

**Table S1: Baseline characteristics of the patients with IPI scores  $\geq 3$** 

	CAR-T group (N=20)	ASCT group (N=11)	P Value
Age, median	62 (range,27-69)	52 (range 30-64)	
Female sex	6(30%)	4(36.4%)	0.717
Male sex	14(70%)	7(63.6%)	0.717
ECOG PS $\geq 2$	4(20%)	1(9.1%)	0.429
Disease type			
DLBCL	16(80%)	9(81.8%)	0.902
MCL	1(5%)	2(18.2%)	0.235
Transformed DLBCL	1(5%)	0	0.451
BL	2(10%)	0	0.278
Elevated LDH lever	11(55%)	10(90.9%)	0.041
Advanced Stage (III-IV)	20(100%)	11(100%)	
$\geq 3$ prior lines of therapies	13(65%)	6(54.5)	0.567
Prior disease status			
CR/PR	3(15%)	4(36.4%)	0.173
SD/PD	17(85%)	7(63.6%)	0.173

**Table S2: Multivariate analysis of overall survival risk factors with no statistical significance**

Variable	Relative Risk of Overall survival (95% Confidence interval)		P value
	Age $\geq 60$	0.848 (0.150-4.747)	
Prior therapies			
$\geq 3$ prior lines of therapies	0.560 (0.198-1.586)		0.275
No Response to salvage chemotherapy before enrolled	1.234 (0.384-3.969)		0.724
IPI score $\geq 3$	1.930 (0.534-6.979)		0.316
Disease stage $\geq 3$	0 (0-)		0.982

**Table S3: All adverse events in the CAR-T group**

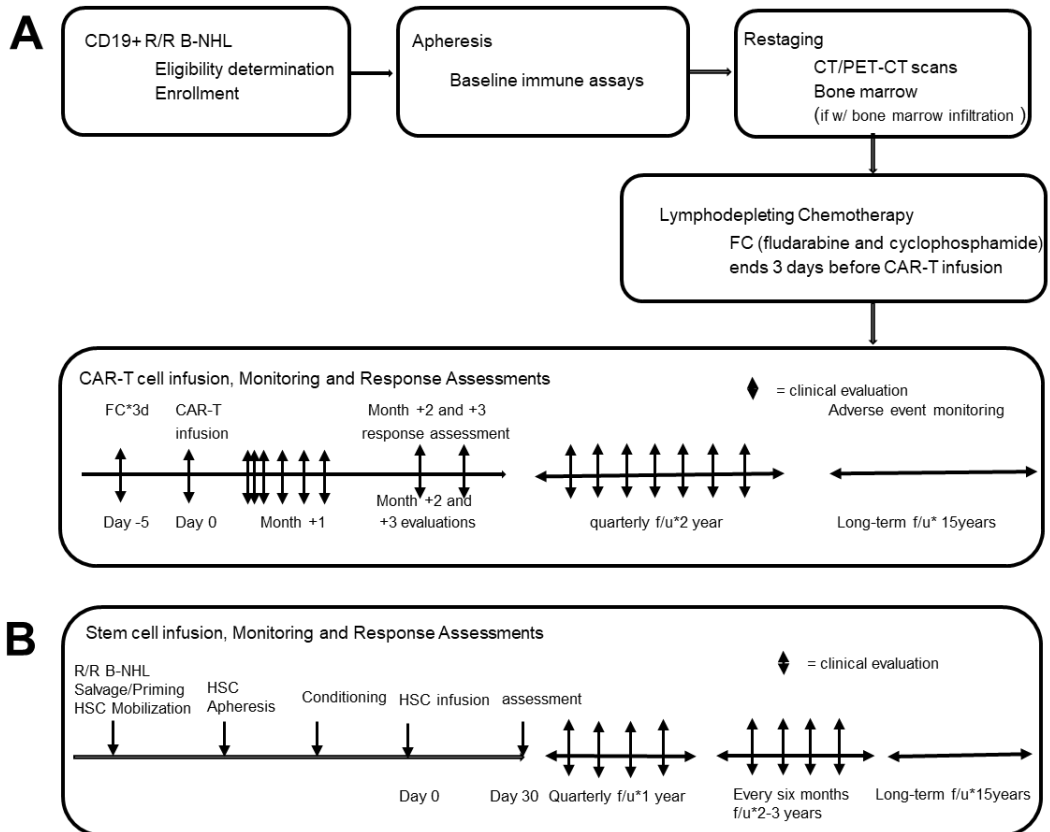
Adverse Events(n)	Grade					Total
	1	2	3	4	5	
<b>Blood and lymphatic system disorders Total</b>	6	5	19			30
Anemia	6	5	16			27
Febrile neutropenia			3			3
<b>Cardiac disorders Total</b>	6				1	7
Sinus tachycardia	6					6
Heart failure					1	1
<b>Gastrointestinal disorders Total</b>	10	9				19

