

## How We Treat Blastic Plasmacytoid Dendritic Cell Neoplasm (BPDCN)

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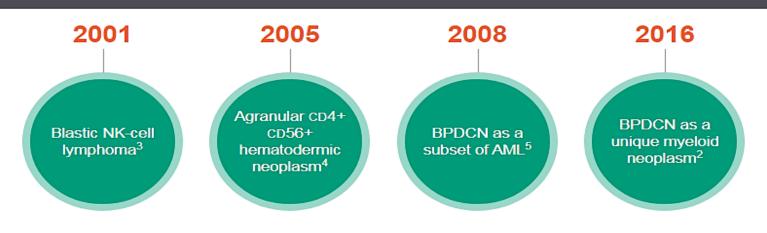


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### **BPDCN: Nomenclature & Classification Changes Over Time**

HISTORY OF WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION CLASSIFICATION FOR BPDCN



Frequent reclassification and renaming has contributed to underrecognition.<sup>1</sup>

### 2022 Update: 5<sup>th</sup> edition WHO classification of Haematolymphoid Tumours: Myeloid/Histiocytic/Dendritic Neoplasms:

-Dendritic cell and histiocytic neoplasms (Table 14):

-Plasmacytoid dendritic cell neoplasms

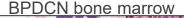
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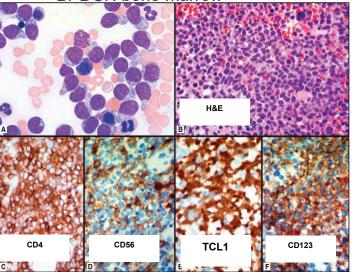
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Blasti	c plasmacytoid dendritic cell neoplasm
Langerha	ns cell and other dendritic cell neoplasms
Langerhai	ns cells neoplasms
Lang	jerhans cell histiocytosis
Lang	jerhans cell sarcoma
Other den	idritic cell neoplasms
Indet	erminate dendritic cell tumour
Interd	digitating dendritic cell sarcoma
Histiocyti	c neoplasms
Juven	ile xanthogranuloma
Erdhe	eim-Chester disease
Rosai	-Dorfman disease
ALK-p	positive histiocytosis
Histio	ocytic sarcoma

### **BPDCN: Aggressive Hematologic Malignancy with Poor Clinical Outcomes**

- Incidence 500-1000 patients per year in USA
- Common sites involved are skin, bone marrow, lymph node and CNS
- Hallmark: Overexpression → CD123 (IL3Rα)
- Classic Triad: CD123+, CD4+, CD56+ "Think 123456"
- TCL-1, TCF-4, CD303
- TET2, ASXL1, RAS, ZRSR2, TP53





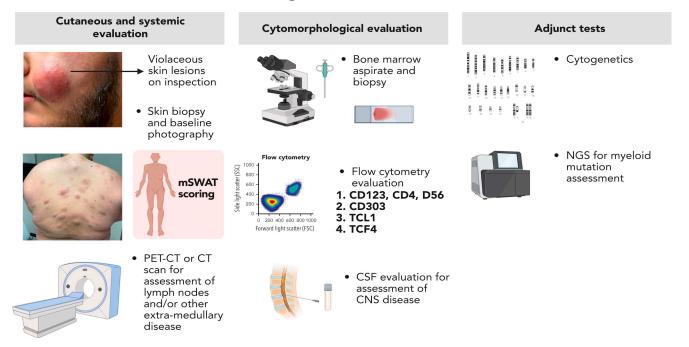


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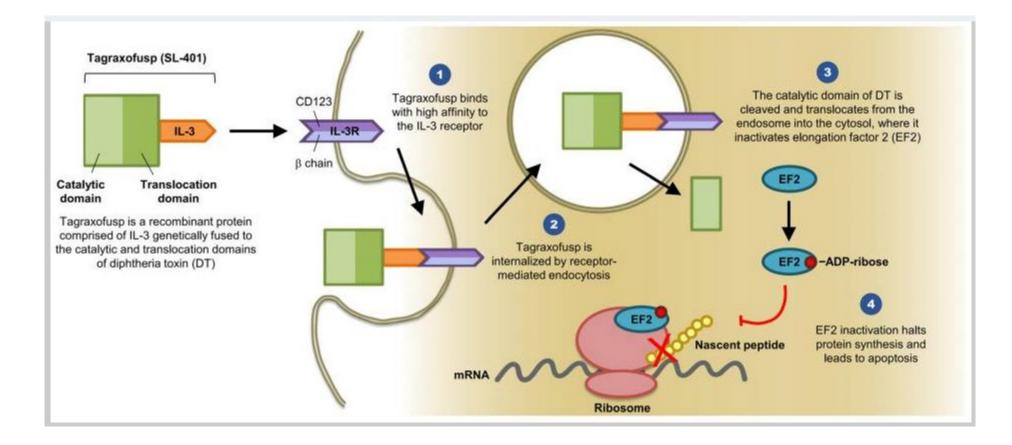
**BPDCN** skin lesions



## North American Blastic Plasmacytoid Dendritic Cell Neoplasm Consortium: position on standards of care and areas of need



