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### Updates in Stem Cell Transplantation and CAR-T Therapy for Heme Malignancies

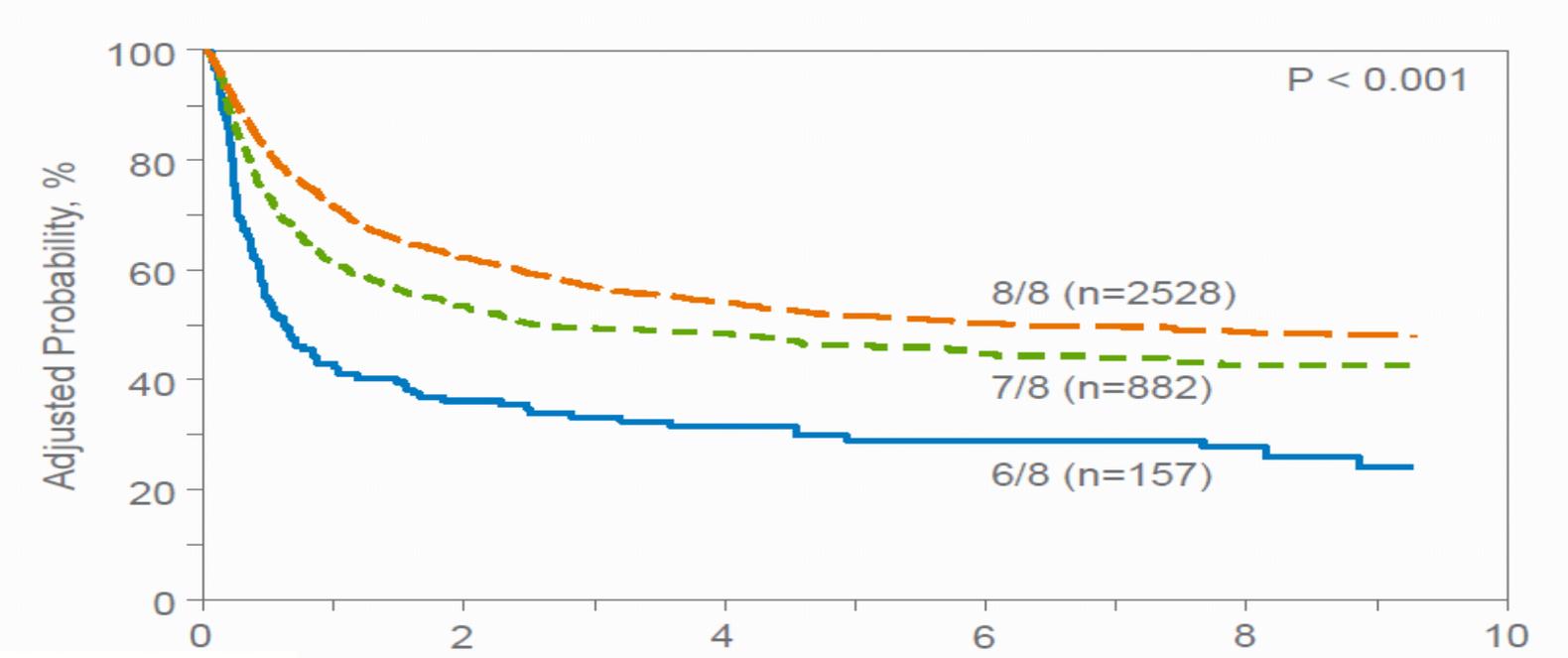
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# Allogeneic SCT in 2022

- Remains the standard of care for many patients with high-risk MDS, high-risk or relapsed AML and ALL, high-risk myelofibrosis, many patients with severe aplastic anemia and subsets of patients with refractory lymphoid malignancies
- We now recognize that immunologic graft vs. tumor effects are critical for the success of alloSCT, which have led to utilization of lower intensity conditioning regimens for many
- Early mortality has dramatically declined (from 30-40% 25 years ago to 5-10% now)
- AlloSCT (including for those with well matched unrelated donors) now routinely performed for patients up to age 75, even with modest comorbidities common with aging
- Access remains a problem, with outcomes compromised for non-white patients, especially for those lacking a suitable matched related sibling

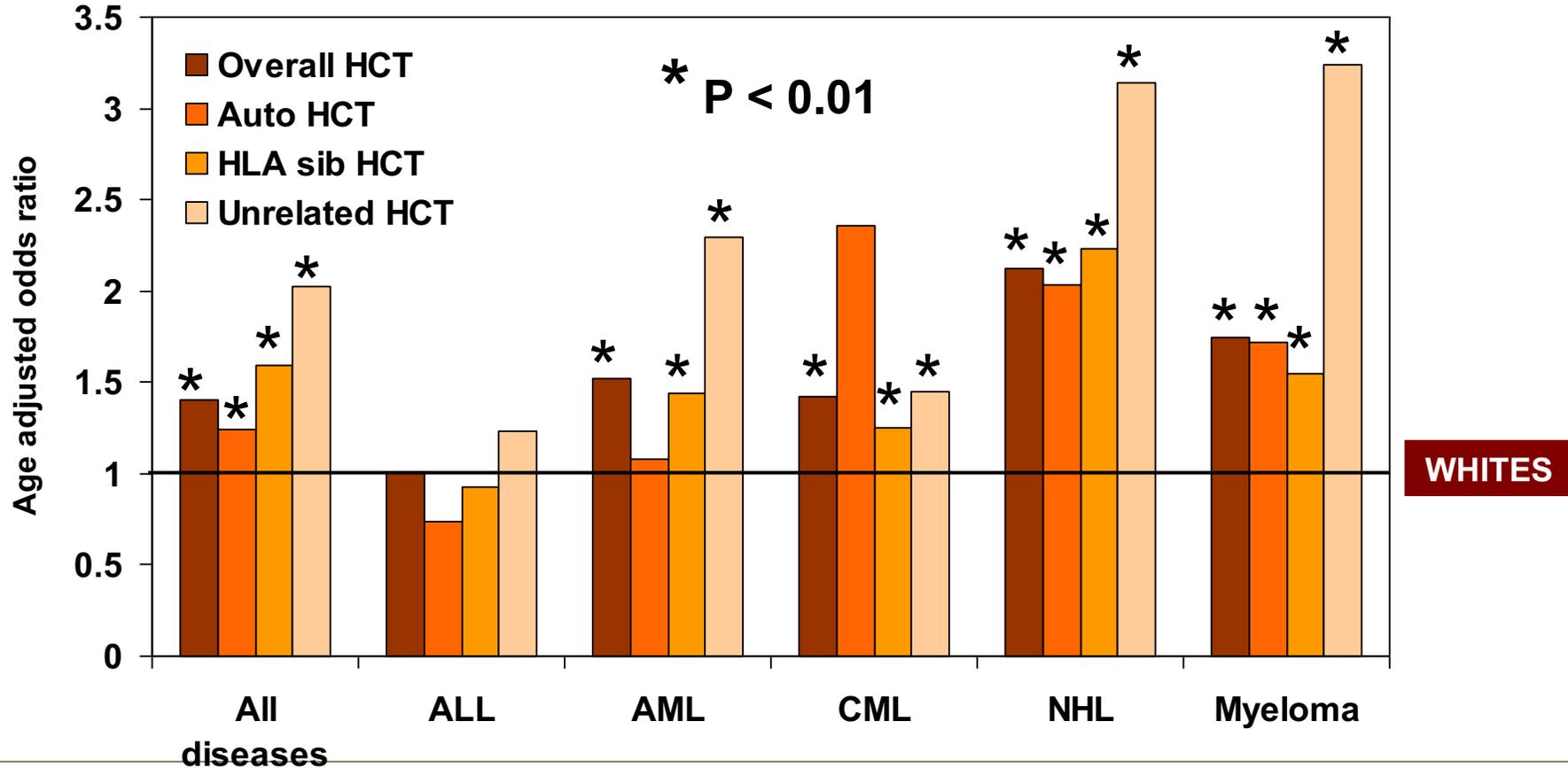
# Impact of HLA Matching: Race and ethnicity matter



NMDP/HRSA Report, 2017  
Pidala et al., Blood 2014

# CIBMTR Study: Race and Access to HCT

African-Americans less likely to receive HCT compared to Whites



# However, a MUD is not available for every patient.



**29%**

Black or African  
American



**47%**

Asian or Pacific  
Islander



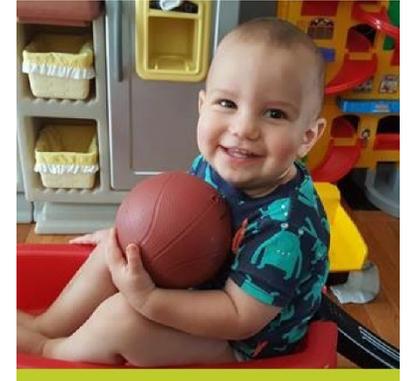
**48%**

Hispanic  
or Latino



**60%**

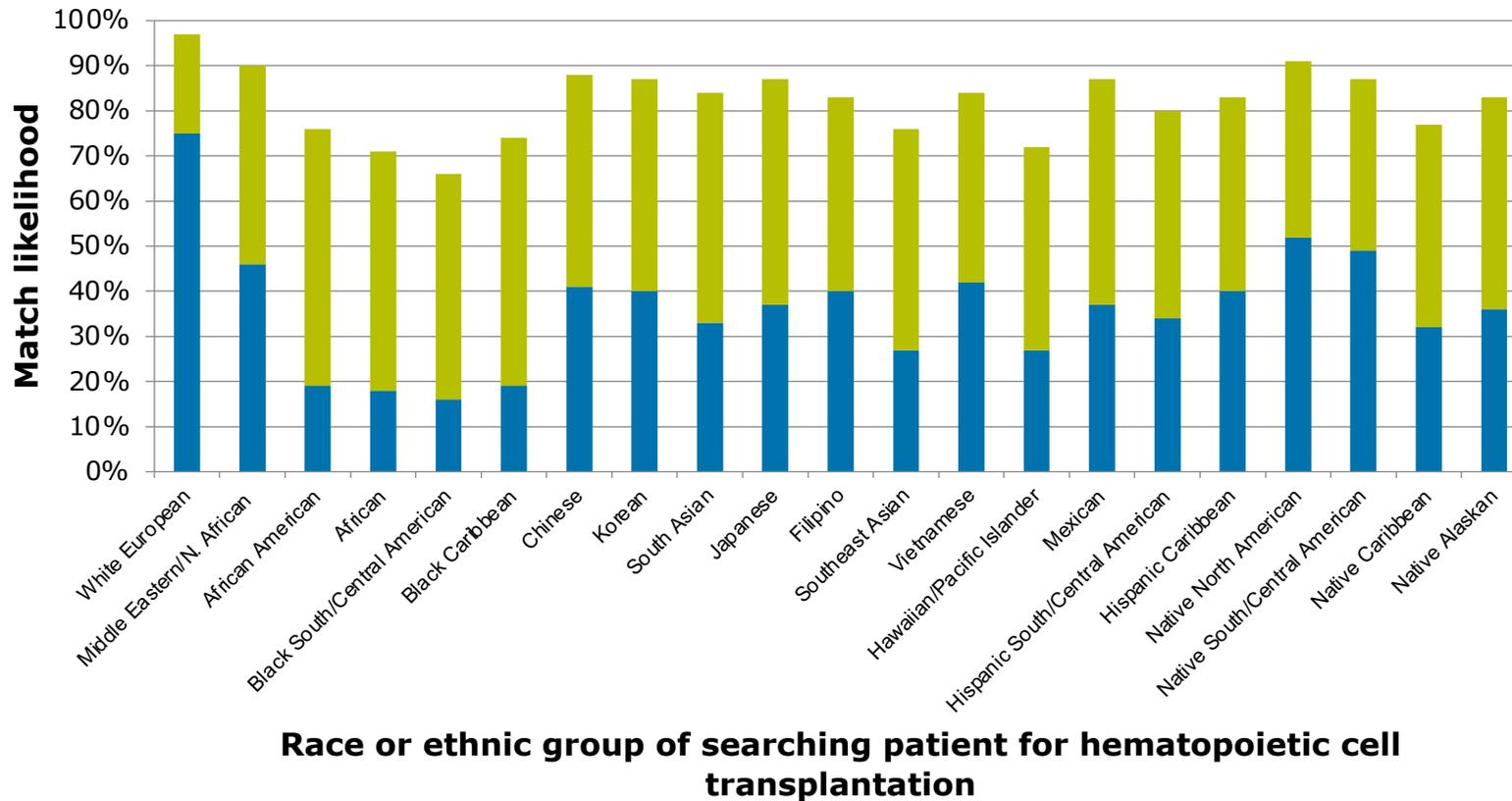
American Indian  
and Alaska  
Native



**79%**

White

# Likelihood of HLA Matching: Race and ethnicity matter



Gragert L, et al. N Engl J Med. 2014; 371(4): 339-348. ■ 8/8 HLA match ■ ≥7/8 HLA match

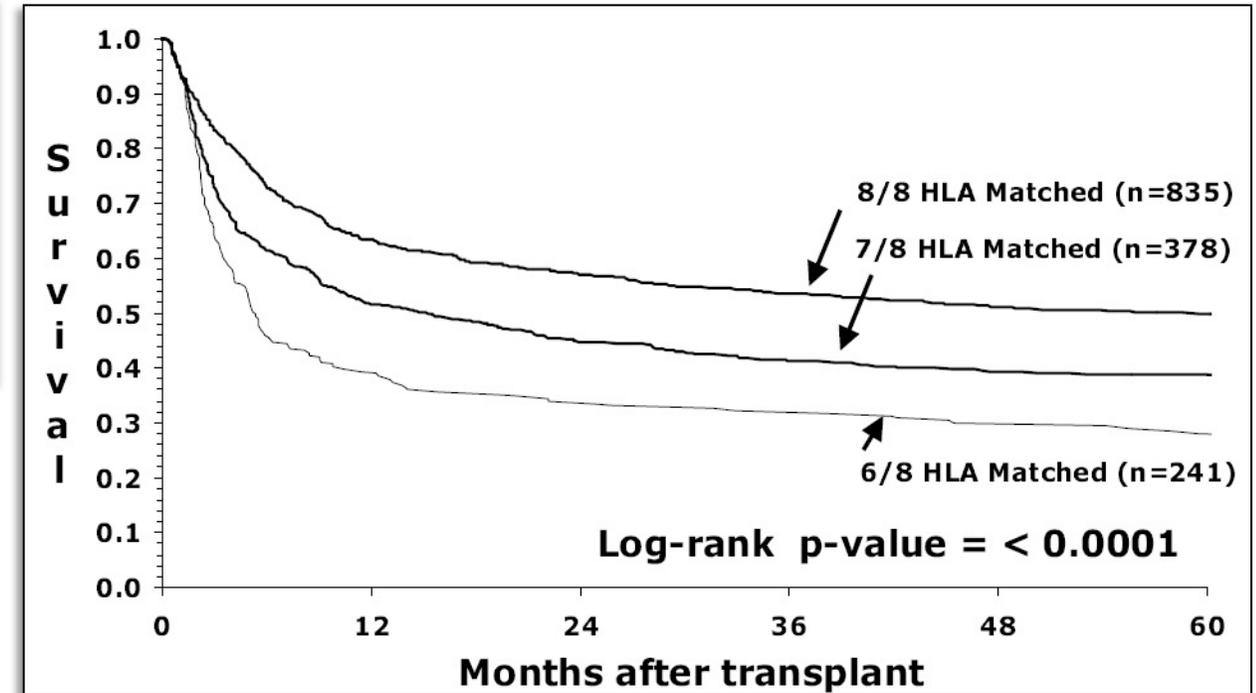
# The HLA Barrier: Need for an HLA-matched donor

## High-resolution donor-recipient HLA matching contributes to the success of unrelated donor marrow transplantation

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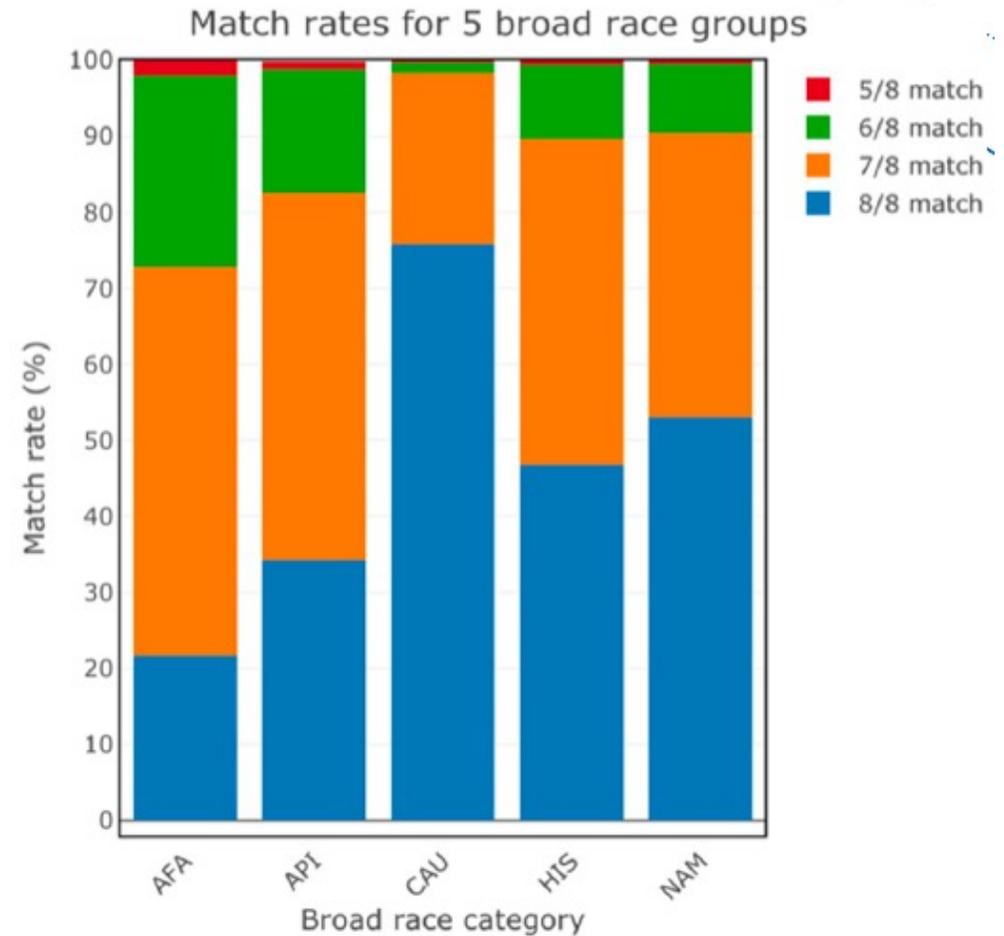
- **Historically, mismatched URD transplants associated with worse survival**
- **Roughly 10% decrease in survival for each HLA mismatch**