Abdominal distention	1	1			2
Abdominal pain	1	2			3
Constipation	3	4			7
Diarrhea	2				2
Nausea	2				2
Vomiting	1	2			3
<b>General disorders and administration site conditions Total</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>31</b>
Chill	4				4
Edema	2				2
Fatigue		8			2
Fever	10	6	4	2	22
Pain	1				1
<b>Immune system disorder Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
Allergic reaction		1			1
Cytokine release syndrome	10	7	4	1	1
<b>Infection and infestation Total</b>			<b>4</b>		<b>4</b>
Lung infection			4		4
<b>Investigations Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>44</b>
Alanine aminotransferase increased	1		1		2
Aspartate aminotransferase increased	1		1		2
Alkaline phosphatase increased	2				2
Blood bilirubin increased	1				1
Creatinine increased	5		2		7
Neutrophil count decreased	1	1	6	19	27
Thrombocytopenia	3	7	3	9	
<b>Nervous system disorder Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>5</b>
Aphasia			1		1
Dysphonic disorder			1		1
Cognitive disturbance			1		1
Headache	1				1
Epilepsy		1			1
<b>Psychiatric disorder Total</b>			<b>4</b>		<b>4</b>
Confusion			3		3
Delirium			1		1
<b>Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>7</b>
Cough	3				3
Dyspnea		1			1
Hypoxia			3		3
<b>Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders Total</b>		<b>1</b>			<b>1</b>
Rash		1			1
<b>Vascular disorders Total</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>		<b>5</b>
Hypotension		1	4		5

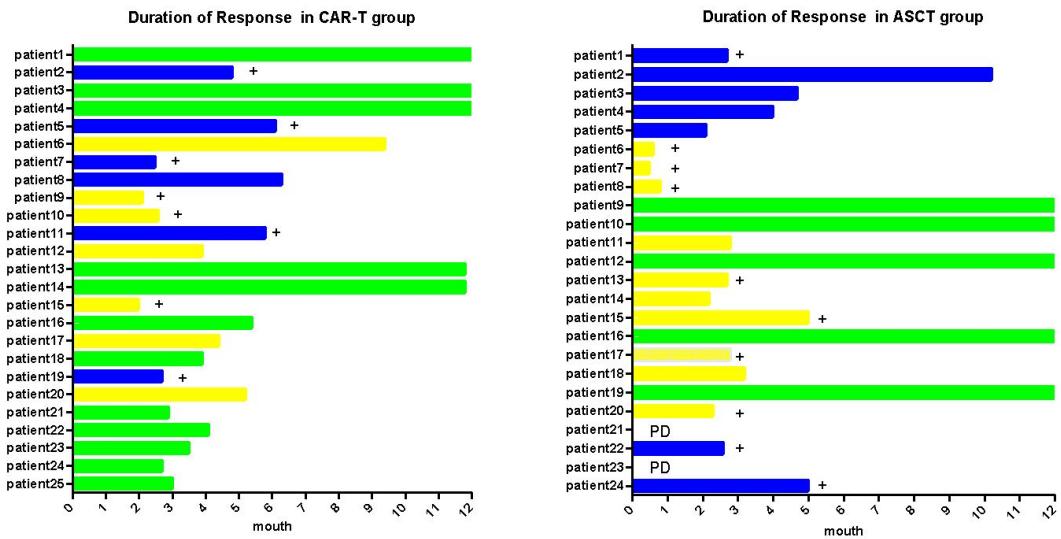
**Table S4: All adverse events in the ASCT group**

