

Your pocket guide to  
administering

**ADCETRIS<sup>®</sup>** ▼

brentuximab vedotin

Key information for healthcare professionals  
administering ADCETRIS

**ADCETRIS has received a conditional  
marketing authorisation in Europe**

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Characteristics (SmPC) for further information and support materials



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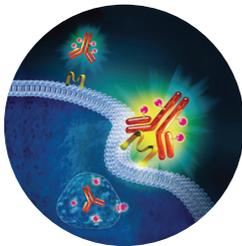
# Indication

ADCETRIS is indicated for the treatment of adult patients with:

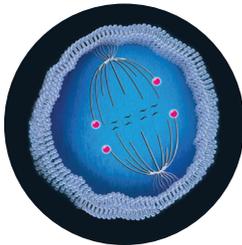
- Relapsed or refractory (R/R) CD30+ **Hodgkin lymphoma (HL)** following:
  - autologous stem cell transplant (ASCT) **or**
  - at least 2 prior therapies when ASCT or multiagent chemotherapy is not a treatment option
- CD30+ HL at increased risk of relapse or progression following ASCT
- R/R **systemic anaplastic large cell lymphoma (sALCL)**
- CD30+ **cutaneous T-cell lymphoma (CTCL)** after at least 1 prior systemic therapy

# Mechanism of action

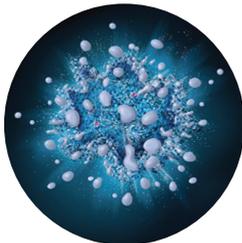
ADCETRIS is an antibody-drug conjugate (ADC) that delivers potent cytotoxic drug monomethyl auristatin E (MMAE) selectively into CD30+ tumour cells, causing apoptosis.<sup>1,2</sup>



ADC binding and uptake into tumour cell via CD30 receptor



Disruption of microtubule network by MMAE



Tumour cell apoptosis

# Dosing (monotherapy)

## Recommended dose

**1.8 mg/kg** infusion  
over 30 minutes  
every 3 weeks

**Retreatment** of patients with  
R/R HL or R/R sALCL, who have  
previously responded to treatment  
with ADCETRIS

**1.8 mg/kg** infusion  
over 30 minutes  
every 3 weeks  
**Or last tolerated dose**

Patients with **hepatic impairment  
or severe renal impairment\***

**1.2 mg/kg** infusion  
over 30 minutes  
every 3 weeks

## Number of cycles



- Number of cycles is dependent on response
- Patients with R/R HL or R/R sALCL who achieve stable disease or better should receive a minimum of 8 cycles and up to a maximum of 16 cycles
- For patients with HL at increased risk of relapse or progression following ASCT, ADCETRIS treatment should start following recovery from ASCT based on clinical judgment. These patients should receive up to 16 cycles
- Patients with CTCL should receive up to 16 cycles

\* These patients should be closely monitored for adverse events

# Dose calculation

## Step 1:

Calculate the total ADCETRIS dose (ml) to be further diluted:

$$\frac{\text{ADCETRIS dose (mg/kg)} \times \text{Patient's body weight (kg)}^\dagger}{\text{Reconstituted vial concentration (5 mg/ml)}}$$

## Step 2:

Determine the total number of ADCETRIS vials needed:

$$\frac{\text{Total ADCETRIS dose (ml) to be administered}}{\text{Total volume per vial (10 ml/vial)}} = \text{Number of ADCETRIS vials needed}$$

Sample calculations for patients receiving the recommended dose of 1.8 mg/kg of ADCETRIS for weights ranging from 60–120 kg:

Patient weight	Total dose	Total volume to be diluted	Number of vials needed
60 kg	108 mg	21.6 ml	2.16 vials
80 kg	144 mg	28.8 ml	2.88 vials
100 kg	180 mg	36 ml	3.6 vials
120 kg <sup>‡</sup>	180 mg <sup>‡</sup>	36 ml	3.6 vials

<sup>†</sup> For patients >100 kg, use 100 kg in the calculation

<sup>‡</sup> The maximal recommended dose is 180 mg

# Dose adjustments

## Dosing recommendations for neutropenia

If neutropenia develops during treatment it should be managed by dose delays outlined below.

