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Clinical features and survival of patients with T-cell/histiocyterich large B-cell lymphoma: analysis of the National Cancer Data Base

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Abstract

Using data from the National Cancer Data Base, 2010–2015, we examined characteristics and outcomes of T-cell/histiocyte-rich large B-cell lymphoma (THRLBCL, *N*=622) relative to unspecified diffuse large B-cell lymphoma (DLBCL-NOS, *N*=91,588) and nodular lymphocyte-predominant Hodgkin lymphoma (NLPHL, *N*=2,240). Socio-demographic characteristics of patients with THRLBCL resembled more NLPHL than DLBCL-NOS. Five-year overall survival in THRLBCL was 66% (95%CI, 60–71%). Adjusting for clinical and socio-economic covariates, THRLBCL was associated with better survival than DLBCL-NOS (adjusted hazard ratio, 0.80; 95%CI, 0.67–0.94). This association was similar in academic and community hospitals and consistent in a model stratified by the revised International Prognostic Index. Prognostic factors in THRLBCL included age, comorbidity index, and extranodal primary site, but not stage. Adjusted odds of prior NLPHL were 18.2 higher for THRLBCL (95% confidence interval [CI], 7.2–45.7) than DLBCL-NOS. These large-scale epidemiologic data support the relationship between THRLBCL and NLPHL, and suggest improved prognosis with modern rituximab-based immunochemotherapy.

Keywords

diffuse large B-cell lymphoma; T-cell/histiocyte-rich large B-cell lymphoma; nodular lymphocyte predominant Hodgkin lymphoma; epidemiology; survival analysis

Introduction

T-cell/histiocyte-rich large B-cell lymphoma (THRLBCL) is an uncommon histologic variant of diffuse large B-cell lymphoma (DLBCL), characterized by low (1–10%) content of lymphoma cells in the tumor, with an abundant surrounding infiltrate composed of

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predominantly CD8⁺TIA-1⁺granzyme B⁻ T-cells and histiocytes.[1, 2] The disease was initially described in small case series as a poor-prognosis subtype frequently involving the spleen and bone marrow, with 3-year event-free survival (EFS) of only about 40%.[3, 4] However, subsequent case-control analyses suggested no difference in outcomes compared with other forms of DLBCL.[5] Many studies remarked on morphologic and genomic similarities between THRLBCL and nodular lymphocyte-predominant Hodgkin lymphoma (NLPHL), pointing to the fact that in some NLPHL patients THRLBCL may develop as a synchronous or metachronous pathology.[6–11] The knowledge about clinical outcomes in THRLBCL has remained limited to small clinicopathologic series, as it was only a provisional subtype in the World Health Organization (WHO) classification of lymphoid neoplasms until 2008, and thus was not identifiable in population-based registries.

In 2010, cancer registries in the United States (US) started to distinguish THRLBCL as a separate entity from DLBCL not otherwise specified (DLBCL-NOS). With a consistent description of histologic criteria, these newly available epidemiologic data allow for a more comprehensive evaluation of clinical features and outcomes among patients diagnosed with THRLBCL in the community. One study used the Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results (SEER) program data to describe overall survival of 270 THRLBCL cases, which was higher (72% at 3 years) than in the historical reports, raising a question about adequacy of diagnosis in this rare lymphoma.[12] The study had also remarked on a 68% higher incidence of THRLBCL among black Americans, similar to observations in NLPHL.[13, 14] Our objectives were to use a richer dataset to compare clinical characteristics of THRLBCL with DLBCL-NOS and NLPHL in the context of diagnostic patterns and outcomes in academic and community-based institutions. We also aimed to more comprehensively describe the relationship between THRLBCL and pre-existing NLPHL from the epidemiologic perspective, as well as overall and disease-specific survival relative to DLBCL-NOS, accounting for receipt of chemotherapy and the Revised International Prognostic Index (R-IPI).[15]

