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**Meccanismo d'azione degli anticorpi bispecifici:
dalla biologia ai risultati clinici**

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A revival of bispecific antibodies

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Bispecs are mostly designed to recruit cytotoxic effector cells of the immune system effectively against pathogenic target cells.

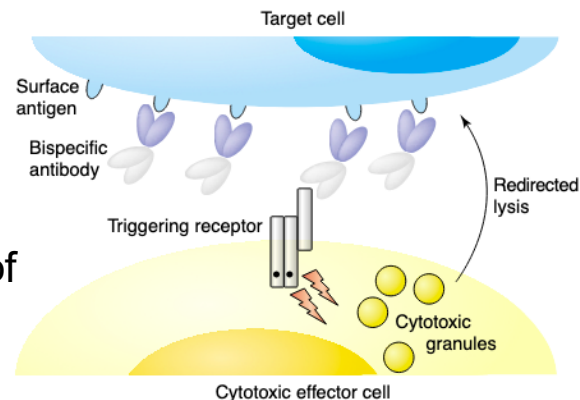
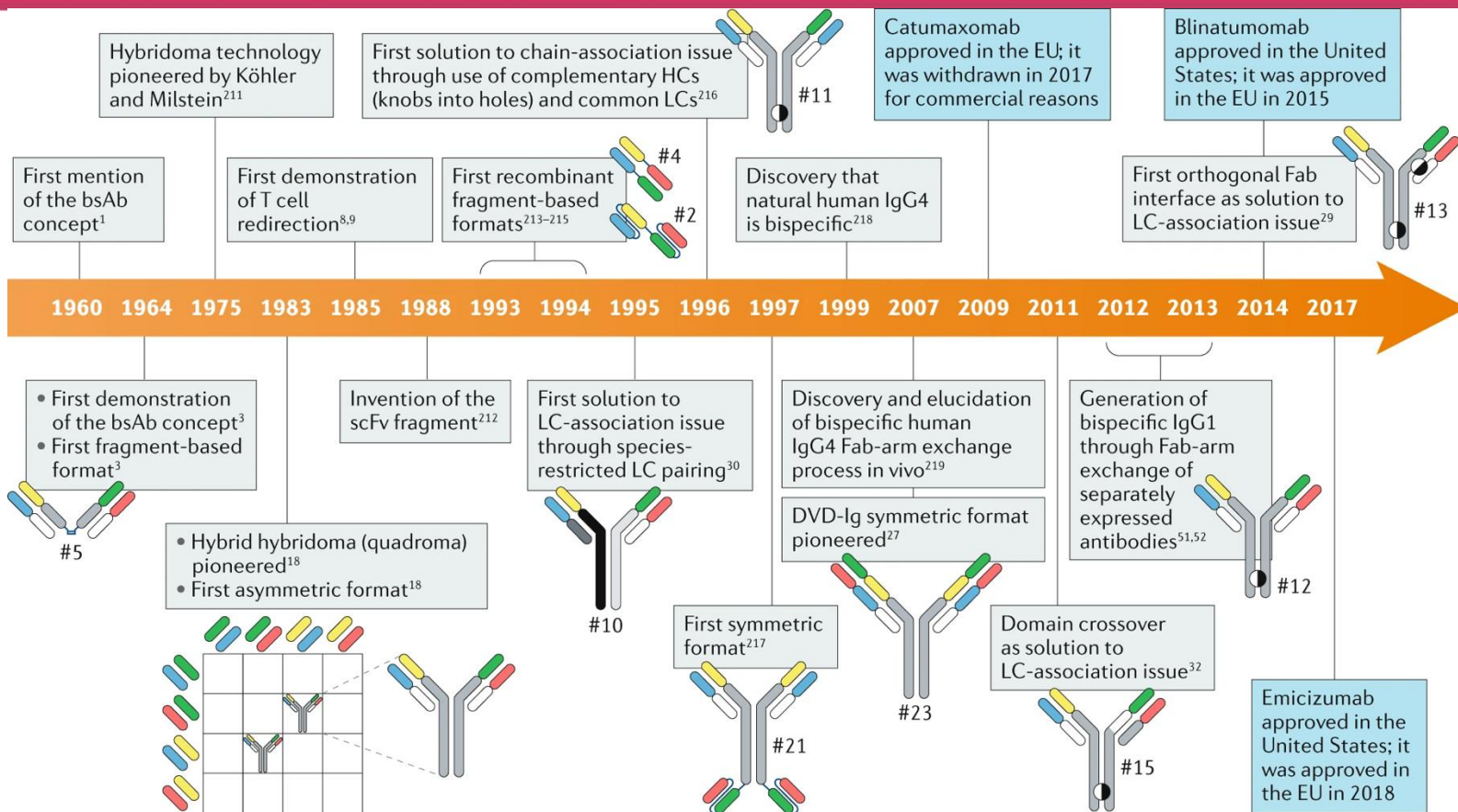


Table 1. Characteristics of bispecific antibodies recruiting cytotoxic effector cells and requirements for redirected target-cell lysis

| Triggering molecule | CD64 | CD89 | CD16 | CD3 | |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Bispecific antibody format | F(ab') ₂ | F(ab') ₂ | Quadroma F(ab') ₂ Tandem scFv | F(ab') ₂ Diabody | BITE |
| Effector cells | Monocytes and neutrophils | | NK cells | | T cells |
| Requirement of pre- or costimulation | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | No |
| ED ₅₀ range [μg ml ⁻¹] | 0.1–1 | 0.1–1 | 0.03–1 | 0.001–1 | 10 ⁻⁵ –10 ⁻⁴ |
| E:T ratio | ≥ 40:1 | 100:1–200:1 | 50:1 | ≥ 2:1 | ≤ 1:10 |
| Refs | [44] | [46] | [49] | [28,57] | [80] |



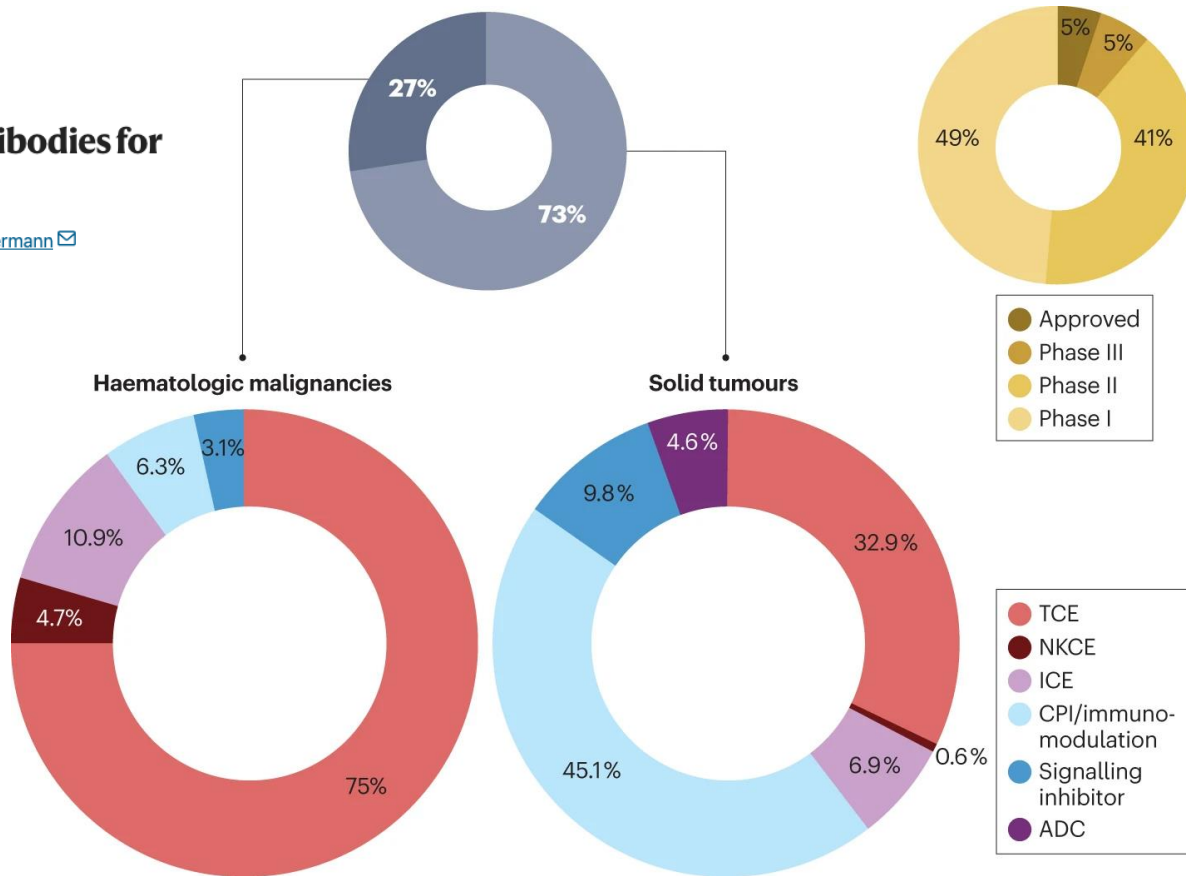
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The present and future of bispecific antibodies for cancer therapy

