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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): May 8, 2026

Artiva Biotherapeutics, Inc.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-42179
(Commission
File Number)

83-3614316
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

5505 Morehouse Drive, Suite 100
San Diego, California 92121
(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (858) 267-4467

N/A
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, \$0.0001 par value per share	ARTV	Nasdaq Global Market

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On May 8, 2026, Artiva Biotherapeutics, Inc. (the “Company”) issued a press release announcing its financial results for the quarter ended March 31, 2026. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

The information contained under this Item 2.02, including Exhibit 99.1 attached hereto, shall not be deemed “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), or otherwise subject to the liability of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), or under the Exchange Act, regardless of any general incorporation language in any such filing, unless the Company expressly sets forth in such filing that such information is to be considered “filed” or incorporated by reference therein.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On May 8, 2026, the Company issued a press release announcing positive initial clinical data from ongoing clinical trials evaluating AlloNK® (also known as AB-101) in combination with rituximab. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.2 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

On May 8, 2026, the Company made available an updated corporate presentation, which can be found on the Company’s website (the “Corporate Presentation”). The Corporate Presentation is furnished as Exhibit 99.3 and is incorporated herein by reference.

The information set forth in this Item 7.01 and the accompanying Exhibits 99.2 and 99.3 are deemed to be “furnished” under “Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure” and shall not be deemed to be “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Exchange Act, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section or Sections 11 and 12(a)(2) of the Securities Act. The information set forth in this Item 7.01, including Exhibits 99.2 and 99.3, shall not be deemed incorporated by reference into any filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) made by us, whether made before or after the date hereof, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

ATM Suspension

On May 8, 2026, the Company delivered written notice to Leerink Partners LLC (“Leerink”) that the Company has suspended and is not offering any shares of its common stock pursuant to the prospectus filed with the SEC on August 6, 2025, relating to the Sales Agreement, dated August 6, 2025 (the “Sales Agreement”), by and between the Company and Leerink. The Company will not make any sales of common stock pursuant to the Sales Agreement unless and until a new prospectus supplement is filed with the SEC; however, the Sales Agreement remains in full force and effect.

Company Update

As of the April 3, 2026 data cutoff, the initial clinical dataset includes 21 refractory rheumatoid arthritis (“RA”) patients with at least 12 weeks of follow-up, including 13 patients with six months of follow-up, from the Company’s company-sponsored Phase 2a basket trial and an investigator-initiated basket trial evaluating AlloNK in B-cell driven autoimmune diseases. The broader autoimmune dataset also includes 11 Sjogren disease (“SjD”) patients and five systemic sclerosis (“SSc”) patients, including seven SjD patients and four SSc patients with at least six months of follow-up.

The Company also announced alignment with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (“FDA”) on a single registrational randomized controlled trial design for AlloNK in refractory RA expected to enroll approximately 150 RA patients who have had an inadequate response to two or more biologic or targeted synthetic disease modifying anti-rheumatic drugs (“b/tsDMARDs”) of distinct classes. Patients are expected to be randomized 2:1 to receive AlloNK plus rituximab or rituximab alone, with ACR50 response at six months as the primary efficacy endpoint.

As of April 30, 2026, more than 70 autoimmune patients had initiated treatment with AlloNK across ongoing clinical trials, with more than 40 clinical sites activated globally. All patients have been treated in the outpatient setting, with the majority treated in community rheumatology clinics, providing a strong foundation to support the Company’s planned Phase 3 registrational trial in refractory RA.

Summary of Efficacy Data in Refractory RA

Patients had longstanding and highly active disease, with mean disease duration of 14.8 years. All patients had high disease activity at baseline and 81% had failed two or more prior b/tsDMARD classes. More than 50% of patients with six months of follow-up achieved an ACR50 response. Patients with only 12 weeks of follow-up demonstrated early improvements across disease activity measures consistent with those observed in patients with six or more months of follow-up. No patient started a new b/tsDMARD following treatment with AlloNK plus rituximab as of the data cutoff.

Nineteen of 21 patients demonstrated clinically meaningful reductions from baseline in both CDAI (defined as reductions of at least 12 points) and DAS28-ESR (defined as reductions of at least 1.2 points). Clinically meaningful reductions in CDAI and DAS28-ESR were observed by three months and deepened at six months, with mean reductions from baseline at six months of 37 points in CDAI and 2.8 points in DAS28-ESR.

Summary of Safety Data

No cytokine release syndrome (“CRS”) or immune effector cell-associated neurotoxicity syndrome (“ICANS”) was reported. Additionally, no treatment discontinuations due to adverse events and no serious adverse events related to AlloNK were reported.

The most common treatment-emergent adverse events were consistent with those associated with rituximab or cyclophosphamide/fludarabine conditioning. The Grade 3 or higher infection rate was 2% (n=1), which is comparable to serious infection rates reported for approved RA therapies, including rituximab and other biologic or targeted therapies.

During the initial 28-day post-treatment period, no patients were hospitalized for infection. Two of 55 autoimmune patients treated with AlloNK plus rituximab were hospitalized for treatment-emergent adverse events during this period: one admission for dehydration in a SjD patient with diarrhea and one admission for diabetic ketoacidosis in a RA patient with insulin-dependent Type 2 diabetes. Neither hospitalization was deemed related to AlloNK.

Summary of B-cell depletion and B-cell reconstitution profile

Uniform and consistent B-cell depletion in peripheral blood was observed by Day 13 in all 51 patients treated with cyclophosphamide/fludarabine, AlloNK and rituximab who had available samples as of the April 3, 2026 data cutoff. Complete B-cell depletion was observed using a high-sensitivity assay in all 28 RA patients evaluated as of the data cutoff. B-cell reconstitution in all patients treated with AlloNK plus rituximab demonstrated a predominance of naïve/transitional B cells, consistent with the hypothesized B-cell “reset” mechanism.

Summary of Efficacy Data in SjD and SSc

As of the April 3, 2026 data cutoff, initial clinical data included 11 patients with moderate-to-severe SjD and five patients with moderate-to-severe SSc. Clinical responses observed in these patient populations were consistent with the RA data and support the potential of AlloNK across B-cell driven autoimmune diseases. In SjD, patients demonstrated mean improvements at six months (n=7) of 8.6 points in ClinESSDAI, 6.6 points in ESSDAI and 3.0 points in ESSPRI, with a mean increase of 0.76 mL/min in stimulated salivary flow. All patients were off steroids as of the April 3, 2026 data cutoff. In SSc, patients demonstrated a mean improvement in mRSS of 9.5 points at six months (n=4), with 100% achieving rCRISS25 and 50% achieving rCRISS50 responses among patients with six months of follow-up. No patients were on steroids as of the April 3, 2026 data cutoff.

FDA Alignment and Registrational Strategy in Refractory RA

Following a recent FDA interaction, the Company plans to initiate a Phase 3 randomized controlled trial evaluating AlloNK in approximately 150 RA patients who have had an inadequate response to two or more b/tsDMARDs of distinct classes. The Company has alignment with the FDA on the Company’s plans to conduct a single registrational trial design. Patients are expected to be randomized 2:1 to receive AlloNK plus rituximab or rituximab alone, with ACR50 response at six months as the primary efficacy endpoint. Rituximab was selected as the active comparator because it is a component of the proposed AlloNK treatment regimen, is approved for the treatment of RA and has demonstrated ACR50 responses at six months in line with other approved RA therapies. Patients randomized to the rituximab-alone control arm who do not respond are expected to have the opportunity to cross over to the AlloNK plus rituximab arm at six months.

The proposed AlloNK dosing regimen is expected to include two doses of 4 billion AlloNK cells administered on Days 6 and 20 together with rituximab, following conditioning with low-dose cyclophosphamide and fludarabine on Days 1, 2 and 3.

Assuming a favorable risk-benefit profile, the Company believes its ongoing and planned autoimmune clinical trials, including the planned Phase 3 registrational trial in refractory RA, will generate a safety database of more than 250 patients treated with AlloNK plus rituximab, consisting primarily of RA patients and including patients with other autoimmune diseases, to support a potential biologics license application (BLA) submission for RA. Based on FDA feedback, the Company believes pooled safety data across autoimmune indications may supplement RA-specific safety data.

Subject to final protocol and regulatory considerations, the trial is expected to be conducted globally across more than 80 sites, including approximately 40 sites already active in the Company’s ongoing autoimmune clinical program. The Company expects to initiate the registrational trial in the second half of 2026 and report primary efficacy data in the second half of 2028, with a potential BLA submission in 2029.

Significant opportunity and unmet need in refractory RA

RA remains a large and underserved autoimmune disease, particularly among patients who have had an inadequate response to two or more b/tsDMARD classes, also known as difficult-to-treat RA under EULAR guidelines. The Company estimates that between 150,000 to 200,000 patients in the U.S. have failed two or more b/tsDMARDs, representing approximately 25% of the U.S. b/tsDMARD-treated RA population. Real-world registry analyses and published data suggest that patients in this setting only have an 11% to 19% likelihood of achieving an ACR50 response with currently available therapies. The Company estimates that within the U.S. RA market (valued at approximately \$20 billion per year), about \$5 billion annually is spent on patients with an 80–90% chance of not achieving an ACR50 response.

The Company’s objective is to develop AlloNK as a deep B-cell depleting therapy in combination with rituximab with the potential to deliver ACR50 responses in at least 50% of refractory RA patients at six months, provide durable clinical benefit, and offer an outpatient treatment profile that can be administered and managed in community rheumatology settings. The Company expects patients in the rituximab-alone control arm to achieve ACR50 responses of approximately 20% to 25% at six months.

Forward Looking Statements

This Current Report on Form 8-K (this “Report”) contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Statements in this Report that are not statements of historical fact are forward-looking statements. Such forward-looking statements include, without limitation, statements regarding: expectations of the Company regarding the potential benefits, accessibility, effectiveness and safety of AlloNK, including based on interim pooled data across clinical trials; the Company’s registrational strategy, including trial design, plans to conduct a single registrational Phase 3 trial for AlloNK and generate sufficient trial and pooled safety data to support a BLA submission, and the Company’s expectations on timing and FDA alignment with such strategy; the Company’s expectations on the timing to initiate and report data for the Phase 3 trial; the Company’s expectations with respect to ACR50 responses in the Phase 3 trial for both AlloNK and the control arm; estimates regarding the size of patient populations and response rates to existing therapies; and the potential market opportunity for AlloNK. These forward-looking statements are based on the beliefs of the management of the Company as well as assumptions made by and information currently available to the Company. Such statements reflect the current views of the Company with respect to future events and are subject to known and unknown risks and uncertainties, including, without limitation, risks inherent in developing product candidates; the Company’s ability to obtain adequate financing to fund its planned clinical trials and other expenses; risks that future clinical trial results may not be consistent with interim, initial, preliminary, or topline results or results

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Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**(d) Exhibits.**

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press Release, dated May 8, 2026.
99.2	Press Release, dated May 8, 2026.
99.3	Corporate Presentation, dated May 8, 2026.
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document)

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Artiva Biotherapeutics, Inc.

