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POSTER ABSTRACTS

703.CELLULAR IMMUNOTHERAPIES: BASIC AND TRANSLATIONAL

Efficacy and Safety of Autologous Stem Cell Transplantation Combined with Chimeric Antigen Receptor T-Cell Therapy in the Treatment of Refractory/Relapsed B-Cell Lymphoma
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Autologous hematopoietic stem cell transplantation (ASCT) and chimeric antigen receptor T-cell therapy (CART) are salvage therapies that are utilised for the treatment of relapsed or refractory (R/R) B-cell lymphoma. However, whether the combination therapy of ASCT and CART (ASCT-CART) can improve the survival of R/R B-cell lymphoma remains unknown.

Aim

The objective is to explore the effectiveness and safety of ASCT-CART in the treatment of refractory/relapsed B-cell lymphoma and compare the effects of disease status before ASCT-CART on patient survival.

Methods

From October 2019 to October 2022, 49 patients with R/R B-cell lymphoma tract were enrolled. The male/female ratio was 1.2:1, with a median age of 40 years (range, 16-69 years). The diagnosis included diffuse large B-cell lymphoma (DLBCL) (n=31), High-grade B-cell lymphoma (n=8), Primary mediastinal B-cell lymphoma (PMBCL) (n=7), Burkitt lymphoma (BL) (n=2) and Richer (n=1). Among them, stage III-IV accounted for 43/49 (87.8%) and GCB subtype 22/49 (44.9%), and received a median of 7 cycles (3-14) of prior treatment, previous radiotherapy was 8/49 (16.3%), and previous other target CART patients were 20/49 (40.8%). The disease status of patients before ASCT-CART was 23 patients in complete remission, 17 patients in partial remission, 3 patients with stable disease, and 6 patients with progressive disease. Patients were treated with BEAM and fludarabine before ASCT. Autologous stem cells were transfused with D0, and the median number of CD34+ cells was $4.14 \times 10^6/\text{kg}$ (range, $0.7-12.99 \times 10^6/\text{kg}$). CART cells were transfused on D1, and the median infusion of CART cells was $2.06 \times 10^6/\text{kg}$ (range, $0.07-9.5 \times 10^6/\text{kg}$).

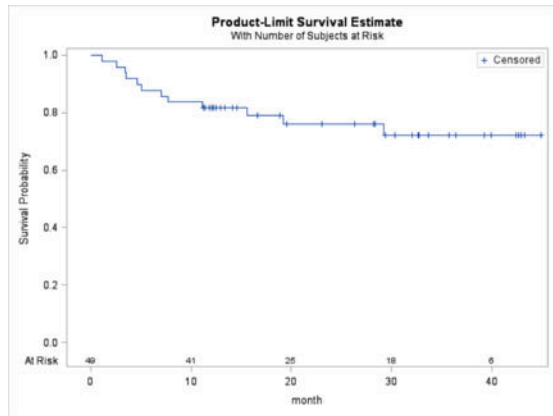
Results

In efficacy assessment at 3 months after treatment, the objective response rate (ORR) was 40/49 (81.6%), and the complete response rate (CRR) was 38/49 (77.6%). After a median follow-up of 23.1 months, the median overall survival (OS) was not reached, with 1-year OS being 81.6%, 2-year OS being 76%, and 3-year OS being 72.3% (Figure 1A). Median progression-free survival (PFS) was not reached, with 1-year PFS at 73.5%, 2-year PFS at 70.5%, and 3-year PFS at 66.6% (Figure 1B). Neutrophil and platelet engraftment in all cases on median days 16 (range 10-62 days) and 16 (range 7-52), respectively. Grade 3 or higher cytokine release syndrome (\geq grade 3 CRS) and immune effector cell-associated neurologic toxicity syndrome (\geq grade 3 ICANS) events occurred in 22.4% (11/49) and 4.1% (2/49) of the patients, respectively. In the 3-month efficacy evaluation of CR group before ASCT-CART treatment, ORR was 21/23 (91.3%) and CRR was 20/23 (87.0%). ORR and CRR were 19/26 (73.1%) and 18/26 (69.2%) in patients who did not reach CR before ASCT-CART treatment. The 3-year OS and 3-year PFS were 91.3% and 82.6% in CR group before ASCT-CART treatment (Figure 1C,D). The 3-year OS and 3-year PFS in the non-CR group were 58.6% and 54.6% respectively (Figure 1C,D). Patients in CR group before ASCT-CART treatment had significantly prolonged OS and PFS ($P=0.0243$) and OS ($P=0.0720$).

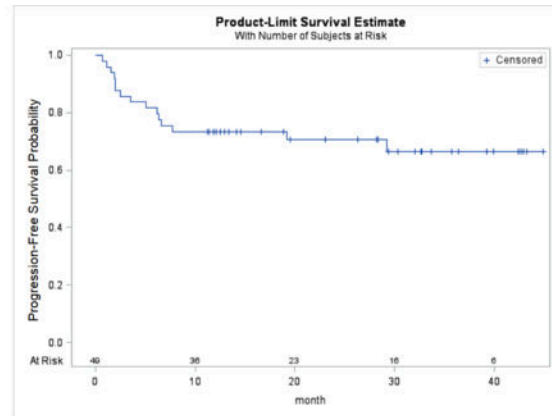
Summary/Conclusion

The ASCT-CART therapy could enhance its the remission rate and long-term efficacy in the treatment of advanced relapsed/refractory B-cell lymphoma with controllable safety. Patients who were in remission before ASCT-CART therapy achieved a longer term remission after ASCT-CART cell therapy.

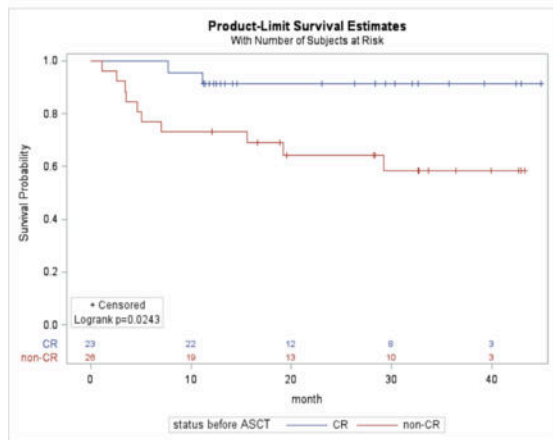
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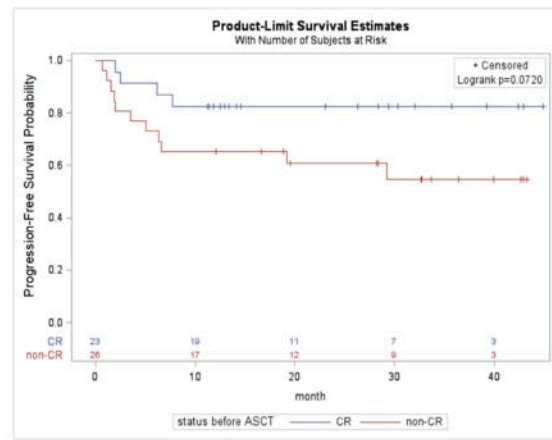
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