



CAR-T cells: basics, applications and data reporting

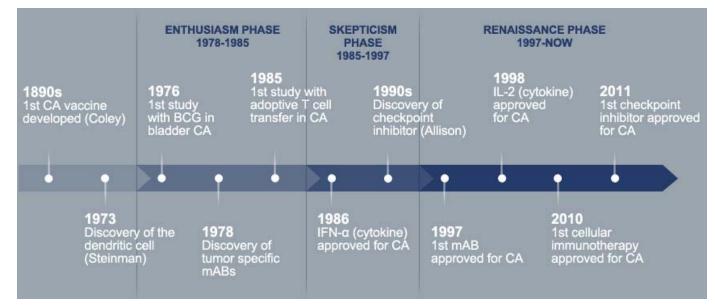
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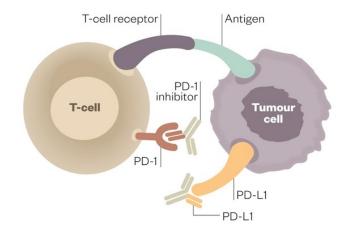


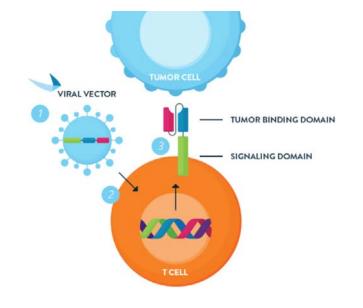
Breakthrough of the Year 2013





Immune checkpoint blockade and engineered T cells are two radically different approaches to cancer immunotherapy