#### **Outline of diagnostic evaluation for BPDCN**



### Tagraxofusp in Blastic Plasmacytoid Dendritic-Cell Neoplasm

Characteristic	No Previous Treatment (N=32)	Previous Treatment (N=15)	All Patients (N=47)
Median age (range) — yr	68 (22–84)	72 (44–80)	70 (22–84)
Male sex — no. (%)	26 (81)	13 (87)	39 (83)
White race — no. (%)†	30 (94)	13 (87)	43 (91)
ECOG performance-status score — no. (%)‡			
0	17 (53)	5 (33)	22 (47)
1	15 <mark>(</mark> 47)	10 (67)	25 (53)
BPDCN manifestation — no. (%)			
Bone marrow	15 <mark>(</mark> 47)	9 (60)	24 (51)
Peripheral blood	7 (22)	1 (7)	8 (17)
Skin	31 (97)	13 (87)	44 (94)
Lymph nodes	13 (41)	8 (53)	21 (45)
Previous lines of therapy — no. (%)			
1	NA	9 (60)	NA
24	NA	4 (27)	NA
>4	NA	2 (13)	NA

BPDCN denotes blastic plasmacytoid dendritic-cell neoplasm, and NA not applicable.

Race was reported by the patients.

Performance-status scores on the Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group (ECOG) scale range from 0 to 5, with 0 indicating no symptoms and higher scores indicating an increasing severity of symptoms.

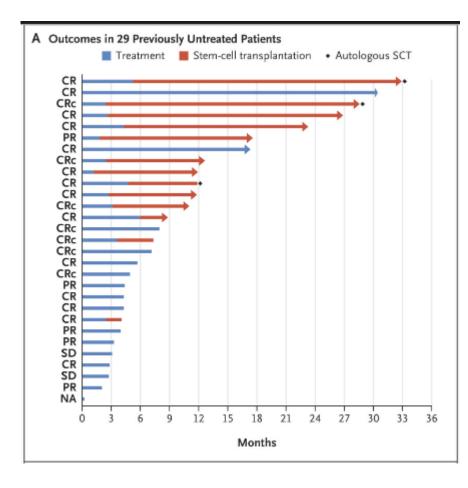
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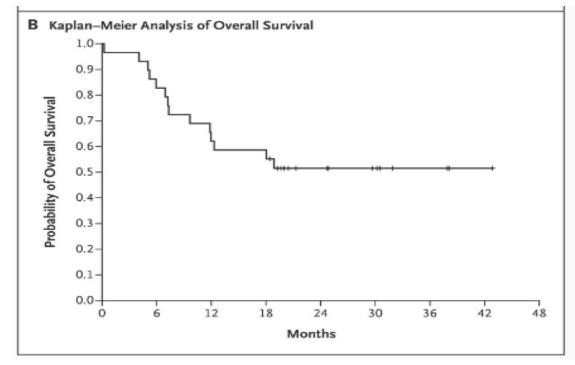
### **Clinical Activity**



Untreated Patients [24] CR + CRc = 72% Medium time to response 43 days [14-131] 45% of patients bridged to transplant while in remission

Previously Treated Patients [15] Overall response rate 67% Median time to response 24 days [17-48] Median duration of response= 2.8 months [0.7-14]

### Tagraxofusp in Blastic Plasmacytoid Dendritic-Cell Neoplasm



Outcomes in 29 Previously Untreated Patients and Overall Survival

# Real-world Tagraxofusp treatment in R/R BPDCN for patients with very Poor Prognosis

Population with a very poor prognosis was independently and retrospectively analyzed data from patients enrolled in the European Named Patient Program (NPP)

#### **Key Inclusion Criteria**

- BPDCN diagnosis by immunophenotyping with established panels inclusive of conventional myeloid and lymphatic lineage markers as well as CD123, CD4, and CD56
- Adults with r/r BPDCN

#### Endpoints

#### Primary:

- Complete response (CR) after 2-3 cycles
- Incidence and grade of capillary leak syndrome (CLS)

#### Secondary:

- Number of patients bridged to stem cell transplantation (SCT)
- Progression-free survival (PFS)
- Overall survival (OS)
- Best overall response rate (ORR)
- Duration of response (DOR)
- Adverse events (AEs)

#### Real World NPP Treatment

- > Patients treated via European NPP at discretion of treating physician:
  - TAG 12 mcg/kg as a daily intravenous infusion on days 1-5 (or by day 10) of each 21-day cycle
  - Hospitalization required for first cycle
  - Subsequent cycles allowed in outpatient setting
  - Clinicians received training on CLS monitoring and management guidelines<sup>4-5</sup>

