

## Chimeric Antigen Receptor T Cell Therapy

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## **Presentation Objectives**

- Scientific overview of chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T cell therapy
- CART Mechanism of action
- Overview of CART clinical trials
- CART patient eligibility considerations

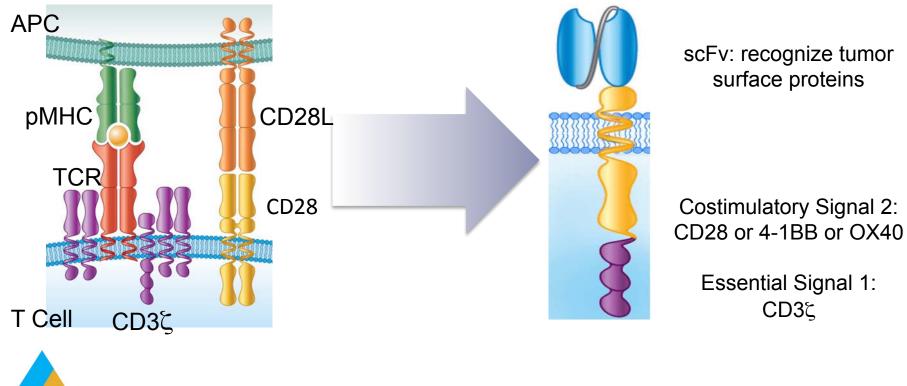


#### CAR Design: Critical Elements of T Cell Activation and Function in a Single Molecule

CAR T cells are genetically altered to express CAR on the cell surface.

