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POSTER ABSTRACTS

704.CELLULAR IMMUNOTHERAPIES: EARLY PHASE AND INVESTIGATIONAL THERAPIES

Efficacy and Safety of Chimeric Antigen Receptor T Cells Therapy Strategy with Dual Targeting of CD19 and CD70 to Treat Relapsed/Refractory Diffuse Large B-Cell Lymphoma

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Background: Chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T cells therapy is highly effective in the treatment of B-cell lymphoma, providing alternative therapeutic options for patients who failed to respond to conventional treatment or relapse. Despite impressive progress, more than 30-50% of patients treated with CD19 CAR-T cells experienced progressive disease. Antigen escape is one of the common causes of relapse, especially CD19-negative relapse. Absent or decreased cell surface CD19 as a mechanism of resistance after CD19 CAR-T cells treatment. CD70 is a novel and promising therapeutic target due to the restricted expression pattern in normal tissues and over expression in some lymphoma tissues. Our center explored the efficacy and safety of CAR-T cells therapy with dual targeting of CD19 and CD70 in the treatment of r/r lymphoma.

Patients and Methods: The study included 8 relapsed/refractory diffuse large B-cell lymphoma patients, all patients have exhausted all available treatment options with progressive or stable disease and life expectancy >2 months were enrolled in the study. All patients expressed strong positivity of CD19 and CD70, all of patient details can be found in the table (Fig. 1). Autologous T cells were apheresis collected and transduced with an apoptosis-inducible, safety-engineered lentiviral CAR with the following intracellular signaling domains: CD28/CD27/CD3z-iCasp9. All patients received cyclophosphamide/fludarabine chemotherapy conditioning 1-2 days before infusions of CAR-T cells. The quality of apheresis cells, efficiencies of gene transfer and T cell proliferation, CAR-T infusion dose and blood CAR copies were quantitatively documented.

Results: In the first months after CAR-T cells infusion, 75.0% (6/8) of patients achieved complete response (CR), while 12.5% (1/8) of patients evaluated as partial response (PR) and 12.5% (1/8) of patients as progressive disease (PD), overall response rate (ORR) is 87.5% (7/8). In the evaluation of safety, 37.5% (3/8) of patients experienced cytokine release syndrome (CRS), and 25% (2/8) of patients experienced grade 1 CRS and 12.5% (1/8) of patients experienced grade 2 CRS, no case of severe CRS defined as \geq grade 3 and no immune effector cell-associated neurotoxicity syndrome (ICANS) occurred. After a median follow-up of 19.9 months, 50% (4/8) of patients maintained CR, while 37.5% (3/8) of patients were relapsed, with a duration of response (DOR) of 50% (4/8), median DFS was 10.5 months and median OS was not reached (Fig.2).

Conclusions: In summary, our research data confirms that the efficacy and safety of CD19/CD70 dual targeted CAR-T cells infusion, continued follow-up will determine whether the CD19/CD70 CAR-T cells therapy can obtain long term overall survival in our study. How to further improve the efficacy and safety of dual target CAR-T is still worth exploring. It's needed to optimize multi-specific targeting by CAR-T cells to improve the efficacy both in B cell malignancies and other hematological malignancies.

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| No. | Gender | Age | Diagnosis | Pathologic subtype | Molecular genetics changes | Disease status | No. of previous therapies | Disease burden LDH(IU/L) | Tumor mass diameter(cm) | Target | Dose infused of CAR19($\times 10^6$) | Dose infused of CAR70($\times 10^6$) | 1 month | Last follow-up | Relapsed or not | Relapsed date | Death or not | Last date |
|-----|--------|-----|-----------|--------------------|--|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|--|--|---------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|--------------|-----------|
| 1 | Women | 47 | DLBCL | non-GCB | NOTCH2, KMT2D | Relapse | 4 | 714.4 | 0.8 | CD19+CD70 | 1.7 | 1.5 | CR | Relapse | Yes | 2022-2-23 | No | \ |
| 2 | Male | 44 | DLBCL | non-GCB | NOTCH2, B2M | Relapse/Refractory | 4 | 307.2 | 1.2 | CD19+CD70 | 2.2 | 1.7 | CR | Relapse | Yes | 2022-2-28 | No | \ |
| 3 | Male | 65 | DLBCL | GCB | \ | Primary refractory | 2 | 221.7 | 5.3 | CD19+CD70 | 1.17 | 1 | CR | CR | No | 2023-7-31 | No | 2022-6-27 |
| 4 | Women | 61 | DLBCL | non-GCB | TP53 del., KMT2D, CD79B | Primary refractory | 6 | 285.6 | 20.6 | CD19+CD70 | 1.97 | 1.65 | PR | CR | No | 2023-7-31 | No | \ |
| 5 | Male | 63 | DLBCL | non-GCB | KMT2D, BCL-6, TP53, ARID1B, CD79B, DTX1, INDD5P, MEF2B, XPO1 | Relapse/Refractory | 2 | \ | 3.5 | CD19+CD70 | 1.39 | 1.08 | CR | CR | No | 2019-4-10 | No | \ |
| 6 | Male | 50 | DLBCL | non-GCB | \ | Relapse | 3 | \ | 1.4 | CD19+CD70 | 1.71 | 1.23 | CR | CR | No | 2023-7-31 | No | \ |
| 7 | Women | 48 | DLBCL | non-GCB | NOTCH1, TP53 | Primary refractory | 3 | 150.3 | 3 | CD19+CD70 | 1.6 | 1.56 | PD | Relapse | Yes | 2022-5-26 | No | \ |
| 8 | Women | 61 | DLBCL | non-GCB | CMY-C, BCL2, PAX5 | Relapse/Refractory | 3 | 183.4 | 5 | CD19+CD70 | 2.2 | 2.9 | CR | Relapse | Yes | 2022-11-20 | No | \ |

Fig.1 Patient details list

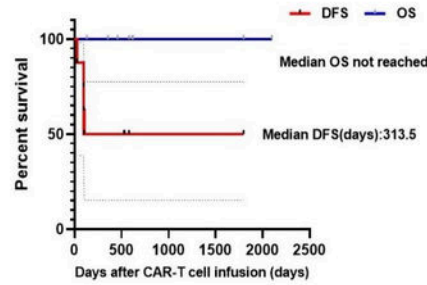


Fig.2 Survival of CAR-T treated patients disease free survival period and overall survival of all the enrolled patients were shown. The dashed lines indicate the 95% confidential interval.

Figure 1

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