Exploring the Current and Changing Paradigm for the Management of Newly Diagnosed Diffuse Large B-Cell Lymphoma

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> Monday, February 7, 2022 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM ET

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## Key Considerations in the Optimal Clinical Care of Patients with Small Cell Lung Cancer

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> Faculty Luis Paz-Ares, MD, PhD Jared Weiss, MD

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Recent Advances and Real-World Implications in Medical Oncology: A Daylong Multitumor Educational Symposium in Partnership with the North Carolina Oncology Association and the South Carolina Oncology Society

> Saturday, February 12, 2022 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM ET



## Recent Advances and Real-World Implications in Medical Oncology: Agenda

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Meet The Professor Current and Future Role of Immunotherapy in the Management of Lung Cancer

> Tuesday, February 15, 2022 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM ET

> > Faculty Charu Aggarwal, MD

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Beyond the Guidelines: Clinical Investigator Perspectives on the Management of Prostate Cancer (Part 1 of a 2-Part Series) Thursday, February 17, 2022 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM PT

> Faculty Neeraj Agarwal, MD Himisha Beltran, MD Fred Saad, MD A Oliver Sartor, MD

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Beyond the Guidelines: Clinical Investigator Perspectives on the Management of Bladder Cancer (Part 2 of a 2-Part Series) Friday, February 18, 2022 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM PT

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#### CURRENT MANAGEMENT OF NEWLY DIAGNOSED DIFFUSE LARGE B-CELL LYMPHOMA (DLBCL)

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#### **Refining Therapeutic Options for DLBCL**

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Investigational Approaches to the Care of Previously Untreated DLBCL

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#### DLBCL Survey Respondents January 26 - January 31, 2022

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#### CASE PRESENTATION – DR MEHTA-SHAH: A 33-YEAR-OLD WOMAN WITH GERMINAL CENTER B-CELL-LIKE DLBCL

- 33 yo woman with no significant past medical history with a 6 week history of an enlarging left supraclavicular LN (doubled in size over 3 weeks). She is otherwise asymptomatic. No fevers, chills, night sweats, weight loss, abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting.
- US showed 2.8 x 2.8 x 1.3-cm supraclavicular LN
- Labs:
  - Normal CBC (WBC 8.5, Hgb 13.1, Plts 294)
  - LDH 246 (ULN 250)
  - Normal Chemistries

# CASE PRESENTATION – DR MEHTA-SHAH: A 33-YEAR-OLD WOMAN WITH GERMINAL CENTER B-CELL-LIKE DLBCL (CONTINUED)

- US guided biopsy shows diffuse large
   B-cell lymphoma, germinal center
  - IHC positive for: CD20, CD10, BCL6, PAX 5
  - IHC negative for: MUM1, cMYC, EBER, CyclinD1, CD30
  - FISH negative for MYC, BCL2, BCL6
- PET/CT left supraclavicular, right cervical, mediastinal, bilateral hilar adenopathy. Adnexal and liver involvement



## **DIFFUSE LARGE B-CELL LYMPHOMA (DLBCL)**

- Most common aggressive type of non-Hodgkin lymphoma
  - 30-40% of all non-Hodgkin lymphoma
  - Affects 7/100,000 people per year in US
- Heterogeneous entity
  - DLBCL, not otherwise specified
    - Germinal Center phenotype
    - Non-Germinal Center phenotype
  - T-cell/histiocyte-rich large B-cell lymphoma
  - Primary Cutaneous DLBCL, leg type
  - EBV+ DLBCL of the elderly
  - Primary CNS lymphoma
  - Primary Mediastinal DLBCL
  - CD5+ DLBCL
  - High grade B-cell lymphoma, not otherwise specified



Courtesy of Neha Mehta-Shah, MD, MSCI

# CASE PRESENTATION – DR MEHTA-SHAH: A 33-YEAR-OLD WOMAN WITH GERMINAL CENTER B-CELL-LIKE DLBCL (CONTINUED)

- She underwent oocyte preservation and then R-CHOP x 6 cycles
- End of Treatment PET/CT showed a complete metabolic response
- She remains clinically in complete remission



# **DLBCL** is the Most Common NHL Subtype

#### United States patients with DLBCL<sup>1-3</sup>

- Newly diagnosed ~28,000 per year
- Relapsed/Refractory ~11,000 per year

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Typically use this reference as a the contemporary assessment of US incidence of NHL subtypes Teras et al. *CA Cancer J Clin.* 2016 Nov 12;66(6):443-459.

