Clinical Activity of REGN1979, a Bispecific Human, Anti-CD20 x Anti-CD3 Antibody, in Patients with Relapsed/Refractory (R/R) B-cell Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma (B-NHL)

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REGN1979, anti-CD20 x anti-CD3 bispecific antibody: structure and first-in-human study design

REGN1979 molecular structure



Study schema[†]



- Primary objectives:
 - Safety
 - Tolerability
 - DLTs

Secondary objectives:

Expansion

- Antitumor activity
- Pharmacokinetics
- Immunogenicity
- REGN1979 was administered using an escalating dose schedule consisting of initial, intermediate, and step-up dose

 Designed to cross-link and activate CD3 expressing T-cells upon contact with CD20+ B-cells, thereby killing CD20+ tumor cells independent of T-cell receptor recognition^{1,2}

[•] REGN1979 is an anti-CD20 x anti-CD3 bispecific IgG4 Ab

^{*}IgG3 substitution on fragment crystalizable (Fc) regions is associated with the CD3 arm; [†]CLL arm of study not shown.

Ab, antibody; B-NHL, B-cell non-Hodgkin lymphoma; CLL, chronic lymphocytic leukemia; DLT, dose-limiting toxicity; FL, follicular lymphoma; Gr, grade; R/R, relapsed/refractory.

^{1.} Smith EJ et al. Sci Rep. 2015;5:17943. 2. Choi BD et al. Expert Opin Biol Ther. 2011;11:843-853.

Patient demographics and baseline characteristics: heavily pre-treated and refractory population

Patient and disease characteristics	Total N=110
Madian and Vacro (range)	67.0
Median age, years (range)	(30–88)
Male, n (%)	77 (70.0)
ECOG Performance Status, n (%)	
0	47 (42.7)
1	63 (57.3)
Ann Arbor stage at study entry, n (%)	
I–II	16 (14.5)
III–IV	94 (85.5)
B-NHL diagnosis, n (%)	
DLBCL	61 (55.5)
FL Gr 1–3a	31 (28.2)
MCL	9 (8.2)
MZL	6 (5.5)
Other*	3 (2.7)

Data cut-off date: September 03, 2019

*Other includes FL Gr 3b or Gr unknown, Waldenström macroglobulinemia; *Refractory defined as no response or relapse within <6 months, relapsed defined as recurrence >6 months after response to last therapy. B-NHL, B-cell non-Hodgkin lymphoma; DLBCL, diffuse large B-cell lymphoma; ECOG, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group; FL, follicular lymphoma; Gr, grade; MCL, mantle cell lymphoma; MZL, marginal zone lymphoma; R/R, relapsed/refractory.

Prior treatment	Total N=110
Median prior lines of cancer-related systemic therapy, n (range)	3 (1–11)
R/R to last treatment [†] , n (%)	
Refractory	88 (80.0)
Relapsed	17 (15.5)
Missing	5 (4.5)
Patiant disposition	Total
	N=110
Patients continuing on study, n (%)	31 (28.2)
Patients who completed study, n (%)	10 (9.1)
Patients who discontinued study, n (%)	69 (62.7)
Progression/recurrence of disease	35 (31.8)
Death	13 (11.8)
Other	9 (8.2)
Physician decision	6 (5.5)
Subject decision	5 (4.5)
Adverse event	1 (0.9)

Mean REGN1979 PK profiles during Week 5 for patients with B-NHL: linear PK, $t_{1/2} \sim > 1$ week at effective doses



- REGN1979 exposure increased with dose approximately linearly
- At ≥40 mg, REGN1979 exposure in humans was higher than the efficacious exposures in mice at which growth of established B-cell (Raji) tumors was inhibited

B-NHL, B-cell non-Hodgkin lymphoma; C_{max}, maximum concentration; C_{trough}, minimum concentration; PK, pharmacokinetics.

