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# Cutaneous T-cell lymphoma

# LEARNING OBJECTIVES

## CUTANEOUS T CELL LYMPHOMA

- RECOGNIZE

- the most common entities

- UNDERSTAND

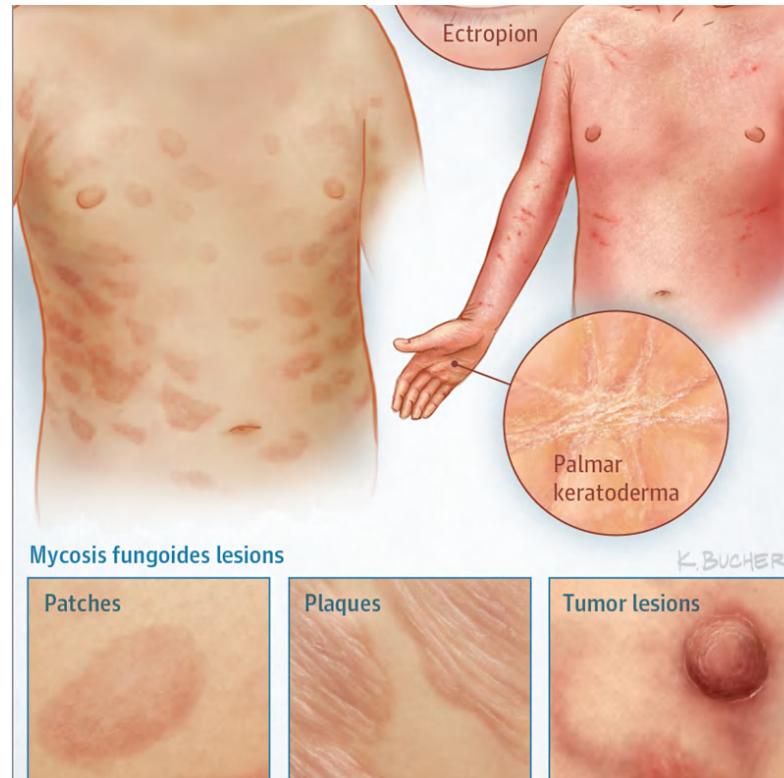
- the current concepts in the treatment of early and advanced disease

- GAIN KNOWLEDGE

- about newly developed treatment modalities

# Cutaneous T-cell Lymphoma

## DIAGNOSTICS & STAGING

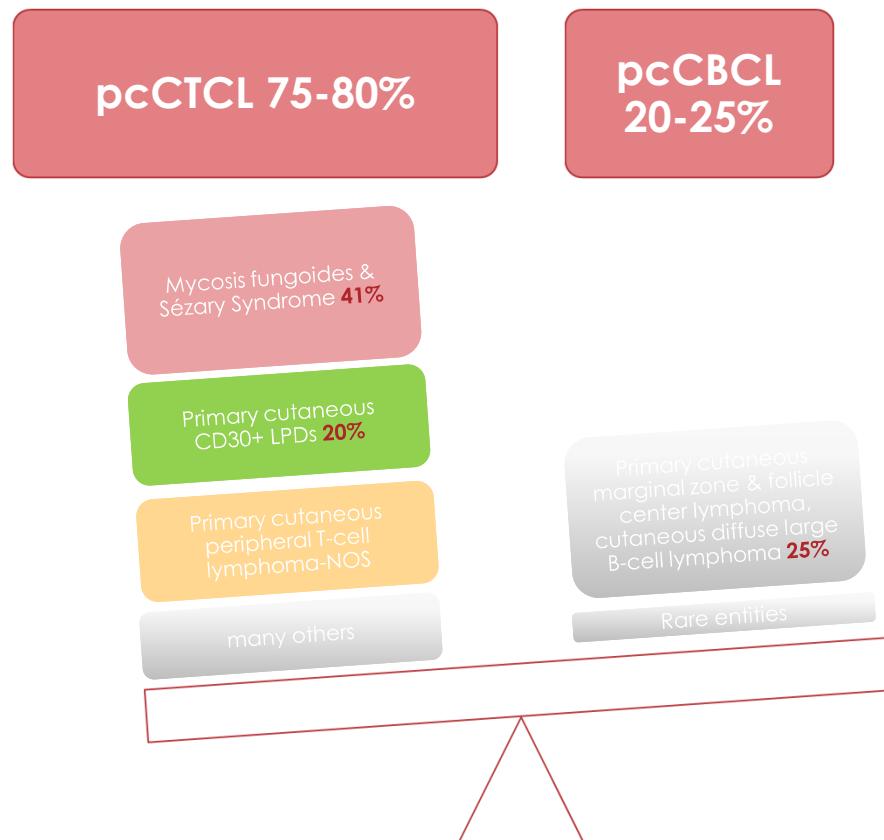


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# Primary cutaneous lymphoma

## Definition

- Group of lymphoid neoplasias
- Initial presentation in the skin
- No extracutaneous involvement at diagnosis
- Epidemiology
  - Incidence, around 1/100.000
  - 75-80%, T-cells
  - 20-25%, B-cells
- Some of them same names/morphology as systemic lymphoma
- Different diseases. Different treatment



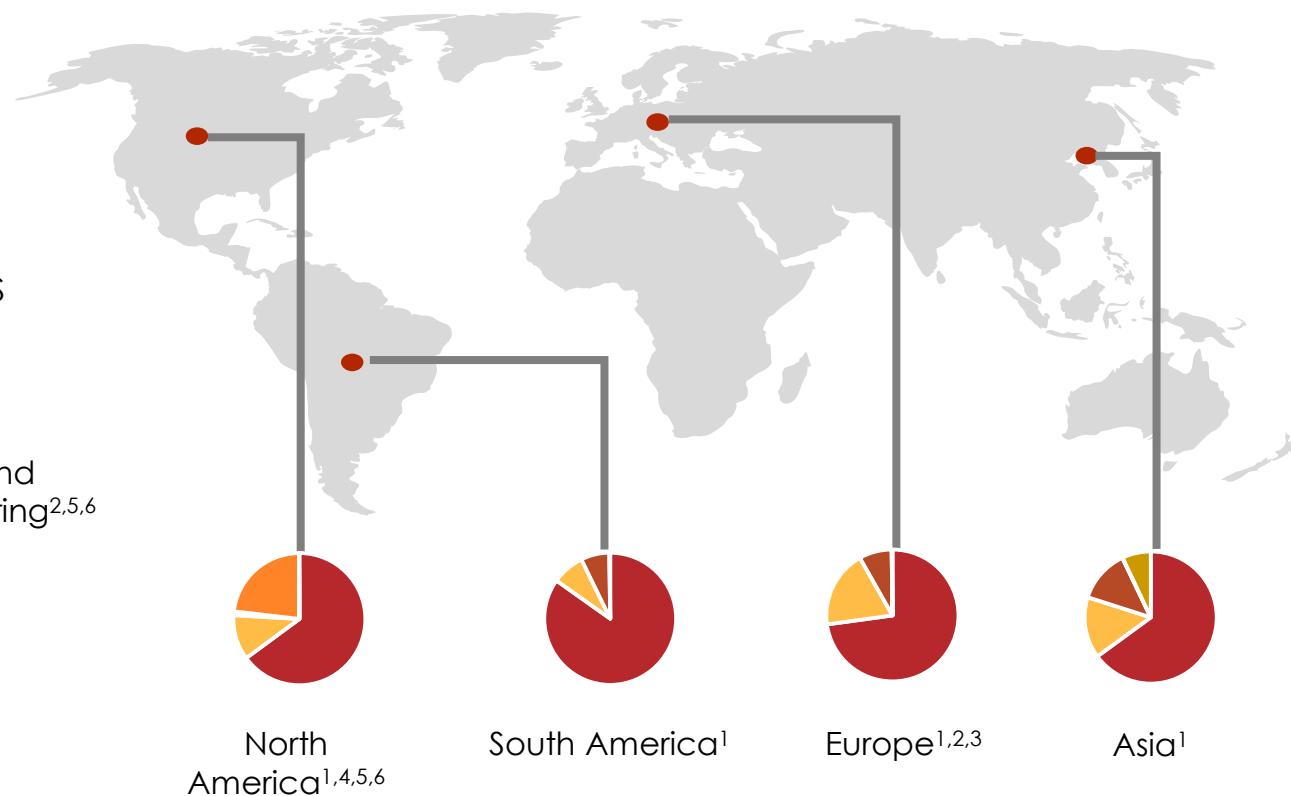
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# Primary cutaneous T-cell lymphoma

## Epidemiology

- MF/SS
- CD30+ LPD
- Rare CTCL
- Unclassified/NOS
- ATLL

changing trends and  
geographic clustering<sup>2,5,6</sup>



1. Dobos, G., et al. (2020). Cancers (Basel) 12.; 2. Dobos, G., et al. (2020). Br J Dermatol. [online, ahead of print]; 3. Ottevanger, R., et al. (2021). Br J Dermatol; 4. Dores, G.M., et al. (2005). J Clin Oncol 23, 7246-7248.; 5. Ghazawi, F.M., et al. (2017).. Cancer 123, 3550-3567.; 6. Litvinov, I.V., et al. (2015). Cancer Med 4, 1440-1447.

# Mycosis fungoides

## SLOWLY PROGRESSING DISEASE



Stages IA, IB and IIA are classified as early-stage disease<sup>2</sup>



Stages IIB, III and IV are classified as advanced disease<sup>1</sup>



Prognosis ↓

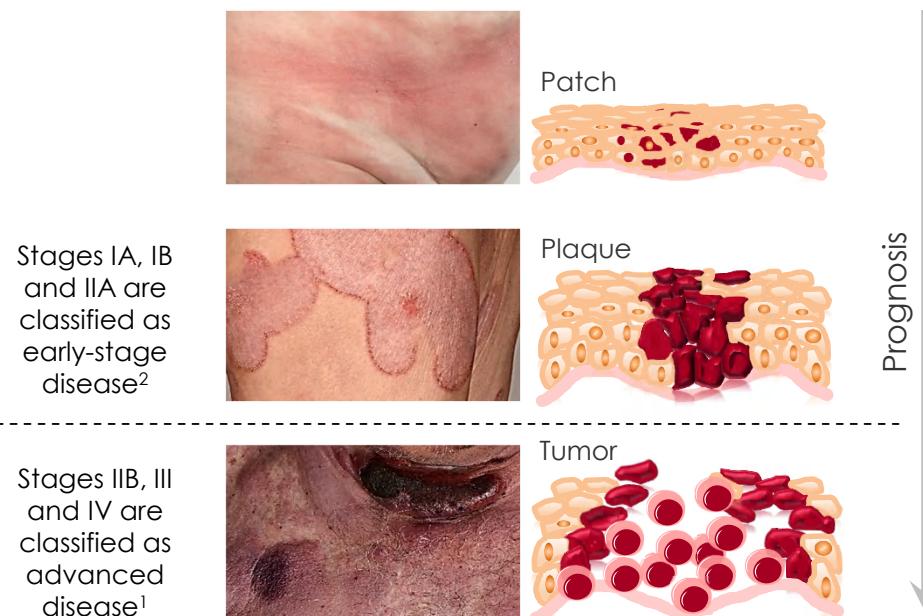
ISCL/EORTC revision to the staging of MF/SS<sup>2</sup>

