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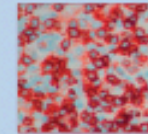
# How I treat ATL in Standard Treatment in front-line and prognostic index

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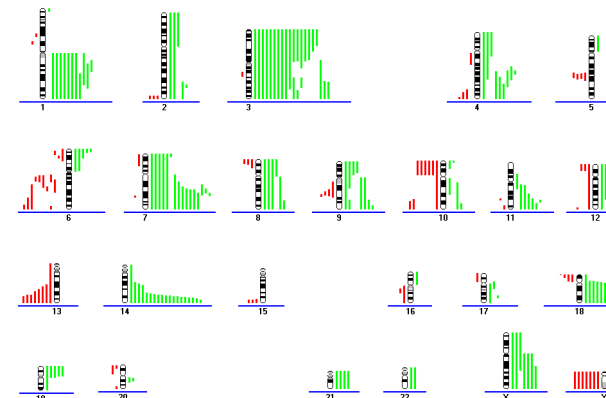
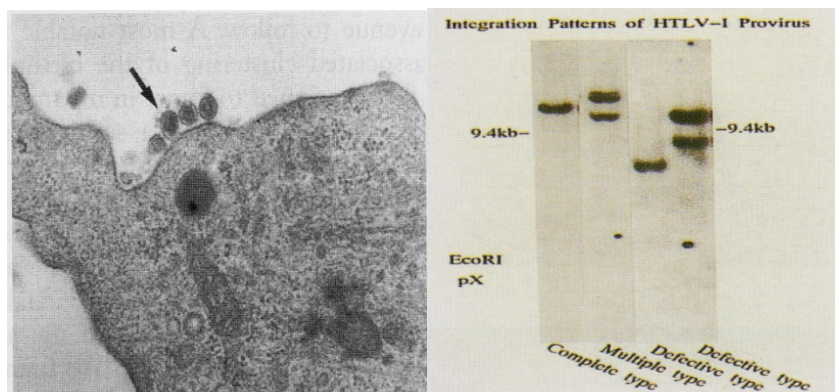
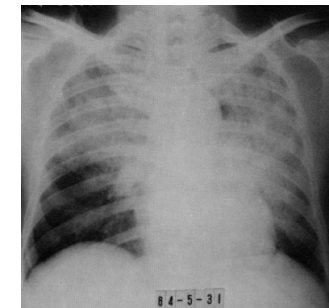
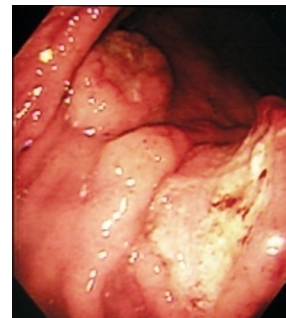
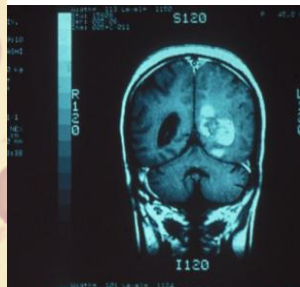
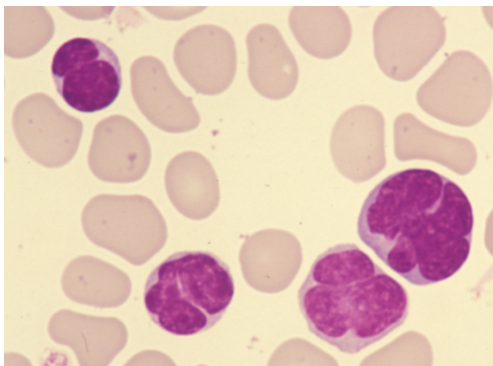
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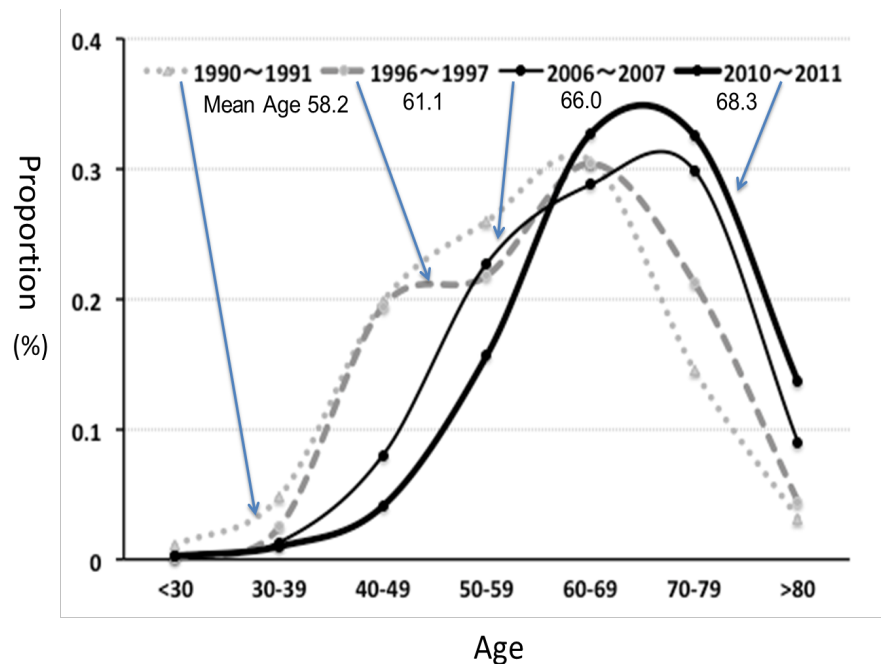
# Adult T-cell leukemia-lymphoma (ATL)

- Mature T-cell malignancy of Th2/Treg origin associated with HTLV-1
- Several tens millions of HTLV-1 carriers in the world, endemic in south-west coast of Japan, mid-and south-America and Africa
- About 5% of HTLV-1 carriers develop ATL during their life time
- Clinical feature is diverse and treatment strategy is based on subtype classification

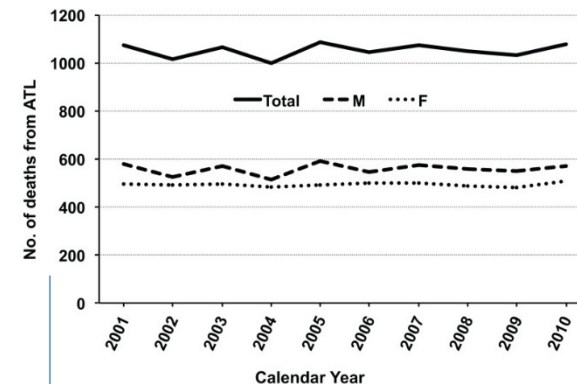


# Epidemiology of ATL in Japan and USA

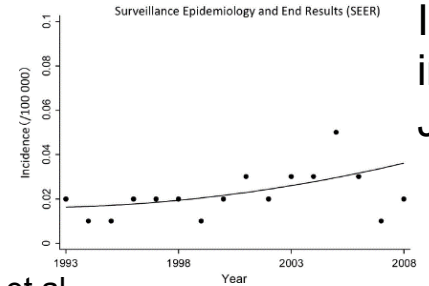
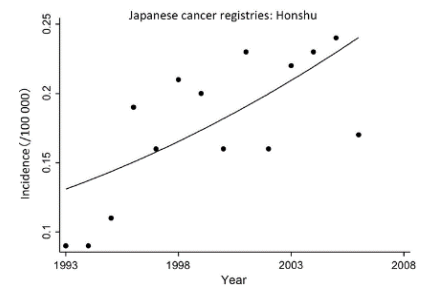
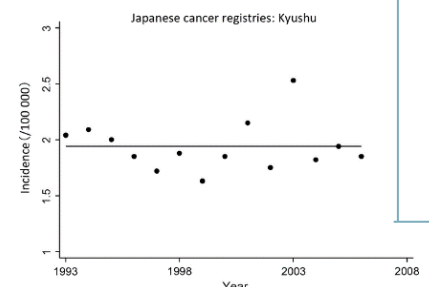
Rapid aging of patients with ATL;  
Consecutive nation-wide surveys in Japan



Cancer Sci. 2017  
Nosaka K, Tsukasaki K, et al



No. of deaths from ATL  
2001–2010 in Japan  
from vital statistics in the Portal  
Site of Official Statistics of Japan  
(e-Stat; accessed April 8, 2012).



