

# T cells Recognizing Antigen Through Native or Chimeric Receptors

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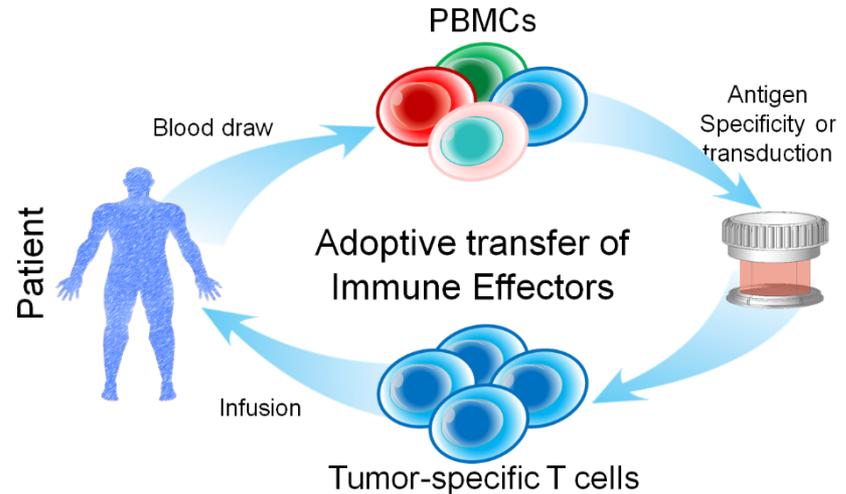
  
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# Adoptive Cellular Therapies for Cancer

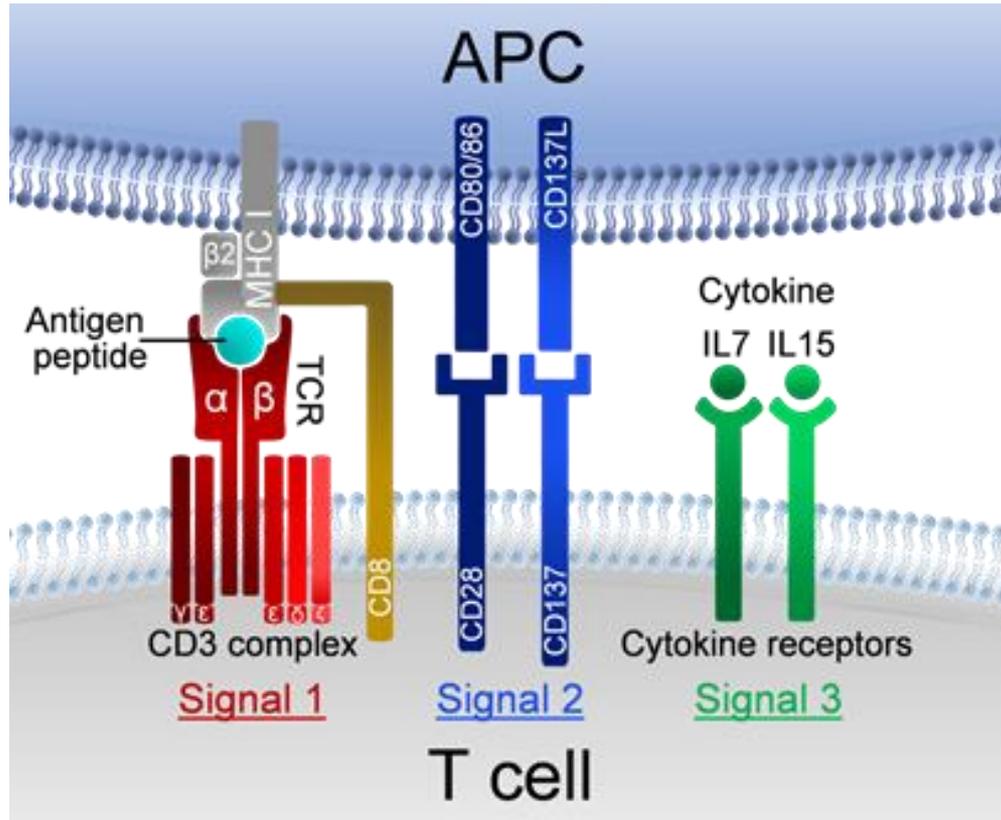
- Manipulation of the immune system to treat or prevent disease
  - Innate immunity
    - Immediate defense
    - Alerts and guides adaptive immunity
  - Adaptive immunity
    - Specific
    - Expands
    - Memory



# Benefits of T Cell Therapies

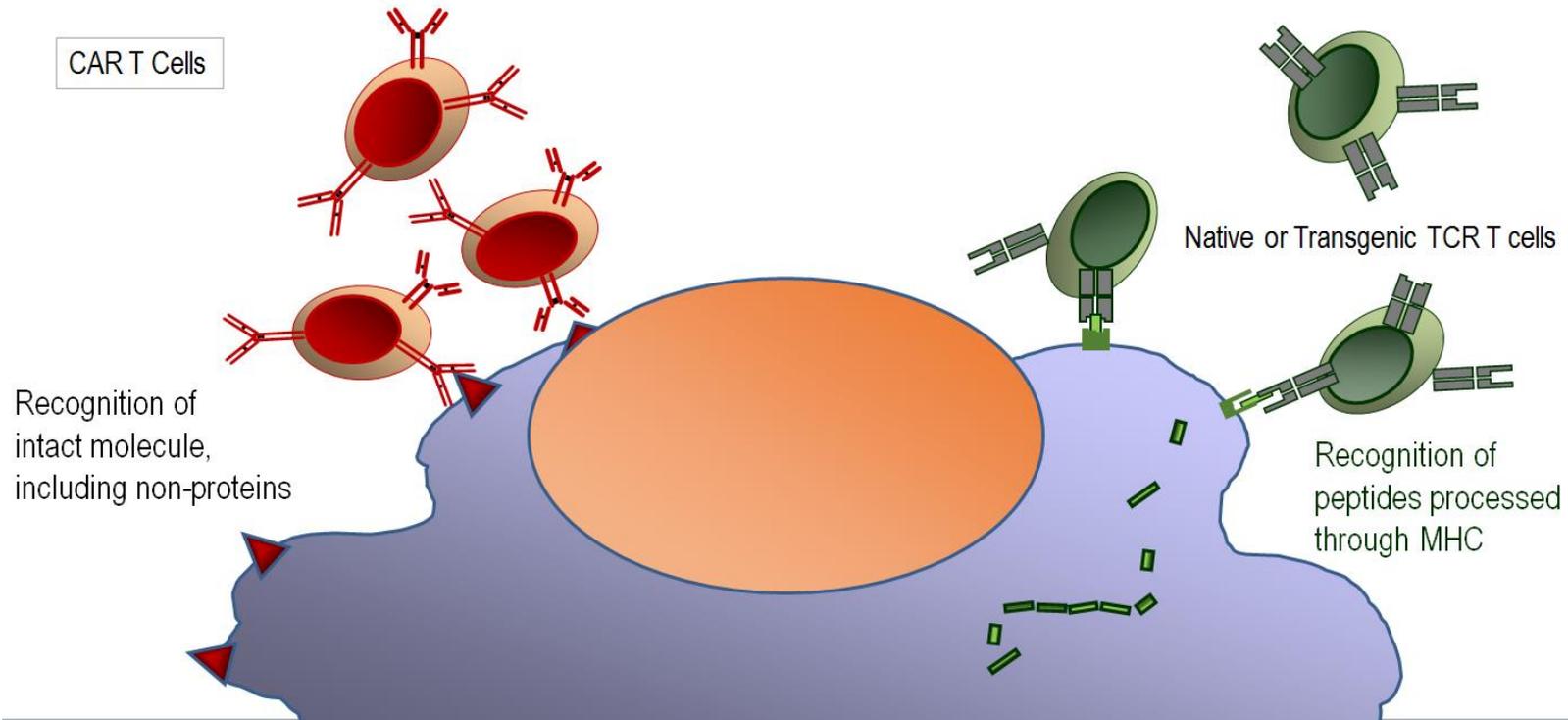
- Specific receptors give high targeting ability
- Recognize internal antigens (if processed)
- Good bio-distribution - traffic through multiple tissue planes
- Multiple effector mechanisms
- Self amplifying

# T Cell Activation



Complex process  
Regulated by  
stimulatory and  
inhibitory signals

# Chimeric versus Native Receptors



# Requirements for T cell Targets

- Possess target antigens
  - Viral antigens e.g. EBV, CMV, HPV
  - Tumor-associated antigens e.g. survivin, PRAME
  - Neoantigens

# EBV-associated Malignancies

Latent Malignancy

Type 3

Post transplant lymphoma  
HIV-associated lymphoma

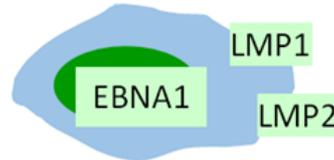
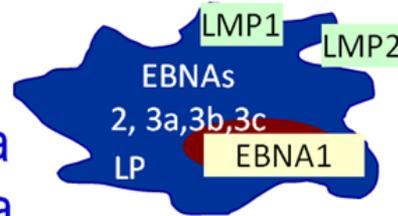
Type 2

Hodgkin's lymphoma  
NHL

Type 1

Burkitt's lymphoma

Latent Gene Expression



Immunogenicity

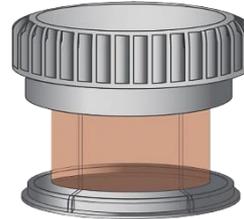


# VST Manufacture

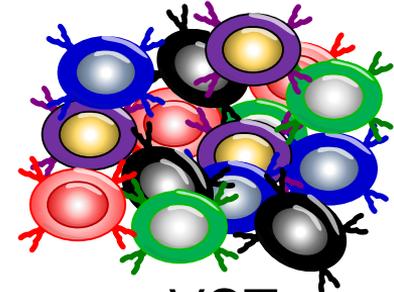
- ADV - HEXON, PENTON
- EBV - EBNA1, LMP2,
- BZLF1
- CMV - IE1, PP65
- BKV - LT, VP1
- HHV6 - U11, U14, U90



+IL4/7



Ulrike Gerdemann  
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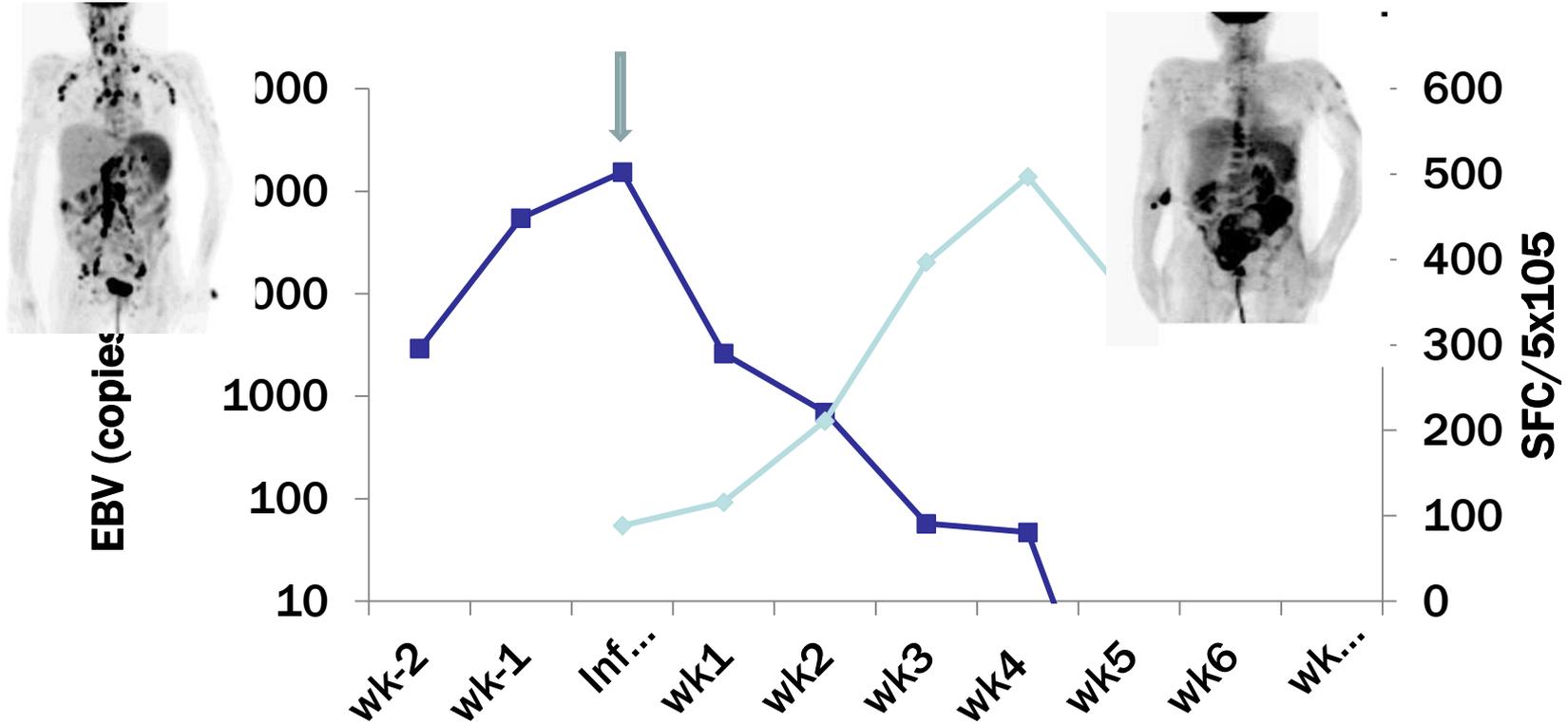


mVSTs  
(multivirus VSTs)



T cell stimulation/ expansion  
10 days

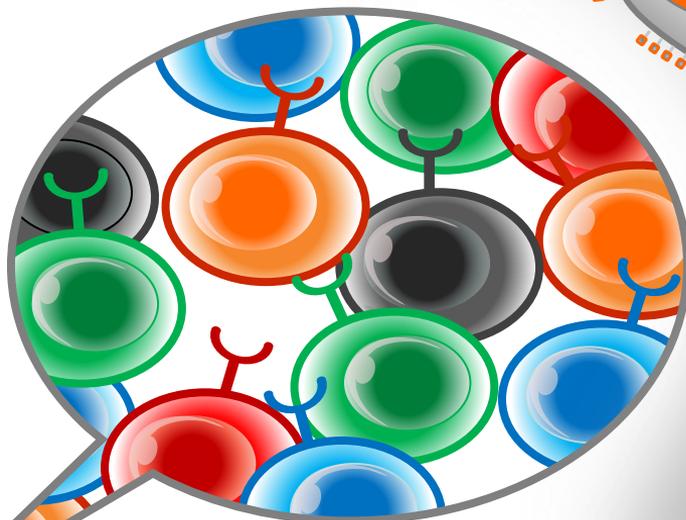
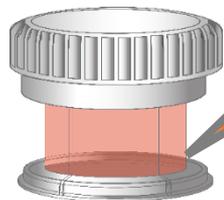
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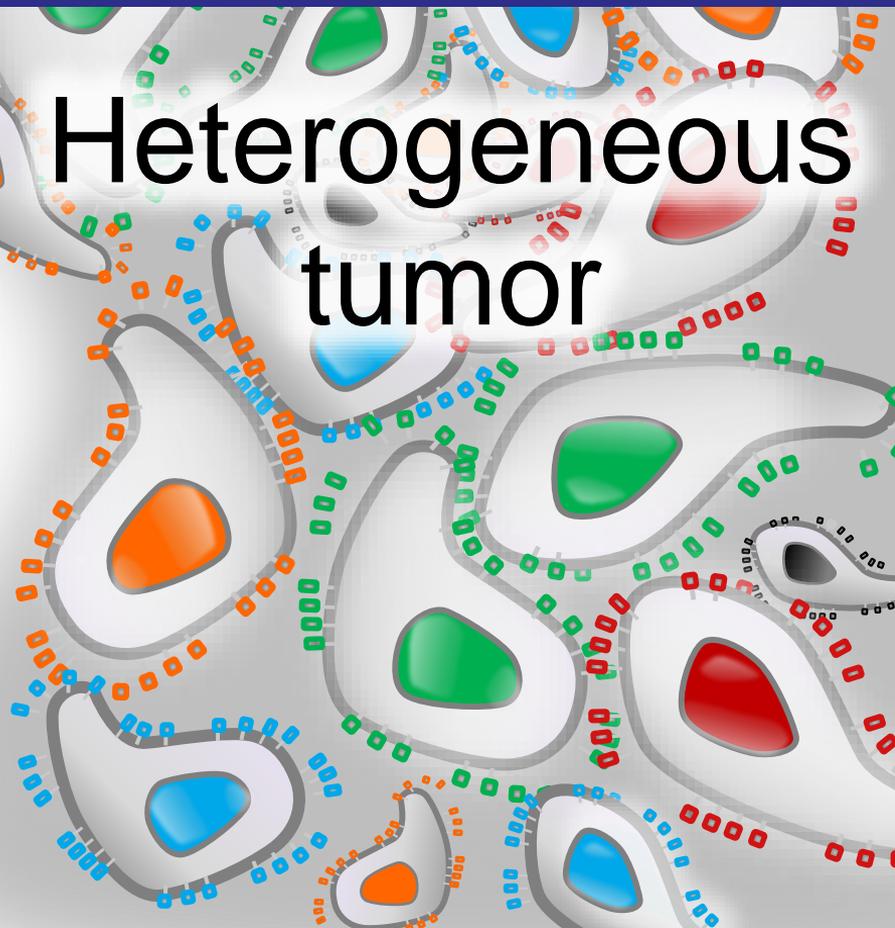
# Multi- TAA T Cell Therapy

