Updates in Mantle Cell Lymphoma: What's old is new and what's new is old

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Topics

- Mantle cell lymphoma is about 40 years old is that old or new?
- Old ideas are new
 - Bendamustine based therapy tough to beat
 - Auto transplant may not be needed in first remission
 - Maintenance rituximab makes a difference
- New ideas are old
 - Watch and wait for asymptomatic patients accepted
 - "chemotherapy-free" regimens may be better for some (? many) patients
 - BTK inhibitors are aging fairly well
 - Accumulating data and followup on CAR-T and bispecific antibodies

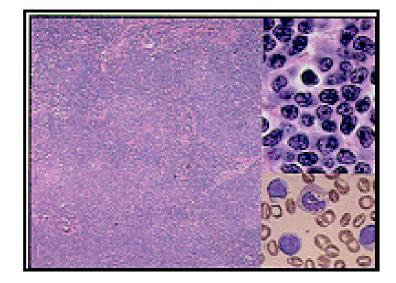


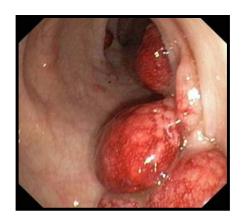
Mantle cell lymphoma: basic features

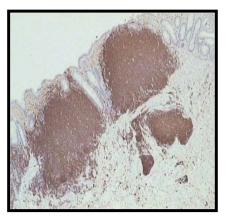
Clinical Features

- M:F ratio 4:1, median age 64
- Advanced stage
- Leukemic phase up to 30%
- Extranodal sites common
- GI tract 80% (polyps)
- Variable clinical course

(indolent to aggressive)







Fisher RI, et al. Hematology. 2004;221-236.



Lymphoma Classification 1974-1982

Kiel (1974) MCL = "Centrocytic lymphoma" (Lennert)

1982

National Cancer Institute Sponsored Study of Classifications of Non-Hodgkin's Lymphomas

Summary and Description of a Working Formulation for Clinical Usage

Low Grade	Intermediate Grade	High Grade
Small lymphocytic	Follicular large cell	Large cell immunoblastic
Follicular small-cleaved cell	Diffuse small cleaved cell	Lymphoblastic
Follicular mixed small-cleaved and large cell	Diffuse mixed small and large cell	Small non-cleaved cell (Burkitt and non-Burkitt type)
	Diffuse large cell	

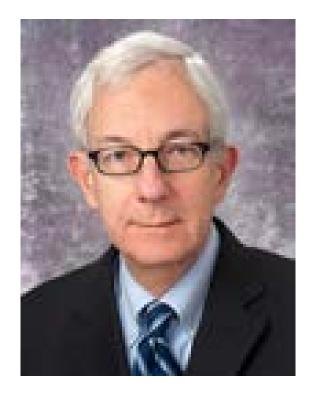
THE NON-HODGKIN'S LYMPHOMA PATHOLOGIC CLASSIFICATION PROJECT*

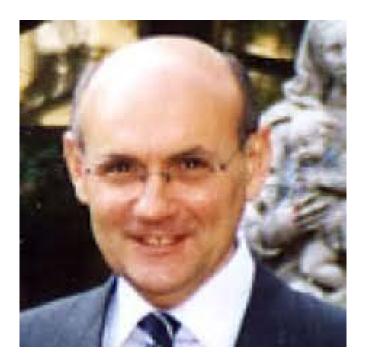
Cancer, 1982



Early descriptions of MCL ("mantle zone")







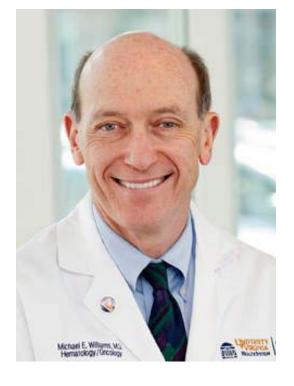
Dennis Weisenburger ("Mantle zone lymphoma") 1982

Steven Swerdlow ("Centrocytic lymphoma") 1983 Stefano Pileri (Mantle cell vs Marginal zone) 1985



Better classification of MCL







Elaine Jaffe (Blastoid variant) 1987 Michael Williams (11;14 translocation in MCL) 1990 Francesc Bosch (Cyclin D1 overexpression specificity) 1994



Lymphoma Classification 1994

Revised European-American Lymphoma (REAL) Classification of Lymphoid Neoplasms

Morphology, immunophenotype, genetics, and clinical features

B-cell neoplasms in the R.E.A.L./WHO Classification Precursor B-cell neoplasm Precursor B-lymphoblastic leukemia/lymphoma (B-ALL/LBL) Mature (peripheral) B-cell neoplasms B-cell chronic lymphocytic leukemia /small lymphocytic lymphoma B-cell prolymphocytic leukemia Lymphoplasmacytic lymphoma Splenic marginal zone B-cell lymphoma (+/— villous lymphocytes) Hairy-cell leukemia Plasma cell myeloma /plasmacytoma Extranodal marginal zone B-cell lymphoma of MALT type Mantle-cell lymphoma Follicular lymphoma Nodal marginal zone B-cell lymphoma (+/ - monocytoid B cells) Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma Burkitt lymphoma



