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# CAR-T PER IL TRATTAMENTO DEI LINFOMI NON-HODGKIN

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Beigene						x	
Novartis					x		
Roche					x		
Incyte							х

# **Agenda**

- Introduction
- LBCL:

CART as 3<sup>rd</sup> line or later therapy: phase 2 trials and Real World

CART as 2<sup>nd</sup> line of therapy

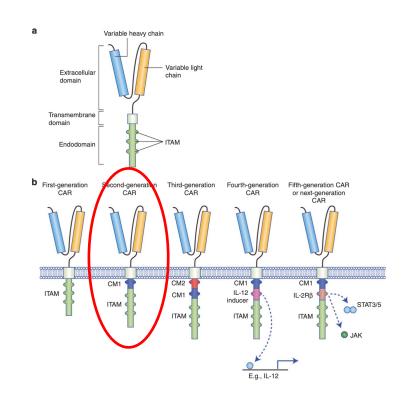
CART as 1<sup>st</sup> line of therapy

MCL: Results from ZUMA-2 trial

FL: Results from ELARA and ZUMA-5

#### Introduction

- Patient's own T cells are engineered to express an anti-CD19 CAR using a viral vector (gamma retrovirus or lentivirus)
- The target-binding domain identifies and binds to the CD19 surface antigen of B cells
- Upon binding, the CD3ζ activation and CD28 (axi-cel and brexu-cel) or 41BB (tisa-cel and liso-cel) costimulatory domains activate the CAR T cells
- Activated CAR T cells release inflammatory cytokines and chemokines and destroy the CD19-expressing B cells



	Axicabtagene Ciloleucel	Tisagenlecleucel	Lisocabtagene Maraleucel	Brexucabtagene Autoleucel
Construct	Anti-CD19-CD28-CD3z	Anti-CD19- <b>41BB</b> -CD3z	Anti-CD19- <b>41BB</b> -CD3z	Anti-CD19-CD28-CD3z
FDA approval status	<ol> <li>Adults patients with r/r DLBCL, HGBCL, tFL or PMBCL after ≥ 2 lines of systemic therapy</li> <li>Adult patients with LBCL that is refractory to or that relapses within 12 months of first-line chemoimmunotherapy (II line)</li> <li>Adults with r/r FL after ≥ 2 lines of systemic therapy</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Adults patients with r/r DLBCL, HGBCL or tFL after ≥2 lines of systemic therapy</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Adult patients with r/r DLBCL, HGBCL, FL grade 3B or PMBCL after ≥2 lines of systemic therapy</li> </ol>	Adult patients with r/r     MCL
EMA approval status	<ol> <li>Adults patients with r/r DLBCL, HGBCL, tFL or PMBCL after ≥ 2 lines of systemic therapy</li> <li>Adult patients with r/r FL after ≥ 3 lines of systemic therapy</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Paediatric and young patients ≤25 years of age with B-cell ALL that is refractory, relapsed post-transplant or in second or later relapse</li> <li>Adult patients with r/r DLBCL, HGBCL or tFL after ≥2 lines of systemic therapy</li> <li>Adult patients with r/r FL after ≥2 lines of systemic therapy</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Adult patients with r/r DLBCL, PMBCL and FL grade 3B (FL3B), after ≥2 lines of systemic therapy</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Adult patients with r/r MCL after ≥2 lines of systemic therapy including a Bruton's tyrosine kinase inhibitor</li> </ol>
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#### CART as 3<sup>rd</sup> line or later therapy: JULIET, ZUMA-1 and TRANSCEND

		Tisa-cel (Juliet) <sup>1</sup>	Axi-cel (Zuma-1) <sup>2</sup>	Liso-cel (Transcend) <sup>3</sup>
<b>→</b>	Source	Cryopreserved unsorted PBMCs	Fresh unsorted PBMCs	Fresh sorted PBMCs CD4:CD8 = 1:1
	Pts infused, n	115 (167 enrolled)	101 (111 enrolled)	269 (344 enrolled)
$\rightarrow$	ВТ	Allowed	Not allowed	Allowed
<b>→</b>	LD	FC (25 mg/m <sup>2</sup> ; 250 mg/m <sup>2</sup> ) or Bendamustine (90 mg/m <sup>2</sup> )	FC (30 mg/m <sup>2</sup> ; 500 mg/m <sup>2</sup> )	FC (30 mg/m <sup>2</sup> ; 300 mg/m <sup>2</sup> )
	CAR T-cells dose	Median: $3.0 \times 10^8$ (range: $0.1 \times 10^8$ to $6.0 \times 10^8$ ; target: $5 \times 10^8$ )	2x10 <sup>6</sup> cells/Kg or fixed 2x10 <sup>8</sup> cells for pts weighed ≥100 kg	DL1 50x10 <sup>6</sup> ; <u>DL2: 100x10<sup>6</sup></u> , DL3: 150x10 <sup>6</sup> CAR T-cells
$\rightarrow$	CRS grading	UPenn scale	Lee 2014	Lee 2014
	NE grading	CTCAE vers 4.03	CTCAE vers 4.03	CTCAE vers 4.03
	1 <sup>st</sup> endpoint <sup>3</sup>	ORR by IRC	ORR by IRC	ORR by IRC, AEs, DLT
	2 <sup>nd</sup> endpoints	DOR; time to response; OS; PFS; EFS, cell kinetics, safety	DOR; OS; PFS; EFS, time to progression, TTNT, disease specific survival, cell kinetics, safety	CRR, DOR, PFS, OS, cellular kinetics
<b>→</b>	Response evaluation	CT at 1 mo and PET at 3 mo from infusion	PET at 1 mo from infusion	PET at 1 mo from infusion

