

Immunotherapy of Hematologic Malignancies

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Acute lymphocytic leukemia (ALL): Case Report

- 01/14: 28 yo male: precursor B cell ALL, 6 cycles of Hyper-CVAD ,plan for allogeneic peripheral blood stem cell transplant (alloPBSCT) but delayed
- 10/14: Bone Marrow (BM) test: 78% blasts, CD 10+, CD20+, CD22+, Trisomy 9 by FISH. Reinduced as per CALGB 10403 (dose intensive regimen for AYA patients)
- 11/14: BM test: 30% blasts, Salvaged with liposomal vincristine, complicated by myopathy, started on prednisone
- 12/14: Goes to MSKCC for CD19 CAR-T-cell x 2 infusions beginning 01/15
- 04/15: BM test: 78% blasts, Blinatumomab (bi-specific T-cell engager, CD3 & CD19) for 1 cycle
- 05/15: Hypercalcemia, acute kidney injury, BM test: 100% blasts, FLAG-IDA re-induction & liposomal vincristine, BM test: ~50% blasts
- 06/15: Severe abdominal pain/ileus, inotuzumab ozogamicin (anti-CD22 & calicheamicin) for 3 doses over 2 weeks, bone marrow test <1% blasts but +MRD by flow (0.02%) Cytogenetics: Absent trisomy 9
- 07/15: Sibling (female) allo PBSCT after fludarabine and melphalan, Day +38 BM Test: Remission, 500/500 female cells & clonal B cell gene re-arrangement
- 10/15: Dies of bacterial meningitis, in remission









Timeline of Advances in Immunotherapy

Allogeneic BMT

One Hundred Patients With Acute Leukemia Treated by Chemotherapy, Total Body Irradiation, and Allogeneic Marrow Transplantation

By E. Donnall Thomas, C. Dean Buckner, Meera Banaji, Reginald A. Clift, Alexander Fefer, Nancy Flournoy, Brian W. Goodell, Robert O. Hickman, Kenneth G. Lerner, Paul E. Neiman, George E. Sale, Jean E. Sanders, Jack Singer, Mary Stevens, Rainer Storb, and Paul L. Weiden

Donor Lymphocyte Infusions



By H.J. Kolb, J. Mittermüller, Ch. Clemm, E. Holler, G. Ledderose, G. Brehm, M. Heim, and W. Wilmanns



Tumor Specificity Increases Over Time

CAR T Slide Library, Courtesy D Porter











Graft-versus-Host Disease (GVHD) and Graft-versus-Leukemia (GvL) response





Checkpoint Inhibitors (PD-1/PD-

• Antibody agonists (CD137;GITR;

• Bi-specific T cell engagers (BITE)

Naked antibodies (Rituximab,

(blinatumumab) or other targets

Chimeric Antigen Receptor T cells

L1,PD-L2; CTLA-4;Lab-3

CD40)

Herceptin)

(Engineered)

• NK cells

Mechanisms of Selected Immunotherapies

- PD1 TCR Native T cell CTLA-4 Engineered T cell **BiTE®** Immune CD3 checkpoint PD1 inhibitors TCR CAR PD-L1 PD-L2 MHC I/II CD19 Naked mAb CD19 **CD20** Malignant CD22 cell
- Batlevi CL et al Novel immunotherapies in lymphoid malignancies Nature Rev Clin Oncol January 2016









http://www.discoverymedicine.com/Alain-Beck/2010/10/16/the-next-generation-of-antibody-drugconjugates-comes-of-age/









Monoclonal Antibody Drug Conjugates Gemtuzomab Ozogamicin and IMGN632



Basophils. Acute pDCs or Myeloid cDCs Leukemia ĨL-3RA -- Murine –==– Human n~2

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CD123: The interleukin (IL)-3 receptor α -chain







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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





PD-L1/PAX5

PD-L2/pSTAT









FDA-approved checkpoint inhibitors for hematologic malignancies

- Nivolumab (anti-PD-1)
 - 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





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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











CLINICAL TRIALS AND OBSERVATIONS

Interim results of brentuximab vedotin in combination with nivolumab in patients with relapsed or refractory Hodgkin lymphoma

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In this phase 1/2 study, brentuximab vedotin (BV) and nivolumab (Nivo) administered in combination were evaluated as initial salvage therapy in patients with relapsed or refractory (R/R) classical Hodgkin lymphoma (HL). Patients received up to 4 cycles of combination treatment, with BV administered on day 1 and Nivo on day 8 of the first cycle. For cycles 2 to 4, BV and Nivo were both administered on day 1. After study treatment, responses were evaluated by investigators per the 2014 Lugano classification, and patients could proceed to autologous stem cell transplantation (ASCT). Sixty-two patients were enrolled; the complete response rate among all treated patients (n = 61) was 61%, with an objective response rate of 82%. Before ASCT, adverse events (AEs) occurred in 98% of patients, mostly grades 1 and 2.

