

## Facing the facts in **EBV+ PTLD management**

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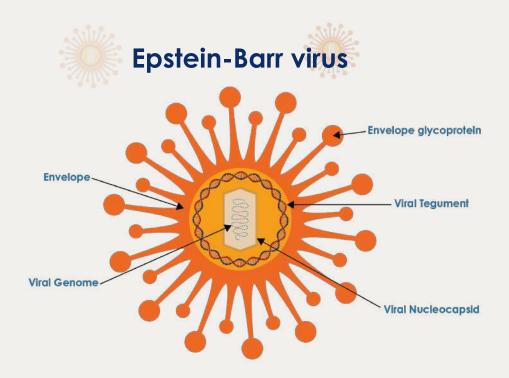
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## What is Epstein-Barr Virus?

- EBV is a gamma-herpes virus that is transmitted orally (via infected saliva)<sup>1</sup>
- It is one of the most common viruses in humans<sup>1</sup>
  - ~90% of adults and 50% of children are infected globally<sup>1</sup>
- EBV infection is largely asymptomatic in immunocompetent hosts<sup>2</sup>
  - In adolescents and young adults, it can manifest clinically with symptoms such as fever, painless swollen glands and sore throat known as infectious mononucleosis<sup>1,2</sup>
- EBV establishes a life-long latent infection in memory B-cells which is controlled by immunocompetent T-lymphocytes and natural killer cells<sup>1,2</sup>



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EBV, Epstein-Barr virus.

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## How does a latent EBV infection become reactivated?

- Latent EBV can become reactivated in patients with dysfunction or suppression of the host immune system after transplantation<sup>1</sup>
- Once reactivated B-cells may transform and rapidly proliferate, causing a range of neoplasms attributable to the dysregulated proliferation of infected B-cells<sup>1</sup>

The incidence of EBV reactivation post-HCT ranges from 0.1–63%<sup>2</sup> Impacted by transplant type, antiviral agents, monitoring protocol, and assay sensitivity

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The incidence of EBV reactivation post-SOT ranges from 13–48%<sup>3</sup> Impacted by immunosuppressive regimes and analytical techniques

#### Recipients of SOT or allogeneic HCT have an increased risk of EBV-associated cancers such as PTLD<sup>4</sup>

EBV, Epstein-Barr virus; HCT, haematopoietic cell transplantation; PTLD, post-transplant lymphoproliferative disorder; SOT, solid organ transplant. 1. Fujimoto A, et al. Cancers (Basel). 2020;12:328; 2. Ru Y, et al. BMT 2020;55:1754–1762; 3. Blazquez-Navarro A, et al. Transpl Int; 2021;34:1680–1688. 4. Cohen JI. N Engl J Med. 2000;343:481–492.

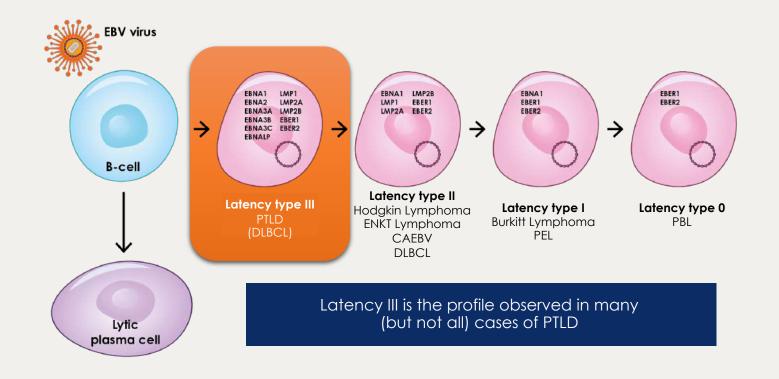


## Pathogenesis of distinct EBV-driven disorders

 In a latent phase infection, EBV is maintained in a circular chromatinised state within the nucleus of a host cell<sup>1</sup>

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- There are four distinct EBV-latent gene expression patterns (Types 0, I, II and III)<sup>1</sup>
  - Defined by the expression of specific sets of viral genes and promoters
  - The unique functions and role in lymphomagenesis of the EBV-latency proteins impact the pathogenesis of distinct EBV-driven disorders



Adapted from Bednarska K, et al. Br J Haematol 2024.



CAEBV, chronic active; EBV, Epstein-Barr virus; DLBCL, diffuse large B-cell lymphoma; ENKT, extra-nodal NK/T-cell; PBL, plasmablastic lymphoma; PEL, primary effusion lymphoma; PTLD, post-transplant lymphoproliferative disorder. 1. Bednarska K, et al. Br J Haematol 2024;204:415–433.

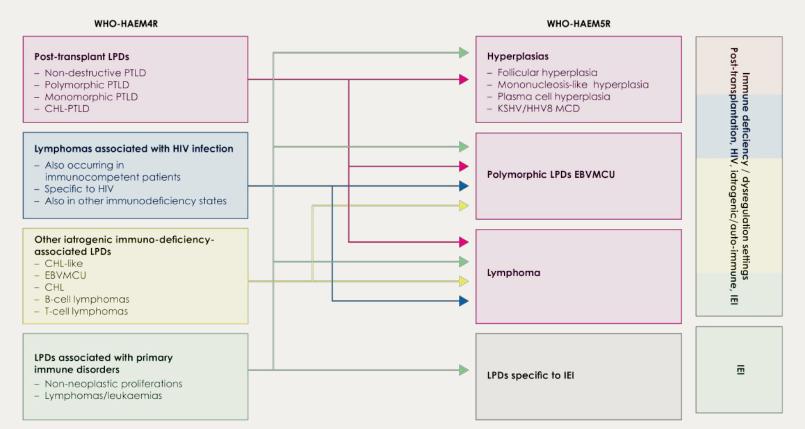
#### How is PTLD classified by the WHO?

In 2022, the WHO introduced major changes to the classifications of immunodeficiency-associated lymphoproliferative disorders<sup>1</sup>

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The new standardised nomenclature builds on an integrated approach to diagnosis that combines all relevant data into a reporting system:<sup>1</sup>

- 1) Histological diagnosis according to accepted criteria and terminology
- 2) Presence or absence of one or more oncogenic viruses
- 3) The clinical setting/ immunodeficiency background



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Adapted from Alaggio R, et al. Leukemia. 2022.

CHL, classic Hodgkin lymphoma; EBVMCU, Epstein-Barr virus-positive mucocutaneous ulcer; HAEM4R, revised 4<sup>th</sup> edition of the WHO Classification; HAEM5R, 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the WHO Classification; HIV; human immunodeficiency virus; IEI, inborn errors of immunity; KSHV/HHV8 MCD; Kaposi sarcoma herpesvirus/human herpesvirus 8-associated multicentric Castleman disease; LPD, lymphoroliferative disorder; PTLD, post-transplant lymphoproliferative disorder; WHO, World Health Organisation.

1. Alaggio R, et al. Leukemia. 2022;36(7):1720-1748.



## How is PTLD classified by the WHO?

The WHO recognises distinct histological subtypes of PTLD<sup>1</sup>

#### Non-destructive PTLD (21%)<sup>1,2</sup> Plasmacytic hyperplasia Most cases Infectious mononucleosis-like PTLD Florid follicular hyperplasia Destructive PTLD (79%)<sup>1,2</sup> >90% Polymorphic PTLD • cHL PTLD / cHL-like PTLD Monomorphic PTLD (DLBCL, Burkitt lymphoma, ٠ Variable % plasma cell neoplasms, T-cell/NK-cell lymphomas)

cHL, classical Hodgkin lymphoma; DLBCL, Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma; EBV, Epstein-Barr virus; NK, natural killer; PTLD, post-transplant lymphoproliferative disorder; WHO, World Health Organisation 1. Atallah-Yunes S et al. Br J Haematol 2023;201:383–395; 2. Liu Y et al. Cancers 2023;15(3):976.



% of EBV+ disease<sup>1</sup>

# What are the key differences in the development of EBV+ PTLD in recipients of SOT or allogeneic HCT?

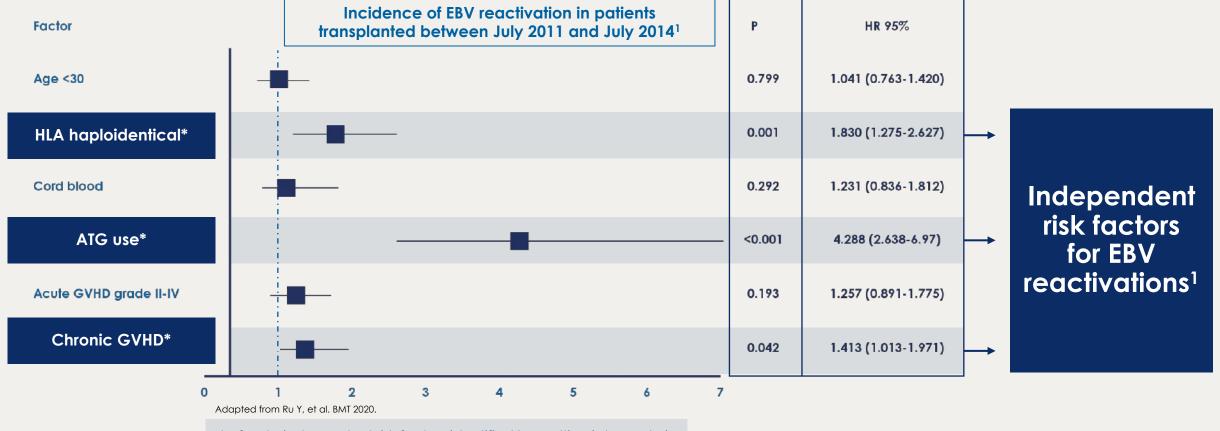
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Variable	SOT	НСТ	
Typical cell of origin <sup>1</sup>	Recipient origin	Donor origin	
<b>Frequency</b> <sup>1</sup>	1–33%	0.8–4%	
EBV-associated <sup>2</sup>	~50%	~100%	
Onset time	Variable ~50% >1-year post-transplant <sup>3</sup>	Within the first year post-transplant <sup>4</sup>	

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#### What are the risk factors for EBV reactivation post-HCT?



\*refers to independent risk factors identified by multivariate analysis

ATG, antithymocyte globulin; EBV, Epstein-Barr virus; GVHD, graft-versus-host disease; HCT, haematopoietic cell transplantation; HLA, human leukocyte antigen. 1. Ru Y, et al. BMT 2020;55:1754–1762.

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# What are the risk factors for the development of EBV+ PTLD post-HCT?

	Factors which INCREASE the risk of developing EBV+ PTLD <sup>1,2</sup>	Factors which REDUCE the risk of developing EBV+ PTLD <sup>1</sup>
Before transplant	<ul><li>Reduced intensity conditioning</li><li>Splenectomy</li></ul>	Rituximab exposure within 6 months pre-HCT
Transplant characteristics	<ul> <li>Cord blood transplantation</li> <li>HLA mismatch</li> <li>Second HCT</li> <li>EBV serology donor/ recipient mismatch (recipient-negative/donor-positive)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Sirolimus use for GvHD Prophylaxis</li> </ul>
After transplant	<ul> <li>ATG or certain immunosuppressants</li> <li>Severe acute or chronic GVHD requiring intensive immunosuppressive therapy</li> <li>In vivo T-cell depletion</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Post-transplant cyclophosphamide (without ATG)</li> <li>CD4+ T-lymphocyte count &gt;50 at Day 30+</li> </ul>
Age	<ul> <li>Aged &lt;20 or ≥50 years</li> </ul>	• Aged 20–50 years
Other	Infusion of mesenchymal stromal cells	

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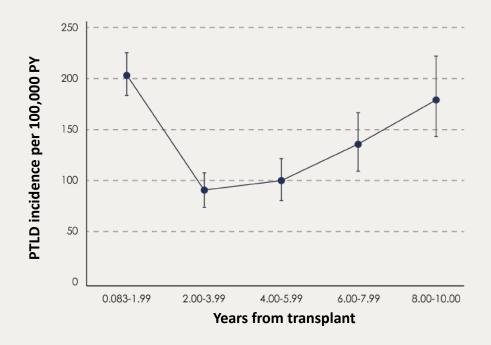




## PTLD development post-SOT

- Incidence of PTLD post-SOT: bimodal curve<sup>1</sup>
  - Initial spike during the 1st posttransplant year (mostly EBV-positive transplant recipients)
  - Second spike 5–15 years after transplant (often EBV-negative recipients)
  - Very late cases (>20 years after transplant)

#### Incidence of PTLD among 156,740 US kidney transplant recipients during 1999–2007<sup>2\*</sup>

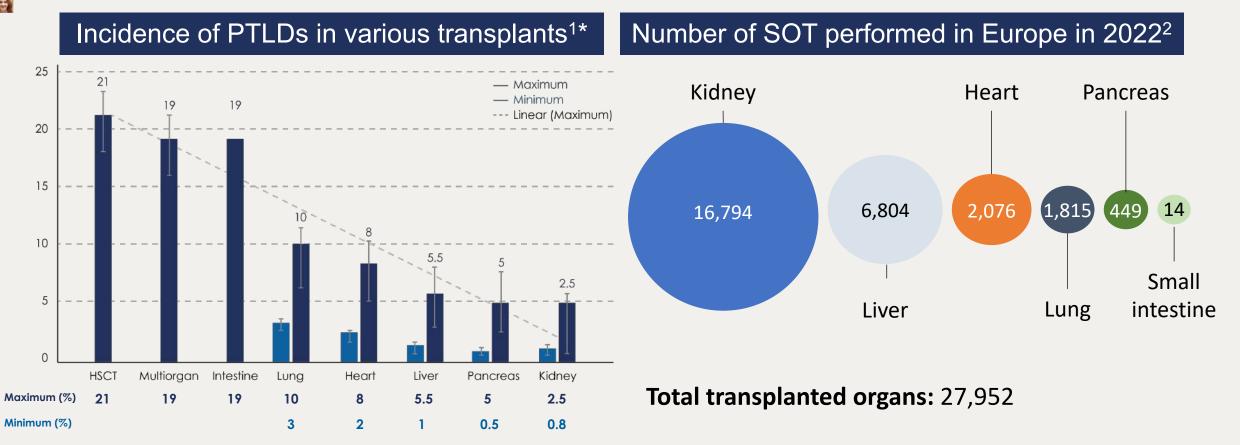


\*Retrospective cohort study. Follow-up for all recipients began 30 days after transplantation.<sup>2</sup>

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# Incidence of PTLD post-SOT varies by organ transplant site



\*Note: Minimum values were not given for multiorgan or intestinal.

