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The CAR T Cell Revolution in Leukemia – Reverse Engineering Exceptional Patient Responses

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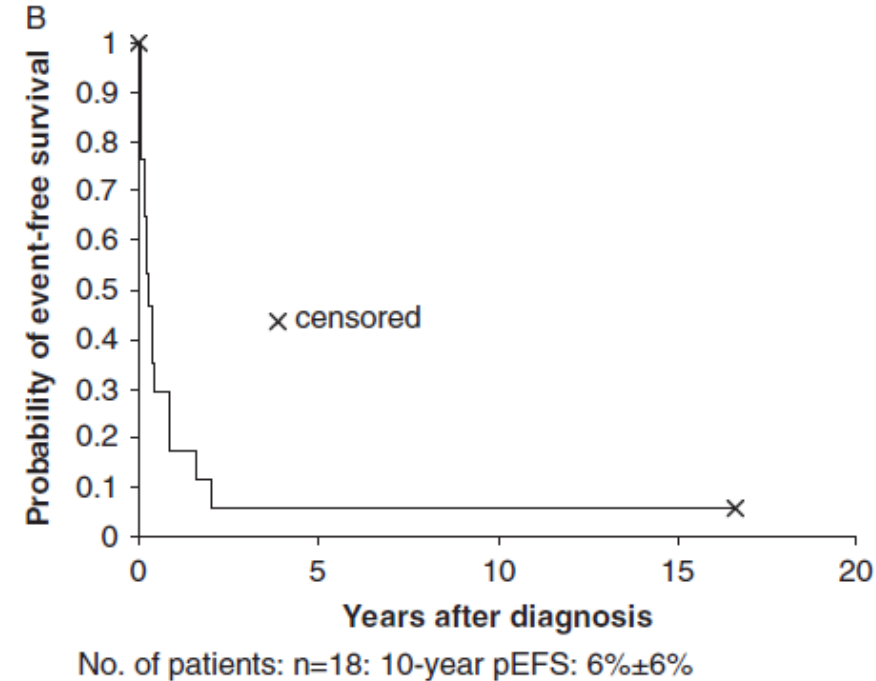
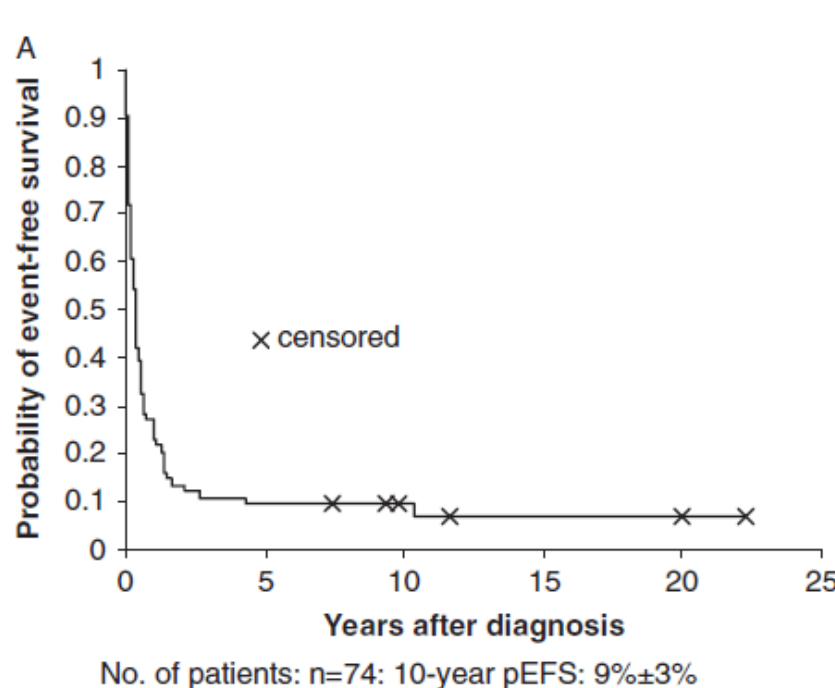
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Dismal Outcome for 2nd+ Relapse of ALL

10 year EFS

30-40% can obtain another remission



**Leukemia is still the #2 cause (CNS #1)
of pediatric cancer mortality:
NOVEL THERAPIES ARE NEEDED**

In the beginning - CAR T Cells

Vol. 149, No. 3, 1987

BIOCHEMICAL AND BIOPHYSICAL RESEARCH COMMUNICATIONS

December 31, 1987

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EXPRESSION OF CHIMERIC RECEPTOR COMPOSED OF IMMUNOGLOBULIN-DERIVED V REGIONS AND T-CELL RECEPTOR-DERIVED C REGIONS

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Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA
Vol. 86, pp. 10024-10028, December 1989
Immunology

Expression of immunoglobulin-T-cell receptor chimeric molecules as functional receptors with antibody-type specificity

(chimeric genes/antibody variable region)

GIDEON GROSS, TOVA WAKS, AND ZELIG ESHHAR*

Department of Chemical Immunology, The Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovot 76100, Israel

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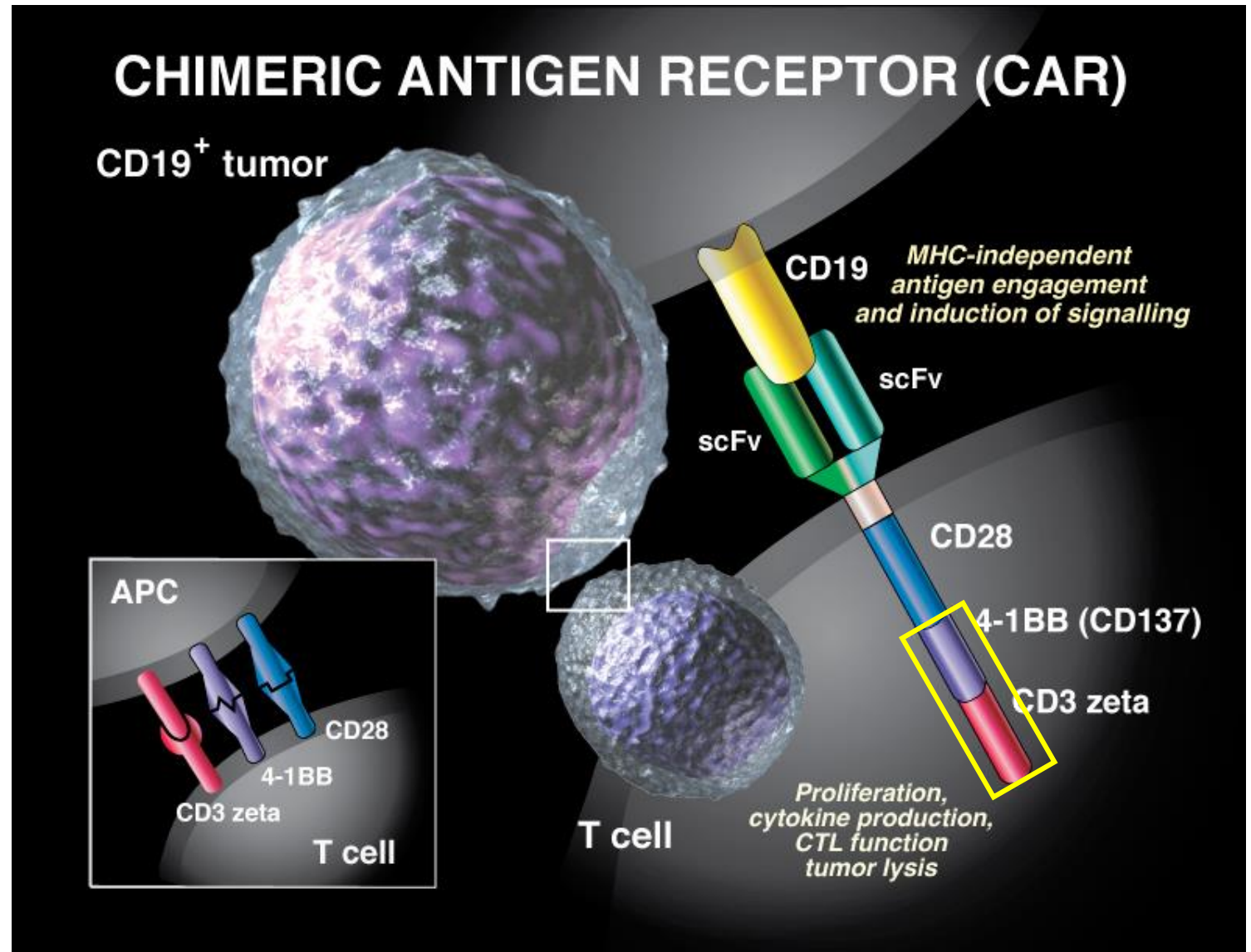
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CART19: Chimeric Antigen Receptor T cells against CD19

