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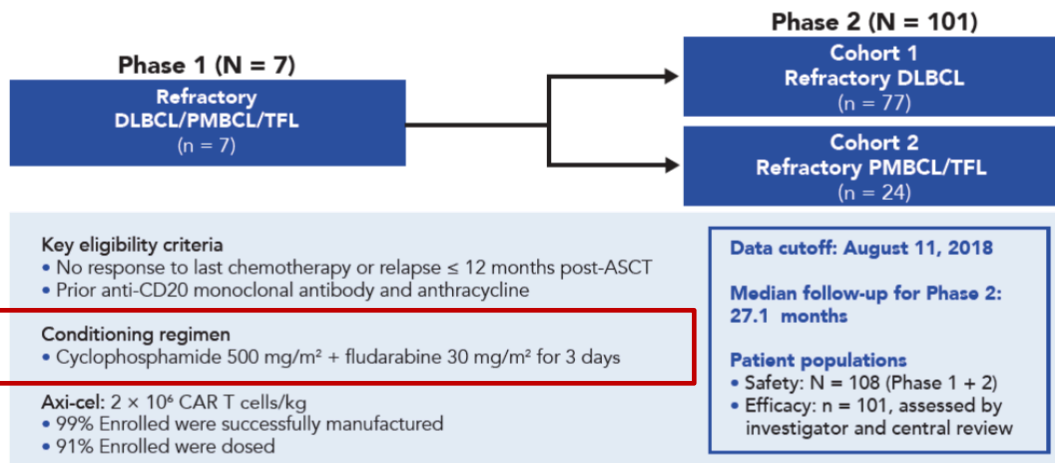
Come da nuova regolamentazione della Commissione Nazionale per la Formazione Continua del Ministero della Salute, è richiesta la trasparenza delle fonti di finanziamento e dei rapporti con soggetti portatori di interessi commerciali in campo sanitario.

- Posizione di dipendente in aziende con interessi commerciali in campo sanitario (NIENTE DA DICHIARARE)
- Consulenza ad aziende con interessi commerciali in campo sanitario (NIENTE DA DICHIARARE)
- Fondi per la ricerca da aziende con interessi commerciali in campo sanitario (NIENTE DA DICHIARARE)
- Partecipazione ad Advisory Board (NIENTE DA DICHIARARE)
- Titolarità di brevetti in compartecipazione ad aziende con interessi commerciali in campo sanitario (NIENTE DA DICHIARARE)
- Partecipazioni azionarie in aziende con interessi commerciali in campo sanitario (NIENTE DA DICHIARARE)



# AXI-CEL, ZUMA-1 Study

## ZUMA-1 study design



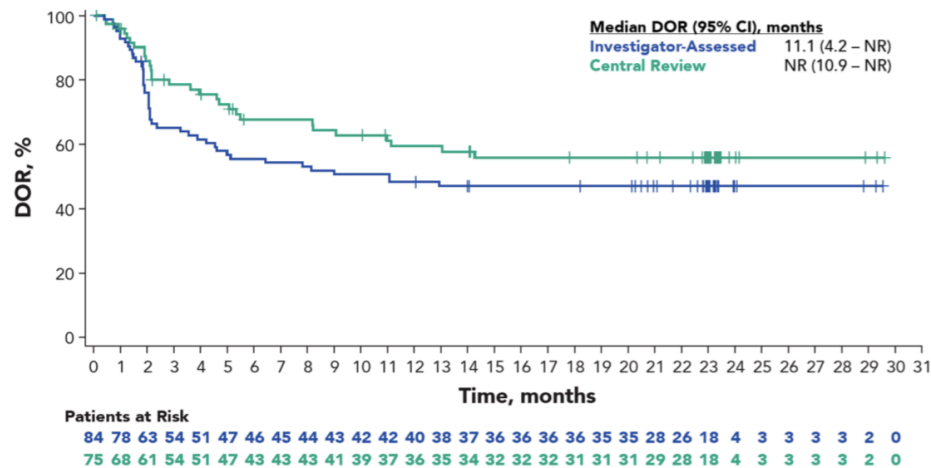
| Characteristic   | Phase 1 and 2<br>N = 108 |
|--|--------------------------|
| Median (range) age, y  | 58 (23 – 76)             |
| ≥ 65 y, n (%)  | 25%                      |
| Disease stage III/IV, n (%)  | 83%                      |
| IPI score 3-4, n (%)   | 44%                      |
| ≥ 3 prior therapies, n (%)   | 70%                      |
| Chemorefractory (no response to prior therapy or relapse < 1 year from ASCT) | 100%                     |
| Relapse post-ASCT, n (%)   | 23%                      |

# Objective Response and DOR (ZUMA-1)

|                            | Investigator-Assessed<br>(n = 101) |    | Central Review<br>(n = 101) |    |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------|----|-----------------------------|----|
|                            | ORR                                | CR | ORR                         | CR |
| Best objective response, % | 83                                 | 58 | 74                          | 54 |
| Ongoing, % <sup>a</sup>    | 39                                 | 37 | 36                          | 35 |

<sup>a</sup>Three patients with ongoing response per investigator review were not ongoing responders per central review. Two of these patients underwent SCT prior to documented progression, which was considered a censor event per central review but not per investigator assessment. The third patient was deemed to have PD per central review after 10.9 months but was assessed to be in ongoing response at 23.4 mo per investigator.  
CR, complete response; ORR, objective response rate; PD, progressive disease; SCT, stem cell transplantation.

- 93% of patients with ongoing response at 12 months remained in response at 24 months
- 81% concordance of ORR between investigator assessment and central review
- 91% ORR and 70% CR rate for the 33 Phase 2 patients with DE/HGBCL
  - 48% in ongoing response (all ongoing CR)
- Only 5% (2/39) ongoing responders underwent allogeneic stem cell transplant, and none received autologous stem cell transplant



Neelapu, et al., ASH 2018





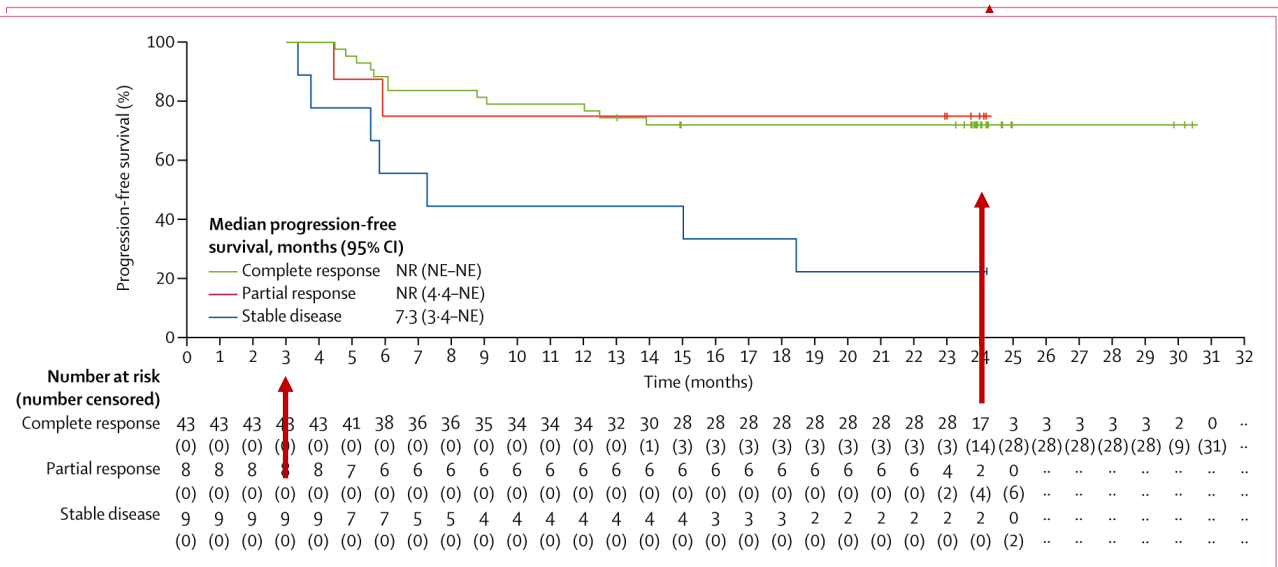
# CR or PR at 3 Months and Long Term Response