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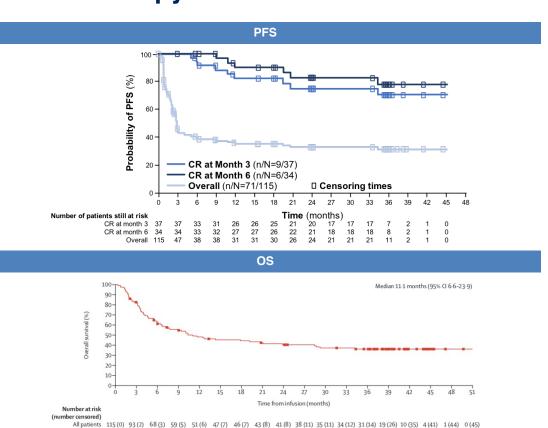
	Pts characteristics	Tisa-cel (Juliet) <sup>1</sup>	Axi-cel (Zuma-1) <sup>2</sup>	Liso-cel (Transcend) <sup>3</sup>
	Median age, y	56 (46-64)	58 (23-76)	63 (54-70)
	Stage III-IV, n (%)	88 (77%)	86 (85%)	NA
	IPI ≥ 2, n (%)	84 (73%)	48 (48%)^	NA
	LDH > UNL, n (%)	NA	85 (84%)	58 (22%) > 500 U/L
	CNS involvement	Not allowed	Not allowed	7 (5%)
	DLBCL ABC, n (%)	41 (36%)	NA	NA
•	DH or TH, n (%)	20 (17%)	4 (4%)	36 (13%)
	tFL, n (%)	21 (18%)	16 (16%)	78 (29%)
	PMBCL, n (%)	Not allowed	8 (8%)	15 (6%)
	FL grade 3B, n(%)	Not allowed	Not allowed	3 (1%)
	N of prev lines of therapy, median	3 (2-3)	3 (2-4)	3 (2-4)
	Refractory to last therapy, n	63 (55%)	80 (79%)	181 (67%)
	BT, n (%)	104 (90%)	Not allowed	159 (59%)
	LD, n (%)	107 (93%)	101 (100%)	269 (100%)
	Time from apheresis to delivery, median	NA (54 days from enrollment)	17 days	24 days (17-51)

#### CART as 3<sup>rd</sup> line or later therapy: JULIET trial

Efficacy (median fup: 40.3 mo)	N=115
ORR, % (n)	53 (61)
CR, % (n)	39 (45)
Median DoR, mo	NR
Median PFS, mo	2.9 (2.3-5.2)
Median OS, mo*	11.1 (6.6-23-9)
Median EFS, mo*	2.8 (2.1-3.06)

Safety	N=115
CRS, %	
Any-grade	57
Grade ≥3	23
Neurological events, %	
Any-grade	20
Grade ≥3	11
Grade ≥3 prolonged cytopenias, %	34

No treatment related death

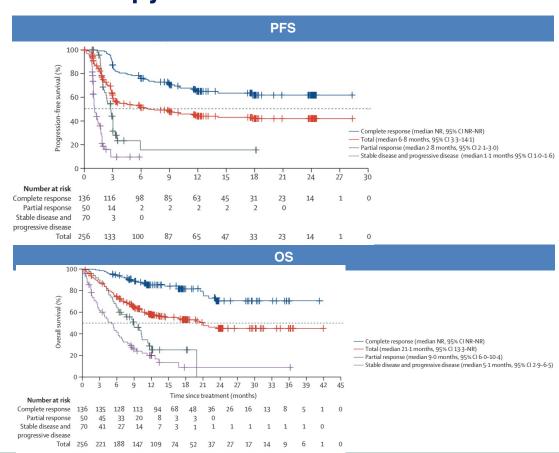


#### CART as 3<sup>rd</sup> line or later therapy: TRANSCEND trial

Efficacy (median fup: 18.8 mo)	N=256
ORR, % (n)	73 (186)
CR, %	53 (136)
Median DoR, mo	NR (8.6-NR)
Median PFS, mo	6.8 (3.3-14.1)
Median OS, mo	21.1 (13.3-NE)

Safety	N=269
CRS, %	
Any-grade	42
Grade ≥3	2
Neurological events, %	
Any-grade	30
Grade ≥3	10
Grade ≥3 prolonged cytopenias	37

7 (3%) pts died due to AEs related to Liso-cel

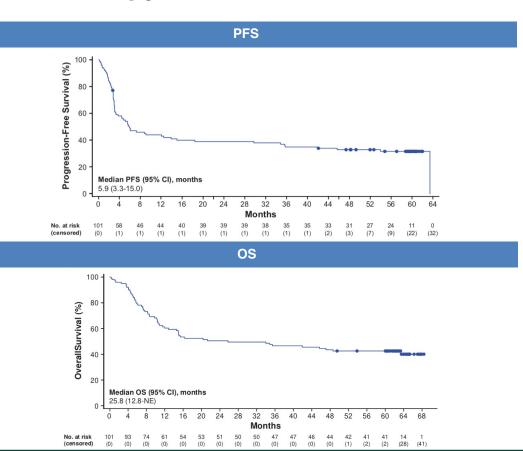


# CART as 3<sup>rd</sup> line or later therapy: ZUMA-1 trial

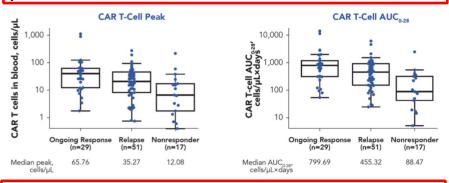
Efficacy (median fup: 63.1 mo)	N=101
ORR, % (n)	83 (84)
CR, %	58 (59)
Median DoR*, mo	11.1 (4.2-51.3)
Median PFS, mo	5.9 (3.3-15)
Median OS, mo	25.8 (12.8-NE)
Median EFS, mo	5.7 (3.1-13.9)
Median disease specific survival	NR

Safety	N=101
CRS, %	
Any-grade	93
Grade ≥3	11
Neurological events, %	
Any-grade	64
Grade ≥3	30
Grade ≥3 prolonged cytopenias	38

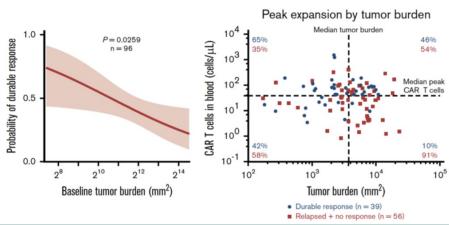
2 pts died due to AEs related to Axi-cel



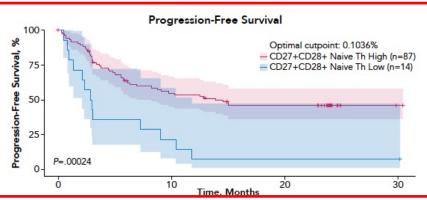
Early CART cell expansion associated with ongoing response at 5 years<sup>1</sup>



