

## HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

These highlights do not include all the information needed to use LEMTRADA safely and effectively. See full prescribing information for LEMTRADA.

LEMTRADA<sup>®</sup> (alemtuzumab) injection, for intravenous use  
Initial U.S. Approval: 2001

### WARNING: AUTOIMMUNITY, INFUSION REACTIONS, AND MALIGNANCIES

See full prescribing information for complete boxed warning.

- LEMTRADA causes serious, sometimes fatal, autoimmune conditions such as immune thrombocytopenia and anti-glomerular basement membrane disease. Monitor complete blood counts with differential, serum creatinine levels, and urinalysis with urine counts at periodic intervals for 48 months after the last dose. (5.1)
- LEMTRADA causes serious and life-threatening infusion reactions. LEMTRADA must be administered in a setting with appropriate equipment and personnel to manage anaphylaxis or serious infusion reactions. Monitor patients for two hours after each infusion. Make patients aware that serious infusion reactions can also occur after the 2-hour monitoring period. (5.2)
- LEMTRADA may cause an increased risk of malignancies, including thyroid cancer, melanoma, and lymphoproliferative disorders. Perform baseline and yearly skin exams. (5.3)
- LEMTRADA is available only through a restricted distribution program. (5.4)

### RECENT MAJOR CHANGES

Dosage and Administration (2.2)	12/2017
Warnings and Precautions, Infections (5.9)	12/2017
Warnings and Precautions, Acute Acalculous Cholecystitis (5.10)	10/2017

### INDICATIONS AND USAGE

- LEMTRADA is a CD52-directed cytolytic monoclonal antibody indicated for the treatment of patients with relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis (MS). Because of its safety profile, the use of LEMTRADA should generally be reserved for patients who have had an inadequate response to two or more drugs indicated for the treatment of MS. (1)

### DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

- Administer LEMTRADA by intravenous infusion over 4 hours for 2 treatment courses:
  - First course: 12 mg/day on 5 consecutive days. (2.1)
  - Second course: 12 mg/day on 3 consecutive days 12 months after first treatment course. (2.1)
- Premedicate with corticosteroids prior to LEMTRADA infusion for the first 3 days of each treatment course. (2.3)
- Administer antiviral agents for herpetic prophylaxis starting on the first day of LEMTRADA dosing and continuing for a minimum of two months after completion of LEMTRADA dosing or until CD4+ lymphocyte count is more than 200 cells per microliter, whichever occurs later. (2.3)
- Must be diluted prior to administration. (2.4)

### DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

Injection: 12 mg/1.2 mL (10 mg/mL) in a single-use vial. (3)

### CONTRAINDICATIONS

Infection with Human Immunodeficiency Virus. (4)

### WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

- Thyroid Disorders: Obtain thyroid function tests prior to initiation of treatment and every 3 months until 48 months after the last infusion. (5.7)
- Other Autoimmune Cytopenias: Monitor complete blood counts monthly until 48 months after the last infusion. (5.8)
- Consider delaying initiation of LEMTRADA in patients with active infections until the infection is fully controlled. Do not administer live viral vaccines following a course of LEMTRADA. (5.9)

### ADVERSE REACTIONS

Most common adverse reactions (incidence  $\geq 10\%$  and  $>$  interferon beta-1a): rash, headache, pyrexia, nasopharyngitis, nausea, urinary tract infection, fatigue, insomnia, upper respiratory tract infection, herpes viral infection, urticaria, pruritus, thyroid gland disorders, fungal infection, arthralgia, pain in extremity, back pain, diarrhea, sinusitis, oropharyngeal pain, paresthesia, dizziness, abdominal pain, flushing, and vomiting. (6.1)

To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact Genzyme Corporation at 1-800-745-4447 (option 2) or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or [www.fda.gov/medwatch](http://www.fda.gov/medwatch).

### USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

Pregnancy: Based on animal data, may cause fetal harm. (8.1)

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## FULL PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

### WARNING: AUTOIMMUNITY, INFUSION REACTIONS, AND MALIGNANCIES

- LEMTRADA causes serious, sometimes fatal, autoimmune conditions such as immune thrombocytopenia and anti-glomerular basement membrane disease. Monitor complete blood counts with differential, serum creatinine levels, and urinalysis with urine cell counts at periodic intervals for 48 months after the last dose of LEMTRADA [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.1)*].
- LEMTRADA causes serious and life threatening infusion reactions. LEMTRADA must be administered in a setting with appropriate equipment and personnel to manage anaphylaxis or serious infusion reactions. Monitor patients for two hours after each infusion. Make patients aware that serious infusion reactions can also occur after the 2-hour monitoring period [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.2)*].
- LEMTRADA may cause an increased risk of malignancies, including thyroid cancer, melanoma, and lymphoproliferative disorders. Perform baseline and yearly skin exams [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.3)*].
- Because of the risk of autoimmunity, infusion reactions, and malignancies, LEMTRADA is available only through restricted distribution under a Risk Evaluation Mitigation Strategy (REMS) Program. Call 1-855-676-6326 to enroll in the LEMTRADA REMS program [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.4)*].

