

Can Dendritic Cell Vaccination Prevent Leukemia Relapse?

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Table S1. Selected clinical trials and preclinical data for ex vivo DC vaccination in Leukemia. 5-year OS for AML is approximately 24%, 5-year OS for CML is approximately 68%, 5 year OS for ALL is approximately 71%, 5 year OS for CLL is approximately 83% (Society, 2018).

| Disease | Reference | Phase | Type of DCs Used | Activation/Ag Loading Method | Injection Method | Outcome/s |
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| AML | NCT01734304 [103] | Pilot | Autologous MoDC | CD14 ⁺ cells cultured with GM-CSF, IL-4 (48 h) + R848, TNF α , IL1 β , IFN γ , PGE2 (24 h). Electroporated with mRNA encoding 3 different TAAs (WT1, PRAME, hCMVpp65) in 3 aliquots. MoDCs then combined for a mixed population. | 15 \times 10 ⁶ DCs intra-dermally weekly for 4 weeks then monthly up to 6 months in post-remission patients. | Autologous T cell responses in humanized NSG mice (enhanced compared to 7day moDC maturation methods), ongoing clinical trial in human patients |
| AML | [141] | I | AML-DC | MNC differentiated to DC with GM-CSF, TNF α , IL-3, Flt3-L and IL-4 or CI A23187 and IL-4. | 4 intradermal injections of AML-DCs weekly for 4 weeks in relapsed AML patients in 2nd complete remission. KLH and GM-CSF administered with vaccine. | <i>n</i> = 15 no DC vaccinations completed as patients did not achieve complete remission. |
| AML | NCT03059485 [100] | II | Autologous moDC fused with AML cells | Adherent cells cultured with GM-CSF and IL-4 (5–7 days) + TNF α (2–3 days). DC and AML cells then cocultured with PEG to generate hybrids. | 3 doses of 5 \times 10 ⁶ fusion cells administered monthly to remission patients | <i>n</i> = 17 71% OS at median follow up of 57 months. Extremely positive outcome. |
| AML | NCT00965224 [104] | II | Autologous MoDC | CD14 ⁺ cells cultured with GM-CSF, IL4 (6 days), + PGE2, TNF α , KLH (2 days). Electroporated with mRNA encoding WT-1. | 4 biweekly intradermal injections of 5, 10, or 20 \times 10 ⁶ DCs in the upper arm of post-remission patients. | <i>n</i> = 30 PR 13%, CR 30%. 5-year OS 53.8% in responders, 25.8% in non-responders (40% overall). Long term response correlated with increased circulating frequencies of WT-1 specific CTLs. Positive outcome. |
| AML | NCT03697707 [93] | I | Allogeneic DC from AML cell line MUTZ-3 | MUTZ-3 cells cultured with GM-CSF, TNF- α IL4, mitoxantrone (5–7 days), + PGE2, IL1 β (1 day) | 4 biweekly intradermal injections of 10, 25 or 50 million cells in advanced-stage elderly patients | <i>n</i> = 12 50% CR at study end (2 years), 42% had progressive disease. Long term survival correlated with maintained T cell levels. Positive outcome. |