Methods

Patients and data source

We analyzed data on all adult (18 years or older) patients with THRLBCL reported to the National Cancer Data Base (NCDB) between 2010 and 2015, and compared them with contemporary cases of DLBCL and NLPHL. Cases were selected according to WHO histology codes 9688/3 (THRLBCL), 9680/3 and 9684/3 (DLBCL-NOS), and 9659/3 (NLPHL). In the NCDB, THRLBCL were designated as such regardless of presentation as the first lymphoma, or as a transformation from prior NLPHL. The NCDB is a joint project of the Commission on Cancer of the American College of Surgeons and the American Cancer Society, and contains over 34 million records from over 1,500 hospital registries accredited by the Commission on Cancer.[16] The NCDB captures about 84% of all incident lymphomas in the US.[17] It has been extensively used for analysis of epidemiology and outcomes in lymphomas, including rare subtypes.[18–20] Participating hospitals are subject to periodic audits and must report survival follow up for >90% of cases within 5 years from diagnosis.

We excluded cases treated completely outside of the reporting institution, for which the NCDB does not require treatment or follow-up data. Hospitals were classified as academic/ research centers (including the National Cancer Institute-designated Comprehensive Cancer Centers) and other types (community or integrated network cancer programs). The NCDB records patients' socio-demographic status and a comorbidity index derived from hospital records, predictive of mortality risk.[21] Lymphoma-specific data include histology according to the WHO classification, stage according to the Ann Arbor schema, presence of B symptoms, and primary site. The IPI is recorded in a subset of observations.[22, 23] The registry also records receipt of chemotherapy, radiation, or stem cell transplantation as part of the first course of treatment (i.e. before any recurrence or progression of disease), but without specifying regimens, doses, or response to therapy. Overall survival (OS) from diagnosis is the only recorded outcome, and was available for patients diagnosed in 2010–2014.

For the analysis of NLPHL preceding the diagnosis of THRLBCL or DLBCL-NOS, we separately extracted data from the SEER registry on cases of THRLBCL and DLBCL-NOS (2010–2015), as well as all prior malignant tumors that occurred in these patients. [24] The SEER program records up to 10 cancers for each subject, and has been collecting population-based data from 18 geographical areas in the US, currently covering about 34.6% of the US population.

Statistical analysis

Clinical characteristics were tabulated and compared using Wilcoxon rank-sum test or chisquared test for continuous or categorical variables, respectively. OS was plotted using the Kaplan-Meier method, without any univariate survival comparisons to avoid bias in this observational dataset. All multivariable models included the same set of clinically relevant variables, regardless of statistical significance: age, sex, race, comorbidity index, median income in patient's county of residence, lymphoma stage, presence of B symptoms, nodal or extranodal primary site, and type of reporting hospital. In DLBCL, we additionally distinguished central nervous system, lung, liver, pancreas, gastrointestinal tract, and bone marrow as "high-risk" extranodal sites based on prior studies evaluating survival in DLBCL. [23, 25] For optimal specification, age was introduced as a continuous variable using a fractional polynomial.[26] In order to compare survival between THRLBCL and DLBCL-NOS, we generated an expected survival curve for DLBCL-NOS patients with a distribution of all available covariates identical to the THRLBCL subgroup. For this purpose, we fitted a multivariable flexible parametric model with time-varying effects for all covariates (with 5 degrees of freedom for baseline hazard, and 3 degrees of freedom for all time-varying variables) in the combined THRLBCL/DLBCL-NOS cohort, and then predicted survival in the THRLBCL subcohort, as described previously.[27, 28] We studied analogous models stratified by the R-IPI in the subset of cases with available IPI (~12%),[15] in the subset reported from academic/research institutions, or with a record of multi-agent chemotherapy. For analysis of prognostic factors in THRLBCL, we modeled relative survival (RS) in addition to OS. RS accounts for a baseline mortality risk for patient's specific age, sex, race, and calendar year, based on national mortality statistics, and can approximate excess (net) mortality related to lymphoma and its therapy rather than extraneous causes.[29] Missing

