# Real-World Outcomes of Brexucabtagene Autoleucel for the Treatment of Relapsed or Refractory Mantle Cell Lymphoma in the United States



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# BACKGROUND

- Brexucabtagene autoleucel (brexu-cel), an autologous anti-CD19 chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T-cell therapy, is approved in the United States (US) and European Union for the treatment of adults with relapsed/refractory (R/R) mantle cell lymphoma (MCL) and in the US for adults with R/R B-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia<sup>1,2</sup>
- In a 3-year follow-up analysis of ZUMA-2, a study of brexu-cel in patients with R/R MCL who received 1-5 prior therapies including a Bruton tyrosine kinase inhibitor (BTKi), the median overall survival (OS) was 46.6 months, with a 30-month OS rate of 60.3%<sup>3</sup>
- The objective response rate (ORR) with brexu-cel in ZUMA-2 was 91%, with a 68% complete response (CR) rate<sup>3</sup>
- Patients treated with FDA-approved brexu-cel may have had patient and disease characteristics that were broader than the scope of the ZUMA-2 eligibility criteria, including no prior BTKi therapy<sup>4</sup>
- The post-authorization safety study (PASS) of FDA-approved brexu-cel is a long-term noninterventional cohort study using the CIBMTR registry infrastructure

## OBJECTIVE

• Assess the real-world efficacy and safety outcomes of brexu-cel in patients with R/R MCL

# **METHODS**

#### Population in the brexu-cel PASS

- Received FDA-approved brexu-cel for R/R MCL in the US after July 24, 2020
- Provided informed consent
- Not enrolled in any clinical trials

#### Additional exclusion criteria for this analysis

No efficacy or safety follow-up

#### **Endpoints of interest**

- Efficacy: ORR (CR + partial response), CR as best response, duration of response (DOR), progression-free survival (PFS), and OS; outcomes by prior BTKi exposure
- Safety: cytokine release syndrome (CRS; per Lee at al 2014 criteria for comparison with ZUMA-2<sup>5</sup>) and immune effector cell-associated neurotoxicity syndrome (ICANS; per American Society for Transplantation and Cellular Therapy consensus grade), prolonged cytopenia, infection, and subsequent neoplasm

#### **Statistical Analyses**

• Percentages and 95% Clopper-Pearson exact Cls were calculated for dichotomous outcomes. DOR, PFS and OS were estimated using the Kaplan-Meier estimator. Cumulative incidence functions were used for CRS and ICANS resolution rates

# RESULTS

### Figure 1. Analysis Population

Patients with R/R MCL treated with brexu-cel at 70 centers July 2020 – December 2021 Enrolled N=254<sup>a</sup>

Patients with at least 1 scheduled follow-up and included in the analysis N=135

Patients excluded due to no efficacy or safety follow-up (n=119)

<sup>a</sup> A total of 500 patients is planned for enrollment. Brexu-cel, brexucabtagene autoleucel; MCL, mantle cell lymphoma; R/R, relapsed/refractory.

