

# CAR T CELL IMMUNOTHERAPY FOR ALL

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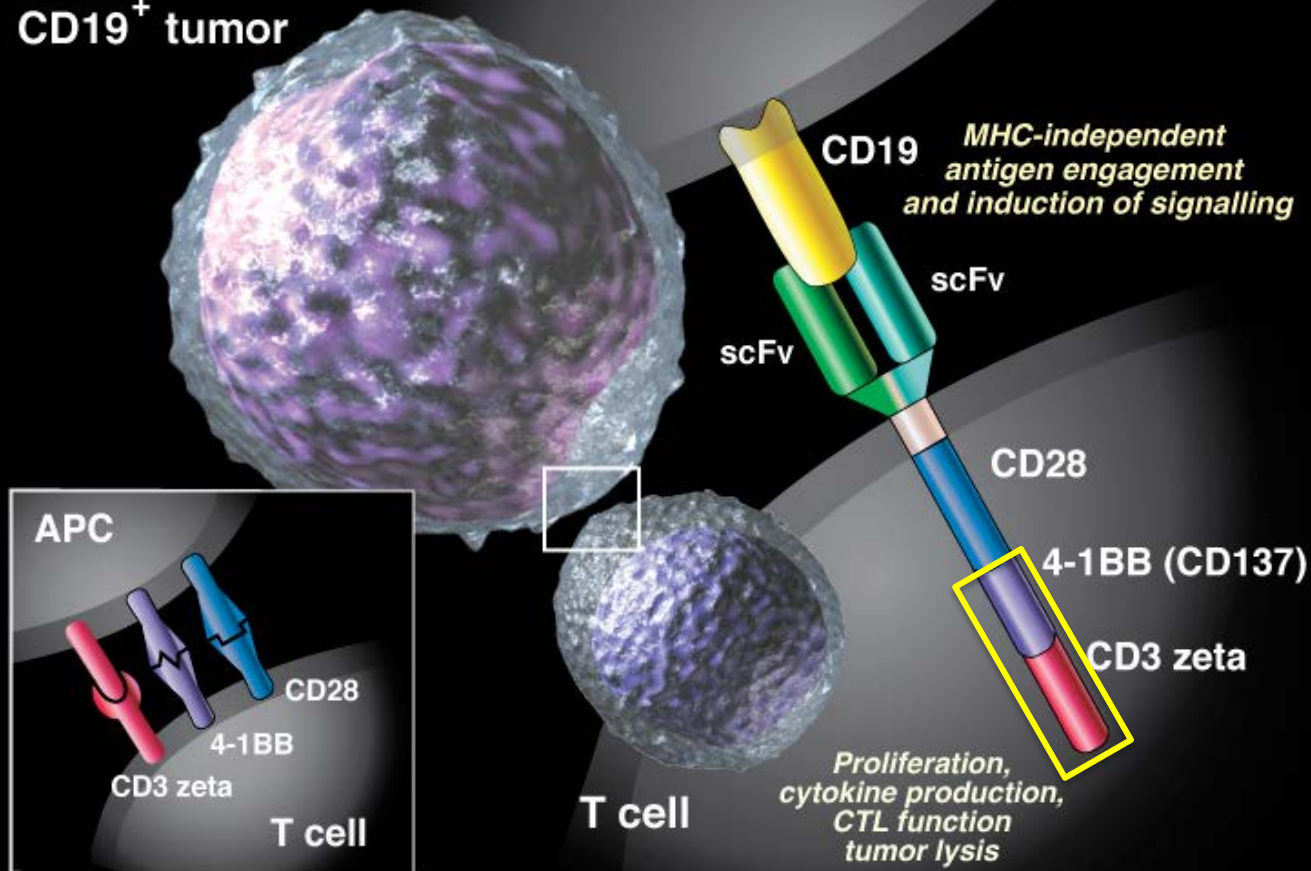


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# CHIMERIC ANTIGEN RECEPTOR (CAR)

