

Updates in CAR-T Therapy

Ochsner Cancer Updates

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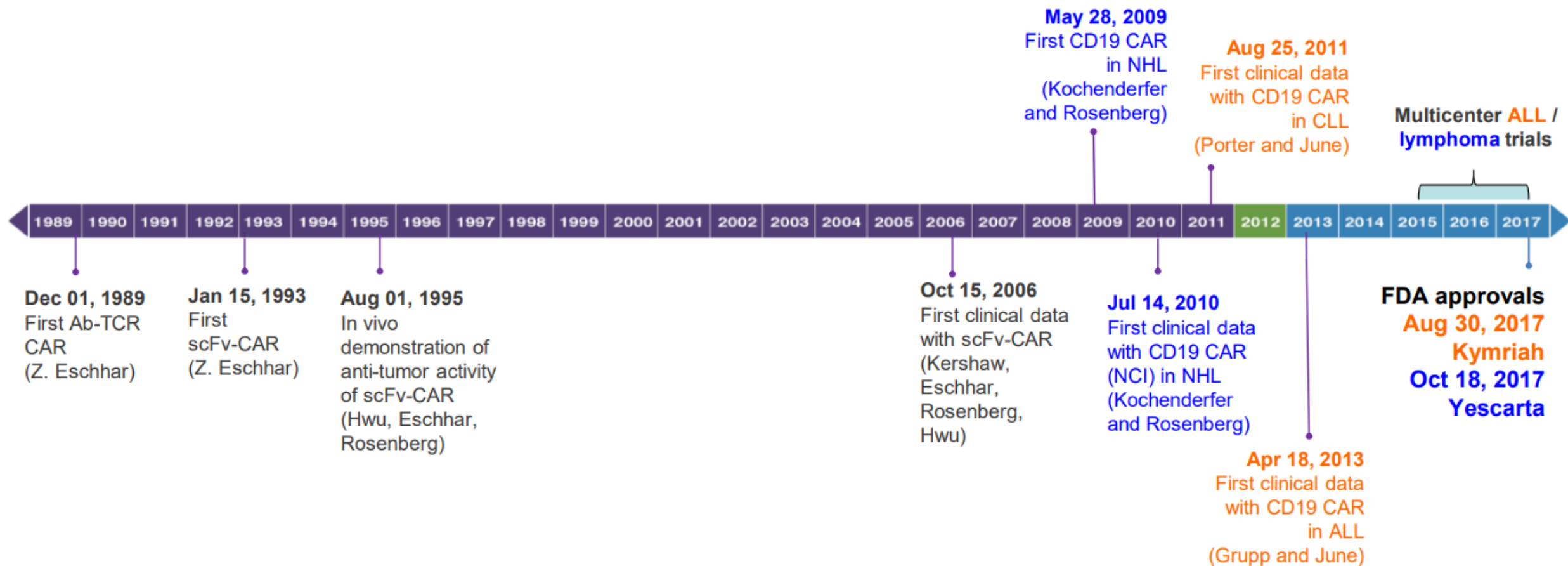
- Speaker Bureau: Jazz Pharmaceuticals, BMS, Lilly, Beigene
- Advisory Board: Celgene, Daiichi Sankyo, Janssen Biotech

Agenda

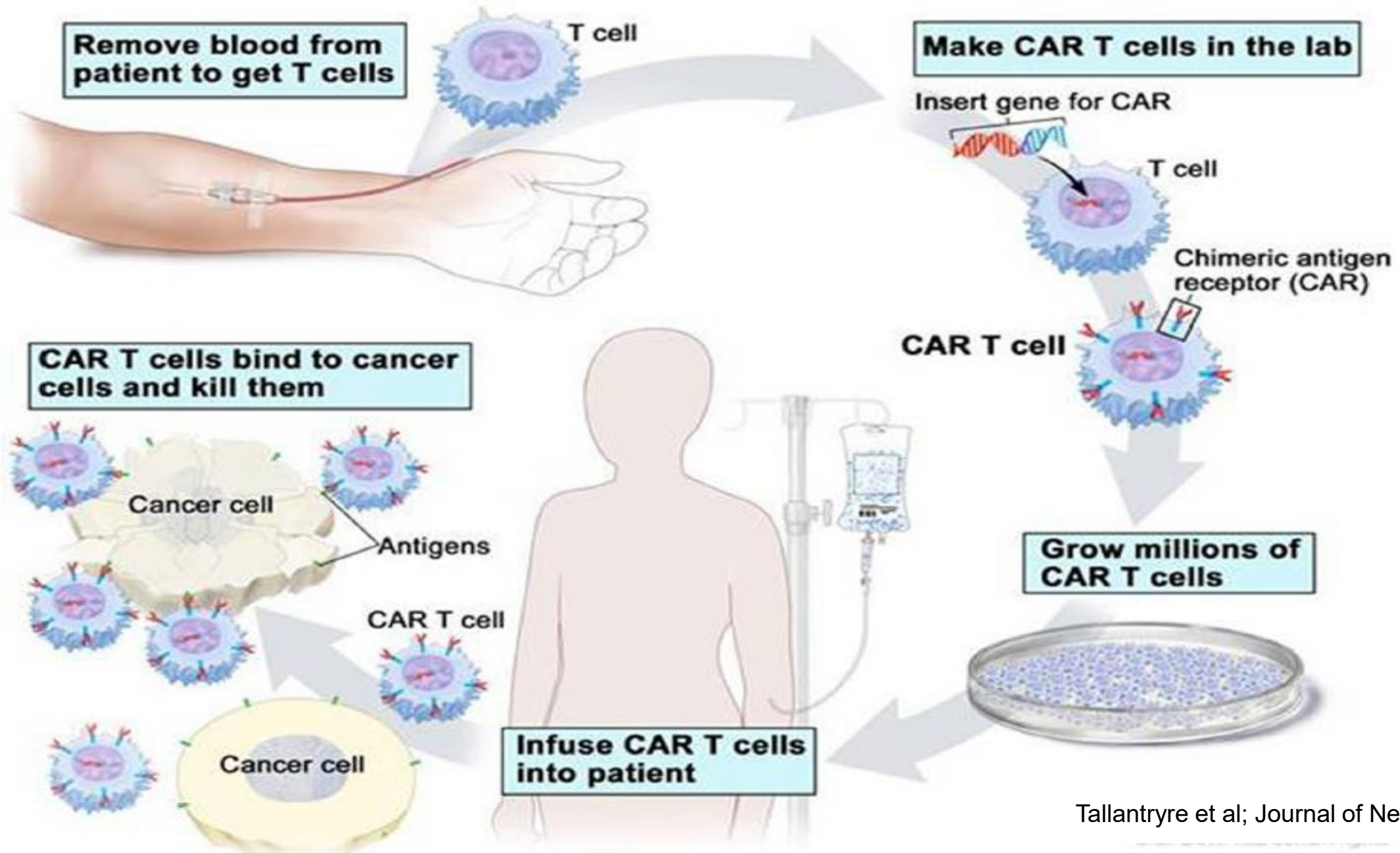
- CAR-T Updates in Lymphoma
- CAR-T Updates in Myeloma
- Challenges in CAR-T Therapy
- Future Directions

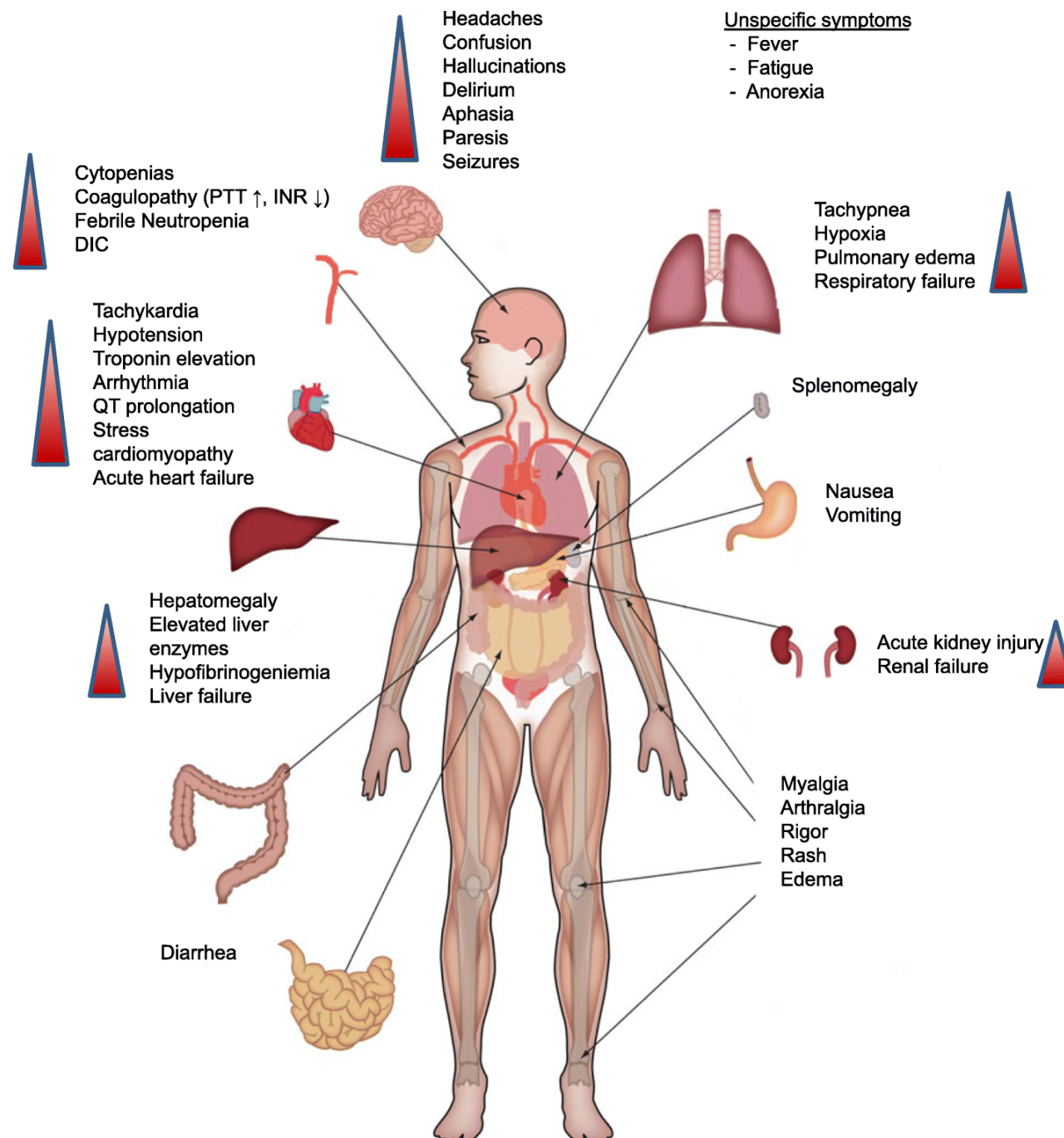
CAR T-cell Development: From Discovery to FDA Approval

