

# Imaging in Lymphoma from 1999 to Lugano: What is Next?

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# Disclosure

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***I have a PET (Annie)***

No PETs have been harmed during the preparation of this presentation



# The History of Imaging

- Lymphangiogram
- IV pyelogram
- Ultrasound
- Liver/spleen scan
- CT
- Gallium scan
- MRI

# International Working Group (IWG) Response Criteria for NHL: 1999

Cheson et al, J Clin Oncol 17:1244, 1999

- Complete remission (CR)
- Complete remission/unconfirmed (CRu)
- Partial remission (PR)
- Stable disease (SD)
- Relapsed disease (RD)
- Progressive disease (PD)

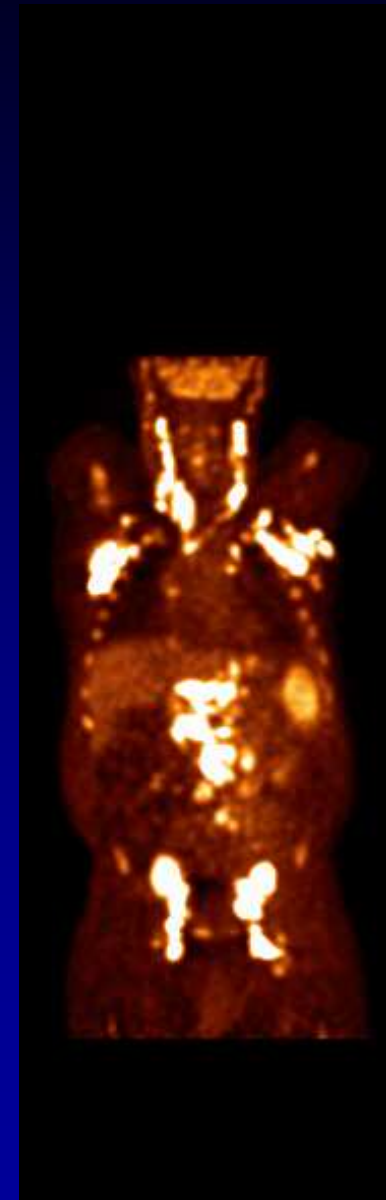
# Limitations of IWG Response Criteria

- Unclear/misinterpretations (e.g. CRu)
- Dependent on inadequate methods
  - Physical examination
  - CXR, CT scan, MRI
  - SPECT gallium
  - Visual bone marrow evaluation

# PET/CT SCANNING



*Concept originated in 1974 by Hoffman and Phelps  
Invented by Dr David Townsend and Dr Ron Nutt  
First applied to lymphoma in 1990  
Medical Invention of the year, TIME magazine 2000*



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## IWG+PET

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IWG	CR	17	0	0	0	17
	CR <sub>u</sub>	5	0	2	0	7
	PR	10	0	9	0	19
	SD	2	0	1	6	9
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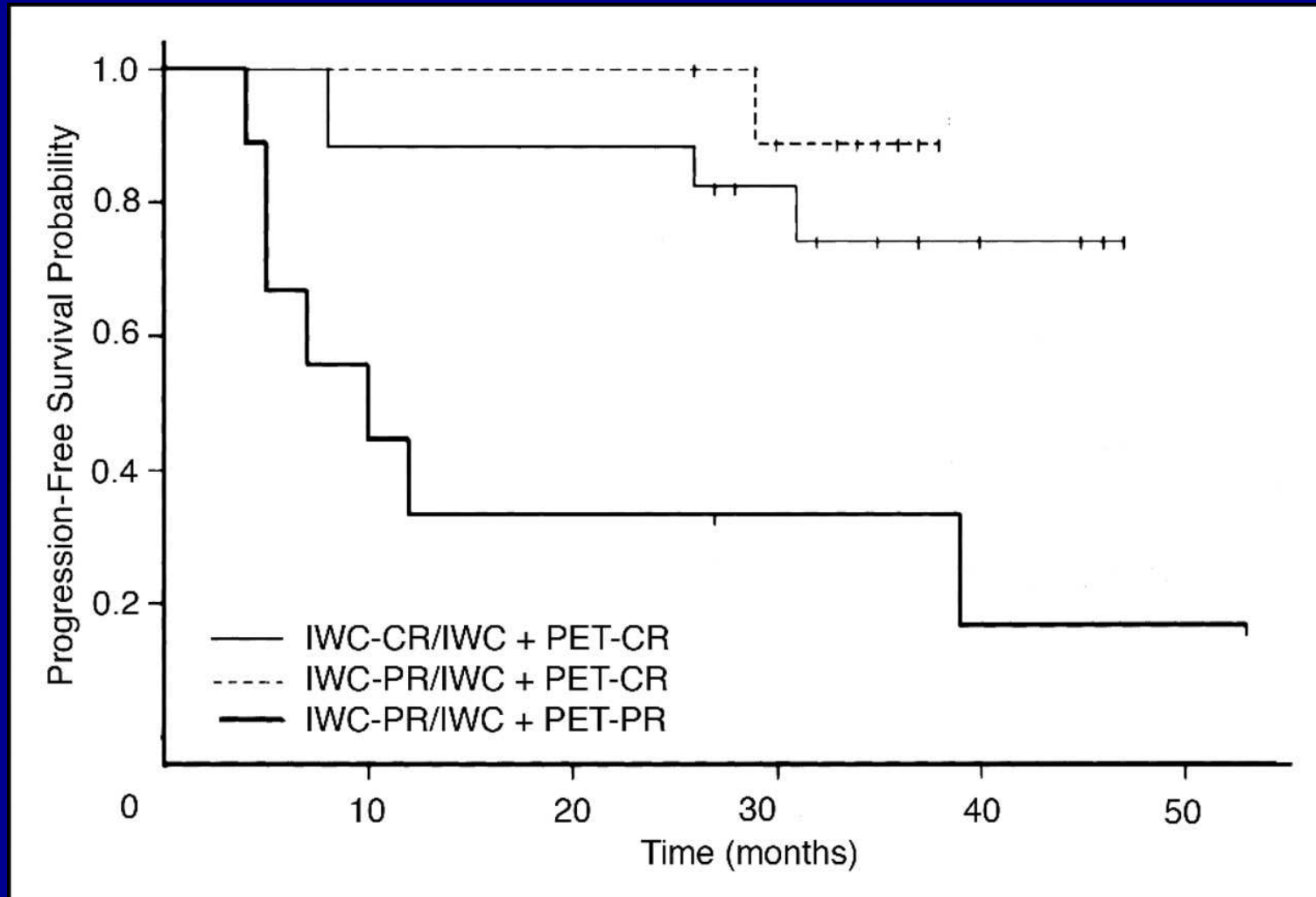
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# Progression-free survival by the International Workshop Criteria and IWC plus PET



## Revised Response Criteria for Malignant Lymphoma

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### A B S T R A C T

#### Purpose

Standardized response criteria are needed to interpret and compare clinical trials and for approval of new therapeutic agents by regulatory agencies.

#### Methods

The International Working Group response criteria (Cheson et al, *J Clin Oncol* 17:1244, 1999) were widely adopted, but required reassessment because of identified limitations and the increased use of [<sup>18</sup>F]fluorodeoxyglucose-positron emission tomography (PET), immunohistochemistry (IHC), and flow cytometry. The International Harmonization Project was convened to provide updated recommendations.

#### Results

New guidelines are presented incorporating PET, IHC, and flow cytometry for definitions of response in non-Hodgkin's and Hodgkin's lymphoma. Standardized definitions of end points are provided.

#### Conclusion

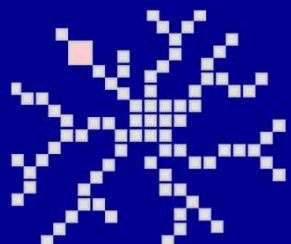
We hope that these guidelines will be adopted widely by study groups, pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, and regulatory agencies to facilitate the development of new and more effective therapies to improve the outcome of patients with lymphoma.

# Revised Response Criteria 2007

- FDG-PET
  - Primarily for DLBCL and Hodgkin
  - Recommended before treatment (not staging)
  - Standard for response assessment
  - Visual assessment
  - Mediastinal blood pool for background
- IHC and flow cytometry included for BM

# Revised Response Criteria 2007

- CR – no FDG-avid disease in DLBCL or HL
  - Includes persistent mass
- CRu eliminated
- CT criteria used for other histologies



11th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MALIGNANT LYMPHOMA  
Lugano, Switzerland, June 15-18, 2011

# 11-ICML

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**Closed Workshop:**  
**Lymphoma pretreatment assessment  
and response criteria in the New Millennium:  
Beyond Ann Arbor**

**Tuesday, June 14, 2011 – USI Auditorium, Lugano University**

***Steering Committee: B.D. Cheson, R.I. Fisher, T.A. Lister, E. Zucca***  
***Session Co-Chair – Sally Barrington***



# Overarching Goals of the Lugano Classification

- ✓ Improve lymphoma patient evaluation
- ✓ Eliminate ambiguity
- ✓ Universally applicable
- ✓ Facilitate the comparison of patients and results amongst studies
- ✓ Simplify the evaluation of new therapies by regulatory agencies.

## Role of Imaging in the Staging and Response Assessment of Lymphoma: Consensus of the International Conference on Malignant Lymphomas Imaging Working Group

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### ABSTRACT

#### Purpose

Recent advances in imaging, use of prognostic indices, and molecular profiling techniques have the potential to improve disease characterization and outcomes in lymphoma. International trials are under way to test image-based response-adapted treatment guided by early interim positron emission tomography (PET)—computed tomography (CT). Progress in imaging is influencing trial design and affecting clinical practice. In particular, a five-point scale to grade response using PET-CT, which can be adapted to suit requirements for early- and late-response assessment with good interobserver agreement, is becoming widely used both in practice- and response-adapted trials. A workshop held at the 11th International Conference on Malignant Lymphomas (ICML) in 2011 concluded that revision to current staging and response criteria was timely.

#### Methods

An imaging working group composed of representatives from major international cooperative groups was asked to review the literature, share knowledge about research in progress, and identify key areas for research pertaining to imaging and lymphoma.

#### Results

A working paper was circulated for comment and presented at the Fourth International Workshop on PET in Lymphoma in Merano, France, and the 12th ICML in Lugano, Switzerland, to update the International Harmonisation Project guidance regarding PET. Recommendations were made to optimize the use of PET-CT in staging and response assessment of lymphoma, including qualitative and quantitative methods.

#### Conclusion

This article comprises the consensus reached to update guidance on the use of PET-CT for staging and response assessment for  $^{18}$ F-fluorodeoxyglucose-avid lymphomas in clinical practice and late-phase trials.

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### INTRODUCTION

Advances in staging and response assessment of lymphomas have occurred with the introduction of prognostic indices,<sup>1-4</sup> molecular profiling,<sup>5</sup> and more accurate imaging,<sup>6</sup> with the potential to improve disease characterization and treatment selection. The International Harmonisation Project (IHP) first published guidelines about the application of positron emission tomography (PET) using  $^{18}$ F-fluorodeoxyglucose (FDG) in lymphoma<sup>7</sup> in 2007, and PET was integrated in revised response criteria.<sup>8</sup>

The field has continued to evolve. PET combined with computed tomography (CT) has re-

placed PET alone. Mounting evidence supports the central role of PET-CT in staging<sup>9,10</sup> and response assessment in Hodgkin (HL)<sup>11,12</sup> and non-Hodgkin lymphomas (NHL).<sup>13-16</sup> Multiple international studies are under way to investigate whether PET-CT response can be used to guide therapy to improve patient outcomes.<sup>15,16</sup> Concerted efforts have been made to standardize PET-CT methods<sup>17-19</sup> and interpretation in the context of trials.<sup>12</sup> A five-point scale (5-PS), suited to assess differing degrees of response at mid- and end of treatment, has been developed to score images.<sup>20</sup> This scale was recommended as the standard reporting tool at the First International Workshop on PET in Lymphoma in Deauville, France, in 2009.

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## Recommendations for Initial Evaluation, Staging, and Response Assessment of Hodgkin and Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma: The Lugano Classification

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### ABSTRACT

The purpose of this work was to modernize recommendations for evaluation, staging, and response assessment of patients with Hodgkin lymphoma (HL) and non-Hodgkin lymphoma (NHL). A workshop was held at the 11th International Conference on Malignant Lymphoma in Lugano, Switzerland, in June 2011, that included leading hematologists, oncologists, radiation oncologists, pathologists, radiologists, and nuclear medicine physicians, representing major international lymphoma clinical trials groups and cancer centers. Clinical and imaging subcommittees presented their conclusions at a subsequent workshop at the 12th International Conference on Malignant Lymphoma, leading to revised criteria for staging and of the International Working Group Guidelines of 2007 for response. As a result, fluorodeoxyglucose (FDG) positron emission tomography (PET)—computed tomography (CT) was formally incorporated into standard staging for FDG-avid lymphomas. A modification of the Ann Arbor descriptive terminology will be used for anatomic distribution of disease extent, but the suffixes A or B for lymphoma will only be included for HL. A bone marrow biopsy is no longer indicated for the routine staging of HL and most diffuse large B-cell lymphomas. However, regardless of stage, general practice is to treat patients based on limited (stage I and II, nonbulky) or advanced (stage III or IV) disease, with stage II bulky disease considered as limited or advanced disease based on histology and a number of prognostic factors. PET-CT will be used to assess response in FDG-avid histologies using the 5-point scale. The product of the perpendicular diameters of a single node can be used to identify progressive disease. Routine surveillance scans are discouraged. These recommendations should improve evaluation of patients with lymphoma and enhance the ability to compare outcomes of clinical trials.

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### INTRODUCTION

The availability of more effective therapies for lymphoma and the increasingly sensitive and sophisticated technologies for disease assessment provide rationale for updated patient evaluation, staging, and response criteria. These should be seamless and universally applicable and facilitate the comparison of patients and results among studies and the evaluation of new therapies by regulatory agencies.

Staging defines disease location and extent; suggests prognostic information; allows comparison among studies; and provides a baseline against which response or disease progression can be compared. Initial staging criteria were designed primarily for Hodgkin lymphoma (HL),<sup>1,2</sup> and were superseded by the Ann Arbor classification,<sup>3</sup> which

subdivided HL patients into four stages and sub-classification A and B based on the presence of fevers or sweats and which has been the most widely used classification since its introduction. The Colwold classification<sup>4</sup> first formally incorporated computed tomography (CT) scans and introduced "x" for bulky disease and complete remission unconfirmed (CRu) to describe patients with a residual mass after treatment that was most likely fibrotic tissue.

The first universally accepted response criteria for non-Hodgkin lymphoma (NHL), used also for HL, were published in 1999 by the National Cancer Institute Working Group<sup>5</sup> and revised in 2007 by the International Working Group (IWG)<sup>6</sup> to incorporate positron emission tomography (PET) and bone marrow immunohistochemistry and flow cytometry in response assessment, eliminating CRu.

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# Postinduction response assessment with PET-CT: limitations to these studies...

**PRIMA** 122 patients 2004-2010

Trotman J, JCO 2011

- Hypothesis generating.
- Retrospective analysis of local PET interpretation within a prospective study with independent CT assessment.
- Results confirmed by independent scan review of 61 patients.

Tychyj-Pinel C, EJNMMI 2014

**FOLL05** 202 patients 2005-2010

Luminari S, Ann Oncol 2013

- Retrospective analysis of local PET reports within a prospective study with local CT assessment.

**PET Folliculaire** 106 patients 2007-2009

Dupuis J, JCO 2012

- Prospective standardised PET acquisition / assessment in accordance to the 5 Point Scale (5PS), with local CT assessment.
- Shorter follow-up

# PFS according to CT response

SD/PD vs.

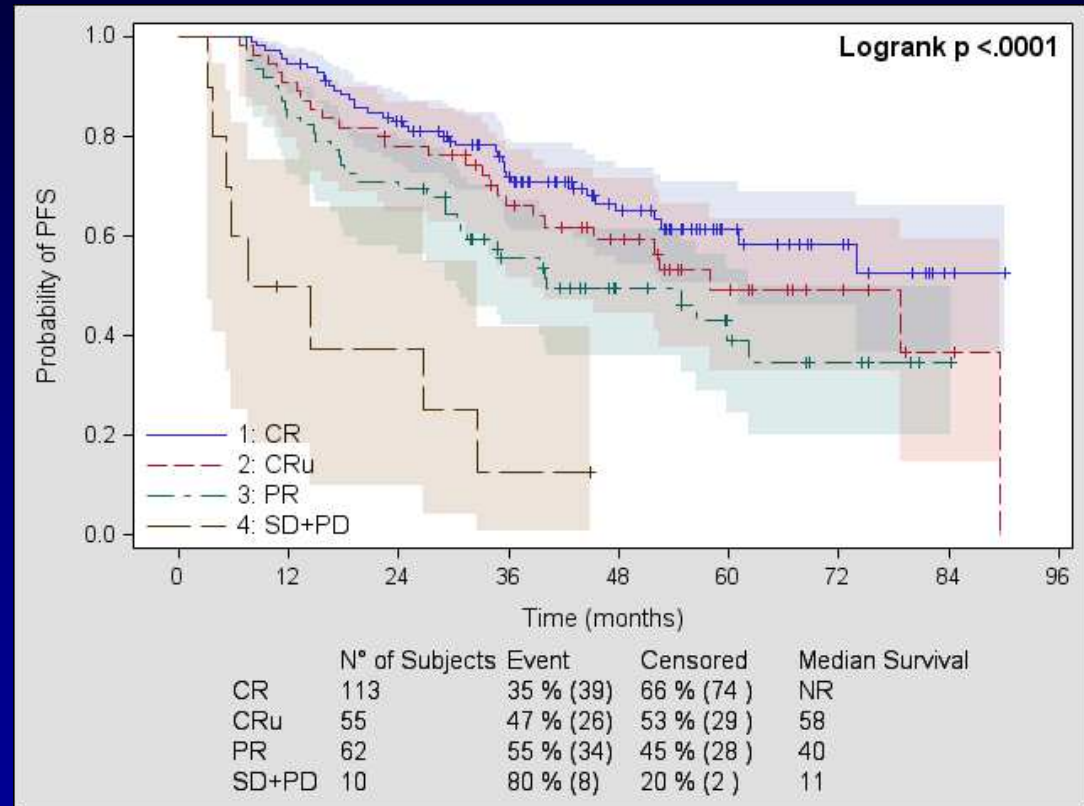
- PR, HR 4.2
- CR<sub>u</sub>, HR 5.6
- CR, HR 7.8 ,  $p < .0001$

PR vs.

- CR/CR<sub>u</sub>, HR 1.7 (1.1-2.5)  
 $p = 0.02$

CR<sub>u</sub>/PR vs.

