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### Themen

### **Stammzelltransplantation:**

#1:Wolff: Safety and efficacy of Axatilimab for chronic GVHD

#425 Othman: Benefit of allogeneic HCT in CR1 in NPM-1 mutated AML restricted to MRD positivity after Induction

#2179 Penack: Post Cy or ATG as GVHD Prophylaxis in mismatched unrelated stem cell transplantation

#LBA#4: Kassim: RIC Haploidentical Marrow Transplantation in Adults with Severe Sickle Cell Disease CTN 1507

#2231: Schröder: AZA-Bridging vor Allo-SZT bei MDS

### **Zelluläre Therapie:**

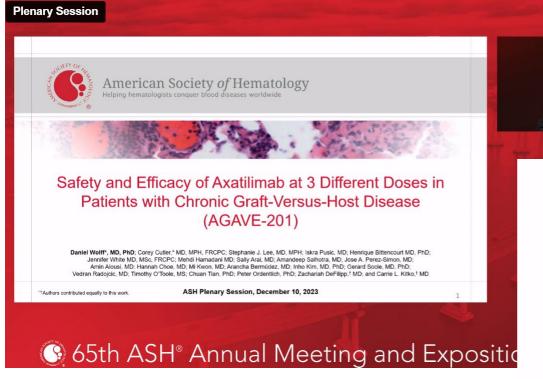
#108 Kittai: Anti-CD19 CAR T-cell therapy for Richter's Transformation

#220: Mueller: CD19-targeted CAR-T cells in refractory systemic autoimmune diseases

#228: Iacoboni: Efficacy of CAR-T cell therapy is not impaired by previous bispecific antibody treatment in LBCL



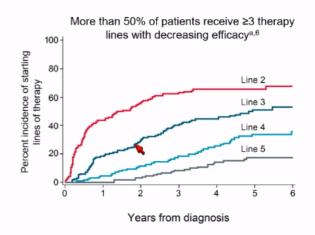




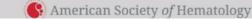
### **Chronic Graft-Versus-Host Disease Is a Heterogeneous** Immune-Mediated Complication of allo-HSCT

- Major cause of late morbidity in 30% to 50% of patients<sup>1-3</sup>
- Inflammatory and fibrotic multiorgan disease<sup>2,4</sup>
- Significant impairment in QOL<sup>5</sup>

There is an unmet need for novel treatments that are well tolerated and provide rapid, durable responses as well as improved QOL



allo-HSCT, allogeneic hematopoietic stem cell transplant; QOL, quality of life. <sup>a</sup>A line of therapy was defined as 1 or more treatments prescribed at the same time.



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### **Axatilimab Targets Key** Mediators of cGVHD **Pathology**

- CSF-1R-dependent monocytes and macrophages mediate inflammation and fibrosis<sup>1,2</sup>
- · Axatilimab is an investigational monoclonal antibody that targets CSF-1R on monocytes and macrophages<sup>2</sup>
- · Axatilimab has shown favorable safety and promising efficacy in recurrent/refractory cGVHD, with an ORR of 67% in the first 6 cycles<sup>2</sup>

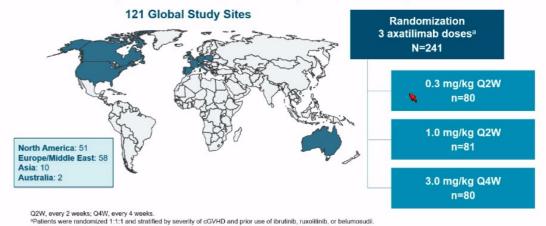
cGVHD, chronic graft-versus-host disease; CSF-1R, colony-stimulating factor 1 receptor; ORR, overall response rate

## Axatilimab Circulating Macrophage Monocyte Inflammatory Macrophage

Axatilimab Mechanism of Action 1-3

### AGAVE-201: Study Design and Methods

Phase 2 study evaluated safety and efficacy of axatilimab in patients with cGVHD1



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### **AGAVE-201: Study Design and Methods**

#### Key eligibility criteria

- Age ≥2 years with ≥2 prior lines of systemic therapy
- Active cGVHD defined per 2014 NIH Consensus Criteria<sup>1</sup>
- Concomitant use of corticosteroids (65%), calcineurin inhibitors (28%), or mTOR inhibitors (12%) was allowed but not required
- No additional systemic cGVHD therapy was allowed

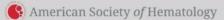
#### Primary endpoint

- ORR in the first 6 cycles as defined by NIH 2014 Consensus Criteria<sup>1</sup>
- Endpoint was met if lower bound of 95% CI >30%

#### Secondary and exploratory endpoints

- Clinically meaningful improvement in mLSS (≥7 points)
- Organ-specific response rates, DOR, FFS, OS
- Safety

DOR, duration of response; FFS, failure-free survival; mLSS, modified Lee Symptom Scale; mTOR, mammalian target of rapamycin; NIH, National Institutes of Health; OS, overall survival.



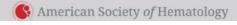
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### **Baseline Characteristics (ITT Population)**

Patient characteristic	Total cohort (N=241)
Age, median (min, max), y	53 (7, 81)
Sex, male, n (%)	151 (63)
Race, White, n (%)	200 (83)
Time from cGVHD diagnosis to randomization, median (max), y	4 (18)
Patients with severe disease, n (%)	192 (80)
Number of organs involved at baseline, median (max)	4 (8)
≥ 4 organs involved, n (%)	130(54)
Number of prior systemic cGVHD therapies, median (max)	4 (15)
Refractory to last prior cGVHD treatment, <sup>a</sup> n (%)	132 (55)
Prior ruxolitinib, ibrutinib, and/or belumosudil, n (%)	204 (85)
Prior ruxolitinib, n (%)	179 (74)
Prior ibrutinib, n (%)	75 (31)
Prior belumosudil, n (%)	56 (23)

#### Patient characteristics were well balanced among cohorts

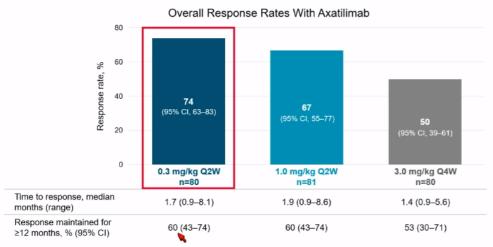


TTT, intention to treat. \*Defined as patients with a best response to last prior treatment of no change or progressive disease reported at baseline.



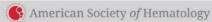


### **Primary Efficacy Endpoint<sup>a</sup> Met in All Cohorts**



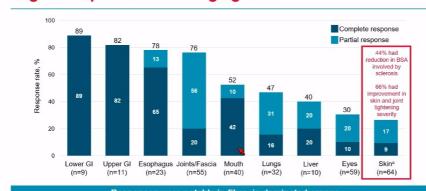
Q2W, every 2 weeks; Q4W, every 4 weeks.

Primary endpoint was overall response rate in the first 6 cycles as defined by NIH 2014 Consensus Criteria.1



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### Organ Responses in 0.3 mg/kg Q2W

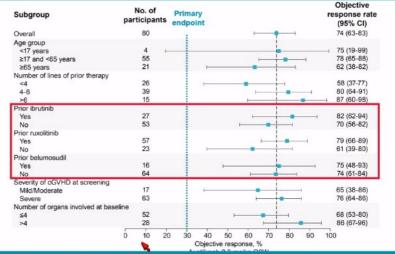


Responses were notable in fibrosis-dominated organs, including esophagus (78%), joints and fascia (76%), lung (47%), and skin (27%)

BSA; body surface area; GI, gastrointestinal; Q2W, every 2 weeks. \*Due to rounding, complete response and partial response numbers may not add up to total response rate

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### Efficacy Across Subgroups in 0.3 mg/kg Q2W

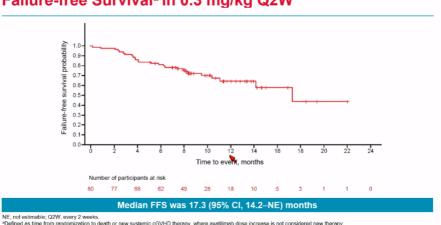


High response rates (≥75%) were seen in patients who received prior FDA-approved therapies

Q2W, every 2 weeks.

