# 2024 Updated on Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma

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### Smart Stop: Lenalidomide, Tafasitamab, Rituximab, and Acalabrutinib Alone and with Combination Chemotherapy for the Treatment of Newly Diagnosed Diffuse Large B-Cell Lymphoma

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# **DLBCL** trials

CHOP<sup>1,2</sup> RCHOP<sup>3</sup> RCHOP vs GCHOP<sup>4</sup> RCHOP vs REPOCH<sup>5</sup> RCHOP +/- Bortezomib<sup>6</sup> RCHOP +/- Ibrutinib<sup>7</sup> RCHOP +/- Lenalidomide<sup>8</sup> RCHOP vs RCHP-Pola<sup>10</sup>

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#### Smart Start: Rituximab, Lenalidomide, and Ibrutinib in Patients With Newly Diagnosed Large B-Cell Lymphoma

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# **Smart Stop dosing**

Lenalidomic	Doses of "Smart Start" portion of the clinical trial, cycle = 21 days						
	Drug Name	Dose	Route	Dosing per cycle	Day of therapy		
Tafasitamal	Lenalidomide (L)	25mg	PO	Daily	1-10		
	Tafasitamab (T)	12mg/kg	IV	Weekly	1, 8, 15		
<b>R</b> ituximab	Rituximab (R)	375mg/m2	IV	Once	1		
	Acalabrutinib (A)	100mg	PO	BID	1-21		
Acalabrutin	Q						

# LTRA

# **Smart Stop Eligibility**

•Histopathologically confirmed diagnosis of LBCL without prior treatment with measurable disease

- Initially was restricted to Hans IHC-defined non-GCB but this criterion was removed
- Prior indolent lymphoma allowed if no CHOP-based therapy
- Any LBCL subtype could be eligible

•Age >= 18 years at the time of signing the informed consent

•Performance status of =< 3 (3 only allowed if decline in status is deemed related to lymphoma and felt potentially reversible by the treating physician)

- •Adequate organ and bone marrow function
- •No CNS involvement with lymphoma

# **Toxicities**

AE	Any Grade (N=30)	Grade 3 or Higher (N=30)
Anemia	26 (87%)	5 (17%)
Neutropenia	26 (87%)	18 (60%)
Fatigue	22 (73%)	0
Platelet count decreased	22 (73%)	3 (10%)
Creatinine increased	13 (43%)	0
Rash maculo-papular	13 (43%)	4 (13%)
Headache	11 (37%)	0
Nausea	11 (37%)	0
Transaminitis	10 (33%)	0
Edema limbs	10 (33%)	0
Infections	9 (30%)	2 (7%)
Infusion related reaction	9 (30%)	0
Peripheral sensory neuropathy	9 (30%)	3 (10%)
Constipation	8 (27%)	0
Cough	8 (27%)	0
Diarrhea	7 (23%)	0
Dizziness	6 (20%)	0
Mucositis oral	5 (17%)	0
Vomiting	5 (17%)	3 (10%)
Febrile neutropenia	4 (13%)	3 (10%)
Non-cardiac chest pain	4 (13%)	0

AE >10% of any patient, electrolyte or overlapping AEs not shown



# **Results – end of treatment**



Primary Endpoint 1B: CRR at EoT: Preliminary is 100% in 22 evaluable patients

N = 22		Group A (2 CHOP, N=19)	Group B (6 CHOP, N=11)
CR	<b>22 (100%)*</b> (95% Cl: 90.1 ~ 100%)	19 (100%)	11 (100%)*
PR	0*	0	0*
SD	0	0	0
PD	0	0	0
Pending (On treatment)	8	5	3

\*FDG avid lesion biopsied with benign inflammatory response without lymphoma cells

# **Conclusions and Future Directions (1)**

- Targeted therapy alone is safe and effective as initial treatment in 1L LBCL
  - CR rate after 4 cycles of LTRA is 63%
  - Primary endpoint 1A: ORR after 4 cycles of LTRA is 100%
- <6 cycles of CHOP appears feasible if LTRA responsive with short follow up
  - 19 of 30 patients will receive only 2 cycles of CHOP, initial patients with >1y ongoing remission
  - Primary endpoint 1B: CRR at end of treatment is 100%, including those with 2 and 6 CHOP cycles
- Limited ctDNA data shows high molecular response, including undetectable in 1/3rd

### 3-Year Analysis of ZUMA-12: A Phase 2 Study of Axicabtagene Ciloleucel as First-Line Therapy in Patients with High-Risk Large B-Cell Lymphoma

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### **ZUMA-12 Study Design**



\* Administered after leukapheresis and completed prior to initiating lymphodepleting chemotherapy. Therapies allowed were corticosteroids, localized radiation, and HDMP+R. PET-CT was required after bridging. 1. Cheson BD, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2014;32:3059-3068.

