LA RIVOLUZIONE NEL MONDO DEL LINFOMA MANTELLARE!

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Le CAR-T nella RWE

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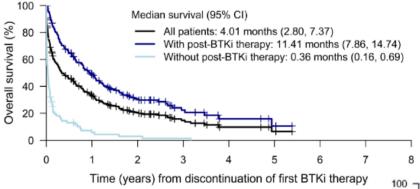


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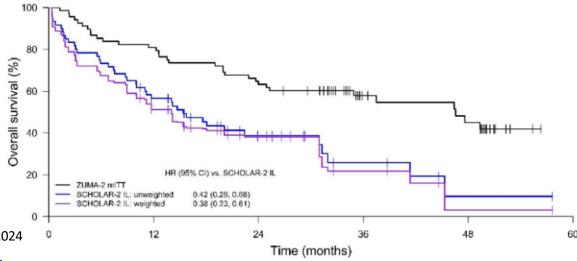






The outcome of patients with R/R MCL after BTK-i failure is dismal, and no standard of care is established

Brexucabtagene Autoleucel (brexu-cel) has significantly improved survival rates (ZUMA-2 vs. Scholar-2)



Hess et al. Br J Haematol. 2023; Hess et al. Leuk Lymphoma. 2024



First real-world evidence from a European Early Access Program (EAP) confirmed efficacy and safety of the ZUMA-2 trial

Included all patients with R/R MCL who underwent apheresis for brexu-cel at 11 European sites (Spain, <u>Italy</u>, Germany, Netherlands) from February 2020 to August 2021.

- 39 underwent apheresis
- Manufacturing failure in 3 (8%):
 - 2 required a 2nd apheresis, 1 a 3rd.
 - 2/3 successfully infused.
- Turn-around time: 29 days
- Infused: 33 (85%)
- Non-infused: 6 (15%)
 - 3 PD
 - 2 CR after bridging
 - 1 infection



	Infused (N=33)
Age, median y (range)	67 (47-79)
≥65	23 (70)
Prior lines >2, median (range)	2 (1-8)
Primary refractory, n (%)	7 (21)
Previous auto-HCT, n (%)	12 (36)
Previous allo-HCT, n (%)	5 (15)
Best response to ibrutinib, n (%)	
CR	11 (34)
PR	10 (30)
SD/PD	8 (24)
Not available	4 (12)
Prior bendamustine therapy, n (%)	14 (42)
Morphology, n (%)	
Classical	22 (67)
Blastoid/pleomorphic	9 (27)
Not available	2 (6)

	Infused (N=33)
TP53 status, n (%)	
Mutated	4 (12)
Unmutated	11 (33)
Not available	18 (55)
Ki67 index >30%, n (%)	
Yes	16 (49)
No	3 (9)
Not available	14 (42)
Stage III/IV, n (%)	29 (88)
s-MIPI, n (%)	
Low	8 (24)
Intermediate/high	23 (70)
Not available	2 (6)
Extranodal disease, n (%)	26 (79)
Bone marrow infiltration, n (%)	10 (30)
ECOG, n (%)	
0	15 (45)
≥1	18 (55)
Bridging therapy, n (%)	32 (82)

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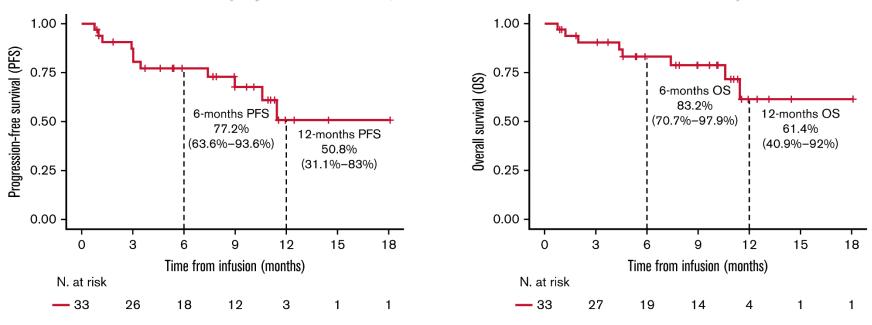
Response Category	EAP n (%)	ZUMA-2 n (%)
Overall Response Rate (ORR)	30 (91%)	56 (93%)
Complete Response (CR)	26 (79%)	40 (67%)
Partial Response (PR)	4 (12%)	16 (27%)
Stable Disease (SD)	1 (3%)	2 (3%)
Progressive Disease (PD)	1 (3%)	2 (3%)