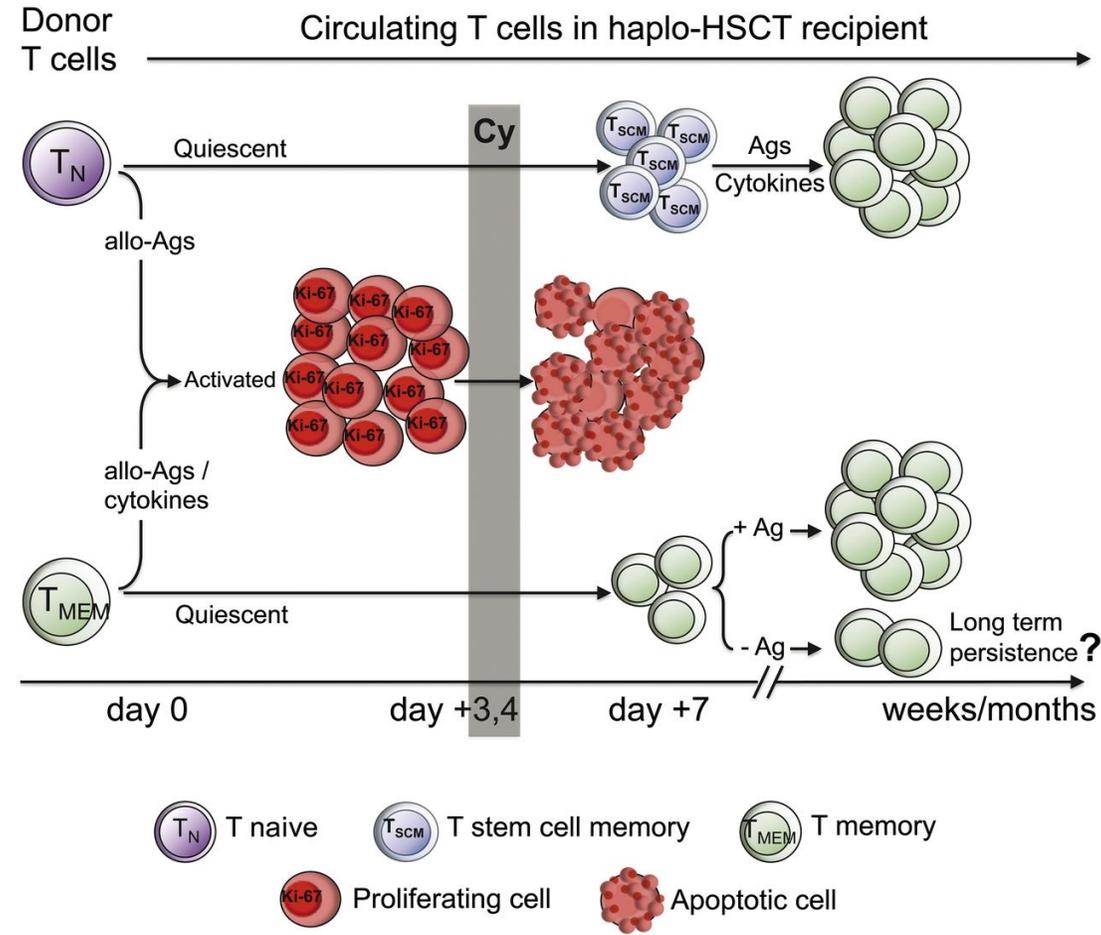
# Mismatched grafts close the disparity gap

- Registry modeling from BTM Bioinformatics
- Successful 7/8 transplants increase donor availability to **72% for AFA pts**
- Successful 6-7/8 transplants increase donor availability to **97% for AFA pts**

*AFA = African American  
API = Asian Pacific  
CAU = Caucasian  
HIS = Hispanic/Latino  
NAM = Native American*



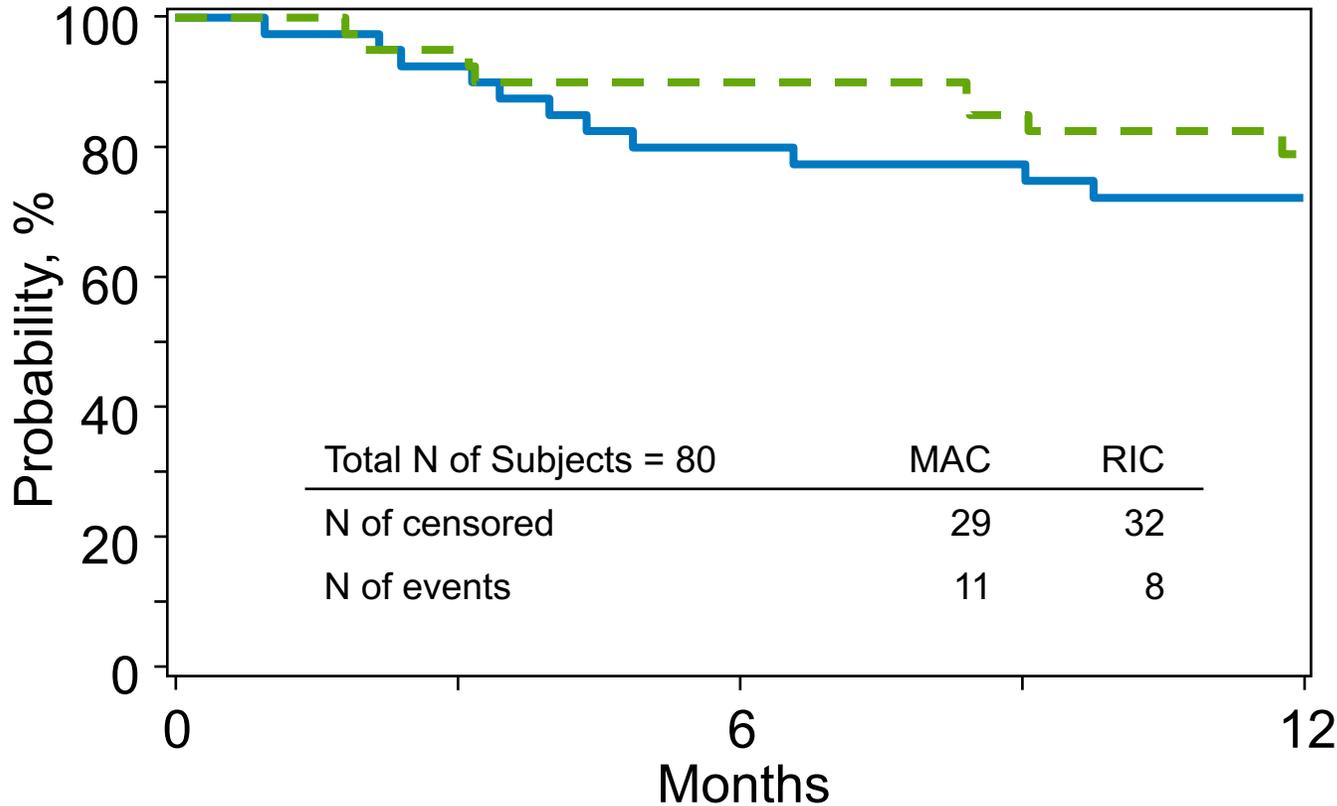
# Post-transplant cyclophosphamide (PTCy) enhances GvHD prevention in the haploidentical setting



# 15-MMUD Study

## Primary Endpoint: Overall Survival

### 72% MAC and 79% RIC

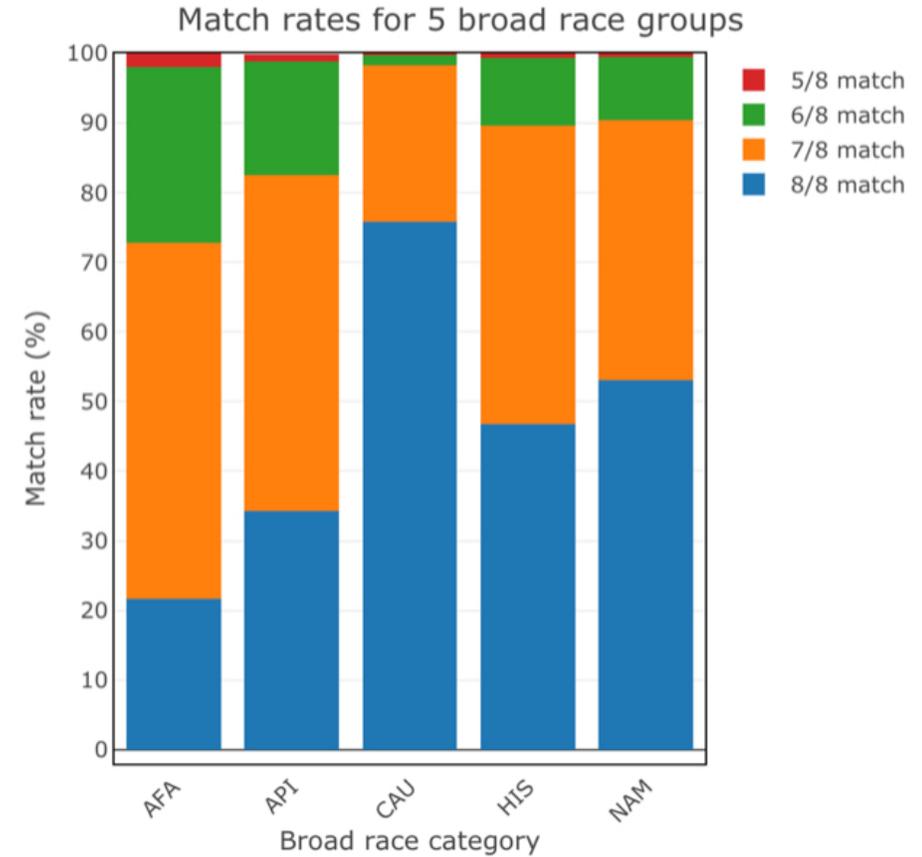
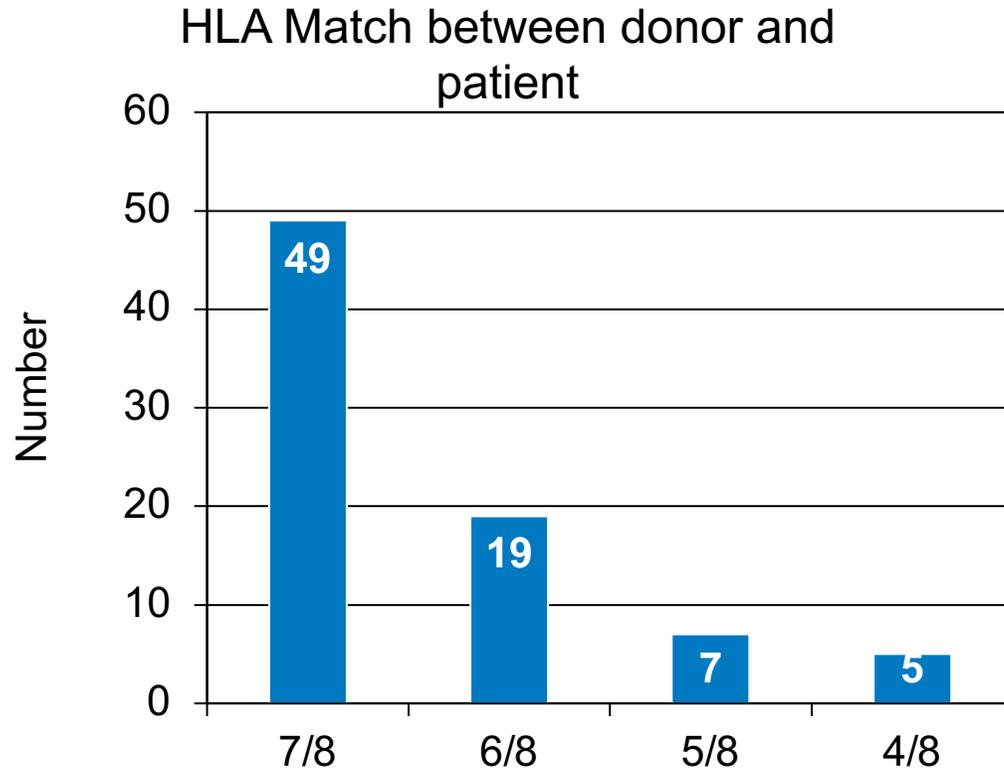


original reports

## National Marrow Donor Program–Sponsored Multicenter, Phase II Trial of HLA-Mismatched Unrelated Donor Bone Marrow Transplantation Using Post-Transplant Cyclophosphamide

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# Everyone has a $\leq 6/8$ donor



# 15-MMUD Conclusions

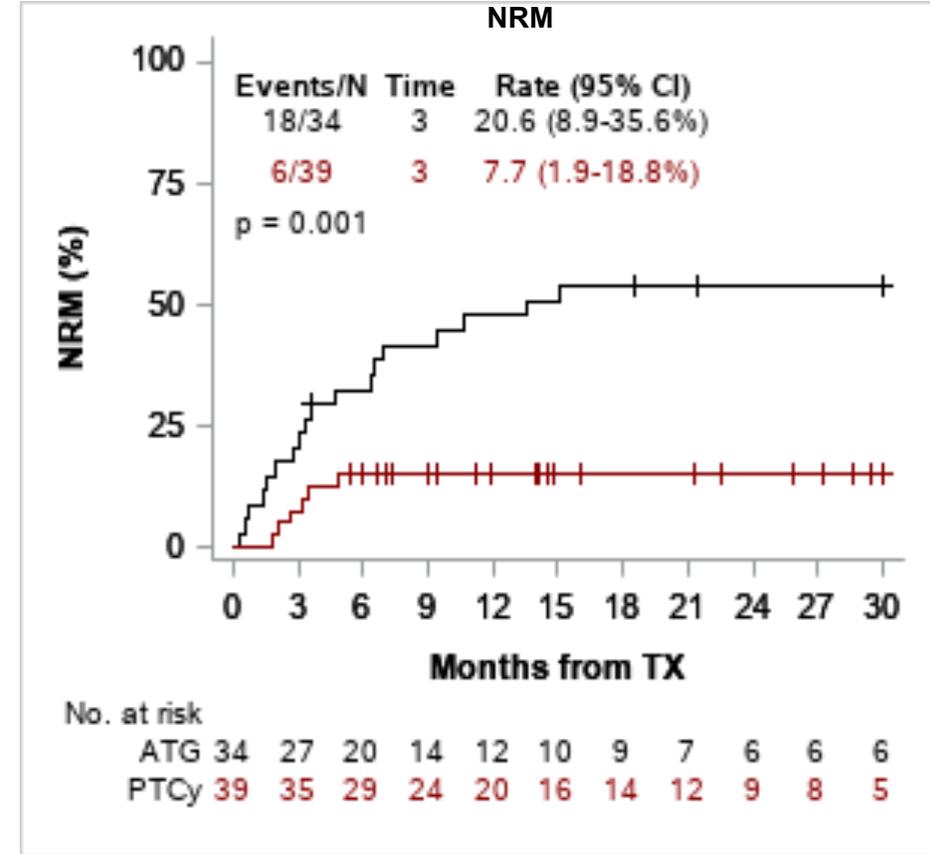
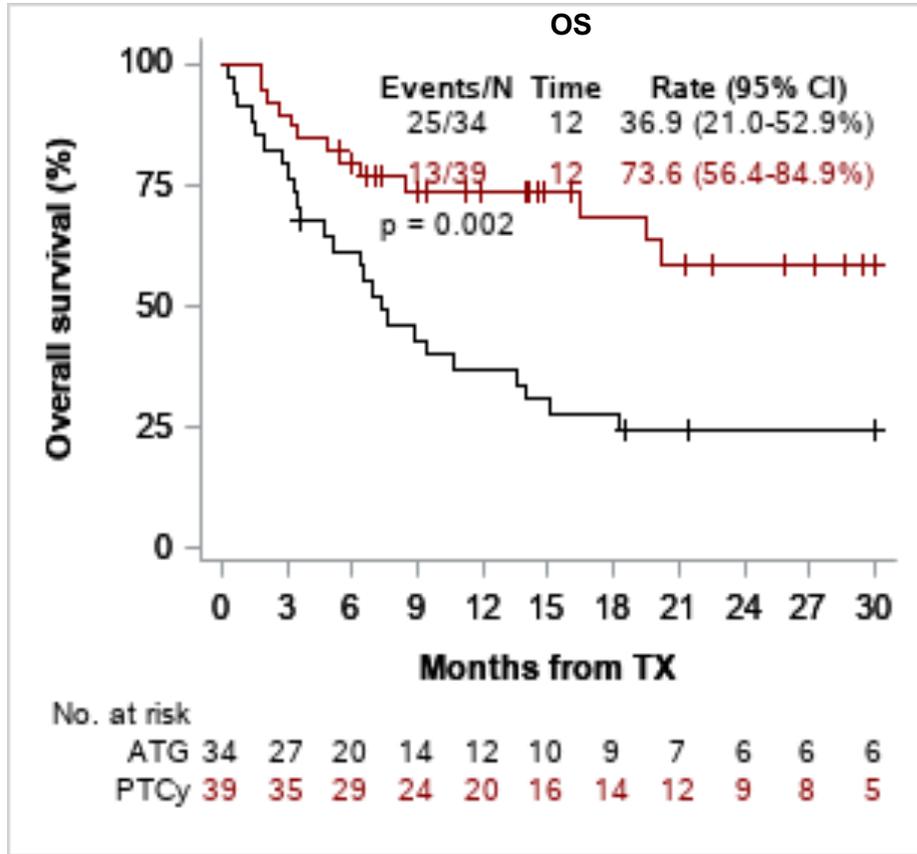
- This approach is feasible and safe, and outcomes are similar to other settings using PTCy
- 48% of patients enrolled were racial/ethnic minority groups: MMUD PTCy broadens access to transplant
- Manuscript accepted for publication (2/2021): Journal of Clinical Oncology
  - Antonio Jimenez-Jimenez (Sylvester) co-first author

# Post-Transplant Cyclophosphamide (PTCy) Is Associated with Improved Clinical Outcomes in HLA-MMUD Hematopoietic Cell Transplantation (HCT): The University of Miami Experience

- UM established the leading mismatched unrelated donor transplant program in the US
- Trial Highlights:
  - 73 patients,  $\geq 18$  years s/p MMUD s/p HCT 1/2016 and 12/2019
  - Post-HCT GvHD prophylaxis: PTCy vs. historical SOC ATG
  - 70% Hispanic and Afro-Caribbean patients
  - 30% Highly mismatched grafts in experimental arm

Jimenez Jimenez A, Komanduri K *et al.*, The TCT Meetings of ASTCT and CIBMTR.