#### NHL prevalence in the US<sup>5</sup>



DLBCL
Follicular lymphoma
All other subtypes

# **DLBCL Incidence Increases With Age**

Average patient at diagnosis is 60-65 years of age (median age = 69 years), where most are not fit for HDC/ASCT<sup>1-4</sup>



1. https://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/dlbcl.html; 2; 3. . https://www.leukaemia.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2011/11/Factsheet-Lymphoma-DLBCL.pdfMartelli M et al. *Crit Rev Oncol Hematol*. 2013;87(2):146-171; 4. Broccoli A et al. *Oncologist*. 2019;24(9):1246-1252.

#### Courtesy of Christopher R Flowers, MD, MS

## **DLBCL PROGNOSIS**

- 5-Year Overall Survival:
  - Germinal Center: 76%
  - Non-Germinal Center: 56%
  - "Double Expressor" : 54%
    - Over expression of c-MYC + BCL2 or BCL6
  - Double Hit: ~35%
    - Translocation of c-MYC and BCL2



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# Case Presentation – Dr Flowers: A 71-year-old with Stage IV DLBCL

71-year old woman diagnosed with stage IV DLBCL

- PET/CT scan shows involvement of R axillary, mediastinal, supraclavicular, mesenteric, and inguinal LNs, largest 7 cm, SUV<sub>max</sub> = 14
- Axillary LN Bx: diffuse large B-cell lymphoma, non-GCB subtype by Hans algorithm (CD10-)
- MYC -, BCL2-, BCL6- by IHC and FISH
- Bone marrow biopsy +
- Fatigue, 8 pound weight loss
- HTN, CAD x 3v (EF >50%), obesity, DM-2, heavy smoker x 60 py

# Case Presentation – Dr Flowers: A 71-year-old with Stage IV DLBCL (continued)

Patient achieved CR with polatuzumab-R-CHP.

- Developed grade 2 nausea, prolonged grade 3 neutropenia without infection during therapy around cycle 3
- Hand and finger burning/tingling by cycle 5 (grade 1 peripheral neuropathy)
- All resolved at post-treatment follow-up

## **DLBCL: Strategies to Improve Beyond R-CHOP-21**



# Polatuzumab vedotin is an ADC targeting CD79b



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# **Targeting CD79b: BR + Polatuzumab**



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# R-Benda vs R-Benda + Pola: Response Rates

Outcome (IRC)	Pola-BR (n = 40)	BR (n = 40)
End of treatment		
Objective response	45.0%	17.5%
Complete response	40.0%	17.5%
Best Response		
Objective response	62.5%	25.0%
Complete response	50.0%	22.5%
Median duration response	12.6 months	7.7 months

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POLARIX Study: Polatuzumab Vedotin with Rituximab, Cyclophosphamide, Doxorubicin, and Prednisone (Pola-R-CHP) Versus Rituximab, Cyclophosphamide, Doxorubicin, Vincristine and Prednisone (R-CHOP) Therapy in Patients with Previously Untreated Diffuse Large B-Cell Lymphoma

Hervé Tilly, Franck Morschhauser, Laurie H. Sehn, Jonathan W. Friedberg, Marek Trněný, Jeff P. Sharman, Charles Herbaux, John M. Burke, Matthew Matasar, Shinya Rai, Koji Izutsu, Neha Mehta-Shah, Lucie Oberic, Adrien Chauchet, Wojciech Jurczak, Yuqin Song, Richard Greil, Larysa Mykhalska, Juan Miguel Bergua Burgués, Matthew C. Cheung, Antonio Pinto, Ho-Jin Shin, Greg Hapgood, Eduardo Munhoz, Pau Abrisqueta, Jyh-Pyng Gau, Jamie Hirata, Yanwen Jiang, Mark Yan, Calvin Lee, Christopher Flowers, Gilles Salles