PRAME  
MAGEA4  
SSX2  
Survivin  
NYESO1

Heterogeneous  
tumor



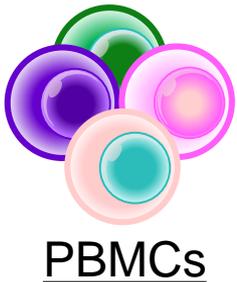
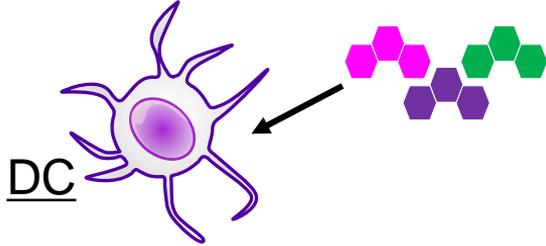
MultiTAA  
T cells



# MultiTAA-T Cell Manufacture

Pepmix spanning full length  
WT1, PRAME, Survivin, NyESO, SSX2

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# Clinical Response – HL

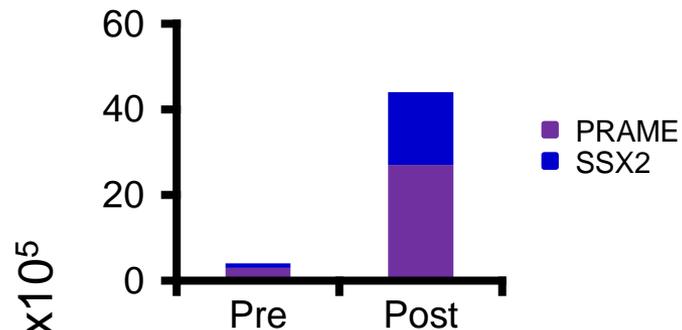
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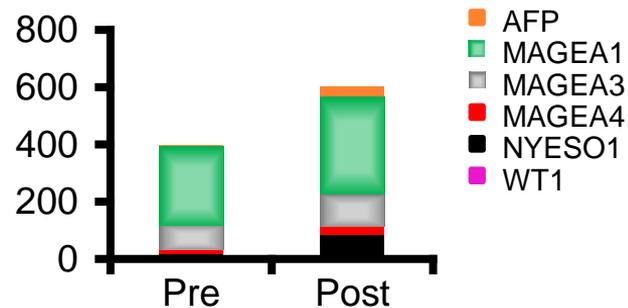
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Targeted antigens

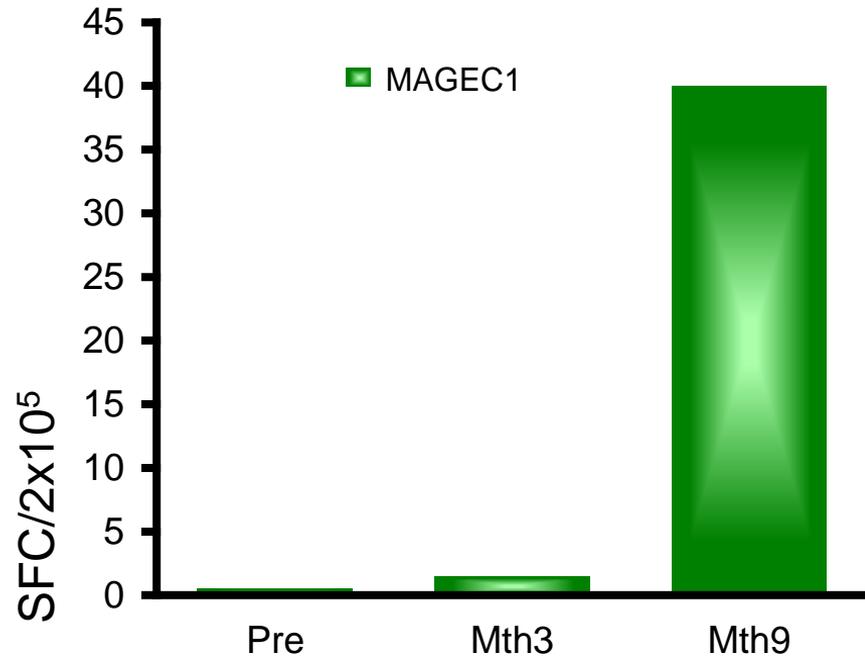
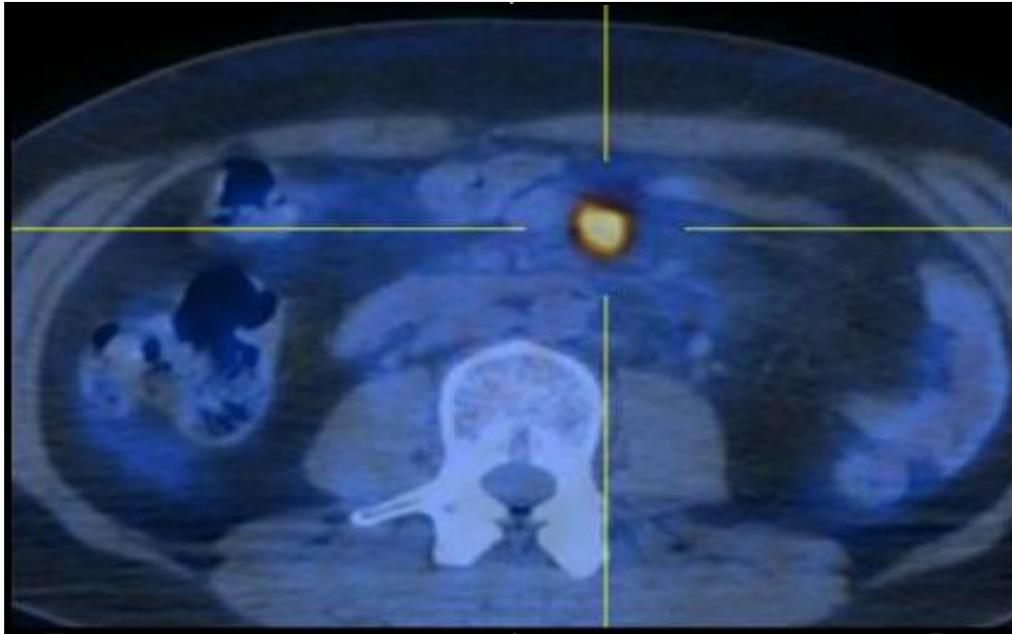


Non-targeted antigens



# Clinical Response – DLBCL

Mth9 Fusion



# TACTAL: TAA-specific T cells for Lymphoma

## Group A; Adjuvant

16/18 in remission 3m to >42m

## Group B; Therapy (No conditioning)

40% - 6/15 CR

27% - 4/15 SD (>5m to >18m)

33%- 5/15 SD- PD

No CRS



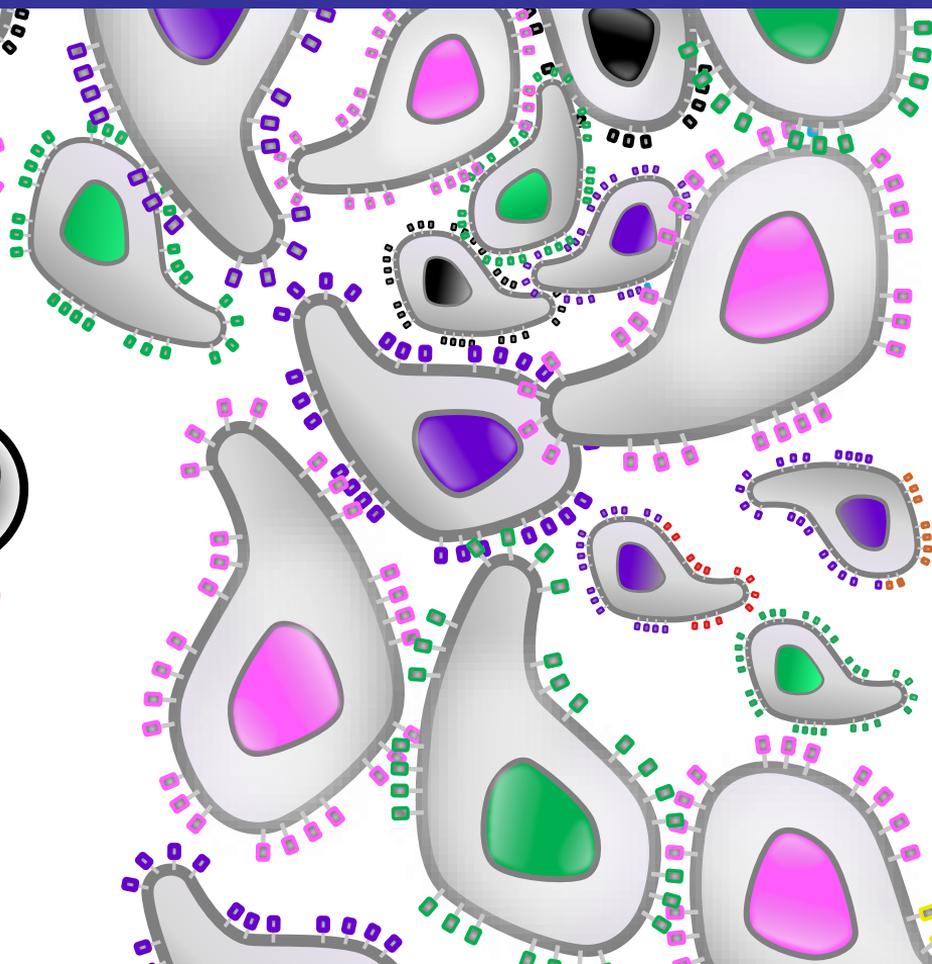
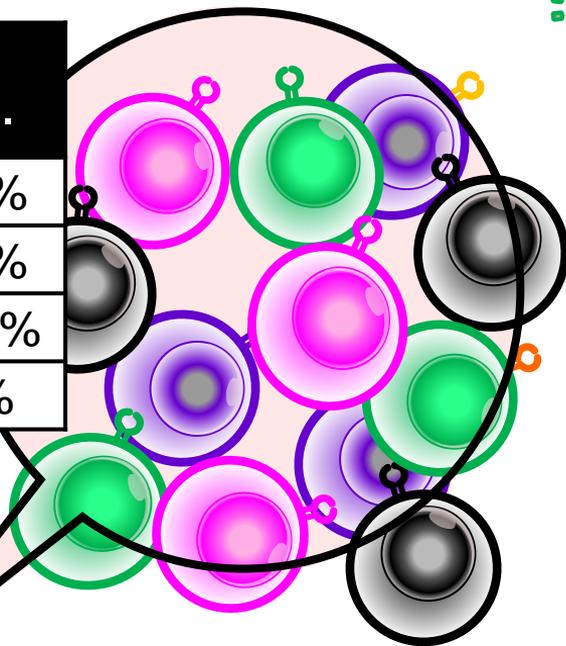
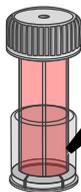
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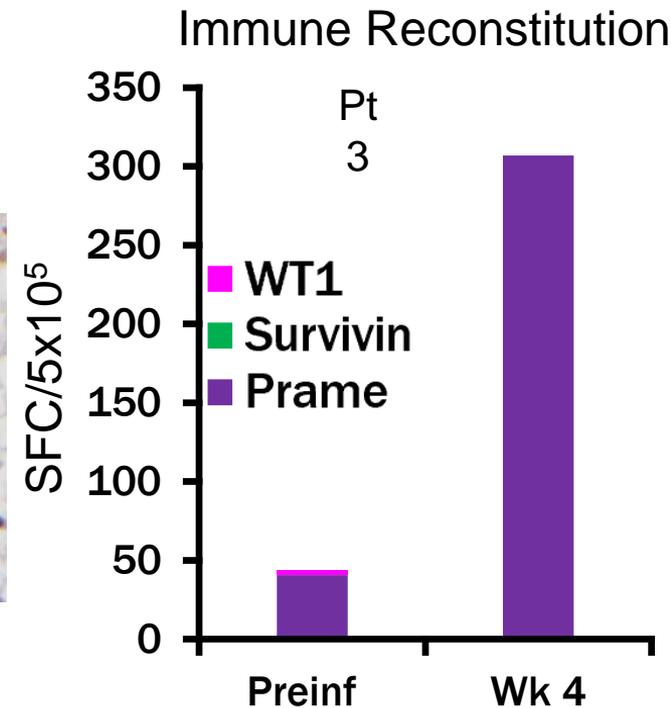
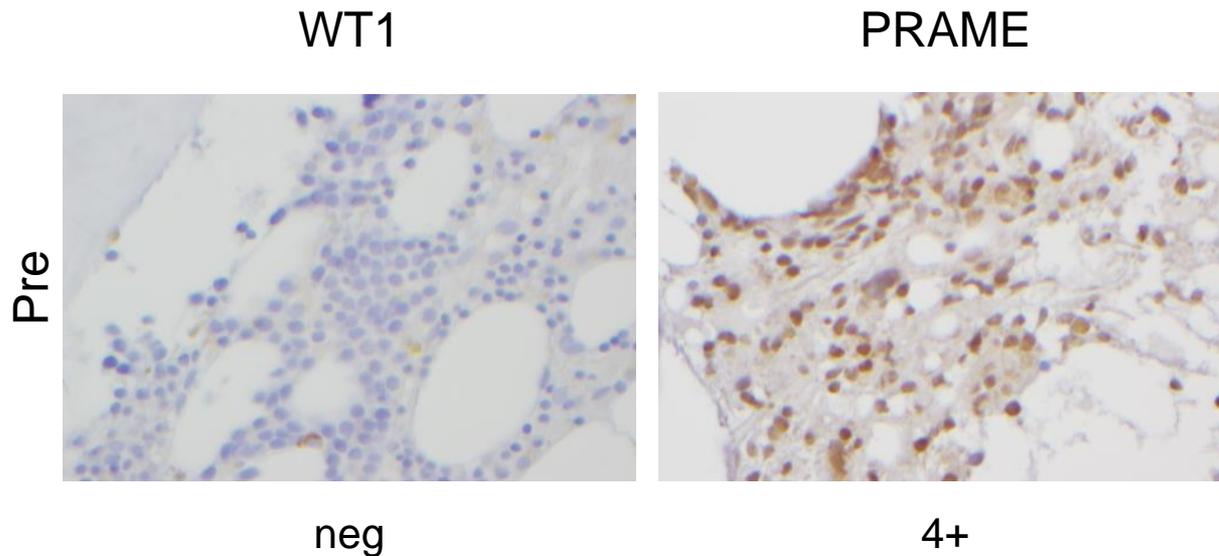
George Carrum