values for race, stage, and B symptoms in the prognostic models were assumed to be missing at random and were filled in by multiple imputation using chained equations (which included vital status and Nelson-Aalen cumulative hazard of death as covariates) in 10 imputed datasets.[30] All model estimates are presented with 95% confidence intervals (95%CI). Statistical analyses were conducted using Stata/MP 15.1 (College Station, TX) with *stpm2* module (v.1.7.1, Lambert P, Andersson T, Royston P, 2018).

Results

Between 2010 and 2015, the NCDB recorded 622 cases of THRLBCL, 91,588 of DLBCL-NOS, and 2,240 of NLPHL (Table 1). Median age of patients with THRLBCL was 11 years higher than in NLPHL, and 10 years lower than in DLBCL-NOS (Fig. 1; age range was 18 to >90 in all groups). The socio-demographic profile significantly differed between THRLBCL and DLBCL-NOS: THRLBCL patients were more often male (66%) or black (23%) than those with DLBCL-NOS (55% and 8%, respectively). In contrast, distribution of sex and race was similar between THRLBCL and NLPHL. THRLBCL was more often (relative to DLBCL-NOS) reported by academic/research hospitals (47% versus 41%, respectively), at an advanced stage (81% versus 56%), with B symptoms (44% versus 28%), and with a primary nodal site (95% versus 66%). The most common primary extranodal sites in THRLBCL included liver, spleen, and bone marrow (each with <10 cases). In the subgroup with recorded R-IPI, THRLBCL was more often in the poor-risk category than DLBCL-NOS (59% versus 49%, respectively). Patients with THRLBCL were also more likely to undergo stem cell transplantation as part of initial therapy (5% versus 2%, respectively).

Median follow-up time for the entire cohort was 4.5 years (95% CI, 4.4–4.8 years). Median OS was not reached, but unadjusted 5-year OS was higher for THRLBCL (65.9%, 95%CI, 60.2–70.9) than for DLBCL-NOS (54.1%, 95%CI, 53.7–54.6; Fig. 1A). In a multivariate survival model adjusting for differences in age, sex, race, stage, B symptoms, extranodal site, comorbidities, income, and type of hospital, diagnosis of THRLBCL was still associated with a better OS (adjusted HR, 0.80; 95%CI, 0.67–0.94; *P*=0.007; Fig. 1B). This association was similar in academic and community hospitals (*P* for interaction = 0.52). We consistently observed better OS for THRLBCL in models limited to stage III/IV lymphomas only (adjusted HR, 0.72; 95%CI 0.60–0.87; *P*=0.0006), patients treated with multi-agent chemotherapy (adjusted HR, 0.72; 95%CI, 0.59–0.89, *P*=0.002), or in a model adjusted by the R-IPI (adjusted HR, 0.55; 95%CI, 0.32–0.94; *P*=0.030).

We then evaluated prognostic factors for OS and RS in the THRLBCL cohort (Table 2). Multivariable models revealed increasing age, higher number of comorbidities, and extranodal origin as significant high-risk factors (Fig. 2A). In contrast, treatment in an academic hospital or advanced stage were not prognostic (Fig. 2B/C). The associations were consistent in the subgroup of patients who received multi-agent chemotherapy (data not shown).

To further examine the association between THRLBCL and prior NLPHL we used the SEER data to study 305 cases of THRLBCL and 33,273 contemporary cases of DLBCL-

NOS. Socio-demographic characteristics of THRLBCL patients were similar as in the NCDB (median age, 56 years, 75% men, 20% black patients). Nine percent of THRLBCL cases and 15% of DLBCL-NOS cases had any pre-existing cancers (*P*=.002), which reflected different age distribution. Conversely, pre-existing NLPHL, while overall rare, was more frequent in THRLBCL (2.3% versus 0.1%, respectively, *P*<0.001). Adjusting for differences in age, sex, and race, the prevalence of other cancers was similar for THRLBCL and DLBCL-NOS, but the odds of prior NLPHL were 18.2 times higher in THRLBCL (95% CI, 7.2–45.7; Table 3).