**T Cell Receptor** 

**Chimeric Antigen Receptor** 

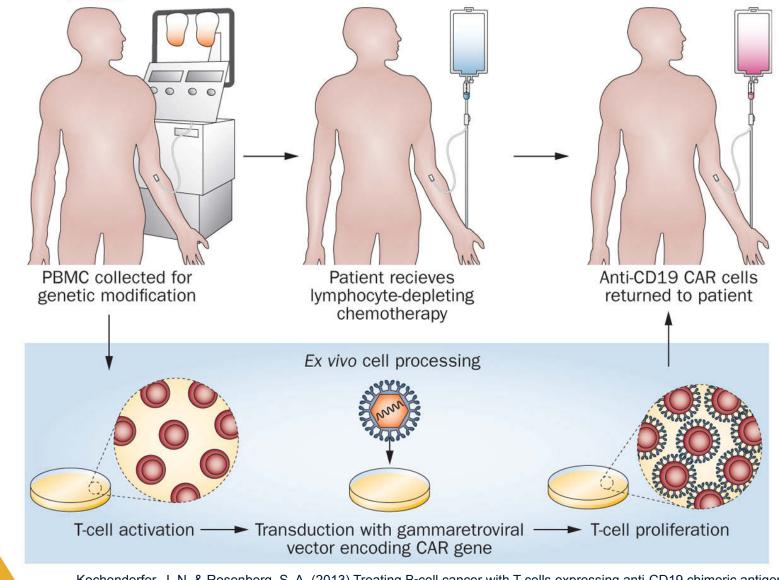




Activation Independent of MHC Limited to cell surface proteins

#### Schema of CAR T manufacturing and administration

Patient



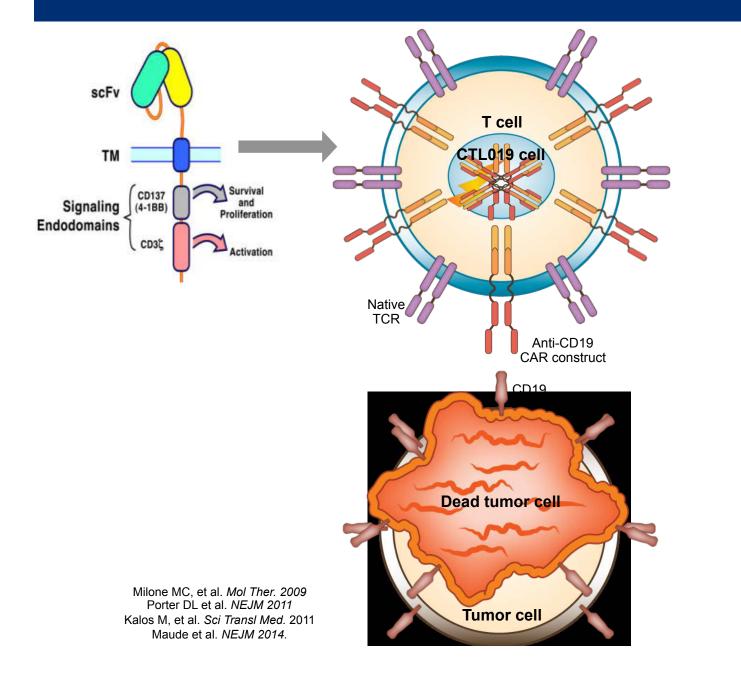


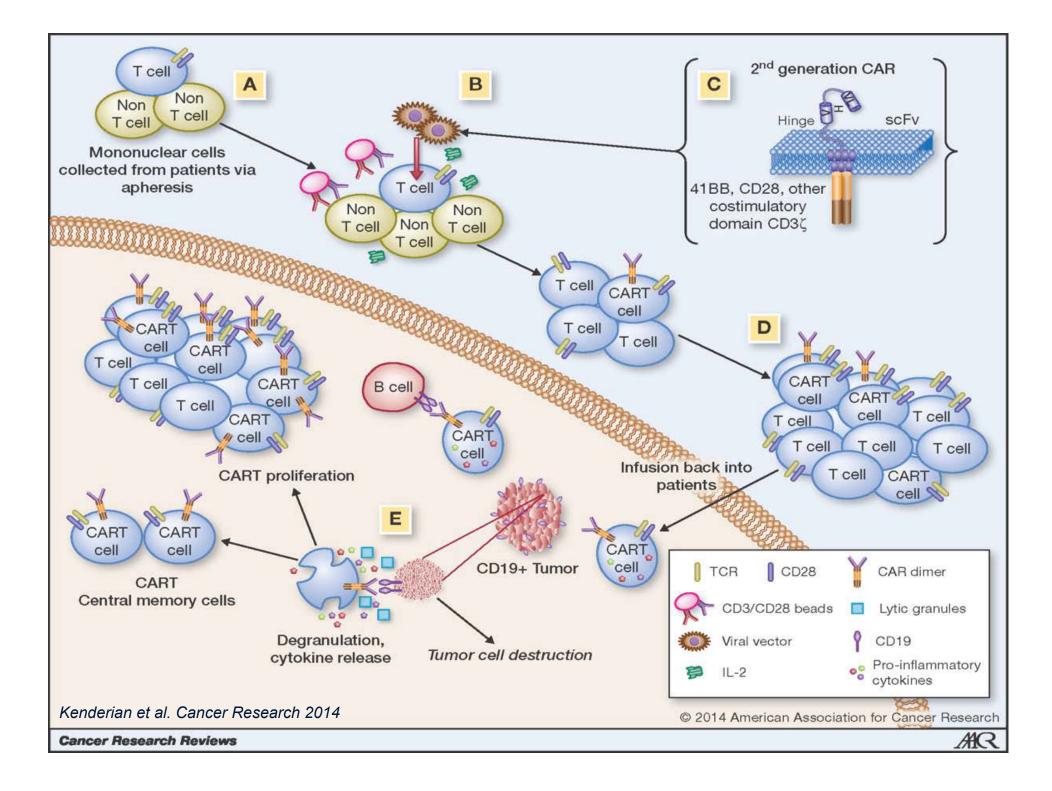
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#### Chimeric Antigen Receptor T cells (CARTs)

