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## **Bispecific antibodies - Glofitamab**

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## **Recent data from the DLBCL phase 2 expansion cohort**

#### **Gloftitamab phase 2 DLBCL expansion cohort – study design and patients**



#### **Gloftitamab phase 2 DLBCL expansion cohort – cytokine release syndrome**



CRS was mostly low grade, time of onset was predictable, and most events occurred during C1

Dickinson M, et al. EHA 2022 oral presentation

#### NP30179 phase 2 DLBCL expansion: Response rates at RP2D

Efficacy endpoint <sup>1</sup>	Glofitamab 2.5/10/30mg (n=155)
CP roto*	61 (39.4%)
CR rate*	[95% CI: 31.6%, 47.5%]
ORR*	80 (51.6%)
	[95% CI: 43.5%, 59.7%]

Prior CAR-T therapy			
Yes	52 (34%)	35% (22%, 49%)	⊢● ¦
No	103 (66%)	42% (32%, 52%)	⊢ ¦● I

Dickinson M, et al. N Engl J Med. 2022 Dec 15;387(24):2220-2231.

#### **Gloftitamab phase 2 DLBCL expansion cohort – duration of response**



## **Prediction and mitigation of CRS**

#### **CRS** after glofitamab: predictive model



- Primary outcome was Grade ≥2 CRS in the week after first glofitamab dose, and included 65 CRS events (n=58/196 training, n=7/51 model validation)
- Training data set: associations validated between glofitamab dose, putative risk factors (i.e. demographics, clinical characteristics) and occurrence of CRS

Komanduri KV, et al. ASH annual meeting 2021. Doi: https://doi.org/10.1182/blood-2021-147303

#### **Risk factors for development of CRS after glofitamab**

- Glofitamab dose and eight factors were selected for inclusion in the CRS Grade ≥2 model
- CRS risk score is a weighted combination of the baseline values of risk factors



Training cohort (fixed, split dose 2.5/10/16mg, N=196) results adjusted for the initial glofitamab dose

Parameter and cut-off	Weight
Ann Arbor Stage III or IV	2
SPD ≥3000mm²	2
Bone marrow infiltration	1
Atypical cells in PB	1
Age >64 yrs	1
LDH >280U/I	0.5
WBC >4.5*10 <sup>9</sup> cells/l	0.5
Cardiac comorbidity	0.5

## IL-6 and TNF $\alpha$ induction is associated with CRS

- Induction of cytokines IL-6 and TNFα was observed after glofitamab
  - Peak magnitude of cytokine induction was associated with CRS incidence and severity
- Other cytokines were also associated with CRS incidence and severity:
  - IFNγ, IL-1β, IL-2, IL-8, IL-10, IL-15, IL-17,
    MIP-1β, MCP1

### Maximum change from baseline in IL-6 and TNFα during first 4 hours of glofitamab infusion



Komanduri KV, et al. ASH annual meeting 2021.

ASTCT grade of the first cytokine release syndrome event

## Cytokine changes were observed before CRS onset

- Cytokine induction is detectable in time window preceding CRS onset for most patients who will experience Grade ≥2 CRS
- TNFα peaks earlier than IL-6 and is a more sensitive indicator of impending CRS



## Improved predictive performance of CRS risk score by addition of early on-treatment changes in TNF $\alpha$ levels



Predicted probability of CRS Grade ≥2 (CRS risk score)

Addition of TNFa testing improved the model

Classified as 'Low risk' (60%):

- N=4 false negative: experienced grade ≥2 CRS
- N=50 true negatives (NPV=93%)

Classified as 'High risk' (40%):

- N= 12 false positives: did not experience grade ≥2 CRS
- N=23 true positives (PPV=65%)

#### **Obinutuzumab (anti-CD20) pre-treatment to mitigate CRS**



Cytokines released in peripheral blood among the different treatment groups 24 hours after the first and second treatments



Toxicology study in cynomolgus monkey with administration of vehicle or obinutuzumab (50 mg/kg i.v.) at day 1 to reduce B-cell load

## CRS frequency/severity: step-up dosing is necessary to reach the optimal dose of glofitamab

 While the overall CRS rates were similar between the fixed-dosing and step-up dosing cohorts, step-up dosing reduced the frequency of high-grade CRS (Grade ≥2; 36.3% in the ≥10mg fixed-dosing versus 30.7% in the step-up dosing cohort)



1. Dickinson M, et al. EHA 2020, abstract #241

2. Hutchings M, et al. ASH 2020. Abstract 403

#### CRS mitigation: dexamethasone as the corticosteroid of choice?

<u>"Any corticosteroid"*</u> Glofitamab 2.5/10/30mg, D2 sub.2 + D3 cohort (N=114)				<u>Mandatory Dexamethasone**</u> Glofitamab 2.5/10/30mg, Cohort D5 (N=40)				0)		
	Cycle 1		Cycle 2		Cycle 2			Cycl	e 1	Cycle 2
	1st dose	2nd dose	3rd dose			1st dose	2nd dose	3rd dose		
	2.5 mg (N=108)	10 mg (N=101)	30 mg (N=95)			2.5 mg (N=37)	10 mg (N=34)	30 mg (N=32)		
Any grade	61 (56.5%)	40 (39.6%)	33 (34.7%)		Any grade	18 (48.6%)	5 (14.7%)	1 (3.1%)		
Grade 1	47 (43.5%)	33 (32.7%)	32 (33.7%)		Grade 1	14 (37.8%)	5 (14.7%)	1 (3.1%)		
Grade 2	10 (9.3%)	6 (5.9%)	1 (1.1%)		Grade 2	3 (8.1%)	0	0		
Grade 3	2 (1.9%)	1 (1.0%)	0		Grade 3	1 (2.7%)	0	0		
Grade 4	2 (1.9%)	0	0		Grade 4	0	0	0		

