

**Drug Updates in
Hematologic Malignancies**

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Disclosures

- I have nothing to disclose.
- I will not be discussing off-label indications.

Objectives

1. Identify FDA drug approvals in hematologic malignancies
 - August 2020-August 2021
2. Evaluate data supporting use of these new therapies
3. Review pharmacology, pertinent drug information, and clinical management
4. Discuss supportive care management and patient counseling information

New FDA Drug Approvals in Past Year: Leukemia/Lymphoma/Multiple Myeloma

Month/Year	Drug	Disease
August 2020	Belantamab mafodotin-blmf	R/R MM
September 2020	Azacitidine tablets	AML
October 2020	Pembrolizumab	R/R cHL (peds & adults)
February 2021	Umbralisib	FL & MZL
April 2021	Melphalan Flufenamide Loncastuximab Tesirine	R/R MM R/R LBCL
June 2021	Asparaginase erwinia chrysanthemi (recombinant)-rywn Avapritinib	Acute lymphoblastic leukemia/lymphoma Systemic mastocytosis & mast cell leukemia

U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Oncology (Cancer/Hematologic) Malignancies Approval Notifications. Available at: <https://www.fda.gov/oc/resources-information/approval-drugs/oncology-cancer-hematologic-malignancies-approval-notifications>.

New FDA Drug Approvals in Past Year: CART Therapies

Month/Year	Drug	Disease
February 2021	Lisocabtagene Maraleucel	R/R LBCL
March 2021	Idecabtagene Vicleucel Axicabtagene Ciloleucel	R/R MM R/R FL

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New FDA Drug Approvals in Past Year: GVHD Therapies

Month/Year	Drug	Disease
July 2021	Belumosudil	Chronic GVHD

U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Oncology (Cancer/Hematologic) Malignancies Approval Notifications. Available at: <https://www.fda.gov/oc/resources-information/approval-drugs/oncology-cancer-hematologic-malignancies-approval-notifications>.

New Drug Approvals in Leukemia

Azacitidine Tablets (Onureg®)

Indication

- Continuation of acute myeloid leukemia (AML) treatment in adults who achieved CR or CRi and unable to complete intensive curative therapy

Onureg (azacitidine tablets) [package insert], Summit, NJ: Celgene Corporation; 2020.

Azacitidine Tablets (Onureg®)

Cytidine Nucleoside Analog **Mechanism of Action**

Onureg (azacitidine tablets) [package insert], Summit, NJ: Celgene Corporation; 2020. Adapted from Iwasaki, et al. et al. Hematology-Oncology Clinics, 2020; 34: 275-8.

Azacitidine Tablets (Onureg®): Quazar AML-001 Trial

Objective	Evaluate efficacy oral azacitidine as maintenance AML therapy	
Design	Phase 3, randomized, double blind, placebo-controlled study	
Intervention	Azacitidine 300 mg PO daily on days 1-14 of each 28-day cycle vs. Placebo	
Population	Patients treated for AML and in first remission, but ineligible for stem cell transplant Median age: 68 years	
Endpoints	Primary	
	• OS: 27 months vs. 14.8 months	
	Secondary	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RFS: 10.2 months vs. 4.8 months QOL: FACT Fatigue Scale and EQ-5D-3L similar between groups 	Safety <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nausea and vomiting: >60% Neutropenia: 44% Thrombocytopenia: 33% Time to discontinuation: 11.4 months with 60% due to relapse

Wei AH, et al. NEJM. 2020;383:7526-37.

Azacitidine Tablets (Onureg®)

Dosing:

- 300 mg PO daily on days 1-14 of each 28-day cycle

Administration:

- Antiemetic recommended
- Without regard to meals
- Do not crush or split

Drug-Drug Interactions:

- None

Dose Adjustments

- Hematologic toxicity
- Gastrointestinal toxicity

Warnings/Precautions

- Not equivalent to IV or SC formulations
- Increased mortality in MDS
- Myelosuppression
- Embryo/Fetal Toxicity

Other Adverse Effects

- Nausea/Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Febrile Neutropenia
- Pneumonia

Monitoring/Guidance

- CBC every other week x 2 cycles
- Prior to start of new cycles

Onureg (azacitidine tablets) [package insert], Summit, NJ: Celgene Corporation; 2020.

