


Immune Based Treatment Options in Lymphoma: CAR-t cells

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Coley's toxin

Sometimes referred to as MBV (for mixed bacterial vaccine), Coley's toxin was the first attempt to use immunotherapy and experience against cancer. William B. Coley, MD, shows a patient of his, from 1891 to 1908, developed interest when his first patient, a young girl, died from metastatic sarcoma.

New York Times - July 29, 1908


ERYSIPELAS GERMS AS CURE FOR CANCER

Dr. Coley's Remedy of Mixed Toxins Makes One Disease Cast Out the Other.

MANY CASES CURED HERE

Physician Has Used the Cure for 15 Years and Treated 430 Cases—Probably 150 Sure Cures.

Following news from St. Louis that two men have been cured of cancer in the City Hospital there by the use of a fluid discovered by Dr. William B. Coley of New York it came out yesterday.



The Case for Cancer Cellular Therapy

- Immunotherapy is a “living drug”
- Immune system can evolve to treat the tumor
- Immunotherapy can cure some cancers

TRADITIONAL DRUGS
Target the tumor

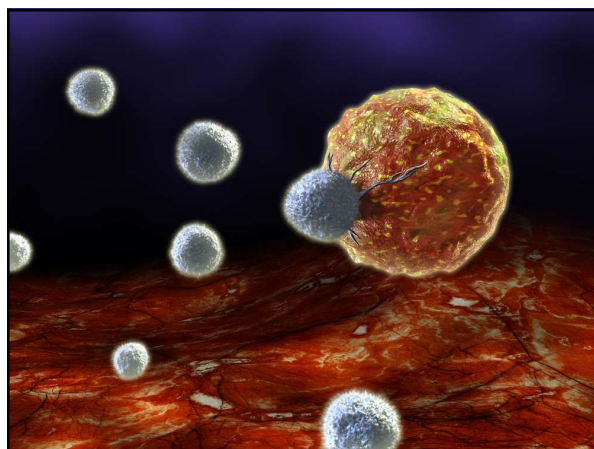
Static attack

IMMUNOTHERAPY
Help the immune system target the tumor

Immune system
Dynamic attack, followed to the tumor

<http://www.cancerresearch.org/>



Northwestern Medicine
Presented By Carl June at 2016 ASCO Annual Meeting



Graft vs. Leukemia/Lymphoma: The case for allogeneic transplant

Group	Relapse Rate at 72 Months
Tumor (N=70)	~0.65
Total depletion (N=40)	~0.55
No GvHD (N=433)	~0.45
AGvHD only (N=738)	~0.35
CGvHD only (N=127)	~0.30
AGvHD + CGvHD (N=493)	~0.25

- Presence of GvHD reduces the likelihood of recurrence in leukemia patients who had an allogeneic transplant.
- Provided rationale for “mini” transplants to take advantage of GvL effect without high dose chemotherapy

CAR Design: Critical Elements

CAR T cells are genetically altered to express CAR on the cell surface.

T Cell Receptor
 APC
 pMHC
 TCR
 T Cell
 CD3 ζ
 CD28
 CD28L

Chimeric Antigen Receptor
 scFv: recognize tumor surface proteins
 Costimulatory Signal 2: CD28 or 4-1BB or OX40
 Essential Signal 1: CD3 ζ
 Activation Independent of MHC
 Limited to cell surface proteins

CAR Construct: CD28 vs 4-1BB

BBz CAR
 CAR specific activation
 Persistence
 Central memory
 IFN γ
 Mitochondrial biogenesis
 Oxidative metabolism

2Bz CAR
 CAR specific activation
 Persistence
 Effector memory
 IFN γ
 Mitochondrial biogenesis
 Glycolytic metabolism

Kalawekar et al, 2016

CAR Construct: Antigen Selection

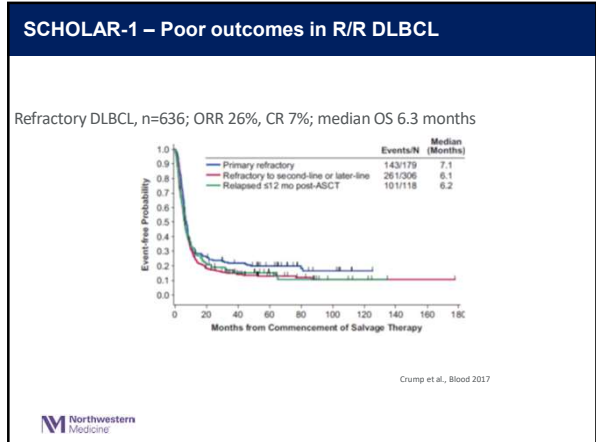
- CD19 expression is generally restricted to B cells and B cell precursors¹
- CD19 is not expressed on hematopoietic stem cells or other tissue
- CD19 is expressed by most B-cell malignancies
 - CLL, B-ALL, DLBCL, FL, MCL

