

# **Diffuse Large B Cell Lymphoma**

## *Current Standard Care*

弥漫性大B细胞淋巴瘤的标准治疗

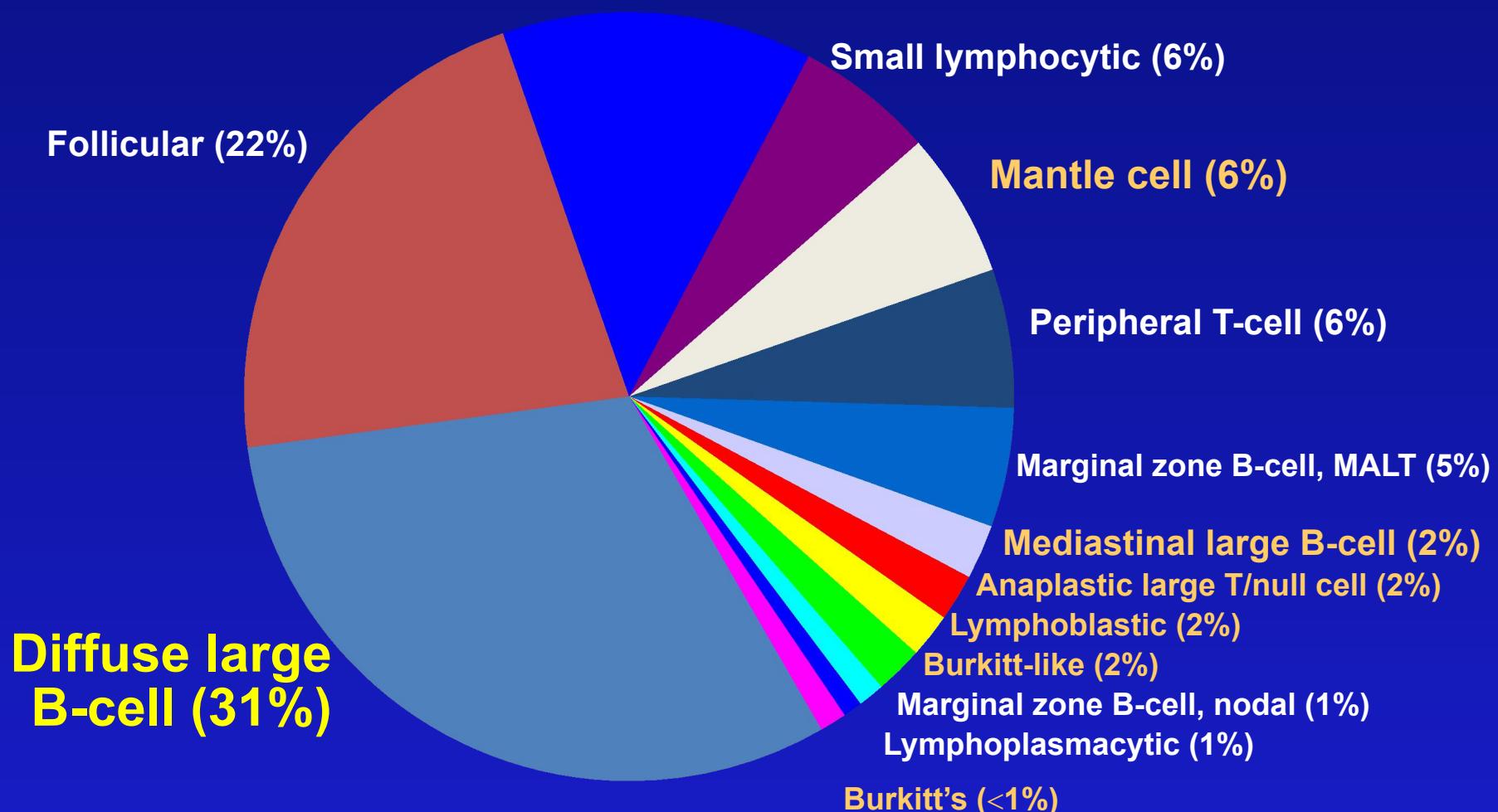
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# Topics

- Introduction
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  - Frontline
  - Relapsed/refractory DLBCL (复发或难治性)
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# Frequency of NHL Subtypes

N = 1403

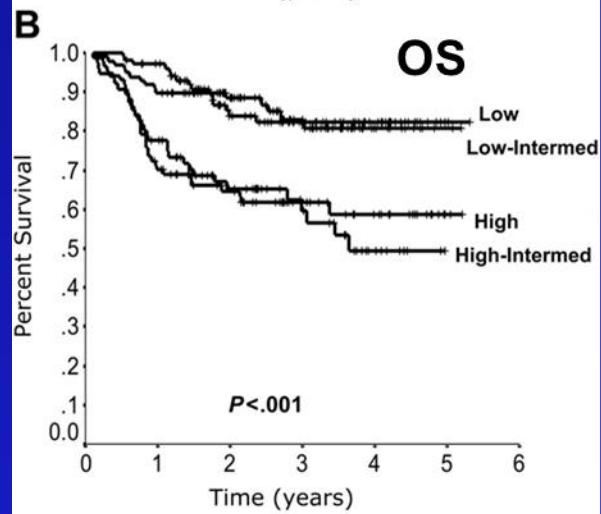
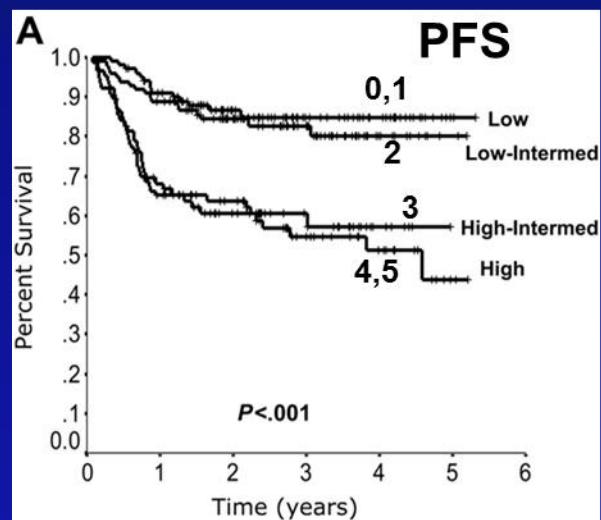


**Risk Factors: Stage III-IV; Age > 60; PS >2; Elevated LDH; and Extranodal sites**

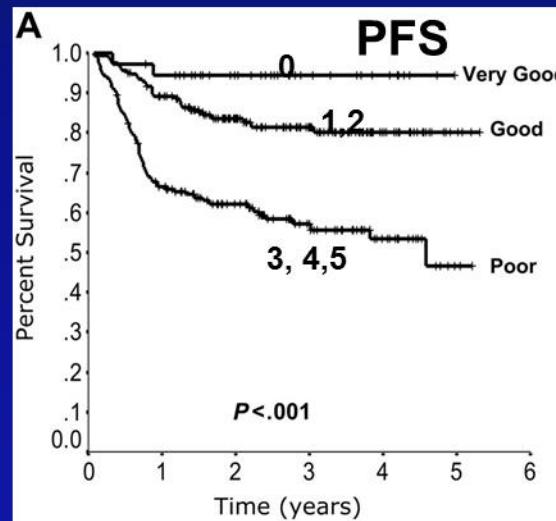
# 国际预后指数

鉴别经标准治疗后可能或不可能被治愈的患者

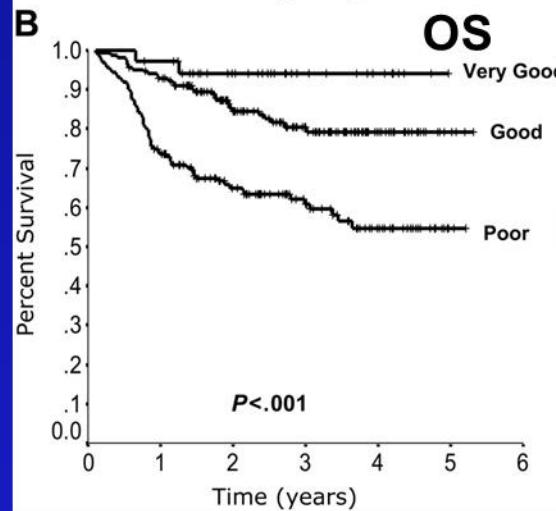
## Standard IPI



## Revised IPI

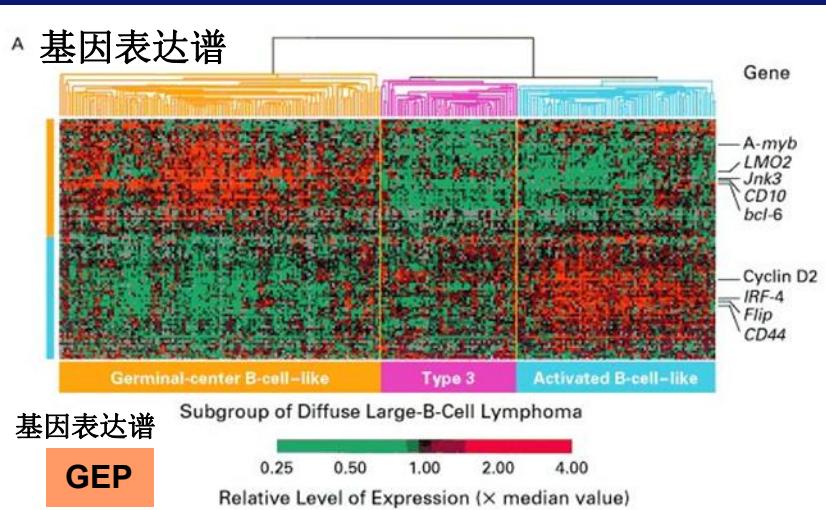


预后非常好



# Biologic prognostic factors: determining the Cell of Origin in DLBCL ABC vs GCB

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基因表达谱

GEP  
Relative Level of Expression ( $\times$  median value)

