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# Chimeric Antigen Receptor (CAR)-T cells

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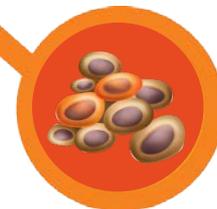
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# Cell & gene therapies are a new pillar of the life science industry

## Cell & Gene Therapies

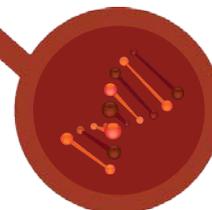
### Cell & Gene Transfer

- **Cell therapy:** transfer cells with relevant function into patient<sup>1</sup>
- **Gene therapy:** transfer of genetic material into appropriate cells of the body<sup>1</sup>



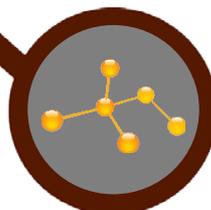
## Biologics

### Protein engineering



## Small Molecules

### Chemical engineering



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# Collaboration with University of Pennsylvania



## Cell therapy research collaboration<sup>1</sup>

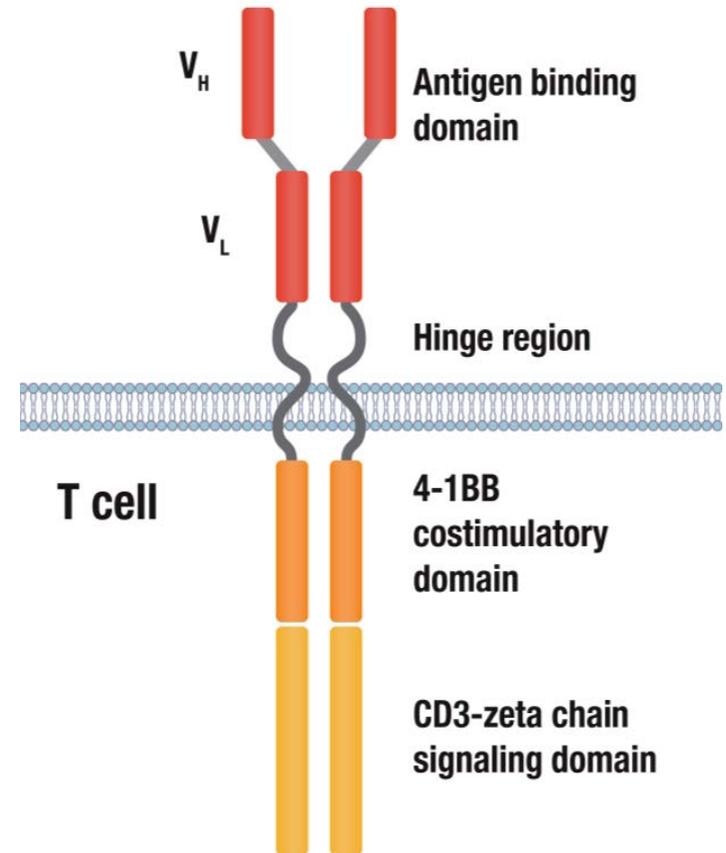
Collaboration on study of chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) technology for cancer treatment; exclusive worldwide license to CARs developed through the collaboration

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CTL019

# Design of CD19-targeted CTL019

- FDA granted “breakthrough therapy” designation to CTL019, the anti-CD19 CAR T-cell therapy developed at the University of Pennsylvania (July 2014)
- CTL019 CAR consists of T-cell activation domains coupled to an anti-CD19 single-chain variable fragment<sup>1-3</sup>

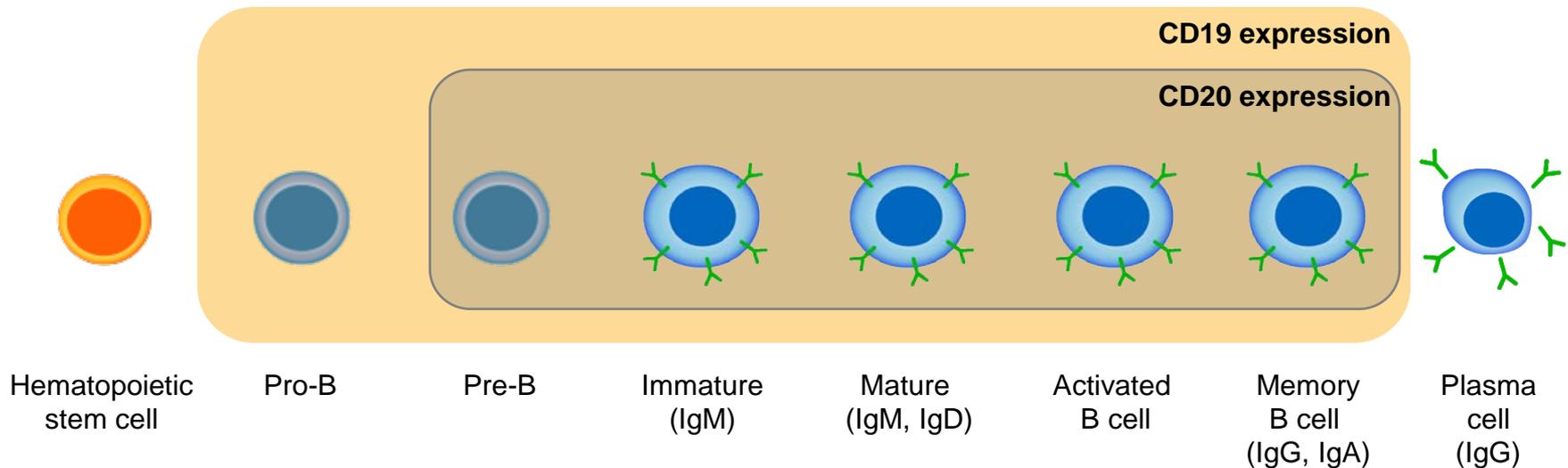


UPenn construct  
scFv-41BB-CD3zeta

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# CD19: An ideal target for CAR T-cells