Harris NL, et al, Blood 1994



Lymphoma Classification 2022 Mantle cell lymphoma subtypes

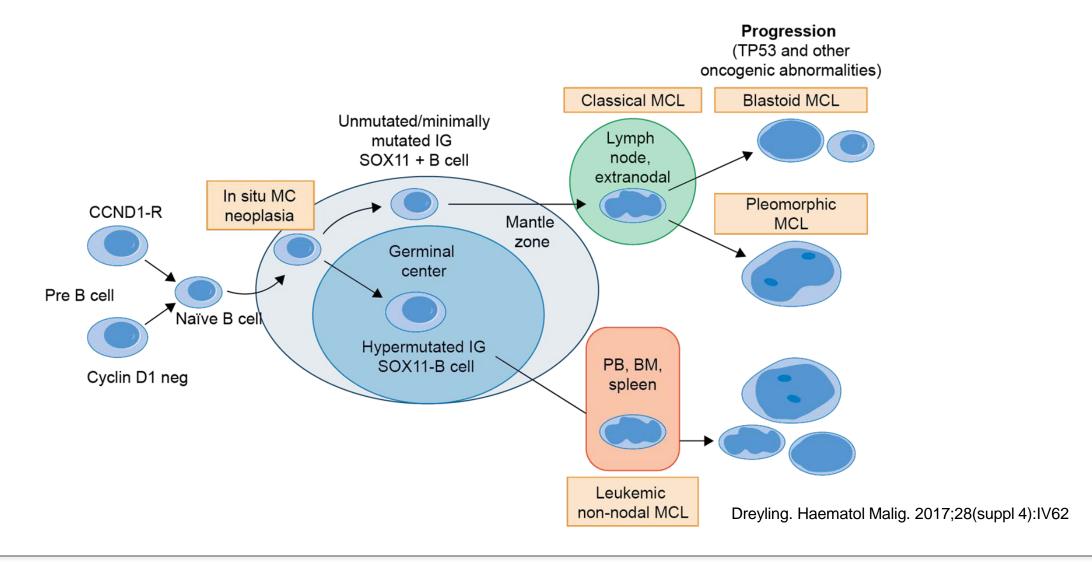
WHO 5th edition International Consensus Classification

In situ mantle cell neoplasm Mantle cell lymphoma Leukaemic non-nodal mantle cell lymphoma

> Alaggio et al, Leukemia 2022 Campo et al, Blood 2022



MCL Pathogenesis





MCL: Risk factors

- Risk factors are heterogeneous within a patient and between patients
- MCL is biologically heterogeneous, and risk stratification incorporates multiple biologic factors

Low Risk

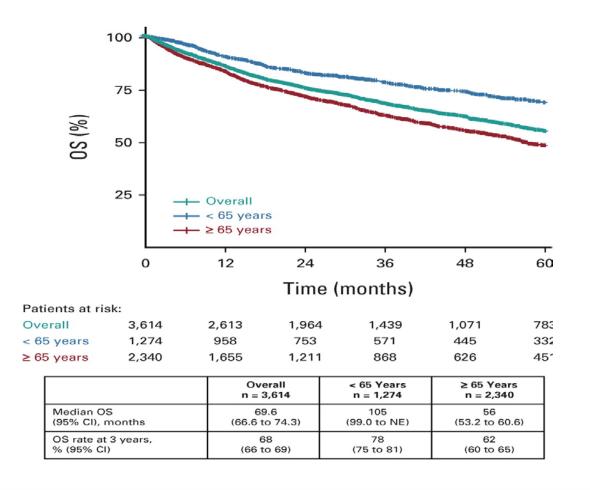
- Low Ki-67 (≤10%)
- SOX-11 negative
- IGHV hypermutated
- Stable karyotype

High Risk

- Blastic/blastoic/pleomorphic
- High Ki-67 (>30%)
- Complex karyotype
- TP53 alterations



"Real world" MCL overall survival has improved to > 5 years (and longer in "study populations")



Martin, Cohen et al, JCO 2022



Mantle cell lymphoma: Old ideas are new

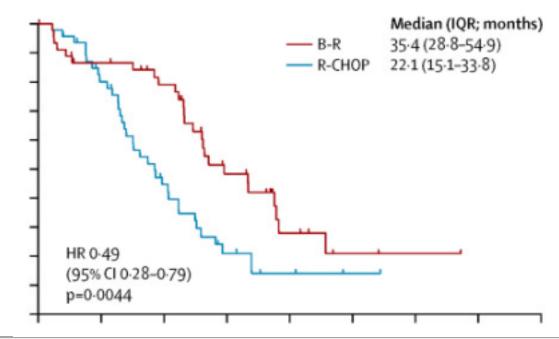


Bendamustine + Rituximab-based therapy is tough to beat

Bendamustine plus rituximab versus CHOP plus rituximab as first-line treatment for patients with indolent and mantle-cell lymphomas: an open-label, multicentre, randomised, phase 3 non-inferiority trial

Mathias J Rummel, Norbert Niederle, Georg Maschmeyer, G Andre Banat, Ulrich von Grünhagen, Christoph Losem, Dorothea Kofahl-Krause, Gerhard Heil, Manfred Welslau, Christina Balser, Ulrich Kaiser, Eckhart Weidmann, Heinz Dürk, Harald Ballo, Martina Stauch, Fritz Roller, Juergen Barth, Dieter Hoelzer, Axel Hinke, Wolfram Brugger, on behalf of the Study group indolent Lymphomas (StiL)

PFS with B-R vs R-CHOP

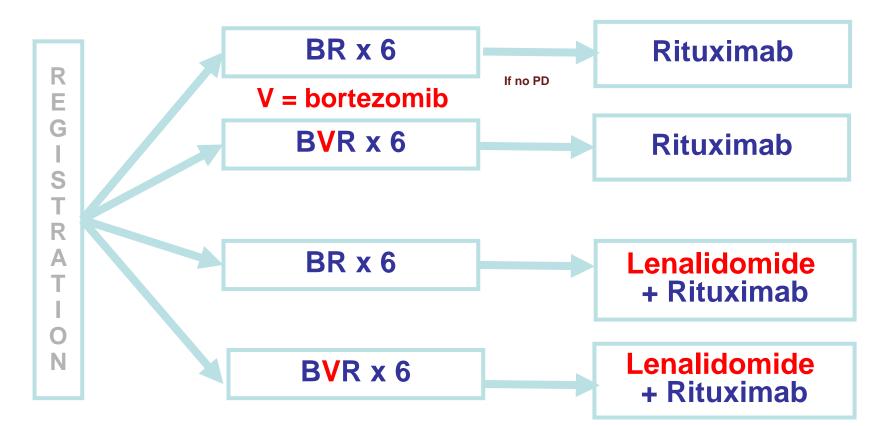




Rummel et al, Lancet 2013



E1411 Schema



Induction:

