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CAR-CIK

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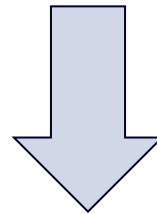
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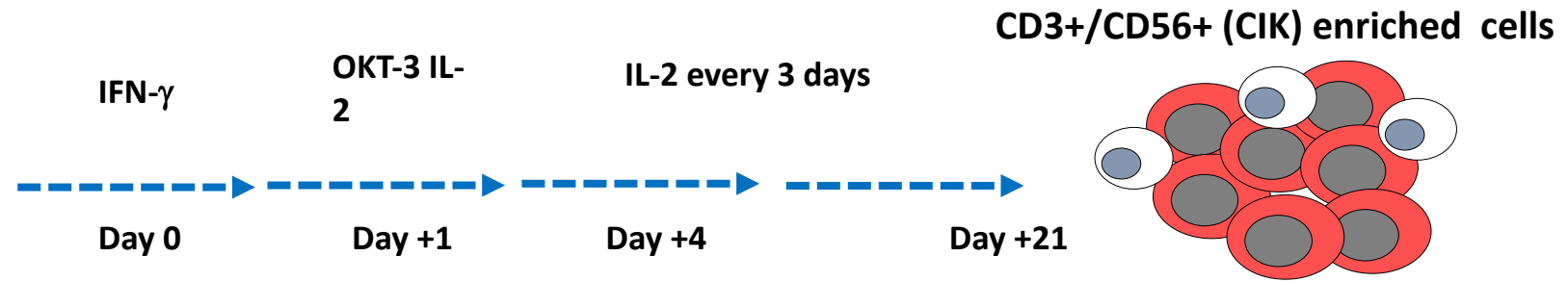
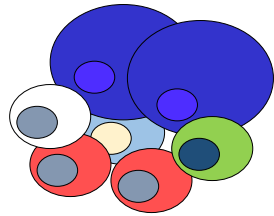
- Despite the efficacy of CAR-T cell therapies, many adult patients fail to respond or relapse after initial response
- The logistics of autologous CAR T-cell therapy, including identifying an appropriate window to perform leukapheresis and the need to control disease while cells are being manufactured, confer a significant limitation in patients who have rapidly progressive disease
- In heavily pre-treated patients the quality and number of patient-derived CAR T cell may be sub-optimal
- Patients with high leukemic blast contamination might benefit from healthy allogeneic lymphoid cells
- Ready to go, off the shelf allogeneic CART cells represent an ambitious goal of the ongoing research



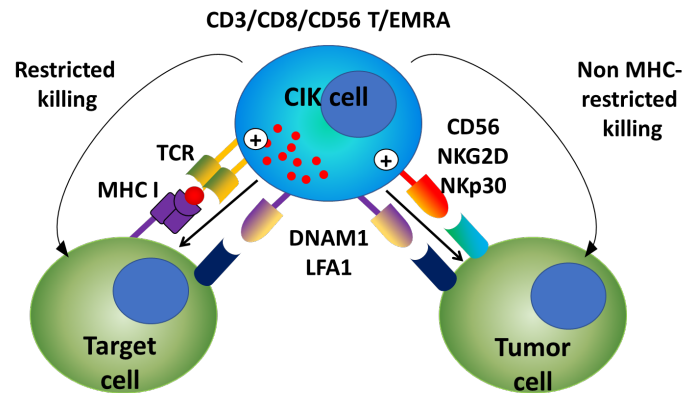
New platforms

Donor-derived T-cell source differentiated in Cytokine Induced Killer Cells (CIK)

Donor derived-PBMCs



Cytokine Induced Killer cells

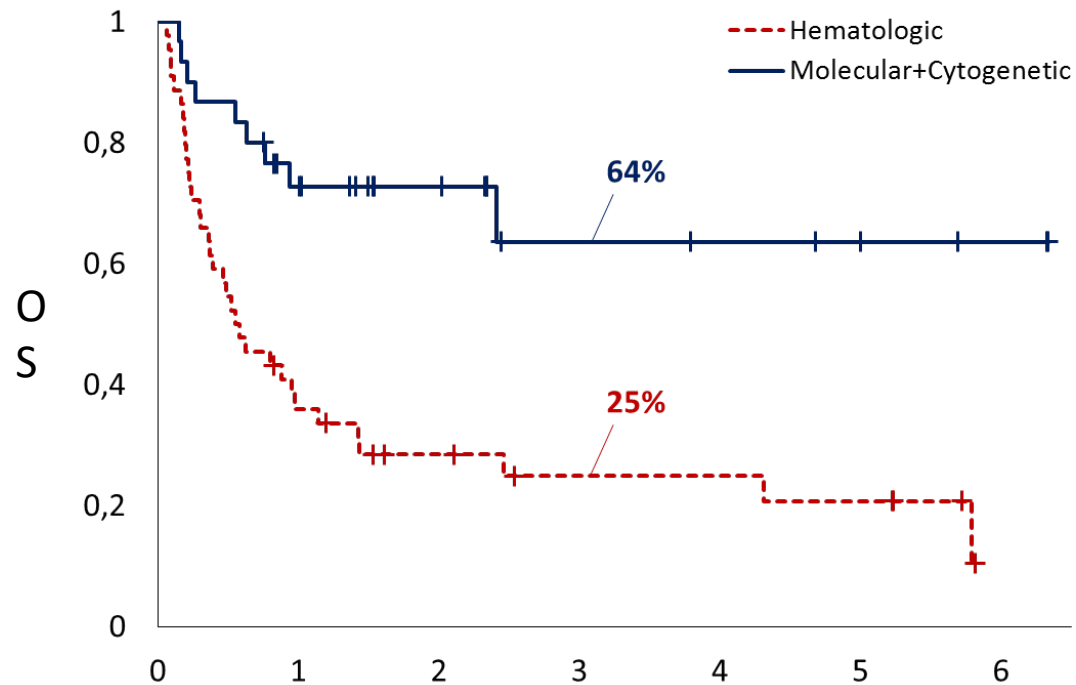


Adapted by Pievani et al, Blood, 2011

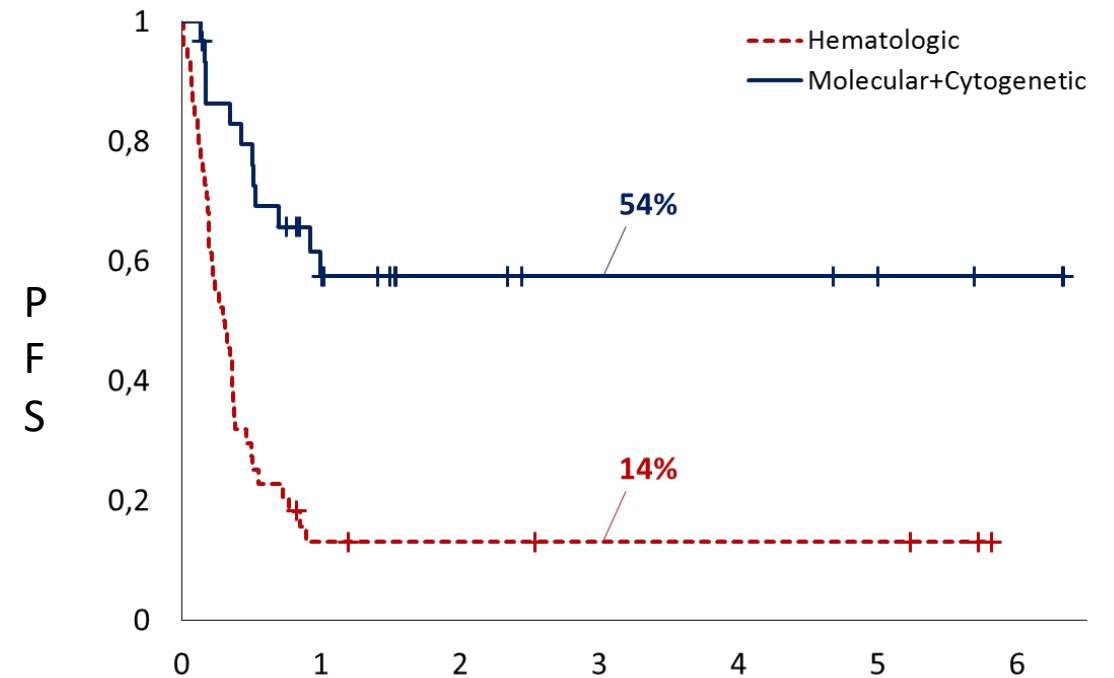
- Non MHC-restricted NK-like cytotoxicity, negligible alloreactivity and minimal GVHD
- Intrinsic capability of reaching leukemia-infiltrated tissues¹⁻³
- Clinical experience with allogeneic CIK cells: feasible, safe and well tolerated⁴⁻⁶

