

Chidamide, a HDAC Inhibitor, Combined with Cladribine, Gemcitabine and Busulfan with Autologous Stem Cell Transplantation in Patients with Relapsed/Refractory or High-Risk Lymphomas

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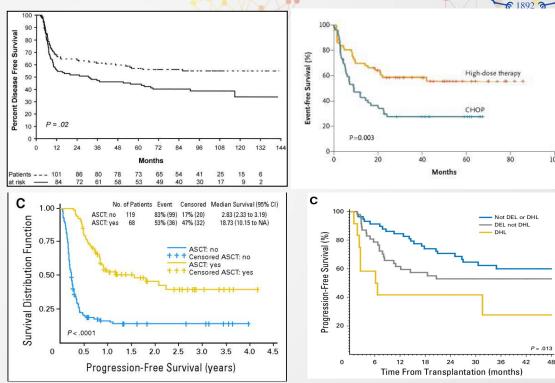


## **Background**

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 ASCT has been standard of care for R/R or high risk lymphomas

 In the era of immunochemotherapy, patients relapsed or refractory to 1st line therapy benefit less from ASCT



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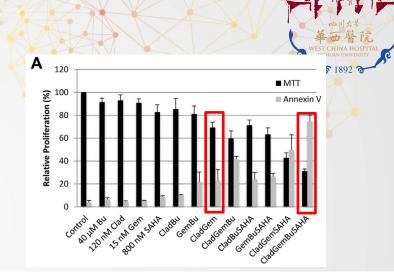
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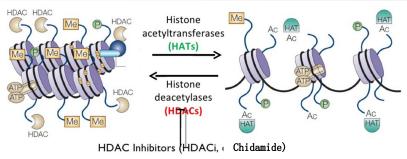


# **Background**

 Our pre-clinical data confirmed the antitumor efficacy of Cladribine, Gemcitabine combined with Busulfan

 Introducing HDAC inhibitor, increases sensitivity of lymphoma cells to CGB combination





HDACi 'open up' the structure of DNA, enable

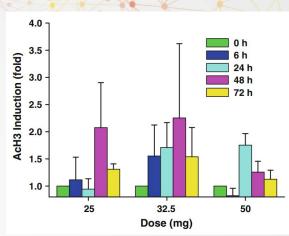
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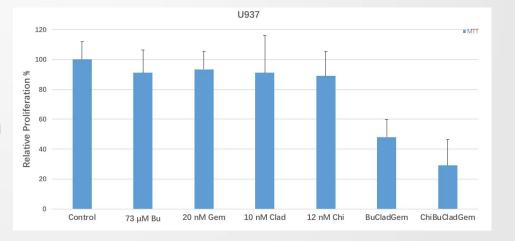
## **Background**

#### **Chidamide**

- New member of the benzamide
- Inhibits Class I HDAC(1-3) and HDAC10
- Long half life: 16.8–18.3 h
- Long-lasting histone H3 acetylation response









# Objectives and study design



- To evaluate effect of ChiCGB as conditioning therapy with ASCT in high risk and relapsed/refractory lymphomas
- Single arm, prospective, phase II clinical trial



## Inclusion and exclusion criteria



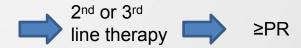
- Inclusion criteria
  - Patients with high-risk or R/R lymphomas
  - Patient age 16-65 at ASCT
  - Preserved function of major organs (heart, liver, kidney and lung)
- Exclusion criteria
  - Relapse from transplantation
  - Active bacteria or fungal infection required systemic therapy
  - HIV infection, active HBV or HCV infection



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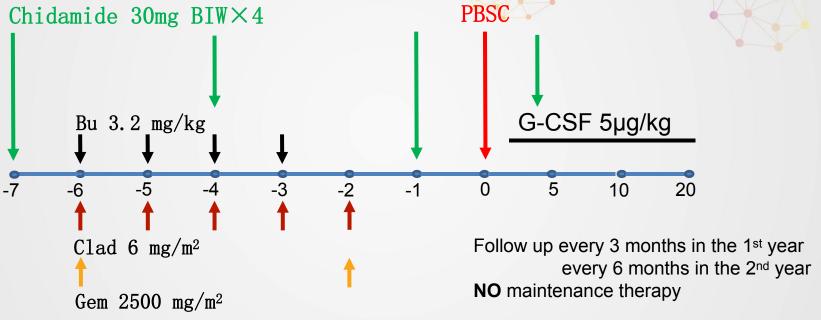
- High-risk
  - Peripheral T cell lymphomas
  - Stage IV ENKTCL
  - Aggressive mantle cell lymphoma
  - Transformed large B cell lymphoma
  - EBV(+) large B cell lymphoma
  - MYC and BCL-2  $\pm$  BCL-6 expresser B cell lymphoma
  - Aggressive intravascular large B cell lymphoma
  - DLBCL, NOS with IPI≥3
- Refractory
  - Fail to achieve CR after standard 1<sup>st</sup> line therapy
- Relapse





# **ChiCGB** protocol





Clad: cladribine; Gem: gemcitabine Bu: busulfan; PBSC: peripheral-blood stem cells



