

Subcutaneous (SC) mosunetuzumab in combination with polatuzumab vedotin shows a sustained progression-free survival (PFS) benefit compared with rituximab plus polatuzumab vedotin in patients with relapsed or refractory (R/R) large B-cell lymphoma after long-term follow-up

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Background

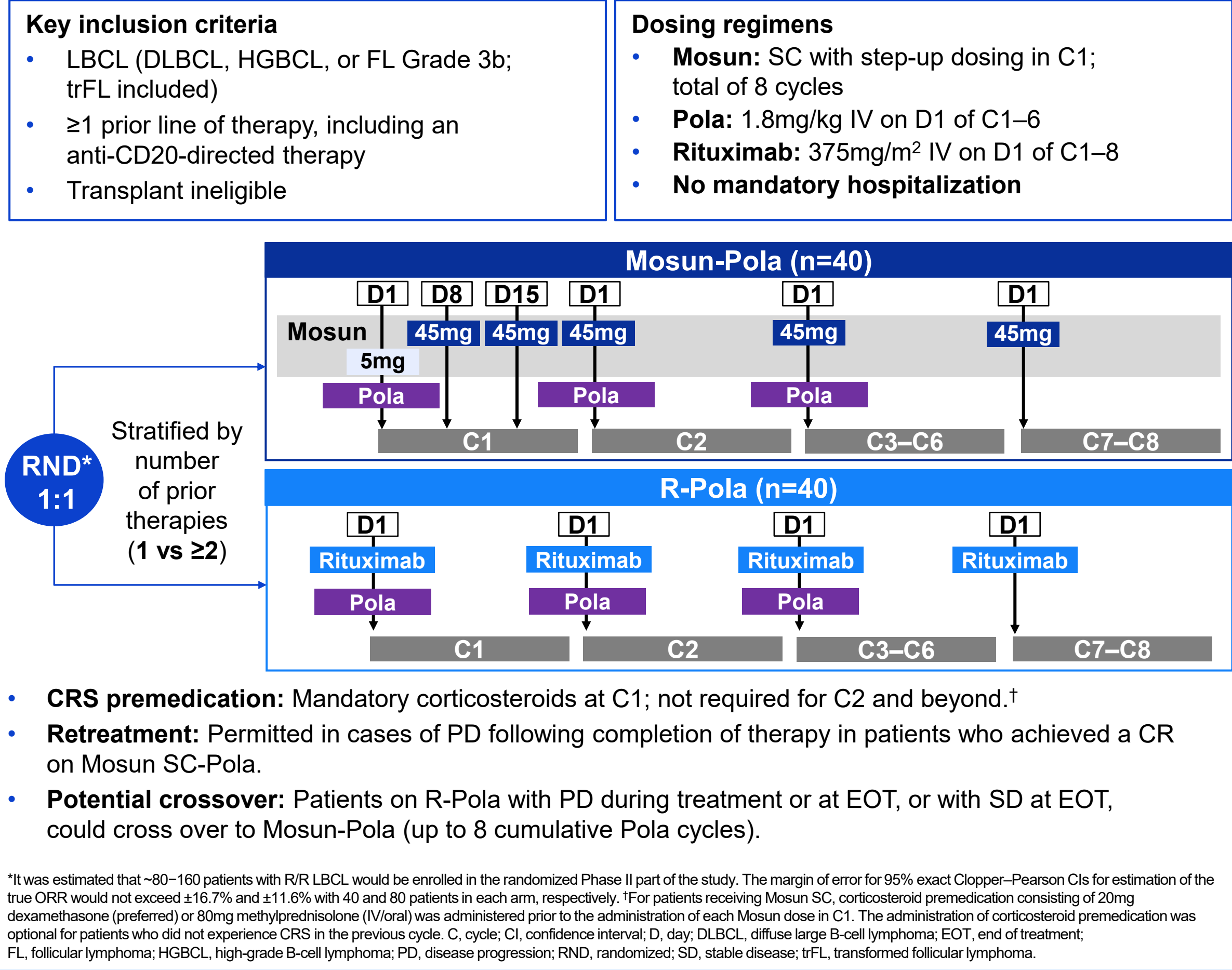
- NCT03671018 is an ongoing Phase Ib/II study evaluating SC mosunetuzumab (Mosun) plus polatuzumab vedotin (Pola) in patients with R/R large B-cell lymphoma (LBCL).¹⁻⁴
- In an earlier analysis of the randomized Phase II part of the study, Mosun (SC)-Pola demonstrated improved efficacy versus rituximab (R)-Pola after a median follow-up of 18 months
 - Objective response and complete response (CR) rates were 77.5% and 57.5% with Mosun-Pola versus 50.0% and 35.0% with R-Pola
 - Median duration of CR (DOCR) and PFS were not reached in the Mosun-Pola arm versus not reached and 6.4 months in the R-Pola arm
 - Mosun-Pola also had a manageable safety profile, including a low rate of cytokine release syndrome (CRS; 10%; all events Grade 1–2).⁴
- Mosun (SC)-Pola has shown consistent results in patients with R/R LBCL in the global Phase III SUNMO study (NCT05171647).^{5,6}
- We present an updated analysis of the randomized Phase II part of the NCT03671018 study in patients with R/R LBCL after a median follow-up of >2 years.