¹ Pievani et al, Blood, 2011; ² Linn et al. Journal of Biomed and Biotech 201; ³ Sangiolo et al. Journal of Cancer 2011; ⁴ Introna et al, Haematologica 2007; ⁵ Rambaldi A (2015) Leukemia 29(1):1-10; ⁶ Introna M (2017) Biol Blood Marrow Transplant. 23(12):2070-8

Phase II Study of Sequential Infusion of Donor Lymphocyte Infusion and Cytokine-Induced Killer Cells for Patients Relapsed after Allogeneic Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation

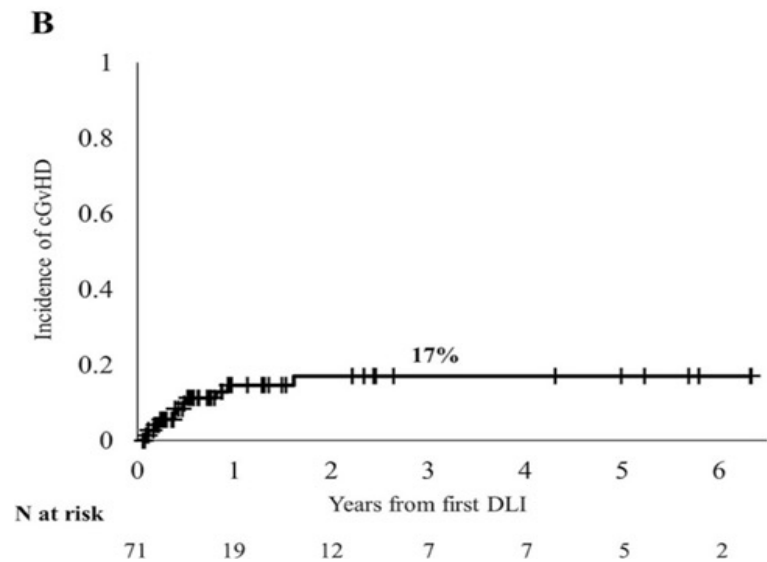
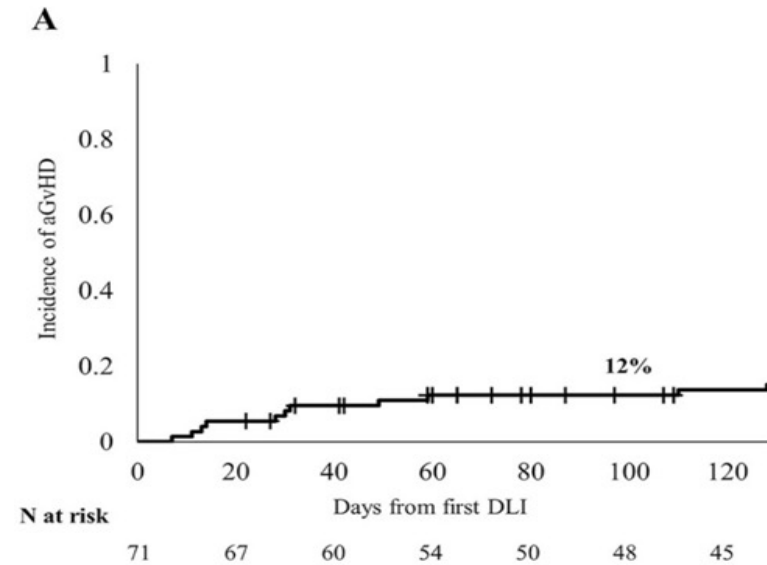


| N at risk (events) | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
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| Hematologic | 44 | (28) | 15 | (3) | 9 | (1) | 6 |
| Molec+Cytog | 30 | (8) | 19 | (0) | 12 | (1) | 6 |

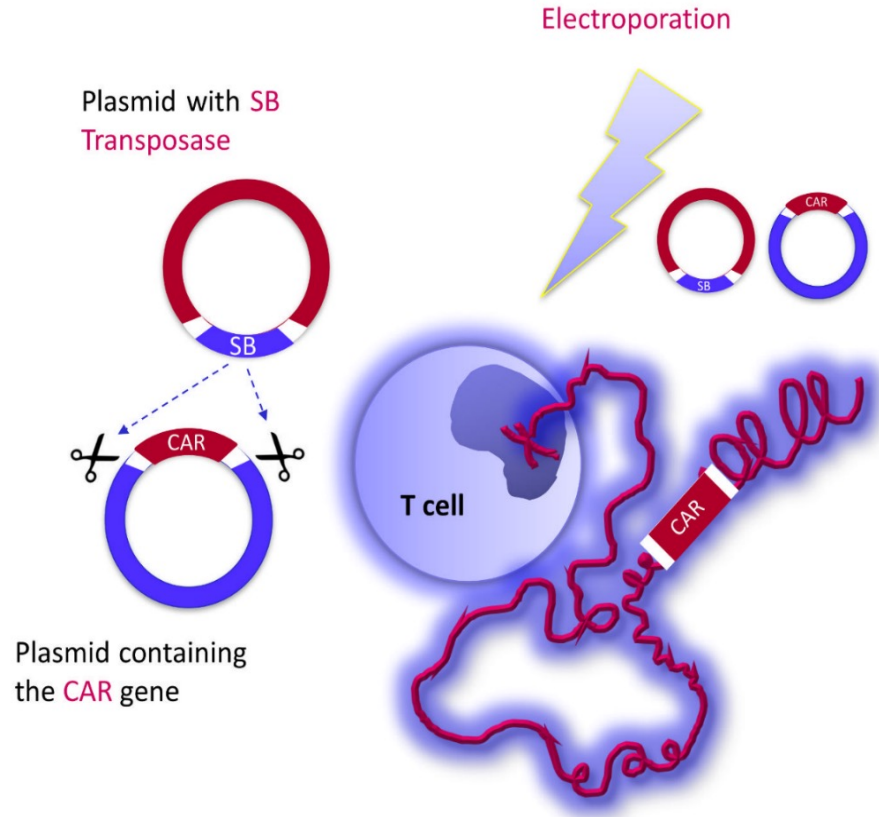


| N at risk (events) | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
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| Hematologic | 44 | (38) | 5 | (0) | 4 | (0) | 3 |
| Molec+Cytog | 30 | (12) | 14 | (0) | 8 | (0) | 5 |

Cumulative incidence of GVHD. (A) aGVHD; (B) cGVHD



Non-viral engineering of allogeneic CAR T cells



Cytokine induced killer cells (CIK)