# Results



Jimenez Jimenez A, Komanduri K *et al.*, The TCT Meetings of ASTCT and CIBMTR.

# Future Directions

The 15-MMUD study will be followed by a multicenter NMDP-sponsored clinical trial using peripheral blood stem cell grafts:

- ACCESS: A Multi-Center, Phase II Trial of HLA-Mismatched Unrelated Donor Hematopoietic Cell Transplantation (HCT) with Post-Transplantation Cyclophosphamide for Patients with Hematologic Malignancies (21-MMUD) (Jimenez Jimenez A, Devine S, Al-Maki M et al.)
- 40 sites, ~180 patients.
- University of Miami/Sylvester activated and currently leading national accrual

**ACCESS: A Multi-Center, Phase II Trial of HLA-Mismatched Unrelated Donor Hematopoietic Cell Transplantation with Post-Transplantation Cyclophosphamide for Patients with Hematologic Malignancies**

Resource for Clinical Investigation in Blood and Marrow Transplantation (RCI BMT)

Version 1.0  
January 28, 2021

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**Primary Objective**

To determine overall survival (OS) at one year following transplantation of a PBSC product from a MMUD using PTCy-based GVHD prophylaxis.

**Hypothesis**

Transplantation of a PBSC or BM product from a HLA-mismatched unrelated donor (MMUD) using PTCy-based GVHD prophylaxis will be safe and feasible and will result in a high likelihood of overall survival at one year following HCT.

**Stratum 1**

- Adult subjects undergoing HCT with a PBSC graft source and receiving a myeloablative conditioning (MAC) regimen and PTCy-based GVHD prophylaxis

**Stratum 2**

- Adult subjects undergoing HCT with a PBSC graft source and receiving a non-myeloablative (NMA) or reduced-intensity conditioning (RIC) regimen and PTCy-based GVHD prophylaxis

**Stratum 3**

- Pediatric and young adult subjects undergoing HCT from a BM graft source and receiving a MAC regimen and PTCy-based GVHD prophylaxis

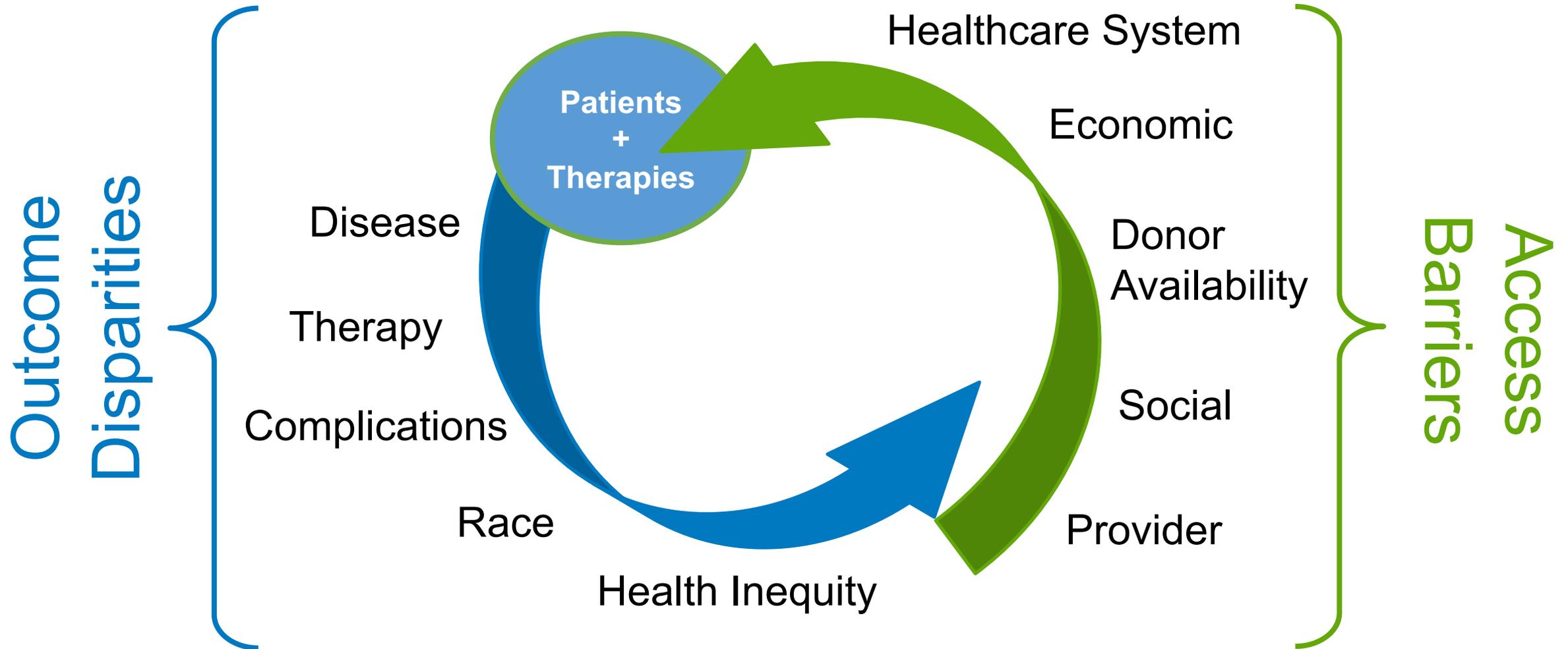
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| <b>Study Population</b>   | Patients with eligible diagnosis receiving a MMUD PBSC or BM (pediatric strata only) product at participating transplant centers  |
| <b>Study Design/Phase</b> | This is a multi-center Phase II study with three strata (two adult strata based on conditioning intensity and one pediatric) designed to estimate the one year OS following MMUD PBSC or BM (pediatric stratum only) transplantation. |

**Primary Endpoint: 1 y OS following HCT in each adult strata**

# Conclusions: PTCy to improve MMUD HCT

- Despite a higher degree of HLA-mismatch, PTCy following MMUD HCT resulted in superior OS, RFS, GRFS and lower NRM when compared to ATG-based GvHD prophylaxis.
- Outcomes following PTCy appear to be approaching historically excellent outcomes with matched unrelated donor HCT, as the utility of this platform continues to be explored prospectively.
- MMUD with PTCy appears to be a safe and effective alternative graft source for individuals without matched sibling or registry donors and significantly levels the playing field for underrepresented minorities.

# Access Barriers and Outcome Disparities

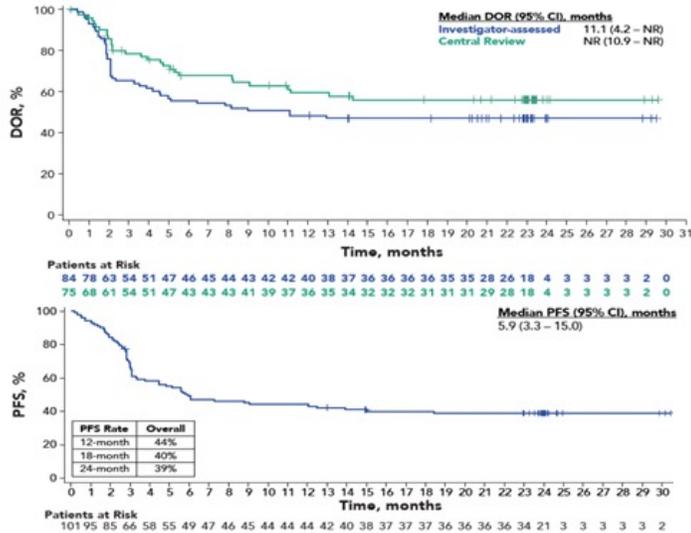


# Conclusions

- Autologous and allogeneic HCT remain the standard of care for many patients with high risk and/or relapsed malignancies, including myeloma, relapsed lymphoma and many patients with MDS and AML
- Significant disparities exist, with lower referral and utilization rates based on gender and race
- Biological barriers (e.g., increasing ethnic diversity with underrepresentation in registries) also exist, but can be addressed with steadily improving outcomes with approaches including mismatched transplantation using PTCy
- Approaches to address disparities must be holistic, with attention to bias, financial access barriers, cultural barriers, education and biological factors

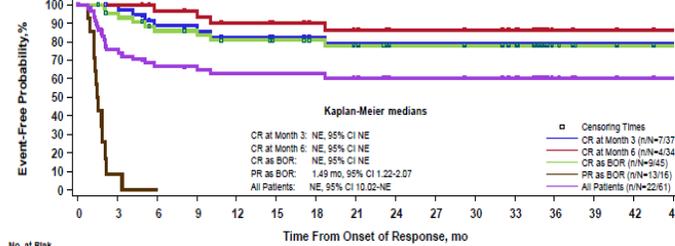
# CD19 CAR T-cells Yield Durable Remission in ~40%

## ZUMA-1



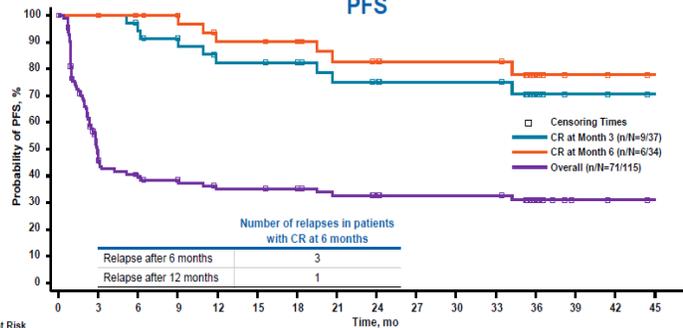
Locke et al Lancet Oncology 2019;20:31  
Schuster et al NEJM 2018  
Abramson et al ASH 2019, Lancet 2020

## JULIET



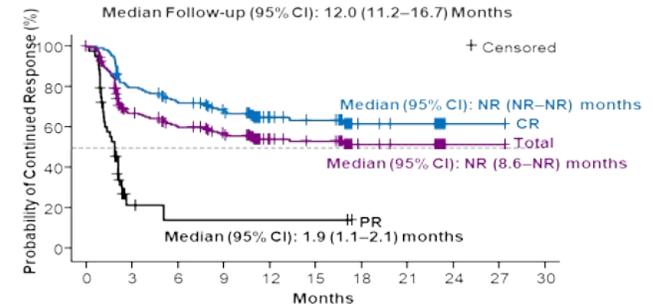
| No. at Risk   | 0  | 3  | 6  | 9  | 12 | 15 | 18 | 21 | 24 | 27 | 30 | 33 | 36 | 39 | 42 | 45 |
|---------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| CR at Month 3 | 37 | 36 | 30 | 29 | 26 | 24 | 22 | 20 | 17 | 17 | 16 | 14 | 3  | 2  | 1  | 0  |
| CR at Month 6 | 34 | 34 | 31 | 30 | 27 | 25 | 23 | 21 | 18 | 18 | 17 | 15 | 3  | 2  | 1  | 0  |
| CR as BOR     | 45 | 41 | 35 | 34 | 31 | 29 | 27 | 25 | 21 | 21 | 20 | 18 | 5  | 2  | 1  | 0  |
| PR as BOR     | 16 | 1  | 0  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| All Patients  | 61 | 42 | 35 | 34 | 31 | 29 | 27 | 25 | 21 | 21 | 20 | 18 | 5  | 2  | 1  | 0  |

## PFS



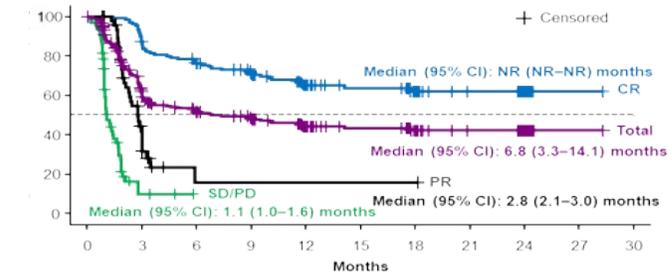
| No. at Risk   | 0   | 3  | 6  | 9  | 12 | 15 | 18 | 21 | 24 | 27 | 30 | 33 | 36 | 39 | 42 | 45 | 48 |
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| CR at Month 3 | 37  | 37 | 33 | 31 | 26 | 26 | 25 | 21 | 20 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 7  | 2  | 1  | 0  |    |
| CR at Month 6 | 34  | 34 | 33 | 32 | 27 | 27 | 26 | 22 | 21 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 8  | 2  | 1  | 0  |    |
| Overall       | 115 | 47 | 38 | 36 | 31 | 31 | 30 | 26 | 24 | 21 | 21 | 21 | 11 | 2  | 1  | 0  |    |

## TRANSCEND-001



|       |     |     |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |
|-------|-----|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|---|---|
| CR    | 136 | 106 | 91 | 79 | 48 | 43 | 25 | 23 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| PR    | 50  | 4   | 2  | 2  | 2  | 2  | 0  |    |   |   |   |
| Total | 186 | 110 | 93 | 81 | 50 | 45 | 25 | 23 | 1 | 1 | 0 |

**PFS Median Follow-up (95% CI): 12.3 (12.0-17.5) Months**

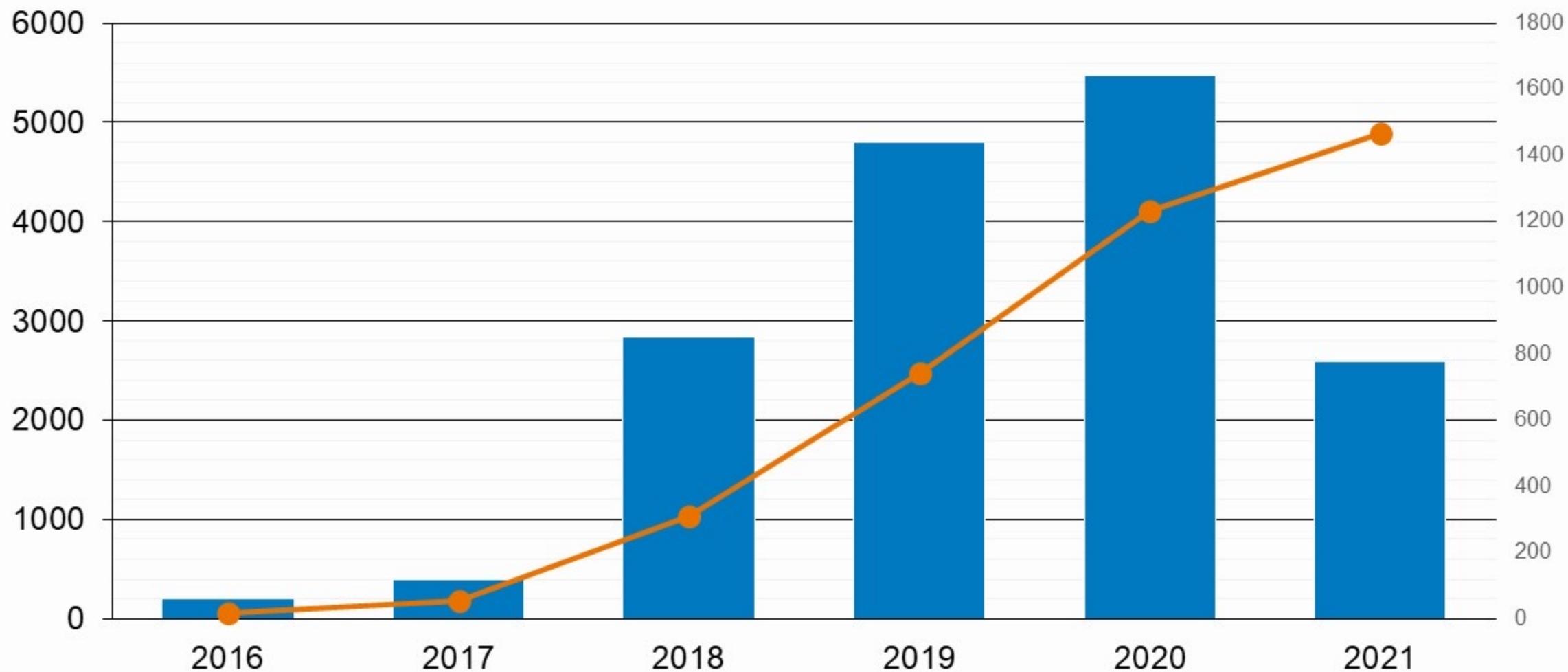


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|-------|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|---|
| CR    | 136 | 116 | 98  | 85 | 63 | 45 | 31 | 23 | 14 | 1 | 0 |
| PR    | 50  | 14  | 2   | 2  | 2  | 2  | 2  | 0  |    |   |   |
| PD    | 70  | 3   | 0   |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |   |
| Total | 256 | 133 | 100 | 87 | 65 | 47 | 33 | 23 | 14 | 1 | 0 |

