

# New Drugs & Ongoing Trials of PT/NKCLs in China

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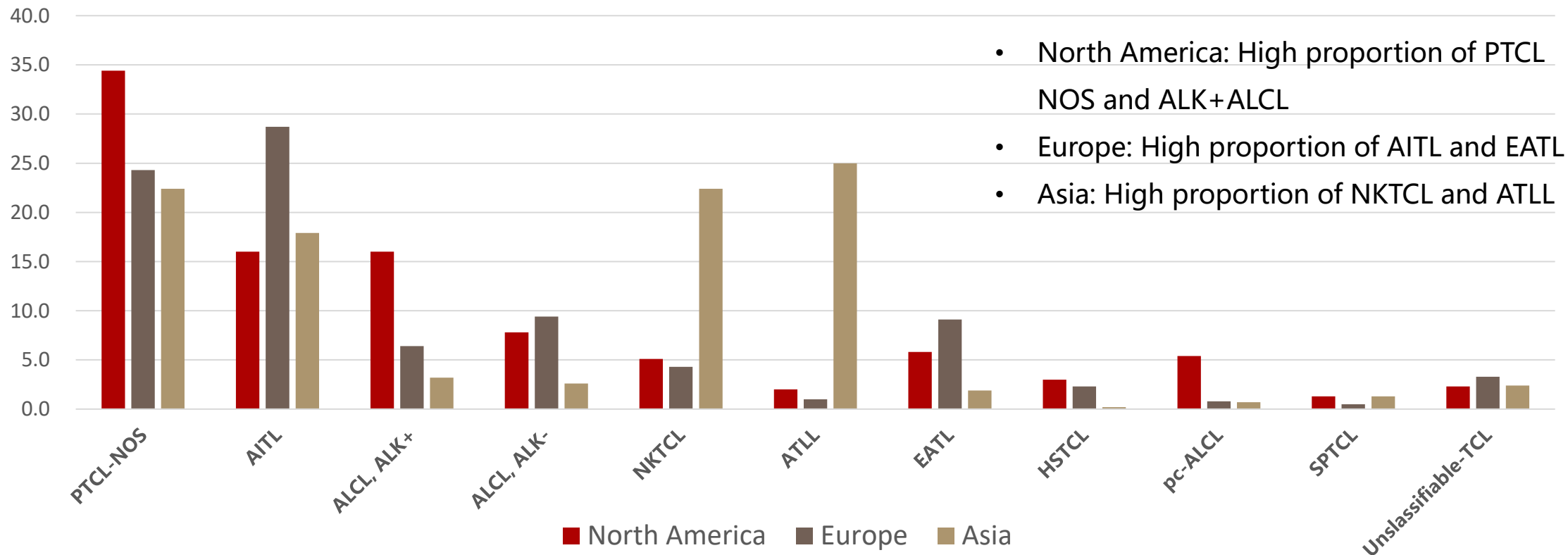
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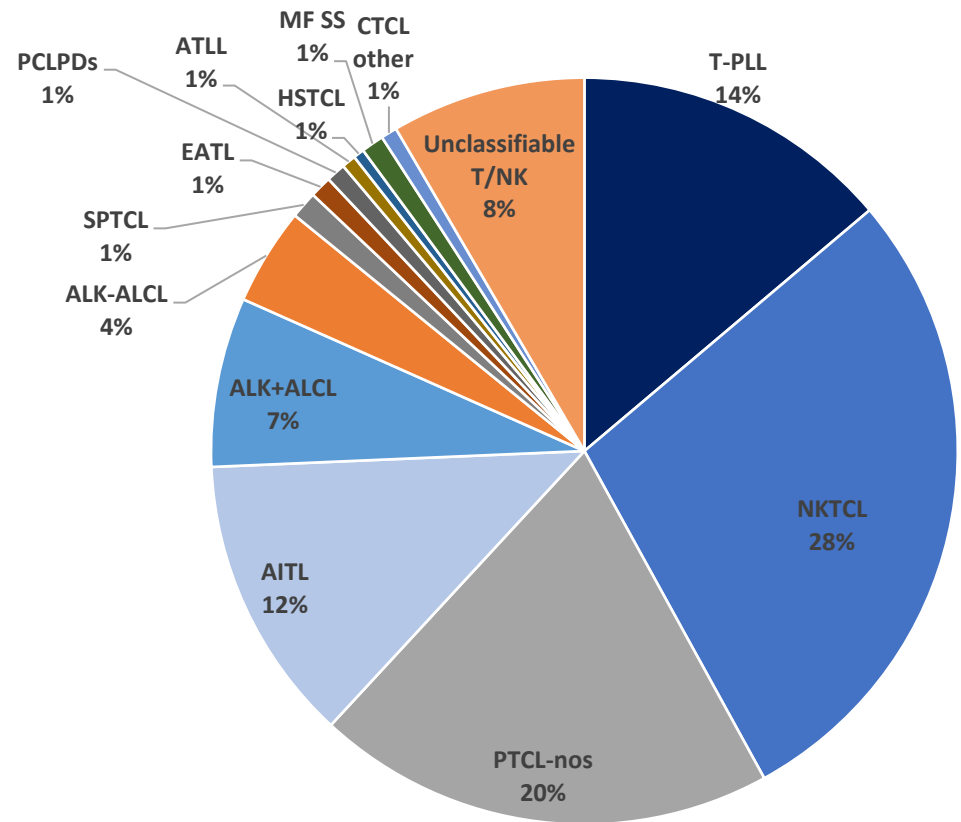
# The Incidence of TCL

- In Western countries: Mature T/NK lymphoma accounts for 15-20% of the incidence of aggressive lymphomas and 5-10% of the total lymphoma incidence;
- In China: Mature T/NK lymphoma accounts for 21% of the incidence among lymphoma patients.