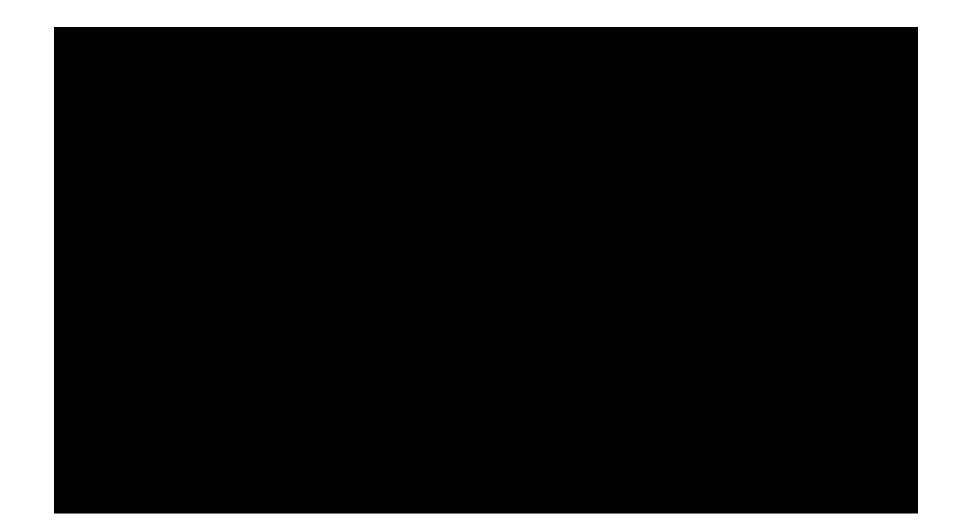


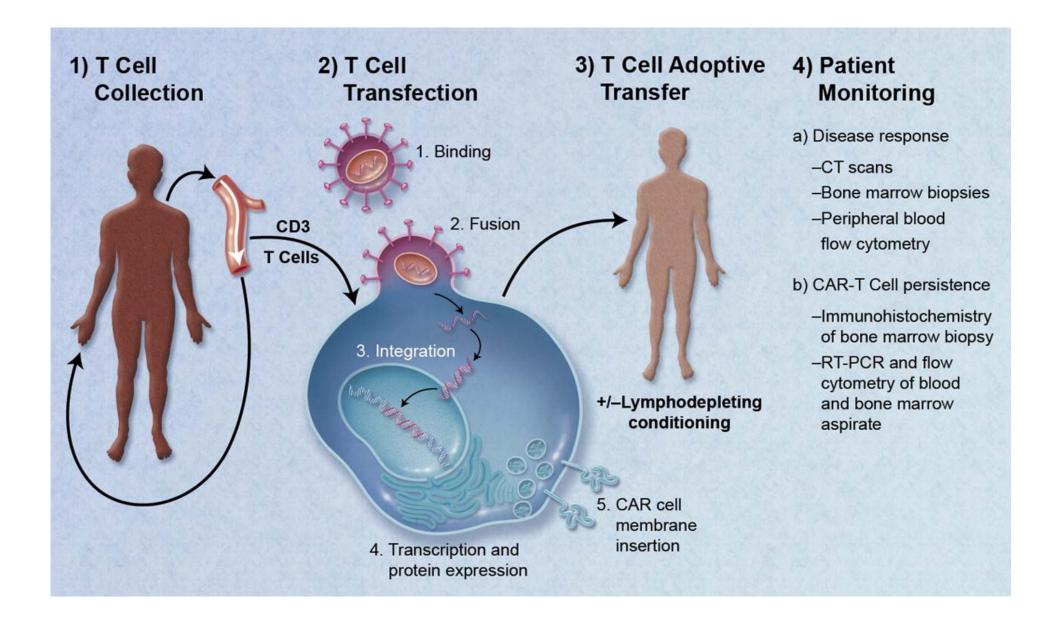
Bingo approach

Pre-existing immunity Multiple tumor indications Off-the-shelf

Designer approach

Overcomes tolerant repertoire Single tumor indications Highly personalized Engineered T cells are the most powerful anti-tumor effectors you can dream of



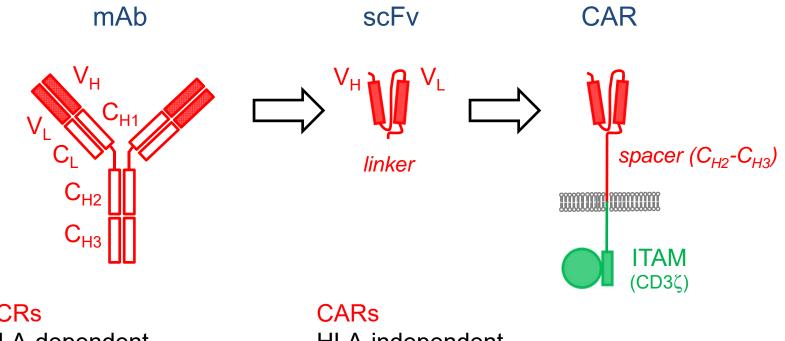


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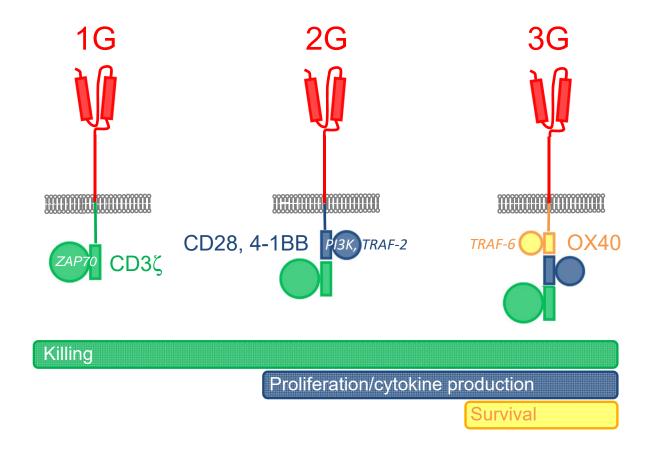
CARs are *Frankenstein* molecules made up of an mAb-derived antigen-binding moiety and a TCR-derived signaling domain