Patients with high tumor burden have lower CART cell expansion<sup>3</sup>



CD27<sup>+</sup>CD28<sup>+</sup> naïve T cells in apheresis associated with CART cell product fitness and better efficacy<sup>2</sup>



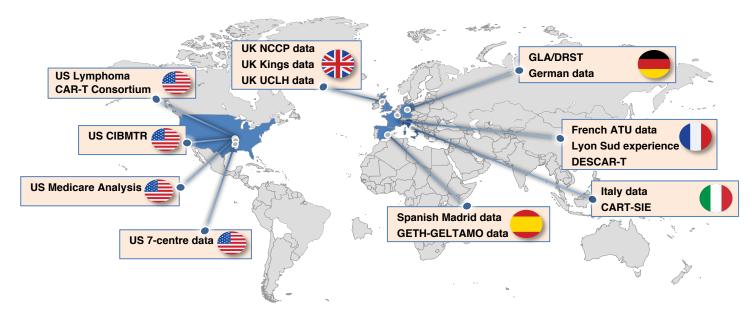
CART cell fitness is inversely proportional to the number of previous line of therapy → Early referral!

# Prior Lines	Quartile (# Subjects)	Doubling Time	Median CAR AUC <sub>Dy0-28</sub>	%ORR (n, %)	%Ongoing @12Mth (n, %)
Healthy Donor	n=152	1.34	-	-	
≤2 Lines	Q1 (n=31)	1.42	469.3	28 (90%)	12 (39%)
3 Lines	Q2 (n=29)	1.51	476.6	28 (97%)	10 (34%)
4 Lines	Q3(n=28)	1.7	491.4	23 (82%)	13 (46%)
≥5 Lines	Q4 (n=12)	1.68	211.0	5 (42%)	3 (25%)

#### CAR-T as 3<sup>rd</sup> or later line: THE REAL WORLD SETTING

Results between pivotal trials and real-world settings may differ due to

- Patients selection
- Trial design (e.g., bridging therapy, outcome assessment)
- Evolution of toxicities management guidelines

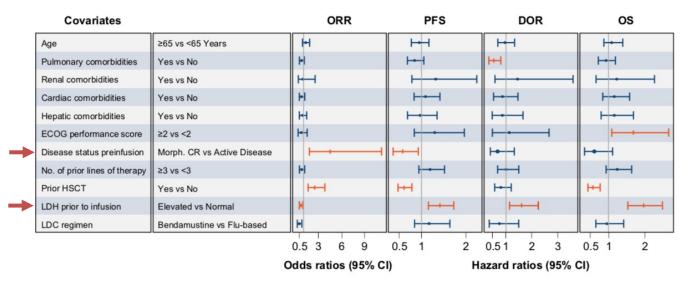


#### **REAL WORLD EXPERIENCE**

	JUL (11!			MTR 59) <sup>2</sup>	GELTAMO (75) <sup>3</sup>		ZUMA-1 (101) <sup>4</sup>		US lymphoma CART cell consortium (275) <sup>5</sup>		CIBMTR (122) <sup>6</sup>	
Median follow-up	40.3	mo	24	mo	14.1 mo		63.1 mo		13.8		10.4 mo	
PTs ineligible to ZUMA1	N	A	N	IA	NA NA		43%		62%			
Bridging therapy	90	%	uı	nk	87% Not allowed		53%		55%			
Best objective response	ORR	CR	ORR	CR	ORR	CR	ORR	CR	ORR	CR	ORR	CR
	53%	39%	59.5%	44.5%	60%	32%	83%	58%	82%	64%	70%	50%
Median DoR	NI	R	52.6% at 24 mo		8.9 mo		11.1 mo		NR		11 mo	
Median PFS	2.9	mo	28.4% 8	at 24 mo	3 mo 5.9 mo		mo	8.3 mo		4.5 mo		
Median OS	11.1	mo	43.6% 8	at 24 mo	10.7	<sup>7</sup> mo	25.8 mo		NR		NR	
Any grade CRS	66 (5	7%)*	58.	2% <sup>§</sup>	53 (7	′1%)§	94 (93%)^		251 (91%) ^		114 (93%) ^	
Grade ≥ 3 CRS	26 (2	3%)	6	%	4 (5%)		12 (11%)		19 (7%)		19 (16%)	
Any grade NE	23 (20	)%) **	22.	5% <sup>§</sup>	11 (15%) <sup>§</sup>		65 (64%) **		189 (69%) **		85 (70%) **	
Grade ≥ 3 NEs	13 (1	1%)	7.4	4%	1 (	1%)	35 (3	10%)	85 (31%)		43 (35%)	

<sup>\*</sup> grading by Upenn; \*\* grading by CTCAE vers 4.3; § grading by Lee 2019; ^grading by Lee 2014.

#### TISA-CEL: CIBMTR REAL WORLD EXPERIENCE

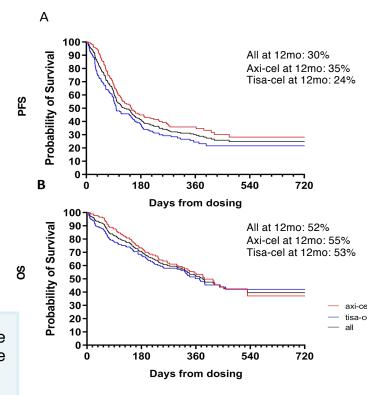


- Data from the largest real-world cohort of patients treated with tisacel, with a median of 2 years' follow-up, reveal durable efficacy and a favorable long-term safety profile.
- Morphologic CR and normal LDH prior to infusion are associated with improved efficacy and/or safety outcomes, which may support the use of debulking and/or bridging therapy to lower disease burden prior to infusion

