

BRENTUXIMAB VEDOTIN, NIVOLUMAB, DOXORUBICIN, AND DACARBAZINE FOR EARLY-STAGE CLASSICAL HODGKIN LYMPHOMA (SGN35-027 PART C)

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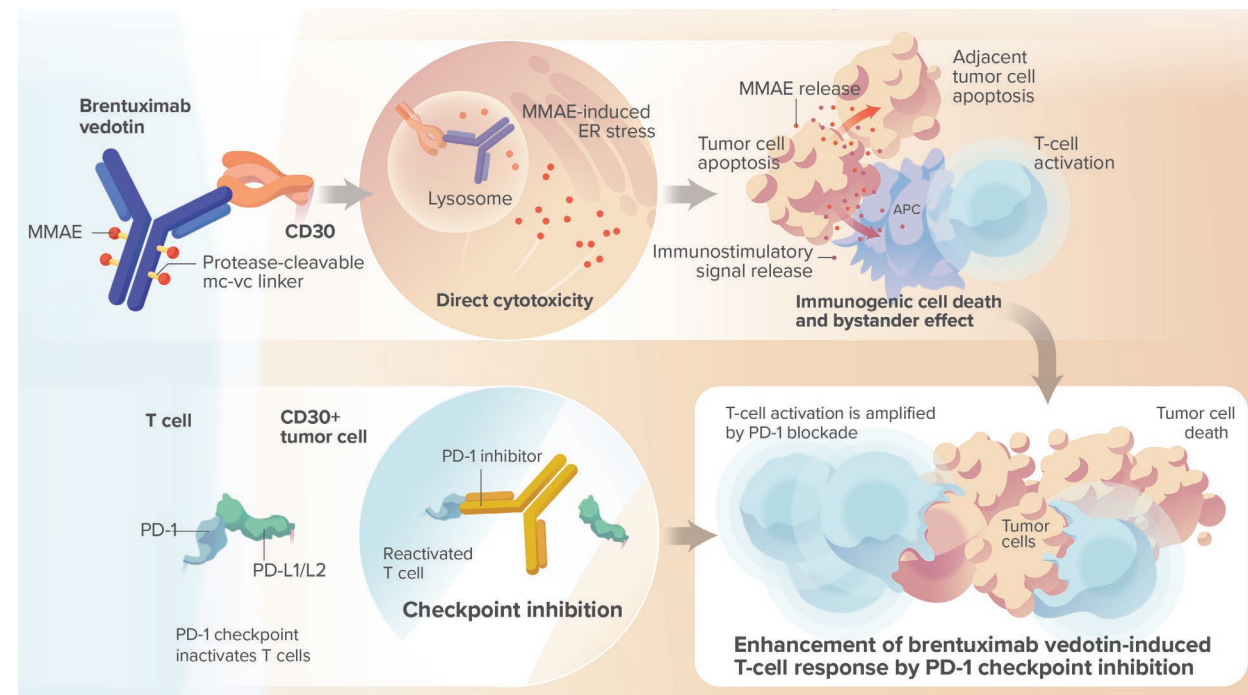
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Background

- Brentuximab vedotin (BV) is an antibody-drug conjugate approved for untreated stage III or IV classical Hodgkin Lymphoma (cHL), in combination with doxorubicin, vinblastine, and dacarbazine (A+AVD)
- A+AVD has improved overall survival in advanced stage cHL; however, the regimen is associated with increased neuropathy and neutropenia related to overlap of BV with vinblastine¹⁻⁴
- In earlier studies, BV+nivolumab was well tolerated with promising efficacy⁵⁻⁶
- It is hypothesized that BV with nivolumab combined with AD (AN+AD) may result in high response rates and a tolerable safety profile, with less toxicity compared with vinblastine-containing regimens

Here, the efficacy and safety results from Part C of this Phase 2 study of patients with early-stage cHL treated with AN+AD are presented



