

# Interim Futility Analysis of a Phase 2 Study of Loncastuximab Tesirine, a Novel Pyrrolobenzodiazepine-Based Antibody-Drug Conjugate, in Patients With Relapsed or Refractory Diffuse Large B-Cell Lymphoma

Carmelo Carlo-Stella<sup>1</sup>, Pier Luigi Zinzani<sup>2</sup>, Brad Kahl<sup>3</sup>, Paolo Caimi<sup>4</sup>, Melhem Solh<sup>5</sup>, William Townsend<sup>6</sup>, Anastasios Stathis<sup>7</sup>, Elizabeth Cull<sup>8</sup>, Mehdi Hamadani<sup>9</sup>, Alexander Spira<sup>10</sup>, Jay Feingold<sup>11</sup>, David Ungar<sup>11</sup>, Shui He<sup>11</sup>, Yajuan Qin<sup>11</sup>, John Radford<sup>12</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Department of Oncology and Hematology, Humanitas Cancer Center, Humanitas University, Milan, Italy; <sup>2</sup>Institute of Hematology “Seràgnoli” University of Bologna, Bologna, Italy; <sup>3</sup>Department of Medicine, Oncology Division, Washington University, St. Louis, MO, USA; <sup>4</sup>University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center/Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH, USA; <sup>5</sup>Blood and Marrow Transplant Program at Northside Hospital, Atlanta, GA, USA; <sup>6</sup>Department of Haematology, University College London Hospitals, NHS Foundation Trust, London, UK; <sup>7</sup>Oncology Institute of Southern Switzerland, Bellinzona, Switzerland; <sup>8</sup>Department of Oncology & Hematology, Prisma Health, Greenville Memorial Hospital, Greenville, SC, USA; <sup>9</sup>Division of Hematology and Oncology, Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI, USA; <sup>10</sup>Virginia Cancer Specialists Research Institute, Fairfax, VA, USA; <sup>11</sup>ADC Therapeutics America Inc., Murray Hill, NJ, USA; <sup>12</sup>University of Manchester and The Christie NHS Foundation Trust, Manchester Academic Health Centre, Manchester, UK.

**61st American Society of Hematology Annual Meeting & Exposition**

**December 7–10, 2019, Orlando, FL, USA**

# Acknowledgments

## ➤ Investigators and affiliations

- **C Carlo-Stella**, Department of Oncology and Hematology, Humanitas Cancer Center, Humanitas University, Milan, Italy
- **PL Zinzani**, Institute of Hematology “Seràgnoli”, University of Bologna, Bologna, Italy
- **B Kahl**, Department of Medicine, Oncology Division, Washington University, St. Louis, MO, USA
- **P Caimi**, University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center/Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH, USA
- **M Solh**, Blood and Marrow Transplant Program at Northside Hospital, Atlanta, GA, USA
- **W Townsend**, Department of Haematology, University College London Hospitals, NHS Foundation Trust, London, UK
- **A Stathis**, Oncology Institute of Southern Switzerland, Bellinzona, Switzerland
- **E Cull**, Department of Oncology & Hematology, Prisma Health, Greenville Memorial Hospital, Greenville, SC, USA

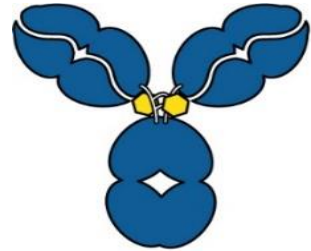
- **M Hamadani**, Division of Hematology and Oncology, Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI, USA
- **A Spira**, Virginia Cancer Specialists Research Institute, Fairfax, VA, USA
- **J Radford**, University of Manchester and The Christie NHS Foundation Trust, Manchester Academic Health Centre, Manchester, UK

## ➤ ADC Therapeutics

- **J Feingold**, ADC Therapeutics America Inc., Murray Hill, NJ, USA
- **S He**, ADC Therapeutics America Inc., Murray Hill, NJ, USA
- **Y Qin**, ADC Therapeutics America Inc., Murray Hill, NJ, USA
- **D Ungar**, ADC Therapeutics America Inc., Murray Hill, NJ, USA

