

# HIV-virus Inspires Effective Anti-Leukemia Therapy

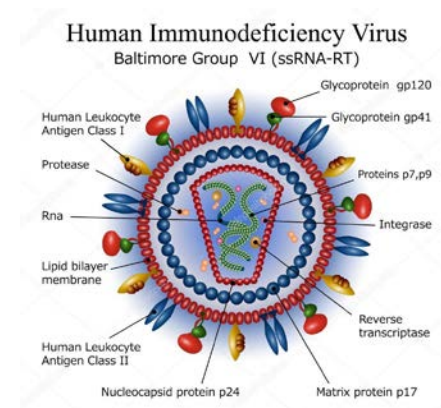
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# Disclosures

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- None

# Educational Objectives

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- Provide an overview of CAR therapy
- Review the current state of the art for CAR therapy in ALL
- Discuss limitations to CAR therapy

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Revolutionary Treatment Uses HIV to Reprogram Cells Into Fighting Cancer

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# An Immune System Trained to Kill Cancer

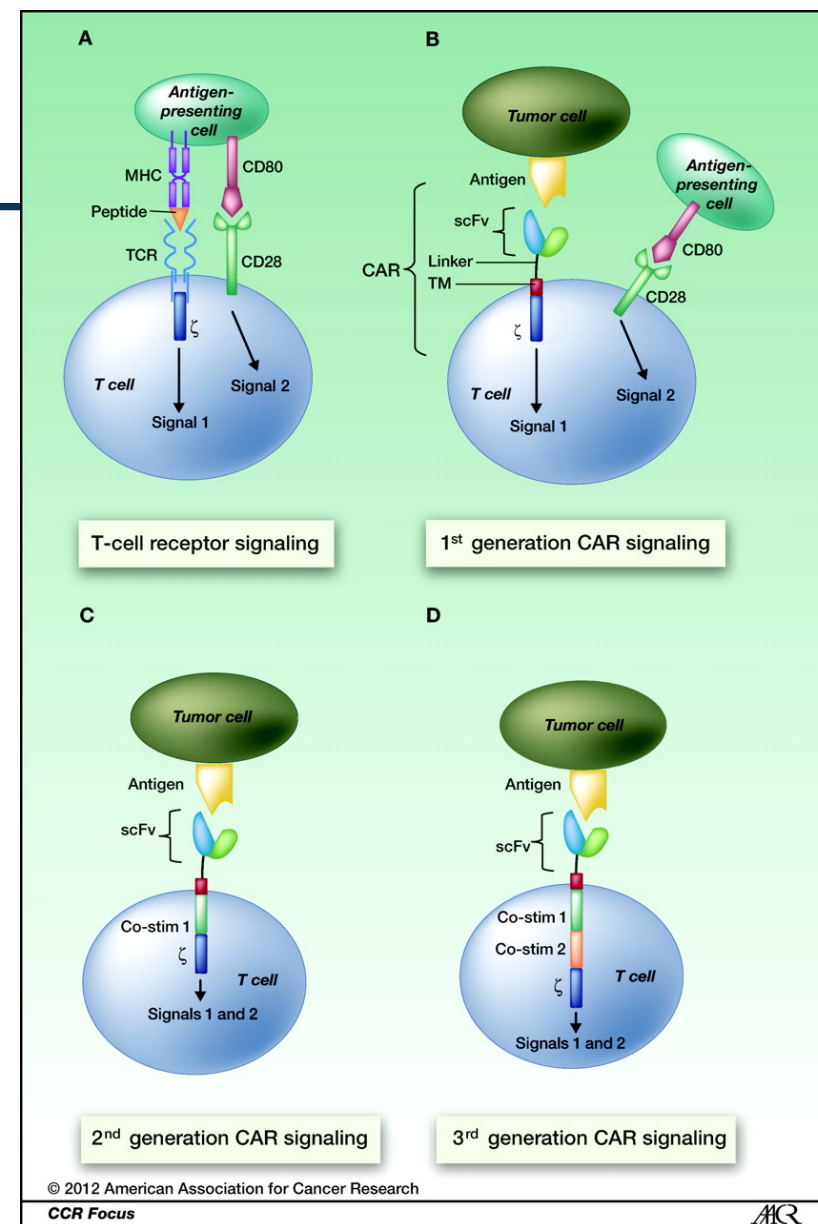
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## How HIV Became a Cancer Cure

