# CD47 Macrophage Checkpoint-Based Immunotherapy (Lymphomas, MDS, AML)

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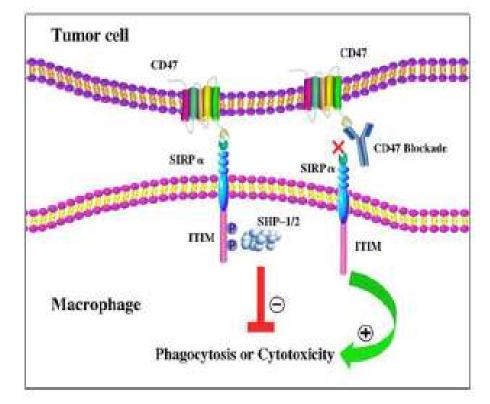
# **Objectives**

- Impact of CD47 Overexpression in Cancer
- Targeting CD47/SIRP $\alpha$  in Hematologic Malignancies
- Safety and Efficacy of Magrolimab + Azacitidine in MDS/AML patients
- Novel Therapeutic Strategies in Therapeutic Targeting of CD47/SIPR $\alpha$  in MDS/AML patients.

# Structure and Function of CD47 and SIRP $\alpha$

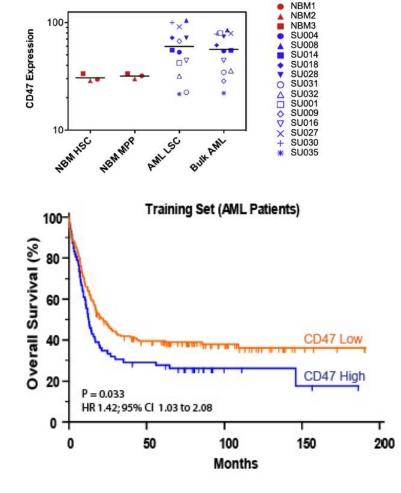
- CD47 is a widely expressed transmembrane protein and serves as the ligand for signal regulatory protein alpha (SIRPα)
- SIRPα is expressed on phagocytic cells including magrophages and dendritic cells
- CD47/SIRPα binding initiates a signal transduction cascade resulting in SHP 1/2 activation and consequent inhibition of phagocytosis
- CD47 helps maintain immunotolerance by non-malignant cells under physiological conditions
- CD47 Blockade can abrogate this suppression signal

Brown et al., 2001; Blazer et a., J. Exp. Med. 2001 Barclay et al., Nat. Rev. Immunol 2006 Zhang W et al., *Frontiers in Immunology* 2020



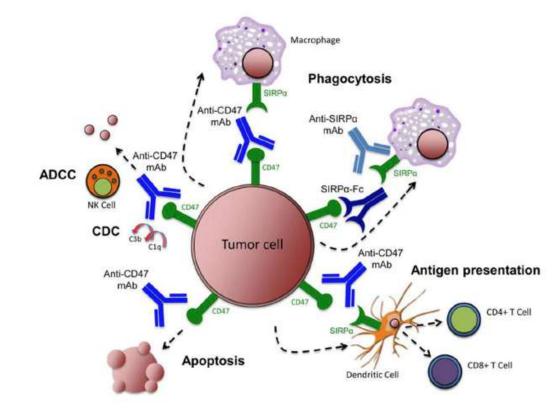
### **Innate Immune System Evasion via CD47**

- CD47 is a "do not eat me" signal on cancers that enables macrophage immune evasion
- CD47 is the dominant macrophage checkpoint overexpressed on most cancers
- In AML, CD47 expression is overexpressed on LSC/bulk AML vs normal HSC/MPP
- CD47 leads to a strong fitness advantage in AML LSCs
- Increased CD47 expression predicts worse prognosis in AML patients



