



# Chimeric Antigen Receptor T-cells therapy

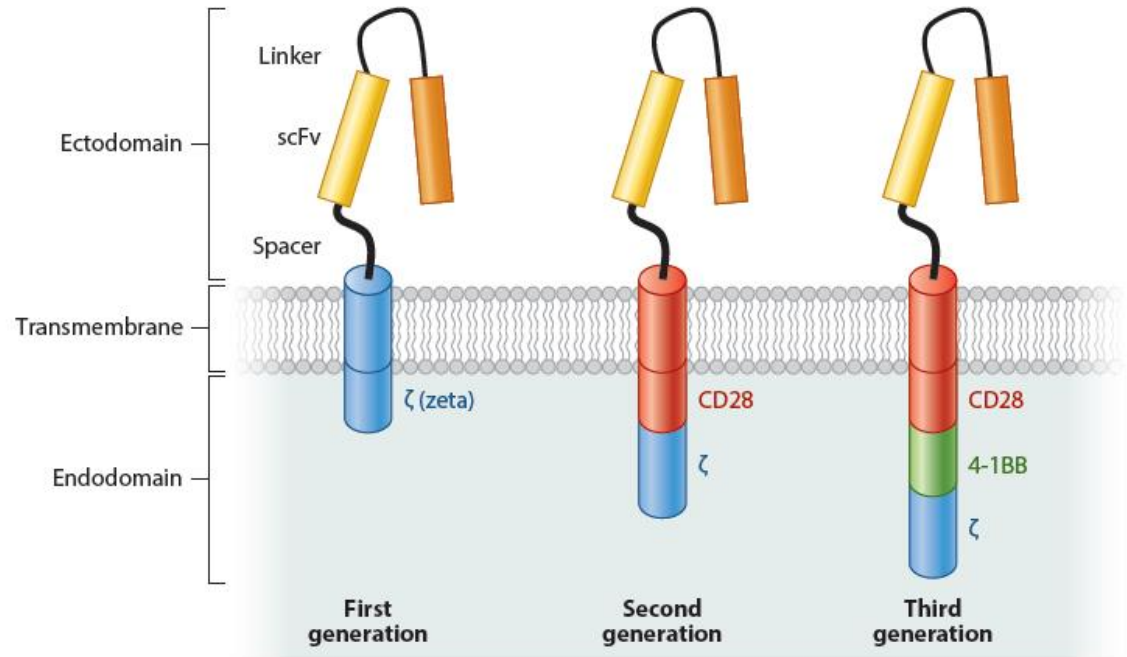
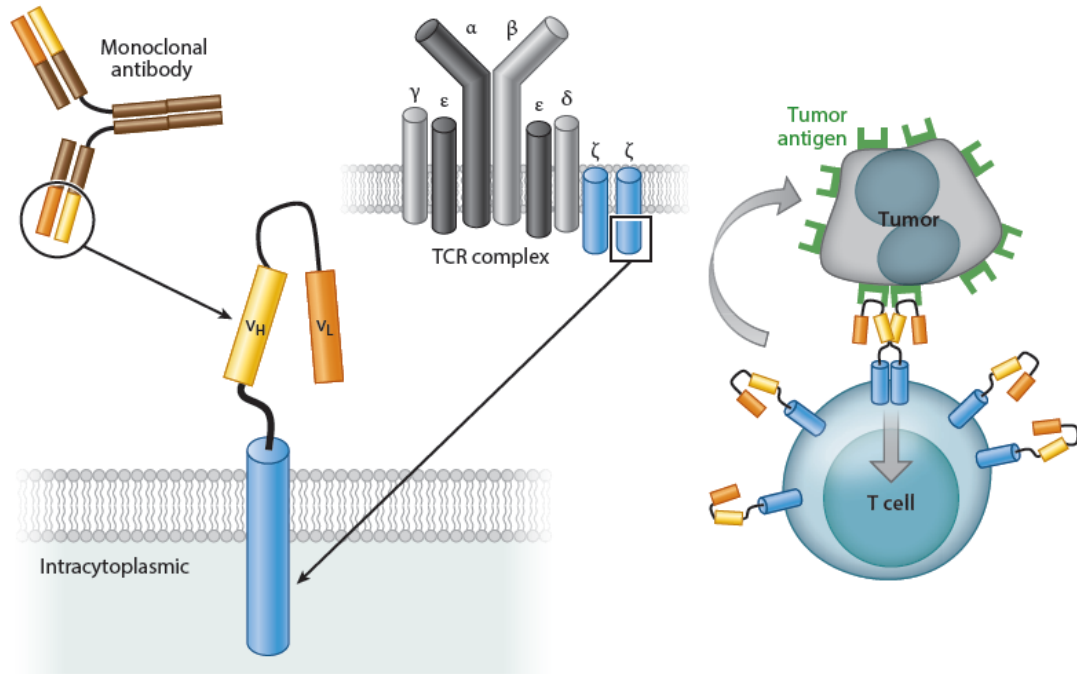
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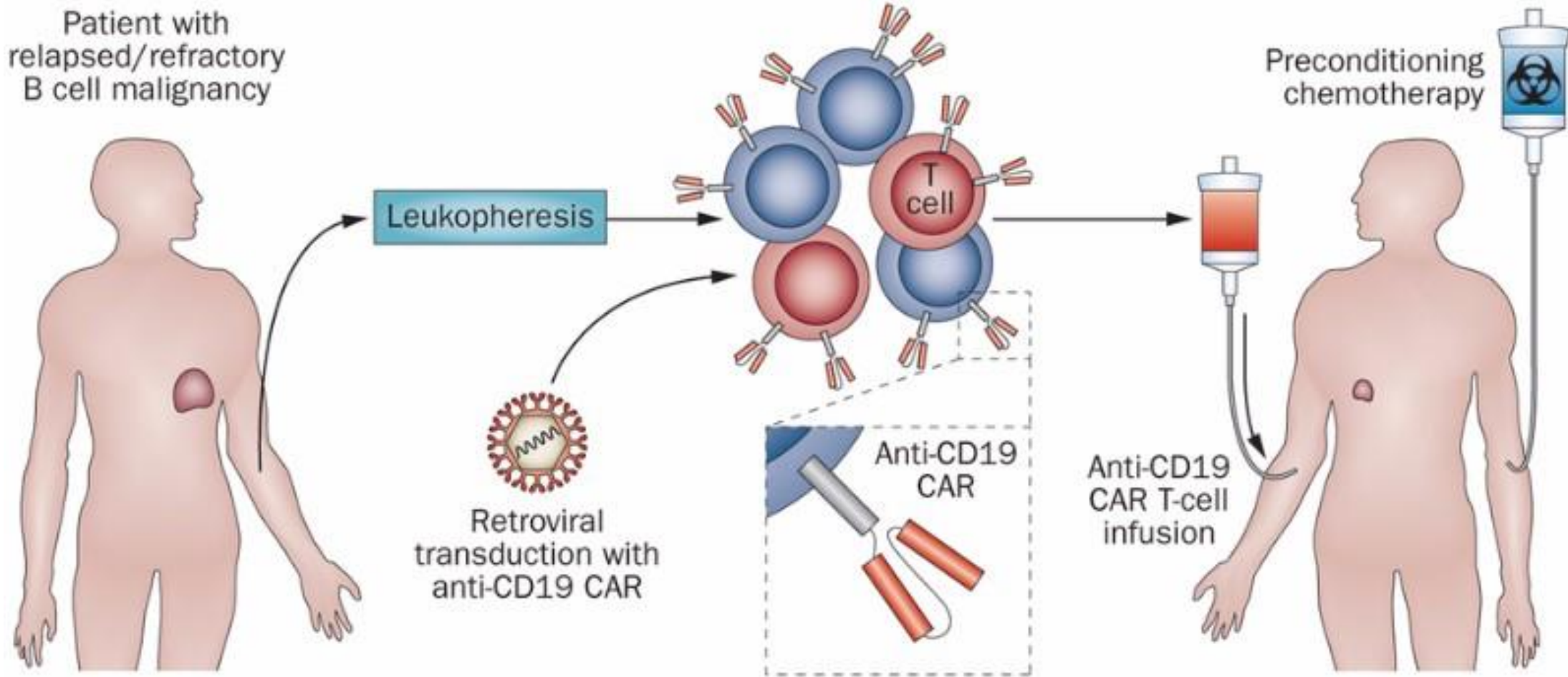
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## Prefix

Suggest by manufacturer

## Infixes

Manipulation:

- *gene* for transduced by a vector /virus
- *cabta* for cell expressed antibody and T cell activation

Cell type:

- *leuc* for leucocyte

## Suffixes

*Cel* for Use for cell therapy

**Axi-cabta/gene- Cila-Leu-**

# The Concept

- **Tisa-gene- Lec-leucel**
  - KYMRIA<sup>®</sup>
    - ALL
- **Axi-cabtagene- Cila-Leucel**
  - YESCARTA<sup>®</sup>
    - Lymphome
- **Lisa- cabtagene-Mara-Leucel**

