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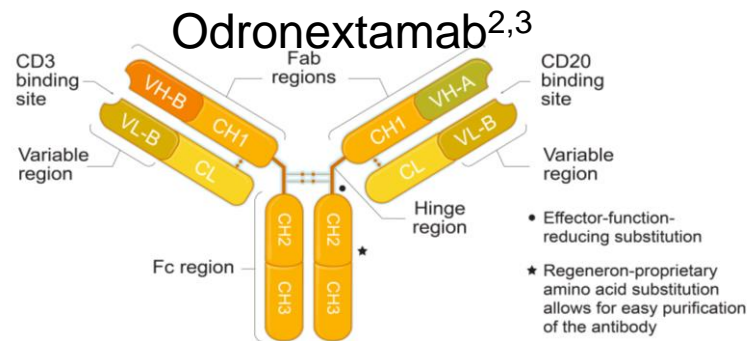
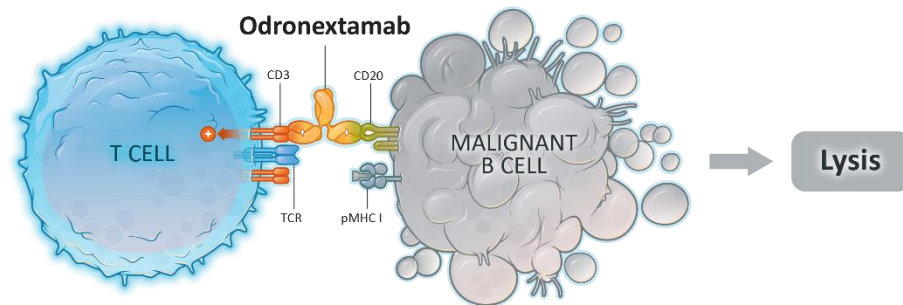
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Pfizer	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No

Odronextamab: A CD20xCD3 bispecific antibody

Mechanism of action^{2,3}

- The CD20 antigen is expressed during maturation of normal precursor B cells and is thought to serve a B-cell activating or proliferation function¹
- CD20 is highly expressed in lymphomas¹
- Odronextamab is designed to bridge CD20 on cancer cells with CD3-expressing T cells, resulting in local T-cell activation and cytotoxicity²
- This mechanism is distinct from other therapeutics targeting CD20, which act primarily through complement-dependent cytotoxicity and antibody-dependent cellular cytotoxicity¹
- Odronextamab is being evaluated in patients with R/R NHL in Phase 1 and 2 clinical trials



FIH study of Odronextamab in CD20+ B-cell NHL

CD20+ B-NHL cohorts[†]
(all subtypes; N~298)

Key eligibility criteria

- Documented CD20+ B-cell malignancy with active disease not responsive to prior therapy, with no SOC options
- Prior therapy with anti-CD20 antibody
- Patients with FL grade 1–3a and DLBCL: ≥2 prior lines of systemic therapy, including an anti-CD20 antibody and an alkylating agent
- Measurable disease
- ECOG PS ≤1
- No primary CNS lymphoma or CNS involvement
- No history of allogeneic stem cell transplantation

Dose Escalation[‡]

Part A
Odronextamab multiple
dose levels IV

Part B
Odronextamab multiple
dose levels SC

QW for 12
weeks

Q2W until
progression or
discontinuation

Response assessment every
12 weeks according to Lugano criteria

Expansion

DLBCL after
progression on
CAR T therapy

Aggressive
Lymphoma[†]

FL grade 1–3a[†]

DLBCL

FL grade 1–3a[†]

Primary endpoints

- Safety, tolerability, and DLTs
- ORR*

Secondary endpoints

- PK
- Immunogenicity
- ORR of other expansion cohorts
- PFS
- OS
- DOR

Other protocol-defined inclusion/exclusion criteria apply

[†]CLL arm of study not shown; enrolment is closed for the aggressive lymphoma and FL cohorts.

[‡]Premedication, split, and step-up doses are used to mitigate the risk for CRS. Patients are hospitalized for observation during step-up dosing and the first QW dose. Patients received odronextamab 2-320 mg during dose escalation.

*DLBCL progressing after CAR T therapy cohort only.

