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Safety and Efficacy of Azer-cel, an Allogeneic CD19 CAR T, Plus Low-Dose Interleukin-2 (IL-2) in Patients With Relapse/Refractory (r/r) Large B-Cell Lymphoma (LBCL) Who Relapsed After Autologous CAR T

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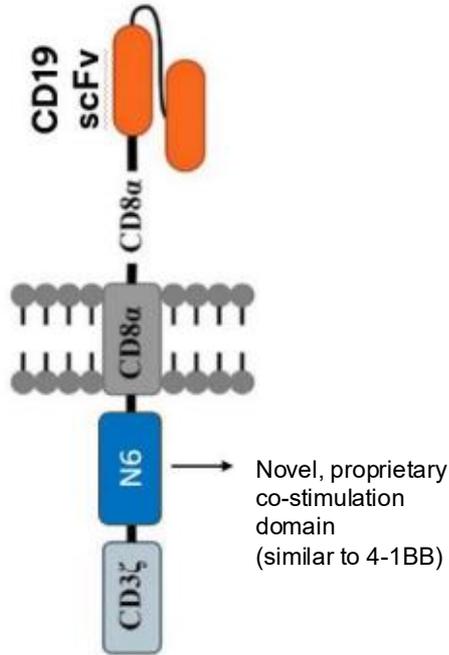
Background

- Azercabtagene-zapraleucel (azer-cel, PBCAR0191) is an allogeneic anti-CD19 CAR T manufactured from healthy, adult donors
- During dose escalation, an optimized LD regimen has been identified (Aug/Cy – Flu 30mg/m² x 3 days, Cy 750mg/m² x 3 days) as well as the RP2D (500 million cells)
- In the current expansion cohort, low-dose SC IL-2 (1 million IU, D1-14) was added to the regimen as a form of exogenous armoring in order to improve clinical benefit

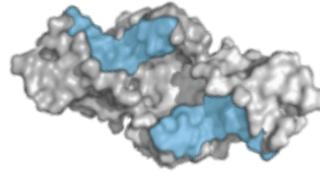
Abbreviations: TRAC, T-cell receptor alpha constant locus; LD, lymphodepletions; Aug/Cy, augmented cyclophosphomide; Flu, fludarabine; Cy, cyclophosphomide, RP2D, recommended phase 2 dose, SC, subcutaneous, IL-2, Interleukin-2. D1-14, study day 1-14.



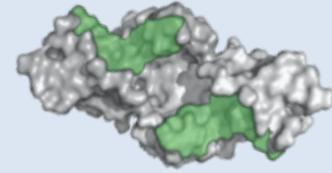
ARCUS Enables Precise Insertion of a CD19 CAR Into the *TRAC* Locus



Azer-cel



I-CreI: Nature's editing system, **evolved** for highly precise, versatile gene editing



ARCUS: I-CreI **engineered** to target desired genetic sites

KEY ADVANTAGES

Safety	Non-integrating AAV vector, minimal off-target editing; natural "off switch"
Ease of delivery	Small size permits both mRNA, LNP and AAV delivery
Control of edits	Efficient knock-in or knockout