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Patients with R/R LBCL and ≥1 previous line of treatment were randomized 1:1 to receive Mosun-Pola or R-Pola (Figure 1)

- The primary endpoint was best objective response rate (ORR) by independent review committee (IRC) (REC) using Lugano 2014 criteria.⁷
- Secondary endpoints included duration of response (DOR), PFS, overall survival (OS), and safety

Figure 1. Study design (NCT03671018)¹



As of November 15, 2024, 80 patients had been enrolled, including 54 in the United States (US) (Table 1)

- Median number of cycles received (range): Mosun, 8 (1–8), Pola, 6 (1–6); rituximab, 4 (1–8), Pola, 4 (1–6).
- Median follow-up was 25.7 months (range: 1–35) for Mosun-Pola and 27.2 months (range: 0–34) for R-Pola.

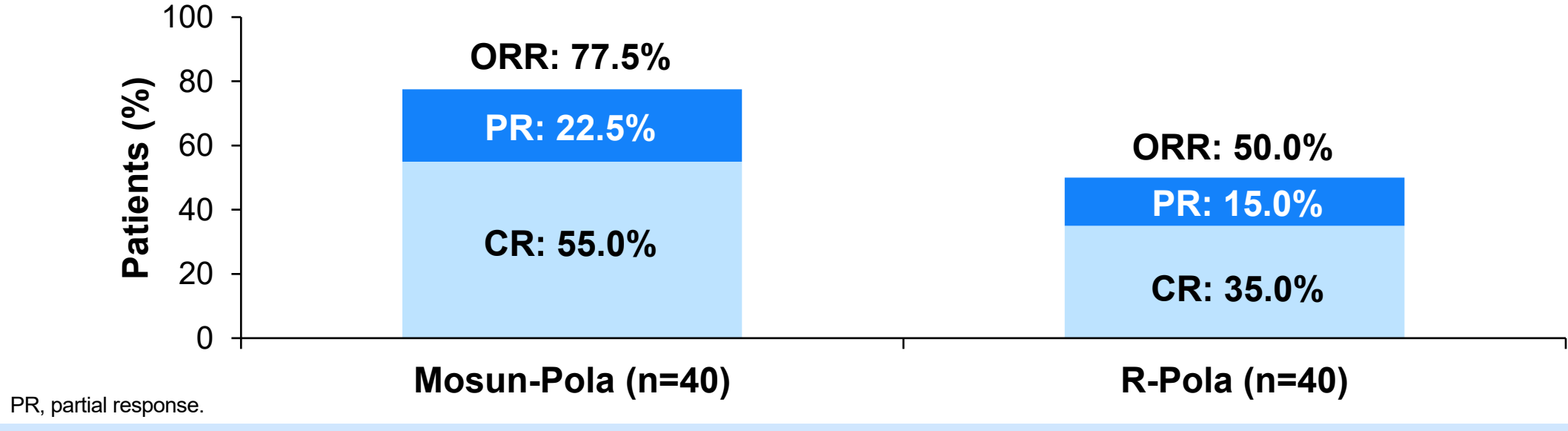
Table 1. Baseline patient characteristics