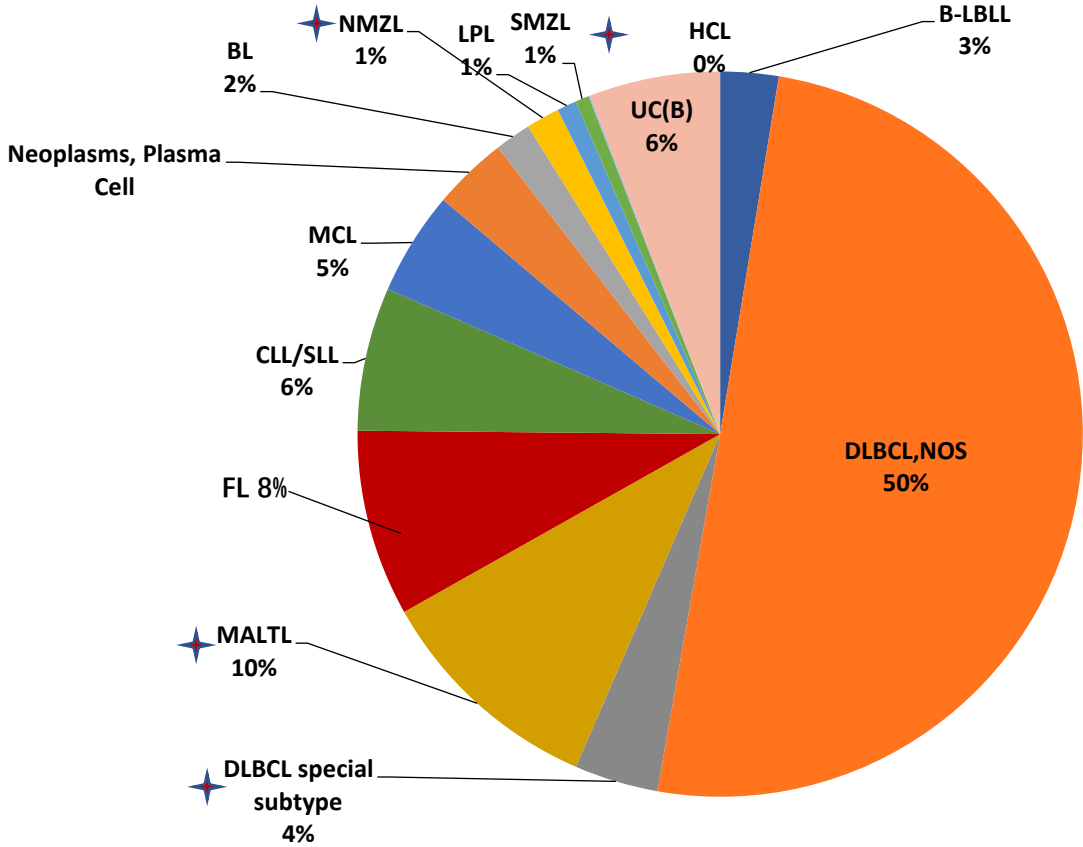


# The Subtypes of Lymphoma in China

## T/NKCL in China

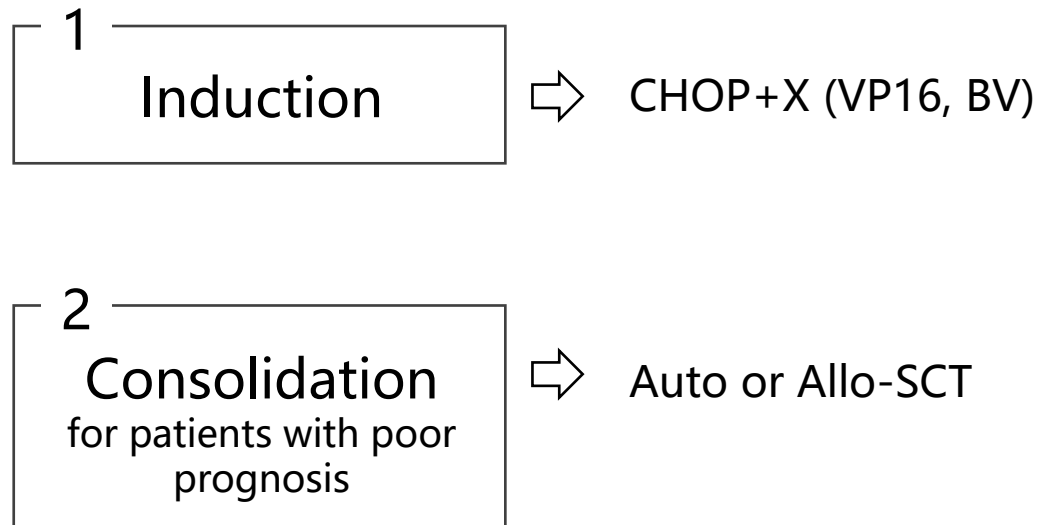


## BCL in China

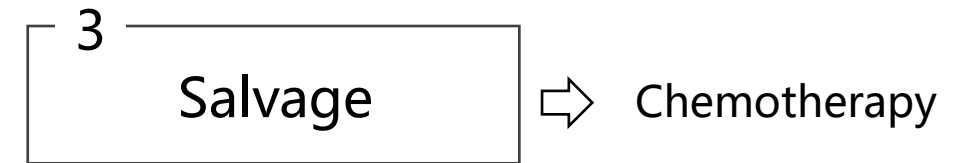


# The Routine Treatment of PTCL

## Treatment naïve PTCL



## R/R TCL

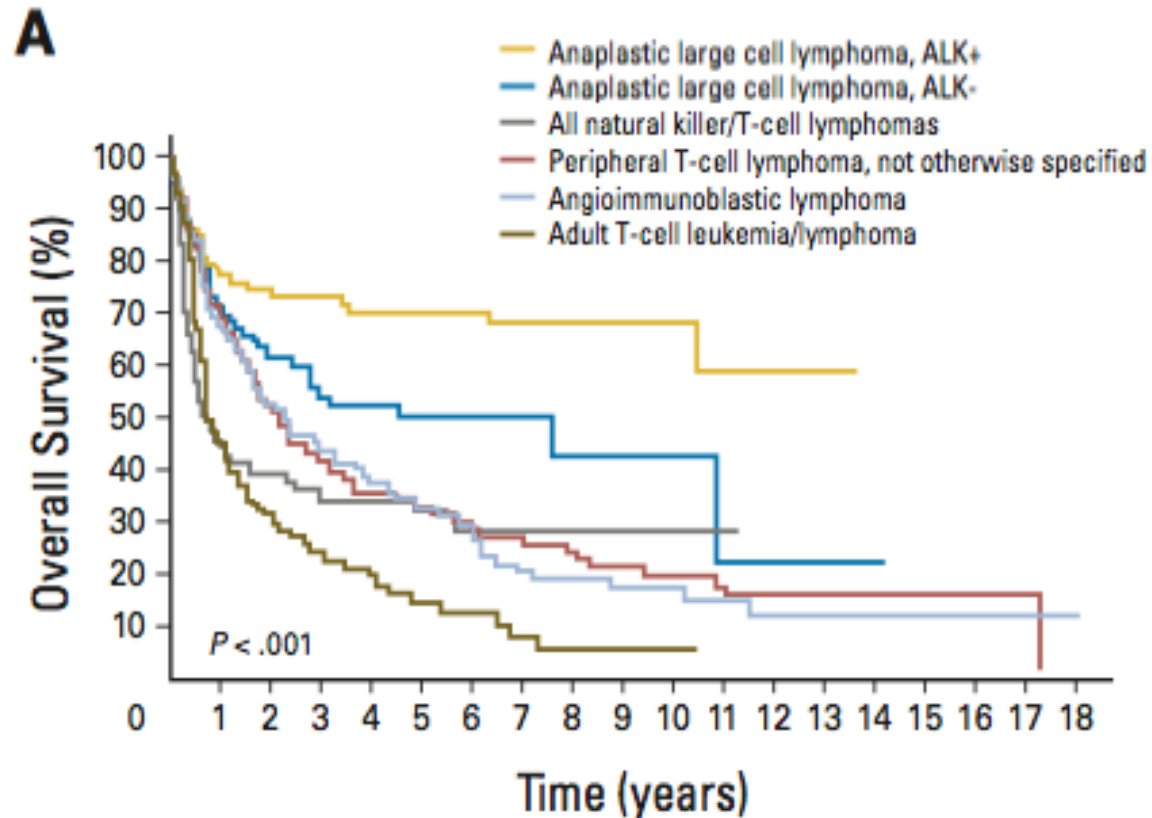


The aim of salvage treatment is to improve the efficiency and receive transplantation.

