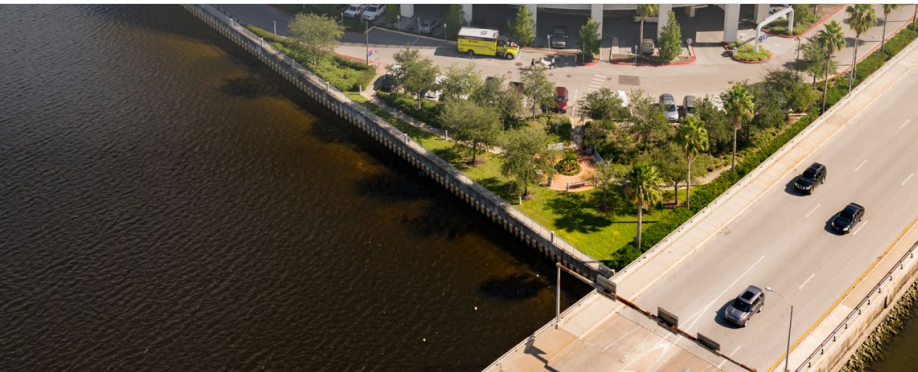




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“DLBCL and Hodgkin’s Disease: Novel Approaches”

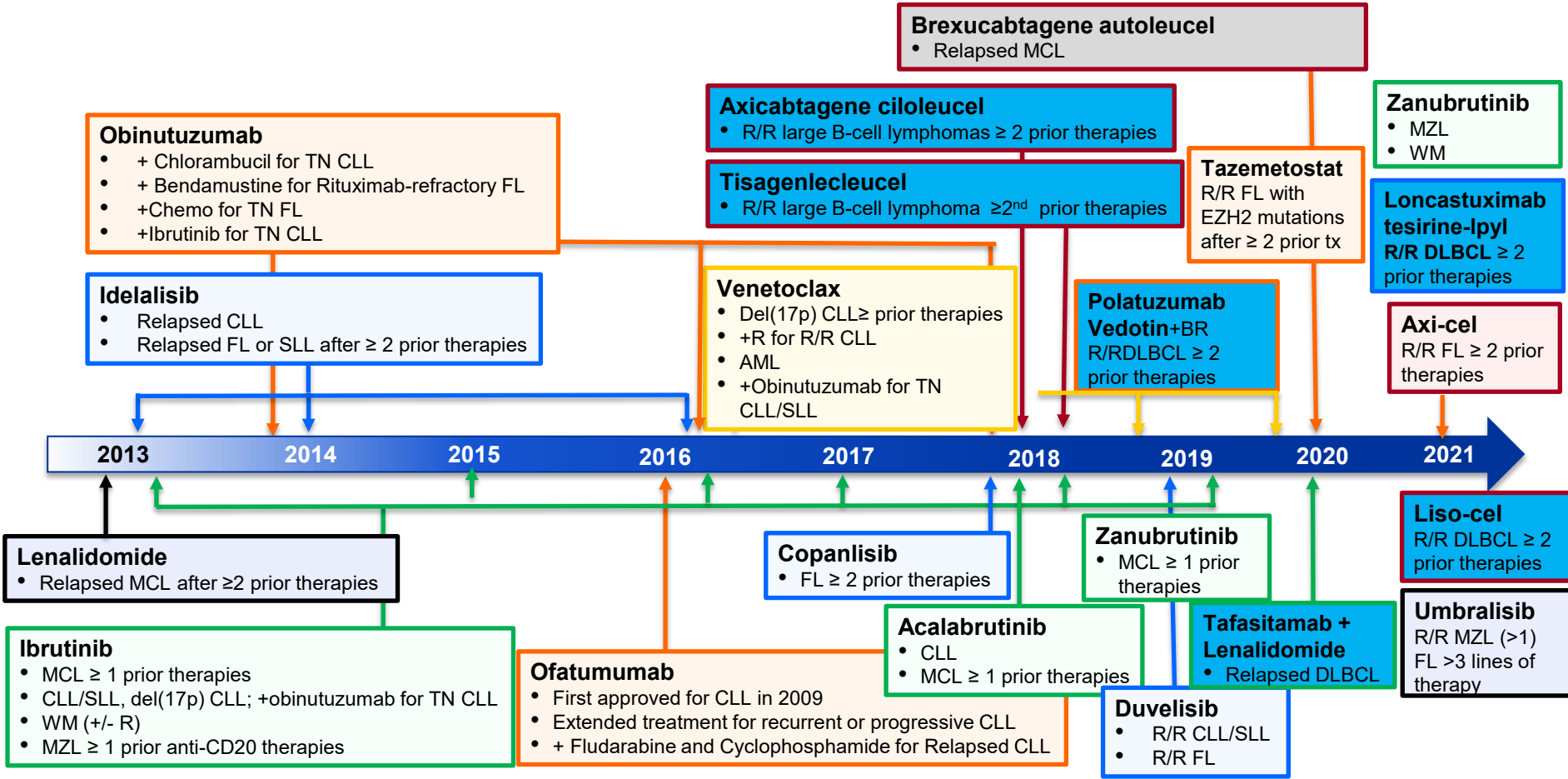


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DLBCL: After many years of marginal progress.....a plethora of new treatments

- **2000**: Rituximab added to CHOP chemotherapy (RCHOP) for frontline treatment of DLBCL ...new standard of care
- Several attempts to improve frontline treatment of DLBCL beyond R-CHOP (novel anti-CD20 antibodies or targeted therapy in combination with CHOP).....**Failed**
- DA-EPOCH used in some subtypes (HIV-associated DLBCL, PMLBC)
- Checkpoint blockade: Modest activity in relapsed/refractory DLBCL, but....**new encouraging data in frontline setting (Neoadjuvant?)**
- **THE LAST FIVE YEARS:.... CAR T-cells, POLA, TAFA, LONCA**

