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# Phase 1/2 study of AUTO3, the first bicistronic chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) targeting CD19 and CD22, followed by an anti-PD1 in patients with relapsed/refractory (r/r) Diffuse Large B Cell Lymphoma (DLBCL): Results of Safety Cohorts of the ALEXANDER study

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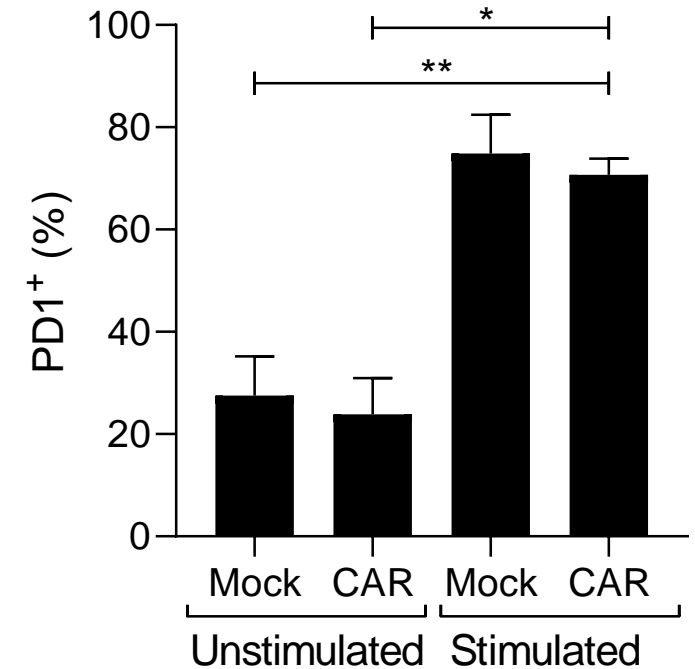
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# Improving CAR T Cell Immunotherapy In DLBCL

## Dual Targeting CAR & Prevention of Early CAR T Exhaustion

- CD19 CARs are active in r/r DLBCL
- However unmet need remains with CD19 CAR T cell therapy
  - 29-37% durable CRR in DLBCL<sup>1,2</sup>
  - The potential causes for relapse include:
    - PD-L1 upregulation<sup>3</sup> which contributes to CAR T exhaustion
    - CD19 antigen loss<sup>4</sup>
  - Rate of severe (grade  $\geq 3$ ) cytokine release syndrome (CRS 13-22%) and neurotoxicity (NT 12-28%)<sup>2,4</sup>
- Simultaneous targeting of CD19 and CD22 may reduce the probability of relapse due to antigen loss
- PD1/PDL1 mediated CAR T cell exhaustion may be prevented by adding pembrolizumab to the preconditioning regimen

