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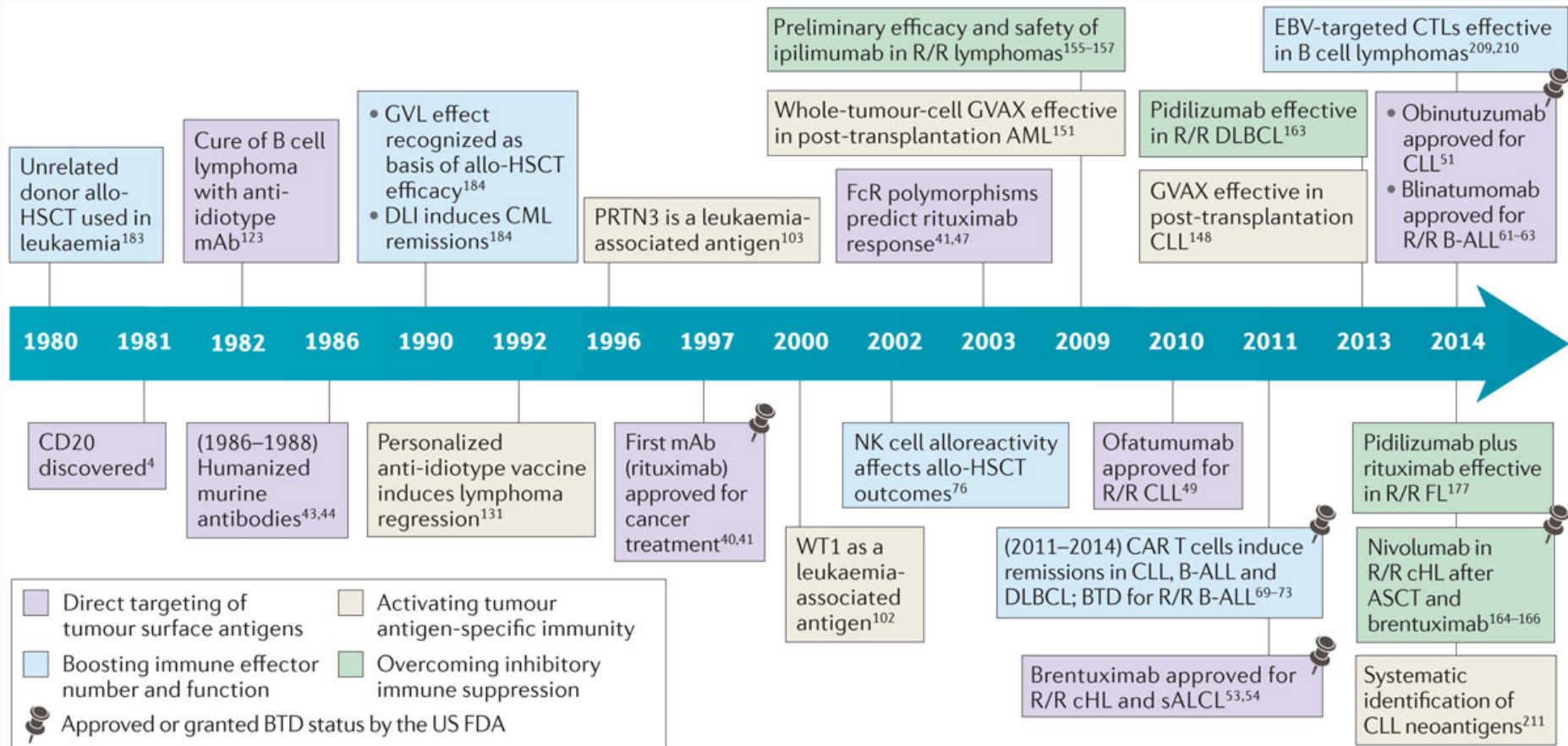
When cancer and immunology meet

An old and up-to-date history at the forefront of immunotherapy of hematological malignancies

Ebb and flow of Immunology of Cancer



Timeline of Immunotherapeutic Advances in Haematological Malignancies



Nodes of Cancer Immunotherapy

1

DIRECT TARGETING OF SURFACE ANTIGENS

Monoclonal Antibodies

CD20 specific

- Type I (Rituximab, Ofatumumab) redistribute CD20 into large lipid rafts: ADCC, CDC
- Type II (obinutuzumab): no redistribution; high ADCC and direct killing

CD52 (alemtuzumab) expressed on T and Mo cells

CD30 (Brentuximab)

SLAMF7/CS1(Elotuzumab)

CD38 (Daratumumab)

Bispecific T cell engagers (BiTEs)

CD3/CD19 (Blinatumomab)

CD3/CD33

2

BOOSTING IMMUNE EFFECTOR NUMBER AND FUNCTION

clinical scenarios post allo-transplant:

- DLI for leukaemic relapse
- CTLs for EBV-associated lymphoproliferative malignancies

CAR T cells

NK cell alloreactivity

Agonistic stimulation of immune effector function

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ACTIVATING TUMOR ANTIGEN-SPECIFIC IMMUNITY

Cancer Vaccination:

- WT1
- BCR-ABL fusion protein

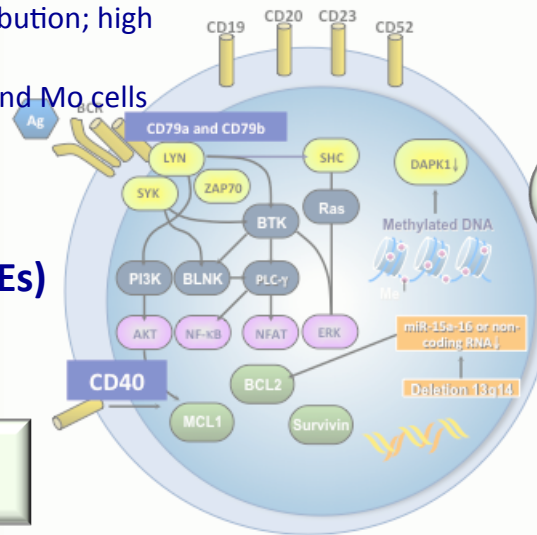
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OVERCOMING INHIBITORY IMMUNE SUPPRESSION

Co-inhibitory molecules: two main checkpoints:

- **CTLA4** (ipilimumab)
- **PD1**
 - PIDILIZUMABI (IgG1, DLBCL after ASCT)
 - NIVOLUMAB (cHL), PEMBROLIZUMAB
- **TIM3**: (T cell immunoglobulin and mucin domain)
- **LAG3**: (lymphocyte activation gene 3 protein)
- **KIRs**: (LIRILUMAB binds KIR)

T_{Reg} cells, B_{Reg} cells and MDSCs



1880's: Antibody are described and the word «lymphocyte» is not used until 1960's

1960's: the importance of cellular immunology is recognized

1970's: no evidences for lymphocytes or antigens in cancer, no successful immunotherapies

1976: IL-2 (T-cell growth factor) is described by Morgan et al in Science 193: 1007

IL-2

1983: IL-2 gene sequencing by Taniuguchi et al, Nature 302: 305

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TIL

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Expression of HLA-A2 Antigen in Human Melanoma Cell Lines and its Role in T-Cell Recognition¹

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B7 Costimulatory Molecules from Malignant B-Cell Chronic Lymphoproliferative Disorders Trigger T-Cell Proliferation

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BACKGROUND: B7 family molecules are involved in T-B cell communication after interaction with their ligands CD28 and CTLA-4. They play a key role in costimulatory mechanisms and during antigen presentation by efficient antigen presenting cells (APCs) molecules are usually absent or expressed at low intensity on B lymphoproliferative disorders. In this study, the authors addressed the question of whether B7 molecules are expressed and modulated in vitro on malignant B lymphocytes from patients with chronic lymphoproliferative disorders of B-cell type and whether they are also to trigger allogeneic T cell responses.

METHODS: Malignant B cells from the peripheral blood of 22 patients with B-cell chronic lymphoproliferative disorders, mantle cell lymphomas, hairy cell leukemia, and Waldenström macroglobulinemia were investigated for the expression of B7 molecules on the cell surface and for the ability to trigger allogeneic T lymphocytes in different experimental conditions.

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TUMOUR-INFILTRATING LYMPHOCYTES AND INTERLEUKIN-2 IN TREATMENT OF ADVANCED CANCER

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Functional Analysis of Cytotoxic Cells in Patients with Nonlymphoblastic Leukemia in Complete Remission

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Phenotypic and functional characterization of cytotoxic cells derived from endomyocardial biopsies in human cardiac allografts

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Functional role of IL-2 receptors on tumour-infiltrating lymphocytes

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IL-2

- Established the potential to cure metastatic solid tumor by manipulating T-cell responses;
- Treatment for metastatic melanoma and renal cell carcinoma.



TIL

- T-cells growing from resected metastatic tumor deposits;
- High response rates and reproducible complete and durable responses in metastatic melanoma.



Now, efforts are focused on:

- Improving TIL therapy
- Extending TIL and other cellular therapies to different malignancies

One promising strategy is to administer T-cells that have been genetically engineered to express tumor-specific antigen receptors



CARs

Target	Receptor type	Cancers	Protocol status
NY-ESO-1	TCR	Epithelial malignancies and sarcoma	Accruing
CD19	CAR	Lymphomas	Accruing
VEGFR2	CAR	All cancers	Accruing
EGFRvIII	CAR	Glioblastoma	Accruing
Mesothelin	CAR	Pancreatic, ovarian, mesothelioma	Accruing
2G-1	TCR	Kidney	Closed
MART-1	TCR	Melanoma	Closed
gp100	TCR	Melanoma	Closed
CEA	TCR	Colorectal	Closed
MAGE-A3 (MHC I)	TCR	Epithelial malignancies	Closed
SSX-2	TCR	Epithelial malignancies	In development
CSP4 (HMWAg)	CAR	Melanoma, breast, pancreatic	In development
HPV-16 E6	TCR	Oropharyngeal, cervical, other anogenital	In development
MAGE-A3 (MHC II)	TCR	Epithelial malignancies	In development

TIL therapy
Cutaneous melanoma
Ocular melanoma
Gastrointestinal cancers
Human papillomavirus-positive cancers (uterine cervix, oropharynx, anus, etc.)

T cells with engineered CARs and TCRs: which is better

TCR

CAR

- | | |
|--|--|
| 1. Sensitive signal amplification derived from evolution | 1. Signal amplification from synthetic biology |
| 2. Low avidity | 2. Avidity controllable |
| 3. Targets intracellular proteome | 3. Targets only surface structures |
| 4. Requires MHC expression and HLA matching on tumor | 4. MHC independent: “off the shelf” |
| 5. Life long persistence (14 years) | 5. Decade long persistence |
| 6. Serial Killers | 6. Serial Killers |
| 7. Toxicity difficult to predict | |



CARs vs TCRs / CARs vs BiTEs

CAR vs TCR

- TCR can target intracellular antigens
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- CAR are not HLA restricted
 - Off-target effects are more predictable
 - Artificial nature of CARs allows more engineering possibilities

CARs vs BiTE

- Mass produced, simple therapeutic agent
 - Short hal-life allows control of toxicity
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- Active migration of CAR T cells may overcome some biodistribution problems
 - Establishment of CAR immunological memory
 - Engineering possibilities are much broader for CARs



Questions facing the CAR field

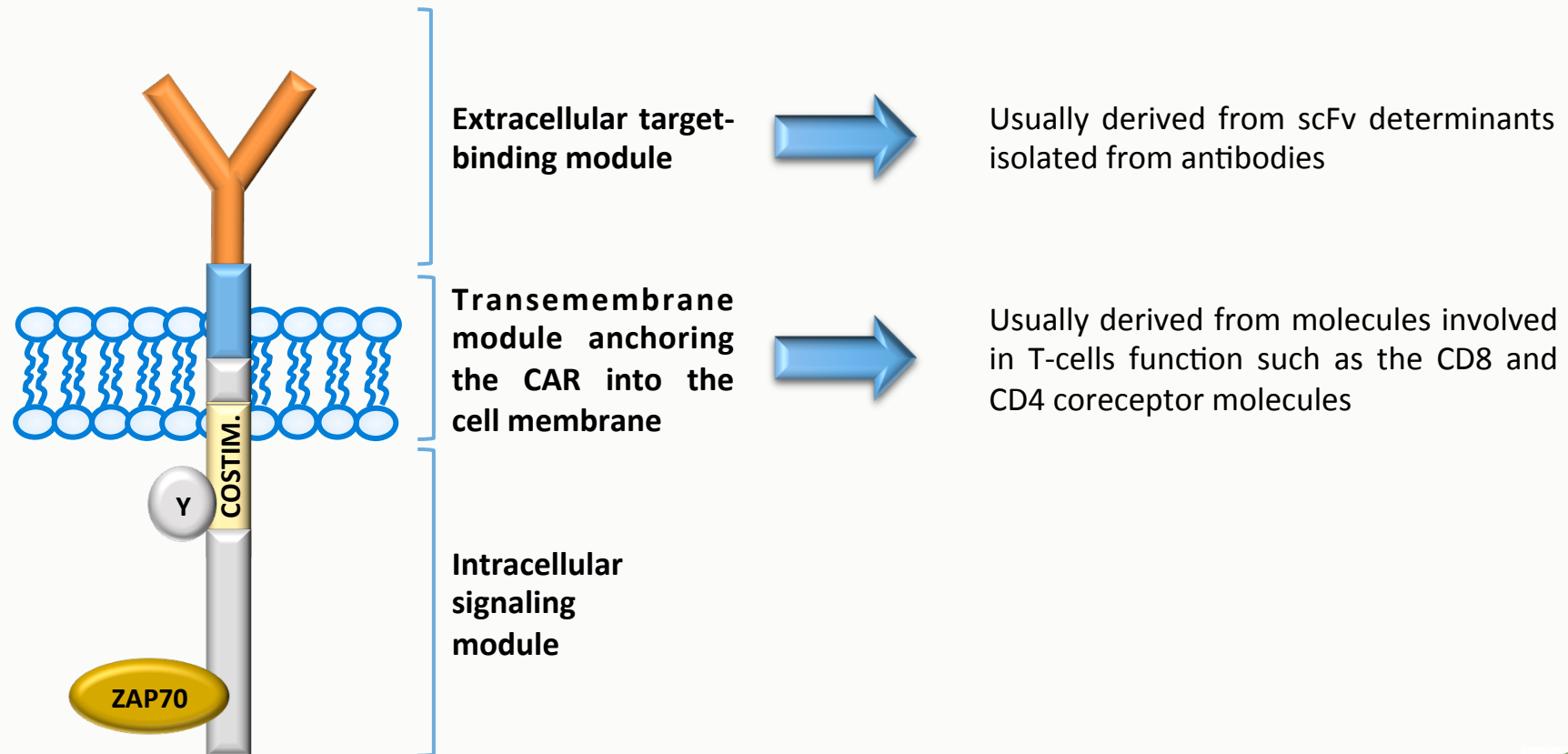
- **Is long term persistence of CAR cells desired?**
- **Which approaches give durable persistence of CARTs?**
- **What is the best vector to introduce the CAR: retroviral or lentiviral**
- **What is the optimal T cell type and composition of the infused product?**



Chimeric Antigen Receptors (CARs)

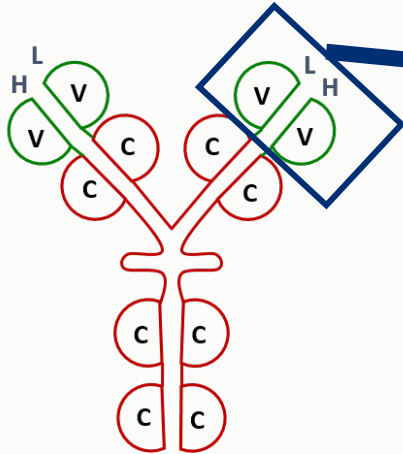
CARs are synthetic receptors that combine the extracellular single-chain variable fragment (scFv) of an antibody with a transmembrane (TM) domain and intracellular signaling domains derived from molecules involved in T-cell signaling.

They can confer to T-cells non-MHC-restricted recognition of cell surface antigens.

