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Analyzing Efficacy Outcomes From the Phase 2 Study of Single-Agent Tazemetostat as Third-Line Therapy in Patients With Relapsed or Refractory Follicular Lymphoma to Identify Predictors of Response

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Background

- Tazemetostat is a first-in-class, selective oral EZH2 inhibitor that was recently approved by the US FDA for treatment of patients with R/R FL¹ after demonstrating single-agent, antitumor activity in patients with WT or MT *EZH2*²
- POD24, exposure to multiple lines of prior therapy, and refractoriness to rituximab therapy can adversely affect the prognosis of patients receiving second- or third-line treatment regimens for R/R FL, including chemoimmunotherapy³⁻⁵

Objective

- Perform a post hoc exploratory analysis to better understand how these factors impact the outcomes in patients receiving tazemetostat, independently of *EZH2* mutation status

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EZH2, enhancer of zeste homolog 2; FDA, Food and Drug Administration; FL, follicular lymphoma; MT, mutant; POD24, progression of disease within 24 months; R/R, relapsed/refractory; WT, wild type.



Model and Statistical Analysis

- Pooled patient data from the phase 2 open-label, multicenter study (NCT01897571) that evaluated tazemetostat 800 mg twice daily in patients with WT or MT *EZH2* R/R FI¹
- Performed predictive modeling to identify variables predictive of response (ORR, DOR, and PFS by IRC assessment)
 - Stepwise logistic and Cox regression were used to determine possible predictors^b
 - A final model was run using possible predictors identified from previous regressions
 - Contingency tables and K-M plots were used to examine significant variables ($P < 0.05$)
- Initial exploratory statistical modeling using multiple demographic and baseline disease variables suggested that the number of prior therapies may be predictive of ORR and refractoriness to rituximab may be predictive of DOR, while both variables may be predictive of PFS
- We present here further exploratory analyses examining the relevant clinical variables potentially predictive for ORR, DOR, and PFS^a

^a95 observations were used.

^bInclusion at a specified step was based on $P \leq 0.40$. Final model inclusion was based on $P \leq 0.20$.

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CR, complete response; DOR, duration of response; IRC, independent radiology committee; K-M, Kaplan-Meier; MT, mutant; ORR, objective response rate; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival; PR, partial response; R/R, relapsed/refractory; WT, wild type.



Phase 2 Efficacy Outcomes

Efficacy Outcome ^a	Combined WT and MT <i>EZH2</i> (N=99)	WT <i>EZH2</i> (n=54) ¹	MT <i>EZH2</i> (n=45) ¹
ORR, % (95% CI)	51 (40–61)	35 (23-49)	69 (53-82)
Median DOR, months (95% CI)	11 (7–19)	13 (6-NE)	11 (7-NE)
Median PFS, months (95% CI)	12 (8–15)	11 (4-15)	14 (11-22)
Median OS, months (95% CI)	NR (38–NE)	NR	NR

- The DOR was consistent between WT and MT *EZH2* groups¹
- Consistent ORRs were also observed across high-risk subgroups, such as patients with POD24, double-refractory disease, and refractoriness to rituximab therapy, regardless of mutation status¹

^aORR, DOR, and PFS are based on IRC assessments.

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CI, confidence interval; DOR, duration of response; ECOG, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group; *EZH2*, enhancer of zeste homolog 2; IRC, independent radiology committee; MT, mutant; NE, not estimable; NR, not reached; ORR, objective response rate; OS, overall survival; MT, mutant; NE, not evaluable; NR, not reached; PFS, progression-free survival; WT, wild type.



