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Updates in Stem Cell Transplantation and CAR-T Therapy for Heme Malignancies

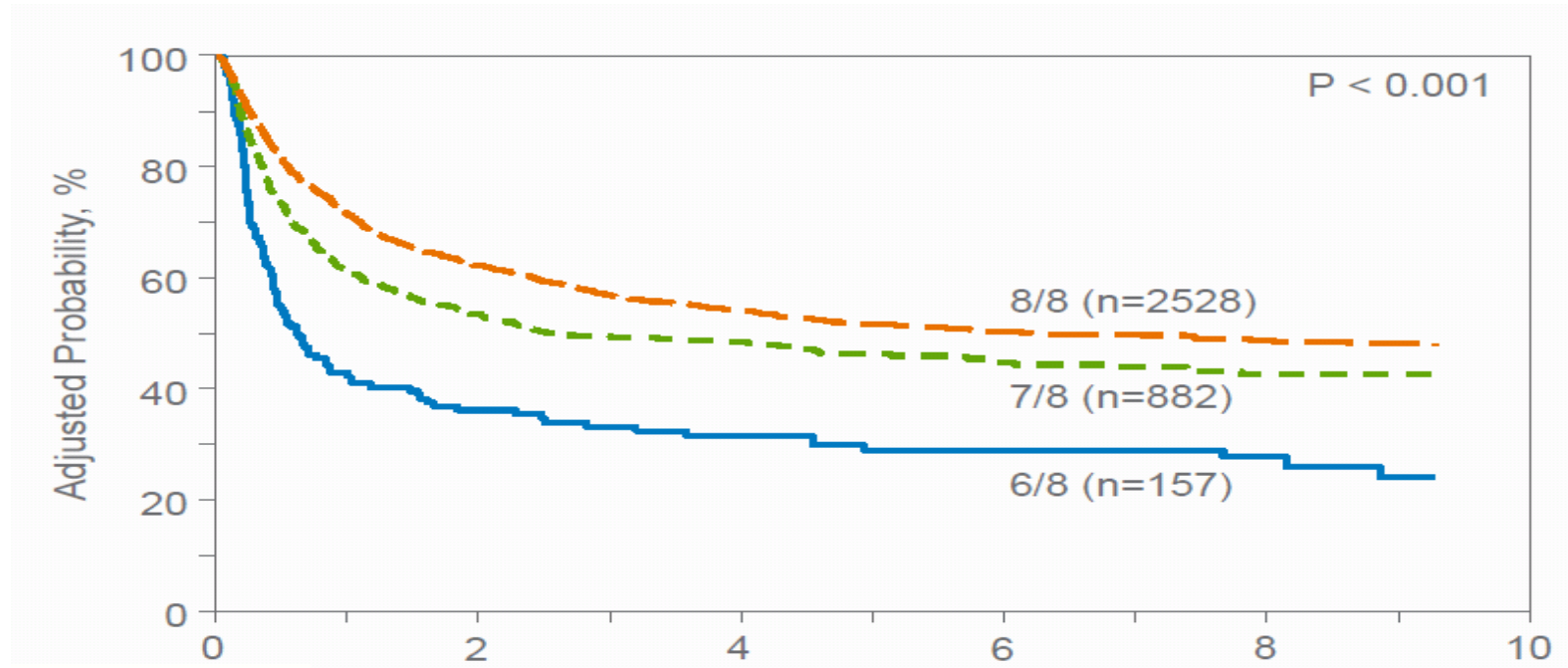
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Allogeneic SCT in 2022

- Remains the standard of care for many patients with high-risk MDS, high-risk or relapsed AML and ALL, high-risk myelofibrosis, many patients with severe aplastic anemia and subsets of patients with refractory lymphoid malignancies
- We now recognize that immunologic graft vs. tumor effects are critical for the success of alloSCT, which have led to utilization of lower intensity conditioning regimens for many
- Early mortality has dramatically declined (from 30-40% 25 years ago to 5-10% now)
- AlloSCT (including for those with well matched unrelated donors) now routinely performed for patients up to age 75, even with modest comorbidities common with aging
- Access remains a problem, with outcomes compromised for non-white patients, especially for those lacking a suitable matched related sibling

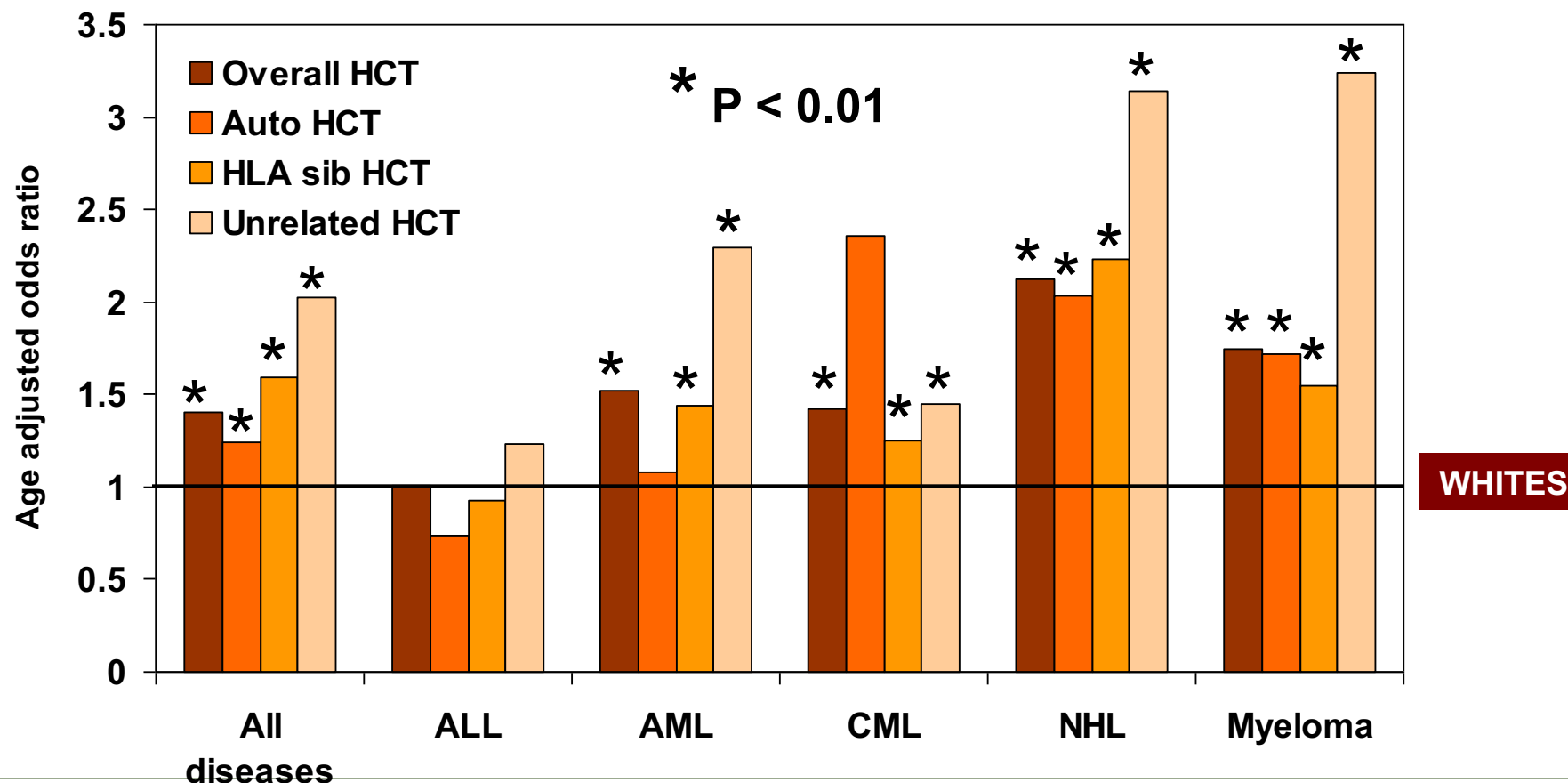
Impact of HLA Matching: Race and ethnicity matter



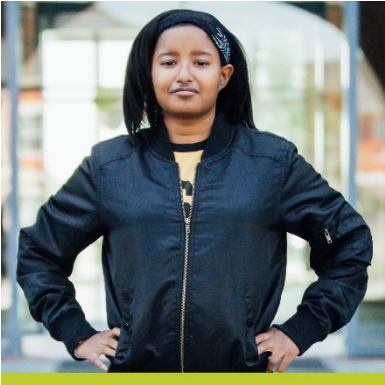
NMDP/HRSA Report, 2017
Pidala et al., Blood 2014

CIBMTR Study: Race and Access to HCT

African-Americans less likely to receive HCT compared to Whites



However, a MUD is not available for every patient.



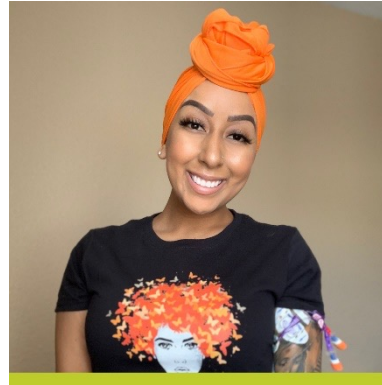
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Black or African
American



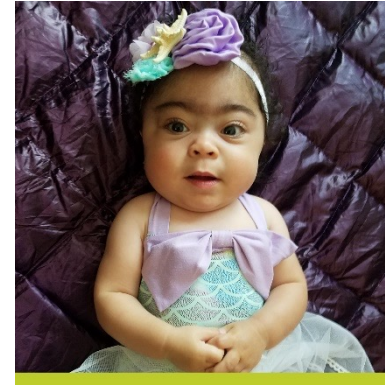
47%

Asian or Pacific
Islander



48%

Hispanic
or Latino



60%

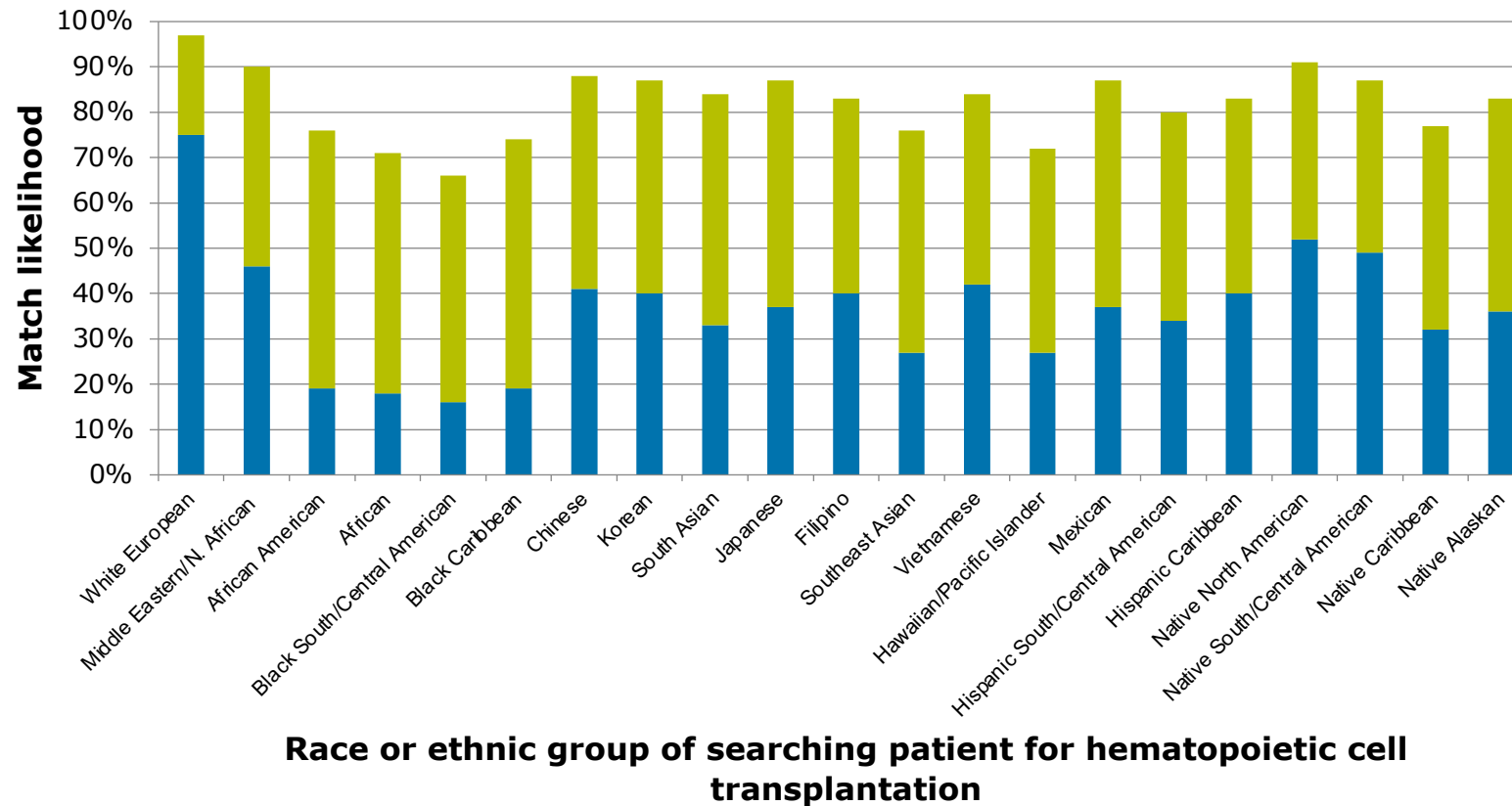
American Indian
and Alaska
Native



79%

White

Likelihood of HLA Matching: Race and ethnicity matter



Gragert L, et al. N Engl J Med. 2014; 371(4): 339-348. ■ 8/8 HLA match ■ ≥7/8 HLA match

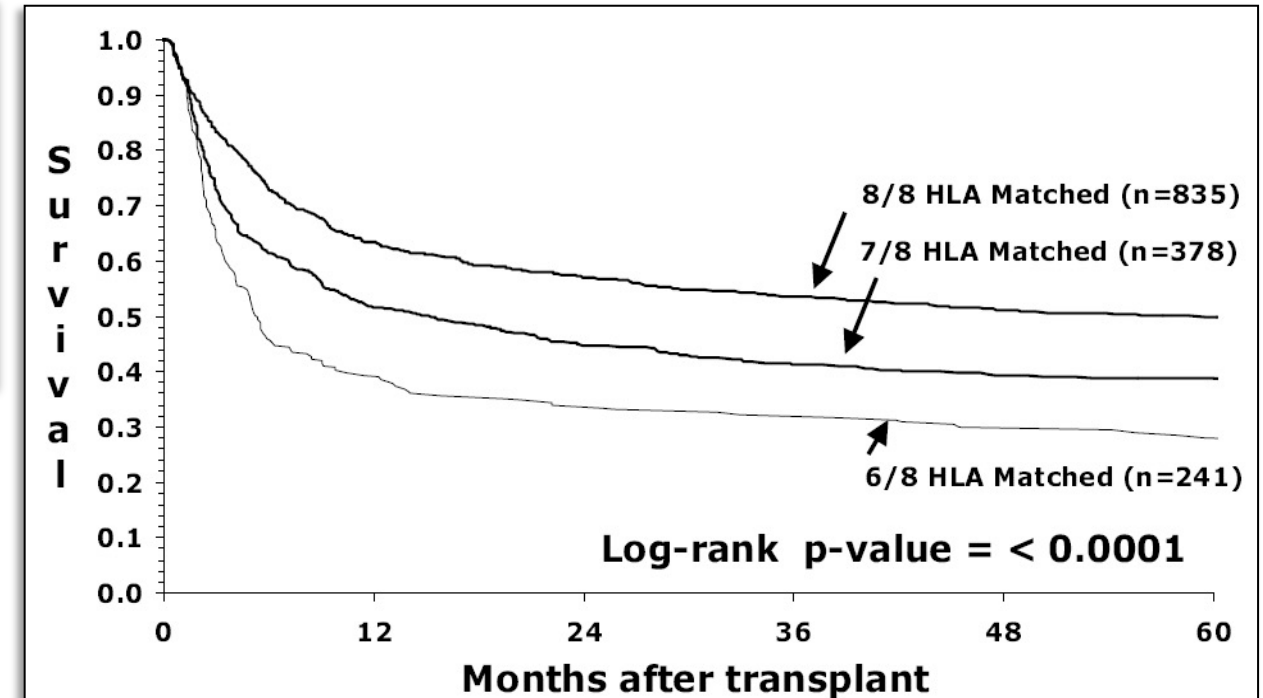
The HLA Barrier: Need for an HLA-matched donor

High-resolution donor-recipient HLA matching contributes to the success of unrelated donor marrow transplantation