The data cutoff date for this analysis was December 24, 2021

# **RESULTS** (Continued)

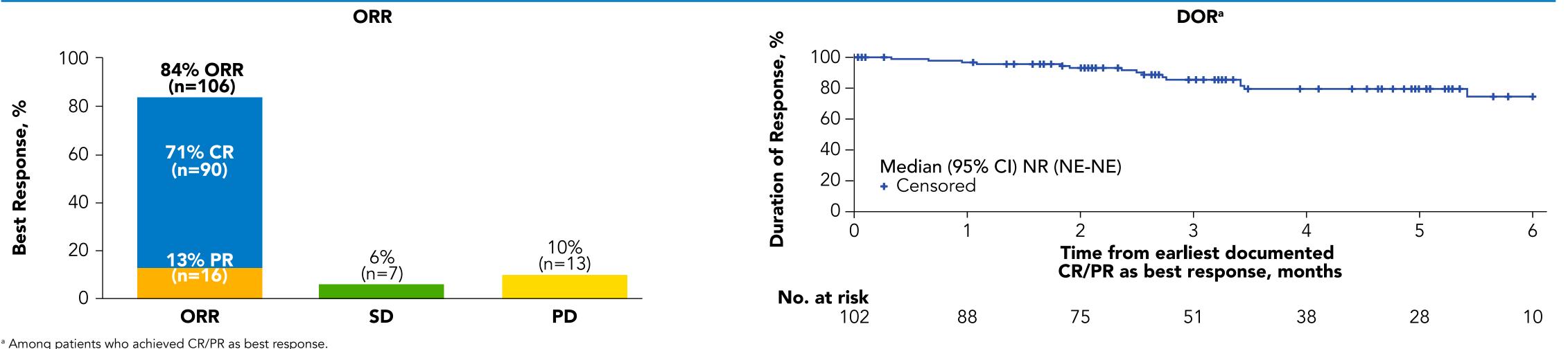
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Key Variable of Interest	BTKi-Naive (n=12, 9%) <sup>a</sup>	BTKi-Exposed (n=120, 89%)ª	All Patients (N=135)		
Median age (range), years	68 (54-77)	65 (37-84)	66 (37-84)		
Age ≥65 years, n (%)	9 (75)	62 (52)	72 (53)		
Male sex, n (%)	9 (75)	94 (78)	106 (79)		
ECOG PS ≥2 prior to infusion, n (%)	0	7 (6)	7 (5)		
Clinically significant comorbidities / HCT-CI score ≥3 <sup>6</sup> , n (%)	9 (75) / 4 (33)	87 (73) / 32 (27)	96 (71) / 36 (27)		
Disease stage at diagnosis: I-II / III-IV n (%) <sup>ь</sup>	2 (17) / 9 (75)	9 (8) / 89 (74)	11 (8) / 99 (73)		
TP53 deletion at diagnosis, n/n (%)	2/11 (18)	8/57 (14)	10/69 (14)		
Ki-67 proliferation index at diagnosis ≥30%, n/n (%)	7/9 (78)	46/65 (71)	53/75 (71)		
Extranodal CNS involvement prior to infusion, n (%)	0	5 (4)	5 (4)		
Chemo-sensitive/resistant prior to infusion, n (%) <sup>b</sup>	3 (25) / 7 (58)	33 (28) / 73 (61)	36 (27) / 83 (61)		
Median no. of prior lines of therapy (range)	3 (2-6)	4 (2-12)	4 (2-12)		
Prior SCT: ASCT / alloSCT, n (%)	2 (17) / 1 (8)	38 (32) / 5 (4)	41 (30) / 6 (4)		
Bridging therapy: any type / systemic / radiation, n (%) <sup>c</sup>	2 (17) / 2 (17) / 1 (8)	24 (20) / 15 (13) / 12 (10)	26 (19) / 17 (13) / 13 (10)		
212 Months from initial diagnosis to infusion, n (%)	11 (92)	107 (89)	120 (89)		
Median time from leukapheresis to infusion (range), days	27 (22-35)	28 (18-96)	28 (18-96)		
nfused in the outpatient setting, n (%)	2 (17)	10 (8)	12 (9)		
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hree patients did not report the status of prior BTKi exposure. <sup>b</sup> Disease stage was not reported for 25 patients, and sensitivity to chemotherapy was unknown in 16 patients. <sup>c</sup> The incidence of bridging therapy was derived from the number of patients who received a prior therapy after leukapheresis and before conditioning chemotherapy. AlloSCT, allogeneic stem cell transplantation; ASCT, autologous stem cell transplantation; CNS, central nervous system; ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; HCT-CI, hematopoietic cell transplantation-specific comorbidity index; SCT, stem cell transplantation.

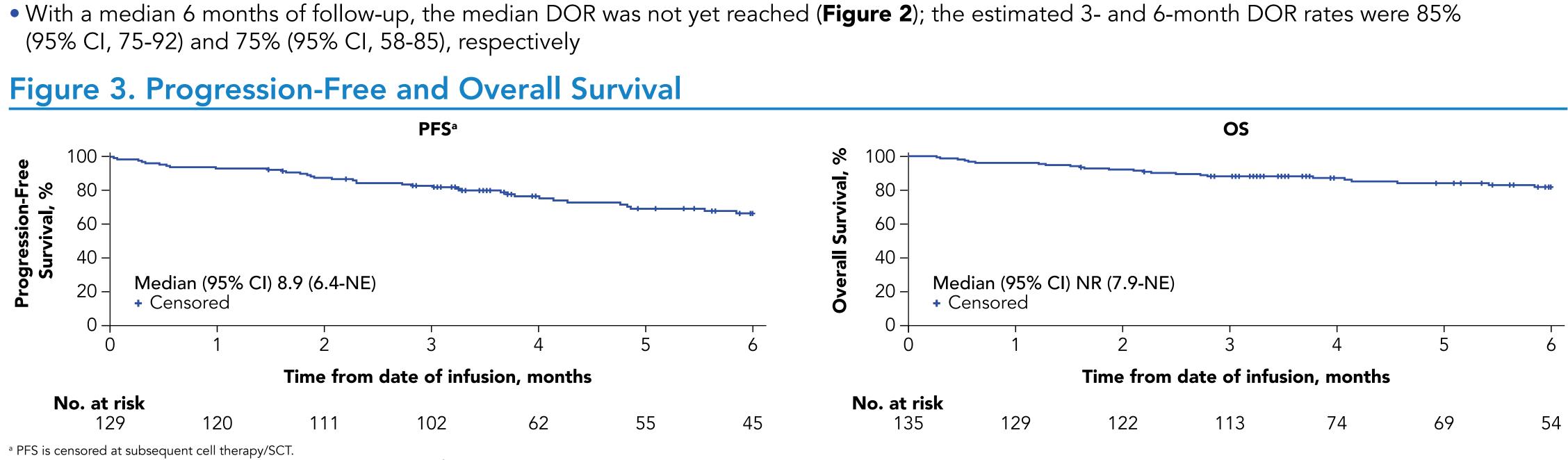
• Of 135 patients, 79 (59%) were considered not eligible for ZUMA-2

#### Figure 2. Objective Response and Duration of Response



CR, complete response; DOR, duration of response; NE, not estimable; NR, not reached; ORR, objective response rate; PD, progressive disease; PR, partial response; SD, stable disease.