Severity grade of neutropenia (signs and symptoms [abbreviated description of CTCAE <sup>a</sup> ])	Modification of dosing schedule (monotherapy)
Grade 1 (<LLN - 1500/mm <sup>3</sup> <LLN - 1.5 x 10 <sup>9</sup> /L) or Grade 2 (<1500 - 1000/mm <sup>3</sup> <1.5 - 1.0 x 10 <sup>9</sup> /L)	Continue with the same dose and schedule
Grade 3 (<1,000 - 500/mm <sup>3</sup> <1.0 - 0.5 x 10 <sup>9</sup> /L) or Grade 4 (< 500/mm <sup>3</sup> <0.5 x 10 <sup>9</sup> /L)	Withhold dose until toxicity returns to ≤Grade 2 or baseline then resume treatment at the same dose and schedule <sup>b</sup> . Consider growth factor support (G-CSF or GM-CSF) in subsequent cycles for patients who develop Grade 3 or Grade 4 neutropenia

<sup>a</sup> Grading based on National Cancer Institute (NCI) Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events (CTCAE) v3.0; see Neutrophils/granulocytes; LLN= lower limit of normal

<sup>b</sup> Patients who develop Grade 3 or Grade 4 lymphopenia may continue treatment without interruption

# Dose adjustments

## Dosing recommendations for new or worsening peripheral sensory or motor neuropathy

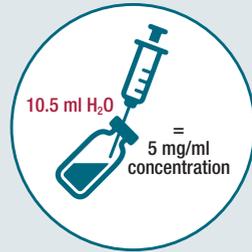
If peripheral sensory or motor neuropathy emerges or worsens during treatment, follow the appropriate dosing recommendations below.

Severity of peripheral sensory or motor neuropathy (signs and symptoms [abbreviated description of CTCAEa])	Modification of dosing schedule (monotherapy)
Grade 1 (paraesthesia and/or loss of reflexes, with no loss of function)	Continue with the same dose and schedule
Grade 2 (interfering with function but not with activities of daily living) or Grade 3 (interfering with activities of daily living)	Withhold dose until toxicity returns to $\leq$ Grade 1 or baseline, then restart treatment at a reduced dose of 1.2 mg/kg every 3 weeks
Grade 4 (sensory neuropathy which is disabling or motor neuropathy that is life threatening or leads to paralysis)	Discontinue treatment

<sup>a</sup> Grading based on National Cancer Institute (NCI) Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events (CTCAE) v3.0; see neuropathy: motor; neuropathy: sensory; and neuropathic pain.

# Reconstitution

1. Reconstitute each single use vial with **10.5 ml** of water for injection to a final concentration of **5 mg/ml**



2. Direct the stream to the wall of the vial and not directly at the powder. Gently swirl to aid dissolution and gently swirl to aid dissolution.

## **Do not shake**

The reconstituted solution in the vial is a clear to slightly opalescent, colourless solution



3. Visually inspect the reconstituted solution for any foreign particles and/or discolouration.

**Discard if you observe any particles or discolouration**



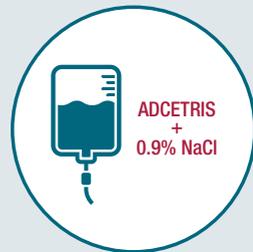
**Aseptic technique should be followed throughout the handling of ADCETRIS**

# Preparation of infusion solution

1. Withdraw the calculated amount of reconstituted ADCETRIS from vials



2. Add to an infusion bag containing **sodium chloride 9 mg/ml (0.9%)** solution for injection for a **final concentration of 0.4–1.2 mg/ml**



3. The recommended diluent volume is **150 ml**. The already reconstituted ADCETRIS can also be diluted into **5% dextrose** for injection or **Lactated Ringer's** for injection



