



# Pharmacotherapy Updates in Malignant Hematology

## Bispecific Antibodies & CAR T-Cell Therapy

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# Objectives & Outline

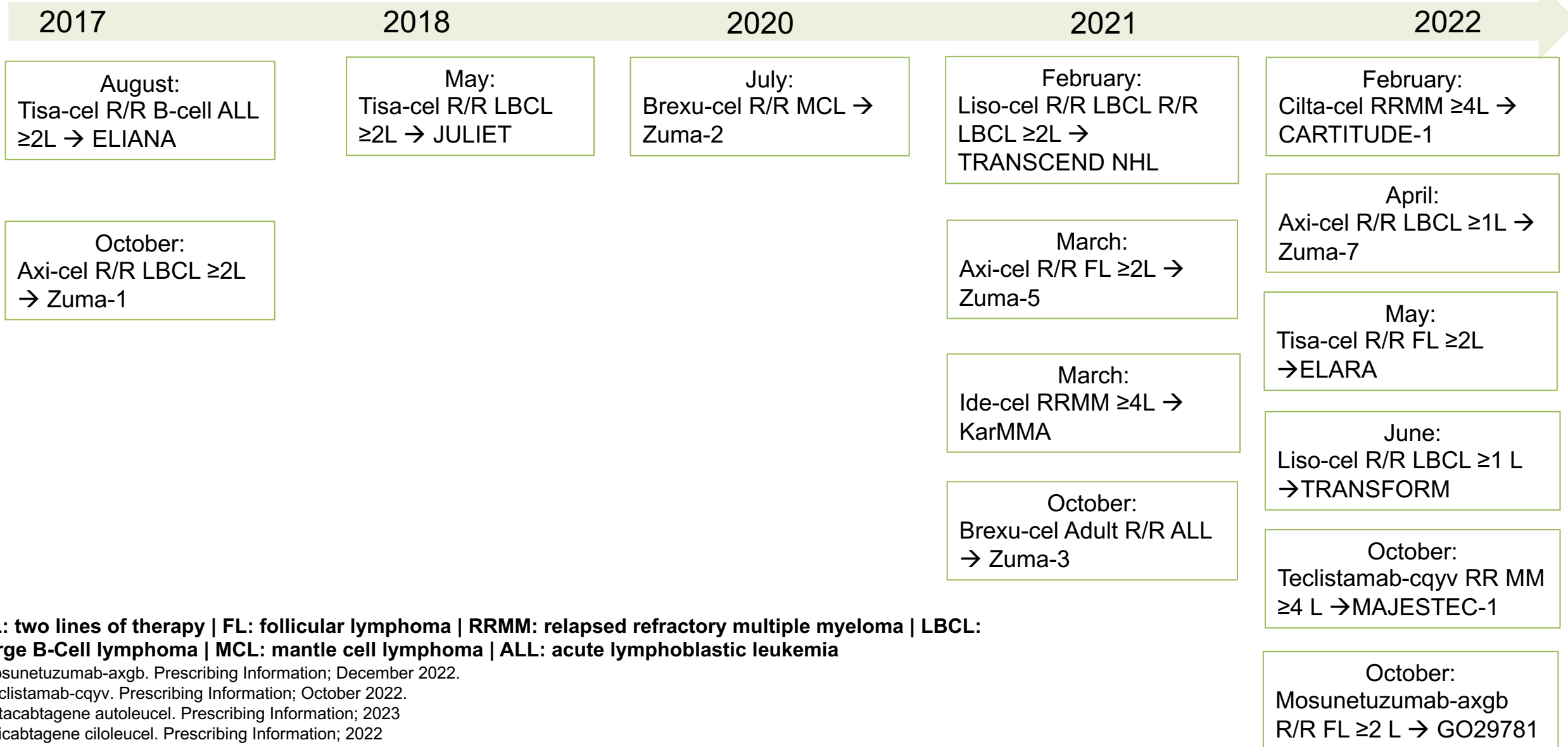


**Understand the mechanism of action of CAR T-cell and bispecific antibody therapy**

**Review recent drug approvals and clinical trial data for CAR T-cell and bispecific antibody therapy for the treatment of various hematologic malignancies including multiple myeloma and lymphoma**

**Discuss the pharmacotherapeutic implications, including side effects, monitoring, cost, and place in therapy of CAR T-cell and bispecific antibody therapy**

# FDA Approved Therapies Timeline



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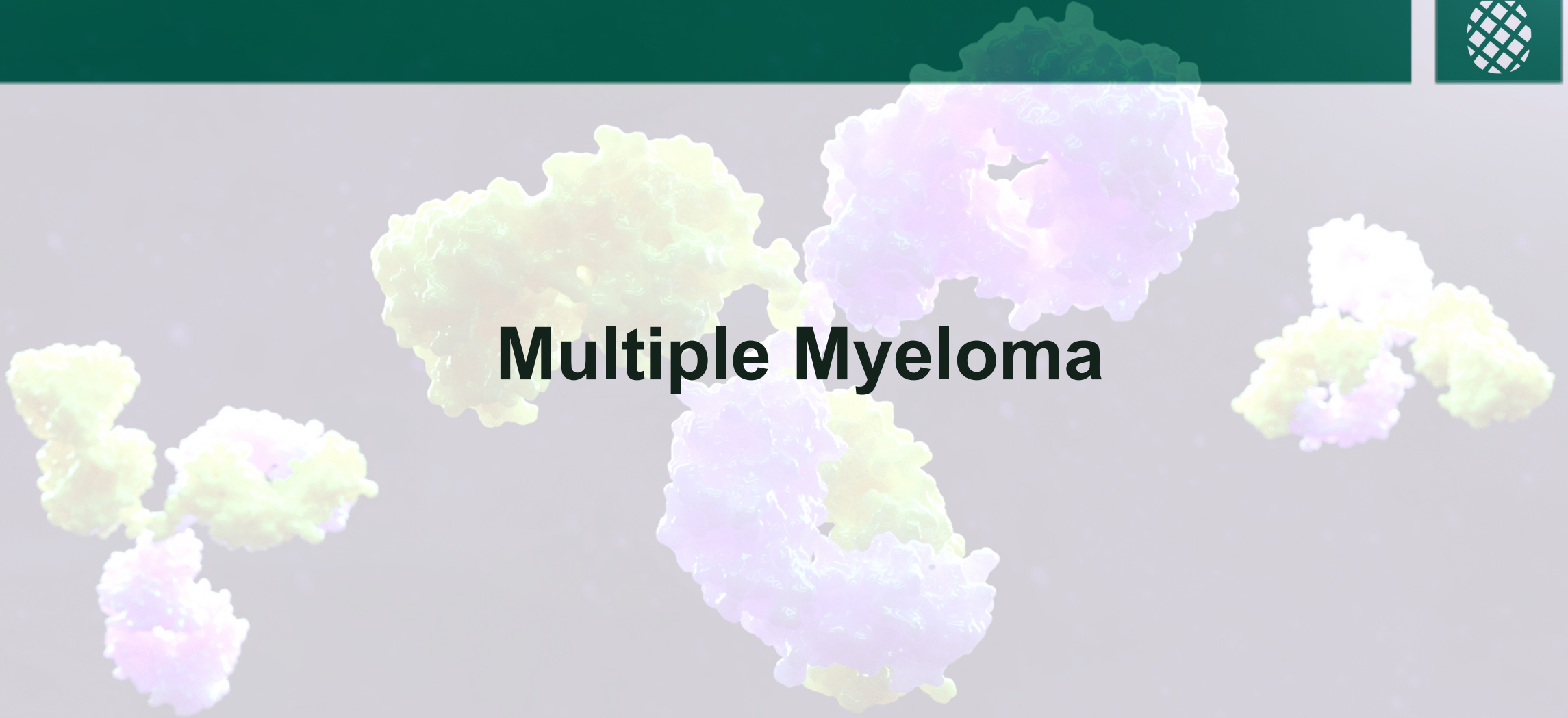
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# Multiple Myeloma



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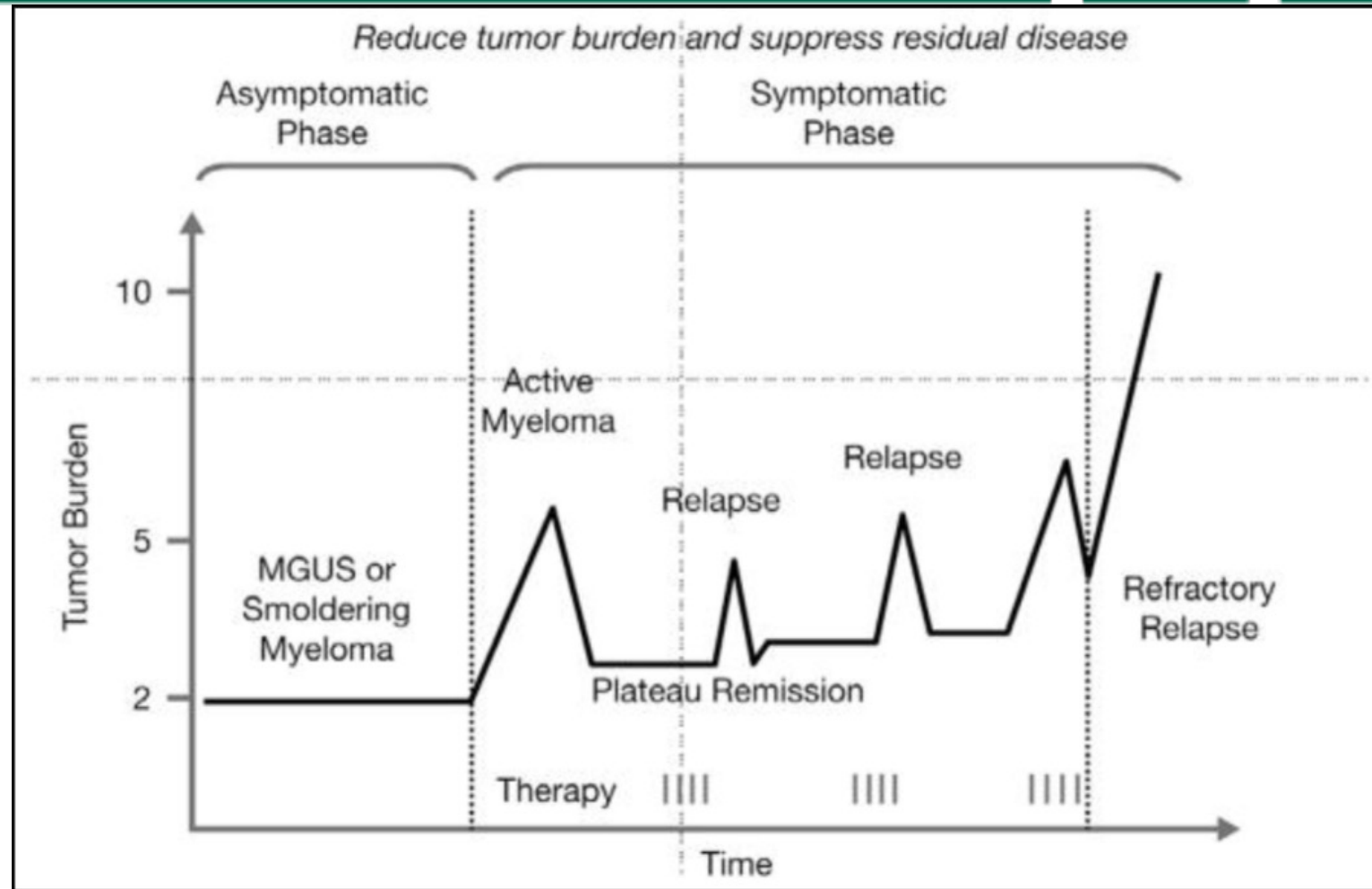
- Disease of plasma cells characterized by production of monoclonal proteins that have lost their function → proliferation of cells displaces normal cells from bone marrow
- Treatment modalities may include proteasome inhibitors, immunomodulatory drugs, anti-CD38 mAbs, and alkylating agents
- Incurable disease
- Patients who have disease that is refractory to anti-CD38 mAbs have a particularly poor prognosis:
  - Median PFS: 3.4 months
  - Median OS: 9.3 months
- Targeting BCMA
  - Antibody drug conjugates
  - CAR T-cell therapies
  - Bispecific antibodies

mAbs: monoclonal antibodies  
PFS: progression free survival  
OS: overall survival  
BCMA: B-cell maturation antigen

# Multiple Myeloma - Incurable



- Characteristic pattern of remission and relapse following conventional chemotherapy in multiple myeloma



# Targeting BCMA on Malignant Plasma Cells



## B cell maturation antigen (BCMA)

- Member of the TNF-receptor super family
- Expressed on nearly all myeloma cells & signaling implicated in disease proliferation/drug resistance
- Serum BCMA levels are elevated in plasma cell dyscrasias (MM > SMM > MGUS)
- Expression of BCMA in MM cells increases as disease progresses
- Several BCMA directed therapies have become available since this discovery as blocking BCMA-directed signaling may improve efficacy and result in more susceptible myeloma cells

