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Recent Advances in Oncology Drugs for Hematologic Malignancies

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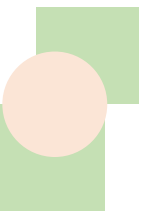




Learning Objectives



1. Identify new medications approved by the FDA for the management of hematologic malignancies
2. Discuss relevant mechanisms of action and dosing of newly approved medications
3. Identify toxicities of new drugs and appropriate interventions to improve adherence



New Drug Approvals from the FDA

- Asciminib
- Belumosudil
- Ciltacabtagene autoleucel
- Asparaginase Erwinia-Chrysanthemii (Recombinant)-rywn

Asciminib

- **FDA-approved indication #1:**
 - Philadelphia chromosome-positive chronic myeloid leukemia (Ph+ CML) in chronic phase (CP), previously treated with ≥ 2 tyrosine kinase inhibitors (TKIs) for adult patients
- Other FDA-approved drugs for a similar indication:
 - **Bosutinib** – Ph+ CML-CP with resistance or intolerance to prior therapy for adult patients
 - **Dasatinib** – Ph+ CML-CP with resistance or intolerance to prior therapy including imatinib for adult patients; Ph+ CML-CP for pediatric patients ≥ 1 yo
 - **Nilotinib** – Ph+ CML-CP resistant to or intolerant to prior therapy that included imatinib for adult patients; Ph+ CML-CP resistant or intolerant to prior TKI therapy for pediatric patients ≥ 1 year old
 - **Omacetaxine** – CML-CP with resistance and/or intolerance to ≥ 2 TKIs for adult patients
 - **Ponatinib** – CML-CP with resistance or intolerance to ≥ 2 prior kinase inhibitors for adult patients



Ph+ CML-CP=Philadelphia chromosome-positive chronic myeloid leukemia-chronic phase. TKI=tyrosine kinase inhibitor. yo=year old.

Asciminib tablets: Package Insert. Revised 10/2021. Novartis Pharmaceuticals: East Hanover, NJ.

Bosutinib tablets: Package Insert. Revised 10/2021. Pfizer Inc: New York, NY.

Dasatinib tablets: Package Insert. Revised 6/2021. Bristol-Myers Squibb: Princeton, NJ.

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Nilotinib capsules: Package Insert. Revised 9/2021. Novartis Pharmaceuticals: East Hanover, NJ.

Omacetaxine for injection, for subcutaneous use: Package Insert. Revised 5/2021. Teva Pharmaceuticals: Parsippany, NJ.

Ponatinib tablets: Package Insert. Revised 2/2022. Takeda Pharmaceuticals: Lexington, MA.

Asciminib

- **FDA-approved indication #2:**
 - Ph+ CML in CP with the T315I mutation for adult patients
- Other FDA-approved drugs for a similar indication:
 - **Ponatinib** – T315I-positive CML-CP for adult patients



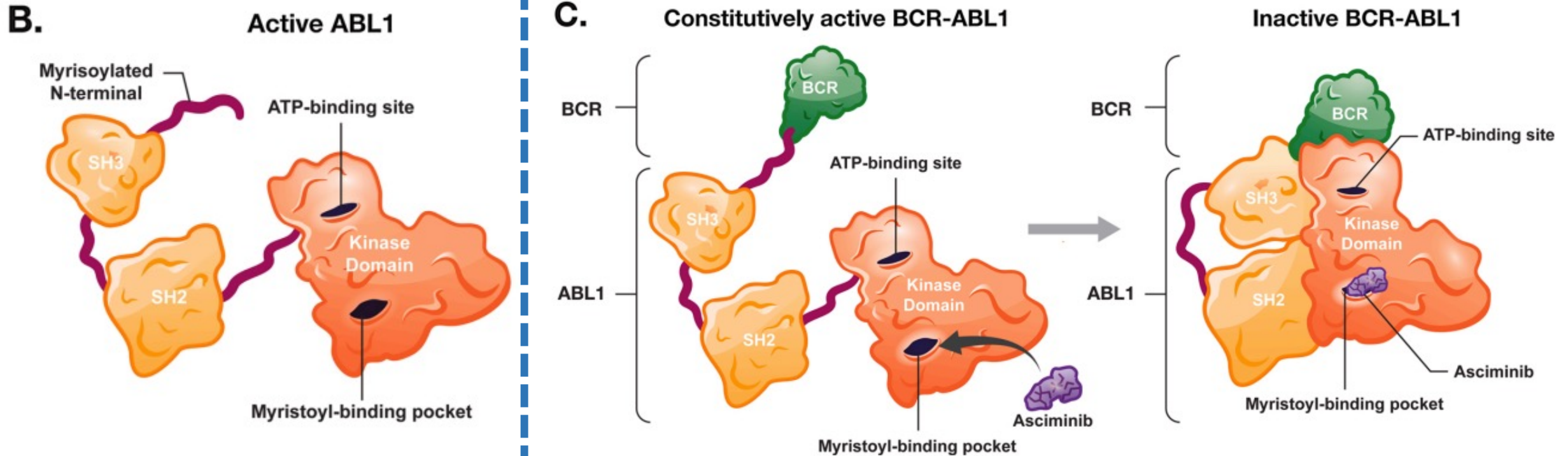
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Ponatinib tablets: Package Insert. Revised 2/2022. Takeda Pharmaceuticals: Lexington, MA.

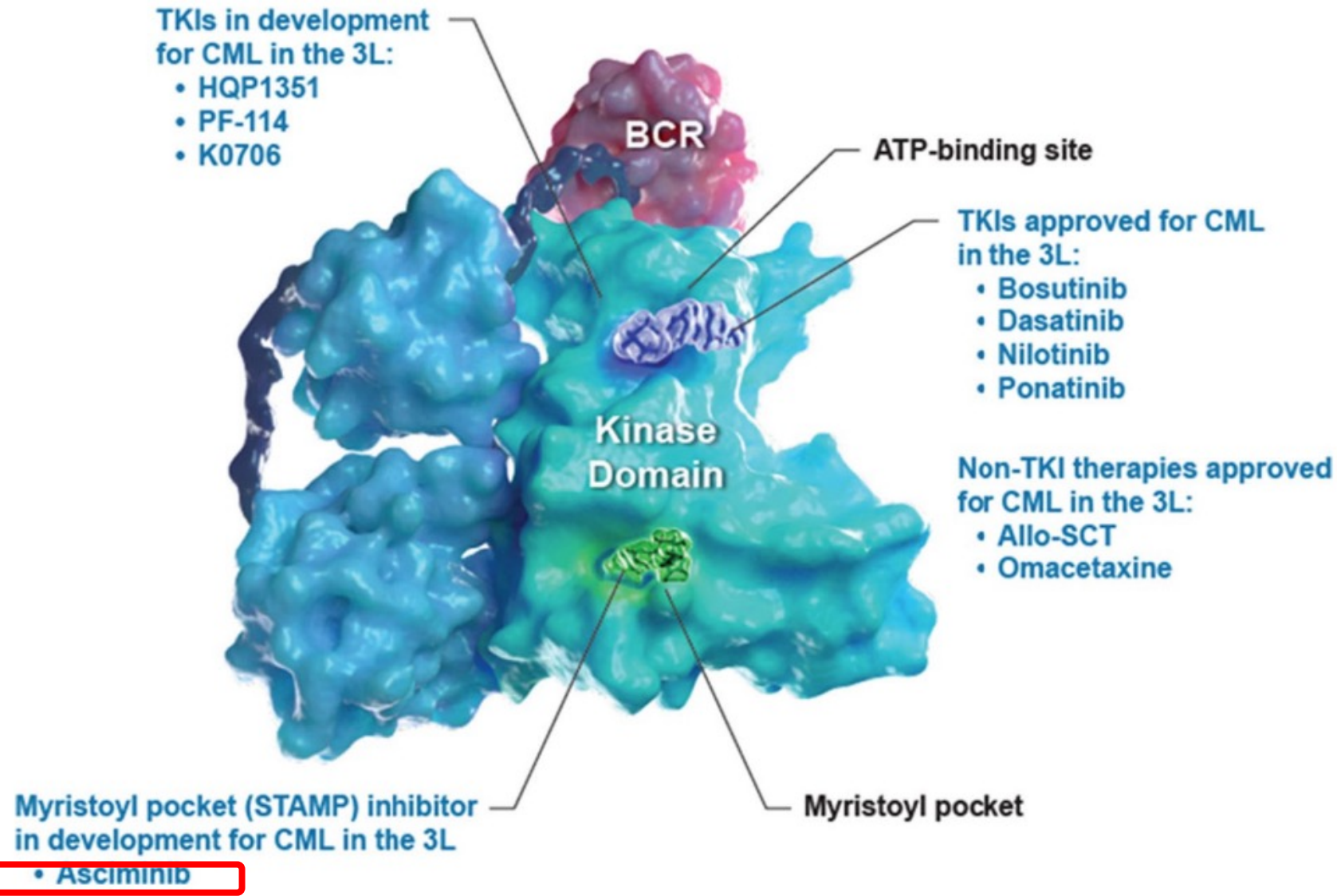
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Ph+ CML-CP=Philadelphia chromosome-positive chronic myeloid leukemia-chronic phase.
TKI=tyrosine kinase inhibitor.

Asciminib : Mechanism of Action



Asciminib : Mechanism of Action, *continued*





Asciminib: Dosing

- Tablet strengths: 20 mg, 40 mg
- Starting dose: *On an empty stomach, 2 hours after or 1 hour before a meal*
 - Ph+ CML-CP = 80 mg orally once daily or 40 mg twice daily
 - Ph+ CML-CP with T315I mutation = 200 mg orally twice daily

Asciminib: Dosing

- Notable drug-drug interactions
 - CYP3A4 substrate/inhibitor, CYP2C9 inhibitor, P-gp inhibitor
 - Strong CYP3A Inhibitors: Closely monitor for ADEs during concomitant use of asciminib at 200 mg twice daily
 - Itraconazole Oral Solution Containing Hydroxypropyl- β -cyclodextrin: **Avoid** asciminib use at all approved doses
 - Certain substrates of CYP3A4: Closely monitor for ADEs during concomitant use of asciminib at 80 mg total daily dose. **Avoid** use of asciminib at 200 mg twice daily.
 - Substrates of CYP2C9: **Avoid** concomitant use of asciminib at all recommended doses. If not possible to avoid use, for asciminib 80 mg total daily dose – reduce the CYP2C9 substrate dosage as necessary; for asciminib 200 mg total daily dose – consider alternative therapy with non-CYP2C9 substrate
 - Certain P-gp substrates: Closely monitor for adverse reactions at all approved doses of asciminib
- Empiric renal dose adjustment: None, even for eGFR as low as 15 mL/min/1.73 m² and not requiring dialysis
- Empiric hepatic dose adjustment: None, even for severe hepatic impairment

ASCEMBL trial (Nov 2021)

