

PNH: What is on the Horizon?

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Pipeline

- Many drugs are in development to inhibit various complement components by various mechanisms
 - Many are being developed for other diseases but may be useful in PNH
- Increase the half-life of eculizumab or related drugs to reduce the frequency of infusions

Some Candidates

Target	Name	Company	Class	Status
C5	Coversin	Volution	Protein from tick saliva	Preclinical Phase I
C5	ALN-CC5	Alnylam	si-RNA	Preclinical
C3	H17	EluSys	Monoclonal antibody	Preclinical
C3/Cb	APL-2	Apellis	Compstatin family	Preclinical and phase I
Alt pathway C3 convertase	TT30	Alexion	CFH-based protein	Phase I
Alt pathway C3 convertase	Mini-CFH	Amyndas	CFH-based protein	Preclinical
MASP-2	OMS721	Omeros	Monoclonal	Preclinical
Factor D	--	Achillion	Oral small molecule	Preclinical
C1INH	Cyrinze	Shire	C1 esterase inhibitor	Available for C1INH def

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Bone Marrow Failure

- Eculizumab prevents circulating cells from breaking down
- Has no effect if the marrow is not producing adequate blood cells
- Aplastic anemia
- Myelodysplastic syndrome

Stem Cell Transplantation

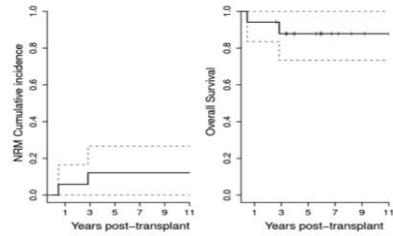
Benefits

- The only curative therapy
- No further infusions
- Less expensive

Limitations

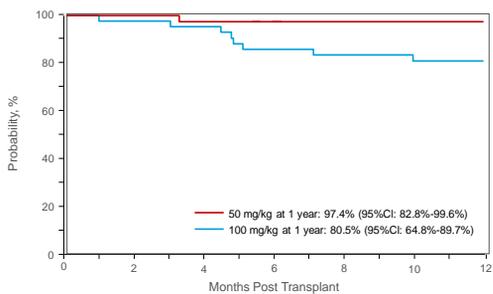
- Donor availability
- Transplantation related complications
 - Graft rejection
 - Graft-vs-Host disease
 - Infection
- Susceptibility to infection results in limited ability to be in public for about 1 year

Stem Cell Transplantation is Curative for PNH



Pantini, et al. *BBMT* 2014;20:1435-9

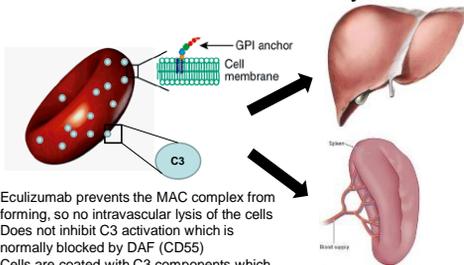
Overall Survival URD Transplantation for Aplastic Anemia



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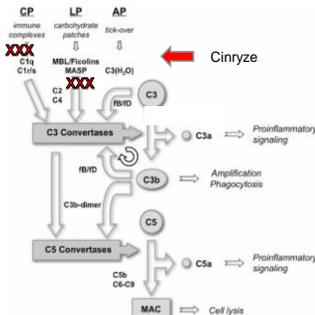
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Eculizumab Does Not Prevent Extravascular Hemolysis



- Eculizumab prevents the MAC complex from forming, so no intravascular lysis of the cells
- Does not inhibit C3 activation which is normally blocked by DAF (CD55)
- Cells are coated with C3 components which do not induce lysis but are recognized and removed from the circulation by liver and spleen – **extravascular** hemolysis

Newer Approaches in PNH



- Serine protease inhibitor (serpin family)
- Regulates several inflammatory cascades
 - Blood coagulation
 - Complement (C1s, C1r, and MASPs)
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- Approved for hereditary angioedema
- Also inhibits the alternative pathway by C1INH blocking the accumulation of C3 degradation products on CD55 deficient erythrocytes

DeZern, et al. *Exp Hematol*. 2014; 42: 857-861
Ricklin and Lambris 2008

Newer Approaches in PNH

- Small molecule ACH-4471
- Potentially orally administered
- Inhibits the alternative pathway (Factor D)
- Might prevent extravascular hemolysis

ACH-4471

<http://www.achillion.com/ACH-CFDIs>

Newer Approaches in PNH

- Monoclonal antibody

OMS721 Omeros

Garred, F Larsen, J Seyfarth, R Fujita, H O *Genes and Immunity* 2006; 7:85-94.

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Higher Dose or More Frequent Administration may be Necessary

Peffault de la Tour, Blood 2015

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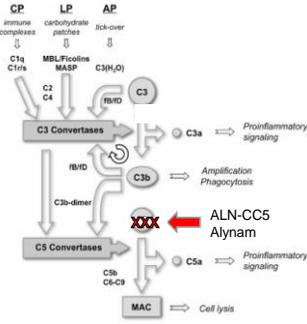
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- Protein derived from tick saliva (*Omithodoros mubata*)
- Subcutaneous administration
- Effective in eculizumab resistance
- Works at C5

Coversin

Weston-Davies ASH 2014

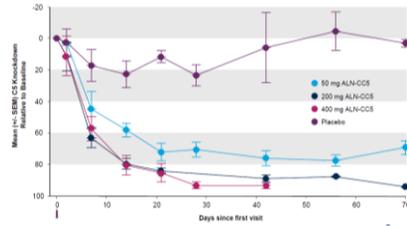
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- RNAi (RNA interference) technology – reduces protein production
- Subcutaneous administration
- Long lasting
- Will not prevent extravascular hemolysis

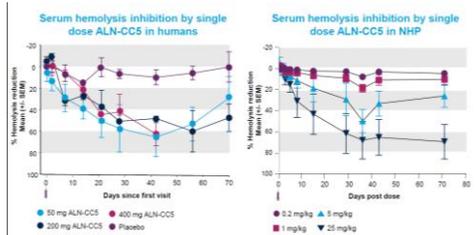
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ALN – CC5 Phase I/II



<http://www.alnylam.com/capella/roundtables/mai-roundtable-aln-cc5-for-the-treatment-of-complement-mediated-diseases/>

Hemolysis Control Can be Durable but Less Robust C5 Depression



New data to be presented at the American Society of Hematology

<http://www.alnylam.com/capella/roundtables/mai-roundtable-aln-cc5-for-the-treatment-of-complement-mediated-diseases/>

Conclusions

- PNH is quite treatable:
 - supportive care
 - C5 inhibition via eculizumab or newer agents
 - Stem cell transplantation
- New therapies are being developed
 - Inhibition of C3 and other C components
 - Less extravascular hemolysis
 - Prolong the half-life for less frequent administration
 - Oral dosing