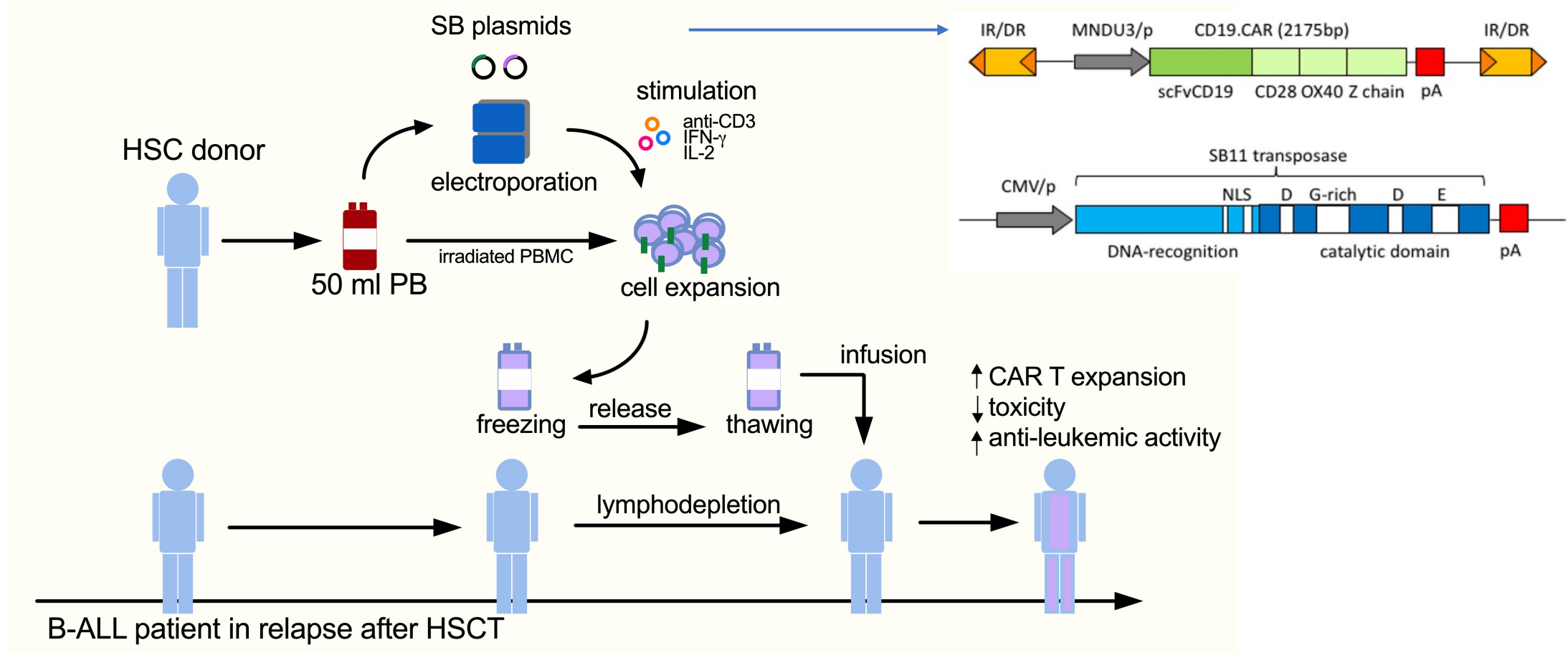
Allogeneic memory T cells (CD8⁺CD56⁺)
Minimal GvHD occurrence
Able to reach leukemia-infiltrated tissues
Rambaldi A (2015) *Leukemia* 29(1):1-10; Introna M (2017) *Biol Blood Marrow Transplant.* 23(12):2070-8

A non-viral vector derived from the Tc1/mariner family of DNA transposon validated in clinics

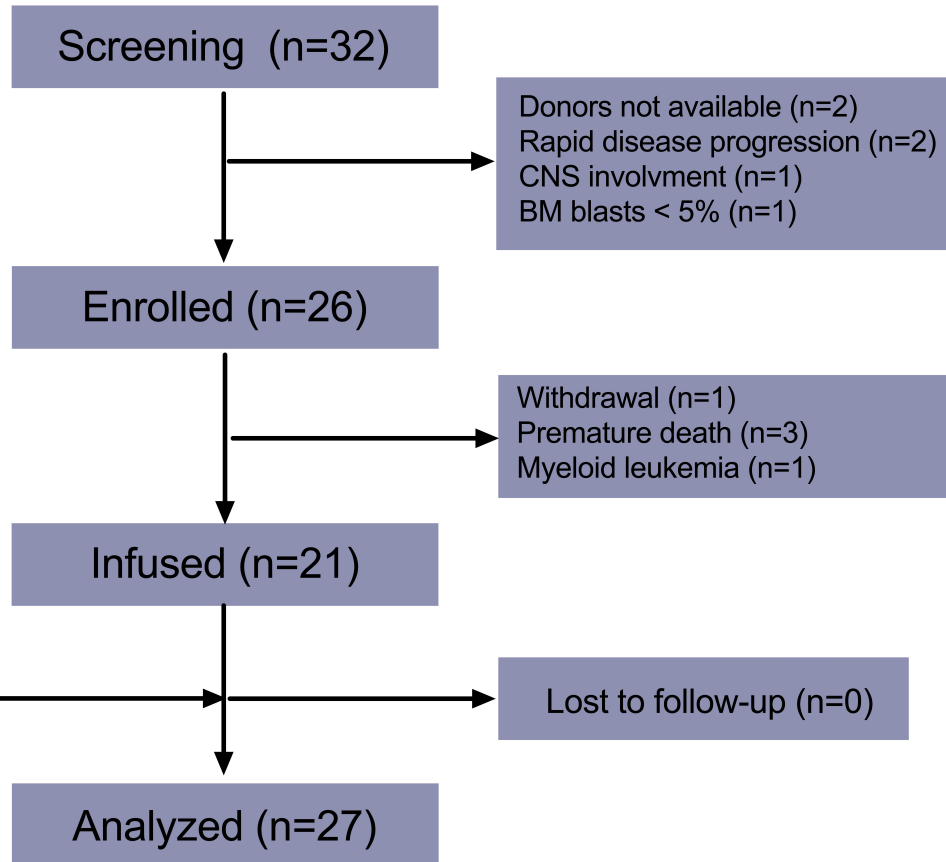
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Phase I/IIa trial with SB-engineered CARCIK-CD19 in B-ALL post HSCT

Multicenter Dose Escalation Study FT01CARCIK (NCT03389035) and compassionate use FT02CARCIK
Enrolling in ASST-Monza and ASST-Bergamo, IT
Manufactured in-house

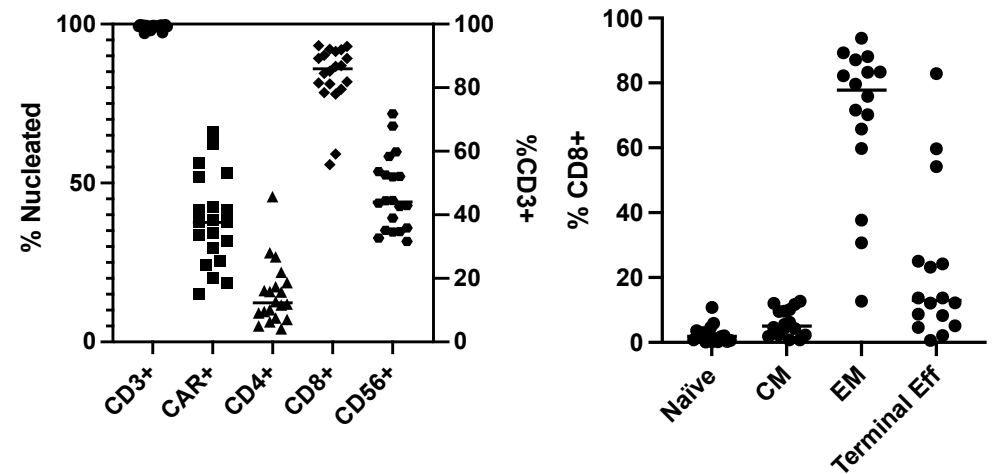


CARCIK-CD19 in B-ALL post HSCT: Consort and feasibility



Product characteristics:

- Generated from 50 mL of peripheral blood from the HSCT donor
- Transduction by electroporation
- Manufacture failure (n=1)
- Mean CAR transduction 36.2% (range, 15.1-66.0)



