

A CD33-Deleted Allograft (Trem-cel) Enables Post-Hematopoietic Cell Transplant (HCT) Maintenance Dosing of Gemtuzumab Ozogamicin (GO) with Therapeutic Levels of Drug Exposure and Low Hematologic and Hepatic Toxicity in Patients with High-Risk Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML).

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# Enabling targeted therapies to reduce risk of relapse without hematotoxicity

## Relapse is the leading cause of death post-alloHCT



**Problem: Biology:** Solution: **On-target Toxicity Overlapping Targets Protected Transplants** Treatment-resistant transplants Cancer antigens Limits treatment also expressed on opportunities leading to allowing therapies to be healthy cells cancer-specific poor outcomes

Adult unrelated donor HCT, CIBMTR 2020





## **CD33 as a Therapeutic Target**

### **CD33 expression is dispensable**

Expression highly restricted to hematopoietic compartment

Preclinical mouse models demonstrate comparable function and self-renewal of CD33-deleted HSPCs

Homozygous CD33 loss-of-function alleles present in humans without deleterious effects. (gnomAD database)

### Targeting CD33 in AML

Expression in blast and LSC population of most AML cases

Gemtuzumab Ozogamicin (GO) is a CD33-directed ADC

Major on-target hematotoxicity of neutropenia and thrombocytopenia

Use post-HCT limited by prolonged cytopenias





# Trem-cel (VOR33): Using CRISPR/cas9-editing to delete CD33 in HSPCs



Rapid manufacturing and release process fits into standard transplant procedure





## **VBP101 Study Design**



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## Patient Demographics and Disease & Graft Characteristics

Patient Demography (N=25)		Disease Characteristics			
Age (years)	59 (22 – 68)	Cytogenetics Risk ELN 2022 (AML)   n=24			
Sex	1	Favorable	2 (8%)		
Female	14 (56%)	Intermediate	8 (33%)		
Male	11 (44%)	Adverse	14 (56%)		
Weight (kg)	72.6 (47.9 – 120.7)	IPSS-R System (MDS)   n=1			
Primary Disease Diagnosis		Verv High	1 (100%)		
AML	24 (96%)	Other AML Risk Factors   n=24			
MDS	1 (4%)	TP53 mutation	8 (33%)		
Trem-cel & Treatment Characteristics		Secondary AML <sup>b</sup>	10 (42%)		
Trem-cel Cell Dose	9 11 (2 62 12 44)	<sup>b</sup> Defined as AML-MRC: AML with myelodysplasia-related change (9/24) or therapy-related (1/24)			
(x10 <sup>6</sup> CD34+ cells/kg)	0.11 (2.02 – 12.44)	Disease Burden Status   N=25			
Editing Efficiency	90% (71–94)	Remission (MRDneg)	18 (72%)		
Donor Type (min 8/8 match)			4 (16%)		
Unrelated	19 (76%)	MRD+ (>0.1%  to  <5%  blast by flow)	blast % range: 0.5% -3.6%		
Related	6 (24%)		3 (12%)		
10/10 match	25 (100%)	Active Disease (≥5% blast)	blast % range: 8% - 78%		
Myeloablative Conditioning Regimen		AMI /MDS Disease Status   N=25			
Busulfan/ Melphalan/	<b>22 (88%</b> )a	Drimony induction foilure	2(80/)		
Fludarabine/rATG	22 (00 /8)*		2 (8%)		
TBI/Cyclophosphamide/	2(120/)	CR1	16 (64%)		
Thiotepa/ rATG	S (1∠70)	CR2	6 (24%)		
<sup>a</sup> One patient received equine ATG		Relapsed or refractory	1 (4%)		

Values are median (range) or n (%)

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## **Patient Clinical Courses**



Disposition of patients not treated with GO: Pt 2: Secondary graft failure with ongoing seasonal coronavirus infection. Recovered after unedited Backup graft Pt 3: Delayed platelet recovery with anti-platelet antibody. Received unedited CD34 boost with recovery; Pt 12: Off study. Received DLI for viral infections Pt 21: GO dosing delayed due to viral infection, ongoing; Pt 14: Relapse prior to GO eligibility; Pt 4: Relapse prior to GO eligibility



### Neutrophil Engraftment and Platelet Recovery Post-HCT with Trem-cel are Similar to Unedited CD34-Selected Grafts





# Immune Reconstitution, Full & Sustained Myeloid Chimerism, and CD33-negative Myeloid Cells Are Observed



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\*Mean % (range), Editing and flow data from peripheral blood monocytes and myeloid cells respectively N/E: not evaluated