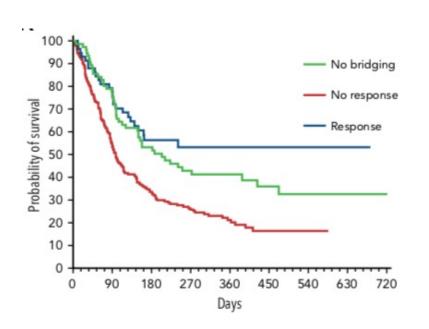
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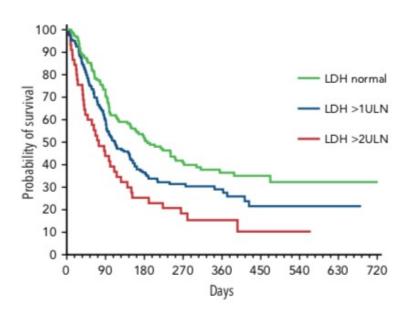
	All, n (%)	Axi-cel (173), n (%)	Tisa,cel (183) n (%)	Р
CRS, all grade	259 (73)	141 (81)	118 (65)	.003
CRS, grade <u>&gt;</u> 3	42 (12)	18 (10)	24 (13)	n.s.
ICANS, all grade	116 (33)	76 (44)	40 (22)	<.0001
ICANS, grade <u>≥</u> 3	40 (11)	28 (16)	12 (7)	.004
Neutropenia, grade 4	261 (81)	133 (84)	109 (75)	.062
Thrombocytopenia, grade 4	115 (37)	NA	NA	NA

Compared with tisa-cel, axi-cel was associated with better disease control (ORR and PFS at 12 mo) but had a less favorable safety profile (CRS, ICANS and NRM) and comparable survival.



#### GERMAN LYMPHOMA ALLIANCE REAL LIFE EXPERIENCE



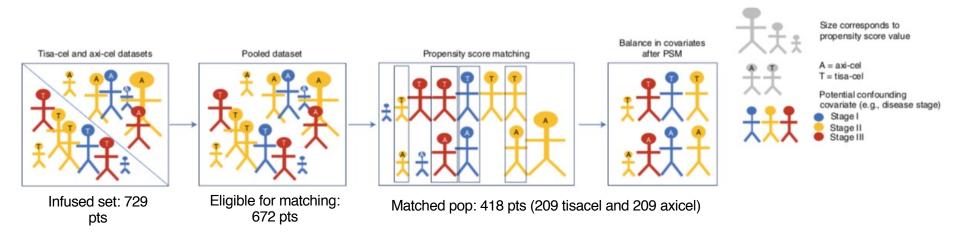


Predictors of PFS and OS are: response to BT, ECOG (<1 vs >1), LDH at LD.

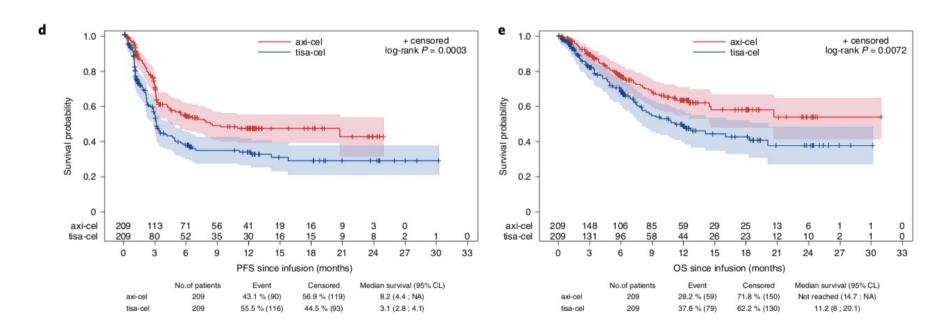
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#### **DESCAR-T REGISTRY: THE PROPENSITY SCORE ANALYSIS**

- Propensity score reflects the probability of receiving tisa-cel or axi-cel conditional on an exhaustive list of 14 pre-infusion covariates.
- A propensity score matching (PSM) is based on matching patients with similar propensity score with the aim to create a
  balanced covariate distribution between r/r DLBCL patients treated with axi-cel or tisa-cel between July 2018 and
  October 2021 across 25 centers in France (DESCART registry).



#### **DESCAR-T REGISTRY: THE PROPENSITY SCORE ANALYSIS**



Axi-cel had significantly higher response rates and prolonged survival compared with tisa-cel, regardless tumor bulk ( $\leq$  5 cm vs > 5 cm) and patient age ( $\leq$  70 vs > 70 y)

#### **DESCAR-T REGISTRY: THE PROPENSITY SCORE ANALYSIS**

**Table 3** | Toxicity after CAR T infusion according to CAR T product in the PSM cohorts

		axi-cel		tisa-cel	P
	n=2	09	n = 2	09	
CRS of any grade	180	(86.1%)	158	(75.6%)	0.006
Grade 1-2	169	(80.9%)	139	(66.5%)	<0.001
Grade ≥3	11	(5.3%)	19	(9.1%)	0.130
ICANS of any grade	102	(48.8%)	46	(22.0%)	<0.001
Grade 1-2	73	(34.9%)	40	(19.1%)	<0.001
Grade ≥3	29	(13.9%)	6	(2.9%)	<0.001

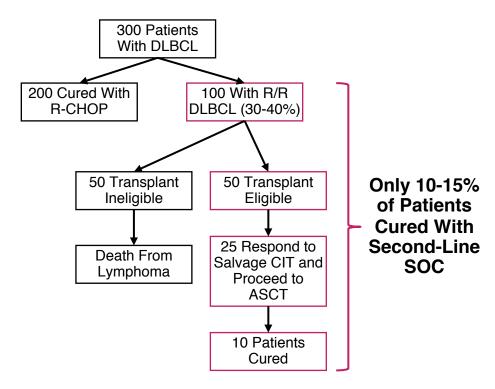
# **Table 3** | Toxicity after CAR T infusion according to CAR T product in the PSM cohorts

		axi-cel		tisa-cel	P
	n=2	09	n = 2	209	
Cytopenia of any grade at M1	135	(64.6%)	82	(39.2%)	<0.001
Grade 1-2	64	(30.6%)	56	(26.8%)	0.387
Grade ≥3	71	(34.0%)	26	(12.4%)	< 0.001
Cytopenia of any grade at M3	75	(35.9%)	29	(13.9%)	<0.001
Grade 1-2	51	(24.4%)	21	(10.0%)	< 0.001
Grade ≥3	24	(11.5%)	8	(3.8%)	0.003