# Data Analysis from 18 adults (median age, 66 years) with R/R BPDCN enrolled in the European NPP

Characteristic	Patients (N=18)
Median age, years (range)	66 (29-83)
Gender, no. (%) Male Female	16 (89) 2 (11)
Disease assessment prior to TAG start, no. (%) Bone marrow involvement Skin involvement Lymph node involvement Blood CNS involvement Spleen involvement Median albumin level prior to TAG start, g/L (range)	n=14* 12 (86) 10 (71) 8 (57) 7 (50) 4 (29) 3 (21) 37 (32-46)
Median time from diagnosis to TAG start, months (range)	7.4 (1-27)
Number of prior lines of therapy Median (range) 1 2 3 4	1 (1-3) 12 (67) 5 (28) 1 (6) 0
Allogeneic SCT prior to TAG start, no. (%) Yes No	4 (22) 14 (78)
Status regarding last line of treatment, n (%) Refractory Relapsed Unknown Missing	6 (33) 6 (33) 3 (17) 3 (17)

 3 most common sites of disease involvement prior to TAG start: bone marrow (86%), skin (71%), and lymph nodes (57%) The majority of patients had multiple initial skin lesions Median time from initial diagnosis to TAG start: 7.4 mo (range, 1–27) Median number of prior lines of therapies was 1 - At a median follow-up of 8 months, patients received a median of 2 (range, 1-5)cycles of TAG

\*Assessment available in 14 patients. CNS, central nervous system; SCT, stem cell transplant; TAG, tagraxofusp.

## Most CLS events occurred in cycle 1 and were mild

Incidence and Management of CLS Events (All Cycles)

Patients with $\geq$ 1 observed CLS event, no. (%)	11 (61)
CLS grade*, n (%) 2 3 4 5	8 (62) 4 (31) 1 (8) 0
Action taken on TAG, no. of events (%) No modification Dose reduced Drug interrupted Drug withdrawn	4 (31) 0 5 (39) 4 (31)
Median duration of CLS events, days (range)	4 (2-11)

<sup>†</sup>As reported by the investigator, symptoms associated with CLS events were edema (n=11 patients), weight gain (n=11), hypotension (n=7), hypoalbuminemia (n=1), and other (n=5).

\*As reported for 13 events (12 in cycle 1 and 1 in cycle 2).

## How I Manage Capillary Leak Syndrome [CLS]

How to recognize CLS:

- Decrease Albumin
- Gain in Weight
- Edema

How to Manage:

- Stop TAG
- Albumin replacement
- Diuretics
- Steroids

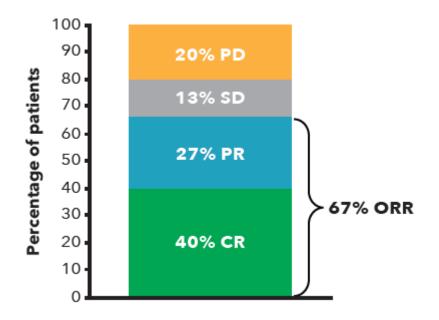
## Majority of grade 3-4 AEs occurred during cycle 1 and were transient

### AEs Related to TAG (Excluding CLS) in ≥2 Patients

	Pts, no. (%)	Time to resolution, median days (range)
<b>Grade 3-4 Hematologic AEs</b> <sup>†</sup> Thrombocytopenia Pancytopenia	2 (11) 2 (11)	18 (7-28) 9 (7-10)
<b>Grade 3-4 and SAE Non-hematologic</b> Tumor lysis syndrome Hepatic cytolysis Pneumonia	2 (11) 2 (11) 2 (11)	4 (1-7) 7 (7-7) 8 (5-11)

<sup>r</sup>Serious adverse events (SAEs) were not collected for hematologic AEs.

Patients with R/R BPDCN achieved durable outcomes with Tagraxofusp treatment ORR: 67% included 40% CRs and 27% PRs; Median DOR: 5.0 months



# Real-world Tagraxofusp treatment for patients with R/R BPDCN led to prolonged survival

#### 100% 80% Overall Survival (%) 60% Median 40% 20% Overall (n=18): Median 8.6 (95% CI: 3.6,NE) ransplant (n=6): Median NR (95% CI: NE.NE Censored 0% 18 20 22 24 14 16 10 12 Months Patients at Risk Overall 18 15 12 12 10 8 6 5 5 5 3 6 5 5 5 5 4 3 6 5 5 5 Transplant 6 6

**OS Curves Overall and for Transplanted Patients** 

\*Overall survival is defined as time from start of TAG to death. NR, not reached.

