

# Phase 1 Study of ARV-393, a PROTAC BCL6 Degradar, in Advanced Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma

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## Objective

- To evaluate the safety, tolerability, pharmacokinetics (PK), pharmacodynamics (PD), and preliminary antitumor activity of ARV-393, a PROteolysis TARgeting Chimera (PROTAC) B-cell lymphoma 6 (BCL6) degrader, in patients with relapsed/refractory B-cell non-Hodgkin lymphoma (NHL) or nodal T-follicular helper cell lymphoma angioimmunoblastic-type (nTFHL-AI), also known as angioimmunoblastic T-cell lymphoma

## Background

- NHL represents a biologically and clinically diverse group of hematologic malignancies originating from B cells, T cells, and/or natural killer cells, with those of B-cell origin constituting approximately 80%–85% of all NHL cases<sup>1</sup>
- The BCL6 transcription factor is a key oncogenic driver of B-cell lymphomagenesis, and deregulated BCL6 expression is a common feature of diffuse large B-cell lymphoma,<sup>2–6</sup> the most common type of NHL<sup>1</sup>
- BCL6 is also implicated in nTFHL-AI
  - BCL6 is a lineage-defining transcription factor of T-follicular helper cells, thought to be the cell of origin for nTFHL-AI<sup>7,8</sup>
  - Human and murine nTFHL-AI tumor cells express BCL6, and its continued expression was required for tumor growth in a mouse model of nTFHL-AI<sup>9</sup>
- ARV-393 is an orally administered PROTAC BCL6 degrader that harnesses the ubiquitin-proteasome system to induce degradation of BCL6<sup>10,11</sup>
- ARV-393 is a bifunctional molecule consisting of a BCL6-binding domain joined by a linker to an E3 ubiquitin ligase–binding domain
- Formation of this trimer complex induces ubiquitination and subsequent degradation of BCL6 by the proteasome (**Figure 1**)
- In preclinical studies, ARV-393 induced rapid and robust degradation (>90%) of BCL6 in NHL cell lines and demonstrated substantial tumor growth inhibition in xenograft models, supporting further investigation in patients with NHL<sup>11</sup> (**Figure 2**)