T cell

Malignant plasma cell

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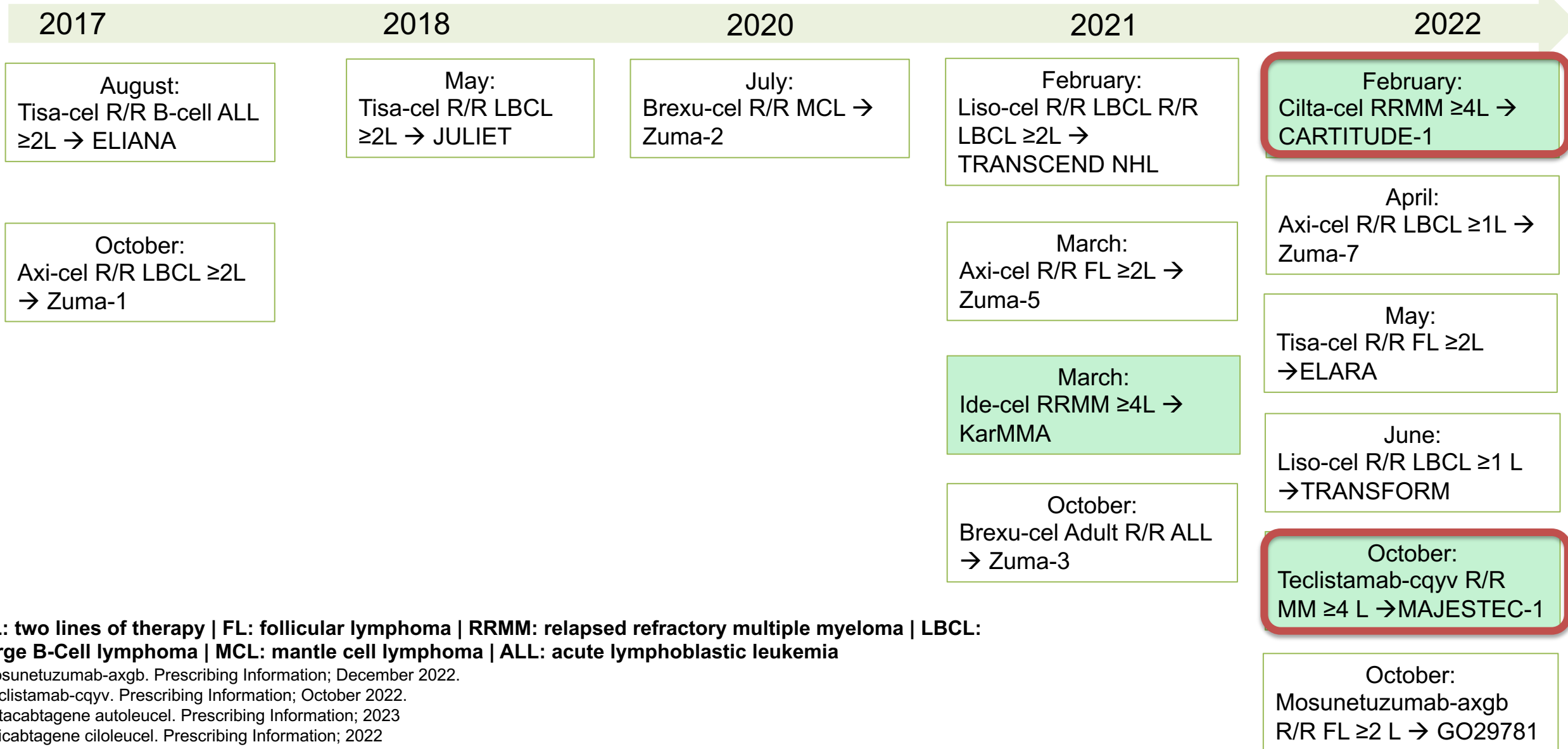
Ghermezi et al. *Haematologica.* 2017;102:785-795.



Baptist Health South Florida

MM: multiple myeloma; SMM: smoldering myeloma;  
MGUS: monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance  
TNF: tumor necrosis factor.

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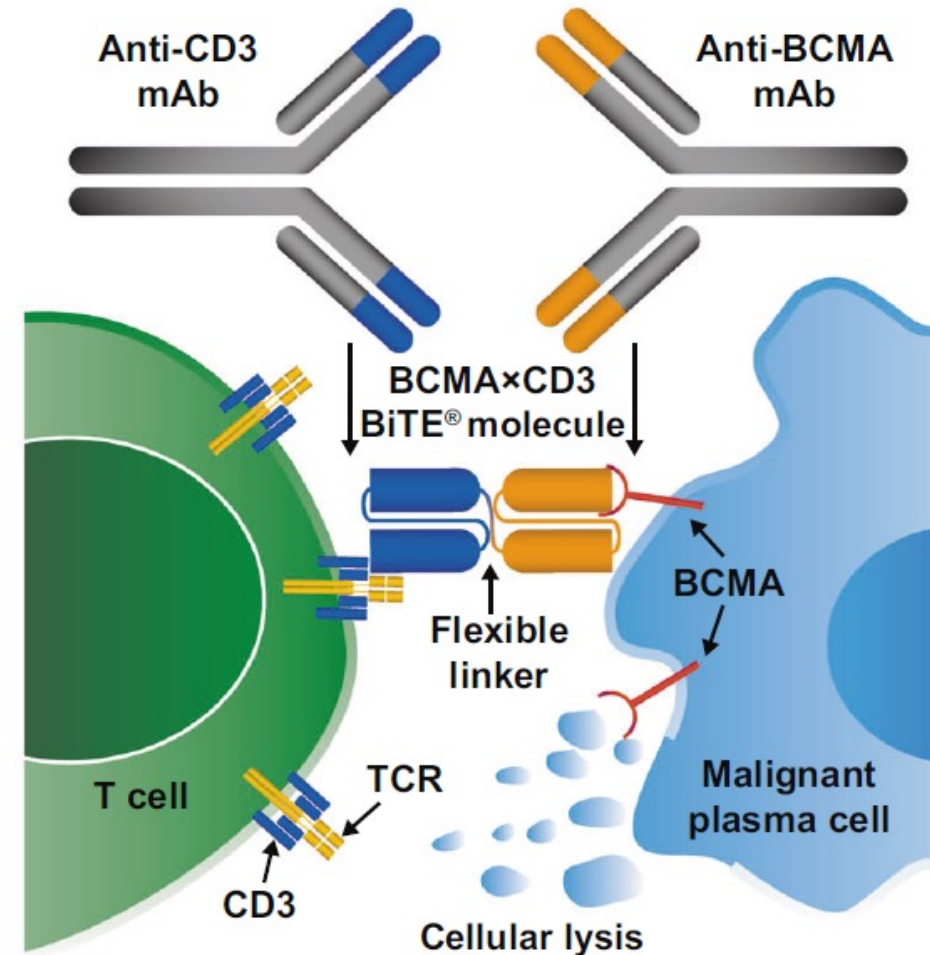
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# Bispecific antibody - BCMA



- Human antibodies are monospecific i.e. recognize only one targeted antigen
- Bispecific antibodies simultaneously **target 2 antigens**
  - Contain 2 different antigen-binding sites in 1 molecule
- Directs immune cells to tumor cells and/or delivers drugs to tumors → activate endogenous immune cells
- T cells are the most common targets → CD3
  - Redirect autologous T lymphocytes to cell-surface antigens on cancer cells



BCMA: B cell maturation antigen  
TCR: T cell receptor  
mAb: monoclonal antibody

# Teclistamab-cqyv

Bispecific BCMA directed T cell engager



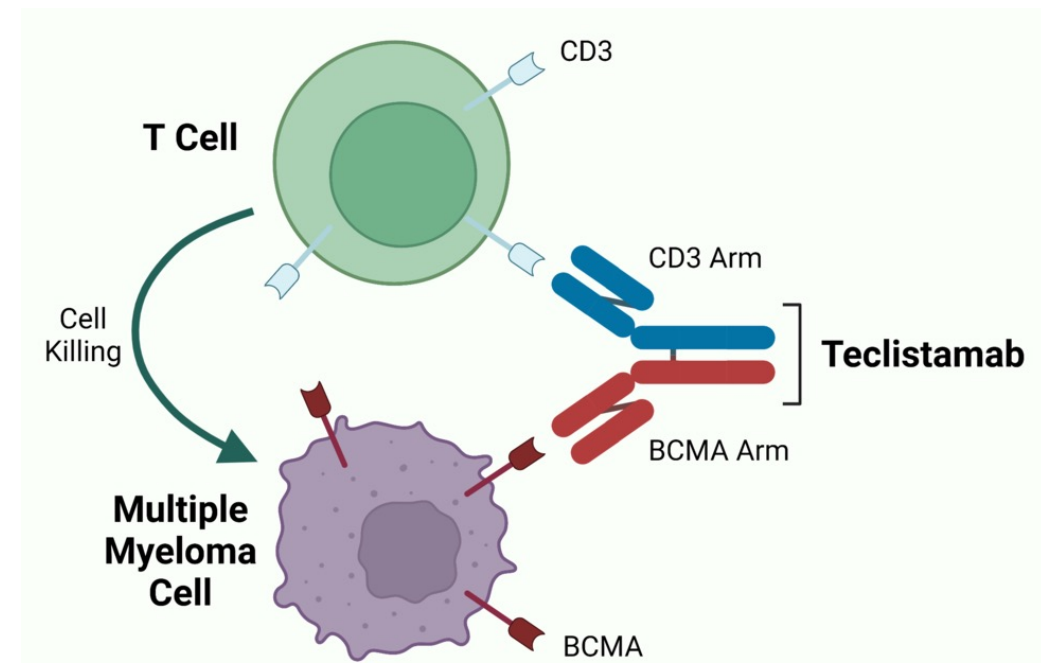
- MOA

- Binds CD3 and B-cell maturation antigen → activates T-cells → induces lysis of myeloma cells
- Lysis occurs independent of tumor cell immune escape mechanisms

- Indication

- Adult patients with RRMM after at least 4 prior lines of therapy including iMiD, PI, and anti-CD38 antibody

- First bispecific approved for MM



<https://ogkologos.com/teclistamab-shows-promise-for-people-with-heavily-pretreated-multiple-myeloma/>

MOA: Mechanism of action

RRMM: Relapsed/refractory multiple myeloma;

iMiD: immunomodulatory drug; PI: proteasome inhibitor;

MM: multiple myeloma; SMM: smoldering myeloma;

MGUS: monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance

# MajestTEC-1

Phase 2 single arm, open-label, multicenter trial



n=165

- Inclusion: RRMM, previously received > 3 lines of prior therapy, progressive and measurable disease
  - Median prior lines of therapy: 5
  - 77% triple refractory; 27% penta refractory
- Previous BCMA targeted therapy excluded
- Safety:
  - CRS (all grade) in 72.1% of patients
    - Grade 3 in 0.6%
    - Grade 2 in 21.2%
    - Grade 1 in 50.3%
  - Neurotoxic events: 14.5%
    - ICANS: 3%
  - Other ADRs: neutropenia, anemia, thrombocytopenia, infections

Median follow up:  
14.1 months

ORR: 63%

Median DOR:  
18.4 months

Median PFS: 11.3  
mo  
OS: 18.3 mo

44 patients (27%)  
MRD negative

CR or better  
32.7%  
VGPR or better:  
58.8%

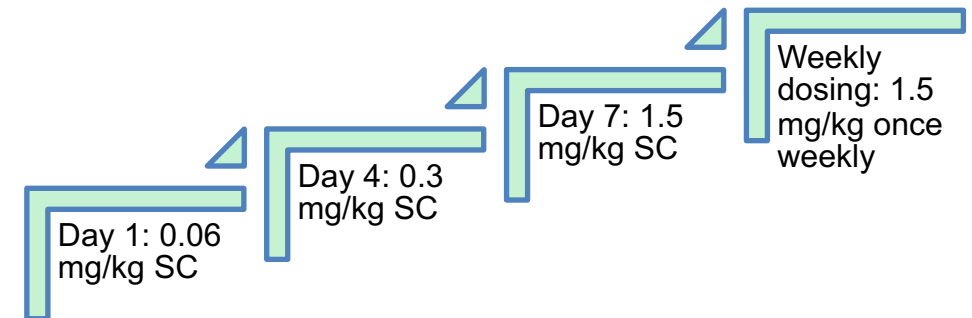
RRMM: Relapsed/refractory multiple myeloma; BCMA: B-cell maturation antigen ; CRS: Cytokine release syndrome; ICANS: Immune effector cell-associated neurotoxicity ; ORR: Overall response rate; OS: Overall survival; DOR: Duration of response; PFS: Progression-free survival; CR: Complete response; VGPR: Very good partial response; MRD: Minimal residual disease

# Pharmacotherapy Considerations

## Teclistamab-cqyv



- Subcutaneous administration
- Step up dosing required
  - Inpatient hospitalization required for 48 hours after all step up doses
- Pre-medication: CS, H1RA, antipyretic
  - Needed prior to all step up doses and first treatment dose
- Duration of therapy: until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity



# Pharmacotherapy Considerations

## Teclistamab-cqyv



- **REMS** program due to CRS/neurologic toxicity
  - Prescribers: Knowledge assessment and enrollment
  - Patient counseling by prescriber is required and **MUST** provide wallet card to patient
  - Pharmacy/institution: Certification to dispense; must verify prescriber is certified