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Failure-free Survivala in 0.3 mg/kg Q2W



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### **Axatilimab Safety Profile**

	Axatilimab 0.3 mg/kg Q2W n=79	Axatilimab 1.0 mg/kg Q2W n=81	Axatilimab 3.0 mg/kg Q4W n=79
xatilimab dose changes owing to AE, n (%	)		
Discontinuation	5 (6.3)	18 (22.2)	14 (17.7)
Dose decrease	5 (6.3)	6 (7.4)	13 (16.5)
any grade AE in ≥20% of total patients			
Fatigue	18 (22.8)	16 (19.8)	21 (26.6)
Headache	15 (19.0)	14 (17.3)	16 (20.3)
Periorbital edema	2 (2.5)	9 (23.5)	23 (29.1)
COVID-19	13 (16.5)	18 (22.2)	11 (13.9)
Laboratory-based abnormalities			
AST increase	11 (13.9)	31 (38.3)	43 (54.4)
CPK increase	9 (11.4)	26 (32.1)	49 (62.0)
Lipase increased	9 (11.4)	21 (25.9)	39 (49.4)
Lactate dehydrogenase increased	11 (13.9)	22 (27.2)	32 (40.5)
ALT increase	10 (12.7)	18 (22.2)	31(39.2)
Amylase increase	3 (3.8)	10 (12.3)	34 (43.0)
t least 1 related Grade ≥3 AE, n (%)	14 (17.7)	28 (34.6)	37 (46.8)
atal AE	1 (1.3)a	7 (8.6) <sup>b</sup>	6 (7.6) <sup>c</sup>

### **Conclusions**

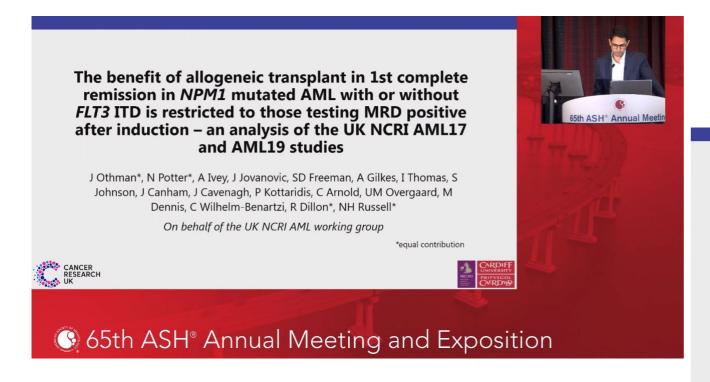
- Axatilimab at 0.3 mg/kg Q2W is highly effective and has a manageable safety profile in recurrent/refractory cGVHD
- Rapid and durable responses were documented in all organs and patient subgroups
- Significant reduction of symptom burden was reported by most patients, including those with fibrotic cGVHD manifestations
- Adverse events were mostly low grade, reversible, and increased with higher doses
- Unique mechanism of action may represent a new therapeutic strategy in cGVHD

Q2W, every 2 weeks.



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### **Background**

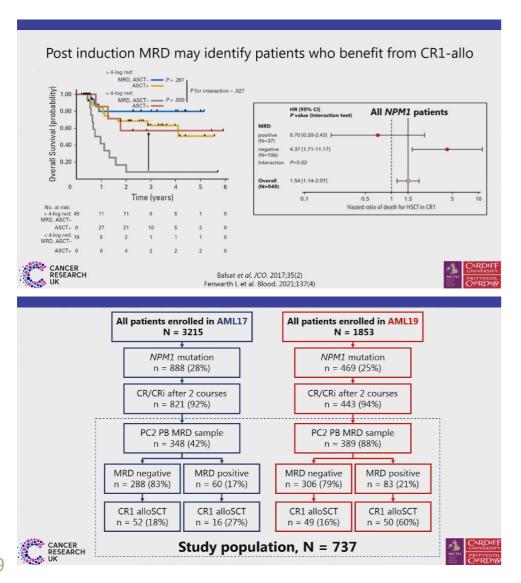
- In ELN 2022, NPM1 mutated (NPM1<sup>mut</sup>) AML is:
  - Generally favorable risk
  - Intermediate risk if co-mutated FLT3 ITD
  - Adverse risk if adverse karyotype
- The role of allogeneic transplant in first remission (CR1-allo) in *NPM1*<sup>mut</sup> AML remains controversial, with significant variation in practice worldwide











#### **Methods**

Aim – describe the impact of CR1-allo in *NPM1*<sup>mut</sup> AML according to MRD status and baseline clinical and molecular features

- Data from NCRI AML17 (2009-2014) and AML19 (2015-2020)
  - Sequential prospective RCTs of intensive chemotherapy for younger adults with newly diagnosed AML
  - Both prior to the availability of midostaurin and FLT3 ITD MRD assays
- NPM1 MRD performed by RT-qPCR at the same reference laboratory in both trials

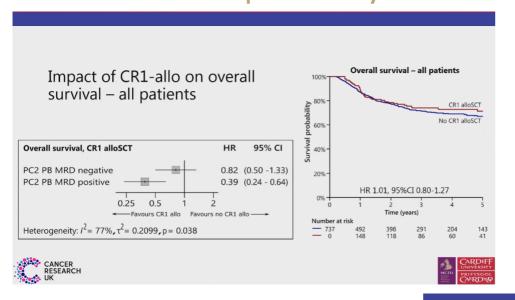


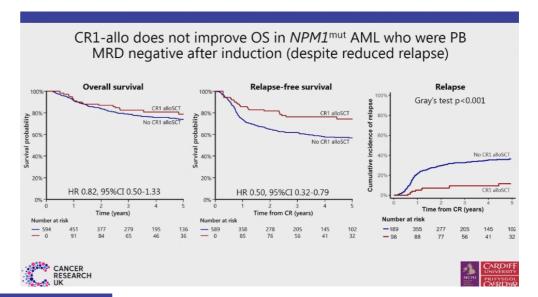


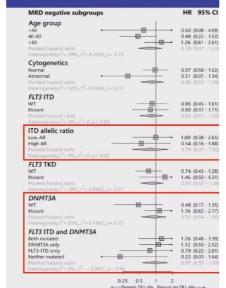
Characteristic	AII N = 737	AML17 N = 348	AML19 N = 389
Median age (range)	52 (6 - 71)	52 (6 - 70)	52 (18 - 71)
Female	406 (55%)	187 (54%)	219 (56%)
Prior myeloid malignancy	30 (4.1%)	19 (5.5%)	11 (2.8%)
Previous chemo/radiotherapy	11 (1.5%)	5 (1.4%)	6 (1.5%)
Adverse cytogenetic risk	9 (1.2%)	4 (1.1%)	5 (1.3%)
FLT3 ITD	286 (39%)	139 (40%)	147 (38%)
Low allelic ratio	174 (61%)	75 (54%)	99 (68%)
High allelic ratio	111 (39%)	64 (46%)	47 (32%)
FLT3 TKD	121 (17%)	53 (15%)	68 (17%)
Induction regimen			
DA, ADE or CPX-351	549 (74%)	348 (100%)	201 (52%)
FLAG-Ida	188 (26%)	0 (0%)	188 (48%)
Gemtuzumab with induction	378 (52%)	116 (34%)	262 (67%)
Allogeneic transplant	297 (40%)	140 (40%)	158 (41%)
Transplant in CR1	167 (23%)	68 (20%)	99 (25%)
Transplant at other stage	131 (18%)	72 (21%)	59 (15%)
No transplant	439 (60%)	208 (60%)	231 (59%)





