

# **Treatment approaches in relapsed/refractory HL**

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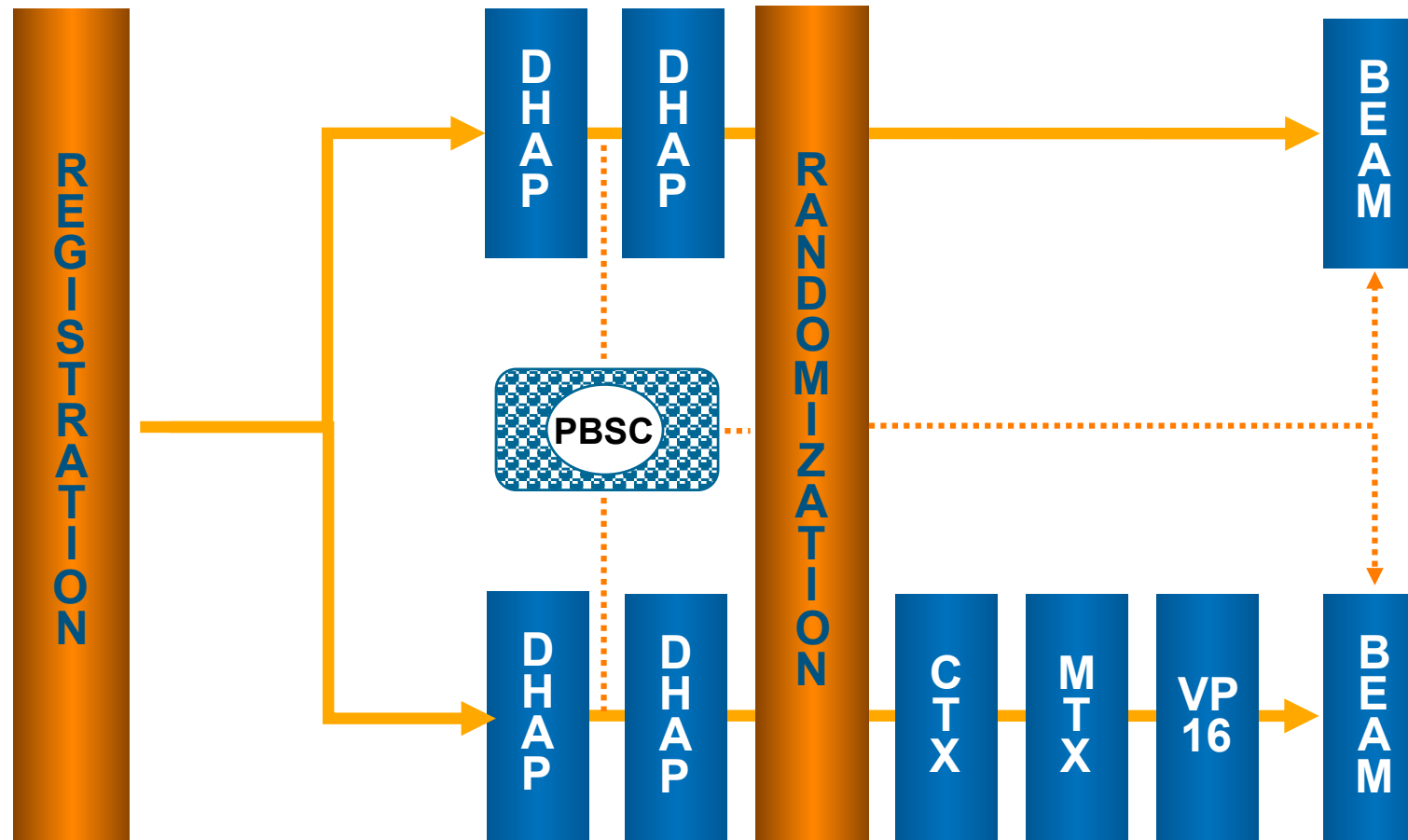
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# R/R Hodgkin Lymphoma

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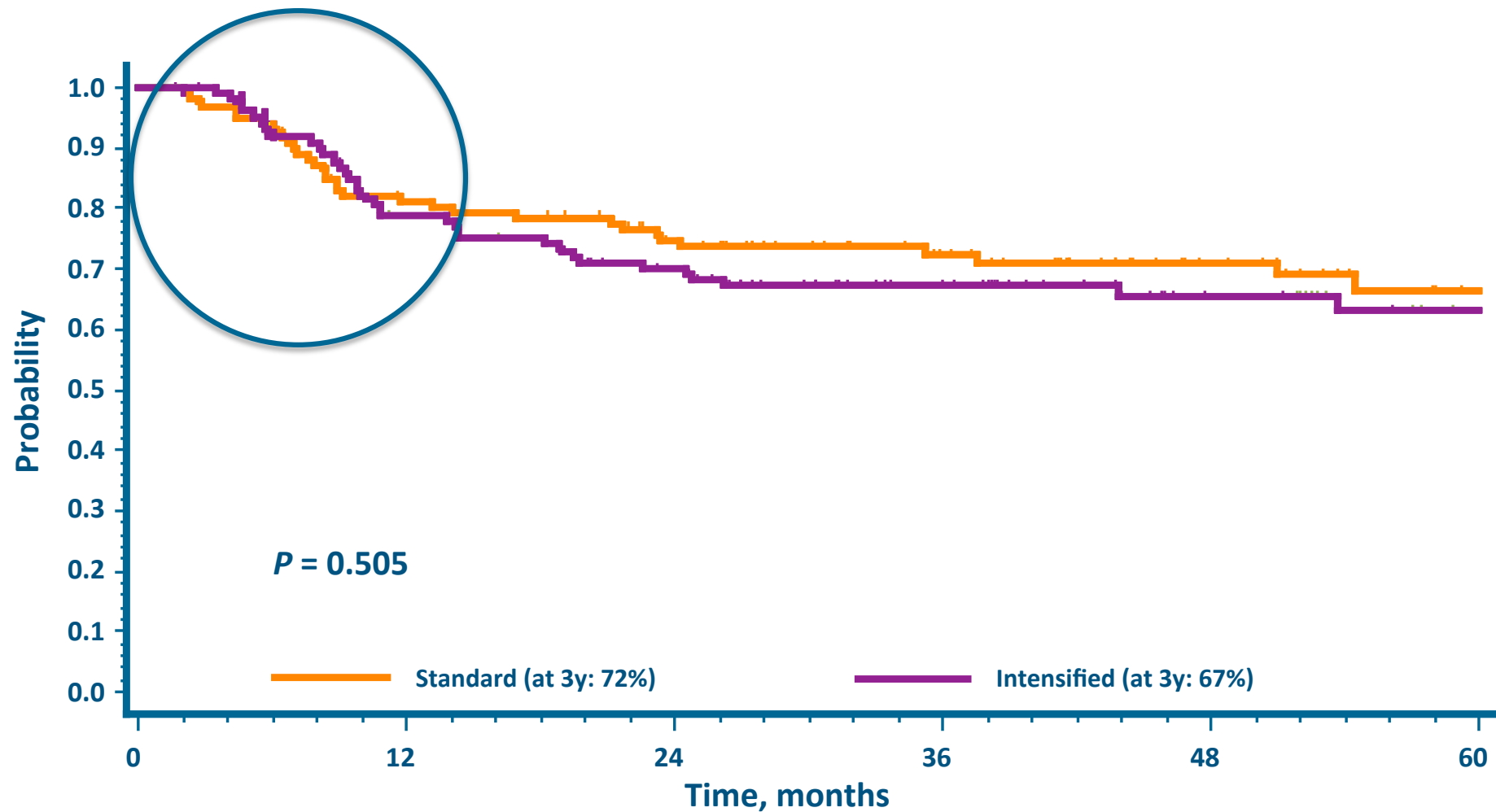
# HDR2: European Study for Relapsed Hodgkin Lymphoma\*