n (%) unless stated	Mosun-Pola (n=40)	R-Pola (n=40)	n (%) unless stated	Mosun-Pola (n=40)	R-Pola (n=40)
Median age, years (range)	71.5 (36–87)	67.5 (24–92)	ECOG PS [‡]		
Male	25 (62.5)	24 (60.0)	0–1	40 (100)	36 (90.0)
Region of enrolment			2	0	3 (7.5)
US	30 (75.0)	24 (60.0)	Ann Arbor stage III–IV	31 (77.5)	34 (85.0)
Canada	5 (12.5)	6 (15.0)	Cell-of-origin	n=37	n=39
Europe	5 (12.5)	10 (25.0)	GCB	22 (59.5)	25 (64.1)
Race			Non-GCB (by GEP or IHC)	14 (37.8)	11 (28.2)
Asian	1 (2.5)	0	Unknown	1 (2.7)	3 (7.7)
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	0	1 (2.5)	Double/triple-hit	8/37 (21.6)	3/39 (7.7)
White	39 (97.5)	39 (97.5)	Bulky disease >7.5cm	8 (20.0)	10 (25.0)
Ethnicity			Extranodal involvement	24 (60.0)	29 (72.5)
Hispanic or Latino	5 (12.5)	11 (27.5)	Number of prior lines of therapy, median (range)	2 (1–5)	3 (1–9)
Not Hispanic or Latino	35 (87.5)	25 (62.5)	1	13 (32.5)	12 (30.0)
Not stated/unknown	0	4 (10.0)	≥2	27 (67.5)	28 (70.0)
IPI score			Prior ASCT	6 (15.0)	9 (22.5)
0–1	9 (22.5)	8 (20.0)	Prior CAR T-cell therapy	14 (35.0)	15 (37.5)
2–3	22 (55.0)	24 (60.0)	Refractory to CAR T-cell therapy [§]	10/14 (71.4)	12/15 (80.0)
4–5	9 (22.5)	8 (20.0)	Primary refractory/early relapse [†]	25 (62.5)	28 (70.0)
Histology			Elevated LDH**	22 (55.0)	25 (62.5)
DLBCL	27 (67.5)	33 (82.5)			
HGBCL	10 (25.0)	6 (15.0)			
FL Grade 3b	3 (7.5)	1 (2.5)			
trFL	5 (12.5)*	9 (22.5) [†]			

[†]Four patients with DLBCL and one patient with HGBCL had trFL. [‡]Eight patients with DLBCL and one patient with HGBCL had trFL. [§]One patient (R-Pola arm) who did not receive study treatment had no baseline ECOG PS recorded as baseline ECOG PS was defined as the last record before treatment start date. [†]Relapse <6 months after CAR T-cell therapy. [‡]Primary refractory: relapse <6 months after first-line therapy; early relapse: relapse 6–12 months after first-line therapy. ^{††}>1 × upper limit of normal. ASCT, autologous stem cell transplant; CAR, chimeric antigen receptor; GCB, germinal centre-derived B cell; GEP, gene expression profiling; IHC, immunohistochemistry; IPI, International Prognostic Index; LDH, lactate dehydrogenase.

Mosun-Pola demonstrated higher ORR and CR rates versus R-Pola (Figure 2)

