

Latest Approaches to Treating Lymphoma and Myeloma with CAR T-Cell Therapy Strategies for Integrating Into Practice

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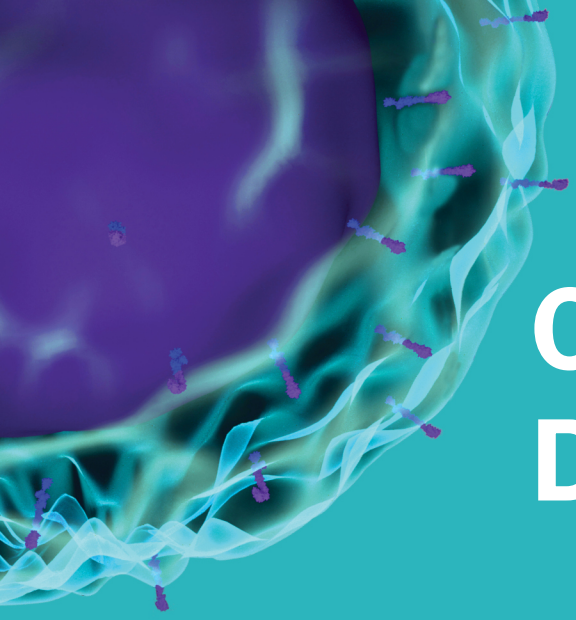
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Overview of CAR T Cells and Current Data of Patients with Lymphoma

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Overview of CAR-T cells and Lymphoma Trials

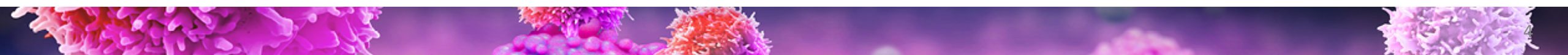
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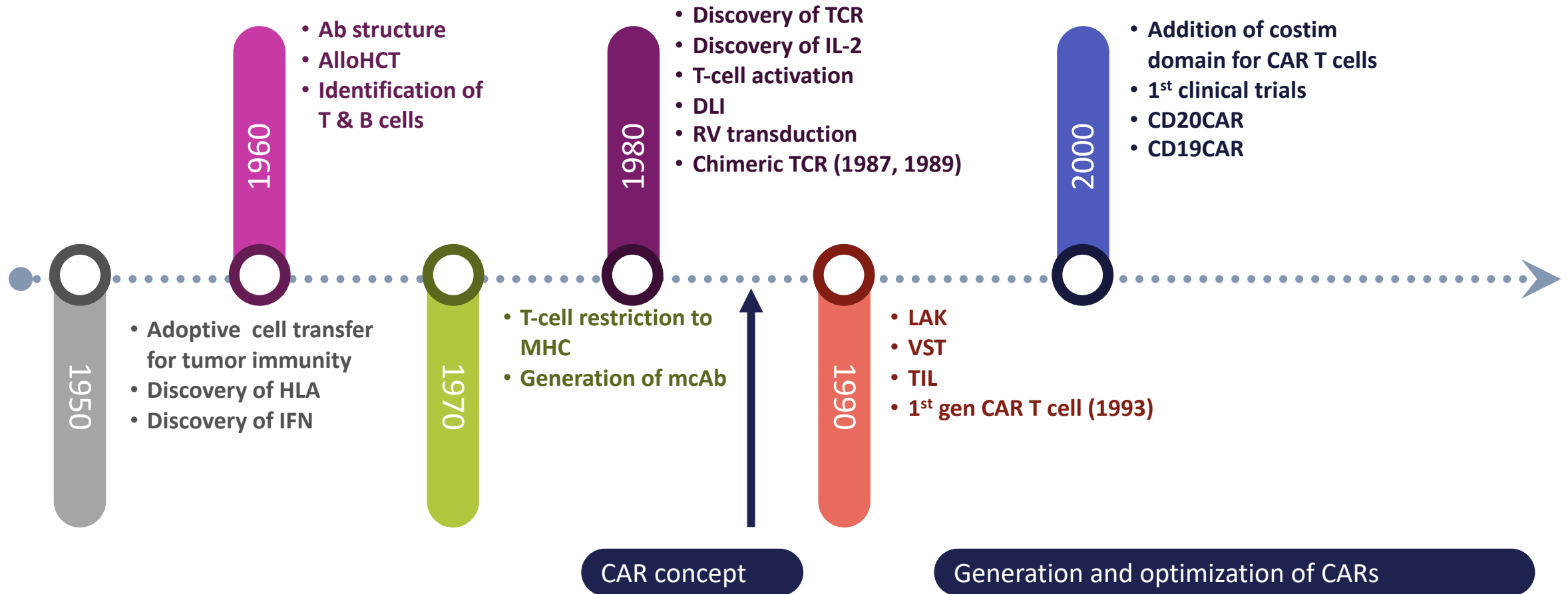
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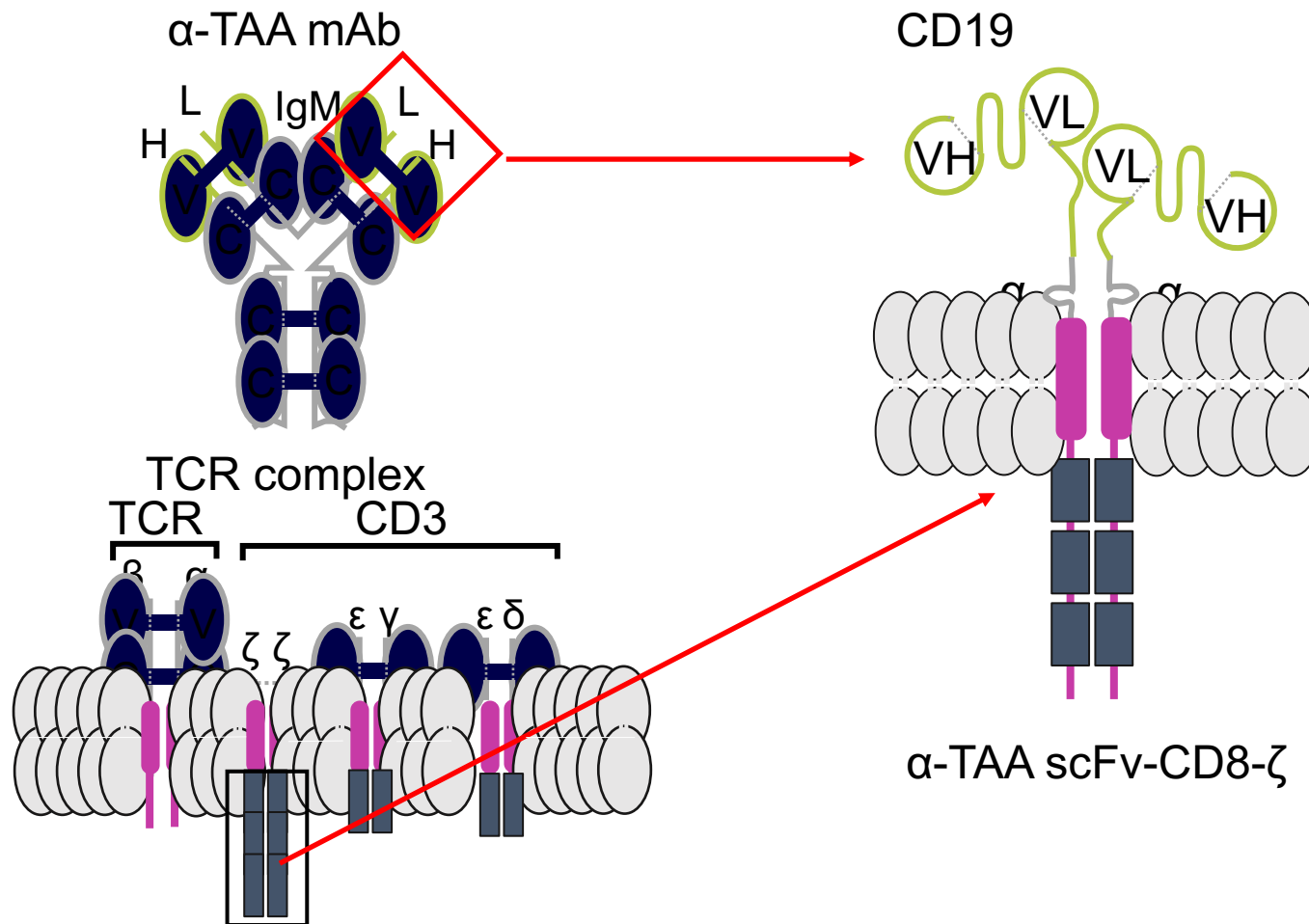


Overview of CAR T Cells

Development of Adoptive Cellular Therapy



Basic Structure of a Tumor-Targeted CAR



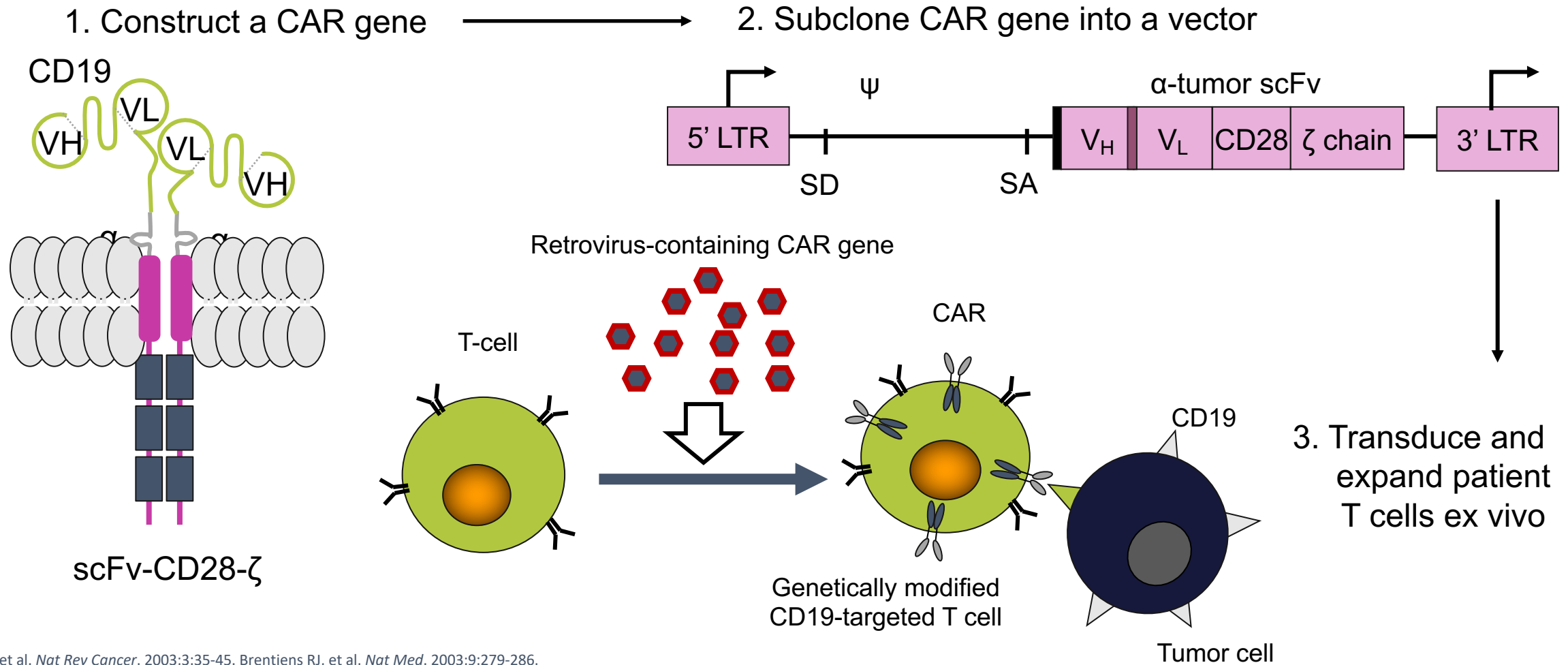
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Specificity of antibody
target recognition