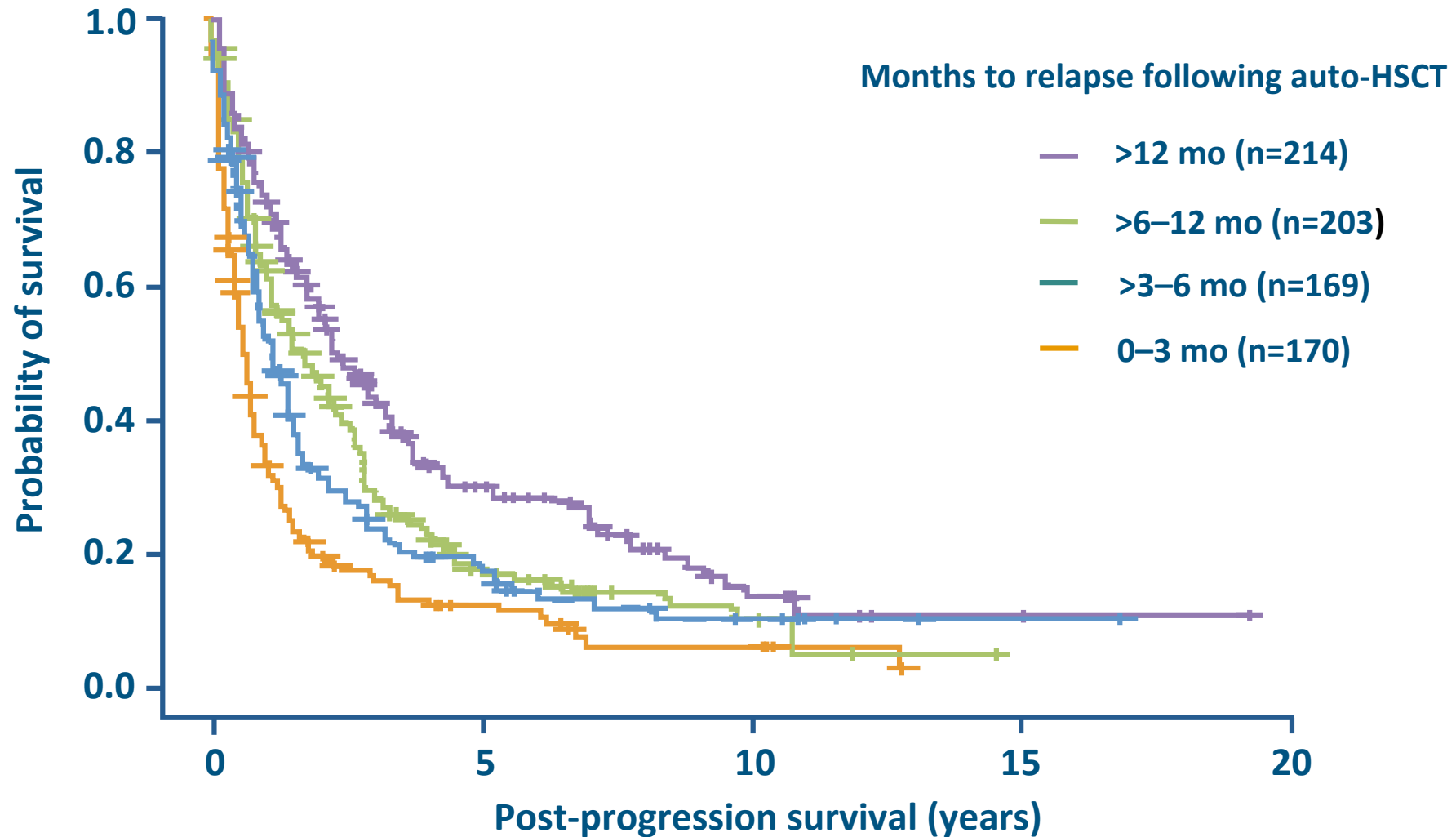
\*GHSG, EORTC, EBMT, GELTAMO

# HDR2 Study for Relapsed HL

## PFS by treatment arm (final analysis)



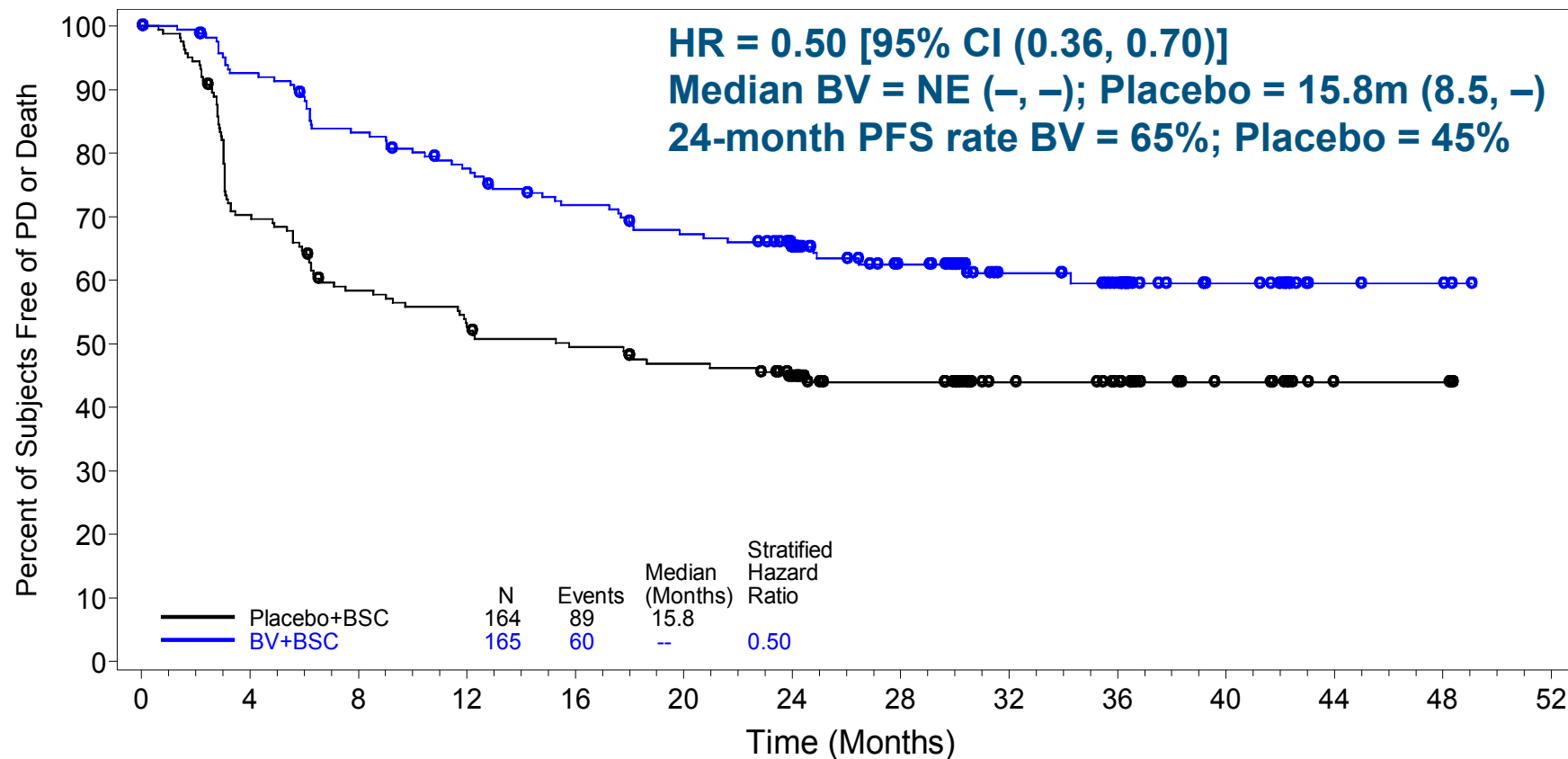
# Survival in Hodgkin Lymphoma Relapse After Autologous HSCT