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IIA	1-2	1-2	0	0-1
IIB	3	0-2	0	0-1
IIIA	4	0-2	0	0
IIIB	4	0-2	0	1
IVA1	1-4	0-2	0	2
IVA2	1-4	3	0	0-2
IVB	1-4	0-3	1	0-2

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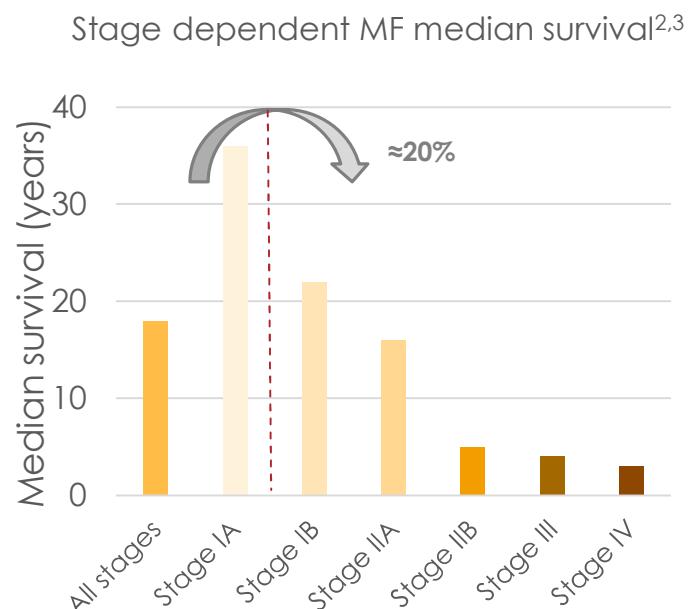
# Mycosis fungoides

MOST PATIENTS REMAIN IN EARLY STAGE DISEASE



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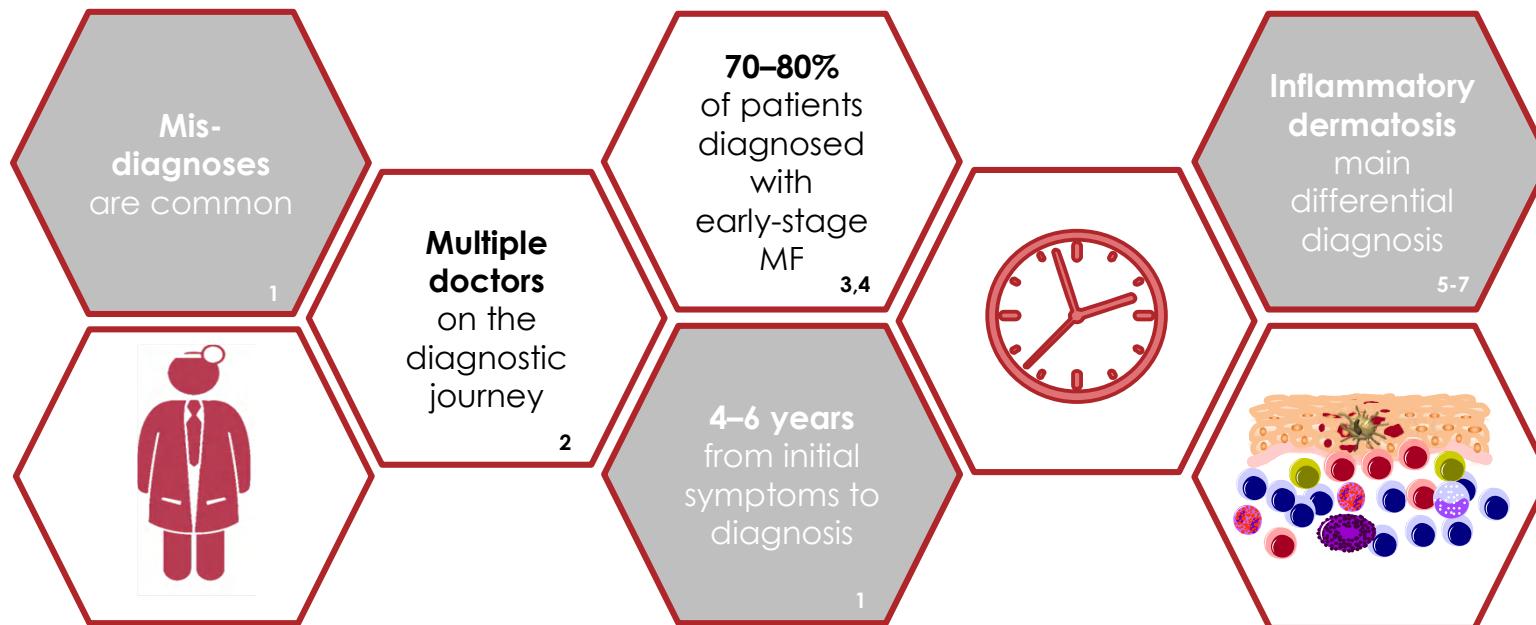
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# The challenge

## EARLY AND ACCURATE DIAGNOSIS

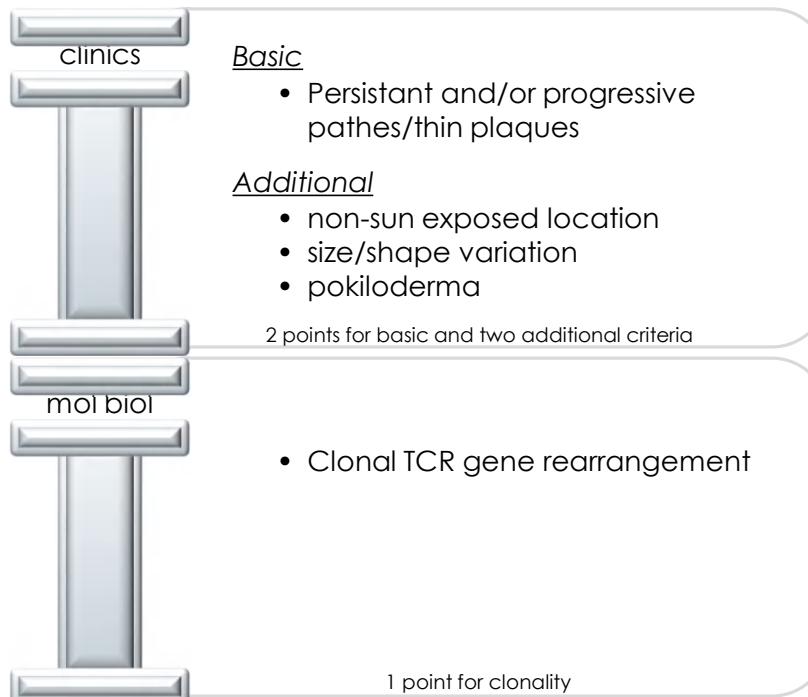


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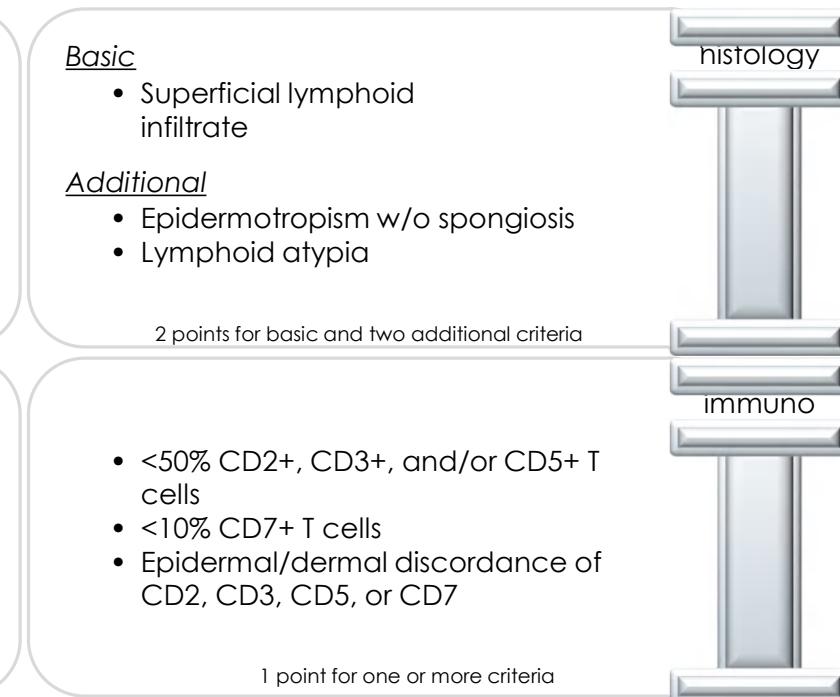
# MF: diagnostic criteria

## THE BASIC CONCEPT

- MF if  $\geq 4$  points for diagnostic criteria<sup>1</sup>



- sensitivity 87.5% | specificity 60%<sup>2</sup>



1. Pimpinelli N et al. J Am Acad Dermatol 2005 53(6):1053-63.; 2. Vandergriff T et al. J Cutan Pathol. 2015 May;42(5):318-28.;

# Staging evaluations

## RECOMENDATIONS<sup>1,2</sup>



### Complete clinical examination

- Skin (mSWAT, CAIIS)
- lymph nodes



### Laboratory studies

- Complete differential blood count & chemistry (incl LDH)
- Blood smear or FACS, CD4/CD8 ratio, measurement of CD4+CD7- cells and/or CD4+CD26- cells
- Clonality assessment (PCR, BIOMED-2 protocol)



### Skin biopsy

- representative lesions
- multiple biopsies
- clonality assessment (PCR, BIOMED-2 protocol)



### Lymph node biopsy

- node  $\geq 1.5$  cm in diameter or suspicious
- Clonality assessment (PCR, BIOMED-2 protocol)



### Imaging

- CT scans  $\pm$  FDG-PET (optional in patients with early-stage MF)



### Bone marrow biopsy

- not required unless indicated by other staging assessments

1. Dippel E et al., J Dtsch Dermatol Ges. 2017 Dec;15(12):1266-1273; 2, Willemze R et al, Ann Oncol. 2018 29(Suppl 4):iv30-iv40.

