Loncastuximab Tesirine: Role in Crowded Real World Space?

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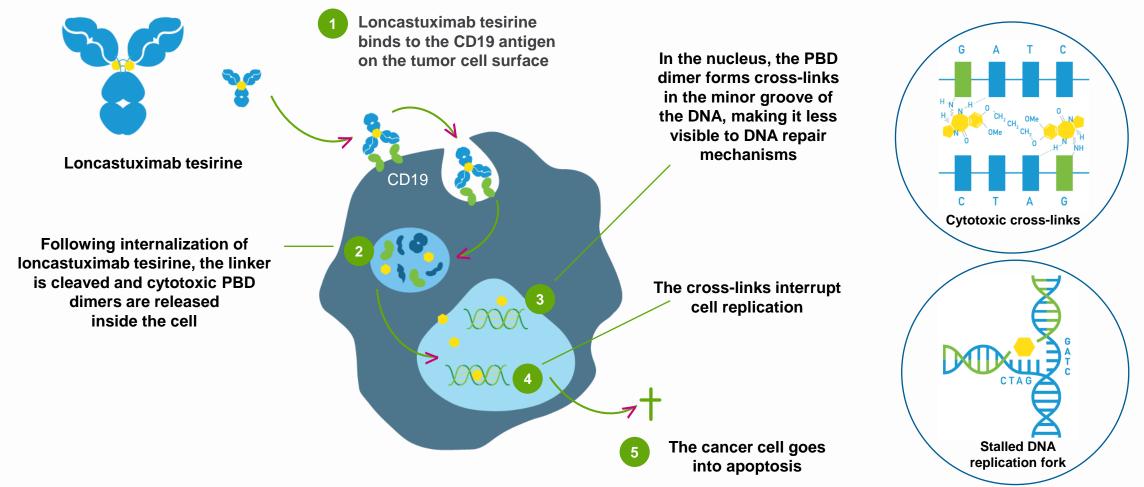
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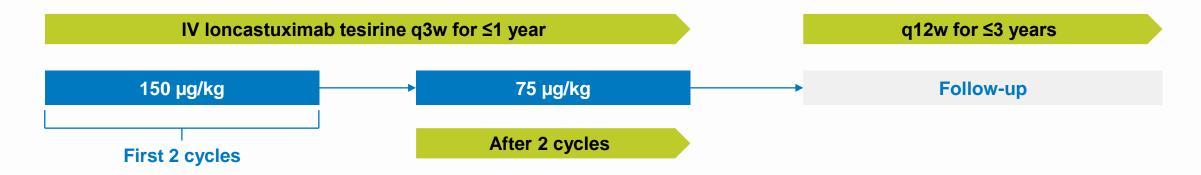
Loncastuximab Tesirine: CD19 ADC





LOTIS-2: Study Design

- Patients with R/R DLBCL for whom salvage chemotherapy/SCT is unsuccessful and who have a poor prognosis and limited treatment options^{1,2}
- Loncastuximab tesirine comprises a humanized anti-CD19 antibody conjugated to a potent PBD dimer toxin³
- LOTIS-2 is a multicenter, open-label, single-arm, phase II study in patients aged ≥18 years with pathologically defined R/R DLBCL and ≥2 prior systemic treatments⁴⁻⁶
 - Included patients with high-risk characteristics such as double-hit, triple-hit, transformed, or primary refractory DLBCL⁴