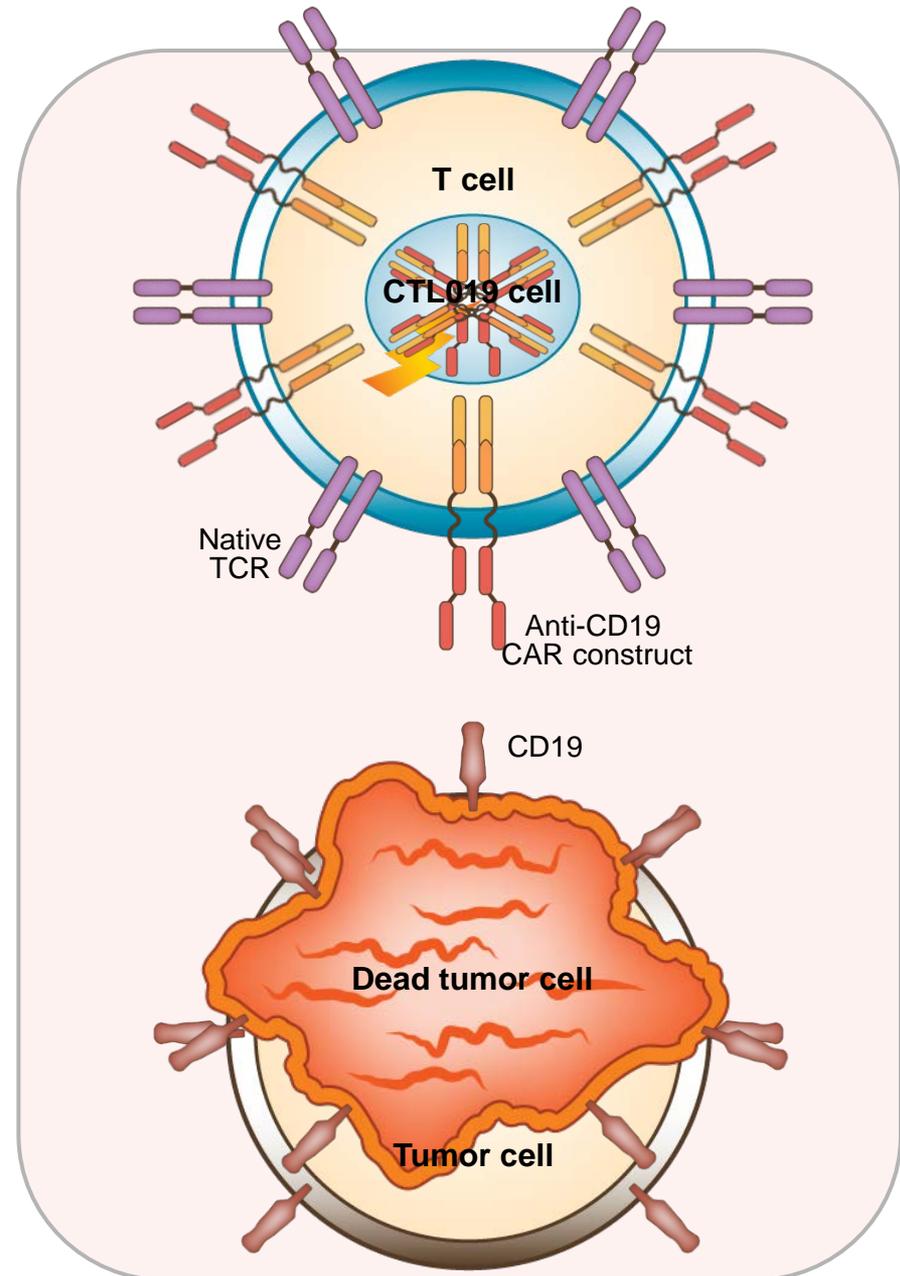
- CD19 is a cell surface protein whose expression is restricted to B cells and B cell precursors<sup>1</sup>
  - Importantly, CD19 is not expressed on hematopoietic stem cells<sup>1</sup>
- CD19 is expressed by most B-cell malignancies<sup>1</sup>
  - CLL, B-ALL, DLBCL, FL, MCL<sup>1</sup>



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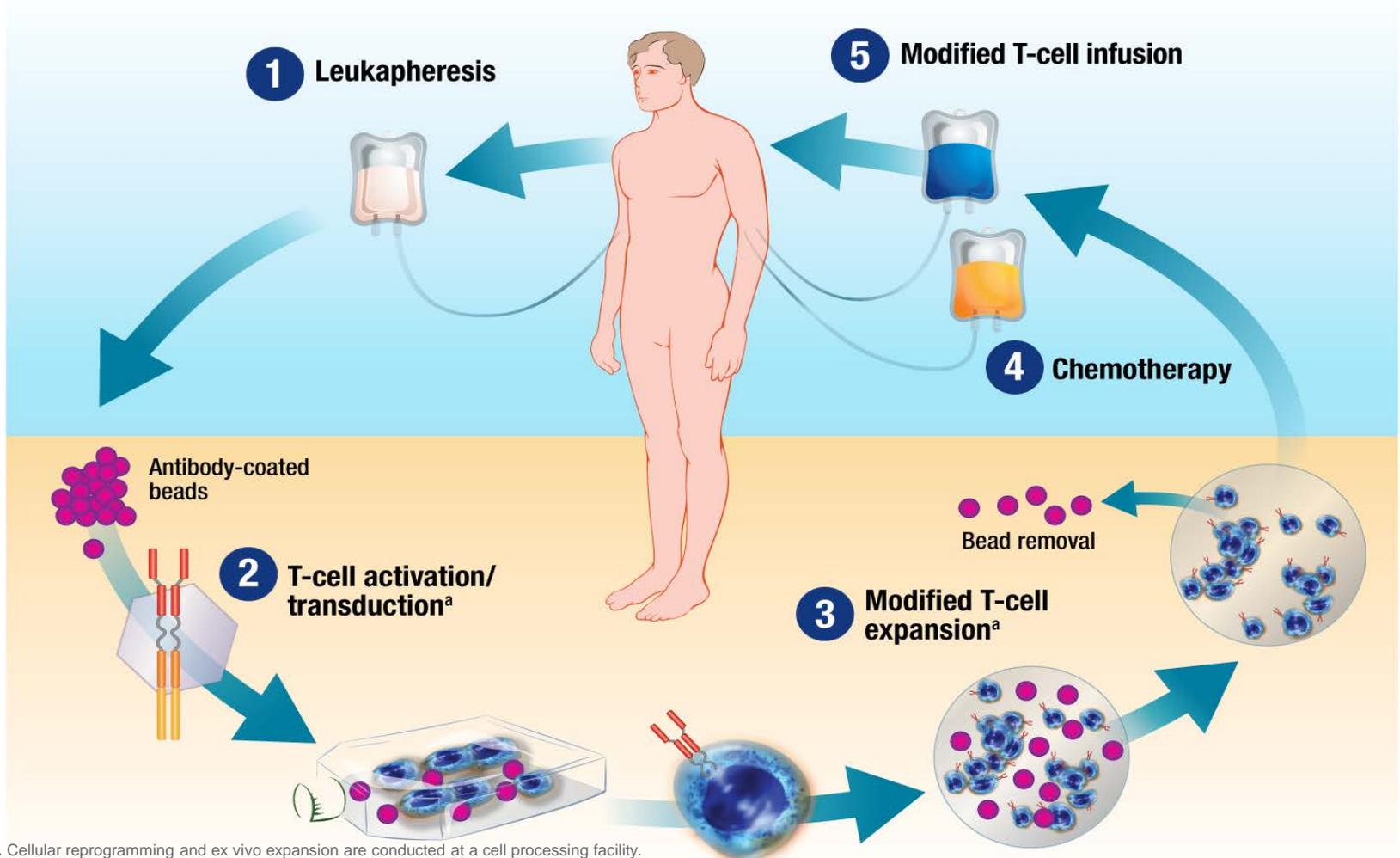
# Mechanism of action of CTL019

