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### Data + Perspectives: Clinical Investigators Discuss the Current and Future Management of Diffuse Large B-Cell Lymphoma

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## Integration of Chimeric Antigen Receptor (CAR) T-Cell Therapy into the Management of Diffuse Large B-Cell Lymphoma (DLBCL)

Jason Westin, MD, MS

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### **ZUMA-7 Study Schema and Endpoints: Axi-Cel Versus SOC as Second-Line Therapy in Patients With R/R LBCL**

### **R/R LBCL N=359**77 sites

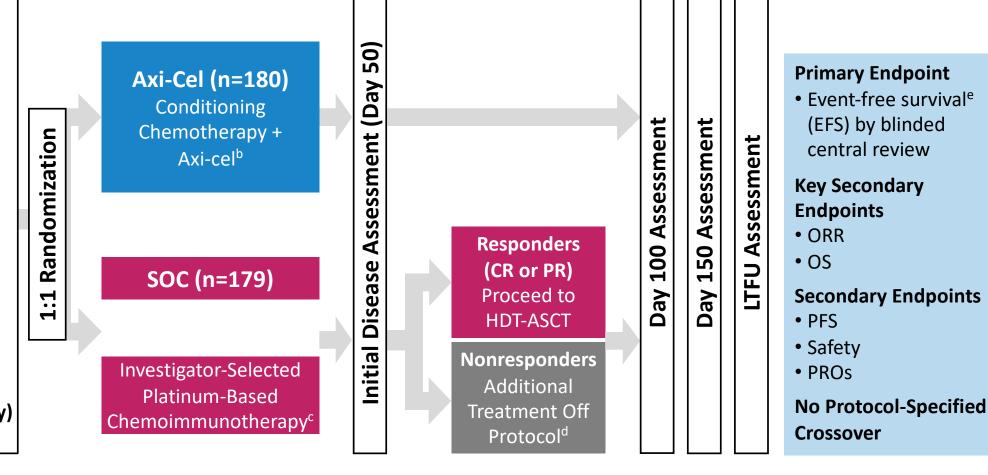
#### **Key Eligibility:**

- Aged ≥18 y
- LBCL<sup>1</sup>
- R/R ≤12 mo of 1L therapy<sup>a</sup>
- Intended to proceed to HDT-ASCT

#### Stratification:

- Response to 1L therapy
- Second-line age-adjusted IPI (sAAIPI)

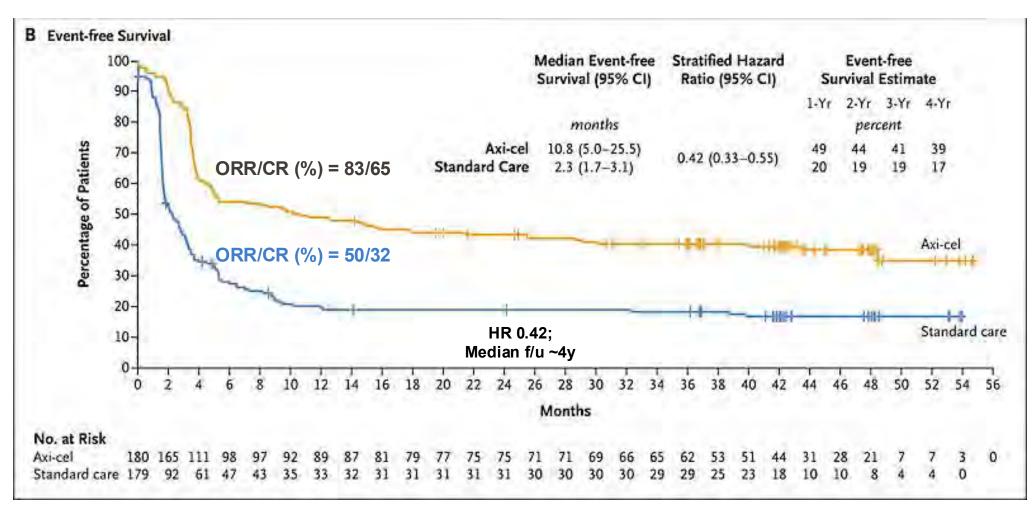
Optional Steroid-Only Bridging (No Chemotherapy)



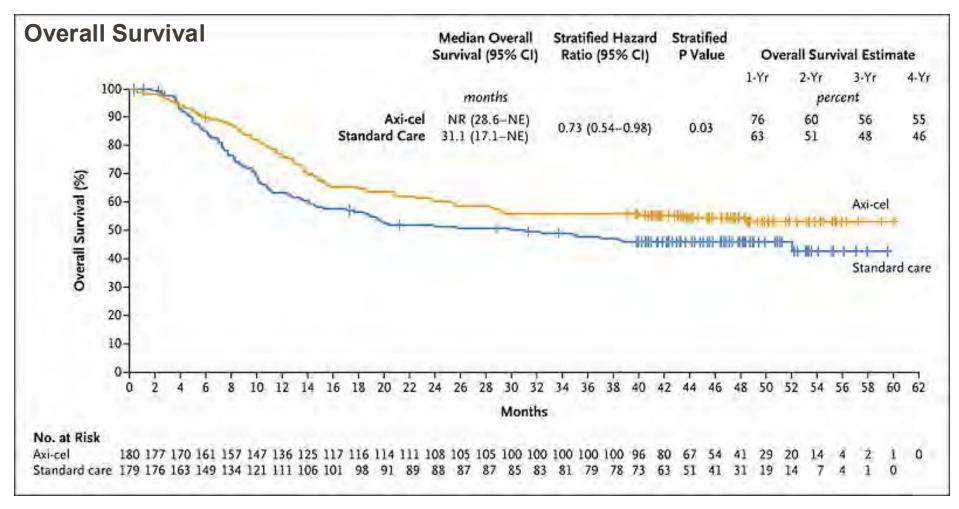
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Refractory disease was defined as no CR to 1L therapy; relapsed disease was defined as CR followed by biopsy-proven disease relapse ≤12 months from completion of 1L therapy. <sup>b</sup> Axi-cel patients underwent leukapheresis followed by conditioning chemotherapy with cyclophosphamide (500 mg/m²/day) and fludarabine (30 mg/m²/day) 5, 4, and 3 days before receiving a single axi-cel infusion (target intravenous dose, 2×10<sup>6</sup> CAR T cells/kg).
<sup>c</sup> Protocol-defined SOC regimens included R-GDP, R-DHAP, R-ICE, or R-ESHAP. <sup>d</sup> 56% of patients received subsequent cellular immunotherapy. <sup>e</sup> EFS was defined as time from randomization to the earliest date of disease progression per Lugano Classification,<sup>2</sup> commencement of new lymphoma therapy, or death from any cause.

1. Swerdlow SH, et al. *Blood.* 2016;127:2375-2390. 2. Cheson BD, et al. *J Clin Oncol.* 2014;32:3059-3068.

### Axi-cel improves event free survival compared with chemotherapy in 2L R/R LBCL



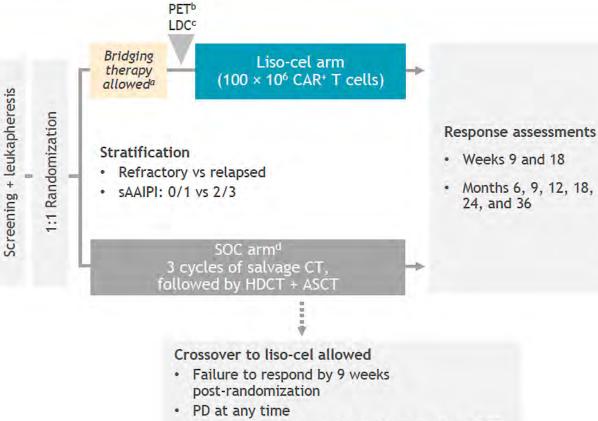
### Axi-cel improves overall survival compared with chemotherapy in 2L R/R LBCL



#### TRANSFORM study design

#### Key eligibility

- Age 18–75 years
- Aggressive NHL
  - DLBCL NOS (de novo or transformed from indolent NHL), HGBCL (double/triple hit) with DLBCL histology, FL3B, PMBCL, THRBCL
- Refractory or relapsed ≤ 12 months after 1L treatment containing an anthracycline and a CD20-targeted agent
- ECOG PS ≤ 1
- Eligible for HSCT
- Secondary CNS lymphoma allowed
- LVEF > 40% for inclusion
- No minimum absolute lymphocyte count



#### Primary endpoint

EFS (per IRC)

#### Key secondary endpoints

- CR rate, PFS, OS Other secondary endpoints
- · Duration of response, ORR, PFS on next line of treatment
- · Safety, PROs

#### Exploratory endpoints

- Cellular kinetics
- B-cell aplasia

Start of new antineoplastic therapy after ASCT

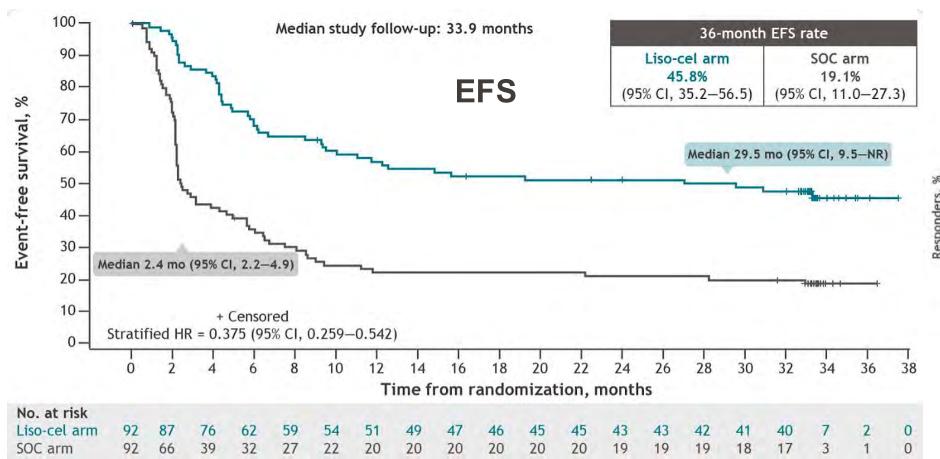
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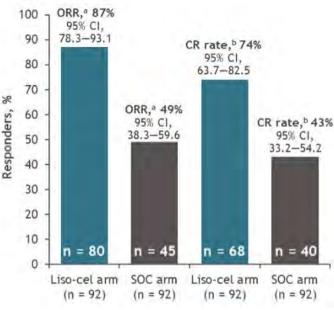
· EFS is defined as time from randomization to death due to any cause, progressive disease, failure to achieve CR or PR by 9 weeks post-randomization, or start of a new antineoplastic therapy, whichever occurs first

<sup>a</sup>Patients may have received a protocol-defined SOC regimen to stabilize their disease during liso-cel manufacturing; <sup>b</sup>Only for patients who received bridging therapy; cLymphodepletion with fludarabine 30 mg/m<sup>2</sup> and cyclophosphamide 300 mg/m<sup>2</sup> for 3 days; dSOC was defined as physician's choice of R-DHAP, R-ICE, or R-GDP. DLBCL, diffuse large-B cell lymphoma; FL3B, follicular lymphoma grade 3B; HGBCL, high-grade B-cell lymphoma; IRC, independent review committee; LDC, lymphodepleting chemotherapy; NOS, not otherwise specified; PD, progressive disease; PMBCL, primary mediastinal large B-cell lymphoma; PRO, patient-reported outcome; sAAIPI, secondary ageadjusted International Prognostic Index; THRBCL, T-cell/histiocyte-rich large B-cell lymphoma.