In a post-hoc analysis, the estimated proportion of patients with PFS at 24 months

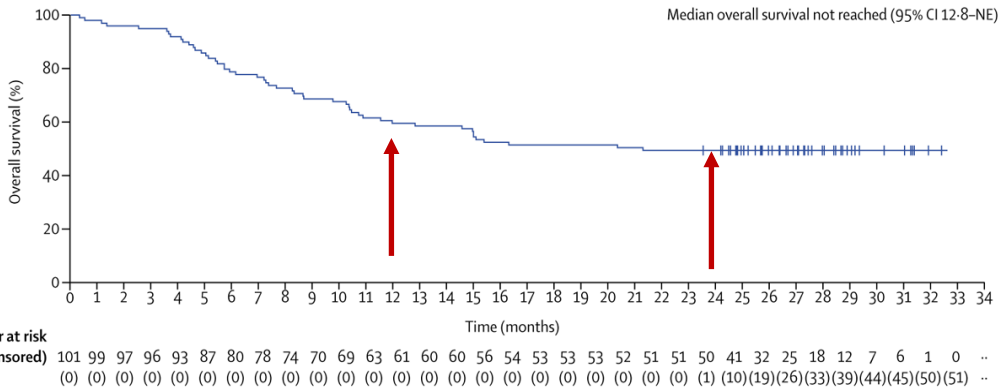
**72% among those in CR at 3 months**

**75% among those with PR at 3 months**

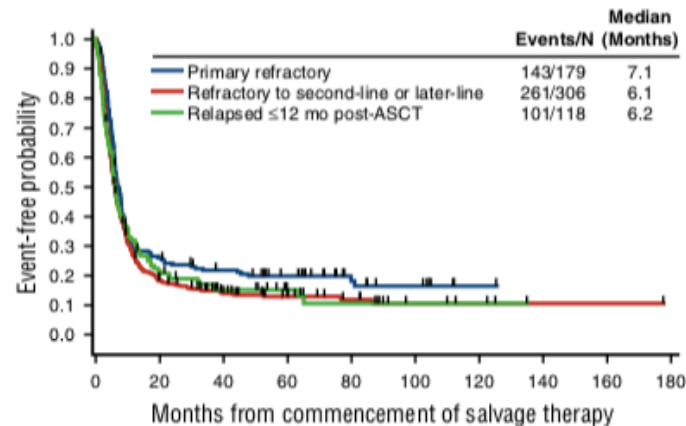
**22.2% among those with SD at 3 months**



# Overall Survival (ZUMA-1 vs SCHOLAR-1)



## SCHOLAR-1 study - OS



### Zuma -1: Axi-cell:

**60% of patients alive at 1 years**

**51% of patients alive at 2 years**

**47% of patients alive at 3 years**

# Standard-of-Care Axicabtagene Ciloleucel for Relapsed or Refractory Large B-Cell Lymphoma: Results From the US Lymphoma CAR T Consortium

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## CONTEXT

### Key Objective

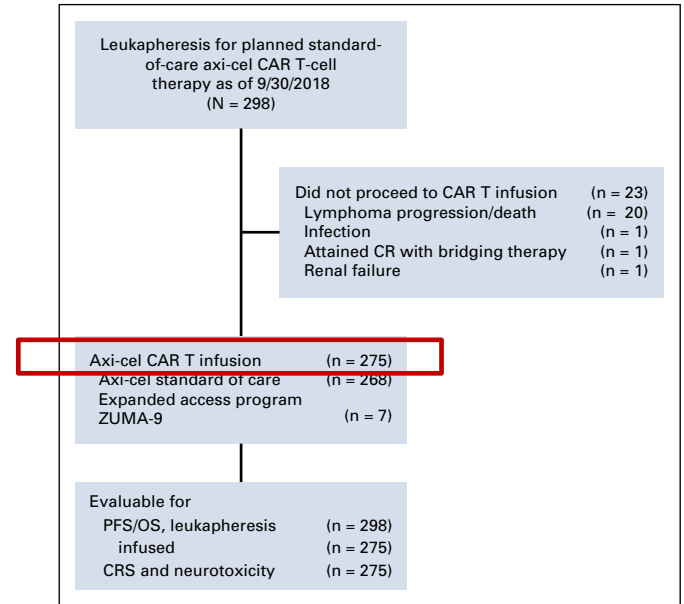
Seventeen US centers set out to delineate the characteristics and outcomes of 298 patients apheresed with intention to be treated with commercially available axicabtagene ciloleucel, an autologous anti-CD19 CAR T-cell.

### Knowledge Generated

Practice patterns varied from the registrational ZUMA-1 trial. 43% of patients had comorbidities or characteristics that would have deemed them ineligible. Despite this, safety and efficacy outcomes were comparable to ZUMA-1. We identified patient and disease characteristics associated with outcomes.

### Relevance

Our findings suggest favorable outcomes reported in prospective trials with axicabtagene ciloleucel can be achieved across multiple centers in the United States using commercial product as a standard of care.





# Baseline Characteristics

| Characteristic                                      | No. (%)    |
|---|------------|
| No. of patients                                     | 298        |
| Age, years  |            |
| < 60  | 144 (48.3) |
| ≥ 60  | 154 (51.7) |
| Median (range)                                      | 60 (21-83) |
| Sex (male)  | 192 (64.0) |
| ECOG PS   |            |
| 0   | 76 (25.5)  |
| 1   | 164 (55.0) |
| 2   | 46 (15.4)  |
| 3   | 11 (3.7)   |
| 4   | 1 (< 1.0)  |
| Disease stage                                       |            |
| I or II   | 52 (17.6)  |
| III or IV   | 244 (82.4) |
| International Prognostic Index score <sup>a</sup>   |            |
| 0-2   | 136 (45.6) |
| 3-5   | 162 (54.4) |
| Disease type  |            |
| DLBCL   | 203 (68.1) |
| PMBCL   | 19 (6.4)   |
| TFL   | 76 (25.5)  |
| GCB-like <sup>b</sup>                               | 158 (59.8) |
| Non-GCB <sup>b</sup>                                | 106 (40.1) |
| Double/triple-hit <sup>c</sup>                      | 64 (22.8)  |
| Double expressor <sup>d</sup>                       | 98 (37.4)  |
| CD19 status <sup>e</sup>                            |            |
| Positive by flow cytometry                          | 137 (92.6) |
| Positive by IHC                                     | 57 (87.7)  |
| LDH > ULN at leukapheresis <sup>f</sup>             | 157 (60.6) |
| LDH > ULN at conditioning <sup>g</sup> chemotherapy | 155 (59.4) |
| Bulky disease (≥ 10 cm)                             | 68 (22.7)  |
| Prior therapies                                     |            |
| ≥ 3 prior lines of therapy                          | 222 (74.5) |
| Median No. of prior lines (range)                   | 3 (2-11)   |
| History of primary refractory disease               | 101 (33.9) |
| Refractory to most recent therapy                   | 125 (42.0) |
| Relapsed  | 72 (24.0)  |
| Prior ASCT  | 98 (32.9)  |
| Prior allogeneic SCT                                | 7 (2.4)    |
| Prior CD-19-directed therapy <sup>h</sup>           | 5 (1.7)    |

