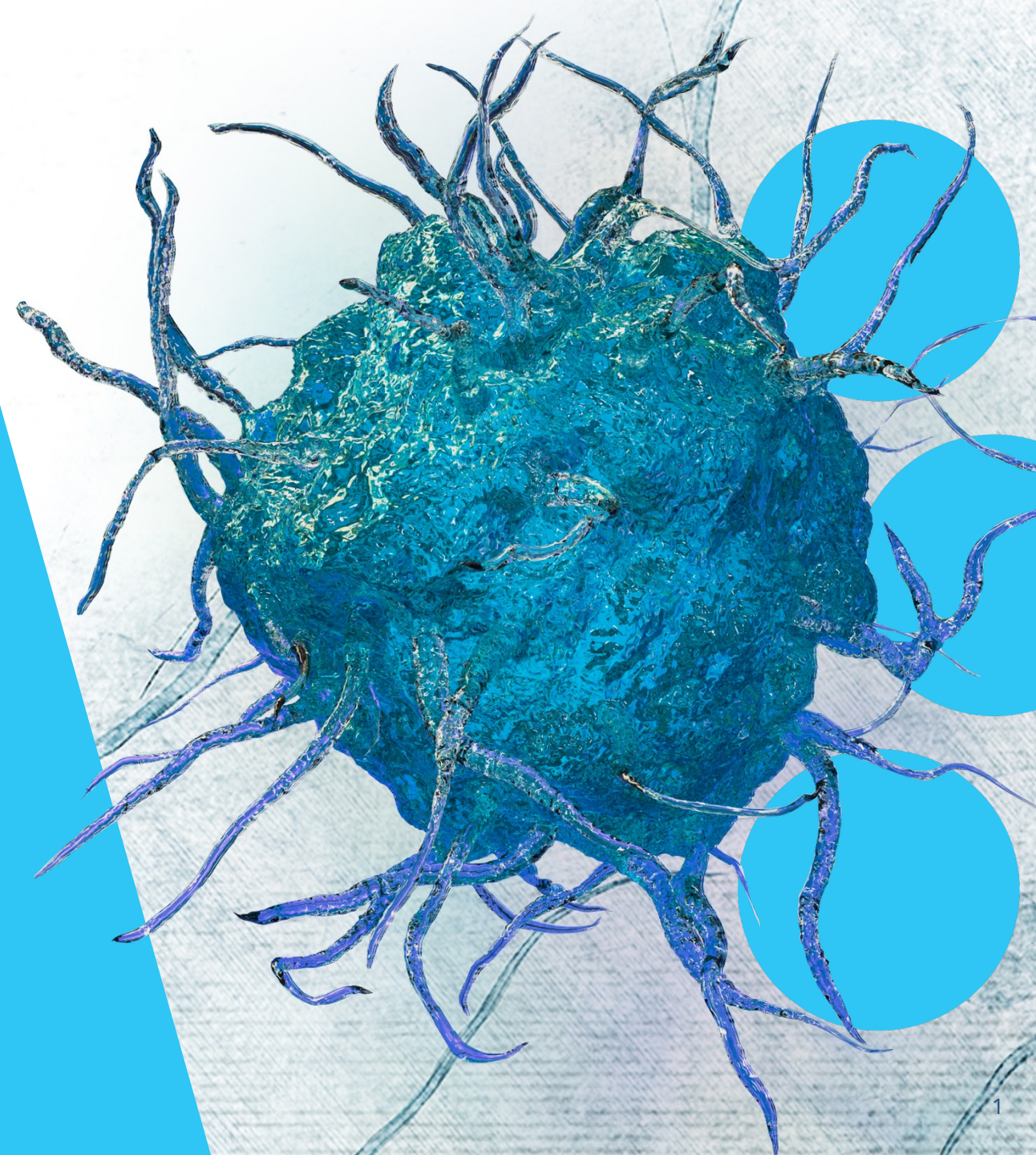


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CAR NK cells driving a revolution in off-the-shelf cell therapy

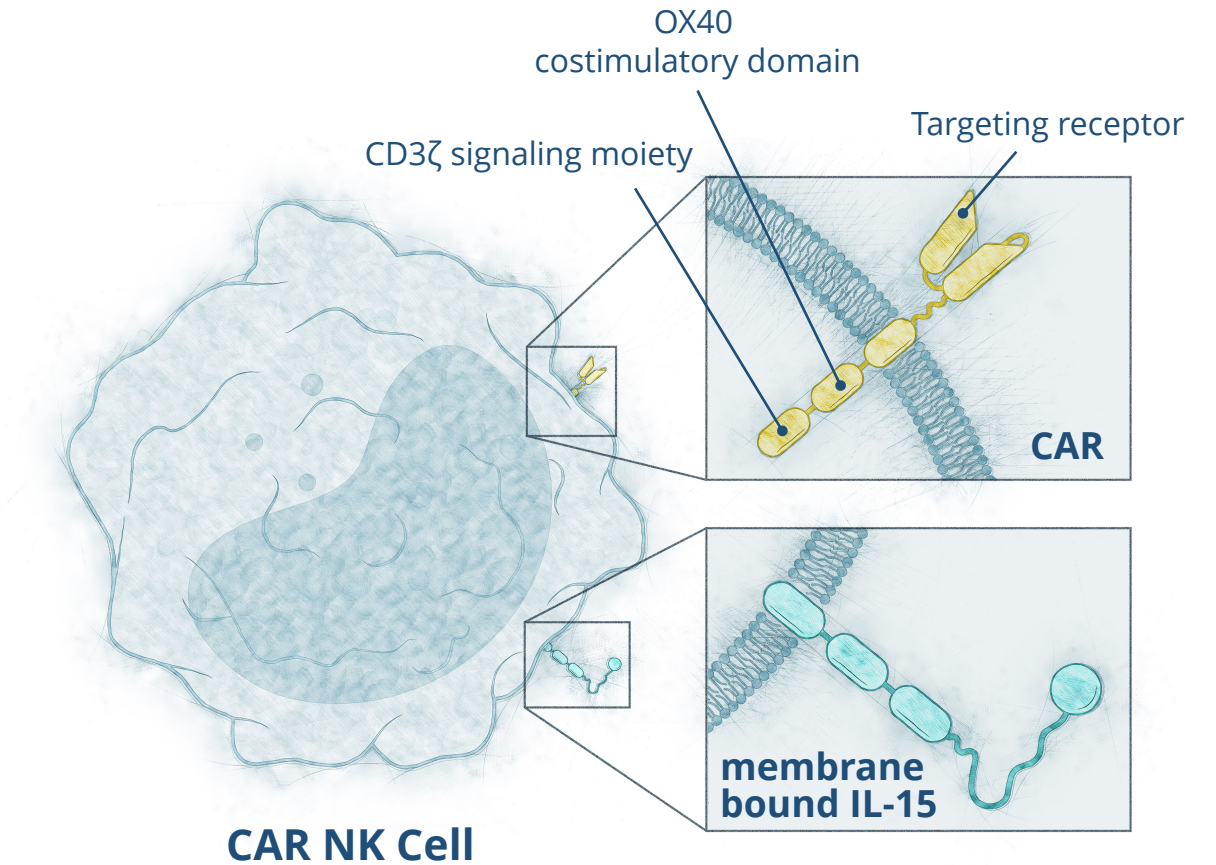
- Next generation platform built for:

Blood cancers and solid tumors

Allogeneic, off-the-shelf, and on demand

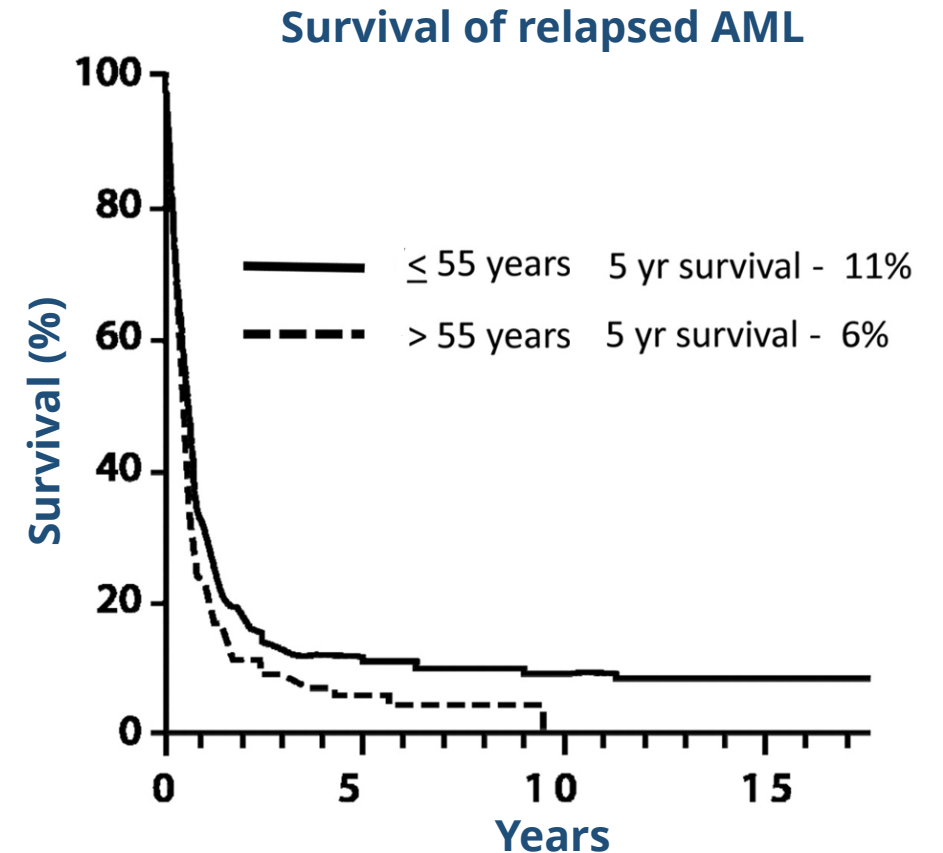
Industrialized manufacturing

Outpatient administration



AML is a rapidly progressing leukemia with a poor prognosis

- **Heterogenous group of blood cancers treated with risk-adapted chemotherapy**
 - Most patients will ultimately die from relapse or complications from therapy
- **Outcomes for patients with relapsed or refractory disease are especially poor**
 - Low response rates with standard chemotherapy
 - 12-18% CR rate, including venetoclax-based regimens
- **Allogeneic HCT is best chance of long-term cure**
 - Limited to patients who are fit
 - Pre-transplant CR improves outcomes



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Biomarkers have driven development of recent AML therapies