Exploratory Analysis in Subset of Disease Characteristics

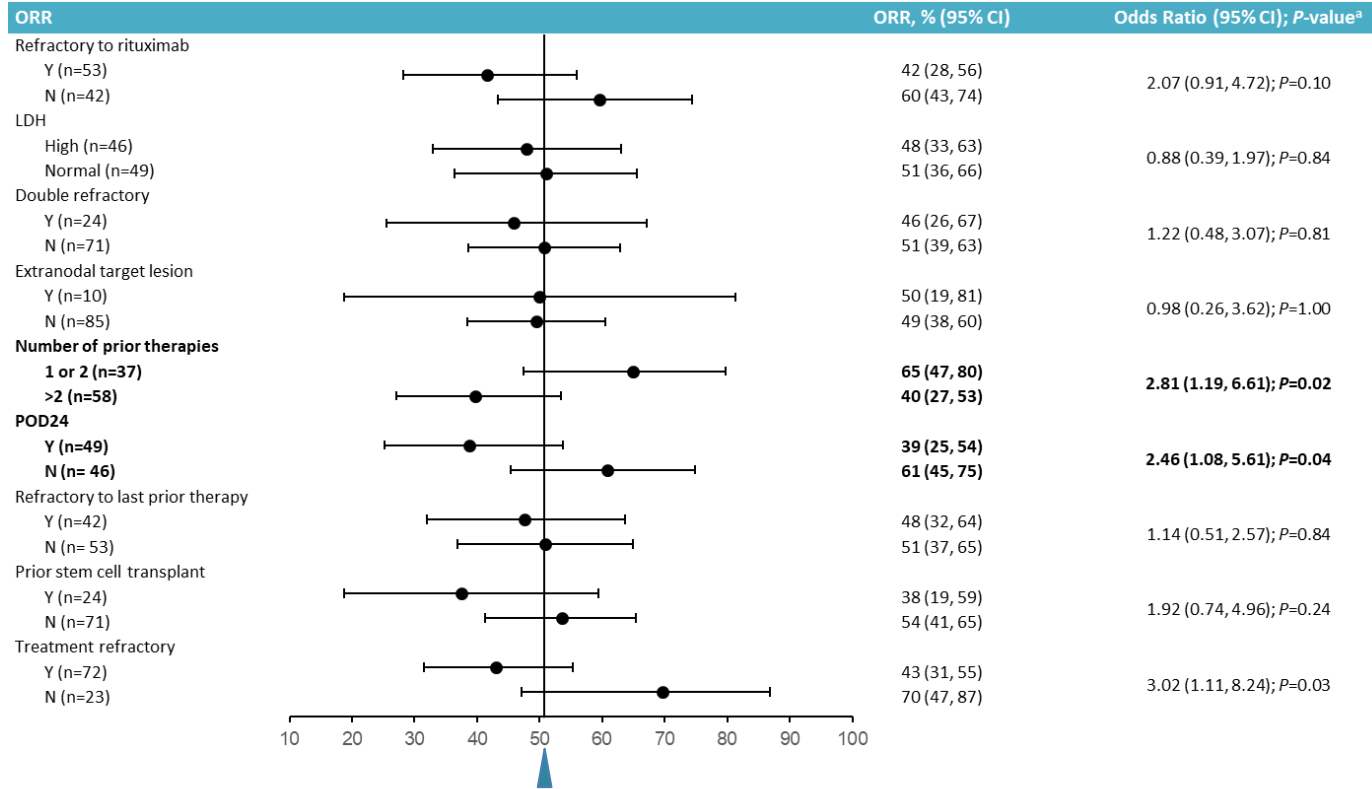
Variables Examined

- LDH (high vs normal)
- Double refractory
- Extranodal target lesion (Y or N)
- Number of prior therapies (1 or 2 vs >2)
- POD24
- Refractory to last prior therapy
- Refractory to rituximab regimen
- Prior stem cell transplant

DOR, duration of response; LDH, lactate dehydrogenase; ORR, objective response rate; PFS, progression-free survival; POD24, progression of disease within 24 months.



