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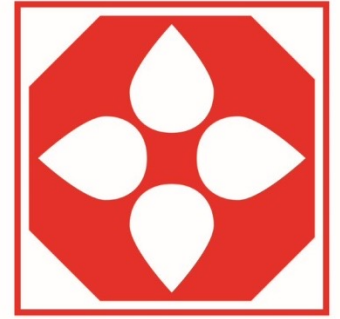
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# **CAR-T Ed Forum: The Basic Science and Latest Data**

**April 21, 2021**

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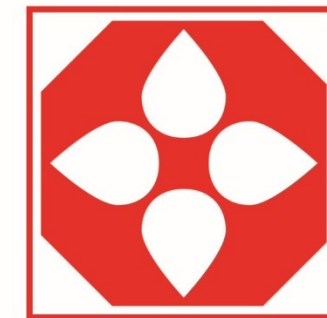
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# Agenda and Speakers



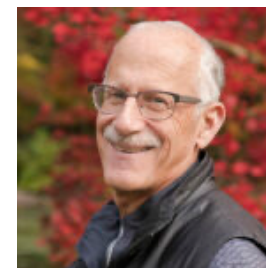
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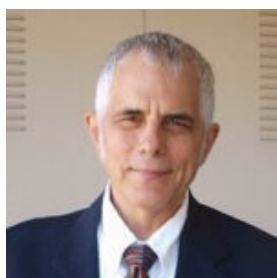
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Brian Koffman,  
MDCM (retired), MSED  
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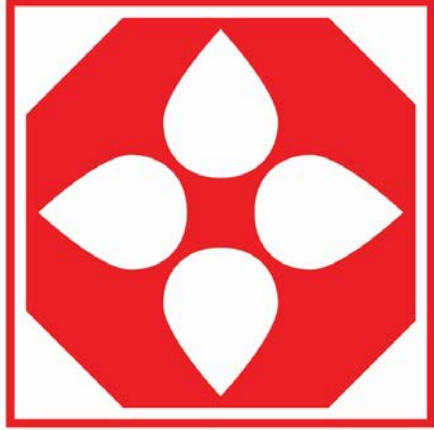
Tanya Siddiqi, MD  
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Sharon Saltzman  
Caregiver

## Agenda

1:00 PM EST	Welcome	Patricia Koffman
1:05 PM	CAR-T and CLL: A Patient and Caregiver Journey	Dr. Larry Saltzman and Sharon Saltzman
1:20 PM	Introduction to the Science and Future of CAR-T and Other Immune Therapies	Dr. John Pagel
1:45 PM	The Present State of the Art in CLL	Dr. Tanya Siddiqi
2:10 PM	CLL Society's Programs & Resources	Patricia Koffman
2:20 PM	Audience Q&A	Drs. Koffman, Pagel, Siddiqi, and Saltzman
2:57 PM	Closing Remarks	Dr. Brian Koffman



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# Immunotherapy: A New Paradigm For Treatment

John M. Pagel, MD, PhD

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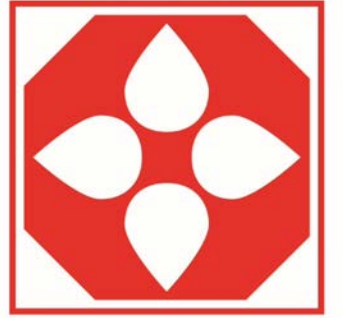
# Not So Long Ago...

## CLL Therapy Toolkit

Chemotherapies

Radiation

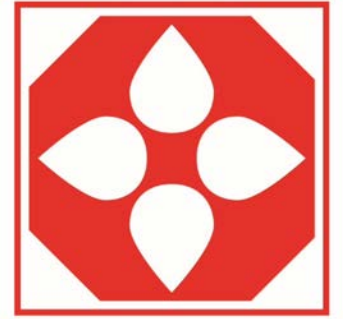
Generally applied to CLL patients



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# Then...

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Chemotherapies

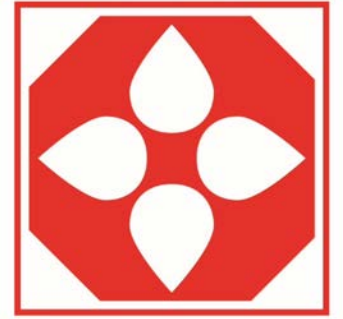
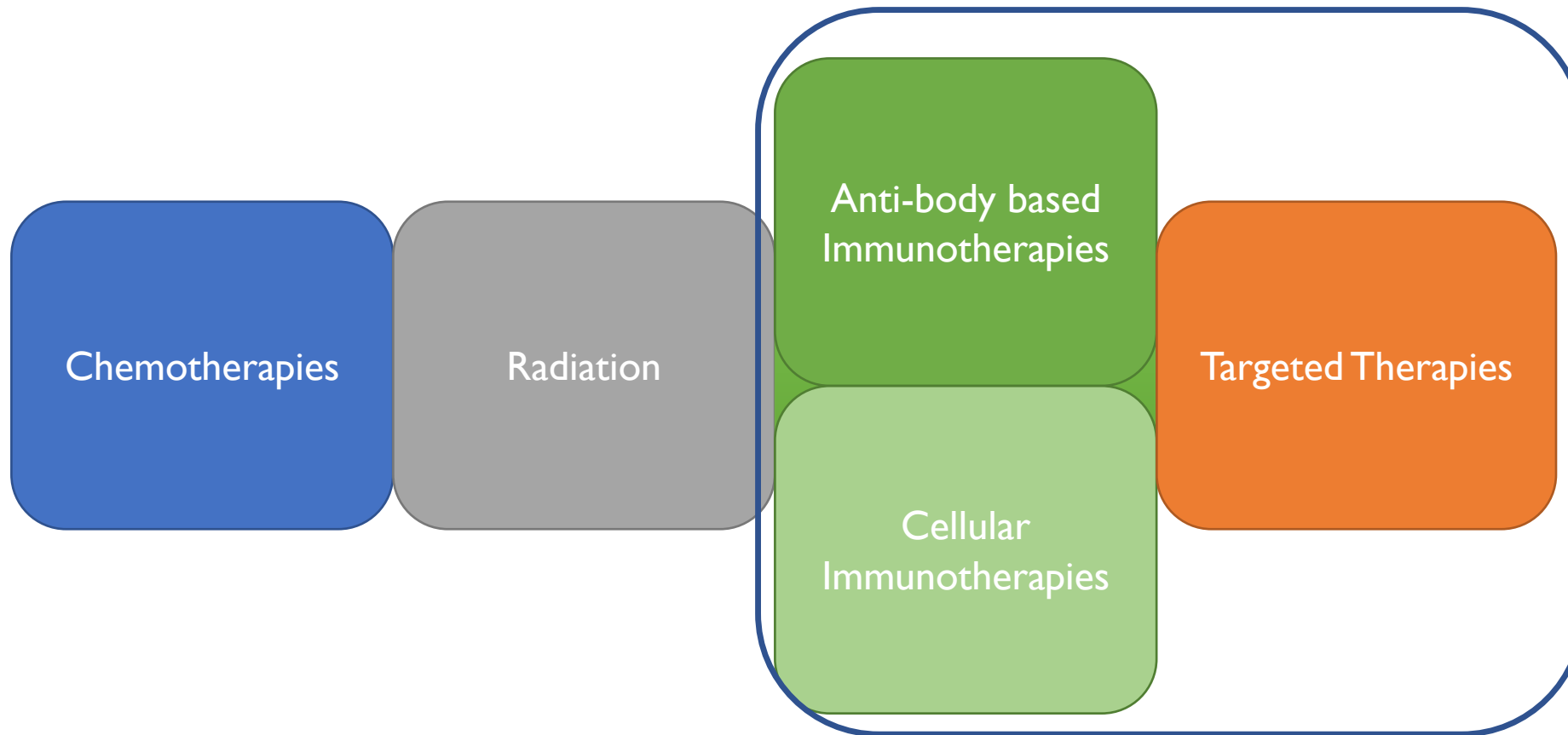
Rituximab  
(immunotherapy for B-  
cell diseases)

Radiation

Rituximab markedly improved outcomes in NHL  
Again, these tools largely applied to all CLL

# Now...

## CLL Therapy Toolkit



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Importantly, these tools are being used in ways specific to CLL

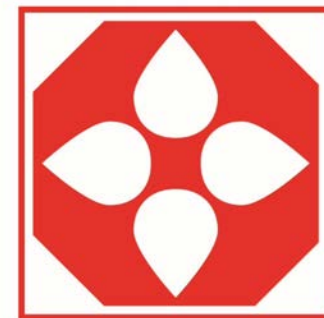


# Science

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Breakthrough of the Year  
**Cancer  
Immunotherapy**  
T cells on the attack

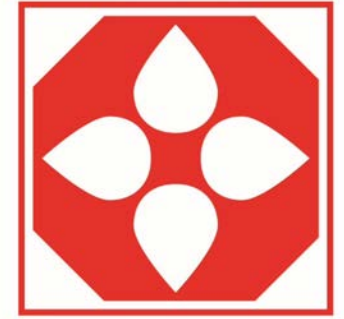
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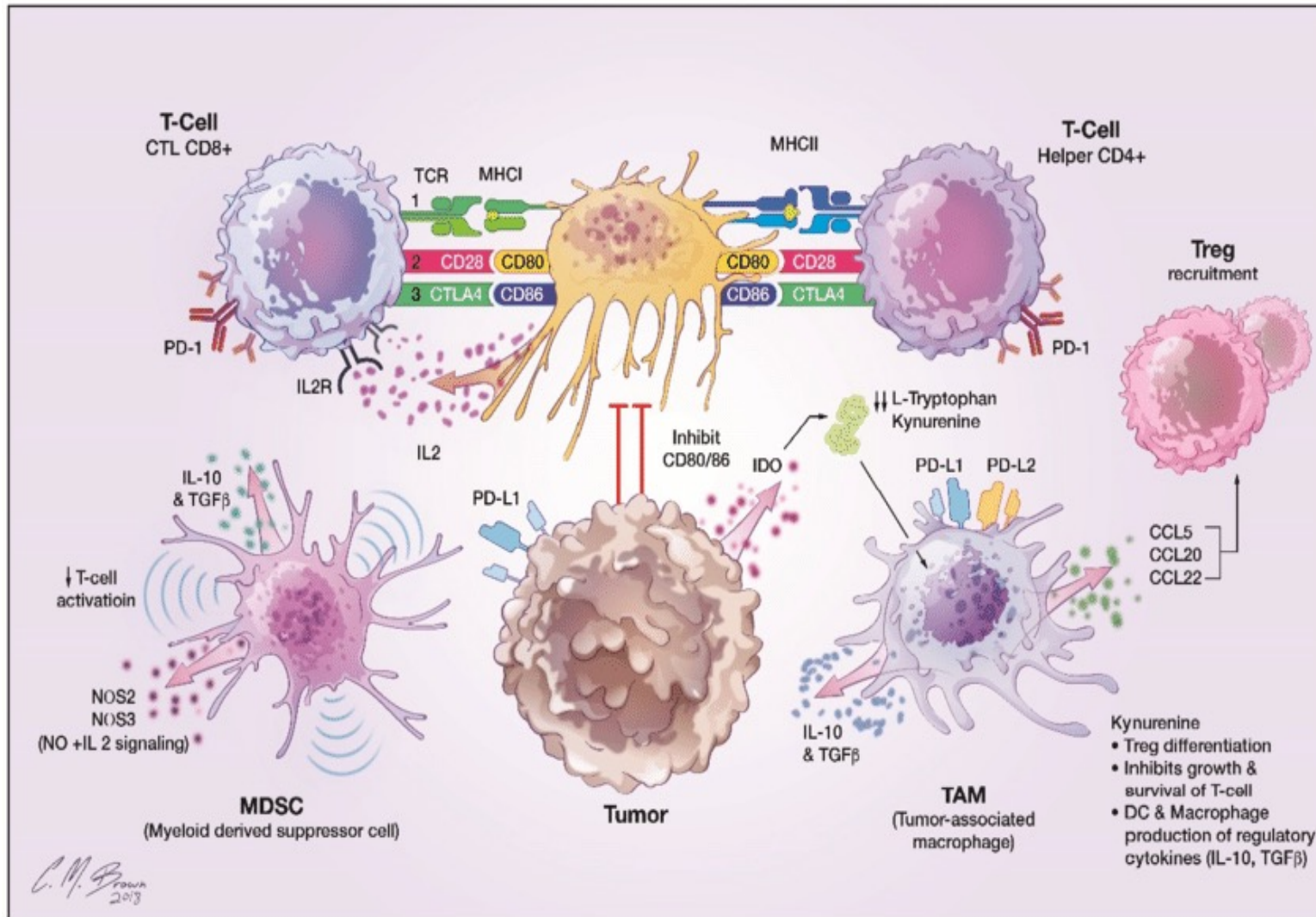
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# Immunotherapy

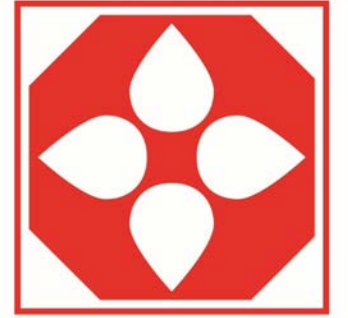


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- Immune system long recognized as having ability to fight CLL
- CLL (like other cancers) can “hide” from the immune system

# New Paradigm

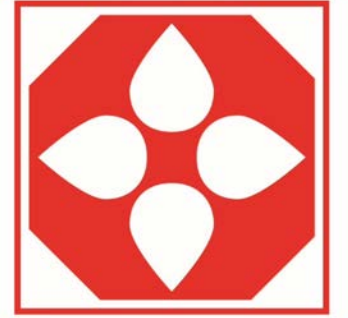


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The immune system is the “agent”  
that improves outcome and  
*CURES* people with systemic  
cancer.

Fundamental shift in our understanding of cancer

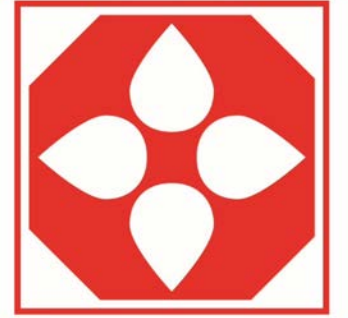
# Summary Of The Old Era



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- Therapies are non-specific
- Allogeneic transplant may be the ultimate adoptive immunotherapy
  - Comes with a potential price
- Other therapies (IFN, vaccines, etc.) have more modest benefit
  - Immune responsiveness may be an important concept
  - Disease specific (FL different than DLBCL which is different than HL)

# Immunotherapy Types



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## Anti-body based Immunotherapies

Medicines (typically  
infusions) given to enhance  
native immune activity  
against lymphoma

“Off-shelf”

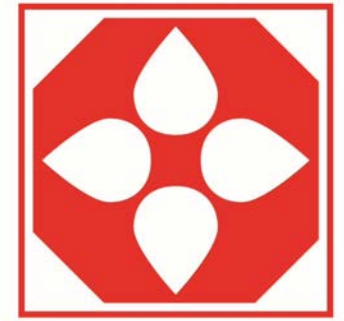
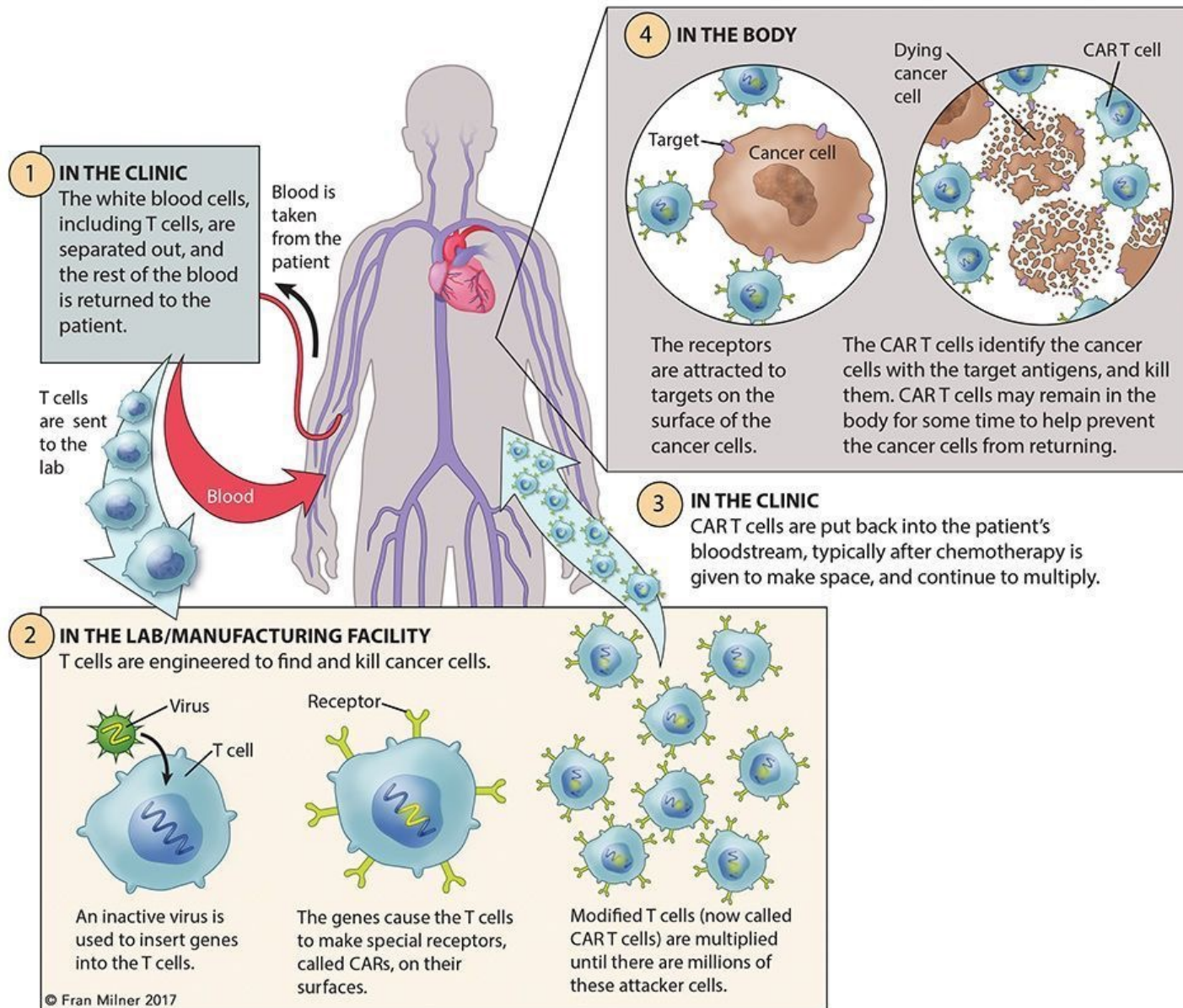
## Cellular Immunotherapies