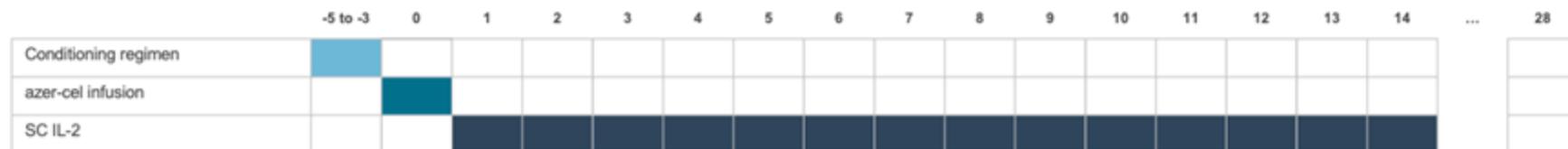


Azer-cel Phase 1/1b Study Design

Dose escalation completed; now in Phase 1b expansion

Dose Escalation (Parallel Groups)	Dose Escalation (Completed)	Cohort Expansion Currently Enrolling	Key Inclusion Criteria (LBCL after CD19 CAR T)
<p>n=84 patients</p> <p>Subjects Treated to Date B-ALL (N=23) NHL (N=61)</p>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 15px; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">DOSE LEVEL</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 15px; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">CONDITIONING REGIMEN</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="background-color: #003366; color: white; padding: 10px; border-radius: 5px; text-align: center; width: 150px;"> 500×10^6 N=3-6 </div> <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Aug Cy + IL-2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Standard LD <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Augmented Cy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Modified LD <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enhanced LD <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Augmented Flu <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Standard LD </div> </div> <div style="margin-top: 20px;"> <div style="background-color: #003366; color: white; padding: 10px; border-radius: 5px; text-align: center; width: 150px;"> 3×10^5 N=3-6 </div> <div style="margin-left: 20px; text-align: center;"> </div> </div>	<p>Patient Population LBCL Relapsed after CD19 CAR T</p> <p>Tumor Types of Interest iDLBCL NOS HGBCL Transformed Indolent Lymphoma</p> <p>Conditioning Regimen Augmented Cy (Flu 30mg/m² & Cy 750mg/m² x 3d) + low-dose SC IL-2 (1 million IU D1-14)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CD19+ r/r DLBCL, NOS or other large B-cell lymphomas ≥2 prior therapies including autologous CD19 CAR T, with relapse after initial response <div style="background-color: #003366; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;">Endpoints</div> <p>Primary: ORR by Lugano</p> <p>Secondary: CR rate, DOR, PFS, OS, TNT, AEs</p>

Treatment Schedule (One cycle)



Demographic & Disease Characteristics

Demographics & Characteristics	N=18
Median age (range), years	62.9 (28-86)
>65 years, n(%)	10 (55.5)
Male, (%)	13 (72.2)
Ethnicity, n (%)	
Hispanic or Latino	1 (5.6)
Not Hispanic or Latino	17 (94.4)
Race, n (%)	
Asian	1 (5.6)
White	17 (94.4)
Median Time since First Diagnosis, months	18.6 (11, 240)
Stage III/IV disease at study entry, n (%)	14 (77.8)
Histological subtypes, n (%)	
DLBCL	11 (61.1)
DLBCL, transformed from Follicular Lymphoma	3 (16.7)
Other [‡]	4 (22.2)
Mean SPD (SD), cm²	30.43 (3.1 – 123.5)

[‡]Other (1 Richter's Transformation, 1 HGBCL, 1 DLBC transformed from MZL, 1 EBV-positive DLBCL)



Prior Treatment History

Prior Therapy	N=18
Median lines of prior therapy, n (range)	4 (2-7)
≥ 4 Lines	11 (61.1)
Prior anti-CD19 CAR T-cell therapy, n (%)	18 (100)
Primary Refractory, n (%)	10 (55.5)
Prior autologous stem cell transplant, n (%)	3 (16.7)
Prior Bi-specific T-cell engager, n (%)	8 (44.4)
Refractory to Bi-specific T-cell engager, n (%)	6 (33.3)
Duration of Response to Prior CAR T-cell therapy	
≤ 6 months	11 (61.1)
> 6 months	6 (33.3)



Summary of Adverse Events

No Evidence of GvHD

Adverse Events, n (%)	N=18	
	Any Grade	Grade \geq 3
Any	18 (100)	14 (77.8)
Serious	6 (33.3)	4 (22.2)
Cardiac disorders	4 (22.2)	0
Infections*	9 (50.0)	6 (33)
Heme Toxicity**		
Neutropenia	18 (100)	18 (100)
Thrombocytopenia	18 (100)	9 (50)
Anemia	18 (100)	7 (38.8)
Hypogammaglobulinemia	2 (11.1)	0

AEs were graded according to the NCI CTCAE version 5.0

*One participant experienced Grade 5 bronchopulmonary aspergillosis and Grade 5 fungemia). Grade 3 CMV Infection, CMV viremia and HHV-6 were each reported in 1 (5.6%) participants.

