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When to use brentuximab vedotin in Hodgkin lymphoma?

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Brentuximab Vedotin Mechanism of Action

Brentuximab vedotin (SGN-35) ADC

Objectives

ADC bind ADC-CD3 traffics to MMAE is

MMAE dis Microtubule ne Review data leading to initial approval in relapsed/refractory Hodgkin lymphoma

Discuss use in front-line, second-line, and posttransplant settings

Brentuximab vedotin – pivotal study

	N=102
Age, median (range)	31 yr (15–77)
Gender	48 M / 54 F
ECOG status	
0	42 (41%)
1	60 (59%)
Refractory to frontline therapy	72 (71%)
Refractory to most recent treatment	43 (42%)
Prior chemotherapy regimens*	3.5 (1–13)
Prior radiation	67 (66%)
Prior ASCT	102 (100%)
Time from ASCT to first post transplant relapse*	6.7 mo (0–131)



Brentuximab vedotin - efficacy





Younes et al. JCO 2012;30:2183-2189

BV – 5 year follow-up





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Chen R., et al. Blood 2016.

Tolerability of brentuximab vedotin

- Peripheral neuropathy 55%
 - 9% grade 3
 - At 5 years 14% ongoing neuropathy
 - 10% grade 1; 4% grade 2
- Nausea 35% (all grade 1 or 2)
- **Fatigue** 34% (only 2% grade 3)
- **Rash**-31%
- **Neutropenia** 19% (14% grade 3; 6% grade 4)
- Rare but serious (<1%)
 - Pancreatitis
 - Progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy (PML)



Brentuximab vedotin in front-line setting?

- Advanced stage patients
 –ECHELON-1
- Older patients

-Single agent, doublets, and sequential therapy

• Early stage patients

-Strategy to avoid radiation?



BV+A(B)VD for advanced stage cHL (phase I)





Younes et al. Lancet Oncology (2013) 14:1348-1356

Phase III Frontline HL (ECHELON-1)

• Design



- N=1334
- Primary endpoint: improvement in 2 year modified PFS (mPFS)
- Secondary Outcome Measures: Overall survival rate



Modified PFS per independent review



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Connors, et al. N Engl J Med (2018) 378: 331-344

Forest plot of modified PFS per IRF: subgroup analysis

	Event / N (%)				
	Subgroup	A+AVD	ABVD		Hazard ratio (95% CI)
	Overall	117/664 (17.6)	146/670 (21.8)		0.77 (0.60-0.98)
>	Age <60 years Age ≥60 years	93/580 (16.0) 24/84 (28.6)	117/568 (20.6) 29/102 (28.4)		0.73 (0.56–0.96) 1.01 (0.59–1.73)
	Age <45 years Age ≥45 years	70/451 (15.5) 47/213 (22.1)	83/423 (19.6) 63/247 (25.5)		0.73 (0.53–1.01) 0.86 (0.59–1.26)
>	Region: Americas Region: North America Region: Europe Region: Asia	41/261 (15.7) 38/250 (15.2) 62/333 (18.6) 14/70 (20.0)	58/262 (22.1) 57/247 (23.1) 74/336 (22.0) 14/72 (19.4)		0.65 (0.44-0.97) 0.60 (0.39-0.90) 0.83 (0.59-1.17) 0.91 (0.43-1.93)
	IPS: 0–1 IPS: 2–3 IPS: 4–7	22/141 (15.6) 57/354 (16.1) 38/169 (22.5)	25/141 (17.7) 68/351 (19.4) 53/178 (29.8)		0.83 (0.47–1.48) 0.79 (0.56–1.13) 0.70 (0.46–1.07)
>	Stage III Stage IV	40/237 (16.9) 77/425 (18.1)	43/246 (17.5) 102/421 (24.2)		0.92 (0.60–1.42) 0.71 (0.53–0.96)
	B symptoms: Present B symptoms: Absent	77/399 (19.3) 40/265 (15.1)	94/381 (24.7) 52/289 (18.0)	, ⊢_ ∎,	0.74 (0.55–1.01) 0.79 (0.52–1.20)
	Extranodal sites: 0 Extranodal sites: 1 Extranodal sites: >1	40/217 (18.4) 36/217 (16.6) 39/194 (20.1)	39/228 (17.1) 45/223 (20.2) 57/193 (29.5)		1.04 (0.67–1.62) 0.75 (0.48–1.16) 0.67 (0.44–1.00)
>	Gender: Male Gender: Female	64/378 (16.9) 53/286 (18.5)	90/398 (22.6) 56/272 (20.6)		0.71 (0.51–0.97) 0.86 (0.59–1.26)
			0.1	0.5 1 Hazard ratio Favors A+AVD Favors ABVD	