# Trem-cel Provides Hematologic Protection and Enrichment of CD33-negative Myeloid Cells upon GO Dosing



D Loss of CD33 Expression on PB Myeloid Cells n=15





### Safety and Efficacy at Lower GO Dose in CD33-Negative post-Trem-cel HCT Setting



Blue/Red/Green Bars: VBP101; Grey bars: Mylotarg PK Analysis; Red dashed line: Risk of hepatic SOS/VOD ~5 %2

(A) First dose GO Pharmacokinetic profile of 3 dose cohorts. (B) First dose Mylotarg (GO) exposure (AUC<sub>inf</sub>) (Left panel) and C<sub>max</sub> (right panel) compared to first dose Mylotarg PK values in R/R AML patients (FDA ODAC 2017)

Note: some AUC<sub>inf</sub> values may fall outside 20 percent extrapolation.



### **Treatment Emergent Hematologic and Hepatobiliary Adverse Events in Patients (n=15) After Receiving GO (Highest Grade)**

Adverse Event	Gr1	Gr2	Gr3	Gr4	Gr5			
Hematologic								
Anaemia	-	1/15 (7%)	3/15 (20%)	-	-			
Autoimmune haemolytic anaemia	-	-	1/15 (7%)	-	-			
Leukopenia	-	-	1/15 (7%)	-	-			
Lymphocyte count decreased	1/15 (7%)	-	-	-	-			
Lymphopenia	-	-	1/15 (7%)	-	-			
Neutropenia	-	2/15 (13%)	3/15 (20%)	-	-			
Platelet count decreased	-	-	2/15 (13%)	-	-			
Thrombocytopenia	-	1/15 (7%)	1/15 (7%)	1/15 (7%)	-			
Hepatobiliary								
ALT increased	2/15 (13%)	1/15 (7%) <sup>a</sup>	-	-	-			
AST increased	1/15 (7%)	-	1/15 (7%) <sup>a</sup>	-	-			
Biliary colic	1/15 (7%)	-	-	-	-			
Alk Phos increased	3/15 (20%)	-	-	-	-			
Blood bilirubin increased	1/15 (7%)	-	-	-	-			
LDH increased	2/15 (13%)	-	-	-	-			
Cholecystitis	-	2/15 (13%)	-	-	-			
VOD	1/15 (7%) <sup>b</sup>	-	-	-	-			

<sup>a</sup>ALT/AST elevation attributed to fluconazole toxicity and resolved after discontinuation

<sup>b</sup>mild late onset SOS/VOD occurred 97 days after 0.5 mg/m2 GO dose. Predisposing factors included azole toxicity, concurrent Norovirus infection and gram negative bacteremia.

ALT, Alanine aminotransferase; AST, Alanine aminotransferase; Alk Phos, blood alkaline phosphatase; LDH, blood lactate dehydrogenase

VOD, veno-occlusive disease of the liver





## Relapse-free Survival of VBP101 patients compared to typical adverse risk genetics or MRD+ populations

Study	Median RFS (mo)	P value vs. VBP101	Hazard Ratio* (HR)	HR 95% CI*
<b>VBP101</b>	Not reached			
Jentzsch	6.2	0.02	0.44	0.25 – 0.77
Araki	3.8	0.001	0.28	0.17 – 0.48

\* individual comparison to VBP101 using log-rank Mantel-Cox test. Data not from head-to-head trial.



- Four relapses observed: (all CD33 positive at relapse)
  - 3/4 transplanted with active disease; 1/4 with MRD
  - 4/4 Adverse risk cytogenetics
  - 2/4 relapsed prior to GO treatment
- One patient died off-study due to complications of viral infection, one patient off-study due to DLI use for viral infection



## Conclusions

Patients transplanted with trem-cel on VBP101 show:

Primary neutrophil engraftment and platelet recovery and full donor myeloid chimerism similar to patients who received non-edited CD34 selected grafts, consistent with CD33 being dispensable for engraftment and hematopoiesis.

□ Protection from deep and prolonged cytopenias during repeated 0.5, 1, and 2 mg/m<sup>2</sup> GO doses.

- Immune reconstitution and multilineage chimerism consistent with unedited CD34-selected grafts.
- Broadened therapeutic index for GO following trem-cel as demonstrated by increased AUC, correlated with efficacy, and proportionally lower increase in Cmax, correlated with hepatotoxicity, compared to corresponding GO doses in R/R AML patients.
- Preliminary data suggesting improved RFS compared to standard HCT of AML high-relapse risk groups.

Dose Escalation Committee determined Recommended Phase 2 Dose of GO as 2 mg/m<sup>2</sup>



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