Figure 2. IRC-assessed response rates in the efficacy-evaluable population



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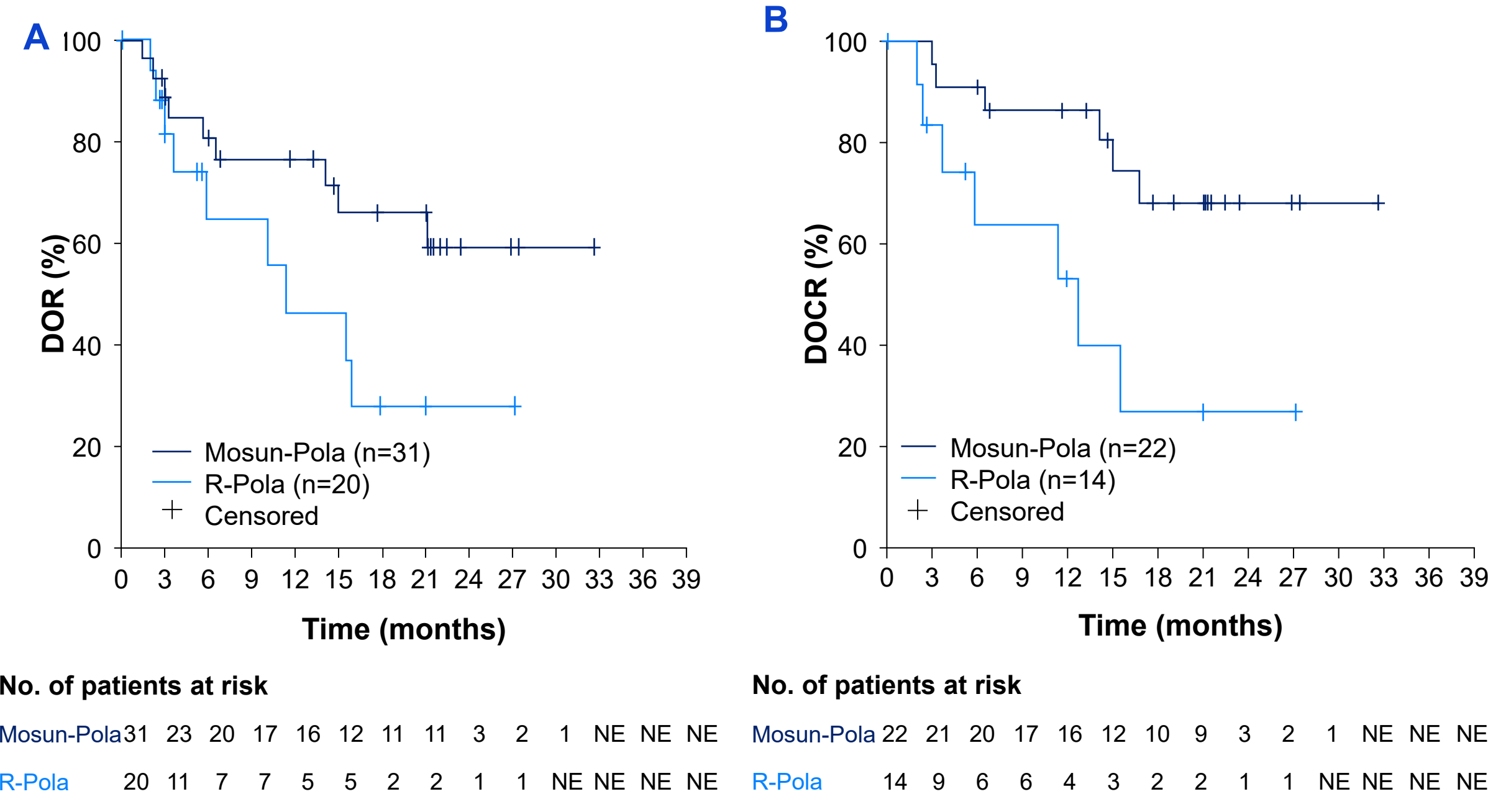
Mosun-Pola was associated with more durable responses than R-Pola (Table 2; Figure 3)

Table 2. IRC-assessed DOR and DOCR

	Mosun-Pola (n=31)	R-Pola (n=20)		Mosun-Pola (n=22)	R-Pola (n=14)
mDOR, months (95% CI)	NR (15.0–NE)	11.3 (5.8–NE)	mDOCR, months (95% CI)	NR (16.8–NE)	12.7 (3.6–NE)
18-month rate, % (95% CI)	65.8 (46.1–85.6)	27.8 (1.6–54.0)	18-month rate, % (95% CI)	68.0 (46.4–89.6)	26.5 (0.0–56.6)
24-month rate, % (95% CI)	59.3 (37.7–80.8)	27.8 (1.6–54.0)	24-month rate, % (95% CI)	68.0 (46.4–89.6)	26.5 (0.0–56.6)

mDOR, median DOR; mDOCR, median DOCR; NE, not estimable; NR, not reached.