Discussion

In this large nationwide cohort, we leveraged newly available epidemiologic data to describe outcomes of patients with THRLBCL diagnosed in the US in 2010–2015, revealing several novel observations. First, the socio-demographic profile of patients with THRLBCL significantly differs from DLBCL-NOS, but resembles NLPHL, thus supporting the hypothesis that THRLBCL and NLPHL may be related. Despite higher prevalence of unfavorable risk factors in THRLBCL, when matched by all relevant characteristics, THRLBCL actually showed better OS than DLBCL-NOS, and 5-year OS estimate (66%) was more favorable than in historical case series. Finally, we have identified extranodal primary site (usually high-risk, like liver or bone marrow) as an important, albeit rare, risk factor, more prognostic than advanced stage. THRLBCL involving extranodal sites may thus have uniquely unfavorable biology, potentially explaining poor outcomes reported in prior case series.

The relationship between THRLBCL and NLPHL has been described from the histopathologic, clinical, and molecular viewpoints, although the aggressive nature and poor survival in THRLBCL contrasted with the indolent clinical course of NLPHL [6–8, 10, 11, 31]. Our findings provide a novel epidemiologic perspective, indicating that THRLBCL and NLPHL share socio-demographic characteristics as well as predominantly nodal origin, and that THRLBCL is associated with 18 times higher odds of prior NLPHL compared with DLBCL-NOS. NLPHL is known to have familial predisposition, [32] and its high incidence among males or black patients suggests a biologic underpinning, which may extend to THRLBCL as well, and may involve host immunity.[13, 33-35] Male predominance is striking in prior case series and clinical trials in both THRLBCL and NLPHL.[3, 6, 9, 13, 14, 33, 36–38] THRLBCL shows not only morphologic, but also transcriptional features indicating strong dependence on tolerogenic host immune response.[33] Conversely, primary mediastinal B-cell lymphoma, another large B-cell lymphoma highly dependent on immune evasion mechanisms, is much more frequent among women. These observations suggest that sex-specific immune milieu factors might influence predisposition to lymphoma subtypes. The 11-year difference in median age between NLPHL and THRLBCL, and high prevalence of advanced-stage disease, suggests that THRLBCL might occur as a progression of occult NLPHL with a latency of about a decade. This hypothesis is consistent with prior case series of NLPHL, showing median interval from diagnosis to histologic transformation of 8 years. [9, 39] Interestingly, DLBCL-like chemotherapy in NLPHL may help avert the risk of future transformation.[37] However, nearly 98% of THRLBCL cases in the US are diagnosed de novo, without a pre-existing NLPHL. Furthermore, one study reported a lower number of

genomic imbalances in THRLBCL than in NLPHL (median 4.7 and 10.8, respectively), questioning the theory of transformation in favor of a common precursor hypothesis.[11]