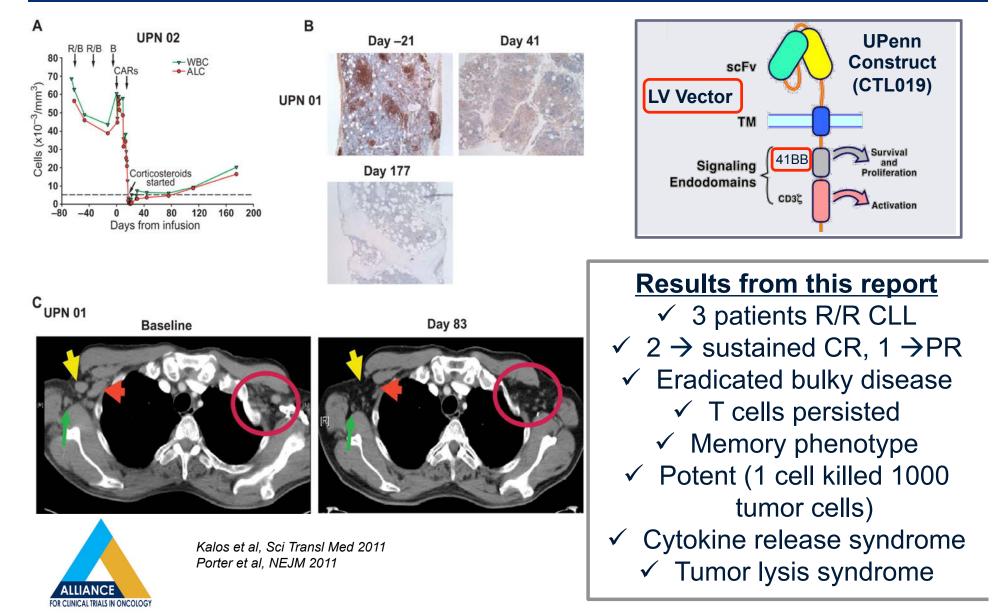
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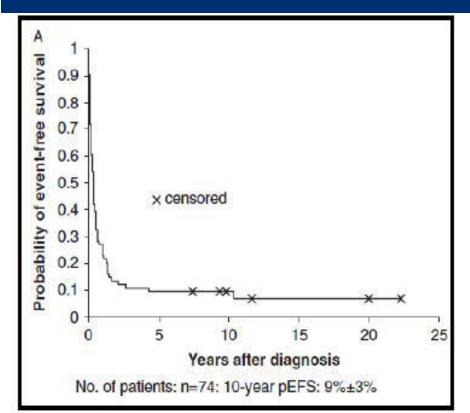




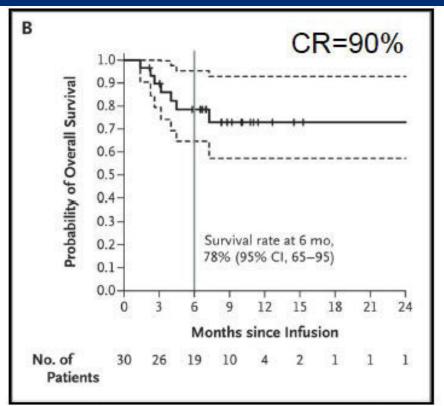
# First Successful Report of CART19 in CLL (UPenn Trial)



## **High Response Rates in ALL**



Historic outcomes of patients with relapsed/refractory acute lymphoblastic leukemia



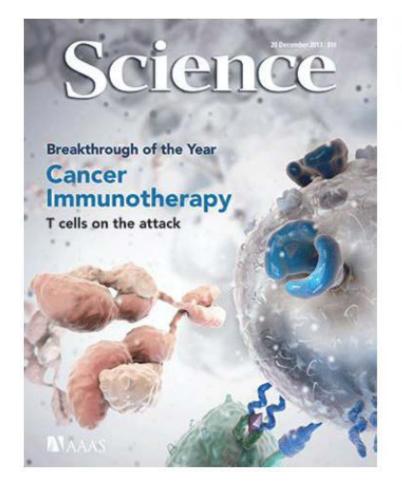
Outcomes of patients with relapsed/refractory acute lymphoblastic leukemia treated with CART19

> Grupp et al, ASH Abstract #380 Maude et al, NEJM 2014

## **High Response Rates in ALL**

|   | University of<br>Pennsylvania <sup>31</sup> | Memorial Sloan Kettering<br>Cancer Center <sup>28</sup> | National Institutes of<br>Health <sup>30</sup>  |
|---|---|---|---|
| Target antigen                                | CD19  | CD190   | CD190   |
| CAR generation                                | 2nd   | 2nd   | 2nd   |
| Vector  | Lentivirus                                  | Retrovirus  | Retrovirus  |
| Costimulatory domain                          | 4-1BB                                       | CD28  | CD28  |
| Duration of culture                           | 8-12 days                                   |   | 11 days   |
| No. of ALL patients                           | 30  | 16  | 20  |
| Conditioning regimen                          | Individualized, mainly fludarabine based.   | Cyclophosphamide 3 g/m <sup>2</sup><br>day 2            | Fludarabine 25 mg/m <sup>2</sup><br>days 4, 3, 2<br>Cyclophosphamide 900<br>mg/m <sup>2</sup> day 2 |
| Median follow-up                              | 7 months                                    | NR  | 10 months   |
| Overall survival                              | 78%   | NR  | 51.6%   |
| No. of patients undergoing allo-HSCT          | 3   | 7   | 10  |
| Response<br>Morphologic CR<br>MRD negative CR | 90%<br>73%                                  | 88%<br>75%  | 70%<br>60%  |
| Duration of CAR T-cell persistence            | 11 months                                   | 3 months  | 68 days   |