# Administering ADCETRIS



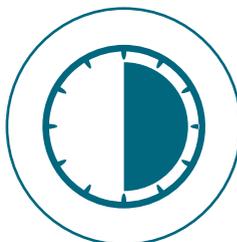
Monitor complete blood counts before dosing



**DO NOT** give as IV push or bolus

## Gently invert the prepared infusion bag to mix DO NOT SHAKE

- **Do not** add other medicinal products to the prepared ADCETRIS infusion solution or intravenous infusion set
- **The infusion line should be flushed** following administration with sodium chloride 9 mg/ml (0.9%), 5% dextrose for injection, or Lactated Ringer's for injection
- Following dilution, the ADCETRIS solution should be infused **immediately**



Infuse over 30 minutes



Through a dedicated IV line

## Storage

- Keep vial in original carton to protect from light and store in refrigerator (2–8°C)
- Do not freeze
- Total storage time from reconstitution to infusion should not exceed 24 hours. Reconstituted or diluted product should be stored at 2–8°C

# Infusion-related reactions

Infusion-related reactions are very common (affecting more than 1 in 10 people), they may be **immediate or delayed**.

- Anaphylactic reactions have been reported
- Infusion-related reactions are more **frequent and severe** in patients with antibodies to ADCETRIS
- Patients should be **carefully monitored** during and after infusion for signs of these reactions
- Infusion-related reactions include:



Rash



Back pain



Shortness of breath



Chills



Difficulty breathing



Headache



Cough



Fever



A tight chest



Feeling sick (nausea) or  
being sick (vomiting)

# What to do if your patient experiences an infusion-related reaction

If an infusion-related reaction occurs, treatment should be interrupted and appropriate medical management instituted.

The following may be required:

- Restarting infusion at a **slower rate** after symptom resolution
- Initiating **premedication** (which may include paracetamol, an antihistamine or a corticosteroid) for subsequent infusions



**If an anaphylactic reaction occurs, ADCETRIS should be immediately and permanently discontinued and appropriate medical therapy should be administered**

For more information on ADCETRIS adverse events please refer to the Summary of Product Characteristics or visit [www.adcetriss.co.uk](http://www.adcetriss.co.uk)

## References

1. ADCETRIS Summary of Product Characteristics. Available at: <https://www.medicines.org.uk/emc/product/2859/smpc>
2. Francisco JA, et al. Blood 2003; 102:1458-65.

