

Reconstruction of individual patient data from published survival curves: case of pralatrexate for peripheral T-cell lymphomas



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INTRODUCTION

- Extrapolating survival data beyond the duration of a clinical trial is increasingly being used to provide long-term survival benefits in cost-effectiveness analysis of new cancer drugs.
- However, access to individual patient data (IPD) is rarely available, and thus researchers need to reconstruct IPD from published Kaplan-Meier survival curves, so that parametric survival analysis can be conducted.

OBJECTIVE

- This study aims to reconstruct IPD from a case match control study by O'Connor et al. (2018), which compared the overall survival outcome of pralatrexate (PDX) to historical controls in patients with peripheral T-cell lymphomas.

METHODS

- The Kaplan-Meier survival curves for both groups were digitized using Digitizelt software.

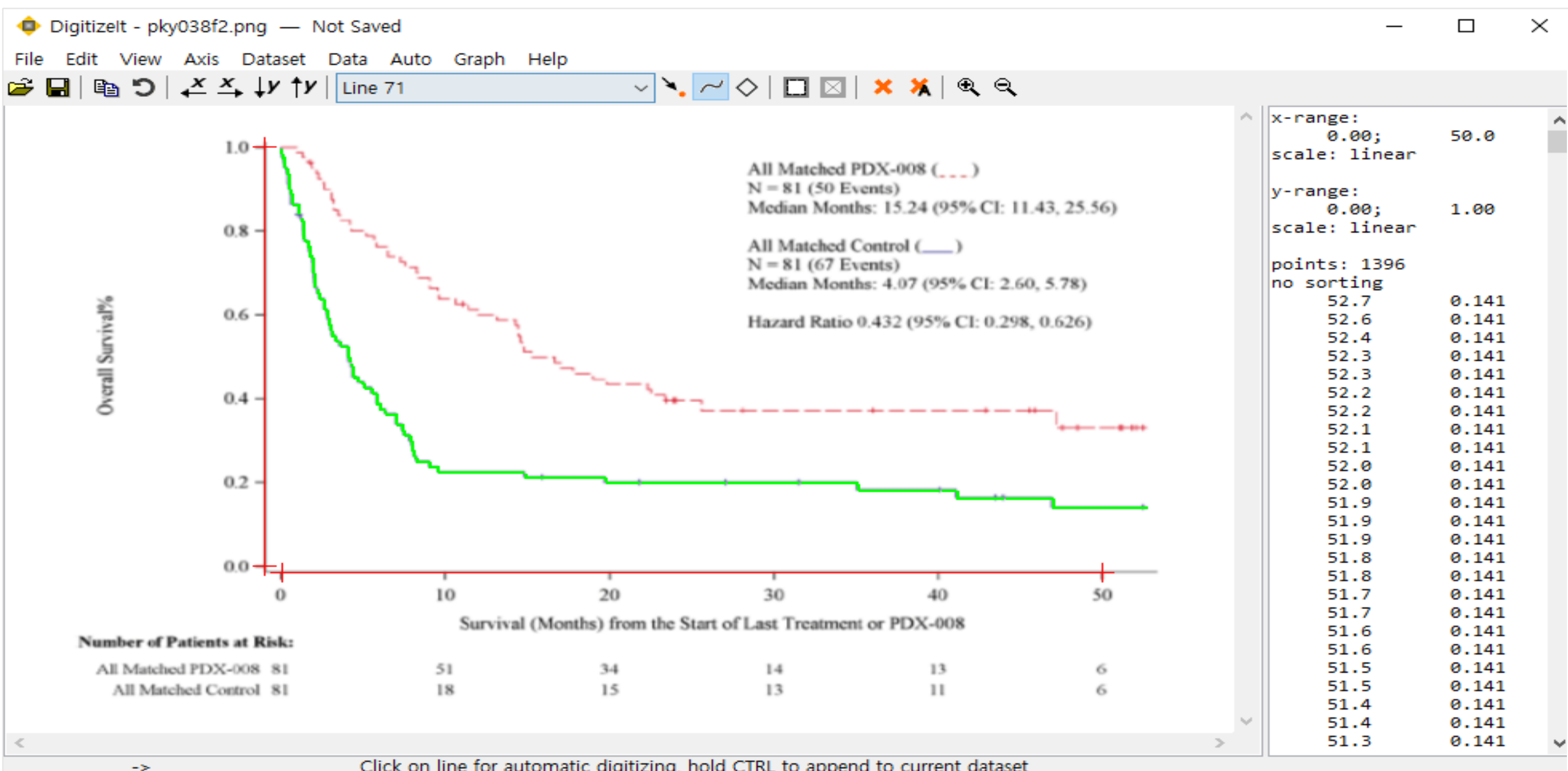


Figure 1. Extraction of coordinates from published survival curves

- The method developed by Guyot et al. (2012) was applied to reconstruct IPD from the extracted coordinates, using R software. Guyot's algorithm is the most commonly used method and closely approximates the original survival curves if numbers at risk and total number of events are reported.
- The estimated median overall survival and hazard ratio (HR) of the reconstructed data were compared to the original ones to assess the validity of results.

