

Pre-phase treatment with rituximab and high-dose methotrexate to re-evaluate eligibility for intensive induction treatment of frail patients with central nervous system lymphoma

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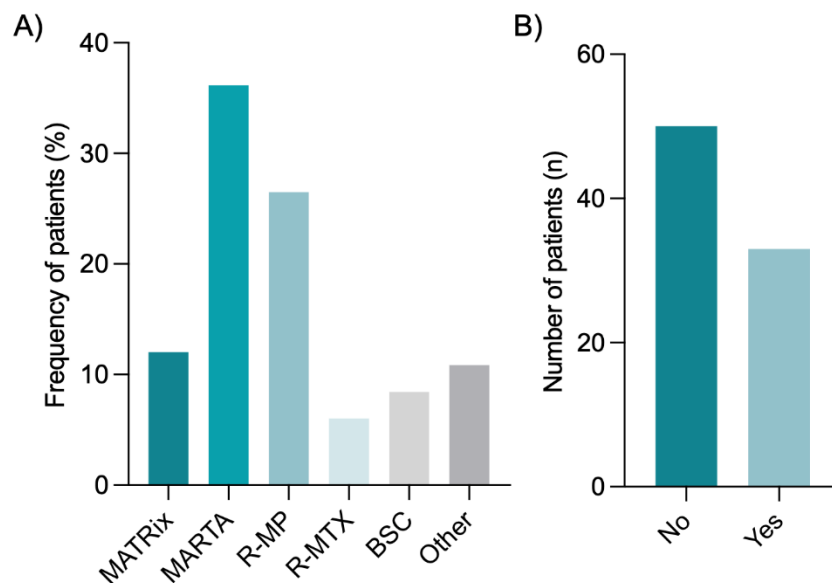
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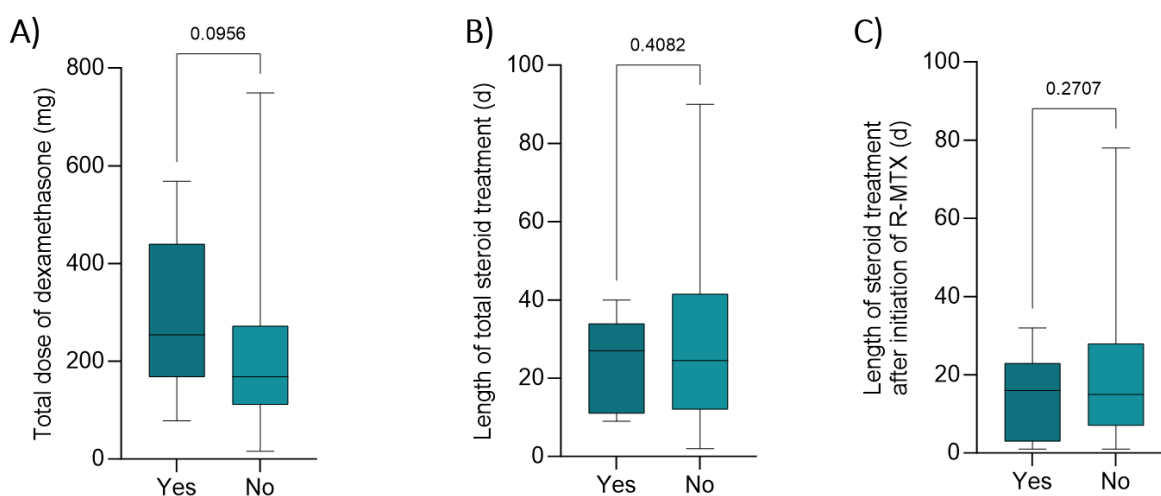
Supplementary Figures (SF)

SF 1 Subsequent treatment regimen following rituximab/high-dose methotrexate. A) Proportion of patients receiving respective treatment regimen; B) number of patients ultimately proceeding to ASCT



MATRix=high-dose methotrexate, high-dose cytarabine, thiotepe, rituximab; MARTA=high-dose methotrexate; high-dose cytarabine, rituximab; R-MP=rituximab, high-dose methotrexate, procarbazine, R-MTX=rituximab, high-dose methotrexate; BSC=best supportive care