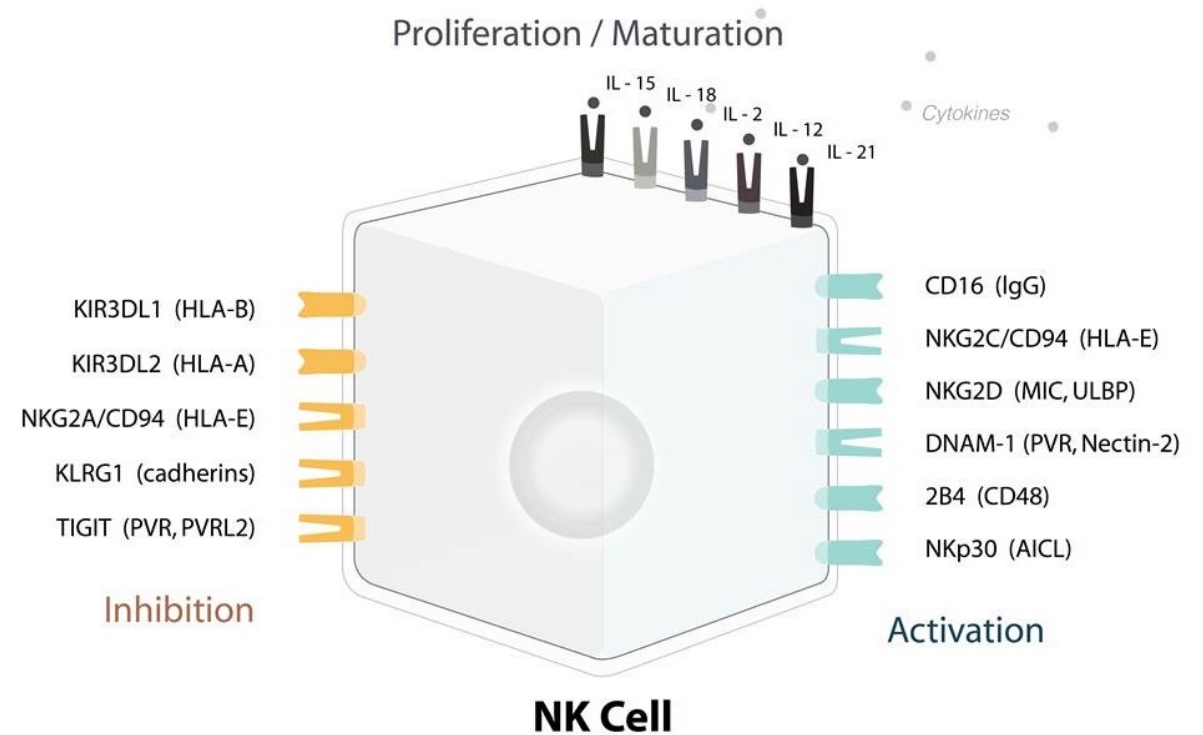
- CAR T cell therapy for AML has been limited by lack of appropriate antigens
- Most recent approvals have been targeted therapies using genetic biomarkers
- Response rates are limited, even among those few with targetable mutations

Biomarker	FLT3	IDH1	IDH2
Prevalence in AML	~30%	6-10%	9-13%
Approved targeted therapy	gilteritinib	ivosidenib	enasidenib
CR rate	21%	22%	19%
Estimated CR rate in total AML population	6%	1-2%	2-3%

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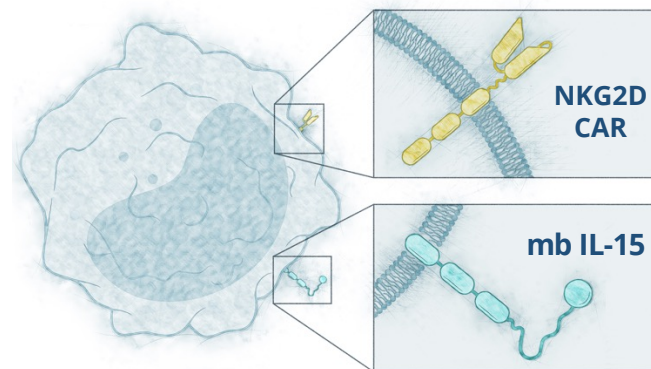
NK cells have potential for antigen-independent therapy

- **NK cells kill malignant cells through a balance of signals**
 - No need for prior antigen exposure
 - No GVHD due to lack of T-cell receptor
- **NK cell therapy without HCT has been explored in AML for almost 20 years**
 - Well tolerated with limited CRS or ICANS in non-transplant setting
 - CR rate <20% with haploidentical NK cells



NKX101 lymphodepletion with fludarabine/cyclophosphamide

- **High-risk pre-treated patient population**
 - r/r AML ≥ 1 therapy
 - Must have received approved targeted therapy
 - Pre- and post-BMT



Lymphodepletion

- Cyclophosphamide
- Fludarabine

NKX101 multi-dosing cycle

- 2-3 doses of CAR-NK per cycle

Efficacy assessment

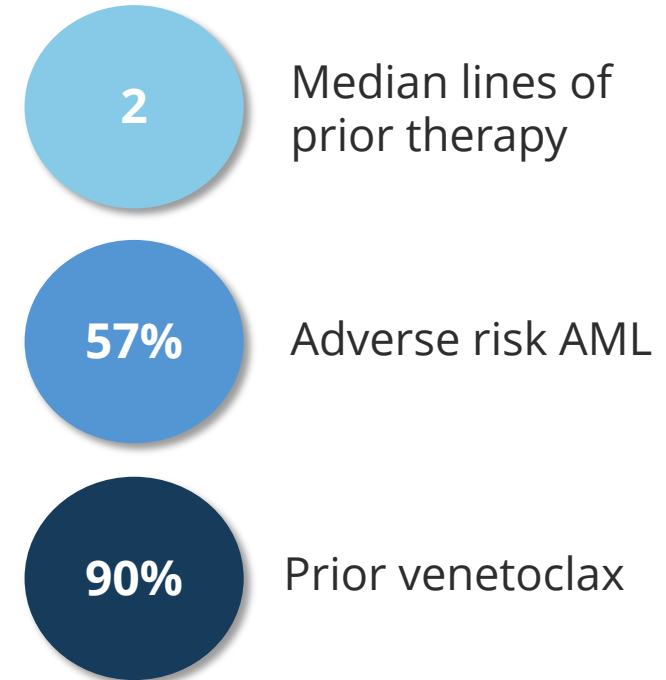
- Based on standard criteria



Additional cycles to potentially deepen response

NKX101 patients were multiply-relapsed with poor prognosis

Characteristics	Total (N=30)
Age, median (range)	65 (22 - 81)
Baseline ECOG, n (%)	
0-1	26 (87%)
2	3 (10%)
Baseline marrow blast %, median (range)	18.5 (1 - 85)
AML Risk Category, n (%)	
Favorable	4 (13%)
Intermediate	7 (23%)
Poor/adverse	17 (57%)
Median prior lines of therapy (range)	2 (1 - 12)
Prior allogeneic transplant, n (%)	5 (17%)
Prior venetoclax, n (%)	27 (90%)
Prior fludarabine, n (%)	6 (20%)



