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# Kapitel 1

## **THIOTEPA-CONDITIONED AUTOLOGOUS TRANSPLANTATION IN CNS-LYMPHOMA**

# THIOTEPA-CONDITIONED AUTOLOGOUS TRANSPLANTATION

## **086 EFFICACY OF THIOTEPA-CONDITIONED AUTOLOGOUS TRANSPLANTATION IS INDEPENDENT OF RESPONSE TO HD-MTX-BASED INDUCTION IN PRIMARY CNS LYMPHOMA: EBMT SERIES OF 1,545 PATIENTS**

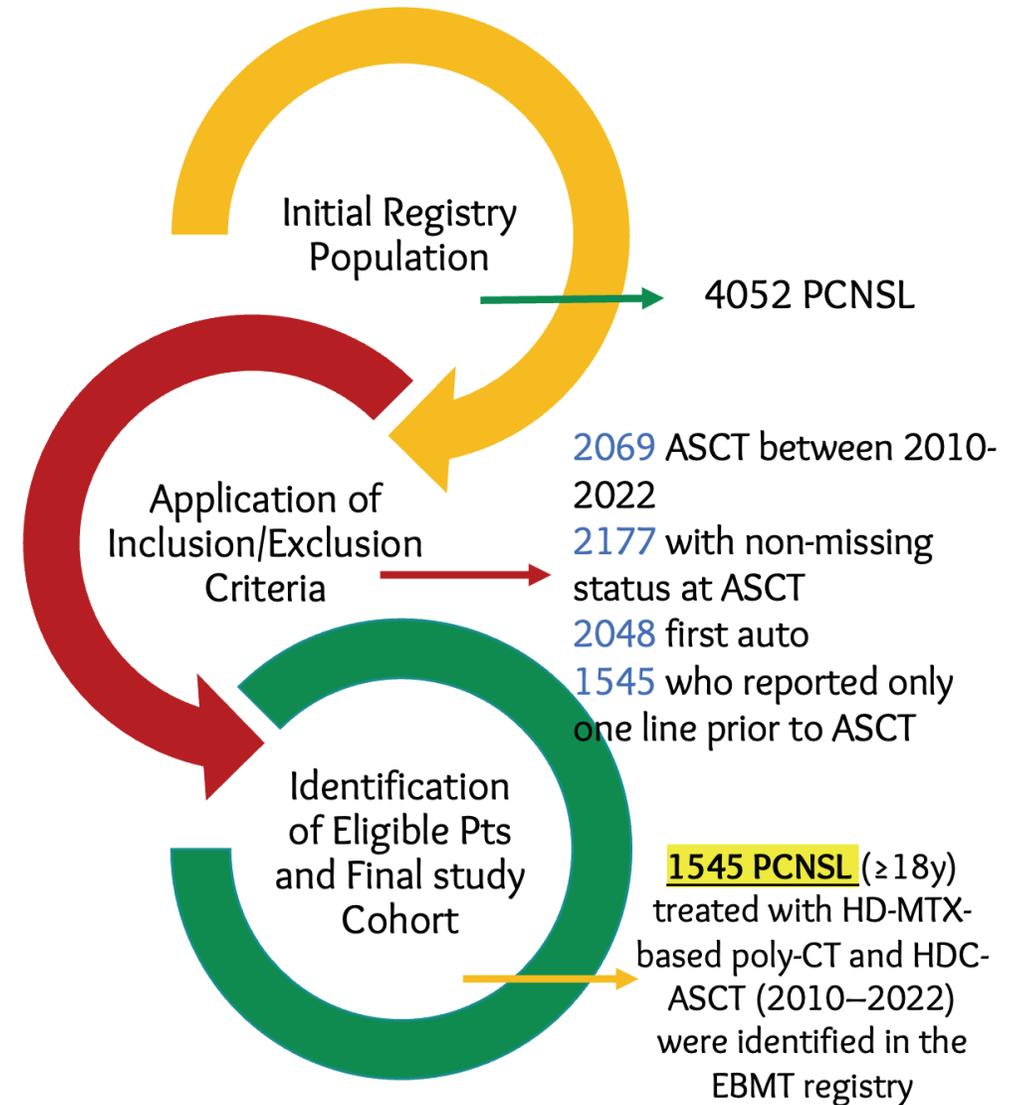
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# THIOTEPA-CONDITIONED AUTOLOGOUS TRANSPLANTATION

## MAIN OBJECTIVE

to evaluate the impact of response (CR vs. PR vs. PD) to an HD-MTX based induction on the final outcome after HDC-ASCT (PFS and OS) in a real-life setting (EBMT cohort) of newly diagnosed PCNSL.

PRIMARY ENDPOINT: progression-free survival, stratified by response to induction



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## Conditioning Details

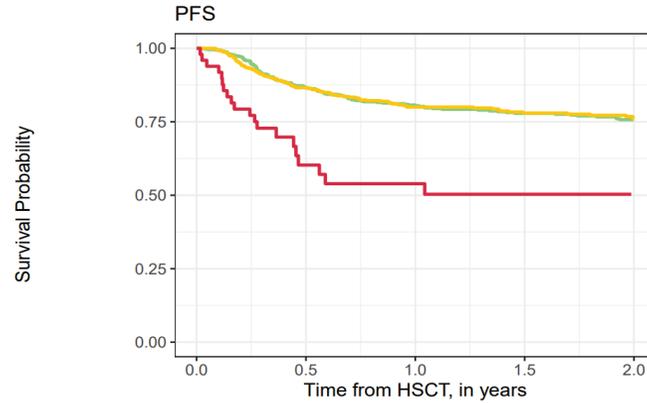
	Overall, N = 1545
<b>Conditioning regimen</b>	
Thiotepa-BCNU based	1094 (71%)
TBC based	84 (5.5%)
Other thiotepa-based	279 (18%)
 <b>Not</b> thiotepa-based	81 (5.3%)

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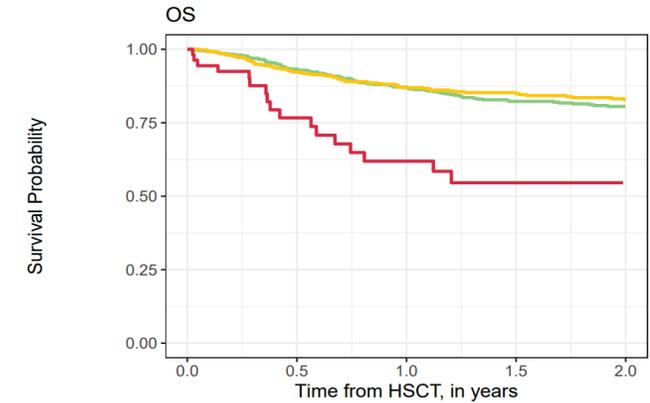
## Outcomes by Disease Status