# Sézary syndrome: diagnostic criteria

## BLOOD STUDIES

International Society for Cutaneous Lymphomas (ISCL)<sup>1</sup>:

One or more of the following:

- § Sézary count > 1000 cells/mm<sup>3</sup> (FACS)
- Increased lymphocyte counts + immunophenotypical abnormalities : CD4/CD8 ratio > 10 and/or loss of one or more T-cell antigens (CD2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 26)
- Demonstration of T-cell clonality in the blood

WHO–EORTC classification for cutaneous lymphomas<sup>2</sup>:

- § T-cell clonality (ideally blood + skin) + one of the above

Current EORTC proposal<sup>\*3</sup>:

- B0<250/ $\mu$ L
- B1≥250/ $\mu$ L and <1000/ $\mu$
- B2≥1000/ $\mu$ L CD4+CD7- or CD4+CD26- cells per  $\mu$ L blood

\*Historical: B0≤5%, B1>5% and <1000, B2 ≥ 1000 Sézary cells per  $\mu$ L blood

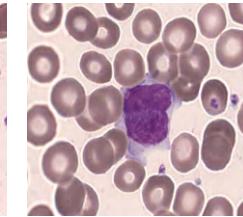
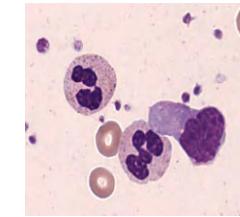
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# Sézary syndrome

## CLINICAL CASE



3/4 atypical lymphocytes  
 (= 3.7 G/l)

46 year old patient with skin rash and itch

Since >6 years itch,  
exematous plaques

Weight loss of 6kg in 12 Mt

= Pruritic erythroderma

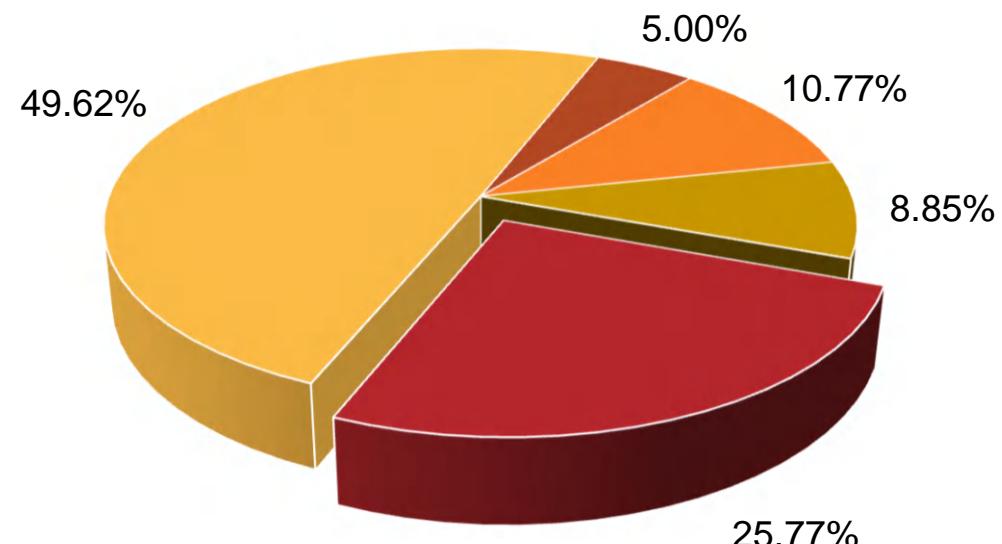


Total Leukocytes	6117 [850-2500/ $\mu$ l]
CD4+CD7-CD26-	97 [<30/40%]
CD4/CD8	47.5 [1-5]
CD4+V $\beta$ 2+	96.83 [5.4-12.8%]

# Sézary syndrome

CLINICAL IMAGE CAN BE LARGELY UNSPECIFIC

- Type 1: Typical erythroderma
- Type 2: Non-specific dermatitis
- Type 3: Atopic dermatitis-like
- Type 4: Mycosis fungoides-like
- Type 5: Leukaemic without initial erythroderma

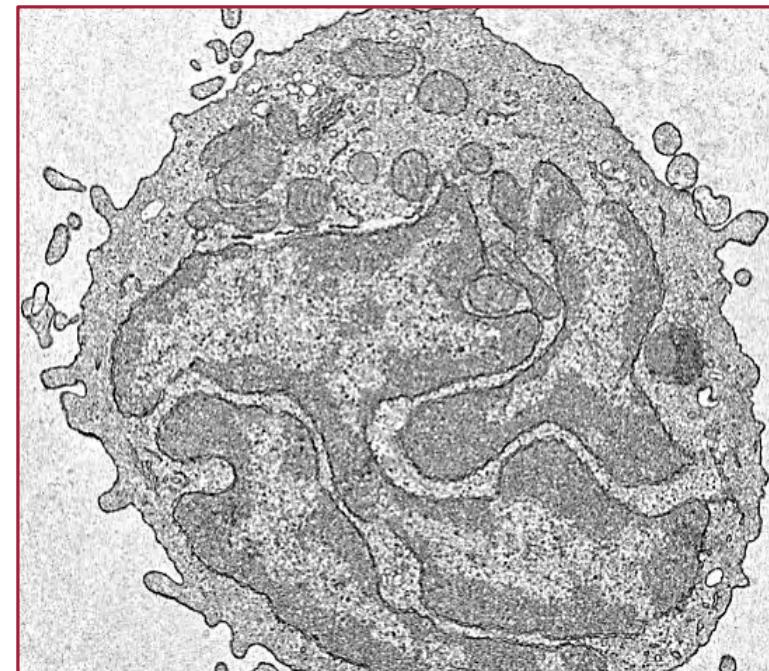


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# Prognostic factors for MF/SS

## RESEARCH ONGOING

- Stage IV disease<sup>3</sup>
- Age >60<sup>3</sup>
- Large cell transformation<sup>3</sup>
- ↑ LDH<sup>3</sup>
- TCR frequency >25% for ≥stage IB disease<sup>4</sup>



Ultrastructural appearance of a Sézary cell

1. Alibert JL. Paris, Bailli re, 1832.; 2. Karamanou M et al. J BUON. 2014 Apr-Jun;19(2):585-8.; 3. Scarisbrick JJ et al., J Clin Oncol. 2015 Nov 10;33(32):3766-73; 4. de Masson A et al. Sci Transl Med. 2018; 9;10(440).

# | Ø Genetic predisposition/heredity

## The Danish Twin Registry Study<sup>1</sup>



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# Cutaneous T cell lymphomas

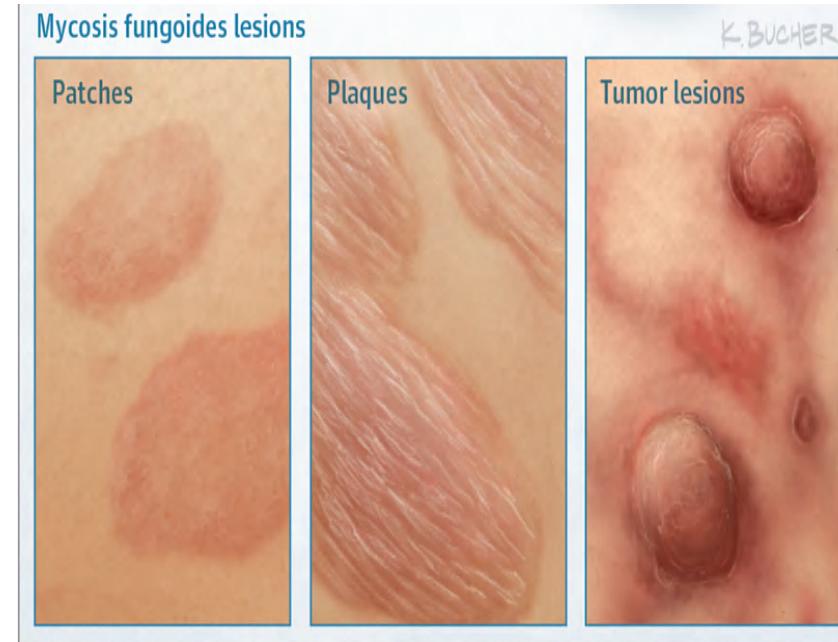
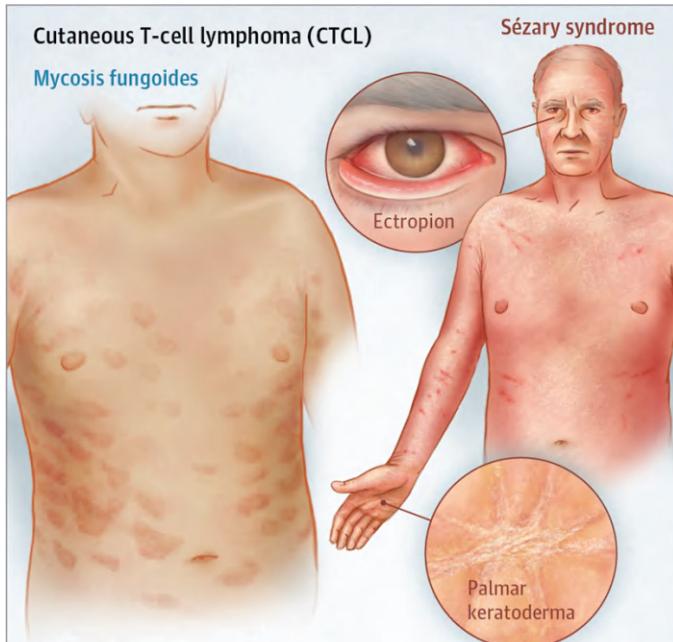
The great imitators



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3. Mangold, A.R., et al. (2017). *J Am Acad Dermatol* 77, 719-727.
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# MF & SS

## KEY FEATURES OF THEIR CLINICAL PRESENTATION



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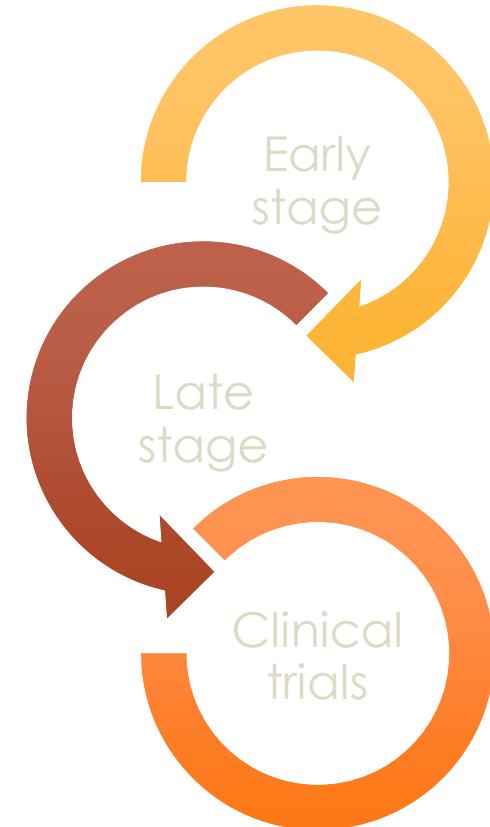
# CUTANEOUS T-CELL LYMPHOMA

