



OPEN ACCESS

EDITED BY

Pietro Merli,
Bambino Gesù Children's Hospital
(IRCCS), Italy

REVIEWED BY

Jia Yin,
First Affiliated Hospital of Soochow
University, China
Xiaowen Tang,
The First Affiliated Hospital of
Soochow University, China

*CORRESPONDENCE

Dristhi Ragoonanan
DRagoonanan@mdanderson.org

SPECIALTY SECTION

This article was submitted to
Pediatric Oncology,
a section of the journal
Frontiers in Oncology

RECEIVED 19 August 2022

ACCEPTED 30 September 2022

PUBLISHED 24 October 2022

CITATION

Ragoonanan D, Bhar S, Mohan G,
Beltramo F, Khazal SJ, Hurley C,
Andersen C, Margossian S, Neelapu SS,
Shpall E, Gutierrez C, Tewari P,
Shoberu B, Talleur A, McCall D,
Nunez C, Cuglievan B, Tambaro FP,
Petropoulos D, Abdel-Azim H and
Mahadeo KM (2022) A multicenter
study of ICU resource utilization in
pediatric, adolescent and young adult
patients post CAR-T therapy.
Front. Oncol. 12:1022901.
doi: 10.3389/fonc.2022.1022901

COPYRIGHT

© 2022 Ragoonanan, Bhar, Mohan,
Beltramo, Khazal, Hurley, Andersen,
Margossian, Neelapu, Shpall, Gutierrez,
Tewari, Shoberu, Talleur, McCall, Nunez,
Cuglievan, Tambaro, Petropoulos,
Abdel-Azim and Mahadeo. This is an
open-access article distributed under
the terms of the [Creative Commons
Attribution License \(CC BY\)](https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/). The use,
distribution or reproduction in other
forums is permitted, provided the
original author(s) and the copyright
owner(s) are credited and that the
original publication in this journal is
cited, in accordance with accepted
academic practice. No use,
distribution or reproduction is
permitted which does not comply with
these terms.

A multicenter study of ICU resource utilization in pediatric, adolescent and young adult patients post CAR-T therapy

Dristhi Ragoonanan^{1*}, Saleh Bhar², Gopi Mohan³,
Fernando Beltramo⁴, Sajad J. Khazal¹, Caitlin Hurley⁵,
Clark Andersen⁶, Steven Margossian³, Sattva S. Neelapu⁷,
Elizabeth Shpall⁸, Cristina Gutierrez⁹, Priti Tewari¹,
Basirat Shoberu¹, Aimee Talleur⁵, David McCall¹⁰,
Cesar Nunez¹⁰, Branko Cuglievan¹⁰,
Francesco Paolo Tambaro¹¹, Demetrios Petropoulos¹,
Hisham Abdel-Azim¹² and Kris M. Mahadeo¹

¹Department of Pediatrics, Stem Cell Transplantation and Cellular Therapy, University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX, United States, ²Texas Children's Hospital, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX, United States, ³Division of Pediatric Hematology-Oncology, Boston Children's Hospital, Boston, MA, United States, ⁴Children's Hospital Los Angeles, University of Southern California Keck School of Medicine, Los Angeles, CA, United States, ⁵Department of Bone Marrow Transplantation and Cellular Therapy, St Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memphis, TN, United States, ⁶Department of Biostatistics, Division of Basic Sciences, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX, United States, ⁷Department of Lymphoma and Myeloma, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX, United States, ⁸Department of Stem Cell Transplantation and Cellular Therapy, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX, United States, ⁹Department of Critical Care, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX, United States, ¹⁰Department of Pediatrics, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX, United States, ¹¹Pediatric Stem Cell Transplantation and Cell Therapy Program, UOC SIT-TMO AORN Santobono-Pausilipon, Napoli, Italy, ¹²Division of Transplant and Cell Therapy, Loma Linda University Cancer Center, Loma Linda, CA, United States