Azacitidine Tablets (Onureg®): Helpful Information

- Advise on febrile neutropenia
- Hazardous drug handling
- Dispense in manufacturer bottle with desiccants
- Available as 200 mg and 300 mg film coated tablets
- Copay assistance and free drug programs available

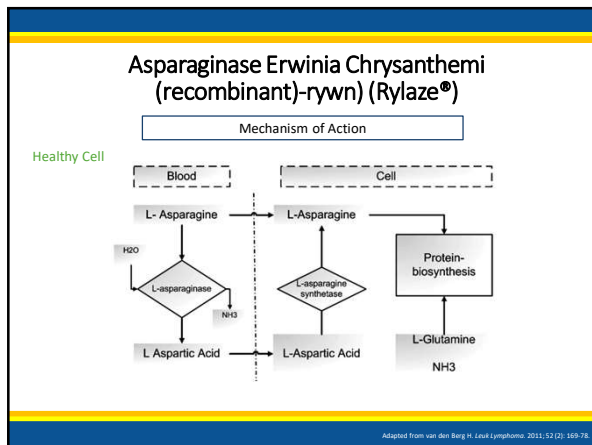
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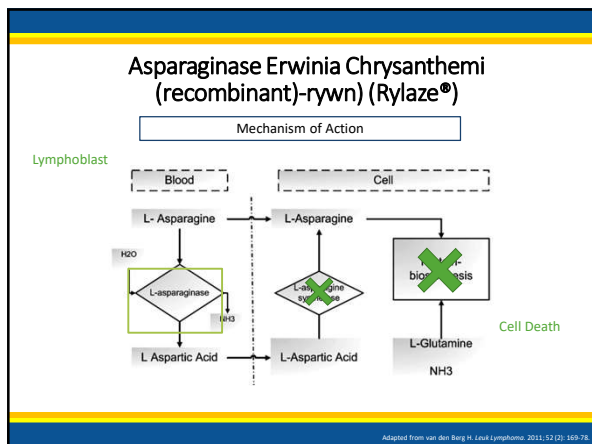
Asparaginase Erwinia Chrysanthemii (recombinant)-rywn) (Rylaze®)

Indication

- Component of Acute lymphoblastic leukemia/lymphoma regimens for pediatric patients ≥ 1 month old and adults who developed hypersensitivity to *E.coli*-derived asparaginase products
- Was granted FDA fast track and orphan drug designation

Rylaze (asparaginase erwinia chrysanthemii (recombinant) rywn) injection [package insert], Palo Alto, CA: Jazz Pharmaceuticals; 2021.





Asparaginase Erwinia Chrysanthemi (recombinant)-rywn (Rylaze®): JZP 458-201 Trial

Objective	Evaluate safety and efficacy of asparaginase Erwinia Chrysanthemi (recombinant)-rywn in acute lymphoblastic leukemia/lymphoma																
Design	Multicenter, open label, Phase 2/3 single arm dose and PK study																
Intervention	Asparaginase Erwinia Chrysanthemi (recombinant)-rywn x 6 doses over 2 weeks to replace a course of E.coli-derived product; Median age: 11; Median courses: 4																
Population	Pediatrics (\geq 1 month) and adults with acute lymphoblastic leukemia/lymphoma who had grade \geq 3 allergic reaction or silent inactivation to the E.coli-derived product																
Endpoints	Primary																
	• Serum asparaginase nadir concentration \geq 0.1 units/mL: 93.6% at 48h																
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Asparaginase Erwinia Chrysanthemi (recombinant)-rywn (Rylaze®)

Dosing: • 25mg/m ² IM every 48 hours	Dose Adjustments	Warnings/Precautions
	Hypersensitivity	Hypersensitivity
	Thrombosis	Thrombosis
	Hemorrhage	Hemorrhage
Administration: • Rotate injection sites	Hepatotoxicity	Hepatotoxicity
	Other Adverse Effects	Monitoring/Guidance
Drug-Drug Interactions: • None	Nausea/Vomiting	Tbili, LFTs, and glucose every 2-3 weeks prior to treatment
	Diarrhea	
	Musculoskeletal pain	
	Infection	

Rylaze (asparaginase erwinia chrysanthemi (recombinant) rywn) injection [package insert], Palo Alto, CA: Jazz Pharmaceuticals; 2021.