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HSCT: Haplo-identical allogeneic haematopoietic stem-cell transplant; PTLD, post-transplant lymphoproliferative disorder; SOT, solid organ transplant. 1. Abbas F, et al. World J Transplant 2020;10(2):29–46; 2. Statista. Number of organ transplants carried out in the European Union in 2022. Available at: https://www.statista.com/statistics/1204326/organ-transplantation-activity-in-the-eu/. Accessed June 2024.

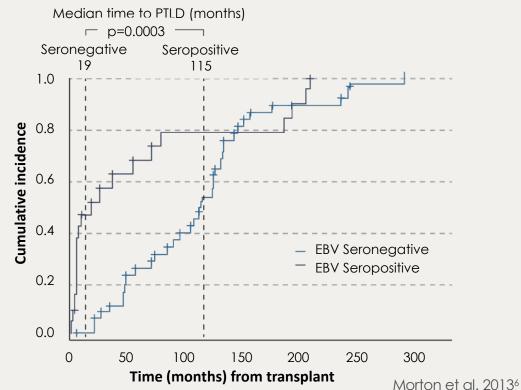


## **EBV status and PTLD development post-SOT**

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 Pre-transplant EBV seronegativity increases the incidence of PTLD from 10- to 75-fold over that of EBV-seropositive recipients<sup>1,2</sup>

Time to PTLD onset according to EBV status at the time of transplantation<sup>3</sup>





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# What are the risk factors for the development of EBV+ PTLD post-SOT?

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	Factors which INCREASE the risk of developing EBV+ PTLD <sup>1</sup>	Factors which REDUCE the risk of developing EBV+ PTLD <sup>1</sup>
Time after transplant <sup>1</sup>	<ul> <li>EBV reactivation/primary infection         &lt; 12 months after transplant</li> </ul>	EBV reactivation/primary infection > 12 months after transplant
Organ <sup>1,2</sup>	Multiorgan > intestine > lung > heart > liver > pancreas > kidney	Kidney > pancreas > liver > heart > lung > intestine > multiorgan
EBV status <sup>1</sup>	EBV mismatch at time of transplant: Donor EBV+/ Recipient EBV-	Recipient EBV+
Age <sup>1</sup>	Child	Adults
IS <sup>1</sup>	Certain immunosuppressive agents	-



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### What is the clinical presentation of EBV+ PTLD?

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Factor	Clinical presentation			
Heterogeneity <sup>1</sup>	Heterogeneous (from incidental asymptomatic findings to fulminant presentation), including organ failure and spontaneous tumour lysis			
Symptoms <sup>2</sup>	Most common: <b>lymphadenopathy</b> and <b>fever</b> Rare (EBV end-organ disease): encephalitis/myelitis, pneumonitis, hepatitis, and haemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis			
Target organs <sup>2</sup>	Frequently: <b>lymph nodes</b> Rarely: CNS, GI tract, lungs, liver			
Progression <sup>3</sup>	After HCT, PTLD often progresses <b>rapidly</b> and is more frequently at an advanced stage than after SOT			

CNS, central nervous system; EBV, Epstein–Barr virus; GI, gastrointestinal; HCT, haematopoietic cell transplantation; PTLD, post-transplant lymphoproliferative disorder; SOT, solid organ transplantation.

1. Dierickx D, et al. N Engl J Med. 2018;378:549–562; 2. Styczynski J and Giebel S EBMT Handbook 2019; Chapter 45; 3. Fujimoto A, et al. Cancers (Basel). 2020;12:328.



#### How do we diagnose EBV+ PTLD?

- Diagnosis must be based on symptoms and/or signs consistent with PTLD together with detection of EBV<sup>1</sup>
- Definitive diagnosis requires non-invasive and invasive techniques<sup>1,2</sup>

#### Non-invasive diagnostic methods<sup>1,2</sup>

 Quantitative determination of EBV-DNA-emia

Imaging: CT or PET-CT\* or MRI\*\*

Currently the method of choice for **early detection and monitoring progression and response to treatment** of EBV+ PTLD starting no later than 4 weeks after HCT<sup>1</sup>

**Longer monitoring** recommended in patients considered to have poor T-cell reconstitution, with severe GvHD, after haplo-HCT, with the use of TCD, after conditioning with ATG/alemtuzumab, or in those having experienced an early EBV reactivation<sup>1</sup>

\* For avid structures, localised in the lymph nodes, spleen, liver, GI tract, skin, lungs, bone, BM.

\*\* In CNS disease and non-avid histologies.

ATG, anti-thymocyte globulin; BM, bone marrow; CNS, central nervous system; CT, computed tomography; EBV, Epstein–Barr virus; GI, gastrointestinal; GvHD, graft-versus-host disease; HCT, haematopoietic cell transplantation; MRI, magnetic resonance imaging; PET-CT; positron emission tomography–computed tomography; PTLD, post-transplant lymphoproliferative disorder; TCD, T-cell depletion. 1. Styczynski J and Giebel S EBMT Handbook 2019; Chapter 45; 2. Samant H, et al. Posttransplant Lymphoproliferative Disorders. StatPearls 2023.



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#### Invasive diagnostic methods<sup>1,2</sup>

- **Biopsy**: of the lymph node and/or other suspected sites
- Endoscopy: when GI symptoms present
- Histological examination

- a) Detection of viral antigens or *in situ* hybridisation for EBV-encoded RNA transcripts
- b) Immunohistochemistry
- c) Flow cytometry for B-cell, T-cell, and plasma cell lineage-specific antigens

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Currently key to diagnose PTLD



## What is the staging system for EBV+ PTLD?<sup>1</sup>

• There is no official grading system for EBV+ PTLD

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• The use of PET-CT is an important imaging tool for both PTLD diagnosis and staging

Possible staging of PTLD:					
Clinical end-organ staging: nodal vs. extra nodal disease	<b>Clinical severity staging:</b> limited (unifocal) vs. advanced (multifocal) disease	<b>ECIL-6 staging*:</b> limited (stages I–II), advanced forms (stages III–IV)			

\*Based on the Lugano lymphoma classification by PET-CT imaging.<sup>1</sup>

EBV, Epstein–Barr virus; ECIL, European Conference on Infections in Leukaemia; PET-CT, positron emission tomography–computed tomography; PTLD, post-transplant lymphoproliferative disorder.



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#### Facing the facts in EBV+ PTLD management



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EBV is one of the most common viruses in humans and maintains a life-long latent infection<sup>1,2</sup>

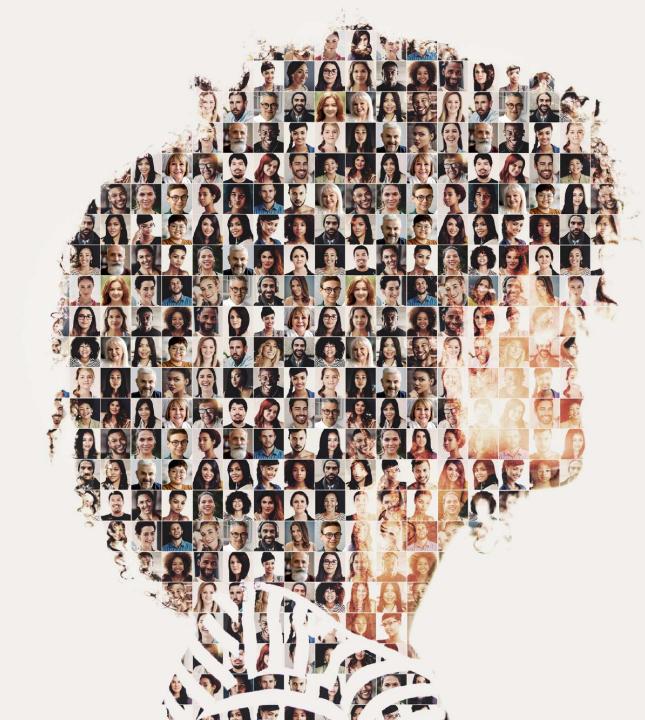


Patients undergoing HCT or SOT can experience PTLD due to dysfunction or suppression of the host immune system, or uncontrolled proliferation of EBV-infected cells<sup>1,2</sup>

~100% cases of PTLD post-HCT and ~50% cases post-SOT are EBV-associated<sup>3</sup> Clinical presentation of EBV+ PTLD is heterogeneous, but the most common symptoms are lymphadenopathy and fever<sup>2,4</sup> The diagnosis of EBV+ PTLD must be based on symptoms and/or signs consistent with PTLD together with detection of EBV, and ultimately confirmed by a biopsy<sup>2,4</sup>



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# The current face of **EBV+ PTLD management**

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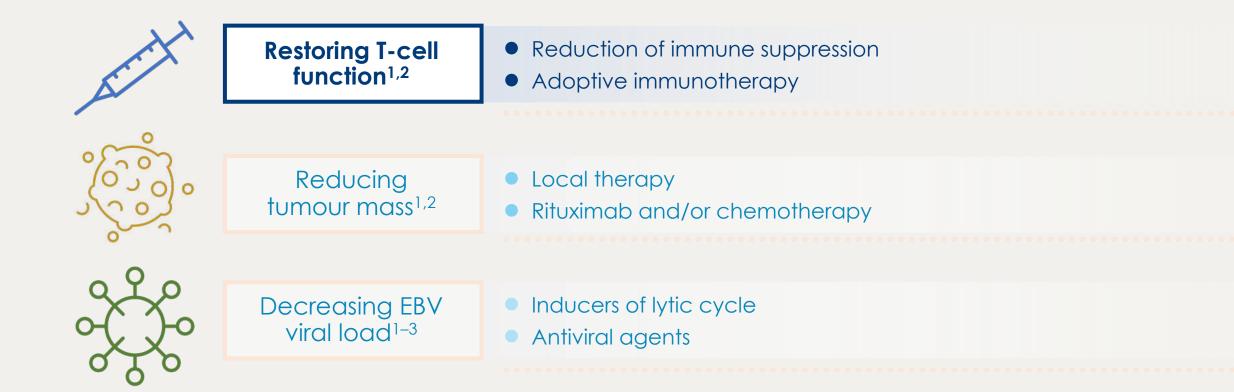
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### **Current treatment options for EBV+ PTLD**

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#### **Reduction of immune suppression**

#### No consensus/uniform guidelines on RIS:1-4

- Stop antimetabolites
- Reduce calcineurin inhibitor dose
- Continue or decrease steroids

#### 1-4 weeks $\rightarrow$ response rates: 0 - ~50%<sup>1,2</sup>

	Treatment	Overall response rate (CR)
Pennsylvania <sup>2</sup>	RIS only	45% (37%)
Baltimore <sup>1</sup>	Sequential therapy (RIS – IFNα – chemo)	6% (0%)



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CR: complete response; IFNa: interferon alpha; GvHD, graft-versus-host disease; PTLD, post-transplant lymphoproliferative disorder; RIS: reduction of immunosuppression; SOT: solid organ transplantation.

1. Swinnen LJ, et al. Transplantation. 2008;86:215-222; 2. Reshef R, et al. Am J Transplant. 2011;11:336-347; 3. Zimmermann H, et al. Transplantation. 2018;102:1914-1923; 4. Pan K, et al. Leuk Lymphoma. 2021;62:1123-1128; 5. Aull MJ, et al. Transplantation. 2004;78(11):1676-1682.