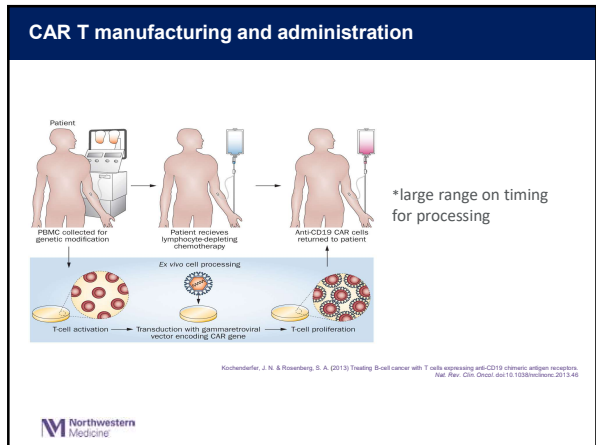
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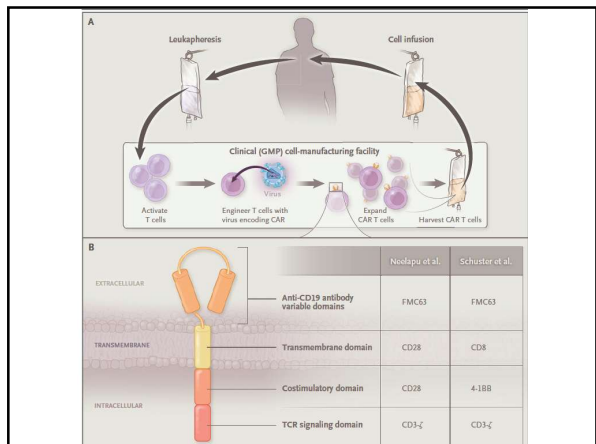
pre-B-ALL
 B cell lymphomas and leukemias

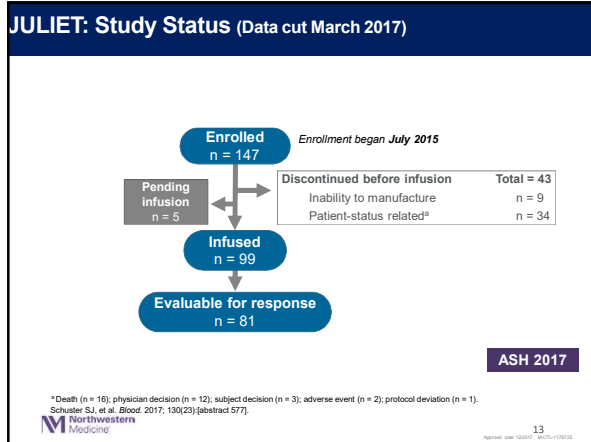
Hematopoietic stem cell → Pro-B → Pre-B → Immature (IgM) → Mature (IgM, IgD) → Activated B cell → Memory B cell (IgG, IgA) → Plasma cell (IgG)

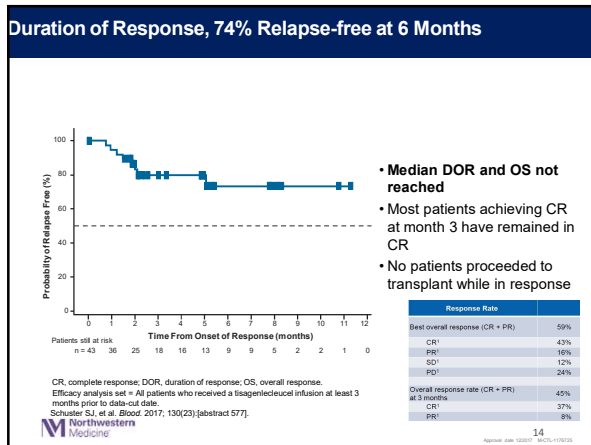
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JULIET: Adverse Events of Special Interest

	(N = 99)		
	All grade, %	Grade 3, %	Grade 4, %
AES ^a			
Cytokine release syndrome ^b	58	15	8
Neurological events	21	8	4
Prolonged cytopenia ^c	36	15	12
Infections	34	18	2
Febrile neutropenia	13	11	2

- No deaths attributed to tisagenlecleucel, CRS or cerebral edema
- 26 (26%) patients were infused as outpatients
- 20/26 (77%) patients remained outpatient for ≥ 3 days after infusion

* Occurring within 8 weeks of tisagenlecleucel infusion. ^b Cytokine release syndrome was graded using the Penn scale. ^c At day 28.
 AESI, adverse events of special interest.
 Schuster SJ, et al. Blood. 2017; 130(23):abstract 577.
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 ASH 2017
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 Abstract ID: 5777 - 5/23/17/2017

High Durable CR Rates in R/R Aggressive B-NHL Treated with JCAR017 (Iisocabtagene maraleucel; liso-cel) (TRANSCEND NHL 001): Defined Composition CD19-Directed CAR T Cell Product Allows for Dose Finding and Definition of Pivotal Cohort

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JCAR017 (Iisocabtagene maraleucel; liso-cel)
CD19-Directed Defined Cell Product

- Immunomagnetic selection
- Lentivirus transduction
- Expansion
- Formulated at specified composition of CD4⁺ and CD8⁺ CAR⁺ T cells
- Administered at pre-set doses of CD4⁺ and CD8⁺ CAR⁺ T cells

