



# CAR-T cells et Leucémies aiguës lymphoblastiques de l'enfant, de l'adolescent et du jeune adulte

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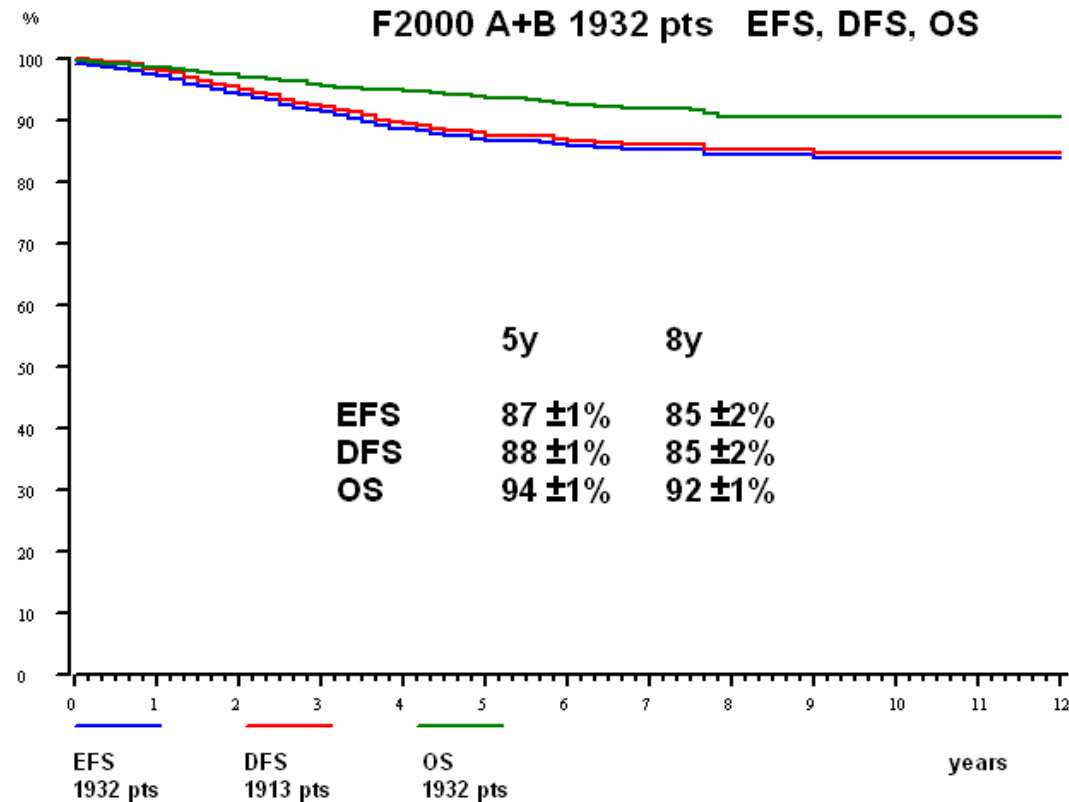
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# Childhood and adolescent ALL in FRANCE

## Overall Results B+T ALL

|                                  | Event-Free Survival |         | Overall Survival |         |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|---------|------------------|---------|
|                                  | 5 years             | 8 years | 5 years          | 8 years |
| <b>FRALLE 2000</b><br>(2146 pts) | 84.0%               | 82%     | 91%              | 89%     |
| <b>EORTC 58951</b><br>(1947pts)  | 82.6%               | 81.3%   | 89.7%            | 88.1%   |

## Results FRALLE 2000 B-ALL (non Philadelphia & >12month-old)



# Leucémies aiguës lymphoblastiques : problèmes persistants

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## **Efficacité:**

Toujours des rechutes!

- 15% chez les enfants
- beaucoup plus chez les nourrissons (35 à 40%) les adolescents (25%) les adultes (35% et plus)
- certaines rechutes sont quasi incurables: t (1; 19), t (17; 19), hypodiploïdie, p53 mut, LAL-T