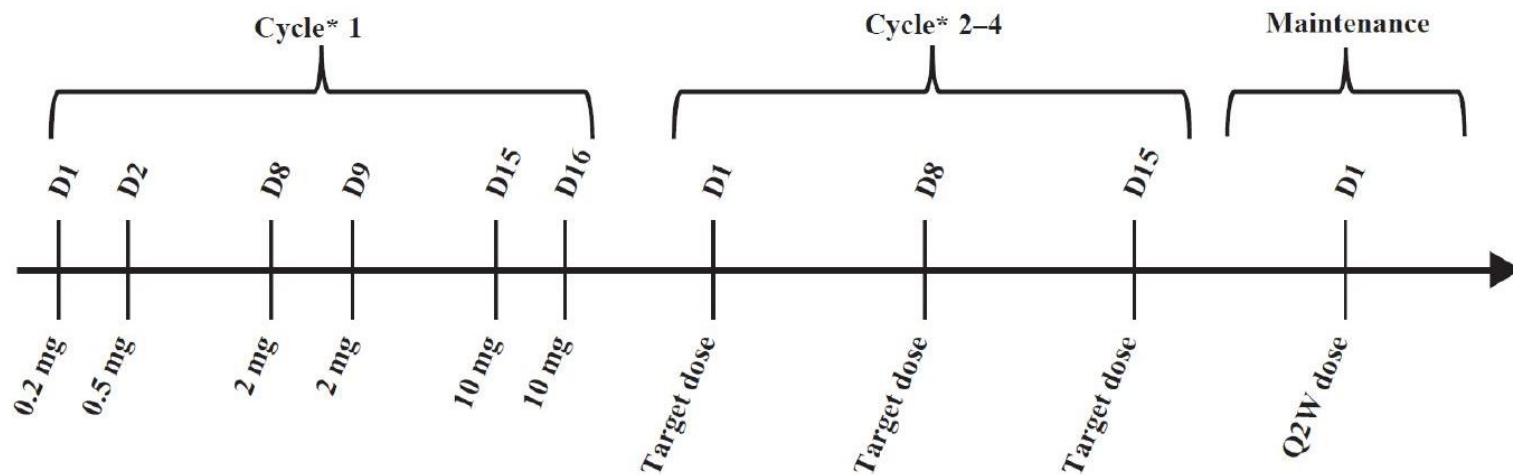
B-NHL, B-cell non-Hodgkin lymphoma; CAR T, chimeric antigen receptor T cell; CD, cluster of differentiation; CLL, chronic lymphocytic leukemia; CNS, central nervous system; CRS, cytokine release syndrome; DLBCL, diffuse large B cell lymphoma; DLT, dose-limiting toxicity; DOR, duration of response; ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; FL, follicular lymphoma; IV, intravenous; ORR, objective response rate; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival; PK, pharmacokinetics; QW, once weekly; Q2W, every 2 weeks; R/R, relapsed/refractory; SC, subcutaneous; SOC, standard of care.

1. Bannerji R et al. *Lancet Haematol.* 2022;S2352-3026(22)00072-2. 2. Clinicaltrials.gov: <https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT02290951>. Accessed November 11, 2021.

Odronextamab administration

Premedication protocol

- Dexamethasone was given 12-24 hours prior to first split infusion and prior to second split infusion (if on non-consecutive days)
- Acetaminophen and diphenhydramine were given 30–60 minutes before infusion
- Steroid premedication was tapered for the day 8 dose in cycle 2; all premedication was discontinued for subsequent doses

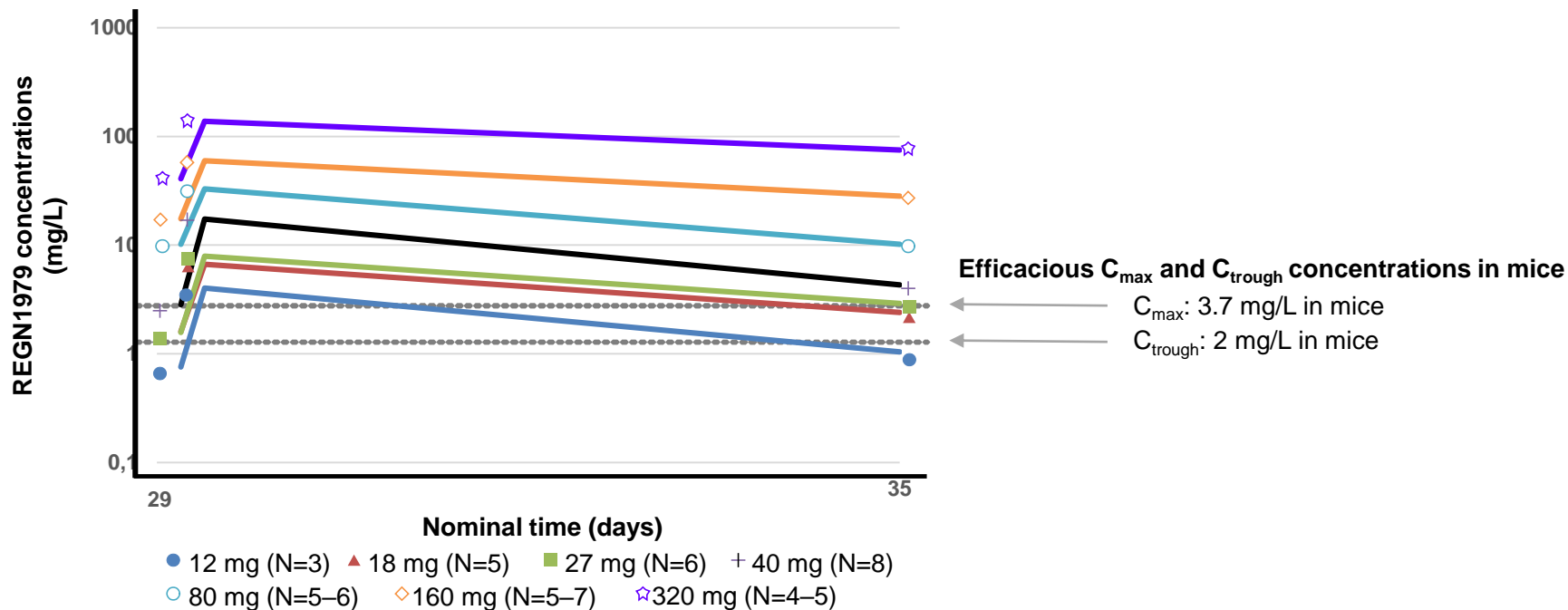


Prophylactic measures to mitigate the risk of cytokine release syndrome, including steroid prophylaxis, split dosing, and step-up dosing were implemented during dose escalation and were further optimised with dose expansion, as well as in an ongoing phase 2 study of odronextamab monotherapy in patients with relapsed or refractory B-cell non-Hodgkin lymphoma (NCT03888105). Premedication was administered from cycle 1 day 1 through cycle 2 day 1.