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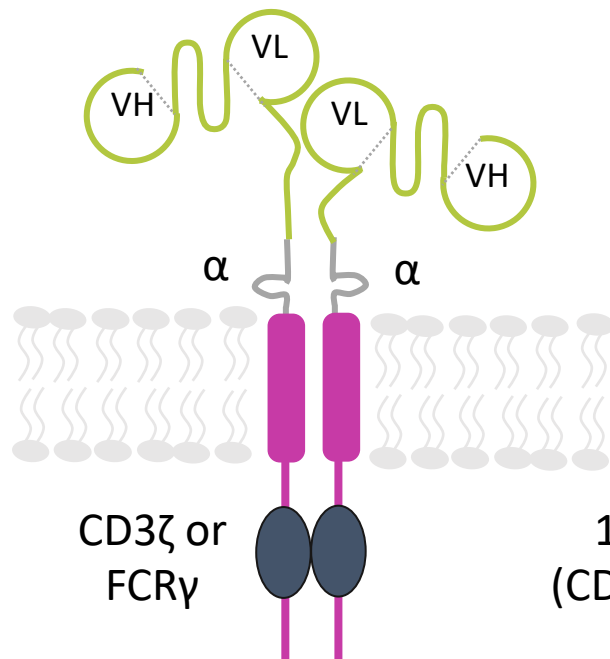
Effector mechanisms of
T cell

Generation of TAA-Targeted T Cells for Treatment of Cancer

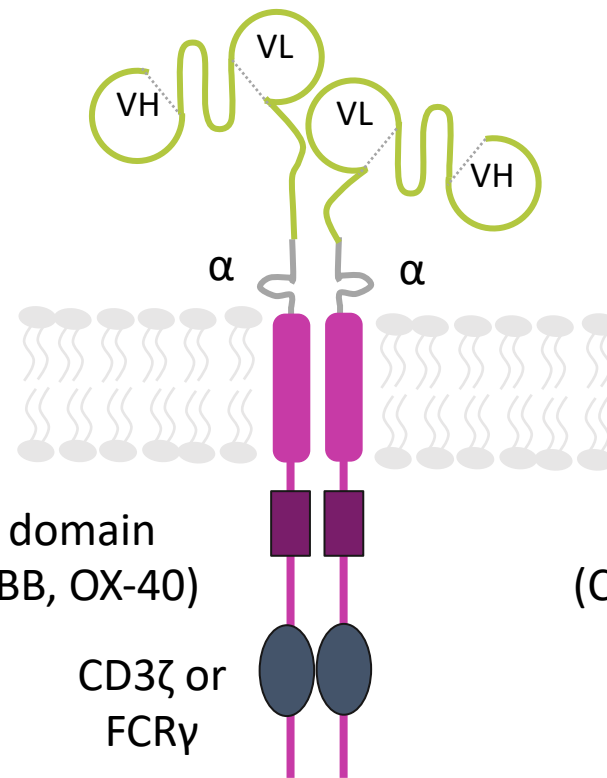


Evolution in CAR Design

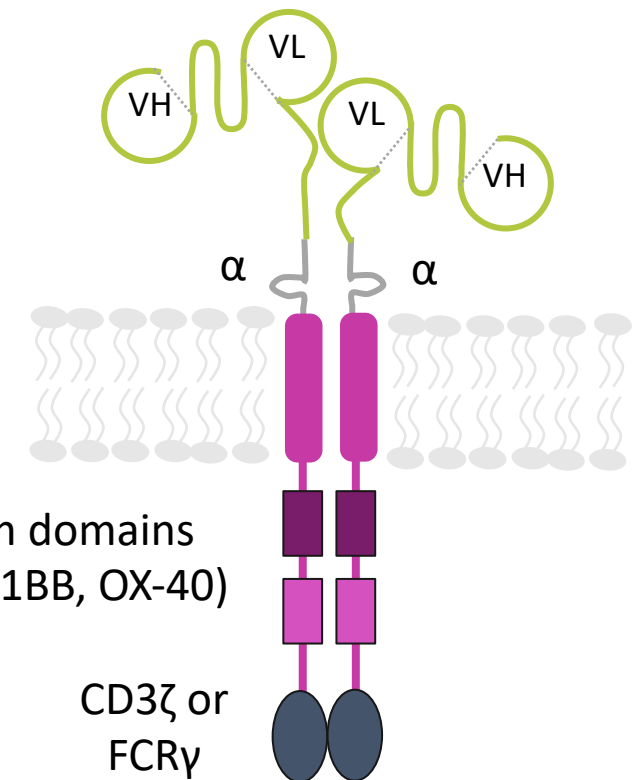
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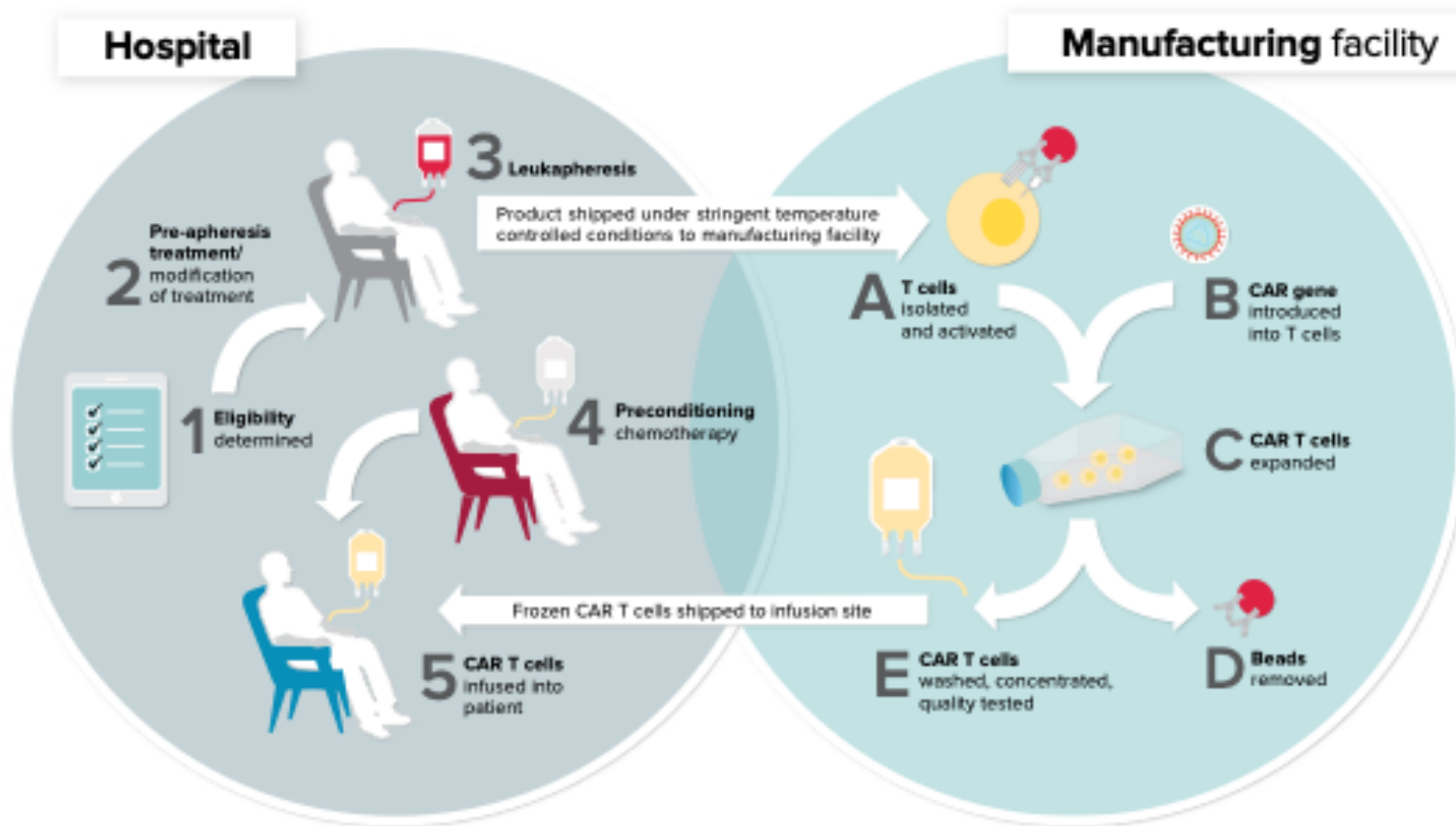
Second Generation



Third Generation



How Are CAR T Cells Manufactured/Engineered?