Efficacy results were comparable to ZUMA-2

Similarly, safety data were comparable to ZUMA-2

Adverse Event	EAP n (%)	ZUMA-2 (%)
CRS (Any Grade)	30 (91%)	91%
CRS (Grade ≥3)	3 (1%)	15%
ICANS (Any Grade)	21 (64%)	63%
ICANS (Grade ≥3)	12 (36%)	31%

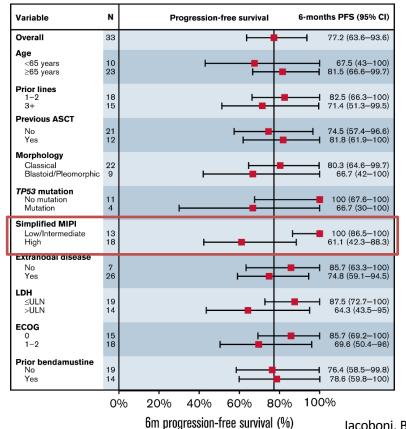
Median follow-up 10.1 months (95% CI, 7.9-11.5) NRM 15% (5 pts: 4 COVID, 1 steroid-related deterioration)

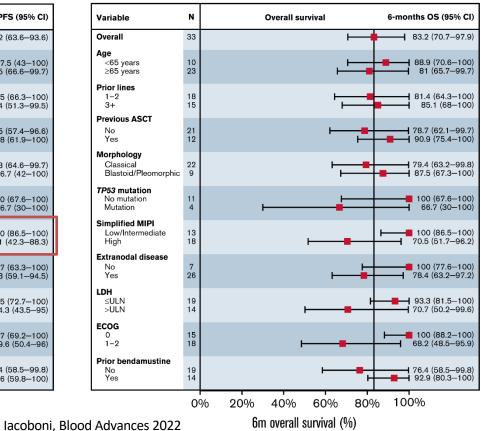


iTT (N = 39) 6-mo PFS and OS: 68% (95% CI, 55-85) and 76% (95% CI, 63-91)

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Real-life Brexu-cel from the US CAR T Consortium: 16 US Institutions

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Patients who underwent leukapheresis
(August 18, 2020-December 31, 2021;
               N = 189
                              Patients who did not receive
                                                               (n = 21)
                               CAR T-cell infusion
                                          (n = 9, all lymphoma-related)
                                Death
                                Manufacture failure
                                                                (n = 7)
                                Disease progression
                                                                (n = 2)
                                Organ dysfunction
                                                                (n = 1)
                                CR to bridging therapy
                                                                (n = 1)
                                Patient declined
                                                                (n = 1)
Patients who received CAR
                              (n = 168)
 T-cell infusion
  Standard-of-care
                             (n = 159)
  Expanded access program
                                (n=2)
                                             Out-of-spec products
  Single-patient IND protocol
                                (n = 7)
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	Leukapheresed (N=189)	Infused (N=168)		Leukapheresed (N=189)	Infused (N=168)
Age, median (range)	67 (34–89)	67 (34–89)	Bone marrow involved, n (%):	76/131 (58%)	65/118 (55%)
ECOG PS ≥2, n (%)	26 (14%)	18 (11%)	Bulky disease (≥10 cm), n (%)	30 (16%)	24 (14%)
Simplified MIPI, n (%):			Median prior lines of therapy	3 (1–10)	3 (1–10)
Low-Intermediate Risk (0-5)	149 (79%)	142 (84%)	Prior bendamustine, n (%)	103 (54%)	85 (51%)
High Risk (6-11)	40 (21%)	26 (15%)	Prior venetoclax, n (%)	61 (32%)	54 (32%)
Ki-67 (%):			Prior auto-SCT, n (%)	53 (28%)	47 (28%)
30-49	35 (20%)	32 (21%)	Prior allo-SCT, n (%)	5 (3%)	5 (3%)
≥ ≥50	99 (58%)	86 (57%)	Prior BTKi, n (%):	163 (86%)	144 (86%)
		_	Refractory	146 (77%)	128 (76%)
Blastoid/pleomorphic, n (%)	81 (43%)	68 (40%)	POD24, n (%)	97 (51%)	87 (52%)
TP53 aberration, n (%):	69/141 (49%)	61/126 (48%)	Disease status at CAR-T, n (%):		
Complex karyotype, n (%):	36/126 (29%)	31/111 (28%)	Relapsed after last line	104 (55%)	94 (56%)
Stage III-IV, n (%)	172 (91%)	151 (90%)	Refractory to last line	85 (45%)	74 (44%)
CNS involvement, n (%)	20 (11%)	16 (10%)	►Bridging therapy	128 (68%)	-