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Study Design

NCT03646123 | Active, not recruiting

i Patient Population

Previously untreated advanced (Parts A and B) or early stage (Part C) cHL

Treatment Arms

Part A: Brentuximab vedotin + AVD | up to 6 cycles

Part B: Brentuximab vedotin with nivolumab + AD | up to 6 cycles

Part C: Brentuximab vedotin with nivolumab + AD | 4 cycles

Primary Endpoint

Part A: Rate of febrile neutropenia
Parts B and C: CR rate at EOT

Key Secondary Endpoint

Part A: PFS
Parts B and C: ORR, DOR, DOCR, PFS

- SGN35-027 is an open-label, multiple part, multicenter, phase 2 trial
- Part C enrolled patients with stage I/II cHL, without bulky mediastinal disease (<10 cm)
- Patients received 4 cycles of AN+AD (BV 1.2 mg/kg, nivolumab 240 mg, doxorubicin 25 mg/m², and dacarbazine 375 mg/m²)
- Response assessments were taken at Cycle 2 and EOT, including PET and diagnostic-quality CT
 - CR rate at EOT assessed per Lugano⁸ with incorporation of LYRIC⁹
- Plasma samples (baseline, C2D1, C4D1, and EOT) from 20 patients were submitted to Foresight Diagnostics for circulating tumor DNA (ctDNA) measurement using PhasED-Seq, an ultrasensitive minimal residual disease (MRD) assay for B-cell lymphomas

Data Cut-off: 05 SEP 2023

⁸Cheson, BD. J Clin Oncol. 2014;32:3058-68, ⁹Cheson, BD. Blood. 2016;128:2489-96

Patient Disposition, Demographics, and Disease Characteristics

Most patients had stage IIa disease, and 94% completed intended therapy of 4 cycles

Summary of Disposition, n (%)	Part C N = 156
Patients who received ≥1 dose	154 (99)
Patients on treatment	0
Patients off treatment	154 (99)
Patients in long-term follow-up	143 (92)
Reasons for treatment discontinuation^a	
Completed treatment	147 (94)
Progressive disease	0
Adverse event ^b	4 (3)
Investigator decision	1 (1)
Patient decision, non-adverse event	2 (1)
Patients off study	13 (8)

Patient Demographics and Disease Characteristics	Part C N = 154
Age, median years (range)	31 (18, 77)
Sex, Female, n (%)	84 (55)
Race, White, n (%)	129 (84)
Disease stage at initial diagnosis, n (%)	
I	17 (11)
II	137 (89)
Extranodal disease present, n (%)	15 (10)
B symptoms present at initial diagnosis, n (%)	35 (23)

^aTreatment discontinuation includes all study drugs

^bAdverse events leading to discontinuation: grade 3 alanine aminotransferase increase, grade 3 hepatitis, grade 4 drug-induced liver injury, grade 3 acute pancreatitis