# Prognosis of PTCL remains unfavorable

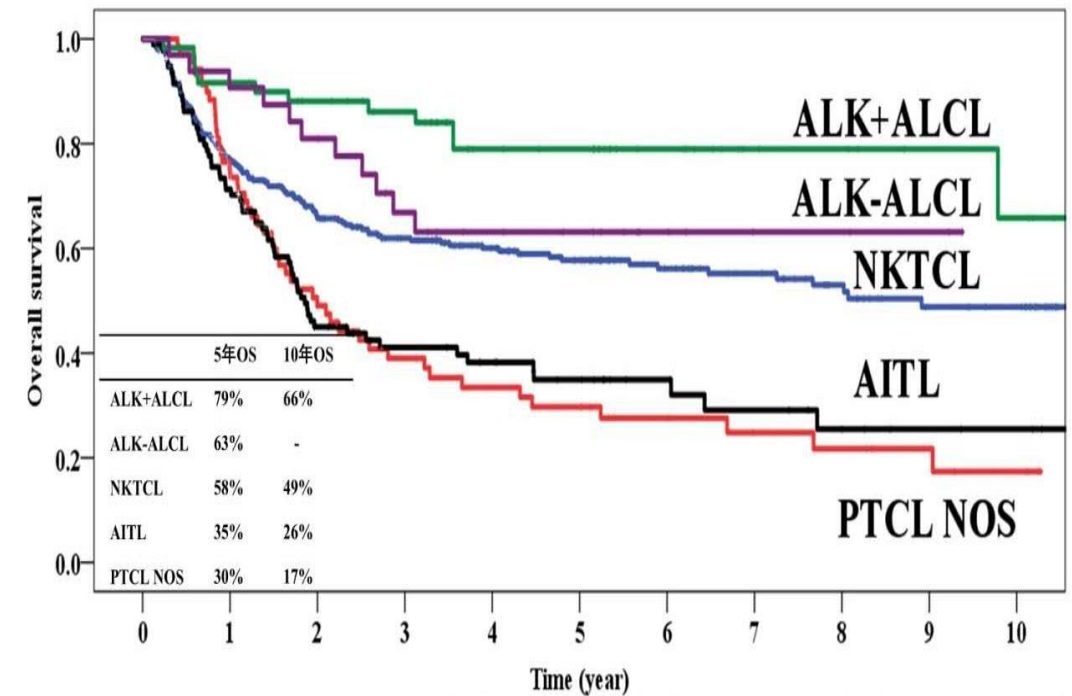
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## In Global



## In Peking University Cancer Hospital

From 1996 to 2015



N=679, 5y-OS 50%, 10y-OS 41%

# The Survival of PTCL

- With traditional treatment, the 5-year OS of most subtypes were not improved significantly over the past two decades, esp. AITL and PTCL-NOS.

| Category             | 5-year overall survival (%) |           |           |           | P value |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|
|                      | 1996-2000                   | 2001-2005 | 2006-2010 | 2011-2015 |         |
| PTCL (N = 679)       | 40.8                        | 46.3      | 52.6      | 50.6      | .592    |
| ALK+ALCL<br>(N = 60) | –                           | 57.1      | 84.6      | 76.7      | .750    |
| ALK–ALCL<br>(N = 34) | –                           | 0         | 60        | 66.4      | .481    |
| NKTCL<br>(N = 288)   | –                           | 61.6      | 59.7      | 53.0      | .582    |
| AITL (N = 94)        | 0                           | 20.0      | 40.8      | 36.5      | .021    |
| PTCL NOS<br>(N = 69) | 50.0                        | 25.0      | 21.8      | 33.8      | .579    |
| Others<br>(N = 134)  | 37.0                        | 30.1      | 41.7      | 37.5      | .677    |

# The Therapeutic Strategies of TCL

## Treatment naïve TCL

1 Induction ⇒ CHOP+**X** (VP16, BV, ...? )

2 Consolidation ⇒ Auto or Allo-SCT

3\* Maintenance ⇒ **X?**

## R/R TCL

4 Salvage ⇒ Chemotherapy ± **X?**

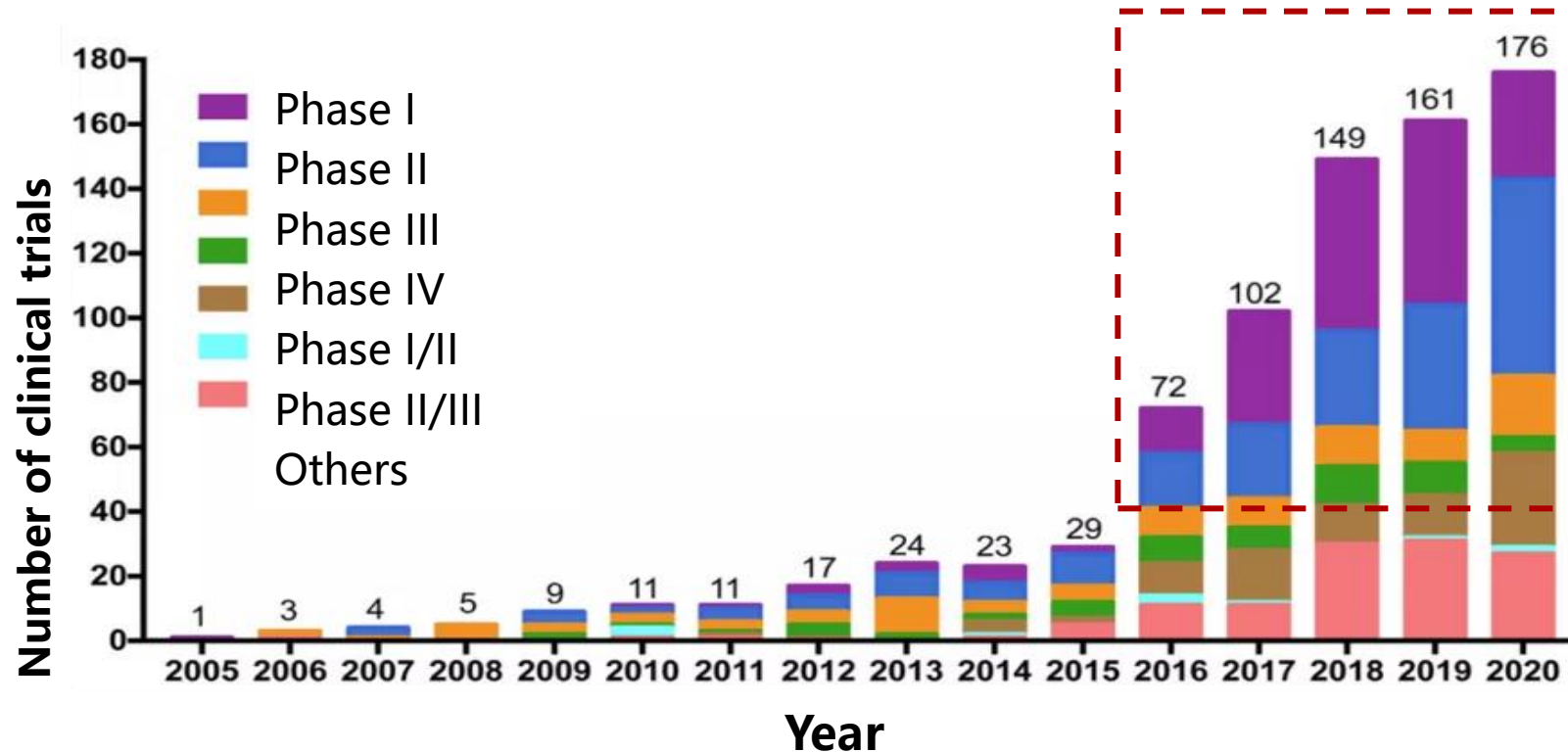


**The key to resolve poor prognosis of PTCL is to develop more effective novel drugs, even move to first-line treatment.**