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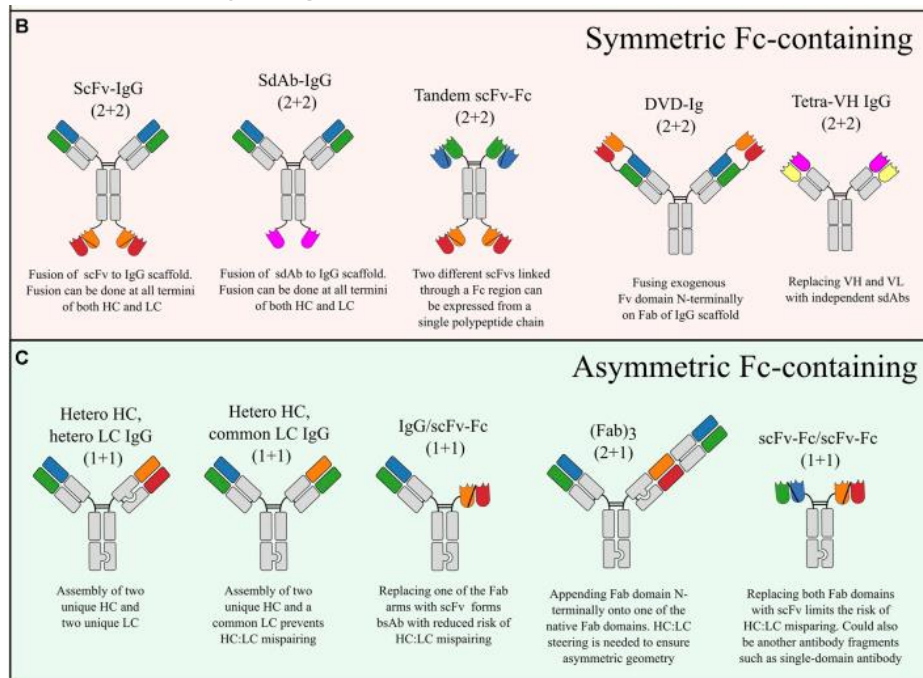
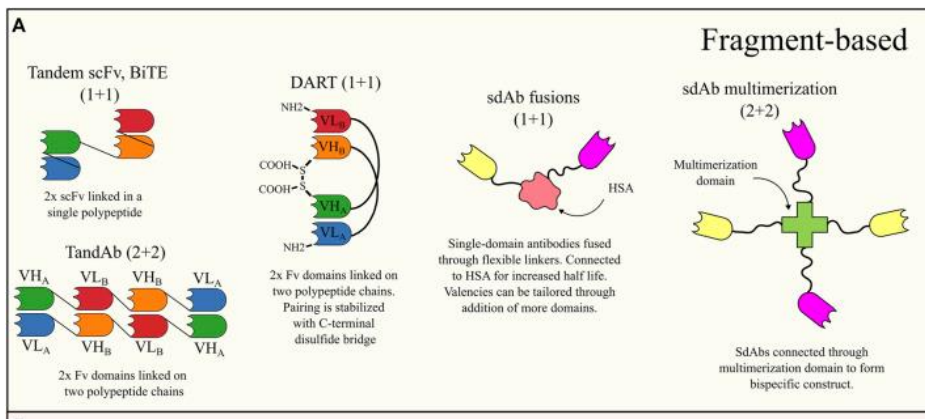
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BsAbs structure and classification

Fragment-based bsAbs are composed of the **variable light and heavy domains from two antibodies**, or the Fab units, and lack the Fc region which distinguishes them from IgG-Based bsAbs. These fragments are bound together by **linkers**.

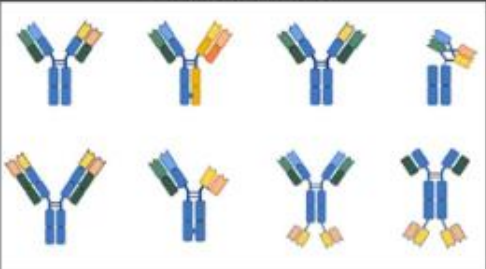
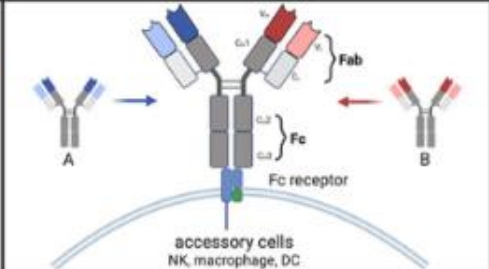
Immunoglobulin (Ig)-like bsAbs include an IgG Fc region. The presence of an Fc region also has consequences for Fc-mediated effector functions such as antibody-dependent cellular cytotoxicity (ADCC), complement fixation (CDC), and the **long half-life resulting from their larger size and FcRn-mediated recycling processes**



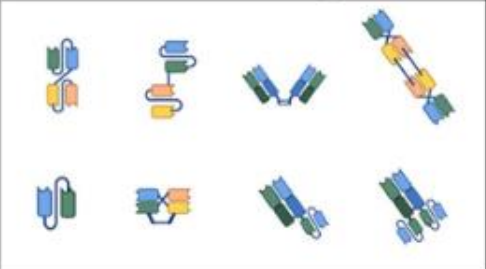
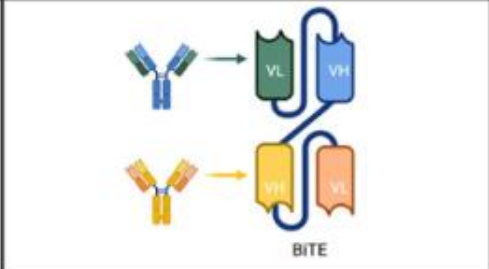
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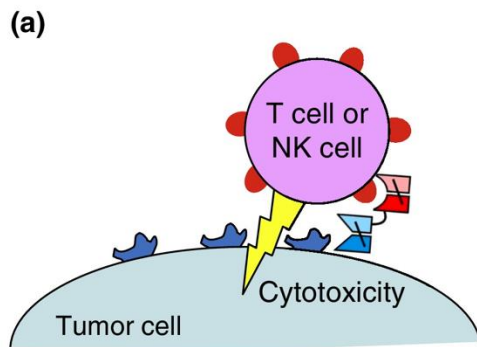
IgG-like BsAbs (with Fc regions)

| schematic drawing | classical design | characteristics |
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|  |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> long half-life high solubility increased stability CDC ADCC ADCP |

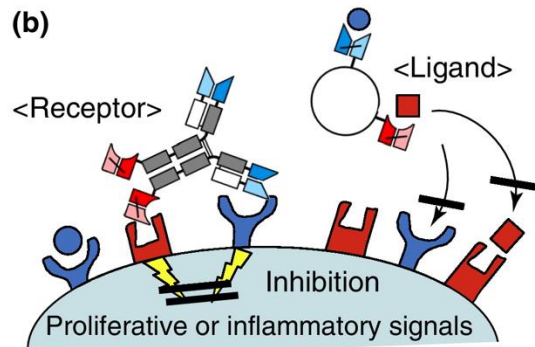
Non-IgG-like BsAbs (without the Fc region)

| schematic drawing | classical design | characteristics |
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|  |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> short half-life better tissue penetration lower immunogenicity reduced non-specific activation of the innate immune system |

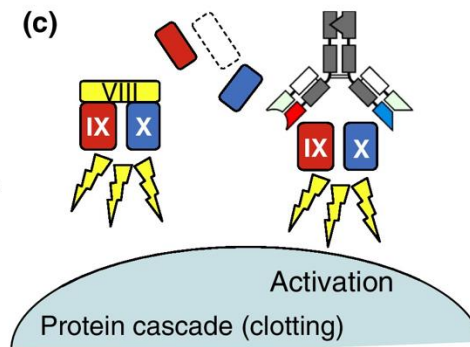
BsAbs functional classification



Immune cell recruiting
(Triomab, BiTE, DART, TandAB)







Interference with receptor signaling
(DVD-Ig, IgG-scFv, 2in1-IgG, CrossMab...)



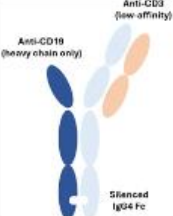
Forced protein associations
(kih-commonLC-IgG)

Drug Discovery Today

Kontermann RE, Drug Discov Today. 2015

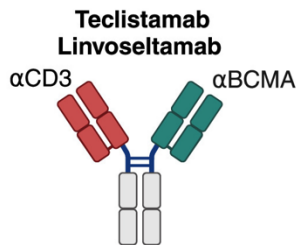
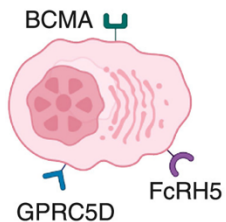
| Product name | Schematic depiction | Format | Technology | CD20:CD3 ratio | CD3 clone | CD20 clone | Fc silencing mutations* |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Mosunetuzumab ¹⁸ |  | IgG1 | Knobs-into-holes (different Fabs) | 1:1 | UCHT1v9 (CD3 ϵ) | 2H7 (type 1 epitope, identical to rituximab) | N297G (no Fc γ R binding) |
| Glofitamab ¹⁵ |  | IgG1 | Head-to-tail fusion | 2:1 | SP34-der.(CD3 ϵ) | By-L1 (type 2 epitope, identical to obinutuzumab) | IgG1-P329G-LALA (no Fc γ R binding) |
| Epcoritamab ¹⁶ |  | IgG1 | Controlled Fab-arm exchange | 1:1 | huCACAO (SP34-der.)(CD3 ϵ) | 7D8 (type 1 epitope, shared by ofatumomab) | L234F,L235E,D265A (no Fc γ R,C1q binding) |
| Odronexamab ¹⁷ |  | IgG4 | Heavy chains with different affinity | 1:1 | REG1250 (CD3 ϵ) | 3B9-10 (type 1 epitope, shared by ofatumomab) | Modified IgG4 (no Fc γ RIII binding) |