Antitumor Activity

95% of patients experienced a response of CR or PR at EOT; 91% had a CR

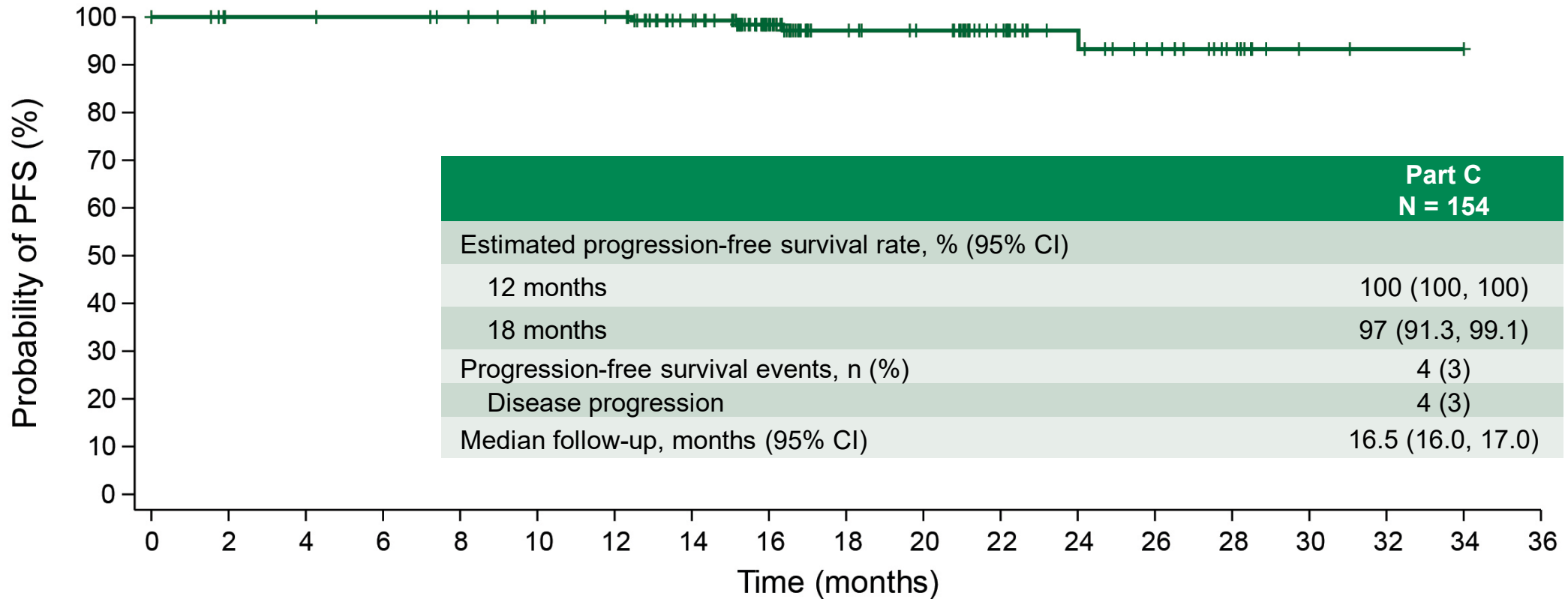
Overall Response at EOT per Investigator, n (%)	All treated patients N = 154	Efficacy evaluable patients N = 150 ^a
Objective response rate (complete + partial response)	147 (95)	147 (98)
95% CI	(90.9, 98.2)	(94.3, 99.6)
Complete response	140 (91)	140 (93)
95% CI	(85.2, 94.9)	(88.1, 96.8)
Partial response	7 (5)	7 (5)
Stable disease	0	0
Progressive disease	0	0
Indeterminate response ^b	3 (2)	3 (2)
Not evaluable	4 (3)	0

^aEfficacy evaluable includes patients who completed EOT response assessments

^b1 patient achieved CR in long-term follow-up, 1 patient achieved partial response in long-term follow-up, 1 patient complete metabolic response at C2 and remained indeterminate response-2 through long-term follow-up

- Best response of CR at any time point on treatment or in long-term follow up was 99% (153/154) in all treated patients
- 99% (N=154) (95% CI, 95.0, 99.9) of patients had a **duration of response** beyond 12 months
- 98% (N=153) (95% CI, 93.7, 99.6) of patients had a **duration of complete response** beyond 12 months