*Globalement: pronostic insatisfaisant des patients LAL en rechute*

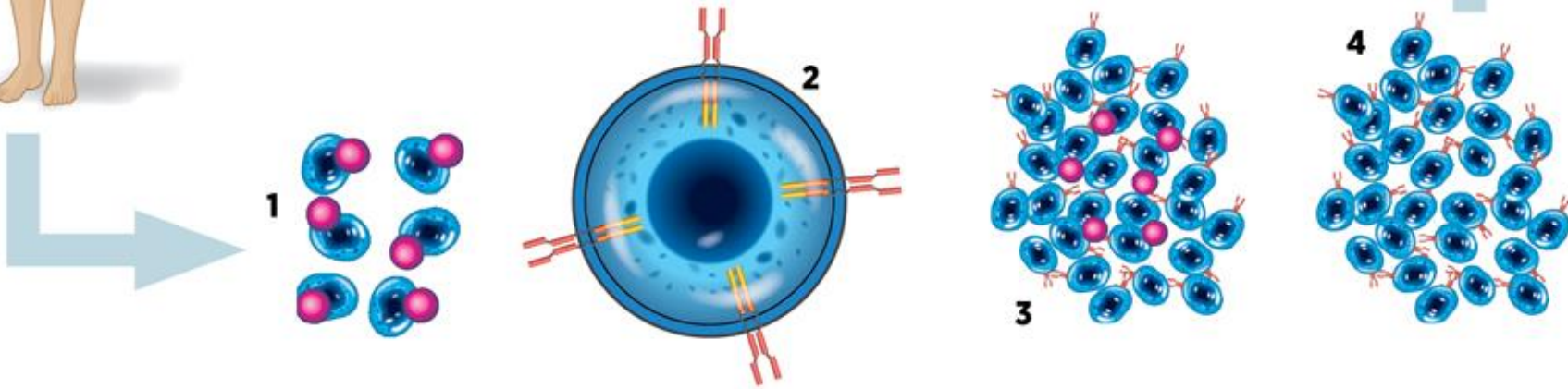
## **Toxicité:**

- Décès non leucémiques: décès en induction; et décès en RC
- Traitement prolongé avec immunosuppression et nombreux effets indésirables (EI) souvent graves (EIG) liés au traitement
- Plus la thérapie est intensive et longue, plus les EI et EIG augmentent
- Le plus toxique : greffe de CSH en CR1 ou plus (GVHD, EI liés à ICT, etc.)



## HOW TO MAKE CANCER-KILLING CELLS

START WITH T-CELLS (IN BLUE) FROM THE PATIENT'S BLOOD; **(1)** ADD MAGNETIC BEADS (VIOLET) COVERED WITH PROTEINS THAT MAKE THEM GROW; **(2)** USE A VIRUS TO CHANGE THE CELL'S DNA, CREATING A RECEPTOR (ORANGE) THAT ATTACKS LEUKEMIA; **(3)** GROW MORE CELLS; **(4)** REMOVE BEADS, AND PUT CELLS BACK IN THE PATIENT.