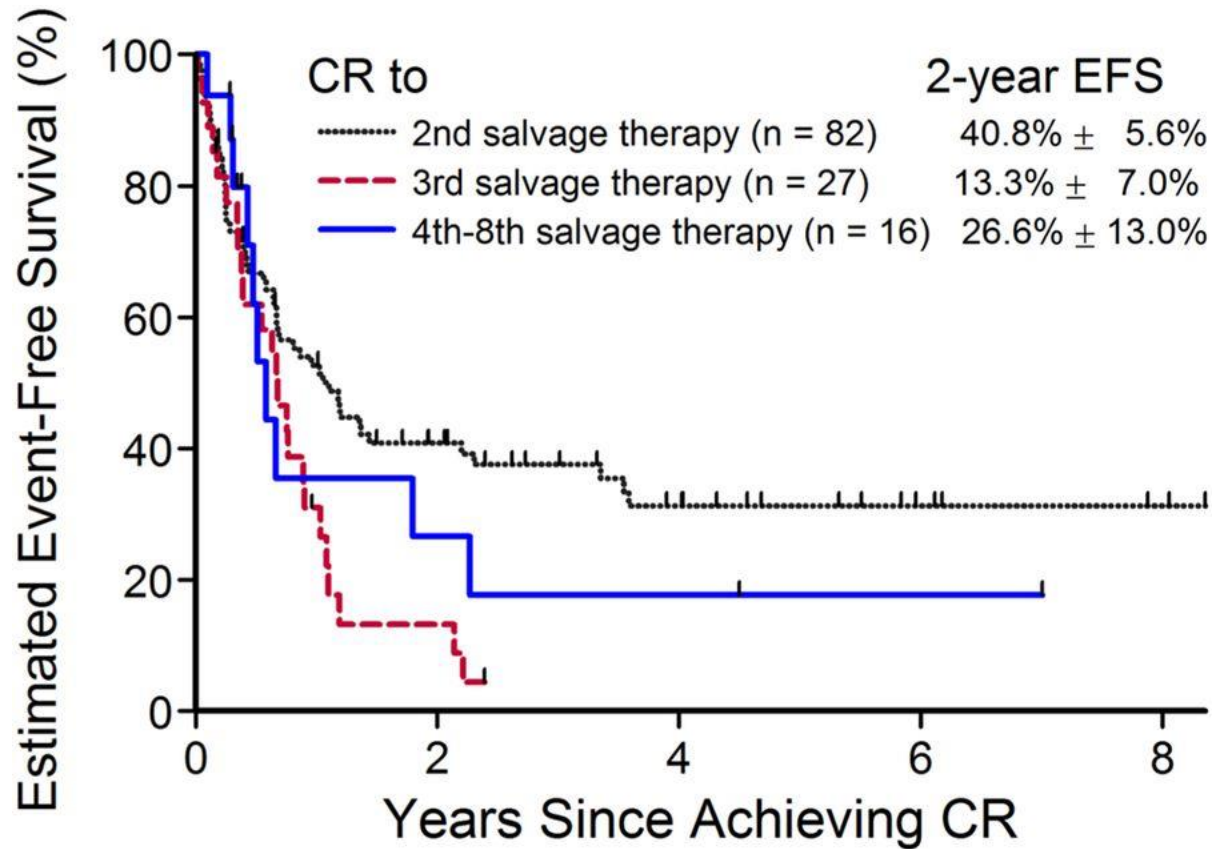


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- **Indications and results in Hematology**
- **Toxicities**
- **Future development**
- **Issues**

# R/R Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia



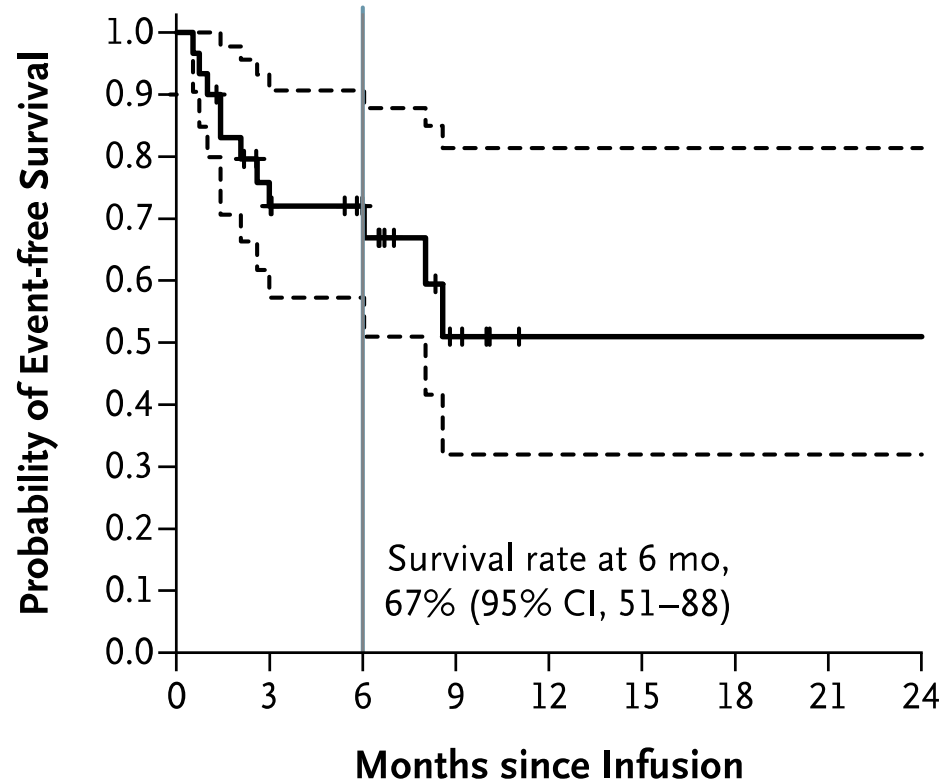
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Maude SL et al. N Engl J Med. 2014; 371: 1507-17.

**Table 1. Baseline Characteristics of the Patients.\***

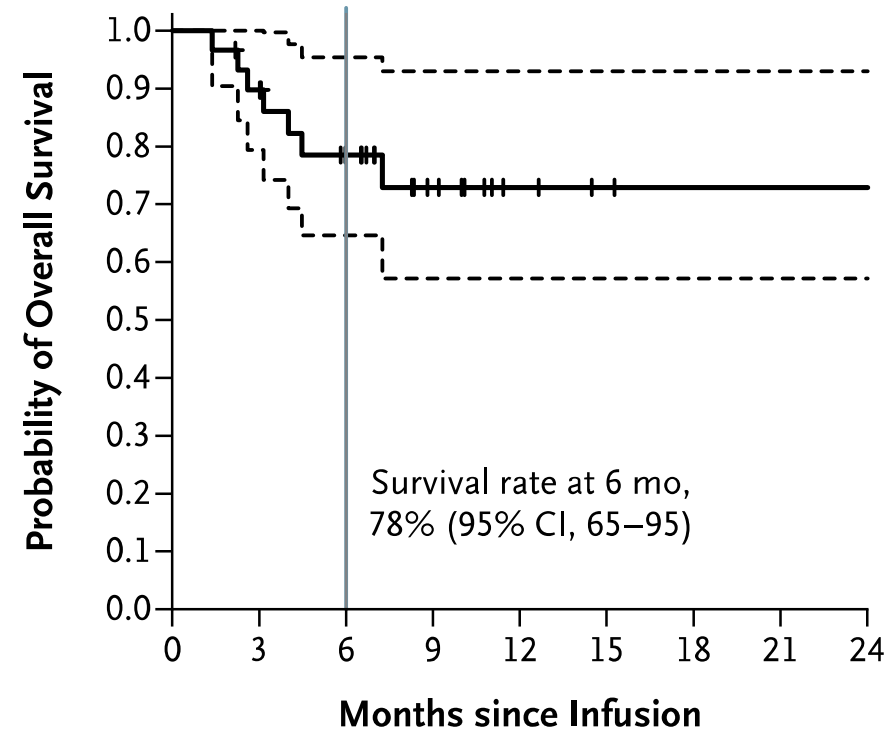
Characteristic	Pediatric Cohort (N=25)	Adult Cohort (N=5)	Total (N=30)
Sex — no. (%)			
Female	11 (44)	1 (20)	12 (40)
Male	14 (56)	4 (80)	18 (60)
Age at infusion — yr			
Median	11	47	14
Range	5–22	26–60	5–60
Allogeneic transplantation — no. (%)	18 (72)	0	18 (60)
Primary refractory disease — no. (%)	0	3 (60)	3 (10)
Relapse — no. (%)			
1	3 (12)	2 (40)	5 (17)
≥2	22 (88)		22 (73)
Baseline burden of acute lymphoblastic leukemia — no. (%)			
Presence of detectable disease†	20 (80)	4 (80)	24 (80)
Morphologic remission‡		1 (20)	1 (3)
Absence of minimal residual disease	5 (20)		5 (17)
High-risk cytogenetic factors — no.			
<i>BCR-ABL1</i>	2		
<i>IKZF1</i> deletion	2		
<i>iAMP21</i>	1		
<i>MLL</i> translocation	1		
Hypodiploidy	2		
CNS status — no.§			
CNS-1	23		
CNS-2	2		