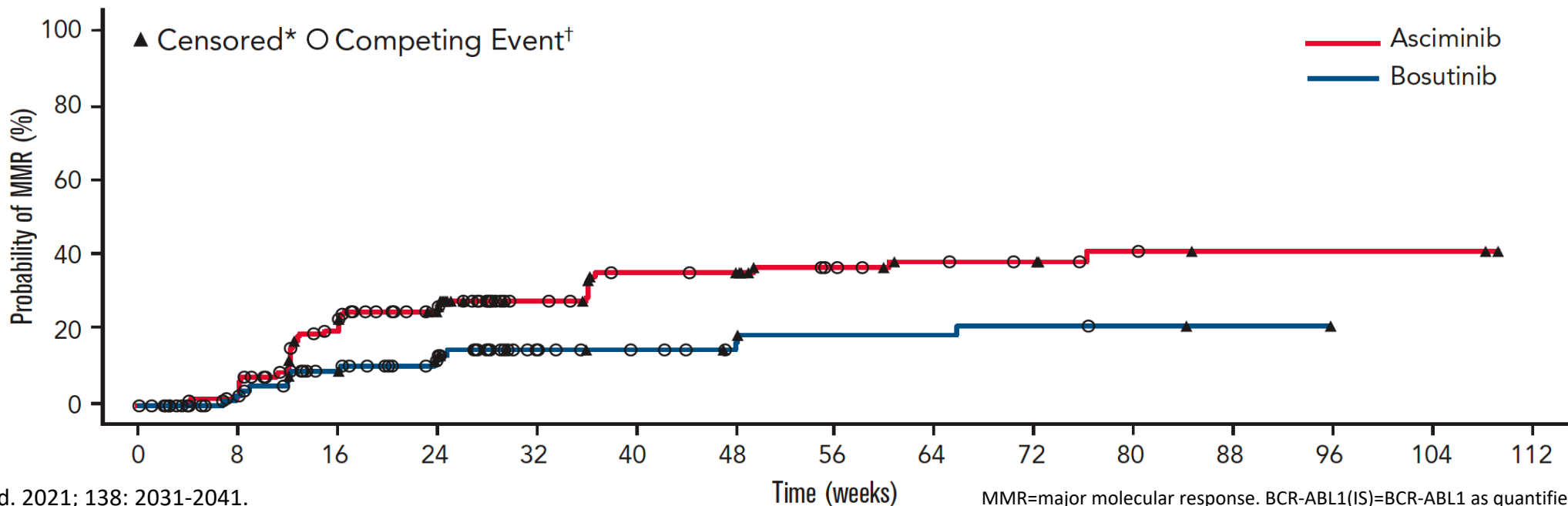
Phase 3, randomized, open-label multicenter study

Asciminib 40 mg PO BID (n=157) vs. Bosutinib 500 mg PO daily (n=76)

- ≥ 18 yo patients [median age 52yo]
- CML-CP previously treated with ≥ 2 TKIs [2 prior TKIs 48.1%; ≥ 5 prior TKIs 6%]
- BCR-ABL1 transcript levels $>1\%$ ($>0.1\%$ for patients with intolerance to most recent TKI therapy)
- Without known BCR-ABL1 mutations of T315I or V299L

ASCEMBL trial

- *Primary Outcome:* rate of MMR (BCR-ABL1^{IS} ≤0.1%) at week 24 → MMR rate at week 24: asciminib 25.5% vs. bosutinib 13.2% at week 24
- CCyR rate at week 24 (in patients without baseline CCyR): asciminib 40.8% vs. bosutinib 24.2%
- Median duration of exposure: asciminib 43.4 weeks vs. bosutinib 29.2 weeks [median f/u 14.9 months]
- Achievement of BCR-ABL1^{IS} ≤1% at week 24: asciminib 49% vs. bosutinib 23.7%



ASCEMBL trial: Toxicities

40 mg twice daily

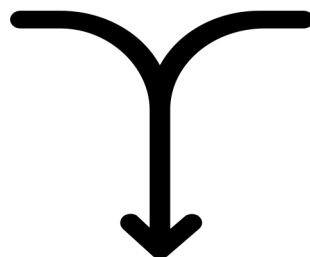
All Grades (for $\geq 9\%$ of all subjects)		Grade ≥ 3 (for $\geq 3\%$ of all subjects)	
Thrombocytopenia	28.8%	Thrombocytopenia	9%
Neutropenia	21.8%	Neutropenia	6%
Headache	16%	Hypertension	5%
Diarrhea	11.5%	Increased Lipase	3.8%
Hypertension	11.5%		
Nausea	11.5%		
Fatigue	10.3%		
Anemia	9.6%		
Nasopharyngitis	9.6%		
Arthralgia	9%		

Deaths (*Asciminib arm*)

- n = 1 : related to asciminib
- n = 1 : during 30d follow-up after treatment discontinuation

Asciminib: Myelosuppression

Monitor complete blood counts regularly during therapy and manage by treatment interruption or dose reduction

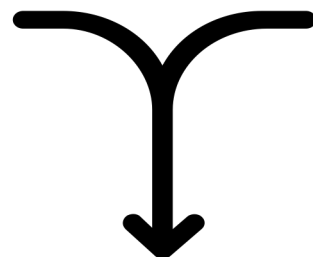


Toxicities from ASCEMBL		
	All Grades	Grades ≥ 3
Thrombocytopenia	28.8%	9%
Neutropenia	21.8%	6%
Anemia	9.6%	

Reason for Dose Adjustment	Manufacturer Guidance
ANC $< 1.0 \times 10^9/L$	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Hold until resolved to ANC $\geq 1 \times 10^9/L$ and/or PLT $\geq 50 \times 10^9/L$. If resolves within 2 weeks: resume at starting dose. If resolves > 2 weeks later: resume at reduced dose.For recurrent severe thrombocytopenia and/or neutropenia, hold until resolved to ANC $\geq 1 \times 10^9/L$ and PLT $\geq 50 \times 10^9/L$, then resume at reduced dose.
PLT $< 50 \times 10^9/L$	

Asciminib: Hypertension & Other CV Toxicity

- Monitor blood pressure as clinically indicated
- Monitor patients with history of cardiovascular risk factors for cardiovascular s/s



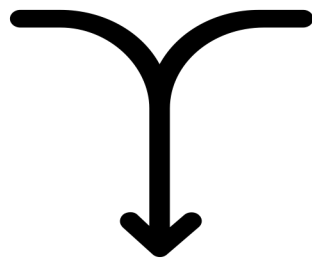
Toxicities from ASCEMBL

	All Grades	Grades ≥ 3
Hypertension	11.5%	5%
Decreased cardiac EF	0.6%	0.6%
Ischemic stroke	0.6%	0.6%

Reason for Dose Adjustment	Manufacturer Guidance
Non-hematologic ADE, Grade ≥ 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hold until recovery to Grade ≤ 1. If resolved, resume at reduced dose. If not resolved, permanently discontinue.

Asciminib: Pancreatic Toxicity

Monitor serum lipase and amylase; evaluate for pancreatitis when lipase elevation is accompanied by abdominal symptoms



Toxicities from ASCEMBL (Phase 1)

	All Grades	Grades ≥ 3
Increased amylase	5.8% (12.7%)	0.6% (2.7%)
Increased lipase	5.1% (26.7%)	3.8% (10%)
Clinical pancreatitis	(3%, at >40mg BID)	(0.7%)

Reason for Dose Adjustment	Manufacturer Guidance
Asymptomatic amylase and/or lipase elevation (>2x ULN)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hold until resolved to <1.5 x ULN. If resolved, resume at reduced dose. If events reoccur at reduced dose, permanently discontinue. If <u>not</u> resolved, permanently discontinue. Perform diagnostic tests to exclude pancreatitis.

Additional Counseling Points

- Embryo-Fetal Toxicity: Can cause fetal harm
 - Verify pregnancy status of females of reproductive potential prior to initiating treatment
 - Advise females of reproductive potential to use effective contraceptive during treatment with asciminib and for ≥ 1 week after the last dose
- Lactation: Advise not to breastfeed during treatment and for ≥ 1 week after the last dose (lack of data)
- Fertility: Advise females of reproductive potential that asciminib may impair fertility (unclear if reversible)
- Minimal/low emetic risk
- Monitor patients for signs and symptoms of hypersensitivity

Asciminib: Access

- Medication not currently on shortage
- Select authorized pharmacies and distributors

Copay assistance?*	Free trial?*	Patient Assistance Program?*
Yes 18+yo U.S. resident; private insurance; copay support up to \$15,000 per calendar year after possible patient responsibility for first \$25; valid through one calendar year	Yes U.S. resident; new to asciminib with valid prescription; 30d supply	Yes Novartis

**Program availability and eligibility may frequently vary.*

Belumosudil

- **FDA-approved indication:**
 - Chronic graft-versus-host disease (cGVHD) after failure of ≥ 2 prior lines of systemic therapy for patients ≥ 12 years old
- Other FDA-approved drugs for a similar indication:
 - **Ruxolitinib** – cGVHD after failure of 1-2 lines of systemic therapy for patients ≥ 12 years old
 - **Ibrutinib** – cGVHD after failure of ≥ 1 lines of systemic therapy for adult patients only



Belumosudil tablets: Package Insert. Revised 7/2021. Kadmon Pharmaceuticals: Warrendale, PA.