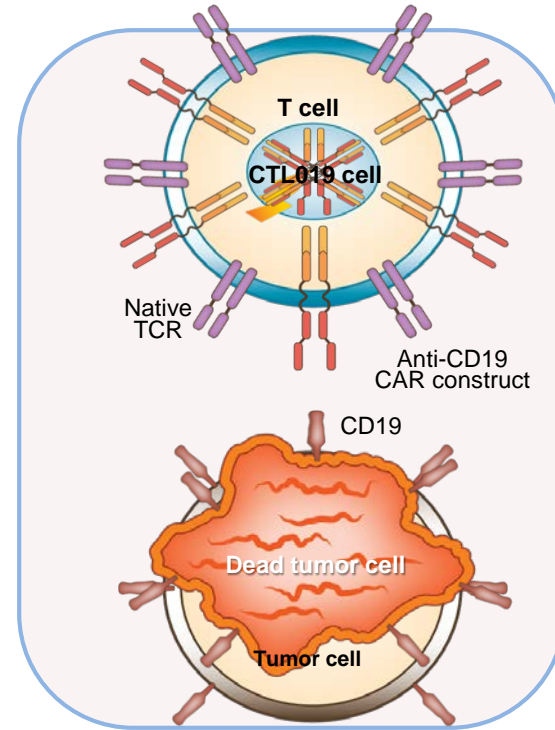
CD19<sup>+</sup> tumor



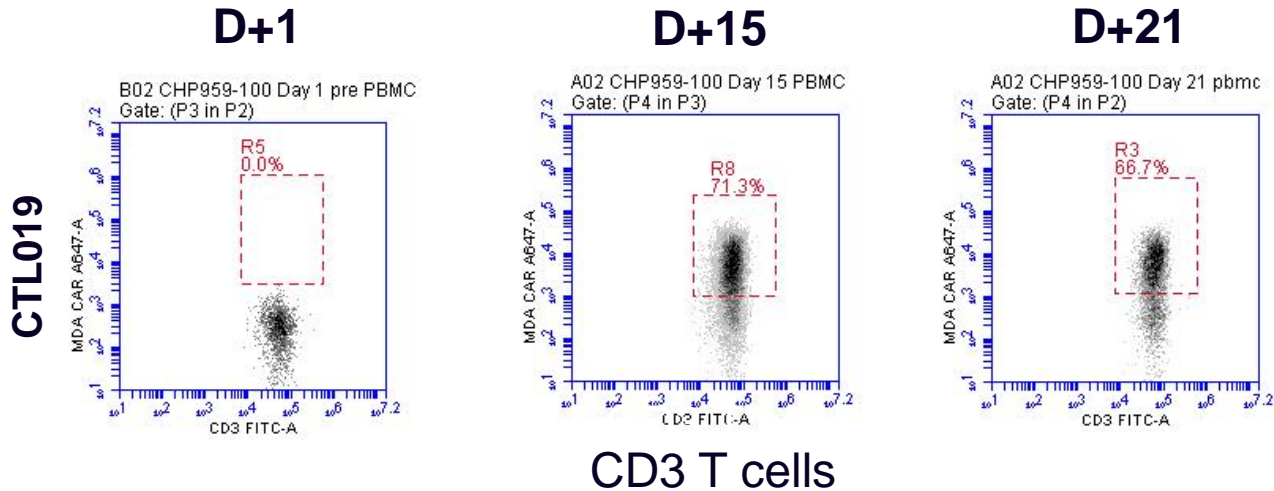
# Making CAR T cells work

## Goals for modern, highly active cell therapy

- Proliferation: leads to 90%+ complete responses (CHOP/Penn studies)
- Persistence: longer term persistence leads to 50-60% long term disease free, and no need for BMT in most
- Length of persistence required is unknown ?? 6mo??