**No difference in PFS and OS between CR and PR @ASCT time: 2-year PFS of 76%**

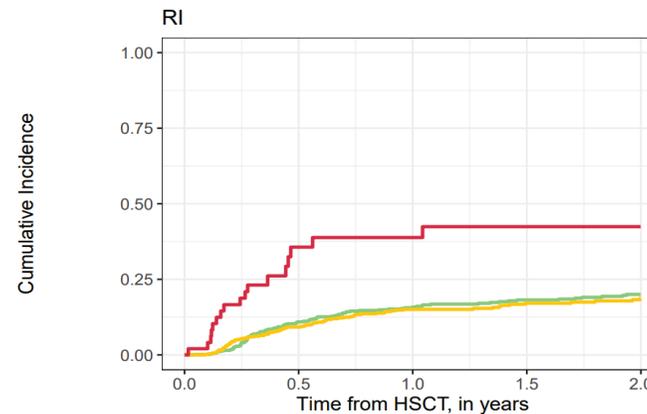
**PD @ASCT outcomes: 2-year PFS of 50%**



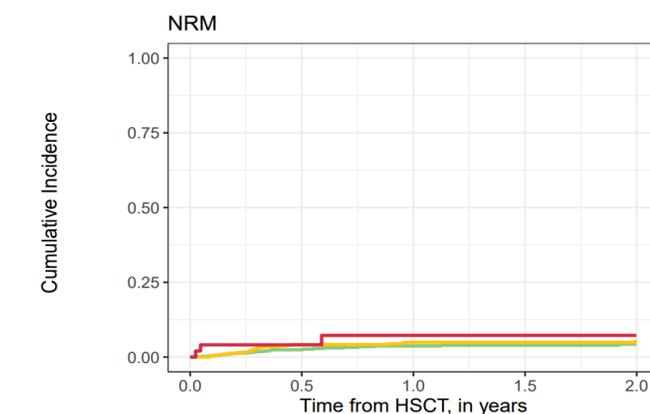
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PR	672	434	365	259	207
Rel./Ref./Prog.	54	27	20	13	12



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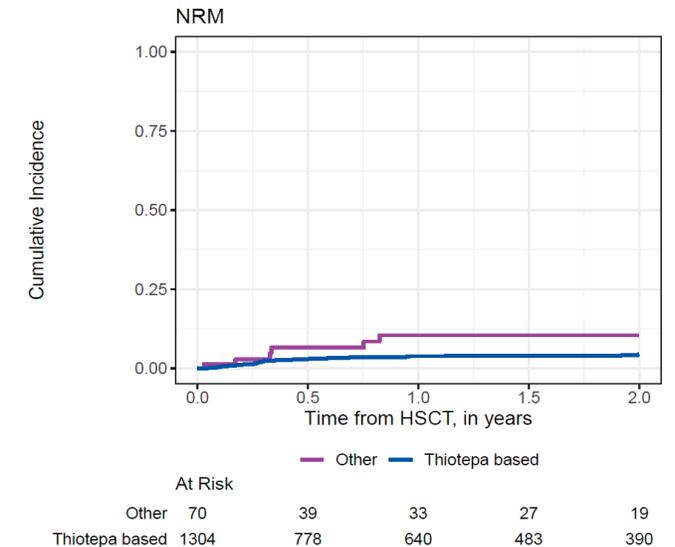
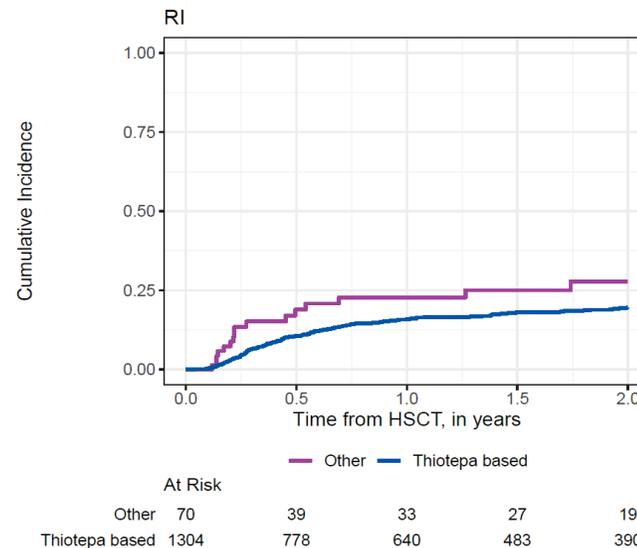
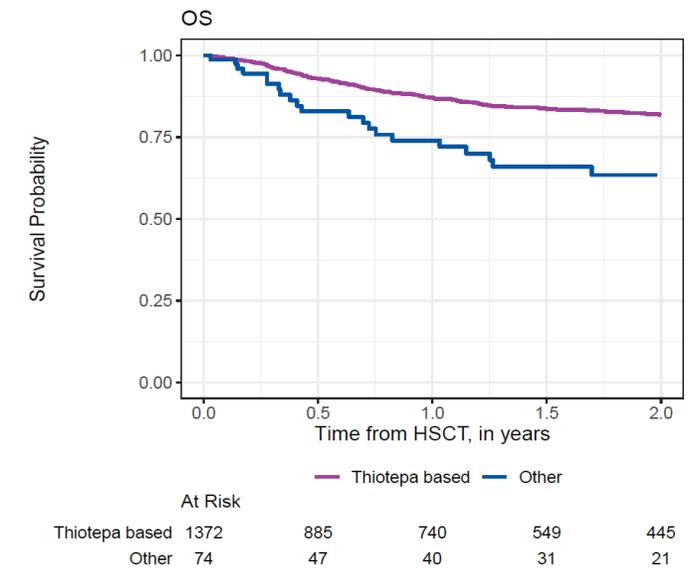
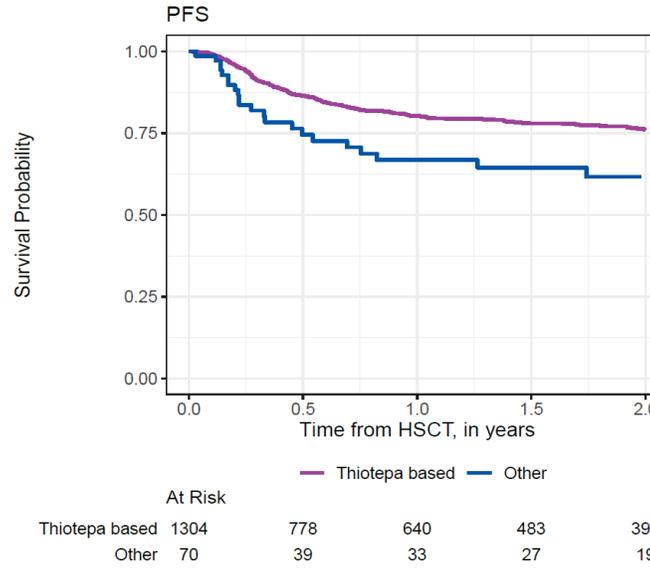
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# THIOTEPA-CONDITIONED AUTOLOGOUS TRANSPLANTATION

## Outcomes by Conditioning Regimen

Thiotepa-based conditioning regimens improved outcomes vs. Others

**2-year PFS: 76% vs. 62%**  
( $p=.015$ )  
**2-year OS: 82% vs. 63%**  
( $p=.002$ )



# Kapitel 2

## Zanubrutinib Monotherapy in PCNSL

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## **The PRiZM+ Phase II Platform Study for Refractory & Relapsed Primary CNS Lymphoma: First Results from Cohort 1 Zanubrutinib Monotherapy**

C.P Fox, J Wang, G McIlroy, J Khwaja, A Jackson, R Boucher, S Maycock, F Yates, E Homer, A Davies, G Collins, P McKay, S Kassam, D Lewis, H Marr, T Cummin, E Phillips, N Martinez-Calle, S Thust, J Smith, D.P Auer, J Okosun, K Cwynarski.