## Data on treatment and outcomes are limited for patients with EBV+ PTLD after HCT

#### Retrospective analyses

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- Response to 1st-line rituximab monotherapy varies greatly: CR 20–80%<sup>1-3</sup>
- Median OS <12 months, 1- and 2-year OS of approx. 40–46%<sup>1</sup>
- Only two studies have reported treatment outcomes in patients refractory to rituximab:1,4

	Patients achieving treatment success (n/N)*	Type of treatment Response rate		Relapses
Hou (2009)⁴	3/12	RIS + rituximab (n=1) DLI (n=2)	RIS + rituximab: 1/1 CR DLI: no CR (2/2 PR)	NR
Fox (2014) <sup>1</sup>	10/62	CHOP (n=5) CHOP followed by DLI (n=2) DLI (n=3)	CHOP: no CR/PR DLI: 3/5 CR	None

\*n: the total number of patients who achieved a CR; N: the number of patients constituting the study population.<sup>1,4</sup>

CHOP, cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin, vincristine and prednisolone; CR, complete response; DLI, donor lymphocyte infusion; EBV, Epstein-Barr virus; HCT, haematopoietic cell transplantation; NR, not reported; OS, overall survival; PR, partial response; PTLD, post-transplant lymphoproliferative disorder; RIS, reduction of immunosuppression.

1. Fox CP, et al. Bone Marrow Transplant. 2014;49:280–286; 2. Shahid S, Prockop SE. Cancer Drug Resist. 2021;4:646–664; 3. Stynczynski J, et al. Clin Infect Dis. 2013;57:794–802; 4. Hou HA, et al. Bone Marrow Transplant. 2009;43:315–321.

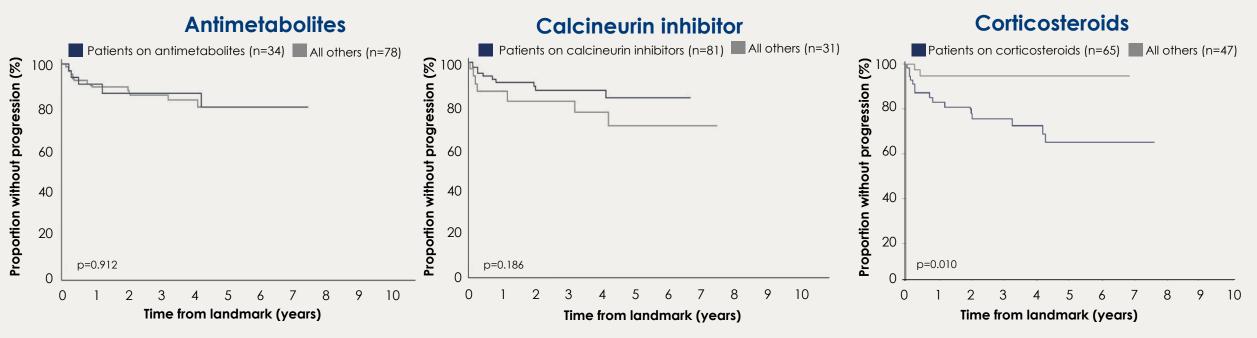


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## **Reduction of immune suppression post-SOT**

Retrospective analysis of IS, patient baseline characteristics, and relapse risk measured as landmark TTP starting one year after start of therapy in 159 patients with PTLD post-SOT from the PTLD-1 trial

Landmark analysis of TTP in 112 patients with no evidence of progression 1 year after start of treatment with IS<sup>1</sup>



Corticosteroid-use was associated with an increased risk of PTLD relapse, unlike antimetabolite-containing regimens<sup>1</sup>



IS, immunosuppression; PTLD, post-transplant lymphoproliferative disorder; TTP, time to progression. 1. Zimmermann H, et al. Transplantation. 2018;102:1914-1923.



## Adoptive immunotherapy

EBV antigens expressed in the different latency programmes can be targeted by different immunotherapies<sup>1</sup>

#### Different sources and applications for adoptive immune therapy in EBV+ PTLD<sup>1</sup>

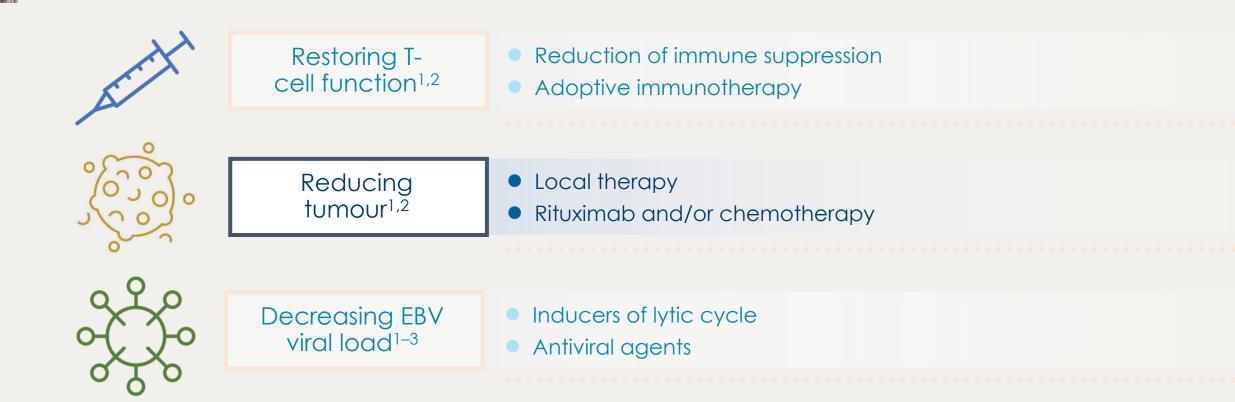
Transplantation cell type	AHCT: donor origin	SOT: recipient origin
Donor lymphocytes	Yes (GvHD risk)	No
Autologous EBV-CTLs	No (donor derived)	Yes (often EBV-naïve, ongoing IS)
Donor-derived EBV-CTLs	Yes	No (mostly receptor derived)
Third party EBV-CTLs	Yes	Yes

Adapted from Dierickx et al. 2022

CTL, cytotoxic T-lymphocyte; EBV, Epstein-Barr virus; GvHD, graft-versus-host disease; HCT, haematopoietic cell transplantation; IS, Immunosuppression; SOT, solid organ transplantation. 1. Dierickx D, et al. Curr Opin Oncol 2022;34:413–421.

### **Current treatment options for EBV+ PTLD**

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## Local therapy – radiotherapy and surgery

- Surgery or radiotherapy is rarely used to treat PTLD, however can be considered in specific situations<sup>1,2</sup>
- Suitable for both SOT and HCT EBV+ PTLD<sup>1</sup>

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Can be combined with RIS and used to rapidly relieve symptoms<sup>2</sup> •

#### Indications for local therapy<sup>2</sup>

Radiotherapy	Surgery
<ul> <li>Limited stage of disease</li> <li>After chemotherapy in Hodgkin's lymphoma</li> <li>Whole-brain radiotherapy in primary central nervous system lymphoma if chemotherapy contraindicated</li> <li>Palliative care</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Limited stage of disease</li> <li>Palliative care</li> </ul>

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## Chemotherapy vs. rituximab post-SOT

Chemotherapy retrospective analysis IPITTR (n=193)<sup>1</sup>

Regimen	n	5-year OS (%)	PTLD-specific mortality (%)
СНОР	90	24	34
ProMACE	12	25	34
Other multidrug	65	32	40
Monotherapy	23	5	48

#### **Rituximab prospective studies**\*2-5

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Author	Year	Phase	n	ORR (%)
Oertel <sup>2</sup>	2005	2	17	70.5
Blaes <sup>3</sup>	2005	2	11	64
Choquet <sup>4</sup>	2006	2	43	44.2
Gonzalez-Barca**5	2007	2	38	60.5 (CR)

\* In most studies: rituximab 375 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/week during 4 consecutive weeks.<sup>2–5</sup> \*\* Risk-adapted extended treatment: Over 34% of patients achieved CR after four cycles of rituximab, and 26.3% more responded after two to four additional cycles of rituximab for a delayed CR rate of 60.5%.<sup>5</sup>

CHOP, cyclophosphamide/hydroxydaunorubicin/oncovin/prednisone; CR, complete remission; IPITTR, Israel Penn international Transplant Tumour Registry; ORR, objective response rate; OS, overall survival; PTLD, post-transplant lymphoproliferative disorder.

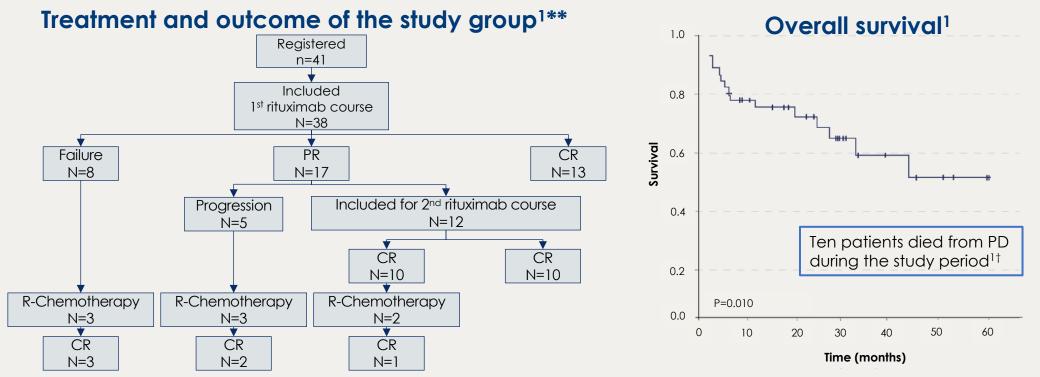
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## Extended treatment with rituximab in patients with PTLD post-SOT

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Prospective Phase 2 study of extended treatment\* with rituximab in CD20+ PTLD after SOT<sup>1</sup>



#### Extended treatment with rituximab can obtain a good rate of CR in patients with PTLD after SOT and should be the recommended initial therapy for these patients

\* Patients were treated with RIS and four weekly infusions of rituximab. Those patients who did not achieve CR received a second course of four rituximab infusions (extended treatment). Primary end-point of the study: CR rate.

\*\* Among the 17 patients with PR, 8 patients died of PD. This included five patients who had failed the initial course of rituximab (n=8) and three patients who had achieved PR with the initial course of rituximab; two of these died prior to receiving subsequent R-chemotherapy treatment and one died during or after R-chemotherapy.<sup>1</sup>

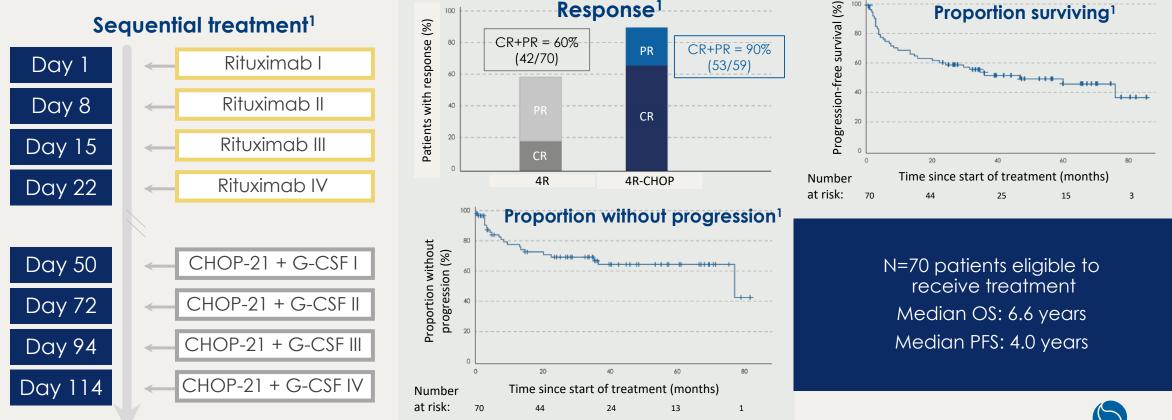
† 14 patients died during the study period, ten (26.3%) patients died of DP, three patients of infection without evidence and one patient suffered a cardiac arrest of unknown cause. CR: complete remission; PD, progressive disease; PTLD, post-transplant lymphoproliferative disorder; PR: partial remission; R-chemotherapy: rituximab combined with chemotherapy; RIS: reduction of immunosuppression; SOT: solid organ transplantation. 1. Gonzalez-Barca E, et al. Haematologica. 2007;92:1489–1494.