## Characteristics Differentiating Patients in the Real World from ZUMA-1

| Characteristic  | No. (%)   |
|---|-----------|
| 1 criterion   | 76 (58.9) |
| ≥ 2 criteria  | 53 (41.1) |
| ECOG PS > 1   | 58 (19.0) |
| Platelets < 75,000/ $\mu$ L                                   | 34 (11.4) |
| DVT/PE within 6 months  | 31 (10.4) |
| History of CNS disease  | 21 (7.0)  |
| Renal insufficiency<br>(GFR < 60 mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> ) | 21 (7.0)  |
| Prior checkpoint inhibitor therapy                            | 17 (5.7)  |
| LVEF < 50%  | 10 (3.4)  |
| Symptomatic pleural effusion                                  | 10 (3.4)  |
| Bilirubin > 1.5 g/dL  | 7 (2.4)   |
| Prior CD19-directed therapy                                   | 5 (1.7)   |

**129 (43%)  
patients with  
exclusion criteria**



# Safety of Axi-Cel in the Real World

|                                    | SOC Axi-cel<br>N = 275 (mITT) | ZUMA-1 <sup>1</sup><br>N = 108 |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>All Grades of CRS*, N (%)</b>   | 251 (91.2%)                   | 100 (93%)                      |
| <b>Grade ≥ 3 CRS, N (%)</b>        | 18 (7%)                       | 14 (13%)                       |
| <b>Median time to onset of CRS</b> | 3 days                        | 2 days                         |
| <b>All Grades of NT**, N (%)</b>   | 189 (68.7%)                   | 70 (65%)                       |
| <b>Grade ≥ 3 NT, N (%)</b>         | 85 (31%)                      | 33 (31%)                       |
| <b>Median time to onset of NT</b>  | 6 days                        | 5 days                         |

\* Lee criteria used for grading CRS

\*\* CTCAE or CARTOX criteria used for grading neurotoxicity



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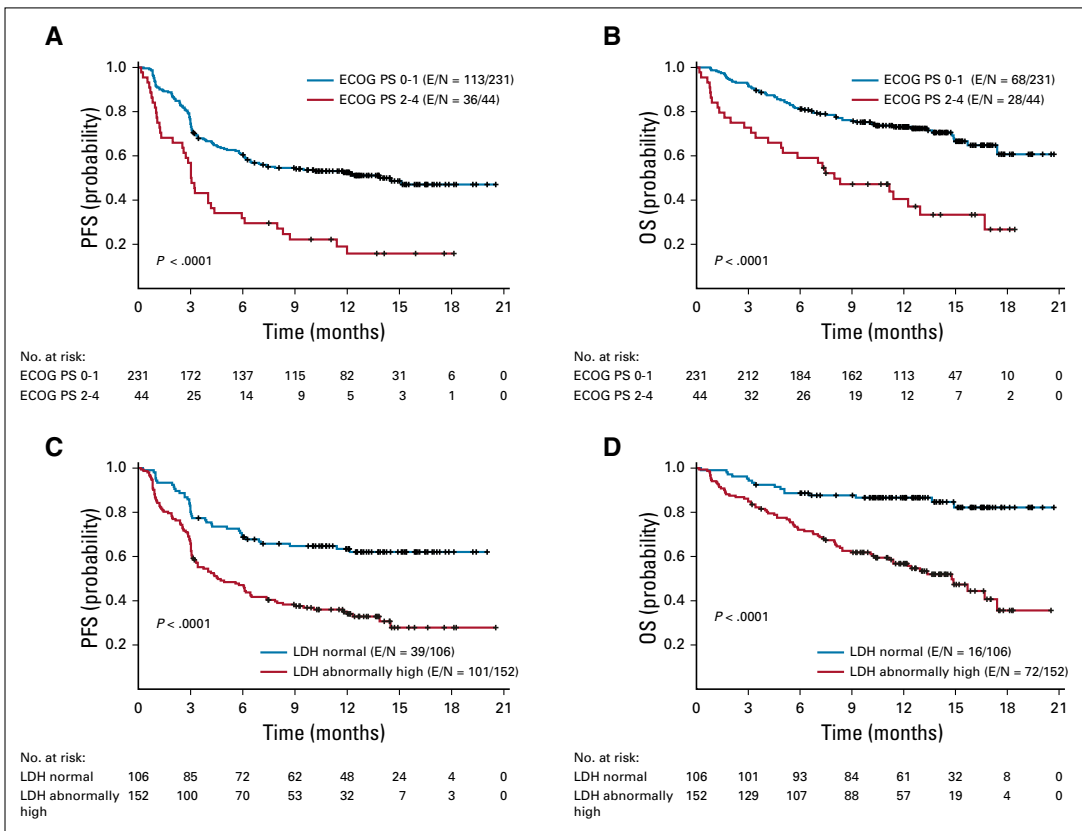
# Efficacy of Axi-Cel in the Real World

|                           | SOC Axi-cel<br>Evaluable | SOC Axi-Cel | ZUMA-1 <sup>1</sup><br>N=108 |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|------------------------------|
| Median follow up, months  |                          | 3.9         | 15.4                         |
| Best ORR at Day 90, N (%) | 275                      | 201 (82)    | 89 (82)                      |
| Best CR at Day 90, N (%)  |                          | 142 (64)    | 63 (58)                      |

