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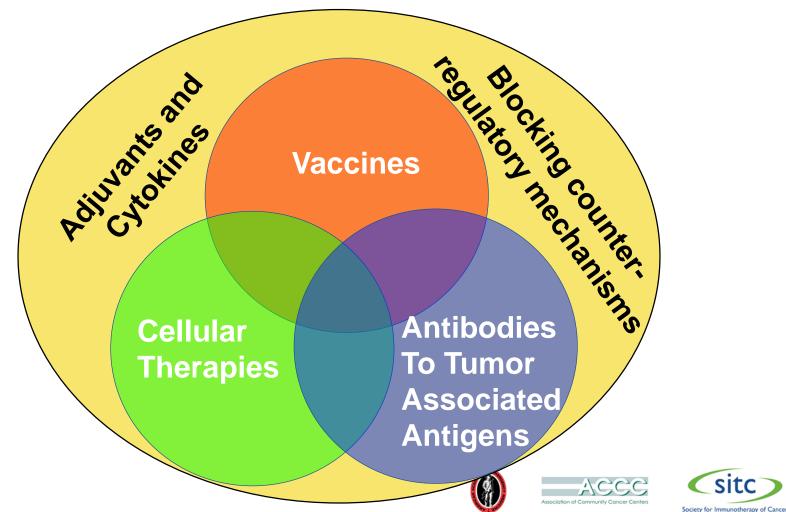
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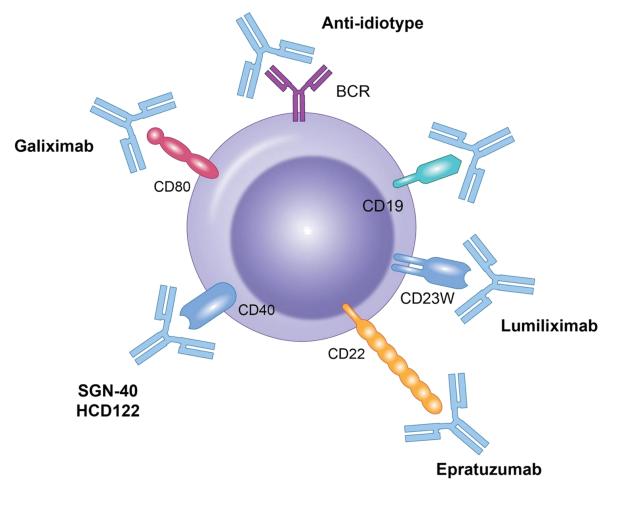


Immunological Modalities to Treat Cancer



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Monoclonal antibodies targeting B cell lymphomas









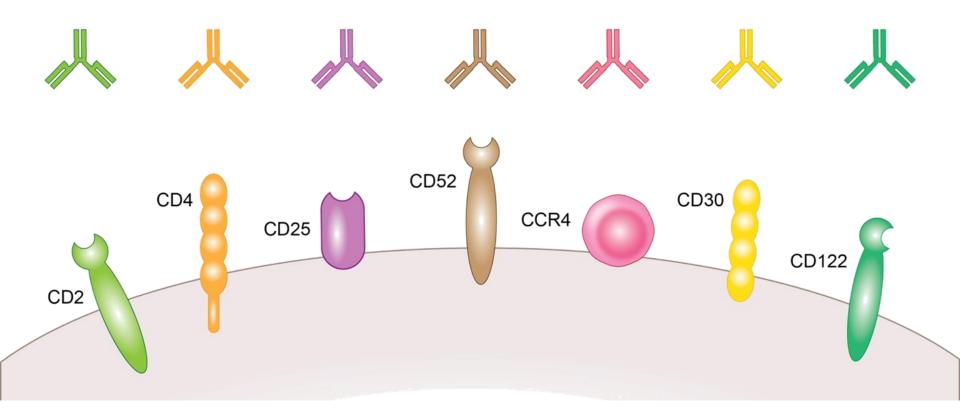
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Monoclonal antibodies targeting T cell lymphomas