## 1 INDICATIONS AND USAGE

LEMTRADA is indicated for the treatment of patients with relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis (MS). Because of its safety profile, the use of LEMTRADA should generally be reserved for patients who have had an inadequate response to two or more drugs indicated for the treatment of MS.

## 2 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

### 2.1 Dosage Information

The recommended dosage of LEMTRADA is 12 mg/day administered by intravenous infusion for 2 treatment courses:

- First Treatment Course: 12 mg/day on 5 consecutive days (60 mg total dose)
- Second Treatment Course: 12 mg/day on 3 consecutive days (36 mg total dose) administered 12 months after the first treatment course.

### 2.2 Testing and Procedures Prior to Treatment

Baseline laboratory tests are required prior to treatment with LEMTRADA [see *Dosage and Administration (2.6)*]. In addition, prior to starting treatment with LEMTRADA [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.9)*]:

- complete any necessary immunizations at least 6 weeks prior to treatment
- determine whether patients have a history of varicella or have been vaccinated for varicella zoster virus (VZV). If not, test the patient for antibodies to VZV and consider vaccination for those who are antibody-negative. Postpone treatment with LEMTRADA until 6 weeks after VZV vaccination.
- perform tuberculosis screening according to local guidelines
- instruct patients to avoid potential sources of *Listeria monocytogenes*

## 2.3 Recommended Premedication and Concomitant Medication

### Corticosteroids

Premedicate patients with high dose corticosteroids (1,000 mg methylprednisolone or equivalent) immediately prior to LEMTRADA infusion and for the first 3 days of each treatment course [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.2)].

### Herpes Prophylaxis

Administer anti-viral prophylaxis for herpetic viral infections starting on the first day of each treatment course and continue for a minimum of two months following treatment with LEMTRADA or until the CD4+ lymphocyte count is  $\geq 200$  cells per microliter, whichever occurs later [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.9)].

## 2.4 Preparation Instructions

Follow the steps below to prepare the diluted solution of LEMTRADA for intravenous infusion:

- Inspect LEMTRADA visually for particulate matter and discoloration prior to administration. Do not use if particulate matter is present or the solution is discolored. Do not freeze or shake vials prior to use.
- Withdraw 1.2 mL of LEMTRADA from the vial into a syringe using aseptic technique and inject into a 100 mL bag of sterile 0.9% Sodium Chloride, USP or 5% Dextrose in Water, USP.
- Gently invert the bag to mix the solution. Ensure the sterility of the prepared solution, because it contains no antimicrobial preservatives. Each vial is for single use only.

Prior to administration, protect diluted LEMTRADA solution from light and store for as long as 8 hours either at room temperature 15°C to 25°C (59°F to 77°F) or keep refrigerated at conditions 2°C to 8°C (36°F to 46°F).

## 2.5 Infusion Instructions

Infuse LEMTRADA over 4 hours starting within 8 hours after dilution. Extend the duration of the infusion if clinically indicated.

Administer LEMTRADA in a setting in which equipment and personnel to appropriately manage anaphylaxis or serious infusion reactions are available [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.4)].

Do not add or simultaneously infuse other drug substances through the same intravenous line. Do not administer as an intravenous push or bolus.

Monitor vital signs before the infusion and periodically during the infusion. Provide appropriate symptomatic treatment for infusion reactions as needed. Consider immediate discontinuation of the intravenous infusion if severe infusion reactions occur.

Observe patients for infusion reactions during and for at least 2 hours after each LEMTRADA infusion. Consider longer periods of observation if clinically indicated. Inform patients that they should report symptoms that occur during and after each infusion because they may indicate a need for prompt medical intervention [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.2)*].

