## New Drug Update

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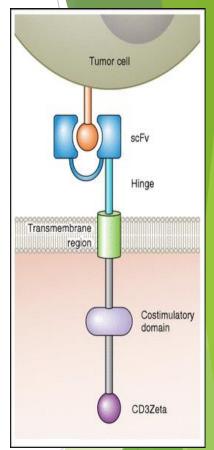
# Objectives

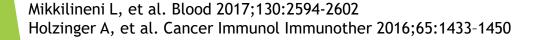
- Review pharmacology of newly approved agents
- Review clinical data supporting approval of new agents
- Describe common toxicities of newly approved agents and discuss associated monitoring parameters
- Identify clinical pearls and place in therapy for newly approved agents



# Chimeric Antigen Receptor T-cells (CAR-T)

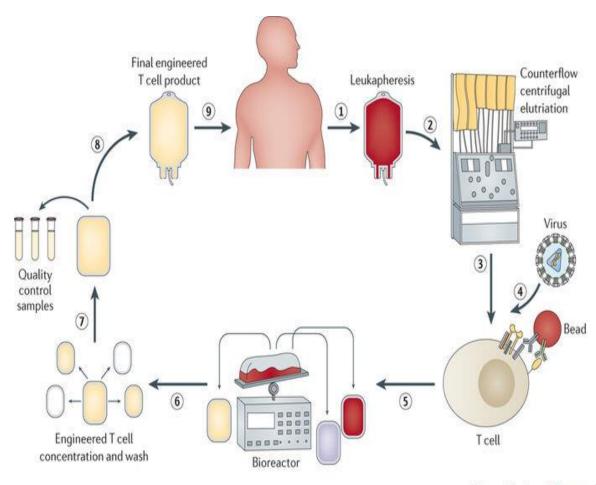
- Genetically engineered autologous T-cells modified to express a chimeric antigen receptor (CAR)
- ► CAR is a recombinant receptor construct
- Bind to specific "antigens" on tumor cell surfaces
  - ► Major histocompatibility complex independent
- Binding of CAR to target initiates immune response







## **CAR-T Cell Production**



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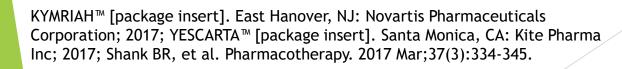
# Conditioning/Lymphodepletion Regimen

- High dose chemotherapy directed at lymphodepletion
  - Decrease in regulatory T-cells
  - Tumor debulking
  - Reduces reaction to murine single-chain fragment on an antibody
- Agents used:
  - Cyclophosphamide
  - Fludarabine
  - Bendamustine



### **CAR-T Cell Dose**

- No standard dose
- Varies based on:
  - Product
  - Population
  - Disease state
- Dose range
  - 0.2 to 5.0 x 10<sup>6</sup> cells/kg
  - Weight based versus standard dosing
  - Fractionated versus single dosing





# Tisagenlecleucel (Kymriah®)

- Approved in August 2017 for treatment of patients up to age 25 with B cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL) that is refractory or in a second or later relapse
- ► In May 2018, second indication added for treatment of relapsed or refractory large B cell lymphoma after 2 or more lines of systemic therapy
- ► MOA: CD-19 directed autologous T cell immunotherapy
  - ▶ 4-1BB costimulatory domain
  - lentivirus vector



## Dosage and administration

- Dose is based on the number of chimeric antigen receptor (CAR)+ viable T cells
- B-cell ALL
  - Pts < 50 kg: 0.2 to 5 x 10<sup>6</sup> CAR-T cells per kg IV
  - Pts < 50 kg: 0.1 to 2.5 x 10<sup>8</sup> CAR-T cells per kg IV
- Relapsed/refractory diffuse large B cell lymphoma (DLBCL)
  - 0.6 to 6 x 10<sup>8</sup> CAR-T cells per kg IV





