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# EHA-ROHS-NHS Tutorial on "Real world challenges and opportunities in diagnostics and management of onco- haematological patients today"

Self-assessment Case – Session  
**Immunotherapy**

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## Introduction

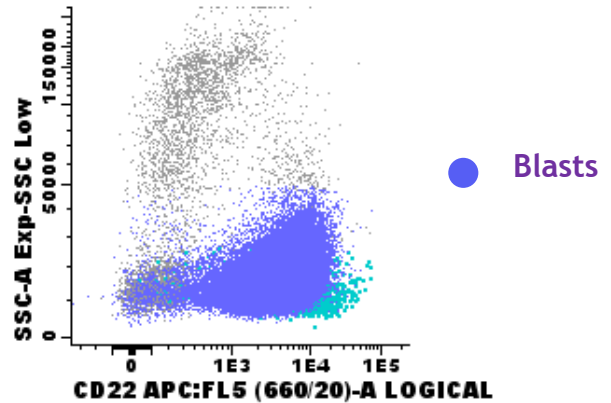
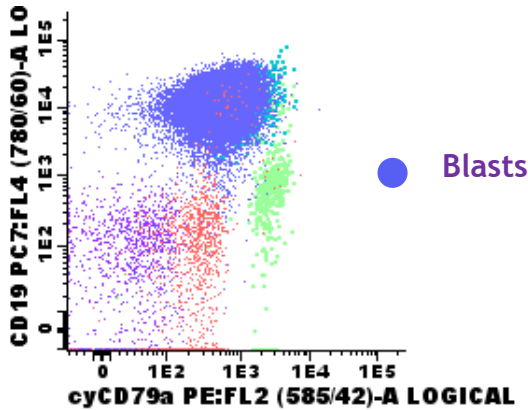
- 19yrs male, B-ALL. Induction chemo with high risk protocol. CR MRD-
- Relapse at the end of consolidation
- FLAG-Ida. CR MRD-. MyMR Allo-SCT
- Relapse at +5m post allo. 20,000 blast cells/mm<sup>3</sup> PB (CD19+/CD22+)



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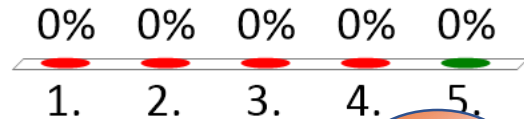


# Introduction



# Q1) What is the preferred option?

1. Withdraw immunosuppression
2. Donor lymphocyte infusion
3. Inotuzumab-ozogamicin +/- second Allo-SCT
4. Blinatumomab +/- second Allo-SCT
5. CAR-T19 cells





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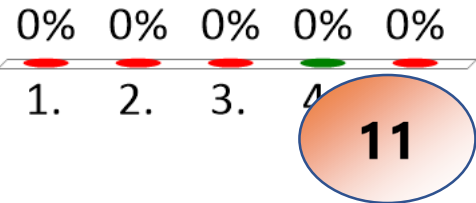


## Evolution 1

- Transferred to receive CAR-T19 treatment (ARI-0001 cells)
- ECOG 1, and 13,000 blasts/mm<sup>3</sup> PB
- BMA 95% blasts (B-II)
- CD3+ cell count in PB 1200/ $\mu$ l

## Q2) What is the preferred option?

1. PBMC harvest and CART administration
2. Cytoreductive treatment and PBMC harvest
3. PBMC harvest, and then lymphodepletion regimen pre CAR-T
4. PBMC harvest, cytoreductive treatment, lymphodepletion regimen, and CAR-T administration
5. Excluded from the CAR-T programme





## Evolution 2

- PBMCs were collected and introduced in a CliniMACS Prodigy
- Methylprednisolone 1.5mg/kg + cyclophosphamide 300 mg/day x5
- Grade 4 neutropenia and thrombocytopenia. No blasts in PB/bone marrow aspirate (BMA)



## Evolution 3

- $1 \times 10^6$  CART19+/kg after conditioning with cyclophosphamide + fludarabine
- 72hs later:  $38^{\circ}\text{C}$ , rise in CRP and ferritin, and a generalized skin rash
- CAR-T cell peak in peripheral blood





## Evolution 3

- Skin biopsy revealed discrete spongiotic dermatitis, with no interface injury, and a slight perivascular lymphocytic infiltration, with some CD3+/CD8+ lymphocytes of activated appearance (negative for CD19)
- No GI symptoms or liver inflammation



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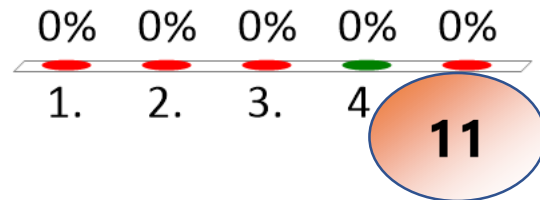