## Sequential treatment with rituximab and CHOP results in durable long-term disease control in PTLD-1

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**PTLD-1 ST:** an international multicentre open-label Phase 2 PTLD-1 trial in patients with CD20+ PTLD post-SOT who had failed to respond to IS reduction<sup>1</sup>



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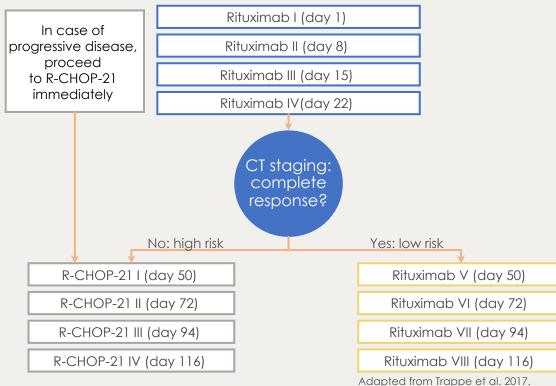
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#### **Risk-stratified sequential treatment<sup>1</sup>**

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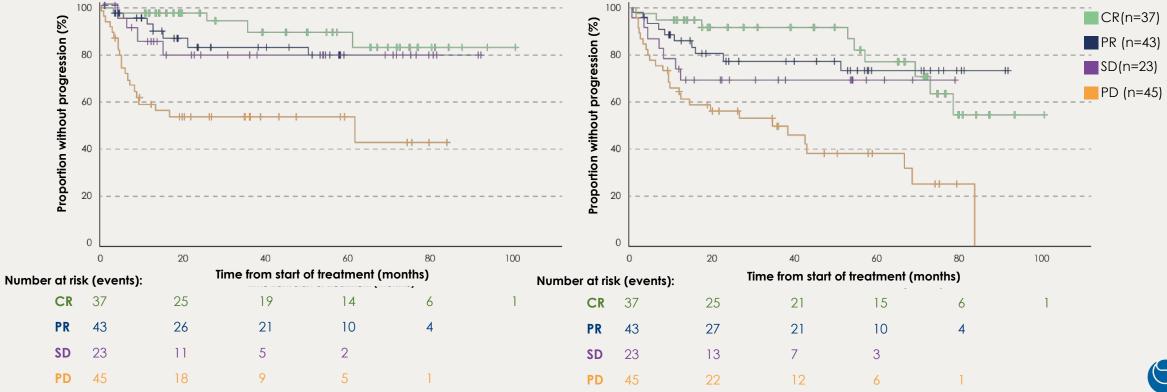
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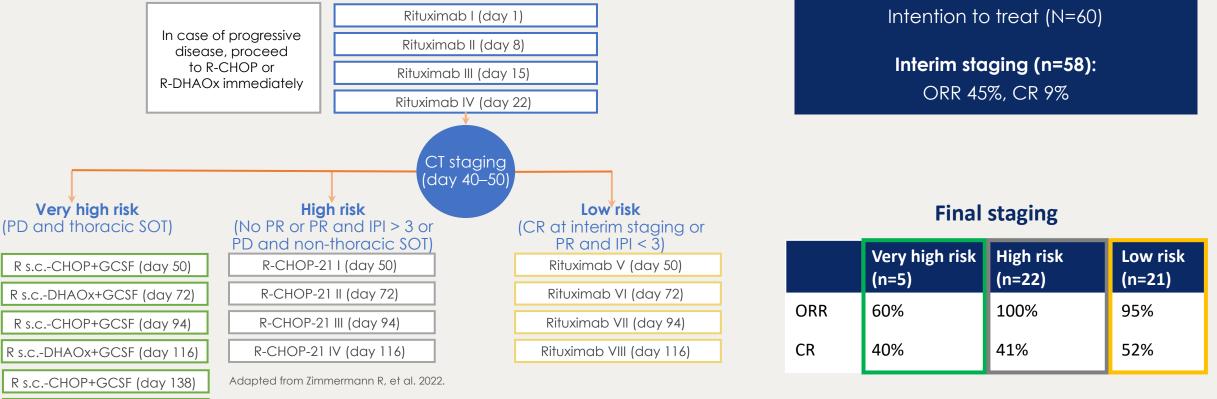
Risk-stratified sequential treatment: outcome by interim response to rituximab<sup>1</sup>



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R s.c.-DHAOx+GCSF (day 160)

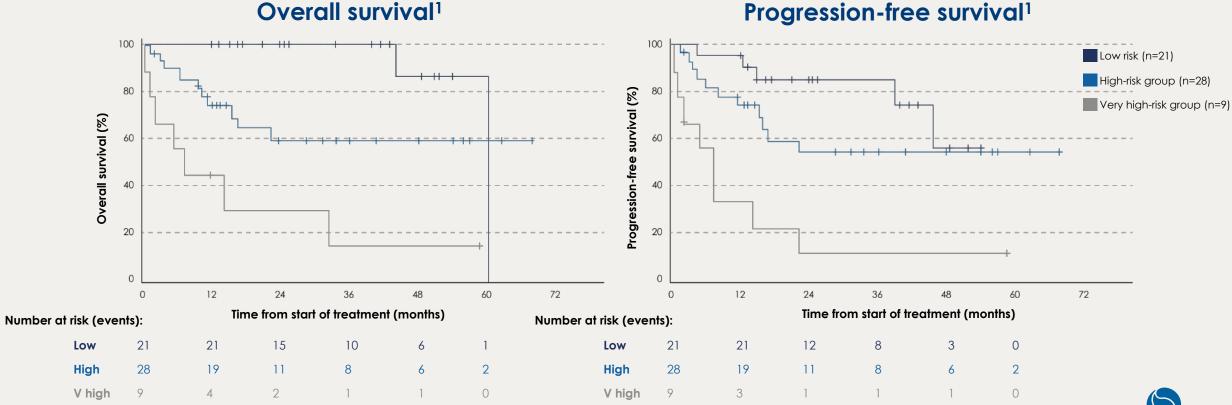
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#### **Progression-free survival**<sup>1</sup>

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Protocol	PTLD-1 ST <sup>1</sup>	PTLD-1 RSST <sup>2</sup>	PTLD-2 RSST <sup>3</sup>	Protocol	PTLD-1 ST <sup>1</sup>	PTLD-1 RSST <sup>2</sup>	PTLD-2 RSST <sup>3</sup>
No. of patients	70	152	60	Histology (WHO, 2001)			
Age at diagnosis				Polymorphic PTLD	4%	15%	3%
Median (years)	53.3	56.4	53.8	Monomorphic PTLD	96%	85%	97%
Transplant type				Burkitt	3%	4%	7%
	41%	45%	48%	DLBCL	81%	74%	75%
Kidney	41%	43%	40%	Plasma cell myeloma	3% <sup>2</sup>	_	2%
Liver	23%	26%	15%	Others	<b>9</b> % <sup>2</sup>	7% <sup>3</sup>	12%
Heart	20%	10%	7%	Ann Arbor stage			
Lung	6%	12%	23%	1 + 11	26%	33%	27%
Kidney + pancreas	6%	2%	3%	III + IV	74%	67%	73%
Heart + other*	3%	4%	0%	LDH			
SCT	1%	0%	0%	Elevated	75%	65%	57%
Median time from	.,.			Normal	25%	35%	43%
transplant to PTLD				<b>EBV-association</b>			
<1 year	24%	21%	22%	Yes	44%	47%	38%
≥1 year	76%	79%	78%	No	56%	53%	62%

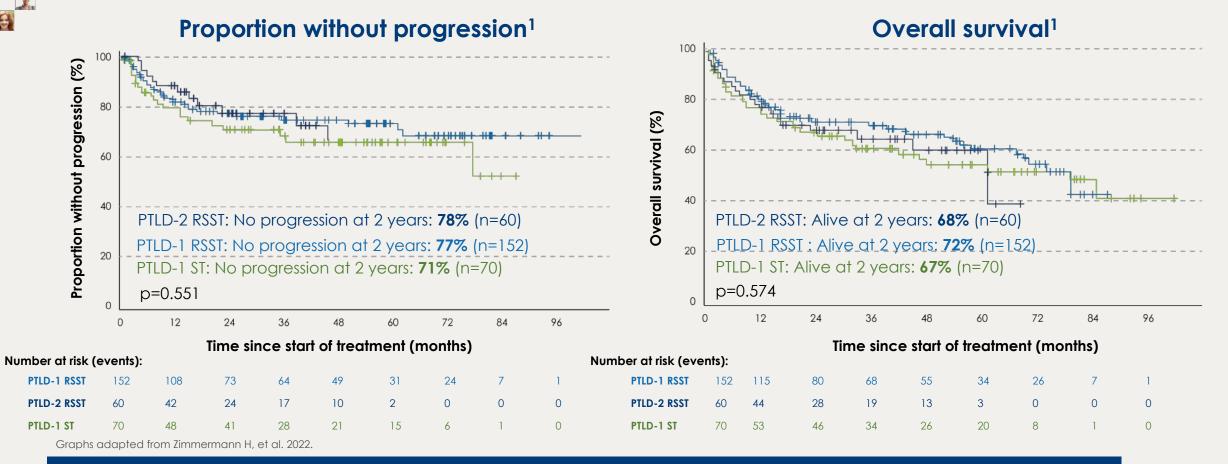
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\*Heart + kidney (3%), heart + lung (1%). DLBCL, diffuse large B cell lymphoma; EBV, Epstein-Barr virus; LDH, lactate dehydrogenase; PTLD, post-transplant lymphoproliferative disorder; RSST, risk-stratified sequential treatment; SCT, stem cell transplant; ST, sequential treatment; WHO, World Health Organization.

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# Time to progression and overall survival (PTLD-1 ST, PTLD-1 RSST, PTLD-2 RSST)



#### Disease control and overall survival of PTLD-1 RSST and PTLD-2 RSST compare favourably with PTLD-1 ST<sup>1</sup>

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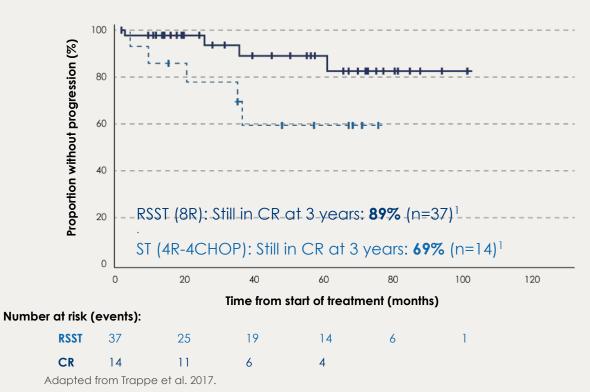
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eRSST, extended risk-stratified sequential treatment; PTLD, post-transplant lymphoproliferative disorder; RSST, risk-stratified sequential treatment; ST, sequential treatment.

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## Rituximab monotherapy consolidation is superior to CHOP-consolidation in low-risk patients<sup>1</sup>



#### **Proportion without progression**<sup>1</sup>

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#### Time to progression by study<sup>1,2</sup>

n=51 p<0.05

Low-risk patients, i.e. those in CR after four courses of rituximab

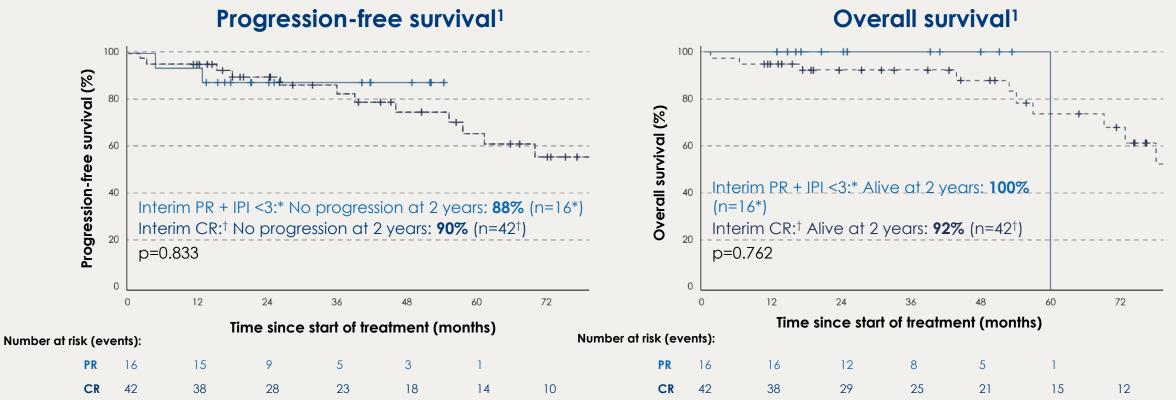
**RSST:** Benefit from continued rituximab monotherapy consolidation

ST: More than from CHOP consolidation



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# Rituximab monotherapy consolidation is also an option in low-risk interim PR patients



Graphs adapted from Zimmermann H, et al. 2022.