Discovery to FDA approval ~25 years



CAR T-cell Therapy



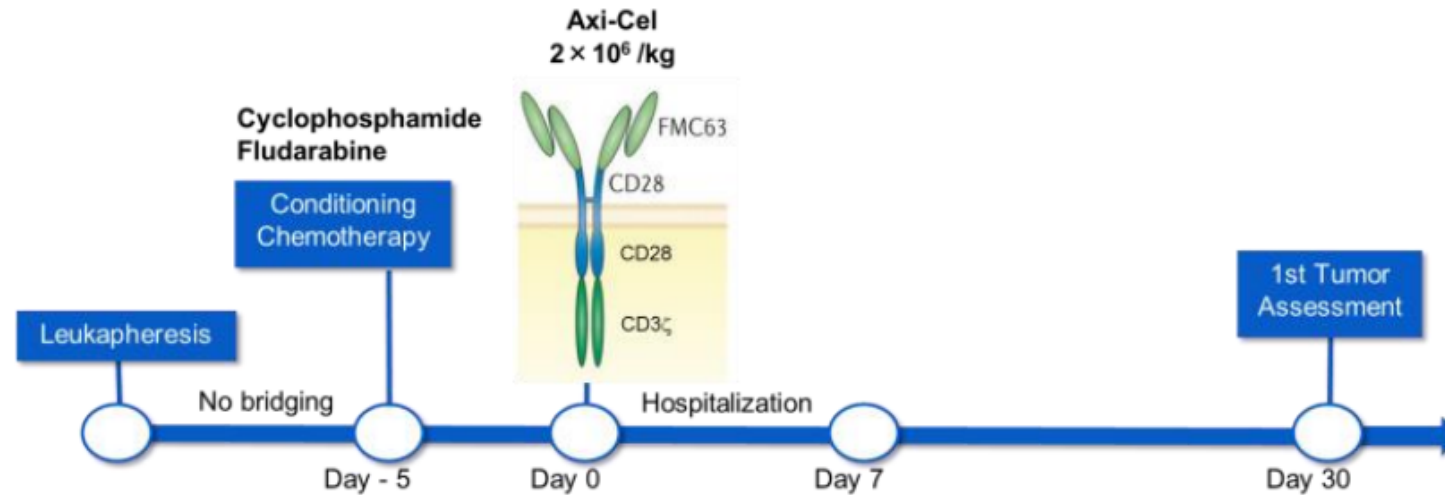


CAR T Cell Therapy in Lymphoma

Axicabtagene Ciloleucel CAR T-Cell Therapy in Refractory Large B-Cell Lymphoma

ZUMA-1

ZUMA1: Phase I/II Study Design



Phase 1 (N = 7)

Refractory
DLBCL/PMBCL/TFL
(n = 7)

Phase 2 (N = 101)

Cohort 1
Refractory DLBCL
(n = 77)

Cohort 2
Refractory PMBCL/TFL
(n = 24)

1 unsuccessful manufacture
4 adverse events
1 death from disease
2 non-measurable disease

Key eligibility criteria

- No response to last chemotherapy or relapse ≤ 12 mo post-ASCT
- Prior anti-CD20 monoclonal antibody and anthracycline

- N = 108
- Data cutoff: August 11, 2017
- Median follow-up: 15.4 months

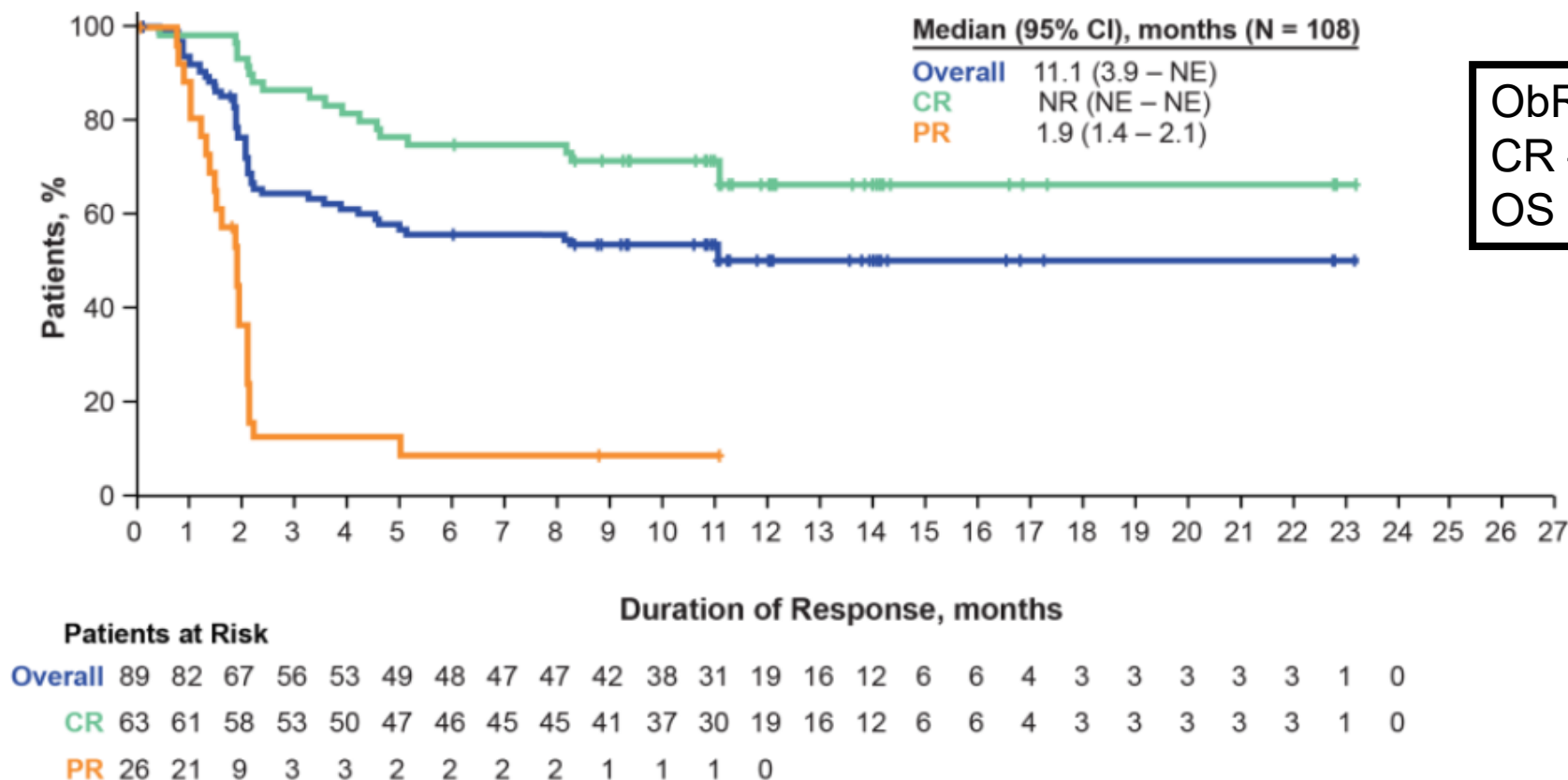
Conditioning regimen

- Cyclophosphamide 500 mg/m² + fludarabine 30 mg/m² for 3 days

Axi-cel: 2×10^6 CAR+ cells/kg

- 99% enrolled were successfully manufactured
- 91% enrolled were dosed
- 17-day average turnaround time from apheresis to delivery to clinical site

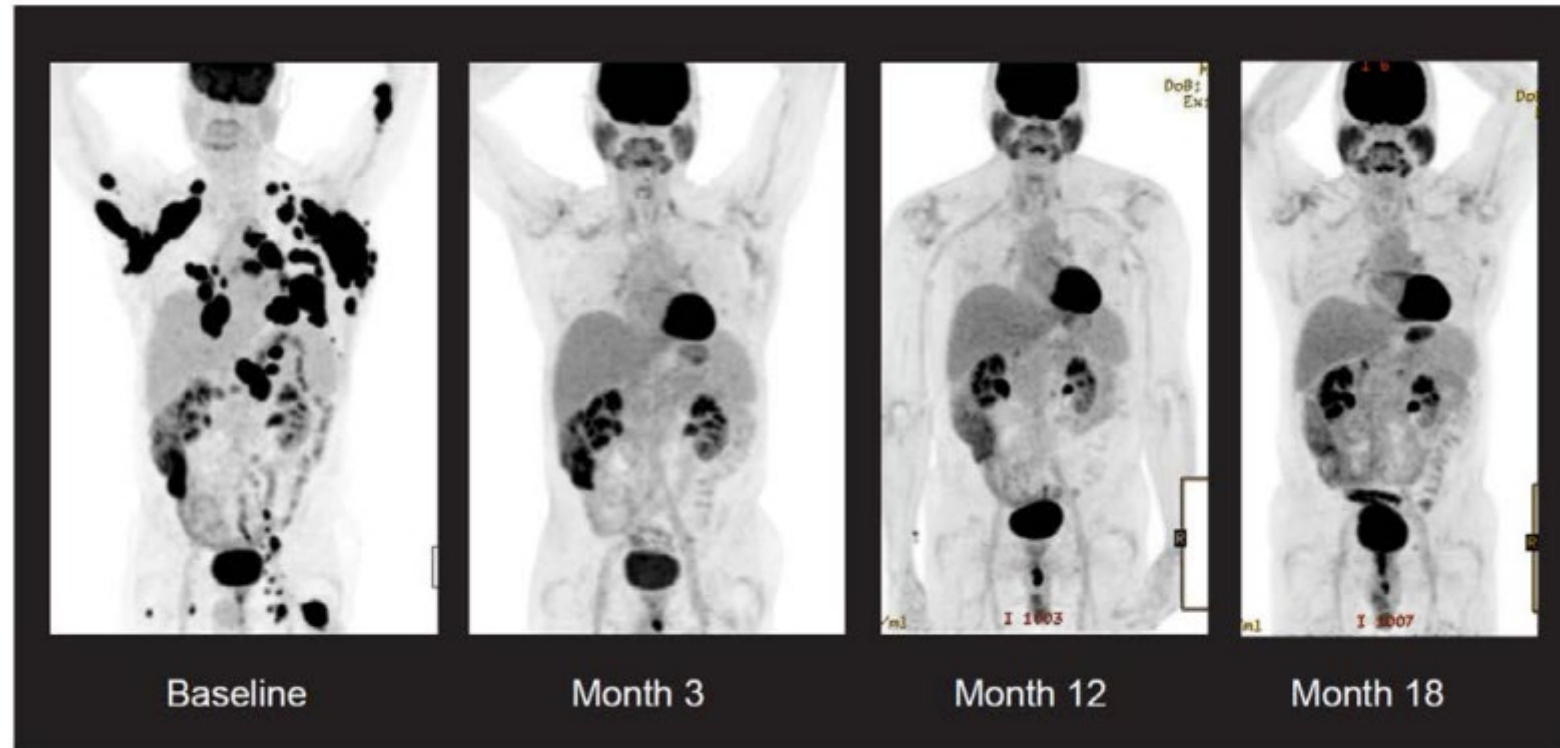
ZUMA1: Duration of Response by Best Objective Response



ObRR – 82%
CR – 54%
OS 18m – 52%

- Median duration of CR has not been reached
- 3/7 (43%) phase 1 patients have ongoing CR at 24 months

CR, complete response; NR, not reached; PR, partial response.