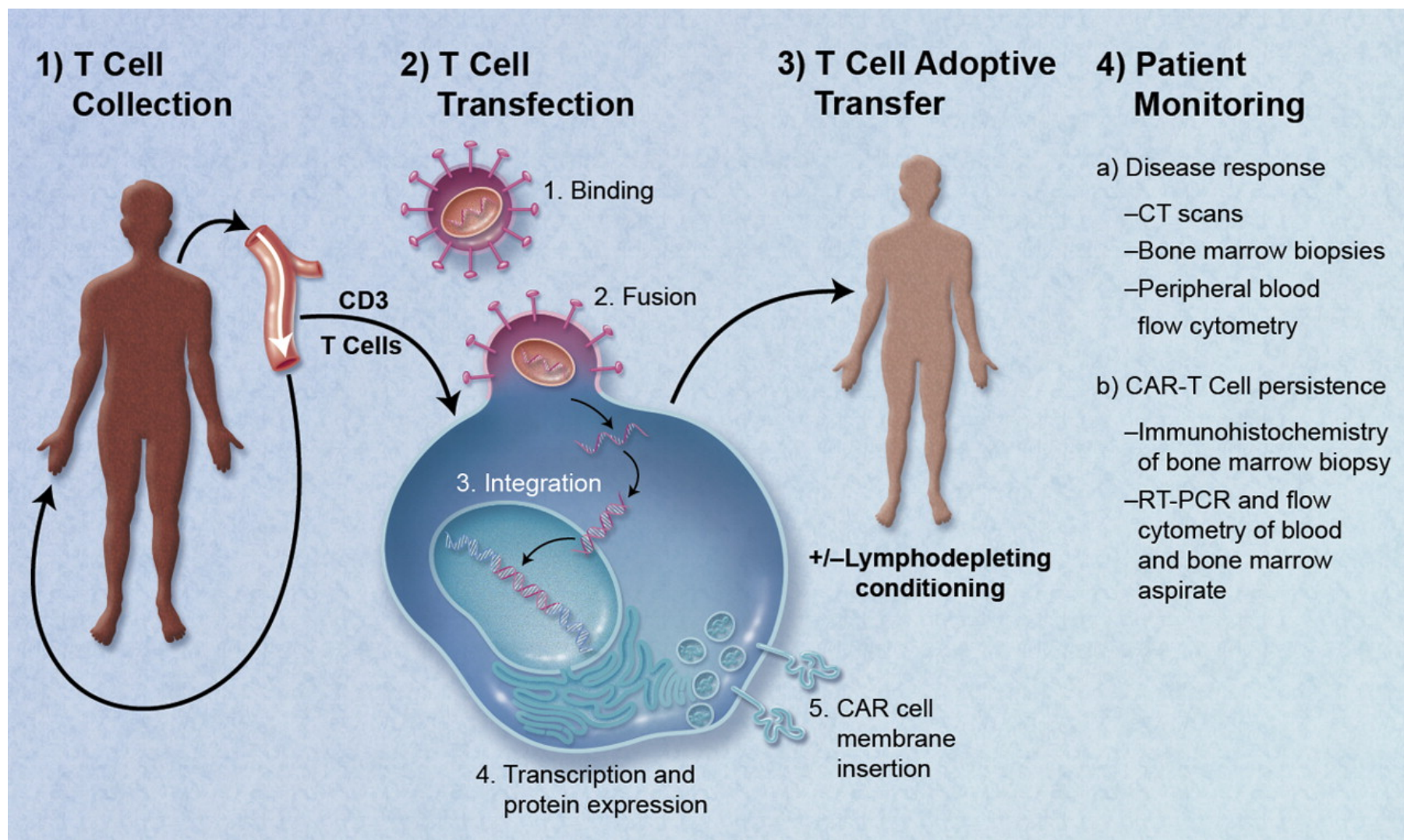
The immunologist behind the revolutionary new treatment set to win approval from the FDA.