auto-HSCT = autologous hematopoietic stem cell transplant

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## PFS per Investigator

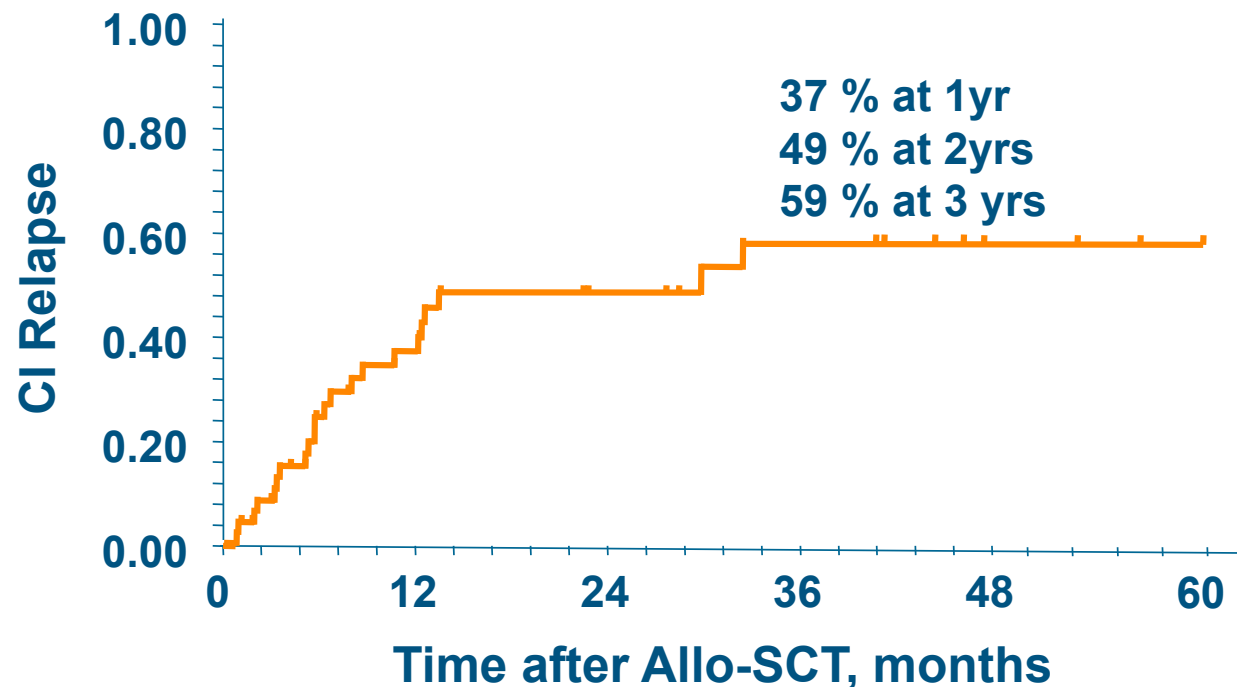


N at Risk (Events)	0	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	44	48	
Pla+BSC	164 (0)	113 (48)	92 (67)	83 (76)	77 (81)	71 (85)	61 (88)	45 (89)	28 (89)	23 (89)	13 (89)	3 (89)	3 (89)	0 (89)
BV+BSC	165 (0)	149 (12)	133 (27)	122 (36)	111 (45)	103 (52)	90 (55)	62 (58)	40 (59)	33 (60)	16 (60)	4 (60)	3 (60)	0 (60)

PFS, progression free survival; HR, hazard ratio; BV, brentuximab vedotin; NE, non evaluable; BSC, best supportive care; Pla, placebo

# RIC-Allo Trial in Relapsed or Refractory HL (Relapse Rate)

≥3 lines of tx, RR 1.7 (1.2 – 2.5),  $P = .03$   
Refractory disease, RR 2.1 (1.5 – 2.9),  $P = .01$



**Median time to relapse: 6m (3-35)**

# Antibodies and other drugs used in Hodgkin Lymphoma

- **Lenalidomide (IMiD)**
- **Everolimus, Temsirolimus (mTor-inhibitor)**
- **Rituximab, Ofatumumab (anti-CD20)**
- **Panobinostat, Vorinostat (H-DAC Inhibitors)**
- **TKI's, JAK2i, PARPi**
- **Brentuximab Vedotin (anti-CD30 ADC)**
- **PD-1 inhibitors**



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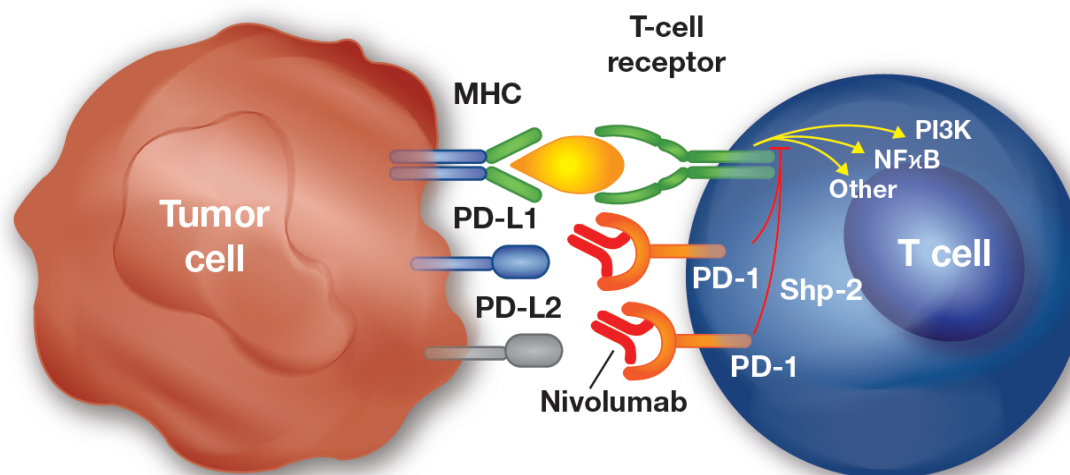
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# PD1 Inhibition in Classical HL

## Mechanism of action

- Patients with cHL show high frequency of 9p24.1 alterations and overexpression of PD-L1 and PD-L2<sup>1</sup>
- Nivolumab is a fully human immunoglobulin G4 monoclonal antibody targeting the programmed death-1 (PD-1) receptor immune checkpoint pathway



### Nivolumab blocks signaling through the PD-1 receptor

cHL = classical Hodgkin lymphoma; MHC = major histocompatibility complex; NFκB = nuclear factor kappa B; PD-L1/2 = programmed death ligand 1/2; PI3K = phosphoinositide-3-kinase; Shp-2 = Src homology region 2-containing protein tyrosine phosphatase

