# Subgroup Analyses of Brexu-cel, an Anti-CD19 Chimeric Antigen Receptor T-cell Therapy, in Adult Patients With Relapsed or Refractory B-cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia in ZUMA-3

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#### **BACKGROUND**

- Adult patients with relapsed or refractory (R/R) B-precursor acute lymphoblastic leukemia (B-ALL) have poor overall survival (OS; 1-year rate, 26%) after salvage therapies, and outcomes worsen with subsequent relapses<sup>1,2</sup>
- Although novel agents such as blinatumomab have improved outcomes in R/R B-ALL, the median OS with blinatumomab is <8 months in adult patients<sup>3,4</sup>
- Brexucabtagene autoleucel (brexu-cel, formerly known as KTE-X19) is an autologous anti-CD19 chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T-cell therapy approved in the United States to treat adults with R/R B-ALL (based on the positive results of the ZUMA-3 study) and adults with R/R mantle cell lymphoma<sup>5</sup>
- In the pivotal Phase 2 portion of ZUMA-3, brexu-cel demonstrated compelling efficacy and a manageable safety profile in heavily pretreated adults with R/R B-ALL<sup>6</sup>
- At a median follow-up of 16.4 months (N=55), the overall complete remission (CR) rate (including CR with incomplete hematologic recovery [CRi]) was 71% (95% CI, 57-82) and median OS was 18.2 months
- Here, we report the outcomes of treatment subgroups after >2 years of follow-up in Phase 2 treated patients and in a pooled analysis of Phase 1 and 2 patients who received the pivotal dose of brexu-cel

### **OBJECTIVE**

• To evaluate safety and efficacy outcomes in ZUMA-3 by prior number of therapy lines, prior blinatumomab, prior allogeneic stem cell transplant (alloSCT), and subsequent alloSCT in Phase 2 treated patients and in a larger pooled analysis of Phase 1 and 2 patients treated with the pivotal dose of brexu-cel (1×10<sup>6</sup> CAR T cells/kg)

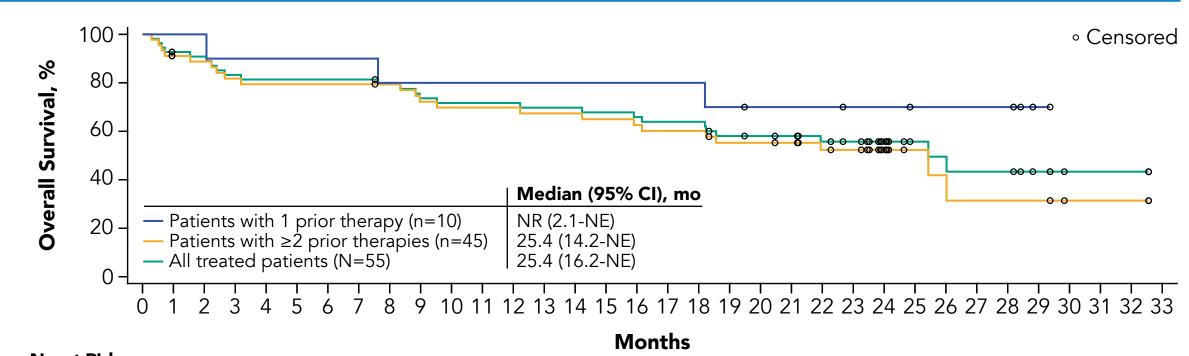
## **METHODS**

- Post hoc efficacy and safety assessments of subgroups in ZUMA-3 are reported in both Phase 2 treated patients (N=55) and in a newly conducted pooled analysis of Phase 1 and 2 patients who were treated with the pivotal dose of brexu-cel (N=78) by
- Prior number of therapy lines (1 prior line and ≥2 prior lines)
- Prior blinatumomab therapy (prior blinatumomab and blinatumomab naive)
- Prior alloSCT (prior alloSCT and no prior alloSCT)
- Subsequent alloSCT (subsequent alloSCT and no subsequent alloSCT)
- Subsequent alloSCT was allowed per investigator discretion but was not protocol defined
- Statistical analyses
  - Efficacy outcomes were assessed by independent central review
  - Time-to-event endpoints were analyzed using the Kaplan-Meier method
- Prespecified subgroup analyses were descriptive
- Data cutoff: July 23, 2021

