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## Module 2: Follicular Lymphoma

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# GALLIUM: Frontline Obinutuzumab-Based vs Rituximab-Based Chemoimmunotherapy

- International randomized, open-label phase III study
  - Obinutuzumab was designed to achieve enhanced therapeutic activity compared with rituximab



\*All data presented for patients with FL, although study also enrolled patients with MZL (randomized separately). \*Patients with SD at EOI followed up to 2 yrs for PD.

- Primary endpoint: PFS by investigator in patients with FL
- Secondary endpoints: PFS by IRC, OS, DFS, DoR, TTNT, CR/ORR at EOI (± FDG-PET), safety

# **GALLIUM:** Investigator-Assessed PFS



	Total N				R-cher (N = 6	mo 01)		G-cher (N = 60	no )1)					73.3
		N	Events	1-yr KM rate	N	Events	1-yr KM rate	Favors G-chemo Favor	rs R-chemo ratio	(95% CI)	Interaction p value	(68.8-77.2)		
All patients	1202	601	144	89.736	601	101	93.939	⊢ <b>∳</b> -i	0.66	(0.51-0.85)				
Age group 55											0.97	: 0-54.5)		
< 55	459	245	54	90.496	214	33	96.104	<b>⊢ ♦</b> - <b>)</b>	0.66	(0.43-1.01)				
≥ 55	743	356	90	89.208	387	68	92.742	<b>⊢</b> ∳	0.66	(0.48-0.90)				
Age group 60											0.30			
< 60	621	323	78	89.930	298	44	95.434	<b>⊢•</b> ;-1	0.57	(0.39-0.83)				
≥ 60	581	278	66	89.503	303	57	92.478	<b>⊢∔●</b> -µ	0.75	(0.53-1.07)				
Age group 65											0.87			
< 65	· 826	414	91	90.638	412	64	94.972	<b>⊢</b> ,	0.67	(0.49-0.92)				
≥ 65	376	187	53	87.744	189	37	91.659	⊢ <b>.</b>	0.64	(0.42-0.98)				
Age group 70											0.74			
< 70	999	495	112	90.922	504	81	94.448	<b>●</b>	0.68	(0.51-0.90)				
≥ 70	203	106	32	84.225	97	20	91.231	<b>⊢</b> • <b>⊢</b> +	0.61	(0.35-1.07)				
Age group 75											0.94			
< 75	1109	549	124	91.243	560	88	94.437	<b>⊢</b> ,	0.66	(0.50-0.87)				
≥ 75	93	52	20	73.817	41	13	86.842	<u>⊢++</u>	0.75	(0.37 - 1.51)		<b>.</b>		
Age group 80											0.68	J,		
< 80	1172	582	136	90.672	590	97	94.360	H H H	0.66	(0.51-0.86)				
≥ 80	30	19	8	59.649	11	4	70.000		0.87	(0.26-2.89)				
								0.05 0.1 0.2 0.5 1 2	2 5 10 20					

Patients at **Obinutuzu Rituximab** 

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Marcus et al. N Engl J Med. 2017;377:1331.

## **GALLIUM: Adverse Events**

	All AEs		Grade 3-5	5 AEs	Serious AEs	
AE, %	Obinutuzumab (n = 595)	Rituximab (n = 597)	Obinutuzumab (n = 595)	Rituximab (n = 597)	Obinutuzumab (n = 595)	Rituximab (n = 597)
Infection	77.3	70.0	20.0	15.6	18.2	14.4
Neutropenia	50.6	45.1	45.9	39.5	8.4	7.4
Infusion related <ul> <li>Antibody related</li> </ul>	68.2 59.3	58.5 48.9	12.4 10.6	6.7 5.0	5.5 4.7	2.3 2.0
Tumor lysis syndrome	1.0	0.5	1.0	0.5	0.5	0.2
Cardiac event	13.1	9.7	3.7	2.8	4.4	2.0
Thrombocytopenia	11.4	7.5	6.1	2.7	0.7	0.2
<ul> <li>Second neoplasm</li> <li>Nonmelanoma skin cancer</li> <li>Hematologic event</li> <li>Other</li> </ul>	7.2 3.0 1.0 3.7	5.0 2.3 0 3.0	4.7 1.2 1.0 2.9	2.7 0.5 0 2.5	5.2 1.5 1.0 3.0	2.8 0.5 0 2.7
Myelodysplastic syndrome	0.3	0	0.3	0	0.3	0
GI perforation	0.7	0.5	0.5	0	0.5	0
Hemorrhagic event	9.6	10.4	0.8	1.2	1.0	0.8