### Clinical data

- ELIANA trial
  - Multicenter, phase 2, single cohort trial of tisagenlecleucel in pediatric and adult patients with R/R ALL
  - Primary endpoint of overall response rate (ORR) within 3 months
  - Lymphodepletion:
    - ► Fludarabine 30mg/m2 daily for 4 days
    - Cyclophosphamide 500mg/m2 daily for 2 days
- Median duration of follow up: 13.1 months
- ▶ Median weight-adjusted dose of 3.1 x 10<sup>6</sup> cells/kg



## **ELIANA** results

Respon	se rates Overall survival		survival	Event free survival	
ORR	81%	OS 6 mo	90%	EFS 6 mo	73%
CR	60%	OS 12 mo	76%	EFS 12 mo	60%
CRi	21%	Median OS	19.1 months	Median EFS	NR

CR: complete response

CRi: complete response with incomplete hematologic recovery

EFS: event free survival



### **ELIANA - Adverse events**

Event (n=75)	Any grade
Cytokine release syndrome	58 (77)
Neurologic event	30 (40)
Tumor lysis syndrome	3 (4)
B-cell aplasia	62 (83)

Grade 3 or 4 CRS: 46%

Grade 3 or 4 neurologic event: 13%



## Clinical pearls

- ► REMS training required in order to order, dispense or administer tisagenlecleucel
- Supply of tocilizumab must be on site prior to product infusion
- Myeloid growth factors should be avoided during first 3 weeks after product infusion
- ▶ B-cell aplasia may persist up to a year post therapy
  - Increased risk for infections
- Can cause false positive HIV test



# Axicabtagene ciloleucel (Yescarta®)

- Approved in October 2017 for treatment of adult patients with relapsed or refractory large B-cell lymphoma after two or more lines of therapy
- MOA: CD-19 directed autologous T cell immunotherapy
  - ► CD-28 costimulatory domain
  - retroviral vector



## Dosage and administration

- Dose is based on the number of chimeric antigen receptor (CAR)+ viable T cells
- ► Target dose: 2 x 10<sup>6</sup> CAR-T cells per kg IV
- Max dose: 2 x 10<sup>8</sup> CAR-T cells per kg IV





### Clinical data

- ZUMA trial
  - Multicenter, phase 2, single arm trial in adult patients with R/R DLBCL or primary mediastinal B-cell lymphoma (PMBCL)/transformed follicular lymphoma (TFL)
  - Primary endpoint of overall response rate (ORR)
  - Lymphodepletion:
    - Fludarabine 30mg/m2 daily for 3 days
    - Cyclophosphamide 500mg/m2 daily for 3 days
- Median duration of follow up: 15.4 months



## **ZUMA** results

Response rates		Overall survival		Progression free survival	
ORR	82%	OS 6 mo	78%	PFS 6 mo	49%
CR	58%	OS 18 mo	52%	PFS 15 mo	41%
PR	29%	Median OS	NR	Median PFS	5.8 mo

PR: partial response

PFS: progression free survival



## **ZUMA Trial- Adverse events**

Adverse Events (n=101)	Any grade	Grade 3	Grade 4
Any	101 (100)	5 (5)	96 (95)
Cytokine release syndrome	94 (93)	81 (80)	13 (13)
Neurologic event	65 (64)	37 (37)	28 (28)

Most common: pyrexia (85%), neutropenia (84%), and anemia (66%)



## Clinical pearls

- ► REMS training required in order to order, dispense or administer axibtagene
- Supply of tocilizumab must be on site prior to product infusion
- Myeloid growth factors may be used during period of neutropenia along with empiric antibiotics
- B-cell aplasia may persist up to a year post therapy
  - Increased risk for infections
- Patients should receive seizure prophylaxis as well as tumor lysis syndrome (TLS) prophylaxis depending on disease burden



## Audience response question #1

Axicabtagene is CD-19 directed CAR-T therapy that is indicated for treatment of following:

- a. B cell ALL in adults
- b. Relapsed or refractory DLBCL in adults
- c. Relapsed or refractory DLBCL in pediatric patients
- d. None of the above