ZUMA1: Safety

Pivotal cohort (N=101)

	CRS	NE
All grades	93%	64%
Grade ≥ 3	13%	28%
Time to onset [Median (Range)]	2 (1-12) days	5 (1-17) days
Time to resolution (Median)	8 days	17 days
Tocilizumab usage	43%	
Corticosteroids usage	27%	

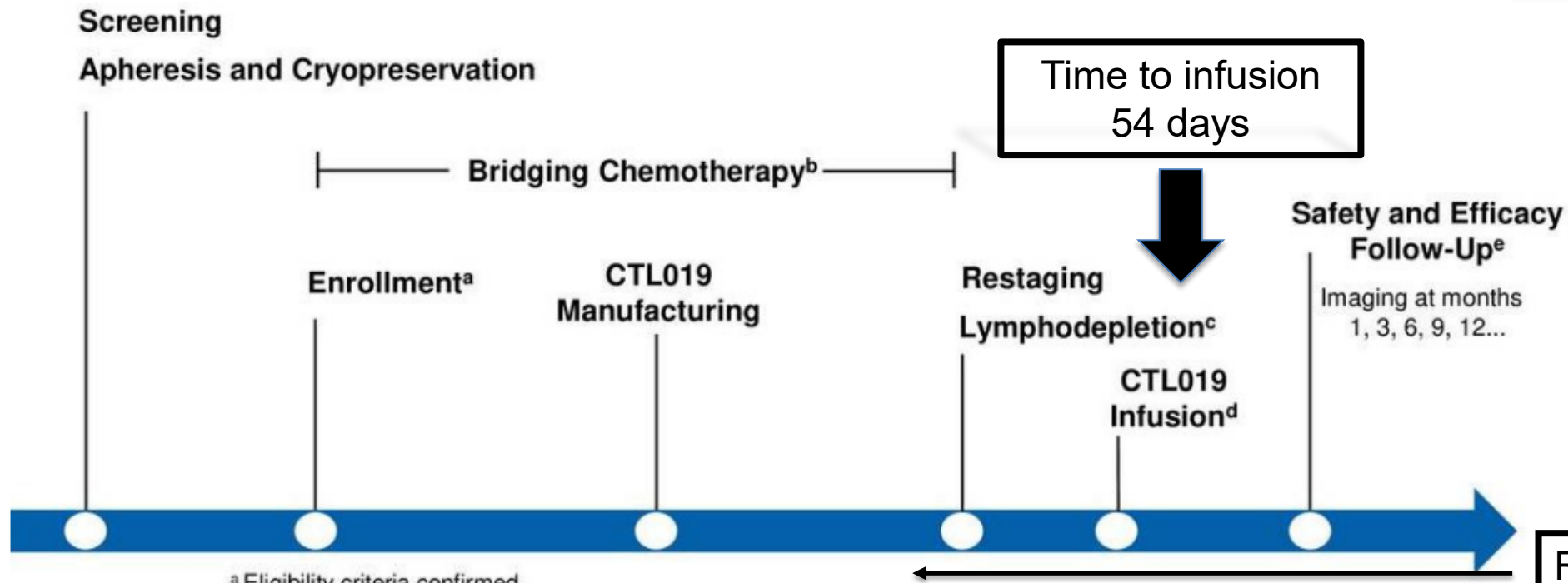
- 3 deaths due to AEs – 1 cardiac arrest, 1 HLH, 1 pulmonary embolism
- Lee criteria used for CRS grading
- CTCAE criteria used for neurological event (NE) grading

Tisagenlecleucel in Adult Relapsed or Refractory Diffuse Large B-Cell Lymphoma

JULIET

JULIET: Tisagenlecleucel Study Design

JULIET is a single-arm, open-label, multicenter, global phase 2 trial of CTL019 in adult patients with r/r DLBCL (NCT02445248)



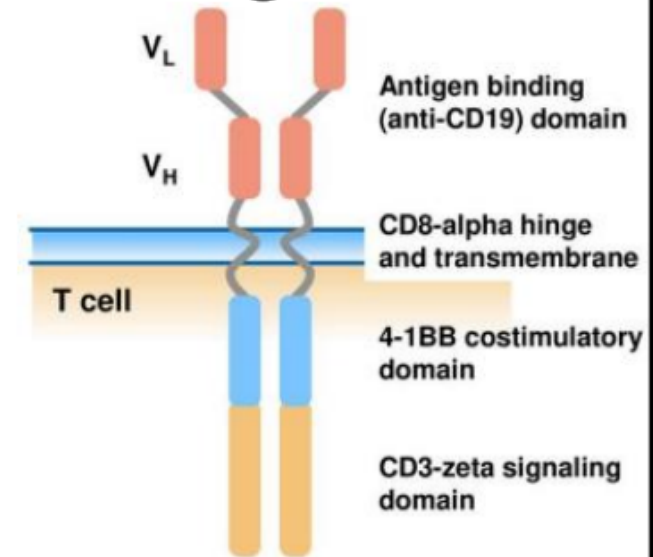
^a Eligibility criteria confirmed.

^b To prevent rapid disease progression during CTL019 manufacturing.

^c To be completed 2 to 14 days prior to CTL019 infusion.

^d Infusion conducted in- or out-patient at investigator discretion.

^e Long-term follow-up for 15 years (NCT02445222).



RRDLBCL
Ineligible for or
progressed after ASCT

JULIET: Survival

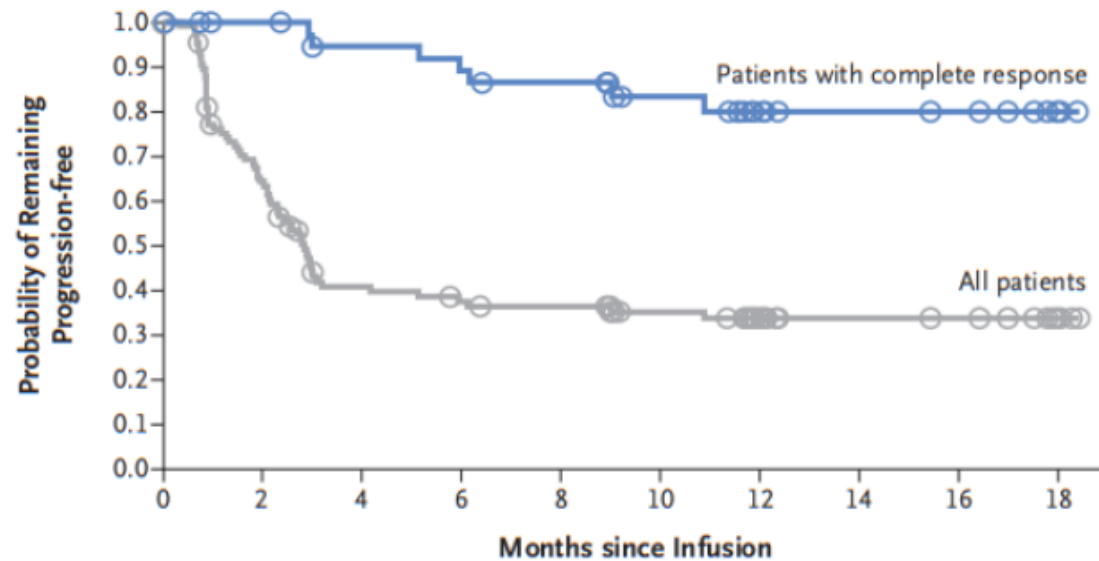
Primary End Point

ORR- 52%

CR- 40%

PFS 12m – 65%

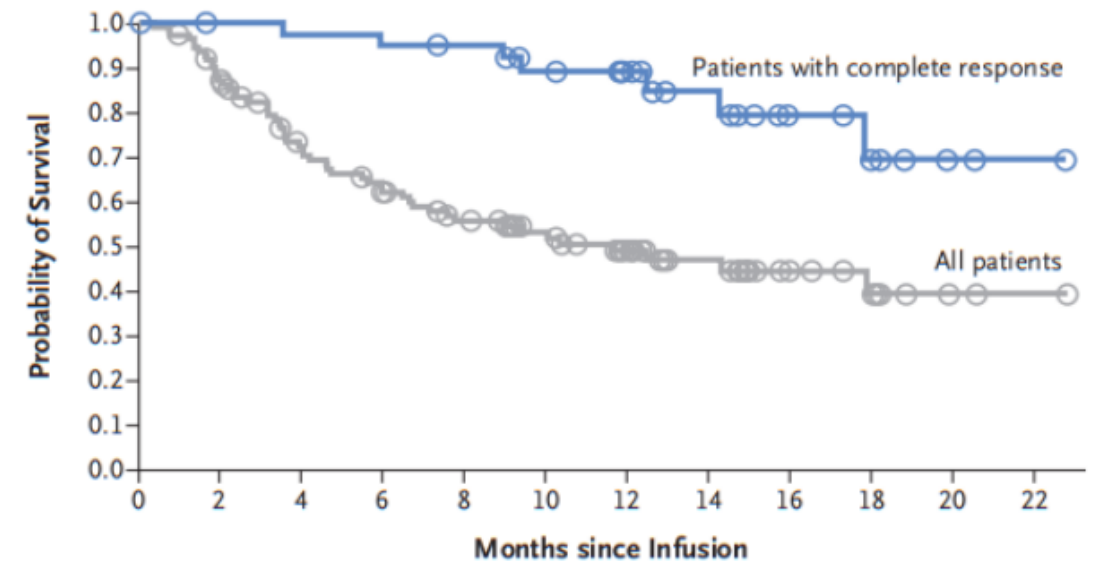
B Progression-free Survival



No. at Risk

Patients with complete response	40	39	39	36	35	35	33	31	31	29	24	23	15	9	9	9	8	7	2
All patients	111		65		38		34		32		25		16		10		9		3

D Overall Survival



No. at Risk

Patients with complete response	40	40	40	40	39	39	38	38	37	36	30	29	23	16	16	12	9	9	7	3	2	1	1
All patients	111		94		71		60		50		40		28		19		11		8		2		1

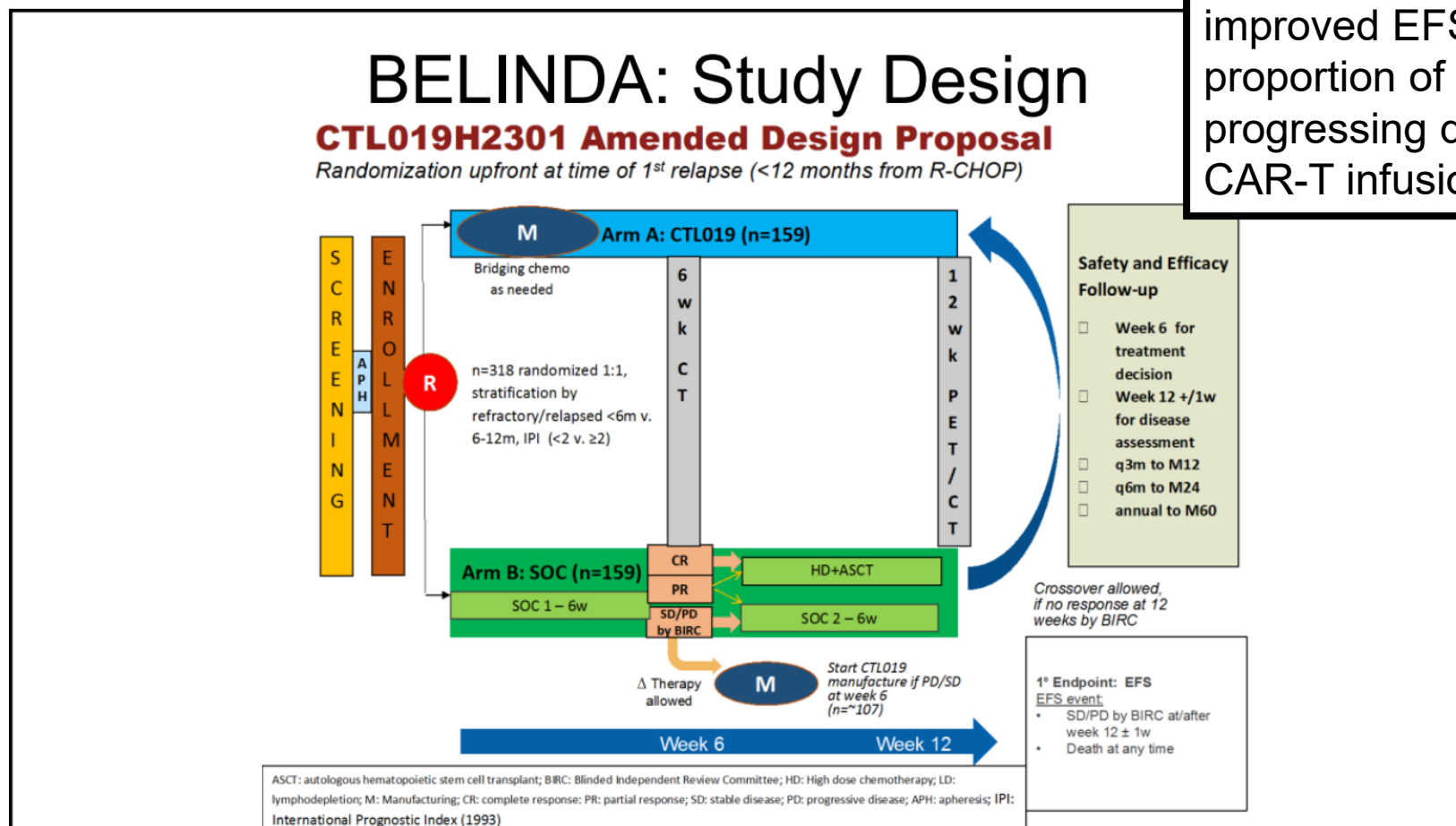
Juliet: Safety

	CRS	NE
All Grades	58%	21%
Grade ≥ 3	22%	12%
Time to Onset (median range)	3 (3-9) days	6 (1-17) days
Time to Resolution (Median)	7 days	14 days
Tocilizumab Usage	14%	
Corticosteroid Usage	10%	