Tisagenlecleucel is associated with remarkable outcomes in treating patients up to the age of 25 years with refractory B-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL). Yet, due to unique and potentially life-threatening complications, access remains limited to higher-resource and certified centers. Reports of inequity and related disparities in care are emerging. In this multicenter study of ALL patients admitted for anti-leukemia therapy, who required pediatric intensive care (ICU) support (n = 205), patients receiving tisagenlecleucel (n = 39) were compared to those receiving conventional chemotherapy (n = 166). The median time to ICU transfer was 6 (0–43) versus 1 (0–116) days, respectively (p < 0.0001). There was no difference in the use of vasopressor, inotropic, sedating, and/or paralytic agents between groups, but use of dexamethasone was higher among tisagenlecleucel patients. Patients receiving tisagenlecleucel were more likely to have cardiorespiratory toxicity (p = 0.0002), but there were no differences in diagnostic interventions between both groups and/or differences in ICU length of stay and/or overall hospital survival. Toxicities associated with tisagenlecleucel are generally reversible, and

our findings suggest that resource utilization once admitted to the ICU may be similar among patients with ALL receiving tisagenlecleucel versus conventional chemotherapy. As centers consider improved access to care and the feasibility of tisagenlecleucel certification, our study may inform strategic planning.

KEYWORDS

Immunotherapy, CAR (chimeric antigen receptor) T-cell therapy, pediatric cancer, AYA (adolescents and young adults), Resource utilisation

Introduction

Therapeutic strategies for patients with relapsed or refractory (R/R) B-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL) may differ based on disease characteristics, cooperative group recommendations, and resource availability. (1) Chimeric antigen receptor T-cell (CAR-T) therapy is a promising strategy for patients with R/R ALL. Tisagenlecleucel has demonstrated impressive minimal residual disease negative remission rates of 81% at 3 months (2). Yet, CAR-T therapy is associated with unique and potentially life-threatening toxicities including cytokine release syndrome (CRS) and immune effector cell-associated neurotoxicity syndrome (ICANS) (3). Up to 40% of patients receiving tisagenlecleucel may require transfer to the intensive care unit (ICU) (2). While the availability of tisagenlecleucel has been limited to certified centers with adequate training and resources to deliver this therapy safely and effectively, emerging reports of disparities in therapy suggest that wider availability may be indicated (4, 5). We hypothesized that among patients admitted for anti-ALL therapy who require ICU support, ICU resource utilization and outcomes would not differ among patients receiving tisagenlecleucel versus those who did not.

Methods

This study was reviewed by the Pediatric Acute Lung Injury and Sepsis Investigators (PALISI) Network, Hematopoietic Cellular Therapy-Cancer Immunotherapy Subgroup and approved by the institutional review board (IRB) at each participating PALISI Network sites (n = 5). We conducted a retrospective analysis of patients up to age 25 years who received tisagenlecleucel for ALL and required admission to the ICU between 1 November 2017 and 1 June 2020. Patients with ALL receiving conventional chemotherapy admitted to the ICU during this period were used as comparators. CRS and ICANS toxicities were graded as per the American Society for Transplantation and Cellular Therapy (ASTCT) (6). Patients

with incomplete medical records and those receiving CAR-T therapy other than tisagenlecleucel for ALL were excluded.

Data extracted from the electronic medical record included demographics, reason for ICU admission, incidence and grading of CRS and ICANS, pediatric sequential organ failure assessment (pSOFA) score (7), resource utilization including imaging, procedures and medications, ICU and overall hospital length of stay (LOS), and mortality.

Patients' demographic and clinical characteristics were summarized as median and range for continuous variables and as frequency and percentage for categorical variables and compared between patient groups admitted to the ICU who did and did not receive tisagenlecleucel using t-test, Mann-Whitney test, negative binomial regression for continuous variables, or Fisher's exact test or chi-square test for discrete variables, as appropriate. ICU survival and hospital survival were summarized by Kaplan-Meier methods, with differences between patient groups assessed by the log-rank test. Statistical analyses were performed using R statistical software (8). Statistical significance was set at a p-value of <0.05.