# Nivolumab in Lymphoma Patients

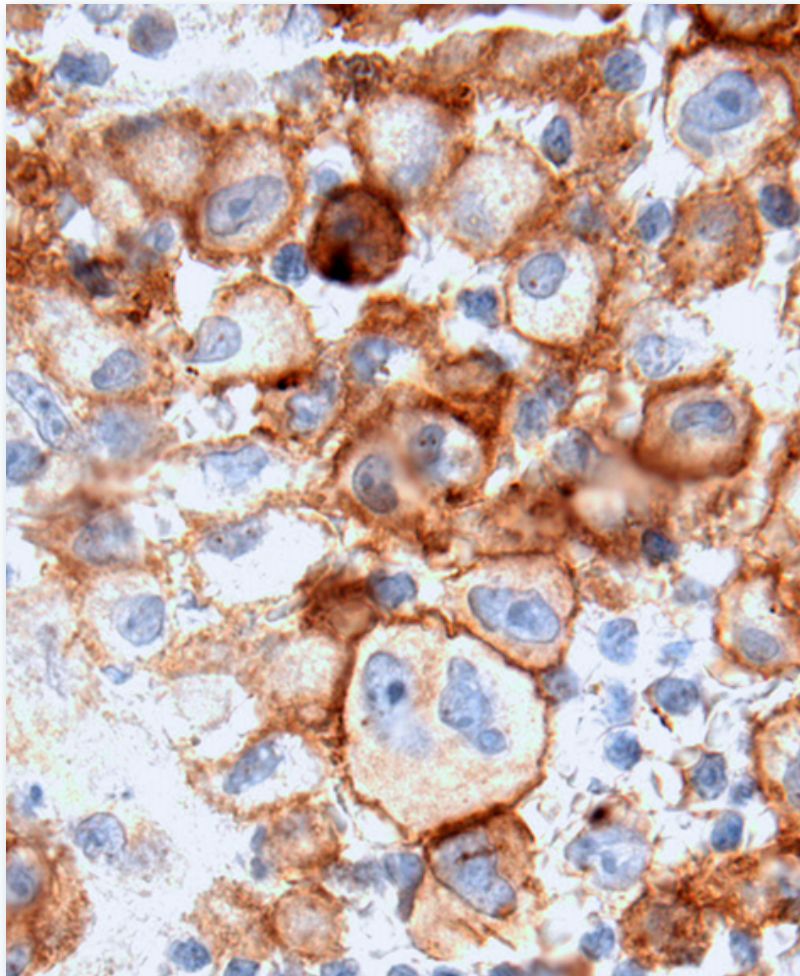
## Duration of Response Phase 1b\*

Lymphoma	n	ORR (%)	F'-up (w)	Response (w)
Multiple Myeloma	27	4	46	12+
DLBCL	11	36	23	6-77+
Follicular NHL	10	40	91	27-82+
CTCL/MF	13	15	43	24-50+
PTCL	5	40	31	11-79+
HL	23	87	86	2-91+

\*74 weeks median follow-up

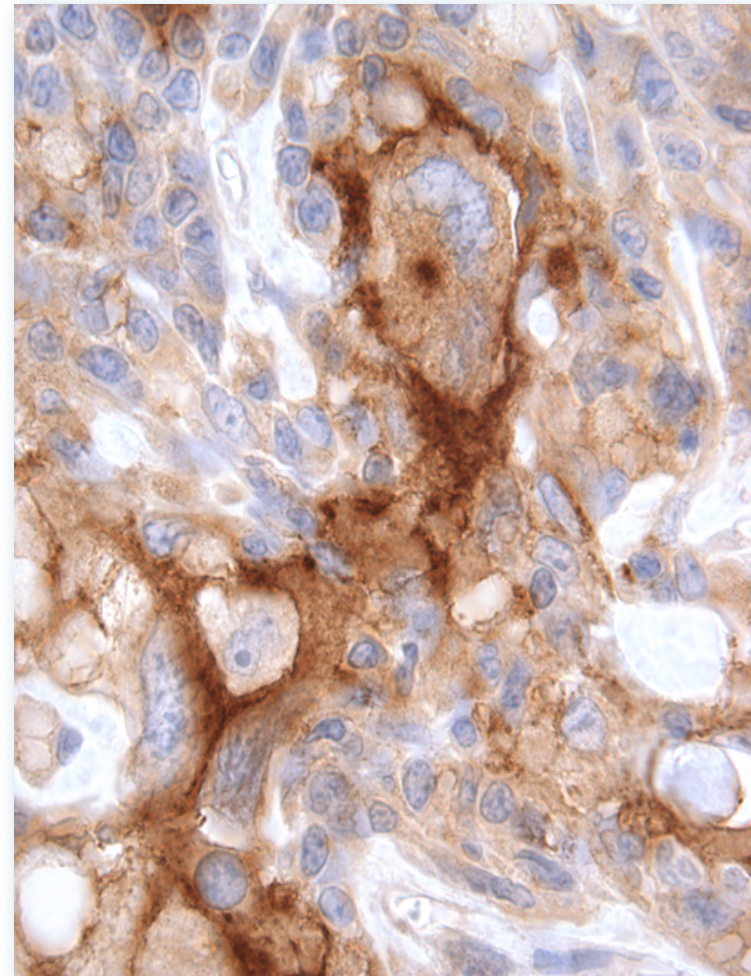
# PD-L1 and PD-L2 Expression in cHL with 9p24.1 Amplification