Marcus. NEJM. 2017;377:1331.

Anti-CD20 antibodies were given as part of chemoimmunotherapy regimen.

### Phase IV GAZELLE — Obinutuzumab short duration

#### infusion in previously untreated advanced FL

#### Patients (%) with IRRs by Cycle and Grade ■ Any Gr ■ Any Gr ≥3 100 80 G regular infusion (C1) G SDI (C2-C7) Patients with IRRs (%) 62.8 60 57.5 50.4 40 20 11.8 8.3 6.2 6.5 5.6 3.6 0 All cycles C2 C3 C5 C1 overall C1 D1 C1 D2\* C1 D8 C1 D15 C4 C6 C7 Cycle

Safety summary during induction

N (%) unless indicated	Induction phase (N=113)
Any AE*	112 (99.1)
Neutropenia	69 (61.1)
IRR	69 (61.1)
Nausea	47 (41.6)
Constipation	40 (35.4)
Lymphopenia	22 (19.5)
Thrombocytopenia	21 (18.6)
Anemia	20 (17.7)
Leukopenia	20 (17.7)
Insomnia	19 (16.8)
Headache	19 (16.8)
Peripheral neuropathy	18 (15.9)
Fatigue	17 (15.0)
Any Gr 3–5 AE†	78 (69.0)
Neutropenia	56 (49.6)
Leukopenia	13 (11.5)
Lymphopenia	12 (10.6)
Thrombocytopenia	8 (7.1)
IRR	7 (6.2)
Febrile neutropenia	6 (5.3)
Any SAE	21 (18.6)
Any AE leading to treatment discontinuation	6 (5.3)

\*listed preferred terms are those with ≥15% incidence during induction; †listed preferred terms are those with ≥5% incidence during induction

\*time point applicable only to pts treated with bendamustine.

# GAZELLE — Response rates at end of induction (EOI)

#### Investigator-assessed response rates at EOI



\*response assessed according to local practice and the criteria used at the site; †no response assessment available at EOI

Canales et. al, ASCO 2021, Abstract 7545

# **RELEVANCE: Study Design**

- International, open-label, randomized phase III study
  - Lenalidomide: immunomodulatory agent with MoA complementary to rituximab



\*20 mg PO QD on Days 2-22, 28-day cycles (18 cycles); dose reduced to 10 mg QD in patients who achieved CR/CRu at cycle 6, 9, or 12.

Co-primary endpoints (superiority): CR/CRu at 120 wks, PFS

Morschhauser et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2018;379:934. Fowler et al. *Lancet Oncol.* 2014;15:1315. Gribben et al. *J Clin Oncol.* 2015;33:2803.

# **RELEVANCE: PFS by IRC**



- Interim PFS at median follow-up of 37.9 mos was similar in both arms
- PFS benefit observed across prespecified subgroups

### AUGMENT: RANDOMIZED DOUBLE BLIND PHASE III TRIAL



• Histology (FL vs MZL)

#### Key eligibility criteria

- MZL or FL (grades 1-3a) in need of treatment
- $\geq$  1 prior chemotherapy, immunotherapy or chemoimmunotherapy
- Not rituximab refractory

- Growth factor use was allowed per ASCO/ESMO guidelines<sup>1,2</sup>
- Primary endpoint: PFS by IRC (2007 IWG criteria w/o PET)

