UPDATE ON ENGINEERED CELL THERAPIES: CAR-T AND BEYOND

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Journey to CAR T approval



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Emily Whitehead Foundation @EWhiteheadFdn 🗇 🔳

10 years ago today we were at @CHOPCancerCntr preparing for Dr. Grupp to administer the first of three #CARTcell infusions to Emily.

In that moment there were still many unknowns, but we did know that if it worked it would make medical history. #ActivateTheCURE #10YearsofCART

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• 1st ALL patient treated in 2012

- Global registration trial began 2015
- ODAC July 2017
- FDA approval 8/30/17
- 1st CAR T approved
- 1st gene therapy approved in US
- 2022 cell and gene:
 - 6 CAR T (all heme malignancies)
 - 2 infused gene therapies (non cancer)



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Global, multicenter trial ALL registration study ELIANA

- ELIANA is a single arm global study with centralized manufacturing of tisagenlecleucel
- 25 sites in 11 countries across North America, Europe, Australia, and Asia
- Can we replicate the single arm trial?
- Could we see similar remission induction (~90%)
- Similar safety in outstanding centers that are new to CAR T?



FPFV=8 APR 2015 Data cutoff: 23 NOV 2016

High Response Rate; Median Duration of Remission Not Reached



Note: Only patients who achieved CR or CRi were included. Time is relative to onset of remission. ^a The response was unknown in 6 patients.

^b While in remission, 8 patients went on to stem-cell transplantation.

 $^\circ\,\text{MRD}$ negative = MRD < 0.01%, as assessed by flow cytometry.

CR, complete remission; CRi, complete remission with incomplete blood count recovery

- CR + CRi (within 3 months) 82% (65/79 infused; 95% CI, 72-90)^{a,b}
- 98% (64/65) MRD(-)
- RFS among responders
 - 12-month: 66% (95% CI, 52-77)
 - 18-month: 66% (95% CI, 52-77)
 - 24-month: 62% (95% CI, 47-75)
- OS among all infused patients
 - 12-month: 76% (95% CI, 65-85)
 - 18-month: 70% (95% CI, 58-79)
 - 24-month: 66% (95% CI, 54-76)

Median RFS Was 46.8 Months on ELIANA

RFS for Patients With a CR/CRi within 3 months 5-year RFS: 43.6% (95% CI, 31%-56%)



Note: RFS is without censoring for SCT and other cancer therapies

CR, complete remission; CRi, complete remission with incomplete blood count recovery; NE, not estimable; RFS, relapse-free survival.

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Cytokine Release Syndrome (CRS)

CRS is related to T cell expansion and may be necessary for efficacy

• Symptoms typically occur 1-14 days after CTL019 cell infusion in ALL



• Severity scales with disease burden

Cytokine Release Syndrome Associated With IFN-γ and IL-6



1. Maude SL et al. N Engl J Med. 2014;371:1507-1517.

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CHOP/PENN CRS MANAGEMENT

- Response based toxicity management (not grading based)
- Step 1 toci for unstable hypotension (most common) or other significant changes in clinical status
 - Second bolus in a short time start of unstable hypotension
 - Trigger for toci rapid decline, escalating single pressor, definitely 2^{nd} pressor. OR just PICU for one pressor
- Step 2 no change in 12-18 hrs methylpred 2 mg/kg or equiv
 - <u>rapid wean of steroids</u> after hypotension resolved



CHOP/PENN CRS MANAGEMENT

- Response based toxicity management (not grading based)
- Step 3 no improvement in 12-18 hrs 2^{nd} dose of toci
- Step 4 no improvement
 - consider siltuximab.