RESULTS

- Compared with the O'Connor publication, the reconstructed IPD showed a similar trend in estimated total number of events, overall survival, and HR for both pralatrexate and control groups.

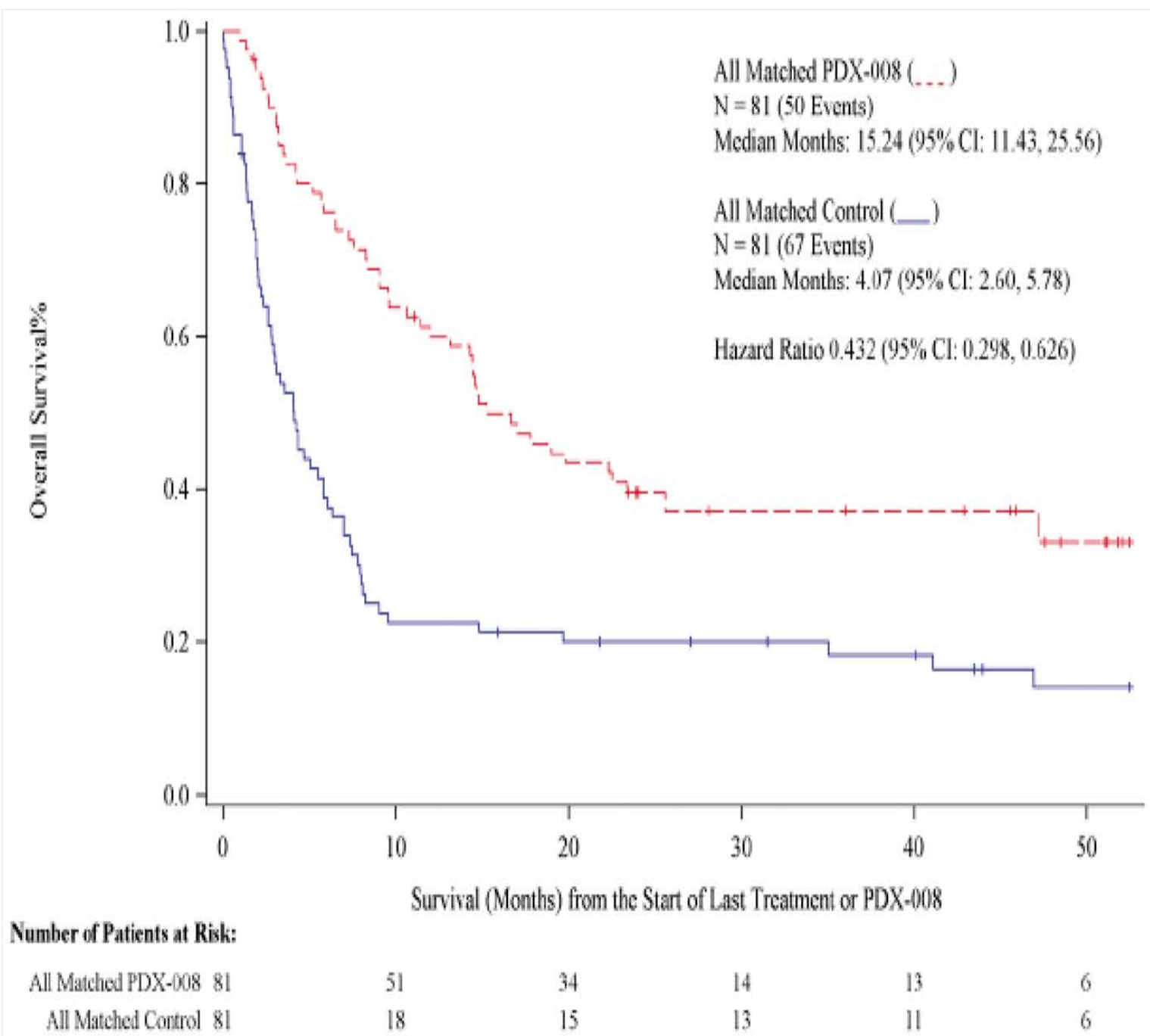


Figure 2a. Published Kaplan-Meier survival curves

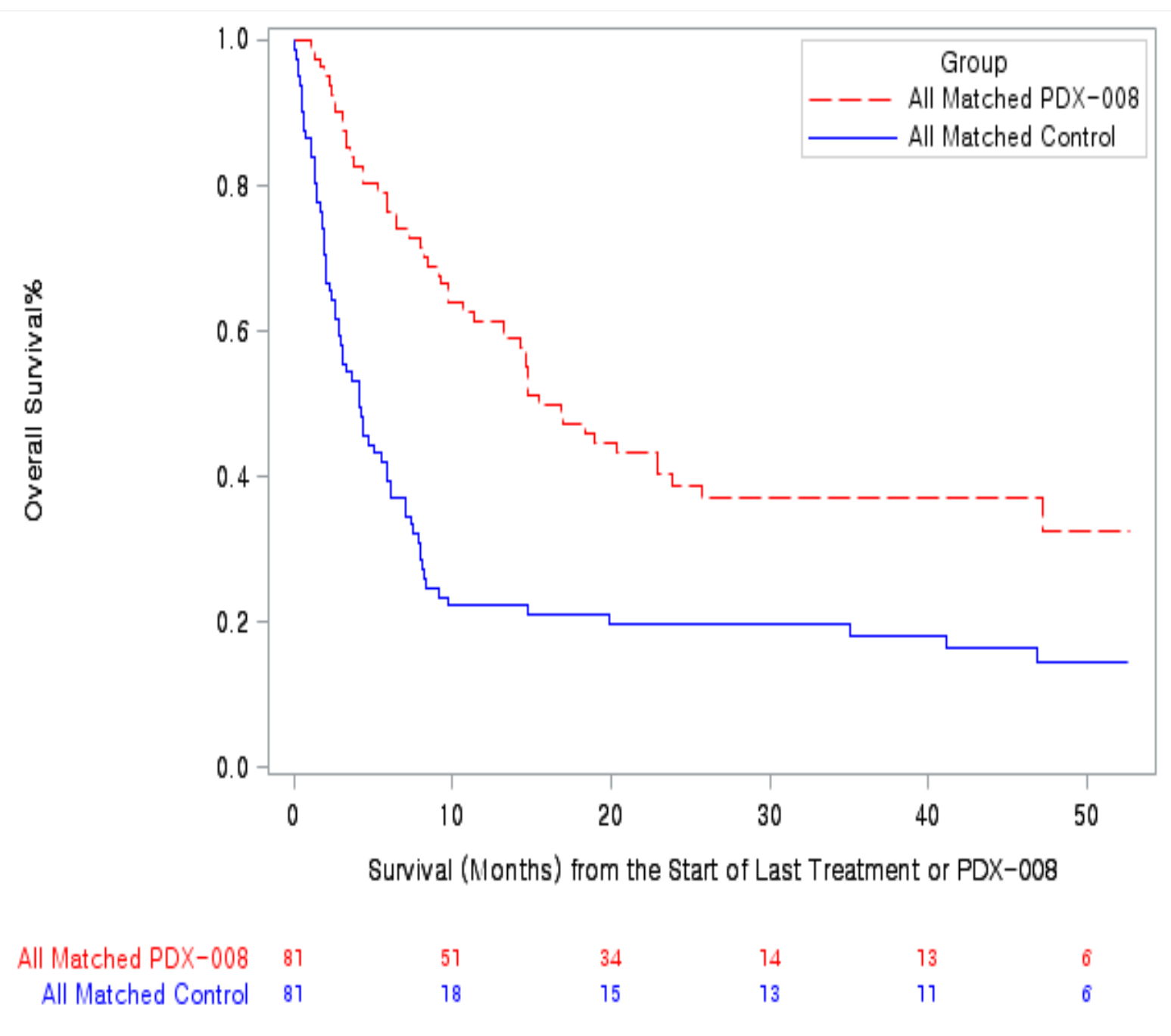


Figure 2b. Reconstructed Kaplan-Meier survival curves

Table 1. Comparison of overall survival outcome

Pralatrexate group		O'Connor publication	Reconstructed IPD
Total number of events		50	50
Median OS (95% CI)		15.24 (11.43-25.56)	15.40 (11.43-25.56)
OS rate	at 10 months	0.639	0.639
	at 20 months	0.446	0.447
	at 30 months	0.372	0.371
	at 40 months	0.372	0.371
	at 50 months	0.331	0.324
Control group		O'Connor publication	Reconstructed IPD
Total number of events		67	68
Median OS (95% CI)		4.07	4.10
OS rate	at 10 months	0.226	0.222
	at 20 months	0.201	0.197
	at 30 months	0.201	0.197
	at 40 months	0.183	0.180
	at 50 months	0.142	0.143
HR (95% CI)		0.432 (0.298-0.626)	0.431 (0.298-0.623)

IPD: individual patient data, CI: confidence interval, OS: overall survival, HR: hazard ratio

CONCLUSIONS

- Generating patient-level data from the published survival curves is feasible by adopting established methods.
- The reconstructed IPD can be utilized for fitting parametric survival models. This, in turn, can provide transition probabilities which are necessities for cost-effectiveness analysis of pralatrexate in patients with peripheral T-cell lymphomas.

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