#### **RESULTS**

- Median follow-up time was 26.8 months (range, 20.7-32.6) for Phase 2 treated patients (N=55) and 29.7 months (range, 20.7-58.3) for pooled Phase 1 and 2 patients (N=78)
- As previously reported, most Phase 2 patients were heavily pretreated, with a median number of 2 prior therapies and almost half (47%) having received ≥3 prior therapies<sup>6</sup>
- Among Phase 2 treated patients at baseline:
  - 10 patients (18%) had 1 prior line of therapy; 45 patients (82%) had ≥2 prior lines of therapy
  - 25 patients (45%) received prior blinatumomab; 30 patients (55%) were blinatumomab naive
  - 12/25 blinatumomab-exposed patients (48%) had blinatumomab as their last therapy prior to receiving brexu-cel, with a median time from blinatumomab to brexu-cel of 4.9 months (range 2.5-45.7) in these patients
  - 23 patients (42%) received prior alloSCT; 32 patients (58%) did not
    - 5/23 previously transplanted patients (22%) had prior alloSCT as their last therapy prior to receiving brexu-cel, with a median time from alloSCT to brexu-cel of 11.7 months (range, 9.1-45.3) in these patients
- Most baseline patient and disease characteristics were largely similar among subgroups examined

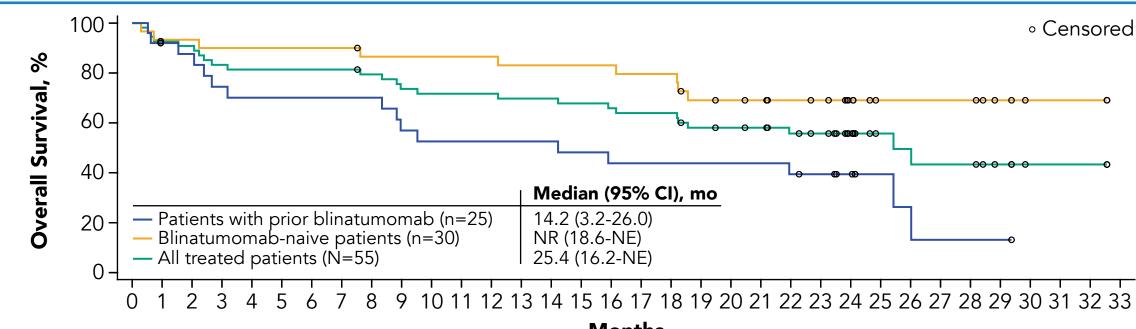
Figure 1. Overall Survival in Phase 2 Treated Patients (N=55) by Prior Number of Therapy Lines



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• Median OS was not reached in Phase 2 patients with 1 prior therapy and was 25.4 months in patients with ≥2 prior therapies (Figure 1)

Figure 2. Overall Survival in Phase 2 Treated Patients (N=55) by Prior Blinatumomab Exposure



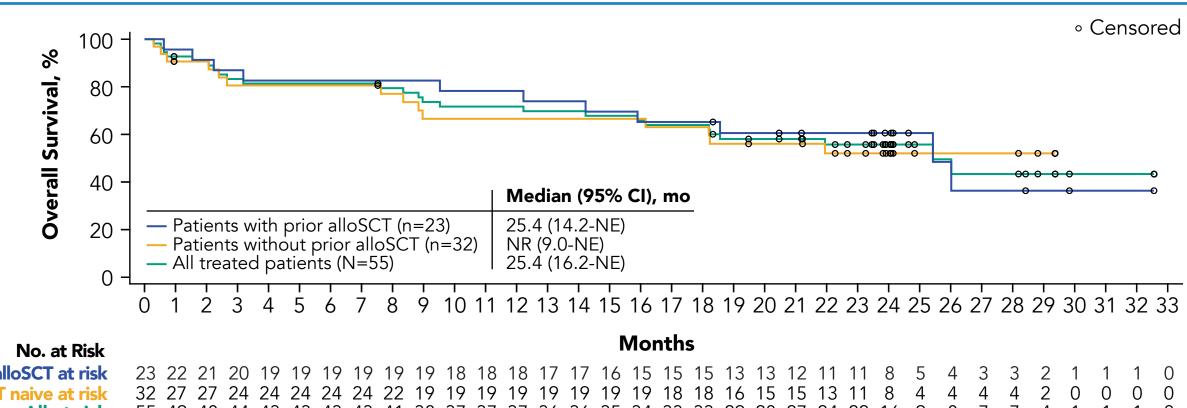
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mo, month; NE, not estimable; NR, not reached.

blinatumomab exposure (**Figure 2**)

