CAR-T cell Therapy for Lymphoma



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CD19 directed CAR-T cell therapy for NHL

- Aggressive NHL
 - Tisagenlecleucel
 - Axicabtagene ciloleucel
 - Lisocabtagene maraleucel

Comparison: How to choose?

- Mantle Cell lymphoma
 - Brexucabtagene autoleucel

- Follicular lymphoma
 - Axicabtagene ciloleucel
- Future of CAR-T for NHL

Aggressive Lymphoma: Commercial CD-19 CAR-T Cell Products

Feature	Tisagenlecleucel	Axicabtagene ciloleucel	Lisocabtagene maraleucel
Construct	FMC-63 murine scFv 41BB costim domain	FMC-63 murine scFv CD28 costim domain	FMC-63 murine scFv 41BB costim domain
Viral transfer	Lentiviral	Gamma retroviral	Lentiviral
Collection	Resting state apheresis, Cryopreserved Bulk cells	Resting state apheresis, Fresh only Bulk cells	Resting state apheresis, Fresh only, Selection CD4 and CD8
Manufacture	CD3/CD28 stim	CD3/CD28 stim	CD4, CD8 selection CD3/CD28 stimulation
Dose administered	0.6-6.0 x 10^8 CAR-T cells COA based on cell recovery	2 x 10^6/kg Max 200 x 10^6 No COA	100 x 10^6 (CD4/CD8) in separate vials (1:1) Dose based on recovery
Histology	DLBCL Transformed FL	DLBCL PMBCL Transformed FL	DLBCL, High grade PMBCL Transformed FL, CLL, MCL
CNS involvement	No	No	Secondary

Tisagenlecleucel: JULIET trial in DLBCL

- CD19 specific, 41BB containing CAR-T, bulk CD3 cells using a lentiviral vector
- N=93 infused: CR=40%, PR=12%
- Grade 3/4 CRS = 22% * U Penn grading, Grade 3/4 NT = 12%



Tisagenlecleucel: "Real World Data NHL"



M. Pasquini Blood Advances, 2020

Axicabtagene ciloleucel ZUMA-1 TRIAL, PFS



Median PFS (95% CI), months



The 6-month plateau was largely maintained, with only 10 patients progressing beyond the 6-month follow-up

ZUMA-1 Predictors: Baseline Tumor Burden Efficacy and Safety



Adverse Events

19

56

11

Q3

SPD by Quartile

(n = 27)

31

12

Q4

rade ≥ 3 CRS

(n = 26)

"Real World" Axicabtagene Ciloleucel (1)



Jacobson, CA et al, JCO 2020



Lisocabtagene maraleucel (liso-cel; JCAR017) CD19-Directed, Defined Composition, 4-1BB CAR T Cell Product



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 events¹⁻³

Abramson JS, Lancet 2020

CAR, chimeric antigen receptor; CRS, cytokine release syndrome.

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TRANSCEND NHL 001 (NCT02631044)

Pivotal Phase 1, Multicenter, Seamless Design Study



^aDL1 was also tested as a 2-dose regimen, with a second dose of liso-cel given 14 days after the first dose.

ALC, absolute lymphocyte count; ANC, absolute neutrophil count; CAR, chimeric antigen receptor; CNS, central nervous system; CR, complete response; CrCl, creatinine clearance; CY, cyclophosphamide; DL, dose level; DLBCL, diffuse large B-cell lymphoma; ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; FL, follicular lymphoma; FL3B, follicular lymphoma grade 3B; FLU, fludarabine; HGBCL, high-grade B-cell lymphoma; HSCT, hematopoietic stem cell transplantation; IRC, independent review committee; LBCL, large B-cell lymphoma; LVEF, left ventricular ejection fraction; MZL, marginal zone lymphoma; NOS, not otherwise specified; ORR, objective response rate; OS, overall survival; PET, positron emission tomography; PFS, progression-free survival; PK, pharmacokinetics; PMBCL, primary mediastinal large B-cell lymphoma.

Patient Incidence and Management of CRS and NE

	All liso-cel—Treated Patients (N=269)
CRS ^a	
Any grade, n (%)	<mark>113 (42)</mark>
Grade 3, n (%)	4 (1)
Grade 4, n (%)	2 (1)
Time to onset, median (range), days	5 (1–14)
Time to resolution, median (range), days	5 (1–17)
NE ^b	
Any grade, n (%)	<mark>80 (30)</mark>
Grade 3, n (%)	23 (9)
Grade 4, n (%)	4 (1)
Time to onset, median (range), days	9 (1–66)
Time to resolution, median (range), days	11 (1–86)
CRS or NE, n (%)	<mark>127 (47)</mark>
ICU admissions, ^c n (%)	<mark>19 (7)</mark>
For CRS and/or NE	12 (4)



- 3% of patients received vasopressors for CRS or NE
- 2 patients received other anti-inflammatory/anticytokine agents

CRS and NE were reversible

- 1 patient had an unresolved NE (grade 1 tremor) at data cutoff
- 8 patients had ongoing CRS/NE at time of death from other reasons

t and graded per National Cancer Institute Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events v4.03. rological event; toci, tocilizumab.