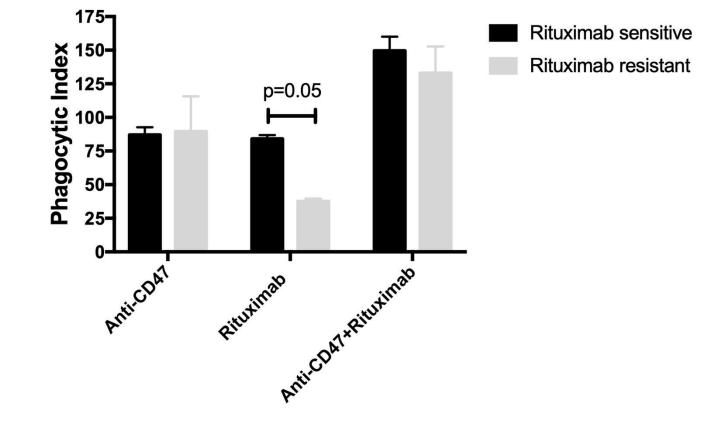
Majeti, Chao et al., Cell 2009; Jaiswal et al., Cell 2009

# Therapeutic Impact of CD47/SIRPα Blockade in Cancer



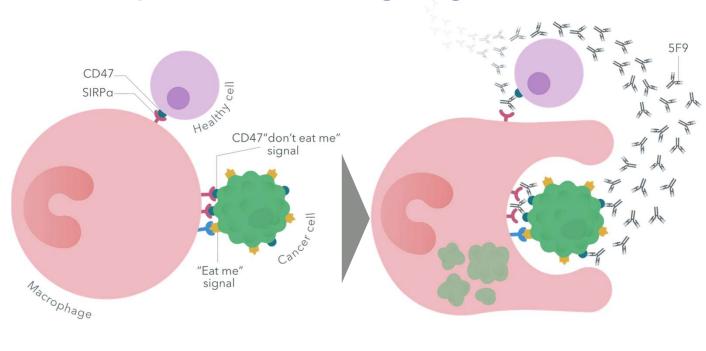
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# Anti-CD47 Therapy + Rituximab can Overcome Rituximab Resistance

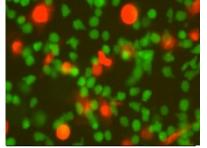


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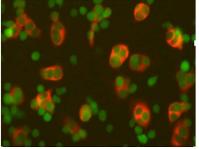
#### Magrolimab (Formerly 5F9) is a First-in-class Macrophage Immune Checkpoint Inhibitor Targeting CD47



#### **Control mAb: No Phagocytosis**



#### Anti-CD47 mAb: Phagocytosis



**Macrophages Cancer cells** 

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• Magrolimab is an IgG4 anti-CD47 monoclonal antibody being investigated in multiple cancers

Sallman D et al., 2020 ASCO

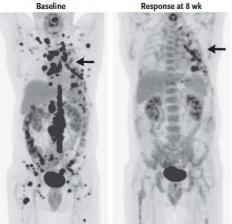
# **Efficacy of Magrolimab + Rituximab in NHL**

Response	All Patients (N=22)	Patients with DLBCL (N=15)	Patients with Follicular Lymphoma (N=7)	
Objective response	11 (50)	6 (40)	5 (71)	
Complete response	8 (36)	5 (33)	3 (43)	
Partial response	3 (14)	1 (7)	2 (29)	
Stable <mark>di</mark> sease	3 (14)	3 (20)	0	
Progressive disease	8 (36)	6 (40)	2 (29)	
Disease control	14 (64)	9 (60)	5 (71)	

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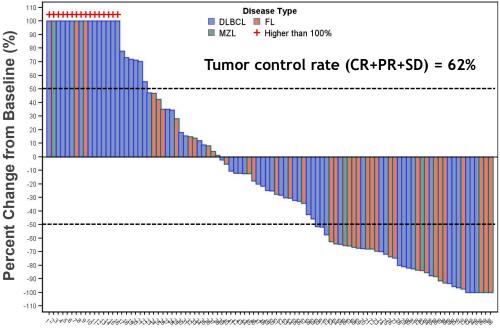