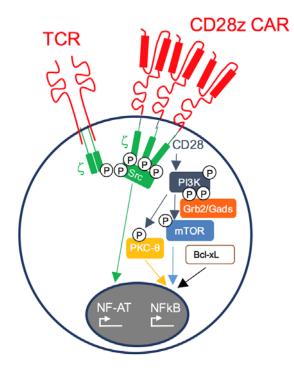
TCRs

HLA-dependent Intracellular Ags Protein Ags Low affinity $(10^{-3}-10^{-4})$ Killing and proliferation HLA-independent Surface Ags Protein, sugar and lipid Ags High affinity $(10^{-8}-10^{-10})$ Killing

CARs are highly *modular* receptors that can fit additional signaling domains



CD28 and 4-1BB differently affect the pharmacodynamics (PD) of CAR-T cells



CD28

PI3K Anti-apoptotic Glycolysis

4-1BB

TRAF-2 Pro-apoptotic? Fatty acid oxydation

TCR

PP

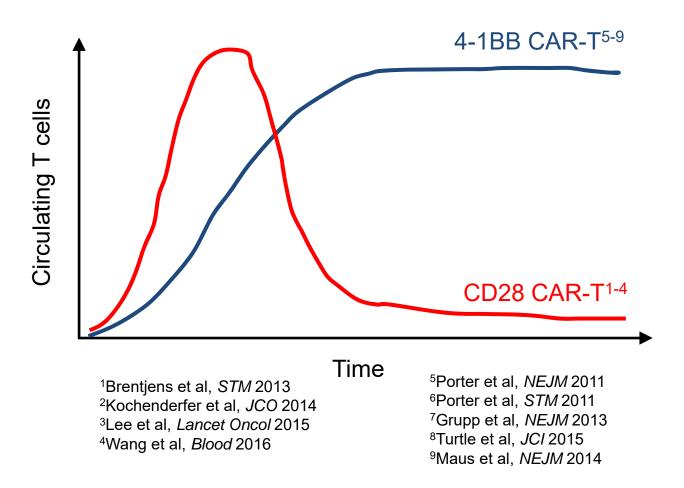
NF-AT

TRAF-2

NFkB

4-1BBz CAR

CD28 and 4-1BB differently affect the pharmacokinetics (PK) of CAR-T cells



H2020 CARAT: automated systems for robust, scalable and sustainable CAR-T cell manufacturing



CARAT vs operator Closed system Automated process Flexible (electroporator, FACS) May work in assembly lines