*One cycle is 21 days. D, day; Q2W, every 2 weeks.

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Dose dependent linear PK profiles during Week 5



At ≥ 40 mg, **Odronextamab** exposure in humans was higher than the efficacious exposures in mice at which growth of established B-cell (Raji) tumors was inhibited

Patient demographics and baseline characteristics

Patient and disease characteristics	N=145
Median age, years (range)	67.0 (57–73)
Male, n (%)	101 (70%)
ECOG PS, n (%)	
0	58 (40%)
1	87 (60%)
Ann Arbor stage, n (%)	
I–II	21 (14%)
III–IV	123 (85%)
Bulky disease, n (%)	49 (34%)
B-NHL, n (%)	
DLBCL	85 (59%)
FL Grade 1–3a	40 (28%)
MCL	12 (8%)
MZL	6 (4%)
Other*	2 (1%)

Prior treatment	N=145
Median prior lines of therapy, n (range)	3 (2–5)
Prior ASCT, n (%)	12 (8%)
Prior CAR T therapy, n (%)†	42 (29%)
Refractory‡ to last line of therapy, n (%)	119 (82%)
Refractory to anti-CD20 antibody, n (%)	123 (85%)
Refractory to alkylator therapy, n (%)	102 (70%)
Double refractory to alkylator and anti-CD20 antibody, n (%)	100 (69%)

Data cut-off: Sep 25, 2021.

*Other includes FL Grade 3b and Waldenström macroglobulinemia (1 each).

†DLBCL, n=35; FL grade 1–3a, n=4; MCL, n=3.

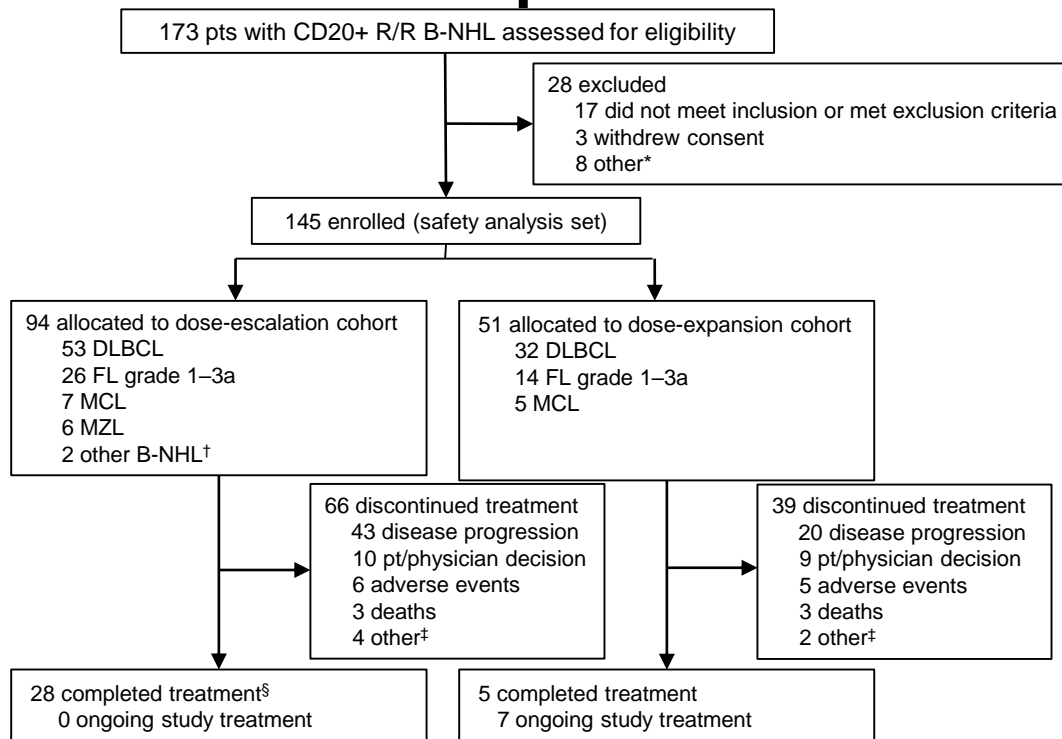
‡Defined as no response or relapse within ≤6 months.

§Completed fixed treatment/follow up per a prior protocol amendment.

ASCT, autologous stem cell transplant; B-NHL, B-cell non-Hodgkin lymphoma; CAR T, chimeric antigen receptor T cell; CD, cluster of differentiation; DLBCL, diffuse large B-cell lymphoma; ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; FL, follicular lymphoma; MCL, mantle cell lymphoma; MZL, marginal zone lymphoma.