We have observed better OS in THRLBCL than in matched DLBCL-NOS, contrary to reports from the pre-rituximab era, which described THRLBCL as an aggressive, disseminated lymphoma associated with 3-year OS less than 50%.[3–5, 40] Recently, Kommalapati et al. estimated 3-year OS of 72% among 270 THRLBCL cases from the SEER registry, similar to 540 cases of DLBCL-NOS matched by age and stage. [12] One potential explanation for these discrepancies between modern registries and prior literature could be that historical case series were biased towards more aggressive extranodal THRLBCL with marrow involvement. Alternatively, NLPHL might be misclassified as THRLBCL in the community, particularly in extranodal biopsies that lack the nodal architecture.[10, 36] However, most THRLBCL cases in our analysis were nodal, and the extranodal cases had worse rather than better prognosis. Additionally, disseminated THRLBCL cases diagnosed from bone marrow biopsy may be designated as DLBCL-NOS by a pathologist uncomfortable with identifying THRLBCL outside of the lymph node. Lack of central histopathologic review is a significant limitation of all large-scale registries, but at the same time registry-based studies reflect treatments and outcomes among patients diagnosed in the community according to published criteria. In one case series, 18% of THRLBCL cases referred to an academic center were reclassified.[4] We found no difference in THRLBCL survival between academic and community hospitals, and HR for THRLBCL relative to DLBCL-NOS was similar in those two types of facilities. Because academic/research centers largely rely on expert hematopathologists, misdiagnosis may be less likely in those hospitals, although it appears that molecular tools going beyond morphology and immunophenotyping are needed to confidently differentiate NLPHL, THRLBCL, and DLBCL-NOS in clinical practice. Therefore, our data raise hypotheses that application of consistent diagnostic criteria has uncovered more cases of THRLBCL with less aggressive features, or that the THRLBCL prognosis has markedly improved with modern rituximab-based immunochemotherapy. Recent studies emphasize distinct genomic and molecular features of THRLBCL, which does not cluster with other subtypes of DLBCL-NOS, and shows overexpression of immune checkpoint antigens like PD-L1.[38, 41–44] We observed a higher rate of stem cell transplantation in THRLBCL, suggesting a more aggressive approach in some institutions guided by historical data, or, alternatively, a possible biologic heterogeneity of THRLBCL, with an aggressive subset refractory to standard treatment.

Our study is limited by reliance on de-identified cancer registry data, precluding analysis of detailed histologic or clinical features, laboratory values, or more in-depth evaluation of therapy. We analyzed only adult cases, but NLPHL has a higher incidence among children and adolescents, so epidemiology of THRLBCL in pediatric population would also be of interest. We have overcome at least partly the lack of direct pathology review by demonstrating consistent results in the subset of academic centers. Absent data on response to treatment, rate of recurrence or progression-free survival, we used RS as an indirect measure of lymphoma-related mortality. Only a small subset of cases had a recorded IPI, so we could not assess the value of R-IPI in THRLBCL. We also note that the NCDB is a hospital-based rather than a population-based registry, so we could not calculate incidence

rates or other population-based measures. These have been recently described using SEER data.[12]

In summary, we have provided an epidemiologic perspective on the close relationship between THRLBCL and NLPHL, and suggest that in the era of rituximab-based immunochemotherapy, THRLBCL may have a more favorable prognosis than DLBCL-NOS. Similar diagnostic patterns in academic and community hospitals indicate a fairly reliable histology designation, which will allow future analysis of outcomes based on cancer registry records in this rare disease. Further research should evaluate potential biologic and clinical heterogeneity of THRLBCL, which may encompass aggressive subcategories potentially correlating with extranodal involvement.[45] Increasing recognition that THRLBCL and NLPHL are characterized by ineffective immune response, possibly mediated by sex- or ethnicity-related host factors and/or tumor-induced modulation of T-cell immunity, raises a question whether THRLBCL might be one DLBCL subtype particularly amenable to checkpoint inhibitor-based immunotherapy.

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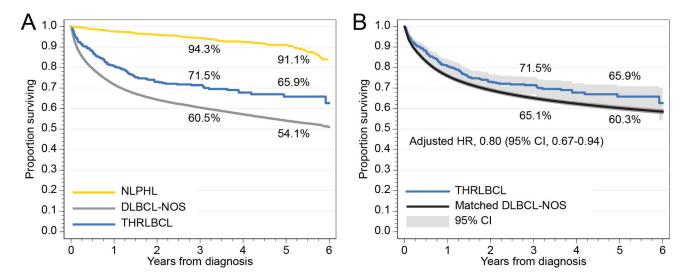


Fig. 1.(A) Overall survival of patients with THRLBCL, DLBCL-NOS, and NLPHL; (B) overall survival in THRLBCL, compared with DLBCL-NOS matched by age, sex, race, stage, presence of B symptoms, extranodal site, comorbidity index, income, and type of treating hospital.