Advani R et al., NEJM 2018

## Phase 2 Data of Magrolimab and Rituximab in NHL

Best overall response	Total N=97	DLBCL N=59	Indolent lymphoma (FL N=35, MZL N=3)		
ORR	44 (45%)	21 (36%)	23 (61%)		
CR	18 (19%)	9 (15%)	9 (24%)		
PR	26 (27%)	12 (20%)	14 (37%)		
SD	16 (17%)	7 (12%)	9 (24%)		
PD	37 (38%)	31 (53%)	6 (16%)		



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- The ORR across all patients is 45% (36% for DLBCL, 61% for indolent lymphoma) per Lugano criteria
- Median time to response is rapid at 1.8 months (range: 1.6 7.3 months)

Roschewski M et al., EHA 2019

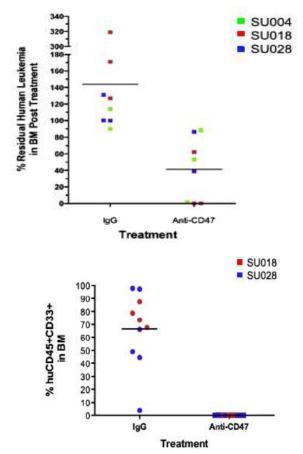
# SIRPα Fusion Proteins Active in NHL

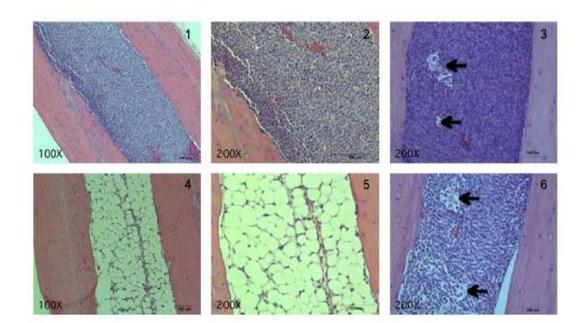
- TTI-621 (IgG1) +/- rituximab 18-29% ORR with monotherapy responses; thrombocytopenia AEsTTI-622 (IgG4) +/- rituximab – dose escalation ongoing in R/R NHL, 33% ORR (n=6; 1 durable CR) with monotherapy, 1 thrombocytopenia DLT
- ALX-148 + rituximab 35% ORR in NHL, overall well tolerated
- Multiple other trials ongoing



Patel K et al., ASCO 2020; Kim T et al., ASH 2019

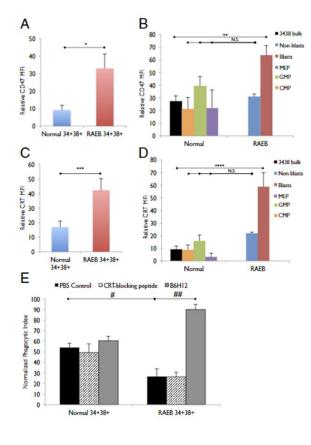
# **Preclinical efficacy of CD47 and AML**

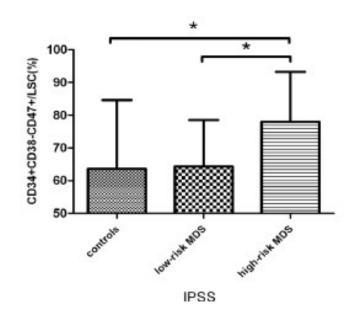




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# **Calreticulin and CD47 in MDS Patients**