Genetically modified  
immune cells (“living  
drug”) given to patients to  
fight lymphoma

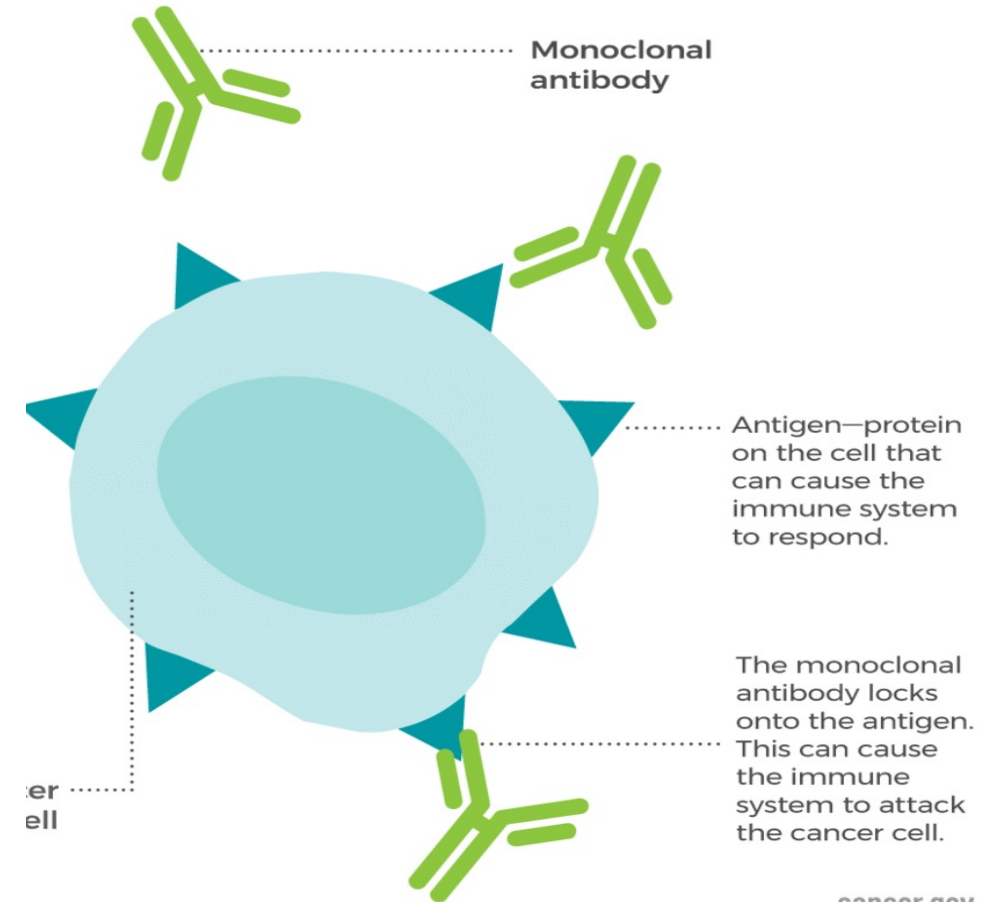
May require time to make  
specifically for patients

Use of either might depend on the individual circumstances for the patients  
Potential for combinations of both types of immunotherapy

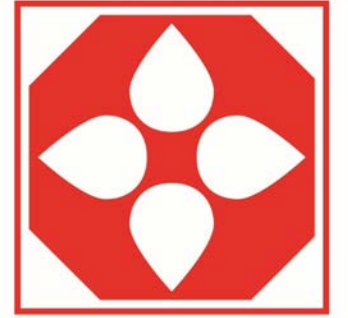




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# The New Era

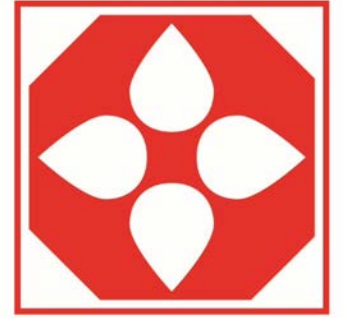


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- Checkpoint inhibitors
- A host of other antibody approaches
- Cell-based therapies
- Combination strategies
- Signaling pathway inhibitors (PI3K, BTK as examples)
- CAR-T cell therapy



# Antibody Based Immunotherapy



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Anti-B-cell Abs  
(B-cell NHL)

## **Anti-CD20 mabs**

Rituximab  
Obinutuzumab  
Ublituximab\*

## **Anti-CD19 mabs**

Tafasitimab\*

Checkpoint  
Inhibitors

## **PD1 inhibitors**

Nivolumab  
Pembrolizumab

## **Anti-CD47 agents**

Magrolimab\*  
TTI-622\*

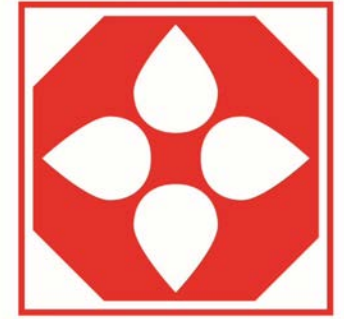
Bi-specific  
Antibodies  
(bsAbs)

## **CD3 x CD20 bsAb**

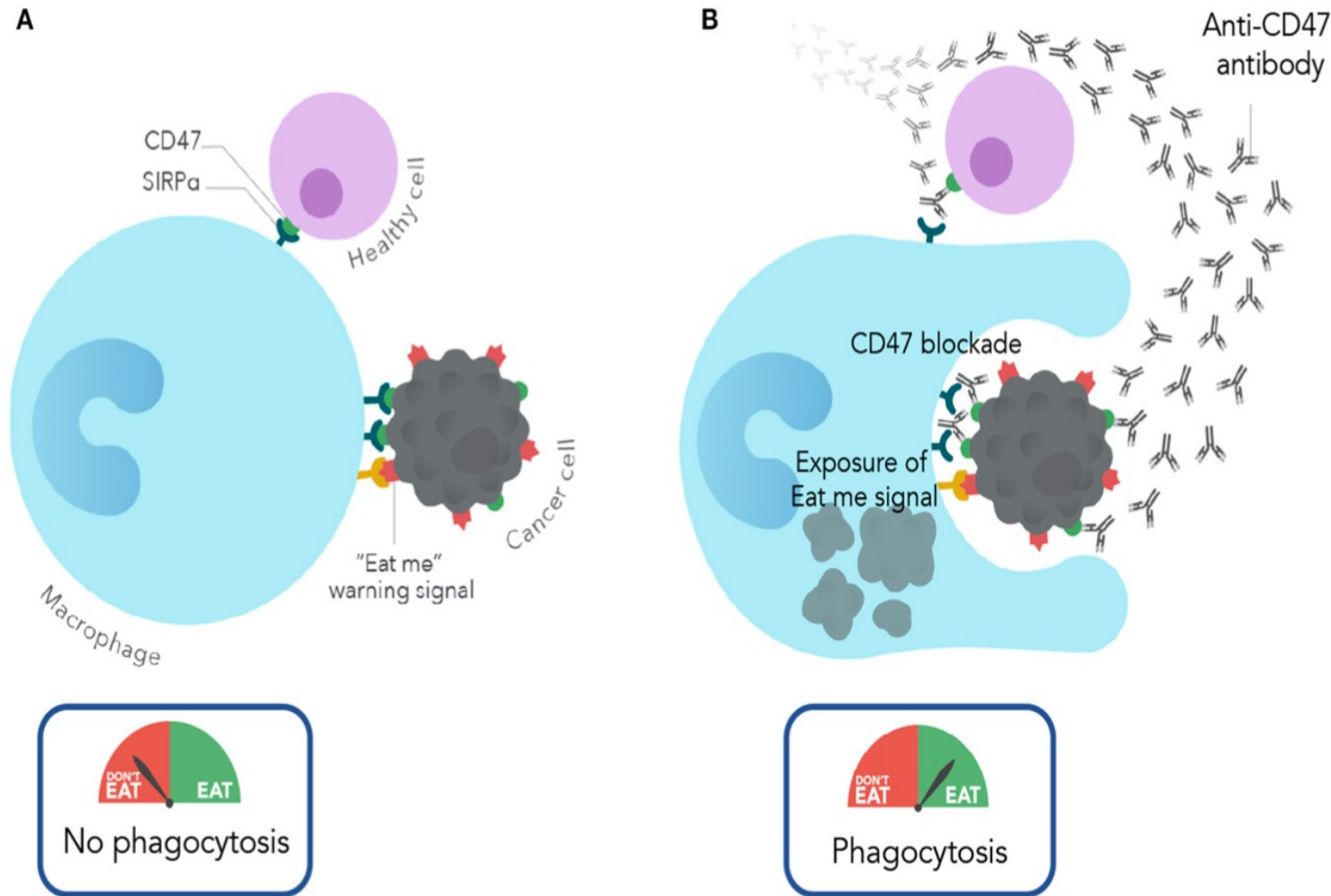
Mosenutuzumab\*  
Glofitamab\*  
Plamotamab\*  
Epcoritimab\*  
REGN1979\*

\*Investigational agents, not FDA approved

# Anti-CD47 Agents

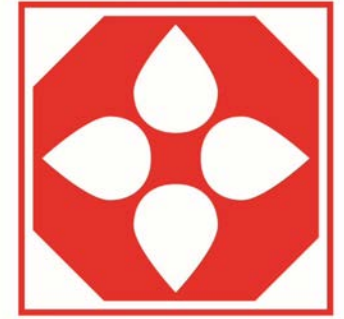


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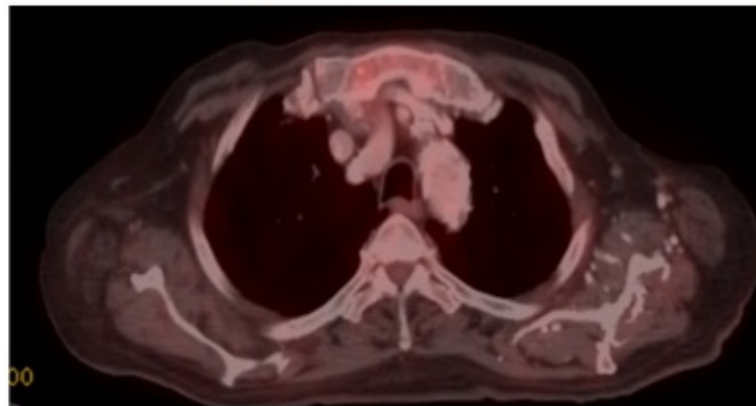
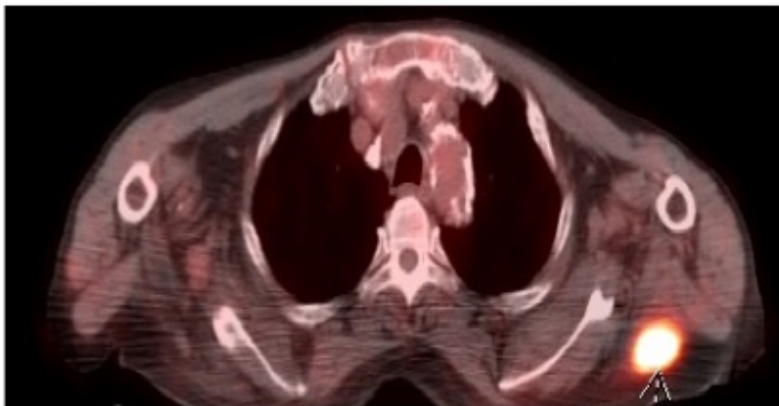
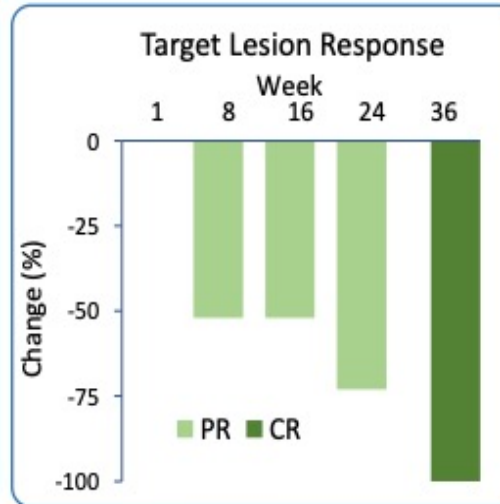
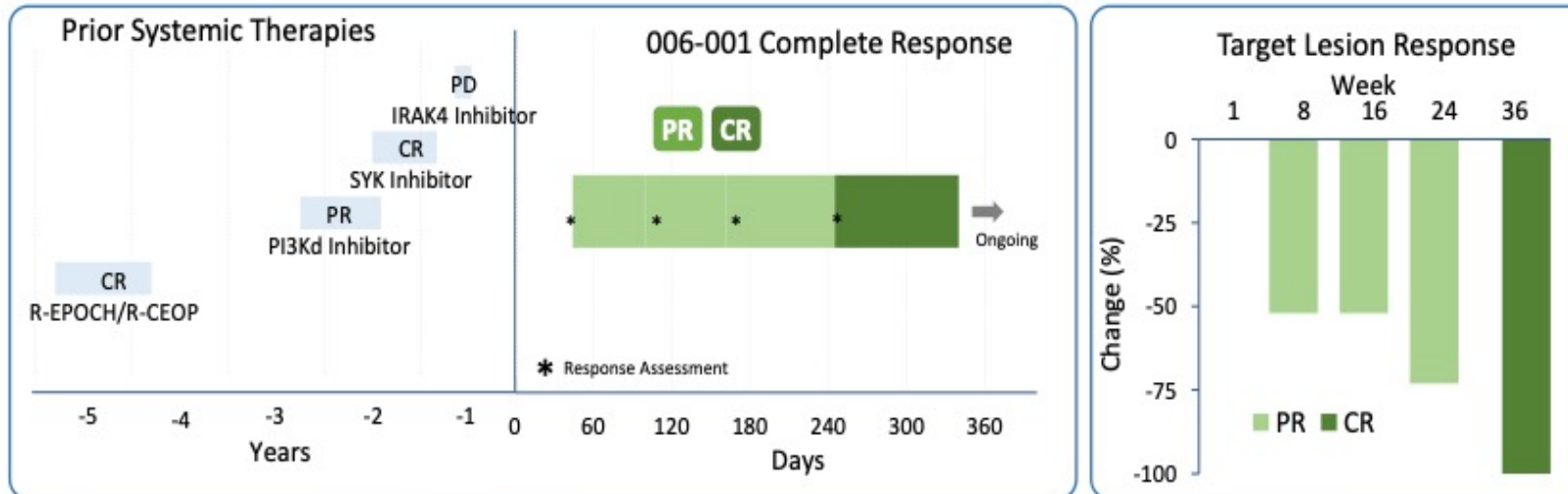
- Immune cells (macrophages) can destroy cells which express an "Eat me" signals (several types)
- Cancer cells express "Eat me" and "Don't eat me" signals (CD47) to avoid destruction by macrophages
- Normal cells express "Don't eat me" signals but mostly do not express "Eat me" signal, allowing these treatments to be selective

# Anti-CD47 Agents



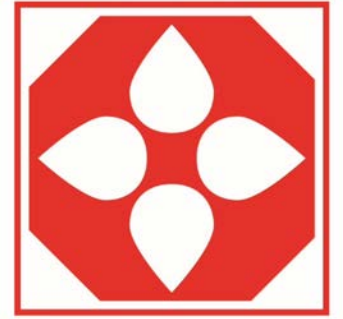
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TTI-622 Phase 1 Clinical Trial