By: /s/ Fred Aslan

Fred Aslan, M.D.

President and Chief Executive Officer

Dated: May 8, 2026

Artiva Biotherapeutics Reports First Quarter 2026 Financial Results and Recent Business Highlights

Initial AlloNK® (AB-101) clinical data demonstrated 71% ACR50 response in refractory rheumatoid arthritis (RA) patients with at least six months of follow-up in the company-sponsored Phase 2a basket trial, with no patients relapsing or requiring new immunomodulatory agents

AlloNK treatment regimen demonstrated a consistent pattern of deep B-cell depletion and tolerability results supportive of outpatient administration in community rheumatology settings

U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) alignment on a single Phase 3 registrational randomized controlled trial evaluating AlloNK plus rituximab versus rituximab alone in approximately 150 refractory RA patients, with ACR50 at six months as the primary endpoint; trial initiation planned for H2 2026

Multiple oral and poster presentations at EULAR 2026, including a late-breaking oral presentation on AlloNK clinical efficacy in refractory RA, Sjögren disease (SjD) and systemic sclerosis (SSc)

SAN DIEGO, May 8, 2026 — Artiva Biotherapeutics, Inc. (Nasdaq: ARTV) (Artiva), a clinical-stage biotechnology company whose mission is to develop effective, safe and accessible cell therapies for patients with debilitating autoimmune diseases, today announced financial results for the first quarter ended March 31, 2026, and highlighted recent progress.

“Artiva has reached an important inflection point, with positive initial clinical data across multiple autoimmune diseases and FDA alignment on a single Phase 3 registrational trial design in refractory RA,” said Fred Aslan, M.D., president and chief executive officer of Artiva Biotherapeutics. “The initial RA data demonstrated meaningful responses in highly refractory patients, alongside a tolerability profile supportive of outpatient administration in community rheumatology settings. Together, these data support AlloNK’s potential to become the first deep B-cell depleting therapy to advance into a Phase 3 trial in refractory RA, the autoimmune indication with the largest number of refractory patients.”

Dr. Aslan continued, “By combining deep B-cell depletion, meaningful clinical responses and an outpatient profile suited to community rheumatology practices, AlloNK has the potential to redefine the treatment paradigm for patients with refractory autoimmune disease.”

Recent Business Highlights

Reported positive initial clinical data from ongoing clinical trials evaluating AlloNK in combination with rituximab across multiple autoimmune diseases

- As of the April 3, 2026 data cutoff, the initial clinical dataset included 21 refractory RA patients with at least 12 weeks of follow-up, including 13 patients with at least six months of follow-up from Artiva’s company-sponsored Phase 2a basket trial and an investigator-initiated basket trial evaluating AlloNK in B-cell driven autoimmune disease. The broader autoimmune dataset also included 11 SjD patients and five SSc patients, including seven SjD patients and four SSc patients with at least six months of follow-up.
- In refractory RA, clinically meaningful improvements were observed across multiple measures of disease activity, including ACR responses, CDAI and DAS28-ESR. Five of seven patients (71%) with six months of follow-up in the company-sponsored Phase 2a basket trial achieved an ACR50 response. Nineteen of 21 RA patients demonstrated clinically meaningful reductions from baseline in both CDAI and DAS28-ESR.

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- The AlloNK treatment regimen demonstrated tolerability results supportive of outpatient administration in community rheumatology settings, with no CRS, ICANS or treatment discontinuations related to AlloNK reported as of the data cutoff.
 - Deep B-cell depletion was observed across evaluable patients, including complete B-cell depletion using a high-sensitivity assay in all 28 RA patients evaluated as of the data cutoff, supporting AlloNK's proposed mechanism of action.
 - Clinical responses in SjD and SSc were consistent with the RA data and support the potential of AlloNK across B-cell-driven autoimmune diseases.
 - More than 70 autoimmune patients have been treated with AlloNK across more than 40 active clinical sites, mostly in community rheumatology settings, providing a strong foundation for planned registrational trial initiation.

Achieved FDA alignment on Phase 3 registrational trial design in refractory RA

- Artiva announced alignment with the FDA on a single Phase 3 registrational randomized controlled trial evaluating AlloNK plus rituximab versus rituximab alone in approximately 150 refractory RA patients, with ACR50 response at six months as the primary endpoint.

Upcoming Milestones

Present AlloNK clinical data at EULAR 2026

- Multiple abstracts accepted for presentation at EULAR 2026, expected to further characterize AlloNK's mechanism of action, clinical activity and outpatient feasibility, including:
 - Late Breaking Oral Abstract Presentation - LB0003: AB-101, an Outpatient-Administered Allogeneic NK Cell Therapy Combined with Rituximab, Generates Robust Clinical Efficacy Responses Comparable with Autologous CAR T in 31 Patients with Rheumatologic Diseases
 - Oral Abstract Presentation - OP0129: AB-101, an Allogeneic NK Cell Therapy, Combined with Rituximab was Highly Effective in Severe Sjögren Disease: Experience in First Patient Treated
 - Poster View Presentation - POS1177: Robust and Durable Clinical Responses Observed Following Treatment with AB-101, an Allogeneic NK Cell Therapy, Combined with Rituximab in Patients with Severe Rheumatoid Arthritis and Inadequate Response to Multiple Prior Targeted Therapies
 - Poster Tour - POS0355: AB-101, an Allogeneic NK Cell Therapy, in Combination with Anti-CD20 Monoclonal Antibodies, Consistently Achieves Deep B-cell Depletion Comparable with CAR T Cell Therapies in Patients with Rheumatologic Diseases

Initiate Phase 3 registrational trial in refractory RA

- In the second half of 2026, Artiva plans to initiate a Phase 3 randomized controlled trial evaluating AlloNK plus rituximab versus rituximab alone in approximately 150 RA patients who have had an inadequate response to two or more biologic or targeted synthetic disease-modifying anti-rheumatic drugs (b/tsDMARDs) of distinct classes, with ACR50 response at six months as the primary efficacy endpoint.

First Quarter 2026 Financial Results

- **Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments.** *As of March 31, 2026, Artiva had cash, cash equivalents and investments of \$86.8 million, which is expected to fund operations into Q2 2027.*
- **Research and Development Expenses.** *Research and development expenses were \$19.3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2026, compared to \$17.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2025.*
- **General and Administrative Expenses.** *General and administrative expenses were \$5.1 million for each of the three months ended March 31, 2026 and 2025.*
- **Other Income, net.** *Other income, net, was \$0.9 million for the three months ended March 31, 2026, compared to other income, net, of \$1.9 million for the three months ended March 31, 2025.*
- **Net Loss.** *Net loss totaled \$23.5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2026, as compared to net loss of \$20.3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2025, with non-cash stock-based compensation expense of \$1.6 million and \$2.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2026 and 2025, respectively.*

About Artiva Biotherapeutics

Artiva is a clinical-stage biotechnology company whose mission is to develop effective, safe and accessible cell therapies for patients with debilitating autoimmune diseases. Artiva's lead program, AlloNK[®] (also known as AB-101), is an allogeneic, off-the-shelf, non-genetically modified, cryopreserved NK cell therapy candidate designed to enhance the antibody-dependent cellular cytotoxicity effect of monoclonal antibodies to drive B-cell depletion. AlloNK is currently being evaluated in three ongoing clinical trials for the treatment of B-cell driven autoimmune diseases, including a company-sponsored basket trial across autoimmune diseases that includes rheumatoid arthritis and Sjögren's disease and an investigator-initiated basket trial in B-cell driven autoimmune diseases. Artiva plans to initiate a Phase 3 registrational trial evaluating AlloNK in refractory RA in 2026. Artiva was founded in 2019 as a spin out of GC Cell, formerly GC Lab Cell Corporation, a leading healthcare company in the Republic of Korea, pursuant to a strategic partnership granting Artiva exclusive worldwide rights (excluding Asia, Australia and New Zealand) to GC Cell's NK cell manufacturing technology and programs.

Artiva is headquartered in San Diego, California. For more information, please visit www.artivabio.com.

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Condensed Balance Sheets
(Unaudited)
(in thousands)

	March 31, 2026	December 31, 2025
Assets		
Cash, cash equivalents and investments	\$ 86,782	\$ 108,008
Property and equipment, net	6,216	6,618
Operating and financing lease right-of-use assets	10,080	10,737
Other assets	2,877	5,577
Total assets	<u>\$105,955</u>	<u>\$ 130,940</u>
Liabilities and stockholders' equity		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 7,845	\$ 9,955
Operating and financing lease liabilities	10,263	10,942
Other liabilities	—	73
Total liabilities	<u>18,108</u>	<u>20,970</u>
Stockholders' equity	<u>87,847</u>	<u>109,970</u>
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	<u>\$105,955</u>	<u>\$ 130,940</u>

Artiva Biotherapeutics, Inc.
Condensed Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss
(Unaudited)
(in thousands, except share and per share data)

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2026	2025
Operating expenses:		
Research and development	19,312	17,052
General and administrative	5,118	5,119
Total operating expenses	<u>24,430</u>	<u>22,171</u>
Loss from operations	(24,430)	(22,171)
Other income, net:		
Interest income	912	1,864
Other income (expense), net	2	(4)
Total other income, net	<u>914</u>	<u>1,860</u>
Net loss	<u>\$ (23,516)</u>	<u>\$ (20,311)</u>
Net loss per share, basic and diluted	<u>\$ (0.95)</u>	<u>\$ (0.83)</u>
Weighted-average common shares outstanding, basic and diluted	<u>24,678,420</u>	<u>24,341,978</u>
Comprehensive loss:		
Net loss	\$ (23,516)	\$ (20,311)
Other comprehensive (loss) income, net	(121)	129
Comprehensive loss	<u>\$ (23,637)</u>	<u>\$ (20,182)</u>

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Artiva Announces Positive Initial Clinical Data with AlloNK® Across Multiple Autoimmune Diseases and FDA Alignment to Initiate Phase 3 Registrational Trial in Rheumatoid Arthritis in 2026

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AlloNK treatment regimen demonstrated tolerability results supportive of outpatient administration in community rheumatology settings, with no CRS, ICANS, or treatment discontinuations observed in autoimmune patients treated with AlloNK

More than 70 autoimmune patients treated with AlloNK across more than 40 active clinical sites, mostly in community settings, providing a strong foundation for planned registrational trial initiation in H2 2026

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"A new chapter begins for Artiva as we advance the first deep B-cell depleting therapy into a registrational trial in RA and share clinical data demonstrating AlloNK's potential to drive auto-CAR-T-like activity across indications through an off-the-shelf, more scalable and cost-effective therapeutic approach that could address refractory patients in the community setting," said Fred Aslan, M.D., president and chief executive officer of Artiva Biotherapeutics. "I am very proud of the Artiva team. In less than four years since the seminal deep B-cell depletion work was published by Schett et al., we rapidly initiated and supported trials in autoimmune diseases, activated more than 40 sites globally, treated more than 70 autoimmune patients and built a robust clinical trial network, mostly in the community setting, to support our efforts to conduct an efficient randomized controlled trial in RA, one of the largest refractory autoimmune patient populations."