## **Pola+R/G-CHP demonstrated activity in 1L DLBCL**



- Complete response
- Partial response
- Non-responders



1. Dornan D, et al. Blood 2009;114:2721–9; 2. Polson AG, et al. Expert Opin Invest Drugs 2011;20:75–85; 3. Doronina SO, et al. Nat Biotechnol 2003;21:778–84; 4. Tilly H, et al. Lancet Oncol 2019;20:998–1010.

ADC, antibody-drug conjugate; G, obinutuzumab.

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## **POLARIX: A randomized double-blinded study**



# **POLARIX: Key endpoints and analysis timing**

Key endpoints					
Primary endpoint	Progression-free survival (Investigator-assessed)				
Secondary endpoints	Event-free survival Complete response rate at end of treatment (PET/CT, IRC-assessed) Disease-free survival Overall survival				
Safety endpoints	Incidence, nature, and severity of adverse events				

#### Statistical design and timing of primary analysis:

- 875 patients, all on study for ≥24 months with approximately 228 PFS events, were required for the primary analysis. This occurred on June 28, 2021 (clinical cut-off date)
- Median follow up at the primary analysis was 28.2 months

Tilly H et al. ASH 2021;Abstract LBA1.

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## **POLARIX: Baseline characteristics**

ITT population		Pola-R-CHP (N=440)	R-CHOP (N=439)
Age	Median (range), years	65.0 (19–80)	66.0 (19–80)
Sex, n (%)	Male	239 (54)	234 (53)
ECOG PS, n (%)	0–1 2	374 (85) 66 (15)	363 (83) 75 (17)
Bulky disease (≥7.5cm), n (%)	Present	193 (44)	192 (44)
Elevated LDH, n (%)	Yes	291 (66)	284 (65)
Time from diagnosis to treatment initiation	Median, days	26	27
Ann Arbor Stage, n (%)	III–IV	393 (89)	387 (88)
Extranodal sites, n (%)	≥2	213 (48)	213 (49)
IPI score, n (%)	2 3–5	167 (38) 273 (62)	167 (38) 272 (62)
Cell-of-origin, (%)*	ABC GCB Unclassified	102 (31) 184 (56) 44 (13)	119 (35) 168 (50) 51 (15)
MYC/BCL2 expression, n (%)*	Double expression	139 (38)	151 (41)
MYC/BCL2/BCL6 rearrangement, n (%)*	Double-/triple-hit	26 (8)	19 (6)

\*In the Pola-R-CHP and R-CHOP groups, respectively, the numbers of patients evaluable for cell-of-origin were 330 and 338, with IHC for MYC/BCL2 expression were 362 and 366, and with FISH for MYC/BCL2/BCL6 rearrangements were 331 and 334.

ABC, activated B-cell; FISH, fluorescence in situ hybridization; GCB, germinal center B-cell; LDH, lactate dehydrogenase.

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## **POLARIX: Primary endpoint: Progression-free survival** Pola-R-CHP significantly improved PFS versus R-CHOP



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HR 0.73 (P<0.02) 95% CI: 0.57, 0.95

 Pola-R-CHP demonstrated a 27% reduction in the relative risk of disease progression, relapse, or death versus R-CHOP

#### 24-month PFS: 76.7% with Pola-R-CHP versus 70.2% with R-CHOP (Δ=6.5%)

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# **POLARIX: Event-free survival**



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# **POLARIX: Response rates and disease-free survival**



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# **POLARIX: Overall survival**



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## **POLARIX:** Patients receiving subsequent treatments



Data cut-off: June 28, 2021. \*Subsequent lymphoma treatment was defined as non-protocol anti-lymphoma therapy; †Includes any monotherapy, multi-drug, or cell-based regimen. CAR-T, chimeric antigen receptor T-cell therapy; SCT, stem cell transplant.

