





Cellular Therapy 2024

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Introduction

Cellular Therapy Basics

FDA approved cellular therapy with indications

CART vs BITEs



ONCOLOGY

Conflict of Interest



CART vs Bi-Specific Monoclonal Antibodies



Schwerdtfeger et al., Current Hematological Malignancy 2021

CART CART vs Bi-Specific Monoclonal Antibodies

CART

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One infusion

Manufacture time (2-8 weeks)

BITEs

Interval therapy Off the shelf \$\$\$



CART Therapy







June CH, Sadelain M. N Engl J Med 2018;379:64-73

Autologous CAR T-Cell Therapy: Underlying Principles





CAR T-cell Therapy: Barriers To Timely Treatment



 PATIENT

 ✓ Health care disparities

 ✓ Performance status

 ✓ Comorbidities

 DISEASE

 ✓ Stage and disease tempo

 ✓ Need for bridging therapy

 ONCOLOGIST

 ✓ Timely referral

 PAYER

 ✓ Cost

 ✓ Timely authorization

 CENTER

✓ Capacity

Cleveland Clinic Experience*

- N=38 ref/rel large B-cell lymphoma referrals for Axi-cel (03/18 - 05/19)
- ✓ 11 (29%) did not receive Axi-cel (median survival 1 month):
 - ✓ Rapid disease progression 55%
 - ✓ Complications of prior treatment 27%
 - ✓ Manufacturing failure 1%

* A Mian et al, ASH Annual Meeting, 2019 (Blood, 134 [Suppl 1]: 4452)

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Refractory DLBCL Scholar-1



Crump M, Neelapu SS, Farooq U, et al. Outcomes in refractory diffuse large B-cell lymphoma: results from the international SCHOLAR-1 study. *Blood*. 2017;130(16):1800-1808. doi:10.1182/blood-2017-03-769620

ZUMA-1 vs SCHOLAR-1: Outcomes With Axicabtagene Ciloleucel vs SOC for Refractory DLBCL • Retrospective analysis comparing outcomes with





*Retrospective analysis of 2 phase III trials and 2 observational cohorts in which patients received treatment for refractory disease after first-/second-line therapy or relapsed disease after ASCT.^[2]

1. Neelapu. SOHO 2017. Abstr NHL-023. 2. Crump. Blood. 2017;130:1800.

Lisocabtagene maraleucel versus standard of care with salvage chemotherapy followed by autologous stem cell transplantation as second-line treatment in patients with relapsed or refractory large B-cell lymphoma (TRANSFORM): results from an interim analysis of an open-label, randomised, phase 3 trial

Manali Kamdar, Scott R Solomon, Jon Arnason, Patrick B Johnston, Bertram Glass, Veronika Bachanova, Sami Ibrahimi, Stephan Mielke, Pim Mutsaers, Francisco Hernandez-Ilizaliturri, Koji Izutsu, Franck Morschhauser, Matthew Lunning, David G Maloney, Alessandro Crotta, Sandrine Montheard, Alessandro Previtali, Lara Stepan, Ken Ogasawara, Timothy Mack*, Jeremy S Abramson, for the TRANSFORM Investigators†

Liso-Cel



FDA Approved CART for Large B Cell Lymphoma

Trial	Disease	Efficacy
JULIET (Tis-Cel)	Adult patients with R/R LBCL after two or more lines of systemic therapy, including DLBCL not otherwise specified (NOS), high grade B-cell lymphoma and TFL.	ORR 52% CR 40% Median PFS: NR Median OS: 12 mo
ZUMA-1, ZUMA-7 (Axi-Cel)	 Primary refractory LBCL that is refractory to first line chemoimmunotherapy or that relapses within 12 months of first line chemoimmunotherapy. Adult patients with relapsed or refractory LBCL after two or more lines of systemic therapy, including DLBCL NOS, PMBCL, high grade B-cell lymphoma, and TFL. 	ORR 82% CR 54% Median PFS: 5.8 mo Median OS: NR
TRANSCEND NHL 001 (Liso-Cel)	LBCL refractory to first line chemoimmunotherapy or relapse within 12 months of first line chemoimmunotherapy including DLBCL NOS, TFL, high- grade B- cell lymphoma, PMBCL, and FL grade 3B. Relapsed or refractory LBCL disease after two or more lines of systemic therapy.	ORR 73% CR 53% Median PFS: 6.8 mo Median OS: 21.1 mo

What about BITEs for R/R DLBCL?