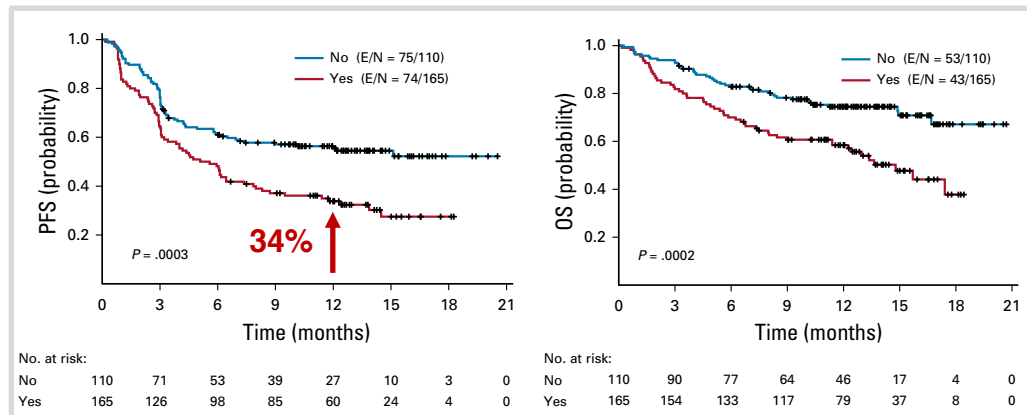
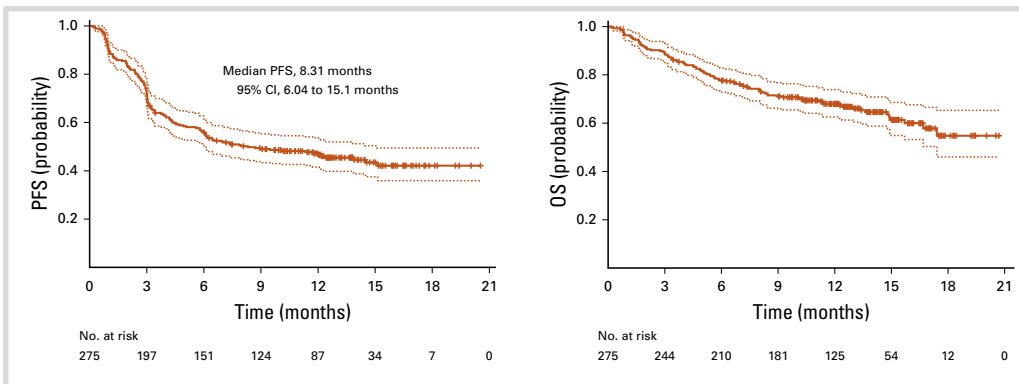
<sup>1</sup>Neelapu, Locke et al. *NEJM*. 2017 Dec 28;377(26):2531-2544  
Nastoupil L.J. et al. *JCO* 2020



# Predictors of response, resistance and toxicity



# Standard of care Axi-cell: Outcome







# Axicabtagene Ciloleucel in the Real World: Outcomes and Predictors of Response, Resistance & Toxicity

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# Univariate Analysis for Response

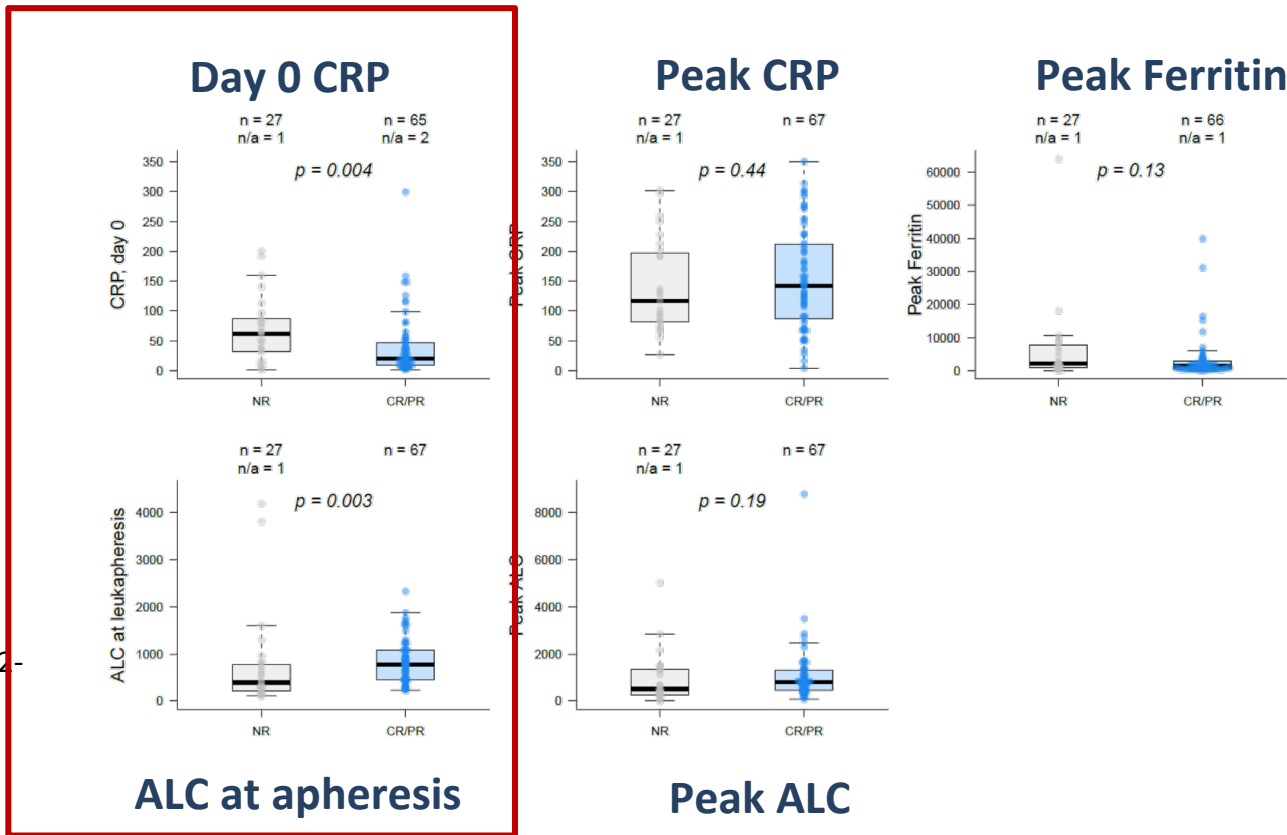
No correlation with:

- IPI
- Cell of origin
- Double/triple hit cytogenetics
- Prior lines of therapy
- Bridging therapy
- Eligibility for ZUMA-1
- High grade CRS or NT
- Tocilizumab or steroid use

**Inferior outcomes** in patients with:

- Poor performance status (ECOG PS 2-4)\*
- Increased tumor bulk

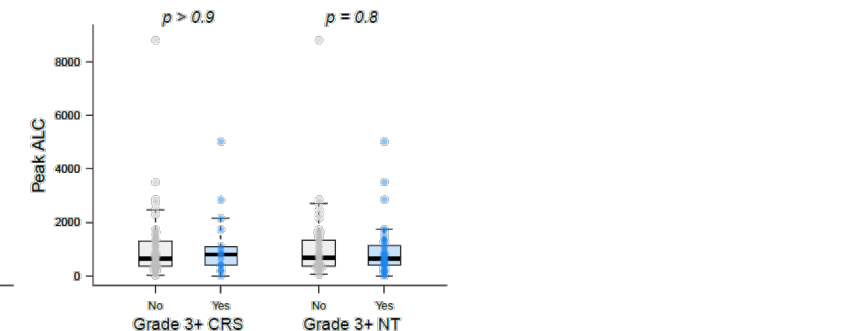
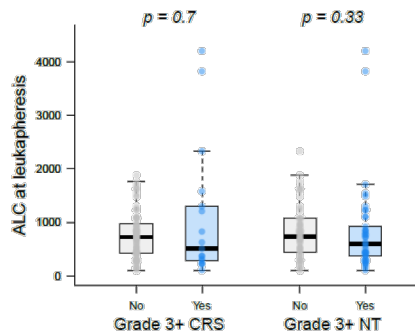
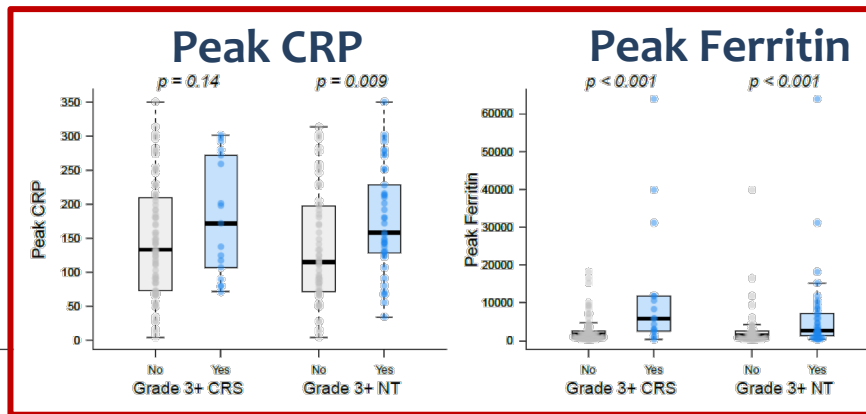
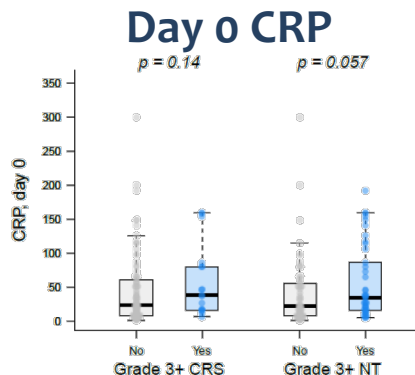
\* Denotes statistical significance