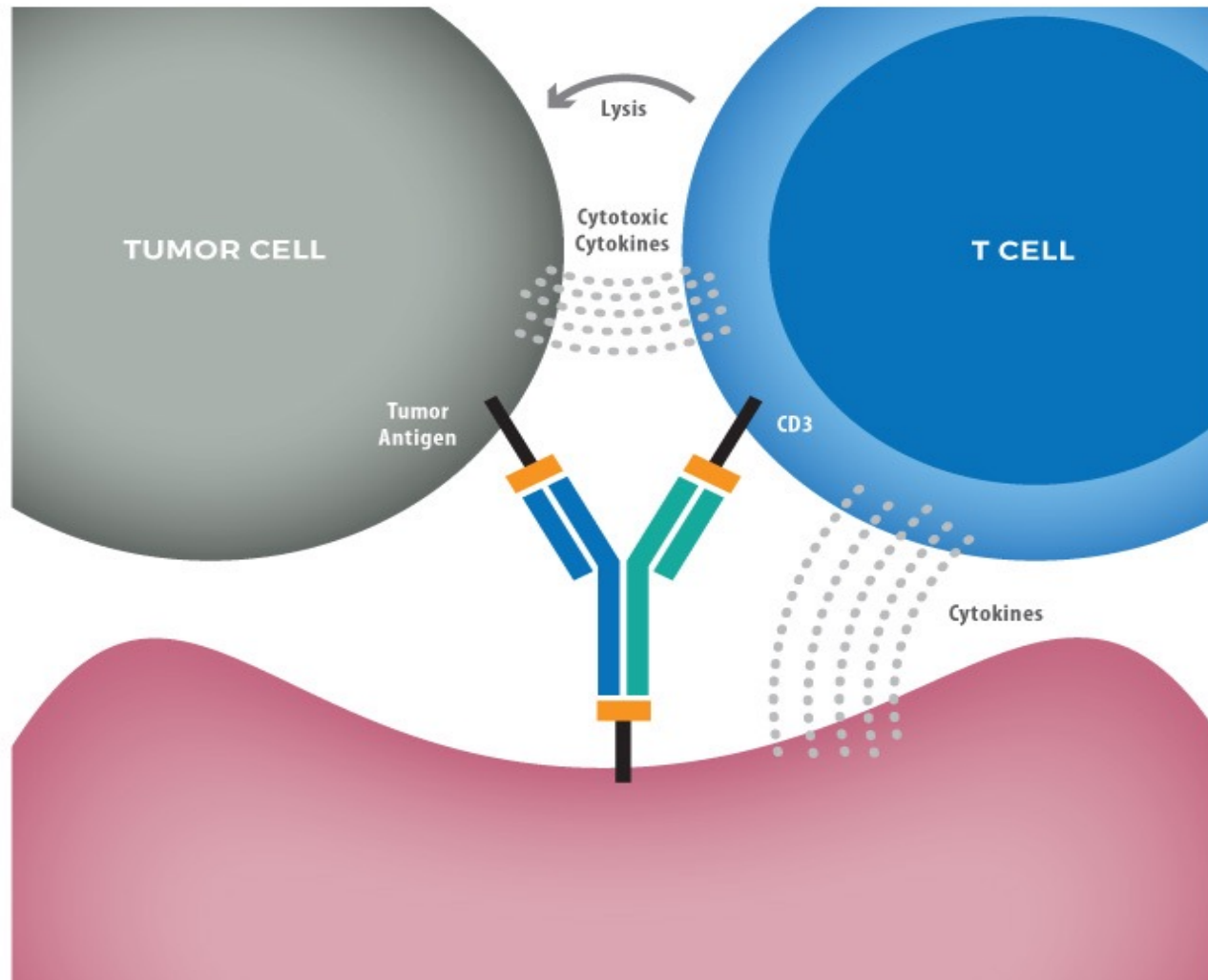


- Anti-CD47 agents have shown clinical **activity in both B-cell and T-cell lymphomas** in early stage studies
- **Side effects appear generally mild and reversible**; these therapies may be reasonable to combine with other therapies
- Further studies needed and underway

# Bispecific Antibodies

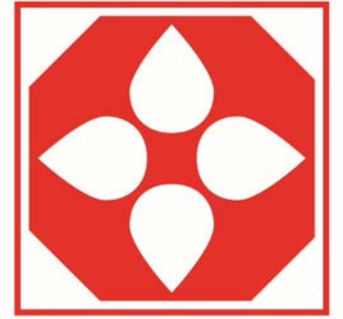


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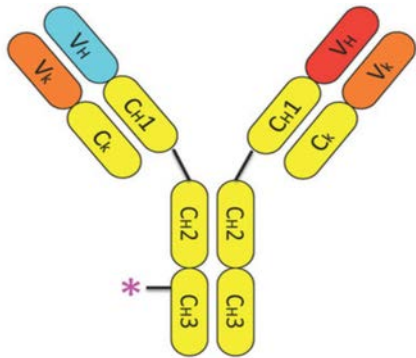
- Two-sided antibody
  - One side binds cancer cell
  - One side binds immune cell
- **Helps activate immune cells to destroy cancer cells**
- Lots of different designs to change the properties of these therapies

# Bispecific Antibodies



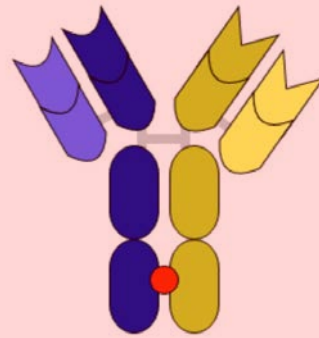
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**REGN1979**



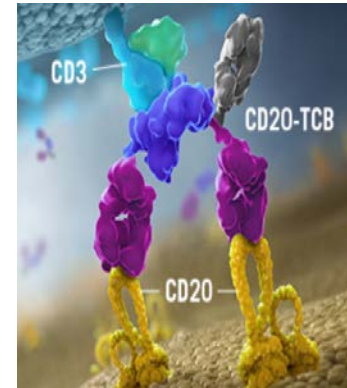
CD3 x CD20 Common LC  
IgG4 Fc BsAb

**Mosunetuzumab**



CD3 x CD20 Knobs-in-hole  
IgG1 Fc BsAb

**Glofitimab  
(CD20-Tcb)**



CD3 (Fab) x CD20 (Fab x2)  
Fc BsAb

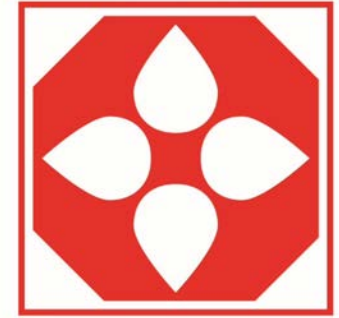
**Palotamab  
(Xmab13676)**



CD3 (scFv) x CD20 (Fab)  
Fc BsAb



# Mosunetuzumab in R/R NHL



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## Patient population

<i>n (%)</i>	<i>N=270*</i>
Median age, years (range)	62 (19–96)
Male	172 (63.7%)
ECOG PS 1 at baseline	164 (61.2%) <sup>†</sup>
<b>Aggressive NHL</b>	180 (66.7%)
DLBCL	117 (43.3%)
trFL	32 (11.9%)
MCL	23 (8.5%)
Other	8 (3.0%)
<b>Indolent NHL</b>	85 (31.5%)
FL	82 (30.4%)
Other	3 (1.1%)
Median prior systemic therapies, n (range)	3 (1–14) <sup>†</sup>
Prior CAR-T therapy	30 (11.1%)
Prior autologous SCT	77 (28.5%)
Refractory <sup>‡</sup> to last prior therapy	194 (71.9%)
Refractory <sup>‡</sup> to prior anti-CD20 therapy	233 (86.3%)

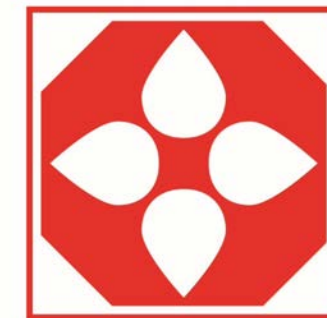
### 30 pts with prior CAR-T therapy

- 17 DLBCL, 8 trFL, 5 FL
- Median 5 lines of prior systemic therapies (range 3–14)
- 29 pts (96.7%) refractory to prior anti-CD20 therapy
- 25 pts (83.3%) refractory to last prior therapy
- 22 pts (73.3%) refractory to prior CAR-T therapy

CCOD (clinical cut-off date): Aug 9, 2019; \*safety evaluable pts; <sup>†</sup>n=268, as two pts did not have data entered by CCOD; <sup>‡</sup>no response (PR or CR) or PD within ≤6 months of treatment; trFL, transformed FL;

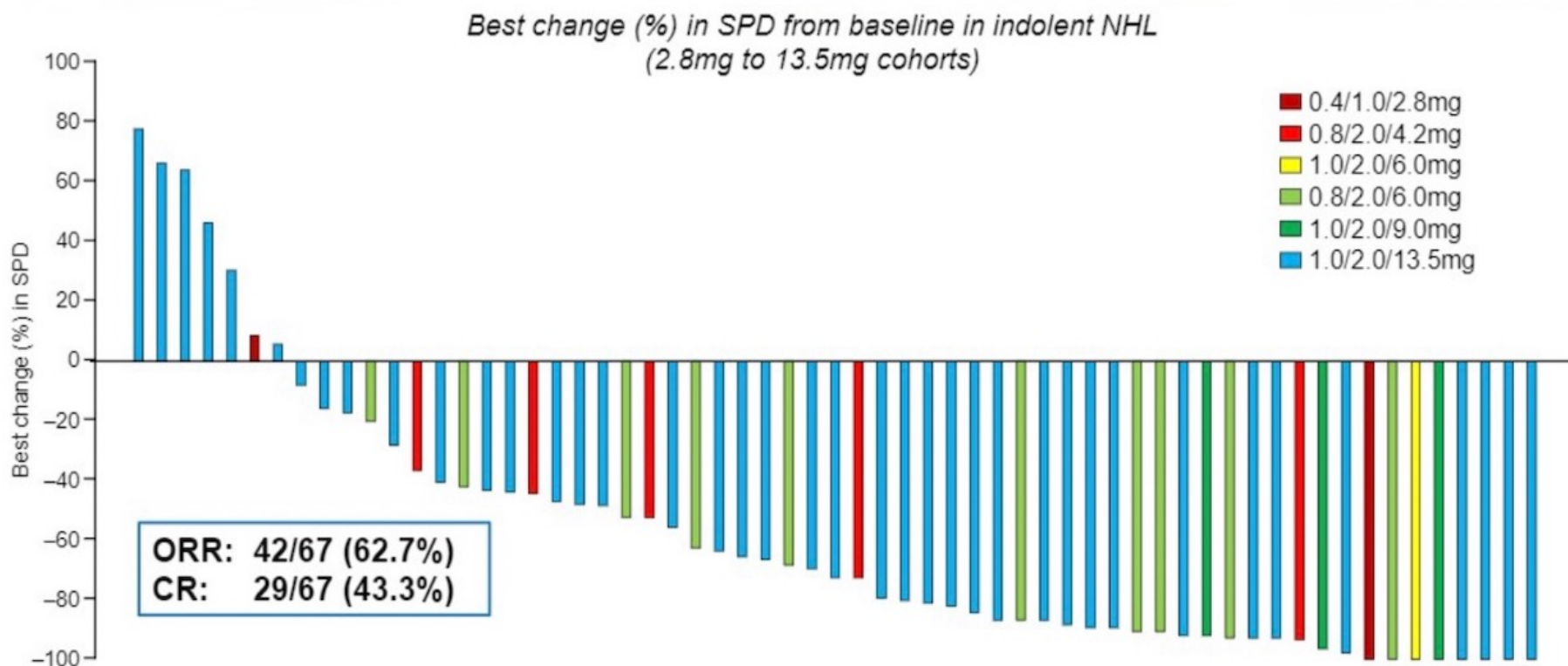


# Mosunetuzumab in R/R NHL (Indolent)



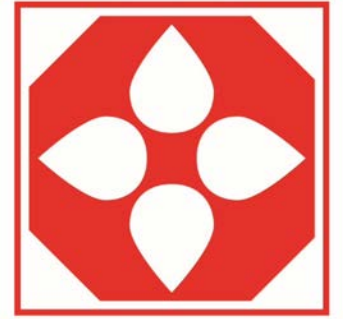
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## Objective response rate in indolent NHL



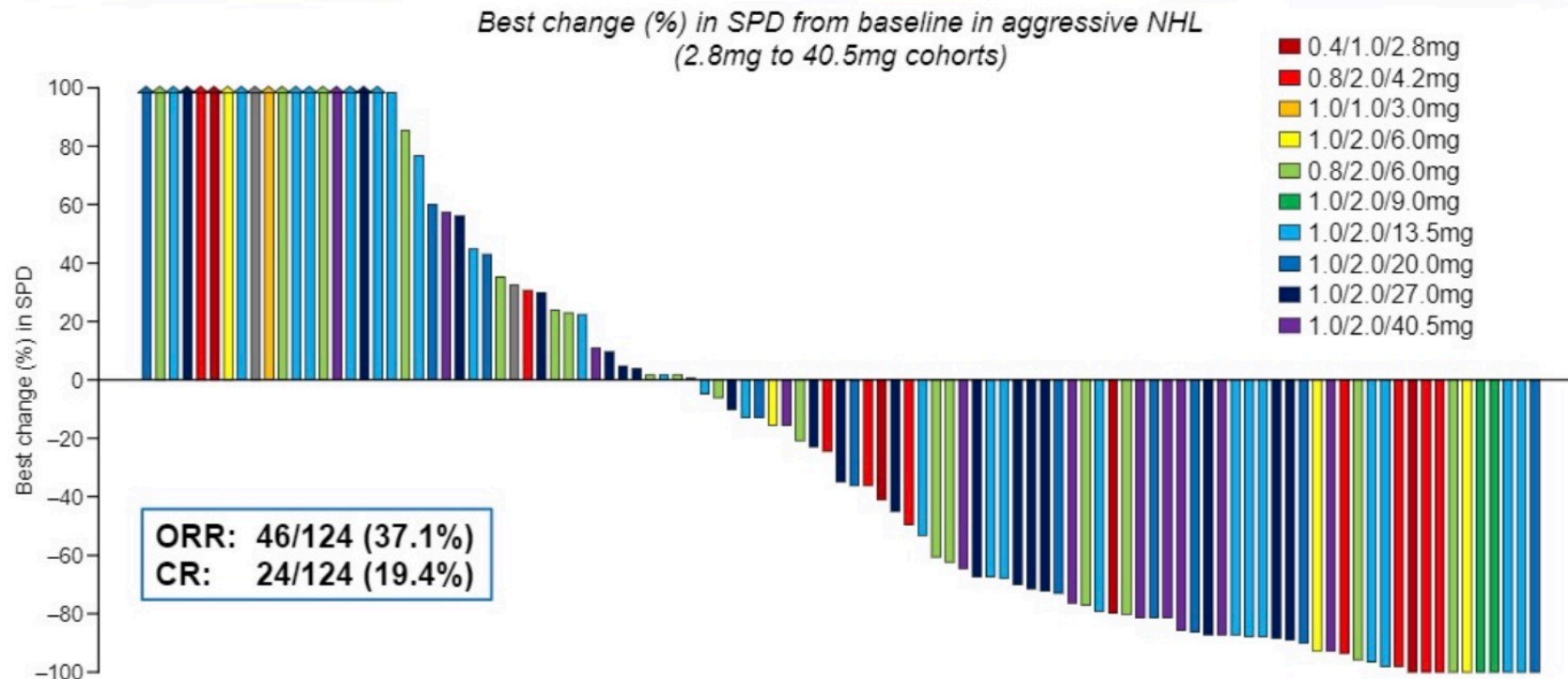
- In this early stage study, >60% of patients with indolent B-cell lymphoma had responses
- ~40% had complete responses

# Mosunetuzumab in R/R NHL (Aggressive)



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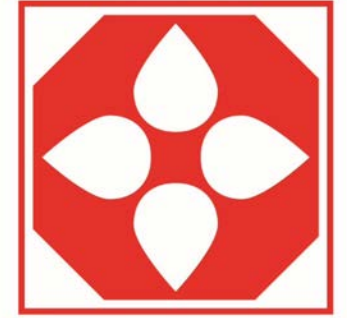
## Objective response rate in aggressive NHL



Aggressive NHL: DLBCL, trFL, MCL, Richter's transformation, transformed marginal zone lymphoma and FL (Grade 3B)  
SPD: sum of the product of the diameters; CCOD: Aug 9, 2019

- In this early stage study, ~40% of patients with aggressive B-cell lymphomas had responses
- Half of responders had complete responses

# Antibody Based Immunotherapy



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Checkpoint  
Inhibitors

## Anti-CD47 agents

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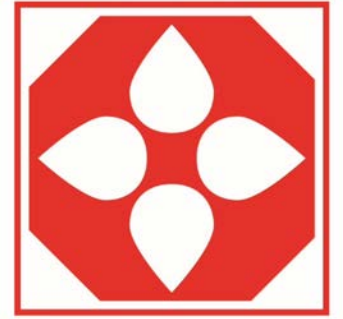
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(bsAbs)

## CD3 x CD20 bsAb

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- Lots to still work out, but generally good activity and manageable side effects
- Promising steps forward

