

# Safety and feasibility of CD19 CAR-T cells in adults with recurrent and hard-to-treat B cell blood cancers

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## Plain English summary of protocol

### Background and study aims

This study aims to investigate the safety and feasibility of using modified T cells from either the patient themselves (autologous) or from matched donors (allogeneic) that have been changed to target the CD19 protein on B cells. This treatment will be given to adults with CD19-positive recurrent and refractory (hard-to-treat) B cell blood cancer after the patient receives chemotherapy to deplete their lymphocytes. The main goal is to assess the safety of this treatment and document any side effects in adults with certain types of cancer, such as acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL) and non-Hodgkin lymphoma (NHL), in a Thai adult population. Additionally, the researchers hope to show that they can produce enough of these modified T cells at the point of care to meet the required standards for treatment.

### Who can participate?

Men and women aged 18-70 years old diagnosed with CD19-positive leukemia or lymphoma (blood cancer) who have recurrent and refractory disease

### What does the study involve?

Patients will receive the CAR-T cell infusion after lymphodepletion chemotherapy. The infusion may be split into 2-3 days to reduce the side effects.

### What are the possible benefits and risks of participating?

Several CD19 CAR-T cell products have demonstrated impressive effectiveness in the treatment of various forms of relapsed/refractory B cell cancer. However, this is the first study using the point-of-care manufactured SiCF-019 cells. As cell products, patients, and disease characteristics may differ, the benefits associated with this treatment are mainly unknown. Taking part in this study may lead to stable disease control and improve clinical outcomes, but these clinical benefits are not guaranteed. The potential risks of CD19 CAR-T cell therapy include cytokine release syndrome (a systemic inflammatory response caused by the rapid release of cytokines), neurotoxicity (damage to the nervous system), and B cell aplasia (a condition where there is a deficiency or absence of B cells).

Where is the study run from?  
Faculty of Medicine Siriraj Hospital (Thailand)

When is the study starting and how long is it expected to run for?  
August 2019 to November 2027

Who is funding the study?  
Siriraj Foundation (Thailand)

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**Protocol serial number**  
SiRB 472/2562(EC1)

## **Study information**

**Scientific Title**  
A pilot study: evaluation of efficacy and safety of autologous or graft HLA-matched donor-derived CD19 CAR-T cells for the treatment of CD19-positive recurrent and refractory B cell malignancies in adults

**Study objectives**

1. To successfully produce CAR T-cells at a minimum target dose of 1 million cells/kg
2. The researchers anticipate a similar adverse event profile and recommended dose as CAR T-cell products previously reported in clinical trials

**Ethics approval required**  
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**Ethics approval(s)**  
approved 27/11/2020, Siriraj Institutional Review Board (Human research protection unit, Faculty of Medicine Siriraj Hospital, Mahidol University. His Majesty the King's 80th Birthday Anniversary 5th December 2007 Building, 2nd floor, Room 210. 2 Wang Lang Road, Bangkok, 10700, Thailand; +66 (0)2419 2667 - 72; siethics@mahidol.ac.th), ref: 472/2562(EC1)

**Study design**

Single-arm open-label single-center study

## Primary study design

Interventional

## Study type(s)

Efficacy, Safety

## Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

CD19-positive recurrent and refractory B cell malignancies

## Interventions

Biologic: Autologous CD19-specific chimeric antigen receptor (CAR)-T cells or allogeneic CD19 CAR-T cells from prior HLA-matched stem cell transplant donor

Other agents: Fludarabine, Cyclophosphamide

Patients will receive conditioning lymphodepletion chemotherapy and CAR-T cell infusion within a 14-day period. CAR-T cells at a dosing range of  $0.1-1 \times 10^7$  CAR-T cells/kg will be administered intravenously in an inpatient setting with emergency equipment and emergency medications available at the bedside per institutional cellular therapy infusion SOP. Dose fractions of CAR-T cells over 2–3 days instead of a single dose infusion may be administered.

## Intervention Type

Biological/Vaccine

## Phase

Phase I

## Drug/device/biological/vaccine name(s)

SiCF-019

## Primary outcome(s)

1. Proportion of products successfully manufactured meeting the established release criteria with a goal of at least 1 million cells/kg at the end of culture, which typically takes 12 days, measured using recorded data about the combinations of the following metrics at the end of the manufacturing process:

- Identity and quantity: immunophenotyping, cell counting, viability

- Purity: immunophenotyping

- Sterility: USP<71>, blood culture system

- Safety: replication-competent lentivirus (RCL), vector copy number (VCN), mycoplasma, endotoxin

- Potency: CAR expression, cytotoxicity towards target tumor cells, cytokine production

2. Incidence and severity of adverse events and dose-limiting toxicity (DLT) measured using physical and neurologic examination and routine labs at baseline, days 1–8 (daily), day 14, day 21, and 1, 3, 6, and 12 months post-infusion. The National Cancer Institute Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events version 5.0 and ASTCT Consensus Grading for Cytokine Release Syndrome and Neurologic Toxicity Associated with Immune Effector Cells 2019 will be applied.