# MultiTAA-T cells for AML/MDS and ALL

TAA	Freq.
WT1	72-90%
PRAME	40-60%
Survivin	90-100%
NY-ESO1	0-36%

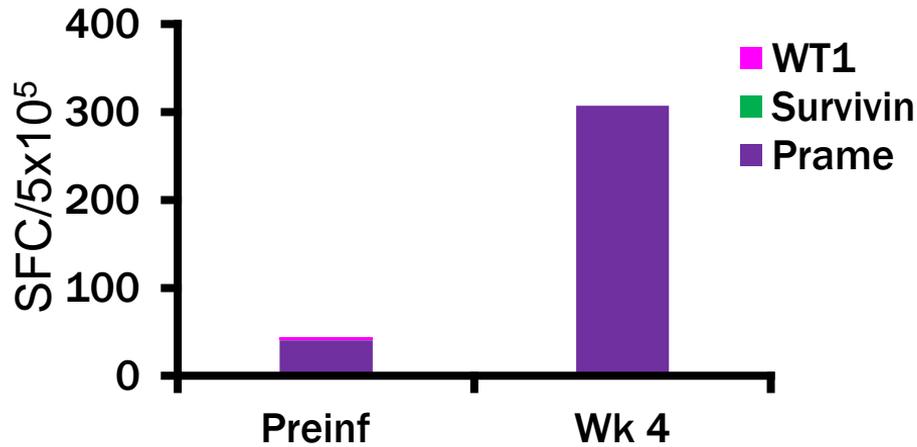


# Tumor Antigen Expression And T Cell Expansion

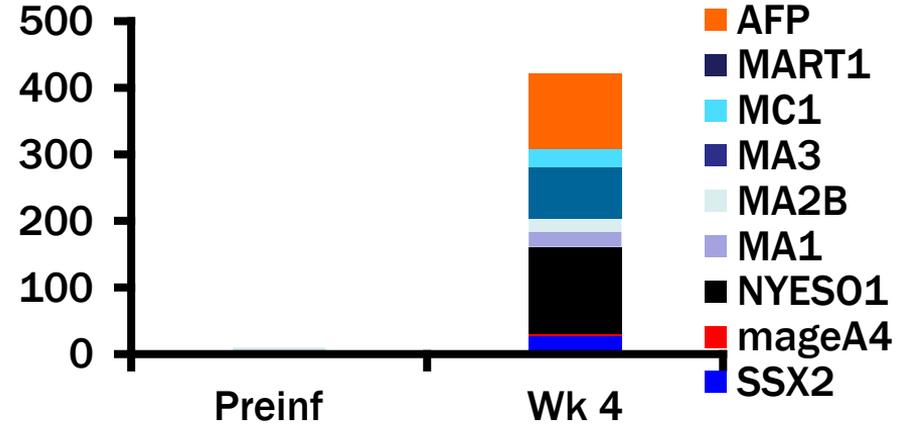


# Antigen Spreading

Pt 3 Target Antigens



Antigen spreading



# TAA-specific T cells for AML and ALL

## Adjuvant

6/7 ALL remained in remission

9/13 AML remain in CR

2 isolated CNS relapse- both alive in CR

1 marrow relapse

1 bone relapse

## Therapy of relapsed AML (No conditioning)

2/6 responses



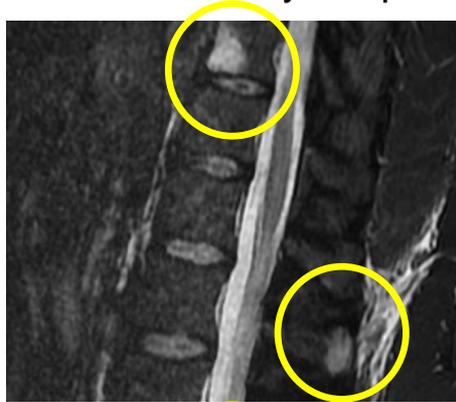
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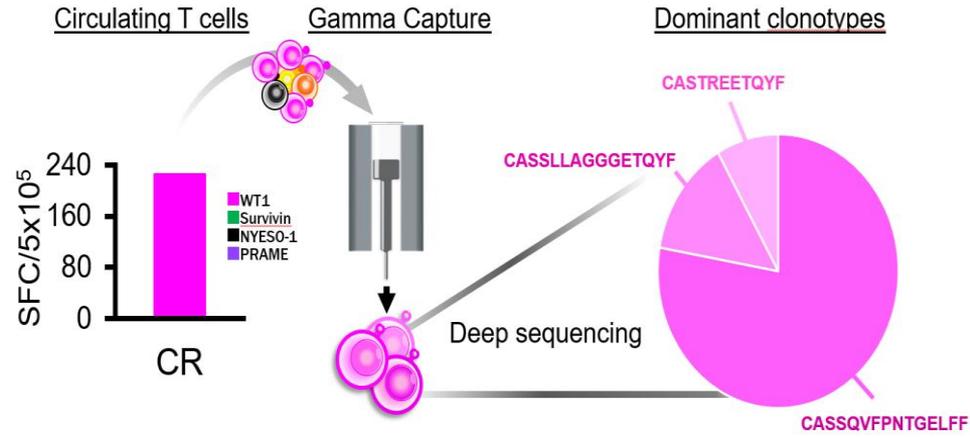
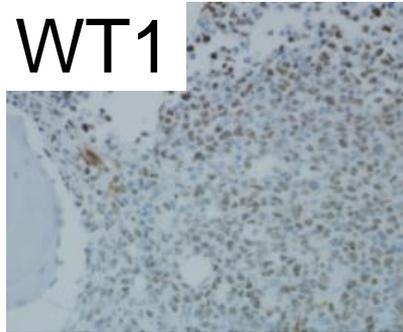
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# TAA T Cells for Relapse Post HSCT

## Extramedullary relapse AML



WT1



## Implication

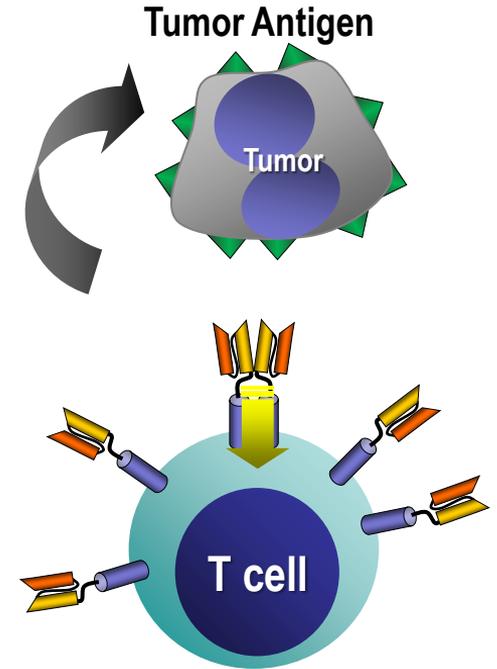
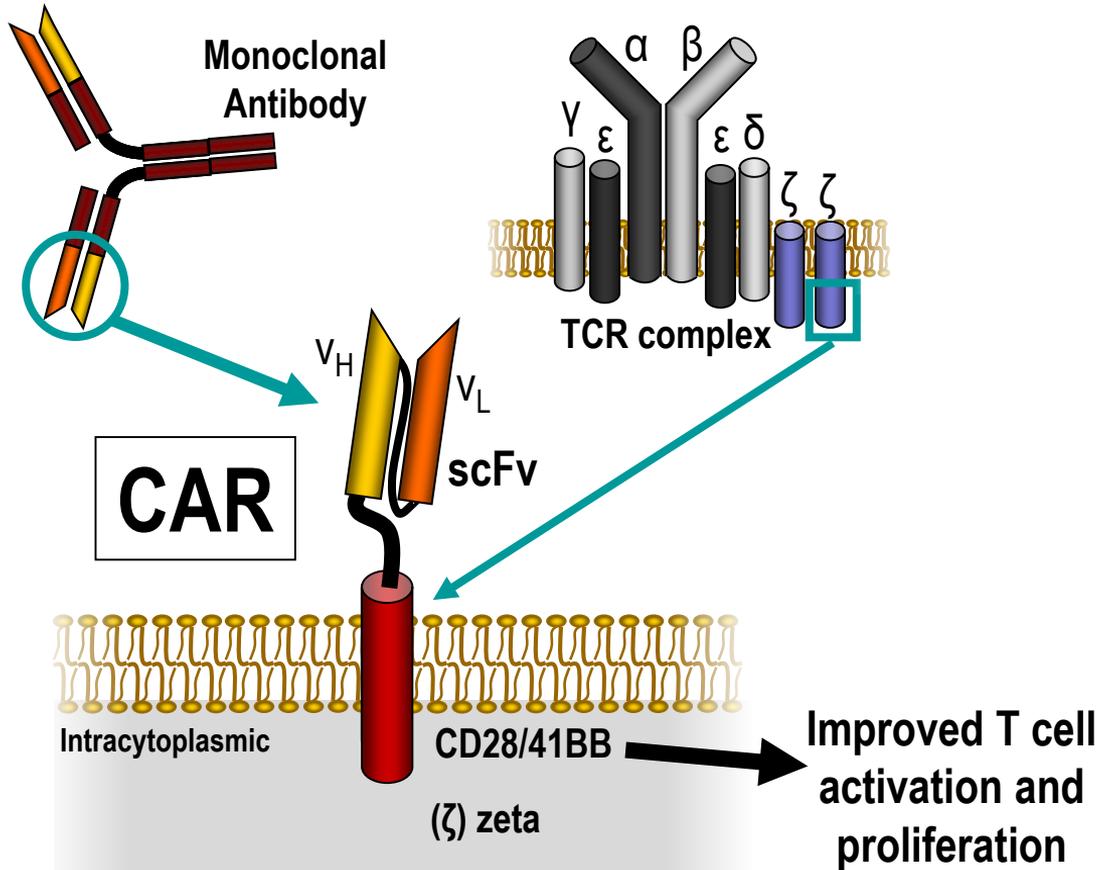
- T cells specific for WT1 have activity in AML
- Extend to neoantigens and AML specific mutations



# MultiTAA T Cells - Summary

- Safe to date
- Feasible adjuvant and treatment
- In vivo expansion of tumor-specific T cells
- Antigen spreading
- Potential to extend to neoantigens
- Clinical benefit in lymphoma, myeloma and acute leukemia

# Chimeric Antigen Receptors

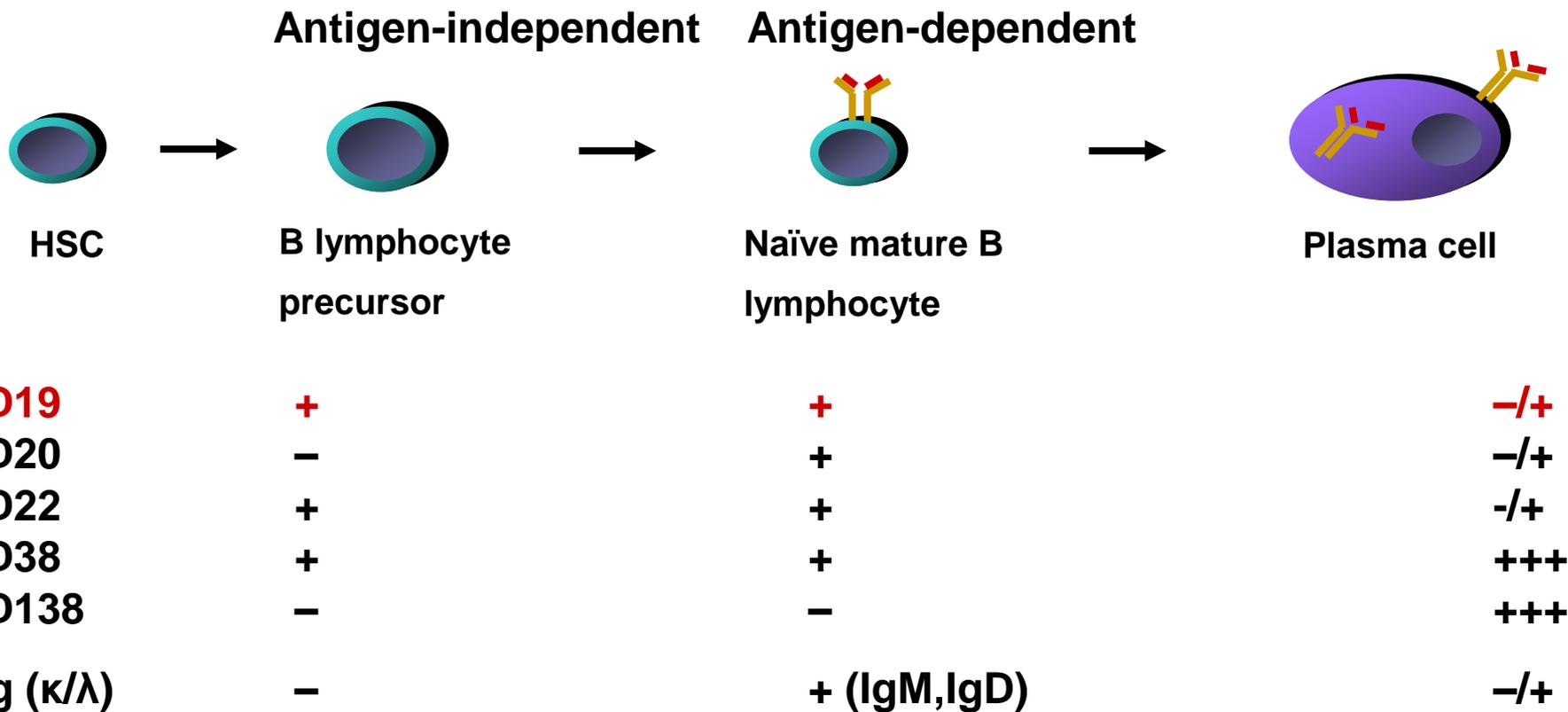


Gross, Waks & Eshhar, PNAS 1989  
(Ramos & Dotti, Expert Opin Biol Ther 2011)

# Advantages of CAR-modified T cells

- Retain most desired properties of T cells
  - Trafficking
  - Expansion/persistence
  - Effector Function
- MHC independent/unrestricted
- Can target carbohydrates and glycolipids or non-processed surface proteins

# Selecting B-cell Antigens



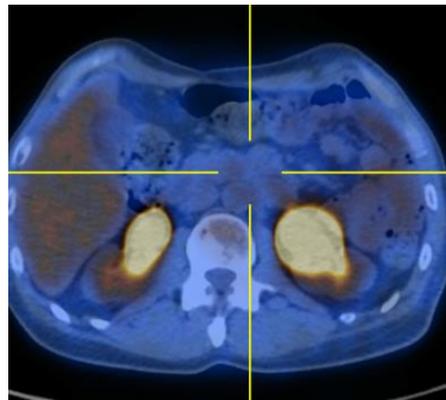
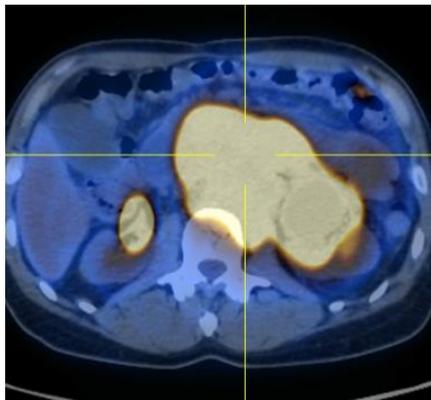
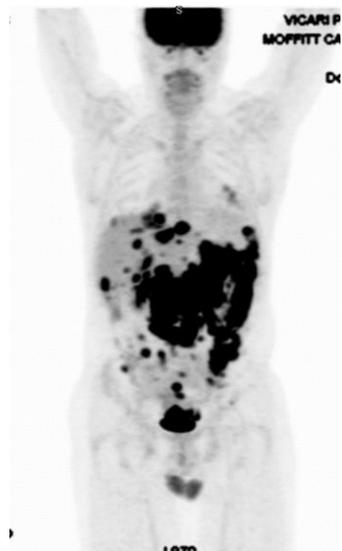
# CD19 as a Target

- Present on B lineage cells from the pro-B cell stage to mature B cells
- High expression most B lineage lymphoma
- NOT expressed on hematopoietic stem cells (or other tissues)
  - Should not be myelosuppressive effects
  - Should not be other organ toxicities
- Will cause depletion normal B cells

# CD19 CAR-T cells for B cell malignancies

- Multiple Centers multiple CAR structures/vectors
- Extensive (>3 logs) expansion
- Persistence can be long-term
- **pre-B ALL** Up to 90% initial CR rate
- ***NH-Lymphoma***: 35% >12mth CR

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# Licensed Products

	Axicabtagene Ciloleucel (Yescarta)	Tisagenlecleucel (Kymriah)
Number of patients	101	93
Objective response	83%	52%
Complete response	58%	40%
Ongoing response	39%	
≥ Grade 3 CRS	11%	22%
≥ Grade 3 neurological events	32%	12%
References	Neelapu et al NEJM 2017 Locke et al Lancet Onc 2019	Schuster et al NEJM 2019