# Number of CAR T cell infusions: 2016-2021 (4,886 patients and 5,129 infusions)



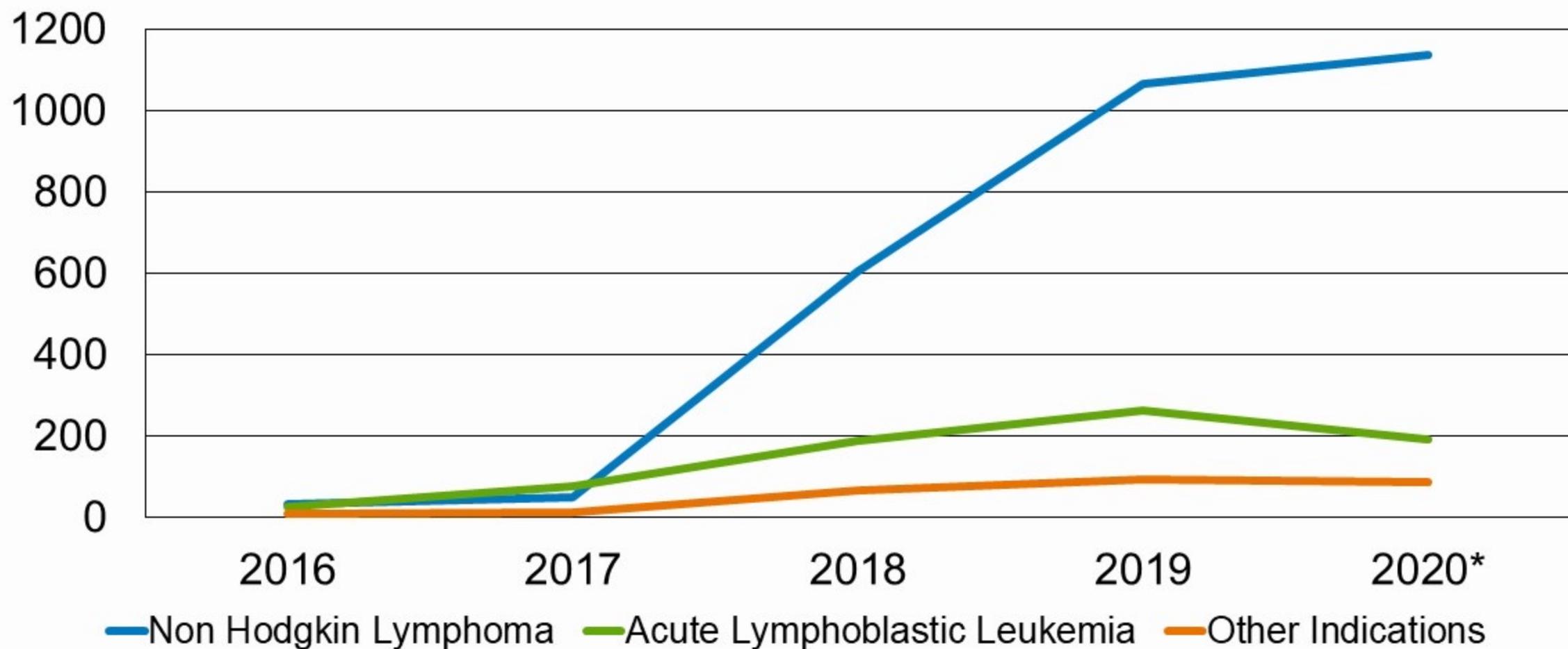
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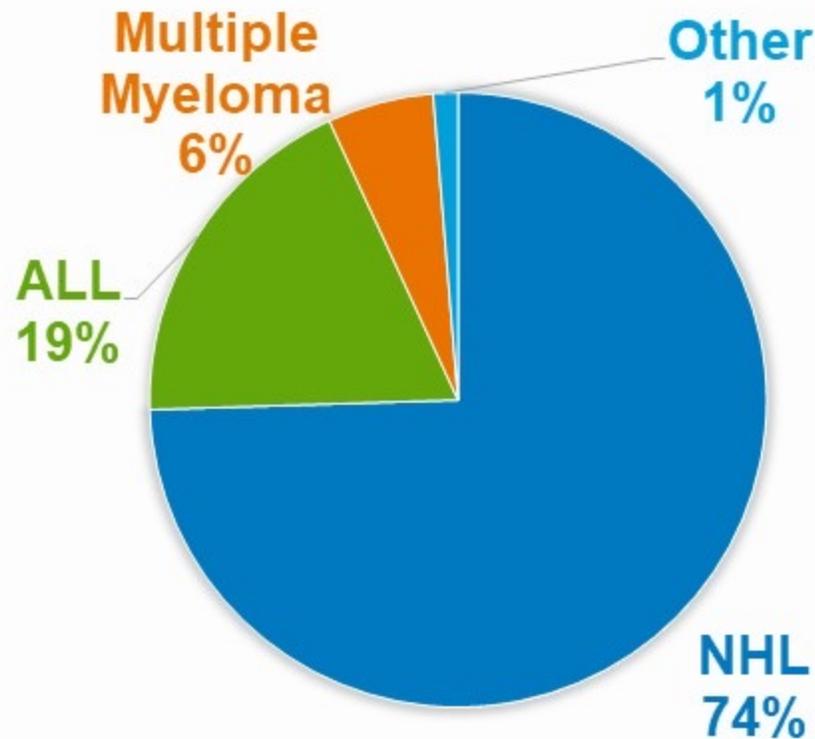
# CAR T cell Indications Annually: 2016-2020



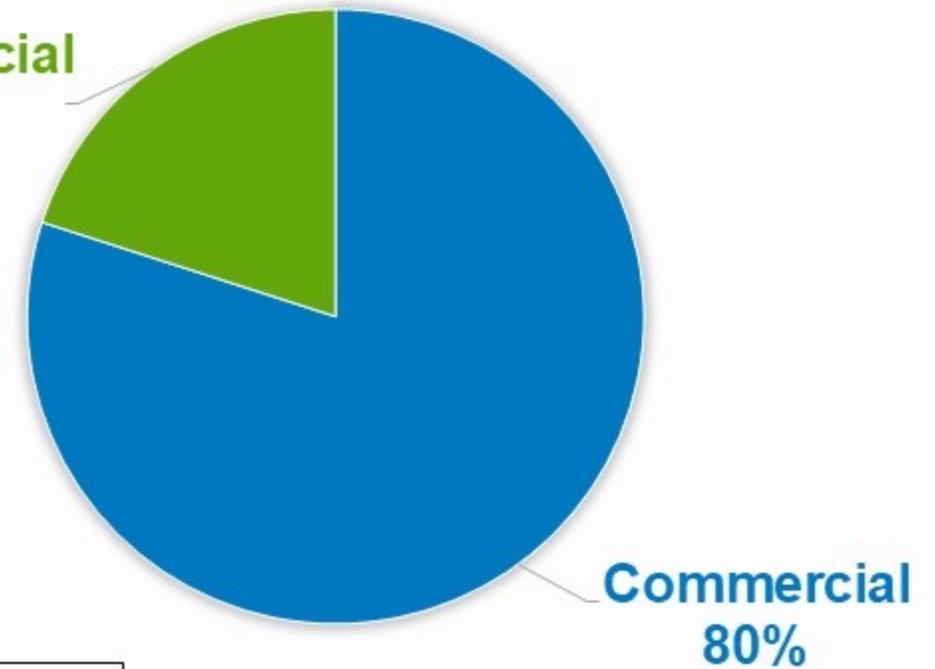
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# CAR T Cell Indications: 2016-2021 (N=4,886)



Noncommercial  
20%

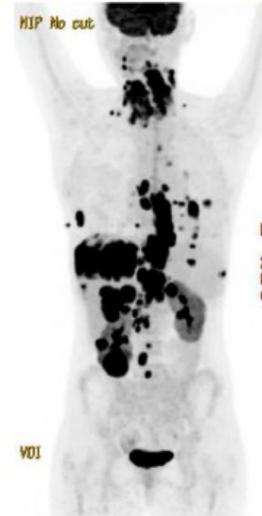


Centers: 159  
Median age: 59 y (<1-91)y  
Prior HCT: 33%

# CD19 Antigen Loss is a Common Cause of treatment failure after CAR19 Therapy

- 7/21 (33%) ZUMA-1 patients w/ disease progression after therapy were CD19 negative<sup>#</sup>
- 34 patients treated with commercial Axi-Cel at Stanford\*
  - 16 developed disease progression
  - 12 were biopsied at time of progression
  - Six showed CD19 loss

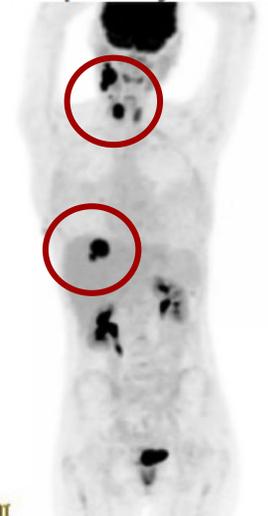
**PRE-INFUSION**



**DAY 28**

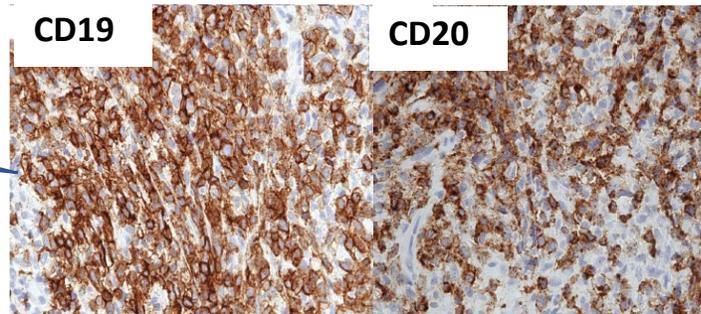


**DAY 60**

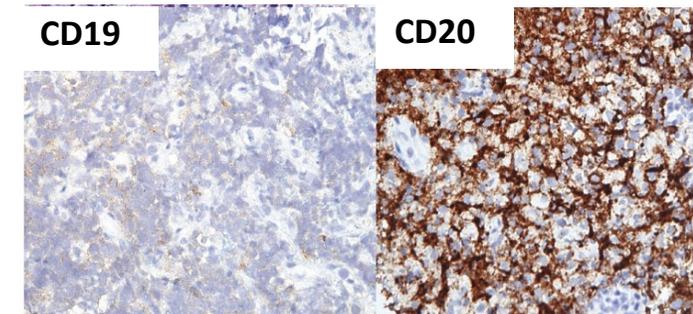


Lymph node analysis pre-CAR and at Day 60 highlighted loss of CD19 but preservation of CD20 expression

**PRE-THERAPY**



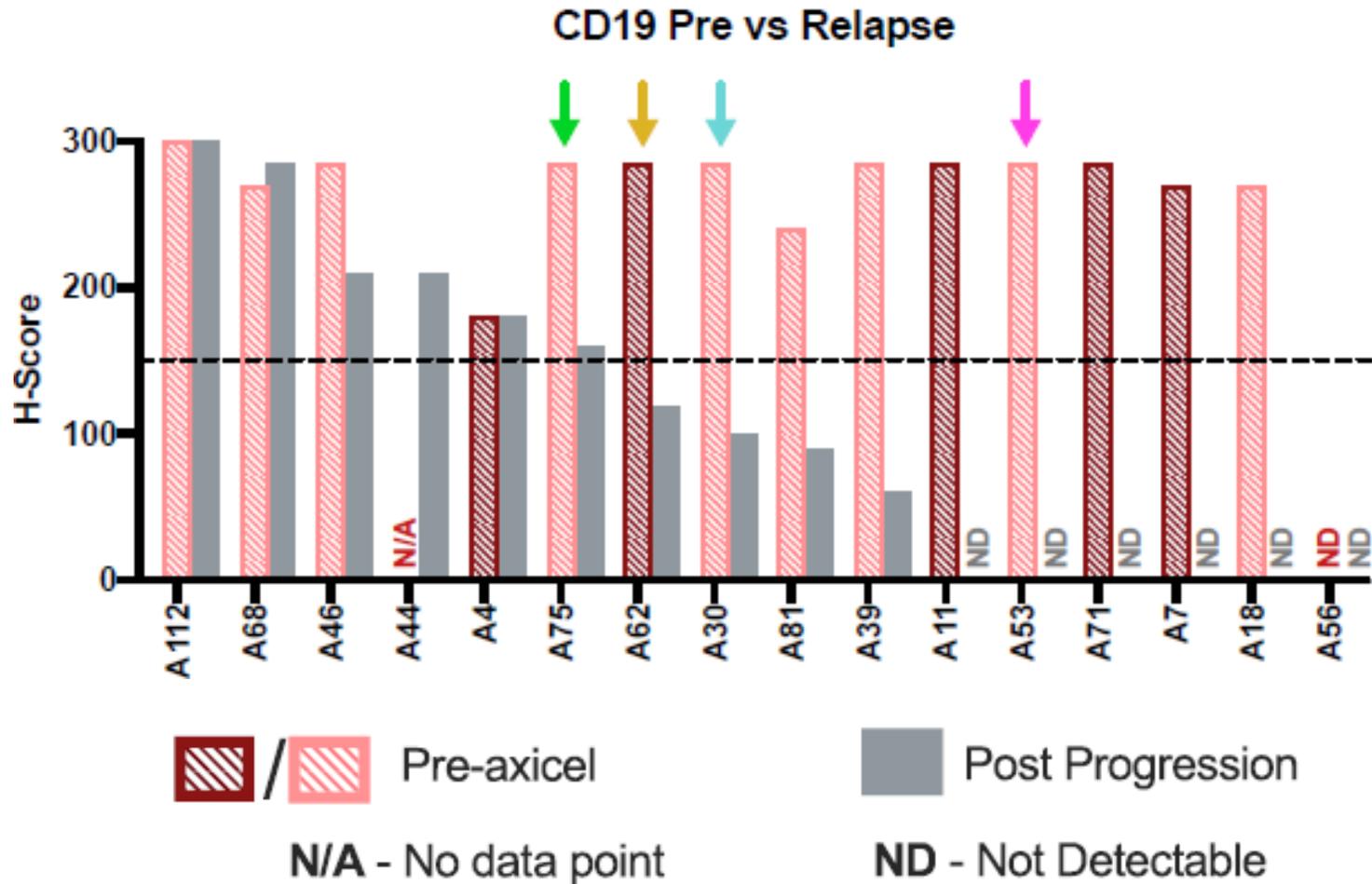
**DAY 60 RELAPSE**



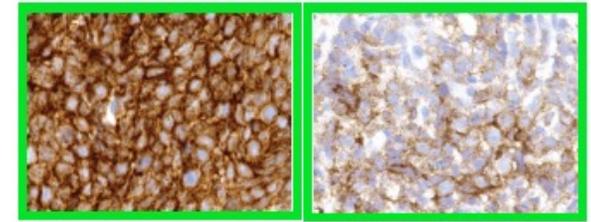
<sup>#</sup>Neelapu et al, ASH2017 Abstract #578

\*Jean Oak et. al, ASH2018 Abstract #4656

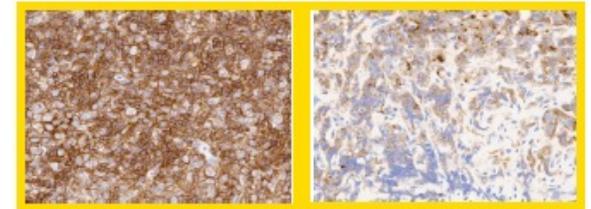
# CD19 loss or down-regulation occurs after axi-cel