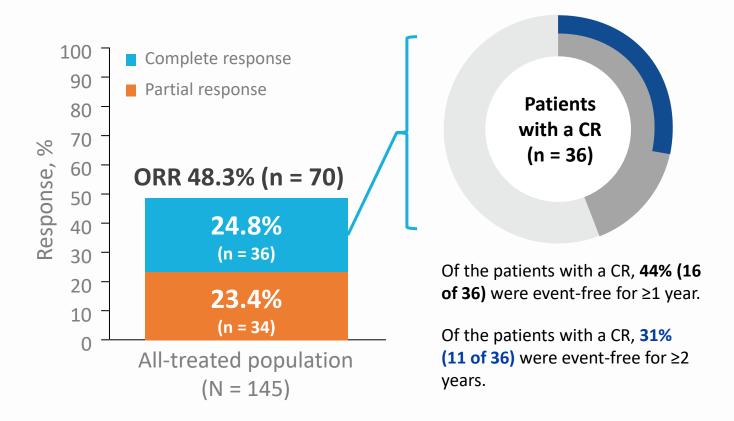
- Primary efficacy and safety data have been published (≥6 months since first dose)⁴
- Presented are updated results (≥17 months since first dose)



Study findings were previously presented as a poster at the International Conference on Malignant Lymphoma (ICML) Virtual Congress, June 18–22, 2021.

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Overall Response Rate and Long-term Responses Observed in the All-Treated Population



Median (range) number of treatment cycles		
All-treated population	3.0 (1-26)	
Pts with a CR	8.0 (1-26)	
Pts with a CR, event-free ≥1 year ^a	12.5 (1- 26)	
Pts with a CR, event-free ≥2 years ^a	13.0 (1- 22)	

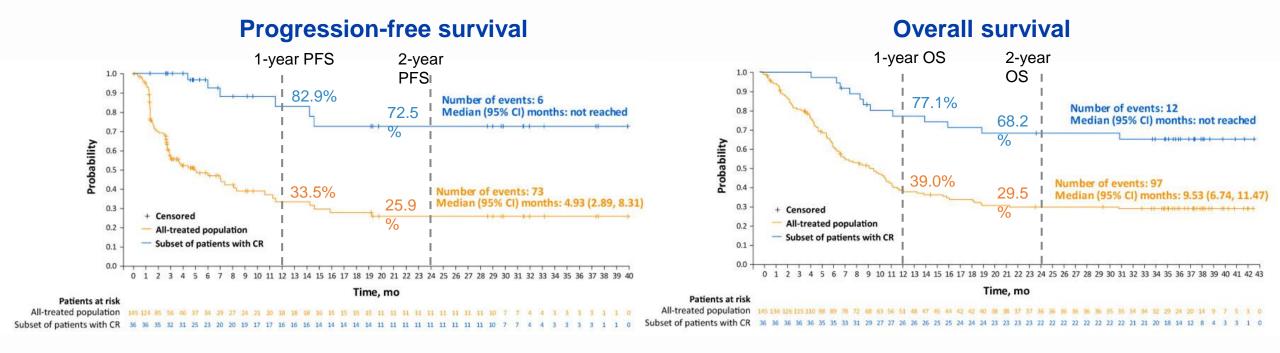


Data cutoff: September 15, 2022.

The median duration of follow-up was 7.8 months (range, 0.3-42.6 months) in the all-treated population and 35.0 months (range, 4.4-42.6 months) in patients with a CR.

^aEvent-free is defined as no progressive disease or death starting from day 1, cycle 1 of Lonca treatment. CR, complete response; Lonca, loncastuximab tesirine-lpyl; ORR, overall response rate; pts, patients.

PFS and OS: All-Treated Population and Patients With a CR



DOR for CR pts not reached; for all responders 13.4 months.



All-Grade and Grade ≥3 Adverse Events

TEAEs, any grade in ≥30% of patients	All- treated populatio n, N = 145	Patients with a CR, n = 36
Patients with any TEAE	98.6%	100%
Increased GGT	42%	50%
Neutropenia	40%	42%
Thrombocytopenia	33%	36%
Anemia	26%	36%
Peripheral edema	20%	33%
Nausea	23%	31%

TEAEs, grade ≥3 in ≥10% of patients	All- treated populatio n, N = 145	Patients with a CR, n = 36
Patients with any TEAE	73.8%	75%
Neutropenia	26%	28%
Thrombocytopenia	18%	19%
Increased GGT	17%	19%
Anemia	10%	8.3%
Leukopenia	9%	14%
Hypophosphatemia	6%	11%

No new safety signals were identified during the long-term follow-up.