- Gene transfer technology is used to stably express CARs on T cells, conferring novel antigen specificity<sup>1,2</sup>
- CTL019 therapy takes advantage of the cytotoxic potential of T cells, thereby killing tumor cells in an antigen-dependent manner<sup>1,3</sup>
- Persistent CTL019 cells consist of both effector (cytotoxic) and central memory T cells<sup>3</sup>



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# CTL019 is designed to hunt and destroy CD19-positive B-cell cancers in patients



a. Cellular reprogramming and ex vivo expansion are conducted at a cell processing facility.

# CD19-targeted CAR therapies under investigation

Academic Group	Company (Drug)	Costimulatory Domain	Vector Delivery	Indications
UPenn	Novartis (CTL019)	4-1BB	Lentiviral	ALL, CLL, DLBCL, FL
MSKCC	Juno (JCAR 015)	CD28	Retroviral	ALL, CLL, various B-cell malignancies
Fred Hutchinson	Juno (JCAR 017)	4-1BB	Lentiviral	
NCI (NIH)	Kite Pharma (KTE-C19)	CD28	Retroviral	DLBCL
Baylor	Bluebird/Celgene	CD28	Retroviral	ALL, CLL
MDACC	Ziopharm/Intrexon	CD28 → 4-1BB	Transposon/transposase	Adjuvant, pre/post transplant
Institut Pasteur	Cellectis/Pfizer (UCART19)	4-1BB	Lentiviral	ALL, CLL, AML, MM
Baylor	Bellicum (BPX-401)	MyD88 + CD40	Retroviral	Various
Dartmouth	Cardio3	DAP-10 transmembrane	Retroviral	AML, MDS, MM