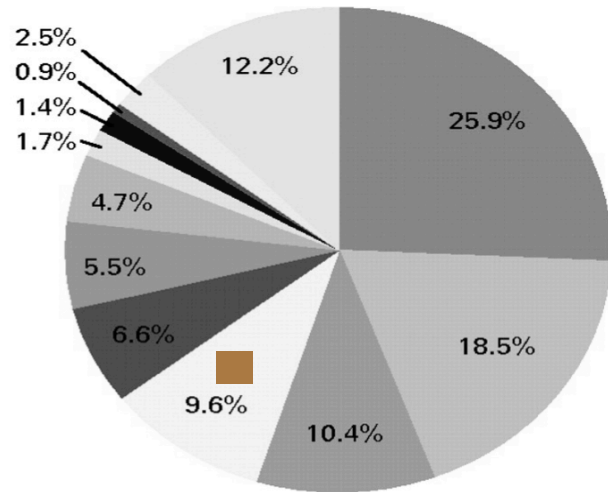
Areas	APC (95%CI)
Kyusyu	0.0 (-1.6, 1.7)
Honsyu	4.6 (1.1, 8.2)
USA	6.2 (1.5, 11.1)

APC; annual percent change

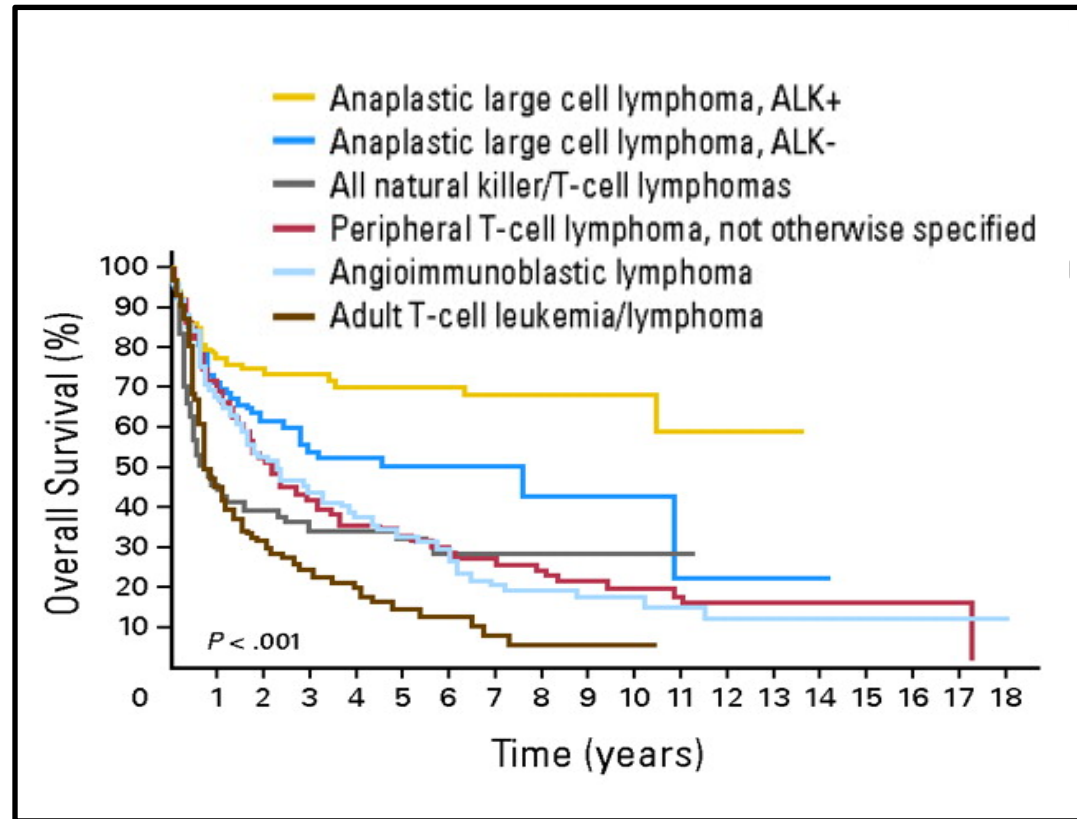
Increase in incidence of ATL  
in non-endemic area of  
Japan and USA

Cancer Sci. 2012  
Chihara D, et al

# International peripheral T-cell and NK/T-cell lymphoma study: pathology findings and clinical outcomes on 1314 cases.



- Peripheral T-cell Lymphoma
- Angioimmunoblastic
- Natural killer/T-cell lymphoma
- Adult T-cell leukemia/lymphoma
- Anaplastic large cell lymphoma, ALK+
- Anaplastic large cell lymphoma, ALK-
- Enteropathy-type T-cell
- Primary cutaneous ALCL
- Hepatosplenic T-cell
- Subcutaneous panniculitis-like
- Unclassifiable PTCL
- Other disorders



International T-Cell Lymphoma Project: J Clin Oncol, 2008

# 31 Consecutive studies by JCOG-LSG

1978 1980 1985 1990 1995 2000 2005 2010

HL

C-MOPP/ABVd(II) ← ABVd(II) ← ABV/RT(II) ← Int-PET(II)  
 JCOG8905 JCOG9305 JCOG9705 JCOG1305

ALL/LBL

LSG5(II) ← SCT(II) ← SCT(II)  
 JCOG8702 JCOG9004 JCOG9402

Agg-NHL

LSG1; VEPA(II) ← VEPA vs VEPAM(III) ← LSG9 vs mLSG4(III) ← DI-CHOP(rII) ← DLBCL R-CHOP(II/III)  
 JCOG7801 JCOG8101 JCOG9002 JCOG9505 JCOG0601

LSG4(II) ← Up front AHSCT(II) ← CHOP vs Bi-CHOP(III) ← DLBCL ASCT(rII)  
 JCOG8701 JCOG9506 JCOG9809 JCOG0908

Aged(II) ← CHOP(II) ← MCL ASCT(II)  
 JCOG9203 JCOG9508 JCOG0406

Ind-B-NHL

R-CHOP v R-Bi-CHOP(III)  
 JCOG0203

ATL

LSG-11(II) ← LSG15(II) ← LSG15 vs Bi-CHOP(III) ← Allo SCT(II)  
 JCOG9109 JCOG9303 JCOG9801 JCOG0907

IFN/AZD vs WW(III)  
 JCOG1111

NK/T-NHL

RT/DeVIC(I/II)  
 JCOG0211

Myeloma

COP-MP(II) ← LSG13 vs mLSG8(III) ← Maint-IFN vs PSL(III) ← BD vs TD(rII)  
 JCOG8906 JCOG9301 JCOG0112 JCOG0904

MPB(rII)  
 JCOG1105

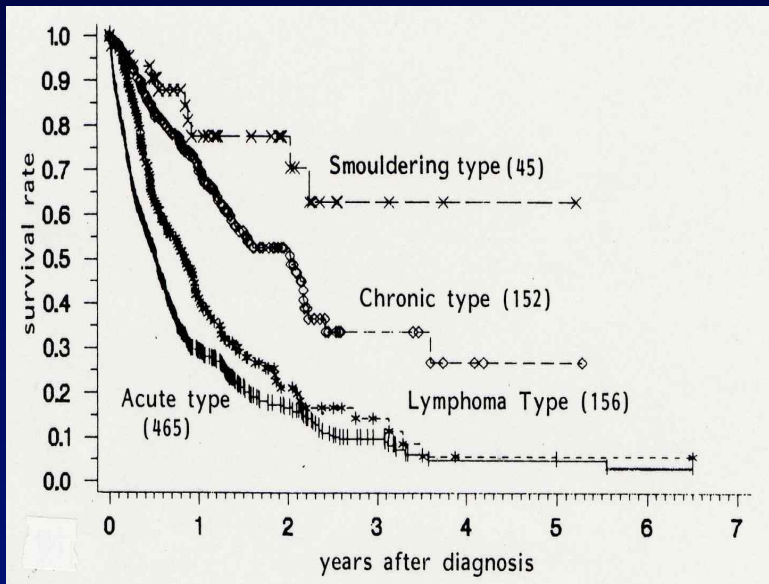
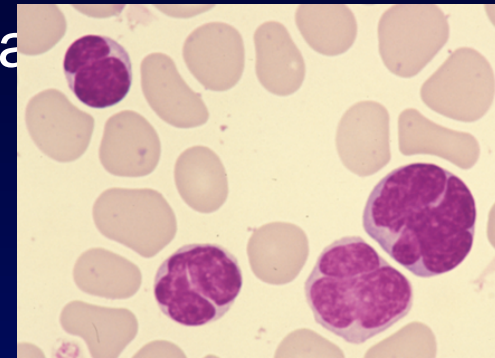
# Comparison of CR rates by disease and chemotherapy in initial LSG trials for aggressive NHL

	B-lymphoma	PNTL	ATL	Total
7801(VEPA)	65/101 (64%)	17/30 (57%)	7/42 (17%)	95/182 (52%)
8101(VEPAM)	33/40 (83%)	5/9 (56%)	11/30 (37%)	51/82 (62%)
8701(LSG4)	123/151 (82%)	28/42 (67%)	18/43 (42%)	193/267 (72%)

ATL; adult T-cell leukemia-lymphoma  
PNTL; peripheral non-ATL T-lymphoma

# Nationwide survey for ATL by JCOG-LSG: 1984-1987 (n=854)

- Multi-variate analysis revealed 5 independent prognostic factors (LSG, Leuk Res, 1991) ;
  - PS, Age>60, LDH, Ca and No. of Total Involved Lesions
- Establishment of ATL subtypes based on natural history, clinical features and prognostic factors