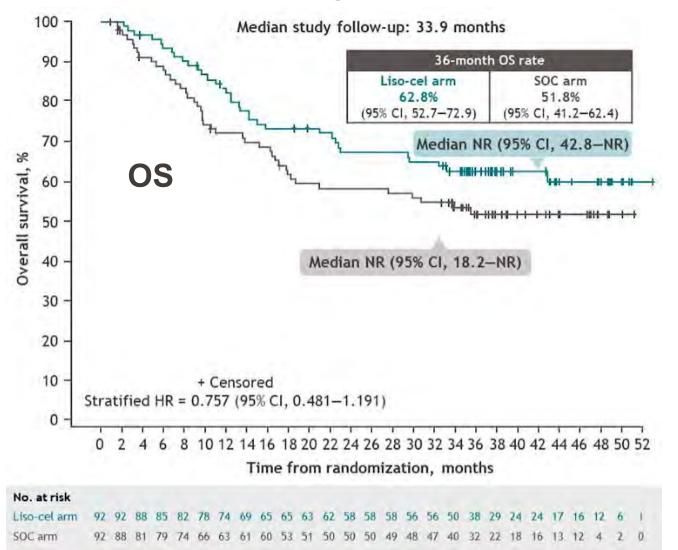
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### Liso-cel improves event free survival and response rate compared with chemotherapy in 2L R/R LBCL

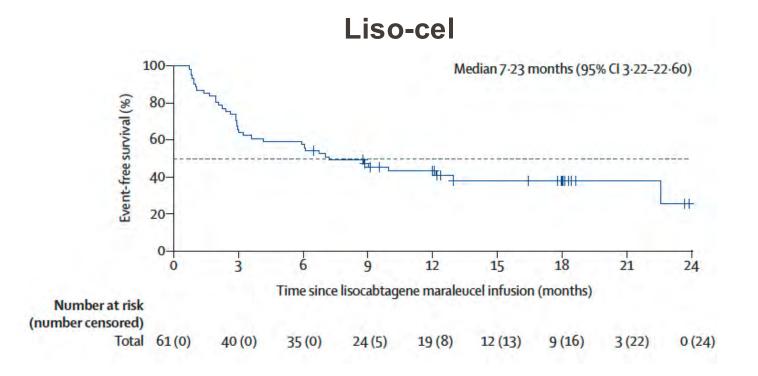


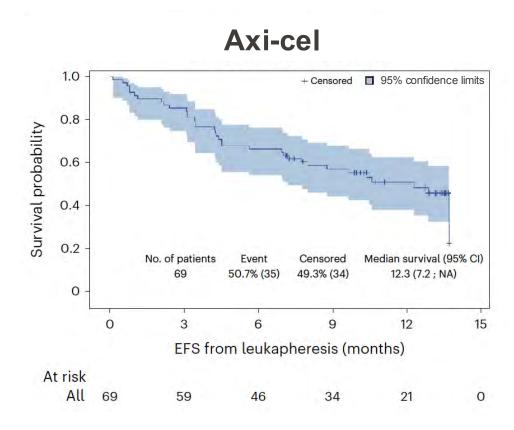


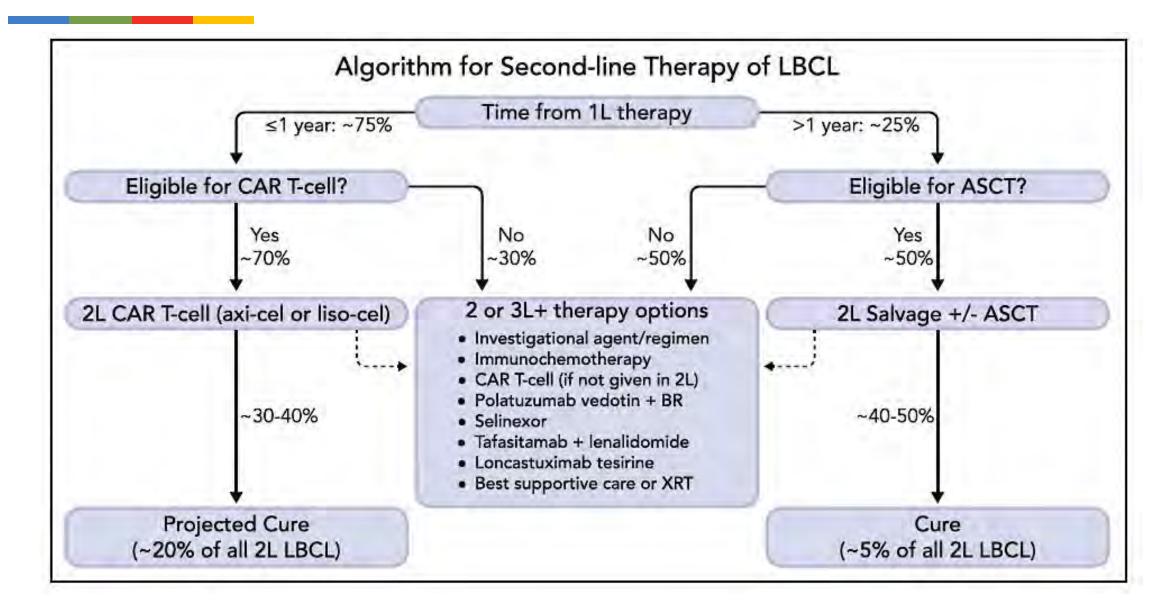
### Liso-cel trends toward overall survival improvement compared with chemotherapy in 2L R/R LBCL



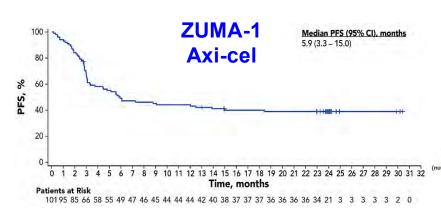
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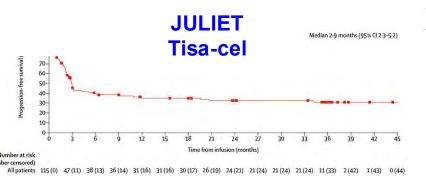


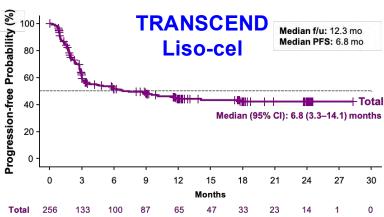


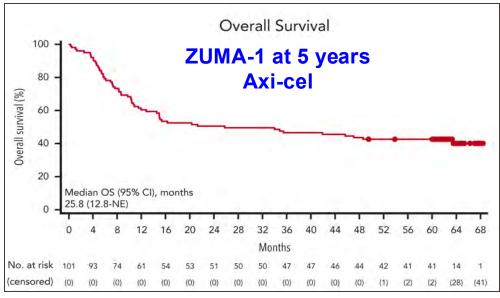


#### **CAR T-cells in ≥3L for LBCL: PFS and OS**









#### **Approval**

Axi-cel, tisa-cel, and liso-cel for adult patients with r/r LBCL after 2 or more lines of systemic therapy

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### Axicabtagene ciloleucel as first-line therapy in high-risk large B-cell lymphoma: the phase 2 ZUMA-12 trial

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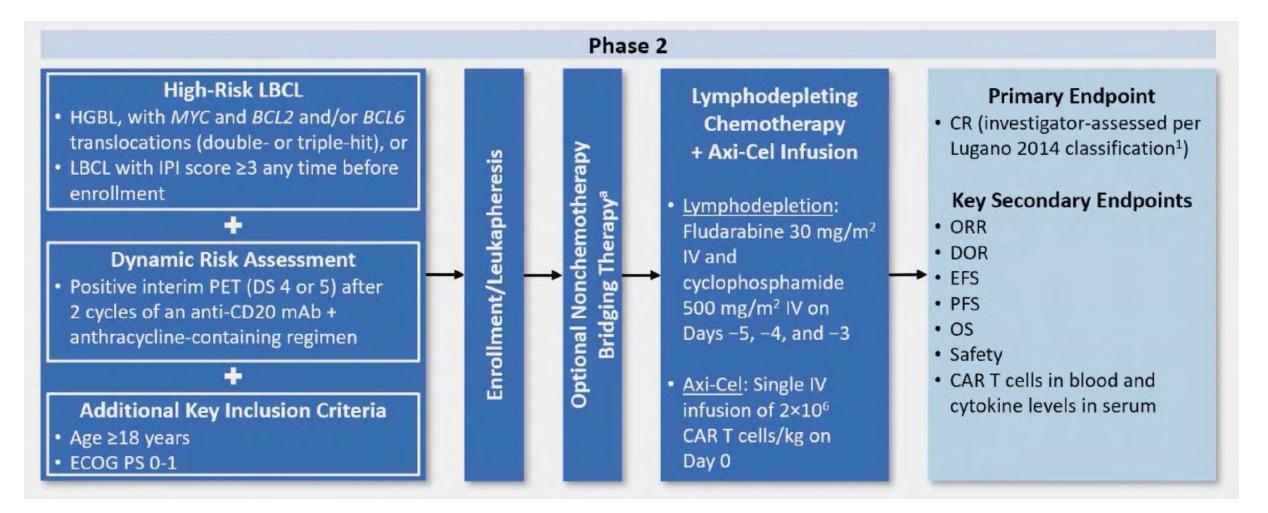
### 3-Year Analysis of ZUMA-12: A Phase 2 Study of Axicabtagene Ciloleucel as First-Line Therapy in Patients with High-Risk Large B-Cell Lymphoma

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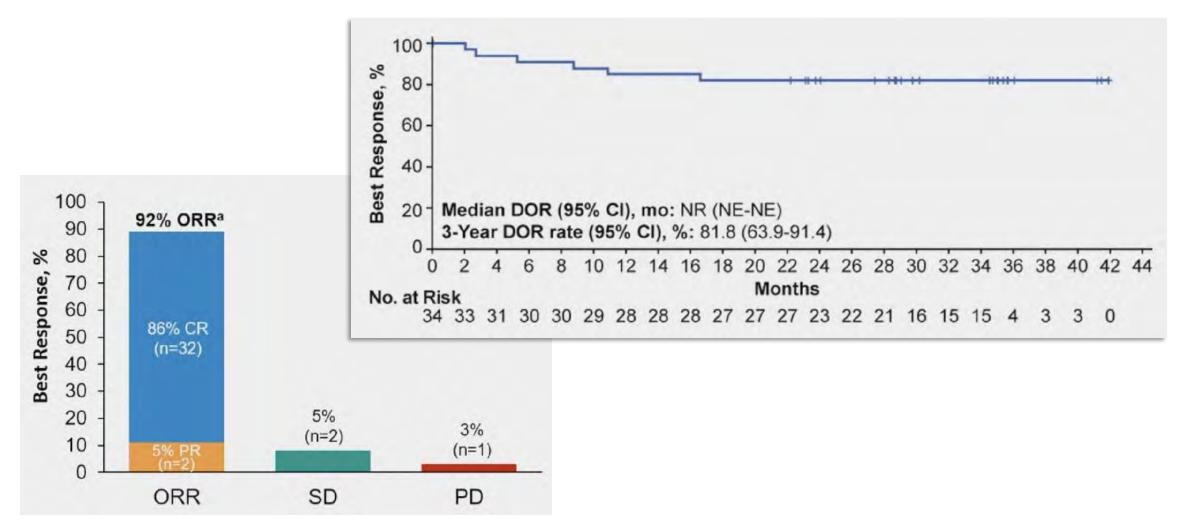
#### **ZUMA-12: Study Design**

#### High risk population

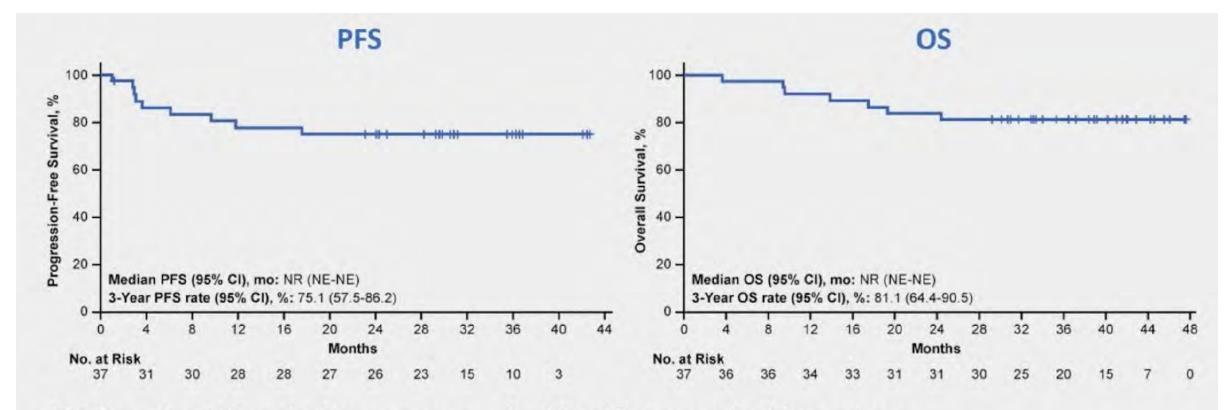
- IPI 3-5 or DHL AND
- iPET2 with 5PS of 4 or 5



#### **ZUMA-12: ORR and DOR**



#### **ZUMA-12: Survival Outcomes**



- Medians for PFS and OS were not reached in efficacy-evaluable patients
  - Among patients who achieved a CR as best response, the 3-year PFS and OS rates were 84.4% (95% CI, 66.5-93.2) and 90.6% (95% CI, 73.6-96.9), respectively