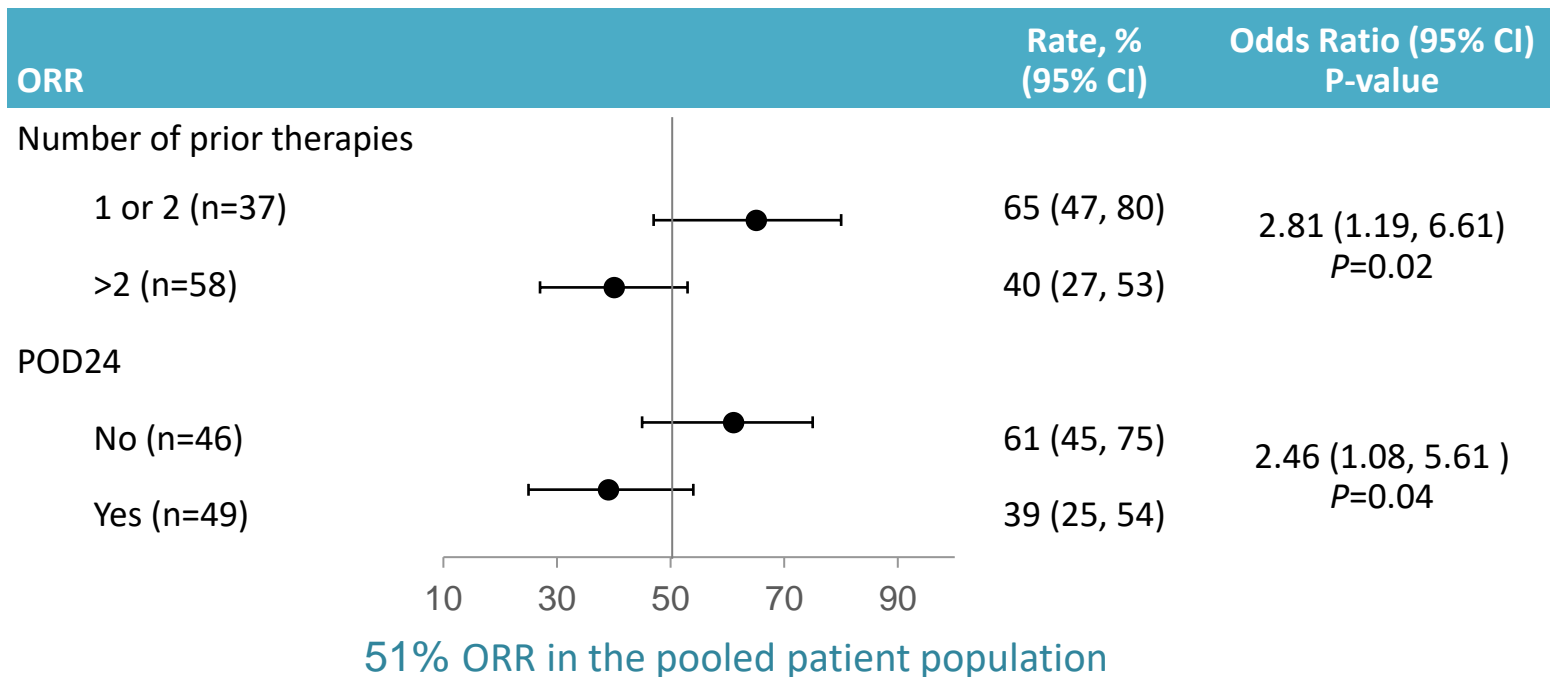
ORR for Clinical Variables



51% ORR in the pooled patient population



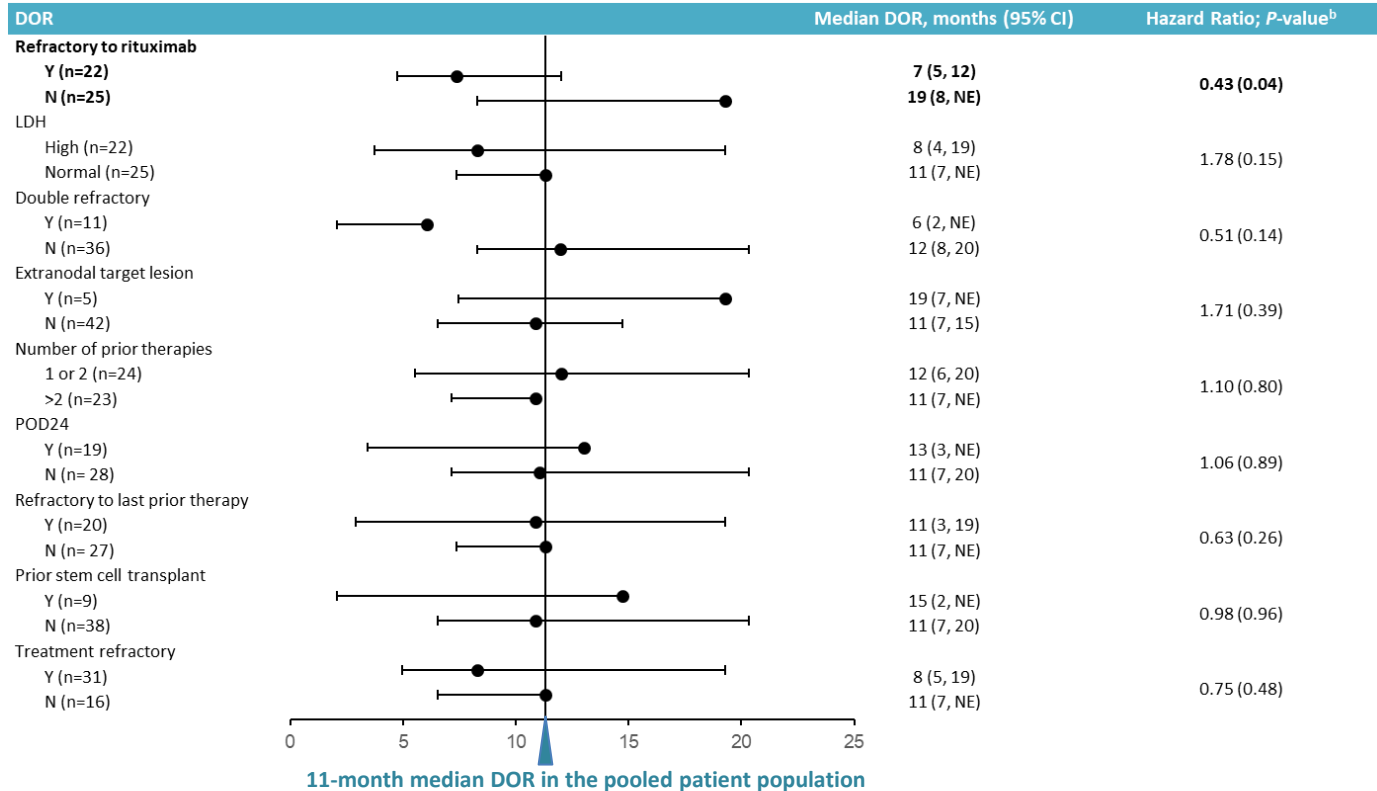
Variables Identified as Predictive of ORR