# Proliferation is key to highly active CAR therapy



**Persistence of CTL019 and B cell aplasia  
out to 8 years in responding patients**

# History of CTL019 development

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

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## Tisagenlecleucel in Children and Young Adults with B-Cell Lymphoblastic Leukemia

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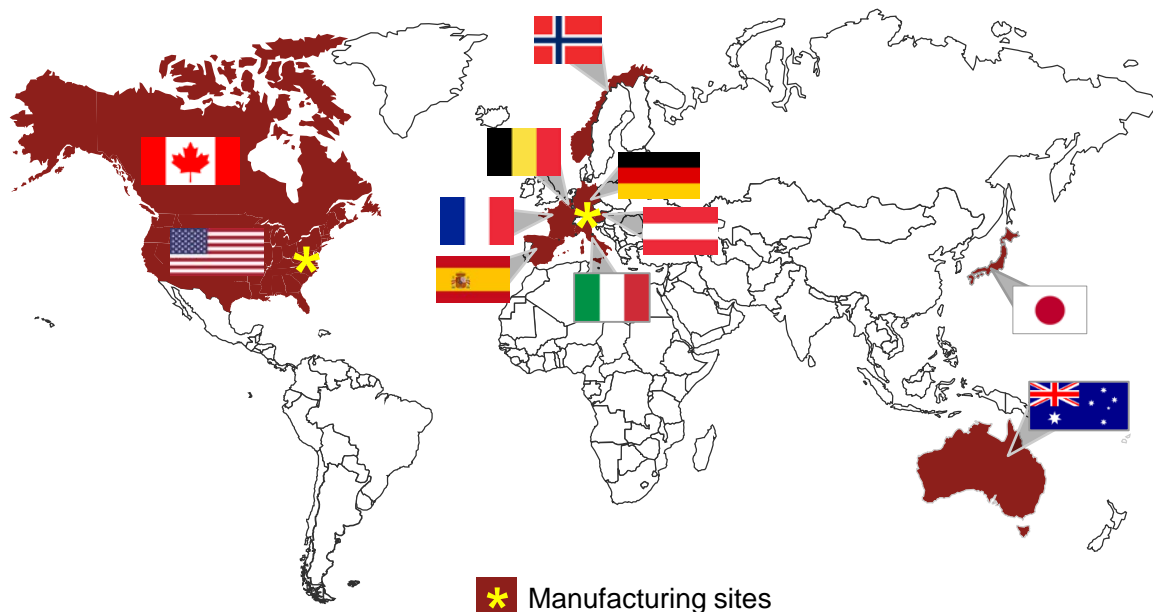
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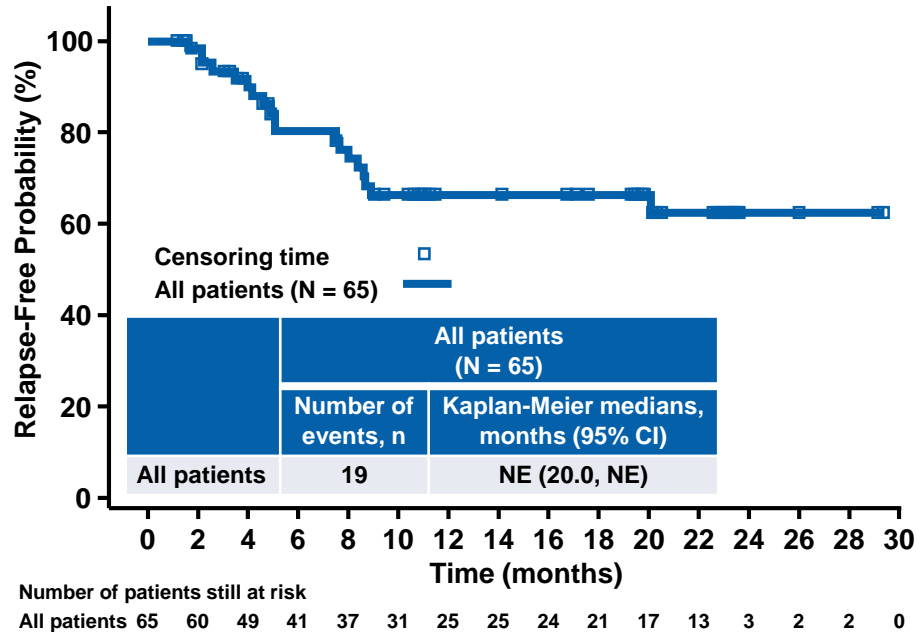
# ELIANA: Pivotal Phase 2 Study

## ELIANA is the first global, multicenter trial of CAR T cell therapy

- Tisagenlecleucel (CTL019) produced at a central manufacturing site with global distribution
- 25 sites across 11 countries in North America, Europe, and Asia-Pacific



# High Response Rate; Median Duration of Remission Not Reached



Note: Only patients who achieved CR or CRi were included. Time is relative to onset of remission.