# What is a CAR?

- Chimeric Antigen Receptor
- Customized receptor
  - Extracellular antigen-binding domain
  - Intracellular signaling domain of T cells
- Retains the functionality of a T-cells with the antigen recognition properties of antibody



# Process of Making CAR T-Cells



# Role for HIV?

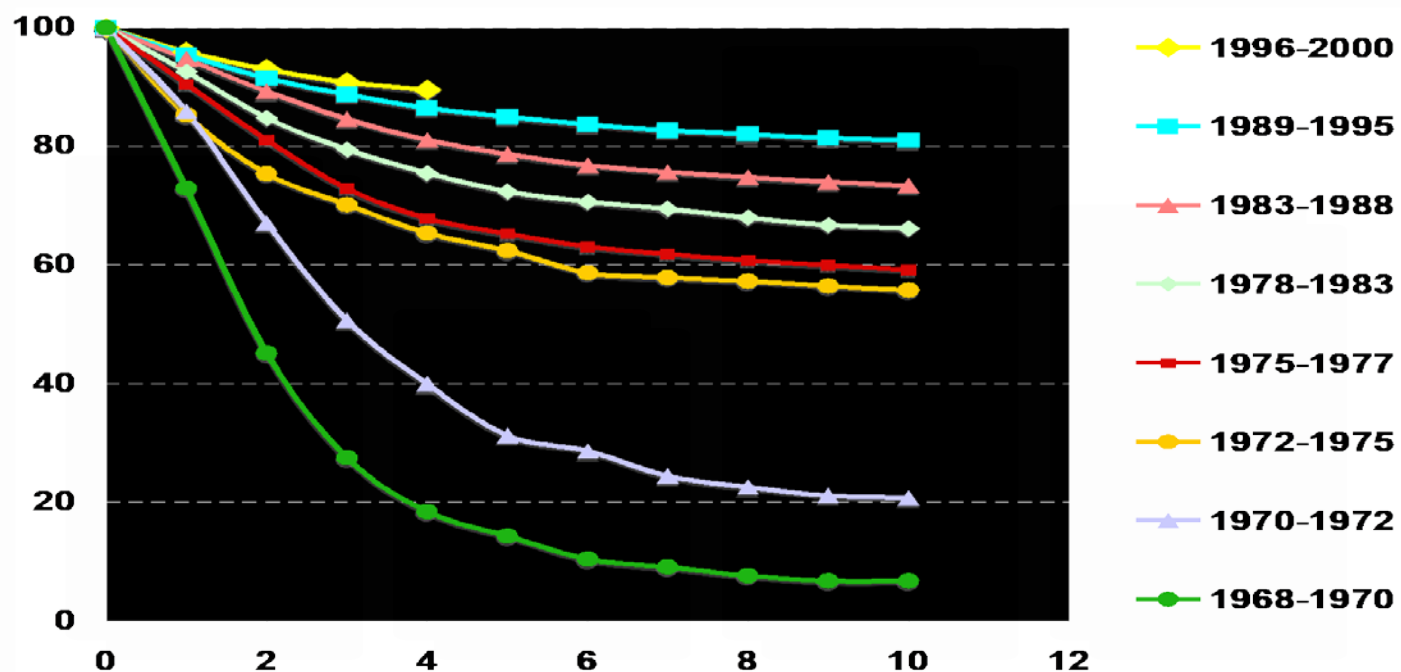
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- Retroviruses, in particular lentivirus, are particularly skilled at entering T-cells
- Used to introduce genetic material into a T-cell which is then incorporated into the host cell genome
- Modified virus used to introduce anti-leukemia targeted antigen recognition properties