Crowded Therapy Landscape in R/R DLBCL

Approved Therapy Options in U.S.A:

- Polatuzumab ± BR
- Tafasitamab / Lenalidomide
- Loncastuximab tesirine
 - Selinexor
 - Bispecifics (epcoritamab, glofitamab)

Cellular Immunotherapy:

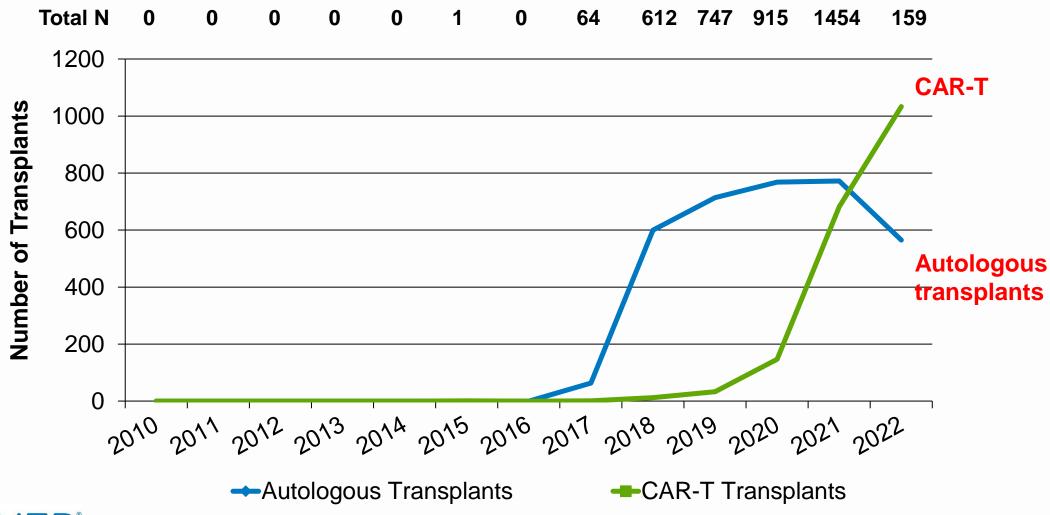
- CAR T-cell therapy (CD19 directed) & investigational platforms
 - Bispecifics (knocking on the door)

Hematopoietic Cell Transplant (HCT):

- Autologous and allogeneic transplant



U.S. Trends for autologous transplant vs. CAR-T for Diffuse Large B-Cell Lymphoma (2010-22)





Clinical Application of Lonca in Off-trial setting

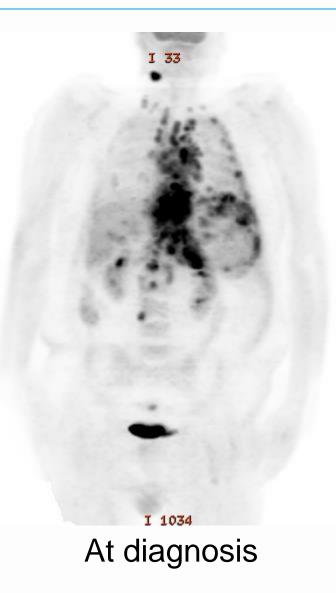
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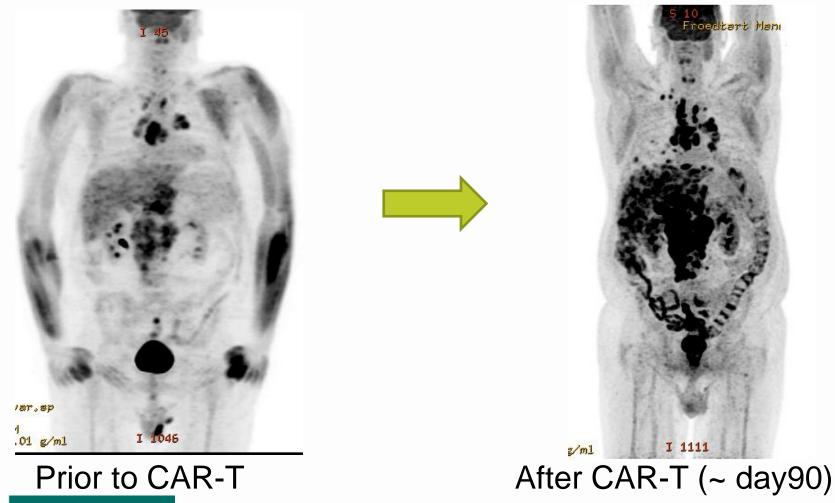
Clinical Case #1:

- Male subject at age 43 diagnosed with non-GCB
 DLBCL, Stage IV-E, IPI =4; CNS IPI = 4
- First line treatment R-CHOP with primary refractory disease
- Second line treatment moved to CAR-T cell therapy, using polatuzumab as a bridge (with no response to pola bridge)





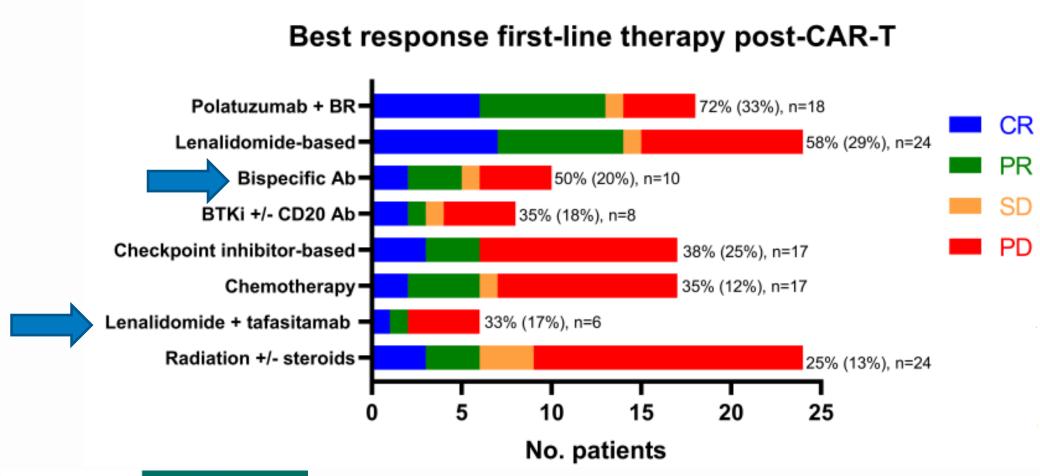
Patient Response to CAR-T cell Treatment





Repeat biopsy CD19+, CD20+

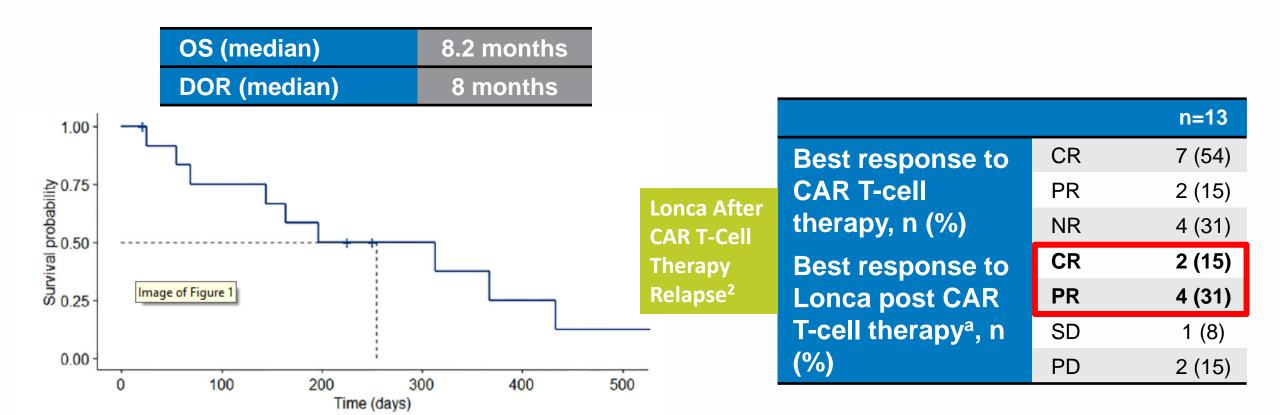
CD19 Sequencing after CAR-19 Failure?