◆ Disease Burden & Routine Treatment in China

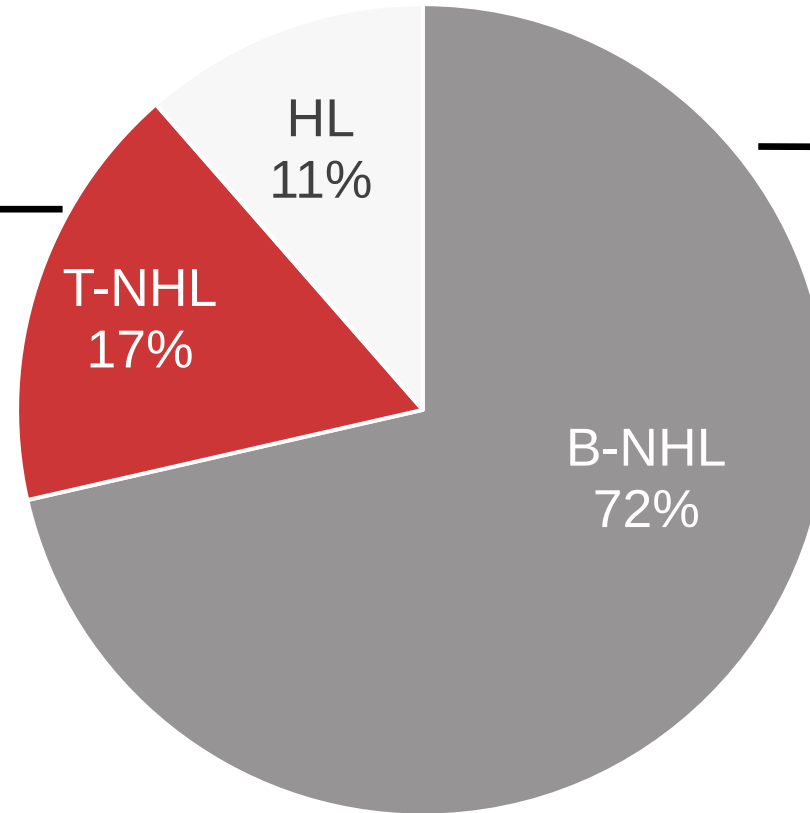
◆ **New Drugs & Ongoing Trials in China**

# The number of lymphoma clinical trials in China



- The development of novel agents in lymphoma is quick since 2016.
- Phase I - II clinical trials showed a huge rise.
- The trends continued after COVID pandemic due to government encouragement.

# From 2019 to 2024, 41 agents approved for marketing or new indications

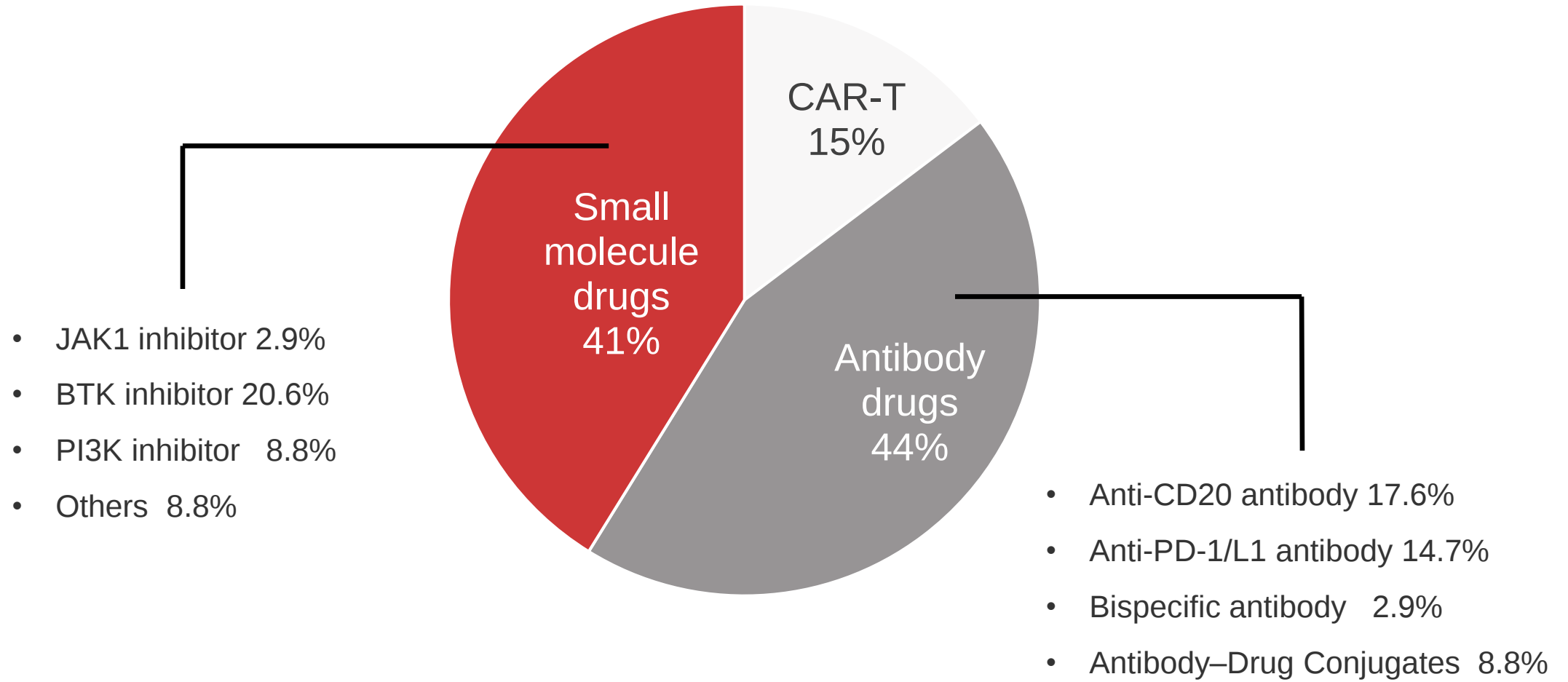


## R/R PTCL

- Pralatrexate
- Brentuximab Vedotin
- Mitoxantrone hydrochloride liposome
- Golidocitinib
- Sugemalimab (R/R NKTCL)

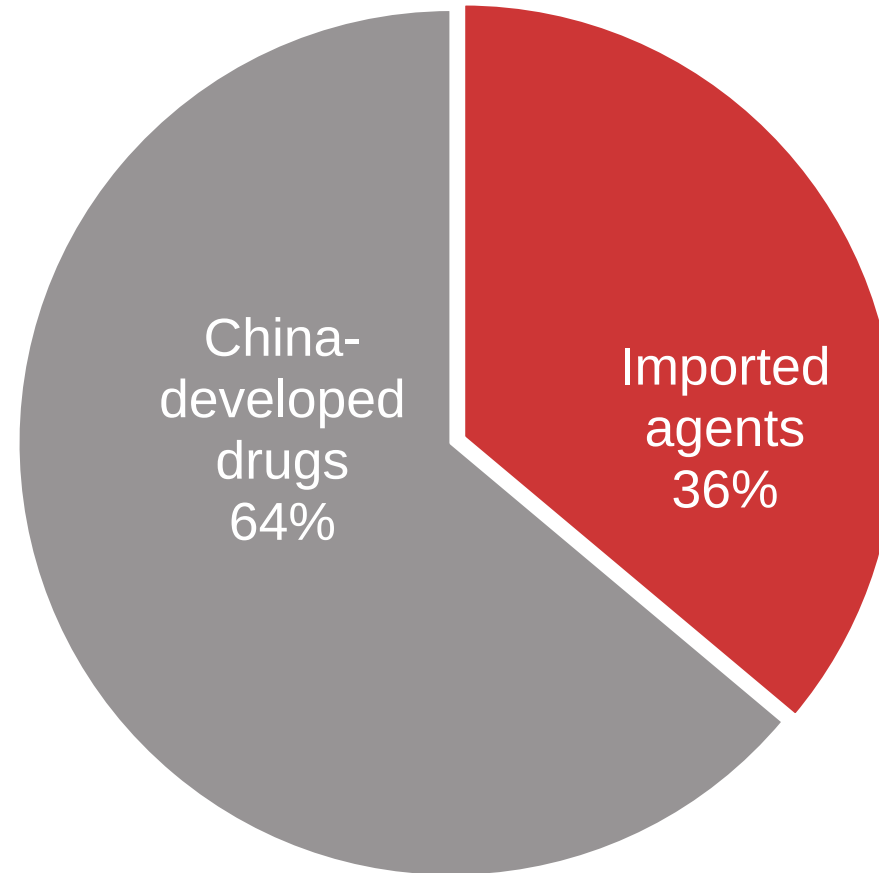
- DLBCL 14.3%
- FL 17.1%
- MCL 14.3%
- MZL 2.9%
- Others 22.9%

