

# PD1, CD47, and Other Immune Based Approaches in AML

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# **Immune Based Approaches in AML**



Two major approaches:

- 1. <u>Antibody drug</u> <u>conjugates</u> (CD33, CD123, CLL1)
- 2. <u>Adaptive or Innate</u> <u>immune</u>system harnessing therapies:
- a. Bi-specific antibodies (CD3 x AML antigen; CD47 x CD3, others)
- b. Immune checkpoint based approaches: Tcell and macrophage checkpoints
- c. CART, CAR NK, High volume hn-NK cells
- d. Vaccines

Short N....Daver N, et al, Cancer Discovery 2020

A Multicenter Phase I/Ib Study of Ipilimumab for Relapsed Hematologic Malignancies after Allogeneic Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation

- 28 patients following allo-SCT; AML=12
- Ipilimumab at: 3 mg/Kg or 10 mg/Kg, every 3 weeks
- Median time from allo-SCT was 19.3 months (late postSCT)
- Efficacy in patients at the higher dose level (5/13 AML CR, median: 3 prior Rx)
- Extramedullary AML more sensitive?
- 6 (23%) cases of immune AE, 1 death



Davids M et al , NEJM July 2016

### Hypomethylating Agents and Immune Regulation



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### **OS AZA + NIVO vs Historical HMA Combo Protocols at MDACC R/R AML; Censored for ASCT** Improved OS predominantly in early salvage

- 70 pts with R/R AML (median age 70 years)
- <sup>1</sup>Median OS better in salvage 1 (10.5 months vs 5.4 months, P<0.011); 1 yr OS = 50%



Improved efficacy in early salvage: Blina and CART in ALL, MGD006 in prim ref AML

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1. Daver N, et al. Cancer Discovery 2019 Mar;(9)3 2. Stahl M, et al Blood Advances 2018 Apr 24;2(8):923-932

### Venetoclax appears to spare activated T-cells (TEM) during anti-tumor immunity and may synergize with PD-1's



TEM: CD62L- CD45RA-TEM RA: CD62L- CD45RA+ TCM: CD62L+ CD45RA-

Mali R et al, Cancer Discovery 2021



Tumor efficacy studies in immunocompetent C57BL/6 syngeneic mice bearing MC38 tumors.

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CMV Recall Assay: *In vitro* venetoclax treatment in an antigen-specific cytomegalovirus (CMV) assays.

# TIM-3: Cancer immunotherapy and leukemic stem cell target



- TIM-3 is an inhibitory receptor on multiple immune cell types, with a key role in regulating adaptive and innate immune responses<sup>1,2</sup>
- TIM-3 is expressed on the majority of leukemic progenitors in AML, but not on normal HSCs<sup>3,4</sup>
  - TIM-3 expression is seen to correlate with the severity of MDS and progression to AML<sup>5</sup>
  - TIM-3 activation is involved in LSC self-renewal and activation,<sup>6</sup> as well as immune escape in AML<sup>7</sup>
- TIM-3 is a promising therapeutic target, providing an opportunity to both target leukemic stem cells and restore immune function<sup>4,8,9</sup>

AML, acute myeloid leukemia; HSC, hematopoietic stem cell; LSC, leukemic stem cell; MDS, myelodysplastic syndrome; TIM-3, T-cell immunoglobulin domain and mucin domain-3.

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### AZA + TIM3 Ab Sabatolimab in frontline MDS/AML, encouraging activity in high-risk patients, especially for MDS



<sup>a</sup>ORR for patients with MDS was defined as CR + mCR + PR + SD with HI; ORR for patients with ND-AML was defined as CR + CRi + PR. <sup>b</sup>DOR events (including progression/relapse and death) reported out of the number of patients with a BOR of CR, mCR, or PR (for MDS) or CR, CRi, or PR (for AML).

#### Wei A et al, EHA 2021

# Poor Outcomes in *TP53* Mutant AML, Even With Venetoclax-Based Treatment



Months

1. Chyla BJ et al. ASH 2019. Abstract 546. 2. Kim K, et al. ASH 2020. Abstract 693.

# Mechanism of Action of CD47 Blocking Antibodies<sup>1</sup>



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

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



#### Feng D, et al. ASH 2018, Abstract #616 (with adaptations).

Chao MP et al. Front Oncol. 2019;9:1380.