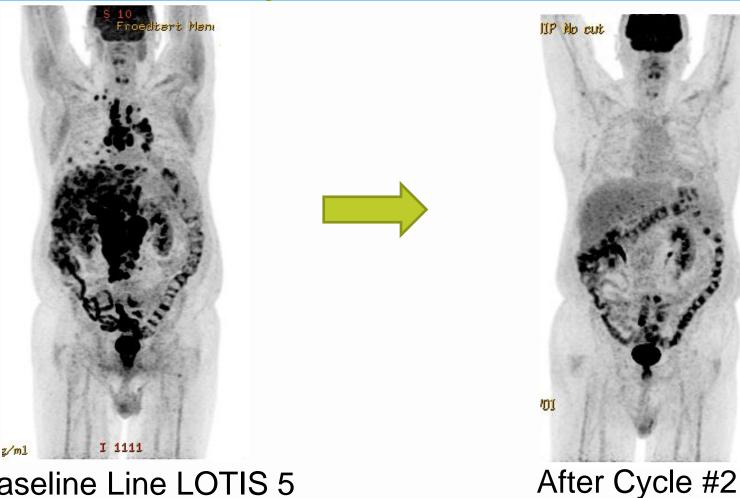
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Rationale for Considering Lonca?





Response after 2 Cycles of Lonca-R







CD19 Directed CAR-T after Loncastuximab

- Patients progressing after lonca on LOTIS-1 and undergoing CAR-T (N=14) identified from 6 centers
- Median age = 58 (range: 27-86)
- High risk IPI = 36%
- MYC rearranged = 21%
- No CD19 loss was seen in the 10 subjects where a repeat assessment was performed

CD19 CAR-T Outcomes	N = 14
Median follow-up (months) ¹	6 (3, 22)
Clinical Outcomes	
Complete response (%)	6 (43%)
Overall response rate (%)	7 (50%)
Median DOR (months)	2 (2., 11)
Survival information	6 Alive @LFU

¹Reverse Kaplan-Meier estimator³

Prior lonca does not appear to preclude CAR-T cell therapy and its role as bride to CAR-T warrants further exploration



Can Loncastuximab be Used as a Bridge to CD19 CAR-T?

- CD19 loss following Loncastuximab exposure is exceeding rare (0/40+ lonca treated patients at MCW)
- ADC internalized post binding to CD19 receptor potentially means epitope masking less likely
- Bridging strategy will be evaluated in an Italian IIT
- CIBMTR Analysis will be presented at Tandem Meetings



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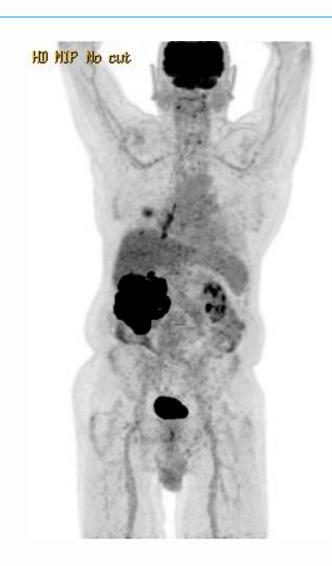
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Clinical Case #2:

- 88-year-old male with multiple medical issues was diagnosed with stage IV DH HGBCL, IPI = 4
- Treatment:
 - Split-dose R-CHOP with primary refractory disease
 - R-Pola x 2 with no response

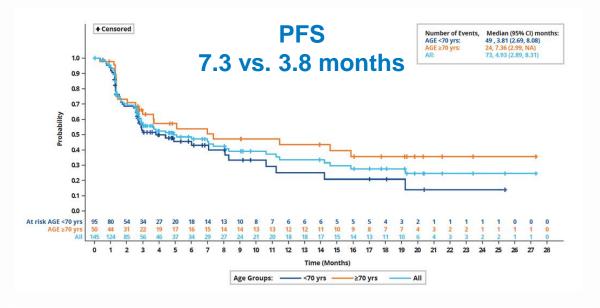


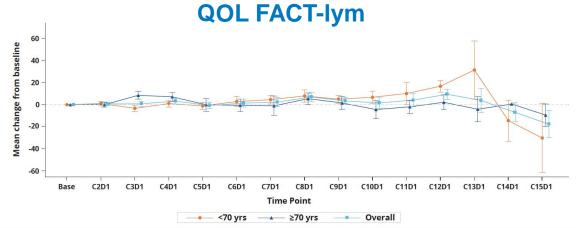


Data Supporting Lonca Use in Elderly Patients?

LOTIS-2 Post hoc analysis

	<70 years (n = 95)	≥70 years (n = 50)
BOR, n (%)		
CR	21 (22.1)	15 (30.0)
PR	25 (26.3)	9 (18.0)
ORR	46 (48.4%)	24 (48.0%)
	<70 years (n = 46)	≥70 years (N = 24)
Time to CR/PR, days, median	41.5 (35, 247)	41.0 (36, 142)
	<70 years (n = 21)	≥70 years (N = 15)
Time to CR, days, median	42.0 (37, 247)	41.0 (36, 59)



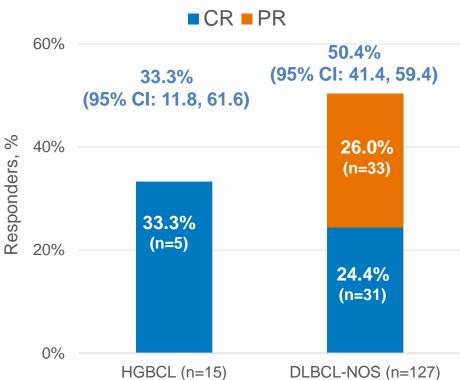


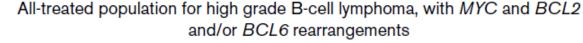


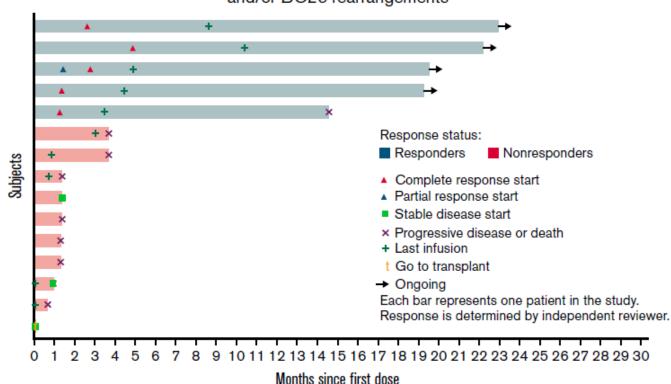
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Loncastuximab's Activity in Double Hit Lymphoma

HGBCL/DLBCL NOS Response Rates









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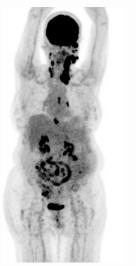


Clinical Case #3:

- 55-year-old AA female with 5 prior therapy lines, including an invCD19.20 CAR
- Experienced symptomatic progression including an ocular mass causing proptosis.
 Undergoes biopsy and started
 Loncastuximab
- After first dose the biopsy returned without CD19 expression