Figure 3. IRC-assessed A) DOR and B) DOCR



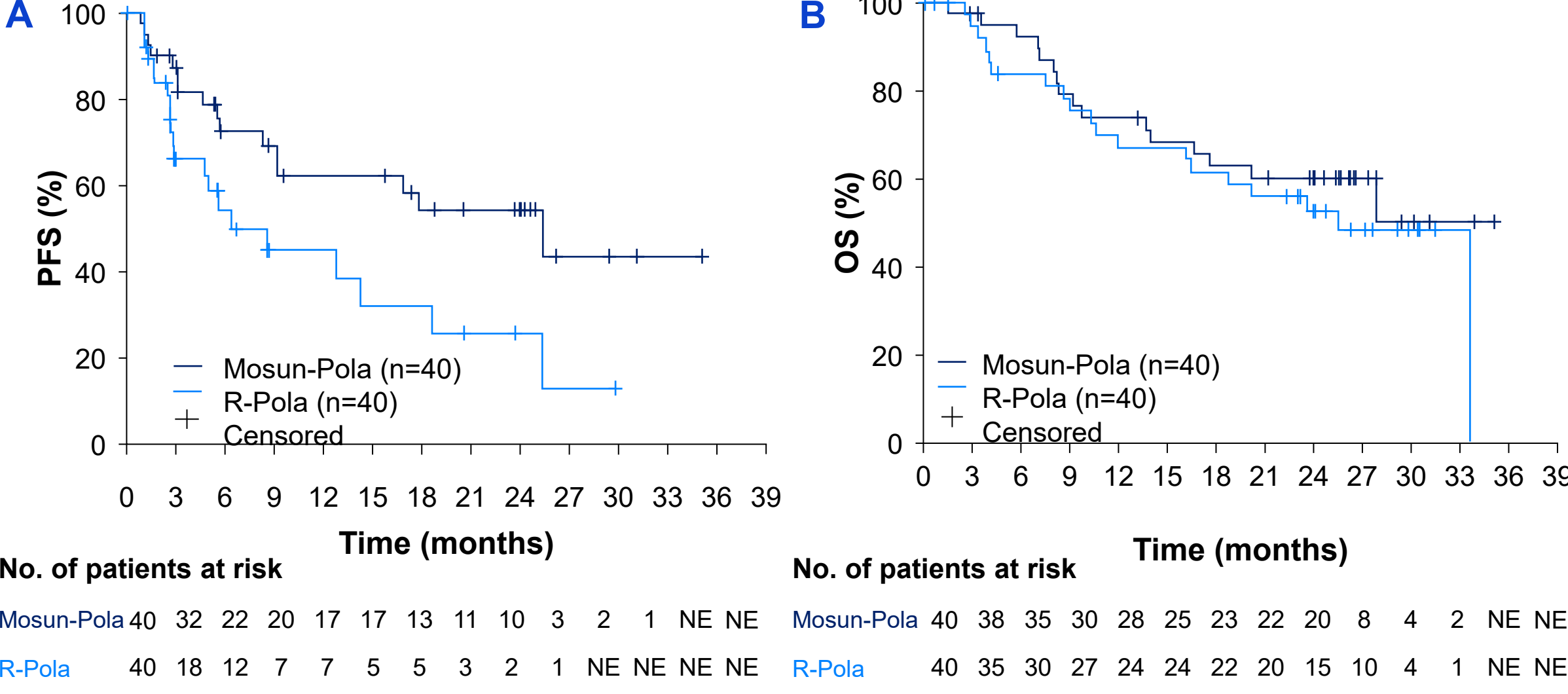
Mosun-Pola prolonged median PFS by four times versus R-Pola (Table 3; Figure 4)

Table 3. PFS (IRC assessed) and OS

	Mosun-Pola (n=40)	R-Pola (n=40)		Mosun-Pola (n=40)	R-Pola (n=40)
mPFS, months (95% CI)	25.4 (9.2–NE)	6.4 (4.7–18.6)	mOS, months (95% CI)	NR (17.6–NE)	25.5 (16.2–NE)
HR (95% CI)	0.47 (0.24–0.94)		HR (95% CI)	0.78 (0.40–1.53)	
p-value*	0.0287		p-value*	0.4749	
18-month rate, % (95% CI)	54.2 (36.4–72.0)	32.0 (11.8–52.2)	18-month rate, % (95% CI)	62.9 (47.4–78.3)	61.4 (45.6–77.3)
24-month rate, % (95% CI)	54.2 (36.4–72.0)	25.6 (5.9–45.2)	24-month rate, % (95% CI)	60.1 (44.4–75.8)	52.6 (36.1–69.1)

*Descriptive only. HR, hazard ratio; mPFS, median PFS; mOS, median OS.

Figure 4. A) PFS (IRC-assessed) and B) OS



Mosun-Pola demonstrated improved efficacy versus R-Pola in patients with early relapse or who were refractory to first-line therapy (Table 4)

Table 4. IRC-assessed efficacy in patients with early relapse or primary refractory disease

Efficacy endpoint	Mosun-Pola (n=25)	R-Pola (n=28)
ORR, n (%)	17 (68.0)	11 (39.3)
CR, n (%)	10 (40.0)	7 (25.0)
mDOR, months (95% CI)	NR (3.3–NE)	5.8 (3.0–NE)
mDOCR, months (95% CI)	NR (NE–NE)	5.8 (2.4–NE)
mPFS, months (95% CI)	9.2 (4.6–NE)	5.6 (2.7–NE)
mOS, months (95% CI)	27.9 (13.7–NE)	18.8 (9.0–NE)

No new safety signals were observed with >2 years of follow-up (Table 5)

- CRS events were low-grade and limited to C1D1 (Table 6; Figure 5).