Safety and summary of adverse events in 110 patients: Gr 3 CRS was 6.4%; no seizures

TEAE (any Gr)*	Total (N=110)	TEAE (Gr 3–4) [§]	Total (N=110)
Pyrexia	88 (80.0)	Anemia	24 (21.8)
CRS	65 (59.1)	Hypophosphatemia [‡]	21 (19.1)
Chills	56 (50.9)	Neutropenia [‡]	21 (19.1)
Infections and infestations [†]	55 (50.0)	Lymphopenia [‡]	21 (19.1)
Fatigue	40 (36.4)	Thrombocytopenia [‡]	15 (13.6)
Anemia	39 (35.5)	Leukopenia [‡]	11 (10.0)
Increased C-reactive protein	34 (30.9)	Increased aspartate aminotransferase	9 (8.2)
Hypotension	33 (30.0)	Hypotension	9 (8.2)
Hypophosphatemia [‡]	33 (30.0)	Increased alanine aminotransferase	7 (6.4)
Thrombocytopenia [‡]	31 (28.2)	CRS	7 (6.4)
Nausea	30 (27.3)	Fatigue	6 (5.5)
Cough	28 (25.5)	Dyspnea	6 (5.5)
IRR	27 (24.5)	Hyperglycemia	6 (5.5)
Tachycardia	27 (24.5)		Total (N=110)
Headache	27 (24.5)	TEAE (Gr 5)	n (%)
Peripheral edema	25 (22.7)	Cardiac arrest (unrelated)	1 (0.9)
Neutropenia [‡]	25 (22.7)	Gastric perforation	1 (0.9)
Dyspnea	24 (21.8)		1 (0.9)
Lymphopenia [‡]	23 (20.9)	Multi-organ failure (unrelated)	1 (0.9)
Vomiting	23 (20.9)	Acute renal failure (unrelated)	1 (0.9)
Decreased appetite	23 (20.9)	Pneumonia	1 (0.9)

*Occurred in ≥20% of patients; *Comprises SOC terms infections and infestations; *Composite terms; thrombocytopenia, lymphopenia, neutropenia, leukopenia, and hypophosphataemia include decrease in platelet count, lymphocytes, neutrophils, white blood cells, and blood phosphorus, respectively; [§]Occurred in >5 patients. CRS, cytokine release syndrome; Gr, grade; IRR, infusion-related reaction; SOC, system organ class; TEAE, treatment-emergent adverse event.

Data cut-off date: September 03, 2019

Step-up dosing mitigates IRR/CRS events and allows subsequent dosing up to 320 mg

- IRR/CRS events occurred predominantly during Weeks 1-3 and declined thereafter, without dose-dependent increase in incidence or severity
- At data cut-off, eight patients experienced Gr 3 IRR/CRS*, without reported Gr 4 or 5 IRR/CRS events[†]
 - After data cut-off, one patient with aggressive MCL blastoid variant, with bone marrow involvement and bulky disease, experienced Gr 4 CRS (and TLS)
- No patient discontinued due to IRR/CRS





*IRR, infusion-related reaction according to Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events (CTCAE) v4.03; CRS, cytokine release syndrome according to adapted Lee DW et al. Blood 2014;124:188–195.; †For patients who experienced both IRR and CRS during the same week, the maximum Gr of either was used. AE, adverse event; Gr, grade; MCL, mantle cell lymphoma; TLS, tumor lysis syndrome. Data cut-off date: September 03, 2019

Safety and summary of adverse events

- No patients with B-NHL experienced a DLT during dose escalation; MTD not reached
- The most common TEAEs were pyrexia (n=88), CRS (n=65), chills (n=56), fatigue (n=40), and anemia (n=39)
- The most common Gr 3 or 4 AEs were anemia (n=24), hypophosphatemia (n=21), lymphopenia (n=21), and neutropenia (n=21)
- Neurologic AEs were transient, and none required treatment discontinuation. There were no seizures or Gr 4 or 5 neurologic AEs.
- Six patients discontinued study drug due to treatment-related AEs: Gr 1: CMV infection (n=1); Gr 3: hemolysis (n=1); fatigue (n=1); pneumonia (n=2); toxoplasmosis* (n=1). Two patients discontinued due to AEs unrelated to treatment (both Gr 3): neck abscess (n=1); worsening cytopenia (n=1).
- Infections and infestations[†] were reported in 50% of patients [20% Gr 3–4, with two deaths (1.8%)]
- 15 patients died during the study: progressive disease (n=10, one with Gr 5 multi-organ failure and one with Gr 5 renal failure acute); gastric perforation, cardiac arrest, lung infection, pneumonia (n=1 each); one patient died of fungal pneumonia 7 months after treatment discontinuation
- After data cut-off, one patient in an expansion cohort died of tumor lysis syndrome (TLS); this was a
 patient with MCL blastoid variant with bone marrow involvement and bulky disease

Data cut-off date: September 03, 2019

^{*}Corrected from encephalopathy after data cut; [†]Comprises SOC terms infections and infestations. AE, adverse event; B-NHL, B-cell non-Hodgkin lymphoma; CMV, cytomegalovirus; CRS, cytokine release syndrome; DLT, dose-limiting toxicity; Gr, grade; MCL, mantle cell lymphoma; MTD, maximum tolerated dose; SOC, system organ class; TEAE, treatment-emergent AE.