Legend:
● CD4⁺ (targets tumor)
● CD8⁺ (targets tumor, supports persistence)
● Other PBMC Cell Types



Multicenter, Seamless Design Pivotal Trial
(TRANSCEND NHL 001; NCT02631044)

Dose Finding^a (DF) Cohorts

- 5 × 10⁶ cells (DL1), single dose (S)^b
- 5 × 10⁶ cells (DL1), double dose (D)^c
- 1 × 10⁶ cells (DL2), single dose (S)^b

Dose Expansion^a (DE) Cohorts

- DL1S
- DL2S

Pivotal DLBCL Cohort

- DL2S

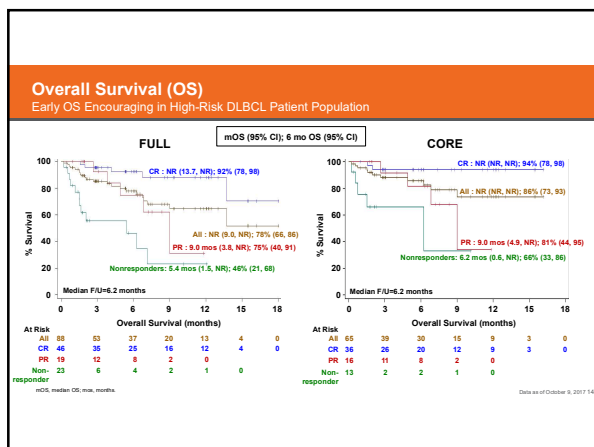
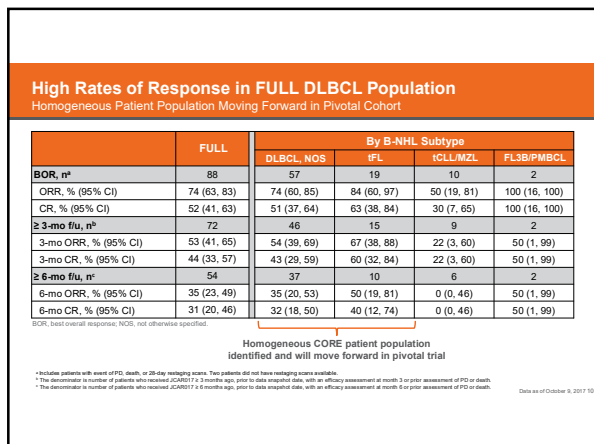
Data will be presented from DF and DE DLBCL cohorts

- 91 patients treated (FULL)^d
- 67 patients treated in identified pivotal patient population (CORE)^e

Enrollment ongoing for pivotal patient population

^a Disease-specific Dose Finding and Dose Expansion cohorts enrolled DLBCL and MCL1
^b Administered on Day 1
^c Administered on Day 1 and Day 14
^d DL1S, DL1, DL2, DL2S, DL2S de novo and transformed from any indolent lymphoma, ECOG 0-2
^e DL1S, DL2, DL2S, DL2S de novo and transformed from FL, ECOG 0-1, High grade B-cell lymphoma





TRANSCEND NHL 001: Conclusions

- JCAR017 (lisocabtagene maraleucel; liso-cel), a CD19-directed CAR T cell product with defined composition, shows potent and durable responses in poor-prognosis patients with R/R aggressive NHL
- The pivotal cohort has begun enrollment in the CORE population based on encouraging durable response rate at dose level 2
 - 74% ORR and 68% CR rate at 3 months and 50% CR at 6 months
 - Across dose levels, 80% of patients in CR at 3 months remain in response at month 6 and 92% of patients in CR at 6 months remain in response
- Liso-cel toxicities have been manageable at all dose levels tested with a favorable safety profile that may enable outpatient administration
 - Low rates of severe CRS (1%) and NT (12%)
 - Evaluation of outpatient administration is ongoing in pivotal cohort (Maloney et al, abstract 1552)
- Optimized, commercial-ready liso-cel defined cell product being utilized for pivotal cohort with expected apheresis to product release < 21 days

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Kymriah™ is Cost-Effective at the Current List Price in the US

- Based on the current list price of \$475,000, Kymriah is cost-effective compared to other treatments, with incremental costs per QALY gained ranging from \$18,212 to \$95,489

	Kymriah™	Clofarabine monotherapy	Clofarabine combination	Blinatumomab	Salvage chemotherapy	Second SCT
Total Costs (2016 \$)	\$651,496	\$253,233	\$369,799	\$303,440	\$433,328	\$609,418
Effectiveness: QALYs	5.07	0.77	1.43	1.42	2.75	2.76
Incremental costs per QALY gained (Kymriah™ vs. comparator)	-	\$92,778	\$77,424	\$95,489	\$94,185	\$18,212

Base-case scenario: \$475,000 price for Kymriah; 20-year time horizon; 3% discount rate; Kymriah™ efficacy based on pooled three trial data (B2202, B2101J, and B2205J); efficacy benefit, cost and disabilities associated with subsequent SCT is considered

Hsu Y, et al. Blood. 2017;130(27):abstract 609

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Treatment of Newly Diagnosed DLBCL in 2018

