Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma: A Primer

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What is lymphoma?

Lymphoma is a family of blood cancers derived from mature lymphocytes







- Lymphocytes normally fight viruses, bacteria, fungi, and foreign organisms
- Lymphocytes travel in lymphatic system
- These cells can grow in nodal and extranodal locations



NHL: US Burden of Disease 2020

Prostate 191,930 21% Lung & bronchus 13% 116,300 Colon & rectum 9% 78,300 Urinary bladder 62,100 7% Melanoma of the skin 60,190 7% Kidnov & ronal polyic 15 520 50% Non-Hodgkin lymphoma 5% 42,380 J0,J0U 470 Leukemia 35,470 4% 3% Pancreas 30,400 All sites 893,660

Estimated New Cases

Male

Female

Breast	276,480	30%
Lung & bronchus	112,520	12%
Colon & rectum	69,650	8%
Uterine corpus	65,620	7%
Thyroid	40,170	4%
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	10,100	170
Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	34,860	4%
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80,000 new cases/year 20,000 deaths/year

662,789 people living with lymphoma



American Cancer Society. Cancer Facts & Figures 2020. Atlanta, GA: American Cancer Society; 2020.

Etiology

- Increasing age
- Abnormalities of the immune system
 - Inherited
 - Related to treatment of another condition
 - Acquired (HIV)
- Viruses
 - Hepatitis B and C
 - Human herpes virus 6
- Exposure to certain chemicals
- Bacteria
 - Helicobacter pylori

Genetics? Environment? Diet/lifestyle?



Age Distribution of NHL vs. HL







DIAGNOSIS



"Tissue is the issue," and "more is better"

	PRO	CON
Fine needle aspirate	 can distinguish lymphoma from other cancers Quick, easy, office-based 	 Unable to give architectural detail Insufficient for most prognostic tests
Core needle biopsy	•Can be done in hard to reach places (stomach, spinal cord)	 Unable to give architectural detail Insufficient for most prognostic tests
Incisional or excisional biopsy	 Gold standard Allows architectural evaluation Allows tests for prognosis 	 May be more invasive May require surgery and anesthesia
	•Can be used for research	

Excisional lymph node biopsy





NHL Classification Systems

- 1970's:
 - Rappaport classification
 - Kiel classification
 - Lukes & Collins classification
 - British National Lymphoma classification
 - Dorfman classification
- 1981:
 - Working formulation
- 1990's:
 - Updated Kiel classification
 - REAL classification
- 2001, 2008, 2017: WHO classification





Working formulation





Conceptual approach to lymphomas

Clinical behavior

B-cell development





Conceptual approach to lymphomas: clinical behavior



Conceptual approach to B-NHL: normal B-cell development





Cellular Origin of B-Cell Lymphomas

Most B-Cell Lymphomas Are Derived From the Germinal Center





Conceptual approach to lymphoma: WHO classification

- Lineage is the starting point of disease definition
 - B, T, or NK cells
- Each disease is a distinct entity based on a constellation of clinical and laboratory features
 - Morphology
 - Immunophenotype
 - Genetic features
 - Clinical presentation and course
- Site of involvement is often a signpost for important biological distinctions

Use of clinical features is a novel aspect; diagnosis is not made in vacuum



There are nearly 100 types of lymphoma



Goals of therapy vary by histology and expected clinical behavior: □Curative intent □Palliative intent



WHO Classification of Lymphoid Malignancies 2008, 2016 update

There are many ways to slice the "lymphoma pie"





Treatment: General Principles

- Accurate histologic diagnosis essential
- Treatment decisions based primarily on HISTOLOGY rather than STAGE
 - Age
 - Pace of illness
 - Systemic symptoms



Goal of treatment depends on the disease





Type of treatment depends on the disease



Combination chemotherapy, stem cell transplant

Observation, monoclonal antibodies, targeted agents, chemoimmunotherapy

Aggressive chemotherapy, stem cell transplant



DLBCL

- Most common NHL, peak incidence 6th decade
- Large cells with loss of follicular architecture of node
- May present as extranodal disease (stomach, CNS, testis, skin)
- Median survival, weeks to months if not treated
- Immunophenotype: CD19+, CD20+, CD22+, CD79a+
- Cytogenetics: t(14;18) in 20-30%; 3q27 in 30%
- Curable in 30-90%







DLBCL: a study in clinical and biologic heterogeneity



Clinicopathologic subtypes (PMBL, PCNSL, 1⁰ testicular lymphoma, IVL, PEL)

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Morphologic variants

Genomic variants

Gene expression profiling subtypes

Altered protein expression



2002+: Rituximab plus CHOP-like regimens improves overall survival



Pfreundschuh et al., Lancet Oncol. 2008; 9: 105. Pfreundschuh et al., Lancet Oncol. 2006; 7: 379. Habermann et al., JCO. 2006; 24: 3121. Feugier et al., JCO. 2005; 23: 4117.





