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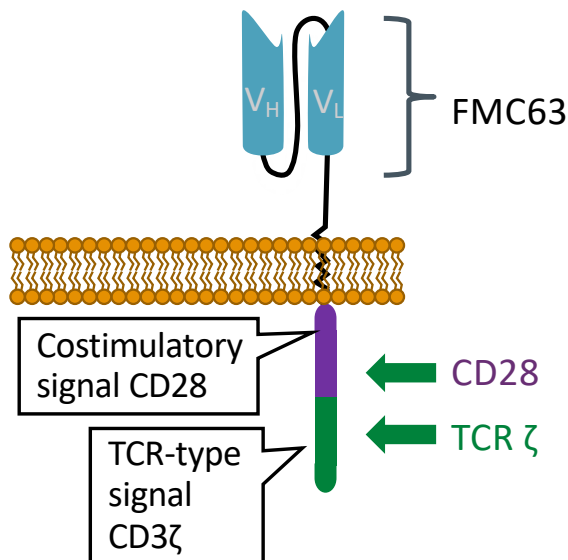


***DLBCL – Indicazioni alla terapia  
con CAR-T: quale e quando  
utilizzarla  
Massimo MARTINO***

# CD19-Targeted CAR T-Cell Products in DLBCL

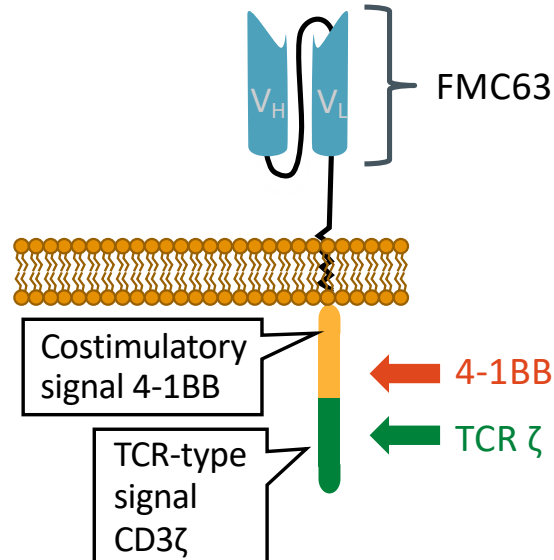
## Axicabtagene ciloleucel (Axi-cel)

- CD28 costimulation
- Second generation



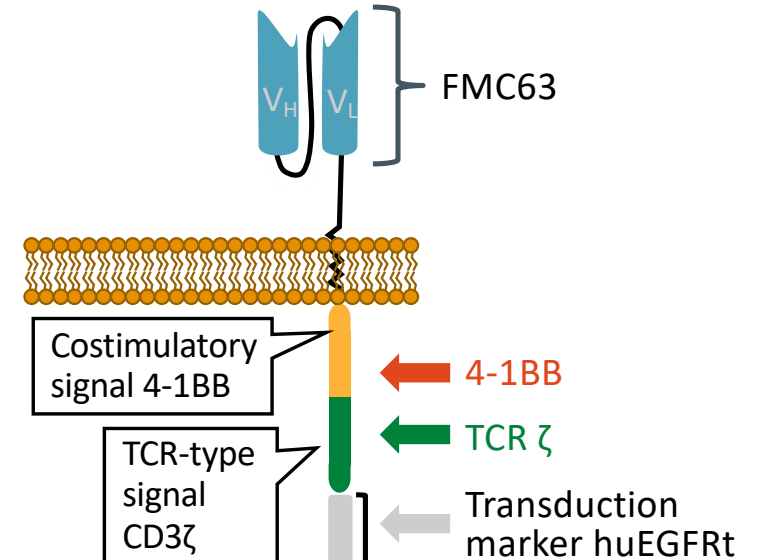
## Tisagenlecleucel (Tisa-cel)

- 4-1BB costimulation
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## Lisocabtagene maraleucel (Liso-cel)

- 4-1BB costimulation
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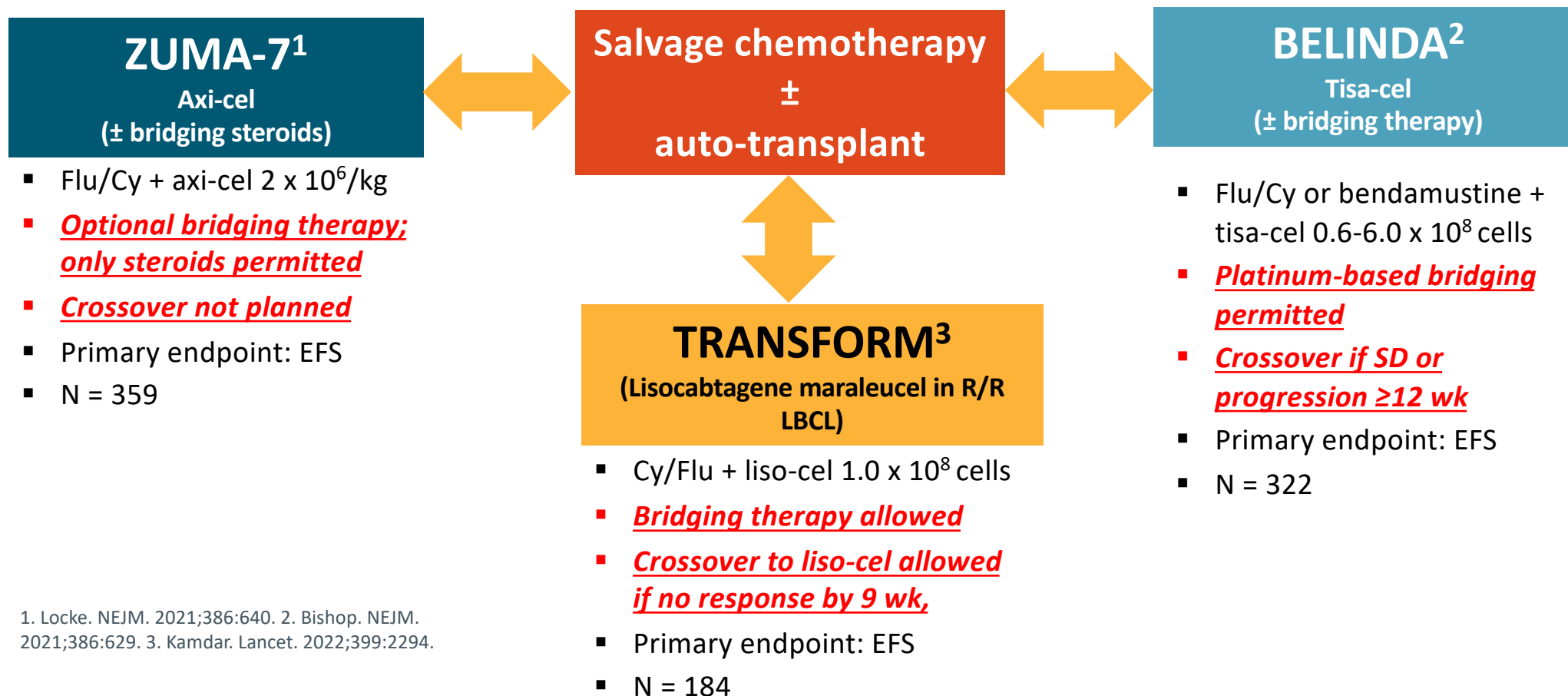
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# **Management of Relapsed DLBCL:**

## **Focus on Refractory/Early Relapsed Disease**

# CAR T-Cells vs SoC in High-Risk DLBCL

- High-risk DLBCL refractory to first-line treatment or relapsed within 12 mo of first-line chemoimmunotherapy (anthracycline + CD20 mAb)

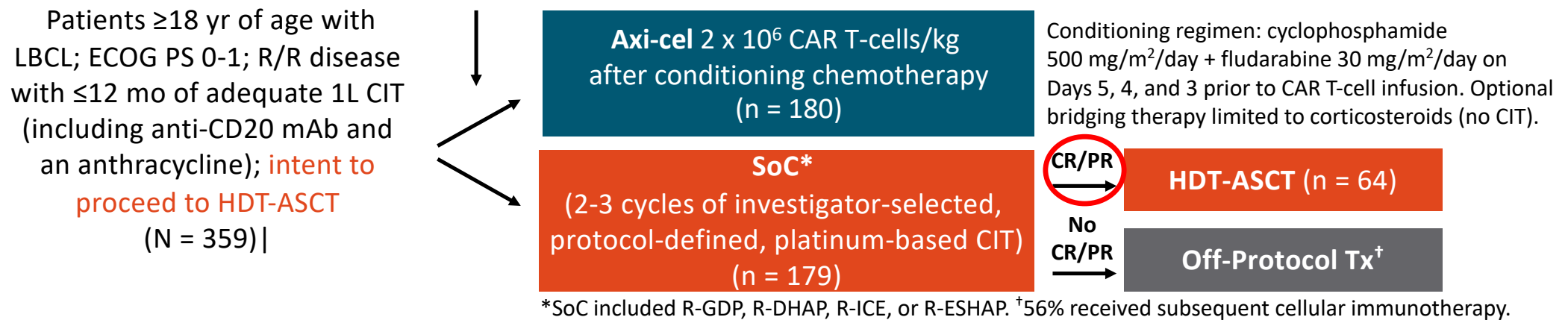


1. Locke. NEJM. 2021;386:640. 2. Bishop. NEJM. 2021;386:629. 3. Kamdar. Lancet. 2022;399:2294.

# ZUMA-7: Axicabtagene Ciloleucel vs SoC in R/R Large B-Cell Lymphoma

- Global, multicenter, randomized phase III trial

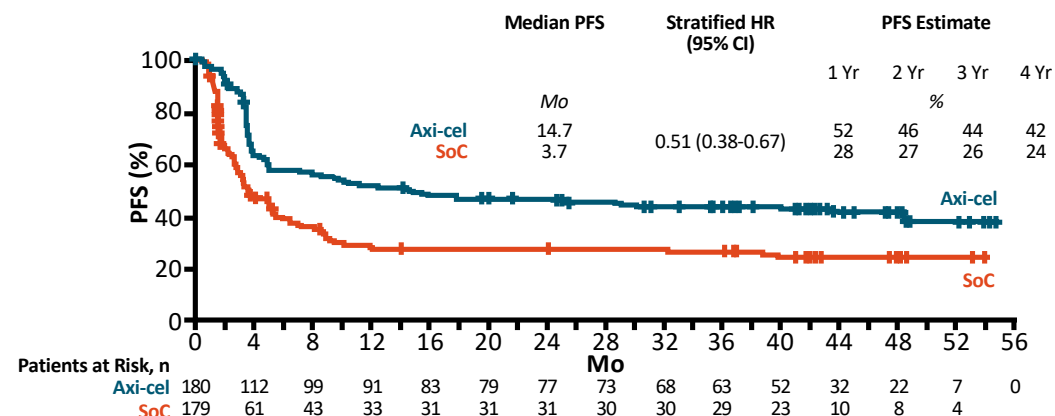
*Stratified by 1L treatment response, 2L age-adjusted IPI*