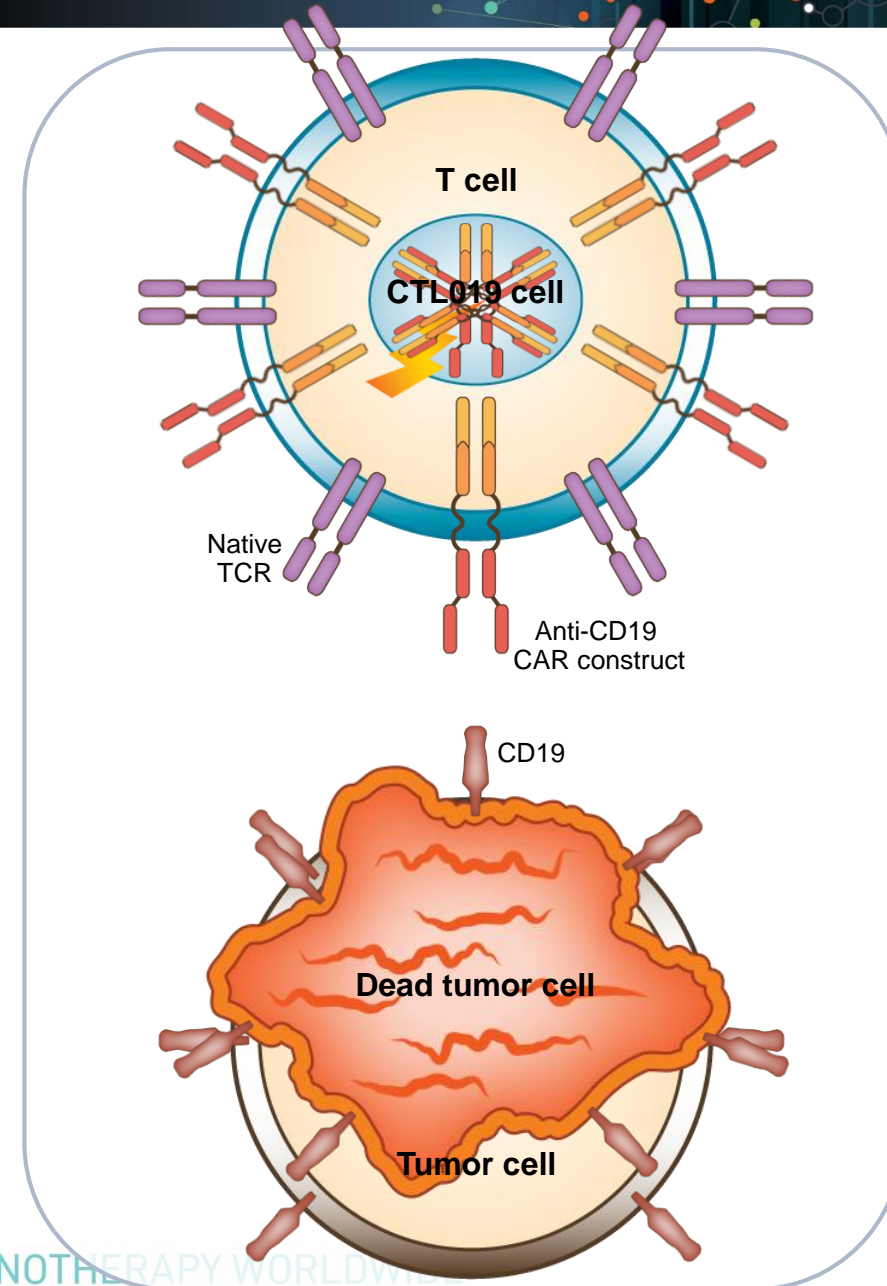


Redirecting T cell Specificity in CTL019 cells

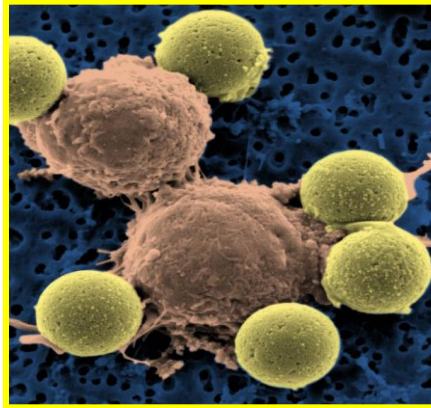
Goals for modern, highly active cell therapy:

- Proliferation – high level of in vivo proliferation correlates with high response rates
- Persistence – longer term persistence may allow longer term disease control.

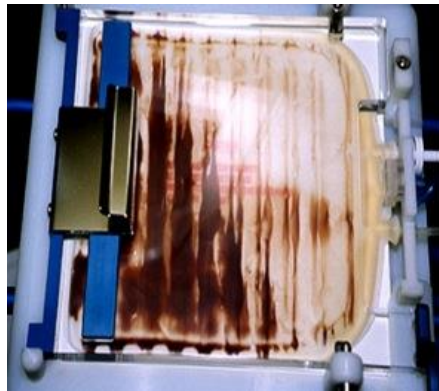
Length of persistence needed for long-term disease control is unknown



Cell manufacturing matters



Bead addition



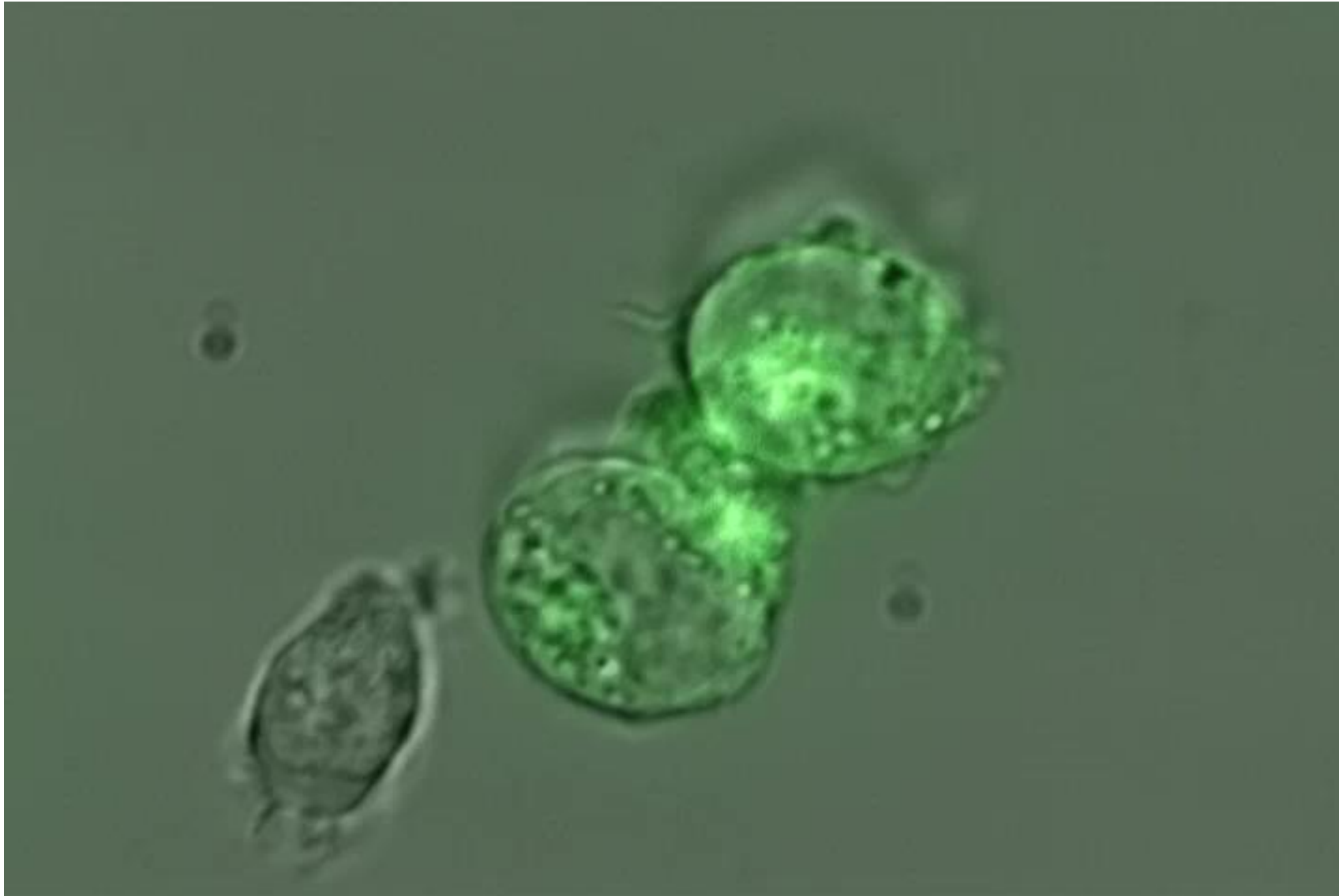
Bead removal



T-cell infusion

- **CD3/CD28 beads: clinical scale up, no feeder cells required**
- **Expansion $>10^6$ -fold**
- **Repertoire preserved**
- **Maintains earlier T cell memory states**
- **Induction of telomerase: minimize replicative senescence**

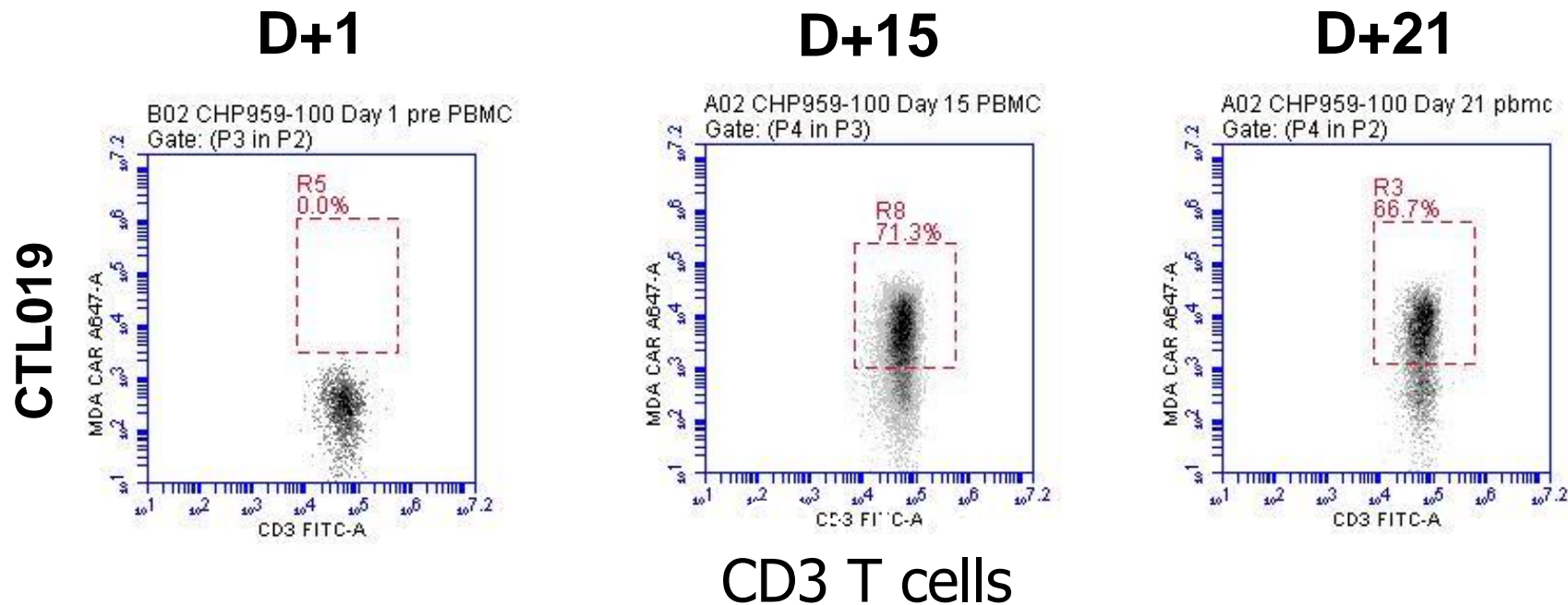
Levine BL, et al. *J Immunol.* 1997; 159: 5921-5930.
Carroll RG, et al. *Science.* 1997; 276: 273-276.
Weng NP, et al. *Immunol. Rev.* 1997; 160: 43-54.
Humeau LM, et al. *Mol. Ther.* 2004; 9: 902-913.