CAN WE MOVE BEYOND R-CHOP?



Challenging R-CHOP



Possible reasons for equivalent outcomes

- Trials enrolled all-comers with DLBCL
 - Not stratified for GC and non-GC
 - Inadvertent inclusion of double hit lymphomas
 - Mixture of DEL and non DEL
- Not powered to detect differences based on outcomes of subgroups
- Unexpectedly good outcomes for the control arm



Retrospective data identifies high-risk groups unlikely to be cured with R-CHOP

SUBSET	FREQ	R-CHOP		
		CR	PFS	OS
ABC DLBCL	30-50%	NR	2-yr 28%	2-yr 46%
Double hit lymphoma	3-12%	40%	1-yr %	<1yr
Dual expression of MYC/BCL2	21%	NR	5-yr 27%	5-yr 30%
Elderly DLBCL>60y	50%	70-80%	5-yr 50%	5-yr 58%
High IPI	45%	NR	4-yr 53%	4-yr 55%

*DPL: dual protein expression of MYC and BCL2

Ref: Aukema Blood 2011) Hu Blood 2013; Oki 2014, Maurer 2014, Feugier 2005, Sehn 2005; Nowakowski 2014; Johnson John 2012.



Cell-of-origin (COO) model: there are two biologic subgroups in DLBCL





Lenz et al. N Engl J Med. 2008;359:2313-2323.

Cell of origin Subtypes of DLBCL: Immunophenotypic Classification



Figure 4. Immunohistochemical algorithm to identify germinal center B-cell like DLBCL (GCB) from non-germinal center B-cell like DLBCL.

Smith SM and Vose JM. Management of Diffuse Large B-cell Lymphoma. In: O'Brien S, Kantarjian H, Vose JM, eds. Management of Hematologic Malignancies Cambridge University Press 2009



Beyond Cell of Origin: MYC and BCL2 abnormalities



□ Either the GENES or the PROTEINS can be abnormal

□ If it's the GENES/CHROMOSOMES: "Double Hit Lymphoma"

If it's the PROTEINS WITHOUT THE GENES: DLBCL with dual expression ""dual expressor lymphoma"



DHL > Dual expression

Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma, NOS

- Distinction of GCB vs ABC/non-GC type required with use of immunohistochemical algorithm acceptable, may affect therapy.
- Coexpression of MYC and BCL2 considered new prognostic marker (double-expressor lymphoma).
- Mutational landscape better understood but clinical impact remains to be determined.

Approximately 25-30% of DLBCL have dual protein expression

BCL2 <u>></u>50% MYC <u>></u> 40%

Swerdlow, et al., BLOOD, 19 MAY 2016 x VOLUME 127, NUMBER 20



Double hit lymphoma <u>vs</u>. **DLBCL**, not otherwise specified with dual expression of MYC and BCL2

Double-hit lymphoma

- High grade B-cell lymphoma with translocations of MYC, BCL2, +/-BCL6
- Accounts for 5-7% of all DLBCL
- > New category:
 - 2016 WHO category: "High grade B-cell lymphoma, with rearrangements of MYC and BCL2 and/or BCL6"
- Outcome poor with standard therapies

Majority are germinal center DLBCL

Double-expressing lymphomas

- DLBCL with immunohistochemical expression of MYC (≥40%) and BCL2 (≥50% recommended in 2016 WHO revision) *in the absence of* <u>translocations</u>
- ➢ Accounts for 20-30% of all DLBCL
- Not a distinct entity but an adverse prognostic factor
- Outcome inferior to other DLBCLs treated with R-CHOP, but not as poor as DHL

Majority are non-germinal center DLBCL



R-CHOP is insufficient in DHL



R-CHOP was inferior to intensive treatment: HR 0.53 (95% CI 0.29-0.98, P 5 .042).



R-CHOP is insufficient in DHL







CNS PROPHYLAXIS



Who needs CNS prophylaxis?



Schmitz JCO 2016



Who needs CNS prophylaxis?





Suggested treatment approach for aggressive B-cell lymphomas: 2017

- Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma Cell of origin GCB vs. non-GCB Double expressor MYC and BCL2 protein overexpression High grade B-cell lymphoma with MYC, BCL2 and/or BCL6 rearrangements Double/Triple hit lymphoma
- **R-CHOP R-CHOP** Intensive therapy **Consider CNS** prophylaxis





WHAT IF THE DISEASE DOES NOT RESPOND OR COMES BACK?