# Real World Experience Axicabtagene Ciloleuce

	Zuma 1	17 center consortium real world patients
Number	101	165
% meeting ZUMA1 eligibility	100%	51%
Age, median	58	59
ECOG 0 or 1	100%	84%
ORR/CR	82%/58% (best)	79%/50% (Day 30)
Grade 3 or higher CRS	11%	7%
Grade 3 or higher ICANs	32%	31%

Nastoupil et al ASH 2018

# CAR-T Therapy of Hematological Malignancy

- Successes of CAR T cells in Hematological Malignancy;

**CD19 CAR** for CD19+

Malignancies

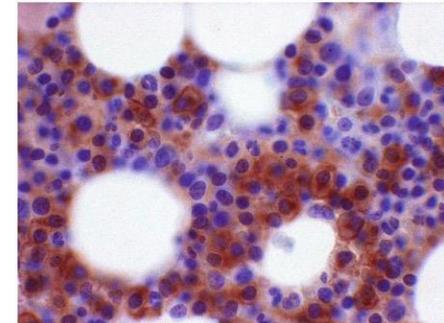
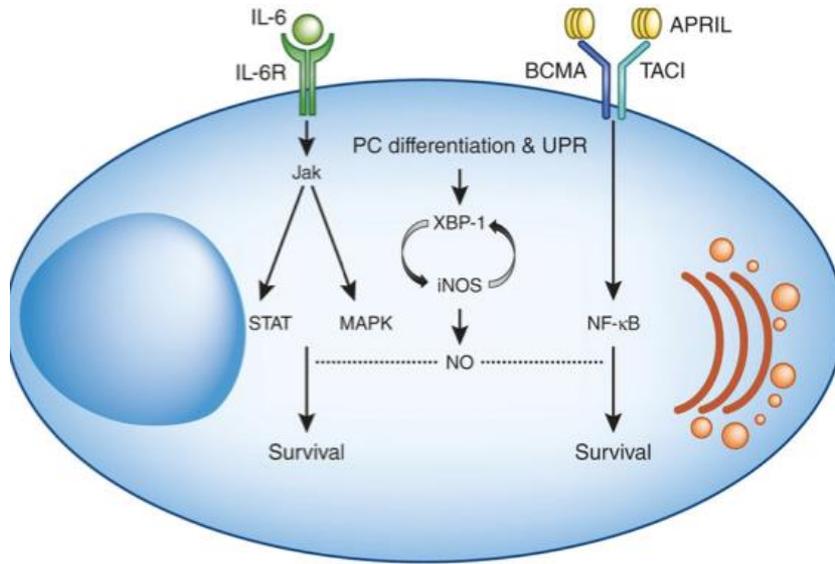
**BCMA CAR** for myeloma

**Others?**

# BCMA is a Promising Target

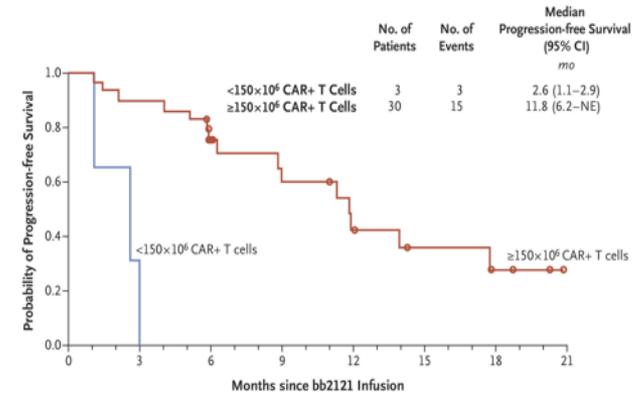
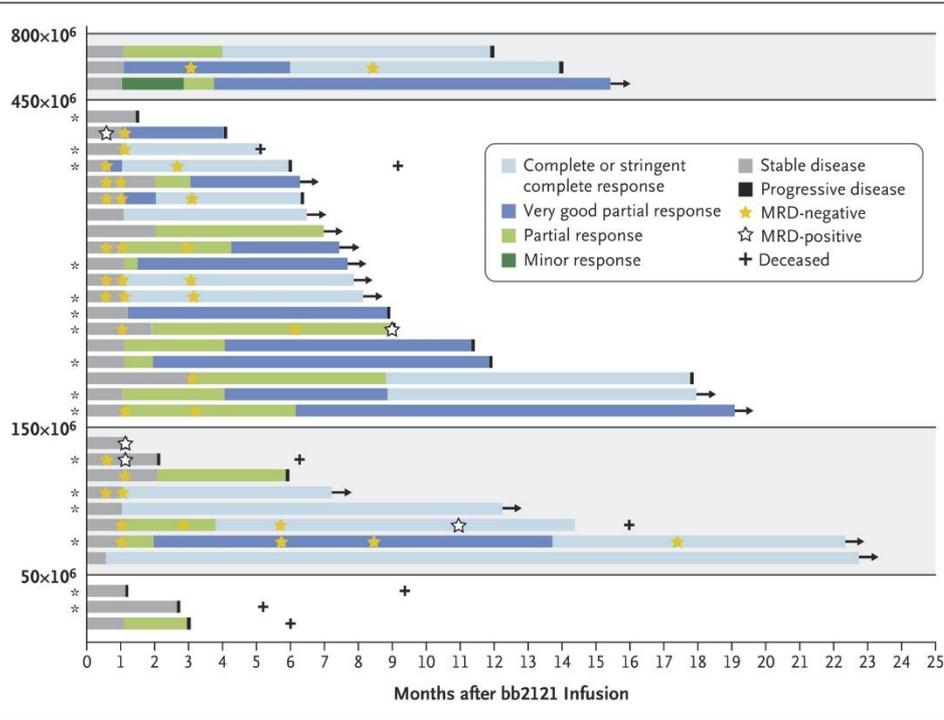
B-Cell Maturation Antigen (BCMA) is member of the TNF receptor superfamily

- Expressed nearly universally on multiple myeloma cells
- Expression largely restricted to plasma cells and some mature B cells
- Plays critical role in plasma cell survival



BCMA Expression on myeloma cells  
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# Anti-BCMA CAR T-Cell Therapy bb2121 in Relapsed or Refractory Multiple Myeloma



- Objective response rate 85%,
- 45% with complete responses
- Median progression-free survival 11.8 months

Raje et al NEJM 2019

# CD30 as a Target

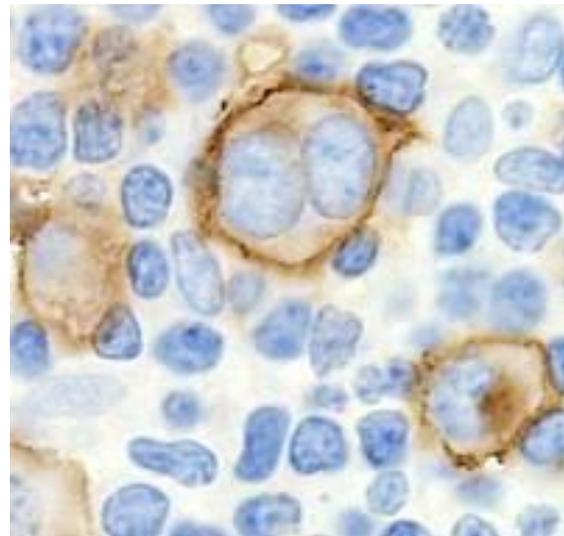
- Expressed by all HRS cells
- Antibody based immunotherapy  
– *Brentuximab vedotin*



Barbara Savoldo

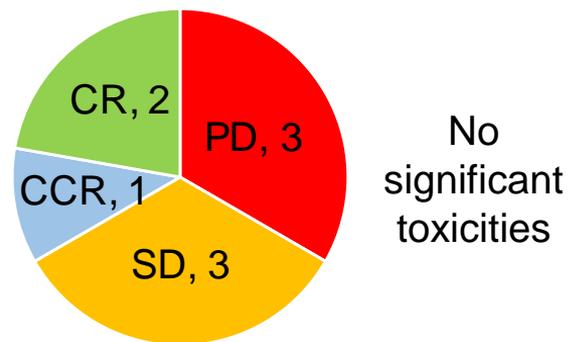
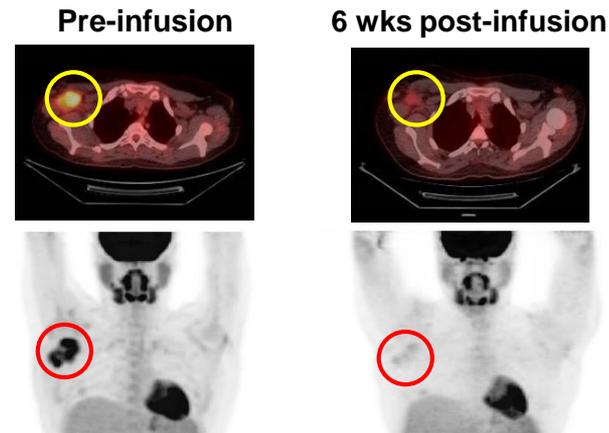


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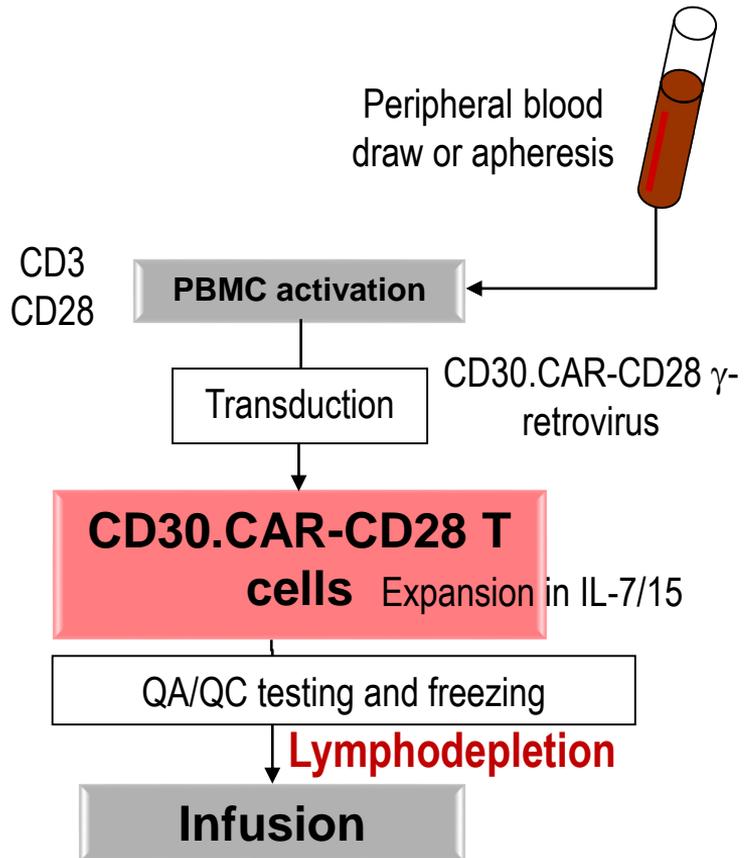


# CD30.CART Trial Summary

- Gender
  - 4 F
  - 5 M
- Diagnoses
  - HL
    - NS (6)
    - MC (1)
  - ALCL
    - ALK<sup>+</sup> (1)
    - ALK<sup>-</sup> (1)
- Age
  - Median 30 yrs (range 20-65 yrs)
- Prior treatments
  - Median 5 regimens (range 3-9)
  - Brentuximab vedotin used in 7 patients
  - HDT/ASCT used in 6 patients



# RELY-30 Trial (NCT02917083)

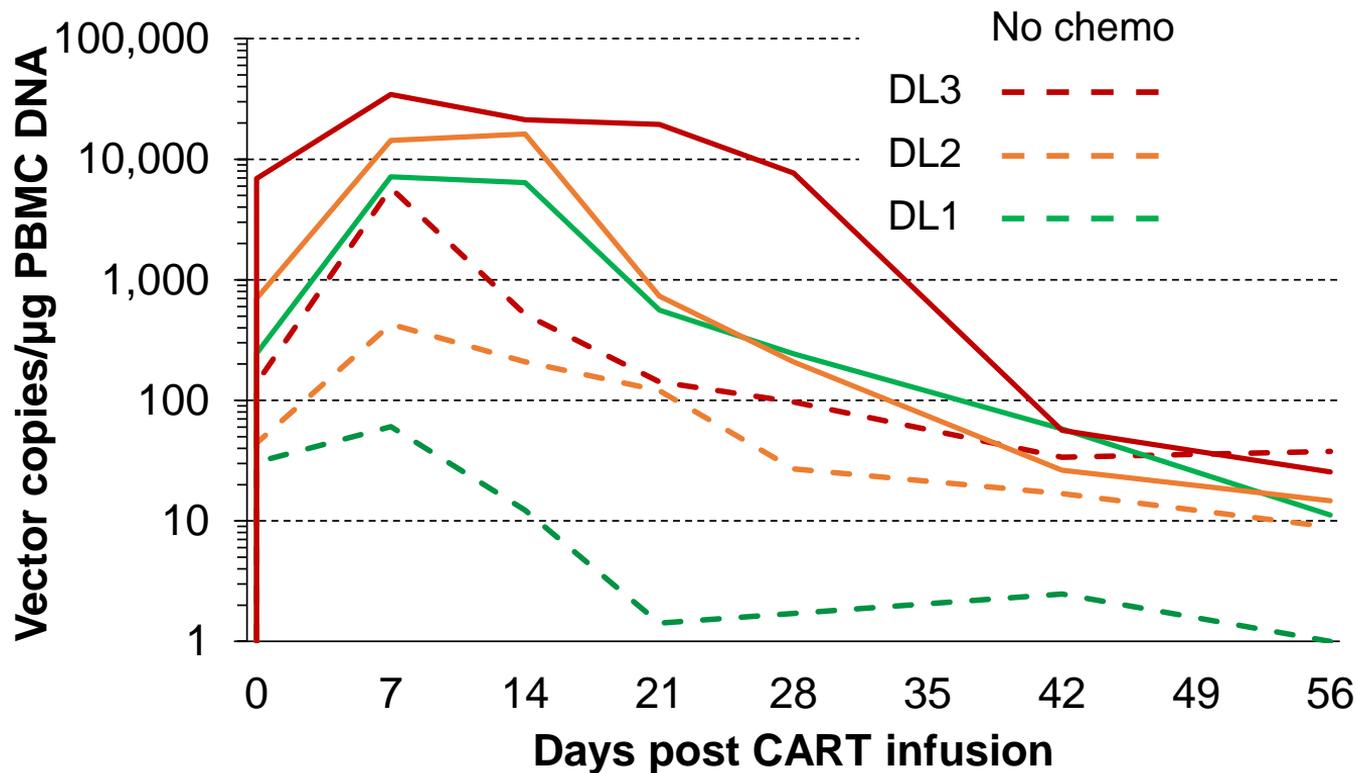


- Phase 1 trial
- CD30<sup>+</sup> malignancies
  - Active disease
  - Failure of standard treatment
- Dose escalation by continual reassessment
  - $2 \times 10^7$  (DL1),  $1 \times 10^8$  (DL2),  $2 \times 10^8$  (DL3) CAR<sup>+</sup> cells/m<sup>2</sup>
- Single infusion
- Cyclophosphamide and fludarabine prior to CART infusion
- Primary objective: safety
- Secondary: response per Lugano
  - Initial assessment at week 6