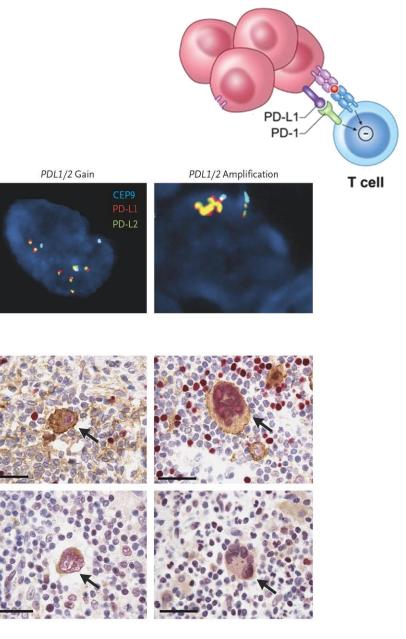






Checkpoint inhibitors

- Reed-Sternberg cells express both PD-L1 and PD-L2
- Expression of ligands increases with advanced disease
- Unclear whether PD-L1/L2 expression correlates with response to treatment





D-L1/PAX5

D-L2/pSTAT





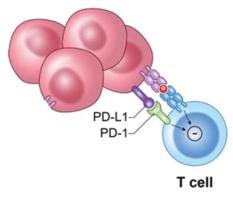


FDA-approved checkpoint inhibitors for hematologic malignancies

• Nivolumab (anti-PD-1)

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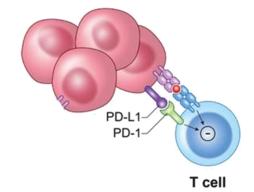
- CheckMate 205/039: Patients with cHL that has relapsed or progressed after autologous hematopoietic stem cell transplantation and posttransplantation brentuximab vedotin
- Accelerated approval May 17th, 2016
- Pembrolizumab (anti-PD-1)
 - KEYNOTE 087: Adult and pediatric patients with refractory cHL, or patients whose disease has relapsed after three or more lines of therapy
 - Accelerated approval March 14th, 2017











Nivolumab in Hodgkin lymphoma

| Table 3. Clinical Activity in Nivolumab-Treated Patients.* | | | | | | |
|--|------------------------|--|---|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| Variable | All Patients (N=23) | Failure of Both Stem-Cell Transplantation and Brentuximab (N=15) | No Stem-Cell Transplantation and Failure of Brentuximab (N=3) | No Brentuximab Treatment (N=5)† | | |
| Best overall response — no. (%) | | | | | | |
| Complete response | 4 (17) | 1 (7) | 0 | 3 (60) | | |
| Partial response | 16 (70) | 12 (80) | 3 (100) | 1 (20) | | |
| Stable disease | 3 (13) | 2 (13) | 0 | 1 (20) | | |
| Progressive disease | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Objective response | | | | | | |
| No. of patients | 20 | 13 | 3 | 4 | | |
| Percent of patients (95% CI) | 87 (66–97) | 87 (60–98) | 100 (29–100) | 80 (28–99) | | |
| Progression-free survival at 24 wk — % (95% CI)‡ | 86 (62–95) | 85 (52–96) | NCſ | 80 (20–97) | | |
| Overall survival — wk | | | | | | |
| Median | NR | NR | NR | NR | | |
| Range at data cutoff¶ | 21–75 | 21–75 | 32–55 | 30–50 | | |

* NC denotes not calculated, and NR not reached.

† In this group, two patients had undergone autologous stem-cell transplantation and three had not.

🕆 Point estimates were derived from Kaplan–Meier analyses; 95% confidence intervals were derived from Greenwood's formula.

§ The estimate was not calculated when the percentage of data censoring was above 25%.

Responses were ongoing in 11 patients.