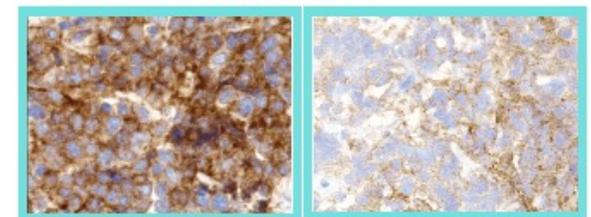
A75 CD19 Downregulation



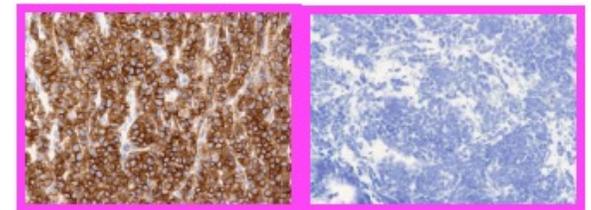
A62 CD19 Downregulation



A30 CD19 Downregulation

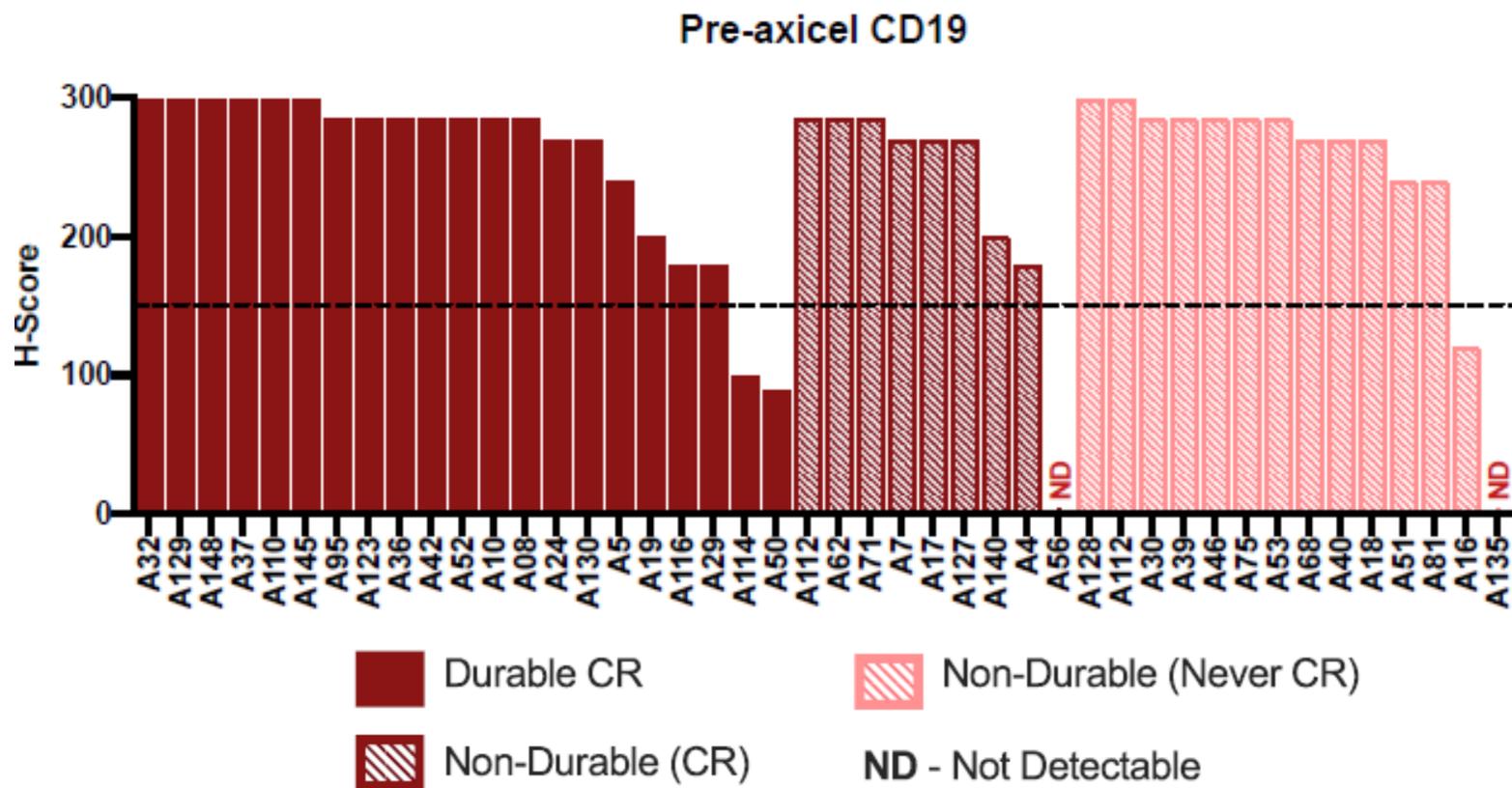


A53 CD19 Loss

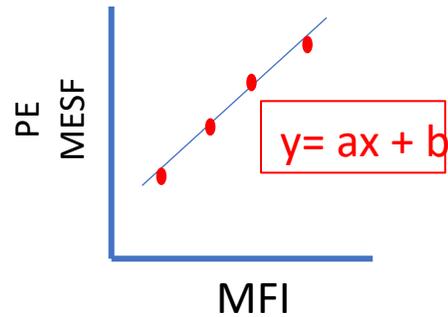
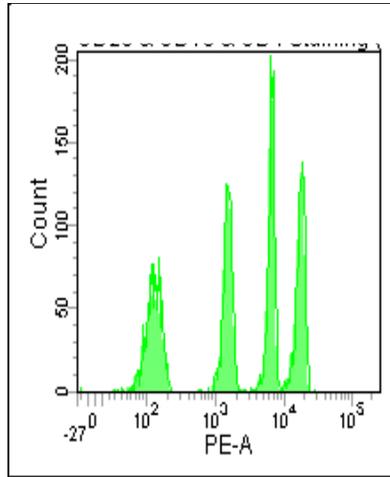


# Pre-treatment CD19 by IHC is not associated with Clinical Outcomes

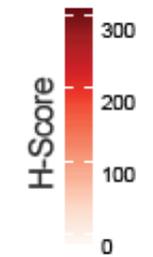
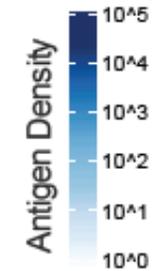
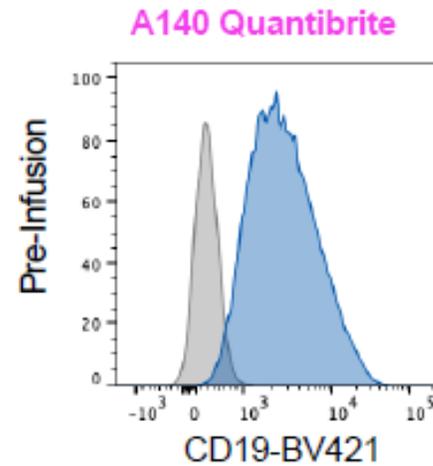
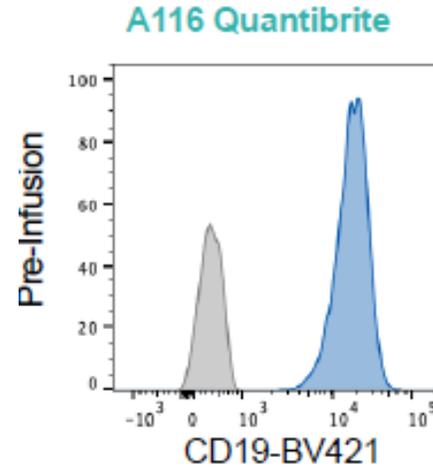
H-score = %tumor cells positive (0-100) x staining intensity (0-3)



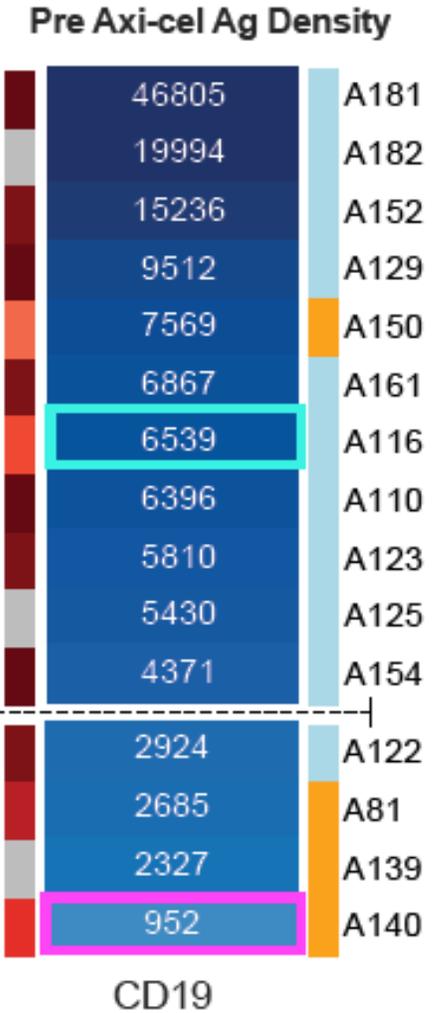
# Pre-treatment quantitative flow may identify patients at risk for treatment failure



| Bead population | PE Molecules |
|-----------------|--------------|
| High            | 81,345       |
| Med-High        | 29,683       |
| Med-Low         | 6,573        |
| Low             | 355          |

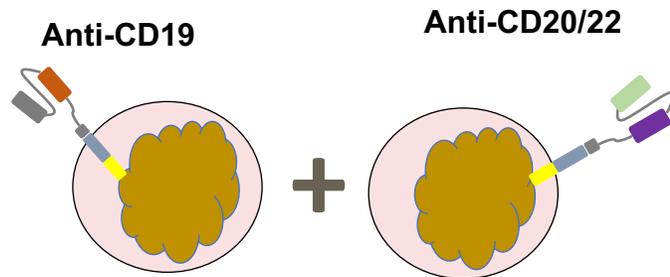


■ Durable Response  
■ Progressive Disease  
 \*3K molecules/cell cutoff



# Simultaneous targeting of two tumor antigens may overcome antigen loss and improve efficacy

## Co-administration



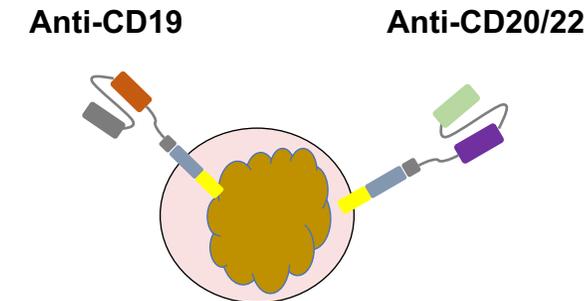
### Pros:

- Defined dose for each CAR

### Cons:

- Multiple production runs
- Potential competition
- When to infuse 2<sup>nd</sup> dose

## Co-expression (co-transfection or bicistronic)



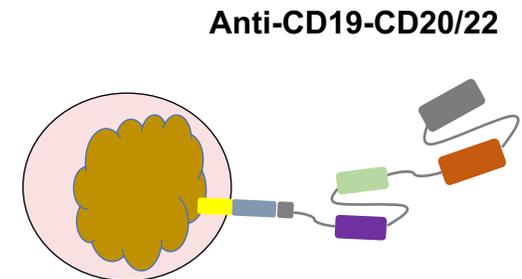
### Pros:

- Each CAR molecule signals independently
- Reduces steric concerns

### Cons:

- Can generate multiple CAR populations

## Bivalent-bispecific receptor



### Pros:

- Each cell expresses both scFVs

### Cons:

- Distal scFV may have signalling deficiencies

# Phase I Dose Escalation Study of CAR19-22 in Adults with Relapsed/Refractory DLBCL or B-ALL

## Primary Objectives

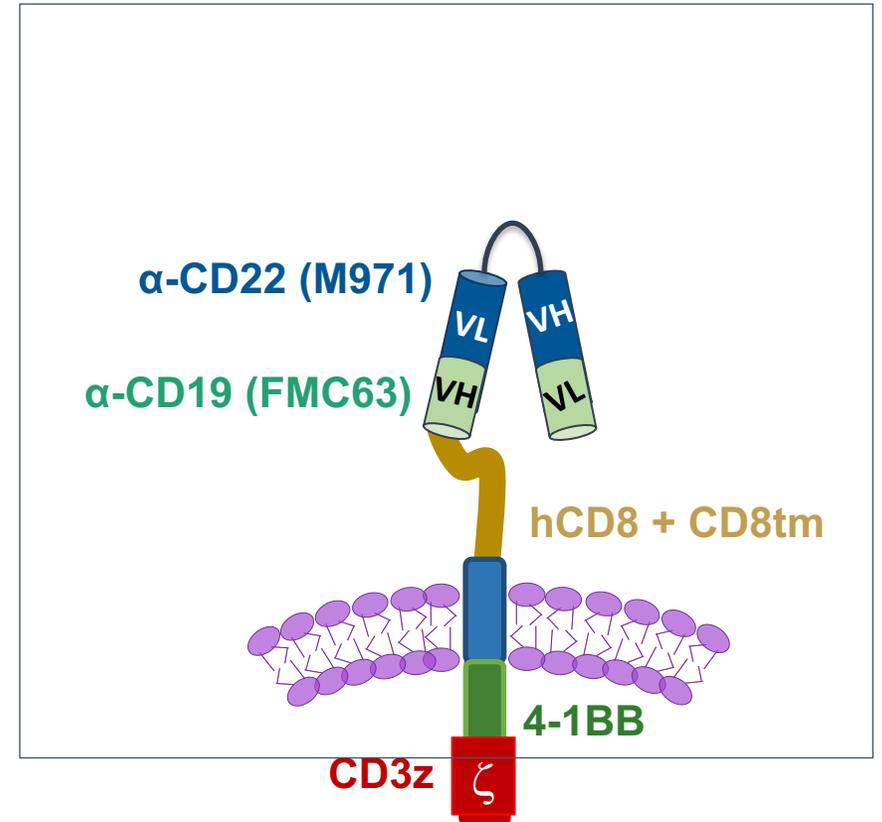
- Determine feasibility of production
- Assess safety

## Secondary Objectives

- Response rate and clinical efficacy

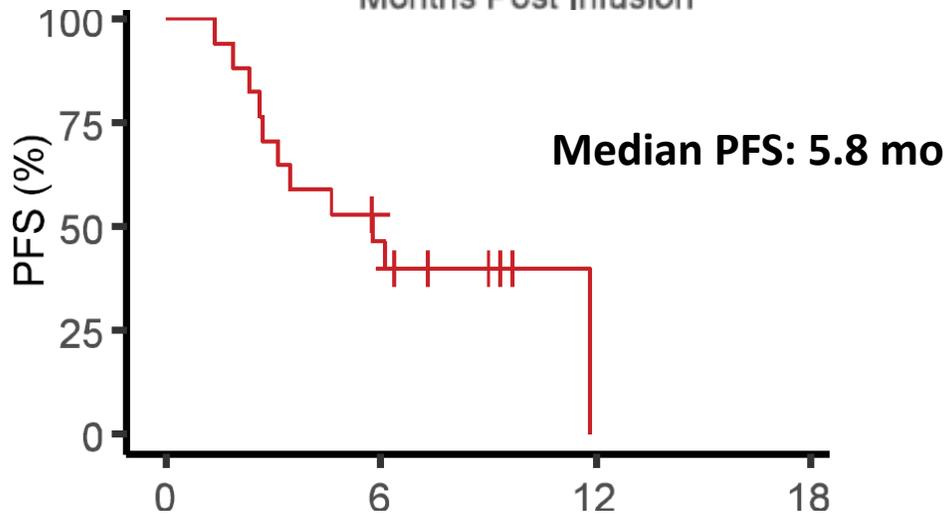
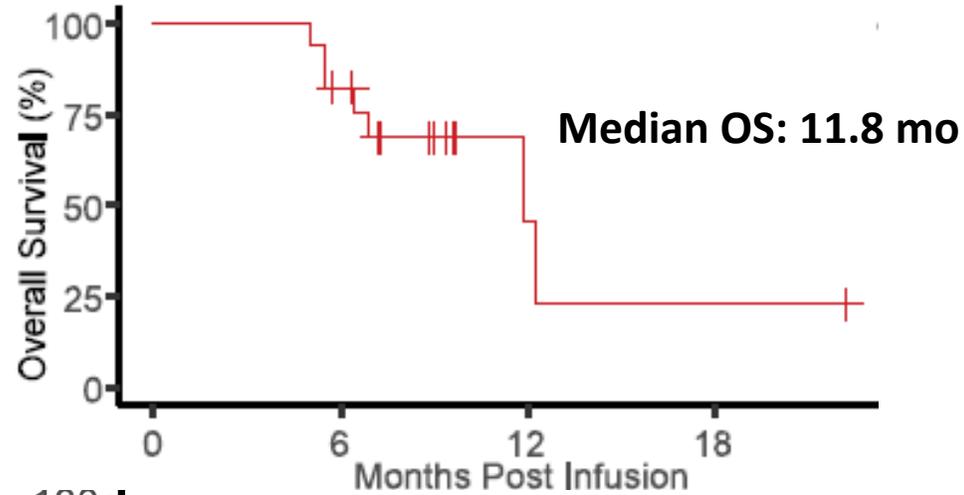
## Exploratory Objectives

- CAR19-22 persistence
- Antigen remodeling at Relapse

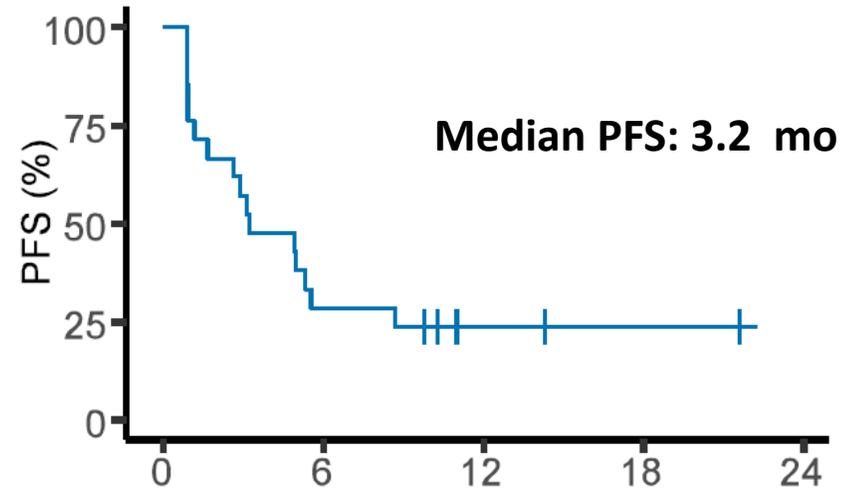
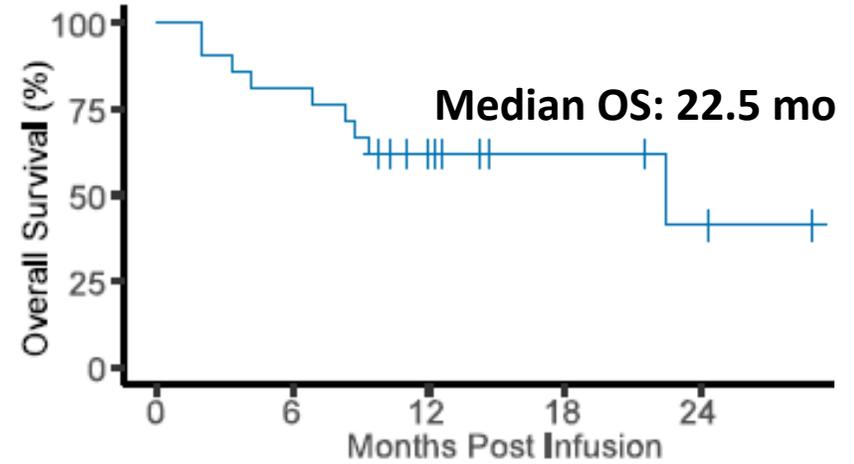