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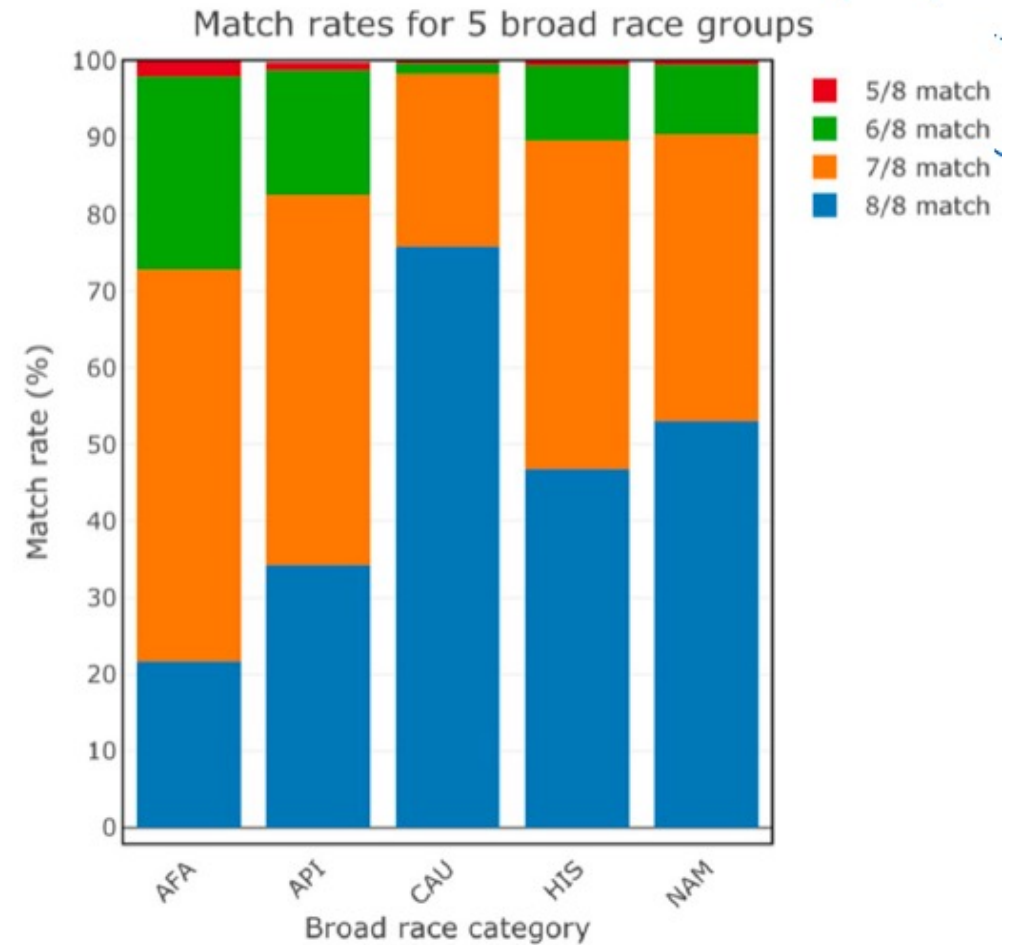
- Historically, mismatched URD transplants associated with worse survival
- Roughly 10% decrease in survival for each HLA mismatch



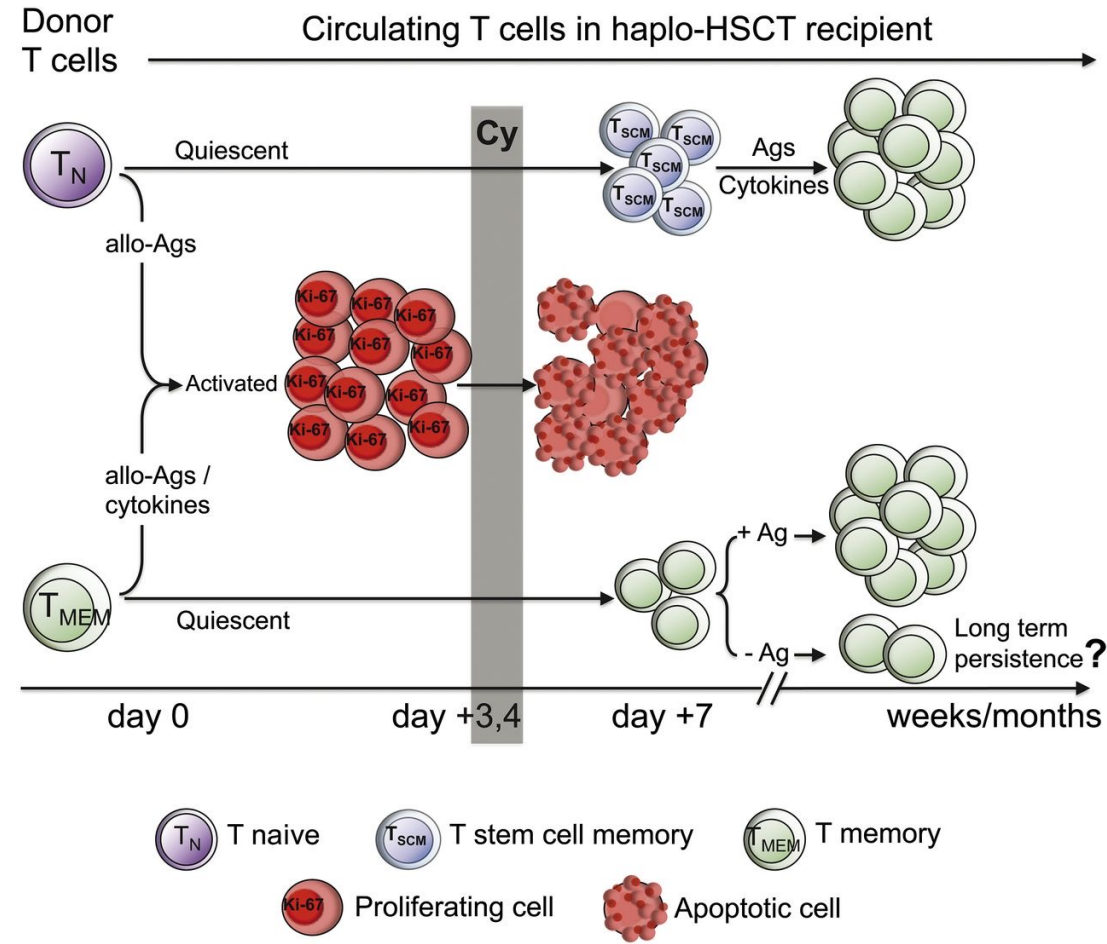
Mismatched grafts close the disparity gap

- Registry modeling from BTM Bioinformatics
- Successful 7/8 transplants increase donor availability to **72% for AFA pts**
- Successful 6-7/8 transplants increase donor availability to **97% for AFA pts**

*AFA = African American
API = Asian Pacific
CAU = Caucasian
HIS = Hispanic/Latino
NAM = Native American*



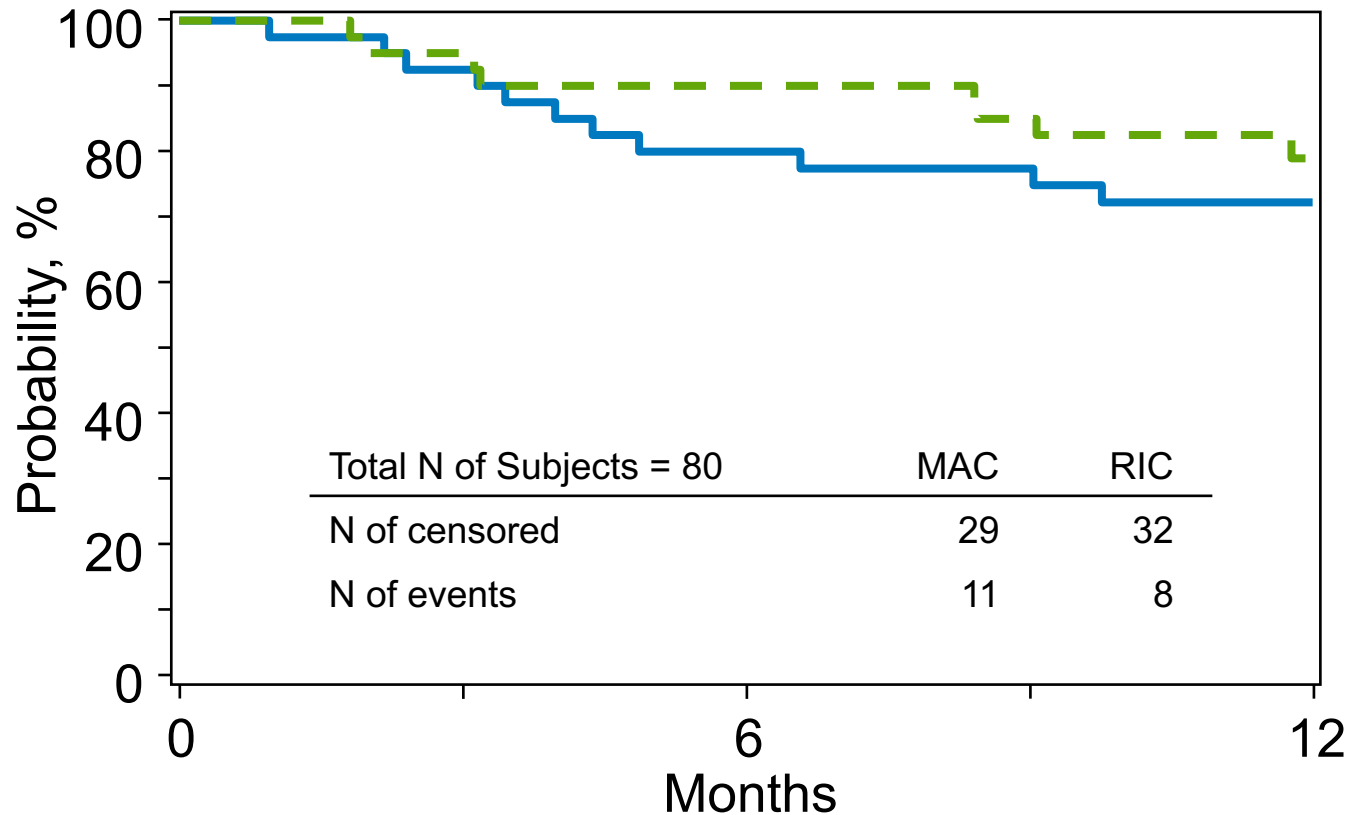
Post-transplant cyclophosphamide (PTCy) enhances GvHD prevention in the haploidentical setting



15-MMUD Study

Primary Endpoint: Overall Survival

72% MAC and 79% RIC

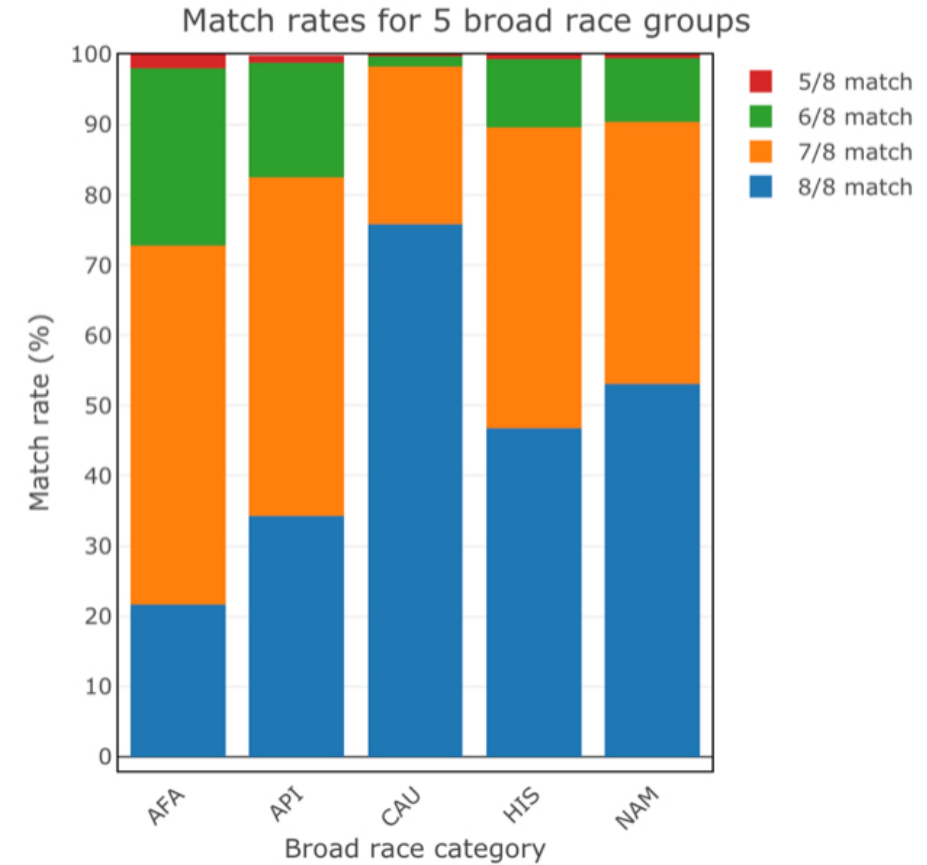
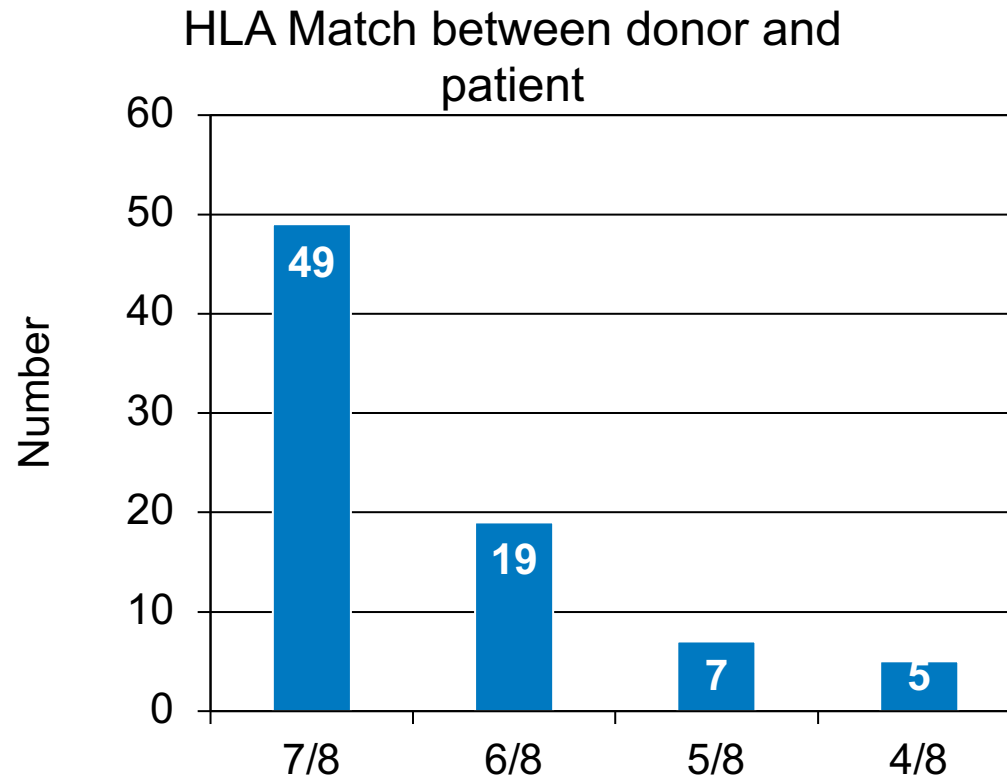


original reports

National Marrow Donor Program–Sponsored Multicenter, Phase II Trial of HLA-Mismatched Unrelated Donor Bone Marrow Transplantation Using Post-Transplant Cyclophosphamide

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Everyone has a $\leq 6/8$ donor