CARCIK-CD19 in B-ALL post HSCT: patient and disease characteristics

| Characteristics | All patients (27) |
|---|-------------------|
| Age, median (range) | 38 (1-67) |
| Female, N (%) | 14 (52) |
| Previous lines of treatment, median (range) | 4 (2-8) |
| Previous lines of treatment | |
| • 2, N (%) | 3 (15) |
| • 3-5, N (%) | 14 (70) |
| • >5, N (%) | 3 (15) |
| Previous treatment with blinatumomab, N (%) | 8 (30) |
| No. of previous allo-SCT, n (%) | |
| • 1 | 18 (66,6) |
| • 2 | 9 (33,3) |
| Type of transplant, n (%): | |
| • Haplo | 10 (37%) |
| • MUD | 10 (37%) |
| • Sib | 7 (26%) |
| Bridge therapy | |
| • Inotuzumab, N (%) | 3 (11) |
| • Blinatumomab, N (%) | 5 (18) |
| • Low-intensity CT +/-TKI, N (%) | 19 (70) |

| Characteristics | All patients (27) |
|---|-------------------|
| aGvHD post last Tx: | |
| • Grade I and II | 8 (29%) |
| • Grade III | 2 (7%) |
| cGvHD post last TX: | |
| • Grade I | 3 (11) |
| • Grade II | 1 (4) |
| Extramedullary disease, N (%) | 4 (2-8) |
| BM Blasts at enrolment, median (range) | 40 (0-100) |
| Blood values pre-lymphodepletion | |
| • LDH U/L, median (range) | 361 (148-1487) |
| • Pletelet count 10 ³ /mmc, median (range) | 76 (5-237) |

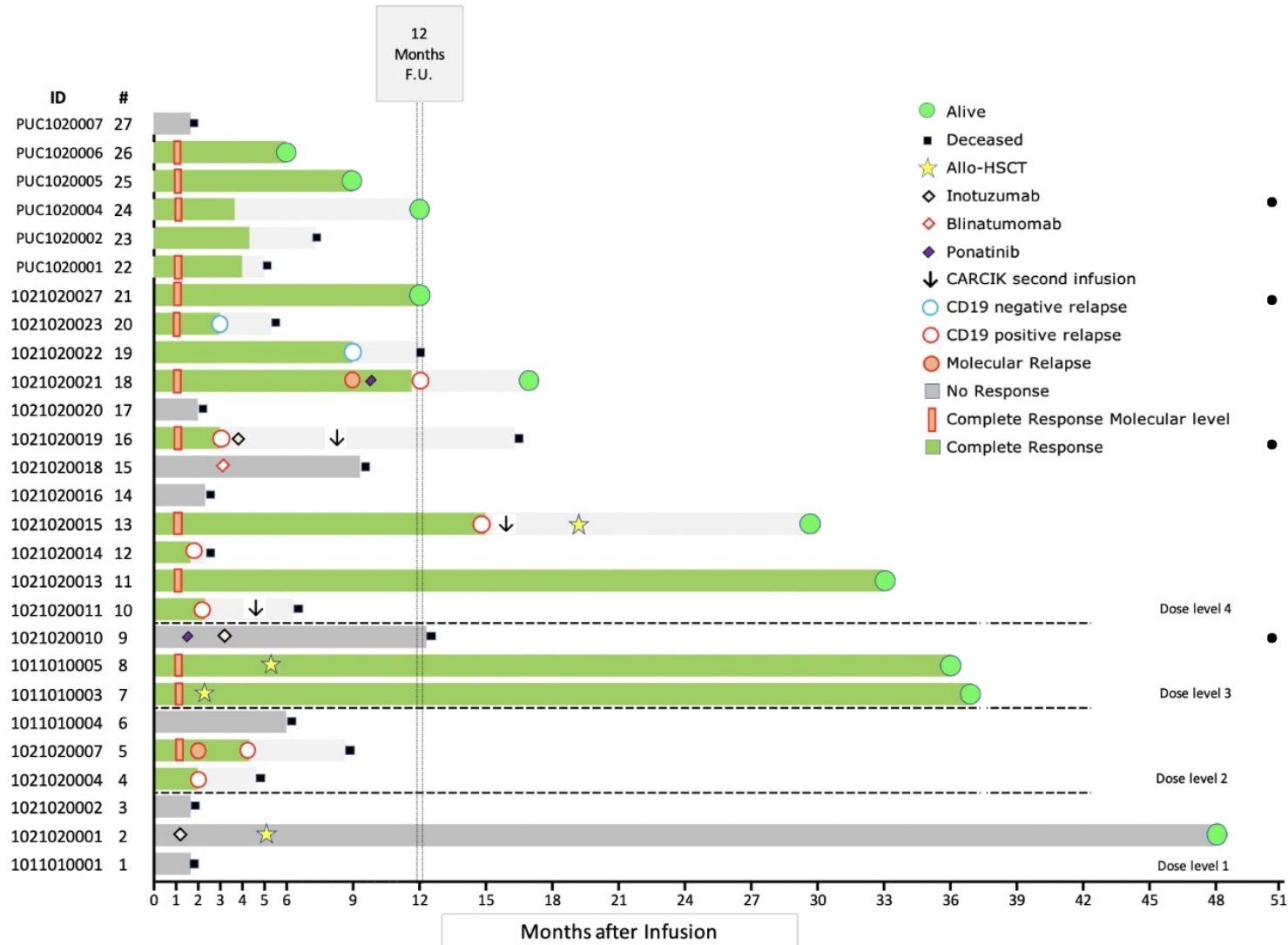
CARCIK-CD19 in B-ALL post HSCT: selected adverse event

| Events | Patients |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| CRS, n (%) | |
| • Grade 1 | 4 (15%) |
| • Grade 2 | 5 (19%) |
| • Grade 3 | 0 (0%) |
| ICANS, n (%) | |
| Grade 3 | 2 (7%) |
| GvHD, n (%) | |
| Grade I-IV | 0 (0%) |
| Infection, n (%) | |
| • Grade 1-2 | 2 (7%) |
| • Grade ≥ 3 | 7 (26%) |
| Prolonged cytopenia, n (%) | |
| Severe neutropenia, day 28 | 7 (32%) |
| Severe thrombocytopenia, day 28 | 17 (68%) |

- no dose limiting toxicity was observed
- CRS and ICANS were observed in patients treated with the highest doses and were manageable
- Although 10 out of 27 had experienced GVHD after the previous HSCT, secondary GVHD was never observed
- 17 out of 27 patients remained with persistent cytopenia at day 28

CRS criteria (Lee et al. Blood. 2014); ICANS, immune-effector cell-associated neurotoxicity syndrome; severe neutropenia <500/mm³; severe thrombocytopenia <50000/mm³