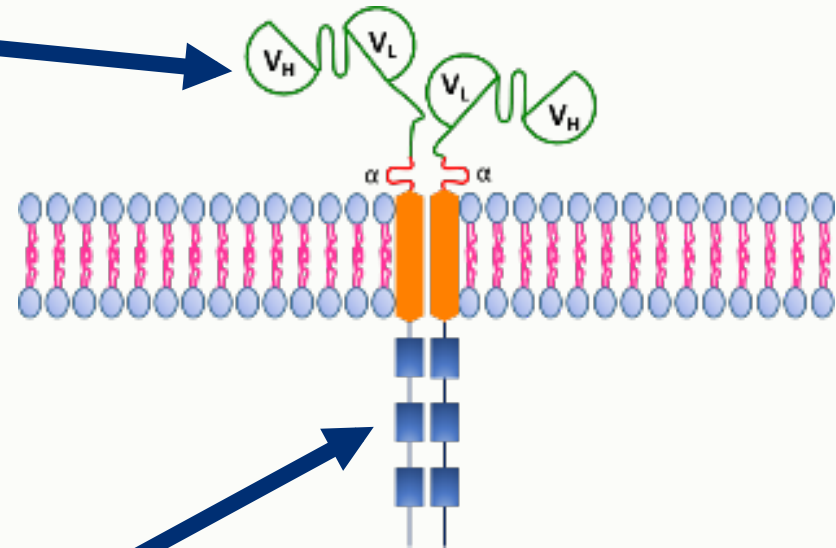


Creation of a CAR T-cell

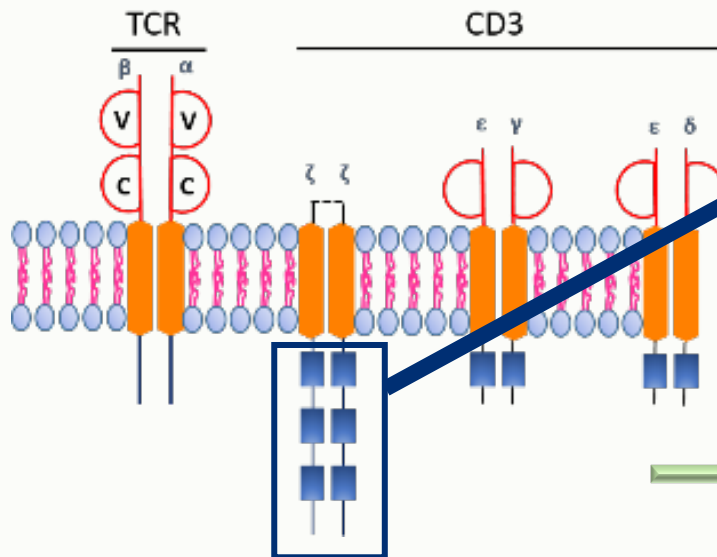
α -TAA mAb



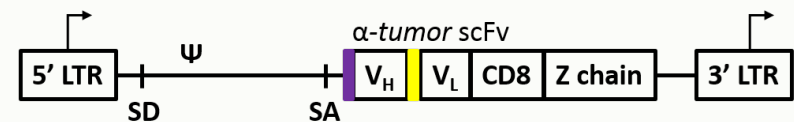
α -TAA scFv—CD8- ζ



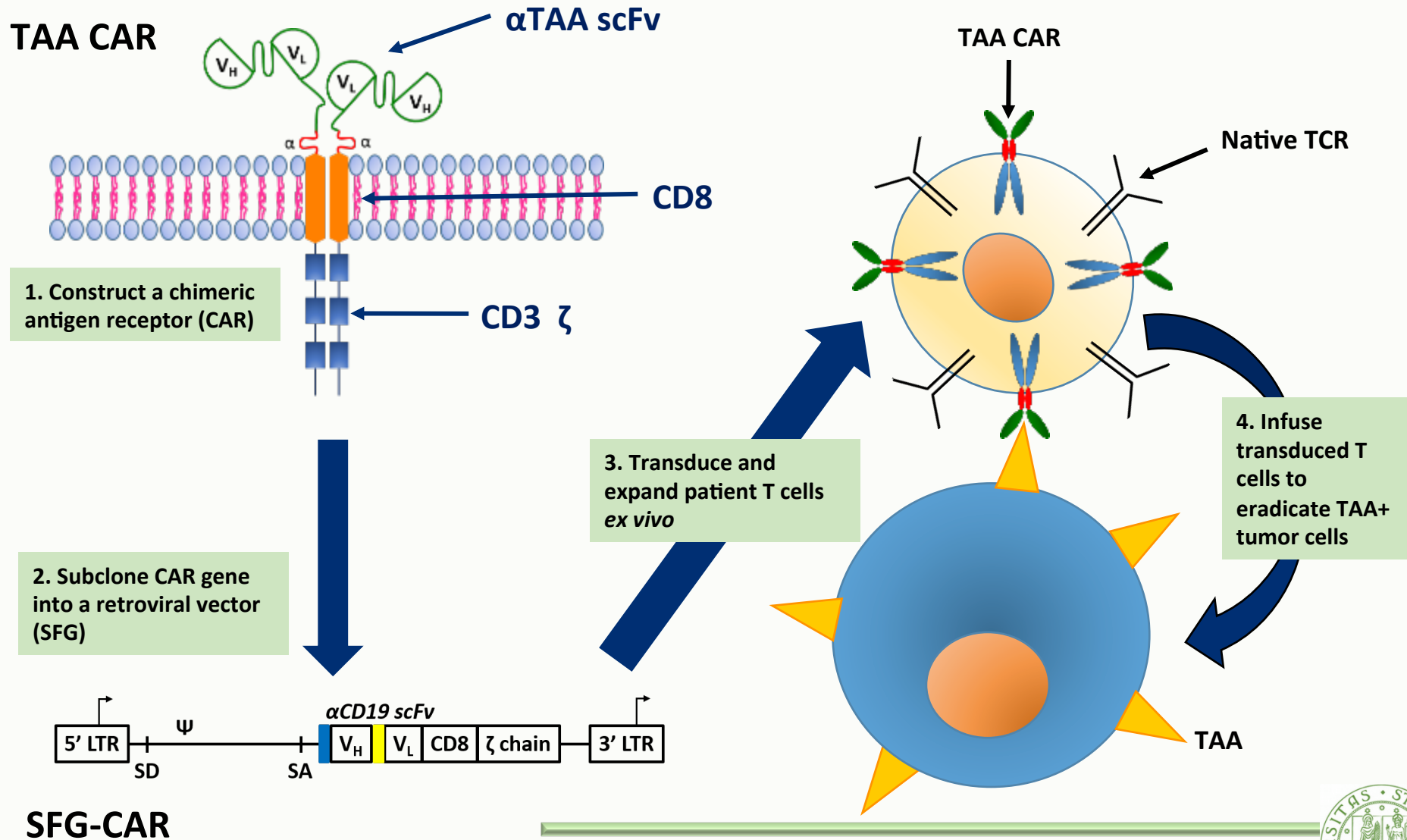
TCR complex



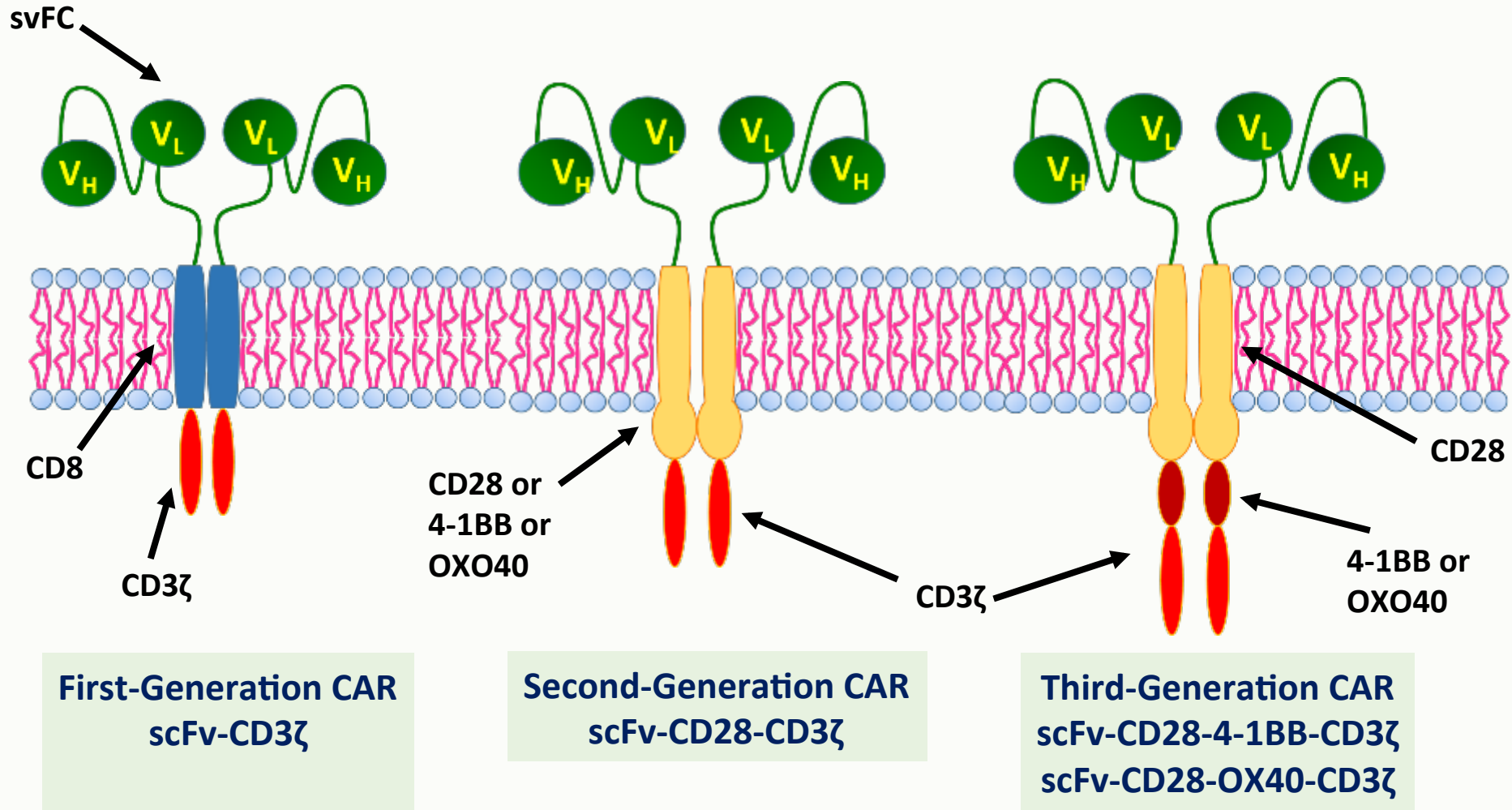
CAR retroviral vector



Creation of a CAR T-Cell



CARs Immunotherapy



Chimeric Antigen Receptors (CARs)

First-generation CARs

CARs contained only the CD3 ζ chain signaling domain



Modest efficacy on lymphoma and ovarian cancer

Second-generation CARs

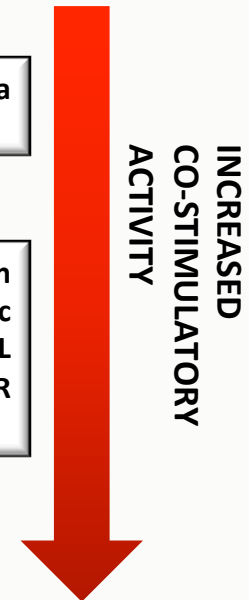
Incorporation of additional signaling domains from costimulatory (i.e. CD28) and accessory functional T-cell molecules,



Lasting complete responses in clinical trials in most pediatric and adult patients with R/R ALL and some adult patients with R/R CLL

Third-generation CARs

Incorporation of a second costimulatory domain to further improve T-cell expansion, cytotoxicity and *in vivo* persistence.

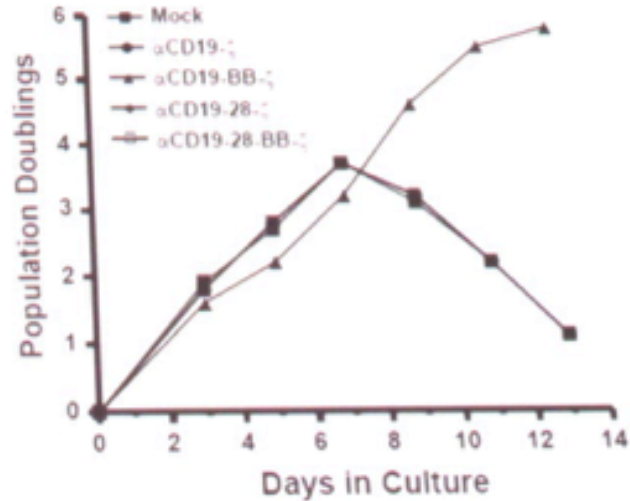
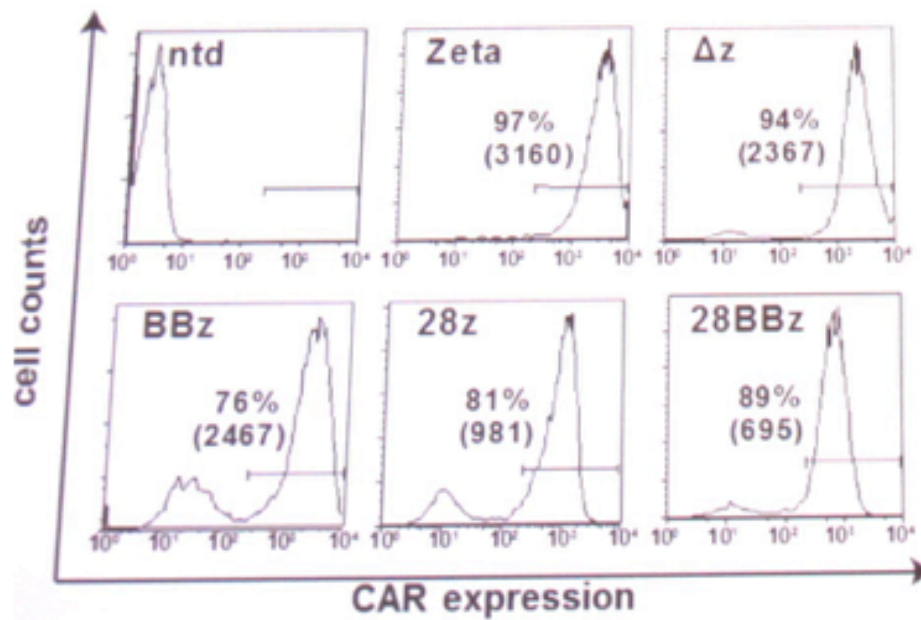
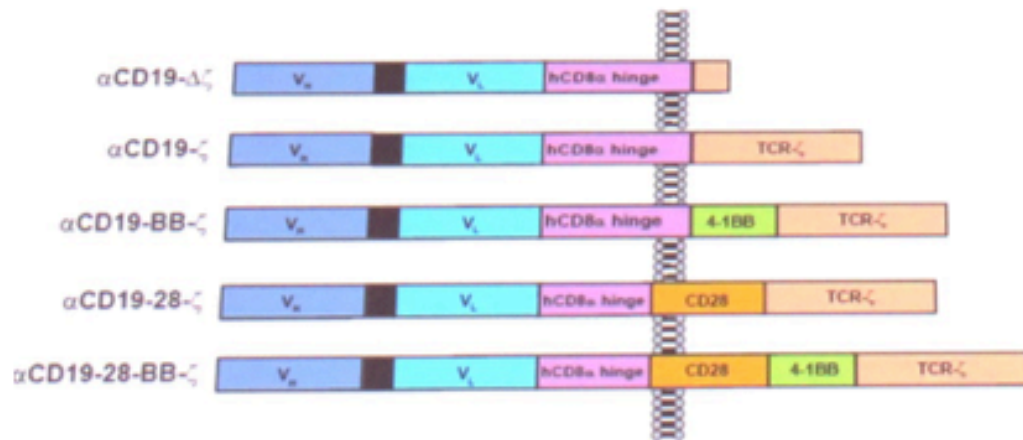


CAR-engineered T cells have been generated against many different TAA for both solid and hematologic malignancies: CD19, CD20, CD33, B-cell maturation antigen, CD22, CD23, CD30, CD38, CD44v6, ROR1, k-light chain, Lewis Y antigen, Nkp30, TAG-72, CD70, CA-IX, ErbB2/Her-2/Neu, GD2, GD3, L1CAM, VEGF-R2, EGFR, MUC-1, MUC-16, PSMA, PSCA, 5T4 oncofetal antigen, NCAM, mesothelin, fibroblast activating protein, folate receptor- α , NKG2D, IL-11 receptor α -chain, CEA, IL-13R α 2 and EphA2.



