Chimeric Antigen Receptor (CAR) Modified T Cell Therapy: *Meeting the Unmet Need in Follicular Lymphoma*

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Non Hodgkin Lymphomas in the Real World

One- and Five-Year Relative Survival (%), All Ages, 2004-2011



Haematological Malignancy Research Network (HMRN)

http://info.cancerresearchuk.org/cancerstats/faqs/#How



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Follicular Lymphoma: Unmet Need

5 year survival lower in the *early-POD group* than reference group: 50% vs 90%



Casulo et al. JCO doi:10.1200/JCO.2014.59.7534

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Idelalisib in relapsed, rituximab- and alkylating agentrefractory follicular lymphoma: PFS



Salles G, et al Haematologica 2017;102(4).



Chimeric Antigen Receptor for CD19 (CTL019)



Redirecting the Specificity of T cells

- 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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T cells transduced ex vivo with a lentivirus encoding anti-CD19 scFv linked to 4-1BB and CD3- ζ signaling domains

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CTL019 in Relapsed or Refractory CD19+ NHL Study Design: Hypothesis and Objectives

Hypothesis:

 CAR modified T cells directed against CD19 (CTL019) will result in antitumor responses in patients with advanced CD19+ B-cell non-Hodgkin lymphomas

Primary Objectives:

- Determine overall response rate (ORR) at 3 months
- Determine response rate by lymphoma histology

Secondary Objectives:

- Determine CTL019 cell manufacturing feasibility
- Determine safety of CTL019 cells in NHL subjects
- Evaluate best response and progression-free survival
- Determine *in vivo* expansion of ČTL019 cells

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CTL019 T Cells in Relapsed or Refractory CD19+ NHL: Study Design

Enrollment started Feb 2014

Key eligibility criteria: FL

- Adult histologically proven CD19+ relapsed or refractory FL
- FL with ≥2 prior CIT regimens and PD <2 years after prior therapy
- Measurable disease
- ECOG PS 0 or 1

Single IV dose of CTL019 cells, 1 -4 days after lymphodepletion chemotherapy Immunophenotypic, cytokine and molecular studies performed at prespecified times after T cell infusion

Collection of PB and BM samples Initial tumor response assessed 3 months after infusion using IWG response criteria

<u>Primary Objectives</u>: ORR at 3 months; determine response rate by lymphoma histology
<u>Secondary endpoints</u>: Determine CTL019 cell manufacturing feasibility; safety; best response; PFS; in vivo expansion of CTL019 cells; effects on B cells and CD19 expression in vivo

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Results: High Risk Follicular Lymphoma

FL: Patient Characteristics (n = 15 enrolled; n = 14 infused)

Median age	62 years (range 43 - 72)
Sex	7 (47%) men
Median prior therapies	5 (range 2 - 10)
 Prior R-CHOP/R-EPOCH 	13 (87%)
 Prior R/O-bendamustine 	11 (73%)
 Prior idelalisib 	4 (27%)
 Prior transplant % 	4 (27%)
Stage III – IV (enrollment)	13 (87%)
Increased LDH (enrollment)	10 (67%)
> 1 extranodal site (enrollment)	4 (27%)
Median ECOG PS (enrollment)	0 (range 0 – 1)

Results: High Risk Follicular Lymphoma

FL: Lymphodepleting therapy (n = 14)

(n) Regimen

- 6 bendamustine (90 mg/m²) daily x 2
- 1 cyclophosphamide (200 mg/m²) + fludarabine (20 mg/m²) daily x 3
- 3 XRT (400 cGy) + cyclophosphamide (1 g/m²)
- 1 cyclophosphamide (1 g/m²)
- 1 cyclophosphamide (1.2 g/m²) over 4 days
- 1 carboplatin + gemcitabine
- 1 modified EPOCH

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Response Rates: Follicular Lymphoma

FL: ORR at 3 Months 79%	FL: Best Response Rate 79%						
(N = 14)	(N = 14)						
- CR: 7	- CR: 10						
- PR: 4	- PR: 1						
- PD: 3	- PD: 3						

- 3 patients with PRs by anatomic criteria at 3 months converted to CRs by 6 months
- 1 patient with PR at 3 months who remained in PR at 6 and 9 months had PD at 12 months





Results: Follicular Lymphoma

FL Results: Progression-Free Survival





FL Results: Time to Next Therapy



FL Adverse Events of Interest at Least Possibly Related

AE	G1	G2	G3	G4	G5	Total	AE	G1	G2	G3	G4	G5	Total
Cytokine release syndrome		4	1	1		6	Allergic reaction		1				1
Hypotension		1	1	1		3	Nausea	4	2				6
Pulmonary edema			1	1		2	Vomiting	1					1
Transaminitis		1				1	Fatigue	2	1				3
Hyper- bilirubinemia		1				1	Arthralgias	2	1				3
Fever (non-CRS)	3					3	Anemia		1				1
Headache	3					3	Neutropeni a			1			1
Confusion		2				2	Rash		1				1
Encephalitis					1	1	Pneumonia			1			1
Tremor	1					1	Chest pain	1					1

Conclusions: CTL019 in Follicular Lymphoma

- CTL019 can achieve durable responses in patients with relapsed or refractory CD19+ follicular lymphomas
 - All patients who achieved CR remain in CR
 - CTL019 is superior to physician's choice antecedent therapy
- Chimeric antigen receptor modified T cells directed against CD19 (CTL019) were successfully manufactured for all patients with follicular lymphoma
- The toxicity of this therapeutic approach appears acceptable
 - There were no deaths from cytokine release syndrome
- Further studies of CTL019 for treatment of follicular lymphoma are warranted

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