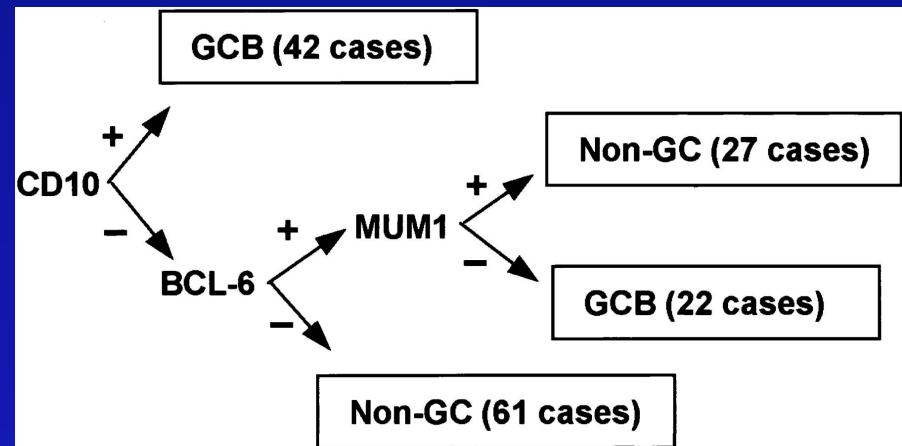
- Gene Expression Profiling
  - Green is relative under-expression (GCB)
  - Red is relative over-expression (ABC)

Science 2002

生发中心 B cell (GCB) 亚型 (CD10+ 或 BCL6+、IRF4/MUM1-) 和非-GCB 亚型 (CD10-、IRF4/MUM1+ 或 BCL6-、IRF4/MUM1-)

## Hans Algorithm

More commonly used



Hans C P et al. Blood 2004

GCB subtype is associated with a favorable outcome when treated with standard RCHOP chemotherapy

# Therapy of DLBCL

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## 重要里程碑 (过去25年)

- 1993: CHOP is the standard of care
  - Fisher et al
- 1997: Does rituximab add benefit to CHOP?
  - 2 studies started:

GELA	Coffier et al
E4494	Habermann et al
- 2001: Rituximab + CHOP is better than CHOP alone (GELA Trial)

# **DLBCL: Current Standard of Care**

- Front line: RCHOP-21 X 6
- Special cases : REPOCH instead of RCHOP
  - DH lymphoma

# Therapy of DLBCL 一线治疗： Summary

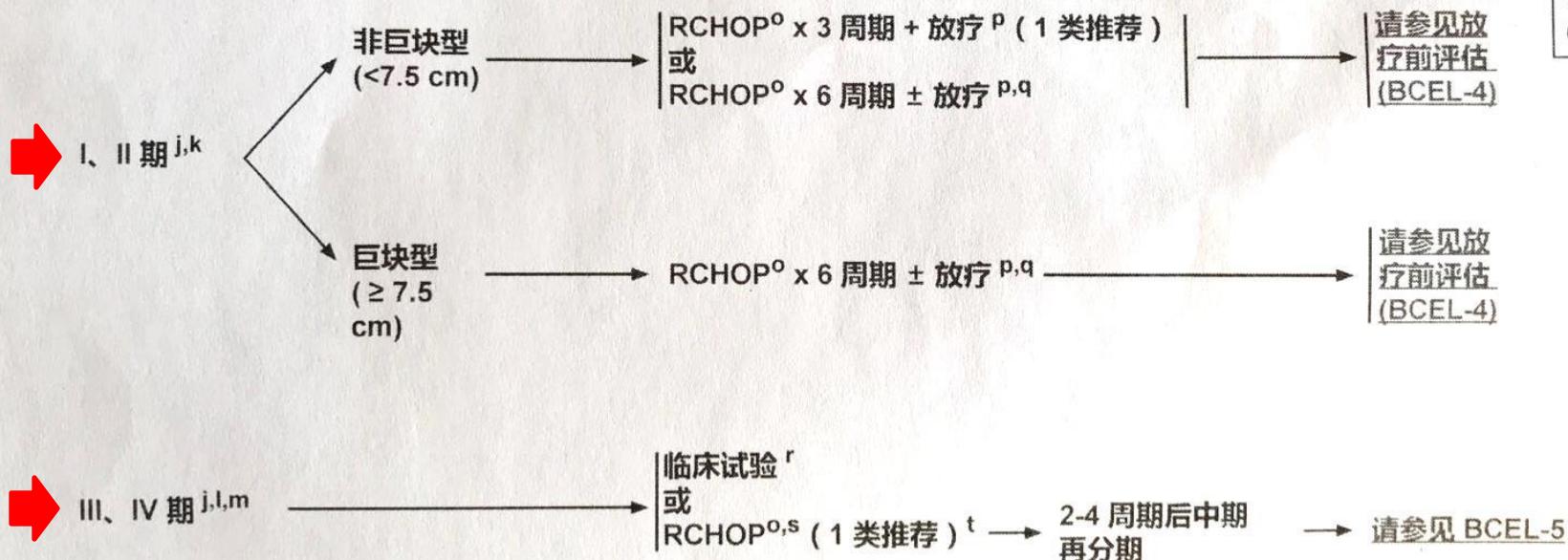


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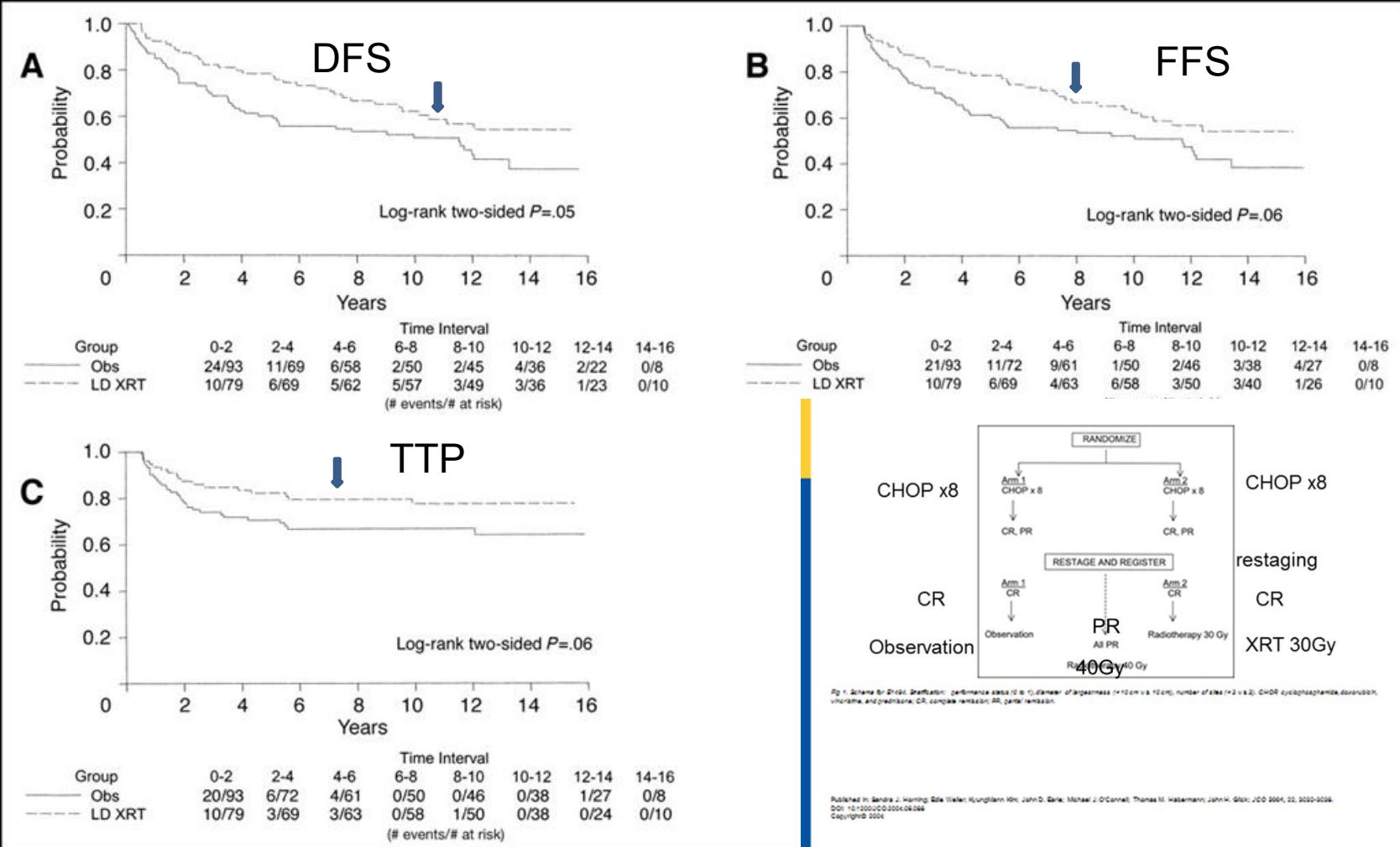
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# Chemotherapy With or Without Radiotherapy in Limited-Stage Diffuse Aggressive NHL (CHOP± radiation )



Horning et al: JCO 2004  
Study conducted between 1984-1992

支持Chemo +Radiotherapy; better local control,  
but no OS benefit for pts with CR

# Treatment of Early-stage DLBCL (*pre R-CHOP*)

<b>ECOG trial (Horning S et al)</b>	<b>Stage I bulky and stage II</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CHOP (6-8 cycles) followed by RT vs followed by observation in CR patients</li><li>• At 10 years, DFS and TTP favored CHOP-RT, but disease specific survival was 81% in both treatment arms</li></ul>
<b>SWOG trial (Miller TP et al)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stage I and II, non-bulky</li><li>• CHOP (3 cycles) plus RT vs CHOP (8 cycles)</li><li>• At 9 years, DFS and TTP favored CHOP-RT, with less toxicity, but OS was similar</li></ul>
<b>GELA trial (Fillet G et al)</b>	Elderly, IPI = 0 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CHOP (4 cycles) plus RT vs CHOP</li><li>• No improvement in CR, 5-year EFS, or 5-year OS</li></ul>

Glick J et al. Proc Am Soc Clin Oncol. 1995;391.