## Evolution 3



### Q3) What is the cause of the skin rash and how should it be treated?

1. GvHD, steroids
2. CAR-T cell expansion, tocilizumab
3. CAR-T cell expansion, systemic steroids
4. CAR-T cell expansion, topical steroids
5. Rash may be related to thrombocytopenia



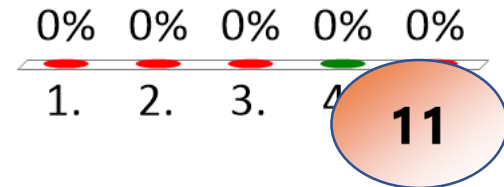


## Evolution 4

- Topical steroids were initiated and the skin rash improved rapidly
- Both neutropenia and thrombocytopenia grade 4 at +30
- Bone marrow biopsy was compatible with aplastic anemia

# Q4) What should you do now?

1. Second Allo-SCT
2. Boost of donor CD34+
3. Eltrombopag
4. G-CSF and transfusion support
5. Transfusion support. No G-CSF



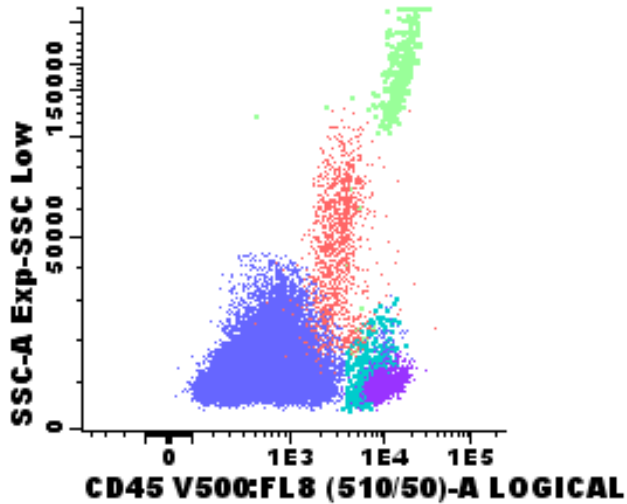


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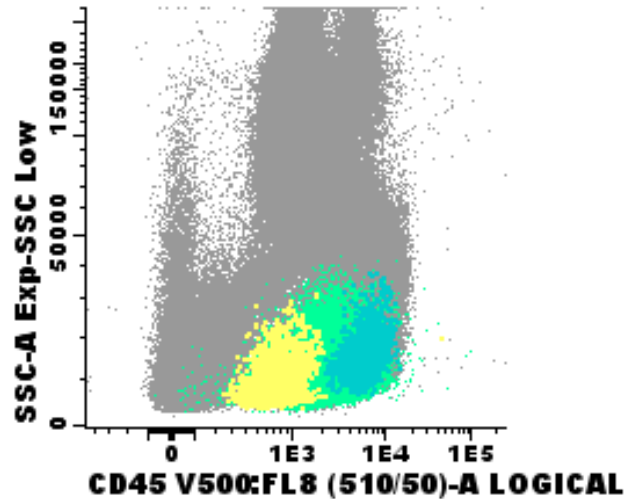
- G-CSF: good response
- Platelet transfusion every 5 days
- No need for red cell transfusions
- +4m, no CAR-T cell detection: B-cell recovery.  
CR, MRD- by both flow cytometry and NGS
- +6m, extensive cutaneous GvHD, systemic steroids and photopheresis



# Evolution 5



Before CAR-T19



+4 mths after CAR-T19

● Blasts



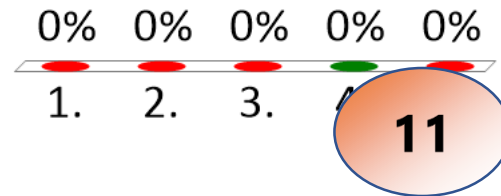
## Evolution 6

- +12m BMA CR MRD- by flow cytometry (FC)
- +16m, bilateral tibial pain. PET-TC positive. Biopsy: CD19+/CD22+ blasts. (BMA: CR MRD- by FC)
- Prior Allo-SCT was performed 2 years before. ECOG 0



# Q5) What should you do now?

1. Palliative treatment
2. CART19 cells (same CAR-T product)
3. CART19 cells (change CAR-T product)
4. Blinatumomab + Allo-SCT
5. Inotuzumab-ozogamicin + Allo-SCT





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## Evolution 7

- Patient has started treatment with blinatumomab with good clinical response (pain), to be followed by a second Allo-SCT (from a different donor)



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Many thanks