# Univariate Analysis for Toxicity: Grade 3+ CRS and NT

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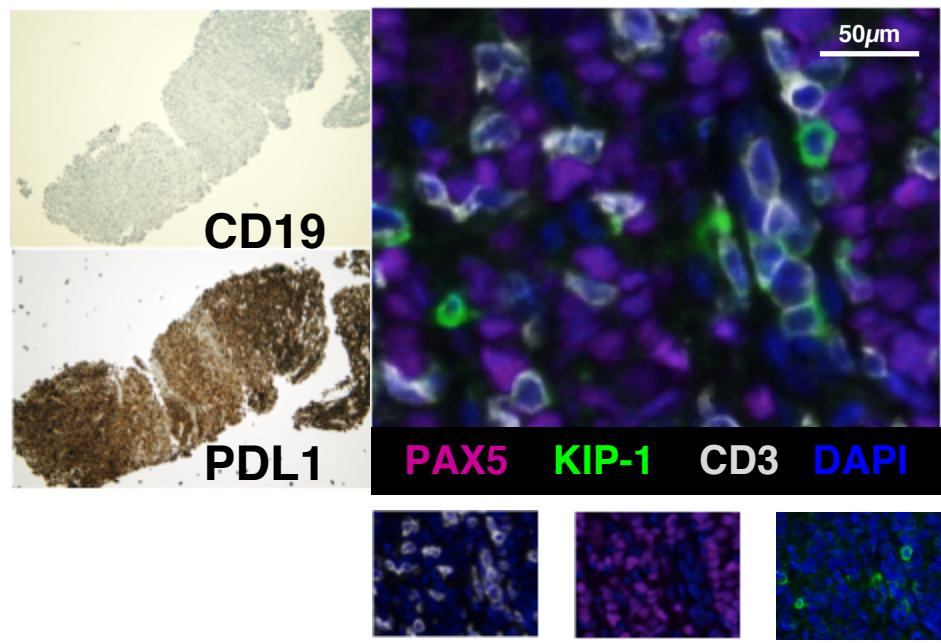
- PS
- Tumor bulk
- IPI
- Prior lines of therapy
- Bridging therapy
- Eligibility for ZUMA-1



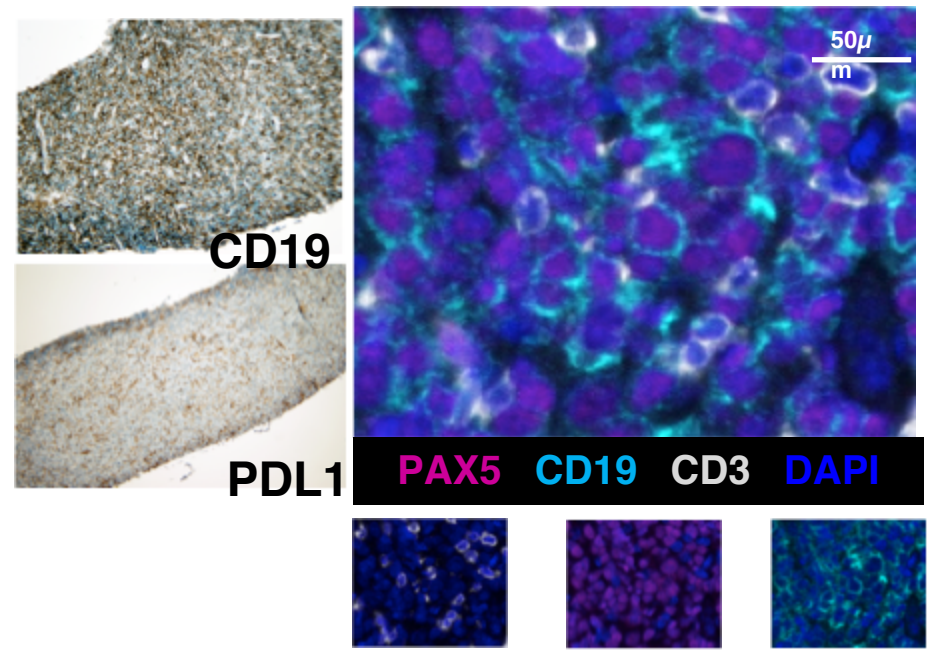
ALC at pheresis

Peak ALC

# Time of Progression Biopsies Highlight Different Mechanisms of Resistance



Patient 1, Primary refractory, Day 37 post-treatment biopsy



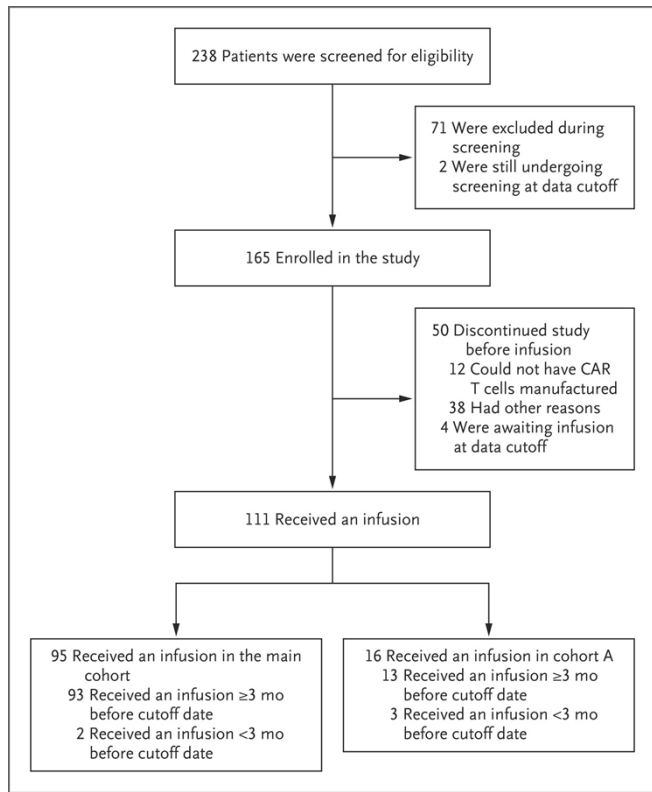
Patient 2, Primary refractory Day 58 post-treatment biopsy