Table 5. Adverse event (AE) summary

n (%) unless stated	Mosun-Pola (n=40)	R-Pola (n=40)	AEs of interest, n (%)	Mosun-Pola (n=40)	R-Pola (n=39)
Any AE	40 (100)	39 (100)	ICANS	Any	0
Serious AE	13 (32.5)	10 (25.6)	Any	1 (2.5)	0
Grade 3–4 AE	22 (55.0)	20 (51.3)	Febrile neutropenia	Grade 3	1 (2.5)
Grade 5 (fatal) AE*	2 (5.0)	1 (2.5)	Any	4 (10.0)	2 (5.1)
Mosun related	1 (2.5)	0	Grade 1	3 (7.5)	2 (5.1)
Pola related	1 (2.5)	0	Grade 2	1 (2.5)	0
AE leading to treatment discontinuation [†]	3 (7.5)	3 (7.7)	Any	18 (45.0)	13 (33.3)
Treatment-related AE leading to treatment discontinuation	2 (5.0)	2 (5.1)	Grade 1–2	10 (25.0)	7 (17.9)
Mosun related	0	0	Grade 3	12 (30.0)	4 (10.3)
Pola related	2 (5.0)	2 (5.1)	Grade 4	1 (2.5)	2 (5.1)
			Grade 5	2 (5.0)	0
			Neutrophil count decreased/neutropenia	Any	16 (40)
			Grade 2	3 (7.5)	9 (23.1)
			Grade 3	7 (17.5)	0
			Grade 4	6 (15.0)	4 (10.3)
					5 (12.8)

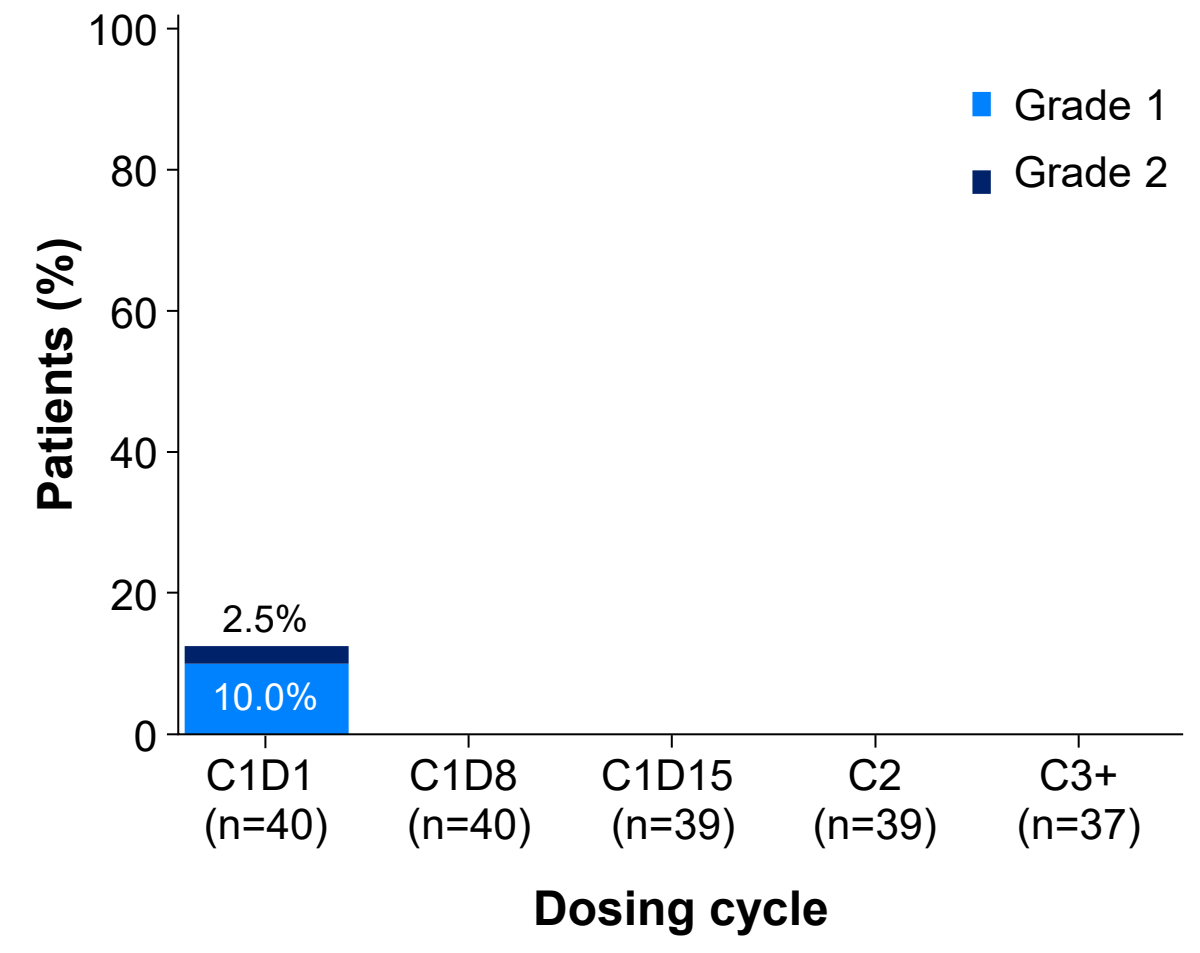
*Mosun-Pola: COVID-19 pneumonia (n=1); COVID-19 pneumonia (n=1); R-Pola: hepatic failure (n=1). [†]Mosun-Pola: COVID-19 pneumonia (n=1), peripheral motor neuropathy (n=1), peripheral sensory neuropathy (n=1), R-Pola: peripheral neuropathy (n=1), neutrophil count decreased (n=1), pain in extremity (n=1). ICANS, immune effector cell-associated neurotoxicity syndrome.