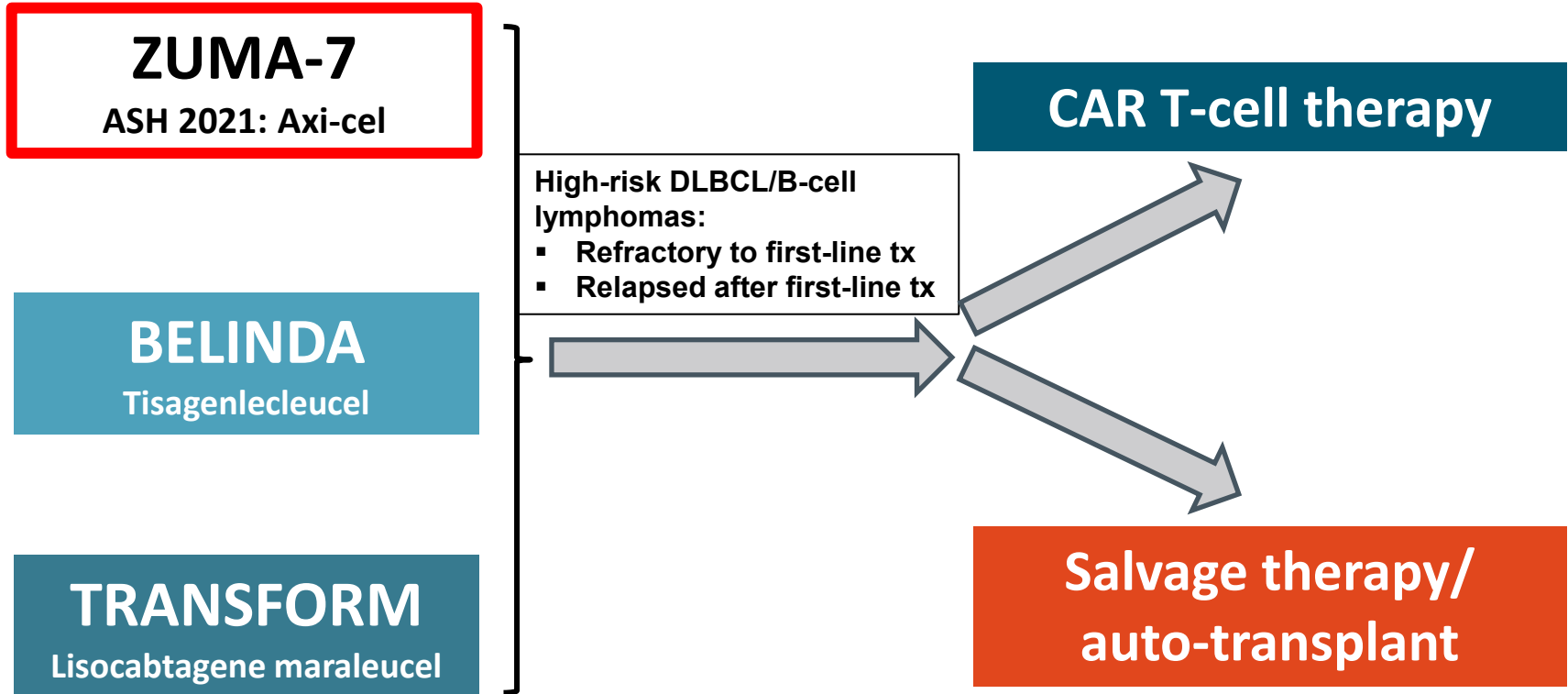
Timeline of Newer Agents for DLBCL



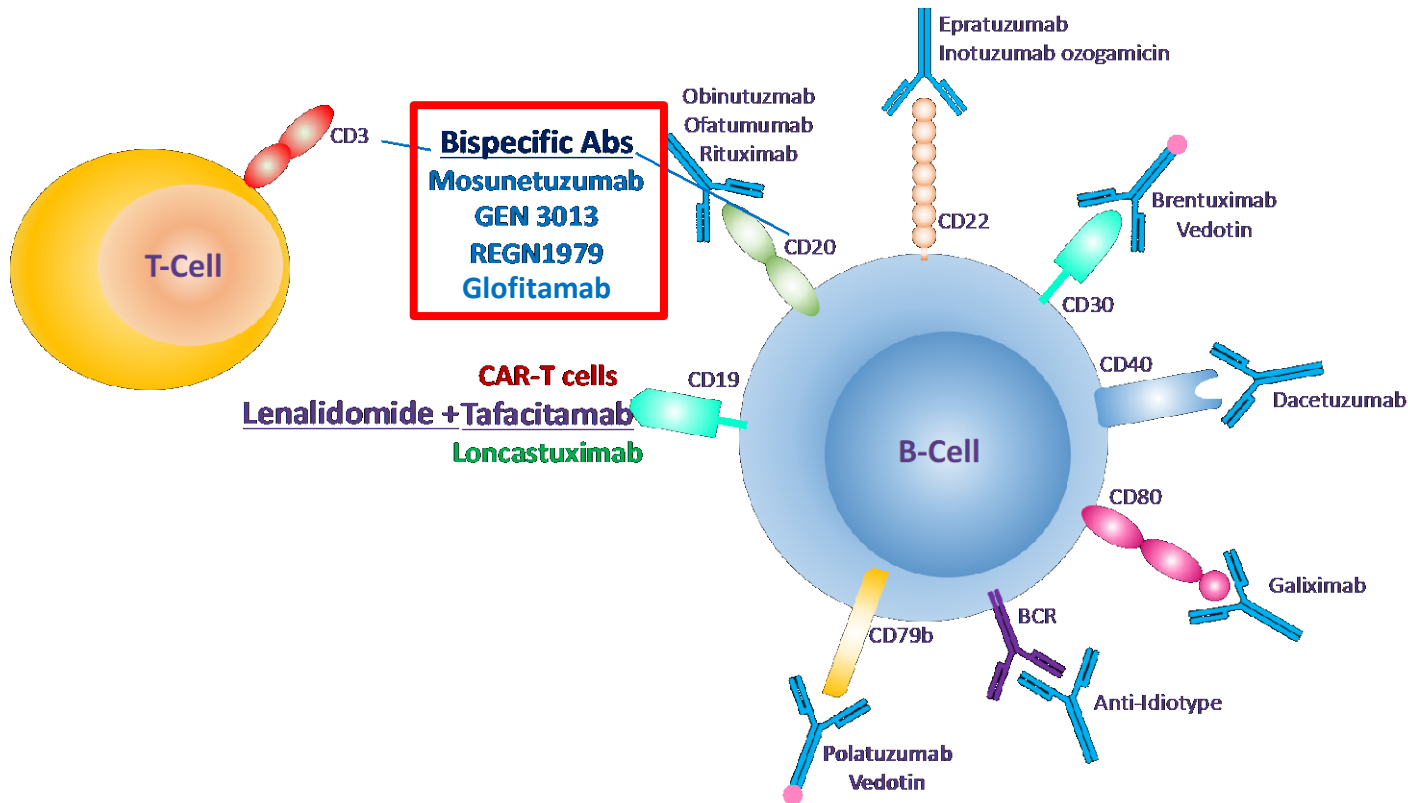
DLBCL: After many years of marginal progress.....a plethora of new treatments

- **CD19 CAR T-cells** have shown significant efficacy in patients with relapsed/refractory **CD19 positive DLBCL** and other B-cell lymphomas.
 - Three platforms are FDA-approved (Axi-cel, Tisa-cel and Liso-cel)
 - **ASH 2021:** Challenging ASCT in relapsed DLBCL? Role in frontline therapy for high risk patients?
- **CD19** is an enticing target for novel approaches:
 - Tafasitamab, anti-CD19 antibody (+/- Lenalidomide)
 - Loncastuximab Tesirine (Anti-CD19 Antibody-Drug Conjugate)
- **CD20** is....again an enticing target for bi-specific antibodies:
 - Several bi-specific directed T-cell engager (BITE) targeting **CD20 and CD3 (CD20 x CD3)**....