• Among patients with best response assessed and reported (n=126), 106 (84%; 95% CI, 77-90) had an objective response (Figure 2) (95% CI, 75-92) and 75% (95% CI, 58-85), respectively



NE, not estimable; NR, not reached; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival; SCT, stem cell transplantation.

• The median PFS was 8.9 months (95% CI, 6.4-NE; Figure 3), and the 6-month PFS rate was 66% (95% CI, 56-75) • The median OS was not reached, and the 6-month OS rate was 79% (95% CI, 71-86; Figure 3)

#### Table 2. Efficacy Outcomes by Prior BTKi Exposure

	BTKi-Naive (n=12)ª	BTKi-Exposed (n=120)ª	All Patients (N=135)
ORR (95% CI), %	91 (59-100)	84 (76-90)	84 (77-90)
CR	82 (48-98)	71 (62-80)	71 (63-79)
PR	9 (<1-41)	13 (7-20)	13 (7-20)
Median DOR (95% CI), months	NR (NE-NE)	NR (NE-NE)	NR (NE-NE)
3-Month estimated DOR (95% CI), %	100	85 (74-92)	85 (75-92)
6-Month estimated DOR (95% CI), %	NE (NE-NE)	73 (56-84)	75 (58-85)
Median PFS (95% CI), months	NR (1.6-NE)	8.9 (6.4-NE)	8.9 (6.4-NE)
6-Month estimated PFS (95% CI), %	74 (39-91)	66 (55-75)	66 (56-75)
Median OS (95% CI), months	NR (2.3-NE)	NR (7.9-NE)	NR (7.9-NE)
6-Month estimated OS (95% CI), %	73 (38-91)	80 (70-87)	79 (71-86)

<sup>a</sup> Three patients did not report prior BTKi exposure BTKi, Bruton tyrosine kinase inhibitor; CR, complete response; DOR, duration of response; NE, not estimable; NR, not reached; ORR, objective response rate; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival; PR, partial response.

• Efficacy outcomes appeared generally consistent among patients with and without prior BTKi therapy, though the sample size of BTKi-naive patients was limited (**Table 2**)

### Table 3. CRS and ICANS

Parameter	All Patients (N=135)	
Any-grade CRS (95% CI), %	84 (76-89)	
Grade ≥3 (95% CI), %	9 (5-15)	
Median time to onset (range), days	4 (1-46)	
Median duration of events (range), days	5 (1-80)	
Patients with resolved events by 21 days since onset (95% CI), % <sup>a</sup>	95 (88-98)	
Any-grade ICANS (95% CI), %	57 (48-66)	
Grade ≥3 (95% CI), %	29 (22-38)	
Median time to onset (range), days	7 (1-31)	
Median duration of events (range), days	10 (2-98)	
Patients with resolved events by 21 days since onset (95% CI), % <sup>a</sup>	75 (63-83)	
AE management, n (%)		
Tocilizumab	93 (69)	
Steroids <sup>b</sup>	74 (55)	

 Table 4. Other Treatment-Emergent Adverse Events of Interest

All Patients (N=135)
28/129 (22)
6/129 (5)
25/129 (19)
43 (32)
27 (20)
10 (7)
23 (17)
4 (3)
27 (20)
15 (11)
1 (<1)
1 (<1)
5 (4)
1 (<1)
1 (<1)
2 (1)
1 (<1)

Among patients who survived 30-day post-infusion. During follow-up for this CAR I-cell therapy. Subsequent neoplasms were genitourinary malignancy (n=1), myelodysplasia/myeloproliferative neoplasm + squamous cell skin malignancy (n=1), and sarcoma (n=2). <sup>c</sup> One patient with a subsequent neoplasm of sarcoma died of the new malignancy CAR, chimeric antigen receptor



# CONCLUSIONS

- This is the first report of the PASS evaluating the real-world experience with brexu-cel in the US and largest real-world brexu-cel report to date
- In patients with R/R MCL, safety and efficacy of brexu-cel was consistent with clinical reports, even though 59% of patients in the PASS would have been ineligible for ZUMA-2
- Responses appeared to be independent of prior BTKi exposure, although the sample size was small (n=12 BTKi-naive patients)
- Overall, these results support a broad use of brexu-cel in clinical practice

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