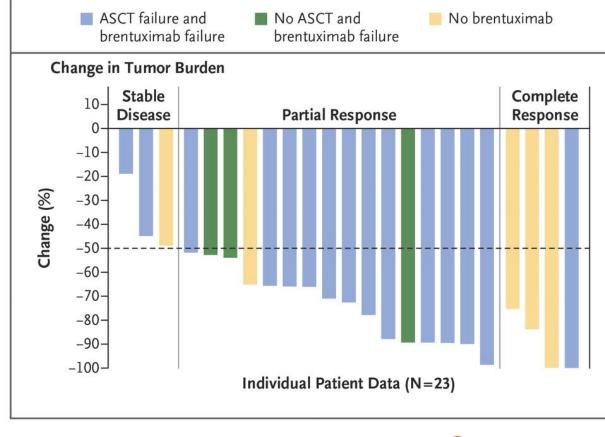






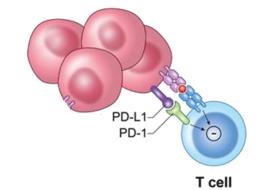
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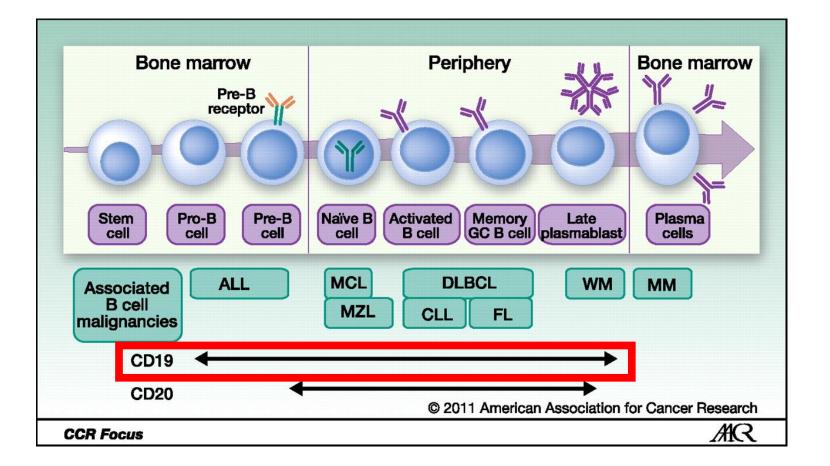


Patient selection criteria for checkpoint inhibitor therapies

- Expression of the ligand for checkpoint inhibition
 - e.g. PD-L1 expression for anti-PD-1 therapy
- Relapse or progression after previous therapies
 - Nivolumab: After prior HSCT and brentuximab therapy
 - Pembrolizumab: Relapse after three prior treatments
- Presence of co-morbidities:
 - e.g. Presence of active autoimmune diseases which could be worsened





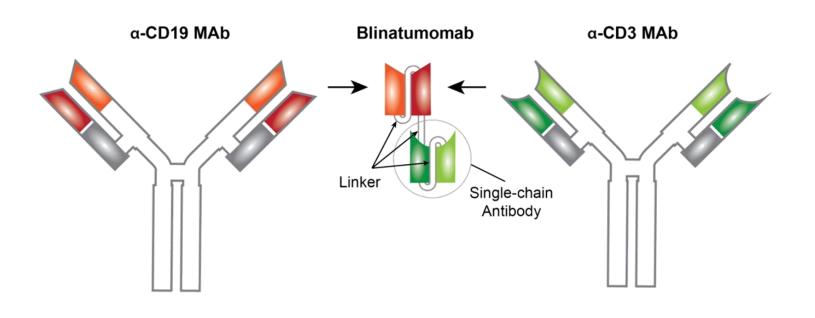


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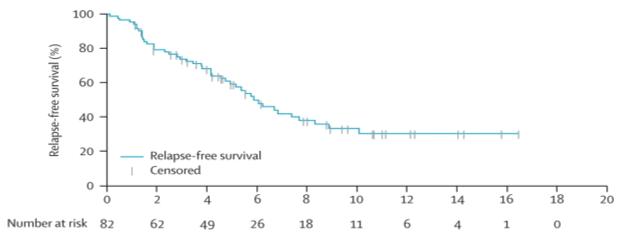


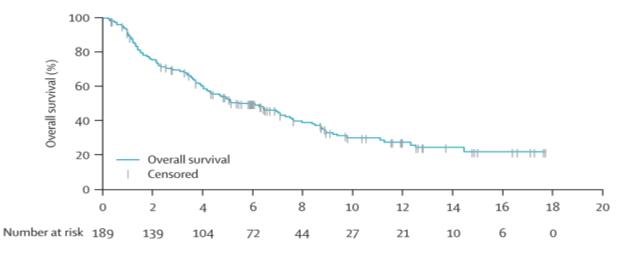
- Combines anti-CD19 F(ab) with anti-CD3 F(ab)
- Lacks the Fc region
- TOWER: Patients with relapsed/refractory B-cell precursor ALL
 - Regular approval: July 11th, 2017