# Zanubrutinib in PCNSL

## Design

### Inclusion:

- ✓ R/R PCNSL, ECOG PS 0-3
- ✓ PD after  $\geq 1$  line of HD-MTX-therapy

### Exclusion:

- ✗ Prior BTKi exposure
- ✗ Systemic lymphoma

### Design:

- Sequential, single arm, Bayesian, phase II *platform* Each cohort will recruit 20 patients
- **Cohort 1: Zanubrutinib monotherapy 160mg BD**

# Zanubrutinib in PCNSL

## Design

### Primary endpoint:

- ORR (CR/CRu + PR) after 2 cycles (8 weeks) treatment

### Secondary endpoint:

- CR/CRu rate by local and central review
- PFS/OS/DoR/DoCR
- Safety

### Exploratory outcomes:

- Zanubrutinib pharmacokinetics (CSF and plasma)
- Tumour genomics & ctDNA (CSF and plasma)
- Novel MRI techniques

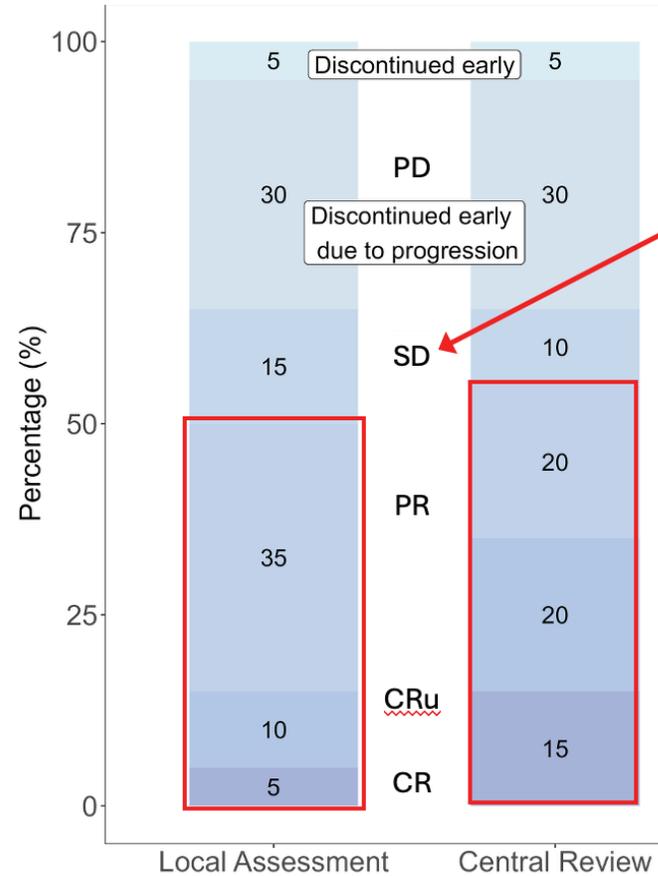
# Zanubrutinib in PCNSL

## Response



### Primary endpoint: ORR (local evaluation) at 8 weeks

**ORR= 50%**  
by local  
evaluation



**ORR= 55%**  
by central  
Neuroradiology  
review

NB 2 patients categorised as SD,  
had sustained clinical responses;  
not yet experienced PD

Data-cut 26<sup>th</sup> February 2025

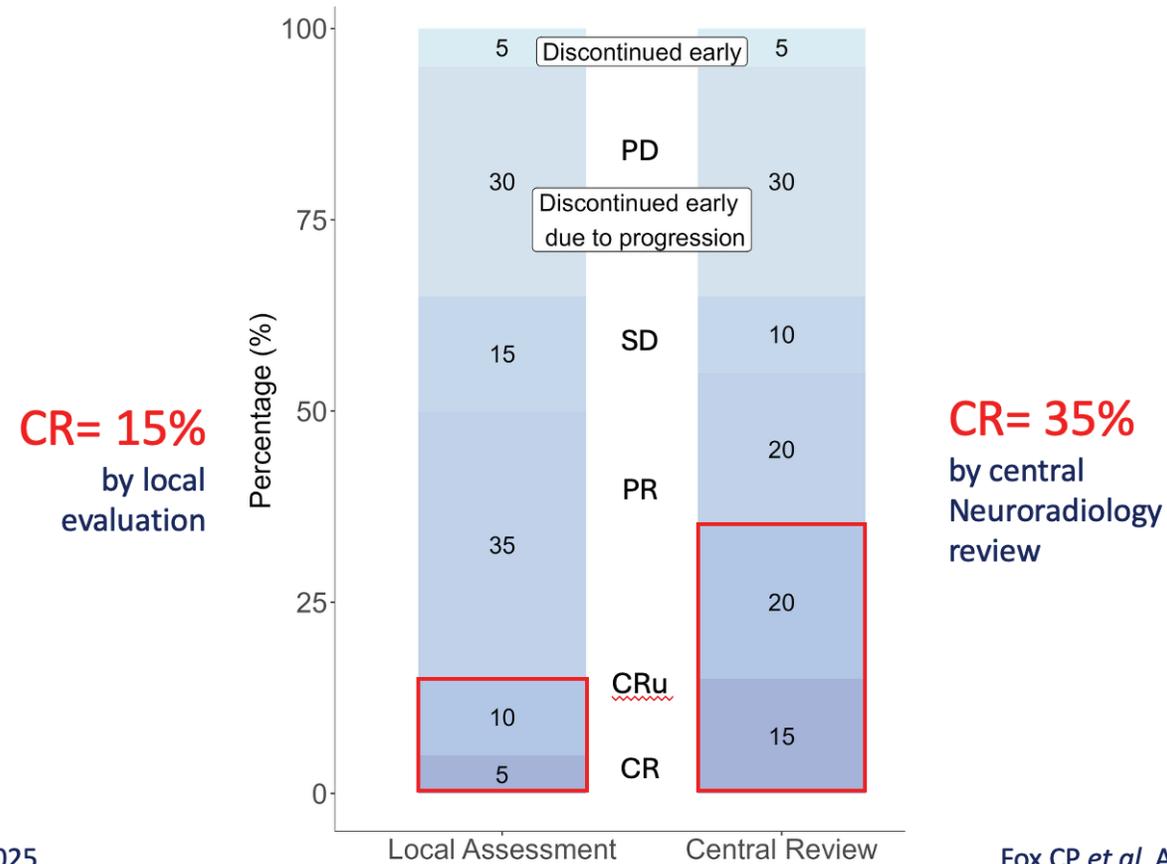
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# Zanubrutinib in PCNSL

