





"DLBCL and Hodgkin's Disease: Novel Approaches"



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Director, TGH Cancer Institute Professor, Morsani College of Medicine University of South Florida DLBCL: After many years of marginal progress.....a plethora of new effective treatments

- <u>2000</u>: Rituximab added to CHOP chemotherapy (R-CHOP) 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-R used in some subtypes (HIV-associated DLBCL, PMLBC)
- Checkpoint blockade: Modest activity in relapsed/refractory DLBCL, but....new encouraging data in frontline setting.
- THE LAST FIVE YEARS:.... CAR T-cells, POLA, TAFA, LONCA, BI-SPECIFICS Abs, single agent or <u>combinations</u>

Targeting CD19, CD79b and CD20 (again..) in DLBCL

- <u>CD19</u> is a proven target in DLBCL:
 - CAR T-cells
 - Tafasitamab, anti-CD19 antibody (+/- Lenalidomide) (R/R DLBCL)
 - Loncastuximab Tesirine (Anti-CD19 Antibody-Drug Conjugate) (R/R DLBCL)
- <u>CD79b</u>
 - Polatuzumab vedotin-R-CHP in frontline DLBCL (POLARIX Study)
- <u>CD20</u> is....again an enticing target...bi-specific antibodies:
 - Several bi-specific directed T-cell engager (BITE) targeting CD20 and CD3 (CD20 x CD3)....

CD19 CAR T-cells in DLBCL Successes, Failures and Opportunities

- Autologous CD19 CAR T-cells have shown significant efficacy in patients with relapsed/refractory CD19 positive DLBCL
 - Three platforms are FDA-approved (Axi-cel, Tisa-cel and Liso-cel) for DLBCL
 - Cost, manufacture time, toxicity, progression while waiting for engineered T cells. Mechanisms of resistance
 - It is estimated that 30-40 percent of patients with large B-cell lymphoma might be cured with CD19 CAR T-cells....
 - Remaining 60 percent: Unmet need
- Role of CD19 CAR T cells in first relapse setting:
 - Is it better than autologous stem cell transplant for patients with DLBCL that relapsed within 12 months of frontline chemoimmunotherapy?
 - ASH 2021: ZUMA-7, TRANSFORM and BELINDA Trials

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



DLBCL: Changing the Treatment Paradigm



Flow chart adapted from Friedberg. Hematology Am Soc Hematol Educ Program 2011

Polatuzumab Vedotin

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



Figure from: Morschhauser, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2014;32(15_suppl):8519. Doman, et al. Blood. 2009;114:2721-2729. Polson, et al. Blood. 2007;110:616-623. Sehn, et al. ASH 2017;Abstract 2821.

POLARIX: Pola-R-CHP vs. R-CHOP for previously untreated patients with DLBCL (ASH 2021)

- 789 pts in 23 countries
 - No differences in CR rate (78% Pola-R-CHP vs 74% R-CHOP)
 - No differences in OS at 2 years (88.7 % vs 88.6%)
- Study meet its primary endpoint with a 27% reduction in the relative risk of disease progression, relapse or death associated with Pola-R-CHP
 - At 2 years, 76.7% of those receiving pola-R-CHP and 70.2% of those receiving R-CHOP survived without disease progression or relapse
 - Double expressors or double/triple hit DLBCL treated with Pola-R-CHP seems to have better outcomes (PFS) than those treated with R-CHOP
- Similar rates of adverse events/drug dose reductions or drug discontinuation

Tilly et al. ASH 2021, LBA-1; NEJM 2022

Outcomes by BCL2 and MYC expression and rearrangements in the POLARIX Trial (ASCO 2022)

 Pre-specified exploratory analysis: IHC for double expressors and rearrangements (R) by FISH for double/triple hit DLBCL as independent prognostic markers

• Multivariate analysis support the benefit of Pola-R-CHP in patients with BCL2+ and MYC+ DLBCL

• The poor prognostic impact associated with double expressors appears reduced in POLA-R-CHP vs. R-CHOP treated pts