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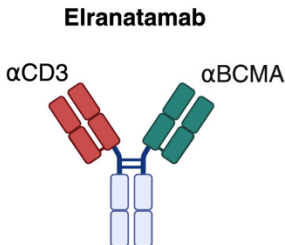
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| Surovatamig (AZD0486) | CD19xCD3 |  | IgG4 | Knobs-into-holes Low-affinity CD3-binding arm |
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Dong Hyun Kim, Seminars in Hematology 2025

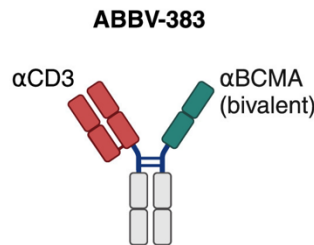
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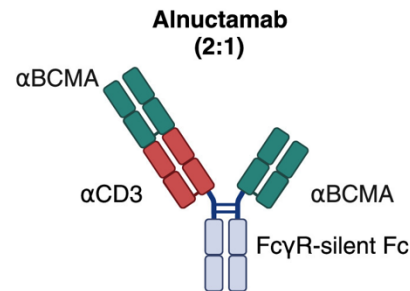
IgG4 Fc region



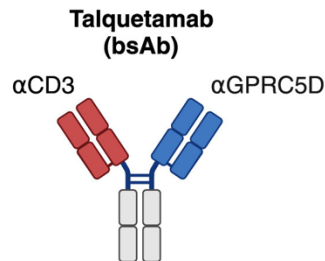
IgG2a Fc region



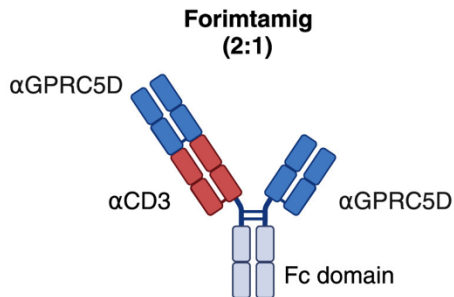
*IgG4 Fc region
dual BCMA binding*



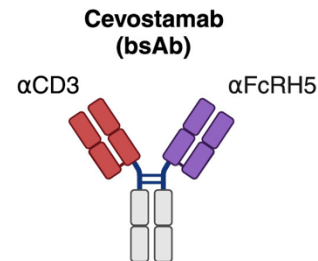
*IgG1 Fc region
bivalent BCMA arm*



IgG4 Fc region

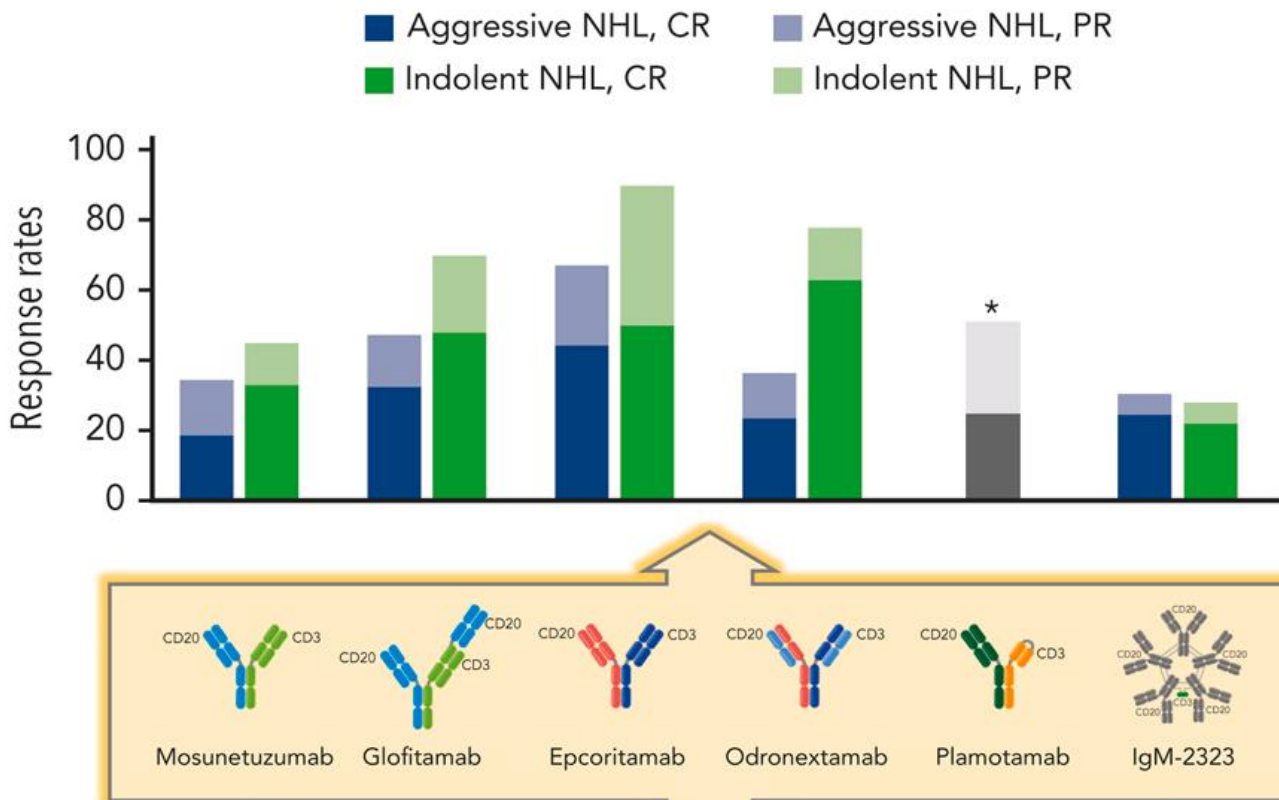


*IgG1 Fc region
bivalent GPRC5D arm*



IgG1 Fc region

BsAbs in NHLs

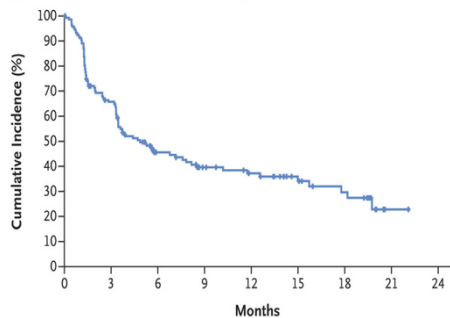


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BsAbs in DLBCL

Glofitamab in 3L+ R\R DLBCL

B Progression-free Survival in the Main Analysis Cohort

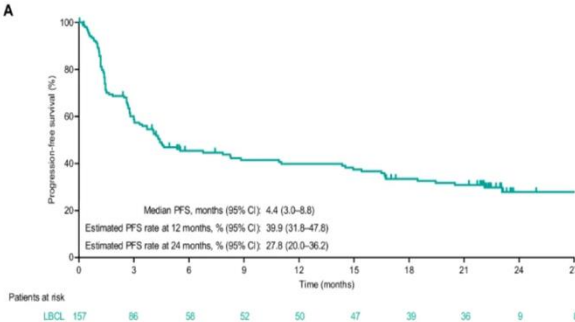


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Dickinson M.J, NEJM 2022

Epcoritamab in 2L+ R\R DLBCL

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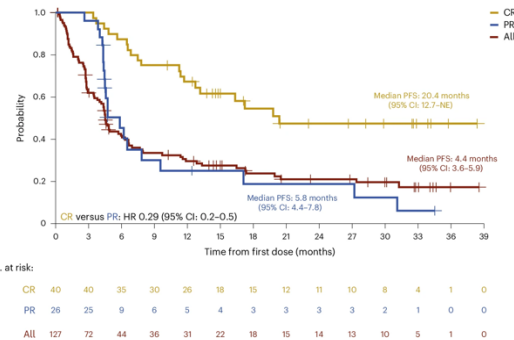


Patients at risk
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Thieblemont, C Leukemia 2026

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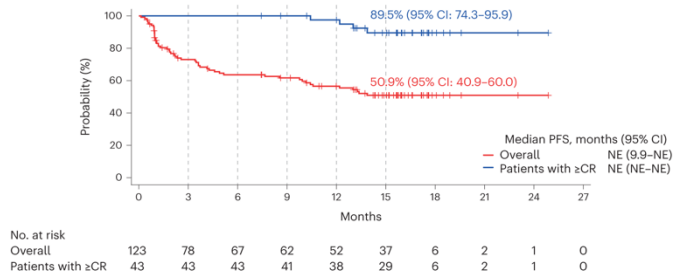