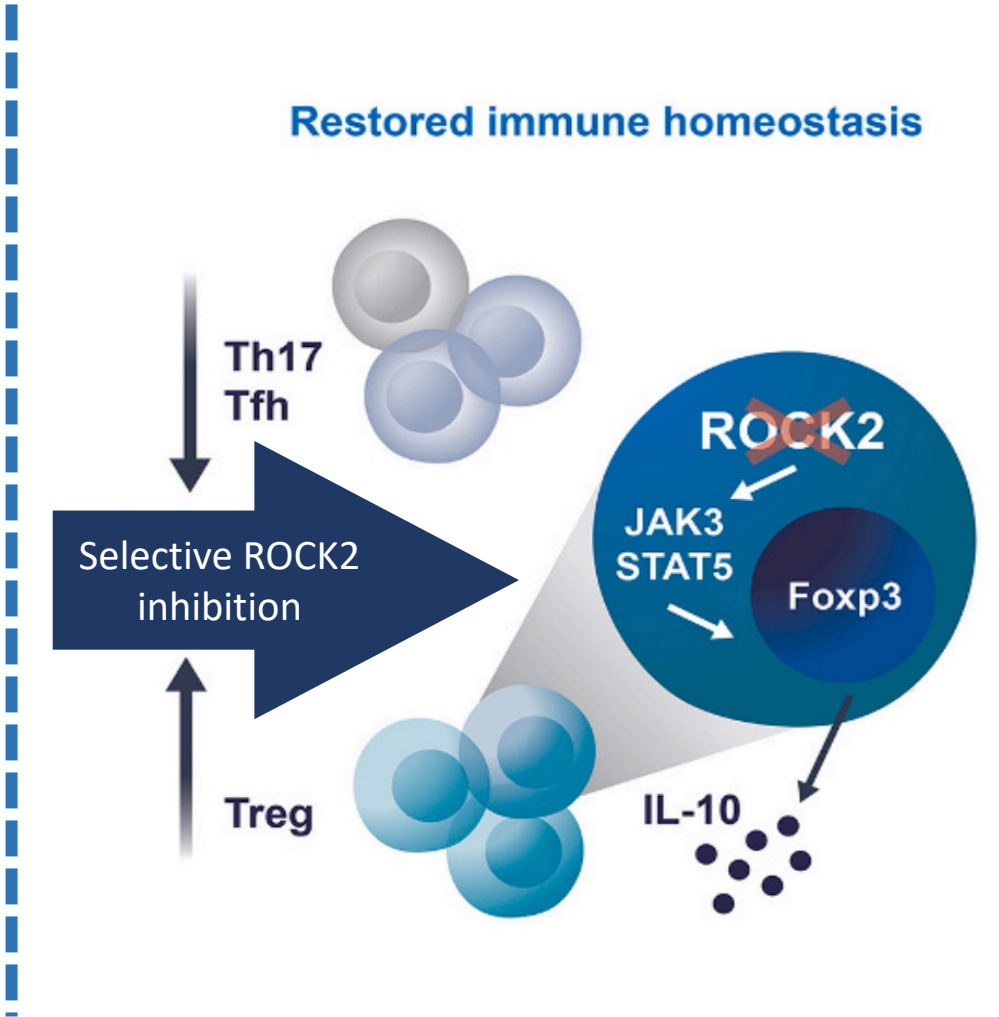
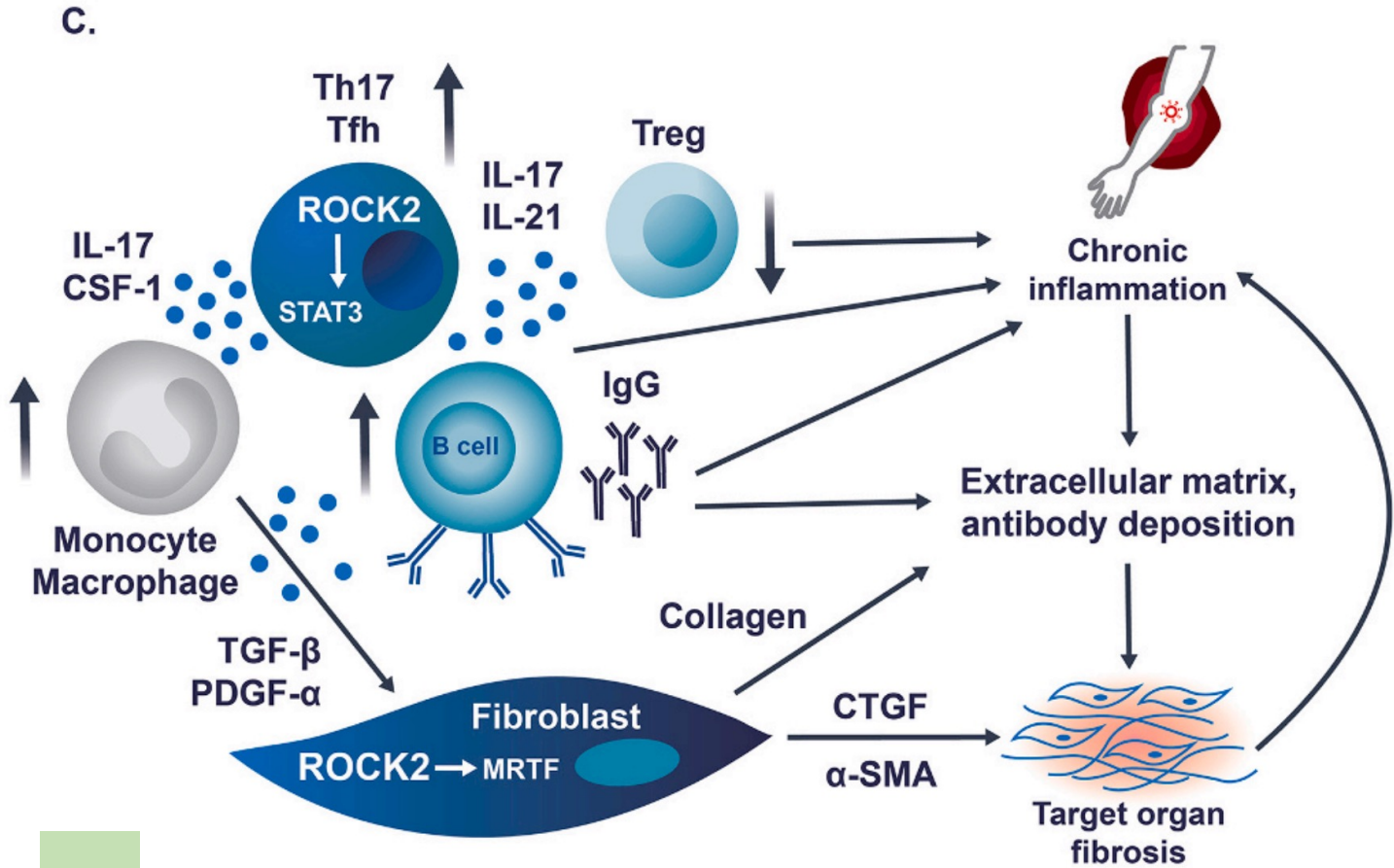
Ruxolitinib tablets: Package Insert. Revised 9/2021. Incyte Corporation: Wilmington, DE.

Ibrutinib capsules/tablets: Package Insert. Revised 5/2022. Janssen Biotech: Horsham, PA.

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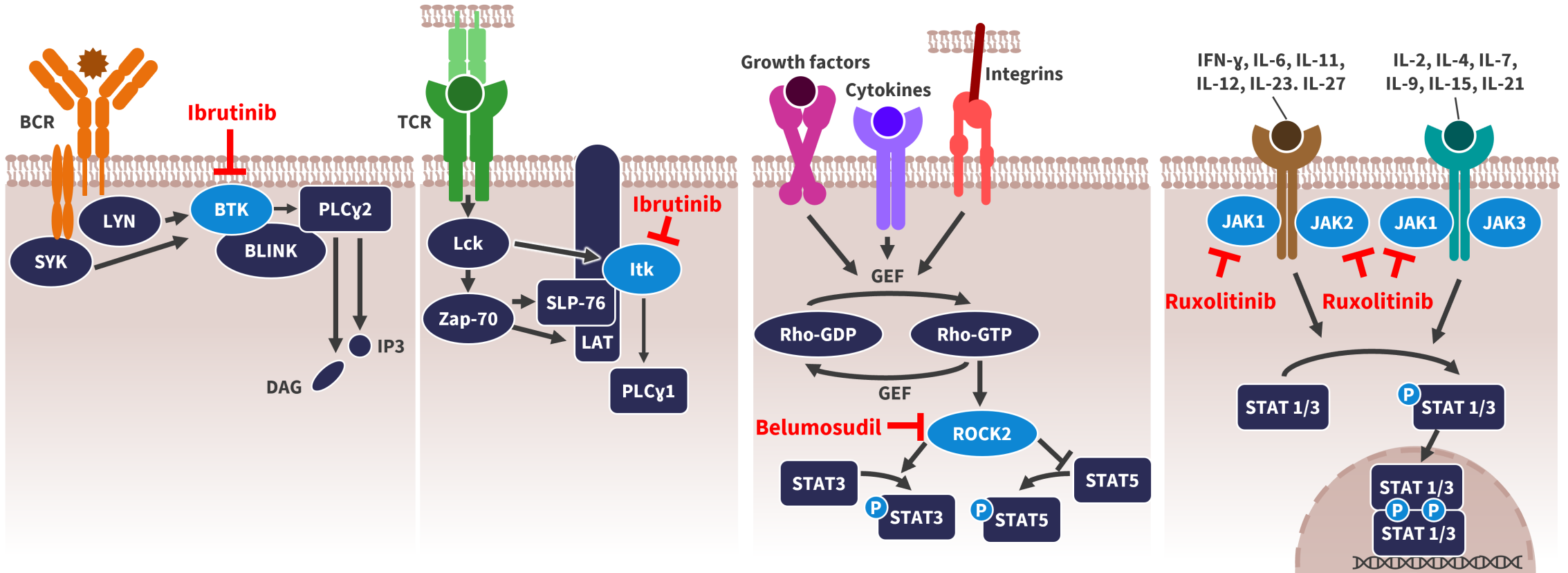
cGVHD=chronic graft-versus-host disease.

Belumosudil: Mechanism of Action



Adapted from Zanin-Zhorov A and Blazar BR. Clin Immunol. 2021; 230: 108823.

Belumosudil: Mechanism of Action, *continued*



Treatment effects in cGVHD

Ibrutinib

- ↓ cell survival
- ↓ cell proliferation
- ↓ autoantibody production

- ↓ cytokine production
IL-9, IL-17A, IL-2

Belumosudil

- ↓ cytokine production
- ↓ proliferation
- ↓ Th17 cells
- ↓ follicular helper T cells
- ↑ Treg cells
- ↓ collagen/ECM production

Ruxolitinib

- ↓ cytokine production
- ↓ proliferation
- ↓ Th17 cells
- ↑ Treg cells
- ↓ collagen/ECM production

Belumosudil: Dosing

- Tablet strengths: 200 mg
- Starting dose: *With food*, 200 mg taken orally once daily
- Notable drug-drug interactions
 - Substrate of CYP2C8, CYP2D6, P-gp/ABCB1, and UGT1A9
 - Strong CYP3A Inducers: **Increase** dosage to 200 mg twice daily
 - Proton Pump Inhibitors: **Increase** dosage to 200 mg twice daily
- Empiric renal dose adjustment: None for mild to moderate impairment
 - Severe renal impairment (eGFR <30 mL/min/1.72m²) not studied; consider risks vs. benefits before initiating treatment
- Empiric hepatic dose adjustment: No specific recommendations are available

ROCKstar trial

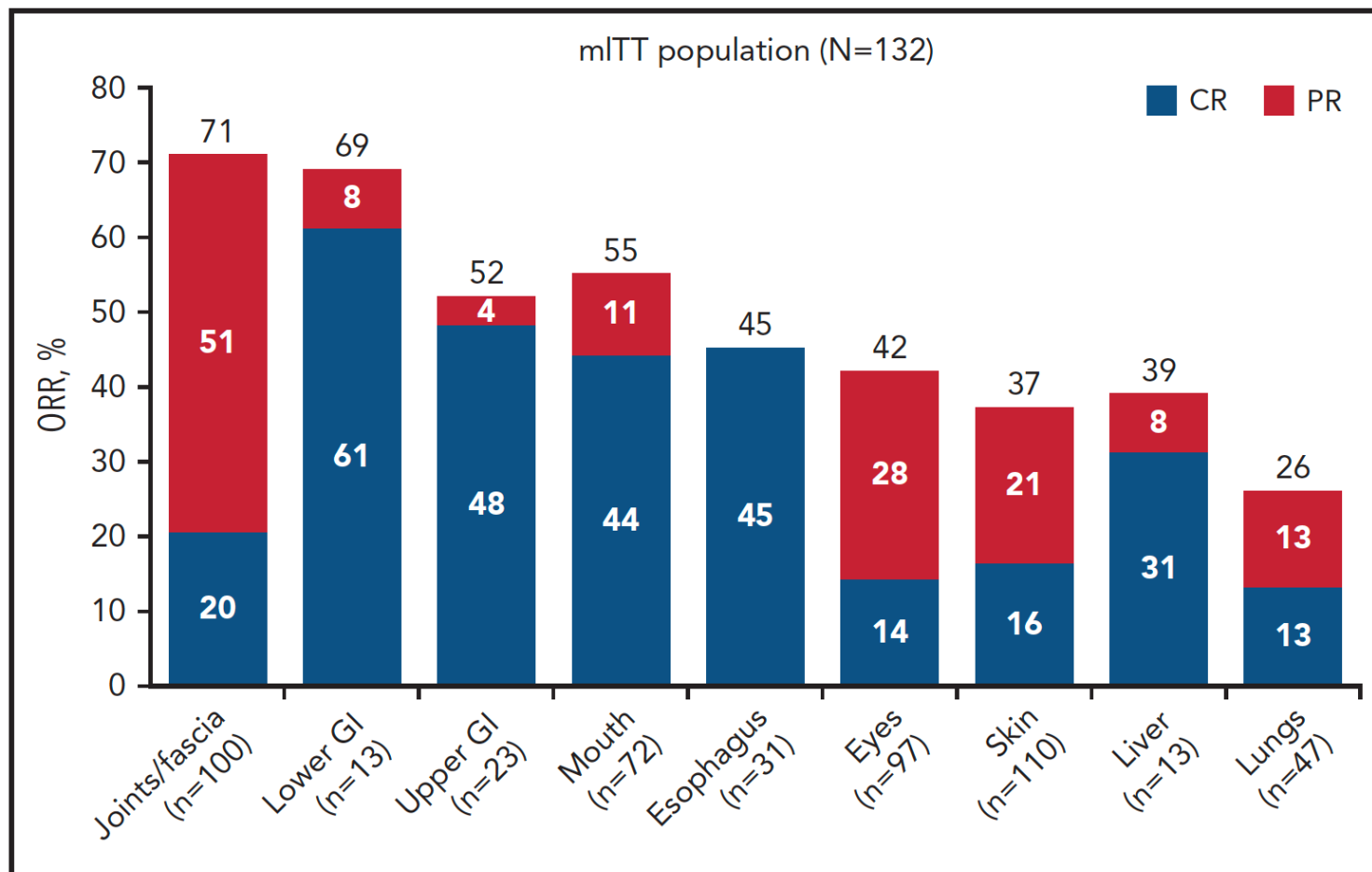
Phase 2, randomized, multicenter study

Belusomudil 200 mg PO daily (n=66) vs. Belusomudil 200 mg PO BID (n=66)