The future of CAR-T cell manufacturing will likely move to the point-of-care

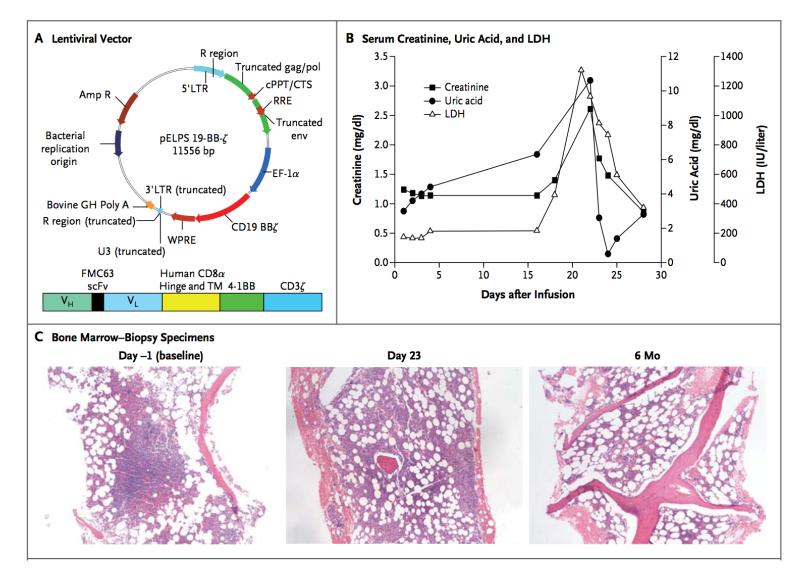


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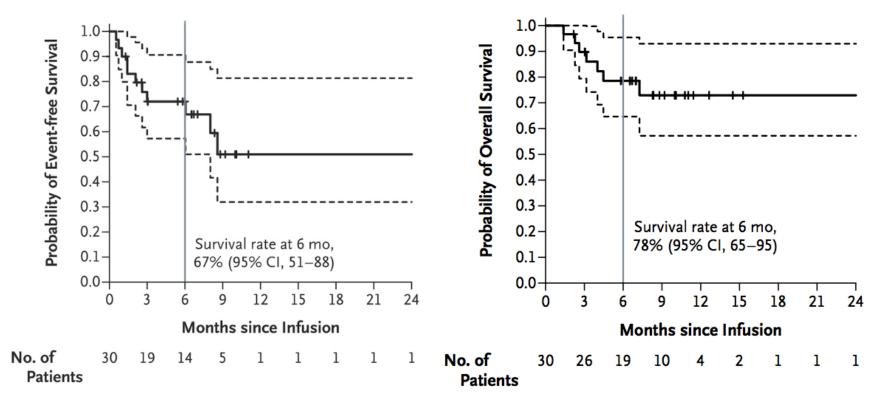
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It all began with anecdotal impressive clinical results of CD19 CAR-T cells in CLL

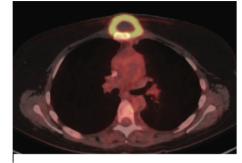


CD19 CAR-T cells achieve up to 90% CR in R/R B-ALL

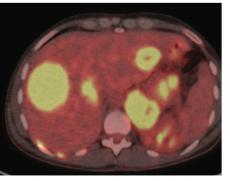


Maude et al, *NEJM* 2014

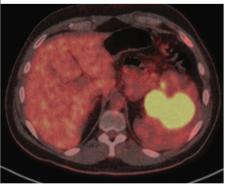
CD19 CAR-T cells show promising signs of efficacy in DLBCL A Before treatment 23 months after treatment