## Cancer Immunotherapy Breakthrough of the Year 2013





2013 Breakthrough

Cancer Immunotherapy

The Runners-Up

CRISPR

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Human Stem Cells from Cloning

Mini-Organs

Cosmic Particle Accelerators Identified

Perovskite Solar Cells

Why We Sleep

Our Microbes, Our Health

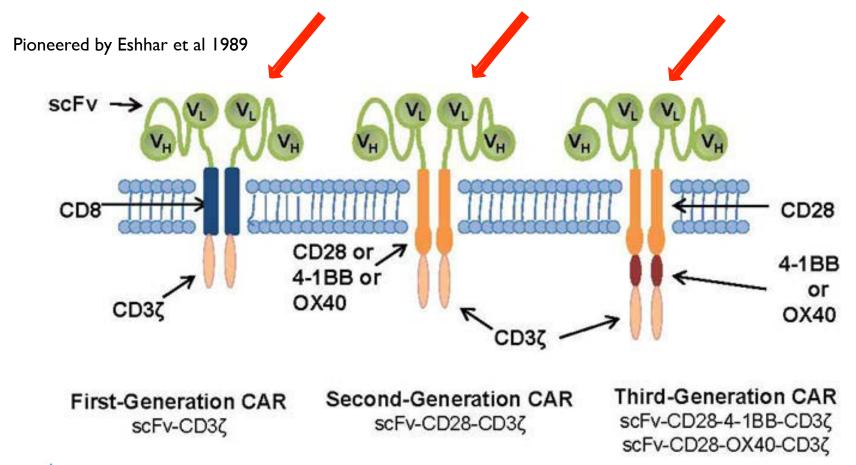
In Vaccine Design, Looks Do Matter

### **Critical Components of CART as a Drug**

- CAR construct
- CAR delivery system
- CART phenotype and function
- CART persistence

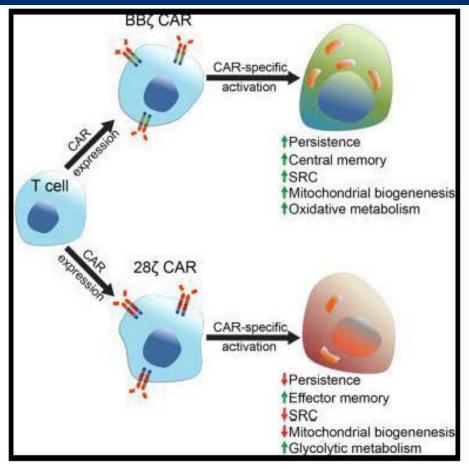


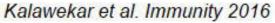
### **CAR Construct: What generation is your CAR?**

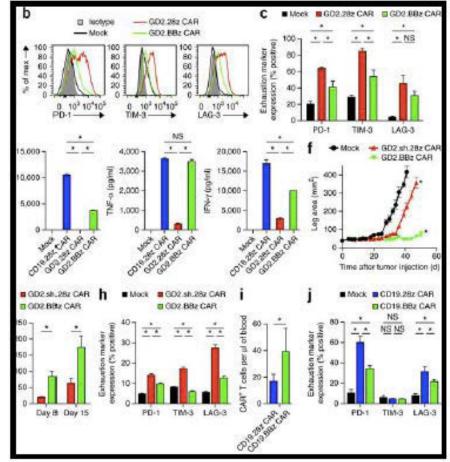




#### CAR Construct: CD28 vs 41BB







Long et al. Nature Medicine 2015



#### **CAR Construct: Antigen Selection**

- CD19 expression is generally restricted to B cells and B cell precursors<sup>1</sup>
  - CD19 is not expressed on hematopoietic stem cells or other tissue
- CD19 is expressed by most B-cell malignancies
  - CLL, B-ALL, DLBCL, FL, MCL

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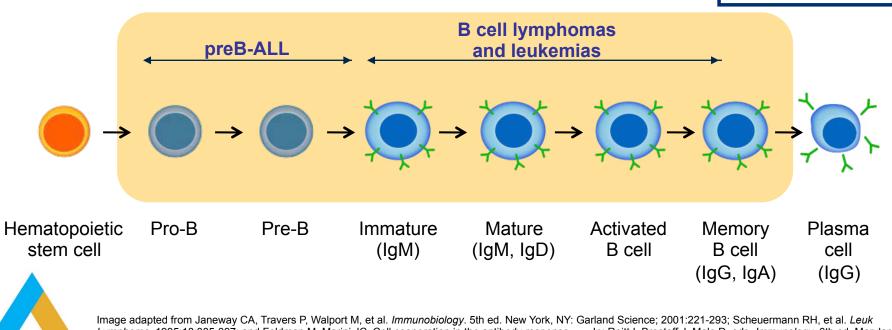