- 3 deaths within 30 days of infusion, all from lymphoma progression
- University of Pennsylvania Grading System for CRS
- CTCAE v4.03 used for neurologic event (NE) grading

Late Breaking Abstract ASH 2021

Did not meet endpoint of improved EFS due to high proportion of patients with progressing disease prior to CAR-T infusion



Axicabtagene Ciloleucel as Second-Line Therapy for Large Cell Lymphoma

ZUMA-7

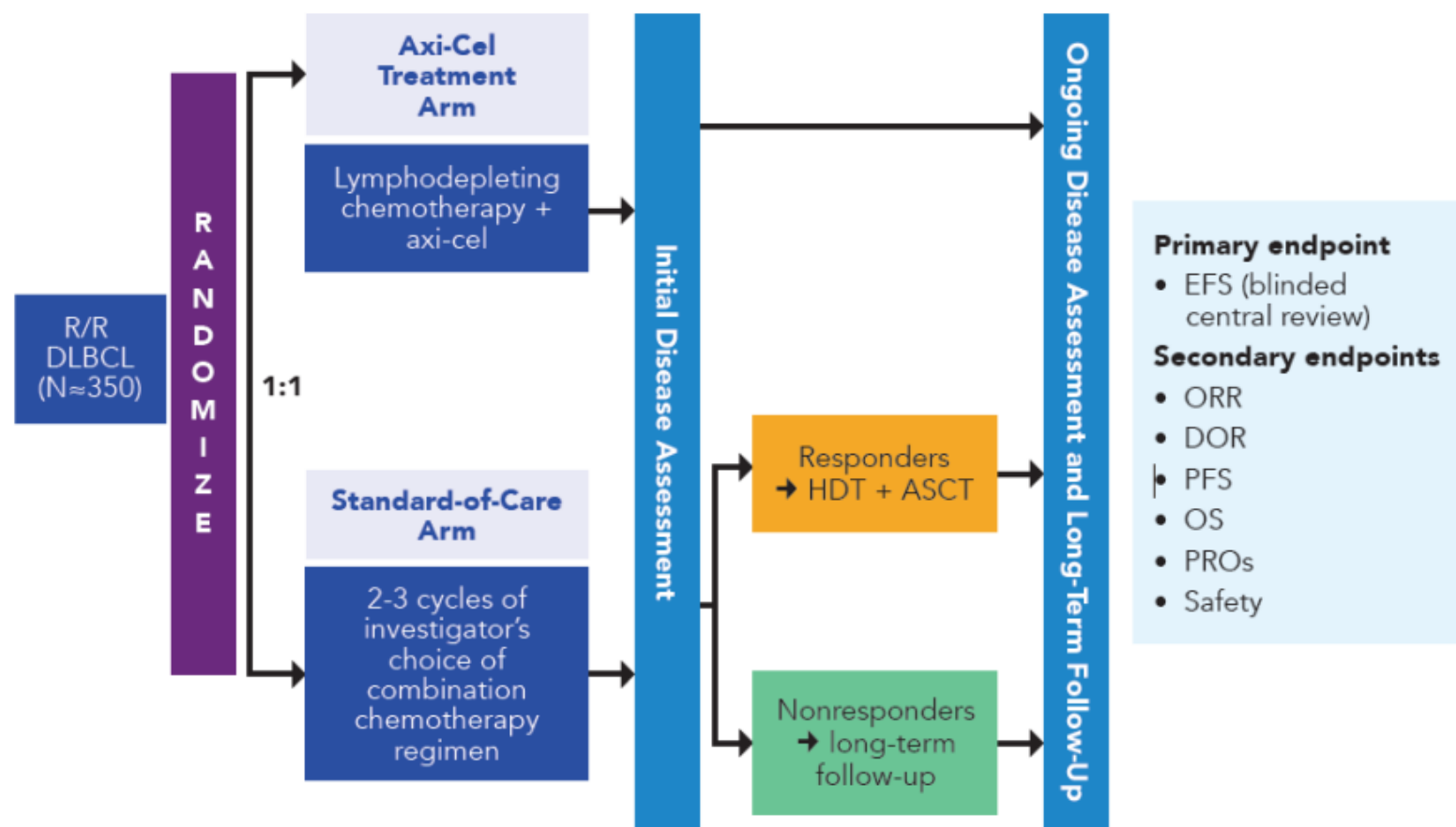
ZUMA 7: Axicabtagene Ciloleucel vs. Standard of Care in Subjects with R/R DLBCL

Eligible patients:

First relapse of DLBCL including tFL

- primary refractory
- SD
- PR with relapsed ≤ 12 months

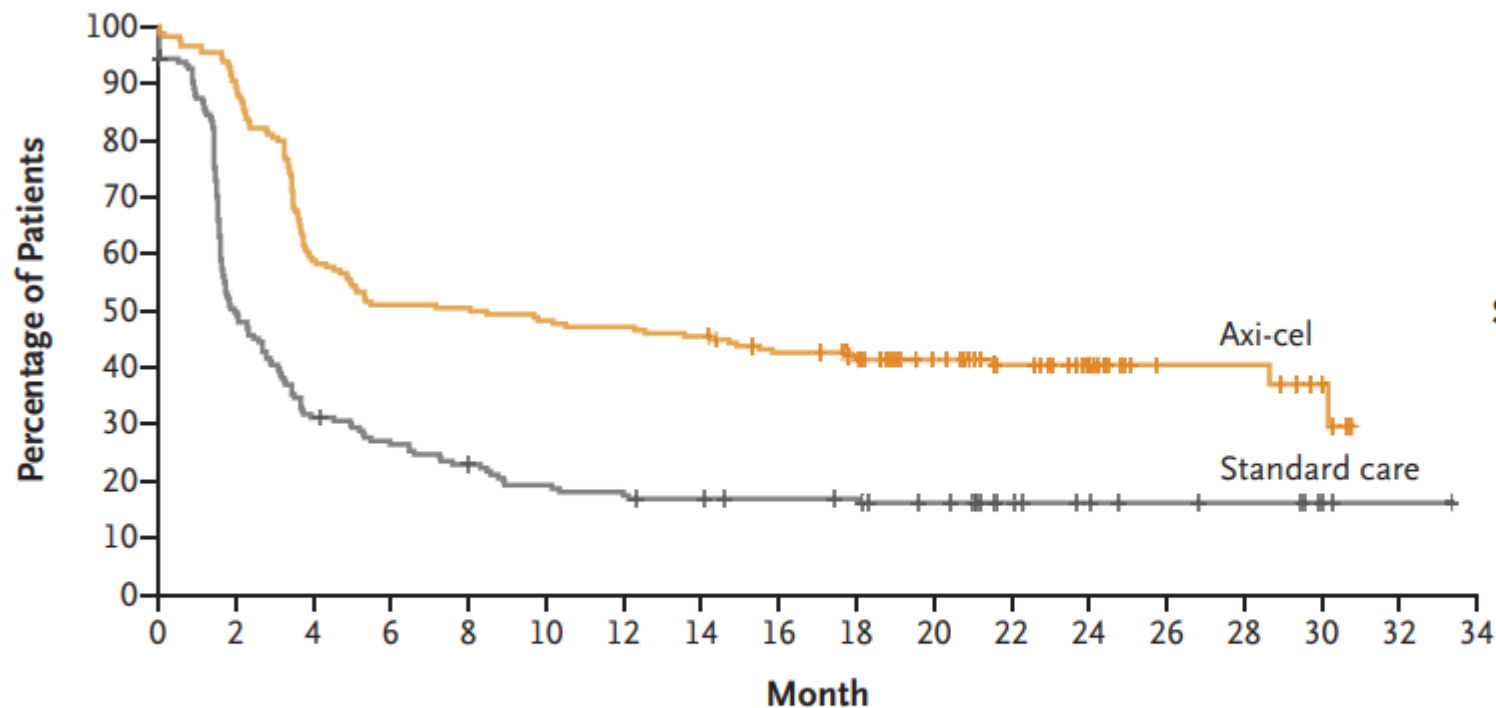
Candidate for HDT/ASCT



No chemotherapy bridging is allowed.

ASCT, autologous stem cell transplantation; axi-cel, axicabtagene ciloleucel; DOR, duration of response; DLBCL, diffuse large B cell lymphoma; EFS, event-free survival; HDT, high-dose therapy; ORR, objective response rate; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival; PRO, patient-reported outcome.

A Event-free Survival



	No. of Patients	Median Event-free Survival (95% CI) mo
Axi-cel	180	8.3 (4.5–15.8)
Standard Care	179	2.0 (1.6–2.8)

Stratified hazard ratio for event or death, 0.40 (95% CI, 0.31–0.51)
P<0.001

No. at Risk

Axi-cel	180	163	106	92	91	87	85	82	74	67	52	40	26	12	12	6		
Standard care	179	86	54	45	38	32	29	27	25	24	20	12	9	7	6	3	1	0

- Median follow-up of 24.9 months
- ORR 83% vs 50%
- CR 65% and 32%
- OS 2 years 61% and 52%

Zuma 7: Safety

	CRS	NE
All Grades	92%	60%
Grade ≥ 3	6%	21%
Time to Onset (median range)	3 (1-10) days	7 days
Time to Resolution (Median)	7 days	9 days
Tocilizumab Usage	65%	
Corticosteroid Usage	24%	

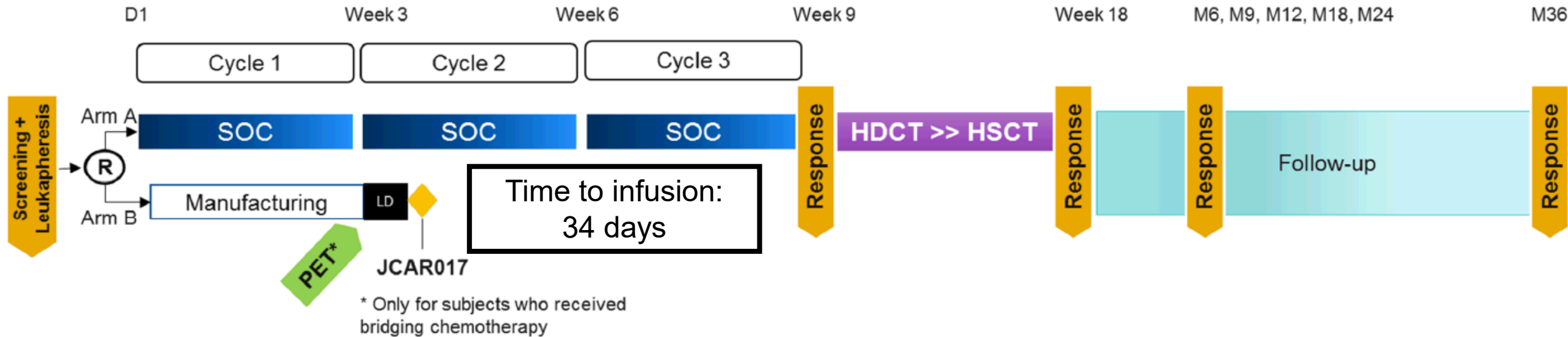
- 7 deaths: HBV reactivation, COVID19, Lung cancer, MI, PML, Sepsis
- CTCAE v4.03 used for CRS and neurologic event (NE) grading