72% (149 pts) would not have met ZUMA-2 eligibility criteria for comorbidities, CNS disease, prior lines



Measurement	CRS	ICANS	CRS in ZUMA-2, %	Neurologic Events in ZUMA-2, %
Total, No. (%)	151 (90)	103 (61)	91	63
Maximum grade, No. (%)				
1-2	138 (82)	49 (29)	76	32
3-4	12 (7)	54 (32)	15	31
5	1 (1)			
Days to onset, median (range)	4 (0-13)	6 (1-18)	2 (1-13)	7
Days to maximum grade, median (range)	5 (0-30)	8 (1-18)	_	_
Duration in days, median (range)	5 (1-33)	6 (1-144+) ^a	11	12
Tocilizumab	129 (77) ^b			
Tocilizumab doses, No., median (range)	2 (1-4)	_		
Corticosteroids	116 (69)	Λdvo	erse Event/Managemer	nt Day 30,
Anakinra ^c	28 (17)	Auve		it Day 30,

CRS & ICANS

ICU admission 20%

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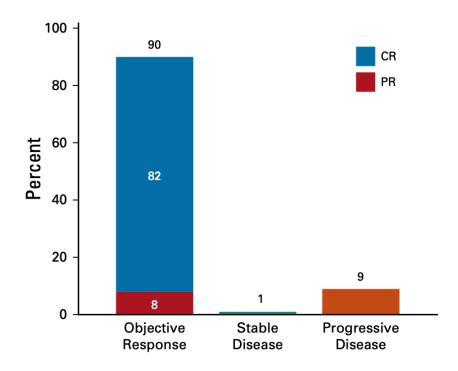
Cytopenias

5 (3)

Adverse Event/Management	Day 30, No./n (%)	Day 90, No./n (%)
Hemoglobin < 8 g/dL	13/164 (8)	8/146 (5)
Platelet $<$ 50,000/ μ L	70/164 (43)	16/146 (11)
ANC $< 1,000/\mu$ L	54/164 (33)	27/146 (18)
ANC $< 500/\mu$ L	23/164 (14)	9/146 (6)
Infectionsf	Days 0-30: 35/168 (21)	Days 31-90: 19/164 (12)

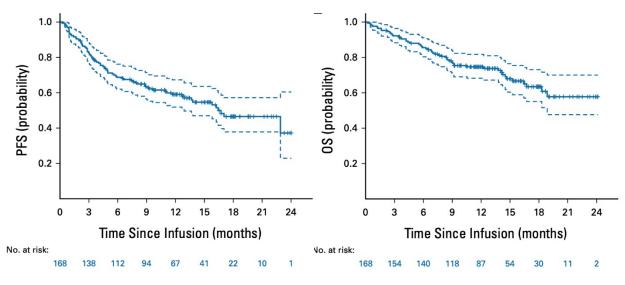


Response rates were similar to ZUMA-2





median follow-up 14.3 months (95% CI, 12.7 to 15.9)





Median: 16.4 months (95% CI, 12.7 to NE)

6-month: 69% (95% CI, 61 to 75)

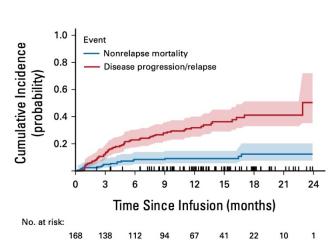
12-month: 59% (95% CI, 51 to 66)

OS

Median: NR (95% CI, 18.7 to NE)

6-month: 86% (95% CI, 79 to 90)

12-month: 75% (95% CI, 67 to 81)



NRM

30-day: 2.4% (95% CI, 0.8 to 5.6) 90-day: 4.8% (95% CI, 2.2 to 8.8) 1-year: 9.1% (95% CI, 5.3 to 14.1)