Miller TP et al. N Engl J Med. 1998;339:21-26.

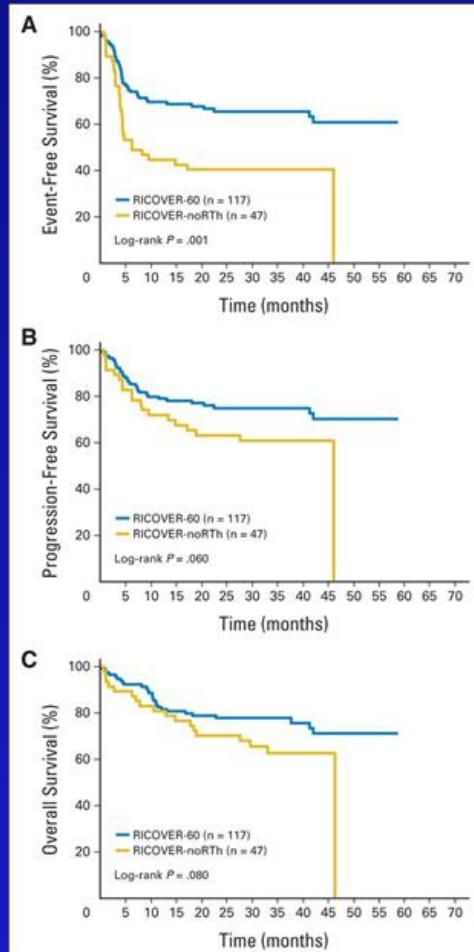
Horning S et al. Blood. 2001;98:724a. Abstract 3023.

Fillet G et al. Blood. 2002;100:92a. Abstract

# RICOVER 60 Sequential Cohorts with bulky (>7.5 cm) or extranodal site RCHOP-14 X 6 +/- XRT

Any stage  
Any IPI  
Older than 60

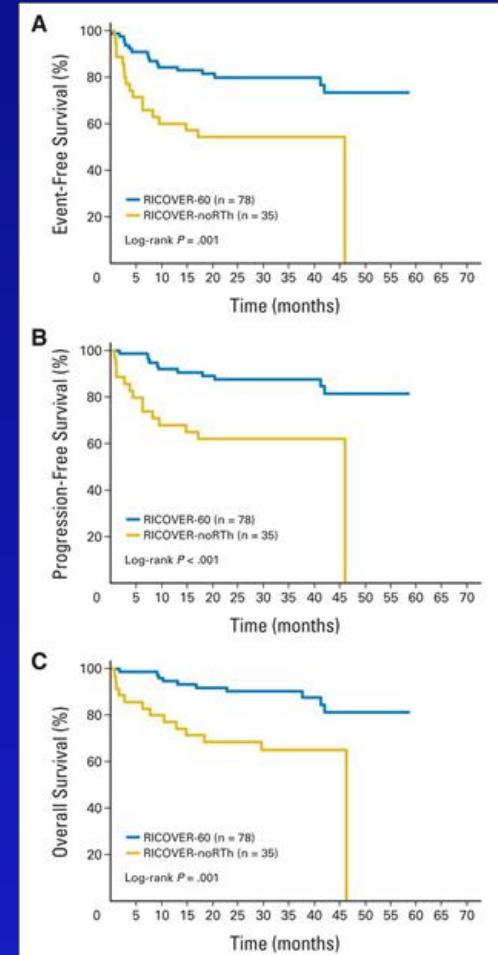
➤ 支持RCHOP  
加局部放疗



EFS

PFS

OS



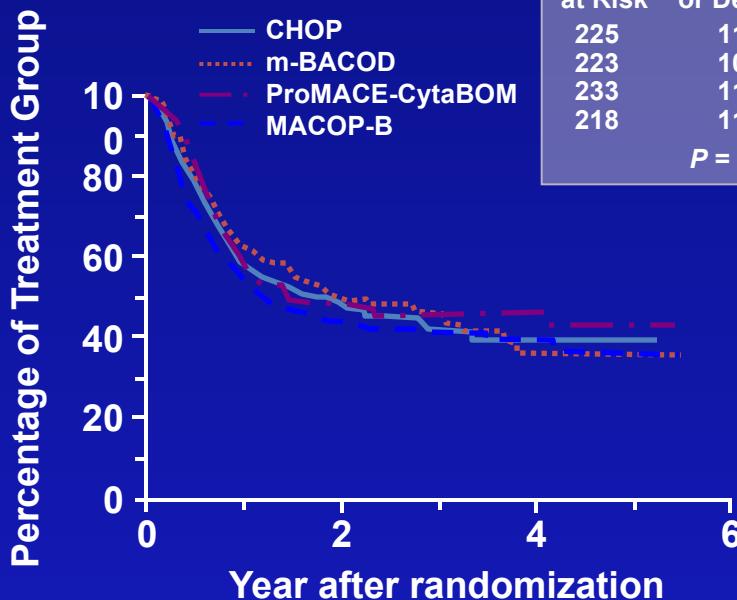
# Early-stage DLBCL: RCHOP+IFRT

## SWOG0014

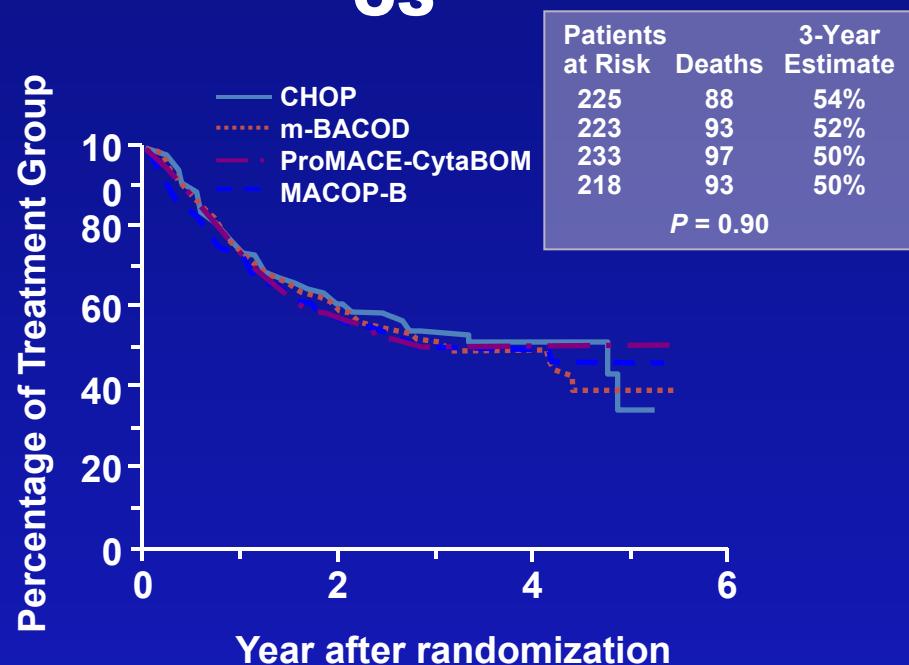
- **RCHOPx 3 cycles plus local XRT**
- 短程RCHOP 联合受累野放疗，能更好地进行前期疾病的控制并且毒性更小

# CHOP for Advanced-stage DLBCL: The Former Standard (before RCHOP)

TTF



OS

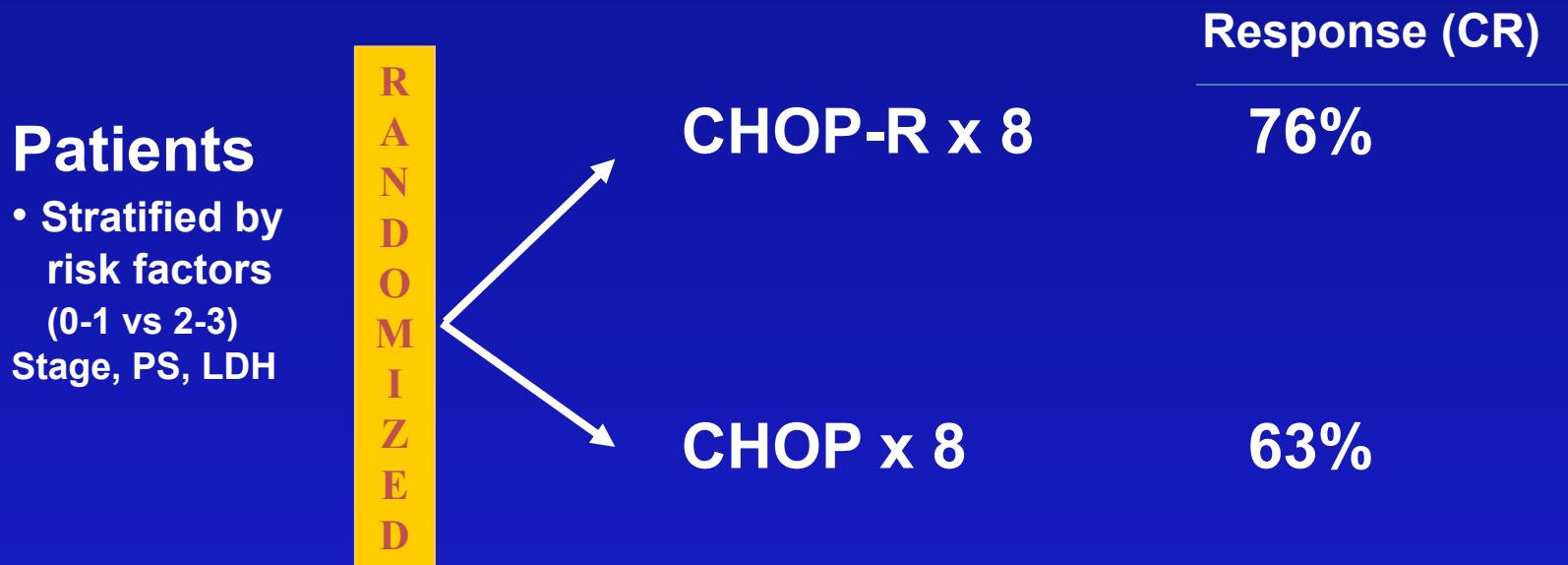


- CHOP was as effective as second- and third-generation chemotherapy regimens, with less toxicity
- **50% to 60% remained uncured**