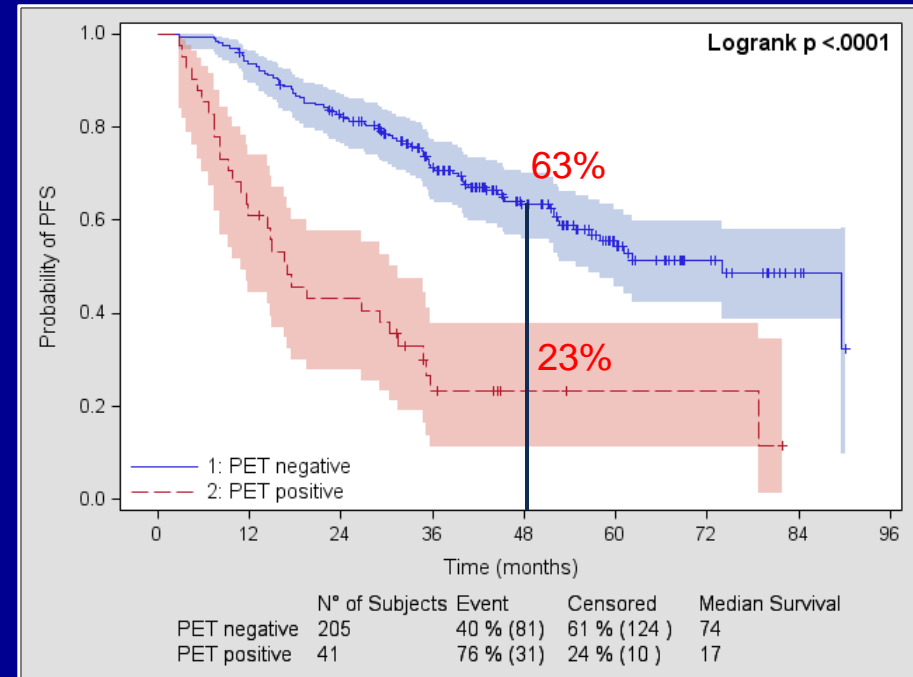
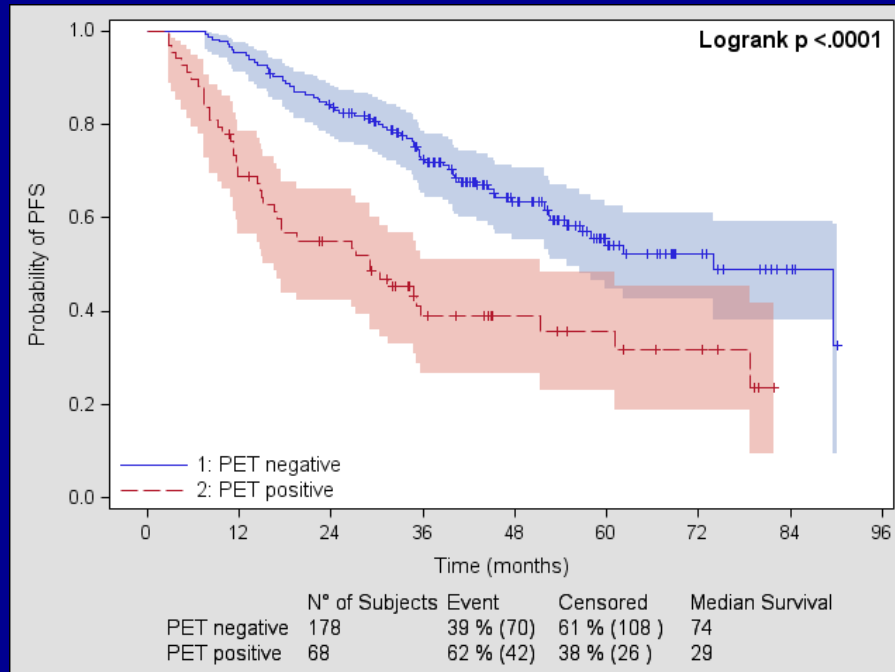
- CR, HR 1.6 (1.1-2.4),  $p = 0.02$



# Both PET cut-offs predictive of PFS

Score  $\geq 3$

Score  $\geq 4$



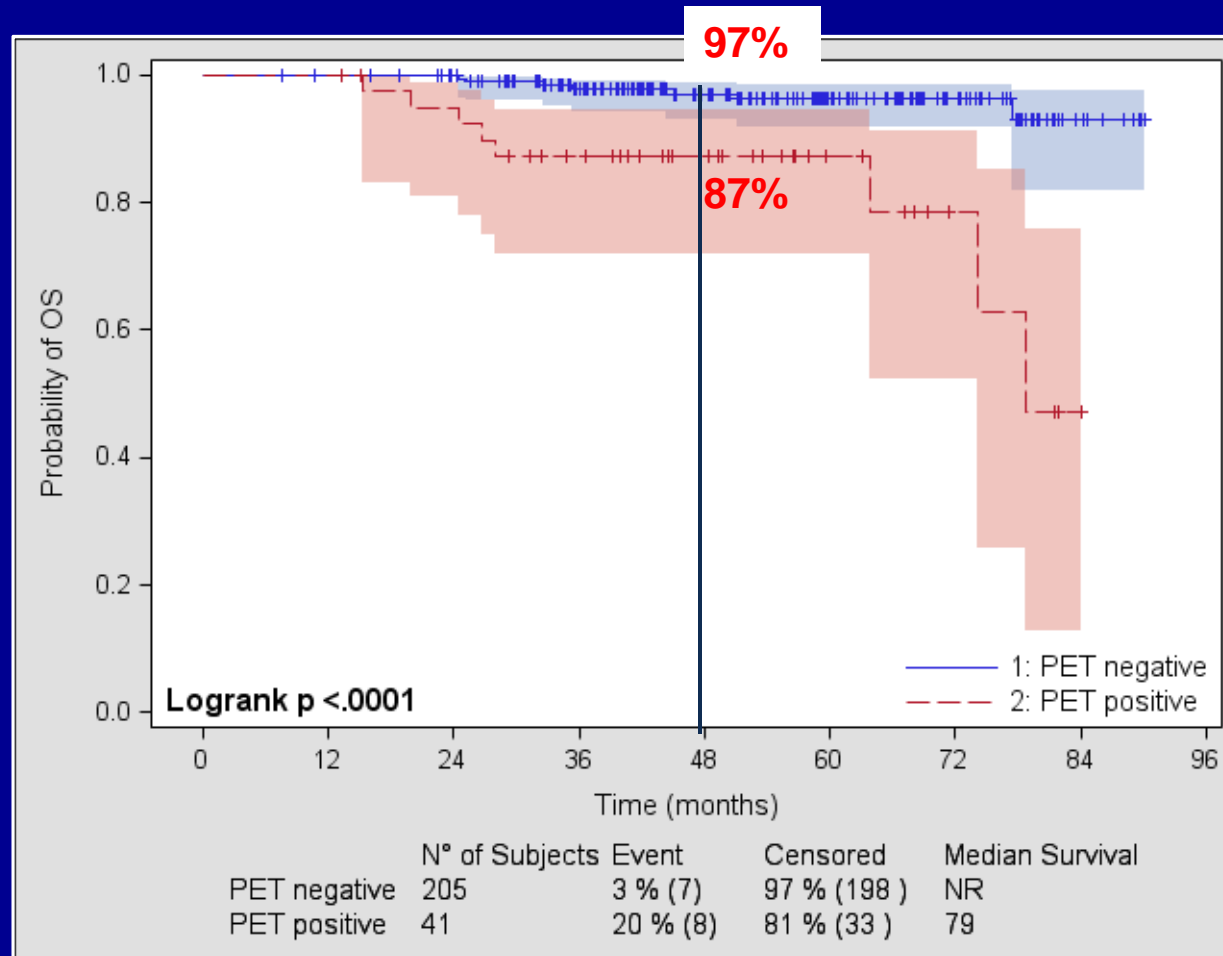
HR 3.9 (95% CI 2.5-5.9,  $p < .0001$ )

Median PFS:

16.9 (10.8-31.4) vs. 74.0 mo (54.7-NR)



# Postinduction PET status (cut-off $\geq 4$ ) and Overall Survival



HR 6.7, 95% CI 2.4-18.5, p=0.0002

Median OS: 79 months vs. NR

Trotman et al, Lancet Haematol, 2014

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E D I T O R I A L

# Hodgkin Lymphoma: Protecting the Victims of Our Success

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See accompanying article on page 4508

The only saving grace of the present is that it's too damned stupid to question the past very closely.

—H.P. Lovecraft<sup>1</sup>

In few instances in oncology has progress been so methodical. Total nodal irradiation became subtotal, then extended field, and then involved field.<sup>3</sup> Randomized trials demonstrated that regimens such

as doxorubicin, bleomycin, vinorelbine, and dacarbazine were more

# Routine Bone Marrow Biopsy in Hodgkin Lymphoma

- 454 newly diagnosed pts
- Bone marrow involvement
  - 18% focal lesions by PET
  - 8% involvement by trephine
- No pt with BM+ had CS I-II by PET
- Pts with BM+ had other evidence of stage IV
- BM Bx upstaged 5 pts from III-IV
- No treatment decisions changed by BM Bx



# PET-CT For Staging and Early Response in HL (n=1214)

- RATHL (ceCT) and PET-CT staging compared
- Concordance in 80%
  - PET-CT upstaged 14% (BM 92, lung 11, multiple 12)
  - Downstaged 6%
  - ceCT identified 7 PET-CT-neg lesions (bowel, Liver, spleen)
  - **BMBx – positive 0.4% where PET was negative**

# BMBx and PET-CT in DLBCL

- 130 pts; 35 (27%) with BM involvement: 33 by PET, 14 by BMBx
- PET identified all positive BMs
- BX did not upstage any patients
- Sensitivity/specificity
  - PET-CT – 94%, 100%
  - BMBx – 40%, 100%
- Prognosis of PET+/Bx- similar to stage IV w/o BM involvement
- Pts with BM+ had other evidence of stage IV

# PET vs BMBx in Follicular Lymphoma

	N	BMB+ PET+	BMB+ PET-	BMB- PET+	BMB- PET-	Sensitivity	Specificity	Accuracy
FL at diagnosis	57	16	8	5	28	.67	.85	.77
FL at relapse	30	8	3	2	17	.73	.89	.83

# BM Bx in the Staging of Lymphomas

- If PET-CT is performed, BM biopsy is no longer indicated for HL, and only for DLBCL if PET is negative and identifying discordant histology is important for patient management
- BM remains part of staging for other histologies

# Staging of Lymphomas: The Lugano Classification

- PET-CT is the standard for FDG-avid lymphomas; CT is indicated for non-avid histologies (CLL/SLL, MZL, LPL, MF)
- A modified Ann Arbor staging system is recommended for disease localization; however, patients are treated according to prognostic and risk factors
- Suffixes A and B are only required for HL
- “X” for bulky disease is no longer necessary, but record the largest tumor diameter

## Summary: What is New in the Lugano *Staging* Criteria?

- Splenomegaly: >13 cm
- No routine CXR
- No BMBx in HL or most DLBCL

# Summary: What is New in Lugano *Response Criteria*

- PET-CT for all FDG-avid histologies
- CR includes persistent nodes that are PET-negative in FDG-avid histologies
- CT-PR retains SPD 6 nodes/extranodal lesions
- Single lesion adequate for PD
- Deauville 5-PS now the standard

## 5 POINT SCALE (DEAUVILLE CRITERIA)

1. no uptake
2. uptake  $\leq$  mediastinum
3. uptake  $>$  mediastinum but  $\leq$  liver
4. moderately increased uptake compared to liver
5. **markedly** increased uptake compared to liver and/or new lesions

\*\* **markedly** increased uptake is taken to be uptake  $>$  2-3 times the SUV max in normal liver



<b>CMR/CR</b>	<b>PET-CT-based response</b>	<b>CT-based response</b>
	<b>Complete Metabolic Response (CMR)</b>	<b>Complete Radiologic Response (ALL of the following)</b>
<b>Target Nodal/ Extranodal</b>	Score 1, 2, or 3* by 5-PS with or without a residual mass	<b>Nodal Disease:</b> $\leq 1.5$ cm in LDi
<b>Non-Target</b>		<b>Extranodal Disease:</b> Absent
<b>Spleen</b>		Regress to normal
<b>New lesions</b>		None
<b>Bone marrow</b>		No evidence of FDG-avid disease in marrow

**\*Score of 3**

- Good prognosis with standard treatment (interim scan) for some
- De-escalation is investigated → may consider a score of 3 as inadequate response (to avoid undertreatment).

<b>PMR/PR</b>	<b>PET-CT-based response</b>	<b>CT-based response</b>
<b>Target Nodal/ Extranodal Non-Target Spleen</b>	<b>Partial Metabolic Response (PMR)</b>  Score 4,5 with reduced uptake compared with baseline and residual mass(es) of any size. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Interim:</b> suggest responding disease</li> <li>• <b>EoT:</b> indicates residual disease</li> </ul>	<b>Partial Remission (PR) (ALL of the following)</b>  ≥ 50% decrease from baseline in SPD of all Target lesions
		No Increase
		<b>Spleen:</b> ≥ 50% decrease from baseline in enlarged portion (value over 13cm) <b>Liver:</b> no progression
		None
<b>New lesions</b>	Residual uptake higher than uptake in normal marrow but reduced compared with baseline  Persistent focal changes in the marrow with nodal response, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Further evaluation with MRI or biopsy, or an interval scan</li> </ul>	Not applicable
<b>Bone marrow</b>		

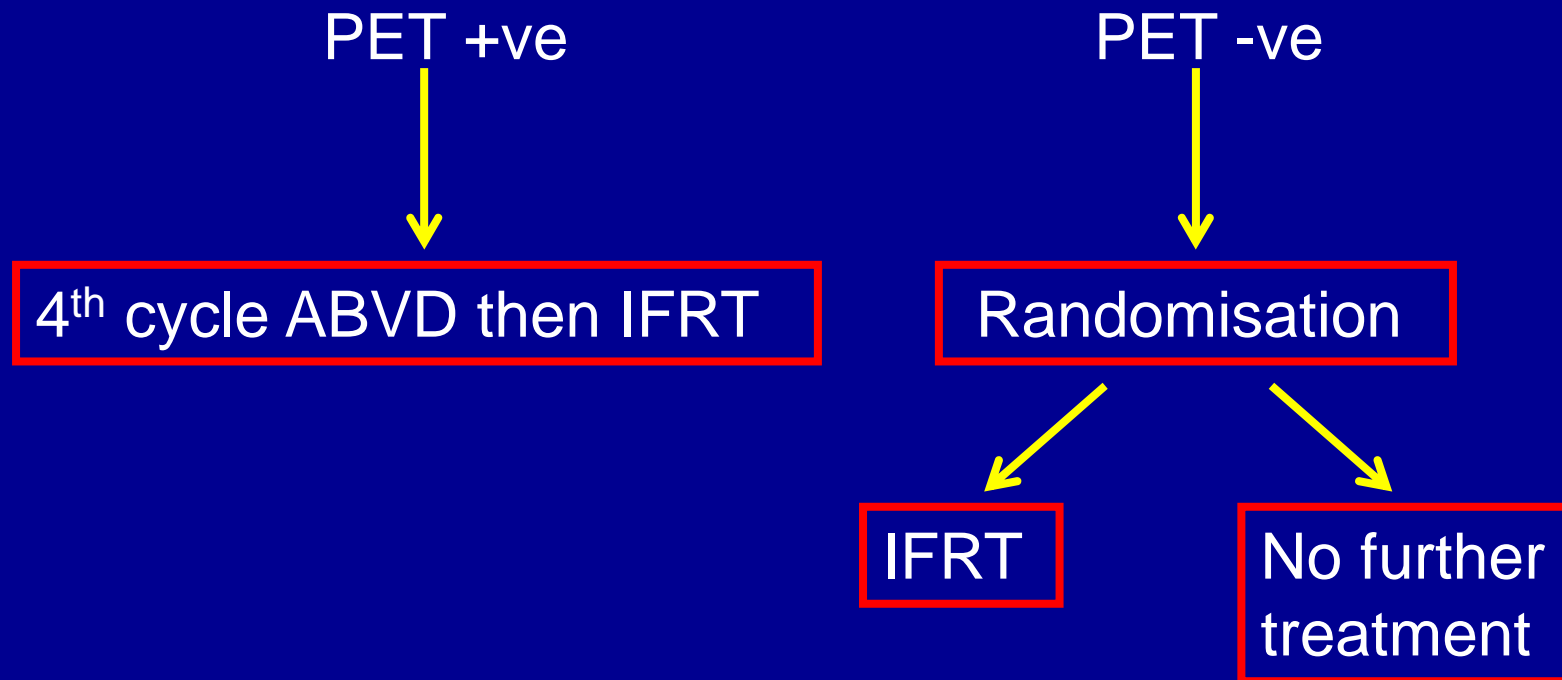
<b>NMR/SD</b>	<b>PET-CT-based response</b>	<b>CT-based response</b>
	<b>No Metabolic Response (NMR)</b>	<b>Stable disease</b>
<b>Target Nodal/ Extranodal</b>	Score 4 or 5 with no significant change in FDG uptake from baseline, at interim or EoT.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• &lt; 50% decrease from baseline in SPD of all Target lesions</li> <li>• No criteria for PD are met</li> </ul>
<b>Non-Target</b>		No progression
<b>Spleen</b>		No progression
<b>New lesions</b>		None
<b>Bone marrow</b>	No change from baseline	Not applicable

<b>PMD/PD</b>	<b>PET-CT-based response</b>	<b>CT-based response</b>		
<b>Target Nodal/ Extranodal</b>  <b>Non-Target</b>  <b>Spleen/Liver</b>  <b>New lesions</b>	<b>Progressive Metabolic Disease (PMD)</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Score 4, 5 with increase in intensity of uptake from baseline</li> </ul> <b>and/or</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New FDG-avid foci consistent with lymphoma at interim or EoT</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider biopsy or interval scan if etiology of new lesions uncertain</li> </ul>	<b>Progressive disease</b> <b>ONE of the following</b>  <u><b>PPD Progression:</b></u> An individual node/lesion must be abnormal with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LDi &gt; 1.5 cm AND</li> <li>Increase by ≥ 50% from PPD nadir AND</li> </ul> <b>An increase in LDi or SDi from nadir</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>≥ 0.5 cm for lesions ≤ 2 cm</li> <li>≥ 1.0 cm for lesions &gt; 2 cm</li> </ul> <b>Unequivocal Progression</b> <b>Unequivocal Progression:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Progression of existing Splenomegaly</li> <li>New or Recurrent Splenomegaly</li> <li>New or Recurrent liver involvement</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regrowth of previously resolved lesions</li> <li>New node &gt; 1.5 cm in any axis</li> <li>New extranodal site &gt; 1.0 cm in any axis</li> <li>New extranodal site &lt;1.0 cm in any axis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unequivocal/attribution to lymphoma.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Any size assessable disease unequivocal/attribution to lymphoma</li> </ul>		
		<b>Bone marrow</b>	New/recurrent FDG avid foci	New/recurrent involvement