# Cellular Immunotherapies



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Autologous  
CAR T-cells

## **DLBCL/tFL**

Axicabtagene Ciloleucel  
Tisagenlecleucel  
Lisocabtagene maraleucel\*

## **MCL**

Brexucabtagene autoleucel

Allogeneic  
T-cells

## **AlloCART**

UCART19\*  
AUTO3\*

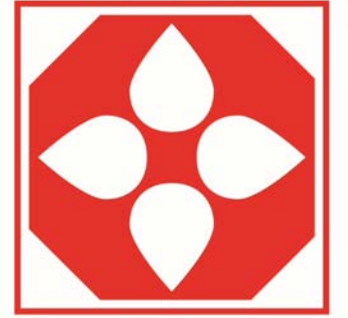
Allogeneic HSCT

Allogeneic  
Engineered  
NK Cells

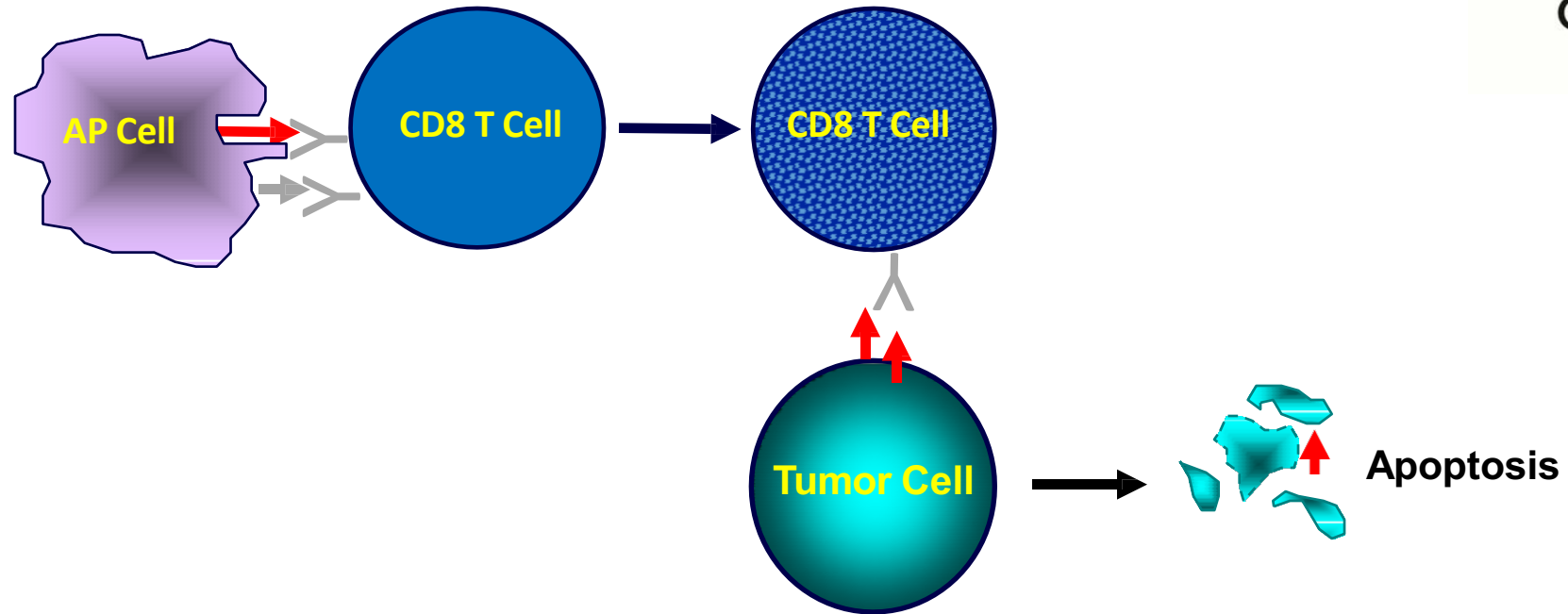
## **CAR NK Cells (FT596)\***

Enhanced NK cells (FT516)\*

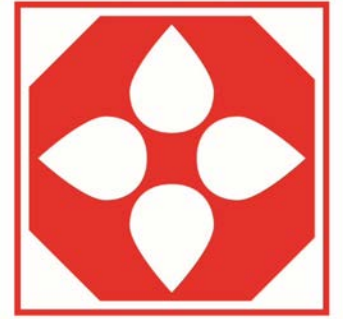
# Mechanisms of Cytotoxic T Cells



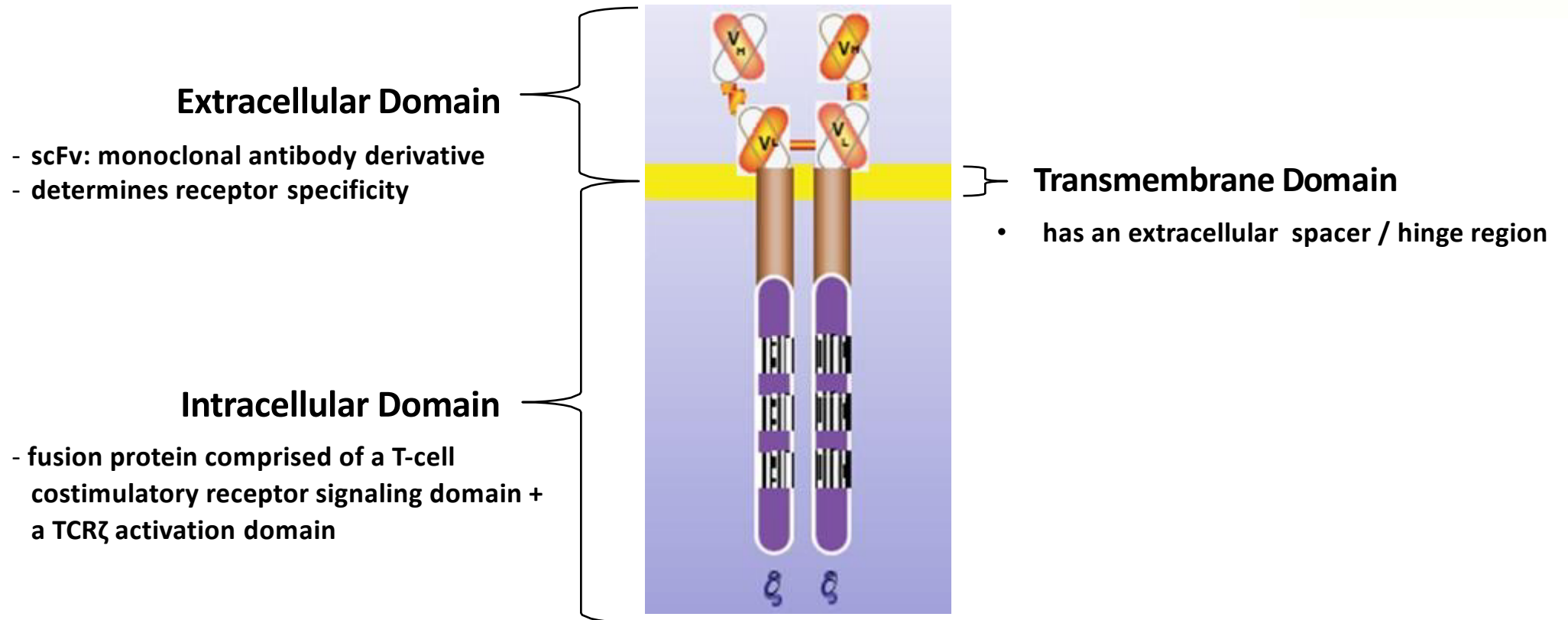
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# Generic Chimeric Antigen Receptor (CAR)

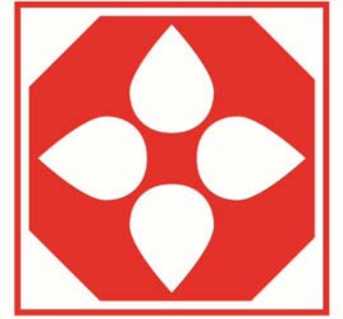


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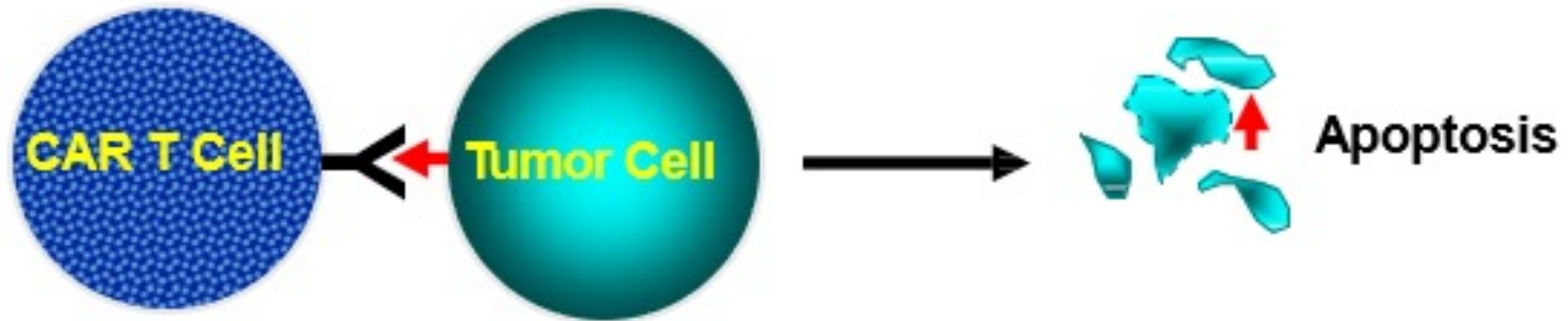




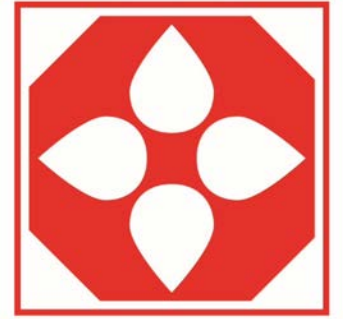
# Action of Chimeric Antigen Receptor-Modified (CAR) T Cells



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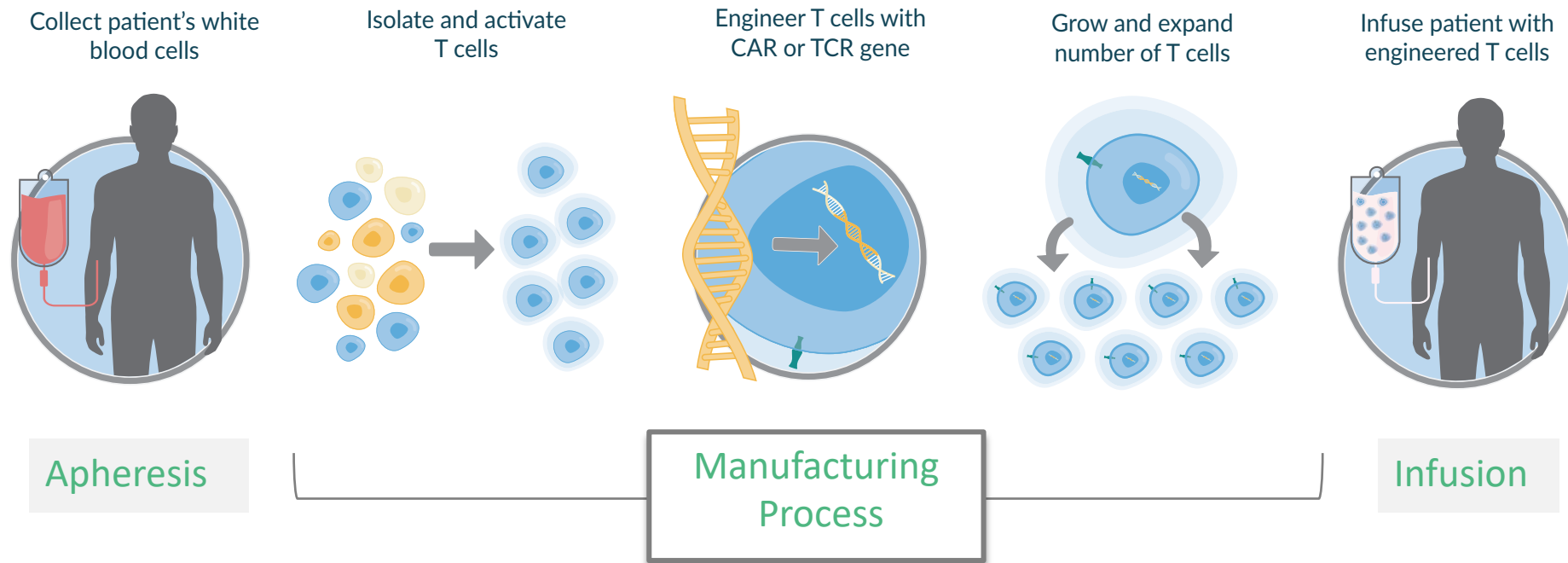


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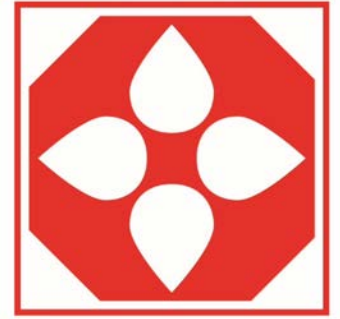


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## ENGINEERED AUTOLOGOUS CELL THERAPY



# Phase I TRANSCEND CLL 004 (Cohort 1): Lisocabtagene Maraleucel in R/R CLL, Including Prior Ibrutinib Treatment

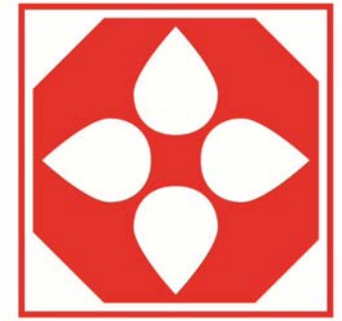


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Outcomes	Patients (n = 23)	Pts Ref to BTKi, Ven (n = 11)
ORR, %	82	80
▪ CR/CRI	45	60
Median DoR, mos	NR	
▪ 15-mo DoR, %	53%	
▪ 18-mo DoR, %	50%	
Median PFS, mos (95% CI)	18 (3.0-NR)	
MRD evaluable, n	n = 20	n = 9
▪ uMRD (blood), %	75	78
▪ uMRD (BM), %	65	67

- Phase I/II trial in R/R CLL with  $\geq 3$  prior therapies (or  $\geq 2$  and high risk), including BTKi
- N = 23 (safety), 22 (efficacy)
  - Median 6 prior lines of therapy, 100% prior BTKi, 48% refractory to BTKi and venetoclax
- Three days of lymphodepletion (fludarabine and cyclophosphamide) → liso-cel infusion with  $50 \times 10^6$  or  $100 \times 10^6$  CAR+ T-cells
- AEs similar to previous reports

# Phase I Transcend CLL 004 (Combination Cohort): Lisocabtagene Maraleucel + Ibrutinib In R/R CLL



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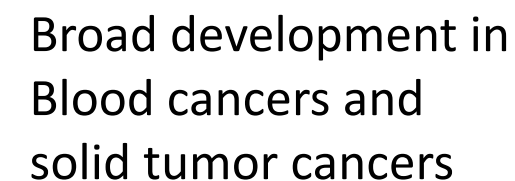
- Phase I liso-cel + ibrutinib combination cohort (n = 19)
- Start or continue ibrutinib through leukapheresis and for  $\geq 90$  days after liso-cel infusion ( $50-100 \times 10^6$ )
- Most common grade  $\geq 3$  TEAEs: Neutropenia or neutrophil count decrease (89%), anemia (47%), and febrile neutropenia (26%)
- CRS: 74% (1 grade 3); neurologic AE (32%)
  - 37% required tocilizumab/corticosteroids
- Ibrutinib-related AEs: Diarrhea (n=7), HTN (n=4), AF (n=1), rash (n = 1)

## Enrollment Criteria:

- 1) PD on ibrutinib at study enrollment
- 2) High-risk, no CR on  $\geq 6$  mos ibrutinib
- 3) BTK or PLC $\gamma$ 2 mutation, with or without PD on ibrutinib
- 4) Prior ibrutinib, no contraindication to restarting ibrutinib

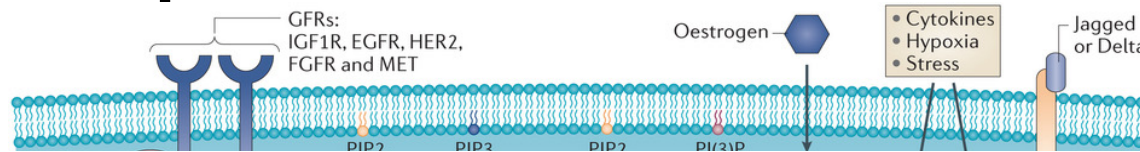
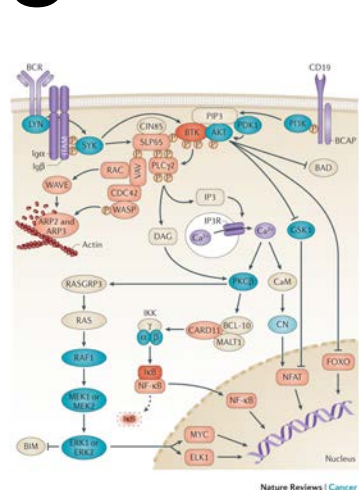
Outcomes, %	Patients (n = 19)
ORR	95
▪ CR/CRi	47
MRD evaluable, n	n = 19
▪ uMRD (blood), %	89
▪ uMRD (BM), %	79