### Activated T-cells Upregulate PD1



<sup>1</sup> Locke F et al Lancet Oncol 2019

<sup>2</sup> Schuster S et al NEJM 2019

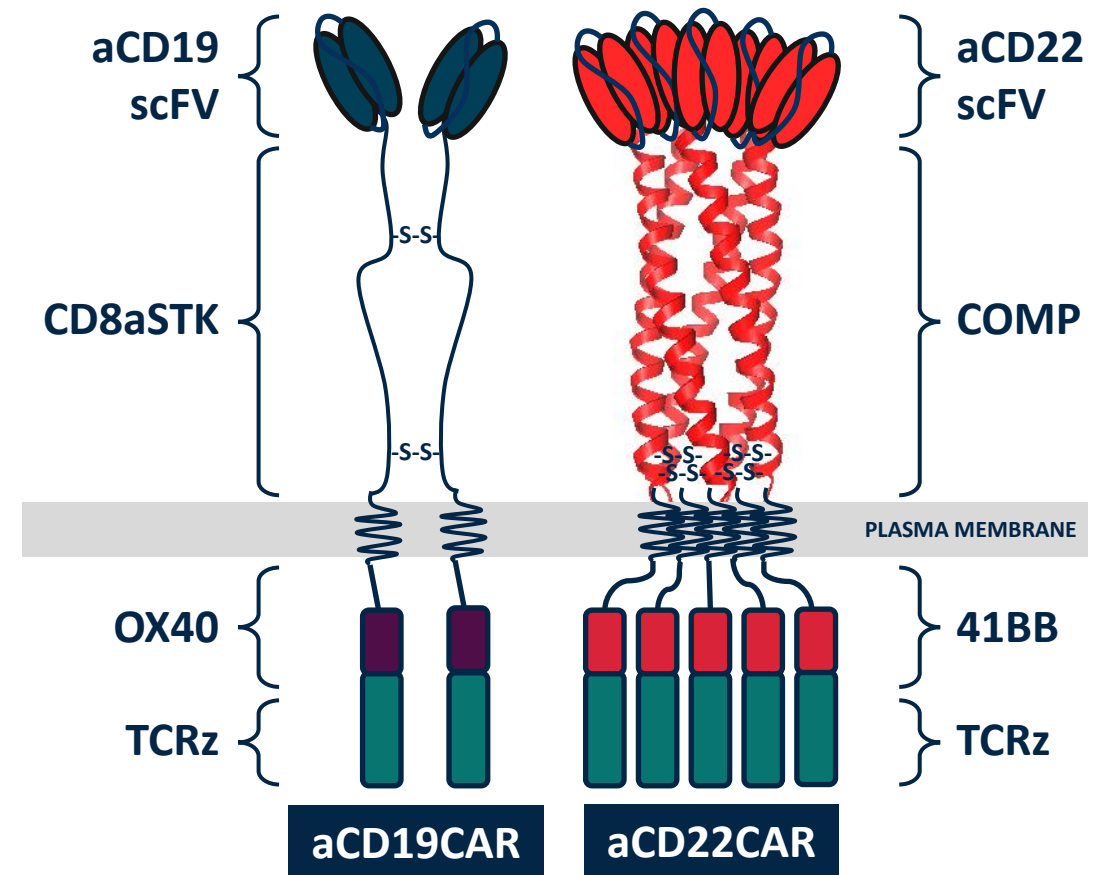
<sup>3</sup> Neelapu S et al ASCO 2018

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# AUTO3: First CD19 and CD22 Targeting Bicistronic CAR

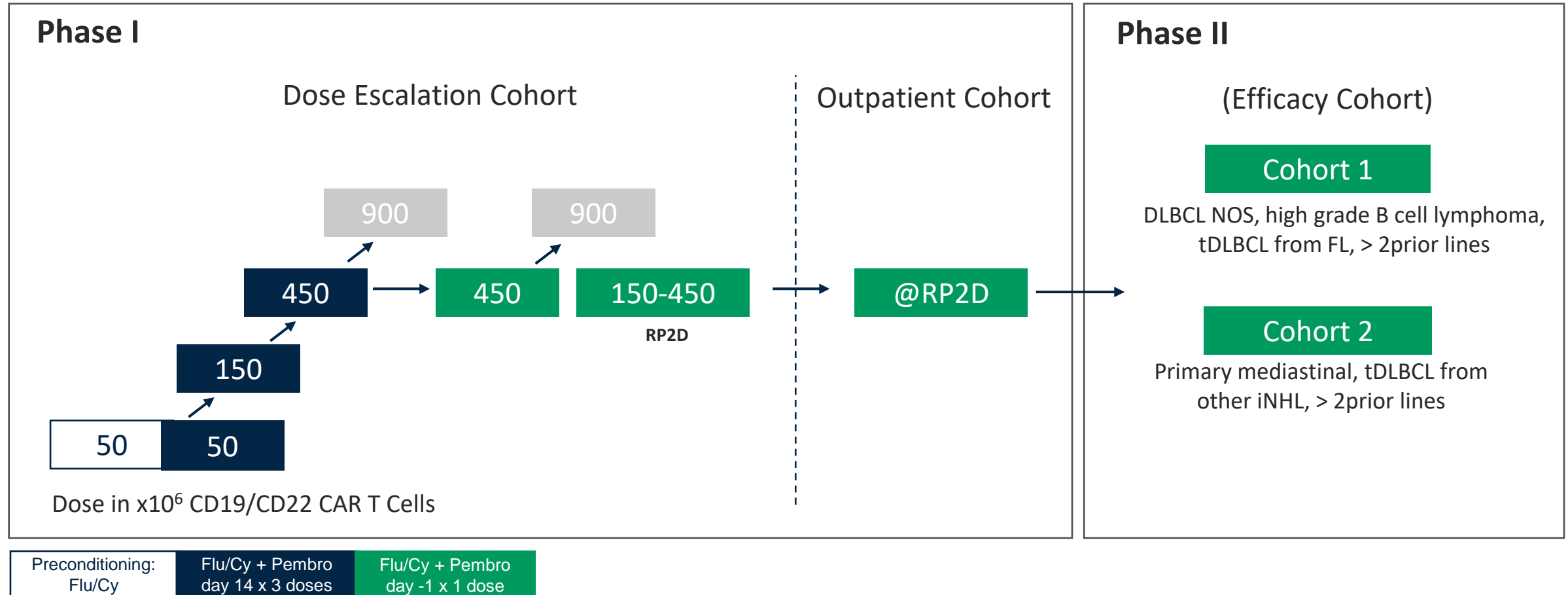
## Gamma Retroviral-Based Vector with RD114 Pseudotype

