In relapsed or refractory diffuse large B-cell lymphoma, CD19 expression by immunohistochemistry alone is not a predictor of response to loncastuximab tesirine

Running title: CD19, QSP Modelling, and Response to Lonca

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Correspondence: Joseph Boni, PhD ADC Therapeutics America, Inc. 430 Mountain Avenue, Suite 404 Murray Hill, NJ 07974 USA E-mail: Joe.Boni@adctherapeutics.com **Supplemental Table 1.** Prior systemic anti-cancer therapy, radiotherapy, surgery and stem cell transplant (all-treated population).

	150 ug/kg (N = 145)
Prior systemic therapies* [n(%)]	
2 prior lines	63 (43.4)
3 prior lines	34 (23.4)
>3 prior lines	48 (33.1)
Number of prior systemic therapies*	
Ν	145
Mean	3.1
Std	1.29
Median	3.0
Min, max	2, 7
Any prior radiotherapy [n(%)]	
Yes	53 (36.6)
No	92 (63.4)
Any prior surgery [n(%)]	
Yes	27 (18.6)
No	118 (81.4)
Any prior stem cell transplant [n(%)]	
Yes	24 (16.6)
No	121 (83.4)
Type of prior stem cell transplant [n(%)]	
Allogeneic	2 (1.4)
Autologous	21 (14.5)
Both	1 (0.7)
First line prior systemic response group [n(%)]	
Relapse	99 (68.3)
Refractory	29 (20.0)
Other	17 (11.7)
Last line prior systemic response group** [n(%)]	
Relapse	43 (29.7)
Refractory	89 (61.4)
Other	13 (9.0)

Note: *Prior stem cell transplant is included. For patients who received an autologous transplant, the mobilization regimen was considered a line of therapy if it was chemotherapy-based and distinct from the other previous lines of treatment. **If SCT is the most recent line, the variable is defined as response to the therapy immediately preceding SCT.

Response/site	PET-CT–based response CT-based response	
Complete	Complete metabolic response	Complete radiologic response (all of the following)
Lymph nodes and extralymphatic	 Score 1, 2, or 3* with or without a residual mass on 5PS** 	 Target nodes/nodal masses must regress to ≤1.5 cm in LD
sites	Note: Uptake may be greater than normal mediastinum and/or liver in Waldeyer's ring or extranodal sites with high physiologic uptake or with activation within spleen or marrow (e.g., with chemotherapy or myeloid colony-stimulating factors). In this circumstance, complete metabolic response may be inferred if uptake at sites of initial involvement is no greater than surrounding normal tissue even if the tissue has high physiologic uptake	• No extralymphatic sites of disease
Nonmeasured lesion	 Not applicable 	• Absent
Organ enlargement	 Not applicable 	 Regress to normal
New lesions	• None	• None
Bone marrow	 No evidence of FDG-avid disease in marrow 	 Normal by morphology; if indeterminate, IHC negative
Partial	Partial metabolic response	Partial remission (all of the following)
Lymph nodes and extralymphatic sites	 Score 4 or 5** with reduced uptake compared with baseline and residual mass(es) of any size At interim, these findings suggest 	 ≥50% decrease in SPD of up to 6 target measurable nodes and extranodal sites When a lesion is too small to
	 responding disease At end of treatment, these findings 	measure on CT, assign 5×5 mm as the default value
	indicate residual disease	 When no longer visible, 0 × 0 mm For a node >5 × 5 mm, but smaller than normal, use actual measurement for calculation
Nonmeasured lesion	Not applicable	 Absent/normal, regressed, but no increase
Organ enlargement	 Not applicable 	 Spleen must have regressed by >50% in length beyond normal
New lesions	• None	• None

Supplementary Table 2. Response assessment of Hodgkin and non-Hodgkin lymphoma (Lugano Classification).