# Childhood ALL

- Most commonly diagnosed childhood cancer
- 2900 cases/year
- Relapsed refractory disease remains a therapeutic challenge
- Outcomes in the AYA population remain poor

## Improved Survival by Study Era



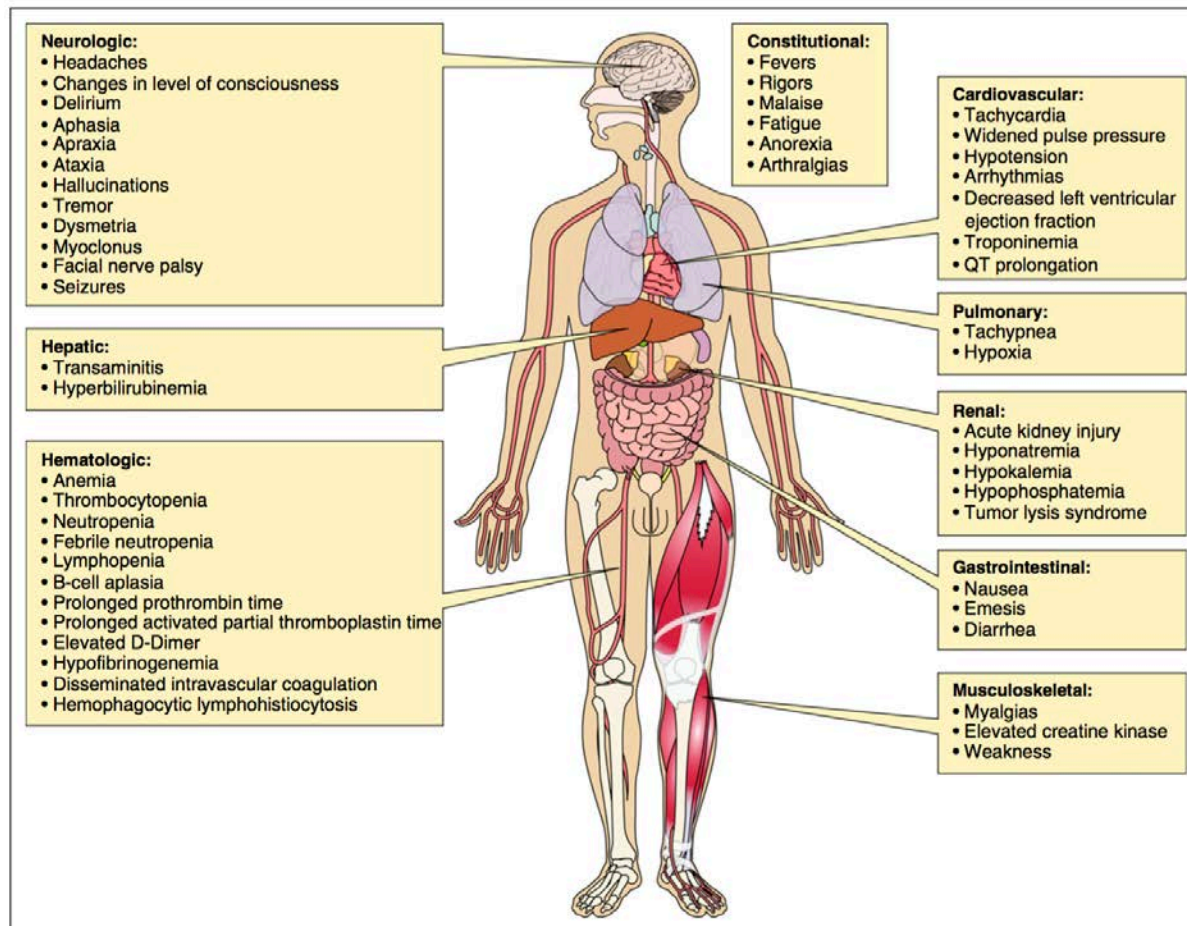


# CD19 CAR

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- CD19 is a B-cell marker
- First used to target CLL (chronic lymphocytic leukemia)
- Associated with cytokine release syndrome
- First child treated in 2012
- Several centers had simultaneous clinical trials