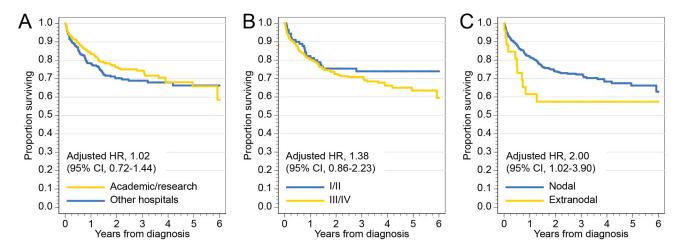


Fig. 2. Overall survival of patients with THRLBCL, stratified by (A) type of reporting hospital, (B) stage, and (C) nodal/extranodal primary site.

Table 1.Characteristics of patients with THRLBCL, compared with DLBCL-NOS and NLPHL, diagnosed in 2010–2015.

Variable	THRLBCL N=622		DLBCL-NOS N=91,588		P^{a}	NLPHL <i>N</i> =2,240		P^{a}
Age:								
Median	58		68		<.001	47		<.001
IQR ^b	42-70		57–77			33-60		
Sex, $N(\%)$								
Male	411	(66.1)	50,045	(54.6)	<.001	1,437	(64.2)	.37
Female	211	(33.9)	41,543	(45.4)		803	(35.8)	
Male:female ratio	1.9		1.2			1.8		
Race/ethnicity, $N(\%)$								
White	454	(73.0)	79,388	(86.7)	<.001	1,566	(69.9)	.51
Black	144	(23.2)	7,067	(7.7)		574	(25.6)	
Asian / other	24	(3.8)	5,133	(5.6)		100	(4.5)	
Comorbidity index, $N(\%)$								
0	500	(80.4)	66,338	(72.4)	<.001	1,908	(85.2)	.027
1	88	(14.1)	16,780	(18.3)		244	(10.9)	
2	24	(3.9)	4,905	(5.4)		68	(3.0)	
3	10	(1.6)	3,565	(3.9)		20	(0.9)	
Stage, $N(\%)$								
I/II	118	(19.0)	40,560	(44.3)	<.001	1,475	(65.8)	<.001
III/IV or unrecorded ^C	504	(81.0)	51,028	(55.7)		765	(34.2)	
B symptoms, $N(\%)$								
Absent	299	(48.1)	57,388	(62.7)	<.001	1,776	(79.3)	<.001
Present	276	(44.4)	25,525	(27.9)		332	(14.8)	
Unrecorded	47	(7.6)	8,675	(9.5)		132	(5.9)	
Primary site, $N(\%)$								
Nodal	590	(94.9)	59,975	(65.5)	<.001	2,198	(98.1)	<.001
Extranodal	10	(1.6)	14,837	(16.2)		32	(1.4)	
High-risk extranodal	22	(3.5)	16,776	(18.3)		10	(0.4)	
Reporting hospital, $N(\%)$								
Academic/research	292	(46.9)	37,240	(40.7)	.001	933	(41.7)	.018
Other	330	(53.1)	54,348	(59.3)		1,307	(58.3)	
Chemotherapy, $N(\%)$								
Administered	558	(89.7)	76,083	(83.1)	<.001	1,279	(57.1)	<.001
Not administered or unrecorded ^C	64	(10.3)	15,505	(16.9)		961	(42.9)	
Stem cell transplantation, $N(\%)$								
Yes	30	(4.8)	1,498	(1.6)	<.001	<10°	(<1.0)	<.001
No or unrecorded ^c	592	(95.2)	90,090	(98.4)		>2,220 ^C	(>99.0)	