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**CD19** expression

#### **CAR Construct: Antigen Selection**

#### • On target, off-tumor toxicity

- High binding affinity results in recognition of low antigen expression in normal tissue
- Ex. Liver injury with anti-carbonic anhydrase IX CART
- Ex. Pulmonary toxicity with anti-Her2 CART
- Can be fatal



Morgan RA et al. Mol Ther 2010; 18(4):843-851. Lamers CH. JCO 2006;24(13):e20-e22.

#### **CAR Construct: Delivery System**

#### **Viral System**

- Lentivirus, retrovirus
- Most commonly used in trials to date
- Permanent genetic modification
- Costly

#### **Non-Viral System**

- Transposon/Transposase
  - Permanent genetic modification
  - Less expensive for manufacturing
- RNA transfection
  - Temporary genetic expression
  - Strategy for limiting toxicity



#### **CAR T Phenotype & Function**

#### • Optimize T cell population

- CD4 to CD8 proportion
- Central vs effector vs stem memory T cells
- Activated vs exhausted state
  - Duration of culture
  - Cytokines



### CAR T Persistence *in vivo*: Clinical Relevance

#### CD19 positive relapses (4/30 patients, 13.3%) Poor expansion - CTL019 cells are lost

#### CD19 negative relapses (3/30 patients, 10%) Good expansion and persistence of CTL019



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### CAR T Persistence *in vivo*: Conditioning Chemotherapy

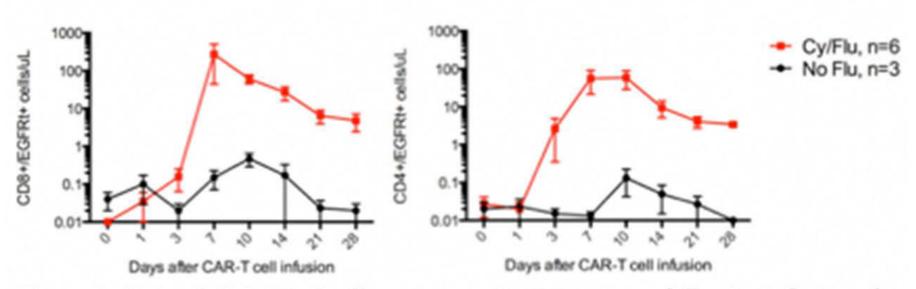
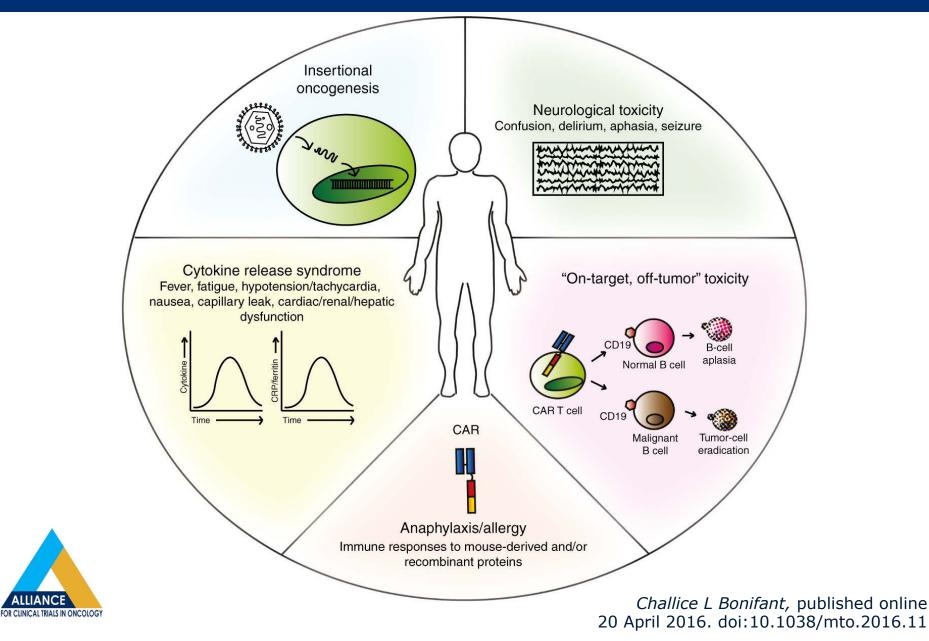


Figure 1. CD4 and CD8 CAR-T cell persistence in NHL patients following infusion of 2 x 10<sup>7</sup> cells/kg after conditioning with (n=6) or without (n=3) Fludarabine.