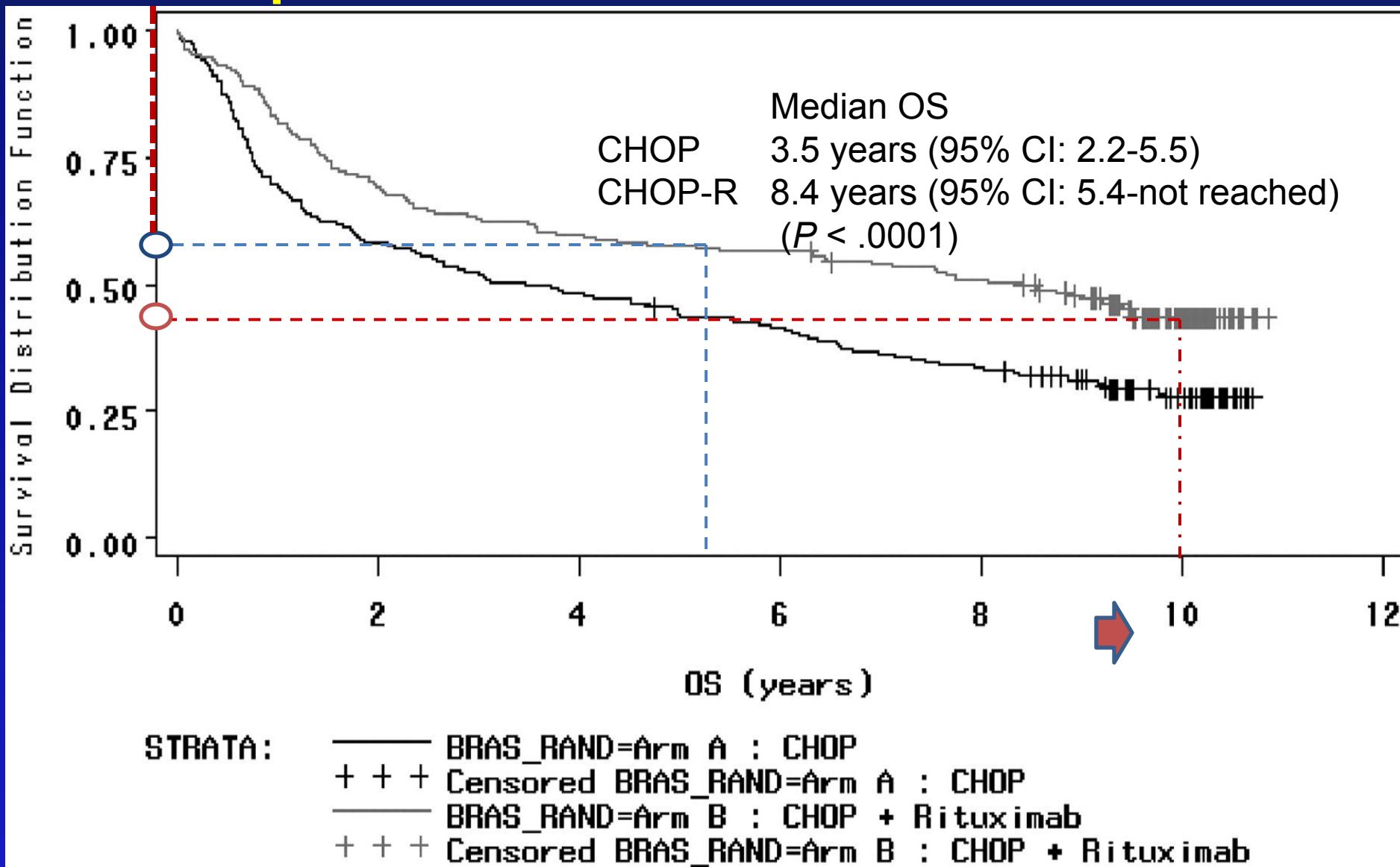
# GELA Phase III Trial (LNH98-5): CHOP +/- Rituximab (利妥昔单抗)

**Study Design: To evaluate the efficacy of combining rituximab with CHOP in previously untreated patients age 60-80 with DLBCL**

- 1<sup>st</sup> endpoint: event-free survival (EFS)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> endpoints: OS, ORR and toxicity

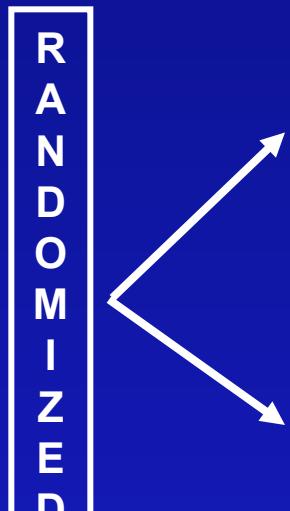


# GELA LNH 98-5 Trial: 10 year Follow-up OS in patients treated with CHOP and R-CHOP



# ECOG 4494 Phase III Trial: R-CHOP vs CHOP +/- mR

Stratified by IPI  
(0-1 vs 2-4)