Initial treatment of advanced stage HL, age <60

- Favor PET-adapted approach (as per RATHL study)
- Consider BV-AVD for:
 - High risk (IPS 4-7)
 - Patients who cannot receive bleomycin



Front-line BV for elderly?

• Patients unfit for standard combination chemotherapy

Treatment	n	ORR	CR	Median PFS
BV alone ¹	27	92%	73%	10.5 months
BV plus bendamustine ²	20	Closed early due to toxicity		
BV plus dacarbazine ²	22	100%	62%	17.9 months



¹Forero-Torres A, et al. Blood (2015) 26:2798-2804; ²Friedberg JW, et al. Blood (2017) 130: 2829-2837

Sequential BV and AVD for patients ≥ 60 years old



48 patients enrolled

- 52% age 60-70; 17% >80
- 81% stage III or IV
- 58% IPS 3-7
- 10% disease bulk (10cm)



Sequential BV and AVD for patients ≥ 60 years old





Evens AM, et al. JCO 2018

Front-line BV for early stage patients?



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Cohort 1: 30Gy

- 30 patients stage I, II
- 77% bulky (>7cm)
- CR rate 93%
- 1-year PFS 93%

Cohort 2: 20Gy

- 29 patients stage I, II
- 69% bulky (>7cm)
- CR rate 93%
- 1-year PFS 93%

Cohort 3: Consolidation volume radiation (CVRT)

All bulky

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Cohort 4: No RT

All bulky

Kumar A, et al. Blood (2016) 128:1458-1454 Kumar A, et al. ASH 2017, Abstract 734

Brentuximab vedotin in the second-line setting

	Regimen	% PET-neg	PFS	Reference
Sequential BV and	BV->augICE	83% 27% (BV alone)	82% @ 3 yrs	Moskowitz AJ, et al. Blood 2017; Lancet Oncol 2015
chemo	BV->ICE and others	73% 35% (BV alone)	72% @ 1.5 yrs	Chen R, et al. BBMT 2015
Combined	BV- bendamustine	74%	62.6% @ 2 yrs 69.8% (ASCT pts)	LaCasce, et al. Blood 2018
BV and chemo	BV plus: ICE DHAP ESHAP	69% 90% 70%	Too soon	Cassady, et al. ASH 2016 Hagenbeek, et al. Haematologica 2016 Garcia-Sanz, et al. ASH 2016
BV plus CPI	BV-nivolumab	61%	89% @ 6 mo	Herrera, et al. Blood 2018



Brentuximab vedotin in the post-transplant setting

- AETHERA: Phase III study evaluating post-transplant maintenance BV for higher risk patients
- Risk factors: Relapse within 1 year of initial treatment, primary refractory disease, extranodal disease
- 329 patients received brentuximab vedotin (BV) (n=165) or placebo (n=164)
- Increased # risk factors predicted for more benefit from BV maintenance (additional risk factors assessed: less than CR to salvage therapy, B symptoms at relapse, requiring ≥ 2 salvage regimens)





Incorporating brentuximab vedotin into Hodgkin lymphoma treatment

Second-line

Consider BV alone or BV-combination (if BV naïve)

Post-ASCT (in remission)

• BV maintenance if higher risk and BV-naïve or previous response to BV

Post-ASCT (relapse or refractory)

 Consider single-agent BV or BVcombination if BV naïve or ineligible for checkpoint inhibitors

Front-line

- Advanced stage, age <60
 - Consider BV-AVD for IPS 4-7
 - Consider if bleomycin ineligible
- Age ≥ 60
 - Consider sequential BV and AVD