"Treatment Algorithm" for DLBCL



Autologous stem cell transplant



collected from the donor (patient), the cells are mixed with a cryoprotective agent so that they can be frozen (for many years) and then later thawed without injury. Once the patient has completed the conditioning treatment, the frozen stem cell collection is thawed and infused into the patient so that blood cell production can be restored.

https://www.lls.org/treatment/types-of-treatment/stem-celltransplantation/autologous-stem-cell-transplantation

- Autologous stem cell transplant is based on the concept that "more is better"
- There are 4 main parts:
 - "Salvage" chemotherapy
 - Stem cell collection ("mobilization")
 - Delivery of high dose chemotherapy with autologous stem cell rescue
 - Post transplant recovery and immunizations
- It works best if:
 - Disease responds to salvage chemotherapy
 - There is no bone marrow involvement
 - Patient is in good condition to receive high doses of chemotherapy



CORAL: outcome by prior rituximab exposure and time to relapse



Expected survival for rel/ref DLBCL



Patients unable to undergo autologous stem cell transplant have median survivals < 1 year



Crump Blood Aug 3, 2017, pre-pub

CAR-T cell therapy

- Uses a patient's own T-cells instead of stem cells
- Does not require the disease to be in remission
- Uses less chemotherapy than an autologous stem cell transplant
- A "living drug"
- Has different risks:
 - Cytokine release syndrome (CRS)
 - Neurotoxicity



CAR-T cell process

CAR T-cell Therapy





https://www.cancer.gov/publications/dictionaries/cancer-terms/def/car-t-cell-therapy

CD19 Directed CAR T Cell Products in Clinical Development





2-year follow up of ZUMA-1

Progression-Free Survival



 The 6-month plateau was largely maintained, with only 10 patients progressing beyond the 6-month follow-up

NR, not reached; PFS, progression-free survival.

Neelapu et al ASH 2018 2967



Axi-cel

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JULIET: Median Duration of Response



- · No relapses were observed beyond 11 months after infusion
- 54% (15/28) of patients who had achieved a PR converted to CR



(Tisa-cel)

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Response and Durability by IRC Assessment



Efficacy among patients who received nonconforming product (n=25) was similar to those who received liso-cel

CI, confidence interval; CR, complete response; DOR, duration of response; IRC, independent review committee; NR, not reached; ORR, objective response rate; PR, partial response. Permission for Celgene to distribute these slides was granted by the lead author.

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Efficacy of CAR T-Cell Therapy in B-NHL

	Axicabtagene Ciloleucel	Tisagenlecleucel	Lisocabtagene Maraleucel
Median follow-up	24 months	18 months	12 months
Best ORR	74%	50%	80%
Best CR Rate	54%	32%	59%
Median PFS	5.9 months	2.9 months	
Median OS	NR	12 months	NR
Durable ORR	36%	34%	49%
Durable CR Rate	35%	29%	46%

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No standard of care—goal is palliation

• Clinical trials

- Chemoimmunotherapy
 - Gemcitabine-based regimens
 - Pola-BR
- Non-chemotherapy options
 - Selinexor
 - Tafasitamab-lenalidomide (FDA-approved 7/31/2020)
 - Ibrutinib (preferential activity in non-GC DLBCL)*
 - Len/rituximab (preferential activity in non-GC DLBCL)*
- Best supportive care



Pola-BR: anti CD79b ADC plus BR



- Primary endpoint CR rate at EOT
- Med f/u 22.3 months

Sehn *Journal of Clinical Oncology* 36, no. 15_suppl (May 20, 2018) 7507-7507. Figure courtesy of Roche.com



RP2: Pola-BR vs. BR

	Pola-BR (n=40)	BR (n=40)
Median age	67y (33-86)	71y (30-84)
Male	70%	62.5%
PS 0-1	83%	78%
ABC-DLBCL	48%	48%
GCB-DLBCL	38%	43%
Med prior Rx	2 (1-7)	2 (1-5)
Ref to last Rx	75%	85%
DOR to last Rx <u><</u> 12 m	45%	48%

Main reasons for transplant ineligibility include advanced age and insufficient response to prior salvage therapy



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Pola-BR vs. BR Results



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Selinexor: oral XPO1 inhibitor

Selinexor: Mechanism of Action



Exportin I (XPOI or CRMI) mediates the nuclear export of proteins, mRNAs, rRNAs, snRNAs and impacts

- Tumor suppressor proteins (p53, IκB, FOXO etc.)
- eIF4E (Translational initiation factor) bound oncogenic mRNAs (c-Myc, Bcl-xL, cyclins etc.)