# CAR T cell Therapy – Leukemia as a Model

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# CTL019 experience in ALL

## Pediatric ALL phase 1/2a study (N = 59):

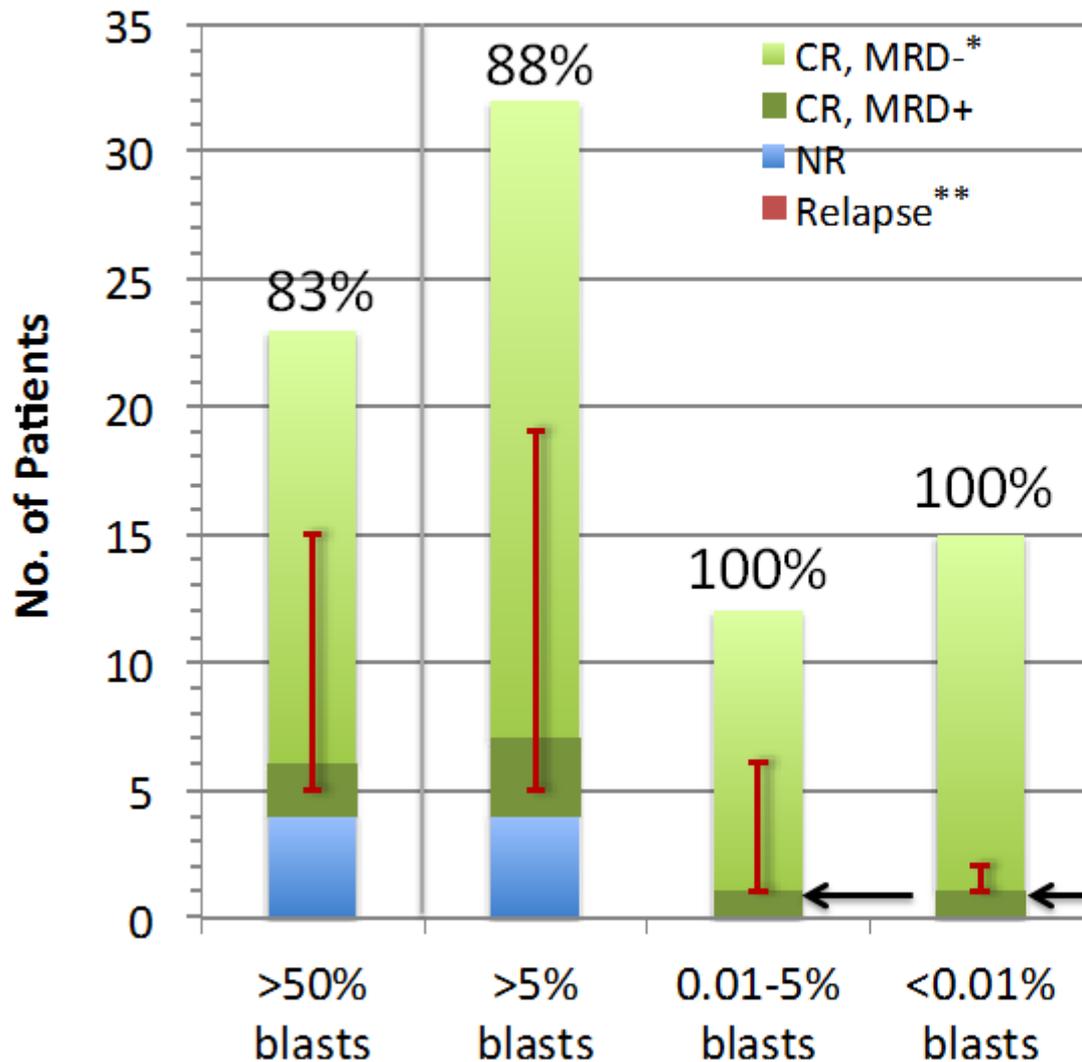
### Population

- 2<sup>nd</sup> or greater relapse or refractory
- 2/3 relapsed post SCT

### Outcomes

- 55/59 (93%) in complete remission at 1 month
- 18 patients in remission  $\geq 1$  year, 13 without further therapy
- Median follow-up 12 months, range 1-43 months
- 20 relapses, 7 CD19(+) and 13 CD19(-)
- 6 patients proceeded to SCT, 1 to DLI

# Disease Burden and Response



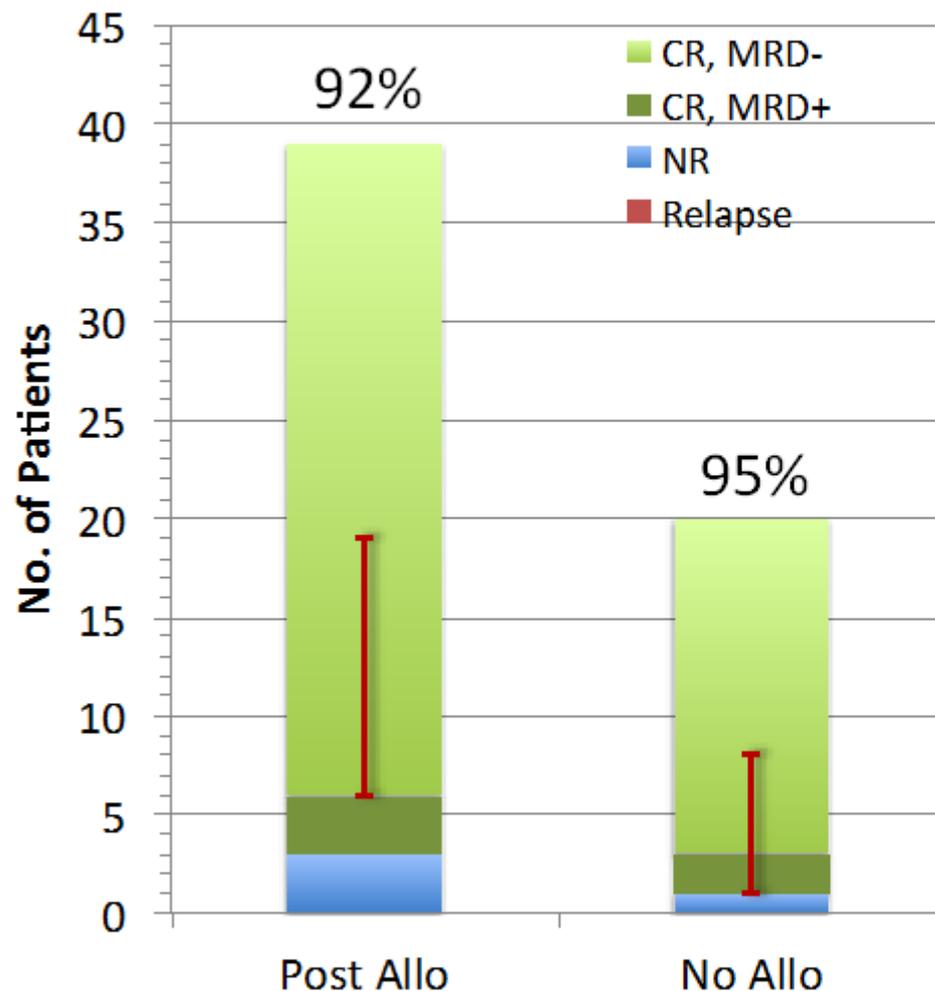
## Patient population

- $\geq 2^{\text{nd}}$  relapse or refractory
- Majority refractory to multiple prior therapies

\*  $<0.01\%$  MRD by flow cytometry

\*\*  $\frac{1}{3}$  CD19+,  $\frac{2}{3}$  CD19-MRD- by 3 months without further therapy