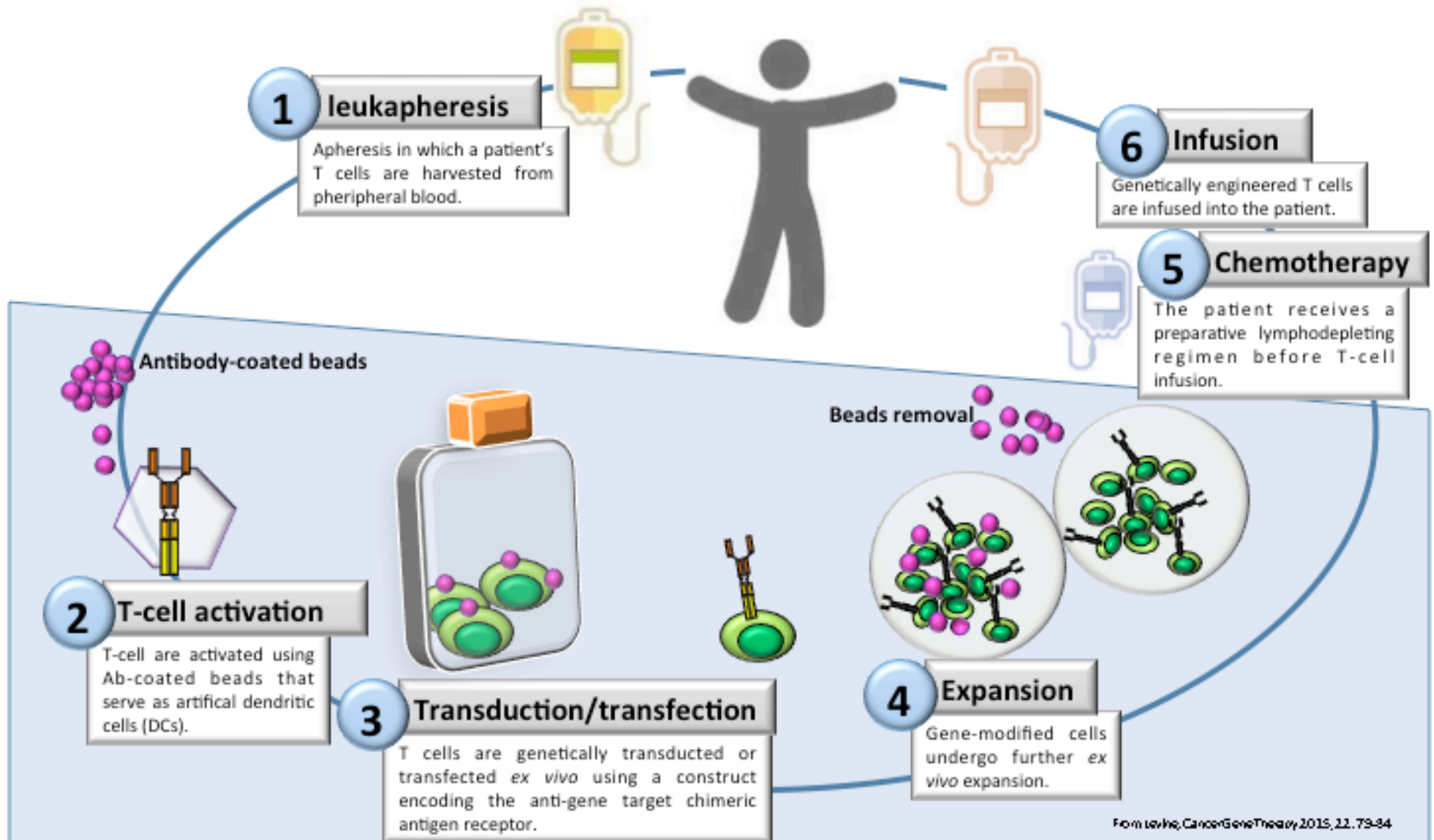
Design of a CTL019:

4-1BB domain promotes CAR T cells proliferation/survival



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CAR T-Cell Manufacturing

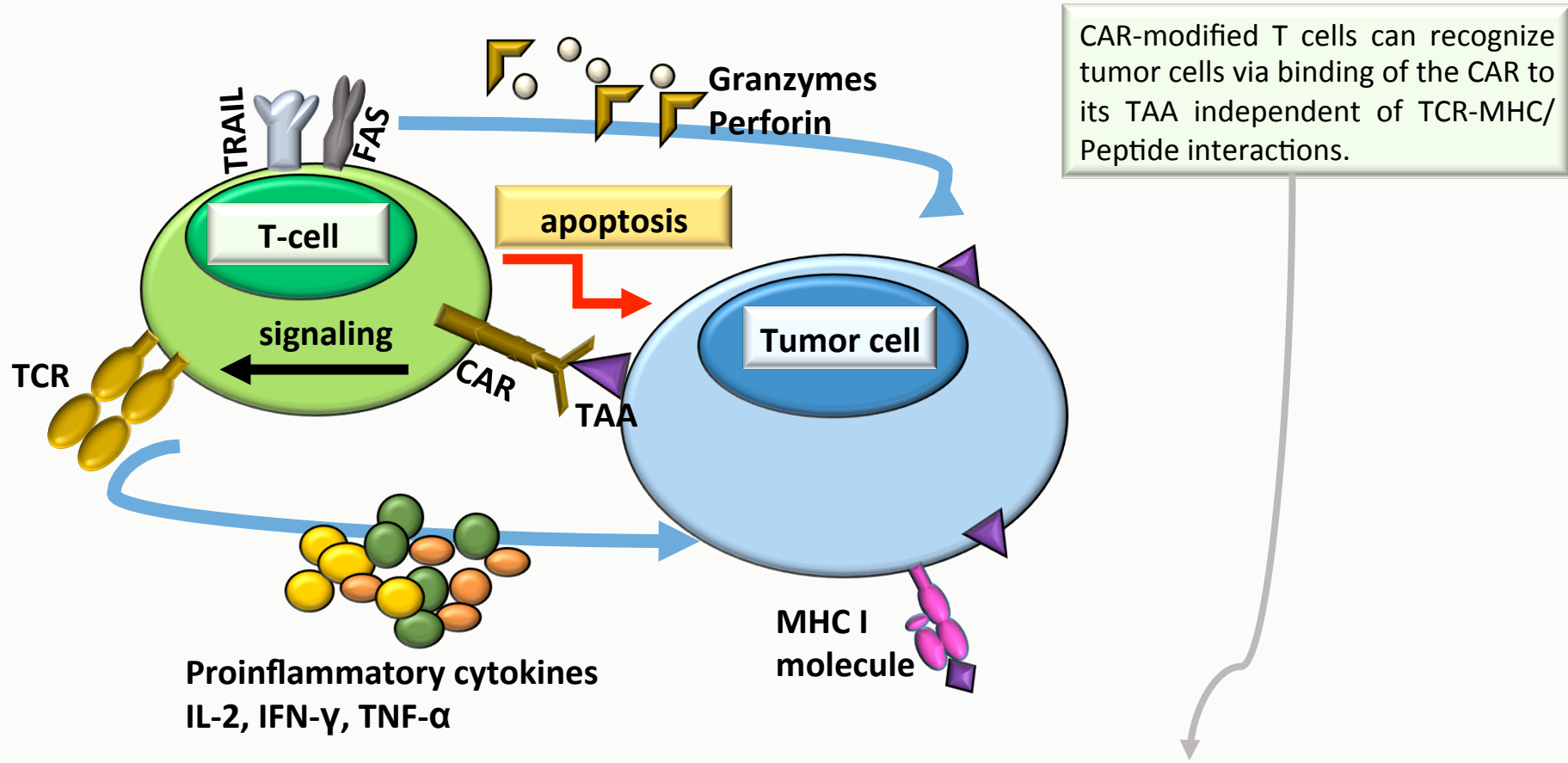


Advantage of Chimeric Antigen Receptors (CARs)

- **HLA-independent antigen recognition**
- **CARs active in both CD4+ and CD8+ T cells**
- **Target antigens include proteins, carbohydrates and glycolipids**
- **Significant quantities of tumor specific T cells are rapidly generated**
- **Minimal risk of generating undesired autoimmunity or GvHD**



T-CARs: Mechanism of Killing



T cells are activated and can efficiently eliminate tumor cells by the secretion of perforin and granzymes as well as the expression of FasL and tumor necrosis factor-related apoptosis inducing ligand (TRAIL). In addition, other tumor-infiltrating immune cells can be activated by the secretion of various cytokines.



Comparison of antigen-specific immunotherapy approaches to B-cell malignancies

Technology	CART	ADC	BITE
Example	CART19 (Penn) CTL019 (Novartis) (autologous ex vivo expanded T cells transduced with an anti-CD19 scFv)	Inotuzumab (anti-CD22 Mab linked to caliche mycin)	Bilatumumab (anti-CD3 anti-CD19 bispecific antibody)
Dosing	One infusion	Once every 3 weeks; or weekly	Continuous infusion 28 days on, 14 days off
Complete response (relapsed/refractory B-ALL)	90% (173)	19% (174)	66% (1675)
Survival	78% 6 months OS	5-6 months median	9 months median
Major toxicity	Cytokine release syndrome, encephalopathy	Fever, hepatotoxicity	Cytokine release syndrome, encephalopathy
Antigen-loss relapses noted?	Yes	No	Yes
Major challenges	Complex process to manufacture an individualized product	Relatively lower response rates	Burdensome infusion regimen

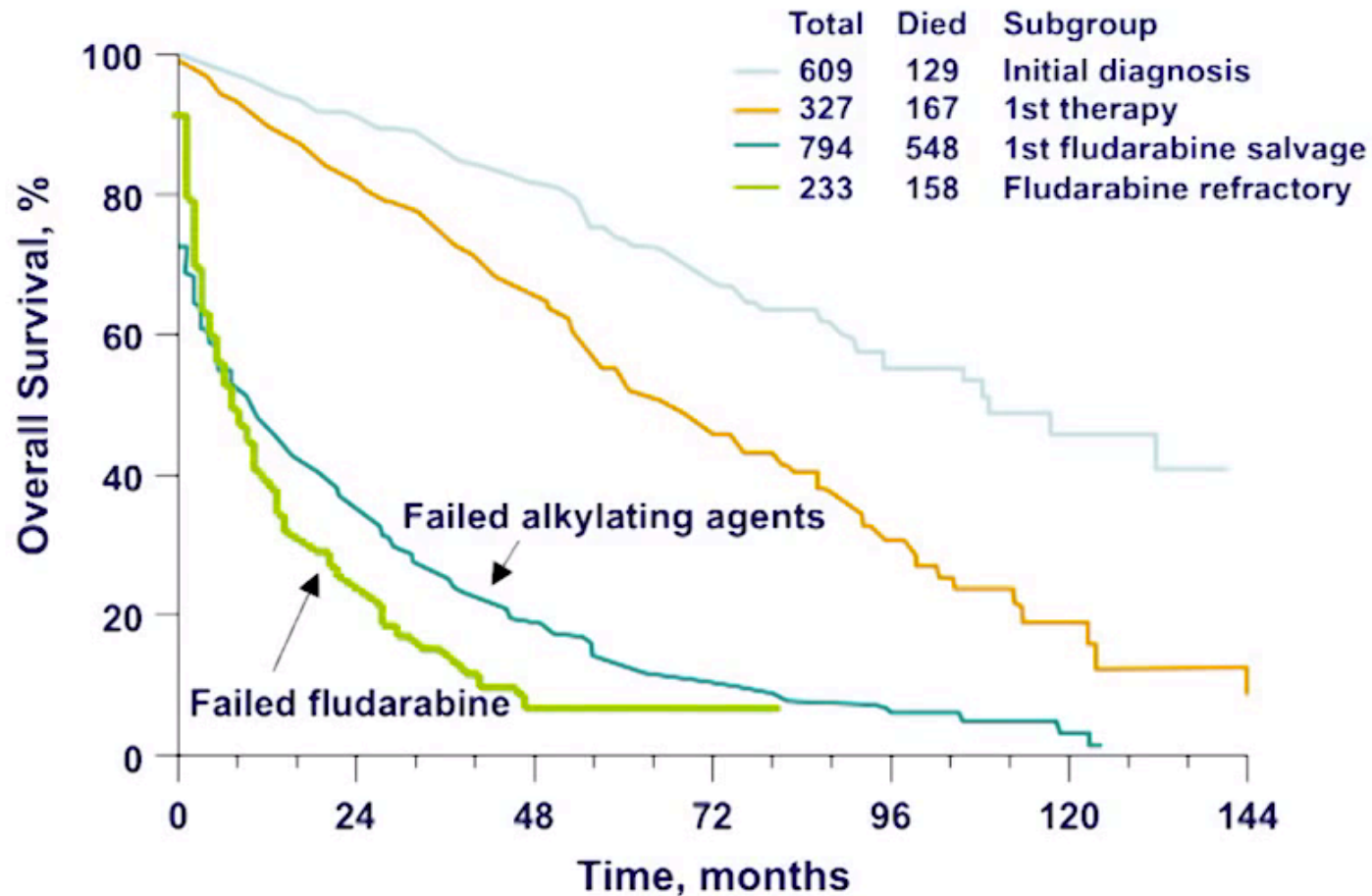


Refractory CLL – A Great Unmet Medical Need

CAR-T cells **in CLL**



Refractory CLL – A Great Unmet Medical Need

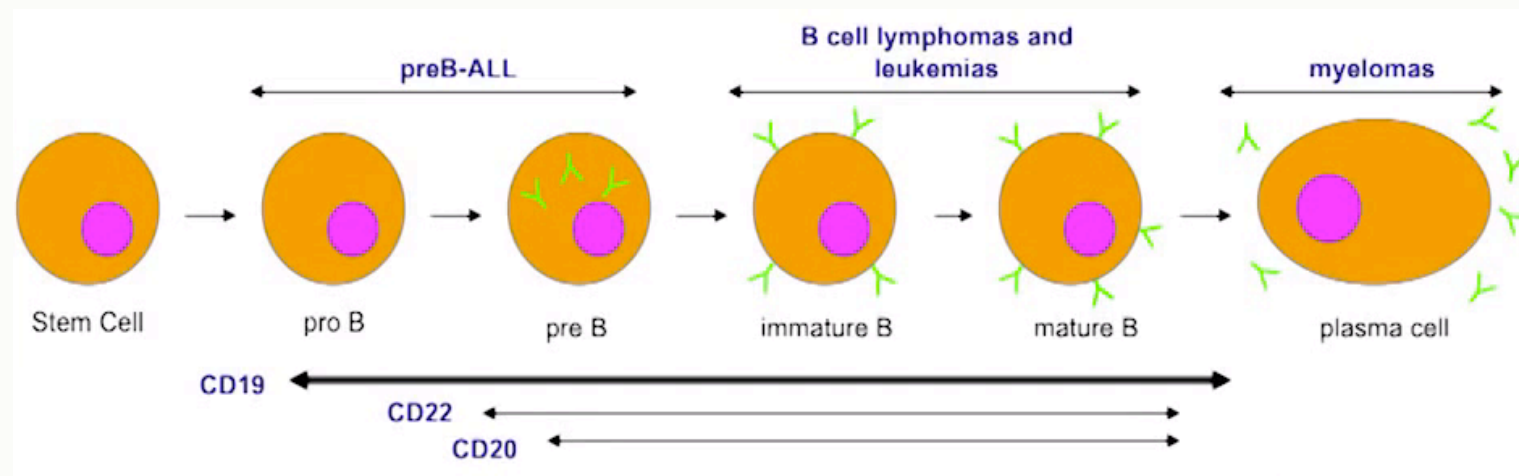


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CD19: An ideal tumor target

- CD19 expression is restricted to B cells and possibly follicular dendritic cells
- CD19 is not expressed on pluripotent bone marrow stem cells
- CD19 is expressed on the surface of most B cell malignancies
- Antibodies against CD19 inhibit growth of tumor cells



CARs Meet Leukemia

- **30 patients with advanced, heavily pre-treated CLL**
 - **11 with del17p**
 - **1-10 prior regimens**