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Patient disposition



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*Death (n=1), investigator decision (n=2), patient decision (n=1), did not meet eligibility criteria (n=2), and enrollment was put on hold (n=2). †Other includes FL Grade 3b and Waldenström macroglobulinemia (1 each). ‡Suboptimal response to treatment (n=1), esophagogastric cancer recurrence (n=1), and hematopoietic stem cell transplant (n=2). §Received radiation therapy (n=1) and missed one dose (n=1).

B-NHL, B-cell non-Hodgkin lymphoma; CD, cluster of differentiation; DLBCL, diffuse large B-cell lymphoma; ECOG, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group; FL, follicular lymphoma; MCL, mantle cell lymphoma; MZL, marginal zone lymphoma; pt, patient; R/R, relapsed/refractory.

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Treatment emergent adverse events (TEAEs)

All 145 patients experienced at least one TEAE of any grade; grade ≥ 3 TEAEs occurred in 119 (82%) patients

- The most frequent grade ≥ 3 TEAEs ($>10\%$ of patients) included anemia (n=36; 25%), lymphopenia (n=28; 19%), neutropenia (n=27; 19%), hypophosphatemia (n=27; 19%), and thrombocytopenia (n=20; 14%)

135 patients (93%) experienced at least one TEAE related to treatment

Twelve patients (8%) discontinued odronextamab due to a TEAE, including 10 with TEAEs considered treatment-related:

- Gr 1: cytomegalovirus infection (n=1) and gait disorder (n=1)
- Gr 3: fatigue (n=2), pneumonia (n=2), hemolysis (n=1), toxoplasmosis (n=1)
- Gr 4: elevated AST (n=1)
- Gr 5: tumor lysis syndrome (n = 1)

Serious adverse events occurred in 89 of 145 (61%) patients

- The most frequent serious adverse events were cytokine release syndrome (n=41; 28%), pyrexia (n=11; 8%), pneumonia (n=9; 6%), and infusion-related reactions (n=6; 4%)

Six patients died due to adverse events, four of which were considered related to treatment

- Related to treatment: gastric perforation (n=1), lung infection (n=1), pneumonia (n=1), tumor lysis syndrome (n = 1)
- Not related: cardiac arrest (n=1); COVID-19 (n=1)

Odronextamab was administered up to 320 mg weekly without DLTs or reaching MTD;
no dose-dependent increase in toxicity was observed

TEAEs of special interest

TEAE of special interest (N=145) ¹	All grades	Grade ≥ 3
Infusion-related reaction	35 (24%)	3 (2%)
Cytokine release syndrome	89 (61%)	10 (7%)
ICANS-like*	18 (12%)	4 (3%)
Tumour lysis syndrome	1 (1%)	1 (1%)
Infections[†]	71 (49%)	33 (23%)
Pneumonia	15 (10%)	12 (8%)
Upper respiratory tract infection	14 (10%)	3 (2%)
Urinary tract infection	14 (10%)	2 (1%)
Oral candidiasis	8 (6%)	0

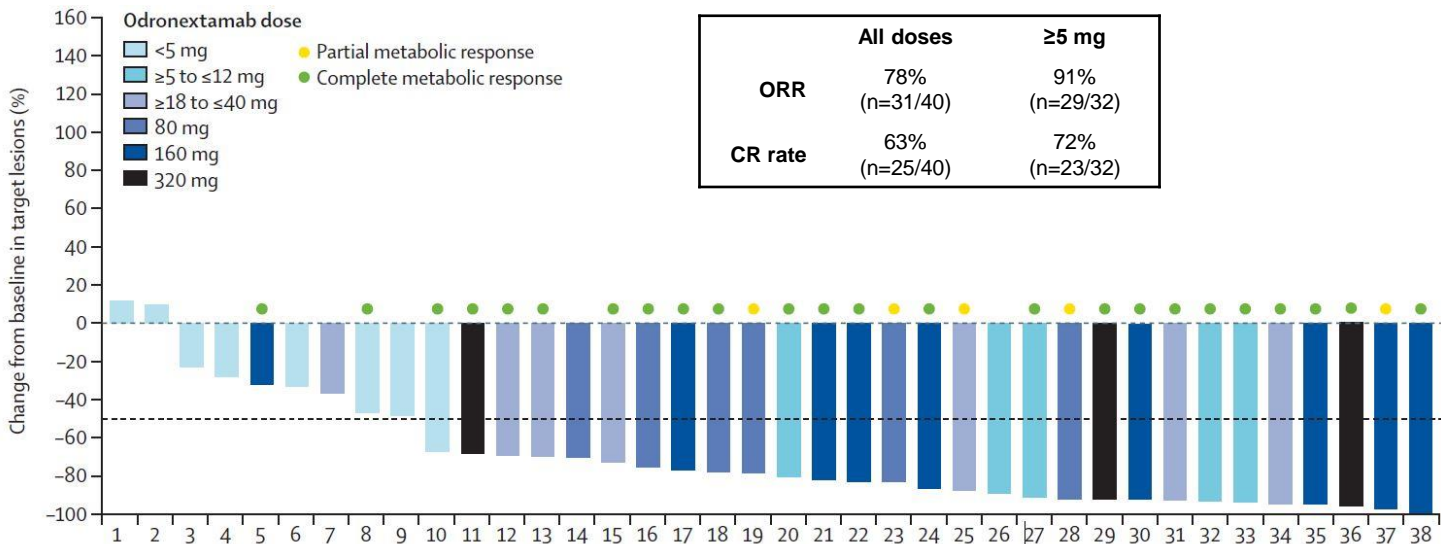
- Pneumonia (n=12; 8%) was the most common grade ≥ 3 infection¹
- CRS events were mainly grade 1 (n=52; 36%) or grade 2 (n=27; 19%); grade 3 CRS occurred in nine (6%) patients, and one (1%) patient with mantle cell lymphoma had a grade 4 CRS event in the context of grade 5 tumour lysis syndrome during dose expansion¹
 - CRS was predominantly confined to cycle 1 and resolved within a median of 2 days
 - Most neurological TEAEs were transient and resolved within a median of 3 days
- No grade 4 or 5 ICANS-like events were observed¹
- No patients discontinued odronextamab due to CRS or neurotoxicity¹