P < .001

Simplified MIPI

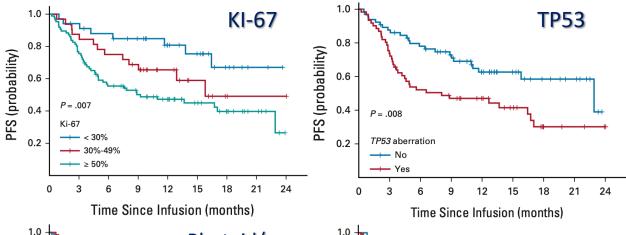
High

Intermediate

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PFS (probability)



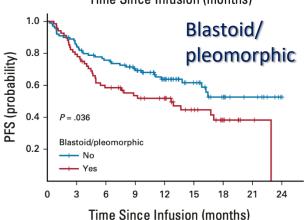


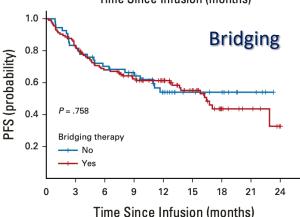
Time Since Infusion (months)

sMIPI, Ki-67, TP53 aberr.,
blastoid/pleomorphic v.
were correlated with
shorter PFS.
Bridging was not.

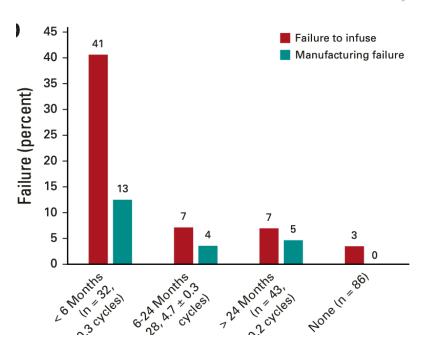
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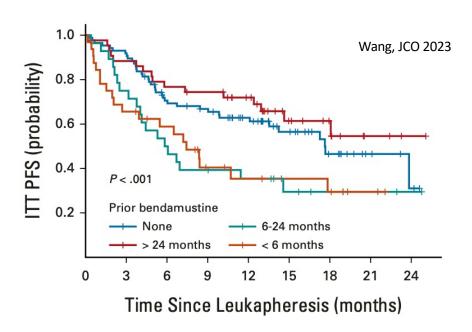
sMIPI





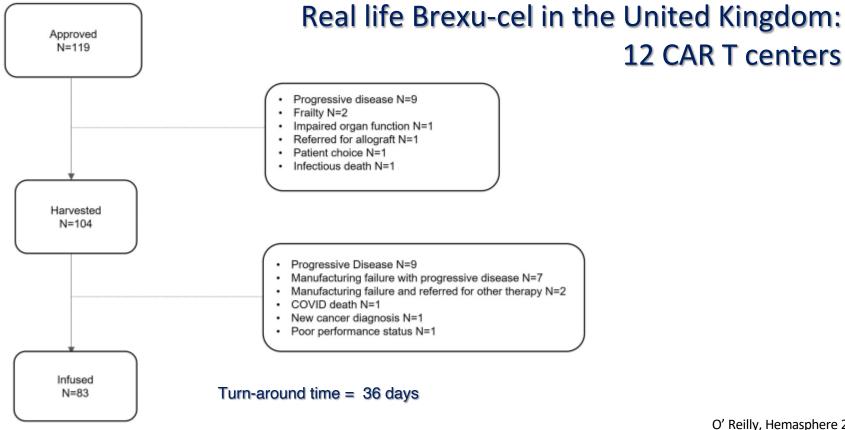
Recent Bendamustine exposure was associated with manufacturing failure, failure to infuse, and shorter PFS and OS