BR = bendamustine 90 mg/m²/d days 1, 2 + rituximab 375 mg/m² day 1, every 28 days x 6

BVR = BR + bortezomib 1.3 mg/m² days 1, 4, 8, 11 (later amended to 1.6 mg/m² days 1, 8), IV or SQ

Consolidation:

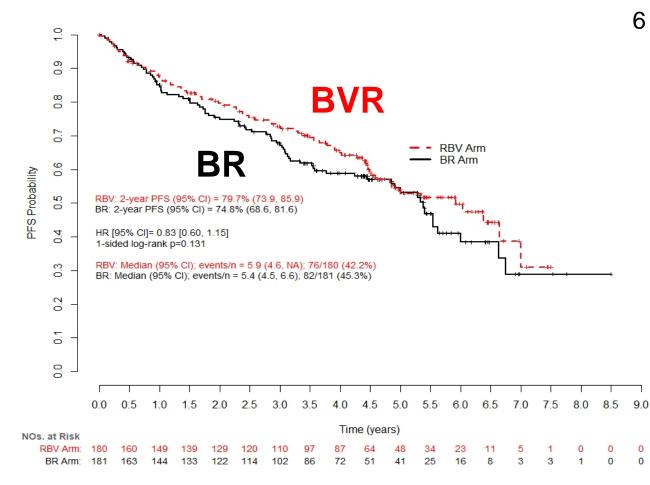
Rituximab 375 mg/m² every 8 weeks x 12 doses \pm Lenalidomide 15 mg/d 21/28 days x

24 cycles

Smith et al, ASH 2022



E1411: PFS by induction arm



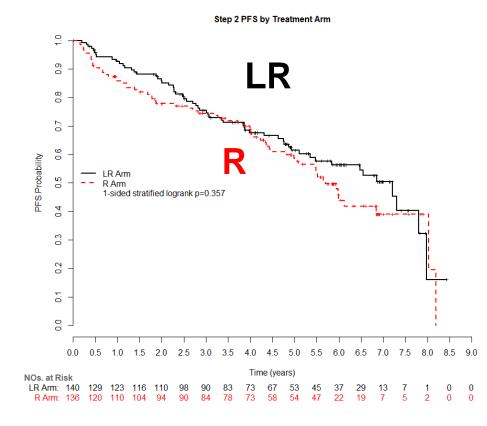
373 patients (187 BR; 186 BVR) enrolled 2012–2016 6 protocol ineligible in each arm

	BR	BVR
# of patients	181	180
2 year PFS % (95% CI)	74.8% (68.6-81.6)	79.7% (73.9-85.9)
Median PFS (years)	5.4	5.9
Hazard Ratio		83 -1.15)
MRD < 10 ⁻⁴	92%	91%

Smith et al, ASH 2022



E1411: PFS by consolidation arm

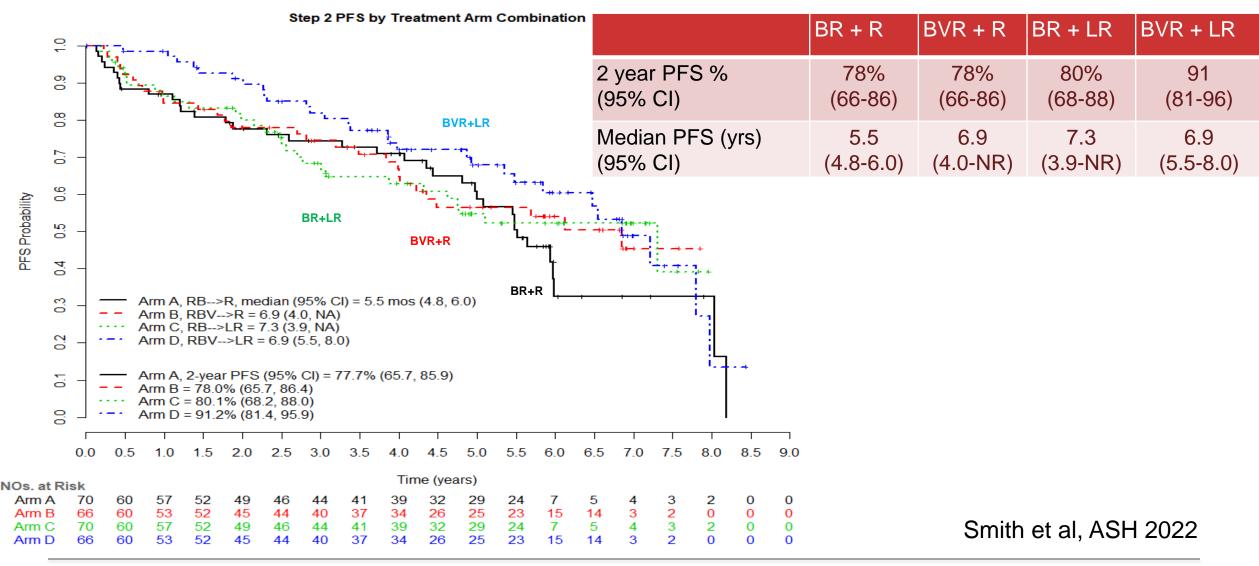


	BR/BVR + R	BR/BVR + LR
2 year PFS (95% CI)	78% (70-84%)	86% (79-91%)
p = NS		
Complete Response	87%	84%
P = NS		

