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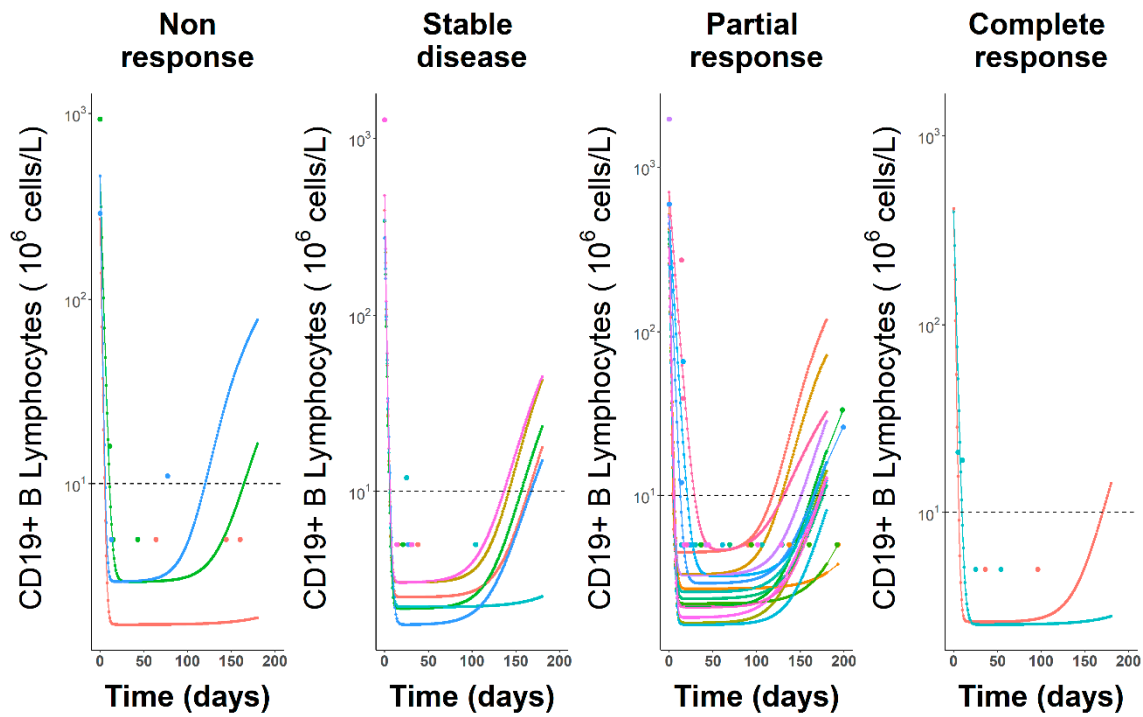
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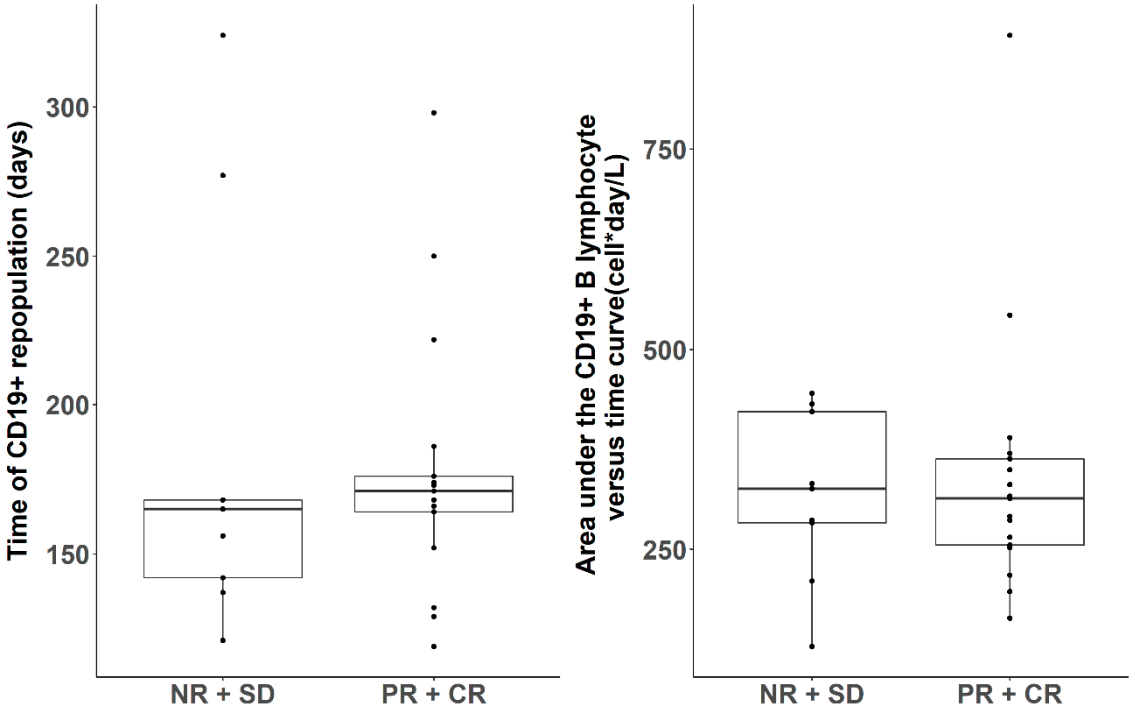
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**Table S1.** Full description of patient diagnosis