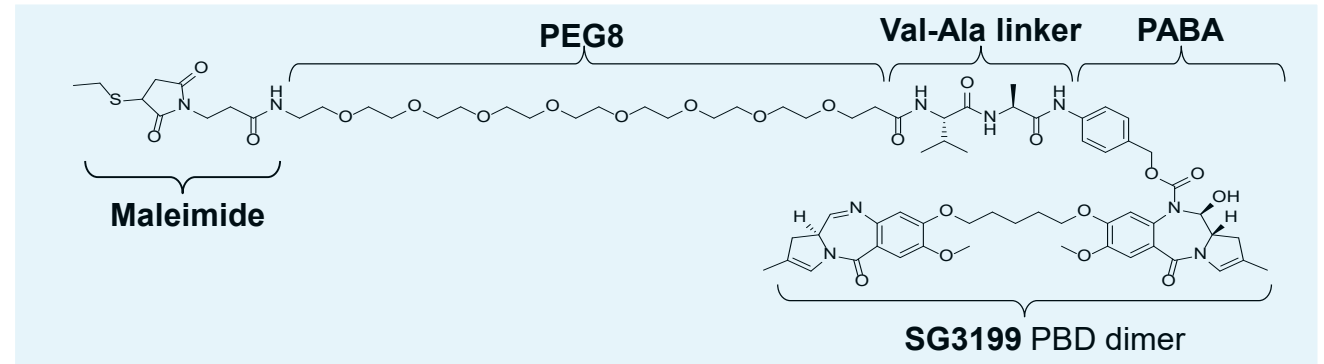
The authors would like to thank all the participating patients and their families, all study co-investigators and research coordinators. Editorial support was provided by Fishawack Communications Ltd.

# Loncastuximab Tesirine (ADCT-402)



Anti-CD19 Ab

Tesirine/  
SG3249



Loncastuximab tesirine comprises a humanized anti-CD19 Ab stochastically conjugated to a potent PBD dimer toxin<sup>1</sup>

The majority of B-cell malignancies express CD19 at normal to high levels<sup>2</sup>

1. Loncastuximab tesirine binds to CD19 antigen on the tumor cell surface
2. ADC is internalized, the linker is cleaved, and PBD dimers are released
3. Cytotoxic DNA cross-link formation
4. Stalled DNA replication fork
5. Cell goes into apoptosis

1. Zammarchi F, et al. *Blood*. 2018;131:1094–105. 2. Wang K, et al. *Exp Hematol Oncol*. 2012;1:36.

Ab, antibody; ADC, antibody-drug conjugate; CD19, cluster of differentiation 19; PABA, para-aminobenzoic acid; PBD, pyrrolobenzodiazepine; PEG, polyethylene glycol; Val-Ala, valine-alanine.

# Loncastuximab Tesirine Phase 2 DLBCL Study (NCT03589469)

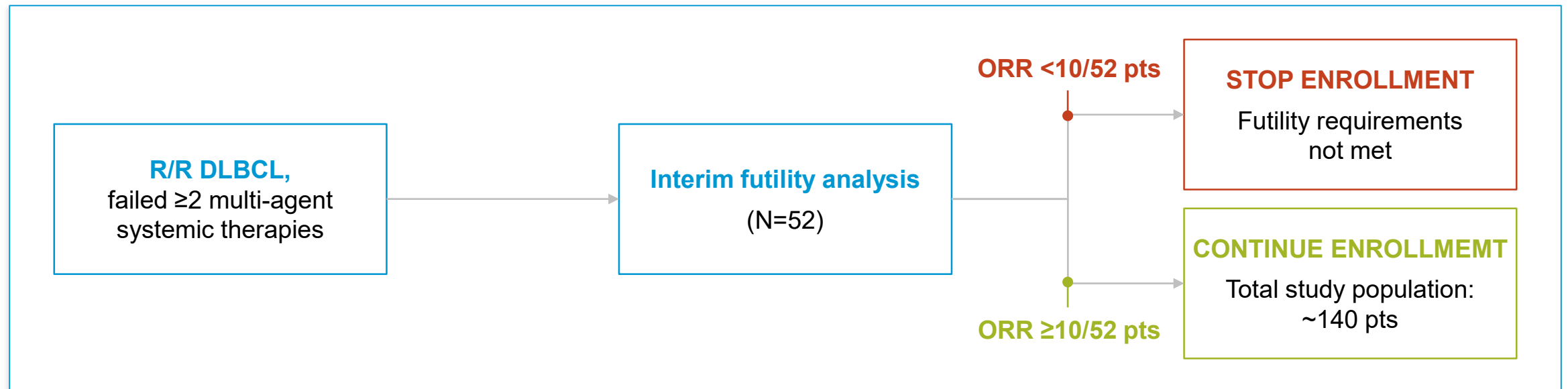
## Primary objective:

Evaluate single-agent efficacy in R/R DLBCL

## Secondary objectives:

Evaluate safety, PK, immunogenicity and impact on HRQoL

**30-min** intravenous infusion of 150 µg/kg Q3W×2 cycles, followed by 75 µg/kg Q3W



DLBCL, diffuse large B-cell lymphoma; HRQoL, health-related quality of life; ORR, overall response rate; PK, pharmacokinetics; pts, patients; Q3W, every three weeks; R/R, relapsed/refractory.

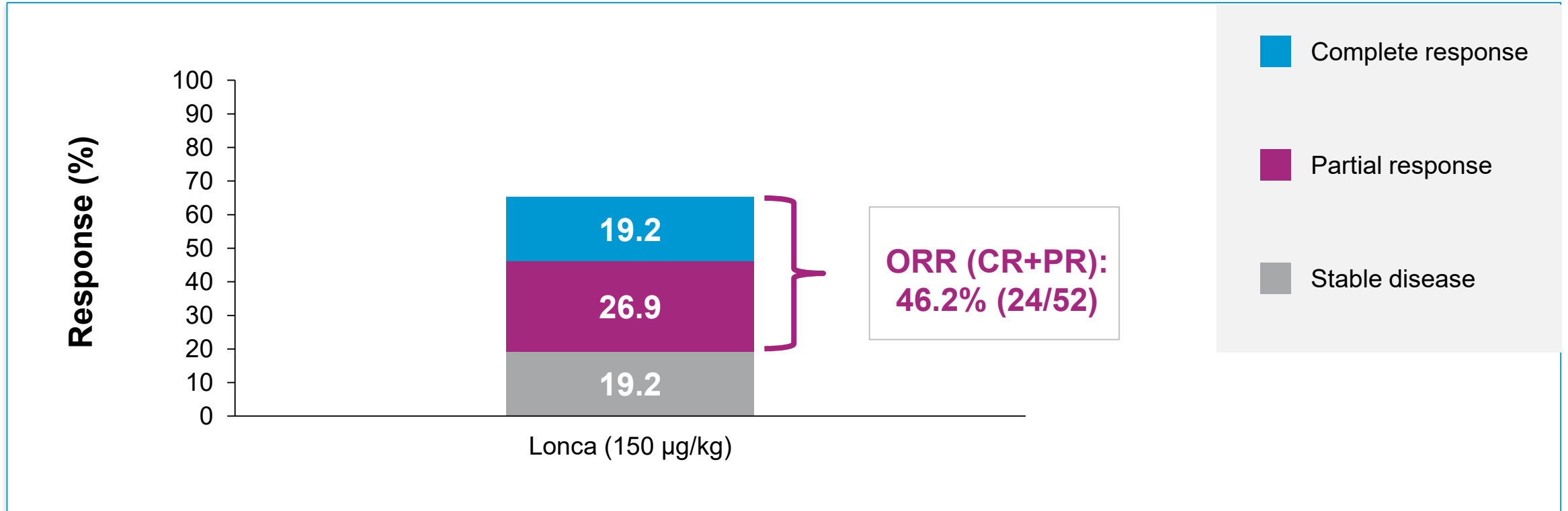
# Baseline Characteristics

Patient characteristics		Total (N=52)
Sex, n (%)	Male	38 (73.1)
	Female	14 (26.9)
Race, n (%)	White	48 (92.3)
	Black/African American	2 (3.8)
	Asian	1 (1.9)
	Other	1 (1.9)
Age, years, median (min, max)		63 (24, 84)
Histology, n (%)	<b>DLBCL</b>	<b>45 (86.5)</b>
	Double/triple hit	3 (5.8)
	Transformed disease	8 (15.4)
	<i>Follicular</i>	7 (13.5)
	<i>Richter's</i>	1 (1.9)
	<b>HGBCL</b>	<b>4 (7.7)</b>
	<b>PMBCL</b>	<b>3 (5.8)</b>
Stage, n (%)	I–II	14 (26.9)
	III–IV	38 (73.1)