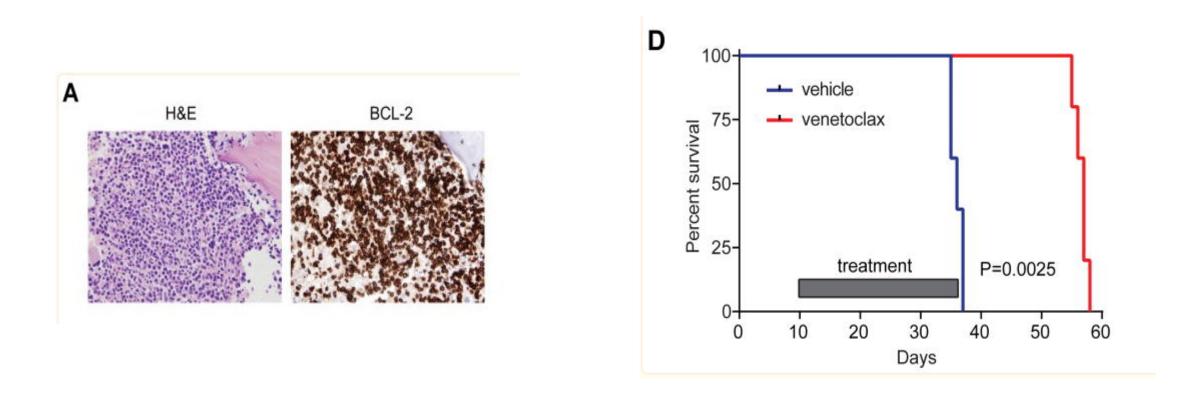
#### **Patients with CNS involvement**

- 4 patients had documented CNS involvement at initial diagnosis and TAG start, 3 of which received intrathecal chemotherapy before initiating TAG
- Of the 3 responders, 2 achieved CR in marrow and one achieved a PR
- – One patient in CR bridged to SCT

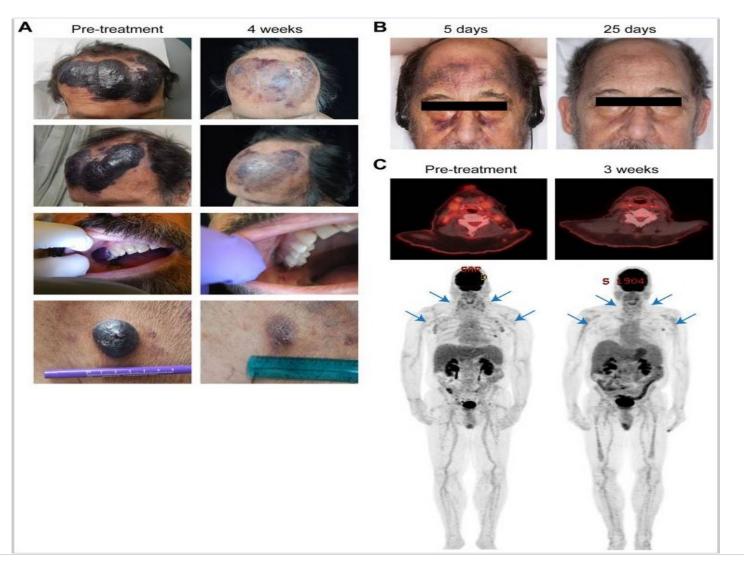
### **Resistance Mechanisms**

- TAG resistance not due to loss of CD123
- Mediated by DNA methylation and down regulation of dipthamide genes which eliminates the diphtheria toxin
- TAG resistance reversed with AZA which increases DPHI expression and restores DT target
- Cell escaping TAG therapy had an altered mitochondrial apoptosis threshold and increased propensity to undergo cell death in setting of BCL-2 inhibition by venetoclax

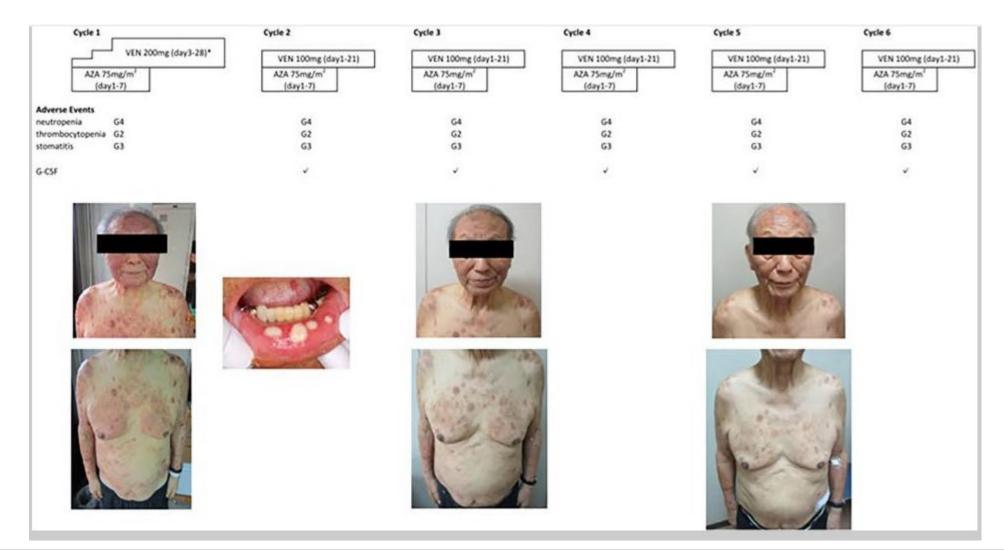
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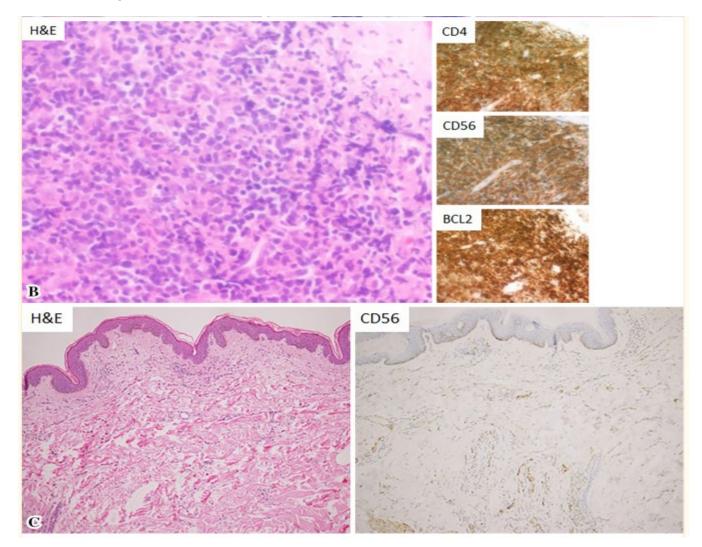
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## **VEN+HMA** combinations in **BPDCN**