*The ICANS-like symptom list was generated based on relevant terms that reflect immune cell-associated neurotoxicity under the "Nervous system disorders" and "Psychiatric disorders" System Organ Class terms and included approximately 140 preferred terms. ICANS-like TEAEs included: agitation, aphasia, confusional state, cognitive disorder, delirium, dyskinesia, encephalopathy, hallucination, lethargy, memory impairment, mental status changes, neurotoxicity, somnolence, and tremor. [†]Infections (of any grade) listed in the table occurred in >5% of patients. Adverse events were coded using MedDRA, version 24.0. Adverse events were graded using NCI-CTCAE version 4.03, except for cytokine release syndrome which was graded according to modified Lee et al. 2014² or Lee et al. 2019³ criteria, depending on the patient enrolment date.

CRS, cytokine release syndrome; ICANS, immune effector cell-associated neurotoxicity syndrome; MedDRA, Medical Dictionary for Regulatory Activities; NCI-CTCAE, National Cancer Institute Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events; TEAE, treatment-emergent adverse event.

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Odronextamab in R/R FL grade 1–3a



- The active dose range for patients with indolent lymphoma was identified as ≥ 5 mg
- Responses occurred early: median time to first complete response was 2.6 months
- Median estimated duration of response was 15.8 months; the longest complete response was ongoing at 53.0 months

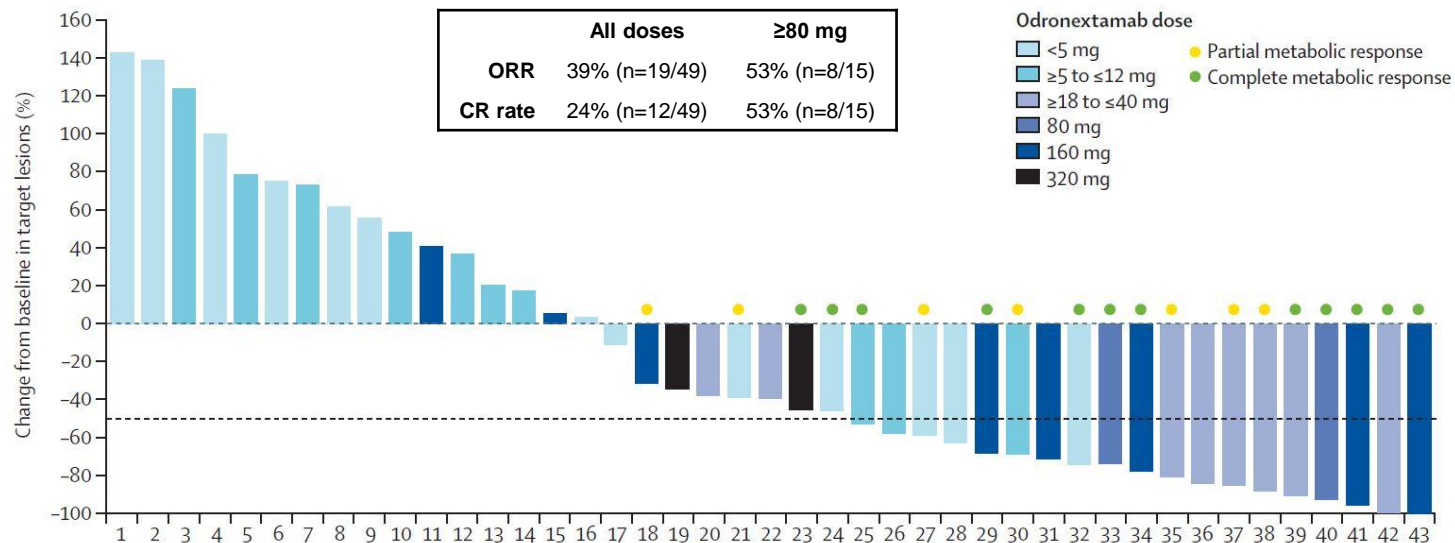
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Shown as best percentage change in activity in evaluable patients (ie, those attending assessment at week 12).

CR, complete response; ORR, objective response rate; R/R, relapsed/refractory.