CLL Pilot Study Design and Considerations

- Single center pilot trial of CTL019 (formally CART19) cells
- Primary objective:
 - safety, feasibility and immunogenicity of CTL019 in patients with CD19+ leukemia and lymphoma
- Detailed inclusion/exclusion at [clinicaltrials.gov \(NCT01029366\)](https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/study/NCT01029366)
 - CD19+ B cell malignancies with no available curative options (such as autologous or allogeneic SCT)
 - CLL: failed ≥ 2 prior therapies, progression within 2 years of last treatment.
 - Limited prognosis (<2 years) with available therapies

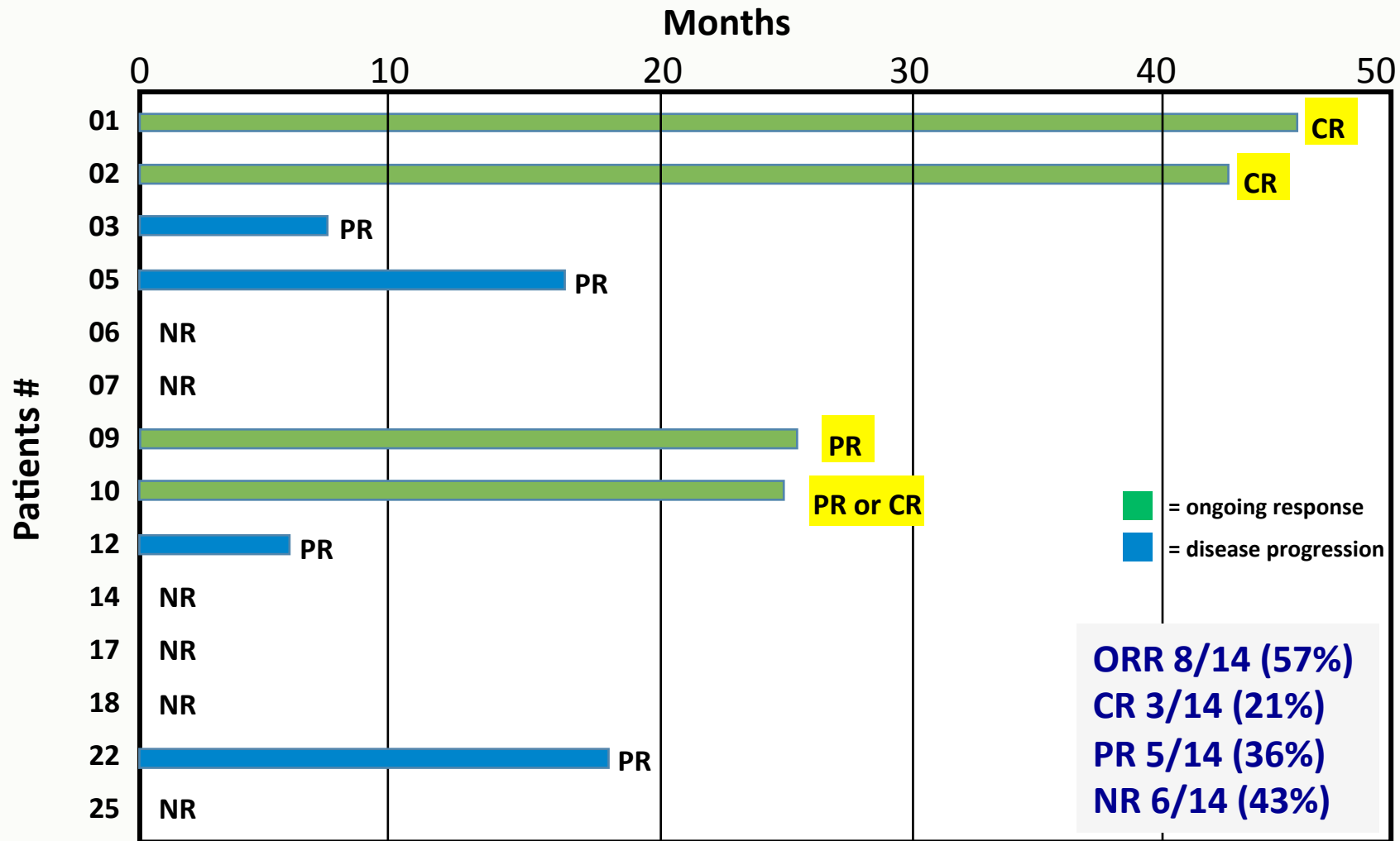


CTL019 Phase I Trial for R/R CLL Pilot Study Design and Considerations

- N=14
- 12 men, 2 women
- Median age 66 (51-78)
- **Prior therapies; median 4 (1-10)**
- **P53 deletion, 6/14**
- Lymphodepleting chemotherapy
 - Bendamustine (6)
 - PC (5)
 - FC (3)



CTL019 for R/R CLL: Durable Responses in Phase I



Randomized Phase II Dose Optimization in R/R CLL
Porter et al.



CTL019 (CART19) Dose Optimization Trial

- Randomization between 5×10^7 and 5×10^8 CTL019 cells
- 16 patients 28+ days (21 enrolled)
- Primary endpoint CR by 3 mo
- Demographics
 - 12 men, 4 women median age 62 (54-78)
 - 4 prior therapies

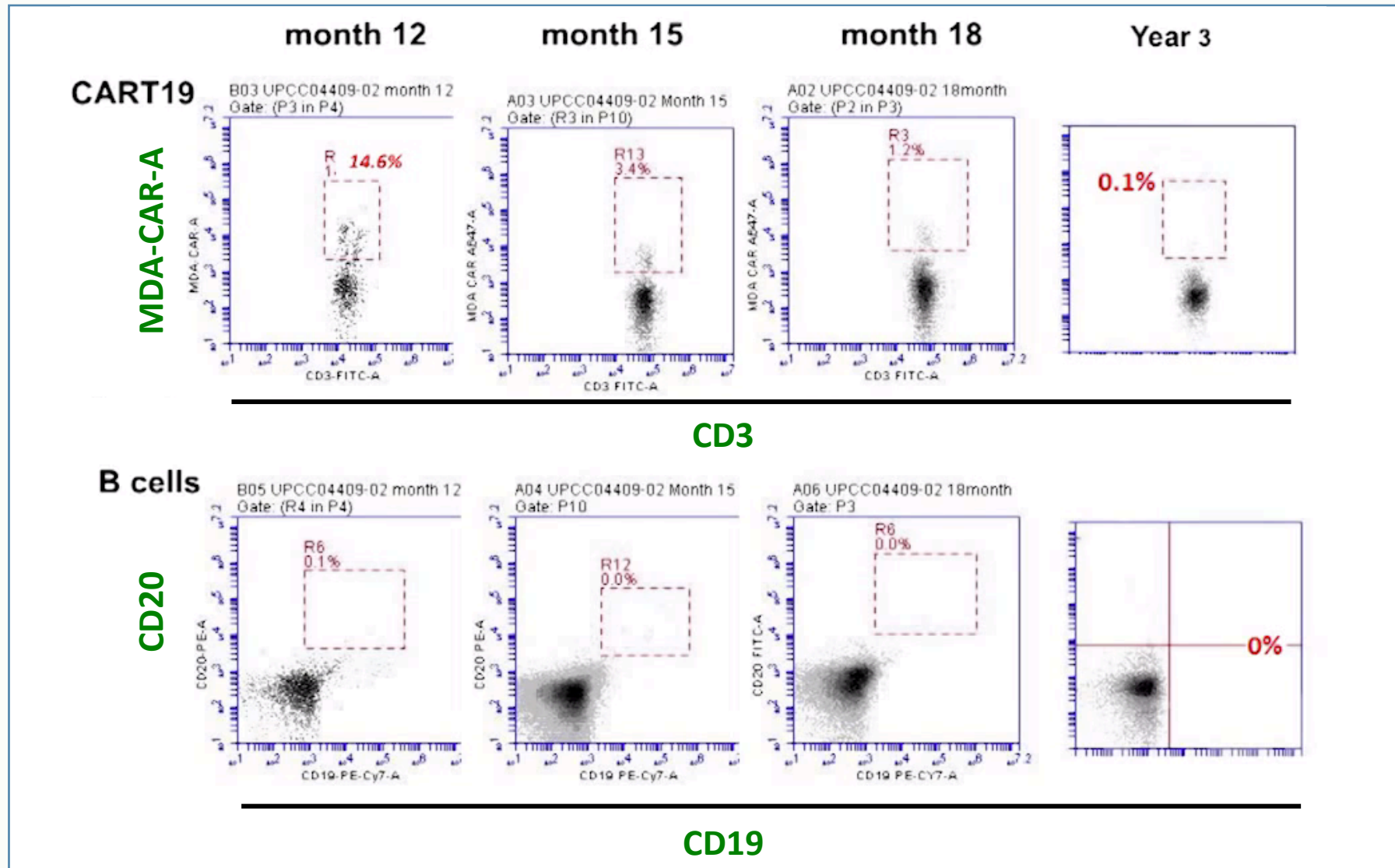


Overall Response of CLL to CTL019 (04409 + 03712)

• CR	7/30	(23%)
• PR	7/30	(23%)
• Major responses	14/30	(46%)



CAR T-19 Persistence and B cell Aplasia



Toxicity: CTL019 (CART19)

- **No significant infusional toxicity.**
 - **Hepatotoxicity (reversible, grade 3-4 responding patients).**
 - **Renal toxicity (grade 3-4)**
 - **Related to TLS, ATN from hypotension**
 - **Reversible.**
 - **B cell aplasia and hypogammaglobulinemia in patients achieving CR**
 - **Supported with IVIG**
 - **No excessive or frequent infections.**
 - **Tumor Lysis syndrome.**
 - **Cytokine Release Syndrome (CRS).**
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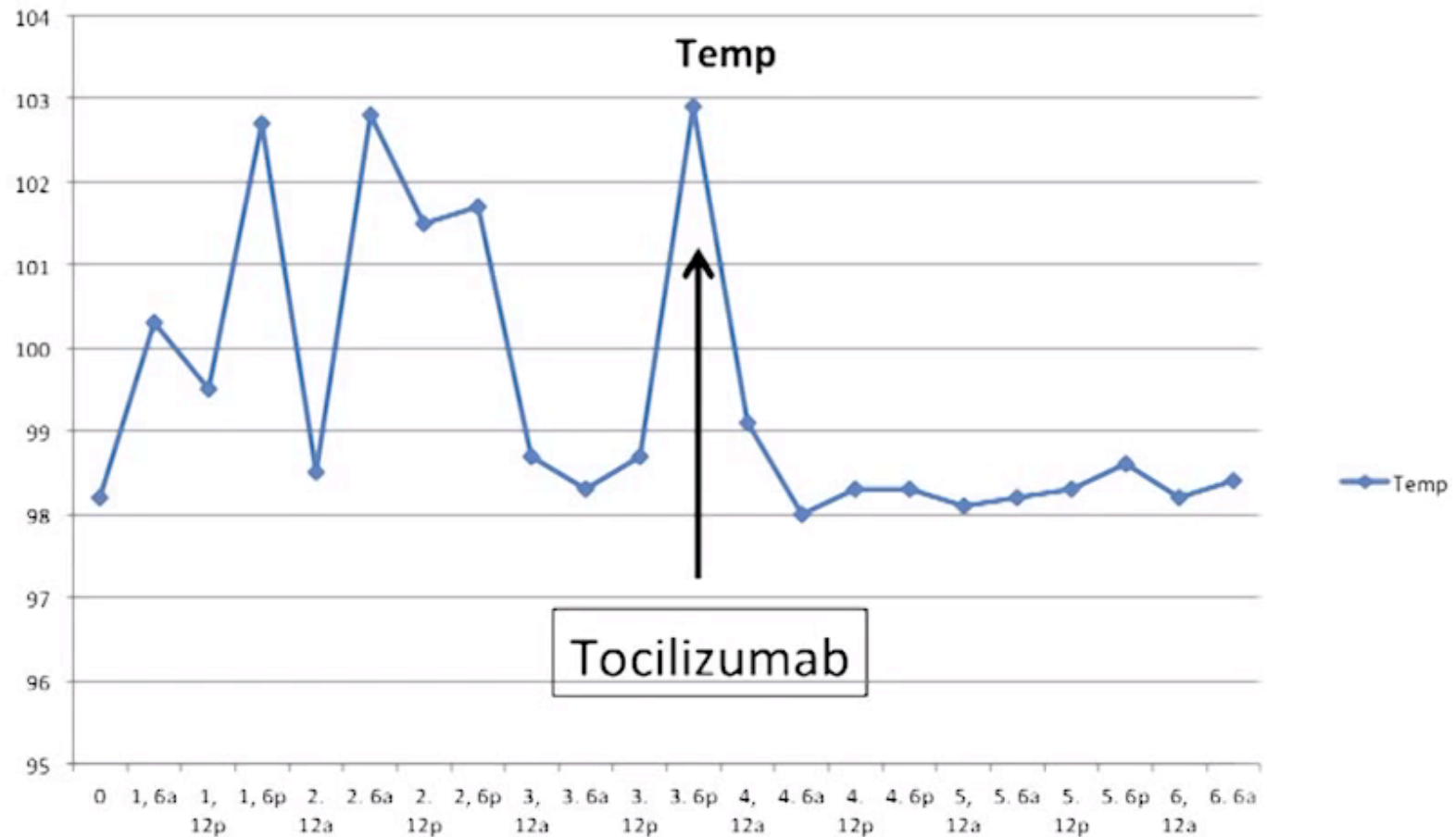
CART19 Associated Cytokine Release Syndrome

- All responding patients developed a CRS
 - High fevers, myalgias, nausea, hypotension, hypoxia, etc.
 - Very high levels of IL6
 - IFN-gamma, modest TNF-alfa
 - Mild increases in IL2
 - patients with NR had CRS
 - Rapidly reversed with steroids, tocilizumab
 - Treatment CRS day 2-10
 - patients with CR/PR treated, 1 NR patient treated
 - *Will early treatment for CRS abrogate response?*
 - CRS associated with HLH/MAS (Hemofagocytosis, hemolysis, DIC, ferritin > 500,000, altered MS
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Temperature Response to Tocilizumab

04409-10



Determinants of response

- T cell expansion
- All responding patients develop CRS
- Unknown
 - Preinfusion T cell activity?
 - Preinfusion CD8 function
 - Post expansion CD8 function
 - Cytokine profile
 - Patient characteristics?
 - Disease characteristic?



