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Exploring New Frontiers in Cancer Treatment: The Expanded Role of Cellular Therapies





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New Frontiers in CAR T-Cell Therapy for Hematologic Malignancies

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Content Outline

- Review the current landscape and challenges
 - Lymphoma and myeloma
- Discuss the blueprint for advances
 - Innovation opportunities
- Highlight emerging successes



Lymphoma Indications

- Liso-cel
 - Diffuse Large B-cell lymphoma
 - Follicular Lymphoma
 - Mantle Cell lymphoma
- Axi-cel
 - DLBCL
 - Follicular lymphoma
- Brexu-cel
 - Mantle Cell lymphoma













Problem: Toxicity

- Cytokine Release Syndrome manageable with tocilizumab
- ICANS: immune effector cell associated neurotoxicity
 - More difficult to treat
 - · More success with higher doses of anakinra
- IEC-HS: immune effector cell hemophagocytic syndrome
 - Requires early recognition, prompt immunosuppression
- ICAHT: immune effector cell associated hematologic toxicity
 - Early vs late
 - · Severity based on degree of neutropenia
- Infection
 - Prophylaxis is key
 - Esp with BCMA CAR T
- Delayed Neurotoxicity
 - Rare, disabling, fatal
 - ICANS may lead to more subtle chronic neurocognition issues

Manufacturing

- Liso-cel vein to vein: 36 days!
- Cilta-cel : 70 days!

ISSUES \checkmark FIRST EDITION ABSTRACTS \checkmark COLLECTIONS \checkmark

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Interim Results from a Phase 2 Pivotal Study (DALY II USA) of Tandem CD20-CD19-Directed Non-Cryopreserved CAR-T Cells - Zamtocabtagene Autoleucel (Zamto-Cel) in Patients with Relapsed/Refractory Diffuse Large B Cell Lymphoma

Nirav N. Shah, Richard T. Maziarz, Caron A. Jacobson, Patrick B. Johnston, Sunil Abhyankar, Iris Isufi, Miguel Angel Perales,

Shah et al, ASH 2024

S blood

Conditioning

- Flu/Cy vs bendamustine
- Retrospective, n= 60

New Targets: CD22

- Specific to B-cells
- Expressed broadly on B-cell cancers
- Efficacy of targeted ADCs

CD22-directed CAR T-cell therapy for large B-cell lymphomas progressing after CD19-directed CAR T-cell therapy: a dosefinding phase 1 study

Matthew J Frank*, John H Baird*, Anne Marijn Kramer*, Hrishikesh K Srinagesh, Shabnum Patel, Annie Kathleen Brown, Jean S Oak, Sheren F Younes, Yasodha Natkunam, Mark P Hamilton, Yi-Jiun Su, Neha Agarwal, Harshini Chinnasamy, Emily Egeler, Sharon Mavroukakis, Steven A Feldman, Bita Sahaf, Crystal L Mackall, Lori Muffly, David B Miklos, on behalf of the CARdinal-22 Investigator group†

Frank et al, *Lancet*, 2024

New Targets: CD22

- Phase 1 N= 41
- 95%+ aggressive B-cell lymphoma
- 97% prior CD19 CAR T
- CD22, 41BB, fully humanized
- Vein to vein 18 days
- Successfully made and infused 95%
- Median prior CAR response: 3 months

Frank et al, *Lancet,* 2024

New Targets: GPRC5D

- Some expression on skin
- Unknown function
- Expressed broadly on plasma cells
- Efficacy of targeted BsAb

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

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GPRC5D-Targeted CAR T Cells for Myeloma

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- Phase 1 n = 17
- Humanized scvf, 41BB, second gen
- Prior CAR 47%
- Extramedullary dz 47%
- High risk cytogenetics: 76%
 - Included 1q gain