Asparaginase Erwinia Chrysanthemi (recombinant)-rywn (Rylaze®)

- Rotate injection sites
- Split volumes > 2 mL into multiple syringes
- Copay assistance and free drug programs not currently available

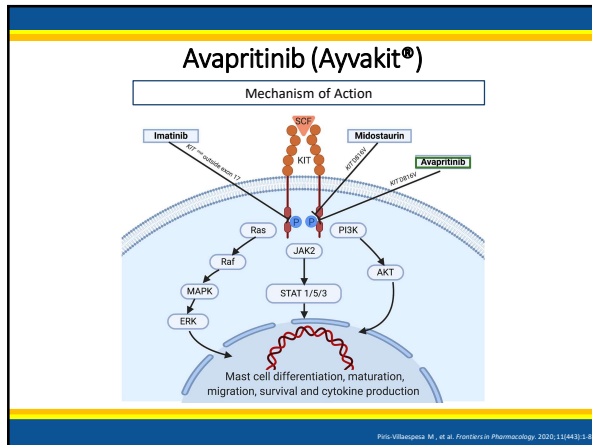
Rylaze (asparaginase erwinia chrysanthemi (recombinant) rywn) injection [package insert], Palo Alto, CA: Jazz Pharmaceuticals; 2021.

Avapritinib (Ayvakit®)

Indication

- Advanced systemic mastocytosis (ASM) in adults including:
 - Systemic mastocytosis with associated hematological neoplasm (SM-AHN)
 - Mast cell leukemia (MCL)
 - Aggressive systemic mastocytosis (ASM)

Avapritinib [Ayvakit®] package insert; Cambridge, MA: Blueprint Medicines Corporation; 2021.



Avapritinib (Ayvakit®) PATHFINDER Trial

Objective	Evaluate efficacy in advanced systemic mastocytosis	
Design	Phase 2, single arm study	
Intervention	Avapritinib 200 mg PO daily until toxicity or progression Median Duration: 10.4 months	
Population	Advanced systemic mastocytosis: SM-AHN (81%), MCL (13%), ASM: 6% Median age: 69 years (31-88); ECOG: 0-1 (69%) Previous treatment: 68%	
Endpoints	Primary	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ORR: 75% ; median time to response: 2 months CR or CRI: 19% 	
	Secondary	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OS: Not reached at analysis Predicted OS at 12 months: 87% 	Safety <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Edema: > 50% Thrombocytopenia: 32% Diarrhea: 28% Cognitive effects: 14% Required dose reduction: 92% Discontinued due to ADE: 5%

DeAngelis DJ, et al. ASCO 2021 Abstr. CT023

Avapritinib (Ayvakit®)

<p>Dosing: • 200 mg PO daily</p> <p>Administration: • On empty stomach • 1 hour before or 2 hours after a meal • Antiemetic premed</p> <p>Drug-Drug Interactions: • Strong and moderate CYP3A4, CYP3A5 and CYP2C9 inhibitors • Strong and moderate CYP3A4, CYP3A5 and CYP2C9</p>	<u>Dose Adjustments</u> Thrombocytopenia	<u>Warnings/Precautions</u> Intracranial Hemorrhage Memory Impairment, Confusion Embryo-Fetal Toxicity
	<u>Other Adverse Effects</u> Pancytopenia Edema Hyperbilirubinemia, Transaminitis Hypophosphatemia	<u>Monitoring/Guidance</u> Platelets at baseline and every 2 weeks for first 8 weeks, then every 2 weeks if platelets < 75,000 or every 4 weeks if platelets 75-100,000

Avapritinib (Ayvakit®) [package insert], Cambridge, MA: Blueprint Medicines Corporation, 2021.

Avapritinib (Ayvakit®): Helpful Information

- Not recommended platelets < 50,000
- Copay assistance and free drug program available
- Tablet sizes: 25 mg, 50 mg, 100 mg, 200 mg
- Note: target dose is different from GIST target dose
- Hazardous precautions

Avapritinib (Ayvakit®) [package insert], Cambridge, MA: Blueprint Medicines Corporation, 2021.