after adjusting for sMIPI and Ki-67, the association was no longer significant





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12 CAR T centers



	Approved (N=119)	Harvested (N=104)	Infused (N=83)		Approved (N=119)	Harvested (N=104)	Infused (N=83)
Age, median (range)	68 (41–80)	67.5 (41–78)	68 (41–78)	sMIPI High Risk, n (%)	47 (47%)	40 (45%)	31 (45%)
Previous lines, median (range)	2 (2-7)	2 (2-7)	2 (2-7)	Blastoid/Pleomorphic, n (%):	33 (42%)	29 (41%)	21 (38%)
Refractory to all lines,	(TP53 aberration, n (%)	31 (53%)	25 (51%)	18 (45%)
n (%)	14 (12%)	12 (12%)	9 (11%)	Unknown	60	55	43
Ibrutinib refract, n (%)	35 (30%)	30 (29%)	25 (30%)	TP53 mutation, n (%)	21 (38%)	17 (37%)	15 (38%)
Previous ASCT, n (%)	40 (34%)	35 (34%)	29 (35%)	Unknown	63	58	44
Previous Allo, n (%)	15 (13%)	15 (14%)	14 (17%)	LDH, median (range)	231 (105–3209)	228 (105–2233)	227 (120–2233)
POD24, n (%)	67 (57%)	61 (59%)	45 (55%)	Most recent bendamustine, n (%)			
ECOG PS = 1, n (%)	77 (65%)	67 (64%)	50 (60%)	<6 months	12 (11%)	12 (12%)	10 (12%)
Ki-67 ≥30%, n (%)	49 (78%)	46 (78%)	35 (76%)	6–24 months	15 (14%)	15 (15%)	9 (11%)
Stage III-IV, n (%)	96 (81%)	83 (81%)	64 (77%)	>24 months	15 (14%)	15 (15%)	14 (17%)
Bulk (>5 cm), n (%)	41 (34%)	38 (37%)	29 (35%)	None	65 (61%)	61 (59%)	49 (60%)



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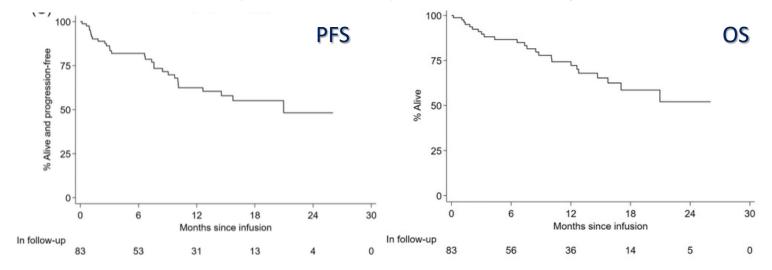
Toxicity/Management	Incidence
CRS (Any Grade)	77/83 (93%)
CRS (Grade ≥3)	10/83 (12%)
ICANS (Any Grade)	46/83 (55%)
ICANS (Grade ≥3)	19/83 (23%)
Management Strategies	
- Steroid Use	48/83 (58%)
- Median Cumulative Steroid Dose (mg)	195 (10–1416)
- Tocilizumab Use	66/83 (80%)
- Anakinra Use	14/83 (17%)
- Median Anakinra Duration (Days)	11 (3–30)
ICU Admission	22/83 (27%)

Cytopenias

Cytopenias	Incidence
- 30 days Grade 3/4 Neutropenia	48/81 (59%)
- 30 days Grade 3/4 Thrombocytopenia	49/81 (60%)
- 90 days Grade 3/4 Neutropenia	17/67 (25%)
- 90 days Grade 3/4 Thrombocytopenia	21/67 (31%)



Best ORR 87% (CR 81%; PR 6%); median follow-up 13.3 months



Median PFS: 21 months (95% CI: 10.1–NA)

6-Month PFS: 82% (95% CI: 71–89) 12-Month PFS: 62% (95% CI: 49–73)

ITT cohort median PFS of 11.4 months

Median OS: NR (95% CI: 18.7–NA)

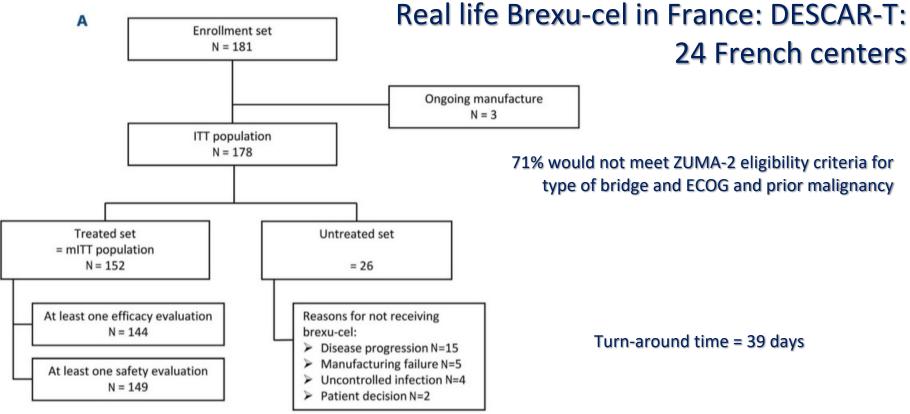
6-Month OS: 87% (95% CI: 76–93)