ASH 2021: Will CD19 CAR T-cell Replace Autologous transplant for DLBCL?

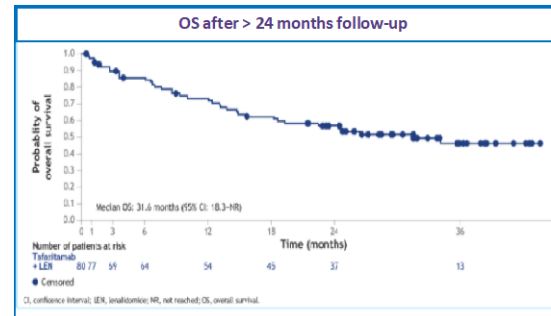
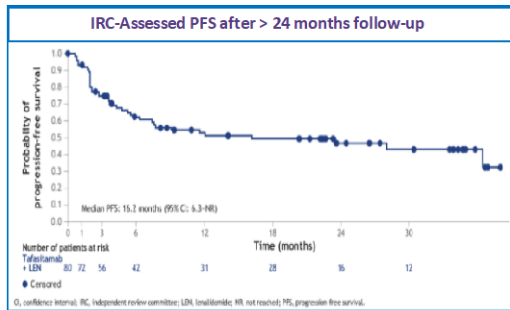


ASH 2021....the saga continues: Bispecific Antibodies

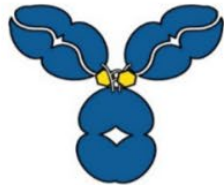


Combination of Tafasitamab and Lenalidomide improves response rates in R/R DLBCL

L-MIND Study – Long-Term Outcomes

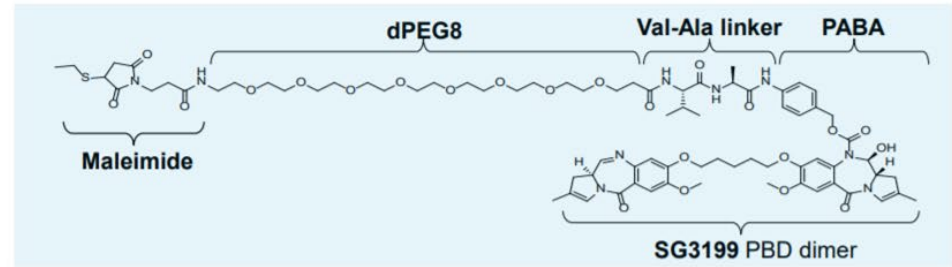


Loncastuximab Tesirine (ADCT-402)



Anti-CD19 Ab

Tesirine/
SG3249



Loncastuximab tesirine comprises a humanized anti-CD19 Ab stochastically conjugated to a potent PBD dimer toxin¹

The majority of B-cell malignancies express CD19 at normal to high levels²

1. Loncastuximab tesirine binds to CD19 antigen on the tumour cell surface
2. ADC is internalized, the linker is cleaved, and PBD dimers are released
3. Cytotoxic DNA cross-link formation
4. Stalled DNA replication fork
5. Cell goes into apoptosis

Loncastuximab Tesirine Shows Significant Activity in R/R Diffuse Large B-cell Lymphoma

Overall Response Rate: By Clinical Characteristics

Characteristic	Subgroup	All ≥ 120 $\mu\text{g/kg}$, % (responders/total)
Age group	<65 Years	33.3 (23/69)
	65–74 Years	52.8 (19/36)
	≥ 75 Years	59.1 (13/22)
Bulky disease	Absent	46.8 (51/109)
	Present	22.2 (4/18)
Double/Triple hit	Absent	47.6 (50/105)
	Present	22.7 (5/22)
Transformed	No	39.6 (38/96)
	Yes	54.8 (17/31)

Characteristic	Subgroup	All ≥ 120 $\mu\text{g/kg}$, % (responders/total)
Number of prior therapies	≤ 3 lines	43.8 (35/80)
	>3 lines	42.6 (20/47)
Response to first-line therapy	Relapsed	53.1 (43/81)
	Refractory	23.1 (6/26)
Response to most recent therapy	Relapsed	59.1 (26/44)
	Refractory	35.1 (26/74)
Overall		43.3 (55/127)

- The most common grade ≥ 3 TEAEs ($\geq 10\%$):
 - Gamma-glutamyltransferase increase (20.2%)
 - Decreased neutrophils (38%)
 - Decreased platelets (27.1%)
 - Anemia (11.6%)

Polatuzumab Vedotin

- Humanized anti-CD79b mAb conjugated to MMAE
 - **CD79b** is a B-cell-specific surface antigen expressed in NHL