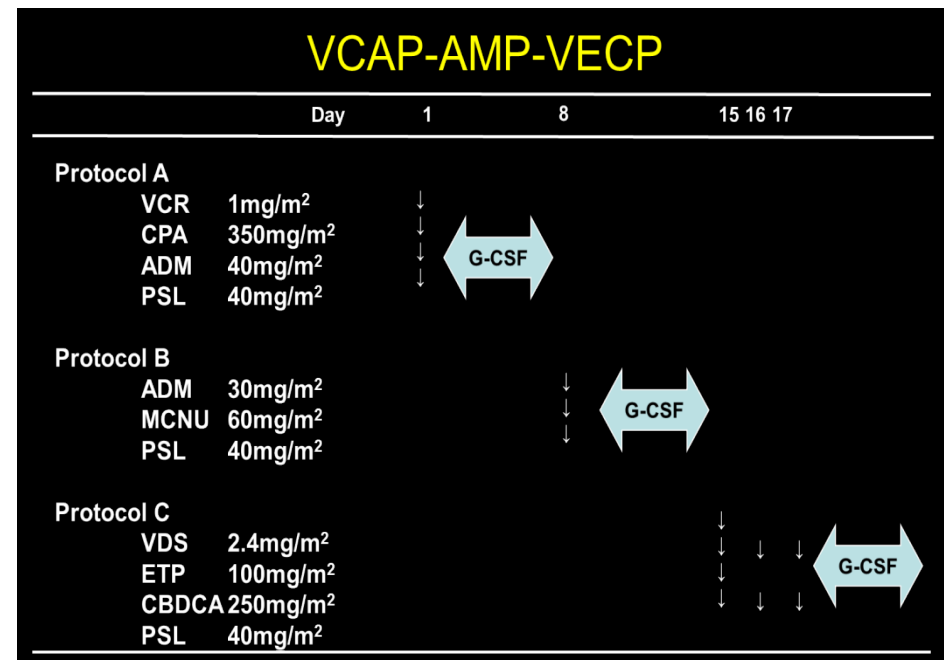
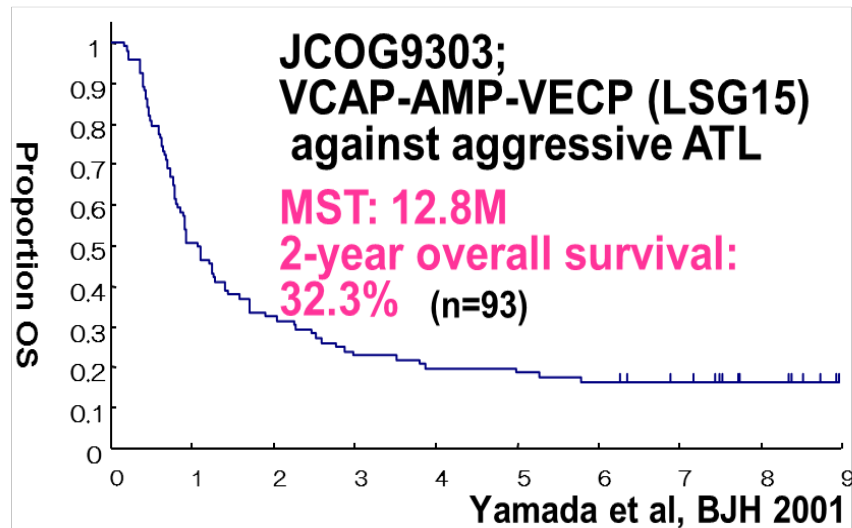
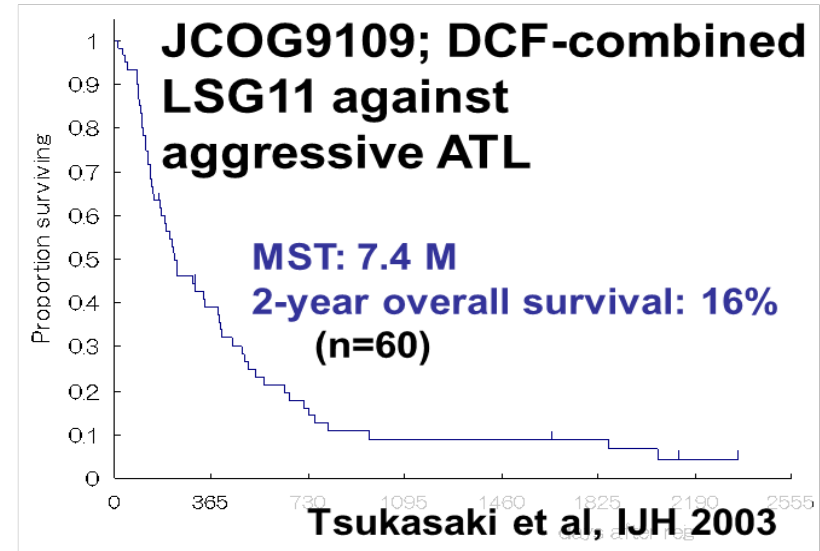
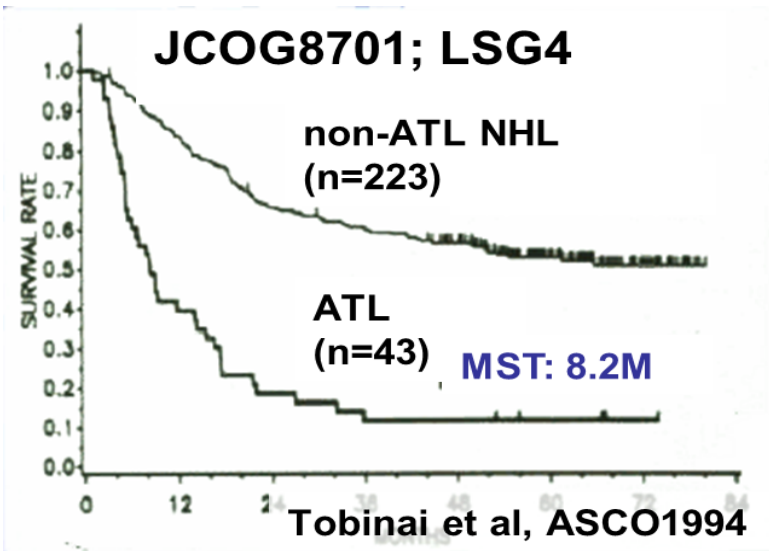


Clinical subtype:	Smoldering/Chronic	Acute/Lymphoma
Organ involvement	No / Minimum (Skin etc)	Yes
LDH level	Normal or raised $\leq x2$	Raised $> x2$
Calcium level	Normal	Raised
Median survival time	$> 24$ months	6-10 months

Shimoyama M, et al. B J Haematol, 1991

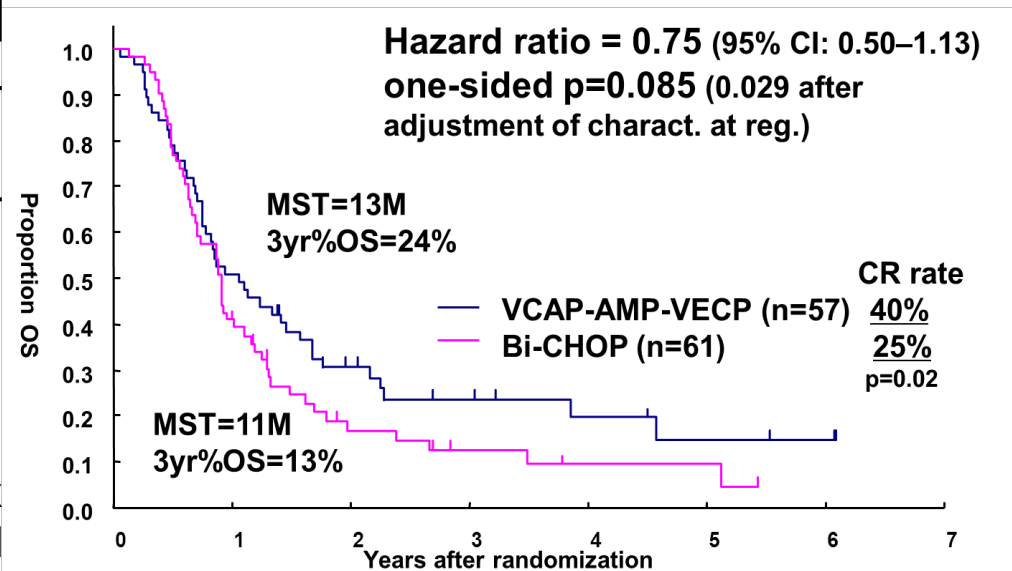
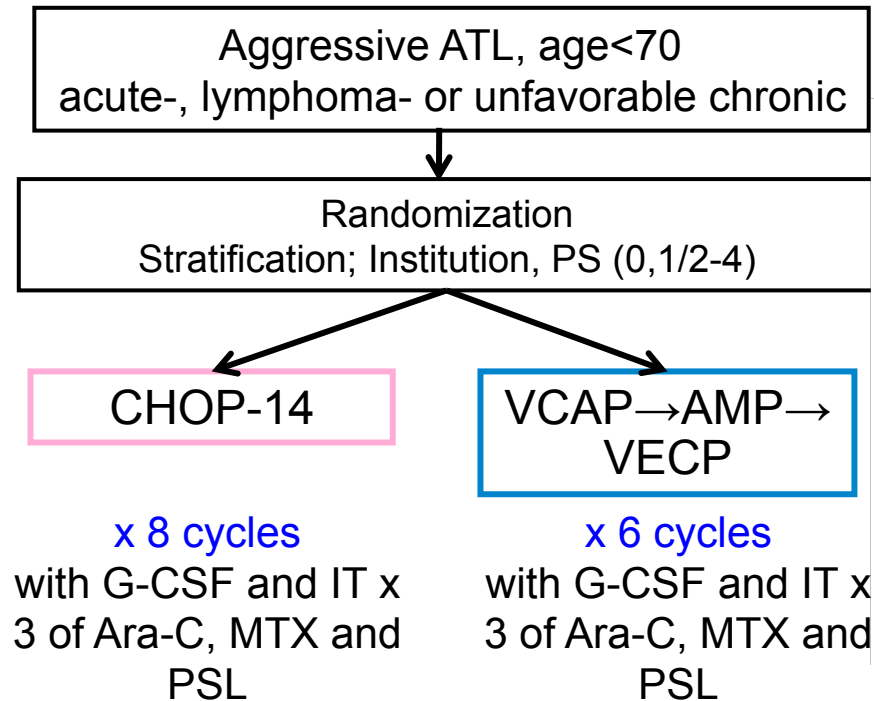