### Black Box Warnings:

CRS

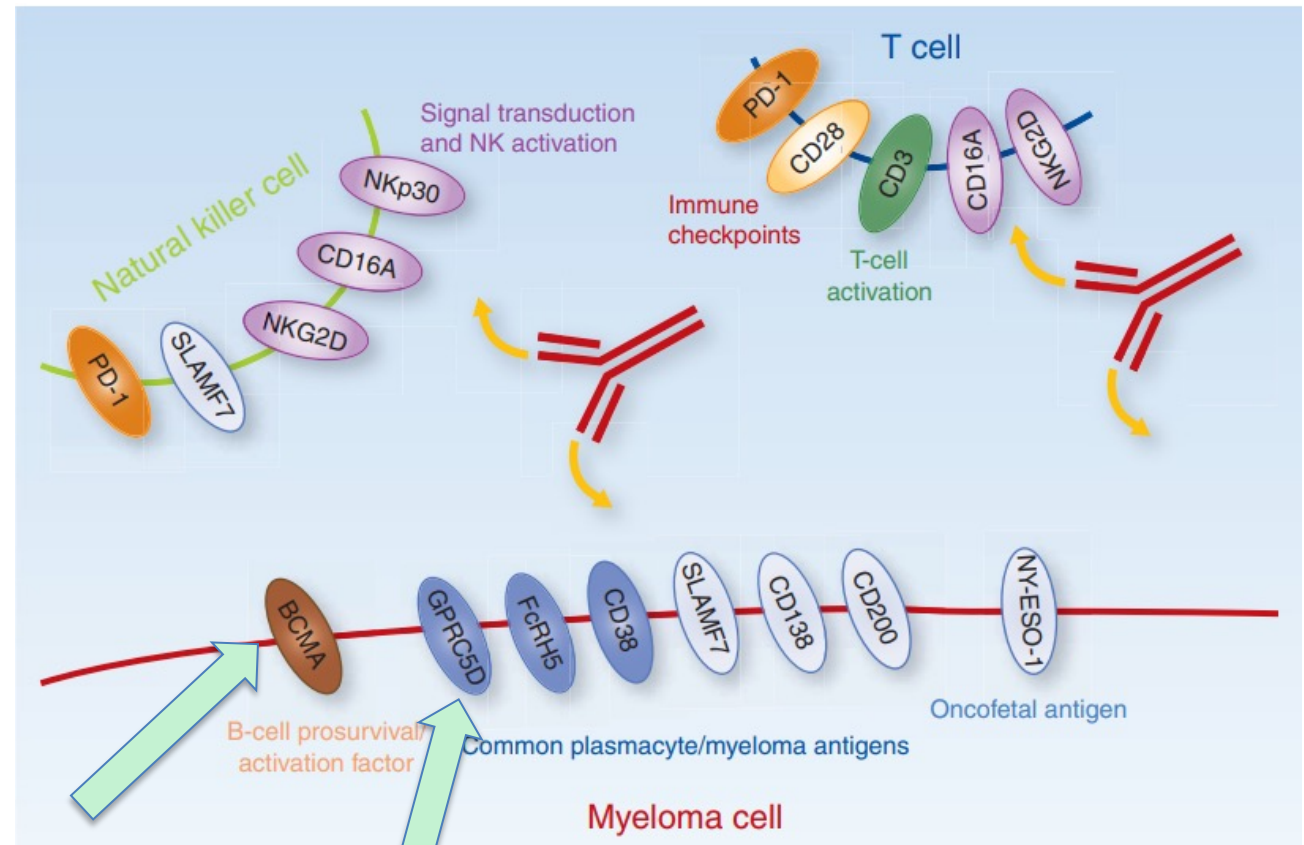
Neurologic toxicities

FOR THE PATIENT	
Call your healthcare professional or get emergency help right away if you recognize any of these symptoms:	
<b>Symptoms of Cytokine Release Syndrome (CRS):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fever (100.4°F or higher)</li><li>• Difficulty breathing</li><li>• Chills</li><li>• Fast heartbeat</li><li>• Dizziness or light-headedness</li><li>• Feeling anxious</li><li>• Confusion or restlessness</li><li>• Headache</li></ul>	<b>Symptoms of neurologic problems:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Headache</li><li>• Jerking movements</li><li>• Rigid muscles</li><li>• Feeling restless</li><li>• Numbness and tingling (feeling like "pins and needles")</li><li>• Confusion</li><li>• Trouble speaking</li><li>• Muscle spasms</li><li>• Tremor</li><li>• Changes in your handwriting</li><li>• Problems walking</li><li>• Hearing Loss</li><li>• Muscle weakness in your body or face</li><li>• Double vision</li><li>• Burning, throbbing or stabbing pain</li></ul>

# Bispecifics in the Pipeline



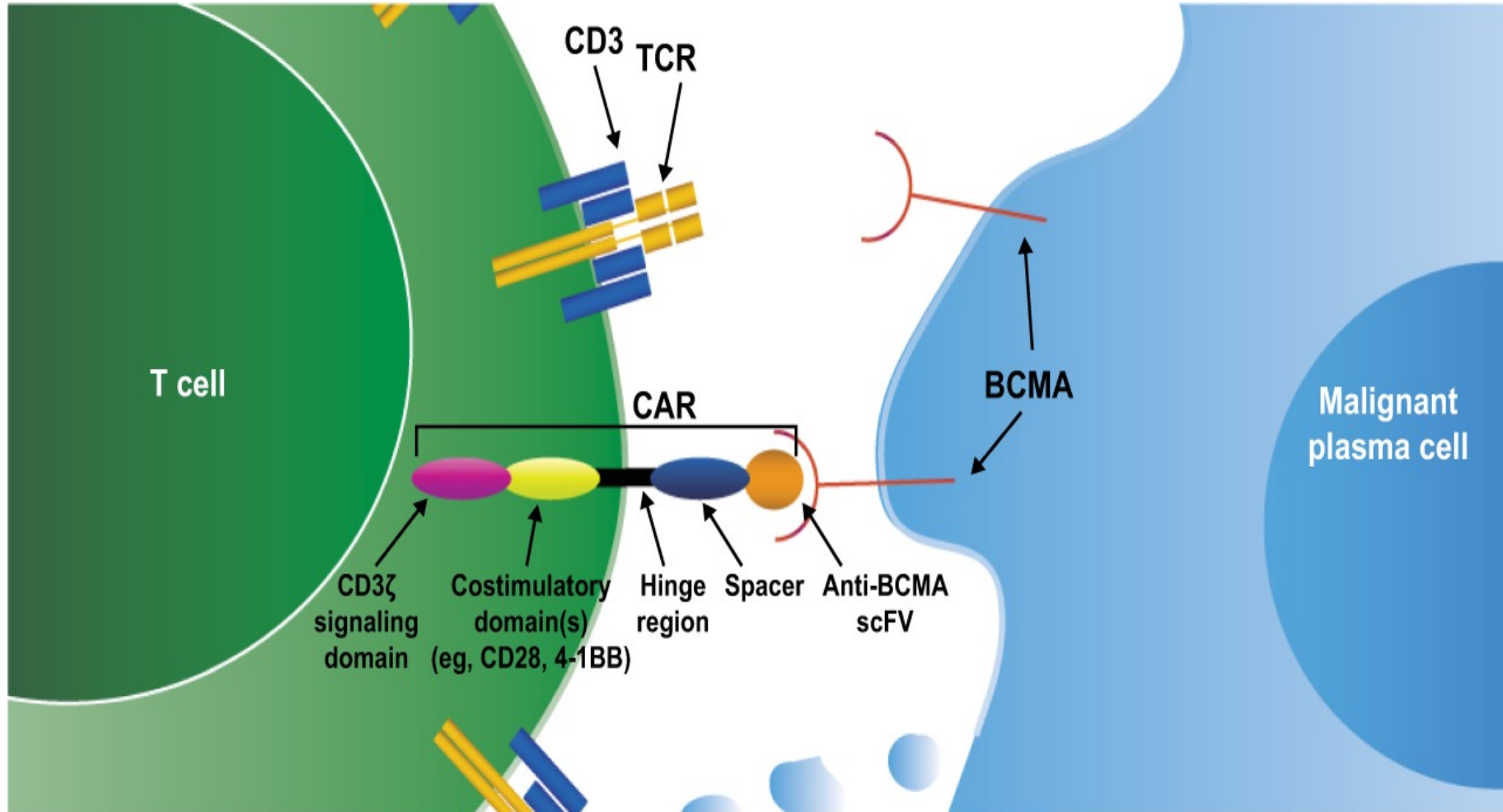
- Elranatamab – BCMA x CD3
- Linvoseltamab – BCMA x CD3
- Alnuctamab – BCMA x CD3
- Talquetamab - GPCR5D x CD3



<https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT05137054>  
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Jakubowiak AJ et al. ASCO 2022. Abstract 8014.  
Chari A, et al. *N Engl J Med* 2022; 387:2232-2244  
Lancman G, et al. *Blood Cancer Discov.* 2021;2(5):423-433.

BCMA: B cell maturation antigen  
GPCR5D: G protein-coupled receptor, class C group 5 member D

# CAR T-cell - BCMA



# Autologous CAR T-Cell Therapy: Underlying Principles



## Leukapheresis

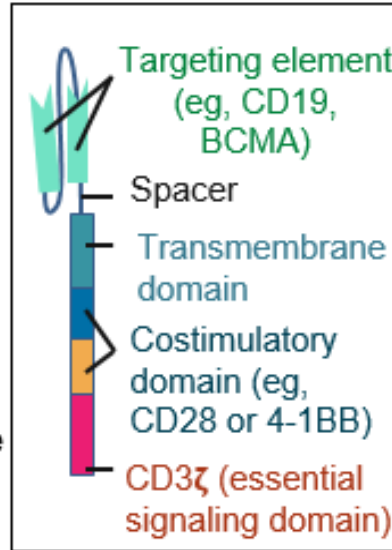
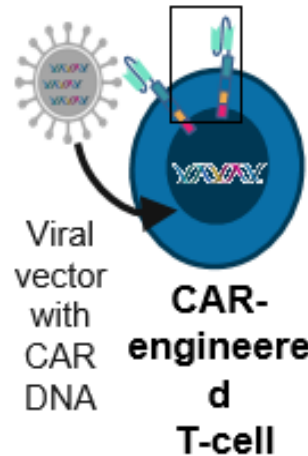
Collect patient's white blood cells



Isolate and activate T-cells



Engineer T-cells with CAR gene



Expand CAR T-cells



## Infusion

Infuse same patient with CAR T-cells



## Activity

eg, CD19, BCMA



Median manufacturing time: 17-28 days

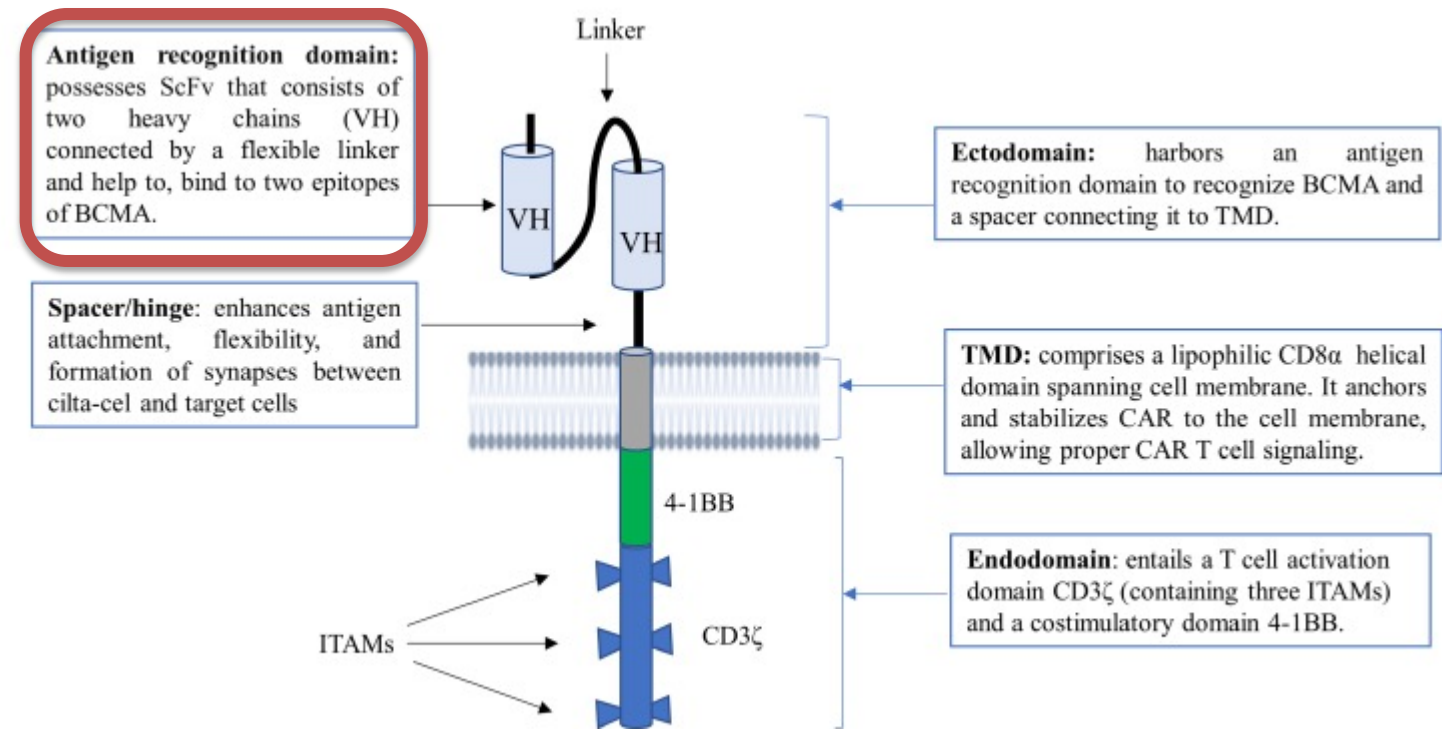
Patients undergo lymphodepleting (and possibly salvage/bridging) therapy