Figure 3. Overall Survival in Phase 2 Treated Patients (N=55) by Prior AlloSCT Exposure



• After a median follow-up of 26.8 months, the median OS was not reached in Phase 2 patients without prior alloSCT and was 25.4 months for those who had received prior alloSCT (Figure 3)

## **RESULTS** (Continued)

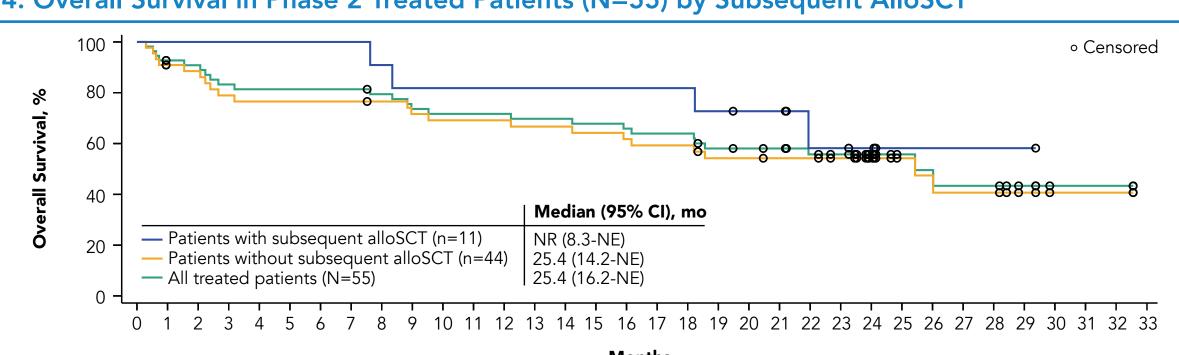
Table 1. Efficacy and Durability Outcomes in All Phase 2 Treated Patients and Pooled Phase 1 and 2 Treated Patients by Prior Therapies

	N	Overall CR rate, n (%)ª	CR, n (%)ª	CRi, n (%)ª	BFBM, n (%)ª	No response, n (%)ª	Median DOR, mo (95% CI) <sup>b</sup>	Median RFS, mo (95% CI) <sup>b</sup>	Median OS, mo (95% CI)
Phase 2 treated	55	39 (71)	31 (56)	8 (15)	4 (7)	9 (16)	14.6 (9.4-NE)	11.6 (2.7-20.5)	25.4 (16.2-NE
Lines of prior therapy									
1	10	9 (90)	8 (80)	1 (10)	1 (10)	0	4.7 (1.8-NE)	5.6 (0.0-NE)	NR (2.1-NE)
≥2	45	30 (67)	23 (51)	7 (16)	3 (7)	9 (20)	14.6 (9.4-NE)	11.0 (1.8-15.5)	25.4 (14.2-NE
Prior blinatumomab									
Yes	25	15 (60)	10 (40)	5 (20)	2 (8)	6 (24)	19.1 (1.3-NE)	11.6 (0.0-25.4)	14.2 (3.2-26.0
No	30	24 (80)	21 (70)	3 (10)	2 (7)	3 (10)	10.3 (5.2-NE)	11.7 (2.8-22.1)	NR (18.6-NE)
Prior alloSCT									
Yes	23	16 (70)	13 (57)	3 (13)	2 (9)	4 (17)	14.6 (8.7-23.6)	11.7 (0.0-20.5)	25.4 (14.2-NE
No	32	23 (72)	18 (56)	5 (16)	2 (6)	5 (16)	NR (4.7-NE)	6.1 (2.2-NE)	NR (9.0-NE)
Pooled Phase 1 and 2 patients <sup>c</sup>	78	57 (73)	47 (60)	10 (13)	6 (8)	12 (15)	18.6 (9.6-NE)	11.7 (6.1-20.5)	25.4 (16.2-NE
Lines of prior therapy									
1	15	13 (87)	12 (80)	1 (7)	1 (7)	1 (7)	4.9 (1.8-NE)	6.1 (2.8-NE)	NR (7.6-NE)
≥2	63	44 (70)	35 (56)	9 (14)	5 (8)	11 (17)	20.0 (10.3-NE)	11.7 (2.7-20.5)	25.4 (15.9-NE
Prior blinatumomab									
Yes	38	24 (63)	18 (47)	6 (16)	4 (11)	8 (21)	14.6 (9.6-NE)	7.3 (0.0-15.5)	15.9 (8.3-25.4
No	40	33 (83)	29 (73)	4 (10)	2 (5)	4 (10)	18.6 (5.2-NE)	11.7 (6.1-NE)	47.0 (18.6-NE
Prior alloSCT									
Yes	29	22 (76)	17 (59)	5 (17)	2 (7)	4 (14)	14.6 (8.7-23.6)	12.3 (2.7-20.5)	25.4 (14.2-NE
No	49	35 (71)	30 (61)	5 (10)	4 (8)	8 (16)	NR (5.2-NE)	10.3 (2.7-NE)	47.0 (10.9-NE