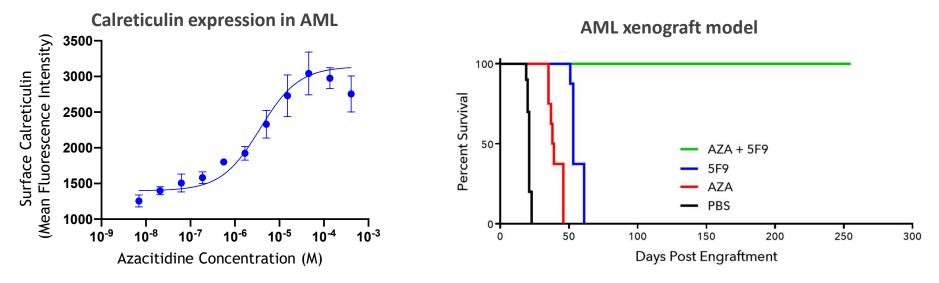




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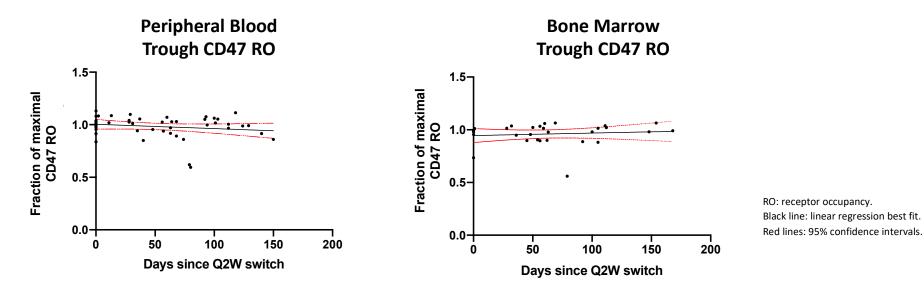
## Magrolimab Synergizes with Azacitidine to Induce Remissions in AML Xenograft Models

- Azacitidine (AZA) induces pro-phagocytic "eat me" signals like calreticulin on cancer cells
- Increased eat me signals induced by azacitidine synergizes with CD47 blockade of the "don't eat me" signal leading to enhanced phagocytosis



Feng D et al., ASH 2018

# Magrolimab Q2W Dosing Results in Similar CD47 Receptor Occupancy as Q1W Dosing



- Patients were dosed with magrolimab Q1W throughout or Q2W dosing starting Cycle 3 and beyond
- Similar CD47 RO was observed in the peripheral blood and bone marrow after Q2W dosing change in Cycle 3+
- A magrolimab Q2W dose regimen has been selected based on PK/PD results and patient convenience

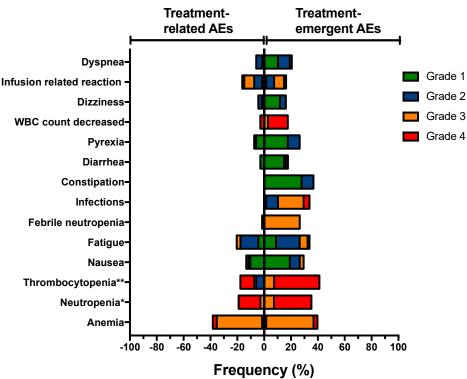
# Patient Characteristics (N=68): Magrolimab + AZA in Untreated (1L) MDS and AML

Characteristic	1L MDS 5F9+AZA (N=39)	1L AML 5F9+AZA (N=29)		
Median age (range)	70 (47–80)	74 (60–89)		
ECOG Performance Status: 0	11 (28%)	7 (24%)		
1	26 (67%)	20 (69%)		
2	2 (5%)	2 (7%)		
Cytogenetic Risk: Favorable	0	0		
Intermediate	11 (28%)	2 (7%)		
Poor	25 (64%)	21 (72%)		
Unknown/missing	3 (8%)	6 (21%)		
WHO AML classification: MRC		19 (66%)		
Recurrent genetic abnormalities	NA	2 (7%)		
Therapy related	NA	3 (10%)		
Not otherwise specified		5 (17%)		
WHO MDS classification:				
RS and single/multilineage dysplasia	1 (3%)			
Multilineage dysplasia	7 (18%)	NA		
RS with multilineage dysplasia	3 (8%)	NA NA		
Excess blasts	22 (56%)			
Unclassifiable/unknown/missing	6 (15%)			
IPSS-R (MDS): Intermediate	13 (33%)			
High	19 (49%)	NA		
Very High	6 (15%)	NA		
Unknown/missing	1 (3%)			
Therapy related MDS	12 (31%)			
Unknown/missing	1 (3%)			
Harboring a TP53 mutation	5 (13%)	13 (45%)		