“After reviewing AlloNK’s initial clinical data in refractory RA, I am encouraged by the magnitude and consistency of improvements across multiple measures of disease activity, including swollen and tender joint counts, CDAI, DAS28 and ACR responses,” said Stanley Cohen, M.D., adjunct professor of internal medicine at University of Texas Southwestern Medical School and program director of rheumatology at THR Presbyterian Dallas. “Patients who have had an inadequate response to multiple distinct b/tsDMARDs remain difficult to treat, and there is a significant need for new therapeutic approaches that can deliver meaningful clinical benefit. I am pleased to be advising Artiva on their planned Phase 3 registrational trial of AlloNK in refractory RA.”

“Since the inception of Artiva’s clinical trials in autoimmune diseases, I have treated more than 20 patients with AlloNK in my community practice and have observed meaningful improvements in many refractory patients across indications,” said Guillermo J. Valenzuela, M.D., F.A.C.R., medical director of Integral Rheumatology & Immunology Specialists (IRIS). “Importantly, these clinical responses have been observed alongside a favorable tolerability profile that supports administration and management in the community setting. I am enthusiastic to see AlloNK advance into a Phase 3 trial for refractory RA.”

As of April 30, 2026, more than 70 autoimmune patients had initiated treatment with AlloNK across ongoing clinical trials, with more than 40 clinical sites activated globally. All patients have been treated in the outpatient setting, with the majority treated in community rheumatology clinics, providing a strong foundation to support Artiva’s planned Phase 3 registrational trial in refractory RA.

Key Data Highlights

Initial clinical activity observed in refractory RA patients

- As of the April 3, 2026 data cutoff, pooled data included 21 refractory RA patients with at least 12 weeks of follow-up, including 13 patients with six months of follow-up, from Artiva’s company-sponsored Phase 2a basket trial and an investigator-initiated basket trial.
- Patients had longstanding and highly active disease, with mean disease duration of 14.8 years. All patients had high disease activity at baseline and 81% had failed two or more prior b/tsDMARD classes.
- Five of seven patients (71%) with six months of follow-up in the company-sponsored Phase 2a basket trial achieved an ACR50 response. In the investigator-initiated basket trial, five of six patients (83%) with six months of follow-up demonstrated greater than 50% improvement on at least four of five measured components; HAQ-DI and Pain scores were not collected in the IIT, and therefore ACR50 could not be adequately assessed. Patients with only 12 weeks of follow-up demonstrated early improvements across disease activity measures consistent with those observed in patients with six or more months of follow-up. As of the data cutoff, no patients started a new b/tsDMARD following treatment with AlloNK plus rituximab.
- Nineteen of 21 patients demonstrated clinically meaningful reductions from baseline in both CDAI (defined as reductions of at least 12 points) and DAS28-ESR (defined as reductions of at least 1.2 points). Clinically meaningful reductions in CDAI and DAS28-ESR were observed by three months and deepened at six months, with mean reductions from baseline at six months of 37 points in CDAI and 2.8 points in DAS28-ESR.

Tolerability profile of AlloNK plus rituximab continues to support outpatient administration in community rheumatology settings

- All patients have been treated in the outpatient setting, with the majority treated in community rheumatology clinics.
- No cytokine release syndrome (CRS) or immune effector cell-associated neurotoxicity syndrome (ICANS) was reported.
- No treatment discontinuations due to adverse events and no serious adverse events related to AlloNK were reported.
- The most common treatment-emergent adverse events were consistent with those associated with rituximab or cyclophosphamide/fludarabine conditioning. The Grade 3 or higher infection rate was 2% (n=1), which is comparable to serious infection rates reported for approved RA therapies, including rituximab and other biologic or targeted therapies.
- During the initial 28-day post-treatment period, no patients were hospitalized for infection. Two of 55 autoimmune patients treated with AlloNK plus rituximab were hospitalized for treatment-emergent adverse events during this period: one admission for dehydration in a SjD patient with diarrhea and one admission for diabetic ketoacidosis in a RA patient with insulin-dependent Type 2 diabetes. Neither hospitalization was deemed related to AlloNK.

Deep B-cell depletion and B-cell reconstitution profile support proposed mechanism of action

- Uniform and consistent B-cell depletion in peripheral blood was observed by Day 13 in all 51 patients treated with cyclophosphamide/fludarabine, AlloNK and rituximab who had available samples as of the April 3, 2026 data cutoff.
- Complete B-cell depletion was observed using a high-sensitivity assay in all 28 RA patients evaluated as of the data cutoff.
- B-cell reconstitution in all patients treated with AlloNK plus rituximab demonstrated a predominance of naïve/transitional B cells, consistent with the hypothesized B-cell “reset” mechanism.

Initial clinical responses in Sjögren disease and systemic sclerosis support broader potential across B-cell-driven autoimmune diseases

- As of the April 3, 2026 data cutoff, initial clinical data included 11 patients with moderate-to-severe SjD and five patients with moderate-to-severe SSc. Clinical responses observed in these patient populations were consistent with the RA data and support the potential of AlloNK across B-cell driven autoimmune diseases.
- In SjD, patients demonstrated mean improvements at six months (n=7) of 8.6 points in ClinESSDAI, 6.6 points in ESSDAI and 3.0 points in ESSPRI, with a mean increase of 0.76 mL/min in stimulated salivary flow. All patients were off steroids as of the April 3, 2026 data cutoff.

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- In SSc, patients demonstrated a mean improvement in mRSS of 9.5 points at six months (n=4), with 100% achieving rCRISS25 and 50% achieving rCRISS50 responses among patients with six months of follow-up. No patients were on steroids as of the April 3, 2026 data cutoff.

FDA Alignment and Registrational Strategy in Refractory RA

Following a recent FDA interaction, Artiva plans to initiate a Phase 3 randomized controlled trial evaluating AlloNK in approximately 150 RA patients who have had an inadequate response to two or more b/tsDMARDs of distinct classes. Artiva has alignment with the FDA on its plans to conduct a single registrational trial design. Patients are expected to be randomized 2:1 to receive AlloNK plus rituximab or rituximab alone, with ACR50 response at six months as the primary efficacy endpoint. Rituximab was selected as the active comparator because it is a component of the proposed AlloNK treatment regimen, is approved for the treatment of RA and has demonstrated ACR50 responses at six months in line with other approved RA therapies. Patients randomized to the rituximab-alone control arm who do not respond are expected to have the opportunity to cross over to the AlloNK plus rituximab arm at six months.

The proposed AlloNK dosing regimen is expected to include two doses of 4 billion AlloNK cells administered on Days 6 and 20 together with rituximab, following conditioning with low-dose cyclophosphamide and fludarabine on Days 1, 2 and 3.

Assuming a favorable risk-benefit profile, Artiva believes its ongoing and planned autoimmune clinical trials, including the planned Phase 3 registrational trial in refractory RA, will generate a safety database of more than 250 patients treated with AlloNK plus rituximab, consisting primarily of RA patients and including patients with other autoimmune diseases, to support a potential biologics license application (BLA) submission for RA. Based on FDA feedback, Artiva believes pooled safety data across multiple autoimmune indications may supplement RA-specific safety data.

Subject to final protocol and regulatory considerations, the trial is expected to be conducted globally across more than 80 sites, including approximately 40 sites already active in Artiva's ongoing autoimmune clinical program. Artiva expects to initiate the registrational trial in the second half of 2026 and report primary efficacy data in the second half of 2028, with a potential BLA submission in 2029.

Significant opportunity and unmet need in refractory RA

RA remains a large and underserved autoimmune disease, particularly among patients who have had an inadequate response to two or more b/tsDMARD classes, also known as difficult-to-treat RA under EULAR guidelines. Artiva estimates that between 150,000 to 200,000 patients in the U.S. have failed two or more b/tsDMARDs, representing approximately 25% of the U.S. b/tsDMARD-treated RA population. Real-world registry analyses and published data suggest that patients in this setting only have an 11% to 19% likelihood of achieving an ACR50 response with currently available therapies.

Artiva's objective is to develop AlloNK as a deep B-cell depleting therapy in combination with rituximab with the potential to deliver ACR50 responses in at least 50% of refractory RA patients at six months, provide durable clinical benefit and offer an outpatient treatment profile that can be administered and managed in community rheumatology settings. Artiva expects patients in the rituximab-alone control arm to achieve ACR50 responses of approximately 20% to 25% at six months.

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- **Oral Abstract Presentation - OP0129:** AB-101, an Allogeneic NK Cell Therapy, Combined with Rituximab was Highly Effective in Severe Sjögren Disease: Experience in First Patient Treated
- **Poster View Presentation - POS1177:** Robust and Durable Clinical Responses Observed Following Treatment with AB-101, an Allogeneic NK Cell Therapy, Combined with Rituximab in Patients with Severe Rheumatoid Arthritis and Inadequate Response to Multiple Prior Targeted Therapies
- **Poster Tour - POS0355:** AB-101, an Allogeneic NK Cell Therapy, in Combination with Anti-CD20 Monoclonal Antibodies, Consistently Achieves Deep B-cell Depletion Comparable with CAR T Cell Therapies in Patients with Rheumatologic Diseases

About AlloNK®

AlloNK® (also known as AB-101) is an allogeneic, off-the-shelf, non-genetically modified, cryopreserved natural killer (NK) cell therapy candidate designed to enhance the antibody-dependent cellular cytotoxicity effect of monoclonal antibodies to drive B-cell depletion. In rheumatoid arthritis (RA) and other autoimmune diseases, AlloNK is being evaluated in combination with anti-CD20 monoclonal antibodies following a standard conditioning regimen of low-dose cyclophosphamide and fludarabine. AlloNK is currently being evaluated across multiple ongoing clinical trials in B-cell driven autoimmune diseases, including refractory RA, Sjögren disease, systemic sclerosis and idiopathic inflammatory myopathies (myositis).