# RELY-30 Patients Characteristics

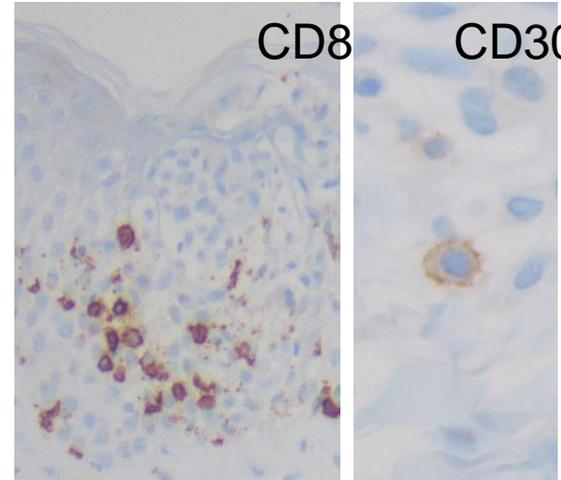
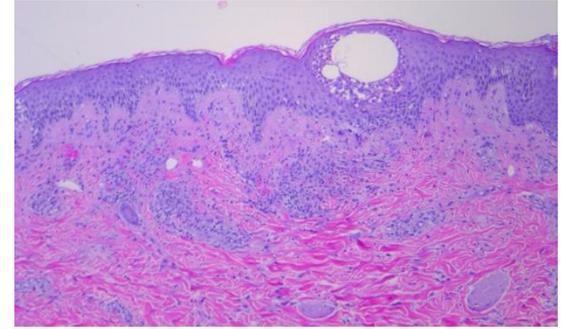
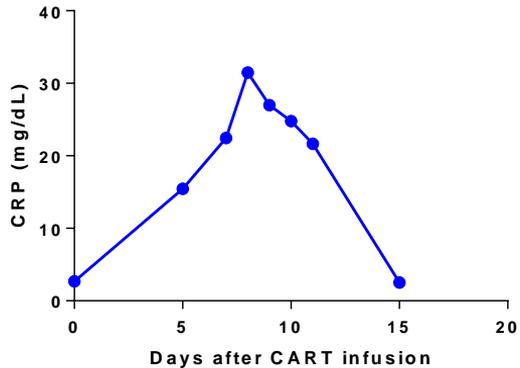
- Gender
  - 6 F
  - 8 M
- Diagnoses
  - HL
    - NS (13)
    - “NOS” (1)
- Age
  - Median 30 yrs (range 18-68 yrs)
- Prior treatments
  - Median 5 regimens (range 2-9)
  - PD-1 inhibitor in 13 patients
  - Brentuximab vedotin in 11 patients
  - HDT/ASCT in 9 patients

# CD30.CART Expansion Is Increased By Lymphodepleting Chemotherapy



# CD30.CART Toxicities (Patient #9)

- Mild CRS (grade 1)
  - Supportive care only
- Maculopapular rash
- Transient cytopenias, nausea, alopecia (related to chemo)



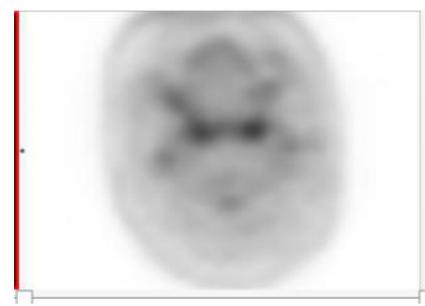
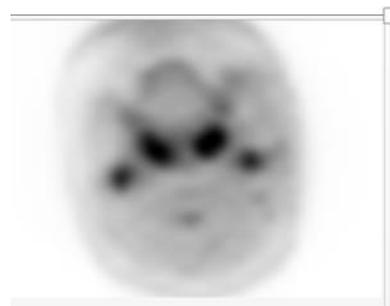
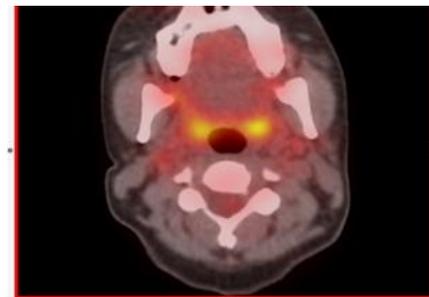
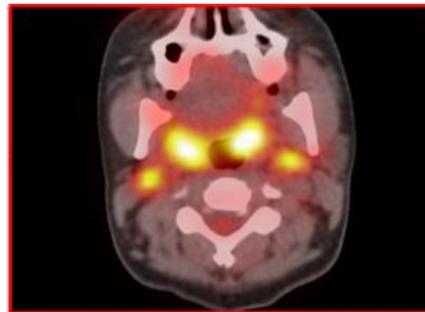
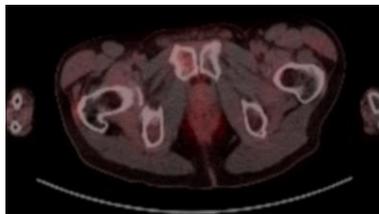
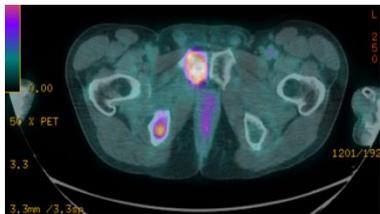
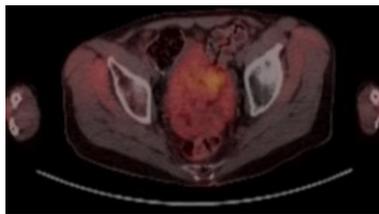
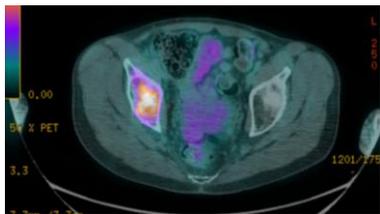
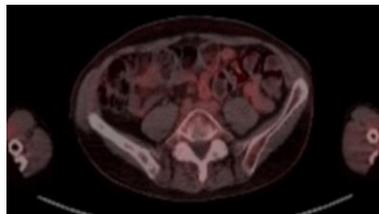
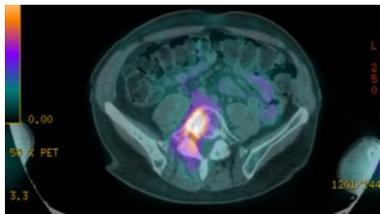
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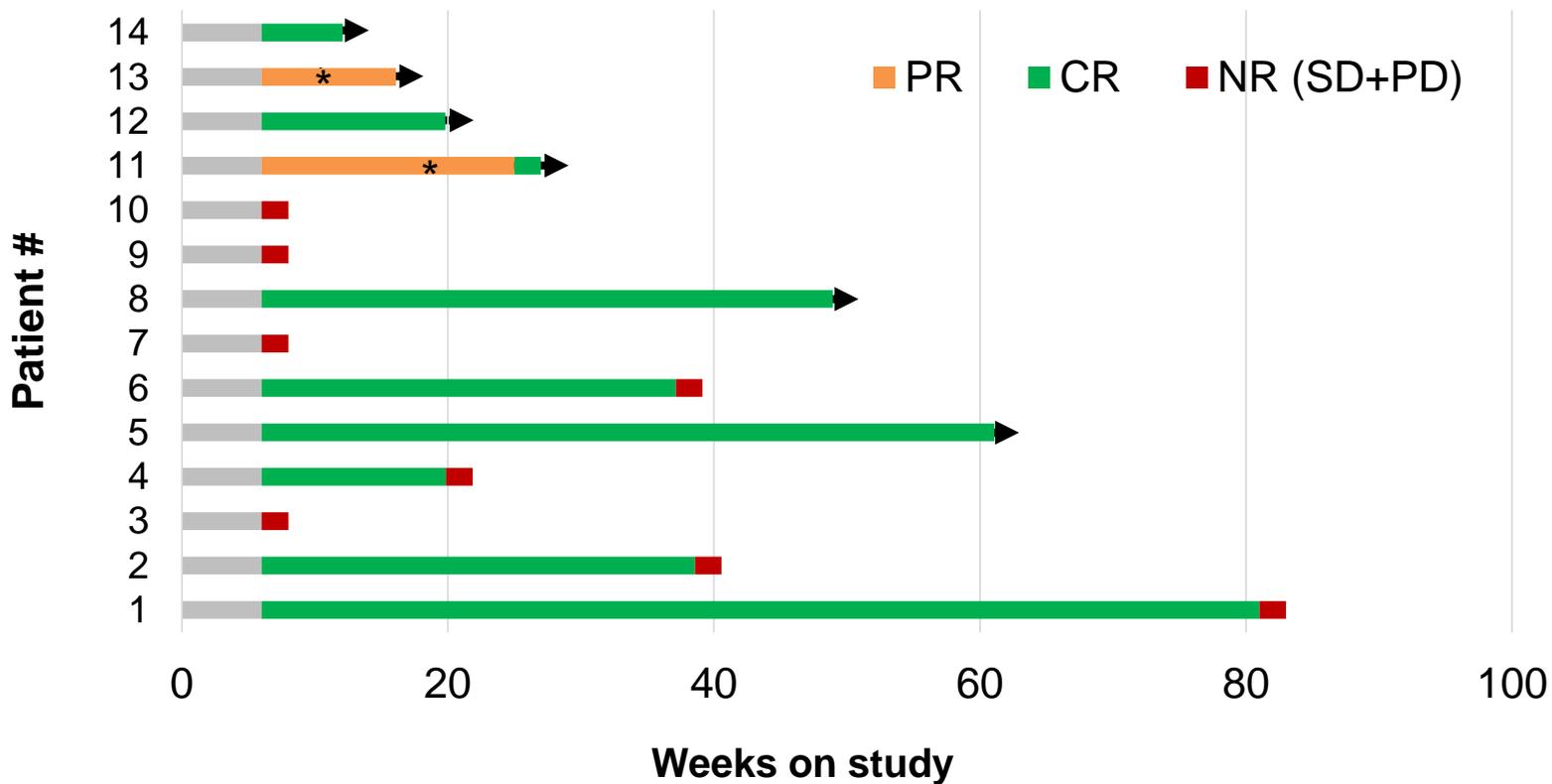
6 weeks post  
infusion

Pre-infusion

6 weeks post  
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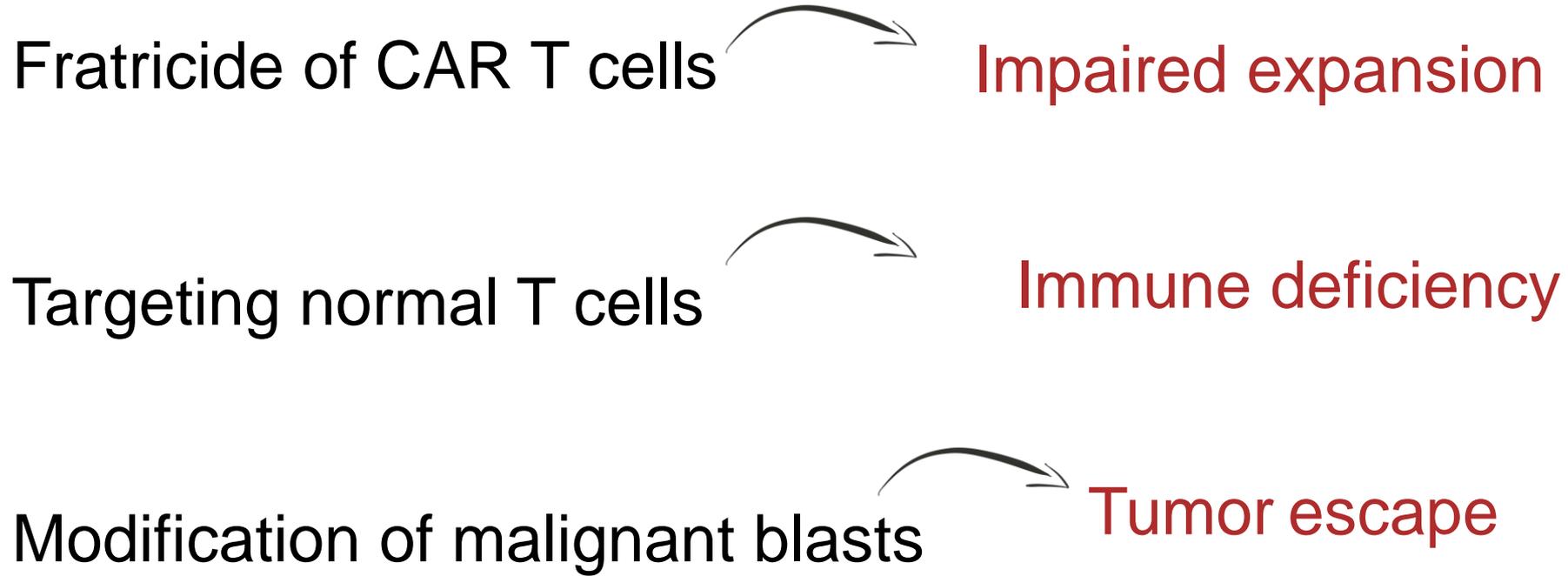
# RELY-30 Outcomes



# Conclusions

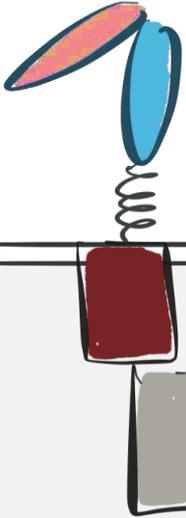
- Adoptive transfer of CD30.CAR-T cells is safe
- Expansion and persistence is dose-dependent
- Responses are improved with lymphodepleting chemotherapy
- Increased expansion may be associated with CRS and limited skin toxicity
- Follow-up is limited: response duration unknown
- Expansion cohorts are planned

# Limitations in Developing CAR-T for T-cell Malignancies



# Clinical Study Of CD5 CAR T Cells

CD5 CAR



CD28  
zeta

**MAGENTA:** Clinical trial of **CD28.zeta** CD5 CAR T cells in patients with r/r T-ALL or T-NHL (NCT03081910).

- Bridge to allo-transplant for adult and pediatric patients with CD5+ disease
- Single infusion of CAR T cells after Cy/Flu lymphodepletion

Mamonkin et al  
Blood 2015



Malcolm Brenner  
MD PhD



Max Mamonkin PhD

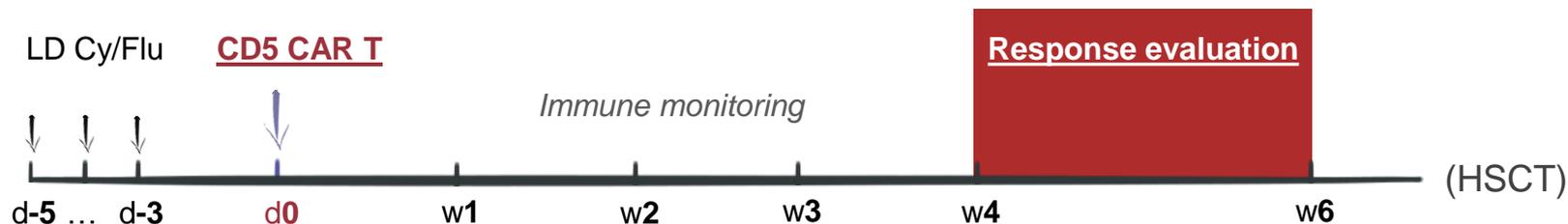


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# CD5 CAR T cells in T-cell malignancies: a Phase I study (MAGENTA)

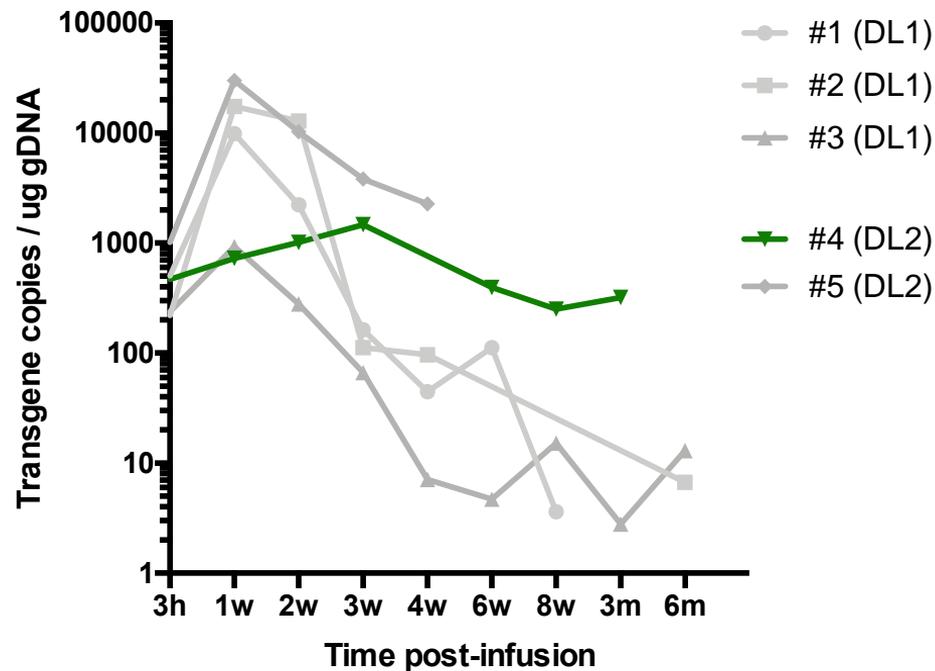


ID	Age/Sex	Disease Type	Disease status	Dose Level
1	63 F	CTCL/Sezary	Relapse post-alloSCT	DL1: 1x10e7/m2
2	70 M	AITL	Relapse post-autoSCT	DL1: 1x10e7/m2
3	39 M	T-ALL	Primary Refractory	DL1: 1x10e7/m2
4	63 F	AITL	Relapse post-autoSCT	DL2: 5x10e7/m2
5	51 F	T-ALL	Relapse post-alloSCT	DL2: 5x10e7/m2
6	67 M	PTCL	Primary Refractory	DL2: 5x10e7/m2