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Figure 1. Percent change in the sum of the product of diameters and maximum percent change in the standard uptake value in efficacy-evaluable patients (n = 60). (A) Sum of the product of diameters (SPD) percent change and (B) maximum standard uptake value (SUV) percent change are calculated as the percent change from the baseline SPD/SUV to the minimum post-baseline SPD/SUV measured before initiation of subsequent anticancer treatment (chemotherapy or radiotherapy, including conditioning regimen for ASCT).

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Blanc, V et al., Clinical Cancer Research, Volume 17, Issue 20









A: TNF-R family members BAFF-R, TACI, and BCMA during B-cell development B: Ligands and inhibitors of B cell signalling



Maus MV, June CH. Clin Cancer Res 2013;19:1917. APRIL: proliferation-inducing ligand; BAFF: B-cell activating factor; BCMA: B-cell Maturation Antigen; TACI: transmembrane activator and calcium modulator and cyclophilin ligand interactor



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













Blinatumomab versus Chemotherapy for Advanced Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia

A Overall Survival





Kantarjian et al N ENGLJ MED 376;9 NEJM.ORG MARCH 2, 2017











Inotuzumab Ozogamicin versus Standard Therapy for Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia





Kantarjian et al NENGLJ MED 375;8 NEJM.ORG AUGUST 25, 2016











Addition of gemtuzumab ozogamicin to induction chemotherapy in adult patients with acute myeloid leukaemia: a meta-analysis of individual patient data from randomised controlled trials FDA Re-approved in 2017



Hills et al www.thelancet.com/oncology Vol 15 August 2014















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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 *antigen-dependent* manner^{1,3,4}
- Persistent CAR T cells consist of both effector (cytotoxic) and central memory T cells^{3,4}
- First human trial in resistant CLL patients⁴
- T cells are non-cross resistant to chemotherapy

Milone MC, et al. *Mol Ther*. 2009;17:1453-1464.
Hollyman D, et al. *J Immunother*. 2009;32:169-180.
Kalos M, et al. *Sci Transl Med*. 2011;3:95ra73.
Porter DL et al. *NEJM*. 365:725-33

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FDA-approved CAR T cell therapies for hematologic malignancies

- Kymriah (tisagenlecleucel)
 - Patients who are 25 years of age and younger 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









Humanized CART19 (CTL119) Study Schema – NCT02374333







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











	Tisagenlecleucel; Kymriah™, CTL019¹	Axicabtageı "Yescarta	ne Ciloleucel; [•] , KTE-C19 ²	Lisocabtagene maraleucel, Liso-cel™, JCAR017 ³
Disease state	r/r DLBCL	r/r DLBCL	r/r TFL/PMBCL	r/r DLBCL/FL3B/MCL
Pts treated, n	81	77	24	69/1/5
Prior ASCT/ <u>></u> 3 lines/median Rx lines	47%/51%/3	21%/64%/NR	21%/88%/NR	46%/NR/3
Follow-up, median	5.6 mo	15.4	4 mo	5.8 mo
Efficacy				
ORR	53%	82%	83%	75%
CR	39%	38%	71%	56%
PR	14%	25%	12%	NR
SD, PD, NE	9%	14%	4%	NR
Safety				
CRS	23% grade <u>></u> 3	13% grade ≥3		30% Any CRS ;1% grade 4
Neurologic Events	12% grade <u>></u> 3	28% g	rade ≥3	20% grade 1/2; 10% grade 3/4

ASCT, Autologous stem cell transplant; CR, complete response; CRS, cytokine release syndrome; NE, Not evaluable; NR, not reported; ORR, overall response rate; PR, partial response; SD, stable disease 1. Schuster, SJ, et al. ASH 2017, abstract 577; 2. Neelapu et al NEJM 2017; 3. Abramson JS, et al ASH 2017 abstract 581.









Patient selection criteria for CAR T Cell 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





Immunotherapies for Multiple Myeloma

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



- Vaccine-based approaches
 - Non-Antigen Specific
 - Attenuated measles
 - Whole cell GM-CSF
 - Dendritic tumor fusions
 - (Blood and Marrow Transplant
 - Clinical Trials Network; BMT-CTN) 1401 Dendritic Cell Vaccine

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











Keynote 185: Phase 3, randomized, controlled trial of lenalidomide and low-dose dexamethasone +/- pembrolizumab in newly diagnosed multiple myeloma patients