Axi cel, axicabtagene citoleucel; CAR, chimeric antigen receptor; CR, complete response; CT, computed tomography; DOR, duration of response; DS, Deauville score; ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; EFS, event-free survival; HDMP+R, high-dose methylprednisolone plus rituximab; HGBL, high-grade B-cell lymphoma; IPI, International Prognostic Index; IV, intravenous; LBCL, large B-cell lymphoma; mAb, monoclonal antibody; ORR, objective response rate; OS, overall survival; PET, positron-emission tomography; PFS, progression-free survival.



- In the efficacy-evaluable population, the CR rate was slightly higher than in the primary analysis<sup>1</sup> due to an additional number of patients converting from PR to CR
- Responses were ongoing in 73% of response-evaluable patients at data cutoff

\* Response assessments are based on best overall response. \* Includes all treated patients with centrally confirmed disease type (DHL/THL) or IPI score >3 who received >1×10<sup>6</sup> CAR T cells/kg. 1. Neelapu SS, et al. Nat Med. 2022;28:735-742.

CAR, chimeric antigen receptor; CR, complete response; DHL/THL, double-hit/triple-hit lymphoma; IPI, International Prognostic Index; ORR, objective response rate; PD, progressive disease; PR, partial response; SD, stable disease.

### **Progression-Free Survival and Overall Survival**<sup>a</sup>



Medians for PFS and OS were not reached in efficacy-evaluable patients

 Among patients who achieved a CR as best response, the 3-year PFS and OS rates were 84.4% (95% CI, 66.5-93.2) and 90.6% (95% CI, 73.6-96.9), respectively

\* Analyses done in all treated patients with centrally confirmed disease type (double- or triple-hit lymphomas) or IPI score ≥3 who received ≥1×10<sup>6</sup> CAR T cells/kg. CAR, chimeric antigen receptor; CR, complete response; IPI, International Prognostic Index; NE, not evaluable; NR, not reached; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival.

### **Adverse Events and Deaths**

New TEAEs After Primary Analysis, n (%)	All Treated (N=40)		
Any TEAE <sup>a</sup>	5 (13)		
Grade ≥3	3 (8)		
Serious TEAEs	3 (8)		
Any infection/infestation	4 (10)		
Grade ≥3	2 (5)		
COVID-related infections	3 (8)		
Device related infection	1 (3)		
Sinusitis	1 (3)		

In total, there were 8 deaths in ZUMA-12

- 5 were due to PD (1 occurring after the primary analysis data cutoff)<sup>1</sup>
- 1 COVID-19 (Day 350; Grade 5 and unrelated to axi-cel)
- 1 esophageal adenocarcinoma (Day 535, occurring after the primary analysis data cutoff; Grade 5 and unrelated to axi-cel)<sup>1</sup>
- 1 septic shock (Day 287; unrelated to axi-cel)
- No new cases of CRS or neurologic events of any grade occurred since the prior data cut and all cases previously reported<sup>1</sup> were resolved by data cutoff
- Since the primary analysis,<sup>1</sup> prolonged cytopenia<sup>b</sup> of any grade occurred in only 1 patient and was
  resolved by data cutoff

\* AEs were graded per CTCAE version 5.0. Neurologic events were identified based on modified Topp et al 2015.<sup>2</sup> CRS events were graded according to a modification of the criteria of Lee and colleagues.<sup>3</sup> <sup>b</sup> Present on Day ≥30 post-infusion.

1. Neelapu SS, et al. Nat Med. 2022;28:735-742. 2. Topp CW, et al. Psychother Psychosom. 2015;84:167-176. 3. Lee DW, et al. Blood. 2014;124:188-195.

AE, adverse event; axi-cel, axi-cel, axi-cel, axi-cel, axi-cel, cRS, cytokine release syndrome; CTCAE, Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events; PD, progressive disease; TEAE, treatment-emergent adverse event.