Smith et al, ASH 2022



E1411: PFS by overall treatment

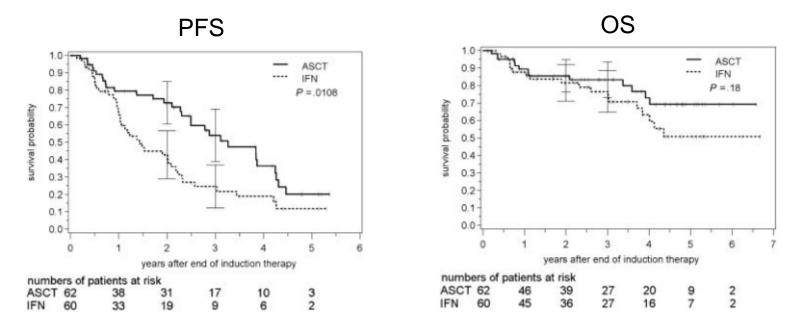




Autotransplant in first remission improves PFS

Early consolidation by myeloablative radiochemotherapy followed by autologous stem cell transplantation in first remission significantly prolongs progression-free survival in mantle-cell lymphoma: results of a prospective randomized trial of the European MCL Network

Martin Dreyling, Georg Lenz, Eva Hoster, Achiel Van Hoof, Christian Gisselbrecht, Rudolf Schmits, Bernd Metzner, Lorenz Truemper, Marcel Reiser, Hjalmar Steinhauer, Jean-Michel Boiron, Marc A. Boogaerts, Ali Aldaoud, Vittorio Silingardi, Hanneke C. Kluin-Nelemans, Joerg Hasford, Reza Parwaresch, Michael Unterhalt, and Wolfgang Hiddemann

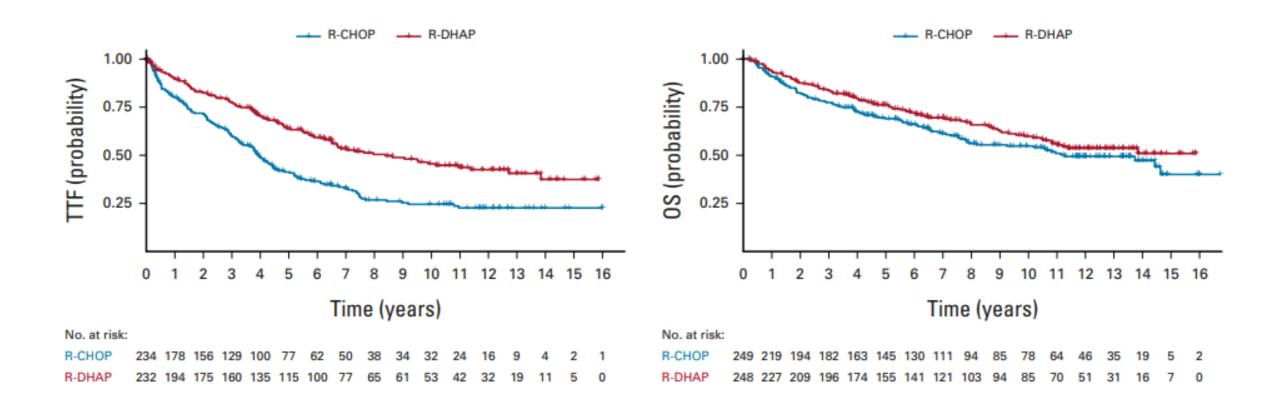




Dreyling et al, Blood 2005



R-CHOP/AutoSCT vs R-CHOP/R-DHAP/AutoSCT



Hermine et al, JCO 2022

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R-CHOP/AutoSCT vs R-CHOP/R-DHAP/AutoSCT

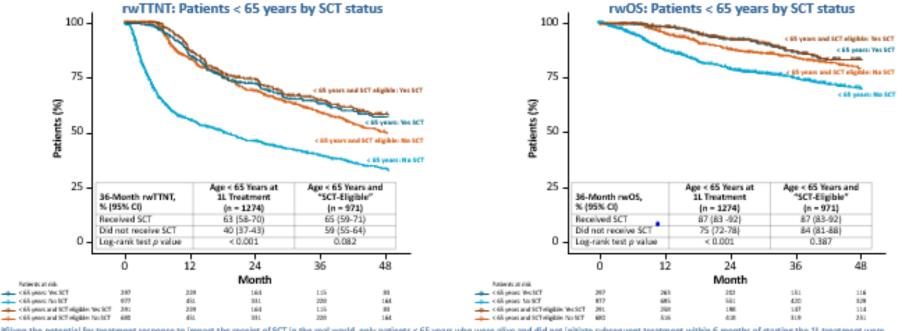
	Contro	l Group	oup Cytarabine Group		Cytarabine v Control	
Outcome	5-Year Rate (95% CI)	10-Year Rate (95% CI)	5-Year Rate (95% CI)	10-Year Rate (95% CI)	MIPI-Adjusted HR (95% CI)	Pa
TTF						
Primary analysis (modified ITT)	41% (35 to 49)	25% (19 to 32)	64% (58 to 71)	46% (39 to 54)	0.59 (NA) ^b	.0380 ^b
Secondary analysis (ITT)	43% (37 to 50)	27% (21 to 34)	63% (57 to 70)	43% (37 to 51)	0.56 (0.44 to 0.71)	< .0001
PFS						
From random assignment	45% (39 to 52)	27% (21 to 34)	64% (58 to 70)	44% (37 to 51)	0.57 (0.45 to 0.72)	< .0001
From the end of successful induction	46% (39 to 53)	30% (24 to 37)	67% (61 to 73)	45% (38 to 53)	0.56 (0.44 to 0.72)	< .0001
From ASCT	47% (40 to 56)	32% (25 to 40)	74% (68 to 81)	51% (44 to 61)	0.50 (0.37 to 0.66)	< .0001
OS	69% (63 to 75)	55% (48 to 62)	76% (71 to 82)	60% (53 to 67)	0.74 (0.56 to 0.98)	.0380

Hermine et al, JCO 2022



"Real world" data on 1274 MCL pts < 65yo SCT vs no SCT

In the "SCT-eligible"^a cohort (N = 971), 36-month rwTTNT was comparable for patients with SCT (65 [95%CI 59-71]) compared with those who did not receive SCT (59% [95% CI, 55-64])



*Given the potential for treatment response to impact the receipt of SCT in the real world, only patients < 65 years who were alive and did not initiate subsequent treatment within 6 months of starting the 1L treatment were considered "SCT-eligible."

reTTNT is defined as time from start of 1L treatment to subsequent treatment or death, whichever comes first; rwOS is defined as time from start of 1L treatment to death.