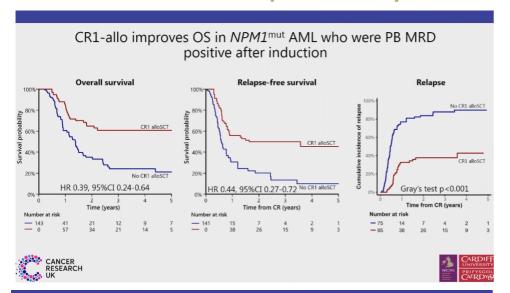




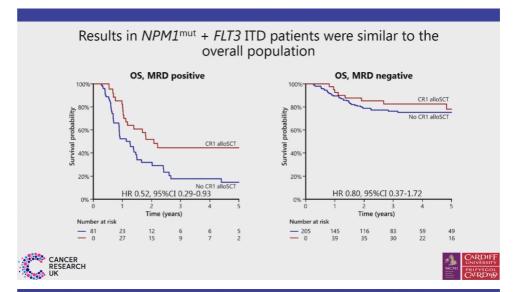












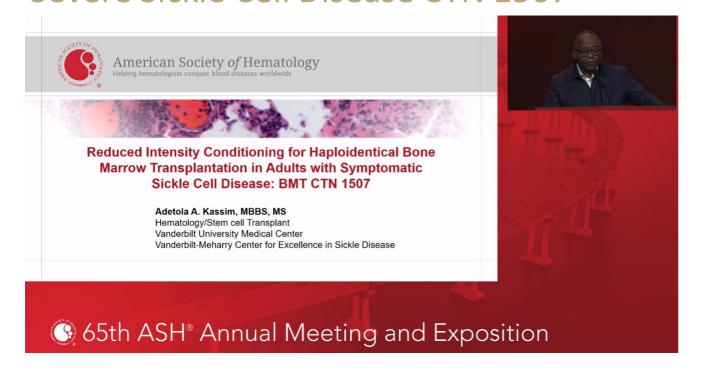
### **Conclusions**

- Molecular MRD after induction chemotherapy identifies patients with NPM1<sup>mut</sup> AML who benefit from allogeneic transplant in first remission
- Patients achieving MRD negativity in blood after second induction show no survival benefit from CR1 transplant, even if FLT3 ITD co-mutated

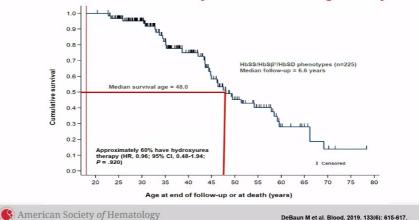








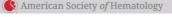
Adults with sickle cell disease have a shortened life-span median survival for HbSS: 48.0 years with no change in 25 years

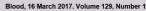


For children with SCD, excellent outcomes with matched sibling donor (MSD) allogeneic hematopoietic stem cell transplantation (allo-HSCT) for over 3 decades

- Non-myeloablative HLA-MSD transplant is preferred for adults with severe SCD
- How do we address the unmet needs, namely
  - · Children with strokes with no MSD
  - · Adults with severe disease have organ dysfunction, typically excluded
  - Only ~8-14% of eligible patients have an HLA-MSD

Need less toxicity and alternative donors!



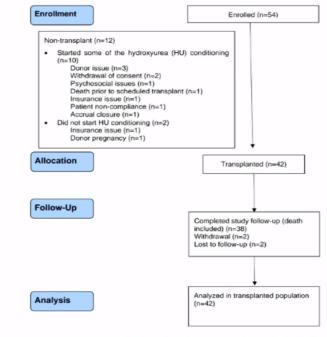




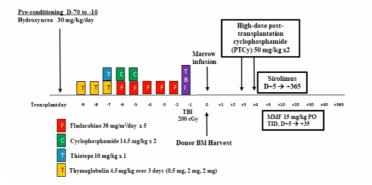
## Participant disposition and follow-up

- Participant demographics
  - 59.3% are male
  - 92.6% are Black
  - 3.7% are Hispanic
- Participant visit delays and cancellations due to COVID-19

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#### Common Conditioning Platform for Haplo-BMT



### Study design

- This is a Phase II, single-arm, multi-center trial designed to estimate the efficacy and toxicity of haploidentical bone marrow transplantation (BMT) in patients with sickle cell disease (SCD).
- Eligibility criteria
  - ≥ 2 episodes of ACS in the preceding 2 years
  - ≥ 3 episodes of VOC in the preceding 2 years
  - ≥ 8 transfusions per year for ≥ 1 year to prevent SCD-related complications

Tricuspid valve regurgitant jet (TRJ) ≥ 2.7 m/sec

### Demographic and clinical characteristics of participants

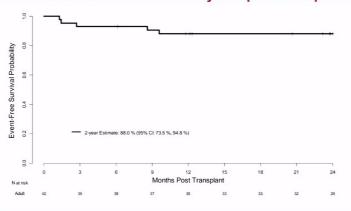
Variable	≥15 yrs(n=42)	Percentage (%)
Age at transplant, median (IQR)	22.8 (15.5-43.2)	n/a
Follow-up time (months), median (IQR) (n=42)	24.4 (7.0-45.8)	n/a
SCD genotype (SS and Sβ <sup>0</sup> -thalassemia), n (%)	47 (54)	87%
Indications for transplant (n%): Recurrent vaso-occlusive pain episodes Acute chest syndrome Overt stroke Chronic RBC transfusion Elevated TRJ velocity ≥2.7 m/sec	25 (59.5%) 7(16.7%) 6 (14.3%) 16 (38.1%) 1 (2.4%)	59.5 16.7 14.3 38.1
Participants achieved the intended 30 mg/kg of HU preconditioning	13	31
HLA Match Score	4/8 5/8 6/8	75.9% 14.8% 9.3%

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#### Event-free survival was 88% at 2 years post-transplant



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#### Maximum acute and chronic GVHD severity post-transplant

	Adult			Adult	
	N	%		N	%
Maximum Acute GVHD Grade by Algorithm			Maximum Severity of Chronic GVHD		
Grade 0, no aGVHD	23	54.8			
Grade 1	8	19.0	None, no chronic GVHD	33	78.6
Grade II	9	19.0	Mild	3	7.1
Grade III	2	4.8	Moderate	3	7.1
Grade IV	0	0.0	Severe	3	7.1
Total transplanted	42	100.0	Total transplanted	42	100.0

- The Day 100 Grades II-IV acute GVHD rate was 26.2% (95% CI: 14.0%, 40.2%).
- The Day 100 Grades III-IV acute GVHD rate was 4.8% (95% CI: 0.9%, 14.4%).
- Cumulative incidence plot for 2-year chronic GVHD rate estimate of 22.4% (95% CI: 10.9, 36.4%) at two-years post-transplant