- 64%–72% of MDS and AML patients were poor cytogenetic risk
- 66% of AML patients had underlying myelodysplasia (MRC)
- 31% of MDS patients were therapy related
- 45% of AML patients were *TP53* mutant

MRC, myelodysplasia-related changes; NA, not applicable; all patients enrolled on study are shown; WHO, World Health Organization.

### **Magrolimab in Combination With AZA Is Well Tolerated**

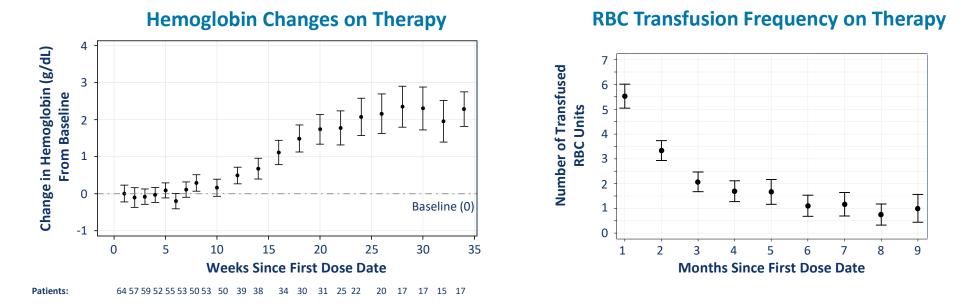


#### MDS and AML Patients (N=68)

- No maximum tolerated dose was reached; magrolimab + AZA profile consistent with AZA monotherapy
- No significant cytopenias, infections, or immunerelated AEs were observed (most patients were cytopenic at baseline)
- Anemia and transfusion frequency improved over time
- No deaths occurred during the first 60 days on study for either AML or MDS patients
- Treatment discontinuation due to drug-related AE occurred in only 1 of 68 (1.5%) of all patients treated with magrolimab + AZA

AEs ≥15% or AEs of interest are shown. All patients with at least 1 magrolimab dose are shown. \*Includes neutropenia and neutrophil count decreased. \*\*Includes thrombocytopenia and platelet count decreased. AEs, adverse events.

# **On-Target Anemia Is a Pharmacodynamic Effect and Is Mitigated** With a Magrolimab Priming and Maintenance Dosing Regimen



- An initial priming dose mitigates on-target anemia by CD47 blockade, resulting in a transient mild hemoglobin drop on the first dose (mean of 0.4 g/dL), which returns to baseline
- The majority of patients had significant hemoglobin improvement and decrease in transfusion frequency over time