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Kim, W.S., Nat Cancer 2025

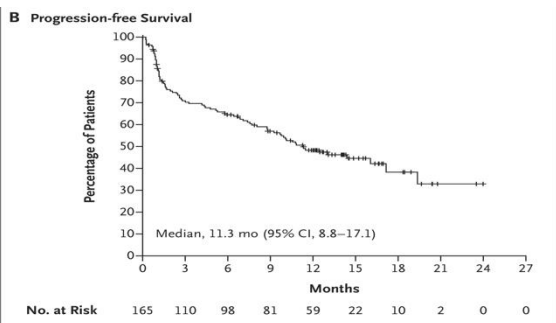
BsAbs in MM

Elranatamab in R/R Triple-exposed MM



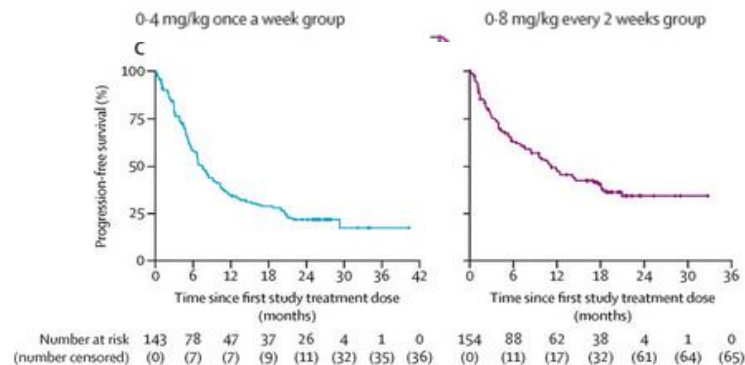
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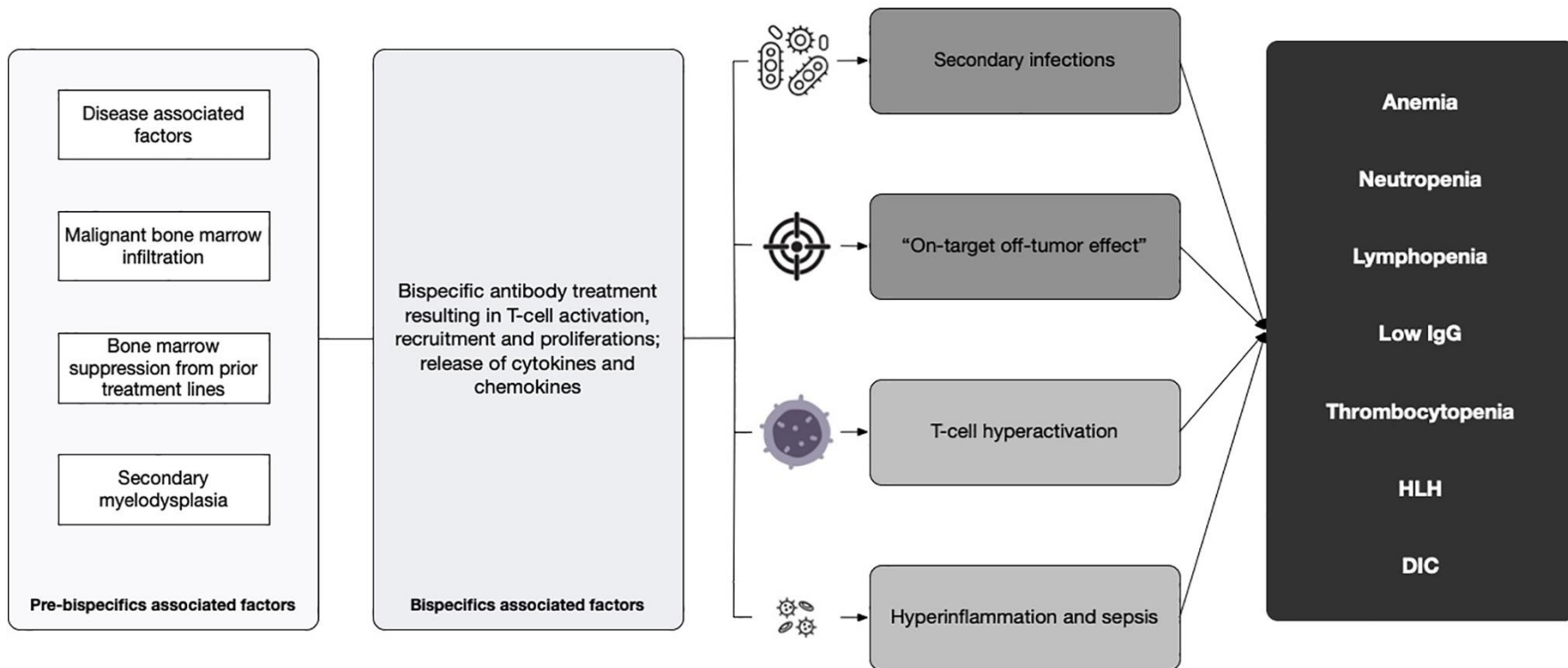
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Talquetamab in R/R Triple-exposed MM



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Hematological toxicities and Bispecifics

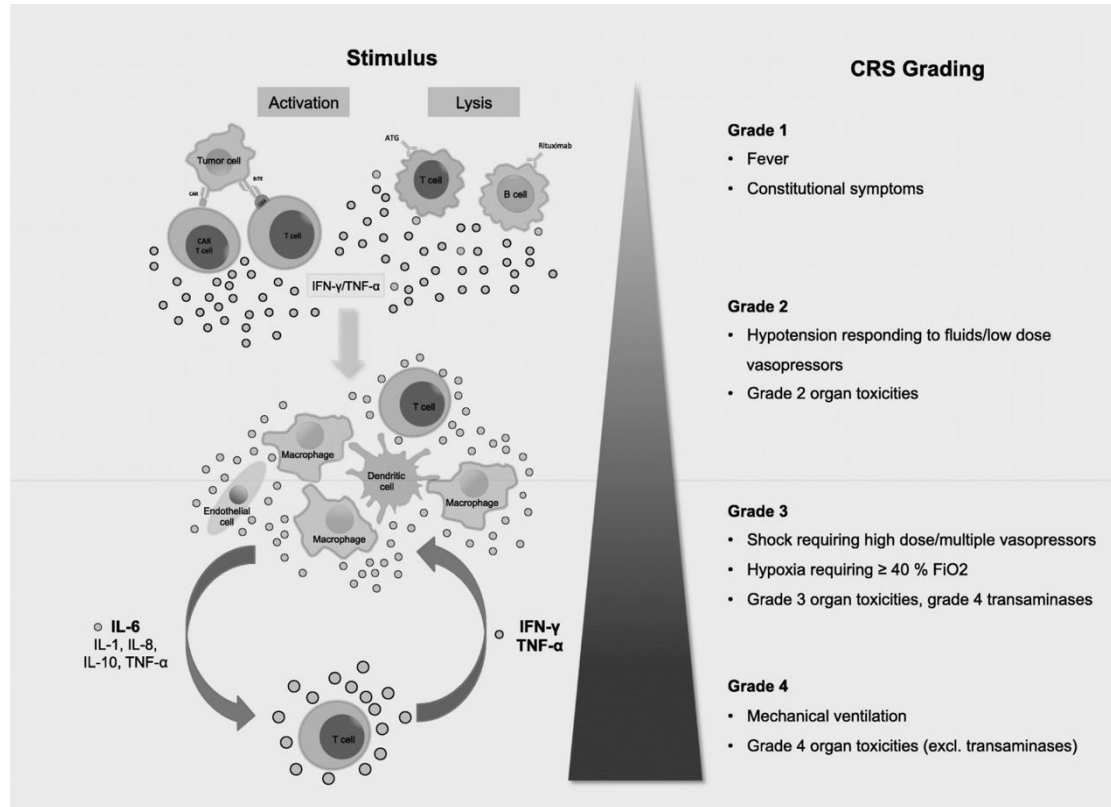


Main cytopenias described after bispecifics administration

[Luiz Henrique de Assis](#), et al. Hematology Am Soc Hematol Educ Program 2023

BsAbs and CRS

- Activation of many T cells or lysis of immune cells induces a release of IFN- γ or TNF- α .
- This leads to the activation of macrophages, dendritic cells, other immune cells and endothelial cells.
- These cells further release proinflammatory cytokines.
- Importantly, macrophages and endothelial cells produce large amounts of interleukin 6 (IL-6) which in a positive feedback loop manner activates T cells and other immune cells leading to a cytokine storm.



Shimabukuro-Vornhagen A, Journal for ImmunoTherapy of Cancer. 2018

Infections Following Bispecific Antibodies in B-cell Lymphomas

Background:

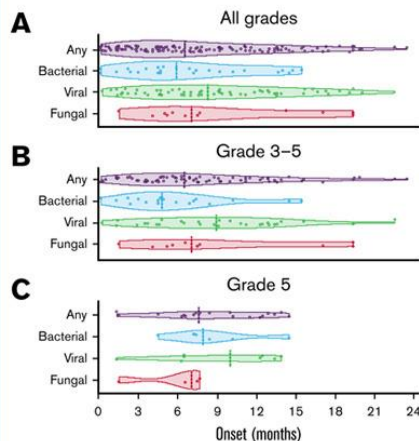
- Bispecific antibodies (BsAb) offer new options for B-cell lymphomas but pose distinct, poorly defined infection risks.

Patients & Methods:

- This is a cohort study of 109 B-cell lymphoma patients who received BsAb therapy between 2016 and 2024.
- The epidemiology, clinical characteristics, and risk factors for BsAb-associated infections were analyzed.