Refractory ALL- A Great Unmet Medical Need

CAR-T cells
in ALL



Relapsed / Refractory ALL

Reference	Year	Therapy	N Pts	CR Rate	Survival
1st Salvage				34-44%	
Thomas et al.	1999	Various	314	31%	6%
Tavernier et al.	2007	Various	421	44%	8%
Fielding et al.	2007	Various	609	44%	7%
Vives et al.	2008	Various	198	42%	5%
Gokbuget et al.	2012	Various	547	42%	24%
2nd Salvage				18-33%	
O'Brien et al.	2008	Various	288	18%	3mo
Gokbuget et al.	2012	Various	82	33%	13%
Relapsed after SCT				23%	
Gokbuget et al.	2012	Various	48	23%	15%

Number Pts > 2000
Survival < 10% at 2 yrs



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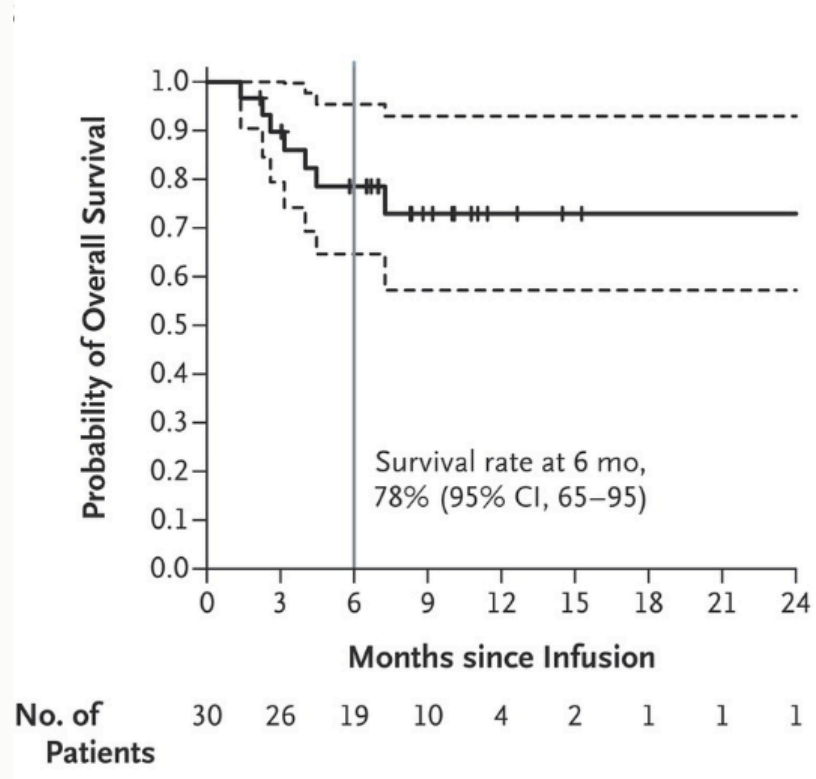
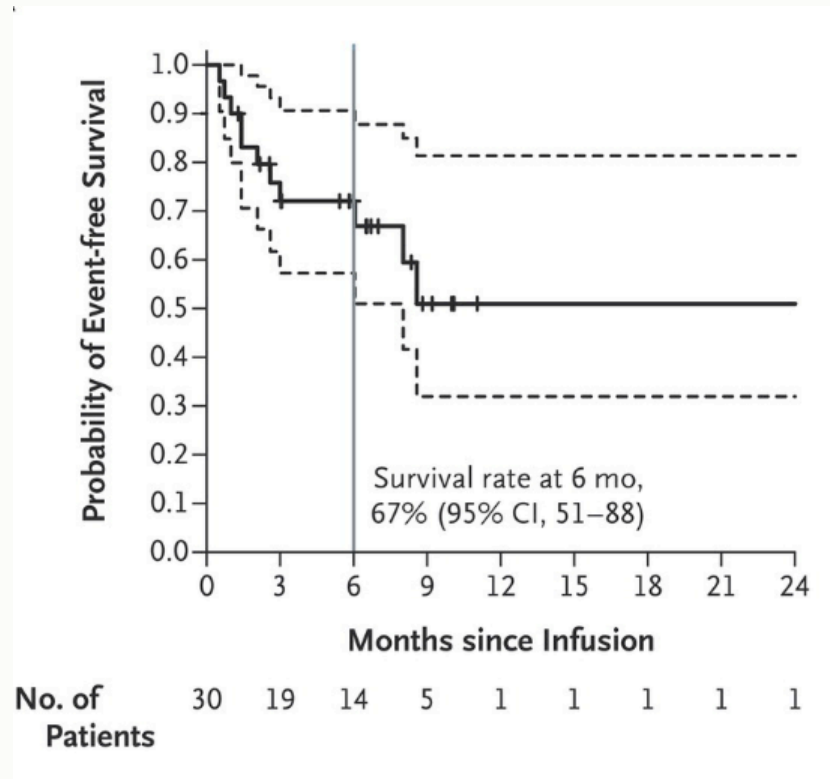


Baseline Characteristics of the Patients

Characteristic	Pediatric Cohort (N = 25)	Adult Cohort (N = 5)	Total (N = 30)
Sex – no. (%)			
Female	11 (44)	1 (20)	12 (40)
Male	14 (56)	4 (80)	18 (60)
Age at infusion – yr			
Median	11	47	14
Range	5-22	26-60	5-60
Allogeneic transplatation – no. (%)	18 (72)	0	18 (60)
Primary refractory disease – no. (%)	0	3 (60)	3 (10)
Relapse – no. (%)			
1	3 (12)	2 (40)	5 (17)
≥2	22 (88)		22 (73)
Baseline burden of acute lymphoblastic leukemia – no. (%)			
Presence of detectable disease†	20 (80)	4 (40)	24 (80)
Morphologic remission‡		1 (20)	1 (3)
Absence of minimal residual disease	5 (20)		5 (17)
High-risk cytogenetic factors – no.			
BCR-ABL1	2		
IKZF1 deletion	2		
MLL translocation	1		
Hypodiploidy	1		
CNS status – no. †			
CNS-1	23		
CNS-2	2		

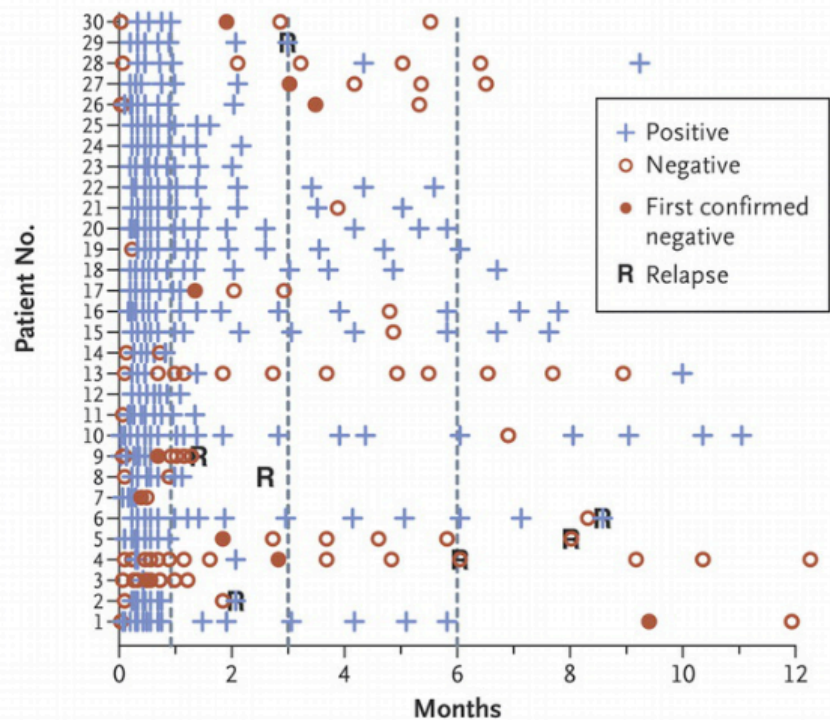


Probability of Event Free Survival and Overall Survival at 6 Months

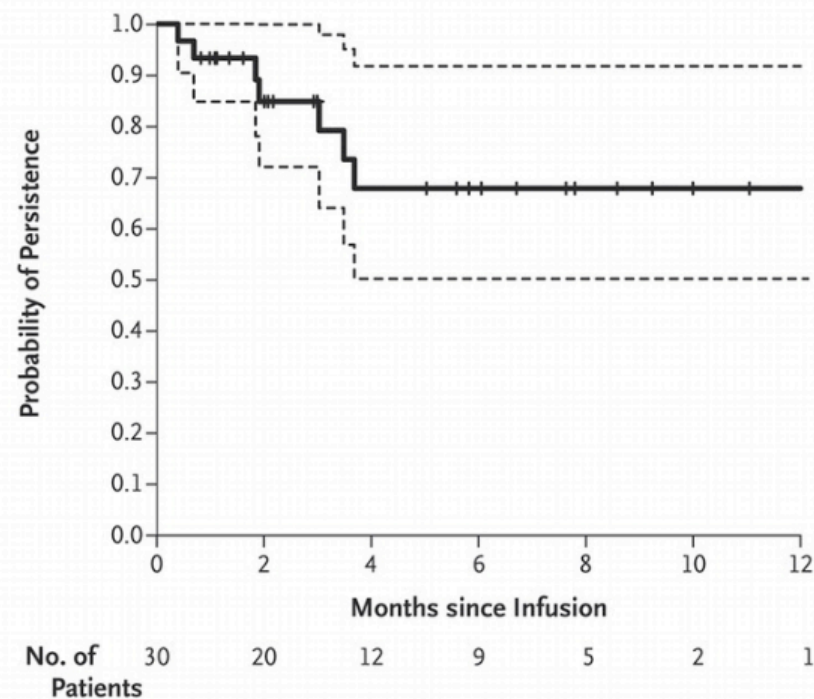


Persistence of CTL019

A Detection of CTL019+ Cells in Peripheral Blood



B Time to First Negative Test



CTL019 Manufacture and Dose

Subject ID	PBMC		Percent transduced	CTL019+ cells infused		Response	Severe CRS (Y/N)
	Input ($\times 10^9$)	Yield ($\times 10^{10}$)		Total ($\times 10^8$)	$\times 10^6/\text{kg}$		
1	4.50	0.73	11.6%	3.78	11.55	CR	Y
2	3.66	1.16	14.4%	0.39	1.52	CR	N
3	4.00	1.48	18.3%	0.38	1.86	NR	N
4	4.30	1.43	25.3%	0.48	2.54	CR	N
5	0.91	1.06	35.9%	0.86	3.59	CR	N
6	3.61	1.67	21.4%	4.28	5.94	CR	N
7	2.00	1.75	16.2%	0.30	1.62	NR	N
8	4.50	1.57	10.7%	0.34	1.07	CR	N
9	0.30	0.18	42.7%	1.45	4.27	CR	Y
10	3.60	2.74	45.3%	9.06	17.36	CR	N
11	4.50	1.29	30.4%	1.26	3.04	CR	Y
12	4.40	2.58	35.3%	1.73	3.53	CR	Y
13	4.50	2.41	20.9%	3.68	8.35	CR	N
14	4.50	0.93	21.5%	3.58	8.61	NR	N
15	3.70	1.89	37.4%	3.83	14.96	CR	N
16	3.50	0.75	38.8%	7.76	6.63	CR	Y
17 ¹	4.50	2.36	32.6%	1.63	2.74	CR	N
18	2.14	1.46	34.0%	4.53	13.60	CR	N
19	3.88	0.30	22.8%	2.06	9.12	CR	N
20	4.50	0.79	33.8%	6.76	11.99	CR	Y
21	2.67	0.38	18.3%	1.43	7.32	CR	N
22	4.50	1.20	19.5%	3.43	7.80	CR	N
23	4.50	0.05	33.8%	1.01	1.58	CR	N
24	4.50	1.93	16.4%	0.54	1.64	CR	Y
25	4.50	3.18	10.3%	2.06	2.48	CR	N
26	4.50	1.47	13.5%	0.68	0.79	CR	Y
27	4.18	1.44	14.6%	0.73	0.76	CR	N
28	3.50	0.41	31.1%	9.58	12.24	CR	N
29	1.28	1.54	5.5%	2.76	3.62	CR	N
30	2.20	1.31	21.4%	1.07	1.80	CR	N

CR 27/30 pts (90%)

CRS 8/30 pts (27%)

PBMC, peripheral blood mononuclear cells; CR, complete remission; NR, no response

¹Subsequent infusions at 3 and 6 months for total dose of 2.06×10^7 CTL019 cells/kg



T cells expressing CD19 chimeric antigen receptors for acute lymphoblastic leukaemia in children and young adults: a phase 1 dose-escalation trial

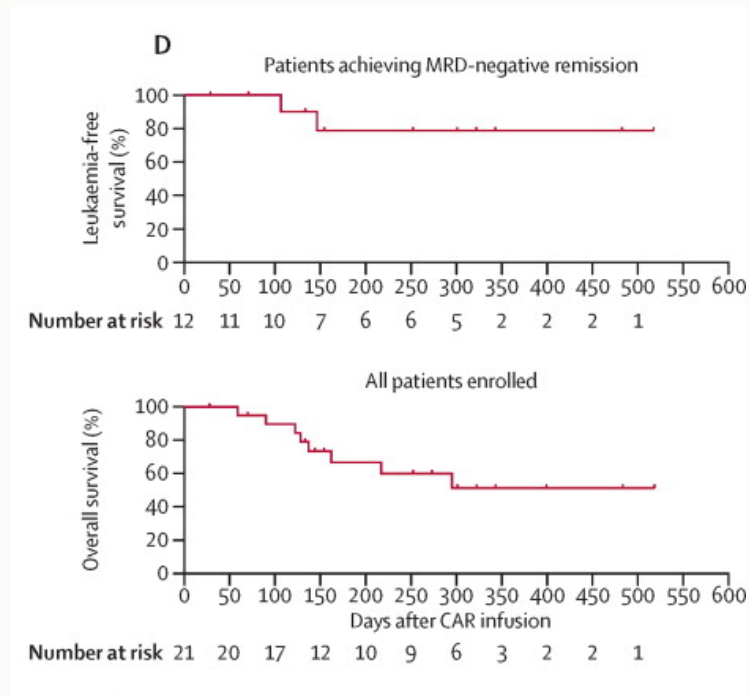
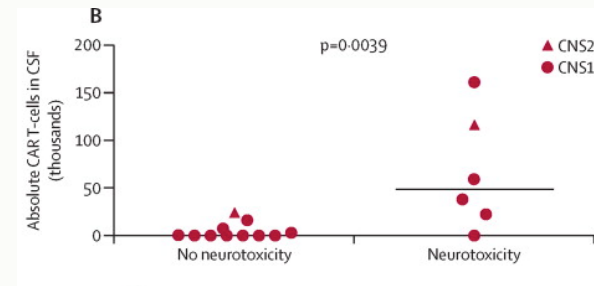
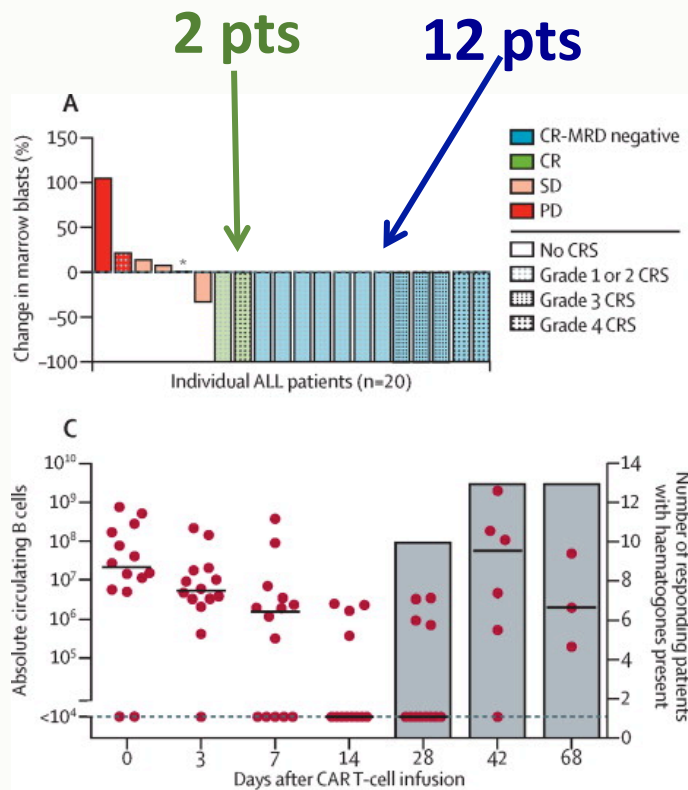