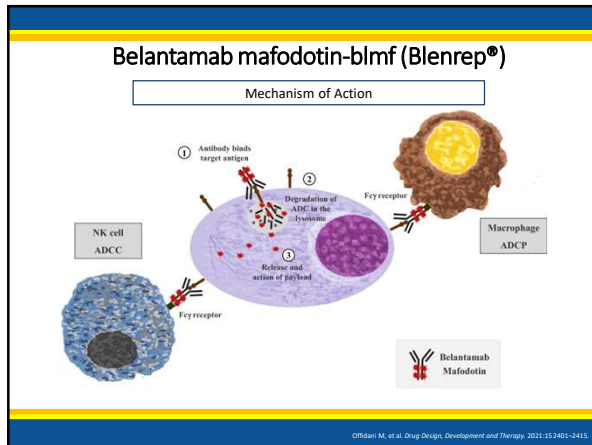
New Drug Approvals in
Multiple Myeloma

Belantamab mafodotin-blmf (Blenrep®)

Indication

- Relapsed/refractory multiple myeloma (R/R MM) who have received at least 4 previous regimens one of which must have contained a CD38- targeted therapy, proteasome inhibitor, and an immunomodulatory agent
- Approved as a monotherapy

Belantamab mafodotin-blmf (Blenrep®) [package insert]; Research Triangle Park, NC: GlaxoSmithKline, Inc.; 2020.



Belantamab mafodotin-blmf (Blenrep®) DREAMM-2 Trial

Objective	Evaluate efficacy in relapsed/refractory MM	
Design	International, open label, Phase 2, two-arm study	
Intervention	Belantamab mafodotin-blmf 2.5 mg/kg IV every 3 weeks vs. Belantamab mafodotin-blmf 3.5 mg/kg IV every 3 weeks	
Population	R/R MM who have received a CD38 agent, a proteasome inhibitor, and immunomodulatory agent Median age: 65-67; > 50% ISS Stage II and III Median of 6-7 previous lines of therapy	
Endpoints	Primary	
	• ORR: 31% vs. 35%	
	Secondary	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DOR: NR vs 6.2 months PFS: 2.8 months vs. 3.9 months Probability of 1 year survival: 53% 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safety Ocular events (>70% keratopathy) Thrombocytopenia Anemia 8-10% discontinuation rate due to keratopathy

Lomak S et al. Lancet Oncol. 2020;21:207-221; Lomak S et al. J Clin Oncol. 2020;38:3101-3109; 2020.

Belantamab mafodotin-blmf (Blenrep®)

<p>Dosing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2.5 mg/kg IV every 3 weeks • Used total body weight <p>Administration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infuse over 30 minutes • Use within 6 hours of preparation <p>Drug-Drug Considerations :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Substrate of OATP1B1, and OATP1B3, MRP1, MRP2, MRP3, and possible Pgp 	<p>Dose Adjustments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corneal events • Thrombocytopenia 	<p>Warnings/Precautions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ocular Toxicity • Infusion related reactions • Embryo-Fetal Toxicity
	<p>Other Adverse Effects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pancytopenia • Pneumonia • Renal impairment 	<p>Monitoring/Guidance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ophthalmic exam at baseline, prior to each dose, and if symptoms develop

Belantamab mafodotin-blmf (Blenrep®) [package insert] Research Triangle Park, NC, GlaxoSmithKline, Inc., 2020.

Belantamab mafodotin-blmf (Blenrep®): Helpful Information

REMS Program

- Restricted distribution drug
- Medication and patient guide distribution
- Ophthalmology appointments and monitoring

Ocular Toxicity Management:

- Preservative-free lubricant eyedrops
- Corticosteroid eyedrops not as beneficial
- Avoid contact lenses
- Dose delays or omissions

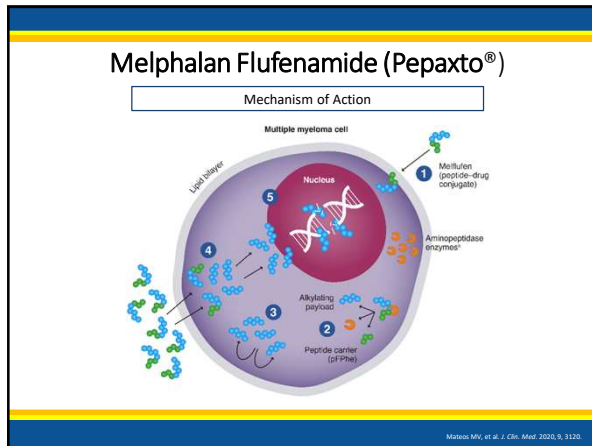
Belantamab mafodotin-blmf (Blenrep®) [package insert] Research Triangle Park, NC, GlaxoSmithKline, Inc., 2020.