Adverse Events(n)	Grade					Total
	1	2	3	4	5	
<b>Blood and lymphatic system disorders Total</b>			38			38
Anemia			27			27
Febrile neutropenia			11			11
<b>Cardiac disorders Total</b>	8			2	2	12
Sinus tachycardia	8					8
Heart failure				1	1	2
Myocardial infarction					1	1
Toxic myocarditis				1		1
<b>Gastrointestinal disorders Total</b>	1	13	40			54
Abdominal pain		2	5			7
Constipation		2				2
Diarrhea	1	3	9			13
Nausea			9			9
Vomiting		2	5			7
Mucositis		2	12			14
Gastrointestinal bleeding		2				2
<b>General disorders and administration site conditions Total</b>	19	8	2			29
<b>Total</b>						
Chill	8					8
Edema	3					3
Fatigue		4				4
Fever	5	4	2			11
Pain	3					3
<b>Infection and infestation Total</b>			11		1	12
Lung infection			4			4
Abdominal infection			4			4
Urinary tract infection			1			1
Sepsis					1	1
Upper respiratory infection			1			1
Skin infection			1			1
<b>Investigations Total</b>	22	4		54		80
Alanine aminotransferase increased	6	2				8
Aspartate aminotransferase increased	4	1				5
Alkaline phosphatase increased	2					2
Blood bilirubin increased	3					3
Creatinine increased	3	1				4
Neutrophil count decreased				27		27
Thrombocytopenia				27		27
Wight gain	4					4

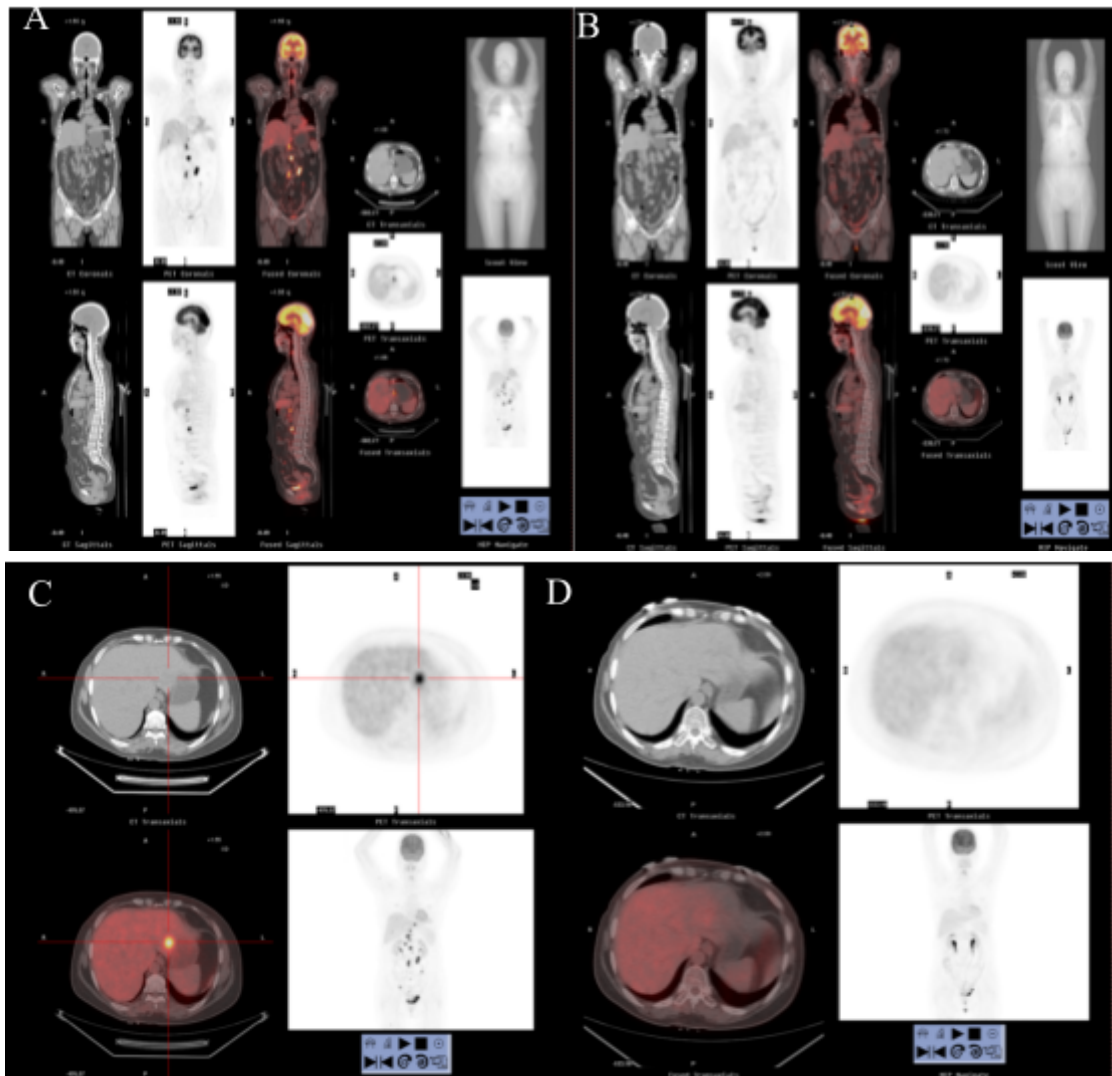
<b>Nervous system disorder Total</b>			1	1
Epilepsy			1	1
<b>Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders Total</b>	5	2	4	11
Cough	5			5
Dyspnea		2		2
Hypoxia			3	3
Hemoptysis			1	1
<b>Vascular disorders Total</b>			3	3
Hypotension			3	3

