.
- Lymph nodes in the supraclavicular area as well as in the superior mediastinum and right hilar region.
- FDG uptake within the right lung field, consistent with involvement by lymphoma. Splenomegaly is also noted.
- Stage IIB with bulky disease

What is the Standard of Care Management for this Patient?

1. ABVD x 4 cycles
2. ABVD x 4 cycles + RT
3. ABVD x 6 cycles
4. ABVD x 6 cycles +/- RT
5. AVD x 6 cycles +/- RT

What is the Standard of Care Management for this Patient?

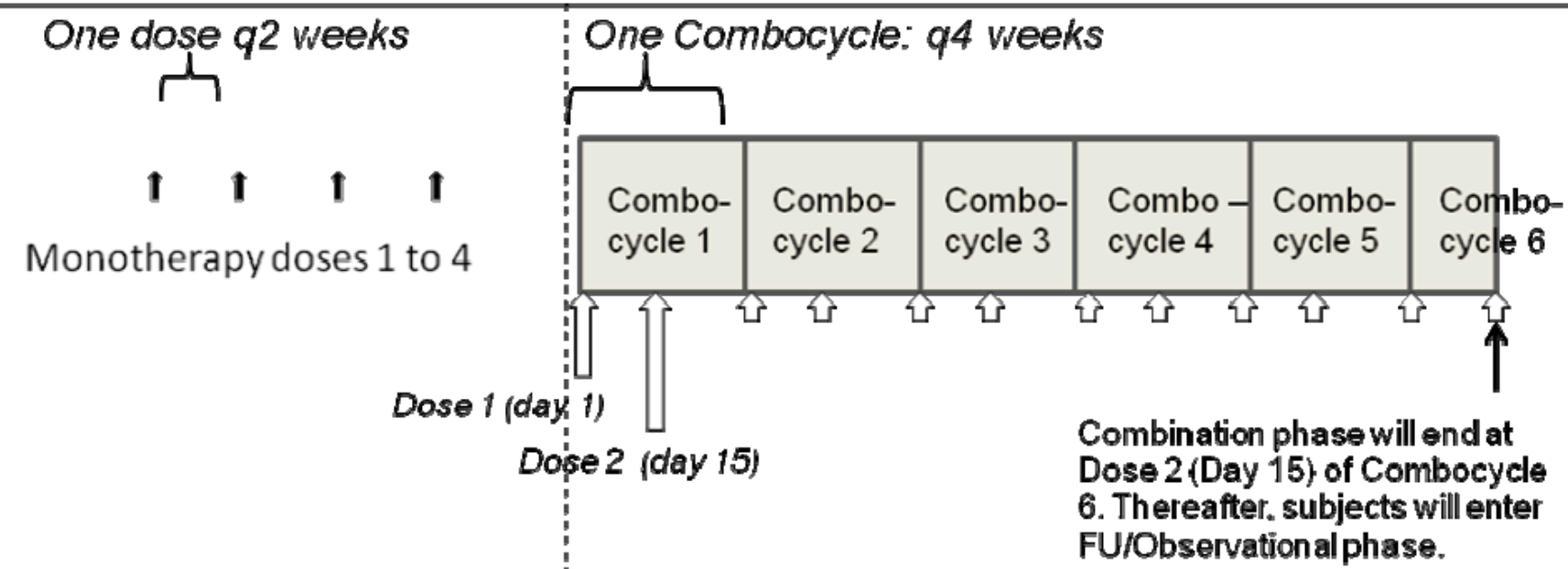
1. ABVD x 4 cycles
2. ABVD x 4 cycles + RT
3. ABVD x 6 cycles
4. ABVD x 6 cycles +/- RT
5. AVD x 6 cycles +/- RT

Where the Field is Going

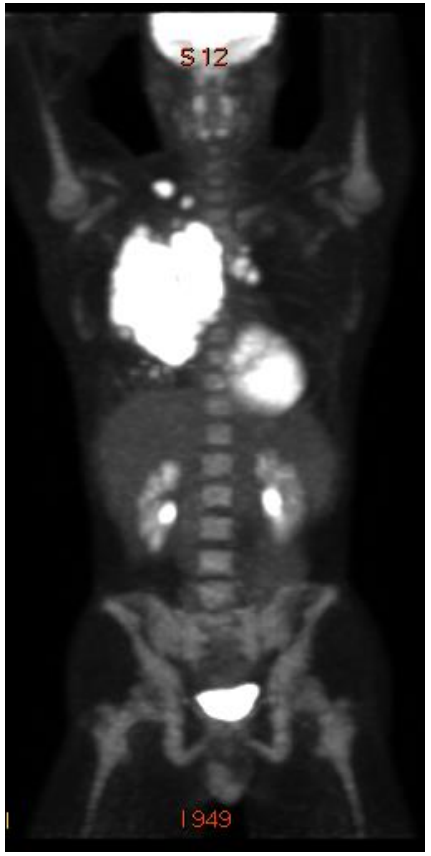
- ECHELON – 1 – BV+AVD vs ABVD
- Nivolumab + AVD
- BV + nivolumab for elderly

Treatment Schedule for Cohort D

Monotherapy phase	Combination phase
Nivolumab (flat dose 240 mg) monotherapy Every 2 weeks	Nivolumab (flat dose 240 mg) in combination with AVD* Every 2 weeks
4 doses (Approximately 8 weeks)	*6 Combocycles (Approximately 22 weeks)*



*AVD without nivolumab is allowed if the criteria met.



4 doses of Nivolumab