Response and Durability by IRC Assessment



Efficacy among patients who received nonconforming product (n=25) was similar to those who received liso-cel

Abramson JS, Lancet 2020

Progression-Free Survival by Subgroup



Cross Trial Comparisons: CD19 CAR-T Cell Therapy for Aggressive Lymphoma

	Axicabtagene ciloleucel	Tisagenlecleucel	Lisocabtagene maraleucel
LD chemo	Cy/Flu <mark>500/30</mark> x 3d	Cy/Flu <mark>250/25</mark> x 3d Benda 90 x 2d	Cy/Flu <mark>300/30</mark> x 3d
Bridging Therapy	Not allowed	92%	59%
Indication	DLBCL, High grade, PMBCL, tFL	DLBCL, High grade, tFL	DLBCL, High grade, PMBCL, tFL, <mark>tIND</mark>
ORR	82%	53%	73%
CR	<mark>54%</mark>	40%	<mark>53%</mark>
CRS overall, 3/4	<mark>94%, 13%</mark>	58%, 23%*	<mark>42%, 2%</mark>
NT overall, 3/4	87%, 28%	21%, 12%	30%, 10%
Outpatient Rx	No	Yes (26%)	<mark>Yes</mark>
Reference	S. Neelapu NEJM 2017	S. Schuster NEJM 2018	J. Abramson Lancet 2020

* Penn grading scale,

KTE-X19 (Brexucabtagene autoleucel) for Relapsed/Refractory Mantle cell NHL

- ZUMA-2 trial, N=68
- Product similar to axicabtagene ciloleucel with different cell processing to eliminate B cells from the starting product
- FDA approved July, 2020

- Flu/Cy lymphodepletion (500/30 x 3d)
- 2 x 10⁶ CAR-T cells/kg

ORR by IRRC Assessment Was 93% (95% CI, 84 – 98) and CR Rate Was 67% (95% CI, 53 – 78)



Investigator-assessed ORR in N = 60 was 88% (CR rate 70%), with 95% and 90% concordance between IRRC- and investigator-assessed ORR and CR rate, respectively. IRRC-assessed ORR in ITT (N = 74) was 85% (CR Rate 59%). CR, complete response; IRRC, Independent Radiology Review Committee; ORR, objective response rate; PD, progressive disease; PR, partial response; SD, stable disease.

Progression-Free Survival and Overall Survival

Median PFS and median OS were not reached after a median follow-up of 12.3 months



Axicabtagene ciloleucel for Relapsed/Refractory indolent NHL

- ZUMA-5 trial, N=146 treated
- Follicular NHL = 124, Marginal zone NHL 22

• Flu/Cy lymphodepletion and 2 x 10⁶ CAR-T cells/kg

- CRS > grade 3 = 10 (7%)
- NT ≥ grade 3 = 28 (19%)

ORR by IRRC Assessment Was 92% (95% Cl, 85 – 97); CR Rate Was 76% (95% Cl, 67 – 84)



- The median time to first response was 1 month (range, 0.8 3.1)
- Among the 25 patients with FL who initially had a PR, 13 (52%) subsequently converted to a CR after a median of 2.2 months (range, 1.9 – 11.2)

The investigator-assessed ORR (N = 104) was 95%, with a CR rate of 77%. Concordance between investigator-assessed and IRRC-assessed ORR was 91%. ^a For the 5 patients reported as ND, 4 (1 FL; 3 MZL) had no disease at baseline and postbaseline per IRRC but were considered with disease by the investigator; 1 patient with FL died before the first disease assessment.

CR, complete response; FL, follicular lymphoma; IRRC, Independent Radiology Review Committee; MZL, marginal zone lymphoma; ND, undefined/not done; ORR, overall response rate; PR, partial response; SD, stable disease.

Progression-Free Survival and Overall Survival



- With a median follow-up of 17.5 months, median PFS and median OS were not reached
 - The 12-month PFS rate was 73.7% (95% CI, 63.3 81.6) for all patients
 - The 12-month OS rate was 92.9% (95% CI, 85.6 96.5) for all patients

FL, follicular lymphoma; MZL, marginal zone lymphoma; NE, not estimable; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival.

Conclusions and Future Directions

- Approval of 4 CD19 CAR-T cell products for Aggressive NHL, FL and MCL
- Treatments appear to lead to long lasting remissions for CR patients
- Await second line randomized trials against SOC autologous HCT
- Product selection needs to consider efficacy, safety, as well as production reliability and cost
- Many opportunities to improve outcome
 - Optimize patient selection for treatment (earlier in course, lower tumor burden)
 - Combine CAR-T cells + additional agents (ibrutinib, PD-1 or PD-L1 antibodies)
 - Target multiple antigens to decrease antigen negative escape
 - Universal CAR-T cells: "Off the shelf" allogeneic cell products

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