Progression-free Survival

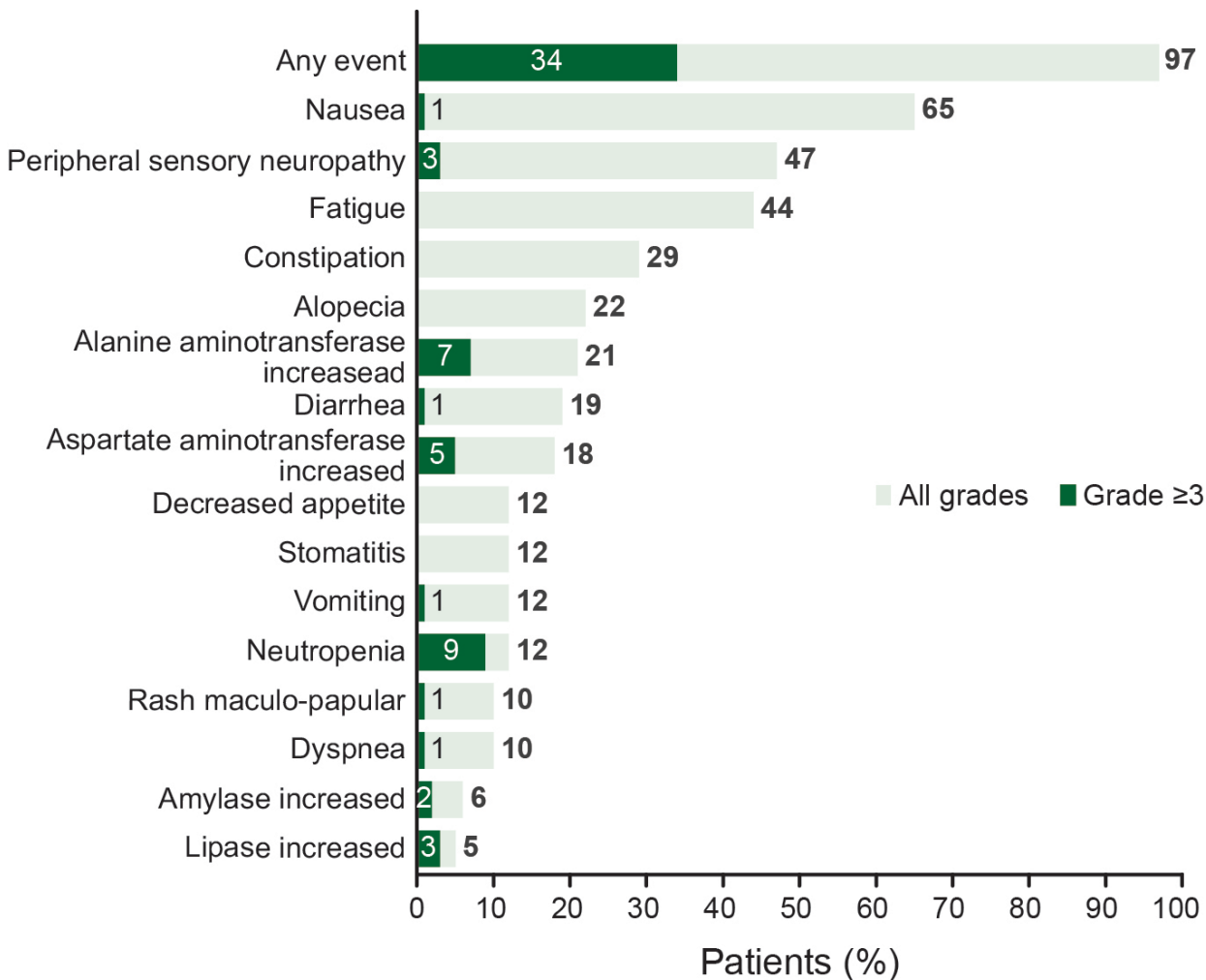


N at risk (events)

Part C 154(0) 150(0) 150(0) 149(0) 147(0) 142(0) 140(0) 124(1) 90(2) 60(3) 55(3) 38(3) 25(3) 18(4) 10(4) 2(4) 1(4) 1(4) 0(4)