## Response



### Key secondary endpoint – CR/CRu at 8 weeks



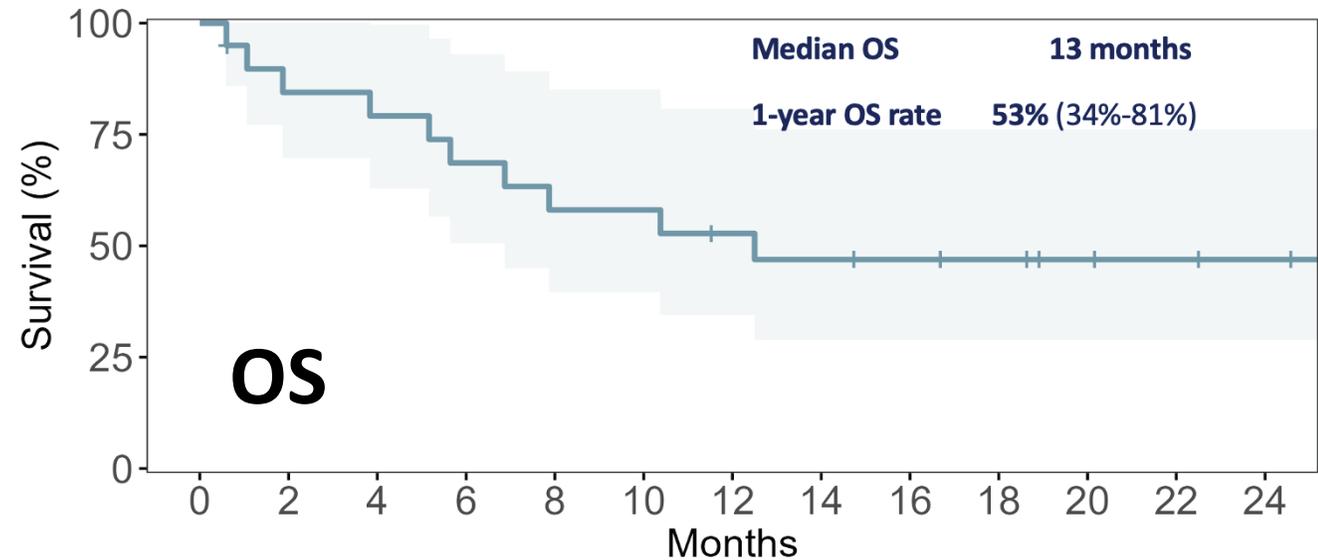
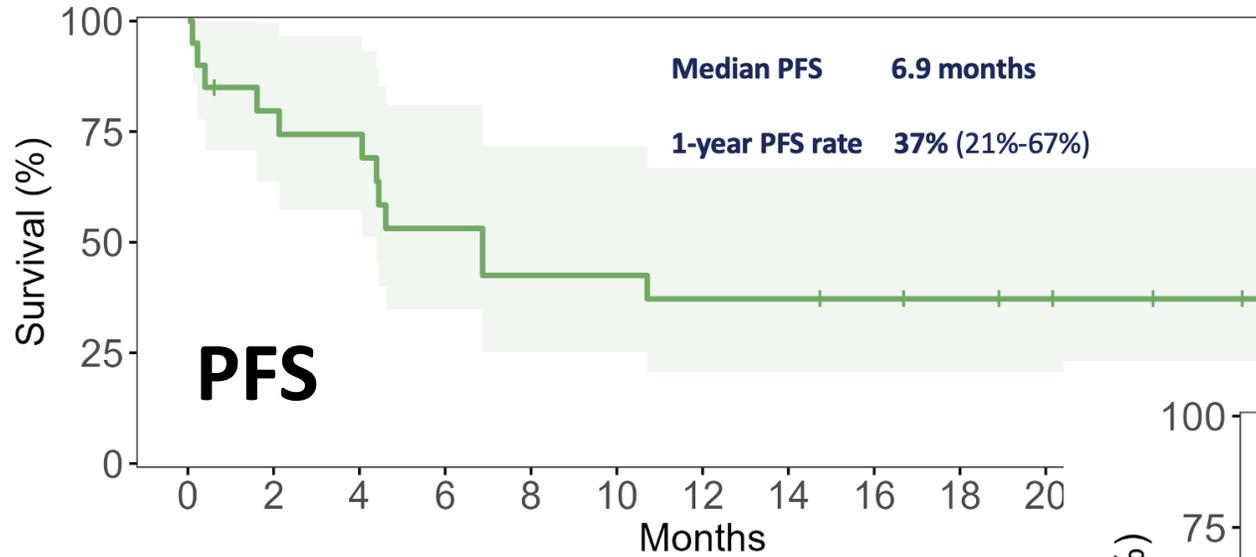
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# Zanubrutinib in PCNSL



## Outcome (Median fu 19 months)



# Zanubrutinib in PCNSL

## Safety

Summary of Serious Adverse Events by Category and Event

Event type	Patients (n=20)	SAE (n=10)
Number of SAEs	7 (35%)	10
Infections & infestations	3 (15%)	5 (50%)
Lung infection	1 (5%)	1 (10%)
COVID	2 (10%)	2 (20%)
Sepsis	1 (5%)	1 (10%)
Other (NOS)	1 (5%)	1 (10%)
Nervous System Disorders	3 (15%)	3 (30%)
Seizure	2 (10%)	2 (20%)
Hydrocephalus	1 (5%)	1 (10%)
Gastrointestinal disorders	2 (10%)	2 (20%)
Diarrhoea	1 (5%)	1 (10%)
Vomiting	1 (5%)	1 (10%)