- 3rd line **Epcoritamab** (indefinite) or **Glofitamab** (max of 12 cycles)
- **Epcoritamab** (until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity)
 - ORR of 63% with CR rate of 39% (phase I/II trial)
 - FDA approved (5/2023) after 2 lines of systemic therapy
- Glofitamab + Obinutuzumab
 - ORR of 56% with CR of 43% (phase I/II trial)
 - FDA approved (6/2023) after 2 lines of systemic therapy

Epcoritamab for R/R HBCL



Hutchings et al,. The Lancet 2021

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PFS 3rd line 1.07 years PFS 4th line 0.9 years PFS 5th line 0.55 years

Batlevi CL, Sha F, Alperovich A, et al. Follicular lymphoma in the modern era: survival, treatment outcomes, and identification of high-risk subgroups. *Blood Cancer J.* 2020;10(7):74. doi:10.1038/s41408-020-00340-z

5-year outcomes for R/R FL with CAR T Cell Therapy



FL: 71% having a complete response. At 5 years, 43% of patients (95% CI, 18 to 66) were progression-free mDOR: NR

FL: POD24; median lines of therapy: 3

FDA Approved CART for Follicular Lymphoma

Trial	Disease	Efficacy
ZUMA-5 (Axi-Cel)	Adult patients with R/R FL after two or more lines of systemic therapy.	ORR 92% for FL, 85% for MZL CR 80% FL, 60% MZL Median PFS: NR Median OS: NR
ELARA (Tis-Cel)	Adult patients with R/R FL after two or more lines of systemic therapy.	ORR 86% for FL, CR 68% mPFS: 37 mo 36 mo PFS: 53% mDOR: NR mOS: NR

What about BITEs for R/R FL?

- Mosunetuzumab (**8 to 17 cycles**). Phase II study
 - ORR was 80% with 60% CR

Figure. Progression-free survival (investigator-assessed) with mosunetuzumab



Cl, confidence interval; NR, not reached.

Schuster et al., Blood 2023

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Relapse ALL



Figure 1. Survival in patients with relapsed ALL according to first-line therapy. Relapse during or after chemotherapy, n = 378 (solid line), $28\% \pm 3\%$ after 3 years, $25\% \pm 3\%$ after 5 years; median 10 months; relapse after SCT, n = 169 (dashed line), $15\% \pm 3\%$ after 3 and 5 years, median 5.8 months (P < .0001).

N= 547 CR after 1st salvage 42% CR after 2nd salvage 33% CR after SCT 25% mOS at relapse 8.4 mo 3 years survival 24%

Gökbuget N, Stanze D, Beck J, et al. Outcome of relapsed adult lymphoblastic leukemia depends on response to salvage chemotherapy, prognostic factors, and performance of stem cell transplantation. *Blood*. 2012;120(10):2032-2041. doi:10.1182/blood-2011-12-399287

Relapse ALL posallogeneic HCT



Figure 1. Comparison of OS between patients who relapsed within 6 months of HSCT and those who relapsed after 6 months.

Poon LM, Hamdi A, Saliba R, et al. Outcomes of Adults with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia Relapsing after Allogeneic Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation. *Biol Blood Marrow Transplant*. 2013;19(7):1059-1064. doi:10.1016/j.bbmt.2013.04.014

Three-Year Update of Tisagenlecleucel in Pediatric and Young Adult Patients With Relapsed/Refractory Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia in the ELIANA Trial



Brexu-Cel for R/R B-ALL in adults

Shah et al ASTCT 2023

Table. Efficacy Results in Pooled Analysis of Phase 1 and 2 (N=78) by Independent Review

Subgroup	N	CR/CRi Rate (95% CI)	Median DOR (95% CI)	Median OS (95% Cl)
Lines of prior therapy				
1	15	87% (60-98)	4.9 months (1.8-NE)	NR (7.6-NE)
≥2	63	70% (57-81)	20.0 months (10.3-NE)	25.4 months (15.9-NE)
Prior blinatumomab				
Yes	38	63% (46-78)	14.6 months (9.6-NE)	15.9 months (8.3-25.4)
No	40	83% (67-93)	18.6 months (5.2-NE)	47.0 months (18.6-NE)
Prior SCT				
Yes	29	76% (56-90)	14.6 months (8.7-23.6)	25.4 months (14.2-NE)
No	49	71% (57-83)	NR (5.2-NE)	47.0 months (10.9-NE)

CR, complete remission; CRi, complete remission with incomplete hematologic recovery; DOR, duration of remission; OS, overall survival; NE, not estimable; NR, not reached; SCT, stem cell transplant.

FDA Approved CART for B-ALL

Trial	Disease	Efficacy
ELIANA (Tis-Cel)	Patients up to 25 years of age with B-ALL that is refractory or in second or later relapse.	ORR 81% CR 60% Cri 21% EFS 73% (6mo) 50% (12 mo) OS 90% (6mo) 76% (12 mo)
ZUMA 3 (Brexu-Cel)	Adult patients with R/R B-ALL	ORR 83% CR 82% Median OS: NR after \geq 1 line and 25.4 mo after \geq 2 lines

What about BITEs for R/R B-ALL?