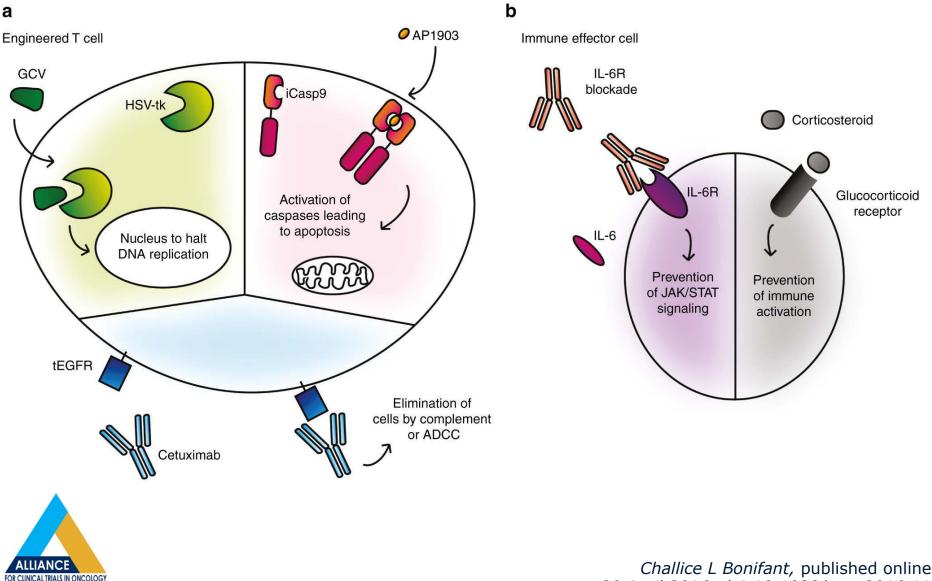


Cameron J Turtle et al. Blood 2015;126:184

## **CAR T Toxicities**



## **Strategies to Manage CAR Toxicities**



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## **ONGOING CLINICAL TRIALS**



### **CART Programs at Academic Centers**

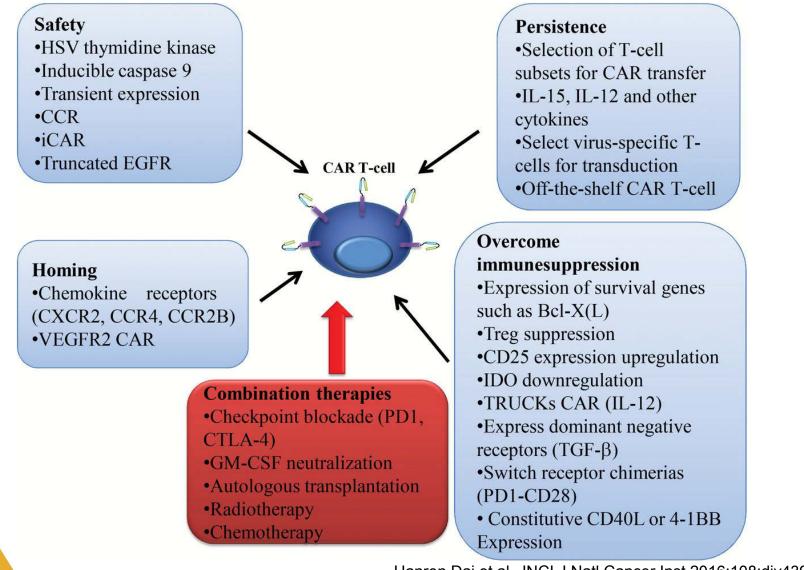
| Center  | Target   | Condition       | Construct | Results  |
|---------|----------|-----------------|-----------|--|
| Penn    | CD19 CAR | ALL             | BBz, LV   | 90% CR   |
| NIH     | CD19 CAR | ALL             | 28z, RV   | 70% CR(ITT)  |
| MSKCC   | CD19 CAR | ALL             | 28z, RV   | 88% CR   |
| NIH     | CD19 CAR | Lymphoma        | 28z, RV   | 85% aggressive lymphomas,<br>100% indolent lymphomas |
| Seattle | CD19 CAR | ALL             | BBz, LV   | 83% CR   |
| Penn    | CD19 CAR | Lymphoma        | BBz, LV   | 50% CR aggressive<br>lymphoma, 100% indolent         |
| Penn    | CD19 CAR | CLL             | BBz, LV   | 25% CR rate  |
| MDACC   | CD19 CAR | CLL/ALL/NH<br>L | 28z, SB   | 23% CR rate  |
| NIH     | CD22 CAR | ALL             | BBz, LV   | 8 patients treated                                   |
| NIH     | BCMA CAR | Myeloma         | 28z, RV   | 6 patients treated                                   |
|         |          |                 |           |  |