# R/R Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia



No. of Patients: 30, 19, 14, 5, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1

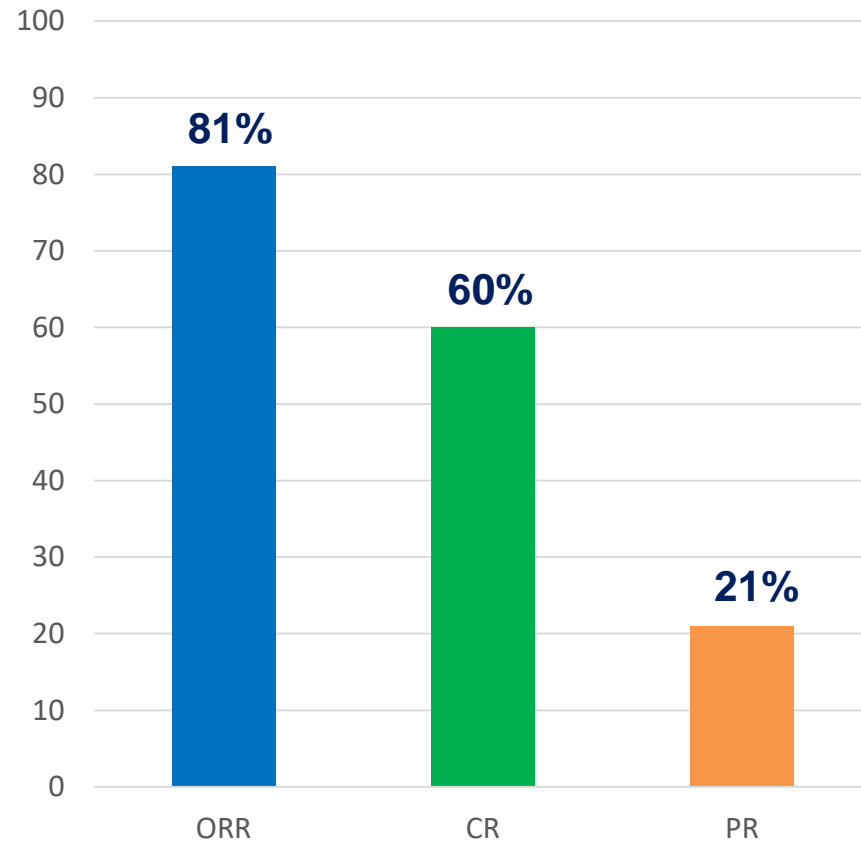
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No. of Patients: 30, 26, 19, 10, 4, 2, 1, 1, 1



# R/R Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia

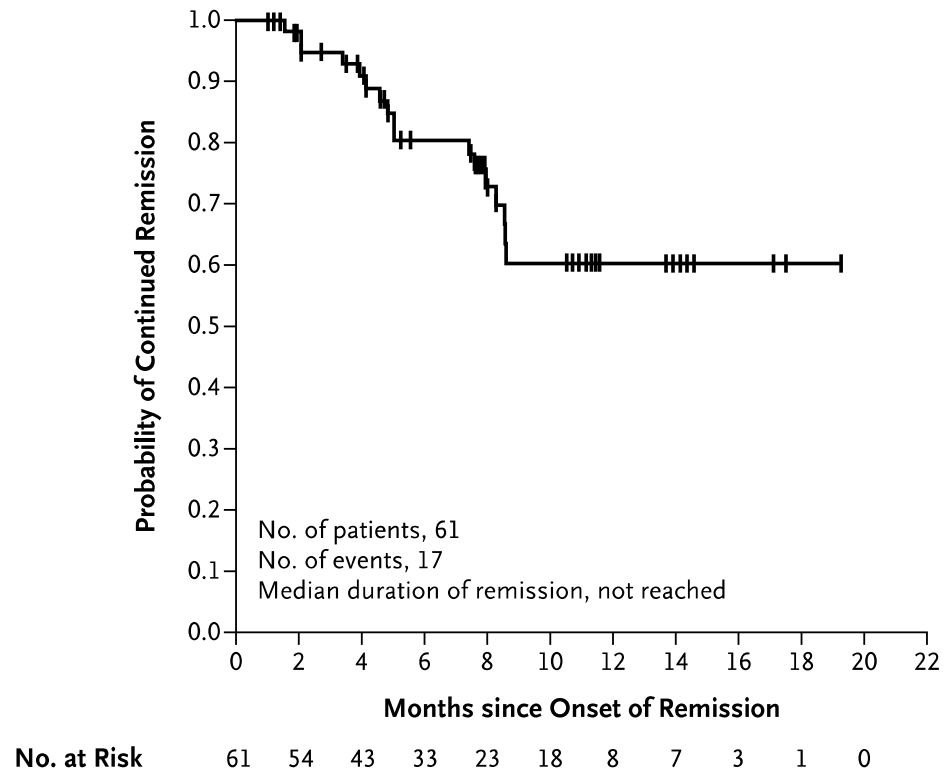


*100% of CR patients had undetectable MRD.*

*CAR-T anti CD19.*

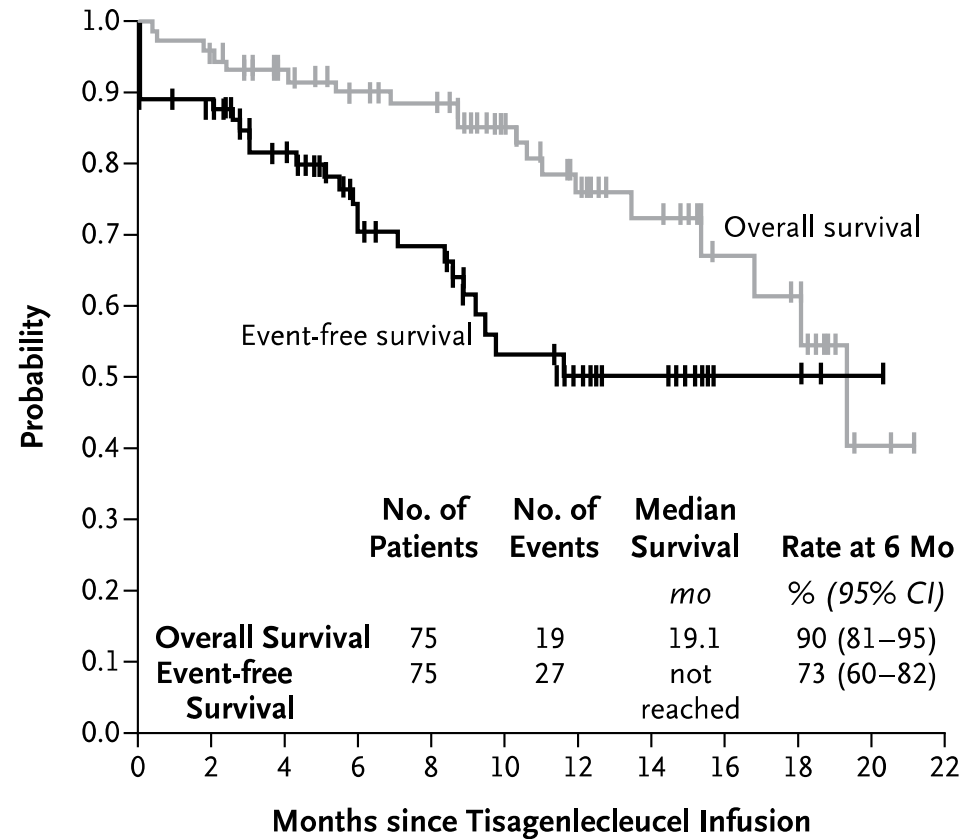
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**A** Duration of Remission



# R/R Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia

## B Event-free and Overall Survival

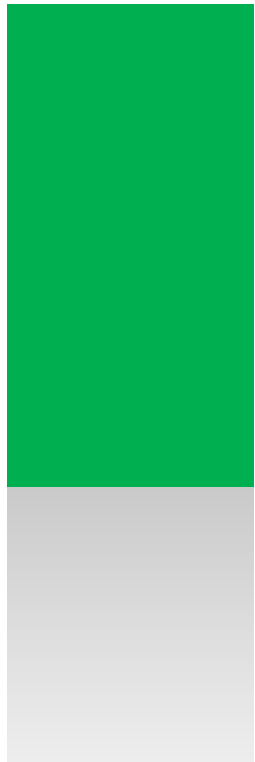


### No. at Risk

Overall survival	75	72	64	58	55	40	30	20	12	8	2	0
Event-free survival	75	64	51	37	33	19	13	8	3	3	1	0