# Neutrophil and Platelet Improvement Is Seen on Magrolimab + AZA Therapy

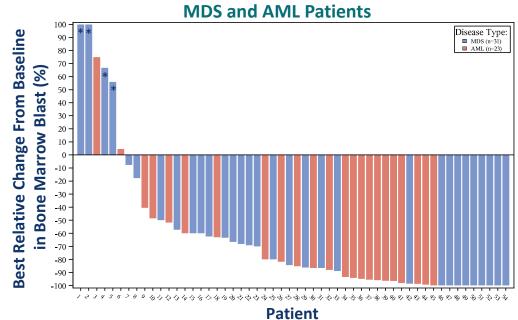
**Neutrophil Changes on Therapy Platelet Changes on Therapy** 2.0 110 Change in Platelets (x10<sup>9</sup>/L) 100 1.8 90 1.6 Change in ANC (x10<sup>9</sup>/L) 80 1.4 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 **From Baseline** 1.2 From Baseline 1.0 0.8 0.6 0.4 0.2 Baseline (0 Baseline (0) 0 -10 0 -0.2 -20 -30 -0.4 -0.6 -40 -0.8 -50 -1.0 -60 5 10 15 20 25 30 35 0 38 10 20 30 36 0 Weeks Since First Dose Date Weeks Since First Dose Date Patients: 63 55 58 49 54 53 49 53 50 37 37 33 30 29 25 22 20 17 17 15 17 11 10

- Magrolimab + AZA does not induce significant neutropenia or thrombocytopenia
- The majority of patients improve their neutrophil and platelet count while on therapy

### Magrolimab + AZA Induces High Response Rates in MDS and AML

Best Overall Response	1L MDS N=33	1L AML N=25	
ORR	30 (91%)	16 (64%)	
CR	14 (42%)	10 (40%)	
CRi	NA	4 (16%)	
PR	1 (3%)	1 (4%)	
MLFS/marrow CR	8 (24%) 4 with marrow CR + HI	1 (4%)	
Hematologic improvement (HI)	7 (21%)	NA	
SD	3 (9%)	8 (32%)	
PD	0	1 (4%)	

Response assessments per 2006 IWG MDS criteria and 2017 AML ELN criteria. Patients with at least 1 posttreatment response assessment are shown; all other patients are on therapy and are too early for first response assessment, except for 2 MDS patients not evaluable (withdrawal of consent) and 3 AML patients (1 AE, 2 early withdrawal).

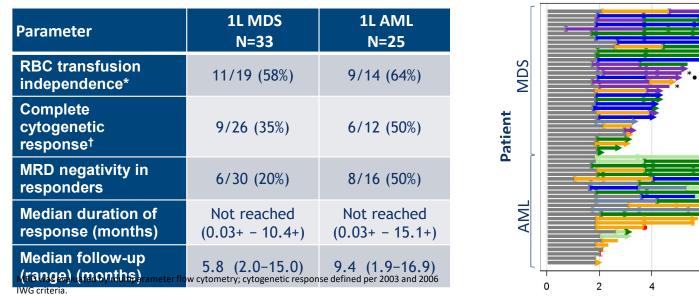


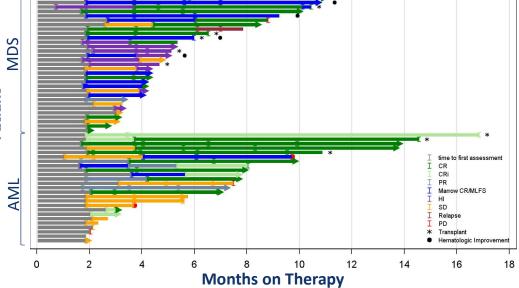
Four patients not shown due to missing values; <5% blasts imputed as 2.5%. \*Baseline bone marrow blasts ≤5%.

- Magrolimab + AZA induces a 91% ORR (42% CR) in MDS and 64% ORR (56% CR/CRi) in AML
- Responses deepened over time with a 56% 6-month CR rate in MDS patients (assessed in all patients 6 months after initial treatment)
- Median time to response is 1.9 months, more rapid than AZA alone
- Magrolimab + AZA efficacy compares favorably to AZA monotherapy (CR rate 6-17%<sup>1,2</sup>)