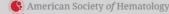
### **Engraftment**

- Cumulative incidence of neutrophil recovery at 42 days
   92.9% (95% CI: 77.4%, 97.9%)
- · Cumulative incidence of platelet recovery to 50k was
  - at 60 days 88.1% (95% CI: 72.6%, 95.1%)
  - at 100 days 92.9% (95% CI: 77.4%, 97.9%)
- On Day 28, 88.1% achieved full donor chimerism (donor >95%), and 4.8% had low chimerism (donor <5%)</li>

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### **Deaths on study**

Study ID	Age at Transplant	Days post-transplant	Cause of Death
	(years)		
#1	28	Day – 63 (23 days	Intracranial hemorrhage from a left posterior inferior cerebellar
		after the start of	artery with evidence of subarachnoid hemorrhage. Progression of
		hydroxyurea therapy,	ischemic changes involving the left temporoparietal lobes with
		prior to transplant)	multifocal bilateral cerebral infarctions and vasospasm
#2	29	261	Organ failure after a febrile episode
#3	18	291	Acute respiratory distress syndrome from COVID-19
#4	26	969 – (> 2 years post-	Hemorrhagic shock from SVC rupture. Secondary to ARDS from
		transplant will not	COVID pneumonia
		count toward the	
		primary endpoint of	
		two-year EFS)	







Participants who received Nonmyeloablative Haplo-BMT had more overlapping co-morbidities compared to those who received gene therapy (LentiGlobin) and gene editing (Exagamglogene Autotemcel)

Variable	BMT CTN 1507	Vanderbilt (VGC²)	LentiGlobin	CRISPR/Cas9
Study	Phase-2 study	Phase-2 study	Phase 1-2	Phase-3 study
Donor availability	>90%	>90%	43/51	Unknown
Conditioning	Non-myeloablative	Non-myeloablative	Myeloablative	Myeloablative
Sites	Multicenter	Multicenter	Multicenter	Multicenter
Age at transplant, median (IQR)	22.8 (15.5-43.2)	24.9 (20.4 – 31.3)	24 (12–38)	21.2 (12-34)
Lag-time from enrollment to transplant	1-2 months	1-2 months	6-12 months?	6-12 months?
Evaluable for study end-points (n)	42	38	35	20
Follow-up time (months), median (IQR) (n=42)	24.4 (7.0-45.8)	37.2 (20.4-56.4)	17.3 (3.7-37.6).	21.8 (12.3-41.4)
Study End-points	Graft failure, death	Graft failure, death	voc	VOC and hospitalization

Haplo-BMT is as effective as gene therapy and gene editing in
improving donor engraftment and hemoglobin level at 1/5th the cost

Variable	BMT CTN1507	Vanderbilt (VGC²)	LentiGlobin	CRISPR/Cas9
SCD genotype (SS and Sβ <sup>0</sup> -thal), n (%)	92.5%	36 (94.7)	35 (100%)	20 (100%)?
Median time to neutrophil engraftment (days)	25.5	21.0	20	27
Median time to platelet engraftment (days)	34.5	32.5	36	34.5
Mean Hemoglobin gm/dL (%) post-transplant	13.5	>13.0	11	≥11.0 g/dL
EFS OS	88% 95%	94.7% 94.7%	85% (HbA <sup>AT87Q</sup> ) 96%	90% 100%?
Cost in US Dollars	\$200-400,000	\$200-400,000	\$3.1 million	\$2.2 million

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### Conclusion

- Reduced intensity haploidentical-BMT in adults with SCD shows durable donor engraftment at 2 years with low mortality.
- The 2-year EFS 88% and OS 95% are comparable to that reported after MSD myeloablative BMT.
- These results support haploidentical BMT with PTCy as a suitable and tolerable curative therapy for adults with SCD and severe end-organ toxicity such as stroke and pulmonary hypertension, a population typically excluded from participating in myeloablative gene therapy and gene editing trials.

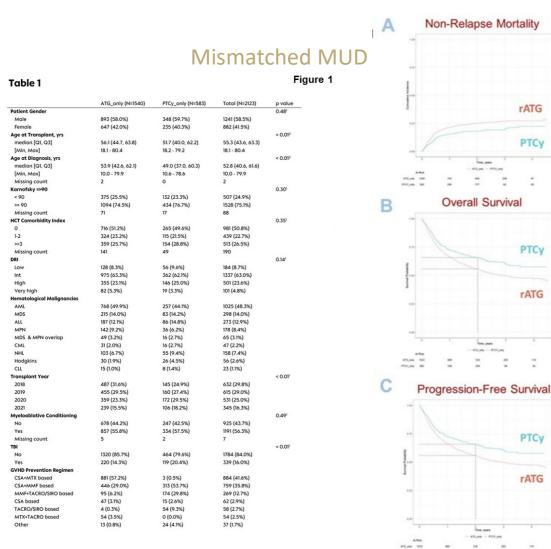




## #2179 and #3558 Penack: Post Cy or ATG as GVHD Prophylaxis in mismatched and matched unrelated stem cell transplantation EBMT

Table 1

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### Matched MUD

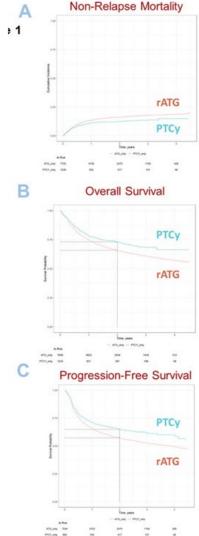
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	ATG_only (N=7725)	PTCy_only (N=1039)	Total (N=8764)	p value
Patient Gender				0.33
Male	4427 (57.3%)	612 (58.9%)	5039 (57.5%)	
Female	3298 (42.7%)	427 (41.1%)	3725 (42.5%)	
Age at Transplant, yrs				< 0.01
median [Q1, Q3]	58.6 (48.1, 65.4)	53.0 (38.6, 62.3)	58.1 (46.9, 65.1)	
[Min, Max]	18.0 - 79.1	18.2 - 79.5	18.0 - 79.5	
Karnofsky =>90				0.83
< 90	2271 (31.0%)	311 (31.4%)	2582 (31.1%)	
>= 90	5045 (69.0%)	680 (68.6%)	5725 (68.9%)	
Missing count	409	48	457	
SORROR Comorbidity Index				0.14
0	3367 (48.6%)	494 (50.7%)	3861 (48.9%)	
1-2	1694 (24.5%)	210 (21.6%)	1904 (24.1%)	
>=3	1861 (26.9%)	270 (27.7%)	2131 (27.0%)	
Missing count	803	65	868	
DRI				< 0.01
Low	585 (7.6%)	124 (11.9%)	709 (8.1%)	. 010
Int	4959 (64.2%)	649 (62.5%)	5608 (64.0%)	
High	1839 (23.8%)	243 (23.4%)	2082 (23.8%)	
Very high	342 (4.4%)	23 (2.2%)	365 (4.2%)	
Hematological Malignancies	342 (4.470)	25 (2.270)	303 (4.270)	
AML AML	3728 (48.3%)	412 (39.7%)	4140 (47.2%)	
MDS	1185 (15.3%)	158 (15.2%)	1343 (15.3%)	
ALL	791 (10.2%)	157 (15.1%)	948 (10.8%)	
MPN	781 (10.1%)	67 (6.4%)	848 (9.7%)	
NHL	543 (7.0%)	123 (11.8%)	666 (7.6%)	
MDS & MPN		34 (3.3%)	384 (4.4%)	
CML	350 (4.5%)			
	189 (2.4%)	35 (3.4%)	224 (2.6%)	
Hodgkins	84 (1.1%)	36 (3.5%)	120 (1.4%)	
CIL	74 (1.0%)	17 (1.6%)	91 (1.0%)	
Transplant Year				0.03
2018	2132 (27.6%)	242 (23.3%)	2374 (27.1%)	
2019	2311 (29.9%)	333 (32.1%)	2644 (30.2%)	
2020	2086 (27.0%)	302 (29.1%)	2388 (27.2%)	
2021	1196 (15.5%)	162 (15.6%)	1358 (15.5%)	
Myeloablative Conditioning				< 0.01
No	3664 (48.0%)	391 (37.7%)	4055 (46.7%)	
Yes	3975 (52.0%)	646 (62.3%)	4621 (53.3%)	
Missing count	86	2	88	
ТВІ				< 0.01
No	6607 (85.5%)	782 (75.3%)	7389 (84.3%)	
Yes	1118 (14.5%)	257 (24.7%)	1375 (15.7%)	
GVHD Prevention Regimen				
CSA+MTX	3849 (49.8%)	6 (0.6%)	3855 (44.0%)	
CSA+MMF	2690 (34.8%)	260 (25.0%)	2950 (33.7%)	
MMF+TACRO/SIRO	459 (5.9%)	461 (44.4%)	920 (10.5%)	
CSA	470 (6.1%)	101 (9.7%)	571 (6.5%)	
TACRO/SIRO	36 (0.5%)	159 (15.3%)	195 (2.2%)	
MTX+TACRO	143 (1.9%)	0 (0.0%)	143 (1.6%)	