### Conclusions

- In this updated analysis of ZUMA-12, axi-cel demonstrated a high rate of durable responses
  - At data cutoff, with a median follow-up of ≥40 months, responses were ongoing in 73% of response-evaluable patients
  - Medians for DOR, EFS, PFS, and OS were not reached
- Safety outcomes were similar to previous reports,<sup>1</sup> with no new safety signals observed
- CAR T-cell expansion by peak and AUC<sub>0-28</sub> was consistent with the primary analysis<sup>1</sup>
- Axi-cel may benefit patients exposed to fewer prior therapies and those with high-risk LBCL, a population with high unmet need and poor outcomes after standard first-line chemoimmunotherapy
- Further investigation in randomized controlled trials is warranted in this patient population to determine the benefit of axi-cel as first-line therapy versus standard chemoimmunotherapy
  - ZUMA-23 (NCT05605899) is a Phase 3, randomized controlled study that will evaluate axi-cel as a first-line regimen versus standard of care in patients with high-risk LBCL<sup>2</sup>

1. Neelapu SS, et al. Nat Med. 2022;28:735-742. 2. Westin et al. J Clin Oncol. 2023;41:TPS7578.

AUC<sub>6-28</sub>, area under the curve from Days 0-28; axi-cel, axicabtagene ciloleucel; CAR, chimeric antigen receptor; DOR, duration of response; EFS, event-free survival; LBCL, large B-cell lymphoma; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival.

## Mitigating the Risk of Cytokine Release Syndrome (CRS): Preliminary Results from a DLBCL Cohort of EPCORE NHL-1

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## Study Design: EPCORE<sup>™</sup> NHL-1

#### **DLBCL Cycle 1 Optimization**

#### Key inclusion criteria:

- R/R CD20+ DLBCL, NOS (de novo or transformed from FL)
- ECOG PS 0-2
- ≥2 prior lines of systemic antineoplastic therapy, including ≥1 anti-CD20 mAb
- FDG PET–avid and measurable disease by CT/MRI
- Prior CAR T-cell therapy allowed

#### Data cutoff: July 17, 2023 Median follow-up: 1.7 mo



- Cycle 1 optimization recommendations:
  - Dexamethasone 15 mg premedication on D1, D8, D15, and D22 and prophylaxis on D2–4, D9–11, D16– 18, and D23–25
  - 2-3 L of fluid intake during 24 h prior to each dose
  - Hold antihypertensive medications for 24 h prior to each dose
  - Administer 500 mL of isotonic IV fluids on the day of each dose prior to administration
  - 2-3 L of fluid intake during 24 h following each dose
  - Self-monitoring of temperature 3 times daily for 4 d following each dose
  - Hospitalization not required but patients must remain in close proximity to treatment facility for 24 h following first full dose
- **Primary endpoint:** Rate of grade ≥2 CRS events and all-grade CRS events from first dose through 7 d following second full dose

ClinicalTrials.gov: NCT03625037. EudraCT: 2017-001748-36.

#### **Baseline Characteristics and Prior Treatments**

Demographics	N=60
Median age (range), y	66 (27–86)
≥75 y, n (%)	13 (22)
ECOG PS,ª n (%)	
0	20 (33)
1	34 (57)
2	5 (8)
Disease Characteristics and Prior Treatments	N=60
DLBCL type, <sup>b</sup> n (%)	
De novo	37 (62)
Transformed	9 (15)
Median time from initial diagnosis to first dose (range), <sup>°</sup> y	1.6 (0.1–24.8)
Median time from end of last therapy to first dose (range), <sup>c</sup> mo	3.1 (1–220)
Median prior lines of therapy, n (range)	3 (2–10)
Prior lines of therapy, n (%)	
2	19 (32)
≥3	41 (68)
Primary refractory <sup>d</sup> disease, <sup>c</sup> n (%)	36 (60)
Refractoryd to last systemic therapy, n (%)	51 (85)
Refractory <sup>d</sup> to ≥2 consecutive lines of therapy, <sup>c</sup> n (%)	42 (70)
Prior ASCT,∘ n (%)	4 (7)
Prior CAR T therapy,∘ n (%)	33 (55)
Refractory₫ to CAR T therapy, n/n (%)	28/33 (85)