ASCO 2022: POLA+Others in frontline and R/R DLBCL

POLA-DA-EPCH-R for upfront treatment¹

- Can POLA be safely incorporated into other intensified regimens?
- Single center, open label trial: 6 cycles of POLA-D-EPCH-R in aggressive B-cell lymphomas (HGBCL, PMBCL and selected DLBCL-NOS)
- 18 pts. Pola at 1.8 mg/kg on day 1.
- Only 3 DLT. Five SAES: Grade 5 sepsis/typhlitis, 3 episodes of febrile neutropenia and a grade 3 perforation of colonic diverticula. Grade 1 peripheral sensory neuropathy
- ORR: 93%; CR: 71% with one PD

Phase III POLARGO trial: Initial safety results from the run-in stage²

- Phase III trial, multicenter, open label, POLA-R-GemOx vs. R-GmOX
- 15 pts. No grade 5 AES or AEs leading to drug discontinuation.
- Peripheral neuropathy was manageable. No cases of Grade <a>2 PN
- EOT ORR: 40%; CR: 27%. 7 patients had PD. 10 pts went to receive subsequent therapy including CAR T-cells and SCT.

Tafasitamab (Anti-CD19 MAb) in R/R DLBCL

- <u>L-MIND STUDY</u>: FDA granted approval for tafasitamab (anti-CD19 MAb) + lenalidomide (25 mg PO QD) for adult patients with R/R DLBCL who are not eligible for ASCT
- <u>RE-MIND</u> (retrospective observational matched control study): Tafa + Len had a statistically significant improved ORR compared with lenalidomide monotherapy for patients with R/R DLBCL who are ineligible for ASCT
- ASCO 2022: Subgroup Analysis in REMIND2:
- Tafa + Len versus systemic therapies pooled (STP), Pola-BR, R2, and CD19 CAR T-cells.
 - -3,454 pts enrolled received STP, Pola-BR, R2 and CAR T
 - -Matched pairs for patients received Tafa + Len
 - Tafa+ Len may be associated with improved OS versus selected systemic therapies for certain pts with highrisk disease

	L-MIND (N= 81)
Median follow-up	17.3 months
ORR	60%
CR	42.5%
mDOR	21.7 months
12-month DOR	71.6%
mOS	NR
12-month OS	73.7%
mPFS	12.1 months

• Nowakoswki et al. ASCO 2022 Abst 7560

Tafasitamab in DLBCL

Ongoing Studies:

- -<u>First-MIND (Phase 1b):</u> R-CHOP +Tafa +/- LEN + for newly diagnosed, previously untreated DLBCL
 - Primary analysis (ASH 2021), demonstrated that adding Tafa + Len does not impair dosing and scheduling of R-CHOP
 - Toxicities were similar to those expected with R-CHOP alone
- –<u>frontMIND:</u> Phase III, randomized, double blind study of R-CHOP+ Tafa+LEN versus R-CHOP alone for newly diagnosed high intermediate and high risk DLBCL
 - Approx. 880 patients will be randomized in 350 centers worldwide
 - 6 cycles every 21 days of R-CHOP+ Tafa (12 mg/kg IV, D 1,8 and 15) + LEN (25 mg PO D1-10) vs R-CHOP and placebos

-B-MIND (Phase II/III): Tafa + Benda vs rituximab + Benda for R/R DLBCL

Loncastuximab Tesirine-Ipyl (ADCT-402)



From Radford, et al. Hematol Oncol. 2019;37(52):93-95

LOTIS-2: Phase II, Open-Label, Single-Arm Study



Patients continued treatment until progressive disease or unacceptable toxicity, up to 1 year.

<u>Key inclusion criteria</u>: Transplant-eligible and -ineligible patients; DLBCL NOS; DLBCL arising from low-grade lymphoma; HGBCL with *MYC* and *BCL2* and/or *BCL6* rearrangements; ECOG PS 0-2.

<u>Key exclusion criteria</u>: Patients with bulky disease (tumors ≥10 cm) and active CNS lymphoma. Among the 145 patients, the median number of cycles received was 3, with 34% receiving 5 or more cycles.