Lisocabtagene maraleucel versus standard of care with salvage chemotherapy followed by autologous stem cell transplantation as second-line treatment in patients with relapsed or refractory large B-cell lymphoma (TRANSFORM): results from an interim analysis of an open-label, randomised, phase 3 trial

TRANSFORM

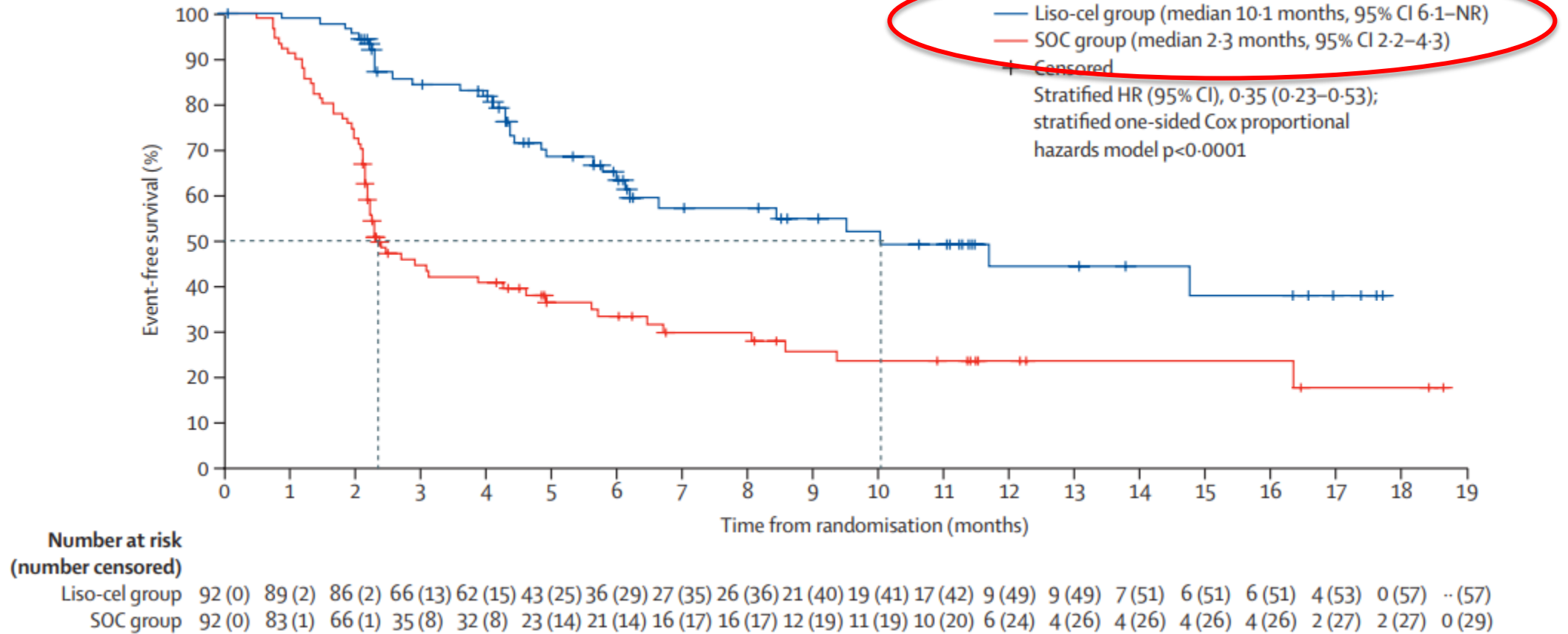
- RR DLBCL
- Candidates for ASCT

Transform: Study Design



Abbreviations: D = day; HDCT = high dose chemotherapy; HSCT = hematopoietic stem cell transplant; LD = lymphodepleting chemotherapy; M = month; PET = positron emission tomography; R = randomization; SOC = standard of care.

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- Primary Endpoint Event Free Survival
- Median follow-up 6.2 months
- ORR 86% vs 48%
- CR 66% VS 39%

Transform: Safety

	CRS	NE
All Grades	49%	12%
Grade ≥ 3	1%	4%
Time to Onset (median range)	5 (3-8) days	11(10-17) days
Time to Resolution (Median)	4 days	6 days
Tocilizumab Usage	9%	
Corticosteroid Usage	7%	

- 13 deaths lymphoma progression, COVID19, FTT, unknown
- Lee Criteria for CRS grading
- CTCAE v4.03 used for neurologic event (NE) grading

		Axicabtagene ciloleucel		Tisagenlecleucel	Lisocabtagene maraleucel
Patients		111	180	111	92
Bridging Therapy		Glucocorticoids		Physicians Choice	RDHAP RGDP RICE
Lymphodepleting Chemotherapy		500 mg/m2 Cyclophosphamide 30mg/m2 Fludarabine		250 mg/m2 Cyclophosphamide 25mg/m2 Fludarabine	300 mg/m2 Cyclophosphamide 30mg/m2 Fludarabine
CAR-T Dose		2 x 10 ⁶ /kg		0.75 x 10 ⁶ / kg	100 x 10 ⁶ /kg
Efficacy	 ORR CR	82% 54%	83% 65%	52% 40%	86% 66%
Toxicity	 CRS ICANS	13% 28%	6% 21%	22% 12%	1% 4%
Cost		373,000		475,000	432,000

Large Cell Lymphoma

- Aggressive B-cell cancers with genetic/ clinical heterogeneity
- Autologous stem cell transplant – 30-40% durable PFS
- CAR-T therapy – 40% durable PFS

- Axicabtagene ciloleucel
- Tisagenlecleucel
- Lisocabtagene maraleucel

B-cell non-Hodgkin Lymphomas

- Lisocabtagene maraleucel
 - High grade B cell lymphoma
 - Primary mediastinal large B-cell
 - Follicular lymphoma grade 3
- Axicabtagene Ciloleucel
 - High grade B cell lymphoma
 - Primary mediastinal B-cell
 - Follicular lymphoma
- Brexucabtagene autoleucel
 - Mantle Cell Lymphoma

CAR T Cell Therapy in Multiple Myeloma

FDA Approved Agents

- Idecabtagene vicleucel
 - March 2021
 - ≥ 4 lines of prior therapy including IMiD, PI, CD38ab
- Ciltacabtagene autoleucel
 - February 2022
 - ≥ 4 lines of prior therapy including IMiD, PI, CD38ab

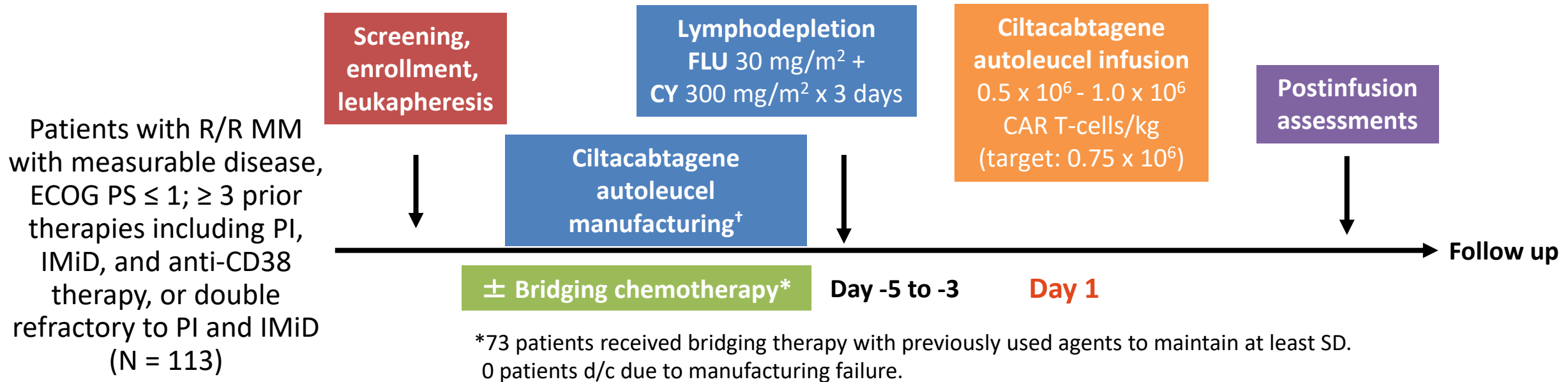
Ciltacabtagene autoleucel, a B-cell maturation antigen-directed chimeric antigen receptor T-cell therapy in patients with relapsed or refractory multiple myeloma (CARTITUDE-1): a phase 1b/2 open-label study

CARTITUDE -1

CARTITUDE-1: Study Design

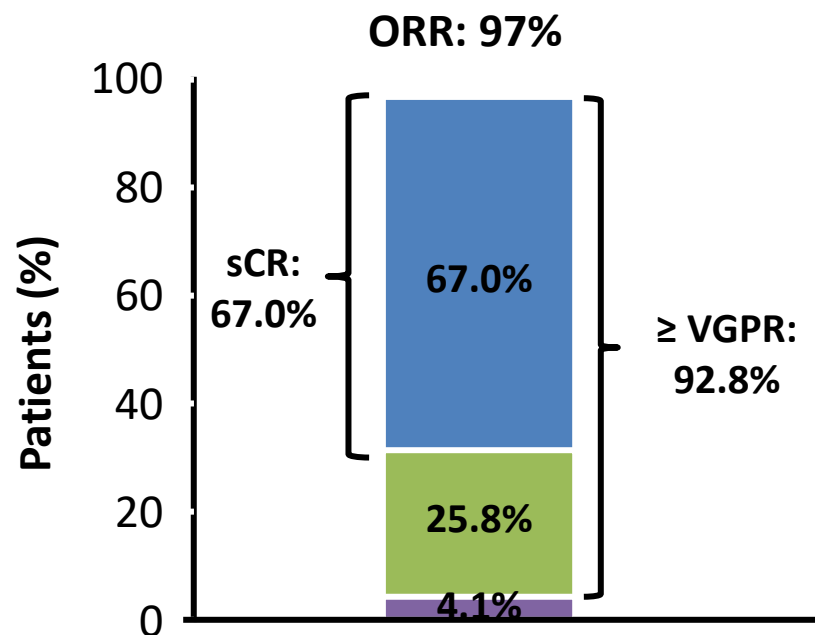
Median turnaround time
for CAR-T cells = 29 days

- Phase Ib/II trial conducted in the United States



- Of 113 patients, 97 received ciltacabtagene autoleucel; phase Ib (n = 29); phase II (n = 68); median dose: 0.71 x 10⁶ (0.51–0.95 x 10⁶) CAR+ viable T-cells/kg

CARTITUDE-1: ORR and MRD Assessment



- Time to response 1 month
- PFS 12 m: 77%

MRD Status	N	Evaluable Patients* (%) (n = 57)	All treated Patients (%) (N = 97)
Overall MRD neg	53	93.0	54.6
MRD neg and sCR	33	57.9	34.0
MRD neg and ≥ VGPR	49	86.0	50.5