Table 6. CRS by ASTCT criteria⁸

	Mosun-Pola (n=40)
Any Grade, n (%)	5 (12.5)
Grade 1	4 (10.0)
Grade 2	1 (2.5)
Median CRS duration, days (range)	2 (1–5)
Median time to first onset, days (range)	2 (1–3)
CRS management, n (%)	
Steroids	1 (2.5)
Steroids + tocilizumab	1 (2.5)
Tocilizumab	1 (2.5)
Low-flow oxygen	1 (2.5)
ICU admissions	0
Events resolved, %	100

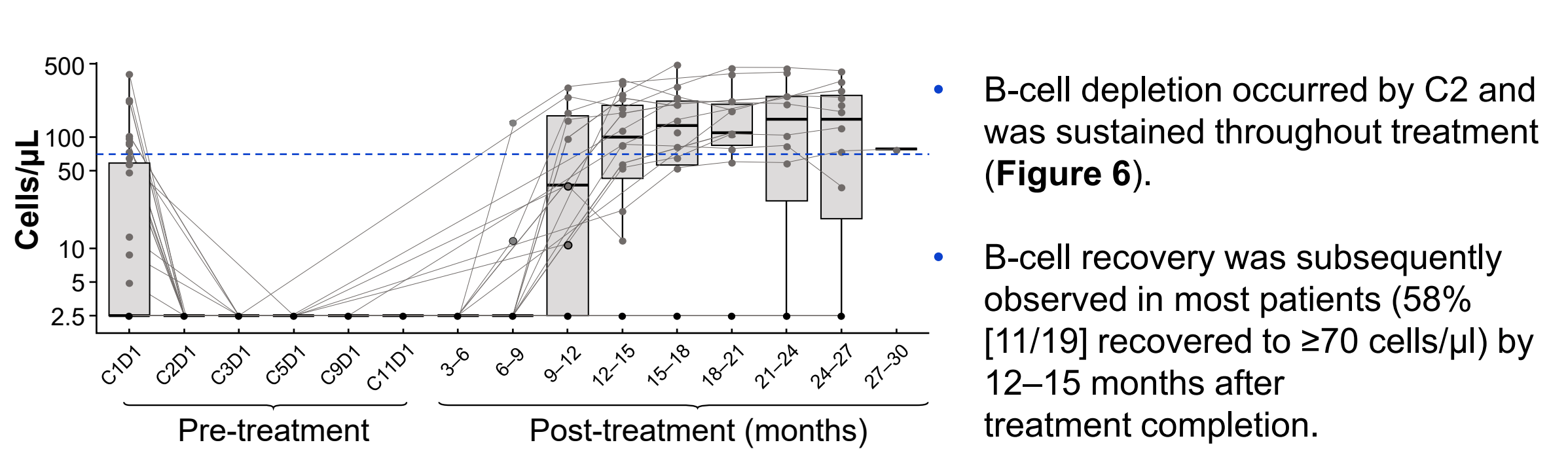
*From the most recent dose. ASTCT, American Society for Transplantation and Cellular Therapy criteria; ICU, intensive care unit.