- Dual antigen targeting
- Two independent CARs delivered in single retroviral vector
- Humanized binders
- CD22 CAR with novel pentameric spacer
- OX40/41BB costimulatory domains designed to improve persistence
- Independently target CD19 and CD22



# Alexander Study Design

AUTO3-DB1, Single-Arm, Open-Label, Multi-Center, Phase 1/2 Study



# Key Eligibility Criteria

## Inclusion criteria

- $\geq 18$  years
- Chemo-refractory disease, or relapse after at least two lines of therapy, or after ASCT
- DLBCL not otherwise specified (NOS), and DLBCL with MYC and BCL2 and/or BCL6 rearrangements (double/triple hit)
- Transformed DLBCL from follicular lymphoma
- Transformed DBCL from other indolent lymphomas (excluding Richter's transformation)
- High-grade B cell lymphoma with MYC expression (excluding Burkitt's lymphoma)
- Primary mediastinal large B cell lymphoma

## Exclusion criteria

- Pre-existing significant neurological disorder
- Prior allogenic haematopoietic stem cell transplant
- Prior CD19 or CD22 targeted therapy
- Contraindication to receiving pembrolizumab

# Study End Points

## Primary

### Phase I

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- Incidence of Grade 3–5 toxicity occurring within 75 days of AUTO3 infusion
- Frequency of dose limiting toxicities of AUTO3

### Phase II

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- Best overall response post-AUTO3 infusion
- Incidence of Grade 3–5 toxicity occurring within 75 days of AUTO3 infusion

## Secondary

### Phase I and Phase II

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- Safety
- Feasibility of AUTO3 product generation
- Cellular kinetics
- Efficacy: CR, DFS, PFS, OS
- B-cell aplasia

# Patient Characteristics

Baseline Patient Characteristics		N=23
Age, median (min-max)		57 (28-83)
Gender, n	Male, Female	14, 9
Current Histology, n	<b>DLBCL</b>	
	- GCB	10
	- Non-GCB	7
	<b>tDLBCL</b>	
	- FL	5
	- MZL	1
Disease Stage, n	II	2
	III	5
	IV	16
Relapsed/Refractory, n	Refractory	5
	Relapsed	3
	Relapsed and Refractory	15
IPI, n	0-1	4
	2	7
	3-4	12
No. Prior Therapies, median (min-max)		3 (2-10)
Prior ASCT, n		4
SPD, median (min-max)		22.3 cm (2.08 – 260.84)



# Treatment Emergent Adverse Events ( $\geq 25\%$ )

AEs (Total N = 23)	All Grades N (%)	Grades 3 & 4 N (%)
Neutropenia	20 (87%)	20 (87%)
Thrombocytopenia	15 (65%)	13 (57%)
Anaemia	13 (57%)	11 (48%)
Cytokine release syndrome	9 (39%)	0
Fever	9 (39%)	0
Constipation	7 (30%)	0
Fatigue	6 (26%)	0

- Majority of > Grade 3 AEs are haematological
- No dose limiting toxicities
- No AUTO3-related deaths or Grade 5 adverse events

**SAE** = Majority hematological including febrile neutropenias. Others include 1 case of gallbladder abscess, 1 case of grade 4 pneumonia due to parainfluenza, 1 case of subdural hemorrhage due to thrombocytopenia and fall, and 1 case of grade 3 NT which all resolved.