**PD-L1**



Chen et al, Clin Cancer Res. 2013; 19:3462

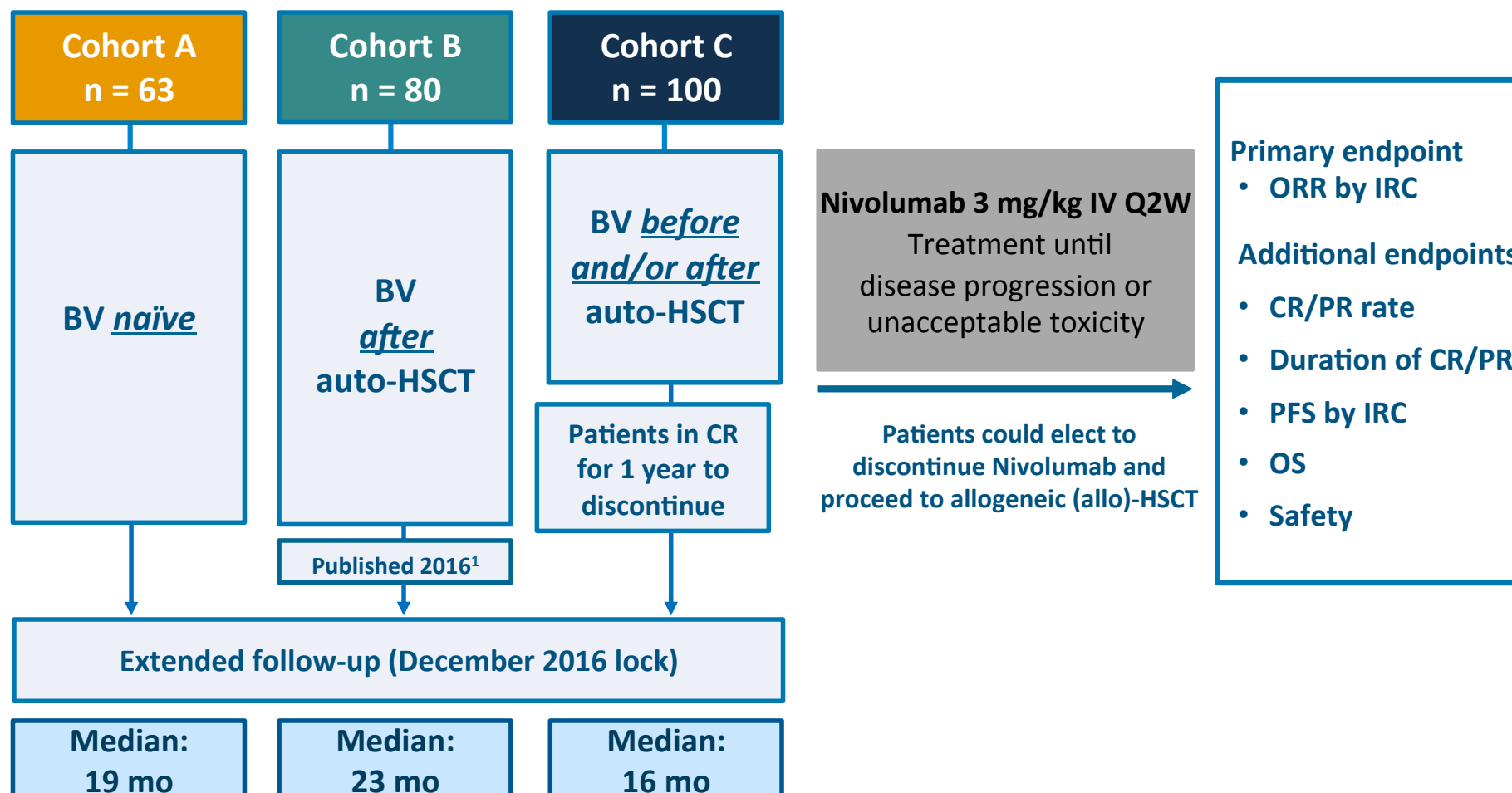
**PD-L2**



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## Study Design



CR = complete response; DOR = duration of response; IRC = Independent Radiology Review Committee; ORR = objective response rate; OS = overall survival; PFS = progression-free survival; PR = partial response; Q2W = every 2 weeks.



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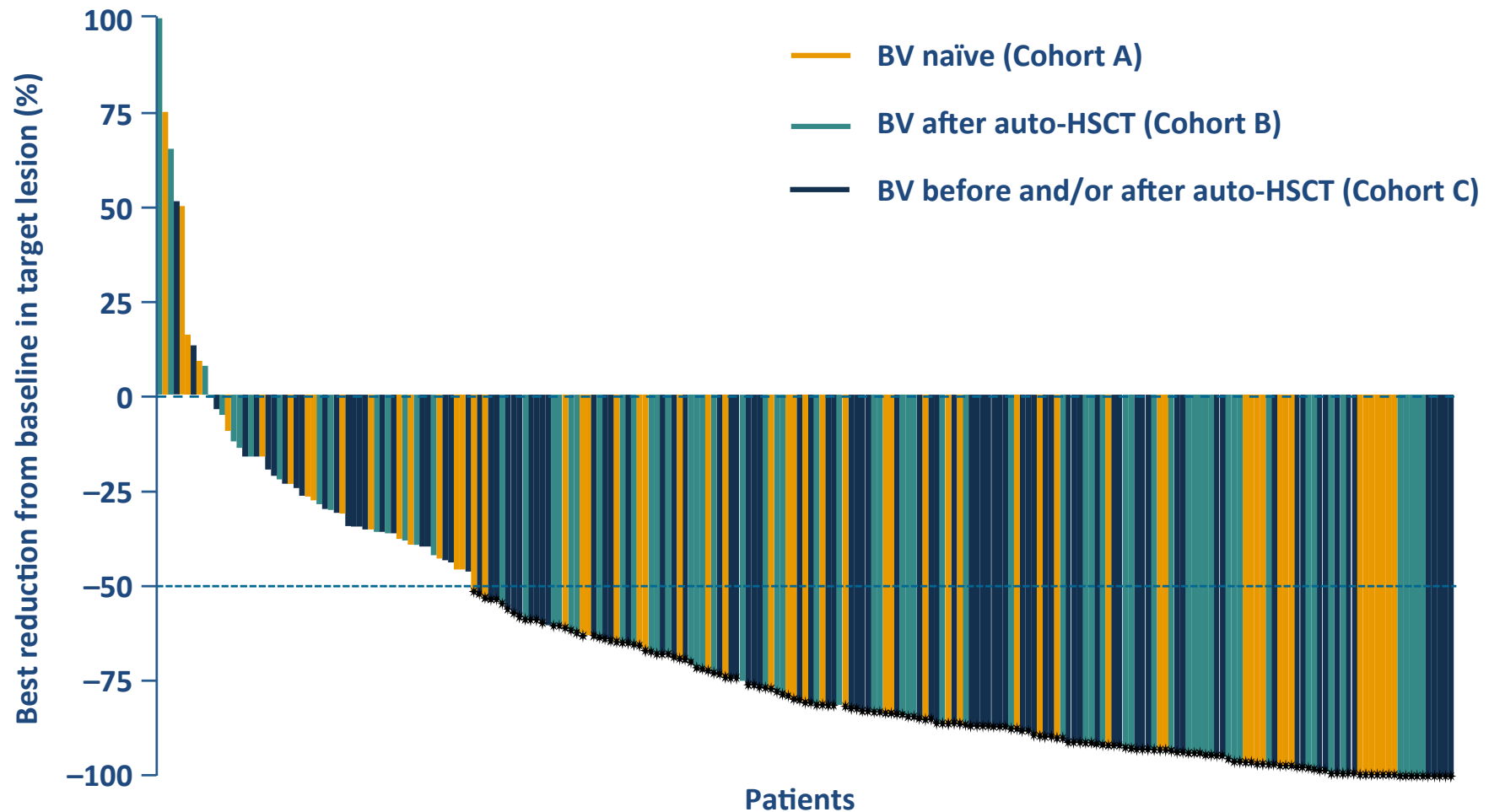
## Demographics

	<b>BV naïve<sup>a</sup> (Cohort A) n = 63</b>	<b>BV after auto- HSCT (Cohort B) n = 80</b>	<b>BV before and/or after HSCT (Cohort C) n = 100</b>	<b>Overall N = 243</b>
<b>Age, years</b>	<b>33 (18–65)</b>	<b>37 (18–72)</b>	<b>32 (19–69)</b>	<b>34 (18–72)</b>
<b>Male, %</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>58</b>
<b>ECOG PS (%)</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>54</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>1</b>				
<b>Disease stage at study entry, %</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>57</b>
<b>IV</b>				
<b>Previous lines of therapy</b>	<b>2 (2–8)</b>	<b>4 (3–15)</b>	<b>4 (2–9)</b>	<b>4 (2–15)</b>
<b>Prior radiotherapy, %</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>68</b>
<b>Time from diagnosis to first dose of nivolumab, years</b>	<b>3.1 (1.0–30.6)</b>	<b>6.2 (1.3–25.1)</b>	<b>3.5 (1.0–24.9)</b>	<b>4.5 (1.0–30.6)</b>
<b>Time from auto-HSCT to first dose of nivolumab, years</b>	<b>1.0 (0.3–18.2)</b>	<b>3.4 (0.2–19.0)</b>	<b>1.7 (0.2–17.0)</b>	<b>2.0 (0.2–19.0)</b>

<sup>a</sup>All pts received auto-HSCT. Data are median (range) unless otherwise stated. ECOG PS = Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status

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## Change in Target Lesion per IRC



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## Best Overall Response

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<b>Objective resp.<sup>a</sup> % (95% CI)</b>	<b>65 (52, 77)</b>	<b>68 (56, 78)</b>	<b>73 (63, 81)</b>	<b>69 (63, 75)</b>
<b>Best overall response, %</b>				
<b>Complete remission<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>29</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Partial remission</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>53</b>
<b>Stable disease</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Progressive disease</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Unable to determine</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>

**Per investigator assessment, 33% pts achieved CR and 39% PR**

<sup>a</sup>Defined according to 2007 International Working Group criteria. Responses were assessed by IRC; <sup>b</sup>All CRs