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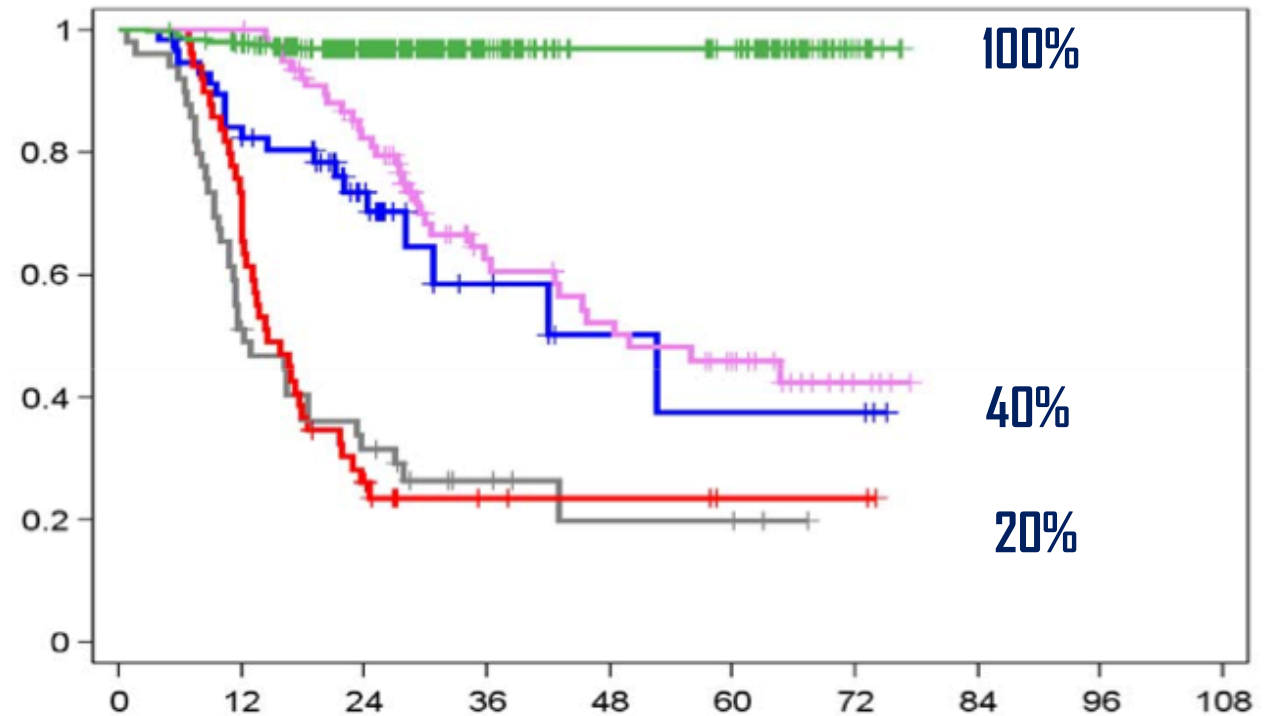
# Refractory DLBCL



**Cured with R-CHOP  
 (50-60%)**

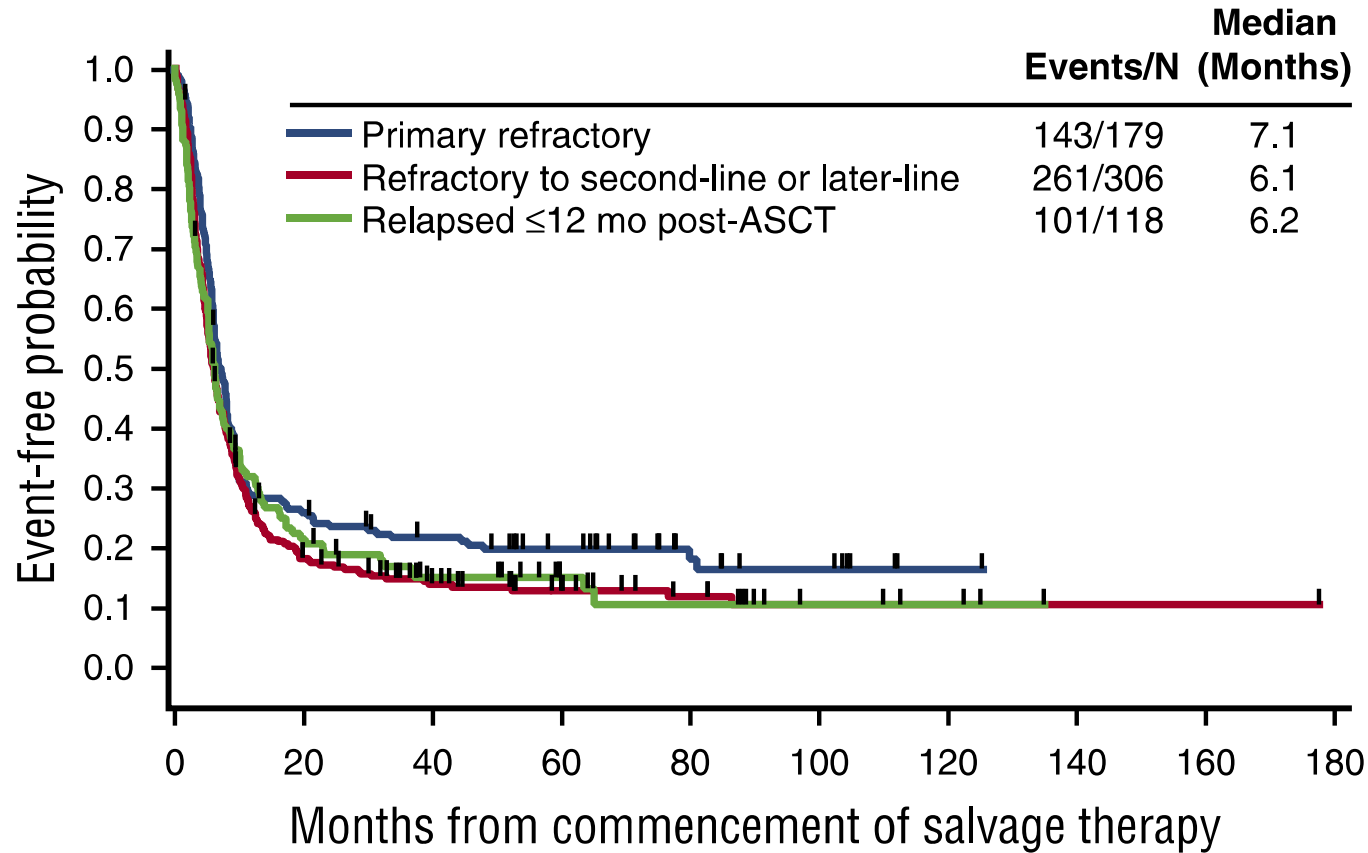
**Late Relapse or PR after  
 chemotherapy  
 (25 to 35%)**

**Refractory and early relapse  
 (15 to 25%)**



# Refractory DLBCL

## SCHOLAR-1



- ORR : 26%  
- CR: 7%  
- mOS: 6.3 mo

- **Refractory disease: PD or SD as best response at anytime of treatment or relapsed < 12 mo post-ASCT**
- **N=636**

# ZUMA-1: Baseline Characteristics

<b>Characteristic</b>	<b>Phase 1 and 2 N = 108</b>
Median (range) age, y	58 (23 – 76)
≥ 65 y, n (%)	27 (25)
Male, n (%)	73 (68)
ECOG 1, n (%)	62 (57)
Disease stage III/IV, n (%)	90 (83)
IPI score 3-4, n (%)	48 (44)
≥ 3 prior therapies, n (%)	76 (70)
<b>Refractory Subgroup Before Enrollment</b>	<b>Phase 1 and 2 N = 108</b>
Refractory to second- or later-line therapy, n (%)	80 (74)
Best response as PD to last prior therapy	70 (65)
Relapse post-ASCT, n (%)	25 (23)

ASCT, autologous stem cell transplant; ECOG, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group; IPI, International Prognostic Index.



