# ALPHA3: A Pivotal Phase 2 Study of First-Line (1L) Consolidation With Cemacabtagene Ansegedleucel (Cema-Cel) in Patients (Pts) With Large B-Cell Lymphoma (LBCL) and Minimal Residual Disease (MRD) After Response to Standard Therapy

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# INTRODUCTION

 Approximately 60% of patients with LBCL who receive standard 1L therapy achieve cure; however, ~30% of patients in remission at the end of therapy are expected to relapse within 2 years<sup>1-3</sup>

• Through PhasED-Seq-powered MRD testing (Figure 1), patients at highest risk of relapse can be identified, which will enable changing the current lymphoma treatment paradigm from watching and waiting for relapse to consolidating therapy for cure

#### Figure 1: PhasED-Seq Technology



#### Figure 2: Cemacabtagene Ansegedleucel (Cema-Cel)<sup>a</sup>

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- Cemacabtagene ansegedleucel (cema-cel) is an immediately available, off-the-shelf, allogeneic CD19 CAR T cell product (Figure 2) that has shown potent anti-tumor activity with manageable safety in phase 1 trials of patients with relapsed/refractory LBCL<sup>4,5</sup> and is a promising agent for consolidation in this time-sensitive treatment setting
- Treating patients with LBCL and low disease burden is favorable because it ensures treatment prior to aggressive relapse or development of new comorbidities that could preclude treatment in later lines. Additionally, this treatment setting has been shown to lead to more favorable efficacy outcomes and fewer treatment-related toxicities<sup>6-8</sup>

• Here, we describe the design of the pivotal ALPHA3 (NCT06500273) phase 2 study, the first randomized, open-label study to assess a CAR T cell therapy as a consolidation strategy in patients with detectable MRD measured by circulating tumor DNA (ctDNA)-based testing after standard 1L immunochemotherapy

<sup>a</sup> PVs are 2 or more single nucleotide variants identified in close proximity on the same DNA molecule. <sup>b</sup> The panel leverages established mutational hot-spots for B-cell malignancies. ctDNA, circulating tumor DNA; MRD, minimal residual disease; PV, phased variant.

<sup>a</sup> Utilizes Cellectis technologies. CAR, chimeric antigen receptor; scFv, single chain fragment variable; TCR, T-cell receptor.

# METHODS

 The ALPHA3 study will consist of a 2-part seamless design (Figure 3):

Part A

- Randomized patients will be followed in the standard-of-care observation arm or in either one of the treatment arms (cema-cel [120×10<sup>6</sup> CAR T cells] following 3-day standard fludarabine [30 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/day] and cyclophosphamide [300 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/day] lymphodepletion with or without the anti-CD52 monoclonal antibody, ALLO-647 [30 mg/day]) in a 1:1:1 ratio
- The selected lymphodepletion regimen for Part B will be chosen after an early interim analysis, at which time emerging data will be assessed

– Part B

• Randomized patients will receive treatment with the selected lymphodepletion regimen or be followed in the observation arm until the completion of accrual in a 1:1 ratio • An interim efficacy analysis and a primary analysis will be performed

#### Figure 3: ALPHA3 Study Design



#### **Table 2: Key Study Eligibility Criteria**

Criteria for MRD Testing	Key Inclusion Criteria	Key Exclusion Criteria
Histologically confirmed diagnosis of DLBCL, <sup>a</sup> HGBCL, or PMBCL and at least one of the following clinical criteria: IPI score of 2-5, Ann Arbor Stage III or IV disease, equivocal response at interim or EOT PET/CT	MRD+ by ctDNA-based testing	Prior treatment with CD19-targeted therapies
Completed a full course of standard 1L therapy (must have included an anthracycline and an anti-CD20 monoclonal antibody), for example: • R-CHOP • Pola-R-CHP • DA-EPOCH-R	ECOG PS of 0 or 1	History of CNS involvement, transformation from other malignancy (transformed FL or MZL, or Richter's transformation), or T-cell/histiocyte-rich LBCL
Achieved a CR or PR suitable for observation <sup>b</sup> at the completion of 1L treatment based on PET/CT evaluation per Lugano 2014 criteria	No progression since MRD testing; response on PET/CT remaining within 5 weeks of randomization	History of clinically significant CNS dysfunction (eg, seizure disorder [uncontrolled in last 12 months], cerebrovascular ischemia/hemorrhage, dementia, cerebellar