## Adoptive Cellular Therapy Immuno-Oncology Landscape



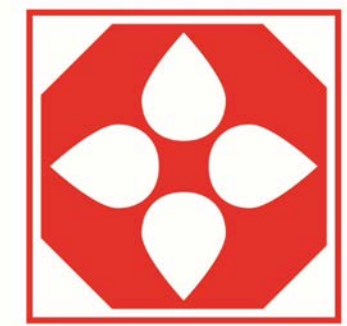
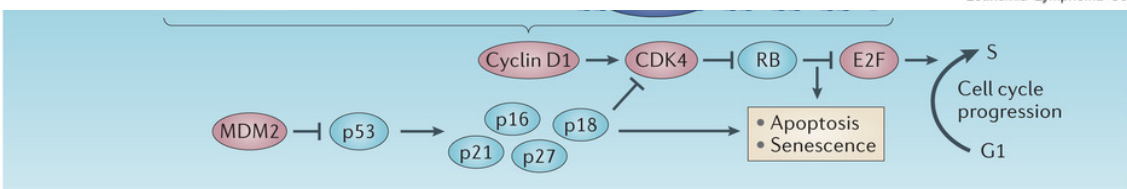
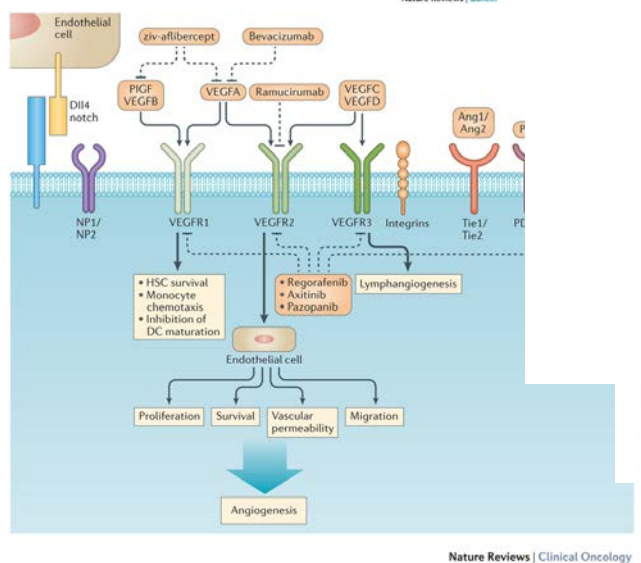
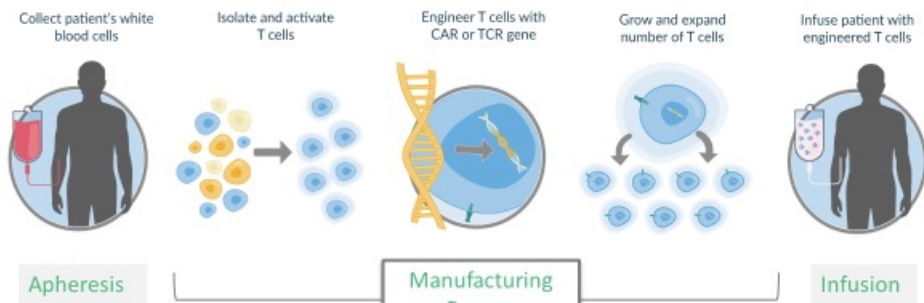


# Targeted Therapies



## Chimeric Antigen Receptor T-Cells

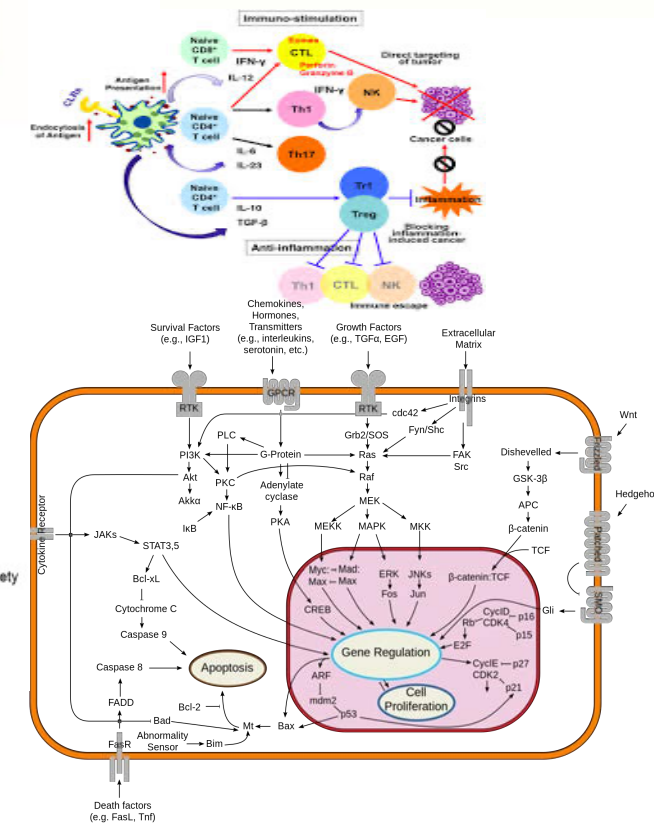
ENGINEERED AUTOLOGOUS CELL THERAPY



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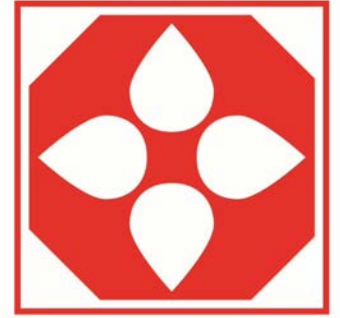
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Interfere with specific molecules ("molecular targets") important in the growth, progression, and survival of cancer cells.



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Kinase inhibitors

## **Pi3K inhibitors**

Idelalisib, Duvelisib,  
Umbralisib\*, MEI401\*

## **BTK Inhibitors**

Ibrutinib, Acalabrutinib,  
Zanubrutinib  
Loxo-305\*, ARQ531\*

Epigenetic Modifiers

Tazemetostat  
Belinostat  
Romidepsin

Pro-Apoptotic  
Agents

## **BCL-2 inhibitors**

Venetoclax  
BGB-11417\*

## **CDK9/MCL1 inhibitors**

Voruciclib\*  
AZD4573\*

Antibody Drug  
Conjugates

Brentuximab Vedotin  
Polatuzumab Vedotin

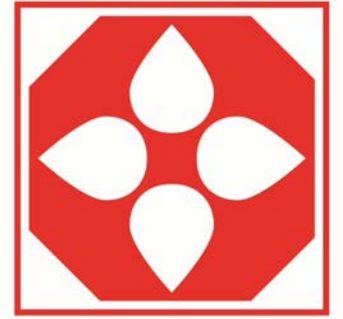
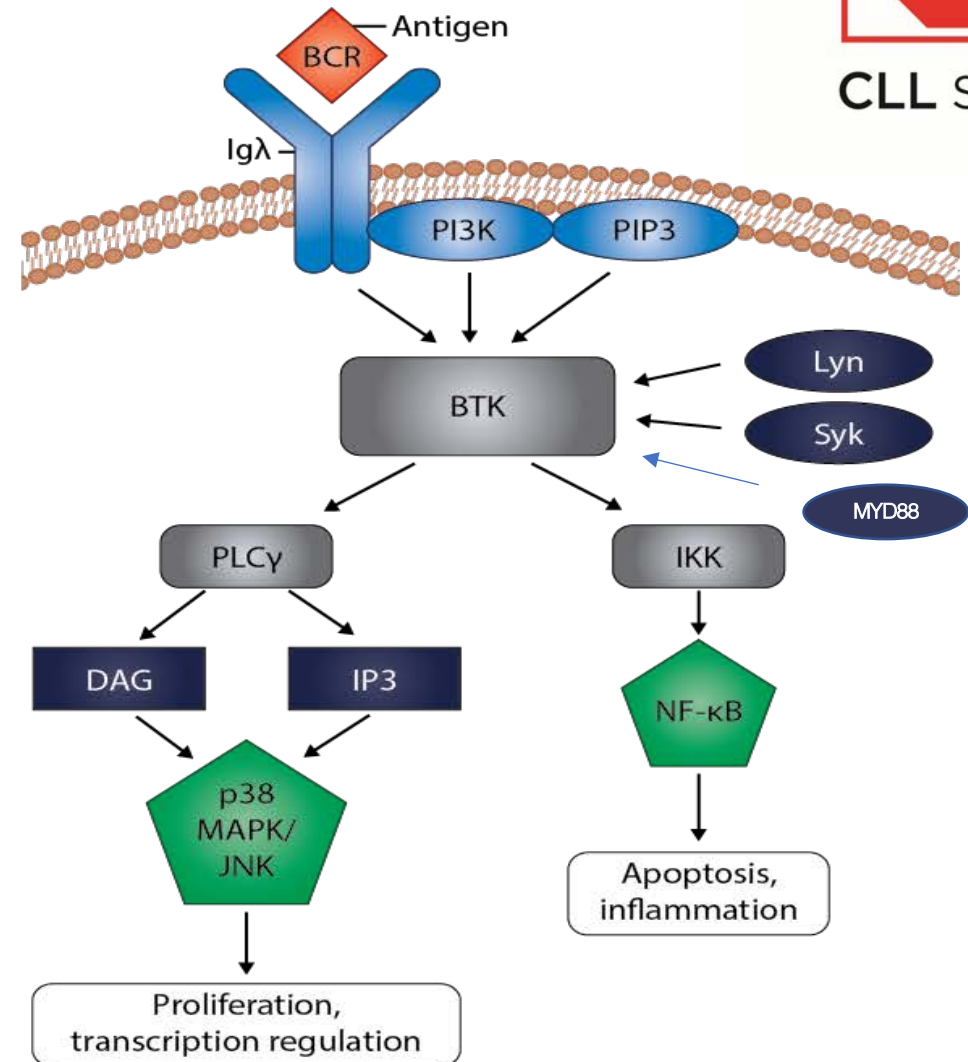
iMIDs

Lenalidomide  
Pomalidomide\*

\*Investigational agents, not FDA approved

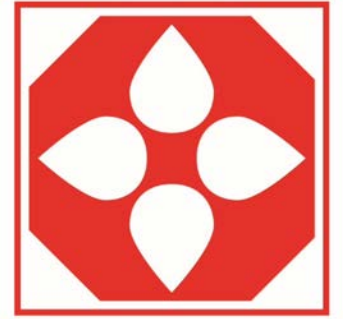
# Targeting BTK

- Bruton's Tyrosine Kinase key for proliferation survival of several B-cell lymphomas
- Inhibiting BTK leads to improved clinical outcomes in several lymphomas
- However...



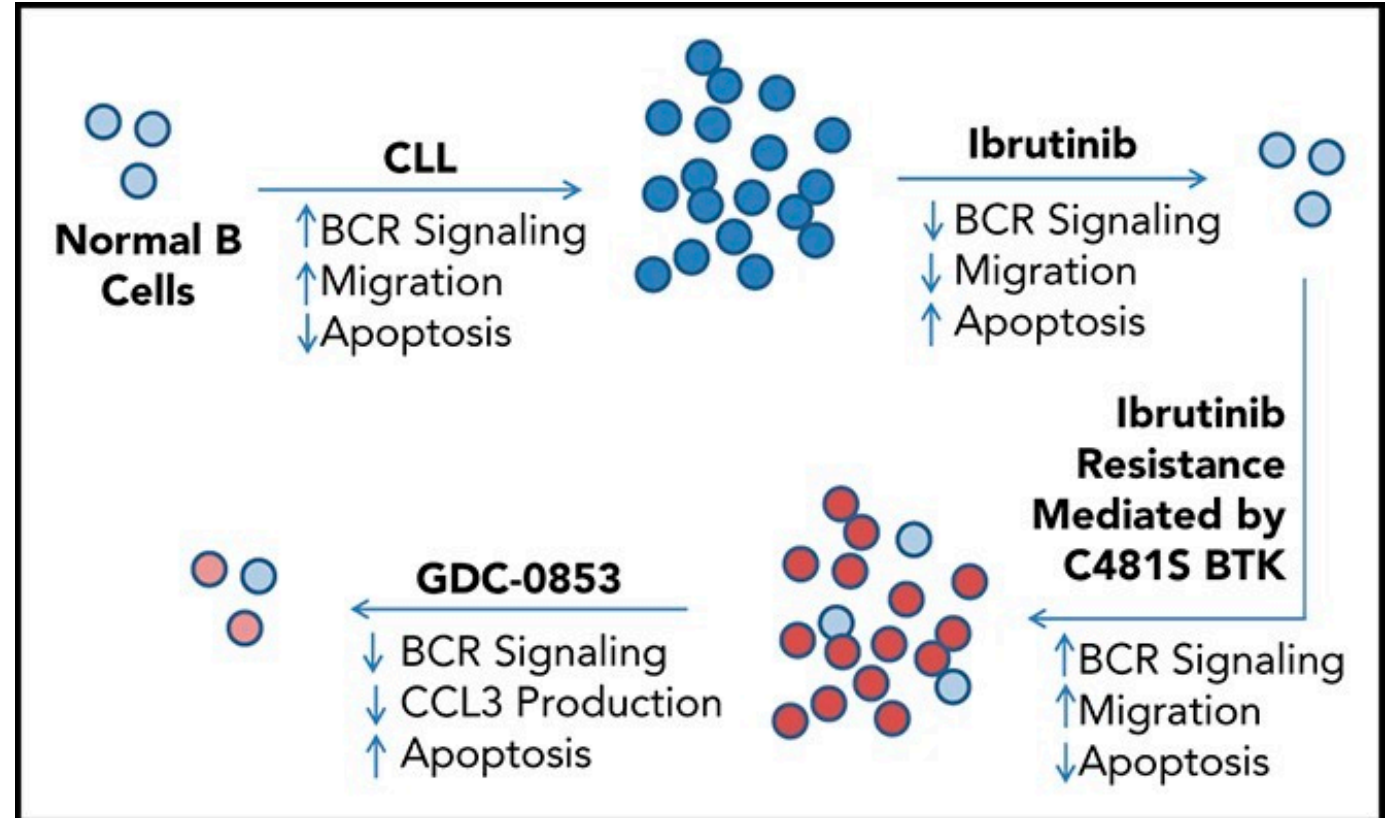
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# Acquired Resistance to Current BTK Inhibitors

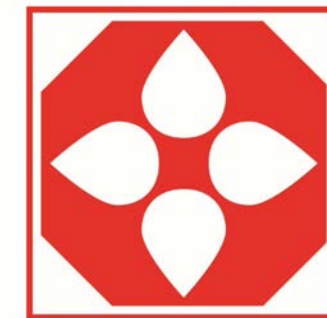


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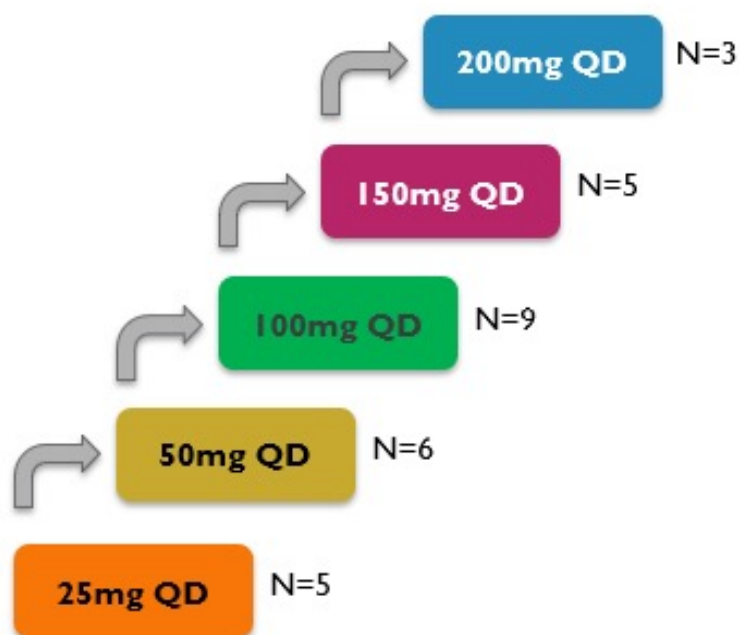
- Acquired resistance can develop via mutation of C481 of BTK in the binding site of current approved BTK inhibitors
- New BTK inhibitors may not rely upon binding with C481 for activity, and might overcome resistance seen in current BTK inhibitors



# LOXO 305 In R/R CLL and NHL



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## 3+3 trial design

- 28-day cycles
- Intra-patient dose escalation allowed
- Additional enrollment permitted at doses deemed safe

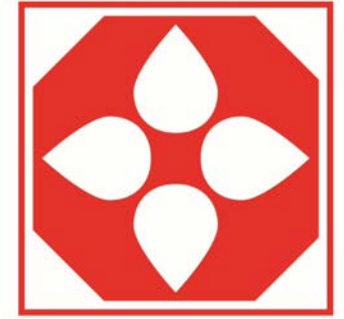
## Eligibility

- Age  $\geq 18$
- ECOG 0-2
- CLL or B-cell NHL
- $\geq 2$  lines of therapy, including BTK intolerant
- All patients must have active disease and in need of treatment

## Key endpoints

- Safety/tolerability
- Determine MTD or recommended phase 2 dose
- Pharmacokinetics
- ORR/DOR based on disease criteria (iwCLL, IWWM, Lugano)

# LOXO-305: Response

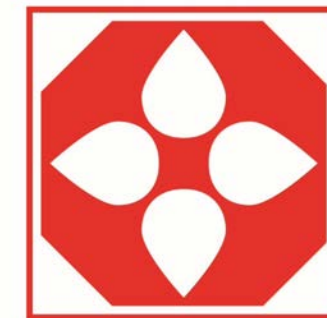


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	CLL	MCL	Other <sup>1</sup>
Treated	16	8	4
Eligible for response evaluation <sup>2</sup>	13	6	2
<b>Overall Response Rate<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>10 (77%)</b>	<b>3 (50%)</b>	<b>1 (50%)</b>
CR	–	1 (17%)	–
PR	8 (62%)	2 (33%)	–
PR-L	2 (15%)	N/A	–
MR	N/A	N/A	1 (50%)
SD	3 (23%)	–	1 (50%)
PD	–	2 (33%)	–
Not evaluable <sup>4</sup>	–	1 (17%)	–