NKX101 with Flu/Cy LD was well-tolerated across dose levels

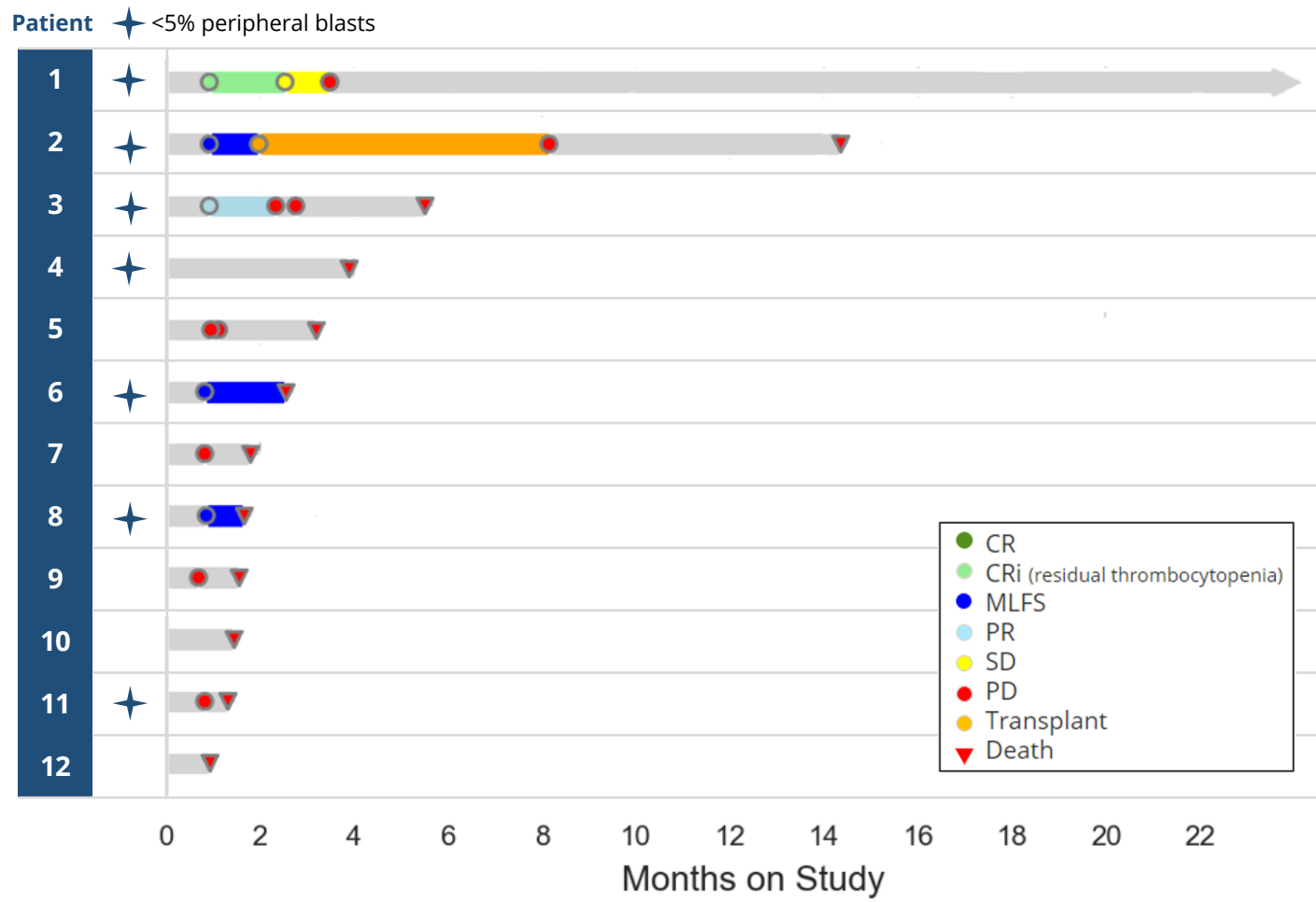
- No DLTs through 1.5B cells/dose
- Myelosuppression and infection consistent with LD and underlying disease were the most common higher-grade toxicities
- Limited CAR T-like toxicities
 - 5 (12%) had infusion reactions, all grade 1/2
 - 5 (12%) patients had CRS, all grade 1/2
 - 1 grade 2 ICANS (Cycle 2)
 - No graft-versus-host disease

Grade 3+ AEs* in ≥10% of patients	Total (n=30)
Hematologic Events	
Thrombocytopenia	18 (60%)
Anemia	16 (53%)
Neutropenia	13 (43%)
Febrile neutropenia	8 (27%)
White blood cell count decreased	5 (17%)
Leukocytosis	4 (13%)
Infections	
Pneumonia	3 (10%)
Other	
Hypoxia ^	4 (13%)
Fatigue	3 (10%)
Hypotension	3 (10%)