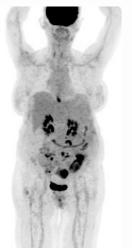


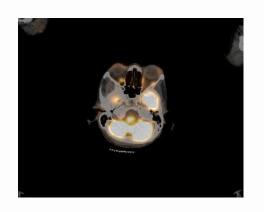
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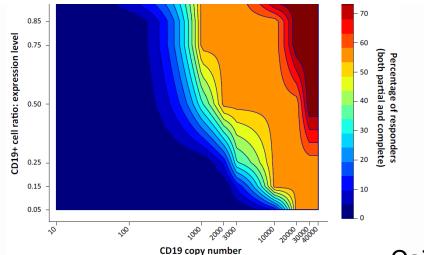
Post 2 cycles of Loncastuximab

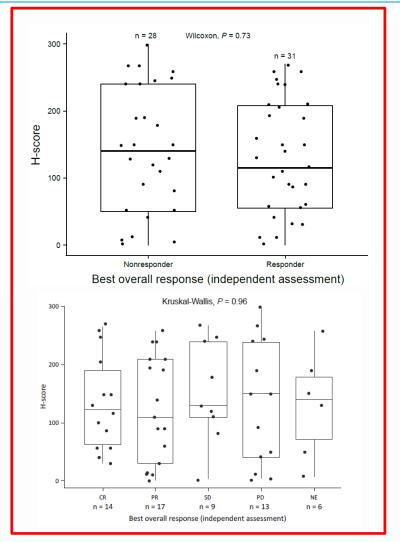




CD19 Expression and Loncastuximab Responses

CD19 IHC	OCI-Ly3	SU-DHL-2	TMD8	SU-DHL-16	SU-DHL-4	MEC-1
CD19 H-score (IHC)	2	30	55	142	150	265
Percent of CD19-positive cells (IHC)	2%	30%	40%	80%	65%	90%
CD19 copy number (±SEM) (Flow cytometry)	24,420 (±24)	63,921 (±240)	61,357 (±555)	116,553 (±681)	340,761 (±2301)	288,531 (±2227)
Lonca in vitro cytotoxicity IC50 pM (±SEM)	216 (±15.7)	12.5 (±1.1)	47.3 (±10.7)	3.3 (±1.1)	9.6 (±3.2)	17.2 (±1.3)







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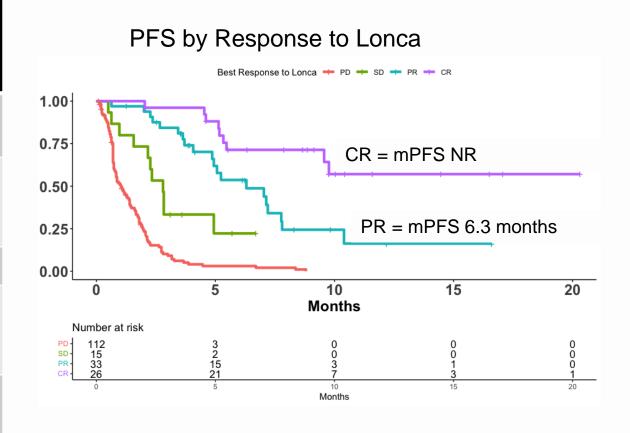
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Real World Data for Loncastuximab

N = 187	ORR (%)	CR (%)
Overall Study Population	32	14
CD19 Status Positive Negative	32 26	14 21
Bulky disease (N=32)	16	0
Prior CAR-T Yes (N=112) No	30 35	15 12
# Prior Therapies <4 4+	33 30	14 13
Age >75 Yes No	32 26	14 21



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Conclusion

- Lonca is approved in the U.S. in third line setting as a single agent
- LOTIS 5 trial is evaluating the lonca plus R in second line setting or beyond
- Lonca has demonstrated activity in the peri-CAR setting
- RWD in more heavily treated patients show activity (except in bulky or HGBCL patients)



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Potential to add Loncastuximab to Anthracyclines?