\* PTLD-2 trial.1

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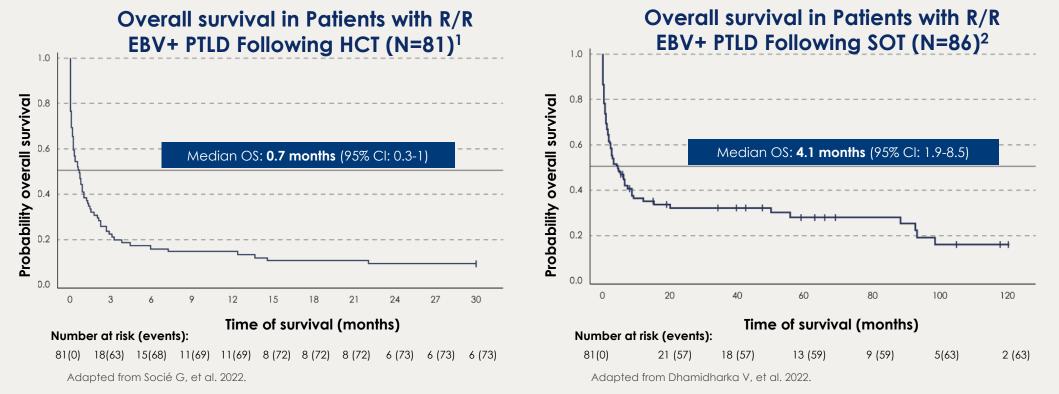
† Thirty-seven patients from PTLD-1 RSST; five patients from PTLD-2.1

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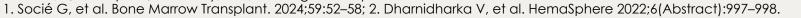
## **Outcomes of HCT and SOT recipients with** relapsed/refractory EBV+ PTLD

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A large multinational, multicenter\* retrospective chart review study of EBV+ PTLD patients following HCT or SOT who received rituximab or rituximab plus chemotherapy between January 2000–December 2018 and were refractory or relapsed at any point after such therapy.<sup>1,2</sup>

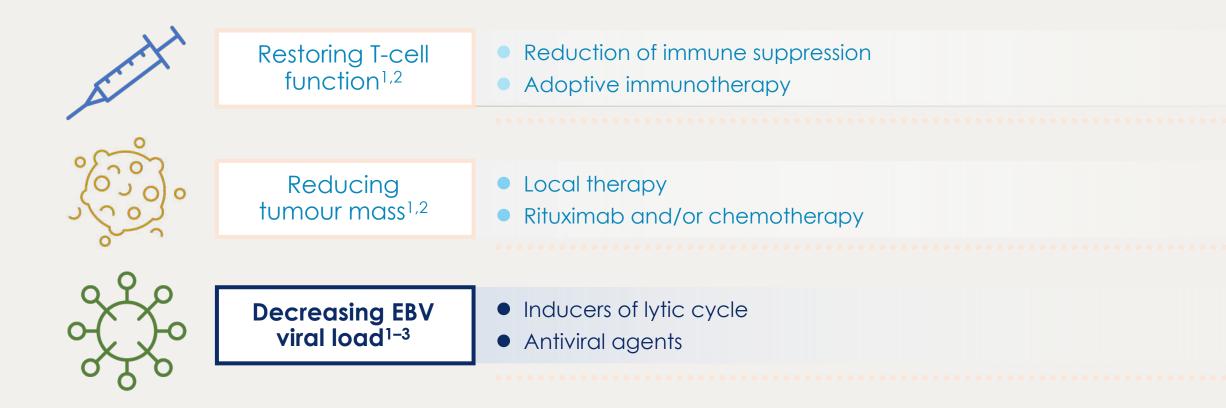


\* Data were collected from 29 centers across North America (United States and Canada) and the European Union.<sup>1,2</sup> EBV+, Epstein-Barr virus positive, GvHD, graft-versus-host disease; HCT, haematopoietic cell transplant; OS, overall survival; PTLD, post-transplant lymphoproliferative disorder; R/R, relapsed/refractory; SOT, solid organ transplantation.





# Current treatment options for EBV+ PTLD



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## Targeting EBV: Inducing the lytic cycle and anti-viral agents

EBV is predominantly latent in infected tumour cells, and should be re-sensitised to become susceptible to antivirals<sup>1,2</sup>



The use of antivirals and HDAC inhibitors in treatment of PTLD is

currently limited to investigational settings<sup>1</sup>

Latency III IMP2 PTLD EBNAS 2 3d HIV lymphoma LMP BARF-EBNA Latency II Hodakin LMP2 lymphoma NK-T lymphoma Some other NHLS EBNA1 Latency I Incubation **Burkitt** decitabine lymphoma Latency 0 Memory B ce Adapted from Heslop HE, et al. 2020.



BARF, bamh1-a reading frame; EBNA, Epstein-Barr nuclear antigen; EBV, Epstein-Barr virus; HDAC, histone deacetylase; HIV, human immunodeficiency virus; LMP, latent membrane protein; NHL, non-Hodgkin lymphoma; NK, natural killer; PTLD, post-transplant lymphoproliferative disorder. 1. Atallah-Yunes SA, et al. Br J Haematol. 2023;201:383–395; 2. Heslop HE. Blood. 2020;135:1822–1823; 3. Dugan JP, et al. Front Oncol. 2019;9:127.

#### Latency programmes<sup>2</sup>

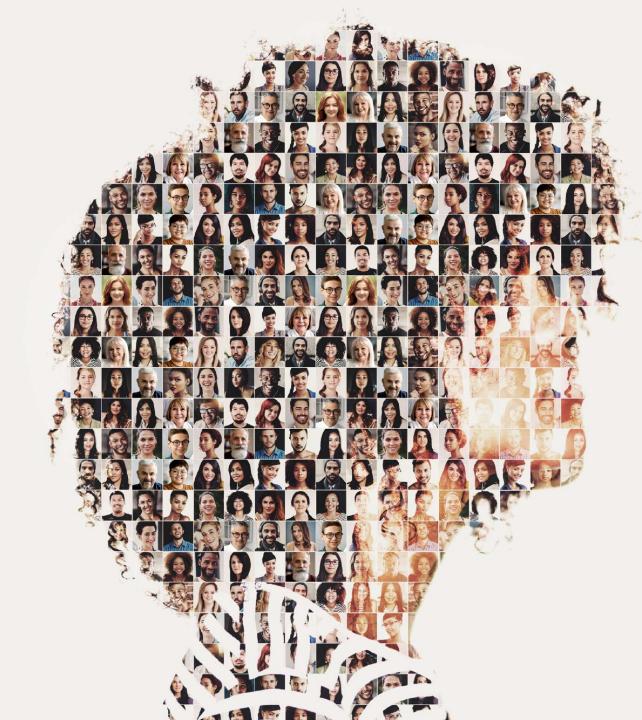
## The current face of EBV+ PTLD management

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Patients not responding Alternative treatment Some patients There are a options for patients with to 1L face poor experience inadequate range of EBV+ PTLD after failure outcomes response therapy options (**0.7m** mOS post-HCT and of initial therapy to these treatments<sup>2,3</sup> for treating EBV+ PTLD<sup>1</sup> 4.1m mOS post-SOT in R/R represent a significant EBV+ PTLD patients) unmet clinical need<sup>2</sup> and limited treatment options<sup>2,3</sup>

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### Changing the face of EBV+ PTLD management with EBVspecific T-cell immunotherapy: Outline

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CTL, cytotoxic T lymphocyte; EBV, Epstein–Barr virus; PTLD, post-transplant lymphoproliferative disorder.



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## **Current therapeutic strategies for treatment of EBV+ PTLD**

#### Restoring T-cell function<sup>1</sup>

- Reduction of
   immunosuppression
- Donor lymphocyte infusion
- EBV+ CTLs
- Checkpoint inhibitors
- CAR-Ts

#### Reduction of B-cell mass<sup>1</sup>

- Anti-CD20 antibodies
- Chemotherapy
- Surgery/radiation
- Anti-CD30 antibodies
- Bruton kinase inhibitors

#### Decreasing EBV viral load<sup>1</sup>

• Antivirals/HDAC inhibitors

T-cell control EBV+ B-cells

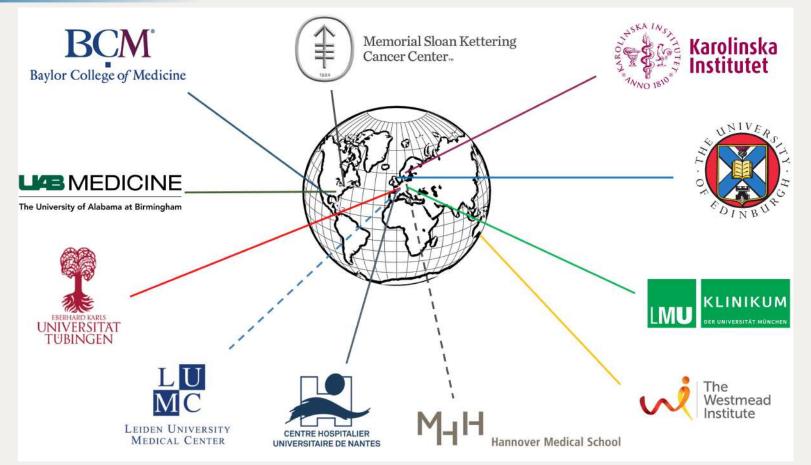
EBV+ B-Cells

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CAR-T, chimeric antigen receptor T-cell therapy; CD20/30, cluster of differentiation 20/30; CTL, cytotoxic T lymphocyte; EBV+, Epstein–Barr virus positive; HDAC, histone deacetylase; PTLD, post-transplant lymphoproliferative disorder. 1. Styczynski J, et al. Anti cancer Res. 2022;42(11):5181–5186.



#### Years of evidence on the efficacy and safety of virusspecific T-cell therapy<sup>1-11</sup>

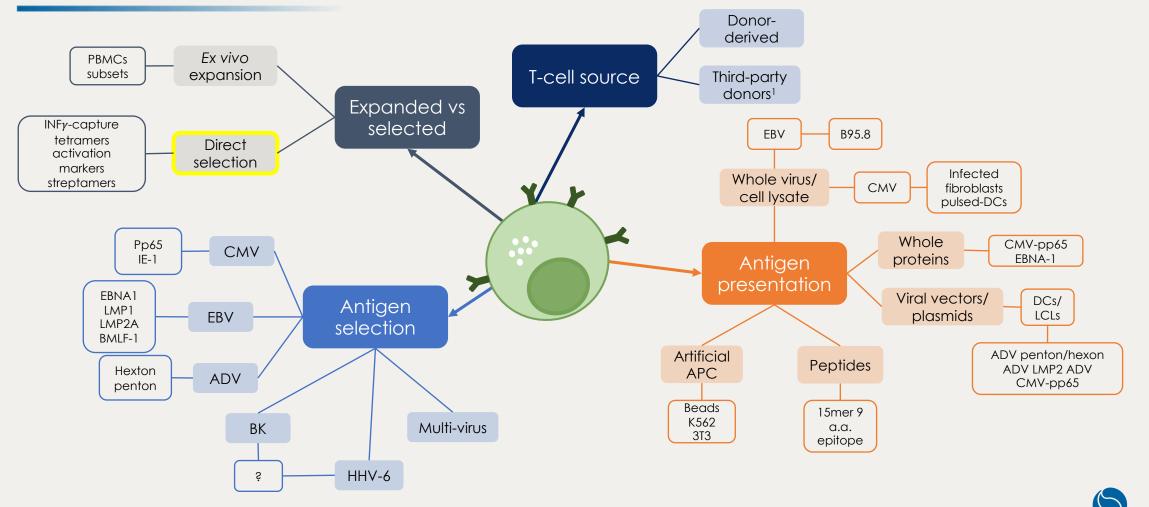


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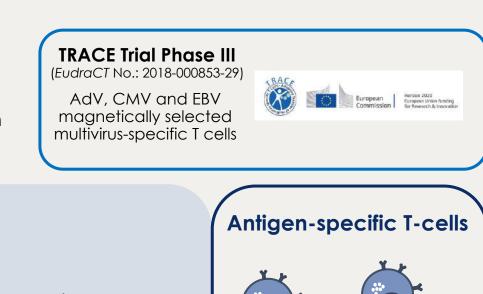
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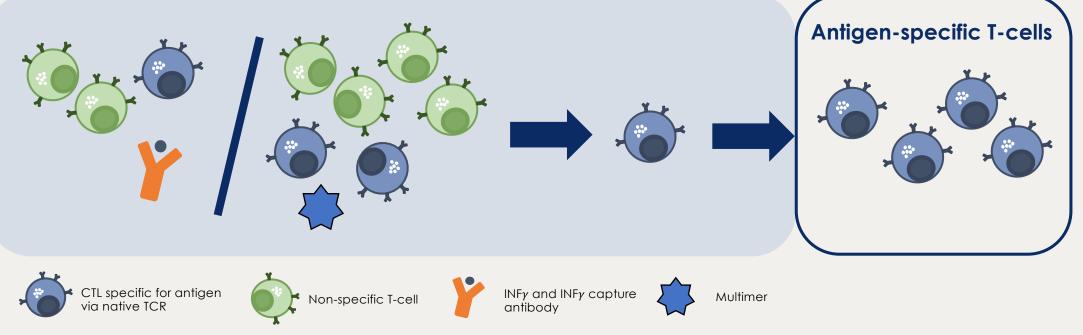


## Virus-Specific T-cells: Manufacturing strategies

#### Method A: Direct selection<sup>1</sup>

- Capture antibodies/multimers
- Bind and select out T-cells recognizing the relevant antigen