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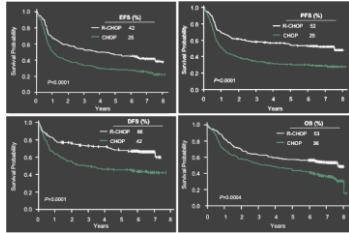
WHO Classification of Aggressive B- Cell Lymphoid Neoplasms 2008 v 2016

2008	2016
Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma (DLBCL), NOS	Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma (DLBCL), NOS
- OPTIONAL Germinal Center/Activated B cell	- REQUIRED Germinal Center DLBCL
	- REQUIRED ABC-DLBCL
- T cell/histiocyte-rich large B-cell lymphoma	- T cell/histiocyte-rich large B-cell lymphoma
- Primary DLBCL of the CNS	- Primary DLBCL of the CNS
- Primary cutaneous DLBCL, leg type	- Primary cutaneous DLBCL, leg type
- EBV positive DLBCL, NOS	- EBV positive DLBCL, NOS
- EBV+ Mucocutaneous ulcer	- EBV+ Mucocutaneous ulcer
DLBCL associated with chronic inflammation	DLBCL associated with chronic inflammation
Lymphomatoid granulomatosis	Lymphomatoid granulomatosis
Primary mediastinal (thymic) large B-cell lymphoma	Primary mediastinal (thymic) large B-cell lymphoma
Intravascular large B-cell lymphoma	Intravascular large B-cell lymphoma
ALK positive large B-cell lymphoma	ALK positive large B-cell lymphoma
Plasmablastic lymphoma	Plasmablastic lymphoma
Primary effusion lymphoma	Primary effusion lymphoma
Large B-cell lymphoma arising in HHV8-associated multicentric Castlemans Dis	HHV8 positive DLBCL, NOS
High grade B-cell lymphoma, NOS	High grade B-cell lymphoma, with MYC and BCL2 and/or BCL6 rearrangements
	High grade B-cell lymphoma, NOS
	B-cell lymphoma, unclassifiable, with features intermediate between DLBCL and classical Hodgkin lymphoma

Swerdlow et al. Blood (2016) <http://dx.doi.org/10.1182/blood-2016-05-643103> including Precursor Neoplasms

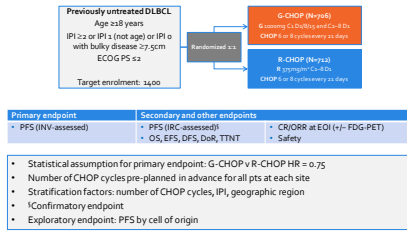
International Standard of Care: R-CHOP

Rituximab 375 mg/m² day 1
 Cyclophosphamide 750 mg/m² day 1
 Doxorubicin 50 mg/m² day 1
 Vincristine 1.4 mg/m² day 1 (2 mg max)
 Prednisone 40 mg/m² (or 100 mg) daily x 5
 Age ≥ 60 Pegfilgrastim 6 mg subcut day 2
 Original: GELA LNH-98-5 confirmed in multiple studies



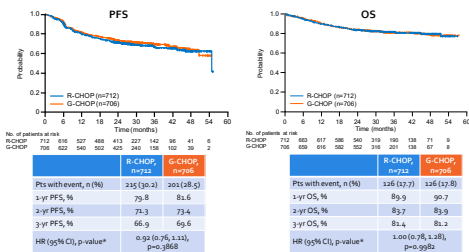
Coiffier et al. ASCO 2007. Abstract 8009.

GOYA R-CHOP v G-CHOP for DLBCL: Study design



Vitolo U, et al. ASH 2015 Abstract 470

GOYA: Investigator-assessed PFS and OS



Vitolo U, et al. ASH 2015 Abstract 470

*Stratified analysis, stratification factors: IPI score, number of planned chemotherapy cycles. Median follow-up: 29 months

Dose-Adjusted (DA)-EPOCH-R

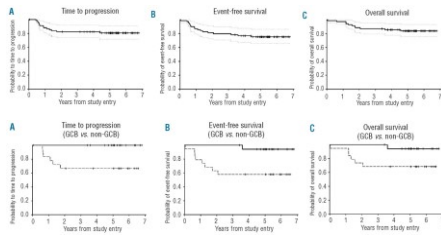
Drug	Dose
Rituximab	375 mg/m ² day 1 IVPB
Doxorubicin	10 mg/m ² /day x 4 by CI
Vincristine	0.4 mg/m ² /day x 4 by CI
Etoposide	50 mg/m ² /day x 4 by CI
Cyclophosphamide	750 mg/m ² day 5 IVPB
Prednisone	60 mg/m ² BID days 1-5 oral
Filgrastim*	Weight-adjusted dose starting day 5 until ANC > 5000/ μ L

*Data from MSKCC showed identical rate of dose-adjustment with filgrastim or pegfilgrastim

- Dosed every 21 days if ANC > 1/ μ L and PLT5 > 100K/ μ L
- Dose-adjusted based on ANC nadir:
 - >500/ μ L, increase cytotoxic drugs by 20%
 - <500/ μ L for 1-3 days, no change
 - <500/ μ L for >3 days or FN, decrease cytotoxic drugs by 20%