Results

Of the patients with ALL admitted to the ICU (n = 205), 39 patients (19.0%) received tisagenlecleucel and 166 (81.0%) did not. Patient characteristics, resource utilization, and outcomes are summarized in Table 1. Patients undergoing CAR-T therapy were older as they underwent conventional chemotherapy prior. The most common indication for ICU admission in the non-CAR-T therapy group was respiratory failure requiring mechanical ventilation (n = 82; 49.4%), whereas hypotensive shock (associated with CRS) was the most common indication in the CAR-T therapy group (n = 22; 56.4%). Non-CAR-T therapy patients were more likely to be admitted to the ICU for hyperleukocytosis (p = 0.001). The median time to ICU admission from day of hospital admission was shorter in the conventional chemotherapy group at 1 day (0–116 days) versus

TABLE 1 Characteristics, resource utilization, and clinical outcomes of patients with acute lymphoblastic leukemia admitted to the intensive care unit.

		CAR-T therapy n = 39	Non-CAR-T therapy n = 166	P value
Age (years)		13 (1.5-25)	11 (0.3-25)	0.047
Gender	Men	16 (41.0%)	111 (66.9%)	0.003
	Women	23 (59.0%)	55 (33.1%)	
Prior hematopoietic cell transplantation	Yes	8 (20.5%)	41 (24.7%)	0.68
	No	31 (79.5%)	125 (75.3%)	
Days from CAR-T therapy to ICU admission		6 (0-43)	—	<0.0001
Days from hospital admission to ICU admission		—	1 (0-116)	
pSOFA score on admission to the ICU		6 (1-12)	6 (0-17)	0.67
Max pSOFA score during ICU admission		8 (1-18)	9 (1-23)	0.81
Reason for ICU admission	Respiratory failure	17 (43.6%)	82 (49.4%)	0.59
	Shock	22 (56.4%)	72 (43.4%)	0.16
	Altered mental status	9 (23.1%)	22 (13.3%)	0.14
	Renal failure	3 (7.7%)	18 (10.8%)	0.77
	Seizures	0 (0%)	9 (5.4%)	0.21
	Hyperleukocytosis	0 (0%)	31 (18.7%)	0.001
	Medications	Vasopressors	23 (59.0%)	73 (44.0%)
	Inotropes	2 (5.1%)	17 (10.2%)	0.54
	Sedatives	14 (35.9%)	82 (49.4%)	0.15
	Paralytics	5 (12.8%)	27 (16.3%)	0.81
	Dexamethasone	19 (48.7%)	2 (1.2%)	<.0001
Max CRS score	1	3 (7.7%)		
	2	9 (23.1%)		
	3	14 (35.9%)		
	4	13 (33.3%)		
Max ICANS score	0	17 (43.6%)		
	1	3 (7.7%)		
	2	10 (25.6%)		
	3	6 (15.4%)		
	4	3 (7.7%)		
Evidence of liver dysfunction ¹		30 (76.9%)	123 (74.1%)	0.84
No. of patients requiring paracentesis		2 (5.1%)	6 (3.6%)	0.65
Median no. of paracentesis performed		0 (0-3)	0 (0-10)	
Evidence of cardiotoxicity ²		31 (79.5%)	87 (52.4%)	0.002
No. of patients requiring ECHOs		26 (66.7%)	119 (71.7%)	0.56
Median no. of ECHOs performed		1 (0-4)	1 (0-8)	
Transesophageal echocardiogram		0 (0%)	4 (2.4%)	1.0
No. of patients requiring EKGs		27 (69.2%)	135 (81.3%)	0.12
Median no. of EKGs performed		1 (0-16)	1 (0-19)	
No. of patients requiring pericardiocentesis		0 (0%)	1 (0.6%)	1.0
No. of patients requiring cardiac catheterization		0 (0%)	2 (1.2%)	1.0
Evidence of respiratory toxicity ³		28 (71.8%)	82 (49.4%)	0.013
Evidence of cardiac and/or respiratory toxicity		38 (97.4%)	119 (71.7%)	0.0002
No. of patients requiring invasive mechanical ventilation		6 (15.4%)	58 (34.9%)	0.02
No. of patients requiring CPAP		5 (12.8%)	13 (7.8%)	0.35
Median duration of CPAP (days)		0 (0-5)	0 (0-27)	
No. of patients requiring BiPAP		10 (25.6%)	52 (31.3%)	0.56
Median duration of BiPAP (days)		0 (0-8)	0 (0-68)	
No. of patients requiring HFNC		18 (46.2%)	53 (31.9%)	0.1
Median duration of HFNC (days)		0 (0-37)	0 (0-31)	