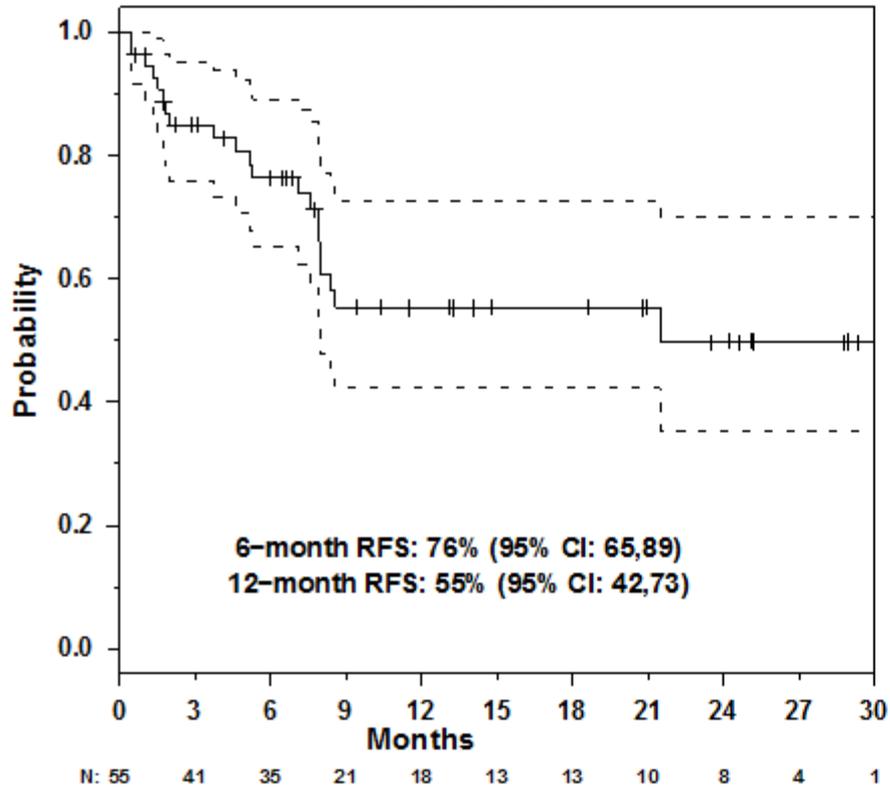
# Most patients treated POST allo



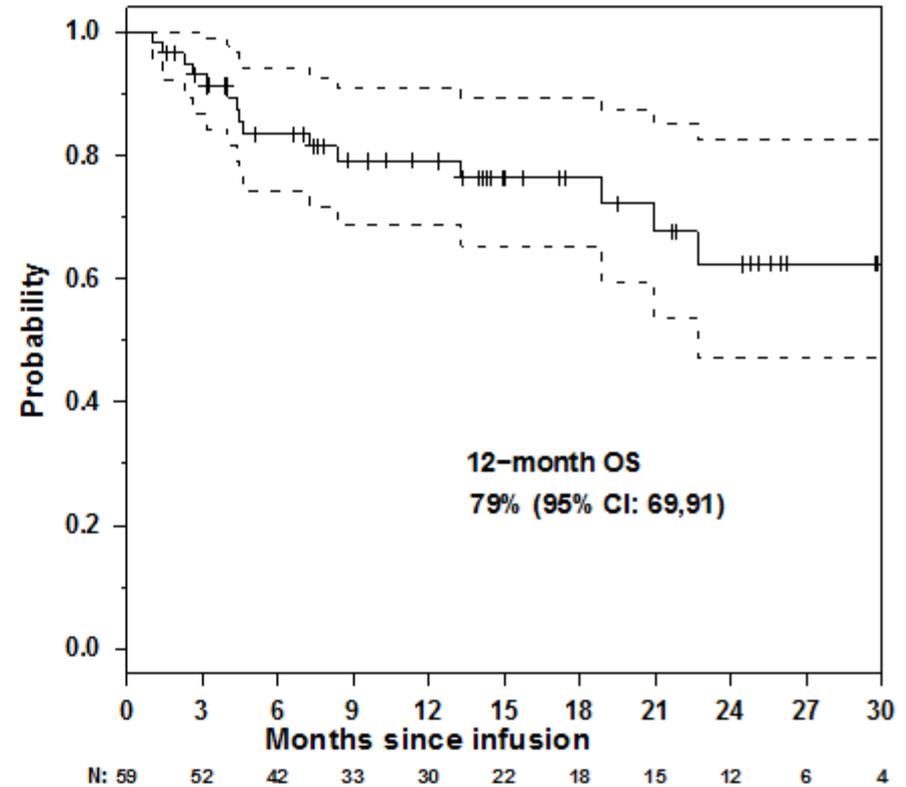
- 39 patients post-allo SCT
- T cells collected from patient
  - No evidence of GVHD
  - 6 months post-SCT
- Median donor chimerism 100%
- No GVHD to date

# Relapse-free and Overall Survival

## Relapse-free Survival



## Overall Survival



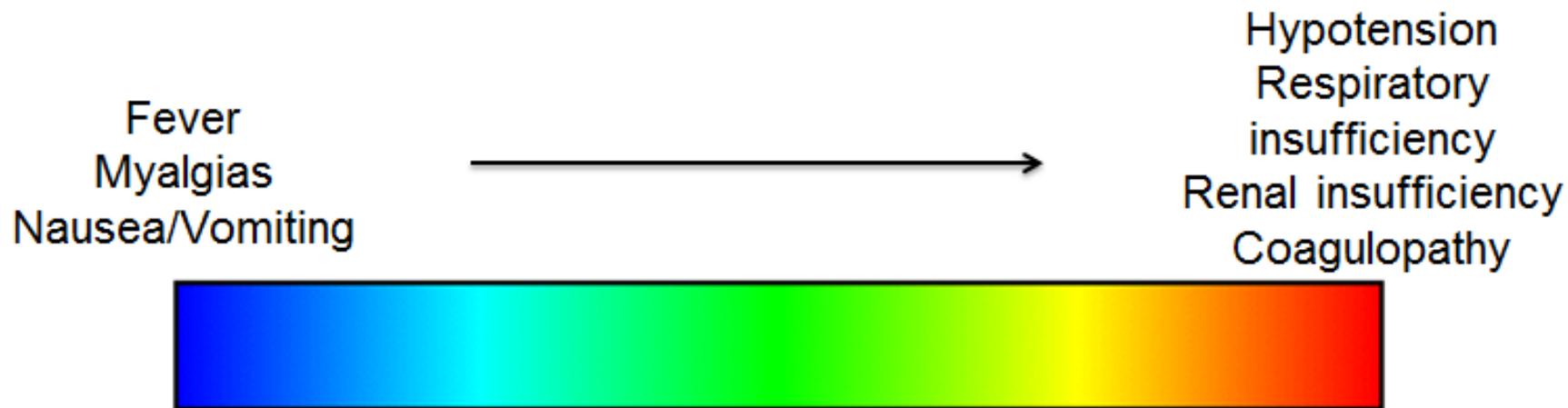
# Toxicity

- Cytokine Release Syndrome (CRS)
  - Correlates with T cell proliferation and efficacy
  - Severity related to disease burden
  - Observed in 88%; 27% required hemodynamic and/or respiratory support
  - Reversed with novel approach – cytokine blockade
- Neurotoxicity
  - Seen in several CD19 immunotherapy trials: NCI, CHOP/UPenn, MSKCC, Blinatumomab
  - In our experience - generally untreated, fully resolves
- Chronic B cell aplasia requiring Ig replacement