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Credit to Mike Millone

Proliferation is key to highly active CAR therapy



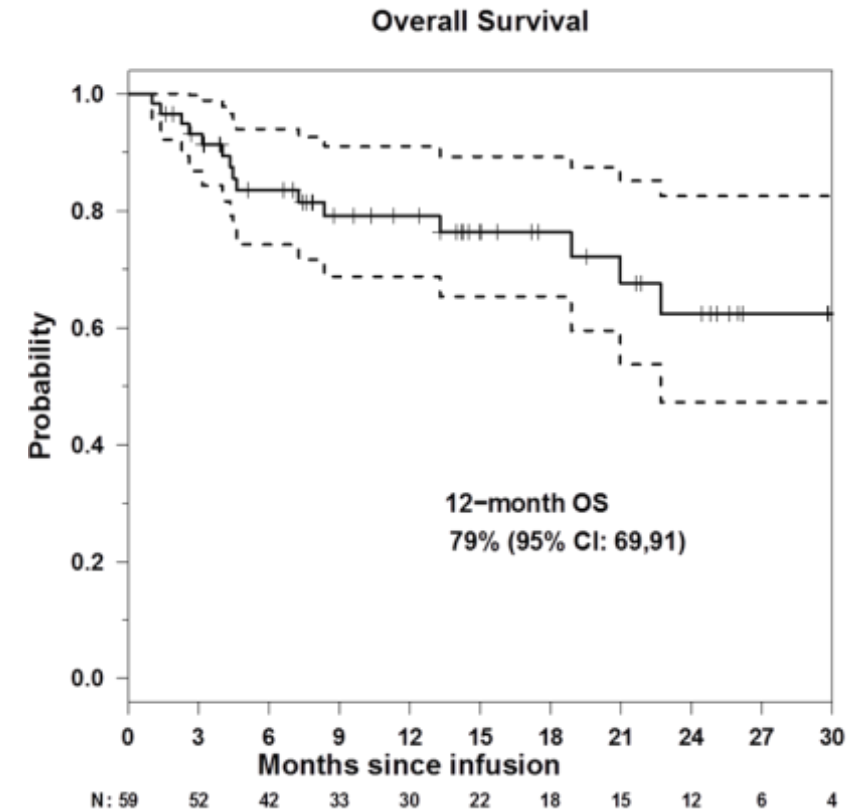
Persistence of CTL019 and B cell aplasia out to 5 years in responding patients

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CD19 CAR CTL019 in relapsed/refractory pediatric ALL: 93% complete response rate

Results presented at ASH 2015

- CR in 55 of 59 patients (93%) at 1 month; median follow-up of 12 months
- 6 patients went to subsequent transplant, 1 to DLI
- **12 month OS: 79%** (95% CI: 69, 91)
- Relapse-free survival (RFS)
 - 6 month RFS: 76% (95% CI: 65,89)
 - **12 month RFS: 55%** (95% CI: 42,73)
- No relapses past 1 year
- 18 patients in remission beyond 1 year, 13 without further therapy
- Humanized CTL119 – 22/22 CR in same population, early F/U



Kaplan-Meier survival curve of OS with number (N) of patients at risk at each time point indicated below x-axis.

CTL019 impact on CNS disease

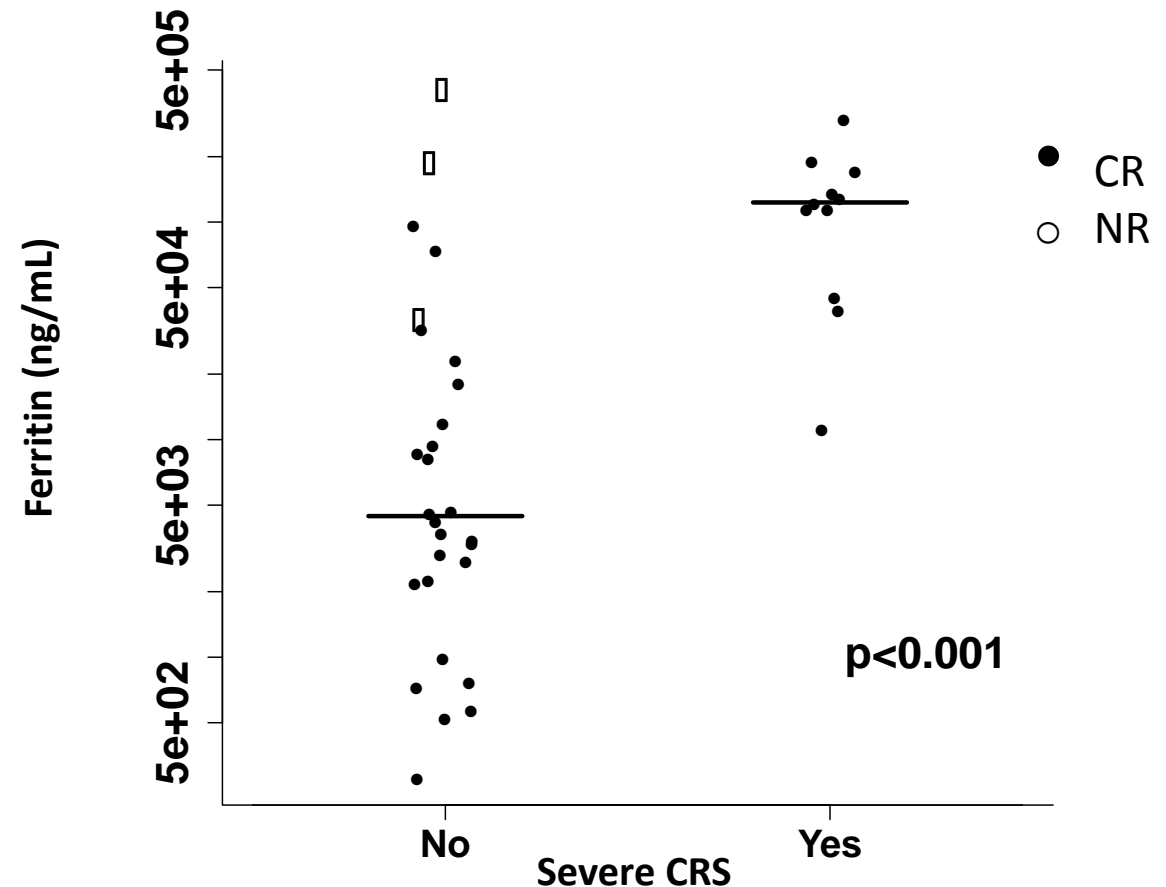
- 12 patients w/ prior CNS3 status
- These pts ranged from 1st to 6th relapse pre-CTL019
 - 1st CNS relapse=1, 2nd= 6, 3rd= 3, 4⁺= 2
- 4 pts were CNS2 on d-1, all CNS 1 on D28
- 0 CNS relapses
- 1 pt with Ph+ disease and 6 prior CNS relapses remains in CR at 2.5 years
- 98% of all pts have CTL019 in CSF
- 9/9 pts in CR at 1 yr have CTL019 in CSF (2177 to 15,727 copies/ug genomic DNA)

Cytokine Release Syndrome (CRS) in Pediatric r/r ALL

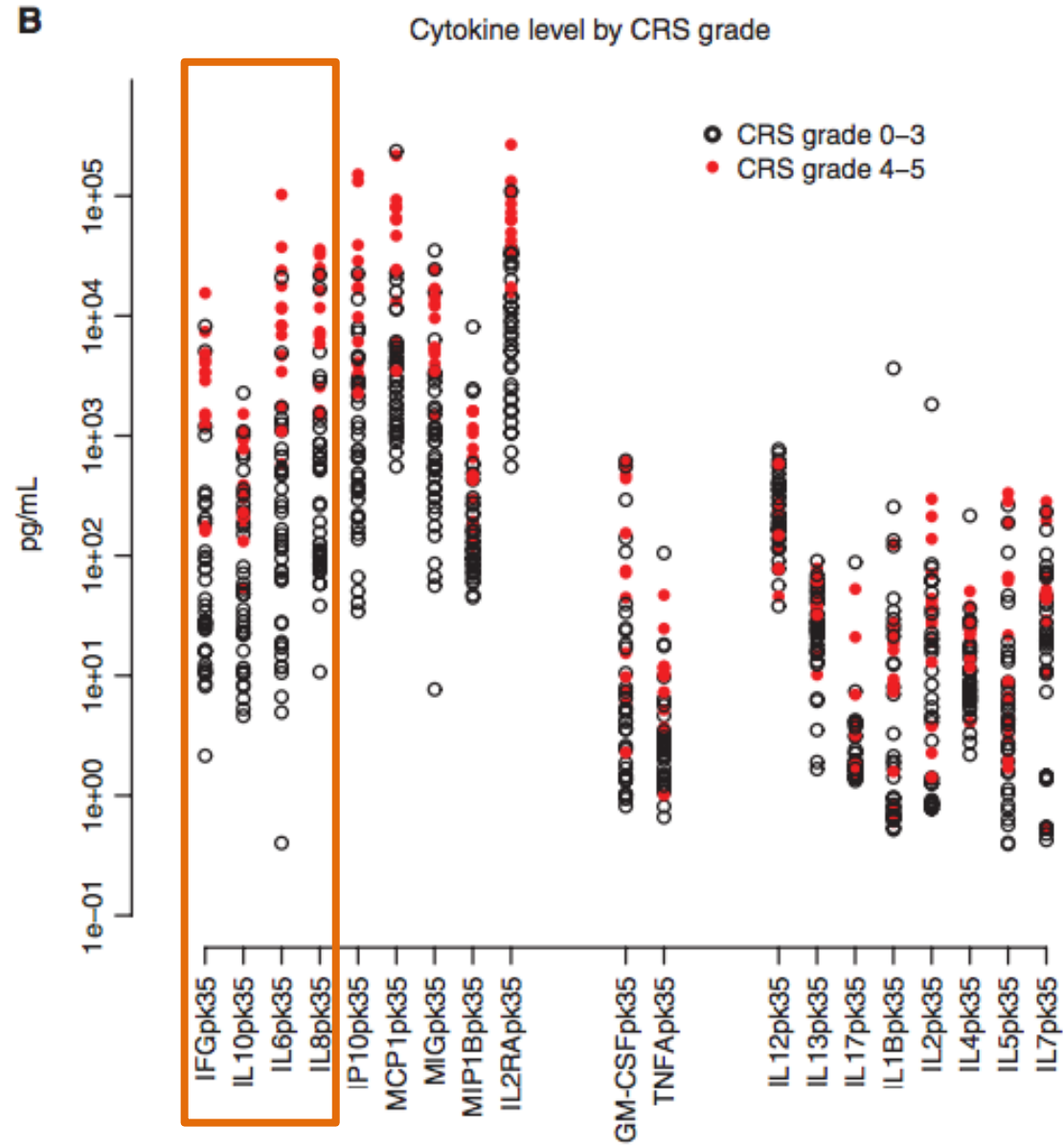
- Infusion is the easy part –
can routinely be done outpatient
- CRS is a reversible, on-target toxicity
- High fever, myalgias
- Fever is the first event
- Severe CRS – unstable hypotension, can
proceed to need for mechanical ventilation