* Treatment emergent adverse events regardless of relationship

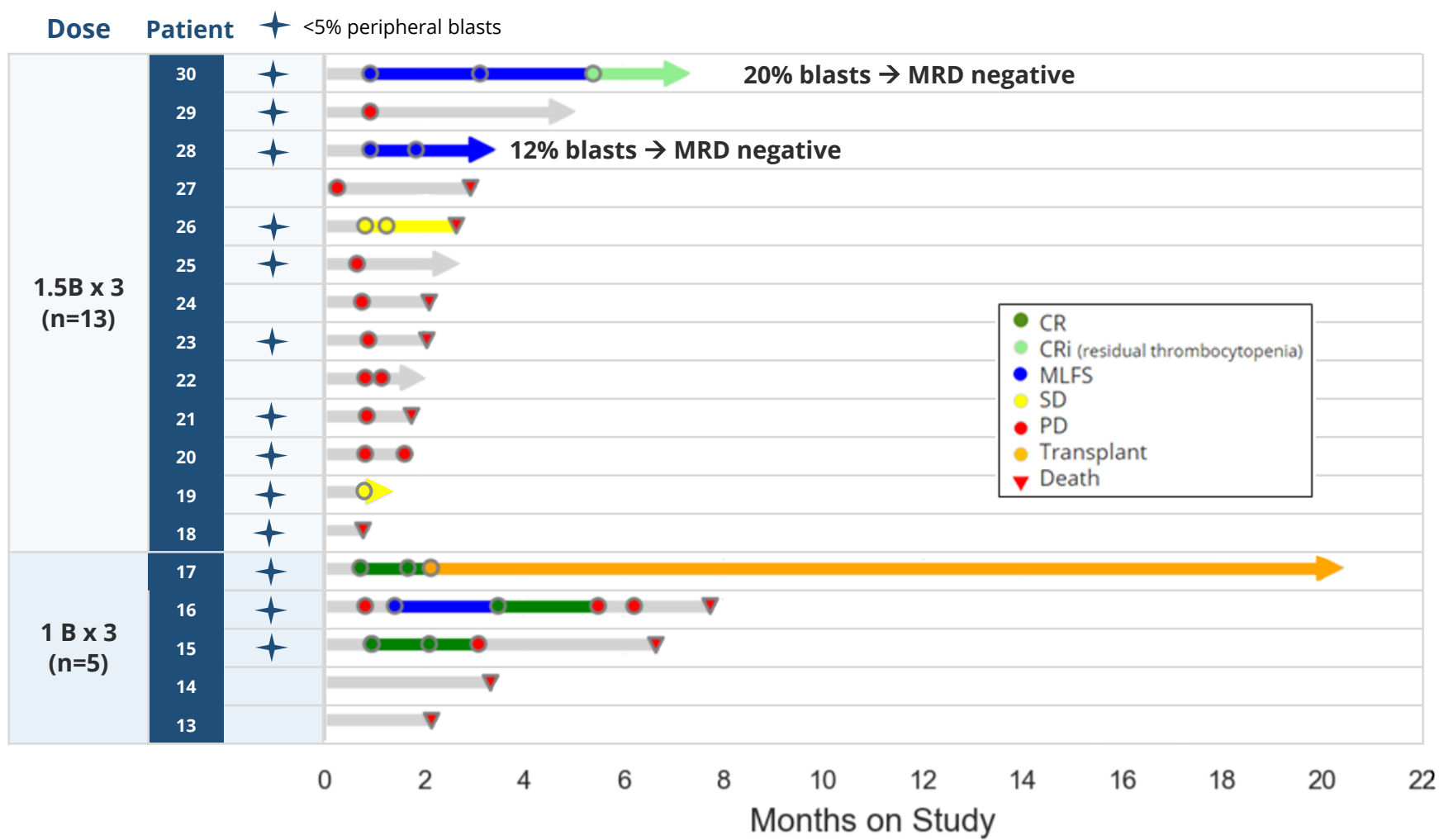
^ In the setting of febrile neutropenia/pneumonia

Response to NKX101 after Flu/Cy lymphodepletion – Early cohorts



- **Previously presented patients with AML treated in cohorts prior to 1B cells/dose x 3**
 - 100M / 300M x 3 doses
 - 150M / 1.5B x 2 doses
- **Response appeared more consistent in those patients with <5% blasts in blood**
 - Marrow blasts: 3-40%
 - ~50% of patients with r/r AML

Response to NKX101 after Flu/Cy lymphodepletion ($\geq 1B/dose \times 3$)

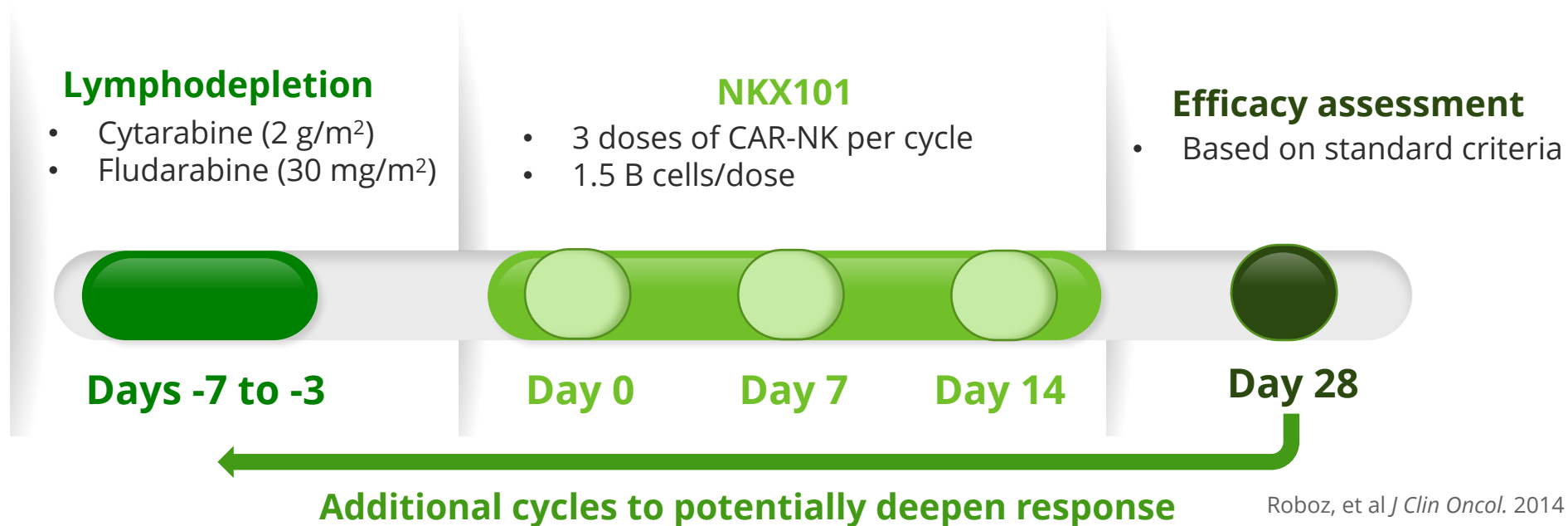


- **13 additional patients with AML**
 - 12 at 1.5 B x 3 cell dose
 - 1 at 1 B x 3 cell dose*
- **4/18 (22%) CR/CR_i rate**
 - 3 previously reported CR,
 - 1 new CR_i (MRD negative)
- **Consolidation with HCT has maintained long-term CR**