Alternatives? Maybe Gamifant (IFNg blockade)

IN FOCUS

Potential Role of IFNy Inhibition in Refractory Cytokine Release Syndrome Associated with CAR T-cell Therapy



SEVERE CRS

High ferritin levels suggest overlap between CRS and Macrophage Activation Syndrome (MAS/HLH)



CRS (usual

timing) is MAS

Similar cytokines

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EARLY/PRE-EMPTIVE CRS TREATMENT

- "Early toci" trial testing tocilizumab pre-emptive therapy N=70
- High disease burden (>=40% blasts) only N=15
- Single dose toci given at time of sustained fever (true CRS onset) to pre-empt grade 4 CRS
- Followed by standard CRS management for both high and low tumor burden cohorts

Kadauke et al, JCO, 2021

Risk-Adapted Preemptive Tocilizumab to Prevent Severe Cytokine Release Syndrome After CTL019 for Pediatric B-Cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia: A Prospective Clinical Trial

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EARLY/PRE-EMPTIVE CRS TREATMENT

- BOR 97%:
 - high tumor burden cohort (>=40%) 87% CR/CRi
 - low tumor burden cohort (<40%) 100% CR/CRi
- Study endpoint: 2/3 reduction in grade 4 CRS
- Study endpoint met
- No impact on:
 - CR rate
 - CAR expansion
 - CAR persistence
 - ICANS (neurotoxicity)



TRENDS IN INPATIENT & ICU ADMISSION FROM 2012-2019



Inpatient p Admission p = 0.032 (adjusted for HTB) -ICU Admission p = 0.001p = 0.151 (adjusted) for HTB)

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IS OUTPATIENT INFUSION OF CAR T POSSIBLE?

- >450 patients treated at CHOP (most ALL, most CD19 4-1BB CAR)
- >90% are infused in the outpatient clinic
- Observe for 1-2 hrs
- Each patient has a caretaker accompanying
- Stay within an hour (most are closer)
- 5 day/week CAR T clinic (not 7 days), see pts twice a week
- Admit for fever



PERSISTENT CAR T: BRIDGE TO SCT OR BRIDGE OVER SCT?

- 80% of CHOP patients do not go to BMT after CD19 CAR
- Monitor B cell aplasia monthly with peripheral CD19
- Bone marrow at 3 and 6 mo to look for MRD and hematogones
- Lower rate of CD19+ relapse as you get further out
- Reinfusion is an option, especially if B cell aplasia is lost after 3-4 months. Need LD chemo again.
- If the patient hits 6 mo and has B cell aplasia and is NGS MRD negative very low relapse (Pulsipher, Blood Cancer Discovery)



PROLONGED B CELL APLASIA (4-1BB CD19 CAR)





Kadauke et al, JCO, 2021

6 MONTHS IS AN INFLECTION POINT FOR RELAPSE RISK AFTER LOSS OF BCA (NOVARTIS ALL DATA)









NGS MRD (ADAPTIVE CLONOSEQ) IS HIGHLY PREDICTIVE



Pulsipher et al, Blood Cancer Discovery

Cell manufacturing matters



Bead addition



Bead removal

T-cell infusion

- CD3/CD28 beads: clinical scale up, no feeder cells required
- Expansion >10⁶-fold
- Repertoire preserved
- Maintains earlier T cell memory states
- Induction of telomerase: minimize replicative senescence

Levine BL, et al. *J Immunol.* 1997; 159: 5921-5930. Carroll RG, et al. *Science.* 1997; 276: 273-276. Weng NP, et al. *Immunol. Rev.* 1997; 160: 43-54. Humeau LM, et al. *Mol. Ther.* 2004; 9; 902-913.

GMP at UPenn CVPF – Best in class academic CAR T manufacturing



GMP at CHOP – new closed manufacturing

Miltenyi Prodigy



Lonza Cocoon



- Technology can help reduce FTE and space requirements
- RAPID MANUFACTURING
- Does short MFG time make better CAR T cells?
- Potential for "point of care"?



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ORAL ABSTRACTS

704.CELLULAR IMMUNOTHERAPIES: CLINICAL

A First-in-Human Study of YTB323, a Novel, Autologous CD19-Directed CAR-T Cell Therapy Manufactured Using the Novel T-Charge TM platform, for the Treatment of Patients (Pts) with Relapsed/Refractory (r/r) Diffuse Large B-Cell Lymphome (DLBCL)

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- Based on CTL019/tisa-cel
- ~2 day MFG
- ? Length of release testing?
- Closed system
- May not need bridging therapy
- More Tscm and Tcm cells
- Much lower dose
- MFG starts in the GMP and finishes in the patient