(Continued)

TABLE 1 Continued

	CAR-T therapy n = 39	Non-CAR-T therapy n = 166	P value
No. of patients requiring chest X-rays	33 (84.6%)	155 (93.4%)	0.1
Median no. of chest X-rays performed	4 (0-60)	4 (0-83)	
No. of patients requiring bronchoscopy	1 (2.6%)	24 (14.5%)	0.05
Median no. of bronchoscopies performed	0 (0-1)	0 (0-2)	
No. of patients requiring tracheostomy	0 (0.0%)	2 (1.2%)	1.0
Median no. of tracheostomies performed	0	0 (0-1)	
No. of patients requiring thoracentesis	1 (2.6%)	11 (6.6%)	0.47
Median no. of thoracentesis performed	0 (0-1)	0 (0-2)	
No. of patients requiring CRRT	6 (15.4%)	30 (18.1%)	0.82
No. of patients requiring CT brain	13 (33.3%)	50 (30.1%)	0.7
Median no. of CT brain performed	0 (0-2)	0 (0-5)	
No. of patients requiring MRI brain	7 (17.9%)	35 (21.1%)	0.83
Median no. of MRI brain performed	0 (0-3)	0 (0-7)	
No. of patients requiring EEG	12 (30.8%)	35 (21.1%)	0.21
Median no. of EEG performed	0 (0-17)	0 (0-17)	
No. of patients requiring LP	5 (12.8%)	61 (36.7%)	0.004
Median no. of LPs performed	0 (0-7)	0 (0-5)	
ICU LOS (days)	6 (2-55)	7.5 (1-125)	0.22
Hospital LOS (days)	28 (5-150)	21 (1-183)	0.019
Death during ICU admission	6 (15.4%)	45 (27.1%)	0.03
Death during hospital admission	8 (20.5%)	48 (28.9%)	0.33

¹Defined as new-onset CTCAE \geq Grade 3 transaminitis, coagulopathy, or hepatomegaly.

²Defined as new-onset cardiomyopathy, arrhythmia, tachycardia, hypotension, or hypotensive shock.

³Defined as hypoxia requiring any oxygen supplementation or respiratory failure.

CAR-T, chimeric antigen receptor T cell; ICU, intensive care unit; pSOFA, pediatric sequential organ failure assessment; CRS, cytokine release syndrome; ICANS, immune effector cell-associated neurotoxicity syndrome; ECHO, echocardiogram; EKG, electrocardiogram; CPAP, continuous positive airway pressure; BiPAP, bilevel positive airway pressure; HFNC, high flow nasal cannula; CRRT, continuous renal replacement therapy; CT, computerized tomography; MRI, magnetic resonance imaging; EEG, electroencephalogram; LP, lumbar puncture; LOS, length of stay.

6 days (0–43 days) in the CAR-T therapy group, respectively ($p < 0.0001$).

