Alpha TALEN gene editing is in clinical trials and is controlled by Cellectis.

**Background**

- Allogeneic (off-the-shelf) chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T cell therapy is promising in bringing the curative power of CAR T to more patients.
- ALLO-501 is a genetically modified anti-CD19 AlloTCR CAR T cell product with ruxintrix recognition domains. ALLO-501 uses TALEN™ technology to disrupt the T cell receptor alpha (TCR) constant domain gene and the CD25 gene with TALEN to reduce the risk of graft-versus-host disease (GvHD) and permits the use of ALLO-647 (anti-CD25 humanized monoclonal antibody [mAb]) for host lymphodepletion (LD).
- Data from support development of ALLO-501, which excludes ruxintrix recognition domains.

**Methods**

- **Design**
  - Phase 1 open-label, multicenter dose escalation study in patients (pts) with relapsed/refractory large B-cell lymphoma (R/R LBLCL) or follicular lymphoma (FL) after 2-3 prior lines of therapy.
  - Following LD with ALLO-647 (39, 60, or 90 mg), fludarabine 30 mg/m² x 3 (flu), and cyclophosphamide 300 mg/m² x 3 (cy), escalating doses of ALLO 501 (40, 120, 360 or 1000 mg/m²) were given in single CAR T cell (DL1, DL2, DL3, and DL3) for Pts receiving one ALLO-501 dose, retreatment was allowed.
  - For consolidation, following LD with ALLO-647 (80 mg), fludarabine 30 mg/m² x 3 (flu), and cyclophosphamide 300 or 500 mg/m² x 3 (cy), first dose of 120 x 10⁶ viable CAR T+ cells was administered on day 0.
- For pts who achieved stable disease (SD) at D38, 30 mg ALLO-647 was followed by a second CAR T dose of 120 x 10⁶ viable CAR T+ cells.

- **Inclusion Criteria**
  - R/R LBLCL or FL.
  - Failed 2-3 prior lines of therapy, including an anti-CD20 mAb.
  - ECOG Performance Status of 0 or 1.

- **Exclusion Criteria**
  - Prior autologous CAR T as reflected in protocol amendment
  - Donor (product-specific) anti-HLA antibodies and baseline ruxintrix ≥15 ng/mL.

**Figure 1. ALPHA Trial Design**

**Efficacy Results**

- **Effectiveness**
  - Efficacy in auto CAR T naïve pts (n=40) was evaluated in the modified-intent-to-treat (mITT) population and was nearly identical to the intent-to-treat (ITT) population. The ORR and CR rates were 75% and 92%, respectively (Table 4).
  - Among the 21 FL and 11 LBLCL auto CAR naïve pts who had the opportunity to be followed for 6 months, 33% of FL and 36% of LBLCL pts remained in CR at month 6.
  - The 12-mo estimated DOR rates were 22% (FL) and 44% (LBLCL) with a median follow-up of 5.8 and 11.2 months, respectively.
  - Longest CR remains on study at 15 months. All consolidation pts who responded remain in response with the longest response being a CR at month 7+ (Figure 2).
  - Consolidation dosing has improved ORR and CR rates compared to single dosing in FL (Table 5). The small number of consolidated patients in LBLCL precludes comparison with patients treated with single dose (Table 6).

**Safety Results**

- **No dose-limiting toxicities (DLTs) or GvHD was observed** (Table 2).
- 2 pts (4%) experienced Grade 3+ immune effector cell-associated neurotoxicity syndrome (ICANS) and 2 pts (4%) experienced Grade 3+ CRS, all resolved.
- Cytophenias were the most common adverse event (AE) and occurred in 84% of pts; 80% of pts had maximum grade AEs of 3+.
- **As previously reported, 5 pts died after treatment not related to PD**.

**Table 1. Patient Disposition, Demographics, and Disease Characteristics**

**Table 2. ALLO-501 Phase I Dose Escalation**

**Table 3. Gr 3+ Treatment Emergent Hematological AEs**

**Table 4. ORR for Auto CAR Naïve Patients by Disease Subtype**

**Table 5. ORR for FL Auto CAR Naive Patients by Regimen**

**Figure 2. Swimmer Plot of Tumor Response to Study Treatment for Auto CAR T Naïve Patients**

**Conclusions**

- This updated data continues to highlight that allogeneic anti-CD19 CAR T therapy can be safely and effectively delivered to pts with R/R NHL, with encouraging durability of response.
- Ninety-eight percent of pts enrolled were treated with ALLO-501 with a median of 5 days from enrollment to LD, supporting the ease and speed pts were able to be treated with a CAR T therapy.
- No DLT or GvHD, 2 cases of Grade 3+ ICANS and CRS, all resolved. Infection rates were similar to that observed in autologous CAR T trials for ALLO-501 responses remain on par with the response rate seen in autologous anti-CD19 CAR T with an ORR and CR rate of 75% and 53%, respectively.
- Consolidation dosing demonstrated similar safety, and improved effectiveness vs a single higher cell dose with an 82% ORR and 64% CR rate in 11 pts
  - Longest CR remains on study at 15 months.
  - In LBLCL, the 6-month CR rate and 12-month duration of response was 36% and 44%, respectively. In FL it was 33% and 22%, respectively.

**Table 6. ORR for LBLCL Auto CAR Naive Patients by Dose Regimen**

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