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# **POLARIX: Subgroup Analysis**

Baseline Risk Factors	Total N	Pola-R-CHP (N=440)		R-CHOP (N=439)					
		n	2-year Rate	n	2-year Rate	- Hazard Ratio	95% Wald Cl	Pola-R-CHP Better	R-CHOP Better
ECOG PS 0–1 2	737 141	374 66	78·4 67·2	363 75	71·2 65·0	0·8 0·8	(0·6 to 1·0) (0·5 to 1·4)		-
IPI score IPI 2 IPI 3–5	334 545	167 273	79·3 75·2	167 272	78∙5 65∙1	1∙0 0∙7	(0·6 to 1·6) (0·5 to 0·9)		
Bulky disease Absent Present	494 385	247 193	82·7 69·0	247 192	70·7 69·7	0∙6 1∙0	(0·4 to 0·8) (0·7 to 1·5)		<b></b> :
Baseline LDH ≤ULN >ULN	300 575	146 291	78·9 75·4	154 284	75-6 67-2	0·8 0·7	(0·5 to 1·3) (0·5 to 1·0)	I	
No. of extranodal sites 0–1 ≥2	453 426	227 213	80·2 73·0	226 213	74∙5 65•8	0·8 0·7	(0·5 to 1·1) (0·5 to 1·0)		4
Cell-of-origin GCB ABC Unclassified Unknown	352 221 95 211	184 102 44 110	75·1 83·9 73·0 73·8	168 119 51 101	76·9 58·8 86·2 64·3	1·0 0·4 1·9 0·7	(0.7 to 1.5) (0.2 to 0.6) (0.8 to 4.5) (0.4 to 1.2)	<	
Double expressor by IHC DEL Non DEL Unknown	290 438 151	139 223 78	75∙5 77∙7 76∙0	151 215 73	63·1 75·7 69·8	0·6 0·9 0·8	(0·4 to 1·0) (0·6 to 1·3) (0·4 to 1·5)		
Double- or triple-hit lymphoma Yes No Unknown	45 620 214	26 305 109	69·0 76·8 78·5	19 315 105	88∙9 70∙3 66∙4	3·8 0·7 0·6	(0·8 to 17·6) (0·5 to 1·0) (0·4 to 1·1)		→ +
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# **POLARIX: Common adverse events**



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# Next Steps in Firstline DLBCL Trial Design

- Improve eligibility assessment and enrollment strategies to reduce DTI
- Incorporate Novel Agents in SMART Start trials
  - Polatuzumab Ibrutinib
  - Mosunetuzumab Lenalidomide
  - Tafasitamab
- cfDNA Surrogate for response at imaging-paired time points for validation/comparison
- Integrate understanding of biological subsets into trial design

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For a patient who is clinically stable with newly diagnosed advanced-stage diffuse large B-cell lymphoma (DLBCL), within what time period should treatment be initiated?



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If future data continue not to demonstrate an overall survival advantage with polatuzumab vedotin in combination with R-CHP over R-CHOP when used as up-front therapy for DLBCL, do you think the clinical benefit with this regimen is greater than the risk?

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Based on available evidence and your own experience, how would you compare the global tolerability/toxicity of polatuzumab vedotin in combination with R-CHP to that of R-CHOP when used as up-front therapy for DLBCL?



The peripheral neuropathy associated with polatuzumab vedotin is generally reversible in the majority of patients.



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Regulatory and reimbursement issues aside, which first-line therapy would you generally recommend for an otherwise healthy <u>65-year-old</u> patient with Stage IV <u>activated B-cell</u> (<u>ABC)-type</u> DLBCL?



Regulatory and reimbursement issues aside, which first-line therapy would you generally recommend for an otherwise healthy <u>65-year-old</u> patient with Stage IV <u>germinal center B-cell</u> (<u>GCB)-type</u> DLBCL?





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Regulatory and reimbursement issues aside, which first-line therapy would you generally recommend for an otherwise healthy <u>65-year-old</u> patient with Stage IV <u>double-hit</u> DLBCL?