<sup>a</sup> The response was unknown in 6 patients.

<sup>b</sup> While in remission, 8 patients went on to stem-cell transplantation.

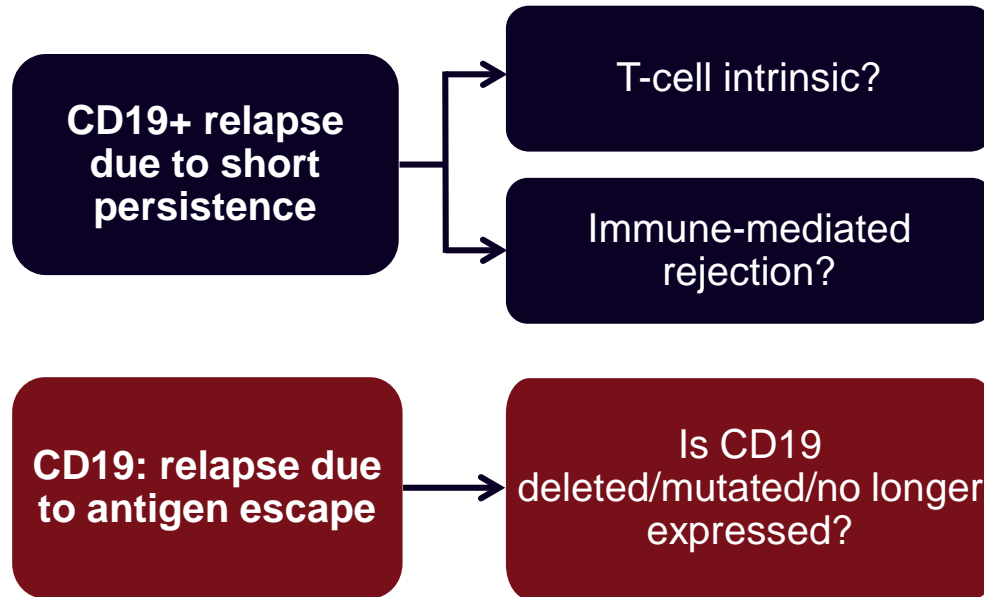
<sup>c</sup> MRD negative = MRD < 0.01%, as assessed by flow cytometry.

CR, complete remission; CRi, complete remission with incomplete blood count recovery

- CR + CRi (within 3 months) 82% (65/79 infused; 95% CI, 72-90)<sup>a,b</sup>
- 98% (64/65) MRD(-)
- RFS among responders
  - 12-month: 66% (95% CI, 52-77)
  - 18-month: 66% (95% CI, 52-77)
  - 24-month: 62% (95% CI, 47-75)
- OS among all infused patients
  - 12-month: 76% (95% CI, 65-85)
  - 18-month: 70% (95% CI, 58-79)
  - 24-month: 66% (95% CI, 54-76)