Overall response rate in patients with R/R FL Gr 1–3a and an opportunity for assessment at Week 12*

ORR/CR rate in patients treated with REGN1979 ≥5 mg was 95%/77%

	REGN1979 dose groups						
BOR by Lugano Criteria ¹	<5 mg (N=7)	5–12 mg (N=5)	18–40 mg (N=7)	80 mg (N=2)	160 mg (N=5)	320 mg (N=3)	Total for ≥5 mg (N=22)
ORR (CR/PR), n (%)	1 (14.3)	5 (100)	6 (85.7)	2 (100)	5 (100)	3 (100)	21 (95.5)
Complete response	1 (14.3)	5 (100)	5 (71.4)	0	4 (80.0)	3 (100)	17 (77.3)
Partial response	0	0	1 (14.3)	2 (100)	1 (20.0)	0	4 (18.2)
Stable disease	4 (57.1)	0	1 (14.3)	0	0	0	1 (4.5)
Progressive disease	2 (28.6)	0	0	0	0	0	0



Complete metabolic response

*First dose at least 12 weeks before data cut-off. BOR, best overall response; CR, complete response; FL, follicular lymphoma; Gr, grade; ORR, overall response rate; PR, partial response; R/R, relapsed/refractory. 1. Cheson BD et al. *J Clin Oncol.* 2014;32:3059–3067.

Median progression-free survival in patients with R/R FL Gr 1–3a and an opportunity for assessment at Week 12* was 11.4 months



Censored patients for current K–M estimates are mostly due to relatively short follow-up

In patients with FL Gr 1–3a treated with ≥5 mg REGN1979 (n=22)	
Median duration of follow-up (range), months	6.8 (1.0–22.1)
Number of patients with ongoing responses at the last tumor assessment [†]	14 of 21
Number of patients with ongoing CRs at the last tumor assessment [†]	12 of 17

*Includes patients treated with ≥5 mg REGN1979 and first dose at least 12 weeks before data cut-off. ; [†]Includes patients with responses that are ongoing or have completed the study without experiencing progressive disease or death at their last tumor assessment. CI, confidence interval; CR, complete response; FL, follicular lymphoma; Gr, grade; K–M, Kaplan–Meier; R/R, relapsed/refractory.

Overall response rate in patients with R/R DLBCL and an opportunity for assessment at Week 12*

ORR/CR rate in patients treated with REGN1979 ≥80 mg:58Without prior CAR T-cell therapy[†] with REGN1979 ≥80 mg:71With prior CAR T-cell therapy[†] with REGN1979 ≥80 mg:50

58%/42% 71%/71% 50%/25%

	REGN1979 dose groups					S		Without prior CAR T at doses ≥80 mg	With prior CAR T at doses ≥80 mg	
BOR by Lugano Criteria ¹	<5 mg (N=15)	5 mg– 12 mg (N=11)	18 mg– 40 mg (N=11)	80 mg (N=6)	160 mg (N=11)	320 mg (N=2)	Total ≥80mg (N=19)	BOR by Lugano Criteria ¹	Total (N=7)	Total (N=12)
ORR (CR/PR), n (%)	2 (13.3)	2 (18.2)	6 (54.5)	5 (83.3)	5 (45.5)	1 (50.0)	11 (57.9)	ORR (CR/PR), n (%)	5 (71.4)	6 (50.0)
Complete response	0	1 (9.1)	2 (18.2)	4 (66.7)	3 (27.3)	1 (50.0)	8 (42.1)	Complete response	5 (71.4)	3 (25.0)
Partial response	2 (13.3)	1 (9.1)	4 (36.4)	1 (16.7)	2 (18.2)	0	3 (15.8)	Partial response	0	3 (25.0)
Stable disease	4 (26.7)	4 (36.4)	3 (27.3)	0	1 (9.1)	1 (50.0)	2 (10.5)	Stable disease	1 (14.3)	1 (8.3)
Progressive disease	8 (53.3)	4 (36.4)	1 (9.1)	1 (16.7)	2 (18.2)	0	3 (15.8)	Progressive disease	1 (14.3)	2 (16.7)
Not available	1 (6.7)	1 (9.1)	1 (9.1)	0	3 (27.3)	0	3 (15.8)	Not available	0	3 (25.0)

*First dose at least 12 weeks before data cut-off. [†]CD19-directed CAR T-cell therapy.