# Clinical Outcomes

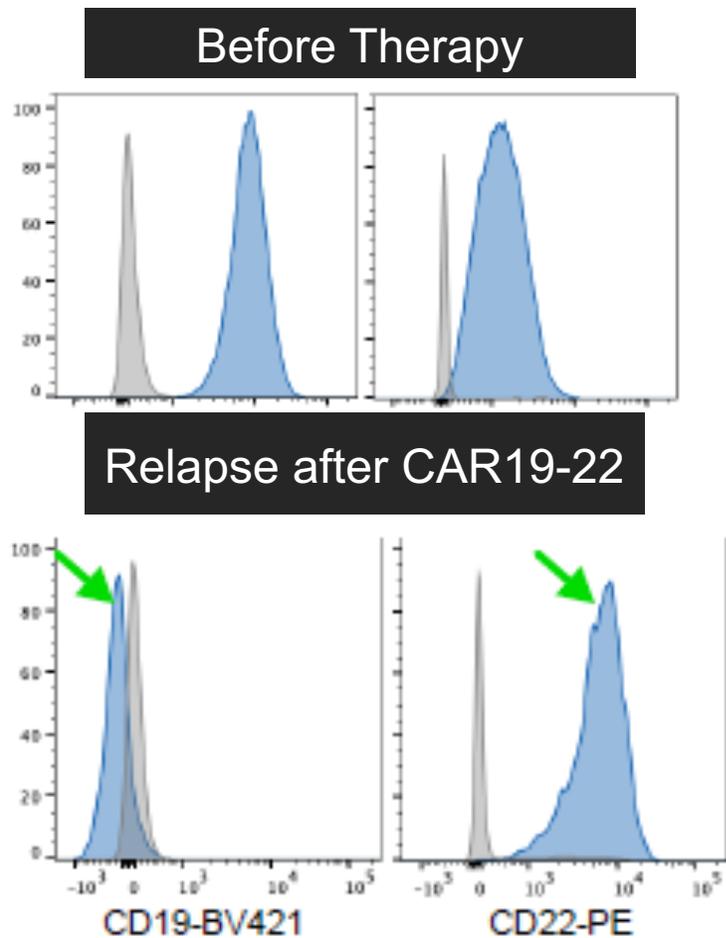
**ALL : 100% ORR, 88% CR**



**Lymphoma : 62% ORR, 29% CR**



# CD19 Negative Relapse Occurs after Treatment with CAR19-22



Ag Density at Progression

| CD19     | CD22  | Sample |
|----------|-------|--------|
| 21092    | 12492 | SL23   |
| 17945    | 1726  | SA34   |
| 16075    | 3815  | SA37   |
| 8682     | 38002 | SA10   |
| *-----   |       |        |
| 1150     | 1046  | SL11   |
| 471      | 12079 | SL15   |
| 110      | 2888  | SL21   |
| 94       | 7112  | SA36   |
| 82       | 9031  | SA33   |
| 64       | 6016  | SA13   |
| <b>0</b> | 5915  | SA24   |

| Relapsed Patients (n= 26) | CD19 Positive   | CD19 Negative |
|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| DLBCL (n= 16)             | 9/14 (2 not bx) | 5/14          |
| ALL (n=10)                | 5/10            | 5/10          |

CD19 expression is lost, while CD22 expression is maintained

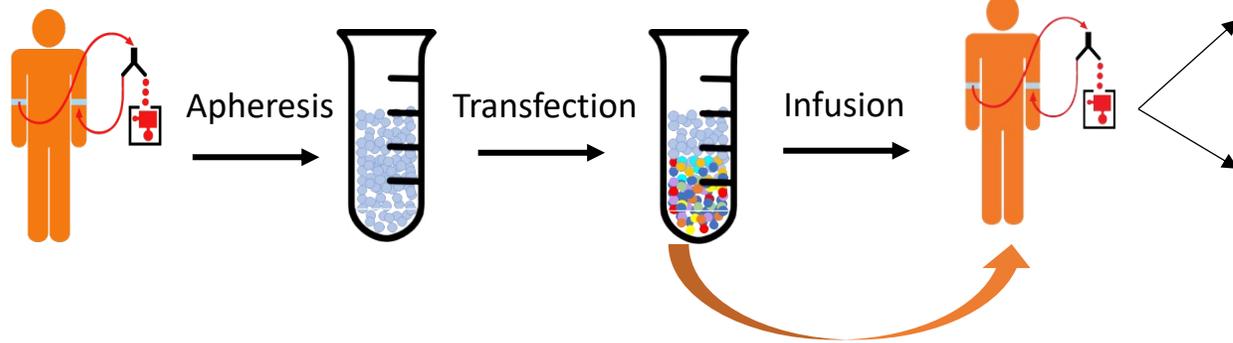
# CD19-CD22 Bispecific CAR-T Summary

- Closed system manufacturing with the prodigy is feasible
- CAR19-22 had limited toxicity, one DLT grade 4 CRS and ICANS
  - Beneficial Clinical Outcomes: Overall Response: 69%
  - 20 DLBCL and 2 PMBCL: ORR: 62% → **29%CR**
  - 17 ALL patients: ORR:100% → **88% CR**
- Unfortunately, 36% DLBCL and 50% ALL subjects have relapsed CD19- CD22+, thus multi-antigen targeting will require new constructs and strategies
- Brexu-cel now the only available therapy for Adults with R/R ALL
- Stanford (Mackall, et al) manufacturing for a more balanced CD4/CD8 cell product and have reopened the trial to treat another 15-20 ALL patients

# Optimizing CAR-T Therapy: Model by Spiegel and Miklos

Patient

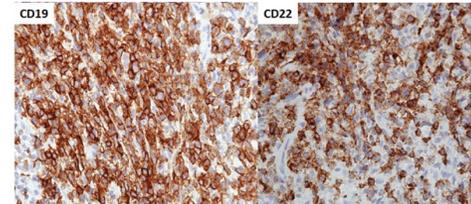
CAR-T Product



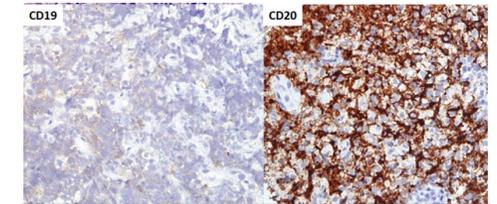
## Tumor Biology:

- Tumor Antigen Density
- Tumor microenvironment

PRE-THERAPY

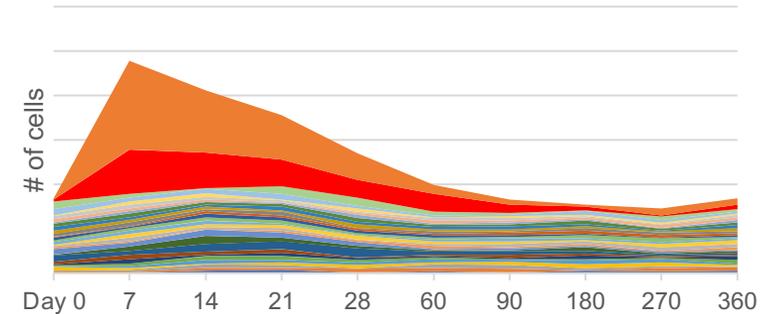


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## CAR-T Product Fitness:

- Patient T cell fitness
- CAR-T construct
- CAR-T manufacturing



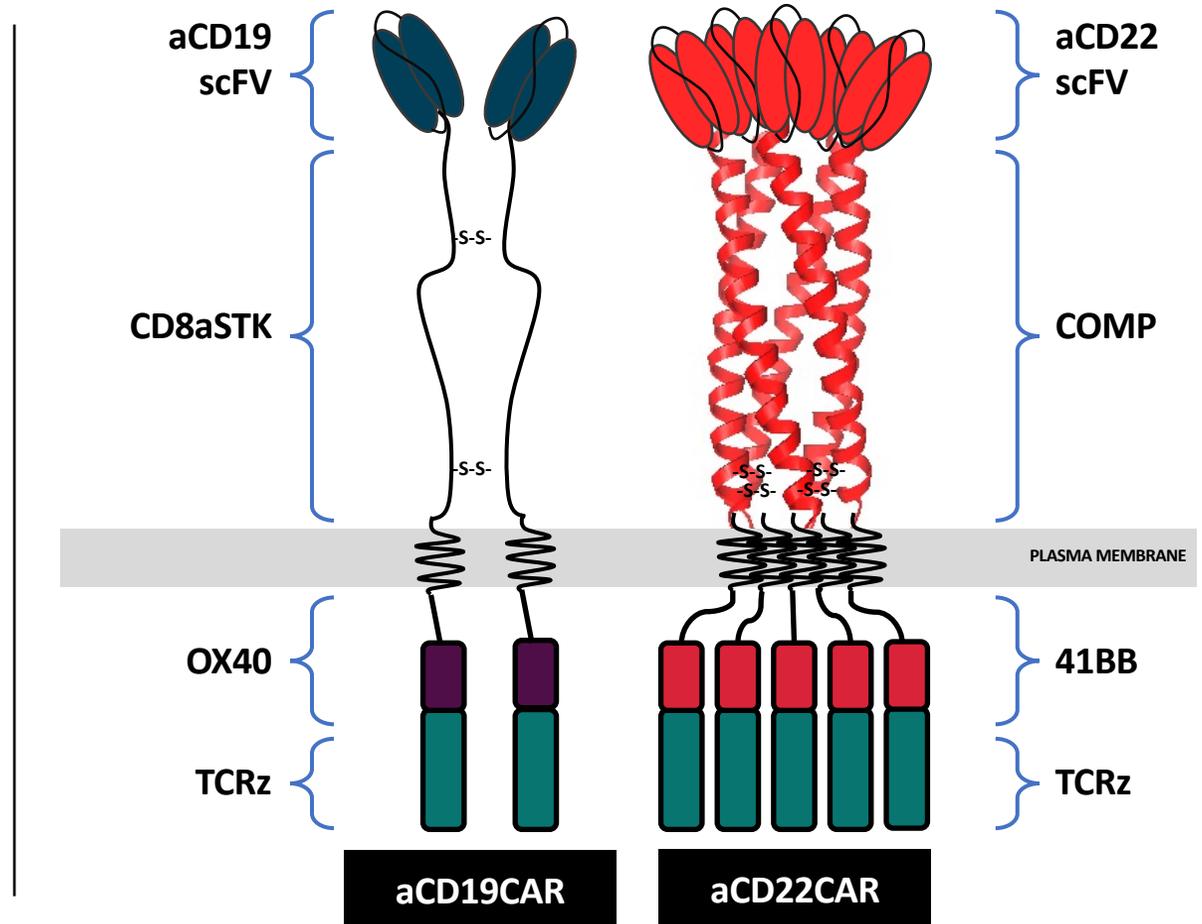
## CAR-T Pharmacokinetics and Pharmacodynamics

- Characterize which CAR-T localize to tumor
- Immune Phenotype of CAR-T blood expansion

# AUTO3: First CD19 and CD22 Targeting Bicistronic CAR

## Gamma Retroviral-Based Vector with RD114 Pseudotype

- Dual antigen targeting
- Two independent CARs delivered in single retroviral vector
- Humanized binders
- CD22 CAR with novel pentameric spacer
- OX40/41BB costimulatory domains designed to improve persistence
- Independently target CD19 and CD22



# Phase 1/2 study of AUTO3, the first bicistronic chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) targeting CD19 and CD22, followed by an anti-PD1 in patients with relapsed/refractory (r/r) Diffuse Large B Cell Lymphoma (DLBCL): Results of Safety Cohorts of the ALEXANDER study

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|------------|-----------------|--|--|--|--|
| All Grades | 17 (35%)        | 1 (14%)                                | 4 (25%)                                  | 2 (20%)                                  | 10 (63%)                                 |
| Grade 1    | 10 (20%)        | 1 (14%)                                | 2 (13%)                                  | 2 (20%)                                  | 5 (31%)                                  |
| Grade 2    | 6 (12%)         | 0                                      | 1 (6%)                                   | 0  | 5 (31%)                                  |
| ≥ Grade 3  | 1 (2%)          | 0*                                     | 1 (6%)                                   | 0  | 0  |

Low rates of CRS

## Neurotoxicity (NT/ICANS)

Low rates of NT

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|------------|--------------|--|--|--|--|
| All Grades | 3 (6%)       | 1 (14%)                                | 2 (13%)                                  | 0  | 0  |
| ≥ Grade 3  | 2 (4%)       | 1 (14%)                                | 1 (6%)                                   | 0  | 0  |

## RESPONSES

|              | Total<br>(N=49) | 50 x 10 <sup>6</sup><br>AUTO3<br>(N=7) | 150 x 10 <sup>6</sup><br>AUTO3<br>(N=16) | 300 x 10 <sup>6</sup><br>AUTO3<br>(N=10) | 450 x 10 <sup>6</sup><br>AUTO3<br>(N=16) |
|--------------|-----------------|--|--|--|--|
| N Evaluable* | 43              | 6                                      | 13                                       | 9  | 15                                       |
| ORR          | 28 (65%)        | 4 (67%)                                | 4 (31%)                                  | 7 (78%)                                  | 13 (87%)                                 |
| CR           | 22 (51%)        | 2 (33%)                                | 4 (31%)                                  | 5 (56%)                                  | 11 (73%)                                 |
| PR           | 6 (14%)         | 2 (33%)                                | 0  | 2 (22%)                                  | 2 (13%)                                  |

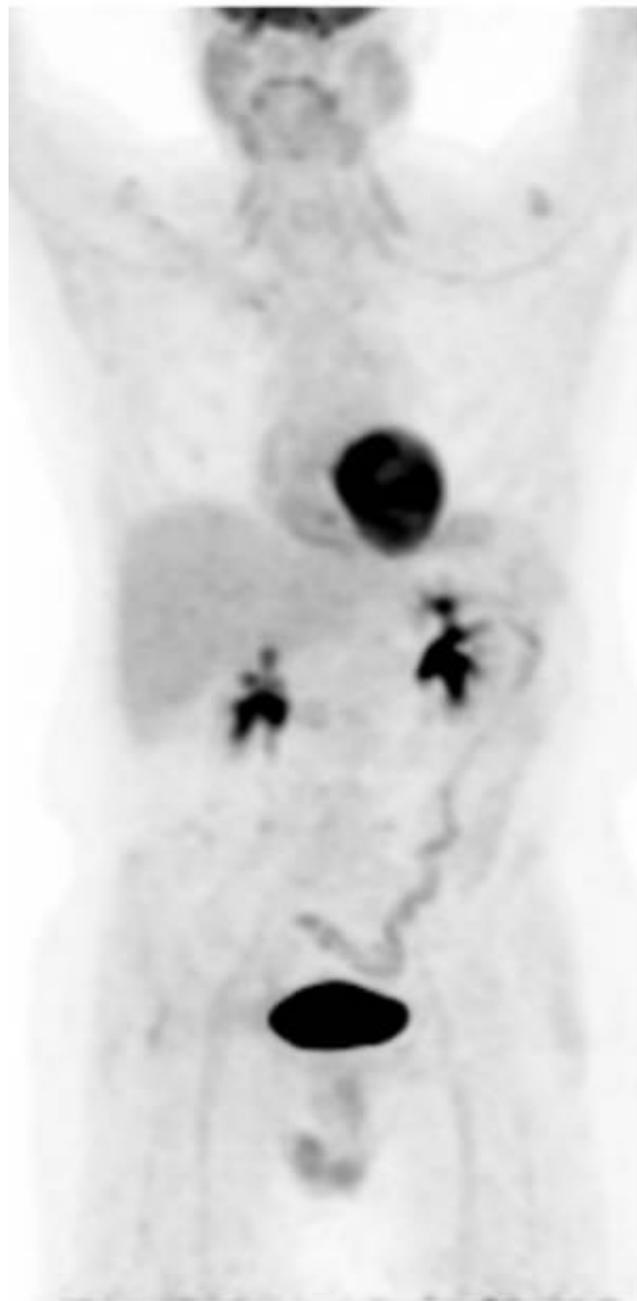
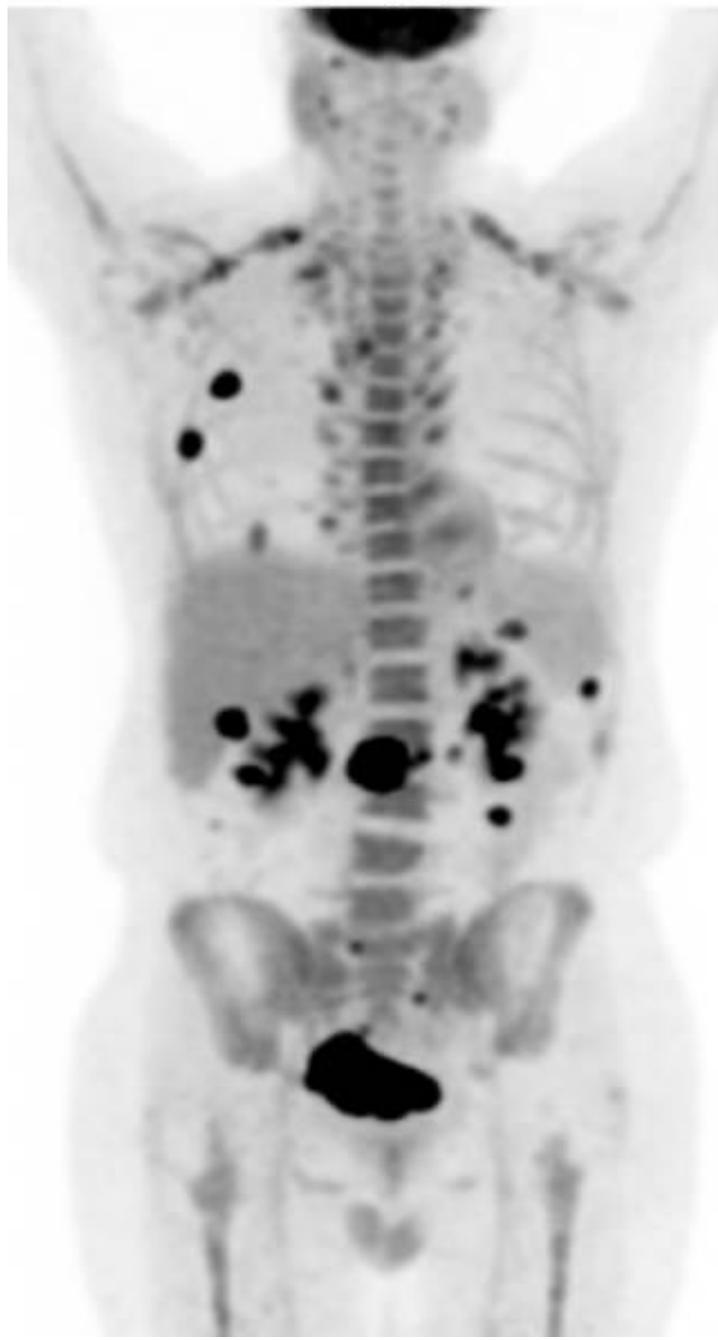
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## First-in-Human Data of ALLO-501A, an Allogeneic Chimeric Antigen Receptor (CAR) T Cell Therapy and ALLO-647 in Relapsed/Refractory Large B Cell Lymphoma (R/R LBCL): ALPHA2 Study.