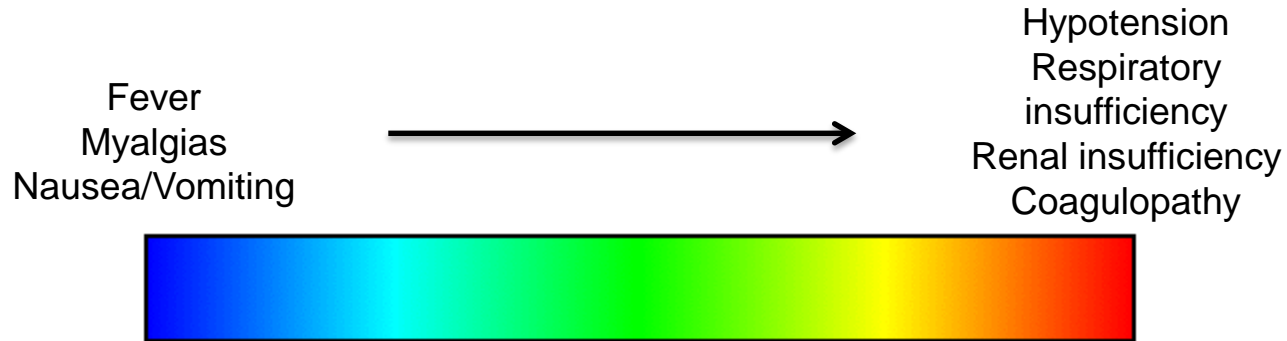
# Mechanisms of Relapse



# Cytokine Release Syndrome (CRS)

CRS is related to T cell expansion and may be necessary for efficacy

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

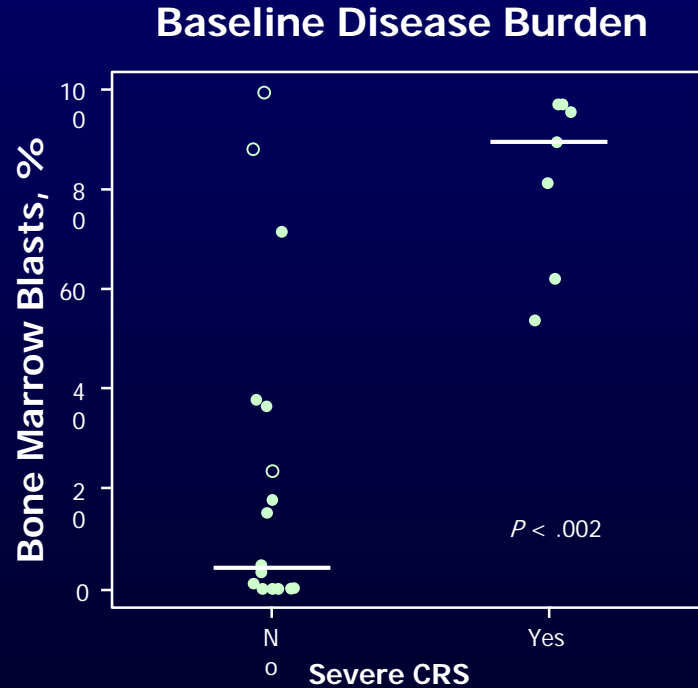


- Severity scales with disease burden

# **Tocilizumab (Actemra) aka “toci”**

- **IL-6 receptor antagonist**
- **Blocks IL-6 mediated effects**
- **Indicated in:**
  - **juvenile idiopathic arthritis (JIA)**
  - **Rheumatoid arthritis (RA)**
  - **In Japan, indication for Castleman’s Disease**
- **Given once or twice**
- **Rare side effects of transaminitis and neutropenia**
- **Now indicated for CRS treatment**

# Disease Burden Highly Predictive of Severe CRS



## Neurotoxicity (ICANS)

- Seen across CD19 immunotherapy trials with CAR T cells (NCI, CHOP/UPENN, MSKCC, Seattle) as well as blinatumomab
- Delirium, confusion, encephalopathy, rare seizures
- In our experience: generally untreated, fully resolves
- No cerebral edema seen in our studies
- Cerebral edema was a major toxicity seen in one study (Juno ROCKET trial)

# Overall Safety and AEs of Special Interest Within 8 Weeks After Infusion

AESI <sup>a</sup>	Patients (N = 79)		
	All Grades, %	Grade 3, %	Grade 4, %
Cytokine release syndrome <sup>b</sup>	77	22	27
Infections	43	20	4
Cytopenias not resolved by day 28	42	18	18
Neurological events	39	13	0
Tumor lysis syndrome	5	5	0

- Majority of AEs occurred in the first 8 weeks after tisagenlecleucel infusion
- No cases of cerebral edema reported

<sup>a</sup> Occurring within 8 weeks of tisagenlecleucel infusion.

<sup>b</sup> Cytokine release syndrome was graded using the Penn scale.  
AESI, adverse events of special interest.