- Median time to first response: 1 mo (range: 0.9-8.5 mos)
 - 70 (72.2%) patients have ongoing responses
- MRD 10^{-5} negativity achieved by 93.0% of evaluable patients
 - Median time to MRD 10^{-5} negativity: 1 mo (range: 0.8-7.7)

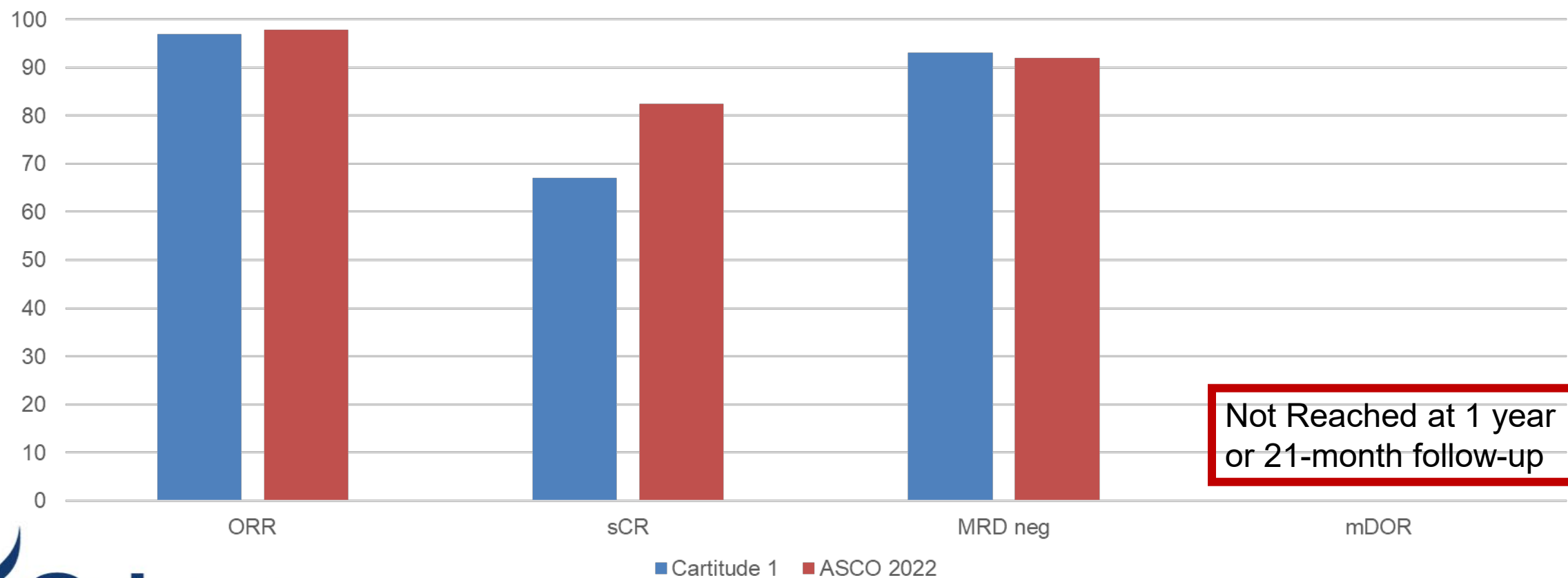
CARTITUDE 1: Safety

	CRS	NE
All Grades	95%	21%
Grade ≥ 3	4%	9%
Time to Onset (median range)	7 (5-8 days)	8 (6-8 days)
Time to Resolution (Median)	4 days	4 days
Tocilizumab Usage	69%	4%
Corticosteroid Usage	22%	9%

- 14 deaths Sepsis, CRS, HLH, Lung Abscess, Respiratory Failure, Neurotoxicity, Progressive Disease, Pneumonia, AML
- Lee Criteria for CRS grading
- CTCAE v5 used for neurologic event (NE) grading

ASCO 2022 Update

Cartitude 1 and ASCO #8028



Efficacy and safety of ciltacabtagene autoleucel (cilta-cel), a BCMA-directed CAR T-cell therapy, in patients with progressive multiple myeloma (MM) after one to three prior lines of therapy.

CARTITUDE-2

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Cohort A: 1 – 3 prior lines, lenalidomide refractory RRMM

- CARTITUDE-2 is a phase 2, multicohort, open-label study assessing the efficacy and safety of cilta-cel in patients with multiple myeloma in various clinical settings

BCMA-binding domains



Cilta-cel
(CAR-T)

Cohort A:

- Cohort A patients had progressive MM after 1–3 prior lines of therapy, and were refractory to lenalidomide
- Despite advances continued unmet need with mPFS of 9.9 months (DPd)¹

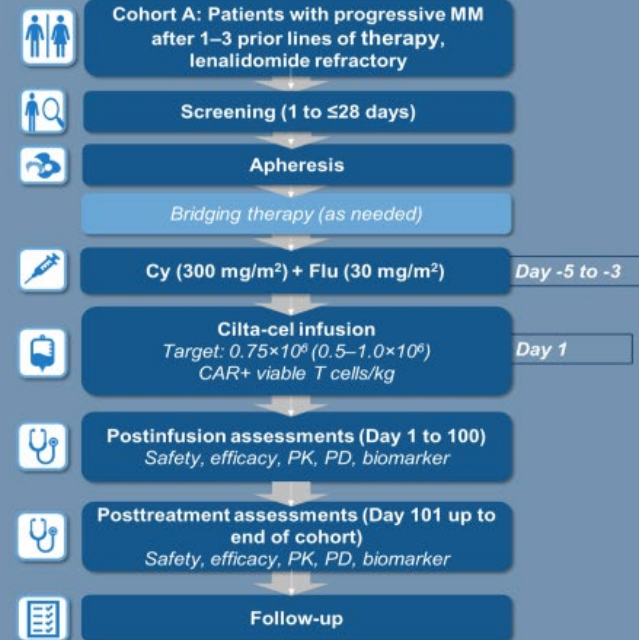
Primary objectives

- Minimal residual disease (MRD) 10^{-5} negativity

Secondary objectives

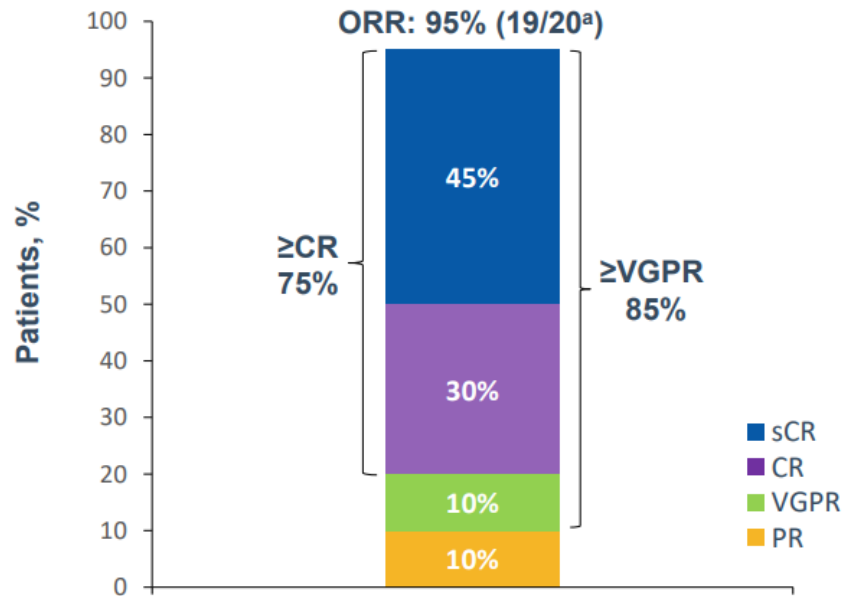
- ORR, duration of response, time and duration of MRD negativity, and incidence and severity of adverse events

Study Design



CARTITUDE-2

- Cohort A included 20 patients who had progressive MM after 1–3 prior lines of therapy and were refractory to lenalidomide
- Median prior lines of therapy: 2 (range, 1-3); 1 patient treated in an outpatient setting



- No progression of disease at median follow-up of 5.8 months (range 2.5-9.8)
- All patients (n=4) with MRD-evaluable^b samples at the 10⁻⁵ threshold were MRD negative at data cut-off
- The safety profile was manageable
 - CRS occurred in 85% (n=17); mostly grades 1/2; median time to CRS onset was 7 days (range, 5–9)
 - Neurotoxicities occurred in 20% (n=4) of patients; no grade ≥3; no incidence of movement and neurocognitive TEAEs
 - 1 death occurred 100 days after infusion due to COVID-19 (assessed as tx related by the investigator)