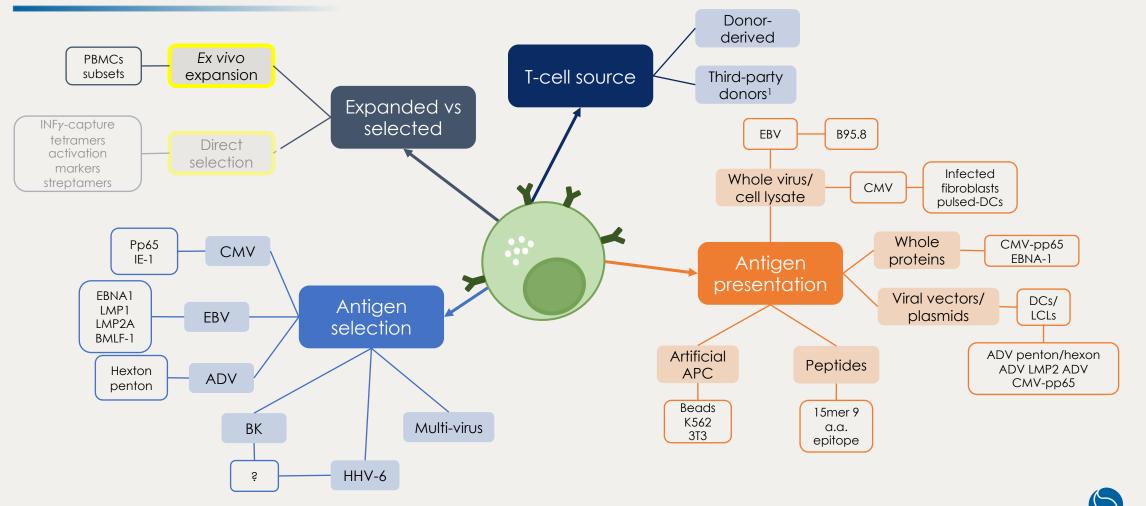




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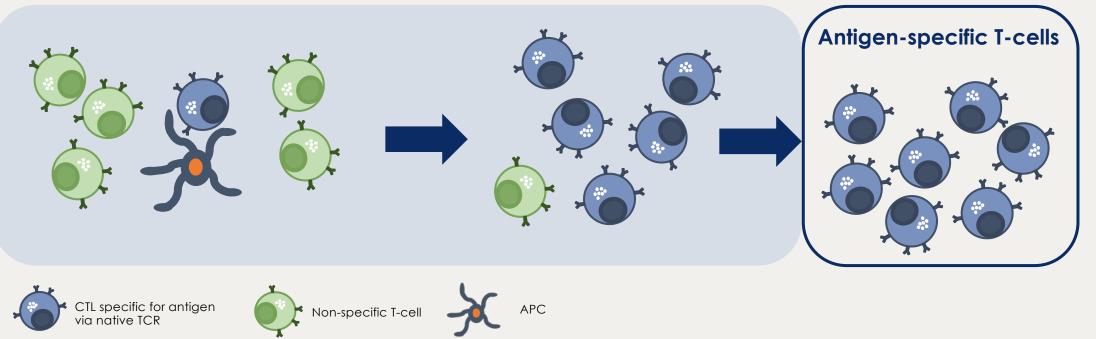
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#### Method B: Ex vivo expansion1

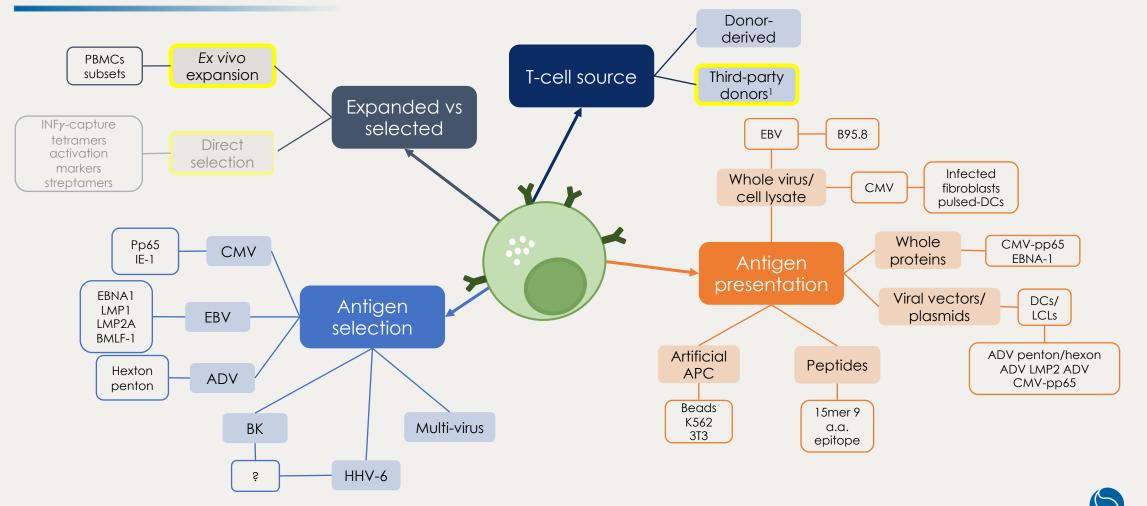
• APC only stimulates T-cell recognising antigen



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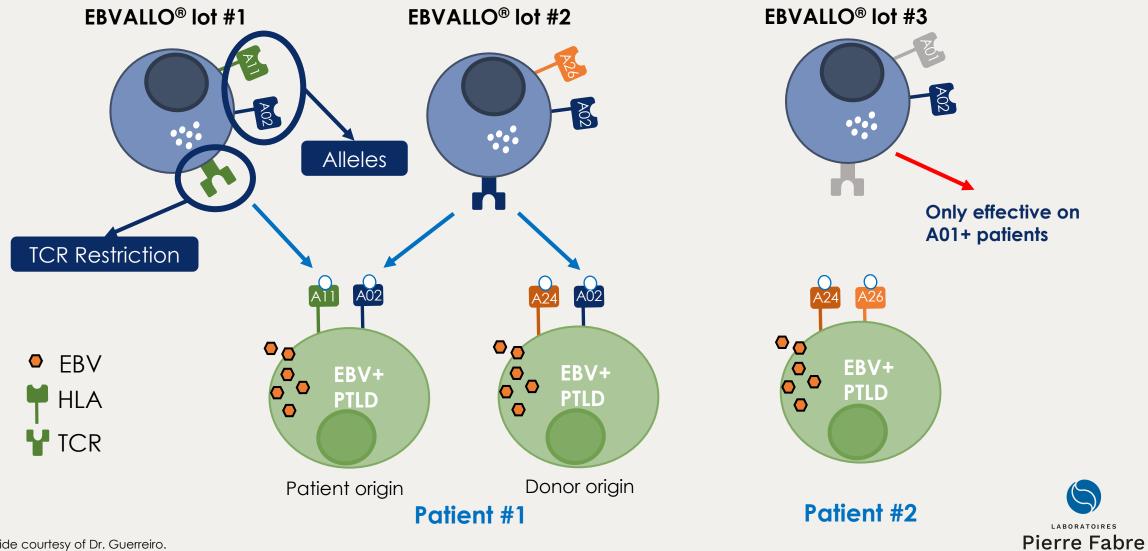
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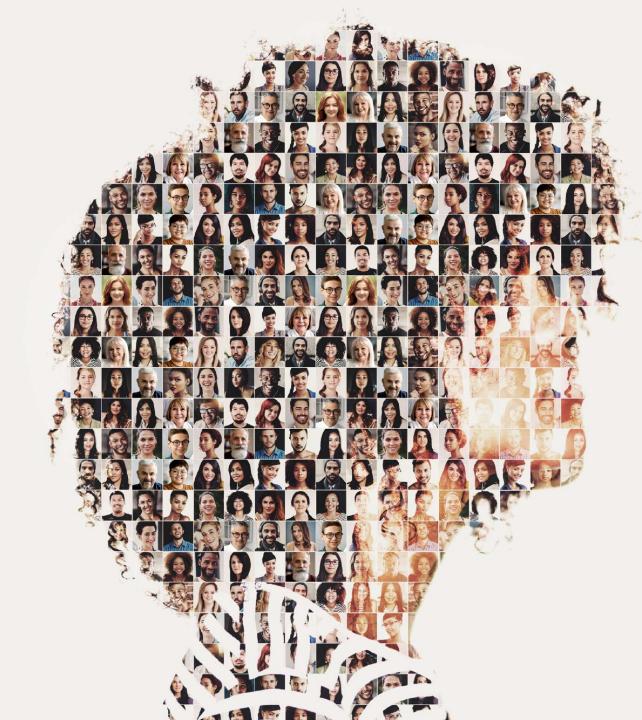
## Published experience: 3rd Party EBV CTLs

Center	Method of selection	Indication for CTLs	Prior therapy	N	HLA	Response
Alabama	EBV-BLCL-sensitised	SOT (EBV+ PTLD)	RT	1	4/6	1/1 (100%)
Sun, et al. 2002 <sup>1</sup>	EBV CTLs	SOT (EBV+FILD)	Rituximab + CT	1	6/6	1/1 (100%)
Edinburgh	EBV-BLCL-sensitised	HCT (EBV+ PTLD)	RIS ± rituximab ± other	2	2–5/6	2/2 (100%)
Haque, et al. 2007 <sup>2</sup>	EBV CTLs	SOT (EBV+ PTLD)	RIS ± rituximab ± other	31	2–5/6	19/31 (61%)
MSKCC	EBV-BLCL-sensitised	HCT (EBV+ PTLD)	Rituximab ± CT	2		2/2(1007)
Barker, et al. 2010 <sup>3</sup>	T-cell line			2	5/6, 4/6	2/2 (100%)
Baylor	Transduced multi-virus CTLs	HCT (EBV+ PTLD)	Rituximab	8	1–3/6	6/8 (75%)
Leen, et al. 2013 <sup>4</sup>	Indrisduced multi-virus CTES	HCT (viraemia)	Rituximab	1	1 HLA	0/1 (0%)
Aberdeen	EBV-BLCL-stimulated	HCT (EBV+ PTLD)	NA	6	≥3	4/6 (67%)
Vickers, et al. 2014 <sup>5</sup>	EBV CTLs	SOT (EBV+ PTLD)	NA	4	≥3	4/4 (100%)
Inserm	EBV-BLCL-sensitised	НСТ	Rituximab ± CT	6	≥2	3/6 (50%)
Gallot, et al. 2014 <sup>6</sup>	EBV CTLs	SOT	CT ± rituximab/RT	3	≥2	1/3 (33%)
Multi-centre	EBV-BLCL- and		Nene er ritu vinsels	10		0/10/7507)
Naik, et al. 2016 <sup>7</sup>	multi-virus-sensitised CTLs	HCT (EBV+ PTLD)	None or rituximab	12		9/12 (75%)
Baylor	Depatide atiggulated CTLs	HCT (EBV+ PTLD)	Antiviral therapy	1	3/8	1/1 (100%)
Tzannou, et al. 2017 <sup>8</sup>	Peptide-stimulated CTLs	HCT (viraemia)	None	2	5/8, 2/8	2/2 (100%)
Aberdeen	EBV-BLCL-stimulated		Dituying ob DIS	10		10/10 (1007)
Chiou, et al. 2018 <sup>9</sup>	EBV CTLs	SOT (EBV+ PTLD)	Rituximab RIS	10		10/10 (100%)
MSKCC	EBV-BLCL-sensitised	HCT (EBV+ PTLD)	Rituximab ± CT/RT	33	2–5/10	22/33 (67%)
Prockop, et al. 2020 <sup>10</sup>	T-cell line	SOT (EBV+ PTLD)	Rituximab ± CT/RT	13	2–4/10	7/13 (54%)
Germany	EBV-BLCL-sensitised	HCT (EBV+ PTLD)	CT or rituximab	25	At logat 2//	9/10 (90%)
Bonifacius et al. 2023 <sup>11</sup>	T-cell line	SOT (EBV+ PTLD)	CT ± rituximab	5	At least 3/6	4/5 (80%)

BLCL, EBV-transformed B-lymphoblastoid cell; CT, chemotherapy; CTL, cytotoxic T lymphocyte; EBV+, Epstein–Barr virus positive; HCT, haematopoietic cell transplantation; HLA, human leukocyte antigen; MSKCC, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center; NA, not available; PTLD, post-transplant lymphoproliferative disorder; RIS, reduction in immunosuppression; RT, radiotherapy; SOT, solid organ transplantation. 1. Sun Q, et al. Br J Haematol. 2002;118:799–808; 2. Haque T, et al. Blood. 2007;110:1123–1131; 3. Barker JN, et al. Blood. 2010;116:5045–5049; 4. Leen AM, et al.