# Cytokine Release Syndrome (CRS)

	50 x10 <sup>6</sup> AUTO3 no pem (N=4)	50 x10 <sup>6</sup> AUTO3 D14 pem (N=3)	150 x10 <sup>6</sup> AUTO3 D14 pem (N=4)	450 x10 <sup>6</sup> AUTO3 D14 pem (N=4)	450 x10 <sup>6</sup> AUTO3 D -1 pem (N=4#)	150-450 x 10 <sup>6</sup> AUTO3 D-1 pem <u>RP2D</u> (N=4)	Total (N=23)
Grade 1 CRS	1	0	1	1	2	1	6 (26.1%)
Grade 2 CRS	0	0	1	1	0	1	3 (13%)
≥ Grade 3 CRS	0	0*	0	0	0	0	0

\* 1 patient who had no CRS with primary infusion, developed G3 CRS (severe hypoxia) with re-treatment 1 year later which happened in a setting of no CAR T expansion and significant disease burden in lung that had been treated with radiation

# Includes one patient that received only 125 x 10<sup>6</sup>

- No prophylactic measures of any kind
- Median time to CRS 7 days (1-36), median duration of CRS 5 days (1-19)
- No grade 3 or higher CRS\* with primary infusion
- 4 patients (17%) received tocilizumab for CRS

# Neurotoxicity (NT)

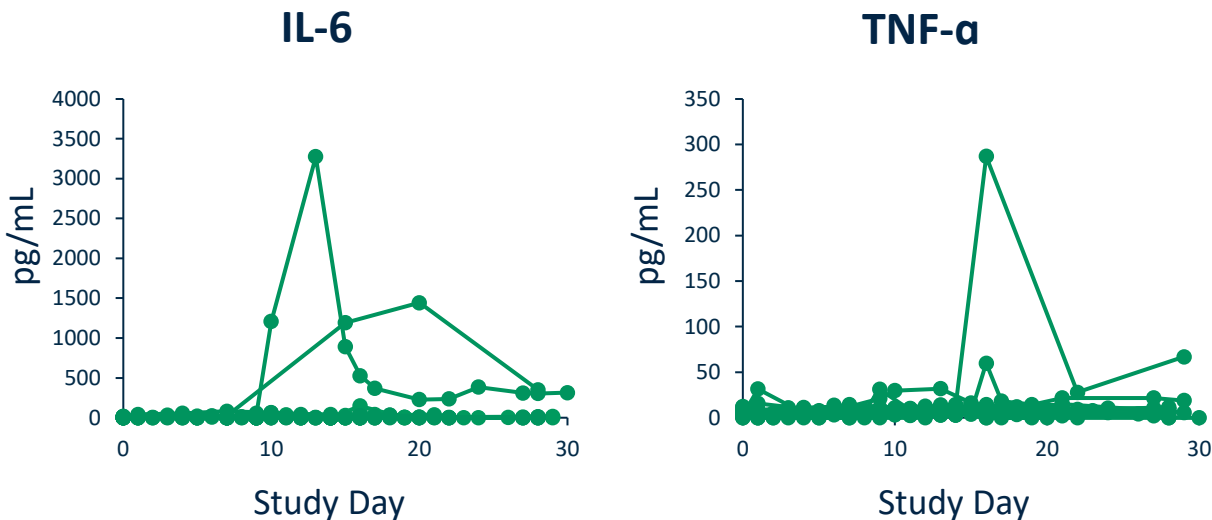
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All grades NT	1	0	0	0	0	0	1 (4.3%)
≥ Grade 3 NT	1	0	0	0	0	0	1 (4.3%)

# Includes one patient that received only 125 x 10<sup>6</sup>

- No prophylactic measures of any kind
- Only 1 case of NT (Grade 3) which resolved quickly with steroids
  - No CART expansion was seen at any time. Grade 3 NT occurred on day 53. Symptoms improved in 3 days. The same symptoms of facial/muscle weakness occurred > 10 years ago without specific diagnosis.
- No neurotoxicity of any grade in AUTO3 + pem

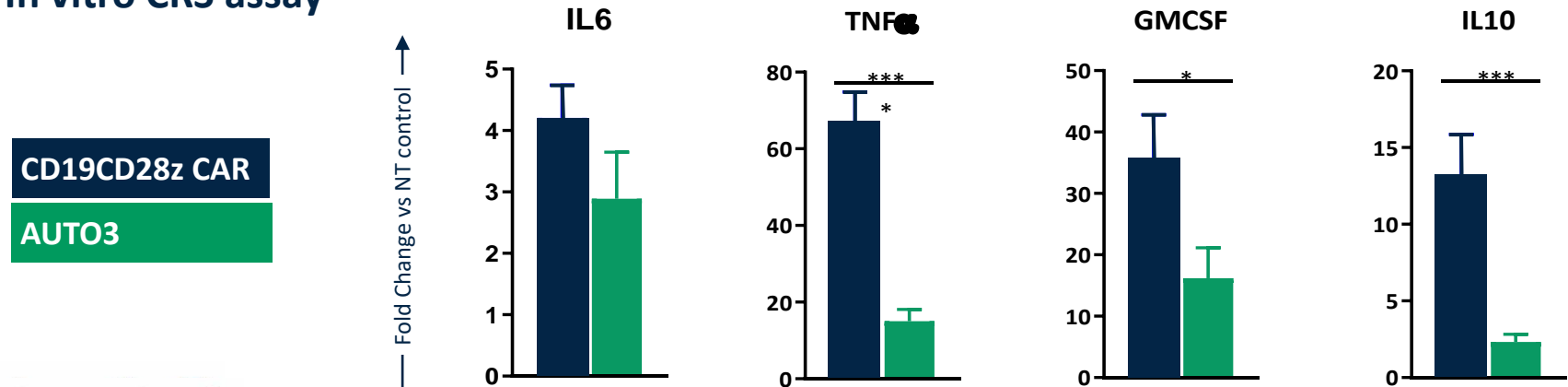
# Low *in-vitro* and *in-vivo* Cytokines Consistent with Low Grade CRS