# **AUGMENT: Efficacy and Safety Outcomes**



OS improved with R<sup>2</sup> in patients with FL (HR: 0.45; 95% CI: 0.22-0.92; P = .02)

AEs of Interest, n (%)	R <sup>2</sup> (n = 176)	<mark>R-Placebo</mark> (n = 180)	
Second primary malignancies	6 (3)*	10 (6)†	
Venous TE	6 (3)	3 (2)	
Arterial TE	1 (1)	4 (2)	
Mixed TE	3 (2)	1 (1)	

\*n = 1 each, AML, carcinoid tumor of the GI tract, squamous cell carcinoma of the lung, basal cell carcinoma; n = 2, squamous cell carcinoma of the skin.

<sup>+</sup>n = 1 each, adenocarcinoma of colon, malignant melanoma, papillary thyroid cancer, transitional cell cancer of the renal pelvis and ureter localized, squamous cell carcinoma of the skin; n = 2 each, AML, invasive ductal breast carcinoma, basal cell carcinoma.

Histologic transformation in 1% R<sup>2</sup> vs 6%
 R-placebo, with an incidence/100 PY of 0.5 vs 2.5, respectively

#### OVERALL SURVIVAL IN PATIENTS WITH FL (PRESPECIFIED SUBGROUP ANALYSIS)



- 35 total deaths (11 R<sup>2</sup>, 24 R-placebo)
- 2-year OS was 95% (95% CI, 90%-98%) for R<sup>2</sup> and 86% (95% CI, 79%-91%) for R-placebo

# GADOLIN: Bendamustine + Obinutuzumab and Maintenance Obinutuzumab in Rituximab-Refractory NHL



\*1000 mg IV on Days 1, 8, 15 cycle 1; Day 1 cycles 2-6. Response monitored by CT scan post induction, then every 3 mos for 2 yrs, then every 6 mos (modified Cheson criteria 2007).

Primary endpoint: PFS assessed independently

Obinutuzumab + bendamustine
 followed by obinutuzumab is FDA
 approved for patients with FL who
 have relapsed after, or are refractory
 to, a rituximab-containing regimen

# When to use obinutuzumab?

- Frontline FL
  - Patients < 60 years of age (GALLIUM)</p>
  - Short duration infusion (90 minute cycle 2 and beyond, GAZELLE)
- Relapsed/Refractory FL
  - Rituximab refractory
  - Combination with bendamustine (GADOLIN)
  - Combination with lenalidomide (GALEN)
  - POD24 (SWOG 1608)

# **PI3K Inhibitors Approved for R/R FL**

	Idelalisib <sup>[a]</sup>	Copanlisib <sup>[b]</sup>	Duvelisib <sup>[c]</sup>	Umbralisib <sup>[g]</sup>	
Isoform targeted	δ	α, δ	δ,γ	δ,CK1ε	
ORR in FL patients	54%	59%	42%	45%	
mPFS	11 months	12.5 months	9.5 months	10.6 months	
mOS	20.3 months	42.6 months	28.9 months	N/A	
Serious AEs of interest	Black box warnings <sup>[d]</sup> Hepatotoxicity Diarrhea/colitis Pneumonitis Infection Intestinal perforation	Most common grade 3/4 AEs <sup>[e]</sup> Hyperglycemia Hypertension Neutropenia Pneumonia	Black box warnings <sup>[f]</sup> Diarrhea/colitis Infection Pneumonitis Skin reaction	Most common grade 3/4 AEs <sup>[g]</sup> Neutropenia Diarrhea ALT/AST elevation	

a. Gopal AK, et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2014;370:1008-1018; b. Dreyling M, et al. *Am J Hematol*. 2020;95:362-371; c. Flinn IW, et al. *J Clin Oncol*. 2019;37:912-922; d. ZYDELIG® (idelalisib) [PI]. 2020; e. Dreyling M, et al. *J Clin Oncol*. 2017;35:3898-3905; f. COPIKTRA® (duvelisib) [PI]. 2019. g. Fowler et. al. *J Clin Oncol*. 2021;39:1609-1618.