# Ciltacabtagene autoleucel (Cilta-cel)



- MOA
  - BCMA-directed genetically modified autologous T cell immunotherapy
- Indication/FDA approval
  - Adult patients with RRMM  $\geq$  4L, including an immunomodulatory agent, a proteasome inhibitor, and an anti-CD38 monoclonal antibody
- LDC: Cy/Fu 300/30 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV x 3 days
  - Infuse CAR T-cells 2-4 days after completion of LDC



# Cilta-cel → CARTITUDE -1

Phase 1b/2 multicenter, single arm, open label trial  
(n=113)



- Adult patients with RRMM who received  $\geq 3$  prior lines of therapy or were double refractory to a proteasome inhibitor and immunomodulatory drug and had received prior proteasome inhibitor, immunomodulatory drug, and anti-CD38 therapy
- Primary end point:
  - Phase 1b: Safety and confirmation of the recommended phase 2 dose
  - Phase 2: ORR
- Key secondary endpoints: duration of response and PFS

2-Yr Updated Results <sup>2</sup>	Ciltacabtagene Autoleucel (n = 97)
ORR, %	97.9
▪ sCR, %	82.5
▪ VGPR, %	94.9
▪ PR, %	3.1
Median PFS, mo (95% CI)	NR (24.5-NE)
27-mo PFS, %	54.9
27-mo OS, % (95% CI)	70.4% (60.1-78.6)
Median DOR	NR

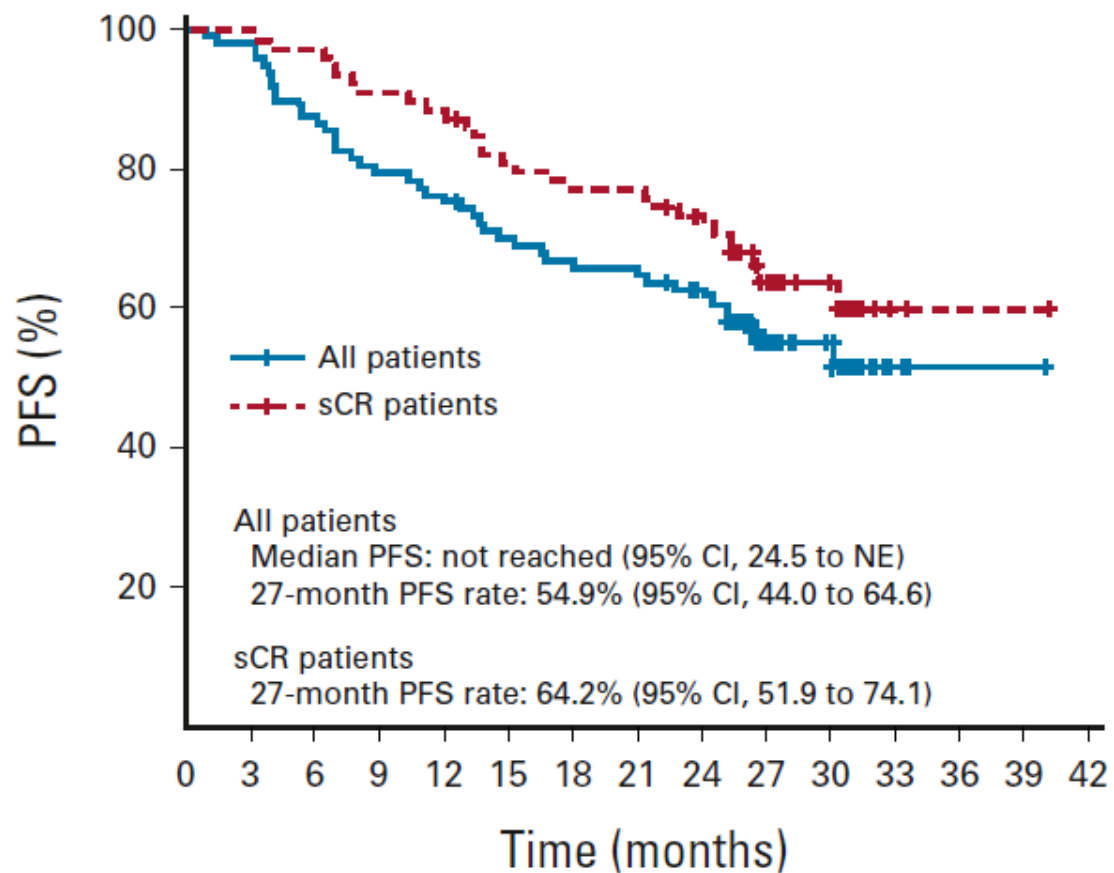
VGPR: very good partial response  
ORR: overall response rate  
PFS: progression free survival  
OS: overall survival  
DOR: duration of response

1. Berdeja et al. Lancet 2021; 398: 314–24

2. Martin. J Clin Oncol 41, no. 6 (February 20, 2023) 1265-1274.

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No. at risk:

All patients	97	95	85	77	74	67	64	63	57	27	17	3	1	1	0
sCR patients	80	80	78	73	71	64	62	61	55	27	17	3	1	1	0

# ADRs of Special Interest

## CARTITUDE-1



CARTITUDE-1 <sup>1,2</sup> Cita-cel (n= 97)	
Grade ≥ 3 Any adverse event, %	94
Grade ≥ 3 CRS, %	5.1
• Time to onset in days, (range)	7 (5-8)
• Time to resolution / median duration in days	4 (3-6)
Tocilizumab use, %	69
Grade ≥ 3 NE, %	12.3
• Time to onset, (range)	8 (6-8)
• Time to resolution/median duration in days	4 (3-6.5)
Grade ≥ 3 Neutropenia, %	94.8
Grade ≥ 3 Anemia, %	68
Grade ≥ 3 Thrombocytopenia, %	59.8

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# Pharmacotherapy Considerations

## Cilta-cel



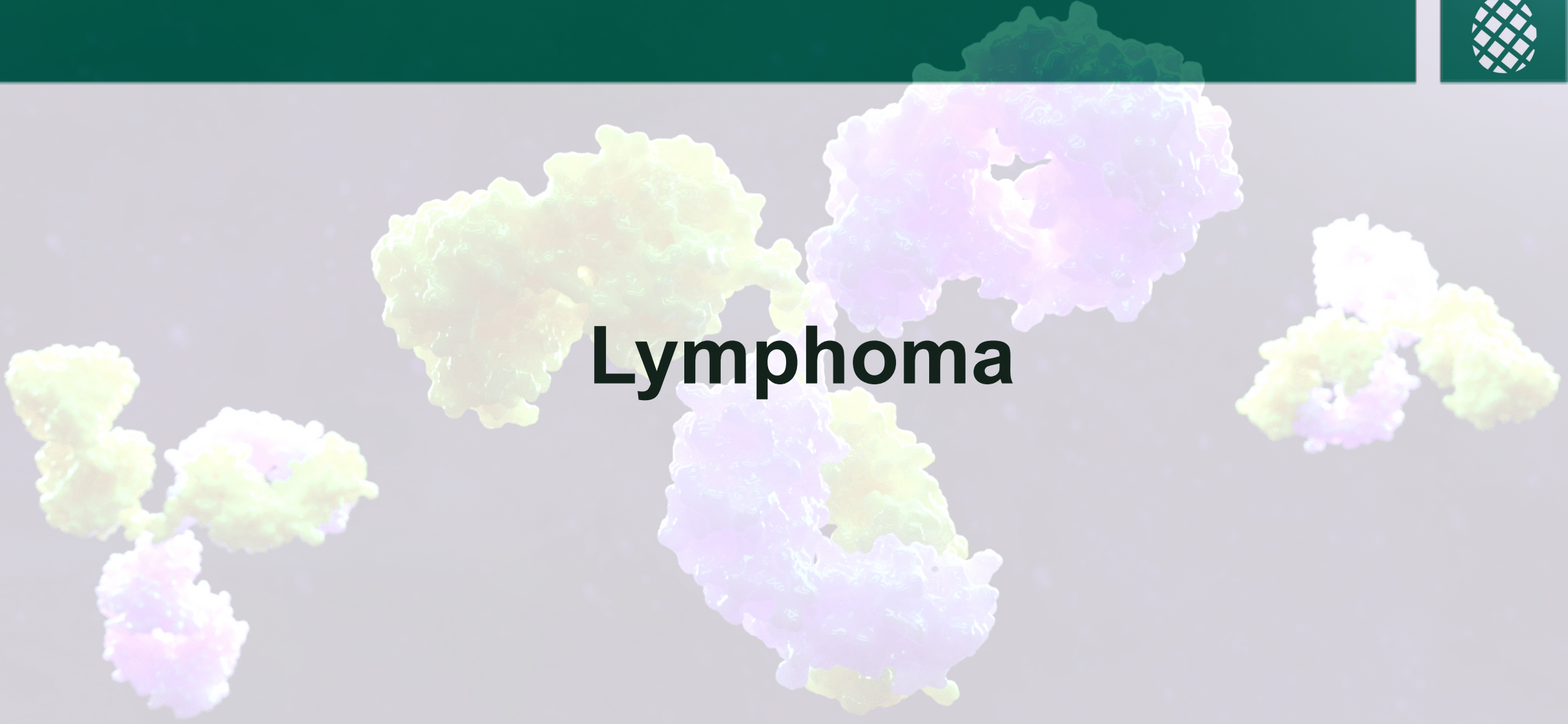
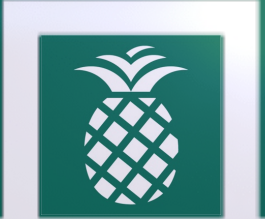
### Black Box Warnings:

- ❑ CRS
- ❑ Neurologic toxicities
- ❑ Hemophagocytic Lymphohistiocytosis/Macrophage Activation Syndrome
- ❑ Prolonged cytopenias with bleeding and infection
- ❑ Must obtain agent via REMS Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy
- ❑ Parkinsonism and Guillain-Barré syndrome

Carry this card with you at all times. **SHOW THIS CARD** to any healthcare professional involved in your care and if you go to the emergency room.

### FOR THE PATIENT

Call your healthcare professional or get emergency help right away if you recognize any of these symptoms:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Leg and arm weakness with paralysis</li><li>• Fever (100.4°F or 38°C or higher)</li><li>• Chills or shaking chills</li><li>• Difficulty breathing</li><li>• Fast or irregular heartbeat</li><li>• Very low blood pressure</li><li>• Dizziness or light-headedness</li><li>• Muscle or joint pain</li><li>• Confusion or disorientation</li><li>• Difficulty speaking, reading, or writing</li><li>• Changes in balance or coordination</li><li>• Difficulty moving muscles of face and eyes</li><li>• Facial numbness</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tingling, numbness, and pain of hands and feet</li><li>• Slower movements</li><li>• Shuffling feet or small steps when walking</li><li>• Personality changes (e.g., less talkative, disinterest in activities)</li><li>• Smiling, frowning, or showing emotion less</li><li>• Difficulty performing simple tasks (e.g., getting dressed, feeding oneself)</li><li>• Memory loss or foggy</li><li>• Smaller handwriting</li><li>• Tremor</li></ul>



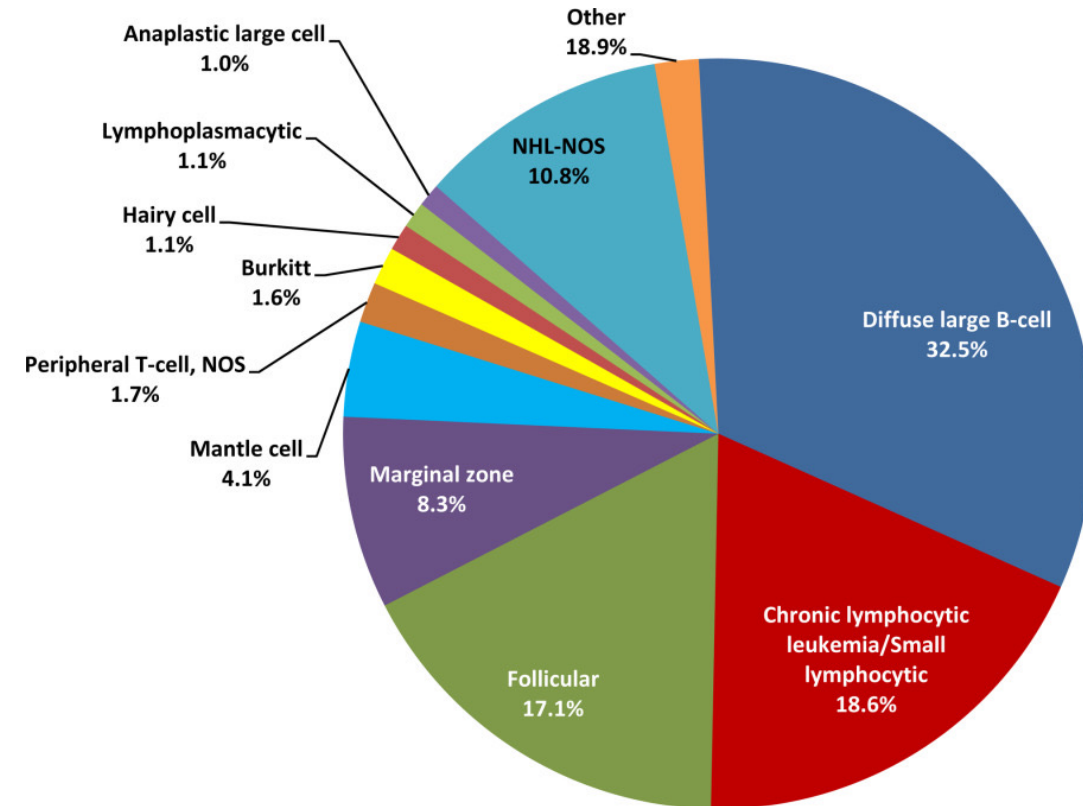
# Lymphoma



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- DLBCL is the most common subtype of NHL; FL is the most common indolent NHL
- Five-year survival rates in the first-line setting range from 60% to 70%, up to 50% of patients become refractory to or relapse after treatment
- SCHOLAR-1:
  - International, multicohort retrospective NHL research study
  - Largest patient-level pooled analysis to evaluate responses and OS rates in patients with
  - Patients: refractory NHL, including DLBCL-transformed follicular lymphoma and primary mediastinal B-cell lymphoma



