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# Targeted Agents in B-cell Malignancies

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# Abbreviations

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- R/R: relapsed & refractory
- MM: multiple myeloma
- DLBCL: diffuse large b-cell lymphoma
- NOS: not otherwise specified
- MOA: mechanism of action
- ORR: overall response rate
- DOR: duration of response
- OS: overall survival
- TTP: time to progression
- CR: complete response
- PR: partial response
- PFS: progression free survival

# Objectives

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- Identify newly approved therapies for B-cell malignancies along with their FDA approved indications
- Explain the mechanism of action of each agent along with the most frequently reported adverse events
- Review dosing recommendations and adjustments required for adverse effects
- Assess recent and ongoing clinical trial data to determine place in therapy

# Approvals/Expanded Indications

Generic Name	FDA Approval Date	FDA Approved Indication
<b>Belantamab mafodotin-blmf</b>	August 2020	Adult patients with R/R MM who have received at least 4 prior therapies, including an anti-CD38 monoclonal antibody, a proteasome inhibitor, and an immunomodulatory agent
<b>Tafasitamab-cxix</b>	July 2020	Adult patients with R/R DLBCL NOS, including DLBCL arising from low grade lymphoma, and who are not eligible for autologous stem cell transplant (in combination with lenalidomide)
<b>Selinexor</b>	June 2020	R/R DLBCL, NOS, including DLBCL arising from follicular lymphoma, after at least 2 lines of systemic therapy
<b>Polatuzumab vedotin</b>	June 2019	R/R DLBCL, not otherwise specified, after at least two prior therapies

# LYMPHOMA

Tafasitamab-cxix

Selinexor

Polatuzumab vedotin

Tafasitamab-cxix

# Tafasitamab

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- **Pharmacologic Category**
  - Anti-CD19 monoclonal antibody
- **FDA approval – July 2020**
  - Treatment of adult patients with R/R DLBCL NOS, including DLBCL arising from low grade lymphoma, and who are not eligible for autologous stem cell transplant

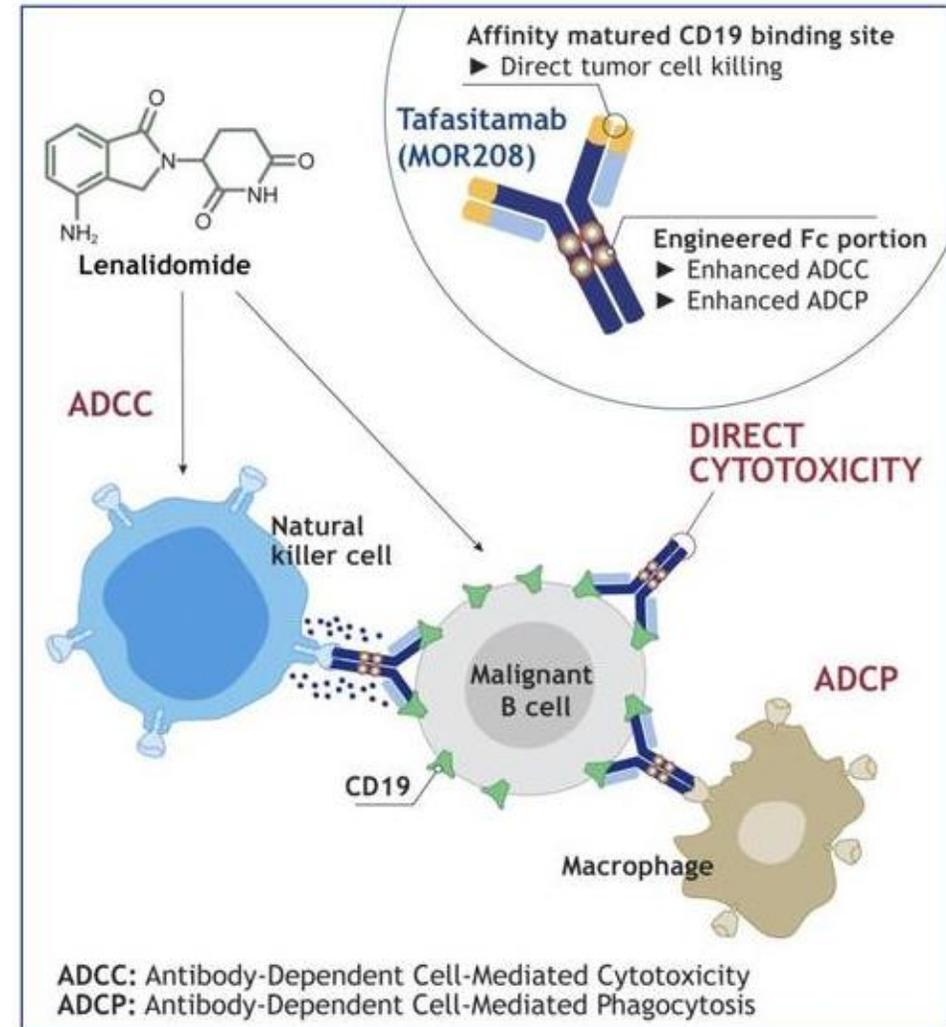
# Mechanism of Action

## Tafasitamab

- ❑ Fc-modified monoclonal antibody that binds to CD19
- ❑ Upon binding, mediates lysis through apoptosis and immune effector mechanisms, including ADCC & ADCP