Melphalan Flufenamide (Pepaxto®)

Indication

- Relapsed/refractory multiple myeloma (R/R MM) who have received at least 4 previous regimens including a CD38- targeted therapy, proteasome inhibitor, or an immunomodulatory agent
- Approved in combination with dexamethasone

Melphalan Flufenamide (Pepaxto®) [package insert] Waltham, MA, Oncospes, Inc., 2021.



Melphalan Flufenamide (Pepaxto®): HORIZON Trial

Objective	Evaluate efficacy with dexamethasone in relapsed/refractory MM	
Design	Multicenter, open label, Phase 2, single arm	
Intervention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Melphalan 40 mg IV on Day 1 of every 28-day cycle Dexamethasone 40 mg PO on Days 1,8,15,22 	
Population	R/R MM who were refractory to a CD38 agent, a proteasome inhibitor, or immunomodulatory agent Median age: 65; > 50% ISS Stage I and II; Extramedullary disease: 35% 76% triple refractory; 59% alkylator refractory Median previous lines of therapy: 5	
Endpoints	Primary	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ORR: 29% 	
Endpoints	Secondary	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DOR: 5.5 months PFS: 4.2 months OS: 11.6 months 	Safety <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Neutropenia: 82%, Grade 4: 47% Thrombocytopenia: 82%, Grade: 51% Nausea: 32% Diarrhea: 27% 83% discontinuation due to progression

Richardson et al. J. Clin. Oncol. 2019;37:707.

Melphalan Flufenamide (Pepaxto®)

Dosing:

- 40 mg IV on Day 1
- Dexamethasone 40 mg IV/PO on Days 1,8,15,22
- 28-day cycles

Administration:

- Infuse over 30 minutes
- 5HT3 antagonist premed
- Central line administration

Preparation:

- Cold 0.9% normal saline
- Timed steps
- Use within 60 minutes; up to 6h stability refrigerated

Dose Adjustments

Hold if ANC <1000

Hold if platelets < 50,000

Neutropenia

Thrombocytopenia

Warnings/Precautions

Pancytopenia

Infections

Secondary Malignancies

Embryo-Fetal Toxicity

Potential increased mortality risk with high doses

Other Adverse Effects

Pneumonia

URI

Febrile Neutropenia

Monitoring/Guidance

CBC at baseline and prior to each cycle

Melphalan Flufenamide (Pepaxto®) [package insert]; Waltham, MA, Oncopptides, Inc. 2021.

Melphalan Flufenamide (Pepaxto®): Helpful Information

- FDA Alert in July 2021:
Increased risk of death in patients receiving Melphalan Flufenamide and low dose dexamethasone with R/R MM in Phase 3 OCEAN trial.
- Financial assistance is available
- Hazardous precautions

FDA Alerts Available at: <https://www.fda.gov/drug/safety-and-availability/fda-alerts-patients-and-health-care-professionals-about-critical-trial-results-showing-increased>

Audience Response Question #1

True or False:

Melphalan flufenamide can be substituted for high dose melphalan in stem cell conditioning regimens.

1. True
2. False

New Drug Approvals in Lymphoma

Pembrolizumab (Keytruda®)

Indication

- Relapsed/refractory classical Hodgkin's Lymphoma (R/R cHL) in adults and pediatrics

Pembrolizumab (Keytruda) [package insert], Whitehouse Station, NJ: Merck & Co, Inc, 2021.