15-MMUD Conclusions

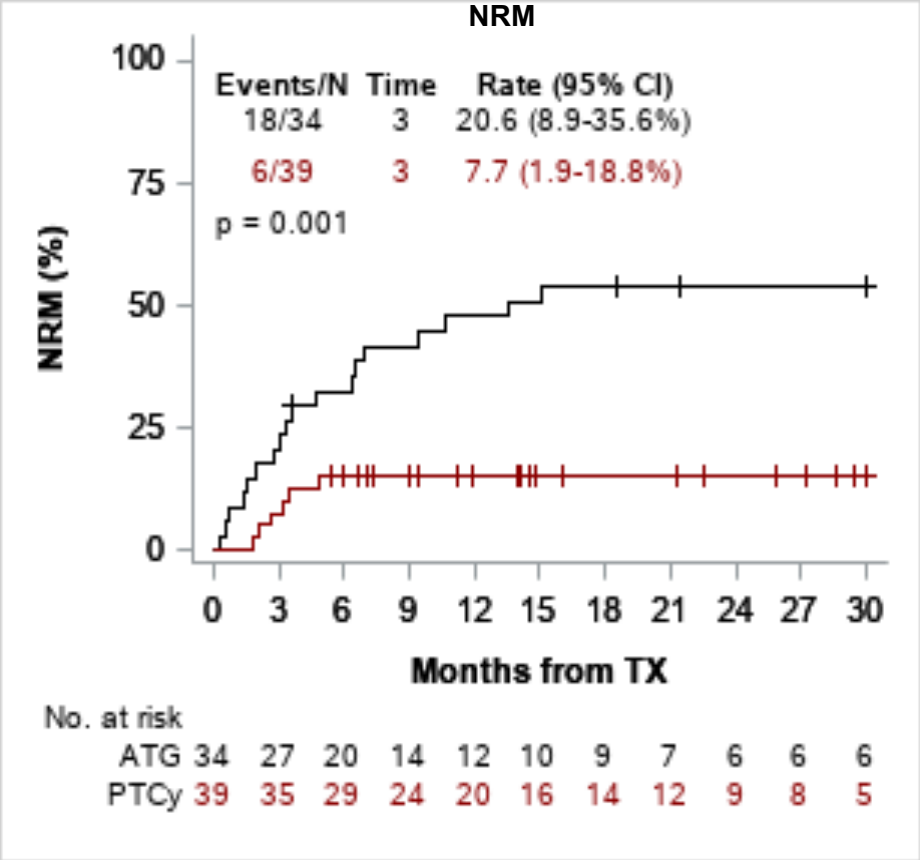
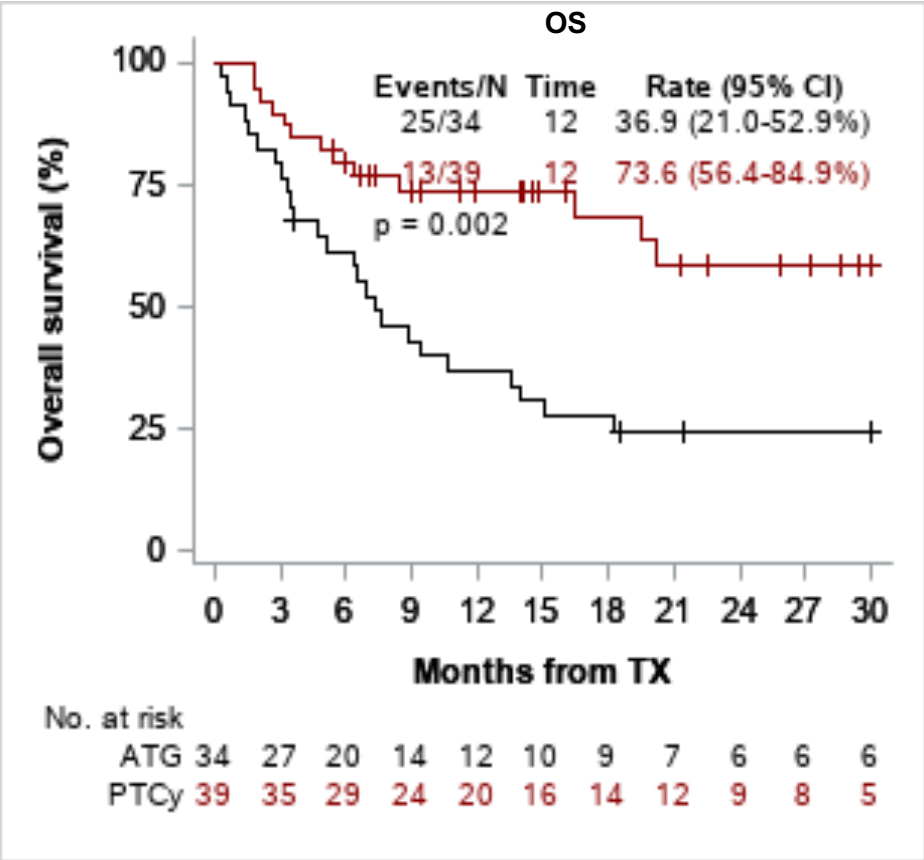
- This approach is feasible and safe, and outcomes are similar to other settings using PTCy
- 48% of patients enrolled were racial/ethnic minority groups: MMUD PTCy broadens access to transplant
- Manuscript accepted for publication (2/2021): Journal of Clinical Oncology
 - Antonio Jimenez-Jimenez (Sylvester) co-first author

Post-Transplant Cyclophosphamide (PTCy) Is Associated with Improved Clinical Outcomes in HLA-MMUD Hematopoietic Cell Transplantation (HCT): The University of Miami Experience

- UM established the leading mismatched unrelated donor transplant program in the US
- Trial Highlights:
 - 73 patients, ≥ 18 years s/p MMUD s/p HCT 1/2016 and 12/2019
 - Post-HCT GvHD prophylaxis: PTCy vs. historical SOC ATG
 - 70% Hispanic and Afro-Caribbean patients
 - 30% Highly mismatched grafts in experimental arm

Jimenez Jimenez A, Komanduri K *et al.*, The TCT Meetings of ASTCT and CIBMTR.

Results



Jimenez Jimenez A, Komanduri K *et al.*, The TCT Meetings of ASTCT and CIBMTR.

Future Directions

The 15-MMUD study will be followed by a multicenter NMDP-sponsored clinical trial using peripheral blood stem cell grafts:

- ACCESS: A Multi-Center, Phase II Trial of HLA-Mismatched Unrelated Donor Hematopoietic Cell Transplantation (HCT) with Post-Transplantation Cyclophosphamide for Patients with Hematologic Malignancies (21-MMUD) (Jimenez Jimenez A, Devine S, Al-Maki M et al.)
- 40 sites, ~180 patients.
- University of Miami/Sylvester activated and currently leading national accrual

ACCESS: A Multi-Center, Phase II Trial of HLA-Mismatched Unrelated Donor Hematopoietic Cell Transplantation with Post-Transplantation Cyclophosphamide for Patients with Hematologic Malignancies

Resource for Clinical Investigation in Blood and Marrow Transplantation (RCI BMT)

Version 1.0
January 28, 2021

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Steven Devine, MD¹

CIBMTR Protocol Officers
Bronwen Shaw² (adult)
Larisa Broglie² (pediatric)

Primary Objective

To determine overall survival (OS) at one year following transplantation of a PBSC product from a MMUD using PTCy-based GVHD prophylaxis.

Hypothesis

Transplantation of a PBSC or BM product from a HLA-mismatched unrelated donor (MMUD) using PTCy-based GVHD prophylaxis will be safe and feasible and will result in a high likelihood of overall survival at one year following HCT.

**Stratum
1**

- Adult subjects undergoing HCT with a PBSC graft source and receiving a myeloablative conditioning (MAC) regimen and PTCy-based GVHD prophylaxis

**Stratum
2**

- Adult subjects undergoing HCT with a PBSC graft source and receiving a non-myeloablative (NMA) or reduced-intensity conditioning (RIC) regimen and PTCy-based GVHD prophylaxis

**Stratum
3**

- Pediatric and young adult subjects undergoing HCT from a BM graft source and receiving a MAC regimen and PTCy-based GVHD prophylaxis

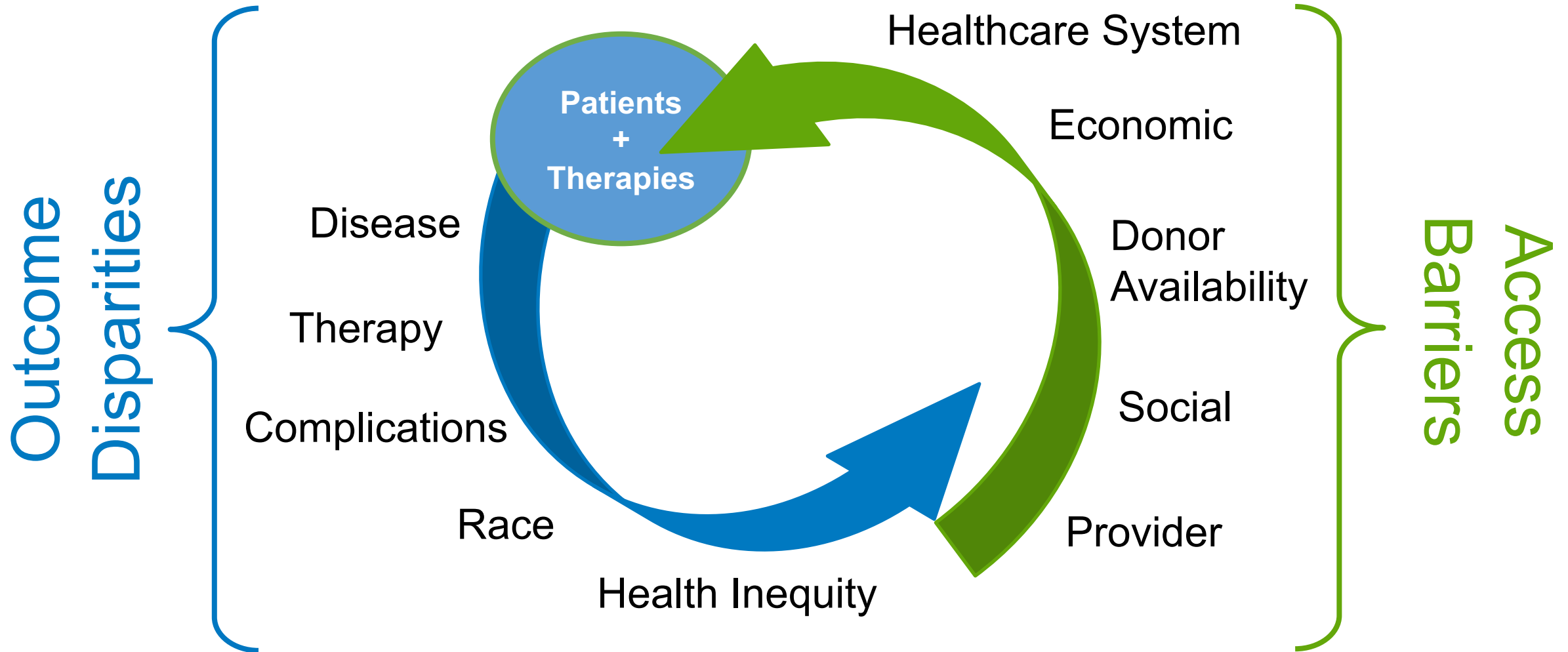
Study Population	Patients with eligible diagnosis receiving a MMUD PBSC or BM (pediatric strata only) product at participating transplant centers
Study Design/Phase	This is a multi-center Phase II study with three strata (two adult strata based on conditioning intensity and one pediatric) designed to estimate the one year OS following MMUD PBSC or BM (pediatric stratum only) transplantation.

Primary Endpoint: 1 y OS following HCT in each adult strata

Conclusions: PTCy to improve MMUD HCT

- Despite a higher degree of HLA-mismatch, PTCy following MMUD HCT resulted in superior OS, RFS, GRFS and lower NRM when compared to ATG-based GvHD prophylaxis.
- Outcomes following PTCy appear to be approaching historically excellent outcomes with matched unrelated donor HCT, as the utility of this platform continues to be explored prospectively.
- MMUD with PTCy appears to be a safe and effective alternative graft source for individuals without matched sibling or registry donors and significantly levels the playing field for underrepresented minorities.

Access Barriers and Outcome Disparities

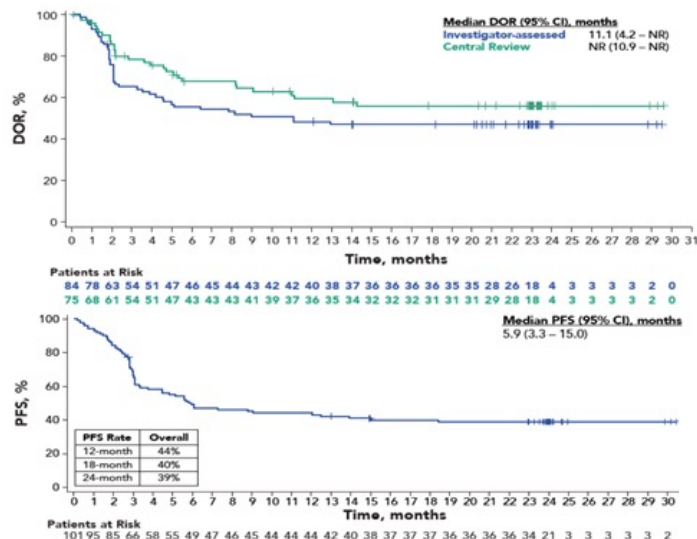


Conclusions

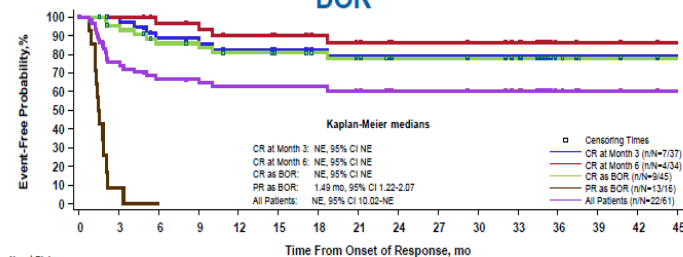
- Autologous and allogeneic HCT remain the standard of care for many patients with high risk and/or relapsed malignancies, including myeloma, relapsed lymphoma and many patients with MDS and AML
- Significant disparities exist, with lower referral and utilization rates based on gender and race
- Biological barriers (e.g., increasing ethnic diversity with underrepresentation in registries) also exist, but can be addressed with steadily improving outcomes with approaches including mismatched transplantation using PTCy
- Approaches to address disparities must be holistic, with attention to bias, financial access barriers, cultural barriers, education and biological factors

CD19 CAR T-cells Yield Durable Remission in ~40%

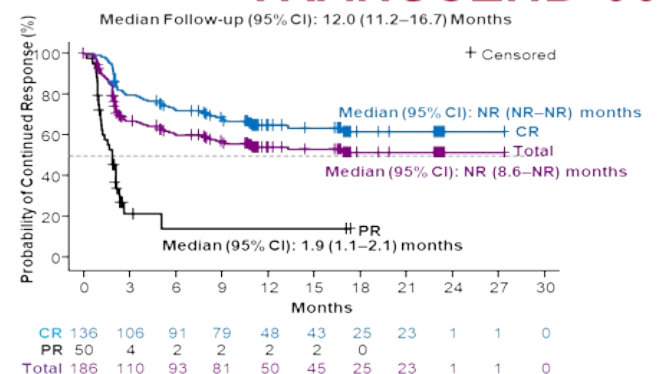
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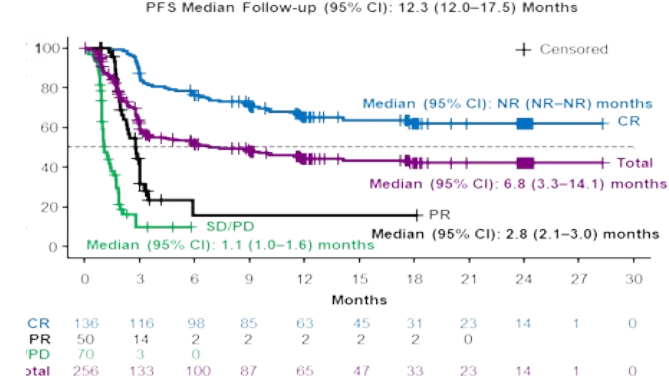
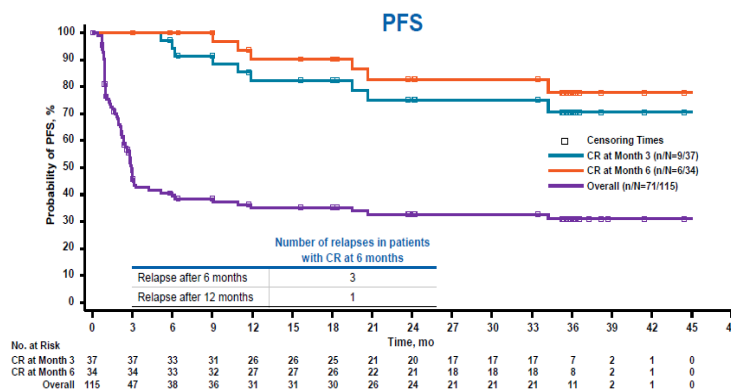
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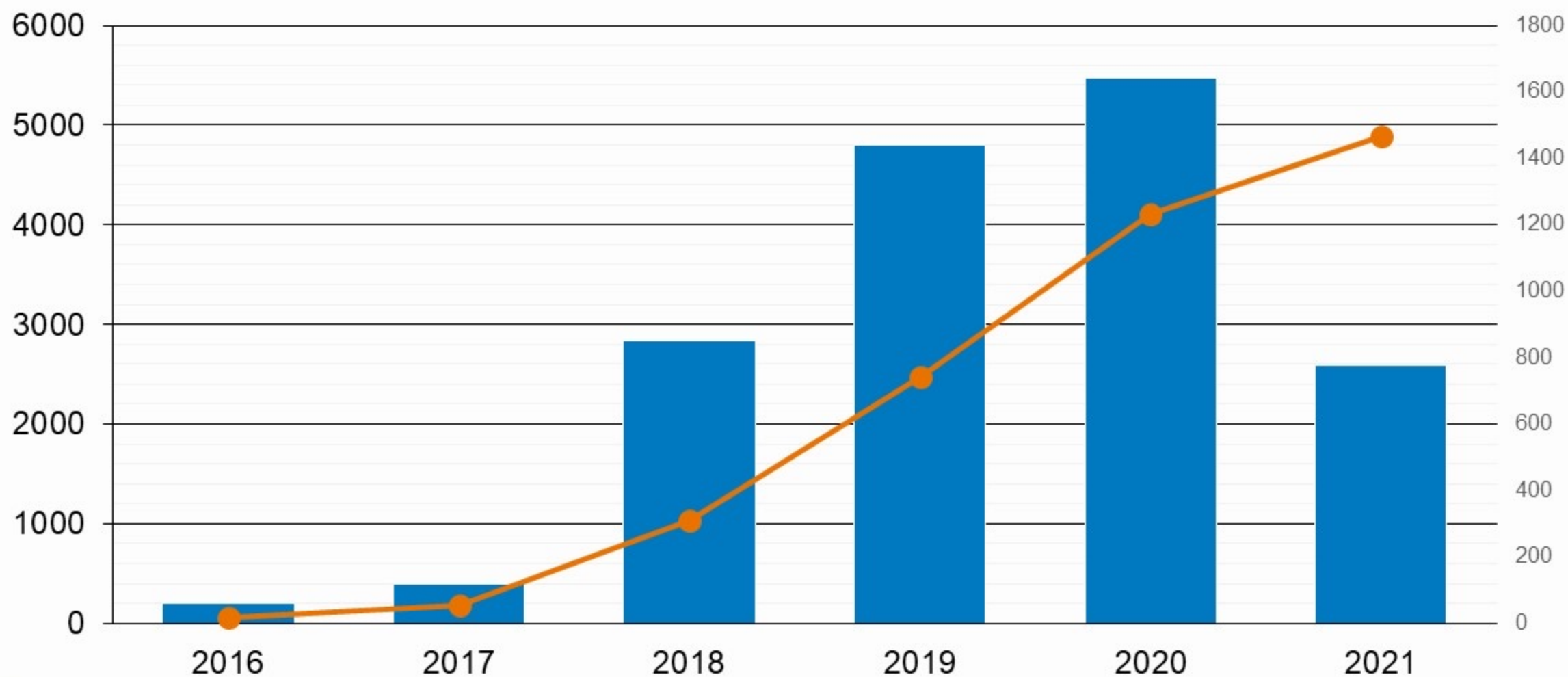
Locke et al Lancet Oncology 2019;20:31
Schuster et al NEJM 2018
Abramson et al ASH 2019, Lancet 2020