# Acalabrutinib (Calquence®)

- Approved in October 2017 for adult patients with mantle cell lymphoma (MCL) who have received at least one prior therapy
- MOA: selective and irreversible second generation Bruton's tyrosine kinase inhibitor that causes decreased malignant B-cell proliferation and survival
- Dosing: 100 mg by mouth twice daily until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity



### Clinical data

- ACE-LY-004 phase 2 open label trial
  - 124 patients with MCL who received at least one prior therapy
  - acalabrutinib 100 mg by mouth twice daily
  - ▶ 100 mg by mouth once daily until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity
  - ▶ Median time to response 1.9 months (range 1.5 4.4 mos)

Response,* n (%)	Investigator Assessed	IRC Assessed
ORR (CR + PR)	100 (81)	99 (80)
Best response  CR PR	49 (40) 51 (41)	49 (40) 50 (40)
• SD	11 (9)	9 (7)
■ PD	10 (8)	11 (9)
<ul> <li>Not evaluable</li> </ul>	3 (2)	5 (4)



### Adverse events

- ► The most common ADRs in > 20% of patients
  - Anemia
  - Thrombocytopenia
  - Neutropenia
  - Headache
  - Diarrhea
  - Fatigue
  - Myalgia
  - Bruising



# Place in therapy and clinical pearls

- Second line treatment option for patients with MCL who received at least one prior therapy
- Monitor for drug-drug interactions as dose adjustments are needed when used with CYP3A inhibitors or inducers
- Increased risk of bleeding in patients on anticoagulation or antiplatelet therapy
- Temporary lymphocytosis in 31.5% of patients
  - May persist for 6 to 7 weeks



## Copanlisib (Aliqopa®)

- Approved in September 2017 for treatment of relapsed follicular lymphoma who received at least two prior systemic therapies
- MOA: inhibits phosphatidylinositol-3-kinase (PI3K alpha and delta) expressed in malignant B cells resulting in decreased cell proliferation and apoptosis
- Dosing: 60 mg given IV over 60 minutes on days 1, 8, and 15 every 28 days



### Clinical data

- CHRONOS-1 single arm phase 2 trial
  - ▶ 104 patients with relapsed follicular lymphoma (FL)
  - Copanlisib 0.8 mg/kg or 60 mg given on days 1,8,and 15
  - Median PFS was 11.2 months

Response	Investigator assessed %
Objective RR	57.8%
CR	14.4%
PR	44.2%



### Adverse reactions

- ► The most common ADRs in > 20% of patients
  - Hyperglycemia
  - Diarrhea
  - Fatigue
  - Hypertension
  - Leukopenia, neutropenia and thrombocytopenia
  - Lower respiratory tract infections



# Place in therapy and clinical pearls

- Third line option for treatment of FL for patients that are refractory to at least 2 prior therapies
- Monitor for drug-drug interactions as dose adjustment is needed when used with strong CYP3A4 inhibitors



# Inotuzumab ozogomicin (Besponsa®)

- Approved in August 2017 for treatment of relapsed or refractory B-Cell ALL
- MOA: Fully humanized anti-CD22 antibody conjugated to calicheamicin, which causes DNA strand breaks and leads to cell cycles arrest and apoptosis
- Dosing:

1st cycle: 0.8 mg/kg on day 1

0.5 mg/kg on days 8 and 15 on 21 day cycle

\*subsequent cycles based on response



### Clinical data

- ▶ INO-VATE ALL, phase 3 open label trial
  - 326 patients with Ph+ or Ph- relapsed/refractory B-cell ALL
  - Randomized to inotuzumab or standard intensive chemotherapy chosen at investigator's discretion

Outcome	Inotuzumab arm n=164	Control arm n= 162	
CR	80.7%	29.4%	p < 0.001
MRD -	78.4%	28.1%	p < 0.001