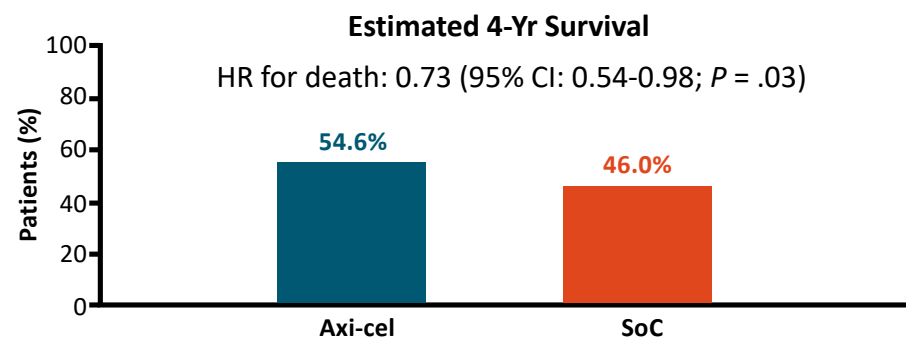
- Primary endpoints:** EFS (BICR)
- Key secondary endpoints:** ORR and OS (tested hierarchically)
- Other secondary endpoints:** PFS, safety, PROs
- Median follow-up:** 24.9 mo

# ZUMA-7: Survival and ORR With Second-line Axi-cel vs SoC in Primary Refractory or Early Relapsed B-Cell Lymphomas

Event, n/N (%)	Axi-cel (N = 170)	SoC (N = 168)
	Grade ≥3	Grade ≥3
Febrile neutropenia	6/170 (4)	46/168 (27)
CRS	11/170 (6)	—
▪ Pyrexia	14/157 (9)	—
▪ Hypotension	18/157 (11)	—
▪ Sinus tachycardia	3/157 (2)	—
▪ Chills	0/157	—
▪ Headache	2/157 (1)	—
▪ Hypoxia	13/157 (8)	—
Neurologic events	36/170 (21)	1/168 (1)
▪ Tremor	2/170 (1)	0
▪ Confusional state	9/170 (5)	0
▪ Aphasia	12/170 (7)	0
▪ Encephalopathy	20/170 (12)	0
▪ Paresthesia	1/170 (1)	0
▪ Delirium	3/170 (2)	1/168 (1)



Median follow-up: 47.2 mo



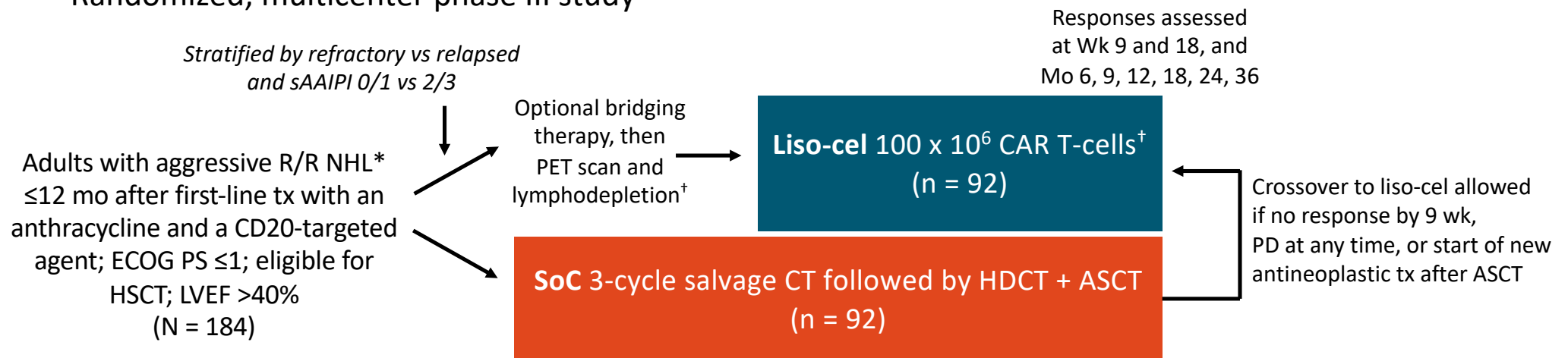
■ ORR: 83% (axi-cel) vs 50% (SoC);  $p.001$

■ **CR: 65% (axi-cell) vs 32% (SoC)**

Westin. NEJM. 2023;389:148. Locke. NEJM. 2022;386:640.

# TRANSFORM: Lisocabtagene Maraleucel vs Salvage Chemo + ASCT in Relapsed/Refractory Aggressive NHL

- Randomized, multicenter phase III study

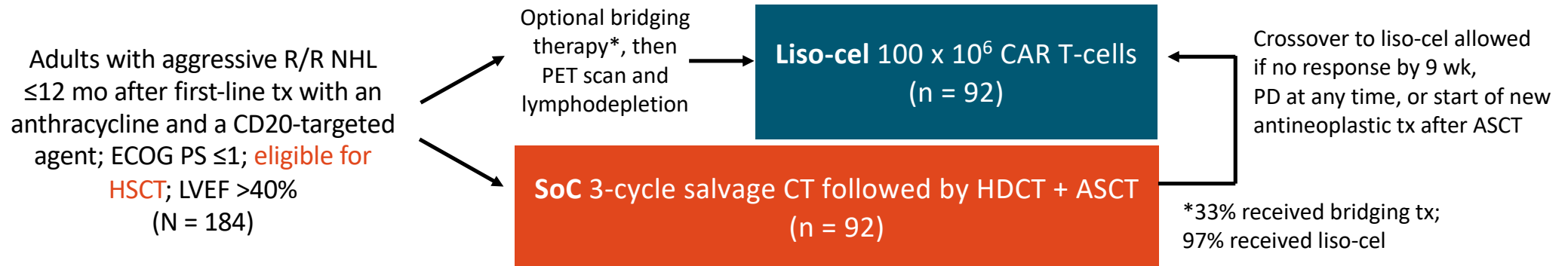


\*DLBCL NOS, HGBCL (double/triple hit) with DLBCL histology, FL3B, PMBCL, THRBCL.

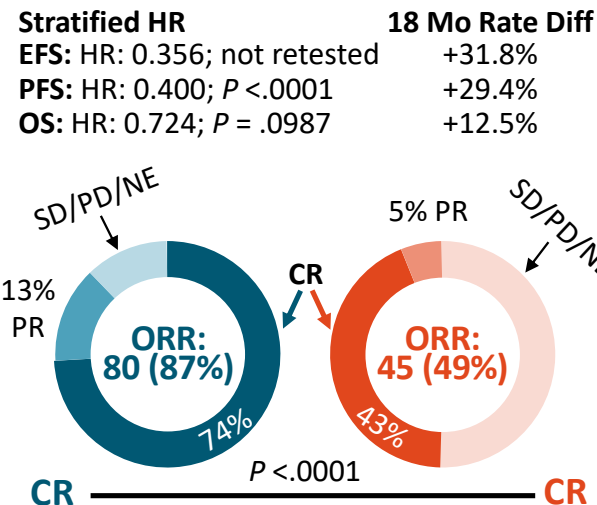
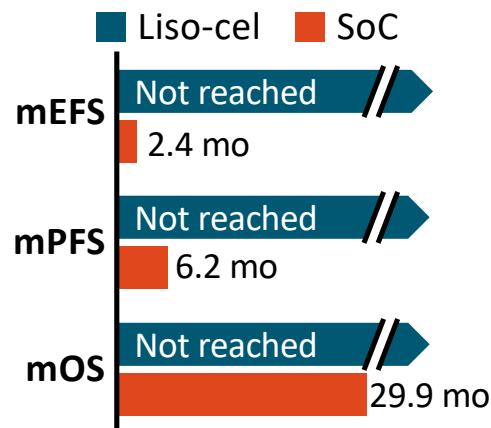
<sup>†</sup>Fludarabine 30 mg/m<sup>2</sup> + cyclophosphamide 300 mg/m<sup>2</sup> x 3 days.

- Primary endpoint: EFS per IRC
- Key secondary endpoints: CR, PFS, OS
- Exploratory endpoints: cellular kinetics, B-cell aplasia
- Primary refractory: 75% in both arms
- Double- or triple-hit lymphoma: 24%

# TRANSFORM: Primary Analysis of Response, Survival, and Safety With Liso-cel vs SoC in Early Relapsed LBCL



## Efficacy (Median f/u: 17.5 Mo)



TEAE, %	Liso-cel (n = 92)		SoC (n = 91)	
	Any	Gr $\geq 3$	Any	Gr $\geq 3$
Any	100	92	99	89
Serious	48	--	49	--
Leading to death	2		2	
CRS <sup>†</sup>	49	1	0	0
NE <sup>†</sup>	11	4	0	0

<sup>†</sup>No grade 4/5 event.