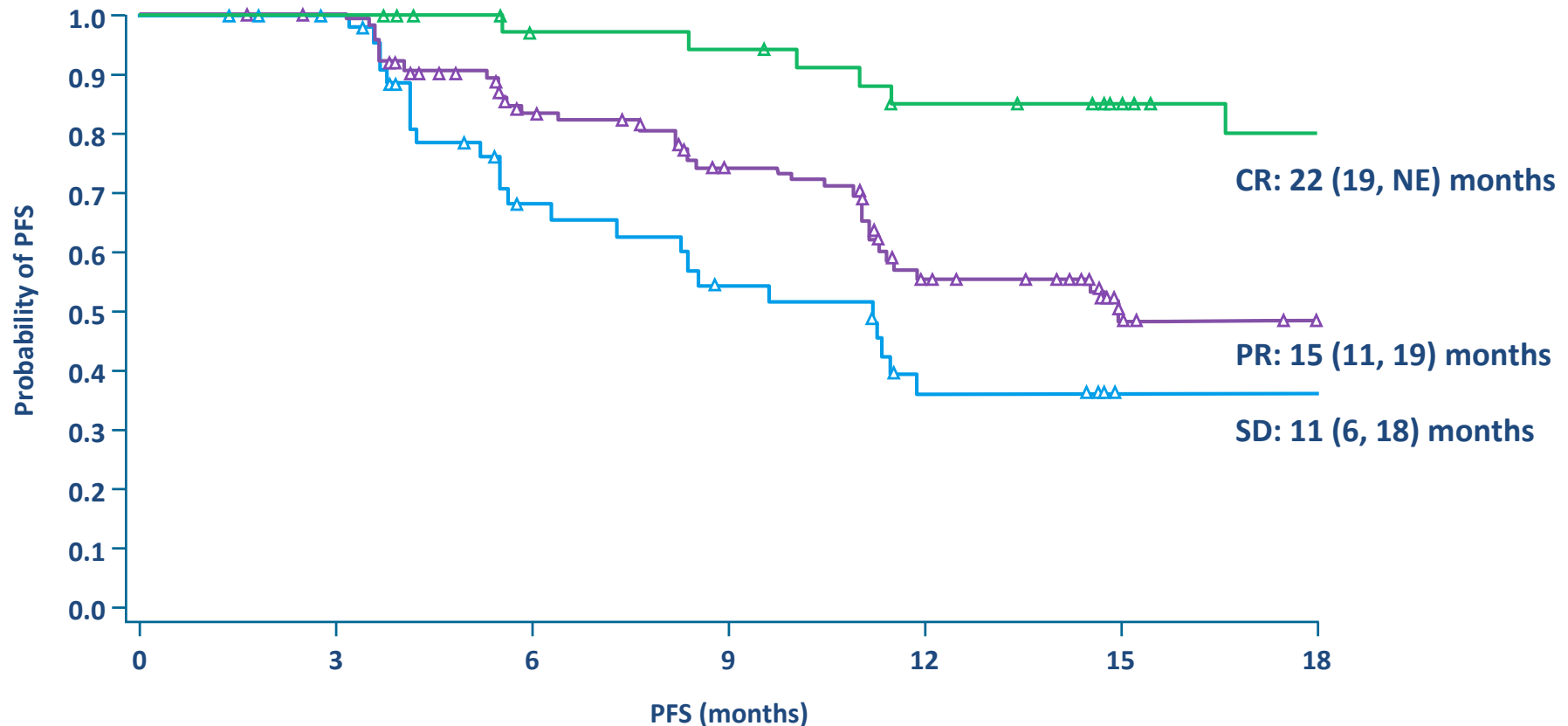
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## Safety Outcomes after Extended Follow-up

Patients with drug-related AEs ( $\geq 10\%$ ), serious AEs ( $\geq 1\%$ ), or AEs leading to discontinuation ( $\geq 1\%$ )	Overall population n = 243	
	Any grade	Grade 3–4
<b>Drug-related AEs, %</b>		
Fatigue	23	1
Diarrhea	15	1
Infusion-related reaction	14	<1
Rash	12	1
<b>Drug-related serious AEs, %</b>		
Infusion-related reaction	2	<1
Pneumonitis	1	0
<b>Drug-related AEs leading to discontinuation, %</b>		
Pneumonitis	2	0
Autoimmune hepatitis	1	1

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## PFS by Best Overall Response



Number of patients at risk

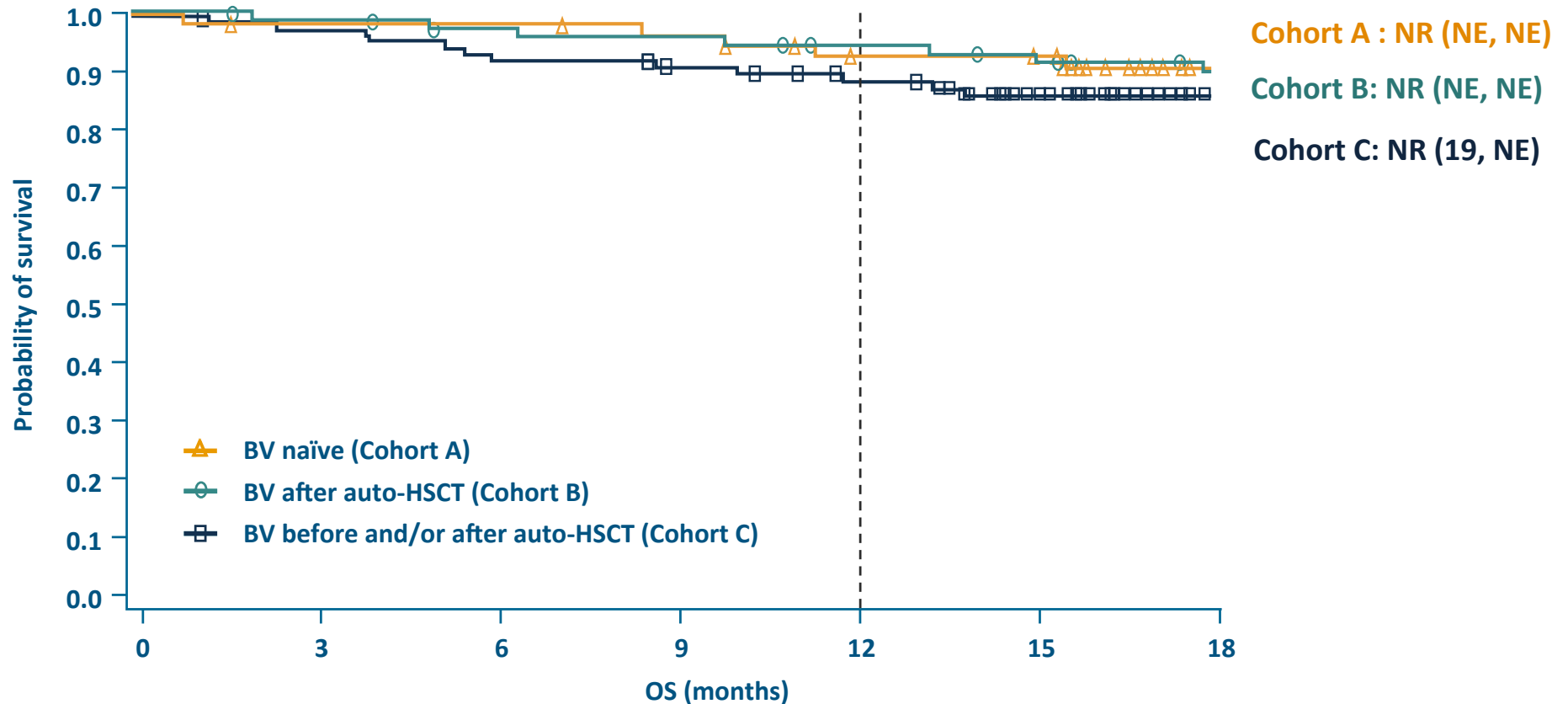
	0	3	6	9	12	15	18
<b>CR</b>	40	40	33	32	27	20	16
<b>PR</b>	128	126	89	71	46	25	21
<b>SD</b>	47	44	25	19	11	8	8