# Conclusions: Axi-cell available data

- » Commercial axi-cel in a real world setting results in similar ORR, DOR, PFS, and OS compared to ZUMA-1, with a comparable toxicity profile
- » Predictors of response: low day 0 CRP and high ALC at apheresis
- » Associations with toxicity: high peak CRP (NT) and high peak ferritin (NT and CRS)
- » Low day 0 CRP and low peak ferritin defined groups with significantly superior survival
- » The use of bridging therapy for otherwise ZUMA-1 eligible patients did not appear to improve outcomes or impact high grade toxicity
- » Results support the use of axi-cel outside of strict clinical trial criteria, although the outcomes may be slightly inferior
- » Characterization of the tumor and peripheral blood immunophenotype highlights potential mechanisms and markers of response and resistance



## Tisagenlecleucel in Adult Relapsed or Refractory Diffuse Large B-Cell Lymphoma



Median time from enrollment to infusion: 54 days

92% of patients received bridging therapy

|  | Patients (N = 111) |
|--|--------------------|
| Age, median (range), years                           | 56 (22-76)         |
| ≥ 65 years, %  | 23                 |
| ECOG performance status 0/1, %                       | 55/45              |
| Central histology review                             |                    |
| Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma, %                     | 79                 |
| Transformed follicular lymphoma, %                   | 19                 |
| Double/triple hits in <i>CMYC/BCL2/BCL6</i> genes, % | 17 <sup>a</sup>    |
| Cell of origin <sup>b</sup>                          |                    |
| Germinal/Nongerminal center B-cell type, %           | 57/41              |
| Number of prior lines of antineoplastic therapy, %   |                    |
| 2/3/4-6  | 44/31/21           |
| IPI ≥ 2 at study entry, %                            | 72                 |
| Refractory/relapsed to last therapy, %               | 55/45              |
| Prior auto-SCT, %                                    | 49                 |
| <b>Bridging chemotherapy, n</b>                      | <b>102</b>         |
| <b>Lymphodepleting chemotherapy, n</b>               | <b>103</b>         |

<sup>a</sup> *CMYC + BCL2*, n = 10; *CMYC + BCL2 + BCL6*, n = 5; *CMYC + BCL6*, n = 4.

<sup>b</sup> Determined by the Choi algorithm.



# JULIET: Primary Endpoint Was Met, ORR 52%

| Response Rate, % | Best Overall Response Rate (N = 93) | Response at 3 Months (N = 93 ) | Response at 6 Months (n = 93) |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ORR (CR + PR)    | 52 <sup>a</sup>                     | 38                             | 33                            |
| CR               | 40                                  | 32                             | 29                            |
| PR               | 12                                  | 5                              | 3                             |

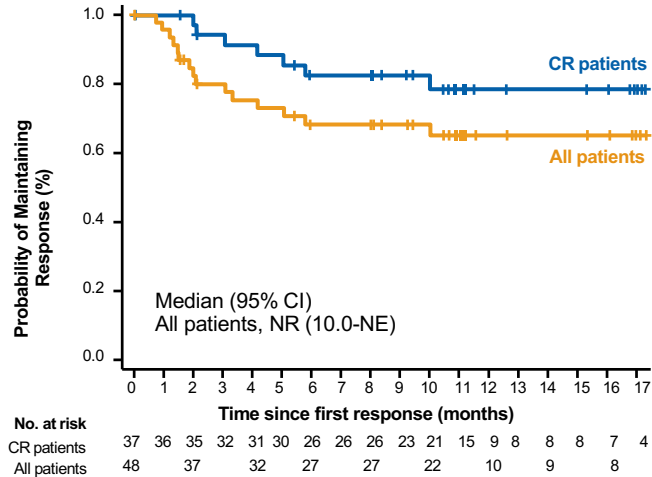
<sup>a</sup>  $P < .0001$ ; (95% CI, 42%-64%). Null hypothesis of ORR  $\leq$  20%.

- Durability of responses is shown by the stability between 3 and 6 month response rates
- Response at 3 months is indicative of the long term benefit of this treatment
- No differences in outcomes based on lymphodepleting therapy used

CR, complete response;  
ORR, overall response rate; PR, partial response.



# JULIET: At 14 Months Median Follow-up, Median DOR Not Reached



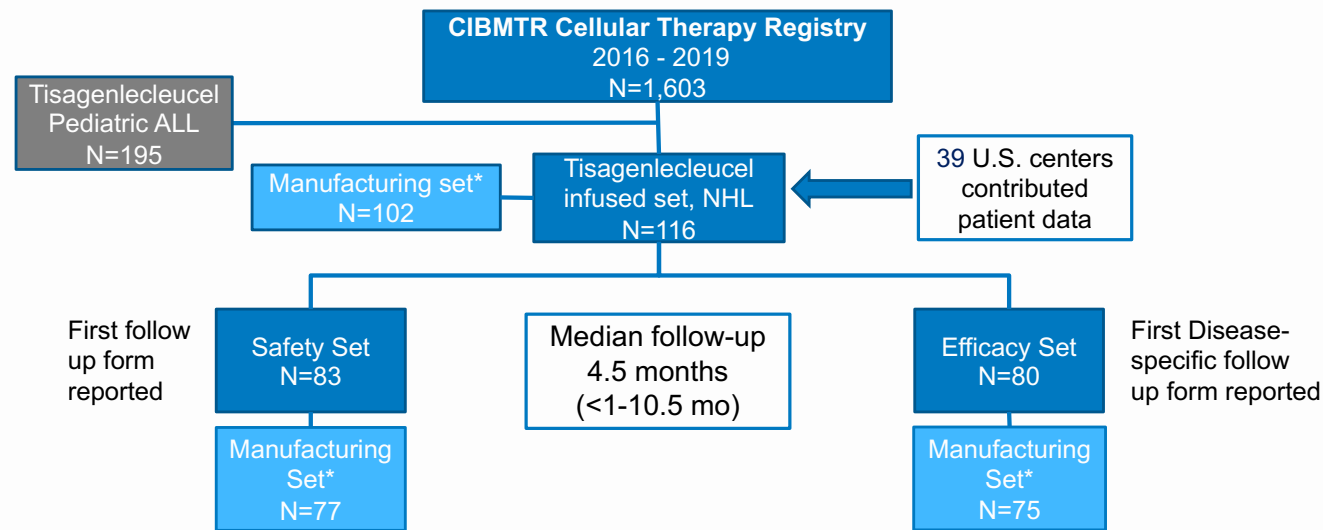
- Median DOR has not been reached
- 12-mo relapse-free survival rate
  - 78.5% (95% CI, 60%-89%) among CR patients
  - 65% (95% CI, 49%-78%) among all responders
- 54% (13/24) of patients converted from PR to CR, including 2 patients 9-12 mo after initial response
- Tisagenlecleucel transgene was detected in peripheral blood for up to 2 years in responding patients
- No patients proceeded to transplant while in response

CR, complete response; DOR, duration of response; NE, not evaluable; NR, not reached; ORR, overall response rate; PR, partial response; SCT, stem cell transplant.