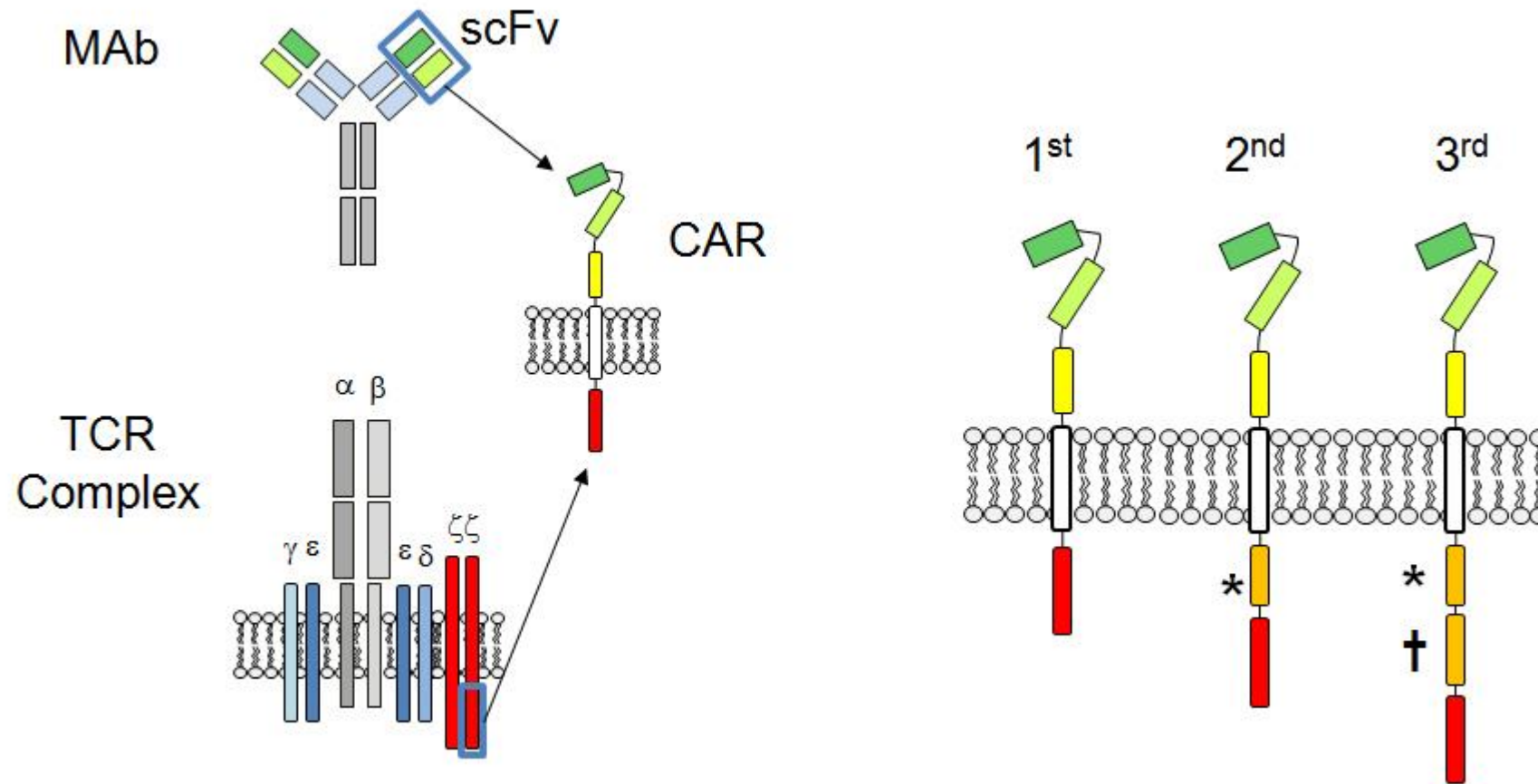


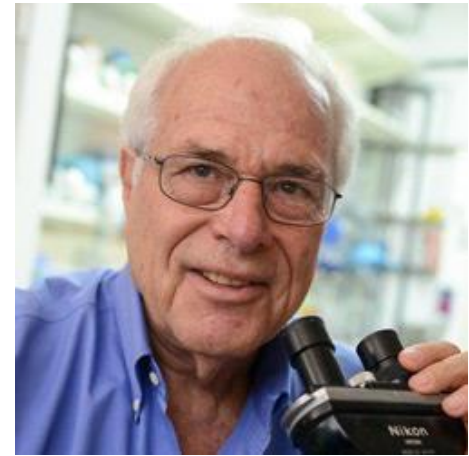
## Is This How We'll Cure Cancer?

*This story appears in the May 26, 2014 issue of Forbes.*

# Chimeric antigen receptor (CAR)

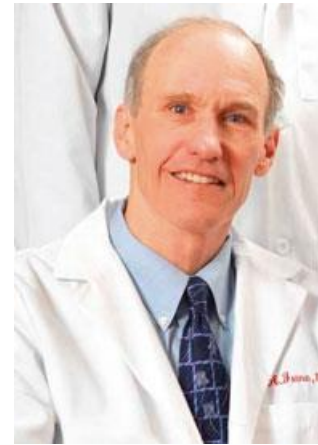
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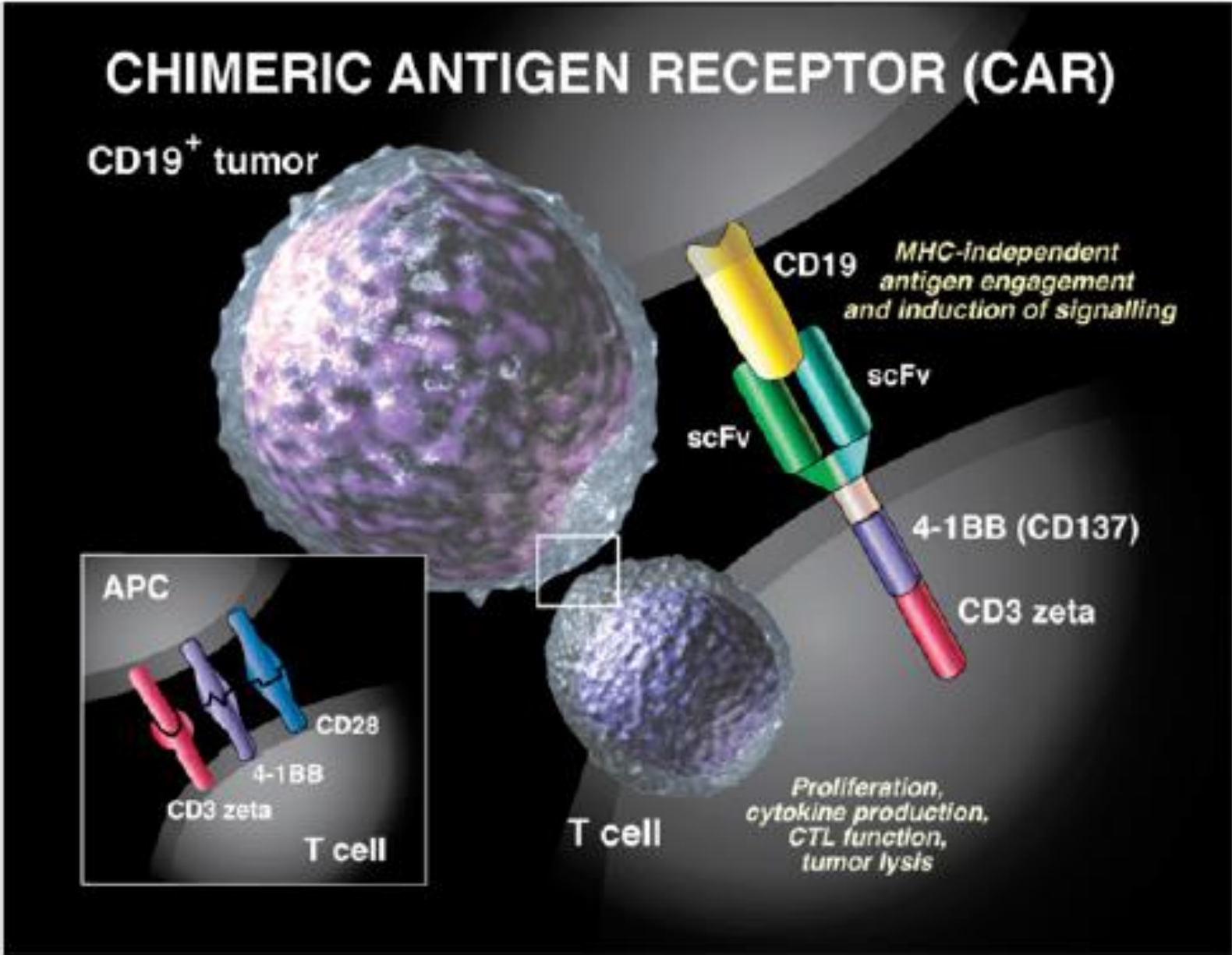