Number of CAR T cell infusions: 2016-2021 (4,886 patients and 5,129 infusions)



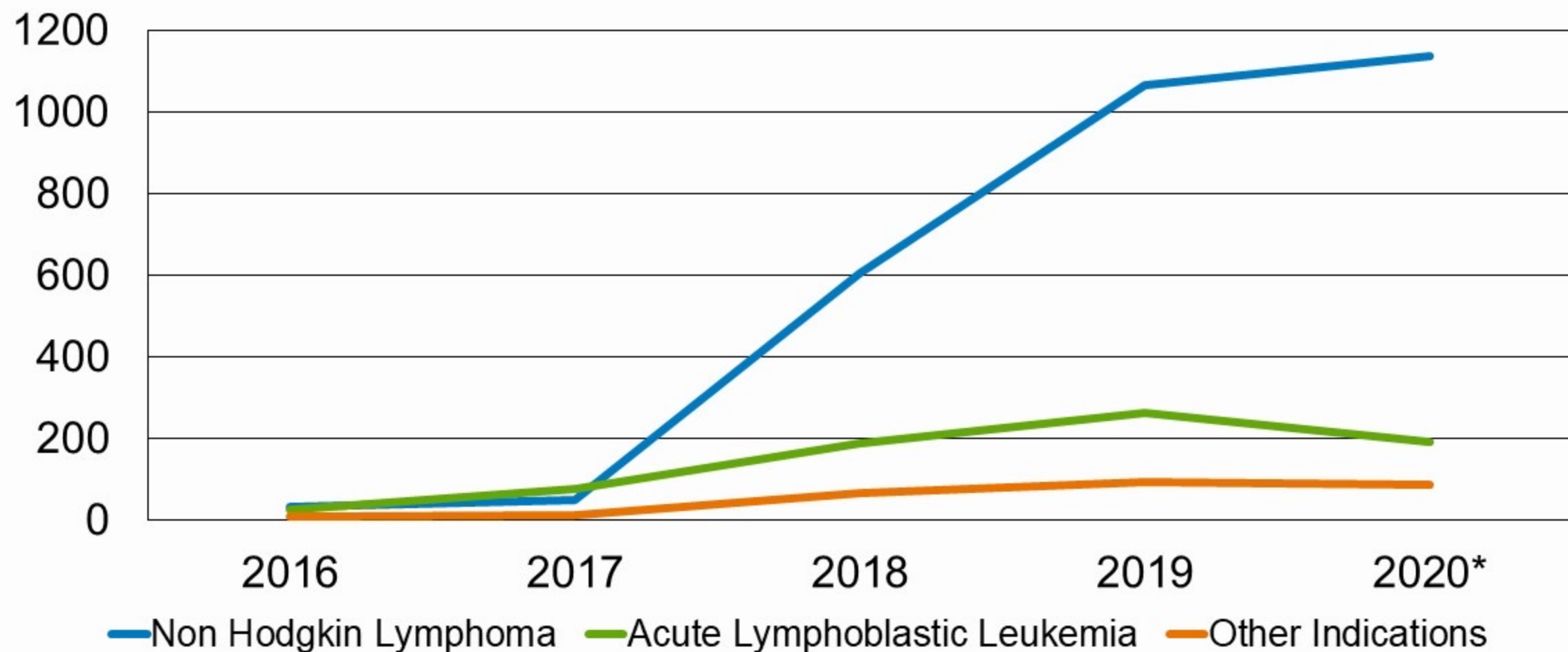
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CAR T cell Indications Annually: 2016-2020



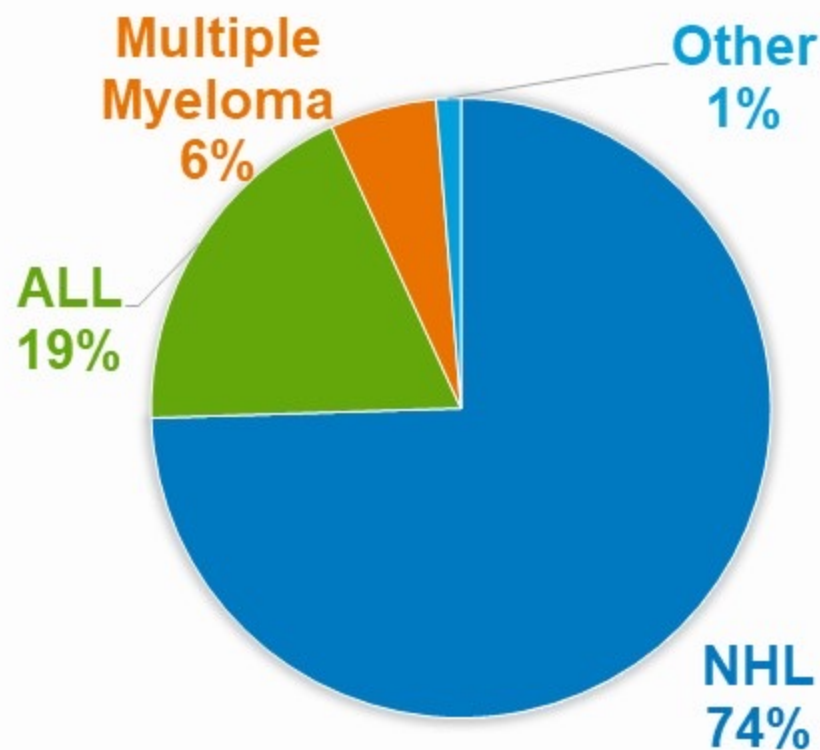
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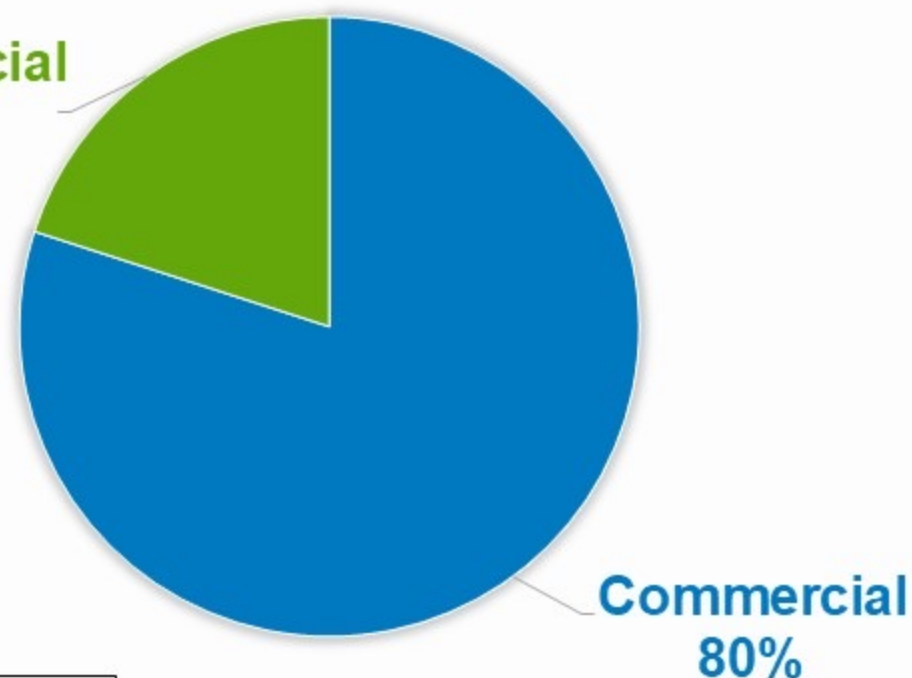
CAR T Cell Indications: 2016-2021 (N=4,886)



CELLULAR IMMUNOTHERAPY DATA RESOURCE



Noncommercial
20%

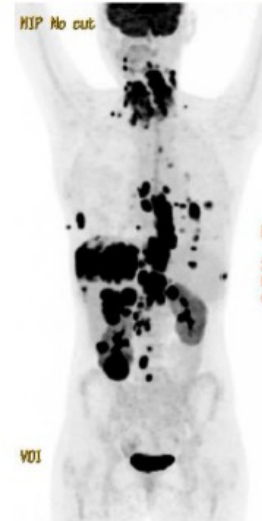


Centers: 159
Median age: 59 y (<1-91)y
Prior HCT: 33%

CD19 Antigen Loss is a Common Cause of treatment failure after CAR19 Therapy

- 7/21 (33%) ZUMA-1 patients w/ disease progression after therapy were CD19 negative[#]
- 34 patients treated with commercial Axi-Cel at Stanford*
 - 16 developed disease progression
 - 12 were biopsied at time of progression
 - Six showed CD19 loss

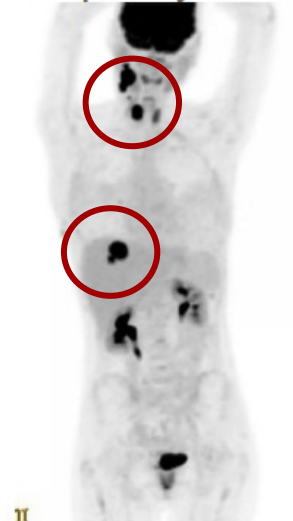
PRE-INFUSION



DAY 28

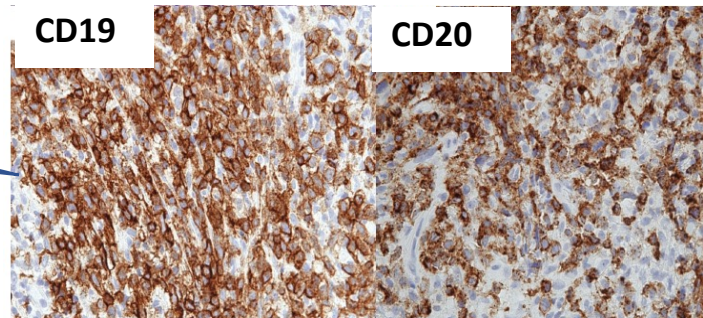


DAY 60

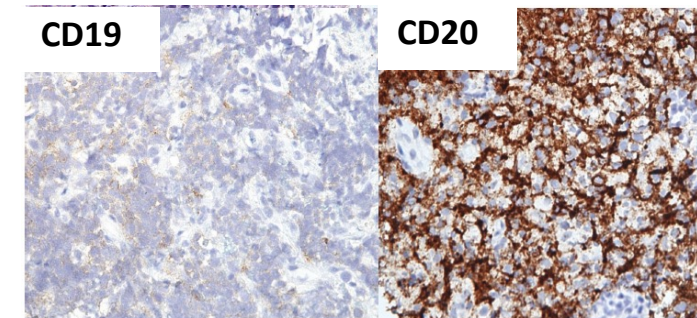


Lymph node analysis pre-CAR and at Day 60 highlighted loss of CD19 but preservation of CD20 expression

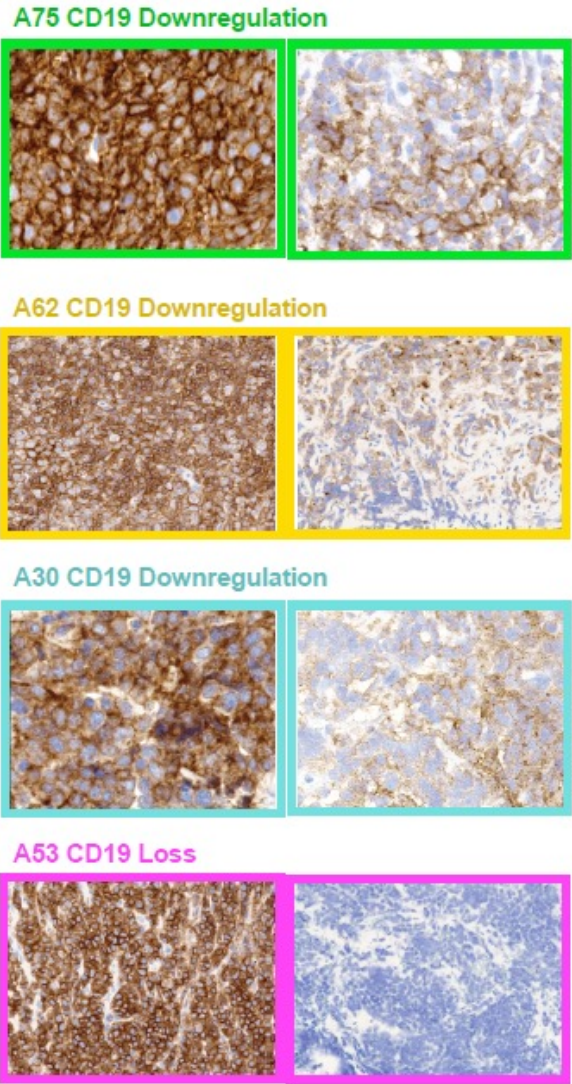
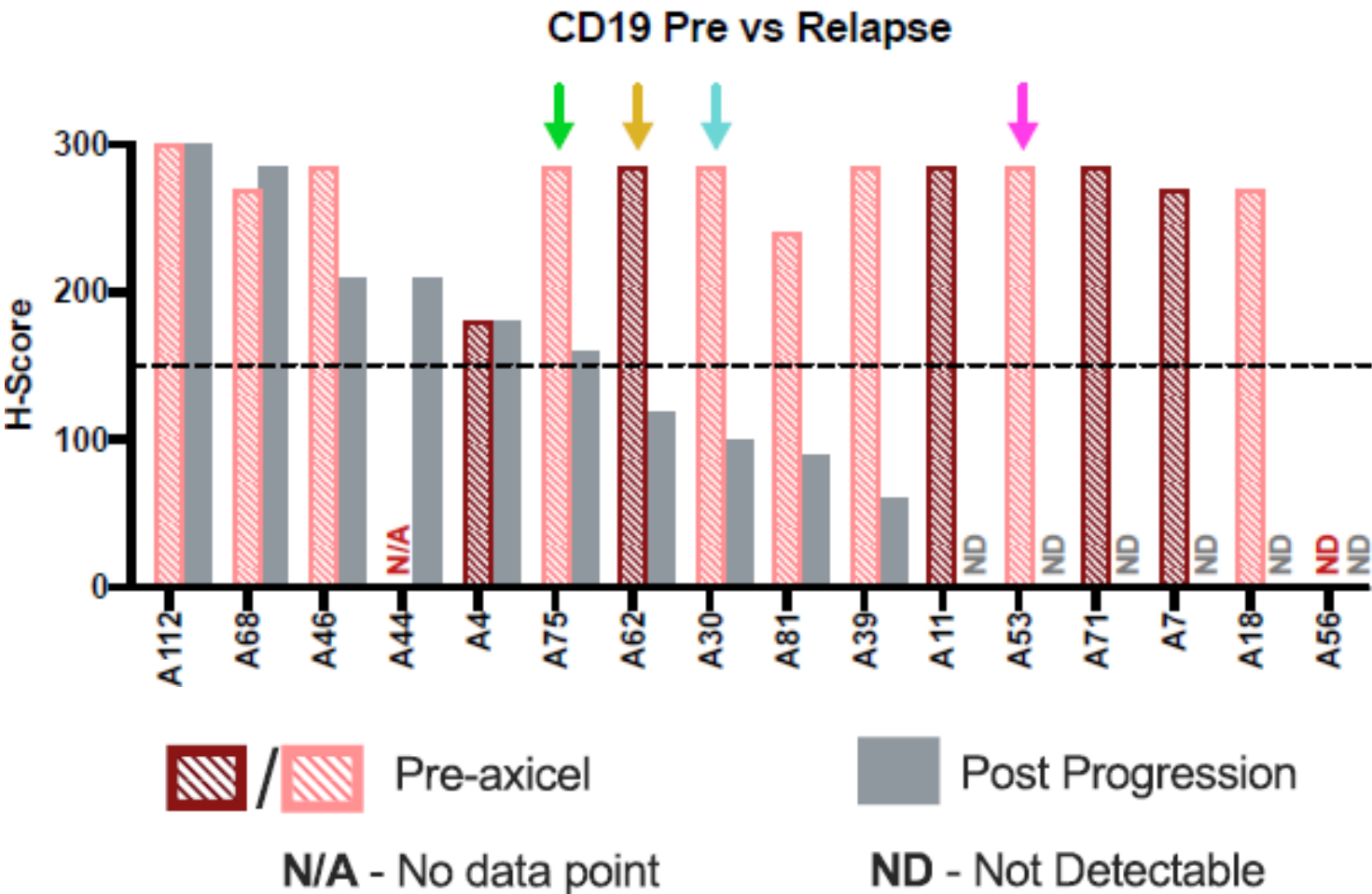
PRE-THERAPY