# Cytokine Release Syndrome



## GRADING ASSESSMENT

### Grade 1 CRS

Fever, constitutional symptoms

### Grade 2 CRS

Hypotension: responds to fluids or one low dose pressor  
 Hypoxia: responds to <40% O2  
 Grade 2 organ toxicity

### Grade 3 CRS

Hypotension: requires multiple pressors or high dose pressors  
 Hypoxia: requires  $\geq 40\%$  O2  
 Grade 3 organ toxicity, Grade 4 transaminities

### Grade 4 CRS

Mechanical ventilation  
 Grade 4 organ toxicity, excluding transaminities

## TREATMENT

•assess for infection  
 •if neutropenic, treat for F&N  
 •monitor fluid balance  
 •antipyretics, analgesics as needed

*Extensive co-morbidities or older age?*

No

•vigilant supportive care  
 •consider transfer to ICU  
 •daily echocardiogram  
 Echocardiogram as needed

Yes

•vigilant supportive care  
 •tocilizumab 4-8 mg/kg  
 $\pm$  corticosteroids 2 mg/kg

# CD19 CAR Clinical Updates

T cells expressing CD19 chimeric antigen receptors for acute lymphoblastic leukaemia in children and young adults: JEJM 2014  
not ITT)

Novartis sponsored global CD19 CAR registration trial ("ELIANA")

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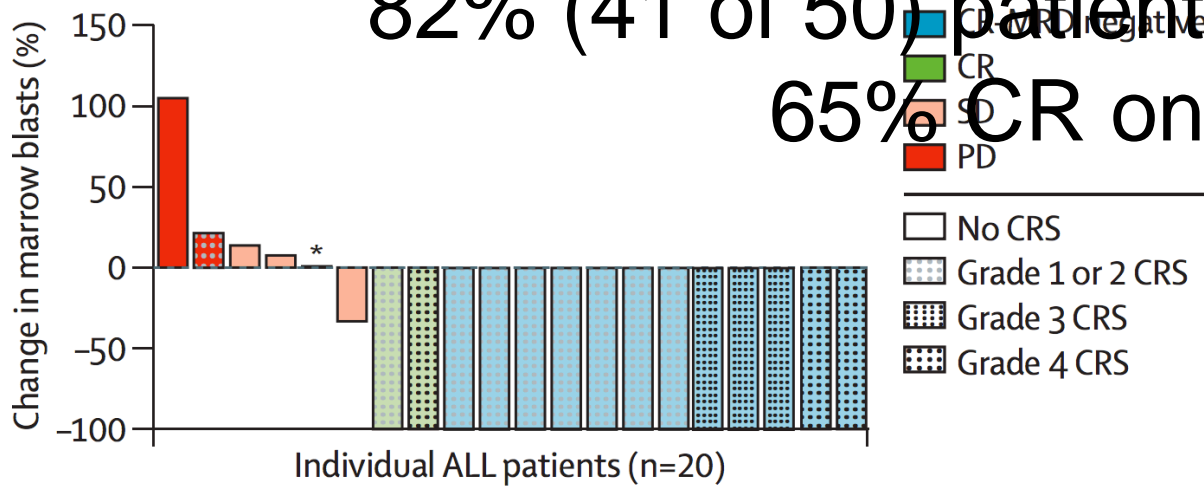
82% (41 of 50) patients achieved CR

65% CR on ITT

Lee et al. Lancet 2015

67% CR rate (ITT)

All responders with CRS



# FDA Approval!!

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FDA News Release

## **FDA approval brings first gene therapy to the United States**

*CAR T-cell therapy approved to treat certain children and young adults with B-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia*