Steve Grupp

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CD 19  
l'antigène  
idéal?

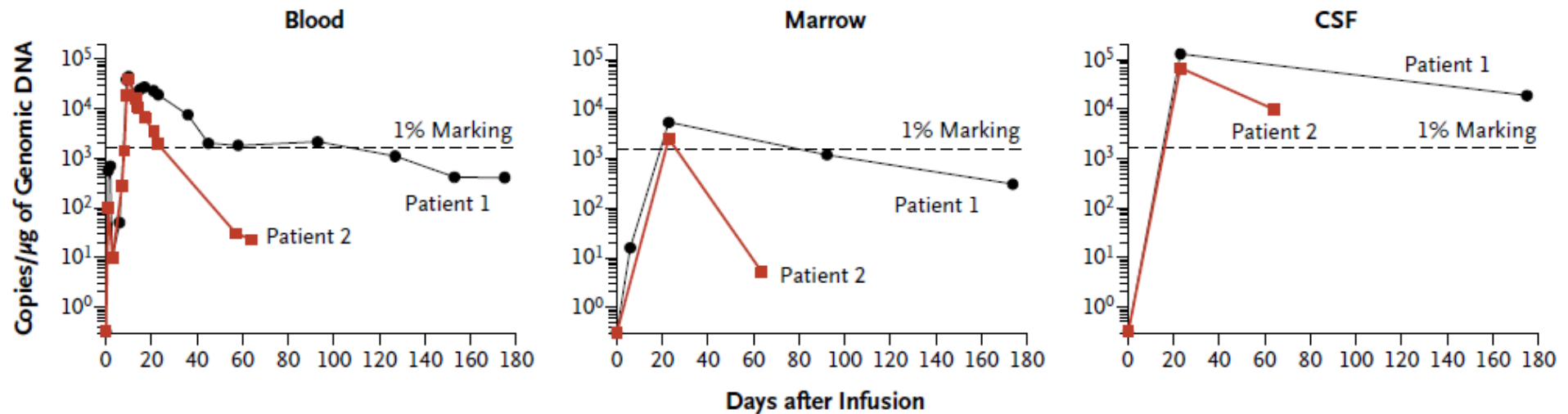




# CTL019 CAR-T cells et LAL de l'enfant : les premiers cas



The New York Times



-100 to 100,000 times in vivo proliferation

- durable antitumor activity and prolonged persistence in patients with B-cell tumors, including 1 sustained CR in a patient with ALL.

*Grupp S et al, NEJM 2013*

# Autologous CD19 CAR-T in R/R B-ALL

## Phase 1/2 studies

| Study                      | Population | CD19-CAR | V   | N  | Cond.  | T-cells    | ORR |
|----------------------------|------------|----------|-----|----|--------|------------|-----|
| Maude, 2013 <sup>1</sup>   | Ped+adult  | 4-1BB    | LV  | 30 | CyF    | unselected | 90% |
| Lee, 2015 <sup>2</sup>     | Ped+YA     | CD28     | gRV | 21 | Cy     | unselected | 68% |
| Gardner, 2017 <sup>3</sup> | Ped+YA     | 4-1BB    | LV  | 45 | CyF    | 1:1 CD4/8  | 93% |
| Maude, 2018 <sup>4</sup>   | Ped+YA     | 4-1BB    | LV  | 75 | CyF    | unselected | 81% |
| Park, 2018 <sup>5</sup>    | Adult      | CD28     | gRV | 53 | Cy/CyF | unselected | 83% |
| Hay, 2019 <sup>6</sup>     | Adult      | 4-1BB    | LV  | 53 | Cy/CyF | 1:1 CD4/8  | 85% |

Cy, cyclophosphamide; CyF, cyclophosphamide + fludarabine; Ped, paediatric; YA, young adults; LV, lentivirus; gRV, gamma-retrovirus; Auto, autologous.