#### Adverse reactions

- Hepatotoxicity, including veno-occlusive disease
- Higher post-HSCT non-relapse mortality rate
- Infusion reactions
- Myelosuppression
- Infection and febrile neutropenia
- Fatigue
- Nausea
- Abdominal pain
- Headaches



# Place in therapy and clinical pearls

- Treatment option for patients with relapsed or refractory ALL in patients with Ph - disease as well as Ph+ disease intolerant to tyrosine kinase inhibitors (TKIs)
- Patients with circulating blasts should receive cytoreductive therapy with goal peripheral blast < 10,000/m3 to minimize risk of reactions
- Concomitant use with other drugs that prolong QT interval may result in torsades de pointe



## Audience response question #2

Inotuzumab ozogomicin has following black box warning:

- a. Infusion reactions
- b. Increased rich for JC virus infections
- c. Hepatotoxicity, including VOD
- d. Splenic rupture



Answer: C

## Abemaciclib (Verzenio®)

- Approved in September 2017 for treatment of HR+, HER 2 negative metastatic breast cancer
  - Monotherapy
  - In combination with fluvestrant
  - In combination with an aromatase inhibitor
- MOA: inhibitor of cyclin dependent kinases 4 and 6 which blocks progression from G1 to S phase of the cell cycles leading to apoptosis



## Dosage and administration

- Monotherapy
  - ▶ 200 mg by mouth twice daily
- In combination with fulvestrant or aromatase inhibitor
  - ▶ 150 mg by mouth twice daily
- May be taken with or without food



### Clinical data

- ► MONARCH-3
  - Randomized , double blinded, placebo controlled trial
  - ▶ 493 patients with HR+, HER2- metastatic breast cancer
  - Abemaciclib or placebo plus either letrazole or anastrazole
- Median PFS was 28.2 months for combination group vs 14.8 months for control group. HR 0.540; 95% CI 0.418 -0.698)
- ORR was 59% for combination group vs 44% for control (p< 0.004)</p>



#### Adverse events

- Diarrhea (81%)
- Neutropenia
- Fatigue
- Infections
- Nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain
- Anemia
- Alopecia
- Decreased appetite liver enzyme abnormalities



# Clinical pearls

- Unlike other CDK 4/6 inhibitors, abemaciclib is dosed continuously
- Higher incidence of diarrhea, but lower rates of hematologic toxicity (neutropenia)
- Inhibition of renal tubular secretion that results in creatinine elevations but no change in GFR
- Both parent drug and active metabolites cross blood brain barrier (BBB)



# Lutetium Lu 177 dotatate (Luthatera®)

- Approved in January 2018 for treatment of somatostatin receptor positive neuroendocrine tumors in adults
- MOA: radiolabeled somatostatin analogue that induces cellular damage by formation of free radicals in somatostatin receptor positive cells
- Dose:
  - ▶ 200 mCi IV every 8 weeks for total of 4 doses



#### Clinical data

- NETTER-1 trial
  - Randomized, open-label, active controlled trial
  - ▶ 229 patients with locally advanced or metastatic NET
  - Lutathera with long acting octreotide vs. high dose long acting octerotide
- Median PFS not reached for study group and was 8.5 months in control group; HR 0.21 95% CI 0.13-0.32
- ► Objective tumor responses observed in 18% of patients in study group vs 3% in the control group; p<0.001



#### Adverse events

- Lymphopenia
- Nausea and vomiting
- Increased lever enzymes
- Hyperglycemia
- Hypokalemia
- Increased risk of myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS)
  - 2.7% patients in NETTER-1



# Place in therapy and clinical pearls

- Second line therapy for somatostatin receptor+ metastatic NET in patients inadequately controlled with somatostatin analogues
- Octreotide should be discontinued before starting lutathera
  - 24 hrs before for octriotide
  - ▶ 4 weeks before for octreotide, long acting release (LAR)
- Octreotide may be given during lutathera therapy for symptom management starting 4-24 hrs after the start of therapy
- All patients should receive amino acid solution 30 minutes before lutathera and continue during and x 3 hrs post infusion for renal protection



### Audience response question #3

Administration of amino acid solution around Lutathera infusion provides a rescue for healthy tissues.