Response/site	PET-CT-based response	CT-based response
Bone marrow	• Residual uptake higher than uptake in normal marrow but reduced compared with baseline (diffuse uptake compatible with reactive changes from chemotherapy allowed). If there are persistent focal changes in the marrow in the context of a nodal response, consideration should be given for further evaluation with MRI or biopsy or an interval scan	• Not applicable
No response or stable disease	No metabolic response	Stable disease
Target nodes/nodal masses, extranodal lesions	 Score 4 or 5 with no significant change in FDG update from baseline at interim or end of treatment 	 <50% decrease from baseline in SPD of up to 6 dominant, measurable nodes and extranodal sites; no criteria for progressive disease are met
Nonmeasured lesions	 Not applicable 	 No increase consistent with progression
Organ enlargement	Not applicable	 No increase consistent with progression
New lesions	• None	• None
Bone marrow	 No change from baseline 	Not applicable
Progressive disease	Progressive metabolic disease	Progressive disease (requires at least 1 of the following)
Individual target nodes/nodal masses	 Score 4 or 5 with an increase in intensity of uptake from baseline and/or 	PPD progression
Extranodal lesions	 New FDG-avid foci consistent with lymphoma at interim or end of treatment assessment 	 An individual node/lesion must be abnormal with the following: LDi > 1.5 cm and Increase by ≥50% from PPD nadir and An increase in LDi or SDi from nadir 0.5 cm for lesions ≤ 2 cm 1.0 cm for lesions > 2 cm In the setting of splenomegaly, the splenic length must increase by > 50% of the extent of its prior increase beyond baseline (e.g., a 15-cm spleen must increase to > 16 cm). If no prior splenomegaly, must increase by at least 2 cm from baseline New or recurrent splenomegaly

Response/site	PET-CT-based response	CT-based response
Nonmeasured lesions	• None	 New or clear progression of preexisting nonmeasured lesions
New lesions	• New FDG-avid foci consistent with lymphoma rather than another etiology (e.g., infection, inflammation). If uncertain regarding etiology of new lesions, biopsy or interval scan may be considered	 Regrowth of previously resolved lesions A new node > 1.5 cm in any axis A new extranodal site > 1.0 cm in any axis; if < 1.0 cm in any axis, its presence must be unequivocal and must be attributable to lymphoma Assessable disease of any size unequivocally attributable to lymphoma
Bone marrow	 New or recurrent FDG-avid foci 	 New or recurrent involvement
Abbroviations: EDS	E point scale: CT computed tomography	EDG fluorodooxuglucoso: IHC

Abbreviations: 5PS, 5-point scale; CT, computed tomography; FDG, fluorodeoxyglucose; IHC, immunohistochemistry; LDi, longest transverse diameter of a lesion; MRI, magnetic resonance imaging; PET, positron emission tomography; PPD, cross product of the LDi and perpendicular diameter; SDi, shortest axis perpendicular to the LDi; SPD, sum of the product of the perpendicular diameters for multiple lesions.

*A score of 3 in many patients indicates a good prognosis with standard treatment, especially if at the time of an interim scan. However, in trials involving PET where de-escalation is investigated, it may be preferable to consider a score of 3 as inadequate response (to avoid undertreatment). Measured dominant lesions: up to six of the largest dominant nodes, nodal masses and extranodal lesions selected to be clearly measurable in two diameters. Nodes should preferably be from disparate regions of the body and should include, where applicable, mediastinal and retroperitoneal areas. Non-nodal lesions include those in solid organs (e.g., liver, spleen, kidneys and lungs), GI involvement, cutaneous lesions or those noted on palpation. Nonmeasured lesions: any disease not selected as measured; dominant disease and truly assessable disease should be considered not measured. These sites include any nodes, nodal masses and extranodal sites not selected as dominant or measurable or that do not meet the requirements for measurability but are still considered abnormal, as well as truly assessable disease, which is any site of suspected disease that would be difficult to follow quantitatively with measurement, including pleural effusions, ascites, bone lesions, leptomeningeal disease, abdominal masses and other lesions that cannot be confirmed and followed by imaging. In Waldeyer's ring or in extranodal sites (e.g., GI tract, liver and bone marrow), FDG uptake may be greater than in the mediastinum with complete metabolic response but should be no higher than surrounding normal physiologic uptake (e.g., with marrow activation as a result of chemotherapy or myeloid growth factors).