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# Différences selon les essais/ compagnies / littérature

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## FABRICATION DES CELLULES CAR-T

- méthodes de transduction
  - Lentivirus ou Rétrovirus
  - « Sleeping beauty transposon/transposase» (plasmides, ADN «minicircles»)
  - électroporation d'ARNm
- deuxième vs troisième génération vs « armé »
- domaines de costimulation: 4-1BB vs CD28 / persistance et rechute
- monospécifique vs bispécifique

## LYMPHODEPLETION

- cyclophosphamide (Cy) vs Fludarabine-Cy, dosage de chaque composant

## COMPOSITION DU « MEDICAMENT » INJECTE

- nombre de cellules CAR-T injectées
- composition: balance exacte CD4 / CD8...
- CAR-T cells autologues vs allogéniques (« gene editing »)

## TRAITEMENT POST CAR : HSCT OU NON

## ACADEMIE OU INDUSTRIE

# SYNDROME DE RELARGAGE DES CYTOKINES et NEUROTOXICITE vers un consensus?

Biol Blood Marrow Transplant ■■ (2018) ■■■■ – ■■■■



Biology of Blood and  
Marrow Transplantation

journal homepage: [www.bbmt.org](http://www.bbmt.org)



## ASBMT Consensus Grading for Cytokine Release Syndrome and Neurologic Toxicity Associated with Immune Effector Cells

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## CRS : définition proposée (consensus de l'ASBMT)

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“a supraphysiologic response following any immune therapy that results in the activation or engagement of endogenous or infused T cells and/or other immune effector cells.

Symptoms can be progressive, **must** include **fever** at the onset, and may include hypotension, capillary leak (hypoxia) and end organ dysfunction.”

# Immune effector Cell-Associated Neurotoxicity Syndrome (ICANS)

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- may manifest as
  - delirium, encephalopathy,
  - aphasia,
  - lethargy, difficulty concentrating, agitation,
  - tremor, seizures,
  - and, rarely, cerebral edema.
- In addition, headache is very common (might not represent neurotoxicity per se)



# CRS and neurotoxicity in CD19 CAR-T ALL studies

| Study                      | CD19-CAR | N  | Population | CR  | CRS                              | Neurotoxicity/CRES                          |
|----------------------------|----------|----|------------|-----|----------------------------------|---|
| Maude, 2013 <sup>1</sup>   | 4-1BB    | 30 | Ped+Adult  | 90% | <b>100%</b><br><b>27% severe</b> | <b>43% encephalopathy, seizure, aphasia</b> |
| Lee, 2015 <sup>2</sup>     | CD28     | 21 | Ped+YA     | 68% | <b>76%</b><br><b>28% severe</b>  | <b>29% encephalopathy, hallucination</b>    |
| Gardner, 2017 <sup>3</sup> | 4-1BB    | 45 | Ped+YA     | 93% | <b>93%</b><br><b>23% severe</b>  | <b>49%</b><br><b>21% severe</b>             |
| Maude, 2018 <sup>4</sup>   | 4-1BB    | 75 | Ped+YA     | 81% | <b>77%</b><br><b>46% severe</b>  | <b>40%</b><br><b>13% severe</b>             |
| Park, 2018 <sup>5</sup>    | CD28     | 53 | Adult      | 83% | <b>85%</b><br><b>26% severe</b>  | <b>43%</b><br><b>42% severe</b>             |
| Hay, 2019 <sup>6</sup>     | 4-1BB    | 53 | Adult      | 85% | <b>75%</b><br><b>19% severe</b>  | <b>23% severe</b>                           |

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# Robert Debré experience with Tisagenlecleucel at 13.02.19

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## Only pediatric center opened in France until January 2019

### Frame

- Clinical trials
- Named patient basis (Temporary Use Authorization) (ATU)
- Cohort ATU
  - Authorization of the center for use : ANSM (French Regulatory Agency)
  - Accreditation of the center by Novartis (apheresis ++)
  - Each administration to be OK'd by Novartis
  - paying precommercial use : 320 k€

# Characteristics of the 16 infused pts

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## B-ALL GENETICS

- TEL-AML1 : 6
- Hyperdiploidy : 3
- iAMP21 : 1
- BCR-ABL : 3
- BCR-ABL like : 1
- B-Other : 2 (IKZF1 del:1)

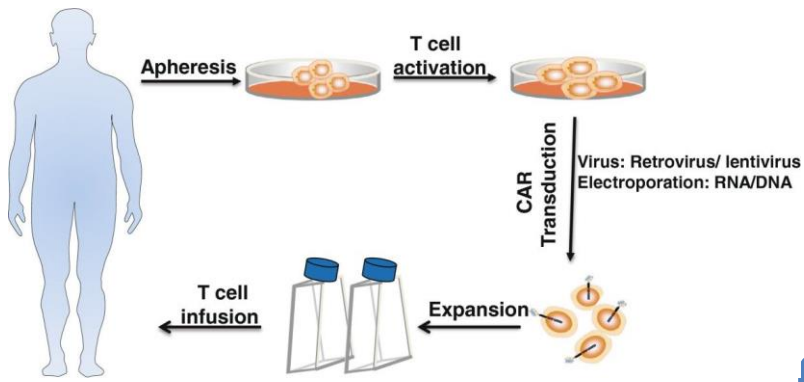
**Prior HSCT : 12/16 (75%)**

## Leukemia features at apheresis

- 1st **refractory** relapse : 5
- 2nd relapse: 1
- 2nd **refractory** relapse : 5
- 3rd relapse: 1
- 4th **refractory** relapse : 2
- 5th relapse (CNS) : 1
- 1st Isolated extramed (BM MRD neg):1