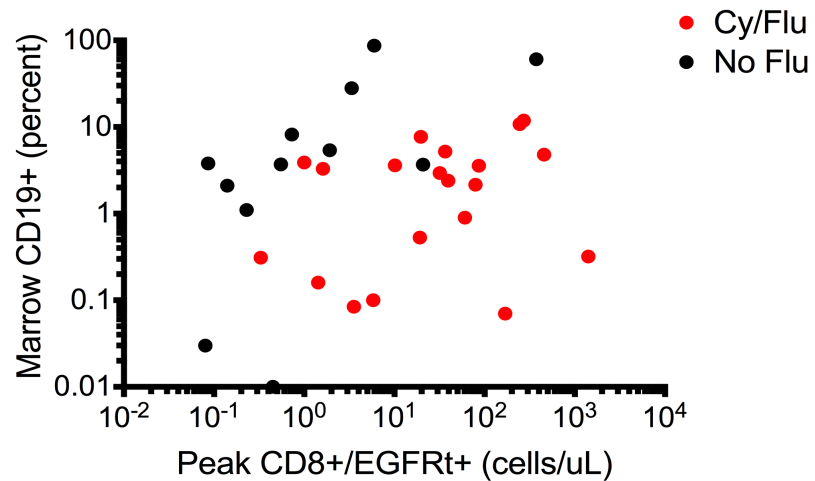


- On average, the production of CAR T cells takes approximately 10 to 14 days
- The time from endogenous T-cell collection to CAR T-cell infusion varies, but typically ranges from 1 to 4 weeks

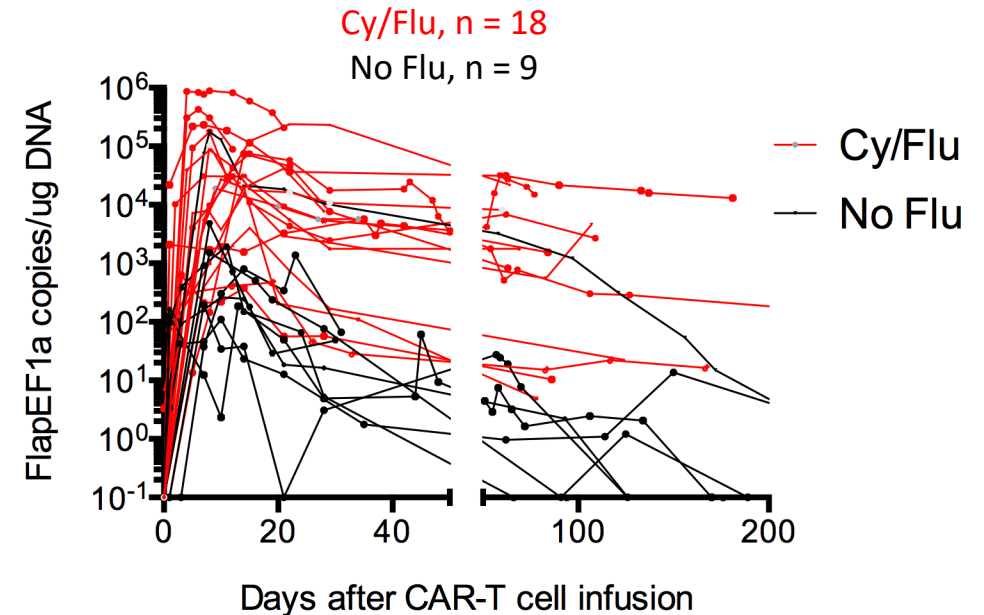
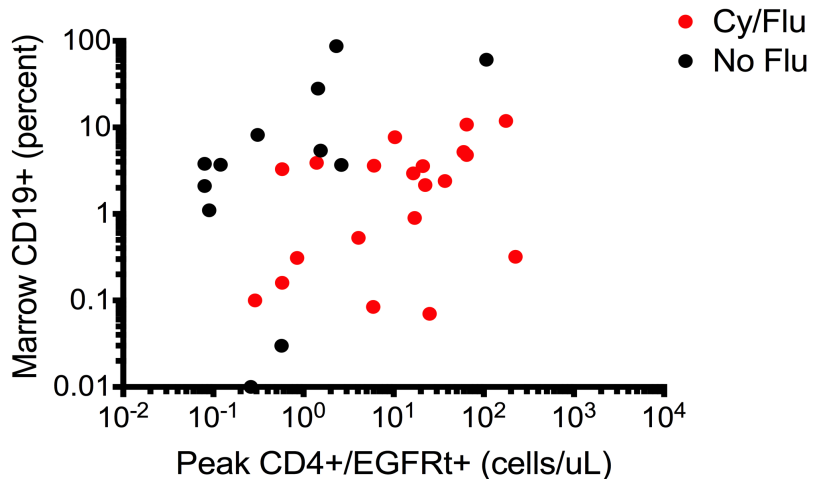
CD19-Directed CAR T-Cell Therapy: Schema

- **Collection of cells by resting state leukapheresis**
 - T cells from patients often compromised in number or subsets
- **Cell manufacture (2-4 weeks)**
 - May include isolation of T-cell subsets
 - T-cell stimulation
 - Transduction with viral vector (gamma or lentivirus containing the CAR)
 - Cell growth to target numbers (generally 1-2 million/kg)
 - Pass release criteria for safety and FDA specifications
- **Lymphodepletion chemotherapy**
 - Given to deplete endogenous T cells and increase engraftment of CAR T cells
 - Generally with cyclophosphamide and fludarabine
- **CAR T-cell infusion (usually cryopreserved and contain low-level DMSO)**
- **Monitoring for CRS and neurotoxicity – for 10- 14 days up to 2 months**

Cy/Flu Lymphodepletion Improves CAR T-Cell Expansion and Persistence



Cy/Flu: higher serum IL-7 ($P = 0.014$) and IL-15 ($P < 0.001$) on the day of CAR T-cell infusion



What Makes a Cancer a Good CAR T-Cell Candidate?

Tumor antigen that is present on all, or most, of the cancer cells and is necessary for that cancer cell's survival



Tumor antigen that is not present on normal healthy cells such that immune attack on those normal healthy cells would lead to unacceptable toxicity



A good CAR T-cell candidate

CAR T Cells for Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma (NHL)