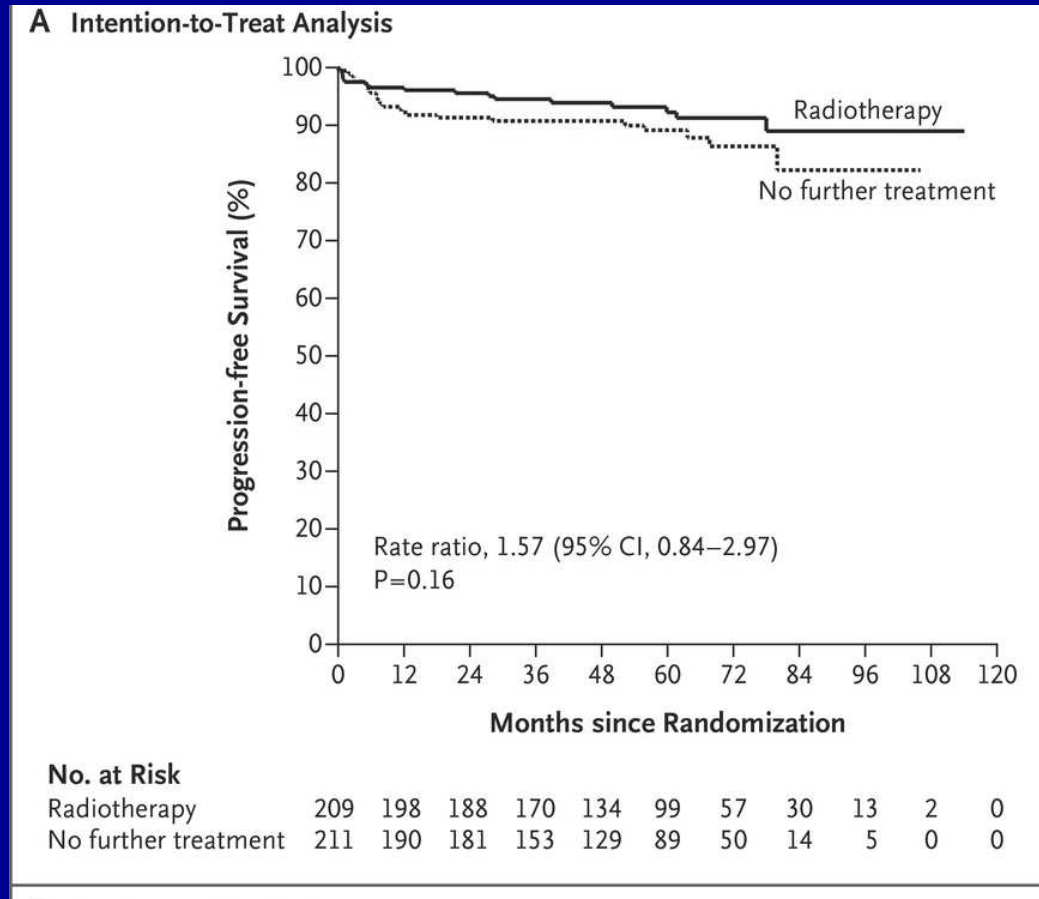
# RAPID - trial design

Initial treatment: ABVD x 3

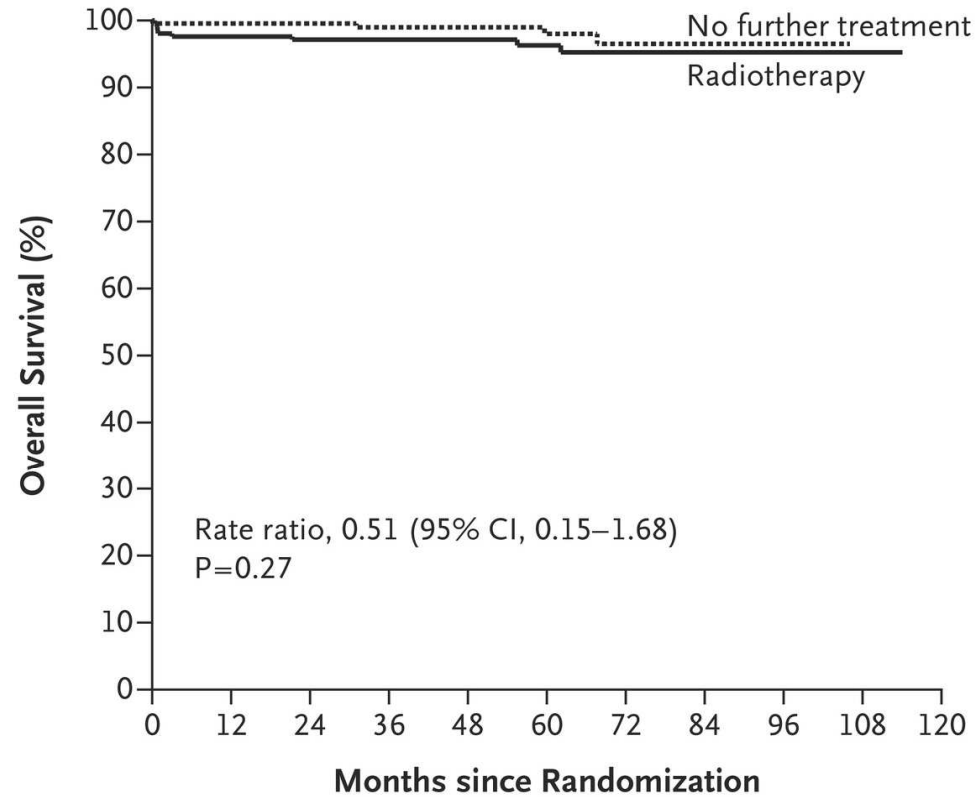
Re-assessment: if NR/PD, patient goes off study  
if CR/PR, FDG-PET scan performed



# RAPID Trial: Progression-free Survival.



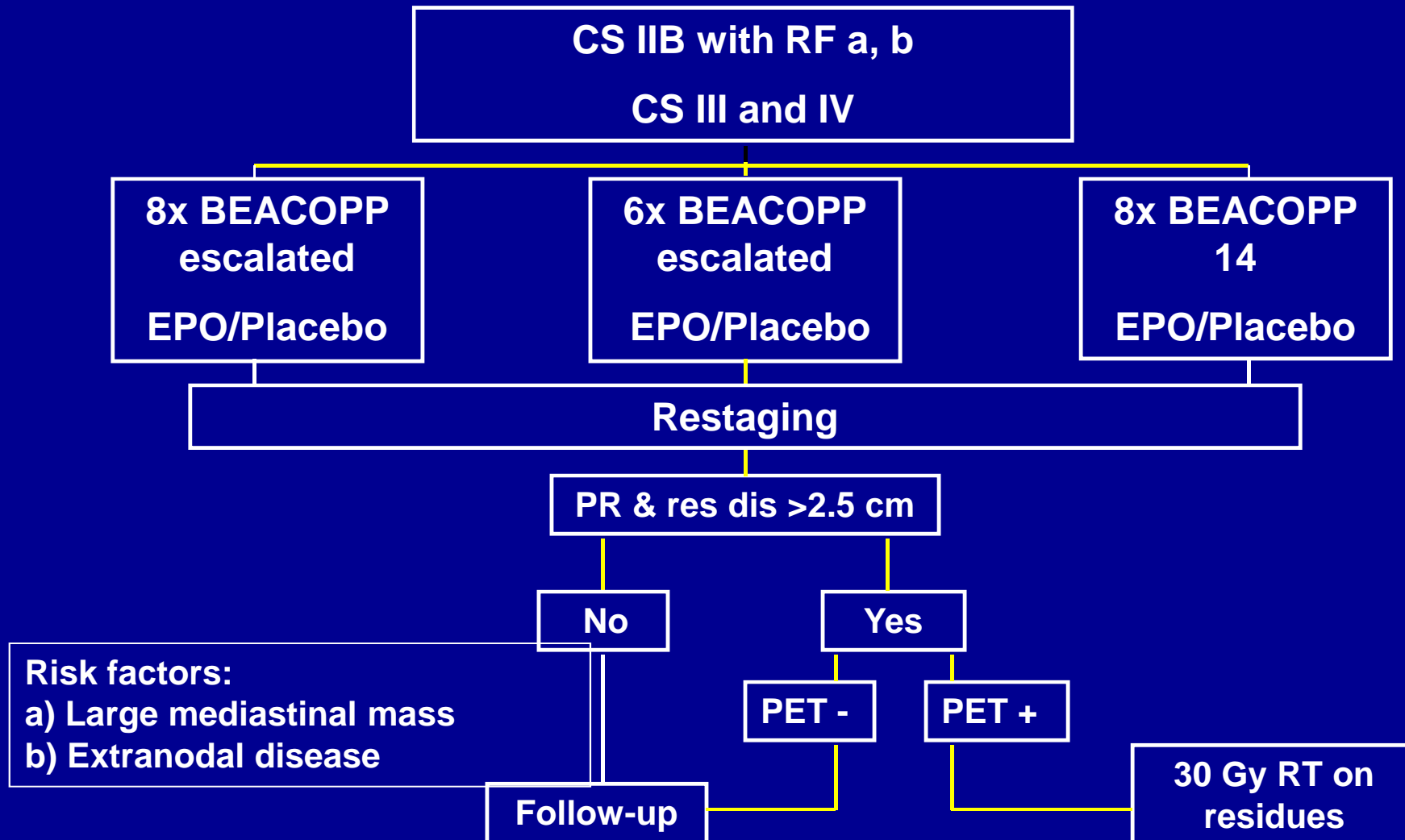
# RAPID Trial: Overall Survival.



## No. at Risk

Radiotherapy	209	200	191	175	139	103	60	34	13	2	0
No further treatment	211	204	196	167	140	97	56	18	6	0	0

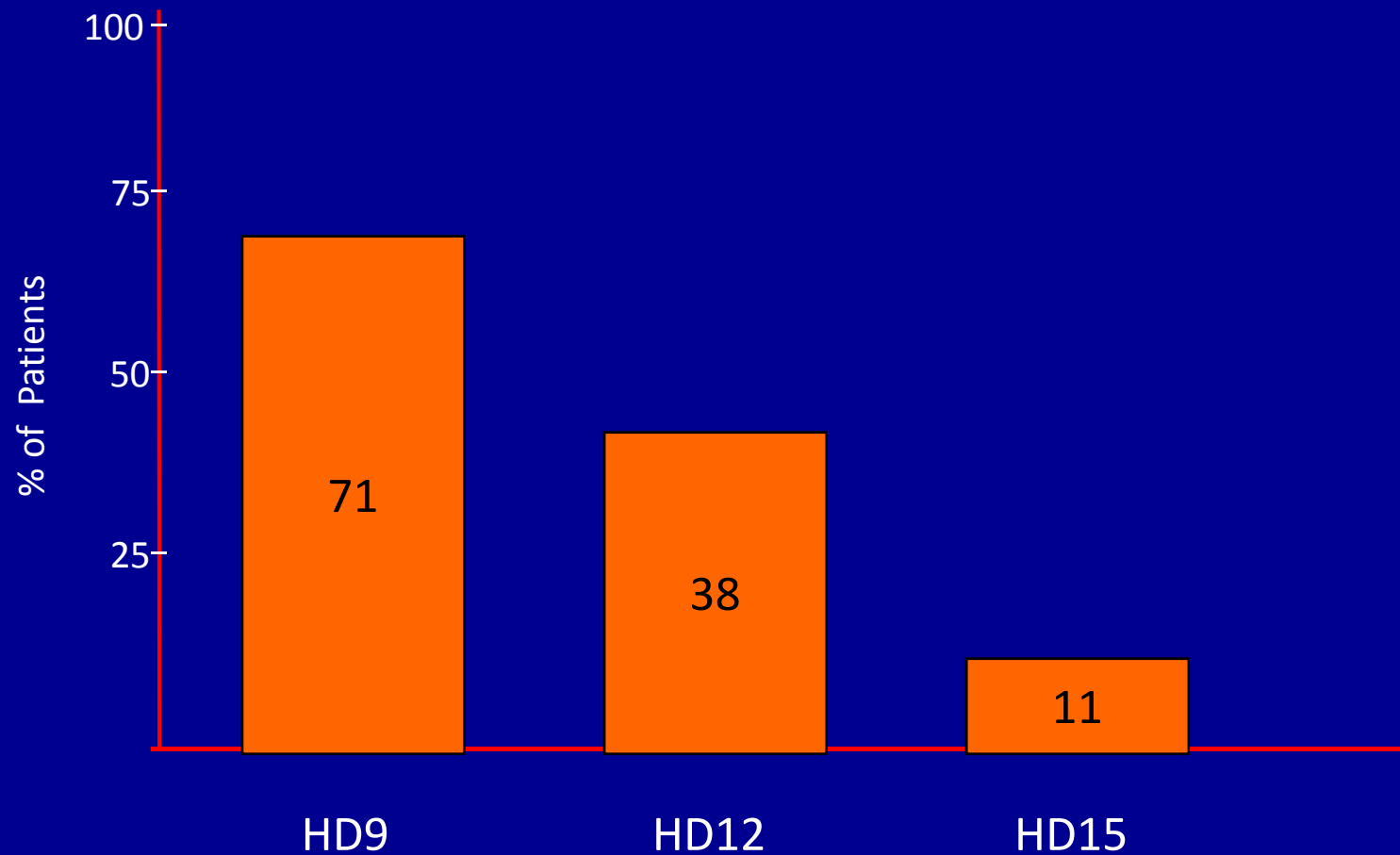
# GHSB study for advanced-stage HL (HD15; 2003-08)





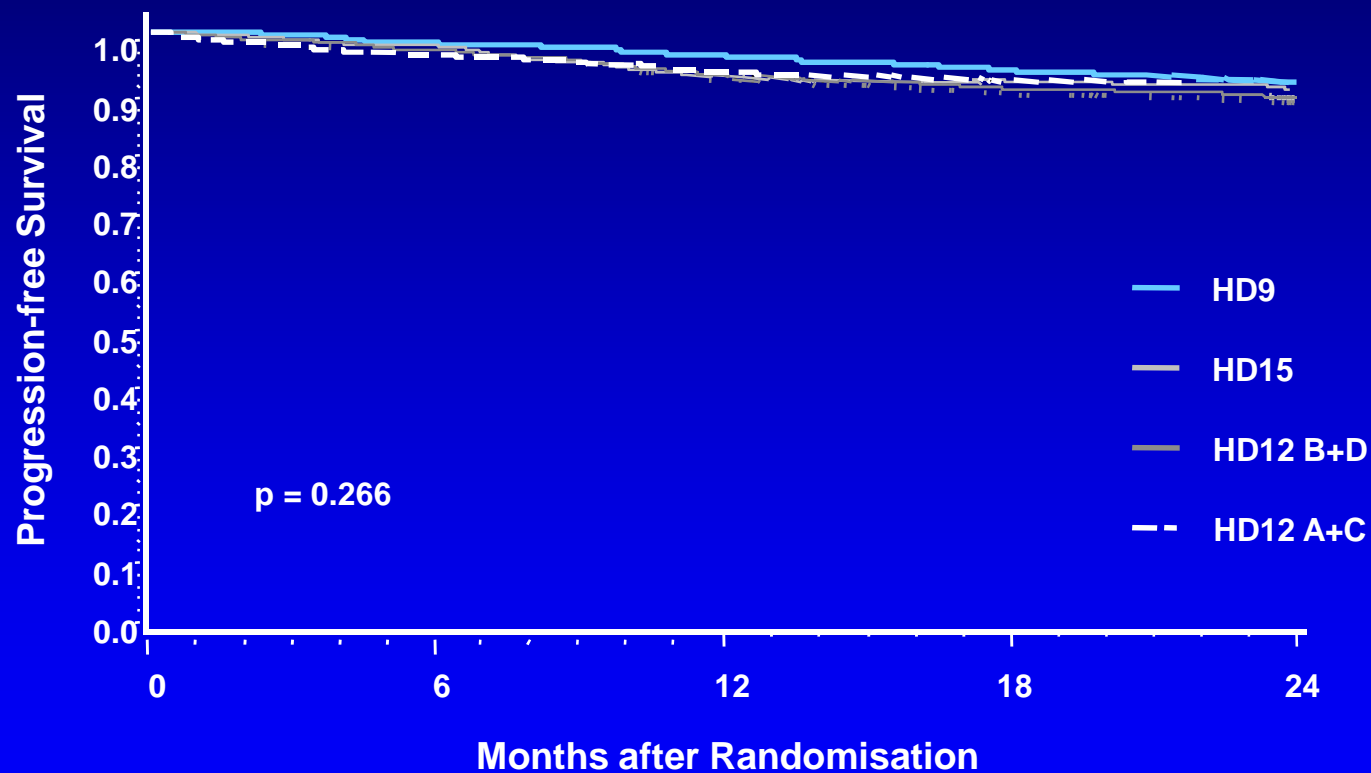
# Additional RT after chemo in advanced stages

GHSG studies HD9, HD12 and HD15 (% of all pts)

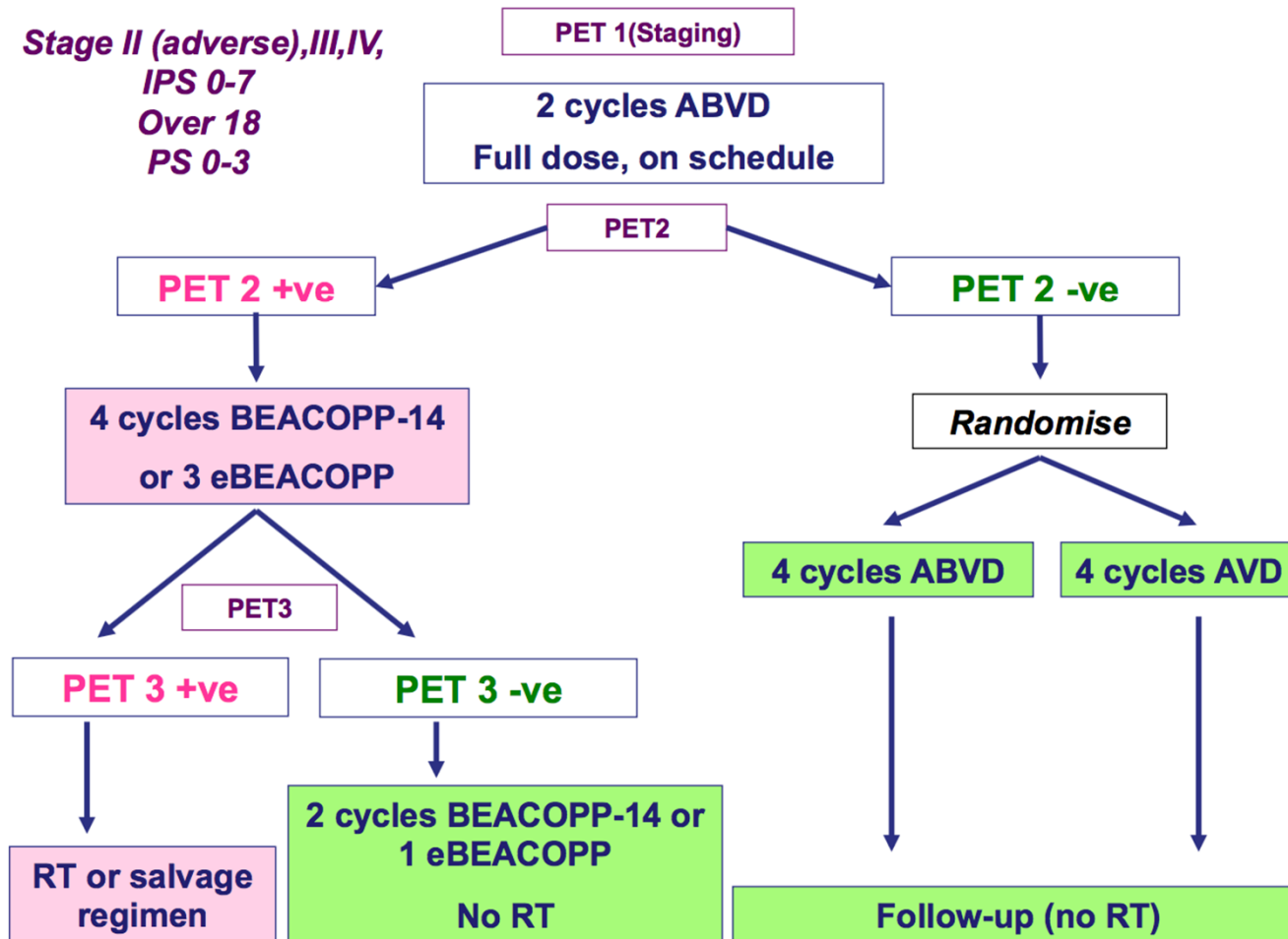


Engert et al, Lancet 12:379, 2012

# Comparison of GHSG trials HD9, HD12, HD15 for advanced-stage HL (PFS)

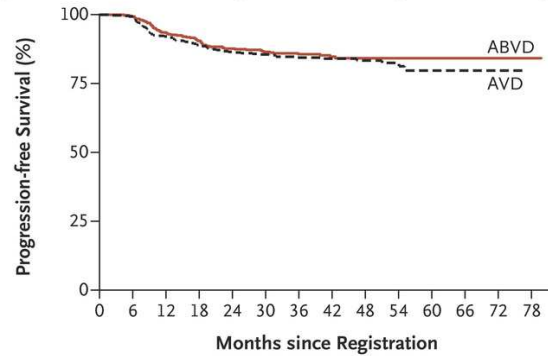


# RATHL: Schema



# Progression-free and Overall Survival.

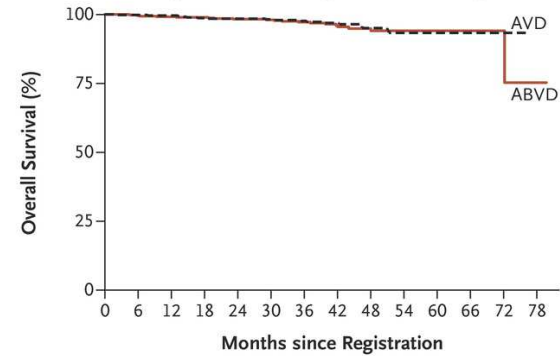
**A Progression-free Survival among Patients with Negative PET Findings**