Median (95% CI) PFS for overall patients (N = 243) was 15 (11, 19) months

Engert et al, EHA 2017

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## Overall Survival



Number of patients at risk

Cohort A	63	61	61	59	55	54	36
Cohort B	80	78	75	74	71	68	63
Cohort C	100	97	93	90	83	65	17

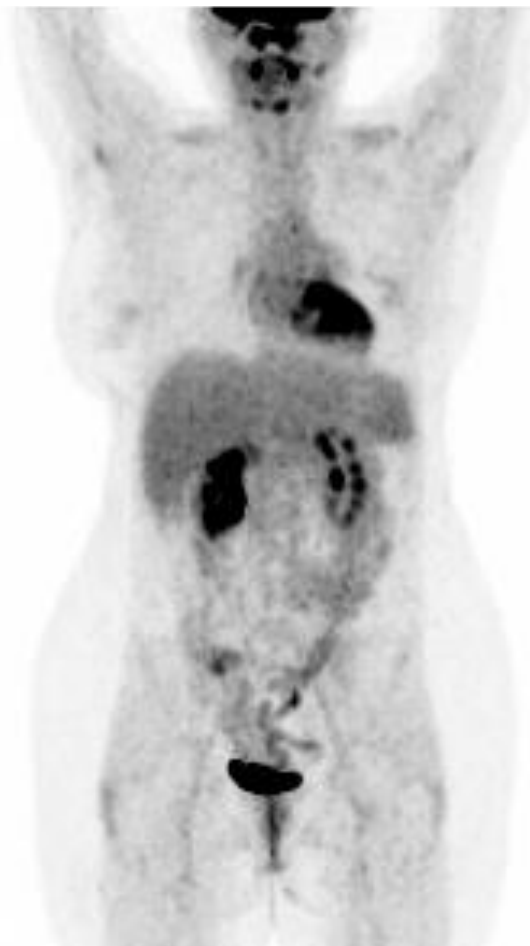
All values are medians (95% CI). NR = not reached

# Patient M.M.; 39 years

Diagnosed 2011 (5 prior therapies)



**October 2014**



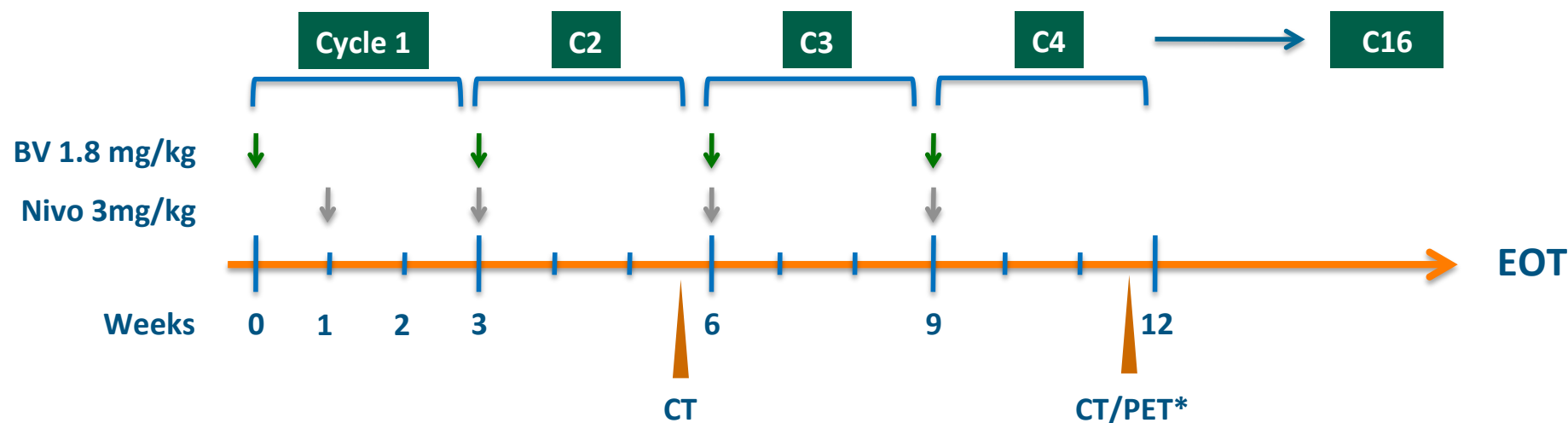
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# Phase 1/2 Study

## BV and Nivolumab in Pts with r&r cHL



- Up to 16 total cycles of combination therapy
- Standard dosing of both drugs
- Staggered dosing for cycle 1 only
- Pts could go on to HDCT & ABMT
- Risk of pneumonitis

# Immunomodifiers in Lymphoma

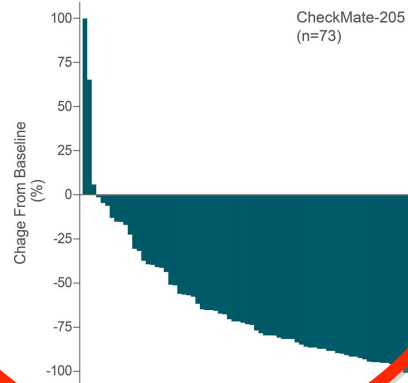
## Selection

<b>Antibody</b>	<b>Target</b>	<b>Company</b>
<b>Nivolumab</b>	<b>PD1</b>	<b>BMS</b>
<b>Pembrolizumab</b>	<b>PD1</b>	<b>MSD</b>
<b>REGN2810</b>	<b>PD1</b>	<b>Regeneron</b>
<b>Durvalumab</b>	<b>PD-L1</b>	<b>Celgene</b>
<b>Avelumab</b>	<b>PD-L1</b>	<b>Pfizer</b>
<b>Ipilimumab</b>	<b>CTLA-4</b>	<b>BMS</b>

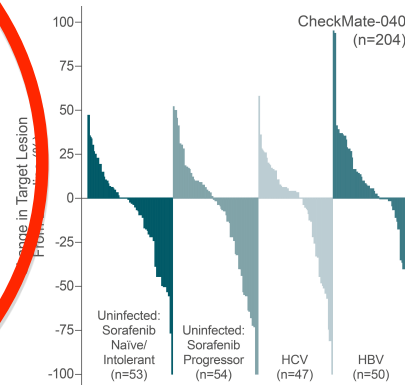
# PD1 Inhibition, klinische Studien

## Hohe Effektivität beim Hodgkin Lymphom

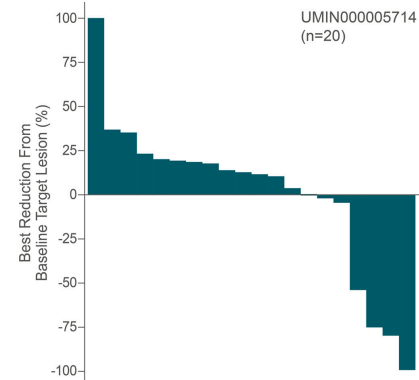
### Hodgkin Lymphoma<sup>1</sup>



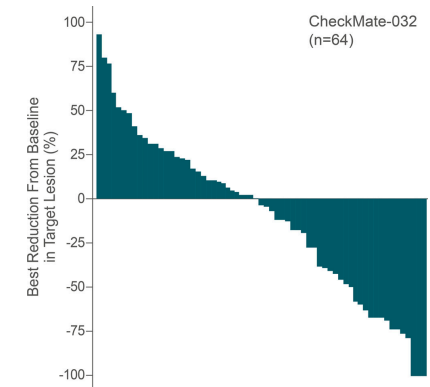
### Hepatocellular Carcinoma<sup>2</sup>