Figure 5. CRS by Cycle and Grade



B-cell recovery was observed 12–15 months after treatment completion.

Figure 6. Subset profiling in B cells^{*}

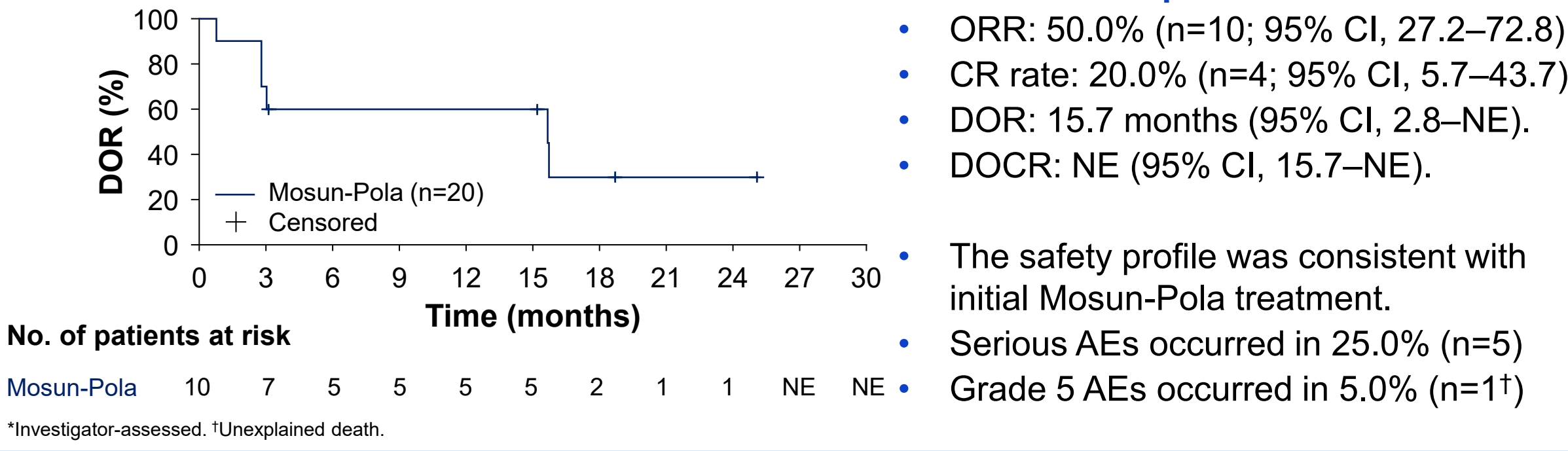


- B-cell depletion occurred by C2 and was sustained throughout treatment (Figure 6).
- B-cell recovery was subsequently observed in most patients (58% [11/19] recovered to ≥70 cells/μl) by 12–15 months after treatment completion.

*Performed centrally as part of a panel that measures T, B, and NK cells via quantitative flow cytometry. Blue line: 70-cell lower end of normal cut-off. NK, natural killer.

Mosun-Pola showed promising efficacy after crossover from R-Pola (Figure 7)

Figure 7. DOR^{*} for crossover patients



- Median follow-up of 18.7 months
- ORR: 50.0% (n=10; 95% CI, 27.2–72.8).
- CR rate: 20.0% (n=4; 95% CI, 5.7–43.7).
- DOR: 15.7 months (95% CI, 2.8–NE).
- DOCR: NE (95% CI, 15.7–NE).

- The safety profile was consistent with initial Mosun-Pola treatment.
- Serious AEs occurred in 25.0% (n=5)
- Grade 5 AEs occurred in 5.0% (n=1)

Conclusions

- Fixed-duration, outpatient Mosun-Pola continues to demonstrate clinically meaningful and sustained improvements in DOR and PFS compared with R-Pola.
- Mosun-Pola also demonstrated improved efficacy versus R-Pola in patients with early relapse or who were refractory to first-line therapy.
- With Mosun-Pola, CRS events were low-grade and limited to C1D1 and no new safety signals were observed since the previous analysis, underscoring its tolerability and suitability for outpatient administration.
- Although this cohort enrolled primarily in the US, consistent results were observed in the global Phase III SUNMO study evaluating Mosun SC-Pola in R/R LBCL.

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