No. at Risk

ABVD	470	464	433	417	394	340	262	169	100	67	26	14	4	1
AVD	465	455	419	396	376	327	264	182	112	68	28	16	3	0

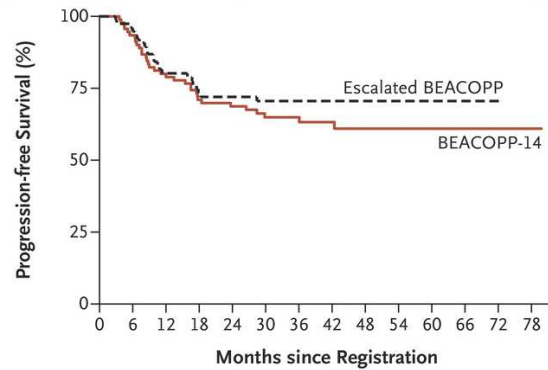
**B Overall Survival among Patients with Negative PET Findings**



No. at Risk

ABVD	470	464	459	456	441	385	298	197	119	79	33	16	5	1
AVD	465	457	450	438	421	371	298	209	126	72	29	16	3	0

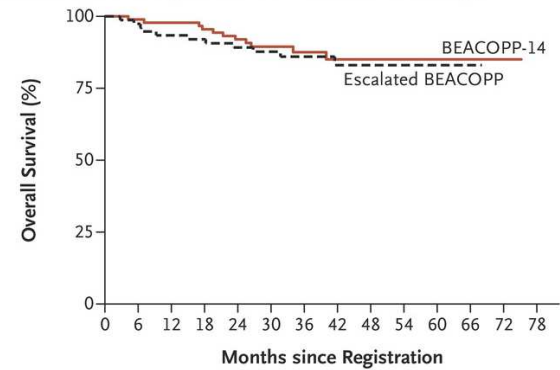
**C Progression-free Survival among Patients with Positive PET Findings**



No. at Risk

BEACOPP-14	94	84	70	63	60	46	39	29	15	7	4	3	2	1
Escalated	78	72	59	53	50	45	38	28	18	14	9	4	1	0
BEACOPP														

**D Overall Survival among Patients with Positive PET Findings**



No. at Risk

BEACOPP-14	94	89	85	85	80	58	47	36	18	7	4	3	2	1
Escalated	78	73	68	66	63	56	45	34	22	17	10	4	1	0
BEACOPP														

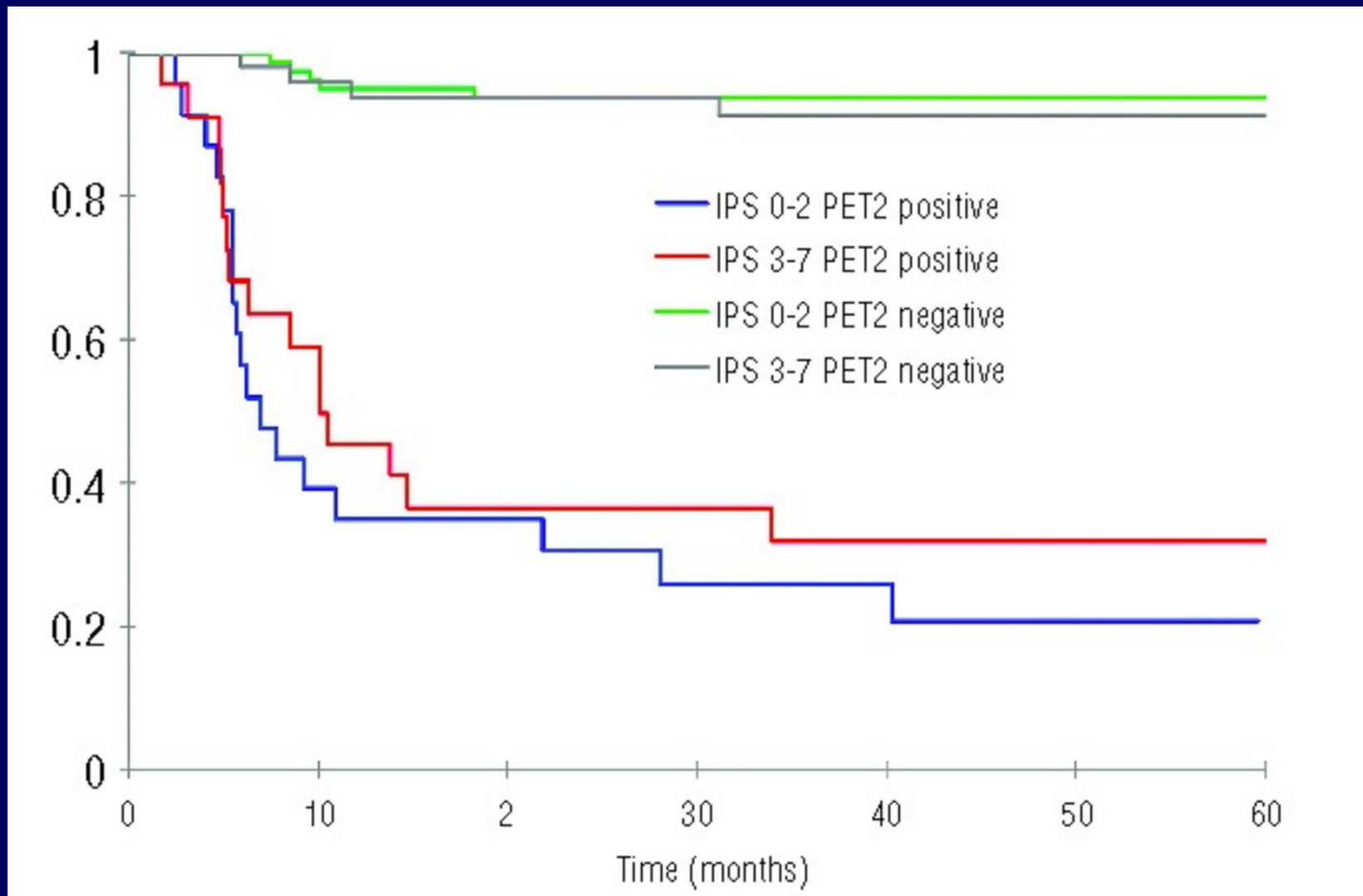
## Toxicity of therapy: ABVD vs AVD

### % of patients experiencing grade 3-4 events

	ABVD cycles 1-2	ABVD cycles 3-6	AVD cycles 3-6	P-value
Neutropenia	57.3	58.4	57.5	0.78
Thrombocytopenia	1.3	1.3	3.2	0.045
Neutropenic fever	2.1	4.7	2.2	0.032
Infection	6.3	14.5	10.1	0.040
Thrombo-embolism	1.4	4.9	2.6	0.061
Respiratory AEs	0.7	3.6	0.6	0.002
Any non-haematological toxicity	16	31	21	<0.001

Johnson et al NEJM 374:2419, 2016

# Interim PET in HL Using the Deauville 5-PS



# Risk-Adapted Studies of Increased Treatment in PET-2 Positive Patients

Trial	Stage	Number PET-positive	Initial therapy	% iPET positive (5PS PET score if used)	Post-PET therapy	Time to analysis	PFS %	OS %
CALGB 50604	I-II	14	2 ABVD	9	2 esc BEACOPP + IFRT	2.1 yrs	66%	N/A
EORTC H10	I-II	361	2 ABVD	19	2 ABVD + INRT 2 esc BEACOPP + INRT	5 yrs	77 91	89 96
RATHL	II with adverse features, III, IV	182	2 ABVD	16 (4-5)	4 esc BEACOPP or 6 BEACOPP-14	3 yrs	68	87
GITIL HD0607	II with adverse features, III, IV	98	2 ABVD	20 (4-5)	4 esc BEACOPP + 4 BEACOPP baseline +/- rituximab	2	66	N/A
SWOG S0816	III, IV	60	2 ABVD	18 (4-5)	6 esc BEACOPP	2	64	N/A
FIL HD0801	IIB-IV	103	2 ABVD	20 (3-5)	4 IGEV + BEAM	2	76	N/A

# A New Problem

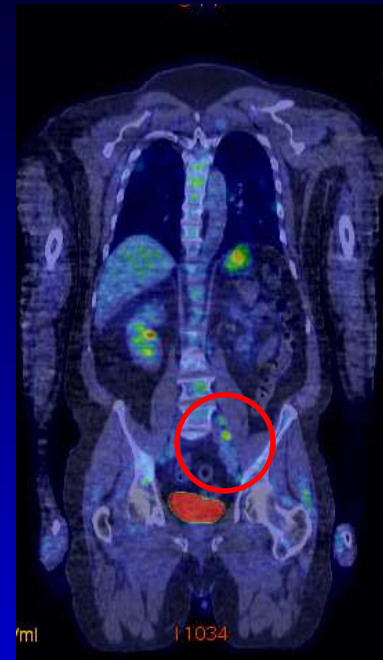
- ~15% of solid tumor pts have a flare response on immunomodulatory agents (CPIs)
- Confused with PD
- Result in premature termination
- Agents induce flare reactions in lymphoma:
  - Lenalidomide
  - Rituximab
  - Brentuximab vedotin
  - Ibrutinib
  - Check point inhibitors



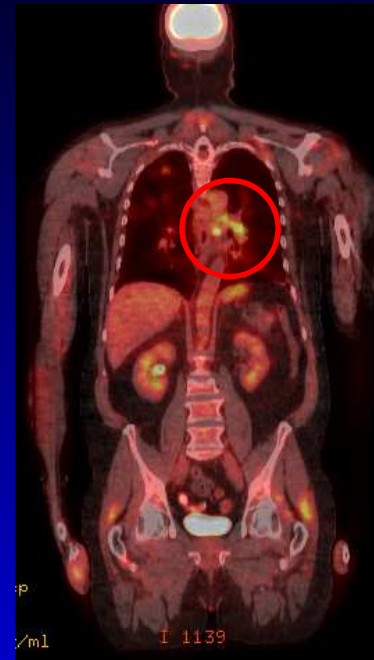
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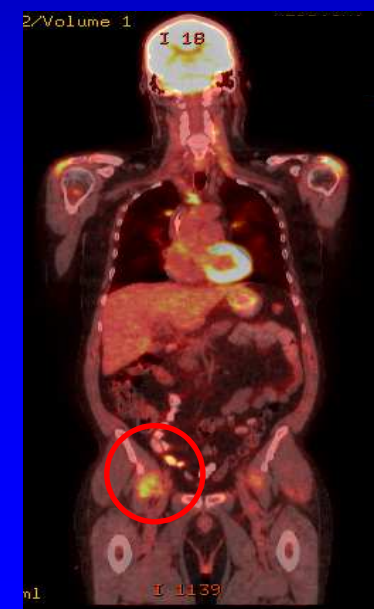
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# Immune Response Criteria (IRC)\*

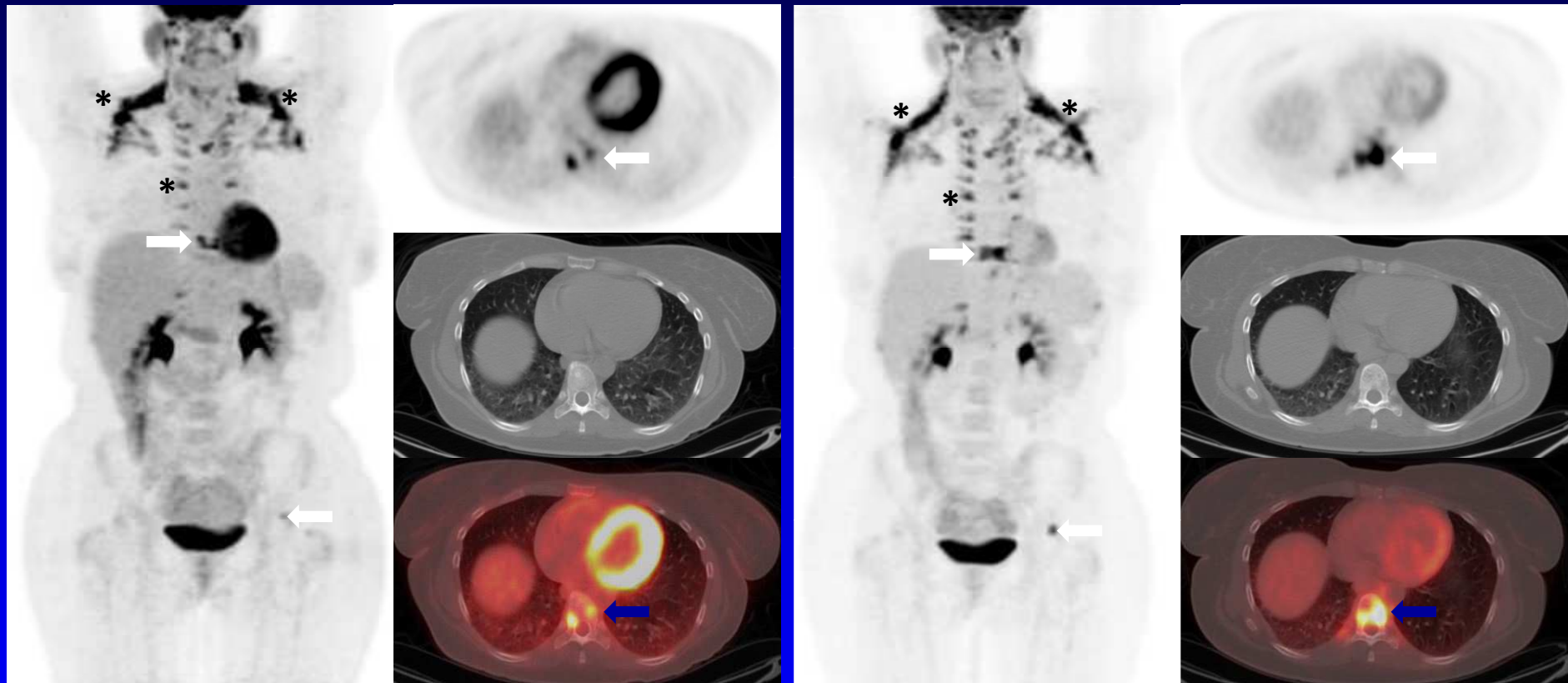
- Not applicable to lymphoma:
  - Rely on RECIST rather than Lugano
  - Timing of response assessment differs
  - Confirmatory studies not required with lymphoma
  - Definition of PD differs
  - Do not include PET-CT
  - Tumors are always abnormal; lymphomas involve nodes which are normally present
    - Normal size despite involvement
    - Enlarged despite non-involvement

\* Wolchok et al, Clin Cancer Res 15:7412, 2009

# Discordance Between IRC and Lugano

- Lymphomas often have non-measurable disease, imperceptible on CT
  - Bone marrow
  - Soft tissue involvement
- Cannot be integrated into tumor burden

# Discrepancy Between Lugano and Immune Response Criteria



Restaging FDG-PET/CT 1

12 weeks

Restaging FDG-PET/CT 2

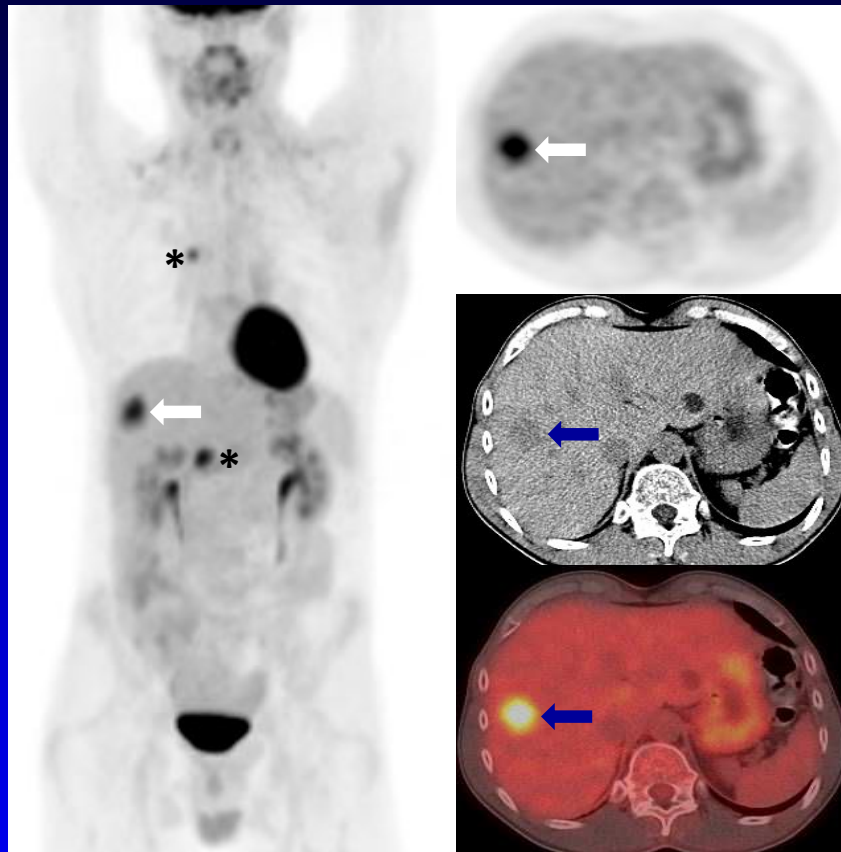
20 weeks

## Discordance Between IRC and Lugano

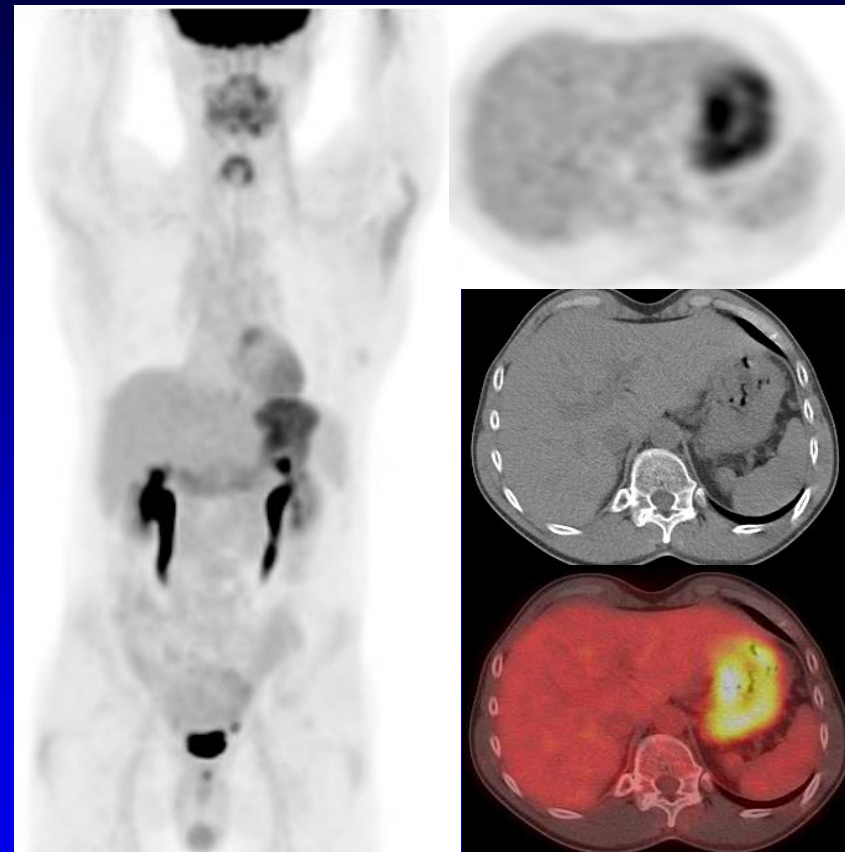
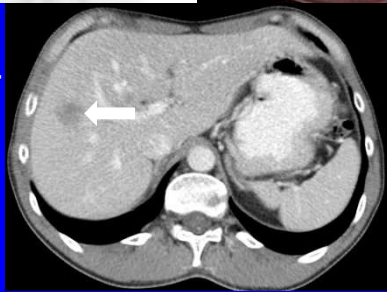
- Restaging PET-CT shows resolution of lesions
- If persistent CT lesions would be considered a PR by IRC
- Considered CR by Lugano if no longer FDG avid



# Discrepancy Between Lugano and IRC



Baseline PET/CT  
and Contrast-  
enhanced CT



Restaging  
PET/CT and  
Contrast-  
enhanced CT



# LRF Sponsored Workshop 20.11.15: Assessment of Response in Patients On Immunomodulatory Agents



## **Response Criteria in Lymphoma Patients Treated with Immunomodulatory Agents Including Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors**

- Overview:** The *Response Criteria in Lymphoma Patients Treated with Immunomodulatory Agents Workshop* (the workshop) will allow leading clinicians and pharmaceutical researchers to share their experience with immune regulating agents which may induce an immune flare reaction in lymphoma. Lymphoma is one of the major cancer types for which new immune-based cancer treatments are currently in development.
- Objective:** The objective of the workshop is to address the unique patient response to this class of drugs and recommend appropriate adaptations of current lymphoma response criteria
- Logistics:** One-day program on November 20; the workshop will be held in Washington, DC.