Axi-cel had significantly higher toxicity profile compared with tisa-cel, but no difference was seen regarding grade 5 AE

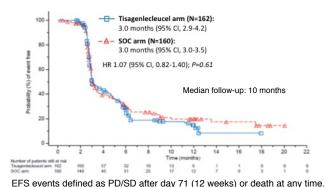
#### SOC second-line treatment for R/R LBCL: HDCT and ASCT

- 10-15% of pts are primary refractory (incomplete response/relapse within 6 mo)<sup>1</sup>;
- 20-25% relapse within 2 years after 1<sup>st</sup> line<sup>1</sup>;
- Outcome correlates with timing of progression or relapse: pts with refractory disease have the worst outcome, with a median OS of 6 mo<sup>2</sup>;
- PARMA trial established ASCT as SOC (5y EFS 46% vs 12%)<sup>3</sup>;
- In the rituximab era, early relapse (< 1 year) and primary refractory pts have a failure rate > 80% with salvage cht and ASCT<sup>4,5</sup>;
- Patients who obtain CR2 after salvage cht are better after ASCT, than those with < CR<sup>4,5</sup>.



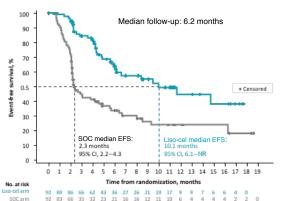
## CART as 2<sup>nd</sup> line of therapy

#### Belinda: Tisa-cel in 2<sup>nd</sup> line<sup>1</sup>



ORR: 46.3% Tisacel vs 42.5% SoC CR: 46% Tisacel vs 44% SoC

#### Transform: Liso-cel in 2<sup>nd</sup> line<sup>2</sup>

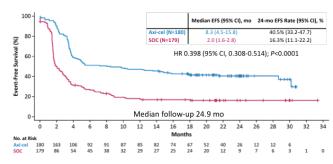


EFS: time from randomization to death due to any cause, progressive disease, failure to achieve CR or PR by 9 weeks post-randomization or start of a new antineoplastic therapy due to efficacy concerns. whichever occurs first.

ORR: 86% Lisocel vs 48% SoC CR: 66% Lisocel vs 39% SoC

Median PFS: 14.8 mo Lisocel vs 5.7 mo SOC

ZUMA-7: Axi-cel in 2<sup>nd</sup> line<sup>3</sup>



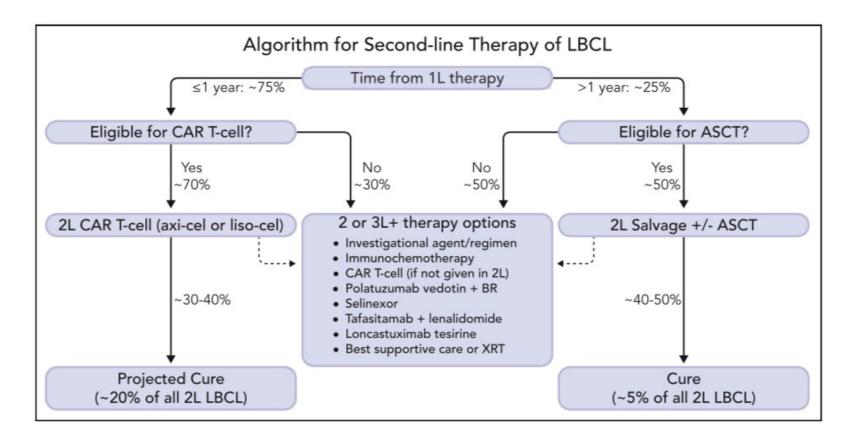
ORR: 83% Axicel vs 50% SoC CR: 65% Axicel vs 32% SoC

Median PFS: 14.7 mo Axicel vs 3.7 mo SOC

	ZUMA-7	Belinda	Transform
Histologies included	DLBCL NOS,* including transformed from FL, HGBCL with or without MYC and BCL2/6, T/H-RLBCL, Primary cutaneous DLBCL - leg type	DLBCL NOS, including transformed from indolent NHL, HGBCL with or without MYC and BCL2/6, 7/H-RLBCL, Primary cutaneous DLBCL - leg type FL grade 3B, PMBCL, Intravascular LBCL, ALK + LBCL, HHV8 + LBCL	DLBCL NOS, including transformed from indolent NHL, HGBCL with MYC and BCL2/6, T/H-RLBCL, FL grade 3B, PMBCL
Product	Axi-cel, CD28/CD3zeta 2 × 10 <sup>6</sup> cells/kg	Tisa-cel, 4 – 1BB/CD3zeta 0.6-6 × 10 <sup>8</sup> cells	Liso-cel, 4 – 1BB/CD3zeta 1 × 10 <sup>8</sup> cells
1L refractory definition	PD as best response SD after at least 4 cycles PR with + biopsy or PD <12 mo from 1L start	PD/SD as best response	PD/SD/PR as best response     CR with progression <3 mo
1L relapsed definition	CR followed by + biopsy     <12 mo from 1L end	• Positive biopsy ≤12 mo from 1L end	CR followed by + biopsy 3-12 mo from 1L end
Age	18+	18+	18-75
Leukapheresis time point	At randomization     Only CAR T-cell arm	Before randomization     All patients	Before randomization     All patients
Stratification factors	1. Refractory vs Relapse ≤6 mo vs Relapse >6-12 mo 2. 2L AAIPI 0-1 vs 2-3	1. Refractory or relapsed ≤6 mo vs relapsed 6-12 mo 2. IPI <2 vs ≥2	1. Refractory vs relapse 2. 2L AAIPI 0-1 vs 2-3
Bridging therapy	Dexamethasone ≤40 mg for ≤4 d	• R-ICE • R-GDP • R-DHAP • R-GemOx	• R-ICE • R-GDP • R-DHAP