- a. True
- b. False



# Apalutamide (Erleada®)

- Approved in February 2018 for patients with nonmetastatic, castration resistant (NM-CR) prostate cancer
- MOA: androgen receptor inhibitor that impedes AR nuclear translocation, inhibits DNA binding and transcription resulting in increased apoptosis
- Dose: 240 mg by mouth once daily
  - Can be taken with or without food



#### Clinical data

- SPARTAN trial
  - ► Randomized, double-blind, placebo controlled
  - ▶ 1207 patients with NM-CR prostate cancer
  - Apalutamide + androgen deprivation therapy (ADT) (n=806) vs placebo + ADT (n=401)
- Median metastasis free survival:
  - ▶ 40.5 months in apalutamide arm
  - ▶ 16.2 months in placebo arm
  - ► HR 0.28, 95% CI 0.23 0.35
- > 72% lower risk of metastasis or death in apalutamide group



#### Adverse events

- Fatigue
- Hypothyroidism 8.1%
- Rash 23.8%
- Nausea and diarrhea
- Hot flashes
- Arthralgia
- Fractures 12%
- Peripheral edema



# Place in therapy and clinical pearls

- Treatment option for men with NM-CR prostate cancer who are at high risk for developing metastatic disease
- Dose adjustments are needed if used with strong CYP2C9 or CYP3A4 inhibitors/inducers
- Bone mineral density should be assessed for all patients receiving apalutemide
- Gonadotropin-releasing hormone analogue should be given concomitantly
  - Exception: patients s/p documented, bilateral orchiectomy



# Daunorubicin and cytarabine liposome for injection (CPX351; Vyxeos®)

- Approved in August 2017 for treatment of adults with newly diagnosed, therapy-related AML (t-AML) or AML with myelodysplasia related changes (AML-MRC)
- MOA: Liposomal formulation of daunorubicin and cytarabine at a fixed 1:5 molar ratio. Intracellularly, liposomes undergo degradation releasing cytarabine and daunorubicin within the intracellular environment.



# Dosage and administration

#### Induction

Doxorubicin 44 mg/m2 and cytarabine 100 mg/m2 liposome given intravenously over 90 minutes on days 1,3 and 5 (and on days 1 and 3 for subsequent cycles if needed

#### Consolidation

Doxorubicin 29 mg/m2 and cytarabine 65 mg/m2 liposome given intravenously over 90 minutes on days 1 and 3



#### Clinical data

- Phase 3, randomized, multicenter, open-label, activecontrolled trial compared liposomal doxorubicin/cytarabine to standard 7+3 in 309 patients with newly diagnosed t-AML or AML-MRC
- Liposomal cytarabine and daunorubicin demonstrated superior OS (HR 0.69, p=0.005; median OS 9.56 versus 5.95 months), EFS (HR 0.74, p=0.021) and CR + Cri response (47.7% versus 33.3%, p=0.016)
- Adverse events were similar between treatment and control arms. Grade 3 thrombocytopenia with associated hemorrhagic events and grade 4 neutropenia were higher in patients treated with liposomal formulation



# Monitoring parameters

- Cardiac function evaluation
  - MUGA
- Hypersensitivity reactions
  - Routine premedication not recommended prior to first dose
- Copper overload
  - reconstituted liposomal daunorubicin and cytarabine contains 5mg/ml copper gluconate



# Place in therapy and clinical pearls

- Should be considered in adults age 60 to 75 with T-AML or AML-MRC who are candidates for intensive chemotherapy
- Liposomal formulation is deep purple color and may alter color of patient's urine, sweat and tears



# Gemtuzumab ozogamicin (Mylotarg®)

- Approved in September 2017 for the treatment of newly diagnosed CD-33+ AML in adults and for treatment of relapsed or refractory CD-33+ AML in adults and pediatric patients > 2 years old
- MOA: CD33 directed humanized monoclonal antibody drug conjugated to calicheamicin, which is a cytotoxic agent that is internalized by the cell and induces double strand DNA breaks, leading to cell cycle arrest and apoptotic cell death.