## Key secondary outcome(s)

1. Complete response (CR) rate measured using data recorded in medical records at 1, 3, and 6 months post-infusion

For B-cell lymphoma, the Lugano response criteria for non-Hodgkin lymphoma will be used. CR is defined as the complete disappearance of all detectable clinical evidence of disease, and disease-related symptoms if present prior to the therapy. For B-acute lymphoblastic leukemia (B-ALL), the criteria are based upon the NCCN guidelines version 4.2023 acute lymphoblastic leukemia. Definition of CR is as follows:

- No circulating lymphoblasts or extramedullary disease: no lymphadenopathy, splenomegaly, skin/gum infiltration, testicular mass, CNS involvement
- Trilineage hematopoiesis (TLH) and < 5% blasts
- Absolute neutrophil count (ANC)  $\geq 1000/\mu\text{L}$
- Platelets  $\geq 100,000/\mu\text{L}$

2. MRD status measured using flow cytometry for B-ALL MRD at 1 month post-infusion. Not available for lymphoma.

3. Overall and event-free survival measured using the definition from the National Cancer Institute (NCI) at 1 year

- Overall survival (OS) is the length of time from either the date of diagnosis or the start of treatment for a disease, such as cancer, that patients diagnosed with the disease are still alive.
- Relapse-free survival (RFS) is the length of time after primary treatment for a cancer ends that the patient survives without any signs or symptoms of that cancer.

4. Amount of SiCF-019 in blood measured using antigen-based detection by flow cytometry at days 0, 7, 14, 21 and 1, 3, 6, and 12 months post-infusion

## Completion date

30/11/2027

## Eligibility

### Key inclusion criteria

1. Adult patients with CD19-positive recurrent and refractory B cell malignancies, aged 18-70 years old
2. Karnofsky Performance Status (KPS) score  $\geq 60$ , expected survival  $\geq 3$  months
3. Platelet count (PLT)  $\geq 30 \times 10^9/\text{L}$
4. Lymphocyte count (LYM)  $\geq 0.15 \times 10^9/\text{L}$
5. Serum alanine aminotransferase (ALT)  $\leq 100 \text{ U/mL}$
6. Total bilirubin (T-BIL)  $\leq 30 \mu\text{mol/L}$
7. Creatinine  $\leq 200 \mu\text{mol/L}$
8. Women of childbearing age are negative for the urine pregnancy test before the start of dosing and agree to take effective contraceptive measures
9. Voluntary participation, good compliance: willing to take part in studies and cooperate with clinical observations and follow-up plan

### Participant type(s)

Patient

### Healthy volunteers allowed

No

### Age group

Mixed

**Lower age limit**

18 years

**Upper age limit**

70 years

**Sex**

All

**Total final enrolment**

0

**Key exclusion criteria**

1. Clinically diagnosed as central nervous system leukemia
2. Patients with hyperleukocytosis ( $WBC \geq 50 \times 10^9/L$ ), or the researcher judges that the patient cannot receive a complete treatment cycle due to his rapid disease progress
3. Patients with fungi, bacteria, viruses or other uncontrolled infections or requiring isolation
4. Patients with positive HIV, HBV, and HCV
5. Patients with central nervous system diseases such as stroke, epilepsy, dementia or autoimmune neurological disorders
6. Patients with myocardial infection, cardiac angiography or stent, active angina or other obvious clinical symptoms, or with cardiac asthma or cardiovascular lymphocytic infiltration within 12 months prior to enrollment
7. Patients who are receiving anticoagulant therapy or who have severe coagulation disorders (aPTT >70)
8. Patients who receive medication that may affect the safety and efficacy of CAR-T cell product
9. Patients with a history of allergies to the biologics used in this project
10. Pregnant or lactating women
11. Patients who use systemic steroids within 2 weeks prior to treatment (except for inhaled steroids)
12. Patients with other uncontrolled diseases who are considered to be unsuitable to anticipate in the research by researchers
13. Any conditions that researchers believe may increase the risk to patient safety or may interfere with the overall outcome

**Date of first enrolment**

01/02/2023

**Date of final enrolment**

26/11/2026

**Locations****Countries of recruitment**

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Charity

**Funder Name**

Siriraj Foundation

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Private sector organisation

**Funding Body Subtype**

Trusts, charities, foundations (both public and private)

**Location**

Thailand

## Results and Publications

Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

The datasets generated and/or analyzed during the current study during this study will be published as a supplement to the results publication

**IPD sharing plan summary**

Published as a supplement to the results publication

**Study outputs**

Output type	Details	Date created	Date added	Peer reviewed?	Patient-facing?
<a href="#">Results article</a>		05/11/2024	13/11/2024	Yes	No