1. Azacitidine USPI. 2. Fenaux P, et al. Lancet Oncol. 2009 ;10(3):223-232.

## Deep and Durable Responses Are Seen in Magrolimab + AZA Treated Patients





**MDS and AML Patients** 

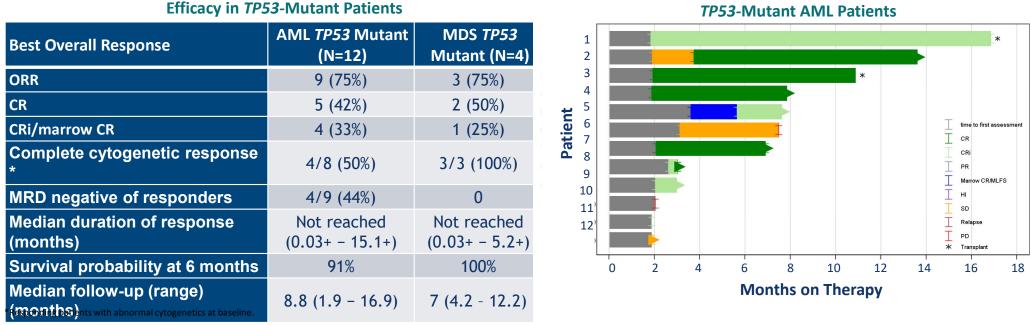
\*Patients shown for those who were RBC transfusion dependent at baseline and achieved RBC transfusion independence at any time on study.

<sup>†</sup>Responses shown for all responding patients with abnormal cytogenetics at baseline.

- Complete cytogenetic responses and MRD negativity is observed in MDS and AML patients
- No median duration of response has been reached for MDS or AML
- 16% of patients (9/58) received an allogeneic stem cell transplant
- Median OS has not been reached in either MDS or AML patients

Sallman D et al., 2020 ASCO

## Magrolimab + AZA Eliminates Disease in AML and MDS Patients With *TP53* Mutation

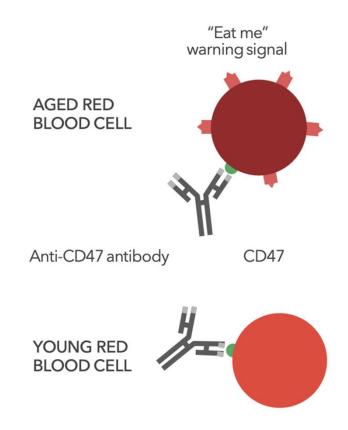


- Magrolimab + AZA has a high response rate with deep responses in *TP53*-mutant AML and MDS patients
- The estimated 6-month survival is 91% and 100% in AML and MDS patients, respectively
- Median duration and survival has not been reached, which compares favorably to current therapies
  - Venetoclax + AZA in AML: ORR 47%, DOR 5.6 mo, OS 7.2 mo<sup>1</sup>

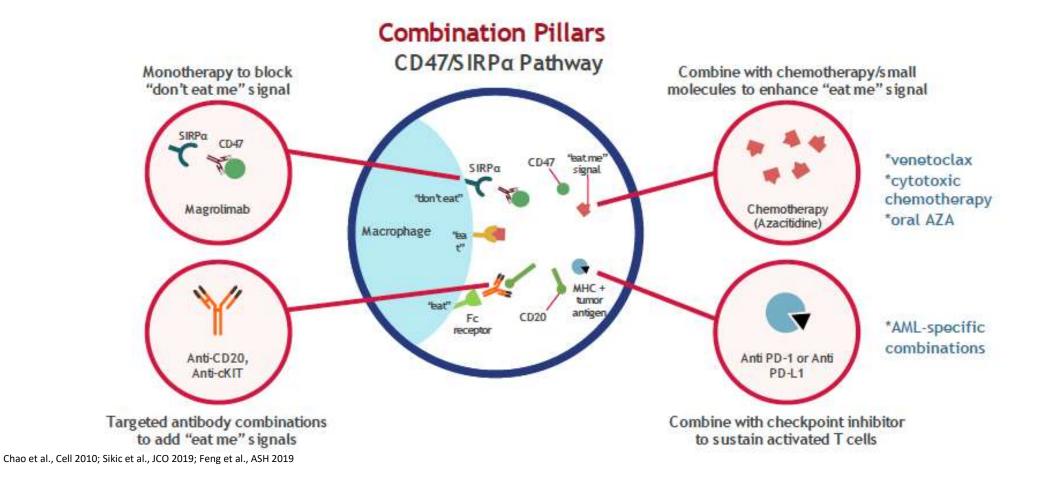
1. DiNardo CD. et al. *Blood*. 2019:133(1):7-17.