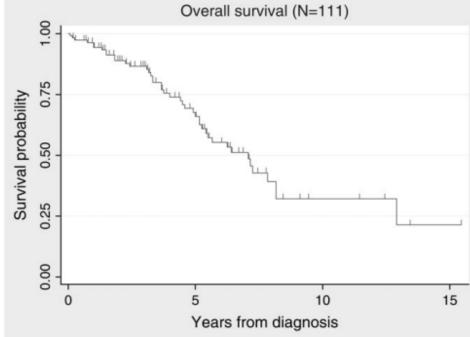
Martin et al, ASCO 2021



What's old is new

Intensive treatment strategies may not provide superior outcomes in mantle cell lymphoma: overall survival exceeding 7 years with standard therapies

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0 years, N=111; 5 years, N=41; 10 years, N=5

Study	Treatment	n	Three-year OS (%)	Five-year OS (%)	Median OS
Cornell	Conservative	111	86	66	85 months
Romaguera	Hyper-CVAD	97	82	-	-
Ganti	ASCT	80	-	56	-

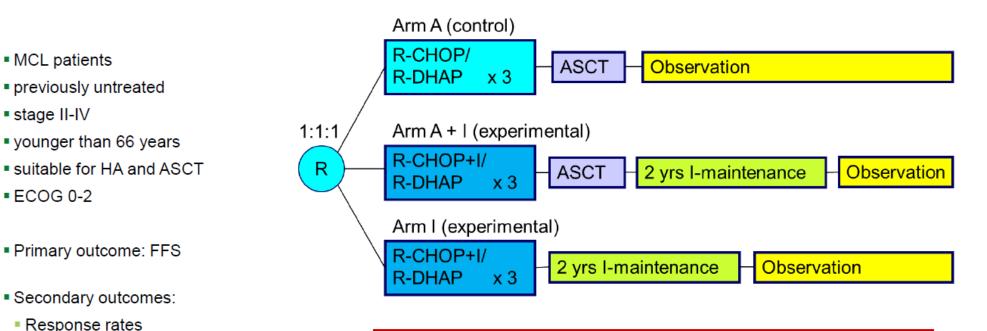
Martin et al, Ann Oncol 2008



PFS, RD

OS

Safety

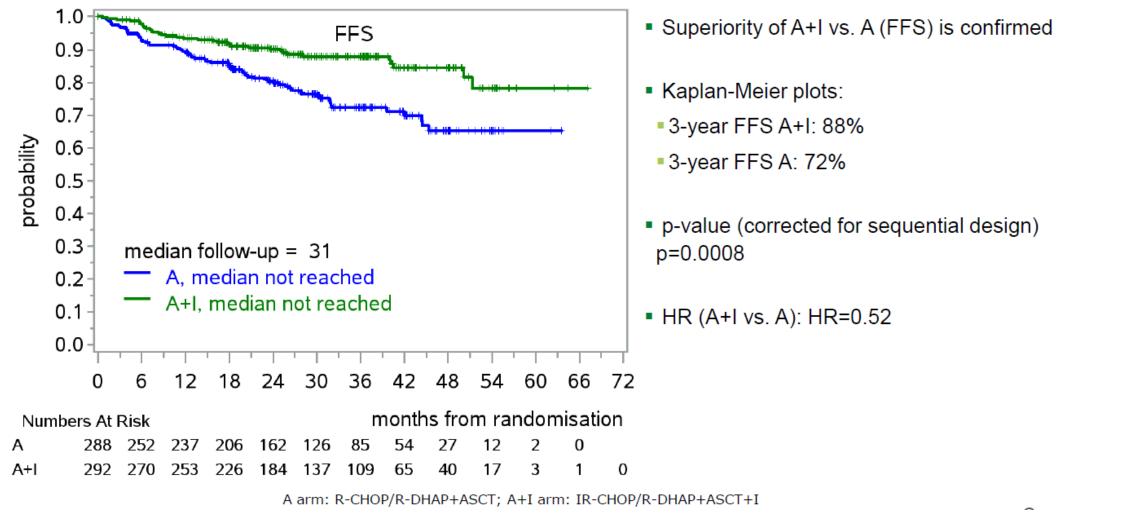


- R maintenance was added following national guidelines
 in all 3 trial arms
- Rituximab maintenance (without or with Ibrutinib) was started in 168 (58 %)/165 (57 %)/158 (54 %) of A/A+I/I randomized patients.

Dreyling et al, ASH 2022

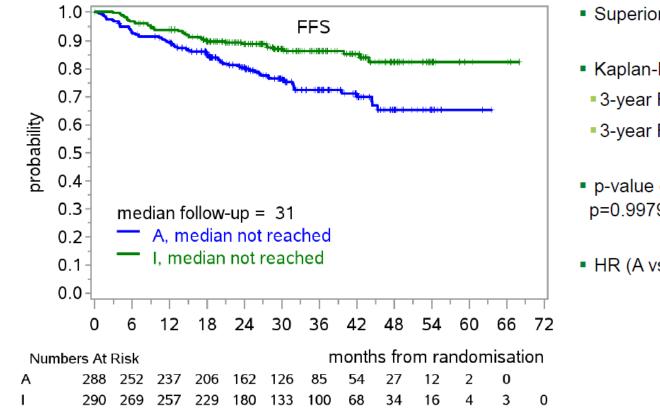


Triangle study: Induction/Auto vs Induction/Ibrutinib



Dreyling et al, ASH 2022





Superiority of A vs. I (FFS) was rejected

Kaplan-Meier plots:

3-year FFS A: 72% (MCL Younger: 75%)

-3-year FFS I: 86%

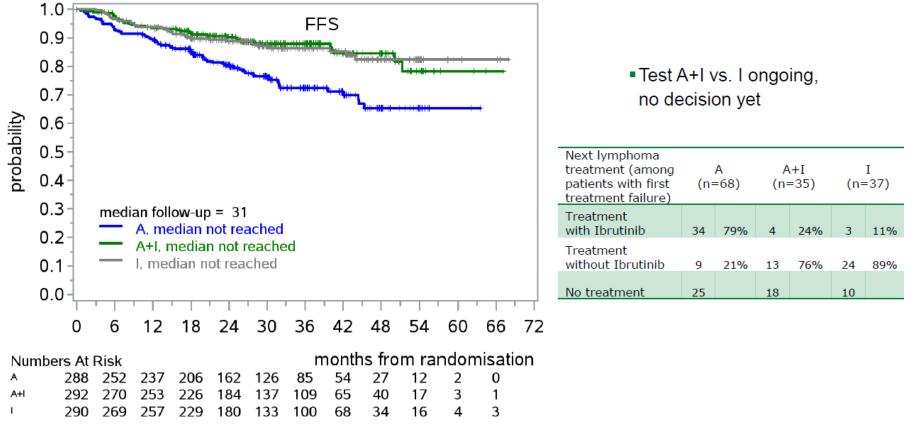
 p-value corrected for sequential design: p=0.9979

• HR (A vs. I): HR=1.77

A arm: R-CHOP/R-DHAP+ASCT; I arm: IR-CHOP/R-DHAP+I. I: ibrutinib

Dreyling et al, ASH 2022



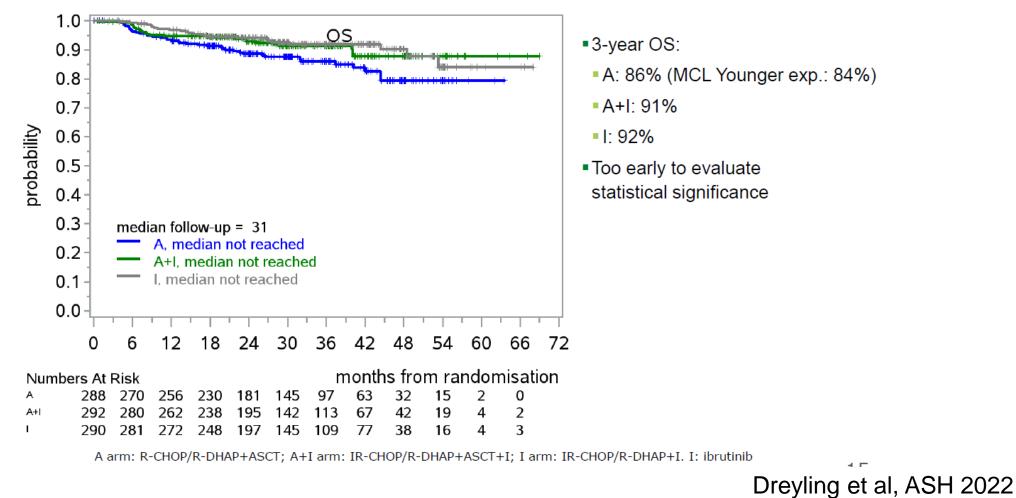


A+I arm: IR-CHOP/R-DHAP+ASCT+I; I arm: IR-CHOP/R-DHAP+I. I: ibrutinib

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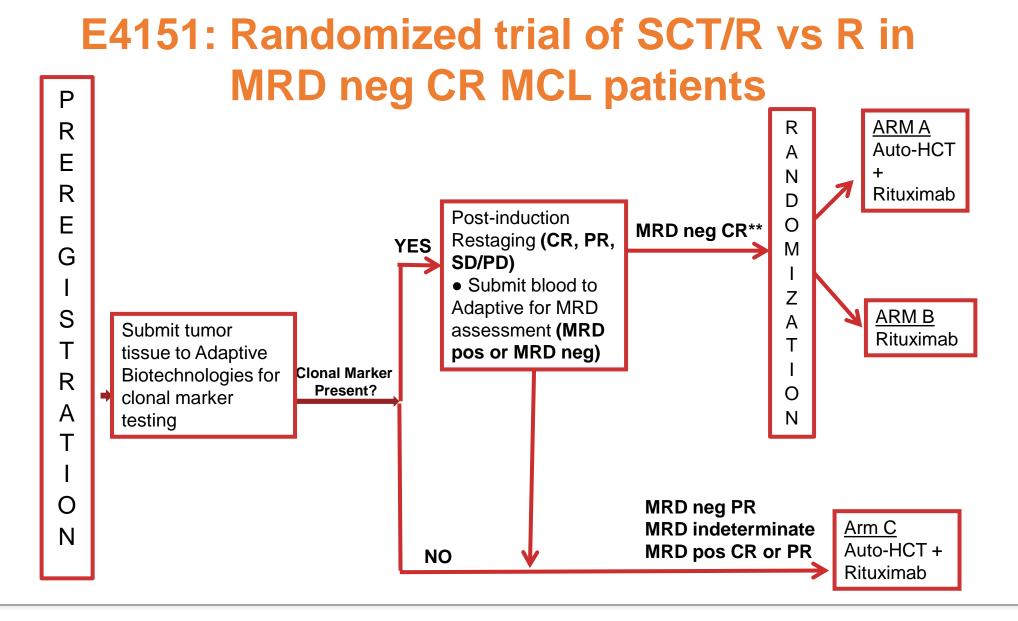
Based on FFS (primary endpoint):

- A+I (auto SCT + ibrutinib) is superior to A (auto SCT only)
- A (auto SCT) is not superior to I (ibrutinib without auto SCT)
- currently, no decision whether autologous SCT adds to I
 - (ibrutinib) but toxicity favors Ibru only
- numerical overall survival benefit in the ibrutinib arms (I, A+I)