# CHRONOS-3: Copanlisib + Rituximab Results in Superior PFS



Zinzani PL. et al. EHA 2021, abstract S211.

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# Parsaclisib in R/R FL: CITADEL-203



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Vanhaesebroeck et al. Nature Reviews 10/2021

Lynch et al. ASH 2021 abstract 813 12/13/21 5pm

# EZH2, a Histone Methyltransferase, in FL

- In normal B-cell biology, EZH2 regulates germinal center formation
- EZH2 mutations can lead to oncogenic transformation by locking B-cells in germinal state and preventing terminal differentiation
- EZH2-activating mutations found in ~ 20% of patients with FL
- Tazemetostat: selective, oral, first-inclass EZH2 inhibitor
- Whether WT or mutant, EZH2 biology relevant to FL



# **Tazemetostat: Efficacy**

**Durability of Response in Both EZH2mut and EZH2wt Cohorts** 



	EZH2mut	EZH2wt
Response ≥ 6 months	61%	53%
Response ≥ 12 months	23%	37%
Response ≥ 18 months	19%	21%

Morschhauser et al. Lancet Oncol. 2020;21:1433-1442.

# **Tazemetostat: Safety Profile**

	Treatment-emergent adverse events			Treatment-related adverse events		
	Grade 1–2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 1-2	Grade 3	Grade 4
Nausea	23 (23%)	0	0	19 (19%)	0	0
Diarrhoea	18 (18%)	0	0	12 (12%)	0	0
Alopecia	17 (17%)	0	0	14 (14%)	0	0
Cough	16 (16%)	0	0	2 (2%)	0	0
Asthenia	15 (15%)	3 (3%)	0	13 (13%)	1 (1%)	0
Fatigue	15 (15%)	2 (2%)	0	11 (11%)	1 (1%)	0
Upper respiratory tract infection	15 (15%)	0	0	1 (1%)	0	0
Bronchitis	15 (15%)	0	0	3 (3%)	0	0
Abdominal pain	12 (12%)	1 (1%)	0	2 (2%)	0	0
Headache	12 (12%)	0	0	5 (5%)	0	0
Vomiting	11 (11%)	1 (1%)	0	6 (6%)	0	0
Back pain	11 (11%)	0	0	0	0	0
Pyrexia	10 (10%)	0	0	2 (2%)	0	0

- 5% of all patients discontinued treatment
- 9% had dose reductions due to treatment-related AEs

## ZUMA-5: Axi-cel in R/R iNHL ORR by IRRC Assessment Was 92% (95% CI, 85 – 97); CR Rate Was 76% (95% CI, 67 – 84)



- The median time to first response was 1 month (range, 0.8 3.1)
- Among the 25 patients with FL who initially had a PR, 13 (52%) subsequently converted to a CR after a median of 2.2 months (range, 1.9 – 11.2)

The investigator-assessed ORR (N = 104) was 95%, with a CR rate of 77%. Concordance between investigator-assessed and IRRC-assessed ORR was 91%. <sup>a</sup> For the 5 patients reported as ND, 4 (1 FL; 3 MZL) had no disease at baseline and postbaseline per IRRC but were considered with disease by the investigator; 1 patient with FL died before the first disease assessment.

CR, complete response; FL, follicular lymphoma; IRRC, Independent Radiology Review Committee; MZL, marginal zone lymphoma; ND, undefined/not done; ORR, overall response rate; PR, partial response; SD, stable disease.

# **Progression-Free Survival and Overall Survival**



With a median follow-up of 17.5 months, median PFS and median OS were not reached

- The 12-month PFS rate was 73.7% (95% CI, 63.3 81.6) for all patients
- The 12-month OS rate was 92.9% (95% Cl, 85.6 96.5) for all patients

FL, follicular lymphoma; MZL, marginal zone lymphoma; NE, not estimable; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival.