Pembrolizumab (Keytruda®): Keynote 204 Trial

Objective	Assess efficacy of pembrolizumab compared to brentuximab vedotin in R/R cHL			
Design	International, Randomized Phase 3			
Intervention	Pembrolizumab 200 mg IV every 3 weeks vs. Brentuximab vedotin 1.8 mg/kg IV every 3 weeks			
Population	R/R cHL in patients who had received autoHCT or were ineligible for autoHCT Median age: 35-36 years; ECOG: 0-1 (69%); Median previous therapies: 2 vs. 3 Previous autoHCT: 37%; no previous autoHCT: 63% Previous brentuximab vedotin exposure: 3% vs. 7%			
Endpoints	Primary			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PFS: 13.2 vs. 8.3 months OS: NR in published interim analysis; planned for third interim analysis 			
	Secondary			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ORR: 65.6% vs. 54.2% CR: 24.5% vs. 24.2% DOR 20.7 months vs. 13.8 months 	<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Safety</td> </tr> <tr> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ADEs: 74% vs. 77% irAEs: 3% vs. 7% Pneumonitis: 4% vs. 1% Neutropenia: 2% vs. 7% Peripheral neuropathy: 1% vs. 3% </td> </tr> </table>	Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ADEs: 74% vs. 77% irAEs: 3% vs. 7% Pneumonitis: 4% vs. 1% Neutropenia: 2% vs. 7% Peripheral neuropathy: 1% vs. 3%
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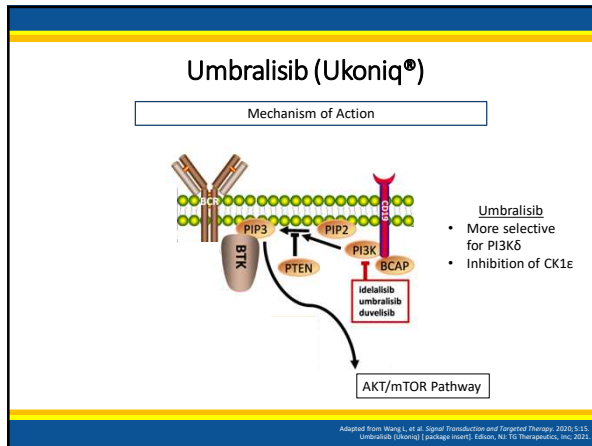
Kunwilla J, et al. Lancet Oncol 2021; 22: 512-24.

Umbralisib (Ukoniq®)

Indication

- Relapsed/refractory marginal zone lymphoma (R/R MZL) who received ≥ 1 anti-CD20 directed therapy
- Relapsed/refractory follicular lymphoma (R/R FL) who received ≥ 3 prior therapies

Umbralisib (Ukoniq) [package insert], Edison, NJ: TG Therapeutics, Inc, 2021.



Umbralisib (Ukoniq®): UNITY-NHL Trial

Objective	Assess efficacy of umbralisib as monotherapy in R/R NHL			
Design	International, open label, Phase 2b, cohort trial			
Intervention	Umbralisib 800 mg PO daily			
Population	R/R MZL, FL, and SLL (also included: MCL and DLBCL) Median age: MZL: 67; FL: 65; SLL: 65 Median previous therapies: MZL: 2; FL: 3; SLL: 2 > 50% had Stage IV disease for MZL, FL, and SLL			
Endpoints	Primary			
	MZL: • ORR: 49.3%	FL: 53%	SLL: 53%	
Endpoints	Secondary			
	MZL: • DOR: NR • TTR: 2.8 • PFS: NR	FL: 11.1 4.6 10.6	SLL: 18.3 2.7 20.9	Safety • Diarrhea: 53% (10.1% \geq Grade 3) • Neutropenia: 33% • Nausea: 39.4%; Vomiting: 23.6% • ALT increased 20%

Fowler NH, et al. / Clin Onc. 2021;39:1609-1618.

Umbralisib (Ukoniq®)

Dosing:

- 800 mg PO daily

Administration:

- With food
- Do not cut or crush

Drug-Drug Considerations:

- Substrate of CYP1A2, CYP2C9, and CYP3A4
- Inhibits CYP2C8, CYP2C9, CYP2C19, CYP3A4, and Pgp
- Induces CYP3A4

Dose Adjustments

- Neutropenia
- Thrombocytopenia
- Hepatotoxicity
- Infections
- Diarrhea or colitis

Warnings/Precautions

- Infections
- Neutropenia
- Diarrhea or colitis
- Hepatotoxicity
- Severe cutaneous reactions
- Allergic reactions (yellow dye)
- Embryo-Fetal Toxicity

Other Adverse Effects

- Vomiting
- Increased creatinine
- CMV reactivation

Monitoring/Guidance

- Tbili and LFTs at baseline and through treatment

Umbralisib (Ukoniq) [package insert]. Edison, NJ: TG Therapeutics, Inc; 2021.

Umbralisib (Ukoniq®): Helpful Information

- Antiviral and *Pneumocystis jirovecii* pneumonia prophylaxis necessitated.
- Copay assistance program available
- Tablet size: 200 mg
- Patient guidance to track changes in stool to prevent colitis
- Hazardous precautions

Fowler NR et al. J Clin Onc. 2021;39:1609-1621.
Umbralisib (Ukoniq) [package insert]. Edison, NJ: TG Therapeutics, Inc; 2021.