* Patient was previously reported as diagnosed with MDS in Apr 2022 update

NKX101 lymphodepletion with Ara-C

- Fludarabine/Ara-C with anthracycline (e.g. FLAG-Ida) is a frequent salvage regimen for r/r AML with true CR rate of ~10% and cCR rate of ~20% as a comparator arm
 - Anthracyclines (idarubicin, mitoxantrone, etc) add toxicity and limit addressable population
- Ara-C (cytarabine) is a DNA damaging agent with potent immunosuppressive effects
 - Incorporated across AML treatment landscape, including upfront therapy
- Exposure upregulates NKG2D ligands, increasing sensitivity to NK killing *in vivo*



Demographics for Flu/Ara-C lymphodepletion cohort

Characteristics	Total (N = 6)
Age, median (range)	61.5 (27 - 70)
Baseline ECOG, n (%)	
0-1	5 (83%)
2	1 (17%)
Baseline blast %, median (range)	
Marrow	35 (20 - 86)
Peripheral blood	19 (8-79)
AML Risk Category, n (%)	
Intermediate	1 (17%)
Poor/adverse	5 (83%)
Median prior lines of therapy (range)	2 (1 - 3)
Prior venetoclax, n (%)	6 (100%)
Prior cytarabine, n (%)	3 (50%)

83%

Adverse risk AML

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Median prior lines of therapy

100%

Prior venetoclax

Manageable safety profile for Flu/Ara-C lymphodepletion cohort

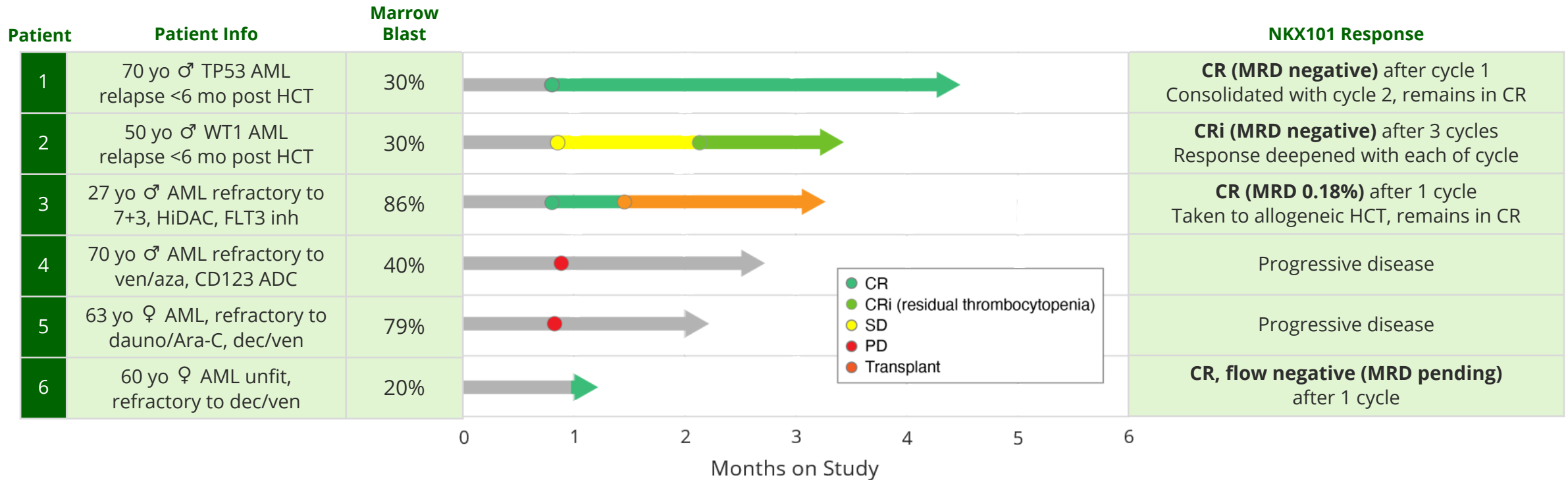
- No DLTs (all 1.5B cells/dose)
- Myelosuppression and infection were the most common higher-grade toxicities and consistent with LD and underlying disease
- No Grade >3 infections
- No CAR T-like toxicities
 - No CRS of any grade
 - No ICANS/neurotoxicity
 - No graft-versus-host disease

Grade 3+ AEs in >1 subject	Total (n=6)
Hematologic Events	
Anemia	3 (50%)
Febrile neutropenia	3 (50%)
Neutropenia	3 (50%)
Thrombocytopenia	2 (33%)
Lymphocyte count decreased	2 (33%)
WBC decreased	2 (33%)
Infections	
Sepsis	3 (50%)

DLT, dose limiting toxicity; LD, lymphodepletion; CAR, chimeric antigen receptor; CRS, cytokine release syndrome; ICANS, Immune Effector Cell- Associated Neurotoxicity Syndrome; AE, adverse event; WBC, white blood count.