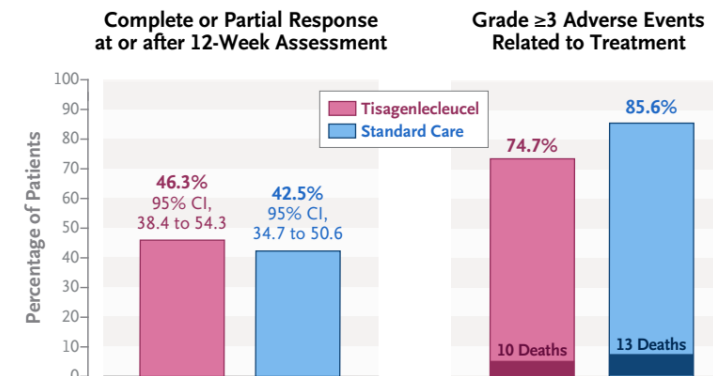
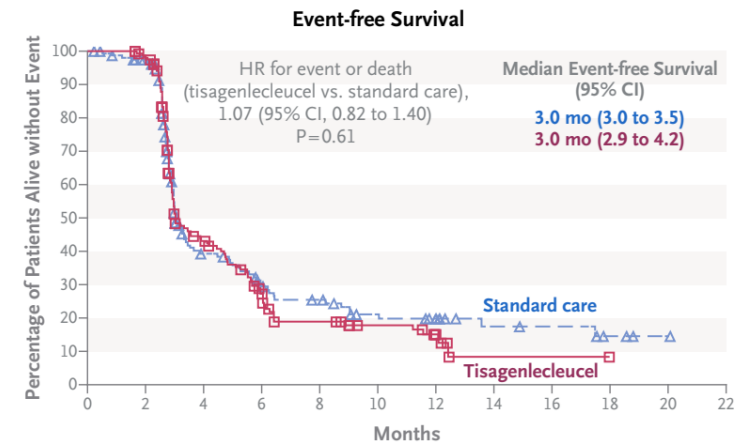
# Second-Line Tisagenlecleucel or Standard Care in Aggressive B-Cell Lymphoma

Bishop MR et al. DOI: 10.1056/NEJMoa2116596

## CLINICAL TRIAL

**Design:** An international, randomized, phase 3 trial compared the efficacy and safety of tisagenlecleucel with those of standard-care second-line therapies in patients with refractory or early relapsed aggressive B-cell lymphoma.

**Intervention:** 322 patients 18 years of age or older with confirmed aggressive B-cell lymphoma that was refractory to or relapsed within 12 months after first-line therapy were randomly assigned to receive tisagenlecleucel with optional bridging therapy or standard care comprising combination chemotherapy and autologous hematopoietic stem-cell transplantation in patients having a response. The primary end point was event-free survival — the time from randomization to stable or progressive disease at or after week 12 or death at any time.



## CONCLUSIONS

Second-line tisagenlecleucel did not result in longer event-free survival than standard-care second-line therapy in patients with refractory or early relapsed aggressive B-cell lymphoma.

	ZUMA-7 AXI-CEL	TRANSFORM LISO-CEL	BELINDA TISA-CEL
Median time to infusion	13 days	NK	52 days
Received ASCT	36%	47%	33%
Received CAR-T	94%	97%	96%
HGBCL with gene rearrangements in <i>MYC</i> and <i>BCL2</i> , <i>BCL6</i> , or both	17% CAR-T 14% SOC	24% CAR-T 23% SOC	20% CAR-T 12% SOC
Cross-over	Not permitted	66%	50.6%
Bridging therapy	36% only glucocorticoids	63%	83.3%

# When to Use CAR T-Cell Therapy in Second-line Setting

- Primary refractory disease or remission lasting  $\leq 12$  mo after first-line therapy
- *Or* second line in patients ineligible for ASCT but eligible for liso-cel
- Choice of product depends on pheresis slot availability
- Median follow-up (ZUMA-7 and TRANSFORM)
  - Axi-cel: 47.9 mo<sup>1</sup>
  - Liso-cel: 17.9 mo<sup>2</sup>

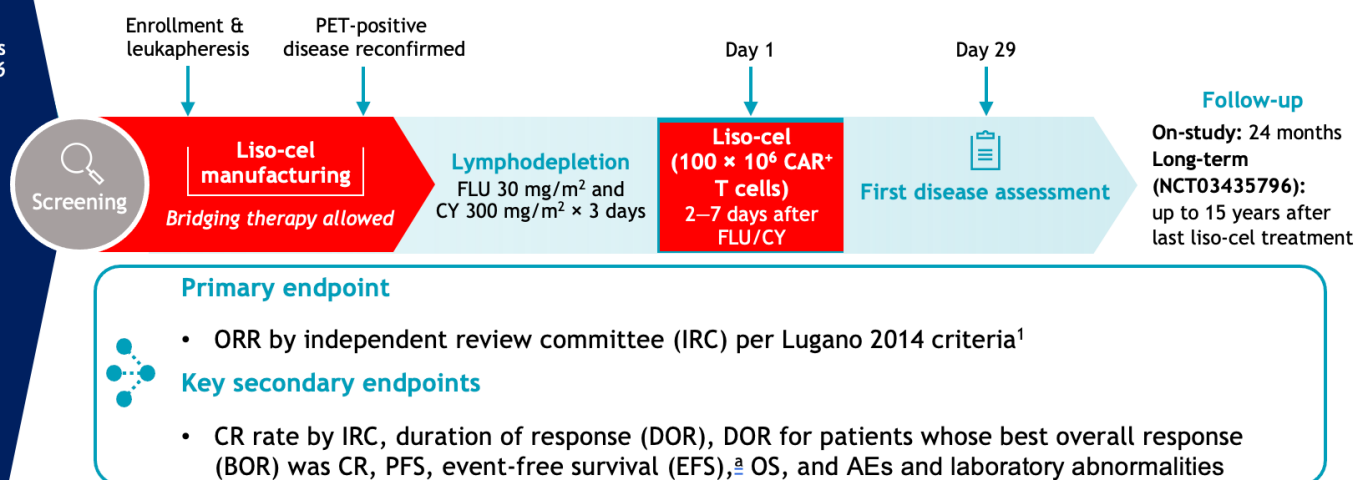


# Lisocabtagene maraleucel as second-line therapy for relapsed or refractory large B-cell lymphoma in patients not intended for hematopoietic stem cell transplant: final analysis of the phase 2 PILOT study

## PILOT study design

### Key eligibility criteria

- Age  $\geq 18$  years
- LBCL: DLBCL NOS (de novo; transformed from FL), high-grade B-cell lymphoma (HGBCL) with rearrangements in *MYC* and *BCL2* and/or *BCL6* (double/triple hit), or FL3B
- One prior line of therapy containing an anthracycline and a CD20-targeted agent
- Not intended for HSCT by investigator and met  $\geq 1$  of the following TNI criteria:
  - Age  $\geq 70$  years
  - ECOG PS of 2
  - DLCO  $\leq 60\%$
  - LVEF  $< 50\%$
  - CrCl  $< 60$  mL/min
  - AST/ALT  $> 2 \times$  ULN
- Patients with secondary CNS lymphoma were allowed





## Baseline demographics and disease characteristics

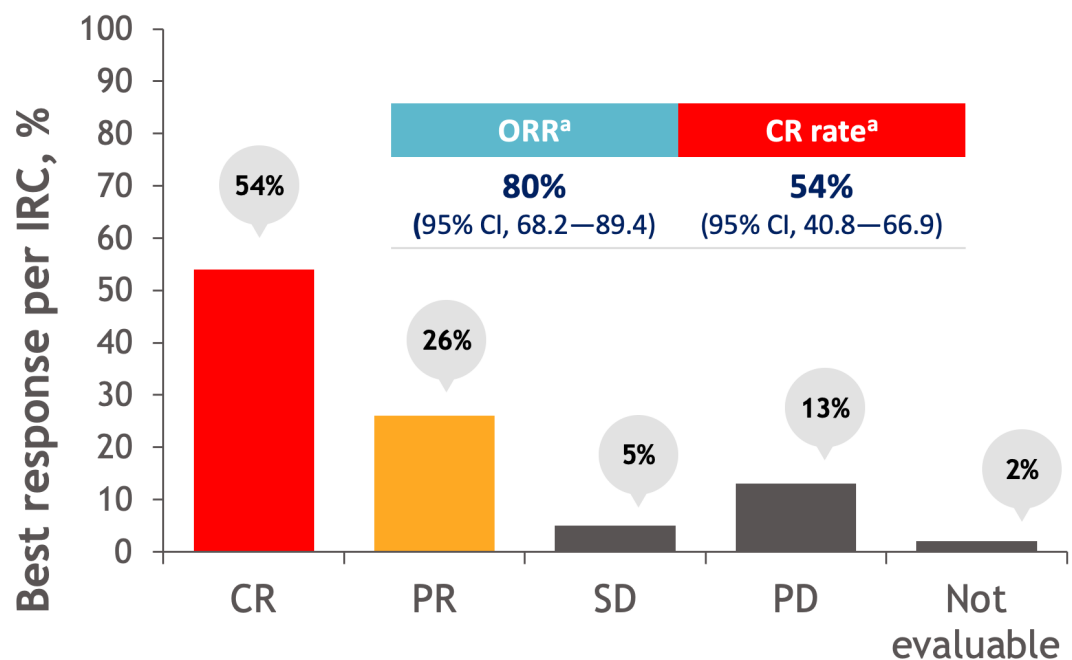
	Liso-cel—treated analysis set (n = 61)
<b>Age, y</b>	
Median (range)	74 (53—84)
≥ 65 to < 75, n (%)	27 (44)
≥ 75, n (%)	28 (46)
<b>Histology, n (%)</b>	
DLBCL NOS	33 (54)
Transformed FL	9 (15)
HGBCL	18 (30)
FL3B	1 (2)
<b>Relapsed or refractory, n (%)</b>	
Relapsed total / ≤ 12 mo / > 12 mo	28 (46) / 13 (21) / 15 (25)
Refractory <sup>a</sup>	33 (54)
<b>Received bridging therapy,<sup>b</sup> n (%)</b>	32 (52)