**AE based on laboratory values



CRS and ICANS

AEs, n(%)	N=18	
	CRS	ICANS
Any grade, n(%)	13 (72.2)	3 (16.7)
Grade 1/2*	13 (72.2)	1 (5.6)
Grade 3	0	2 (11.1)
Grade 4	0	0
Grade 5	0	0
Median time to onset (range), days	3 (2-15)	5 (2-7)
Median duration of event (range), days	2 (1-9)	1 (1-10)

No Grade ≥ 3 CRS events occurred

ICANS Grade 3 events (N=2):

- 1 event resolved in 1 day
- 1 event resolved in 10 days

*2 serious CRS events: 1 Grade 1 and 1 Grade 2; 1 Serious ICANS event Grade 3

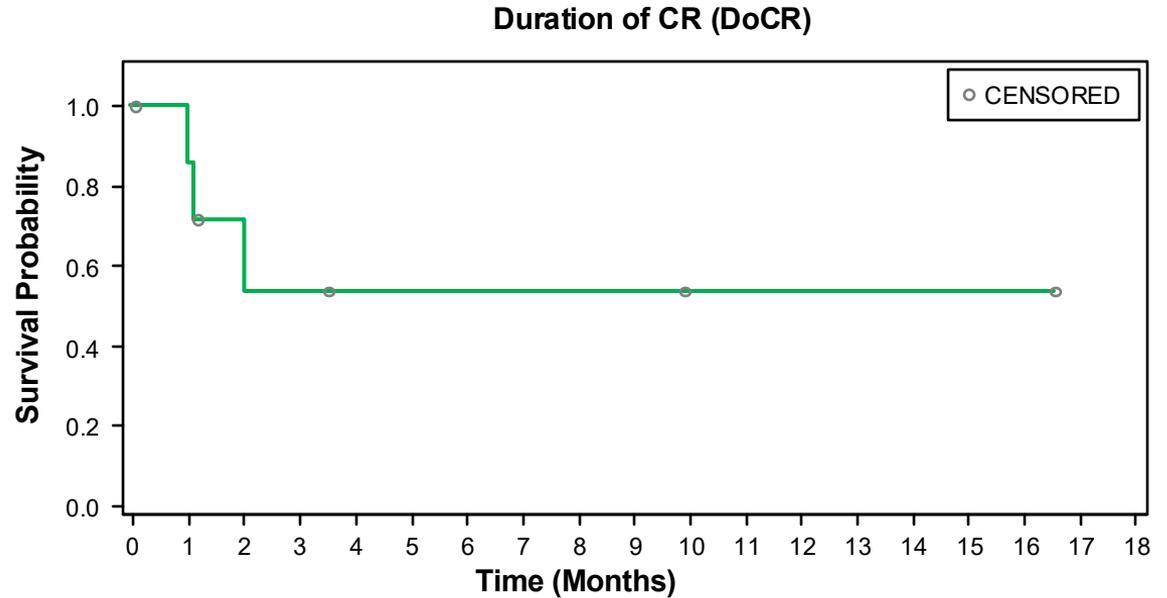
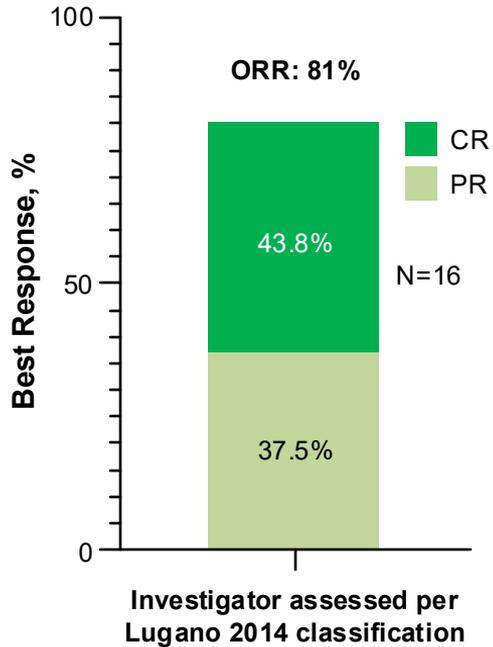