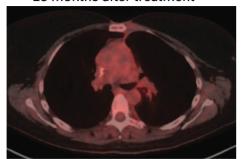


Before treatment

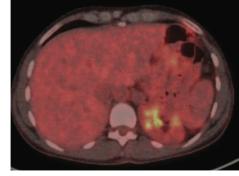


Before treatment

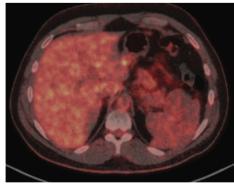




9 months after treatment

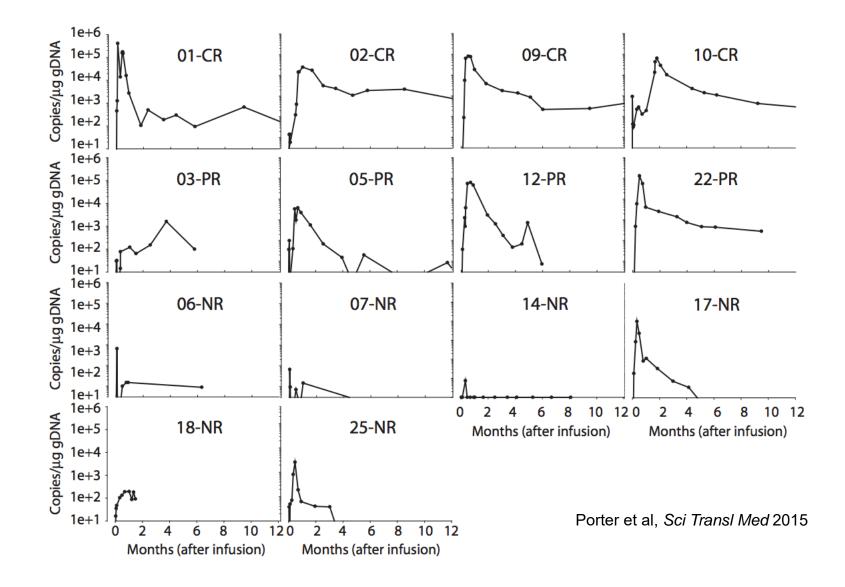


5 months after treatment

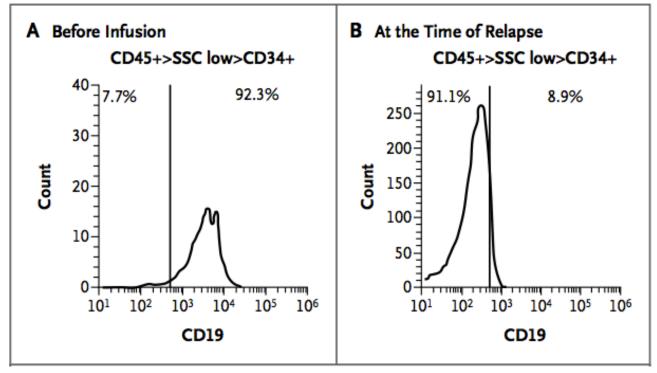


Kochenderfer et al, JCO 2014

Antitumor responses are highly variable and correlate with CAR-T cell engraftment

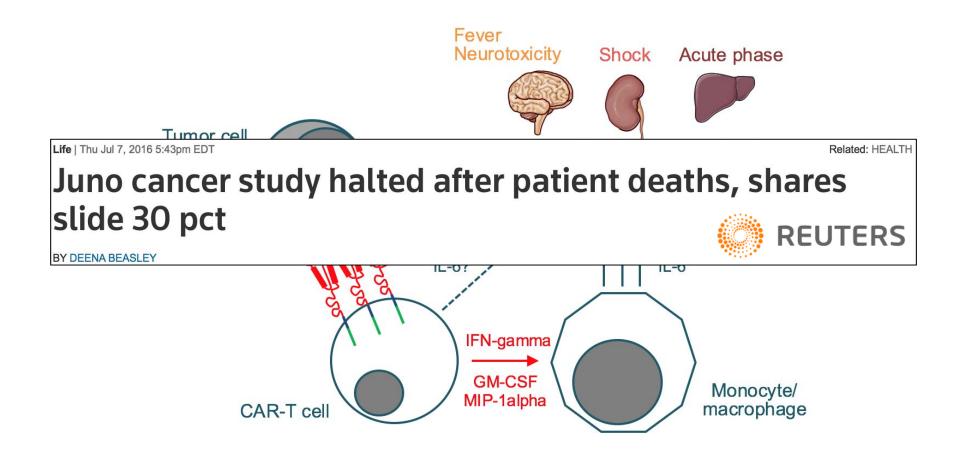


The genomic loss of CD19 is a formidable secondary resistance mechanism to CAR-T cells



Maus et al, NEJM 2014

The cytokine release syndrome is a common and potentially lethal toxicity of CD19 CAR-T cells



A projected drop in mortality by CD19 CAR-T cells will only minimally impact on overall cancer mortality

		1	Males	Females		
Lung & bronchus	86,380	28%		Lung & bronchus	71,660	26%
Prostate	27,540	9%		Breast	40,290	15%
Colon & rectum	26,100	8%		Colon & rectum	23,600	9%
Pancreas	20,710	7%		Pancreas	19,850	7%
Liver & intrahepatic bile duct	17,030	5%		Ovary	14,180	5%
Leukemia	14,210	5%		Leukemia	10,240	4%
Esophagus	12,600	4%		Uterine corpus	10,170	4%
Urinary bladder	11,510	4%		Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	8,310	3%
Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	11,480	4%		Liver & intrahepatic bile duct	7,520	3%
Kidney & renal pelvis	9,070	3%		Brain & other nervous system	6,380	2%
All Sites	312,150	100%		All Sites 2	77,280	100%

Projected mortality drop

Leukemia (2/3)	10,000	Leukemia (2/3)	7,000
Lymphoma (1/2)	6,000	NHL (1/2)	4,000
TOTAL	16,000 (<5%)	TOTAL	11,000 (<4%)

The choice of the CAR target antigen is possibly the single most important determinant of success