## Transplant not intended characteristics

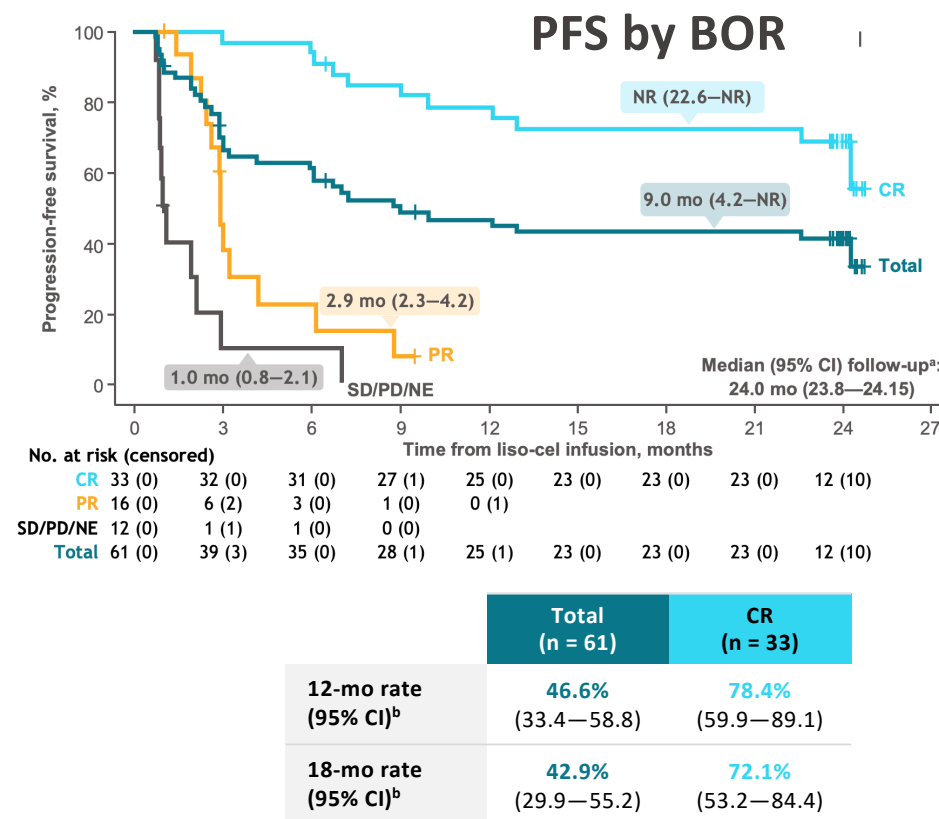
	Liso-cel—treated analysis set (n = 61)
<b>Age, y</b>	
≥ 70, n (%)	48 (79)
<b>Screening ECOG PS of 2, n (%)</b>	16 (26)
<b>CrCl &lt; 60 mL/min, n (%)</b>	15 (25)
<b>DLCO ≤ 60%,<sup>a</sup> n (%)</b>	4 (7)
<b>LVEF &lt; 50%, n (%)</b>	1 (2)
<b>AST/ALT &gt; 2 × ULN, n (%)</b>	0



## Liso-cel—treated efficacy analysis set (n = 61)



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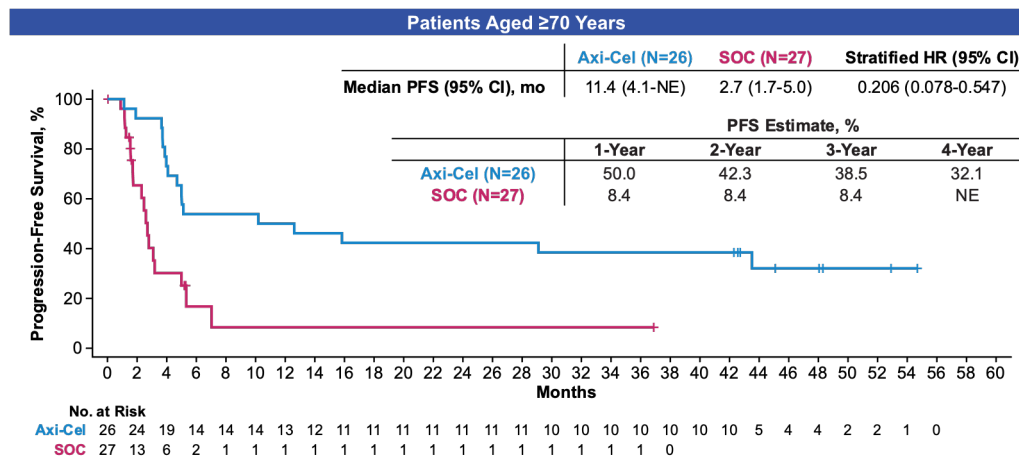
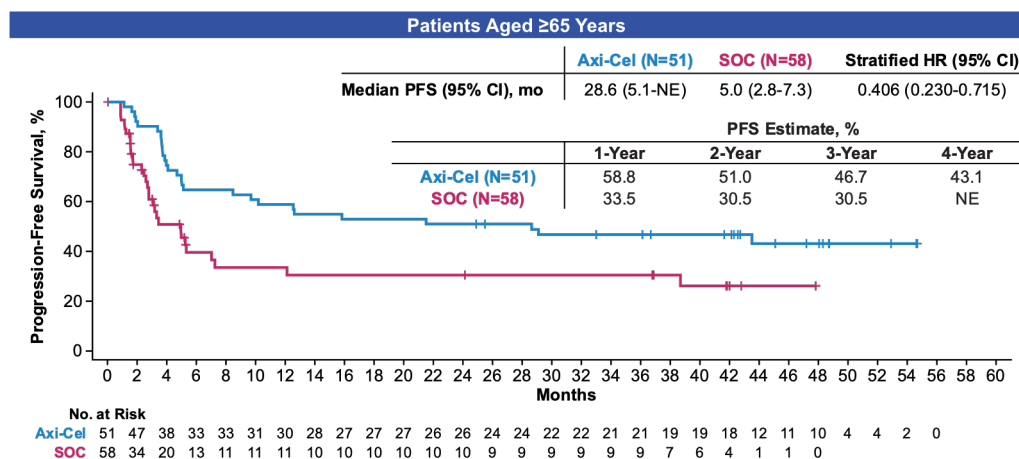
# Improved Overall Survival With Axicabtagene Ciloleucel vs Standard of Care in Second-Line Large B-Cell Lymphoma Among the Elderly: A Subgroup Analysis of ZUMA-7

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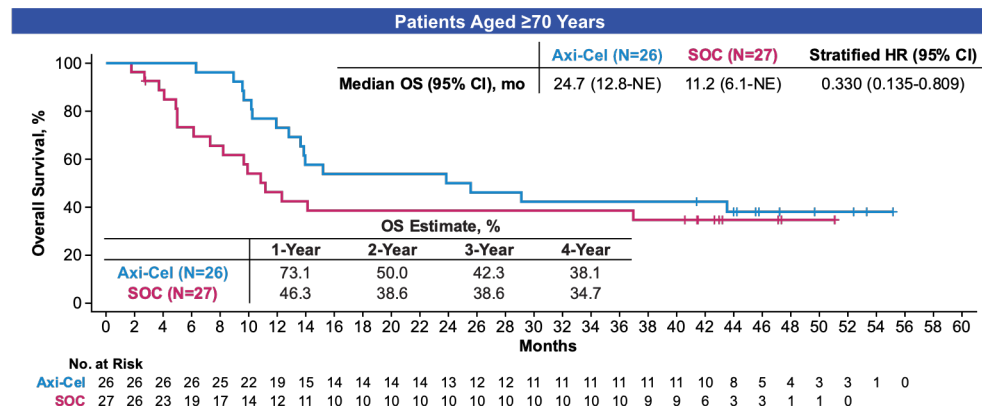
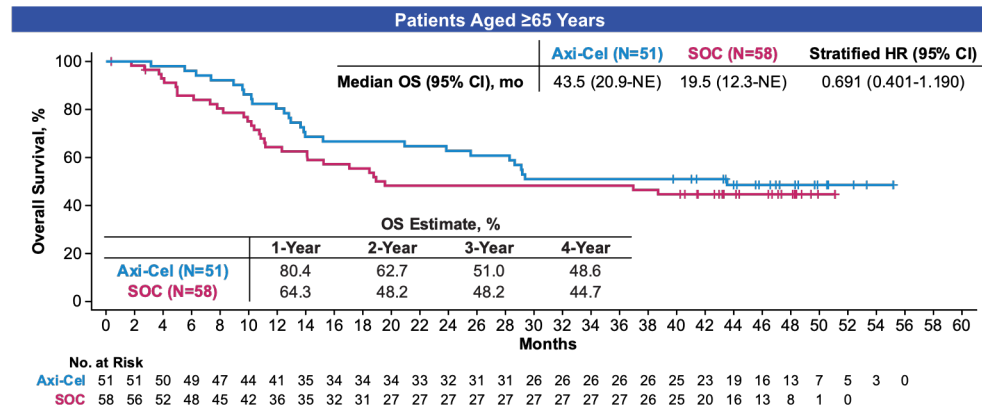
- In ZUMA-7 (NCT03391466), the first randomized, global, multicenter, Phase 3 study of axi-cel versus standard of care (SOC) as second-line treatment in patients with early R/R LBCL, axi-cel showed significantly improved event-free survival (EFS) compared with second-line SOC (hazard ratio [HR], 0.398,  $P < .0001$ ; median 8.3 versus 2.0 months, respectively; 24-month EFS rate: 41% versus 16%, respectively; 24.9-month median follow-up)<sup>1</sup>
  - Similar findings were observed among patients aged  $\geq 65$  years, whereby axi-cel was safely administered and resulted in improved EFS, response rates, and quality of life compared with SOC<sup>2</sup>
- At a median follow-up of 47.2 months, results from the ZUMA-7 primary overall survival (OS) analysis demonstrated superior OS in the intention-to-treat (ITT) population (HR, 0.726; 95% CI, 0.540-0.977; one-sided  $P = .0168$ )<sup>3</sup>

1. Locke FL, et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2022;386:640-654. 2. Westin JR, et al. *Clin Cancer Res*. 2023;29:1894-1905. 3. Westin JR, et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2023;389:148-157.