N=632

- 1° endpoint: TTF
- 2° endpoints: OS, ORR, toxicity

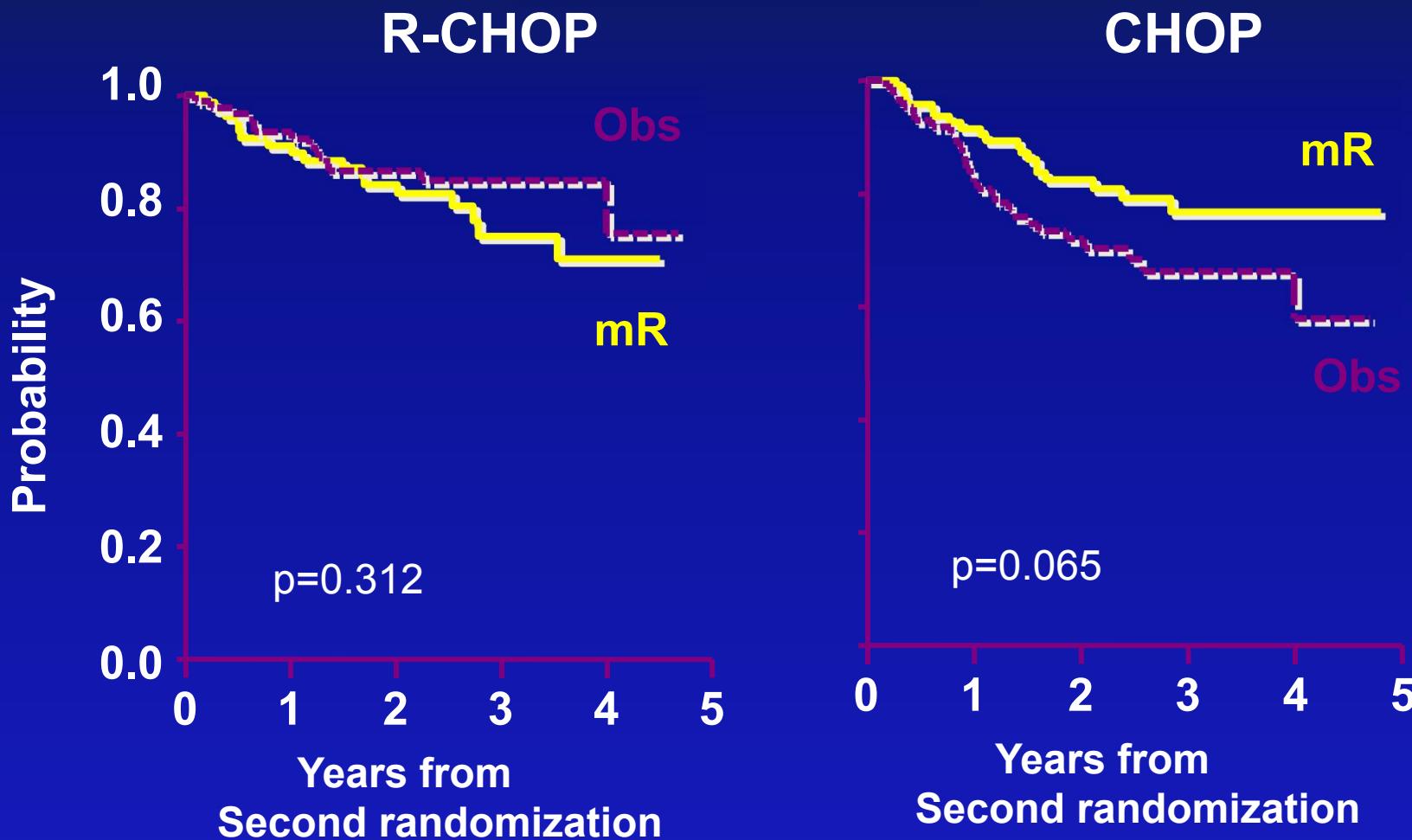
Stratified by IPI  
CR/PR; Induction



N=415

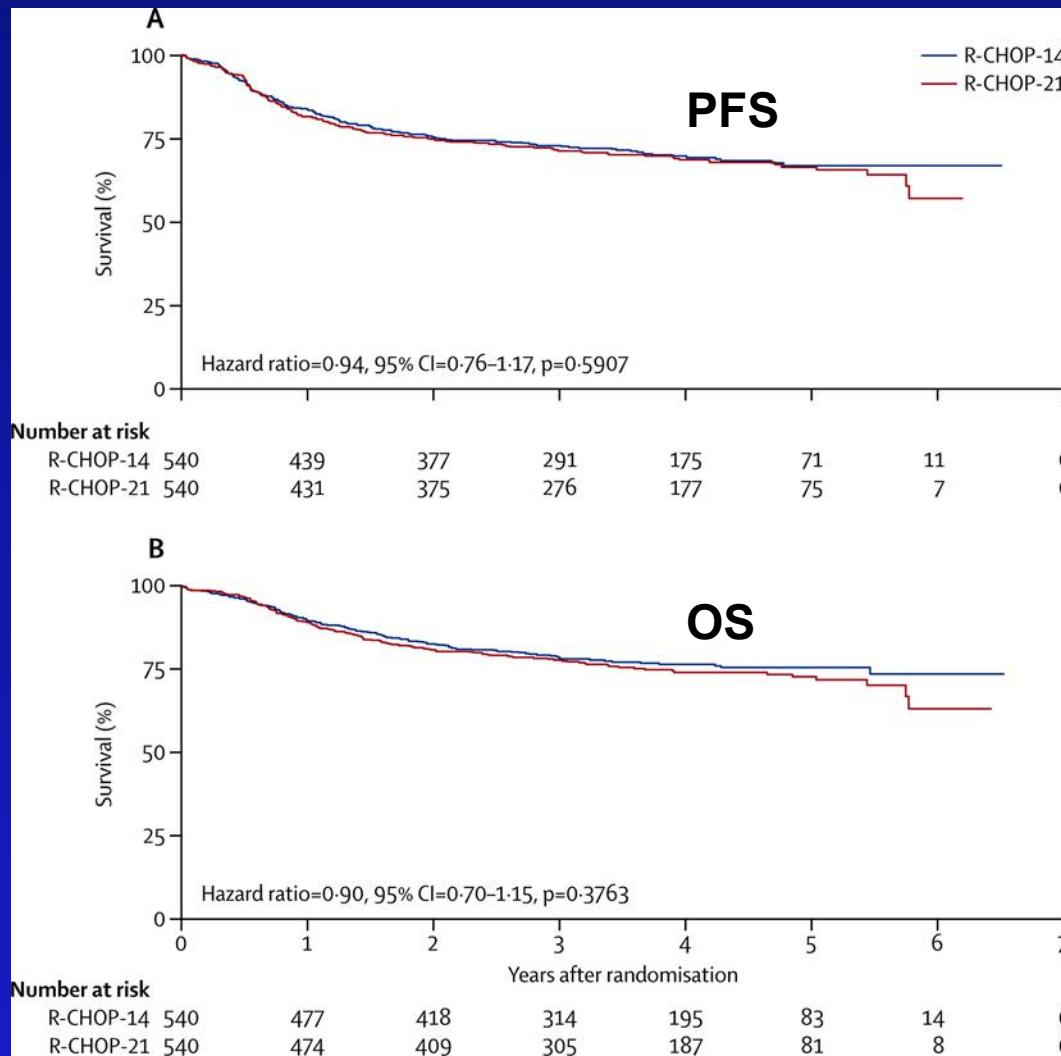
- 1° endpoint: TTF
- 2° endpoints: OS

# Four Arm Analysis: OS



No benefit from Rituxan Maintenance in CHOP-R arm.

# DLBCL: RCHOP21 vs RCHOP14



**RCHOP21**

Cunningham et al, The Lancet 2013

# Randomized Phase III Clinical Trials: CHOP vs R-CHOP in untreated patients with DLBCL

Trial Median F/U Treatment	Patients	EFS (%)	p value	OS (%)	p value
GELA (n=399) 7 years	60-80 y All IPI				
CHOP		25	p< .0001	36	p< .0004
R-CHOP		42		53	
ECOG (	>60 y				
3 years	All IPI				
CHOP		39	p= .003	58	p= .05
R-CHOP		52		67	
MinT (n=824) 3 years	<60 y IPI: 0-1				
CHOP-like		59	p< .0001	84	p< .0001
R-CHOP-like		79		93	
RICOVER 3 years	61-80 y All IPI				
6xCHOP-14		47	p< .001	68	p= .003
6xR-CHOP-14		66		78	
8xCHOP-14		52		66	
8xR-CHOP-14		63		72	

R-CHOP x6

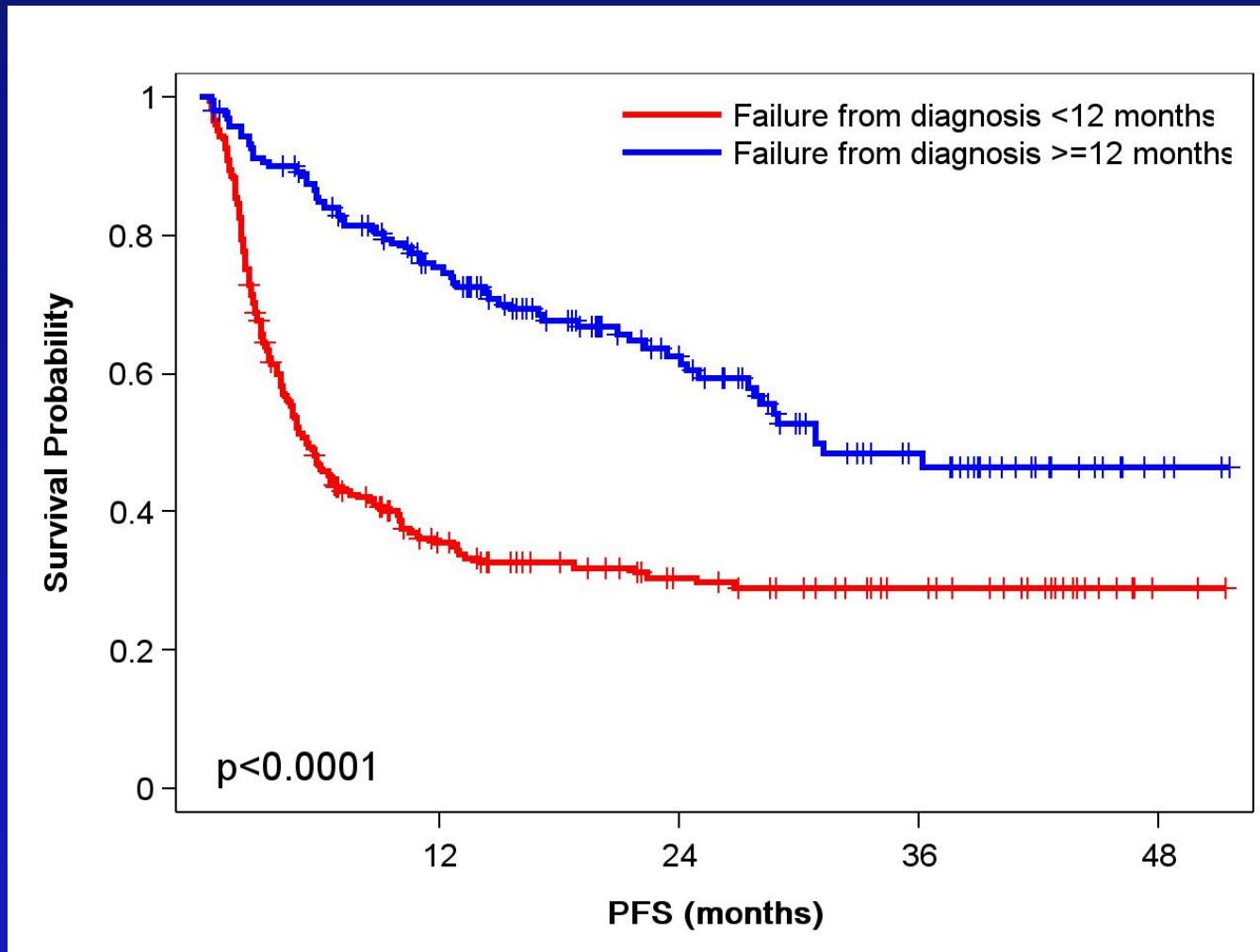
# Failed Strategies to Improve on Standard RCHOP in DLBCL

- **Dose/intensity**
  - CHOP/RCHO + ASCT
  - Mega-R-CHOEP
  - RCHOP-14 x6
- **R-CHOP => maintenance drug x**
  - RCHOP => ± enzastaurin
  - RCHOP => ± everolimus
  - RCHOP =>± Lenalidomide
- **R-CHOP + drug x**
  - R-CHOP +Bortezomib
  - G-CHOP vs R-CHOP



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# DLBCL patients who recur post R-CHOP-21 do not do well