Prolonged Cytopenias

Event	N=18
Participants with Prolonged Grade ≥ 3 Cytopenia present beyond D28, N (%)	9 (50)
Prolonged Anemia Grade ≥ 3, N (%)	2 (11.1)
Median time to recovery to Grade ≤ 2 , median # of days (range)	33 (33, 33)
Prolonged Neutropenia Grade ≥ 3, N (%)	5 (27.8)
Median time to recovery Grade ≤ 2 , median # of days (range)	25.5 (14, 38)
Prolonged Thrombocytopenia Grade ≥ 3, N (%)	6 (33)
Median time to recovery Grade ≤ 2 , median # of days (range)	37 (13, 127)



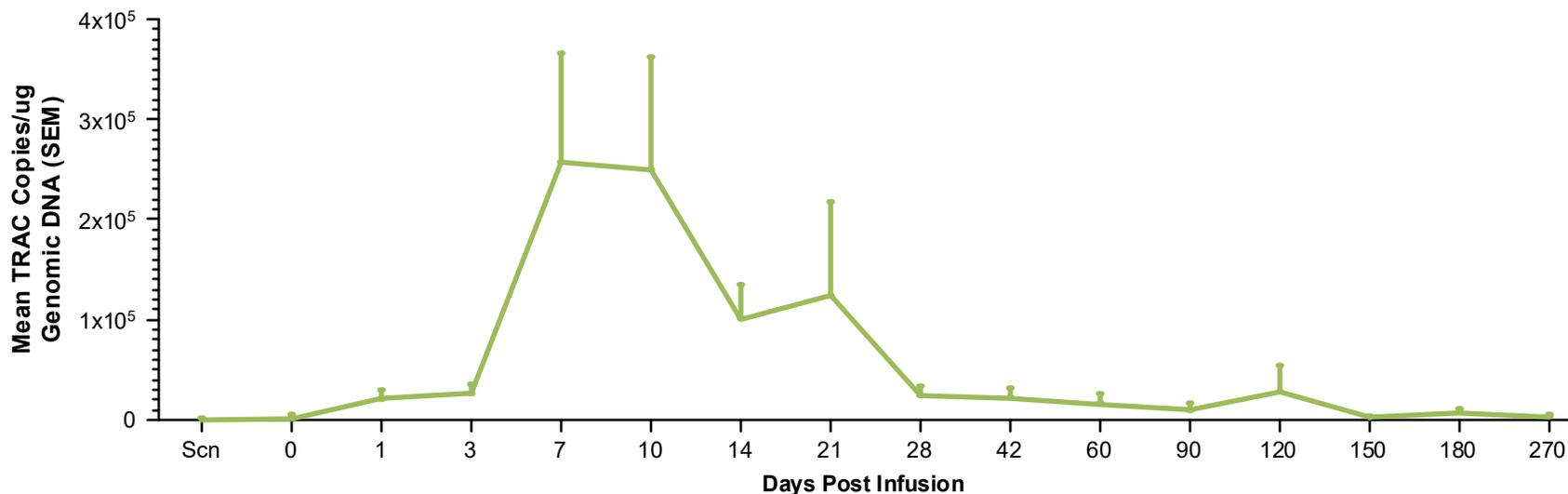
High Response Rates and Durable Responses Observed



Median Duration of CR is Not reached (NR), range in months (1 – NR)