## PFS of Axi-Cel Versus SOC in Patients Aged ≥65 Years and ≥70 Years



## OS of Axi-Cel Versus SOC in Patients Aged ≥65 Years and ≥70 Years



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## 781 Autologous Transplant (auto-HCT) Is Associated with Improved Clinical Outcomes Compared to CAR-T Therapy in Patients (pts) with Large B-Cell Lymphoma (LBCL) Achieving a Complete Remission

Program: Oral and Poster Abstracts

Type: Oral

Session: 731. Autologous Transplantation: Clinical and Epidemiological: Role of Autologous Stem Cell Transplantation in Multiple Myeloma and Lymphomas: A Therapeutic Approach

Monday, December 11, 2023: 10:30 AM

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**Pts who are intended to receive CAR-T, commonly require interim therapy before leukapheresis, where in a small fraction may achieve a complete remission (CR). Having chemosensitive disease, these pts can be considered for auto-HCT. Also, there are reports indicating the efficacy of CAR-T therapy in CR pts (Strati et al., Haematologica, 2023; Wudhikarn et al., Blood Adv, 2022)**

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## ***LBCL who were in a CR***

Pts aged 18-75 years with DLBCL or primary mediastinal lymphoma who received CAR-T (between 2018-2021) or auto-HCT (between 2015-2021) while in a CR by PET or CT endpoints.

No. Patients in CR	360
CAR-T	79
Tisa-Cel	53%
Axi-Cel	46%
Liso-Cell	1%
<b>Auto-HCT</b>	<b>281</b>

Table-1: Selected baseline characteristics			
	CAR-T	auto-HCT	P-value
Age, years	64	59	0.14
Extra-nodal disease	58%	63%	0.37
Refractory disease to first-line	29%	20%	0.22
Prior lines of therapy, n	3	2	<0.01
Early treatment failure (within 12 months)	72%	58%	0.02
Elevated LDH before treatment	37%	31%	0.04
high-grade B-cell lymphoma with MYC and BCL2 or BCL6 rearrangement	14%	27%	0.03

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## Univariate analysis

	CAR-T	Auto-HCT	
2-years RR	48%	27.8%	$p < 0.001$
<u>2-year PFS</u>	<u>47.8%</u>	<u>66.2%</u>	<u><math>p &lt; 0.001</math></u>
2-year OS	65.6%	78.9%	$P=0.037$
2-year TRM	4.1%	5.9%	$P=0.673$
<b>Patients with early (12 months) treatment failure</b>			
No. Patients	57	163	
2-years RR	45.9%	22.8%	$P<0.001$
<u>2-year PFS</u>	<u>48.3%</u>	<u>70.9%</u>	<u><math>P&lt;0.001</math></u>
No differences in 2 year OS or TRM			

## Multivariate analysis

CAR-T was associated with higher risk of relapse (HR 2.18;  $p < 0.0001$ ) and an inferior PFS (HR 1.83;  $p=0.0011$ ) compared to auto-HCT. There was no difference in the risk of TRM (HR 0.59;  $p=0.36$ ) or OS (HR 1.44;  $p=0.12$ ).

## Progression-Free Survival

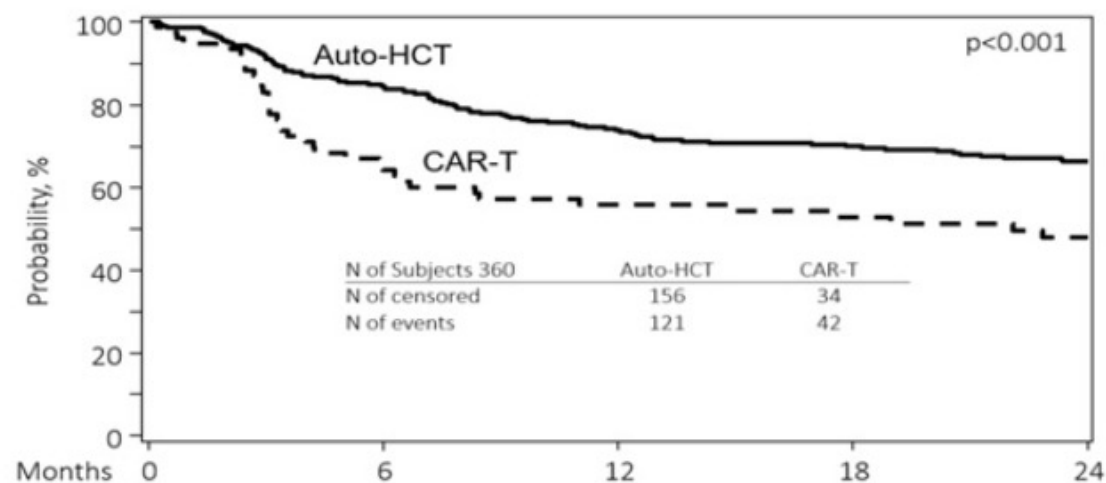


Figure-1: PFS in pts with LBCL who received auto-HCT vs. CAR-T while in CR

Median follow-up:

CAR-T - 24.7 months (range 3.3-49.4)

Auto-HCT - 49.7 months (range 3.0-95.4)

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# **Treatment of DLBCL in the Third-line Setting:**

## **Focus on CAR T-Cell Therapy**



# Summary of Baseline Characteristics of CAR T-Cell Studies After $\geq 1$ Prior Lines of Therapy

Characteristic	ZUMA-1 <sup>1-3</sup> Axi-cel (n = 101)	JULIET <sup>3,4</sup> Tisa-cel (n = 111)	TRANSCEND NHL 001 <sup>3,5</sup> Liso-cel (n = 269)
Median age, yr (range)	58 (23-76)	58 (22-76)	63 (18-86)
▪ $\geq 65$ yr, %	24	23	42
HGBCL/DHL/THL, %	6	17	13
Previous ASCT, %	21	49	33
No. of prior lines of tx, median (range)	3 (2-4)	3 (1-6)	3 (1-8)
▪ 1 line, %	3	5	3
▪ 2 lines, %	28	44	45
▪ $\geq 3$ lines, %	69	51	25
▪ $\geq 4$ lines, %	--	21	26
Refractory to last tx, %	98	45	67
Received bridging tx, %	0	92	59

1. Neelapu. NEJM. 2017;377:2531. 2. Locke. Lancet Oncol. 2019;20:31. 3. Westin. Am J Hematol. 2021;96:1295. 4. Schuster. NEJM. 2019;380:45. 5. Abramson. Lancet. 2020;396:839.

# Summary of Efficacy of CAR T-Cell Studies After ≥1 Prior Line of Therapy

Characteristic	ZUMA-1 <sup>1</sup> Axi-cel (n = 101)	JULIET <sup>2</sup> Tisa-cel (n = 115)	TRANSCEND NHL 001 <sup>3</sup> Liso-cel (n = 257)
Median DoR, mo (95% CI)	11.0 (4.2-51.3)	NR (10.0-NE)	23.1 (8.6-NR)
Median OS, mo (95% CI)	25.8 (12.8-NE)	11.1 (6.6-23.9)	27.3 (16.2-45.6)
Median PFS, mo (95% CI)	5.9 (3.3-15.0)	2.9 (2.3-5.2)	6.8 (3.3-12.7)
Median follow-up, mo	63.1	40.3	19.9

1. Neelapu. Blood. 2023;141:2307. 2. Schuster. Lancet Oncol. 2021;22:1403. 3. Abramson. Blood. 2024;143:404.

# Curative Potential of Axicabtagene Ciloleucel (Axi-Cel): an Exploratory Long-Term Survival Assessment in Patients with Refractory Large B-Cell Lymphoma from ZUMA-1