78 (1.0%)

130 (1.5%)

52 (5.0%)



### #2231: Schröder: AZA-Bridging vor Allo-SZT bei MDS

## PATIENTS WITH HIGH-RISK MDS DO NOT BENEFIT FROM REMISSION INDUCTION WITH HMAs PRIOR TO HCT



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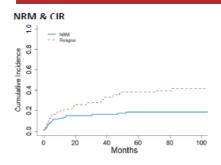
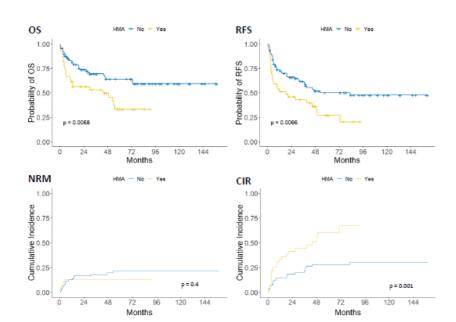


Figure 1: Long-term HCT outcomes of the entire cohort (n=128). Kaplan-Meier plots for long-term outcome variables of the entire cohort, median follow-up duration 60 months. Non-relapse mortality (NRM) and cumulative incidence of relapse (CIR) were analyzed as competing risks. OS, overall survival. RFS, relapse-free survival.



n=128		Relapse-free survival				
Parameter	Strata	5y RFS (95% CI)	Univariate HR (95% Cl, p value)	Multivariate HR (95% Cl, p value)		
Age	< 60 y	46.6 (34.8 - 62.4)	1.01 (0.99-1.04, p=0.269)	-		
	≥ 60 y	38.5 (25 - 59.4)	-	-		
Sex	Male	43.4 (31.6 - 59.7)	-	-		
	Female	44.2 (31.4 - 62.4)	0.88 (0.55-1.43, p=0.618)	-		
HMA	No	51.3 (40 - 65.7)	-	-		
	Yes	27.7 (15.3 - 50.1)	1.95 (1.19-3.18, p=0.008)	1.76 (1.03-3.00, p=0.038)		
Cytogenetic risk	Good	64.1 (51.3 - 80.2)	-	-		
	Intermediate	23.6 (9.9 - 56.3)	1.74 (0.93-3.27, p=0.085)	1.56 (0.83-2.95, p=0.17)		
	Poor	28.1 (12 - 65.7)	2.58 (1.32-5.05, p=0.006)	2.71 (1.38-5.33, p=0.004)		
	Very poor	23.5 (10 - 55.4)	3.14 (1.59-6.19, p=0.001)	3.13 (1.58-6.21, p=0.001)		
BM blasts	< 5%	58.5 (42.4 - 80.7)	1.04 (1.01-1.06, p=0.006)	1.02 (0.99-1.06, p=0.11)		
	5 - 9%	49.6 (27.4 - 89.7)	-	-		
	10 - 19%	30.4 (18.9 - 49.2)	-	-		
	≥ 20%	37 (14.4 - 95.5)	-	-		

Due to the inherent limitations of retrospective studies we currently prepare a prospective randomized clinical trial to determine optimal pre-HCT treatment strategies and develop clinical tools to stratify MDS and hypoproliferative AML patients to either upfront HCT or remission induction with HMAs or intensive chemotherapy.





### Themen

### **Stammzelltransplantation:**

#1:Wolff: Safety and efficacy of Axatilimab for chronic GVHD

#425 Othman: Benefit of allogeneic HCT in CR1 in NPM-1 mutated AML restricted to MRD positivity after Induction

#2179 Penack: Post Cy or ATG as GVHD Prophylaxis in mismatched unrelated stem cell transplantation

#LBA#4: Kassim: RIC Haploidentical Marrow Transplantation in Adults with Severe Sickle Cell Disease CTN 1507

#2231: Schröder: AZA-Bridging vor Allo-SZT bei MDS

### **Zelluläre Therapie:**

#108 Kittai: Anti-CD19 CAR T-cell therapy for Richter's Transformation

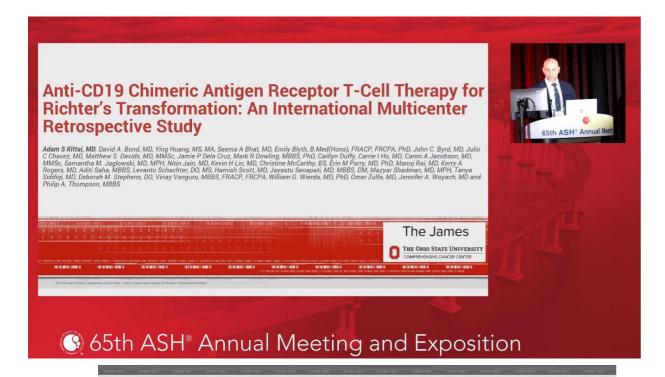
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### #108 Kittai: Anti-CD19 CAR T-cell therapy for Richter's Transformation



### Methods

- International multicenter retrospective study of patients with RT who received FDA approved CD19 CART
  - Including axi-cel, tisa-cel, liso-cel, and brexu-cel
- 12 academic centers in the US and Australia
- RT defined as patients with LBCL with preceding or concurrently diagnosed CLL
- PFS and OS measured from date of CD19 CART
- Cox regression model used to associate prognostic factors with OS

#### Introduction

- Richter's transformation (RT) is defined as the transformation of CLL into an aggressive lymphoma, typically Large B-cell Lymphoma (LBCL).<sup>1</sup>
- No standard of care treatment options, as survival is measured in months.
- Outcomes of patients with RT that has developed on small molecule inhibitors with no prior chemotherapy remains poor.<sup>2</sup>
  - Median overall survival 8.2 months
- Therefore, RT represents a true area of unmet need.