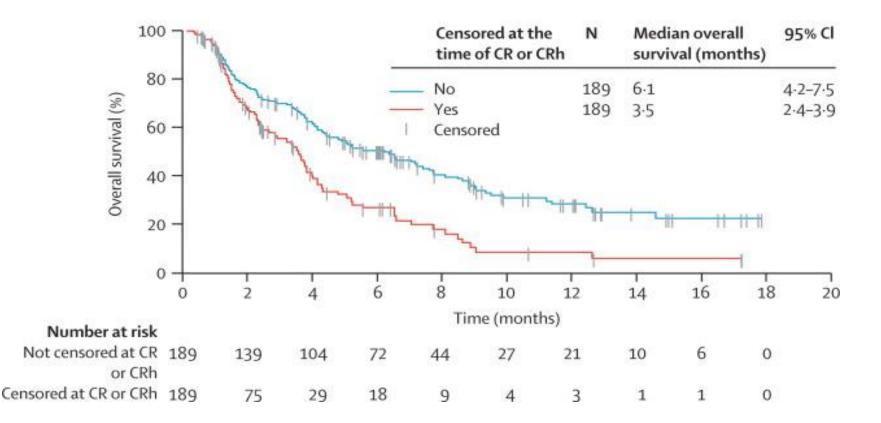


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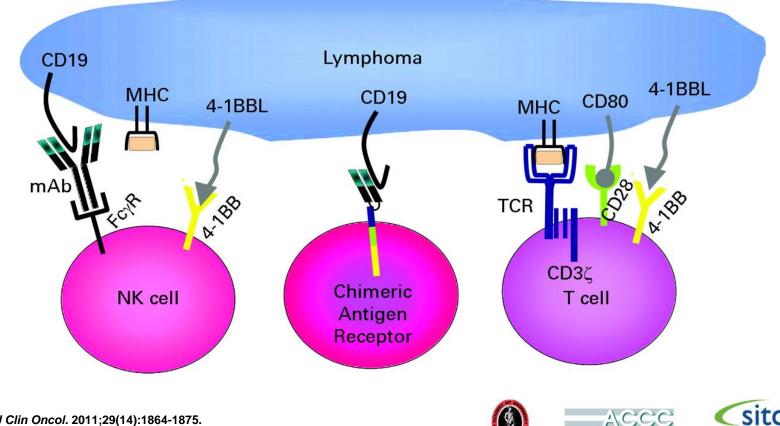
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Three Different Mechanisms of Cellular Immunotherapy



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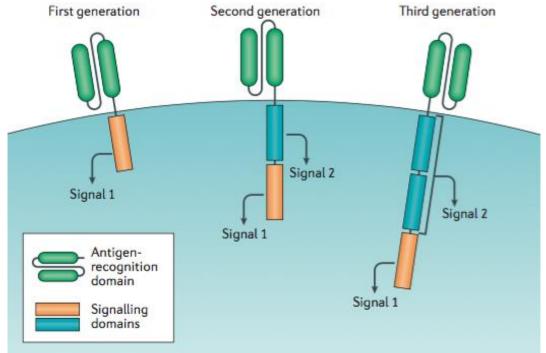
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Chimeric Antigen Receptor (CAR) T Cell Therapy

Signal 1 \rightarrow activation (CD3 ζ) Signal 2 \rightarrow co-stimulation

 2^{nd} gen → 4-1BB or CD28 3^{rd} gen → 4-1BB + CD28



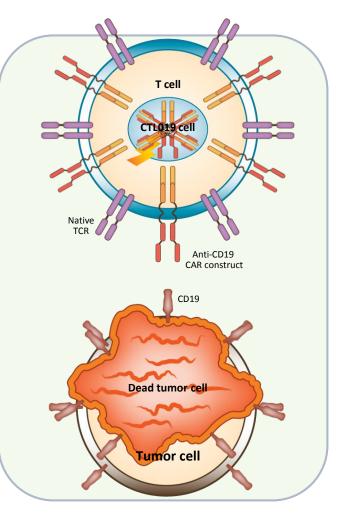
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<u>Chimeric</u> <u>Antigen</u> <u>Receptor</u> (CAR) T cell therapy