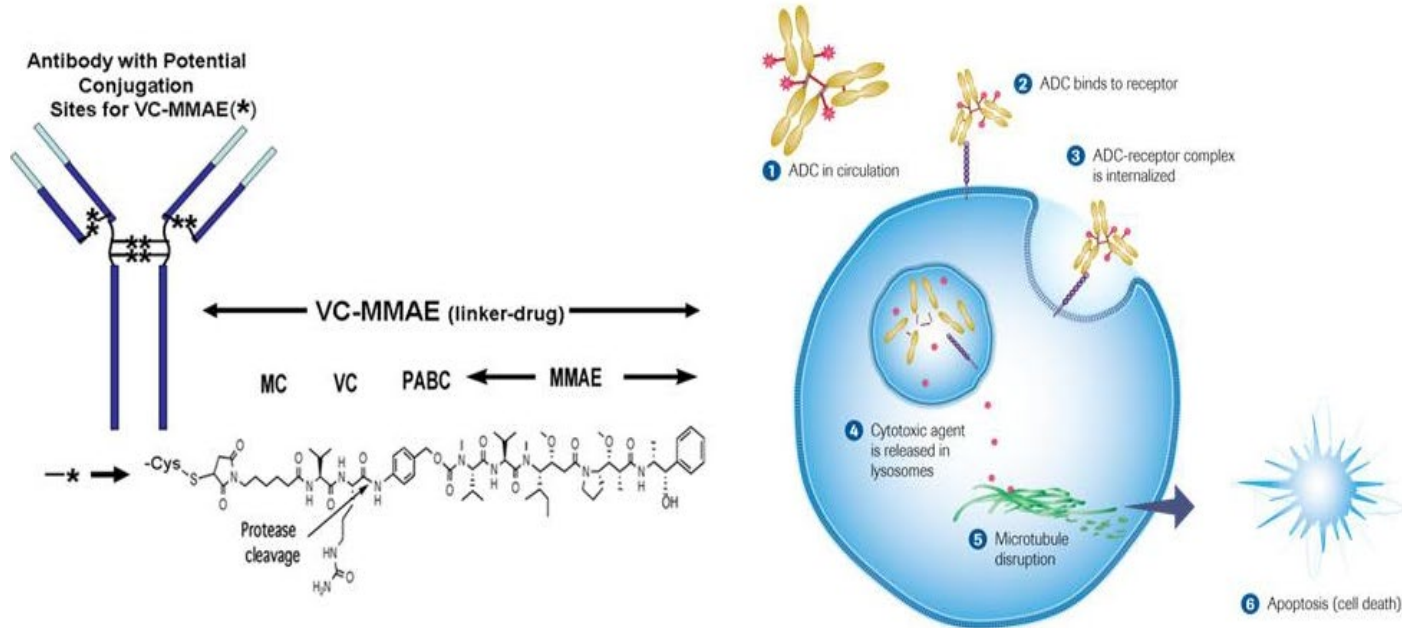


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Polatuzumab Vedotin+Bendamustine/Rituximab for R/R DLBCL (Phase II)

R/R DLBCL

- ≥ 1 prior treatment
- ECOG PS 0-2
- Ineligible for SCT
- No grade IIIb FL, no transformed DLBCL, no CNS lymphoma, no prior allo HSCT, no auto HSCT within 100 days

(N = 80)

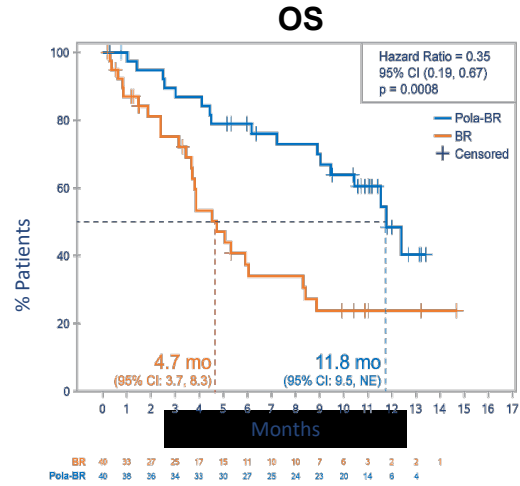
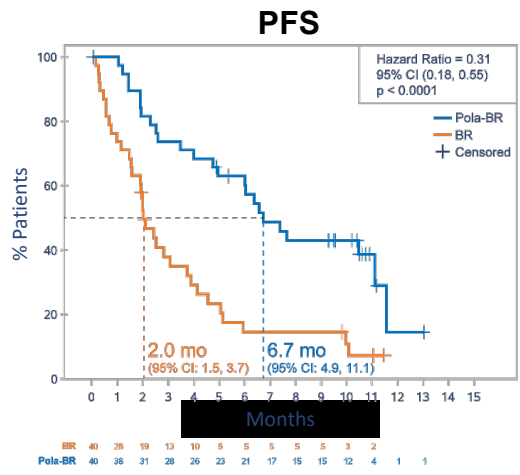
Polatuzumab Vedotin 1.8 mg/kg Day 1 (each cycle) + Bendamustine 90 mg/m² on Days 2, 3 (cycle 1), then Days 1, 2 (each cycle) + Rituximab 375 mg/m² Day 1 (each cycle)

(n = 40)

Six 21-day cycles

Bendamustine 90 mg/m² on Days 2, 3 (cycle 1), then Days 1, 2 (each cycle) + Rituximab 375 mg/m² Day 1 (each cycle)

(n = 40)



- **CR by IRC 40% vs 15% (P = .012)**
- **PV addition associated with improved DoR, EFS, PFS, and OS**
- **OS benefit with PV + BR was consistent across subgroups**

“Repurposing” checkpoint blockade in DLBCL

Checkpoint Blockade in B-cell NHL

- Unlike the success in Hodgkin's lymphoma, *clinical trials with checkpoint blockade antibodies in relapsed/refractory B-cell NHL have been disappointed so far:*
 - Despite malignant B-cells being surrounded by an “army” of T-cells
 - *Role of the immunosuppressive Tumor Microenvironment (TME)*. TME is prognostic and potentially predictive of outcomes in DLBCL¹
- **Perhaps frontline checkpoint inhibition, given when host immunity is relatively intact, might improve outcomes in DLBCL**
 - Indeed, it has been shown in the neoadjuvant setting for several solid malignancies...including responses in subtypes not known to be sensitive to checkpoint blockade
- **Avelumab (Av) is an anti-PDL1 antibody with ADCC activity & is synergistic with rituximab *in vitro*.**
- **Hypothesis: Sequential treatment with Avelumab “priming” followed by R-CHOP might augment chemotherapy efficacy in DLBCL²**