All CAR-T therapy patients admitted to the ICU had CRS and/or ICANS. Seventeen patients (43.6%) developed CRS only, and 22 (56.4%) patients had concurrent CRS and ICANS. Twenty-seven (69.2%) patients developed a maximum CRS score of \geq Grade 3, eight of which had concurrent ICANS Grade \geq 3. Given the high incidence of CRS, patients in the CAR-T therapy group were more likely to have evidence of cardiac toxicity (defined as new-onset cardiomyopathy, arrhythmia, tachycardia, or hypotension/shock) compared with the non-CAR-T therapy group (79.5% vs. 52.4%; $p = 0.002$). Likewise, respiratory toxicity (defined as hypoxia requiring oxygen supplementation or respiratory failure) was higher in the CAR-T versus the non-CAR-T therapy group, respectively (71.8% vs. 49.4%; $p = 0.013$). Despite the higher incidence of respiratory toxicity in the CAR-T therapy group, invasive mechanical ventilation (15.4% vs. 34.9%; p value = 0.02) and bronchoscopies (2.6% vs. 14.5%; $p = 0.05$) were lower in the CAR- therapy vs. the non-CAR-T therapy groups, respectively.

There were no significant differences between groups in the use of procedures including paracentesis, pericardiocentesis, cardiac catheterization, thoracentesis, tracheostomy, or continuous renal replacement therapy. A higher proportion of

patients in the non-CAR-T therapy group underwent lumbar puncture ($p = 0.004$) to facilitate the administration of intrathecal chemotherapy. There was no significant difference in the use of vasopressors, inotropes, sedatives, or paralytics between both groups. The use of dexamethasone was significantly higher in the CAR-T therapy group for the treatment of CRS/ICANS (48.7% vs. 1.2%; $p < 0.0001$).

There was no significant difference in the number of imaging investigations between groups, including transesophageal echocardiogram, echocardiogram (ECHO), electrocardiogram (EKG), chest X-ray, magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), and computer tomography (CT) of the brain and electroencephalogram (EEG).

Median ICU length of stay (LOS) was similar in the CAR-T and non-CAR-T therapy groups, respectively (6 (2–55) versus 7.5 (1–125) days; $p = 0.22$). Overall hospital LOS was longer in the CAR-T vs. the non-CAR-T therapy group (28 (5–150) vs. 21 (1–183) days; $p = 0.019$), which may be associated with a longer preceding time to ICU admission in the CAR-T therapy group. The pSOFA score, which is a measure of organ dysfunction with higher scores on ICU admission being associated with higher in-hospital mortality (7), was comparable between the CAR-T therapy vs. non-CAR-T therapy groups (6 (1–12) vs. 6 (0–17), respectively; $p = 0.67$). ICU mortality was higher in the non-

CAR-T therapy than the CAR-T therapy group (27.1% vs. 15.4%; $p = 0.03$), although the difference in overall hospital mortality was not significant (28.9% vs. 20.5%; $p = 0.33$). Neither ICU nor hospital mortality differed significantly between CAR-T groups per log-rank test (Figure 1).

Discussion

CAR-T therapy has revolutionized the therapeutic landscape for patients with R/R ALL who previously had limited treatment options. While its short-term benefits are well established, given its lack of durable response in 50% of patients at 12 months and with an estimated lifetime cost of \$667,000, tisagenlecleucel is currently the most expensive oncological therapy whose long-term benefit remains to be established (2, 9). In 2018, however, the institute for clinical and economic review estimated that the cost-effectiveness of tisagenlecleucel fell within commonly cited thresholds for cost-effective oncology drugs of \$50,000 to \$150,000/QALY over a lifetime with 10.34 life years and 9.28 QALYs gained with tisagenlecleucel compared with 2.43 life years and 2.10 QALYs gained with a conventional chemotherapy-based regimen (9).

To our knowledge, this is the first multicenter study to explore resource utilization in pediatric patients admitted to the ICU for CAR-T therapy-related complications. Previous reports suggest that up to 40% of patients receiving tisagenlecleucel may require ICU support (2). Our study was limited to outcomes of patients admitted to the ICU. As expertise grows, however, ICU admission rates for patients

receiving CAR-T therapy may decline as many toxicities may be managed without ICU intervention.