A arm: R-CHOP/R-DHAP+ASCT; A+I arm: IR-CHOP/R-DHAP+ASCT+I; I arm: IR-CHOP/R-DHAP+I. I: ibrutinib

Dreyling et al, ASH 2022





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Maintenance rituximab makes a difference

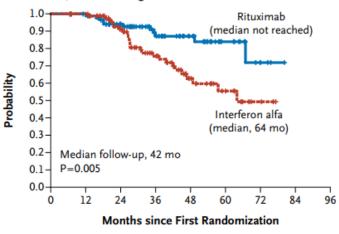
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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Treatment of Older Patients with Mantle-Cell Lymphoma

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D Overall Survival, Patients Assigned to R-CHOP



No. at Risk								
Rituximab	87	86	71	46	30	13	3	0
Interferon alfa	97	92	65	43	22	11	3	0

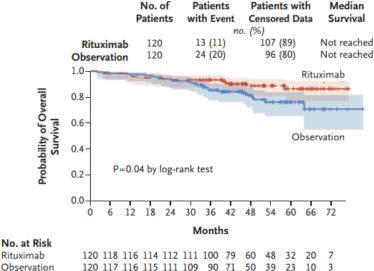
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C Overall Survival



Kluin-Nelemans et al, NEJM 2012 LeGouill et al, NEJM 2017









Mantle cell lymphoma: New ideas are old



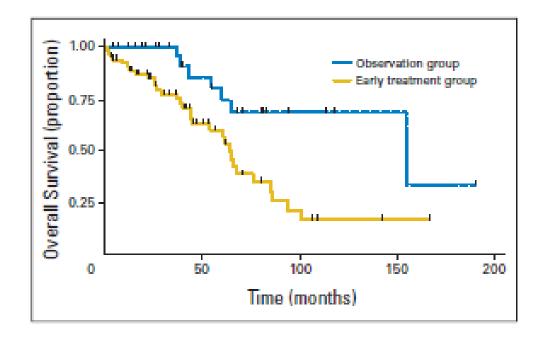
Watch and wait is a reasonable approach in MCL

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ORIGINAL REPORT

Outcome of Deferred Initial Therapy in Mantle-Cell Lymphoma

Peter Martin, Amy Chadburn, Paul Christos, Karen Weil, Richard R. Furman, Jia Ruan, Rebecca Elstrom, Ruben Niesvizky, Scott Ely, Maurizio DiLiberto, Ari Melnick, Daniel M. Knowles, Selina Chen-Kiang, Morton Coleman, and John P. Leonard



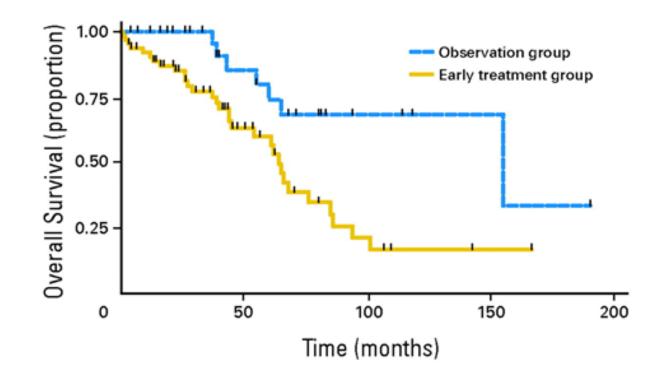


Martin et al, JCO 2009



Who can watch and wait in MCL?

Not blastoid morphology¹ Normal LDH² Ki67 <30%³ No B symptoms⁴ Mutated IGHV⁵ Non-nodal⁶ MIPI is NOT a defining characteristic



1-Martin JCO 2009, 7-Eve JCO 2009, 8-Budde JCO 2010, 2-Abrahamsson Blood 2014, 3-Abrisqueta ASH abstract 2015, 4-Cohen ASH abstract 2015, 5-Orchard Blood 2003, 6-Ondrejka Haematologica 2011

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Outcomes of deferred therapy (retrospective)

Series	Number of Deferred Patients (%)	Median time to treatment (Range)	Median OS (Deferred Pts)	Median OS (Immediate Pts)
Martin 2009 (Cornell)	31 / 97 (32)	12 months (4-128)	Not Reached (4.6 years)	5.3 years
Abrisqueta 2015 (B.C.)	74 / 439 (17)	35.5 months (5-79)	5.5 years	4.2 years
Cohen 2016 (NCDB)	492 / 8029 (6)	4 months (3-38)*	6.6 years	-
Kumar 2015 (MSKCC)	91 / 404 (23)	23 months	10.6 years	9.4 years
Calzada 2016 (Multicenter)	72 / 395 (18)	7.8 months (3-121)*	11.8 years	11.6 years



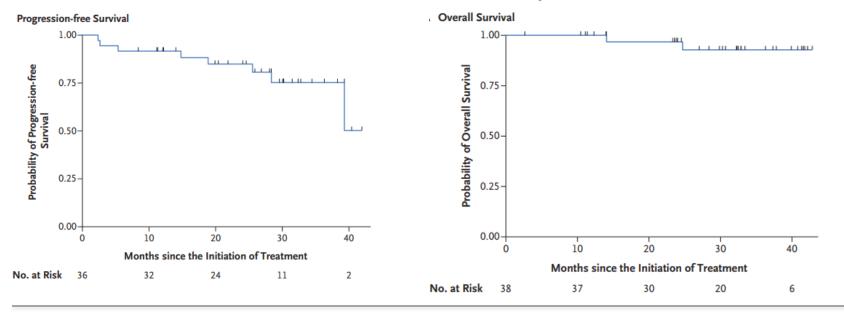
Chemotherapy is not necessary in MCL

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Lenalidomide plus Rituximab as Initial Treatment for Mantle-Cell Lymphoma