# Patient 4: Relapsed Refractory AITL

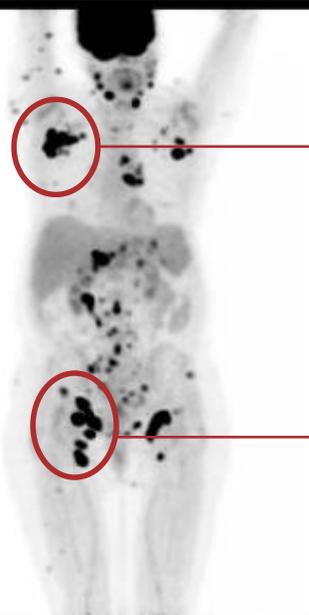
- 63 F; Relapsed chemorefractory AITL
- CHOEP → CR with autoSCT as consolidation
- Relapse → Pembro x 8 → brentuximab x 2 → Romidepsin
- → ASTS-660 → Pembro x 3 → gemcitabine x 1
- Multiple metabolically active cutaneous, subcutaneous lesions and adenopathies at the time of enrollment

CAR T expansion in PB



# Patient #4: Week 4 Evaluation

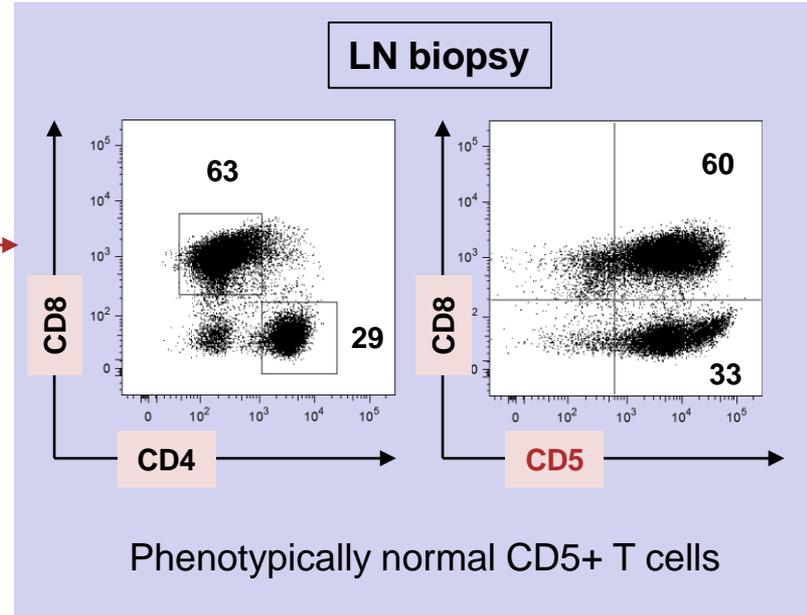
Week 4



Transgene #

3,108 → *necrotic*

34,445 →

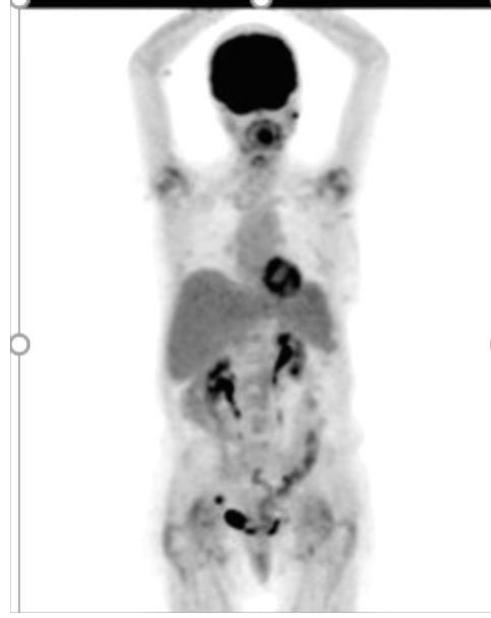
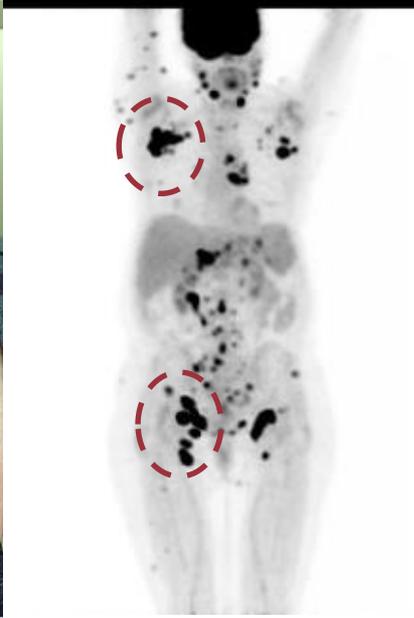


# Patient #4: Most PET-active lesions resolved by week 8

Week 4



Week 8



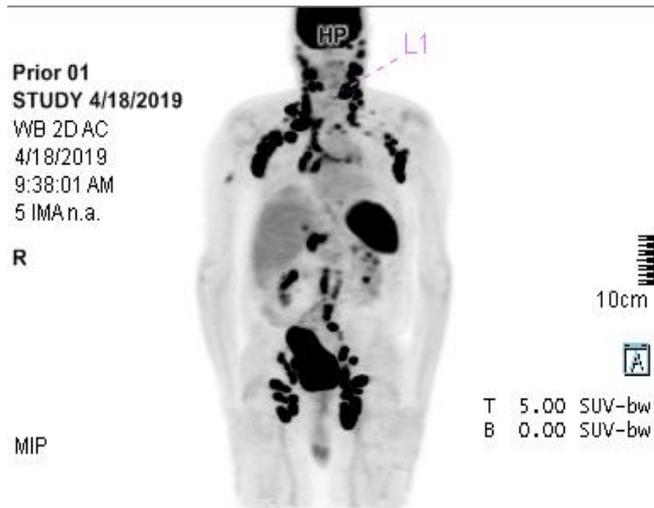
Repeated CD5 CAR T infusion



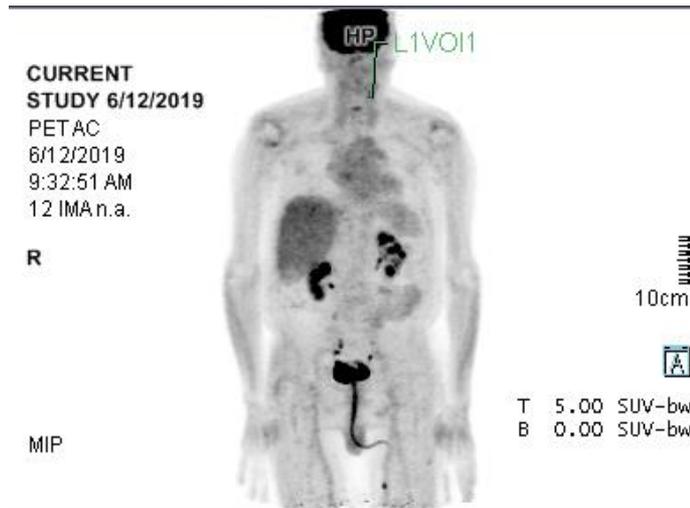
Allo-HSCT

# 71M with R/R PTCL

## PRE CAR-T infusion

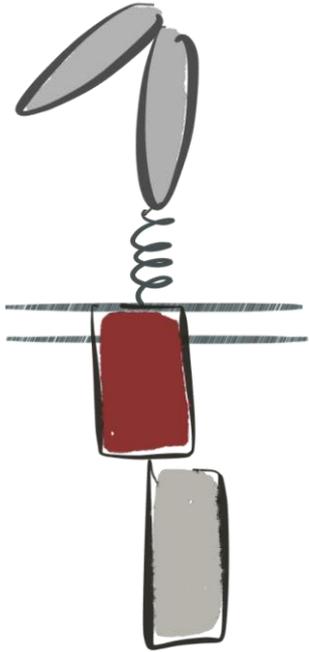


## Week 4 post CAR-T infusion



# CD5 CAR T cells in T-cell malignancies: a Phase I study (MAGENTA)

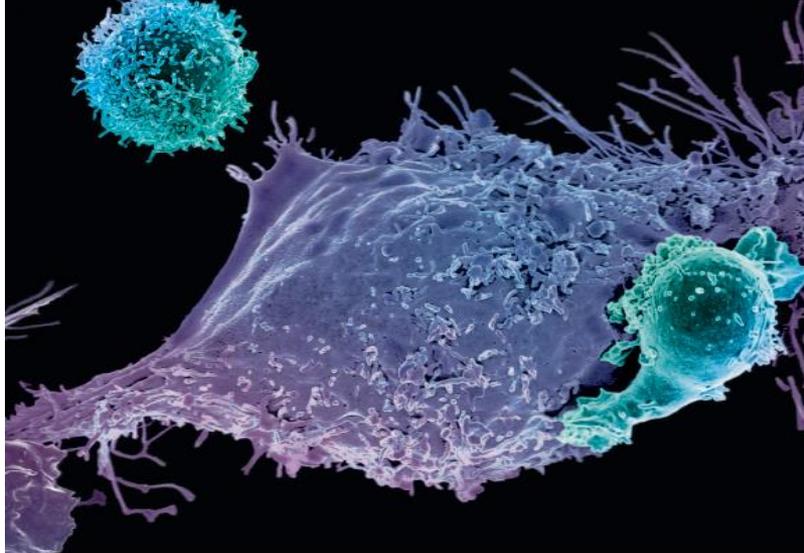
## CD5 CAR



- CD5 CAR T cells are safe at current dose levels ( $1 - 5 \times 10^7/m^2$ ) so far
- Early evidence of activity in T-cell malignancies
- No prolonged T-cell aplasia observed
- Dose escalation continues
- Adjusting the manufacturing process to further enhance potency

# Conclusions

- 2<sup>nd</sup> generation CD19 CARTs can have remarkable activity against B-cell malignancies
- CARs can successfully target beyond CD19
  - BCMA, CD5 and CD30
- Extension to myeloid and T cell disease requires strategy to mitigate effects on normal progenitors



Genetically engineered T cells (blue) take aim at cancer cells (purple).



# SECOND CHAPTER

T cell therapy has successfully targeted blood cancers. A bigger challenge is to make it work on solid tumors

By Jennifer Couzin-Frankel

**L**ast month, Roisín O’Cearbhaill, an Irish oncologist who looks younger than her 37 years, slipped on gloves and a protective gown and stepped through the doorway of a room in her hospital’s intensive care unit. Patient No. 1 awaited her.

All other treatments had failed this woman, who is in her early 70s and has ovarian cancer. Now, she was about to be infused with her own T cells, the workhorses of the immune system, which had been removed and genetically engineered to fight her disease.

Like all first-in-human trials, O’Cearbhaill’s is small and narrowly focused: She hopes

to enroll just 15 women at her home base, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York City, over the next 18 months, and she’s testing mainly whether the treatment is safe. But it’s hard not to fantasize about something more dramatic. Genetically engineered T cells have proven almost miraculously effective in some patients with blood cancers, including certain leukemias and lymphomas. Dozens of adults and children near death have been helped, and some remain healthy 4 or 5 years after treatment.

As researchers try to take T cell therapy in blood cancers from proof-of-principle to practical treatment, trials like O’Cearbhaill’s pres-

ent another looming test for the approach: Can engineered T cells also save people with solid tumors spreading through the breasts, lungs, brain, and ovaries? Solid tumors are far more common than blood cancers and, if they metastasize, can be very difficult to halt. Immunotherapy drugs called checkpoint inhibitors are approved or in testing for a number of solid tumors—but even there, the fraction that responds is often modest and response doesn’t always last. O’Cearbhaill and colleagues at Sloan Kettering, around the country, and beyond hope this first wave of clinical trials will help chart a path toward success for a strategy that could upend cancer treatment as we know it.

In a sarcoma trial at Texas Children’s Hospital, pediatric oncologist Stephen Gottschalk was heartened to see that engineered T cells persisted for up to 6 weeks—considered an achievement in this setting, even though they can hang around for years in people with leukemia.

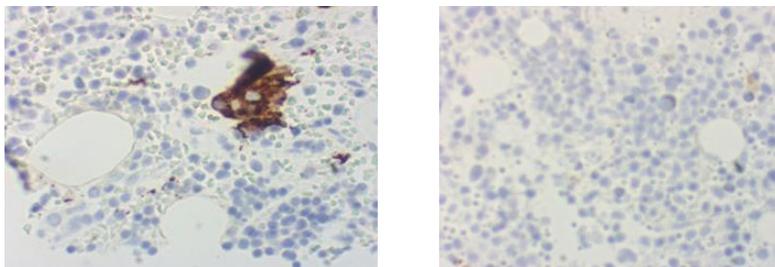
So far, “it hasn’t worked very well,” Albelda says, sounding gloomy. His team recently finished two trials in patients with mesothelioma, lung cancer, and pancreatic cancer, targeting a protein called mesothelin. The therapy seemed safe but, at best, minimally effective. “I think a lot of people are in that same boat,” he says.

# Published Clinical CART Studies in Solid Tumors

Target	Disease	Outcome
FR	Ovarian Cancer	No activity (Clin Can Res, 2006)
CAIX	Renal Cancer	On target/Off cancer tox (JCO, 2006)
CD171	Neuroblastoma	1/6 PR (Mol Ther, 2007)
GD2	Neuroblastoma	3/11 CR (Nat Med, 2008)
HER2	Colon Ca	1 Death (Mol Ther, 2010)
Mesothelin	Mesothelioma, Pancreas Ca	2/14 with tumor shrinkage (Cancer Imm Res 2014)
HER2	Sarcoma	4/17 SD (JCO, 2015)
IL13Ra2	GBM	2/3 transient response (Clin Can Res, 2015) 1 impressive regression (NEJM, 2016)
HER2	GBM	1/17 PR & 7/17 SD (JAMA Onc, 2017)
EGFRvIII	GBM	1/10 SD (STM 2017)

# CARs in Solid Tumors: Responses

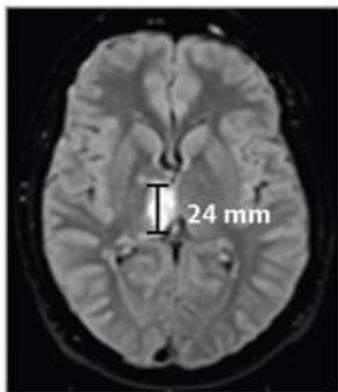
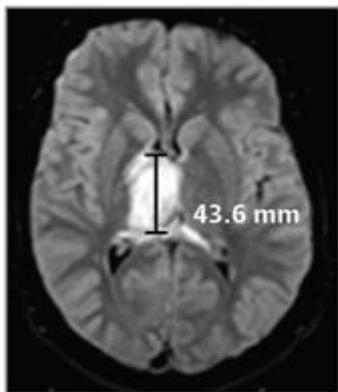
## GD2 CARTs in neuroblastoma