Lonca Showed Significant Activity in R/R DLBCL



 The most common grade ≥3 TEAEs (≥10%):

Gamma-glutamyltransferase increase (20.2%)

Decreased neutrophils (38%)

Decreased platelets (27.1%)

Anemia (11.6%)

Caimi, PF, et al. Lancet Oncol. 2021;22(6):790-800. 2. Data on file. ADC Therapeutics SA.

Lonca Showed Activity in R/R DLBCL, including difficult-totreat disease

- LOTIS-5: Phase III Lonca-R vs R-GemOx
 - Safety run-in comparing the safety of Lonca-R to previous Lonca safety data was completed in January 2022 without significant differences in toxicities
 - 330 patients. Primary endpoint is PFS by ICR.
 - Lonca-R: Lonca at 0.15 mg/kg + R every 3 weeks x 2 cycles. Then Lonca at 0.075 mg/kg + R every 3 cycles up to 6 cycles.

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FDA Approval for Treatment of Adults with R/R DLBCL after two or more lines of systemic therapy

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Structure of Selected BITE/Bispecific Antibodies

Bispecific Ab	Targets	Design	Ig Fragment Formats
Blinatumomab	CD19 x CD3		 2 murine scFv joined by glycine-serine linker Monovalent CD19 and monovalent CD3 binding Cloned from murine Abs
Mosunetuzumab	CD20 x CD3		 Humanized mouse IgG1-based Ab Bivalent CD20 and monovalent CD3ε binding Modified Fc devoid of FcγR and complement binding
Glofitamab	CD20 2 x CD3		 Immunized mouse IgG1-based Ab Bivalent CD20 and monovalent CD3ε binding Modified Fc devoid of FcγR and complement binding
Odronextamab	CD20 x CD3		 Fully human IgG4-based heterodimeric Ab Monovalent CD19 and monovalent CD3ε binding Fc-dependent effector function-minimized Ab with Fc of the antiCD3ε heavy chain modified to reduce Protein A binding Common κ light chain from antiCD3ε mAb
Epcoritamab	CD20 x CD3		 Humanized mouse IgG1-based Ab Monovalent CD20 and monovalent CD3ɛ binding IgG1 Fc modified to minimize Fc-dependent effector functions and to control Fab-arm exchange of mAb half-molecules, resulting in high bispecific product yield

Schuster. ICML 2021. Abstr EB16

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

Open-label phase I/Ib study



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

Mosunetuzumab-Dose Escalation: Responses in Patients With Aggressive NHL

0.4/1.0/2.8 mg

0.8/2.0/4.2 mg

- ORR: 37.1% (n/N = 46/124)
- CR: 19.4% (n/N = 24/124)



Efficacy in Patients With Prior CAR T-Cell Therapy and in Retreated Patients

Response, n (%)	Patients With Prior CAR T-Cell Therapy
Total population with prior CAR T-cell therapy (n = 18) ORR CR	7 (38.9) 4 (22.2)
DLBCL (n = 9) ORR CR	2 (22.2) 2 (22.2)
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FL (n = 4) ■ ORR ■ CR	4 (100) 2 (50)

Response, n (%)	Retreated Patients (n = 4)
ORRCR	3 (75) 1 (25)

 No CRS events occurred during retreatment

S. Schuster et al. ASH 2019. Abstr 6.

Mosunetuzumab + Polatuzumab for R/R DLBCL

Median duration of response: NE (0.03–17.8 months)*



 Median PFS: 8.9 months (95% CI: 3.5, NE)*

 Of 29 patients achieving CR, 28 (96.6%) remained in CR and 1 (3.4%) had PD at data cut-off

Budde et al ASH 2021. Abstr 533

Frontline: Mosunetuzumab in Previously Untreated Elderly Patients with DLBCL

- 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?)