# ASBMT Consensus Grading for CRS

CRS Parameter	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4
<b>Fever<sup>†</sup></b>	Temperature $\geq 38^{\circ}\text{C}$	Temperature $\geq 38^{\circ}\text{C}$	Temperature $\geq 38^{\circ}\text{C}$	Temperature $\geq 38^{\circ}\text{C}$
<b>With either:</b>				
<b>Hypotension</b>	None	Not requiring vasopressors	Requiring one vasopressor with or without vasopressin	Requiring multiple vasopressors (excluding vasopressin)
<b>And/or<sup>‡</sup></b>				
<b>Hypoxia</b>	None	Requiring low-flow nasal cannula <sup>^</sup> or blow-by	Requiring high-flow nasal cannula <sup>^</sup> , facemask, non-rebreather mask, or Venturi mask	Requiring positive pressure (eg: CPAP, BiPAP, intubation and mechanical ventilation)

# ASBMT Immune effector Cell-Associated Neurotoxicity Syndrome (ICANS) Consensus Grading (Adults)

Neurotoxicity Domain	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4
<b>ICE Score (Immune effector Cell-associated Encephalopathy)</b>	7-9	3-6	0-2	0 (patient is unarousable and unable to perform ICE)
<b>Depressed level of consciousness</b>	Awakens spontaneously	Awakens to voice	Awakens only to tactile stimulus	Patient is unarousable or requires vigorous or repetitive tactile stimuli to arouse. Stupor or coma
<b>Seizure</b>	N/A	N/A	Any clinical seizure focal or generalized that resolves rapidly; or Non-convulsive seizures on EEG that resolve with intervention	Life-threatening prolonged seizure (>5 min); or Repetitive clinical or electrical seizures without return to baseline in between.
<b>Motor findings</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	Deep focal motor weakness such as hemiparesis or paraparesis
<b>Raised ICP / Cerebral edema</b>	N/A	N/A	Focal/local edema on neuroimaging	Diffuse cerebral edema on neuroimaging; Decerebrate or decorticate posturing; or Cranial nerve VI palsy; or Papilledema; or Cushing's triad



Global access:

approved in the EU, UK, Canada in addition to US

- Kymriah (Novartis) for pediatric/young adult ALL
- Kymriah (Novartis) for DLBCL
- Yescarta (Kite/Gilead) for DLBCL

# What are the current labeled indications for Kymriah?

- ALL up to age 25 (CHOP treats to 29)
- Refractory or second relapse

Other key points:

- Patients do not need to be in complete remission to receive treatment
- No donor is required
- Contraindications:
  - Rapidly progressing refractory disease
  - Active infection
  - Inadequate organ function suggesting inability to tolerate CRS (risk adjusted)