Patient treatment history		Total (N=52)
First-line systemic therapy response, n (%)	Relapsed	32 (61.5)
	Refractory	16 (30.8)
	Other*	4 (7.7)
Last-line systemic therapy response, n (%)	Relapsed	17 (32.7)
	Refractory	28 (53.8)
	Other*	7 (13.5)
No. of previous systemic therapies, median (min, max)		3 (2, 7)
Prior stem cell transplantation, n (%)	Allogeneic	11 (21.2)
	Autologous	1 (1.9)
	Both	9 (17.3)
		1 (1.9)

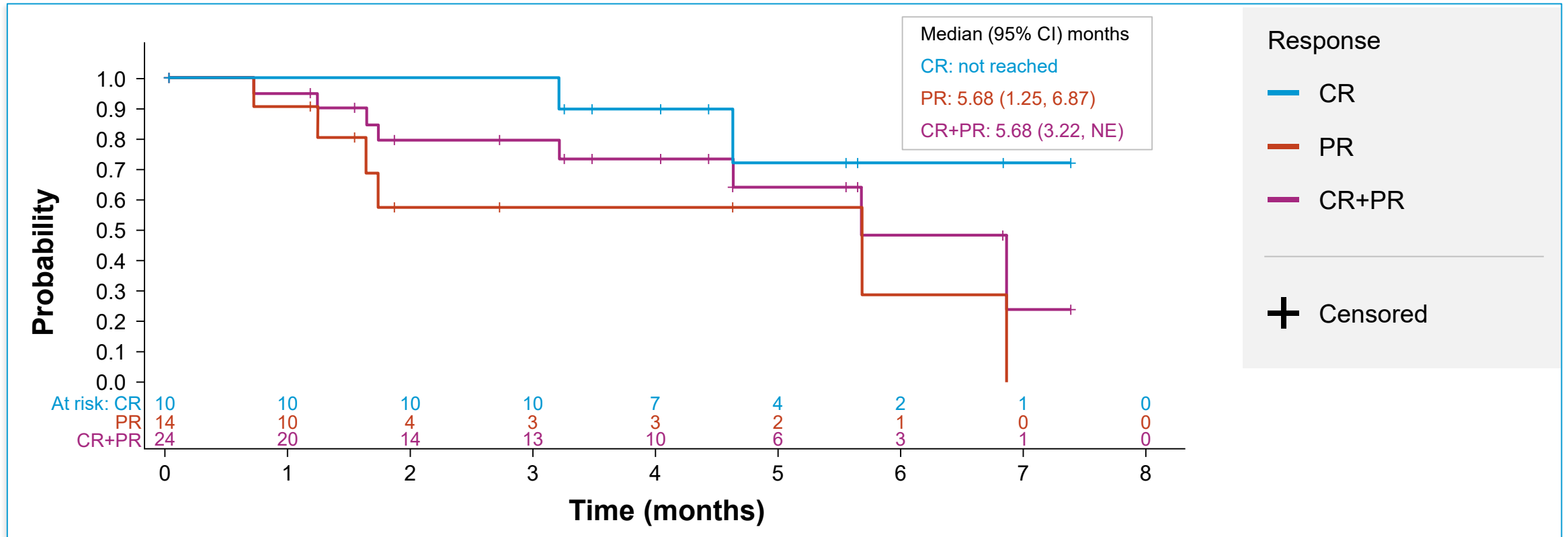
\*Other defined as unknown, not evaluable or missing. DLBCL, diffuse large B-cell lymphoma; HGBCL, high-grade B-cell lymphoma, with MYC and BCL2 and/or BCL6 rearrangements; PMBCL, primary mediastinal B-cell lymphoma. Data shown as of Oct 14, 2019.

# Overall Response Rate (based on independent review)



CR, complete response; Lonca, loncastuximab tesirine; ORR, overall response rate; PR, partial response.  
Data shown as of Oct 14, 2019.

# Duration of Response



**7/10 complete responders went on to stem cell transplant or CAR-T therapy**

Includes central radiology review of progression, death, and clinical progression assessed by sites without radiologic confirmation. CAR-T, chimeric antigen T-cell; CI, confidence interval; CR, complete response; NE, not evaluable; PR, partial response. Data shown as of Oct 14, 2019.