## **2.6 Laboratory Testing and Monitoring to Assess Safety**

Conduct the following laboratory tests at baseline and at periodic intervals for 48 months following the last treatment course of LEMTRADA in order to monitor for early signs of potentially serious adverse effects:

- Complete blood count (CBC) with differential (prior to treatment initiation and at monthly intervals thereafter)
- Serum creatinine levels (prior to treatment initiation and at monthly intervals thereafter)
- Urinalysis with urine cell counts (prior to treatment initiation and at monthly intervals thereafter)
- A test of thyroid function, such as thyroid stimulating hormone (TSH) level (prior to treatment initiation and every 3 months thereafter)

Conduct baseline and yearly skin exams to monitor for melanoma [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.3)*].

## **3 DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS**

Injection: 12 mg/1.2 mL (10 mg/mL) in a single-use vial. LEMTRADA is a clear and colorless to slightly yellow solution that requires dilution prior to intravenous infusion.

## **4 CONTRAINDICATIONS**

LEMTRADA is contraindicated in patients who are infected with Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) because LEMTRADA causes prolonged reductions of CD4+ lymphocyte counts.

## **5 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS**

### **5.1 Autoimmunity**

Treatment with LEMTRADA can result in the formation of autoantibodies and increase the risk of serious autoimmune mediated conditions. In clinical studies, LEMTRADA-treated patients experienced thyroid disorders (34%), immune thrombocytopenia (2%), and glomerular nephropathies (0.3%) [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.5, 5.6, 5.7)*]. Autoimmune hemolytic anemia and autoimmune pancytopenia [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.8)*], undifferentiated connective tissue disorders, and acquired hemophilia A (anti-Factor VIII antibodies) each occurred in 0.2% of patients. Rheumatoid arthritis, type I diabetes, vitiligo, and retinal pigment epitheliopathy occurred in 0.1% of patients.

During postmarketing use, additional autoimmune events including Guillain-Barré syndrome and chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyradiculoneuropathy have been reported in the treatment

of patients with B-cell chronic lymphocytic leukemia (B-CLL), as well as other disorders, generally at higher and more frequent doses than recommended in MS. An oncology patient treated with alemtuzumab had fatal transfusion-associated graft-versus-host disease.

Autoantibodies may be transferred from the mother to the fetus during pregnancy. A case of transplacental transfer of anti-thyrotropin receptor antibodies resulting in neonatal Graves' disease occurred after alemtuzumab treatment in the mother [*see Use in Specific Populations (8.1)*].

LEMTRADA may increase the risk of other autoimmune conditions because of the broad range of autoantibody formation with LEMTRADA.

Monitor complete blood counts with differential, serum creatinine levels, and urinalysis with urine cell counts before starting treatment and then at monthly intervals for 48 months after the last dose of LEMTRADA to allow for early detection and treatment of autoimmune adverse reactions [*see Dosage and Administration (2.6)*]. After 48 months, testing should be performed based on clinical findings suggestive of autoimmunity.

LEMTRADA is available only through a restricted program under a REMS [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.4)*].

## 5.2 Infusion Reactions

LEMTRADA causes cytokine release syndrome resulting in infusion reactions, some of which may be serious and life threatening. In clinical studies, 92% of LEMTRADA-treated patients experienced infusion reactions. In some patients, infusion reactions were reported more than 24 hours after LEMTRADA infusion. Serious reactions occurred in 3% of patients and included anaphylaxis in 2 patients (including anaphylactic shock), angioedema, bronchospasm, hypotension, chest pain, bradycardia, tachycardia (including atrial fibrillation), transient neurologic symptoms, hypertension, headache, pyrexia, and rash. Other infusion reactions included nausea, urticaria, pruritus, insomnia, chills, flushing, fatigue, dyspnea, pulmonary infiltrates, dysgeusia, dyspepsia, dizziness, and pain. In clinical studies, 0.6% of patients with infusion reactions received epinephrine or atropine.

During postmarketing use, other serious and sometimes fatal infusion reactions included hypoxia, syncope, acute respiratory distress syndrome, respiratory arrest, myocardial infarction, acute cardiac insufficiency, and cardiac arrest have been reported in the treatment of patients with B-CLL, as well as other disorders, generally at higher and more frequent doses than recommended in MS.

Premedicate patients with corticosteroids immediately prior to LEMTRADA infusion for the first 3 days of each treatment course. In clinical studies, patients received 1,000 mg of methylprednisolone for the first 3 days of each LEMTRADA treatment course. Consider pretreatment with antihistamines and/or antipyretics prior to LEMTRADA administration. Infusion reactions may occur despite pretreatment.

Consider additional monitoring in patients with medical conditions which predispose them to cardiovascular or pulmonary compromise.

LEMTRADA can only be administered in certified healthcare settings that have on-site access to equipment and personnel trained to manage infusion reactions (including anaphylaxis and cardiac and respiratory emergencies).

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