AvR-CHOP: Single-arm Phase II Study

AvR-CHOP: Response Rates

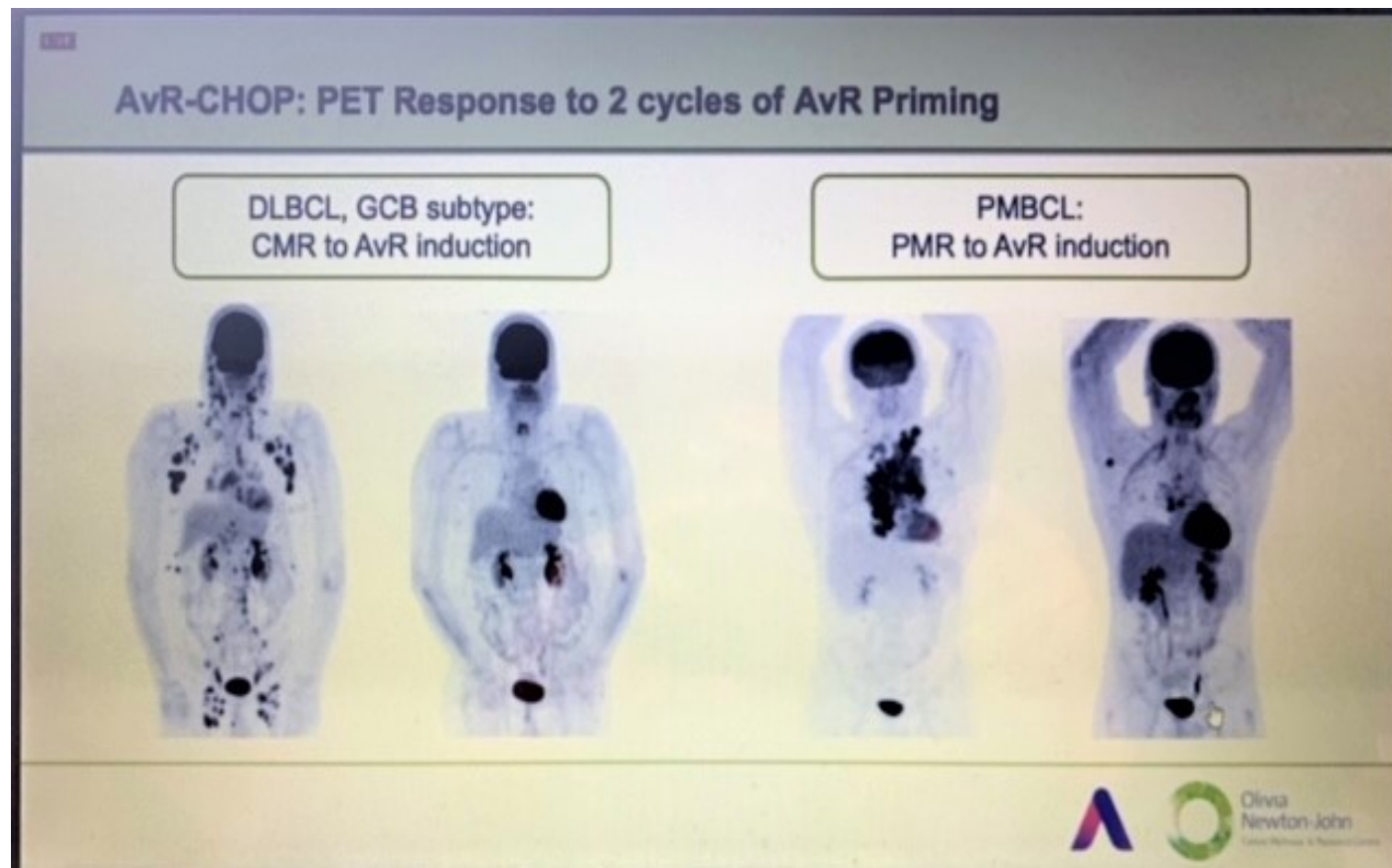


CMR = complete metabolic response; PMR = partial metabolic response; SD = stable disease; PD = progressive disease (Lugano 2014). Response assessed by central review.



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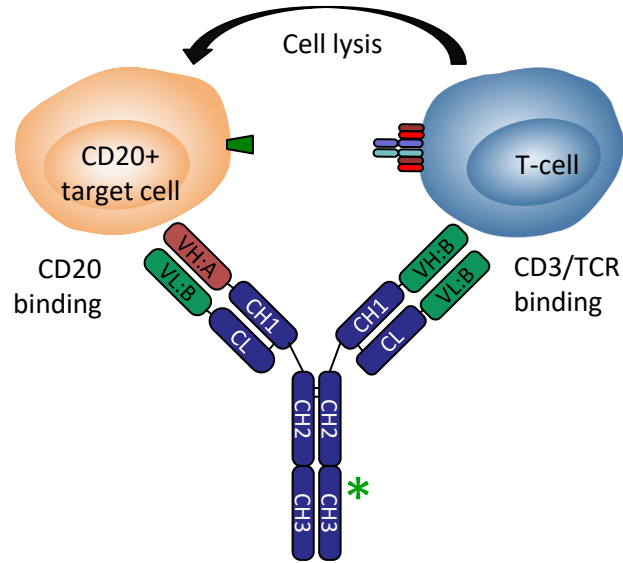
AvR-CHOP: Single-arm Phase II Study



AvR-CHOP: Conclusions

- **ORR of 60% with a CR of 21% to AvR priming** suggest potential synergy of avelumab + rituximab and superior efficacy of PDL1 inhibition in the frontline setting as compared to prior studies in the R/R setting
- Sequential AvR priming followed by R-CHOP and Av maintenance is feasible with a manageable toxicity profile and a high **CR of 89%**
- Immune-related AE were generally mild to moderate in severity; only one pt. discontinued therapy due to an irAR (gr3 hepatitis). No unexpected toxicity or delays to RCHOP occurred
- Further studies of sequential therapy using immune priming strategies prior to R-CHOP in DLBCL should be explored

Mosunetuzumab (GO297) a Human anti-CD20 x anti-CD3 Monoclonal Bispecific Antibody

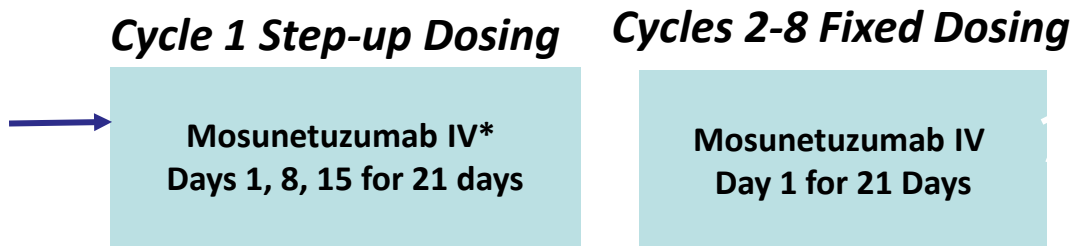


Cross-linking results in targeted activation of local T-cells and T-cell-mediated killing of CD20+ B-cells (independently of TCR-mediated recognition)

Mosunetuzumab in R/R B-cell NHL: Study Design

- Open-label phase I/Ib study

Patients with R/R B-cell NHL after ≥ 1 prior regimen; ECOG PS ≤ 1 ; no available treatment options; no CAR T-cell therapy in past 30 days; no prior allogeneic SCT (N = 270)