Assessed by independent central review. Overall CR rate includes CR + CRi. b Patients censored at subsequent alloSCT. c Pooled analysis of Phase 1 and 2 patients who received the pivotal dose of brexu-cel. alloSCT, allogeneic stem cell transplant; BFBM, blast-free hypoplastic or aplastic bone marrow; brexu-cel, brexucabtagene autoleucel; CR, complete remission; CRi, complete remission with incomplete hematologic recovery; DOR, duration of remission; mo, month; NE, not estimable; NR, not reached; OS, overall survival; RFS, relapse-free survival.

- Response rates in each prior therapy subgroup were largely consistent with the all treated population (**Table 1**)
- Efficacy and durability outcomes in the pooled population of Phase 1 and 2 patients were similar to those observed in Phase 2 patients (Table 1)

Figure 4. Overall Survival in Phase 2 Treated Patients (N=55) by Subsequent AlloSCT<sup>a</sup>



• At data cutoff, the median OS was not reached in patients who received subsequent alloSCT and was

• Eleven of the 55 treated

patients (18%; 10 CR/CRi 1 blast-free hypoplastic

or aplastic bone marrow)

in Phase 2 proceeded to

25.4 months in patients

without subsequent

alloSCT (Figure 4)

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<sup>a</sup> This was a single arm study with limited numbers in some subgroups. Subsequent alloSCT was allowed per investigator discretion but was not protocol defined alloSCT, allogeneic stem cell transplant; mo, month; NE, not estimable; NR, not reached

Table 2. Summary of CRS and Neurologic Events in All Phase 2 Treated Patients (N=55) by Prior Therapies

	Prior Lines	of Therapy	Prior Blina	atumomab	Prior AlloSCT	
	1 (n=10)	≥2 (n=45)	Yes (n=25)	No (n=30)	Yes (n=23)	No (n=32)
CRS, n (%)						
Grade 1	4 (40)	7 (16)	2 (8)	9 (30)	5 (22)	6 (19)
Grade 2	4 (40)	21 (47)	13 (52)	12 (40)	11 (48)	14 (44)
Grade ≥3	1 (10)	12 (27)	6 (24)	7 (23)	4 (17)	9 (28)
Neurologic ev	ents, n (%)				•	•
Grade 1	2 (20)	4 (9)	2 (8)	4 (13)	2 (9)	4 (13)
Grade 2	1 (10)	12 (27)	7 (28)	6 (20)	4 (17)	9 (28)
Grade ≥3	3 (30)	11 (24)	5 (20)	9 (30)	6 (26)	8 (25)

alloSCI, allogeneic stem cell transplant; CRS, cytokine release syndrome

- Incidences of Grade ≥3 cytokine release syndrome and neurologic events were largely similar among prior therapy subgroups (**Table 2**)
- In Phase 2 treated patients, median peak and area under the curve CAR T-cell expansion appeared to trend lower (~3 fold) in patients with prior blinatumomab exposure vs those without; however, the differences were not statistically significant regardless of whether blinatumomab was the last prior therapy before CAR T-cell infusion, potentially due to small sample size (data not shown)

# CONCLUSIONS

- With longer follow-up, adult patients with R/R B-ALL continue to benefit from brexu-cel, with manageable safety, regardless of prior lines of therapy or prior exposure to blinatumomab or alloSCT
- Survival appeared better in patients without these prior therapies and in earlier lines of therapy; however, subgroups were not matched for disease burden prior to brexu-cel infusion and there were limited patient numbers in some subgroups
- The similar results observed in the pooled analysis of Phase 1 and 2 patients further support the subgroup outcomes described in Phase 2 patients
- Patients receiving subsequent alloSCT appeared to have longer OS compared with patients who did not receive subsequent alloSCT; however, patient numbers were limited
- CAR T-cell expansion trended lower in patients with prior blinatumomab exposure than in blinatumomab-naive patients, but the differences were not statistically significant; however, given the small sample size, the interpretation of this result is limited

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