# Consecutive Trials for ATL by JCOG-LSG



# P-III study of VCAP-AMP-VECP vs. CHOP-14

## in aggressive ATL:JCOG9801



VCAP-AMP-VECP is a more effective regimen at the expense of higher toxicities, providing the basis for future investigations in the treatment of ATL

# JCOG0902A: Characterization of Long-Term Survivors and a Predictive Model for Aggressive ATL

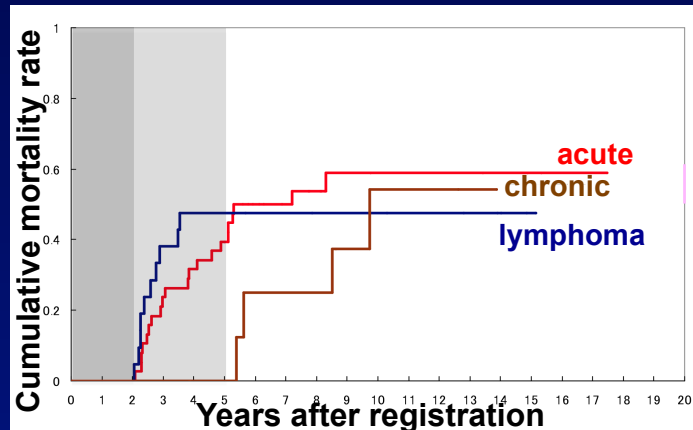
## Objective

1. Characterize long-term survivors
2. Develop a prognostic model (JCOG-PI) stepwise Cox regression analysis and external validation

## Patients

	all	surivors over 5-y	over 2-y	test sample
JCOG9109	62	8	5	40
JCOG9303	96	30	17	57
JCOG9801	118	29	15	96
<b>Total</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>193</b>

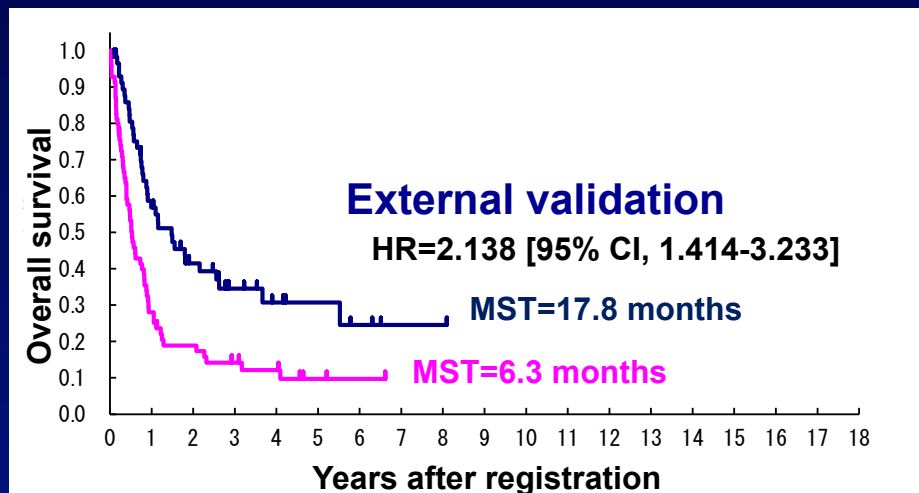
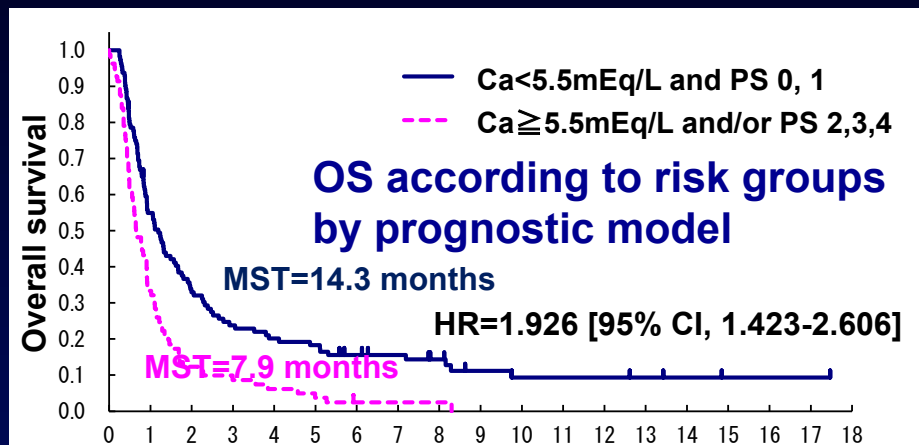
Validation sample: 127



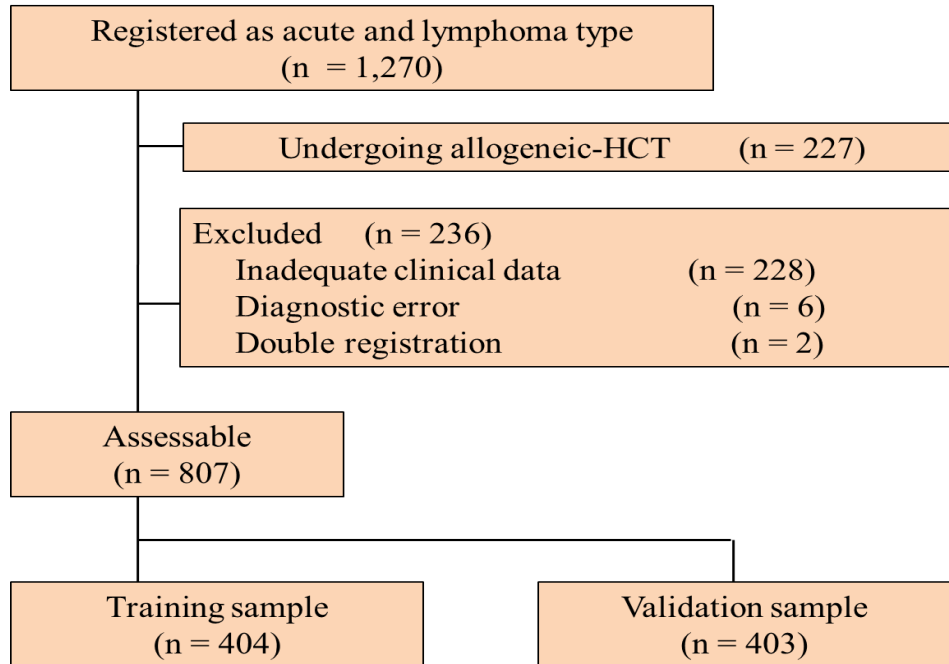
Fukushima et al. 52nd ASH Annual Meeting, 2011.

## stepwise Cox regression

Prognostic factor	HR (95%CI)	P value
<b>Ca</b> $\geq 5.5$ mEq/L (vs $< 5.5$ mEq/L)	1.688 (1.156-2.466)	0.007
<b>PS</b> : 2, 3, 4 (vs 0, 1)	1.493 (1.073-2.078)	0.018



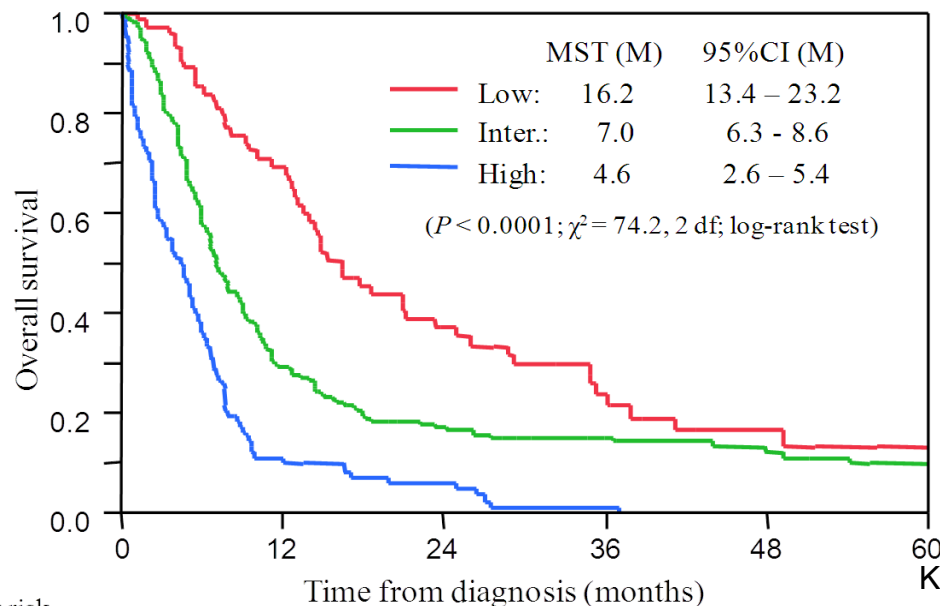
# ATL-PI for acute-/lymphoma-type ATL from Japan