DAY 60 RELAPSE

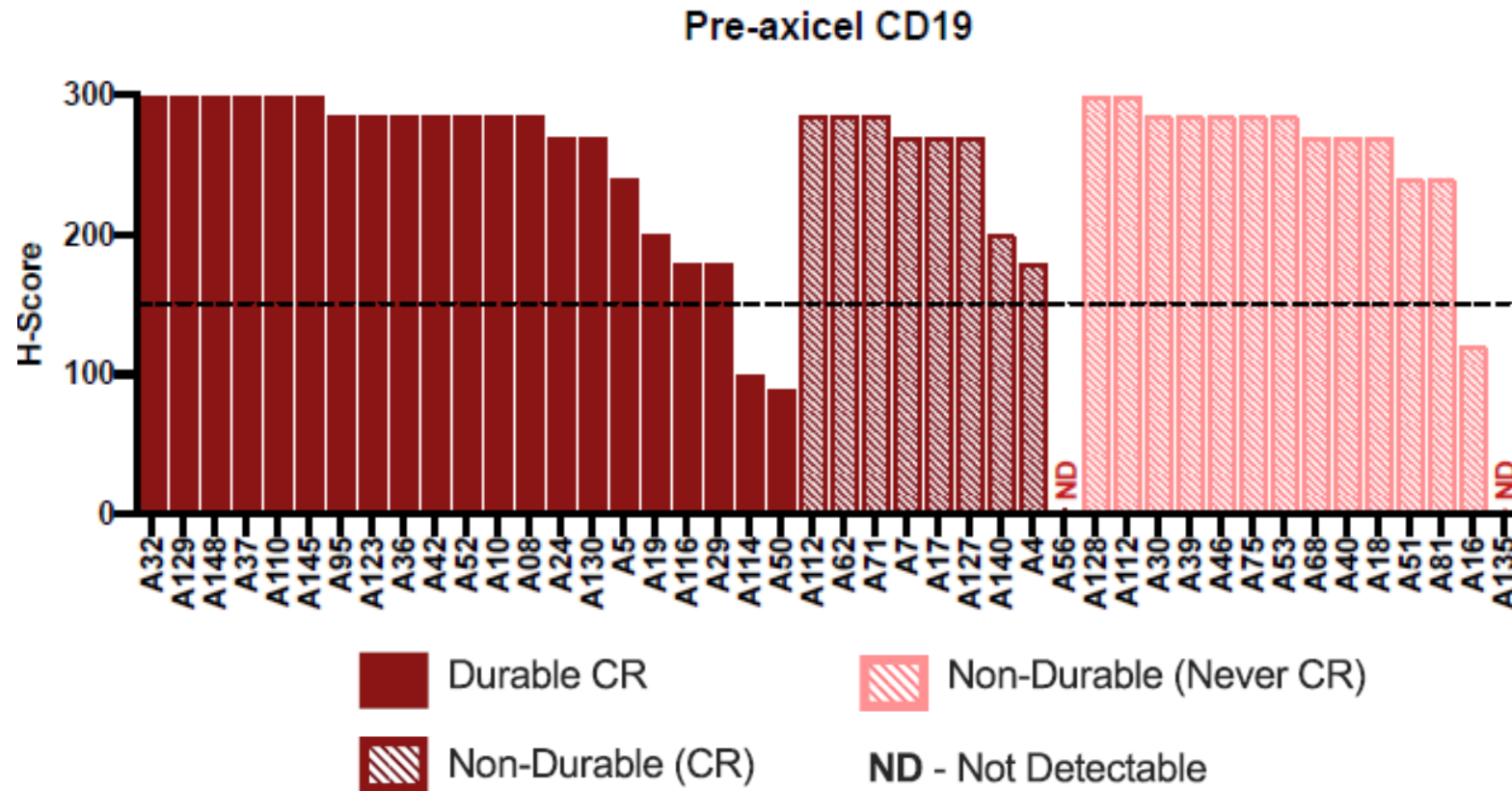


CD19 loss or down-regulation occurs after axi-cel

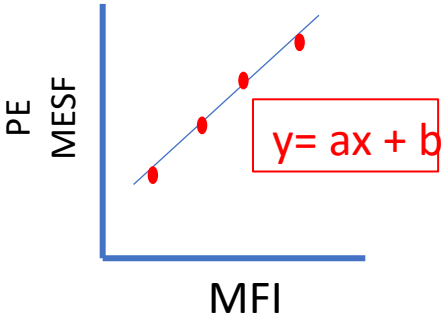
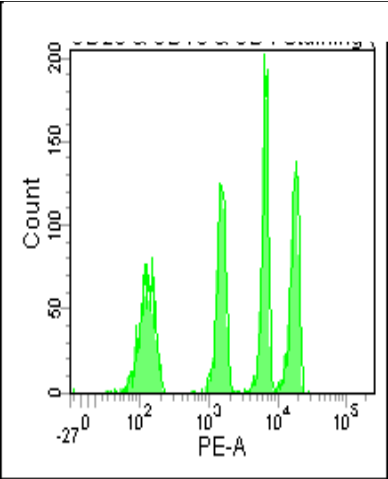


Pre-treatment CD19 by IHC is not associated with Clinical Outcomes

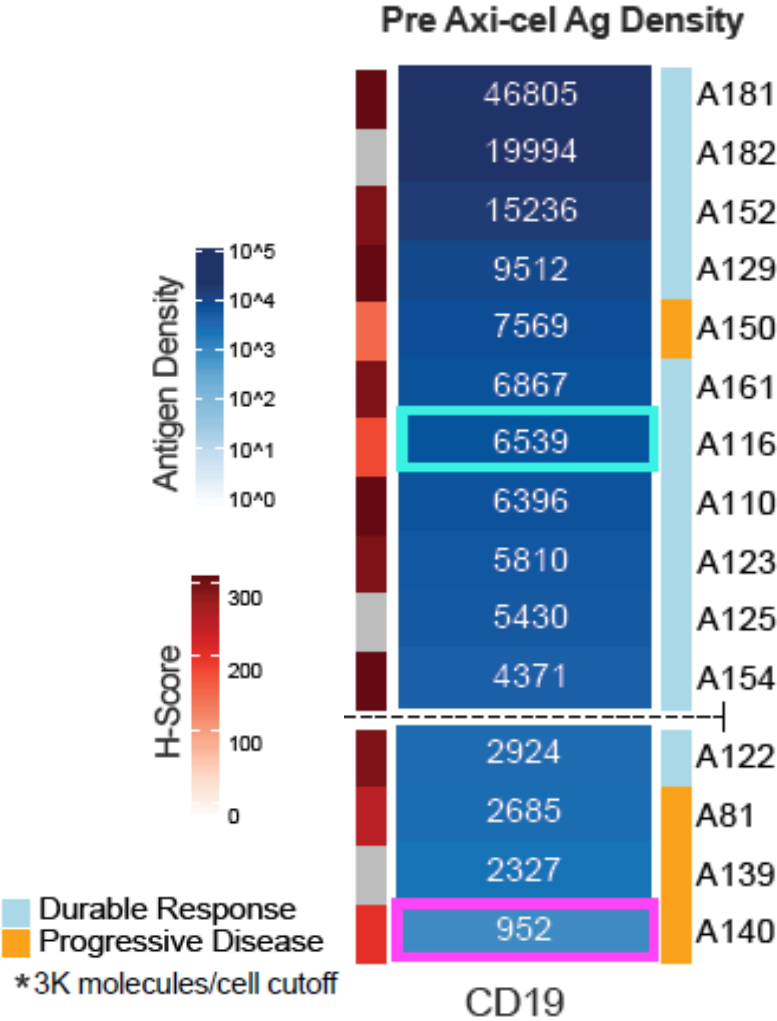
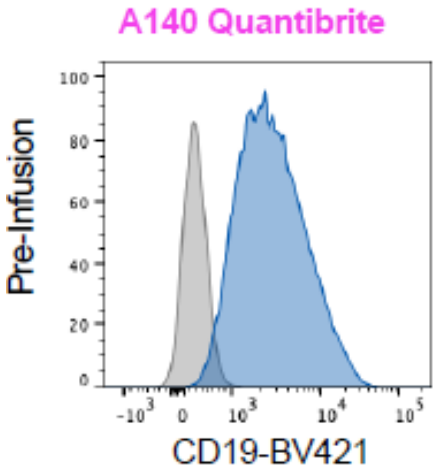
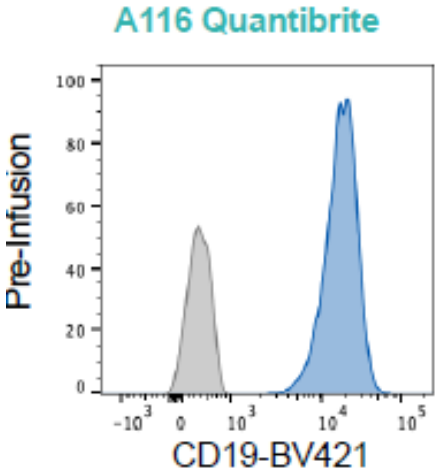
H-score = %tumor cells positive (0-100) x staining intensity (0-3)



Pre-treatment quantitative flow may identify patients at risk for treatment failure

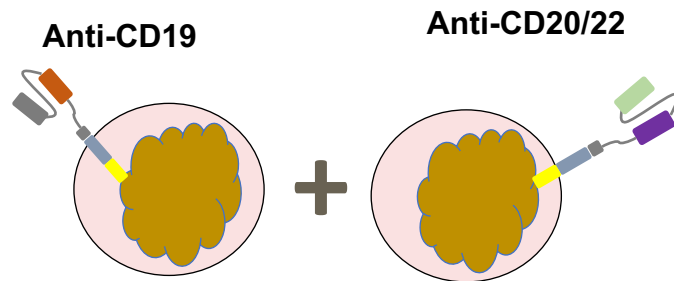


Bead population	PE Molecules
High	81,345
Med-High	29,683
Med-Low	6,573
Low	355



Simultaneous targeting of two tumor antigens may overcome antigen loss and improve efficacy

Co-administration



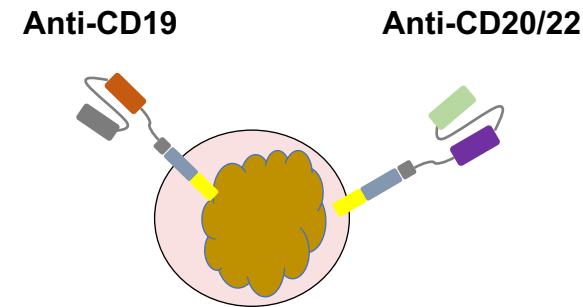
Pros:

- Defined dose for each CAR

Cons:

- Multiple production runs
- Potential competition
- When to infuse 2nd dose

Co-expression (co-transfection or bicistronic)



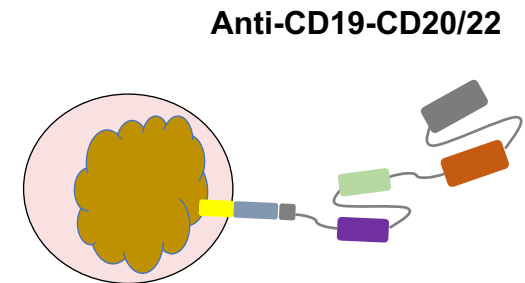
Pros:

- Each CAR molecule signals independently
- Reduces steric concerns

Cons:

- Can generate multiple CAR populations

Bivalent-bispecific receptor



Pros:

- Each cell expresses both scFVs

Cons:

- Distal scFV may have signalling deficiencies

Phase I Dose Escalation Study of CAR19-22 in Adults with Relapsed/Refractory DLBCL or B-ALL

Primary Objectives

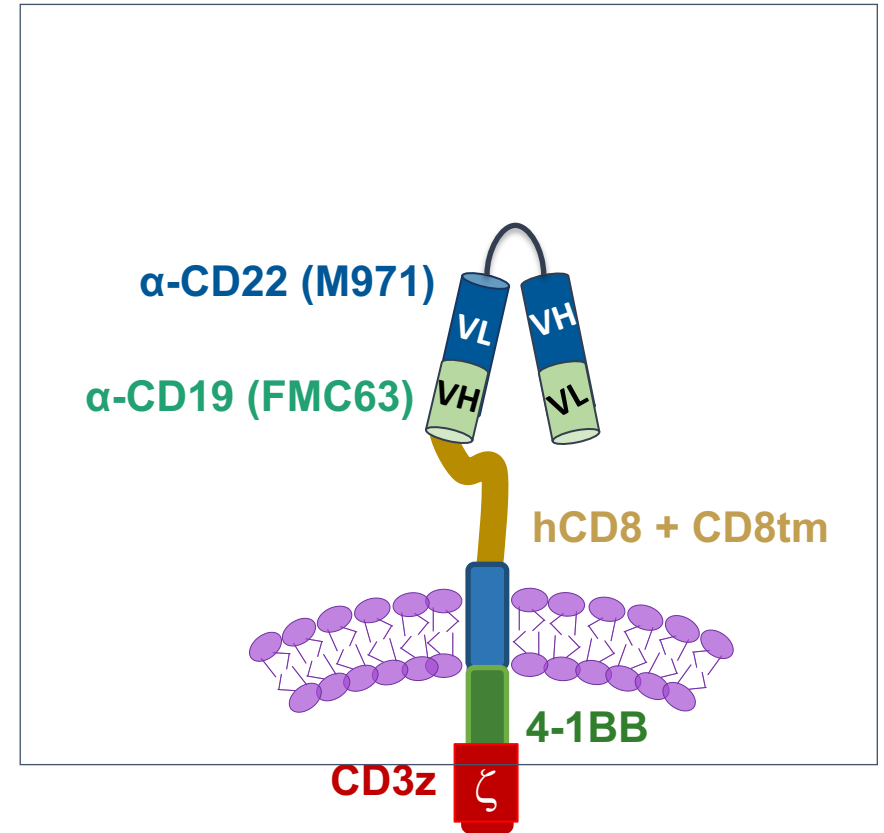
- Determine feasibility of production
- Assess safety