- Overall Response Rate 66%
- **Responses** at all dose levels and in **BTKi-resistant CLL and MCL**, regardless of C481S status

# Ongoing Clinical Trials with Novel BTK Inhibitors



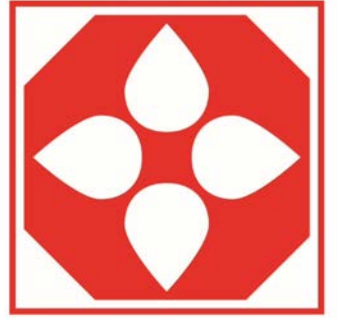
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BTK Inhibitor	Phase	Patient Population
ARQ-531 <sup>1</sup>	I/II dose escalation and expansion trial	R/R CLL/SLL, FL, MCL, MZL, or WM who have received ≥ 2 prior systemic tx  Expansion cohorts includes R/R CLL after ≥ 2 prior systemic tx including a BTK inhibitor, with or without a C48I mutation
Loxo-305 <sup>2</sup>	I/II dose escalation and expansion trial	CLL/SLL or NHL with disease progression after ≥ 2 prior systemic tx or intolerant to standard of care therapies
Orelabrutinib (ICP-022) <sup>3</sup>	I dose escalation	R/R B-cell malignancies (grades I-3a FL, MCL, MZL, and CLL/SLL) after ≥ 1 but ≤ 4 prior lines of systemic tx
Vecabrutinib <sup>4</sup>	I/II dose escalation and expansion trial	R/R CLL/SLL or NHL (DLBCL, FL, MCL, MZL, WM) after ≥ 2 lines of prior standard-of-care therapies including a BTK inhibitor

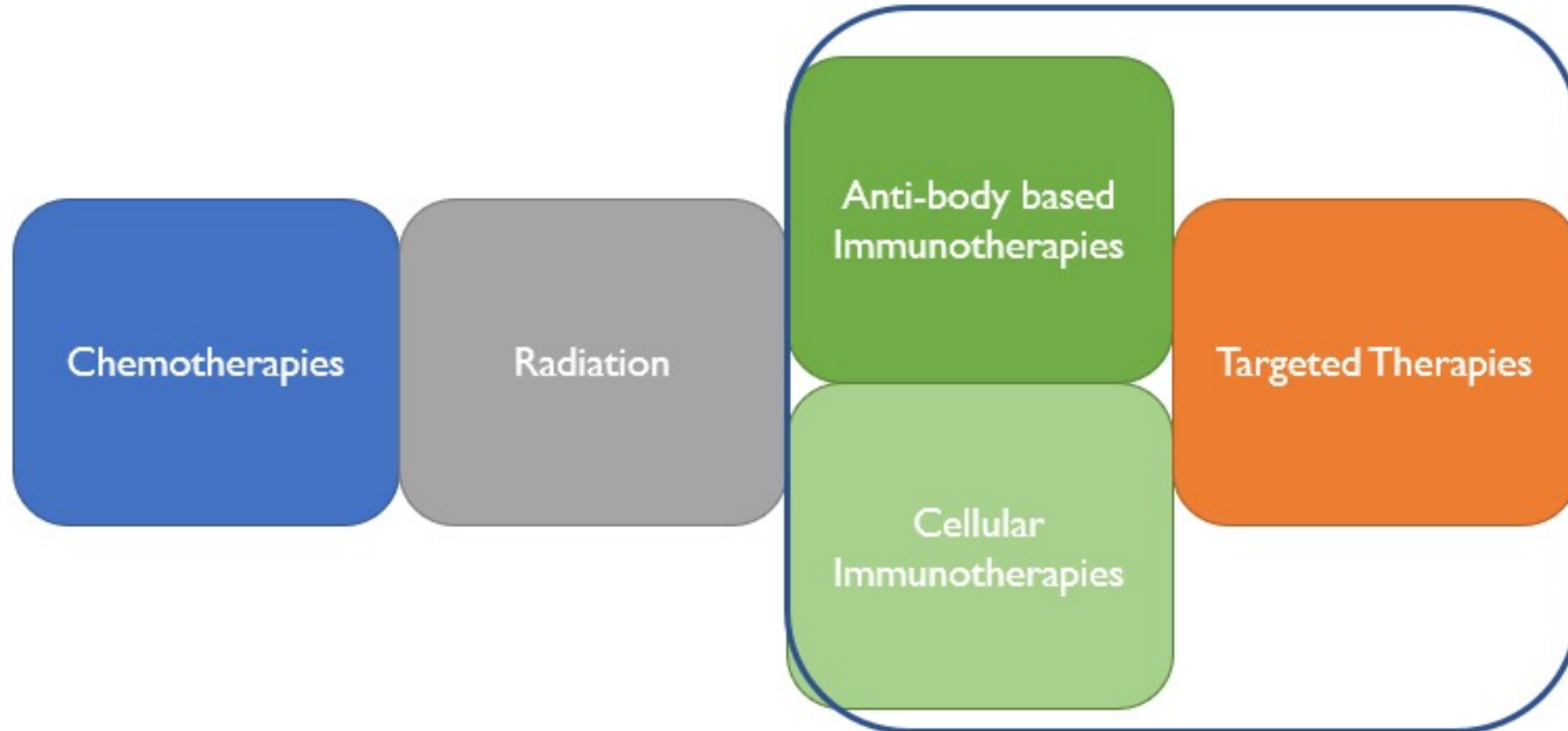


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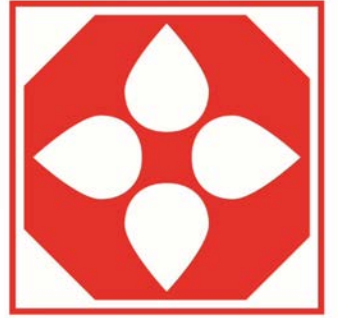
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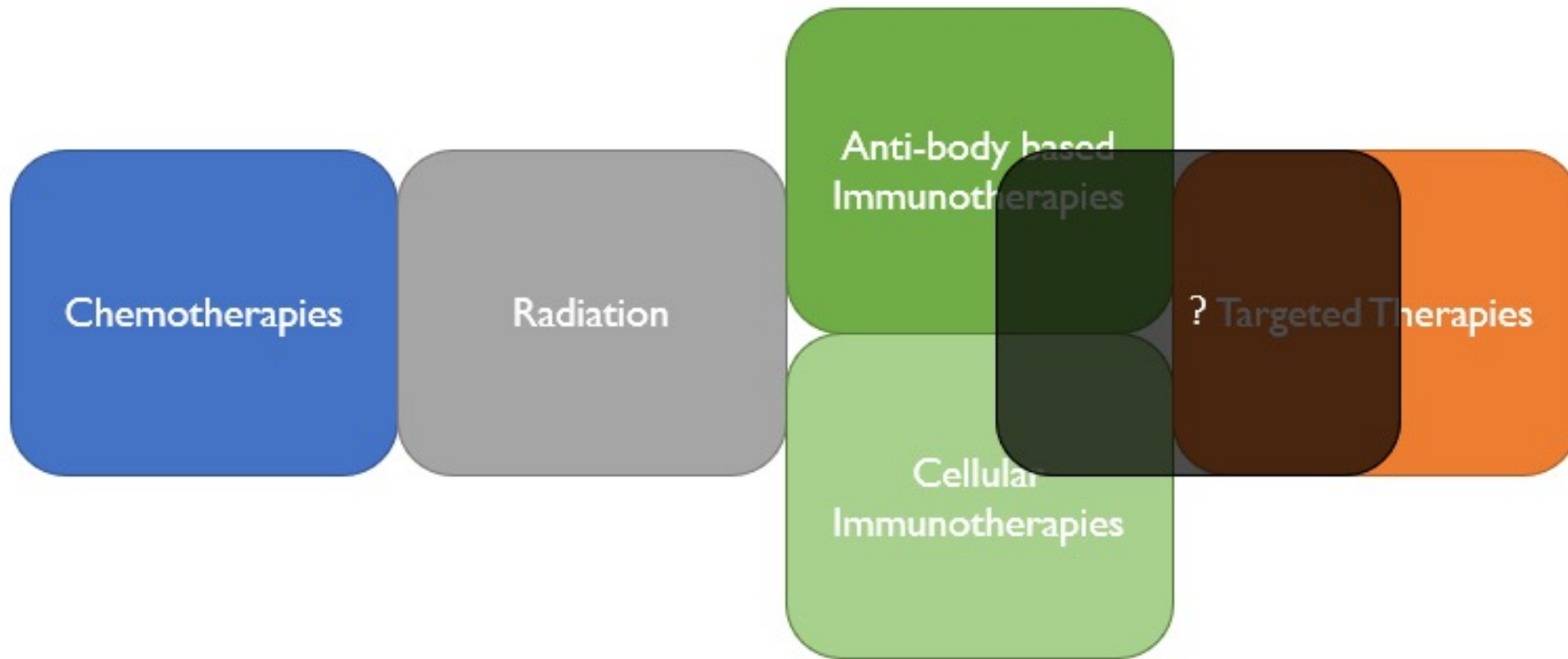


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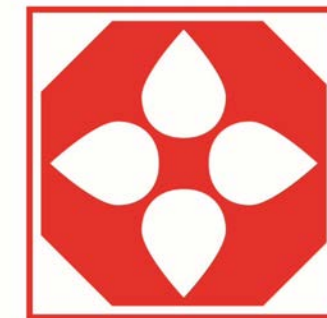


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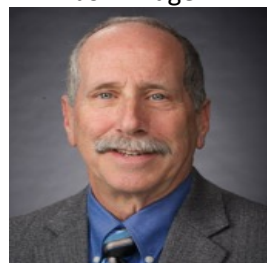
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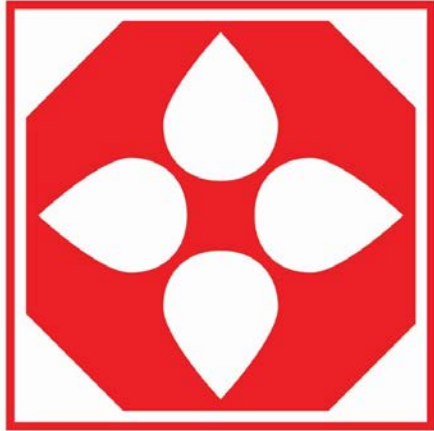
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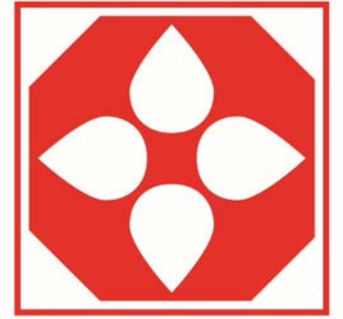
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# CAR-T Cell Therapy in CLL/SLL

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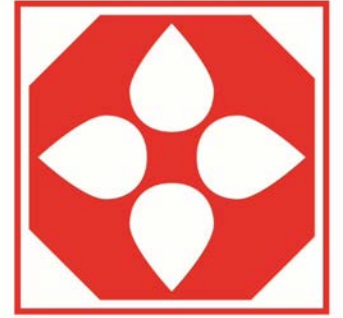
# Background



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- CLL is generally considered to be incurable and patients eventually relapse or become refractory to available therapies
- Targeted therapies and novel combinations are rapidly changing the treatment landscape, however:
  - CR and undetectable MRD rates are inadequate with monotherapy
  - Patients who progress on novel therapy have poor outcomes
  - Patients with high risk features have poorer outcomes
- Effective therapies are needed for patients with CLL who have failed B-cell receptor inhibitors and/or other novel therapies

# Long-Term Remission of CLL

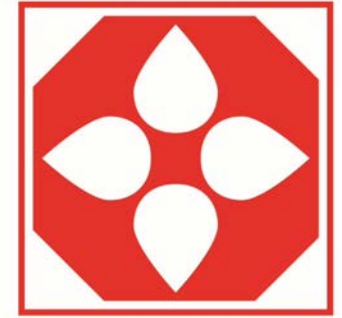


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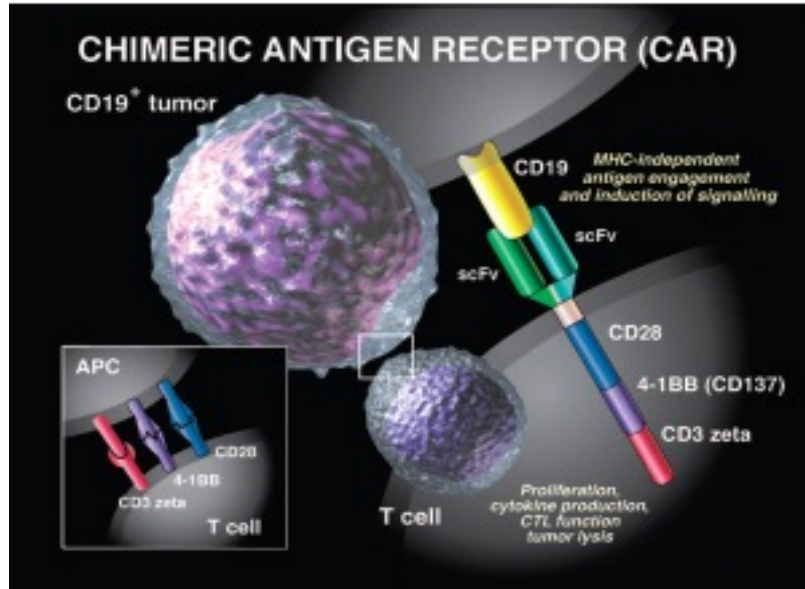
- Two advanced, chemotherapy-resistant CLL patients with the longest (8+ years) follow-up on any trial of CART19 cells
- Both patients had received five therapies before being treated at the University of Pennsylvania with autologous CART19 cells (tisagenlecleucel) cells in 2010
- Both patients have persistence of CAR-engineered T-cells, and both patients are still in remission as determined by flow cytometry and deep sequencing of IgH rearrangements for over 8 years



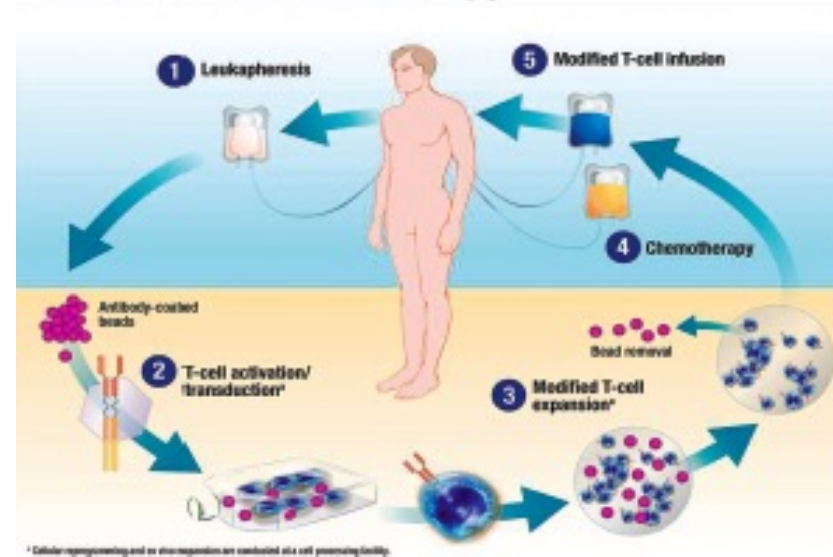
# CD19 Specific CAR-T Cells



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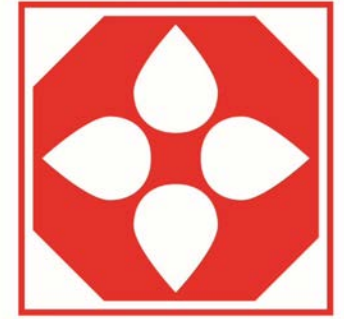


