

REVOLUTIONARY CAR-T PLATFORM FROM UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

OUT IN FRONT OF THE BIGGEST WAVE IN ONCOLOGY

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CAR-T has been a paradigm-changing development in cancer treatment...

...now we're about to make it a whole lot better.

Presentation Summary



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- ASX Listed biotech (ASX: PTX)
- Developing personalised medicines for cancer
 - Targeted therapies
 - CAR-T
- Close relationships with world-leading centres in US and Australia
 - License from the best in field
 - Collaborate with the best in field







- To develop personalised cancer therapies to improve patient outcomes
- Focus on unmet or poorly met clinical needs
- Develop revolutionary technologies to bring the success of CAR-T to more patients
- Dramatically increase efficacy and control of CAR-T technology
- Drive down the cost and time for cancer treatments
- Become a leading, enabling technology for cell therapy approaches



Emily Whitehead, aged 6



Suffering a blood cancer called acute lymphoblastic leukemia.

After 16 months of chemotherapy, and two relapses, her leukemia still persisted.

Doctors told her parents that Emily would not survive.

Emily's parents, searching for a miracle, enrolled her in a trial at UPenn as the very first patient to receive a radical new treatment called...CAR-T.

Emily Whitehead today.



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- "CAR T represents a turning point in the history of human medicine, a genuine revolution in our approach to disease."¹
- Response rates of ~80% in certain lymphomas²
- Today CAR-T is riding the crest of a second wave of innovation - the goal is a **universal CAR-T platform** that massively increases its application beyond certain haematological blood cancers with the potential to save millions of people every year.

Firstly, what are T-cells?



- T-cells are the soldiers of our immune system
- They can identify and eradicate foreign invaders, as well as cancer cells

Virus-infected cells

Cancer cells

How do they work?





Why can't our T-cells see cancer cells?



- Cancer has learned to evade our immune system by changing the antigens on its surface
- Without the right receptor, T-cellscannot identify cancer cells

...so how do you reprogram a T-cell to recognise and kill cancer cells?



...by adding a cancer receptor to the T-cell!





- A new receptor that can recognise a cancer antigen is added to a patient's own T-cells
- The resultant cell is a "chimera": the patient's T-cell + an engineered receptor
- Chimeric Antigen Receptor T-cell or "CAR-T cell" can now recognise and kill the cancer cells.



How does the CAR-T process work?







CAR-T cells are now transformed into cancer killers

Prescient

CAR-T therapies approved and in use





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Licensed from UPenn

Cost of treatment per patient: U\$\$475,000 (A\$730,000)



Cost of treatment per patient: U\$\$373,000 (A\$574,000)

CAR-T deal activity







- CAR-T has had spectacular and unprecedented success in treating certain types of blood cancers
 - **~80% response rates** in certain B cell lymphomas
- The field is now grappling with replicating CAR-T's success in other cancers
- However, there are substantial challenges...

What is holding back the field of CAR-T?







Time and Cost of delivering treatment

Safety CAR-T can have serious safety concerns



No Control

Clinicians have no control of cells post infusion



Targets

Finding targets that work;

Antigen heterogeneity (multiple targets) esp. in solid tumours



Escape

Antigen loss leads to relapse

ENORMOUS OPPORTUNITIES FOR THOSE WHO CAN SOLVE THESE LIMITATIONS!



Imagine what could happen to the *ENTIRE FIELD* if even some of these limitations were **Solved**?

Imagine if CAR-T could *Work just as Well* for other cancers – including solid cancers?

Introducing the OmniCAR platform



- Pre-clinical universal, **modularised CAR-T** platform
- Potential best-in class universal immune receptor (UIR)
- Multi-disciplinary technology licensed from UPenn, world renowned for its pioneering and leadership in CAR-T
- Prescient granted exclusive world-wide rights
- Only UIR system with post-translational covalent binding
- Unique, powerful and flexible



Co-inventors



Associate Professor Daniel J. Powell, Jr



Professor Andrew Tsourkas

OmniCAR can do what conventional CAR-T cannot



Conventional CAR-T



- Soldier with only one map
- Single weapon
- Only trained to hit one target
- Incapable of redirection
- No communication or control in the field