About Artiva Biotherapeutics

Artiva is a clinical-stage biotechnology company whose mission is to develop effective, safe and accessible cell therapies for patients with debilitating autoimmune diseases. Artiva's lead program, AlloNK® (also known as AB-101), is an allogeneic, off-the-shelf, non-genetically modified, cryopreserved NK cell therapy candidate designed to enhance the antibody-dependent cellular cytotoxicity effect of monoclonal antibodies to drive B-cell depletion. AlloNK is currently being evaluated in three ongoing clinical trials for the treatment of B-cell driven autoimmune diseases, including a company-sponsored basket trial across autoimmune diseases that includes rheumatoid arthritis and Sjögren disease and an investigator-initiated basket trial in B-cell driven autoimmune diseases. Artiva plans to initiate a Phase 3 registrational trial evaluating AlloNK in refractory RA in 2026. Artiva was founded in 2019 as a spin out of GC Cell, formerly GC Lab Cell Corporation, a leading healthcare company in the Republic of Korea, pursuant to a strategic partnership granting Artiva exclusive worldwide rights (excluding Asia, Australia and New Zealand) to GC Cell's NK cell manufacturing technology and programs.

Artiva is headquartered in San Diego, California. For more information, please visit www.artivabio.com.

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Opportunity Summary

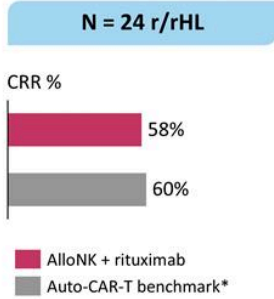
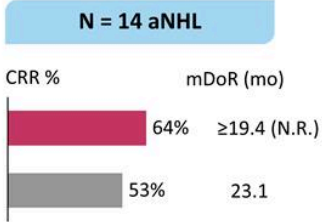
- 1 Deep B-cell depletion – potent mechanism vis-à-vis other novel approaches
- 2 Strategic interest across modalities (auto-CAR-T, TCE, in vivo, allo)
- 3 Refractory RA – approx. \$5B* being spent on patients unlikely to respond after failed 2+ b/tsDMARDs
- 4 AlloNK activity and tolerability – potentially high impact if first-in-class in RA; other indications
- 5 CY/FLU tolerability in community setting
- 6 Favorable competitive landscape – supports potential multi billion dollar opportunity

Potential scalable, outpatient IV therapy with biologics-like gross margin

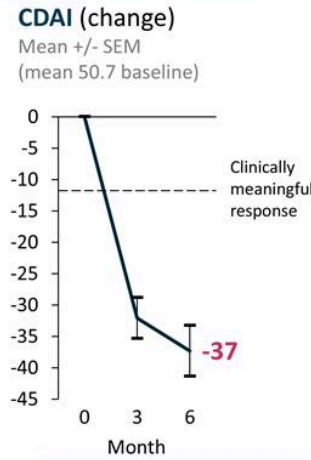
Consistent Activity Observed Across Indications

N=14 aNHL, N=24 r/rHL, Over 70 Autoimmunity Patients Initiated Treatment as of end of April 2026

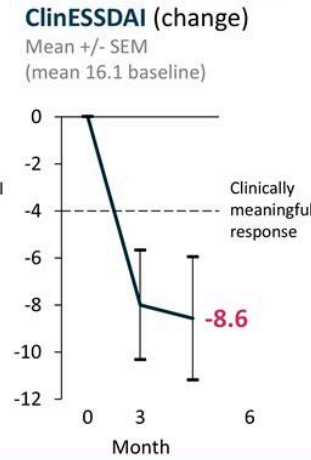
Includes all patients with 3 or more months of follow-up in IIT and Basket Study



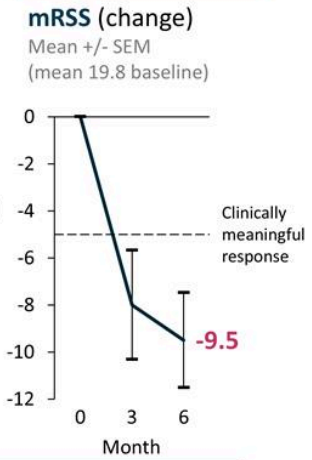
N = 21 RA



N = 11 SjD



N = 5 SSc



No discontinuations due to AEs, no patient started a new b/tsDMARD

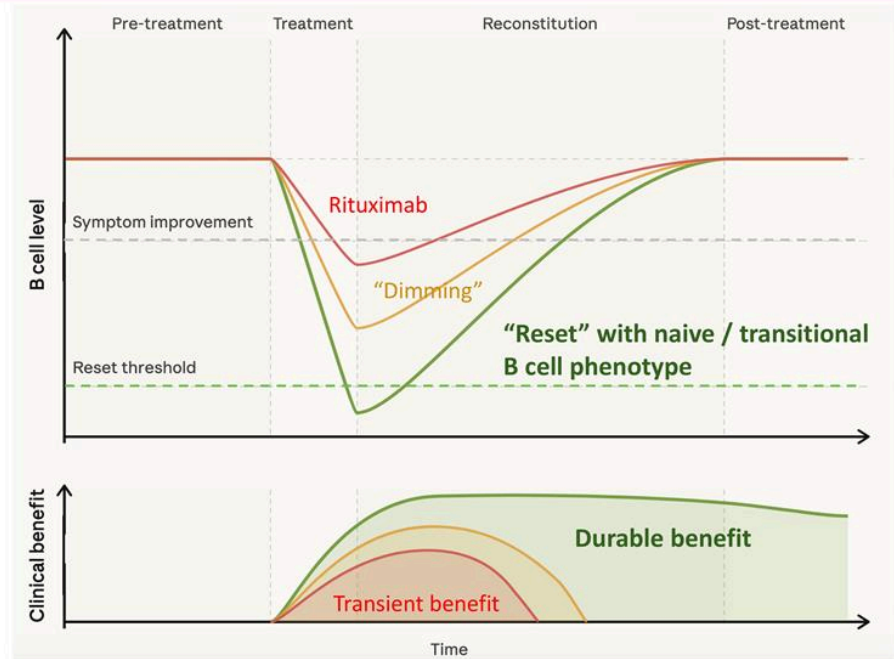


aNHL: aggressive non-Hodgkin lymphoma; r/rHL: relapsed/refractory Hodgkin lymphoma; SjD: Sjögren's Disease; SSc: Systemic Sclerosis; IIT: investigator-initiated trial; CRR: complete response rate; mDoR: median duration of response; CDAI: Clinical Disease Activity Index; ClinESSDAI: Clinical European League Against Rheumatism Sjögren's Syndrome Disease Activity Index; mRSS: modified Rodnan skin score; SEM: standard error of the mean
 * Benchmarks: NHL: Breyanzl (Abramson et al Blood 2024; 143(5): 404-16); HL: CD30 CAR T (Ahmen Blood (2022) 140 (Supplement 1): 7496-7497).
 Artiva data: NHL: Farioo ASGCT 2025; HL: Mosakron ASCO 2025 Abstr 7008; Artiva autoimmune: Preliminary data from ongoing autoimmune clinical trials as of April 03, 2026, data cutoff: Phase 2a company-sponsored basket trial (NCT06991114) and investigator-initiated basket trial (NCT06581562).

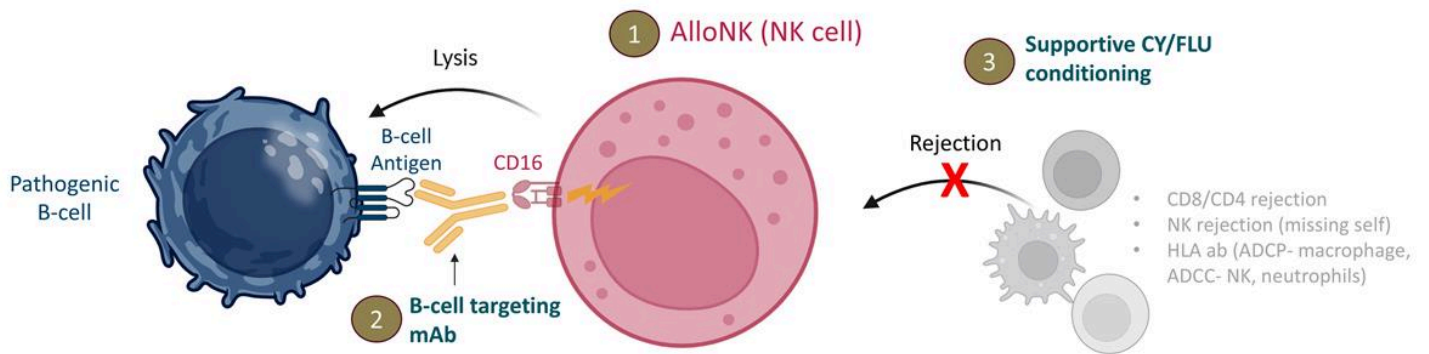
B-Cell Depletion and “Reset” Hypothesis

Role of B cells in autoimmune disease:

- 1 Autoantibody production / tissue damage
- 2 Antigen presentation / T cell amplification
- 3 Cytokine secretion / inflammation



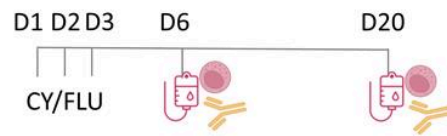
AlloNK: CD16 is a strong cell activating receptor, driving ADCC against B cells



AlloNK Dose: 4B cells x 2

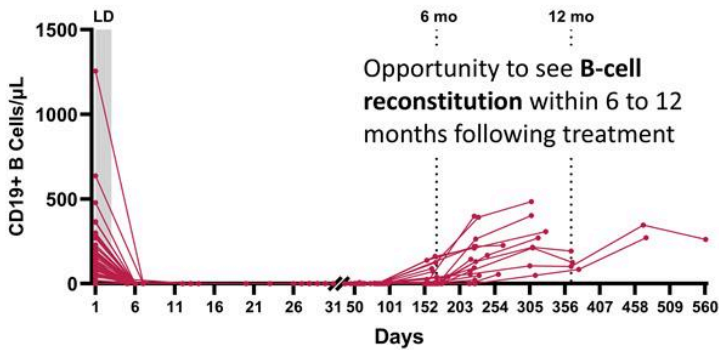
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Monoclonal Antibody



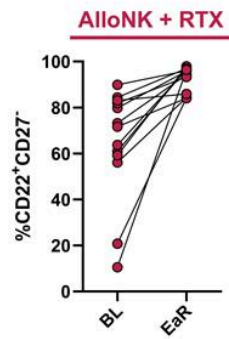
AlloNK + RTX Showed Consistent Complete B-Cell Depletion in Autoimmune Diseases

Uniform and consistent B-cell depletion observed by Day 13 in all 51 patients with autoimmune diseases