Mailankody et al, *NEJM*, 2022



New Targets: GPRC5D

Toxicity	All n=17	Grade 3+
RS	88%	6%
CANS	6%	6%
Dysgeusia	12%	0%
Skin/Nail	CE0/	4.0/
Cerebellar*	03%	170
	12%	12%
* Only observed at high do	ose (450 x10^6)	
Mailankody et al, <i>NEJM,</i> 20)22	













huCART19-IL18

A TRUCK

Humanized antibody domain, targeting CD19, producing IL-18

Relapsed B-cell lymphoma n=13

Relapse post commercial CD19 CAR T

Rapid ex-vivo manufacture 3 days Vein to vein still at 47 days

Svoboda et al, ICML 6/2023, Hematol Oncol Vol 41, Issue S2





Allogeneic CAR-T

Advantages

- "off-the-shelf" offers rapid turnaround
- Addresses issue of host T-cell performance
- Multi-dosing

Concerns

- GvHD
- Persistence (risk of graft rejection)
- Off target editing/rearrangements













Summary:

- Opportunity to improve and innovate at every step of CAR T process
- Next generation products clearly safer
- New targets open cell therapy for new diseases
 - Work in progress
- Will the next generation be allo-T?, NK
 - Auto products are robust



Emerging Cellular Therapies for Solid Tumors

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Learning Objectives

- Describe the <u>existing and emerging cellular therapies</u> in the solid tumor space.
- Understand the benefits and implications of using <u>different types</u> of cellular therapies in the clinic.
- Discuss multidisciplinary strategies to utilize these cell-based therapies and <u>address toxicity in treatment planning</u>.















Lymphodepletion: A double-edged sword!

Cyclophosphamide 60 mg/kg for 2 days Dono cells Monocytes
Neutrophils Fludarabine 25 mg/m2 daily for 5 days Ę • NK cells CD4⁺T cells 30 days 100 days 6 months \rightarrow 2 years Potential mechanisms of efficacy: Elimination of suppressor T cells. Immune recovery Decreased competition by Incomplete T cell recovery **Optimal T cell reconstitution** Homeostatic expansion De novo T cell formation Reduced antigen specificity Increased TCR repertoire endogenous lymphocytes for diversity and antigen specificity IL-7 homeostatic regulatory cytokines IL-15 Reactivation of thymic function like II -7 or II -15. Immune-boosting strategies

{Dudley ME et al. JCO 2005}

{Velardi E et al. 2021 *Nat Rev Immunol*}

Delayed kinetics of immune reconstitution!









Engineered TCR T Cells



- Requires knowledge of target antigen and associated TCR sequence
 - No thymic selection: allows for targets beyond cancer-specific neoantigens
 - Examples: driver mutations, antigens arising from virally-encoded genes, cancer germline antigens, melanoma differentiation antigens
- Allows for targeting of intracellular proteins; potentially better for solid tumors
- High potential for on-target, off-tumor toxicity (due to shared epitopes between tumor and normal tissues)
- HLA genotype must match TCR
<u>Afami-cel</u>: Engineered TCR targeting HLA-A*02 Restricted MAGE-A4



<u>August 2024</u>: US FDA accelerated approval for unresectable/metastatic Synovial Sarcoma who have:

- 1) received prior chemotherapy
- 2) are HLA-A*02:01P, -A*02:02P, A*02:03P, or -A*02:06P positive
- 3) whose tumor expresses the MAGE-A4 antigen.















Table 1 Recent publications on clinical trials reporting responses using CAR T cells in solid tumors

Cell therapy is more than T-cells!



{Bhatia S et al; Annual SITC meeting; 2019}

Conclusions

- Cellular immunotherapy is <u>feasible and efficacious</u> in solid tumors!
- <u>Unique hurdles posed by solid tumors</u> are being addressed through creative strategies!
- Possible <u>impact of lymphodepletion</u> on subsequent IO needs to be studied carefully and may impact sequencing of therapies
- Do we have the <u>infrastructure</u> to meet the cell therapy tsunami for solid tumors?

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