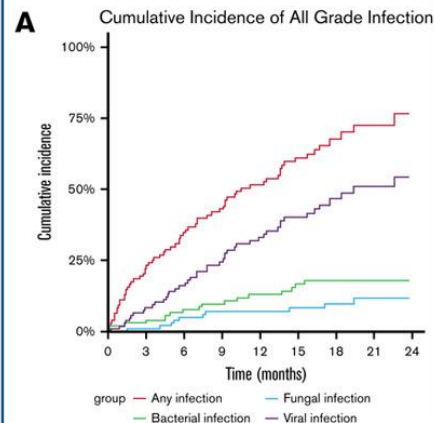
Infection Characteristics:

- Of all infections, 61.2% were grade ≥ 3 .
- The median time to infection was 6.6 months, with bacterial infections occurring earliest.
- Viral infections were most frequent, with SARS-CoV-2 being the leading cause.



Infection Incidence:

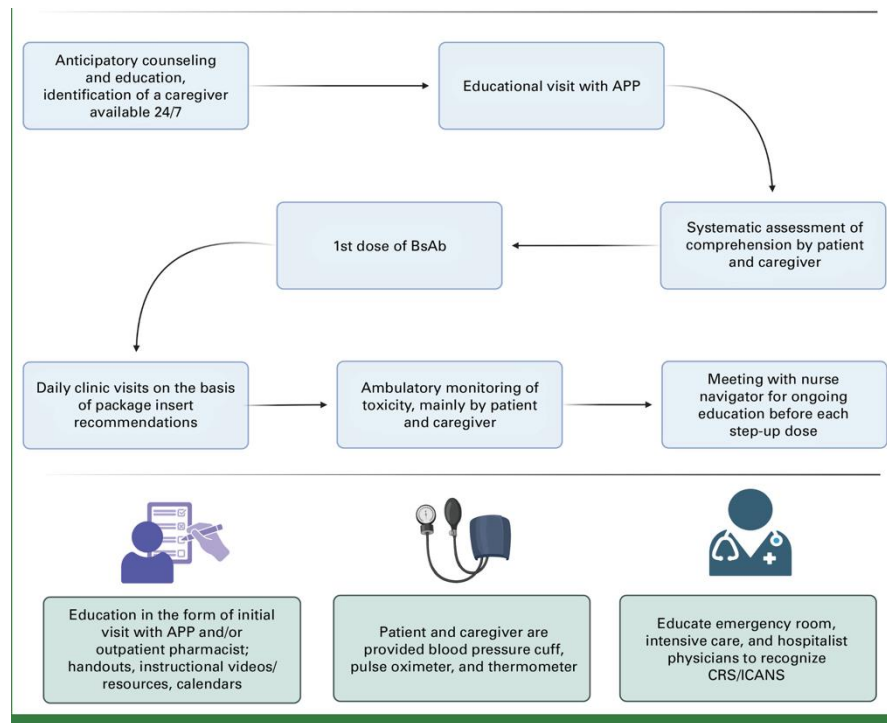
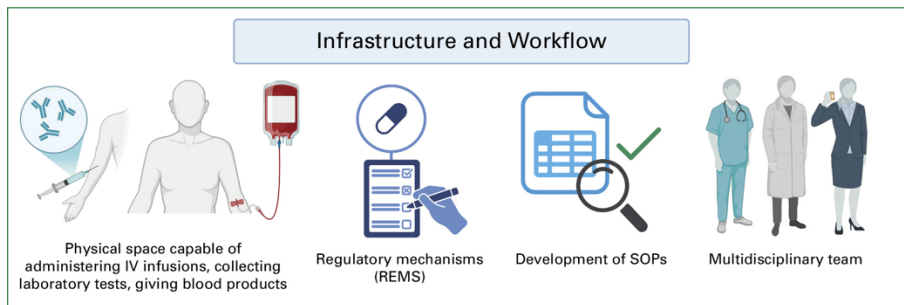
- Infections occurred in 62.4%, with 37.6% being grade ≥ 3 .
- Cumulative infection incidence reached 76.4% at 24 months.
- Neutropenia and hypogammaglobulinemia were associated with a higher risk of infection.



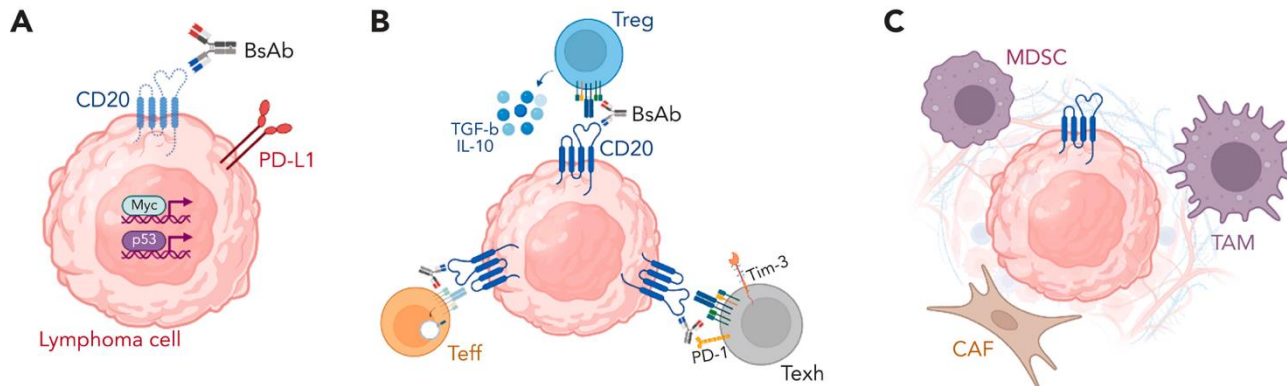
Outpatient Administration of Bispecific Antibody Therapy for Hematologic Malignancies: A Practical Guide

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Three Overlapping Pillars of Resistance



Falchi L, Blood 2023

Tumor-Intrinsic Factors

- ▶ CD20 loss / MS4A1 mutations
- ▶ NOTCH1 alterations

T-Cell Dysfunction

- ▶ Low "fresh" T-cell presence
- ▶ Lower cytotoxic activity

Microenvironmental Barriers

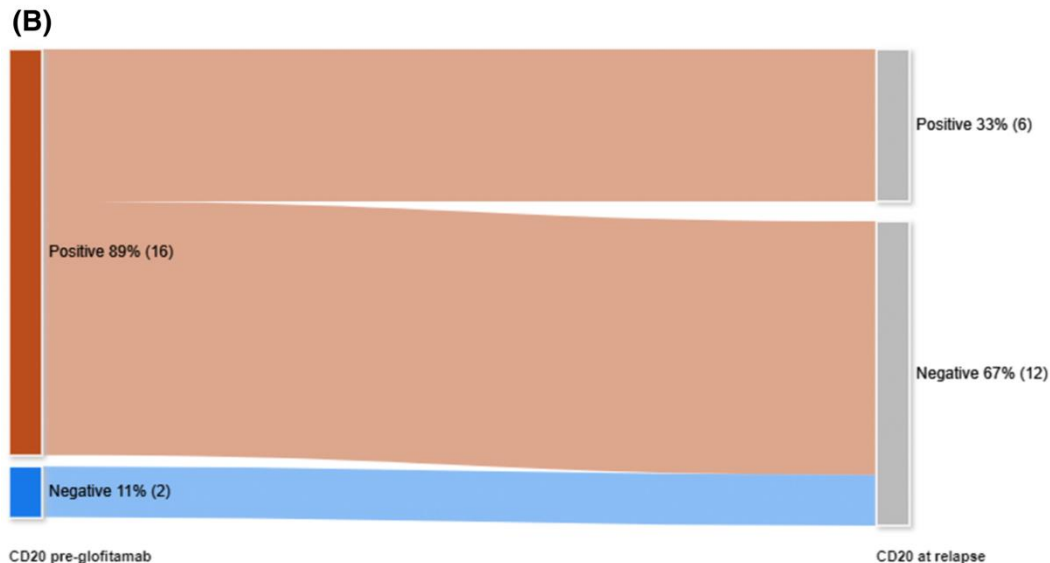
- ▶ PD-L1 checkpoint upregulation
- ▶ DZ-like spatial exclusion

Maher et al. Cells 2026

Three Overlapping Pillars of Resistance - Tumor-Intrinsic Factors

Selective pressure may drive the activation of programs that promote Antigen-Related Escape

- Cases with aggressive B-NHL R/R after **glofitamab** at the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre and Royal Melbourne Hospital.
- CD20 status was determined by local pathology review **using IHC with an L26 antibody**
- At progression post-glofitamab, CD20 status was described in 22 patients with available biopsies: **10 had converted from CD20 positive to CD20 negative**; and 2 remained persistently CD20 negative



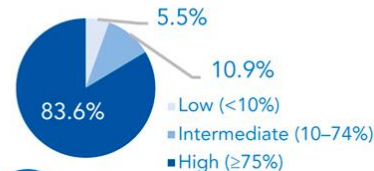
Grigg S, Br J Haematol. 2024

- **CD20 is encoded by *MS4A1***, is a member of the membrane-spanning 4-domain family, subfamily A (MS4A)
- Patient **biopsy specimens were collected** in the phase 1/2 GO29781 trial of **mosunetuzumab monotherapy** for adults with R/R B-cell NHL who had received ≥ 2 prior therapies.
- IHC (CD20/PAX5) + RNAseq (*MS4A1* expr) + WES (*MS4A1* mutation)