** PET 5PS: 1, no uptake above background; 2, uptake ≤ mediastinum; 3, uptake > mediastinum but ≤ liver; 4, uptake moderately > liver; 5, uptake markedly higher than liver and/or new lesions; X, new areas of uptake unlikely to be related to lymphoma.

Reference: Cheson BD, Fisher RI, Barrington SF, et al. Recommendations for initial evaluation, staging and response assessment of Hodgkin and non-Hodgkin lymphoma: The Lugano classification. *J Clin Oncol* 2014;32(27):3059-3067.

Supplementary Table 3. Quantitative systems pharmacology model parameters, values and source information. Unless otherwise noted, the model structure, equations and parameterization are as found in Jones et al. 2019 (Jones HM, Zhang Z, Jasper P, Luo H, Avery LB, King LE, *et al*. A physiologically-based pharmacokinetic model for the prediction of monoclonal antibody pharmacokinetics from in vitro data. *CPT Pharmacometrics Syst Pharmacol.* 2019; **8**[10]: 738–47. doi: 10.1002/psp4.12461).

Parameter	Definition FcRn	Value(s)	Unit	Source Upper bound from
FcRn_Conc	expression level	22.0465 - 44.093	uM	https://ascpt.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/psp4.1 2461; HA patients simulated with a lower levels
	CD19+ tumor cell	0.0065 -		Lower bound assumes a 107 h doubling time (typical value from https://link.springer.com/article/10.1016/j.bulm.2004.06.
mu	growth rate	0.0195	1/h	007); DH/TH patients simulated with faster rates Lower bound assumes a 107h doubling time (typical value
	CD19-/low tumor cell	0.0065 -		from https://link.springer.com/article/10.1016/i.bulm.2004.06.
mu_n	growth rate Ratio of CD19+ tumor cells to total tumor cells in tumor	0.0195	1/h	007); DH/TH patients simulated with faster rates
cd19_exp_tum	tissue Number of CD19 antigens per CD19-/low	0.01 - 1.0	unitless	Informed by IHC data, default value was 0.9
Rn0	cell Number of	1 - 10	unitless	Values chosen to be low/undetectable
	CD19 antigens per	100 -		Median value taken from Fig 4. in https://acsiournals.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/c
RO	CD19+ cell CD19-ADC dissociation	21000	unitless	ncr.33796 Fit to data from
K_D	constant CD19-ADC complex	2.06E-04	uM	2141.2007.06883.x?sid=nlm%3Apubmed
	formation			Fit to data from
k_on	rate constant Endocytosis	2934	1/uM/h	<u>https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/dol/full/10.1111/j.1365-</u> 2141.2007.06883.x?sid=nlm%3Apubmed Fit to data from
k_e	rate constant Rate constant for lysosomal degradation and	0.165	1/h	https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/j.1365- 2141.2007.06883.x?sid=nlm%3Apubmed
	intracellular			Fit to data from
k_deg	payload release Pate	1.137	1/h	https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/j.1365- 2141.2007.06883.x?sid=nlm%3Apubmed
k_out	constant for	0.05	1/h	https://jpet.aspetjournals.org/content/374/1/184

	payload leaving the cell via diffusion Rate constant of payload			
	entering the			
I. S.	cell via	0.5	a /l-	lypical value from
k_in	diffusion	0.5	1/n	nttps://jpet.aspetjournais.org/content/374/1/184
r	radius	5 00E-06	um	Internal data
1	Payload cytotoxicity IC50 value for CD19+	J.00L-00	um	
PBD_IC50	cells Payload cytotocicity IC50 for CD19-/low	1.59E-04	uM	Internal data
PBD IC50 n	cells	2 55F-04	nM	Internal data
	Drug-			From
	antibody			https://ashpublications.org/blood/article/131/10/1094/3
DAR	ratio Death rate	2.3	unitless	6428/ADCT-402-a-PBD-dimer-containing-antibody-drug
l. d. etc.	of tumor	0.054	a /l-	Eta da forda en el decenario de la forda forda de la dec
k_death	cells Death rate of transit	0.051	1/n	Fit to internal tumor growth inhibition data
k_trans	cells Ratio of CD21 to CD19	0.001	1/h	Fit to internal tumor growth inhibition data
	antigens on			
CD21Factor	tumor cell surface CD21-CD19- ADC	2.515	unitless	2141.2007.06883.x
	complex formation rate		1/(#/cell)/	Fit to data from https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/j.1365-
k_on21	constant CD21-CD19- ADC complex	9.16E-05	h	2141.2007.06883.x?sid=nlm%3Apubmed
	dissociation			Fit to data from
k_off21	rate constant Elimination rate constant of the payload in the	3.24E-05	1/h	https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/j.1365- 2141.2007.06883.x?sid=nlm%3Apubmed
	extracellular			Assumed half-life of payload in plasma is ~1h
k_el_payload	space	0.693	1/h	https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/29992976/