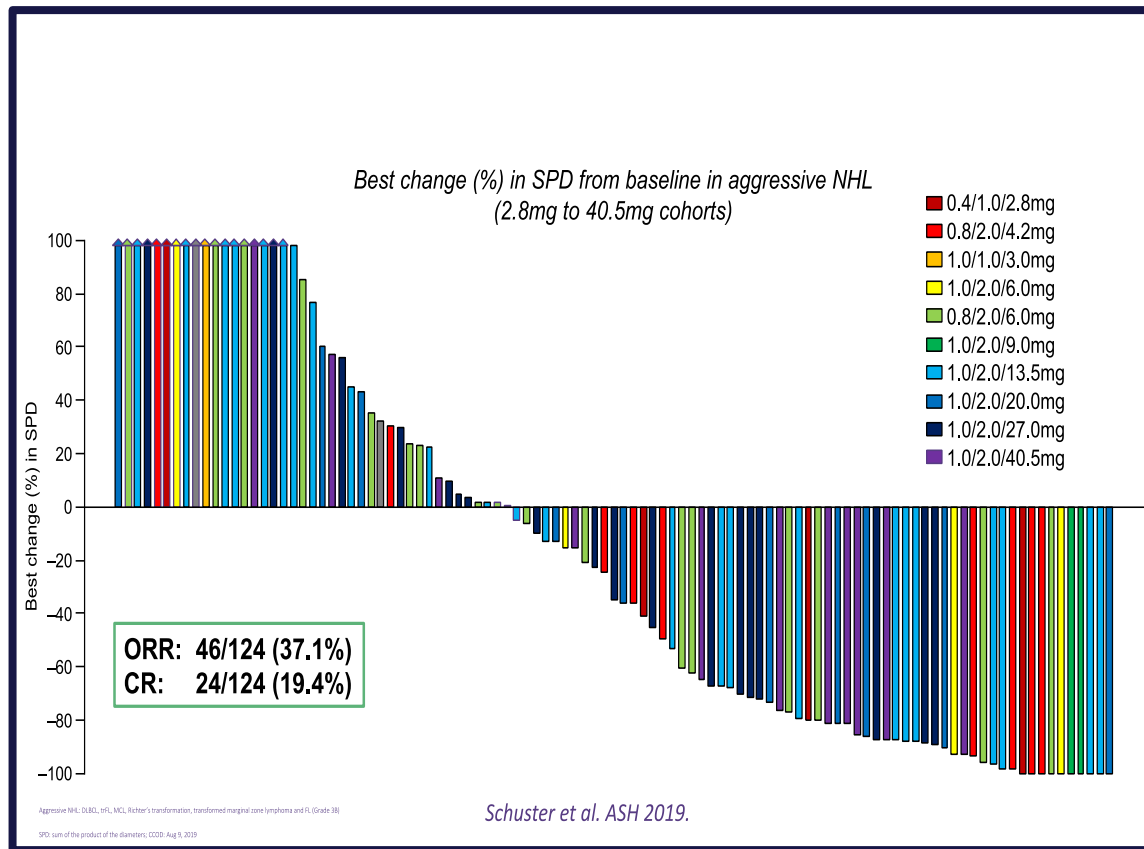
*Safety doses (cycle 1): Day 1/8/15: 0.4/1.0/2.8 to 1.0/2.0/60.0 mg;
efficacy doses (cycle 1): Day 1/8/15: 0.4/1.0/2.8 to 1.0/2.0/40.5 mg.

CR:
discontinuation of
treatment

PR or SD:
treatment
continued for
 ≤ 17 cycles

Primary objectives: safety, tolerability, maximum tolerated dose, best objective response

Mosunetuzumab in R/R B-cell NHL: Study Design



- **Greater efficacy observed with higher exposure to mosunetuzumab**
 - Measured by occupancy of CD20 receptors
- **Patients achieving CR with continuing remission up to 16 m off treatment: n = 17 (70.8%)**
 - ≥ 16 mos after treatment cessation

Response Rates Among Patients With Prior CAR T-Cell Therapy and Retreated Patients

Response, n (%)	Patients With Prior CAR T-Cell Therapy
Total population with prior CAR T-cell therapy (n = 18) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ORR ▪ CR 	<p>7 (38.9)</p> <p>4 (22.2)</p>
DLBCL (n = 9) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ORR ▪ CR 	<p>2 (22.2)</p> <p>2 (22.2)</p>
trFL (n = 5) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ORR ▪ CR 	<p>1 (20)</p> <p>0</p>
FL (n = 4) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ORR ▪ CR 	<p>4 (100)</p> <p>2 (50)</p>

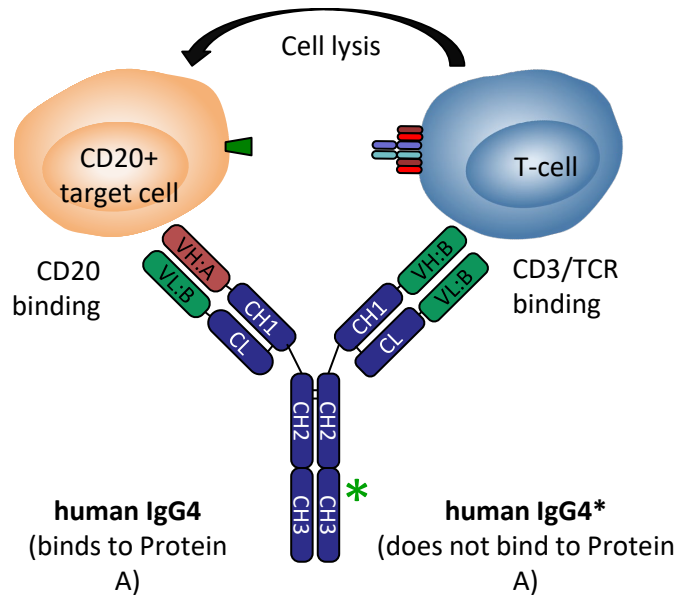
Response, n (%)	Retreated Patients (n = 4)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ORR ▪ CR 	<p>3 (75)</p> <p>1 (25)</p>

- No CRS events occurred during retreatment

Mosunetuzumab in previously untreated elderly patients with DLBCL (ASH 2020)

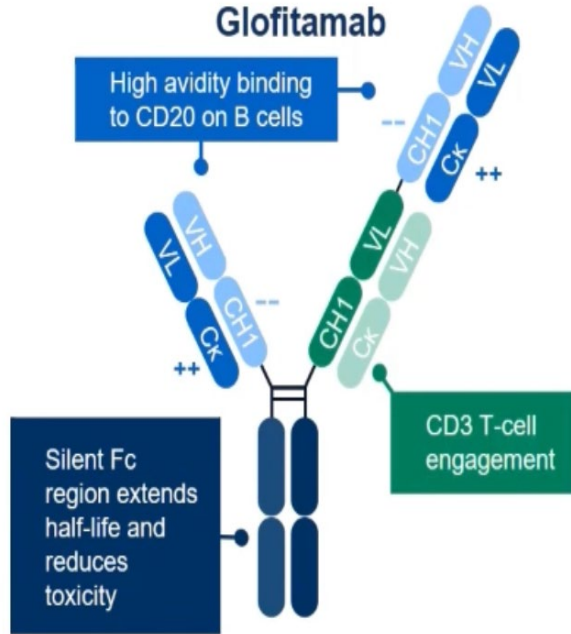
- Elderly patients with DLBCL unfit for conventional treatment (>80 y/o)
- Stepping up dose (D1/D8/D15)
- Optional pretreatment with prednisone+ vincristine
- **ORR: 63%; CR: 45%. Durable responses**
- CRS mostly grade 1 and limited to first administration
- Might represent a “Chemo-free” option for elderly patients (versus mini-R-CHOP?)