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How OmniCAR works

- Unarmed (and inactive) CAR-T cells are administered to patient
- Separate administration of targeting ligand results in a complete, armed CAR-T cell
- Armed CAR-T cells are activated, resulting in on-demand tumour killing
- CAR-T cell activity is **now controllable**
- Target specificity CAR-T cell can be switched at will, by administering a different targeting ligand





An elegant and effective approach



- Innovative SpyCatcher/SpyTag binding system separately licensed from Oxford University
- Decouples antigen recognition from signalling domains
- Switch specificity of the CAR-T cell from one target to another
- Only universal system with covalent loading of targeting ligands, conferring advantages to other universal approaches
- OmniCAR can utilise any type of targeting ligand:
 - scFv

• Aptamers

Antibody

- Aptamers
- Labels for imaging





Overcoming Clinical Limitations of CAR-T



Clinical Challenges	Conventional CAR-T	Universal CAR-T (OmniCAR)
On-demand activation of CAR-T cell	×	\checkmark
Controlling CAR-T cell activity post infusion	×	\checkmark
Control serious side effects (TLS; CRS)	×	 (preventative and responsive)
Ability to terminate activity in the event of serious adverse event	×	✓
Prevention of B-cell aplasia (CD19)	×	✓ (reversible)
Recallable memory response	×	\checkmark
Solid tumour targeting	Off-target tissue activity is a major limitation	✓ Titrate to achieve therapeutic index
Addressing tumour antigen loss	×	\checkmark
Treatment of heterogeneous tumours	×	\checkmark
Universal vector design	×	\checkmark
Cost of therapy	High	Single vector design to reduce cost; can be incorporated into off-the-shelf T cells

Safety: Ability Control Dose & Activity



Conventional CAR-T

- Clinicians have **no control** over CAR-T activity once injected
- Balance between safety and efficacy can only be estimated before infusion

OmniCAR

- Clinicians have control **post infusion**
- Controlling subsequent dose of binder controls CAR-T activity
 - Can titrate dose to safe and efficacious levels



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Safety: Built-in kill switch

Conventional CAR-T cells cannot be switched off – a significant problem if toxicities arise

- OmniCAR activity can be switched off at-will by ceasing binder administration (or administering a blocking agent)
- Clinicians can safely reactivate CAR-T cell activity by recommencing binder administration





Multi-Antigen Capability with a Single Cell Product



- Ability to target multiple cancer antigens with a single receptor, single cell product
- Established proof of principal arming of OmniCAR against **several common tumour antigens**:
 - Her2



Ability to Target Multiple Antigens *Sequentially*







Ability to Target Multiple Antigens Simultaneously



Equal Arming & Equal Tumour Killing



Equal arming



CAR-T equally armed with:

Both anti-EGFR + anti-Her2
 anti-EGFR
 anti-Her2
 control

Specifically directed, at-will killing



- Only kills cells that the CAR-T is armed against
- OmniCAR CAR-T cells have similar specific tumour killing capacity, whether **dual**-armed or **single**-armed

Control: Dose-dependent CAR-T activity!





- Ovarian cancer model, targeting with anti-Her2
 OmniCAR
- Loading more binder results in proportionate killing of cancer
- …and proportionate survival
- Lasting effects even when cease dosing of binder



Value of a Universal CAR Platform





December 2019

- Astellas bought Xyphos Biosciences for US\$665M (US\$120M upfront)
- Xyphos was in pre-clinical development with their UIR system convertibleCAR
- OmniCAR has several potential advantages

What else can OmniCAR do?



Potentially applicable to all cancer types

Haematological cancers Solid cancers (a new frontier for CAR-T) **Other Applications**

Diagnostics
 Imaging of target tumour
 Autoimmunity

Improve many cell therapy approaches:

Autologous T-cells (patient's own cells)

- Allogeneic T-cells (off the shelf cells)
- Producing enhanced versions of CARs with other cell types:
 - NK cells
 - Macrophage
 - T-reg cells
 - Stem cells

Parallel Development Strategy



IN HOUSE DEVELOPMENT

- Progress lead program
- Broaden OmniCAR platform
 - commercially attractive targets and applications
- Accommodated in current budget

EXTERNAL DEVELOPMENT

Licensing

Collaboration

- Improved versions of 3rd party CAR-Ts using OmniCAR
 - OmniCAR "Intel Inside®" model
- Non-oncology and non-therapeutic applications
- New product development off balance sheet
- Revenue potential

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