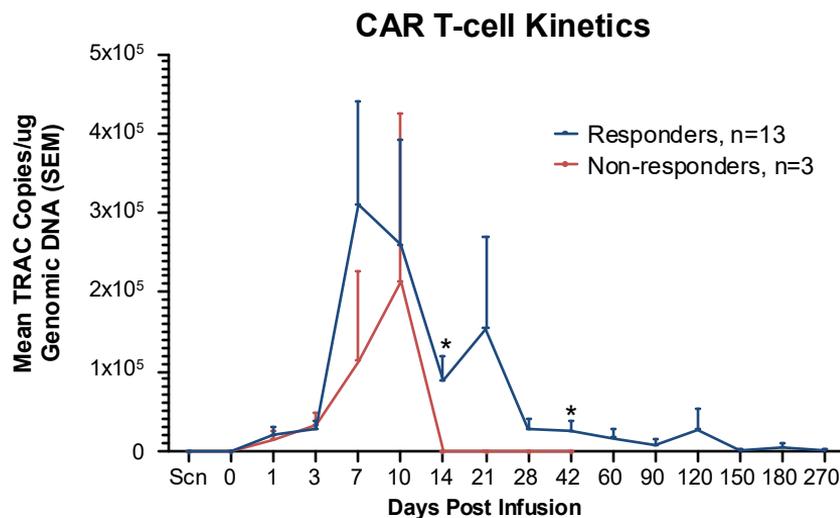
Robust CAR T-cell Expansion is Observed



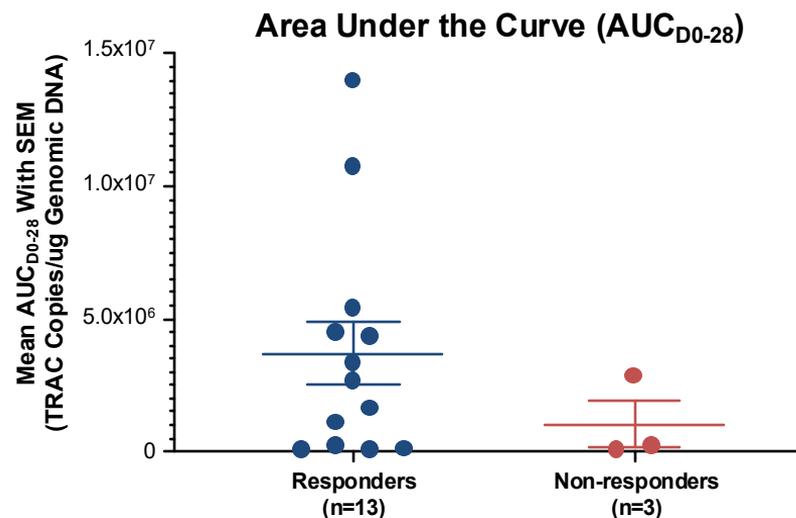
Mean (\pm SEM)	N=16
Peak CAR T-cell, copies/ug of gDNA	$4.2 \times 10^5 (\pm 1.3 \times 10^5)$
AUC _{D0-28} CAR T-cell, copies/ug of gDNA	$3.2 \times 10^6 (\pm 1.0 \times 10^6)$
Time to peak, days	14.4 (± 7.15)



Prolonged CAR T-cell Persistence Is Observed in Responders



*Statistically significant difference, *p* value < 0.05



Mean (\pm SEM)	Responders (N=13)	Non-Responders (N=3)
Peak CAR T-cell, copies/ug of gDNA	$4.8 \times 10^5 (\pm 1.5 \times 10^5)$	$1.6 \times 10^5 (\pm 1.3 \times 10^5)$
AUC _{D0-28} CAR T-cell, copies/ug of gDNA	$3.7 \times 10^6 (\pm 1.2 \times 10^6)$	$1.0 \times 10^6 (\pm 9.1 \times 10^5)$
Time to peak, days	16.6 (± 8.7)	4.7 (± 2.7)

Statistics done using log transformed Anova test without BLQ imputation



Sustained MRD Negativity in Complete Responders

	Day 21/28	Day 60	Day 90	Day 120	Day 150/180	Day 270	Day 360
Patient 1	PR	CR	CR	CR	CR	CR	CR
Patient 2	CR	CR	CR	CR	CR	CR	
Patient 3	PR	PR	CR	CR			
Patient 4	CR	CR	CR				
Patient 5	PR	CR	CR				

 MRD negative  MRD positive  Positive below LOD  Not done/data unavailable
LOD: Limit of detection

- MRD was assessed using the ClonoSEQ assay (Adaptive Biotechnologies)
- Dominant tumor cell clone for each subject is calibrated at screening using tumor tissue



Conclusions

- Azer-cel, followed by low-dose IL-2, demonstrates encouraging clinical activity in patients with LBCL relapsed after prior autologous CD19 CAR T therapy
- The safety profile was manageable with low-grade CRS and infrequent ICANS
- The median duration of CR has not yet been reached, underscoring the potential for long-lasting disease control even in this heavily pretreated, CAR T–relapsed population
- Robust CAR T-cell expansion and persistence observed in responders
- Sustained MRD negativity suggests deep remissions can be achieved
- Enrollment is ongoing in an additional cohort of CAR T–naïve patients (various indications) in the US and Australia



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