Stephen J. Schuster, Blood 2024

Biopsies collected from adults with R/R B-cell NHL: a subset of biopsies (5.5%) exhibited CD20 loss prior to mosunetuzumab treatment

Levels of CD20+PAX5+ B cells



Patients with paired pre-mosunetuzumab and on-treatment biopsies



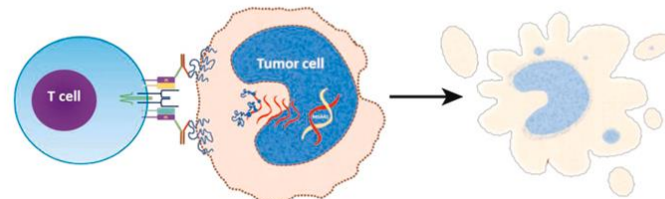
Maintained CD20 levels

Patients with samples at-progression

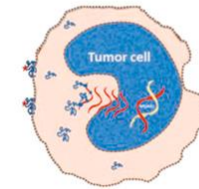
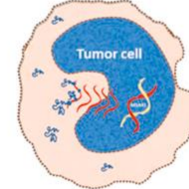
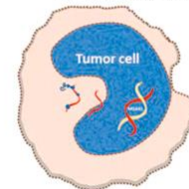


Showed CD20 loss

Loss of CD20 at disease progression confers resistance to T-cell dependent tumor cell killing by mosunetuzumab



Reduced transcription of *MS4A1* RNA Mutations in *MS4A1* Epitope disrupting



T-cell receptor

Mosunetuzumab

CD20 antigen

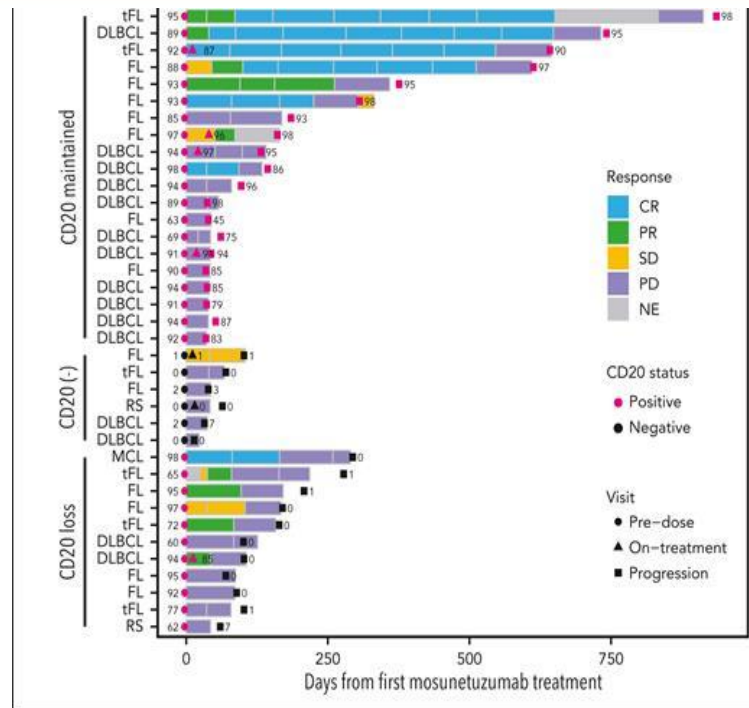
MS4A1

Conclusions: Following mosunetuzumab treatment, CD20 loss was observed in 34% of patients. Reduced transcription or mutations in *MS4A1* explained most but not all cases of CD20 loss.

Schuster et al. DOI: 10.1182/*blood*.2023022348

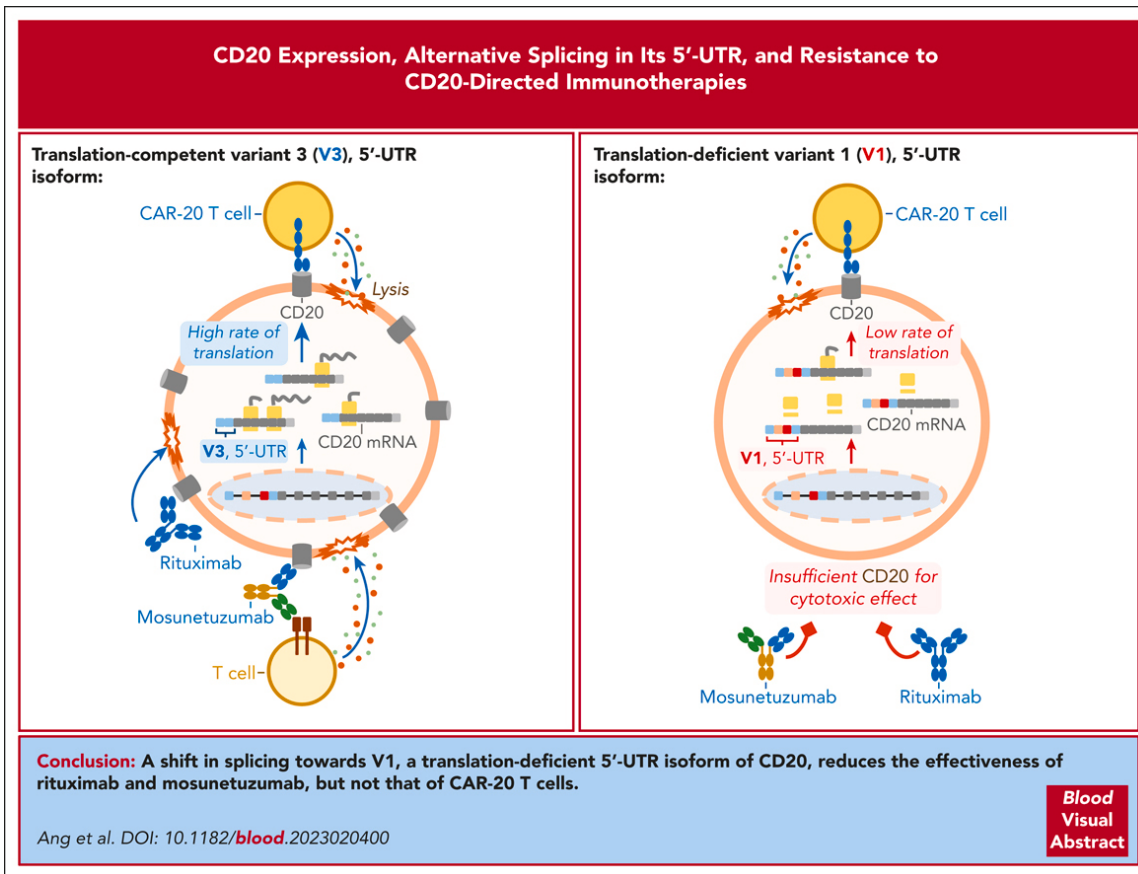
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Abstract

- **CD20 loss at progression** was observed in patients with evidence of **transcriptional downmodulation** or with **mutations identified by WES**.
- There was also evidence of reduced CD20 levels in the absence of downregulated transcription or exonic mutations in CD20



Shorter PFS can in part be explained by CD20 loss before mosunetuzumab or at progression, however, **a subset of patients was refractory and exhibited limited PFS despite maintaining CD20 levels**

Three Overlapping Pillars of Resistance - Tumor-Intrinsic Factors



NOTCH1 Mutations Are Associated With Therapy-Resistance in Patients With B-Cell Lymphoma Treated With CD20xCD3 Bispecific Antibodies

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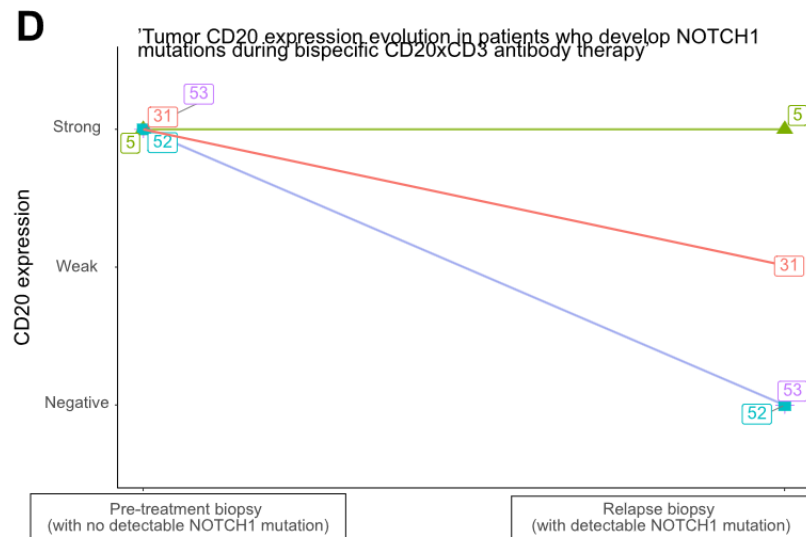
- 56 patients from Rigshospitalet, Copenhagen, and Vejle University Hospital, both in Denmark, who received CD20 × CD3 bispecific antibodies between 2017 and 2023 as part of phase 1 or phase 2 clinical trials.
- Pre bispecs *NOTCH1* mutated tumors conferred significantly worse outcomes in Kaplan–Meier analysis of both PFS and OS ($p = 0.02$ and $p = 0.05$).
- ***NOTCH1* mutated clones expand under the pressure of CD20 × CD3 bispecific antibody therapy** and may constitute an escape mechanism potentially leading to downstream CD20 antigen loss.