# Magrolimab + AZA in Newly Diagnosed AML<sup>1,2</sup>



- Magrolimab + AZA with 63% ORR and <u>42% CR rate in AML (similar responses in *TP53*-mutant disease)</u>
- Median time to response is 1.95 months (range, 0.95-5.6 mo); more rapid than AZA monotherapy
- Magrolimab + AZA efficacy compares favorably with AZA monotherapy (CR rate: 18%-20%)
- No significant cytopenias, infections, or immune-related AEs were observed; on-target anemia
- Median TP53 VAF burden at baseline: <u>73.3% (range 23.1% 98.1%)</u>
- 1. Daver N et al. EHA 2020. Abstract
- 2. Sallman D et al. ASH 2020. Abstract 330.

### Preliminary Median Overall Survival Is Encouraging in Both TP53 Wild-Type and Mutant Patients



- The median OS is 18.9 months in *TP53* wild-type patients and 12.9 months in *TP53*-mutant patients
- Med OS with venetoclax + hypomethylating agent combinations (14.7-18.0 mo in all-comers,<sup>1,3</sup> 5.2–7.2 mo in TP53 mutant<sup>2,3</sup>)
- Additional patients and longer follow-up needed

NE, not evaluable.

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# AZA/Magro/VEN Is a Highly Active Triplet in Newly Diagnosed Older/Unfit and R/R AML (*TP53* Mutant and WT)

- ASH 2021: phase 1/2 study of AZA, magrolimab, and venetoclax was assessed in different frontline and R/R AML cohorts
- Frontline cohort enrolled
  - Patients aged ≥75 y
  - Patients with documented comorbidities conferring ineligibility for intensive therapy
  - Patients with adverse risk karyotype and/or *TP53* mutation regardless of age/fitness
- 8 (47%) of patients in the frontline cohort had *TP53*-mutated AML

**ASH 2021:** Sunday, December 12: 9:30 AM

	Frontling AMI	R/R AML			
Outcomes, n (%)	(n = 16)	Venetoclax Naïve (n = 8)	Venetoclax Failure (n = 11)		
ORR CR/CRi CR CRi MLFS	16 (100) 15 (94) 13 (81) 2 (13) 1 (6)	6 (75) 5 (63) 3 (38) 2 (25) 1 (13)	3 (27) 3 (27) 0 (0) 3 (27) 0 (0)		
No response	0 (0)	2 (25)	8 (62)		



### **Results: Important to monitor Hgb closely after dose 1 and dose 2 of Magro**



### **Ongoing Phase III Studies with Magro in Frontline AML**

#### Phase III AZA+Magro vs Investigator Choice in TP53 AML (ENHANCE-2)



#### Stratification:

Appropriateness for non-intensive therapy vs. intensive therapy
 Age <75 vs. ≥75</li>

3) Geographic region: US vs. outside the US

#### Endpoints:

- Primary endpoint: OS in TP53 mut AML population appropriate for non-intensive treatment
- First secondary endpoint (alpha controlled): OS in all TP53 mut AML population
- Other key secondary endpoints (alpha controlled): EFS, Transfusion independence, CR/CR<sub>MRD-</sub>, PRO in all TP53 mut AML population

#### Phase III AZA+VEN+Magro vs AZA+VEN in older/unfit AML (ENHANCE-3)

# ENHANCE-3: Phase 3 study of 1L unfit All Comer AML with magrolimab +venetoclax+ azacitidine



#### Endpoints:

#### Primary endpoint: CR, Overall survival

Secondary endpoints: 1. MRD-ve CR 2.CR+CRh, 3. Duration of CR, 4. Duration of CR+CRh 5. Transfusion independence 6. EFS 6. QOL/PRO

# Multiple CD47-SiRPa targeting Ab and Bispecifics in or entering clinic for AML/MDS, lymphoma and solid tumors

Candidate	Magrolimab (AML, MDS)	TTI-621	TTI-622 (AML)	ALX148 (AML, MDS)	Lemzoparlimab (AML, MDS)	AO-176	SL-172154 (AML, MDS)
Molecule	CD47 mAb	WT SIRPαFc fusion protein	WT SIRPαFc fusion protein	High aff. SIRPαFc fusion protein	CD47 mAb	CD47 mAb	WT SIRPα-Fc-CD40L fusion protein
Fc isotype	lgG4	lgG1	lgG4	Inert IgG1	lgG4	lgG2	Inert IgG4
Proposed MoA	CD47	CD47 + NK	CD47	CD47	CD47	CD47 + direct killing	CD47 + CD40
Mol. weight (approx.)	150 kD	75kD	75kD	75kD	150 kD	150kD	>500kDa
RBC binding	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	No
Monotx/incl CR observed	Yes/ No	Yes/ Yes	Yes/ Yes	No/ No	Yes/No	No data	No data
Development stage	P3	P1b/2	P1b/2	P1/2	P1/2	P1/2	P1