Loncastuximab Tesirine (Zynlonta®)

Indication

- Relapsed/refractory large B-cell lymphoma (LBCL) who have received ≥ 2 systemic treatments. Includes:
 - Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma, not otherwise specified (DLBCL)
 - Transformed indolent lymphomas
 - High-grade B-cell lymphoma (HGBCL)

Loncastuximab Tesirine (Zynlonta) [package insert]. Murray Hill, NJ: ADC Therapeutics SA; 2021.

Loncastuximab Tesirine (Zynlonta®)

Mechanism of Action

Robert N, et al. Pharmacokinetics. 2020; 13(1245).

Audience Response Question #2

Which of the following drug-serious toxicity pairs are incorrectly paired?

1. Umbralisib – colitis
2. Belantamab mafodotin-blmf – keratopathy
3. Avapritinib – thrombocytopenia and bleeding events
4. Loncastuximab Tesirine - Hypophosphatemia

**New Drug Approvals in
CART Therapies**

New CART Therapies Compared

CART Product	Lisocabtagene maraleucel (Breyanzi®)	Idecabtagene vicleucel (Abecma®)	Axicabtagene Ciloleucel (Yescarta®)
Approval Date	February 2021	March 2021	March 2021
Indication	R/R LBCL status post ≥2 lines of systemic therapy & FL grade 3B	R/R MM status post ≥4 lines of therapy including proteasome inhibitor, immunomodulatory agent, and anti-38 antibody	R/R FL (indication added)
Construct: Target and Co-stimulatory Domain	CD19 CD3ε 4-1BB	BCMA CD3ε 4-1BB	CD19 CD3ε CD28

Lisocabtagene maraleucel (Breyanzi®) [package insert] Bartsig, WI: Juno Therapeutics Inc. 2021.
 Idecabtagene vicleucel (Abecma®) [package insert] Summit, NJ: Celgene Corporation. 2021.
 Axicabtagene ciloleucel (Yescarta®) [package insert]. Genmte, CA: Kite Pharma Inc. 2021.

New CART Therapies Compared

CART Product	Lisocabragene maraleucel (Breyanzi®)	Idecabtagene vicleucel (Abecma®)	Axicabtagene Ciloleuel (Yescarta®)		
Pivotal Trial	Transcend NHL 001	KarMMa	ZUMA-5		
ORR	73%	73%	Overall: 92%	FL: 94%	MZL: 85%
CR	53%	33%	76%	80%	60%
PFS	6.8 months	8.8 months	Overall: NR	FL: NR	MZL: 11.8 m
OS	21.1 months	19.4 months	NR	NR	NR
CRS	42%	84%	Overall: 82%	FL: 78%	MZL: 100%
CRS Grade ≥ 3	2%	5%	7%	6%	9%
ICANS	30%	18%	Overall: 60%	FL: 56%	MZL: 77%
ICANS Grade ≥ 3	10%	3%	19%	15%	41%

Abramson JS, et al. Lancet. 2020; 396(10254): 839-852.
Murphy, NC, et al. NEJM. 2021;384(8): 705-716.
Jacobson et al. ASH 2020. Abstr 700.

New CART Therapies Compared

CART Product	Lisocabragene maraleucel (Breyanzi®)	Idecabtagene vicleucel (Abecma®)	Axicabtagene Ciloleuel (Yescarta®)
REMS	Yes		
Lymphodepletion	Fludarabine 30 mg/m ² + Cyclophosphamide 300 mg/m ² x 3 days		Fludarabine 30 mg/m ² + Cyclophosphamide 500 mg/m ² x 3 days
Premedication	Acetaminophen Diphenhydramine		
Other Considerations	CD8 and CD4 components are separate. Prepare CD8 component first	HLH/MAS additional label warning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can consider early levetiracetam prophylaxis Avoid operating vehicle and machinery x8 weeks

Lisocabtagene maraleucel (Breyanzi®) [package insert]. Bothell, WA: Juno Therapeutics Inc.; 2021.
Idecabtagene vicleucel (Abecma®) [package insert]. Seattle, WA: Celgene Corporation; 2021.
Axicabtagene ciloleuel (Yescarta®) [package insert]. San Diego, CA: Kite Pharma Inc.; 2020.