# Immune Response Workshop

- Included presentations from investigators and industry representatives on experience with check point inhibitors
- Discussed the relevance of solid tumor IRC to lymphoma
- Determined lymphoma-specific criteria were needed
- Developed Lymphoma Response to Immunomodulatory Therapy Criteria (LyRIC)





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## Refinement of the Lugano classification response criteria for lymphoma in the era of immunomodulatory therapy

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Blood 2016 :blood-2016-05-718528; doi:10.1182/blood-2016-05-718528

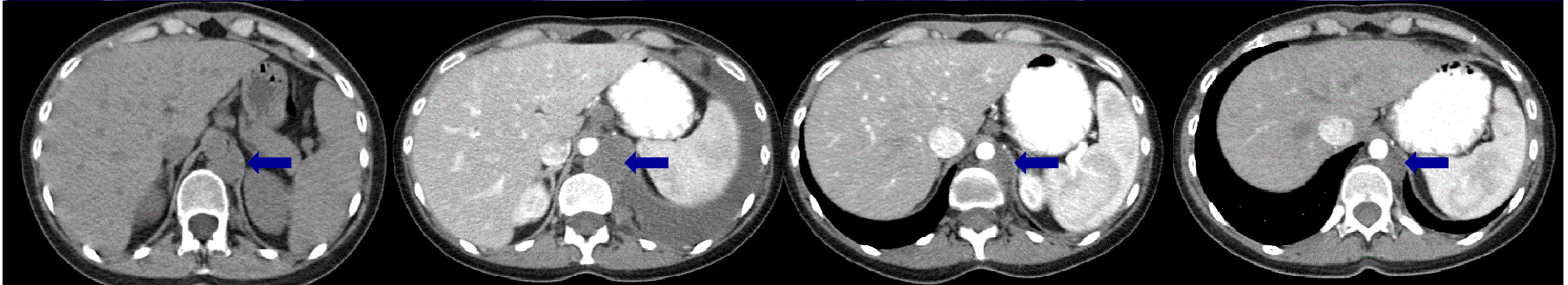
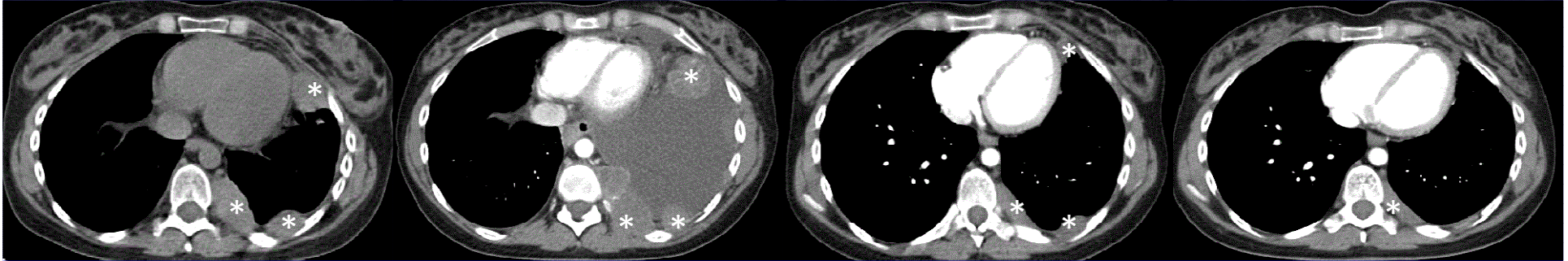
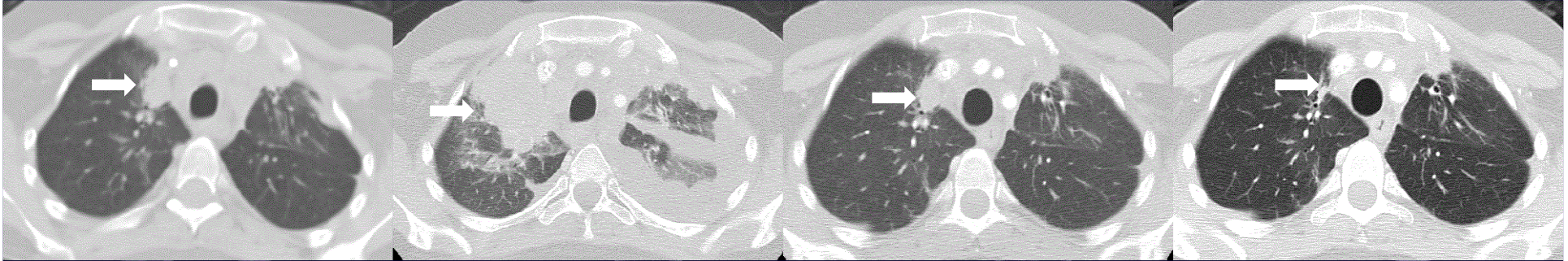
# Indeterminate Response (IR)

- Provisional term
- To identify lesions that may be flare vs PD
- Does not make direct reference to underlying mechanism
- Allows appropriate patients to remain on treatment
  - until reassessment to confirm or refute PD
  - or biopsy proven disease

# Definitions of Types of IR

**IR1:** Increase in overall tumor burden (by SPD) of  $\geq 50\%$  of up to 6 measurable lesions in the first 12 weeks of therapy, without clinical deterioration

# IR1



Baseline CT

Restaging CT 1- 3 wks

Restaging CT 2- 7 wks

Restaging CT 3-13 wks

# Definitions of Types of IR

**IR2:** Appearance of new lesions; or growth of one or more existing lesion(s)  $\geq 50\%$ ; at any time during treatment; occurring in the context of lack of overall progression ( $< 50\%$  increase) of overall tumor burden, by SPD of up to 6 lesions at any time during the treatment.



# IR2

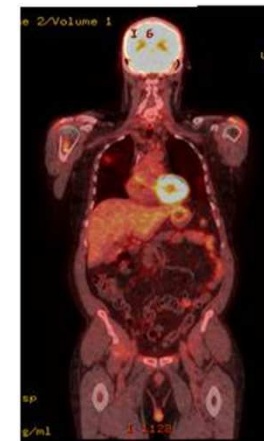
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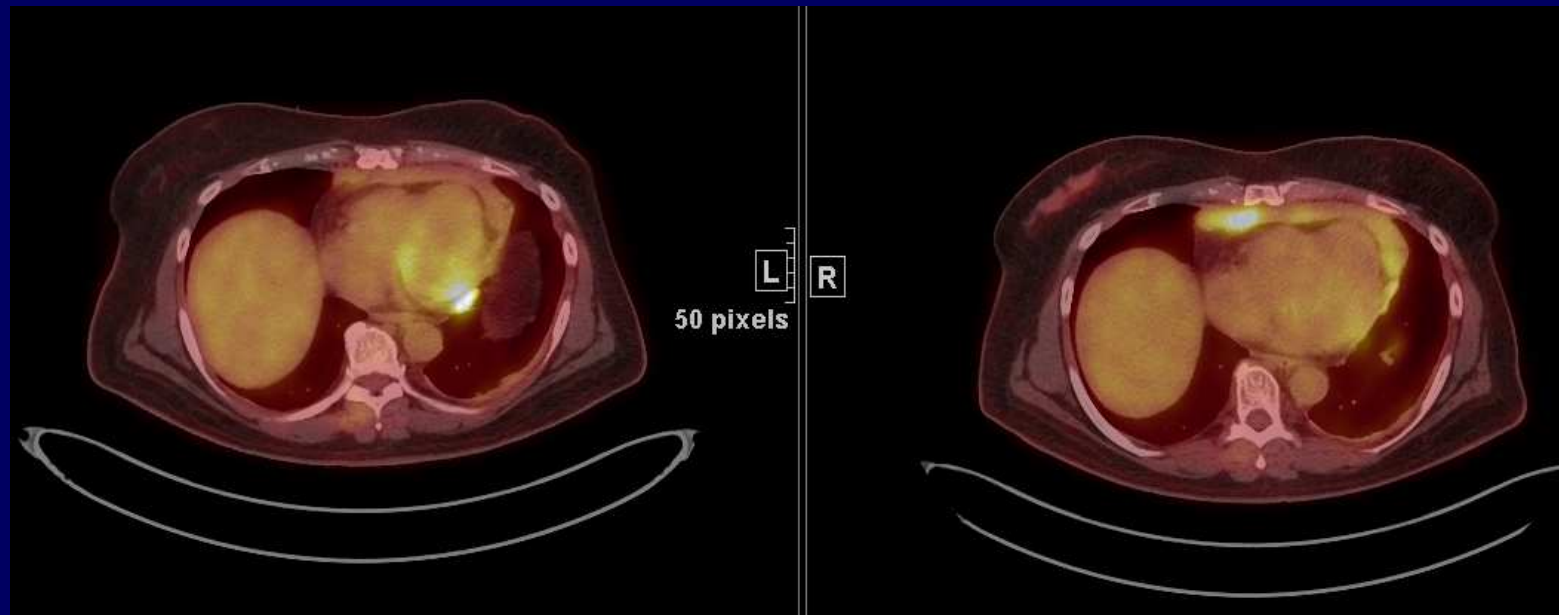
# Definitions of Types of IR

**IR3:** Increase in FDG uptake of one or more lesion(s) without a concomitant increase in lesion size or number

IR(3) an increase in FDG uptake of one or more lesions suggestive of lymphoma without a concomitant increase in size of those lesions meeting PD

July 2, 2014

Sept 3, 2014





# Follow-up of IR

- Repeat scan in 12 wks (earlier if indicated)
- PD if:
  - IR1 – further increase in SPD
  - IR2 – new lesion added to SPD (unless benign) and, if  $\geq 50\%$  increase – PD
  - IR3 – PD if increase in size or new lesions

# Future Directions

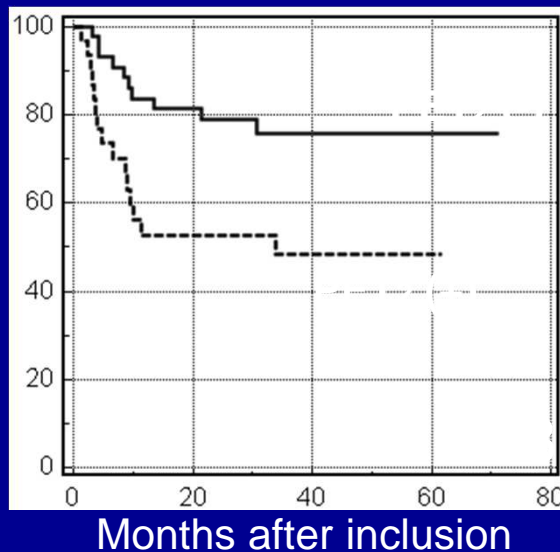
- Quantitative assessment of response
  - $\Delta$  SUV
  - Total tumor glycolysis
  - Metabolic tumor volume
- Combined modality approaches
- Understand contribution of the microenvironment
- Stratify patients pre-treatment

# Visual vs SUV analysis

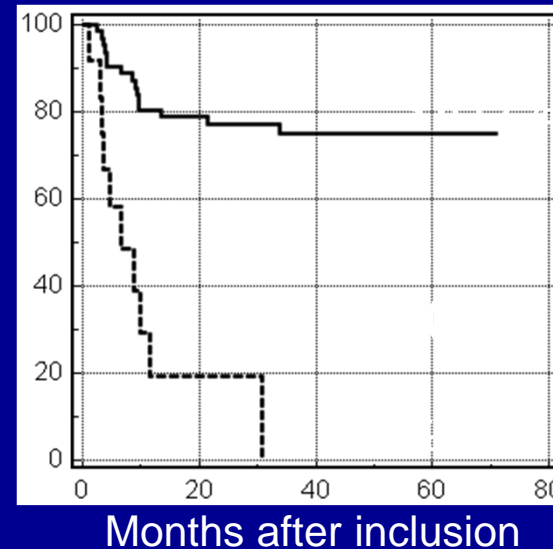
Early response assessment (2 cycles), n=92

**Visual Analysis**  
(positive or negative)

Probability of EFS

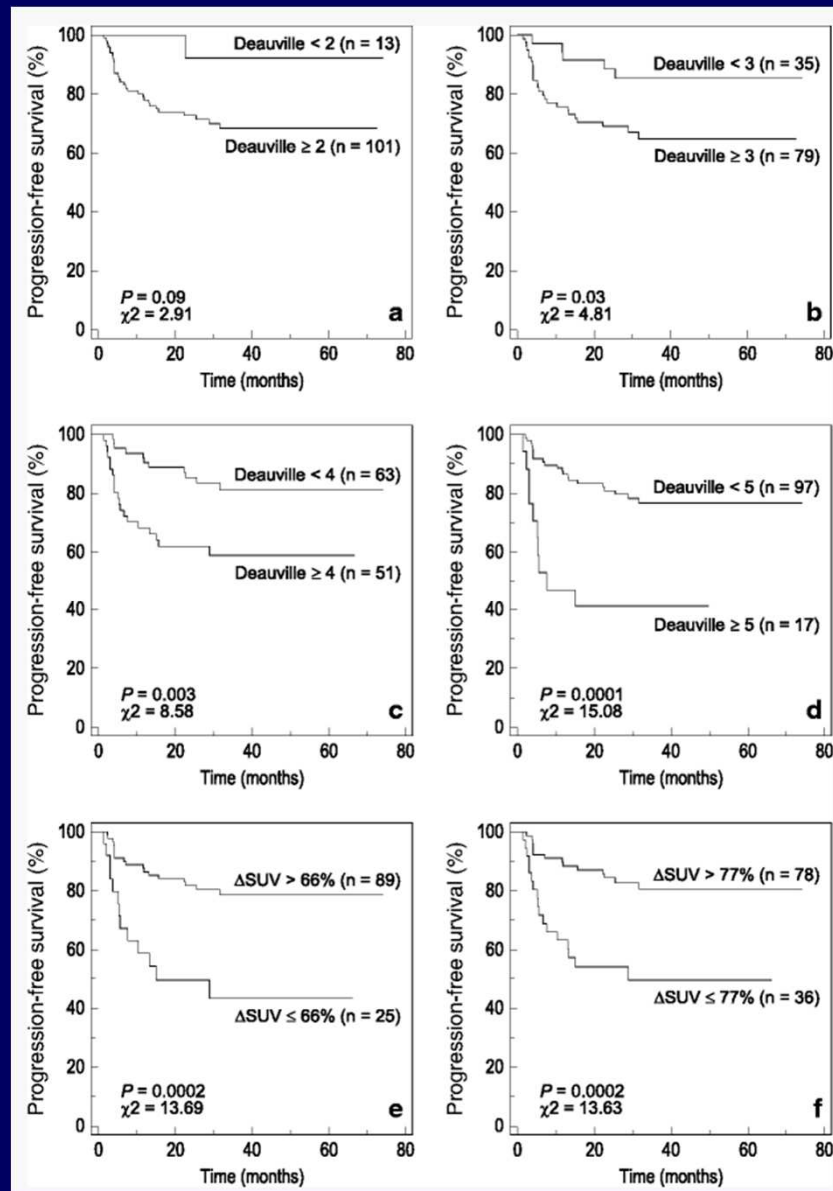


**SUV Analysis**  
( $\Delta SUV_{max}$  PET0/PET2)



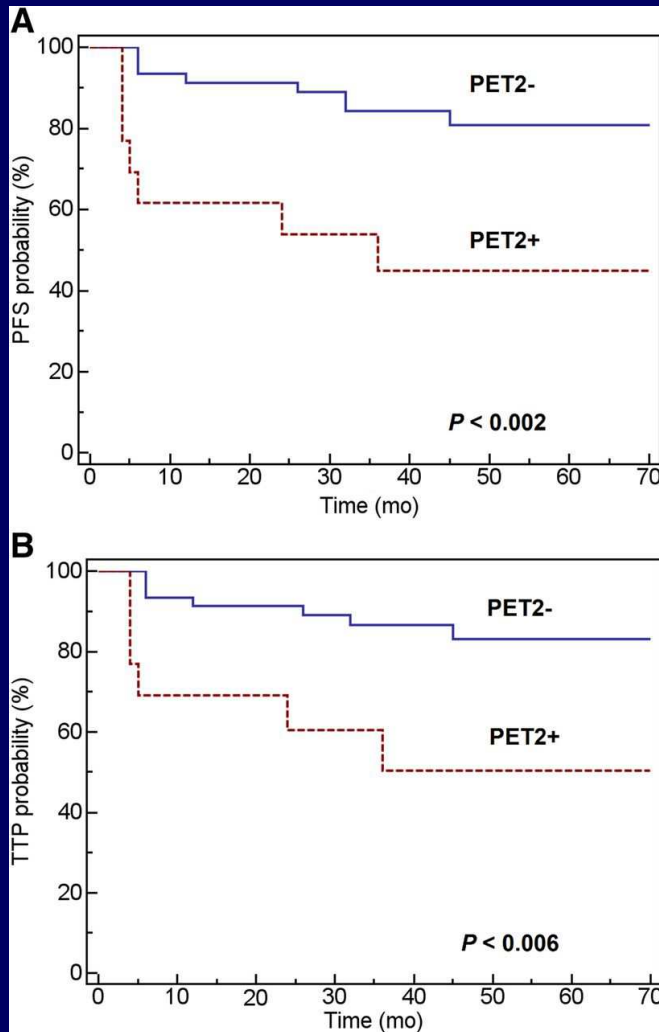
- Decreases the number of false positive studies
- 14/17 « false positive » patients reclassified with  $\Delta SUV_{max}$
- 2 cycles:  $\Delta SUV$  better than visual assessment