# ADCETRIS® (brentuximab vedotin) PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

Refer to Summary of Product Characteristics (SmPC) before prescribing

**Presentation:** 50 mg brentuximab vedotin powder for concentrate for solution for infusion. **Indication:** Treatment of adult patients with CD30+ HL at increased risk of relapse or progression following autologous stem cell transplantation (ASCT); relapsed or refractory (R/R) CD30+ HL following ASCT or following at least two prior therapies when ASCT or multi-agent chemotherapy is not a treatment option; R/R systemic anaplastic large cell lymphoma (sALCL); CD30+ cutaneous T-cell lymphoma (CTCL) after at least 1 prior systemic therapy. **Dosage & Administration:** Administration should be under the supervision of a physician experienced in the use of anti-cancer agents. **HL at increased risk of relapse or progression:** Recommended dose is 1.8 mg/kg administered as an intravenous infusion over 30 minutes every 3 weeks. **R/R HL and sALCL:** Recommended dose is 1.8 mg/kg administered as an intravenous infusion over 30 minutes every 3 weeks; the same dose and schedule is recommended for retreatment of patients who previously responded to ADCETRIS or start at the last tolerated dose. Patients achieving stable disease or better should receive a minimum of 8 cycles and up to a maximum of 16 cycles (approximately 1 year). Treatment should be continued until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity. **CTCL:** Recommended starting dose is 1.8 mg/kg administered as an intravenous infusion over 30 minutes every 3 weeks. Patients should receive up to 16 cycles. **General:** If the patient's weight is more than 100 kg, the dose calculation should use 100 kg. Complete blood counts should be monitored prior to administration of each dose. Patients should be monitored during and after infusion. **Dose Adjustments:** If neutropenia develops during treatment it should be managed by dose delays. If peripheral sensory or motor neuropathy emerges or worsens during treatment patients may require delay and dose reduction or discontinuation of ADCETRIS. Refer to the SmPC for full dose modifications. **Renal and hepatic impairment; Monotherapy:** Recommended starting dose in patients with hepatic impairment or severe renal impairment is 1.2 mg/kg administered as an intravenous infusion over 30 minutes every 3 weeks. **Elderly patients (≥65 yrs):** Dose same as for adults. **Paediatric patients (<18 yrs):** Safety and efficacy has not yet been established. In nonclinical studies, thymus depletion has been observed. **Method of administration:** Infuse ADCETRIS over 30 minutes. ADCETRIS must not be administered as an intravenous push or bolus. ADCETRIS should be administered through a dedicated intravenous line and it must not be mixed with other medicinal products. **Contraindications:** Hypersensitivity to the active substance or excipients. Combined use of bleomycin and ADCETRIS causes pulmonary toxicity. **Warnings and Precautions:** Progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy (PML) has been reported in patients who received ADCETRIS after receiving multiple prior chemotherapy regimens; patients should be closely monitored for new or worsening neurological, cognitive, or behavioural signs or symptoms, which may be suggestive of PML. ADCETRIS dosing should be held for any suspected case of PML and permanently discontinued if a diagnosis of PML is confirmed. Acute pancreatitis has been observed in patients treated with ADCETRIS. Patients should be monitored for abdominal pain suggestive of acute pancreatitis. ADCETRIS dosing should be held if acute pancreatitis is suspected and permanently discontinued if a diagnosis is confirmed. Pulmonary toxicity, including pneumonitis, interstitial lung disease, and acute respiratory distress syndrome, some with fatal outcomes, have been reported in patients receiving ADCETRIS. In the event of new or worsening pulmonary symptoms, a prompt diagnostic evaluation is required and patients treated appropriately. Consider holding ADCETRIS dosing during evaluation and until symptomatic improvement. Serious infections such as pneumonia, staphylococcal bacteraemia, sepsis/septic shock (including fatal outcomes) and herpes zoster, cytomegalovirus (CMV) (reactivation) and opportunistic infections such as oral candidiasis and Pneumocystis jirovecii pneumonia have been reported in patients treated with ADCETRIS. Patients should be carefully monitored during treatment. Immediate and delayed infusion-related reactions (IRR), as well as anaphylactic reactions, have been reported. Monitor patients during and after infusion. ADCETRIS should be immediately and permanently discontinued if anaphylactic reaction occurs. Infusion should be interrupted if IRR occurs and appropriate management instituted. Infusion may be restarted at slower rate after resolution. Use premedication for subsequent infusions in instances of prior IRR. Patients with rapidly proliferating tumour and high tumour burden are at risk of tumour lysis syndrome; these patients should be monitored and managed according to best medical practice. ADCETRIS may cause peripheral neuropathy which is reversible in most cases. Patients should be monitored for symptoms of neuropathy. Patients experiencing new or