# **On Target Anemia and Mitigation Strategies**

- Aged RBCs express pro-eat me signals whereas young RBCs do not leading to clearance of senescent RBCs
- Anemia Mitigation via:
  - Priming strategy (e.g. magrolimab)
  - RBC pruning process of CD47
  - Decrease/eliminate RBC affinity (e.g. TTI-621/622, ALX-147 and others)
  - Novel platforms (prodrug or tumor targeted nanoparticles)



# **Combination Therapy with CD47 Targeted Therapy**



# **Macrophage Directed Therapies in Myeloid malignancy**

Therapy	Mechanism of action	Fc isotype	Eligibility	Phase (status)	NCT identifier	Reference
Magrolimab + Azacitidine	CD47 antibody	lgG4	Phase Ib (R/R and Treatment Naïve higher risk MDS and AML) Phase III (Treatment Naïve higher risk MDS)	Phase Ib (Recruiting) Phase III- ENHANCE (Not Yet Recruiting)	NCT02678338 NCT03248479 NCT04313881	[18, 19]
CC-90002	CD47 antibody	lgG4	R/R High risk MDS and AML	Phase I (Terminated)	NCT02641002	[17]
TTI-621	SIRPα fusion protein	lgG1	R/R hematologic malignancies including MDS, MPN and AML	Phase la/lb (Recruiting)	NCT02663518	[26]
ALX148 + Azacitidine	High affinity SIRPα fusion protein + hypomethylating agent	Inert IgG1	Treatment Naïve or R/R Higher risk MDS	Phase I/II (Not Yet Recruiting)	NCT04417517	
Magrolimab and Venetoclax +Azacitidine	CD47 antibody + BCL- 2 inhibitor + hypomethylating agent	lgG4	Phase Ib dose finding (R/R AML) Phase II (newly diagnosed AML not candidate for IC)	Phase Ib/II (Recruiting)	NCT04435691	
Magrolimab and Atezolizumab	CD47 antibody + PD- L1 antibody	lgG4	R/R AML	Phase Ib (Recruiting)	NCT03922477	

Current as of September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 on clinical trials.gov.

Swoboda D and Sallman D, manuscript under review

# Novel CD47 Modalities and Combination Possibilities in Myeloid Neoplasms

- Synergy with Fc receptor of mabs targeting myeloid antigens (e.g. CD33/CD123/TIM3/CLL1/CD70)
- Ongoing/possible Triplet strategies which could include:
  - Azacitidine + magrolimab + venetoclax in AML (NCT04435691)
  - Combination with traditional PD1/PDL1 adaptive immune checkpoints (NCT03922477)
  - Combination of azacitidine + magrolimab + APR-246 for *TP53* mutant patients
  - Combination with synergistic combinations in MDS/AML (such as HMA + MBG-453 or pevonedistat)
- HMBD004 is a bispecific anti-CD47xCD33 antibody which has shown decrease tumor burden and increased progression free survival in CD47+CD33+ AML mouse models
- CD47 directed CART cells
- Currently at least 13 CD47/SIRP $\alpha$  agents in clinical trial with ~50 agents in preclinical development

# **Future Directions**

- Further evaluation of mechanisms of synergy and resistance for HMA combination therapies and other novel strategies
- Biomarkers of response including other molecular cohorts
- Clinical investigation of novel triplet vs sequential strategies with incorporation of MRD by serial NGS and multiparameter flow cytometry.

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