## TREATMENT



Mr. Lucas; 1<sup>st</sup> MF patient described by Alibert<sup>1,2</sup>

Treatment for MF/SS is based  
on patient's disease stage



# Early stage

## FIRST LINE TREATMENT



### Skin directed therapies

Localised  
radiotherapy

Topical  
corticosteroids

Mechlorethamine

PUVA

Level 2

Level 3

Level 4

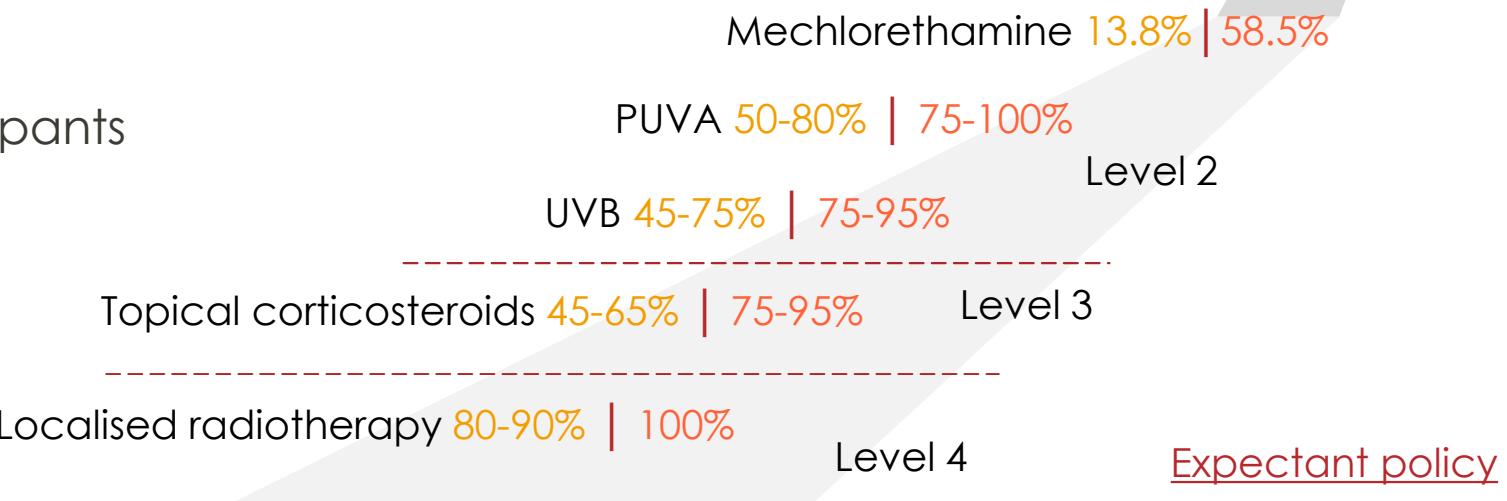
### Expectant policy

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# Skin directed therapies CR | OOR

Phototherapy is commonly recommended as first-line treatment for MF, and there is no evidence to challenge this recommendation<sup>1</sup>

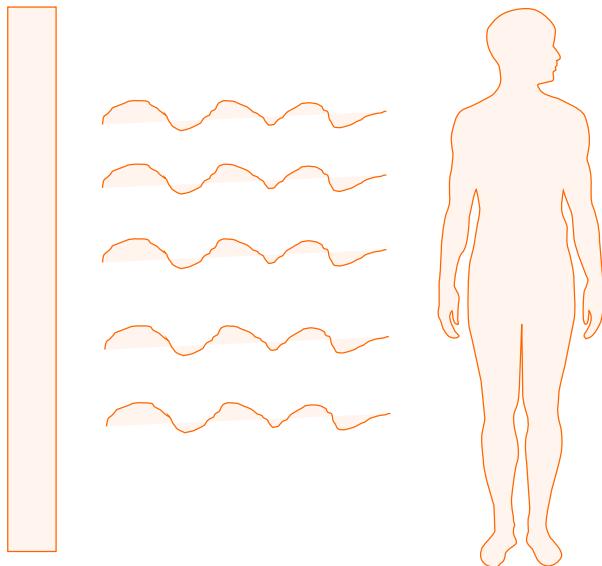
20 RCT  
1369 participants



1. Valipour, A., M. Jager, P. Wu, J. Schmitt, C. Bunch and T. Weberschock (2020). "Interventions for mycosis fungoïdes." *Cochrane Database Syst Rev* 7: CD008946.; 2. Agar NS et al. *J Clin Oncol* 2010;28:4730–9; 3. Lessin SR et al. *JAMA Dermatol*. 2013;149:25–32

# UVB vs. PUVA

## FOR EARLY STAGE MF



### Systematic Review and Meta-analysis<sup>4</sup>:

- CR to PUVA (73%) > UVB (62%)
- Comparable side-effects

### PUVA for MF

- First introduced in 1976
- ↑QoL<sup>1</sup> (prospective, randomized, single-center trial)

### nbUVB for early MF

- § First demonstrated in 1999
- § Lack of evidence for inferiority<sup>2</sup> (comparative study)
- § Lack of prospective studies

### Current consensus:

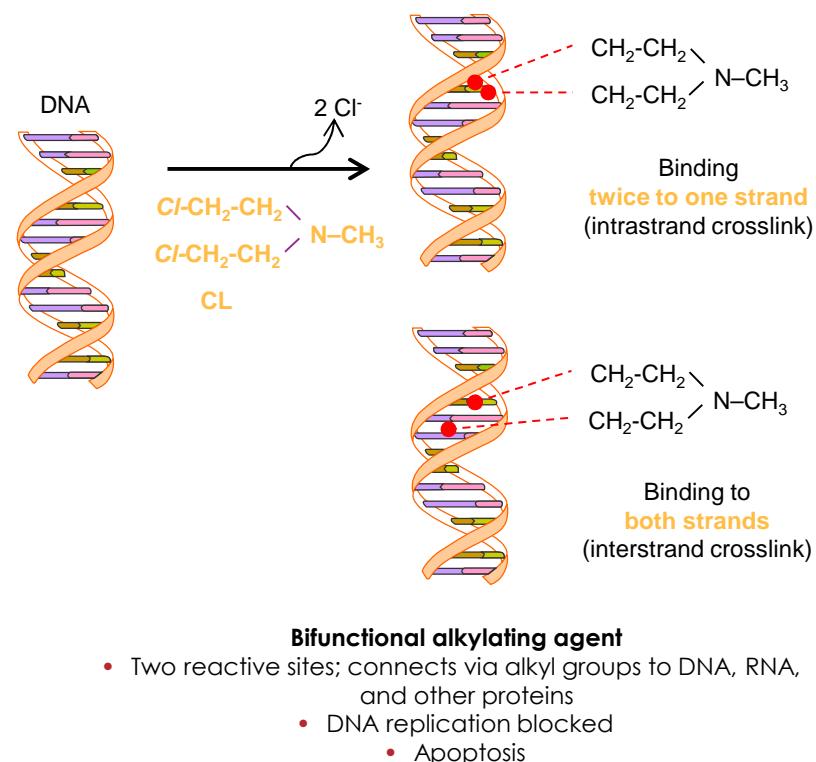
- § nbUVB for T1a and T2a (patches only)<sup>3</sup>
- § PUVA for T1b and T2b (plaques)<sup>3</sup>

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# Topical Chloromethine

## ALKYLATING AGENT (CHEMOTHERAPY)

- ✓ CHM gel is the most recently developed, stable and approved formulation<sup>1</sup>
- ✓ Topical agent for all MF stages<sup>2</sup>
- ✓ Can be applied to large areas<sup>3,4</sup>
- ✓ No systemic absorption<sup>5</sup>
- ✓ CAVEAT!
- ✓ Local irritative/allergic skin reactions-> assessment of response difficult