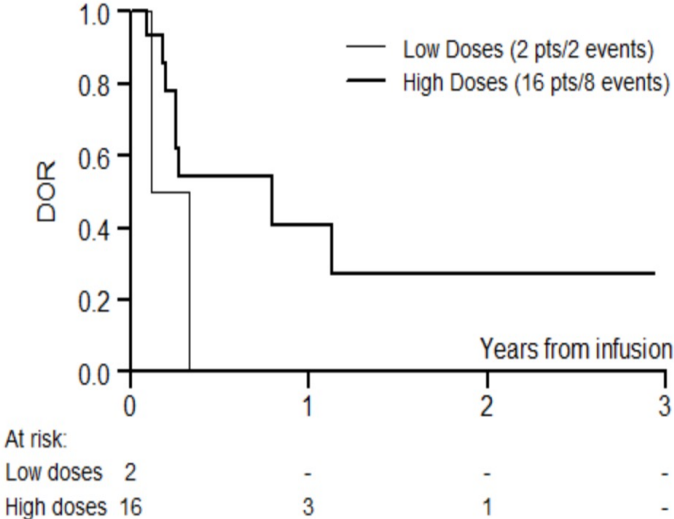
Response data



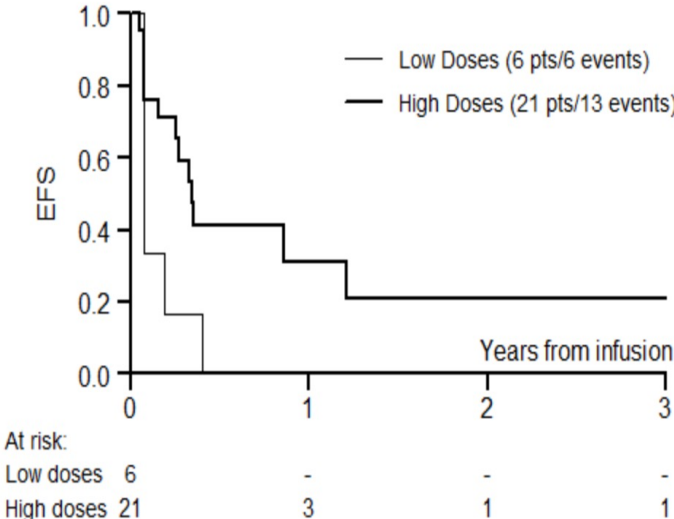
- CR: 18/27 patients (66.7%, 95%CI=46-84%)
- CR: 16/21 patients (76.2%, 95%CI=53-92%) treated with the 2 highest doses
- Fourteen (77.8%) of the overall responders and 13 of the responders at the highest doses (81.3%) achieved MRD negativity
- The type of donor did not influence the achievement of CR 28 days post-infusion

Main outcomes

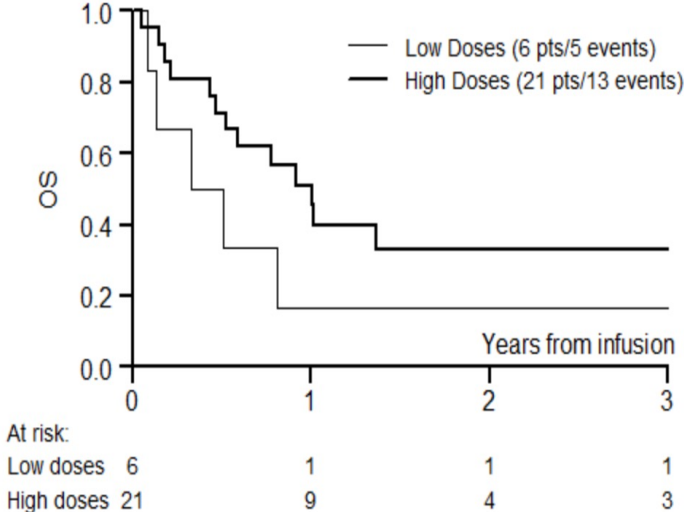
Duration of remission



Event free survival



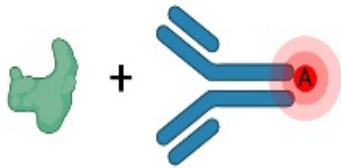
Overall survival



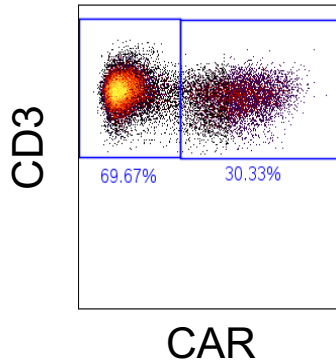
CARCIK flowcytometry detection methods

CD<19
histidine

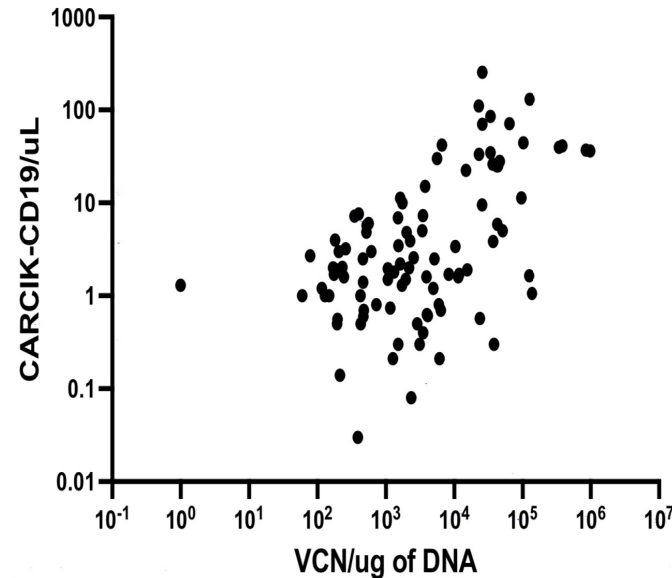
anti-His-APC



T Lymphocytes



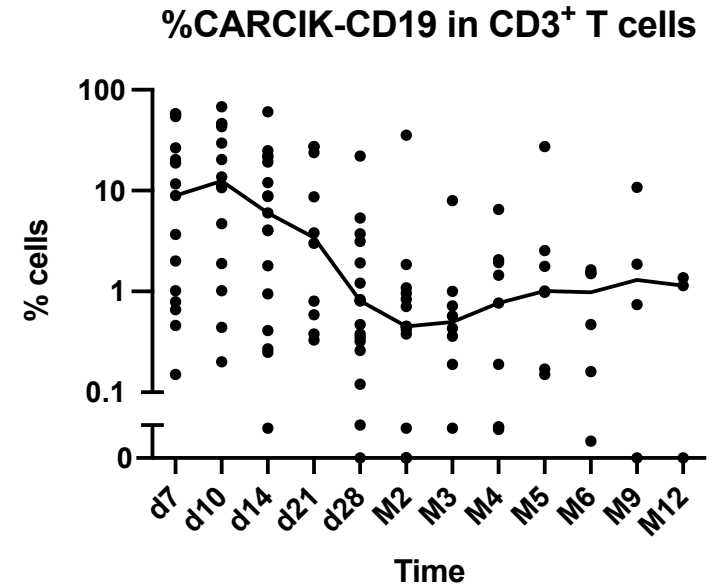
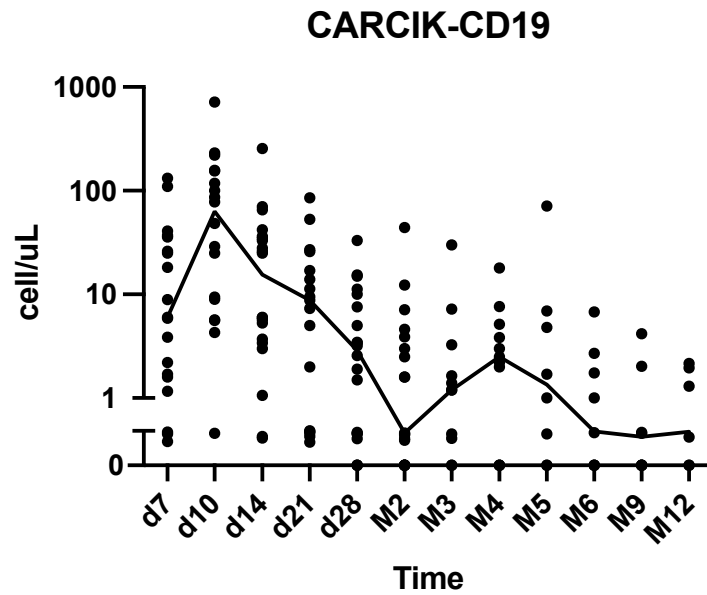
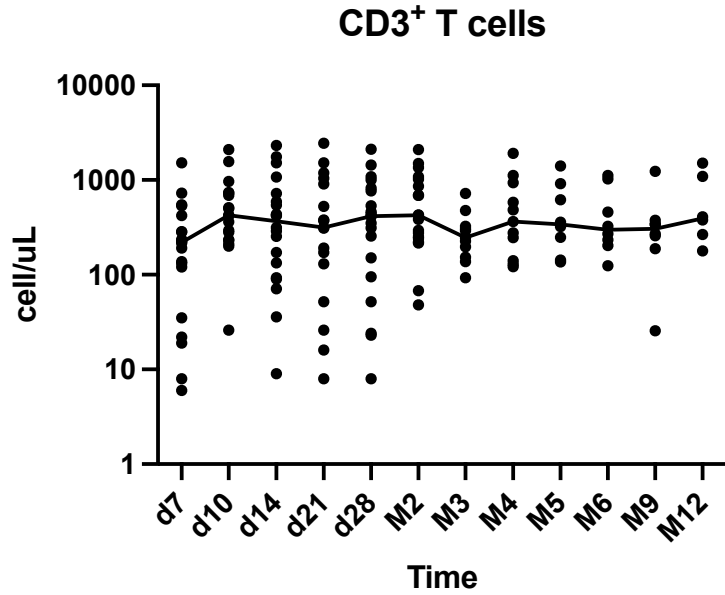
Spearman test
 $r=0,58$
 $p < 0,0001$
pairs= 134