#### **Overview of CRS Events**

#### Cycle 1 Optimization Led to Decreased Rates and Severity of CRS

	Expansionª N=157	CRS-Evaluable <sup>b</sup> DLBCL Cycle 1 Optimization <sup>c</sup> n=36
CRS, n (%) <sup>d</sup>	80 (51)	8 (22)
Grade 1	50 (32)	5 (14)
Grade 2	25 (16)	3 (8)
Grade 3	5 (3)	0
Signs and symptoms of CRS, n (%) <sup>e</sup>	n=80	n=8
Fever	79 (99)	7 (88)
Hypotension	24 (30)	3 (38)
Нурохіа	14 (18)	0
Other	15 (19)	1 (13)
Median time to onset after first full dose, he	20	27
Treated with tocilizumab, n/n (%) <sup>e</sup>	23/80 (29)	3/8 (38)
Treated with corticosteroid, n/n (%) <sup>e</sup>	17/80 (21)	2/8 (25)
Leading to treatment discontinuation, n (%)	1 (0.6)	0
CRS resolution, n/n (%) <sup>e</sup>	79/80 (99)	8/8 (100)
Median time to resolution, d (range) <sup>e</sup>	2 (1–27)	2.5 (1–6)

 Among the 36 CRS-evaluable patients, pretreatment prior to the first full dose included: IV fluid (86%); dexamethasone (81%); IV fluid and dexamethasone (69%); other corticosteroids (19%)

<sup>a</sup>Data cutoff: November 18, 2022. <sup>b</sup>CRS-evaluable population was defined as patients treated with epcoritamab SC who either met the minimum exposure criterion and completed the CRSevaluation period with sufficient safety evaluations or experienced a grade ≥2 CRS event during the CRS-evaluation period. <sup>c</sup>Data cutoff: July 17, 2023. <sup>d</sup>Graded by Lee et al 2019 criteria.<sup>1</sup> <sup>e</sup>Among patients with CRS. **1.** Lee DW, et al. *Biol Blood Marrow Transplant*. 2019;25:625-38.

#### CRS Events by Dosing Period Most Events Following First Full Dose; Lower Rates With Cycle 1 Optimization



• Preliminary efficacy data were comparable to that observed in the dose-expansion cohort

SUD 1, first step-up dose; SUD 2, second step-up dose. <sup>a</sup>Data cutoff: November 18, 2022. <sup>b</sup>Data cutoff: July 17, 2023. Based on the CRS-evaluable population (n=36), which consists of patients treated with epcoritamab SC who either met the minimum exposure criterion and completed the CRS-evaluation period with sufficient safety evaluations or experienced a grade  $\geq$ 2 CRS event during the CRS-evaluation period.

#### Conclusions

- CRS prophylaxis with dexamethasone and hydration reduced rates and severity of CRS
  - Proactive hospitalization was not required
- Timing of CRS continues to be predictable; no patients discontinued treatment due to CRS
- IL-6 levels were lower with cycle 1 optimization and consistent with lower observed rates of CRS
  - There was no impact on T-cell activation or B-cell depletion



# Five Year Outcomes of Patients with Large B-Cell Lymphoma Treated with Standard-of-Care Axicabtagene Ciloleucel: Results from the US Lymphoma CAR-T Cell Consortium .

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### **Patient Demographics of Real World Cohort**

Characteristi c	No. (%)	ZUMA-1		
No. of patients	298	101		
Age, years				
< 60	144 (48.3)			
>60	154 (51.7)			
Median (range)	60 (21-83)	58 (23-76)		
Sex (male)	192 (64.0)	68 (67)		
ECOG PS				
0-1	80	100		
2-3	20			
Disease Stage				
l or ll	52 (17.6)	15 (15)		
III or IV	244 (82.4)	86 (85)		
IPI				
0-2	132 (45.6)	53 (52)		
3-5	162 (54.4)	48 (48)		



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### **Axicabtagene Ciloleucel (Axi-Cel)**

- Axicabtagene ciloleucel (Yescarta) is an autologous CD19 directed CAR T therapy with a CD3ζ/CD28-based signaling domain.
- Regulatory timeline for Axi-Cel in large B cell lymphoma
- FDA approval for Axi-Cel in 3L or 3L+: 10/18/2017 (focus of this report)
- FDA approval for Axi-Cel in 2L or 2L+: 04/01/2021





Neelapu, Locke, NEJM 2017; Neelapu Blood 2023



### **5 Year Intention to Treat Overall Survival was 37%**



Median OS 28 mo (18 – 40.8) 5yr OS: 37% (31.5 – 43)

infused (n = 275)CRS and neurotoxicity (n = 275)



#### Relapse Occurs Early; NRM Occurs at a Steady Rate over Time

- 5 yr cumulative risk of: Relapse 55.2%, NRM 16.2%
- 151 total progression events
   20 (13%) progression
   events post 1 yr
- Last progression 46.4
   months post infusion
- 40 total NRM events