## Clinical



CAR T Product	CRS Grade 0-2 Median IL-6 level pg/ml	CRS Grade ≥3 Median IL-6 level pg/ml
AUTO3	16.55 (0 – 3275)	NA
Yescarta	49.4 (3.5, 12109.7)	713.9 (152.5- 50705)

## In vitro CRS assay



CRS-associated cytokines were produced at multi-fold higher levels by CD19CD28z CAR\* versus AUTO3 in a trans well/ macrophages in vitro CRS model (Norelli et al 2018)

\* CD19CD28z CAR is a FMC-63 based CAR similar to Yescarta

# Preliminary Efficacy:

Dose level  $\geq 150 \times 10^6$  day -1 pembro appears promising

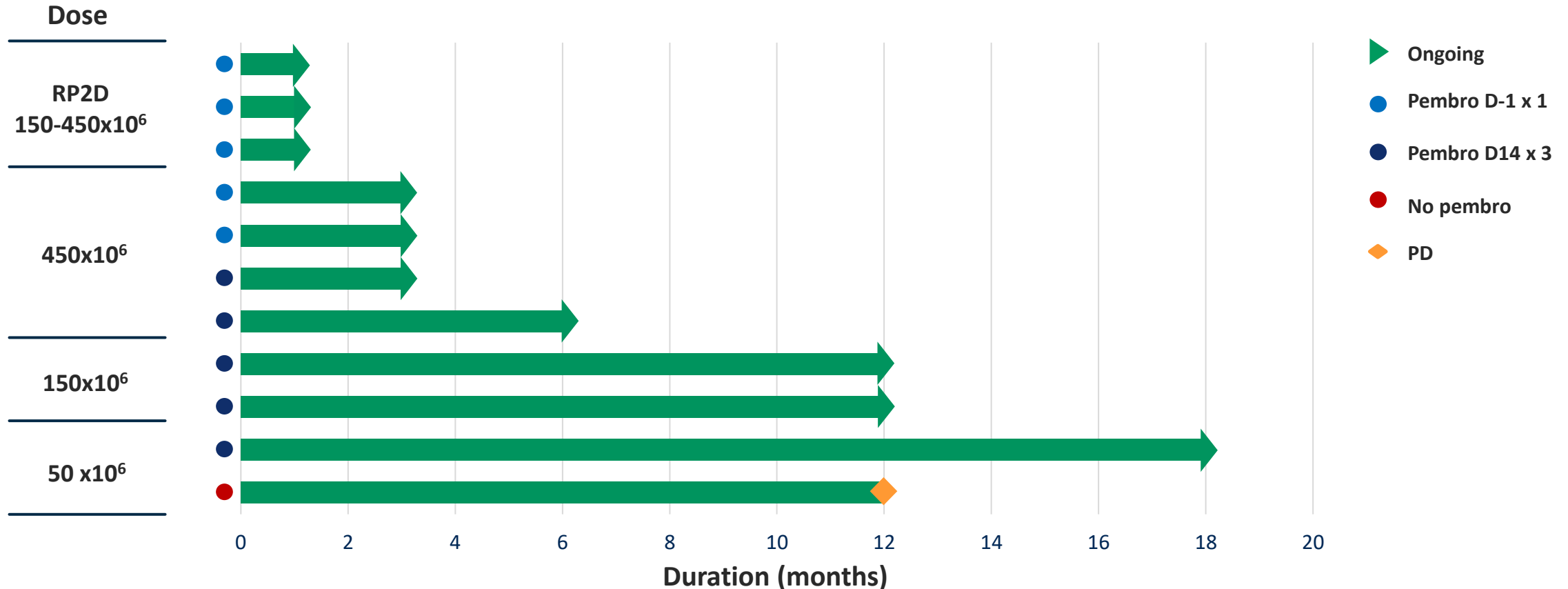
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CR	1	1	2	2	2	3
PR	1	1	0	1	0	1
PD	2	0	2	1	2**	0
NE	0	1*	0	0	0	0