\*Any corticosteroid - investigator could choose one of methylprednisolone, prednisone or dexamethasone; CRS grade by ASTCT criteria; \*\* D5 cohort had mandatory dexamethasone CRS, cytokine release syndrome; ASTCT, American Society for Transplantation and Cellular Therapy

Mandatory dexamethasone demonstrates a trend in the reduction in the incidence of all grade and high grade CRS with each step-up dose

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#### CD20:CD3 bi-specific antibody therapy – other toxicities

#### Neurological toxicity

- Difficult to interpret significance/relatedness in some datasets
- CTCAE-defined neurologic AEs consistent with ICANS are uncommon and mostly mild e.g. Gd≥3 in 3% of patients with Glofitamab

#### Cytopenias and infections

- Neutropenia common but febrile neutropenia rare; typically G-CSF responsive
- No good data on hypogammaglobulinaemia, but this is observed very frequently
- COVID-19 deaths reported in pivotal studies and anecdotally in practice

#### • Tumour flare

• Rare but warrants consideration in bulky sites with compartmental risk

## **Combination studies**

## How to get deeper and more durable responses?



# Ongoing combination studies with bispecific CD3:CD20 antibodies in DLBCL

**1st Line DLBCL** 

Ph3

Ph2

	Ph1	Ph2 Ph3	
Mosun			Glofit + R-CHOP
Mosun SC			Glofit + Pola + R-CHP
Glofit			Mosun + CHOP
Glofit + GemOx			Mosun + Pola + CHP
Glofit +/- G			Epcoritmab s.c.
Epcor + R-DHAX/C			Glofit + GemOx
Epcor + GemOx			
Mosun + Pola			
Glofit + Pola			
Mosun + Len			
Epcoritmab vs SOC			

**R/R DLBCL** 

#### **Elderly/Unfit DLBCL**

	Ph1	Ph2	Ph3	
Mosun				
Mosun + Pola				
Epcoritmab + R-CHOP				

## NP39488: Glofitamab and Polatuzumab vedotin in DLBCL



- 49/59 patients were evaluable for interim response
- 7/49 (14.3%) patients had PD as best response and discontinued study treatment
- Encouraging ORR and CR rates in patients with:
  - trFL: ORR, 8/11 and CR, 7/11
  - HGBCL: ORR, 5/8 and CR, 4/8

Glofit + Pola combination resulted in high response rates

## **BP41072: Glofitamab + CD19-targeted 4-1BBL agonist**

CD19 4-1BBL plus glofitamab is superior to glofitamab single-agent in vivo

#### Improved tumor growth inhibition



WSU DLCL2 s.c. in humanized mice



#### Prevention of tumor outgrowth during glofitamab monotherapy





# BP41072: CRS profile consistent with glofitamab monotherapy



Most CRS events (94%) occurred during glofitamab step-up dosing and were Gr 1–2

Hutchings M, et al. ASH 2022. Abstract P4259.

## **BP41072: Efficacy**



Best percent change in SPD among efficacy evaluable patients with R/R DLBCL

#### Response rates in efficacy evaluable patients with R/R aNHL and iNHL

	N efficacy evaluable	CR rate	BOR rate
aNHL	45 (all DLBCL)	49%	65%
iNHL	24 (23 FL and 1 MZL)	74%	91%

The single patient with MZL achieved a PMR

Hutchings M, et al. ASH 2022. Abstract P4259.

# BP41072: Preliminary PD biomarker data support the MOA of R07227166

- RO7227166 reverses expansion of terminally differentiated PD1+ CD8 Temra cells in blood
- Dose relationship emerging at C3D8, C4D1 and C5D1
- Preventing T-cell exhaustion will lead to a more durable immune response to glofitamab and prevent relapse



### **BP43131: Glofitamab + CD19-targeted CD28 agonist**

## Providing safe agonistic CD28 targeting w/o autonomous T cell activation

#### Reduce peripheral binding to CD28 w/o losing potency



#### Study design and preclinical data presented at ASH 2022: Dickinson M, et al. P1659

## Conclusions

- Recent data from DLBCL phase 2 expansion cohort (33% with prior CAR-T):
  - Glofitamab: ORR 52%, CRR 39%
- The toxicity profile is favourable:
  - Very little CRS > grade 2
  - Little or no treatment-related CNS toxicity
- The toxicity profile and mechanism of action make the bispecifics ideal for combination strategies
  - Dose-escalation and combination studies with Obinutuzumab, R-chemo, Polatuzumab vedotin, and targeted immune agonists are ongoing

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