cHL vs. B-NHL vs. T-NHL



## CAR-T vs. Antibodies vs. Small molecule drugs

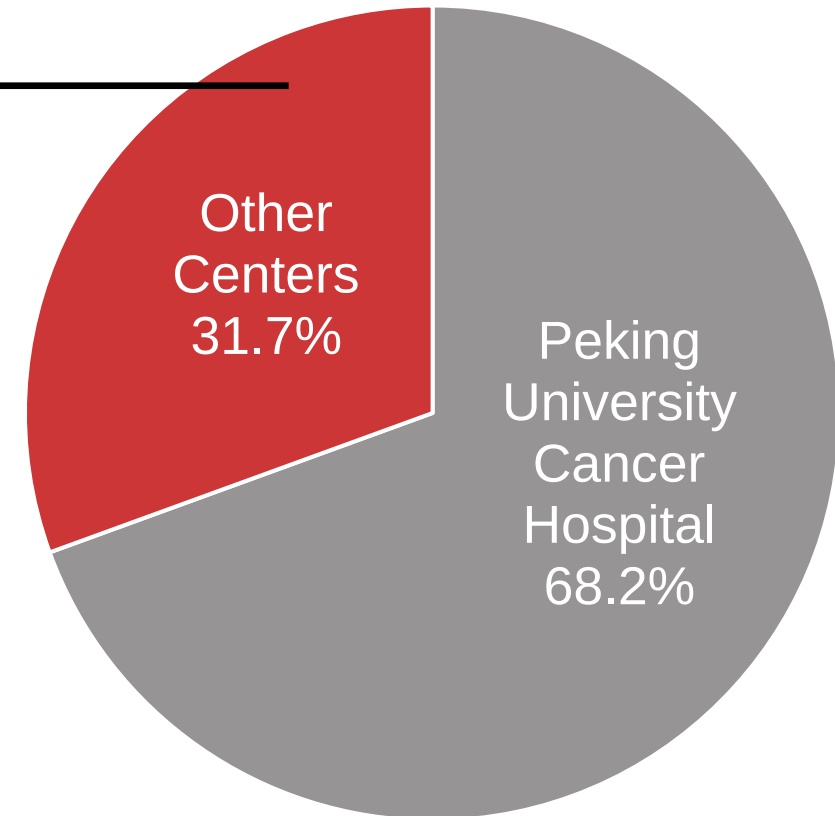
# Imported agents vs. China-developed agents



# Peking University Cancer Hospital vs. Other Centers



- Shanghai Ruijin Hospital
- Sun Yat-sen University Cancer Center
- Cancer Hospital Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences
- Jiangsu Cancer Hospital
- Haematology Hospital Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences
- Others



# Approval of new drugs or indications supported by Peking University Cancer Hospital



| Chidamide | Ibrutinib | Plerixafor | Camrelizumab | Zanubrutinib<br>Orelabrutinib<br>Rituximab<br>(Innovent)                | Obinutuzumab<br>Penpulimab           | Mitoxantrone<br>hydrochloride<br>liposome injection<br>Natulan/<br>Procarbazine<br>Capsules | Polatuzumab<br>vedotin<br>Glofitamab    | Golidocitinib<br>Loncastuximab<br>tesirine<br>Pirtobrutinib                    |
|-----------|-----------|------------|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2015      | 2017      | 2018       | 2019         | 2020                                                                    | 2021                                 | 2022                                                                                        | 2023                                    | 2024                                                                           |
|           |           | Bortezomib | Tislelizumab | Lenalidomide<br>(new indication)<br>Pralatrexate<br>Brentuximab vedotin | Zimberelimab<br>Relma-cel<br>(DLBCL) | Siltuximab<br>(IL-6 mAb)<br>Relma-cel (FL)                                                  | Acalabrutinib<br>Orelabrutinib<br>(MZL) | Relma-cel (MCL)<br>Chidamide (DLBCL)<br>Zanubrutinib (FL)<br>Selinexor (DLBCL) |

A series of clinical studies led by our department have successfully supported the **approval of 31 new drugs or new indications** for lymphoma in China.

# New drugs or indications for PT/NKCL



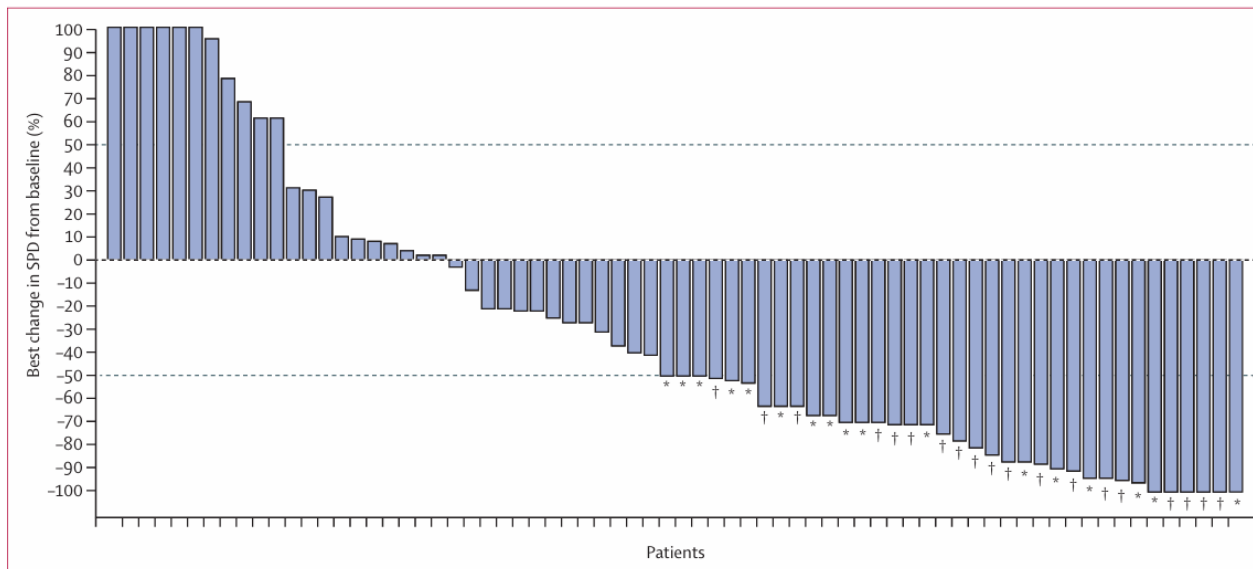
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- Based bridging studies, to promote approvals of pralatrexate and BV in China.
- leading the phase I and pivotal phase II studies to promote approvals of Lipo-MIT and Golidocitinib in China.