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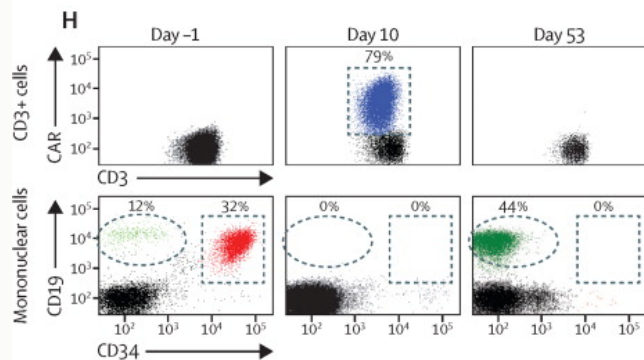
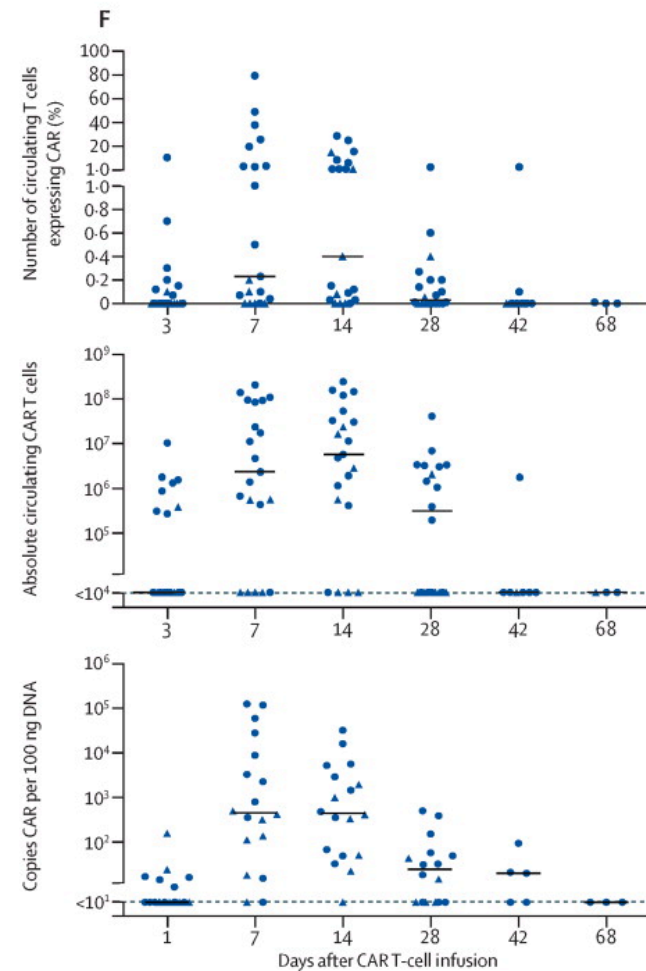
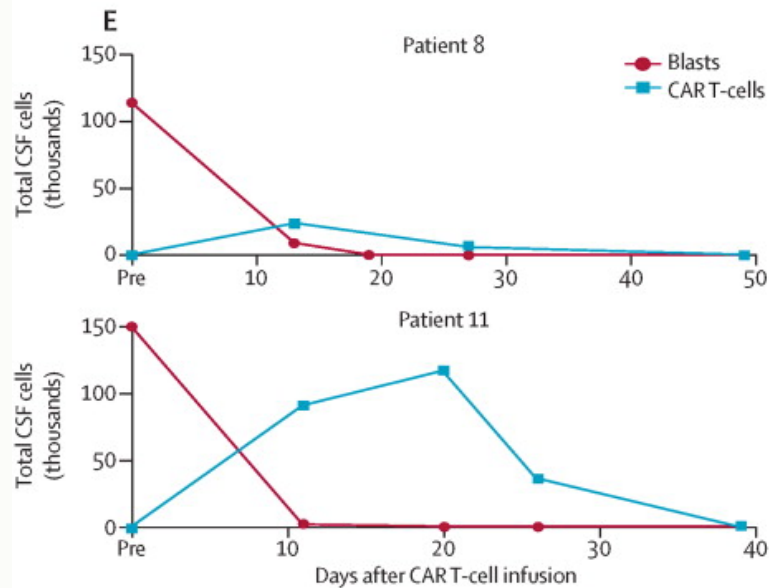
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Clinical activity of CD19-chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T cells (I)



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Clinical activity of CD19-chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T cells (III)

Age	Sex	Previous treatment	Number of relapses	Marrow blasts (% of mononuclear)		CNS status	CAR dose ($\times 10^6/\text{kg}$)	Response (day 28)	CRS grade	Absolute circulating CAR T cells at day 28 ($\times 10^6/\text{kg}$)	Days until HSCT after CAR	
				Pre-treatment	Post-CAR							
1	13	M	C, R, I, T	8	30%	1%	1	1	CRi	2	1	..
2	16	F	C, R, T	2	35%	40%	1	0.03	SD	0	1.9	..
3	10	F*	C, R, I, T	Primary refractory	1	PD	1	0	..
4	11	F	C	Primary refractory	58%	<0.01%	1	1	CR, MRD Neg	1	2.8	47
5	10	M	C	1	10%	<0.01%	1	0.48	CR, MRD Neg	2	0.4	82
6	10	M	C	3	81%	99%	1	3†	PD	1	0	..
7	25	M	C, I	1	50%	0.03%	1	3	CR	4‡	0	..
8	18	M	C, R, T	1	0.2%	<0.01%	2	1	CR, MRD Neg	1	3	..
9	13	M	C, R, I, T, CAR	3	0.56%	<0.01%	1	3	CR, MRD Neg	1	3.1	45
10	5	M	C	Primary refractory	5%	<0.01%	1	3	CR, MRD Neg	3	0	54
11	23	M	C, R	1	84%	<0.01%	2	1	CR, MRD Neg	3	6.5	54
12	9	M	C	1	95%	96%	1	1	PD	0	0	..
13	27	F	C	3	21%	43%	1	1	PD	0	0	..
14	15	M	C, R, T	3	96%	<0.01%	1	1	CR, MRD Neg	4‡§	1.4	..
15	5	F	C, R, T	1	15%	10%	1	1	SD	0	0	..
16	25	M	C	Primary refractory	50%	<0.01%	1	1	CR, MRD Neg	4‡§	3.1	63
17	18	F	C	Primary refractory	0.03%	<0.01%	1	1	CR, MRD Neg	1	0.2	48
18	13	M	C, R, T	2	90%	97%	1	1	SD	0	0	..
19	21	M	C	2	7.7%	<0.01%	1	1	CR, MRD Neg	3‡	40.3	55
20	16	F	C	Primary refractory	0.7%	<0.01%	1	1	CR, MRD Neg	1	0	46
21	6	M	C	Primary refractory	0.56%	<0.01%	1	1	CR, MRD Neg	1	0	46

M=male, F=female, C=chemotherapy, R=radiation therapy, I=immunotherapy, T=allogeneic haemopoietic stem-cell transplant. CAR=CD19 chimeric antigen receptor. CRS=cytokine release syndrome. CR=complete response. MRD Neg=no minimal residual disease detected. CRi=CR with incomplete count recovery. SD=stable disease. PD=progressive disease. HSCT=haemopoietic stem-cell transplant. *Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma. †Actual dose received was 3.6×10^6 CAR T cells per kg. ‡Tocilizumab. §Corticosteroid.

Table 1: Patient demographic characteristics, response, and toxicity

CR 14/21 pts (66%)

CRS 6/24 pts (25%)



Grade 3 and 4 toxicities, and grade 2 neurotoxicities possibly related to CD19-CAR T-cell therapy

	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4
Adverse event			
Acute kidney injury	..	1 (5%)	0
Cardiac arrest	..	0	1 (5%)
Cytokine release syndrome	..	3 (16%)	3 (16%)
QTc prolongation	..	1 (5%)	0
Febrile neutropenia	..	7 (37%)	0
Fever	..	9 (47%)	0
Hypertension	..	1 (5%)	0
Hypotension	..	2 (11%)	2 (11%)
Hypoxia	..	1 (5%)	1 (5%)
Left ventricular systolic dysfunction	..	0	1 (5%)
Multi-organ failure	..	1 (5%)	0
Pulmonary oedema	..	0	1 (5%)
Respiratory failure	..	0	1 (5%)
Haematological adverse event			
Prolonged activated partial thromboplastin time	..	1 (5%)	0
Anaemia	..	13 (68%)	0
Lymphocyte count decreased	..	1 (5%)	7 (37%)
Neutrophil count decreased	..	0	17 (89%)
Platelet count decreased	..	3 (16%)	7 (37%)
White blood cell decreased	..	4 (21%)	13 (68%)

	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4
Chemical laboratory abnormalities			
ALT increased	..	1 (5%)	0
AST increased	..	2 (11%)	0
Blood bilirubin increased	..	1 (5%)	0
CPK increased	..	1 (5%)	0
Hyperglycaemia	..	1 (5%)	0
Hypokalaemia	..	9 (47%)	0
Hyponatraemia	..	1 (5%)	0
Hypophosphataemia	..	7 (37%)	1 (5%)
Nervous system event			
Ataxia	1 (5%)	0	0
Dysphasia	0	1 (5%)	0
Headache	1 (5%)	0	0
Tremor	1 (5%)	0	0

Data are n (%). ALT=alanine aminotransferase. AST=aspartate aminotransferase. CPK=creatine phosphokinase.



Summary of main CAR19 data in ALL

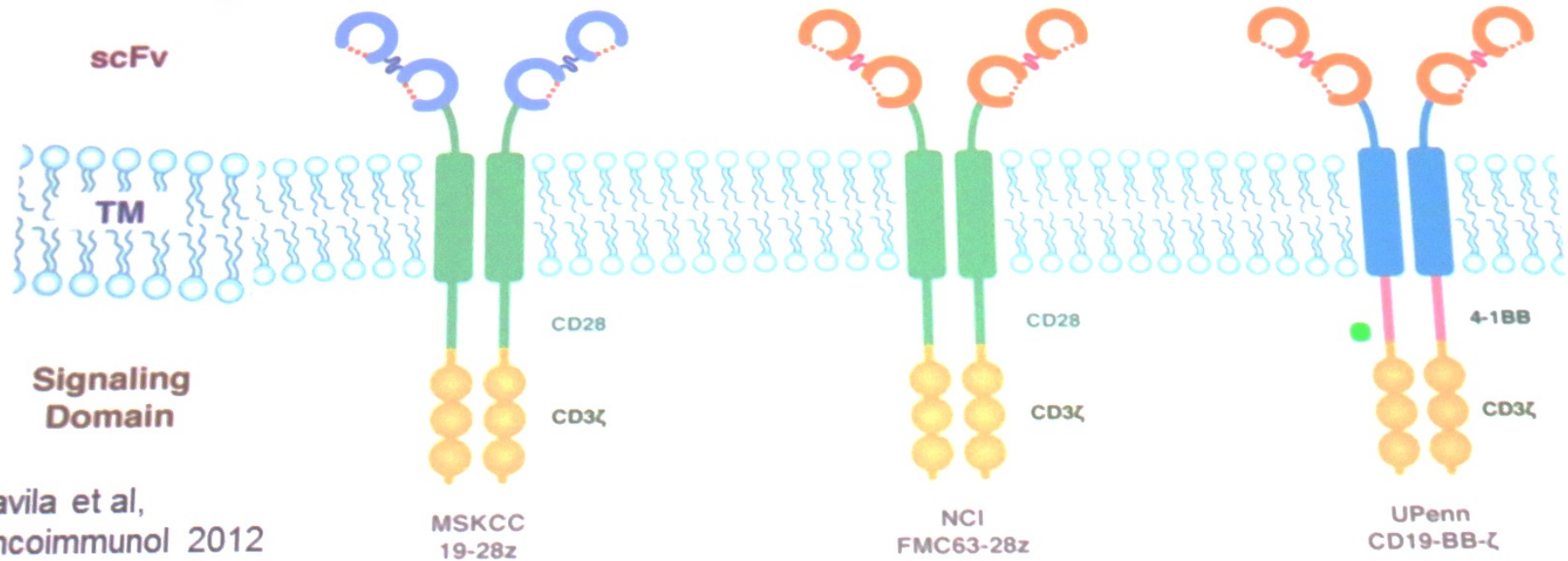
Reference	N: of patients	CAR vector	Response consolidation
Brentjens et al. 2011	1	SJC25C1-CD28-ζ retro	Remained in CR →allo
Brentjens et al. 2013 Davila et al. 2014	10 (4 post allo)	SJC25C1-CD28-ζ retro	10 CR + 4CRI 100 MRD- →7 allo-SCT
Grupp et al.. 2013 Maude et al., 2014	30 (18 post allo-sct<)	FMC63-41BB—ζ lenti	27 CR 22 MRD- →3 allo-SCT
Lee et al., 2015	20 (7 post allo-sct)	FMC63-CD28—ζ retro	13 CR + 1 Cri 12 MRD- →10 allo-SCT

67 patients treated, complete response rate 82%, 63% MRD-



Comparing CD19 CARs for Leukemia

CAR design important for persistence and sustained efficacy



Davila et al,
Oncoimmunol 2012

Vector	Retroviral ¹	Retroviral ²	Lentiviral ³
Expression	~30 Days	~30 Days	>4 years
CR in ALL	~90%	~80%	~90%
CR in CLL	0/8		4/14
PR in CLL	0/8		4/14
ORR in CLL	0%		57%

CAR 19 future challenge

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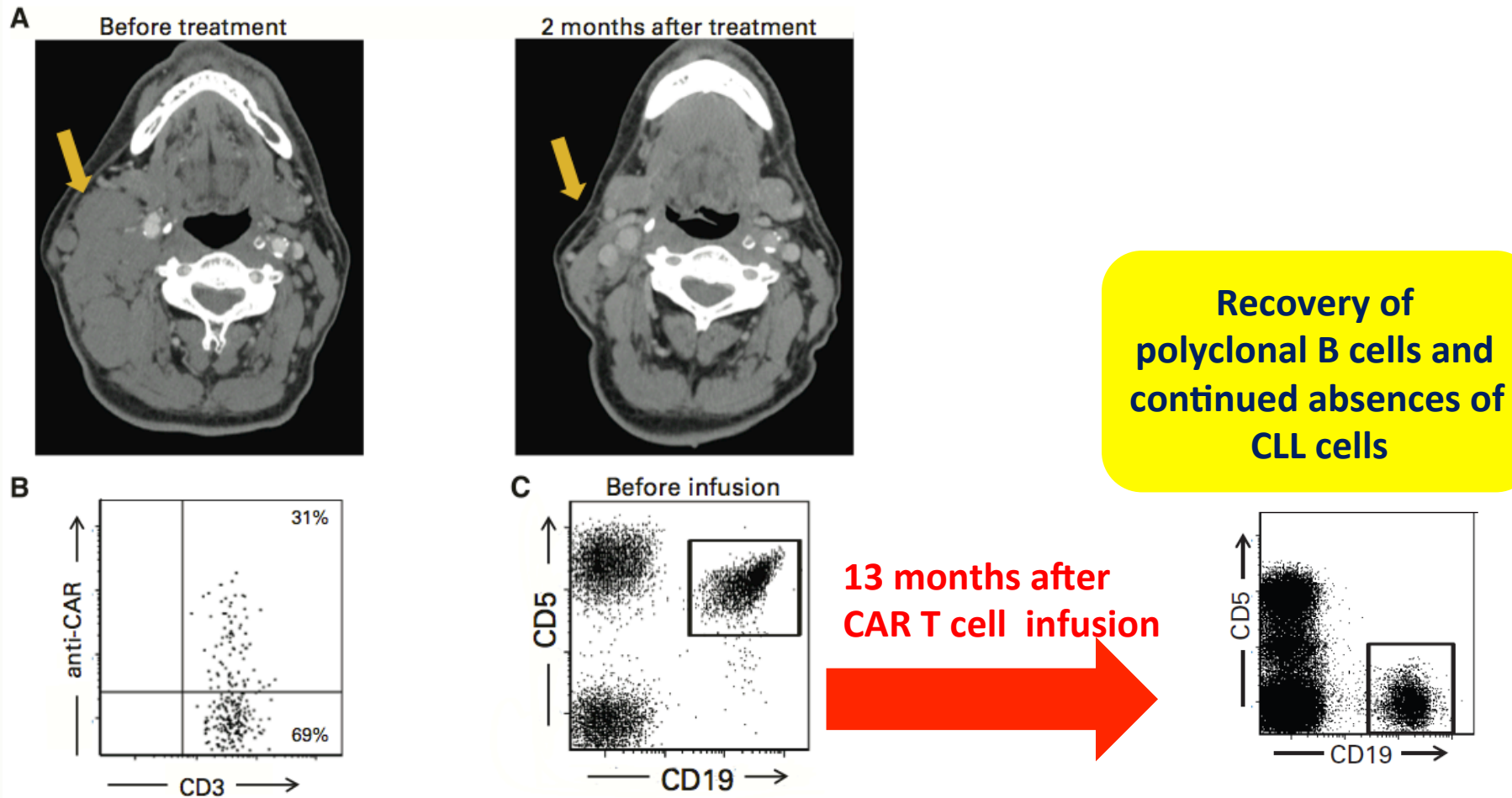
Patient Characteristics