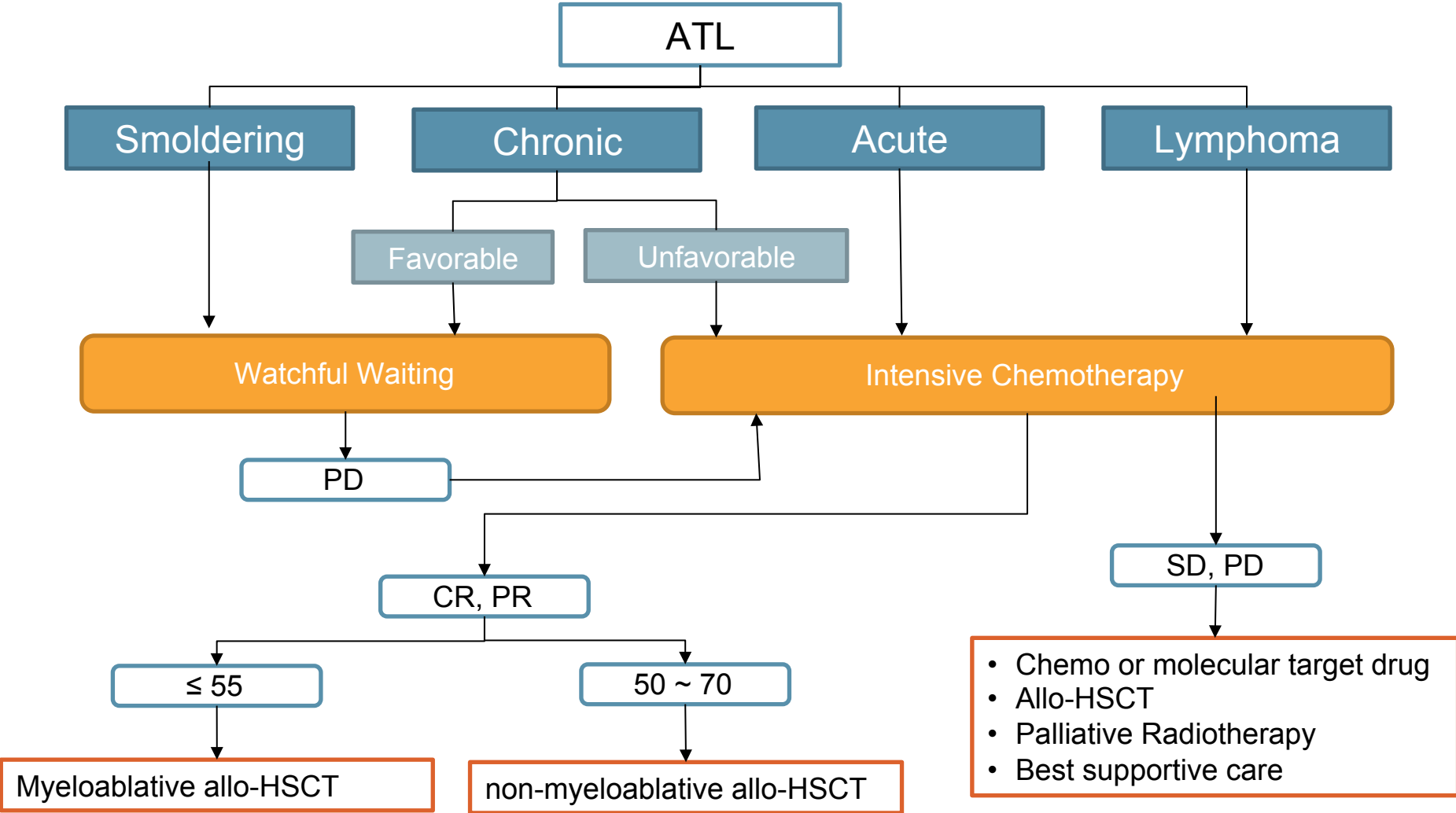
		Score
Stage	III or IV (90%)	2
Age (year)	> 70	1
Serum Albumin (g/dl)	< 3.5	1
ECOG PS	2~4 (51%)	1
sIL-2R (U/ml)	>20,000	1

Sum of the scores

- 0•1•2 ⇒ Low risk
- 3•4 ⇒ Intermediate risk
- 5•6 ⇒ High risk

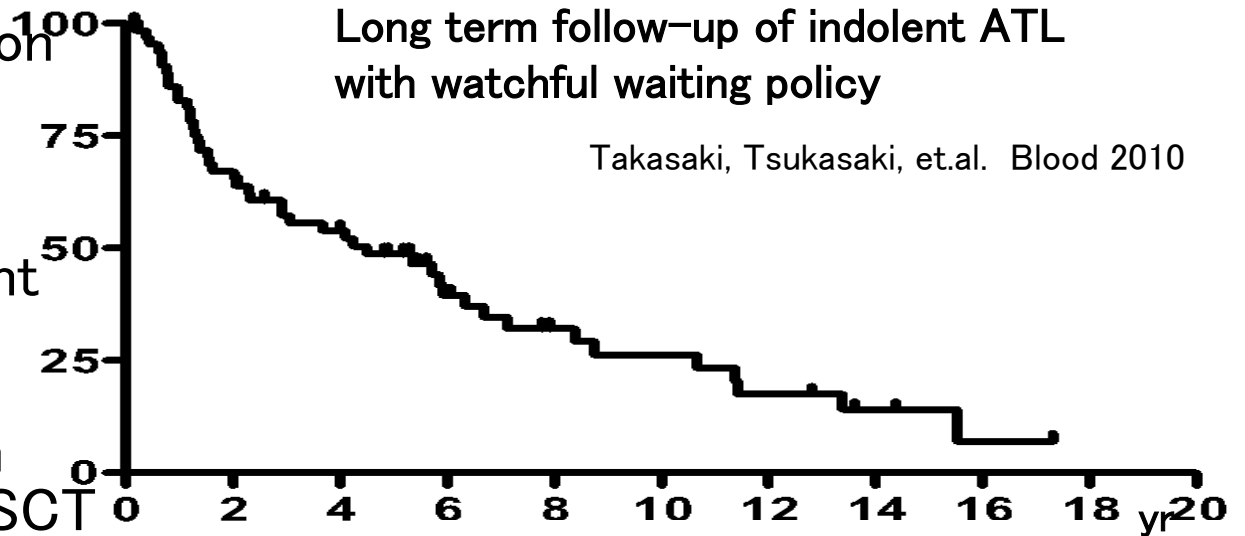


# Overall Schema for Treatment of ATL: Guideline 2013 by Japanese Society of Hematology

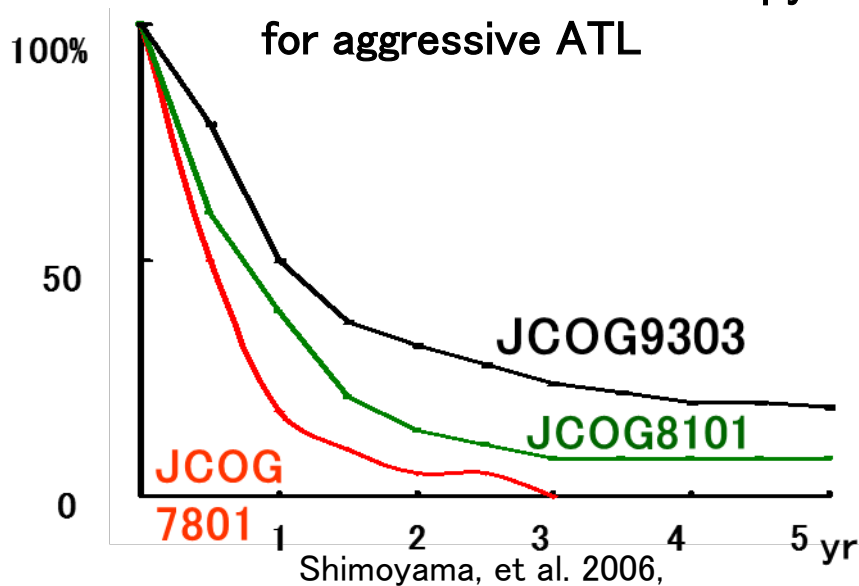


## Prognosis of ATL in relation to clinical subtypes and treatment modalities

- Poor prognosis of indolent ATL after long follow-up
- Improved prognosis of aggressive ATL after both chemotherapy and allo-HSCT