Secondary Objectives

- Response rate and clinical efficacy

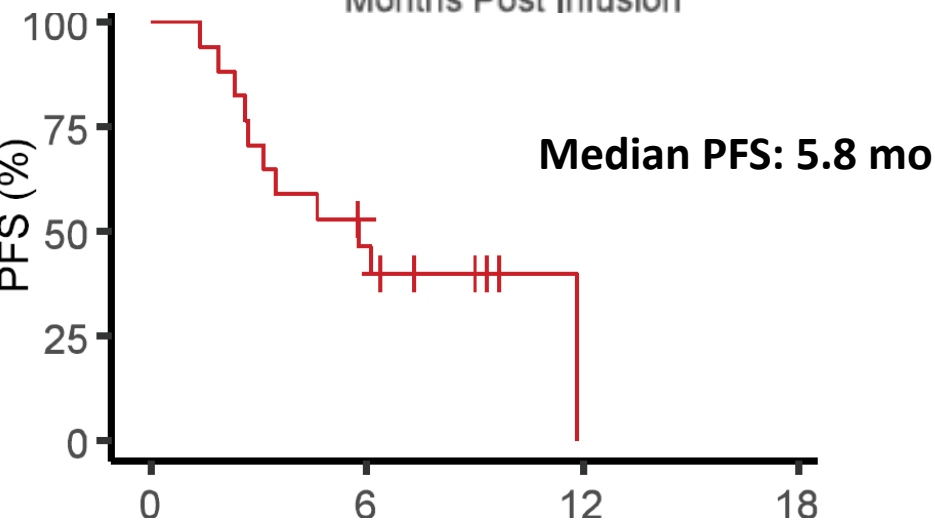
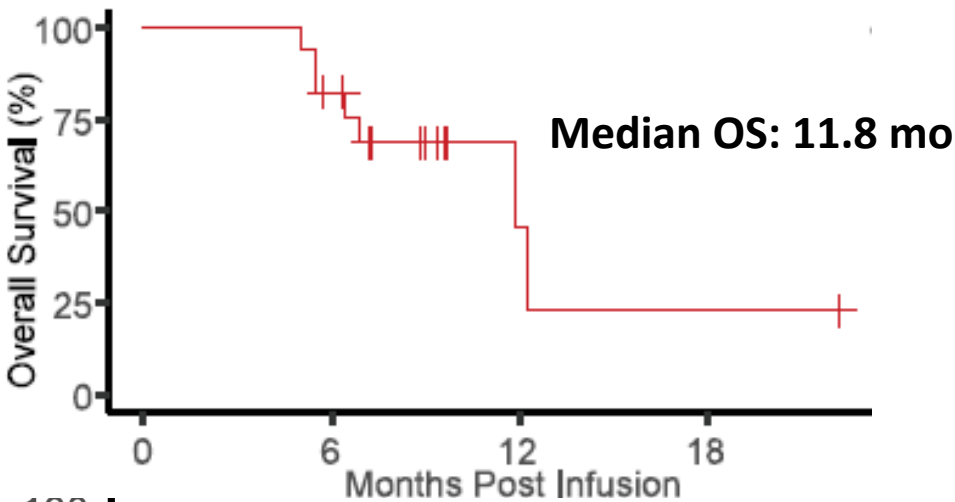
Exploratory Objectives

- CAR19-22 persistence
- Antigen remodeling at Relapse



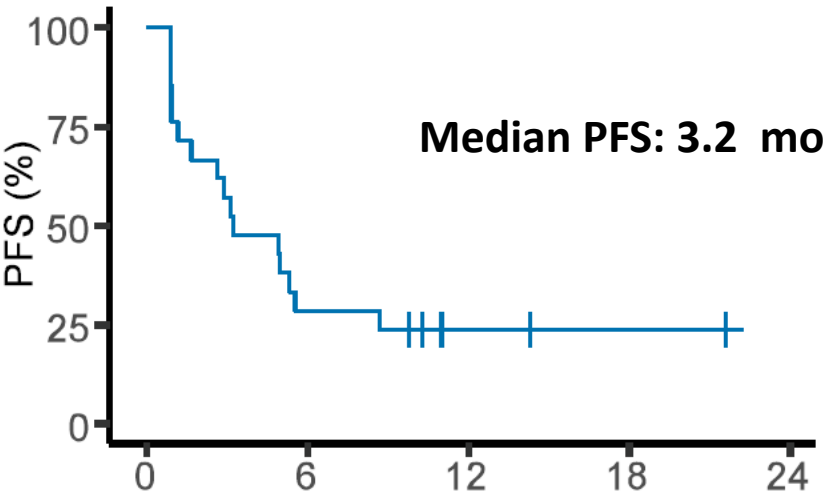
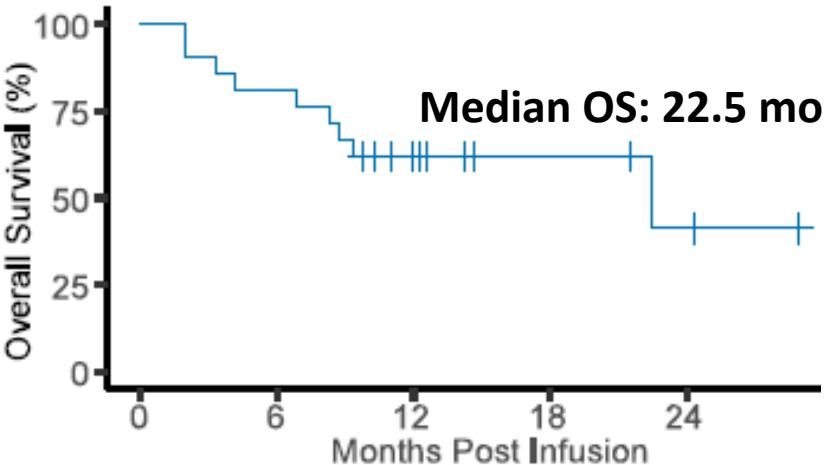
Clinical Outcomes

ALL : 100% ORR, 88% CR



ALL n=17

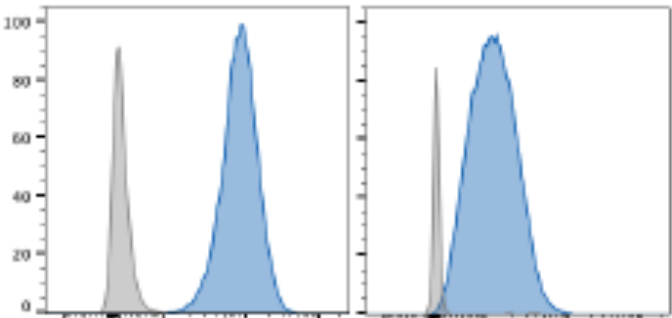
Lymphoma : 62% ORR, 29% CR



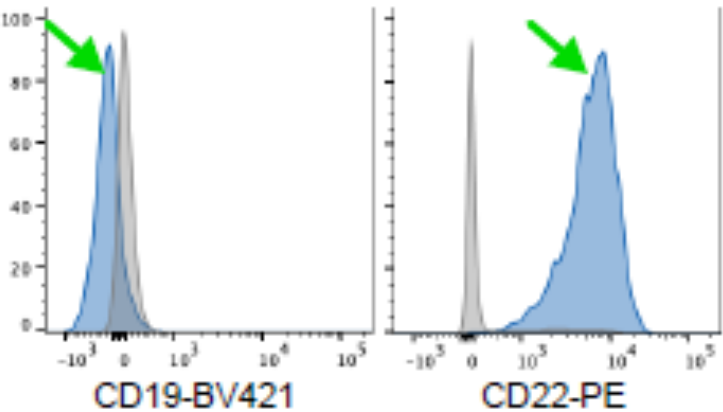
LBCL n=21

CD19 Negative Relapse Occurs after Treatment with CAR19-22

Before Therapy



Relapse after CAR19-22



CD19 expression is lost, while CD22 expression is maintained

Ag Density at Progression

21092	12492	SL23
17945	1726	SA34
16075	3815	SA37
8682	38002	SA10
★		
1150	1046	SL11
471	12079	SL15
110	2888	SL21
94	7112	SA36
82	9031	SA33
64	6016	SA13
0	5915	SA24
CD19	CD22	

Relapsed Patients (n= 26)	CD19 Positive	CD19 Negative
DLBCL (n= 16)	9/14 (2 not bx)	5/14
ALL (n=10)	5/10	5/10

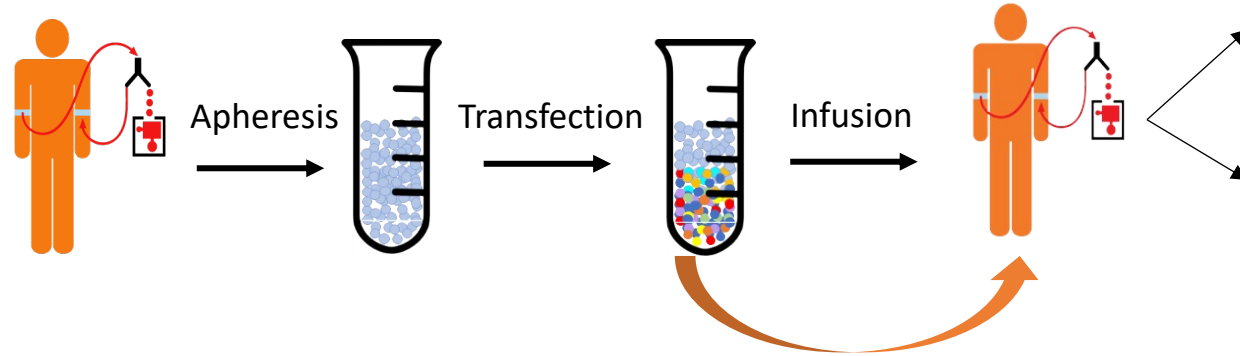
CD19-CD22 Bispecific CAR-T Summary

- Closed system manufacturing with the prodigy is feasible
- CAR19-22 had limited toxicity, one DLT grade 4 CRS and ICANS
 - Beneficial Clinical Outcomes: Overall Response: 69%
 - 20 DLBCL and 2 PMBCL: ORR: 62% → **29%CR**
 - 17 ALL patients: ORR:100% → **88% CR**
- Unfortunately, 36% DLBCL and 50% ALL subjects have relapsed CD19- CD22+, thus multi-antigen targeting will require new constructs and strategies
- Brexu-cel now the only available therapy for Adults with R/R ALL
- Stanford (Mackall, et al) manufacturing for a more balanced CD4/CD8 cell product and have reopened the trial to treat another 15-20 ALL patients

Optimizing CAR-T Therapy: Model by Spiegel and Miklos

Patient

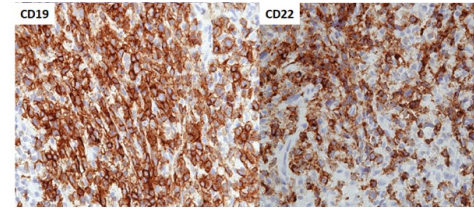
CAR-T Product



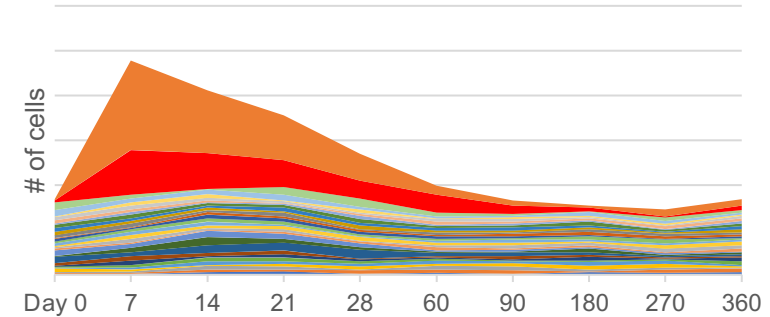
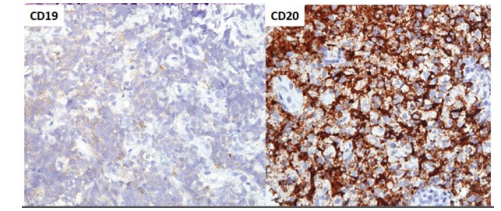
Tumor Biology:

- Tumor Antigen Density
- Tumor microenvironment

PRE-THERAPY



DAY 60 RELAPSE



CAR-T Product Fitness:

- Patient T cell fitness
- CAR-T construct
- CAR-T manufacturing

CAR-T Pharmacokinetics and Pharmacodynamics

- Characterize which CAR-T localize to tumor
- Immune Phenotype of CAR-T blood expansion

Gamma Retroviral-Based Vector with RD114 Pseudotype

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- The diagram illustrates the structure of two chimeric antigen receptors (CARs): aCD19CAR and aCD22CAR. A horizontal grey line represents the PLASMA MEMBRANE.
- aCD19CAR (Left):**
- Extracellular:** aCD19 scFV (blue oval) and CD8aSTK (black line).
 - Transmembrane:** OX40 (purple rectangle) and TCRz (teal rectangle).
 - Intracellular:** CD8aSTK (black line) and TCRz (teal rectangle).
- aCD22CAR (Right):**
- Extracellular:** aCD22 scFV (red oval) and COMP (red helix).
 - Transmembrane:** 41BB (red rectangle) and TCRz (teal rectangle).
 - Intracellular:** 41BB (red rectangle) and TCRz (teal rectangle).

Phase 1/2 study of AUTO3, the first bicistronic chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) targeting CD19 and CD22, followed by an anti-PD1 in patients with relapsed/refractory (r/r) Diffuse Large B Cell Lymphoma (DLBCL): Results of Safety Cohorts of the ALEXANDER study

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	Total (N=49)	50 x 10 ⁶ AUTO3 (N=7)	150 x 10 ⁶ AUTO3 (N=16)	300 x 10 ⁶ AUTO3 (N=10)	450 x 10 ⁶ AUTO3 (N=16)
All Grades	17 (35%)	1 (14%)	4 (25%)	2 (20%)	10 (63%)
Grade 1	10 (20%)	1 (14%)	2 (13%)	2 (20%)	5 (31%)
Grade 2	6 (12%)	0	1 (6%)	0	5 (31%)
≥ Grade 3	1 (2%)	0*	1 (6%)	0	0

Low rates of CRS

Neurotoxicity (NT/ICANS)

Low rates of NT

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All Grades	3 (6%)	1 (14%)	2 (13%)	0	0
≥ Grade 3	2 (4%)	1 (14%)	1 (6%)	0	0

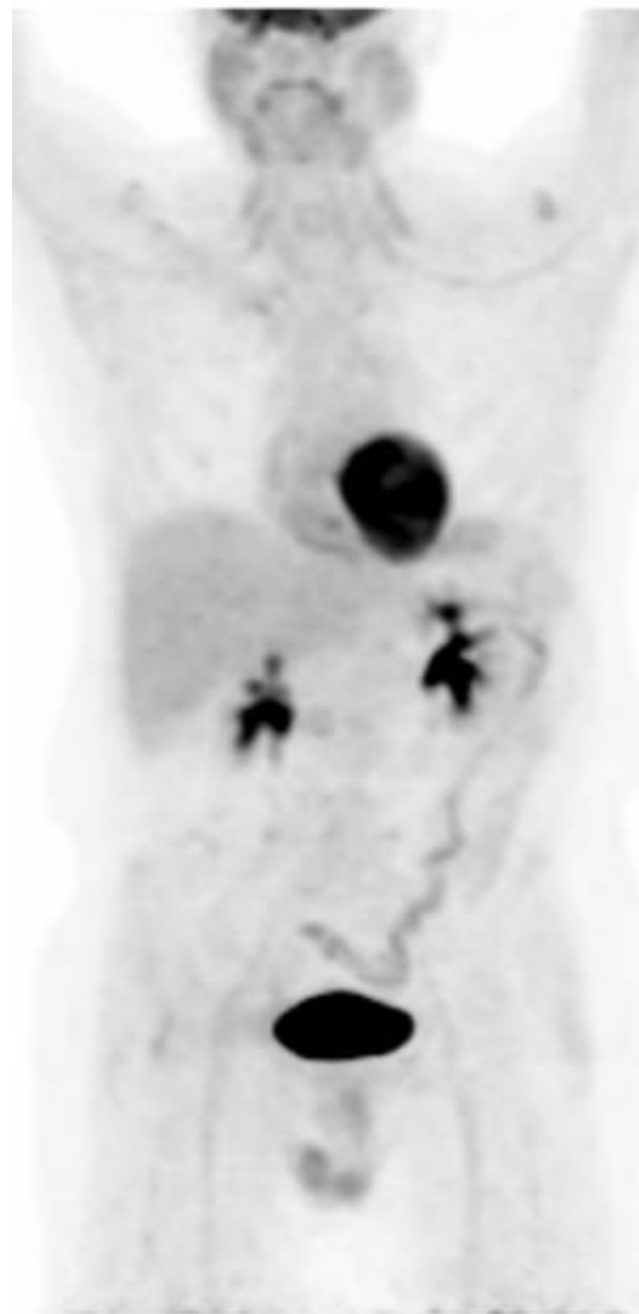
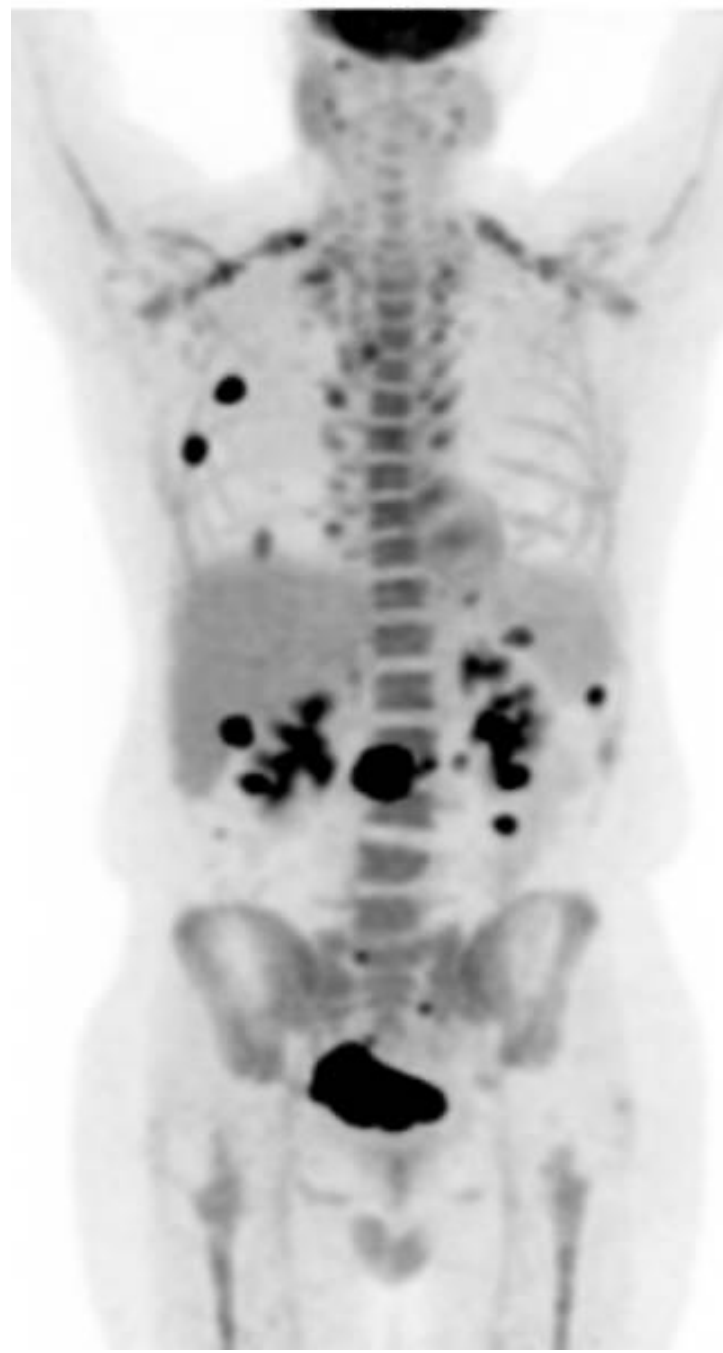
RESPONSES