- ≥ 12 yo alloHSCT recipients [median age 56yo]
- persistent cGVHD manifestations after 2-5 prior systemic lines of therapy [median 3 systemic lines of therapy]
- stable corticosteroid therapy for 2 weeks pre-screening (excluding ibrutinib) [baseline median corticosteroid dose 0.2 mg/kg/day]
- KPS/LPS ≥ 60
- [52% cGVHD involvement of ≥ 4 organs]

ROCKstar trial

- *Primary Outcome:* Best ORR (CR or PR) at any time → ORR 74% vs. 77% at median f/u 14 months
- Median time to response 5 weeks
- Median DOR 54 weeks
- 44% patients on therapy for >1 year
- Mean corticosteroid dose reduction of 54%
- Symptom reduction for 59% vs. 62% patients



ROCKstar trial: Toxicities

Arm: 200 mg once daily

All Grades (for $\geq 20\%$ of all subjects)		Grade ≥ 3 (for $\geq 5\%$ of all subjects)	
Fatigue	46%	Pneumonia	9%
Diarrhea	35%	Hypertension	6%
Nausea	35%	Hyperglycemia	5%
Dyspnea	32%		
Cough	30%		
Vomiting	27%		
Upper respiratory tract infection	26%		
Peripheral edema	26%		
Headache	20%		
Muscle spasms	20%		

Deaths

- n=2 : multiorgan failure and infection possibly related to belumosudil
- n = 2 : cardiac arrest
- n = 1 : hemothorax secondary to lung biopsy
- n = 1 : AML recurrence
- n = 6 : during long-term follow-up

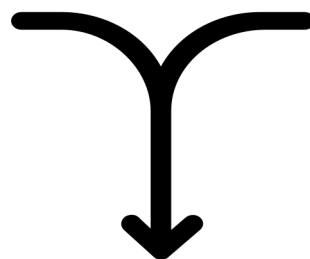
ROCKstar trial: Toxicities, *continued*

Arm: 200 mg once daily

All Grades (for 18% of all subjects)	
GGT increased	9%
AST increased	8%
ALT increased	6%
Blood alkaline phosphatase increased	6%
Hypoalbuminemia	3%
Transaminases increased	2%
Bilirubin conjugated increased	2%
LFT increased	2%

Belumosudil: Transaminitis

Monitor AST
and ALT at least
monthly



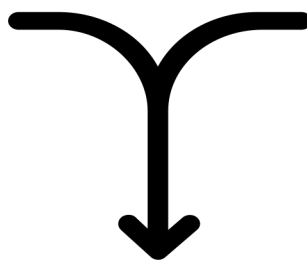
Toxicities from ROCKstar, All Grades

AST increased	8%
ALT increased	6%
Transaminases increased	2%
LFT increased	2%

Reason for Dose Adjustment	Manufacturer Guidance
Grade 3 AST or ALT elevation (5x to 20x ULN)	Hold belumosudil until recovery of bilirubin, AST, and ALT to Grade 0-1, then resume at same dose
Grade 4 AST or ALT elevation (>20x ULN)	Discontinue belumosudil permanently

Belumosudil: Hyperbilirubinemia

Monitor Tbili at
least monthly



Toxicities from ROCKstar, All Grades

Bilirubin conjugated increased	2%
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Reason for Dose Adjustment	Manufacturer Guidance
Grade 2 bilirubin elevation (1.5x to 3x ULN)	Hold belumosudil until recovery of bilirubin, AST, and ALT to Grade 0-1, then resume at same dose
Grade \geq3 bilirubin elevation ($>3x$ ULN)	Discontinue belumosudil permanently

Belumosudil: Serious Toxicities

Toxicities from ROCKstar, Grade ≥ 3 ($\geq 5\%$ incidence)	
Pneumonia	9%
Hypertension	6%
Hyperglycemia	5%



Reason for Dose Adjustment	Manufacturer Guidance
Other ADE, Grade 3	Hold belumosudil until recovery of bilirubin, AST, and ALT to Grade 0-1, then resume at same dose
Other ADE, Grade 4	Discontinue belumosudil permanently

Belumosudil: Infections & CBC Abnormalities

Select Pooled Toxicities from ROCKstar and KD025-08

	All Grades	Grades 3-4
Infection (pathogen not specified)	53%	16%
Viral infection	19%	4%
Bacterial infection	16%	4%
Lymphocytes decreased	29% (gr2-4)	13%
Neutrophils decreased	8% (gr2-4)	4%
Hgb decreased	11% (gr2-4)	1%
PLT decreased	10% (gr2-4)	5%



- Standard/institutional infection prophylaxis and treatment – as well as management of anemia and thrombocytopenia – unless otherwise appropriate

Belumosudil: Other Considerations

Select Pooled Toxicities from ROCKstar and KD025-08		
	All Grades	Grades 3-4
Nausea	42%	4%
Diarrhea	35%	1%



- Likely moderate emetic risk
- Standard nausea, diarrhea management unless otherwise appropriate

Additional Counseling Points

- Embryo-Fetal Toxicity: Can cause fetal harm
 - Verify pregnancy status of females of reproductive potential prior to initiating treatment (e.g., negative urine pregnancy test)
 - Advise females of reproductive potential AND males with female partners of reproductive potential to use effective contraceptive during treatment with belumosudil and for ≥ 1 week after the last dose
- Lactation: Advise not to breastfeed during treatment and for ≥ 1 week after the last dose
- Fertility: Advise males and females of reproductive potential that belumosudil may impair fertility (reversible effect)
- Store at room temperature (68-77°F) in original container to protect from moisture; keep desiccant
- Phase I study: QTc prolongation – no effect >10 msec

Belumosudil: Access

- Medication not currently on shortage
- Select authorized pharmacies and distributors

Copay assistance?*	Free trial?*	Patient Assistance Program?*
Yes 18+yo U.S. resident; commercial or private insurance; copay support up to \$25,000 per calendar year; limit one 30d supply per 30d; valid through Dec 31 of year of activation	Yes 1) 18+yo U.S. resident; new to belumosudil; 30d supply if delay in coverage decision or submitted PA denied 2) 18+yo U.S. resident; commercial insurance but with interruption; 30d supply	Yes Kadmon Pharmaceuticals

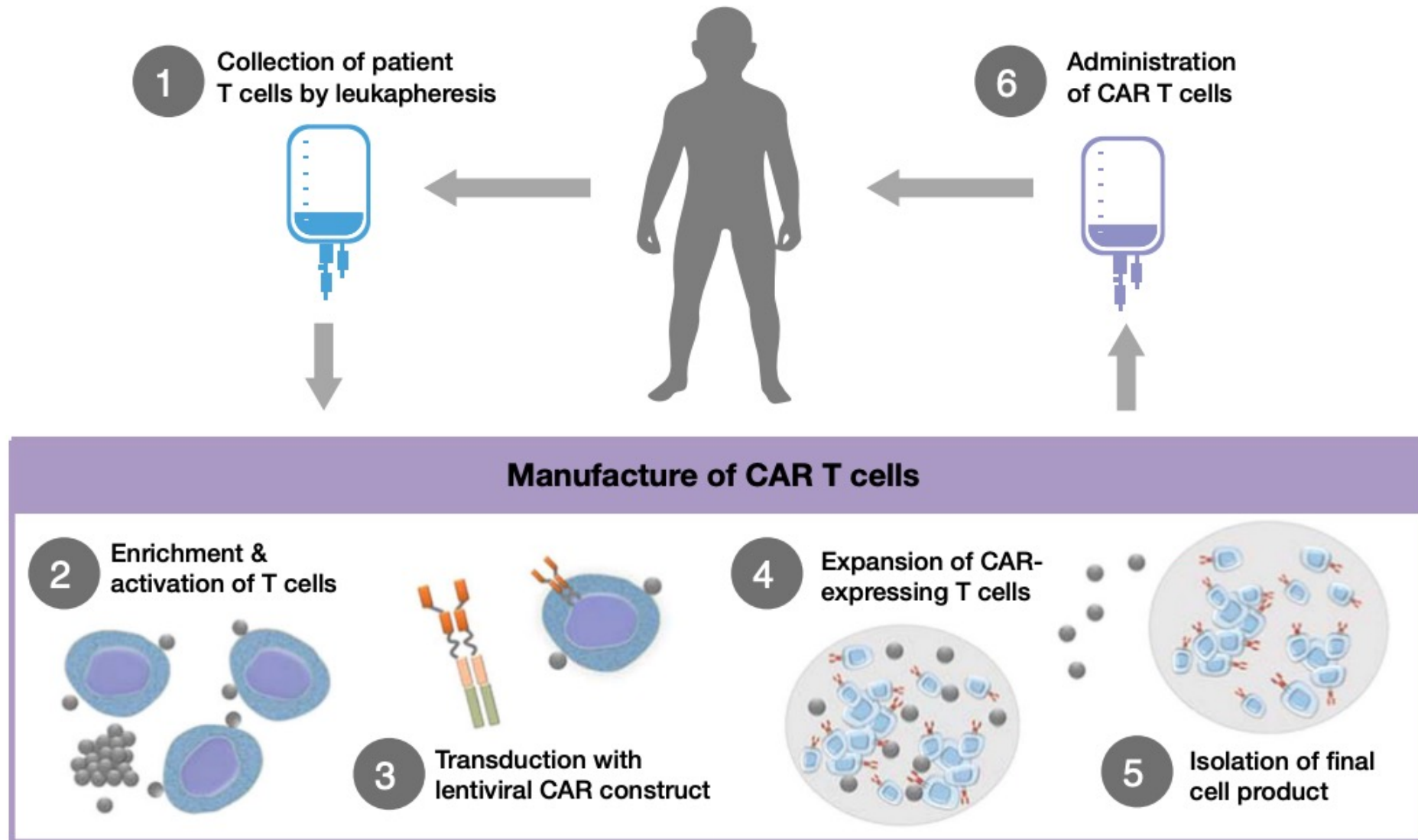
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Ciltacabtagene autoleucel (Cilta-cel)