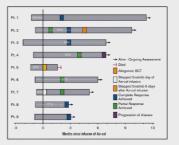
<sup>1</sup>Tsimberidou et al JCO 2006. <sup>2</sup>Kittai et al ASH Oral 2023

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### Background - Anti-CD19 CART for RT

- Anti-CD19 CAR T-cell therapy (CD19 CART) has revolutionized the way we treat LBCL.
- RT was mostly excluded from clinical trials with CD19 CART.
- We published our experience treating patients with RT with axicabtagene ciloleucel showing impressive response rates.<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup>Kittai et al Blood Advances 2020

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### #108 Kittai: Anti-CD19 CAR T-cell therapy for Richter's Transformation

### **Baseline CLL Characteristics**

CLL Treatment History	N=69
Prior Chemo for CLL, N (%)	39 (56.5)
Prior BTKi for CLL, N (%)	44 (63.8)
Prior Ven for CLL, N (%)	23 (33.3)
Prior Allo-SCT for CLL, N (%)	3 (4.4)
Prior CART for CLL, N (%)	1 (1.4)
Median # of CLL TRMT prior to RT	2 (0-10)
De novo RT (0 TRMT for CLL), N (%)	12 (17.4)

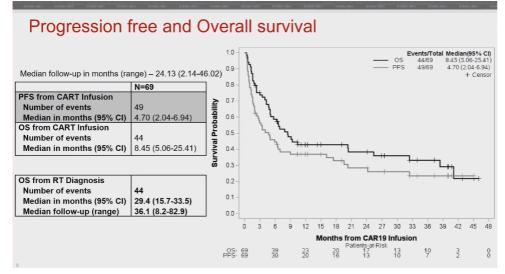
Median years from CLL dx to RT – 6 (0-28)

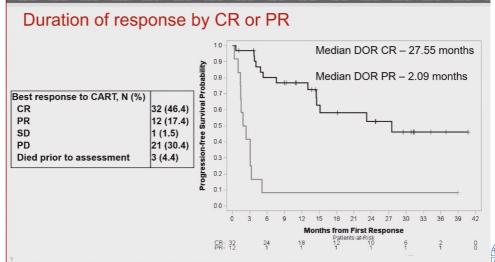
CLL Molecular Data	N=69
GHV, N (%)	
Mutated	8 (13.3)
Unmutated	52 (86.7)
Unknown	9
del(17p), N (%)	23 (41.8)
Unknown	14
del(11q), N (%)	13 (23.6)
Unknown	14
Tri 12, N (%)	9 (16.4)
Unknown	14
Del(13q), N (%)	21 (38.2)
Unknown	14
TP53 mut, N (%)	20 (50.0)
Unknown	29
NOTCH1 mut, N (%)	6 (18.8)
Unknown	37
Complex KT (≥3 abn), N (%)	22 (51.2)
Unknown	26

RT Characteristics and TRMT	N=69
Age at RT Dx, median (range)	63 (26-80)
Clonal relationship to CLL, N (%)	
Related	23 (100)
Unknown	46
Complex KT (≥3 abn) at RT, N (%)	19 (65.5)
Unknown	40
del17p (RT), N (%)	12 (41.4)
Unknown	40
TP53 mut (RT), N (%)	14 (58.3)
Unknown	45
NOTCH1 mut (RT), N (%)	4 (21.1)
Unknown	50
MYC translocation, N (%)	8 (20.0)
Unknown	29
Median Ki-67 (%)	80 (40-100
Unknown	9
Prior BTKi alone or in combo for RT	46 (66.7)
Prior Ven alone or in combo for RT	35 (50.7)
Prior BTKi or Ven for RT or CLL, N (%)	58 (84%)

#### RT Characteristics collected at CAR19

RT at CART Baseline Characteristics and TRMT	N=69
Median age at CART infusion	64 (27-80)
Median months from RT dx to CART	7.3 (0.4-65.6)
Median # TRMT for RT prior to CART	2 (0-7)
Median Total # of prior TRMT	4 (1-15)
Received bridging, N (%)	59 (85.5)
CAR-T product given, N (%)	
Axi-cel <sup>1</sup>	45 (65.2)
Liso-cel	7 (10.1)
Tisa-cel	17 (24.6)
Median days from Apheresis to CART infusion	34 (24-100)
Concurrent BTKi therapy, N (%)	31 (44.9)
Median LDH prior to CART	258 (96-2878)
Median largest LN (cm) prior to CART	3.5 (0.7-16)
Unknown	9
Median highest SUV on PET prior to CART	14.8 (3-50.6)
Unknown	7









### #108 Kittai: Anti-CD19 CAR T-cell therapy for Richter's Transformation

### Safety Outcomes

	N=69
Cause of Death (N=44), N (%)	
Disease	32 (72.7)
Non-disease	12 (27.3)
Non-relapse Mortality from CART	
Infusion, % (95% CI)	
Number of events	12
3-month estimate	7.3% (2.7-15.0)
6-month estimate	10.3% (4.5-18.9)
12-month estimate	13.4% (6.5-22.8)

CAR-T Outcomes	N=69
Grade 3-4 neutropenia, N (%)	60 (87.0)
Grade 3-4 thrombocytopenia, N (%)	49 (71.0)
Febrile neutropenia, N (%)	46 (66.7)
CRS max grade, N (%)	
0	8 (11.6)
1	24 (34.8)
2	26 (37.7)
3	9 (13.0)
4	2 (2.9)
ICANS max grade, N (%)	
0	23 (33.8)
1	12 (17.7)
2	8 (11.8)
3	17 (25.0)
4	8 (11.8)
Unknown	1
Grade 3-4 infection, N (%)	14 (20.3)



### MVA for OS – Independent prognostic factors

	Univariable Models		Multivariable Model	
	HR (95% CI)	p-value	HR (95% CI)	p-value
# prior lines of therapy for RT prior to CART	1.33 (1.05-1.70)	0.02	1.58 (1.23-2.03)	0.0004
Total prior lines of therapy	1.18 (1.04-1.35)	0.01		
Ki-67, 10% higher	1.29 (1.03-1.60)	0.03	1.49 (1.20-1.87)	0.0004
LDH, 2-fold increase	1.84 (1.36-2.49)	<.0001	1.91 (1.35-2.69)	0.0002

#### Conclusions

- This is the largest cohort of pts with RT to receive CD19 CART.
- Heavily pretreated group 84% exposed to either BTKi or BCL2i, with 4 total prior lines of TRMT.
- Median OS from CAR19 was 8.5 months in this study.
- Median DOR from CAR19 for those patients that attained a CR was 27.55 months.
- Higher number of prior therapies is associated with worse OS.
  - Earlier use of CD19 CART in the RT disease course may be warranted.
- Prospective clinical trials ongoing.

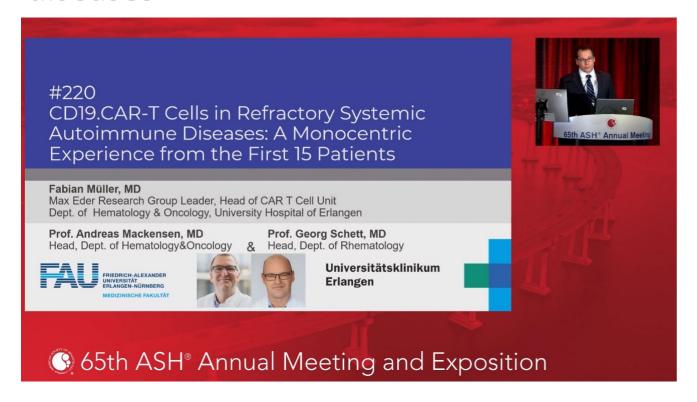


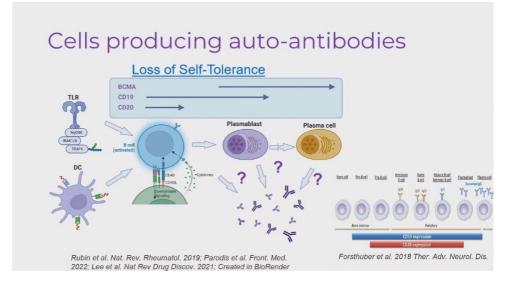




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diseases





### CAR-T in Auto-Immune Disease

- The Why & The How?