Patient No.	Age (years)	Sex	Malignancy	No. of Prior Therapies ^a	sAAIPI Risk Group	Total Cyclophosphamide Dose (mg/kg) ^b	No. of CAR-Positive T Cells Infused ($\times 10^6$ /kg)	Response ^c		
								Type	Duration (months)	Grade ≥ 3 Toxicities ^d
1 ^e	56	Male	SMZL	4	NA	120	5	PR	23+ ^f	Hypotension, confusion, acute renal failure, fever
2	43	Female	PMBCL ^g	4	Low	60	5	CR	22+ ^f	Fever, confusion, aphasia, facial nerve palsy, headache, urinary tract infection
3	61	Male	CLL (FR)	2	NA	60	4	CR	23+ ^f	Headache, fever, confusion, hypotension
4	30	Female	PMBCL ^g	3	High	120	2.5	NE		Nausea, hypoxia, dyspnea, tachycardia, fever, bacteremia, malaise, vascular leak syndrome, death
5 ^e	63	Male	CLL	4	NA	120	2.5	CR	15+ ^f	None
6	48	Male	CLL (FR)	1	NA	60	2.5	CR	14+ ^f	None
7	42	Male	DLBCL NOS ^g	5	High	60	2.5	CR	9+ ^f	Influenza, fever, headache, bacteremia
8	44	Female	PMBCL ^g	10	High	60	2.5	CR	12+ ^f	Fever, pneumonitis, hypotension, hypoxia, bacteremia, obtundation, elevated creatinine
9	38	Male	PMBCL ^g	3	High	120	2.5	SD	1	Fever, aphasia, myoclonus
10	57	Female	Low-grade NHL ^h	4	NA	60	1	CR	11+ ^f	Bacteremia, fever, fatigue
11	58	Female	DLBCL ^g from CLL	12	High	60	1	PR	1	Bacteremia, urinary tract infection, fever
12	60	Female	DLBCL NOS ^g	3	High	60	1	NE ⁱ		Fever, urinary tract infection, bacteremia, upper extremity thrombosis
13	68	Male	CLL	4	NA	60	1	PR	4	Dyspnea, upper extremity thrombosis, urinary tract infection, creatinine increase, hypotension
14	43	Male	DLBCL NOS ^g	2	High	60	1	CR	6	Fever
15	64	Female	DLBCL NOS ^h	3	Intermediate	60	1	PR	6+ ^f	Fever, aphasia, encephalopathy, neuropathy, gait disturbance

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CAR T cells were detected in regressing lymph node mass of CLL patients

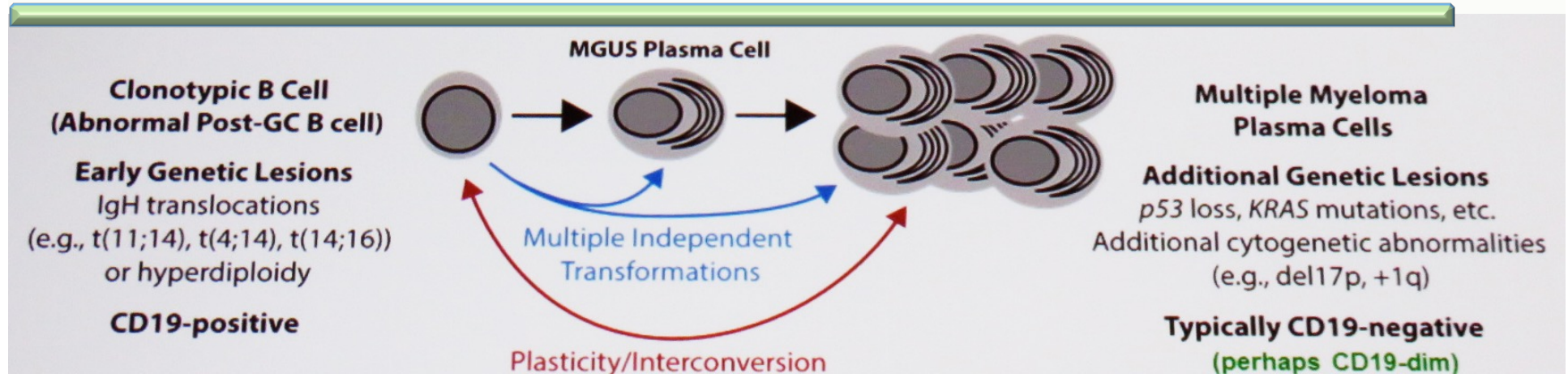


Toxicity

- Hypotension
- Neurologic toxicity
 - confusion and obtundation, aplasia and myoclonus (when CAR T cells are administered without IL-2)



CART19 in Multiple Myeloma



- Might CTL019 be useful in multiple myeloma, even though it is “CD19-negative?”
- How can we give CTL019 so that it would work by any/all these mechanisms?
- CTL019 recognizes <100 molecules of CD19

CTL019 recognizes targets at least 40-fold below FACS detection

If FACS detects ~1000 copies on surface, CTL019 can recognize < 100 surface molecules of CD19

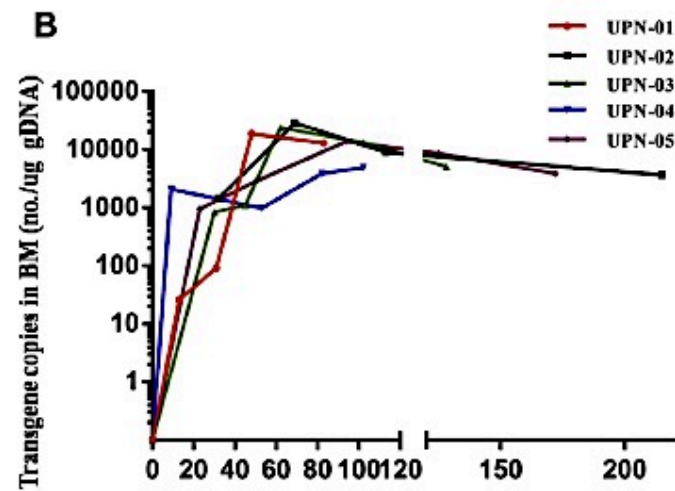
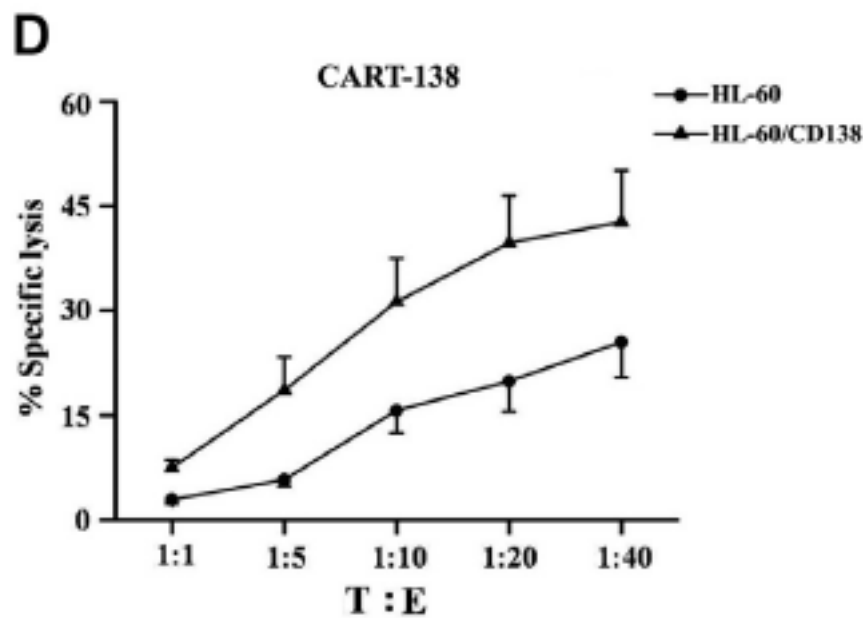
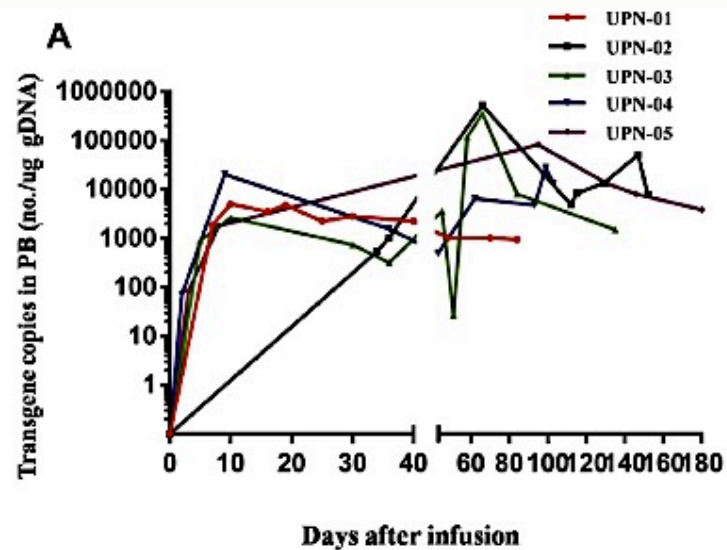
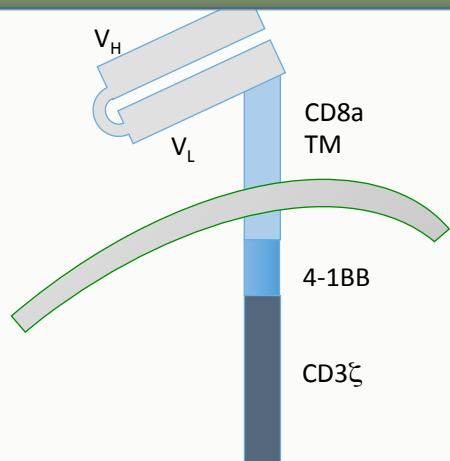
Immunotherapy for myeloma

TARGETS for CAR-T	
CD138	Guo B et al, J Cell Immunth 2015
BCMA	Ayed Ao et al, Crit Rev Onc/Hem 2015
CD317	Ayed Ao et al, Crit Rev Onc/Hem 2015
CS1	Chu J et al, Clin Cancer Res.2014
CD38	Ayed Ao et al, Crit Rev Onc/Hem 2015
CD56	Ayed Ao et al, Crit Rev Onc/Hem 2015
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TARGETS for CAR-NK	
CD138	H. Jiang et al, Mol. Oncol. 2014
CS1	J. Chu et al, Clin. Cancer Res. 2014



CD38-CAR-T cells immunotherapy for myeloma



Immunotherapy for myeloma

Baseline demographic and clinical patient characteristics.

UPN	Age, y	Gender	Diagnosis/stage	The no. of prior therapies	Disease status at study entry	Conditioning regimen before T-cell infusions	Times of infusion of CIK before CART-138	Response and time since treatment (mon)
1	57	Female	MM (IgG-LAM, IIIB)	15	PD	PCD	2	SD (3)
2	62	Male	MM (IgA-LAM, IIIA)	8	PD	CP	4	SD (3), PD
3	55	Female	MM (IgA-KAP, IIIA)	18	PD	CP	2	SD (7)
4	68	Female	MM (IgA-LAM, IIIB)	5	PD	CP	3	PD
5	48	Female	MM (KAP, IIIA)	7 + auto-PBSCT	PD	VAD	3	SD (6)

SD is Stable disease. PD is Progressive disease.

Table 2

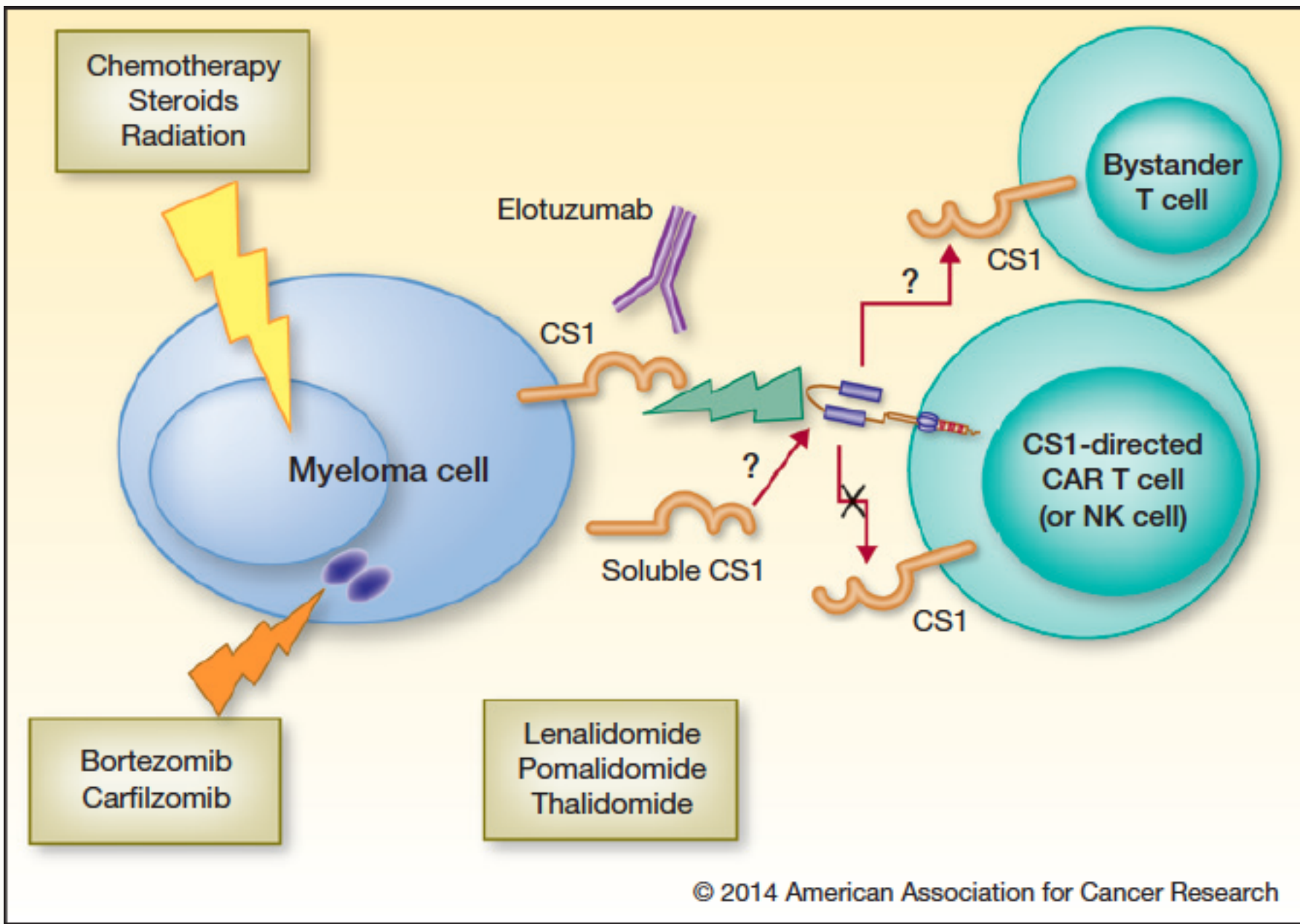
Acute adverse events after T cell infusion.