# ZUMA-1: Objective Response

	Phase 2 Primary Analysis N = 101		Phase 1 and 2 Updated Analysis N = 108	
Median follow-up, mo	8.7		15.4	
	ORR	CR	ORR	CR
Best objective response, %	82	54	82	58
Ongoing, %	44	39	42	40

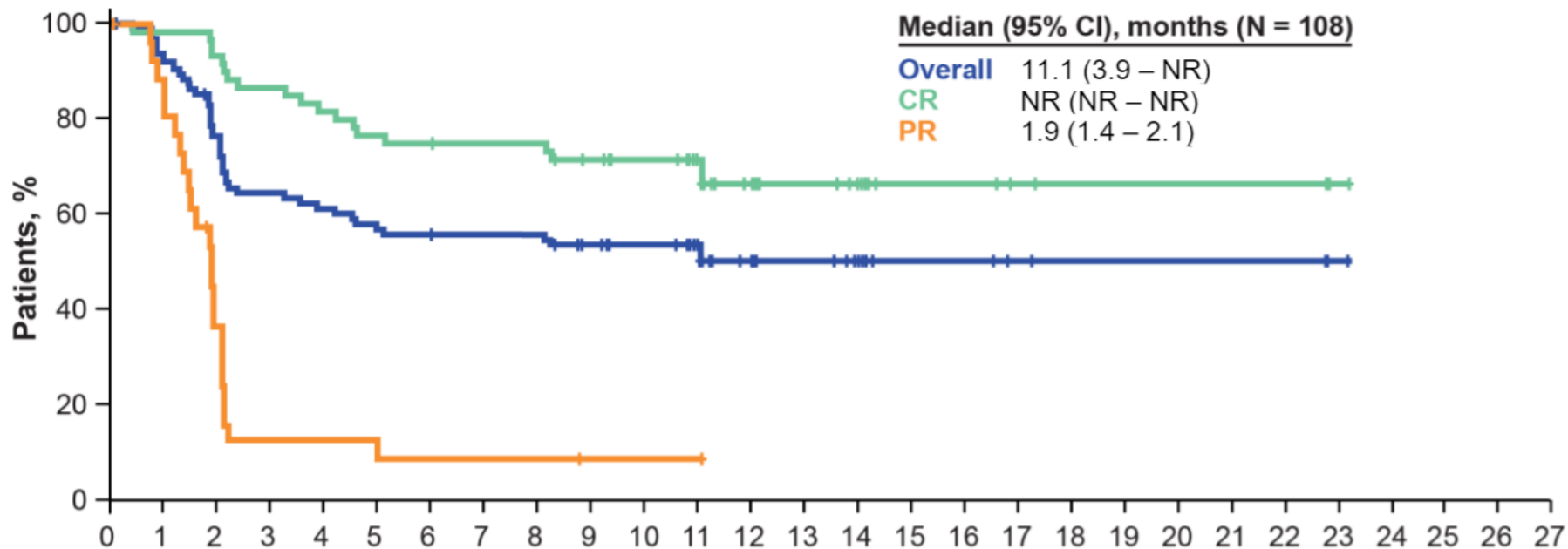
- 57% of patients in phase 1 obtained a CR
- In the updated analysis, 23/60 patients with either a PR (11/35) or SD (12/25) at the first tumor assessment (1 mo post-axi-cel) subsequently achieved CR up to 15 months post-infusion without additional therapy
  - Median (range) time to conversion from PR to CR = 64 (49 – 424) days

Response was evaluated by investigator assessment.

CR, complete response; ORR, objective response rate; PR, partial response; SD, stable disease.



# ZUMA-1: Duration of Response by Best Objective Response



	Duration of Response, months																											
Patients at Risk	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Overall	89	82	67	56	53	49	48	47	47	42	38	31	19	16	12	6	6	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	1	0		
CR	63	61	58	53	50	47	46	45	45	41	37	30	19	16	12	6	6	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	1	0		
PR	26	21	9	3	3	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	0															

- Median duration of CR has not been reached
- 3/7 (43%) phase 1 patients have ongoing CR at 24 months

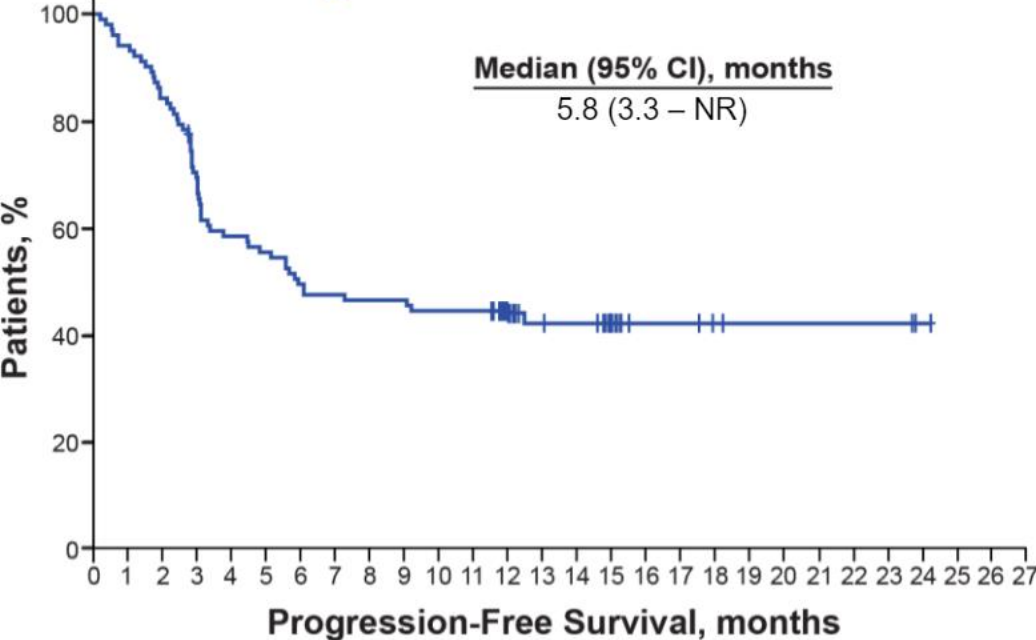
CR, complete response; NR, not reached; PR, partial response.