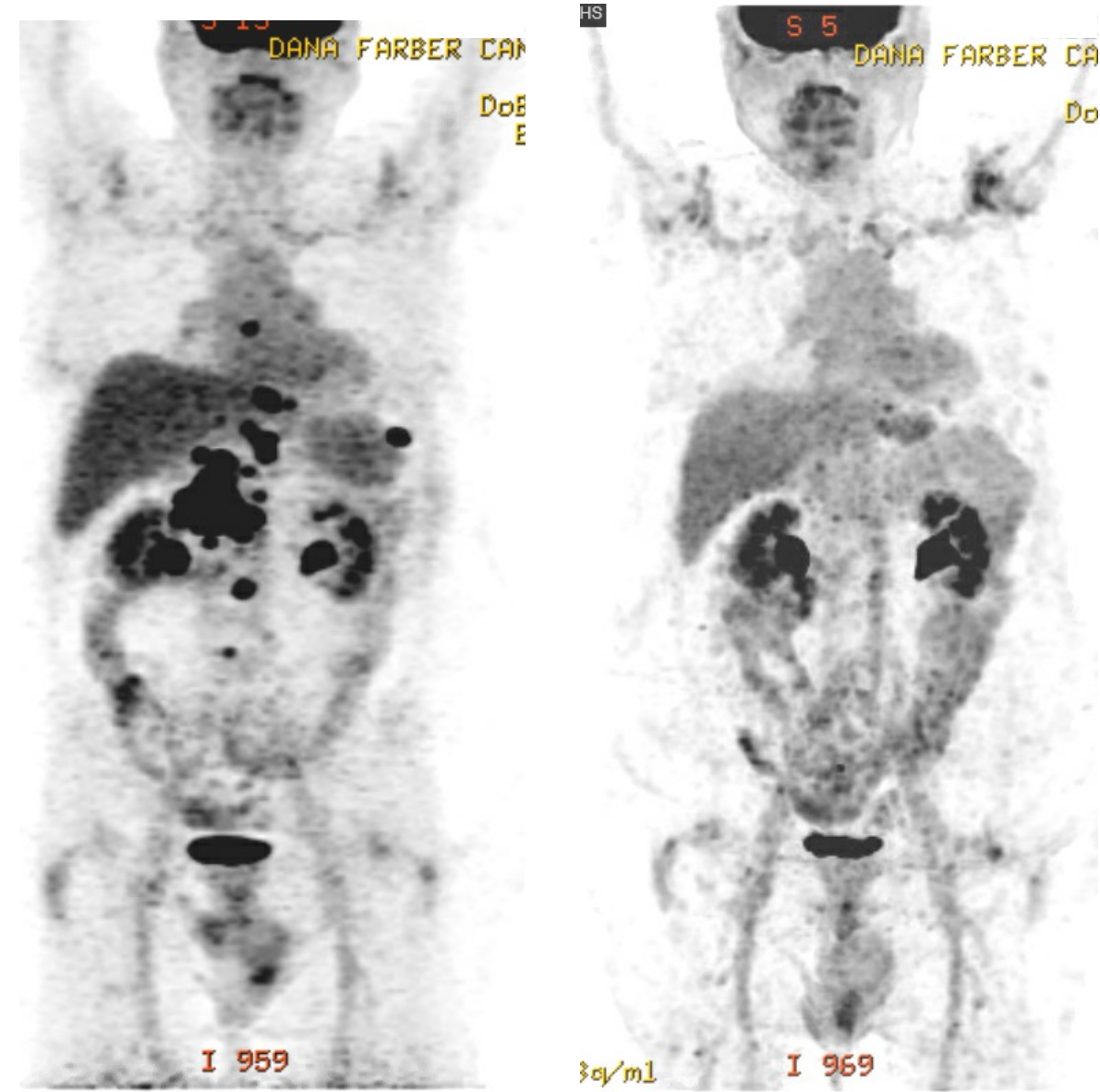
Case Presentation

68-year-old man diagnosed with stage III, DLBCL, GCB subtype

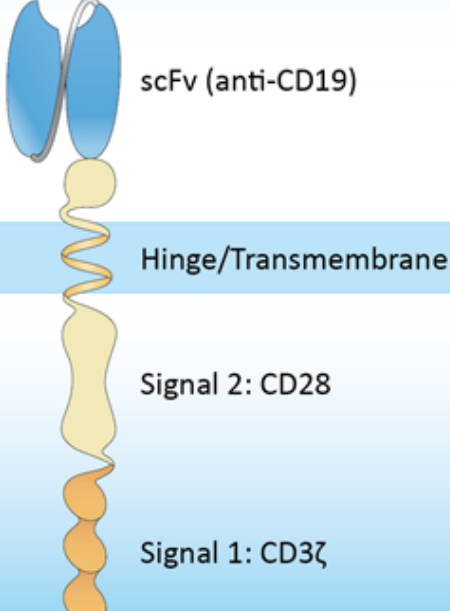
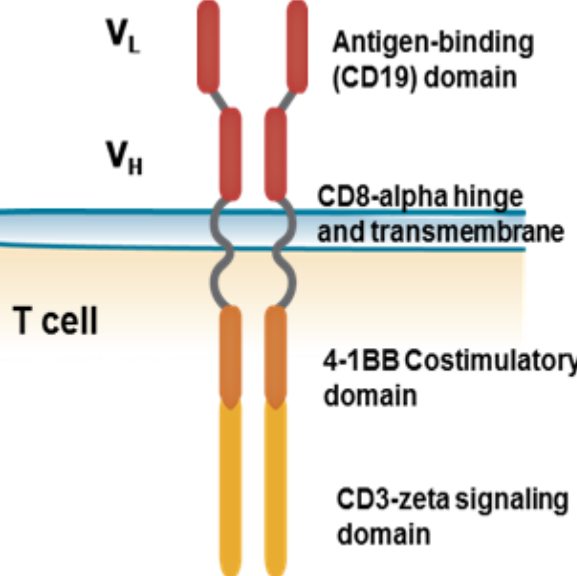
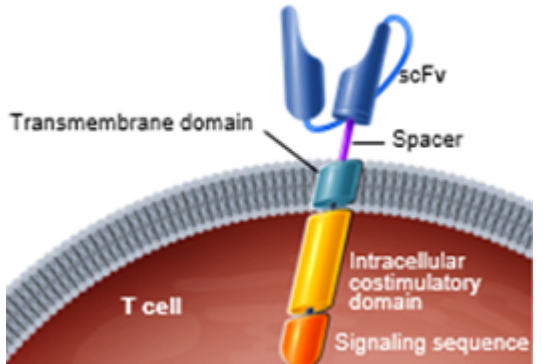
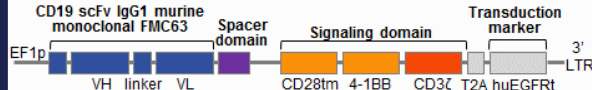
- Treated with RCHOP with a CR
- Relapsed at 2 years
- Treated with RICE with SD; R-GDP + radiation with a CR, which was consolidated with an auto transplant
- Relapsed within 1 year
- Treated with axicabtagene ciloleucel (axi-cel)
 - Pretreatment echo with critical AS; stress test with critical findings; underwent cardiac catheterization with percutaneous aortic valve replacement and RCA stenting
 - Axi-cel infusion further delayed due to enteroviral infection on day -5
 - Course complicated by grade 2 CRS and grade 3 neurotoxicity as well as Takasubo's cardiomyopathy and a transient ischemic attack

Scans at 1 mo showed a CR

Scans at 9 mo showed ongoing CR



CD19-Directed CAR T Cells

KTE-C19 <i>axicabtagene ciloleucel</i> (axi-cel)	CTL019 <i>tisagenlecleucel</i>	JCAR017 <i>lisocabtagene maraleucel</i> (liso-cel)
 <p>scFv (anti-CD19)</p> <p>Hinge/Transmembrane</p> <p>Signal 2: CD28</p> <p>Signal 1: CD3ζ</p>	 <p>V_L</p> <p>V_H</p> <p>Antigen-binding (CD19) domain</p> <p>CD8-alpha hinge and transmembrane</p> <p>T cell</p> <p>4-1BB Costimulatory domain</p> <p>CD3-zeta signaling domain</p>	 <p>scFv</p> <p>Spacer</p> <p>Transmembrane domain</p> <p>Intracellular costimulatory domain</p> <p>Signaling sequence</p> <p>T cell</p>  <p>CD19 scFv IgG1 murine monoclonal FMC63</p> <p>Spacer domain</p> <p>Signaling domain</p> <p>Transduction marker</p> <p>3'</p> <p>EF1p</p> <p>VH linker VL</p> <p>CD28tm 4-1BB CD3ζ T2A huEGFRt LTR</p>
Kite Pharma	Novartis	Juno Therapeutics
scFv = anti-CD19	scFv = anti-CD19	scFv = anti-CD19
CD28-CD3ζ	4-1BB-CD3ζ	4-1BB-CD3ζ
FDA approved	FDA approved	Investigational

Multicenter CD19 CAR T-Cell Trials in Aggressive NHL

Study/Sponsor	ZUMA1/Kite	JULIET/Novartis	TRANSCEND/Juno
Reference	Neelapu et al. NEJM 2017 Locke et al. Lancet Oncol 2019	Schuster et al. NEJM 2019	Abramson et al. ASCO 2018
CAR T-cell design	CD19/CD3z/CD28	CD19/CD3z/4-1BB	CD19/CD3z/4-1BB
CAR T-cell dose	$2 \times 10^6/\text{kg}$	Up to $1-5 \times 10^8$	$0.5-1 \times 10^8$
Conditioning therapy	Cy/Flu	Cy/Flu or bendamustine	Cy/Flu
Lymphoma subtypes	DLBCL/PMBCL/TFL	DLBCL/TFL	DLBCL/TFL
Relapsed/Refractory	Refractory	Relapsed or refractory	Relapsed or refractory
Relapse post-ASCT	23%	49%	38%
Bridging therapy	None	Allowed	Allowed
Manufacturing success	99%	94%	99%
Treated/Enrolled	109/120 (90%)	111/165 (67%)	114/134 (85%)

ZUMA-1 Trial: Eligibility and End Points

Axicabtagene Ciloleucel (KTE-C19)

Key Eligibility Criteria

- ZUMA-1 phase 2 portion
 - Cohort 1: patients with refractory DLBCL (n = 77)
 - Cohort 2: patients with refractory PMBCL or transformed FL (n = 24)
- Key inclusion criteria
 - No response to last CT or relapsed within 12 mo of ASCT
 - Prior treatment with anthracycline and anti-CD20 monoclonal antibody

Secondary End Points

- Assess time to response for patients with both objective response and CR
- Assess PR and CR at month 3 as PFS prognostic factor

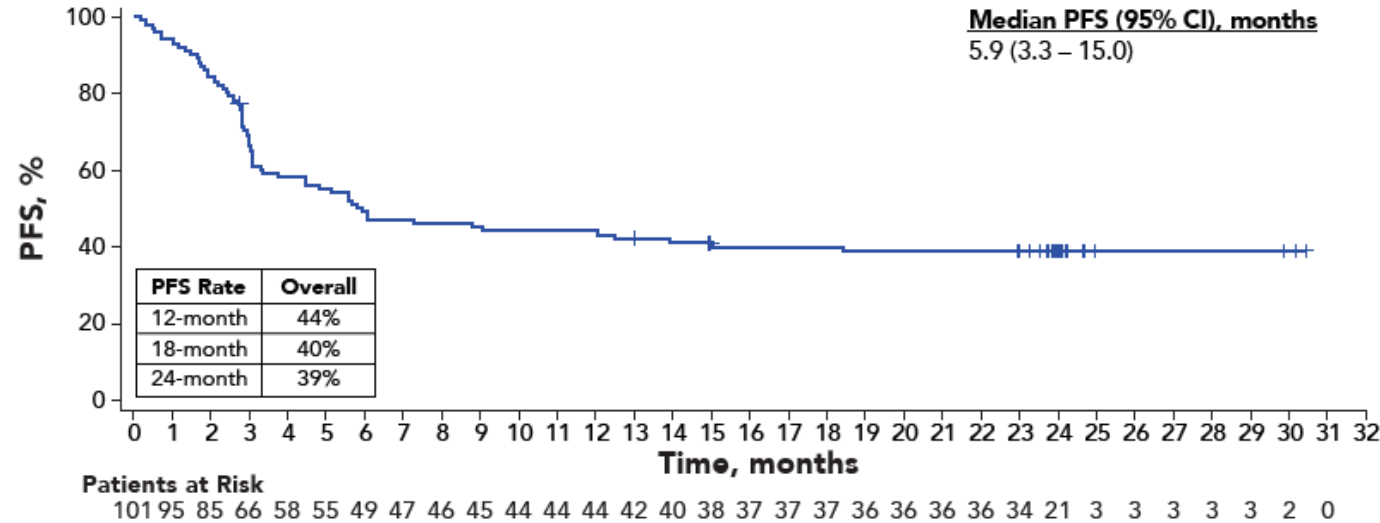
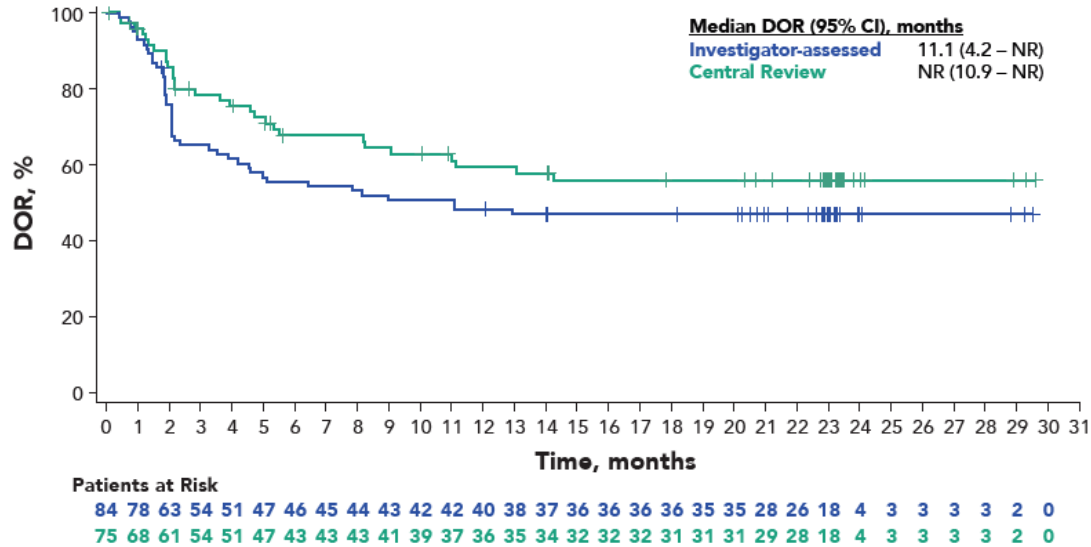
ZUMA-1: Patient Characteristics

Characteristic	Overall N = 101
Median age (range), yr	58 (23-76)
Male, n (%)	68 (67)
ECOG PS 1, n (%)	59 (58)
Disease stage III/IV, n (%)	86 (85)
IPI score 3-4, n (%)	46 (46)
≥ 3 prior therapies, n (%)	70 (69)
Median SPD of index lesions (range), mm ²	3721 (171-23, 297)
Refractory to ≥ 2 lines of therapy, n (%)	77 (76)
Best response as PD to last therapy, n (%)	67 (66)
Relapse post-ASCT, n (%)	21 (21)