CARTITUDE-2 #3866

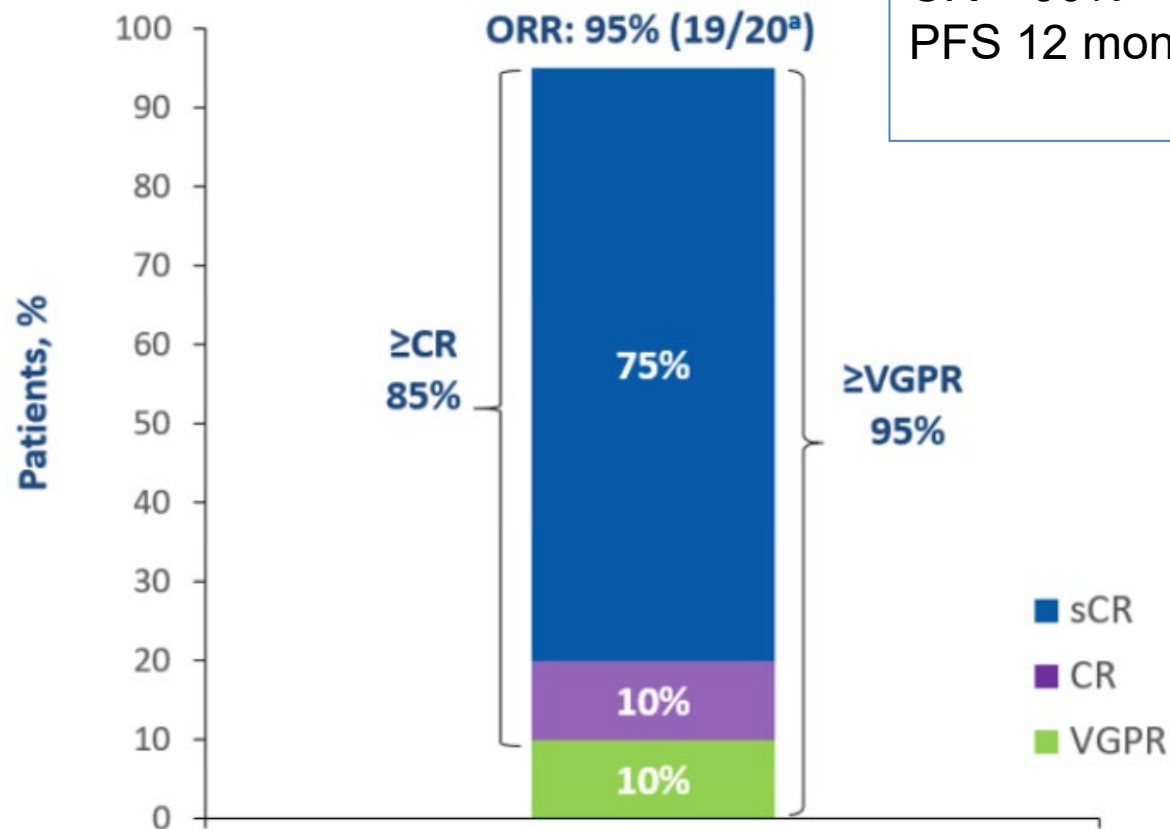
ASCO 2022 #8020

17.1 months follow-up

ORR – 95%

CR – 90%

PFS 12 months – 75%



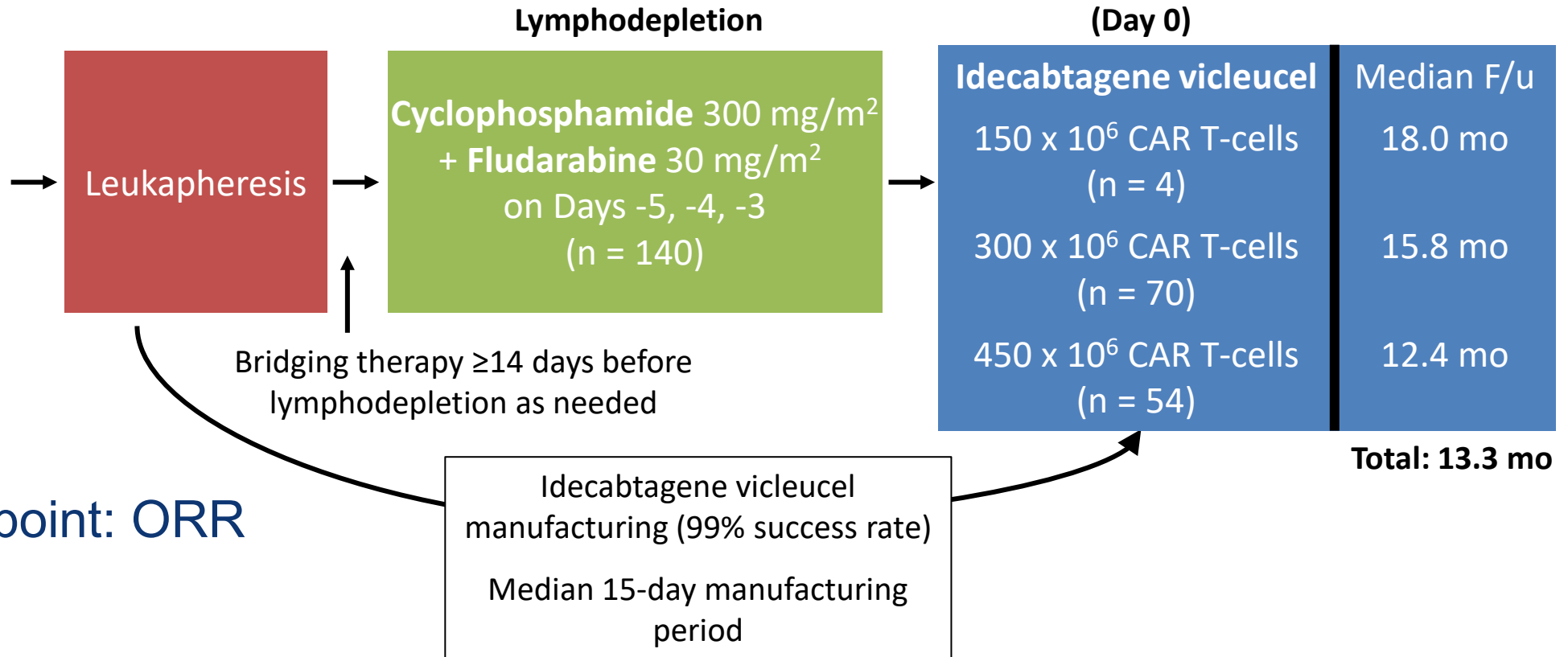
Idecabtagene Vicleucel in Relapsed and Refractory Multiple Myeloma

KARMMA

Phase II KarMMa Update: Idecabtagene Vicleucel in R/R MM, Study Design

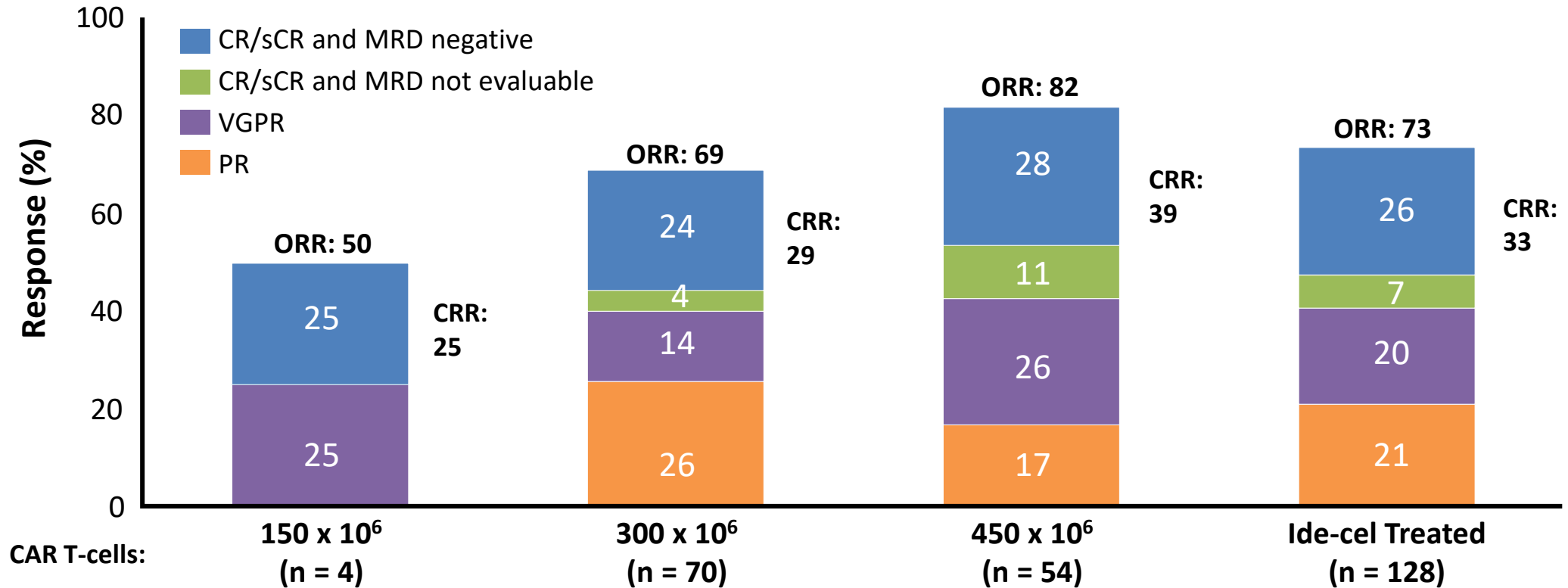
- Multicenter, single-arm phase II trial

Patients with R/R MM
and ≥ 3 prior regimens,
each with ≥ 2 consecutive
cycles; prior IMiD, PI, and
anti-CD38 mAb;
refractory to last therapy
by IMWG criteria
(N = 158 screened,
140 leukapheresed)



- Primary endpoint: ORR

Phase II KarMMa Update: Clinical Response of Idecabtagene Vicleucel in R/R MM



- ORR: 73% ; CR (CR/sCR): 33%
- Median time to first response: 1.0 mo (range: 0.5-8.8); median time to CR: 2.8 mo (range: 1.0-11.8)
- Median follow-up of 13.3 mo across target dose levels

ASH 2021 Update

Outcomes for patients receiving sAMT and anti-BCMA therapy

Parameter	sAMT (n = 68)	anti-BCMA (n = 11)
ORR to ide-cel, % (95% CI)	76 (66–87)	91 (74–100)
CR rate to ide-cel, % (95% CI)	26 (16–37)	55 (25–84)
PFS with ide-cel, median (95% CI), months	6.1 (4.9–10.9)	12.1 (7.5–12.3)
Duration of first sAMT, median (range), ^a days	44 (1–533) ^b	48 (20–305)
Duration of all sAMT, median (range), ^a days	215 (1–757) ^b	305 (113–486)
PFS2, median (95% CI), months	13.6 (10.1–16.0)	15.5 (14.3–19.0)
OS, median (95% CI), months	24.8 (19.4–31.2)	31.0 (24.0–NE)

^aDuration of sAMT is date of last dose of last AMT minus date of first dose of first sAMT. If last date not known then last alive date or death date was used; ^bFor this group, n = 67.

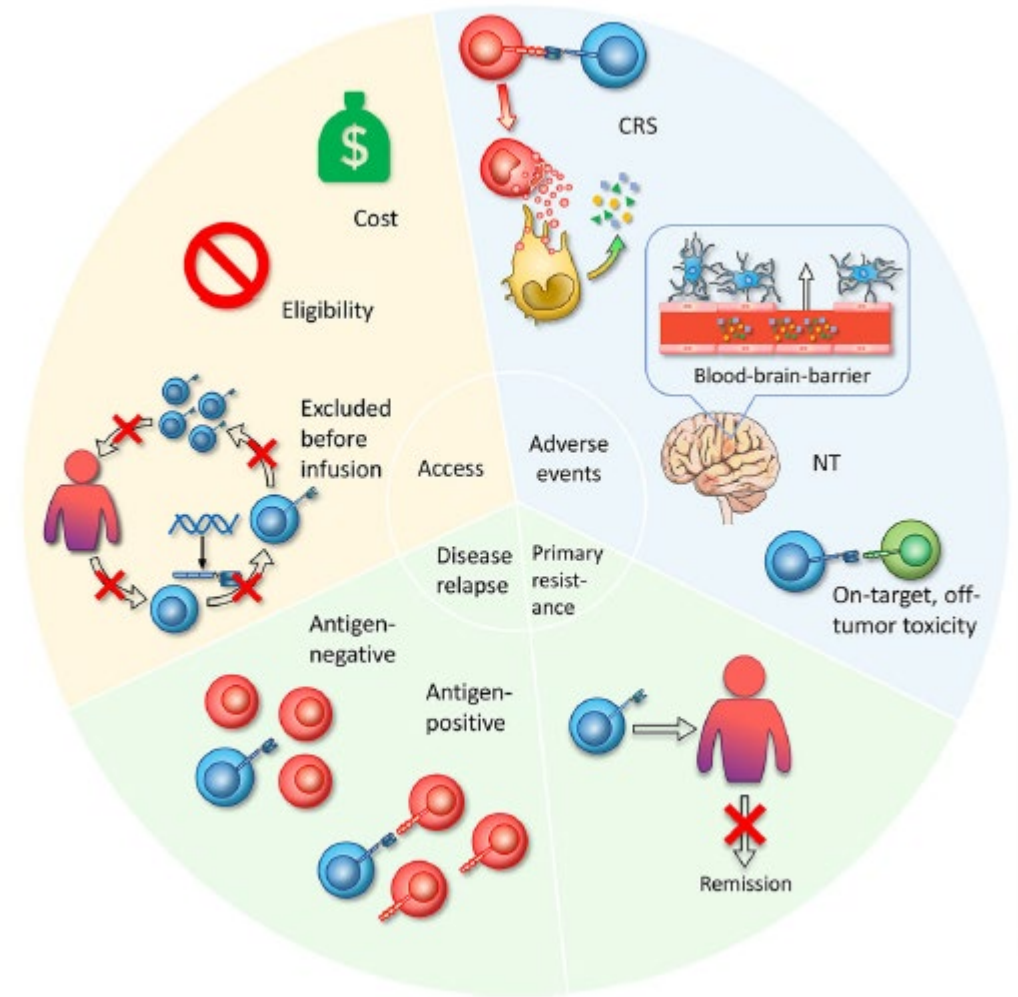
CR, complete response; NE, not estimable; ORR, overall response rate.