# Cytokine Release Syndrome

CRS is related to T cell expansion and is likely necessary for efficacy

- Symptoms typically occur 1-14 days after CTL019 cell infusion in ALL



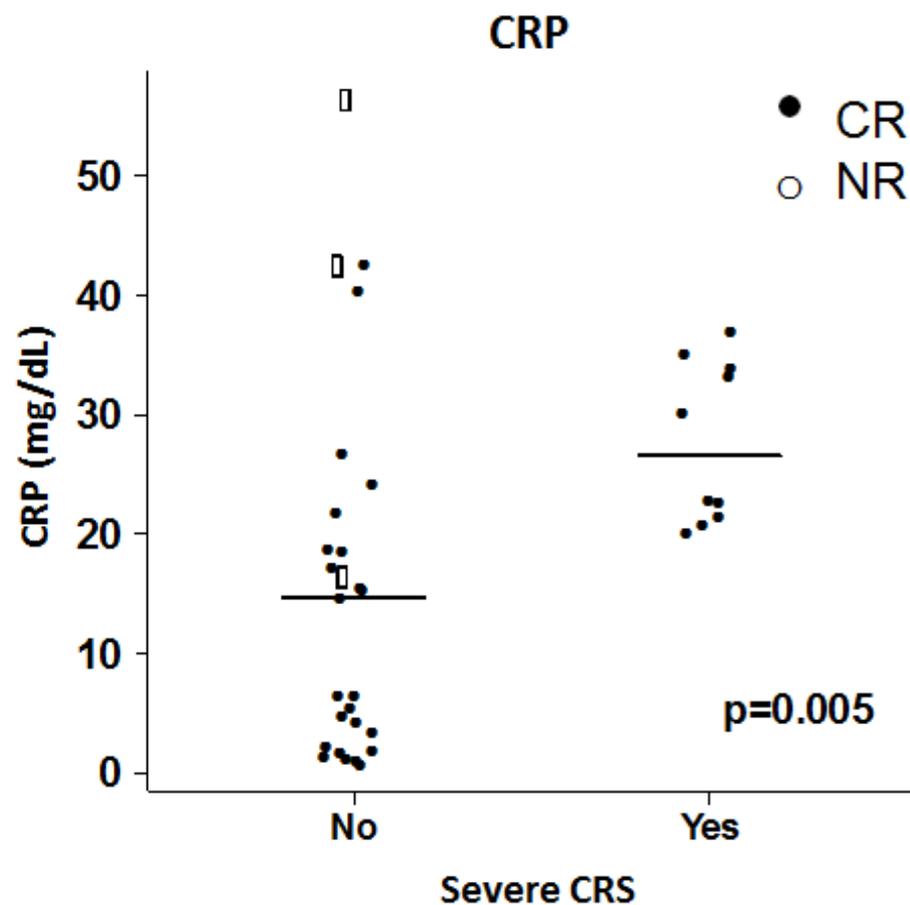
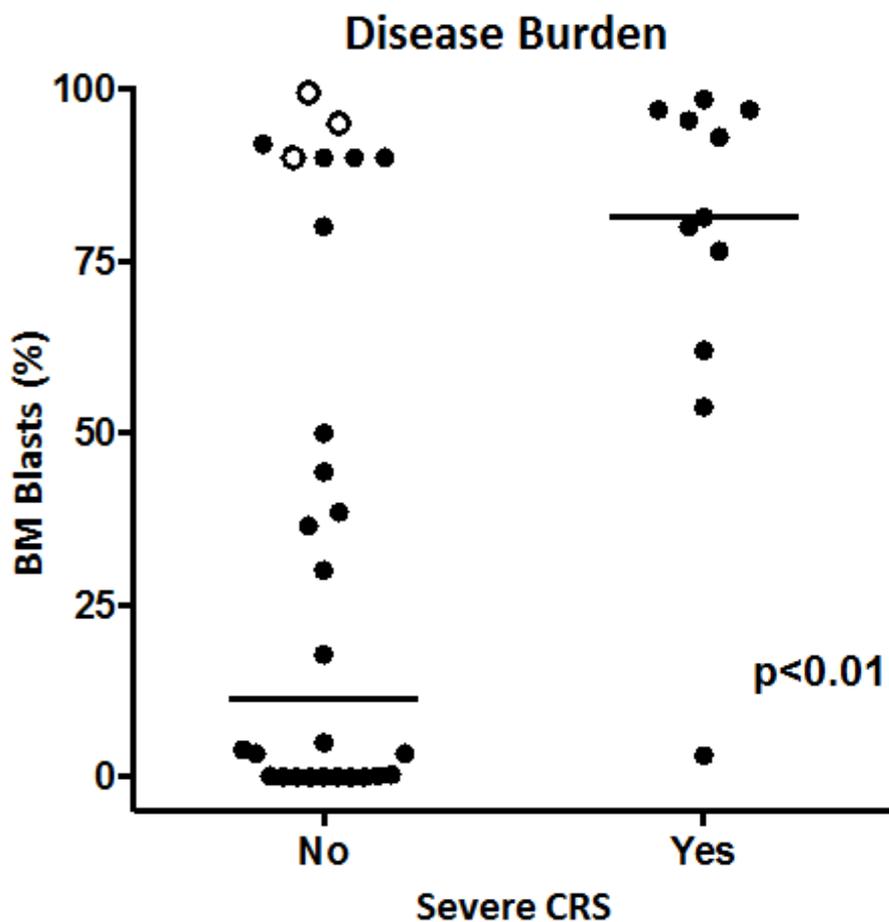
- Severity scales with disease burden