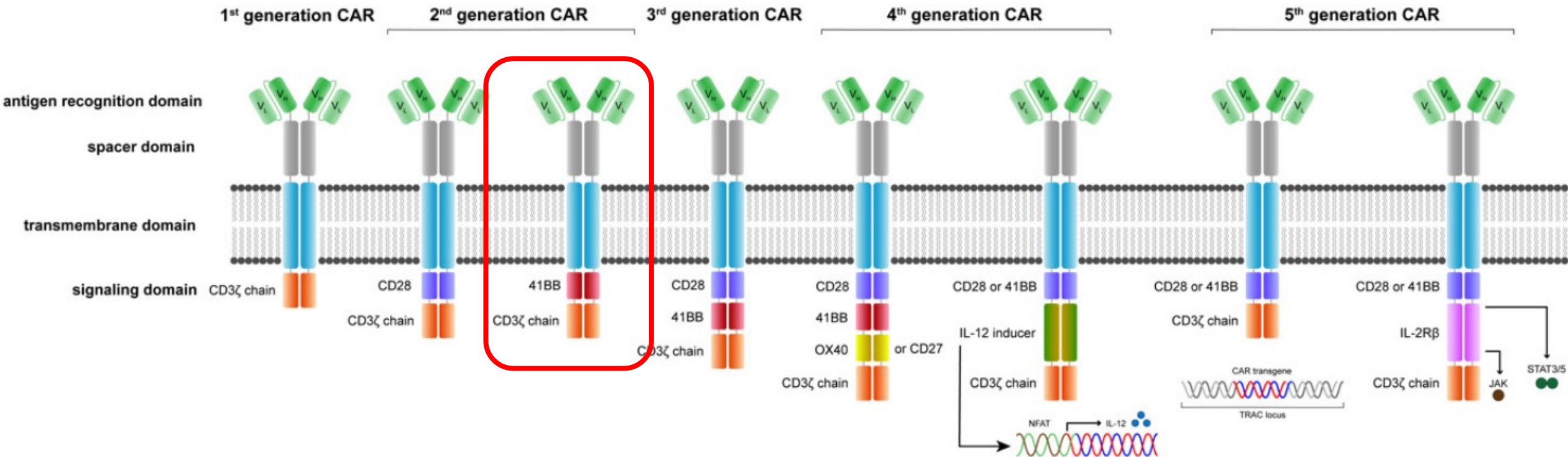
- **FDA-approved indication:**
 - Relapsed or refractory multiple myeloma (RRMM) after ≥ 4 prior lines of therapy, including a proteasome inhibitor, an immunomodulatory agent, and an anti-CD38 monoclonal antibody
- Other FDA-approved drugs for a similar indication:
 - **Idecabtagene vicleucel** – RRMM after ≥ 4 prior lines of therapy, including an immunomodulatory agent, a proteasome inhibitor, and an anti-CD38 monoclonal antibody



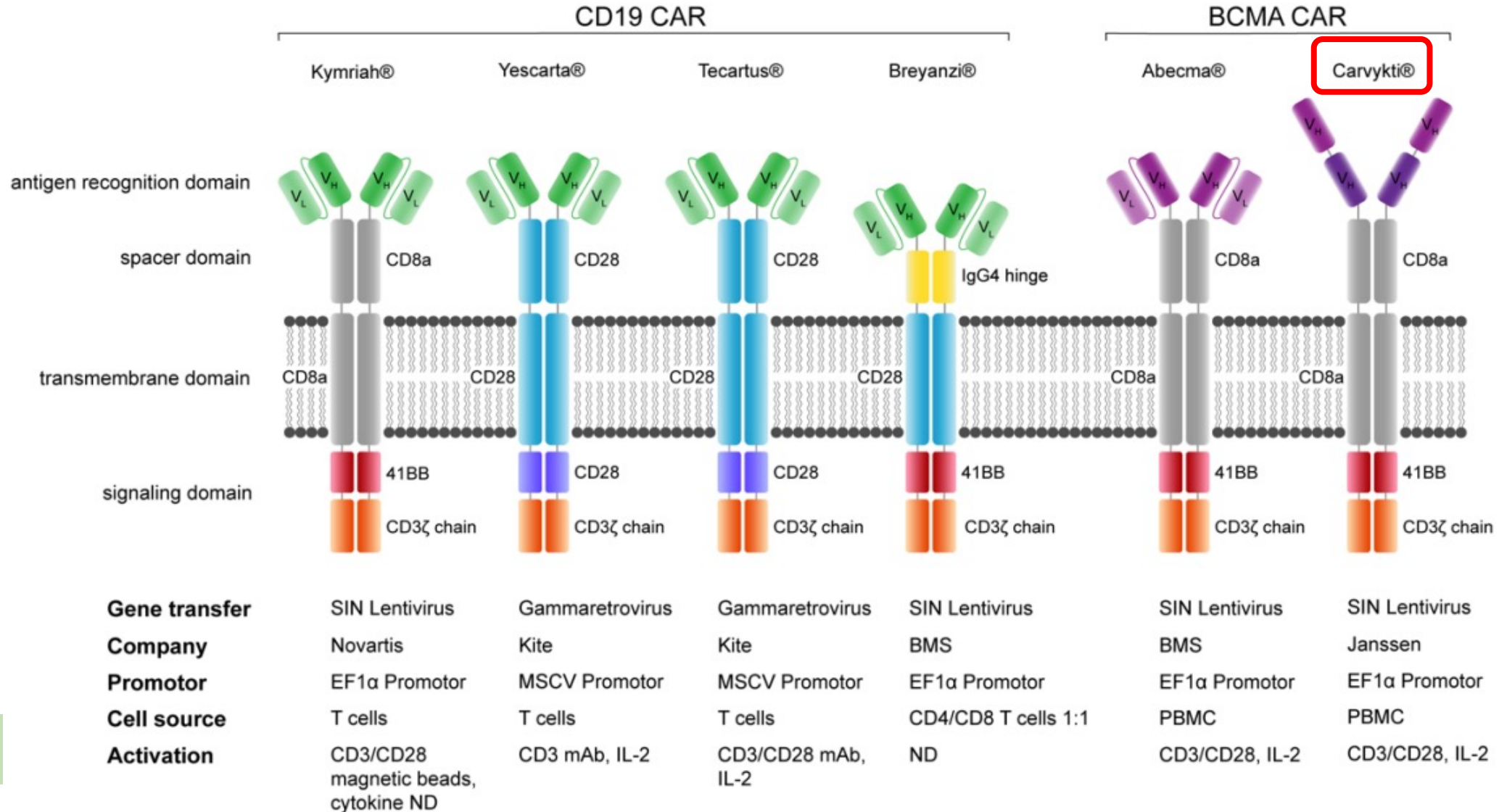
Overview of CAR-T Process



Cilta-cel: Mechanism of Action



Cilta-cel: Mechanism of Action, *continued*



Cilta-cel: Dosing

- Dose per infusion bag: Cell suspension of $0.5\text{--}1\times 10^6$ CAR-positive viable T cells per kg
 - Maximum dose: 1×10^8 CAR-positive viable T cells per single infusion
- Preparation: Once thawed, intravenous infusion must be completed within 2.5 hours at room/ambient temperature (20°C to 25°C)
- Infusion: 30-60 minutes
- No notable drug-drug interactions
 - Some commercial HIV nucleic acid tests (NATs) can yield false-positive results in patients who have received ciltacabtagene autoleucel
- Autologous use only

CARTITUDE-1 trial

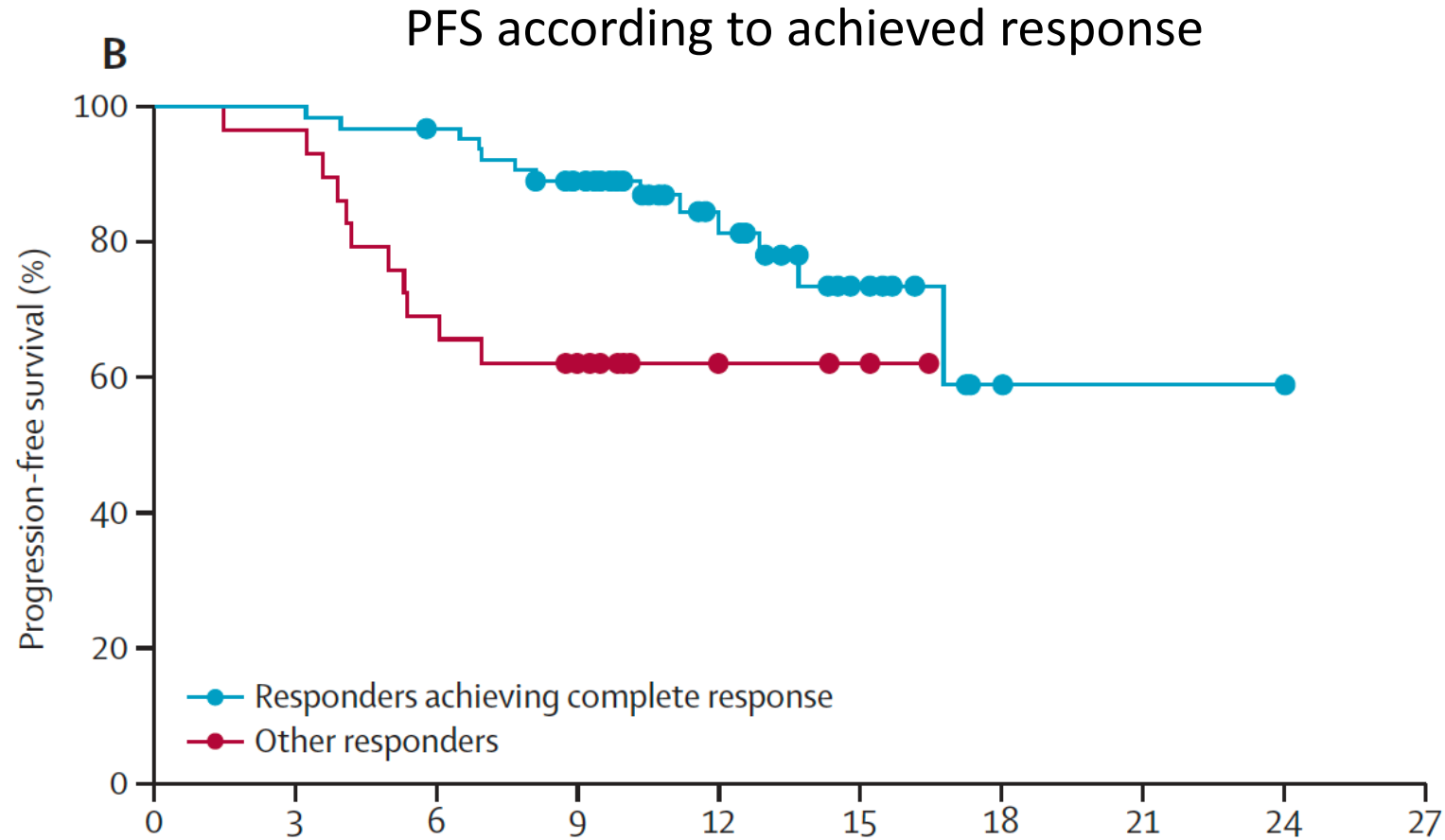
Phase 1b/2, randomized, multicenter study

- 1) Leukapheresis →
 - 2) Lymphodepletion: (300 mg/m² cyclophosphamide + 30 mg/m² fludarabine) IV daily x3 days →
 - 3) Infusion: cilta-cel at target dose 0.75×10^6 CAR-positive viable T cells/kg, 5–7 days after start of lymphodepletion
- (n=29/phase 1b, n=68/phase 2)

- ≥ 18 yo patients with measurable MM [median age 61yo]
- ≥ 3 previous lines of therapy or double refractory to PI and IMiD, and have received PI, IMiD, anti-CD38 Ab with documented disease progression at ≤ 12 months after the last line of therapy [triple-class refractory 88% overall and phase 2]
- ECOG 0-1
- [high risk cytogenetics (del17p, t(14;16), t(4;14) in 24% enrolled patients]

CARTITUDE-1 trial

- *Primary Outcome (Phase 2):* ORR (proportion of patients who achieved \geq PR) \rightarrow ORR 97% at median f/u 12.4 months
 - sCR 67%
- Median time to first response: 1 month
 - Median time to best response: 2.6 months
- Median DOR not reached
- 12-month PFS rate 77%
- OS rate 89%