Selinexor is an oral selective XPOI inhibitor; preclinical data support that XPOI inhibition:

- Reactivates multiple TSPs relevant to NHL, (p53, p21, IkB, FOXO etc.)
- Disrupts localization of eIF4e (overexpressed in most B-cell lymphomas¹
- Reduces c-Myc, Bcl-2, and Bcl-6 levels²⁻³

1. Kodali 2011 2. Kuruvilla 2014 3. Schmidt 2013



SADAL: Phase 2b trial of selinexor monotherapy

Oral Selinexor 60 mg twice-weekly Days 1, 3 – 28 day cycle



Treatment until PD or intolerable toxicity; Response assessed every 8 weeks per Cheson 2014



mITT Population for all Analysis and Safety (>Protocol Version 6 patients)

Objectives:

- Primary Endpoint: Overall response rate (ORR): Independent Central Radiological Review (ICRR); Lugano Classification (2014)
- Secondary Endpoints: Duration of response (DOR), Overall survival (OS), Safety

Modified Intent to Treat (mITT) Population: All patients who were randomized to the 60 mg Arm

Characteristic	N
Enrolled* as of April 3, 2019	127
Median Age, Years (Range)	67 (35–87)
Males (%) : Females (%)	75 (59%) : 52 (41%)
Median Years from DLBCL Diagnosis (Range)	2.6 yrs (<1–26.2)
De novo DLBCL : Transformed DLBCL : Unknown	96 (76%) : 30 (24%) : I (<1%)
GCB Subtype : Non-GCB Subtype : Unclassified	59 GCB : 63 Non-GCB : 5
71 71	Unclassified
Median Prior Treatment Regimens (Range)	2 (1-6)
Prior Transplantation	39 (31%)



SADAL: Results



•Selinexor dosing is 60mg BIW with 17% stopping due to A/Es

- •ORR 29% (CR 13%)
- •Median DOR 9.3 months and for CR 23 months
- •Main toxicities: asthenia, nausea, weight loss, cytopenias



Tafasitamab MOA

+

MOR208 Fc-enhanced, anti-CD19 mAb

- ADCC [†]
- ADCP
- Direct Cell Death
- Encouraging single agent activity in NHL patients with long DoR in R/R DLBCL



Lenalidomide

- T and NK Cell Activation/Expansion
- Direct Cell Death
- Demonstrated activity as an anti-lymphoma agent, alone or in combination
- Approved for treatment of MCL and FL/MZL

Potentiation of activity by combining Tafasitamab & LEN in vivo and in vitro





L-MIND: Study Design



biomarker-based analyses



Salles et al. ICML 2019. #124.

-Response assessment (Cheson 2007 Criteria) was after cycles 2, 4, 6, 9 and 12, thereafter every 3 cycles.

-ASCT, autologous stem cell transplant; HDCT, high-dose chemotherapy; SD, stable disease, p.o., per os.

L-MIND: Baseline Characteristics

Characteristic	Specification	n=81 (%)
Sex	Male Female	44 (54) 37 (46)
Age [years]*	median (range)	72 (41-86)
Risk (IPI)*	0-2 3-5	40 (49) 41 (51)
Ann Arbor Stage*	1-11 111-1V	20 (25) 61 (75)
Elevated LDH*	Yes No	45 (56) 36 (44)
Prior Lines*	median 1 2 3 4	2 40 (49) 35 (43) 5 (6) 1(1)
Primary Refractory	Yes No	15 (18) 66 (82)
Refractory to last prior therapy*	Yes No	36 (44) 45 (56)
Prior SCT	Yes No	9 (11) 72 (89)
Cell of Origin (Centrally assessed - Hans algorithm)	GCB Non-GCB Unknown	37 (46) 20 (25) 24 (30)

*at study entry



L-MIND: Treatment-Emergent AEs



- 5 infusion-related reactions in 5 patients (6%) were reported for Tafasitamab (all grade 1)
- Treatment-related SAEs occurred in 15 (18.5%) patients (primarily infections [10%] or neutropenic fever [5%])

4 treatment-emergent deaths (sudden death, respiratory failure, cerebrovascular accident, PML) were reported as unrelated to study drugs N=81. TEAEs, treatment-emergent adverse events, numbers represent % patients



L-MIND: Efficacy





28 patients still ongoing with study treatment



Median DoR 21.7 mo (95% CI 21.7 - NR)

Key Outcomes: ORR 60%** CR 42.9% Med DR 21.7m Med PFS 12.1m 12m OS 73.7%

29 deaths recorded



Salles et al. ICML 2019. #124; Lancet Oncology 2020.

Treatment considerations in relapsed aggressive B-cell lymphomas



CLINICAL TRIAL!!



*not FDA-approved

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& BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Not pictured: Rachel Kraft, Michelle Rainer, Amy Wang

Questions?