# Interim PET and SUVmax Reduction in DLBCL

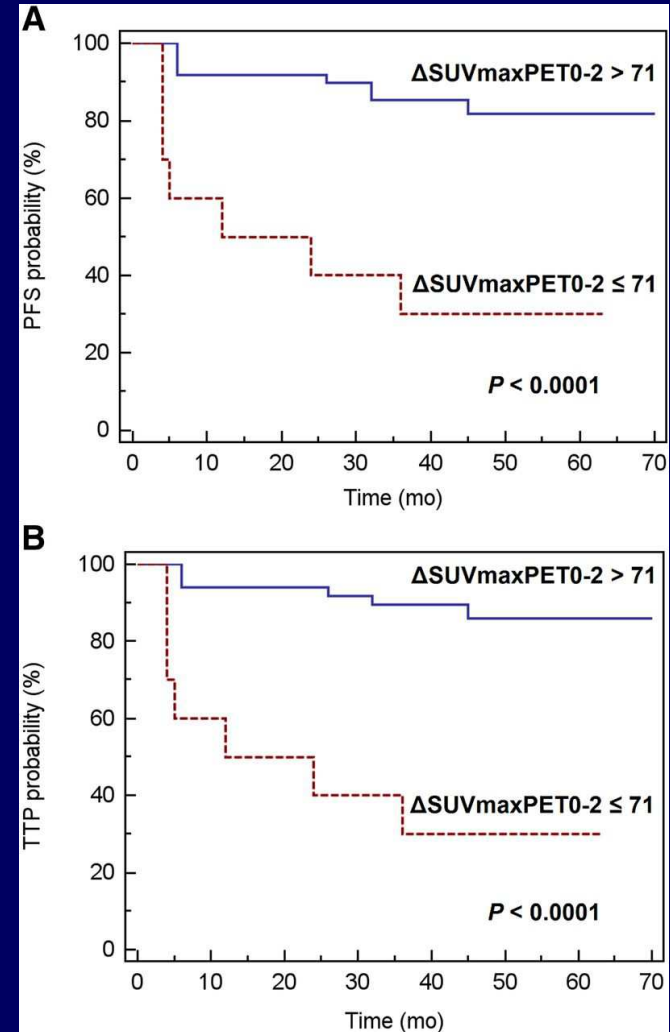


# Interim PET vs SUVmax in HL

DS 5PS



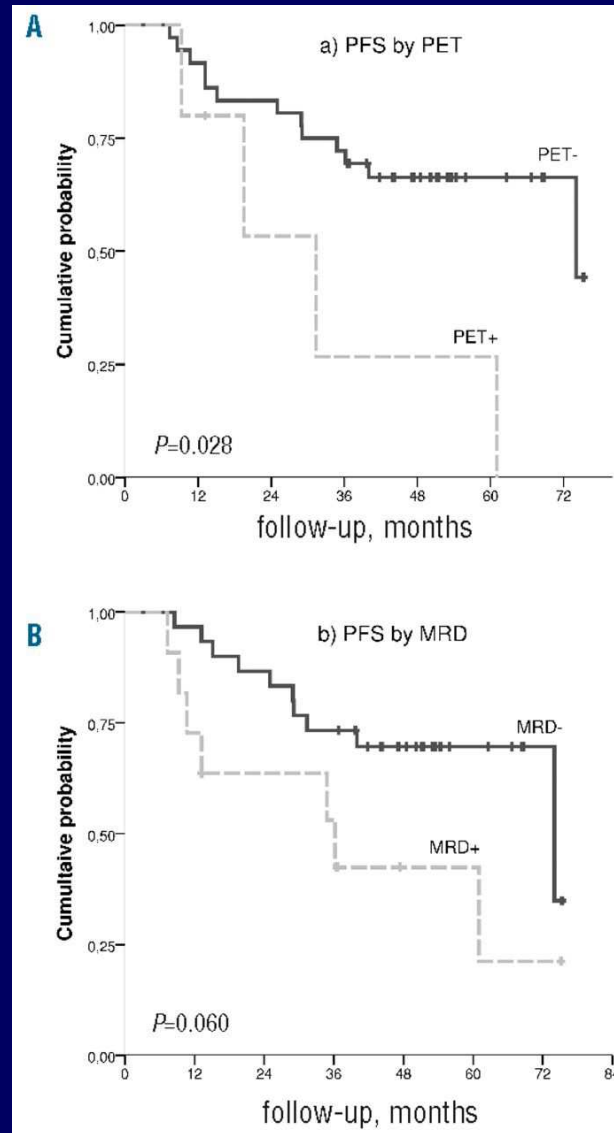
$\Delta$ SUVmax



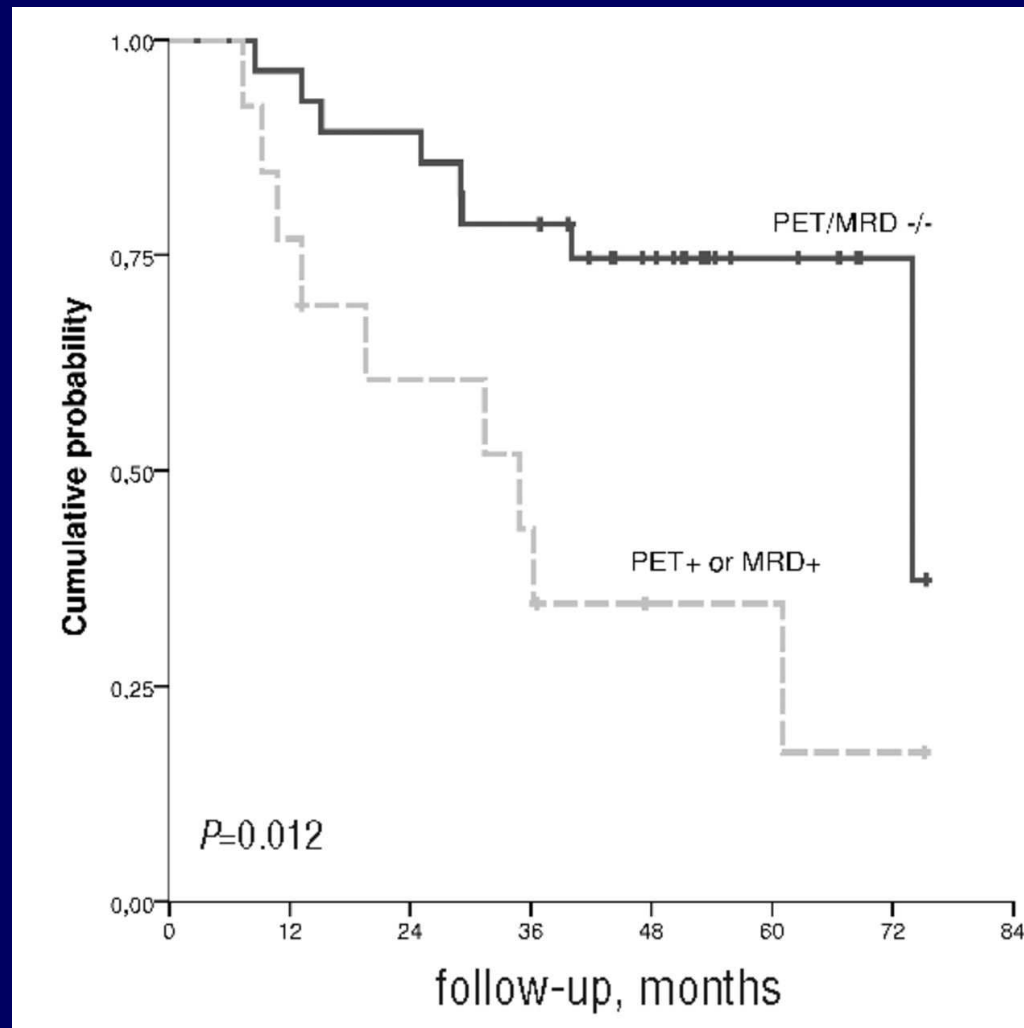
# Combining PET with MRD in FL

- Subset analysis of FOLLO5 study
- MRD by BM aspirate for *BCL2/IGH* fusion gene at diagnosis and, if possible, EOT
- Positive scan – DS  $\geq$  4
- 41 patients had both PET and MRD data EOT
- PET/MRD concordance 76%

# (A) PFS by PET. (B) PFS by MRD.

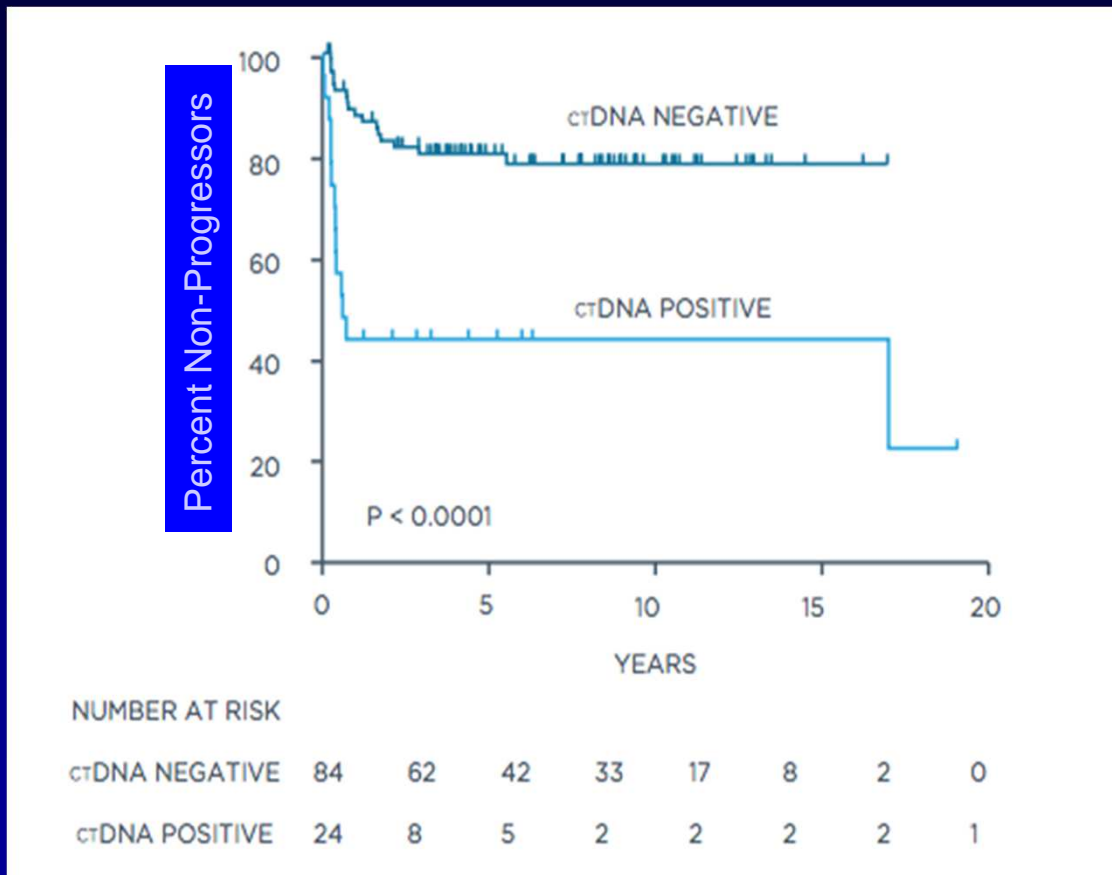


# PFS in FOLLO5 according to combination of PET and MRD results.



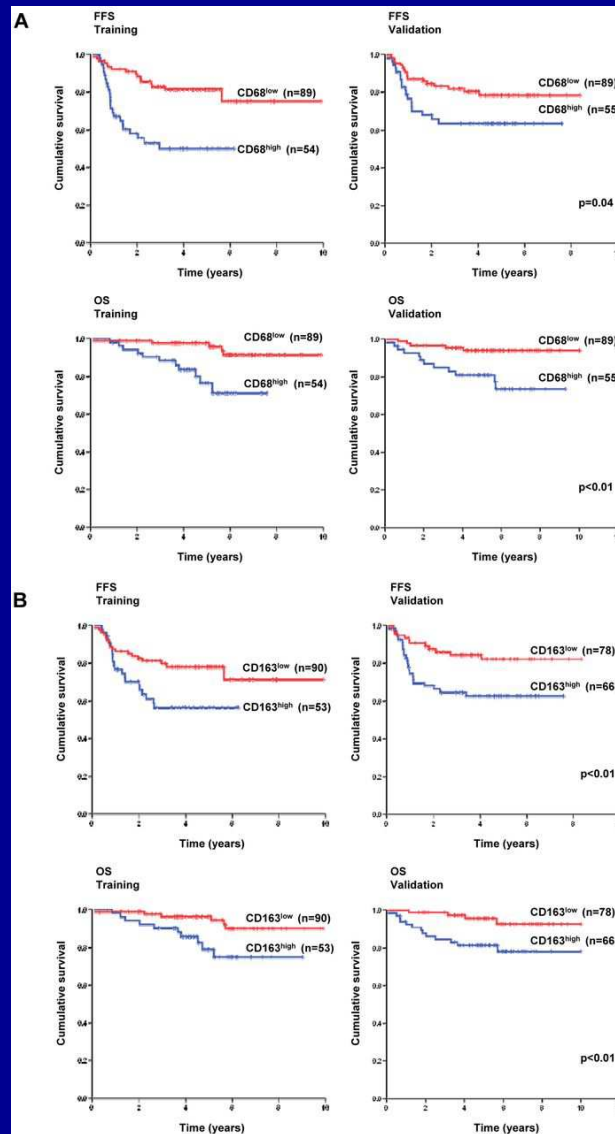


# Detection of ctDNA During Treatment of DLBCL (Cycle 3, Day 1) Predicts Relapse



PPV	62.5 %
NPV	79.8 %
Sensitivity	46.9 %
Specificity	88.2 %

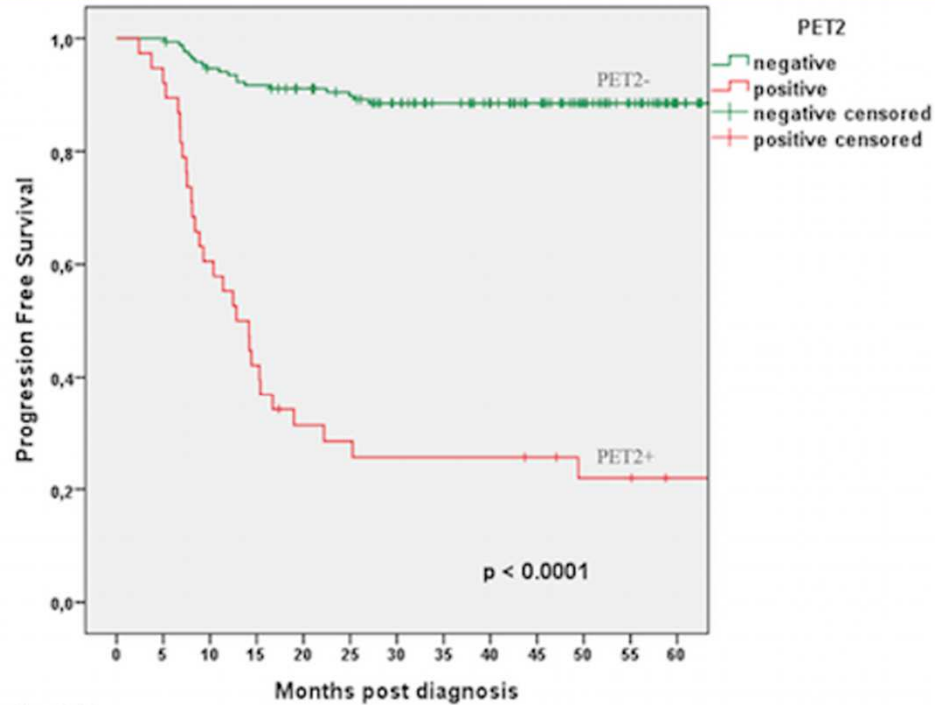
# Survival analysis based on macrophage content



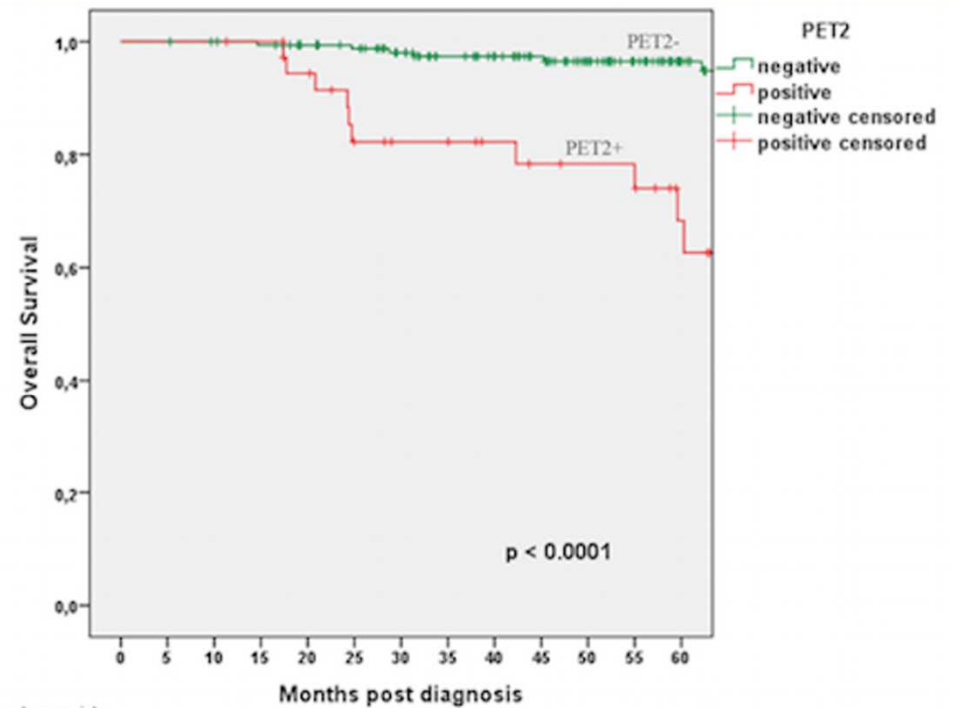
# Biomarkers and the Microenvironment in HL

- PET-2 strong predictor of outcome.
- NPV suboptimal: ~12% still relapse.
- Retrospective test in 208 pts with cHL treated with ABVD, validated in 102 pts.
- Assessed biomarkers on neoplastic cells.
- Evaluated biomarkers in microenvironmental cells from TMAs.
- Classification and Regression Tree (CART)

# PET and Outcome in cHL

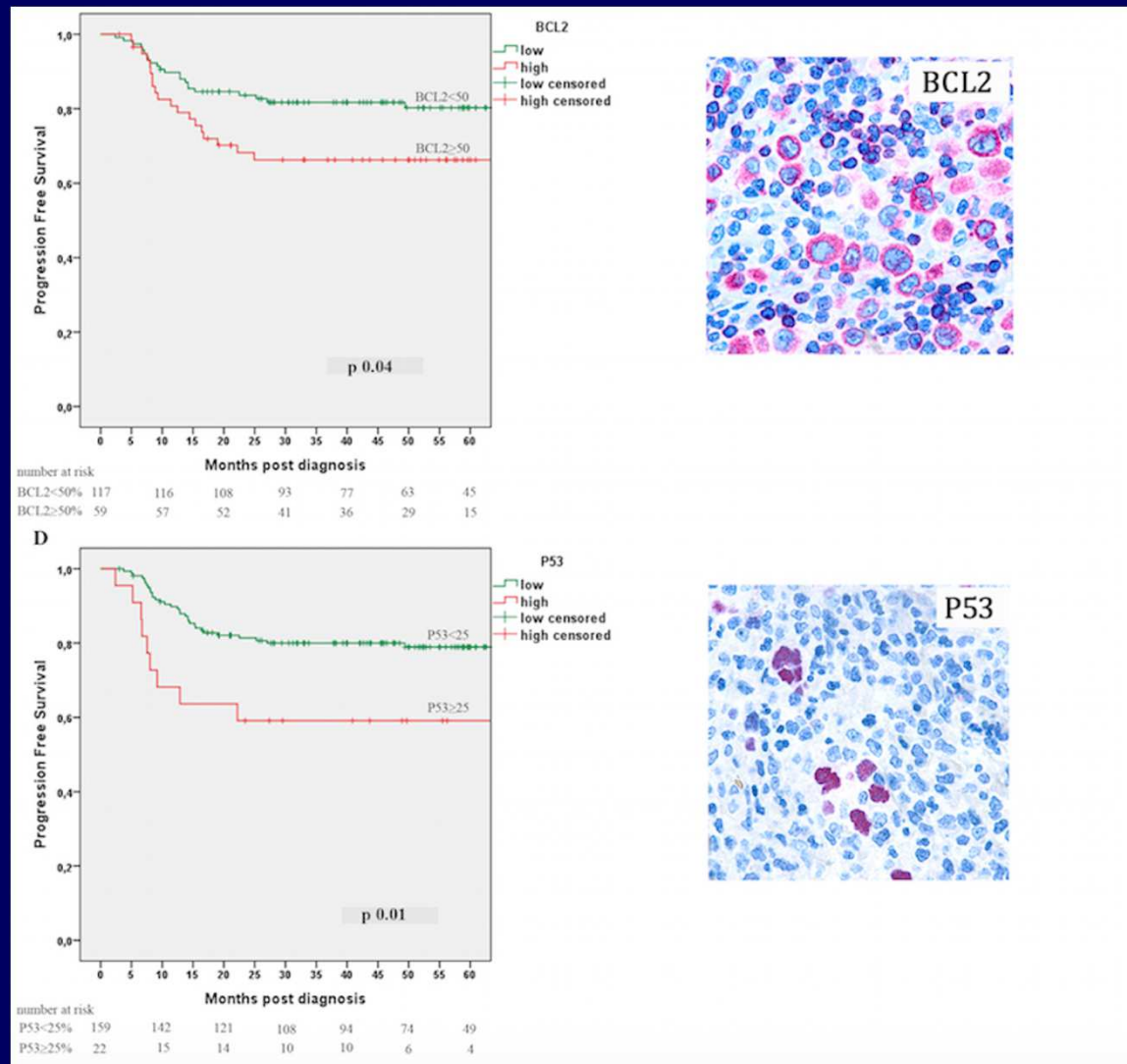


number at risk		0	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60
PET2-	170	159	157	130	114	88	59							
PET2+	38	23	11	9	6	4	1							