- All Dose Levels (N=23): ORR 65%, CRR 48%
  - $\geq 150 \times 10^6$  (N=16): ORR 69%, CRR 56%
  - $\geq 150 \times 10^6$ , Day -1 pem (N=8): ORR 75%, CRR 63%

\* NE because baseline PET negative disease, \*\*Includes one patient that received only  $125 \times 10^6$  and NE per protocol

# Duration of Complete Responses

10 of 11 complete responses ongoing



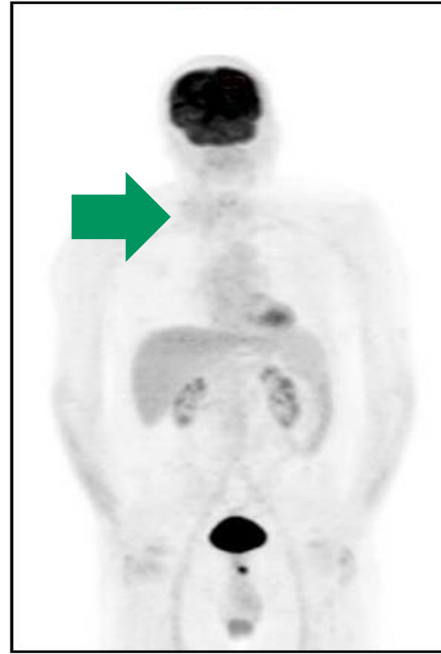
At  $\geq 150 \times 10^6$  dose all complete responses are ongoing with a median follow up 3 months (range 1-12m)

# Complete Responses Seen in Bulky Tumors without sCRS or NT

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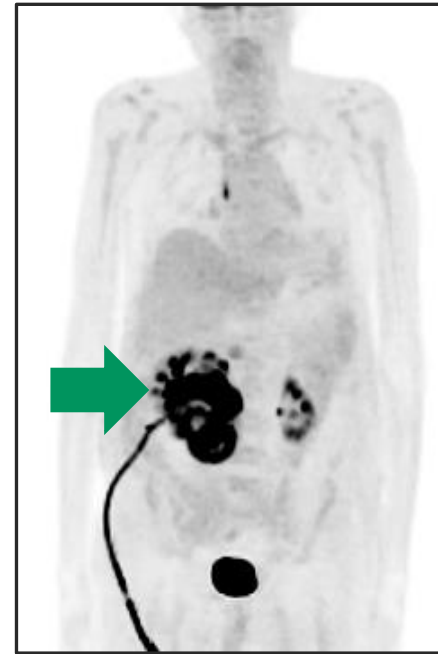


Post AUTO3 Day 28



60 yo male, Refractory DLBCL NOS, Bulky  
Refractory to RCHOP/RICE/RESHAP  
Dose:  $50 \times 10^6$  D14 pem  
No CRS or NT  
CR duration 18 months+

Pre AUTO3



Post AUTO3 Day 28



83 yo male, Refractory DLBCL NOS, Bulky: SPD 125 cm<sup>2</sup>  
Refractory to RCHOP, RDHAX, Polatuzumab + R  
Bendamustine  
Dose  $450 \times 10^6$  D-1 pem  
Grade 2 CRS, no NT

# Summary

## Phase I Cohorts, ALEXANDER Study

- AUTO3 product was successfully manufactured for all patients
- Tolerable safety profile, 0%  $\geq$  Grade 3 CRS and 4% (1/23) Grade 3 neurotoxicity with primary infusion
  - No neurotoxicity of any grade in patients treated  $\geq 150 \times 10^6$
- RP2D range of  $150 - 450 \times 10^6$  dose with pembrolizumab D-1 selected
  - CRR  $\geq 150 \times 10^6$  with D-1 pembrolizumab is 63% (N=8)
- Complete responses achieved without severe CRS or neurotoxicity of any grade
- Complete responses are durable, 10/11 ongoing (median f/u 3 months)
- Outpatient expansion cohort will enroll shortly



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