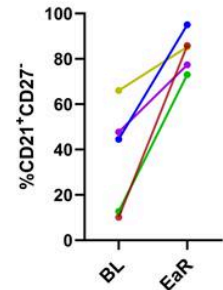


- Uniform and consistent B-cell depletion observed by Day 13 in all 51 patients with autoimmune diseases treated with Cy / Flu + AlloNK + RTX

B-cell Reconstitution in Patients Treated with AlloNK + RTX Consistent with Auto-CAR T Academic Study



Mackensen 2022¹



- B-cell reconstitution after AlloNK + RTX demonstrated increase in naïve B cells (N=13)
- Studies with RTX showed correlation between higher proportion of naïve/transitional cells with a good response in RA patients²



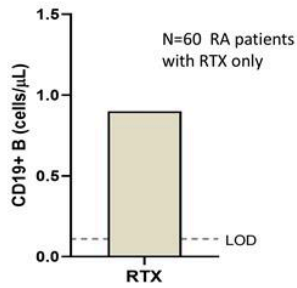
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Note: Preliminary data from ongoing autoimmune clinical trials as of April 03, 2016 data cutoff. Phase 2a basket trial, Phase 1/1b trial in SLE/LN, investigator-initiated basket trial
 Right panel reflects patients who have seen B-cell reconstitution since treatment from AlloNK + RTX treated patients. (n=13)
¹Adapted from Mackensen et al 2022. Nature Medicine volume 28, 2124-2132, ²Adlowitz et al 2015
 Cy: cyclophosphamide; Flu: fludarabine; mAbs: monoclonal antibodies; anti-CD20 mAbs: RTX: rituximab; OBI: obinutuzumab; BL: Baseline, EaR: Early reconstitution

AlloNK + RTX Showed Complete B-Cell Depletion Using High Sensitivity Assay

RTX-only

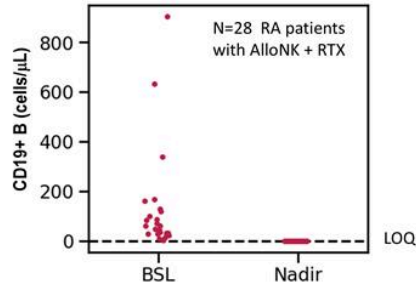
Median level of B-cells (cells/ μ L) at 2 weeks using high sensitivity assay¹



RTX-only resulted in incomplete depletion using high sensitivity assay

AlloNK + RTX

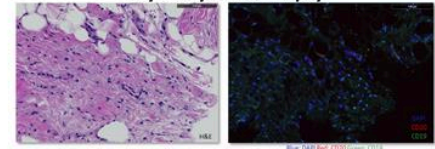
B-cells (cells/ μ L) at nadir using high sensitivity assay



AlloNK + RTX achieved complete B-cell depletion in all RA patients

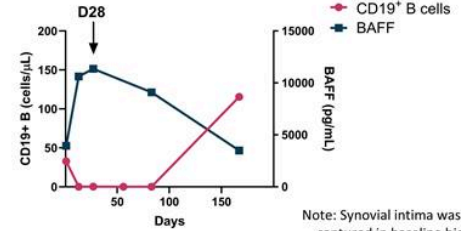
No CD19+ B cells in single tissue biopsy case study in RA patient

Day 28 Synovial Biopsy



H&E

CD19/CD20 IF



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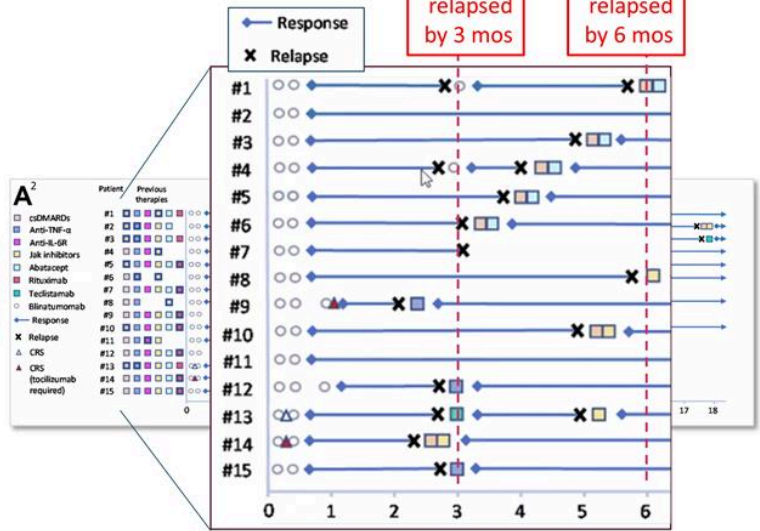
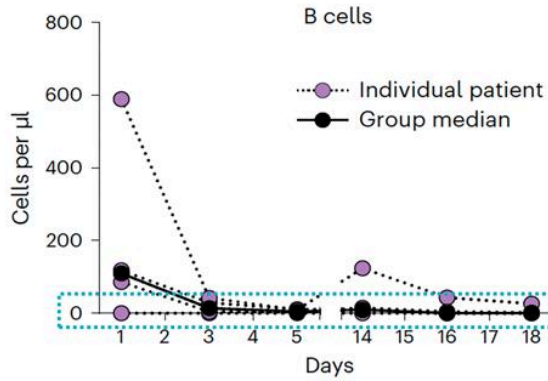
Incomplete Depletion Likely Leads to Relapse

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Bispecific T cell engager therapy for refractory rheumatoid arthritis

Blinatumomab (CD19 TCE) B-cell depletion in 6 patients with RA¹

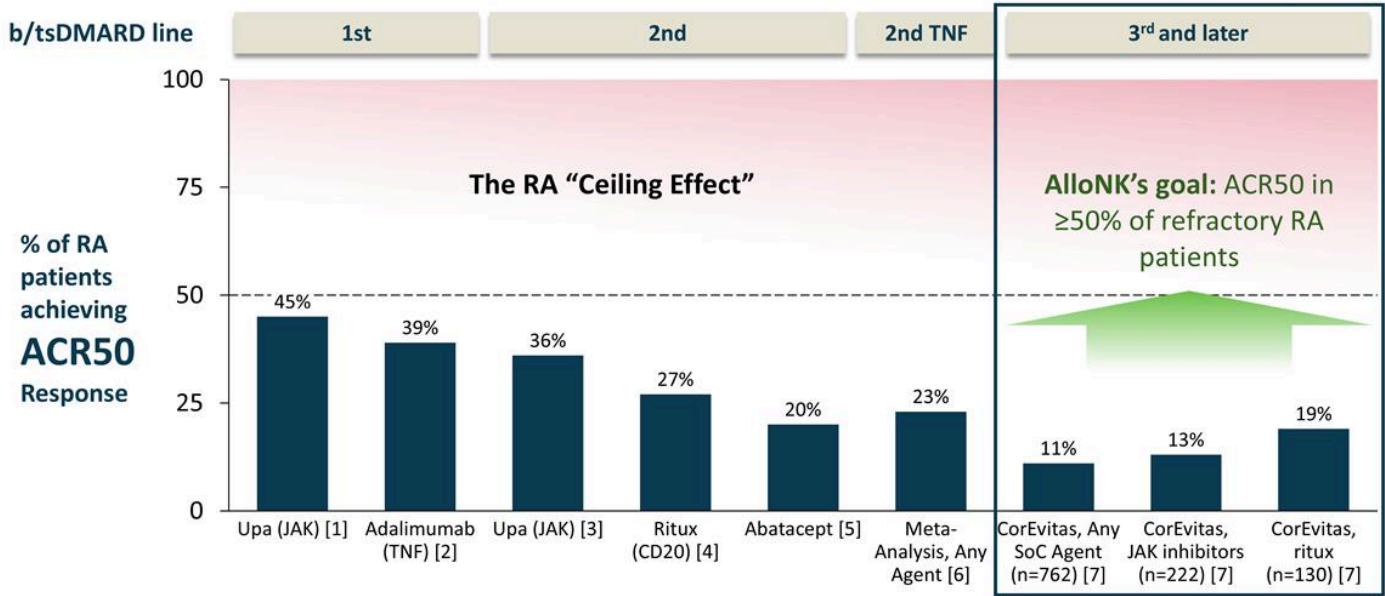


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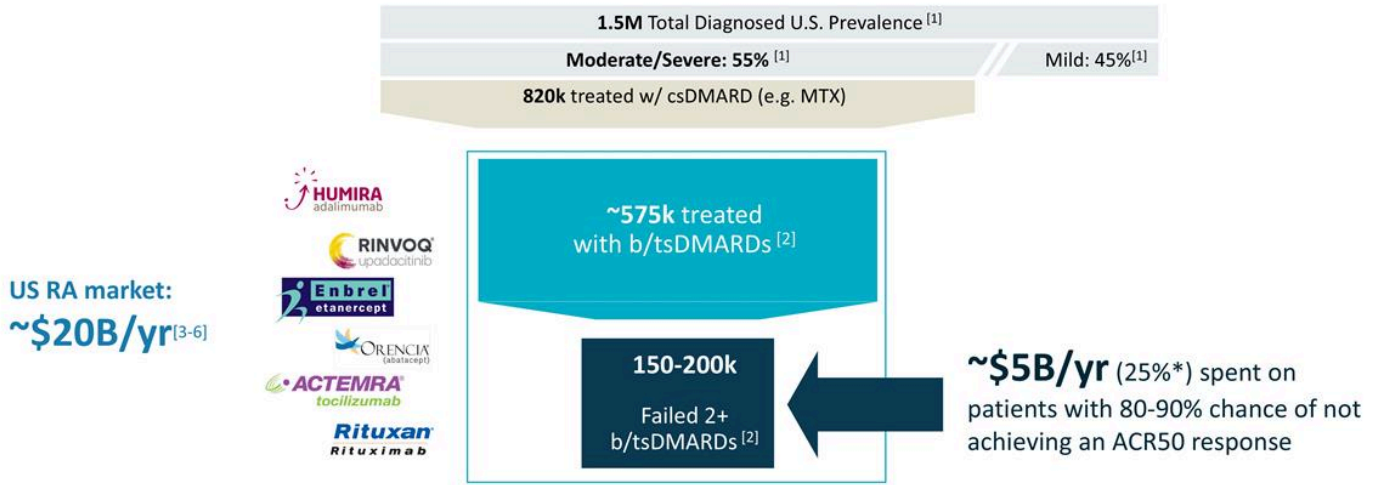
[1] Bucci et al Nat Med 2024