#### **ZUMA-23 Phase 3 Study Design**

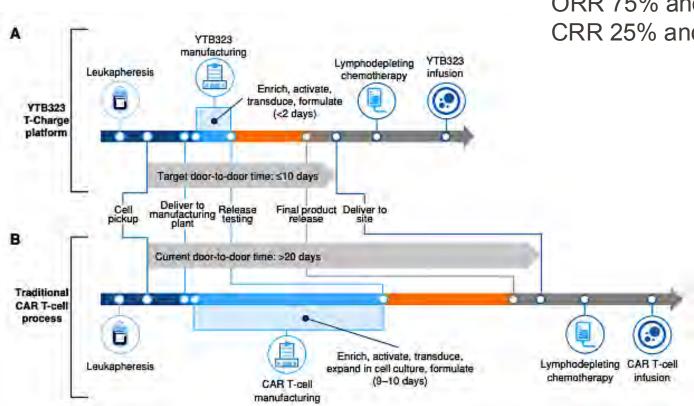
#### **High-Risk LBCL Axi-Cel** N≈300 **Primary Endpoint** Lymphodepleting R-Chemotherapy Follow-Up EFS (central assessment)<sup>1</sup> **Key Eligibility:** Leukapheresis chemotherapya Follow-Up Age ≥18 years and **Key Secondary Endpoints** • DLBCL-NOS, HGBL, or Randomization bridging axi-cel transformed FL or PFS (central assessment)<sup>1</sup> therapy (2×10<sup>6</sup> CAR T cells/kg)<sup>b</sup> Post-Treatment MZL OS Long-Term • IPI score ≥4 **Other Secondary Endpoints** of Stratification: **Standard-of-Care Therapy** CR rate (central assessment)<sup>1</sup> Cycle HGBL (yes vs no) PFS (investigator assessment)<sup>1</sup> • Tumor bulk (present Investigator-selected: [≥1 lesion ≥7.5 cm] vs Safety R-CHOP or DA-EPOCH-R (5 cycles) absent) PRO QOL assessments Optional additional rituximab (2 cycles)<sup>c</sup> • ECOG PS (0-1 vs 2)

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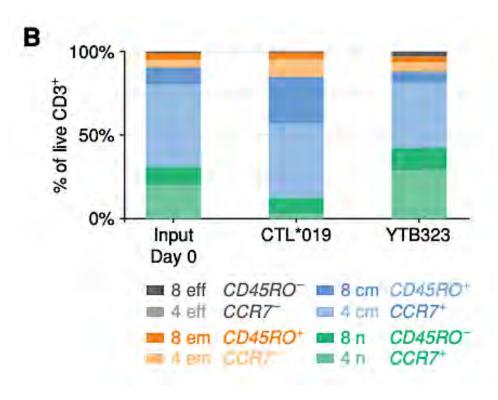
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Lymphodepleting chemotherapy will consist of cyclophosphamide (500 mg/m²/day) and fludarabine (30 mg/m²/day), received Days –5 through –3 before receiving axi-cel. <sup>b</sup> Prophylactic corticosteroids may be administered after axi-cel infusion per investigator discretion. <sup>c</sup> If standard of care per local clinical practice, patients may also receive 2 additional cycles of rituximab monotherapy.

Axi-cel, axicabtagene ciloleucel; CR, complete response; DA-EPOCH-R, dose-adjusted etoposide, prednisone, vincristine, cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin, and rituximab; DLBCL, diffuse large B-cell lymphoma; COG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; EFS, event-free survival; FL, follicular lymphoma; HGBL, high-grade B-cell lymphoma; IPI, International Prognostic Index; LBCL, large B-cell lymphoma; MZL, marginal zone lymphoma; NOS, not otherwise specified; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival; PRO, patient-reported outcomes; R-chemotherapy, rituximab plus chemotherapy; R-CHOP, rituximab + cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin, vincristine, and prednisone; QOL, quality of life.

### Novel CAR T-cell platform for DLBCL: Rapcabtagene autoleucel

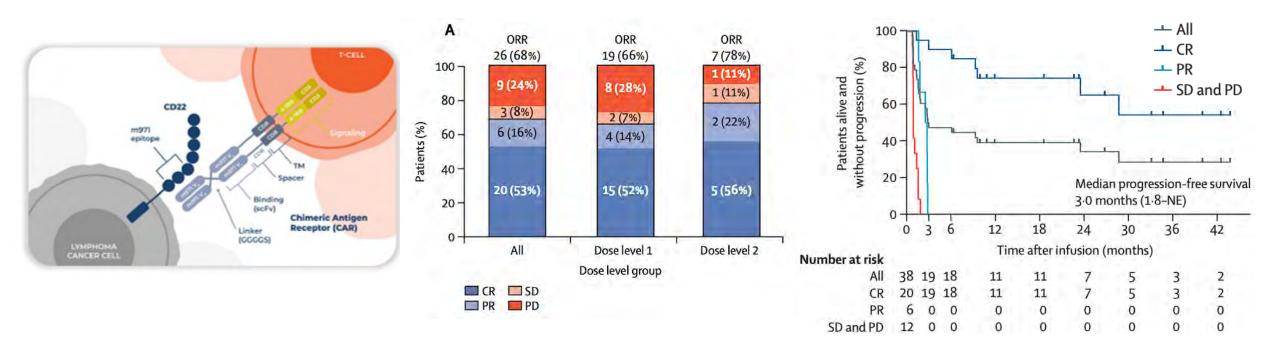


ORR 75% and 80% at dose level 1 and 2 CRR 25% and 73% at dose level 1 and 2

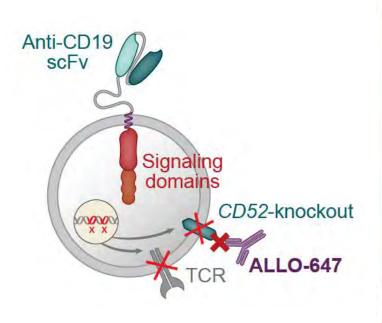


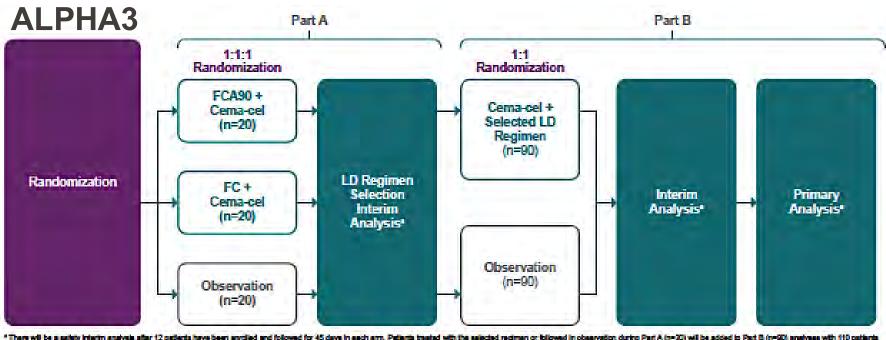
Ongoing trial in 1L high risk LBCL patients

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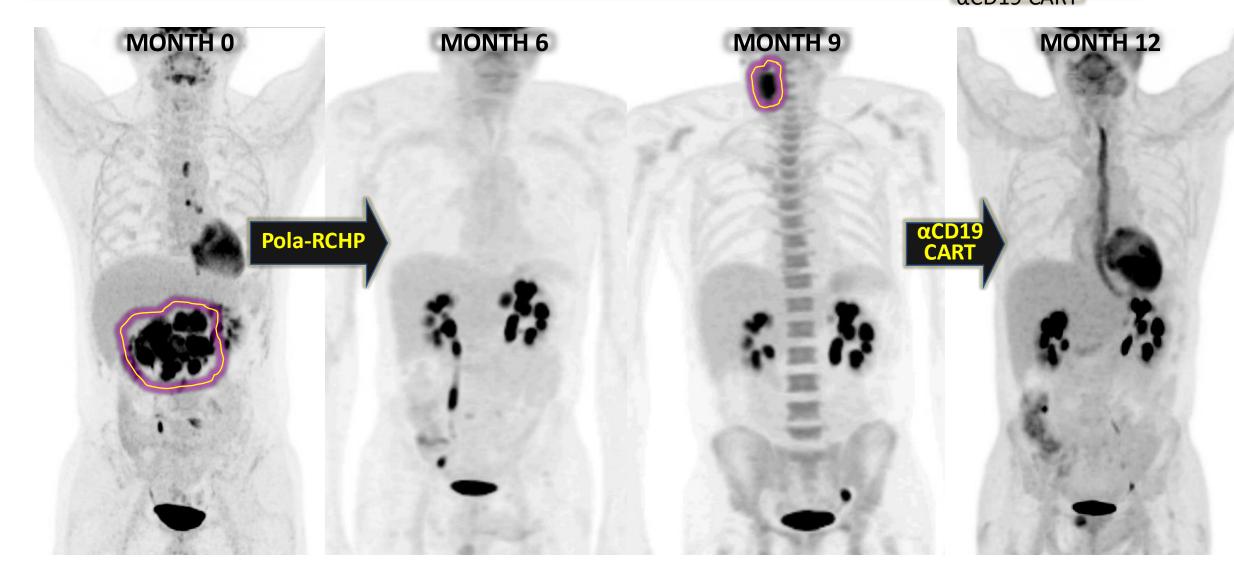
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#### **Faculty Case Presentations**



#### Case Presentation: Dr Brody

71 yo man w DM2, HTN, COPD, dx w DLBCL, non-GC  $\rightarrow$  Pola-RCHP  $\rightarrow$  CR x 6 months  $\rightarrow$  relapse  $\rightarrow$  XRT+ Liso-cel  $\alpha$ CD19 CART



#### **QUESTIONS FOR THE FACULTY**

In general, what is your preferred CAR T-cell therapy to administer to a 71-year-old patient with DLBCL after relapse on first-line treatment? What if the patient were 55 years old? What if the patient were 83 years old?

How do you sequence bispecific antibodies and CAR T-cell therapy for a patient with DLBCL who is eligible to receive both? Do you believe CAR T-cell therapy is more effective the earlier it is given? Is CAR T-cell therapy as effective after a bispecific antibody as it is before?



#### Case Presentation: Dr Lunning

- A man who was initially diagnosed at age 72 with LBCL-NOS, leg type presented with multiple papular skin lesions, but no adenopathy on staging PET/CT. He was treated initially with R-CHOP X 6 with evidence of metabolic CR. He tolerated induction therapy well with minimal fatigue and G1 peripheral neuropathy.
- At age 75 he had evidence of relapse with multiple diffuse skin lesions that was c/w DLBCL-NOS, non-GCB. He was now treated with tafasitamab-lenalidomide. His CrCl was 50. He tolerated dose adjusted lenalidomide (10 mg) and tafasitamab with minimal cytopenias and infections.
- He had evidence of POD 18 months after initiation, but now with diffuse adenopathy, pleural lesions, and skin lesions. He wishes to consider curative therapy as he has tolerated therapy to date well. He proceeded towards CAR-T with tisa-cel.
- He had pre-apheresis bridging with pola-rituximab X 1 with a second cycle post apheresis with evidence of responsive disease.
- He completed dose adjusted flu/cy followed by tisa-cel. He experienced G1 CRS without ICANS.
- His D+100 PET/CT was consistent with mCR with mild residual normocytic anemia.
   No intercurrent infections but CD4 count remains < 250.</li>



#### **QUESTIONS FOR THE FACULTY**

In general, how do you sequence CD19-directed treatment (eg, tafasitamab and CAR T-cell therapy) for patients who are eligible to receive both?

Do you believe that a second CD19-targeted treatment is as effective in a patient who has previously received anti-CD19 therapy as in one who has not?