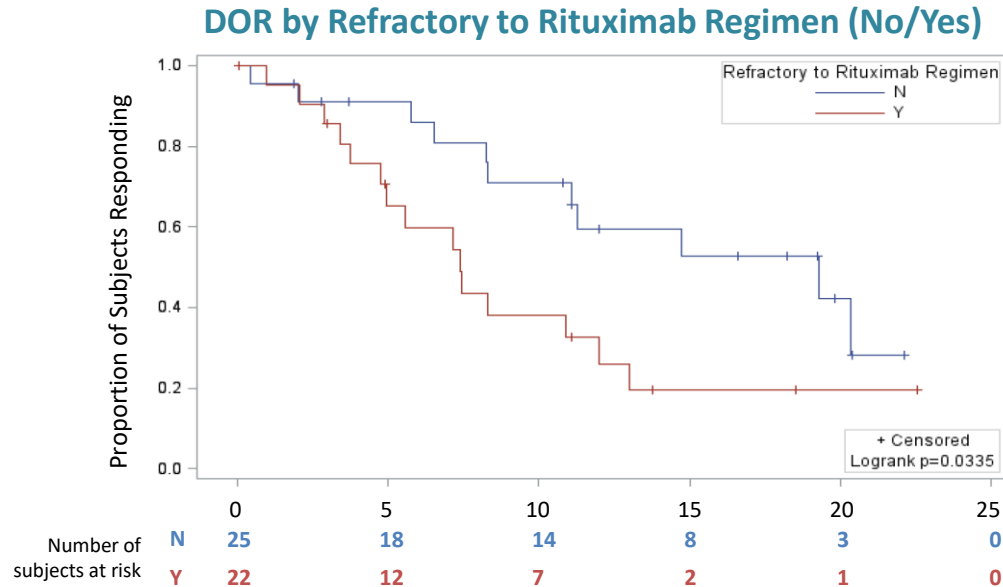
CI, confidence interval; DOR, duration of response; ORR, objective response rate; POD24, progression of disease within 24 months.