2-Month OS: 74% (95% CI: 62-83)

NRM 6% at 6mo, 15% at 12 mo, 25% at 2y

on MVA: bulky, male sex, ECOG > 1 pre-LD, and manufacture failure (MF) had negative impact on PFS / OS





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	Treated set (N=152)	Untreated set (N=26)
Age, median (min-max)	68.0 (39–83)	66.5 (47–77)
Age ≥65 years	99 (65.1)	16 (61.5)
Age >75 years	19 (12.5)	3 (11.5)
ECOG PS ≥2	17 (12.0)	9 (39.1)
- Missing	10	3
MIPI risk group		
- Low risk: <5.7	27 (19.9)	3 (15.0)
- Intermediate risk: 5.7–6.2	54 (39.7)	5 (25.0)
- High risk: ≥6.2	55 (40.4)	12 (60.0)
- Missing	16	6

	Treated set (N=152)	Untreated set (N=26)
Ki-67 ≥30%	85 (79.4)	11 (78.6)
- Missing	45	12
TP53 mutation	29 (30.2)	6 (42.9)
- Missing	56	12
Blastoid variant	41 (31.1)	3 (16.7)
- Missing	20	8
- Missing Prior lines of therapy, median (min-max)	20 3.0 (1–9)	8 3.0 (2–9)
Prior lines of therapy,		
Prior lines of therapy, median (min-max)		
Prior lines of therapy, median (min-max) Prior transplant	3.0 (1–9)	3.0 (2–9)



CRS & ICANS

Toxicities	Incidence
CRS (Any Grade)	131/149 (87.9%)
CRS (Grade ≥3)	18/149 (12.1%)
ICANS (Any Grade)	82/149 (55%)
ICANS (Grade ≥3)	23/149 (15.4%)
Management Strategies	
- Tocilizumab Use	112/149 (74.8%)
- Corticosteroid Use	97/149 (64.9%)
- Anakinra Use	17/149 (11.5%)
- Siltuximab Use	8/149 (5.3%)
ICU Admission	
- Total Admissions	46/149 (34.3%)
- Median of Hospitalization	6 days
- CRS-Related Admission	44 cases (26 Grade 2; 18 ≥3)
- ICANS-Related Admission	36 cases (13 Grade 2; 23 ≥3)

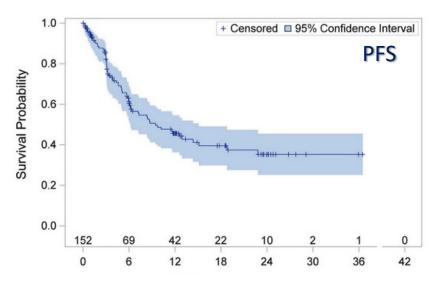
Cytopenias, Infections & NRM

Cytopenias at 3 Months	
- Any Grade	24/122 (19.7%)
- Grade ≥3 Neutropenia	13/122 (10.7%)
- Grade ≥3 Thrombocytopenia	1/122 (0.8%)
Infections (Grade ≥3)	
- Total (From Infusion to Day 10)	38/149 (25.5%)
- Bacterial Infections	25/149 (16.8%)
Non-Relapse Mortality	17/152 (11.2%)
Horr riciapoc mortanty	17/132 (11.276)
Cause of Death	17/132 (11.270)
	29/152
Cause of Death	
Cause of Death - Progressive Disease	29/152
Cause of Death - Progressive Disease - Infectious Events	29/152 11/152

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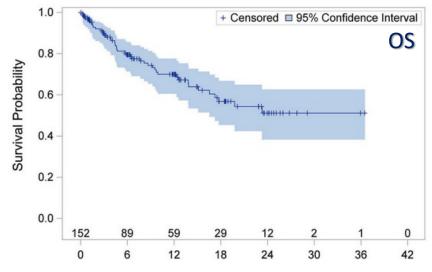


On 144 evaluable patients ORR: 84.7%; CR: 72.2% Median Follow-Up: 12.2 months (95% CI: 11.8–13.4);



Median PFS: 9.5 months (95% CI: 6.2-15.1)

Estimated PFS at 6 months: 61.3% (95% CI: 52.2–69.3) Estimated PFS at 12 months: 45.6% (95% CI: 36.2–54.5)