Overview of CTL019 Therapy



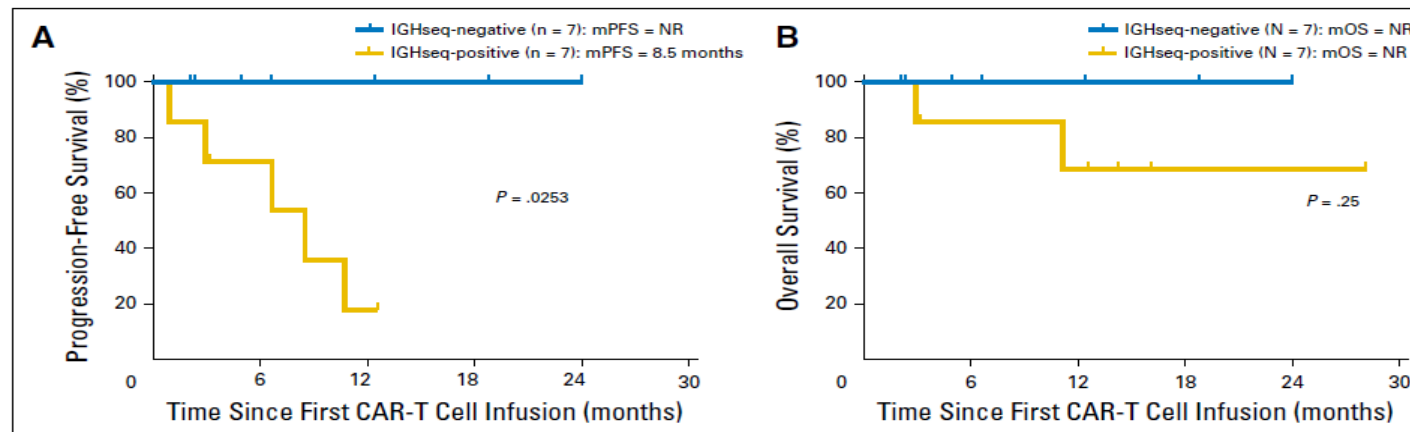
- N = 14; median prior treatments = 5 [1-11]; median cell dose =  $1.6 \times 10^8$  cells
- 4 CR (29%), 4 (29%) PR, ORR 57%
- CAR-T cells detectable 4 years later in some
- Expected toxicities: B cell aplasia, delayed tumor lysis syndrome (TLS) and cytokine release syndrome (CRS)
- MRD undetectable in CR patients

# CAR-T Cells After Failure of Ibrutinib



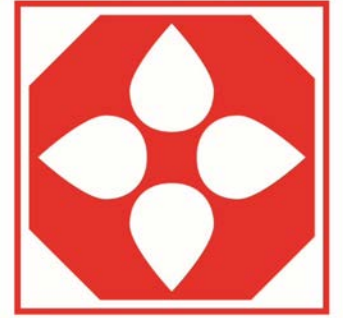
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- Phase 1/2 open label trial of JCAR014
- R/R CLL pts with ibrutinib exposure [19 PD, 3 intolerant; 2 without PD]; 6 also venetoclax refractory
- n = 24 (96% [23/24] with high risk cytogenetics); med age = 61 years [40-73 years]; med prior lines of treatment = 5 [3-9]; 3 dose levels evaluated
- Ibrutinib discontinued in all prior to lymphodepleting chemotherapy (majority got fludarabine and cyclophosphamide)
- 83% CRS (20/24) and 33% neurotoxicity (8/24); 1 gr 5 CRS/NT
- At 1 month, ORR = 71% (17/24); med f/u = 6.6 month; 17 patients restaged; 88% with marrow disease at baseline were MRD neg and did not progress



**Fig 4.** (A) Progression-free survival and (B) overall survival in patients who cleared disease from bone marrow 4 weeks after CAR-T cell infusion by flow cytometry and had no detectable malignant IGH copies (IGHseq-negative) compared with those who had detectable malignant IGH copies (IGHseq-positive). mOS, median OS; mPFS, median PFS; NR, not reached.

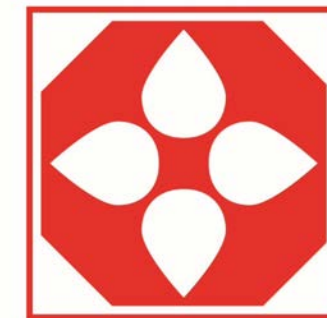
# CAR-T Cells with Concurrent Ibrutinib After Ibrutinib Failure



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- Pilot cohort of JCAR014 with concurrent ibrutinib on a Phase 1/2 study
- R/R CLL pts; med age 65 [56-69] years; med prior treatments = 5 [4-7]
- N = 19; 89% (17/19) with high risk cytogenetics
- Ibrutinib began  $\geq 2$  weeks prior to leukapheresis and continued for  $\geq 3$  months after JCAR014
- $2 \times 10^6$  CD19 CAR-T cells/kg
- Fludarabine and cyclophosphamide lymphodepletion
- Ibrutinib effects:
  - Mobilize lymphocytes
  - Improve CAR-T cell function
  - Decrease CRS
  - Prevent tumor flare

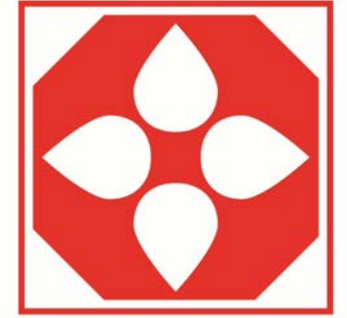
# CAR-T Cells with Ibrutinib



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- Well tolerated; 13 patients (68%) received ibrutinib as planned without dose reduction
- One death from probably cardiac arrhythmia in the setting of grade 2 CRS not requiring vasopressors
- Four-week ORR was 83% (15/18); 61% achieved MRD-negative marrow response by IGH sequencing (13/18)
- In this subset, the 1-year OS and PFS probabilities were 86% and 59%, respectively
- JCAR014 plus ibrutinib led to lower CRS severity and lower serum concentrations of CRS-associated cytokines despite equivalent in vivo CAR-T cell expansion

# CAR-T Cells with or without Ibrutinib

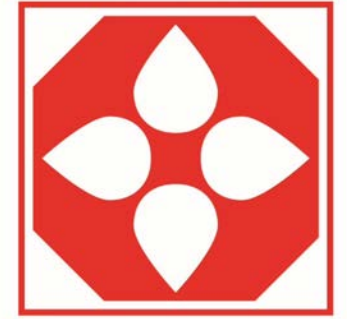


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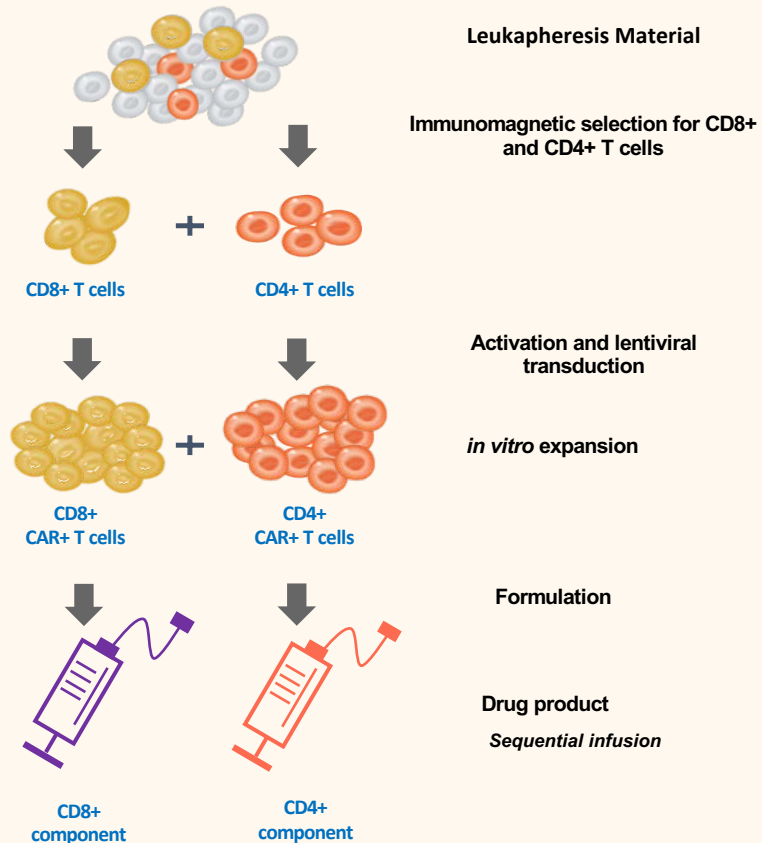
- Compared with CLL patients treated with CAR-T cells without ibrutinib, CAR-T cells with concurrent ibrutinib were associated with lower CRS severity and lower serum concentrations of CRS-associated cytokines, despite equivalent in-vivo CAR-T cell expansion
- One-year PFS probabilities in all evaluable patients were 38% and 50% after CD19 CAR-T cell therapy, with and without concurrent ibrutinib, respectively ( $P = .91$ )

# Lisocabtagene Maraleucel (Liso-cel; JCAR017)

## CD19-Directed, Defined Composition, 4-1BB CAR-T Cell Product



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CD8+ and CD4+ CAR+ T cell components are administered separately at equal target doses of CD8+ and CD4+ CAR+ T cells

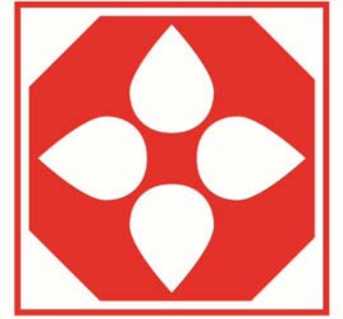
The defined composition of liso-cel results in:

- Consistent administered CD8+ and CD4+CAR+ T cell dose
- Low variability in the CD8+/CD4+ ratio

Dose and ratio of CD8+ and CD4+ CAR+ T cells may influence the incidence and severity of CRS and neurological events<sup>1-3</sup>



# Updated Follow-Up of Patients with Relapsed/Refractory CLL/SLL Treated with Lisocabtagene Maraleucel in the Phase 1 Monotherapy Cohort of TRANSCEND CLL 004, Including High-Risk and Ibrutinib-Treated Patients



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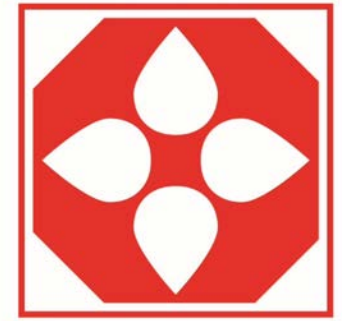
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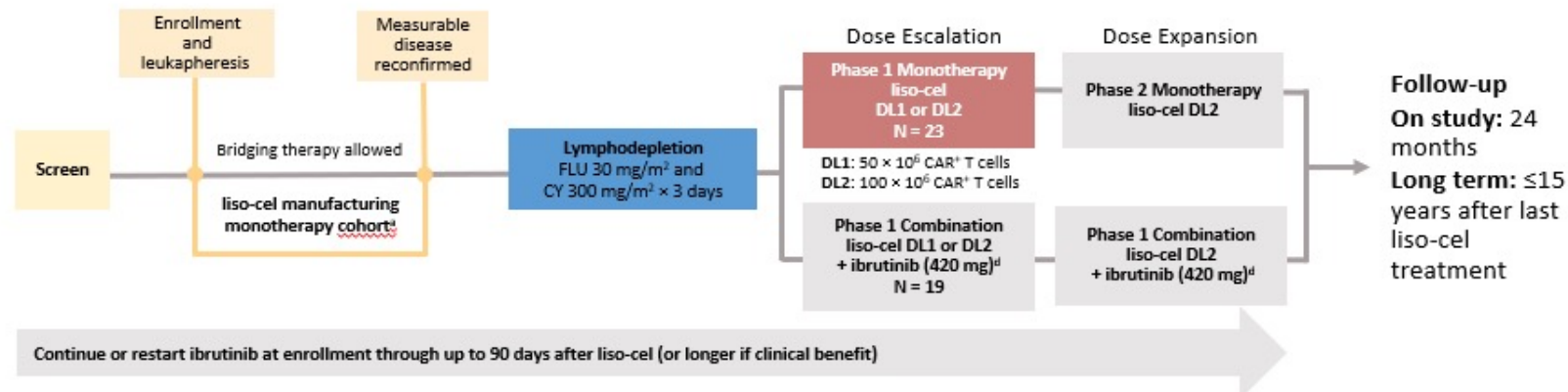
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# TRANSCEND CLL 004 Phase 1/2 Study

## Design of Liso-cel: A CD19-Directed, Defined Composition, CAR-T Cell Product



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### Key Eligibility for Monotherapy Cohort

- R/R CLL/SLL
- Ineligible for BTKi or prior BTKi failure<sup>b</sup>
- High-risk disease<sup>c</sup>: ≥2 prior therapies failed
- Standard-risk disease: ≥3 prior therapies failed
- ECOG PS of 0—1

### Dose Escalation: mTPI-2 Design<sup>2</sup>

#### 28-day dose-limiting toxicity period

#### Primary objectives

- Safety
- Determine recommended dose

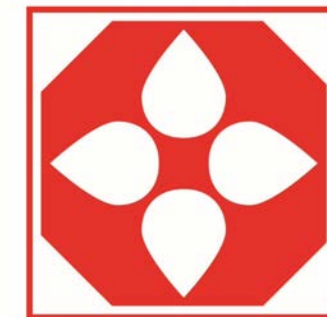
#### Exploratory objectives

- Antitumor activity (iwCLL 2018)<sup>3</sup>
  - Testing for MRD<sup>e</sup>
- Cellular kinetic profile (qPCR)

<sup>a</sup>Liso-cel conforming product was successfully manufactured for 23 of 24 patients in the monotherapy phase 1 cohort; one patient who received nonconforming product was excluded from the safety-evaluable population (N = 23).

<sup>b</sup>Defined as patients whose disease progressed on BTKi. <sup>c</sup>Complex cytogenetic abnormalities, del(17p), *TP53* mutated, or unmutated *IGHV*. <sup>d</sup>Lower dose was used if prior dose reduction was necessary to manage toxicity. <sup>e</sup>MRD was assessed in blood by flow cytometry and/or in bone marrow by next-generation sequencing (both with a sensitivity of ≤10<sup>-4</sup>). CY, cyclophosphamide; DL, dose level; FLU, fludarabine; iwCLL, International Workshop on CLL; mTPI, modified toxicity probability interval.

# Demographic and Baseline Disease Characteristics



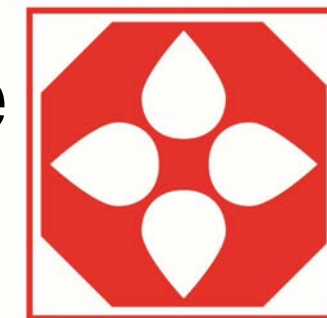
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Characteristic	Monotherapy Cohort (N = 23)	BTKi Progression/Venetoclax Failure Subgroup <sup>c</sup> (n = 11)
Median age, y (range)	66 (50–80)	68 (59–76)
Male, n (%)	11 (48)	6 (55)
Median time since diagnosis, mo (range)	87.5 (30–209)	106 (30–209)
Bulky disease $\geq 5$ cm, n (%) <sup>a</sup>	8 (35)	4 (36)
Median SPD, cm <sup>2</sup> (range)	25 (2–197)	41 (2–197)
Median BALL risk score <sup>1</sup> (range)	2 (0–3)	2 (0–3)
Median LDH, U/L (range)	235 (1–1956)	240 (1–1956)
Stage, n (%)		
Rai stage III/IV	15 (65)	7 (64)
Binet stage C	16 (70)	8 (73)
High-risk feature (any), n (%)	19 (83)	10 (91)
Del(17p)	8 (35)	4 (36)
TP53 mutated	14 (61)	8 (73)
Complex karyotype <sup>b</sup>	11 (48)	5 (45)
Median no. of lines of prior therapy (range)	4 (2–11)	5 (4–10)
Ibrutinib progression, n (%)	17 (74)	11 (100)
Ibrutinib intolerant, n (%)	6 (26)	0
Received bridging therapy, n (%)	17 (74)	8 (73)

<sup>a</sup>Defined as  $\geq 1$  lesion with longest diameter of  $>5$  cm. <sup>b</sup>At least 3 chromosomal aberrations. <sup>c</sup>Defined as patients whose disease progressed on BTKi and failed venetoclax due to progression, intolerance, or failure to respond after at least 3 months of therapy. BALL,  $\beta_2$  microglobulin, anemia, LDH, last therapy; SPD, sum of the product of perpendicular diameters.