CARTITUDE-1 trial: Toxicities

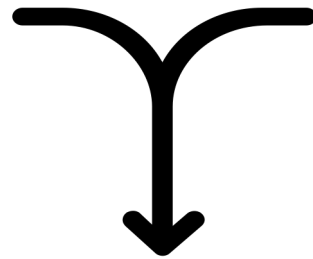
All Grades (for $\geq 29\%$ of all subjects)		Grade ≥ 3 (for $\geq 7\%$ of all subjects)	
Neutropenia	96%	Neutropenia	95%
Cytokine release syndrome	95%	Anemia	68%
Anemia	81%	Thrombocytopenia	60%
Thrombocytopenia	79%	Leukopenia	61%
Leukopenia	62%	Lymphopenia	50%
Lymphopenia	53%	Neurotoxicities	9%
Fatigue	37%	Hypophosphatemia	7%
Cough	35%		
Hypocalcemia	32%		
Hypophosphatemia	31%		
Diarrhea	30%		
ALT increased	29%		
Decreased appetite	29%		

Deaths

- n = 2 : sepsis/septic shock
- n = 1 : CRS and hemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis
- n = 1 : lung abscess
- n = 1 : respiratory failure
- n = 1 : neurotoxicity
- n = 8 : PD or unrelated to treatment

Cilta-cel: Myelosuppression

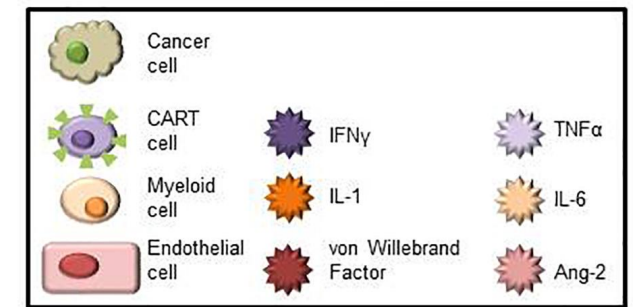
- Monitor blood counts prior to and after infusion
- Monitor patients for s/s of infection
- Monitor and consider immunoglobulin replacement therapy



Toxicities from CARTITUDE-1		
	All Grades	Grades ≥ 3
Neutropenia	96%	95%
Anemia	81%	68%
Thrombocytopenia	79%	60%
Leukopenia	62%	61%
Lymphopenia	53%	50%

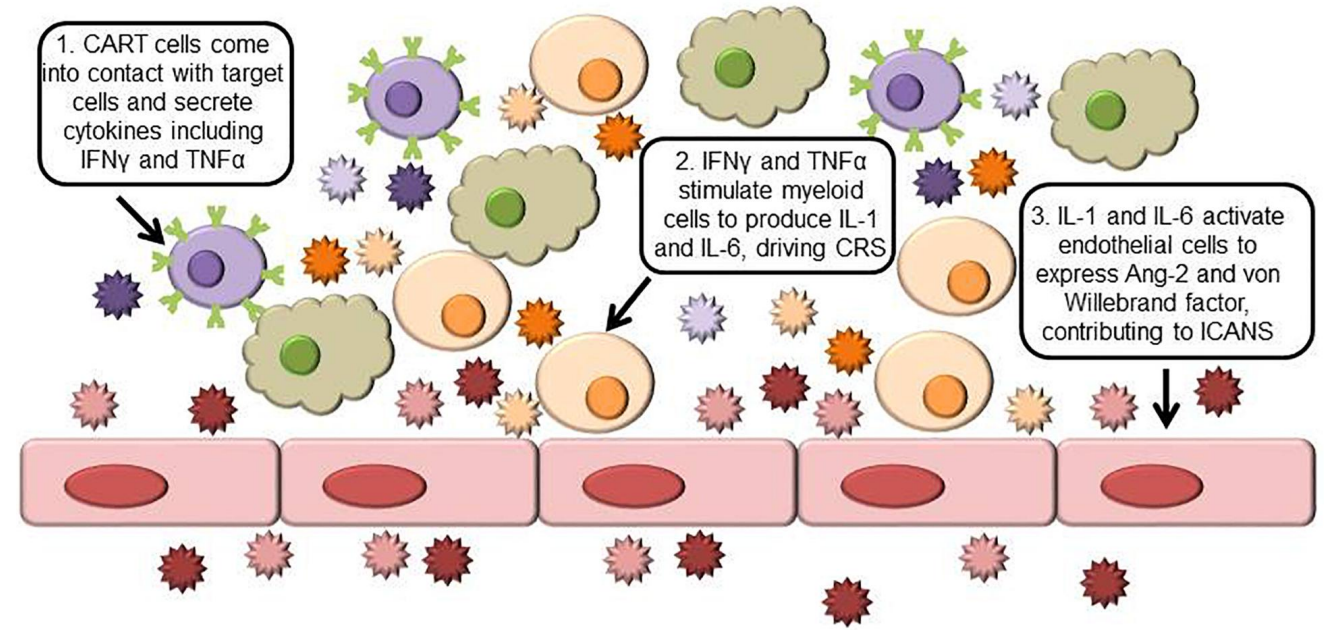
- Standard/institutional infection prophylaxis and treatment – as well as management of cytopenias – unless otherwise appropriate

Cilta-cel: CRS & Neurologic Toxicities



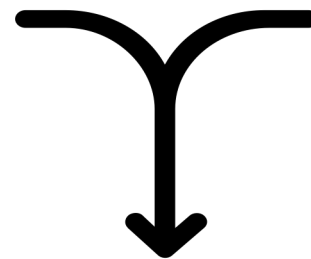
REMS Program

- Monitor patients at least daily for 10 days following infusion at a certified healthcare facility for s/s of CRS and neurologic toxicities
- Monitor periodically for 4 weeks for s/s of delayed neurologic toxicity



Toxicities from CARTITUDE-1

	All Grades	Grades ≥ 3
Cytokine release syndrome	95%	4%
Neurotoxicities	21%	9%



CRS Management

CRS Grade	Tocilizumab	Corticosteroids
Grade 1 Temperature $\geq 38^{\circ}\text{C}$	<i>For early (<72 hours post-cilta-cel) onset of fever</i> Could consider tocilizumab 8 mg/kg IV over 1 hour (max 800 mg)	N/A
Grade 2 <i>Moderate intervention needed</i> Gr1 + HoTN not requiring vasopressors AND/OR Hypoxia requiring oxygen via canula or blow-by OR Gr2 organ toxicity	Administer tocilizumab 8 mg/kg IV over 1 hour (max 800 mg) Repeat tocilizumab q8h PRN if not responsive to IV fluids up to 1L or increasing supplemental oxygen	Consider dexamethasone 10 mg IV q12-24h
	If no improvement within 24 hours or rapid progression, repeat tocilizumab and escalate dexamethasone to 20 mg IV q6-12h → If no improvement within 24 hours or rapid progression, switch to methylprednisolone 2 mg/kg IV q12h After 2 doses tocilizumab, consider alternative anti-cytokine; max 3 doses tocilizumab in 24 hours (or 4 doses total)	
Grade 3 <i>Aggressive intervention needed</i> Gr1 + HoTN requiring 1 vasopressor AND/OR Hypoxia requiring more intensive support (e.g., oxygen via HF nasal canula) OR Gr3 organ toxicity or Gr4 transaminitis	See Grade 2	Administer dexamethasone 10 mg IV q12-24h
	See Grade 2	
Grade 4 <i>Life-threatening sx; requiring ventilator, CVVHD</i> Gr1 + HoTN requiring >1 vasopressor (this excludes vasopressin) AND/OR Hypoxia requiring + pressure OR Gr4 organ toxicity (excl. transaminitis)	See Grade 2	Administer dexamethasone 20 mg IV q12-24h
	After 2 doses tocilizumab, consider alternative anti-cytokine; max 3 doses tocilizumab in 24 hours (or 4 doses total) If no improvement within 24 hours, consider methylprednisolone 1-2 g IV q24h PRN with taper as clinically indicated OR other immunosuppressants	

CRS=cytokine release syndrome.

ICANS Management



CRS Grade	Corticosteroids
<p>Grade 1 ICE score 7-9 OR depressed level of consciousness/awakens spontaneously</p>	<p>Consider dexamethasone 10mg IV q12-24h for 2-3 days. Consider non-sedating, anti-seizure medications for seizure prophylaxis.</p>
<p>Grade 2 ICE score 3-6 OR depressed level of consciousness/awakens to voice</p>	<p>Administer dexamethasone 10mg IV q12-24h for 2-3 days or longer for persistent sx. Consider steroid taper if total steroid exposure >3 days. If no improvement within 24 hours or rapid progression, escalate dexamethasone to max 20 mg IV q6h Consider non-sedating, anti-seizure medications for seizure prophylaxis.</p>
<p>Grade 3 ICE score 0-2 (0 only if patient arousable and able to perform assessment) OR depressed level of consciousness/awakens to tactile stimulus OR seizures (clinical, that resolves rapidly <i>OR</i> non-convulsive on EEG that resolves with intervention) OR raised ICP (focal/local edema on neuroimaging)</p>	<p>Administer dexamethasone 10-20mg IV q6h If no improvement within 24 hours or worsening of neuro toxicity, escalate dexamethasone to ≥20 mg IV q6h OR escalate to methylprednisolone 1-2 g/day, repeating q24h PRN. Taper as clinically indicated. Consider non-sedating, anti-seizure medications for seizure prophylaxis. If cerebral edema suspected, consider hyperventilation and hyperosmolar therapy; administer methylprednisolone 1-2 g/day, repeating q24h PRN. Taper steroids as clinically indicated.</p>
<p>Grade 4 ICE score 0 OR unarousable, requiring vigorous or repetitive tactile stimuli to arouse <i>OR</i> stupor or coma OR seizures (life-threatening, >5 min <i>OR</i> repetitive clinical or electrical without return to baseline in between) OR deep focal motor weakness OR raised ICP/cerebral edema with s/s</p>	<p>Administer dexamethasone 20mg IV q6h If no improvement within 24 hours or worsening of neuro toxicity, escalate to methylprednisolone 1-2 g/day, repeating q24h PRN. Taper steroids as clinically indicated. Consider non-sedating, anti-seizure medications for seizure prophylaxis. If cerebral edema suspected, consider hyperventilation and hyperosmolar therapy; administer methylprednisolone 1-2 g/day, repeating q24h PRN. Taper steroids as clinically indicated. Consider neurology and/or neurosurgery consult.</p>

Additional Counseling Points

- Embryo-Fetal Toxicity: Theoretically could cause fetal harm
 - Verify pregnancy status of females of child-bearing age prior to initiating treatment
 - Not recommended for women who are pregnant, or for women of childbearing potential not using contraception
 - Clinical trials recommended female patients of childbearing potential to practice a highly effective method of contraception AND male patients with partners of childbearing potential or whose partners were pregnant were instructed to use a barrier method of contraception, until 1 year after patient received the infusion
- Lactation: Weigh risks vs. benefits
- If secondary malignancy occurs after treatment, patient to contact manufacturer
- Monitor for hypersensitivity reactions during and 2 hours after infusion for s/s of severe reaction
- Advise patients to refrain from driving and engaging in hazardous activities (e.g., operating heavy or potentially dangerous machinery) for at least 8 weeks after receiving cilta-cel and in the event of any new onset of neurologic toxicities
- Patient to seek immediate medical attention for: CRS, neurologic toxicities, Parkinsonism, Guillain Barré Syndrome, peripheral neuropathy, cranial nerve palsies, infections, prolonged and recurrent cytopenias, hypersensitivity reactions

Cilta-cel: Access

- (Fludarabine injection currently on shortage)
- Manufacturer-sourced only
- Administered only at REMS-certified hospitals and associated clinics

Copay assistance?*	Free trial?*	Patient Assistance Program?*
N/A	N/A	Yes Janssen (assistance with transportation, lodging, and out-of-pocket costs for meals and other travel expenses related to treatment)

**Program availability and eligibility may frequently vary.*

Asparaginase Erwinia-Chrysanthemi (Recombinant)-rywn (ERW-rywn)