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Odronextamab in R/R DLBCL: no prior CAR T



- The active dose range for patients with aggressive lymphoma was identified as ≥ 80 mg
- Median time to first complete response was 2.3 months
- Median duration of response was not reached and the longest complete response was ongoing at 32.4 months

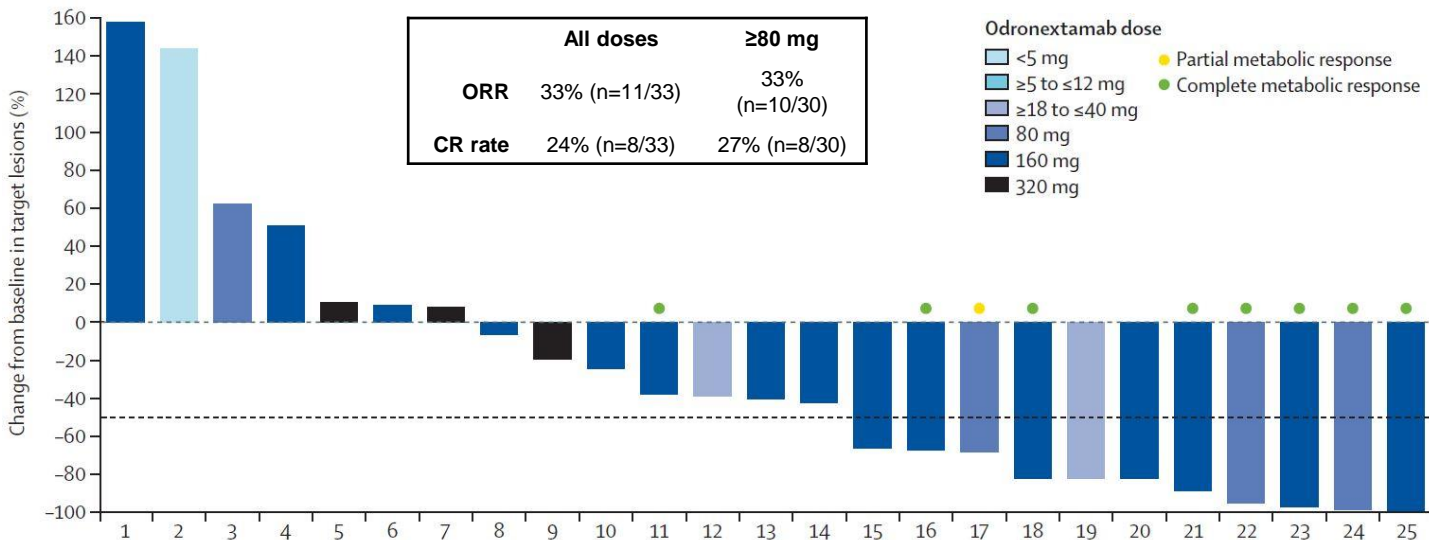
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CAR T, chimeric antigen receptor T cell; CR, complete response; DLBCL, diffuse large B-cell lymphoma; ORR, objective response rate; R/R, relapsed/refractory.

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Odronextamab in R/R DLBCL: post-CAR T



- Median time to complete response was 1.5 months
- Median duration of response was not reached and the longest complete response was ongoing at 20.5 months

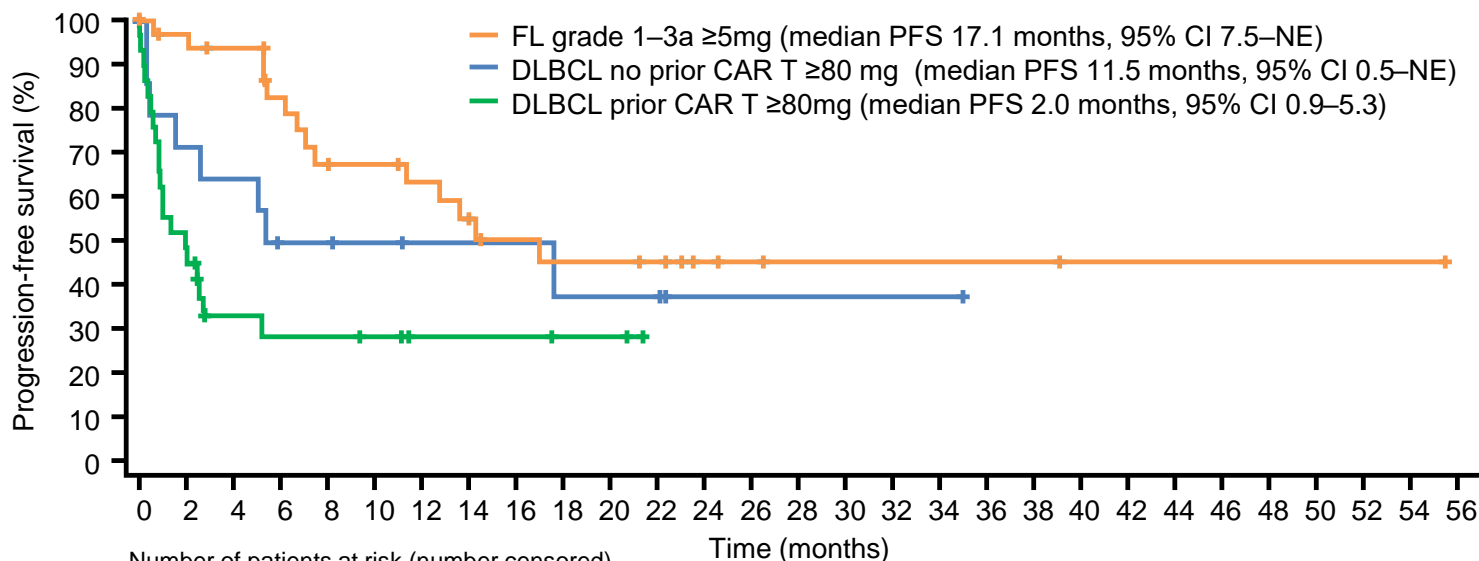
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PFS with Odronextamab