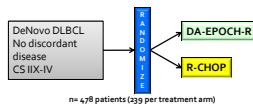
Wilson, J Clin Oncol 2008 26: 2727-2734; Lunning et al. SHO, abstract

CALGB 59910: Multi-Center DA-EPOCH-R, Outcomes



Wilson W H et al. Haematologica 2014;97:758-765

CALGB 50303: DA-EPOCH-R vs RCHOP21

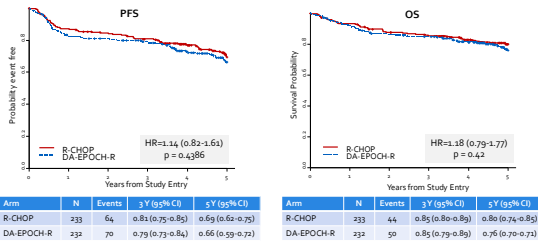


n= 478 patients (239 per treatment arm)

- **OBJECTIVES:**
 - **Primary**
 - EFS untreated de novo DLBCL treated with RCHOP vs DA-R-EPOCH
 - Determine molecular predictors of outcome (using molecular profiling) in patients treated with these regimens.
 - **Secondary**
 - Compare ORR and OS
 - Compare the toxicity of these regimens in these patients.
 - Correlate the clinical parameters (i.e., toxicity, response, survival outcomes, and laboratory results) with molecular profiling in patients treated with these regimens.
 - Determine the use of molecular profiling for pathological diagnosis
 - PET/CT parameters as potential biomarker, predictive value of interim PET, reproducibility and standardization of PET/CT

Wilson et al. ASH 2016, Abstract 489

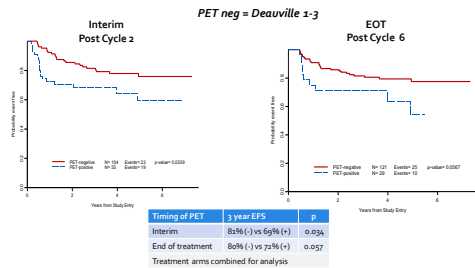
CALGB 50303: Event-Free and Overall Survival



Additional analyses pending including outcome by COO, DH and DE

Wilson et al. ASH 2016, Abstract 489

CALG 50303: PET Sub-study n=171

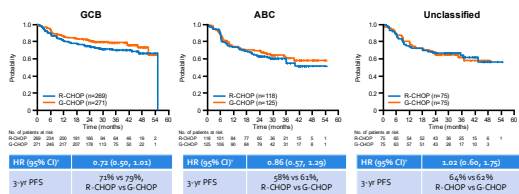


Schoder, HJ, Menton, France 2015; Wilson et al. ASH 2016, Abstract 489

Methods for determination of COO

- Gene Expression Profiling on fresh tissue
 - 'The gold standard'
 - Not practically applicable in clinical practice
- Immunohistochemistry
 - Widely available
 - Reproducibility may be difficult
 - Many assays (Hans, Choi, Muris, Natkurman, Tally)
 - Lack of correlation with GEP in many studies
- GEP of formalin-fixed paraffin-embedded (FFPE) tissue
 - Multiple platforms
 - Hybrid capture/fluorescent reporter emerging as a widely validated assay

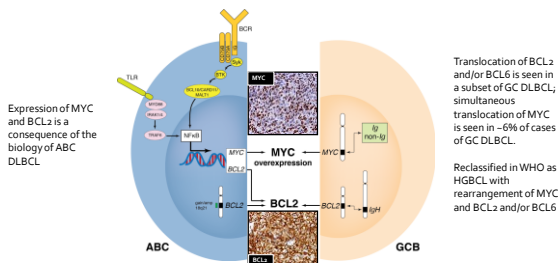
GOYA: COO is prognostic



*Exploratory analysis; COO classification available in 933 pts; missing COO classifications due to restricted Chinese export license, n=351; CD20+ DLBCL not confirmed, n=100; missing/inadequate tissue, n=331; PFS HR=0.82 (0.64, 1.04) in pts with COO classification; PFS HR=1.18 (0.85, 1.64) in pts without COO classification
 †Unstratified analysis

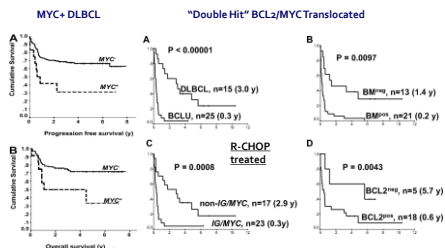
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Double-Hit B-cell Lymphomas



Mottack & Gascoyne, CCR 2014

MYC Translocation in DLBCL Associated with Poor Outcomes with CHOP-based Therapy

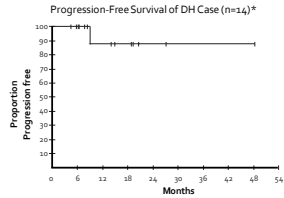


Savage KJ et al. Blood 2009; Johnson NA et al. Blood 2009

DA-EPOCH-R for DLBCL with translocation of MYC and BCL2 and/or BCL6

Characteristic	
Number	52
Median age	61 y (29-80)
IPI Score	
0-2	35%
3-5	65%
Histology	
DLBCL	86%
BCL-U	14%
BCL2 translocated by FISH	14/31*