- **FDA-approved indication:**

- As a component of a multi-agent chemotherapeutic regimen for the treatment of acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL) and lymphoblastic lymphoma (LBL) in patients ≥ 1 month or older who have developed hypersensitivity to E. coli-derived asparaginase

- **Other FDA-approved drugs for a similar indication:**

- **Asparaginase erwinia chrysanthemi** – as a component of a multi-agent chemotherapeutic regimen for the treatment of patients with ALL who have developed hypersensitivity to E. coli-derived asparaginase
- **Pegaspargase** – indicated as a component of a multi-agent chemotherapeutic regimen for treatment of pediatric and adult patients with ALL and hypersensitivity to asparaginase



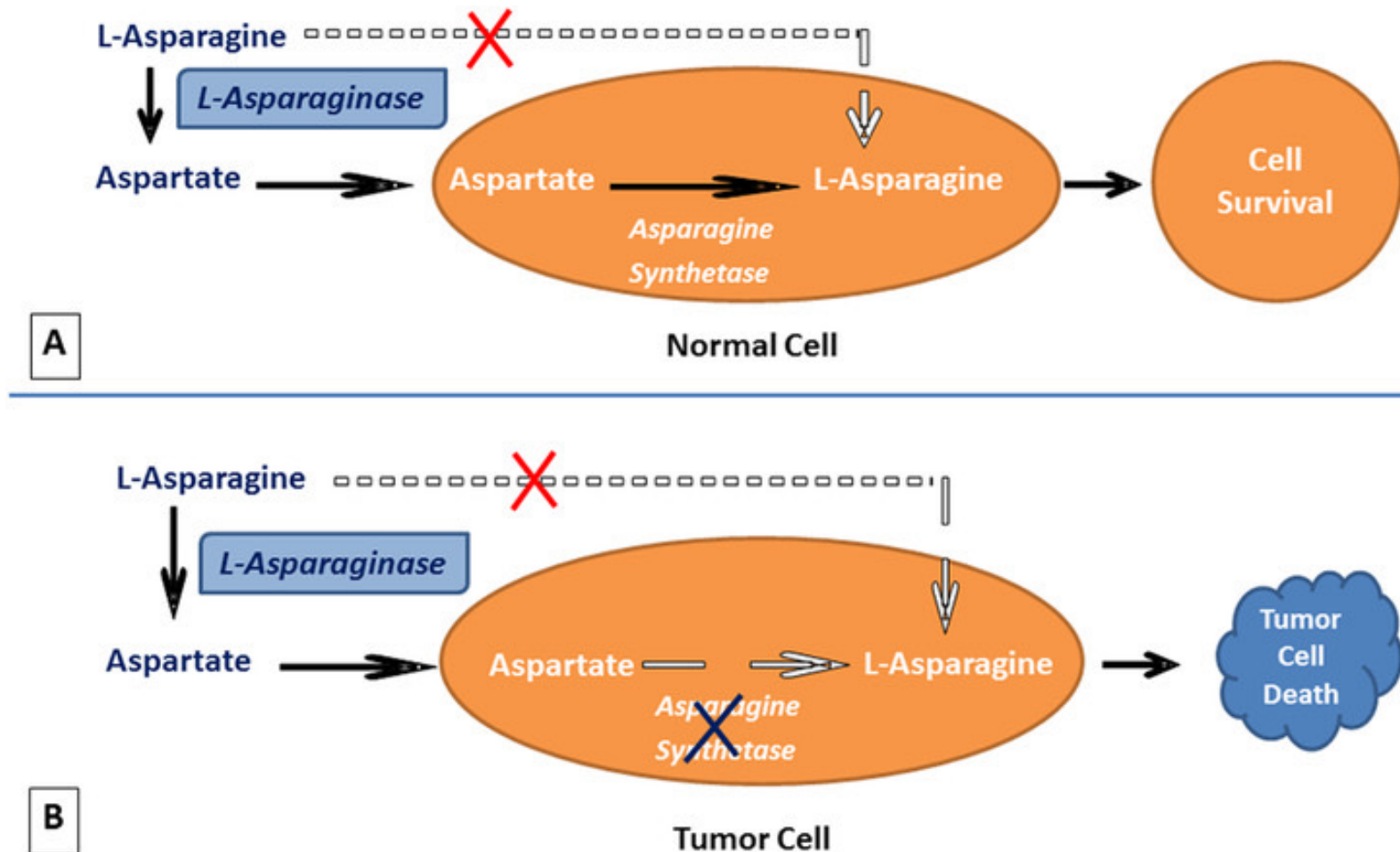
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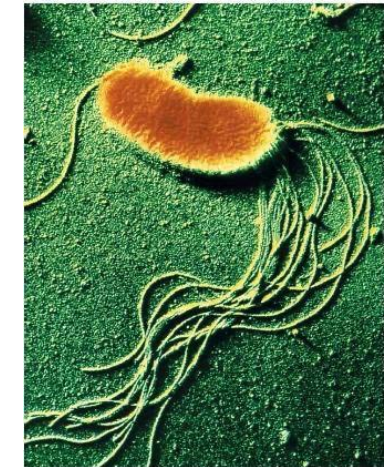
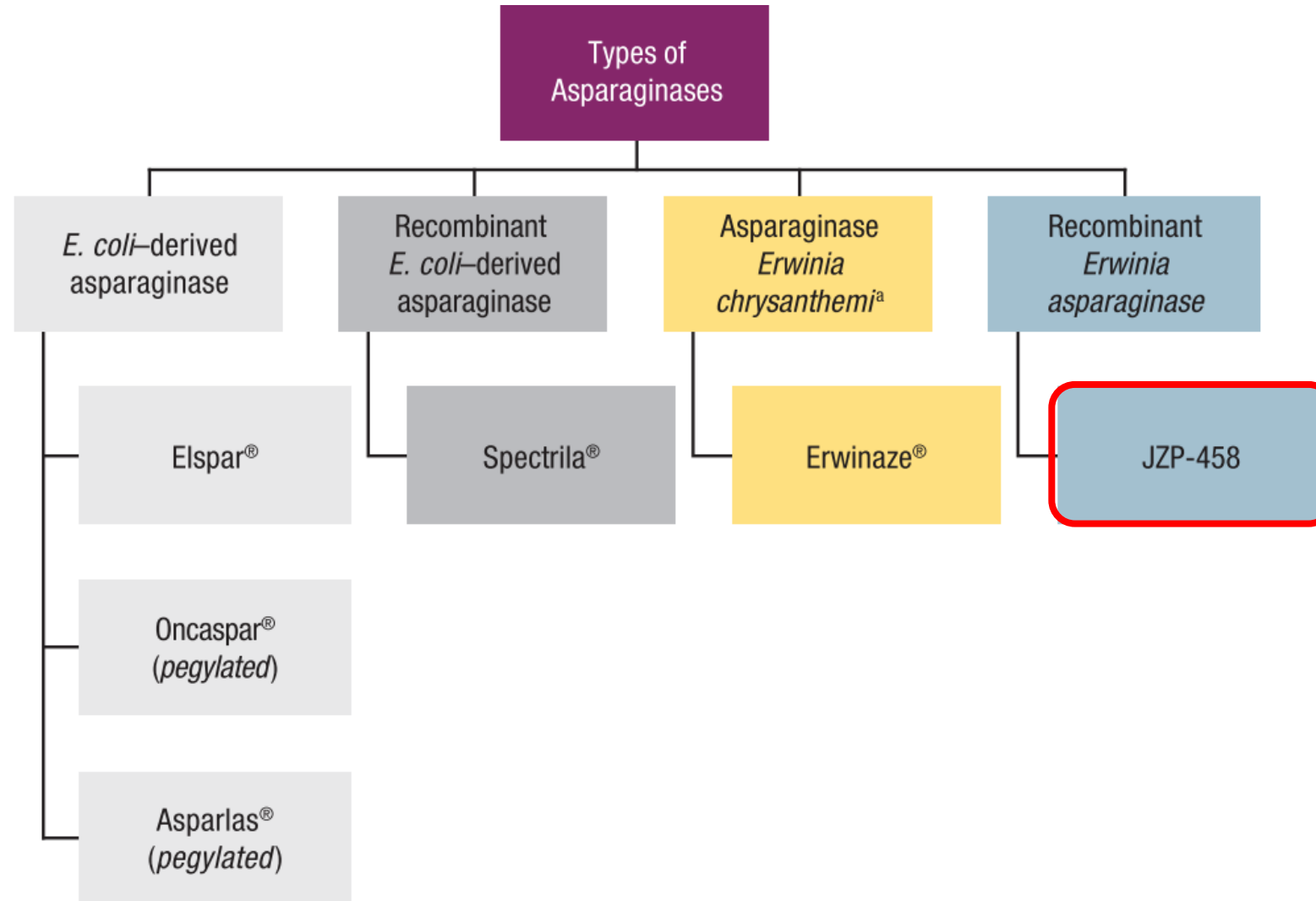
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Image adapted from <https://www.clinicaltrialsarena.com/projects/rylaze-asparaginase/>.

ERW-rywn: Mechanism of Action



ERW-rywn: Mechanism of Action, *continued*



ERW-rywn: Dosing

- Injection forms: 10 mg/0.5 mL solution per single-dose vial
- Starting dose: 25 mg/m² administered intramuscularly every 48 hours
- No notable drug-drug interactions
- Empiric renal dose adjustment: None recommended (not studied)
- Empiric hepatic dose adjustment: None recommended (not studied)

AALL1931 trial

Phase 2/3, open-label, multicenter, pharmacokinetic study

Cohort 1a, ERW-rywn 25 mg/m² M/W/F (n=33)
vs. Cohort 1b, ERW-rywn 37.5 mg/m² M/W/F (n=83)
vs. Cohort 1c, ERW-rywn 25 mg/m² M/W and 50 mg/m² F (n=51)

- ALL/LBL patients, regardless of age [median age 10yo]
- History of a grade ≥ 3 allergic reaction or silent inactivation to a pegylated E. coli–derived asparaginase

AALL1931 trial

- *Primary Outcome:* proportion of patients who achieved last **72-hour** nadir serum asparaginase activity (NSAA) levels ≥ 0.1 IU/mL in first treatment course → [Maese et al. 2021] 65.5% Cohort 1a, 80.4% Cohort 1b, 93.3% Cohort 1c
 - At **48 hours:** [Maese et al. 2021] 96.9% Cohort 1a, 98.1% Cohort 1b, 93.8% Cohort 1c
- Mean SAA levels (IU/mL) at **72 hours:**
 - 0.16 for Cohort 1a, 0.33 for Cohort 1b, 0.47 for Cohort 1c
- Mean SAA levels at **48 hours:**
 - 0.45 for Cohort 1a, 0.88 for Cohort 1b, 0.66 for Cohort 1c

AALL1931 trial: Toxicities

Arm 1a: 25 mg/m² (M/W/F)

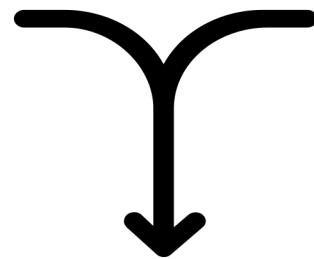
All Grades (for $\geq 24\%$ of all subjects)		Grade 3-4 (for $\geq 9\%$ of all subjects)	
Abnormal LFTs (Hepatotoxicity)	70% (9%)	Febrile neutropenia	24%
Nausea	46%	Infection	12%
Musculoskeletal pain	39%	Abnormal LFTs	12%
Fatigue	36%	Nausea	9%
Infection	30%	Stomatitis	9%
Headache	30%	Dehydration	9%
Pyrexia	27%		
Febrile neutropenia	24%		
Drug hypersensitivity (Allergic reaction)	24% (6%)		

Deaths
(n = 0)