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| AML & ALL | NCT01956630 [105] | II | Genetically modified moDC in combination with cytokine induced killer cells | Adenoviral vector encoding SOCS1 shRNA, surviving, MUC1, and flagellin sequence fragments used to infect DCs generated from allogeneic donor PBMC with GM-CSF and IL-4 (2 days) | Relapsed patients after aH SCT received 4 s.c. injections of $2-5 \times 10^7$ gmDCs in the groin, axilla and neck on days 7, 9, 11 and 13, followed by 2 infusions of cytokine-induced killer cells ($>10^9$) | $n = 23$ for gmDC, $n = 25$ for DLI. gmDC group: 57% CR, 3-year OS 48.9%, significant reduction of severe (grade 3-4) aGvHD compared to DLI after aH SCT (0/25 vs. 9/23). DLI: 48% CR, 27.5% OS at 3 years. Positive outcome. |
| AML, ALL, HL | NCT00923910 [108] | Pilot | Allogeneic moDCs in combination with DLI | CD14 ⁺ cells cultured with GM-CSF and IL-4 (3 days) + LPS and IFN γ (1 day) | Relapsed patients after aH SCT received 1×10^6 CD3 ⁺ /kg once every 4 weeks $\times 3$ and the same dose of DC biweekly $\times 6$. | $n = 4$ 100% PD by end of study. Poor outcome. |
| CML | [87] | I | CML-DC | GM-CSF, IL-4, TNF α (3 weeks), KLH (2 h) | $2-3 \times 10^6$ CML-DCs weekly for 4 weeks intradermally on right anterior thigh | $n = 3$ Elevated IFN γ release by CD4 ⁺ T cells after vaccination. DTH reactions against CML cells in 2/3 patients 20 months after vaccination. Study stopped early due to availability of TKI |
| CML | [89] | I | CML-DC | Not available | Four injections of 3×10^6 DC and 15×10^6 DC. | $n = 6$ No clinical responses. T cells drawn later in course of therapy were more sensitive to stimulation by CML-DC <i>in vitro</i> Poor outcome. |
| CML | [88] | I/II | MoDC | CD14 ⁺ cells cultured with GM-CSF, IL4 (5 days), + TNF- α (3-4 days) + KLH (3-4hrs) | S.c. injection (inguinal) days 1, 2, 8, 21 using increasing doses of DCs (1×10^6 d1, $50-100 \times 10^6$ d21) | $n = 10$ Cytogenetic response in 4/10 patients, expansion of leukemia-specific T cells in 3/10 patients. 20%PD, 60%SD, 10%excluded Positive outcome. |
| B-ALL | [142] | Pre-clinical data | DC-like cells from ALL blasts | CD19 ⁺ cells cultured with IL-4 (5 days) + irradiated CD40L-transfected L cells (2 days) | N/A | Expressed costimulatory molecules and induced proliferative responses in naive CD4 ⁺ T cells |
| B-ALL | [143] | Pre-clinical data | DC-like cells from ALL blasts | CD19 ⁺ cells cultured with IL-1 β , IL-3, IL-7, SCF, TNF- α and CD40L | N/A | 4/5 cell lines and 3/3 patients exhibited DC-like differentiation of blasts. B-DCs showed CD80, CD86, CCR7 expression, and were able to stimulate T cell proliferation in MLR. |
| CLL | EudraCT nr 2010-024224-18 [106] | I | MoDC + Lenalidomide | Cultured with GM-CSF, IL-4 (3 days) + TNF- α , irradiated leukemia cells (2 days) | Intradermal injection of 20×10^6 DCs at week 0, 2, 4, 6, 14. | $n = 10$ Dose-limiting toxicity in 30% of patients. Vaccine-induced immune responses in 90% patients. 30% PR, 60% SD, 10% PD Good outcome. |

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| CLL | [96] | I | MoDC | Cultured with GM-CSF, IL-4 (3 days) + TNF- α , leukemia cell lysates (2 days) | Early-stage patients intradermally injected with DCs at 2–4 weeks intervals, repeated 5–8 times | <i>n</i> = 12 42% PR, 33% SD, 25% PD Good outcome. |
| CLL | [111] | I | MoDC | Cultured with GM-CSF + IL-4 (3 days) + apoptotic B cells on day 4 + TNF- α (day 5–7) | >1 × 10 ⁷ DCs intradermally injected at weeks 0, 2, 4, 6, 14 in upper arm. | <i>n</i> = 15 No objective clinical responses, but 60% patients displayed immune responses in IFN γ ELISPOT and CD107 degranulation assay. Poor outcome. |

Abbreviations: DLI: Donor Lymphocyte Infusion, PR: Partial response, CR: Complete response, OS: Overall Survival, PD: Progressive Disease, B-DC: Malignant B-cell derived DCs, PEG: Polyethylene glycol, gmDC: Genetically-modified DC, aGvHD: acute Graft vs. Host Disease, SOC: Standard-of-care.



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