- Gene transfer technology stably expresses CARs on T cells^{1,2}
- CAR T cell therapy takes advantage of the cytotoxic potential of T cells, killing tumor cells in an antigendependent manner^{1,3}
- Persistent CAR T cells consist of both effector (cytotoxic) and central memory T cells³
- T cells are *non-cross resistant* to chemotherapy
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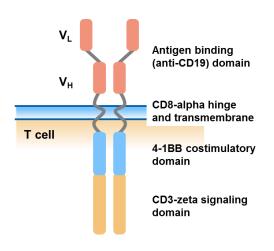


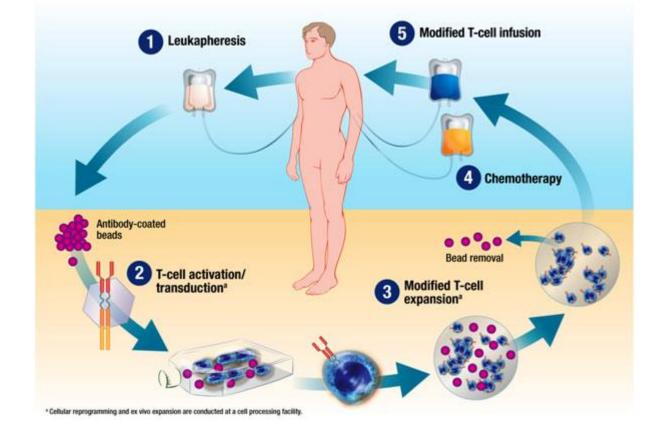














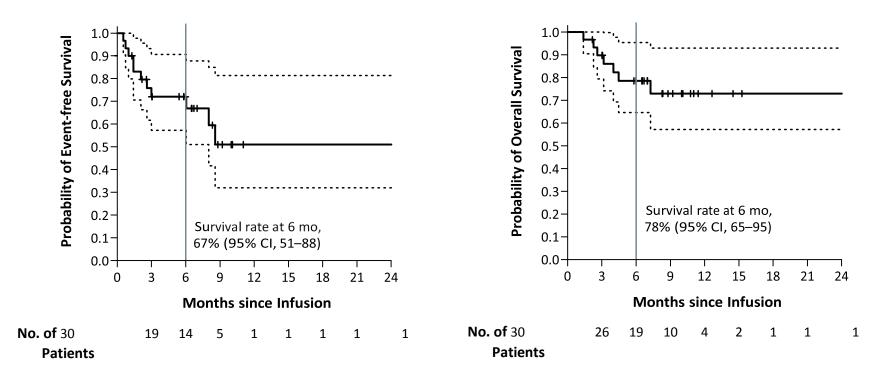


FDA-approved CAR T cell therapies for hematologic malignancies

- Kymriah (tisagenlecleucel)
 - Patients up to 25 years of age with B-cell precursor ALL that is refractory or in second or later relapse
 - Accelerated approval August 30th, 2017
- Yescarta (axicabtagene ciloleucel)
 - ZUMA-1: Adult patients with relapsed or refractory large B-cell lymphoma after two or more lines of systemic therapy, including diffuse large B-cell lymphoma (DLBCL) not otherwise specified, primary mediastinal large B-cell lymphoma, high-grade B-cell lymphoma, and DLBCL arising from follicular lymphoma
 - Accelerated approval October 18th, 2017











CAR T cell therapy in DLBCL JULIET multi-institutional study

| Response Rate | Patients (N = 51) ^a | | |
|---|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| Best overall response (CR + PR) | 59% | P < .0001 ^b (95% CI, 44-72) | |
| CR ¹ | 43% | | |
| PR ¹ | 16% | | |
| SD ¹ | 12% | | |
| PD ¹ | 24% | | |
| | | | |
| Overall response rate (CR + PR) at 3 months | 45% | | |
| CR ¹ | 37% | | |
| PR ¹ | 8% | | |

CI, confidence interval; CR, complete remission; ORR, overall remission rate; PD, progressive disease;

PR, partial remission; SD, stable disease.