DOR for Clinical Variables^a



Variables Identified as Predictive of DOR

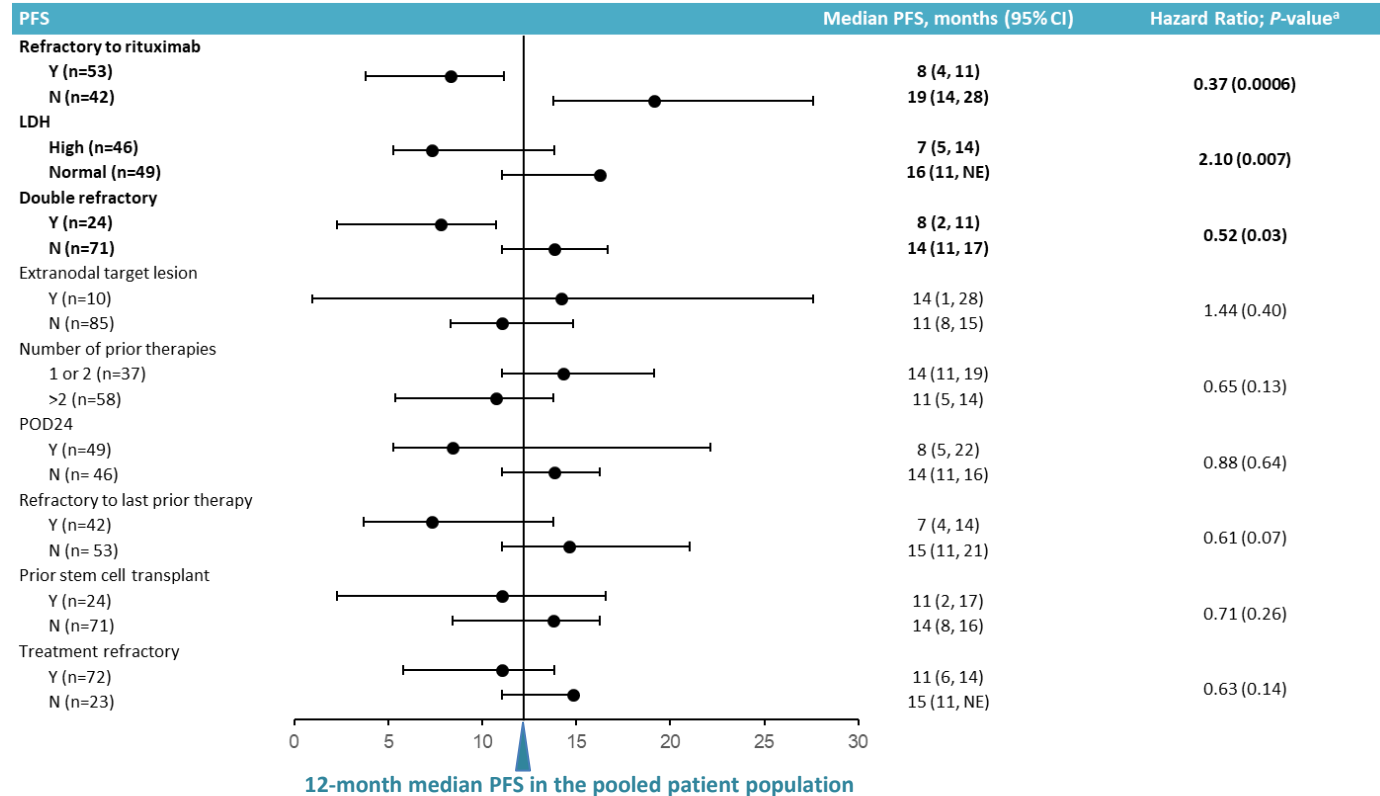


DOR	Median, mo (95% CI)	Hazard ratio (P-value)
No	19 (8, NE)	0.43 (0.04)
Yes	7 (5, 12)	

CI, confidence interval; DOR, duration of response.