- Data cutoff date: June 2, 2017 for safety & efficacy analysis of 301 randomized Transplant-ineligible NDMM patients
- Median follow-up 6.6 months
- OS: 19 deaths on the pembro/len/dex arm & 9 deaths on len dex arm, HR: 2.06 (95% CI: 0.93, 4.55), >2x RR of death compared to the control arm
- 22% increase of severe, grade 3-5 toxicity (72% vs. 50%, pembro/len/dex vs len/dex) & serious adverse events: 54% vs 39 %
- Non-disease progression causes of death in the pembro/len/dex arm: intestinal ischemia, cardio-respiratory arrest, suicide, pulmonary embolism, cardiac arrest, pneumonia, sudden death, myocarditis, large intestine perforation, and cardiac failure.
- https://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DrugSafety/ucm574305.htm













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BCMA+ CAR T therapy For Multiple Myeloma



Before

4 weeks

post-treatment

8 weeks







CD138



BCMA

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Fan et al. LBA3001 ASCO 2017

- 100% ORR
- 33/35 patients in remission within
 2 months after
 BCMA CAR T therapy

Berdeja et al ASH 2017 Abs 740

• 85% ORR

• November 17th, 2017 FDA Breakthrough Designation







Syed Abbas Ali et al. Blood 2016;128:1688-1700

Lead Product Candidate: UCART19 intended for ALL and CLL

Cell Development Process:

1. Start from healthy, unmodified donor T-Cells

Insert a marker for tracking (CD34)

2. Insertion of single-chain CAR construct and suicide gene CD20 for rituximab sensitivity



Qasim W et al. Molecular remission of infant B-ALL after infusion of universal TALEN gene-edited CAR T cells. Sci Transl Med. 2017 Jan 25;9(374). pii: eaaj2013.



Boyiadzis et al. Journal for ImmunoTherapy of Cancer (2016) 4:90 DOI 10.1186/s40425-016-0188-z

Journal for ImmunoTherapy of Cancer

POSITION ARTICLE AND GUIDELINES

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The Society for Immunotherapy of Cancer consensus statement on immunotherapy for the treatment of hematologic malignancies: multiple myeloma, lymphoma, and acute leukemia

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Thank you very much









TCR and 4 types of CARs



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Overview of "smart" CAR T cells



1) Pooled CAR T cell products: 2 or more single-targeting CAR T cell types with distinct antigen specificities.

2) Multi-CAR T cells harbor several CAR molecules with different antigen specificities.

3) Tandem CAR T cell expresses a CAR construct harboring 2 ligand-binding domains with different antigen specificities.

4) Conditional CAR T cell activation and co-stimulation are separated on two CAR constructs recognizing different target antigens.

5) Split CAR construct the ligand-binding or signaling domain is physically separated allowing controlled CAR T cell activation.

6) iCAR T cells additionally express a receptor engineered to recognize an antigen expressed on normal tissue to provide an inhibitory signal in turn.

7) CAR T cells can be equipped with suicide genes or switches (e.g., iCasp9) allowing ablation of CAR T cells.

Hartmann J et al EMBO Molecular Medicine 2017



FIGURE. Immune and Molecular Targeted Approaches in Acute Myeloid Leukemia



http://www.gotoper.com/publications/ajho/2017/2017apr/emerging-molecular-and-immune-therapies-in-acute-myeloid-leukemia









Monoclonal antibodies targeting B cell lymphomas









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Monoclonal antibodies targeting T cell lymphomas







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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











Topp, Max S et al., The Lancet Oncology, 2015, Volume 16, Issue 1, 57 - 66











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.









Ongoing trials with CAR T therapies for hematologic malignancies

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





ROSWELL PARK.







Fry, T.J. et al., Nature Medicine, 2017



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





KEYNOTE-183: Phase 3, randomized, controlled trial of pomalidomide & low-dose dexamethasone +/pembrolizumab (anti-PD-1)in relapsed refractory multiple myeloma patients with >2 prior therapy lines

- At a data cutoff date of June 2, 2017, safety and efficacy evaluation of 249 randomized RRMM patients
- Median follow-up of 8.1 months.
- OS: 29 deaths on the pembro/pom/dex & 21 deaths on the pom/dex arm. HR: 1.61 (95% CI: 0.91-2.85), increasing RR of death by > 50% compared to control arm
- 18% increase of severe, grade 3-5 toxicity (83% vs. 65%, pembro/pom/dex vs. pom/dex) with an incidence of serious adverse events: 63% vs 46%
- Non-disease progression causes of death on the pembro/pom/dex arm: myocarditis, Stevens-Johnson syndrome, myocardial infarction, pericardial hemorrhage, cardiac failure, respiratory tract infection, neutropenic sepsis, sepsis, multiple organ dysfunction, respiratory failure, and unknown.
- https://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DrugSafety/ucm574305.htm









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Keynote 185





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