		Number of patients at risk (number censored)																		Time (months)										
FL grade 1–3a	1–3a ≥5 mg	32 (0)	29 (2)	27 (3)	22 (5)	18 (5)	17 (6)	15 (7)	13 (7)	10 (9)	9 (9)	9 (9)	8 (10)	4 (14)	3 (15)	2 (16)	2 (16)	2 (16)	2 (16)	2 (16)	2 (16)	1 (17)	1 (17)	1 (17)	1 (17)	1 (17)	1 (17)	1 (17)	1 (17)	0 (18)
	DLBCL no prior CAR T ≥80 mg	15 (0)	10 (1)	9 (1)	6 (2)	6 (2)	5 (3)	4 (4)	4 (4)	4 (4)	3 (4)	3 (4)	3 (4)	1 (6)	1 (6)	1 (6)	1 (6)	1 (6)	1 (6)	0 (7)	0 (7)	0 (7)	0 (7)	0 (7)	0 (7)	0 (7)	0 (7)	0 (7)	0 (7)	0 (7)
DLBCL prior CAR T ≥80 mg		30 (0)	15 (1)	7 (4)	6 (4)	6 (4)	5 (5)	3 (7)	3 (7)	3 (7)	2 (8)	2 (8)	0 (10)	0 (10)	0 (10)	0 (10)	0 (10)	0 (10)	0 (10)	0 (10)	0 (10)	0 (10)	0 (10)	0 (10)	0 (10)	0 (10)	0 (10)	0 (10)	0 (10)	0 (10)

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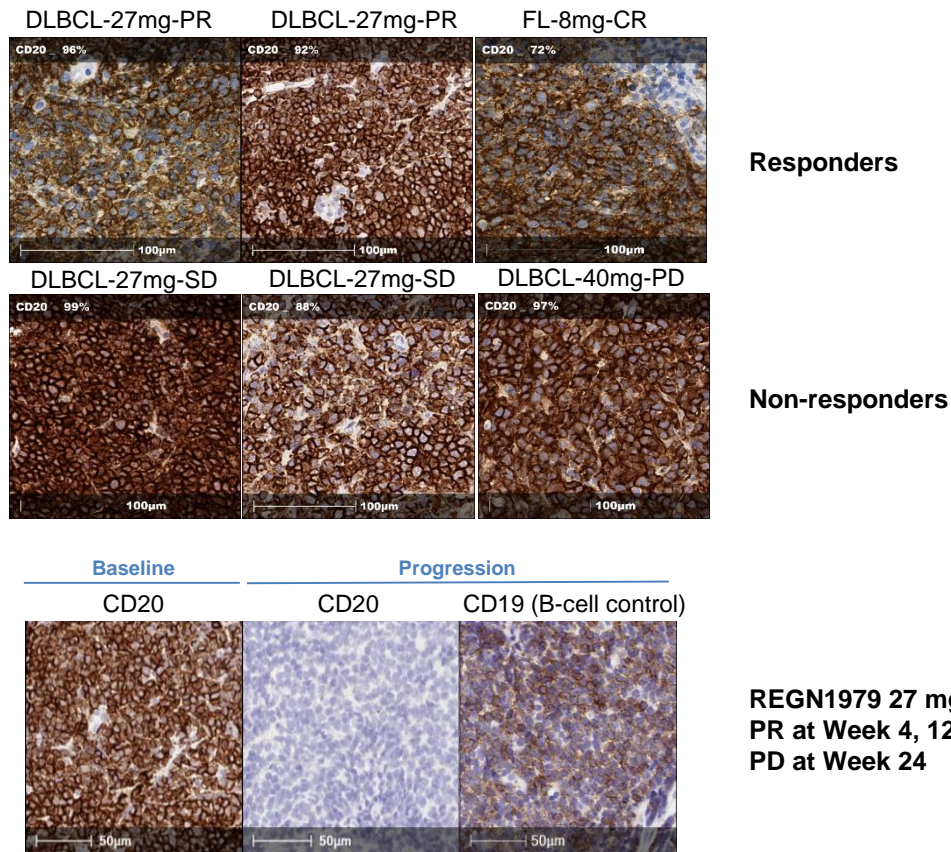
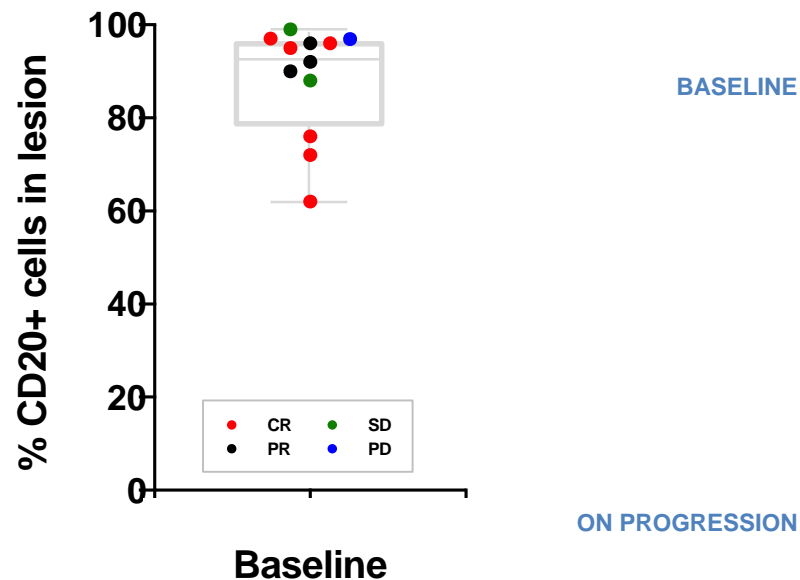
Kaplan-Meier curves show PFS in patients who had an opportunity for assessment at week 12 (odronextamab doses ≥ 5 mg for FL grade 1-3a, and ≥ 80 mg for DLBCL). Data based on investigator assessment per Lugano criteria.