## Leukemia prior to lymphodepletion

- Marrow Blasts  $\geq 5\%$  (5-96) : **8**
- Marrow Blasts  $< 5\%$  : **8**
  - MRD  $> 10^{-2}$ : 1
  - $10^{-4} < \text{MRD} < 10^{-2}$ : 0
  - MRD +  $< 10^{-4}$  : 4
  - MRD undetectable :1
  - MRD UK: 2



**Apheresis N = 25**  
*Between 05 april 2016 and 13 february 2019*  
*Median age = 10,2 years (0,8 -16)*

**Intention to treat patients N = 20**

**Not infused N = 2**  
*Disease progression = 1*  
*Infection-related death = 1*

**Waiting N = 2**  
*Infusion planned in february 2019*

**Infused patients N = 16**  
*Between 30 june 2016 and 15 january 2019*

**CRS (grade3) N = 6**  
 Neurological events N = 5  
 ICU = 6  
 Death = 0

**Molecular / CMF or morphological Relapse N = 4**  
 CD19+ = 2 ; CD19- = 2  
 Deceased N = 1

**Alive in complete remission N = 12**  
*Median follow up = 13,2 months (1 -32)*

# Rechute après CARs ?

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- Rechute CD19(+)
- Rechute CD19(-) (~60-80% des rechutes)
  - down regulation
  - Délétion du gène, mutations, alternative splicing
- Changement de lignage (LAL vers LAM!)
  - MLL++
  - ZNF384

**La plupart de ces événements se passent la première année**

*Sotillo E et al, Cancer Discovery 2015;  
Gardner R et al, Blood 2016;  
Jacoby E et al, Nature Com 2016  
Oberley MJ et al, Pediatr Blood & Cancer 2018*

# Concepts possibles dans un futur proche pour les LAL-B

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- Remplacement de l'allogreffe par les CARs autologues persistants:



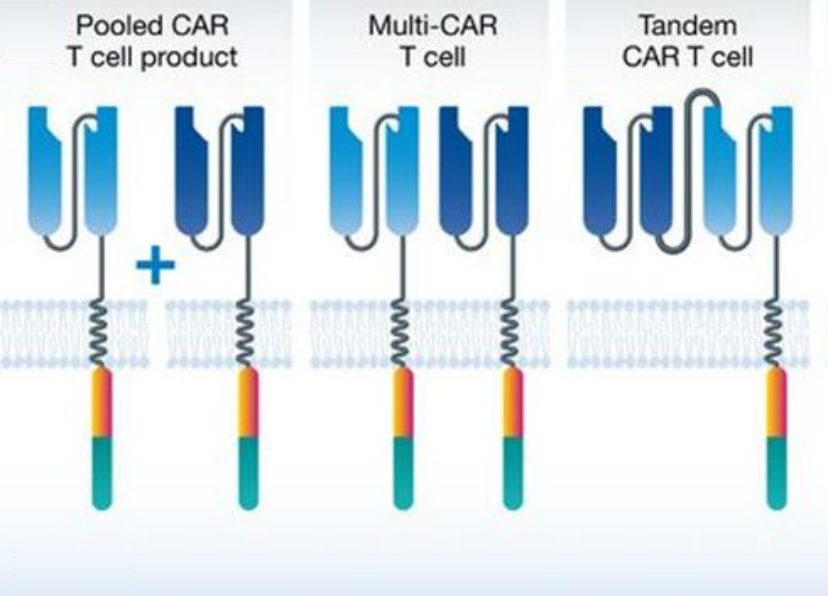
*time*

- Advanced disease ( relapse  $\geq 2$ , relapse post HSCT)
- 1st high-risk relapse
- 1st line very-high Risk ALL (non responding to chemo)
- 1st line HR ALL (replacement of prolonged intensive chemo?)

- CARs allogéniques : plus un pont vers la greffe sauf si des injections répétées sont possibles après des chimiothérapies de lymphodéplétion plus légères