In this study, overall hospital LOS and time to ICU admission were longer in patients undergoing CAR-T therapy as they were all admitted for lymphodepletion at least 6 days pre-infusion as per standard of care. Furthermore, patients in the non-CAR-T group were more likely to be admitted due to the acute nature of complications secondary to their disease course and/or treatment such as septic shock or leukocytosis at initial diagnosis. During their admission, overall resource utilization appears comparable in patients with ALL receiving CAR-T therapy and conventional chemotherapy. Additionally, CAR-T therapy and non-CAR-T therapy patients appear to have similar organ dysfunction and expected risk of hospital mortality upon ICU admission (p-SOFA), although our study did not analyze the effect of poor prognostic factors or cause of mortality. CAR-T therapy patients, however, appear to require less invasive mechanical ventilatory support and may demonstrate superior outcomes, which is likely reflective of the potentially reversible toxicities of CRS and ICANS when recognized and treated promptly (10, 11).

Overall, while the administration of CAR-T therapy is associated with increased upfront costs, resource utilization in these patients requiring critical care is comparable with ALL patients undergoing conventional chemotherapy. Given its remarkable remission rates, CAR-T therapy is, therefore, an excellent therapeutic strategy. As more centers introduce CAR-T therapy, rigorous protocols for clinical monitoring and prompt toxicity management available at certified centers may mitigate ICU admissions and support needs (11). Longer-term studies,

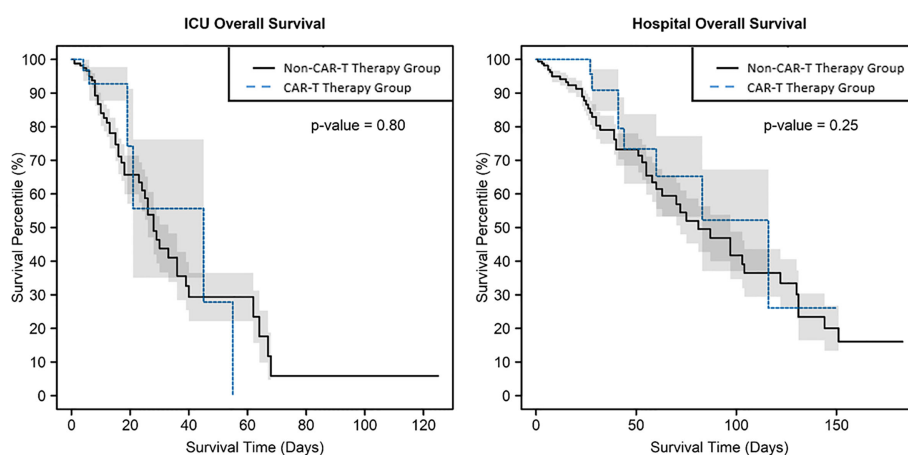


FIGURE 1

Kaplan–Meier survival curves, which account for mortality over time, with shaded +/- standard error, showed no evidence of difference by CAR-T therapy group in intensive care unit mortality or hospital mortality, with $p = 0.80$ and 0.25 , respectively.

however, are needed to fully understand the critical care needs of patients undergoing CAR-T therapy.

Data availability statement

The raw data supporting the conclusions of this article will be made available by the authors, without undue reservation.

Ethics statement

Ethical review and approval was not required for the study of human participants in accordance with the local legislation and institutional requirements. Written informed consent from the patients OR patients legal guardian/next of kin was not required to participate in this study in accordance with the national legislation and the institutional requirements.

Author contributions

DR, CR, and KM designed the study and wrote the protocol and the manuscript. DR, SB, GM, FB, SK, CH, CA, BS, SM, SN, ES, CG, AT, PT, DM, CN, BC, FPT, DP, HA, and KM assisted with data collection and review. CA led the biostatistical analysis for this study. All authors contributed to the article and approved the submitted version.