### **Infection was the Leading Cause of NRM**

Total Infused = 275							
Cause of Death	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	After Year 5	Summary
Progressive Disease	74	28	11	4	1	0	118
Infection	8	2	4	6	1	0	21
Secondary Malignancy	0	3	1	3	1	1	9
CAR-T Toxicity <sup><math>7</math></sup>	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Unknown/Other <sup>2</sup>	2	1	1	1	2	0	7
<sup>1</sup> Includes HLH, cerebral e	dema an	d intracr	anial hei	morrhad	e		

<sup> $^{2}$ </sup> Unknown = 6, Suicide = 1

Infectious Cause of Death	Ν
Unclassified	6
Pneumonia	4
Sepsis	3
COVID-19	2
Candidemia	2
JC encephalitis	1
MRSA	1
Non-COVID viral pneumonia	1
PJP and Candidemia	1



### CD4 Recovery Typically >12 Months; B-cell Aplasia Not Required for Durable Remission

- CD4 recovery:
  - 38% recovery @ 1yr
  - 73% recovery @ 2yr
- B cell recovery:
  - 54% @ 1yr
  - 57% @ 2 yr
  - ZUMA 1: ~50% @ 1yr,
    75% @ 2 yr







Late Infections Were Not Associated with Neutropenia



Grade 3 Infection, not severe Severe Infection <Grade 2 Grade 2 Grade 4 No Infection 29 3 3 3 Neutropenia @ 1 yeas Neutropenia @ 2 years 14 15 Infection

- Incidence 6-12 mo (n=109): 31.2%, 17% severe ٠
- Incidence 12-24 mo (n=89): 24%, 11% severe ٠

- 1 yr (n = 109): Gr 3 neutropenia 10%, Gr 3 ٠ thrombocytopenia 9%, Gr 3 anemia <1%;
- 1 yr Bicytopenia 5.5% ٠
- 2 and 3 yr: Gr 3 neutropenia 10% ٠



### **Subsequent Malignant Neoplasms**

- Excluding non-melanoma skin cancer, 24/275 (9%) patients with SMN
- Patient with AITL:
  - diagnosed 3 yrs post infusion
  - after intercurrent lenalidomide + rituximab
  - no CAR testing available on biopsy tissue
- 15 secondary myeloid:
  - Median 16.2 mo post infusion
  - Median 3.5 prior lines of therapy
  - 33% with prior autoSCT





### Conclusions

- ~29% of patients remain in remission with median 58 months follow-up despite 43% ZUMA-1 ineligible comorbidities
- This study highlights important survivorship issues post axi-cel
  - Infection/Immune reconstitution 31% of patients with recorded infection (may undercount less severe infection)
  - Secondary malignancy, primarily tMN immunosuppression driven or burden of prior therapy? Incidence in 2<sup>nd</sup> line may help determine
  - NRM overall 16.5% focus on post-CAR management important to maximize CAR-T benefit



### Ibrutinib Combined With Venetoclax in Patients With Relapsed/Refractory Mantle Cell Lymphoma: Primary Analysis Results From the Randomized Phase 3 SYMPATICO Study

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#### SYMPATICO Study Design

• SYMPATICO (NCT03112174) is multinational, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, phase 3 study



Stratification: ECOG PS, prior lines of therapy, TLS risk<sup>a</sup>

#### • Primary endpoint:

- PFS by investigator assessment using Lugano criteria
- Secondary endpoints (tested hierarchically in the following order):
  - CR rate by investigator assessment
  - TTNT<sup>b</sup>
  - OS (interim analysis)
  - ORR by investigator assessment

CR, complete response; ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; PD, progressive disease; PFS, progression-free survival; ORR, overall response rate; OS, overall survival; TLS, tumor lysis syndrome; TTNT, time to next treatment.

alncreased TLS risk was defined as at least 1 lesion >10 cm, or at least 1 lesion >5 cm with circulating lymphocytes >25,000 cells/mm<sup>3</sup>, and/or creatinine clearance <60 mL/min. <sup>b</sup>For hierarchical testing per US FDA censoring, TTNT was tested after OS.



- Median follow-up: 51.2 months (range, 0.1+ to 61.6) as of July 5, 2023
- Treatment discontinuations due to PD were more frequent in the ibrutinib + placebo arm
- Treatment discontinuations due to AEs were similar between arms

AE, adverse event. <sup>a</sup>PD per protocol criteria or clinical PD.