CRS:
high ferritins suggest
Macrophage
Activation Syndrome

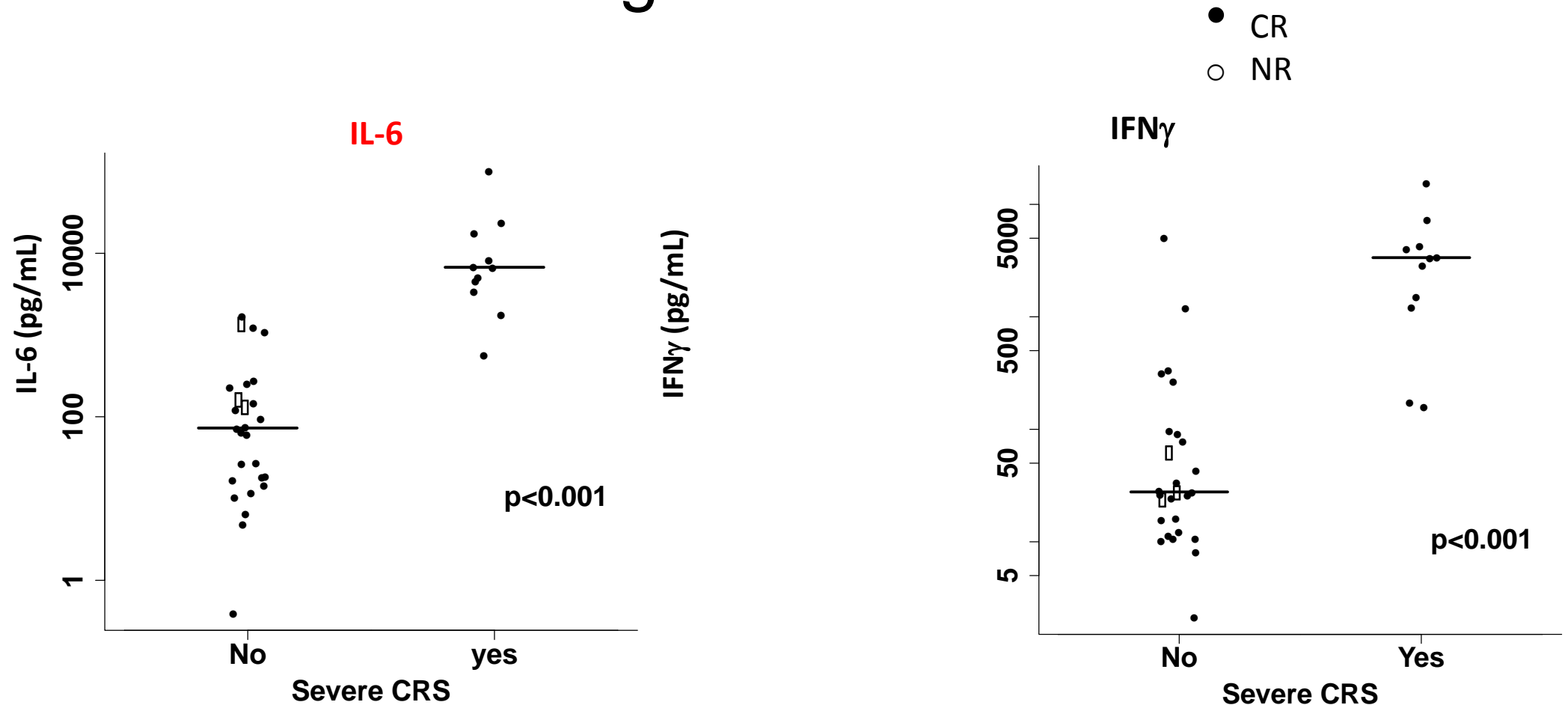
CRS & MAS overlap



Cytokine profiles in CRS patients match patterns seen in MAS/HLH patients



CRS associated with IFN-g and IL-6



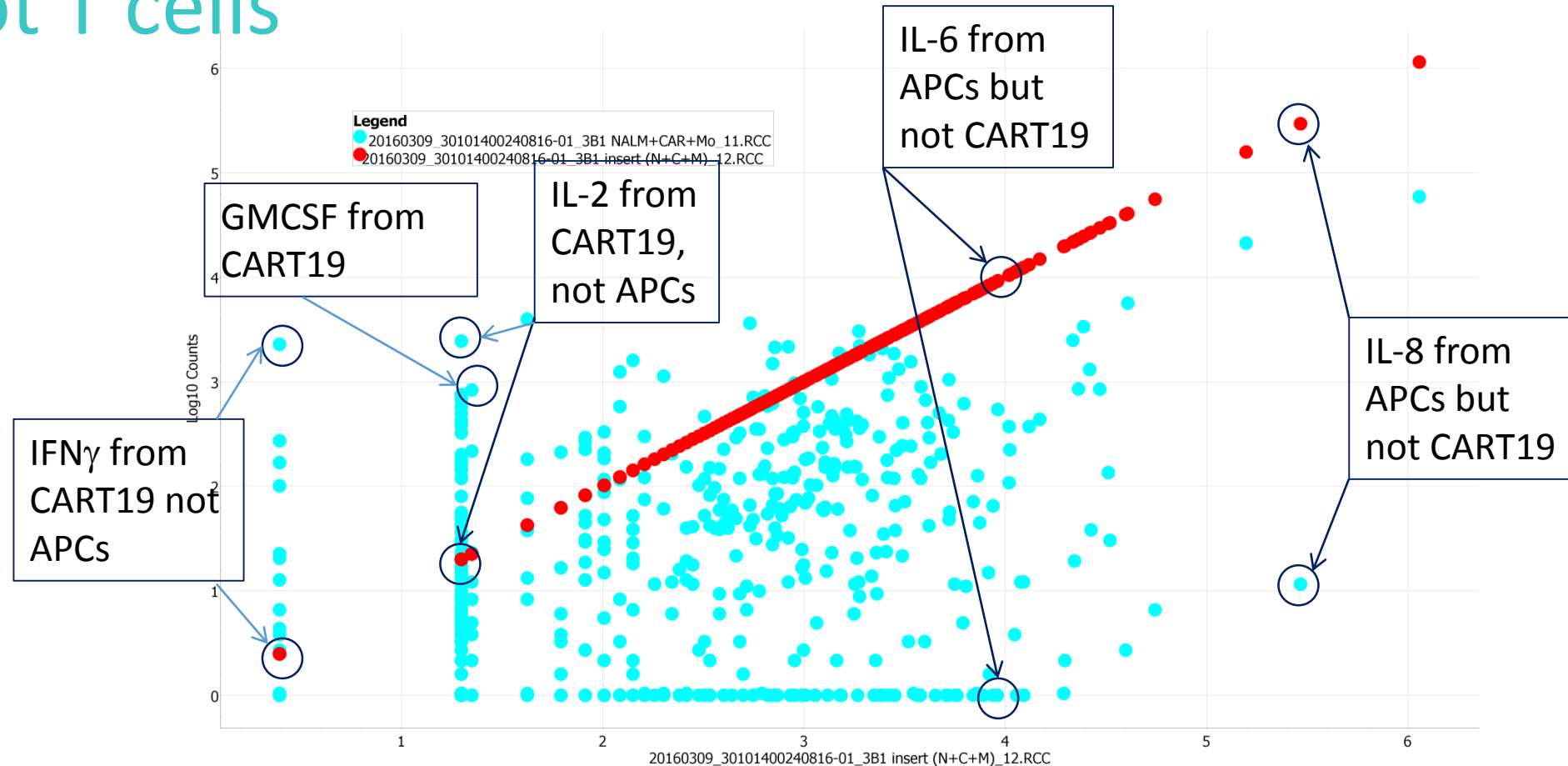
Maude et al, NEJM 2014

Tocilizumab (Actemra)

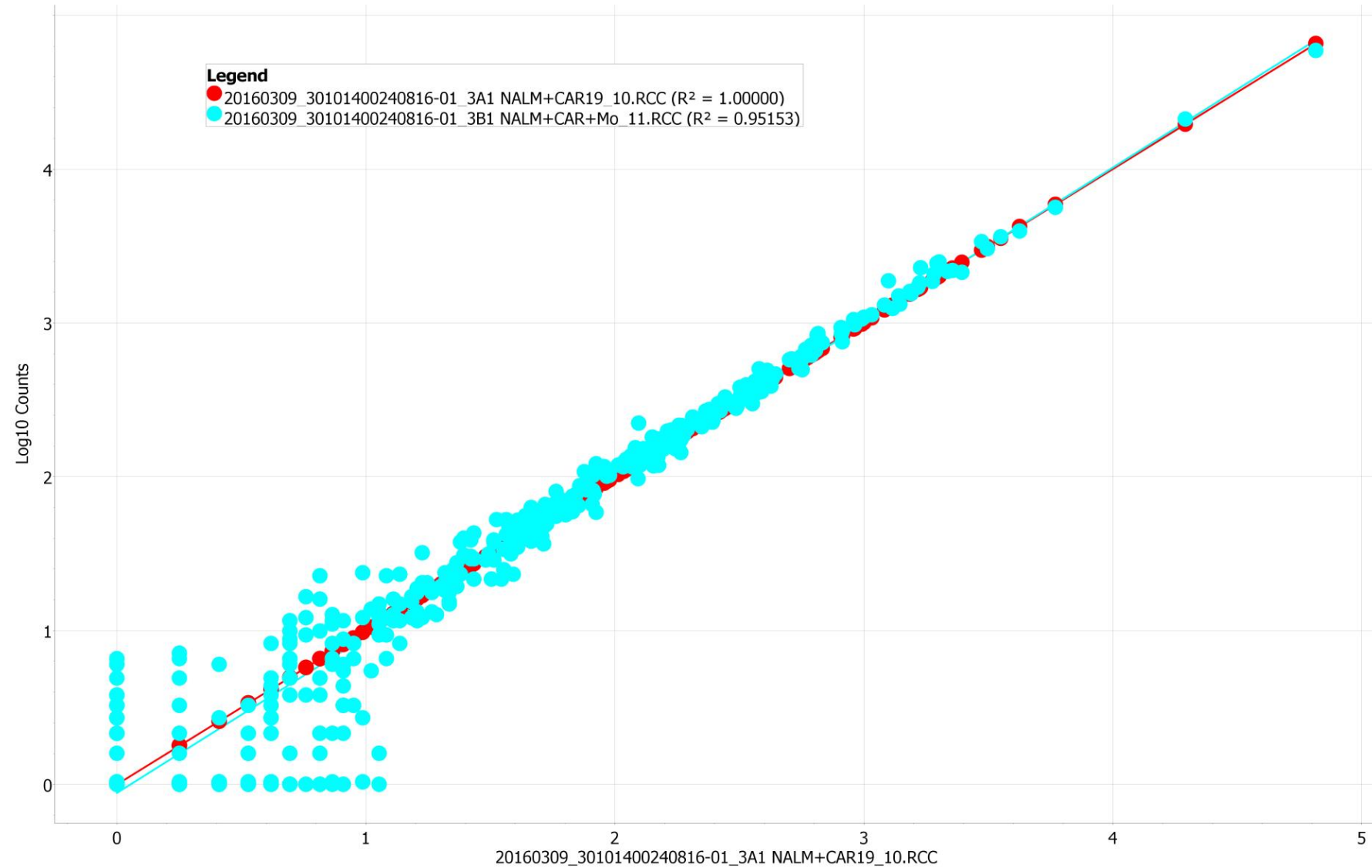
- **IL-6 receptor antagonist**
- **Blocks IL-6 mediated effects**
- **Indicated in:**
 - **juvenile idiopathic arthritis (JIA)**
 - **Rheumatoid arthritis (RA)**
 - **In Japan, indication for Castleman's Disease**
- **Given once or twice for CRS**
- **Rare side effects of transaminitis and neutropenia**
- **Now indicated for CRS treatment**