# ZUMA-1 at Median Follow-Up of 15.4 Months: 42% Progression-Free and 56% Alive

**Progression-Free Survival**

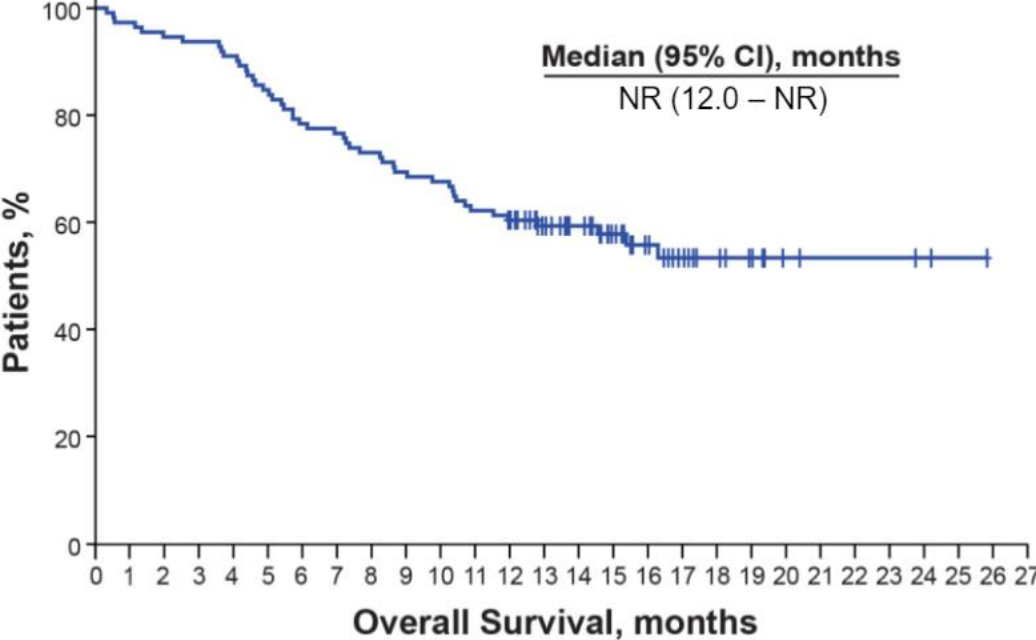


**Patients at Risk**

108 90 61 52 49 47 34 20 6 4 3 3 1

Landmark	PFS
6-month	49
12-month	44
18-month	41

**Overall Survival**



**Patients at Risk**

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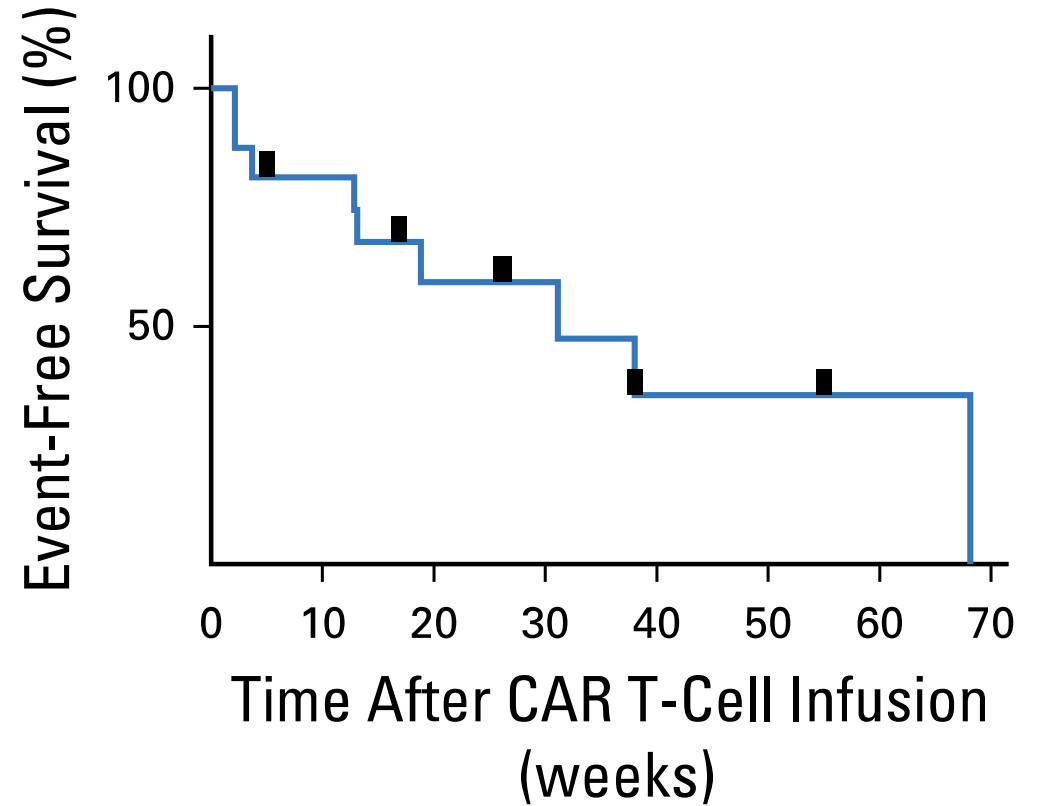
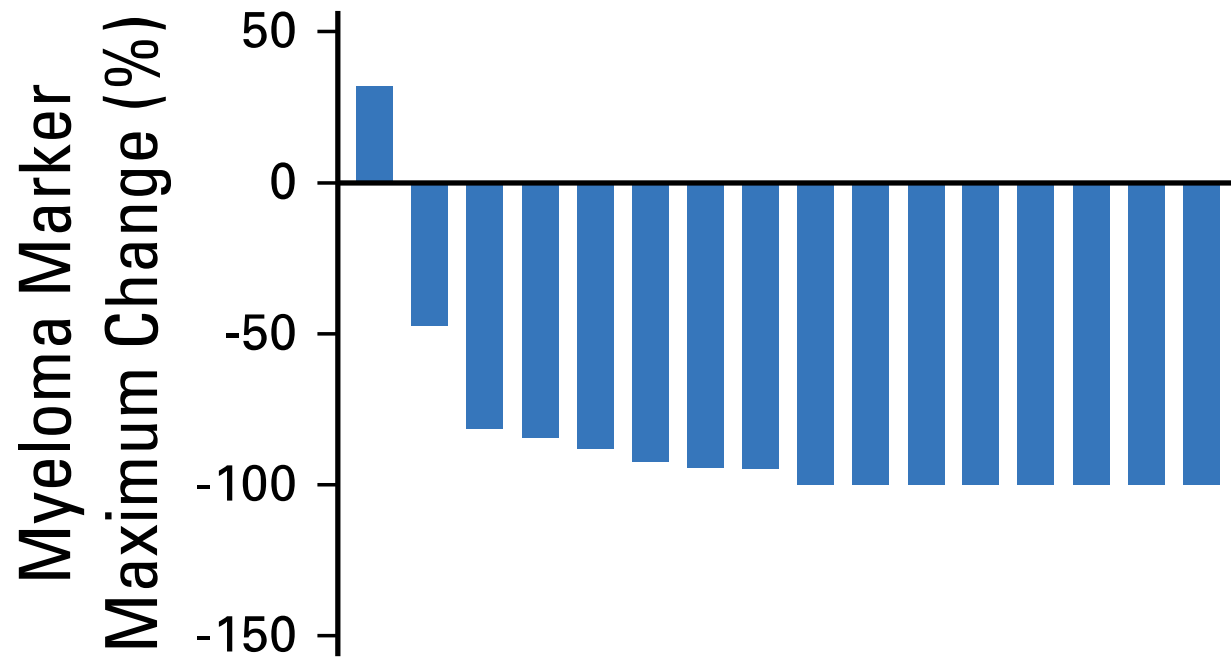
Landmark	OS
6-month	78
12-month	59
18-month	52

NR, not reached; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival.





# R/R Multiple Myeloma



*CAR-T anti B Cell Maturation Antigen.*

# Toxicities



Cytokines Release Syndrome (CRS)