Odronextamab (REGN1979): Human anti-CD20 x anti-CD3 Monoclonal Bispecific Antibody



- Bispecific, hinge-stabilized mAb based on an IgG4 isotype with reduced effector function
- Monovalent for each target
- Amino acid substitution introduces asymmetric protein A binding allowing selective isolation and purification

Glofitamab

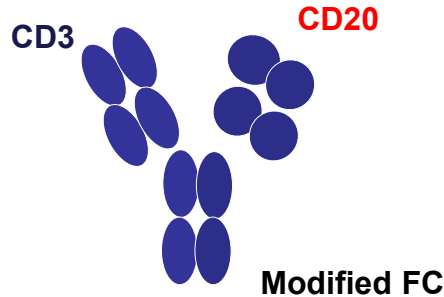


- **Glofitamab is a BiAbs with unique IgG full length antibody with 2:1 configuration.**
- **Superior pre-clinical activity over classical 1:1 BiAbs**
- **Obinutuzumab pretreatment allowed for rapid escalation and mitigating the risk of CRS**

Epcoritamab (formerly GEN3013)

- **Duobody:**

- Fully humanized IgG1 antibody
- IgG1 Fc modified to minimize Fc-dependent effector function



- Epcoritamab investigational, subcutaneously administered bispecific antibody targeting CD3 x CD20^[2]
 - Binds CD3-positive T-cells to malignant CD20-positive B-cells to induce T-cell activation and T-cell-mediated killing of target B-cells

Bi-Specific Antibodies in B-cell lymphomas: Efficacy

Ab type	CD20/CD3			
	Glofitamab	Mosunetuzumab	Odronextamab	Epcoritamab
N	98	131	136	58
Histology	FL,DLBCL,TFL other	aNHL: 124 iNHL: 67	DLBCL, FL, WM, MCL, MZL	DLBCL, FL, MCL, MZL, SLL
Prior Therapies	3 (1-13)	3 (1-14)	3 (1-11)	3 (1-18)
ORR	aNHL: 60.7% iNHL: 66.7%	aNHL: 37.1% iNHL: 62.7%	DLBCL (> 80 mg): 55% FL (> 5mg): 90%	aNHL > 48 mg sc: 91% iNHL: 90%
	aNHL: 53.6% DLBCL: 54.2%	aNHL: 19% iNHL: 43%	DLBCL: 55% FL: 70%	aNHL: 55% iNHL:n50%

ORR, overall response rate; CR, complete response; TFL, transformed follicular lymphoma

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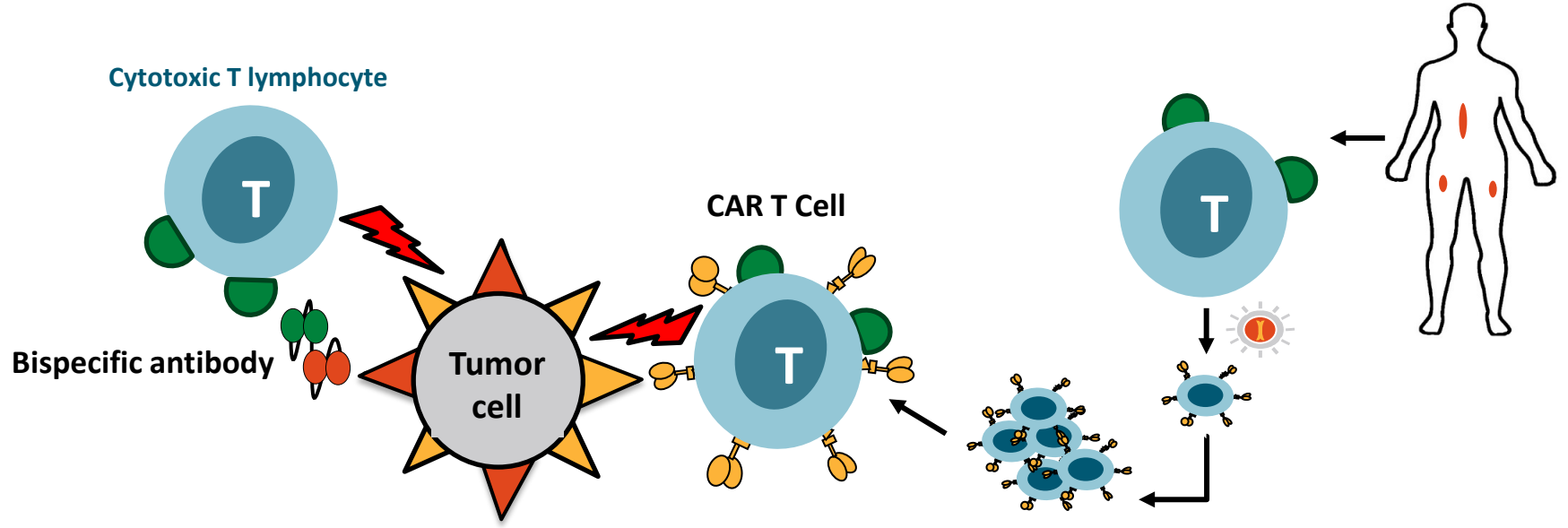
Bi-Specific ABs currently studied in DLBCL: Safety

Antibody	CD20/CD3				CD19/CD3
	Glofitamab	Mosunetuzumab	Odronextamab	Epcoritamab	Blinatumomab
N	64 (> 600 ug)	131	136	58	76
CRS any	63.5%	28.9%	61%	59%	2%
CRS ≥ 3	3.8%	1.1%	7.3%	0	2%
NT any	43.3%	49%	NR	6.9%	56%
NT ≥ 3	NR	1.1%	3.6%%	3.4%	24%