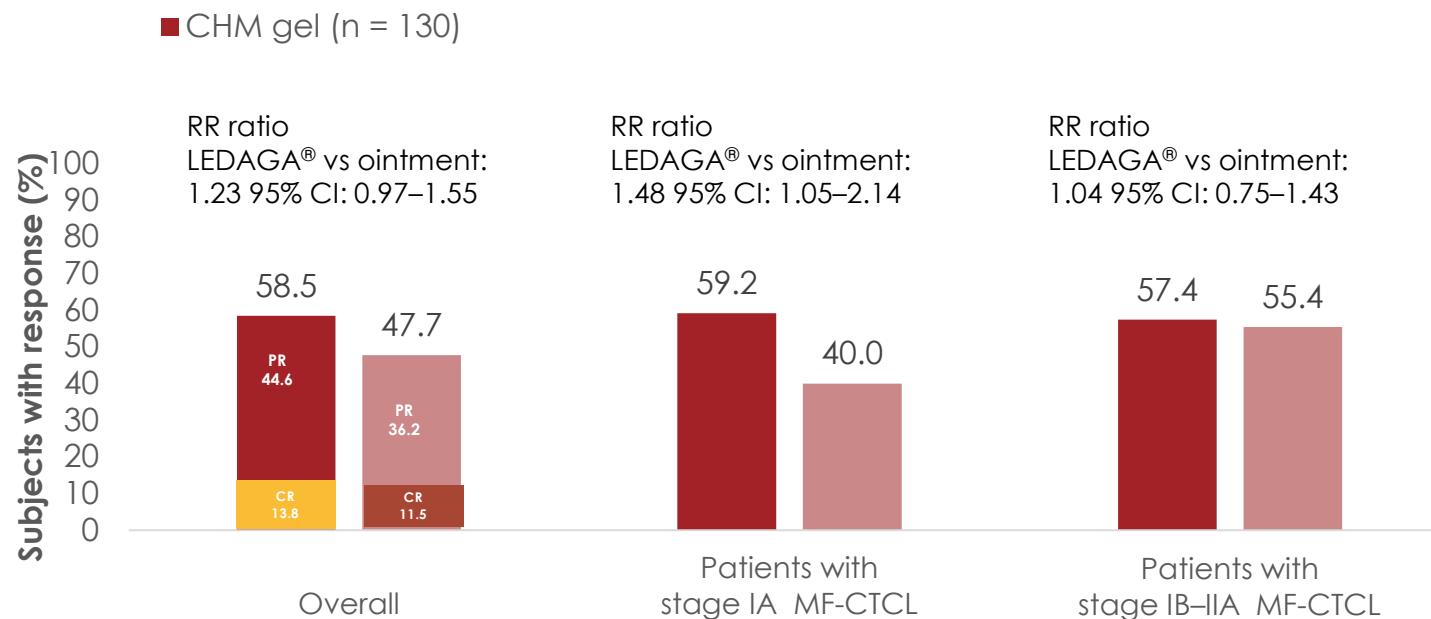


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# Topical Chlormethine

## CAILS RESPONSE<sup>1</sup>

CAILS: composite assessment of index lesion severity



1. Lessin SR et al. JAMA Dermatol. 2013;149:25–32; 2. Actelion 2017 Data on file

# Radiotherapy for CTCL lesions

## SECOND LINE TREATMENT



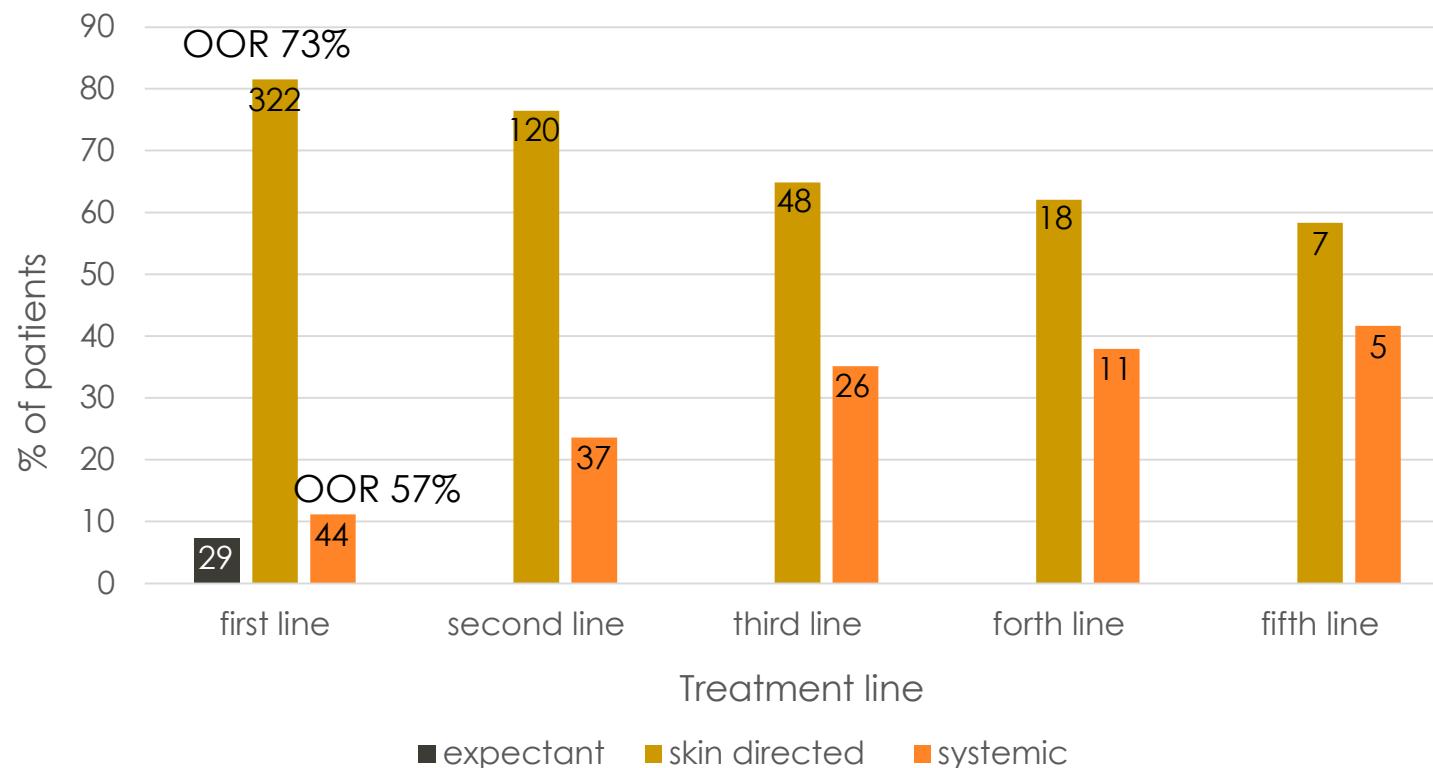
Low-dose brachytherapy for facial CTCL lesions.  
Desimone JA et al, J Am Acad Dermatol. 2013 69(1):61-5

- **Palliative treatment**
- **May induce long term remission for unilesional disease<sup>2</sup>**
- **Improved survival**
  - Suggested in one small retrospective study in high-risk early-stage patients<sup>3</sup>
- **Dosage<sup>1,2</sup>**
  - Often up to 20-24gy
  - Better 2x4 Gy
- **FLASH-radiotherapy**
  - First in human application, MF patient<sup>4</sup>

1. L. Specht et al., Int J Radiat Oncol Biol Phys 92, 32-39 (2015); 2. J. A. DeSimone et al., Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology 69, 61-65 (2013); 3. J. T. O'Malley et al., Clin. Cancer Res. 26, 408-418 (2020); J. Bourhis et al., Radiother Oncol 139, 18-22 (2019).

# Physician treatment choice

395 newly diagnosed patients with early-stage MF (IA-IIA)



1. Quaglino, P., et al. "Treatment of early-stage mycosis fungoides: results from the PROspective Cutaneous Lymphoma International Study (PROCLIP study)." *Br J Dermatol.* 2020 [epub, ahead of print]

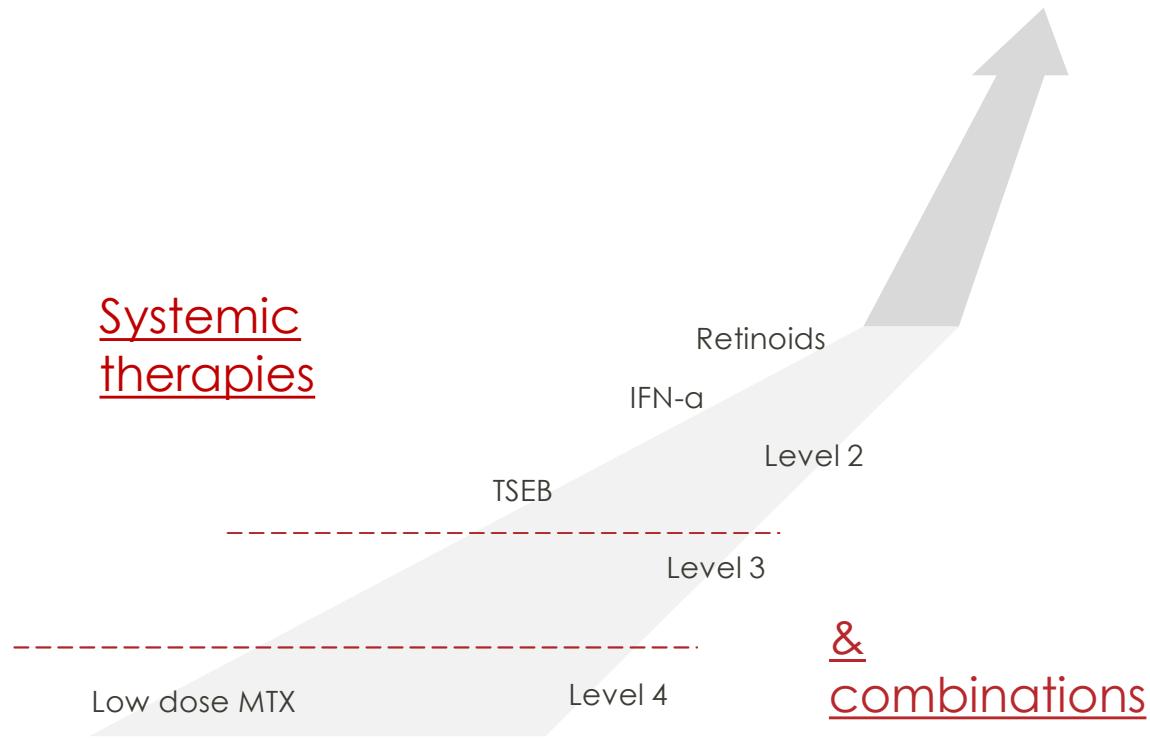
# Early stage

## SECOND LINE TREATMENT

T<sub>2</sub>N<sub>0</sub>M<sub>0</sub>B<sub>0</sub>, MF stage IB



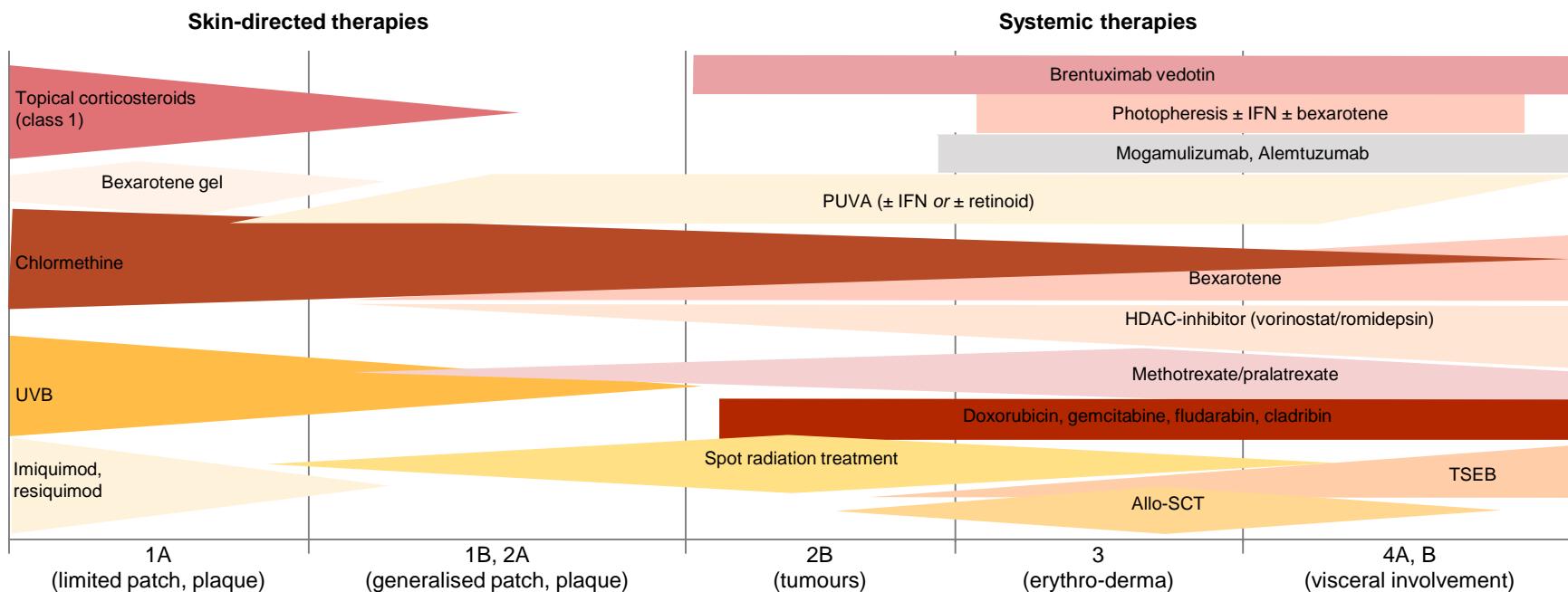
### Systemic therapies



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# Late stage

## TREATMENT OPTIONS

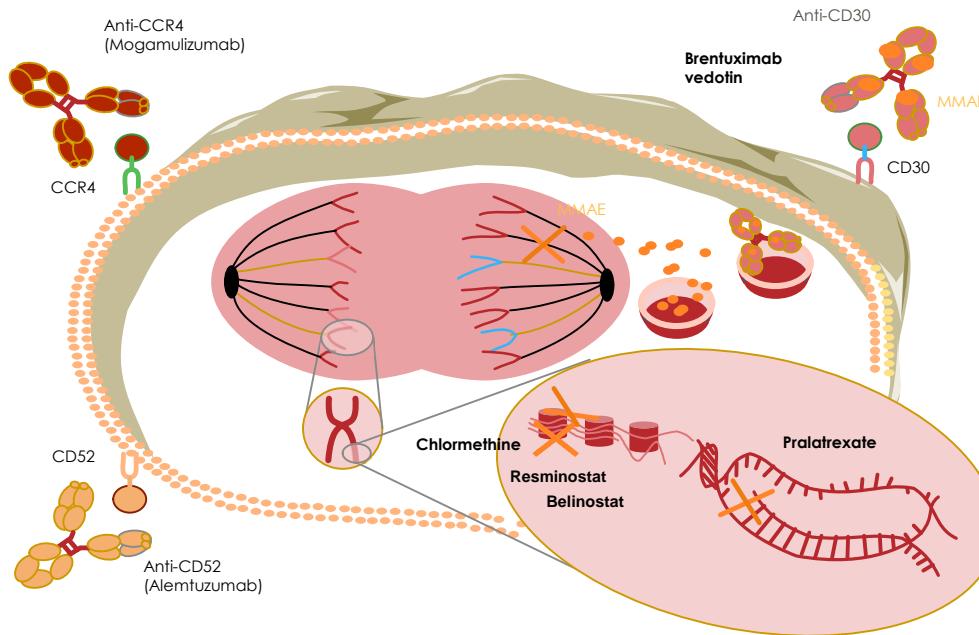


Allo-SCT, allogenic haematopoietic stem cell transplantation; IFN, interferon; HDAC, histone deacetylase; PUVA, psoralen and ultraviolet A; SS, Sézary syndrome; TSEB, total skin electron beam; UVB, ultraviolet B.