# JAK1i Golidocitinib in R/R PTCL

## JAK1i Golidocitinib, the novel drug approved for R/R T cell lymphoma

- JACKPOT8 Part B: an open label, single arm, phase II, multicenter study
- 49 centers in Australia, China, South Korea, and the USA (Feb 26, 2021, and Oct 12, 2022)
- ORR 44.3%, CRR 23.9%, mFU: 12.5 months, mDOR: 20.7 months
- The most common grade 3-4 TRAEs were hematological toxicity



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### ORIGINAL ARTICLE

#### Phase I dose escalation and expansion study of golidocitinib, a highly selective JAK1 inhibitor, in relapsed or refractory peripheral T-cell lymphomas

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#### Golidocitinib, a selective JAK1 tyrosine-kinase inhibitor, in patients with refractory or relapsed peripheral T-cell lymphoma (JACKPOT8 Part B): a single-arm, multinational, phase 2 study



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# JAK1i Golidocitinib in R/R PTCL

| Histology Subtypes <sup>1</sup> | Total Number of Subjects, n <sup>2</sup> (%) | ORR <sup>3</sup> , n (%) | CRR <sup>3</sup> , n (%) |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>PTCL, NOS</b>                | 50 (56.8)                                    | 23 (46.0)                | 14 (28.0)                |
| <b>AITL</b>                     | 16 (18.2)                                    | 9 (56.3)                 | 4 (25.0)                 |
| <b>ALCL</b>                     | 10 (11.4)                                    | 1 (10.0)                 | 0                        |
| <b>NKTCL</b>                    | 3 (3.4)                                      | 2 (66.7)                 | 1 (33.3)                 |
| <b>Others</b>                   | 9 (10.2)                                     | 4 (44.4)                 | 2 (22.2)                 |

*Data cut-off date: February 16, 2023*

- Golidocitinib demonstrated anti-tumor efficacies across most PTCL subtypes, esp. AITL and PTCL-NOS
- Due to its favourable benefit–risk profile in patients with R/R PT/NKCL, and most patients from China, it was approved in China in 2024.

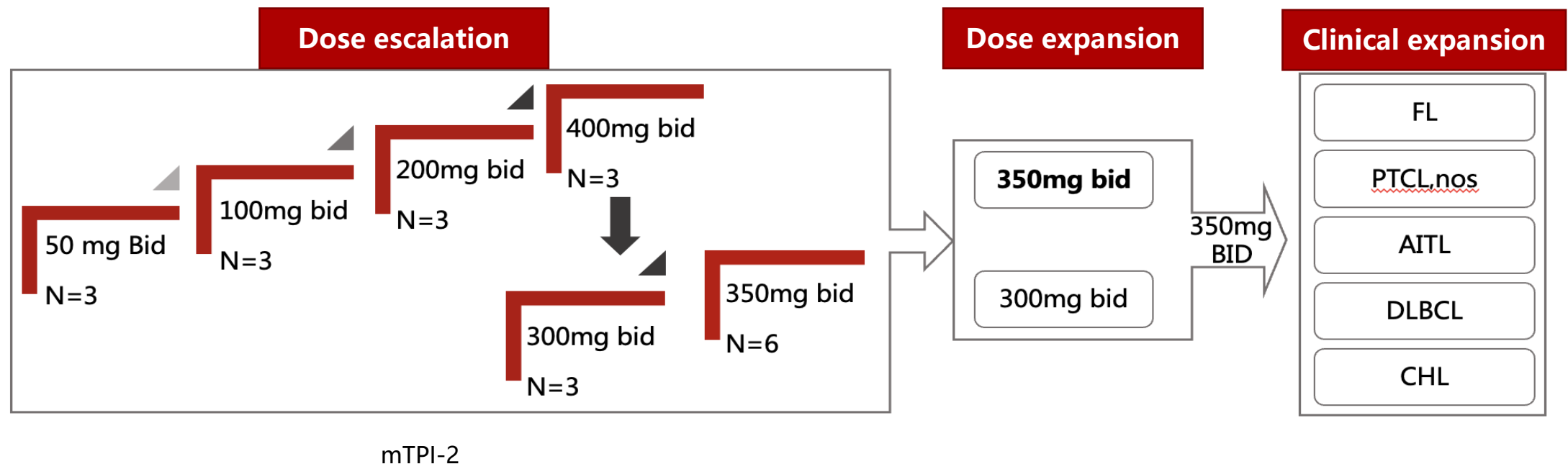
<sup>1</sup> The diagnosis of histological subtypes was based on central pathology review.

<sup>2</sup> The percentage of subjects in each subtype was calculated based on the total number of efficacy analysis set (n = 88) as the denominator.

<sup>3</sup> The ORR and CRR were calculated based on total number of subjects as the denominator. Tumor response was assessed by IRC per Lugano 2014 criteria.

# SHR2554, first EZH2 inhibitor in R/R PTCL

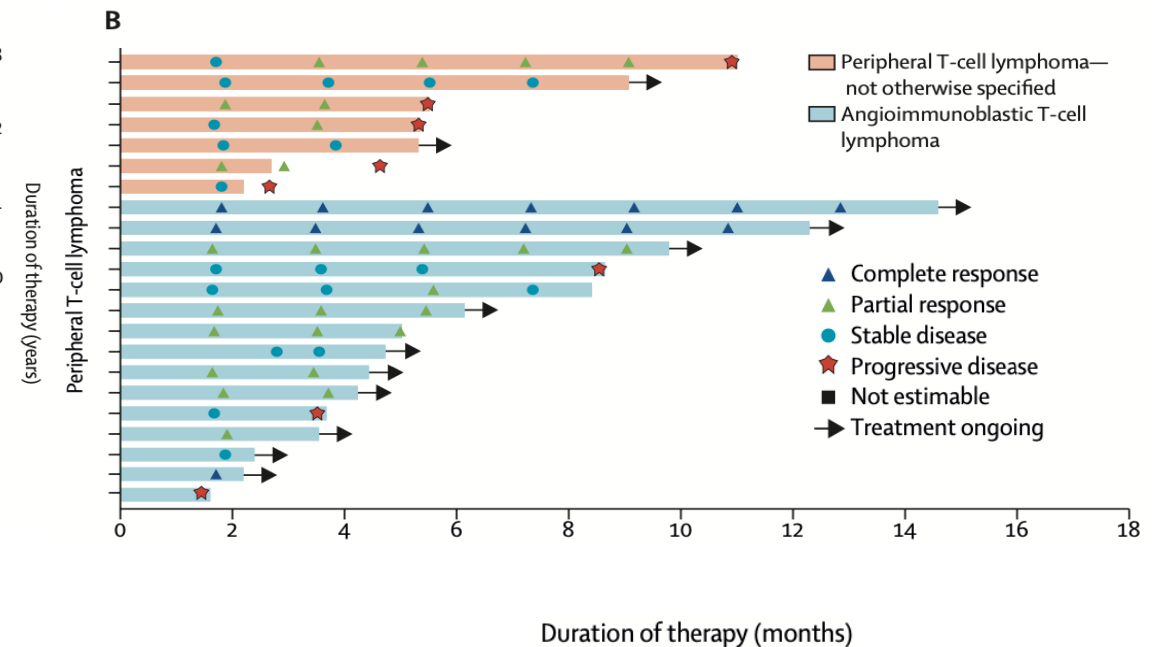
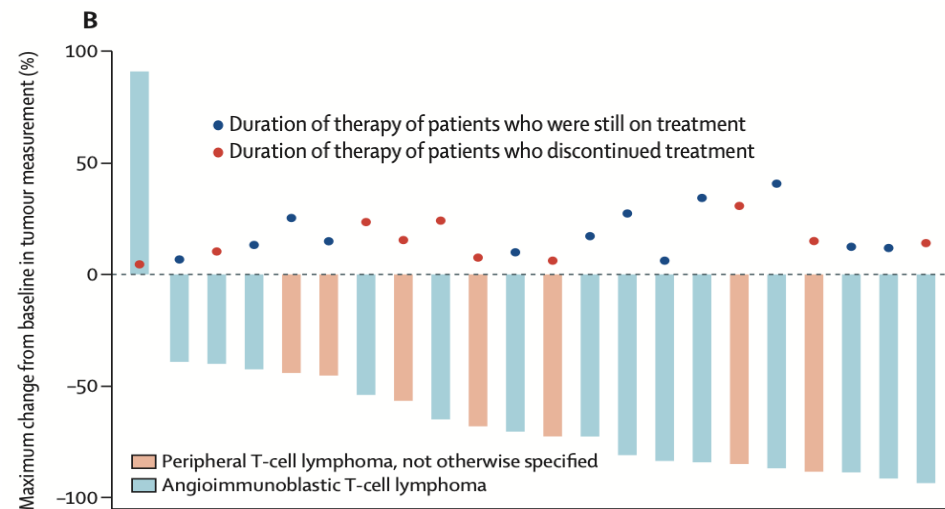
a first-in-human, dose-escalation, dose-expansion, and clinical expansion phase 1 trial