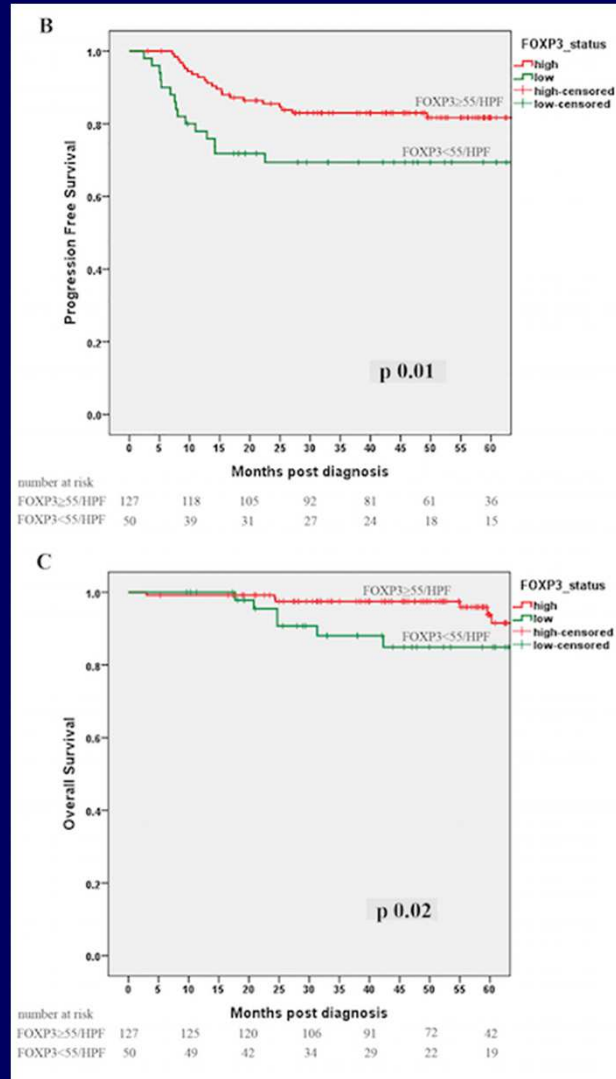


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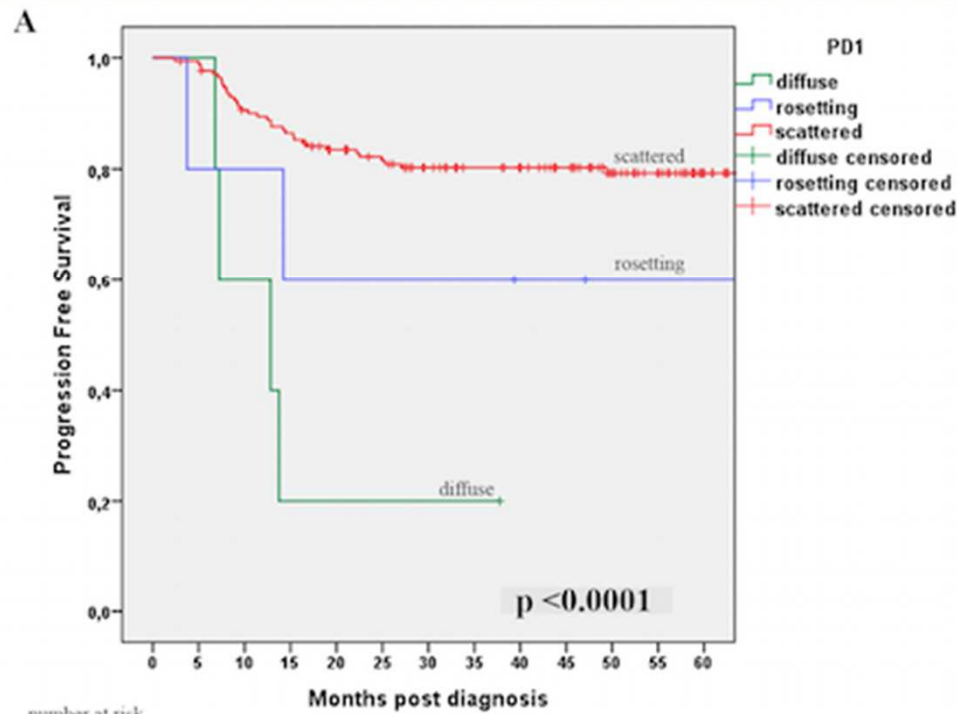
# Biomarkers on HRS Cells and Outcome in cHL



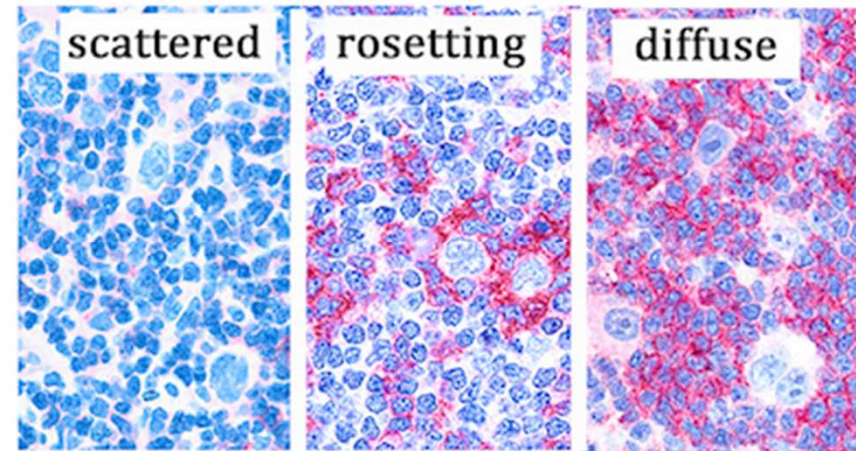
# FOXP3 and Outcome in cHL



# PD1 and Outcome in cHL

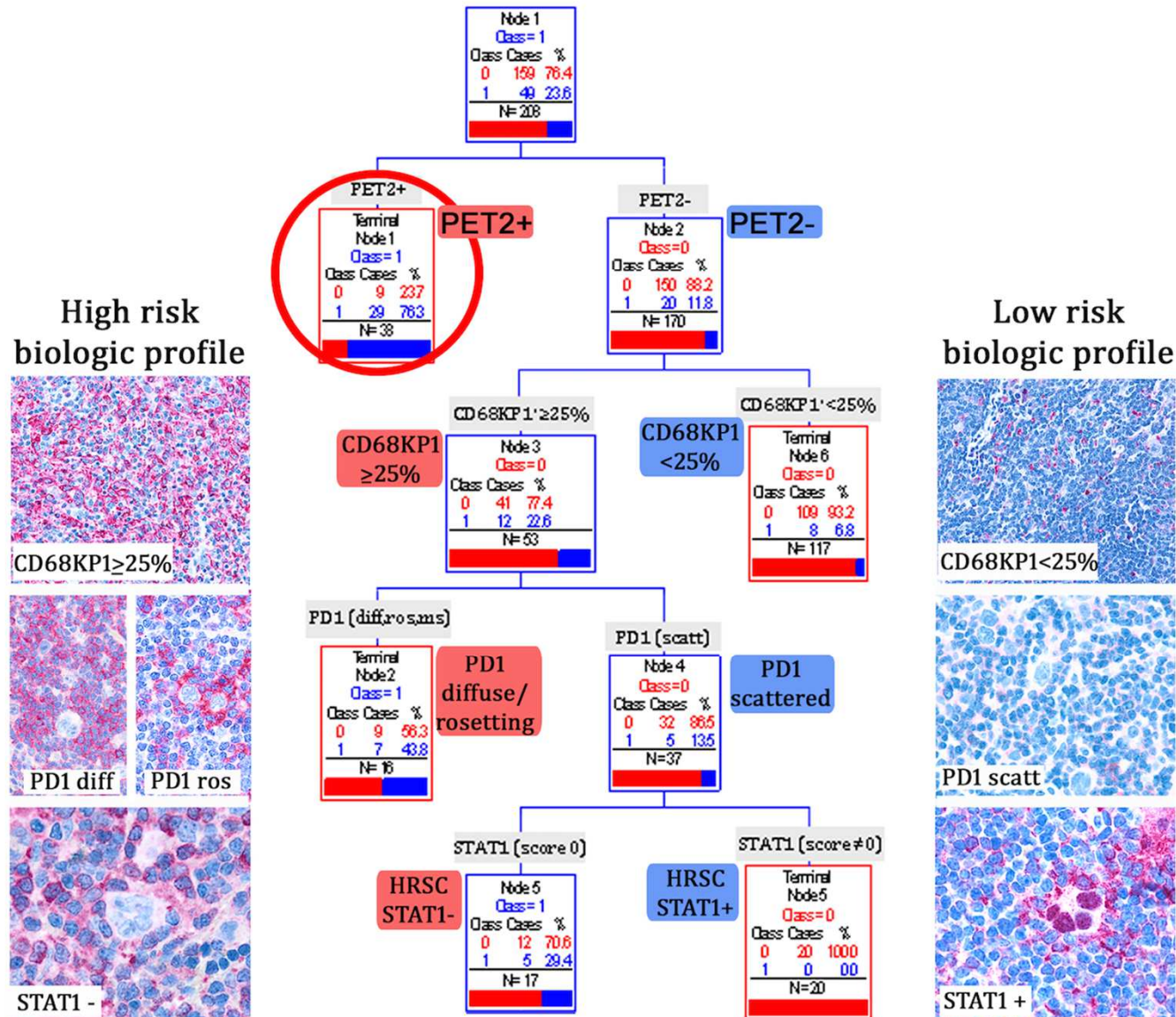


number at risk	0	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60
scattered	172	153	134	116	104	81	53						
rosetting	5	4	3	2	2	1	1						
diffuse	5	3	1	1	0	0	0						



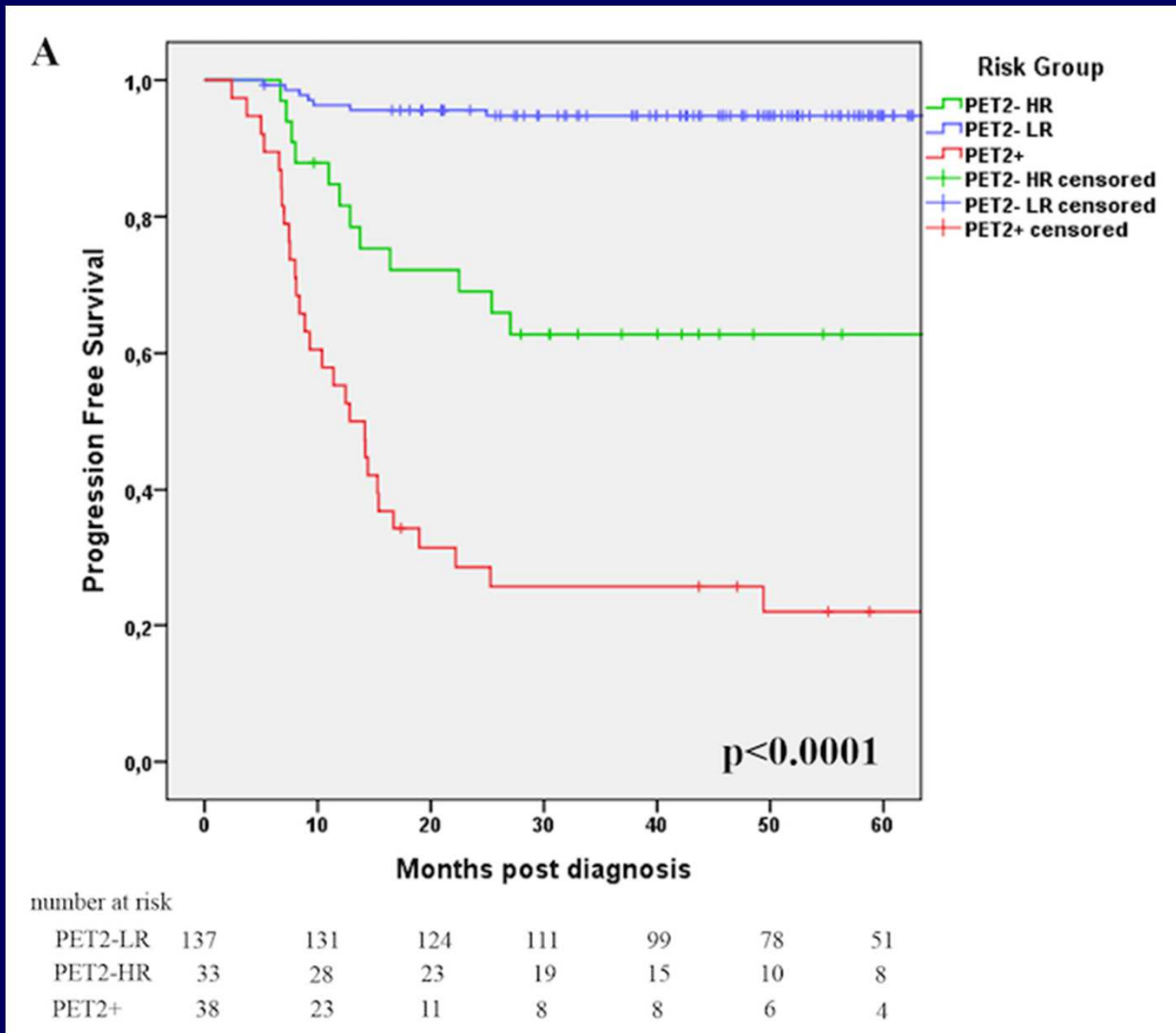


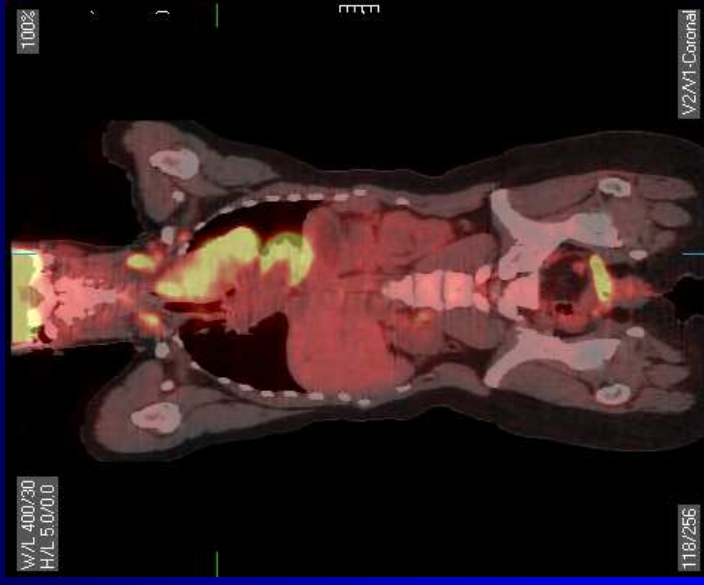
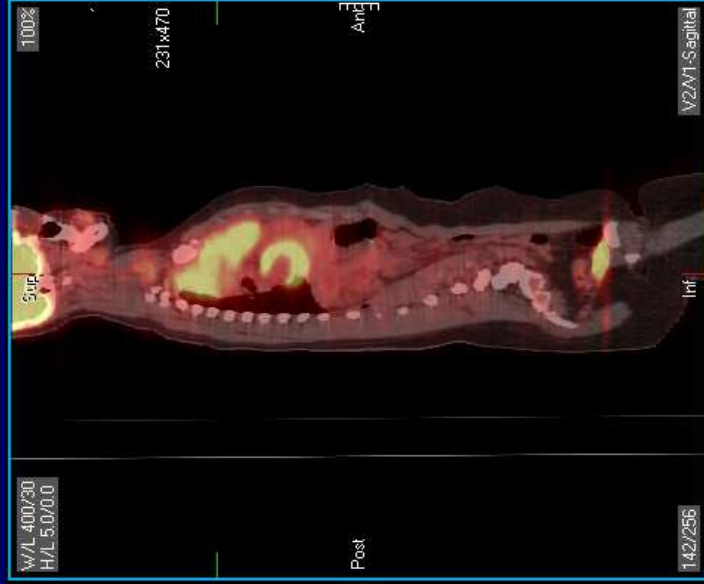
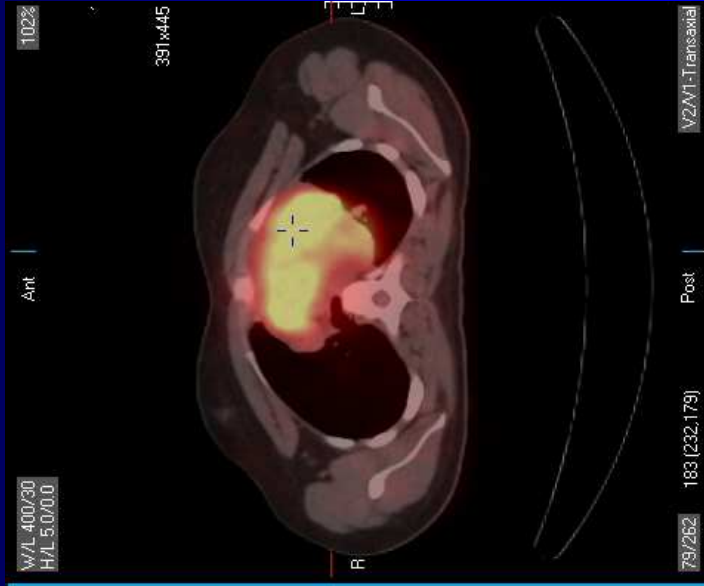
Classification tree for relapse/progression, learning set: 208 patients