Kenderian et al. BBMT in press.

| Reference                | Antigen              | Gene-transfer<br>vector used | Endomains           | Cell culture   | Cell dose  | Conditioning   | Cytokine<br>support   | No. of<br>patients   | Responses<br>to CAR<br>T-cells                              | Persistence   |
|--------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|--|--|--|---|--|---|---|
| Kershaw<br>2006<br>(111) | o-folate<br>receptor | Gammaretrovirus              | FcRy                | 10ng/mL<br>OKT3+600<br>IU/mL IL-2;<br>21-56 d  | 3×10 <sup>9</sup> -1.69×10 <sup>11</sup><br>T-cells (1-3<br>infusions)                                   | None   | IL-2<br>9(720000<br>IU/ kg) was<br>given i.v.<br>every 12h in<br>cohort 1     | 14 patients<br>with ovarian<br>cancer                        | 14 PD   | 4-21 d  |
| Park 2007<br>(71)        | CD171                | Electroporation              | CD3ζ                | 30ng/mL<br>OKT3+50U/mL<br>IL-2 +<br>irradiated<br>PBMC/<br>lymphoblastoid<br>cell line<br>feeders; 14 d<br>(1-3 infusions)                         | 1×10 <sup>8</sup> /m <sup>2</sup><br>-1.1×10 <sup>9</sup> /m <sup>2</sup>                                | Salvage<br>chemotherapy  | None  | 6 children with<br>neuroblastoma                             | 1 PR, 5 PD  | short (1-7 d)<br>n patients<br>vith bulky<br>isease, but<br>ignificantly<br>onger (42 d)<br>n a patient<br>vith a limited<br>isease<br>burden |
| Lamers<br>2013<br>(108)  | CAIX                 | Gammaretrovirus              | FcRy                | 10ng/mL<br>OKT3+100<br>IU/mL IL-2;<br>approximately<br>21 d  | 0.2×10 <sup>9</sup> -2.1×10 <sup>9</sup><br>CAR T-cells (5<br>infusions)                                 | None   | 5×10 <sup>5</sup> U/m <sup>2</sup><br>twice daily<br>administered<br>for 20 d | 12 patients<br>with<br>metastatic<br>renal cell<br>carcinoma | 12 NR   | lp to 3–5 wk  |
| Louis 2011<br>(20)       | GD2                  | Gammaretrovirus              | СDХ                 | OKT3+100 or<br>SOU/mL IL-2 +<br>irradiated<br>PBMC/<br>lymphoblastoid<br>or PBMC;<br>12-18 d and<br>36-54 d  | 2×10 <sup>7</sup> /m <sup>2</sup><br>-1×10 <sup>8</sup> CAR<br>T-cells/m <sup>2</sup>                    | None   | None  | 19 patients<br>with<br>neuroblastoma                         | 8 NED, 3<br>CR, 1 PR, 1<br>SD, 4 PD, 2<br>tumor<br>necrosis | :6 wk   |
| Morgan<br>2010<br>(107)  | HER2                 | Gammaretrovirus              | CD137-<br>CD28-CD3ζ | SOng/mL<br>OKT3+300<br>IU/mL IL-2 (a<br>rapid<br>expansion)<br>procedure:<br>6000 IU/mL +<br>SOng/mL OKT3<br>+ irradiated<br>PBMC feeders;<br>24 d | 10 <sup>10</sup> T-cells   | 60mg/kg<br>cyclophos<br>phamide ×2<br>and<br>flurodarabine<br>25mg/m <sup>2</sup> ×5 | None  | 1 patients with<br>colorectal<br>cancer                      | Died of<br>cytokine<br>release<br>syndrome                  | vied 5 d after<br>reatment  |
| Brown<br>2015*<br>(70)   | IL13Ro2              | Electroporation              | CD3ζ                | 30ng/mL<br>OKT3+50U/mL<br>IL-2;<br>approximately<br>63 d   | 9.6×10 <sup>8</sup> -<br>15.35×10 <sup>8</sup> CDB+<br>T (11-17<br>infusions)                            | None   | None  | 13 enrolled, 3<br>treated<br>(glioblastoma)                  | 3 PD  | lp to 184 d   |
| Katz<br>2015†<br>(106)   | CEA                  | Gammaretrovirus              | CD28-CD3ζ           | 50ng/mL<br>OKT3+3000U/<br>mL IL-2;<br>17-25 d  | Cohort 1:<br>10.1×10 <sup>9</sup> CAR T;<br>Cohort 2:30×10 <sup>9</sup><br>CAR T (3<br>infusion)         | None   | Cohort 1:<br>none;<br>Cohort 2: 75<br>000U/<br>kg/day                         | 6 patients with<br>denocarcinoma<br>liver<br>metastases      | 5 PD, 1 SD  | . ipproximatel<br>.! wk   |
| Ahmed<br>2015<br>(12)    | HER2                 | Gammaretrovirus              | CD28-CD3ζ           | OKT3 or<br>CD3/CD28<br>beads +<br>100U/mL IL-2;<br>12-21 d   | 1×10 <sup>4</sup> /m <sup>2</sup><br>-1×10 <sup>8</sup> CAR<br>T-cells/m <sup>2</sup> (1-9<br>infusions) | None   | None  | 19 patients<br>with sarcoma                                  | 4 SD  | lp to 18 me   |