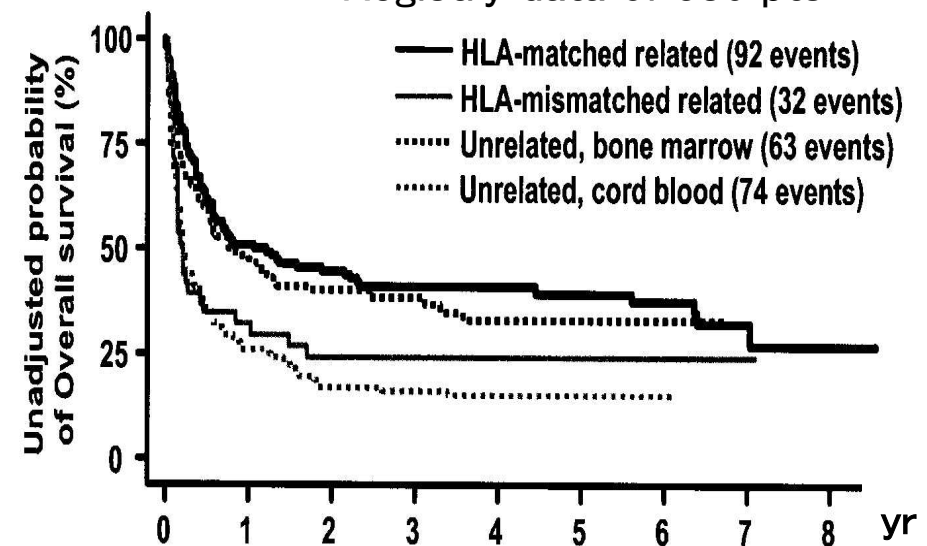


## Consecutive trials of chemotherapy for aggressive ATL



## Allo-HSCT for aggressive ATL

Registry data of 386 pts

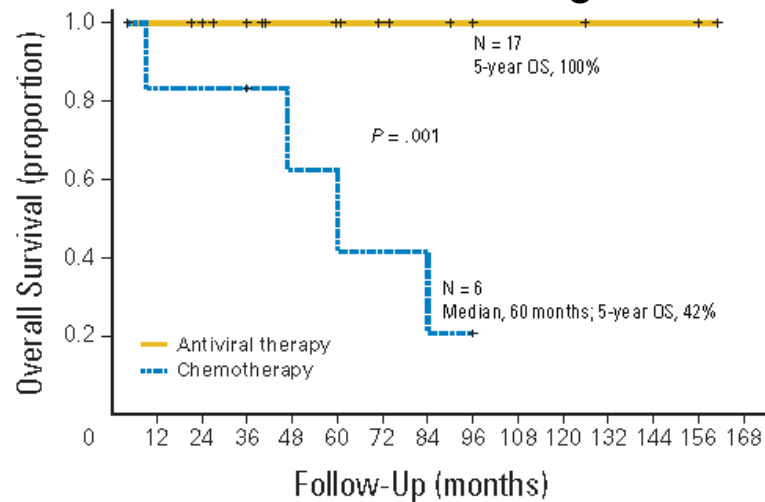


Hishizawa M et.al. Blood 2010

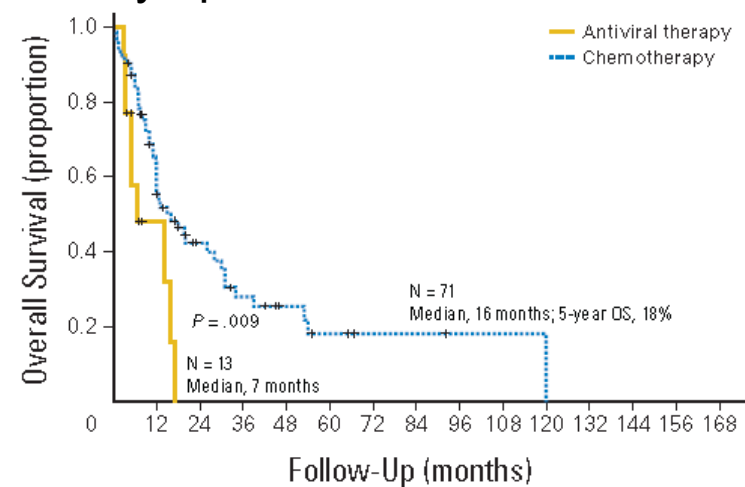
# Interferon/Zidobudine for ATL

## — Retrospective survey —

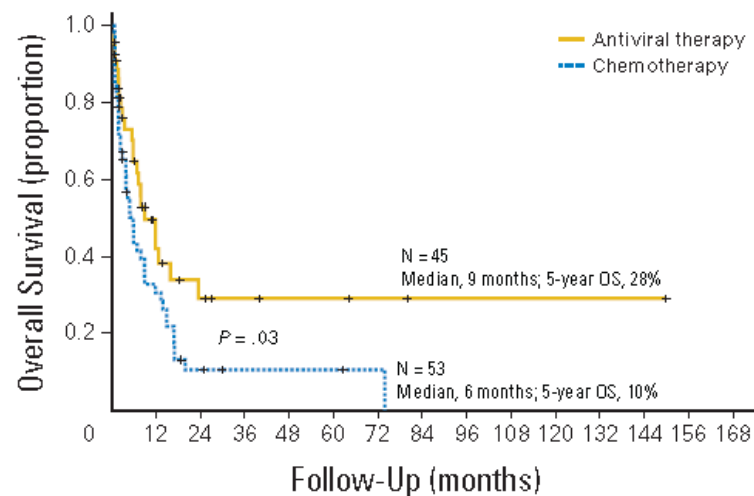
**A** Chronic and smoldering



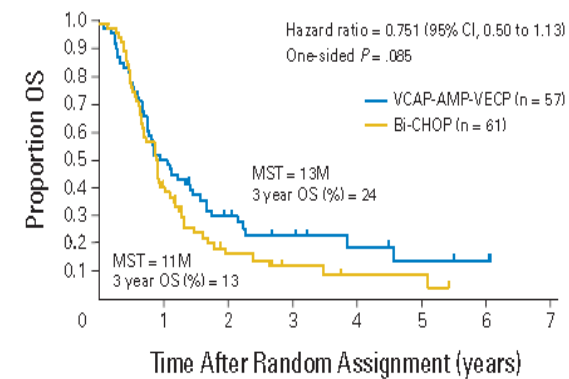
**B** Lymphoma



**C** Acute

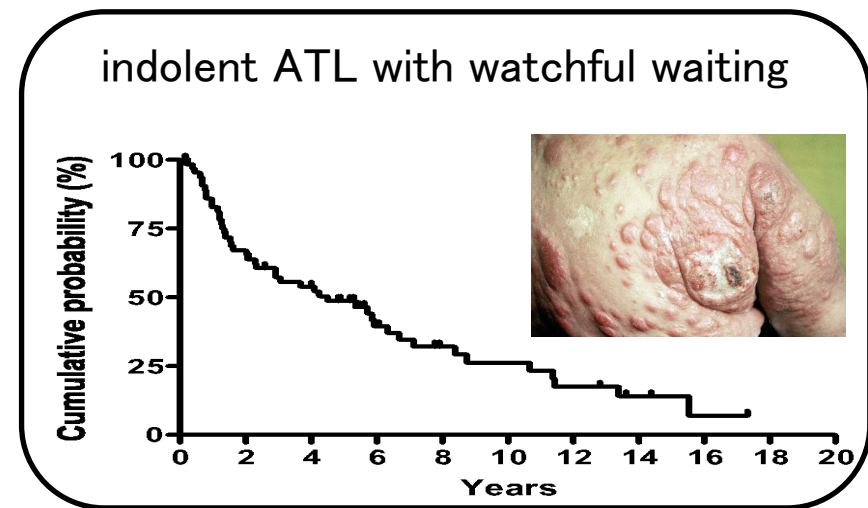
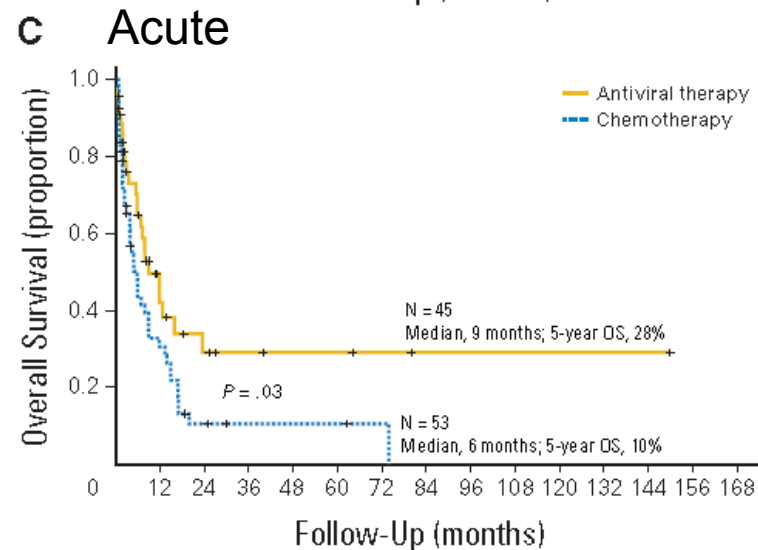
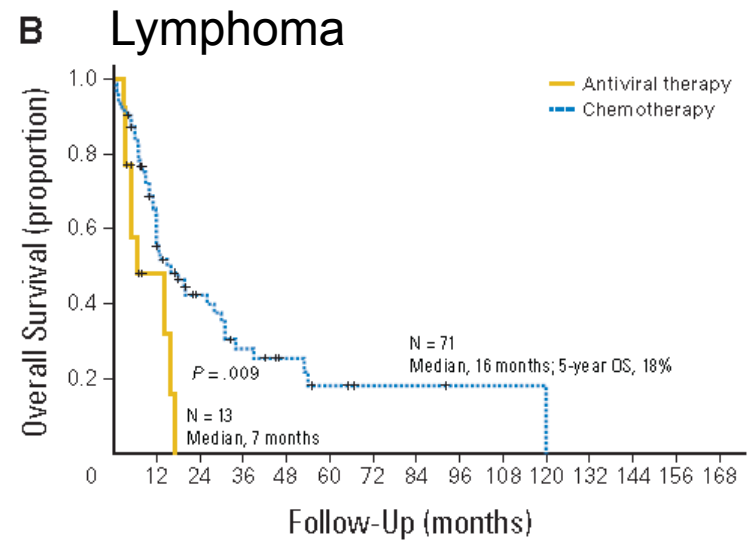
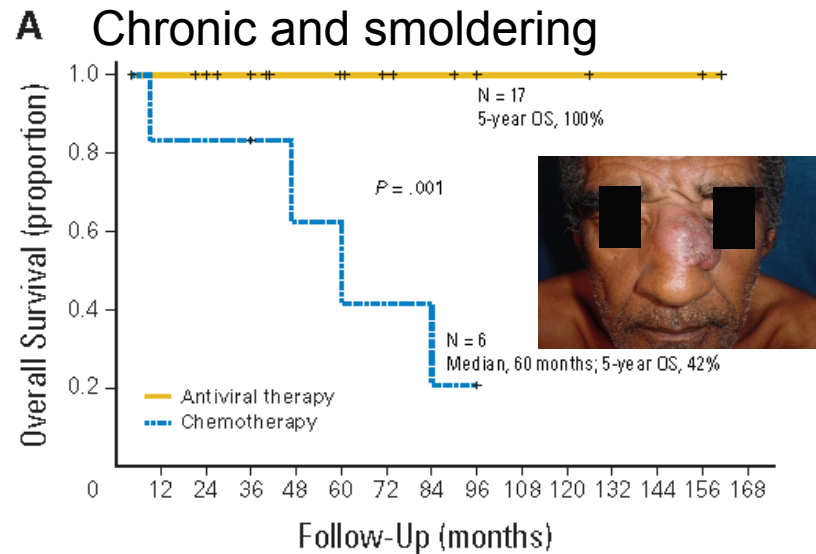