Sources: Publications, presentations and filings; www.clinicaltrials.gov

Other companies with clinical stage CD47-targeting agents: ImmunOncia, Innovent Bio, Kahr Medical, TG Therapeutics, Zai Lab, Akeso

# Bispecific CD47-SiRPa and T-cell (41BB) engaging approaches (DSP-107): Activating the innate and adaptive immune system



# Novel Immune Strategies to Kill AML, Potentially Mutation Agnostic

## ADAPTIVE:

- Recruiting CD3 T cell-- BiTEs linking to CD3 and targeting CD33/123; CARTs with modified CD3 killer cells (success in ALL, lymphoma, MM)
- Targets beyond CD33/123 e.g. CLL1, IL1RAP, TIM3, CD70, others

## **INNATE (Appears to be more resilient and preserved in AML)**

- Recruiting macrophages-- targeting CD47 on AML (Magrolimab, Lemzo) or SIRP alpha on macrophages (Trillium, CC95251, ALX148)
- Recruiting NK cells-- allo NK-CARTs; NK engineered cells (hn, CD38 ko, IL15) - repeated infusions

### Emerging Novel, potentially mutation agnostic approaches: may be especially important in high risk AML like TP53m

### Anti-CLL1 CARTs in Children with R-R AML

- 2<sup>nd</sup> generation CLL1 CARTs 0.3-1 million/kg single dose post lymphodepletion with Flu-CTX
- 11 children with R-R AML treated
- 9 responses = 82% : 5 CR MRD-, 3 CR MRD+, 1PR

Zhang. JCO 39 ( suppl). May 2021. ASCO 2021



### FT516 / FT538: Monotherapy in Relapsed / Refractory AML

Phase 1 studies (n=12 treated)

- 3 doses per cycle (D1, D8, D15) x 2 cycles; each cycle 28 days
- Lympho-conditioning: Cyclophosphamide 500 mg/m2 IV x Fludarabine 30 mg/m2 IV x 3 days
- FT516 -- IL-2 6MU SC with each dose FT516; FT538 endogenous IL2 (no external IL2 needed)
- Median 3 (1 6) prior Rx lines, 9/11 adverse ELN risk
- <u>5 of 12 (42%) responses (4 CRi + 1 MLFS)</u>

FT516 (n=9): 3 CRi + 1 MLFS (90M and 300M cells); FT538 (n=3): 1 CRi (100M cells)

- No observed DLTs, No CRS, ICANS, or GVHD of any grade
- Ongoing remission >6 months in 2 FT516 patients without additional intervention, FT538 CRi ongoing

FATE. Public presentation April 2021

# New ADCs and Bispecifics in AML

CD33 and CD123 various novel agents:

- IMGN632 (CD123) : ADC with novel single strand alkylating payload
  - CR/CRi rate 17%, ORR 20% in n=66 evaluable
    AML pts (Daver et al, ASH #734)
- Flotetuzumab (MGD006): CD123xCD3 dualaffinity re-targeting (DART) molecule
  - CR/CRi 32% in n=30 primary refractory AML cohort (Uy et al, ASH #733)
- XmAb 14045 CD3xCD123 bispecific
  - CR/CRi rate 23% in Part A (Ravandi ASH 2018)
- AMG330 and AMG673 CD3xCD33
  - CR/CRi rate 15% in n=27 evaluable pts (AMG330)
  - Subklewe et al, ASH #833 (AMG673)

### - AMV564 CD3xCD33 bispecific

- Westervelt et al, ASH #834

Other promising targets:

- Cusatuzumab (ARGX-110): CD70 + AZA for Newly Dx Older AML
  - CR/CRi 83% and ORR 92% in n=12 (Ochsenbein ASH 2018)
- Magrolimab (5F9): CD47 + AZA
  - CR/CRi 50% and ORR 69% in n=16
    evaluable AML (Sallman et al, ASH #569)
- MCLA-117: CD3 x CLL1

# Evolving Diagnostic and Treatment Paradigm for Newly Dx AML (TP53 should all be enrolled on clinical trials irrespective of age/fitness)



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