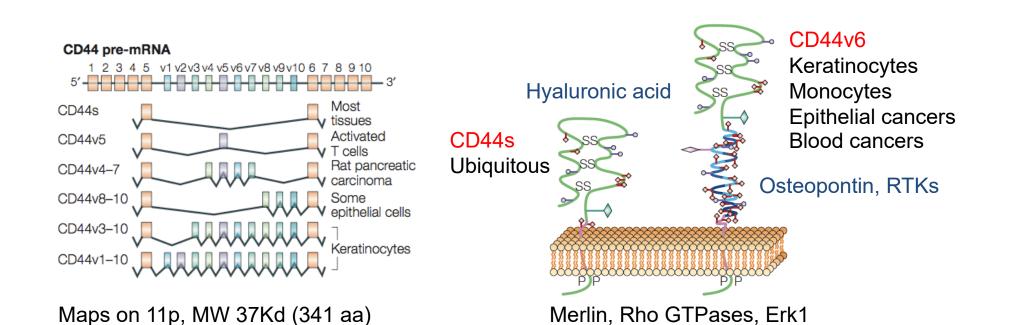
Туре

Lineage-restricted (CD19, BCMA) Over-expressed (EGFR, mesothelin) Differently spliced (CD44v6) Differently glycosylated (mucin, CD44v6) Cytoplasmic proteins (RHAMM)

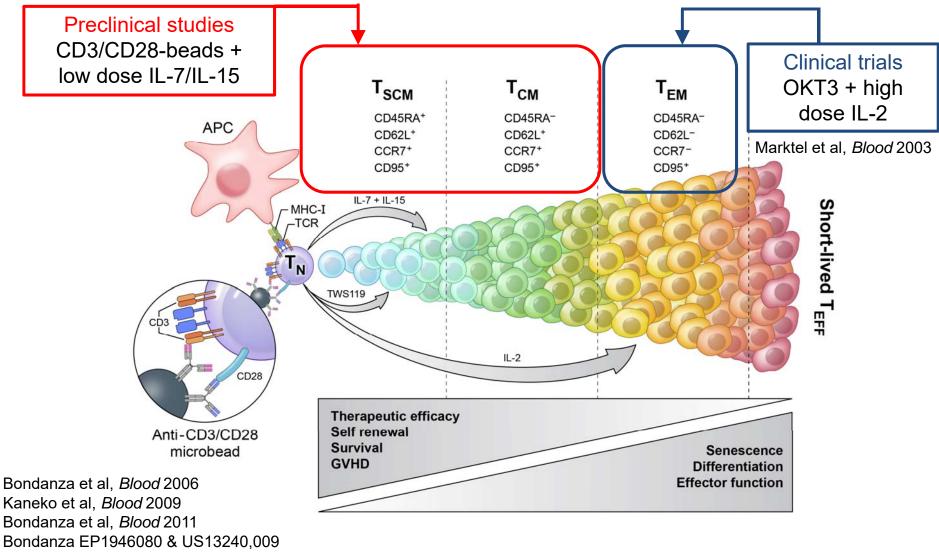
Drawbacks

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Narrow tumor indications Off-tumor toxicity Off-tumor toxicity (limited) ?