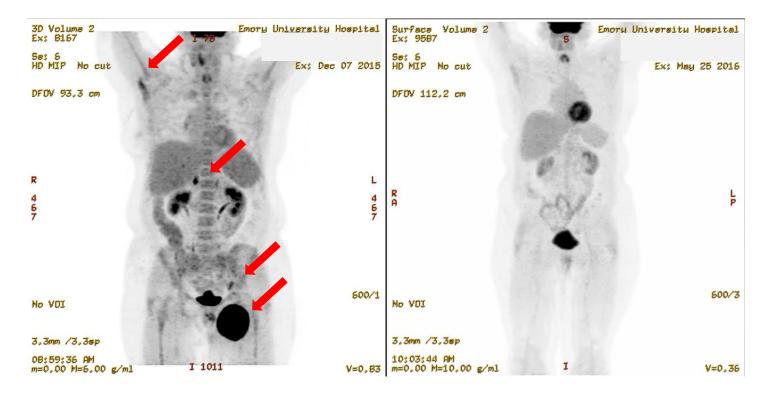








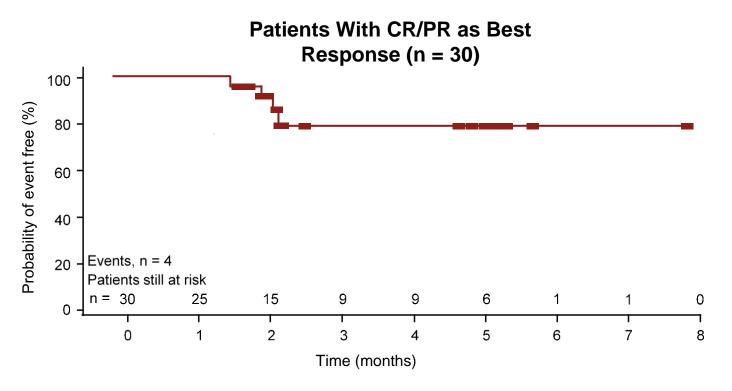
Complete regression of DLBCL three months following CART therapy







CAR T cell therapy in DLBCL JULIET multi-institutional study



- 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





CAR T cell therapy in DLBCL Agent efficacy and safety

| | CTL019¹ | KTE | -C19 ^{2,3} | JCAR017 ^{4,5} |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| Disease state | r/r DLBCL | r/r DLBCL | r/r TFL/PMBCL | r/r DLBCL, NOS, tDLBCL, FL3B |
| Pts treated, n | 85 | 77 | 24 | 28 |
| Follow-up, median | NR | 8.7 mo | | NR |
| Efficacy | | | | |
| ORR (best response) | 59% | 82% | 83% | 80%ª |
| CR (best response) | 43% | 54% | 71% | 60% ª |
| CR (3 months) | 37% | NR | NR | 45% |
| CR (6 months) | NR | 31% | 50% | NR |
| Safety | | | | |
| CRS | 31% grade 1/2; 26% grade 3/4 | 13% grade ≥3 | | 36% grade 1/2; 0% grade 3/4 |
| Neurotoxicity | 13% grade 3/4 | 28% grade ≥3 | | 4% grade 1/2; 14% grade 3/4 |

^a20 pts with DLBCL were evaluated for efficacy.

CR, complete response; CRS, cytokine release syndrome; NR, not reported; ORR, overall response rate.

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Antigen-specific approaches in ALL

| Technology: | CAR T cells | BiTE |
|--------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| Example | tisagenlecleucel (CAR(CD19) T) | blinatumumab (anti-CD3/CD19) |
| Dosing | One infusion | Continuous 28 days |
| Complete Response | 90% | 66% |
| Survival | 78% 6 mos OS | 9 mos median |
| Major toxicity | Cytokine release | Cytokine release |
| Antigen loss relapse? | Yes | Yes |
| Challenges | Complex manufacturing, individualized | Burdensome infusion |