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- Off the shelf allogeneic CAR-T
- TCR is KO to avoid GVHD.
- CD52 is also KO and anti-CD52 Ab is added to Flu-CTX to avoid rejection.
- Still suboptimal expansion
- Viral reactivations: letermovir to prevent CMV



# Primary Analysis of ZUMA-7: a Phase 3 Randomized Trial of Axicabtagene Ciloleucel Versus Standard-of-Care Therapy in Patients With Relapsed/Refractory Large B-Cell Lymphoma

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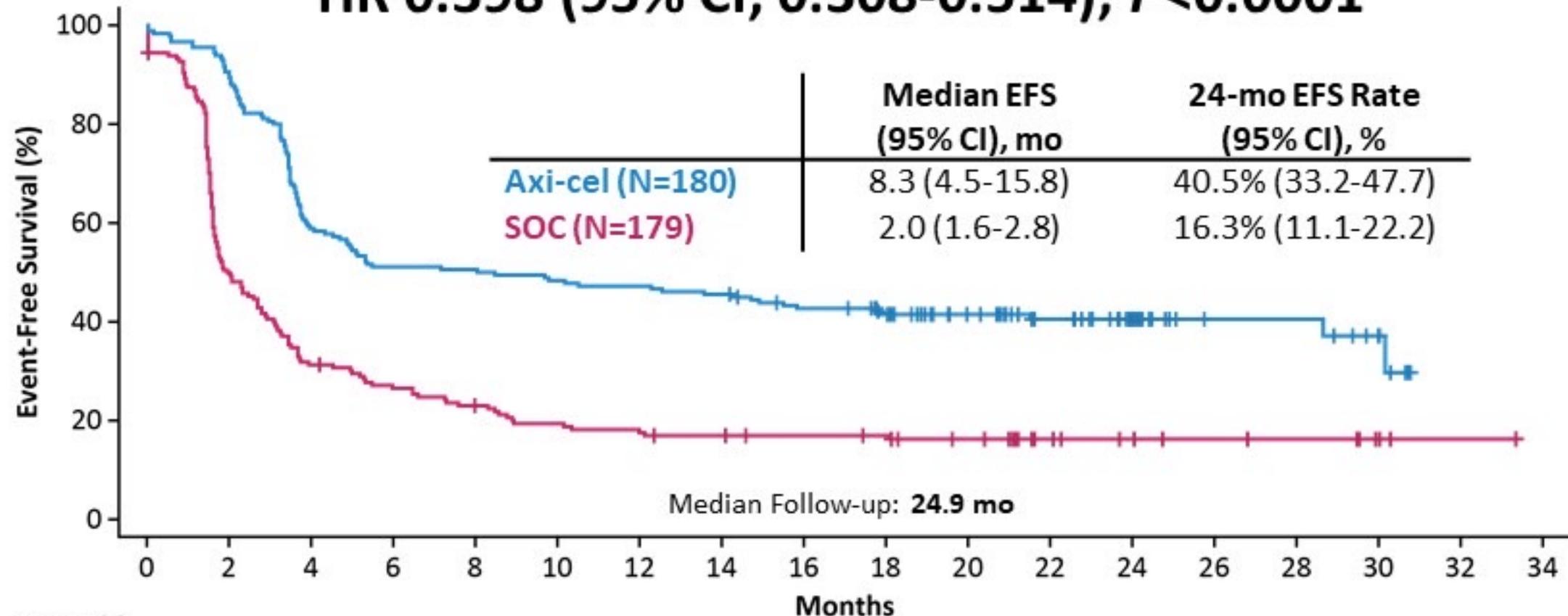
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**HR 0.398 (95% CI, 0.308-0.514);  $P < 0.0001$**

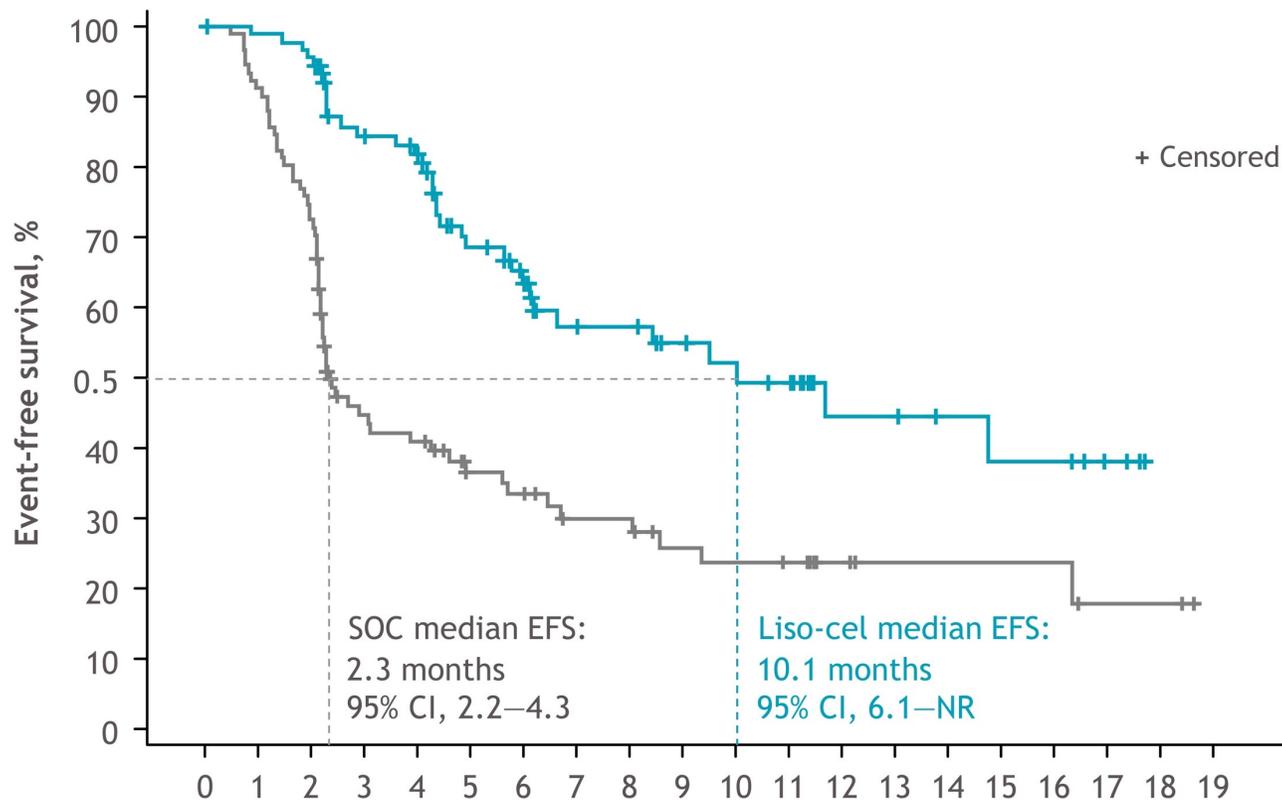


No. at Risk

|         |     |     |     |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |
|---------|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|---|---|
| Axi-cel | 180 | 163 | 106 | 92 | 91 | 87 | 85 | 82 | 74 | 67 | 52 | 40 | 26 | 12 | 12 | 6 |   |   |
| SOC     | 179 | 86  | 54  | 45 | 38 | 32 | 29 | 27 | 25 | 24 | 20 | 12 | 9  | 7  | 6  | 3 | 1 | 0 |

# TRANSFORM: Event-free survival per IRC (ITT set; primary endpoint)

Median follow-up in both arms: 6.2 months



SOC median EFS:  
2.3 months  
95% CI, 2.2–4.3

Liso-cel median EFS:  
10.1 months  
95% CI, 6.1–NR

| No. at risk  | 0  | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
|--------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Liso-cel arm | 92 | 89 | 86 | 66 | 62 | 43 | 36 | 27 | 26 | 21 | 19 | 17 | 9  | 9  | 7  | 6  | 6  | 4  | 0  |    |
| SOC arm      | 92 | 83 | 66 | 35 | 32 | 23 | 21 | 16 | 16 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 6  | 4  | 4  | 4  | 4  | 2  | 2  | 0  |

|                           | Liso-cel arm<br>(n = 92) | SOC arm<br>(n = 92) |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Patients with events, n   | 35                       | 63                  |
| Stratified HR (95% CI)    | 0.349 (0.229–0.530)      |                     |
|                           | <i>P</i> < 0.0001        |                     |
| 6-month EFS rate, % (SE)  | 63.3 (5.77)              | 33.4 (5.30)         |
| Two-sided 95% CI          | 52.0–74.7                | 23.0–43.8           |
| 12-month EFS rate, % (SE) | 44.5 (7.72)              | 23.7 (5.28)         |
| Two-sided 95% CI          | 29.4–59.6                | 13.4–34.1           |

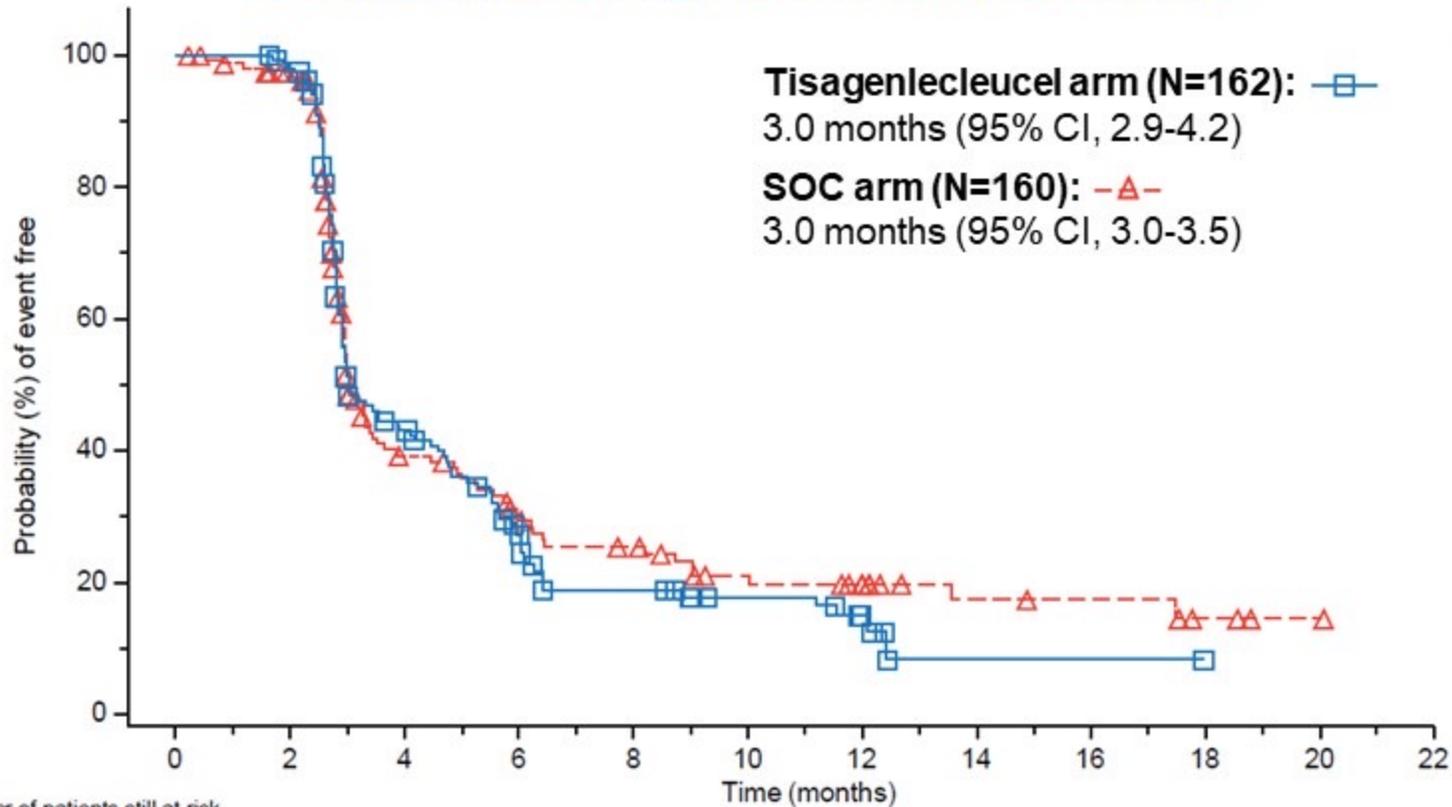
One-sided *P* value significance threshold to reject the null hypothesis was < 0.012

EFS is defined as the time from randomization to death due to any cause, progressive disease, failure to achieve CR or PR by 9 weeks post-randomization or start of a new antineoplastic therapy due to efficacy concerns, whichever occurs first.

CI, confidence interval; HR, hazard ratio; NR, not reached; SE, standard error.

# No Difference in EFS Between Treatment Arms

EFS per BIRC in Tisagenlecleucel and SOC Arms



| Number of patients still at risk |     | 0   | 2  | 4  | 6  | 8  | 10 | 12 | 14 | 16 | 18 | 20 | 22 |
|----------------------------------|-----|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Tisagenlecleucel arm             | 162 | 156 | 57 | 32 | 19 | 13 | 6  | 1  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| SOC arm                          | 160 | 148 | 45 | 31 | 25 | 17 | 12 | 7  | 6  | 3  | 1  | 0  | 0  |

- EFS<sup>a</sup> was not significantly different between treatment arms
  - Primary analysis:  
Stratified unadjusted HR: 1.07 (95% CI, 0.82-1.40, p<sup>b</sup>=0.69)
  - Supportive analysis:  
Stratified adjusted<sup>c</sup> HR: 0.95 (95% CI, 0.72-1.25)
  - 6 patients responded to tisagenlecleucel infusion, but were captured as an EFS event due to SD/PD before or soon after infusion<sup>d</sup>

<sup>a</sup>EFS events defined as PD/SD after day 71 or death at any time. <sup>b</sup>p-value derived from 1-sided stratified log-rank test. <sup>c</sup>Adjusted for for potential imbalances in patient characteristics with pre-specified covariates of age, sex, race, ECOG performance status, histological subgroup, disease stage, and disease subtype. <sup>d</sup>Stratified adjusted HR accounting for delayed responses in both arms yield HR of 0.84 (95% CI: 0.63, 1.12).