# Severe CRS management

- Supportive Care
  - Vasopressors
  - O<sub>2</sub>, CPAP, ventilation
  - Blood products (FFP, cryo)
- Lympholytics
  - Steroids tried with some effect but potential to reduce efficacy
- Cytokine-directed therapy
  - IL-6 noted to be very elevated
  - Anti-IL-6 therapy highly effective with no apparent effect on efficacy

Grupp et al. NEJM 2013

# Disease Burden Correlates with CRS Severity



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# Study Design: CTL019 T Cells in NHL

Enrollment started Feb 2014

## Key eligibility criteria

- Adult histologically proven CD19+ relapsed or refractory DLBCL, FL or MCL
- Measurable disease
- ECOG PS 0 or 1

Single IV dose of CTL019 cells, 1 - 4 days after lymphodepletion chemotherapy



Initial tumor response assessed 3 months after infusion using IWG response criteria

Primary Objectives: ORR at 3 months; determine response rate by lymphoma histology

Secondary endpoints: Determine CTL019 cell manufacturing feasibility; safety; best response; PFS; in vivo expansion of CTL019 cells

# Patient allocation

Patients enrolled (n = 43)

- DLBCL (n = 26)
- FL (n = 14)
- MCL (n = 3)

CTL019 not infused (n = 13)

- Progressive disease (n = 4)
- Production failure (n = 6)
- Withdrew consent (n = 3)

Received 1 – 5 E+08 CTL019 (n = 30)

- DLBCL (n = 15)
- FL (n = 13)
- MCL (n = 2)

# Results: Diffuse Large B Cell Lymphoma

## DLBCL: Patient Characteristics (n = 26 enrolled)

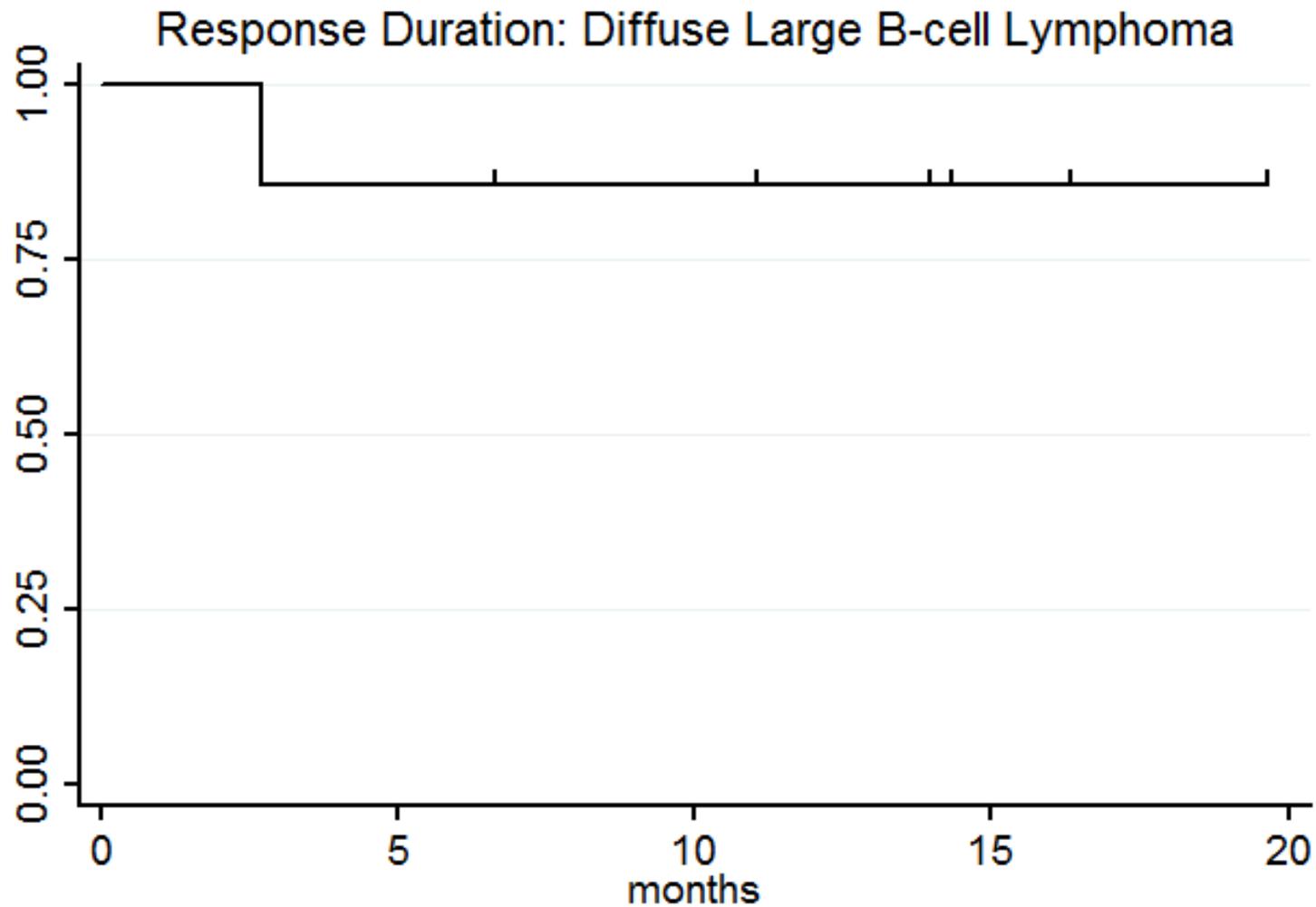
Median age	54.5 years (range 25 - 77)
Sex	18 (69%) men
Median prior therapies	3 (range 1 - 8)
Prior stem cell transplant	9 (35%)
Stage III – IV (enrollment)	19 (73%)
Increased LDH (enrollment)	20 (77%)
> 1 extranodal site (enrollment)	11 (42%)
Median ECOG PS (enrollment)	1 (range 0 - 1)
Lymphodepleting therapy (n = 15)	2 EPOCH (w/o vincristine); 7 hyperfractionated cyclophosphamide (1.8 gm/m <sup>2</sup> ); 2 bendamustine (180 mg/m <sup>2</sup> ); 2 cyclophosphamide (1 gm/m <sup>2</sup> ); 1 XRT (4000 cGy) + cyclophosphamide (750 mg/m <sup>2</sup> ); 1 infusional etoposide + bolus cyclophosphamide ("EPOCH" dosing)