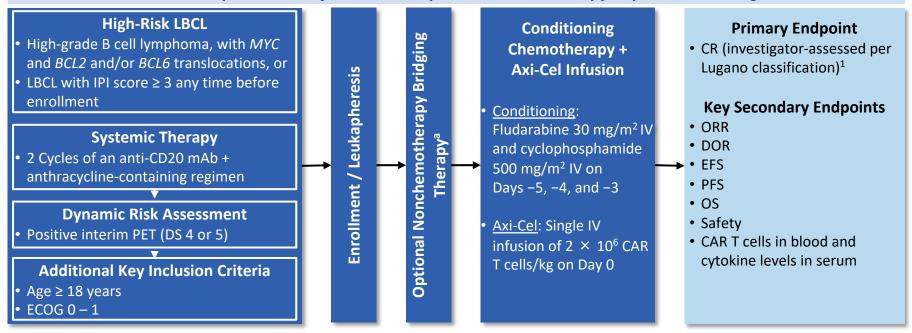
	ZUMA-7	Belinda	Transform
LD chemotherapy	Fludarabine 30 mg/m² × 3 d     Cyclophosphamide 500 mg/m²     X 3 d	Fludarabine 25 mg/m² × 3 d and     Cyclophosphamide 250 mg/m² × 3d OR     Bendamustine 90 mg/m² × 2 d	Fludarabine 30 mg/m² × 3 d     Cyclophosphamide 300 mg/m² × 3 d
SOC chemotherapy	R-ICE R-GDP R-DHAP R-ESHAP	R-ICE R-GDP R-DHAP R-GemOx	• R-ICE • R-GDP • R-DHAP
Crossover to CAR T-cell therapy	No	Yes, if  Very PR/CR by 12 wk (after 2 SOC regimens)  PD at any time	Yes, if <pr 9="" by="" cr="" p="" wk<=""> PD at any time Need for new therapy after 18 wk</pr>
EFS definition	Time from randomization to:  PD  Death  PR at day 150 assessment  Start of new lymphoma therapy	Time from randomization to:  PD  Death  PR at/after week 12	Time from randomization to:  • PD  • Death • ≤PR by week 9  • Start of new lymphoma therapy

- <u>Bridging therapy:</u> Zuma 7: 36% dex; Belinda: 83% PCT (43% > 1 cy, 12% > 1 regimen); Transform: 63% PCT (only 1 cycle allowed)
- Belinda allowed > 1 SOC regimen
- ASCT was performed in 36% of ZUMA-7 pts, 32.5% of Belinda pts and 45.6% of Transform pts.
- Median time from R to infusion was: 29 days in Zuma-7, 52 day in Belinda, UNK for Transform

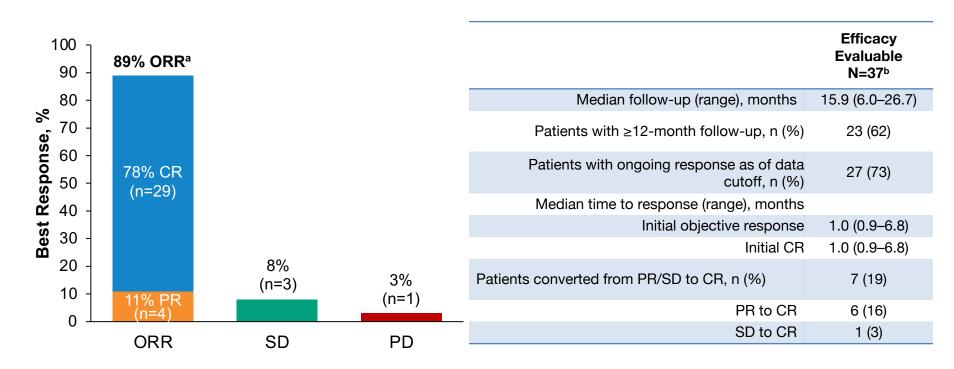


#### CART as 1st line of therapy: ZUMA-12 trial

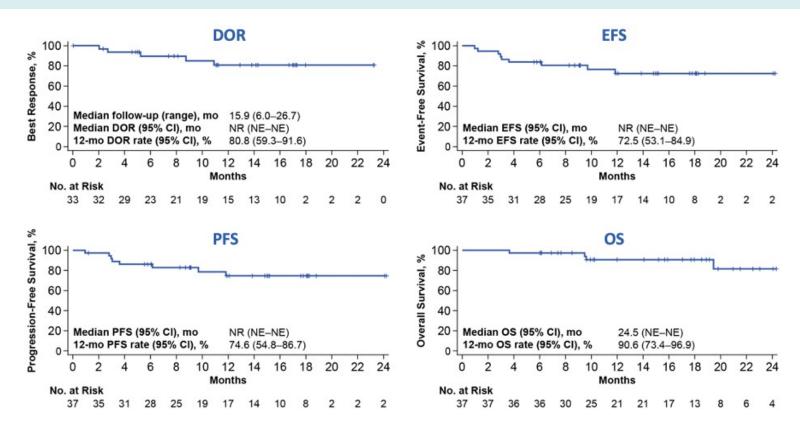




# CART as 1st line of therapy: ZUMA-12 trial



# **ZUMA-12 primary analysis: Efficacy**



#### **CART for the treatment of LBCL patients: Conclusions**

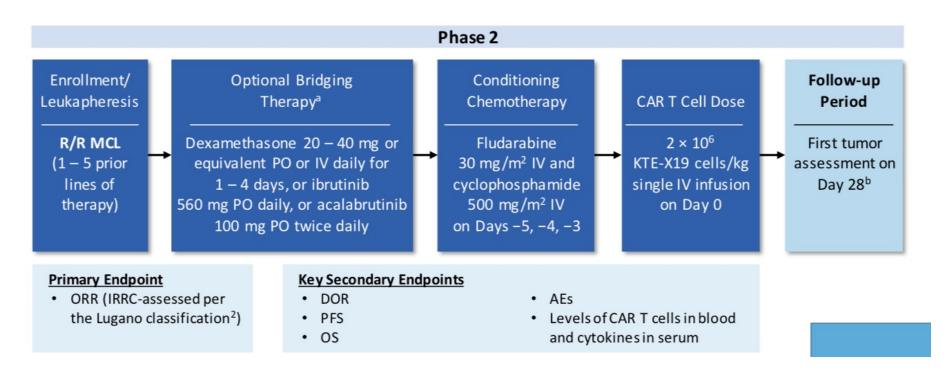
#### In 3<sup>rd</sup> or later line of therapy:

- Real world experiences confirm the phase 2 trial results in term of safety and efficacy.
- Axicel seems to induce higher response rates and prolonged survival compared with tisacel, despite is higher toxicity.
- Grade ≥ 3 ICANS and long term hematological toxicity are still difficult AEs to manage.
- Durable responses at 5 years were strongly associated with peak CAR T-cell expansion, which is associated with tumor burden and T-cell fitness in apheresis material.