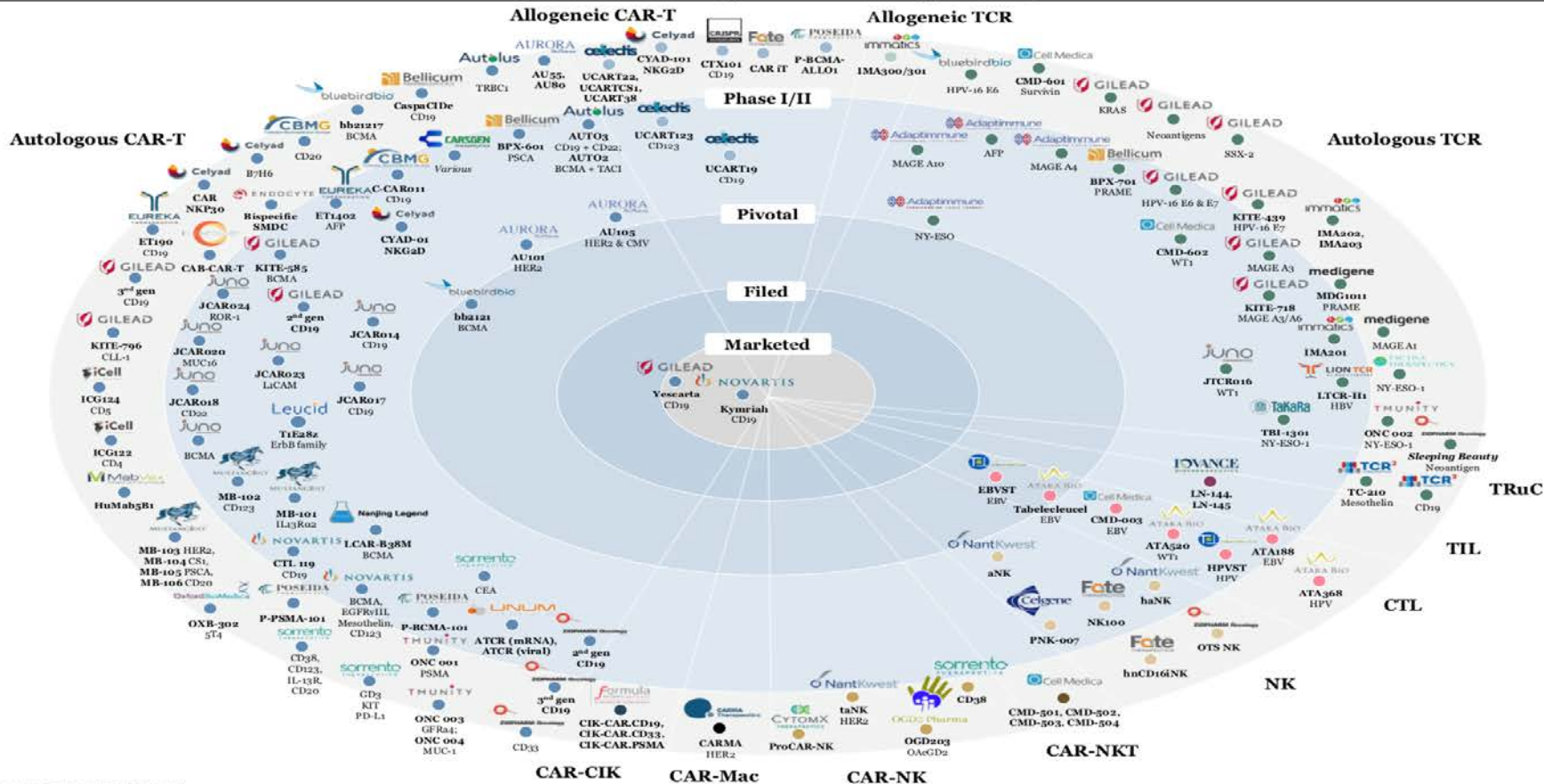


# What about adult ALL?

- Higher CRS toxicity burden
- Related to comorbidities??
- Upcoming adult ALL trials – Kite, Novartis, Juno, others
- Opportunities – VHR CR1, MRD +
  - These would be very low toxicity

# Rapidly Evolving CAR-T Landscape

## Adoptive Cellular Therapy Immuno-Oncology Landscape



# Indications for BMT

Is CAR T a bridge to transplant in ALL?

When to consider BMT

- Plan for BMT all along
- MRD+ at D28 (rare)
- Early B cell recovery (<6 mo):  
BMT vs. CAR T reinfusion
- 2<sup>nd</sup> post-CAR remission
- ??? MLL rearranged ???

# Cytokine Release Syndrome

	Patients Infused (N = 79)
<b>Patients developed CRS, n (%)</b>	<b>61 (77)</b>
Time to onset, median (range), days	3.0 (1-22)
Duration of CRS, median (range), days	8.0 (1-36)
ICU admission, n (%)	38 (48)
Anticytokine therapy, %	31 (39)
Tocilizumab, %	31 (39)
1 dose	18 (23)
2 doses	10 (13)
3 doses	3 (4)
Corticosteroids, %	16 (20)
Hypotension that required intervention, %	42 (53)
High-dose vasopressors, %	19 (24)
Intubation, %	12 (15)
Dialysis, %	8 (10)

CRS was graded using the Penn scale and managed by a protocol-specific algorithm<sup>1</sup>

CRS, cytokine release syndrome; ICU, intensive care unit.

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