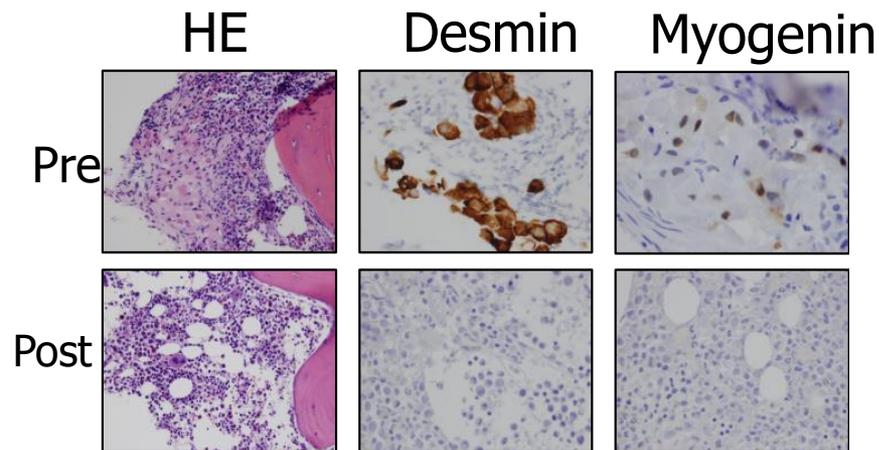
## Her2Neu CARTs in glioblastoma

Before infusion

6 wk After infusion



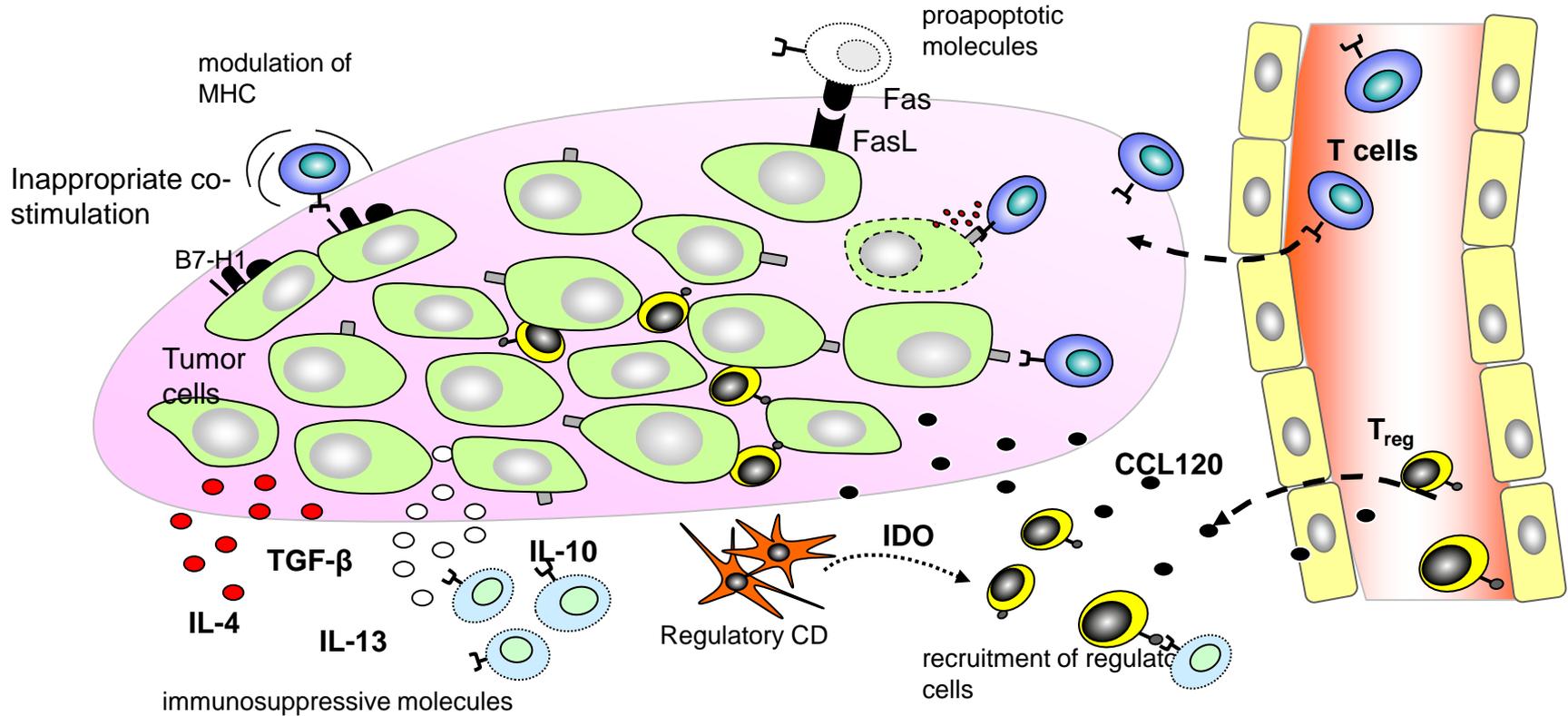
## Recurrent/refractory Rhabdomyosarcoma: CR post HER2-CART



Malcolm Brenner, Stephen Gottschalk,  
Nabil Ahmed, Meena Hegde

# Tumor Microenvironment

## Tumor battle field



# CAR-T Therapy for Solid Tumors

- Need broad response that evolves with tumor and tumor microenvironment
- Need to convert “cold” tumor to “hot” tumor
- Overcome tumor evasion strategies

# CAR T cells for Treatment of Cancer

## Genetic Modifications

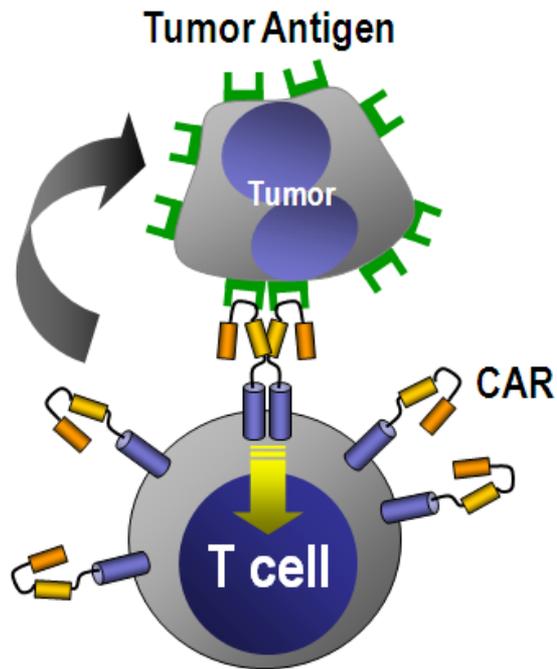
iC9 suicide gene

DN TGF $\beta$ R

cIL7

IL15

IL4/IL7



## CAR Targets

GD2

CD19

Her2Neu

Kappa

CD30

CD5

Glypican 3

CLL-1

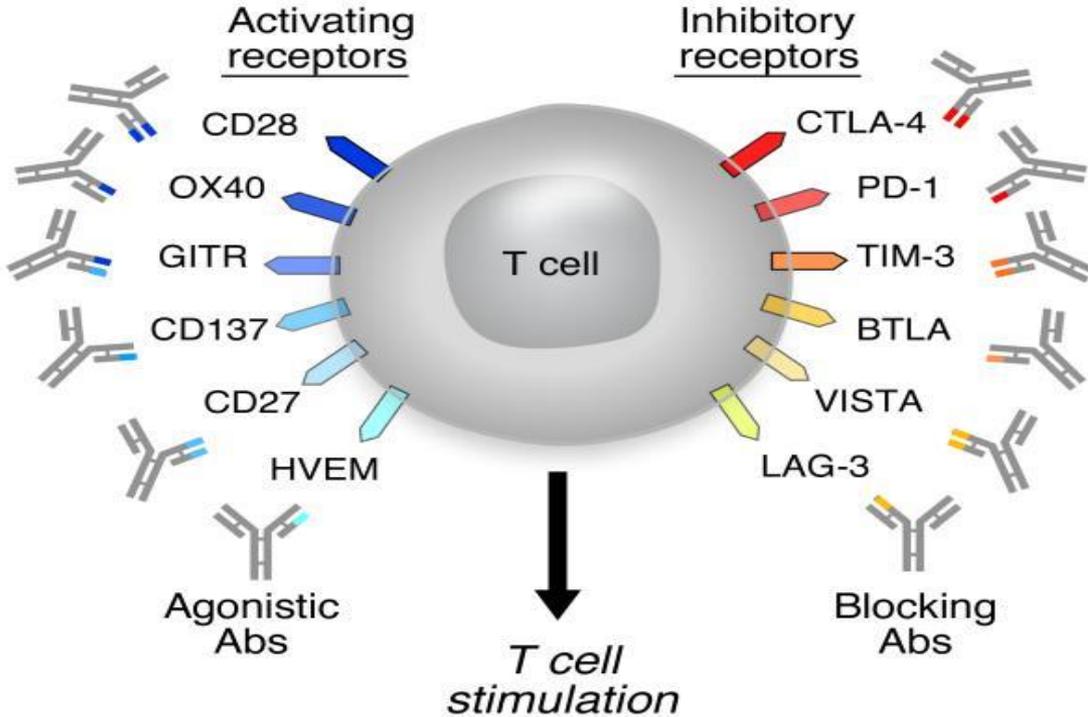
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# Combination Therapies

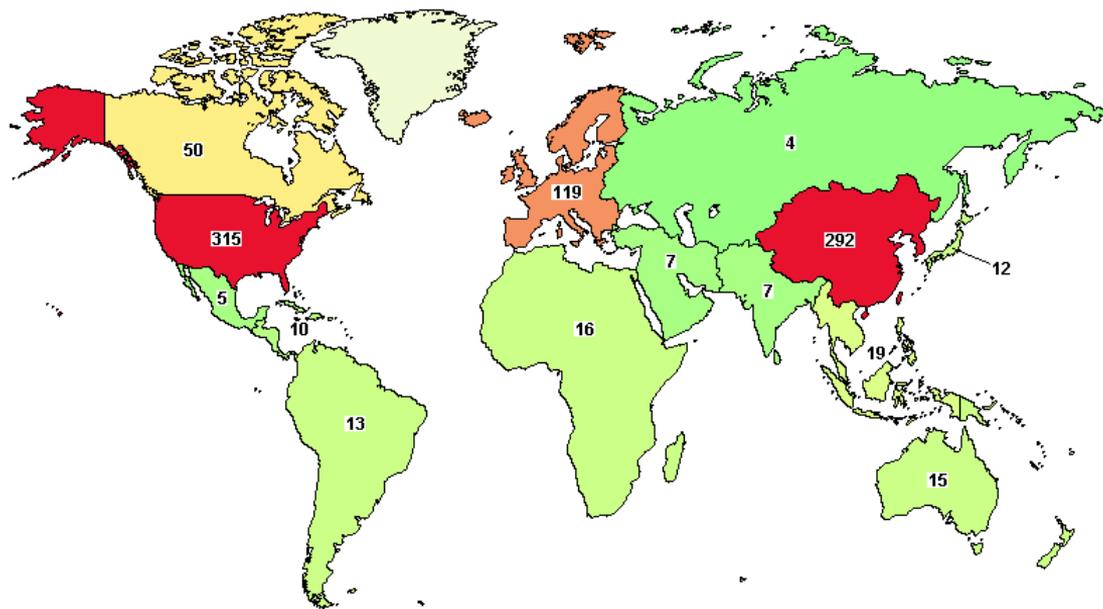


- Combinations
  - Other Immune modulators
  - Oncolytic viruses

# Future Directions

- Combination CAR-T cells and
  - checkpoint inhibitors
  - other immunomodulatory agents
  - oncolytic viruses
- Genetic strategies to enhance function and overcome tumor evasion mechanisms
- Targeting multiple antigens

# Geographic Distribution CAR studies



Colors indicate the number of studies with locations in that region.

Least  Most

Labels give the exact number of studies.

CAR-T search on  
clintrials.gov  
827 trials listed  
as of September  
4, 2019

# Cell and Gene Therapy 2017

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# Trials that Produced Approvals

## ELIANA: Novartis Pediatric ALL Study with Kymriah

- CR rate of 83%
- 75% ongoing responses at 6 months
- 64% in CR at 12 months

## ZUMA-1: Kite B-NHL Study with Yescarta

- ORR of 82% with 49% CRs
- 41% ongoing responses at 3 months
- 36% in CR at 6 months

# Safety concerns blight promising cancer therapy

*As the first T-cell treatments for tumours near US approval, researchers race to engineer less-toxic versions.*

BY HEIDI LEDFORD

A groundbreaking treatment that arms immune cells called T cells to battle cancer is barreling towards regulators, fuelled by unprecedented clinical success and investor exuberance.

But progress of the therapy, called CAR-T, has been marred by its toxicity; several deaths have been reported in clinical

trials. Even as the first company readies its application to the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) — expected by the end of the year — researchers are hard at work to make the supercharged T cells safer.

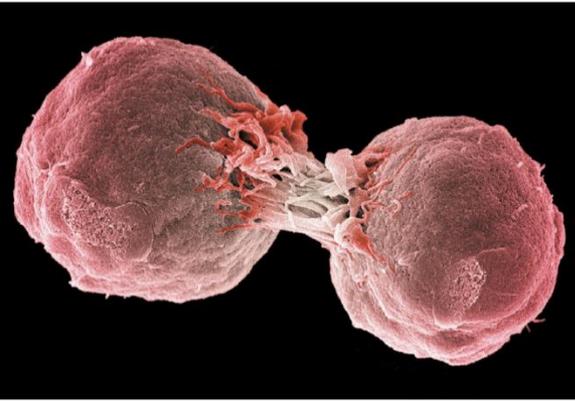
Doing so is crucial to expanding the use of the therapy to more people, says Anthony Walker, a managing partner at Alacrita, a consulting firm in London. “Right now it is heroic medicine,” he says — a gruelling

treatment deployed only in people for whom all else has failed. “Patients are taken sometimes to within an inch of their lives.”

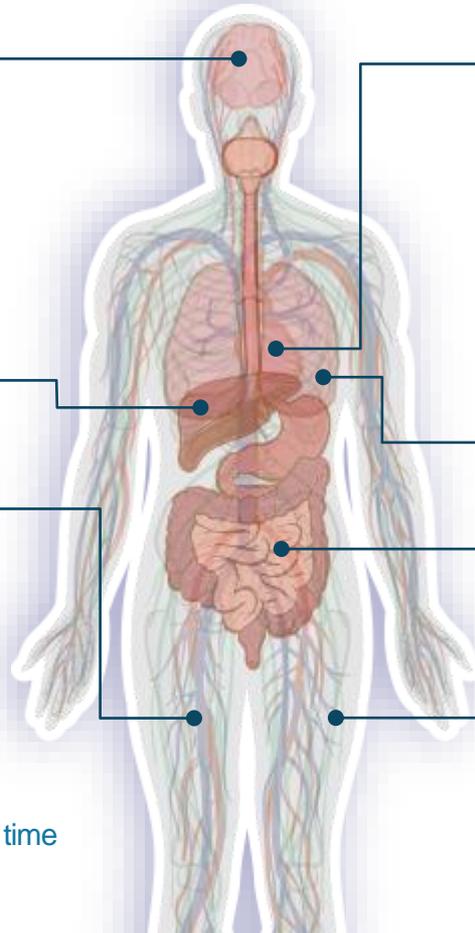
Most CAR-T procedures begin by harvesting a patient’s white blood cells and sifting out the T cells. Those T cells are engineered to recognize cancer cells, and then infused into the patient, ready to do battle. The approach has shown remarkable success against leukaemias and lymphomas: in one

# Adverse Events with CD19 CARs

- Cytokine Release Syndrome (CRS)/ Macrophage Activation Syndrome
- Immune effector cell-associated neurotoxicity syndrome (ICANS)



# CRS/ICANS Toxicities by Organ System



## Neurologic

- › Headaches
- › Tremor
- › Delirium
- › Dysmetria
- › Aphasia
- › Myoclonus
- › Apraxia
- › Facial Nerve palsy
- › Ataxia
- › Seizures
- › Hallucinations

## Hepatic

- › Transaminitis
- › Hyperbilirubinemia

## Hematologic

- › Anemia
- › Elevated D-Dimer
- › Thrombocytopenia
- › Hypofibrinogenemia
- › Neutropenia
- › Dissembled Intravascular Coagulation
- › Febrile Neutropenia
- › Hemophagocytic Lymphohisticyclosis
- › Lymphoopenia
- › Hemophagocytic Lymphohisticyclosis
- › B-Cell Aplasia
- › Prolonged Prothrombin time
- › Prolonged Activated Partial Thromboplastic time

## Cardiovascular

- › Tachycardia
- › Widened pulse pressure
- › Hypotension
- › Arrhythmias
- › Decreased left ventricular ejection fraction
- › Troponinemia
- › QY prolongation

## Pulmonary

- › Tachypnea
- › Hypoxia

## Gastrointestinal

- › Nausea
- › Diarrhea
- › Emesis

## Musculoskeletal

- › Myalgias
- › Weakness
- › Elevated creatine kinase

## Constitutional

- › Fevers
- › Rigors
- › Malaise
- › Fatigue
- › Anorexia
- › Aethralgais

## Renal

- › Acute kidney injury
- › Hyponatremia
- › Hypokalemia
- › Hypophosphatemia
- › Tumor lysis syndrome

# ELIANA Trial ( in B-ALL): CRS

All Patients with CRS  
N=49

Time of onset (days)*	3 (1–22)
Duration of CRS (days)*	8 (1–36)
Admitted to ICU**	59%
ICU stay (days)*	8 (1–34)
Anti-cytokine therapy	51%
High dose vasopressors	33%
Invasive ventilation	20%
Dialysis	12%

\*median/range

\*\* ICU admission for all patients : 46.8% (29/62)

Grupp, et al. ASH 2016

# ZUMA-1 Summary of Adverse Events

Adverse Event, n (%)	Cohort 1 (n=73)	Cohort 2 (n=20)	Total (N=93)
Grade $\geq$ 3 adverse event	68 (93)	18 (90)	86 (92)
Grade $\geq$ 3 cytokine release syndrome	10 (14)	2 (10)	12 (13)
Grade $\geq$ 3 neurologic events (NE)	18 (25)	9 (45)	27 (29)
Fatal events excluding PD 2 of 3 KTE-C19-related	1 (1)	2 (10)	3 (3)

- **CRS and NE were generally reversible**
  - 38% received tocilizumab, 17% received corticosteroids, 17% received both
- **Grade 5 events occurred in 3 patients (3%)**
  - KTE-C19-related: HLH (Cohort 1) and cardiac arrest (Cohort 2) in the setting of CRS
  - KTE-C19-unrelated: pulmonary embolism (Cohort 2)

# FDA Approved August 30, 2017

Relapsed/Refractory Pediatric and Young Adult ALL up to age 25 years

**\$475,000 per product**

**Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS) mandated by FDA for CRS/ICANS**

- **Dedicated prescribers who are trained in the toxicities**
- **Ensure that hospitals and clinics have immediate access to tocilizumab**



**FDA Approved 10-17-2017**

**\$373,000 per product**



NDC 71287-119-01

**axicabtagene ciloleucel**  
**YESCARTA™**

**R<sub>X</sub> ONLY** FOR AUTOLOGOUS & INTRAVENOUS USE ONLY  
No U.S. standard of potency

Dose: One sterile bag for infusion.