### **CART Research Directions**



ALLIANCE FOR CLINICAL TRIALS IN ONCOLOGY

Hanren Dai et al. JNCI J Natl Cancer Inst 2016;108:djv439

#### CAR T-CELL DEALS

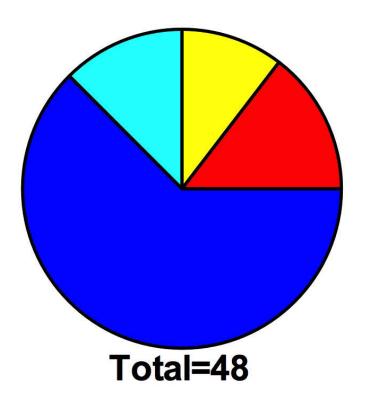
| Institution/Company           | Date            | Partner  | Terms  |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|--|--|
| University of<br>Pennsylvania | August<br>2012  | Novartis                                       | Undisclosed  |
| Celgene                       | March<br>2013   | Bluebird Bio,<br>Baylor College of<br>Medicine | Unspecified upfront payment plus up to \$225 million per product in option fees and milestone payments                         |
| Cellectis                     | June<br>2014    | Pfizer   | \$80 million upfront plus up to \$185 million per<br>product and royalties   |
| Cellectis                     | January<br>2015 | /Ohio State<br>University                      | Undisclosed  |
| Kite Pharma                   | January<br>2015 | /Amgen   | \$60 million upfront and up to \$525 million per product<br>in milestone payments, plus royalties on sales and IP<br>licensing |
| Md Anderson                   | January<br>2015 | /Ziopharm,<br>Intrexon                         | \$100 million in stock and \$15–20 million/year for 3 years  |

#### CAR T-CELL BIOTECH IPOs

| Company     | Date          | Value           |  |
|-------------|---------------|-----------------|--|
| Kite Pharma | June 2014     | \$134.1 million |  |
| Bellicum    | December 2014 | \$160 million   |  |
| Juno        | December 2014 | \$264.6 million |  |
| Cellectis   | March 2015    | \$228 million   |  |

The CAR T Cell Race. The Scientist April 2015.

### **CART Clinical Trials**



Pharma Phase I

Pharma Phase I/II, II

Academic Centers Phase I/II, II

Academic Centers Phase I



Clinicaltrials.gov

### **CART Clinical Trials**

#### Hematologic Malignancies Solid tumors (n=10)

- Lymphomas, ALL (n=34)
  Types
- Myeloma (n=3)
- AML (n=2)

- - GBM
  - Neuroblastoma
  - Pancreas cancer
  - Sarcoma
  - NSCLC
  - Triple negative breast cancer
- Antigens
  - EGFRvIII, PSCA, GD2, Her2, ROR1, CD171



## **Patient Eligibility Considerations**

- Adequate blood cell count for leukapheresis
- Relative disease stability
  - CART manufacturing generally 2 4 weeks
  - Disease not progressing rapidly through manufacturing period
- Patient ability to tolerate CAR T toxicities
  - Good major organ functions
    - heart, lung, kidney, liver
  - Neurologic considerations
    - Seizure risk, CVA, CNS disease



## Conclusion

- Questions from Audience
- Answers from Presenter