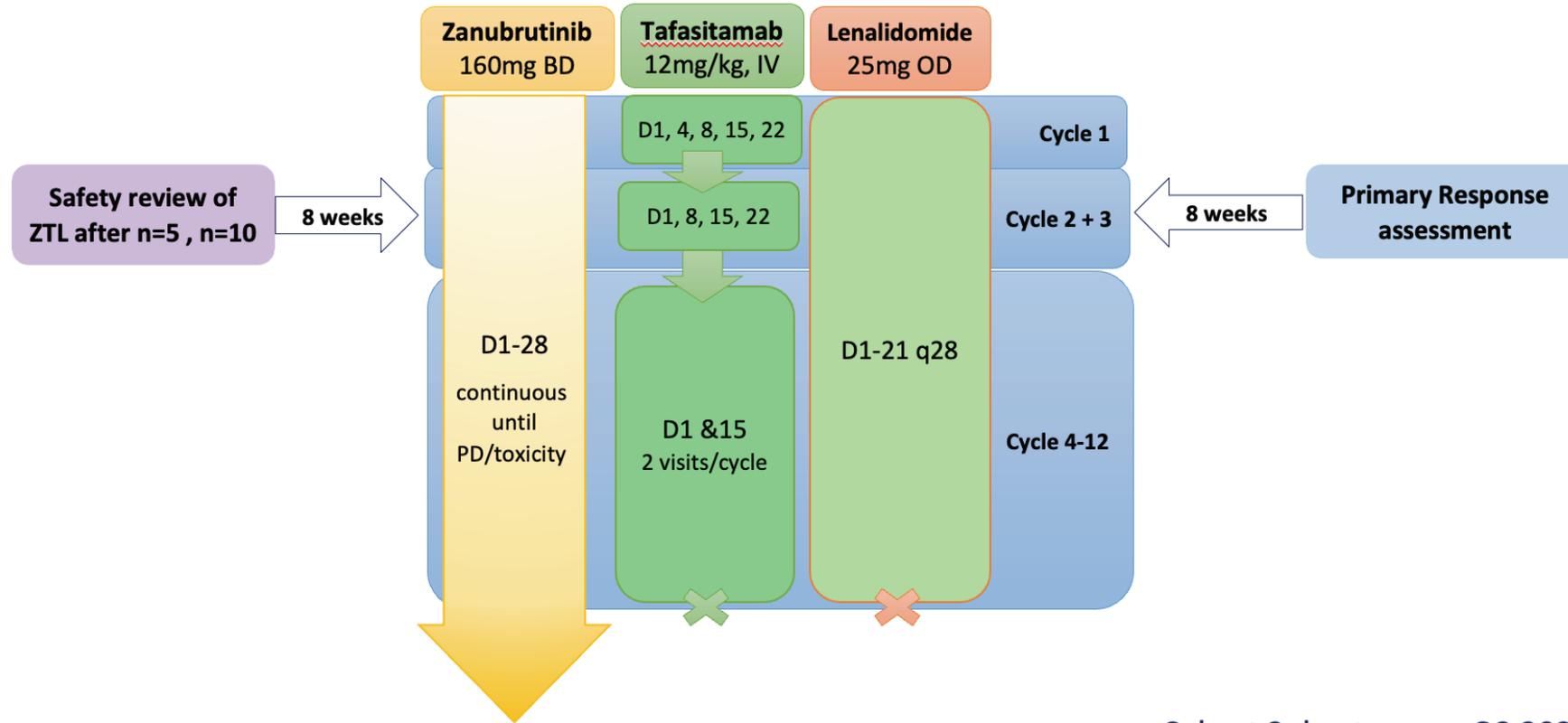
- No patients discontinued treatment due to AEs
- 20% of all AEs were grade 3 or 4
  - 9 SAEs: grade 3
  - 1 SAEs: grade 4
    - resolved without sequelae
- No SAEs resulted in deaths
- All 10 deaths were PCNSL-related

# Zanubrutinib in PCNSL

## Next step



### Cohort 2 plans: novel triplet for rrPCNSL



Cohort 2 due to open Q3 2025

# Kapitel 3

## Tirabrutinib in PCNSL – PROSPECT-Trial

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### **Tirabrutinib for the treatment of relapsed or refractory primary central nervous system lymphoma: efficacy and safety from the phase II PROSPECT study**

Lakshmi Nayak<sup>1\*</sup>, Christian Grommes<sup>2\*</sup>, Avyakta Kallam<sup>3</sup>, David Peereboom<sup>4</sup>, Prakash Ambady<sup>5</sup>, Joe Mendez<sup>6</sup>, Dawit Aregawi<sup>7</sup>, Ashley Sumrall<sup>8</sup>, Antonio Omuro<sup>9†</sup>, Fabio Iwamoto<sup>10</sup>, Jorg Dietrich<sup>11</sup>, Yoshie Umemura<sup>12‡</sup>, Reinhold Munker<sup>13</sup>, Ugonma Chukwueke<sup>1</sup>, Lauren Schaff<sup>2</sup>, Sergio Prados<sup>14</sup>, Akira Takazawa<sup>14</sup>, Arata Aoi<sup>14</sup>, Tracy Batchelor<sup>15</sup>

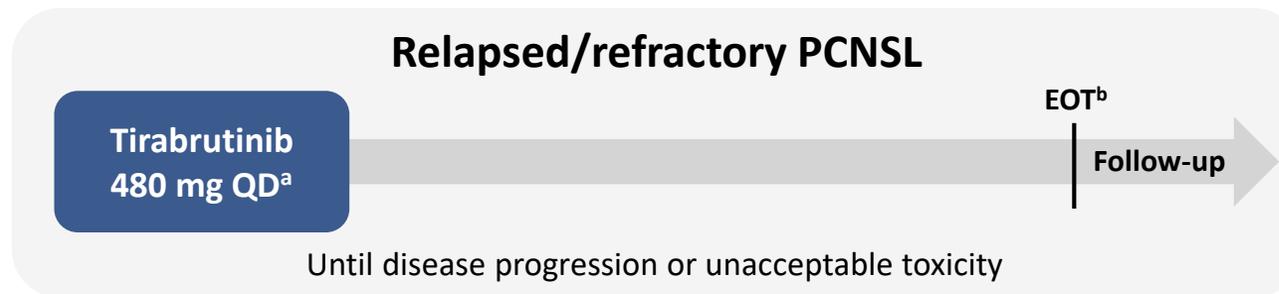
# PROSPECT – Trial: Tirabrutinib in PCNSL

## Design

Phase II, open-label, multicenter, US-based study of tirabrutinib in pts with r/r PCNSL

### Eligibility

- Age  $\geq 18$  years
- ECOG PS 0-2
- Measurable brain lesion with a minimum diameter  $>1.0$  cm
- Disease r/r status
- At least 1 prior HD-MTX based therapy
- Life expectancy of  $\geq 3$  months



### Endpoints

#### Primary

- ORR per IPCG criteria, assessed by IRC

#### Secondary

- DOR, TTR, BOR, safety

#### Exploratory

- OS, PFS

# PROSPECT – Trial: Tirabrutinib in PCNSL

## Characteristics

# PROSPECT – Trial: Tirabrutinib in PCNSL

## Efficacy / Outcome

### Primary Endpoint: ORR by IRC<sup>a</sup>

		ORR by IRC	
		n (%)	95% CI
ORR (CR+CRu+PR)		32 (67)	52, 80
CRR (CR+CRu)		21 (44)	29, 59
BOR	CR	13 (27)	15, 42
	CRu	8 (17)	8, 30
	PR	11 (23)	12, 37
	SD	9 (19)	9, 33
	PD	6 (13)	5, 25
	NE	1 (2)	0, 11

- Median time to response by IRC = 1.0 months (range, 0.9-3.7)