- Glofitamab is 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



ASCO 2022: Pivotal Phase II expansion: Glofitamab in pts with R/R DLBCL >2 prior therapies (M.Dickison et al) ORR: 50% and CR: 35.2 . Projected 12m OS:48% Median time to CR: 42 days

Glofitamab + Polatuzumab in R/R DLBCL



Epcoritamab (SC) – ASCO 2022

	Author	Setting	n	ORR (%)	CR (%)	Toxicities
Epco + R-CHOP	L. Falchi (MSKCC)	Frontline High risk (IPI 3-5) Epco weekly (C1-4) Epco every 3 w (C5-6) Epco every 4 weeks x 1 year	33 pts 24% double or triple hit	96%	68%	CRS: 45%(3% gr≥ 3) C1 ICANS: 3% gr 2 Safety profile is manageable CRS mostly low grade No Tx discontinuation
Epco + GemOx	J. Brody (Mt. Sinai)	R/R ineligible for ASCT Epco weekly (C1-3) Epco every 2w (C4-9) Epco every 4 weeks x 1 year	27 pts Mostly primary refractory	92%	60%	CRS: 70% (all gr1-2) C1 ICANS: 1pt (Gr3)
Epco + R-DHAX/C	P. Abrisqueta (Vall d'Hebron)	R/R eligible for ASCT Standard R-DHAX/C Epco weekly 21 day cycle (C1-3)	27 pts 23 evaluable patients, 11 pts underwent ASCT	100%	82%	CRS: 30% (all gr1-2) ICANs: 1 pt (gr2)

Hodgkin's Disease: Frontline Setting

FIRST-LINE BRENTUXIMAB VEDOTIN PLUS CHEMOTHERAPY IMPROVES OVERALL SURVIVAL IN PATIENTS WITH STAGE III/IV CLASSICAL HODGKIN LYMPHOMA: AN UPDATED ANALYSIS OF ECHELON-1

Stephen M. Ansell, John Radford, Joseph M. Connors, Won-Seog Kim, Andrea Gallamini, Radhakrishnan Ramchandren, Jonathan W. Friedberg, Ranjana Advani, Martin Hutchings, Andrew M. Evens, Piotr Smolewski, Kerry J. Savage, Nancy L. Bartlett, Hyeon-Seok Eom, Jeremy S. Abramson, Cassie Dong, Frank Campana, Keenan Fenton, Markus Puhlmann, and David J. Straus, for the ECHELON-1 Study Group

American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) Annual Meeting 2022. Chicago, IL. June 3–7, 2022. Abstract No. 7503

Phase 3 ECHELON-1 study design



CT, computerized tomography; EOT, end of treatment; IRF, independent review facility; ITT, intention to treat; IV, intravenous; PET2, PET status at the end of cycle 2. 1. Compose IM et al. N. Engl. Lterd 2018;378:33-44.

A+AVD significantly improved OS with a 41% reduction in risk of death compared with ABVD

A+AVD reduced the risk of progression or death by 32% when compared with ABVD

Fewer patients died from HL and disease- or treatment-related complications with A+AVD vs ABVD

Cause of death per investigator	A+AVD (n=662)	ABVD (n=659)
Total Deaths	39 (5.9%)	64 (9.7%)
Hodgkin lymphoma or complications	32	45
Second malignancies	1	11
Other causes	6	8
Unknown cause	1	5*
Accident or suicide	3	0
COVID-19	0	1
Heart failure	1	1
Intracranial hemorrhage	1	0
Lower respiratory tract infection	0	1

*In 2 patients in the ABVD arm, death was reported to be of indeterminate cause, but the event occurred following investigator-documented disease progression.

Among those who died:

- A+AVD: 19 patients had prior disease progression (not always the cause of death); 18 received subsequent therapy
- ABVD: 28 patients had prior disease progression, 25 received a subsequent therapy (13 received brentuximab vedotin)

Hodgkin's Disease : Relapsed/refractory

• First relapse:

- Second-line therapy ("salvage") followed by consolidation with autologous stem cell transplant (ASCT) remains the standard of care
- Primary refractory disease (PRD) and early relapse (ER, < 12 months) are predictors of poorer prognosis as compared with late relapse (>12 months)
- ASCO 2022 (S. Desai et al. Abstract 7515)
 - In pts wit PRD and ER, BV/Nivo has higher ORR and CR
 - Combination leads to significantly higher PFS comparable to patients with late relapse
 - BV/Nivo may be the preferable salvage treatment in early as well as late relapse.

Hodgkin's Disease: Novel Approaches

- Second relapse/refractory disease
 - Allogeneic stem cell transplant remains a consideration.
 - <u>Other Options</u>: 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

THANK YOU !

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