ACSINS_score Variable	AC-SINS score of the mAb 6 unitless Fit to internal data Definition	Unit		
R_nm	Number of free surface receptors (CD19) per CD19+ tumor cell	#/cell		
C_nm	Number of ADC-CD19 complexes per surface of CD19+ tumor cell	#/cell		
I_nm	Number of internalized ADC-CD19 complexes per CD19+ tumor cell	#/cell		
De_nm	Number of degraded ADCs per CD19+ tumor cell			
R21_nm	Number of free surface receptors (CD21) per CD19+ tumor cell	#/cell		
CRR21_xnm	Number of CD19-CD21-ADC complexes per CD19+ tumor cell	#/cell		
Rn_xnm	Number of free surface receptors (CD19) per CD19-/low tumor cell	#/cell		
Cn_xnm	Number of ADC-CD19 complexes per surface of CD19-/low tumor ce	ll #/cell		
In_xnm	Number of internalized ADC-CD19 complexes per CD19-/low tumor	cell #/cell		
Den_xnm	Number of degraded ADCs per CD19-/low tumor cell	#/cell		
R21n_xnm	Number of free surface receptors (CD21) per CD19-/low tumor cell	#/cell		
CRR21n_xnm	Number of CD19-CD21–ADC complexes per CD19-/low tumor cell	#/cell		
N_nm	Number of CD19+ tumor cells	#		
Nn_nm	Number of CD19-/low tumor cells	#		
Dm_nm	Concentation of payload in the tumor interstitial space	uM		
Nd_xnm	Number of CD19+ transit cells	#		
Nnd_xnm	Number of CD19-/low transit cells	#		
Tumor Volume	Tumor volume (calculated from sum of tumor cells, assuming tumor cellularity of 0.375)	has L		



Supplementary Fig S1. Baseline tumour CD19-positive H-score by response category (independent assessment). (A) Immunohistochemistry analysis of biopsy samples from patients enrolled in the LOTIS-2 study, with biopsies that were collected after the last systemic therapy and before Lonca treatment (n = 59) and (B) from patients after CAR-T therapy (n = 10). CAR-T, chimeric antigen receptor T-cell; CR, complete response; H-score, histoscore; NE, not evaluable; PD, progressive disease; PR, partial response; SD, stable disease.



Supplementary Fig S2. Quantitative systems pharmacology model schematic. This model has been extended to include nodal and extranodal tumour compartments. (Adapted from Jones HM, Zhang Z, Jasper P, Luo H, Avery LB, King LE, *et al.* A physiologically-based pharmacokinetic model for the prediction of monoclonal antibody pharmacokinetics from in vitro data. *CPT Pharmacometrics Syst Pharmacol.* 2019; **8**[10]: 738–47. doi: 10.1002/psp4.12461)







Supplementary Fig 4. Quantitative systems pharmacology modelling indicated that patients with hypoalbuminemia had enhanced clearance and reduced Lonca exposure, as assessed through a reduction in FcRn expression. The example patient had a body weight of 66 kg and had hypoalbuminemia; the IHC of the biopsy showed that 1% of cells were CD19 positive. FcRn, neonatal Fc receptor; IHC, immunohistochemistry; Lonca, loncastuximab tesirine-lpyl.