Figure 1: Mechanism of action of ARV-393

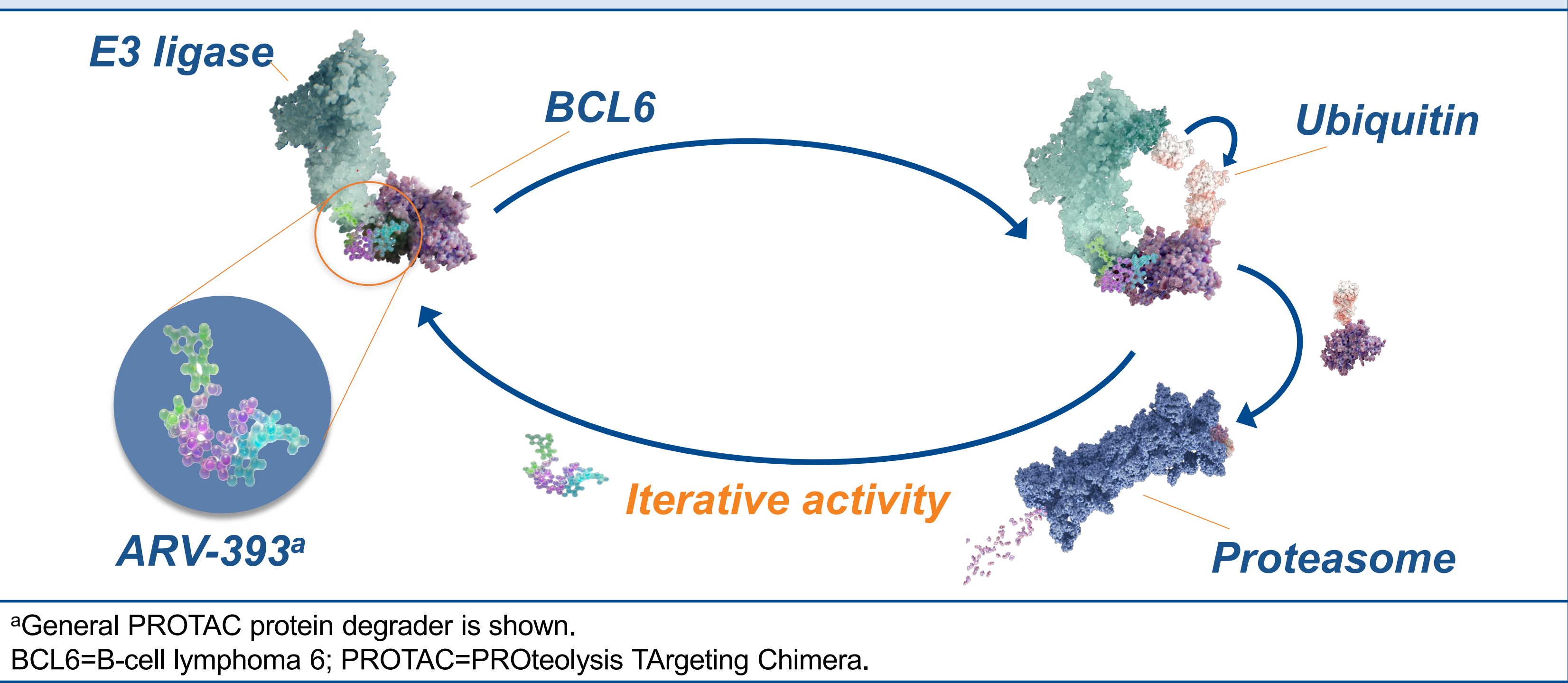
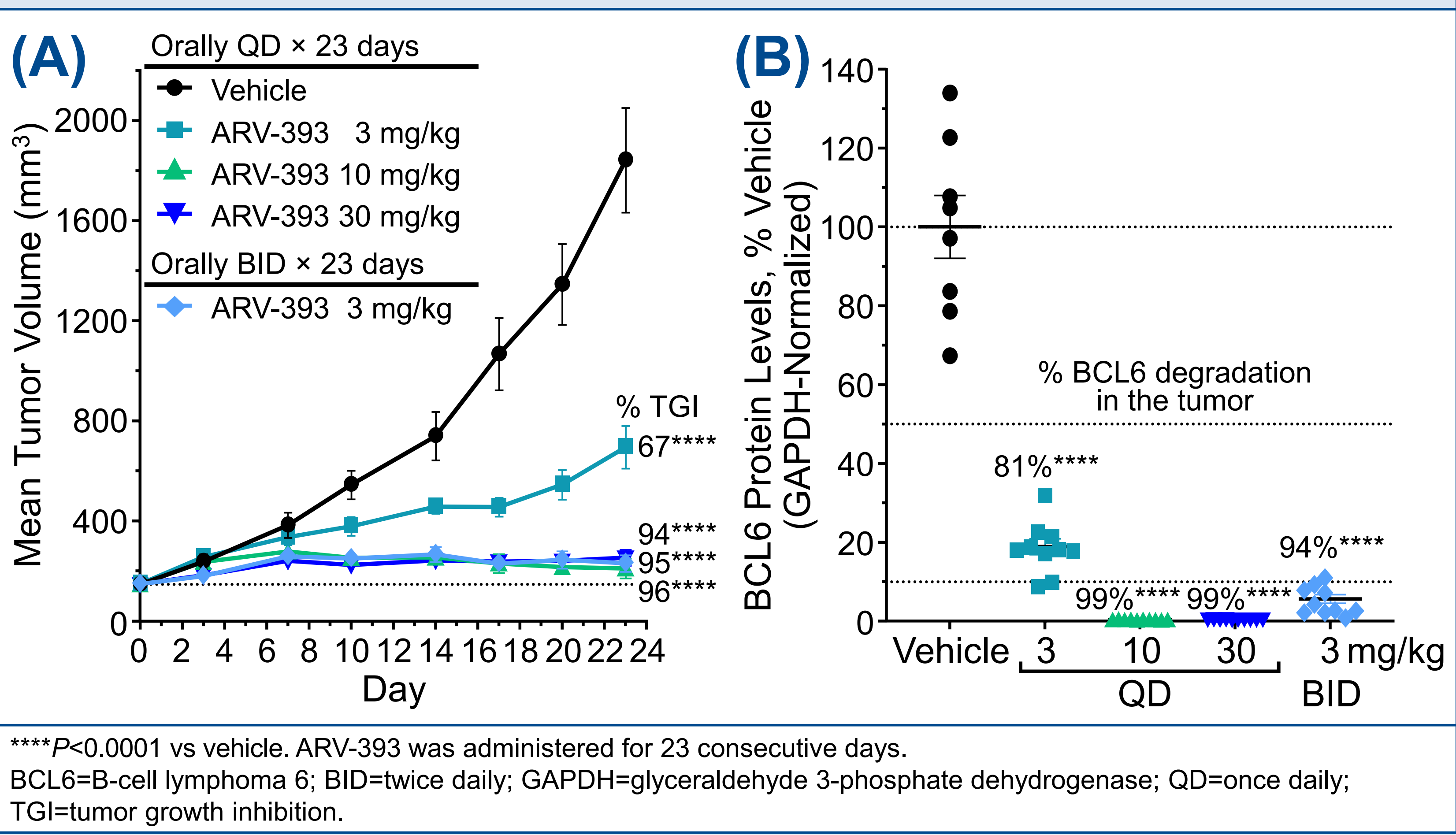