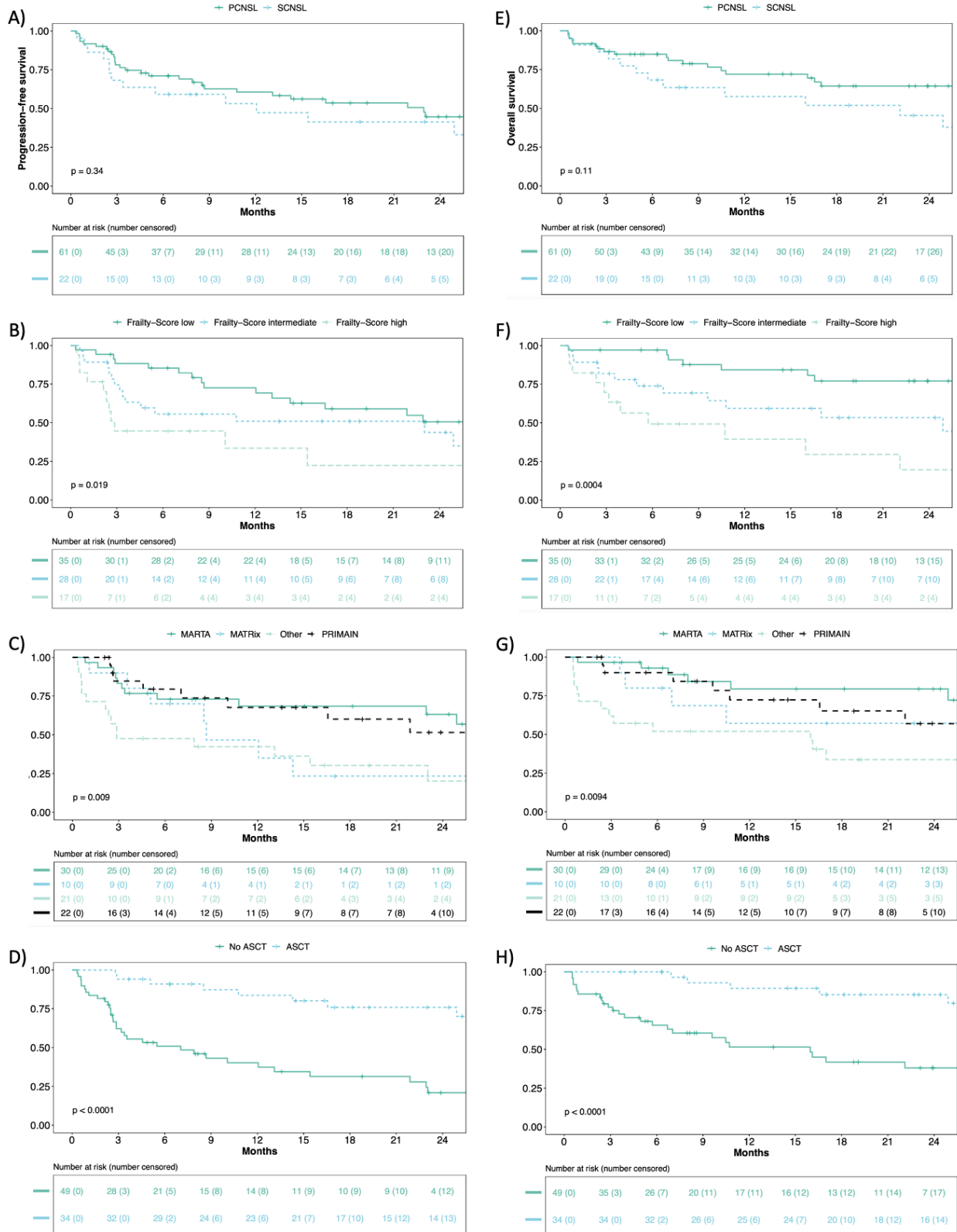
SF 2 Occurrence of severe (\geq grade 3) infections. Grade ≥ 3 infections yes versus no following rituximab/high-dose methotrexate in regard to: A) total dose of dexamethasone; B) total duration of corticosteroid treatment; and C) time of corticosteroid treatment after rituximab/high-dose methotrexate initiation for n=83 patients that received initial corticosteroid treatment



Infections CTCAE ≥ 3

mg=milligrams; d=day(s); R-MTX=rituximab/high-dose methotrexate; CTCAE=Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events

SF 3 Progression-free survival following pre-phase with rituximab/high-dose methotrexate. Progression-free survival in regard to: A) central nervous system lymphoma type; B) combined frailty score; C) subsequent induction treatment regimen; D) Autologous stem cell transplantation versus no autologous stem cell transplantation and overall survival in regard to E) central nervous system lymphoma type; F) combined frailty score; G) subsequent induction treatment regimen; H) Autologous stem cell transplantation versus no autologous stem cell transplantation



PCNSL=primary central nervous system lymphoma; SCNSL=secondary central nervous system lymphoma; MATRix=high-dose methotrexate, high-dose cytarabine, thiopeta, rituximab; MARTA=high-dose methotrexate; high-dose cytarabine, rituximab; PRIMAIN=rituximab, high-dose methotrexate, procarbazine; ASCT=autologous stem cell transplantation