# **Relapsed/refractory DLBCL**

## **Salvage**

**R-DHAP  
or RICE**

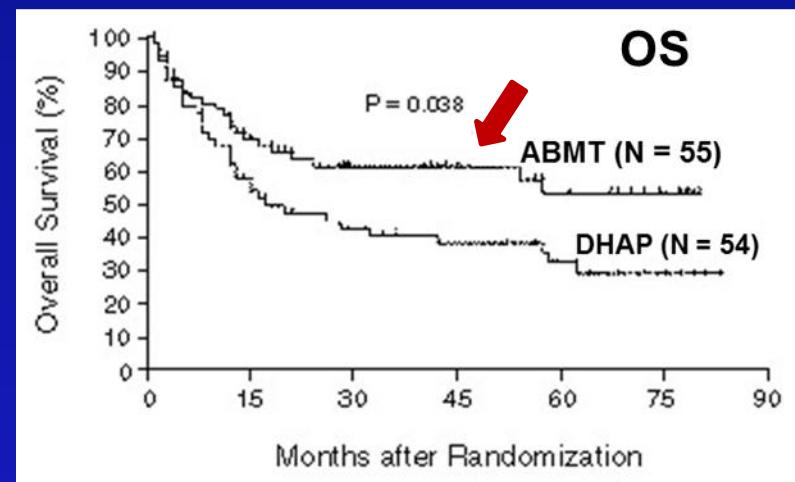
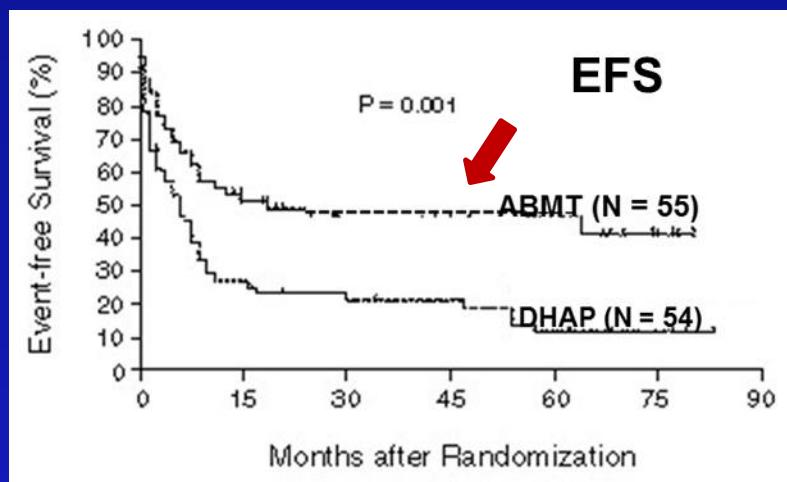
*followed by*  
**autologous stem cell transplantation  
(ASCT)**

DHAP: dexamethasone, cisplatin, and cytarabine  
RICE: rituximab, ifosfamide, carboplatin, etoposide

# Parma Trial: EFS and OS

215 pts relapsed NHL; treated with 2 courses of dexamethasone, cisplatin, and cytarabine (DHAP).

109 pts who had a response to chemo were randomly assigned to receive 4 courses of chemotherapy plus radiotherapy (54 patients) or radiotherapy plus intensive chemo and autologous bone marrow transplantation (55 patients)



*ABMT conditional chemo: carmustine, etoposide, cytarabine, cyclophosphamide, and mesna (BEAC)*

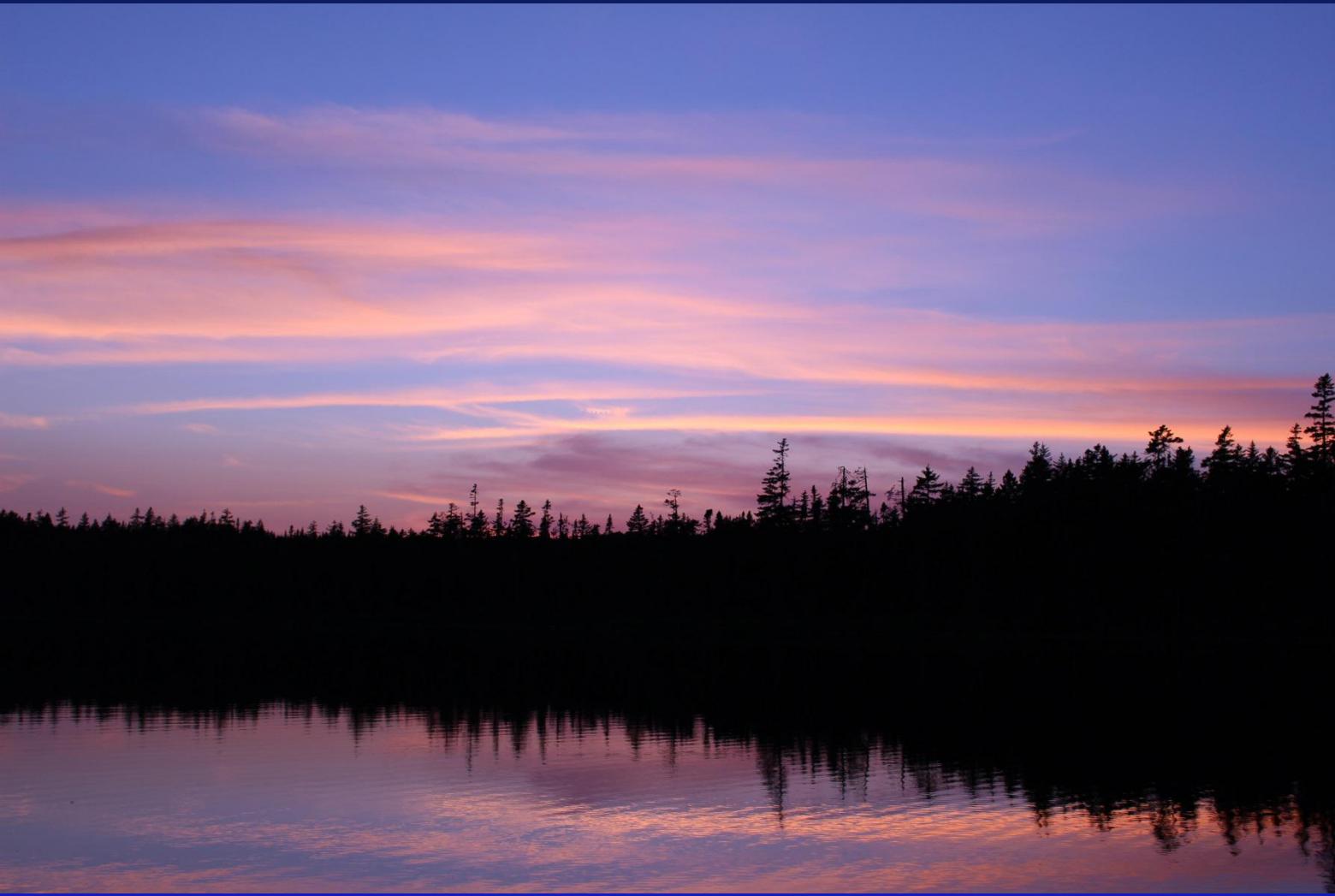
# Phase 3 trials evaluating salvage regimens in relapsed/refractory DLBCL

Study	1st Author	n	Regimen	% ORR	% ASCT	EFS (3-4 yrs)	OS (3-4 yrs)
Coral	Gisselbrecht	396	R-DHAP vs R-ICE	63%	54%	35%	51%
				64	50	26	47
NCIC-CTG	Crup	619	R-DHAP vs R-GDP	44	49	26	39
				45	52	26	39

Coral study C. Gisselbrecht , et al. J Clin Oncol. 2010 Sep 20;28(27):4184-90

GDP: gemcitabine, dexamethasone, and cisplatin

\* both the CORAL and NCIC-CTG trials did not demonstrate a benefit for the use of maintenance rituximab after ASCT.



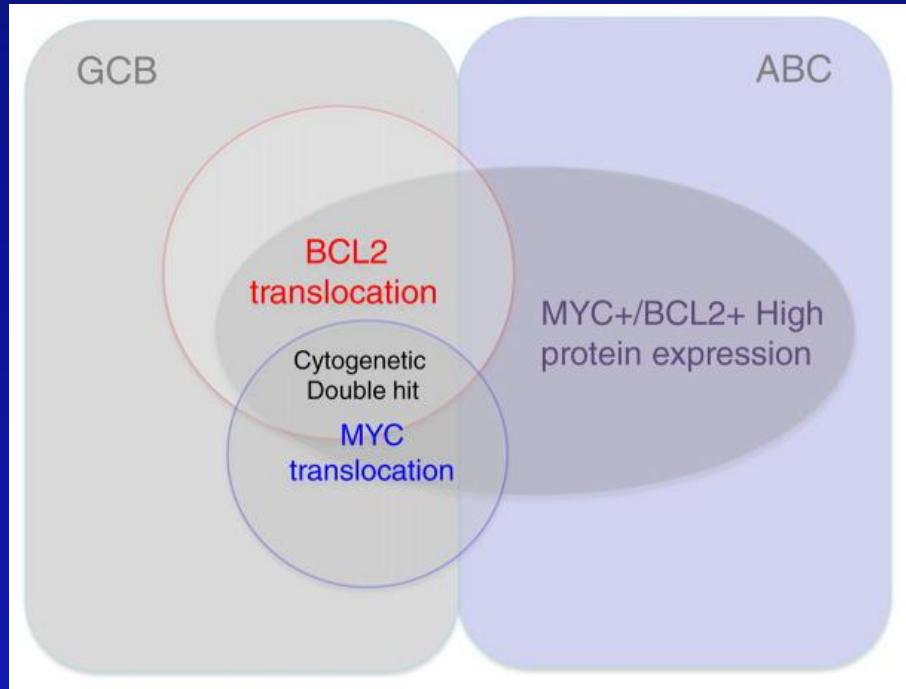
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# Myc+/Bcl2+ Expressing DLBC