#### **Advantages of CD19.CAR-Ts**

- √ Plasmablasts are targeted
- √ CAR-T cells invade tissue
- ✓ Depletion of B cells is deeper
- ✓ 2 SLE mouse models responded to CD19 CAR-Ts

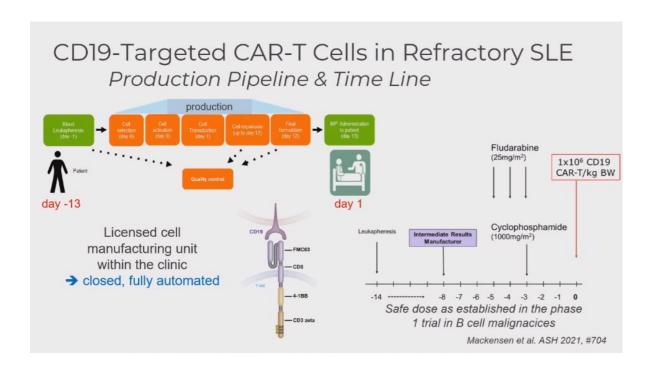
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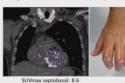
### The three diseases treated at our center

Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE)



Kidney, Skin, Lung, Heart, Brain
Mougiakakos et al. NEJM, 2021
Mackensen et al. Nat Med. 2022

Systemic Sclerosis (SSc)



Skin, Lung, Heart, Kidney
Bergmann et al. Annals Rheum. Dis. 2023

Myositis (IIM)





Muscle, Lung, Heart

### Patient Characteristics at Baseline

Total of 15 Patients

Disease Type: 8x SLE, 3x IIM, 4x SSc

Median Age (y): 36 (18-60)
Median Disease Duration: 4 years (1-20)
Median Follow-Up (mo): 15 months (4-29)

Auto-antibodies present: 15/15

For all at least 2 organs: 13 skin, 11 lung, 9 kidney, 9 joints,

4 heart, 3 muscle, others

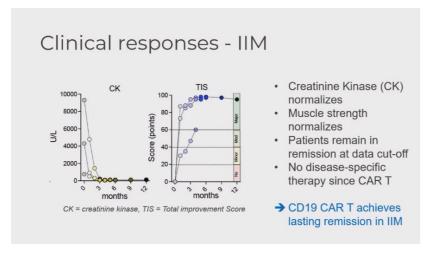
→ Heavily Pretreated, active & progressive disease at time of indication

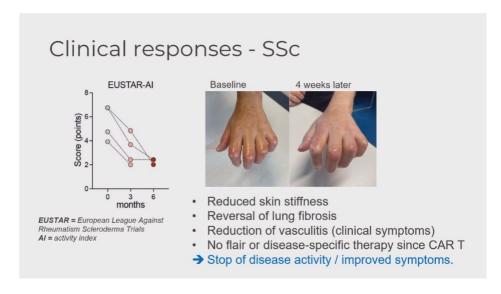




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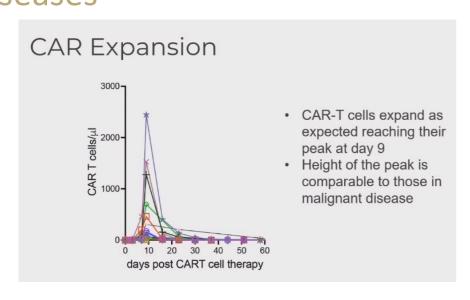






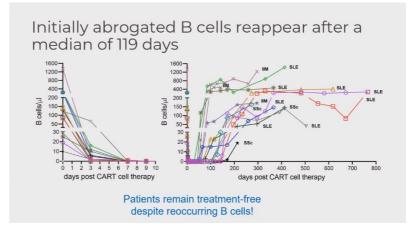


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- CRS grade 0/1/2 in n= 4/10/1 patients, respectively
- One possible ICANS grade 1 (vertigo)
   → only patient receiving glucocorticoids
- · 6 of 15 patients needed Tocilizumab
- Few patients with hypogammaglobulinemia and need of substitution
- 14/15 patients with respiratory or urinary tract infections including pneumonia requiring hospitalization.
- · 2 herpes zoster reactivation
- → CD19 CAR T is well tolerated with some infections



### Clinical Summary & Outlook

- CD19 CAR T cells were successfully produced from patients with auto-immune diseases
- · Tapering immune suppression was well tolerated
- · CAR T cells expand in a typical fashion and are detectable for months
- CD19 CAR T cell therapy is very well tolerated
- · B cells and disease-defining auto-antibodies are quickly abrogated
- Naïve B cells remain the dominant phenotype up to 12 months after CART
- Disease-specific treatment was stopped and symptom control achieved in all patients treated up to date



## #228: Iacoboni: Efficacy of CAR-T cell therapy is not impaired by previous bispecific antibody treatment in LBCL



#### Results - Prior bispecific antibody treatment



#### N=47

- Target CD20/CD3 (91%) or CD22/CD3 (9%)
- Monotherapy (87%) or combination (11%)
- Median number of prior lines before BsAb therapy was 2 (range 1-6)
- BsAb as the last line before CAR T-cell therapy in 26 (55%) patients

Toxicity	Patients
CRS any grade, n (%)	27 (57)
- Grade ≥2, n (%)	7 (15)
- Grade ≥3, n (%)	1 (2)
ICANS, %	0

Efficacy	Patients	
Best ORR, n (%)	22 (47)	
Best CR, n (%)	n (%) 9 (19)	
PFS, median mo (95% CI) 3.1 (2.7-4.4		
6-mo PFS, % (95% CI) 21 (11-34		
DoR, median days (range)	85 (24-526)	

### Methods



1. Retrospective study of patients with R/R LBCL treated with CD19-targeted CAR T-cells at 15 centers in France and Spain between July 2018 and January 2023 who had been exposed to BsAbs prior to apheresis.

Patients exposed to BsAb targeting CD19/CD3 were excluded

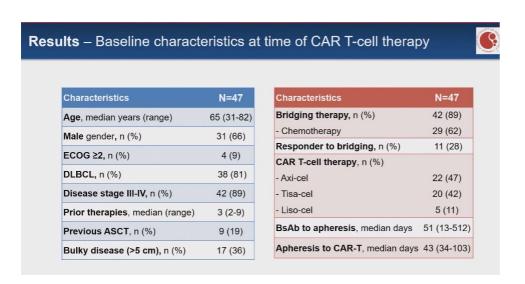
2. Identified a control cohort from the DESCAR-T Registry and carried out a 1:1 propensity score matching (PSM) including 13 baseline covariates.

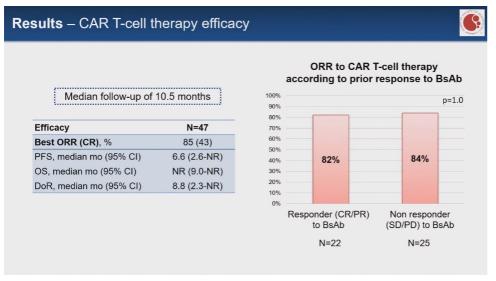
Response, survival and toxicity after CAR T-cell therapy, according to previous BsAb exposure.