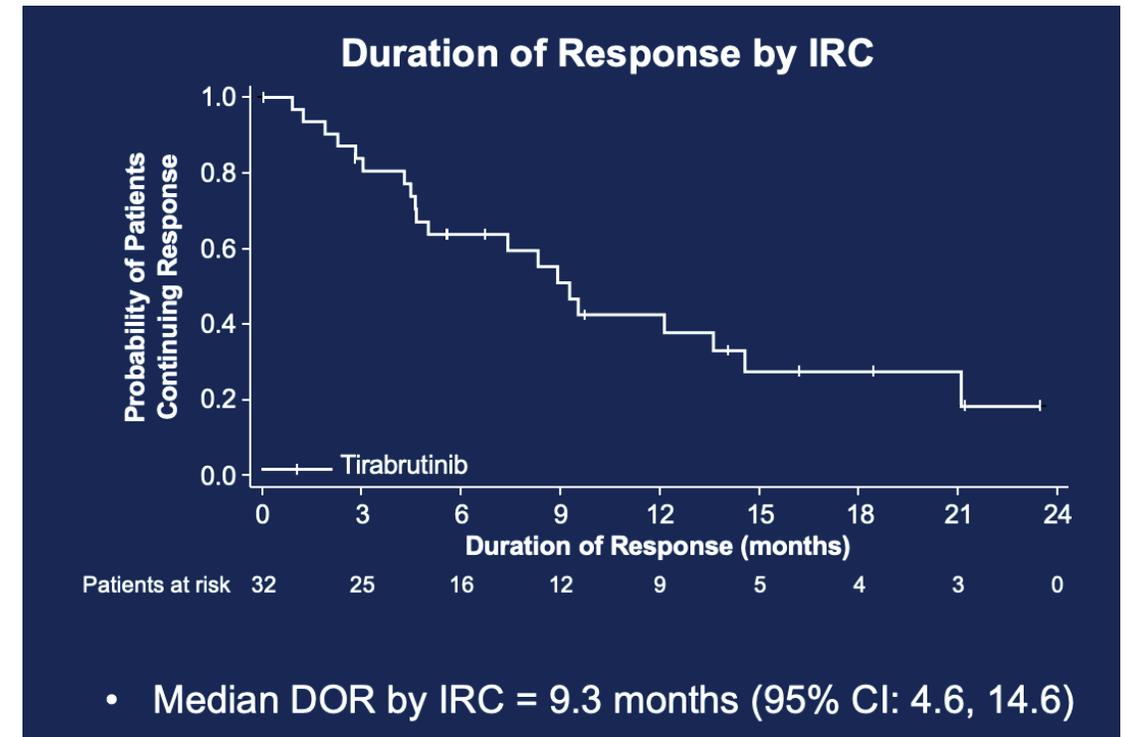
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### Duration of Response by IRC

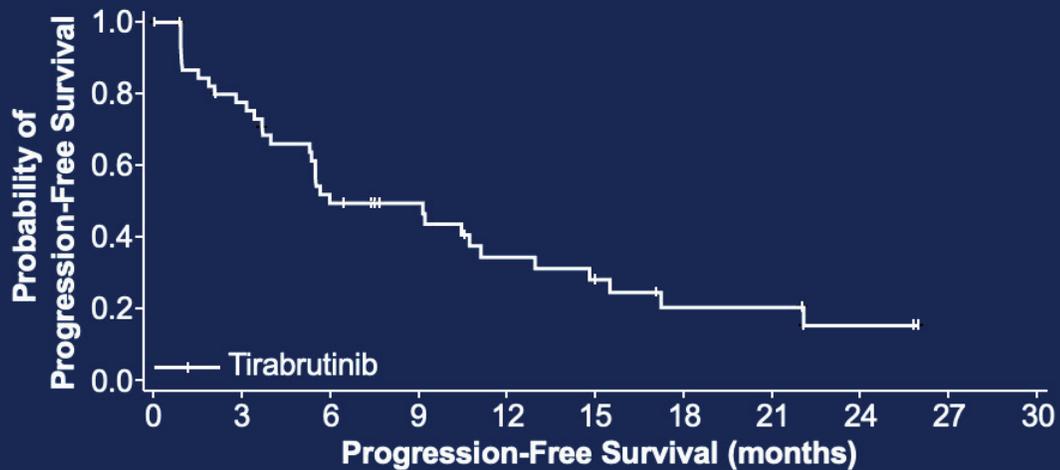


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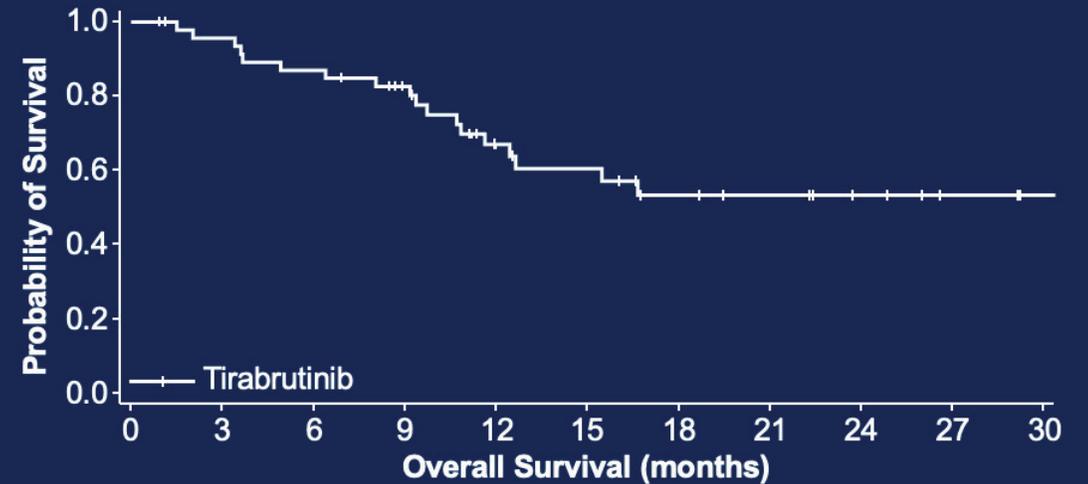
### Progression-Free Survival by IRC



Patients at risk 48 34 21 17 11 8 5 5 2 0 0

- Median PFS by IRC = 6.0 months (95% CI: 5.3, 11.1)