			Idecabtagene	Ciltacabtagene
Patients			124	97
Bridging Therapy			Physicians Choice (88%)	Physicians Choice
Lymphodepleting Chemotherapy			300mg/m2 Cyclophosphamide 30mg/m2 Fludarabine	300mg/m2 Cyclophosphamide 30mg/m2 Fludarabine
CAR-T Dose			450 x 10 ⁶ /kg	0.75 x 10 ⁶ / kg
Efficacy		ORR CR MRD-	73% 33% 28%	97% 78% 58%
Toxicity		CRS ICANS	6% 3%	5% 2%*
Cost			419,000	465,000

CAR-T in Multiple Myeloma

- Very high overall response rates in heavily pretreated populations
- Responses deepen over-time, updates in longer follow-up of CARTITUDE and KARRMA studies will be important
- Rates of severe CRS and neurotoxicity have been low suggesting outpatient administration will become feasible

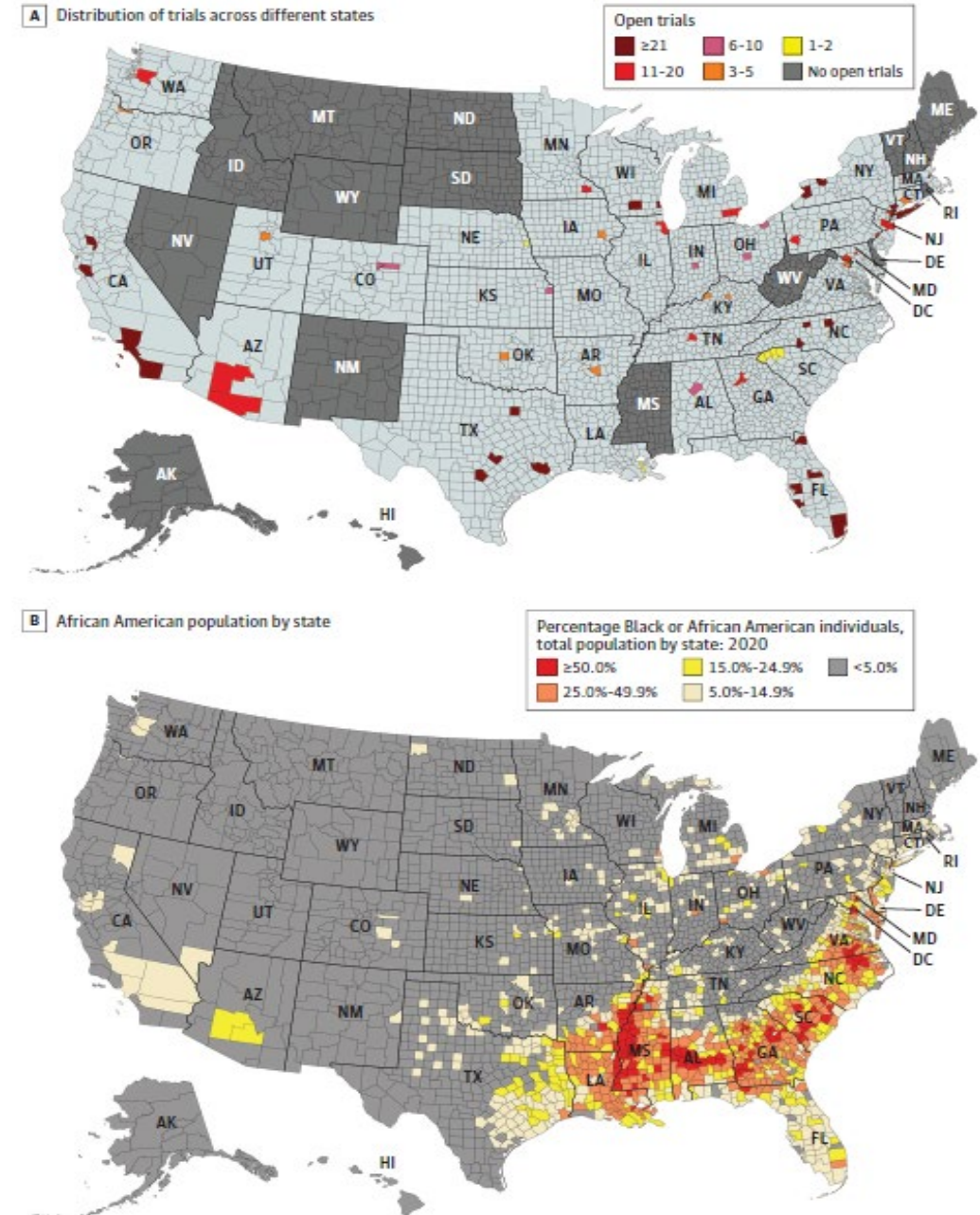
CHALLENGES AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS



CAR-T Access in Myeloma

- The South has the most clinical trial sites for CAR-T and BiTE therapies
- According to Census Bureau data only 35% of the country's Black population live in a county/parish with a CAR-T trial.

Figure. Distribution of Chimeric Antigen Receptor T Cells and Bispecific Antibodies Clinical Trials in the US



Current Challenges in CAR-T Programs

- **Availability**

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Patients Waiting Months for 'Last Chance' CAR T-Cell Therapy

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July 14, 2022

- **Fludarabine Shortage**

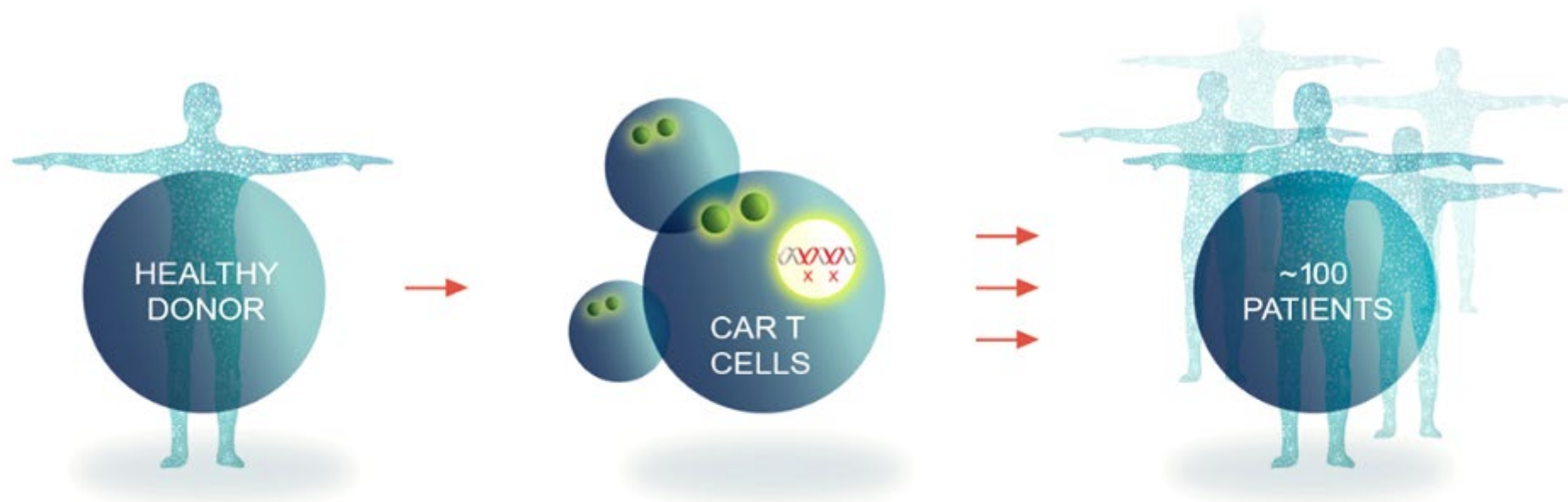
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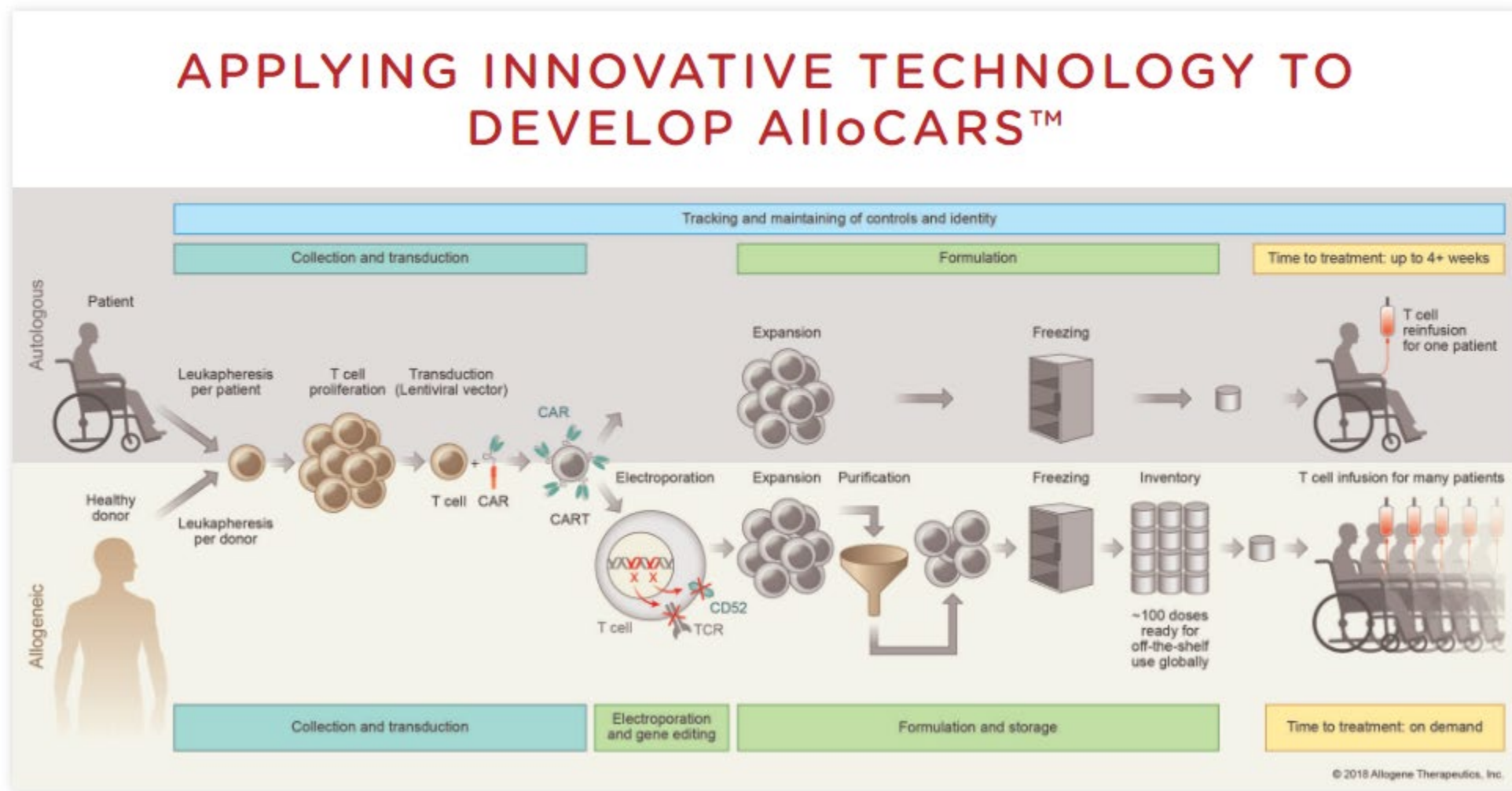
Perspective: An International Fludarabine Shortage: Supply Chain Issues Impacting Transplantation and Immune Effector Cell Therapy Delivery

Future Directions

THE DIFFERENCE STARTS WITH HEALTHY DONORS



Future Directions



Thank you and Questions.