BIRC, blinded independent review committee; CI, confidence interval; EFS, event-free survival; HR, hazard ratio; OS, overall survival; PD, progressive disease; SD, stable disease; SOC, standard of care.

| TRIAL                         |                           | ZUMA-7          |       | BELINDA  |       | TRANSFORM   |      |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|-------|----------|-------|-------------|------|
|                               |                           | Axi-Cel         | SOC   | Tisa-Cel | SOC   | Liso-Cel    | SOC  |
|                               |                           | N=180           | N=179 | N=162    | N=160 | N=92        | N=92 |
| <b>Patient disposition</b>    |                           |                 |       |          |       |             |      |
| <b>CAR T infusion (%)</b>     |                           | 94              | N/A   | 96       | N/A   | 98          | N/A  |
|                               | Bridging (%)              | 65 <sup>b</sup> | N/A   | 83       | N/A   | 68          | N/A  |
|                               | Median days to infusion   | 13              | N/A   | 52       | N/A   | NR          | N/A  |
| <b>ASCT (%)</b>               |                           | N/A             | 36    | N/A      | 33    | N/A         | 47   |
| <b>Crossover to CAR T (%)</b> |                           | N/A             | 56    | N/A      | 51    | N/A         | 55   |
| <b>Efficacy</b>               |                           |                 |       |          |       |             |      |
|                               | Median follow-up (months) | 25              | 25    | 10       | 10    | 6           | 6    |
|                               | ORR (%)                   | 83              | 50    | 46       | 43    | 86          | 48   |
|                               | CR (%)                    | 65              | 32    | 28       | 28    | 66          | 39   |
|                               | EFS median (months)       | 8.3             | 2     | 3        | 3     | 10.1        | 2.3  |
|                               | PFS median (months)       | 14.7            | 3.7   | NR       | NR    | 14.8        | 5.7  |
|                               | OS median (months)        | Not reached     | 35.1  | NR       | NR    | Not reached | 16.4 |

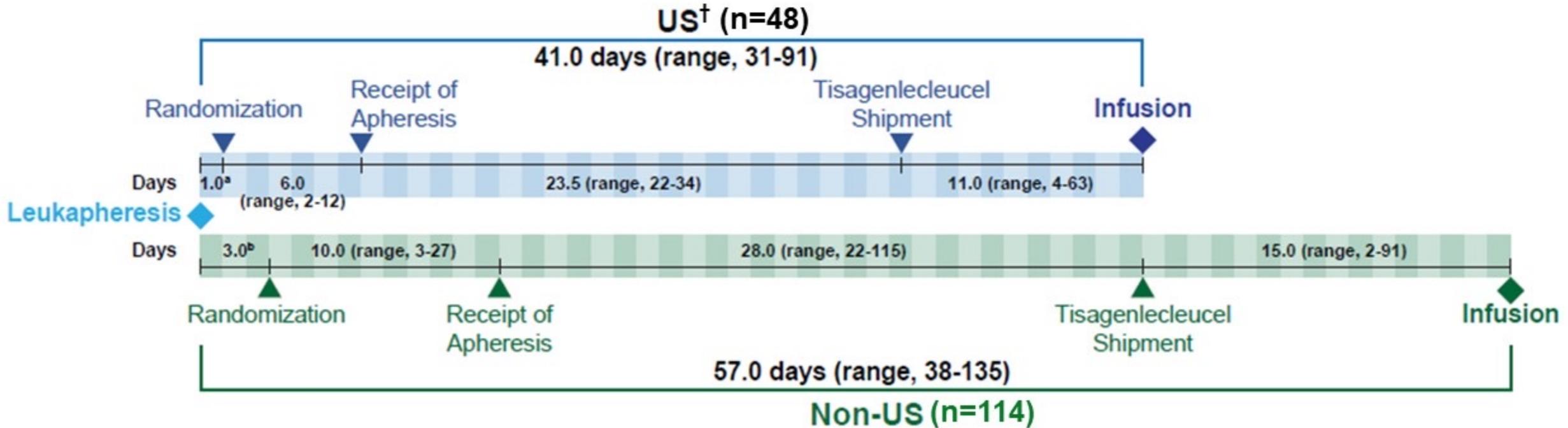
ZUMA-7 only allowed corticosteroids for bridging.

# Varying definitions of EFS in 2<sup>nd</sup> line CAR-T trials

- **ZUMA-7**: time from randomization to the earliest date of disease progression, commencement of new therapy for lymphoma, death from any cause, or a best response of stable disease up to and including the response on the day 150 assessment.
- **BELINDA**: time from randomization to stable or progressive disease at or after the week 12 assessment.
- **TRANSFORM**: time from randomization to death due to any cause, progressive disease, failure to achieve CR or PR by 9 weeks post randomization, or start of new antineoplastic therapy, whichever occurs first.

# Time to Tisagenlecleucel Infusion

- Median time to infusion for all patients on the Tisagenlecleucel arm was 52 days (range, 31-135)



†North America was a stratification factor, and all enrolled patients in this group were from the United States (US).

<sup>a</sup>range, 1-6 days. <sup>b</sup>range, 1-17 days

# Potential explanations for BELINDA Outcomes

- Design:
  - EFS definition
  - SOC allowed 2 lines of salvage
- Patient factors?
- Product:
  - Manufacturing time
  - Lower ORR/CR

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## Tisagenlecleucel vs Standard of Care as Second-Line Therapy of Primary Refractory or Relapsed Aggressive B-Cell Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma: Analysis of the Phase III BELINDA Study



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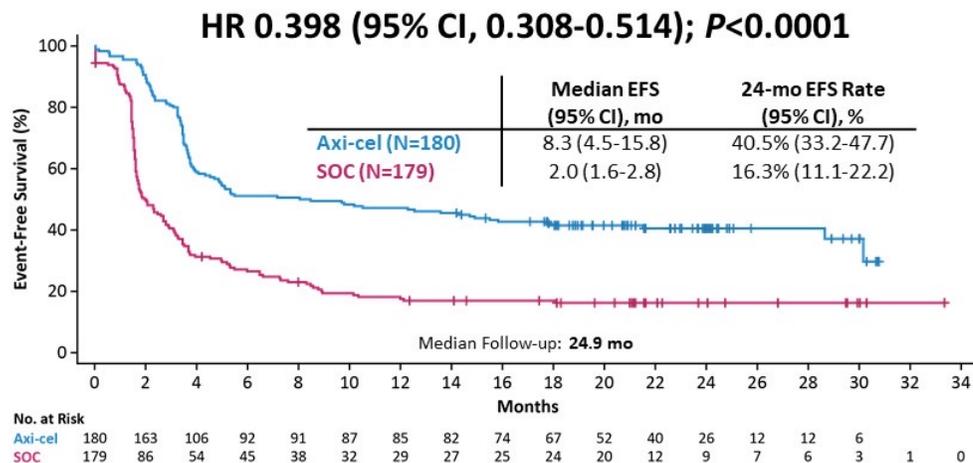
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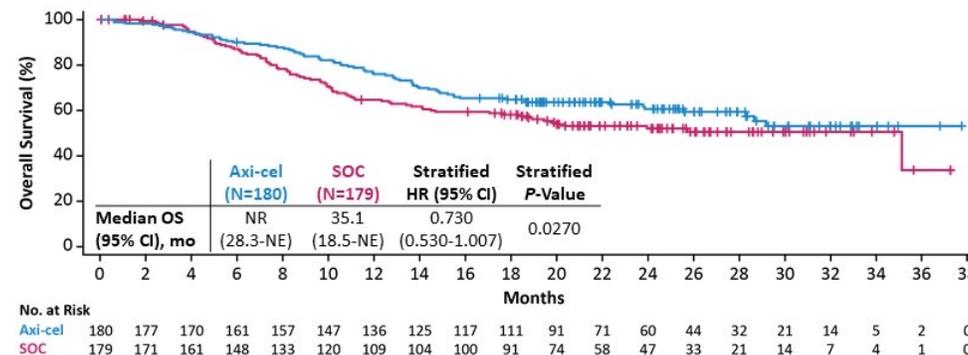
# EFS vs. OS as a primary endpoint for 2<sup>nd</sup> line CAR-T Trials

## Primary EFS Endpoint: Axi-cel is Superior to SOC



## Median OS, Evaluated as an Interim Analysis, Was Not Reached for Axi-cel Versus 35.1 Months for SOC

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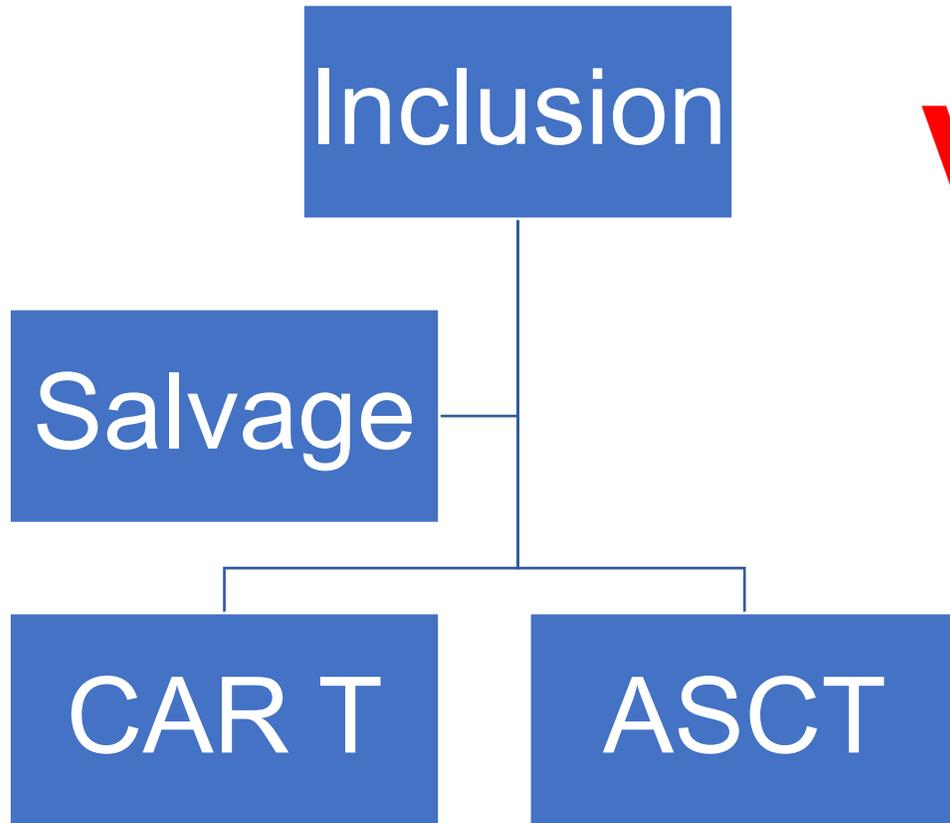


- 56% of SOC patients received subsequent cellular immunotherapy (off protocol)
- Preplanned sensitivity analysis<sup>a</sup> suggests an OS benefit, likely confounded by SOC treatment switching

<sup>a</sup> Analysis utilized the validated and commonly used Rank Preserving Structural Failure Time model, which preserves randomization as described by Robins and Tsiatis (Commun Stat Theory Methods. 1991;2609-2631), and revealed the difference in treatment effect if SOC patients did not receive subsequent cellular immunotherapy. Stratified hazard ratio was 0.580 (95% CI, 0.416-0.809).

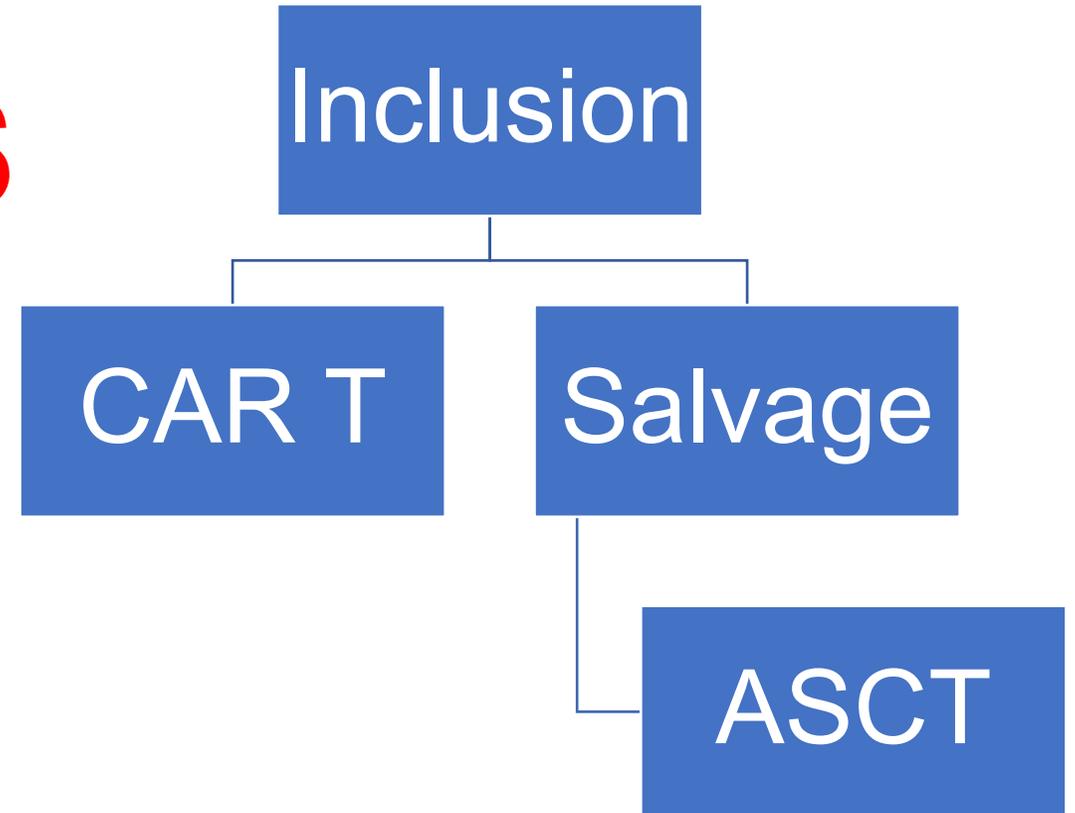
# Which is the better study design?

CAR T vs. ASCT



CAR T vs. Salvage CIT

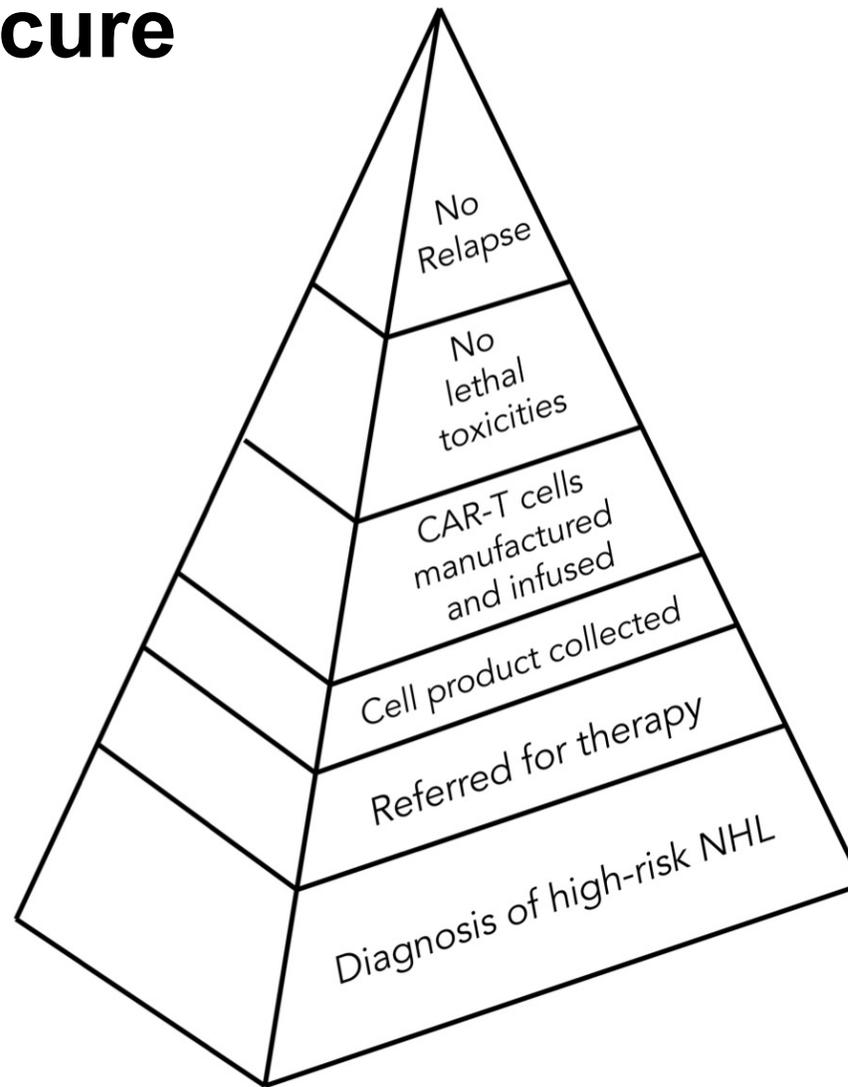
**VS**



# Are CAR-T therapies reaching enough patients?

- Short answer is (for most)....NO!
- Estimate of DLBCL cases in the US is approximately 25K/year
- Probably 10K patients eligible per FDA label (~5K relapsed, 5K refractory)
- *Probably <2500 patients per year treated <25% of patients who qualify*
- Likely similar underutilization rates to what we already see for both autologous and allogeneic transplantation

# From diagnosis to cure



# Where is CAR-T therapy for lymphoma in 2022?

- CAR-T therapies have truly shifted our treatment paradigm with unprecedented success in relapsed and refractory CD19+ lymphoma/leukemia
- *However...* treatments are associated with significant relapse rates, non-relapse mortality and cost
- Two of three 2<sup>nd</sup> line trials for high-risk are positive, but ASCT may still have benefit for those with chemosensitive relapse
- Dual targeting in lymphoma (eg., CD19/22) is theoretically promising but still unproven
- Bispecific antibody and other non-cellular technologies continue to improve
- With high costs (both for products and for care) access is limited even in the United States *a key challenge will be finding ways to sustainably provide access and develop new therapies*

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