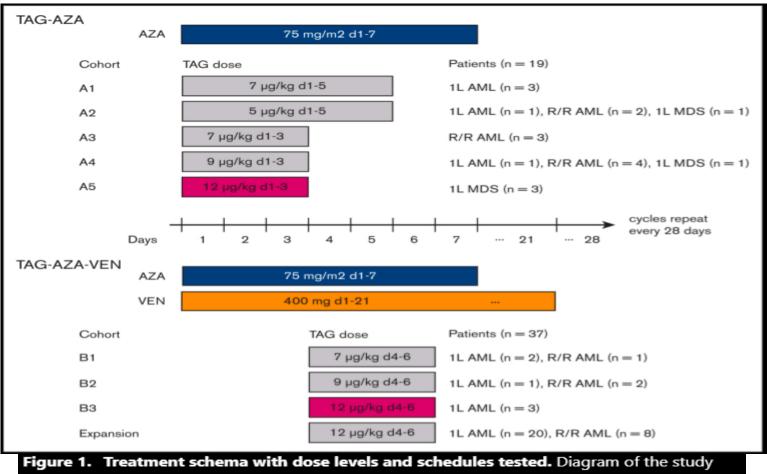
MDACC-Mayo experience (n=10)

Older/unfit patients with multiple co-morbidities treated off-protocol HMA+VEN approach for BPDCN: med age 70 [20-88 years]

- AZA+VEN (n=3)
- DEC5d+VEN (n=3)
- DEC10d+VEN (n=4)

All 10 patients had some form of response, although some transient, Including n=2 ultimately bridged to alloSCT

## Phase 1b trial of tagraxofusp in combination with azacitidine with or without venetoclax in acute myeloid leukemia



design and participants. (Top) TAG and AZA were first tested as a doublet combination at 5 different doses/schedules of TAG with 7-day dosing of AZA. The RP2D of TAG was determined to be 12 ug/kg daily for 3 days (d1. 2. 3: in magenta) in combination with AZA. Patients with

Triplet TAG-AZA-VEN (n = 37)					
Event term	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade ð	Total, grade 2+
Platelet count decreased	2 (5.4)	2 (5.4)	17 (45.9)		21 (56.8)
White blood cell decreased		1 (2.7)	17 (45.9)		18 (48.6)
Neutrophil count decreased			14 (37.8)		14 (37.8)
Anemia	1 (2.7)	10 (27)	1 (2.7)		12 (32.4)
Febrile neutropenia	1 (2.7)	9 (24.3)	1 (2.7)		11 (29.7)
Infections and infestations - other	2 (5.4)	6 (16.2)			8 (21.7)
CLS	5 (13.5)	1 (2.7)	1 (2.7)		7 (18.9)
Lymphocyte count decreased			5 (13.5)		5 (13.5)
Tumor lysis syndrome	1 (2.7)	4 (10.8)			5 (13.5)
Sepsis		1 (2.7)	1 (2.7)	2 (5.4)	4 (10.8)



## Tagraxofusp, a first-in-class CD123-targeted agent: Five-year post approval comprehensive review of the literature

TABLE 2. Novel CD123-directed therapies.

Therapy	Class	NCT ID	Data supporting use
Pivekimab	ADC	NCT03386513	BPDCN: ORR 81% (26% in tagraxofusp exposed) <sup>108</sup>
sunirine		NCT04086264	AML: ORR 21% (monotherapy) <sup>109</sup>
			AML: CRc 66% (with HMA-VEN) <sup>110</sup>
CD123 CAR T cells	CAR- T	NCT02159495	BPDCN: case report of CR after infusion <sup>111</sup>
Flotetuzumab	DART	NCT02152956	AML: ORR 30% <sup>112</sup>
		NCT04681105	
Vibecotamab	BITE	NCT02730312	AML: ORR 9% <sup>113</sup>
		NCT05285813	MDS/CMML: ORR 64% <sup>114</sup>
APV0436	BITE	NCT03647800	AML: ORR 20%–40% (monotherapy or in combination) <sup>115</sup>
SAR443579	NKCE	NCT05086315	AML: CRc 13% <sup>116</sup>