THRLBCL N=622 DLBCL-NOS N=91,588 NLPHL N=2,240 P^{a} P^{a} Variable R-IPI, N(%)Recorded, N(% total)105 (17.0)10,610 (11.6)Very good 653 (6.3) .043 Good 43^{c} (41.0) 4,669 (45.0)(59.0) Poor 62 5,058 (48.7)

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IQR: interquartile range; R-IPI: revised International Prognostic Index

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 $^{{}^{}a}P$ value for univariate comparison with THRLBCL

b age range was 18 to 90 years for all groups

 $[\]frac{c}{c}$ categories combined or rounded to protect patients' privacy (NCDB disallows cell sizes smaller than 10); stage was unrecorded in 2.8%, chemotherapy receipt in 1.4%, and transplantation in 0.7% of patients.

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Table 2.

Multivariable prognostic model for overall and relative survival in THRLBCL.

Variable	Overall survival]	Relative survival ^a			
	HR	95% CI	P	HR	95% CI	P		
Age: 18-50 years		Ref.	< 0.001		Ref.	< 0.001		
51–60 years	1.39	(0.77-2.48)		1.26	(0.66-2.42)			
61–70 years	2.27	(1.35-3.83)		2.11	(1.18-3.79)			
71–80 years	2.74	(1.57-4.79)		2.48	(1.32-4.65)			
>80 years	7.46	(4.27–13.04)		6.28	(3.30–11.95)			
Sex: male		Ref.	0.41		Ref.	0.35		
Female	1.16	(0.82-1.64)		1.21	(0.81-1.79)			
Race/ethnicity: white		Ref.	0.52		Ref.	0.53		
Black	1.24	(0.79-1.95)		1.27	(0.77-2.08)			
Asian / other	0.65	(0.16-2.67)		0.65	(0.14-2.95)			
Comorbidity index: 0		Ref.	0.024		Ref.	0.018		
1	0.78	(0.47-1.30)		0.82	(0.46-1.45)			
2	1.20	(0.55-2.64)		1.29	(0.54-3.07)			
3	3.17	(1.39-7.20)		3.62	(1.53-8.52)			
Stage: I/II		Ref.	0.18		Ref.	0.23		
III/IV	1.38	(0.86-2.23)		1.42	(0.80-2.51)			
B symptoms: present		Ref.	0.06		Ref.	0.044		
Absent	1.45	(0.99-2.14)		1.58	(1.01-2.46)			
Primary site: nodal		Ref.	0.043		Ref.	0.024		
Extranodal	2.00	(1.02-3.90)		2.31	(1.12-4.79)			
Reporting hospital: other		Ref.	0.91		Ref.	0.99		
Academic/research	1.02	(0.72-1.44)		1.00	(0.67-1.49)			

CI: confidence interval; HR: hazard ratio; Ref.: reference level.

^aRelative survival adjusts for baseline mortality rate according to age, sex, race, and calendar year based on US national statistics, thus measuring lymphoma-related excess mortality.

Table 3.

Association between THRLBCL histology (relative to DLBCL-NOS) and antecedent cancers in the SEER data, 2010–2015.

Antecedent cancer		Unadjusted models			Models adjusting for age, sex, and race			
	OR	95% CI	P	OR	95% CI	P		
Any histology	0.56	(0.38-0.84)	0.005	0.74	(0.49-1.10)	0.14		
Solid tumor	0.44	(0.26-0.76)	0.003	0.62	(0.36-1.07)	0.09		
Any lymphoma	0.90	(0.54-1.52)	0.70	1.02	(0.61-1.73)	0.93		
NLPHL	35.5	(15.1-83.7)	< 0.001	18.2	(7.2–45.7)	< 0.001		

CI: confidence interval; NLPHL: nodular lymphocyte-predominant Hodgkin lymphoma.