**R-CHP + polatuzumab vedotin** 



#### ZUMA-12 Study Demonstrates 78% Complete Response Rate as Part of First-Line Treatment in Newly Diagnosed High-Risk Large B-Cell Lymphoma December 13, 2021

"Primary results were announced from ZUMA-12, a global, multicenter, single-arm, open-label Phase 2 study evaluating axicabtagene ciloleucel as part of first-line treatment in patients with high-risk large B-cell lymphoma (LBCL). This is the first study to evaluate CAR T-cell therapy as part of first-line therapy in high-risk LBCL. The study is based on the desire to utilize potential curative treatment as quickly as possible and the hypothesis that earlier use of CAR T-cell therapy when T cells are healthier may produce better outcomes. The data were presented in an oral session during the 63<sup>rd</sup> American Society of Hematology (ASH) Annual Meeting & Exposition (Abstract #739).

After a single infusion of axicabtagene ciloleucel, 89% of evaluable patients achieved a response (ORR) (n=37 evaluable for efficacy), including 78% of patients with a complete response (CR) at a median follow-up of 15.9 months. CR rate was consistent among key subgroups. Among evaluable patients, median time to response was one month. At time of data cut-off, 73% of evaluable patients had ongoing responses. Medians for duration of response (DOR), event-free survival (EFS), and progression-free survival (PFS) were not yet reached, with 12-month estimates of 81%, 73%, and 75%, respectively, and an estimated 12-month OS rate of 91%."



# ZUMA-12: A Phase II Study Evaluating Axicabtagene Ciloleucel as Part of First-Line Treatment for Patients with High-Risk Large B-Cell Lymphoma

Variable	N = 40 (median age 61) 25% DH/TH Median F/U = 15.9 months
DS 4/5 at PET-2	48%/53%
Complete Response	78%
Median PFS	NR
G3 CRS	8%
G3 ICANS	23%



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A 65-year-old patient with a <u>history of smoking, mild COPD and</u> <u>hypertension</u> presents with Stage IV GCB-type DLBCL. Which initial therapy would you most likely recommend?





R-mini-CHOP with dose escalation



A 65-year-old woman with a <u>history of congestive heart failure</u> and a left ventricular ejection fraction (LVEF) of 45% presents with Stage IV GCB-type DLBCL. Which initial therapy would you most likely recommend?



A 65-year-old woman with a <u>history of congestive heart failure</u> and an LVEF of 30% presents with Stage IV GCB-type DLBCL. Which initial therapy would you most likely recommend?





A 65-year-old patient with a <u>history of poorly controlled</u> <u>diabetes mellitus and sensory diabetic peripheral neuropathy</u> presents with Stage IV GCB-type DLBCL. Which initial therapy would you most likely recommend?



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A 65-year-old otherwise healthy patient with a history of chronic lymphocytic leukemia treated with ibrutinib presents with Richter's transformation. What would you recommend?



A 65-year-old otherwise healthy patient with a history of follicular lymphoma (FL) treated with first-line bendamustine/rituximab (BR) presents with histologic transformation to DLBCL <u>without</u> <u>double hit</u>. What would you recommend?







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**Chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T-cell therapy** 

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A 65-year-old man presents with fatigue and right testicular swelling. Biopsy confirms GCB-type DLBCL, and a PET scan is negative for distant disease with no marrow involvement. Would you recommend CNS prophylaxis?


A 65-year-old man presents with fatigue, night sweats and palpable lymphadenopathy. Biopsy confirms GCB-type DLBCL. LDH is 300 U/L and a PET scan reveals diffuse bone marrow involvement. Would you recommend CNS prophylaxis?

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Yes, intrathecal methotrexate

Yes, high-dose methotrexate with R-CHOP

Yes, high-dose methotrexate post-R-CHOP + polatuzumab

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Which therapy would you generally recommend first for a 65-year-old patient with DLBCL who responds to R-CHOP and then R-DHAP followed by transplant on relapse but subsequently experiences disease progression?