#### **Baseline Characteristics**

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Characteristic	lbrutinib + venetoclax n=134	lbrutinib + placebo n=133	
Age			
Median (range), years	69 (42–84)	67 (44–88)	
≥65 years, n (%)	93 (69)	86 (65)	
ECOG PS, n (%)			
0	74 (55)	74 (56)	
1–2	60 (45)	59 (44)	
Prior lines of treatment, n			
(%)	80 (60)	79 (59)	
1	32 (24)	31 (23)	
2	22 (16)	23 (17)	
≥3			
MCL histology, n (%)			
Typical	88 (66)	95 (71)	
Blastoid	19 (14)	17 (13)	
Pleomorphic	8 (6)	6 (5)	
Round cell (CLL-like)	1 (1)	0	
Other	18 (13)	15 (11)	

Characteristic	lbrutinib + venetoclax n=134	lbrutinib + placebo n=133	
Simplified MIPI score, n (%)			
Low risk	18 (13)	23 (17)	
Intermediate risk	63 (47)	68 (51)	
High risk	51 (38)	41 (31)	
<i>TP53</i> status, n (%)			
Mutated	40 (30)	37 (28)	
Not mutated	66 (49)	57 (43)	
Missing	28 (21)	39 (29)	
Bulky disease, n (%)			
≥5 cm	62 (46)	53 (40)	
≥10 cm	13 (10)	10 (8)	
Extranodal disease, n (%)	64 (48)	61 (46)	
BM involvement, n (%)	62 (46)	54 (41)	
Splenomegaly, n (%)	42 (31)	33 (25)	

BM, bone marrow; MIPI, MCL International Prognostic Index.

#### Primary Endpoint: Investigator-Assessed PFS Was Significantly Improved With Ibrutinib + Venetoclax Versus Ibrutinib + Placebo



Median PFS, mo	Global Censoring <sup>b</sup>				US FDA Censoring <sup>c</sup>			
	lbr+Ven n=134	lbr+Pbo n=133	HR (95% CI)	Log-rank <i>P</i> valueª	lbr+Ven n=134	lbr+Pbo n=133	HR (95% CI)	Log-rank <i>P</i> valueª
Investigator assessment	31.9	22.1	0.65 (0.47–0.88)	0.0052	42.6	22.1	0.60 (0.44–0.83)	0.0021
IRC assessment	31.8	20.9	0.67 (0.49–0.91)	0.0108	43.5	22.1	0.63 (0.45–0.87)	0.0057

HR, hazard ratio; Ibr, ibrutinib; Pbo, placebo; Ven, venetoclax.

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<sup>a</sup>P values were determined by stratified log-rank test (stratification factors: prior lines of therapy [1–2 vs ≥3] and TLS risk category [low vs increased risk]). <sup>b</sup>Censoring at last non-PD assessment for patients without PD or death. <sup>c</sup>Patients were censored at last non-PD assessment before start of subsequent anticancer therapy or missing ≥2 consecutive visits prior to a PFS event, whichever occurred first.

#### CR Rate Was Significantly Improved With Ibrutinib + Venetoclax



DOR, duration of response.

<sup>a</sup>P values were determined by stratified Cochran-Mantel-Haenszel test (stratification factors: prior lines of therapy [1–2 vs ≥3] and TLS risk category [low vs increased risk]). <sup>b</sup>Global censoring (censoring at last non-PD assessment for patients without PD or death).

#### OS Was Numerically Improved At This Interim Analysis



<sup>a</sup>P values were determined by stratified log-rank test (stratification factors: prior lines of therapy [1–2 vs ≥3] and TLS risk category [low vs increased risk]).

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### Pirtobrutinib in Relapsed/Refractory (R/R) Mantle Cell Lymphoma (MCL) Patients with Prior cBTKi: Updated Safety and Efficacy including High-Risk Subgroup Analyses from the Phase 1/2 BRUIN Study

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- Inhibits both WT and C481-mutant BTK with equal low nM potency<sup>8</sup>
- Steady state plasma exposure corresponding to 96% BTK target inhibition and a half-life of about 20 hours<sup>8</sup>
- In contrast to cBTKi (A), pirtobrutinib (B) appears to stabilize BTK in a closed, inactive conformation, blocking access to upstream kinases and phosphorylation of Y551, thus inhibiting scaffolding interactions that support kinase-independent BTK signaling<sup>8</sup>

<sup>3</sup>Mato et al. Lancet 2021; 397: 892–901. <sup>7</sup>Brandhuber et al. Clin Lymph Myelom Leuk 2018; 18(Suppl.1):S216. <sup>8</sup>Gomez et al. Blood.2023; 142(1):62-72.