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# Specific drug development

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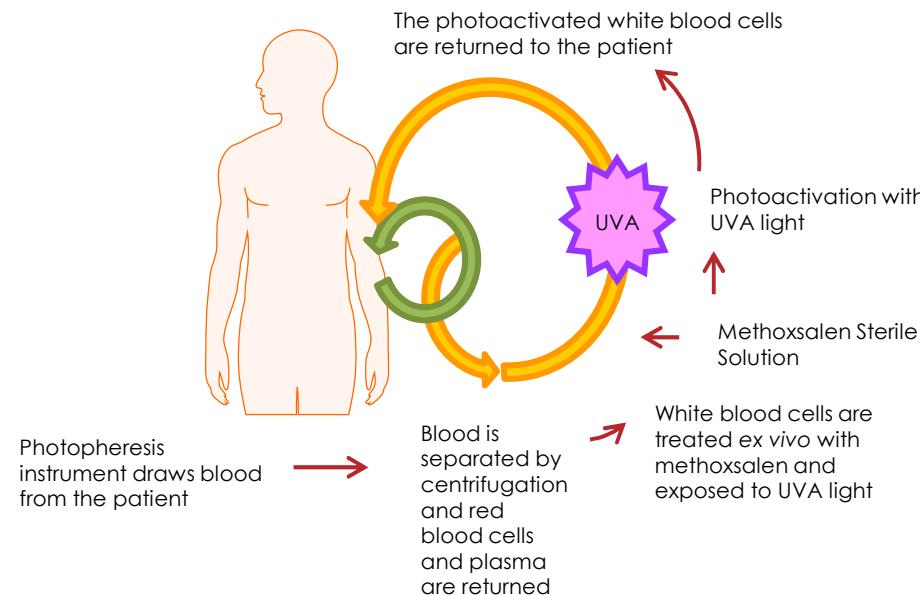


Drugs	Class	Indications	Status CH
Photopheresis	Medical device	US and Europe: L-CTCL (1988)	L-CTCL (2020)
Bexarotene	retinoid X receptors agonist	US (1999) and Europe (2001): CTCL	Not yet approved
Pralatrexate	Antifolate	US FDA: PTCL (2009)	PTCL
Romidepsin	HDAC inhibitor	US FDA: CTCL (2009) and PTCL (2011)	
Brentuximab vedotin	Anti-CD30 ADC	US FDA and Europe: ALCL (2011) and CTCL (2017)	sALCL CTCL
Belinostat	HDAC inhibitor	US FDA: PTCL (2014)	
Mogamulizumab	Anti-CCR4 mAb	Japan: ATLL (2012) PTCL and CTCL (both 2014) US FDA and Europe EMA (2018)	Not yet approved
CL gel	Topical alkylating agent	US FDA: MF-CTCL (2013) Israel (2016) Europe EMA (2017)	Not yet approved
Forodesine	PNP inhibitor	Japan: PTCL (2017)	

ADC, antibody drug conjugate; ALCL, anaplastic large-cell lymphoma; ATLL, adult T-cell leukaemia lymphoma; CCR, C-C chemokine receptor; CD, cluster of differentiation; CH, Switzerland; CL, chlormethine; EMA, European Medicines Agency; FDA, Food and Drug Administration; mAb, monoclonal antibody; MMAE, monomethyl auristatin E; PNP, purine nucleoside phosphorylase; PTCL, peripheral T-cell lymphoma; sALCL, systemic anaplastic large-cell lymphoma; US, United States.

# Extracorporeal photopheresis

LEUKAPHERESIS + PHOTOCHEMOTHERAPY<sup>1,2</sup>



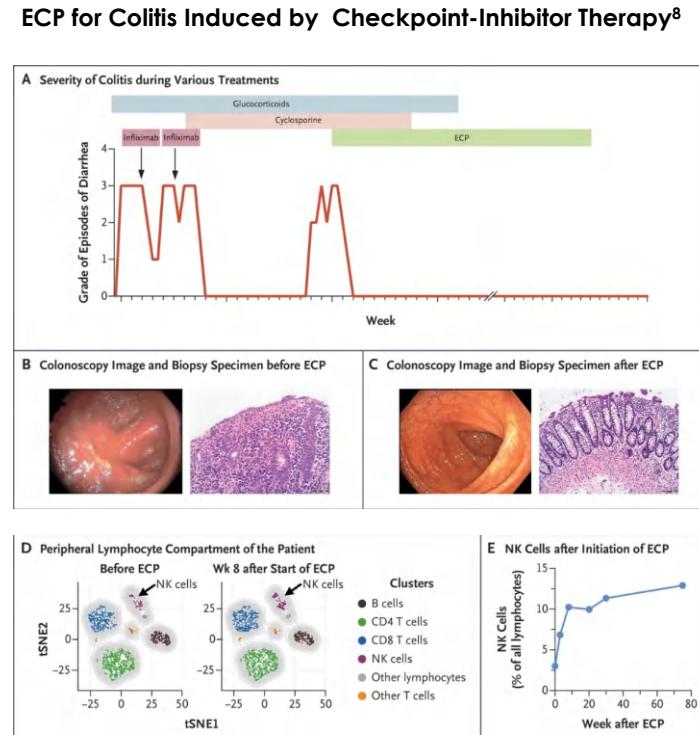
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# Extracorporeal photopheresis

## OBSERVATIONS REGARDING MODE OF ACTION

- ✓ Damaged DC à T<sub>REG</sub>; apoptosis
- ✓ IL-1 and integrin signaling pathways ↑
- ✓ CD14+ monocytes à T cell proliferation
- ✓ CD71 as surrogate for T cell proliferation ↓
- ✓ Neutrophils dampen APC activation
- ✓ Plus IL-2 for GvHD
- ✓ Antigen-specific T- & B-cell responses ≈
- ✓ NK cells numbers and function ↑

29-year-old man<sup>8</sup>

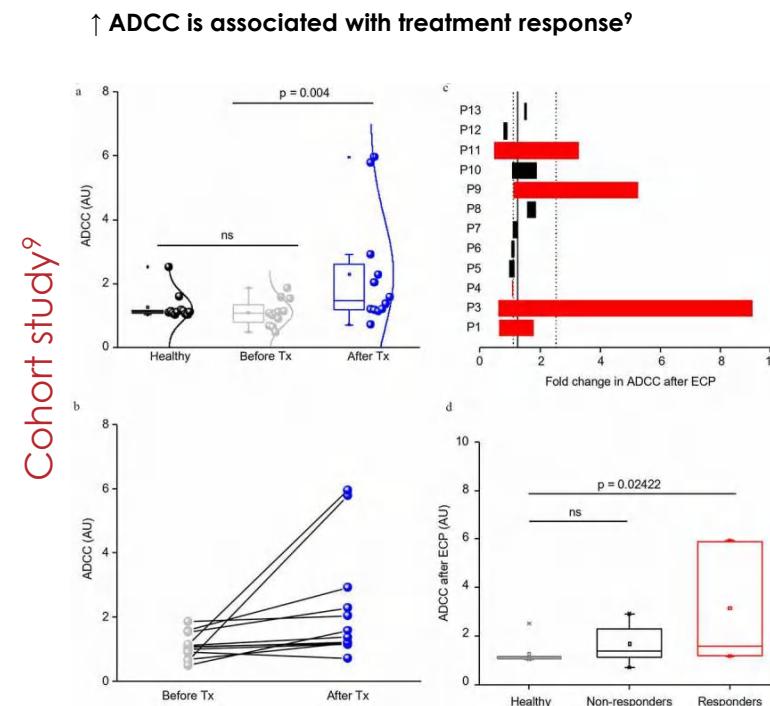


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- ✓ CD14+ monocytes à T cell proliferation
- ✓ CD71 as surrogate for T cell proliferation ↓
- ✓ Neutrophils dampen APC activation
- ✓ Plus IL-2 for GvHD
- ✓ Antigen-specific T- & B-cell responses ≈
- ✓ NK cells numbers and function ↑

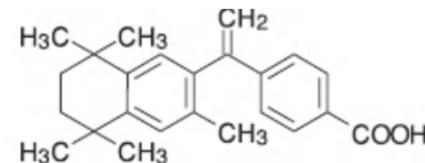


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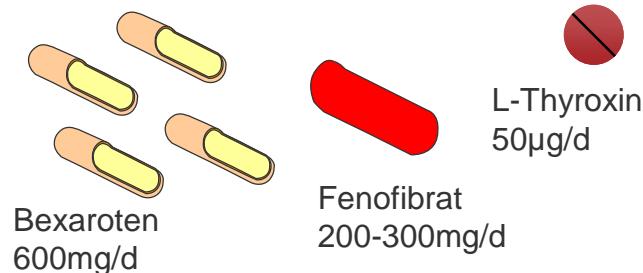
# Bexarotene

SELECTIVE RETINOID X RECEPTOR AGONIST<sup>1,2,3</sup>

- ✓ approved by the FDA and EMA since 1999 for the treatment of advanced CTCL
- ✓ exact mechanism of action in CTCL unknown
- ✓ dosage: 300mg/m<sup>2</sup>/day
- ✓ overall response: 30-50%
- ✓ CAVEAT!
- ✓ hypertriglyceridemia (associated rarely with pancreatitis) and hypothyroidism



<http://targretin.com>

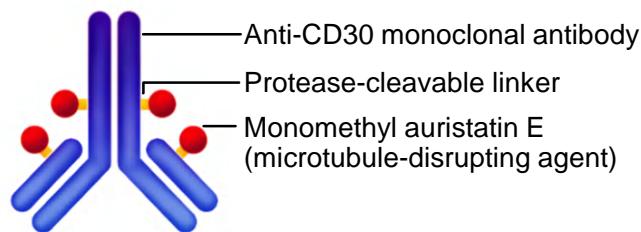


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# Brentuximab vedotin

## ANTIBODY-DRUG CONJUGATE<sup>1</sup>

- Anti-CD30 monoclonal antibody
- Monomethyl auristatin E (microtubule-disrupting agent)
- Protease-cleavable linker