**JCOG9801**



# Interferon/Zidobudine for ATL

## — Retrospective survey —





# Recommended strategy for the treatment of ATL

## Smoldering- or favorable chronic-type ATL

- **Symptomatic patients** (skin lesions, opportunistic infections, etc): Consider **AZT/IFN** or **Watch and Wait**
- **Asymptomatic patients**: Consider **Watch and Wait**

## Unfavorable chronic- or acute-type ATL

- If outside clinical trials, check prognostic factors (including clinical and molecular factors if possible):
  - **Good prognostic factors**: consider chemotherapy (**VCAP-AMP-VECP** evaluated by a phase III trial against CHOP-14) or **AZT/IFN** (evaluated by a meta-analysis on retrospective studies)
  - **Poor prognostic factors**: consider chemotherapy followed by conventional or reduced intensity **allo-HSCT** (evaluated by retrospective and prospective Japanese studies, respectively).
  - **Poor response to initial therapy**: Consider conventional or reduced intensity **allo-HSCT**

# Ongoing ATL trials by JCOG-LSG

IFN $\alpha$ /AZT vs Watchful waiting  
for indolent ATL (P-III study)

Untreated indolent ATL  
less than 75 years old

randomization

IFN $\alpha$  6 mu  
AZT 600mg

Watchful waiting

Continue until  
progressive disease

allo-HSCT for aggressive ATL  
(confirmatory P-II study)

Untreated aggressive ATL  
less than 65 years old

Induction chemotherapy  
with VCAP/AMP/VECP

Sibling donor +

Sibling donor -

Allo-PBSCT / BMT  
RIST

Continuous Chemo  
Search for Bank donor

Bank donor +

Donor -

Allo-BMT  
RIST

Chemotherapy

## New agents are approved and under clinical development in ATL

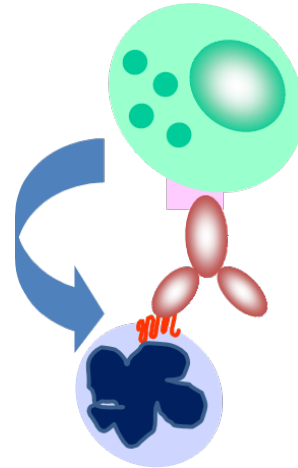
Compound	MOA	Target	Phase
Mogamulizumab	Anti-CCR4 Ab	CCR4+ R ATL	Approved
Lenalidomide	Immune modulatory	R/R ATL	Approved
DS3201	EZH 1 and 2 inhibitor	R/R ATL	I
Nivolumab	Anti-PD 1	R/R ATL	II
Abacavir	Nucleoside Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitor	R/R ATL	II
NY-ESO-1 Vaccine	T-cell receptor gene therapy	ATL with NY-ESO positive	Ia/Ib
Chydamide	Histone deacetylase inhibitor (HDACI)	R/R ATL	II
Tax-DC vaccine	Modulation of Tax specific CTLs	ATL	Ia/Ib

# Mogamulizumab, a defucosylated anti-CCR4 Ab in ATL

## ADCC

Antibody-dependent cellular cytotoxicity

- One of the most important functions of the therapeutic antibodies
- Development of a first-in-class **zero-fucose** humanized antibody with **high ADCC activity** targeting CCR4



## CCR4

CC chemokine receptor 4

- receptor for TARC & MDC
- G-protein coupled receptor
- Expression in cancer: **some of the T cell lymphoma / leukemia**
- Expression in normal tissues: some of the peripheral T-lymphocytes (Th2/Treg cells)



P-1 study of Mogamulizumab in relapsed PTCL/ATL

- MTD was not reached until 1mg/kg in 16 pts.
  - RR was 31% including 2 CRs among 13 ATL patients.
- Recommended phase II dose: 1.0 mg/kg

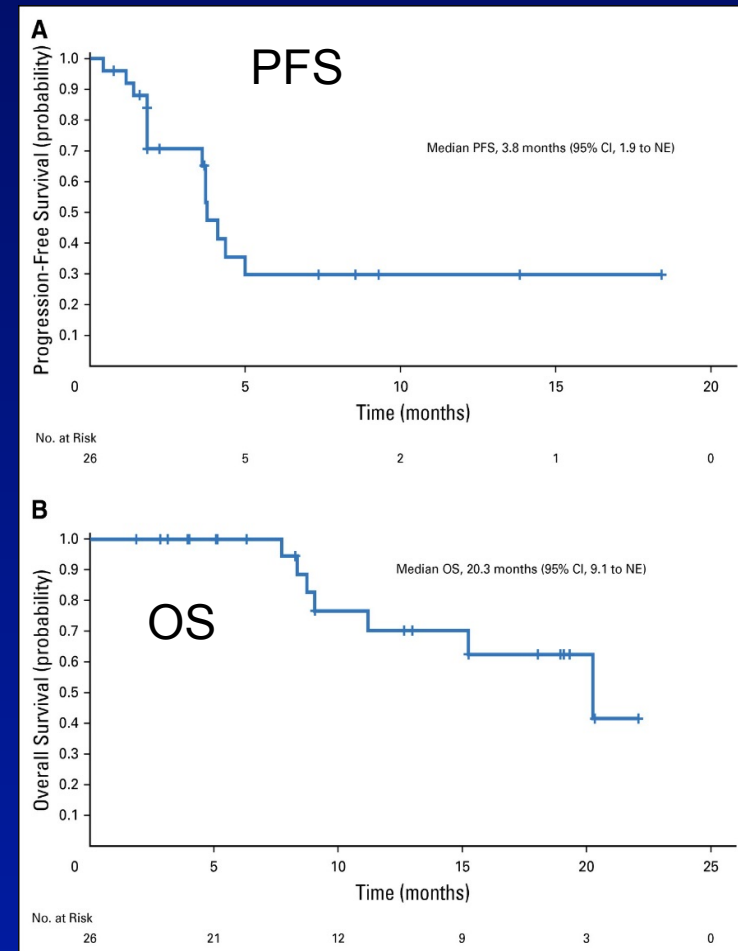
P-2 study of Mogamulizumab in relapsed aggressive ATL

Disease site	n	Best response					Response rate		
		CR	PR	SD	PD	NE	≥ PR	(%)	[95% CI]
Blood	13	13	0	0	0	0	13	(100 %)	-
Skin	8	3	2	0	2	1	5	(63 %)	[25-92]
Nodal & extranodal	12	3	0	4	5	0	3	(25 %)	[6-57]
<b>Overall**</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>(50 %)</b>	<b>[30-70]</b>