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# A Blitz of CAR T-Cell Therapies for Rel/Ref FL, MCL, and CLL

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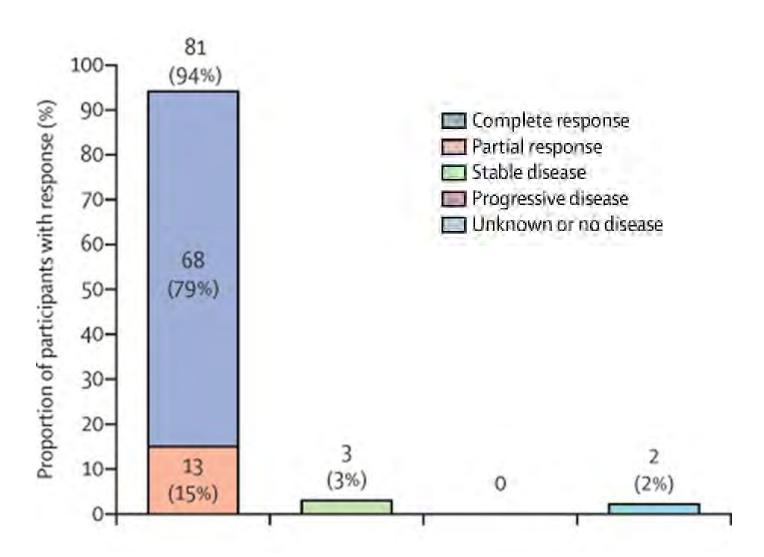


# Objectives

- Discuss the outcomes with axi-cel, tisa-cel and liso-cel for relapsed/refractory (R/R) follicular lymphoma
- Discuss the outcomes with brexu-cel and liso-cel for R/R mantle cell lymphoma
- Discuss the outcomes of liso-cel for R/R chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL)

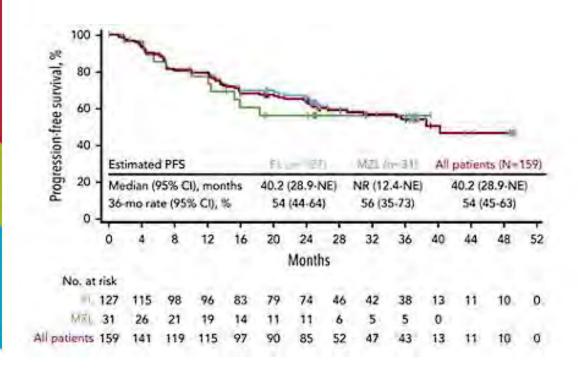


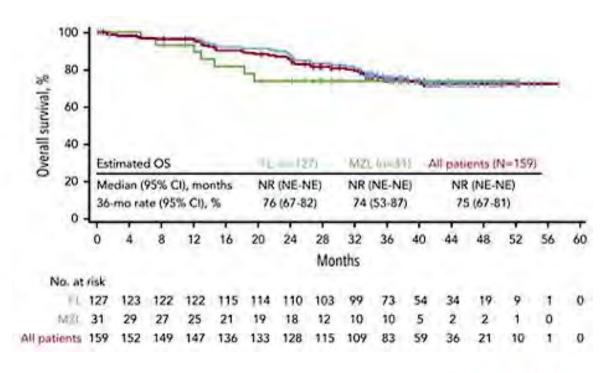
#### Axi-cel in Rel/Ref FL: ZUMA-5





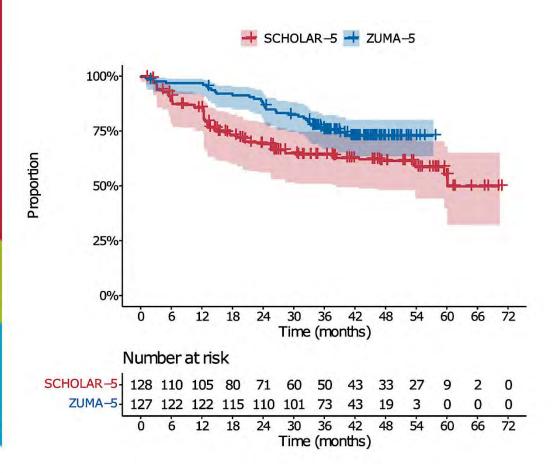
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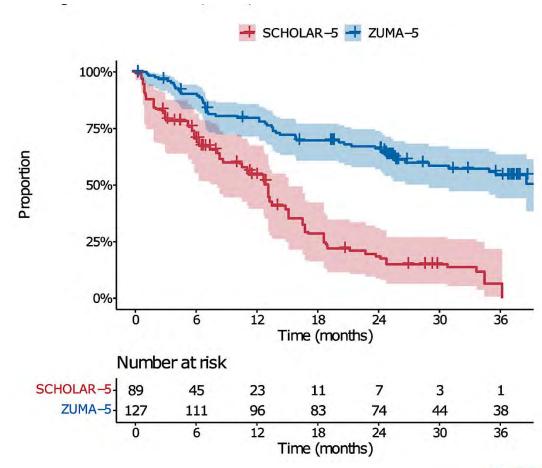






#### Axi-cel in Rel/Ref FL: ZUMA-5







#### Tisa-cel in Rel/Ref FL: ELARA

BACKGROUND. The primary analysis of the Phase II ELARA trial (NCT03568461, median follow-up of 17 months) showed:

86% 69%

Overall response rate (ORR) Complete response rate (CRR)

12-mo progression-free survival rate

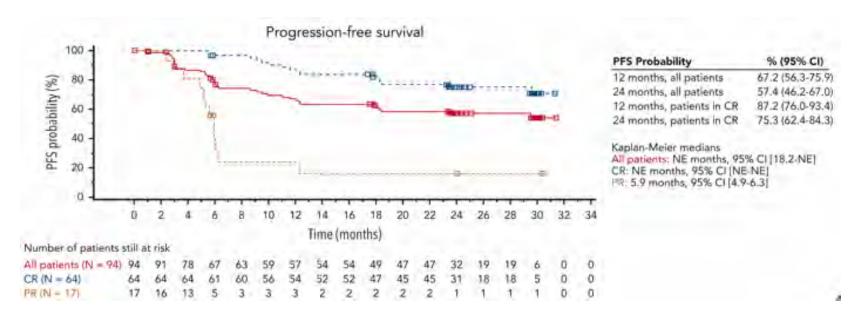
With a median follow-up of 29 months, high response rates were confirmed in patients with high-risk disease:

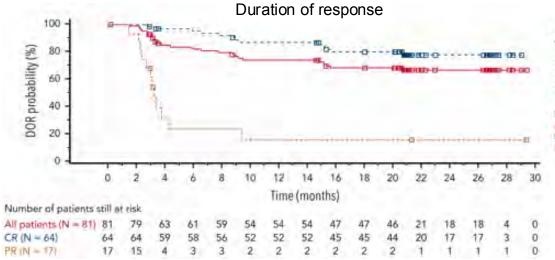
	ORR	CRR
POD24	82%	59%
High TMTV	75%	40%
Bulky Disease	86%	65%
High FLIPI	81%	61%
Double Refractory	85%	66%

POD24, progression of disease within 24 months from 1st immunochemotherapy TMTV, total metabolic tumor volume



#### Tisa-cel in Rel/Ref FL: ELARA





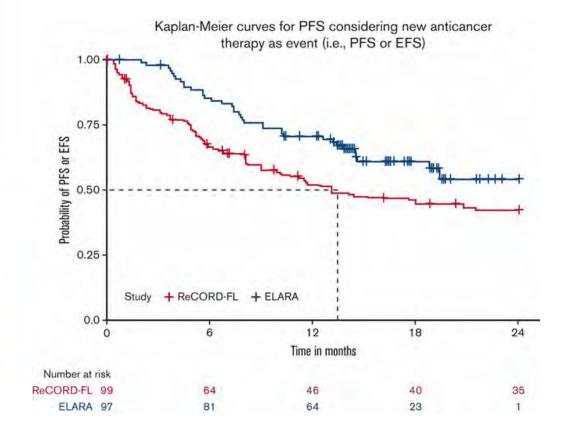
DOR Probability	% (95% CI)		
12 months, all patients	73.8 (62.4-82.3)		
24 months, all patients	66.4 (54.3-76.0)		
12 months, patients in CR	86.9 (75.6-93.2)		
24 months, patients in CR	77.8 (64.7-86.5)		

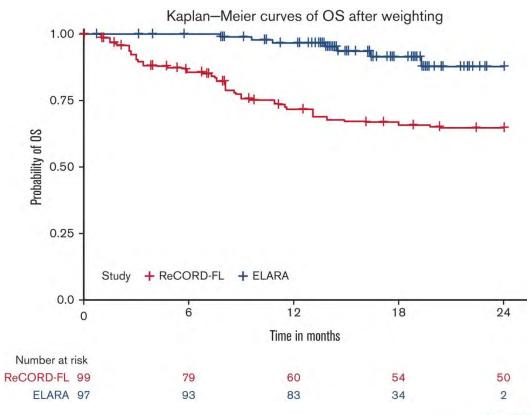
Kaplan-Meier medians

All patients: NE months, 95% CI [NE-NE] CR: NE months, 95% CI [NE-NE] PR: 3.2 months, 95% CI [2.3-4.3]



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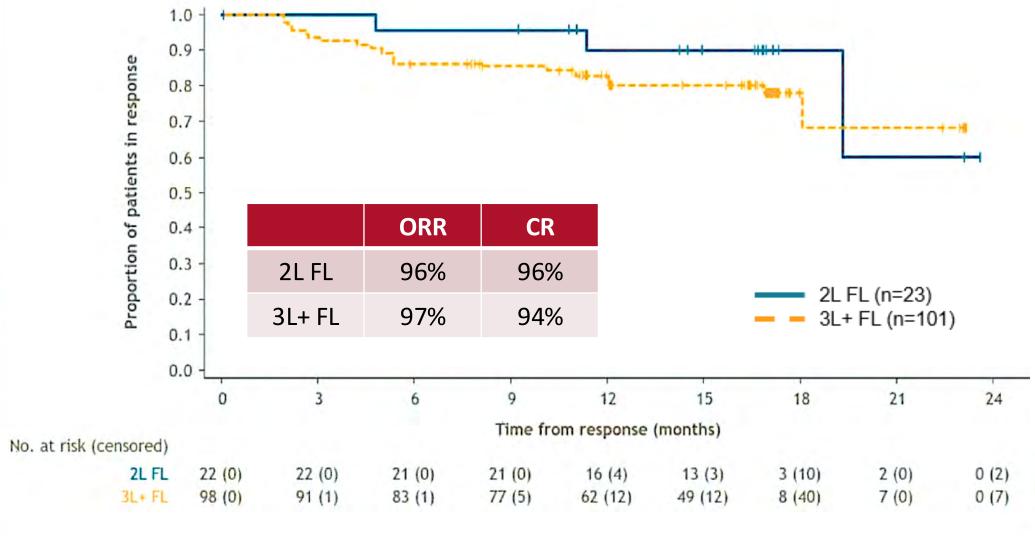


#### Liso-cel in Rel/Ref FL: TRANSCEND-FL

Patient Characteristics		2L FL (n=23)	3L+ FL (n=107)
Median age (range), y		53 (34–69)	62 (23–80)
FL grade 1 or 2/3a at screening, <sup>b</sup> n (%)		17 (74)/6 (26)	81 (76)/25 (23)
Ann Arbor stage at screening in (%)	1/11	6 (26)	12 (11)
Ann Arbor stage at screening, n (%)	III/IV	17 (74)	95 (89)
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FLIPI at screening, n (%)	3–5	8 (35)	61 (57)
LDH>ULN before lymphodepletion, n (%)		6 (26)	47 (44)
Met mGELF criteria at most recent relapse,	n (%)	16 (70)	57 (53)
Median (range) prior lines of therapy		1 (1–1)	3 (2–10)
Prior HSCT, n (%)		0	33 (31)
Received prior rituximab and lenalidomide, n (%)		0	23 (21)
Refractory to last systemic therapy, <sup>c</sup> n (%)		15 (65)	72 (67)
Double refractory (anti-CD20 & alkylator), d n (%)		11 (48)	69 (64)
POD24 from initial immunochemotherapy, n (%)		15 (65)	58 (54)
POD24 from diagnosis, n (%)		12 (52)	46 (43)
Received bridging therapy, n (%)		5 (22)	44 (41)



#### Liso-cel in Rel/Ref FL: TRANSCEND-FL





## Putting it Together

	Axi-cel	Tisa-cel	Liso-cel (3L+)
Patients	127	97	101
ORR	94%	86%	97%
CR	79%	68%	94%
mF/U	41m	29m	17m
Median PFS	40m (54%@36m)	NR @29m (57%@24m)	NR @17m (81%@12m)

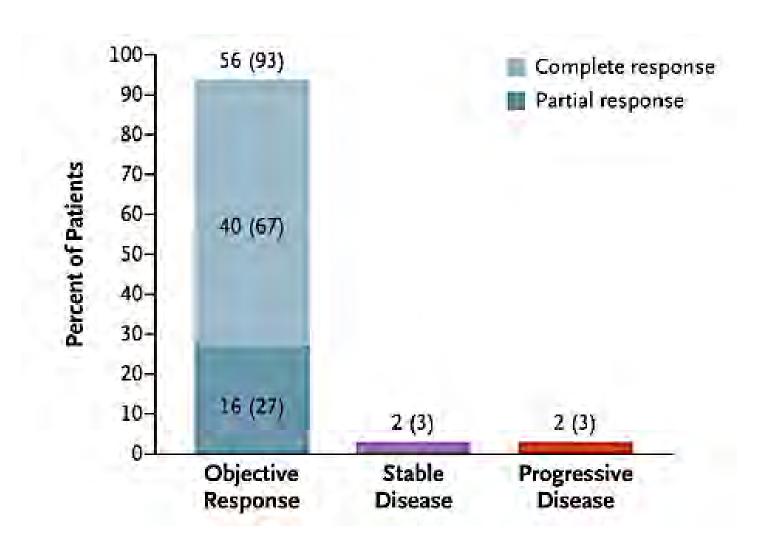


## Putting it Together

	Axi-cel	Tisa-cel	Liso-cel
CRS (All Grade)	78%	49%	58%
CRS (Grade ≥3)	6%	0%	1%
ICANS (All Grade)	56%	23%	15%
ICANS (Grade ≥3)	18%	1%	2%