Based on interim data from open clinical database as of 10 June 2023

Deep disease control with NKX101 with Flu/Ara-C lymphodepletion



• Deep responses in patients with high-risk clinical features

- Early relapse post-HCT
- Chemo-refractory disease
- Medically unfit

• **4/6 (67%) CR/CRi rate**

• **3/6 (50%) CR rate**

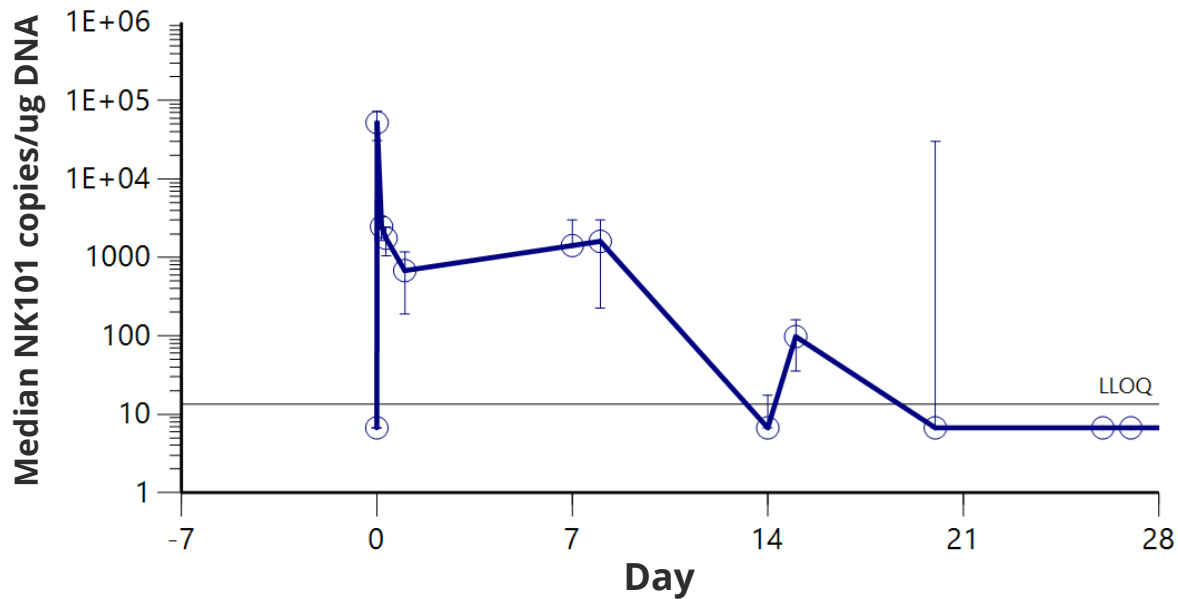
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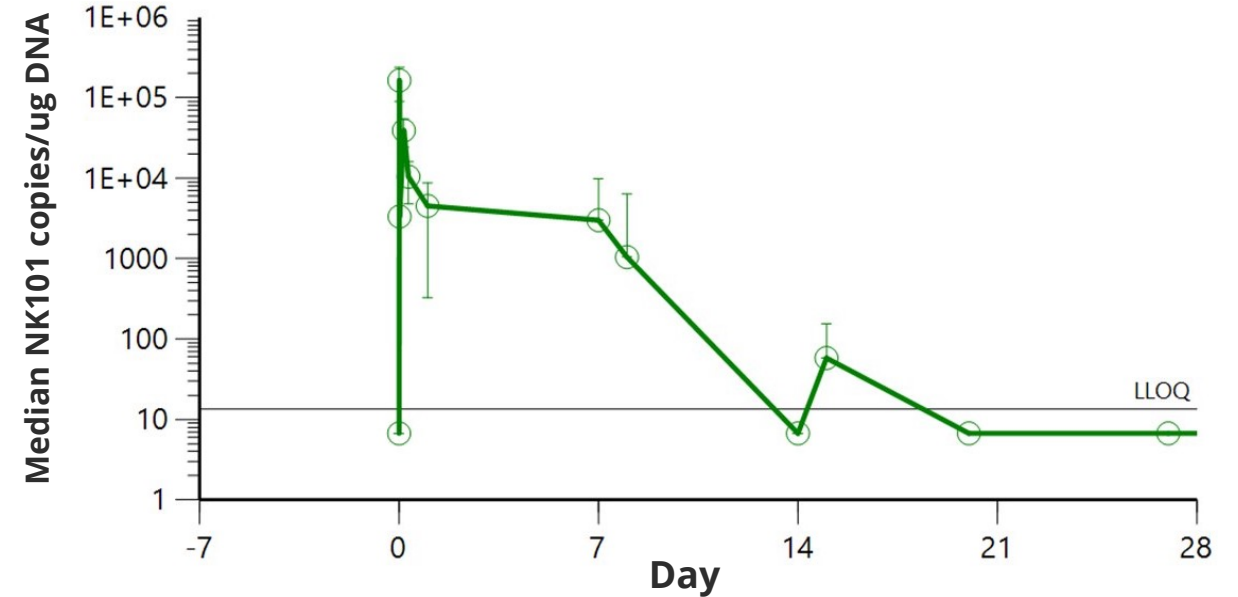
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Ara-C can replace cyclophosphamide without compromising PK

Fludarabine/Cyclophosphamide (n=10)



Fludarabine/Ara-C (n=5)