# Response: Diffuse Large B Cell Lymphoma

DLBCL: ORR at 3 months 47% (N = 15)	DLBCL: Best Response Rate 47% (N = 15)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- CR: 3</li><li>- PR: 4</li><li>- PD: 8</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- CR: 6</li><li>- PR: 1</li><li>- PD: 8</li></ul>

- 3 patients with PRs by CT criteria at 3 months converted to CRs by 6 months
- 1 patient with PR at 3 months had PD at 6 months

# Duration of Response: DLBCL



# Adverse Events at least possibly related: **≥ Grade 3 (N=30)**

AE	G3	G4	G5	Total ≥ G3	AE	G3	G4	G5	Total ≥ G3
Acute kidney injury	2			2	Headache	1			1
Alk. phos. increased	1			1	Hypoxia	1			1
Atrial fibrillation	1			1	Hypertension	1			1
Agitation	1				Hypotension	1	1		2
Delirium	2			2	Hypocalcemia	1			1
Encephalitis			1	1	Hyponatremia	1			1
<b>CRS</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>4</b>	Hypophosphatemia	3	1		4
Chest pain	1			1	Insomnia	2			2
Dyspnea	1			1	Laryngeal edema	1			1
Edema	1			1	Anemia	5			5
Fatigue	1			1	Lymphopenia	10	8		18
Fever	1			1	Neutropenia	7	7		14
Febrile neutropenia	2			2	Thrombocytopenia	4	2		6
Pneumonia	1			1	Weight loss	1			1

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# Adverse Events and Management

# CRS across different B-Cell malignancies

- CRS is observed in NHL and ALL patients treated with CTL019<sup>1-3</sup>
- CRS for a patient with ALL and NHL typically occurs 1-14 days after CAR T-cell therapy infusion<sup>1,4,5,6</sup>
- Severe CRS manifests earlier at approximately 1-3 days after infusion, compared with >3 days for non-severe cases in patients with ALL<sup>4</sup>
- Severity and incidence CRS varies with disease setting
  - Pediatric ALL : 35-45% Grade 3/4 CRS (no Grade 5 CRS)
  - Adult NHL : 16% Grade 3/4 CRS (no Grade 5 CRS)
  - Adult ALL : 85% Grade 3,4 or 5 CRS (3 cases with Grade 5 CRS)
    - Dose and schedule in r/r adult ALL is under investigation

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# Summary of Novartis sponsored trials with CTL019

- In 2015, Novartis initiated phase 2 studies in both pediatric ALL and adult diffuse large B-cell lymphoma patients
  - Novartis CTL019 paediatric ALL program granted Breakthrough Therapy Designation by US FDA (April 2016) & designated as a Priority Medicine (PRIME) by EMA (June 2016)

Study No.	Sponsor	Patient Population	Phase	Status
NCT02435849 (ELIANA)	Novartis	Pediatric patients with relapsed and refractory B-cell ALL	2	Enrolled
NCT02445248 (JULIET)	Novartis	Adult patients with diffuse large B-cell lymphoma	2	Enrolled

We are pursuing personalized cellular immunotherapy with a portfolio of CARTs

## **CART therapy pipeline**

- Exploratory CTL019 in clinical trials for adult ALL and CLL**
- Exploratory CART trials in multiple myeloma (BCMA target)**
- Multiple CART programs are in discovery and pre-clinical research, and exploratory clinical trials, for both heme and solid tumors**

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# Lessons learned along the way (1/3)

## Need for harmonization across the globe

- Our goal is to conduct global development programs to address serious conditions with unmet medical need
  - Endorse efforts for regulatory convergence where ultimately a single MAA dossier will meet registration requirements across regions
  - Great need for uniform manufacturing & quality standards
  - Need for exceptional release process in clinical setting

# Lessons learned along the way (2/3)

## Need for harmonization across EU

- Clinical Trial Application review and approval process under existing Directive 2001/20/EC can be complex & time consuming for gene therapy products
  - Due to need for individual MS review & approval
  - Difficult to enable efficient start to multi-center, multi-national clinical trials
- Welcome the implementation of the Clinical Trials Regulation (EU No 536/2014) provided
  - Adequate resources and qualified ATMP reviewers onboard to assure timely & efficient review without unwarranted administrative clock stops due to resource limitations

# Lessons learned along the way (3/3)

## Need for harmonization across EU

- Similar need for harmonized centralized Environmental Risk Assessment for ATMPs that are considered GMOs
  - National requirements differ across MS again making efficient initiation of clinical trials difficult
- Manufacturing licenses for product manipulations also have different requirements across MS

# Looking toward the future

- Manufacturing changes will be frequent and mechanisms should be in place to permit rapid review, approval and implementation of such changes that enhance consistent product yield and quality
- Current health economic systems are
  - Not set up to deliver such complex therapies
  - Apt to undervalue ATMPs, reducing incentives to develop them
  - Not set up to properly fund ATMPs, thus limiting access
- Encourage continued support for parallel Scientific Advice to assure HTA input at early stages of clinical development program to help de-risk these uncertainties

# CTL019 and CAR T-Cell therapy outlook

- Clinical data to date shows that CAR T-cell therapy leads to a high rate of complete and durable remission in patients with r/r B-cell ALL and DLBCL
- CRS is a class effect observed with all CD19-directed CAR-T therapies, and can generally be managed with supportive care with or without anti-cytokine therapy (including tocilizumab)
- Pivotal studies of CTL019 in pediatric ALL and lymphomas are ongoing
  - First BLA submission in 1Q2017

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# Questions