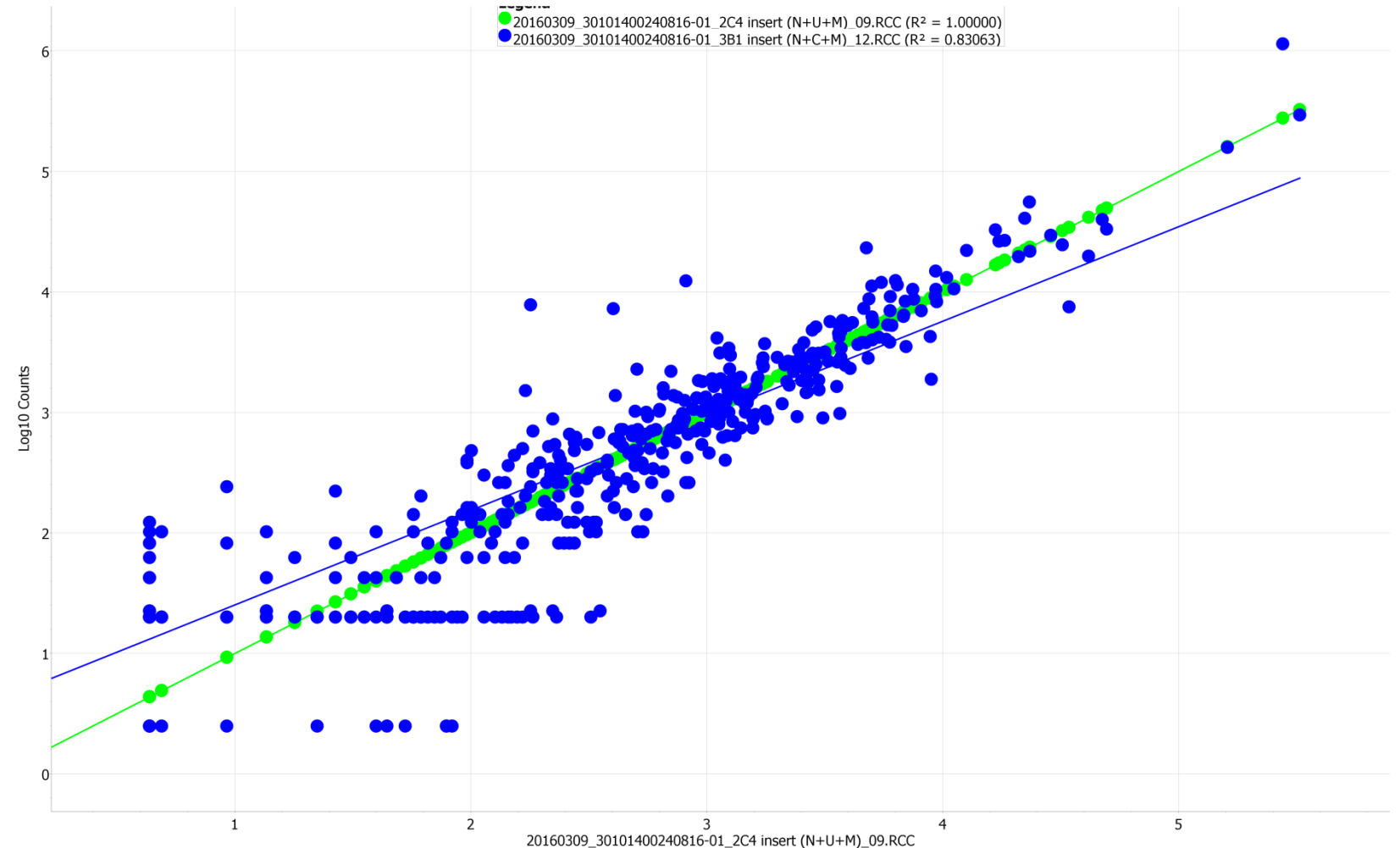
IL-6 and IL-8 are produced exclusively by APCs and not T cells



CART19
Nanostring:
CART cell
expression profile
unaffected by
proximity to APCs



APC Nanostring:
APC expression
profile shows dozens
of alterations when
CAR T cells kill targets

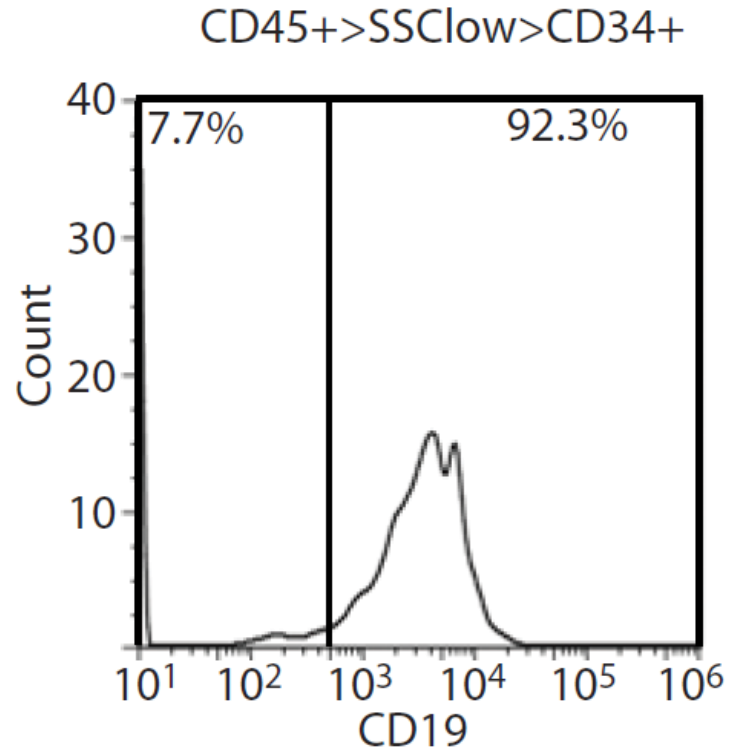


Resistance to CTL019

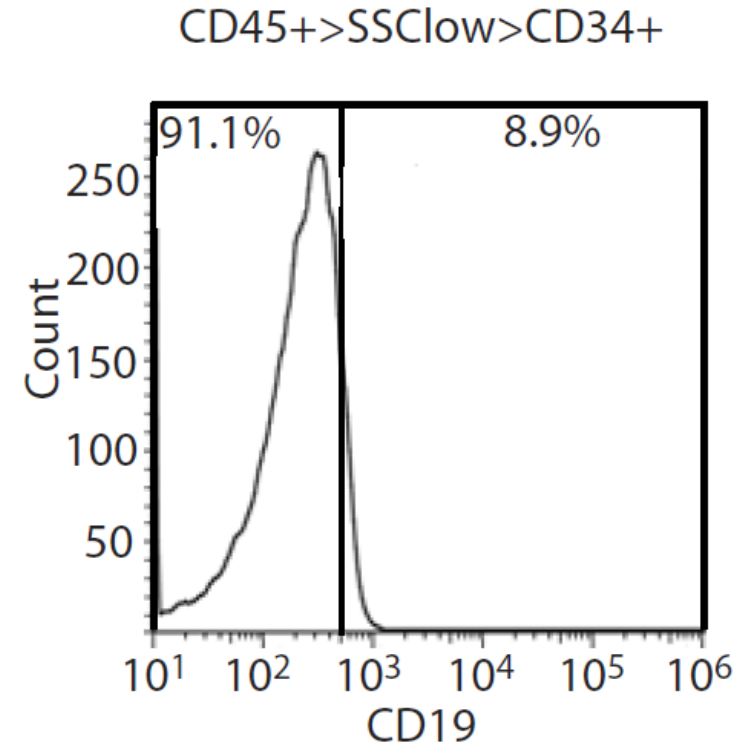
- No response
 - 7% of patients
 - ? T cell intrinsic - no proliferation=no response
- CD19+ relapse: 1/3 of recurrences
 - Highly enriched in pts who lose CARs before 3-6 mo
 - 1 CD19+ successful retrieval (of 3 attempts)
 - T cell intrinsic
- CD19 (-) relapse (antigen escape): 2/3 of recurrences
 - 5 within 3 mo, 4 at 9 mo (2 still CAR+), 3 after blina
 - ALL intrinsic