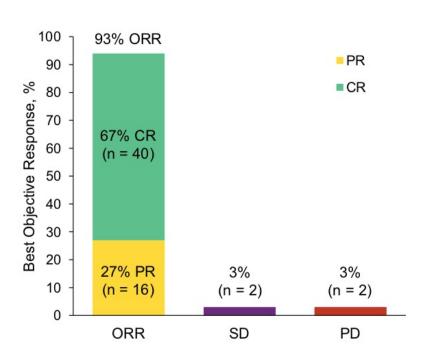
#### In 2<sup>nd</sup> line of therapy:

- Axicel and lisocel are becoming the new SoC for pts with refractory or relapsed (< 12 mo from 1<sup>st</sup> line) DLBCL
- More data are necessary to define the long term toxicity

#### MCL: Results from ZUMA-2 trial



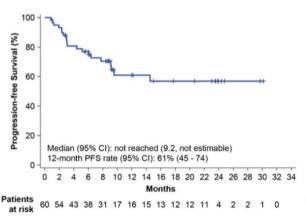
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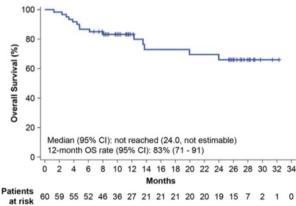


- 74 pts enrolled, 68 pts (92%) were infused
- Median follow-up: 12.3 months
- The median time from KTE-X19 infusion to initial response was 1 month (range o.8-3.1)
- The median time from KTE-X19 infusion to CR was 3 month (range 0.9 – 9.3)
- Among the 42 pts who initially had a PR or SD, 24 (57%) achieved a CR after a median of 2.2. months (1.8 – 8.3)
- Median DOR was not reached

#### MCL: Results from ZUMA-2 trial

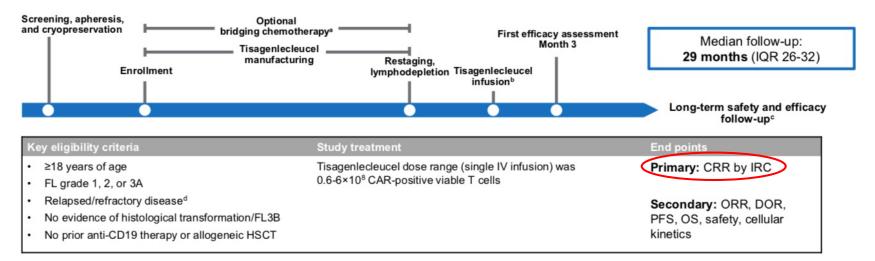
Median PFS and median OS were not reached after a median follow-up of 12.3 months





KTE-X19¹ AE, n (%)	Treated patients (N: 68)
Any grade CRS	62 (91%)
Grade ≥ 3 CRS*	10 (15%)
Any grade NE	43 (63%)
Grade $\geq$ 3 NEs**	21 (31%)
Non relapse mortality	0

#### FL: Results from ELARA phase 2 trial



- Bridging therapy was allowed and was followed by disease re-evaluation before tisagenlecleucel infusion
- 18% (17/97) of patients received tisagenlecleucel in the outpatient setting

CAR, chimeric antigen receptor; CD, cluster of differentiation; CRR, complete response rate; DOR, duration of response; FL, follicular lymphoma; FL3B, FL grade 3B; HSCT, hematopoietic stem cell transplant; IQR, interquartile range; IRC, independent review committee; IV, intravenous; ORR, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival.

<sup>a</sup>Disease was reassessed prior to infusion for all patients requiring bridging therapy. <sup>b</sup>Infusion was conducted on an in- or outpatient basis at investigator discretion. <sup>c</sup>Every 3 months until Month 12, and every 6 months until end of study. <sup>d</sup>Refractory to ≥2nd line of systemic therapy (including an anti-CD20 antibody and alkylating agent) or relapsed within 6 months after ≥2nd line of therapy or after an autologous HSCT.

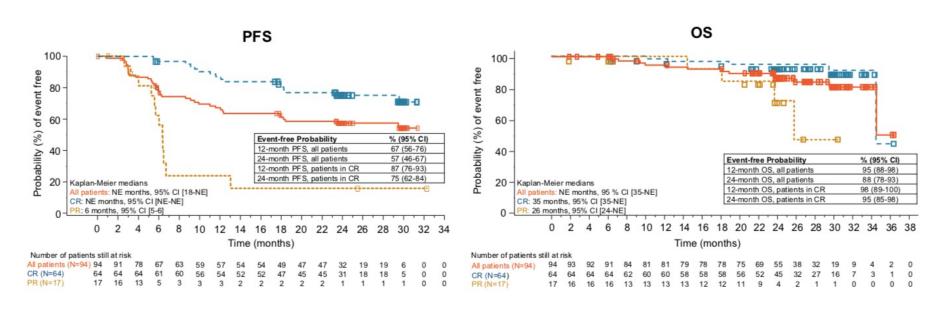
#### FL: Results from ELARA phase 2 trial (median fup 29 mo)

Endpoint in Efficacy Analysis Set (IRC Assessment)	% (95% CI) N=94
CRR <sup>a</sup>	68 (58-77) <sup>b</sup>
ORR <sup>c</sup>	86 (78-92) <sup>b</sup>

Baseline Disease Characteristic	All Patients n (%) N=97	CRR % (95% CI)	ORR % (95% CI)
POD24	61 (63)	59 (46-71)	82 (70-91)
High metabolic tumor volume <sup>d</sup>	20 (21)	40 (19-64)	75 (51-91)
Bulky disease <sup>e</sup>	62 (64)	65 (51-76)	86 (74-93)
Double refractory	65 (67)	66 (53-77)	85 (74-92)
High FLIPI (≥3)	57 (59)	61 (48-74)	81 (68-90)