	Total (N=49)	50 x 10 ⁶ AUTO3 (N=7)	150 x 10 ⁶ AUTO3 (N=16)	300 x 10 ⁶ AUTO3 (N=10)	450 x 10 ⁶ AUTO3 (N=16)
N Evaluable*	43	6	13	9	15
ORR	28 (65%)	4 (67%)	4 (31%)	7 (78%)	13 (87%)
CR	22 (51%)	2 (33%)	4 (31%)	5 (56%)	11 (73%)
PR	6 (14%)	2 (33%)	0	2 (22%)	2 (13%)

First-in-Human Data of ALLO-501A, an Allogeneic Chimeric Antigen Receptor (CAR) T Cell Therapy and ALLO-647 in Relapsed/Refractory Large B Cell Lymphoma (R/R LBCL): ALPHA2 Study.

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- Off the shelf allogeneic CAR-T
- TCR is KO to avoid GVHD.
- CD52 is also KO and anti-CD52 Ab is added to Flu-CTX to avoid rejection.
- Still suboptimal expansion
- Viral reactivations: letermovir to prevent CMV



Primary Analysis of ZUMA-7: a Phase 3 Randomized Trial of Axicabtagene Ciloleucel Versus Standard-of-Care Therapy in Patients With Relapsed/Refractory Large B-Cell Lymphoma

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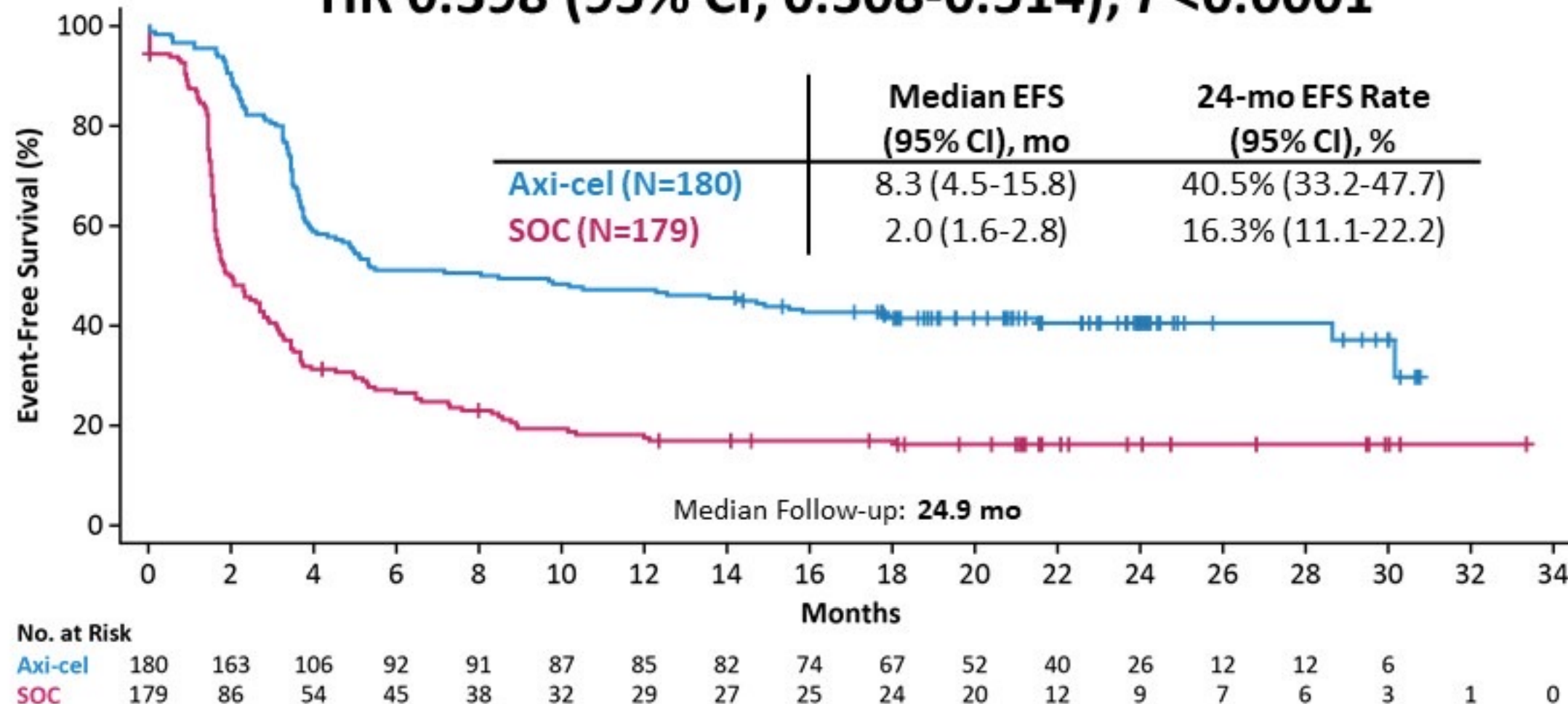


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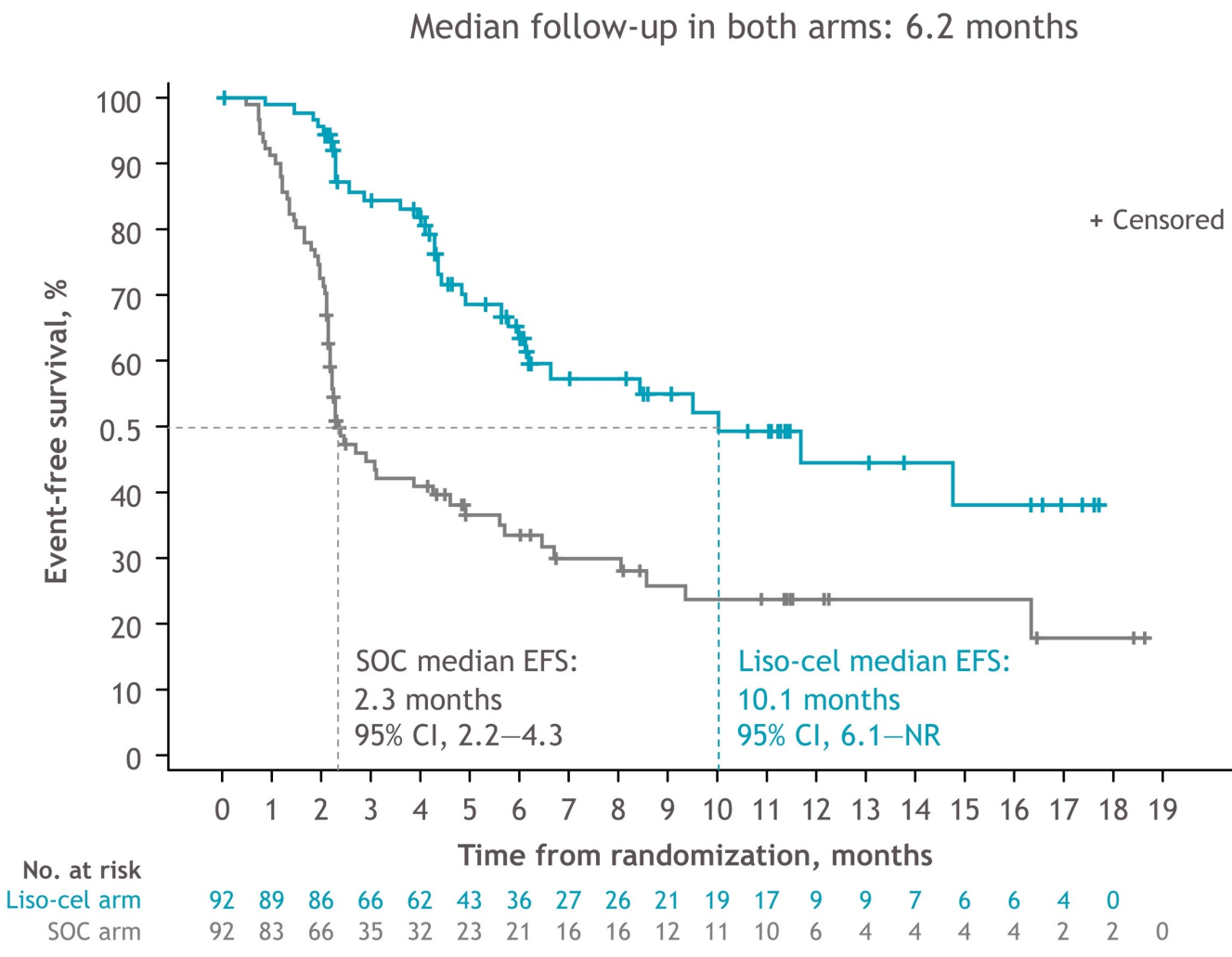
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HR 0.398 (95% CI, 0.308-0.514); $P < 0.0001$



TRANSFORM

TRANSFORM: Event-free survival per IRC (ITT set; primary endpoint)



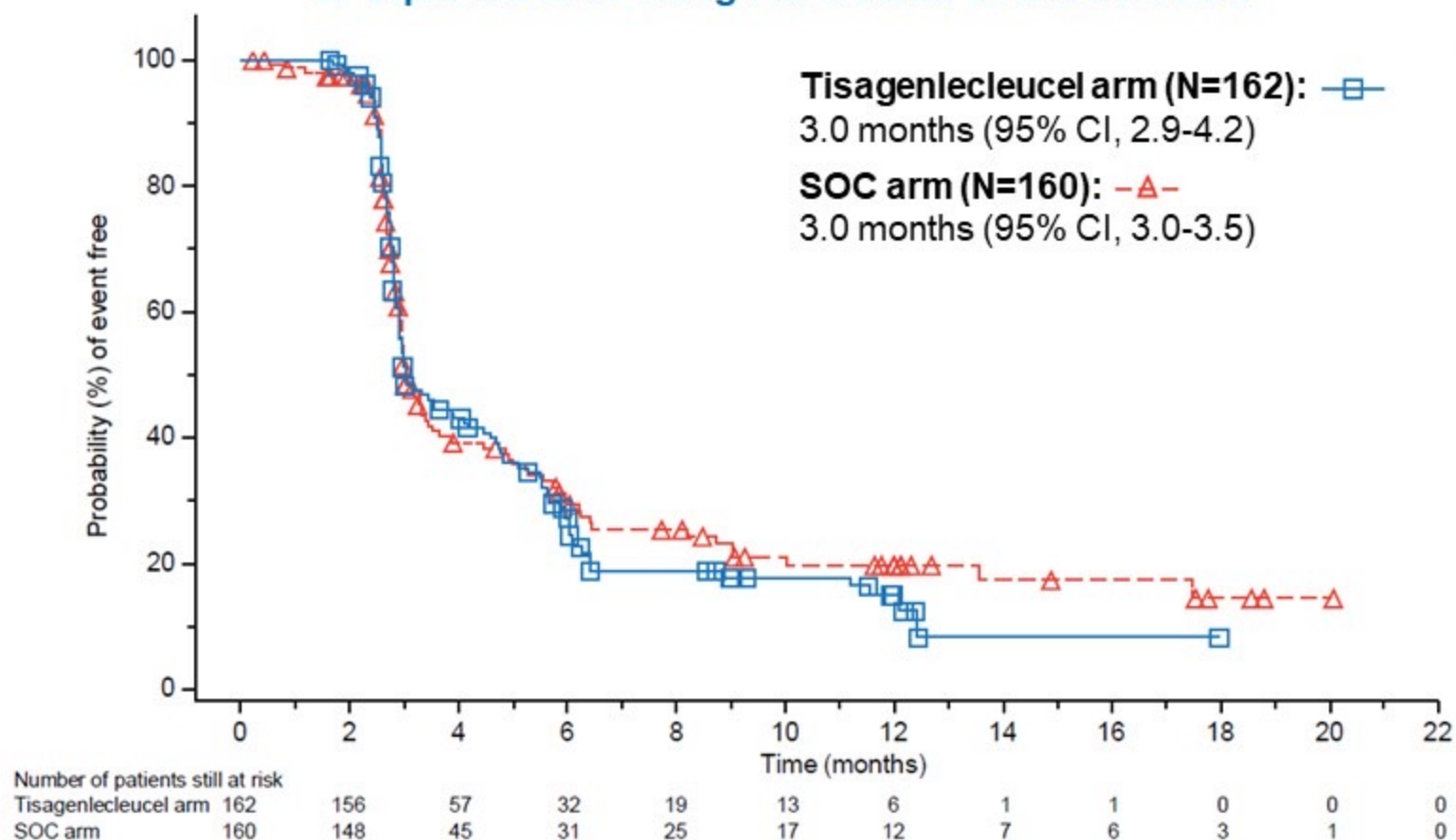
	Liso-cel arm (n = 92)	SOC arm (n = 92)
Patients with events, n	35	63
Stratified HR (95% CI)	0.349 (0.229–0.530) <i>P</i> < 0.0001	
6-month EFS rate, % (SE)	63.3 (5.77)	33.4 (5.30)
Two-sided 95% CI	52.0–74.7	23.0–43.8
12-month EFS rate, % (SE)	44.5 (7.72)	23.7 (5.28)
Two-sided 95% CI	29.4–59.6	13.4–34.1

One-sided *P* value significance threshold to reject the null hypothesis was < 0.012

EFS is defined as the time from randomization to death due to any cause, progressive disease, failure to achieve CR or PR by 9 weeks post-randomization or start of a new antineoplastic therapy due to efficacy concerns, whichever occurs first.
CI, confidence interval; HR, hazard ratio; NR, not reached; SE, standard error.

No Difference in EFS Between Treatment Arms

EFS per BIRC in Tisagenlecleucel and SOC Arms



- EFS^a was not significantly different between treatment arms
 - Primary analysis:
Stratified unadjusted HR: 1.07 (95% CI, 0.82-1.40, $p^b=0.69$)
 - Supportive analysis:
Stratified adjusted^c HR: 0.95 (95% CI, 0.72-1.25)
 - 6 patients responded to tisagenlecleucel infusion, but were captured as an EFS event due to SD/PD before or soon after infusion^d

^aEFS events defined as PD/SD after day 71 or death at any time. ^bp-value derived from 1-sided stratified log-rank test. ^cAdjusted for potential imbalances in patient characteristics with pre-specified covariates of age, sex, race, ECOG performance status, histological subgroup, disease stage, and disease subtype. ^dStratified adjusted HR accounting for delayed responses in both arms yield HR of 0.84 (95% CI: 0.63, 1.12).

BIRC, blinded independent review committee; CI, confidence interval; EFS, event-free survival; HR, hazard ratio; OS, overall survival; PD, progressive disease; SD, stable disease; SOC, standard of care.