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Harold C. Simmons Comprehensive Cancer Center











SCREENING AND ELIGIBILITY CONFIRMATION

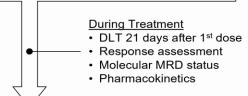
- Adult patients with one of the following aggressive B-cell lymphomas:
 - Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma with MYC rearrangement
 - High-grade B-cell lymphoma with MYC and BCL2 and/or BCL6 rearrangement
 - Burkitt lymphoma
 - Primary mediastinal B-cell lymphoma
 - CD19-positive plasmablastic lymphoma
 - High-grade B-cell lymphoma, not otherwise specified

CONSENT AND REGISTRATION 19 to 33 patients Prior to Treatment Onset: Disease assessment Molecular MRD status

PROTOCOL THERAPY - 6, 21-Day Cycles

da-EPOCH-(R)

Loncastuximab tesirine (3+3 dose escalation – phase 1a only)



END OF TREATMENT

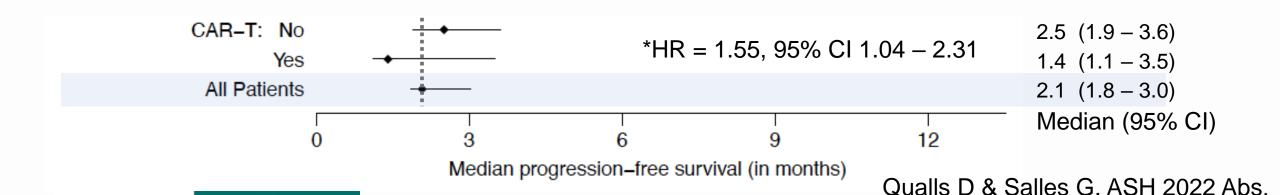
- Maximum tolerated dose of loncastuximab tesirine in combination with da-EPOCH-(R)
- · Overall, complete, and partial response rate
- Duration of response
- · Pharmacokinetics profile of loncastuximab tesirine
- Molecular MRD as a prognosticator of clinical outcomes

Tafa/Len after CD19-directed CAR T cell therapy (TOLA Study)

- 42 patients (28%) had CAR T before TL
- 19 with biopsy recorded after CAR T
 - 15/19 confirmed CD19 expression
 - 4/19 CD19 expression not reported

Response to TL according to CAR T Response

DOR after CAR T	≥ 6 months (N = 11)	< 6 months (N = 15)
ORR	36%	7%
CRR	36%	7%



LOTIS 5: A Phase 3 Study of Loncastuximab Tesirine With Rituximab vs Immunochemotherapy in R/R DLBCL

Nonrandomized Safety Run In

Loncastuimab tesirine 150 µg/kg

+ Rituximab 375 mg/m² Q3W for 2 cycles

Loncastuimab tesirine 75 µg/kg

+ Rituximab 375 mg/m² Q3W for up to 6 additional cycles

Treatment Period

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Loncastuimab tesirine 75 µg/kg +Rituximab 375 mg/m² Q3W for up to 6 additional cycles

R-GemOx: rituximab 375 mg/m² +
Gemcitabine 1000 mg/m² +
Oxaliplatin 100 mg/m² Q2W for up to 8 cycles

Follow-Up Period

For both parts of the study, irrespective of disease status, patients will be followed for up to 4 years after EOT until withdrawal of consent, loss to follow-up, or death, whichever occurs first.

Primary endpoint:

PFS

Key secondary endpoints:

OS, ORR by IRC

Key Inclusion Criteria

- DLBCL or HGBCL with MYC, BCL2, and/or BCL6 rearrangements
- R/R disease following ≥1 multi-agent systemic treatment regimen
- Ineligible for SCT
- ECOG PS 0-2



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