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## **EBVALLO®** is an allogeneic T-cell immunotherapy approved for the treatment of relapsed/refractory EBV+ PTLD<sup>1,2</sup>

#### EBVALLO® (tabelecleucel) is indicated:<sup>1</sup>

As monotherapy for the treatment of adult and paediatric patients 2 years of age and older with relapsed or refractory EBV+ PTLD who have received at least one prior therapy

For SOT patients, prior therapy includes chemotherapy unless chemotherapy is inappropriate

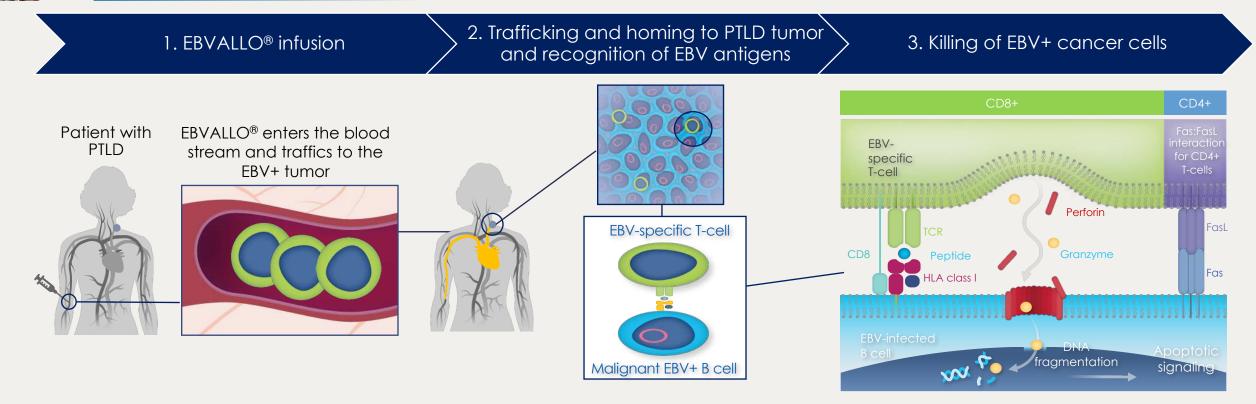
- EBVALLO® is licensed in Europe, including the UK and Switzerland in the outlined indication<sup>1-3</sup>
- The EBVALLO<sup>®</sup> license has been granted conditional upon the generation and submission to regulatory authorities of further data<sup>1</sup>
  - An observational, real-world Post-Authorisation Safety Study (PASS) called EBVOLVE is underway, data will be submitted to the EMA's Pharmacovigilance Risk Assessment Committee (PRAC) upon completion<sup>1</sup>

Please consult your local Summary of Product Characteristics before prescribing EBVALLO<sup>®</sup> EBV+, Epstein-Barr virus positive; PTLD, post-transplant lymphoproliferative disorder; SOT, solid organ transplant. 1. EBVALLO<sup>®</sup> (tabelecleucel) EU Summary of Product Characteristics; 2. EBVALLO<sup>®</sup> (tabelecleucel) UK Summary of Product Characteristics; 3. EBVALLO<sup>®</sup> (tabelecleucel) CH Summary of Product Characteristics.





## EBVALLO<sup>®</sup> is an allogeneic, EBV-specific T-cell immunotherapy which targets and eliminates EBVinfected cells in an HLA-restricted manner<sup>1,2</sup>



Adapted from EBVALLO® (tabelecleucel) Summary of Product Characteristics.

CD4/8, cluster of differentiation 4/8; DNA, deoxynucleic acid; EBV, Epstein-Barr virus; FasL, Fas ligand; HLA, human leukocyte antigen; PTLD, post-transplant lymphoproliferative disease; TCR, T-cell receptor.

1. EBVALLO® (tabelecleucel) EU Summary of Product Characteristics. 2. Prockop S, et al. Biol Blood Marrow Transplant. 2018:24(3\_suppl):S41-S42.



## EBVALLO<sup>®</sup> is readily available, stored in a biobank, and can be delivered to patients rapidly<sup>1</sup>

EBVALLO<sup>®</sup> is manufactured from healthy EBV+ donors with diverse HLA profiles to produce EBVALLO<sup>®</sup> is specifically selected for each patient, based on the patient's disease HLA profile, and directly shipped to hospital expanded CTL lots that are characterised by EBV-specific cytotoxicity & HLA restriction Lot selection **On-site** Manufacturing Biobank and Order deliverv PBMCs Donor T-cells Co-culture Expansion of Comprehensive anti-EBV CTLs collected of EBVcharacterisation • So Cell Therapy from EBV+ infected APCs and Tdonor cells  $\mathbf{O}$ Shipping 150°C Storage FBVALLO<sup>®</sup> lot matching Enter patient's patient's Patient characteristics requirement Including HLA **EBV-infected** in need restriction and order FBVALLO® can be delivered donor B-cells EBVALLO<sup>®</sup> is stored and allogenicity on a dedicated rapidly within functionina and ready for dispatch and secure as APCs a few days online platform when required from the order No genetic modification of T-cells



APC, antigen presenting cell; CTL, cytotoxic T cell; EBV, Epstein-Barr virus; EBV+, Epstein Barr virus positive; HLA, human leukocyte antigen; PBMC, peripheral blood mononuclear cell. **Pierre Fabre** 

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Targets and eliminates **EBV-infected cells** in an HLA-restricted manner



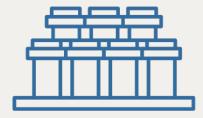
Allogeneic: expanded from healthy EBV+ donors with diverse HLA profiles



No genetic modification of T-cells



**Comprehensively characterised** including HLA restriction and allogenicity



Stocked in a **biobank** and is readily available for delivery



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### Changing the face of EBV+ PTLD management with EBVspecific T-cell immunotherapy: ALLELE study

#### Introduction to thirdparty anti-viral CTLs

• Outline

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- Evidence
- Strategies
- HLA restriction

#### **EBVALLO®** (tabelecleucel)

- Product overview
- Mechanism of action
- Manufacturing
- Inventory / cell line selection

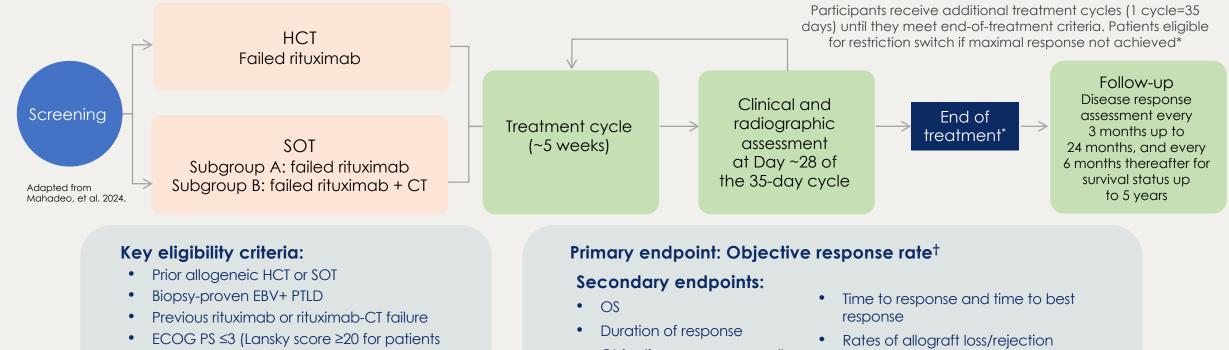
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- Study design and patient characteristics
- Efficacy data (primary and key secondary endpoints)
- Safety



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#### **B ALLELE:** A global, multicentre, open-label Phase 3 study of EBVALLO<sup>®</sup> after failure of rituximab ± chemotherapy in patients with EBV+ PTLD following HCT or SOT<sup>1</sup>



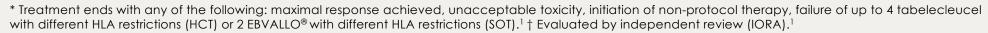
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- Objective response overall
- Overall PR and CR rates
- episodes (SOT)

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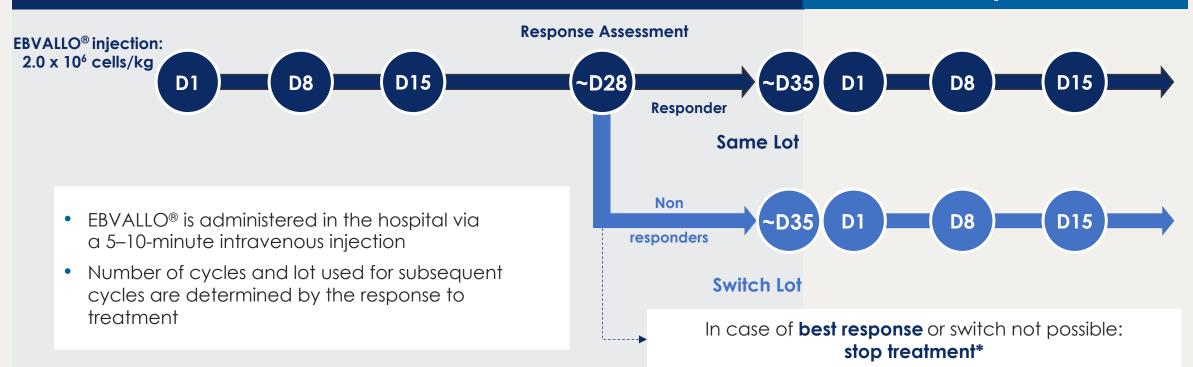


DNA; deoxyribonucleic acid; CNS, central nervous system; CR, complete response; CT, chemotherapy; ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group Performance Status; EBV+, Epstein-Barr virus positive; GvHD, graft-versus-host disease; HCT, haematopoietic cell transplantation; IV, intravenous; OS, overall survival; PR, partial response; PTLD, post-transplant lymphoproliferative disorder; SOT, solid organ transplantation. 1. Mahadeo, K.M. et al. Lancet Oncol. 2024;25(3):376-387.

## **EBVALLO<sup>®</sup> administration schedule<sup>1</sup>**

#### One cycle = 35 days

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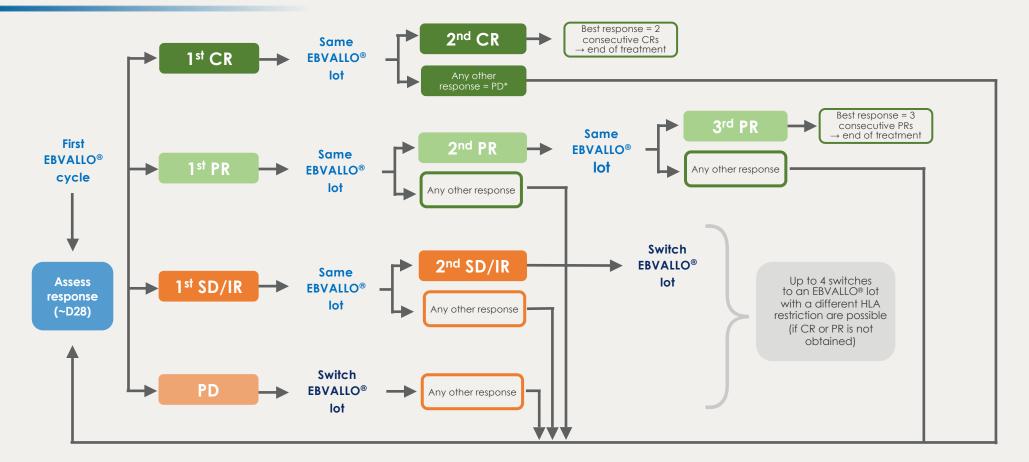
• Best response: two consecutive CRs or three consecutive PRs. Up to 4 switches to a lot with a different HLA restriction (if available) are possible if CR or PR is not obtained<sup>1</sup>

Please refer to the EBVALLO<sup>®</sup> Summary of Product Characteristics before prescribing this medication<sup>1</sup> CR, complete response; HLA, human leukocyte antigen; PR, partial response. 1. EBVALLO<sup>®</sup> (tabelecleucel) EU Summary of Product Characteristics.



Next cycle

## The number of cycles of EBVALLO<sup>®</sup> is determined by response to treatment<sup>1</sup>



\*CR at the end of a cycle followed by PR or other response at any subsequent cycle is considered PD.<sup>1</sup>

CR, complete response; HLA, human leukocyte antigen; IR, indeterminate response; MoA, mechanism of action; PD, progressive disease; PR, partial response; PTLD, post-transplant lymphoproliferative disease; SD, stable disease.



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## **ALLELE: Demographics and baseline patient characteristics**

	Be	aseline patient characteristic	CS <sup>1,2</sup>
	HCT (n=14)	SOT (n=29)	All (n=43)
Median age, years (range)	51.9 (3.2–73.2)	44.4 (6.1–81.5)	48.5 (3.2–81.5)
Male, n (%)	8 (57.1)	16 (55.2)	24 (55.8)
ECOG score (age ≥16 years)*			
n	13	27	40
ECOG <2, n (%)	10 (76.9)	18 (66.7)	28 (70.0)
ECOG ≥2, n (%)	3 (23.1)	8 (29.6)	11 (27.5)
Missing, n (%)	0	1 (3.7)	1 (2.5)
PLTD-adapted prognostic index (age ≥16 years)†			
Low risk (%)	1 (7.7)	2 (7.4)	3 (7.5)
Intermediate risk (%)	6 (46.2)	13 (48.1)	19 (47.5)
High risk (%)	6 (46.2)	11 (40.7)	17 (42.5)
Unknown risk (%)	0	1 (3.7)	1 (2.5)

\* Percentages for ECOG were based on the number of patients in the corresponding age group.<sup>1</sup>

† Disease risk for PTLD patients was assessed at baseline using the PTLD-adapted prognostic index (based on age, ECOG score and serum LDH level).<sup>2</sup>

Adapted from EBVALLO<sup>®</sup> EPAR 2022.

Data cut-off date: Nov 5, 2021.