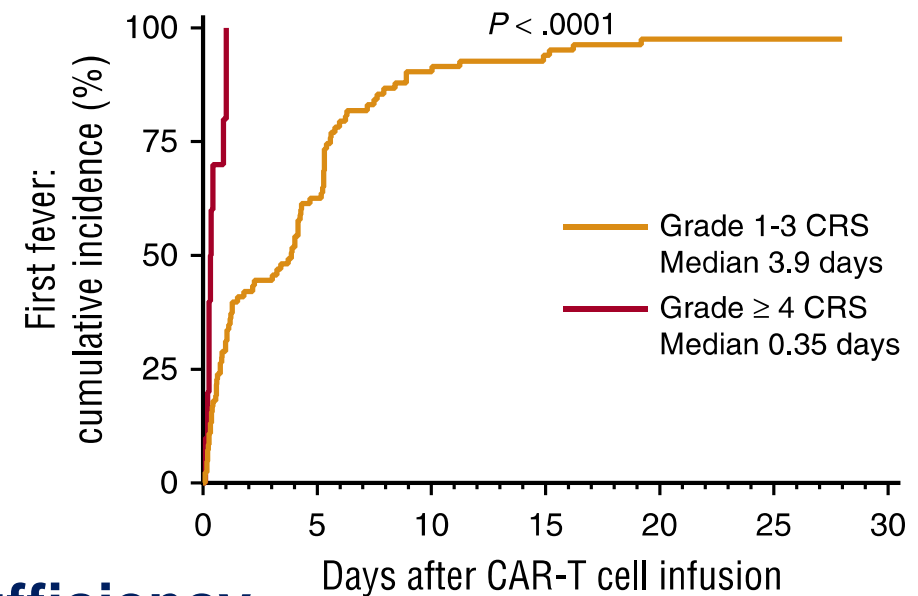


Neurotoxicities

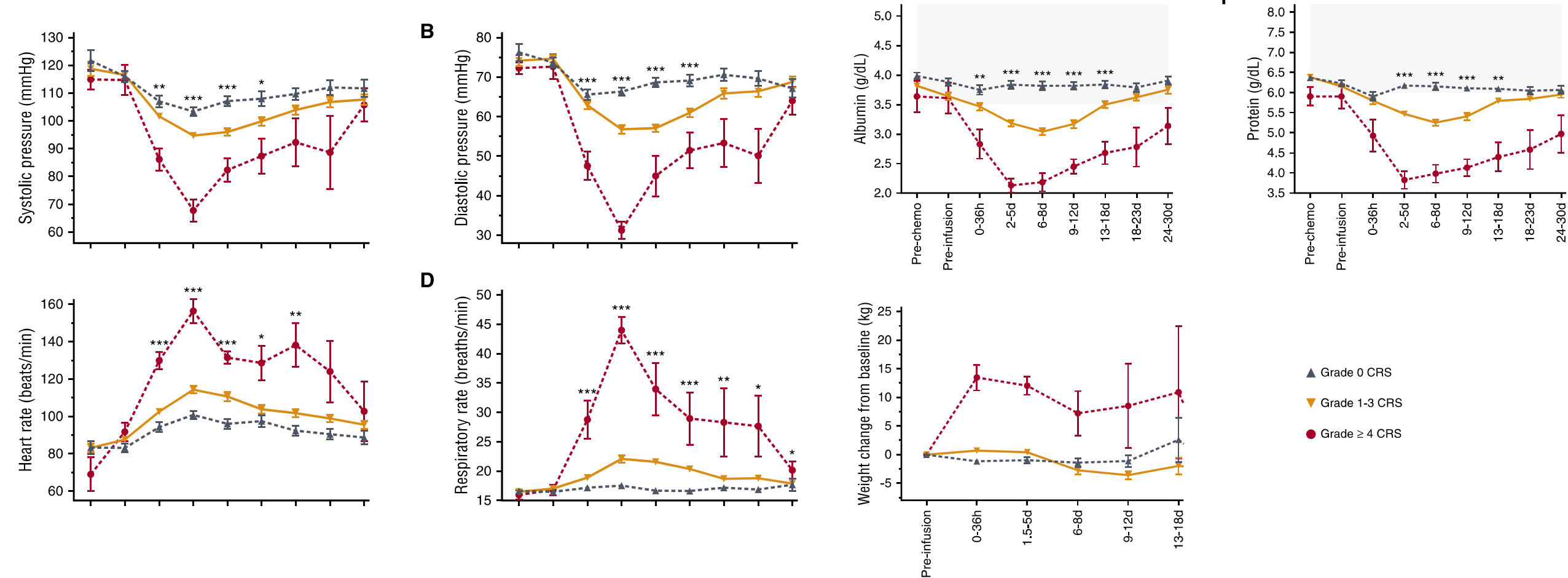
# Cytokines Release Syndrome

## ■ Symptoms

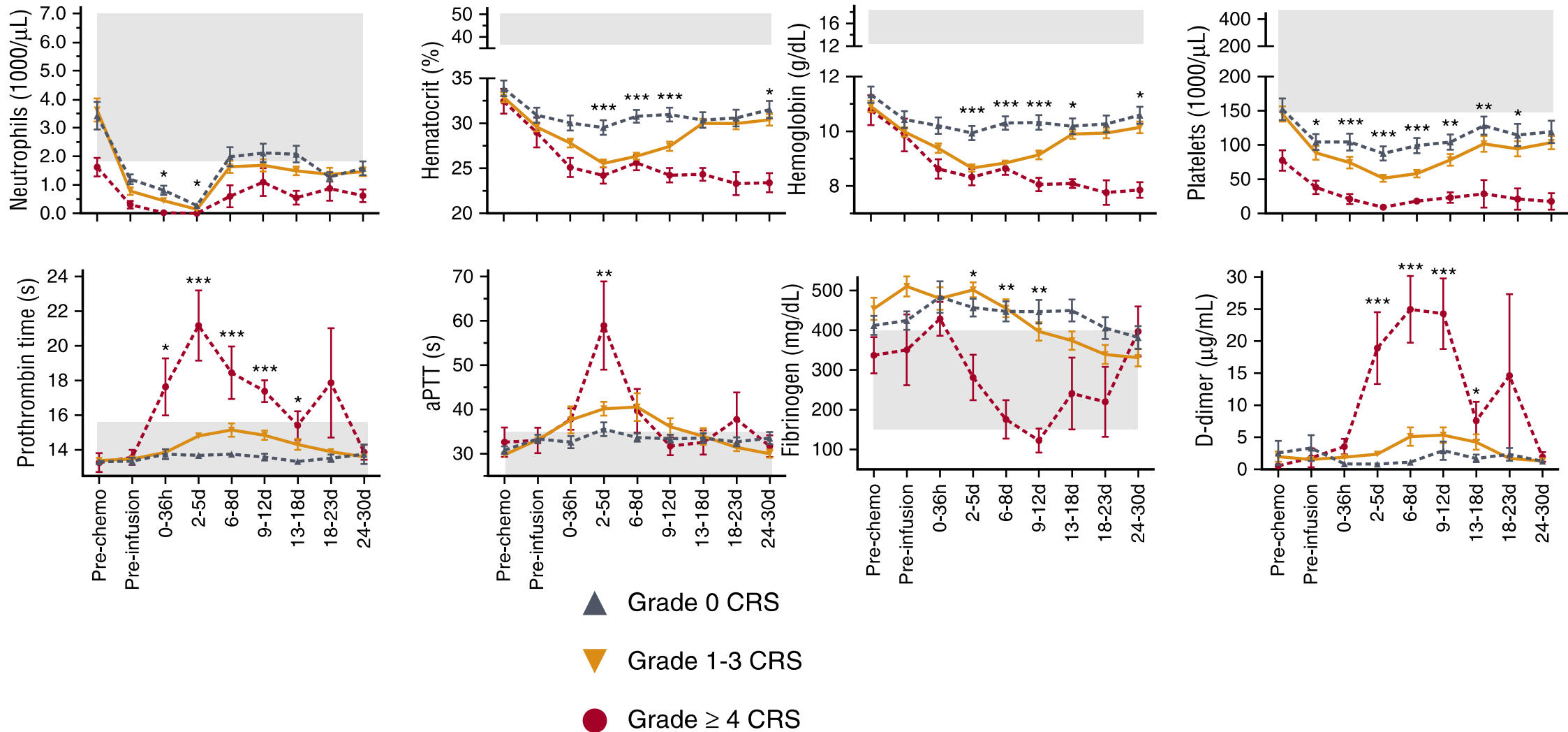
- **Fever**
- **Hypotension**
- **Coagulopathy**
- **Capillary leak**
- **Respiratory and Cardiovascular insufficiency**
- **More frequent in ALL/NHL**



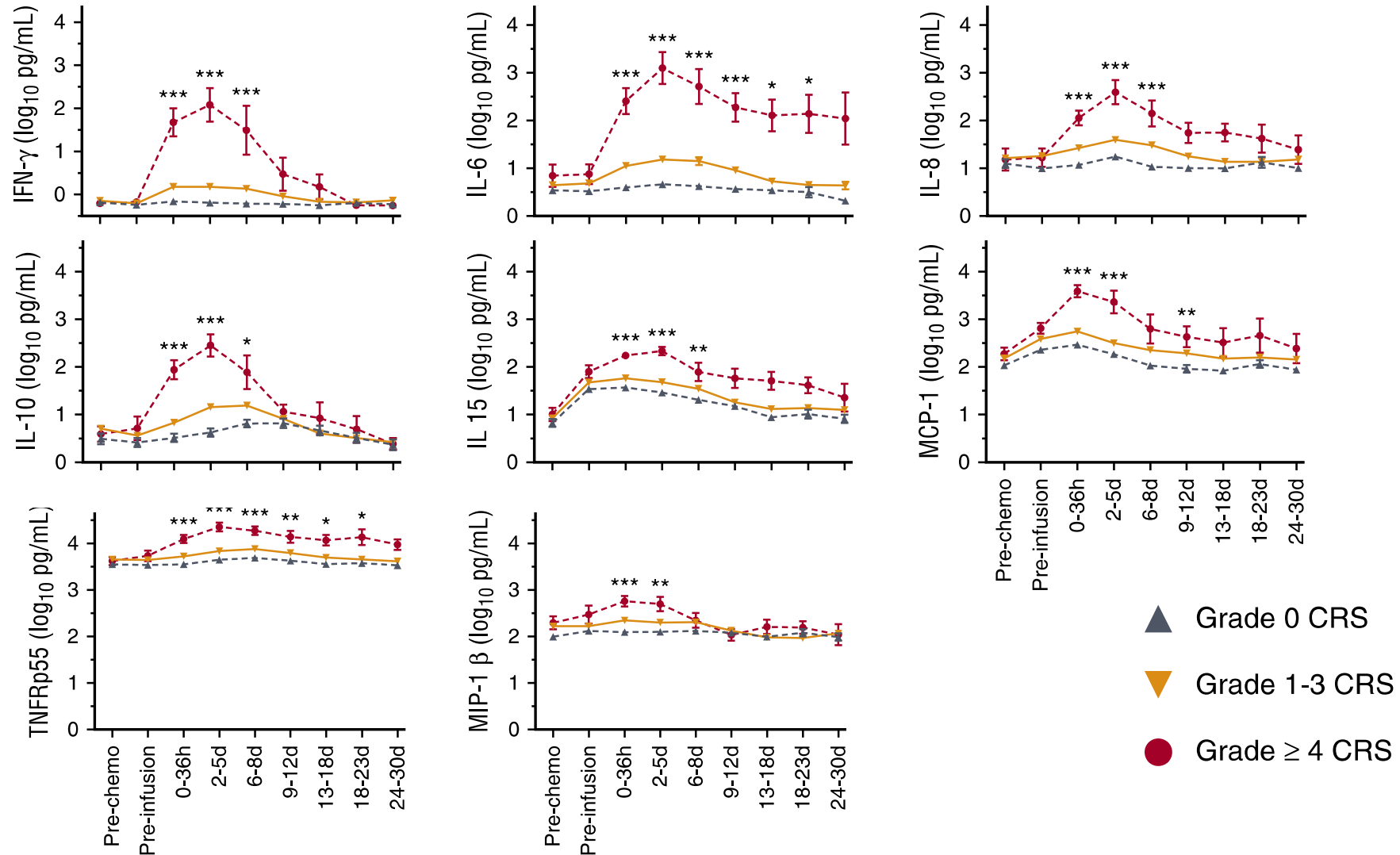
# Cytokines Release Syndrome: symptoms



# Cytokines Release Syndrome: biology



# Cytokines Release Syndrome: cytokine profile



# Cytokines Release Syndrome: risk factors

Risk factors
Marrow disease burden
Platelet count
CD8+ selection method
CPM-FDR lymphodepletion
CAR-T cells dose