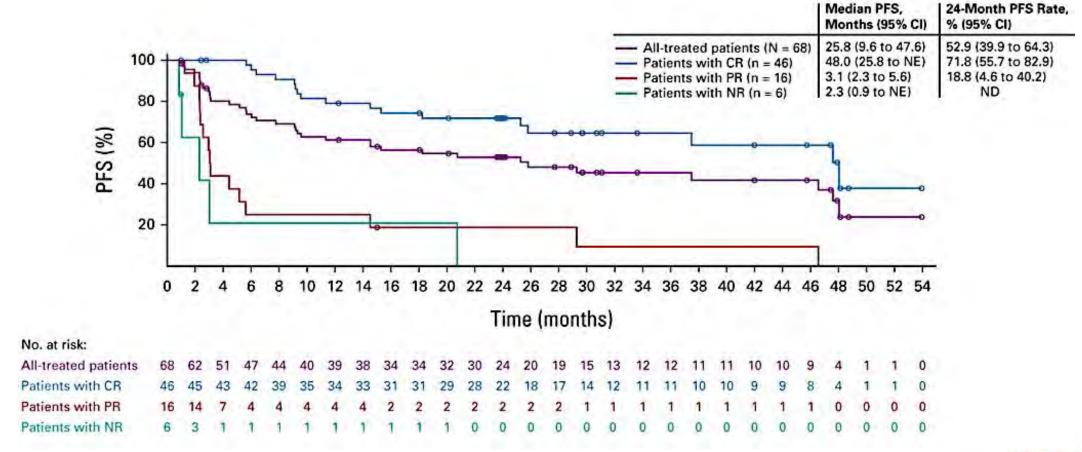


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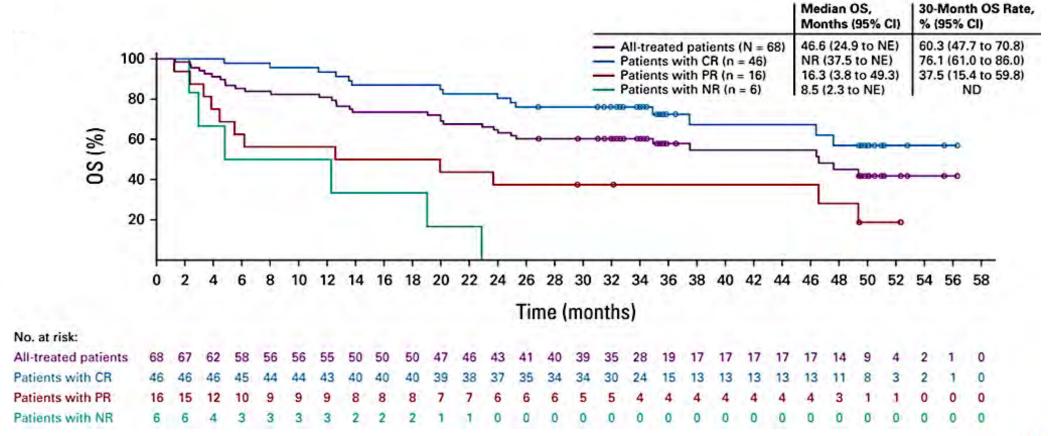


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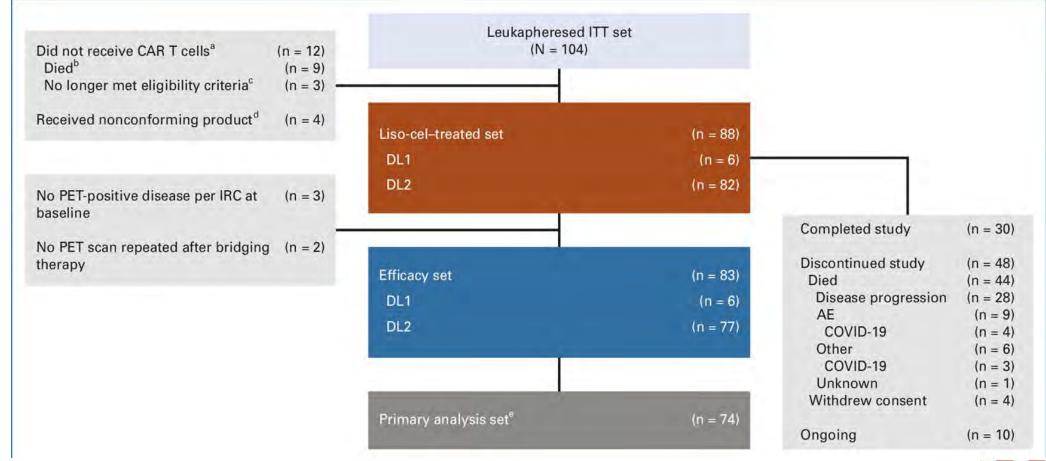


#### Brexu-cel in Rel/Ref MCL: ZUMA-2





#### Liso-cel in Rel/Ref MCL: TRANSCEND-MCL



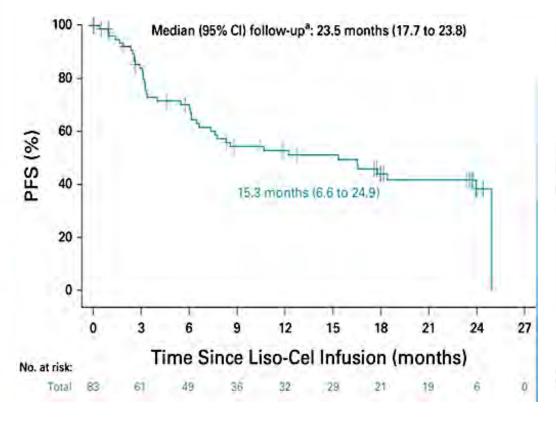


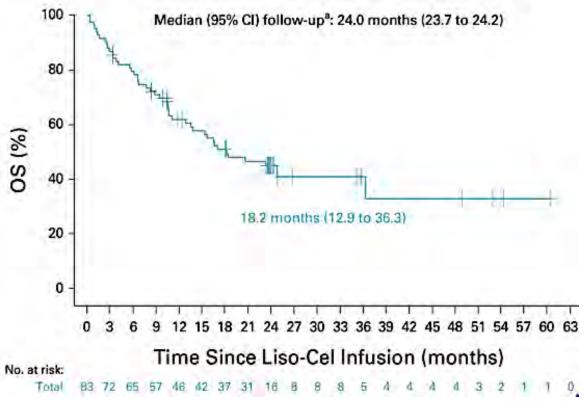
#### Liso-cel in Rel/Ref MCL: TRANSCEND-MCL

		Ki-67 proliferation index		TP53 mutation		Blastoid morphology	
	Overall population (N = 88)	≥ 30% (n = 66)	< 30% (n = 15)	Yes (n = 20)	No (n = 34)	Yes (n = 27)	No (n = 48)
Median (range) age, y	68.5 (36-86)	68 (36-86)	71 (57-79)	71 (54-84)	69 (36-80)	68 (36-84)	70.5 (48-86)
≥ 65 y, n (%)	64 (73)	46 (70)	12 (80)	16 (80)	27 (79)	20 (74)	37 (77)
Median (range) prior lines of systemic therapy	3 (1-11)	3 (1-11)	3 (1-9)	3 (2-11)	3 (1-9)	3 (1-9)	3 (2-11)
≥ 5 prior lines of systemic therapy, n (%)	26 (30)	21 (32)	2 (13)	7 (35)	9 (26)	10 (37)	12 (25)
Prior HSCT, n (%)	29 (33)	22 (33)	3 (20)	4 (20)	11 (32)	13 (48)	11 (23)
Prior BTKi, n (%)	83 (94)	62 (94)	14 (93)	20 (100)	32 (94)	25 (93)	47 (98)
Refractory disease, d n (%)	61 (69)	48 (73)	9 (60)	11 (55)	21 (62)	24 (89)	26 (54)
Refractory to BTKi,e n (%)	47 (53)	37 (56)	6 (40)	7 (35)	21 (62)	18 (67)	24 (50)
Ki-67 proliferation index ≥ 30%, n (%)	66 (75)	66 (100)	0	14 (70)	25 (74)	24 (89)	33 (69)
TP53 mutation, n (%)	20 (23)	14 (21)	4 (27)	20 (100)	0	3 (11)	14 (29)
Blastoid morphology, n (%)	27 (31)	24 (36)	2 (13)	3 (15)	12 (35)	27 (100)	0
Secondary CNS lymphoma, n (%)	7 (8)	5 (8)	2 (13)	1 (5)	3 (9)	1 (4)	4 (8)
Complex karyotype, n (%)	26 (30)	21 (32)	3 (20)	7 (35)	16 (47)	10 (37)	13 (27)
Received bridging therapy, n (%)	58 (66)	49 (74)	5 (33)	13 (65)	21 (62)	19 (70)	30 (62.5)



#### Liso-cel in Rel/Ref MCL: TRANSCEND-MCL







## Putting it Together

	Brexu-cel	Liso-cel
Patients	68	83
ORR	91%	83%
CR	68%	72%
Median PFS	26m	15m
Median OS	47m	18m



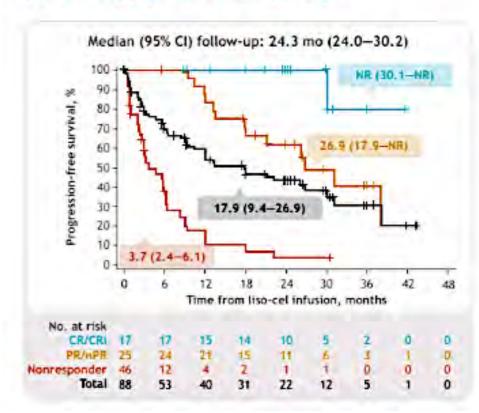
# Putting it Together

	Brexu-cel	Liso-cel
CRS (All Grade)	91%	61%
CRS (Grade ≥3)	15%	1%
ICANS (All Grade)	63%	31%
ICANS (Grade ≥3)	31%	9%

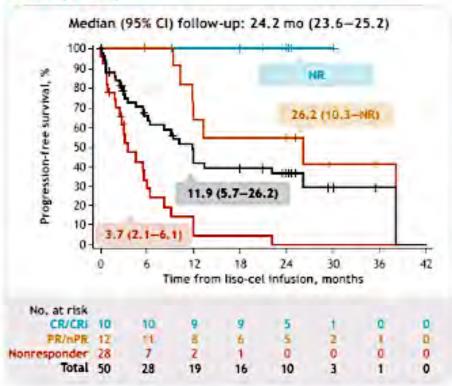


#### Liso-cel in Rel/Ref CLL: TRANSCEND-CLL





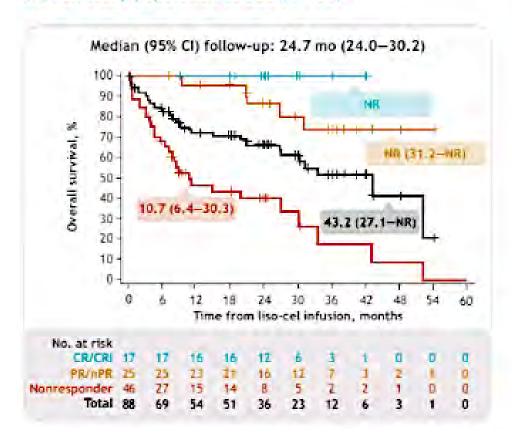
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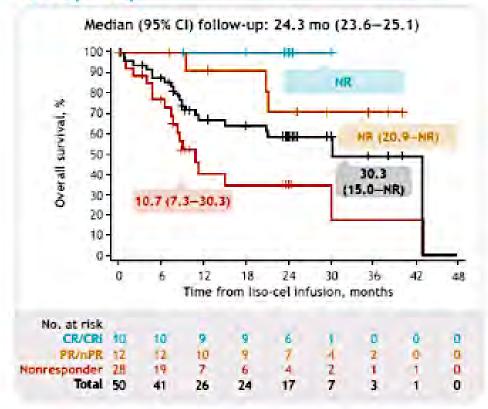