ZUMA-1: Response Rates

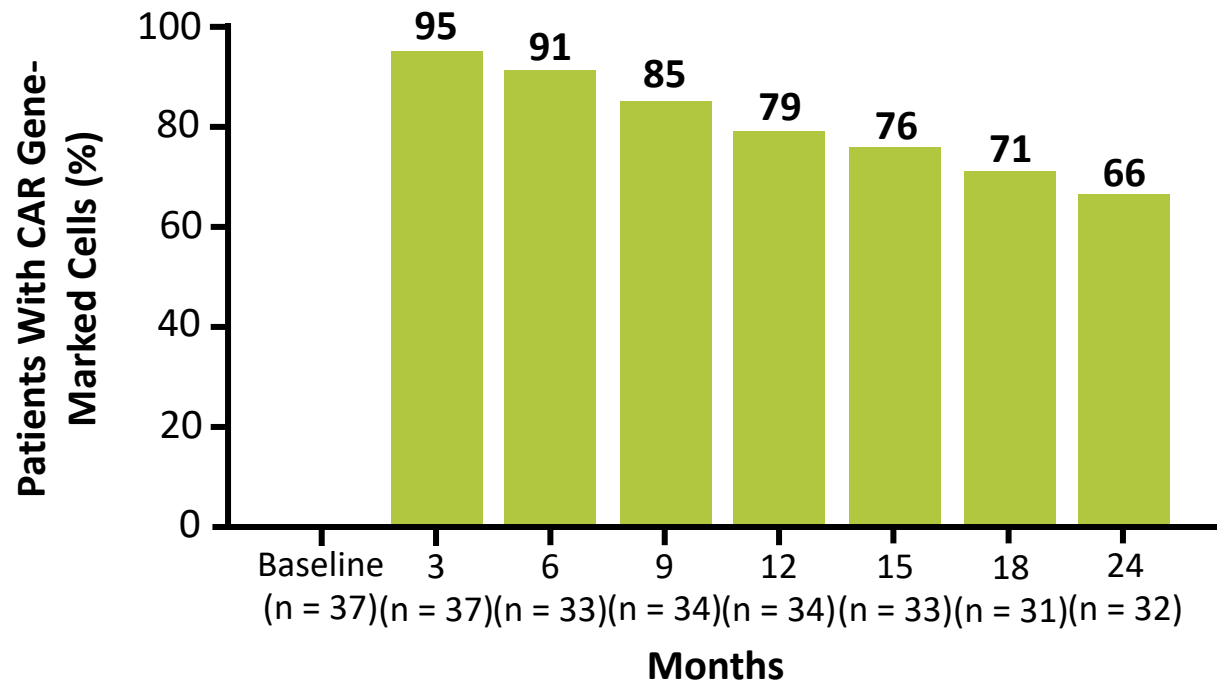
Neelapu, et al. ASH 2017	Phase 2 (Primary Analysis) N = 101	
	ORR	CR
Median follow-up, mo	8.7	
Best objective response, %	82	54
Ongoing, %	44	39

ZUMA-1 Two-Year Results



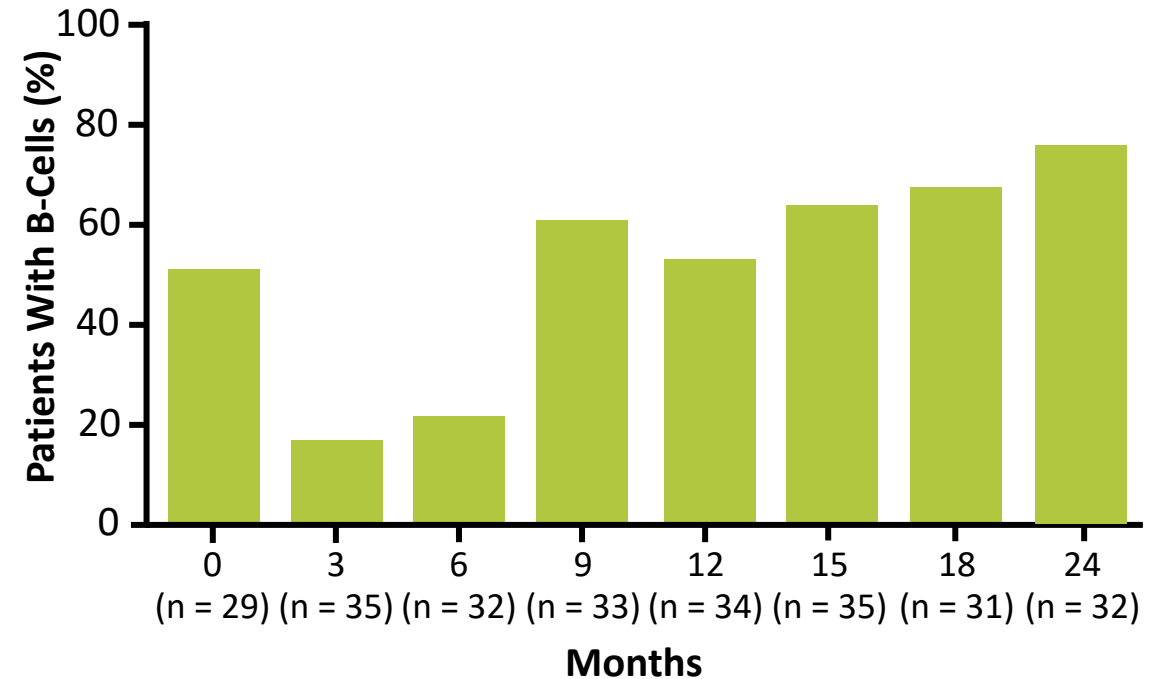
ZUMA-1 Extended 2-Year Follow-Up: CAR T-Cell Persistence and B-Cell Recovery in Responding Patients

Detectable CAR T Cells



- 11/32 (34%) of evaluable patients with ongoing responses at 24 mo had no detectable CAR T cells

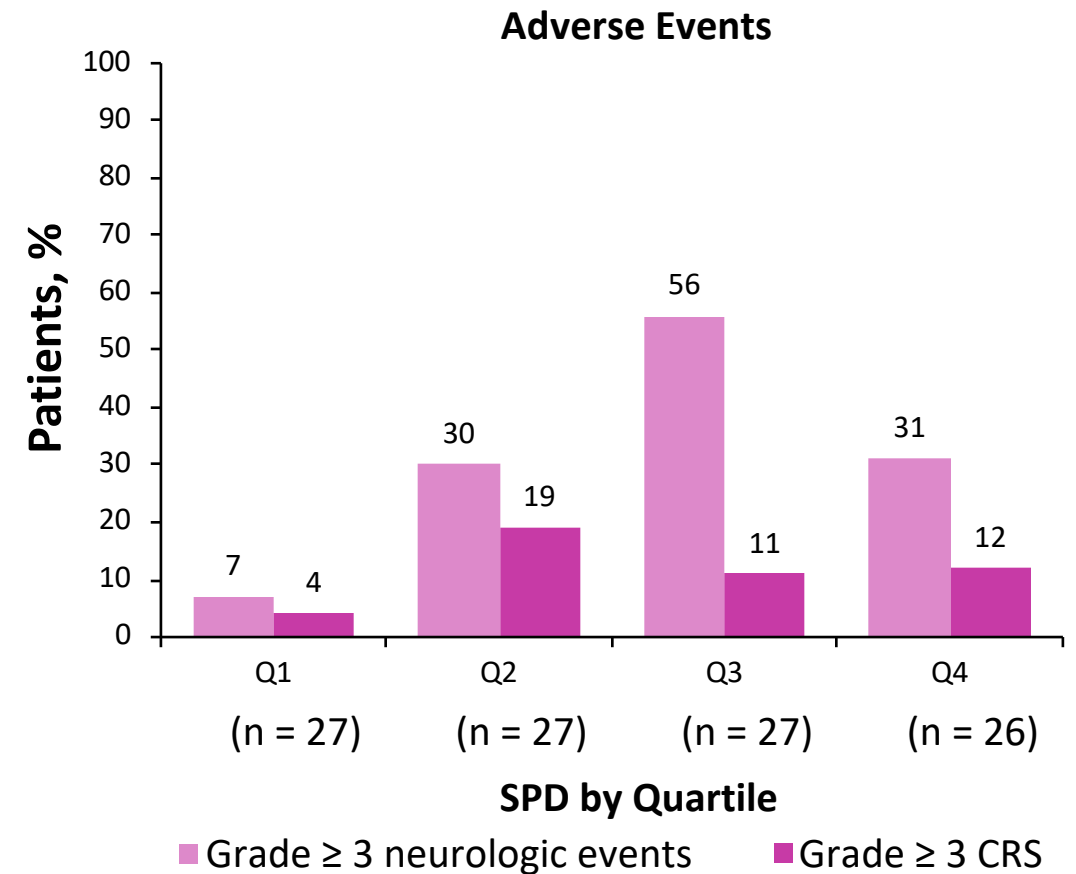
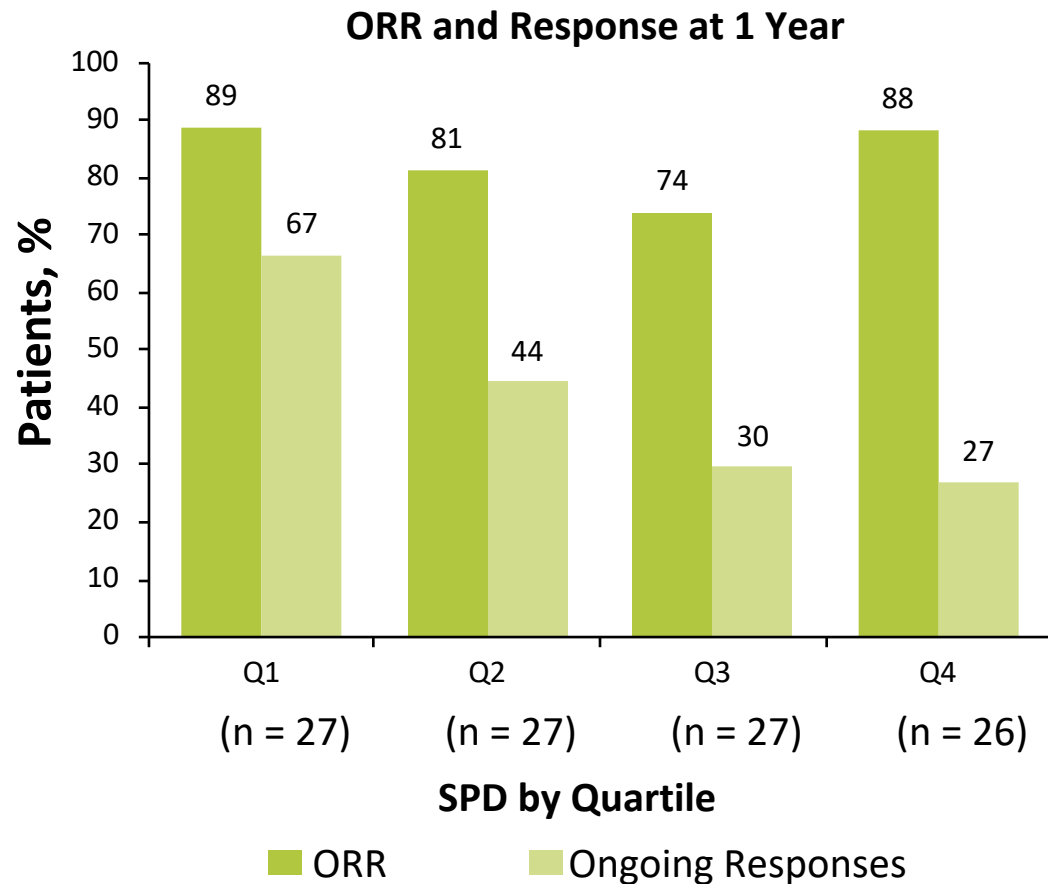
Detectable B Cells