Regulatory and reimbursement issues aside, which second-line therapy would you recommend for a younger, transplant-eligible patient with DLBCL who experiences disease relapse 12 months after R-CHOP?



Which therapy would you generally recommend first for a patient with DLBCL who experiences disease progression on front-line R-CHOP and is not eligible for high-dose therapy or CAR T-cell therapy?





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Is it reasonable to offer a patient who has experienced disease progression on or after CD19-directed CAR T-cell therapy treatment with tafasitamab/lenalidomide or loncastuximab tesirine and vice versa?



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Case Presentation – Prof Nowakowski: A 22-year-old man with non-germinal center B-cell-like DLBCL

- 22 yo male with several months' history of dry cough and night sweats, weight loss of >10 lbs
- No significant PMH
- No family history of immunodeficiency, lymphoma or cancer
- Unremarkable physical examination apart from mass protruding from anterior chest
- CXR large intrathoracic masses
- CBC anemia Hb 9.9, chemistries unremarkable; LDH 550 (ULN 220) HIV-/Hepatitis B-/C-

# **Staging PET Scan**



Courtesy of Grzegorz Nowakowski, MD

#### Pathology CT-Guided Core Biopsy



- Positive: CD20, PAX5, EBV-LMP1, EBER (in intact viable cells), MUM1 (>30%).
- Negative: CD10 (<30%), BCL6 (<30%), BCL2, BCL6 (<50%), and MYC (<40%), CD30.
- Non-GCB by Hans
- FISH: MYC-/BCL2-

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# Lymph3Cx Assay, Distinction of PMLBCL and Cell-of-Origin for DLBCL, mRNA Gene Expression, NanoString

- Molecular classification assay for the distinction of PMBCL from DLBCL subtypes as well as the "cell-of origin" subtypes of DLBCL based on gene expression in formalin-fixed, paraffinembedded tissue
- Utilizes the NanoString Technology and consists of probes for 58 target genes (discriminatory and housekeeping genes)

PMBCL Call is based upon PMBCL probability:
≥ 0.90 is PMBCL
≤ 0.10 is DLBCL
All other DLBCL with unclear gene expression pattern

If **DLBCL** is called per above, then COO is determined by DLBCL probability: ≤ 0.10 is Germinal Center B-cell (GCB). ≥ 0.90 Activated B-cell (ABC). All other results are Unclassifiable.

#### Patient: Non PMBCL - ABC DLBCL



#### Molecular classification of primary mediastinal large B-cell lymphoma using routinely available tissue specimens

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# Case Presentation – Prof Nowakowski: A 66-year-old woman with germinal center B-cell-like DLBCL

- 66 yo woman presented with progressive dysphagia, neck pain and weight loss. Neck CT showing a 4.5-cm mass at the base of tongue with intact airway
- Biopsy DLBCL, GCB subtype, FISH for myc negative
- LDH 2 x ULN
- PETCT showed base of tongue mass, and non-bulky bilateral cervical, left supraclavicular and superior mediastinal nodes Deauville 5
- The initiatives on 2 cycles of chemotherapy showed partial shrinkage of mass and lymphadenopathy but with persistent uptake -Deauville 4

# PET 2 in R-CHOP Treated DLBCL Patients



#### Figure 1a (MC078E)

Figure 1b (MC078E)

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# R-mini-CHOP

- Regimen
  - Rituximab 375 mg/m<sup>2</sup> day 1
  - Cyclophosphamide 400 mg/m<sup>2</sup> day 1
  - Doxorubicin 25 mg/m2 day 1
  - Vincristine 1 mg flat dose day 1
  - Prednisone 40 mg/m2 days 1-5
- Median age 83 y (range 80–95)
- Median dose intensity 98%
- ORR 74%, CRR 63%



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#### Bispecific Antibodies (1L DLBCL) Key Trial Results