# Cytokines Release Syndrome: treatment by tocilizur...

Characteristics and treatment	CTL019 series (n = 45) n (%)	KTE-C19 series (n = 15) n (%)
Baseline CRS grade		
Grade 3	10 (22.2)	14 (93.3)
Grade 4	35 (77.8)	1 (6.7)
CRS duration prior to tocilizumab		
0–4 days	23 (51.1)	12 (80.0)
>4 days	22 (48.9)	3 (20.0)
Number of tocilizumab doses		
1 dose	25 (55.5)	6 (40.0)
2 doses	13 (28.9)	5 (33.3)
≥3 doses	7 (15.6)	4 (26.7)
Number of tocilizumab doses daily		
Single daily dose	43 (95.6)	10 (66.7)
Multiple doses per day	2 (4.4)	5 (33.3)
First tocilizumab dose level <sup>a</sup>		
8 mg/kg	38 (84.4)	15 (100)
12 mg/kg	7 (15.6)	0

Analyses	CTL019 series (n = 45) responders n (%), 95% CI)	KTE-C19 series (n = 15) responders n (%), 95% CI)
Primary analysis:		
Response by day 14	31 (68.9, 53.4–81.8)	8 (53.3, 26.6–78.7)
Additional analyses		
Response by day 2	9 (20.0, 9.6–34.6)	3 (20.0, 4.3–48.1)
Response by day 7	26 (57.8, 42.2–72.3)	8 (53.3, 26.6–78.7)
Response by day 21	31 (68.9, 53.4–81.8)	8 (53.3, 26.6–78.7)

Abbreviation: CI, confidence interval.



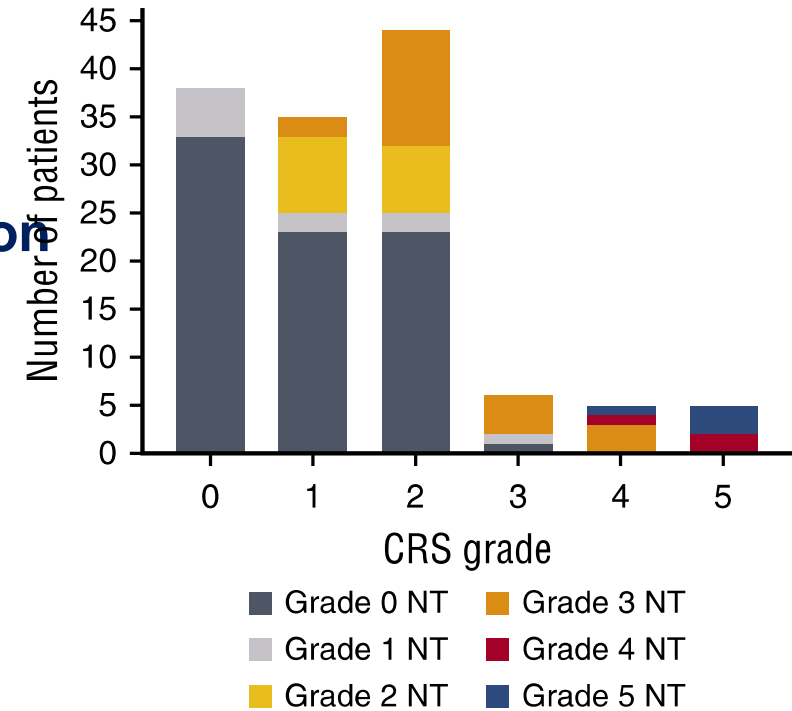
# Neurotoxicity: Symptoms

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- **Delirium**
- **Headache**
- **Decrease level of conscience or speech impairment**
- **Focal neurologic deficits**
- **Seizure**
- **Acute cerebral edema**
- **Usually after the onset of CRS or after its resolution**
- **More frequent in ALL/NHL**

# Neurotoxicity: mechanisms

- Unknown
- Secondary to CRS:
  - Endothelial activation and vascular dysfunction
    - Hypotension, capillary leak, consumptive coagulopathy



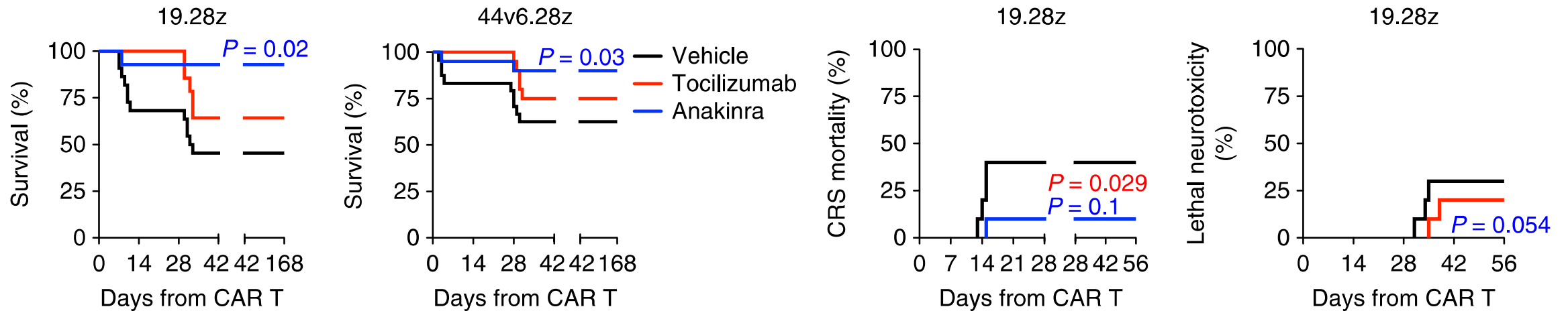
# Neurotoxicity: treatment

nature  
medicine

ARTICLES

<https://doi.org/10.1038/s41591-018-0036-4>

## Monocyte-derived IL-1 and IL-6 are differentially required for cytokine-release syndrome and neurotoxicity due to CAR T cells



# Future developments

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- **In Hematology**
  - **Multiple Myeloma (CD19, BCMA)**
  - **New targets: WT1, Survivin, PRAME**
- **In Oncology**
  - **Targets: EGFR/HER2, Mesothelin...**
- **Virus**
  - **HBsAg, CMV...**

# Future development

## IMMUNOTHERAPY

# Reengineering chimeric antigen receptor T cells for targeted therapy of autoimmune disease

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GASTROENTEROLOGY 2013;145:456-465

## T Cells Expressing a Chimeric Antigen Receptor That Binds Hepatitis B Virus Envelope Proteins Control Virus Replication in Mice

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# Issues

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- **Longer follow-up**
  - Efficacy
  - Toxicity
- **How to prevent CRS and NT**
  - Role of number of CAR-T infused
  - CD4/CD8 ratio
  - Role of chemotherapy
  - New generations of CAR-T
- **Cost**



# How to compare CAR-T cell therapies?



	JULIET	ZUMA	JUNO	BR-Pola
<b>CAR-T</b>	ScFvCD19 CD28/4- 1BB/CD3z	ScFvCD19 CD28/CD3z	ScFvCD19 CD28/4-1BB/CD3z	
<b>Ratio of enrollment (%)</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Median of availability (d)</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>17</b>		
<b>Bridging chemotherapy (%)</b>	Yes (90)	No		
<b>Lymphodepletion</b>	Ph Choice	Fu: 30mg/m <sup>2</sup> , D1-D3 CPM 500 mg/m <sup>2</sup> , D1-D3	Fu: 30mg/m <sup>2</sup> , D1-D3 CPM 300 mg/m <sup>2</sup> , D1-D3	
<b>Number of infused cells</b>	Median 5.10 <sup>8</sup>	2.10 <sup>6</sup> /kg	1.10 <sup>8</sup>	



# How to compare CAR-T cell therapies?



	JULIET	ZUMA	JUNO	BR-Pola
n	99	108	91	40
FU		15.4	6.3	11.1
Histology	DLBCL/FL	DLBCL/T-FL/PMBL	DLBCL/t-FL/MZL/FL	DLBCL
Prior ASCT (%)	47	23	42	
>= 3 prior therapies	50	70		
<b>CR at 6 months (%)</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>DOR for CR</b>	<b>NR</b>	<b>NR</b>	<b>NR</b>	
DOR for CR/PR		11.1	9.2	8.8
Death (%)	<b>3.6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>CRS grade <math>\geq 3/4</math> (%)</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>	
Onset/duration (d)	3/7	2/8	5/	
<b>NeuroTox grade <math>\geq 3/4</math> (%)</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>12</b>	
Onset/duration		5/17	10/	