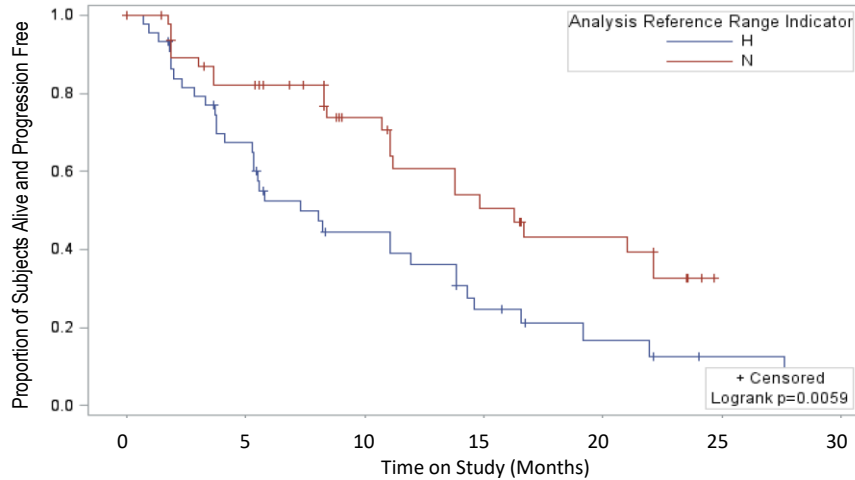


PFS for Clinical Variables

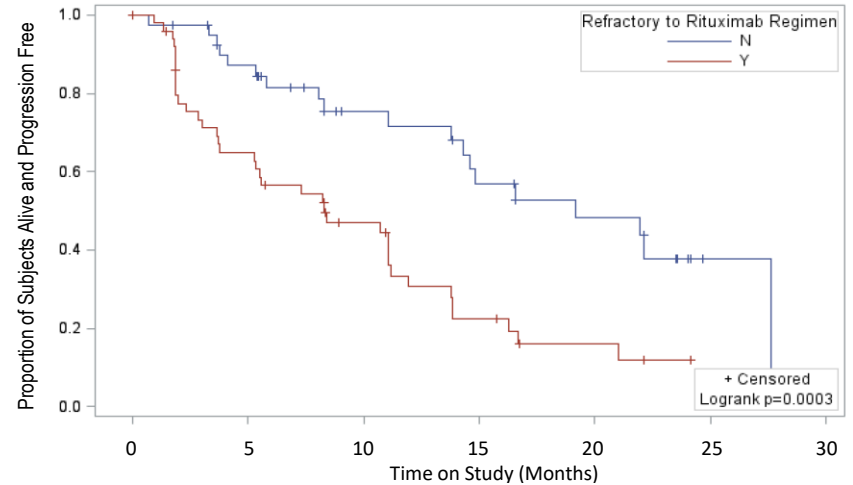


Variables Identified as Predictive of PFS

PFS by LDH Reference Range (H/N)



PFS by Refractory to Rituximab Regimen (No/Yes)



Number of subjects at risk	H	46	28	16	8	4	1	0
	N	49	36	23	15	11	0	

Number of subjects at risk	N	42	33	21	15	11	1	0
	Y	53	31	18	8	4	0	

PFS - LDH	Median, mo (95% CI)	Hazard ratio (P-value)
High	7 (5, 14)	2.10 (0.0007)
Normal	16 (11, NE)	

PFS - RR	Median, mo (95% CI)	Hazard ratio (P-value)
No	19 (14, 28)	0.37 (0.0006)
Yes	8 (4, 11)	

CI, confidence interval; H, high; LDH, lactate dehydrogenase; N, normal; NE, not evaluable; PFS, progression-free survival.



Conclusions

- Tazemetostat demonstrated single-agent, antitumor activity in heavily pretreated patients with R/R FL and at least 2 prior lines of therapy in a phase 2 study, with ORR in the WT and MT *EZH2* cohorts being 35% and 69%, median DOR being 13 months and 11 months, and median PFS being 11 months and 14 months, respectively¹
 - Pooled WT and MT *EZH2* efficacy results: 51% ORR, 11-month median DOR, and 12-month median PFS
- Post hoc exploratory stepwise logistic and Cox regression analyses identified potential predictors of ORR, DOR, and PFS
 - Number of prior therapies (1 or 2 vs >2) and POD 24 were predictive for ORR
 - ORR was higher in patients with fewer lines of therapy
 - Refractoriness to rituximab was found to be predictive for DOR and PFS; LDH and double refractory also were predictive of PFS
- Clinical variables like prior stem cell transplant, refractory to last prior therapy, and extranodal target lesion had no effect on ORR, DOR, or PFS and tazemetostat activity showed consistent benefit in patients with across most variables
- No multiplicity adjustments were done, and prospective confirmatory studies are warranted to confirm these post hoc observations

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