August 30, 2017

FDA News Release

## **FDA approves CAR-T cell therapy to treat adults with certain types of large B-cell lymphoma**

October 18, 2017

# Will CD19 CAR be “THE” Answer?

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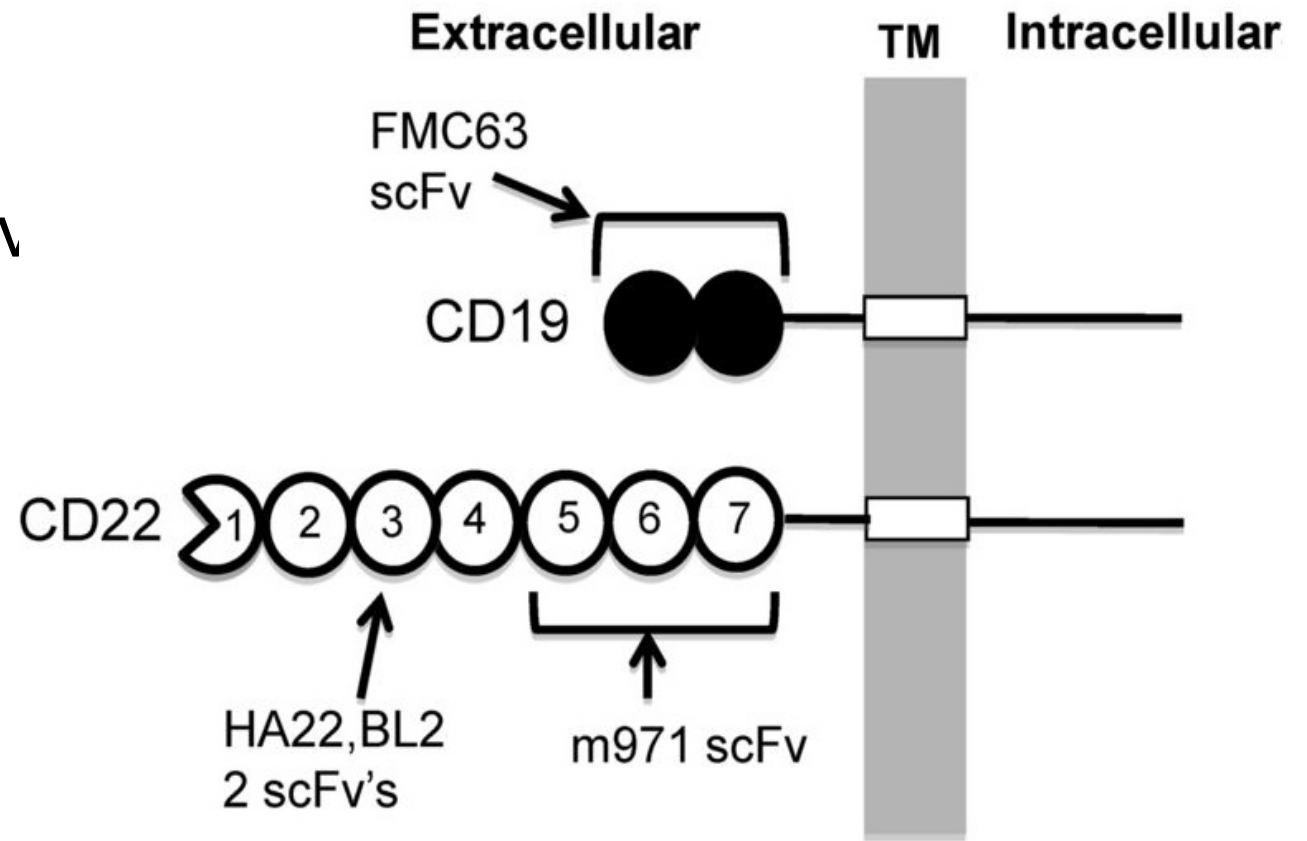
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CAR-T in April 2012