- 24/32 (75%) of evaluable patients with ongoing responses at 24 mo showed evidence of B-cell recovery

ZUMA-1 Predictors: Baseline Tumor Burden

Efficacy and Safety



JULIET Trial: Eligibility and End Points

Tisagenlecleucel (CTL019)

N = 111; Median follow-up, 14 mo (max, 23 mo)

Key Eligibility Criteria

- ≥ 18 years of age
- Central confirmation of histology
- ≥ 2 prior lines of therapy for DLBCL
- PD after or ineligible for auto-SCT
- No prior anti-CD19 therapy
- No active CNS involvement

End Points

- Primary end point: best overall response rate (ORR: CR + PR)
 - Lugano criteria used for response assessment by IRC¹
- Secondary end points: DOR, OS, safety

auto-SCT, autologous stem cell transplant; CNS, central nervous system; CR, complete response; DLBCL, diffuse large B-cell lymphoma; DOR, duration of response; IRC, Independent Review Committee; ORR, overall response rate; OS, overall survival; PD, progressive disease; PR, partial response.

1. Cheson BD, et al. *J Clin Oncol*. 2014;32(27):3059-3068.

JULIET: Patient Characteristics

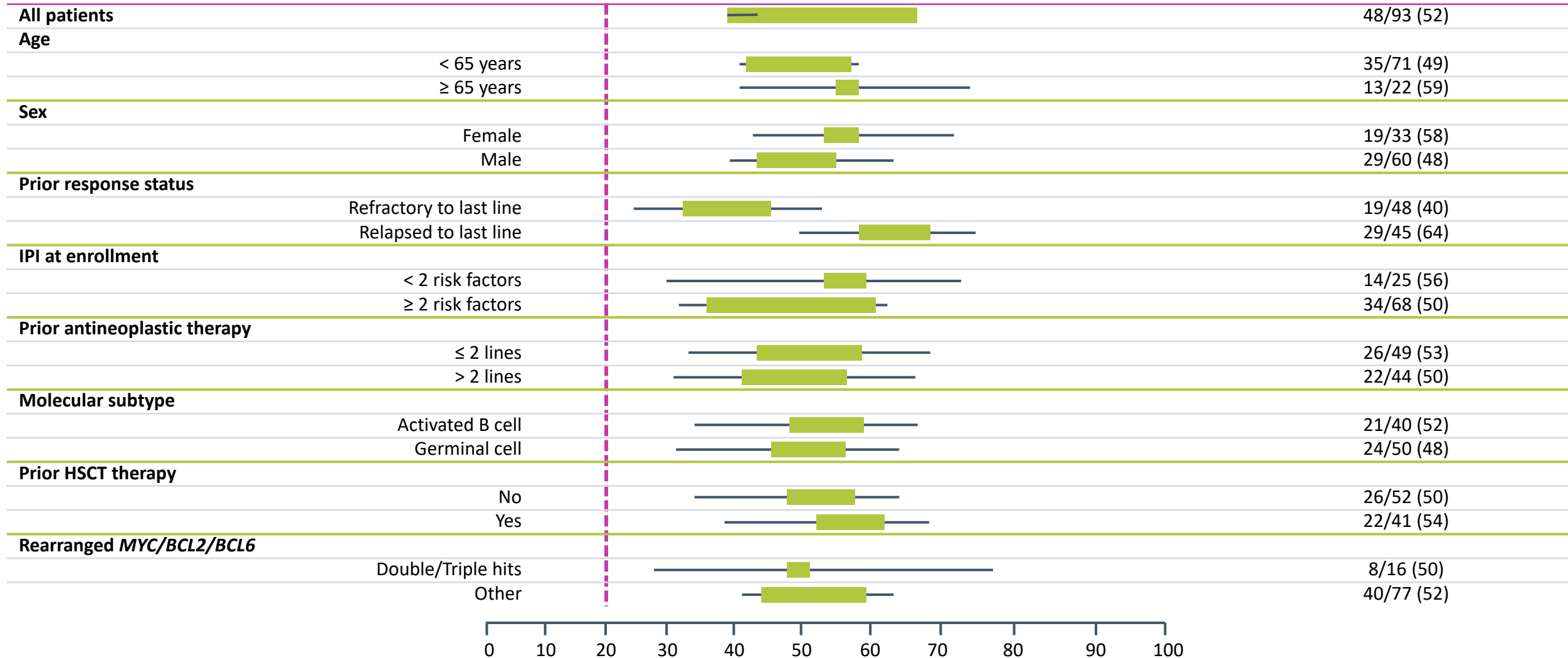
Characteristic	Patients (N = 111)
Age, median (range), years	56 (22-76)
≥ 65 years, %	23
ECOG performance status 0/1, %	55/45
Central histology review	
Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma, %	79
Transformed follicular lymphoma, %	19
Double/triple hits in CMYC/BCL2/BCL6 genes, %	17
Cell of origin	
Germinal/Nongerminal center B-cell type, %	57/41
# of prior lines of antineoplastic therapy, %	
2/3/4-6	44/31/21
IPI ≥ 2 at study entry, %	72
Refractory/Relapsed to last therapy, %	55/45
Prior auto-SCT, %	49
Bridging chemotherapy, n	102
Lymphodepleting chemotherapy, n	103

JULIET: Response Rates

Best ORR within 3 months of infusion, 52% (95% CI, 41-62): 40% CR, 12% PR

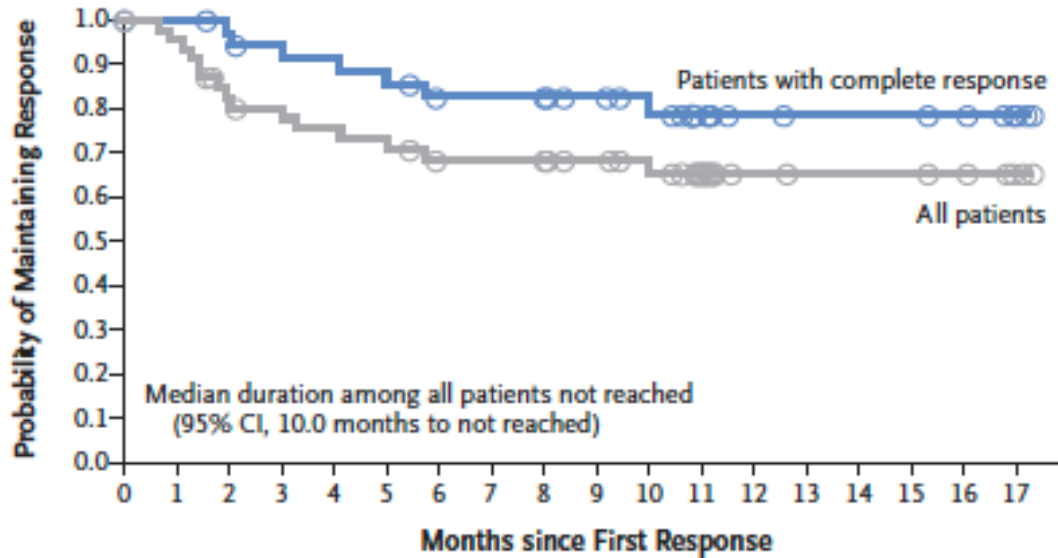
Null Hypothesis of ORR \leq 20%

ORR n/N (%)



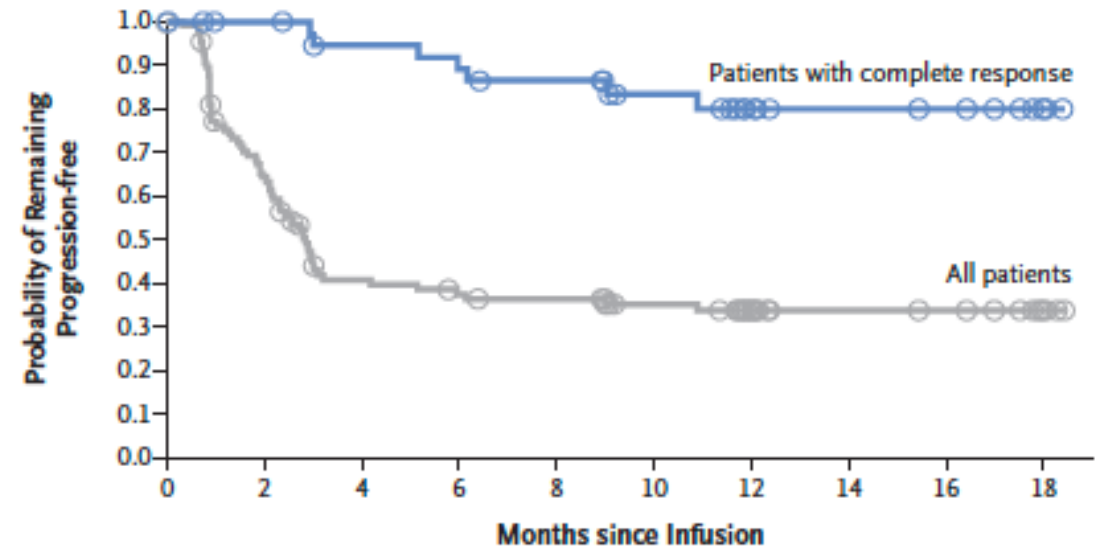
JULIET: DOR and PFS at Median Follow-Up of 14 Months