Figure 2: (A) Antitumor activity of ARV-393 in the OCI-Ly1 cell line xenograft model and (B) BCL6 levels at takedown 24 hours post dose<sup>11</sup>



## Study Design

- This open-label, first-in-human, phase 1, dose-escalation study (NCT06393738) in adult patients with relapsed/refractory NHL is evaluating the safety, tolerability, PK, PD, and preliminary antitumor activity of ARV-393 (**Figure 3**)
- Eligible patients have relapsed/refractory mature B-cell NHL and ≥2 prior systemic therapies, or histologically confirmed nTFHL-AI that has recurred or progressed following standard of care therapy (**Table 1**)
- Key outcome measures are shown in **Table 2**

Figure 3: Study schema

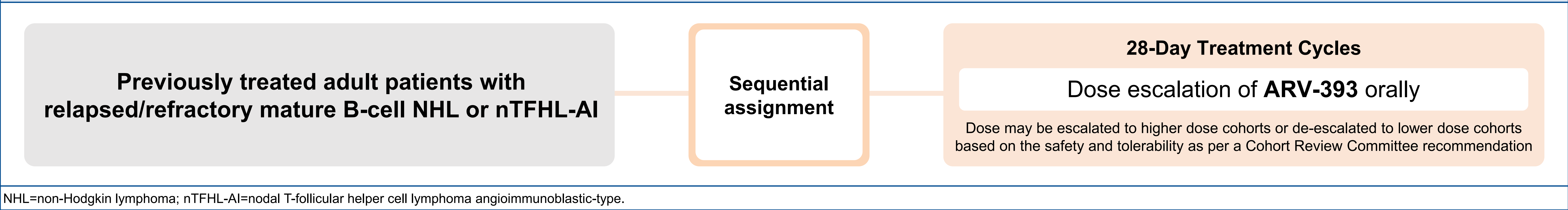


Table 1: Key eligibility criteria

Inclusion criteria	Exclusion criteria
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Adults aged ≥18 years</li><li>Relapsed/refractory mature B-cell NHL and ≥2 prior systemic therapies, or histologically confirmed nTFHL-AI that has recurred or progressed following standard of care therapy</li><li>≥1 measurable lesion at study entry</li><li>ECOG performance status of 0 or 1</li><li>Freshly biopsied or archival tumor tissue available</li><li>Adequate organ function</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Prior allogeneic stem cell transplant or solid organ transplantation</li><li>Autologous stem cell transplant ≤100 days and previous CAR T-cell therapy ≤60 days prior to cycle 1, day 1 of ARV-393 treatment</li><li>Significant acute or chronic medical illness, including hypereosinophilic syndrome, active interstitial lung disease or pneumonitis, or active or uncontrolled infection</li></ul>

CAR=chimeric antigen receptor; ECOG=Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group; NHL=non-Hodgkin lymphoma; nTFHL-AI=nodal T-follicular helper cell lymphoma angioimmunoblastic-type.

Table 2: Key outcome measures

Primary objective	Primary endpoints
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Evaluate the safety and tolerability of ARV-393</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>DLTs during cycle 1</li><li>TEAEs including incidence, severity, seriousness, and relationship to study drug</li><li>Changes from baseline in vital signs, laboratory parameters, and ECG parameters</li><li>Grade 3/4 clinical laboratory abnormalities</li></ul>
Secondary objectives	Secondary endpoints
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Evaluate the PK profile of multiple ARV-393 doses</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Plasma concentration of study drug (AUC)</li><li>PK parameters of study drug (C<sub>max</sub>, C<sub>min</sub>, CL/F, T<sub>max</sub>, and Vd/F)</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Assess preliminary antitumor activity of ARV-393</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>ORR<sup>a</sup> by investigator assessment</li><li>CRR<sup>b</sup> by investigator assessment</li><li>DOR by investigator assessment</li></ul>

<sup>a</sup>The proportion of participants achieving a complete response or partial response according to the Lugano response criteria for NHL.<sup>12</sup>  
<sup>b</sup>The proportion of participants achieving a complete response according to the Lugano response criteria for NHL.<sup>12</sup>  
AUC=area under the plasma concentration time-curve; CL/F=clearance/bioavailability; C<sub>max</sub>=maximum observed serum drug concentration; C<sub>min</sub>=minimum observed serum drug concentration; CRR=complete response rate; DLT=dose-limiting toxicity; DOR=duration of response; ECG=electrocardiogram; ORR=objective response rate; PK=pharmacokinetic; TEAE=treatment-emergent adverse event; T<sub>max</sub>=time taken to reach C<sub>max</sub>; Vd/F=volume of distribution/bioavailability.

## Study Status

- Enrollment is ongoing
- To view currently recruiting sites, please scan the QR code to visit ClinicalTrials.gov (NCT06393738)



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