# EZH2 inhibitor SHR2554 in R/R PTCL

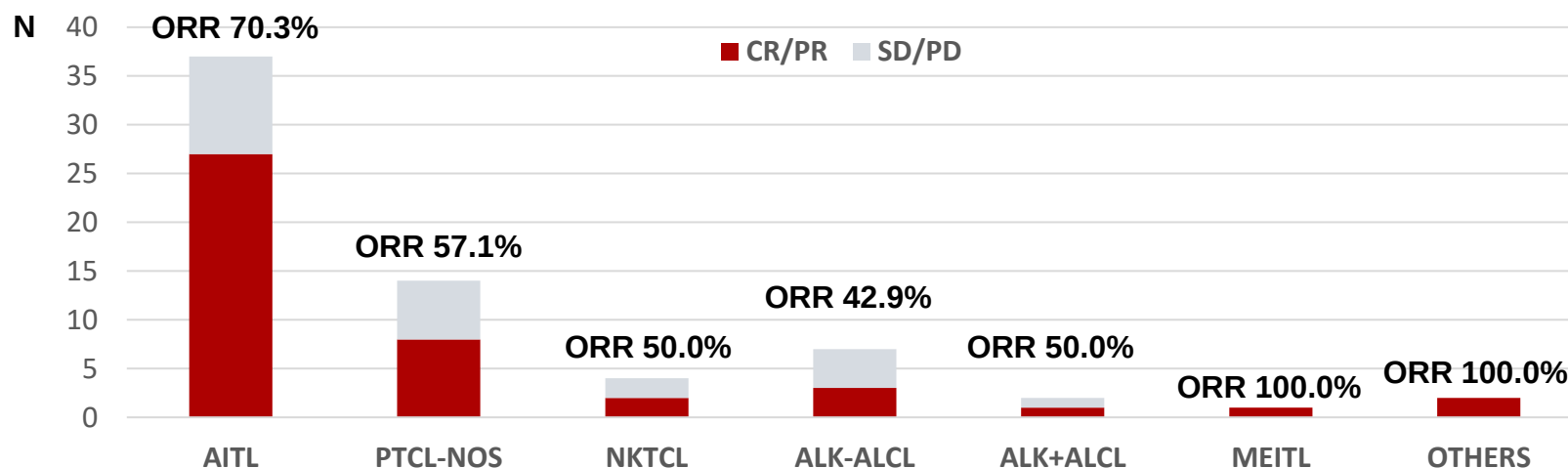
## A multicenter phase 1 study in 13 hospitals

- 113 patients with r/r mature lymphoid neoplasms: **28 (25%) PTCL**
- ORR: 64%(14/22); median duration of response 7.4months; AITL 67%, PTCL-NOS 57%



# EZH2 inhibitor SHR2554 in R/R PTCL

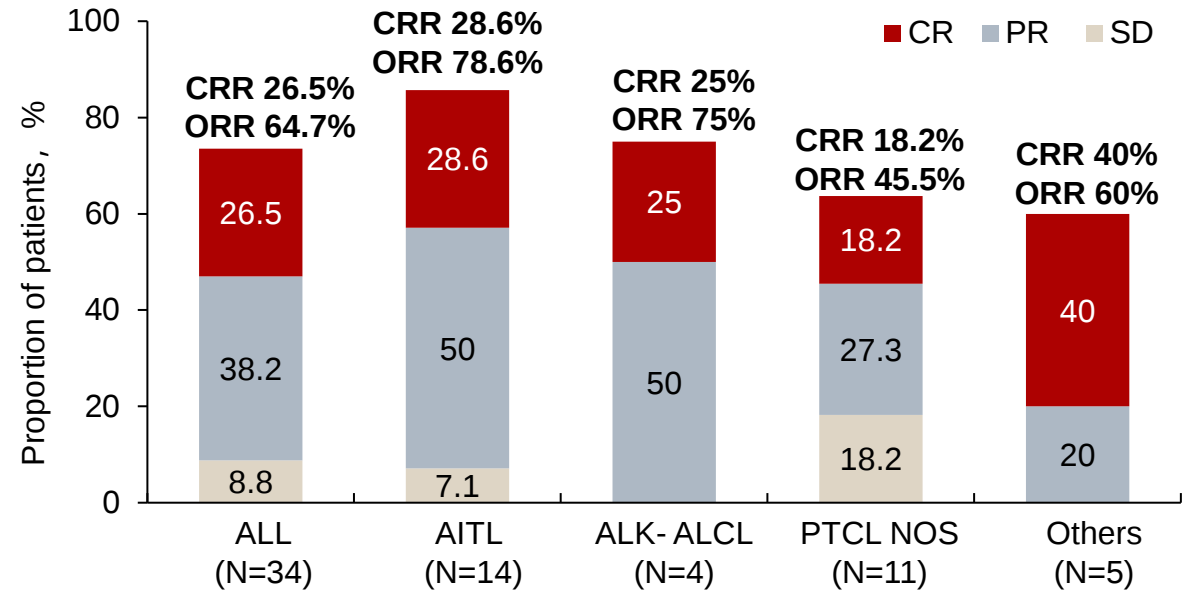
- Given its favourable safety profile and promising anti-tumor activity in R/R PTCL, we selected R/R PTCL as the first indication in pivotal phase II trials.
- As of Dec 20, 2024, N=67, IRC-assessed ORR 64.2%, CRR 32.8%, mPFS 10m, mOS 16.9m



- Responses were still ongoing in 51.2% (22/43) of the responders, and the estimated mDoR was 18.7 months
- The indication for R/R PT/NKCL is waiting for approval this year.