Contents: Maximum of  $2 \times 10^9$  autologous anti-CD19 CAR T cells in approximately 68 mL suspension containing 5% DMSO USP.

**Gently mix the contents of the bag while thawing**

See package insert for full prescribing information and instructions for administration

Ship and store in vapor phase of liquid nitrogen  $\leq -150^\circ\text{C}$

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**DO NOT IRRADIATE**

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AS-00732

**Adults  $\geq 18$  yrs. with Relapsed/Refractory:**

- **DLBCL**
- **1<sup>o</sup> Mediastinal LCL**
- **DLBCL arising from Follicular NHL**

**REMS program mandated by FDA**

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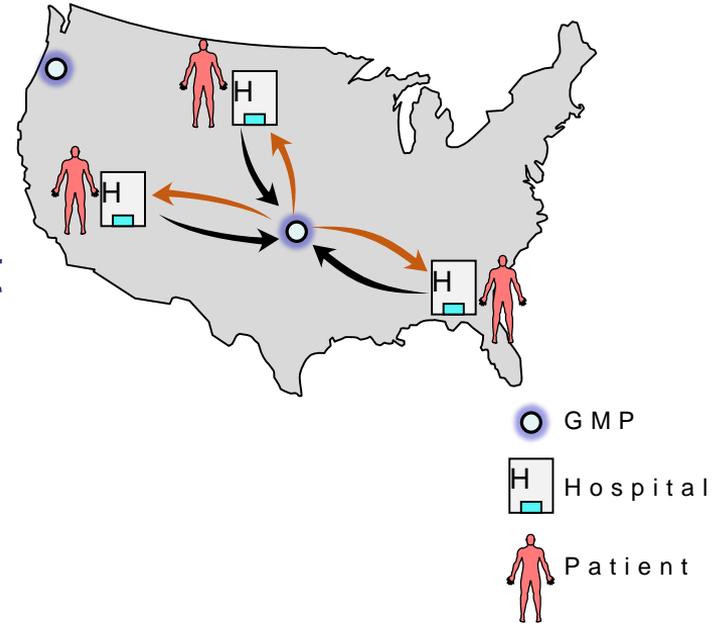
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# Commercial CAR Products

“Living drug” with significant side effects”

## Infrastructure to Access Therapy

- Apheresis center & tertiary hospital
- Local cell processing facility to assist with handling
- Contract with Pharma company
- Agreement with insurers
- Expertise in handling complications
- REMs trained and approved prescribers



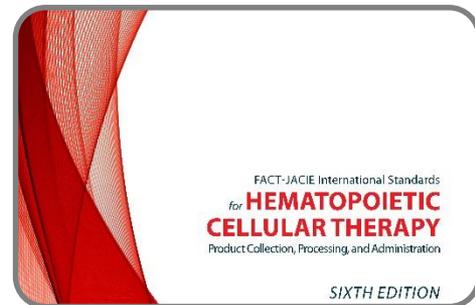
# Commercial Products

- Requires lymphodepletion, cell infusion and aftercare
- Long term follow-up
  - Data reporting - CIBMTR cell therapy forms
- FACT Immune Effector Standards define required support
  - Interaction with third party GMP facilities
  - Chain of custody
  - Care of complications



## FACT Standards for Immune Effector Cells, First Edition

- Common Standards + Immune Effector Cell-Specific Standards
- Apply to programs *only* performing immune effector cell therapy



## FACT-JACIE International Standards for Hematopoietic Cellular Therapy Product Collection, Processing, and Administration, Edition 6.1

- HCT Standards + Immune Effector Cell-Specific Standards
- Apply to transplant units that may or may not administer immune effector cells

# Expensive Gilead, Novartis cancer therapies losing patients to experimental treatments

Deena Beasley

6 MIN READ



LOS ANGELES (Reuters) - Unusually high numbers of U.S. lymphoma patients are choosing experimental treatments over expensive cell therapies sold by Gilead Sciences Inc ([GILD.O](#)) and Novartis AG ([NOVN.S](#)), new data shows, helping explain why sales of the two products have not met rosy expectations.

Vizient analyzed health insurance claims from 58 major U.S. hospitals, including most of the centers authorized to administer CAR-Ts. The consultancy found that medical bills for clinical trial patients, who receive the cell therapies free of charge from the drugmaker, were about 50% percent lower than costs for people treated with Yescarta or Kymriah on a commercial basis.

# Medicare Coverage

- August 7, 2019, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a final National Coverage Determination (NCD) memorandum for CAR-T therapy
- Administered in health care facilities enrolled in the Risk Evaluation & Mitigation Strategy (REMS) Program
- Coverage for FDA-approved indications
- Will fund 65% cost

# Commercial CAR-T Cell Therapy: Current State of the Art

- $\geq 50\%$  of patients with refractory B cell malignancies showing durable complete responses to CD19-CAR T cell therapy
- Potent therapy, but associated with unique toxicities:
  - Cytokine Release Syndrome (CRS; high fevers, hypotension, hypoxia, multi-organ damage)
  - Immune effector cell-associated neurotoxicity syndrome (aphasia, encephalopathy, seizures)

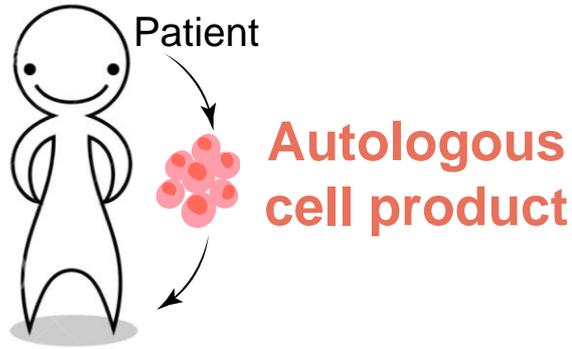
# Future Directions: Reduce Toxicity

- Use earlier in course disease
- Earlier treatment with Tocilizumab and steroids
- Evaluation novel strategies

# Future Directions: Improve accessibility

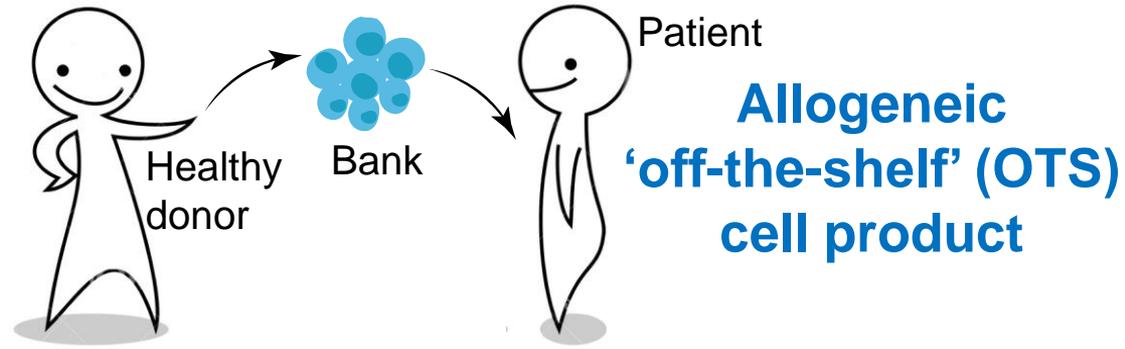
- “Off the shelf” Third party cell
  - Gene edited T cell
  - Multivirus specific T cell
  - Non alloreactive Immune cell populations
    - NK cell
    - NK-T cell

# Autologous vs Allogeneic CAR-T Cells



## Limitations:

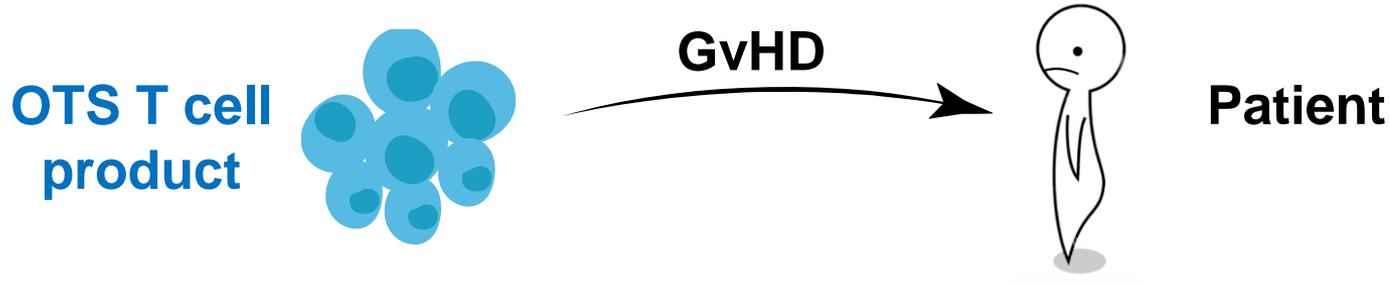
- Patient-specific, variable quality
- Time-consuming
- Expensive



## Address limitations of autologous products:

- Predictable functionality
- Readily available
- Less expensive

# Challenges Using Allogeneic OTS T Cells



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**Solutions:** Manufacture CAR T cells without endogenous TCR/CD3 complex- but lose TCR functionality

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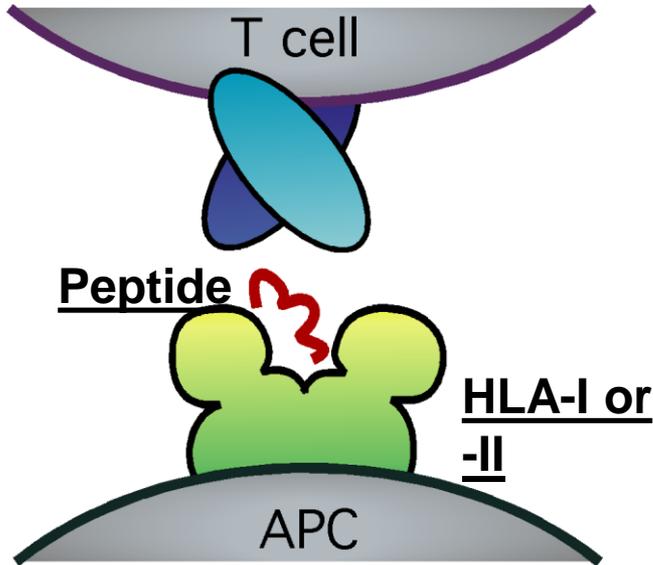
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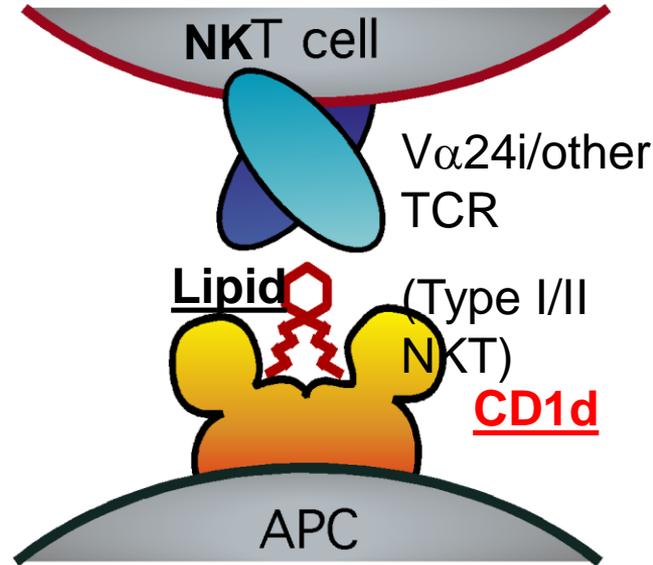
Manufacture banked CART products using **known** TCR e.g virus-specific T cells (Tzannou , Leen et al J.Clin

Oncol. 35 [31] I3547-3557; 2017)

# NKT versus T cells



MHC + peptide



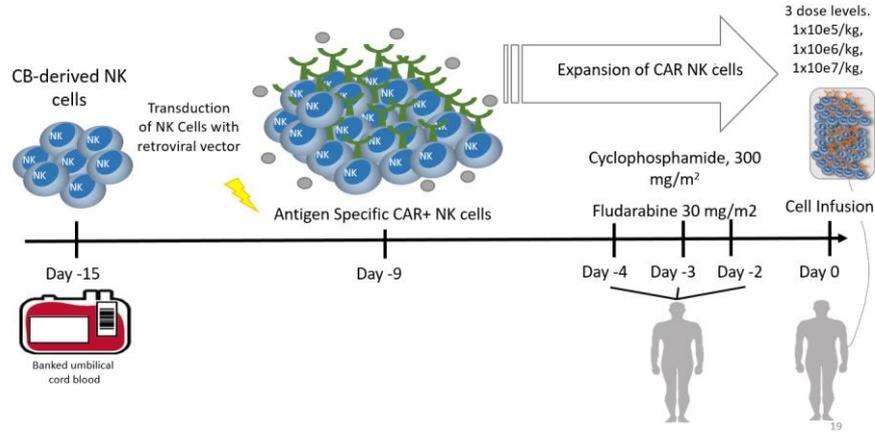
CD1d + glycolipid



Leonid Metelitsa

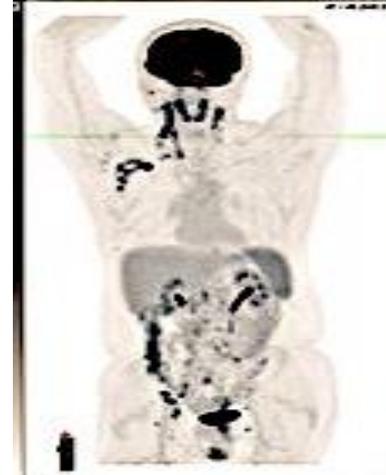
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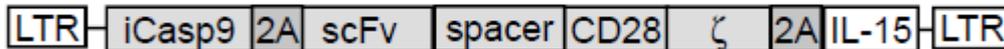


Pre-admission

Day 30 post CAR NK



iC9/CAR.19/IL15



Gianpietro Dotti

Complete metabolic response

# Increasing Accessibility of CAR-T

- Point of care delivery for autologous products
- Off the shelf normal donor products

Reduced cost of goods

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