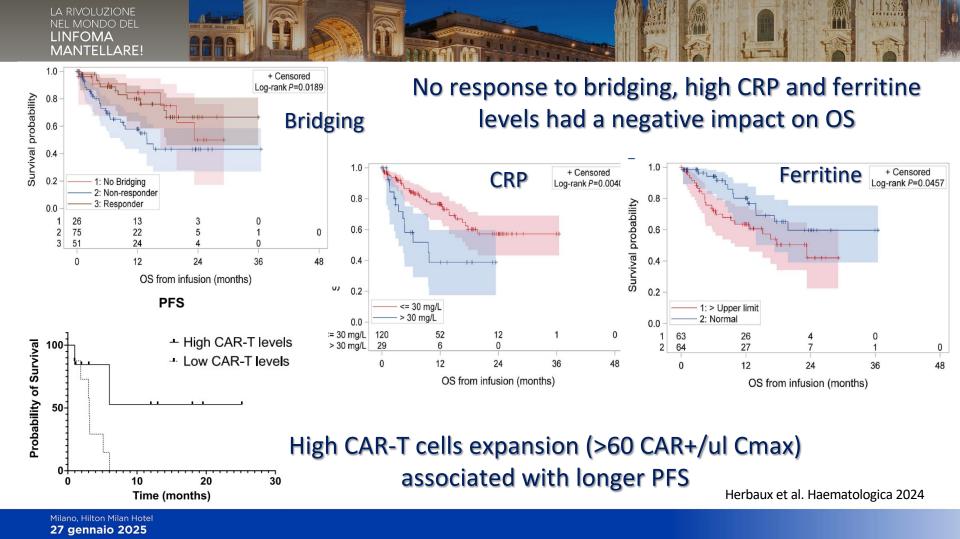


Median OS: Not reached (NR)

Estimated OS at 24 months: 51.1%

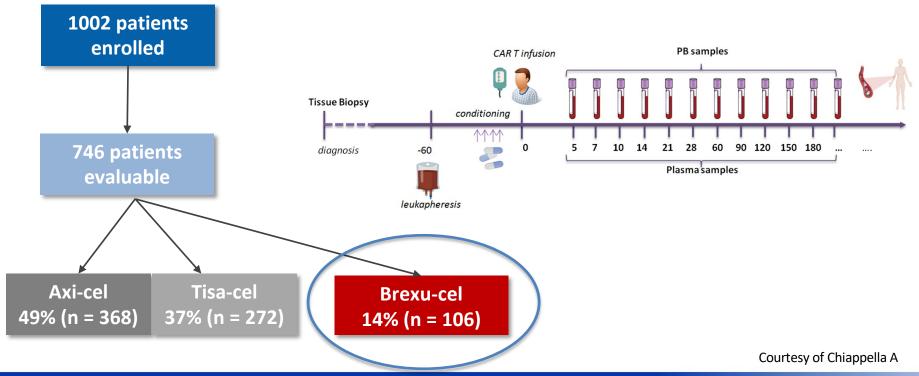
median ITT OS 19.8 months (95%CI 15.3-NA)

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Real life Brexu-cel in Italy, CART-SIE: 20 Italian centers





Characteristic	Global Population (N=106)
Age (median)	63 (42–79)
Histology	
- Classic MCL	74 (70%)
- Blastoid/pleomorphic MCL	32 (30%)
Refractory Disease	56 (53%)
BTKi Relapsed	54 (65%)
BTKi Refractory	29 (35%)
- Missing	23 (22%)
Previous ASCT	61 (58%)
Stage III-IV	96 (92%)
Extranodal Disease	55 (52%)
Bone Marrow Involved	62 (59%)

Characteristic	Global Population (N=106)
Bulky Disease	21 (20%)
LDH Baseline > ULN	25 (25%)
POD24	45 (42%)
sMIPI Risk Group	
- Low	32 (35%)
- Intermediate	18 (20%)
- High	41 (45%)
- Missing	15 (14%)
Bridging Therapy	83 (79%)
No response to Bridging	68 (72%)



CRS & ICANS

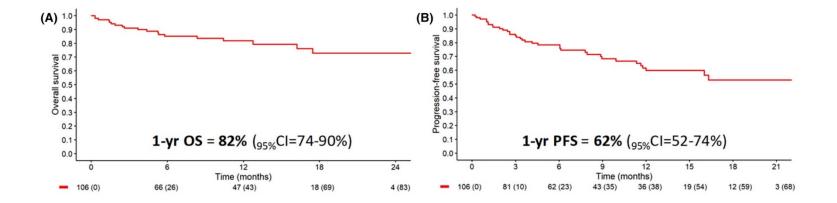
Toxicity/Management	Incidence
CRS (Any Grade)	95%
CRS (Grade ≥3)	21%
ICANS (Any Grade)	48%
ICANS (Grade ≥3)	18%
Management Strategies	
- Tocilizumab Use	84%
- Steroid Use	54%
- ICU Admission	18%