TRIAL		ZUMA-7		BELINDA		TRANSFORM	
		Axi-Cel	SOC	Tisa-Cel	SOC	Liso-Cel	SOC
		N=180	N=179	N=162	N=160	N=92	N=92
Patient disposition							
CAR T infusion (%)		94	N/A	96	N/A	98	N/A
	Bridging (%)	65 ^b	N/A	83	N/A	68	N/A
	Median days to infusion	13	N/A	52	N/A	NR	N/A
ASCT (%)		N/A	36	N/A	33	N/A	47
Crossover to CAR T (%)		N/A	56	N/A	51	N/A	55
Efficacy							
Median follow-up (months)		25	25	10	10	6	6
ORR (%)		83	50	46	43	86	48
CR (%)		65	32	28	28	66	39
EFS median (months)		8.3	2	3	3	10.1	2.3
PFS median (months)		14.7	3.7	NR	NR	14.8	5.7
OS median (months)		Not reached	35.1	NR	NR	Not reached	16.4

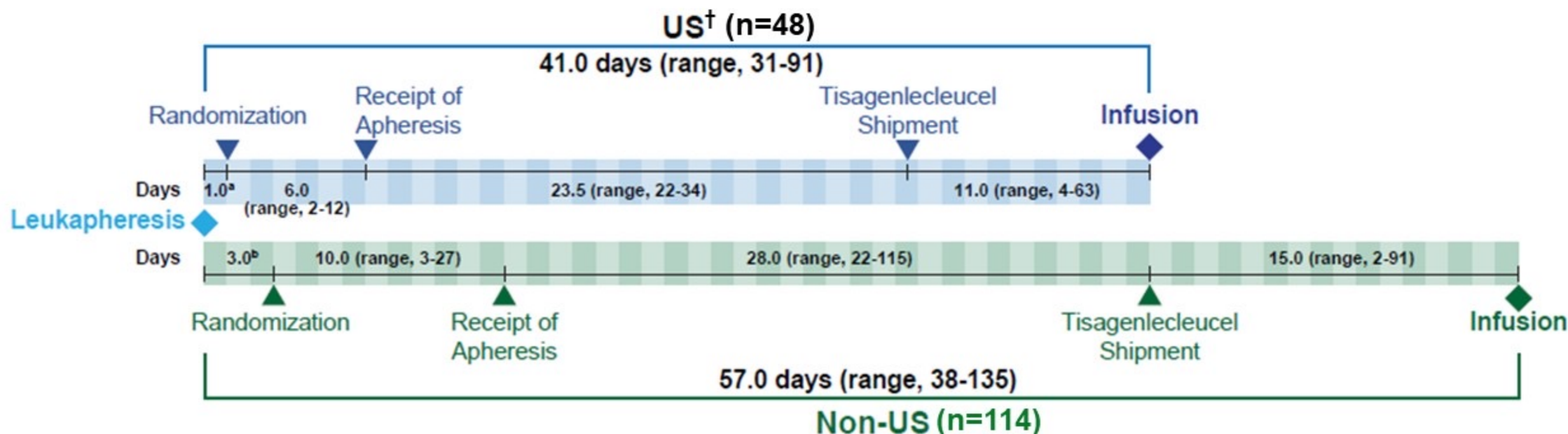
ZUMA-7 only allowed corticosteroids for bridging.

Varying definitions of EFS in 2nd line CAR-T trials

- **ZUMA-7:** time from randomization to the earliest date of disease progression, commencement of new therapy for lymphoma, death from any cause, or a best response of stable disease up to and including the response on the day 150 assessment.
- **BELINDA:** time from randomization to stable or progressive disease at or after the week 12 assessment.
- **TRANSFORM:** time from randomization to death due to any cause, progressive disease, failure to achieve CR or PR by 9 weeks post randomization, or start of new antineoplastic therapy, whichever occurs first.

Time to Tisagenlecleucel Infusion

- Median time to infusion for all patients on the Tisagenlecleucel arm was 52 days (range, 31-135)



†North America was a stratification factor, and all enrolled patients in this group were from the United States (US).

^arange, 1-6 days. ^brange, 1-17 days

Potential explanations for BELINDA Outcomes


- Design:
 - EFS definition
 - SOC allowed 2 lines of salvage
- Patient factors?
- Product:
 - Manufacturing time
 - Lower ORR/CR

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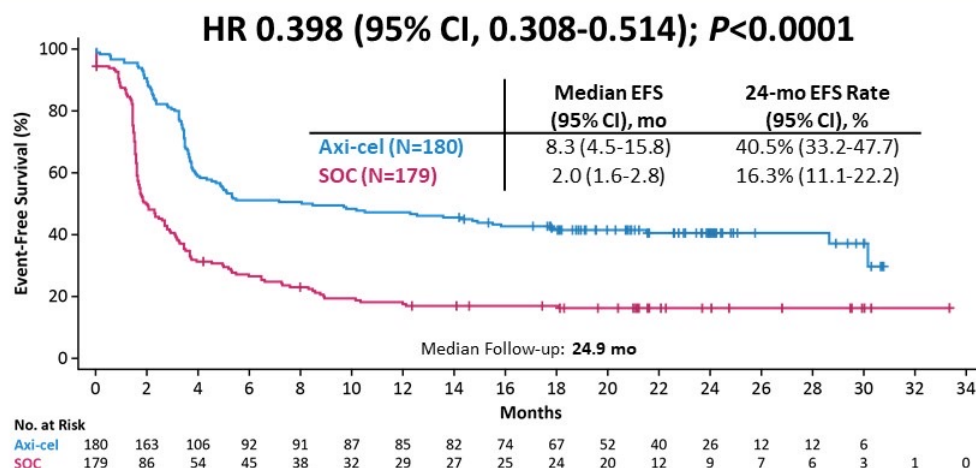
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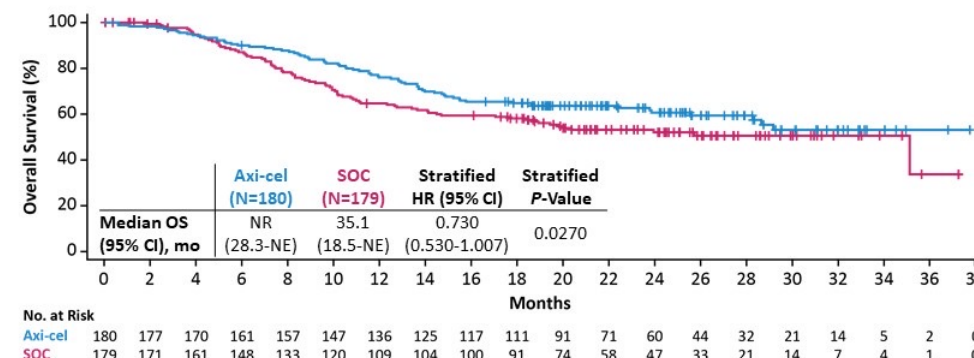
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EFS vs. OS as a primary endpoint for 2nd line CAR-T Trials

Primary EFS Endpoint: Axi-cel is Superior to SOC



Median OS, Evaluated as an Interim Analysis, Was Not Reached for Axi-cel Versus 35.1 Months for SOC

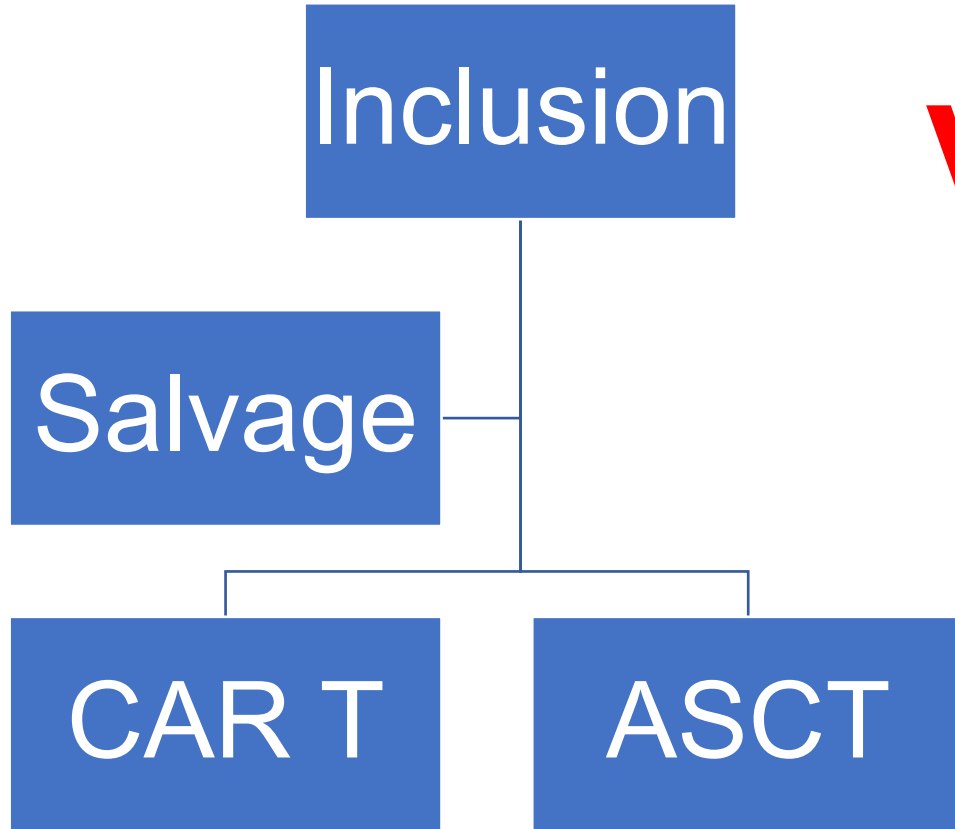


- 56% of SOC patients received subsequent cellular immunotherapy (off protocol)
- Preplanned sensitivity analysis^a suggests an OS benefit, likely confounded by SOC treatment switching

^a Analysis utilized the validated and commonly used Rank Preserving Structural Failure Time model, which preserves randomization as described by Robins and Tsiatis (Commun Stat Theory/Methods. 1991;2609-2631), and revealed the difference in treatment effect if SOC patients did not receive subsequent cellular immunotherapy. Stratified hazard ratio was 0.580 (95% CI, 0.416-0.809).

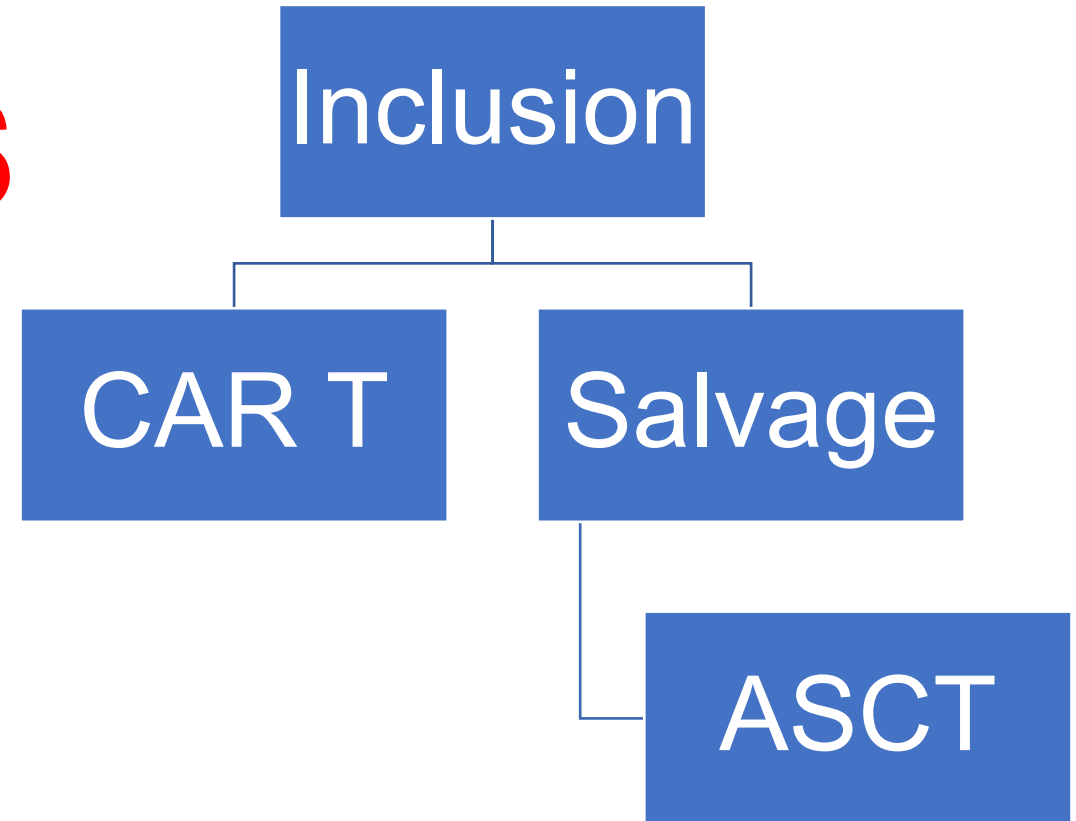
Which is the better study design?

CAR T vs. ASCT



CAR T vs. Salvage CIT

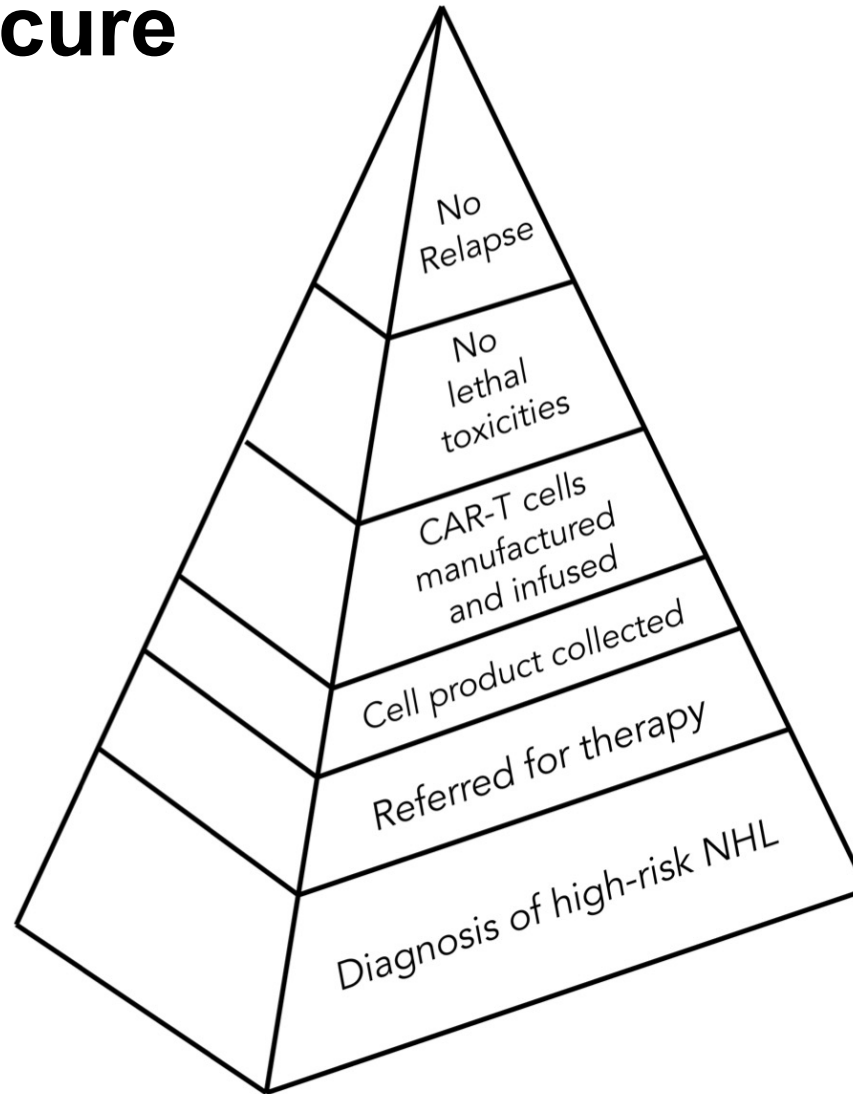
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Are CAR-T therapies reaching enough patients?

- Short answer is (for most)....NO!
- Estimate of DLBCL cases in the US is approximately 25K/year
- Probably 10K patients eligible per FDA label (~5K relapsed, 5K refractory)
- *Probably <2500 patients per year treated* **<25% of patients who qualify**
- Likely similar underutilization rates to what we already see for both autologous and allogeneic transplantation

From diagnosis to cure



Where is CAR-T therapy for lymphoma in 2022?

- CAR-T therapies have truly shifted our treatment paradigm with unprecedented success in relapsed and refractory CD19+ lymphoma/leukemia
- *However...* treatments are associated with significant relapse rates, non-relapse mortality and cost
- Two of three 2nd line trials for high-risk are positive, but ASCT may still have benefit for those with chemosensitive relapse
- Dual targeting in lymphoma (eg., CD19/22) is theoretically promising but still unproven
- Bispecific antibody and other non-cellular technologies continue to improve
- With high costs (both for products and for care) access is limited even in the United States *a key challenge will be finding ways to sustainably provide access and develop new therapies*

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