#### Liso-cel in Rel/Ref CLL: TRANSCEND-CLL

#### (A) Full study population at DL2 (n = 88)



#### (B) PEAS (BTKi progression/venetoclax failure subset) at DL2 (n = 50)





#### Liso-cel in Rel/Ref CLL: TRANSCEND-CLL

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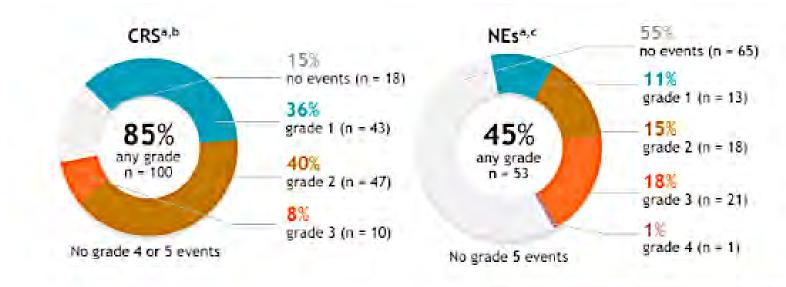
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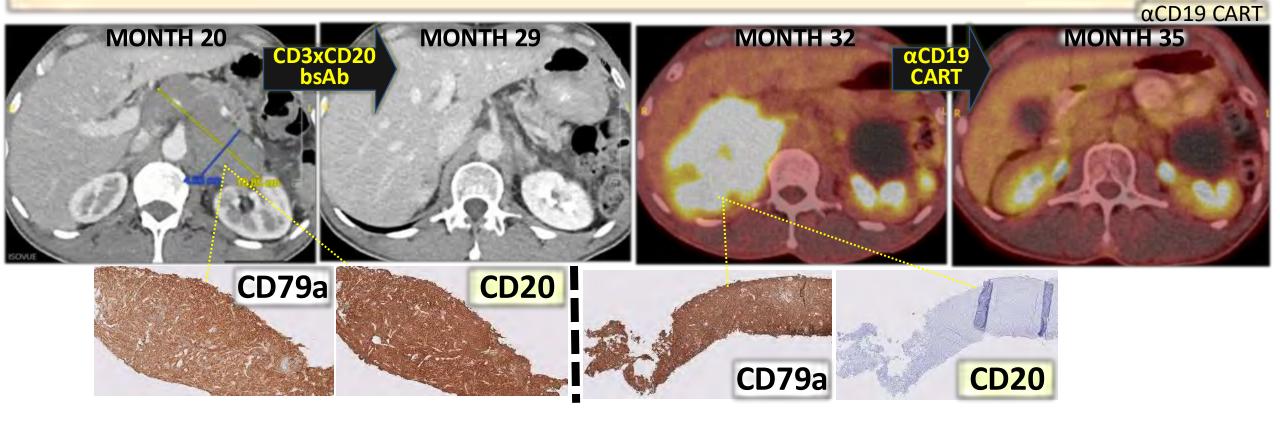


## **Faculty Case Presentations**



# Case Presentation: Dr Brody

51 yo woman w Follicular Lymphoma s/p R-Benda $\rightarrow$  CR x 20 months  $\rightarrow$  CD3xCD20 bsAb  $\rightarrow$  CR x 9 months  $\rightarrow$  relapse  $\rightarrow$  Axi-cel



#### **QUESTIONS FOR THE FACULTY**

Regulatory and reimbursement issues aside, what is your preferred CAR T-cell therapy for a patient with relapsed FL?

In general, in which line of therapy do you administer CAR T-cell therapy for patients with relapsed FL? In which line of therapy would you like to use CAR T-cell therapy for patients with FL?



#### **Case Presentation – Dr Westin**

72M with MCL, dx in 2017, TP53 wild type: treated with BR x 6 cycles = CR Relapsed 4 years later: treated with BTKi x 16 months = CR then PD Now with bulky adenopathy, LDH is 4x ULN, weight loss of 15 pounds Treated with brexu-cel: grade 2 CRS, grade 3 ICANS, resolved = CR

#### **QUESTIONS FOR THE FACULTY**

What would you recommend for a younger patient with MCL who experienced disease progression on first-line chemoimmunotherapy and second-line BTK (Bruton tyrosine kinase) inhibition? What if the patient received a BTK inhibitor as first-line treatment with progression?

Regulatory and reimbursement issues aside, what is your preferred CAR T-cell therapy for a patient with relapsed MCL?

What would be your treatment approach for a younger patient with CLL who progresses on a BTK inhibitor and then a BCL2 inhibitor?



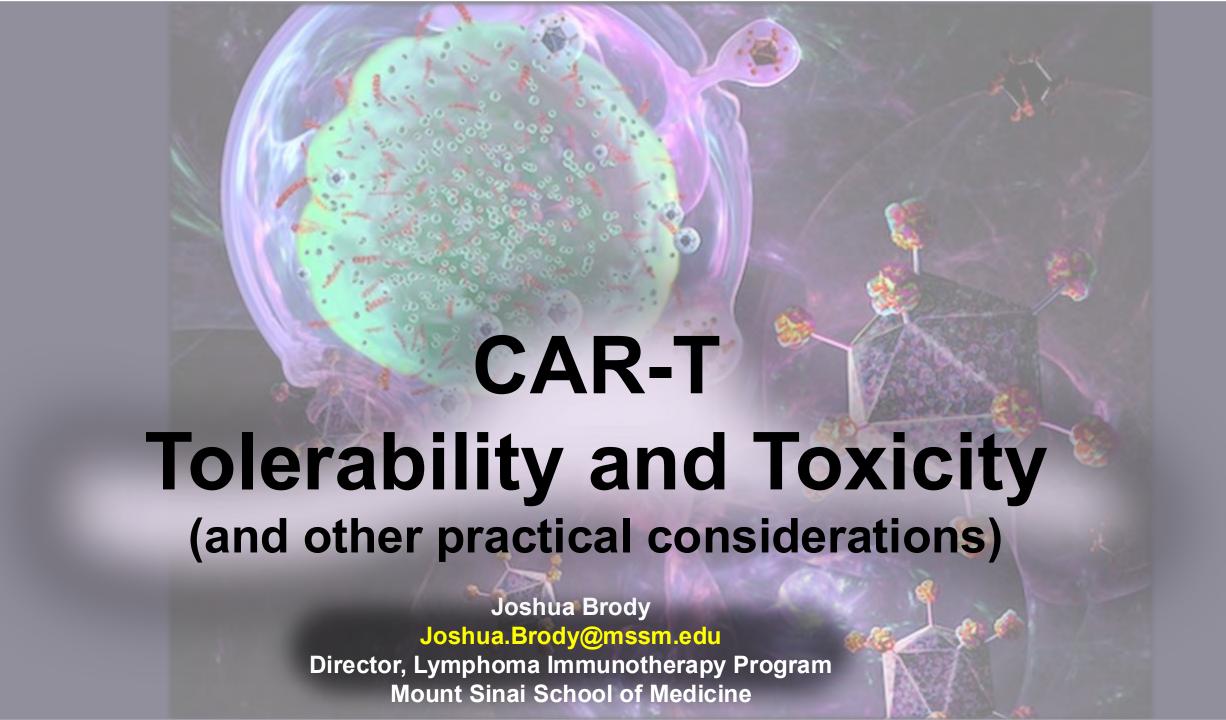
#### **Agenda**

**Module 1:** Integration of Chimeric Antigen Receptor (CAR) T-Cell Therapy into the Management of Diffuse Large B-Cell Lymphoma — Dr Westin

Module 2: Current Role of CAR T-Cell Therapy for Other B-Cell Lymphomas — Dr Lunning

Module 3: Tolerability and Other Practical Considerations with CAR T-Cell Therapy — Dr Brody

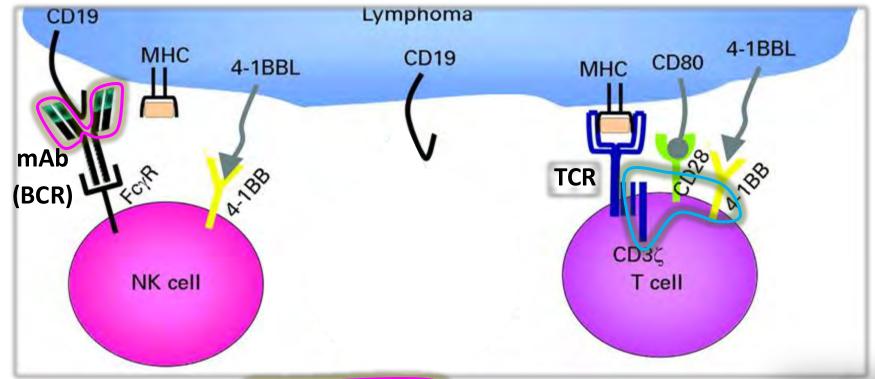




#### Dr Brody — Disclosures

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# <u>CAR</u>: <u>Chimera of 2 Antigen Receptors</u>



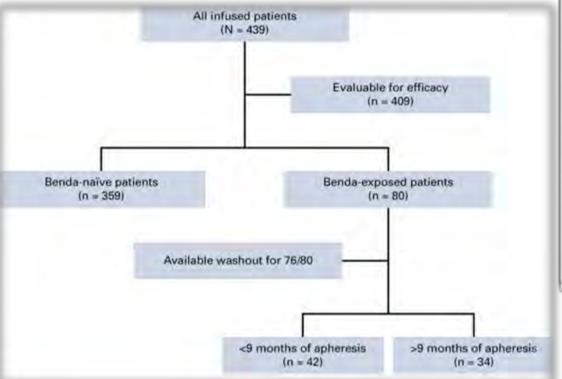
- -Antigen Receptor 1 (antibody (recognition)
- -Antigen Receptor 2: TCR (signaling)
- -CAR-T: a T cell with a CAR shoved into it

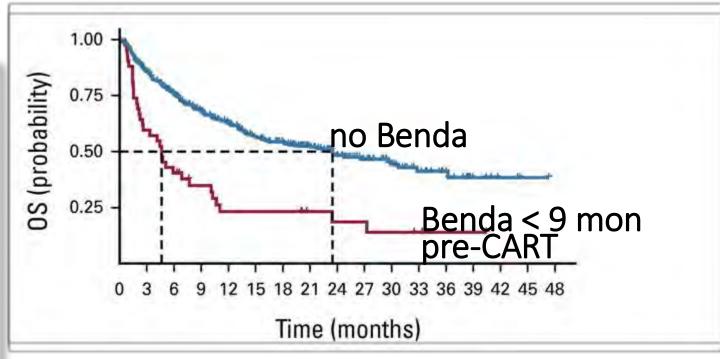


## Prior rx effect on CAR-T: Bendamustine ~ ↓ survival

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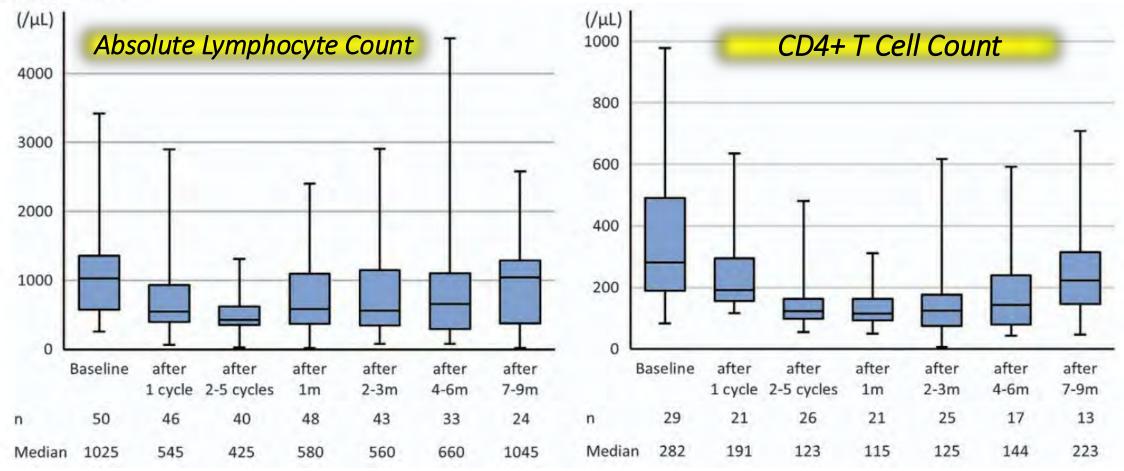
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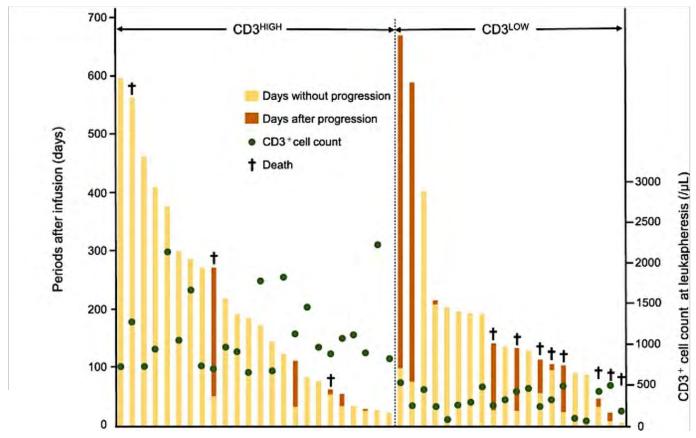
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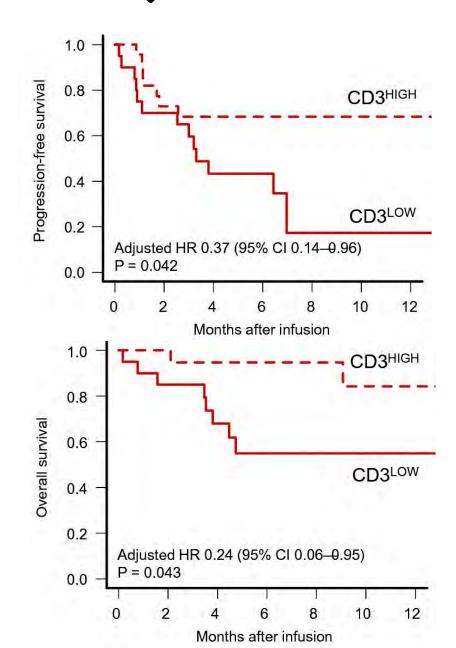