- BCL2+/MYC+ most common
- poor prognosis
- Can also have “triple hit”
- Recommend CNS prophylaxis



双重打击（双重重排）：

除 BCL2 和/或 BCL6 外还有 MYC 重排  
(按照 FISH 或标准细胞遗传学检测) 的  
DLBCL 或 HGB-NOS (介于 DLBCL 和  
BL 之间) 被称为“双重打击”淋巴瘤  
(如果所有这三种均重排，则称为“三重  
打击”淋巴瘤)。

绝大多数是生发中心 B 细胞样淋巴瘤

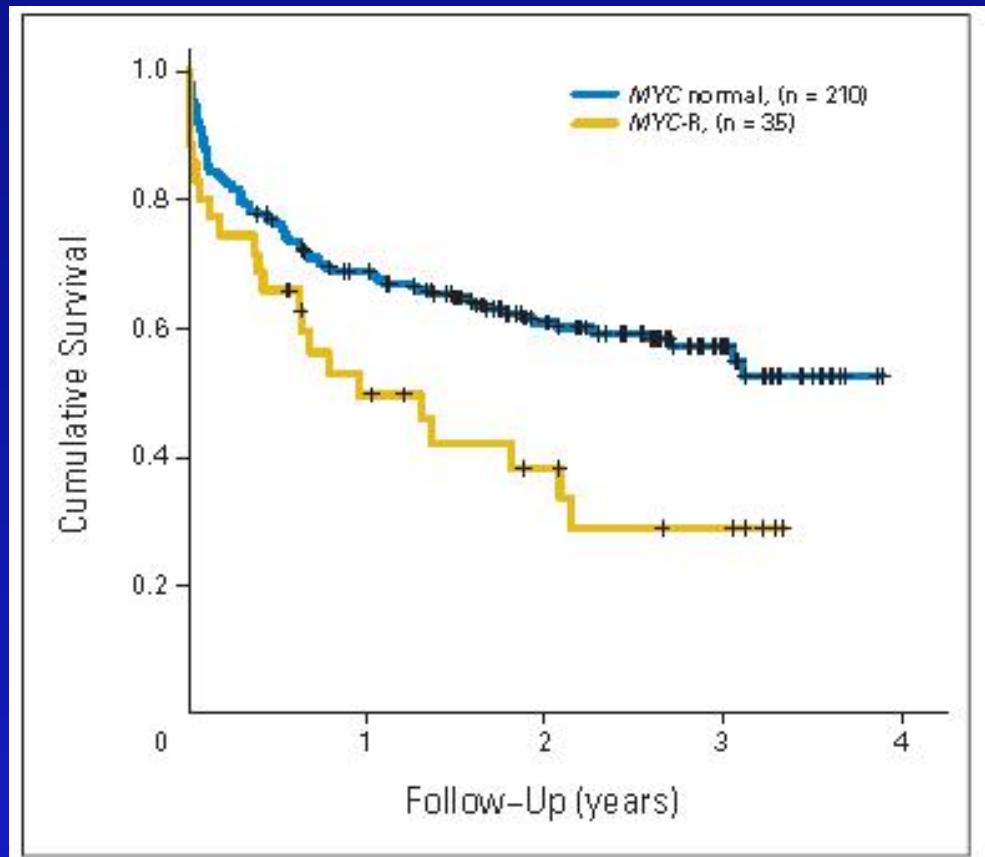
Rosenthal & Younes, Blood Rev 2016

Relationship among cell of origin in DLBCL in terms of MYC/ BCL2 protein expression and genetic translocations

# R-CHOP and MYC rearranged DLBCL

## *Poor prognosis*

EFS



**35 (14%) with MYC rearrangements**

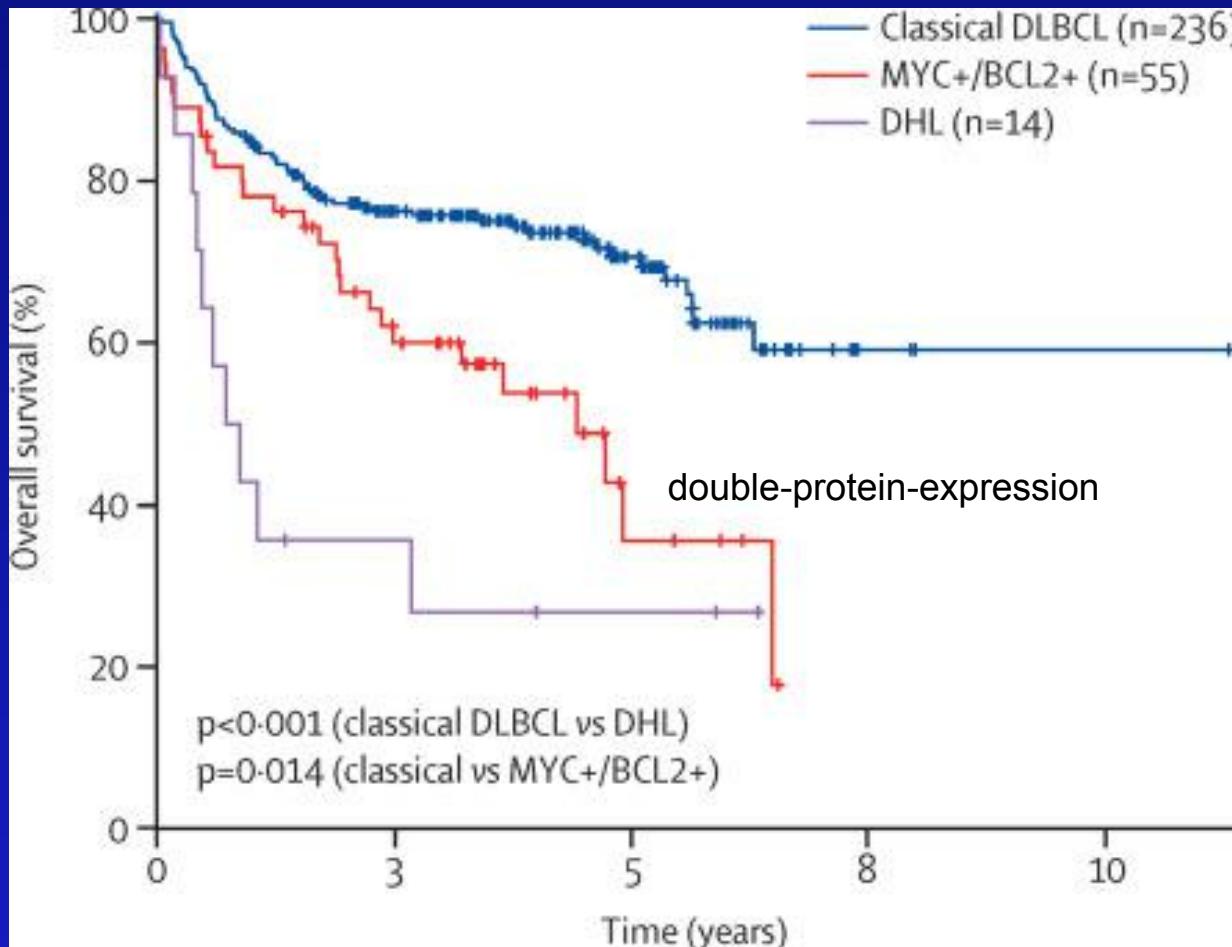
**19 also had t(14;18)**

**3 also had BCL6**

**7 “triple hit”**

**Therefore most “MYC+” are “double” or “triple” hit**

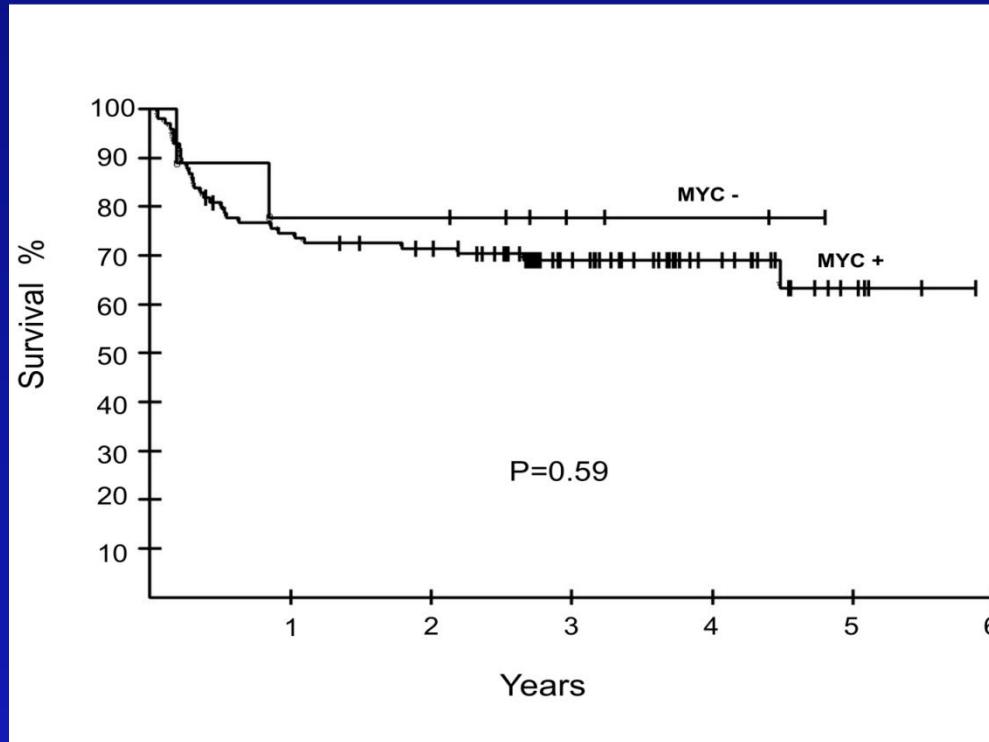
# Double-protein-expression lymphoma has an intermediate outcome between DHL and classical DLBCL



increased risk of CNS involvement  
prophylaxis is recommended

# DA-R-EPOCH and MYC+ DLBCL

EFS



9 MYC+ DLBCL

99 MYC- DLBCL

Similar  
risk by IPI

High RR/PFS in  
BL

Dunleavy et al, Lugano 2011

治疗

- 推荐参加临床试验。
- 虽然尚未确立标准治疗方案，但 NCCN 成员机构已采用以下方案：

DA-EPOCH-R

RHyperCVAD (环磷酰胺、长春新碱、多柔比星、地塞米松与大剂量甲氨蝶呤和阿糖胞苷交替) + 利妥昔单抗

R-CODOX-M/R-IVAC (环磷酰胺、长春新碱、多柔比星联合甲氨蝶呤/异环磷酰胺、依托泊苷和阿糖胞苷)