A Duration of Response



No. at Risk																		
Patients with complete response	37	36	35	32	31	30	26	26	26	23	21	15	9	8	8	8	7	4
All patients	48	37	32	27	27	22	10	9	8									

B Progression-free Survival



No. at Risk																			
Patients with complete response	40	39	39	36	35	35	33	31	31	29	24	23	15	9	9	9	8	7	2
All patients	111	65	38	34	32	25	16	10	9	9	3								

TRANSCEND NHL 001 Trial: Eligibility and End Points

Lisocabtagene Maraleucel (liso-cel; JCAR017)

N = 73*; Median follow-up, 8 mo (CORE cohort)

Key Eligibility Criteria*

- DLBCL after 2 lines of therapy:
 - DLBCL, NOS (de novo or transformed FL)
 - High-grade B-cell lymphoma (double/triple hit)
- Prior SCT allowed
- Secondary CNS involvement allowed
- ECOG 0-2
- No minimum lymphocyte count requirement for apheresis

End Points

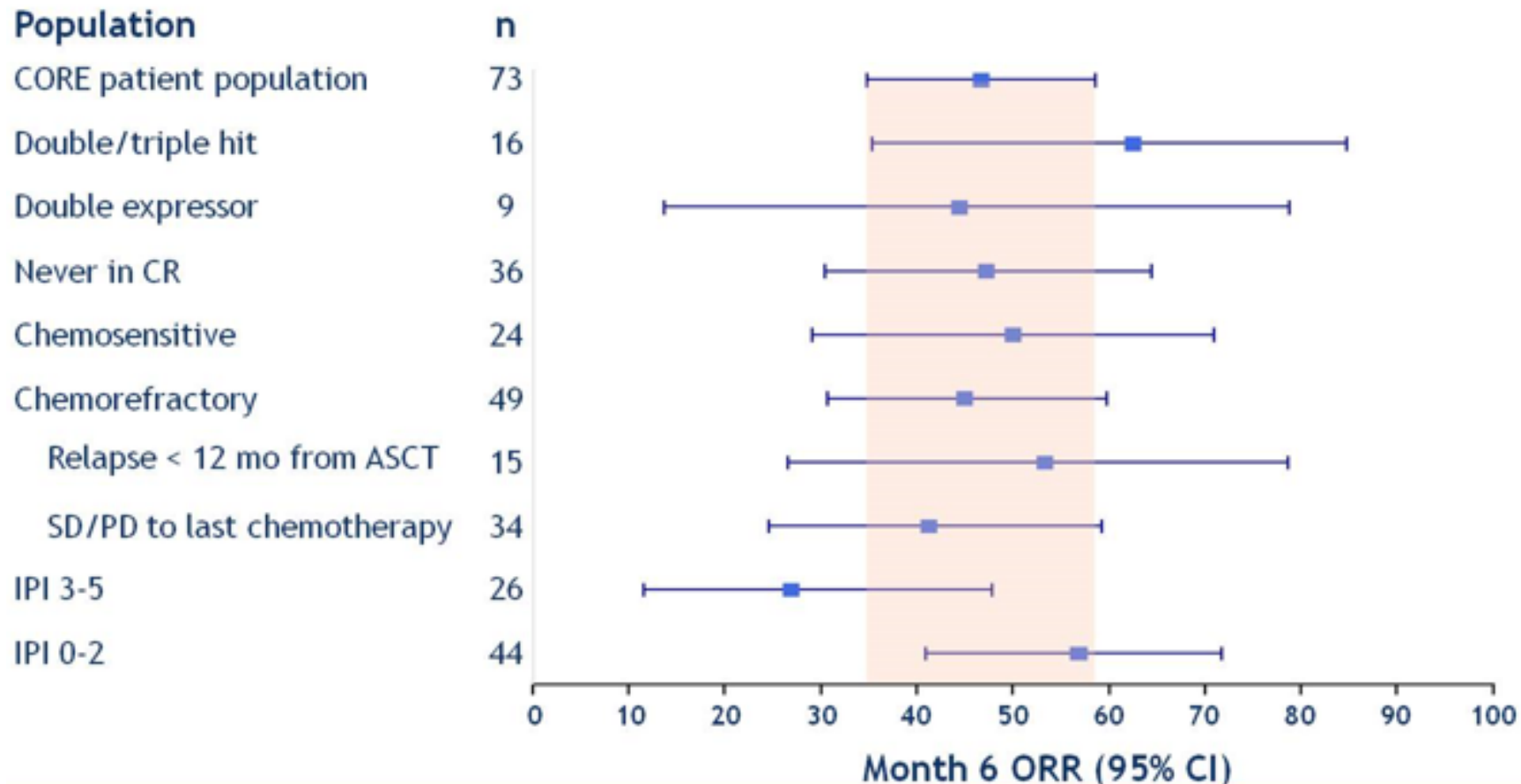
- Response rates
 - ORR, CR, PR
- DOR, OS, safety

*CORE cohort

SCT, stem cell transplant; CNS, central nervous system; CR, complete response; DLBCL, diffuse large B-cell lymphoma; DOR, duration of response; ORR, overall response rate; OS, overall survival; PR, partial response.

TRANSCEND: Response Rates

ORR* at 3 months from infusion, 59% (95% CI, 47-70): 45% CR, 14% PR

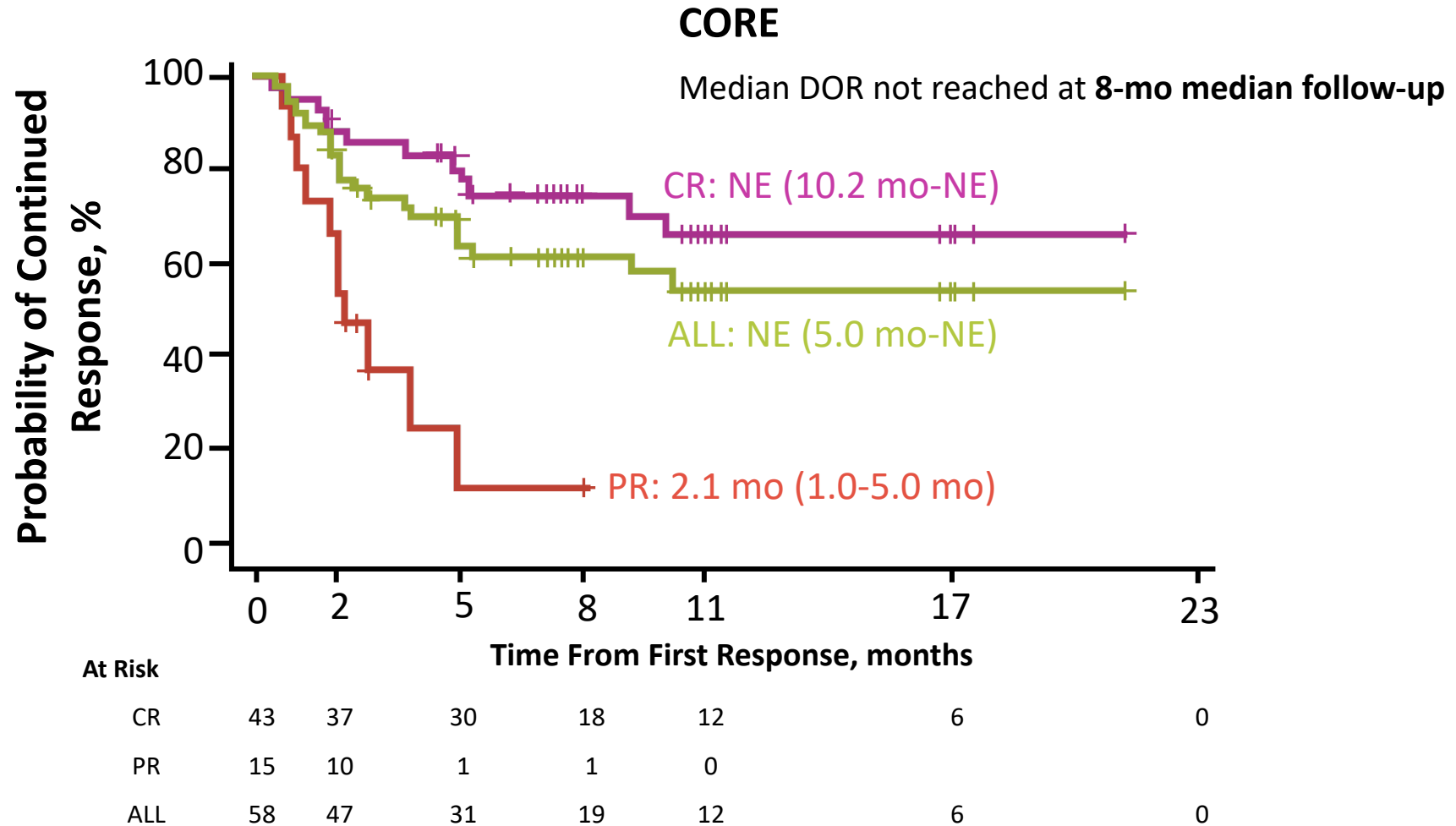


*Includes 2 dose levels in CORE cohort

Abramson, et al. ASCO 2018 (abstr 7505).

TRANSCEND: Lisocabtagene Maraleucel

Response Duration (TRANSCEND)



Current Results: CAR T-Cell Toxicity in DLBCL

	ZUMA-1	JULIET	TRANSCEND FULL	TRANSCEND CORE
Product	Axi-cel	T-cel	Liso-cel	Liso-cel
# treated	101	111	114	NR
CRS (%)	93	58	39	37
Gr 3+ CRS (%)	13	22	1	3
NT (%)	64	21	23	25
Gr 3+ NT (%)	28	12	13	15

Neelapu S. *Lancet Oncol.* 2019;20:31. Schuster SJ, et al. *N Eng J Med.* 2019;380:45-56. Abramson, et al. ASCO 2018 (abstr 7505).

Cross-Trial Comparisons: CD19 CAR T-Cell Therapy for Aggressive Lymphoma

	Axicabtagene Ciloleucel	Tisagenlecleucel	Lisocabtagene Maraleucel ⁺⁺
Costim/Vector	CD28, retroviral	41BB, lentiviral	41BB, lentiviral
Cell product	Bulk T cells	Bulk T cells	CD4/CD8 subsets
Indication	DLBCL, High grade, PMBCL, tFL	DLBCL, High grade, tFL	DLBCL, High grade, PMBCL, tFL
Best ORR	82%	53%	80%
Best CR	58%	40%	59%
6-mo ORR	41%	37%	47%
6-mo CR	36%	30%	41%
CRS overall, 3/4	94%, 13%	58%, 23%*	37%, 1%
NT overall, 3/4	87%, 28%	21%, 12%	23%, 13%
Outpatient Rx	No	Yes (26%)	Yes
Reference	Neelapu S, et al. ASH 2017 (abstr 578).	Schuster SJ, et al. ASH 2017 (abstr 577).	Abramson J, et al. ASH 2017 (abstr 581). Abramson J, et al. ASCO 2018 (abstr 7505).