- The ultimate ex vivo biomarker is a POTENCY ASSAY
- Currently no potency assay that predicts key aspects of in vivo performance:
 - Proliferation
 - Persistence

CD19 CAR Outcomes in ALL With CNS Involvement

CNS cohort

- 66 (34%) patients CNS3 within 12 months of infusion
 Ranged from 1st to 6th relapse pre-CAR T
- 14 patients CNS2 and 4 patients CNS3 on day -1 (after LD)
 - 17 achieved CNS remission by 3 mo, 1 not evaluable
- 7/17 remain in continuous CR, 1 with SCT as long as 5 years
- Isolated CNS disease had better OS (91 vs. 71% at 2 years)

Entire cohort

- 98% of all patients treated have CTL019 detectable in CSF
- LPs out to 1 year demonstrate CTL019 in CSF
- 4% CNS relapses overall

Mechanisms of Relapse



Exceptional Responder Project

- Patient Population:
 - Pediatric long-term survivors of CD19 CAR T cell therapy who 5-10 years from CAR T therapy and with no further therapy
 - We have >40 patients that received CD19 CAR 5-10 years ago with viably frozen apheresis, manufactured cells, multiple time points post-infusion
 - Comparator population: Patients who experienced CD19+ relapse within six months of CTL019 infusion
- <u>CAR T cells to be sorted from longitudinal samples from each patient</u>
 - Pre-infusion manufactured CAR T cell product
 - CAR T cells from days 7-14, 28 days post-infusion
 - CAR T cells from one-time large volume draw at >5 years from infusion
- <u>Planned analysis</u>:
 - Simultaneous scRNA-seq and scATAC-seq using the 10x Multiome pipeline

CART22-65s in CD19 escape ALL CR rate 77%, RFS 40%



#1 problem in ALL CAR T is CD19 escape: Stanford bispecific CD19/CD22 CAR trial – ALL results



Spiegel et al Nature Medicine 2021





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CART22-65s Co-Administered with huCART19 in Adult Patients with Relapsed or Refractory Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia

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huCART19 and CART22-65s have distinct cellular kinetics



CART22-65s



huCART19

Different peak expansions correlate with distinct CRS events





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Response

CART19 and CART22: (N=13)

- 13 pts infused
- 11 pts evaluable D28
- 11 CR/CRi (MRD)

Med follow up 11.8 mo:

🐺 Penn Medicine

- One pt with molecular recurrence
- 10 with ongoing CR/CRi





ALLOGENEIC CAR T-CELLS The concept of off-the-shelf CAR T-cells





- Allogeneic CAR T-cells have the potential to benefit multiple patients from a single manufacturing batch
- Successful GMP manufacturing of UCART products
- Full QC system in place, cleared for clinical trials in the EU and by the FDA



One Leukopack can yield 100s of doses

OFF THE SHELF CAR T: PROS

- Manufacturing cost could be much less
- Off the shelf = More rapidly available
- No need for patient apheresis, patient specific product
- No concerns about patient T cell status or prior chemo
- Multiple cell modifications much more feasible
- SO much easier, could be cheaper
- Neutral probably similar CRS and neurotoxicity risks as autologous CARs



OFF THE SHELF CAR T: CONS

- Cells are allogeneic and subject to rapid rejection
- Is the fix reinfusion/multiple doses?
- GVHD risk depends on TCR+ cells
- GVHD can include TaGVHD (transfusion-associated)
- May need stronger LD chemo +/- Campath
- True rejection will likely not be reversible; does rejection preclude reinfusion?
- Chromosomal aberrations are seen



Execution matters



Phari @Phari · Jul 7

Great **Abecma squeeze** continues.. about 1 in 9 pts get a slot to even collect T cells .. Its a travesty when an effective drug is just out of reach for waiting MM pts. My heart goes out to those who waited for CART approval @MediHumdani @BldCancerDoc @myelomacrowd @End_myeloma

NON-CANCER APPLICATIONS OF ENGINEERED CELL THERAPY

- FDA approved: Zynteglo for transfusiondependent thalassemia, Skysona for cALD
- 2023: Lentiglobin and exa-cel for sickle cell disease
- These are autologous products which are gene modified bone marrow stem cells
- Examples of
 - gene insertion (beti-cel, Bluebird Bio) and
 - gene editing (exa-cel, Vertex)