### Dosage and administration

- Newly diagnosed AML (single agent regimen)
  - ▶ Induction: 6 mg/m² on day 1 and 3 mg/m² on day 8
  - Continuation: 2 mg/m2 on day 1 every 4 weeks up to 8 cycles
- Newly diagnosed AML (combination regimen)
  - ► Induction: 3 mg/m² (up to 4.5 mg) on day 1,4 and 7 in combination with daunorubicin and cytarabine
  - Consolidation
- Relapsed or refractory AML
  - 3 mg/m2 on days 1,4 and 7
- Administer over 2 hours and use in-line 0.2 micron polyetersulfone filter
  - Premedicate with acetaminophen, diphenhydramine and methylprednisolone



#### Clinical data

- ALFA-0701 <sup>1</sup>
  - Newly diagnosed AML
  - "7+3" with or without gemtuzumab
  - Event free survival 17.3 months in gemtuzumab group vs 9.5 months in control group, HR 0.56 (95% CI 0.42 0.76)
- ► AML-19<sup>2</sup>
  - Newly diagnosed AML
  - Gemtuzumab vs best supportive care
  - Median OS 4.9 months in gemtuzumab group vs 3.6 months in control group, HR 0.69 (95% CI 0.53 - 0.90)
- ► MyloFrance-1<sup>3</sup>
  - AML in first relapse
  - Gemtuzumab induction followed by cytarbine consolidation
  - ► CR in 26% of patients after single course of gemtuzumab with median relapse free survival of 11.6 months
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#### Adverse events

- Veno-occlusive disease (VOD)
- Hemorrhage
- Infection and fever
- Nausea and vomiting headache
- Liver function tests elevation
- Rash
- Mucositis
- QT prolongation



# Place in therapy and clinical pearls

- Should be considered in AML patients with high CD33 expression and those with intermediate or favorable cytogenetics
- Patients with FLT3-ITD positive AML have a better response due to higher CD33 expression
- Monitor QTc and electrolytes



### Audience response question #4

Gemtuzumab is indicated for treatment of patients with CD 33 positive AML in first relapse based on results of this trial

- a. ALFA-0701
- b. MyloFrance-1
- c. AML-19
- d. Zuma



### Enasidenib (Idhifa®)

- Approved in August 2017 for patients with relapsed/refractory AML with and isocitrate dehydrogenase-2 (IDH2) mutation as detected by and FDA approved test
- MOA: Small molecule inhibitor of the IDH2 enzyme. Inhibition of the IDH2 enzyme results in lower levels of 2-hydroxyglutarate (2-HG) and induced myeloid differentiation with reduced blast counts and increased percentages of mature myeloid cells
- Dosing: 100 mg by mouth once daily until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity



#### Clinical data

- AG221-C-001
  - ▶ 199 adults with relapsed or refractory AML with IDH2 mutation
  - Enasidenib 100 mg once PO once daily
  - ▶ 19% patient achieved CR and 4% pf patients achieved CR with partial hematological recovery
  - ► Median response duration was 8.2 months
  - Median follow up was 6.6 months



# Monitoring parameters

- Liver function tests
- Differentiation syndrome
- Leukocytosis and tumor lysis syndrome labs



# Place in therapy and clinical pearls

- Option for patients with relapsed or refractory AML with IDH2 mutation
- Mutational testing required using companion device to test for IDH2 mutations, the Abbott RealTime™ IDH2 assay prior to initiation of therapy
  - Diagnostic test may be done on bone marrow sample or peripheral blood
- Minimum of 6 months of therapy needed before a clinical response is observed
- Patient assistance program available through Celgene Patient Support



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