### Overall Survival



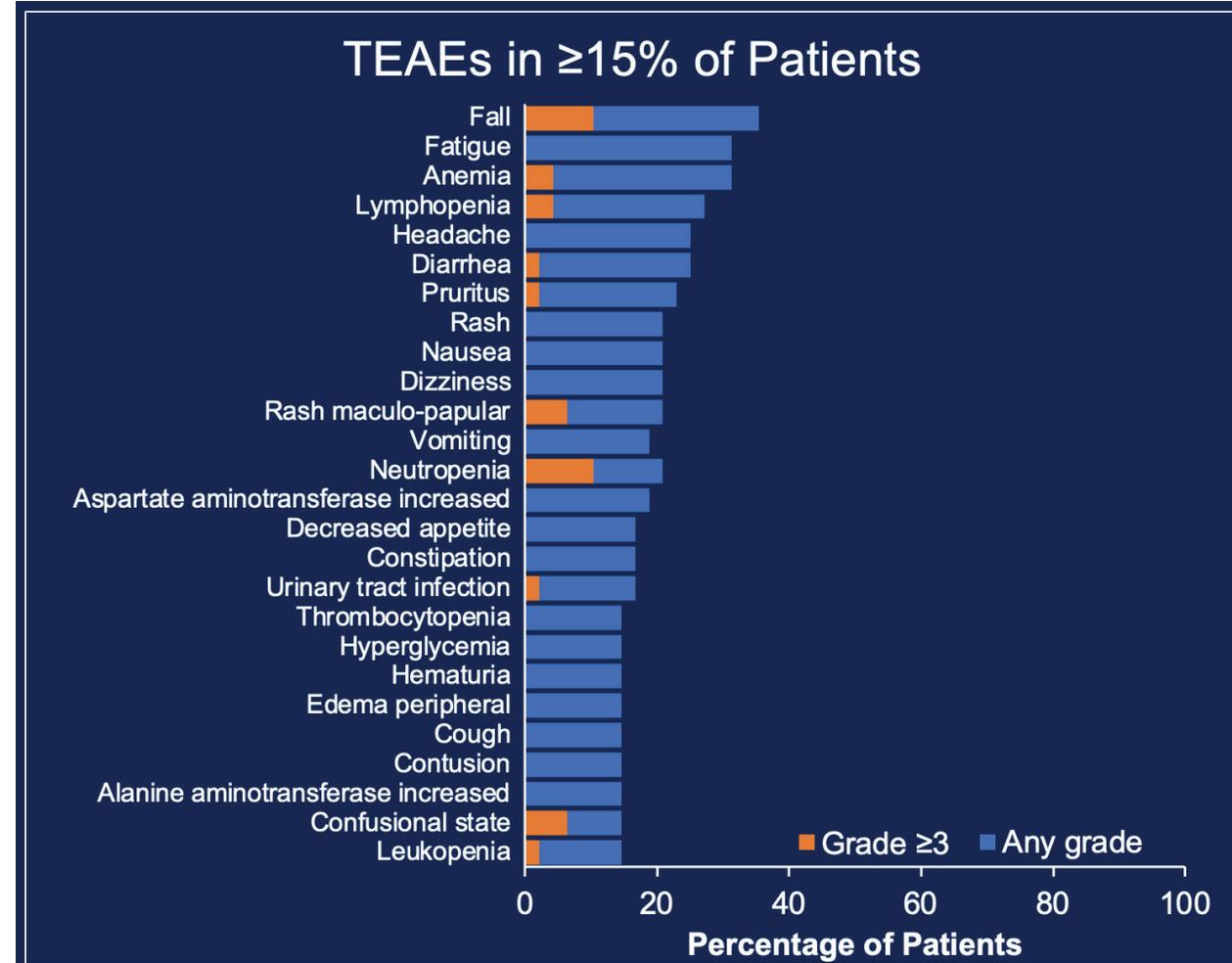
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- Median OS = NR (95% CI: 12.5, NA)

# PROSPECT – Trial: Tirabrutinib in PCNSL

## Safety

TEAEs	Tirabrutinib (N=48)	
	Any grade, n (%)	Grade ≥3, n (%)
Pts with ≥1 TEAE	47 (98)	27 (56)
Pts with ≥1 treatment-related TEAE	36 (75)	13 (27)
Pts with TEAEs leading to dose interruption	24 (50)	15 (31)
Treatment-related	16 (33)	8 (17)
Pts with TEAEs leading to dose reduction	5 (10)	0
Treatment-related	3 (6)	0
Pts with TEAEs leading to study withdrawal	5 (10)	4 (8)
Treatment-related	1 (2)	1 (2)
Pts with serious TEAEs	21 (44)	17 (35)
Treatment-related	5 (10)	5 (10)
	Any grade, n (%)	
Pts with fatal TEAEs	2 (4)	
Treatment-related	0	



- Tirabrutinib was well tolerated in this population, with a low incidence of cardiac events (<10%, all grade 1-2)

# Kapitel 4

## **CAR-T Zellen in Central Nervous System Lymphoma (PCNSL/SCNSL)**

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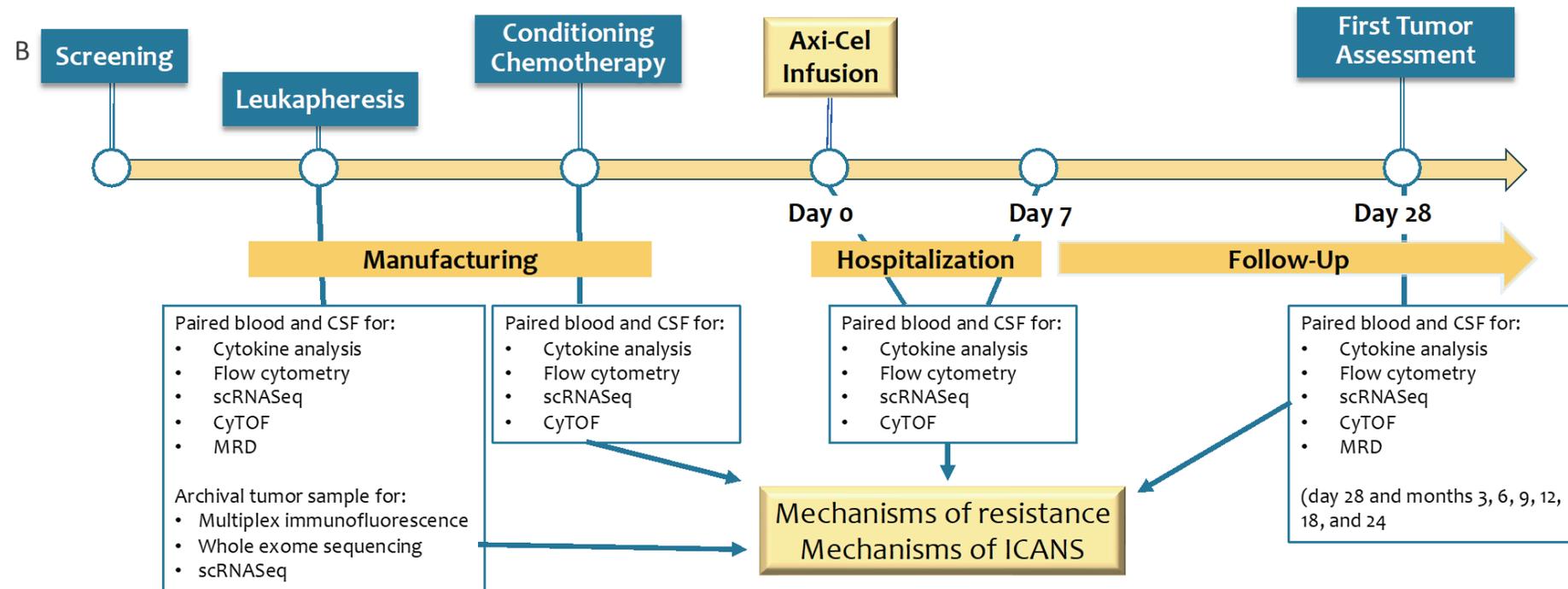
## **A Pilot Study of Axicabtagene Ciloleucel (axi-cel) for the Treatment of Relapsed /Refractory Primary and Secondary Central Nervous System Lymphoma (CNSL)**

Jacobson CA, Falvey C, Bouvier R, Durlacher E, Wei H, Dela Cruz J, Redd R, Lee E, Gonzalez Castro LN, Chukwueke UN, Kim A, Lee EQ, McFaline Figueroa JR, Aquilanti E, Youssef G, Murakami M, Torres A, Kean LS, Gerdemann U, Albanese A, Keskula P, Mattie M, Filosto S, Poddar S, Armand P, Nayak L

# Axi-Cel in CNS-Lymphoma

## Background & Design

- CAR T-cells (axi-cel) are effective in LBCL and enter CSF.
- CNSL (PCNSL & SCNSL) has poor prognosis and limited options.
- Study goal: assess safety and efficacy of axi-cel in r/r CNSL.