[2] Grieshaber-Bouyer et al 2026 Accelerating Bio-Innovation (ABI) Conference

The Unmet Need in RA: Poor Responses in Patients who Failed 2+ b/tsDMARDs



~\$5B Spent on US RA Patients Who Failed 2+ b/tsDMARDs



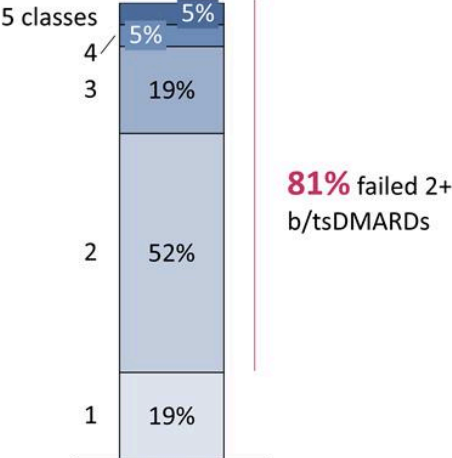
[1] Black, et al. Lancet Rheumatol. 2023 Sep 25;5(10):e594-e610. From Supplement (Fig. 3), adjusted for population growth
 [2] Multiple publications based on real-world registry data, including: Paudel et al 2024 Rheumatology; Watanabe et al 2024 Rheumatology; Roodenrys et al 2021 Rheumatology; Jung et al 2023 Arthritis Res Ther.; Failed 2+ b/tsDMARDs population represents ~10-15% of all RA patients
 [3] Emergen Research est. \$16.5B; [4] Ken Research est. \$19B; [5] Precedence Research est. \$26B;
 [6] Research & Markets est. \$27B * 150k failed 2+ b/tsDMARDs out of 575k total treated with any b/tsDMARD ~25%

AlloNK+RTX Initial Clinical Data in RA: Patient Demographics

21 RA Patients* with 12+ Week Follow-Up

	Mean (range)
<i>Demographics</i>	
Age (yrs)	52.5 (31-76)
Female (%)	100%
Disease Duration (yrs)	14.8 (1.6-41)
<i>Disease Activity</i>	
CDAI	50.7 (24.9-75.6)
DAS28-ESR	7.3 (5.5-8.9)

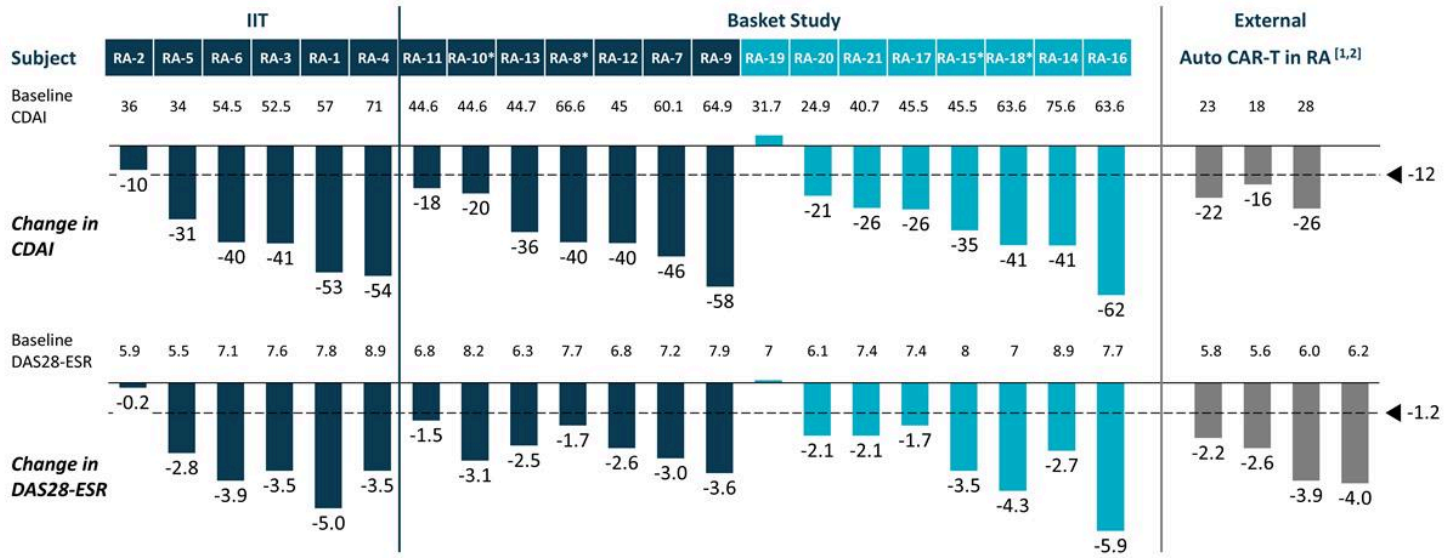
Prior Classes b/tsDMARDs



CDAI & DAS28-ESR Reduction Observed at 3 or 6 Months

..... MCIH* (≥ 12 for CDAI;
 ≥ 1.2 for DAS28)

3mo
 6mo
 CAR-T

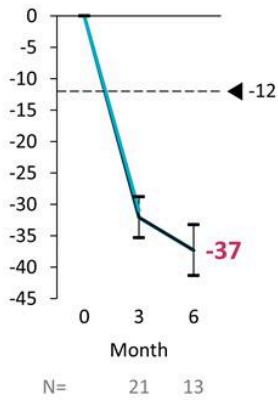


19 / 21 with clinically meaningful CDAI and DAS28-ESR reductions

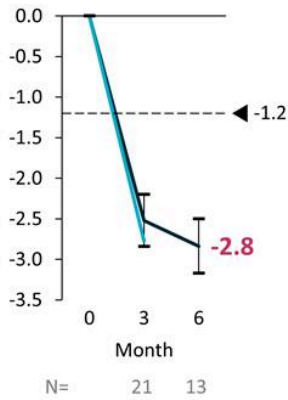
CDAI & DAS28 Change from Baseline

AlloNK + Ritux: Mean Change from Baseline (+/- SEM)

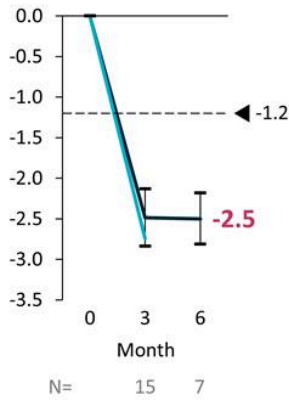
CDAI
(mean 50.7 baseline)



DAS28-ESR
(mean 7.3 baseline)



DAS28-CRP (basket^φ)
(mean 6.7 baseline)



- Rapid improvement in clinical scores, with further reduction from 3 to 6mo
- Newer subjects (n=8 w/ only 12wk f/u) responded similarly to first 13 subjects

..... MCI* (≥ 12 for CDAI; ≥ 1.2 for DAS28) — All Subjects (Avg) — 12wk f/u only (n=8)

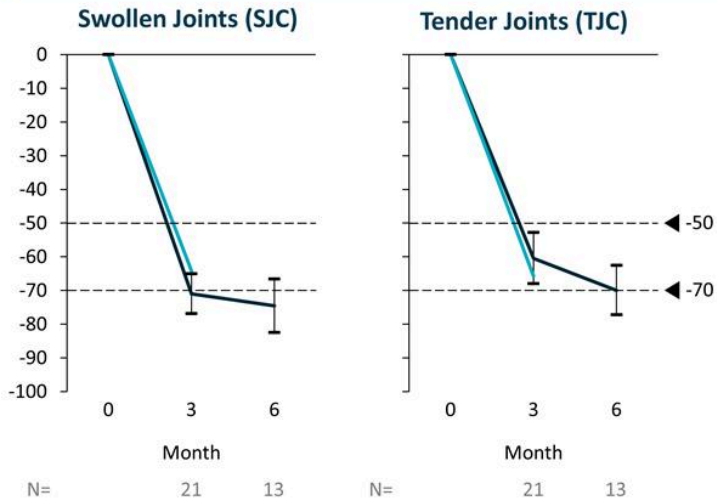
ACR50 Scoring Using Currently Available ACR Components as Proxy

ACR Components	ACR50	mACR50
TJC	✓	✓
SJC	✓	✓
PtGA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
PhGA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
ESR or CRP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
HAQ-DI	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Pain	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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2 of 3

ACR Component Scores

AlloNK + Ritux: Mean Change from Baseline (+/- SEM)

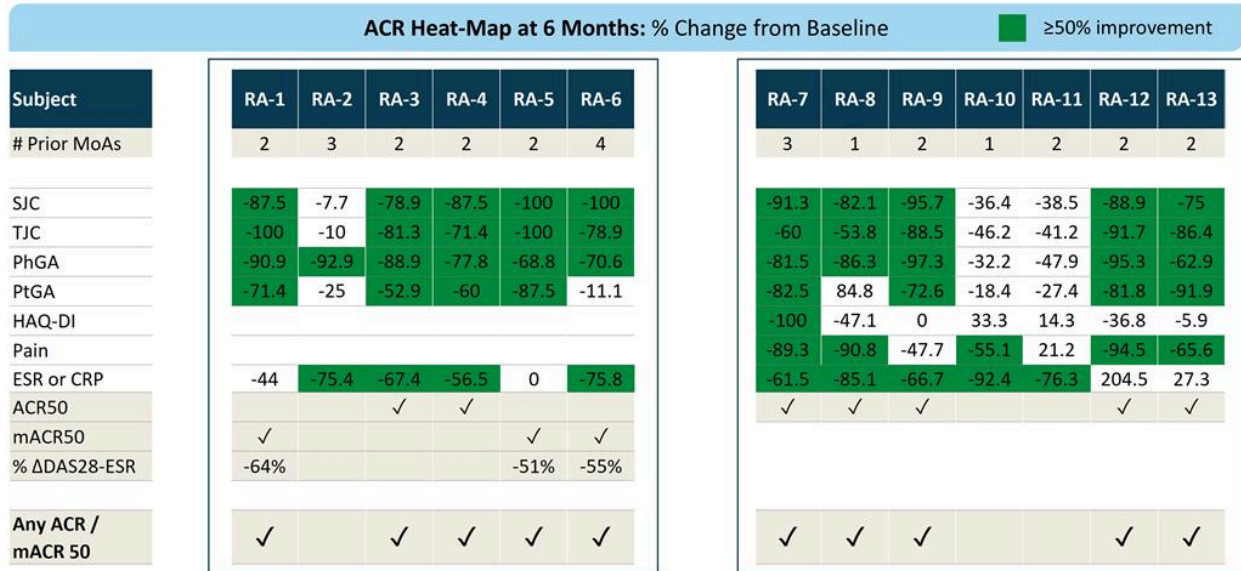


- Clinical response (>50% reduction)
 - All Subjects (Avg)
 - 12wk f/u only (n=8)
- Required for ACR50 Response: $\geq 50\%$ improvement in **both SJC and TJC**
 - Newer subjects (n=8 w/ only 12wk f/u) responded similarly to first 13 subjects