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ECOG, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group; HCT, haematopoietic cell transplantation; LDH, lactate dehydrogenase; PTLD, post-transplant lymphoproliferative disorder; SOT, solid organ transplantation.

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## **ALLELE: Demographics and baseline patient characteristics**

		Baseline patient characteri	stics <sup>1,2</sup>
	HCT (n=14)	SOT (n=29)	All (n=43)
Disease morphology and histology			
Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma (%)	10 (71.4)	19 (65.5)	29 (67.4)
Other (%)	3 (21.4)	8 (27.6)	11 (25.6)
Plasmablastic lymphoma (%)	1 (7.1)	2 (6.9)	3 (7.0)
Extra nodal disease (%)	9 (64.3)	24 (82.8)	33 (76.7)
Prior therapies			
Median no. of prior systemic therapies (range)	1.0 (1–4)	1.0 (1–5)	1.0 (1–5)
Ritixumab monotherapy, n (%)	14 (100)	23 (79.3)	37 (86.0)
Ritixumab monotherapy as 1L, n (%)	14 (100)	22 (75.9)	36 (83.7)
Chemotherapy-containing regimen,* n (%)	3 (21.4)	16 (55.2)	19 (44.2)

\* Chemotherapy regimens could have also been combined with rituximab or other immunotherapy agents.

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43 patients (14 HCT, 29 SOT recipients) received at least one dose of study treatment and were included in the analysis<sup>2</sup>



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## **ALLELE: Treatment information<sup>1</sup>**

	HCT	SOT	All
	(n=14)	(n=29)	(N=43)
Median time from transplant to EBV+ PTLD	4.3 months	13.2 months	-
diagnosis (range)	(3.2–7.8)	(7.2–103.2)	
Median time from initial EBV+ PTLD diagnosis to first administration of EBVALLO <sup>®</sup> (range)	1.2 months	6.6 months	4.0 months
	(0.8–3.0)	(3.5–13.0)	(2.2–8.6)
Median cycles of EBVALLO® (range)	3.0 (2.0–4.0)	2.0 (1.0–3.0)	2.0 (1.0–4.0)
Median number of doses administered (range)	9.0 (6–12)	6.0 (3.0–9.0)	6.0 (3.0–12.0)
Median treatment duration (range)	2.8 months	1.9 months	2.1 months
	(1.9–4.3)	(0.5–3.4)	(0.5–3.9)



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	HCT (n=14)	SOT (n=29)	All (N=43)
Responders, n (%)	7 (50)	15 (52)	22 (51)
95% CI	23–77	33–71	36–67
Best overall response, n (%)			
Complete response	6 (43)	6 (21)	12 (28)
Partial response	1 (7)	9 (31)	10 (23)
Stable disease	3 (21)	2 (7)	5 (12)
Progressive disease	2 (14)	7 (24)	9 (21)
Not evaluable	2 (14)	5 (17)	7 (16)
Median time to response, months (IQR)*	1.0 (1.0–1.0)	1.1 (1.0-3.0)	1.0 (1.0-2.1)
Median duration of response, months (95% CI)*,†	23.0 (15.9 – NE)	15.2 (1.2, NE)	23.0 (6.8, NE)

\* Secondary endpoints.<sup>1</sup>

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† Median duration of response was estimated by the Kaplan-Meier method.<sup>1</sup>

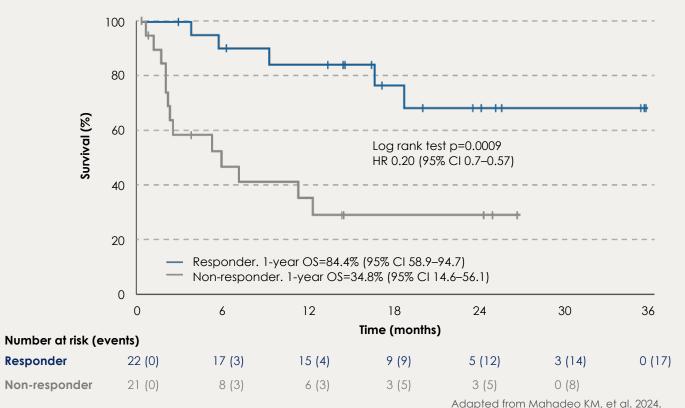


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CI, confidence interval; IQR, interquartile range; HCT, haematopoietic cell transplant; NE, not estimable; SOT, solid organ transplantation. 1. Mahadeo KM, et al. Lancet Oncol. 2024;25(3):376–387.

## ALLELE: Patients responding to EBVALLO<sup>®</sup> had a longer overall survival than non-responders<sup>1</sup>

Kaplan–Meier curve of overall survival in patients with EBV+ PTLD post-HCT and SOT who received EBVALLO<sup>®1</sup>



EBVALLO<sup>®</sup> had higher 1-year overall survival rate compared with non-responders (84.4% vs. 34.8%)<sup>1</sup>

Patients responding to

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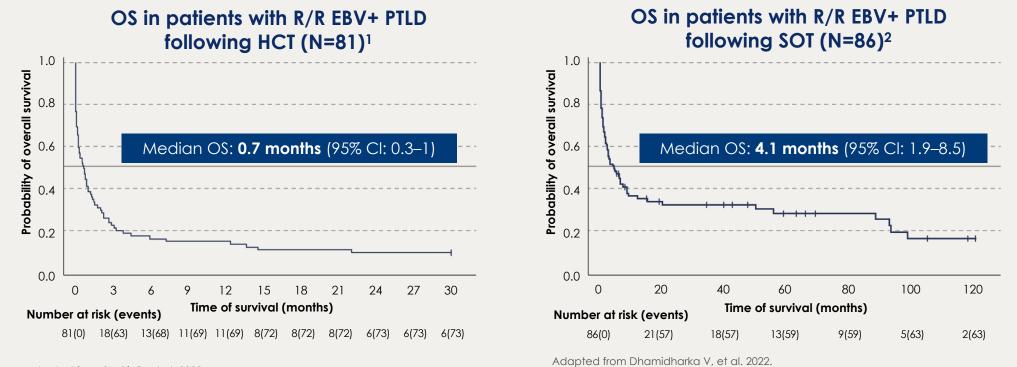
Response assessed per Lugano Classification with LYRIC modification by IORA. OS was estimated by the KM method. CI, confidence interval; EBV+, Epstein–Barr virus positive; HCT, haematopoietic cell transplant; OS, overall survival; PTLD, post-transplant lymphoproliferative disorder; SOT, solid organ transplantation.

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## The prognosis for HCT and SOT recipients with R/R EBV+ PTLD was previously poor

 A large multinational, multicentre\* retrospective chart review study of EBV+ PTLD patients following HCT or SOT who received rituximab or rituximab plus chemotherapy between January 2000–December 2018 and were refractory or relapsed at any point after such therapy<sup>1,2</sup>



Adapted from Socié G, et al. 2022.

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\*Data were collected from 29 centres across North America (United States and Canada) and the European Union.<sup>1,2</sup> CI, confidence interval; EBV+, Epstein-Barr virus positive, GvHD, graft vs host disease; HCT, haematopoietic cell transplant; OS, overall survival; PTLD, posttransplant lymphoproliferative disorder; R/R, relapsed/refractory; SOT, solid organ transplantation. 1. Socié G, et al. Bone Marrow Transplant. 2024;59:52–58; 2. Dharnidharka V, et al. HemaSphere. 2022;6(Abstract):997–998.



## ALLELE: EBVALLO<sup>®</sup> was generally well tolerated in R/R EBV+ PTLD patients<sup>1</sup>

Event type, n (%)	HCT (n=14)	SOT (n=29)	All (N=43)
Any TESAEs*	8 (57.1)	15 (51.7)	23 (53.5)
Grade ≥3 TESAEs	8 (57.1)	15 (51.7)	23 (53.5)
Fatal TESAEs**	1 (7.1)	4 (13.8)	5 (11.6)

\* TEAEs are events that occurred from start of EBVALLO® to 30 days after the last dose or treatment-related events that occurred on or after the first dose of EBVALLO®.<sup>1</sup>

\*\* Fatal TESAEs were disease progression (n=3), respiratory failure (n=1), multiple organ dysfunction syndrome (n=1).<sup>1</sup>

Treatment-related event type, n (%)	All (N=43)
Treatment-related serious AEs	4 (9.3)
Grade ≥3 treatment-related serious AEs	2 (4.7)
Treatment-related serious AEs that led to treatment discontinuation	0 (0)

- None of the five fatal TEAEs were related to EBVALLO®
- There was no trend in treatment-related TESAEs, as all except for pyrexia were reported in single patients
- There were no reports of tumour flare reaction, infusion-related reaction, cytokine release syndrome, marrow rejection, or transmission of infectious disease
- There were no events of GvHD or organ rejection reported as related to EBVALLO®

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For a full list of adverse events please consult your local EBVALLO® Summary of Product Characteristics.

EBV+, Epstein–Barr virus positive; GvHD, graft vs host disease; HCT, haemopoietic cell transplantation; PTLD, post-transplant lymphoproliferative disorder; R/R: relapsed/refractory;

SOT, solid organ transplantation; TEAE, treatment-emergent adverse event; TESAE, treatment-emergent serious adverse event. 1. Mahadeo KM, et al. Lancet Oncol. 2024;25(3):376–387.



## ALLELE: No evidence of safety concerns seen with other adoptive T-cell therapies<sup>1</sup>

Event Category, n (%)	HCT (n = 14)	SOT (n = 29)	All (n = 43)
atients reporting any AEs of identified or potential risk	1 (7.1)	1 (3.4)	2 (4.7)
Patients reporting any AEs of special interest	1 (7.1)	0	1 (2.3)
Tumor flare reaction	0	0	0
Any GvHD	1 (7.1)	0	1 (2.3)
Acute GvHD	0	0	0
Chronic GvHD*	1 (7.1)	0	1 (2.3)
Unknown acute or chronic	0	0	0
Infusion-related reaction	0	0	0
Cytokine release syndrome	0	0	0
Transmission of infectious disease	0	0	0
Marrow or organ rejection	0	1 (3.4)	1 (2.3)
Solid organ transplant rejection	0	1 (3.4)	1 (2.3)
Immune effector cell-associated neurotoxicity syndrome	0	0	0
Immunogenicity	0	0	0
Decrease in cell viability due to inappropriate handling of the product	0	0	0

#### None of the events were considered by the investigator to be related to EBVALLO®

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AE, adverse events; HCT, haematopoietic cell transplant; GvHD, graft vs host disease; SOT, solid organ transplantation.

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## ALLELE key takeaways: A potentially transformative treatment for patients with R/R EBV+ PTLD<sup>1</sup>

The EBVALLO<sup>®</sup> Phase 3 ALLELE study demonstrated:<sup>1</sup>

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- Overall response rate of 51% among all patients, with a best overall response of complete response (28%) or partial response (23%)<sup>1</sup>
- Median time to response of 1.0 month; median duration of response was not reached<sup>1</sup>
- Estimated median OS of 18.4 months among all patients, and patients responding to EBVALLO<sup>®</sup> had a longer survival compared with non-responders (OS rate at 1 year: 84.4% vs 34.8%)<sup>1</sup>
- The most common TEAEs of any grade were disease progression (36% HCT; 55% SOT; 49% total), pyrexia (36% HCT; 28% SOT; 30% total), and diarrhoea (29% HCT; 28% SOT; 28% total)<sup>1</sup>
- TESAEs were reported in 53% of patients and fatal TEAEs in 12%; no fatal TEAE was treatment-related<sup>1</sup>
  - In the ALLELE study there were no reports of tumour flare reaction, infusion reactions, marrow rejection, or cytokine release syndrome<sup>1</sup>



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## Changing the face of EBV+ PTLD with EBV-specific T-cell immunotherapy



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The prognosis for HCT and SOT recipients with R/R EBV+ PTLD was previously poor<sup>1,2</sup> **EBVALLO®** is now approved, available on demand and can be delivered to patients rapidly<sup>3</sup> ORR was 51% among all patients in the Phase 3 ALLELE study<sup>4</sup>

Patients responding to EBVALLO<sup>®</sup> had a **longer overall survival** vs. nonresponders (1-year OS rate of **84.4%** vs. 34.8% respectively)<sup>4</sup> There has been **no** evidence of the safety concerns seen with other adoptive T-cell therapies relevant to this population with EBVALLO<sup>®4\*</sup>

For a full list of adverse events please consult your local EBVALLO<sup>®</sup> Summary of Product Characteristics \*No reports of graft-versus-host disease, graft rejection, cytokine release syndrome, or neurotoxicity. EBV+, Epstein-Barr virus positive; HLA, human leukocyte antigen; PTLD, post-transplant lymphoproliferative disorder; SOT, solid organ transplant. 1. Socié G, et al. Bone Marrow Transplant. 2024;59:52–58; 2. Dharnidharka V, et al. HemaSphere. 2022;6(Abstract):997–998; 3. EBVALLO<sup>®</sup> (tabelecleucel) EU Summary of Product Characteristics; 4. Mahadeo KM, et al. Lancet Oncol. 2024;25(3):376–387;



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