Summary of Adverse Events

Most Common Treatment-related TEAEs



≥10% of patients (all grades) or ≥2% of patients with grade ≥3

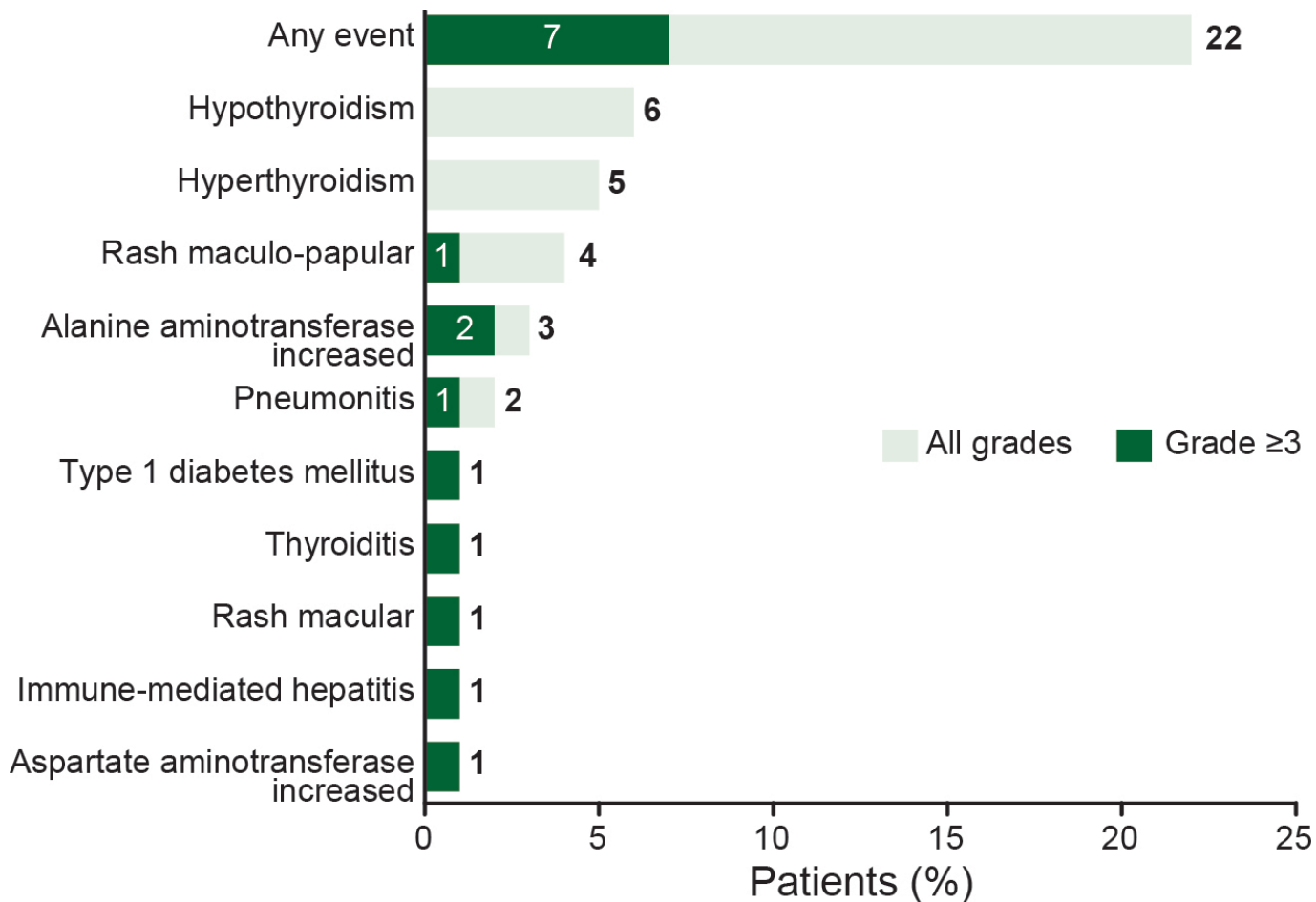
Treatment-Emergent Adverse Events (TEAEs)