Kantarjian H et al. N Engl J Med 2017

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Long-term follow-up of MCL patients treated with single-agent ibrutinib: updated safety and efficacy results

D Progression-free Survival by Refractory Status



ORR 67% CR 23% 24-month PFS 31% mDOR 17.5 mo **mOS for refractory:13 mo mPFS for refractory: 6.6 mo**

Wang ML, Blum KA, Martin P, et al. Long-term follow-up of MCL patients treated with single-agent ibrutinib: updated safety and efficacy results. *Blood*. 2015;126(6):739-745. doi:10.1182/blood-2015-03-635326 A Comparison of Overall Survival with Brexucabtagene Autoleucel (Brexu-cel) CAR T-Cell Therapy (ZUMA-2) and Standard of Care (SCHOLAR-2) in Patients with Relapsed/Refractory Mantle Cell Lymphoma (R/R MCL) Previously Treated with a Covalent Bruton Tyrosine Kinase Inhibitor (BTKi)

Figure 1: Kaplan-Meier curves of overall survival in ZUMA-2 (brexu-cel) and SCHOLAR-2 (standard of care); IPW base-case analysis



Hess et al. ASH 2022

FDA Approved CART for Mantle Cell Lymphoma

Trial	Disease	Efficacy
ZUMA 2 (Brexu-Cel)	Adult patients with R/R MCL after 2 lines of systemic therapy including a BTKi.	ORR 85% CR 59% Median PFS: NR Median OS: NR

What about BITEs for R/R MCL

Under investigation

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Refractory MM



Gandhi UH, et al. Leukemia.

OS of MM patients refractory to CD38 MoAB

CARTITUDE-1: PFS and OS With Ciltacabtagene Autoleucel For R/R MM





Ide-cel or Standard Regimens in Relapsed and Refractory Multiple Myeloma

Phase 3 trial involving adults with relapsed and refractory multiple myeloma who had received two to four regimens





FDA Approved CART Cell for Multiple Myeloma

Trial	Disease	Efficacy
CARTITUDE-1 (Cilta-Cel)	Adult patients with R/R multiple myeloma after four or more prior lines of therapy, including an immunomodulatory agent, a proteasome inhibitor, and an anti- CD38 monoclonal antibody	ORR 97% sCR 67% (MRD negative) Median PFS: NR Median OS: NR
KarMMa (Ide-Cel)	Adult patients with R/R multiple myeloma after four or more prior lines of therapy, including an immunomodulatory agent, a proteasome inhibitor, and an anti- CD38 monoclonal antibody	ORR 73% CR 33% of which 79% achieved MRD negativity Median PFS: 8.8 mo Median OS: 19.4 mo

What about BITEs for R/R MM

Teclistamab (BCMA target)

Elranatamab (BCMA target) Talquetamab (GPRC5D target)

BCMA BITEs

- Teclistamab
- ORR 63%
- CR 43%
- mDOR 24 months
- mDOR for CR not achieved

• Elranatamab

- ORR 61%
- CR 35%
- DOR: pending longer follow up

Teclistamab

lines of

therapy

P Moreau et al. N Engl J Med. 2022



Talquetamab bispecific antibody against CD3 and GPRC5D



Median 6 lines of therapy



"Supraphysiologic response following any immune therapy that results in the activation or engagement of endogenous or infused T cells and/or other immune effector cells." Immune effector cell associated neurotoxicity should be excluded from the definition of CRS.



Neurotoxicity



Mortality

Table 2. Incidence and types of CD19 CAR-T cell therapy-related fatalities from systematic review and meta-analysis.

Variable	CD-19 Car-T (n=890)	Kymriah (n=201)	Yescarta (n=209)	P *
Deaths, No. (%)	33 (3.71%)	7 (3.48%)	9 (4.31%)	0.667
Type of fatal toxic effect	L J			
CRS	10 (30.30%)	0	2 (22.22%)	0.499
Nervous system disorders	6 (18.18%)	1 (14.29%)	1 (11.11%)	1
Infections and infestations	4 (12.12%)	1 (14.29%)	0	0.49
Blood and lymphatic system disorders	3 (9.09%)	2 (28.57%)	1 (11.11%)	0.617
Cardiac disorders	2 (6.06%)	1 (14.29%)	1 (11.11%)	1
Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders	2 (6.06%)	0	2 (22.22%)	0.499
Gastrointestinal disorders	2 (6.06%)	0	0	NA
Hepatobiliary disorders	1 (3.03%)	1 (14.29%)	0	1
unknown cause	3 (9.09%)	1 (14.29%)	2 (22.22%)	1

Ide-Cel ~1% Cilta-Cel ~6%

Cai C, Tang D, Han Y, et al. A comprehensive analysis of the fatal toxic effects associated with CD19 CAR-T cell therapy. *Aging*. 2020;12(18):18741-18753. doi:10.18632/aging.104058

* Fatal toxic effects rates of Kymriah and Yescarta were compared using $\chi 2$ testing.

Future Directions

- •Cellular therapy for T cell malignancies
- •Cellular therapy for Solid tumor
- Dual target CARs
- •Allogeneic CARs

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