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Three Overlapping Pillars of Resistance - T-cell related factors (TME)

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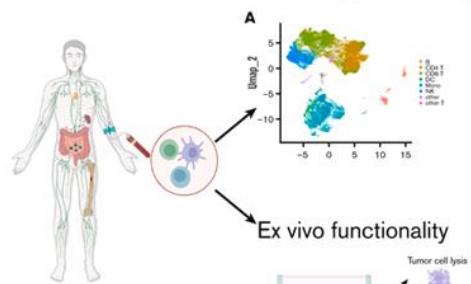


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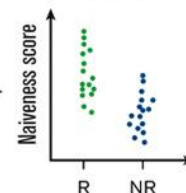
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- 30 DBCL pts treated with glofi (18 CMR vs 12 PMD cases)
- PBMCs of these patients collected at baseline and on-treatment time points were subjected to single-cell RNA and TCR sequencing (scRNA-seq/scTCR-seq), flow cytometry, and ex vivo functional assessments

PATIENT PBMC (R & NR) scRNA-seq/scTCR-seq

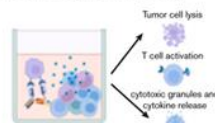


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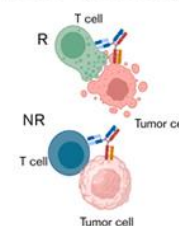


T cells from R exhibit higher naivness scores, suggesting a “fresher” state compared to NR

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Three Overlapping Pillars of Resistance - T-cell related factors (TME)

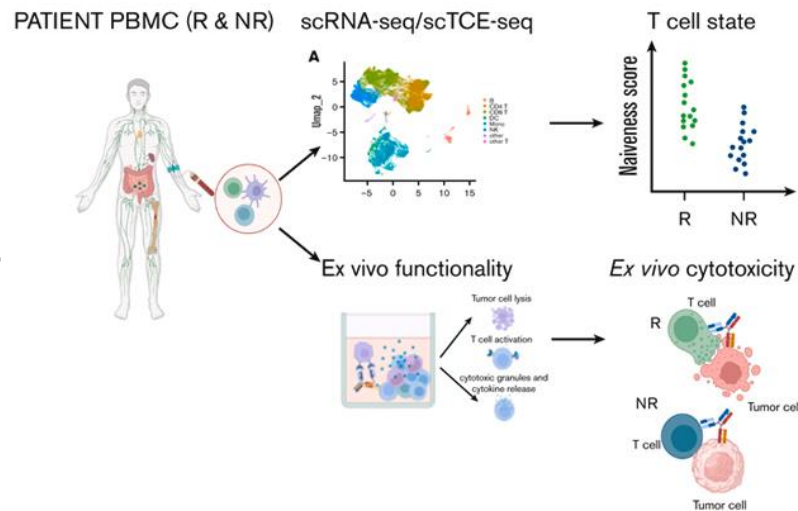
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Molecular features of response and resistance to glofitamab, a T-cell engager for treatment of large B-cell lymphoma

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- Maintenance of **naïve-like (“fresher”) T-cell states** (particularly the fresher cytotoxic T cells) at **early time points** is associated with **clinical efficacy**.
- Combination of glofitamab with 4-1BB costimulation translated into increased proportions of intratumor T cells having a fresher, naïve-like phenotype in humanized mouse



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Review

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Table 2. Pre-existing T cell fitness and exhaustion correlated with TCE therapy response or treatment failure

Pre-therapy T cell fitness/exhaustion

| TCE | Patient cohort | Potential biomarkers identified | | |
|---------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| | | Responders | Non-responders | Methodology |
| Epcoritamab | r/r B cell lymphoma | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● high CD4⁺ and CD8⁺ T cell frequencies (PB and i.t.) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● high CD8⁺TIM-3⁺, CD8⁺PD-1⁺, CD8⁺Tim-3⁺TIGIT⁺ (PB) | flow cytometry, IHC |
| Mosunetuzumab | (r/r) NHL | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● high ALC (PB) ● CD8⁺ tumor infiltration | – | flow cytometry, IHC |
| Blinatumomab | r/r BCP-ALL | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● high T_{naive} and T_{CM} cells (PB and BM) ● high clonal diversity (PB and BM) ● expanded CD8⁺GZMK⁺ T_{EM}-like T cells (PB) ● high CD8⁺ cytotoxicity score (also in MRD⁺ BCP-ALL) (PB) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● high T_{reg} frequencies (PB) ● enriched exhaustion signature (PB and BM) ● high CD8⁺ dysfunction score (PB) | flow cytometry, scRNA-seq |
| Teclistamab | r/r MM | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● high CD8⁺ T cell frequencies (PB) ● high frequency of CD8⁺GZMB⁺, CD8⁺perforin⁺, CD4⁺GZMB⁺, CD4⁺T_{naive}, CD4⁺T_{EMRA} (BM) ● CD4⁺CD25⁺ T cells correlated with improved PFS (BM) ● low CD3⁺PD-1⁺TIM-3⁺ T cells (PB and BM) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● high CD38⁺ T_{reg} frequencies (PB) ● high CD8⁺PD-1⁺ (+CD38 or TIM-3) T cells correlated with high disease burden (PB and BM) ● similar trend in CD4⁺ T cells | flow cytometry, CyTOF |
| Flotetuzumab | r/r AML | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● IFN-γ signature ● immune-infiltrated TME ● 10-gene signature predictive for CR (all BM) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● non-immune-infiltrated TME (BM) | NanoString |

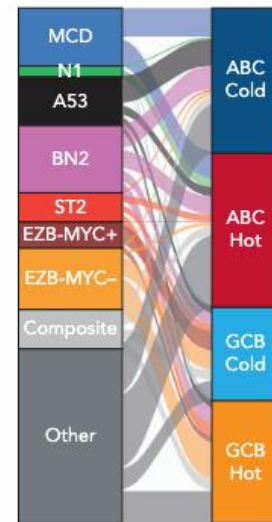
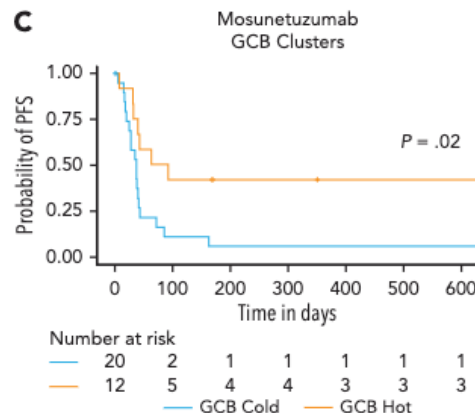
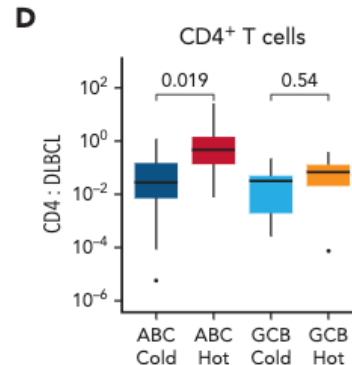
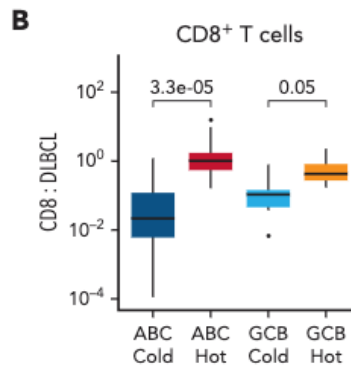
ALC, absolute lymphocyte count; AML, acute myeloid leukemia; BCP-ALL, B cell precursor acute lymphoblastic leukemia; BM, bone marrow; CR, complete remission; CyTOF, cytometry by time of flight; IHC, immunohistochemistry; i.t., intratumoral; MM, multiple myeloma; MRD, minimal residual disease; NHL, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma; PB, peripheral blood; PFS, progression-free survival; r/r, relapsed/refractory; scRNA-seq, single-cell RNA sequencing; T_{CM}, central memory T cell; T_{EM}, effector memory T cell; TME, tumor microenvironment; T_{reg}, regulatory T cell.

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Integrative genomic analysis of DLBCL identifies immune environments associated with bispecific antibody response

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- Bulk transcriptomic analysis on over 500 DLBCL patients, calculating per-sample enrichment scores for 19 gene sets comprising immune-related and COO-related signatures.
- **DLBCL-immune quadrants (DLBCL-Iqs)** based on COO and immune gene expression signatures: ABC hot; ABC cold; GCB hot; and GCB cold.
- They also noted specific features of the IQs. For instance, "hot" DLBCLs exhibited higher CD8+ T-cell infiltration and activity compared with "cold" DLBCLs.