# **Patient Characteristics**



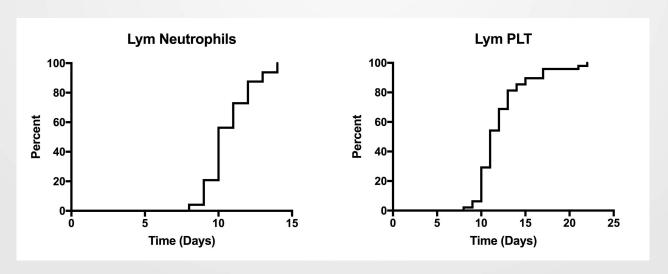
Characteristics	Value	Characteristics	Value	Characteristics	Value
Cases	60	Sub-type		Sub-type	
Age (range)	35 (16-63)	B-NHL	28 (46.7%)	T & NK	28 (46.7%)
Sex		relapse/refractory	10/4	relapse/refractory	4/4
Male	36 (60%)	poor-risk	14	poor-risk	20
Female	24 (40%)	DEL/TEL	14 (4 with single hit)	ENKCL	22
Disease status		IVLBL	3	ALCL ALK(-)	2
R/R	26 (43.3%)	EBV(+) DLBCL	3	T lymphoblastic	3
Poor-risk	34 (56.7%)			ANKL	1
PET+	10 (16.7%)			HL	4 (6.6%)
Median CD34+	2.13×10 <sup>6</sup> /kg			relapse/refractory	4
Median follow-up	15.1 M				





#### **Reconstruction of hematopoiesis**

- Median recovery of neutrophils: 11 days
- Median recovery of platelets: 11.5 days







#### **Adverse events (AEs)**

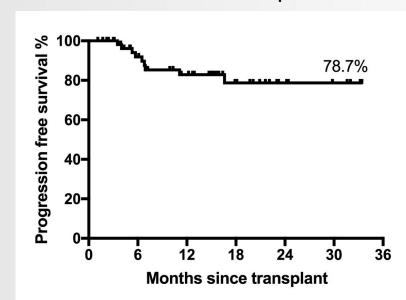
- NO transplant related mortality
- Major non-hematologic AEs:
  - Febrile neutropenia: 73.3%
    - Documented infections:
      - 2 cases of E. coli bacteremia
      - 1 case of herpes zoster infection 1 month after transplant
  - Grade 2 diarrhea: 38.3%
  - Grade 2 mucositis: 15%
  - Seizure: 1.7% (1 case with history of seizure)
- All of these AEs were fully recovered

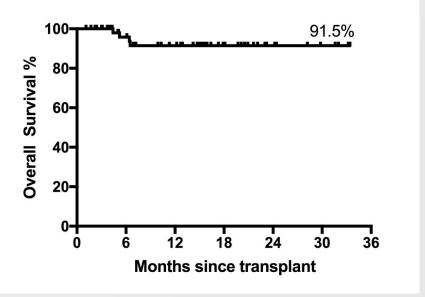




#### **Survival**

Median follow-up time: 15.1 months



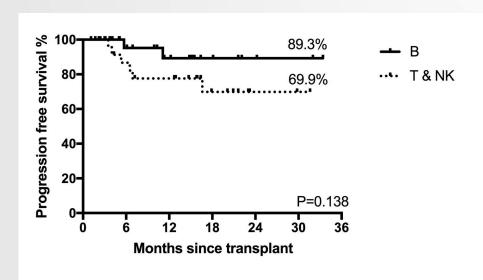


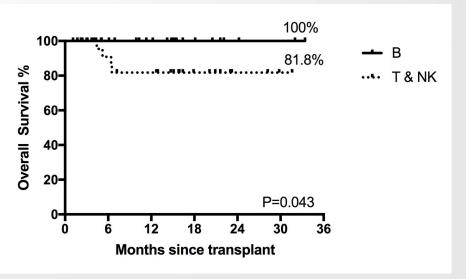




#### Survival--Subtypes

B-NHL vs T&NK



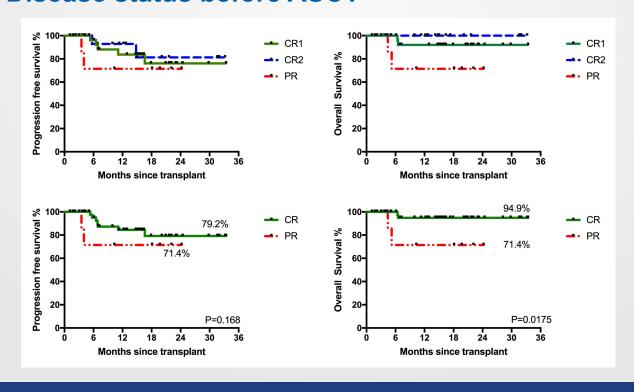




## **Results**



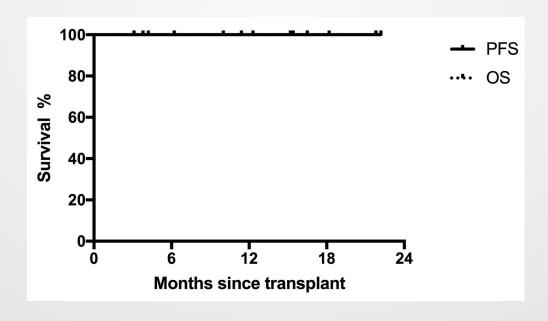
#### Survival--Disease status before ASCT







#### Survival – Double/triple expresser B cell lymphoma







#### Relapse

- 9 relapses: median relapse time 6.5M (3.5-16.6)
  - 4 ENKTCLs:
    - 2 relapsed with HLH and died
    - 2 local relapse ,1 salvaged by radio therapy in CR , the other is on radio therapy
  - 2 IVLBLs:
    - 1 salvage by rituximab + ibrutinib in CR
    - 1 salvage by rituximab + ibrutinib & allo-SCT in CR
  - 1 ALCL alk(-)
    - Died
  - 1 Lymphoblastic T cell lymphoma
    - o Died
  - \_ 1 HL
    - On anti-PD-1 therapy





- ChiCGB conditioning regimen is well tolerated
- ChiCGB with ASCT may be an option for consolidation therapy for patients with R/R or High-risk lymphoma
- The efficacy of ChiCGB with ASCT in DEL/TEL lymphoma need more data to confirm





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