- No events of febrile neutropenia were reported
 - 67/154 (44%) received G-CSF during treatment, most of which (63/67, 94%) were given as primary prophylaxis
 - G-CSF was not required per protocol
- Peripheral neuropathy^a (PN) occurred in 86/154 (56%); PN was primarily low grade
 - Grades 1 and 2: 69/154 (45%) and 12/154 (8%), respectively
 - Grade 3: 5/154 (3%)
 - 33/86 (38%) had complete resolution and 5/86 (6%) with improvement of at least one grade at last follow-up. All ongoing PN is ≤ Grade 2
- No grade 5 adverse events were reported
- 4/154 (3%) had TEAEs leading to the discontinuation of BV:
 - PN (n=2), pneumonitis (n=1), drug-induced liver injury (n=1)
- 13/154 (8%) had TEAEs leading to the discontinuation of nivolumab. The most common reason was increased LFTs (n=6)

^aEvents include MedDRA SMQ peripheral neuropathy terms

Immune-mediated Adverse Events

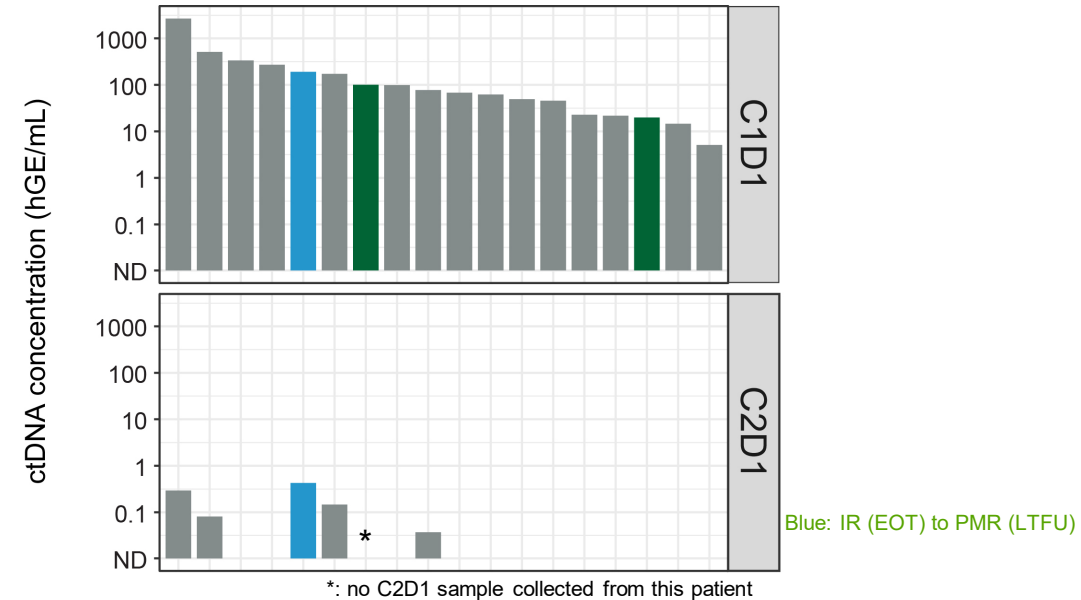
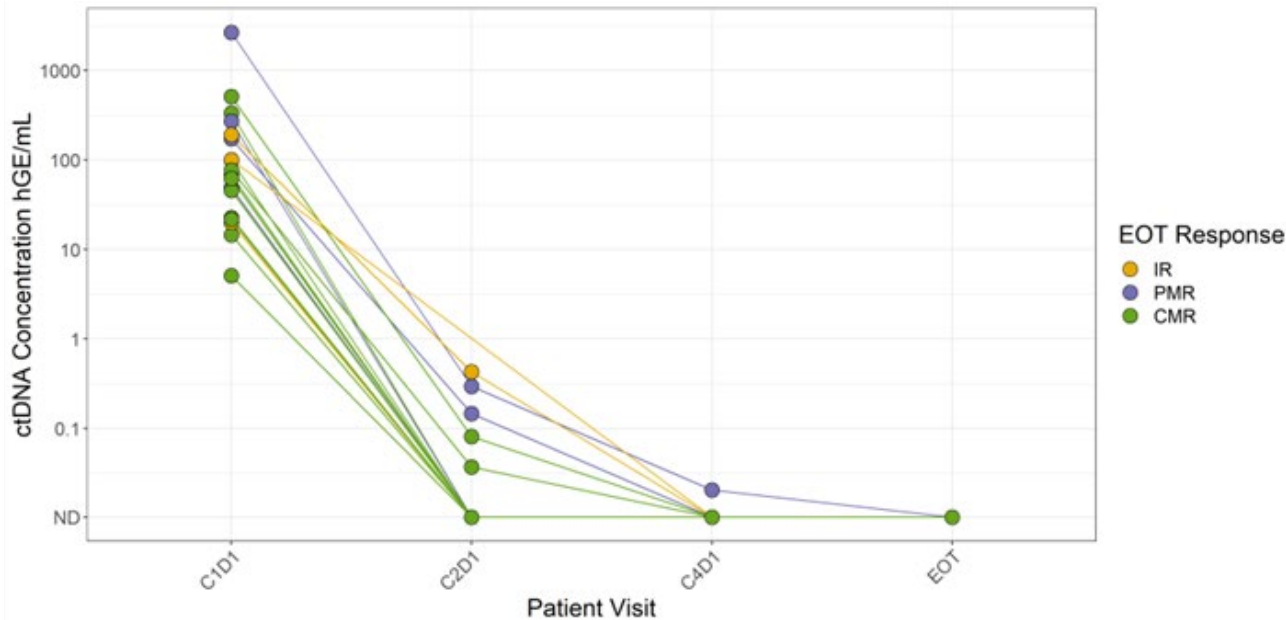
Treatment-emergent imAEs