Non-Hodgkin lymphoma subtype distribution, geodemographic patterns, and survival in the US: A longitudinal analysis of the National Cancer Data Base from 1998 to 2011

DLBCL: Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma  
NHL: non-Hodgkin lymphoma

# SCHOLAR-1

Pooled retrospective analysis → Rate of response to chemotherapy after refractory disease

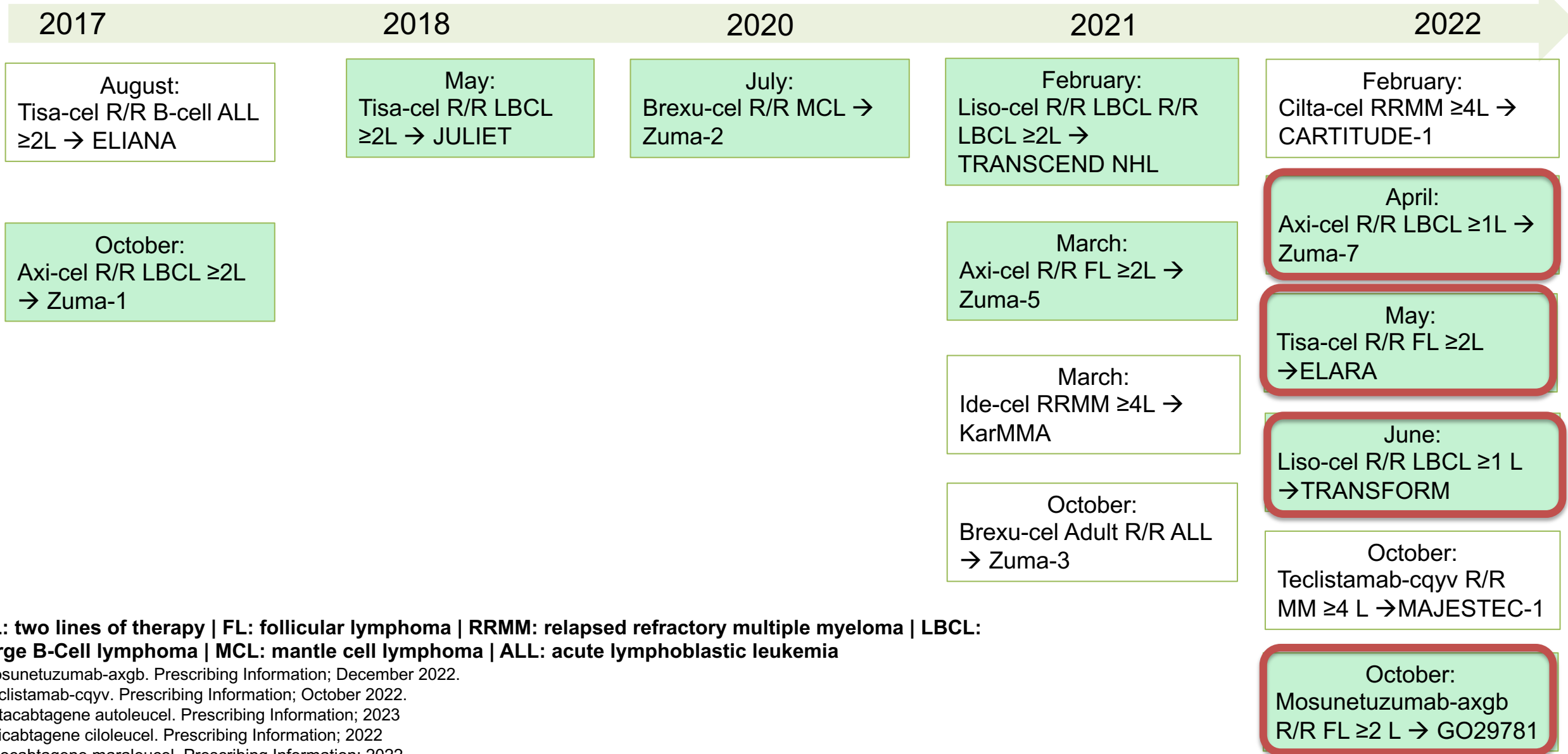
Outcome	MDACC (n = 165)	IA/MC (n = 82)	LY.12 (CCTG) (n = 219)*	CORAL (n = 170)	Pooled (N = 636)
<b>ORR, %</b>	20	26	26	31	<b>26</b>
• CR	7	7	2	15	7
• PR	13	18	25	16	18
<b>Response rate, %</b>					
• Primary refractory	---	25	27	10	20
• Refractory to ≥ second-line therapy	20	21	20	40	26
• Relapse ≤ 12 mo post ASCT	19	35	---	39	34
<b>Median OS from start of salvage therapy, mo</b>	6.6	5.0	6.6	6.5	<b>6.3</b>

\*106 evaluated for response

ASCT: autologous stem cell transplant  
 ORR: Objective response rate  
 CR: complete response  
 PR: partial response  
 OS: overall survival



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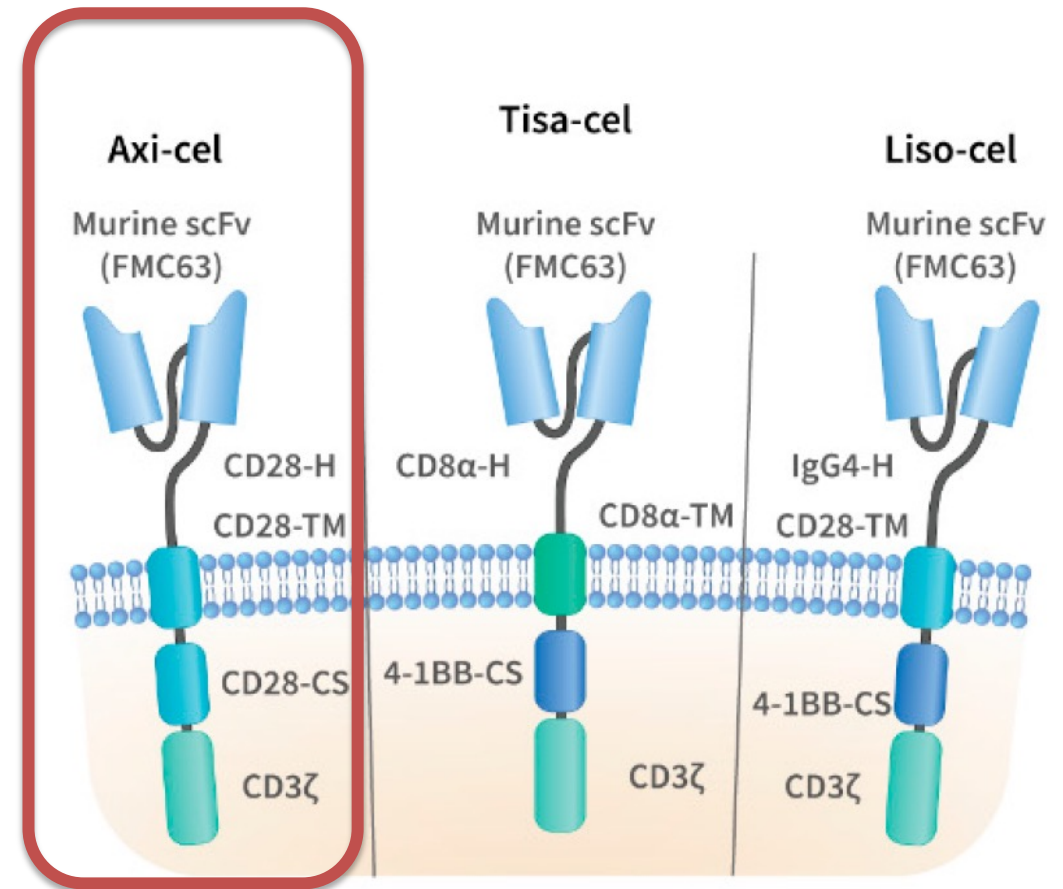
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# Axicabtagene ciloleucel (Axi-cel)



- MOA
  - CD19-directed genetically modified autologous T cell immunotherapy, binds to CD19-expressing cancer cells and normal B cells
- Indication/FDA approval
  - Adult patients with LBCL refractory to first-line CIT or that relapsed within 12 months of first-line CIT
  - Adult patients with R/R LBCL after  $\geq 2$  L
  - Adult patients with R/R FL  $\geq 2$  L
- LDC: Cy/flu 500/30 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV x 3 days on D -5, -4, -3



MOA: Mechanism of action

R/R: Relapsed/refractory

LBCL: Large B cell lymphoma

CIT: Chemoimmunotherapy



# ZUMA-7

Phase 3 clinical trial

CD19 CAR T-Cell Therapy in 2L LBCL



- **Crossover:** not planned
- Patients who did not have a response to SoC could receive cellular immunotherapy outside the protocol (treatment switching)

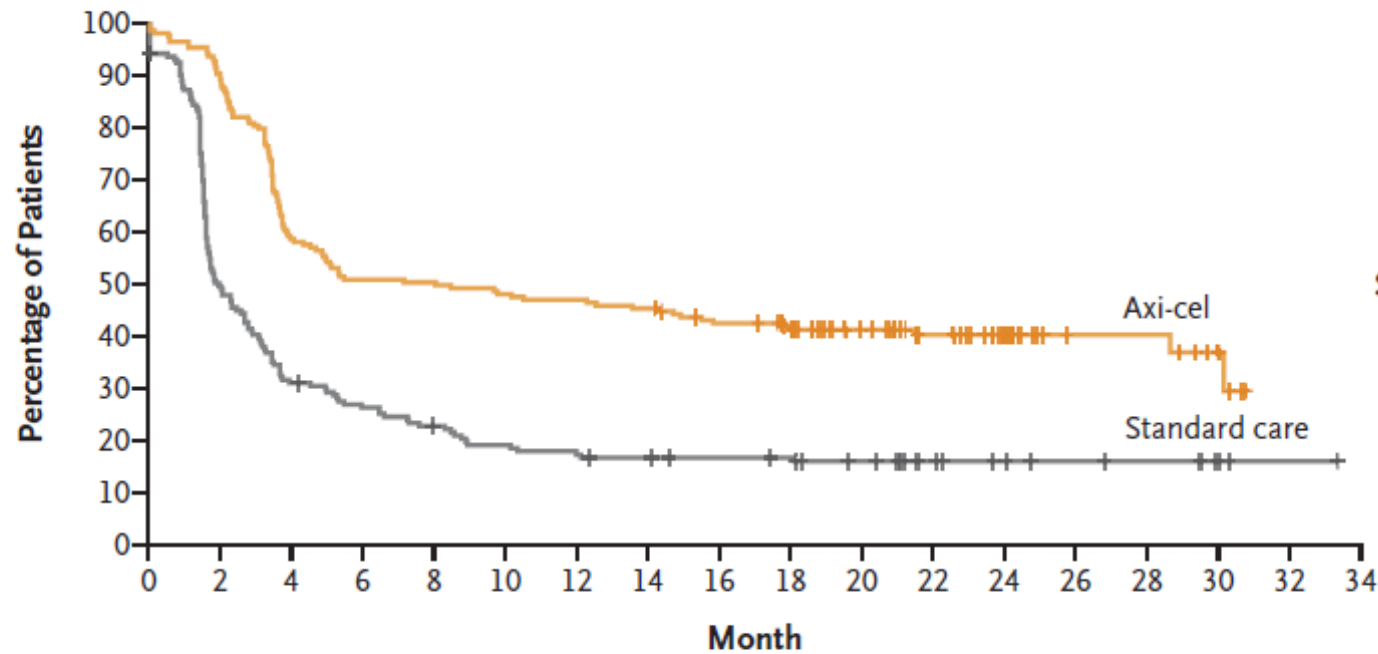
	ZUMA-7	
Therapy	Axi-cel (n=180)	SoC (n=179)
Patient population	Adults with R/R LBCL with ≤ 12 mo 1L CIT	
ABC, %	9	5
Double/triple hit	17	14
Bridging therapy	Bridging therapy limited to corticosteroids 36%	---
Primary endpoint	EFS	
Median EFS, mo	8.3	2
2-yr EFS, %	41	16
ORR, %	83	50
CR, %	65	32
Median PFS, mo	14.7	3.7
2-yr PFS, %	46	27
Median OS, mo	NR	35.1
2-yr OS, %	61	51
Median DOR, mo	26.9	8.9