CD19 negative cells cause relapse

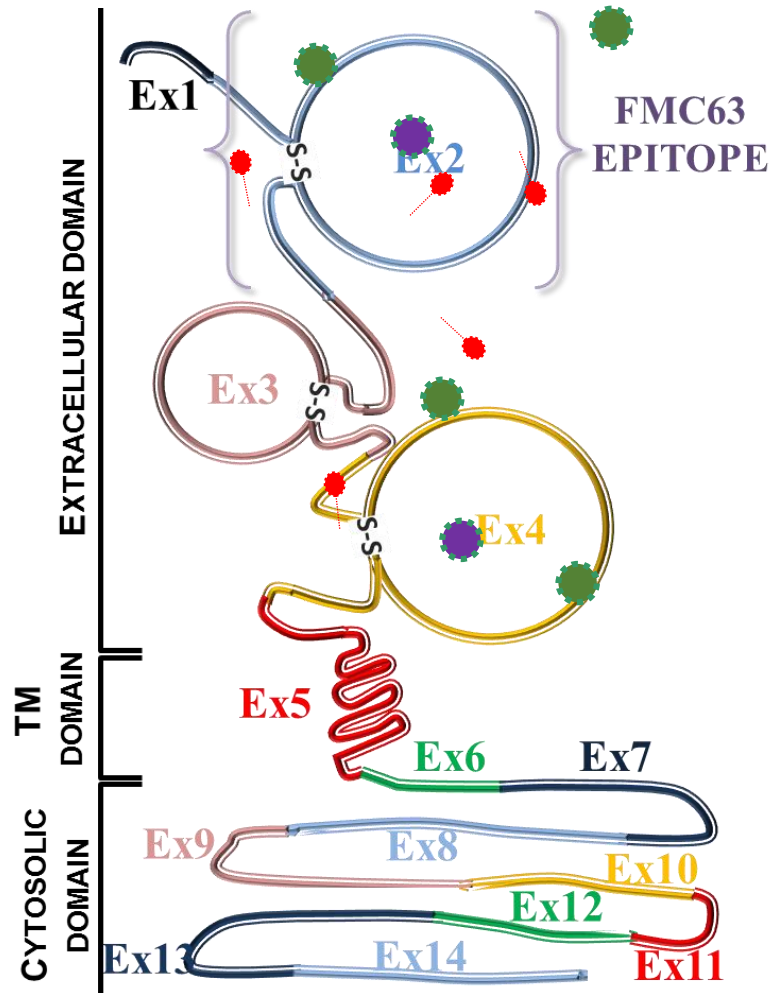
CHP101 Pre Therapy



CHP101 Relapse



Grupp et al, NEJM 2013



ESCAPING CTL019

SPlicing

Exon 2
Exon 5-6
Partial exon 3

RESISTANT TO CTL019
(*in vitro* killing assay, Ruella & Gill)

MUTATIONS

Exons 2 and 4 seem to be hot-spots
1nt in/del: frameshift → truncated protein
Most are *de novo* in relapse sample

- Frameshift mutations → Protein truncated shortly after mutation point
- In frame mutation (substitutions, insertions of aa)

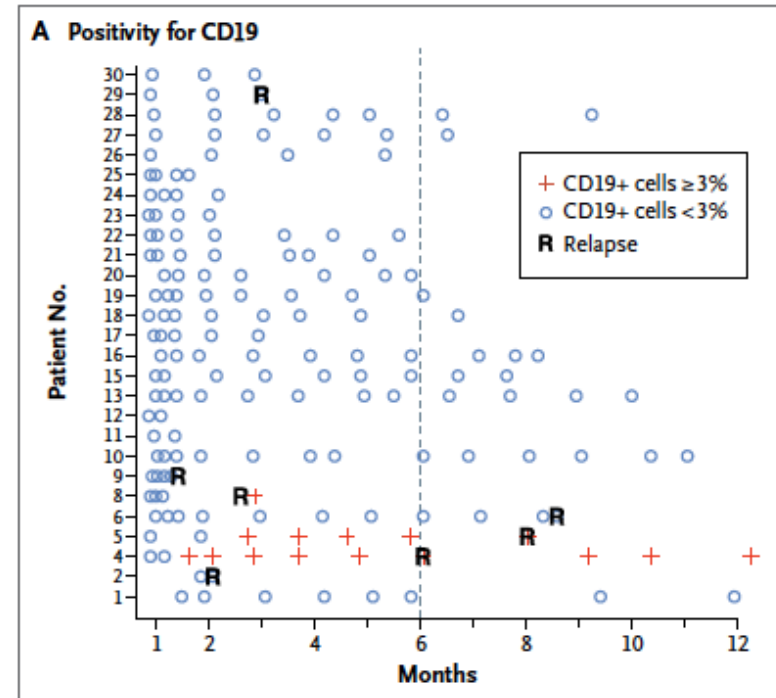
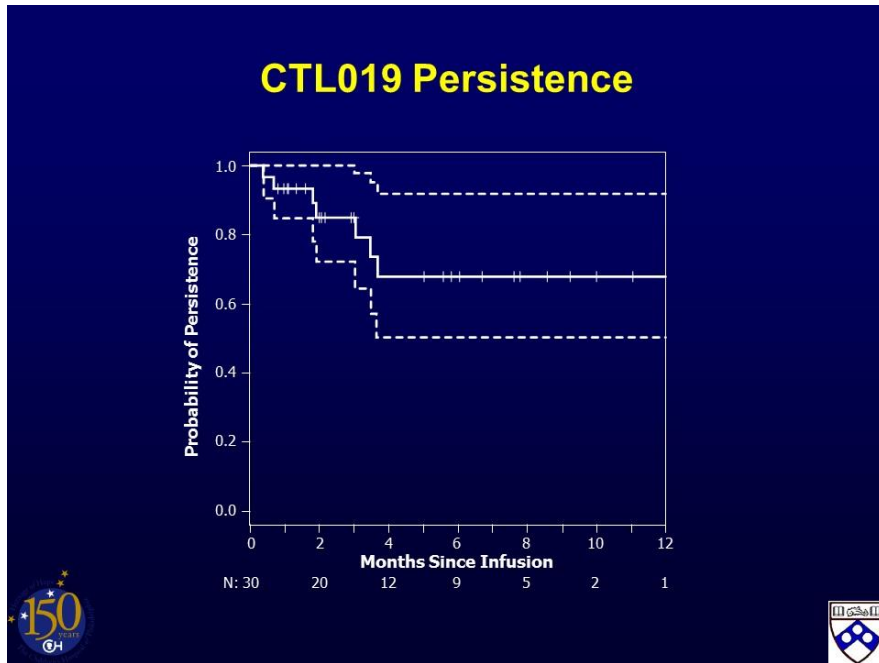
What to do about CD19 antigen escape?

- No evidence for epitope spreading
- Find a conserved epitope/exon in CD19
- Treat CD19 negative recurrence with CART22
- Combine CART19 with Inotuzumab
- Combine CART19 with CART22



Credit to Alan Wayne

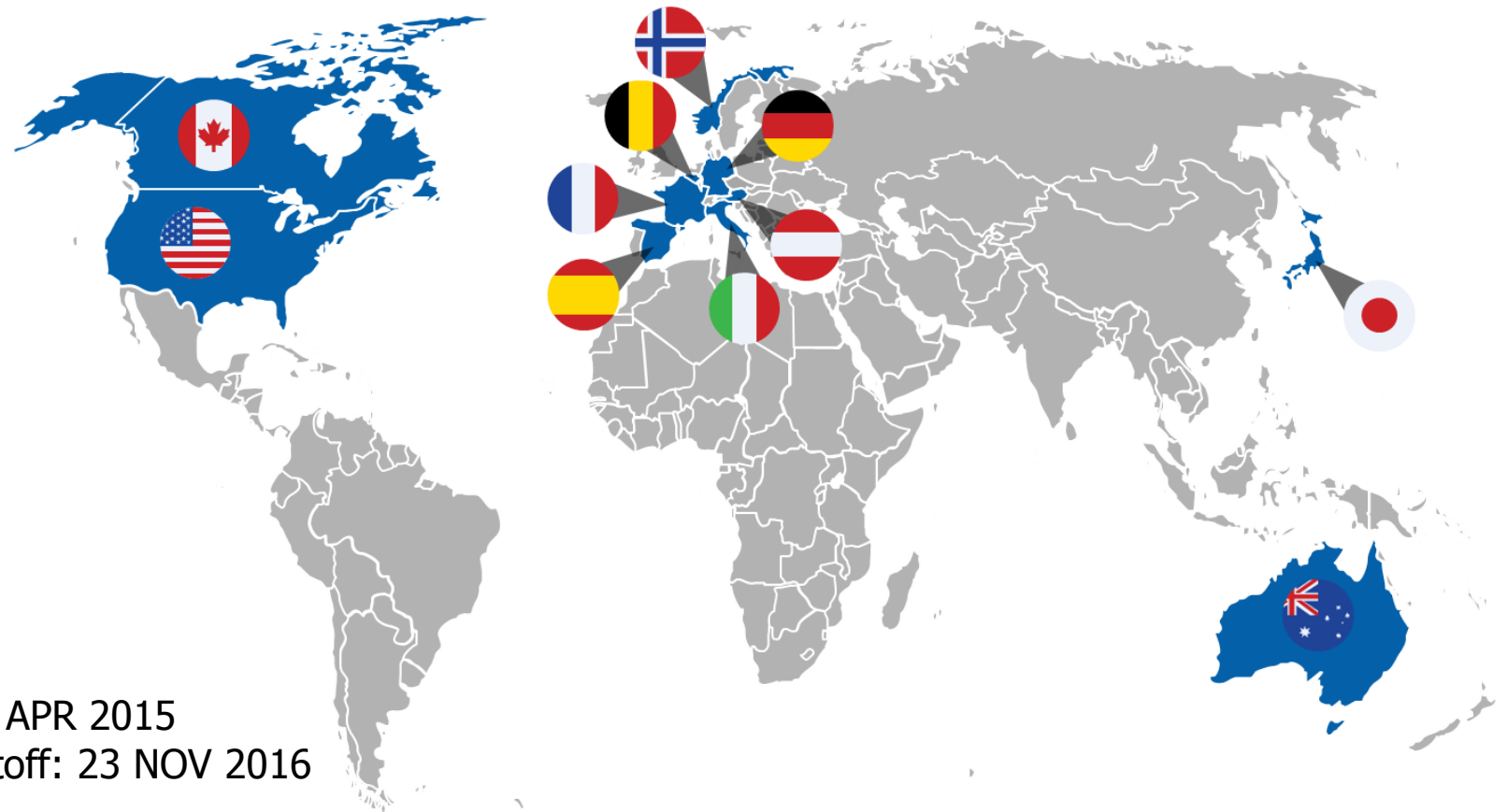
CTL019 in Pediatric and Adult ALL: Long-Term Functional Persistence



- CTL019 T cells robust in vivo expansion and persist in vivo
 - CTL019 detectable in the blood by flow cytometry for up to 11 months
 - B-cell aplasia occurred in all patients who had a response¹
 - Long-term persistence may allow for long-term disease control^{1,2}

- ELIANA is a Novartis single arm global study with centralized manufacturing of CTL019
- 25 sites in 11 countries across North America, Europe, Australia, and Asia