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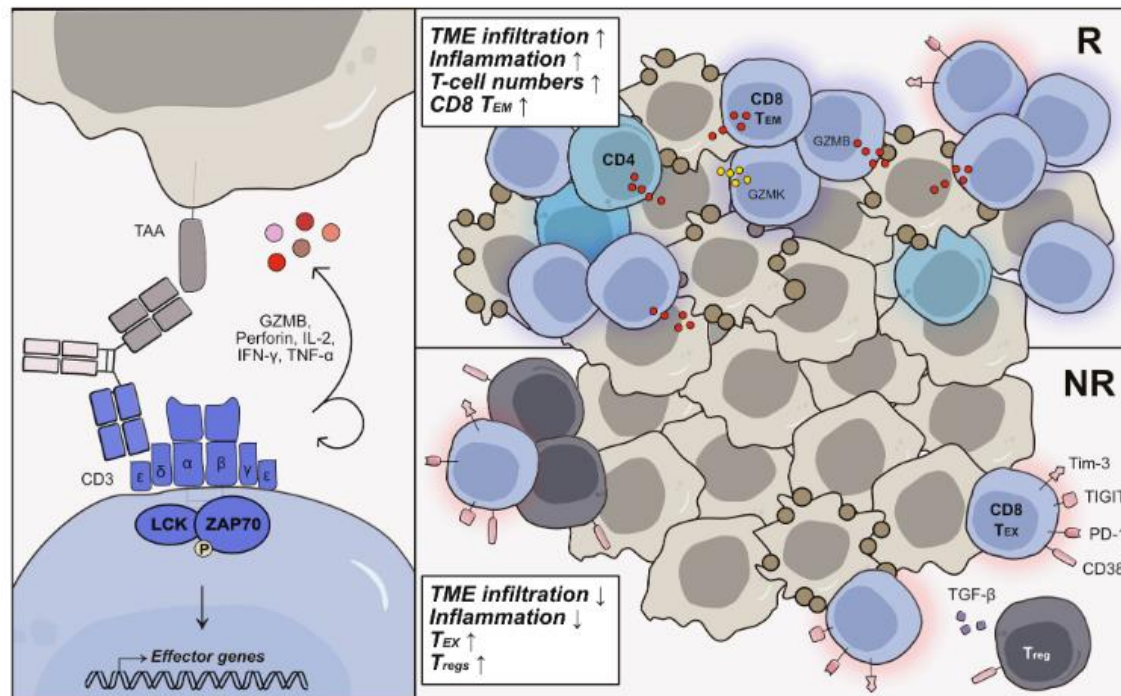


Figure 3. The T cell pool shapes the response to TCE therapy

Left: schematic mechanism of TCE-mediated T cell activation and initiation of effector function. Right: T cell-related biomarkers that predict patient response to TCE therapy. NR, non-responders; R, responders; TAA, tumor-associated antigen; T_{EM} , effector memory T cell; T_{EX} , exhausted T cell; TME, tumor microenvironment; T_{reg} , regulatory T cell.

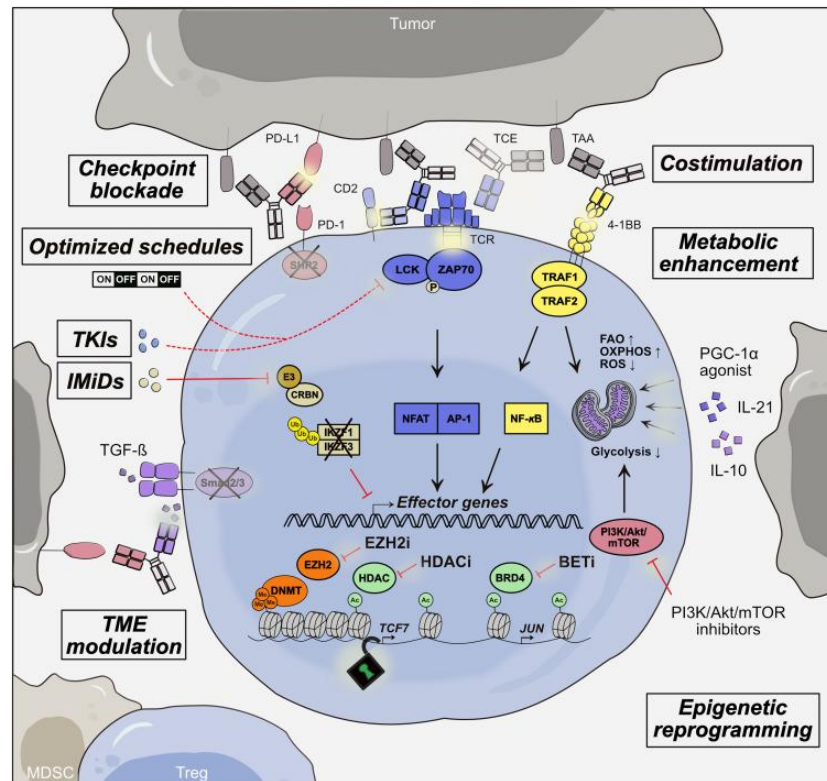
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Table 4. Strategies for mitigating T cell exhaustion in TCE therapy

| | Patient population | TCE combination (study phase ^a) |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Strategies in advanced clinical trials (≥ phase 2) | | |
| Tyrosine kinase inhibitors (TKIs) | Ph ⁺ cancers | blinatumomab + ponatinib (phase 2), blinatumomab + dasatinib (phase 2) |
| Epigenetic modulators | untreated FL | mosunetuzumab + tazemetostat (EZH2 inhibitor) (phase 2) |
| Strategies in early clinical trials (< phase 2) | | |
| Immune checkpoint blockade (ICB) | r/r ALL, lymphoma | blinatumomab + pembrolizumab (phase 1/2), CD3xCD20 (REGN1979) + anti-PD-1 (REGN2810) |
| Additional costimulation | r/r B-NHL/r/r MM | glofitamab + CD19x4-1BBL (phase 1/2) linvoseltamab + CD38xCD28 (phase 1/2) |
| Cereblon-modulating agents (CELMoDs) | B cell malignancies | mosunetuzumab + lenalidomide (phase 1) talquetamab + pomalidomide (phase 1) |
| | Preclinical model | TCE combination |
| Strategies at the preclinical stage | | |
| Optimized administration schedules | B-ALL, lymphoma | blinatumomab + treatment-free intervals |
| Metabolic reprogramming | lymphoma | CD3xCD19 TCE + mTOR inhibitor |
| Modulation of the cellular TME | | |
| Antibody-drug conjugates | MM | CD3xBCMA TCE + daratumumab |
| Local costimulation | AML | WT1-TCE + FAPx4-1BBL |
| Secreting T cell-engaging antibody (STAb) T cells | AML, B-ALL, MM | e.g., CD3xCD33 TCE, CD3xCD19 + PD-L1x4-1BB TCE, CD3xCD19 + CD3xBCMA TCE |
| Modulation of soluble mediators in the TME | | |
| Cytokines | B-ALL, MM | blinatumomab + IL-12; CD3 ⁺ CD19-IL-12 "BITEokine"; CD3xBCMA TCE + IL-21 |
| STING agonism | AML | CD3xCD33 TCE + STING agonist |

AML, acute myeloid leukemia; B-ALL, B acute lymphoblastic leukemia; FL, follicular lymphoma; MM, multiple myeloma; Ph⁺, Philadelphia chromosome positive; TCE, T cell engager; TME, tumor microenvironment.
^aOnly the most advanced studies are indicated.

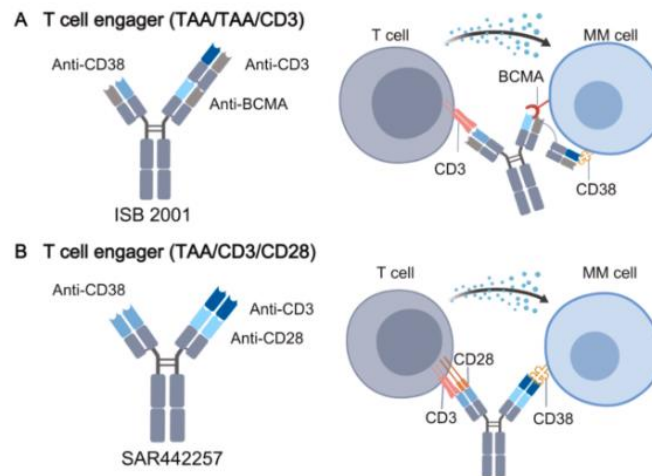


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Overcoming Resistance and Future Perspectives – Good things come in threes

- **Dual Tumor Antigen Targeting Strategy:** By requiring concurrent engagement of 2 distinct tumor antigens for full T cell activation, trispecific molecules establish a higher activation threshold and reduce the probability of immune escape through single antigen loss.
- **Co-Stimulatory Integration Strategy:** By incorporating binding domains for co-stimulatory receptors such as CD28 or 4-1BB, these constructs provide both signal 1 (antigen recognition through CD3) and signal 2 (co-stimulation) in a single molecule, potentially overcoming T cell exhaustion in heavily pretreated patients



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Take-home messages and conclusions

Practice-changing class

BsAbs are now standard of care
in R/R NHL and MM

Accessible immunotherapy

Off-the-shelf; no manufacturing
delay vs CAR-T

Manageable but real toxicity

CRS, infections, cytopenias
require structured monitoring

Resistance is multifactorial

CD20 loss, T-cell exhaustion,
immunosuppressive TME

Biomarkers needed

Immune contexture (hot/cold),
ctDNA/MRD to guide therapy

Expanding role ahead

Earlier lines, combinations,
trispecifics in development

Understanding and overcoming resistance

is the central challenge — requiring integrated multi-omic approaches

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