#### **Baseline Characteristics of Patients with MCL**

Characteristics	Prior cBTKi n=152	cBTKi Naïve n=14
Median age, years (range)	70 (46-88)	67 (60-86)
<b>Male</b> , n (%)	120 (79)	10 (71)
Histology, n (%)		
Classic/leukemic	120 (79)	11 (79)
Pleomorphic/Blastoid	32 (21)	3 (21)
ECOG PS, n (%)		
0	93 (61)	5 (36)
1	56 (37)	8 (57)
2	3 (2)	1 (7)
sMIPI score, n (%)		
Low risk (0-3)	30 (20)	3 (21)
Intermediate risk (4-5)	79 (52)	5 (36)
High risk (6-11)	43 (28)	6 (43)
Bulky Lymphadenopathy (cm), n (%)		
<5	94 (62)	8 (57)
≥5	36 (24)	5 (36)
No Measurable Lymph Node	22 (15)	1 (7)
Bone marrow involvement, n (%)		
Yes	81 (53)	4 (29)
No	71 (47)	10 (71)
Median number of prior lines of systemic therapy, n (range)	3 (1-9)	2 (1-3)

Characteristics	Prior cBTKi n=152	cBTKi Naïve n=14
Prior therapy, n (%)		
BTK inhibitor	152 (100)	0 (0)
Anti-CD20 antibody	147 (97)	14 (100)
Chemotherapy	137 (90)	14 (100)
Immunomodulator	26 (17)	1 (7)
Stem cell transplant	33 (22)	7 (50)
Autologous	30 (20)	7 (50)
Allogeneic	7 (5)	0 (0)
BCL2 inhibitor	24 (16)	0 (0)
CAR-T	13 (9)	0 (0)
PI3K inhibitor	6 (4)	1 (7)
Reason discontinued any prior BTKi <sup>a</sup> , n (%)		
Progressive disease	128 (84)	-
Toxicity / Other	21 (14)	-
Unknown	3 (2)	-
TP53 Mutation status, n (%)		
Yes	30 (20)	3 (21)
No	30 (20)	4 (29)
Missing	92 (61)	7 (50)
Ki-67 index, n (%)		
<30%	18 (12)	2 (14)
≥30%	45 (30)	6 (43)
Missing	89 (59)	6 (43)

aln the event more than one reason was noted for discontinuation, disease progression took priority. Total percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

#### Pirtobrutinib Efficacy in Patients with MCL who Received Prior cBTKi



Median Time to First Response was 1.8 months (range: 0.8-13.8)

Data of patients with baseline and at least one evaluable post baseline tumor measurement. \*Patients with >100% increase in SPD. \*Data for 28/152 patients who received prior cBTKi are not shown in the waterfall plot due to no measurable target lesions identified by CT at baseline, discontinuation prior to first response assessment, or lack of adequate imaging in follow-up. \*ORR is the number of patients with best response of CR or PR divided by the total number of patients; 13 patients with a best response of not evaluable (NE) are included in the denominator. Response status per Lugano 2014 criteria based on IRC assessment.

#### Pirtobrutinib Outcomes in Prior cBTKi Patients with MCL



#### Conclusions

- With longer follow-up, pirtobrutinib continues to demonstrate promising efficacy in heavily pre-treated patients with R/R MCL after a prior cBTKi (Median DoR was 21.6 months)
- Pirtobrutinib demonstrated clinically meaningful efficacy in a variety of MCL subgroups, including:
  - Patients with prior cBTKi treatment
  - Patients with prior cBTKi and high-risk molecular features such as Ki-67 and TP53
  - Patients with BTKi naïve MCL
- Pirtobrutinib was well tolerated with low rates of discontinuation due to drug-related toxicity
- · Pirtobrutinib represents a new standard of care for patients who received a prior cBTKi
- A randomized, global, phase 3 trial comparing pirtobrutinib with investigator's choice of cBTKi is ongoing in relapsed BTKi-naïve MCL (BRUIN MCL-321; NCT04662255)



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End of Treatment Response Assessment After Frontline Therapy for Aggressive B-cell Lymphoma: Landmark Comparison of a Singular PET/CT scan vs Ultrasensitive Circulating Tumor DNA