Active Stem Cell Based Gene Therapy Clinical Trials for Non-Malignant Diseases

Hemoglobinopathie

Product	Sponsor	Strategy	Diseases	Age (y)
Lentiglobin BB305	bluebird bio	LV Gene addition: β-globin	SCD, BTM	2-50
BCH_BB- LCR shRNA(miR)	Boston Children's	LV Gene addition: shRNA targeting BCL11a	SCD	3-40
Lenti/G- βAS3-FB	UCLA	LV Gene addition: β-globin	SCD	>18
GLOBE1	Multiple	LV Gene addition: β -globin	SCD, BTM	5-35
TNS9.3.55	Mem Sloan Kettering	LV Gene addition: β-globin	BTM	>18
CSL200	CSL Behring	LV Gene addition: γ-globin + shRNA734	SCD	18-45
CTX001	Vertex	CRISPR-CAS9 Gene editing: BCL11a	SCD, BTM	12-35
OTQ923/HI X763	Novartis	CRISPR-CAS9 Gene editing: BCL11a	SCD	2-40
BIVV003	Bioverativ	ZFN Gene editing: BCL11a	SCD	18-40

Primary Immune Deficiencies

Product	Sponsor	Strategy	Diseases	Age (y)
OTL-101	Orchard	LV Gene addition: ADA	ADA-SCID	< 18
AProArt	UCSF	LV Gene addition: DCLRE1C	Artemis-SCID	> 2mth
SIN-LV- RAG1	Leiden Univ	LV Gene addition: RAG1	RAG-1 SCID	< 2
G2SCID	Boston Child	LV Gene addition: IL2RG	X-linked SCID	≤ 5
CL20-i4- EF1α- hγc-OPT	Multiple (Mustang)	LV Gene addition: IL2RG	X-linked SCID	varies
OTL-103	Orchard	LV Gene addition: WAS	Wiskott-Aldrich	> 5
G1XCGD	Genethon	LV Gene addition: CYBB	X-linked CGD	> 2

Neurologic, Metabolic, and BMF Disorders

Product	Sponsor	Strategy	Diseases	Age (y)
OTL-200	Orchard	LV Gene addition: Arylsulfatase A	MLD	0-7
Lenti-D	bluebird bio	LV Gene addition: ABCD1	cALD	0-17
IDUA	IRCCS San Raffaele	LV Gene addition: α-L- iduronidase	MPS-1 (Hurler's)	0-11
RP-L401	Rocket	LV Gene addition: TCIRG1	Infantile Osteopetrosis	> 1mth
RP-L102	Rocket	LV Gene addition: FANCA	Fanconi Anemia	> 1

bbb beta-thal study – gene addition

Thompson et al. ASH 2021. Abstract 148177

Betibeglogene autotemcel (beti-cel) ex vivo gene therapy for TDT

Transfusion-dependent β-thalassemia (TDT) is a severe, progressive genetic disease caused by mutations in the β-globin gene resulting in absent or significantly reduced adult hemoglobin, HbA, that normally accounts for approximately 95% of the total Hb in the blood of adults after 6 months of age^{1,2}



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> For reactive use by Medical Affairs in response to unsolicited requests from HCPs and payers. betibeglogene autotemcel is an investigational treatment in the US and has not been approved by the US FDA

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Lentiviral transduction concerns

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BRIEF REPORT

Acute Myeloid Leukemia Case after Gene Therapy for Sickle Cell Disease

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CRISPR EDITING TRIAL FOR HEMOGLOBINOPATHIES

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Opportunities for Improvement in Cell Therapy

- Cost!
- Manufacturing is first generation. There are HUGE opportunities for better MFG – speed, success rates, cost of goods, automation
- How do we pay for this?
 - Kymriah (tisa-cel) \$475K (ALL), Zolgensma \$2.1M
 Zynteglo (beti-cel) \$2.8M (US)
 - Value-based pricing: tisa-cel (ALL) has a value/outcome based agreement
 - Pay over time models

Key Cellular Therapy Assets in Development - Competitive Landscape In Oncology