# Tisagenlecleucel Chimeric Antigen Receptor (CAR) T-Cell Therapy for Adults with Diffuse Large B-Cell Lymphoma (DLBCL): Real World Experience from the Center for International Blood & Marrow Transplant Research (CIBMTR) Cellular Therapy Registry



# Baseline Characteristics

| Characteristic                                     | NHL (N=116)<br>n (%) |
|--|----------------------|
| Median Age (range)                                 | 65 (15-89)           |
| Male / Female                                      | 70 (60) / 46 (40)    |
| Double/triple hit lymphoma                         | 48 (41)              |
| Transformed lymphoma                               | 31 (27)              |
| Disease status prior to tisagenlecleucel           |                      |
| Refractory/Relapsed                                | 37 (32) / 71 (61)    |
| Prior autologous / allogeneic HCT                  | 28 (24) / 5 (4)      |
| Time from diagnosis to CAR T therapy (median)      | 15 months            |
| Time from manufacturing start to infusion (median) | 32 days              |

# Comparison to JULIET Pivotal Trial

|                              | <b>CIBMTR Registry<br/>N=83<sup>a</sup> (%)</b> | <b>JULIET<sup>b</sup><br/>N=115 (%)</b> |
|------------------------------|---|---|
| ORR                          | 58  | 52                                      |
| CR                           | 40  | 38                                      |
| DOR at 3 months              | 75  | 76                                      |
| PFS at 3 and 6 months        | 62 / 33   | 46 / 39                                 |
| OS at 3 and 6 months         | 80 / 67   | 83 / 61                                 |
| CRS (Gr. $\geq$ 3)           | 4 <sup>c</sup>                                  | 23 <sup>e</sup>                         |
| Neurotoxicity (Gr. $\geq$ 3) | 5 <sup>d</sup>                                  | 11 <sup>f</sup>                         |

<sup>a</sup>Efficacy set N=80; safety set N=83

<sup>b</sup>Bachanova V, et. al. Clin Lymphoma Myeloma Leuk 2019 Sep. Vol 19; (Suppl 1); S251-S252

<sup>c</sup> ASTCT grading

<sup>d</sup> ICANS Grading

<sup>e</sup> UPenn grading

<sup>f</sup> MedDRA SMQ: non-infectious encephalopathy/delirium

# Conclusion Tisa-cell Therapy

Tisagenlecleucel therapy real-world evidence confirms the efficacy data reported in the pivotal JULIET trial.

Safety profile appears more favorable in the registry compared to the pivotal JULIET trial

The association between lower cell dose and lower overall response needs to be further studied with a larger number of patients.

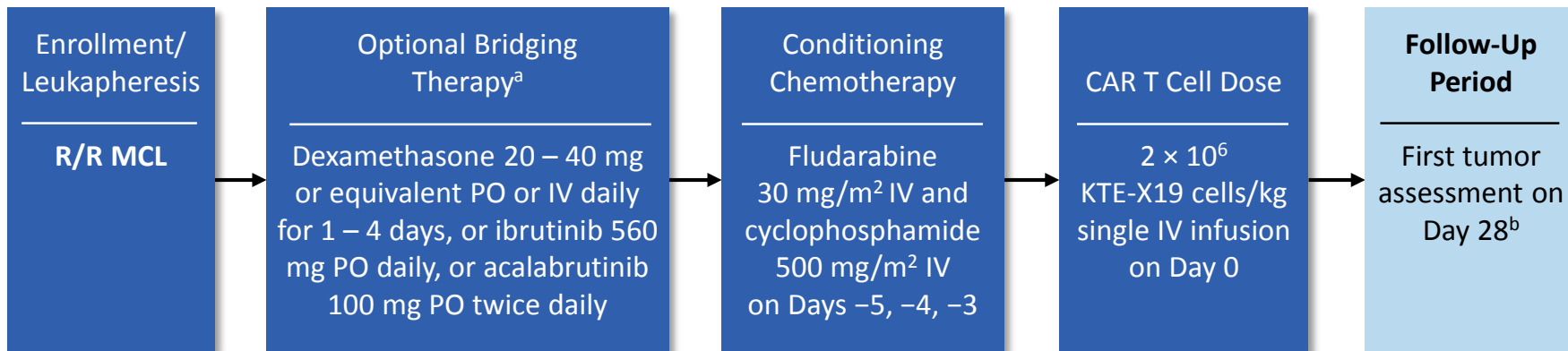
The CIBMTR cellular therapy registry provides critical insights about CAR-T therapy

Registry participation is highly encouraged to further advance insights



# Zuma-2 Study: Axi-cell in R/R Mantle-cell Lymphoma

## Phase 2



### Primary Endpoint

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

### Key Secondary Endpoints

- DOR
- PFS
- OS
- AEs
- ORR (Investigator-assessed per revised IWG criteria<sup>2</sup>)
- EQ-5D
- Levels of CAR T cells in blood and cytokines in serum

<sup>a</sup> Administered after leukapheresis and completed ≤ 5 days before initiating conditioning chemotherapy; PET-CT was required post-bridging.

<sup>b</sup> Bone marrow biopsy was done at screening and if positive, not done, or indeterminate, a biopsy was needed to confirm CR.

AE, adverse event; CAR, chimeric antigen receptor; DOR, duration of response; EQ-5D, European Quality of Life-5 Dimensions; IRRC, Independent Radiology Review Committee; IWG, International Working Group; MCL, mantle cell lymphoma; ORR, objective response rate; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival; PO, oral; R/R, relapsed/refractory.

1. Cheson BD, et al. *J Clin Oncol*. 2014;32:3059-3068. 2. Cheson BD, et al. *J Clin Oncol*. 2007;25:579-586.



# Zuma-2 Study: Patient Eligibility

## Key Inclusion Criteria

- R/R MCL defined as
  - Disease progression after last regimen or
  - Failure to exhibit a CR or PR to the last regimen
- 1 – 5 Prior therapies that must have included
  - An anthracycline- or bendamustine-containing chemotherapy and
  - Anti-CD20 monoclonal antibody therapy and
  - Ibrutinib or acalabrutinib
- $\geq 1$  Measurable lesion
- Age  $\geq 18$  years
- ECOG of 0 or 1
- Adequate bone marrow, renal, hepatic, pulmonary, and cardiac function
- ALC  $\geq 100/\mu\text{L}$

## Key Exclusion Criteria

- Prior allogeneic SCT
- Prior CD19-targeted therapy
- Prior CAR T cell therapy
- Clinically significant infection
- History of or current CNS involvement by MCL or other CNS disorders

CAR, chimeric antigen receptor; CNS, central nervous system; CR, complete response; ECOG, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; MCL, mantle cell lymphoma; PR, partial response; R/R, relapsed/refractory; SCT, stem-cell transplant.