# ZUMA-7

## Phase 3 clinical trial CD19 CAR T-Cell Therapy in 2L LBCL



A Event-free Survival



	No. of Patients	Median Event-free Survival (95% CI) mo
Axi-cel	180	8.3 (4.5–15.8)
Standard Care	179	2.0 (1.6–2.8)

Stratified hazard ratio for event or death, 0.40 (95% CI, 0.31–0.51)  
P<0.001

No. at Risk

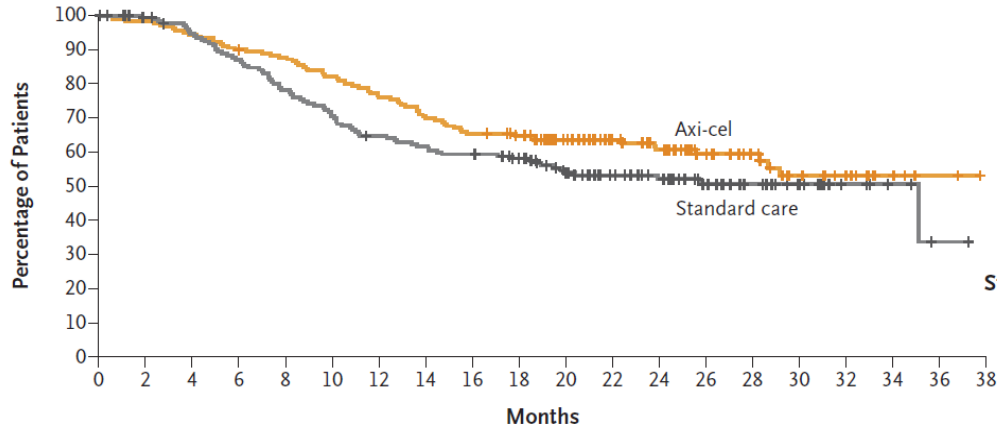
Axi-cel	180	163	106	92	91	87	85	82	74	67	52	40	26	12	12	6		
Standard care	179	86	54	45	38	32	29	27	25	24	20	12	9	7	6	3	1	0

# ZUMA-7

## Phase 3 clinical trial CD19 CAR T-Cell Therapy in 2L LBCL



**A Overall Survival**



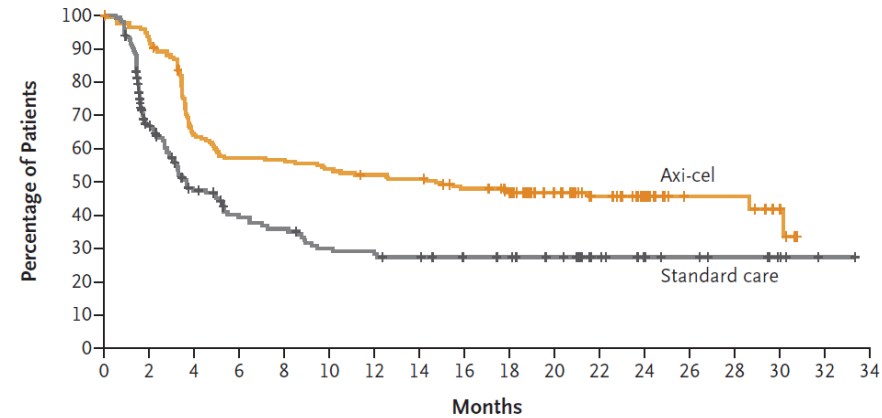
	No. of Patients	Median Overall Survival (95% CI) mo
Axi-cel	180	NR (28.3–NE)
Standard Care	179	35.1 (18.5–NE)

Stratified hazard ratio for death, 0.73 (95% CI, 0.53–1.01)

**No. at Risk**

	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28	30	32	34	36	38
Axi-cel	180	177	170	161	157	147	136	125	117	111	91	71	60	44	32	21	14	5	2	0
Standard care	179	171	161	148	133	120	109	104	100	91	74	58	47	33	21	14	7	4	1	0

**B Progression-free Survival**



	No. of Patients	Median Progression-free Survival (95% CI) mo
Axi-cel	180	14.7 (5.4–NE)
Standard Care	179	3.7 (2.9–5.3)

Stratified hazard ratio for disease progression or death, 0.49 (95% CI, 0.37–0.65)

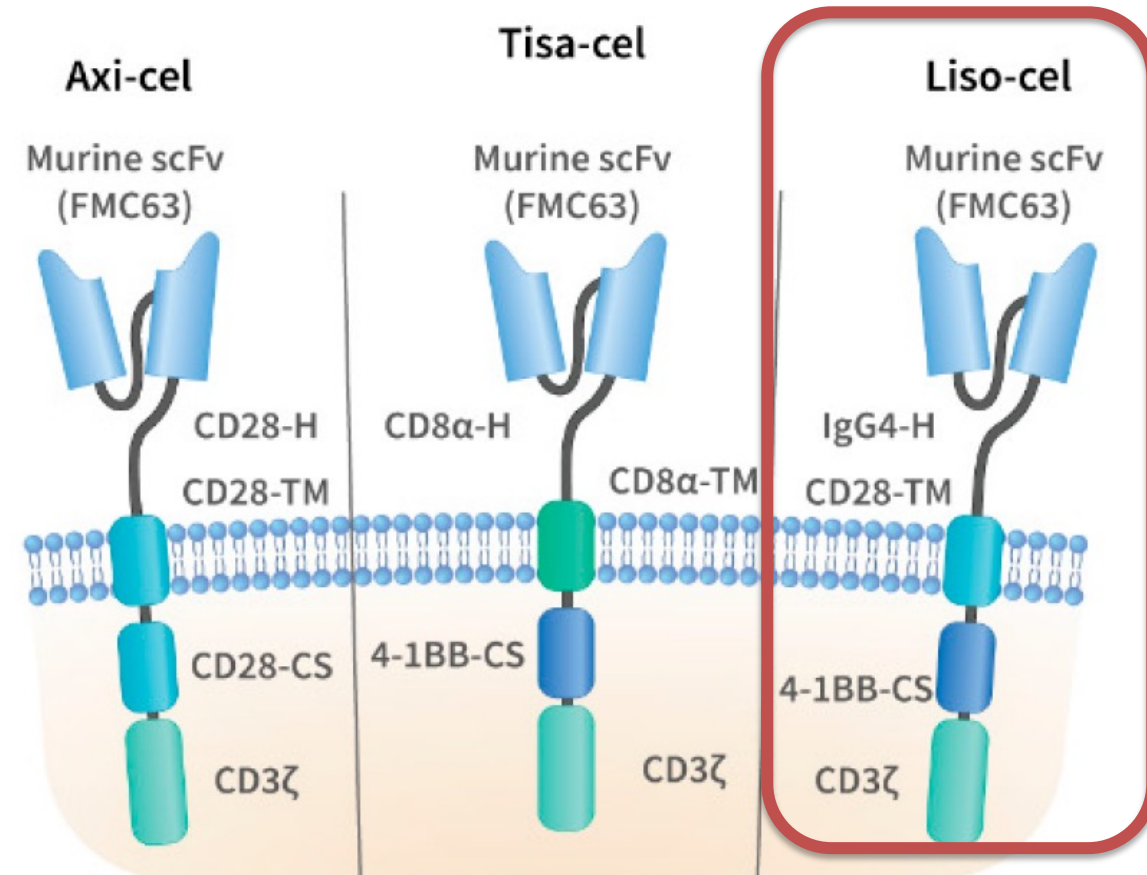
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Standard care	179	94	61	47	43	35	33	31	28	27	24	15	11	9	7	4	1	0

# Lisocabtagene maraleucel (Liso-cel)



- MOA
  - CD19-directed genetically modified autologous cell immunotherapy
- Indication/FDA approval
  - Adult patients with LBCL and FL grade 3B, who have:
    - Refractory disease to first-line CIT or relapse within 12 months of first-line CIT
    - Refractory disease to first-line CIT or relapse after first line CIT and are not eligible for HSCT due to comorbidities or age
    - R/R disease after  $\geq 2$  L of systemic therapy
- LDC: Cy/Fu 300/30 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV x 3 days
  - Infuse CAR T-cells 2-7 days after completion of LDC



MOA: Mechanism of action ; R/R: Relapsed refractory  
LBCL: Large B cell lymphoma; FL: Follicular lymphoma  
HSCT: Hematopoietic stem cell transplant  
CIT: Chemoimmunotherapy

# TRANSFORM

Phase 3 clinical trial

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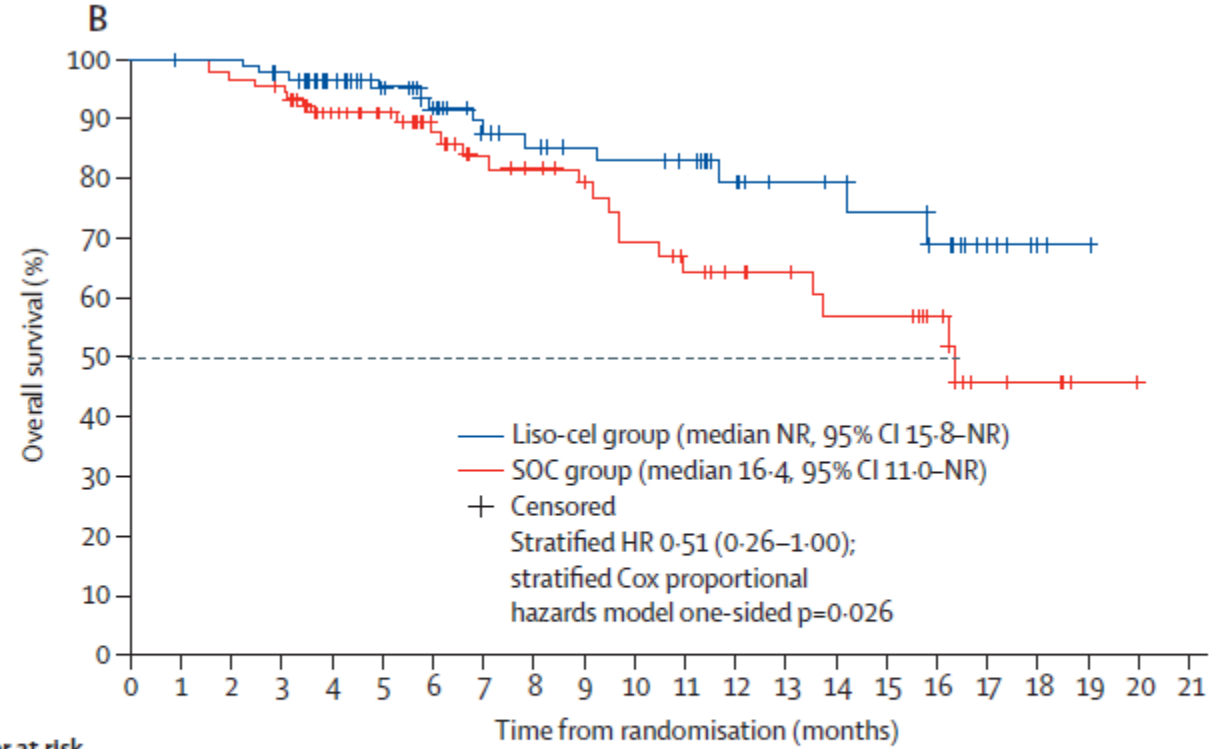
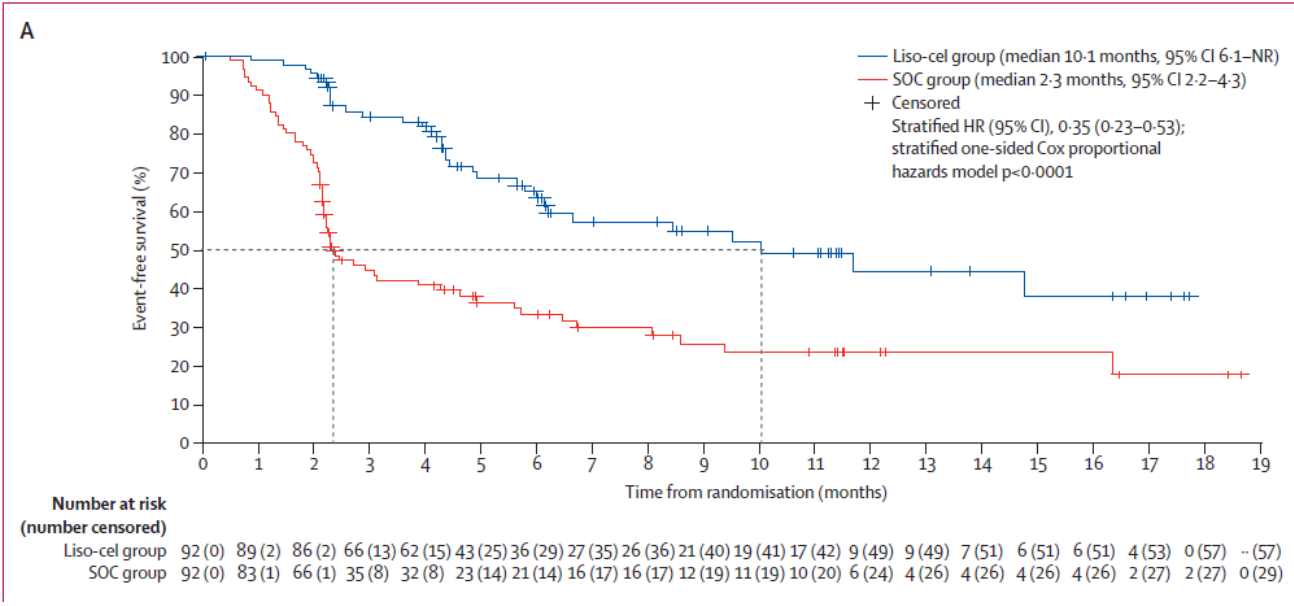