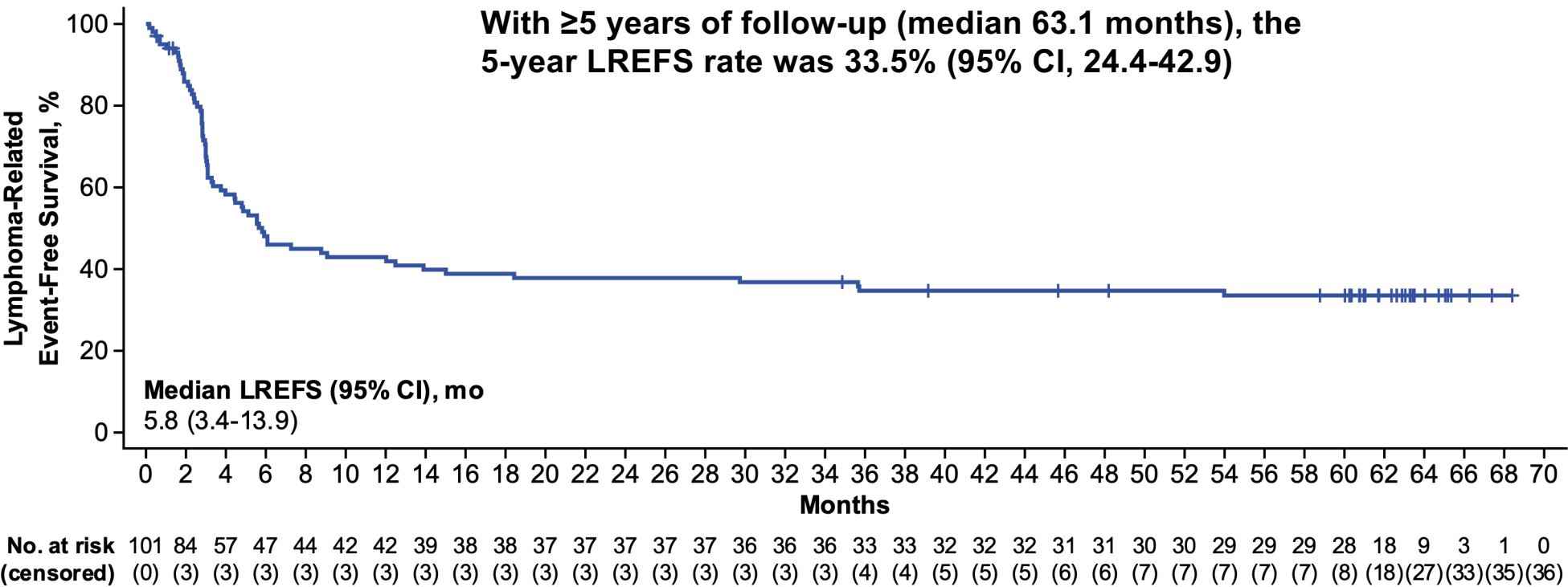
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# Lymphoma-Related Event-Free Survival

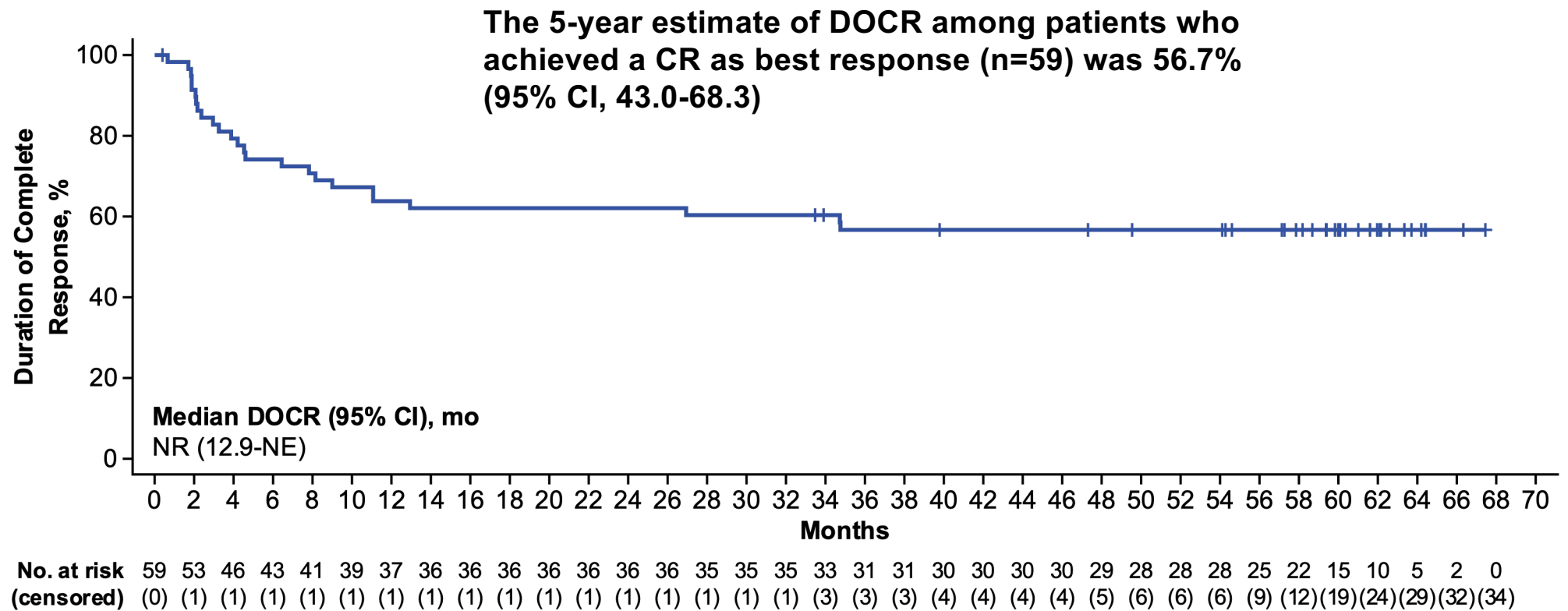


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LREFS, lymphoma-related event-free survival, mo, month.



# Duration of Complete Response



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DOCR, duration of complete response; mo, month; NE, not estimable; NR, not reached.



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## 228 Efficacy of Chimeric Antigen Receptor T-Cell Therapy Is Not Impaired By Previous Bispecific Antibody Treatment in Patients with Large B-Cell Lymphoma

Program: Oral and Poster Abstracts

Type: Oral

Session: 705. Cellular Immunotherapies: Late Phase and Commercially Available Therapies: Translational Data and Prognostic Factors

Hematology Disease Topics & Pathways:

Research, Biological therapies, Lymphomas, Bispecific Antibody Therapy, Clinical Research, B Cell lymphoma, Chimeric Antigen Receptor (CAR)-T Cell Therapies, Diseases, real-world evidence, aggressive lymphoma, Therapies, therapy sequence, Lymphoid Malignancies

Saturday, December 9, 2023: 3:15 PM

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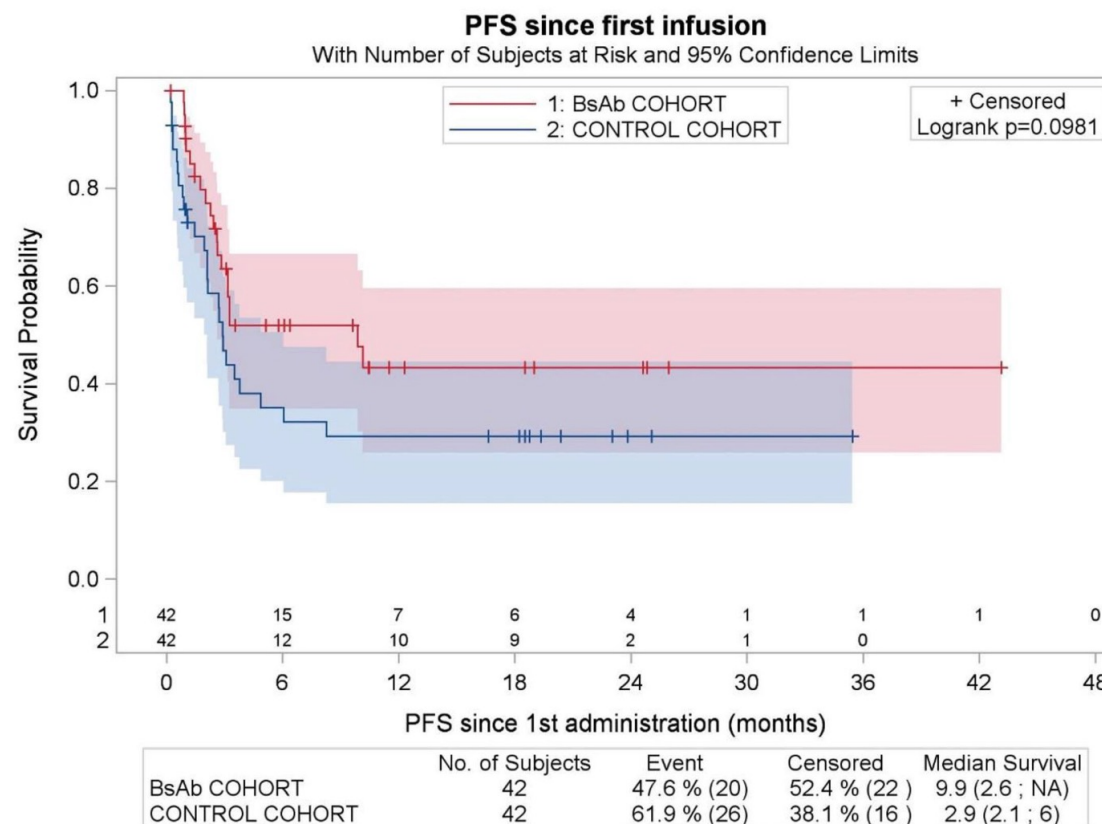
**Introduction:** Potential T-cell exhaustion after bispecific antibody (BsAb) treatment remains an open question, raising the theoretical concern that prior BsAb exposure could affect subsequent chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T-cell efficacy. Clinical data on CAR T-cell outcomes after prior BsAb treatment in the setting of large B-cell lymphoma (LBCL) are scarce and highly awaited to better define treatment sequencing in relapsed/refractory (R/R) patients.

**Methods:** We conducted a retrospective, international study including R/R LBCL patients treated with CD19-targeted CAR T-cells at 15 centers between July 2018 and January 2023 who had been exposed to BsAbs prior to apheresis. Then, we identified a control cohort from patients included in the DESCAR-T Registry (n=764). We carried out a 1:1 propensity score matching (PSM) to achieve balance between cohorts; 13 baseline covariates were included in the PSM. We compared response rates, survival outcomes and toxicity after CAR T-cell therapy, according to previous BsAb exposure.