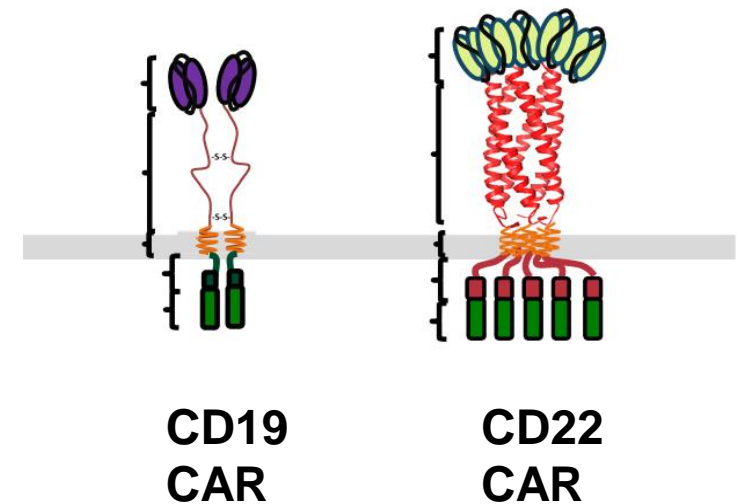
# Next generation CAR-T



# Example of a bispecific CAR

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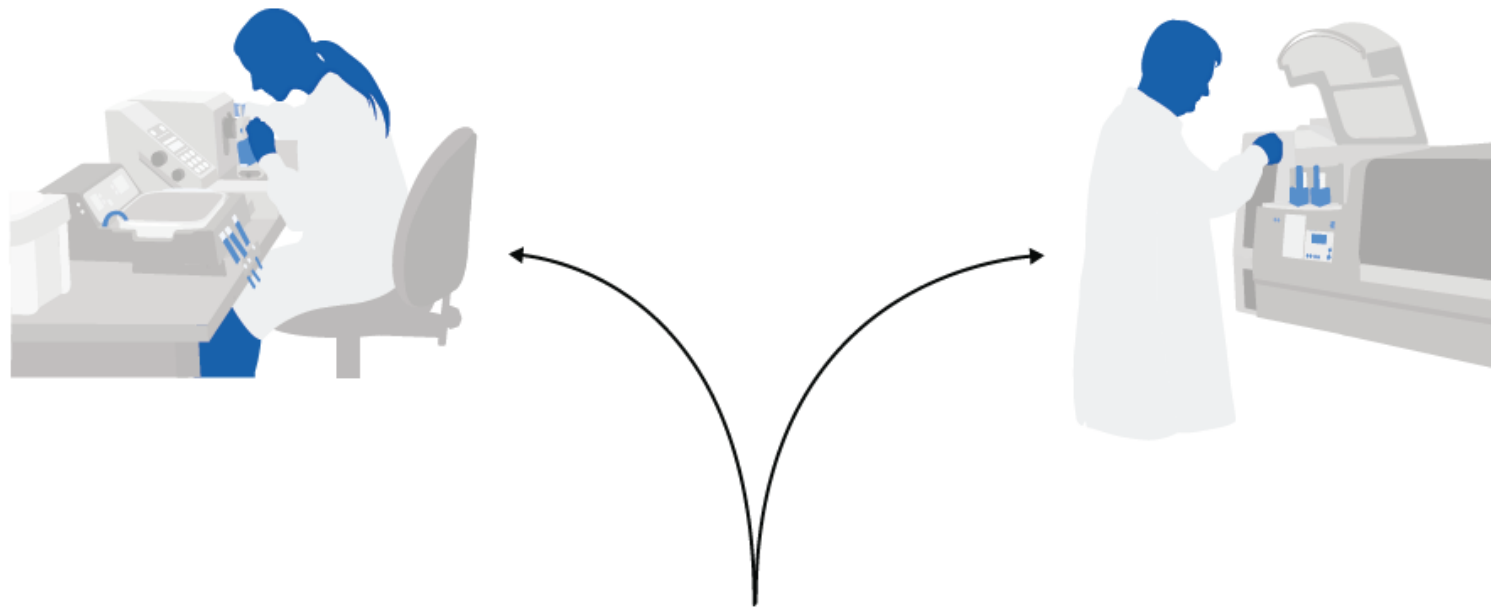
- Ground : AMELIA Phase 1 preliminary data
  - ASH 2018 Amrolia P et al :
    - 10 pts
    - 6/6 CR : at  $3 \times 10^6$  cells or more/kg and persistence
    - low toxicity, no C19-/CD22- relapse
    - Efficacy and dose escalation ongoing
- AMELIA Phase II Trial
- **AUTOLUS Bispecific CAR (CD19/CD22)**
- For pts with B-ALL and MRD TP1 > 5% or t(17;19)
- Availability?