# ELARA (Tisa-Cel) in R/R FL Efficacy

• Primary endpoint was met, CRR by IRC was 66%, ORR 86%

**Best Overall Response Rate** 

Response Rate, %	Patients Evaluable for Efficacy <sup>b</sup> (n=94)
CR	66.0 <sup>b</sup>
PR	20.2
ORR (CR+PR)	86.2

- Investigator-assessed CRR was 69.1%<sup>c</sup> (ORR 90.4%)
- CRRs/ORRs were comparable among key high-risk subgroups



- Median follow-up for efficacy (n=94): 11 (4.3-19.7) months
- Probability for a responding patient to remain in response ≥6 months was 79% (95% CI, 66-87)
- 12 of 18 PRs (66.6%) converted to CRs; all but 1 occurred between Month 3 and Month 6
- Median time to next antilymphoma treatment was not reached

First efficacy assessment conducted at Month 3 (all but 1 responded at Month 3 assessment); probability of remaining in CR > Month 6.

\*The primary end point was met at interim analysis. P<0.0001; indicates statistical significance (1-sided) at the 0.0025 level so that the null hypothesis CRR ≤0.15 is rejected. 95% CI, 58.8-78.3

CI, confidence interval; CR, complete response; CRR, complete response rate; DOR, duration of response; IRC, Independent Review Committee; NE, not estimable; PR, partial response; ORR, overall response rate.

# Investigational Anti-CD20xCD3 Bispecific Antibodies Being Explored in FL

Agent	Mosunetuzumab <sup>[1]</sup>	Odronextamab (REGN1979) <sup>[2]</sup>	Epcoritamab (GEN3013) <sup>[3]</sup>
Phase	ا/۱۱	II	I/II
	(NCT02500407)	(NCT02290951)	(NCT03625037)
Population	R/R indolent NHL after	R/R B-NHL after	R/R B-NHL after prior
	≥ 2 prior regimens	2 prior regimens	anti-CD20 mAbs
N	90	30/136	16/68
(efficacy/safety)	(FL cohort)		(5 at ≥12 mg level)
Efficacy (with FL/iNHL), %	<ul><li>ORR: 80</li><li>CR: 60</li></ul>	<ul><li>ORR: 90</li><li>CR: 70</li></ul>	<ul><li>ORR: 80</li><li>CR: 60</li></ul>
Safety (all patients), %	<ul> <li>CRS: All grade: 44 Grade ≥ 3: 2</li> <li>Neurotoxicity<sup>a</sup>:</li> <li>All grade: 4</li> <li>Grade ≥ 3: 0</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>CRS:</li> <li>All grade: 61</li> <li>Grade ≥ 3: 7.4</li> <li>Neurotoxicity:</li> <li>All grade: NR</li> <li>Grade 3: 1.5</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>CRS:</li> <li>All grade: 59</li> <li>Grade ≥ 3: 0</li> <li>Neurotoxicity:</li> <li>All grade: 5.9</li> <li>Grade 3: 2.9</li> </ul>

Anti-CD20/CD3 Bispecific Antibody



Simultaneous binding of CD20 on malignant Bcells and CD3 on cytotoxic T-cells results in crosslinking of CD3, activation of T-cells, and cancer cell killing

<sup>a</sup>Data from abstract

- 1. Budde et al. ASH 2021. Abstract 127
- 2. Bannerji et al. ASH 2020. Abstract 400.
- 3. Hutchings et al. ASH 2020. Abstract 402.

# **Mosunetuzumab Anti-tumor efficacy**



Budde. ASH 2021 Abstract 127, Saturday 12:00pm

# Conclusions

- Outcomes for FL continue to improve, likely the result of novel therapies in the R/R setting.
- The ever expanding treatment landscape creates new challenges-How do we sequence therapy? Can we identify predictive biomarkers? Is the MOA or toxicity profile distinguishable enough to inform treatment selection?
- The paucity of randomized studies creates a need for RWD/RWE for comparative effectiveness analyses.
- OS is favorable, PFS is far less robust beyond frontline, are we satisfied with this being a chronic disease or should we continue to strive for cure?