BOR, best overall response; CAR, chimeric antigen receptor; CR, complete response; DLBCL, diffuse large B-cell lymphoma; ORR, overall

response rate; PR, partial response; R/R, relapsed/refractory.

1. Cheson BD et al. *J Clin Oncol.* 2014;32:3059–3067.

All CRs in patients with R/R DLBCL and an opportunity for assessment at Week 12 are ongoing

In patients without prior CAR T-cell therapy with first dose at least 12 weeks before data cut-off[†]



In patients who previously failed CAR T-cell therapy with first dose at least 12 weeks before data cut-off[†]



In patients with DLBCL without prior CA treated with ≥80 mg REGN1979 (n=7)	R T-cell therapy
Median duration of follow-up (range), months	5.3 (1.2–11.8)
Number of patients with ongoing responses at the last tumor assessment*	5 of 5
Number of patients with ongoing CRs at the last tumor assessment*	5 of 5

All CRs remain ongoing at the last tumor assessment; responses appear durable

In patients with DLBCL with prior CAR T-cell therapy treated with ≥80 mg REGN1979 (n=12)					
Median duration of follow-up (range), months	2.6 (0.4–9.9)				
Number of patients with ongoing responses at the last tumor assessment*	4 of 6				
Number of patients with ongoing CRs at the last tumor assessment*	3 of 3				

*Includes patients with responses that are ongoing or have completed the study without experiencing progressive disease or death at their last tumor assessment. [†]Includes patients treated with ≥80 mg REGN1979; CAR T-cell therapy refers to CD19-direct CAR T-cell therapy. CAR, chimeric antigen receptor; CR, complete response; DLBCL, diffuse large B-cell lymphoma; R/R, relapsed/refractory.

Baseline CD20 level does not predict response/non-response; some progression may be associated with loss of CD20



CR, complete response; DLBCL, diffuse large B-cell lymphoma; FL, follicular lymphoma; IHC, immunohistochemistry; PD, progressive disease; PR, partial response; SD, stable disease.

Increases in PD-L1 expression and PD-1+ TIL density observed in malignant lymph node tissue following REGN1979 treatment



CR, complete response; DLBCL, diffuse large B-cell lymphoma; FL, follicular lymphoma; IHC, immunohistochemistry; PD, progressive disease; PD-1, programmed cell death-1; PD-L1, PD ligand-1; TIL, tumor-infiltrating lymphocyte.

Conclusions

- REGN1979 is a human anti-CD20 x anti-CD3 bispecific IgG4 antibody with an acceptable safety profile at doses up to 320
 mg weekly
 - No DLTs were observed during dose escalation in patients with R/R B-NHL
 - The majority of AEs were mild-to-moderate in severity; no significant neurotoxicity has been observed
 - Step-up dosing and supportive care measures mitigated IRR/CRS events; no B-NHL patient discontinued due to IRR/CRS
 - The most common AEs were pyrexia (n=88; 80.0%), CRS (n=65; 59.1%), and chills (n=56; 50.9%)
- REGN1979 has shown antitumor activity in heavily pre-treated patients with R/R B-NHL*; responses appear durable

B-NHL diagnosis	Ν	Dose level	ORR	CR
FL Gr 1–3a	22	≥5 mg	95%	77%
DLBCL without CAR T	7	≥80 mg	71%	71%
DLBCL with CAR T	12	≥80 mg	50%	25%
MCL	6	Across all	67%	33%
MZL	6	Across all	67%	33%

• Among patients with DLBCL treated with REGN1979 ≥80 mg, all CRs are ongoing as of data cut-off

- Dose escalation portion of this Phase 1 trial is complete, and expansion cohorts are enrolling
- A global multi-arm pivotal trial (NCT#03888105), as well as additional studies, are underway

^{*}Includes patients with first dose at least 12 weeks before data cut-off. AE, adverse event; B-NHL, B-cell non-Hodgkin lymphoma; CAR, chimeric antigen receptor; CR, complete response; CRS, cytokine release syndrome; DLBCL, diffuse large B-cell lymphoma; DLT, dose-limiting toxicity; FL, follicular lymphoma; Gr, Grade; IRR, infusion-related reaction; MCL, mantle cell lymphoma; MZL, marginal zone lymphoma; ORR, overall response rate; R/R, relapsed/refractory.