worsening peripheral neuropathy may require delay and dose reduction or discontinuation of ADCETRIS. Refer to SmPC for dose adjustments if peripheral neuropathy develops. Grade 3 or 4 anaemia, thrombocytopenia and neutropenia can occur with ADCETRIS. Refer to SmPC for dose adjustments if neutropenia develops. Patients should be monitored for fever and managed according to best medical practice if febrile neutropenia develops. Stevens-Johnson syndrome (SJS) and toxic epidermal necrolysis (TEN) have been reported with ADCETRIS with fatal outcomes. If SJS or TEN occurs, treatment with ADCETRIS should be discontinued and appropriate medical therapy administered. Gastrointestinal (GI) complications including intestinal obstruction, ileus, enterocolitis, neutropenic colitis, erosion, ulcer, perforation and haemorrhage, some with fatal outcomes, have been reported. In the event of new or worsening GI symptoms, perform a prompt diagnostic evaluation and treat appropriately. Elevations in alanine aminotransferase (ALT) and aspartate aminotransferase (AST), in the form of hepatotoxicity, has been reported. Serious cases of hepatotoxicity, including fatal outcomes, have also occurred. Liver function should be tested before initiating the treatment and routinely monitored in patients receiving ADCETRIS. Patients experiencing hepatotoxicity may require a delay, change in dose or discontinuation of ADCETRIS. Any patient who experiences an event of hyperglycaemia should have their serum glucose closely monitored and managed appropriately. Monomethyl auristatin E (MMAE) clearance might be affected by severe renal impairment, hepatic impairment, and by low serum albumin concentrations. The size of the treatment effect in CD30+ CTCL subtypes other than mycosis fungoides and primary cutaneous anaplastic large cell lymphoma is not clear due to lack of high level evidence. ADCETRIS should be used with caution in other CD30+ CTCL patients after consideration of the potential benefit-risk. ADCETRIS contains 13.2 mg sodium per vial. **Drug Interactions:** Co-administration of ADCETRIS: with strong CYP3A4 and P-gp inhibitors, such as ketoconazole, may increase the incidence of neutropenia; with rifampicin, a strong CYP3A4 inducer did not alter the plasma exposure to ADCETRIS, however, it appeared to reduce plasma concentrations of MMAE metabolites. ADCETRIS is not expected to alter the exposure to medicines that are metabolized by CYP3A4 enzymes e.g. midazolam. -administration of ADCETRIS with bleomycin is contraindicated. **Pregnancy & lactation:** Women of childbearing potential should be using two methods of effective contraception during treatment with ADCETRIS and until 6 months after treatment. There are no data from the use of ADCETRIS in pregnant women. Animal studies have shown reproductive toxicity. There are no data as to whether ADCETRIS or its metabolites are excreted in human milk. **Fertility:** In non-clinical studies, ADCETRIS treatment has resulted in testicular toxicity, and may alter male fertility. Men being treated with ADCETRIS are advised not to father a child during treatment and for up to 6 months following the last dose. **Adverse Effects (monotherapy):** Very common (≥10%): Infection, upper respiratory tract infection, neutropenia, peripheral sensory neuropathy, peripheral motor neuropathy, cough, dyspnoea, nausea, diarrhoea, vomiting, constipation, abdominal pain, rash, pruritus, arthralgia, myalgia, fatigue, pyrexia, infusion-related reactions, weight decreased. Common (≥1/100 to <1/10): Herpes zoster, pneumonia, herpes simplex, oral candidiasis, anaemia, thrombocytopenia, hyperglycaemia, dizziness, ALT/AST increased, alopecia, back pain, chills. Refer to the SmPC for details on full side effect profile and interactions. **Pharmaceutical Precautions:** Store vial in a refrigerator (2°C-8°C), protected from light. After reconstitution/dilution, chemical and physical in-use stability has been demonstrated for 24 hours at 2°C-8°C. **PI Date of Preparation:** March 2019. **PI approval code:** UK/ADC/1902/0010 **Legal category:** POM **Basic NHS Price & Marketing Authorisation:** £2,500 for each ADCETRIS 50mg vial (EU/1/12/794/001). **Additional information is available on request from:** Takeda UK Ltd. Building 3, Glory Park, Glory Park Avenue, Wooburn Green, Buckinghamshire, HP10 0DF. Tel: 01628 537900 Fax: 01628 526617. Takeda Products Ireland Ltd. 3013 Lake Drive, Citywest Business Campus, Dublin 24. Tel: +353 (0)1 642 0021 Fax: +353 (0)1 642 0020 are responsible for the sale of ADCETRIS in Ireland. ADCETRIS® is a registered trademark.

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