Variables	BsAb cohort n=42	Control cohort n=42	SMD
<b>Patient and lymphoma characteristics</b>			
Male gender, n (%)	29 (69)	31 (74)	-0.085
Age, median years (range)	63 (31-82)	67 (21-78)	0.061
Histology, n (%)			
- DLBCL/HGBL	35 (83)	31 (74)	0.196
- PMBL/Transformed	7 (17)	11 (26)	
> 2 prior lines, n (%)	36 (86)	36 (86)	0
Previous SCT, n (%)	8 (19)	7 (17)	-0.05
Bulky disease, n (%)	15 (36)	19 (45)	0.16
CRP > 3mg/dL, n (%)	16 (38)	12 (29)	-0.164
LDH > 2xULN, n (%)***	12 (29)	16 (38)	0.168
ECOG >1, n (%)***	4 (10)	3 (7)	-0.069
<b>CAR-T related characteristics</b>			
Axi-cel, n (%)	22 (52)	20 (48)	-0.078
Months between last prior treatment and CAR-T infusion, median (IQR)	2.7 (2.3-3.8)	2.5 (2.0-3.5)	0.201
Response to bridging, n (%)			
- Responder	8 (19)	5 (12)	-0.159
- Non responder	26 (62)	22 (52)	
- No bridge	5 (12)	11 (26)	
- Not evaluated	3 (7)	4 (10)	
Year of CAR-T infusion ≥2020, n (%)	29 (69)	29 (69)	0

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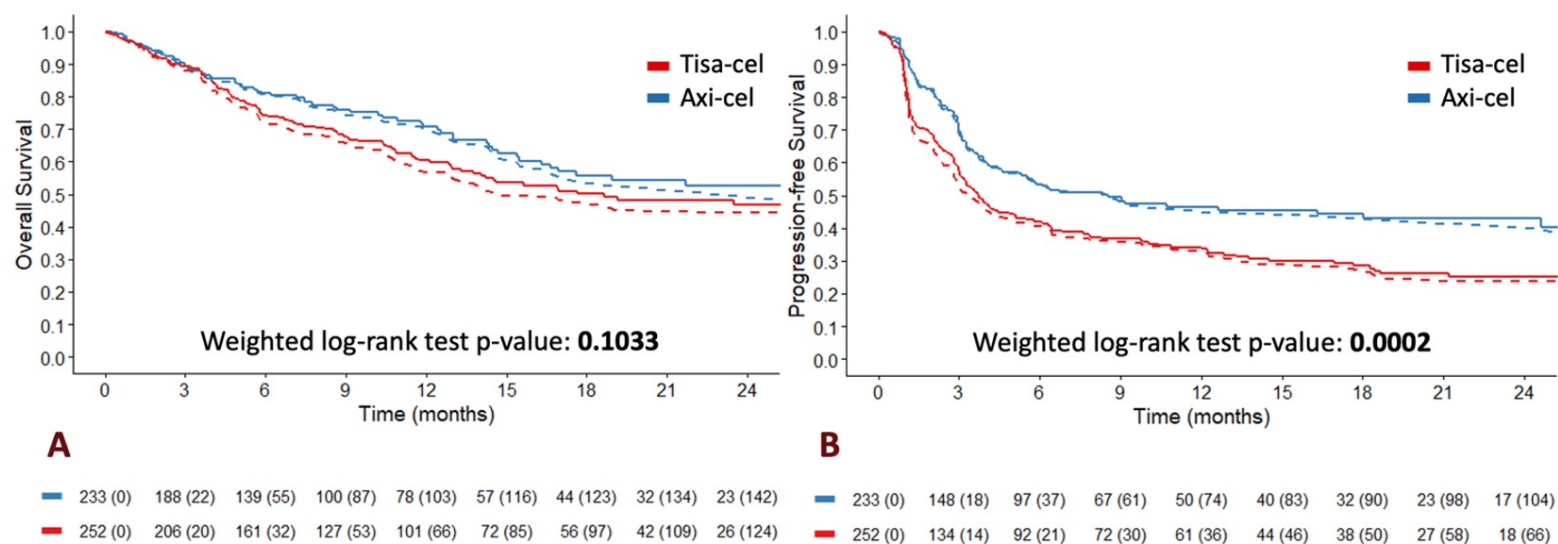
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## Axicabtagene ciloleucel demonstrates superior progression-free survival compared to Tisagenlecleucel in Large B-Cell Lymphomas: results of the Italian CART-SIE study



**Figure 2 – Survival of Tisa-cel versus Axi-cel before and after Propensity Score Weighting –**  
**Panel A: Overall Survival, Panel B: Progression Free Survival**

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# 3-Year Analysis of ZUMA-12: A Phase 2 Study of Axicabtagene Ciloleucel as First-Line Therapy in Patients with High-Risk Large B-Cell Lymphoma

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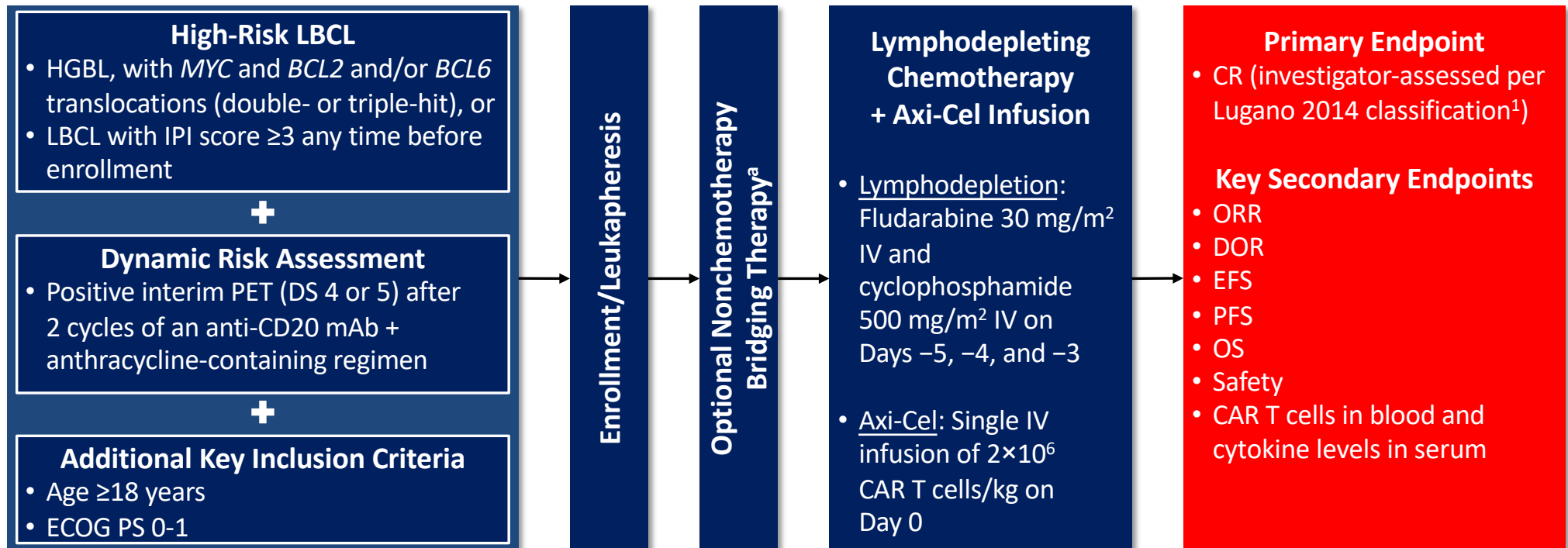
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# ZUMA-12 Study Design

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## Phase 2



<sup>a</sup> Administered after leukapheresis and completed prior to initiating lymphodepleting chemotherapy. Therapies allowed were corticosteroids, localized radiation, and HDMP+R. PET-CT was required after bridging.  
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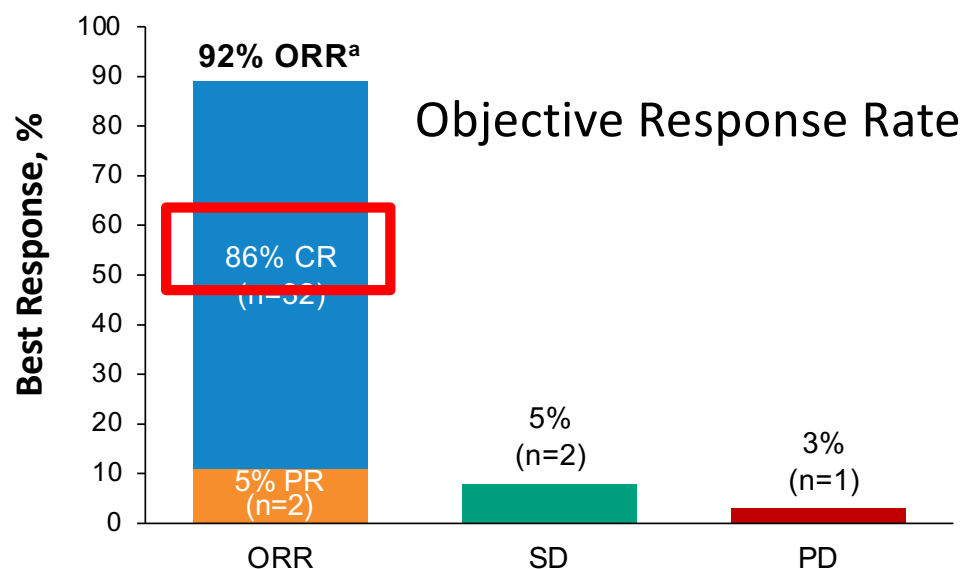
Axi-cel, axicabtagene ciloleucel; CAR, chimeric antigen receptor; CR, complete response; CT, computed tomography; DOR, duration of response; DS, Deauville score; ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; EFS, event-free survival; HDMP+R, high-dose methylprednisolone plus rituximab; HGBL, high-grade B-cell lymphoma; IPI, International Prognostic Index; IV, intravenous; LBCL, large B-cell lymphoma; mAb, monoclonal antibody; ORR, objective response rate; OS, overall survival; PET, positron-emission tomography; PFS, progression-free survival.