- CAVEAT!
- Peripheral neuropathy

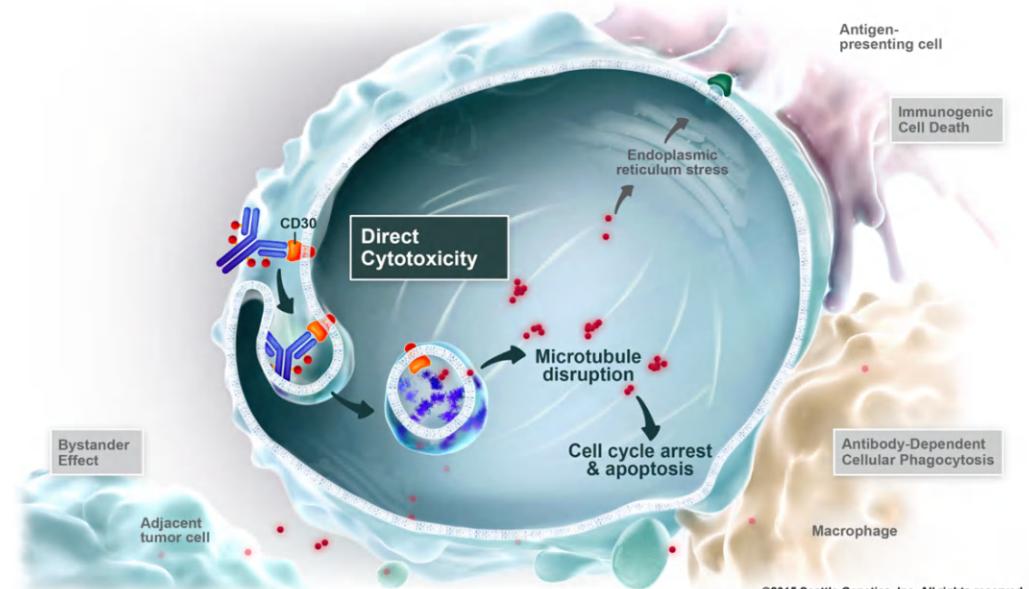
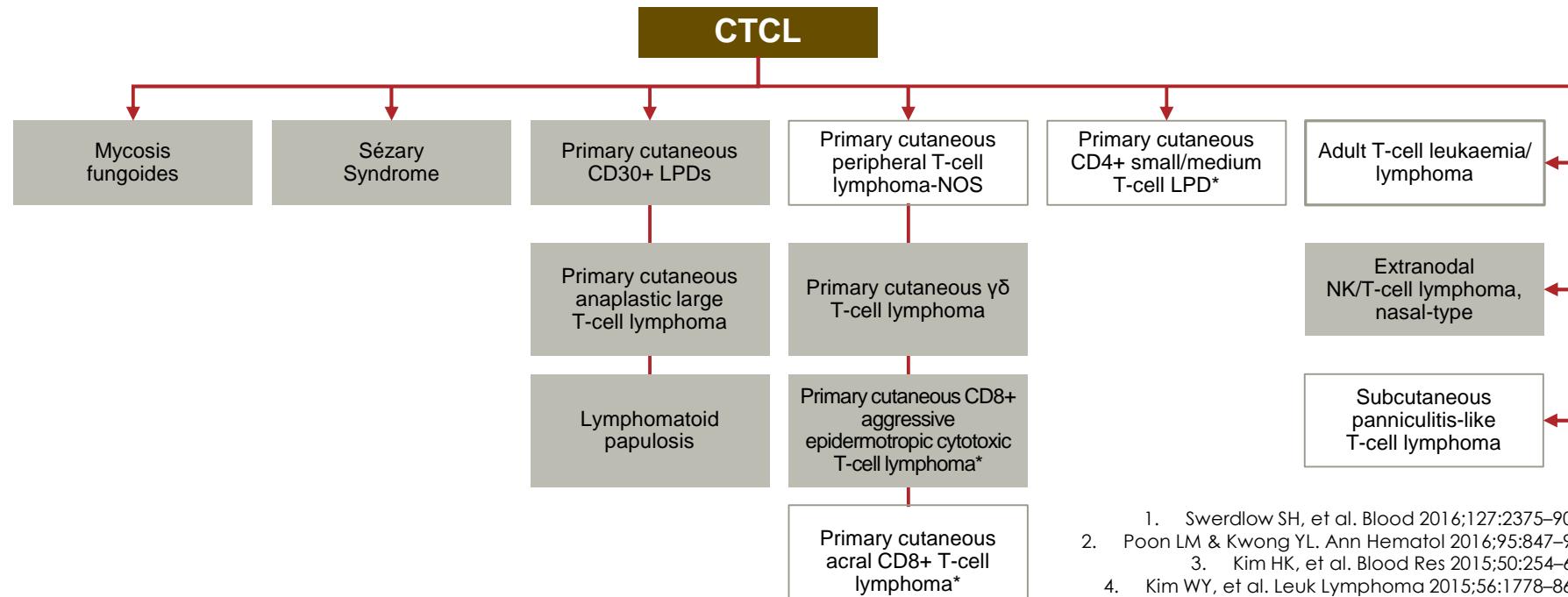


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# Subtypes of primary cutaneous lymphoma

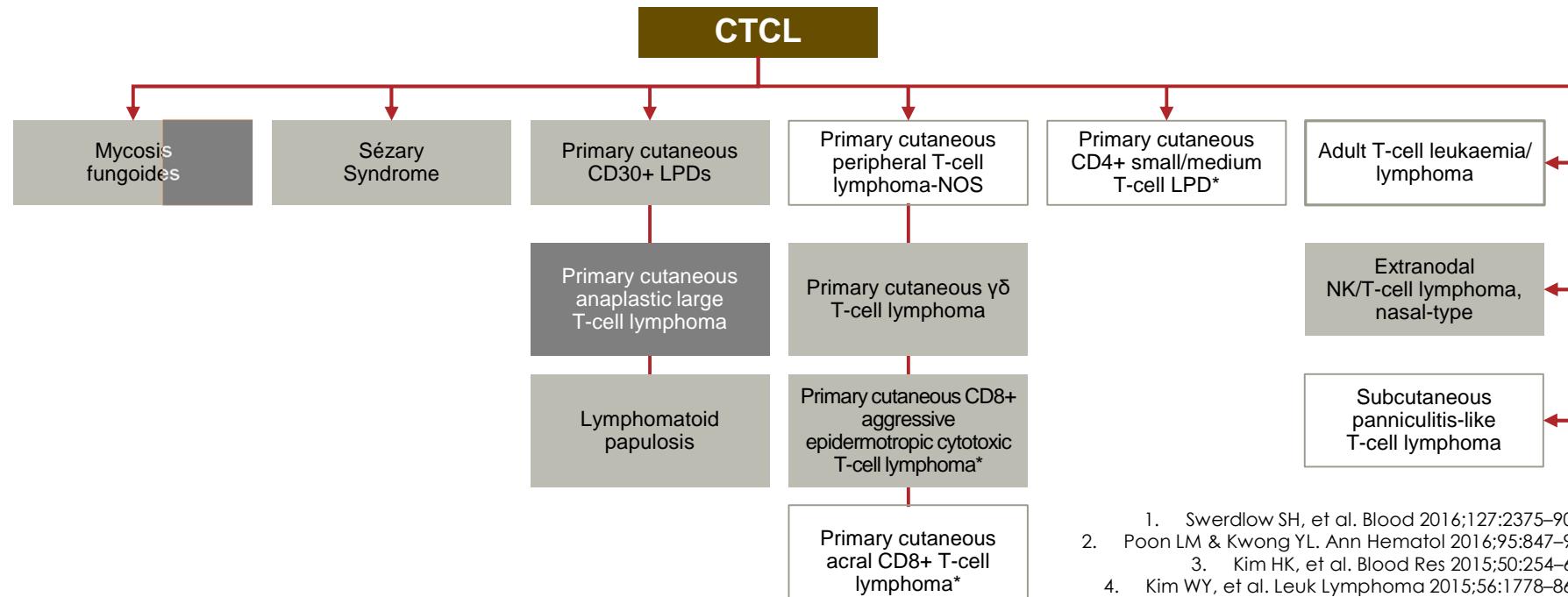
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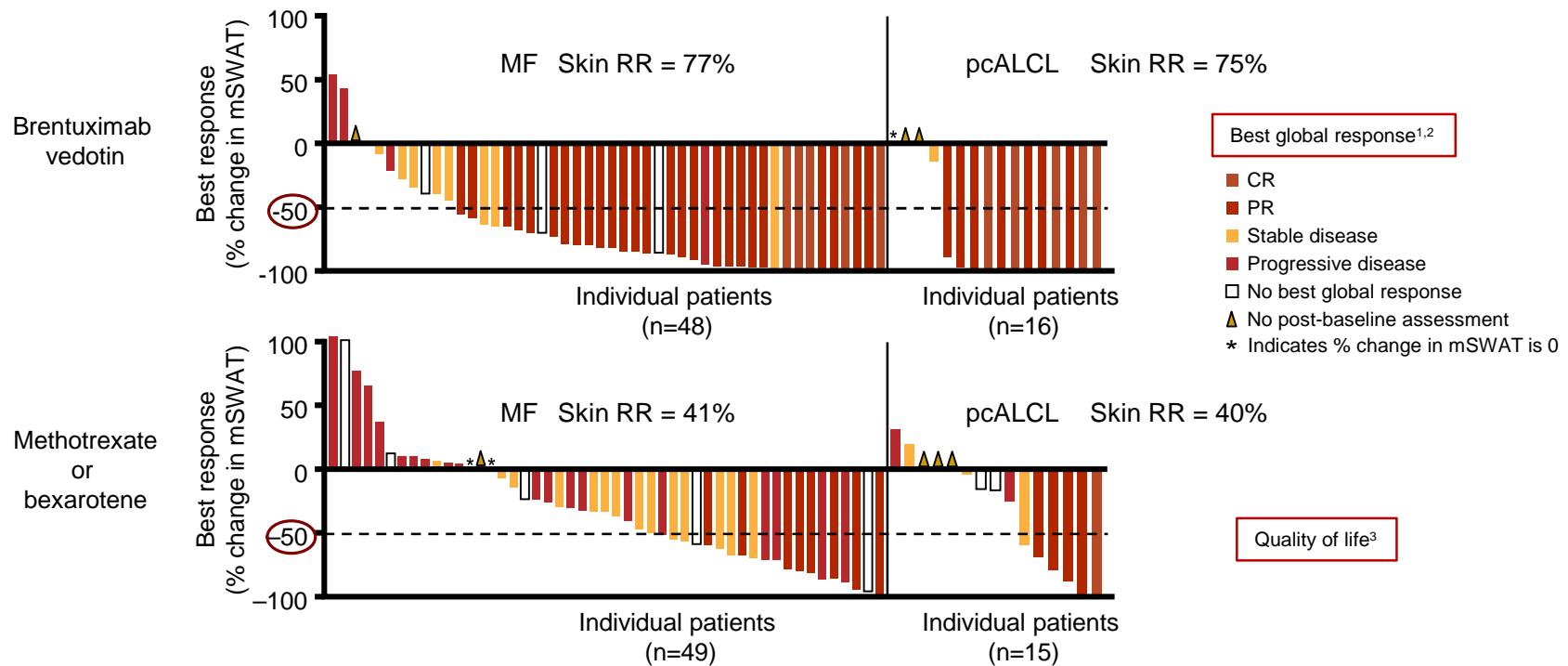
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# Brentixumab