<b>Neurologic Diagnosis</b>	<b>Number of patients of the study population (n=52)</b>	<b>External predictive performance evaluation cohort (n=11)</b>
Immune-mediated encephalitis	5	
Multiple Sclerosis	5	1
Neuromyelitis Optica	5	3
ADEM	2	
Pompe disease	2	
Demyelinating disease	2	
CNS inflammatory disease	2	
Seropositive immunomodulated encephalopathy	1	
Immune-mediated epilepsy	1	
Myasthenia Gravis	1	
Myeloradiculitis	1	
Syndrome of Susac	1	
Syndrome Opsoclonus Myoclonus	1	
Chronic ataxia	1	
<b>Immune-Haemato-rheumatology</b>		
<b>Diagnosis</b>		
Systemic lupus erythematosus	11	3
AIHA	3	1
Juvenile dermatomyositis	3	

Pemphigus	1	1
ESJ	1	
ANCA-associated vasculitis	1	
Thrombocytopenia	1	
DiGeorge Syndrome	1	

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**Abbreviations:** ADEM: acute disseminated encephalomyelitis, AIHA: autoimmune haemolytic anemia; ANCA: antineutrophil cytoplasmic antibody, CNS: central nervous system, ESJ: juvenile systemic sclerosis.

**Table S2.** Demographic characteristics of the subgroup of patients (n=26) with assessment of clinical efficacy

Variable	Neurologic	Immune-Haemato-	Total
	Diagnosis	rheumatology Diagnosis	
No. patients	16	10	26
Age (y.o.)	13.0 (1.7-15.4)	12.6 (3.2-18.7)	12.9 (1.7-18.7)
BSA (m <sup>2</sup> )	1.3 (0.5-2.0)	1.4 (0.8-1.7)	1.4 (0.5-2.0)
Body weight (kg)	42 (12-87)	46 (21-65)	46 (12-87)
Sex (Fem/Male)	9/7	9/1	18/8
CD19+ <sub>0</sub> (x10 <sup>6</sup> cel/L)	769 (122-1953)	443 (87-1617)	726 (87-1953)
Switch (yes/no/NA)	3/9/4	2/5/3	5/14/7
AUC <sub>0-180</sub> (cell*day/L)*	320.7 (128.8-891.7)	288.4 (163.9-542.6)	314.6 (128.8-891.7)
TCD19+ (days)	166 (119-324)	170 (121-298)	168 (119-324)
Time of clinical score evaluation (days*)	120 (27-412)	55 (21-111)	85 (21-412)
Clinical response (NR/SD/PR/CR)	1/4/10/1	2/2/5/1	3/6/15/2
No. of patients with Co-medication (%)			
Cyclophosphamide	1 (6.2)	1 (11.1)	2 (7.7)
Methotrexate	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Steroids	13 (81)	7 (70)	20 (77)
Intravenous immunoglobulin	1 (6.2)	0 (0)	1 (3.8)

Data are expressed as median (range).

Abbreviations: AUC<sub>0-180</sub>: area of CD19+B lymphocytes vs time curve at 180 days after initiation of rituximab; BSA: body surface area; CR: complete response; NR: non-response; PR: partial response; SD: stable disease; T<sub>CD19+</sub>: Time to CD19+ repopulation.

**Table S3.** Univariate analysis of risk factors for the lack of response to treatment with rituximab (n=26)

Factor	Odds Ratio (IC 95%)	P value
Sex (male vs female)	0.182 (-1.550 – 1.920)	0.84
Diagnose (IHR vs neurologic)	0.383 (-1.260 – 2.030)	0.65
Switch between innovative and biosimilars (yes vs no)	0.061 (-2.380 – 2.500)	0.96
AUC <sub>0-180</sub> (cell*day/L)	0.002 (-0.003 – 0.007)	0.39
T <sub>CD19+</sub> (days)	0.002 (-0.013 – 0.018)	0.78
Age at baseline (y.o.)	0.111 (-0.079 – 0.301)	0.25
Female teenagers (yes/no)	0.891 (-1.100 – 2.880)	0.38
BSA at baseline (m <sup>2</sup> )	1.146 (-0.690 – 2.980)	0.22
Body weight at baseline (kg)	0.022 (-0.019 – 0.063)	0.29
Absolute lymphocyte counts at baseline (cell/L)	1.945e-05 (-0.0005 – 0.0005)	0.94
Steroids (yes/no)	1.482 (-0.870 – 3.830)	0.22

Abbreviations: AUC<sub>0-180</sub>: area of CD19+B lymphocytes vs time curve at 180 days after initiation of rituximab; BSA: body surface area; IHR: immune-haemato-rheumatologic diseases, T<sub>CD19+</sub>: Time to CD19+ repopulation