Cytopenias & NRM

Hematological Toxicity	Incidence
- Grade ≥3 Thrombocytopenia	18%
- Grade ≥3 Anemia	1.1%
- Late Grade ≥3 ICAHT	4.4%
Mortality	
- Non-Relapse Mortality at 1 Year	7.3% (Range: 3.2%-14%)
Causes of Death	
- Bacterial Infections	2/7 (29%)
- G5 CRS	1
- G5 ICANS	1
- Cerebrovascular Event	1
- Multi-Organ Failure	2
Secondary Primary Malignancies	
- Diagnosed Cases	3/106 (2.8%)
- Types	2 MDS, 1 Bladder Cancer

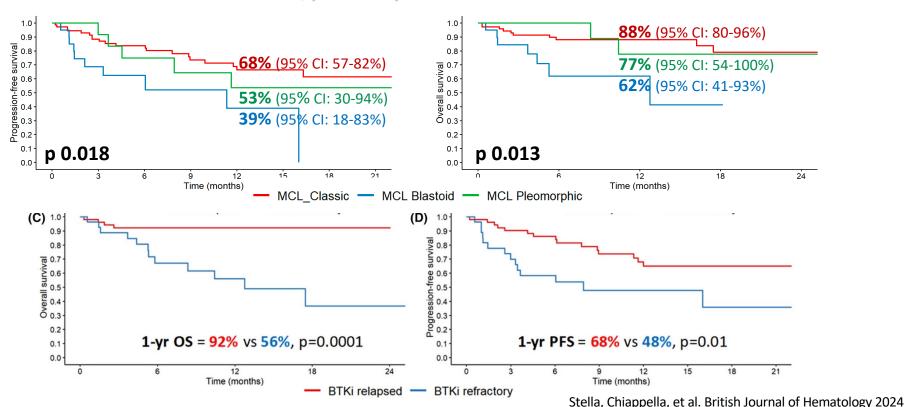
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Day 90 ORR 77% (CR 70%); median follow-up = 12.1 months (IQR: 6, 18)



Pre-lymphodepletion LDH and PLT levels were shown to be associated with both PFS & OS; response to bridging didn't impact survival

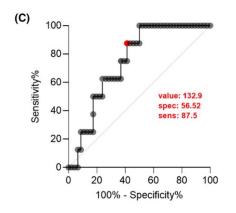
BTKi-refractoriness and blastoid/pleomorphic variant were associated with shorter PFS & OS



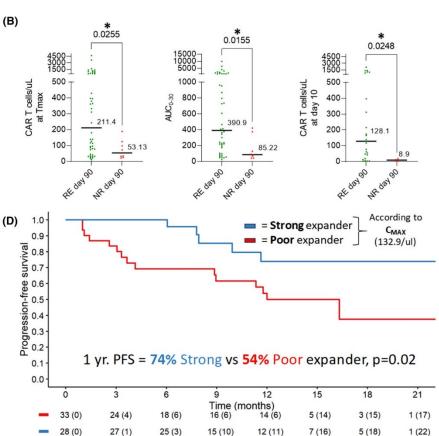




- Responders (CR/PR) at day 90 had higher C10/Cmax/AUC CAR-T cells levels
- Strong expansion = Cmax > 132.9 CAR+/ul was an independent predictor of longer PFS
- Bridging therapy negatively impacted expansion



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Conclusions

- ✓ Real life studies have reproduced similar efficacy and safety results as compared to ZUMA-2
- ✓ Variables negatively impacting PFS and OS differed across studies, including high-risk sMIPI, high ki-67, CRP, ferritine and LDH levels, TP53 aberrations, blastoid/pleomorphic variant, recent exposure to Bendamustine, manufacturing failure
- ✓ strong CAR-T cells expansion predicts longer PFS
- ✓ Rates of drop-out during "brain to vein" time is probably underestimated (drop-out after approval 30% in UK, after apheresis = globally 11-20%) which underlines the need for a better and early patient selection for a successful treatment