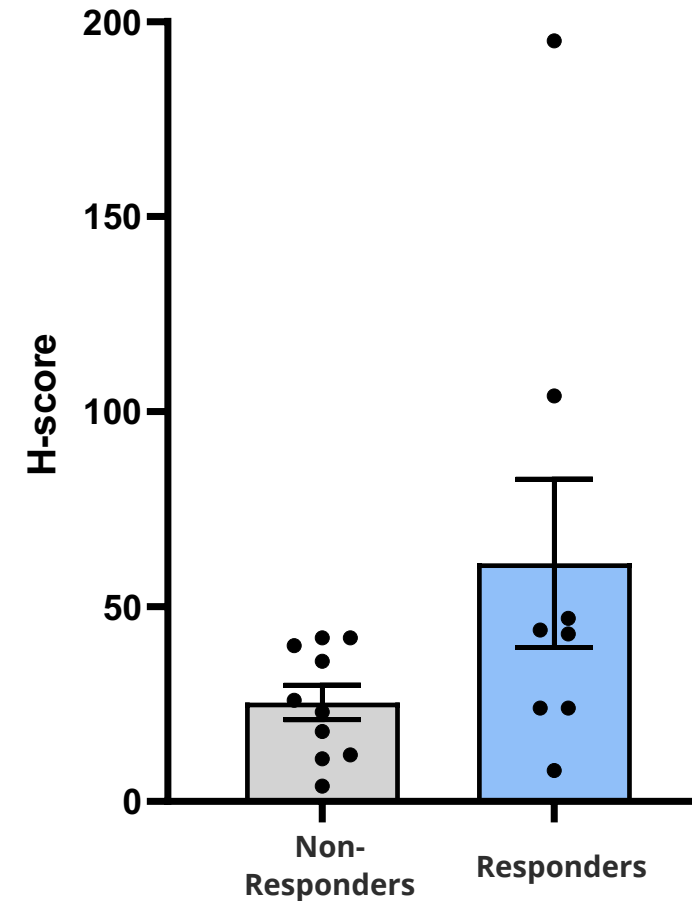
NKX101 dosed on days 0, 7, and 14

- Exposure consistent with previously published data using haploidentical NK cells
- No need for exogenous IL-2 or other cytokine support

NKG2D ligands consistently detected in patient bone marrow samples

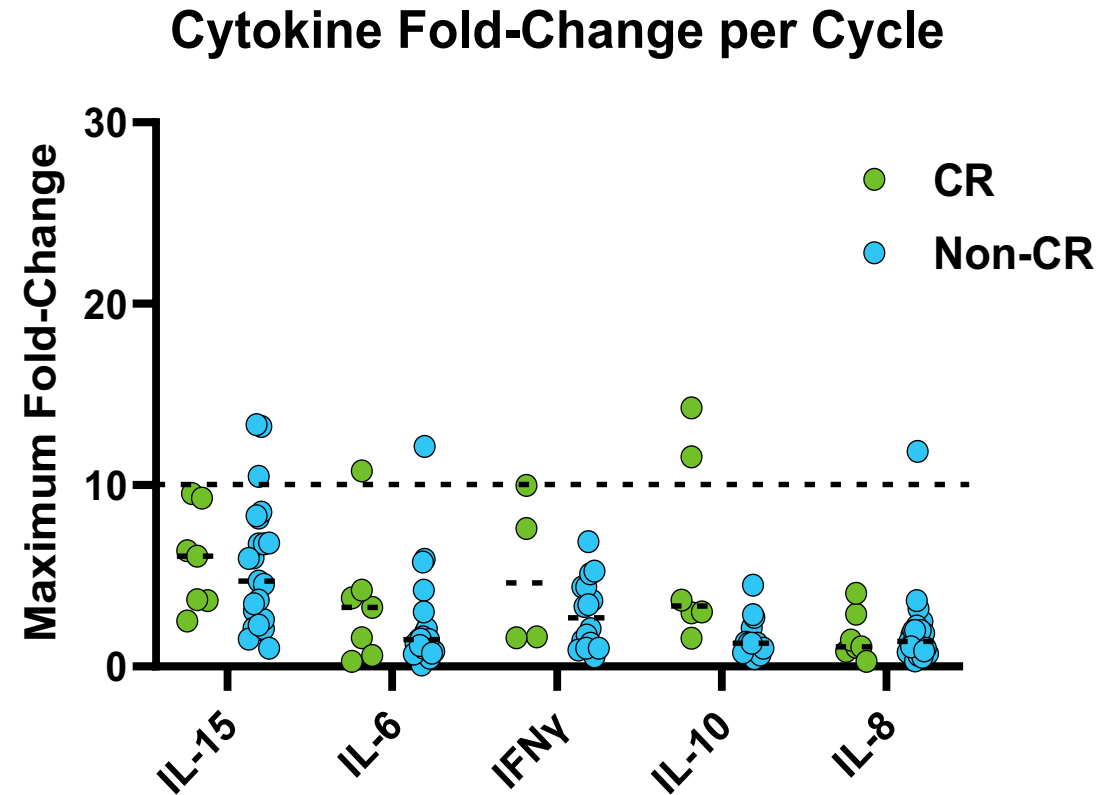
- **Ligand staining via IHC performed on baseline bone marrow samples prior to lymphodepletion and NKX101**
 - MICA/B and ULBP 1/3
 - H-score combines % positive cells and intensity of expression
- **Ligand expression trends higher among responders at higher doses ($\geq 1B$)**

All patients at 1B dose and over



Cytokine elevation is modest and not required for clinical response

- **Cytokine levels were measured in patients throughout treatment**
 - Elevation of IL-15, IL-6, IFN γ , IL-10, and IL-8 are all associated with inflammation & CRS
 - Peak levels were only marginally above baseline for most patients
- **Severe CAR T-cell associated CRS can be associated with ~100-fold increases of these pro-inflammatory cytokines**
- **No association was observed between elevated serum cytokines and response to NKX101**



Morris, et al *Nat Rev Immunol*. 2022 Feb;22(2):85-96.
Maude, et al. *Cancer J*. 2014 Mar-Apr; 20(2): 119-122.

Summary and Next Steps

- **Relapsed/refractory AML is a heterogenous disease with limited therapeutic options**
 - Response rates to traditional chemotherapy remain unacceptably low
 - Approved targeted therapies provide an option for limited number of patients
- **Incorporating Ara-C into NKX101 lymphodepletion provides encouraging antileukemic activity (67% CR/CR_i rate) although follow-up is limited**
 - Cytokines remain low throughout treatment with NKX101, differentiating from CAR T cell therapies
 - Safety profile and pharmacokinetics facilitate moving into earlier lines of therapy with standard of care treatment
- **Next update planned for 1H24**
 - Clinical amendment pending to include consolidation and retreatment
 - Additional enrollment planned in fludarabine / Ara-C cohort