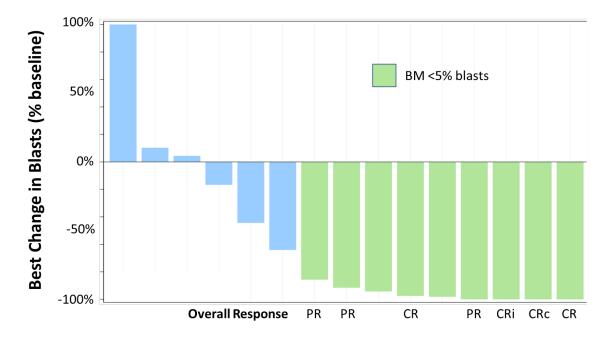
## Response Data in Frontline BPDCN

F	rontline patients (N=	30)					
				ORR		Composite CR	
R	esponse rate			80% (24/3	30)	73% (22/30)	
Ti	me to first response						
	Median (range), m	onths		1.3 (0.5-3	.5)	1.5 (0.5-4.6)	
1.0 0.8-	·}					The safety profile was manageable with mo low-grade peripheral edema and infusion- related reactions	ostly
0.6 - DOK Probability 0.4 - 0.2 -	Subjects (N=24)        Events, n      10        Censored, n      14        Median DOR, mo      12.7        (95% CI)      (3.7-13.5)					PVEK monotherapy leads to high compositivates (73%) in frontline BPDCN (median De 12.7 months (95% CI 3.7-13.5), as well as durable responses in R/R patients (DOR 7, months), including those treated with prior	OR .1
0.0	(95% CI) (3.7-13.5) 0 3 0. Participants at Risk	6 Time	9 (months)	12	<b>12.7</b> 15	tagraxofusp	
	24 16	7	5	4	0		

## IMGN632 in R/R BPDCN: Efficacy

### In all R/R BPDCN patients:

- Overall response rate (ORR) 29% (8/28, 2 CR, 2 CRc\*, 1 CRi, 3 PR)
- Composite complete remission rate (CCR<sup>#</sup>) of 18% (5/28)
- Importantly, in patients with prior tagraxofusp exposure:
  - ORR was 31% (4/13, 1 CR, 1CRi, 2 PR)
  - CCR of 15% (2/13)
- Among 15 patients with bone marrow response assessment to date, 60% (9/15) achieved a bone marrow complete remission (blasts <5%), most (78%, 7/9) also achieving an overall response



\* = clinical CR: CR criteria EXCEPT limited residual skin disease "marked clearance of all skin lesions from baseline; residual hyperpigmentation or abnormality with BPDCN identified on biopsy (or no biopsy performed)"
 # CCR = CR+CRc+CRi

## Targeting CD123 in BPDCN using Allo Anti-CD123 CAR-T Cells

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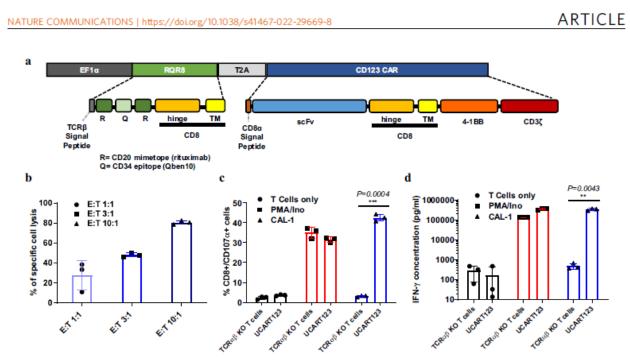


Fig. 1 Cytotoxicity of UCART123 against CAL-1 BPDCN cells in vitro. a UCART123 cells express (i) a second-generation chimeric antigen receptor (CAR;

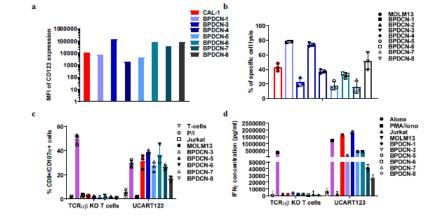


Fig. 2 Antitumor activity of UCART123 against primary BPDCN samples in vitro. a Expression of CD123 in CAL-1 cells and BPDCN patient samples was

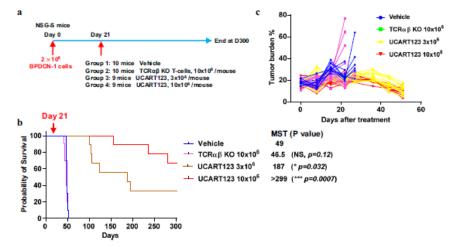


Fig. 3 UCART123 treatment results in long-term survival of primary BPDCN PDX. a Experimental design. NSGS mice were injected intravenously with

## Allogeneic Hematopoietic Cell Transplantation for Blastic Plasmacytoid Dendritic Cell Neoplasm: A CIBMTR Analysis

Patient Characteristics	[164]	patients	between	2007-2018]
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	MAC	RIC (NMA)
Age	49 (18-70)	65 (20-78)
Sex		
Male	60 (71)	66 (83)
Female	24 (27)	14 (18)
HCT-CI		
0	27 (32)	16 (20)
1-2	24 (29)	26 (33)
≥3	32 (38)	36 (45)
Not Reported	1 (1)	2 (3)
Disease Status		
Primary Induction Failure	10 (12)	10 (13)
CR1	62 (74)	59 (74)
CR2	10 (12)	7 (9)
Relapse	2 (2)	4 (5)