High Initial ACR Response Rate Observed at 6 Months

Majority of Component Scores Showed $\geq 70\%$ Improvement



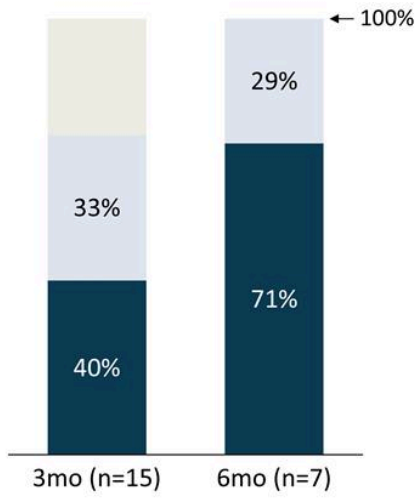
83% ACR50/mACR50 in IIT

71% ACR50 in Basket Study

High ACR Response Rate Observed in Refractory RA Patients at 6 Months

ACR Responses Among RA Patients in Company-Sponsored Basket Study

■ ACR50 ■ ACR20



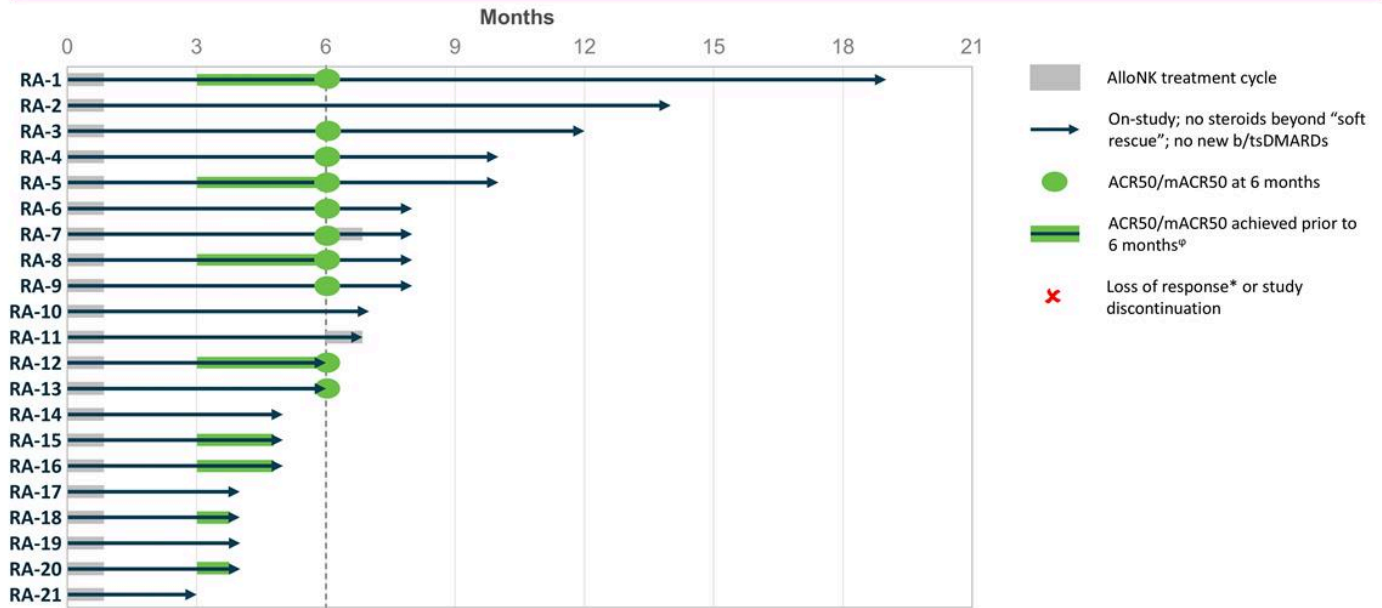
Deep responses, supporting TPP of $\geq 50\%$ ACR50 at 6 months

RCT with more uniform parameters

- Patients remain on background meds, up to 10mg of steroids
- Dosing regimen: doses of 4B AlloNK cells



“Swimmer’s plot” for RA patients



^φ Noted at 3mo only if subject achieved ACR50 at 6mo (Subject RA-2 had ACR50 at 3mo but not 6mo; all others maintained ACR50 from 3 to 6mo)
 * Loss of response = rescue steroids beyond protocol allowance, and/or started new b/tsDMARD
 mACR50 calculated only for the IIT, where HAQ-DI and Pain were not collected; TJC&SJC >50% and 2 other components >50%
 POOLED INITIAL DATA AS OF 03APR2026; Month 6 = 22 or 24 wks; Last Visit Carried Forward for missing data

Tolerability Profile of AlloNK + RTX Observed Compared Favorably to Autologous CAR-T and BCMA Targeted T-Cell Engagers

Deep B-cell Depletion Datasets

	AlloNK + ritux	Auto CAR-T Schett / CASTLE ¹	T-Cell Engager teclistamab ²
No. of Patients	55	24	10
CRS (any/Gr 3+)	- / -	75% / -	80% / -
Tocilizumab for CRS	-	58%	80%
Infections (any/Gr3+)	29% / 2%	N.R. / 13%	70% / 30%
IVIG for Hypogamm.	-	N.R.	100%

Comparable to Serious Infection Rates for Approved RA therapies³:

AlloNK + RTX: 2%

Rituxan: 2%

Orencia: 3%

TNF – Humira: 4.3 / 100 patient years

JAK – Rinvoq: 4.6 / 100 patient years

- Most common TEAEs consistent with those associated with rituximab or CY/FLU
 - Any TEAE ≥ 20%: Nausea (53%), headache (36%), leukopenia (22%), neutropenia (22%), alopecia (20%), lymphopenia (20%)
 - Any Grade 3+ TEAE ≥ 5%: Lymphopenia (5.5%), neutropenia (5.5%)
- Most common infections: UTI (15%), URTI (13%); no patients hospitalized in first 28d for infection
- No discontinuations from any TEAEs; no SAEs related to AlloNK



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Note: FOR ILLUSTRATIVE PURPOSES ONLY; no head-to-head trial has been conducted evaluating AlloNK against other data included herein. Differences exist between clinical trial design, patient populations and the product candidates/products themselves, and caution should be exercised when pooling and/or comparing data across unrelated trials as pooled data and cross-study comparisons are inherently limited and such data may not be directly comparable. Pooled preliminary data as of 03Apr, 2026 data cutoff for CY/FLU + AlloNK + rituximab from ongoing autoimmune clinical trials: Phase 2a basket trial NCT06991114, investigator-initiated basket trial NCT06581562. N.R.: Not Reported. CRS: cytokine release syndrome; ICANS: immune effector cell-associated neurotoxicity syndrome; mAbs: monoclonal antibodies; RA: rheumatoid arthritis; IVIG: intravenous immunoglobulin

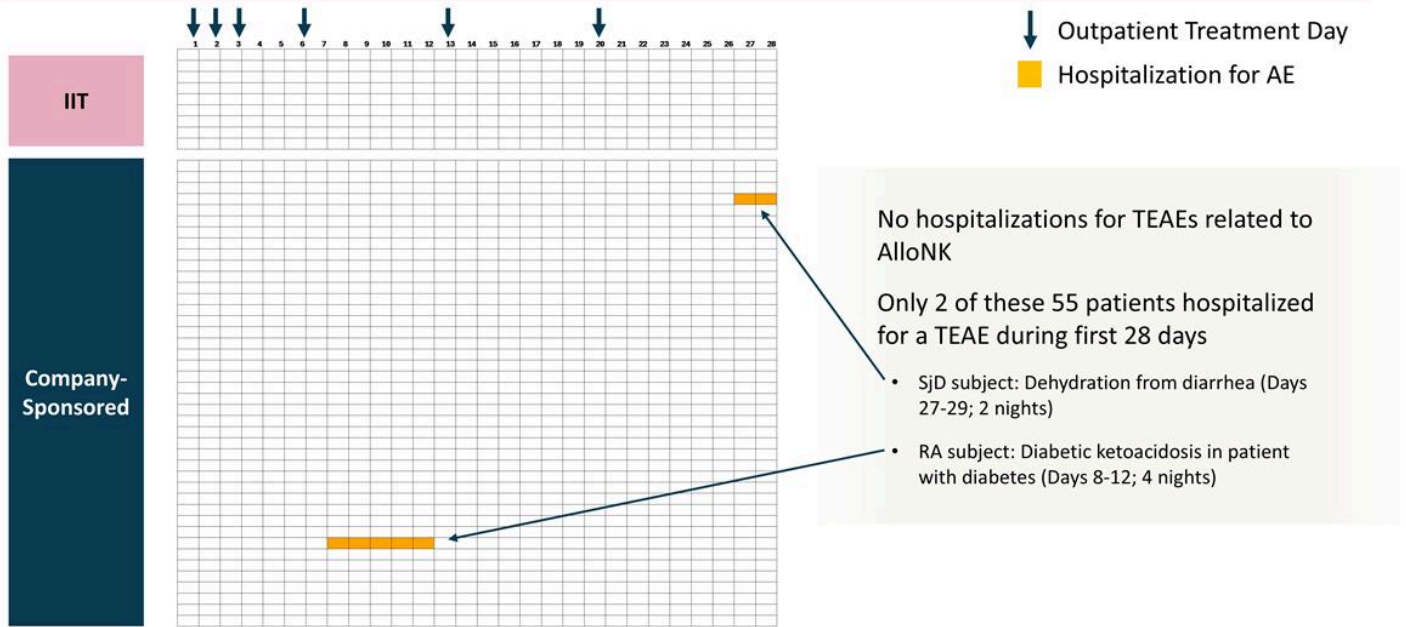
(1) Hagen et al ACR 2025. Abstract #0641

(2) Bucoi et al ACR 2025. Abstract #0236

(3) Initial AlloNK + ritux Grade 3+ infection rate and serious infection rate both 2%; infection rates in USPI for Humira, Rinvoq, Orencia and Rituxan

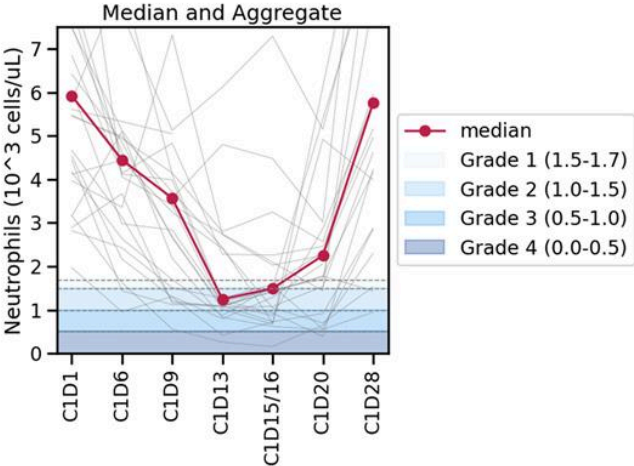
Experience in First 55 Autoimmune Patients Treated with AlloNK + RTX