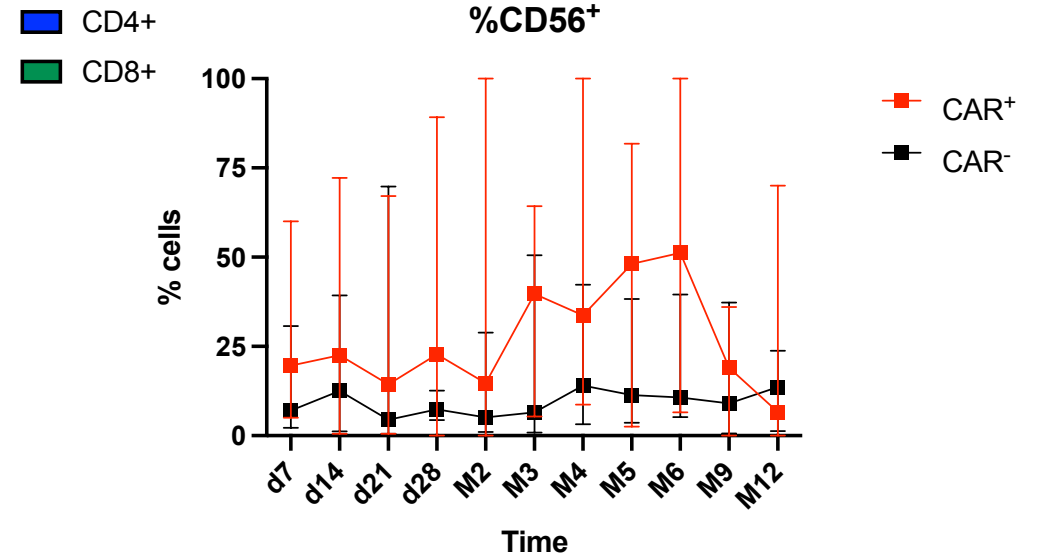
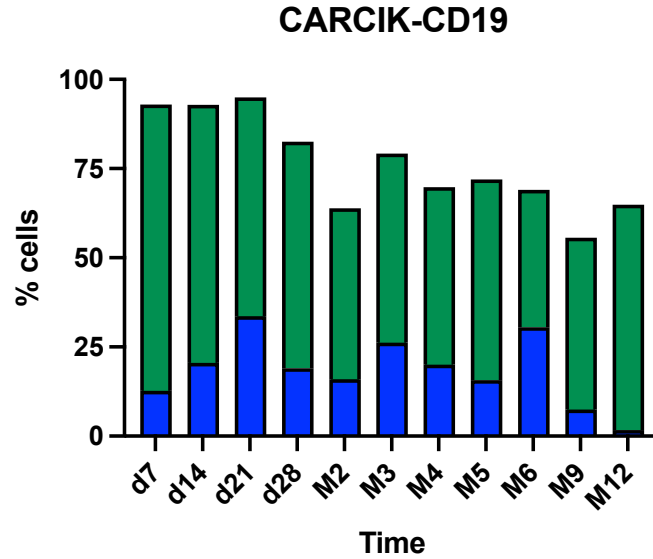
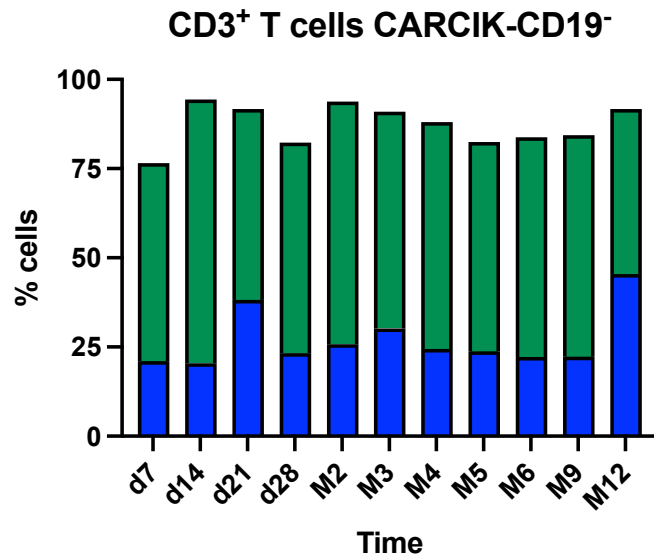
Advantages:

- Rapid information from bench to bed side
- High sensibility (> 0,1%)
- High specificity (VCN correlation)
- Study of multiple sites (blood, bone marrow, liquor, pleural effusion)

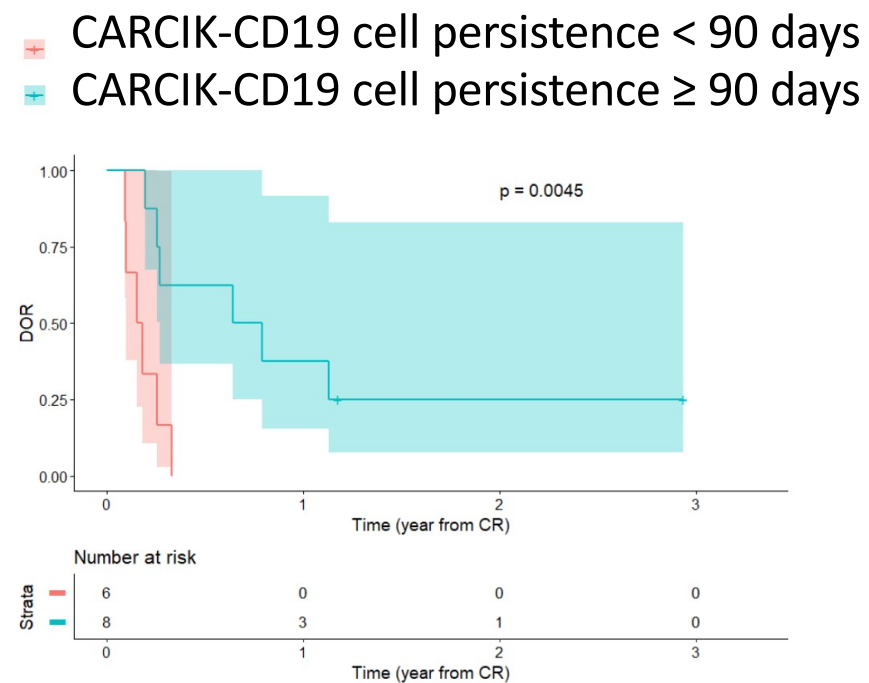
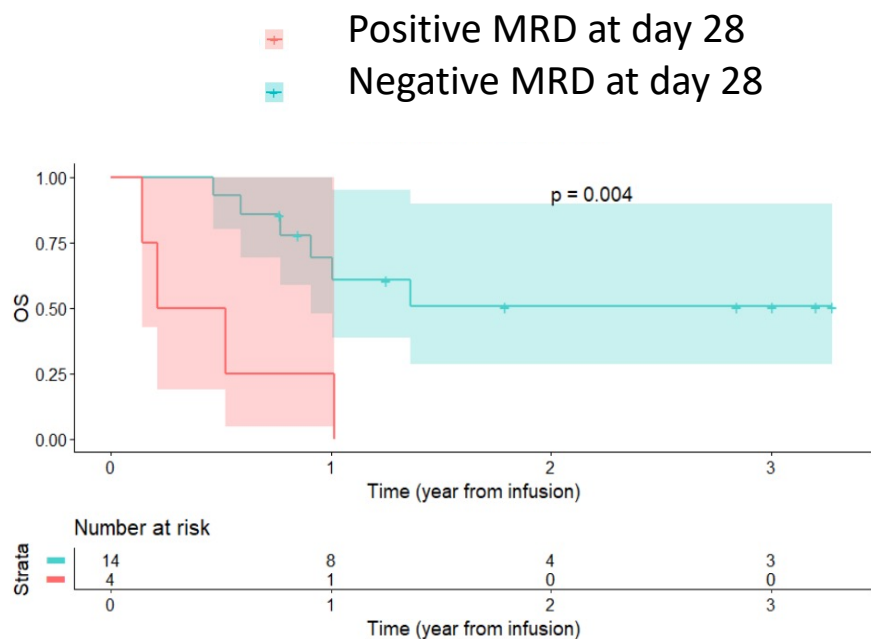
CD3+ T cells and CARCIK-CD19 reconstitution