Global Registration trial of CTL019 in ALL - ELIANA



FPFV=8 APR 2015
Data cutoff: 23 NOV 2016

ELIANA: Primary Efficacy Analysis

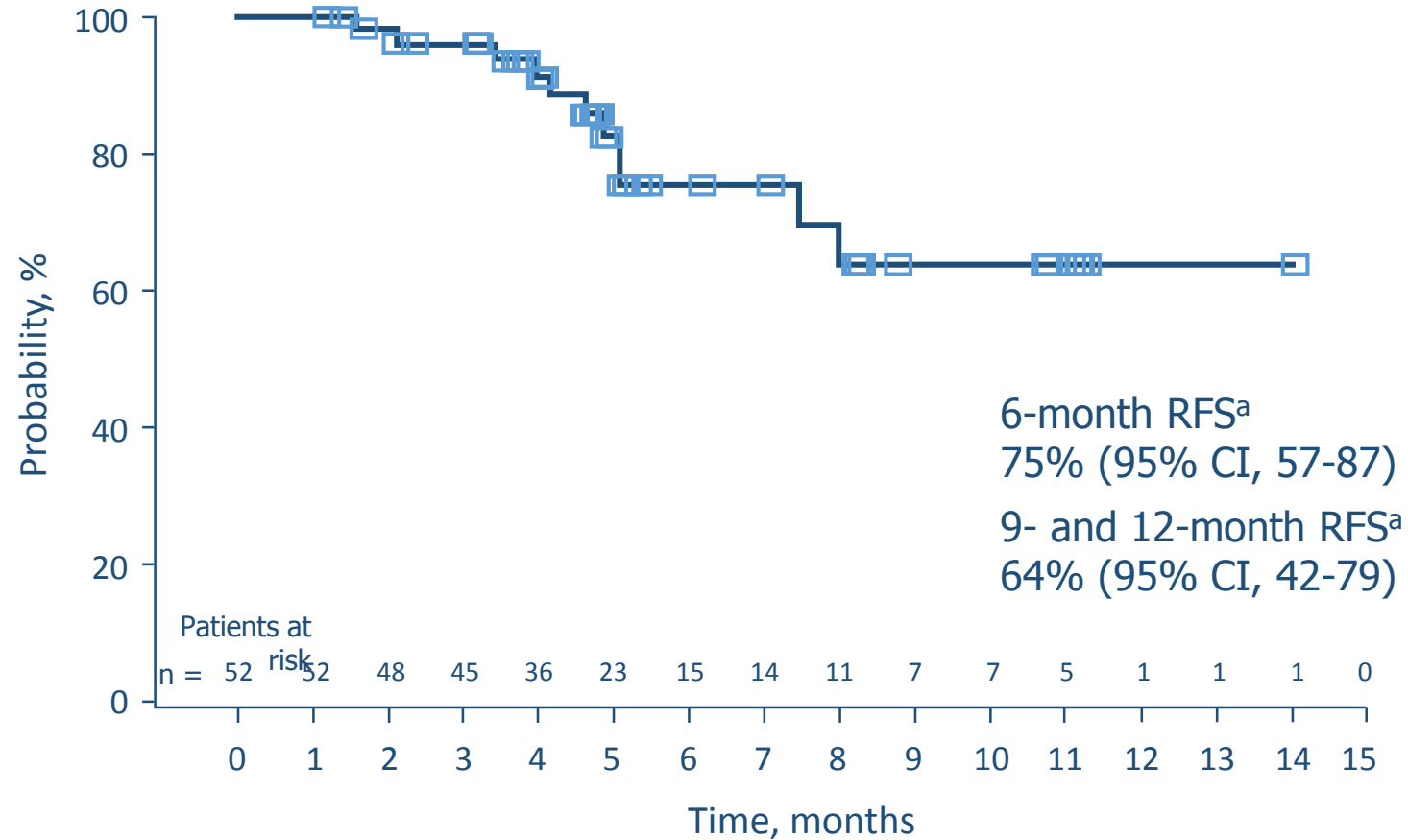
Parameter	Efficacy Analysis Set ^a (n = 63)		
	% (n/N)	95% CI	P Value
Primary endpoint			
Overall remission rate (CR + CRi) within 3 months	83 (52/63)	(71-91)	< .001 [†]
Best overall response, % ^b			
CR	63		
CRi	19		
Secondary endpoint			
Best overall response of CR or CRi within 3 months with MRD-negative ^c BM	83	(71-91)	< .001 [†]

^a Patients infused with CTL019 ≥ 3 months prior to data cutoff. ^b The response was unknown in 6 patients. ^c MRD negative = MRD < 0.01%.

[†] Nominal *P* value is presented to test the null hypothesis of overall remission rate < 20% for comparison with historical control.

- The primary efficacy analysis was consistent with the interim analysis where the primary endpoint was met

ELIANA: Duration of Remission



Patients (N = 52)

Number of events (n = 11) Median follow-up, 4.8 months

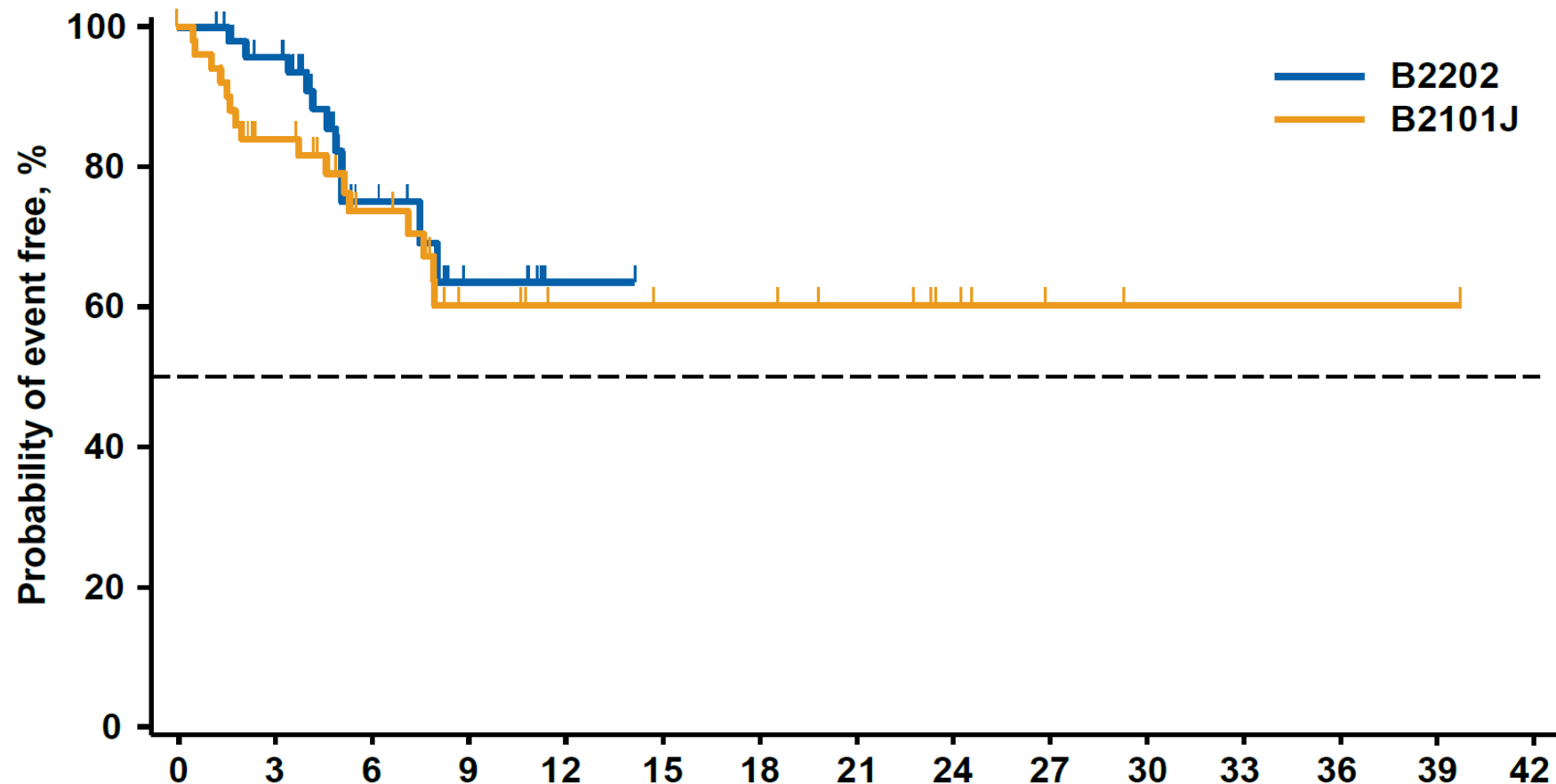
Median DOR, not reached

Only patients who achieved CR or CRi were included. Time is relative to onset of remission.

^a Efficacy analysis set.

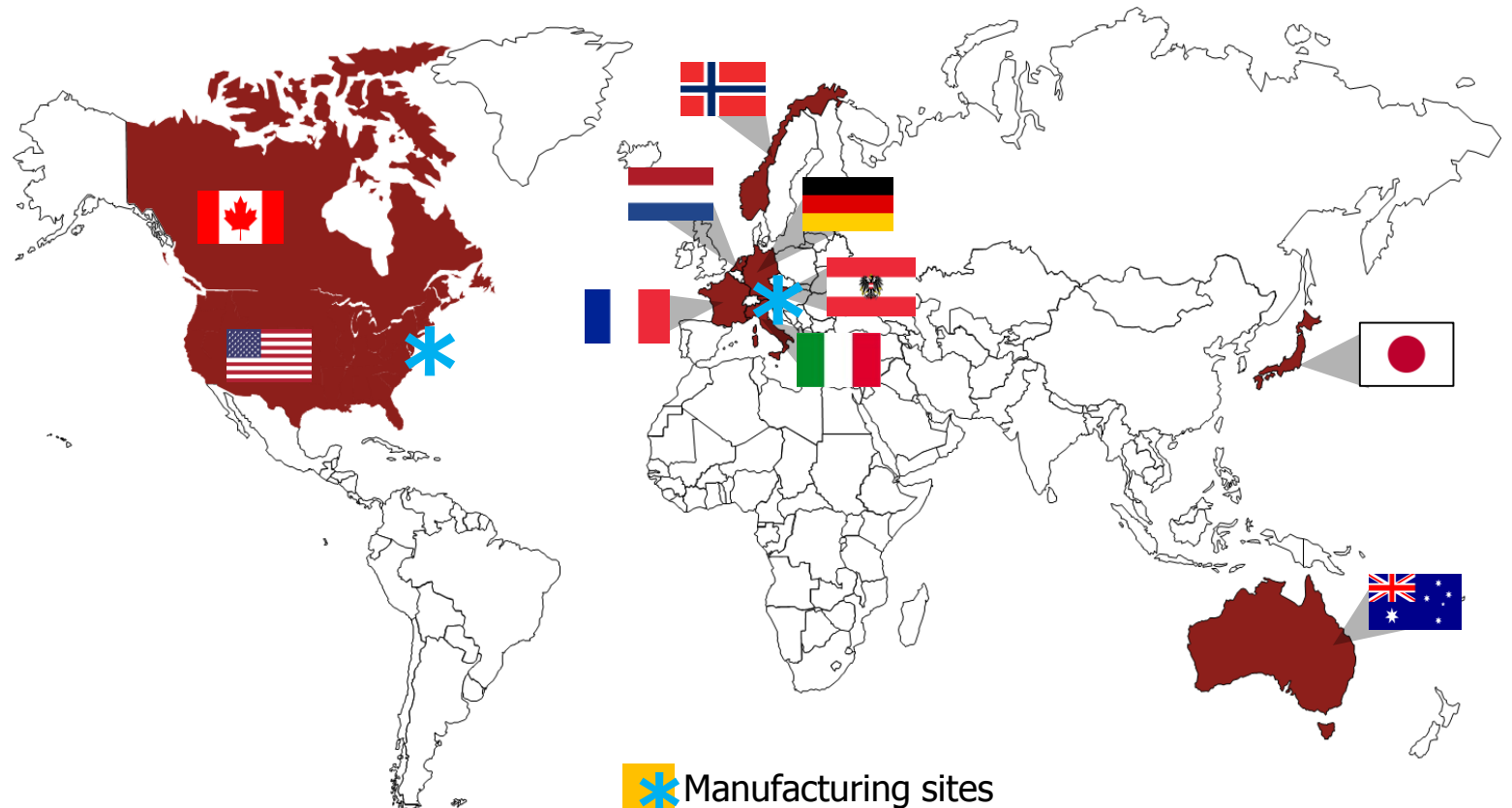
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DOR in B2202 and B2101J