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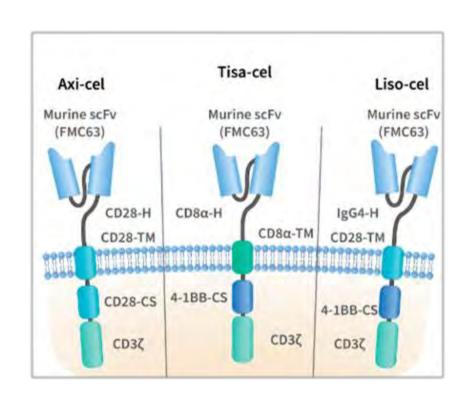
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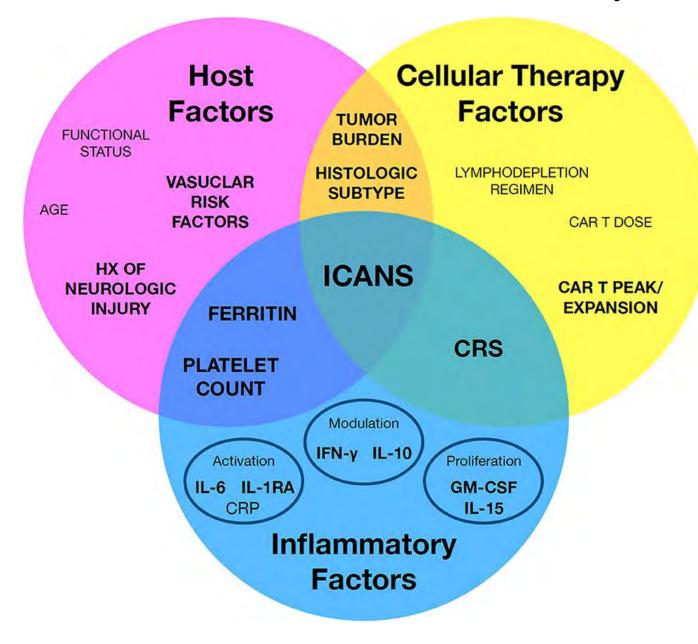




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## Patient vs Product effects on CAR-T toxicity

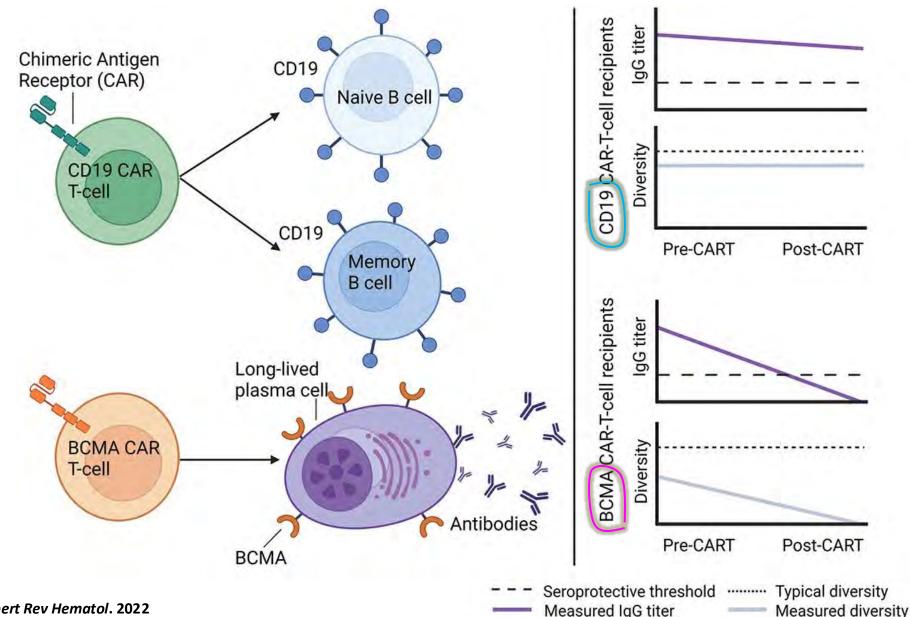




Patient vs Product effects on CAR-T toxicity

Axi-cel  Murine scFv Murine scFv	Liso-cel Murine scFv							
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CD28-H CD8α-H	IgG4-H	Tisagenlecleucel	B-ALL	ELIANA	77	21	40	13
CD28-TM CD8α-TM	CD28-TM Tisa		DLBCL	JULIET	58	22	21	12
CD28-CS 4-188-CS CD3ζ	4-1BB-CS		FL	ELARA	48.5	0	4.1	1
	СОЗД	Axicabtagene ciloleucel	DLBCL	ZUMA-1	93	13	64	28
			FL	ZUMA-5	82 (78% in FL subgroup)	7 (6% in FL subgroup)	59 (56% in FL subgroup)	19 (15% in FL subgroup)
			LBCL (2 <sup>nd</sup> line)	ZUMA-7	92	6	60	21
	Bre	Brexucabtagene autoleucel	MCL	ZUMA-2	91	15	63	31
	aut		B-ALL		89	24	60	25
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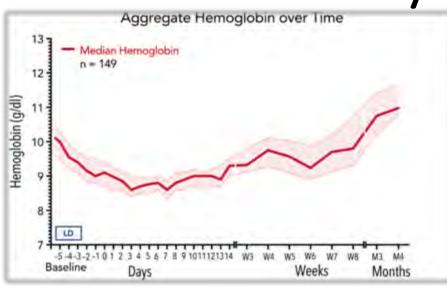
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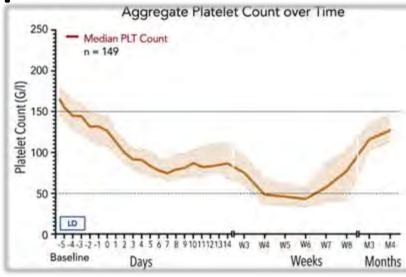


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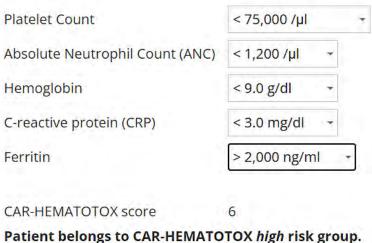


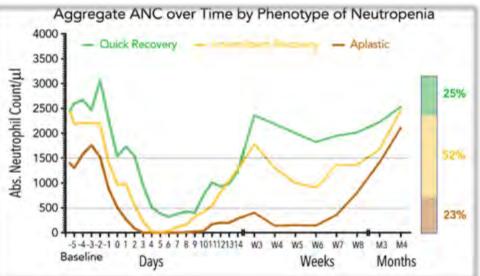
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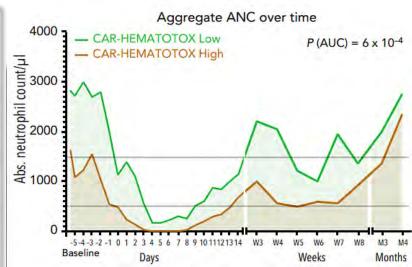




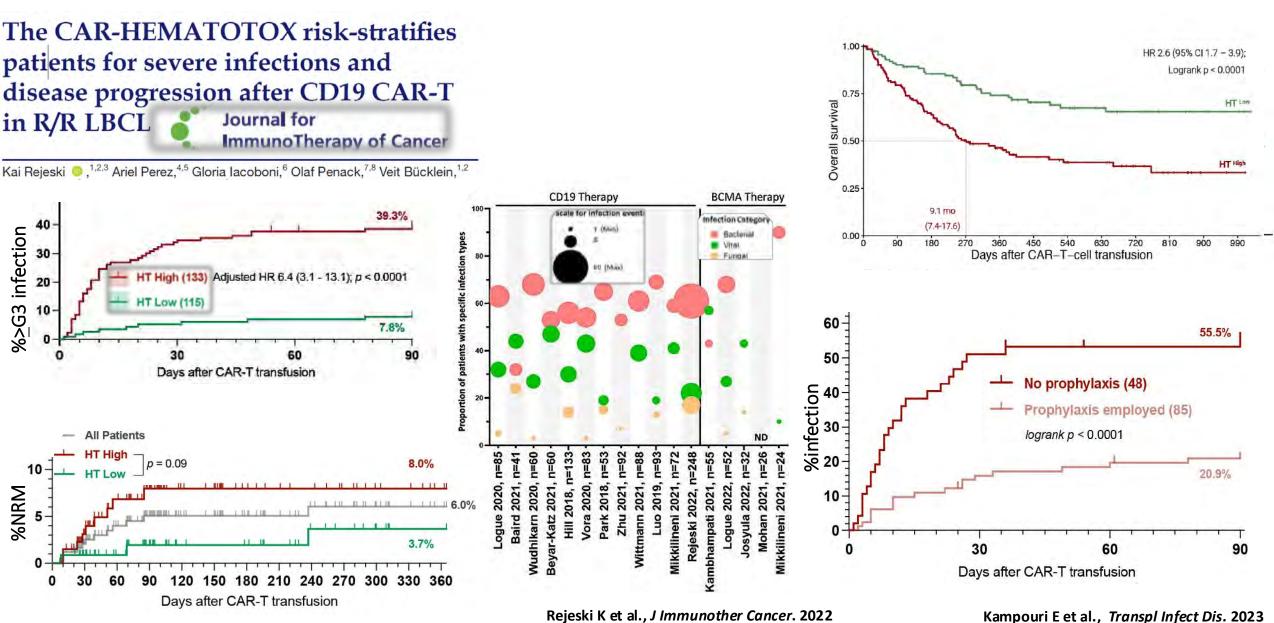




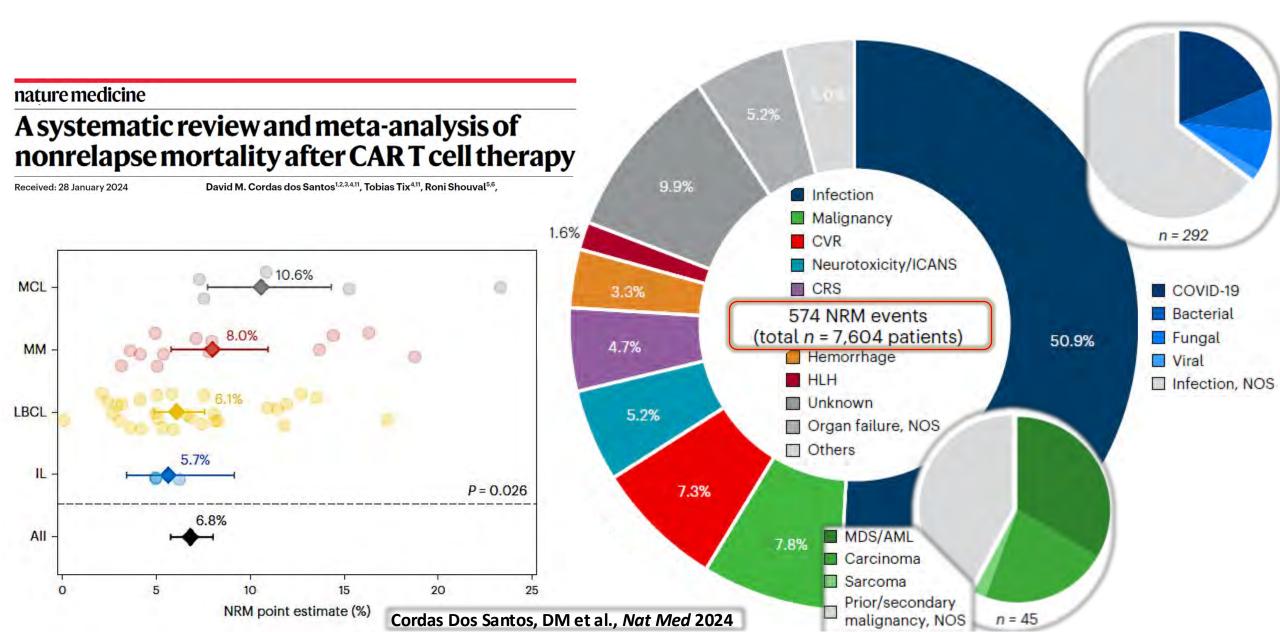




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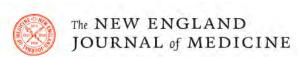