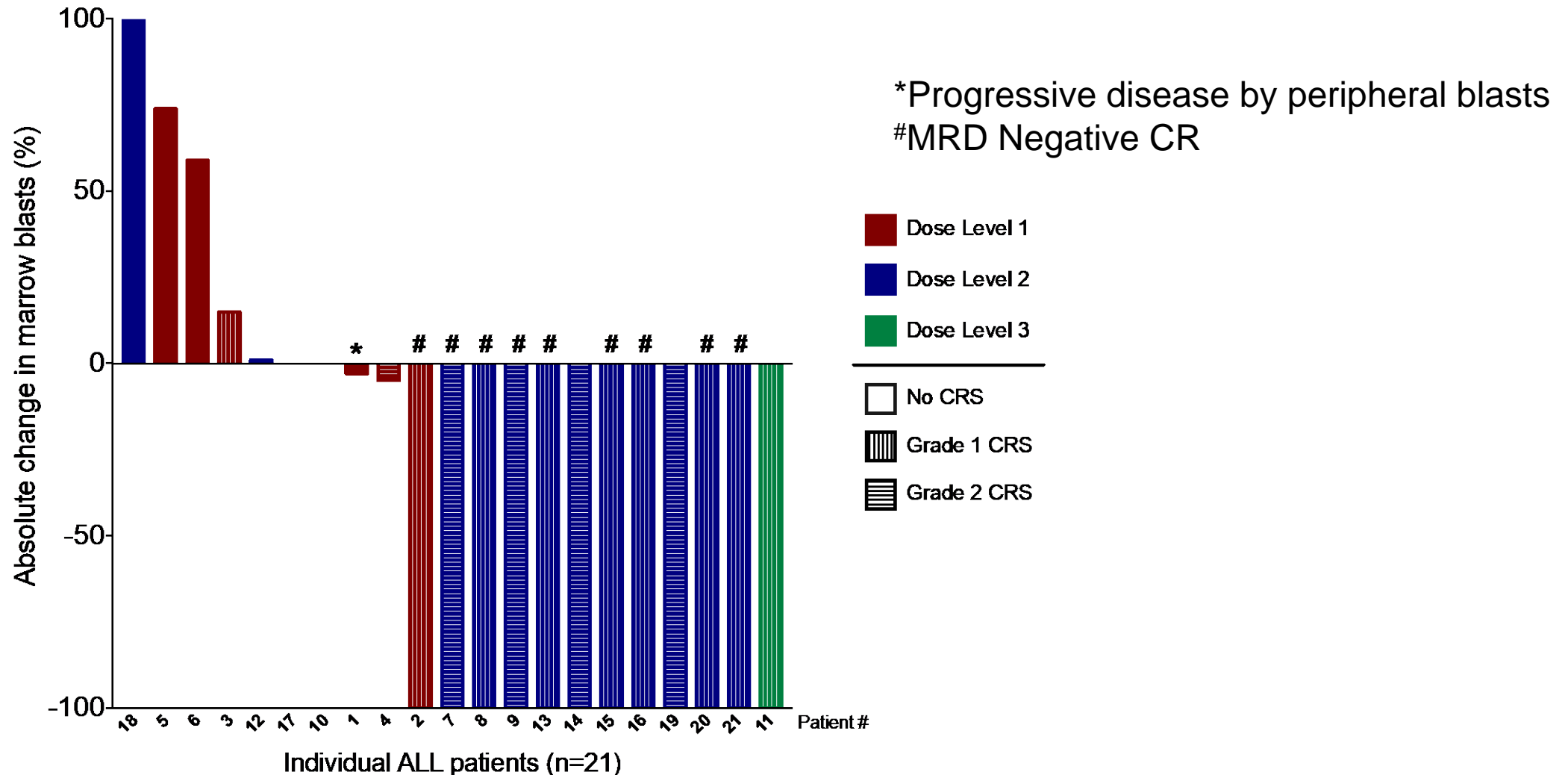


# Anti-CD22 CAR Construct

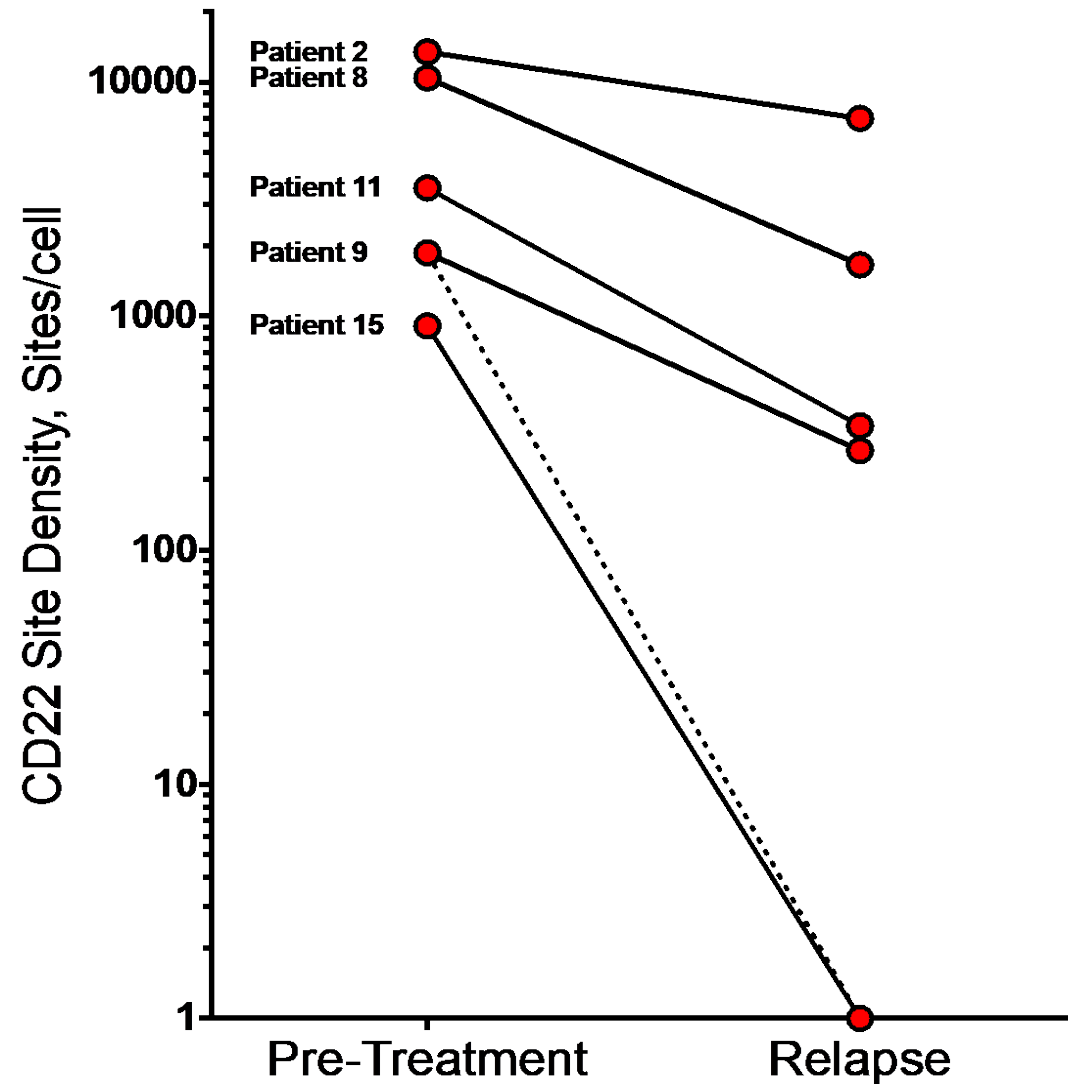
- Second generation CAR
- Utilizes m971 anti-CD22 scFv
- 4-1BB/CD3-zeta signaling



# Phase I Study of Anti-CD22 CAR T-Cells: Dose-Dependent Response



# Relapse Remains a Problem





# Future Directions

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- Simultaneous multi-antigen targeting
- Expanding to other disease subtypes and presentations
  - AML
  - Central nervous system disease
  - Lymphoma
- Solid Tumors and Brain Tumors
- Exploring Toxicity

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