## MAXIMUM PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN SKIN mSWAT SCORE



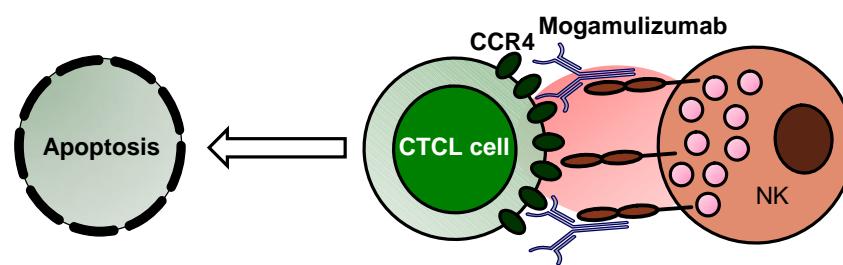
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# Mogamulizumab

## HUMANISED ANTI-CCR4 ANTIBODY

- Targets CCR4+ skin homing T cells
- CCR4 is expressed throughout all stages of CTCL<sup>1-4</sup>
- Induces antibody mediated ADCC<sup>5</sup>
- Phase III study of mogamulizumab versus vorinostat<sup>6</sup>



Higher ADCC due to a defucosylated Fc region

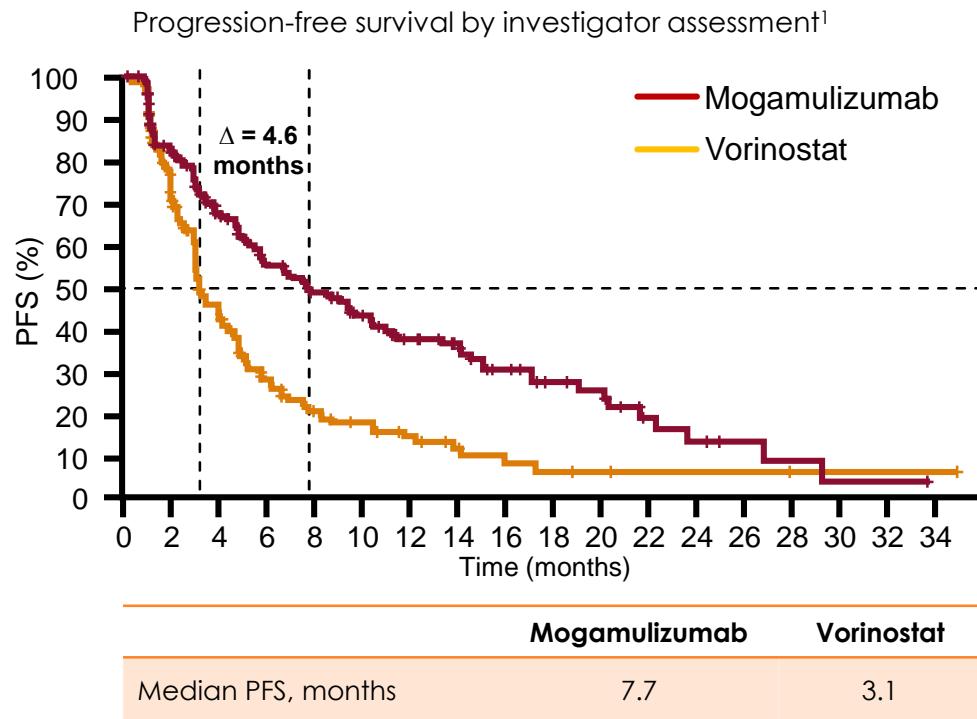
- CAVEAT!
- Skin rash -> assessment of response difficult<sup>7</sup>
- Infections (pneumonia)<sup>7</sup>

ADCC: antibody-dependent cellular cytotoxicity  
CCR4: CC chemokine receptor 4

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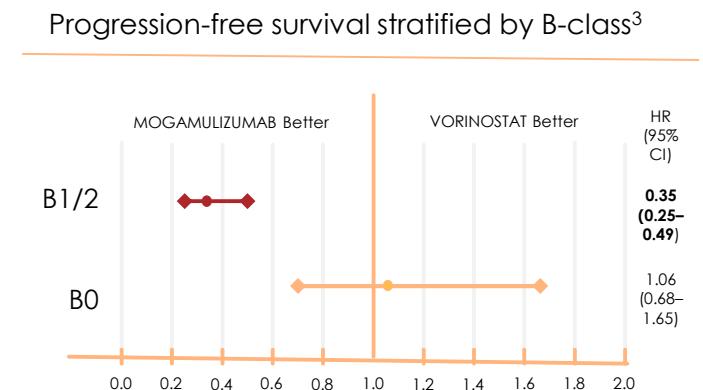
# Mogamulizumab

## CLINICAL RESPONSE



Response rate<sup>2</sup>

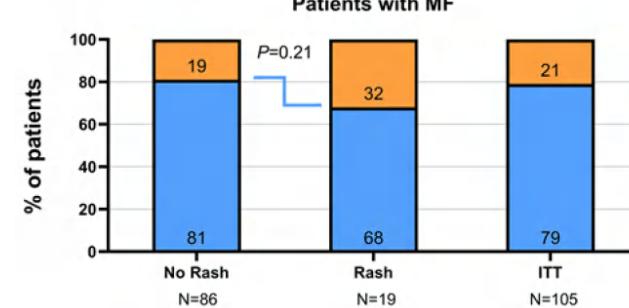
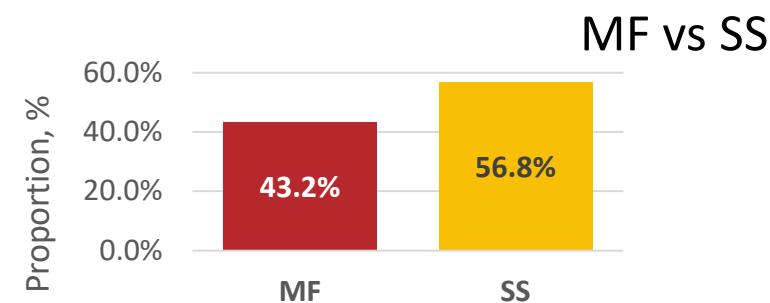
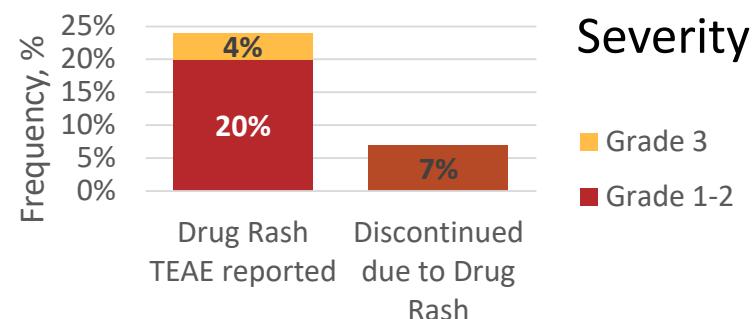
	Mogamulizumab	Vorinostat
ORR, n/N	52/186 (28%)	9/186 (5%)
MF	22/105 (21%)	7/99 (7%)
SS	30/81 (37%)	2/87 (2%)



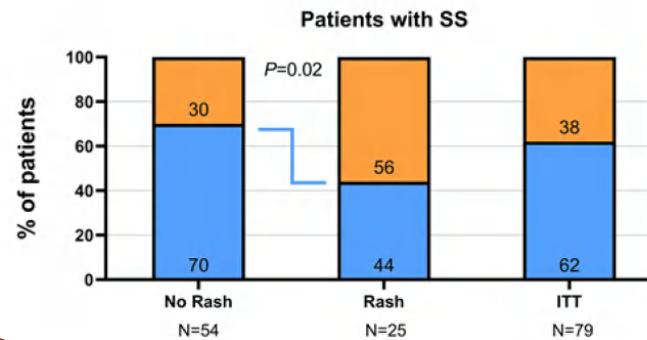
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# Mogamulizumab

DRUG RASH in the MAVORIC trial (n=184)



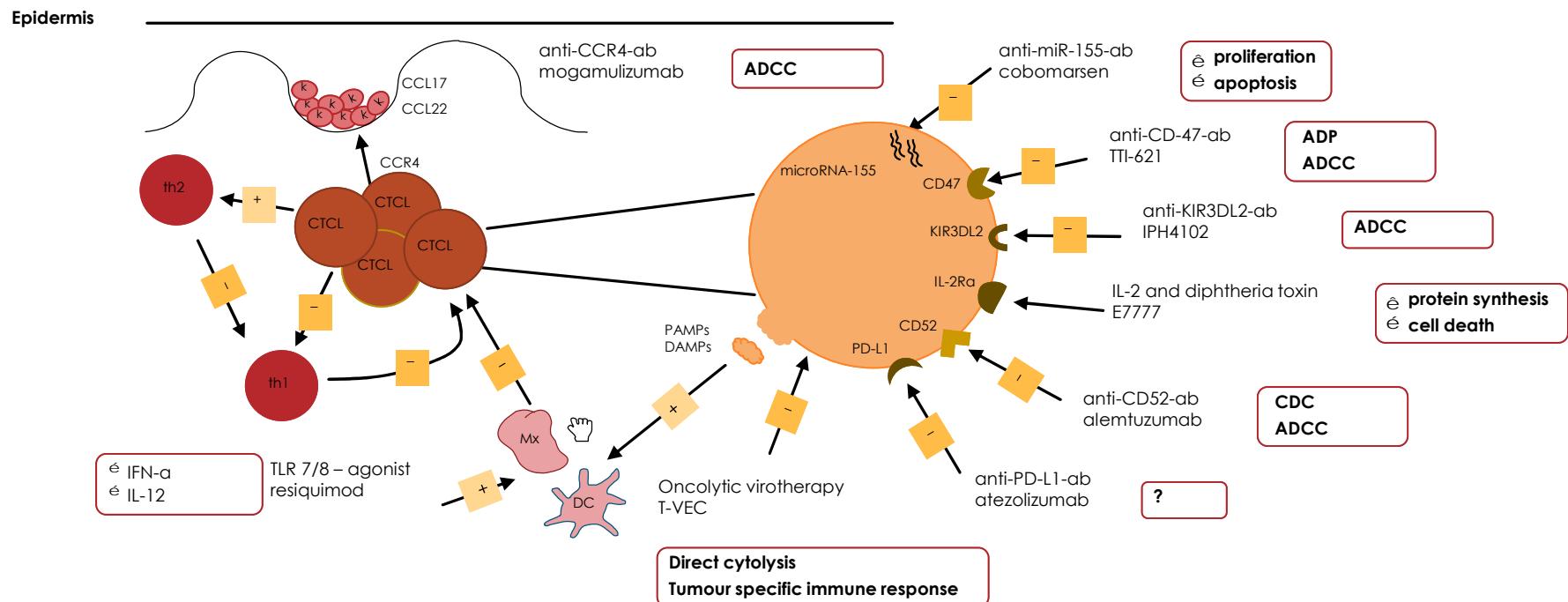
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# OUTLOOK

## PRODUCTS UNDER INVESTIGATION<sup>1</sup>



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## CONCLUSION





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