## 2 points de réalité

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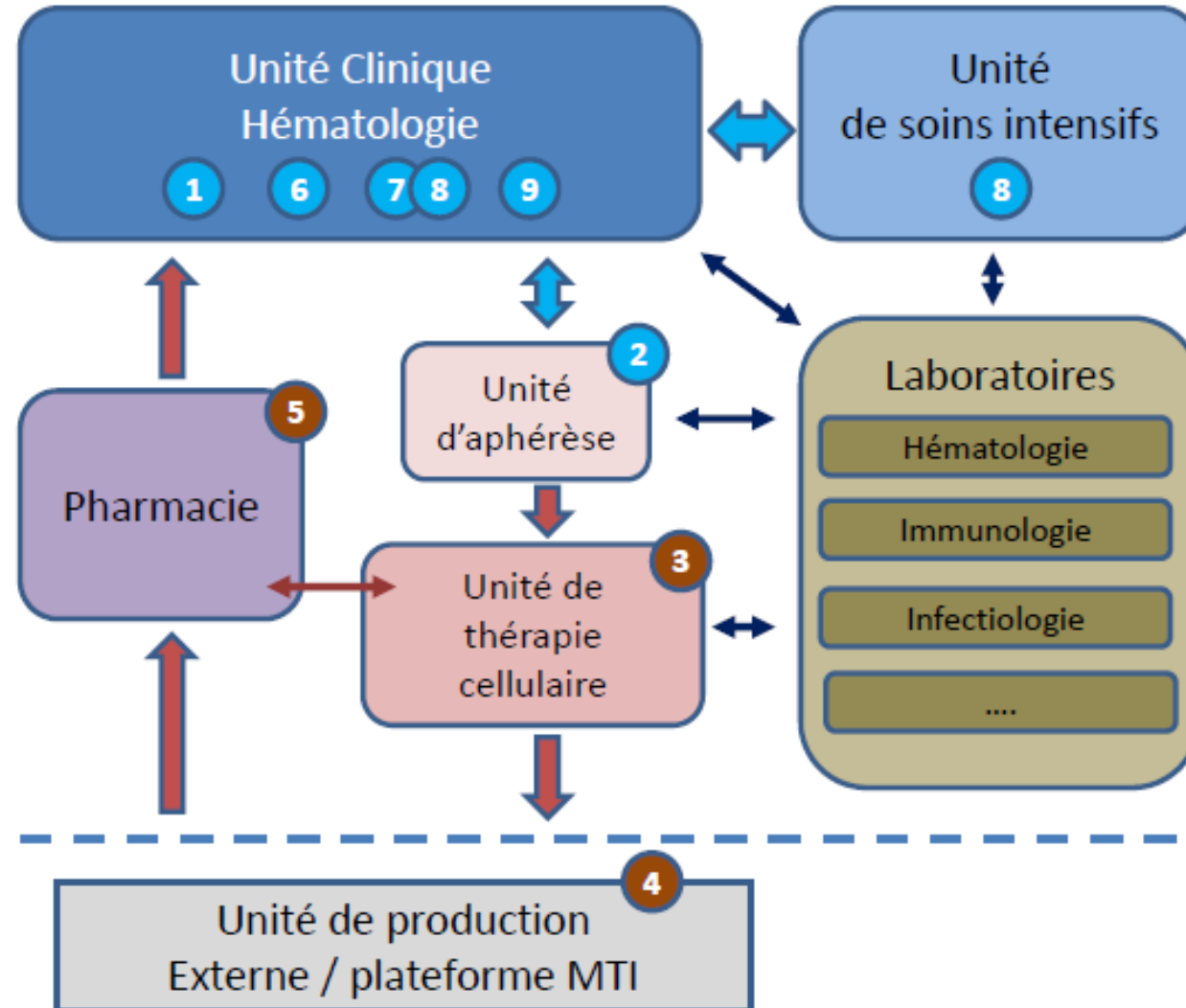
- Complexité
- « toxicité financière »



**EST-CE SI SIMPLE?**

# Complexité ++ du parcours des cellules et du patient

1. Screening n°1
2. Aphérèse
3. Conservation du produit d'aphérèse
4. Production
5. Réception du médicament (OGM)
6. Screening n°2
7. Lymphodéplétion / injection
8. Gestion des EI court terme
9. Gestion des EI long terme (OGM...)



# Tisagenlecleucel et LAL

## AMM Européenne: août 2018

### ATU de cohorte: fin le 24 Mars 2019

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- âge < 26 ans et porteur d'une LAL-B
- 2<sup>ème</sup> rechute ou Réfractaire après deux lignes  
ou 1<sup>ère</sup> rechute post greffe
  - à noter 3 indications de fait autorisées alors que pas de data  
**RECHUTES EXTRA-MEDULLAIRE, AGE < 3 ANS, PRE-EXPOSITION AU BLINATUMOMAB**
- 320.000 E HT; prix final en attente (ASMR3)
- 2 centres (RDB SLS): extension en cours
- critères d'autorisation publiés (JORF n°0085 du 10 avril 2019 )



# 1<sup>ère</sup> enfant traitée en France: fille de 11 ans

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- Avril 2010: LAL de la lignée B TEL-AML1 + diagnostiquée chez une fille de 5 ans
- Sept 2013: Rechute médullaire
- Décembre 2013: Allogreffe géno-identique en 2<sup>ème</sup> RC
- Nov 2014: rechute moléculaire / 3 injections de Lymphocytes du donneur: échec
- Mai 2015: rechute avérée
  - Nombreuses chimiothérapies, y compris la clofarabine et le moxétumomab
  - Phase palliative
- *30 mars 2016: INCLUSION ELIANA TRIAL ; 5 avril: aphérèse*
- *30 juin 2016: injection de CTL019 après lymphodéplétion*
- *J3: CRS de grade 3; Soins intensifs (fluides, vasopresseurs); Tocilizumab: apyrexie à H4*
- *J28: Rémission complète avec Maladie Résiduelle indétectable*
- *2 septembre 2016: retour à l'école*
- *M3: RC persistante (MRD neg); aplasie des cellules B.*
- *M10: a gravi une montagne de 3000 m*
- *M34: Va bien. Aplasie des cellules B persistante*

# CONCLUSION

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- Une révolution!
- Nombreux problèmes soulevés
  - Scientifiques
  - Technologiques
  - Médicaux
  - Economiques
  - Ethiques

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