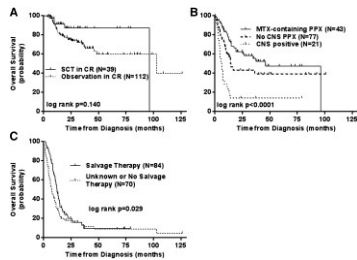
*31 of 52 tested



*Cases were censored if they were transplanted; number censored for transplant NOT REPORTED

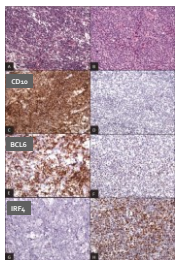
Dunleavy, ASH 2015

Impact of induction regimen and SCT on outcomes in DH lymphoma: a multicenter retrospective analysis



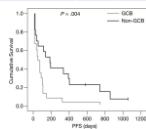
Adam M. Petrich et al. Blood 2014;124:1354-1361

Lenalidomide for DLBCL: Impact of Cell of Origin

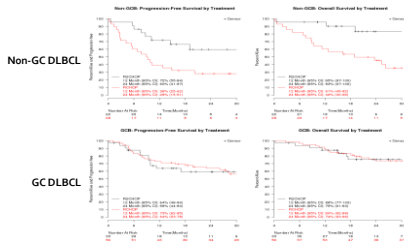


Hernandez-Ilizaliturri et al, Cancer 2011;117:959

	All	GCB	Non-GCB
Lenalidomide cycles			
Median (Range)	2 (1-35)	2 (1-10)	4 (1-35)
Response			
CR	6 (5/5)	1 (1/1)	5 (9/1)
PR	5 (5/5)	1 (1/1)	4 (9/9)
SD	7 (0/9)	7 (0/1)	0
PD	2 (1/5)	1 (1/1)	7 (1/1)
Unknown	1 (1/1)	0	1 (1/1)
OS (CR+PR)			
Median (95% CI)	14 (9/1)	18 (1/1)	23 (1/1)
PFS, mo			
Median	2.6	1.7	5.3
95% CI	0.9-4.3	0.3-3.1	1.9-9.6

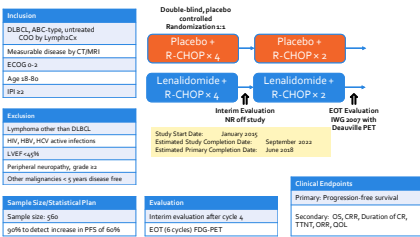


Mayo Series: Outcomes for RL-CHOP v R-CHOP Case Match Control by Cell of Origin



Nowakowski et al. ASH 2012, ASCO 2014

ROBUST (NCT02285062): Lenalidomide Plus R-CHOP Chemotherapy (R2-CHOP) Versus Placebo Plus R-CHOP Chemotherapy in Subjects With Untreated ABC-DLBCL, Phase 3, double-blind, placebo-controlled



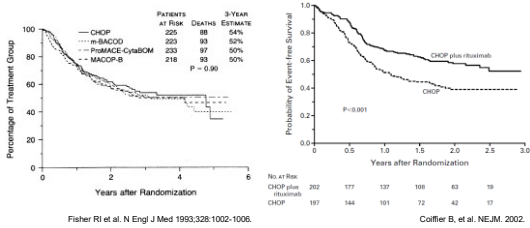
Conclusions

- DLBCL should always be approached with curative intent
 - The majority of patients will be cured with R-CHOP
 - R-CHOP remains the standard of care for de novo DLBCL in most situations
 - DA-R-EPOCH is a reasonable alternative with OS ~80% at 5 years
 - No difference in EFS and OS
 - G-CHOP does not appear to be better than R-CHOP for newly diagnosed DLBCL
- Not all DLBCL are created equally
 - GCB versus non-GCB
 - Data is limited for GCB versus non-GCB
- MYC alteration and Double Hit DLBCL remain challenging
- Many novel agents and approaches are in development and warrant further investigation

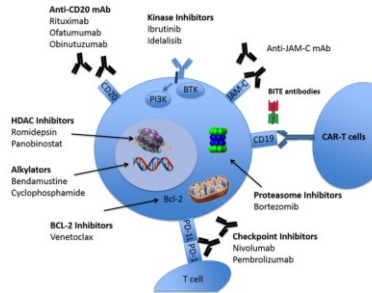
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**NOVEL TREATMENTS OF DIFFUSE
LARGE B-CELL LYMPHOMA**

NO NEW FDA-APPROVED AGENTS SINCE RITUXIMAB!

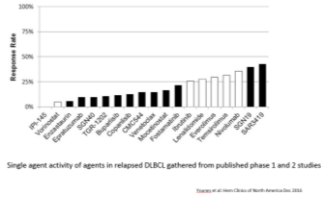


POTENTIAL TARGETS FOR TREATING B-CELL MALIGNANCIES



BROAD CATEGORIES FOR TARGETED AGENTS FOR DLBCL

- Immune modifiers - Lenalidomide
- Molecular targets- Ibrutinib, Venetoclax, Idelalisib
- Antibodies and antibody drug conjugates – anti CD37
- Blinatumumab and other bispecific antibodies
- Immune-check point inhibitors
- Microenvironment targets- Anti CD47
- Epigenetic agents



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IMPROVE ON R-CHOP?