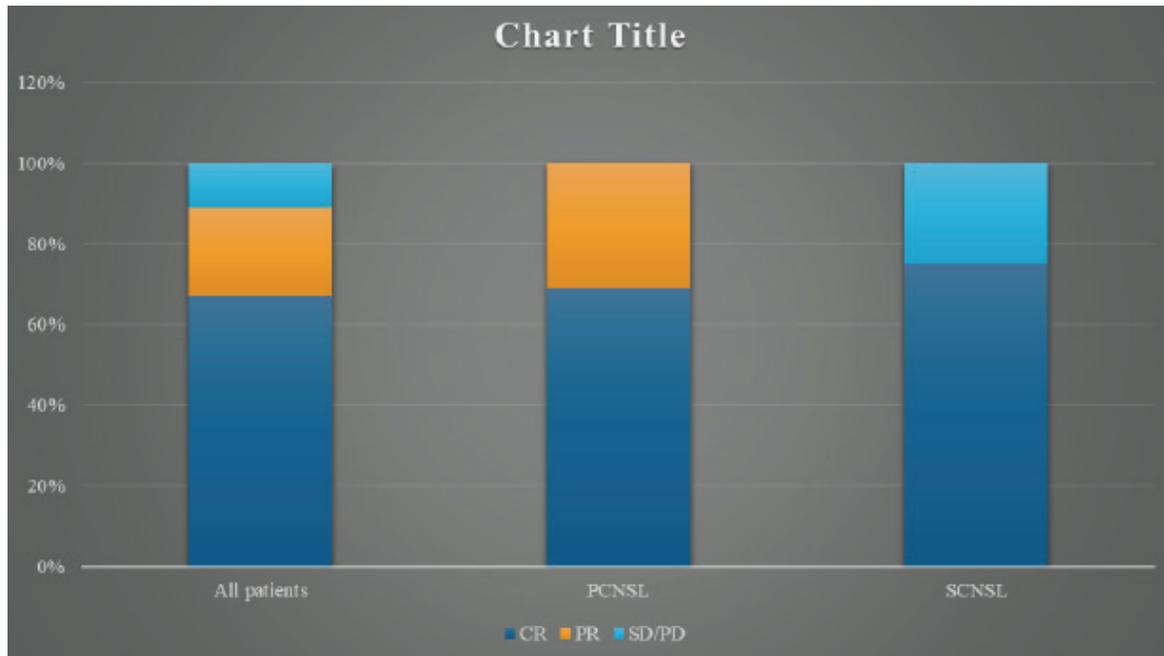
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## Methods & Patient Characteristics

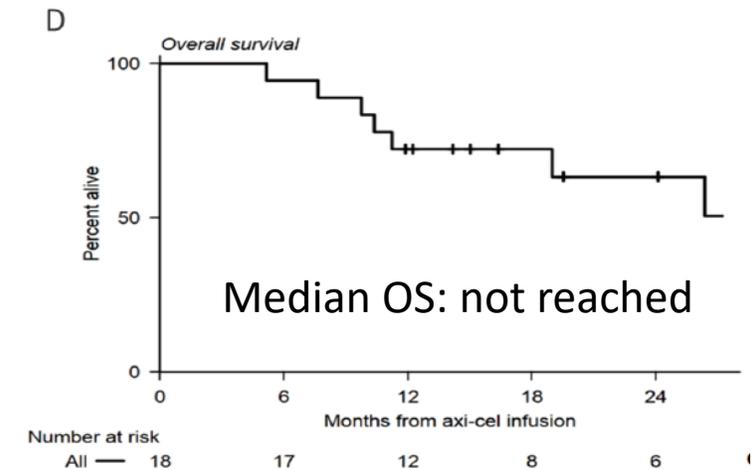
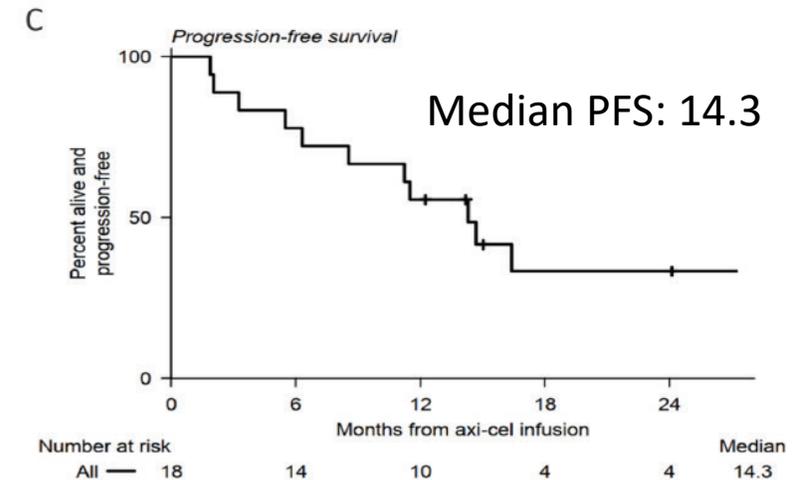
- 18 patients: 14 PCNSL, 4 SCNSL; median age: 63 (range 33–80).
- Median prior therapies: 2 (1–6); 83% refractory to last therapy.
- No bridging therapy; all received standard axi-cel regimen.
- Primary endpoint: safety.
- Secondary: ORR, CR, PFS, OS, correlative studies.

# Axi-cel in r/r Primary & Secondary CNS Lymphoma

## Efficacy / Outcome (median follow-up 24.1 m)



- ORR: 89%; CR rate: 67%.
- CR rates similar between PCNSL (69%) and SCNSL (75%).
- OS significantly longer in PCNSL group ( $p < 0.001$ ).



# Axi-cel in r/r Primary & Secondary CNS Lymphoma

## Safety

Table 2. Safety Data	CRS	ICANS
Any grade, n (%)	16 (89%)	8 (44%)
Grade 3, n (%)	0 (0)	5 (28%)
Toci use, n (%)	14 (78%)	n/a
Median # doses (range)	1 (1-2)	n/a
Dex use, n (%)	13 (72%)	5 (29%)
Median # doses (range)	1 (1-7)	2 (1-9)
	1m	3m
Prolonged grade 3+ cytopenias	10 (56%)	0 (0%)
Neutropenia	7 (39%)	0 (0%)
Thrombocytopenia	1 (6%)	0 (0%)
Anemia	5 (28%)	0 (0%)

# Axi-cel in r/r Primary & Secondary CNS Lymphoma

## Conclusions

- CSF CAR T-cells show unique IFN and dysfunction signatures.
- Patienten mit dauerhafter kompletter Remission zeigen eine vermehrte Expression aktivierender T-Zell-Gene wie CD226.
- Differential gene expression identified potential markers for response.

## Zusammenfassung – Take Home, Message

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- Axi-cel zeigt bei 18 Patienten mit rr/PCNSL/SCNSL hohe Ansprechraten bei gutem Sicherheitsprofil.

Alle Kurzpräsentationen sind online unter

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