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#### Patient Characteristics [164 patients between 2007-2018]

	MAC	RIC (NMA)
Time from Diagnosis to HCT		
<6 months	50 (60)	32 (40)
6-12 months	29 (35)	37 (46)
>12	5 (6)	11 (14)
GRAFT Type		
BM	9 (11)	9 (11)
Peripheral Blood	68 (81)	67 (84)
Cord Blood	7 (8)	4 (5)
TBI Usage		
No	40 (48)	47 (59)
Yes	44 (52)	33 (41)

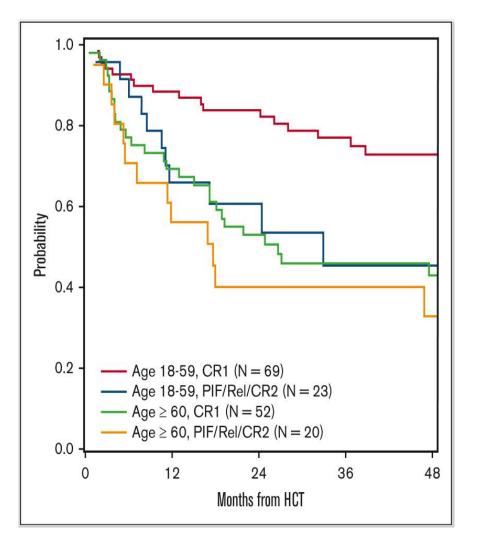
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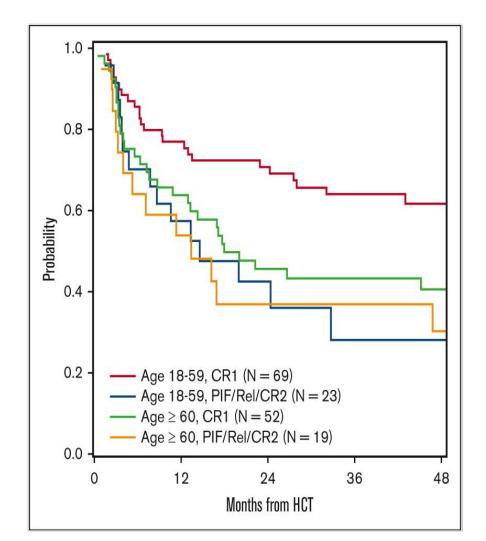
#### Multivariate analysis results

≥60	72	2.16 (1.35-3.46)	.001
Disease status			
CR1	121	Reference	
PIF/CR2/relapse	43	1.87 (1.14-3.06)	.01
DFS			
Disease status			
CR1	121	Reference	
PIF/CR2/relapse	42	1.75 (1.11-2.76)	.02
Conditioning intensity/TBI usage			.003
MAC/TBI	43	Reference	
MAC/no TBI	41	2.89 (1.41-5.94)	.004
RIC/NMA	79	3.09 (1.59-5.98)	.001
RIC/NMA vs MAC/no TBI		1.07 (0.66-1.73)	.79
Relapse			
Conditioning intensity/TBI usage			.03
MAC/TBI	43	Reference	
MAC/no TBI	41	3.28 (1.27-8.5)	.01
RIC/NMA	79	3.13 (1.29-7.61)	.01
RIC/NMA vs MAC/no TBI		0.95 (0.51-1.80)	.88
NRM			
Age (y) at HCT			
<60	92	Reference	
≥60	71	2.19 (1.13-4.22)	.02

PIF, primary induction failure.



OS by age and remission status. Rel, relapse; PIF, primary induction failure.



DFS by age and remission status. Rel, relapse; PIF, primary induction failure.

### HCVAD in BPDCN: Still a key role in Modern Treatment Era



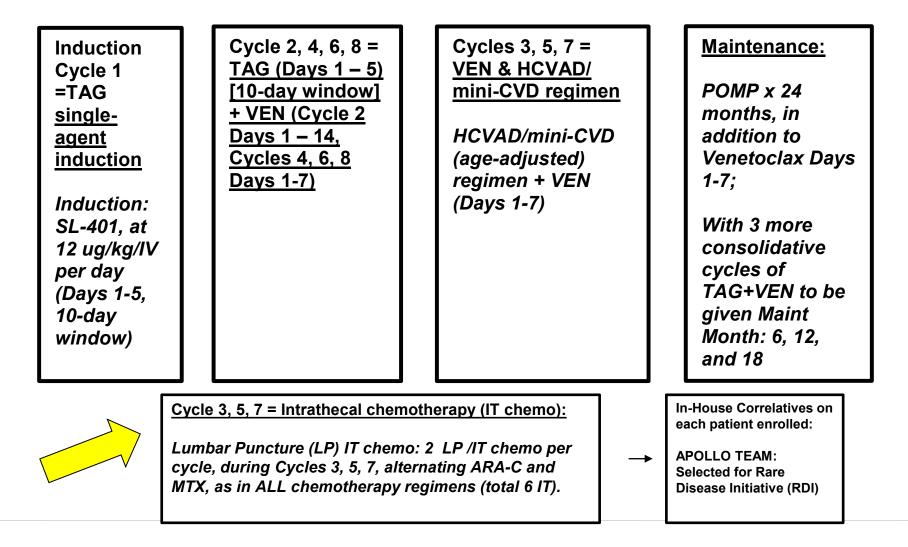
Among N=100;
 n=35 → HCVAD based frontline