- HDAC inhibitors = no
- Bortezomib = no
- Next up:
 - Lenalidomide (immunomodulator)
 - Polatuzumab vedotin (anti-CD79b ADC)
 - Venetoclax (BCL2 inhibitor)
 - SGN-CD19A (anti-CD19 ADC)

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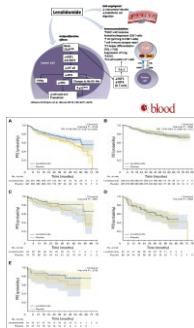
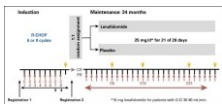
LENALIDOMIDE

Lenalidomide has an ORR of 19% and 28% in RR. Wang, et al. JCO, 2005.

More effective in non-GCB subtype- ORR 53% vs 9%. Hernandez, et al. Cancer, 2011.

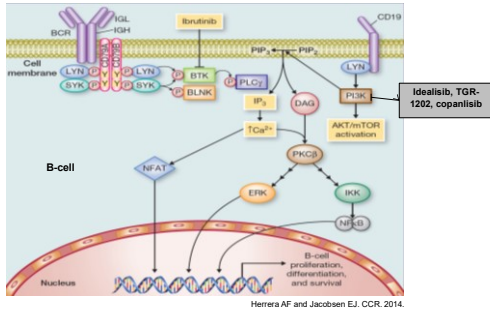
Tested in combination with Rituximab, RICE and as maintenance post transplant. Feldman, et al. 2014.

Lenalidomide maintenance vs placebo in elderly patients after RCHOP. PFS was not reached in the Len arm vs 58.9 months in the placebo arm. Diff was notable in the GCB subtype. Theibemort, et al. Blood 2017.



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TARGETED THERAPIES – PI3K INHIBITORS



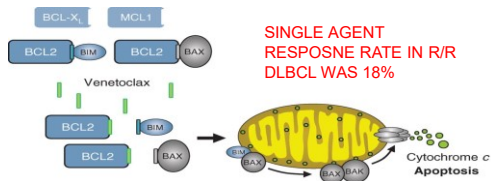
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IBRUTINIB

- Selective and irreversible inhibitor of BTK
- Modest clinical activity in DLBCL as a single agent - 23% seen mostly in the ABC-subtype.
- Phase 1b/2 study of Ibrutinib plus lenalidomide and Rituximab is underway. Preliminary results show a RR of 44%.
- RCHOP vs RCHOP+ibrutinib for non-GCB subtype of DLBCL.
- Most common side effects are rash and diarrhea.

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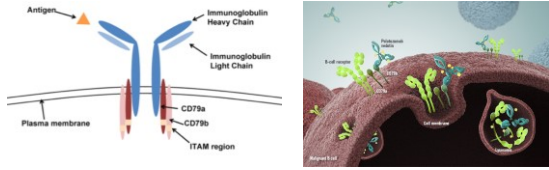
BCL-2 INHIBITION - VENETOCLAX



Konopleva M, et al. Cancer Discovery, 2016.

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POLATUZUMAB VEDOTIN- ADC TARGETS CD79B CONJUGATED TO MMAE

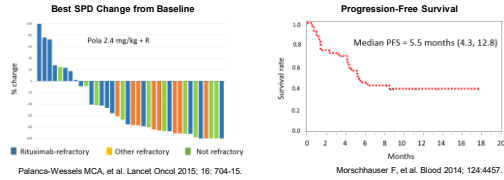


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POLATUZUMAB VEDOTIN IN R/R DLBCL

Treatment Regimen	Best Overall Response
Pola 1.8-2.4 mg/kg	51% ¹
Pola 1.8-2.4 mg/kg + rituximab	56% ²

R/R DLBCL from the ROMULUS trial: pola + rituximab:



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POLATUZUMAB VEDOTIN PLUS OBINUTUZUMAB

	FL (N=35)	DLBCL (N=42)
Objective response, n (%)	24 (69)	17 (40)
Complete Response [90% CI]	11 (31) [19-47]	9 (21) [11-34]
Partial Response [90% CI]	13 (37) [24-52]	8 (19) [10-31]
Stable disease, n (%)	4 (11)	0
Progressive disease, n (%)	1 (3)	18 (42)
Unable to evaluate, n (%)	6 (17) ^F	8 (19) ^F

^FPatients who received ≥1 dose of study treatment, assessment per Lugano Criteria (Cheson 2014)
¹No Pola dose due to IRR from G, taken off-study (n=2); no PET assessment (n=2); taken off-study due to neutropenia before assessment (n=1); fatal pneumonia before assessment (n=1)
²Died before assessment (n=1); PD not by PET (n=4); not assessed due to hospitalization / taken off study (n=2); W/O consent / not dosed (n=1)

Data Cut-Off: 26 Jun 2016
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POLA + R/G-BENDAMUSTINE