Audience Response Question #3

Which of the following CART co-stimulatory domains is associated with greater incidence of CRS and neurotoxicity?

- 4-1BB
- CD28

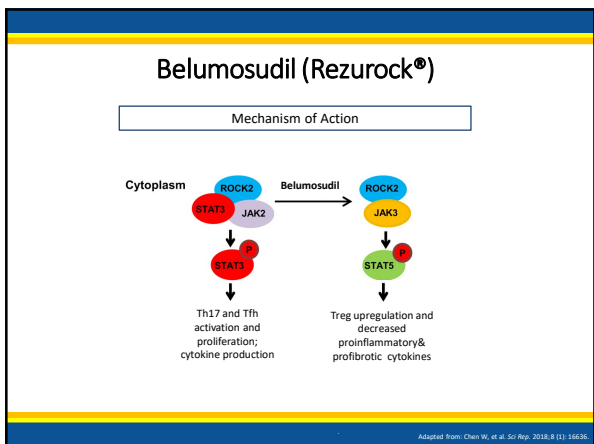
New Drug Approval in GVHD

Belumosudil (Rezurock®)

Indication

- Chronic GVHD (cGVHD) after failure of ≥ 2 systemic therapies
- Adults and pediatrics ≥ 12 years of age

Belumosudil (Rezurock®) [package insert], Merck&Co, PA: Kodmer Pharmaceuticals, 2021.



Belumosudil (Rezurock®): ROCKstar Trial

Objective	Assess efficacy of addition of belumosudil in cGVHD	
Design	Multicenter, randomized, Phase 2, 2 arm study	
Intervention	Belumosudil 200 mg PO daily (or Belumosudil 200 mg PO BID)	
Population	cGVHD in patients ≥ 12 years old 70% severe cGVHD; skin: 83%, joints/fascia: 77%, eyes: 73%, lungs: 36%, GI 29% Median age: 53 Previous treatments: 3; Previous ruxolitinib: 30%, Previous ibrutinib: 33%	
Endpoints	Primary	
	• ORR: 75% (CRs achieved in each organ subgroup)	
	Secondary	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TTR: 4 weeks DOR: 54 weeks FFS: 73% at 6 months > 7-point Lee Symptom Scale reduction: 52% Corticosteroid reductions: 64% Corticosteroid discontinuation: 20% Calcineurin inhibitor reductions: 42% Calcineurin inhibitor discontinuations: 17% OS: 87% at 2 years 	Safety <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Infections 53% Asthenia: 46% Nausea: 42% Hemorrhage: 23% Hypertension: 21% Hyperglycemia: 5% 12% discontinued due to ADEs

Cutter CS, et al. Blood. 2021.
The ROCKstar Study (PRC02). Available at: <https://rezurocktrial.com/rockstar-study efficacy.html>

Belumosudil (Rezurock®)

Dosing:

- 200 mg PO daily

Administration:

- With food
- Do not cut, crush, or chew

Drug-Drug Interactions:

- Strong CYP3A inducers
- Proton pump inhibitors

Dose Adjustments

Hepatotoxicity
Interacting Medications

Warnings/Precautions

Embryo-Fetal Toxicity

Other Adverse Effects

Infections
Nausea, Diarrhea
Cough
Bleeding
MSK Pain
Hypertension
Reduced Lymphocytes
Hypophosphatemia
Increased LFTs and Tbili

Monitoring/Guidance

Tbili/LFTs at baseline and monthly thereafter

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Belumosudil (Rezurock®): Helpful Information

Hazardous precautions

Copay and financial assistance programs available

30-day free supply to prevent delays in treatment due to insurance approvals

Tablet size: 200 mg

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Audience Response Question #4

Concomitant administration of which of the following necessitate a dose adjustment for belumosudil?

1. Strong CYP3A inducers
2. Pgp inhibitors
3. Proton pump inhibitors
4. Both 1 and 3
5. Both 2 and 3

Conclusions

- Many novel therapeutics have been approved for diseases in relapsed/refractory disease states
- Focus on optimizing efficacy while minimizing toxicity
- Many agents received Accelerated Approval or Orphan Drug designations. Finalized results anticipated in future
- New regimens for AML and agents for cGVHD currently under FDA review
- Financial barriers to access

Drug Updates in Hematologic Malignancies

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