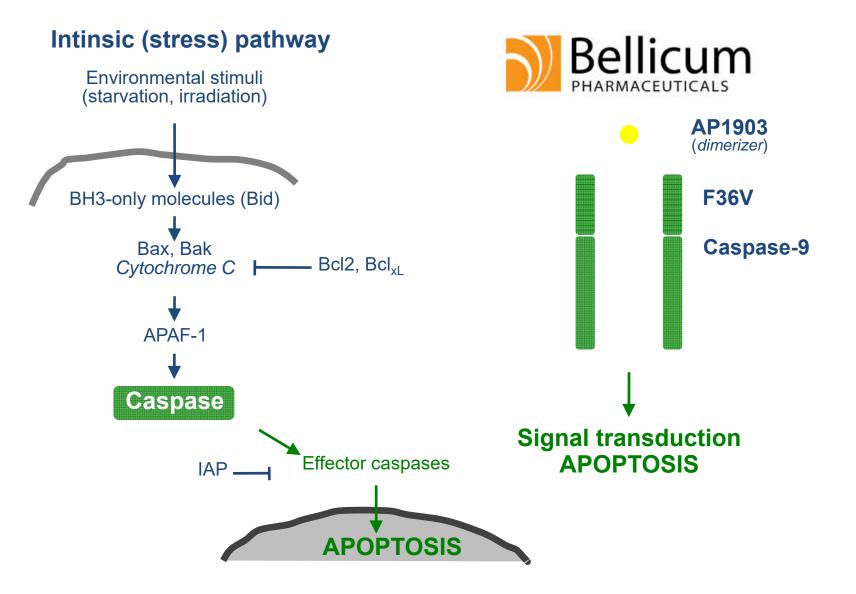


CAR-T cell manufacturing with CD3/CD28-beads and IL-7/IL-5 imprints an early-differentiation phenotype

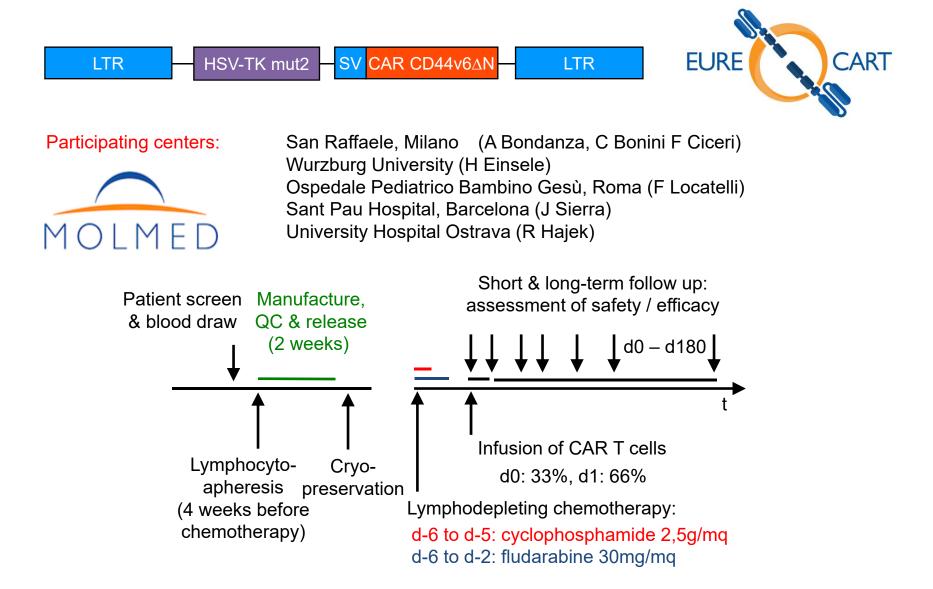


Cieri et al, Blood 2013

Inducible caspase-9 is an innovative, fully humanized suicide gene



A phase I/IIa clinical trial of anti-CD44v6 CAR-T cells in relapsed/refractory AML and MM will begin in 2018



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INTRODUCTION

The present document contains information on how to complete the Cell Therapy MED-A data collection form.

It is preceded by the definition of Cell therapy and information on when a new registration should be submitted to the EBMT. For general information on how to register data please visit <u>http://www.ebmt.org/Contents/Data-Management/Pages/Data-Management.aspx</u>

For downloads of the Cell therapy MED-A form and manual please go to <u>http://www.ebmt.org/Contents/Data-Management/Registrystructure/MED-ABdatacollectionforms/Pages/MED-AB-data-collection-forms.aspx</u>

For information on submitting data directly to the EBMT Registry using ProMISe software please refer to: http://www.ebmt.org/Contents/Data-Management/Datasubmission/Pages/Data-Submission.aspx

Updated manuals are available to download from the above link. We are grateful for any feedback as to its content (clarity of the definitions, omissions, insufficient background or excessive verbosity, etc.). Please send all comments to the EBMT Registry Office at registryhelpdesk@ebmt.org

CELL THERAPY REGISTRY

The Cell Therapy Registry (CTR) aims to collect data on stem cells, progenitors or mature cells, such as T-lymphocytes, unmanipulated, such as DLI, or sorted and/or cultured and/or genetically manipulated, such as CAR-T cells, and including advanced therapeutic medicinal products (ATMP), used for treatment other than hematopoietic stem cell transplantation (HSCT) as well as data on the clinical characteristics and outcome of the treated patients.