Gill Immunol Rev Dec 2014







Patient selection criteria for CAR T therapies

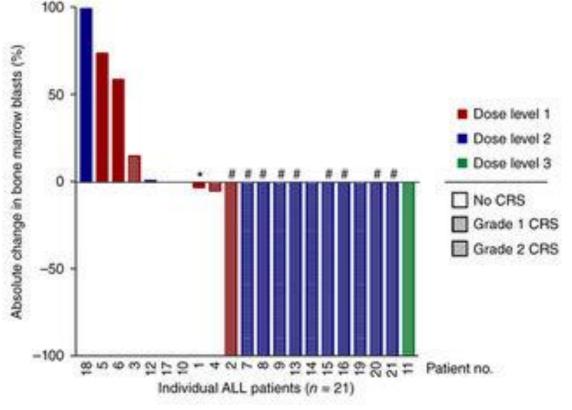
- Expression of the desired antigen for CAR T therapy
 - e.g. CD19 or CD22 expression
- Disease burden
 - CAR T trials: <30% to minimize the risk of cytokine release syndrome
- Presence of co-morbidities
 - e.g. Presence of active autoimmune diseases which could be worsened

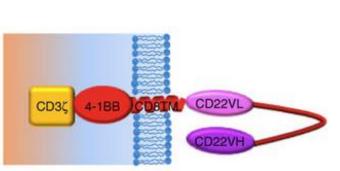




Ongoing trials with CAR T therapies for hematologic malignancies

 CD22+ CAR T cells effective in patients with relapsed, CD19- B-ALL













Immunotherapies for myeloma

- No approved checkpoint inhibitor therapies
 - KEYNOTE-183/185/023: halted or discontinued due to risk/benefit profile

Vaccine-based approaches



- Non-Antigen Specific
 - Attenuated measles
 - Whole cell GM-CSF
 - Dendritic tumor fusions

- Antigen Specific
 - Idiotype: RNA, DNA, protein
 - Pulsed dendritic cells
 - Tumor-specific peptides

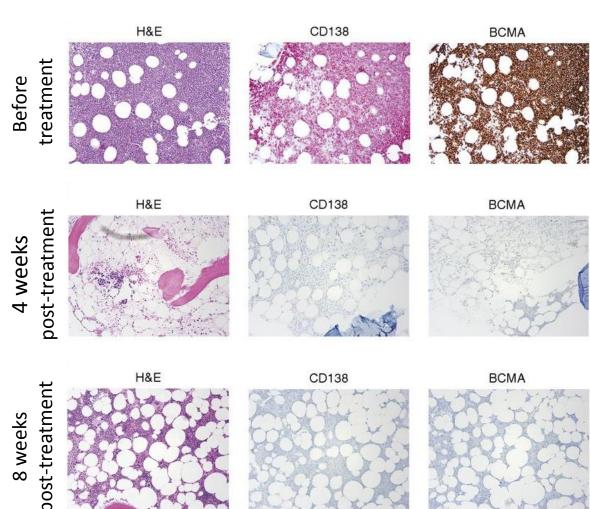








On the way: BCMA+ CAR T therapy for myeloma



- Fan et al. LBA3001 ASCO 2017
- 100% ORR
- 33/35 patients in remission within 2 months after BCMA CAR T therapy

November 17th, 2017 FDA Breakthrough Designation







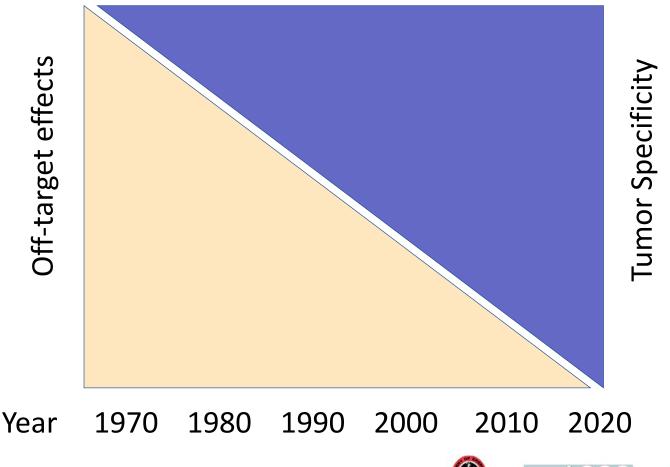
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