References

- Hunger SP, Raetz EA. How I treat relapsed acute lymphoblastic leukemia in the pediatric population. *Blood* (2020) 136:1803–12. doi: 10.1056/NEJMoa1709866
- Maude SL, Laetsch TW, Buechner J, Rives S, Boyer M, Bittencourt H, et al. Tisagenlecleucel in children and young adults with b-cell lymphoblastic leukemia. *N Engl J Med* (2018) 378:439–48. doi: 10.1182/bloodadvances.2020003092
- Pasquini MC, Hu ZH, Curran K, Laetsch T, Locke F, Rouce R, et al. Real-world evidence of tisagenlecleucel for pediatric acute lymphoblastic leukemia and non-Hodgkin lymphoma. *Blood Adv* (2020) 4:5414–24. doi: 10.1001/jamanetworkopen.2022.8161
- Al Hadidi S, Schinke C, Thanendrarajan S, Zangari M, van Rhee F. Enrollment of black participants in pivotal clinical trials supporting US food and drug administration approval of chimeric antigen receptor-T cell therapy for hematological malignant neoplasms. *JAMA Netw Open* (2022) 5:e228161. doi: 10.1200/EDBK_279151
- Kansagra A, Farnia S, Majhail N. Expanding access to chimeric antigen receptor T-cell therapies: Challenges and opportunities. *Am Soc Clin Oncol Educ Book* (2020) 40:1–8. doi: 10.1016/j.bbmt.2018.12.758
- Lee DW, Santomasso BD, Locke FL, Ghobadi A, Turtle CJ, Brudno JN, et al. ASTCT consensus grading for cytokine release syndrome and neurologic toxicity

Acknowledgments

We thank our patients and nursing unit colleagues. We acknowledge the members of the PALISI Network HCT-Cancer Immunotherapy Subgroup for the scientific review of our study.

Conflict of interest

KM is the site PI for Atara Biotherapeutics, Jazz Pharma, Allovir, and BMS. CG has served in the Advisory Board for Legend Biotech & Janssen.

The remaining authors declare that the research was conducted in the absence of any commercial or financial relationships that could be construed as a potential conflict of interest.

The handling editor declared a past collaboration with author KM.

Publisher's note

All claims expressed in this article are solely those of the authors and do not necessarily represent those of their affiliated organizations, or those of the publisher, the editors and the reviewers. Any product that may be evaluated in this article, or claim that may be made by its manufacturer, is not guaranteed or endorsed by the publisher.

associated with immune effector cells. *Biol Blood Marrow Transplant* (2019) 25:625–38. doi: 10.1001/jamapediatrics.2017.2352

7. Matics TJ, Sanchez-Pinto LN. Adaptation and validation of a pediatric sequential organ failure assessment score and evaluation of the sepsis-3 definitions in critically ill children. *JAMA Pediatr* (2017) 171:e172352. doi: 10.1001/jamapediatrics.2017.2352

8. RStudio. *R version 4.1.2, the r foundation for statistical computing*. Austria: the R foundation (2019).

9. *Chimeric antigen receptor T-cell therapy for BCell cancers: Effectiveness and value* (2018). Available at: https://icer.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/ICER_CAR_T_Final_Evidence_Report_032318.pdf (Accessed 5.19.2022).

10. Mahadeo KM, Khazal SJ, Abdel-Azim H, Fitzgerald JC, Taraseviciute A, Bollard CM, et al. Management guidelines for paediatric patients receiving chimeric antigen receptor T cell therapy. *Nat Rev Clin Oncol* (2019) 16:45–63. doi: 10.1038/s41571-021-00474-4

11. Ragoonanan D, Khazal SJ, Abdel-Azim H, McCall D, Cuglievan B, Tambaro FP, et al. Diagnosis, grading and management of toxicities from immunotherapies in children, adolescents and young adults with cancer. *Nat Rev Clin Oncol* (2021) 18:435–53. doi: 10.1182/blood.2019004043