The cells can be infused in combination with other treatments, including hematopoietic stem cell transplantation, or by themselves.

CETHORIG Cell origin:

Indicate whether the cells infused proceeded from the patient or from another person. Autologous the patient receives his/her own cells back

Allogeneic the patient receives a cellular therapy product prepared from cells harvested from another person

Product manufactured from

- a new donor –related or from a Donor registry- which has not been registered before but for which you have data.
- a donor that has been used before either for previous cell therapy or for a previous HSCT, and that has already been registered. If that is the case, you can select this option and there is no need to fill in the **Donor** section again.
- an unknown donor for whom there is no data. This may happen in some commercially manufactured products. If you select this option, the questions on the donor section can be skipped.

DONOR

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HLA match type

Differences in histocompatibility (or degree of match) affect the outcome of cell infusions. We define histocompatibility by looking at differences in certain proteins (or antigens) between the patient and their donor (also called "tissue typing"). The antigens which are most important in the matching procedure are the major HLA-antigens. The genes encoding these antigens are found on chromosome 6. Each individual has two copies of chromosome 6, each copy inherited from one of the parents.

MANIGENE Gene manipulation

Gene transfer

This is a procedure by which techniques of gene transfer/transduction are used to alter the structure and characteristics of genes in the graft before the cell infusion. This is an experimental procedure which is used in cases of inborn errors or cancer, but some products have been recently approved in Europe, and we may expect their extended use in the near future.

Retroviral vector – These vectors are used to genetically modify the cells. Add name of the used vector Retroviruses are any group of RNA viruses that insert a DNA copy of their genome into the host cell to replicate. HIV is an example of a Retrovirus

Lentiviral vector - These vectors are used to genetically modify the cells. Add name of the used vector. Lentiviruses are members of the genus of retroviruses that have long incubation periods and cause chronic, progressive, usually fatal disease in humans and other animals.

Other - specify the type of vector used. Non integrating vectors, including RNA electroporation, should be listed here.

N. of gene transfer cycles - Genetic manipulation can be performed by exposing cells to the vector once or more than once, to increase the efficiency of the procedure. List here the number of gene transfer cycles that were used to manufacture the cellular product infused to the patient.

Transgene - Transgenes are the genes that are introduced in the vector, and through the vector to the cells, to manufacture the cellular products.

Indicate the transgene used.

CAR	- specify the target recognized by the CAR
Suicide gene	- specify the name of the suicide gene
TCR	- specify the target recognized by the TCR and the HLA restriction element
Other	- specify the type and name of the transgene

Gene editing

Indicate if the cells underwent a type of genetic engineering in which DNA is inserted or removed from a genome using artificially engineered nucleases. Artificially engineered nucleases include Zinc Finger Nucleases (ZFN), TALEN and CRISPRR/Cas9. Specify the gene manipulated.

Recognition of a specific target / antigen.

In some cases the cellular products are specific for a target: ie: CART cells (specific for CD19, or other molecules) or viral specific T cells. If this is the case, please specify the target.

Selection

CTIUSELECT Positive

Selection of cells for example by the monoclonal antibody that select only certain types of lymphocytes. The selected cells are <u>used</u> for the cell therapy.

Negative

Cells are destroyed (or removed) from the product, either with some drug like cyclophosphamide derivatives, or with specific antibodies that bind to them.

Purity: This is the percentage of the selected cells among the total number of cells in the final product. For example, if T cells are to be infused and after the manipulation the end cellular product is composed of 99% T cells and 1% NK cells, purity will be 99%.

Yield: This is the percentage of selected cells in the final product against the total number of those same cells in the pre-manipulated product. For example, if the unmanipulated product contained 50 T cells, and after the selection process, only 40 T cells are left, the yield is $40/50 \times 100 = 80\%$

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