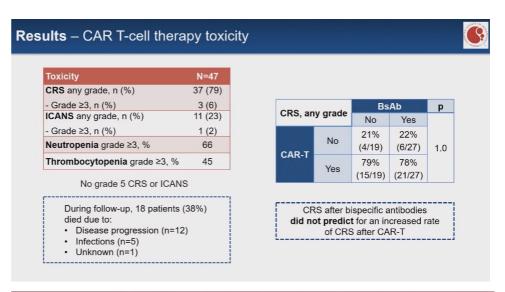


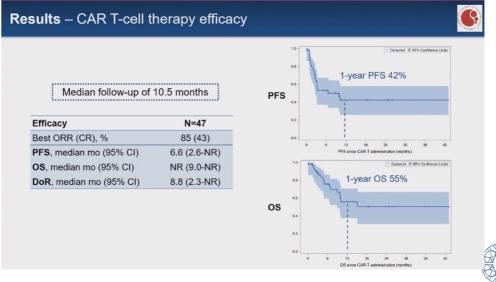


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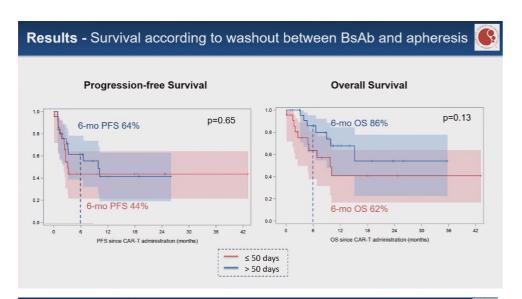


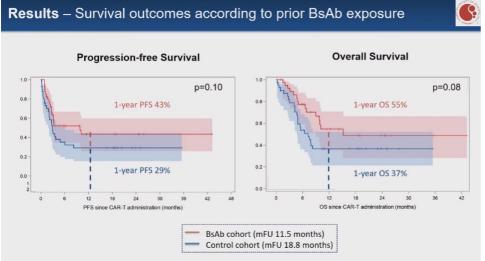


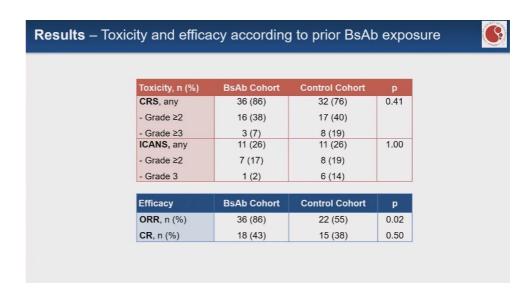




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- 1. The safety profile of CAR T-cell therapy in patients with prior BsAb exposure was in line with published data and not modified by previous BsAb-related adverse events.
- 2. Response rates in our BsAb-exposed cohort were similar to control patients and independent of prior response to BsAb therapy.
- Survival outcomes after CAR T-cell therapy in the BsAb-treated patients were comparable to the control group.





## Innere Medizin II: Zugelassene CAR-T Zellen

- Gilead: Axucabtagene Cliloleucel (Yescarta®), second generation, CD28, CD19
   EMA: Zulassung bei Erwachsenen NHL August 2018
   Relapsed/refractory NHL (diffuse large B-cell lymphoma (DLBCL), primary mediastinal large B-cell lymphoma, high grade B-cell lymphoma and DLBCL arising from follicular lymphoma, Follikuläres Lymphom mit Rezidiv >3 Vortherapien (2022)
   zertifiziert, Erste Therapie Mai 2019
- Novartis: Tisagenlecleucel (CTL019, Kymriah®), second generation, 4-1BB, CD19
   EMA: Zulassung ALL bei Kindern und jungen Erwachsenen ≤25, Erwachsenen mit diffusem großzelligem B-Zell-Lymphom ((DLBCL) August 2018), Follikuläres Lymphom mit Rezidiv >2 Vortherapien (2022)
   zertifiziert, Erste Therapie September 2019
- Gilead: Tecartus®, second generation, CD28 CD19
   EMA: Zulassung zur Behandlung von erwachsenen Patienten mit rezidiviertem oder refraktärem Mantelzell-Lymphom (MCL) nach zwei oder mehr systemischen Therapien, die einen Bruton-Tyrosinkinase-(BTK-)Inhibitor einschließen (Dezember 2020), R/R ALL>= 26 Jahre zertifiziert
- BMS/Celgene: Abecma® (idecabtagene vicleucel, zugelassen 2021), Anti-BCMA CAR-T (bb121) für Behandlung von Erwachsenen Patienten mit Multiplen Myelom >3 Vortherapien (inkl. Immunmodulator, anti-CD38 und Proteasominh.), Breyanzi® (lisocabtagene maraleucel) Anti CD19 für LBCL, zugelassen 2022 LBCL >3 Vortherapien, zertifiziert
- Janssen: Ciltacabtagene Autoleucel (Cilta-cel, Carvykti®) Anti-BCMA, Myelom, zertifiziert





### Universitätsklinikum Tübingen – Innere Medizin II

Hämatologie, Onkologie, klinische Immunologie und Rheumatologie

### **CAR-T Zellen Studien**

Entität	Beschreibung	Rahmenbedingungen
Lymphome/ Car-T-Zellen	Phase-II-Studie zur Bewertung der Wirksamkeit und Sicherheit von MB-CART2019.1 im Vergleich zur Standardtherapie bei Teilnehmern mit rezidiviertem/refraktärem diffus-	geöffnet
	großzelligem B-Zell-Lymphom (R-R DLBCL)   DALY 2-EU	Infos: Prof. Dr. Bethge
Myelom/	Linientherapie für nicht-transplant-fähige Patienten mit VRD gefolgt von Ciltacabtagene	geöffnet
Car-1-Zellen	Car-T-Zellen Autoleucel vs VRD gefolgt von Lenalidomid Erhaltung   Cartitude-5	Infos: Dr. Besemer
Lymphome/ALL CAR-T Zellen	Behandlungsmöglichkeit mit eigenhergestellten anti-CD19 gerichteten CAR-T	geöffnet
CAR-1 Zellell	Zellen bei rezidivierten oder therapie-refraktären akuten lymphatischen Leukämien und B-Zell-Lymphomen A phase I/II safety, dose finding and feasibility trial of MB-CART19.1 in patients with relapsed or refractory CD19 positive B cell malignancies	Infos: Prof. Dr. Bethge
Lymphome/ALL CAR-T Zellen	A phase I/II dose finding and efficacy study of MB-CART-CD19/CD22 in patients with	geplant
CAN-1 Zellell	relapsed/refractory B-cell malignancies	Infos: Prof. Dr. Bethge



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### **Stammzelltransplantation Studien**

Entität	Beschreibung	Rahmenbedingungen
Spender A randomized controlled trial comparing outcome after hematopoietic cell transplantation from a partially matched unrelated versus haploidentical donor (Hamlet Studie)		geöffnet
		Infos: Prof. Dr. Bethge
Spender	Matched Unrelated vs. Haploidentical Donor for Allogeneic Stem Cell Transplantation in Patients with Acute Leukemia with Identical GVHD Prophylaxis – A Randomized Prospective European Trial (HaploMUD Studie)	geöffnet
		Infos: Prof. Dr. Bethge
Immunsuppression	Graft vs Host Disease Prophylaxis in unrelated donor transplantation: a randomized clinical trial comparing PTCY vs ATG (GRAPPA)	geöffnet
		Infos: Prof. Dr. Bethge
•	A Randomised, Open-label, Multicentre, Phase 3 Trial of First-line Treatment with Mesenchymal Stromal Cells MC0518 Versus Best Available Therapy in Adult and Adolescent	geöffnet
	Subjects with Steroid-refractory Acute Graft-versus-host Disease After Allogeneic Haematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation (IDUNN Trial)	Infos: Prof. Dr. Bethge



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