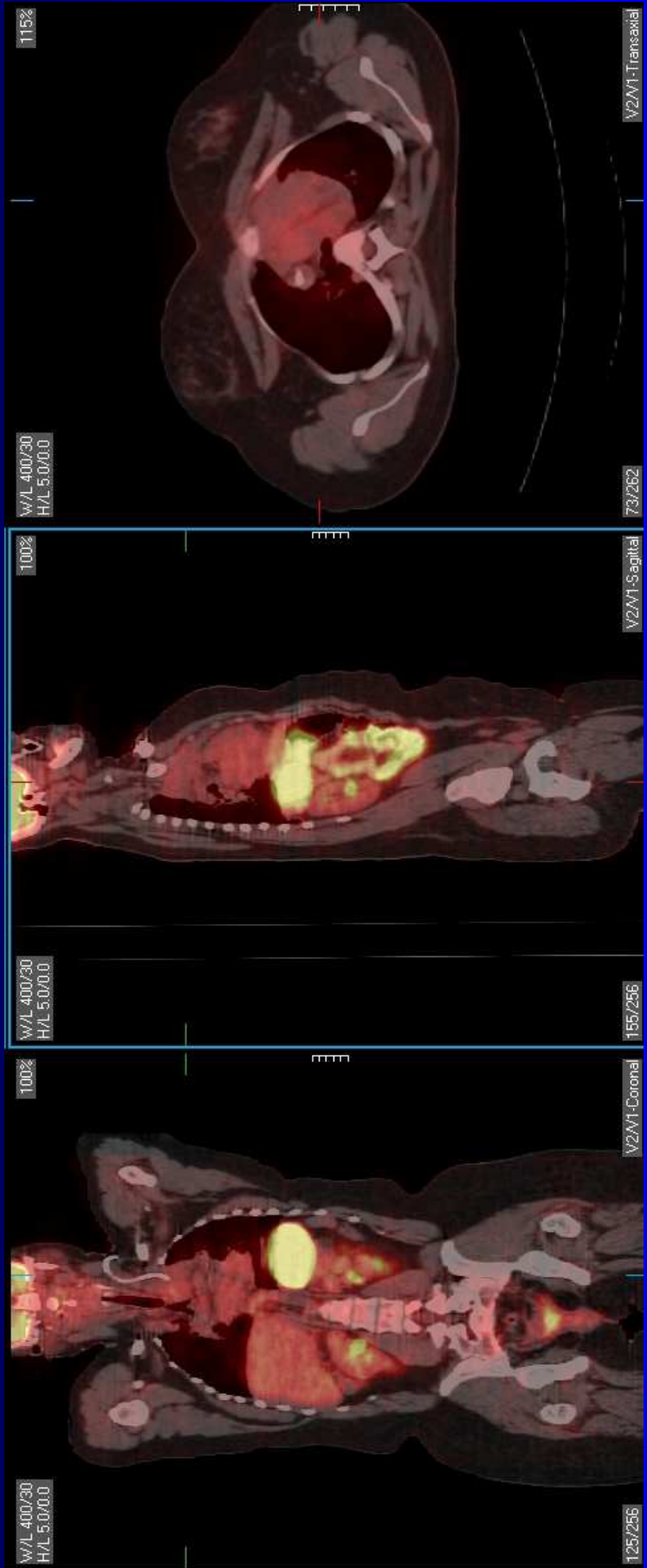




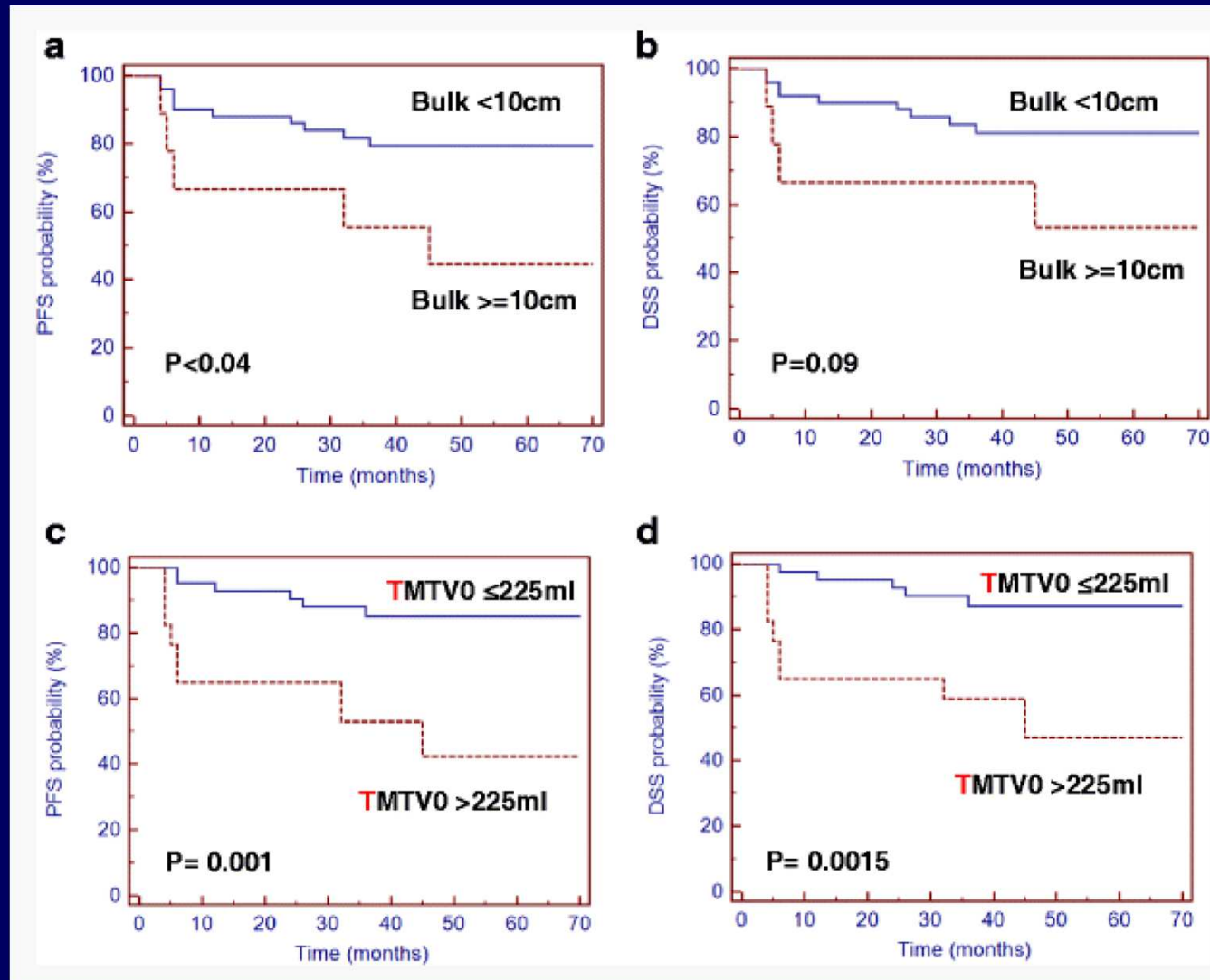
# PFS By Biomarkers







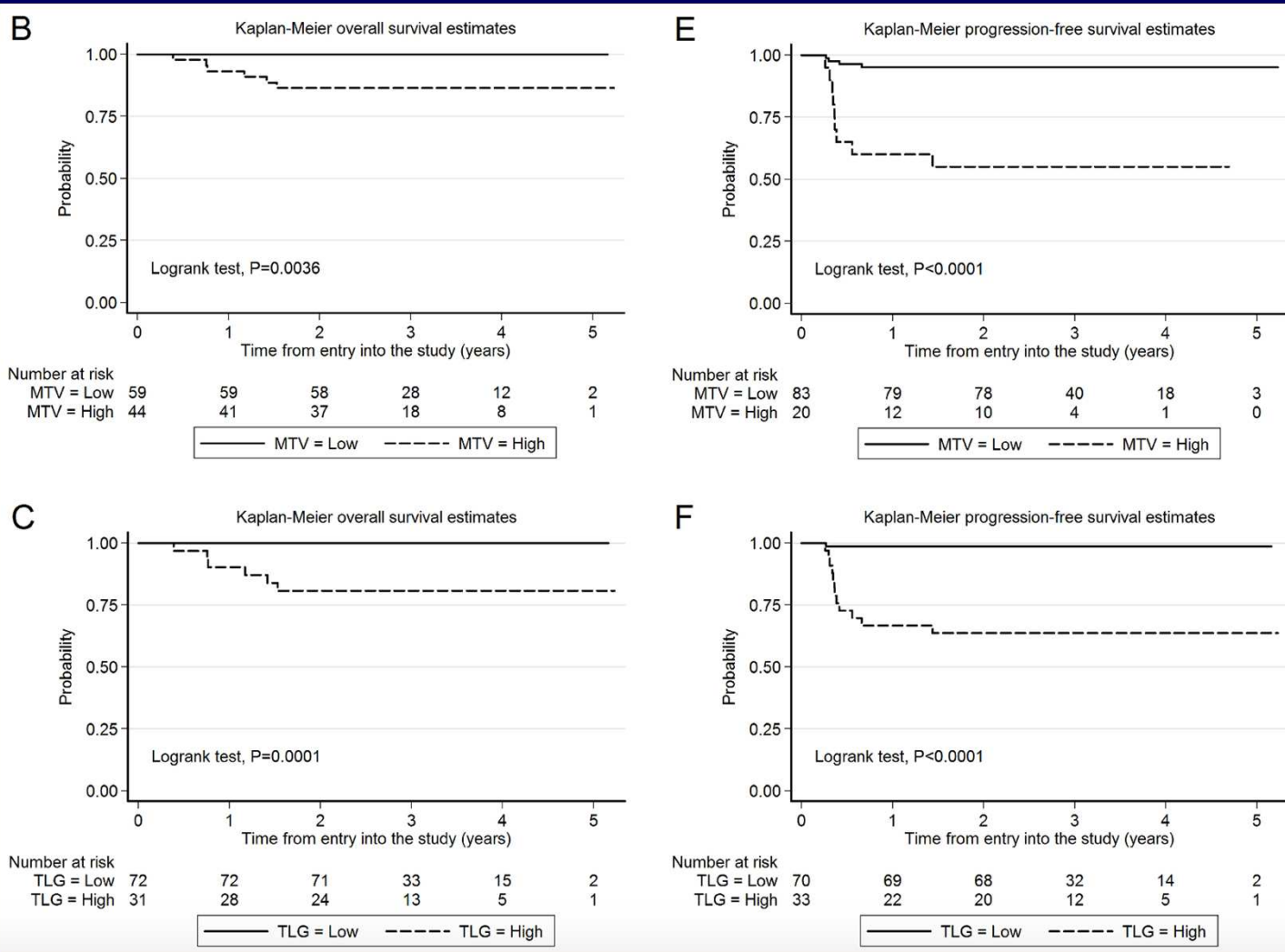
# TMTV in Hodgkin Lymphoma



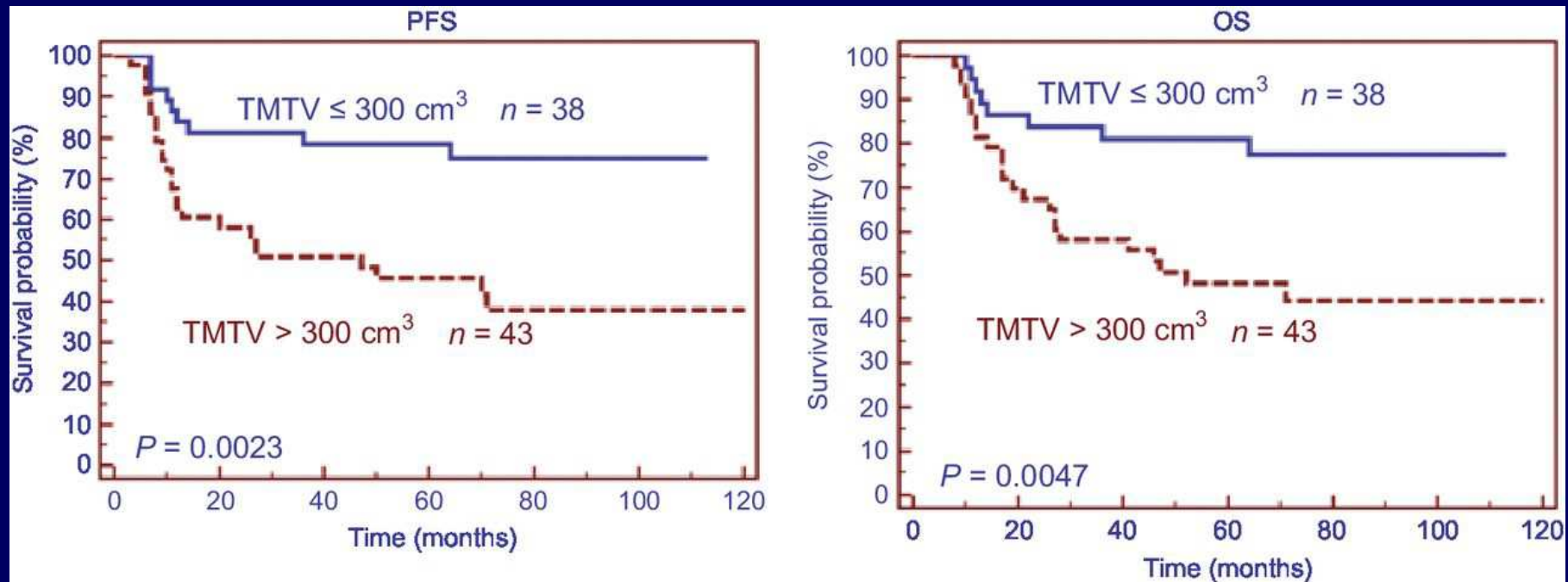
# SUV<sub>max</sub>, MTV and TLG in PMBCL in IELSG-26 Trial

- Prospective study of 103 pts with PMBCL
- All treated with R-doxorubicin; 90% with RT
- Median follow-up – 36 months
- Overall PFS/OS – 87%/94%
- Outcome correlated with functional imaging at diagnosis

# MTV and TLG in PMBCL



# Kaplan–Meier estimates of PFS and OS according to baseline TMTV in DLBCL

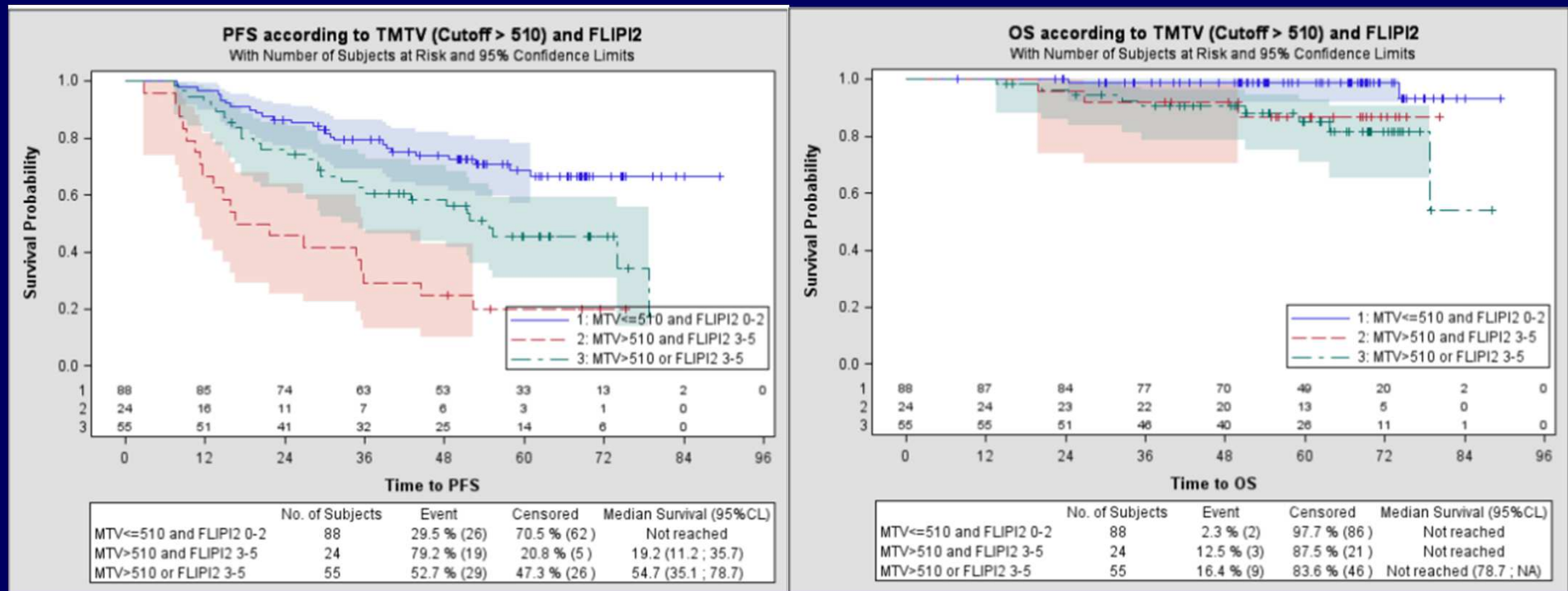


# Baseline TMTV and Outcome in Patients with Untreated FL

- Pooled analysis from 3 R-chemo trials
- N = 185
- Median age 55 yrs
- 92% advanced disease; 37% FLIPI 3-5
- Median f/u 64 mos
- Used cut off of 510 cm<sup>3</sup>



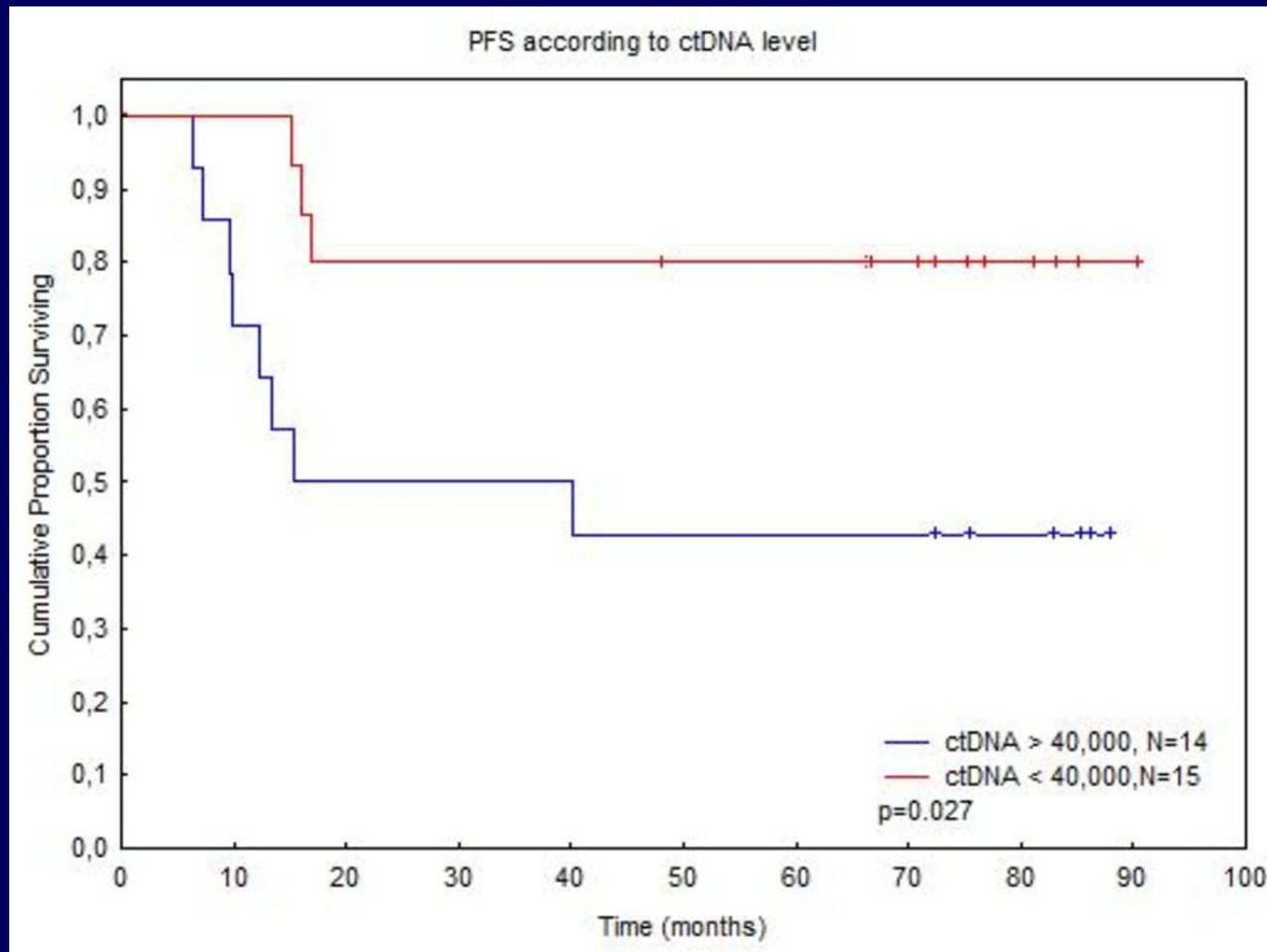
# Pre-Treatment TMTV in FL



# Issues With TMTV

- Retrospective nature of the studies
- Various cut-offs in different studies
- Various therapies
- Variable equipment
- Variable time to imaging
- Threshold may vary with primary tumor SUV or location
- Need to merge with more biological indicators

# PFS of FL according to the level of pre-tx circulating tumor DNA (Clonoseq)



# Conclusions

- PET-CT has revolutionized the staging and response assessment in lymphoma
  - Fewer patients overtreated
  - Fewer patients undertreated
  - Fewer patients trephined
- Response adapted approaches decrease toxicity and improve efficacy in HL
- PET-CT may be useful in pretreatment stratification
- Combined modality approaches should be explored
- Continued study will improve patient outcome

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# Menton: 6<sup>th</sup> International Workshop on PET in Lymphoma 19-21.9.2016





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