# EZH1/2i HH2853 in R/R PTCL

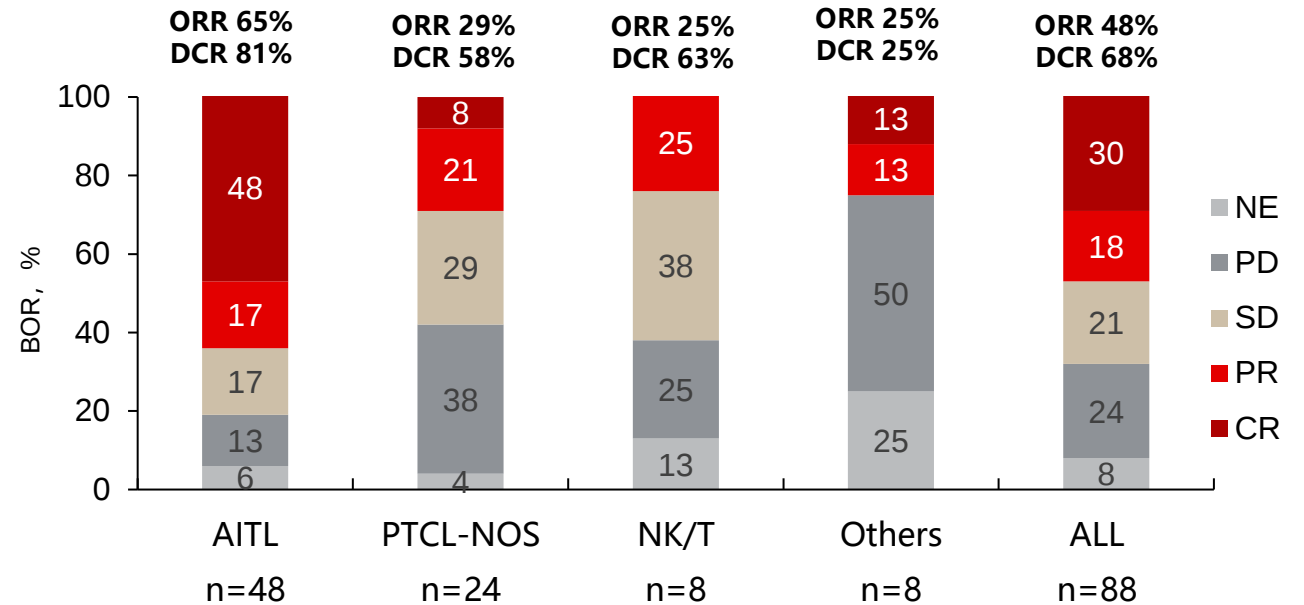
| BOR                 | ALL<br>(N=34)        | 300mg<br>(N=15)      | 400mg<br>(N=16)      | 600mg<br>(N=3)      |
|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| CR, %               | 26.5                 | 26.7                 | 25.0                 | 33.3                |
| PR, %               | 38.2                 | 33.3                 | 43.8                 | 33.3                |
| SD, %               | 8.8                  | 13.3                 | 6.3                  | 0                   |
| PD, %               | 23.5                 | 26.7                 | 18.8                 | 33.3                |
| ORR, %<br>[95% CI]  | 64.7<br>[46.5, 80.3] | 60.0<br>[32.3, 83.7] | 68.8<br>[41.3, 89.0] | 66.7<br>[9.4, 99.2] |
| DCR, %<br>[95% CI]  | 73.5<br>[55.6, 87.1] | 73.3<br>[44.9, 92.2] | 75.0<br>[47.6, 92.7] | 66.7<br>[9.4, 99.2] |
| mTTR, m<br>[95% CI] | 1.87<br>[1.7, 5.6]   | 1.84<br>[1.7, 3.7]   | 1.91<br>[1.7, 5.5]   | 4.63<br>[3.7, 5.6]  |



- HH2853 has significant and durable efficacy in the treatment of R/R PTCL.
- The ORR 64.7%, and the CRR 26.5%. The ORR and CR of AITL are the highest.
- After a median follow-up of 4.6 months, the mDOR, mPFS, and mOS have not been reached.

# PI3K $\delta$ i Linperlisib in R/R PTCL

- A multicenter phase 2 study in China from 25 sites
- ORR 48%; CR 30%; DCR 68%
- mFU 13.9 months: mDOR NR; mPFS 5.5m; mOS 14.2m
- Responses were demonstrated across almost all subtypes
- well-tolerated safety profile



- ✓ This clinical trial provides a new option for patients with R/R PTCL. Linperlisib is waiting for approval in this year.

# Exploring CHOP+X in treatment naïve PTCL

# CHOP+X in treatment naïve PTCL



**A Phase Ib/III, Open-label, Multi-center Study of SHR2554 With CHOP/CHOEP in Treatment-naïve Patients With Peripheral T-cell Lymphoma (IND study)**

- **Regimen: CHOP/CHOPE + SHR2554 vs. CHOP/CHOPE+ placebo**
- Inclusion Criteria:
  - ✓ Males or females aged 18-70 years (inclusive);
  - ✓ Histologically confirmed peripheral T-cell lymphoma;
  - ✓ ECOG PS score of 0 or 1;
  - ✓ Life expectancy  $\geq$  12 weeks;
  - ✓ Have measurable lesions ;
  - ✓ The subject is willing and able to comply with the visit schedule, dosing schedule, laboratory tests, and other clinical study procedures.

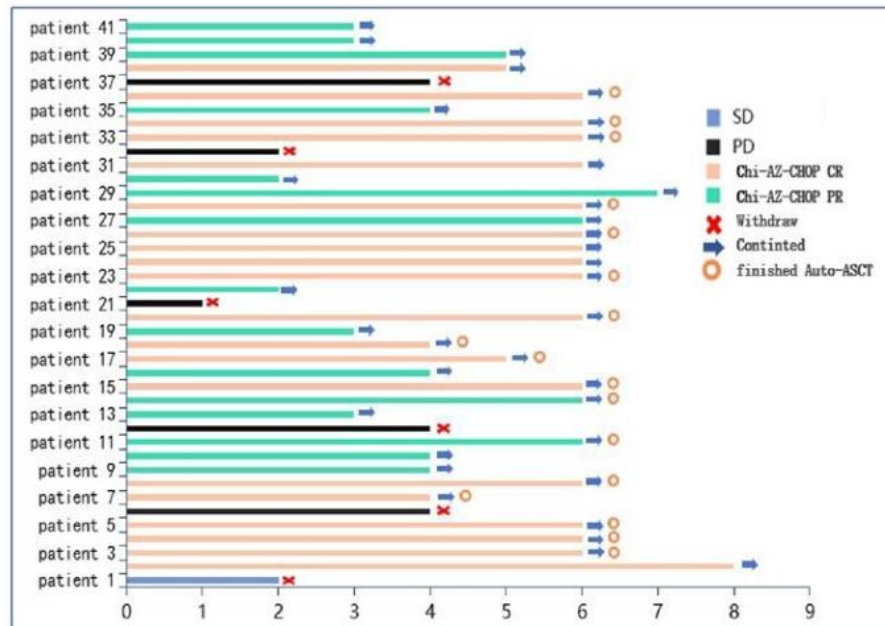
# CHOP+X in treatment naïve PTCL



- A single-arm, multicenter phase II study in treatment naïve nTFHL (IIT study)
- Regimen: CHOP+linperlisib (80 mg oral QD) ×6cs → autoSCT → linperlisib monotherapy maintenance for 1 year
- Inclusion criteria:
  - ✓ histologically confirmed nTFHL (Nodal T-follicular helper cell lymphomas )
  - ✓ Age 18-65 years
  - ✓ scheduled for autologous HSCT
- As of July 8, 2024, N=15, with 14 patients evaluable for efficacy:
  - ✓ mFU 85 days, **ORR 100% (14/14)**, **CRR 78.6%**, median time to CR was 43.5 days
  - ✓ Grade ≥3 TRAEs were reported in six patients (40%), mainly Hematological toxicity.
- Linperlisib combined with CHOP shows promising efficacy and manageable safety in newly diagnosed nTFHL patients. This study is ongoing.

# CHOP+X in treatment naïve PTCL

## Phase II study of chidamide combined with azacitidine and CHOP followed by transplantation in the treatment of newly diagnosed PTCL (IIT study)



### Efficacy:

- As of December 2023, 41 patients received Chi+AZ-CHOP treatment for at least 2 cycles, with a median treatment time of 5 cycles
- All: ORR 85.3%, CRR 48.7%
- For AITL (N=23): ORR 86.9%, CRR 60.8%
- 17 patients received ASCT, after ASCT, the ORR was 100%, and the CRR was 88.2%

### Safety:

- $\geq$ G3 Hematological AE: Neutropenia (52.9%), FN (35.4%), anemia (28.4%), and thrombocytopenia (25.7%).
- $\geq$ G3 Non-Hematological AE: Hypokalemia (27.1%), nausea (36.8%), vomiting (25.2%), and fatigue (36.5%).
- No treatment-related deaths have been reported.

# Conclusion

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- Undergoing routine treatment, the prognosis of most PT/NKCL were still poor, esp. patients in R/R setting.
- The survival of patients receiving transplantation is relative better, but in the real world, only 16% patients can eligible for transplantation.
- The development of novel drugs is growing quickly in China in past 10 years.
- Even with the approvals of some novel agents in R/R PTNKCL in China, there are still significant unmet clinical needs, esp. moving to first-line therapy.

**I would like to thank all patients and their family, investigators and team members!**

**Thanks**