### Ovarian Cancer<sup>3</sup>

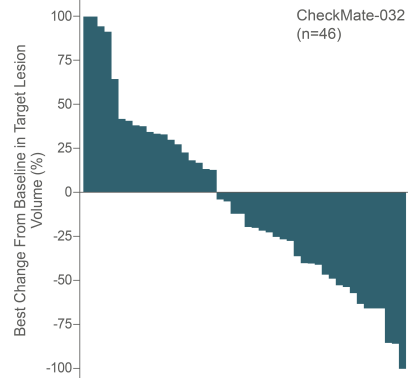


### Urothelial Cancer<sup>4</sup>



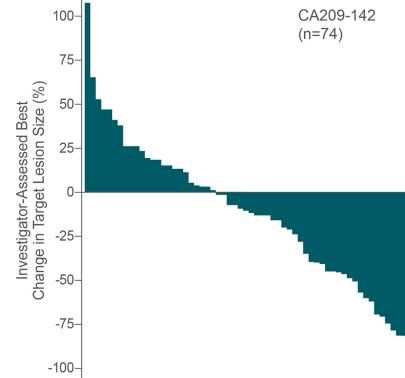
### Small Cell Lung Cancer<sup>5</sup>

(Nivolumab 1 mg/kg BW + Ipilimumab 3 mg/kg BW)

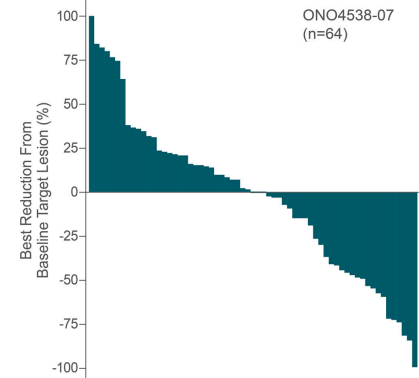


### Colorectal Cancer – MSI-H<sup>6</sup>

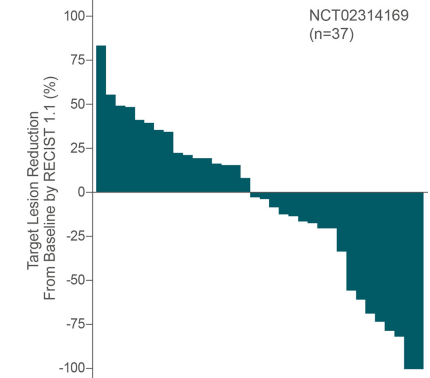
(Nivolumab 3 mg/kg BW)



### Esophageal Cancer<sup>7</sup>



### Anal Cancer<sup>8</sup>



1. Younes ASCO 2016, A7535. 2. Sangro ASCO 2016, A4078. 3. Hamanishi JCO 2015. 4. Sharma ASCO 2016, A4501. 5. Antonia ASCO 2016, A100. 6. Overman ASCO-GI 2017. 7. Van Morris ASCO 2016 A503

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## Summary

- **HL has become one of the best curable cancers; long-term side effects of chemo- and radiotherapy**
- **PD1 inhibitors in cHL demonstrated durable responses irrespective of prior BV treatment or refractoriness to prior therapies**
- **CR rate of 29% in BV-naïve pts; acceptable safety profile**
- **Nivolumab offers long-term treatment option for a broad spectrum of patients with cHL progressing after auto-HSCT**
- **Ongoing trials evaluate Nivolumab in other settings, including frontline**
- **Future trials including BV and anti-PD1 Moabs will increasingly replace chemo- and radiotherapy in HL**



# ISHL 11

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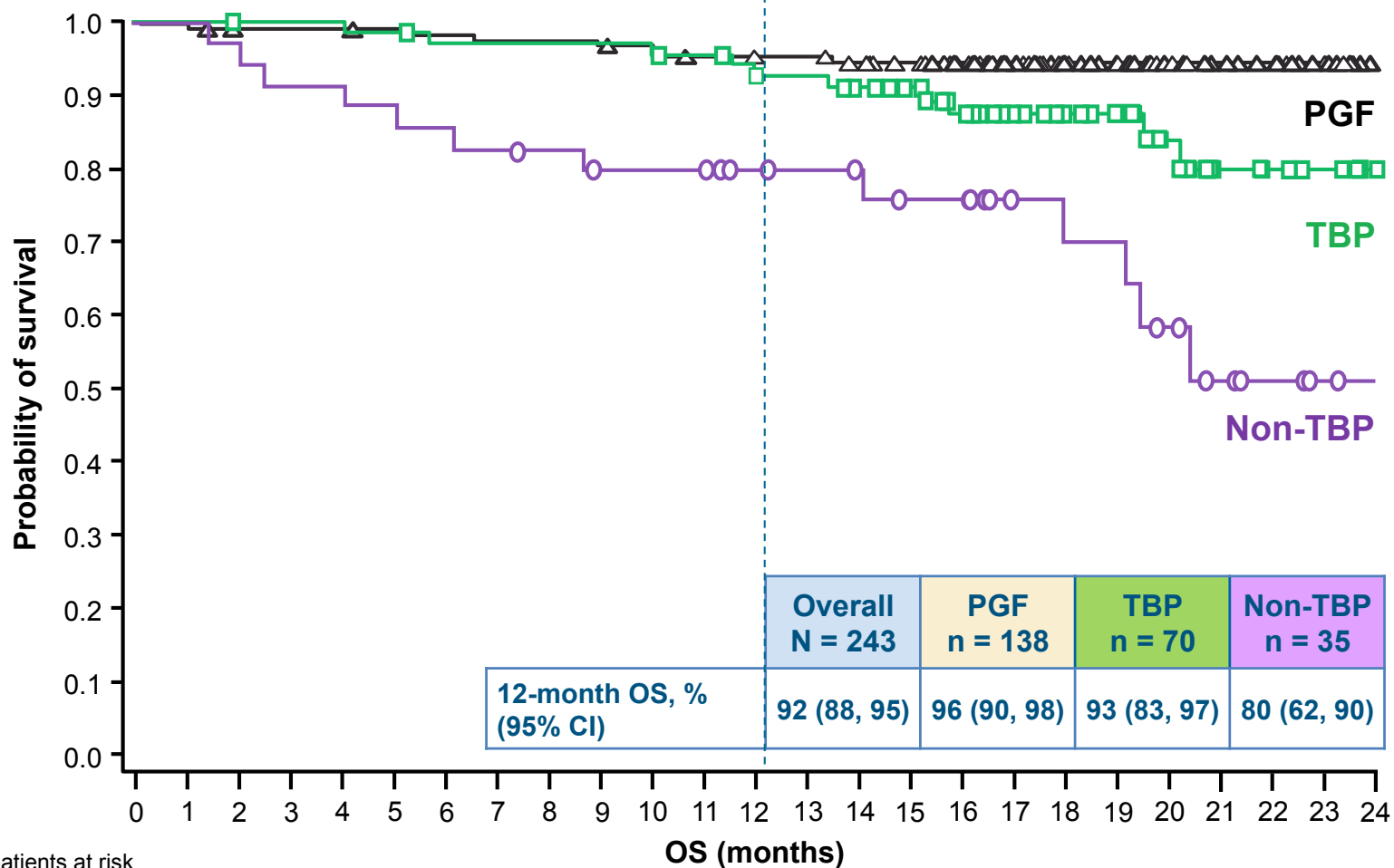
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# Nivolumab beyond Progression

## Outcomes in R/R cHL - Survival



Number of patients at risk

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
PGF	138	135	135	133	132	129	126	123	105	74	54	45	15													
TBP	70	69	69	66	66	66	60	57	44	30	21	14	7													
Non-TBP	35	34	32	30	28	26	23	21	19	12	9	4	1													