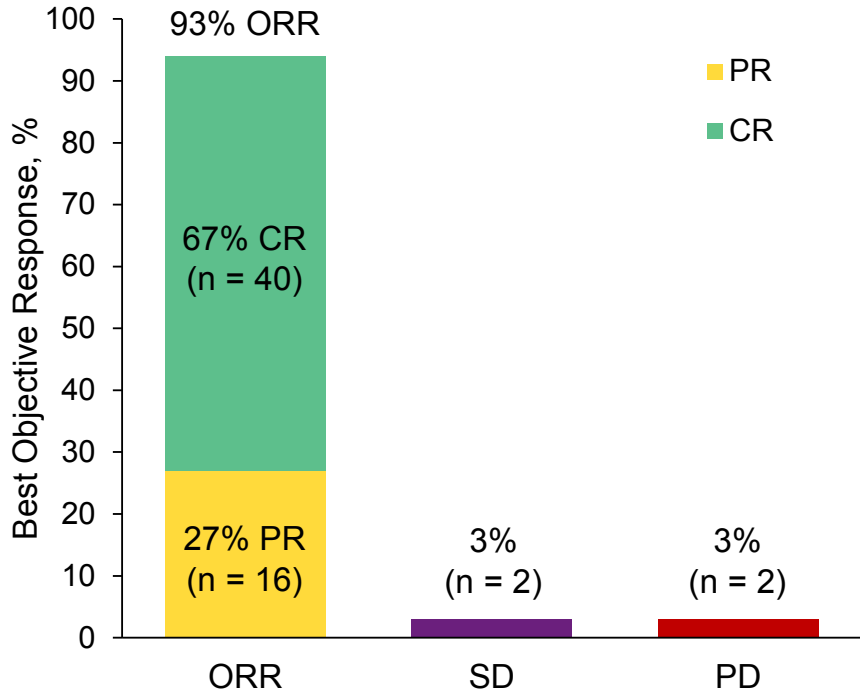
# Baseline Disease Characteristics

| Characteristic  | N = 68       |
|---|--------------|
| Median age (range), years                             | 65 (38 – 79) |
| ≥ 65 years, n (%)                                     | 39 (57)      |
| Male, n (%)   | 57 (84)      |
| Stage IV disease, n (%)                               | 58 (85)      |
| ECOG 0/1, n (%)                                       | 100 (100)    |
| Intermediate/high-risk MIPI, n (%)                    | 38 (56)      |
| Ki-67 proliferation index ≥ 50%, n/n (%) <sup>a</sup> | 34/49 (69)   |
| <i>TP53</i> mutation, n/n (%)                         | 6/36 (17)    |
| Bone marrow involvement, n (%)                        | 37 (54)      |
| Extranodal disease, n (%) <sup>b</sup>                | 38 (56)      |
| MCL morphology, n (%) <sup>c</sup>                    |              |
| Classical   | 40 (59)      |
| Pleomorphic   | 4 (6)        |
| Blastoid  | 17 (25)      |



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# ORR by IRRC Assessment Was 93% (95% CI, 84 – 98) and CR Rate Was 67% (95% CI, 53 – 78)



| Efficacy-Evaluable<br>N = 60               |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| Median follow-up (range), mo               | 12.3 (7.0 – 32.3) |
| Patients with ≥ 24 mo follow-up, n (%)     | 28 (47)           |
| Median time to response (range), mo        |                   |
| Initial response                           | 1.0 (0.8 – 3.1)   |
| CR   | 3.0 (0.9 – 9.3)   |
| Patients converted from PR/SD to CR, n (%) |                   |
| PR to CR                                   | 21 (35)           |
| SD to CR                                   | 3 (5)             |

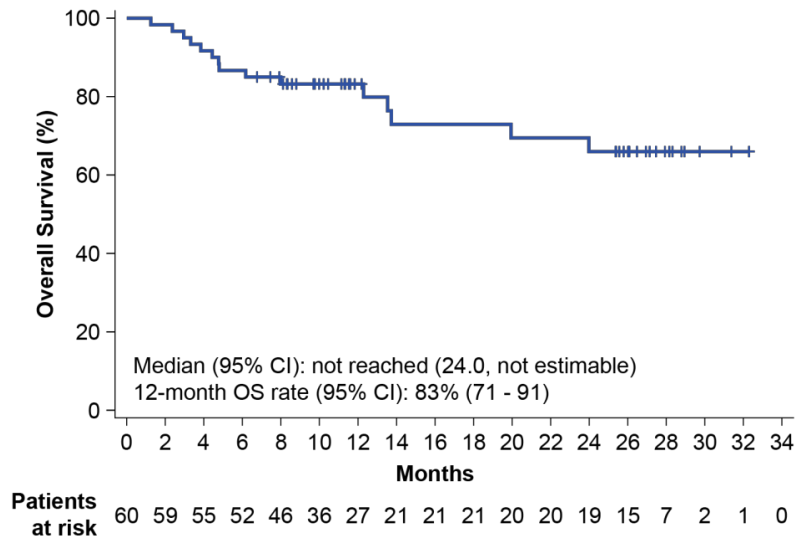
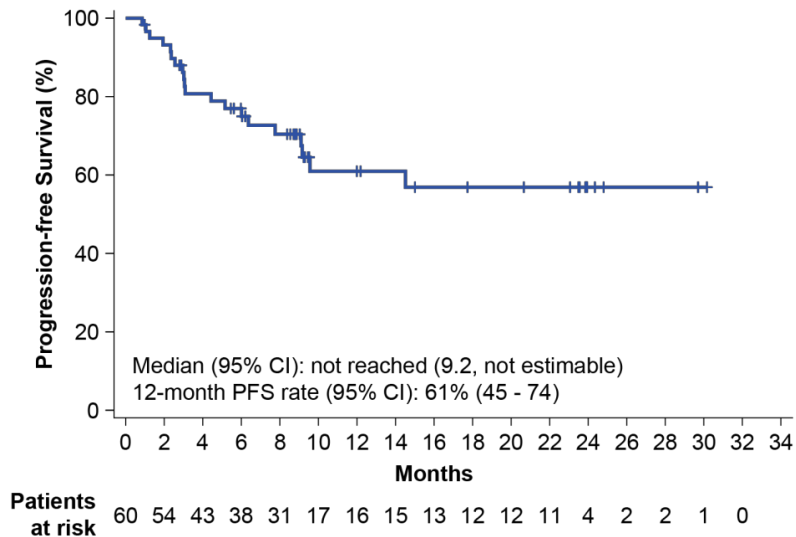
Investigator-assessed ORR in N = 60 was 88% (CR rate 70%), with 95% and 90% concordance between IRRC- and investigator-assessed ORR and CR rate, respectively. IRRC-assessed ORR in ITT (N = 74) was 85% (CR Rate 59%). CR, complete response; IRRC, Independent Radiology Review Committee; ORR, objective response rate; PD, progressive disease; PR, partial response; SD, stable disease.





# Progression-Free Survival and Overall Survival

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



OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival.

# Conclusions

- KTE-X19, in a single infusion, demonstrates high rates of durable responses in R/R MCL
  - The 93% ORR, which includes a 67% CR rate, is the highest reported rate of disease response in patients with prior BTKi failure
  - Of the initial 28 patients treated, 43% are in remission after  $\geq 2$  years of follow-up
- The safety profile is consistent with that reported in prior studies of anti-CD19 CAR T cell therapies in aggressive NHL
  - No deaths due to CRS or neurologic events; most symptoms occurred early and were generally reversible
- The efficacy, reliable and rapid manufacturing, and manageable toxicities identify an important and promising role for KTE-X19 in treating patients with R/R MCL who have an urgent unmet medical need