CRS, cytokine release syndrome; NT, neurotoxicity;

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Bispecific Antibodies vs CAR T-Cell Therapy

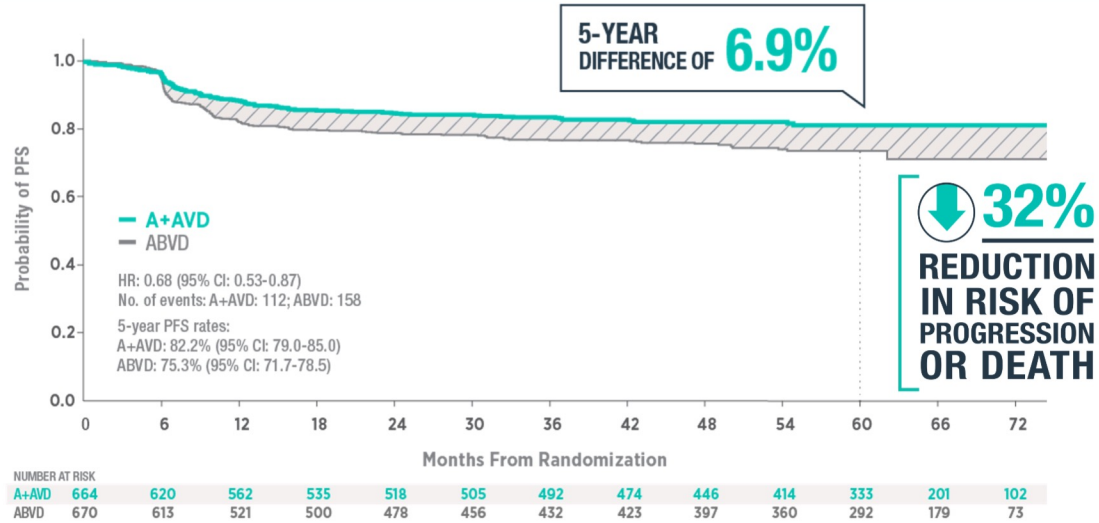


Characteristic	Bispecific Antibodies	CAR T-Cell Therapy
Preparation	“Off the shelf”	In vitro manufacturing (3-4 wks)
Dosing	Repetitive	Single (following lymphodepleting CT)
CRS incidence	Less	Greater

Hodgkin's Disease : Novel Approaches

- The management of classic Hodgkin lymphoma (HL) has changed significantly since the approval of **brentuximab vedotin (BV)** and the checkpoint inhibitors **nivolumab and pembrolizumab**.
- Frontline setting
 - **BV + AVD** has been incorporated as frontline treatment for patients with stage III/IV disease (Echelon-1 Trial)
- First relapse:
 - Second-line therapy (“salvage”) followed by consolidation with autologous stem cell transplant (ASCT) remains the standard of care
 - **BV** is now routinely incorporated into salvage therapy
 - Studies are evaluating **checkpoint inhibitors** in the salvage setting as well.

A + AVD: PFS at 5 Years



Hodgkin's Disease: Novel Approaches

- Second relapse/refractory disease
 - Progression after ASCT remains a challenge.
 - Checkpoint inhibitors or BV provide prolonged disease control.....but patients will eventually progress
 - Combinations of BV + checkpoint inhibitors:
 - Phase I/II trial of **nivolumab plus BV** in relapsed or refractory HL: **ORR of 82%: CR: 61%**¹
 - Phase I trial of the triple combination of **ipilimumab, nivolumab, and BV: ORR: 95% and CR : 79%** in 19 evaluable patients who were treated with at least three cycles²

1. *Herrera AF. et al. Blood. 2018;131:1183-1194*

2. *Diefenbach C. et al. a Blood. 2018;132:679.*

Hodgkin's Disease: Novel Approaches

- Second relapse/refractory disease

- Allogeneic stem cell transplant remains a consideration.
- Other Options: Single-agent chemotherapy or noncytotoxic agents (**panobinostat, everolimus and lenalidomide**)
- **CD30-directed CAR T-cell therapy is promising.**
- **Bi-specifics** are being evaluated in clinical trials

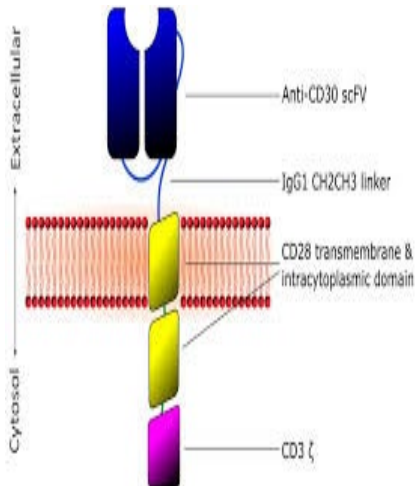
CD30-directed CAR T-cell Therapy for Hodgkin's Disease

- Grover et al¹

- 18 patients, 16 of whom had HL, with a median of 8 prior therapies.
- Most patients received lymphodepletion with bendamustine/fludarabine.
- Fourteen patients had evidence of disease at the time of CAR-T cell infusion
- **ORR: 50%; CR: 43%.**

- Ramos et al²

- 37 patients with relapsed/refractory HL
- Lymphodepletion with fludarabine/cyclophosphamide.
- **ORR: 62, CRR: 51% .**
- 1 year PFS: 36%, longer with Flu lymphodepletion
- **CRS:24%, all grade 1. No neurotoxicity. No Toci/steroids**



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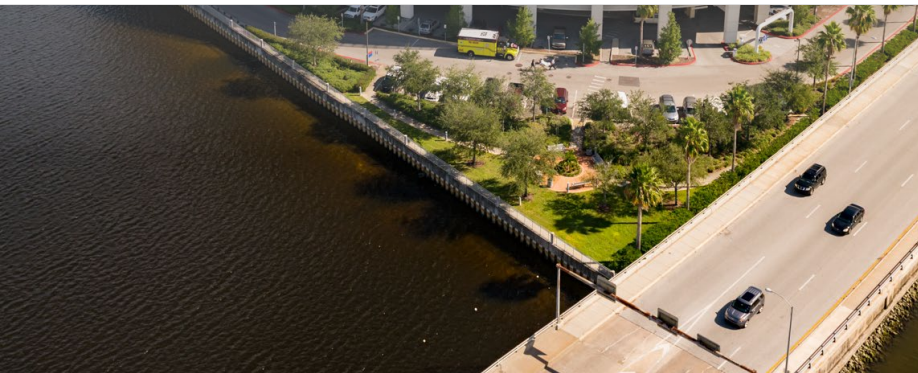
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