1. Soumerai JD, et al. *Lancet Haematol*. 2019;6:e366–e374.

# Treatment-Emergent Adverse Events, Cytokine Release Syndrome, and Neurological Events



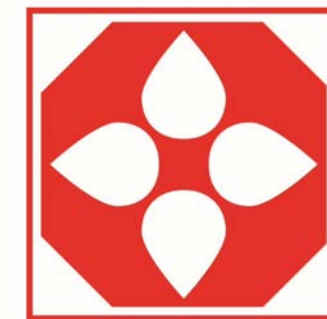
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- Dose-limiting toxicities were reported for two patients at DL2, which resolved
- No late or delayed AEs of concern have emerged with longer follow-up

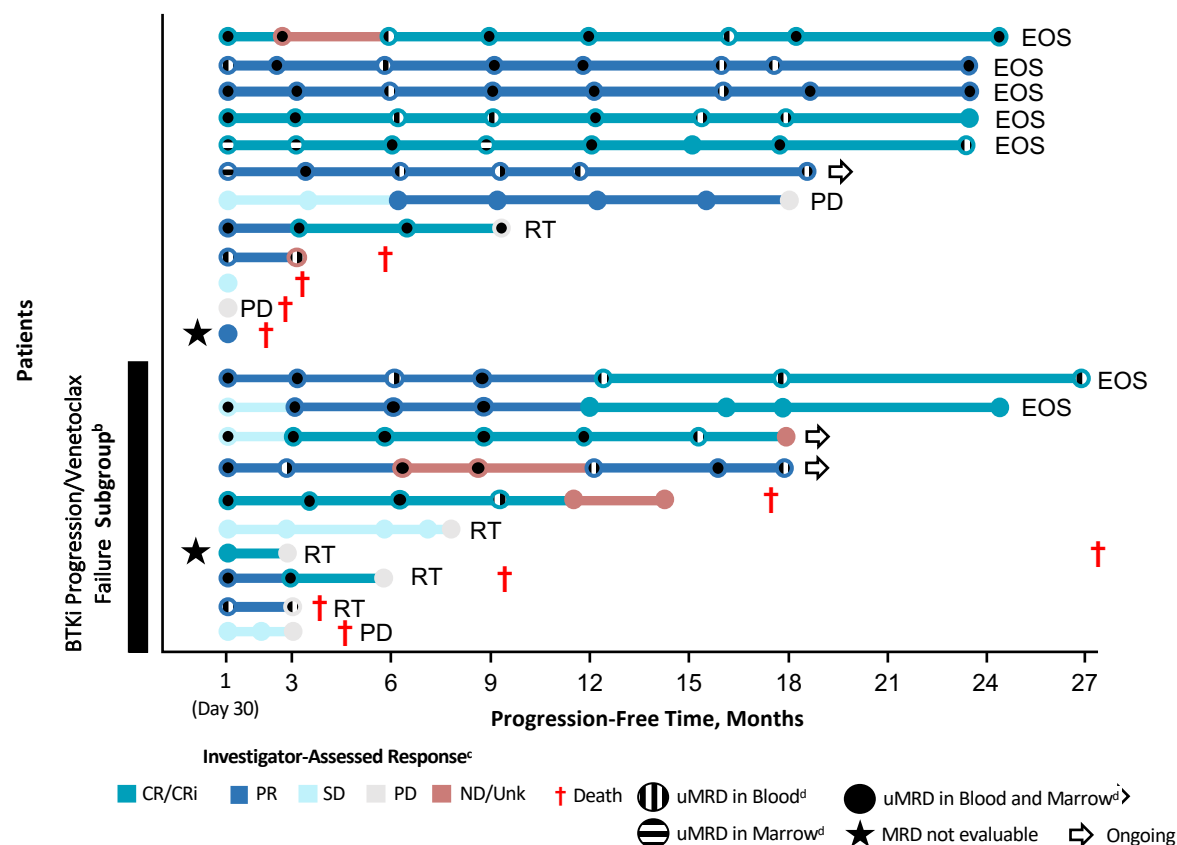
Parameter	Monotherapy Cohort (N = 23)	<u>BTKi Progression/Venetoclax Failure</u> Subgroup <sup>c</sup> (n = 11)
<b>Common grade 3/4 treatment-emergent AEs (TEAEs), n (%)</b>		
Anemia	17 (74)	7 (64)
Thrombocytopenia	16 (70)	6 (55)
Neutropenia/neutrophil count decrease	16 (70)	8 (73)
Leukopenia	10 (43)	2 (18)
<b>Cytokine release syndrome (CRS)<sup>d</sup></b>		
<b>All-grade CRS, n (%)</b>	17 (74)	7 (64)
Median time to CRS onset, days (range)	3 (1–10)	1 (1–10)
Median duration of CRS, days (range)	12 (2–50)	15 (5–50)
<b>Grade 3 CRS,<sup>a</sup> n (%)</b>	2 (9)	2 (18)
<b>Neurological events (NEs)</b>		
<b>All-grade NEs, n (%)</b>	9 (39)	5 (46)
Median time to NE onset, days (range)	4 (2–21)	4 (2–21)
Median duration of NE, days (range)	20.5 (6–50)	38 (6–50)
<b>Grade ≥3 NEs,<sup>b</sup> n (%)</b>	5 (22)	3 (27)
<b>Management of CRS and/or NEs, n (%)</b>		
Tocilizumab only	6 (26)	1 (9)
Corticosteroids only	1 (4)	1 (9)
Tocilizumab and corticosteroids	8 (35)	4 (36)

<sup>a</sup>No grade 4 or 5 CRS events were reported. <sup>b</sup>NEs were not mutually exclusive: encephalopathy (n = 3), aphasia (n = 1), confusional state (n = 1), muscular weakness (n = 1), and somnolence (n = 1). <sup>c</sup>Defined as patients whose disease progressed on BTKi and failed venetoclax due to progression, intolerance, or failure to respond after at least 3 months of therapy. <sup>d</sup>Based on Lee criteria (Lee et al, *Blood*. 2014;124:188–195).

# Patient Response at 24-Month Median Follow-Up



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- ORR was 82% (CR/CRI, 46%; PR, 36%), with 68% (n = 15/22)<sup>a</sup> of patients achieving a rapid response within 30 days
- 27% (n = 6/22) of patients had a deepening of response
- Response was durable; at 12 months, 50% (n = 11/22) were in response and only 2 of these responders progressed beyond 12 months
- Four of the 15 patients with uMRD (blood) response (CR or PR) have progressed, with 3 due to Richter's Transformation (RT)
- The subgroup also demonstrated rapid and durable responses
- Four of 6 progression events in the subgroup were due to RT

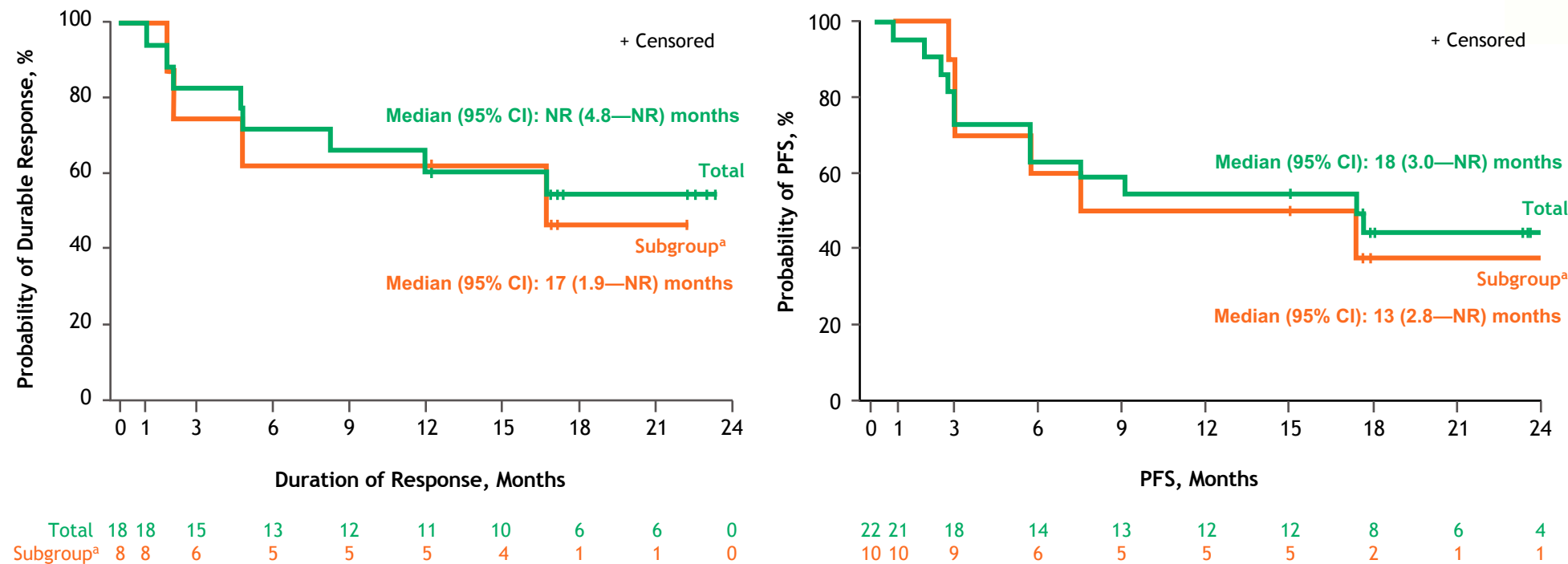
<sup>a</sup>One patient had RT before lymphodepleting chemotherapy and was excluded from the efficacy analysis. <sup>b</sup>Defined as patients whose disease progressed on BTKi and failed venetoclax due to progression, intolerance, or failure to respond after at least 3 months of therapy. <sup>c</sup>Evaluated according to iwCLL 2018 criteria. <sup>d</sup>Assessed in blood by flow cytometry and/or in bone marrow by next-generation sequencing (both with a sensitivity of  $\leq 10^{-4}$ ). CRI, CR with incomplete blood count recovery; EOS, end of study; ND, not done; Unk, unknown.



# Duration of Response and PFS at 24-Month Median Follow-Up

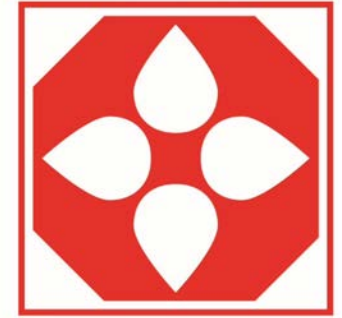


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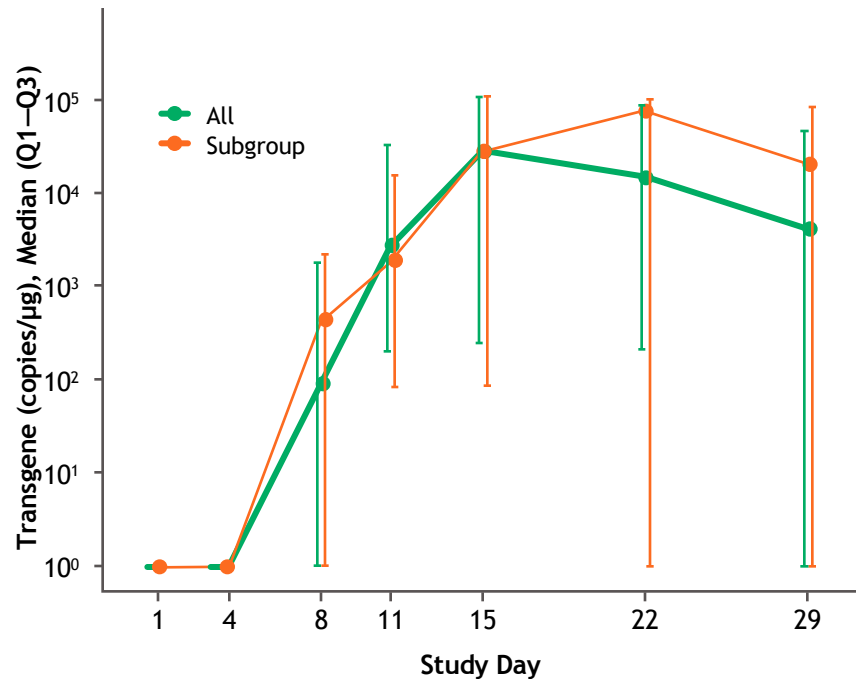


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# Cellular Kinetics-Expansion and Persistence



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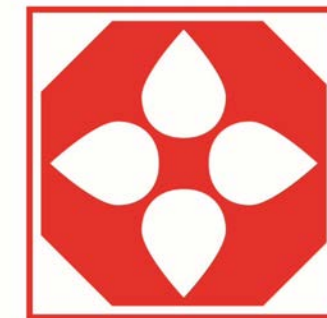
$AUC_{0-28d}$ , area under the curve for transgene levels from 0 to 28 days postinfusion;  $C_{max}$ , maximum transgene levels; Q, quartile;  $t_{max}$ , time to  $C_{max}$ .

Parameter <sup>a,b</sup>	Monotherapy Cohort (N = 23)	BTKi Progression/Venetoclax Failure Subgroup <sup>c</sup> (n = 11)
$C_{max}$ (copies/μg)	67,300 (2510–139,000)	67,300 (982–163,000)
$t_{max}$ (day)	15 (14–21)	20 (15–21)
$AUC_{0-28d}$ (day × copies/μg)	470,000 (17,400–1,740,000)	664,000 (7810–1,960,000)

<sup>a</sup>Median (interquartile range, Q1–Q3). <sup>b</sup>Evaluated using qPCR. <sup>c</sup>Defined as patients whose disease progressed on BTKi and failed venetoclax due to progression, intolerance, or failure to respond after at least 3 months of therapy.

- Long-term persistence
  - 50% of patients (n = 6/12) at 12 months
  - 18% of patients (n = 2/11) at 18 months

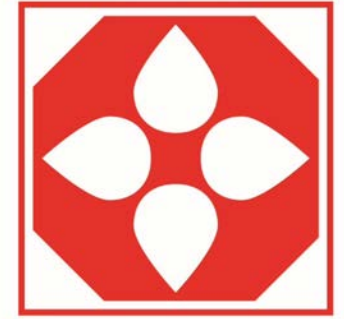
# Summary



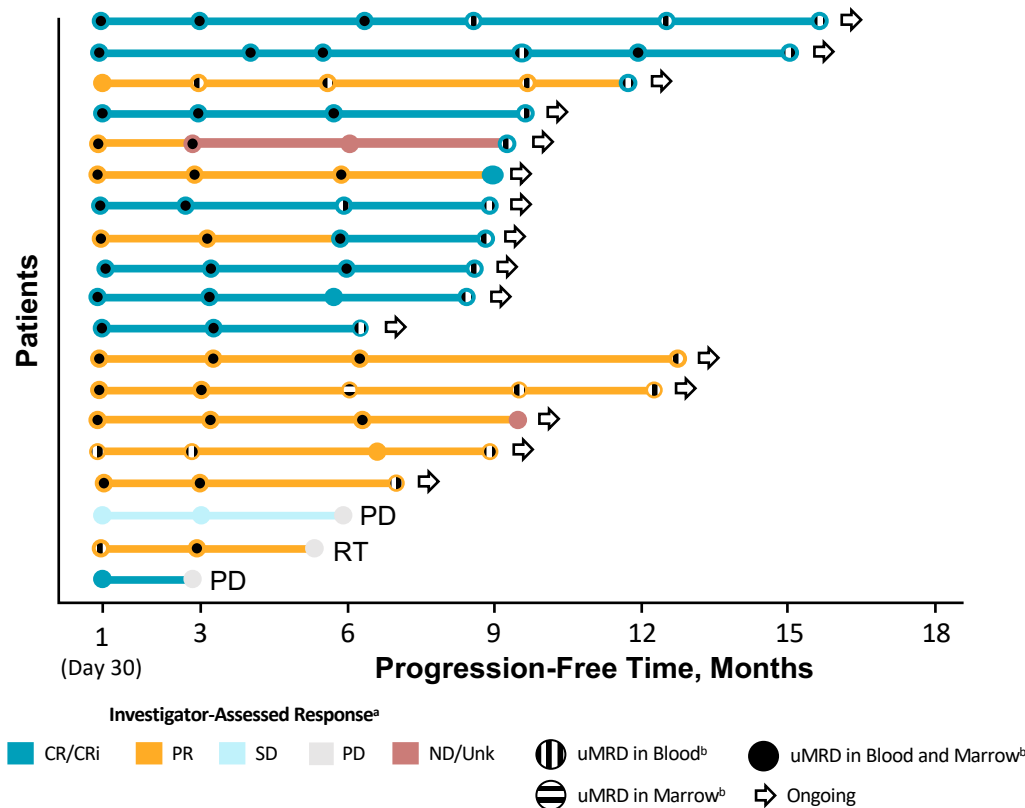
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- Liso-cel treatment elicited rapid, deep, and durable responses in this updated analysis with 24-month median follow-up
- Of the patients who achieved response and have  $\geq 12$  months of follow-up, most have maintained their response; all 7 patients who completed the 24-month study maintained their response
- As previously reported, liso-cel treatment resulted in a high rate of uMRD in this heavily pretreated, high-risk population of patients with R/R CLL/SLL, including those whose disease progressed on BTKi and failed to respond to venetoclax
- No late or delayed safety signals were reported with longer follow-up
- The phase 2 monotherapy expansion of the study is currently enrolling at DL2 ( $100 \times 10^6$  CAR-T cells)

# Patient Responses Over Time at the 10-Month Follow-Up

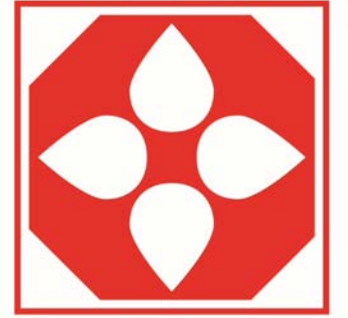


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- All responders (n = 18/19) achieved a response by Day 30 after liso-cel
- Among 18 patients with  $\geq 6$  months of follow-up, 89% (n = 16/18) maintained or improved response from Day 30
- Of 17 patients who achieved uMRD in blood:
  - All achieved this response by Day 30
  - Only 1 later progressed due to Richter transformation (RT)

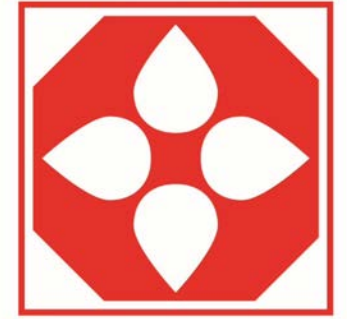
# Other Ongoing CAR-T Trials for CLL



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- ZUMA-8 (axi-cel)
- JCAR014 + ibrutinib (University of Washington, Seattle)
- CTL019 + ibrutinib (University of Pennsylvania)
- Novel CAR-T targets like ROR1 and CD22
- Off-the-shelf allogeneic CAR-T cell trials
- Bispecific antibodies

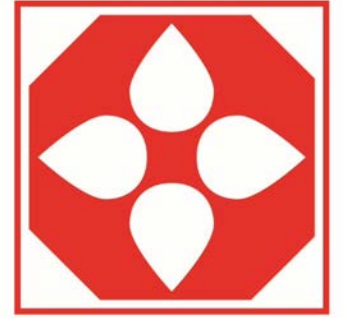
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