Molecule	Trial Design	Patient Population	Outcomes	Safety
Epcoritamab	<ul> <li>Ph 1b/2</li> <li>First-in-human</li> <li>Dose escalation</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>N=24</li> <li>Age 30-82 years</li> <li>Median age=65</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Among modified response- evaluable population (n=11), ORR=100%; CMR=73%; PMR=27%</li> <li>All 11 patients remain on study treatment with ongoing responses</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>No dose-limiting toxicities for Epcoritamab</li> <li>Most common TEAEs: CRS, anemia, infections</li> <li>No Grade ≥3 CRS, ICANS, or cases of febrile neutropenia</li> <li>1 TLS event</li> </ul>
Glofitamab	<ul> <li>Ph 1b</li> <li>Dose escalation and safety run-in</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>N=26 (1L DLBCL safety run-in population)</li> <li>Age 26-84 years</li> <li>Median age=68</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>9 of 26 patients reached end- of-treatment assessment</li> <li>ORR=100%; CMR=88.9%; PMR=11.1%</li> <li>mDoR not reached</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Grade 1 CRS: 1 patient</li> <li>Grade ≥3 AEs related to glofitamab: 4 patients</li> <li>No ICANS or AEs leading to discontinuation</li> </ul>

Belada D.et al ASH 2021; Minson A et Al, ASH 2021

Trial in Progress: A Multicentre, Parallel Arm, Open-Label Trial of Frontline R-CHOP/Polatuzumab Vedotin-RCHP and Glofitamab in Younger Patients with Higher Risk Diffuse Large B Cell Lymphoma (COALITION)



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# Next waive of R-CHOP "plus"

- Bispecific antibodies plus R-CHOP/R-CHP/Pola
- R<sup>2</sup>-CHOP plus Tafa
- Lonca plus R-CHOP
- Others in development



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#### CASE PRESENTATION – DR MEHTA-SHAH: AN 87-YEAR-OLD MAN WITH NON-GERMINAL CENTER B-CELL-LIKE DLBCL

- 87 yo man with CAD sp stents to the LAD and total occlusion of the RCA with most recent echo showing EF 70% (2014), AAA, prostate cancer s/p robotic prostatectomy who presented with 15 lbs weight loss.
- Patient notes early satiety without nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain.
- Exam notable for splenomegaly
- CT A/P showed heterogenous enhancing mass involving the spleen and his stable 6-cm AAA (grafted)

# CASE PRESENTATION – DR MEHTA-SHAH: AN 87-YEAR-OLD MAN WITH NON-GERMINAL CENTER B-CELL-LIKE DLBCL (CONTINUED)

- Core biopsy of the spleen performed 3/21/19: diffuse large B-cell lymphoma, non-germinal B-cell type
  - IHC positive for: CD20, MUM1 (40-50%), BCL6, PAX 5, cMYC (60-70%)
  - IHC negative for: CD10, CD30, BCl2, CD5, EBER, CyclinD1
  - FISH negative for MYC, BCL2, and positive for BCL6
- Labs
  - Normal CBC (WBC 5.9, Hgb 13.5, Plts 205)
  - LDH 643 (ULN 250)
  - Cr 1.79, BUN 26, Calcium 12.6, normal LFTs
- PET/CT with 10 x 7-cm splenic mass with SUV 44.4 with extrasplenic extension, multiple mildly FDG avid para-aortic, perihepatic and right axillary lymph nodes with SUV 5 and some calcification



Courtesy of Neha Mehta-Shah, MD, MSCI

# **TREATING THE ELDERLY/LESS FIT**

- Assessing frailty
- Treatment related mortality
  - Treatment related mortality 18% in cycle 1 in patients
     >80 years old

#### CASE PRESENTATION – DR MEHTA-SHAH: AN 87-YEAR-OLD MAN WITH NON-GERMINAL CENTER B-CELL-LIKE DLBCL (CONTINUED)

- Admitted for cycle 1 and given prednisone, IV fluids with improvement of calcium to 11.0 in 24 hours
- Repeat echocardiogram showed EF 73%
- Received pre-phase steroids for three days while awaiting PET and echo
- Received R-mini-CHOP x 6
- Remains in a complete remission

**Baseline** 

#### Post R-miniCHOP x 6



#### Courtesy of Neha Mehta-Shah, MD, MSCI

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