• RCHOP 常伴不良结局。

• 考虑以大剂量化疗联合自体干细胞解救来巩固治疗。虽然其作用尚未确定，但已在一些 NCCN 成员机构得到采用。

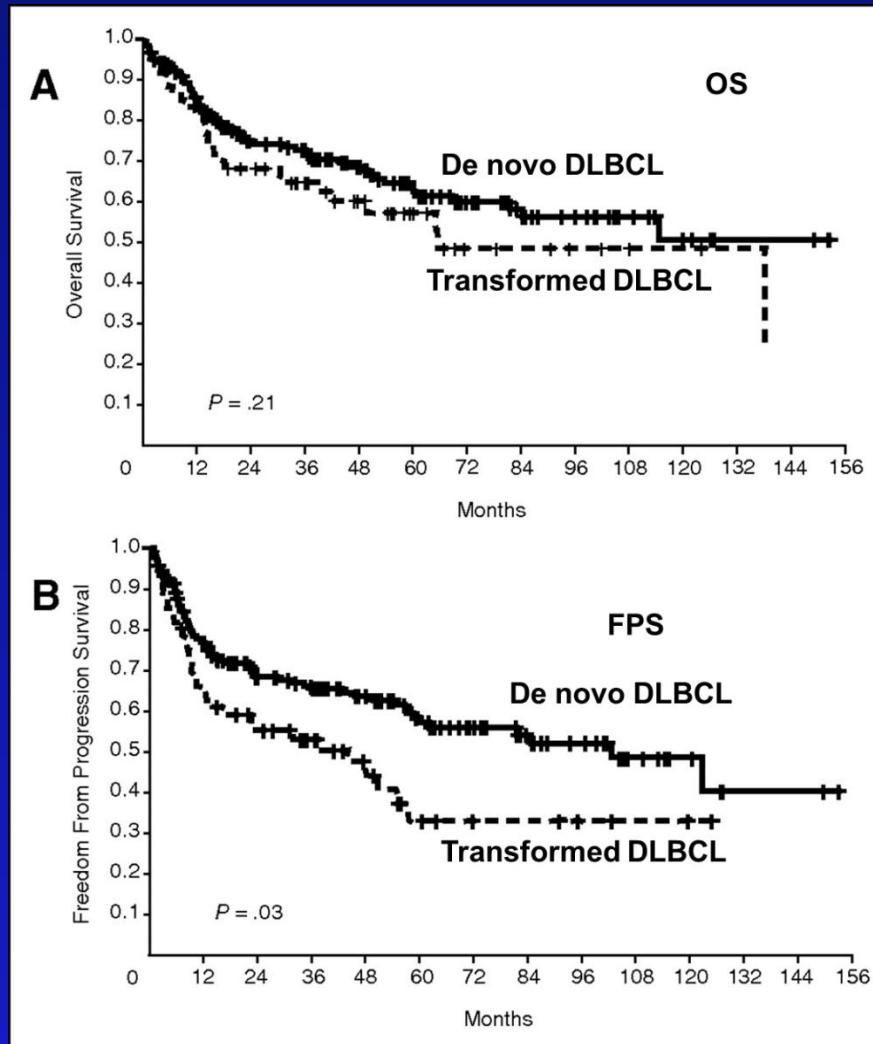
• 这些患者的中枢神经系统 (CNS) 受累的风险较高（请参见 BCCL-A 2/2）；根据机构标准考虑 CNS 预防。

# Outcome of chemotherapeutic regimen for DHL and DPL in retrospective series

## DA-EPOCH-R

	DPL or DHL Regimen		N (%)*	Median OS or PFS
Le Gouill et al3	DHL	R-CHOP, COPADM, ASCT, ALLO	16 (NA)	OS 5 months for all patients
Tomita et al44	DHL	CHOP, CODOX-M/IVAC, or hyperCVAD with or without rituximab	27† (NA)	OS 6 months OS 1·4 years with rituximab
Johnson et al16	DHL	High-dose chemotherapy	54 (4%)	0·4 years without rituximab
Li et al37	DHL	CHOP, R-CHOP	57 (NA)	OS 18·6 months
	DPL	R-CHOP		3-year EFS 15·6%; 3-year OS 41·6%
Horn et al30	DPL	R-CHOP	21 (4·7%)	3-year OS 41·6%
Oki et al22	DHL	R-CHOP, R-hyperCVAD, DA-EPOCH-R	129 (NA)	3-year EFS 33%; OS 4%
Petrich et al36	DHL	R-CHOP, R-hyperCVAD, DA-EPOCH-R	311 (NA)	PFS 10·9 months<comma>OS 21·9 months for all regimens
Sun et al48	DHL	R-CODOX-M/IVAC	32 (NA)	2-year PFS 41%; 2-year OS 53%
	DPL	R-CODOX-M/IVAC		
Cohen et al45	DHL	R-CHOP, DA-EPOCH-R, R-HyperCVAD	29 (NA)	PFS 8 months; OS 12·5 months
	DPL	R-CODOXM/R-IVAC	23 (10%)	1-year OS 60%
Johnson et al29	DPL	R-CHOP (81%)	55 (19%)	5-year OS 36%
	DPL	R-CHOP	14 (5%)	5-year PFS 27%
Green et al8	DPL	R-CHOP	54 (21%)	OS 24 months
	DHL	R-CHOP	11 (6%)	OS 13 months
Valera et al15	DPL	R-CHOP	32 (15%)	PFS 18 months; OS roughly 30 months
Friedberg et al56	DPL	R-CHOP + iodine-131 tositumomab	13 (20%)	2-year PFS 58%
Perry et al57	DPL	NA	47 (44%)	2-year OS 58%; EFS roughly 52%
Hu et al33	DPL	R-CHOP	55 (18%)	5-year OS 30%PFS 27%

# Treatment Outcomes of DLBCL: *Transformed vs de novo*



*treated as de novo*

**Chemotherapy**

**CHOP:** cyclophosphamid  
e, doxorubicin,  
vincristine, and  
prednisone

Or

**ACVBP:** doxorubicin,  
cyclophosphamide,  
vindesine, bleomycin  
and prednisone

# DLBCL: CNS Prophylaxis Whom, When and What?

- Incidence of CNS involvement: 5—6% in general. Low risk group <3%, high risk 11%.
- Risk factors
- CNS prophylaxis agents and administration
  - IT-MTX, or Ara-C
  - HD MTX

# Therapy of DLBCL - Summary

## Front line therapy

局限期	晚期	双重打击	原发纵隔大B
Stage I/II No bulk	Stage IE or with bulk	Stage III/IV	Myc+/Bcl2+
RCHOP x 3 + XRT(受累野放疗)	RCHOP x 6 + XRT	RCHOP x 6	R-EPOCH X 6 (recommend CNS prophylaxis)
RCHOP x 6 ± XRT			R-EPOCH X 6 avoid XRT
Relapsed/refractory DLBCL			<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ Salvage: R-DHAP, RICE, RESHAP followed by autologous stem cell transplantation</li><li>❖ CART</li><li>❖ Clinical trials</li></ul>

# Topics and Conclusions

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  - Relapsed/refractory DLBCL: Salvage or clinical trial
- Special issues in management of DLBCL
  - Double Hit Lymphoma: DA-REPOCH
  - Transformed DLBCL: treated as de novo

**Thanks**

## Phase 3 trials evaluating alternative regimens to R-CHOP or evaluating high-dose therapy approaches

Study	Patients	Regimens	Outcome	P value
Recher et al	380	R-ACVBP	3-year PFS 87% vs 73%	.002
		vs R-CHOP	3-year OS 92% vs 84%	.007
Cunningham et al	1080	R-CHOP-14	2-year PFS 75% vs 75%	NS
		vs R-CHOP	2-year OS 83% vs 81%	NS
Delarue et al	602	R-CHOP-14	3-year EFS 56% vs 60%	NS
		vs R-CHOP	3-year OS 69% vs 72%	NS
Le Gouill et al	340	R-HDT + ASCT	3-year PFS 76%	NS
		vs R-CHOP-14	3-year OS 83%	NS
Schmitz et al	275	R-Mega-CHOEP	3-year EFS 61% vs 70%	NS
		vs R-CHOEP-14	3-year OS 77% vs 85%	.08
Vitolo et al	399	R-HDT + ASCT	3-year PFS 70% vs 59%	.01
		vs R-dose dense CT	3-year OS 81% vs 78%	NS
Stiff et al	253	(R)-CHOP × 6 + ASCT	2-year PFS 69% vs 55%	.005
		vs (R)-CHOP × 8	2-year OS 74% vs 71%	NS