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**At data cutoff, median follow-up for all patients treated with axi-cel was 40.9 months (range, 29.5-50.2)**



Efficacy Evaluable n=37	
Overall CR rate, % (95% CI)	86 (71-95)
DHL/THL and IPI score $\geq 3$ (n/N)	4/4 100 (40-100)
DHL/THL only (n/N)	5/6 83 (36-100)
IPI score $\geq 3$ only (n/N)	23/27 85 (66-96)
Patients converted from PR/SD to CR, n (%)	9 (24)
PR to CR	8 (22)
SD to CR	1 (3)

- In the efficacy-evaluable population, the CR rate was slightly higher than in the primary analysis<sup>1</sup> due to an additional number of patients converting from PR to CR
- Responses were ongoing in 73% of response-evaluable patients at data cutoff

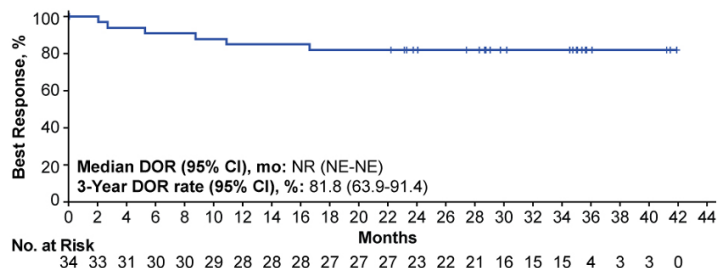
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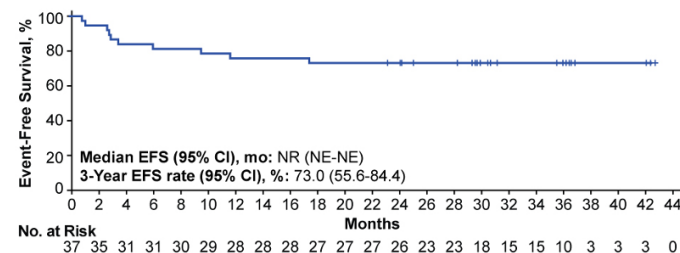
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## Duration of Response



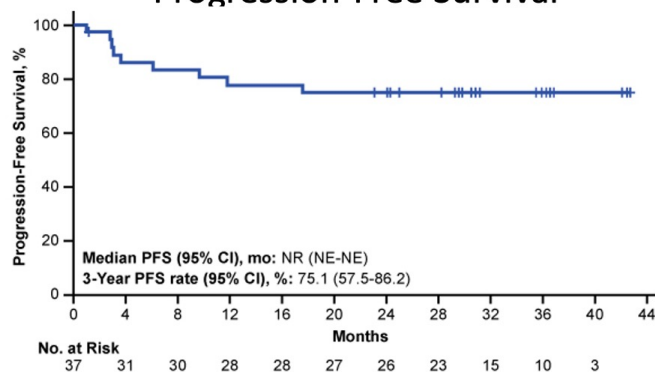
- With extended follow-up since the primary analysis, median DOR was not reached in efficacy-evaluable patients
- Among patients who achieved a CR as best response, the 3-year DOR rate was 84.4% (95% CI, 66.5-93.2)

## Event-Free Survival



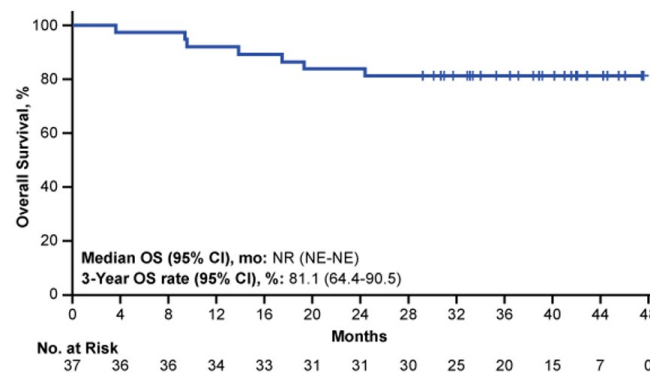
- Median EFS was not reached in efficacy-evaluable patients; the 3-year EFS rate was 73% (95% CI, 55.6-84.4) and a plateau in the curve emerged by Month 18
- Among patients who achieved a CR as best response, the 3-year EFS rate was 84.4% (95% CI, 66.5-93.2)

## Progression-Free Survival



- Medians for PFS and OS were not reached in efficacy-evaluable patients
- Among patients who achieved a CR as best response, the 3-year PFS and OS rates were 84.4% (95% CI, 66.5-93.2) and 90.6% (95% CI, 73.6-96.9), respectively

## Overall Survival



# Effectiveness of CAR-T treatment toward the potential risk of second malignancies

Study	Characteristics	Disease	No. Patients	Secondary malignancy	Median Follow-Up
ZUMA-7 Ref. 27	First randomized, global, multicenter, Phase 3 study of axi-cel versus standard of care as second-line treatment in patients with axi-cel showed significantly improved event-free survival (EFS) compared with second-line SOC (hazard ratio [HR], 0.398, P<.0001; median 8.3 versus 2.0 months; 24-month EFS rate: 41% versus 16%)	Early R/ R LBCL	Axi-Cel, ≥65 Years N=51 SOC, ≥65 Years N=58	Axi-Cel, ≥65 Years 1 (2%) Acute myeloid leukemia SOC, ≥65 Years 0 (0%)	46.6 months
ZUMA-12 Ref. 29	Phase 2, multicenter, open-label, single-arm study of axi-cel as part of first-line treatment. In the primary efficacy analysis (n=37; median follow-up of 15.9 months), axi-cel demonstrated a high rate of durable responses with an investigator-assessed CR rate of 78% (and an ORR of 89%)	high-risk LBCL	37	1 esophageal adenocarcinoma,	40.9 months
Real-world Ref. 31	Commercial use of liso-cel based on a postmarketing study using data collected at the Center for International Blood and Marrow Transplant Research (CIBMTR)	R/R LBCL	396	Squamous cell skin malignancy 5 (1%) Myelodysplasia 3 (1%) Basal cell skin malignancy 2 (< 1%) Gastrointestinal malignancy 2 (< 1%) Melanoma 1 (< 1%) Myeloproliferative neoplasm 1 (< 1%)	
PILOT Ref. 35	Open-label phase 2 study evaluated the efficacy and safety of liso-cel in patients not intended for HSCT after 1 prior line of therapy. In the primary analysis, the primary endpoint was met with an ORR of 80%	R/R LBCL	61	2 (4%) Squamous cell carcinoma of skin and malignant external ear neoplasm (n = 1) Myelodysplastic syndrome (n = 1)	18.2 months
Elara Ref. 38	Phase II, single-arm, global, multicenter, open-label trial investigating the efficacy and safety outcomes of tisagenlecleucel in adults after ≥2 treatment lines or who relapsed after autologous stem cell transplant (autoSCT)	t/r FL	97	2 (squamous cell carcinoma and bladder transitional	29.0 months
ZUMA-5 Ref. 40	Axi-Cel Single-arm, registrational, phase 2 trial ≥18 years; ≥2 prior systemic therapies that must have included an anti-CD20 monoclonal antibody combined with an alkylating agent.	R/R INHL, including FL (grade 1-3a) and MZL (nodal or extranodal);	159 (127 FL, 31 MZL, 1DLBCL)	5 (unknown origin, unrelated to axi-cel)	36 months
CARTITUDE-1 Ref. 50	Single-arm, open-label, multicenter, phase Ib/II study conducted in patients to characterise the safety of cilta-cel and confirm the recommended phase II dose (phase Ib) and evaluate clinical efficacy	RRMM	97	20 secondary primary malignancies were reported in 16 patients; all were unrelated to cilta-cel. 9 hematologic SPM, including 1 low-grade B-cell lymphoma, 6 myelodysplastic syndrome, and 3 cases of fatal acute myeloid leukemia (AML; 1 patient had both myelodysplastic syndrome and fatal AML.) 4 patients had squamous cell carcinoma; 1 of these also had basal cell carcinoma. 1 patient had basal cell carcinoma that was present before cilta-cel infusion. 1 patient each had malignant melanoma, adenocarcinoma, or myxofibrosarcoma, and 1 patient had prostate cancer in addition to his squamous cell carcinoma and AML reported above.	27.7 months
LEGEND-2 Ref. 51	phase 1, single-arm, open-label study	RRMM	74	2 lung cancers at 8 and 32 months 1 esophageal cancer at 15 months 1 Cervical cancer at 8 months, after the CAR-T cell infusion	47.8 months

# Proposed classification of transplant indications for adults—2022

Disease	Disease status	MSD allo	MUD allo	MMAD allo	Auto	CAR-T
LBCL	CR1 (intermediate/high IPI at diagnosis)	GNR/III	GNR/III	GNR/III	CO/I	GNR/III
	Untested relapse	GNR	GNR	GNR	GNR	S/I
	Chemosensitive early relapse, $\geq$ CR2	CO/II	CO/II	D/III	CO/I	S/II
	Chemosensitive late relapse, $\geq$ CR2	CO/II	CO/II	D/III	S/II	CO/II
	Chemosensitive relapse after auto-HSCT failure	CO/II	CO/II	CO/III	GNR/III	S/II
	Refractory disease	CO/II	CO/II	CO/III	GNR/I	S/I
	Primary CNS lymphoma	GNR/III	GNR/III	GNR/III	S/II	D/III

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# CD19-Targeted CAR T-Cell Therapy Has Dichotomized Management of R/R DLBCL

## Algorithm for Second-line Therapy of LBCL