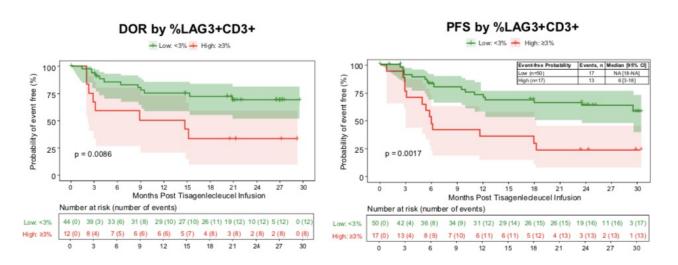
Higher rates of durable responses were observed in most patients in high risk disease subgroups who have poor prognosis with current non CAR T-cell therapy

#### FL: Results from ELARA phase 2 trial (median fup 29 mo)



Median DoR and TTNT: NR

#### **ELARA: Exploratory Correlative Biomarker Analyses**



- Higher baseline metabolic tumor volume is associated with shorter PFS and DoR
- Lower pre-LD serum TNF-a and IL-10 levels correlated with tumor volume and prolonged PFS
- Lower tumor-infiltrated LAG3+ exhausted T-cell (< 3% of total T-cells), representing a favorable TME, is associated with longer DOR and PFS

#### FL: Results from ZUMA-5 phase 2 trial

- Patients not treated (n = 5)
  - DLBCL via pretreatment biopsy (n = 1)<sup>a</sup>
  - Ineligible (n = 3)<sup>b</sup>
  - Death (n = 1)<sup>c</sup>

#### **Key Eligibility Criteria**

- R/R FL (Grades 1 3a) or MZL (nodal or extranodal)<sup>a</sup>
- ≥ 2 Prior lines of therapy—must have included an anti-CD20 mAb combined with an alkylating agent<sup>b</sup>

#### **Conditioning Regimen**

 Fludarabine 30 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV and cyclophosphamide 500 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV on Days -5, -4, -3

Axi-Cel: 2 × 10<sup>6</sup> CAR+ cells/kg

# Enrolled/Leukapheresed N = 153 (127 FL, 25 MZL, 1 DLBCL) Conditioning Chemotherapy n = 148 (124 FL, 24 MZL) dal)<sup>a</sup> Received Axi-Cel n = 148 (124 FL, 24 MZL)

#### **Primary Endpoint**

 ORR (IRRC-assessed per the Lugano classification<sup>1</sup>)

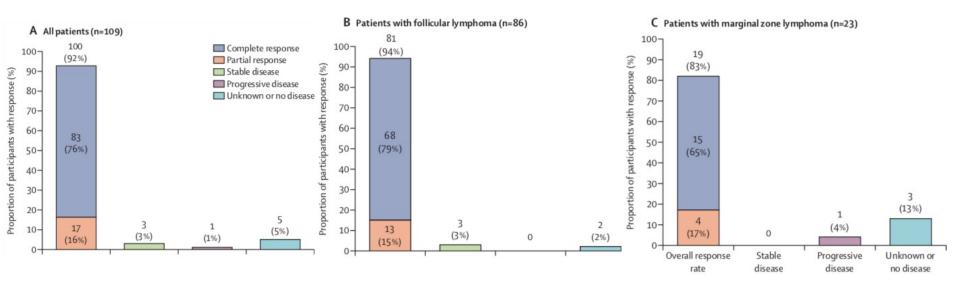
- Efficacy analysis (n = 109)
  - Patients with FL who had
     ≥ 18 months follow-up (n
     = 86)
  - Patients with MZL who had
    - ≥ 4 weeks follow-up (n = 23)
- Safety analysis (n = 148)
  - All treated patients

#### **Key Secondary Endpoints**

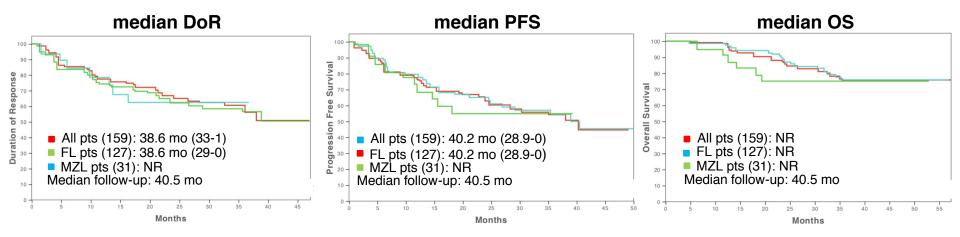
- CR rate (IRRC-assessed)
- Investigator-assessed ORR¹
- DOR, PFS, OS
- AEs
- CAR T cell and cytokine levels

#### FL: Results from ZUMA-5 phase 2 trial (3y fup)

ORR and CRR were similar to the 2-year analysis<sup>1</sup>



#### FL: Results from ZUMA-5 phase 2 trial (3y fup)



- Late progression or death due to lymphoma or study treatment were uncommon and no new safety signals arose since the 2-year analysis.
- At data cut-off, 15 deaths were lymphoma specific: 11 due to complications of underlying lymphoma and 3 due to AEs related to study treatment (1 covid-19 pneumonia, 1 multi organ failure in the context of CRS, and 1 PML)

#### **CART** for the treatment of FL patients: Conclusions

- Tisagenlecleucel and Axicel induce high rates of durable responses in all patients including those with high-risk disease characteristics such as POD24 and high baseline tumor burden;
- Median DOR, PFS, and OS were not reached in the ELARA trial after >2 years of follow-up;
- Median DoR, PFS and OS were 38.6 mo, 40.2 mo and NR respectively in the ZUMA-5 after > 3
   years of follow-up
- Tisagenlecleucel was found to be well-tolerated and feasible for out-patient administration;
- In both trial, exploratory biomarker analyses suggest that a favorable TME and decreased inflammatory status were associated with improved clinical outcomes;

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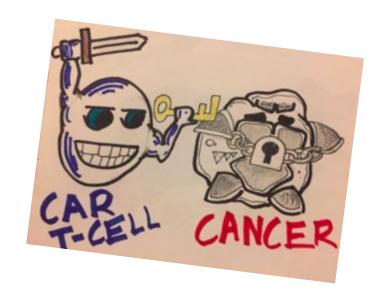
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