* Penn grading scale, ++ Not FDA approved
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Factors Associated With Toxicity After CAR T-Cell Therapy

Host/Tumor Factors

- Type of malignancy (ALL > DLBCL)
- Tumor burden
- Baseline inflammatory state

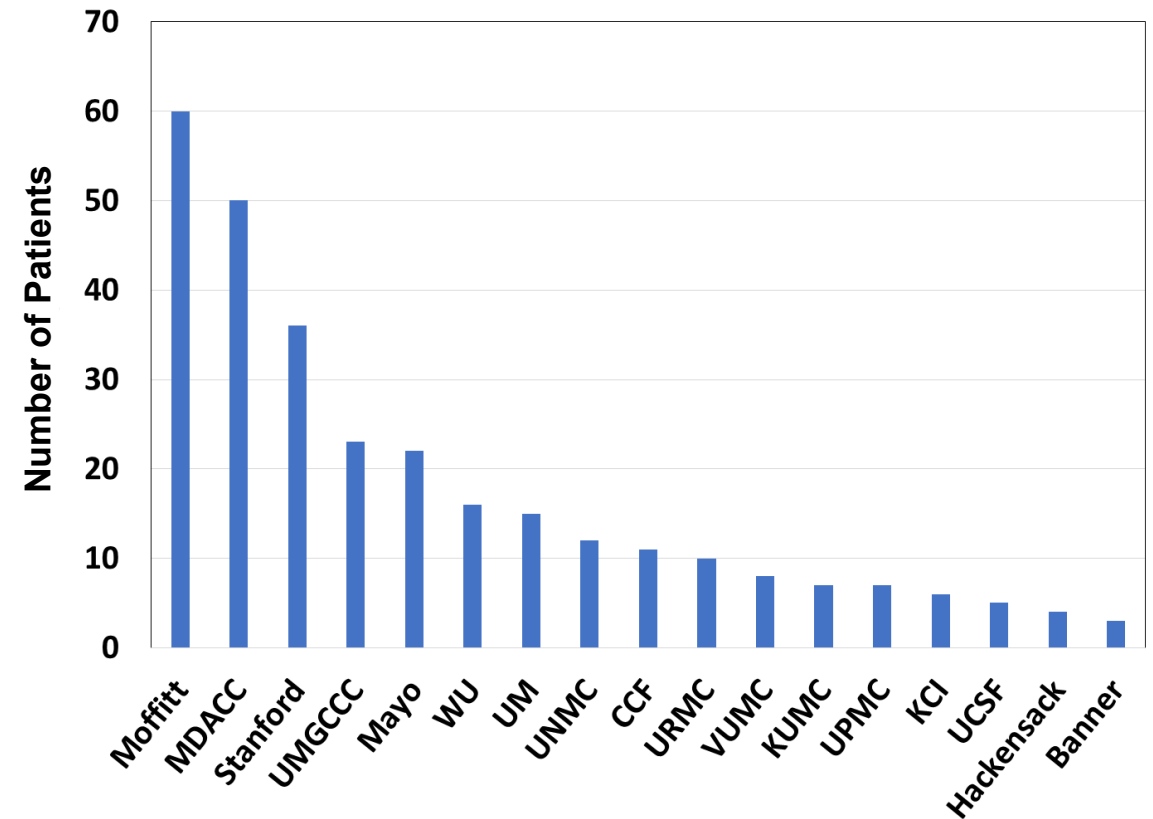
Therapy-Related Factors

- Lymphodepleting/conditioning therapy
- CAR T-cell dose
- Peak blood CAR T-cell levels
- CAR T-cell design (CD28 > 4-1BB)
- CAR T-cell expansion
- Early and peak levels of certain cytokines
- Endothelial activation

Real-World Experience With Axi-cel in Patients With R/R DLBCL

- Objective: Delineate the characteristics and real world outcomes of patients undergoing standard of care axi-cel
- Retrospective analysis of data from 17 academic centers based in the United States
- All patients leukapheresed as of August 31, 2018 with intention to manufacture commercial axi-cel were included in these analyses

N = 295 from 17 centers



Safety of Axi-cel in the Real World

	SOC Axi-cel N = 274 (mITT)	ZUMA-1 ¹ N = 108
All Grades of CRS*, N (%)	240 (92%)	100 (93%)
Grade ≥ 3 CRS, N (%)	18 (7%)	14 (13%)
Median time to onset of CRS	3 days	2 days
All Grades of NT**, N (%)	181 (69%)	70 (65%)
Grade ≥ 3 NT, N (%)	85 (33%)	33 (31%)
Median time to onset of NT	6 days	5 days

* Lee criteria used for grading CRS

** CTCAE or CARTOX criteria used for grading neurotoxicity

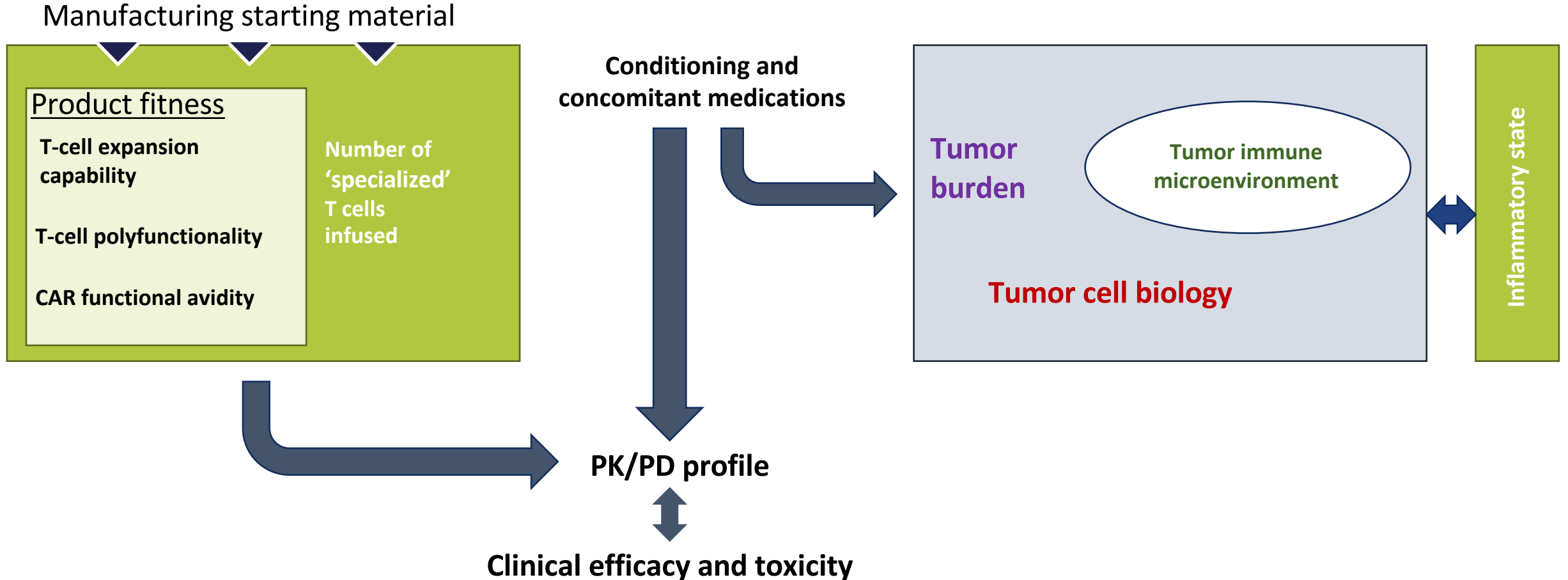
Efficacy of Axi-cel in the Real World

	SOC Axi-cel Evaluable	SOC Axi-Cel	ZUMA-1 ¹ N = 108
Median follow-up, months		3.9	15.4
Day 30 ORR, N (%)	238	191 (80)	N/A
Day 30 CR, N (%)		113 (47)	N/A
Best ORR at Day 90, N (%)	248^a	201 (81)	89 (82)
Best CR at Day 90, N (%)		142 (57)	63 (58)

^a Evaluable patients as of data cut-off date of October 31, 2018

Which Patients Are Most Appropriate for CAR T-Cell Therapy?

Factors That Influence Treatment Success and Failure to CAR T-Cell Therapy: A Hypothesized Model



Adapted from Locke, et al. SITC 2018. #P212.

CAR, chimeric antigen receptor; PD, pharmacodynamics; PK, pharmacokinetics.

Who Should Be Referred for Commercial CAR T-Cell Therapy?

- FDA label very broad
 - Relapsed/refractory HGBL, DLBCL, PMBL (axi-cel only) or tFL after 2 lines of systemic therapy
 - No active CNS lymphoma
 - No upper age limit
 - No evidence that tumor must demonstrate CD19+
- Real-world studies suggest that expansion beyond clinical trial criteria preserves efficacy without an increase in toxicity
 - Eligibility criteria will be center dependent

Post-CAR T-Cell Therapy Management and Concerns

- Patients remain within 2 hours of treating center for 4 weeks, and abstain from driving for 8 weeks, following CAR T-cell infusion due to a low risk of recurrent CRS and/or NT
- After this, patients should be monitored for
 - Prolonged cytopenias – transfusions as indicated, G-CSF as needed for neutropenia
 - B-cell aplasia (IgG levels) – replete with IVIG for levels < 400
 - Relapse
 - Secondary malignancies
- Antibiotic (herpes virus and PJP) prophylaxis
 - For approximately 6 months (depending on the immunologic status of the patient)
- Upon relapse, patients should be biopsied
 - Immunomodulatory therapies have had success in salvaging CAR T-cell relapses; can check for PD-L1 on the tumor
 - Repeat CAR T-cell infusions have had limited testing in lymphoma and it is unclear if there is any role in this population

Patients with NHL: Possibly Eligible for CAR-T

- Before salvage is started, check with the CAR-T center
- Possible clinical trial eligibility and salvage therapy is dictated on these trials
- Close follow up at the CAR-T cell center needed
- Some toxicities are unique to CAR-T cells (CRS, NT)
- Relapse after CAR-T may also need different therapies