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### PET Scans at EOT are Prognostic But Not Specific for Lymphoma

Application of the Lugano 2014 response criteria (GOYA)



Kostakoglu et al. Blood Adv 2021;5(5):1283-1290



# Ultrasensitive ctDNA Detection by PhasED-Seq

Analytical Sensitivity (~1x10<sup>-6</sup>)



Kurtz et al. Nat Biotechnol 2021 Dec;39(12):1537-1547



# PhasED-Seq MRD Is Prognostic After 2 Cycles and EOT



Roschewski et al. Hematological Oncology 41(S2):177-179, ICML 2023



# PhasED-Seq MRD at EOT Stratifies PET CR

Patients in PET CR by Investigator



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# Clinical Trial: Acalabrutinib Window Study



Ongoing study NCT: 04002947



## **Characteristics of the Study Population**

55 pts had a PET/CT and plasma at EOT 54 (98%) were successfully genotyped

Table 1. Characteristics (	of the Patients
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Characteristic	N (%)
Number of patients	54
Female sex	22 (41%)
Age	
Median (range) - yr	62 (26-85)
< 60 years	22 (41%)
60-69 years	22 (41%)
$\geq$ 70 years	10 (18%)
International Prognostic Index	
0-1 (low-risk)	13 (24%)
2 (low-intermediate risk)	15 (28%)
3 (high-intermediate risk)	18 (33%)
4-5 (high risk)	8 (15%)
DLBCL:NOS subtype (Hans)	46 (85%)
Non-GCB	21 (39%)
GCB	24 (44%)
T-cell/histocyte rich	1 (2%)
HGBL with MYC and/or BCL2 or BCL6	8 (15%)



## Progression Free Survival By MRD Status after 2 Cycles





## Additional Procedures at EOT to Determine Remission





# Conclusions

- ctDNA by PhasED-Seq is prognostic both after 2 cycles and at EOT
- Undetectable ctDNA by PhasED-Seq at EOT predicts a very low likelihood of progression with greater predictive value than PET/CT
- Additional procedures (biopsy, repeat PET/CT scans) are often required to adjudicate EOT PET/CT scans; most do not have active lymphoma
- Salvage therapy should not be delivered based on a singular EOT PET/CT



### Circulating Tumor DNA Dynamics as Early Outcome Predictors for Lisocabtagene Maraleucel as Second-Line Therapy for Large B-Cell Lymphoma from the Phase 3 TRANSFORM Study

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#### Evaluable patients treated with liso-cel



Achieving undetectable ctDNA as early as Day 15 was strongly associated with longer durable clinical benefit

EFS is calculated from randomization. Significance was tested with log-rank test.



The association of ctDNA clearance and durable outcome was most significant at Month 3

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#### Evaluable patients treated with liso-cel with CR



Detectable ctDNA in patients with CR by PET/CT may be a potential biomarker for risk of PD

EFS is calculated from randomization. Significance was tested with log-rank test.



All 4 patients with detectable ctDNA and CR by PET/CT at Month 12 experienced an EFS event: PD (n = 3); COVID death (n = 1)

# TRANSFORM ctDNA results demonstrate value of MRD for disease surveillance & early prediction of durable clinical benefit

- Liso-cel induced deep and durable responses, including both radiographic & stringent molecular remission (undetectable ctDNA MRD) for patients with 2L LBCL
  - Pretreatment ctDNA levels correlated with disease burden
  - Achieving undetectable ctDNA status strongly predicted CR and durable clinical benefit (EFS)
  - Rapid reduction of ctDNA levels by Day 15 in complete responders after liso-cel treatment allowed early
    prediction of durable clinical benefit
  - More patients achieved undetectable ctDNA status over time, which was durably maintained ≥1 year
- Detectable ctDNA was associated with PD risk. In patients with CR, detectable ctDNA adds prognostic value beyond PET/CT imaging
- Similar longitudinal analyses evaluating ctDNA profiling in the SOC arm are currently in progress

# **Conclusions:**

- 1. Induction chemotherapy: Future studies with consideration of DLBCL subtypes, patient characteristics, and risk models (escalation vs. deescalation)
- 2. Salvage Therapy: Bi-specifics, CAR-T earlier in lines of treatment is the trend
- 3. MCL: BTK inhibitors: earlier in disease, new BTK inhibitor combinations
- 4. Ct-DNA in DLBCL: More sensitive techniques in trials alone and in combination with PET scans are very predictive of relapse