## Late CAR-T toxicities: infections



## T-cell malignancies after CAR-T

~20 TCLs / ~8,000 AERS CAR-T patients = 0.25%



#### Secondary Cancers after Chimeric Antigen Receptor T-Cell Therapy

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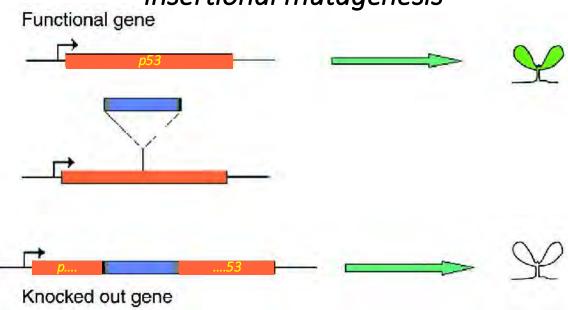
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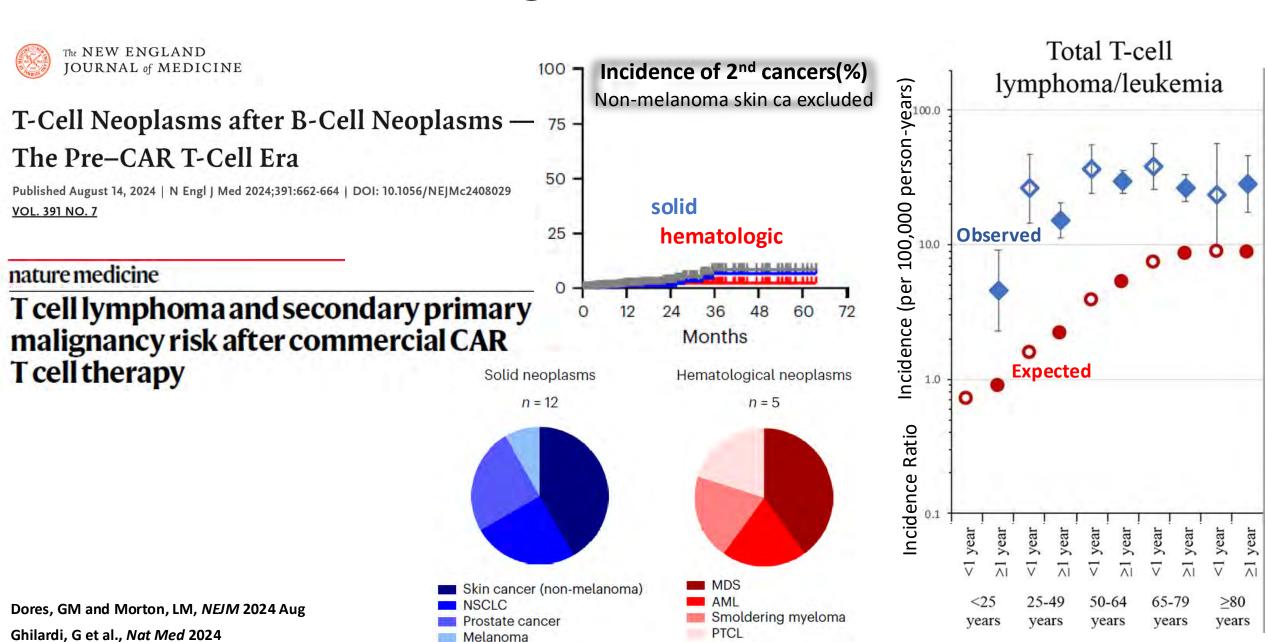
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#### Possible mechanisms:





## T-cell malignancies after CAR-T



T-cell malignancies after CAR-T

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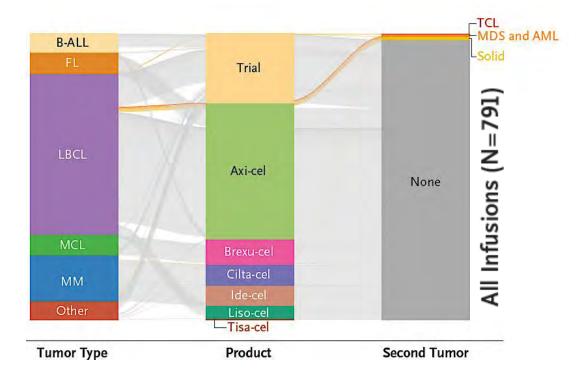
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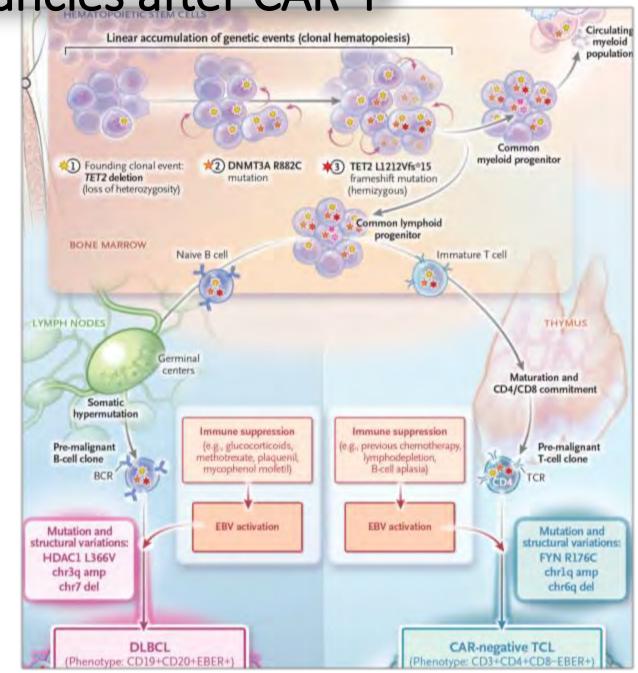
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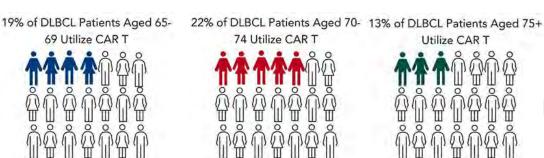
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## Practical considerations: CAR-T in older patients

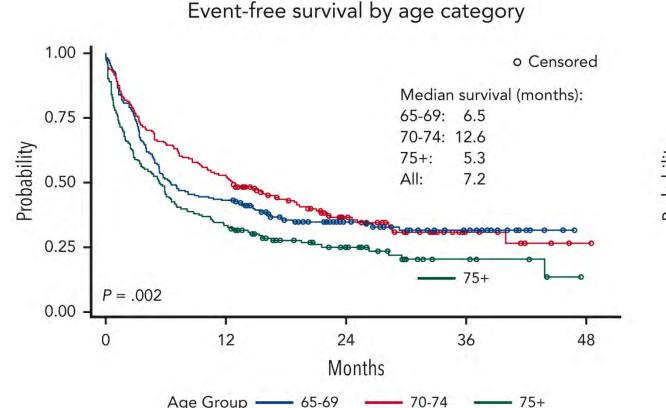






## Real-world experience of CAR T-cell therapy in older patients with relapsed/refractory diffuse large B-cell lymphoma

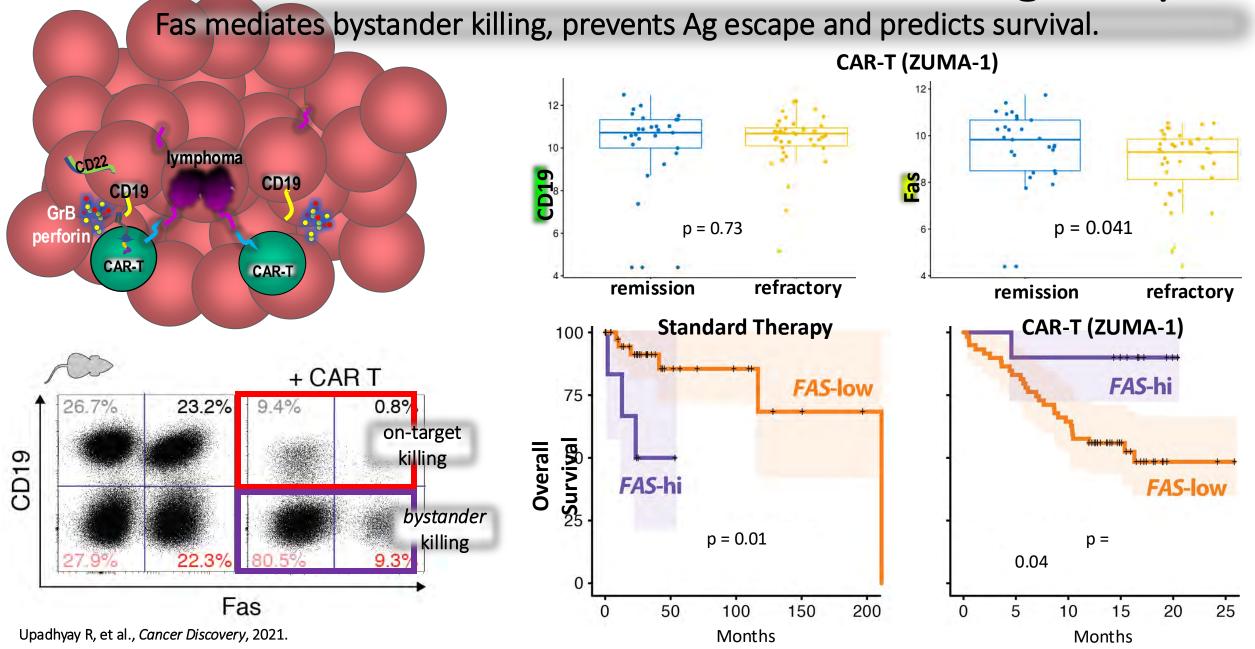
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#### Overall survival by age category o Censored Median survival (months): 0.75 65-69: 17.2 70-74: 20.1 Probability 13.4 0.50 0.25 P = .1300.00 12 24 Months

Chihara D et al., Blood 2023

## Practical considerations: CAR-T induces Ag escape



## **Faculty Case Presentations**



#### **Case Presentation – Dr Westin**

64M with LBCL treated with RCHOP x 6 cycles with initial response but refractory disease. PET = abdominal mass 8x10cm, LDH = 5x ULN, multiple FDG avid EN sites, PS is 2.

He received bridging followed by axi-cel and develops grade 1 CRS 24h after infusion, evolving to grade 2 CRS on day 3. He receives tocilizumab and dexamethasone, with improvement in fever and blood pressure, but fever returns 12 hours later, toci given again which resolves the fever.

On day 5, he is less verbal and appears confused, ICE score changes from 10/10 in the morning to 3/10 in the afternoon, and 0/10 in the evening. He is transferred to ICU, EEG shows no seizure, CT head shows no obvious change, high dose steroids (methylprednisolone 500mg q12 for 3d, then taper) started. On day 6, ICE score is 2/10. On day 7, ICE is 7/10 with continued improvement.

Discharged to rehab on day 13.

#### **QUESTIONS FOR THE FACULTY**

Do you believe there is a relationship between CAR T-cell therapy-associated toxicity and treatment benefit?

What is the typical course of recovery from Grade 3 ICANS related to CAR T-cell therapy?

How, if at all, do you explain the risk of developing secondary T-cell lymphoma to your patients who are about to receive CAR T-cell therapy?



#### Case Presentation: Dr Lunning

- A 44-year-old woman who presented to the ER with severe RUQ pain, darkening of urine, and progressive fatigue.
- After admission she had an US noted a 5X5 cm liver lesion with regional adenopathy causing obstructive jaundice
- An US guided biopsy demonstrated HGBCL with MYC and BCL-2 rearrangement.
- PET/CT noted diffuse adenopathy with extranodal avid disease in liver and adrenal glands bilaterally. LDH elevated 3X ULN. ECOG 2. IPI was 4.
- CNS/CSF evaluation were unremarkable.
- Started on DA-EPOCH-R in hospital with resolution of hyperbilirubinemia. IT MTX given.
- PET/CT after 2 cycles noted Deauville 4.
- PET/CT after 6 cycles noted Deauville 5 (new liver lesions) and residual adenopathy above liver background.
- Biopsy confirmed DLBCL, GCB subtype



### Case Presentation: Dr Lunning (continued)

- She had pre-apheresis bridging with pola-rituximab X 1 with a second cycle post apheresis with evidence of stable disease.
- She completed flu/cy followed by axi-cel. She experienced G2 CRS and G3 ICANS treated per institutional guidelines with toci X 1 with a total dex equivalent over 30 days of ~300 mg. She was on prophylactic acyclovir, levofloxacin, sulfamethoxazole and trimethoprim, and voriconazole.
- She had post axi-cel cytopenias requiring transfusions and prn GCSF. IgG level 150.
- Her D+30 PET/CT was mCR but evidence of LLL consolidation. Fungal workup negative. Bronchoscopy with pneumonia panel positive for pseudomonas. Treated with antibiotics.
- Started on monthly IVIG without event.
- PET/CT at D+100 and 6 months c/w mCR. Multiple viral infections but not further high-grade bacterial infections.
- Resolution of cytopenias.
- Returned to work 6 months post CAR-T



#### **QUESTIONS FOR THE FACULTY**

What is your general approach to antimicrobial prophylaxis for patients who are receiving CAR T-cell therapy?

How do you counsel patients regarding vaccinations after CAR T-cell therapy?

How useful do you find monitoring immunoglobulin levels and administering IVIG as needed for patients who are receiving CAR T-cell therapy?



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