# PII Study of Lenalidomide in Pts With R/R ATL

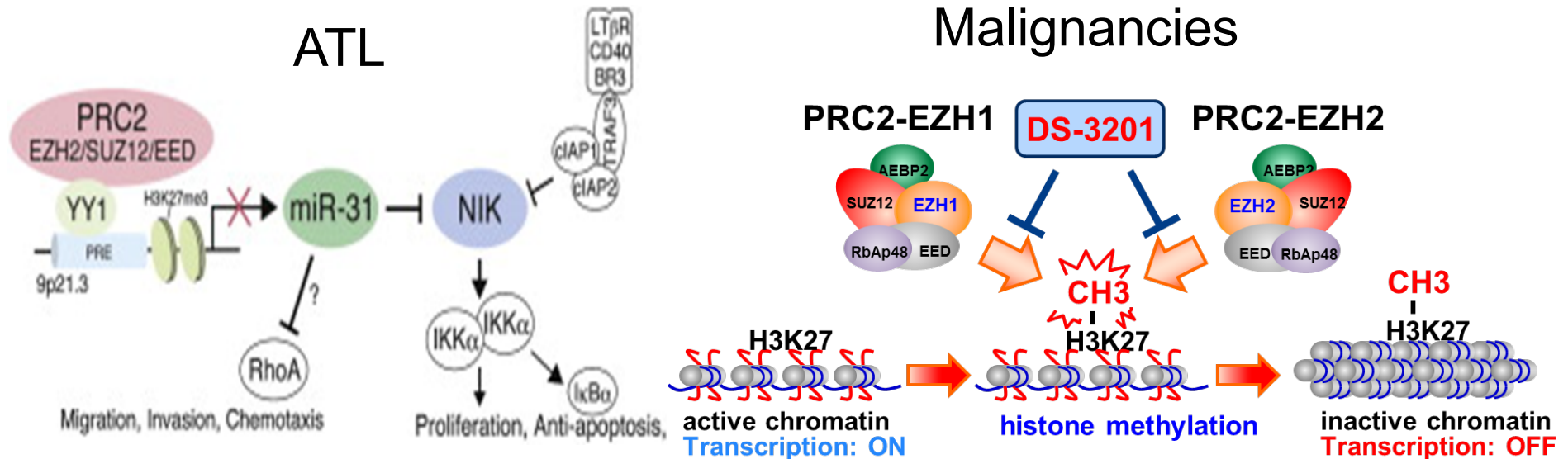
## Lenalidomide 25 mg/day given continuously

Population, n (%)	n	ORR	CR/CRu	PR	SD	PD
All patients	26	11 (42)	5 (19)	6 (23)	8 (31)	7 (27)
By type						
Acute	15	5 (33)	3 (20)	2 (13)	6 (40)	4 (27)
Lymphoma	7	4 (57)	2 (29)	2 (29)	0 (0)	3 (43)
Unfavorable chronic	4	2 (50)	0	2 (50)	0	0
By prior mogamulizumab						
Yes	11	2 (18)	1 (9)	1 (9)	6 (55)	3 (27)
No	15	9 (60)	4 (27)	5 (33)	2 (13)	4 (27)
By lesion						
Target lesion	16*	5 (31)	5 (31)	0	8 (50)	2 (13)
PGA	8	6 (75)	4 (50) <sup>†</sup>	2 (25)	2 (25)	0
Peripheral blood	10	6 (60)	4 (40)	2 (20)	2 (20)	2 (20)



- Responses were observed in all lesion types Ishida T, Tsukasaki K, et al. JCO 2016

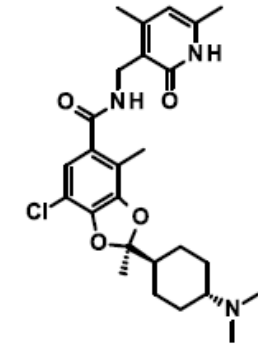
# EZH1/2 Dual Inhibitor



- **Polycomb-mediated** loss of miR-31 activates NIK-dependent **NF-κB** pathway in **ATL** and **other cancers**.
- **EZH1** and **EZH2** are **methyltransferases** which specifically methylate histone H3 lysine 27 by forming a multi-protein complex termed polycomb repressive complex 2 (PRC2). Both PRC2-EZH1 and PRC2-EZH2 can create tri-methylated H3K27, which is **important for suppression of tumor suppressor genes or cell differentiation genes**.
- **DS-3201b** is a **dual inhibitor of EZH 1 and EZH2**, an oral agent, that has demonstrated anti-tumor activity against ATL in preclinical studies.

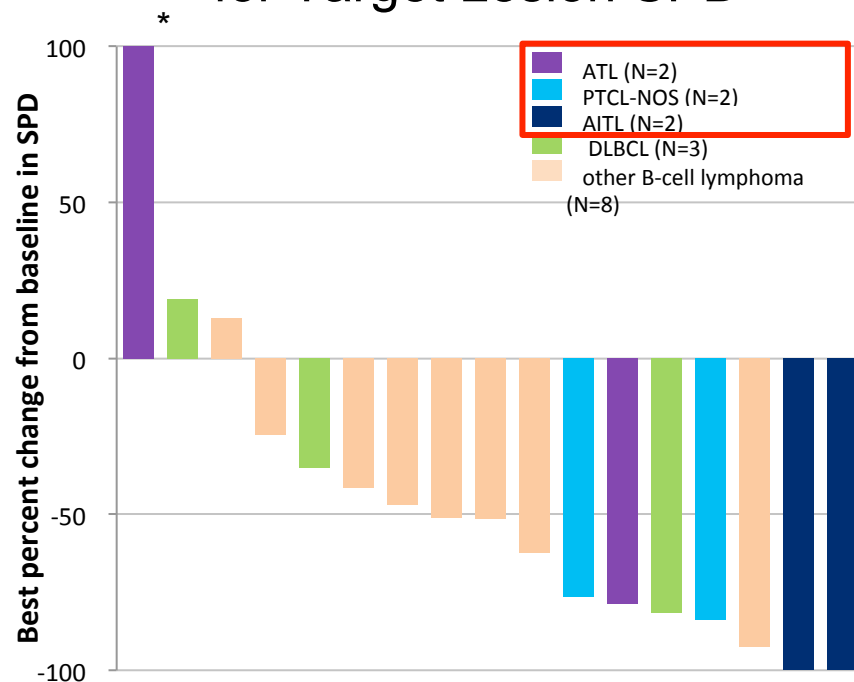
# FIH Study of the EZH1/2 Dual Inhibitor, DS-3201b

Best Response	B-cell lymphoma (n=11)	T-cell lymphoma (n=6)	All (n=17)
CR, n (%)	0 (0)	1 (16.7)	1 (5.9)
PR, n (%)	5 (45.5)	4 (66.7)	9 (52.9)
SD, n (%)	4 (36.4)	0 (0)	4 (23.5)
PD, n (%)	2 (18.2)	1 (16.7)	3 (17.6)

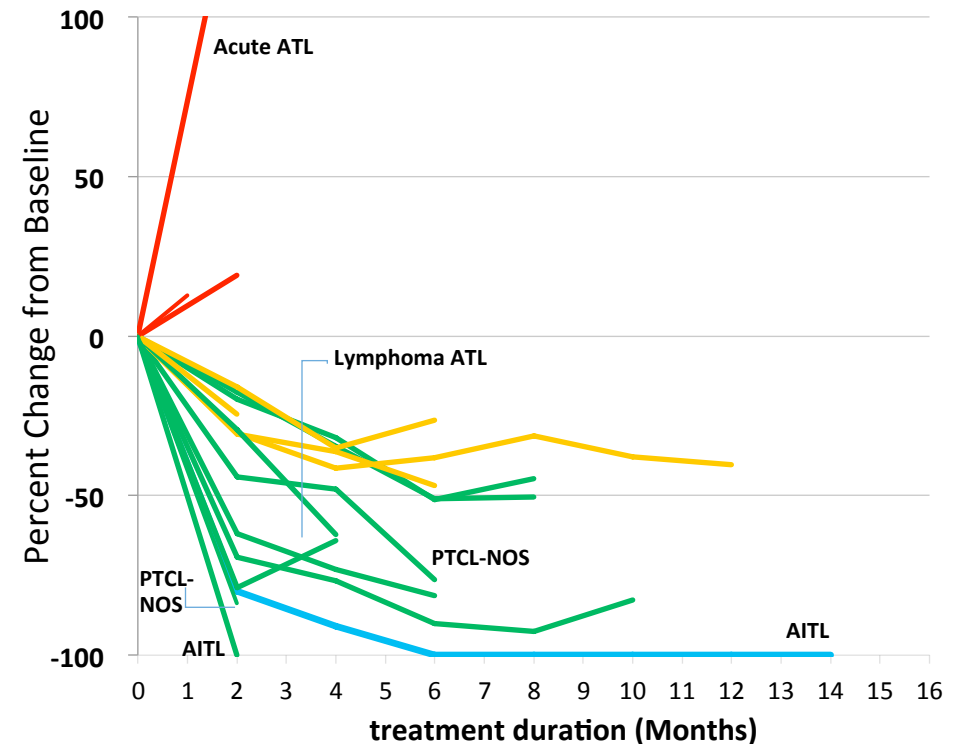


DS-3201

## Maximum Percentage Improvement for Target Lesion SPD



## Percentage Change in Tumor Size Over Time



# Conclusions and future directions

- Subtype-classification is useful for treatment strategy, however, prognosis is diverse in each subtype of ATL.
- Proposed prognostic index through JCOG trials and nationwide survey are not sufficient to elucidate very good prognostic patients who do not require up-front allo-HSCT
- Rapid aging of patients with ATL.
- Molecular/biomarkers for treatment strategies: WW, IFN/AZT therapy, chemotherapy and allo-HSCT.
- Optimal combination therapies with new agents such as mogamulizumab, lenalidomide and so on.
- Elucidation of resistance-mechanisms to each treatment strategy.
- Continuous clinical trials including global ones for this intractable and rare disease.



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