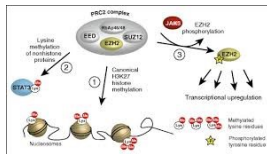
Investigator-Assessed Response by PET/CT*	FL		DLBCL	
	Pola + BR (n=6)	Pola + BG (n=28)	Pola + BR (n=6)	Pola + BG (n=27)
Best Objective Response				
ORR, n (%)	6 (100)	23 (89)	3 (50)	16 (60)
CR	4 (67)	17 (65)	2 (33)	11 (41)
PR	2 (33)	6 (23)	1 (17)	5 (19)
SD	0	0	0	2 (7)
PD	0	1 (4)	2 (33)	6 (22)
UE	0	2 (8)	1 (17)	3 (11)
Objective Response at End of Treatment				
ORR, n (%)	5 (83)	21 (81)	3 (50)	10 (37)
CR	4 (67)	17 (65)	2 (33)	9 (33)
PR	1 (17)	4 (15)	1 (17)	1 (4)
Median duration of response, mo (range) ^b	15.1 (3.8–16.3)	NR (15.2–20.6)	NR (0.03–14.5)	NR (0.03–15.7)
Median PFS, mo (range) ^b	18.4 (7.2–18.9)	NR (1.4–17.1)	NR (1.5–22.7)	5.4 (0.03–17.6)

*Modified Lugano 2014 response criteria; for CR, repeat bone marrow biopsy required to confirm clearance of bone marrow if involved at screening. ^bMedian follow-up range data are at clinical data cutoff.
 CT, computed tomography; ORR, objective response rate; PD, progressive disease; PET, positron emission tomography; PFS, progression-free survival; PR, partial response; SD, stable disease; UE, unable to evaluate.

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EZH2 - INHIBITORS

Enhancer of zeste homolog 2 (EZH2) results in methylation of the histone H3-associated with gene repression. EZH2 activating mutations and overexpression is seen in cancers, GCB type of DLBCL not ABC subtype. EZH2 inhibitor Tazemetostat is in clinical trials- first in class inhibitor of mutated and wild type EZH2.



Initial trials showed promising activity in B-cell lymphomas.

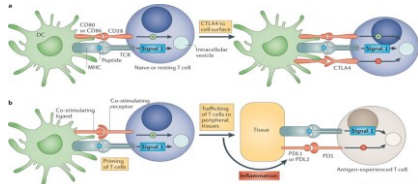
TABLE 1. Patient Outcomes From Treatment With Tazemetostat in Non-Hodgkin Lymphomas^a

	Pt. EZH2-mut (n = 18)	Pt. EZH2-WT (n = 64)	DLGCL, EZH2-mut (n = 17)	DLGCL, EZH2-WT (n = 118)
Objective response rate, n (%)	12 (67%)	34 (53%)	3 (18%)	18 (15%)
Complete response, n (%)	1 (6%)	3 (5%)	0	10 (8%)
Partial response, n (%)	11 (61%)	31 (48%)	3 (18%)	8 (7%)
Stable disease, n (%)	6 (33%)	23 (36%)	4 (24%)	22 (19%)
Time to first response, median (range)	11.9 weeks (6.9–25.9)	14.2 weeks (8.1–22.1)	9.3 weeks (6.4–14.1)	8.6 weeks (5.3–24.7)

DLGCL indicates diffuse large B-cell lymphoma; DLGCL-mut, DLGCL-mutated; DLGCL-WT, diffuse large B-cell lymphoma, wild-type.

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CHECKPOINT INHIBITION: PD-1 PATHWAY



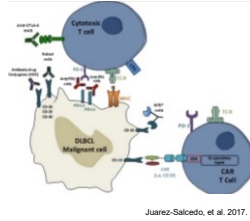
Parsons DM. Nature Reviews Cancer. 12, 252-264 (April 2012).

- Effects of PD-L1 binding:
 - Inhibits T-cell activation
 - Inhibits cytokine production
 - Decreased cytolytic activity of CD4+ and CD8+ cells

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CHECK POINT INHIBITORS IN DLBCL

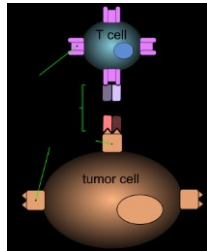
- CTLA-4 AND PD-1 are being targeted.
- CT-011 (pdlizumab) in post ASCT- 16 mo PFS 72% including high risk patients. Armand, et al. 2013.
- Nivolumab- ORR 36% Lesokin, et al. 2016.
- Pembrolizumab- in trials – encouraging rates in PMBCL and CNS.
- Combinations with other therapies especially CAR-T.



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BISPECIFIC ANTIBODIES

- Phase II study of single agent bispecific engager (BITE®) antibody Blinatumomab—ORR was 43% including 19% CRS. Vioriot, et al. 2016.
- Trials ongoing with lenalidomide and alternative strategies of administration (subcutaneous) using Blinatumomab, lenalidomide.
- Other targets – CD 20 bispecific engager antibodies- encouraging RR and do not require CD19.



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CONCLUSION

- Many promising strategies to treat RR DLBCL
- Combination therapies are likely to win
- Attempts to improve upon RCHOP continue especially for double hit and ABC subtypes

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