CAR T, chimeric antigen receptor T-cell therapy; CI, confidence interval; DLBCL, diffuse large B-cell lymphoma; FL, follicular lymphoma; NE, not estimable; PFS, progression-free survival.

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CD20 Expression: Prediction of response?

CD20 IHC



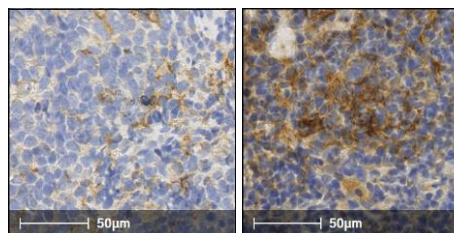
Increases in PD-L1 expression and PD-1+ TIL density observed in malignant lymph node tissue following Odronextamab treatment

PD-L1 IHC

Baseline

4 weeks

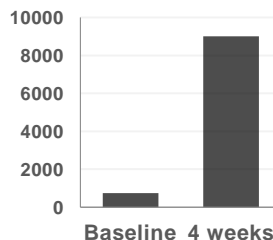
FL
8 mg
CR



738 PD-L1+cells/mm²

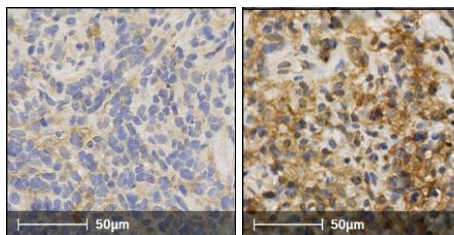
9008 PD-L1+cells/mm²

PD-L1 Density (PD-L1 +ve cells/mm²)



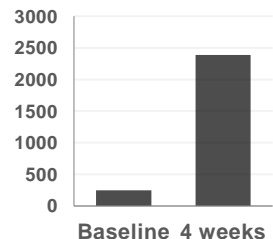
Baseline 4 weeks

DLBCL
4 mg
PD



244 PD-L1+cells/mm²

2386 PD-L1+cells/mm²



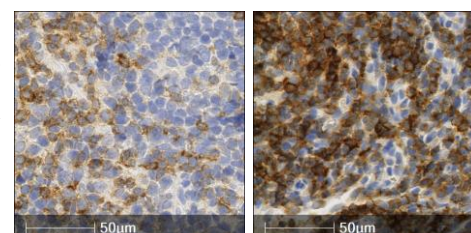
Baseline 4 weeks

PD1 IHC

Baseline

4 weeks

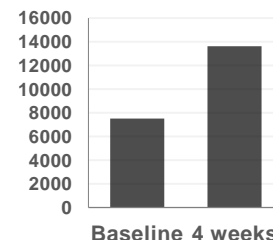
FL
8 mg
CR



7510 PD1+cells/mm²

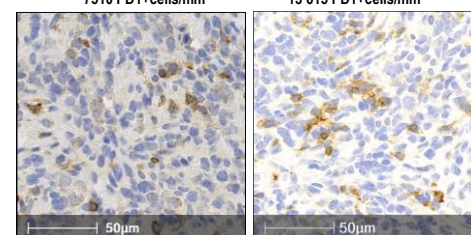
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PD1 Density (PD1 +ve cells/mm²)



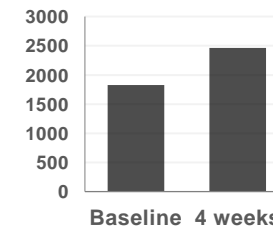
Baseline 4 weeks

DLBCL
4 mg
PD



1826 PD1+cells/mm²

2461 PD1+cells/mm²



Baseline 4 weeks

Summary

- CRS Grad $\frac{3}{4}$ in 7%; resolved with median of 2 days
- ICANS Grad 3 in 3% - no Grad 4/5 ICANS
- Recommended dose for expansion for FL grade 1–3a was 80 mg and was 160 mg for patients with DLBCL
- Clinically activity in both indolent and aggressive B-NHL including also CAR-T failures with long lasting control of disease in some patients
- Emerging evidence of CD20 loss as resistance mechanism
- Odronextamab is being investigated in Phase 2 trials

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