T cell subsets reconstitution in CD3⁺ T cells and CARCIK-CD19

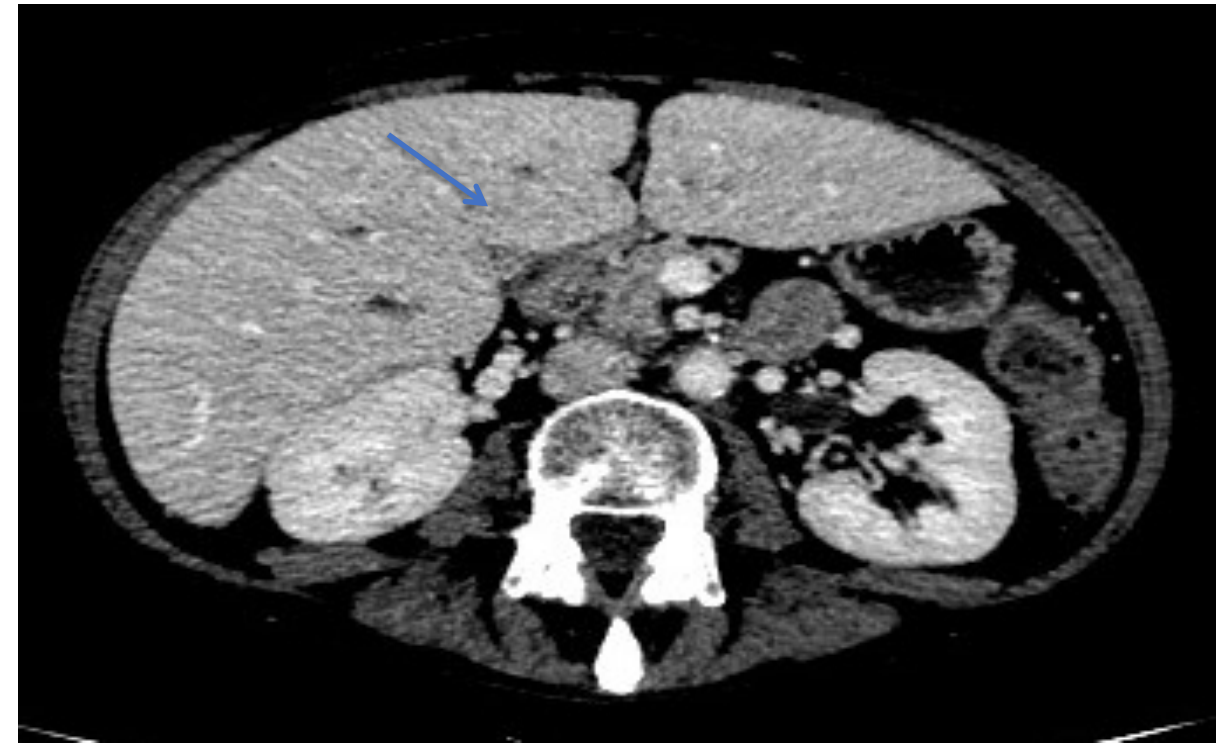


Minimal residual disease and CARCIK-CD19 persistence and clinical outcome



CARCIK-CD19 mediated anti leukemic activity on extrahematologic disease

Patient #21020014: CT scan before and after CARCIK-CD19



07 June 2019: Relapse post Allo-HSCT presenting liver adenopathy

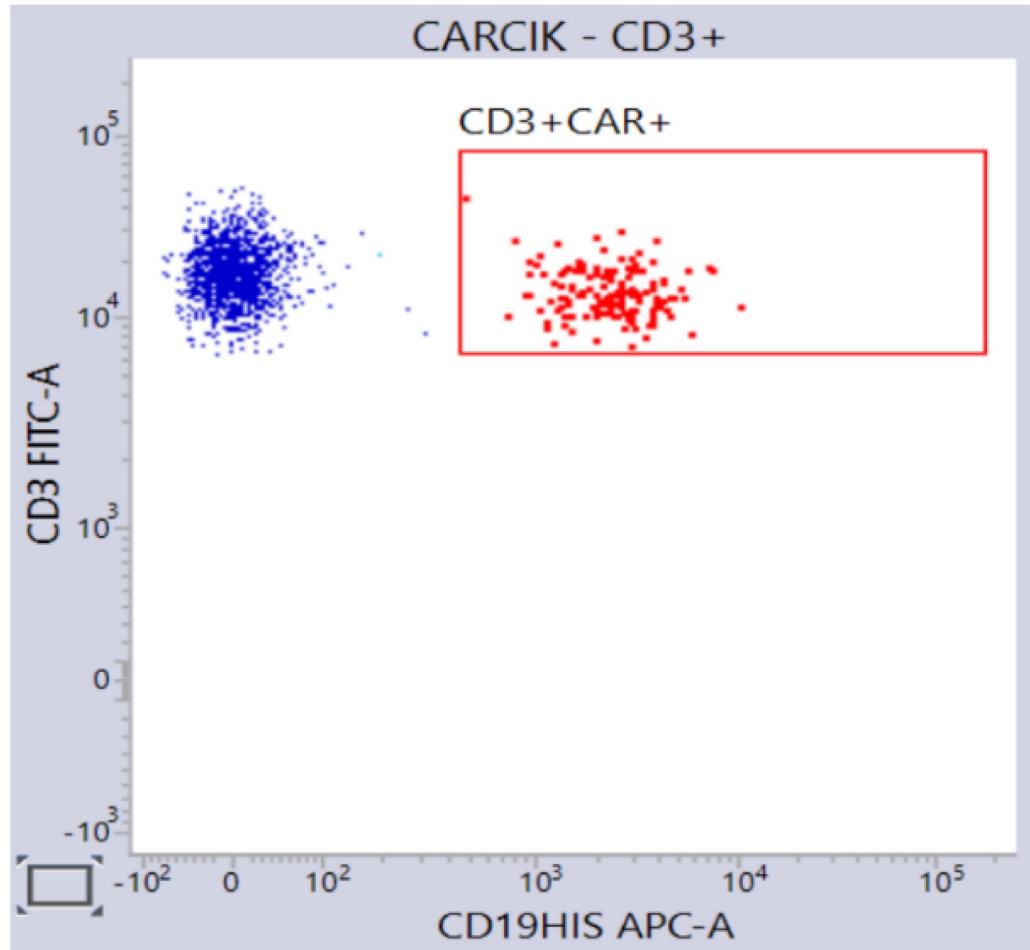
27 June 2019:

- AST/ALT: 157/287 UI,
- γ GT: 1183 UI
- Bilirubin: 18.8 mg/dl

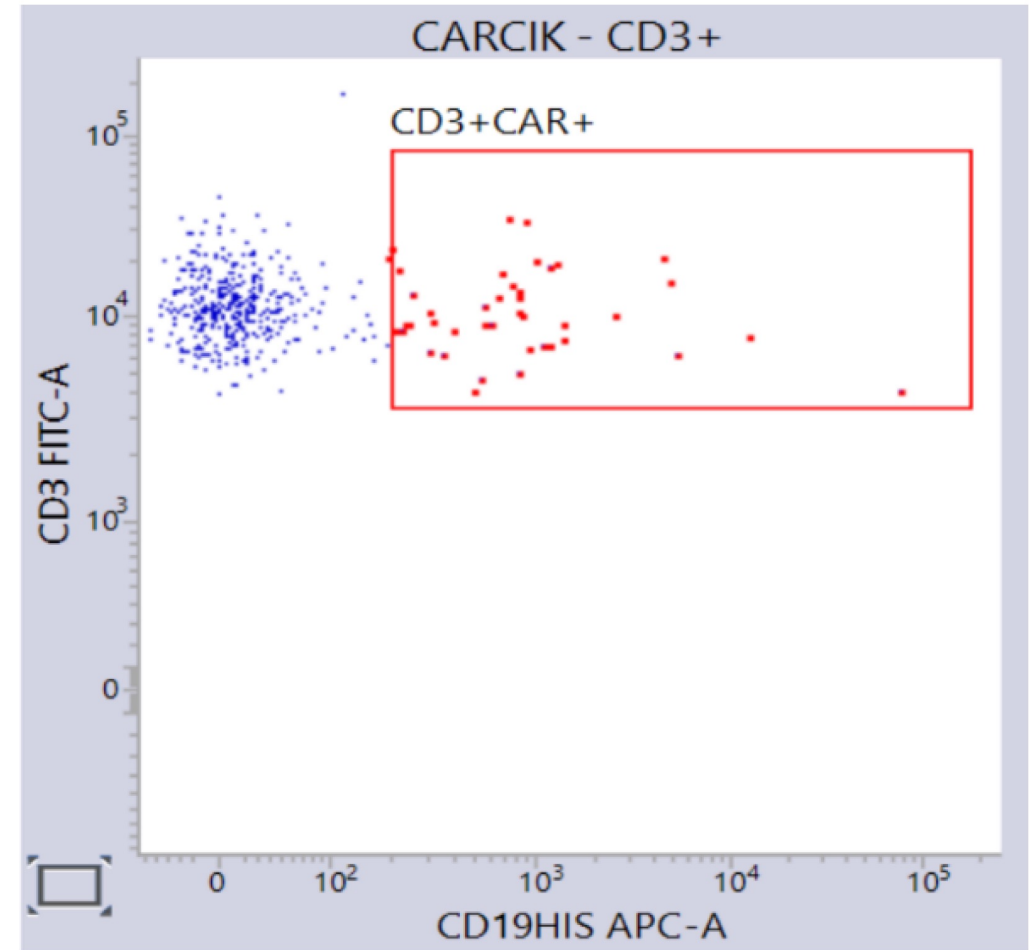
12 September 2019, day +44 after CARCIK-CD19 infusion:

- AST/ALT: 12/58 UI,
- γ GT : 82 UI,
- Bilirubin 0,8 mg/dl

CARCIK-CD19 mediated anti leukemic activity on extrahematologic disease



(A) (PB)

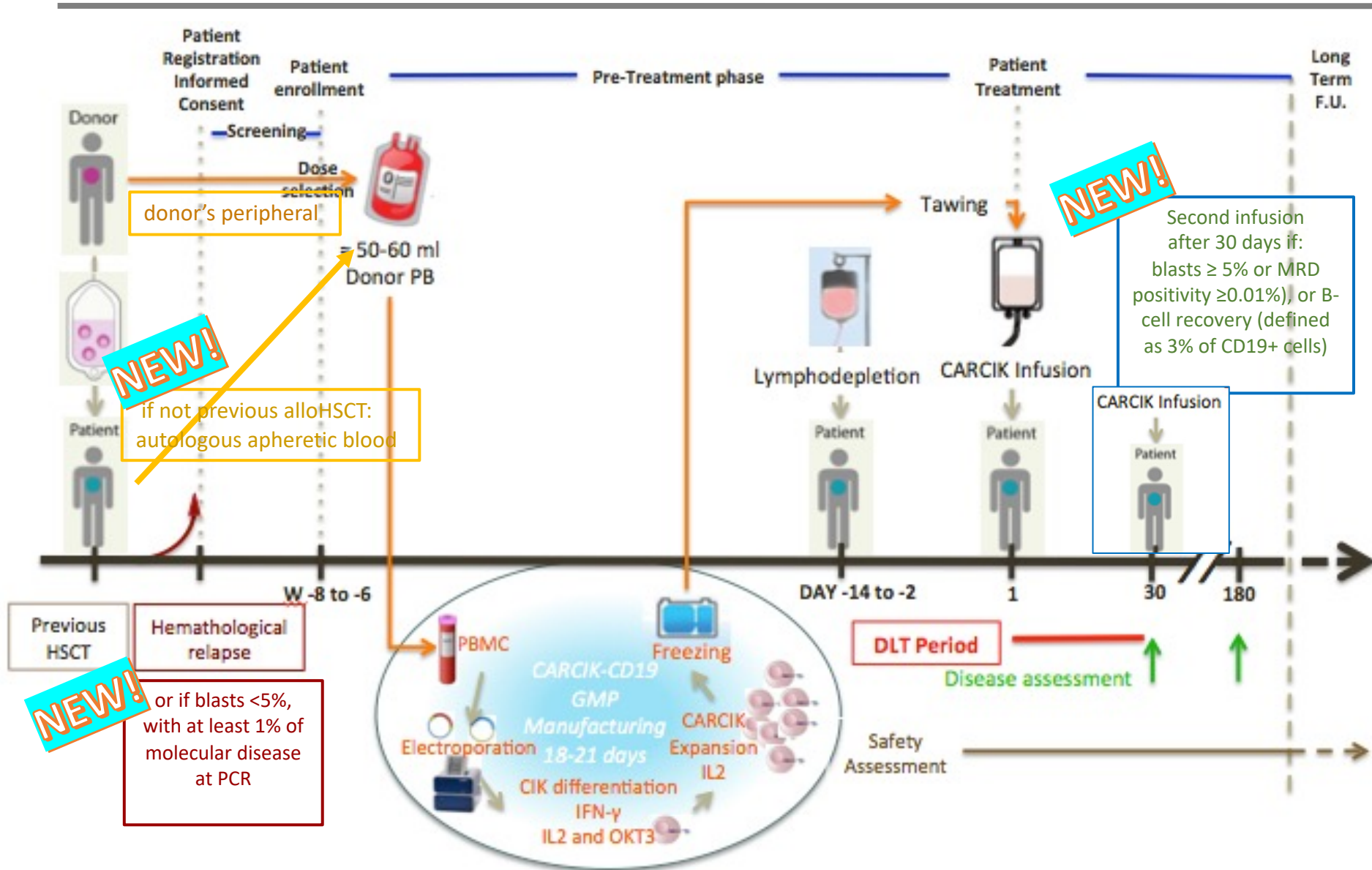


(B) (CSF)

Conclusions

- In this phase I/II dose-finding study, SB-engineered CAR T cells demonstrated:
 - A **successfully GMP production** for all patients **from 50 ml PB** of the previous transplant donor
 - An excellent **safety profile** associated with a **robust expansion** in most patients
 - Anti-leukemia activity in **heavily pretreated patients** with B-ALL relapsed after allo-SCT:
 - CR: 76% in patients receiving the highest dose levels
 - OS: 71% of patients receiving the highest dose levels at 6 months
 - Anti leukemic activity on extrahematologic sites
- The achievement of a negative MRD status at day 28 was crucial for patient's survival, suggesting the need of early additional treatment in patients failing this end point

FT03CARCIK Phase 2: Flow-chart



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