- **Crossover:** 50 patients in the SoC group were approved for crossover, with 40 (80%) patients crossing over during salvage CIT and 10 (20%) after high-dose chemotherapy or autologous HSCT

	TRANSFORM Phase III Trial	
Therapy	Liso-cel (n=92)	SoC (n=92)
Patient population	Adults with R/R LBCL with ≤ 12 mo 1L CIT	
ABC, %	23	32
Double/triple hit	24	23
Bridging therapy, %	Bridging therapy allowed 83%	---
Primary endpoint	EFS	
Median EFS, mo	10.1	2.3
1-yr EFS, %	44.5	23.7
ORR, %	86	48
CR, %	66	39
Median PFS, mo	14.8	5.7
1-yr PFS, %	52.3	33.9
Median OS, mo	NR	16.4
1-yr OS, %	79.1	64.2
Median DOR, mo	NR	14.5

# TRANSFORM

## Phase 3 clinical trial CD19 CAR T-Cell Therapy in 2L LBCL



65% reduction in risk of EFS events

Number at risk (number censored)

Liso-cel group	92	91	91	87	75	64	53	42	37	34	33	31	22	18	17	15	12	7	2	1	0	..
	(0)	(1)	(1)	(3)	(14)	(24)	(33)	(43)	(46)	(49)	(49)	(51)	(59)	(63)	(64)	(65)	(67)	(72)	(77)	(78)	(79)	
SOC group	92	91	89	86	72	59	48	40	37	33	28	24	21	19	16	16	12	5	4	1	1	0
	(0)	(1)	(1)	(2)	(12)	(25)	(35)	(40)	(42)	(45)	(46)	(48)	(51)	(53)	(54)	(54)	(58)	(63)	(64)	(67)	(67)	(68)



# ADRs of Special Interest

## ZUMA-7 & TRANSFORM



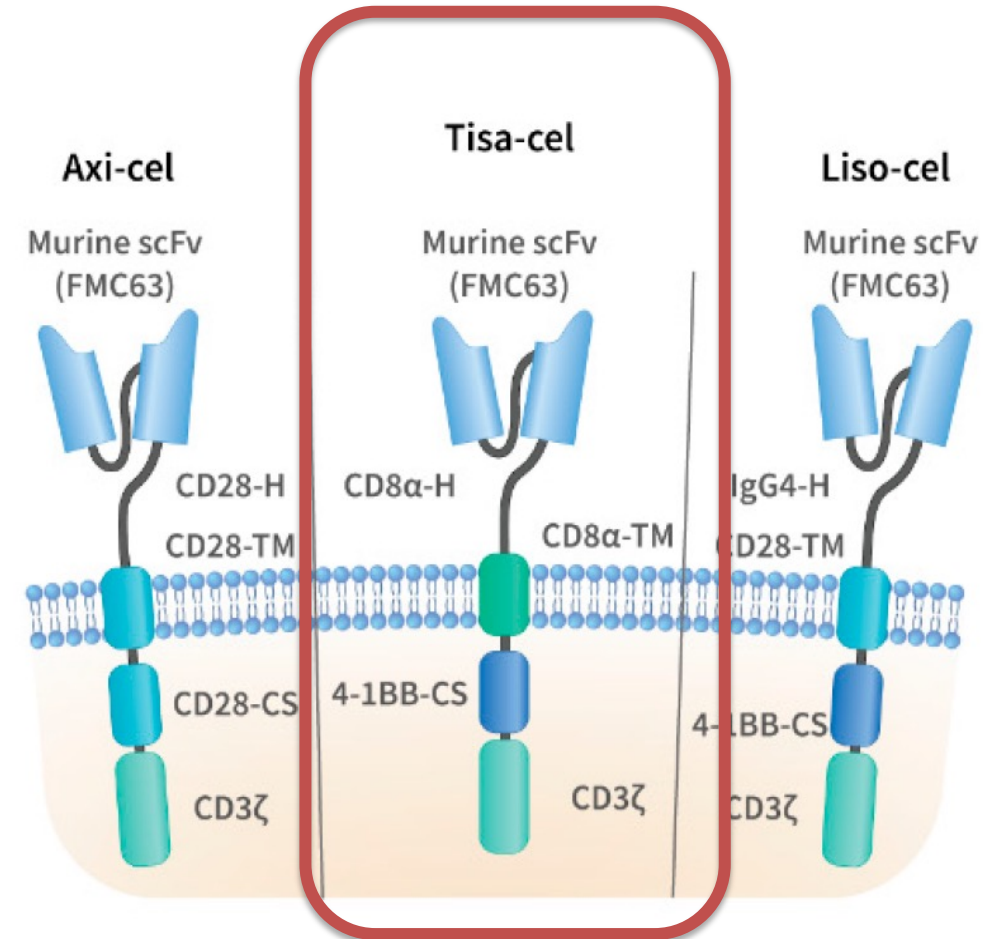
	ZUMA-7 <sup>1</sup> Axi-cel (n=170)	TRANSFORM <sup>2</sup> (Liso-cel n=92)
<b>Grade ≥ 3 Any adverse event, %</b>	91	92
<b>Grade ≥ 3 CRS, %</b>	6	1
• Time to onset in days, (range)	3, (1-10)	5, (3-8)
• Time to resolution / median duration in days	7, (2-43)	4, (2-5)
<b>Tocilizumab use, %</b>	65	24
<b>Grade ≥ 3 NE, %</b>	21	4
• Time to onset, (range)	7	11, (10-17)
• Time to resolution / median duration in days	9	6, (2-19)
<b>Grade ≥ 3 Neutropenia, %</b>	69	80
<b>Grade ≥ 3 Thrombocytopenia, %</b>	15	49

1. Locke. *NEJM*. (2022);  
2. Kamdar. *Lancet*. (2022).

# Tisagenlecleucel (Tisa-cel)



- MOA
  - CD19-directed genetically modified autologous T cell immunotherapy
- Indication/FDA approval
  - Patients up to 25 years of age with B-cell ALL that is refractory or in second or later relapse
  - Adult patients with R/R LBCL large B-cell lymphoma after  $\geq 2$  L
  - Adult patients with R/R FL after  $\geq 2$  L
- LDC: Cy/Flu 250/25 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV daily x3 days OR Bendamustine 90 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV daily x 2 days
  - Infuse CAR T cells: 2-11 for DLBCL and 2-6 days for FL days after completion of LDC



# ELARA

## Phase 2 multicenter clinical trial



- R/R FL after  $\geq 2L$  or who relapsed after ASCT
- Primary endpoint: CR
- Secondary endpoint: ORR, DOR, PFS, OS, pharmacokinetics and safety
- Median follow up: 16.59 mo
- DOR, PFS, OS not reached
- Among patients who achieved CR
  - Estimated DOR rate at 9 months was 86.5% (95% CI, 74.7–93.1)
  - Estimated PFS rate at 12 months was 85.5% (95% CI, 74.0–92.2)
  - PFS rate for the overall population at 12 months was 67% (95% CI, 56–76)

<b>Efficacy</b>	<b>N = 94</b>
ORR, %	86.2
CR, %	69.1

<b>Safety</b>	<b>N = 94</b>
Grade $\geq 3$ CRS, %	0
Tocilizumab, %	34
Grade $\geq 3$ NE, %	3

# ELARA

## Phase 2 multicenter clinical trial

**ELARA Single Arm Trial**  
Tisagenlecleucel (tisa-cel)  
(N = 98)

**ReCORD-FL Chart Review**  
Usual Care  
(N = 187)

Exclude patients w/missing data on prognostic factors, then select/match line of therapy ("index" LoT) in ReCORD-FL subjects to intervention line of ELARA patients using propensity score model

### Weighted Indirect Treatment Comparison (ITC) Analysis

Tisa-Cel  
(N = 97)

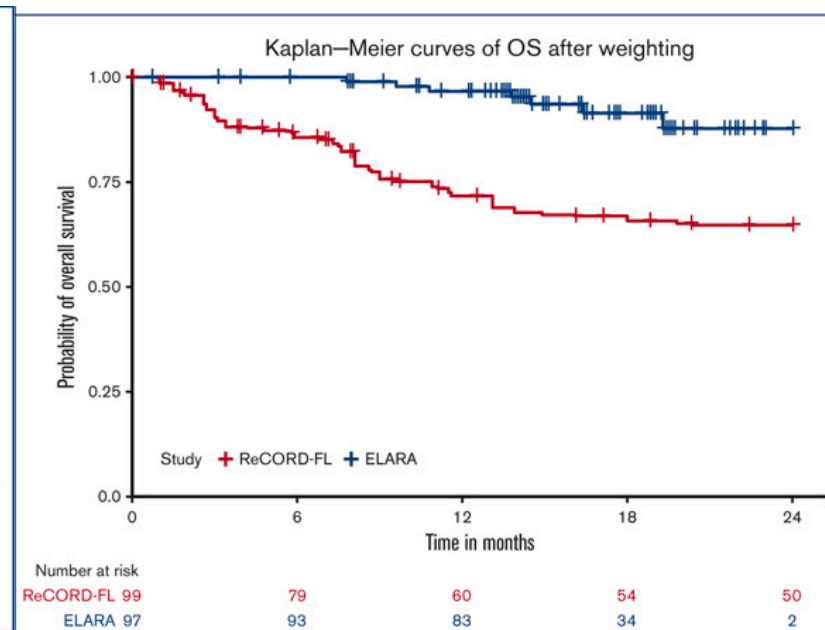
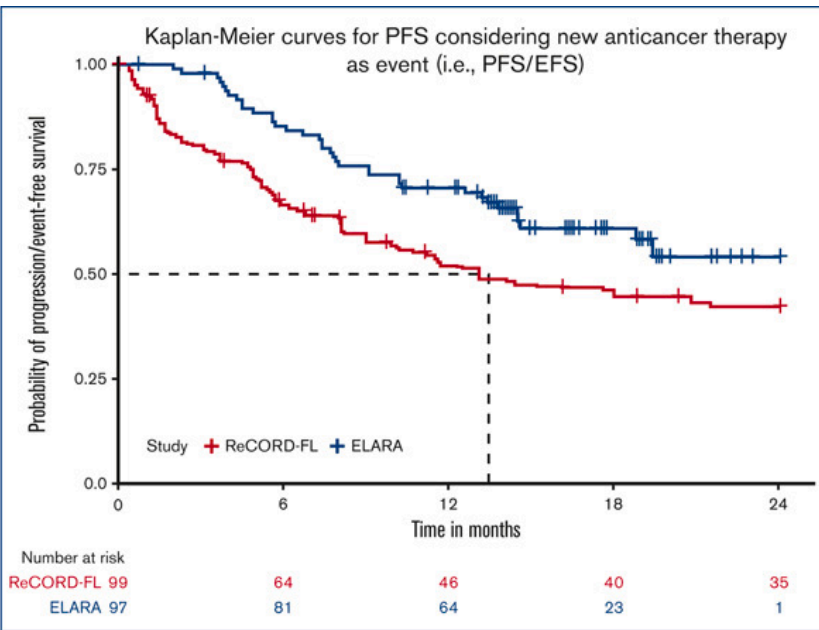
Usual Care  
(Weighted N = 99)

### Best Response to Therapy

	ELARA (Tisa-Cel)	ReCORD-FL (Usual Care)
	N = 97	Weighted N = 99
CRR (95% CI)	69.1% (59.8-78.3%)	37.3% (26.4-48.3%)
ORR (95% CI)	85.6% (78.7-92.5%)	63.6% (52.5-74.7%)

**After LoT selection/matching and weighted adjustment of prognostic factors, tisa-cel was associated with:**

- 1.9-fold higher complete response rate (CRR)
- 80% reduction in death risk (hazard ratio [95% CI]: 0.20 [0.02, 0.38])
- 40% reduction in risk of progression (hazard ratio [95% CI]: 0.60 [0.34, 0.86])



# Pharmacotherapy Considerations



## Black Box Warnings for all CD19 CAR T products:

- ❑ CRS
- ❑ Neurologic toxicities
- ❑ Must obtain agent via **REMS** Risk Evaluation and mitigation Strategy

**Call your oncologist or go to the emergency room if these signs appear.**

### **SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS MAY INCLUDE:**

- Difficulty breathing
- Fever (100.4°F/38°C or higher)
- Chills/shaking chills
- Confusion
- Severe nausea, vomiting, diarrhea
- Severe muscle or joint pain
- Very low blood pressure
- Dizziness/lightheadedness
- Headache