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Global Registration trial of CTL019 in DLBCL – JULIET



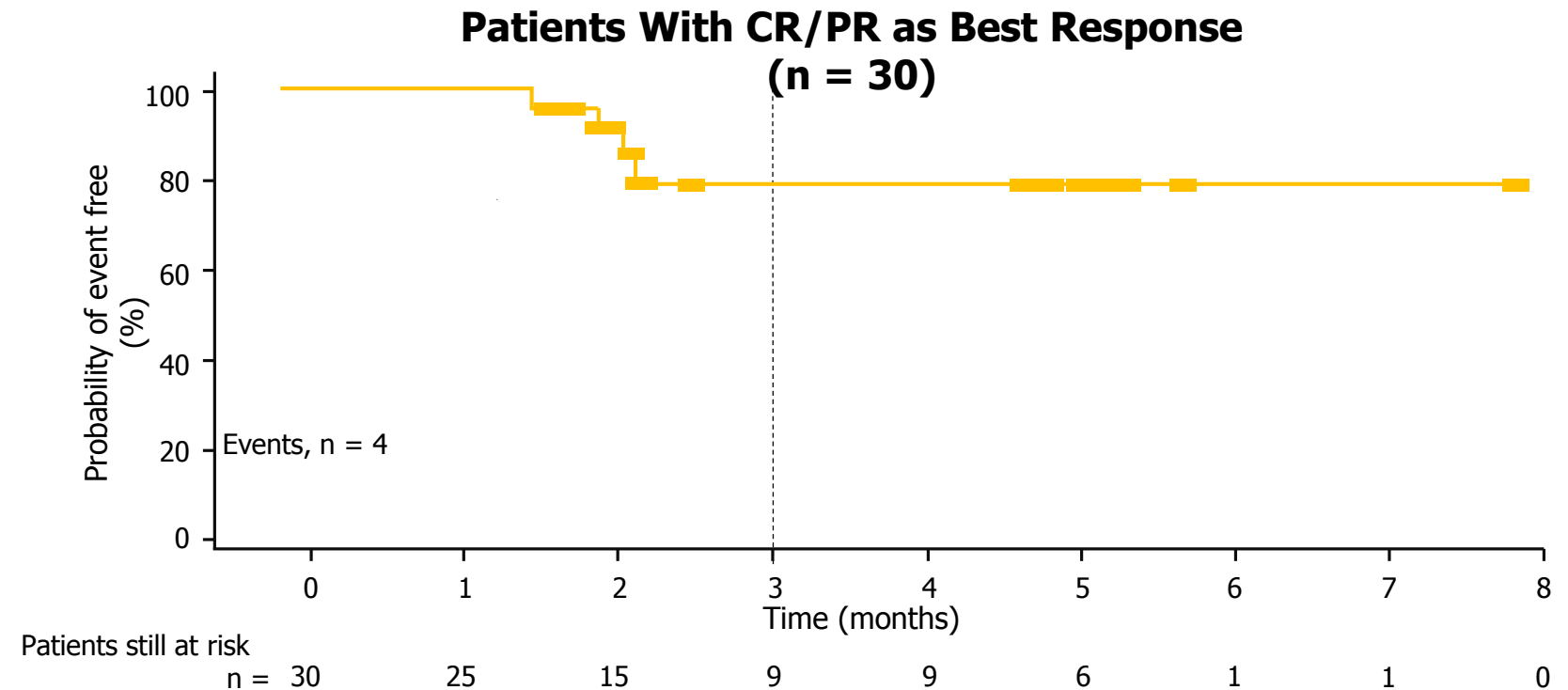
JULIET Primary Endpoint Met in DLBCL

Response Rate	Patients (N = 51) ^a	
Best overall response (CR + PR)	59%	$P < .0001^b$ (95% CI, 44-72)
CR	43%	
PR	16%	
SD	12%	
PD	24%	
Overall response rate (CR + PR) at 3 months	45%	
CR	37%	
PR	8%	

^a The interim analysis was preplanned to include the first 51 patients treated with CTL019 and followed for at least 3 months or discontinued early.

^b Null hypothesis of ORR \leq 20%; the one-sided p-value threshold to reject the null hypothesis is 0.0047 (O'Brien-Fleming boundary) at the interim analysis and 0.0235 at the primary analysis.

DLBCL – Duration of Response: 79% Relapse-free at 6 Months



- All responses at 3 months were ongoing at the time of cut-off
- No responding patients went on to SCT
- Median DOR and OS not reached

Cytokine Release Syndrome in DLBCL

	Patients (n = 85)
Time to onset, median (range), days ^a	3.0 (1-8)
Duration, median (range), days ^a	7.0 (3-34)
Admitted to intensive care unit	24%
Hypotension that required intervention	29%
High dose vasopressors	7%
Intubated	8%
Anti-cytokine therapy ^b	18%
Tocilizumab	16%
Corticosteroids	11%

^a Calculated based only on patients who had cytokine release syndrome (n = 48).

^b 8 patients received both tocilizumab and corticosteroids.

CRS was graded using the Penn scale and managed by a protocol-specific algorithm.

Porter DL, et al. *Sci Transl Med*. 2015;7(303):303ra139.

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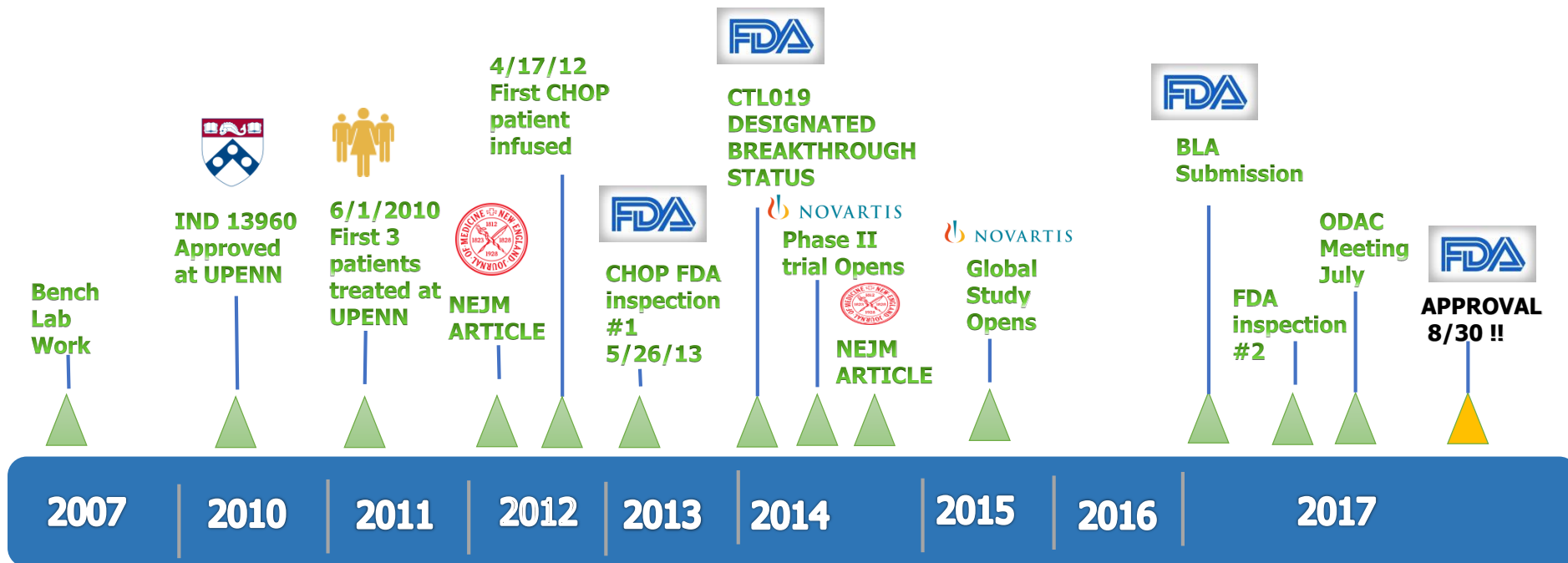
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 - “Severe Neurotoxicity in the Phase 2 Trial of JCAR015 in Adult B-ALL (ROCKET Study)”
Session 102, today, 11:10 – 11:30, Maryland Ballroom



From CART19 to Kymriah

Timeline to FDA Approval





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Voting Result

Yes	10
No	0
Abstain	0
No Voting	0

FDA News Release

FDA approval brings first gene therapy to the United States

CAR T-cell therapy approved to treat certain children and young adults with B-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia

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FDA Approves Genentech's Actemra (Tocilizumab) for the Treatment of CAR T Cell-Induced Cytokine Release Syndrome

- Actemra is the first FDA-approved treatment for severe or life-threatening cytokine release syndrome induced by CAR T cell therapy
- CAR T cell therapy is an immunotherapy designed for the treatment of certain cancers
- This is the seventh FDA approval for Actemra since its U.S. launch in 2010

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FDA approves CAR-T cell therapy to treat adults with certain types of large B-cell lymphoma

Yescarta is the second gene therapy product approved in the U.S.

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Other key points:

- Patients do not need to be in complete remission to be treated
- No donor is required
- There is a plan for a registry
- No requirement for RCL testing



Are CAR T cells effective therapy? What have we shown we can do?

- Consolidate patients with MRD
- Reinduce remission
- Multicenter trial/s in pediatric ALL, registration trial, FDA approved product
- With adequate persistence, can we imagine a replacement for stem cell transplant?
- “What would this need to look like if we try to move this up front in ALL?”
Steve Hunger, COG ALL Chair



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