**CR 80%** 

Med OS = 28 months

 2 LPs per cycle , alternating IT MTX with ARA-C (as in ALL paradigm) x 4 cycles

### General Treatment Schema: Frontline SL-401 (TAG) + HCVAD/mini-CVD + VEN in BPDCN: Triple/Total Therapy



## CSF+ in BPDCN: A Frequent Occurrence even in Modern Treatment Era

Among n=103 patients BPDCN: MDACC series (Pemmaraju/Kantarjian)

### 22% were CSF+ at anytime during BPDCN disease course

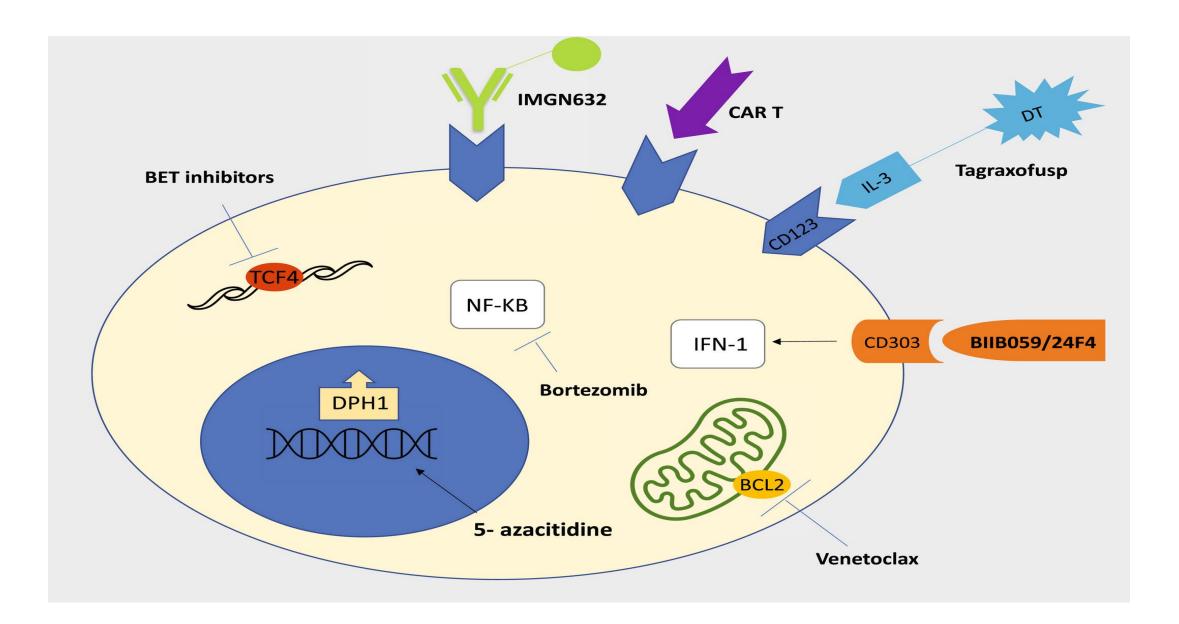
- Among these n=23 patients:
  - 57% = frontline setting, most occult/asymptomatic

### **CSF+** cohort : significant p-values for:

- Lower median baseline Hb
- Higher frequency of *TET2* mutations/variants
- Higher rate of bone marrow involvement (96% of patients with CSF+ had BM involvement)

## Action plan: Implement systematic use of LP's with IT chemo as we do in ALL/Burkitt's





# Current & Future Treatment Approaches for BPDCN: FRONTLINE

#### Frontline BPDCN: <u>SOC</u>: CD123 or chemo/VEN, chemo-directed +alloSCT in CR1

- Historical: cytotoxic chemo: ALL-based
  HCVAD: ORR ~80% +/- VEN
- SL401: ORR 75% frontline; CLS
- IMGN 632 clinical trial –frontline enrolling (recent EHA dataset)
- HMA+VEN older/unfit
- CNS-directed IT chemo (CSF+ 22%)
- AlloSCT in CR1 (autoSCT is used, but unclear in modern era of BPDCN)

Frontline BPDCN: Recommended & <u>FUTURE</u> Triplets →CD123/BCL2/Chemo with CNSdirected: CLINICAL Trials

- SL401/VEN/HCVAD : younger/fit
- SL401/VEN/AZA : older/unfit
- CNS-directed IT chemo: 2x/cycle x8 alternating IT
  ARAC and MTX for all patients with BPDCN
- Eliminate need for SCT if CR/MRD negative?