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Ruan et al, NEJM 2015



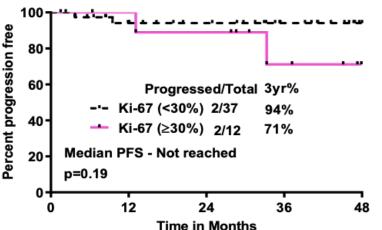
Ibrutinib plus rituximab in frontline setting

WINDOW-1 (<65y)

Response	All patients
Part A week 16*	N (%)
Part A Best respor	ise
ORR	50 (100)
CR	46 (92)
PR	4 (8)
Part B Best respor	nse**
ORR	48 (96)
CR	47 (94)
PR	1 (2)

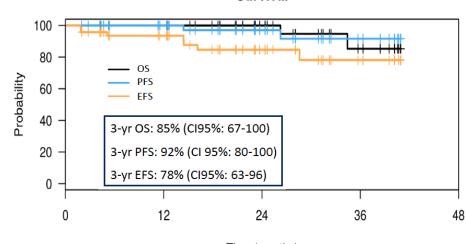
I+R x up to 12 cycles followed by R-hyperCVAD

MDACC (>65y)



ORR 100%, CR 60% 57% required dose reduction 20/50 stopped study tx (15 for a.fib) IMCL-15 (indolent)

Survival



Time (months)

2-years of treatment for MRD- cases ORR 83%, CR 77%, MRD- 74% 57% required dose reduction

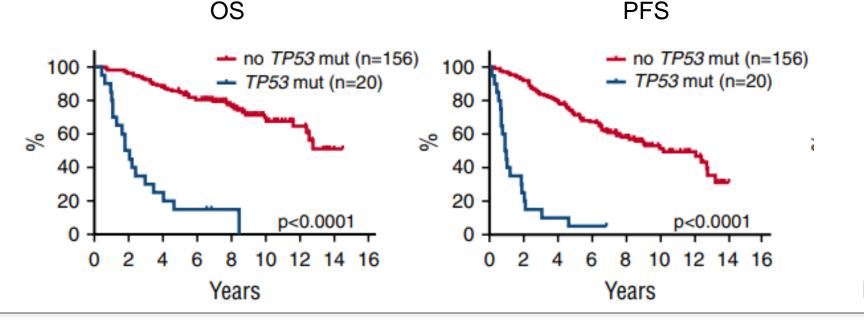
Wang, ASH 2018, Jain et al. ICML 2019, Gine ASH 2019

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Chemotherapy is ineffective in MCL patients with p53 mutations

TP53 mutations identify younger mantle cell lymphoma patients who do not benefit from intensive chemoimmunotherapy

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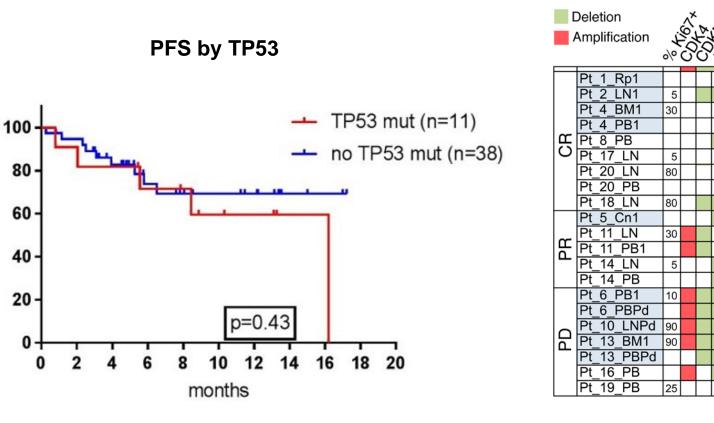
Eskelund et al, Blood 2017



TP53 was not associated with prognosis in studies with novel agents in relapsed/refractory MCL

Ibrutinib-lenalidomide-rituximab

Ibrutinib-palbociclib



Jerkman et al. ASH 2016 Martin et al. ASH 2016



BTK inhibitors are an essential option for MCL patients

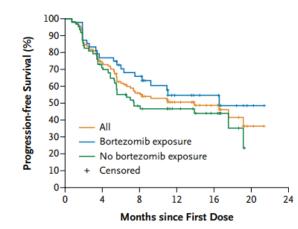


Targeting BTK with Ibrutinib in Relapsed or Refractory Mantle-Cell Lymphoma

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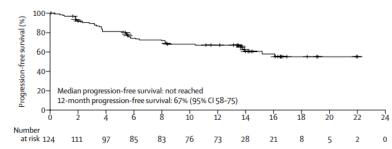
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NO. at RISK							
No bortezomib exposure	63	44	28	19	12	0	0
Bortezomib exposure	48	37	29	14	10	2	0
All	111	81	57	33	22	2	0

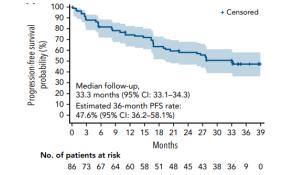
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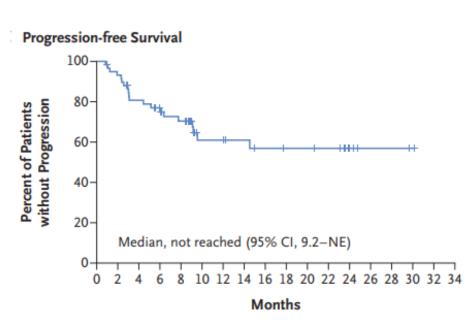
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Key questions for the future

- Rational selection of therapy (beyond age/fitness)
- Chemotherapy vs novel combinations as initial therapy?
- Does autoSCT improve OS?
- What are best therapies for patients with p53 mutations?
- Role of novel BTKi (pirtobrutinib, BTK degraders) and the best ways to overcome BTK resistance
- Can we improve efficacy and tolerability of CAR-T
- Role of bispecific antibodies and other novel agents
- When should we perform alloSCT?
- Can we cure MCL and if so, how will we know we have done it?