### **PATIENT WALLET CARD**

**Have This Card With You At All Times  
Show It To Any Doctor That Sees You And When  
You Go To The Hospital**

**Call or see your oncologist or get emergency help RIGHT AWAY if you have any of these symptoms:**

- Fever (100.4°F/38°C or higher)
- Difficulty breathing
- Chills or shaking chills
- Confusion
- Dizziness or lightheadedness
- Severe nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea
- Fast or irregular heartbeat
- Severe fatigue or weakness

**Carry this card with you at all times. SHOW THIS CARD if you go to the emergency room or see any physician.**

**Call your oncologist or go to the emergency room right away if the following symptoms appear:**

- Fever (100.4°F/38°C or higher)
- Difficulty breathing
- Chills or shaking chills
- Confusion
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# CAR T-cell in the Pipeline

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- Age:
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- Age Group:
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  - Adult (18–64)
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- Sex:
- All
  - Female
  - Male
- Accepts Healthy Volunteers

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# Mosunetuzumab-axgb

Bispecific CD20-directed T cell engager

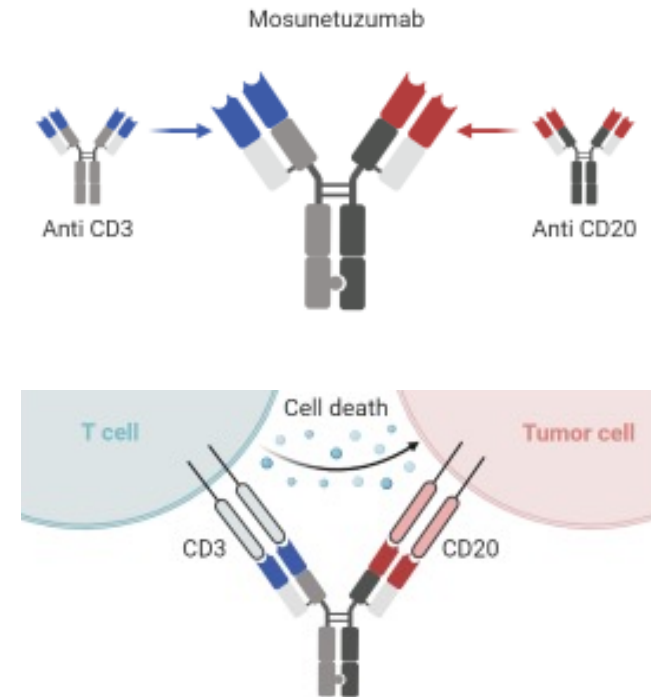


- MOA

- IgG1 bispecific antibody
- Targets CD20 and CD3 → activates T-cells → causes release of proinflammatory cytokines → induces lysis of B-cells
- Lysis occurs independent of tumor cell immune escape mechanisms

- Indication

- Adult patients with R/R FL after 2 or more lines of systemic therapy



<https://www.genscript.com/antibody-news/therapeutic-antibodies-advancing-toward-approval-for-clinical-use.html>

# GO29781 Clinical Trial

## Phase 2 single arm, multicenter trial



n=90

- Inclusion criteria: Grade 1-3A FL, ECOG 0-1, R/R FL to 2 or more previous lines of treatment including anti-CD20 and alkylating agent
  - Median prior lines of therapy: 3
  - 69% refractory to their last previous therapy, 79% refractory to any previous anti-CD20 therapy, 53% were double refractory to both previous anti-CD20 therapy and a previous alkylating agent
- Safety:
  - CRS in Cycle 1
    - Median time to CRS onset: 5 hours after C1D1 infusion
    - Cycle 1 day 1 (23%) & Cycle 1 day 15 (36%)
  - CRS (all grade) in 44% of patients
    - Grade 1 in 26%
    - Grade 2 in 17%
    - Grade 3 in 1% (one patient)
    - Grade 4 in 1% (one patient)
  - Other ADRs: Fatigue, neutropenia, headache, hypophosphatemia, anemia

Median follow up:  
18.3 mo

ORR: 80%

CR: 60%

Median DOR:  
22.8 mo

12-month event  
free rate: 61.8%  
18-month event  
free rate: 56.9%

Time to first  
response: 1.4 mo  
Time to CR: 3 mo



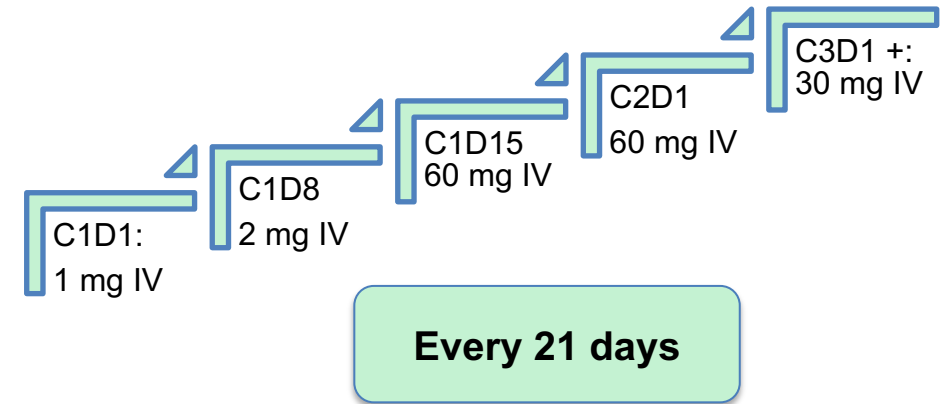
# Pharmacotherapy Considerations

## Mosunetuzumab-axgb



- Intravenous administration
  - Administered over 4 hours in C1 and 2 hours in C2+ if tolerated
- Step up dosing
  - Outpatient administration for all doses; consider inpatient if previous CRS
- Pre-medications: CS, H1RA, antipyretic
  - Recommended prior to each dose in C1 and C2; may administer in C3+ if patient experienced CRS
- Duration of therapy: 8 cycles
  - If partial response (PR) or stable disease (SD) after 8 cycles, then treatment continues up to 17 cycles
- No REMS program
  - Wallet card available

Mosunetuzumab-axgb. Prescribing Information; December 2022.



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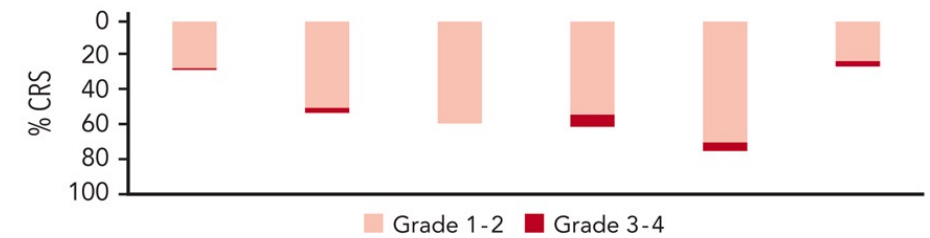
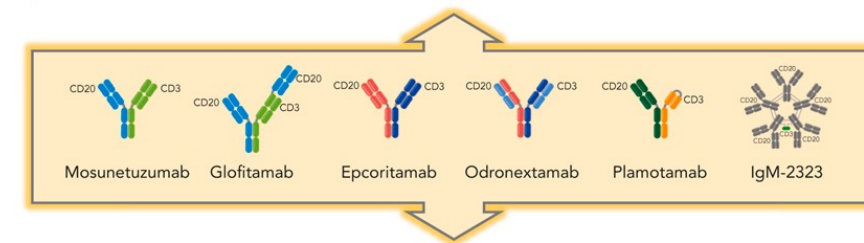
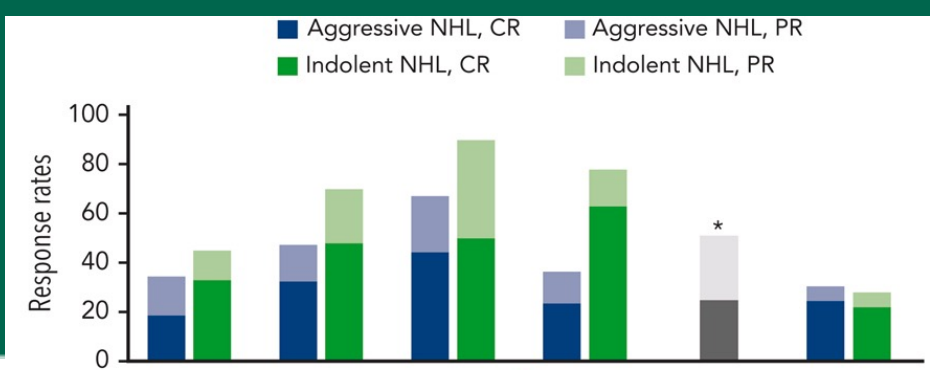
Contact your doctor or get emergency help right away if you have any of these symptoms during or after your infusion:

- Fever of 100.4 °F (38 °C) or higher
- Chills
- Low blood pressure
- Fast or irregular heartbeat
- Tiredness or weakness
- Difficulty breathing
- Headache
- Confusion
- Feeling anxious
- Dizziness or light-headedness
- Nausea
- Vomiting

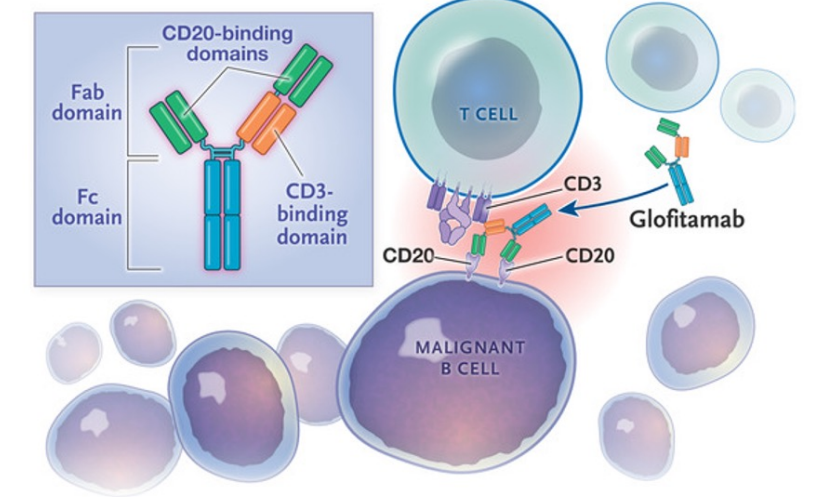
Experiencing any of these symptoms could be due to Cytokine Release Syndrome, which requires immediate evaluation by a doctor.

# Bispecifics in the Pipeline

- Giofitamab – CD3xCD20 bsAb
- Epcoritamab – CD3xCD20 bsAb
- Odronextamab – CD3xCD20 bsAb
- Plamotamab – CD3xCD20 bsAb



- Other common adverse events (AE): Neutropenia, diarrhea, fatigue, anemia;
- ICANS-like syndrome, TLS, HLH: rare (<5%)
- \* data for aggressive NHL and indolent NHL reported in aggregate



# Cytokine Release Syndrome & Neurotoxicity



- Both CAR T and bispecific antibody therapy are associated with ADRs due to **T-cell overactivation**
- Most common manifestations are:
  - Cytokine Release Syndrome (CRS)
    - Cytokine mediated systemic inflammatory response
    - Chills, fevers, skin rash, hypotension, hypoxia, confusion
  - Immune Effector Cell-associated Neurotoxicity (ICANS)
    - Characterized by immune-mediated inflammation in the central nervous system
    - Aphasia, altered level of consciousness, impairment of cognitive skills, motor weakness, seizures, and cerebral edema

CAR T- cell	Bispecific
CRS, ICANS	CRS >> ICANS
High grade CRS more common	Low grade CRS more common
Graded the same (ASTCT criteria)	
CRS management*: Anti IL-6 therapy (tocilizumab), corticosteroids, fluids, supportive care	
Ensure symptom resolutions for at least 72 hours prior to next dose (Bispecifics)	
Mandatory 2 doses tocilizumab in stock per patient	Tocilizumab stock encouraged

\*differs slightly between management depending on product (see package insert) and institution

# CAR T-cell therapy vs. Bispecific antibodies



CAR T-cell	Bispecifics
Inpatient or Outpatient (product/institution specific)	Inpatient or Outpatient (product/institution specific)
Engineered for individual patient	Off the shelf
Delayed availability, more insurance barriers 4-8 weeks	Immediate availability, less insurance barriers 3-7 days
\$\$\$	\$\$   Variable insurance coverage
Cells infused IV; may also need lymphodepleting chemo prior	IV or SC Long administration times initially
Higher rates/grades of CRS/ICANS	Mostly low-grade CRS/ICANS
One time	Repeated dosing / cycles
REMS	+/- REMS depending on product
Generally later line; some 2 <sup>nd</sup> line	Generally later line of therapy; 3 <sup>rd</sup> or greater



# Future Directions



- Earlier use of CAR T-cell and bispecific antibody therapy
  - May benefit certain high risk populations
- Combinations with other agents
- Cost analysis
- Toxicity management – identifying risk factors, optimizing prevention and education
- Increasing accessibility



# Pharmacotherapy Updates in Malignant Hematology

## Bispecific Antibodies & CAR T-Cell Therapy

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