Hospitalization Rates Consistent with mAb Alone Showing Ability to Manage Patients as Outpatient



Neutrophil Counts Returned to Normal by Day 28 in Most RA Subjects

Absolute Neutrophil Counts in N=30 RA subjects from AB-101-05 and IRIS-RD-01 studies



Illustrative Rethinking of Cell Therapy-like Activity with Biologics-like Ease-of-Use

1 Scalability, \$8K COGS

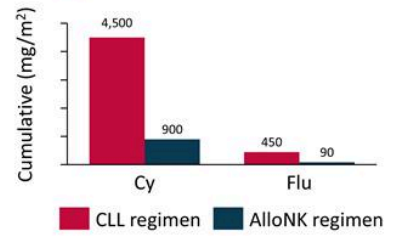


2 Outpatient treatment

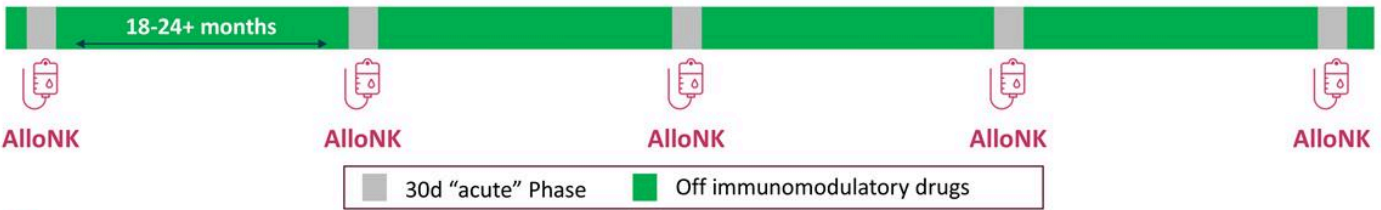


40 activated sites

3 Low doses of CY/FLU




4 Potential for long-term control on AlloNK – off other chronic meds



Registrational Strategy

- Single registrational RCT; N = ~150 RA pts with inadequate response to 2+ b/tsDMARDs
 - Randomized 2:1 to AlloNK + RTX vs. RTX-only
 - Primary efficacy end point: ACR50 at 6 months
 - AlloNK dosing: 4B cells x 2 doses (Days 6 and 20)
 - RTX-only non-responders may cross-over into AlloNK + RTX arm at 6 months
 - Global trial with 80+ sites; 40 sites already active in 05 study
 - Proposed safety database (patients treated with AlloNK + RTX):
 - N=100+ RA patients from RCT alone
 - N=250+ total, mostly RA patients, including patients with other autoimmune diseases
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- Targeted ACR50 at 6 months: AlloNK+RTX: 50%+; RTX-only: 20-25%
 - Expected RCT primary efficacy read-out in H2'28; expected BLA filing in 2029
 - Expected clinical updates in 30-50+ RA patients in ACR'26, EULAR'27 and ACR'27
 - Expected read-outs: ACR50%, mDoR, safety

Program Commercial Objectives



“Enough! Time for cell therapy”

- To be the first FDA-approved **deep B-cell depleting therapy** for **refractory RA** patients who have **failed 2+ b/tsDMARDs**
- To be a **one-time** treatment (“reset”) lasting more than **18 months** with several patients still benefiting **3 years** later; patients **off other immunomodulatory drugs**
- To have greater than 50% of patients experience an **ACR50 response** at 6 months; **higher than any approved product in RA**
- To be a cell therapy **rheumatologists can “own”, and provide in their infusion chair**

Illustrative Market Reach in US alone

50 clinics in RCT in US



250 clinics

x

1-2 patients
per month

...out of >2,000 rheum
community clinics with
infusion chairs ^[1,2]

...where top HCPs see estimated
20-30 **2+b/tsDMARD-IR** patients
per month ^[3,4]

Reimbursement framework expected to be in line with other IV therapies



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[1] Remicade treatment centers (2infuse database), accessed Dec 2025 [2] CMS data, claims year 2017

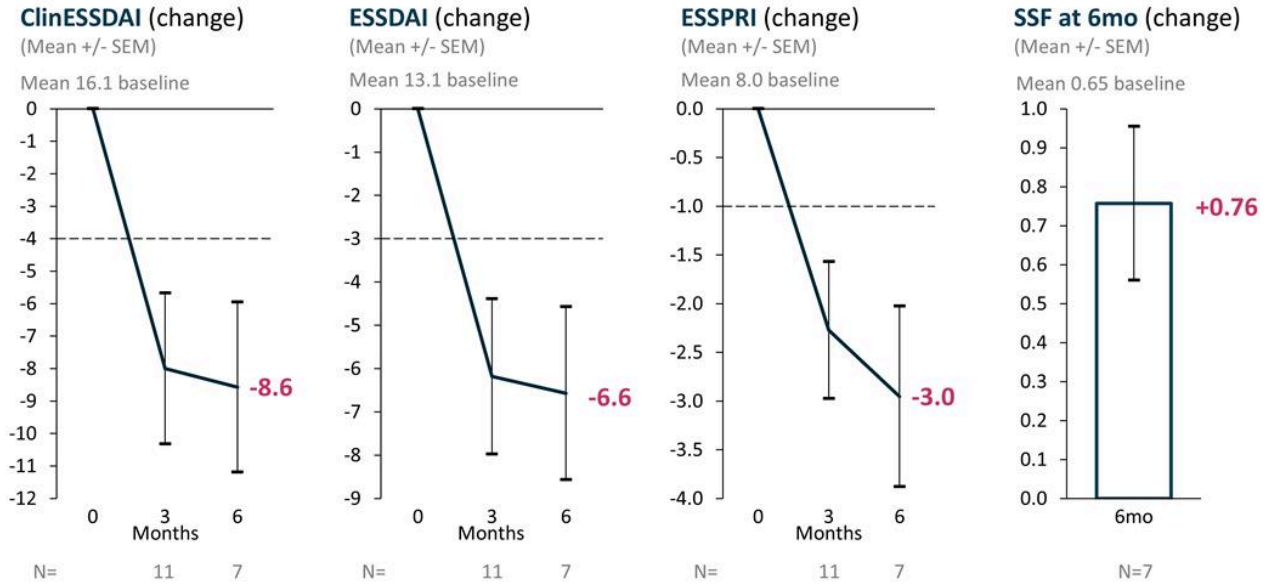
[3] Trella database analysis, Apr 2026

[4] Average across n=20 calls with US-based community rheumatologist HCPs

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Clinical Responses Observed in SjD

----- Min. Point Change for Response



All patients off steroids



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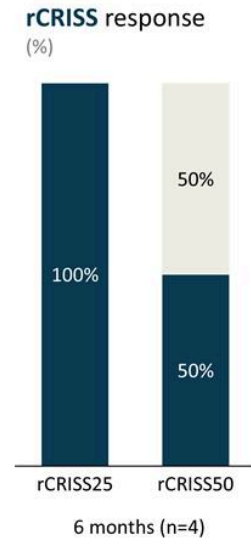
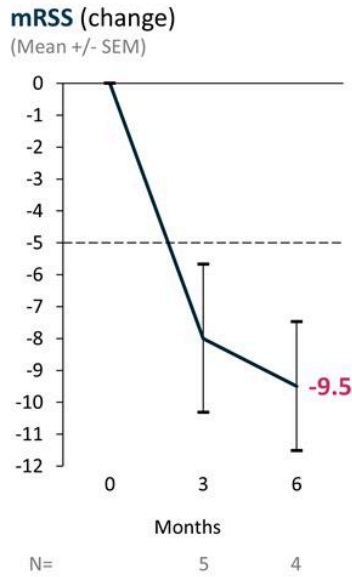
Benchmarking Against Other Emerging Rx in SjD

	Disease Duration	Clin ESSDAI	ESSDAI	ESSPRI	SSF	FACIT-F	PtGA
AlloNK + rtx, 6mo	Mean 12.2yr	-8.6	-6.6	-3.0	+0.76	+13.0	-44%
Ianalumab Ph2 + Ph3, 24wk ^[1,2]	Max 7.5yr	-	-5.1 to -5.9 ^[1]	-1.8 ^[2]	+0.1 ^[1]	+8.6 ^[2]	-34% ^[2]
Nipocalimab Ph 2, 24wk ^[3]	Mean 6.2yr	-6.4	-4.6	-2.3	-	-	-
Dazodalibep Ph2, 169d ^[4]	-	-	-6.3	-1.8	+0.39	+8.1	-
Telitacicept Ph3 (CN), 24wk ^[5]	Mean <2yr	-	-4.4	-1.9	-	-	-

Clinical Responses Observed in Systemic Sclerosis (SSc)

----- Min. Point Change for Response

- Mean age 54yrs, 60% male
- Mean 4.1yr disease duration
- Mean baseline mRSS = 19.8
- Resistant to prior immunomodulators (incl. 3/5 with prior rituximab)
- Assessed Δ mRSS (score of skin thickness) and rCRISS* (0–1 composite score estimating overall improvement using skin, lung, and function measures)
- **All patients off steroids**



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* rCRISS25: $\geq 25\%$ probability (score ≥ 0.25) that a patient has improved overall.
 rCRISS50: $\geq 50\%$ probability (score ≥ 0.50) of overall improvement, a stricter threshold.
 Initial data as of 03Apr2026

Expected Data and Trial Maturation in RA



Plans for second indication TBD
Other basket indications: SjD, SSc, IIM

Road Map to Becoming Potential First-in-Class

- Deep B-cell depletion MoA (low sensitivity + high sensitivity B-cell assay, B-cell reconstitution)
- Initial safety profile consistent with desired TPP in community (rheumatologists can “own”)
- Unmet need in 2+ b/tsDMARD failure in RA (25% of \$20B+ b/tsDMARD market)
- Efficacy/initial durability signal >>> SOC; potential success of ACR50 >50% in RCT
- FDA alignment on potential registrational trial for AlloNK + RTX
- First deep B-cell depleting agent to potentially get approval in RA

Opportunity Summary

- 1 Deep B cell depletion - potent mechanism vis-à-vis other novel approaches
- 2 Strategic interest across modalities (auto-CAR-T, TCE, in vivo, allo)
- 3 Refractory RA – approx. \$5B* being spent on patients unlikely to respond after failed 2+ b/tsDMARDs
- 4 AlloNK activity and tolerability – potentially high impact if first-in-class in RA; other indications
- 5 CY/FLU tolerability in community setting
- 6 Favorable competitive landscape – supports potential multi billion-dollar opportunity