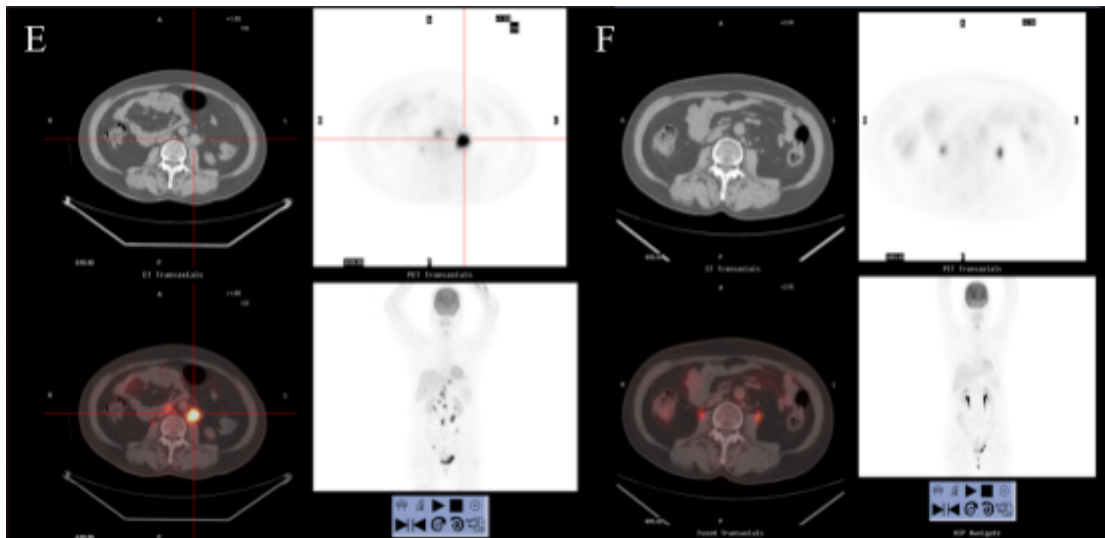


**Figure S1. Protocol schema of CAR-T (A) and ASCT (B)**



**Figure S2. Individual duration of remission patients of the two groups.** Individual duration of remission patients of the two groups. Green bars represent CR; Blue bars represent PR; Yellow bars represent SD; “+” means patients have experienced progression or death.





**Figure S3. Pretreatment and post-treatment PET/CT of patient 14 in CAR-T group.** Pretreatment and post-treatment PET/CT of patient 14 in CAR-T group. An axial PET-CT images prior to CAR-T cell treatment (**A**, **C** and **E**) shows liver and abdominal lesions associated with strong uptake of  $^{18}\text{F}$ -fluorodeoxyglucose. An axial PET-CT images post CAR-T cell treatment (**B**, **D** and **F**) shows all lesions had disappeared.