UPN	Adverse events	Grade	Time of occurrence	Description	Duration
1	Fever	3	1 h after infusion	With chills, the peak temperature was 39.2 °C	30 min
2	None				
3	Fever	3	4 h after infusion	With chills, nausea, the peak temperature was 39.5 °C	90 min
4	Fever	3	2 h after infusion	With chills, nausea, the peak temperature was 39.5 °C	50 min
5	Fever	3	40 min after infusion	With chills, nausea, the peak temperature was 39.6 °C	2 h

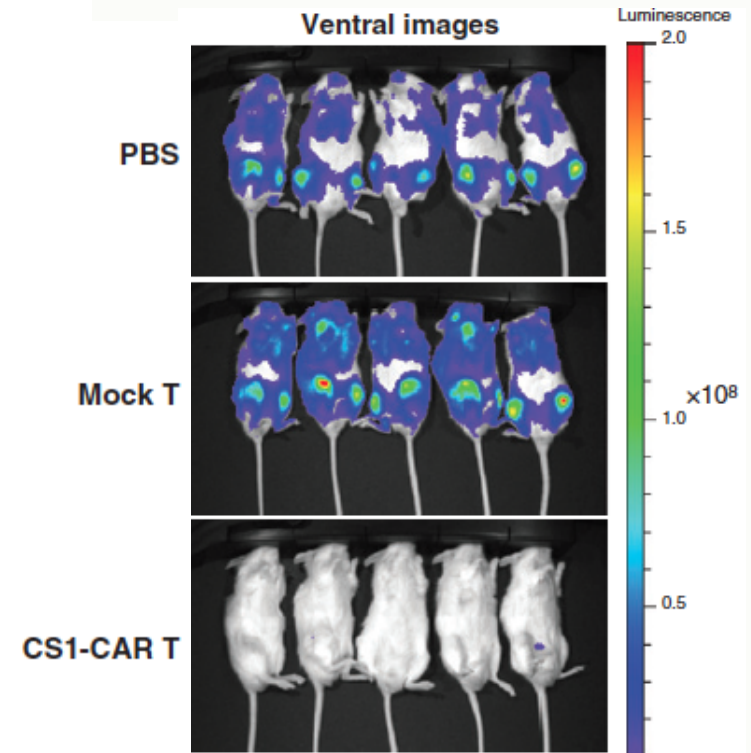
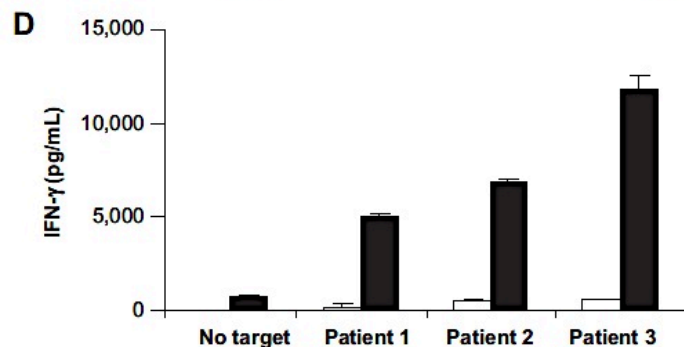
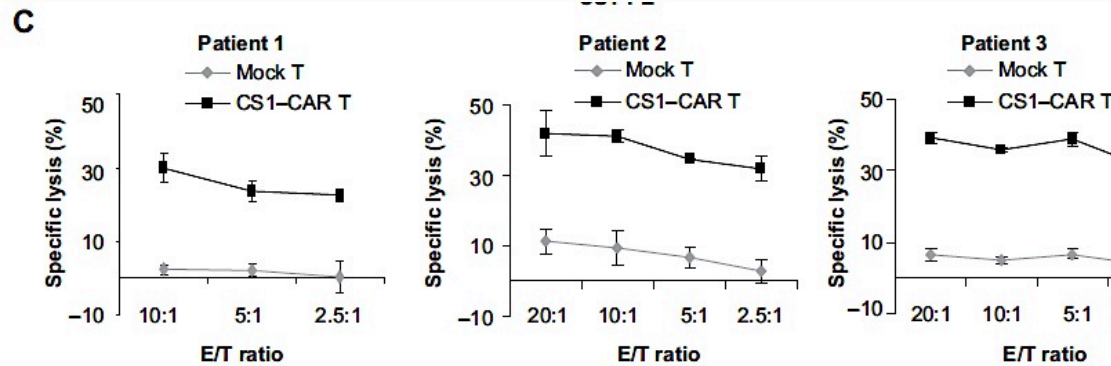
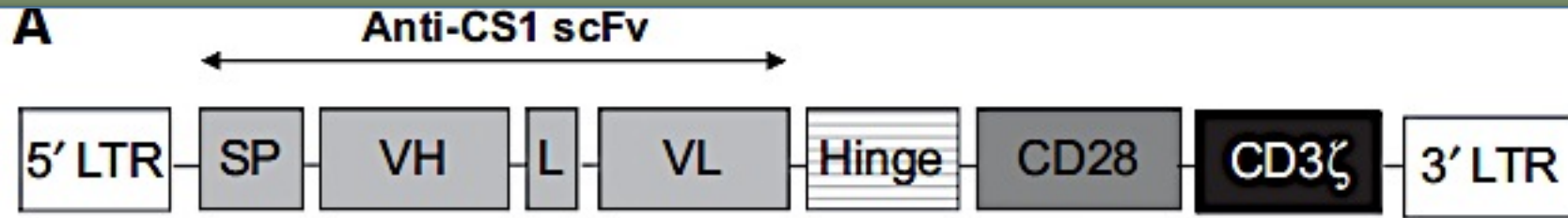
The maximum grade experienced for the corresponding toxicity for a given patient.

The M protein remain stable on day 14 after cell infusion. The best response was SD.
 The PFS was: UNP1 3 months, UPN2 5 moths, UPN3 8 months, UPN4 1 months, UPN5 8 months.
Median time to progression was 5 months (range 1-8m)



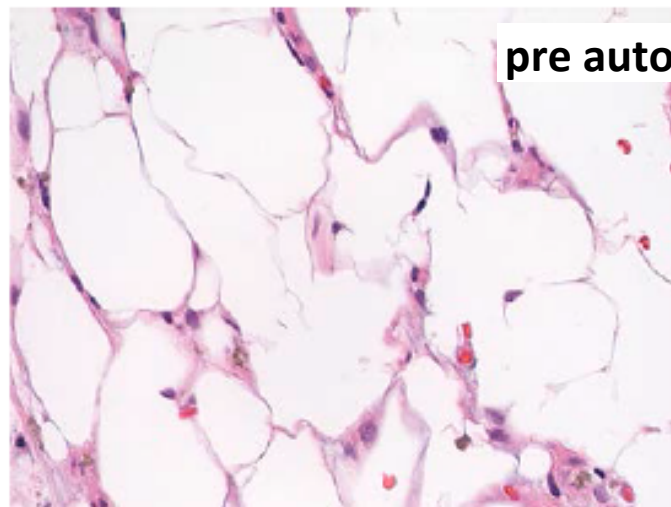
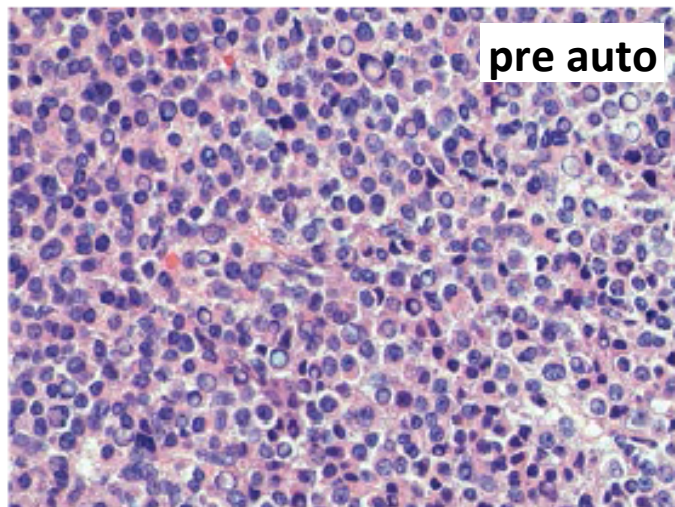
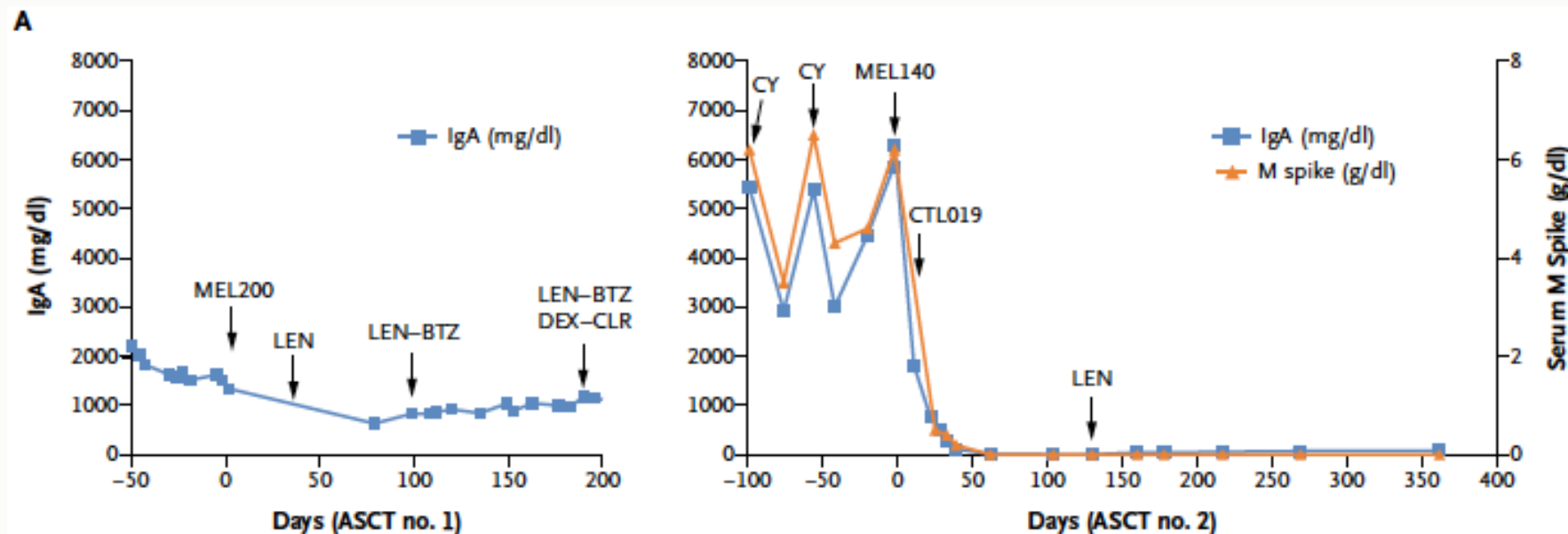


CS1-CAR-T cells immunotherapy for myeloma



CD19-CAR-T cells immunotherapy for myeloma

Patients with R/R multiple myeloma received a second auto-SCT:
Melphalan 140mg/m² → Auto-CST → CTL019 cells (autologous anti-CD19 CAR-T cells)



CAR T cells: key points

- **CD19 Cars have potent anti-leukemic effects in ALL and CLL with durable responses >4 years**
 - **CD19 CARs induce B cell aplasia. Managed with IVIG infusion**
 - **CRS: related to tumor burden. Tocilizumab.**
 - **Multicenter trials are underway (Novartis)**
- **CTL019 has robust activity in DLBCL and triple refractory FL**
- **CTL019 in myeloma has acceptable safety and promising efficacy**

CAR T cells with CD27 and ICOS signaling domains are promising

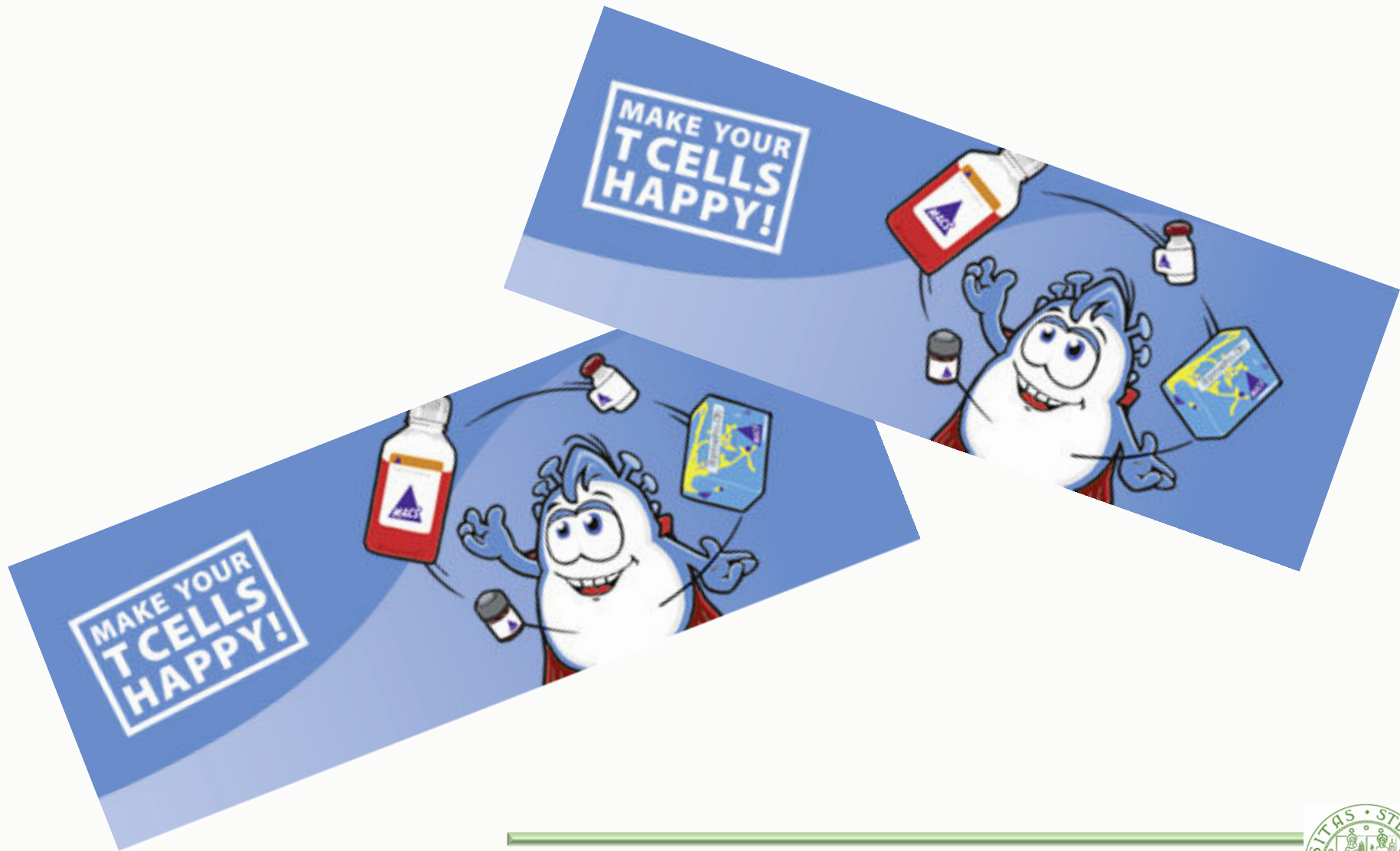


CARs T-cell therapy for hematologic malignancies

Disease	CARs T target	Adverse Events
Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML)	CD123 CD33 CD44v6 CLEC12A and Lewis Y	severe hematopoietic toxicity profound myeloablation lethal epithelial toxicity minimal toxicity
Hodgking's Lymphoma (HL)	CD30	could theoretically induce fratricide of activated T cells
T-cell Non Hodgking's Lymphoma	CD30 possible approach would be to use natural killer cells to treat T-cell malignancies targeting non-shared antigens	most difficult application the persistence of the NK cells would have to be closely regulated to prevent prolonged T-cell lymphopenia
Myeloma	CD137-costimulated CAR against CD138 CD38 BCMA CD44v6	



CAR T cells: How to improve?



Future directions

Strategies to improve efficacy

Increased CAR signalling:

- Combinations of co-stimulatory domains (3rd generation CAR)
- Combinatorial specificity for tumour antigens X, Y (X AND Y)
- Optimised spacer design

Improved effector function:

- Selection of T cell subsets for CAR transfer
- Engineer with chemokine receptors for improved tumour trafficking
- Combination therapy with inhibitory receptor blockade (e.g. PD-1 blockade)

Improved T cell survival:

- Death receptor blockade (TRAIL, Fas)
- Engineer for expression of anti-apoptotic molecules
- Select virus-specific T cells for transduction

Overcome immunosuppression:

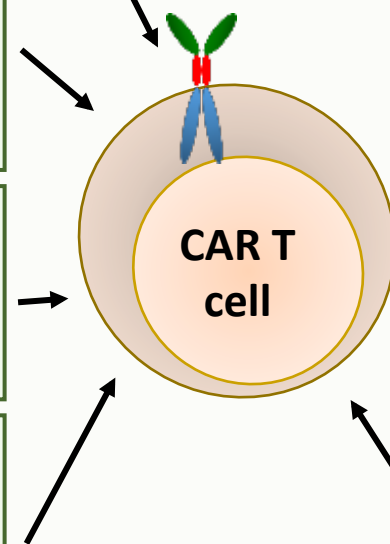
- Treg suppression
- Inhibitory ligand/receptor blockade
- Co-express chimeric CARs converting co-inhibitory signal to a co-stimulatory one
- Express dominant negative receptors (e.g. TGF β)

Combined immune therapies

- With co-inhibitory receptor blockade (anti-PD-1)
- With monoclonal antibody therapy

Strategies to improve safety

- Transient or inducible expression
- Engineer T cell with suicide gene
- Combinatorial antigen specificity for tumour antigen X and normal tissue antigen Y (X AND NOT Y)



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