- Treatment can occur in the inpatient or outpatient setting
- Study endpoints are listed in Table 1
- To be eligible to screen for the ALPHA3 study, patients must successfully complete prescreening (Figure 4, Table 2):
- Posttreatment positron emission tomography/computed tomography (PET/CT) must show complete response or partial response for which the standard of care would be close observation (eg, negative biopsy of PET-avid lesion)
- ctDNA-based MRD testing requires a tumor sample from initial diagnosis and a blood sample collected at or shortly after end-of-treatment PET/CT
- further eligibility assessments



<sup>a</sup> Randomization ratio may be adjusted after the safety interim analysis. <sup>b</sup> Safety and interim efficacy analyses will occur and culminate in LD regimen selection. Patients treated with the selected regimen or followed in observation during Part A will be included in inferential testing in Part B.

Cema-cel, cemacabtagene ansegedleucel; FC, fludarabine and cyclophosphamide; FCA90, fludarabine and cyclophosphamide and ALLO-647 (90 mg); LD, lymphodepletion.

### Figure 4: ALPHA3 Study Patient Journey



<ul> <li>MRD samples available for submission</li> <li>Adequate tumor specimen from initial diagnosis</li> <li>Adequate blood sample collected after final 1L treatment</li> </ul>	Adequate hematologic, cardiac, pulmonary, renal, and hepatic function	Ongoing treatment with systemic immunosuppressive agents within 2 weeks or 5 half-lives (whichever is shorter) prior to enrollment <sup>c</sup>
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<sup>a</sup> Includes DLBCL not otherwise specified, Epstein-Barr virus+ DLBCL, DLBCL with IRF4/MUM1 rearrangement; high-grade B-cell lymphoma; and primary mediastinal B-cell lymphoma. <sup>b</sup> PR suitable for observation is defined as follows: all remaining PET-avid lesions have a Deauville score ≤5 by investigator assessment on end-of-therapy PET and intent to observe the patient without further treatment (including radiation therapy) until definitive disease progression. ° Corticosteroids for physiologic replacement (<10 mg/day of prednisone equivalents) is acceptable

1L, first line; CNS, central nervous system; CR, complete response; CT, computed tomography; DA-EPOCH-R, dose-adjusted rituximab, etoposide, prednisone, vincristine, cyclophosphamide, and doxorubicin; DLBCL, diffuse large B-cell lymphoma; ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; EOT, end of therapy; FL, follicular lymphoma; HGBCL, high-grade B-cell lymphoma; IPI, International Prognostic Index; LBCL, large B-cell lymphoma; MRD, minimal residual disease; MZL, marginal zone lymphoma; PET, positron emission tomography; PMBCL, primary mediastinal B-cell lymphoma; Pola-R-CHP, polatuzumab vedotin, rituximab, cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin, and prednisone; PR, partial response; R-CHOP, rituximab, cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin, vincristine, and prednisone.

# **STUDY STATUS AND CONTACTS**

 Approximately 240 patients will be enrolled at both academic- and community-based cancer centers • Site activation in the US is nearing completion with international sites beginning to open this summer • For more information, please visit www.clinicaltrials.gov

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**Anticipated Study Locations** 

Arizona	Illinois	New Jersey	Tennessee
California	Indiana	New York	Texas
Colorado	Kansas	North Carolina	Utah
Delaware	Kentucky	Ohio	Virginia
Florida	Massachusetts	Oregon	Washington
Georgia	Missouri	Pennsylvania	Washington, DC

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