# Characteristics of Complete Responders

Patient characteristics				
Patient	Histology	Cycles (N)	Study Treatment Status	Subsequent Therapy/Outcome
1	DLBCL	2	Discontinued	CAR-T
2	HGBCL	6	Discontinued	Remains in CR
3	DLBCL	8	Discontinued	SCT
4	DLBCL, transformed follicular	4	Discontinued	SCT
5	DLBCL	2	Discontinued	Progressive disease: death
6	DLBCL, double expressor	10	Ongoing	Remains in CR
7	DLBCL	4	Discontinued	Autologous SCT
8	DLBCL	10	Discontinued	Allogeneic SCT
9	DLBCL, transformed follicular	5	Discontinued	Autologous SCT
10	DLBCL, transformed follicular	5	Discontinued	Allogeneic SCT

CAR-T, chimeric antigen receptor T cell; CR, complete response; DLBCL, diffuse large B-cell lymphoma; HGBCL, high-grade B-cell lymphoma with MYC and BCL2 and/or BCL6 rearrangements; SCT, stem cell transplant. Data shown as of Oct 14, 2019.



# TEAE Profile

Non-hematological TEAEs (reported in ≥20% patients) (N=52)		
Preferred term, n (%)	Grade 1–2	Grade ≥3
GGT increased	14 (26.9)	13 (25.0)
Pyrexia	18 (34.6)	-
Cough	15 (28.8)	-
Hypokalemia	12 (23.1)	3 (5.8)
Nausea	15 (28.8)	-
ALP increased	13 (25.0)	1 (1.9)
Fatigue	12 (23.1)	2 (3.8)
Vomiting	11 (21.2)	-

Hematological TEAEs (reported in ≥20% patients) (N=52)		
Preferred term, n (%)	Grade 1–2	Grade ≥3
Platelet count decreased*	26 (50.0)	11 (21.2)
Neutrophil count decreased*	12 (23.1)	17 (32.7)
Anemia	8 (15.4)	6 (11.5)

\*These data are based on laboratory abnormality reporting. ALP, alkaline phosphatase; GGT, gamma-glutamyltransferase; TEAE, treatment-emergent adverse event. Data shown as of Oct 14, 2019.

# TEAEs of Interest

**Fatal TEAEs** were observed in 3 patients (5.8%)\*: pneumonia, septic shock, hemoptysis

- These events were considered **not related** to the study treatment

Overall, 13 (25.0%) patients had **Lonca treatment withdrawal due to TEAEs**

- 7 patients (13.5%) had study **drug-related TEAEs** leading to withdrawal, most commonly GGT increased (4 patients; 7.7%)

No patients had **infusion-related reactions**

**Edema** or **effusion events** were reported in 15 patients (28.8%)

- 23.1% at grade 1–2 and 5.8% at grade 3

**Skin-related TEAEs** were reported in 19 (36.5%) patients; **all were grade 1–2**

\*A fatal event of DLBCL was also reported but was considered to be disease progression. DLBCL, diffuse large B-cell lymphoma; GGT, gamma-glutamyltransferase; Lonca, loncastuximab tesirine; TEAE, treatment-emergent AE. Data shown as of Oct 14, 2019.

# Dose Modifications

**Most dose delays were <1 week and few dose reductions were required**

Only 2 patients (3.8%) required a dose reduction

31 of 177 dose cycles (17.5%) were delayed (>2 days):

- 16 (9%) cycles were delayed <1 week
- 9 (5%) cycles were delayed 1–2 weeks
- 1 (<1%) cycle was delayed 2–3 weeks
- 5 (3%) cycles were delayed >3 weeks

# Summary

## Lonca has encouraging single-agent antitumor activity and manageable toxicity in R/R DLBCL

ORR was 46.2%, with stable disease in a further 19.2% of patients

- Complete response rate was 19.2%
- Median DoR was not reached for complete responders and was 5.7 months for partial responders
- Following a response to Lonca, 7/10 complete responders went to stem cell transplant or CAR-T therapy

Notable toxicities included GGT increased, thrombocytopenia and neutropenia

- GGT increase was not associated with any evidence of liver dysfunction
- Effusion- and skin-related TEAEs were lower than reported in the Phase 1 trial of Lonca in NHL
- Most patients who required dose modifications had short dose delays and were able to continue treatment

➤ **Futility requirements were met and enrollment in the trial has now been completed**

CAR-T, chimeric antigen T cell; DLBCL, diffuse large B-cell lymphoma; DoR, duration of response; GGT, gamma-glutamyltransferase; Lonca, loncastuximab tesirine; NHL, non-Hodgkin lymphoma; ORR, overall response rate; R/R, relapsed/refractory; TEAE, treatment-emergent adverse event.