- The maximum grades for immune-mediated adverse events (imAEs) reported were primarily grade 1-2, and were consistent with the safety profile of nivolumab
- 4/154 (3%) had imAEs leading to discontinuation of nivolumab:
 - Pneumonitis (n=2), hepatitis (n=1), thyroiditis (n=1)

Preliminary ctDNA Analysis

ctDNA changes during treatment may complement PET/CT assessment



- As false-positive PET results can occur after treatment with checkpoint inhibitors, ctDNA has the potential to provide a more precise measurement of tumor burden¹⁰
- Compared to PET, molecular response by ctDNA could be observed earlier than metabolic response by imaging, and rapid decreases were consistent with radiological response

Note: Absolute ctDNA concentration was quantified as mutant haploid genome equivalents/mL plasma (hGE/mL). ctDNA levels reported as "Not Detected" were assumed to be 0; for visualization purposes a minimal concentration was added to all samples for all graphs.

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- 18 of the 20 patients analyzed had detectable ctDNA at baseline, with significant decline observed by C2D1. **All 18 patients** had undetectable ctDNA by End of Treatment
- PET/CT showed indeterminate response at End of Treatment for 3 patients, who subsequently achieved responses of complete metabolic response and partial metabolic response in long-term follow-up

Conclusions

- ORR and CR rates at EOT were 95% and 91%, respectively
 - Of the 3 patients with an indeterminate response at EOT, 1 patient subsequently achieved a complete response, and another achieved partial response during long term follow-up
- With a median follow-up of 16.5 months, 12-month PFS was 100%, and 18-month PFS was 97%
- AN + AD was well tolerated
 - No cases of febrile neutropenia
 - Peripheral neuropathy was primarily low grade. 38% of all PN cases completely resolved and 6% improved in grade since last follow-up; all ongoing PN events are grade 2 or lower
 - ImAEs were primarily low-grade
- A pilot study suggested ctDNA changes during treatment might have predictive value and complement PET/CT assessments; further analyses are warranted
- Follow-up of Part C is ongoing with 92% of patients in long-term follow-up
- AN + AD shows promising efficacy and tolerability in patients with 1L early stage cHL

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