ERW-rywn: Hypersensitivity

Arm 1a: 25 mg/m² (M/W/F)

Monitor for signs or symptoms of hypersensitivity



Toxicities from AALL1931 (subsequent results)

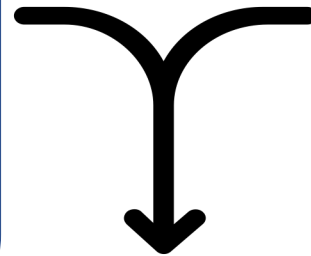
	All Grades	Grades ≥ 3
Drug hypersensitivity (Allergic reaction)	24% (6%)	6%

Reason for Dose Adjustment	Manufacturer Guidance
Hypersensitivity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Grade 2: Treat symptomsGrade 3-4: Discontinue permanently

ERW-rywn: Hepatotoxicity

Arm 1a: 25 mg/m² (M/W/F)

- Monitor Tbili, transaminases prior to treatment every 2-3 weeks and as indicated clinically
- Contraindicated: Serious hemorrhagic events during previous L-asparaginase therapy



Toxicities from AALL1931 (subsequent results)

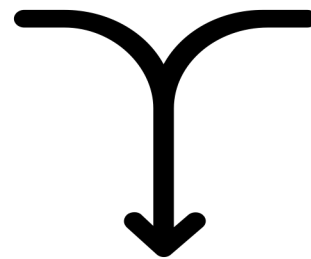
	All Grades	Grades ≥ 3
Abnormal LFTs (Hepatotoxicity)	70% (9%)	12%

Reason for Dose Adjustment	Manufacturer Guidance
Hepatotoxicity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tbili >3x to $\leq 10x$ ULN: Hold until Tbili decreases to $\leq 1.5x$ ULN • Tbili >10x ULN: Discontinue; do not make up missed doses

ERW-rywn: Thrombosis

Arm 1a: 25 mg/m² (M/W/F)

Contraindicated: Serious thrombosis during previous L-asparaginase therapy



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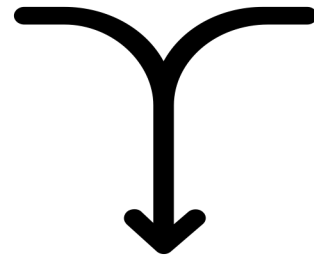
	All Grades	Grades ≥ 3
(Thrombosis)	-- (9%)	--

Reason for Dose Adjustment	Manufacturer Guidance
Thrombosis	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Uncomplicated: Hold and treat with appropriate antithrombotic therapy. Upon resolution of symptoms, consider resuming while continuing antithrombotic therapySevere/Life-threatening: Discontinue permanently; treat with appropriate antithrombotic therapy

ERW-rywn: Pancreatitis

Arm 1a: 25 mg/m² (M/W/F)

- Monitor for symptoms
- Contraindicated: serious pancreatitis during previous L-asparaginase therapy



Toxicities from AALL1931 (subsequent results)

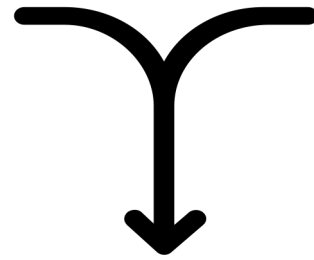
	All Grades	Grades ≥ 3
Pancreatitis	-- (0)	--
Abdominal pain	18%	0

Reason for Dose Adjustment	Manufacturer Guidance
Pancreatitis	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grade 2-4: Hold for elevated lipase or amylase >2x ULN or symptomatic pancreatitis. Resume treatment when lipase and amylase are <1.5x ULN and symptoms resolved. Discontinue permanently if clinical necrotizing or hemorrhagic pancreatitis confirmed

ERW-rywn: Hyperglycemia

Arm 1a: 25 mg/m² (M/W/F)

Monitor glucose prior to treatment every 2-3 weeks and as indicated clinically



Toxicities from AALL1931 (Not reported in subsequent results)

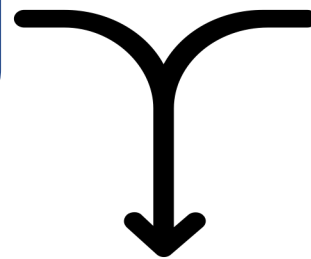
	All Grades	Grades ≥ 3
Hyperglycemia	21%	3%

- Standard/institutional hyperglycemia management unless otherwise appropriate

ERW-rywn: Hemorrhage

Arm 1a: 25 mg/m² (M/W/F)

Contraindicated: Serious hemorrhagic events during previous L-asparaginase therapy



Toxicities from AALL1931 (Not reported in subsequent results)

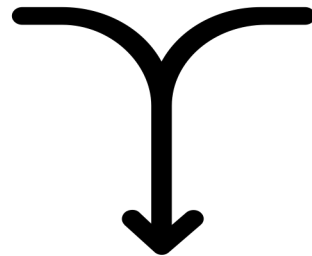
	All Grades	Grades ≥ 3
Hemorrhage	21%	0

Reason for Dose Adjustment	Manufacturer Guidance
Hemorrhage	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Grade 3-4: Hold therapy; evaluate for coagulopathy and consider clotting factor replacement PRN. Resume with next scheduled dose if bleeding controlled

ERW-rywn: Myelosuppression

Arm 1a: 25 mg/m² (M/W/F)

Monitor complete blood counts regularly during therapy and manage by treatment interruption or dose reduction



Toxicities from AALL1931 <i>(Not reported in subsequent results)</i>		
	All Grades	Grades ≥ 3
Febrile neutropenia	24%	24%
Infection	30%	12%

- Standard/institutional infection prophylaxis and treatment unless otherwise appropriate

Additional Counseling Points

- Embryo-Fetal Toxicity: Can cause fetal harm
 - Recommended to verify pregnancy status of females of reproductive potential prior to initiating treatment
 - Advise females of reproductive potential to use effective non-hormonal contraception during treatment with asparaginase erwinia-chrysanthemii (recombinant)-rywn and for 3 months after the last dose
- Lactation: Advise not to breastfeed during treatment and for ≥ 1 week after the last dose (lack of data)
- Minimal emetic risk vs. reported incidence of nausea for Cohort 1a in initial results of AALL1931 (all-grade: 45%, grades 3-4: 9%)
- Hypertriglyceridemia: NCCN guidelines for ALL recommend for Grade 4 hypertriglyceridemia – hold asparaginase and resume when normalized; treat as indicated. Some experts consider gemfibrozil or other fibrates, particularly for high-grade triglyceridemia (>1000 mg/dL).

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ALL= acute lymphoblastic leukemia. NCCN=National Comprehensive Cancer Network.

ERW-rywn: Access

- Medication not currently on shortage
- Select authorized distributors

Copay assistance?*	Free trial?*	Patient Assistance Program?*
Yes U.S. resident; commercial insurance; copay support with annual maximum after copay of \$10+; valid through one calendar year <i>Other conditions may apply.</i>	No	Yes Jazz Pharmaceuticals

**Program availability and eligibility may frequently vary.*

Audience Question

Which of the following would be the most appropriate counseling point or intervention?

- A. For Ph+ CML-CP with T315I mutation, the approved dosing regimen for asciminib is 80 mg by mouth daily with a full meal
- B. With concomitant omeprazole, the starting dose of belumosudil should be increased to 200 mg twice daily
- C. For grade 2 CRS and grade 2 ICANS after cilta-cel infusion, an appropriate starting dose of dexamethasone is 20 mg IV q6h
- D. For a total bilirubin increase to 6x ULN (compared to normal baseline), permanently discontinue ERW-rywn

Reference: New Agents for Non-Malignant Hematologic Indications



Approval Date	Medication	Indication	Mechanism of Action & Starting Dose	Common Adverse Effects
2/28/22	Pacritinib	adults with intermediate or high-risk primary or secondary (post-PCV or post-essential TCP) MF with platelet $<50 \times 10^9/L$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> kinase inhibitor against wt JAK2, mut JAK2V617F, and FLT3 → impacts signaling of cytokines and growth factors important for hematopoiesis and immune function (MF associated with dysregulated JAK2 signaling) 200 mg PO twice daily, with(out) food 	($\geq 20\%$ patients): diarrhea, thrombocytopenia, nausea, anemia, peripheral edema
2/5/22	Sutimlimab-jome	decrease the need for RBC transfusion due to hemolysis in adults with CAD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IgG4 mAb inhibits classical complement pathway by binding to complement protein component 1, s subcomponent that cleaves C4 39 kg to <75 kg: 6,500 mg IV ≥ 75 kg: 7,500 mg IV 	($\geq 10\%$ patients): respiratory tract infection, viral infection, diarrhea, dyspepsia, cough, arthralgia, arthritis, peripheral edema
11/12/21	Ropeginterferon alfa-2b-njft	adults with PCV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IFNa binds to a transmembrane receptor (IFNa receptor) → initiates signaling cascade via activation of JAK1, TYK2, and STAT proteins → impacts gene-expression programs 100 mcg SQ every 2 weeks (50 mcg if receiving hydroxyurea) 	(>40% patients): influenza-like illness, arthralgia, fatigue, pruritus, nasopharyngitis, musculoskeletal pain

Reference: New Malignant Hematology Indications for Agents with ≥ 1 Prior Approval

Approval Date	Medication	Indication
6/24/22	Lisocabtagene maraleucel	adult patients with LBCL refractory to first-line chemoimmunotherapy or relapse within 12 months of first-line chemoimmunotherapy; or refractory to first-line chemoimmunotherapy or relapse after first-line chemoimmunotherapy and not eligible for HSCT due to comorbidities or age
5/27/22	Tisagenlecleucel	adult patients with relapsed or refractory FL after ≥ 2 lines of systemic therapy
5/25/22	Ivosidenib <i>plus</i> Azacitidine	newly diagnosed AML with susceptible IDH1 mutation in adults 75 years or older or with comorbidities
5/20/22	Azacitadine	pediatric patients with newly diagnosed JMML
4/1/22	Axicabtagene ciloleucel	adult patients with LBCL refractory to first-line chemoimmunotherapy or relapsed within 12 months of first-line chemoimmunotherapy
12/15/21	Abatacept (<i>plus</i> CNI and MTX)	prophylaxis of aGVHD in patients ≥ 2 y.o. undergoing HSCT from a matched or 1 allele-mismatched unrelated donor
12/2/21	Rituximab <i>plus</i> chemotherapy	pediatric patients (≥ 6 months to < 18 years) with previously untreated, advanced stage, CD20-positive DLBCL, BL, BLL, or mature B-AL

Reference: New Malignant Hematology Indications for Agents with ≥ 1 Prior Approval, *continued*

Approval Date	Medication	Indication
11/30/21	Daratumumab/hyaluronidase-fihj <i>plus</i> Carfilzomib <i>plus</i> Dex	adult patients with relapsed or refractory MM who have received 1–3 prior lines of therapy
10/1/21	Brexucabtagene autoleucel	adult patients with relapsed or refractory B-cell precursor ALL
9/22/21	Ruxolitinib	cGVHD s/p failure of 1–2 lines of systemic therapy in patients ≥ 12 y.o.
9/15/21	Zanubrutinib	adult patients with relapsed or refractory MZL who have received ≥ 1 anti-CD20-based regimen
9/1/21	Zanubrutinib	adult patients with Waldenström’s macroglobulinemia
7/9/21	Daratumumab/hyaluronidase-fihj <i>plus</i> Pomalidomide <i>plus</i> Dex	adult patients with MM who have received ≥ 1 prior line of therapy, including lenalidomide and a proteasome inhibitor
6/16/21	Avapritinib	adult patients with advanced systemic mastocytosis, systemic mastocytosis with associated hematologic neoplasm, and mast cell leukemia

Thank You

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