## Lenalidomide

- ❑ T and NK cell activation/expansion
- ❑ Direct cell death



# Tafasitamab: Dosing and Administration

Each cycle = 28 days

▶ **Cycle 1**

DAYS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
Tafasitamab 12 mg/kg	■			■				■							■							■							
Lenalidomide 25 mg daily	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●								

▶ **Cycles 2 and 3**

DAYS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
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# Tafasitamab: Dosing and Administration

Each cycle = 28 days

▶ **Cycles 4 to 12**

DAYS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
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▶ **Cycles 13 and after**

DAYS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
Tafasitamab 12 mg/kg	■														■														

# Tafasitamab: Infusion Related Reactions

- Administer pre-medications 30 minutes to 2 hours prior to starting therapy
  - May include: acetaminophen, an H1 receptor antagonist, an H2 receptor antagonist, and/or glucocorticoids
- For patients not experiencing infusion-related reactions during the first 3 infusions, premedication is optional for subsequent infusions.

Severity	Dosage Modification
<b>Grade 2 (moderate)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Interrupt infusion immediately and manage signs and symptoms</li><li>• Once signs and symptoms resolve or reduce to Grade 1, resume infusion at no more than 50% of the rate at which the reaction occurred. If the patient does not experience further reaction within 1 hour and vital signs are stable, the infusion rate may be increased every 30 minutes as tolerated to rate at which the reaction occurred.</li></ul>
<b>Grade 3 (severe)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Interrupt infusion immediately and manage signs and symptoms</li><li>• Once signs and symptoms resolve or reduce to Grade 1, resume infusion at no more than 25% of the rate at which the reaction occurred. If the patient does not experience further reaction within 1 hour and vital signs are stable, the infusion rate may be increased every 30 minutes as tolerated to a maximum of 50% of the rate at which the reaction occurred</li><li>• If after re-challenge the reaction returns, stop the infusion immediately.</li></ul>
<b>Grade 4 (life-threatening)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stop the infusion immediately and permanently discontinue tafasitamab</li></ul>

# Tafasitamab: Myelosuppression

Severity	Dosage Modification
<b>Platelet count of <math>\leq 50,000</math></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Withhold tafasitamab and lenalidomide and monitor complete blood count (CBC) weekly until platelet count is <math>\geq 50,000/\text{mcL}</math></li><li>• Resume tafasitamab at the same dose and lenalidomide at a reduced dose (refer to lenalidomide package insert)</li></ul>
<b>ANC <math>\leq 1,000</math> for at least 7 days</b> <b>ANC <math>\leq 1,000</math> with an increase of body temperature to <math>\geq 100.4^\circ\text{F}</math></b> <b>ANC <math>&lt; 500</math></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Interrupt infusion immediately and manage signs and symptoms</li><li>• Once signs and symptoms resolve or reduce to Grade 1, resume infusion at no more than 25% of the rate at which the reaction occurred. If the patient does not experience further reaction within 1 hour and vital signs are stable, the infusion rate may be increased every 30 minutes as tolerated to a maximum of 50% of the rate at which the reaction occurred</li><li>• If after re-challenge the reaction returns, stop the infusion immediately.</li></ul>
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# Tafasitamab

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- **Warnings and precautions**
  - Infusion Related Reactions
  - Myelosuppression
  - Infections
  - Embryo-Fetal Toxicity
- **Common side effects (>20%)**
  - Neutropenia/anemia/thrombocytopenia
  - Fatigue
  - Diarrhea
  - Cough
  - Peripheral edema
  - Respiratory tract infection
  - Decreased appetite

# Tafasitamab: L-Mind Study

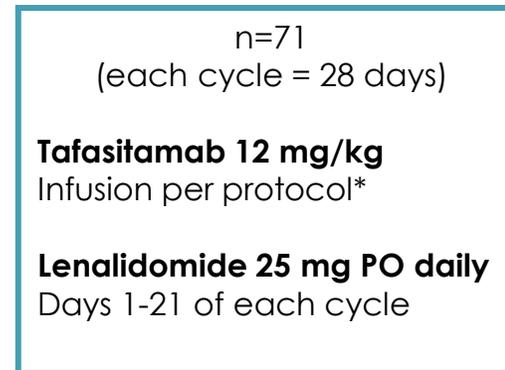
Multicenter, open-label, single-arm, phase 2 study

## Inclusion Criteria:

- Age  $\geq 18$  years of age
- DLBCL R/R to at least one, but no more than 3 systemic regimens and were not candidates for high-dose chemotherapy and stem cell transplant
- ECOG 0-2
- ANC  $\geq 1.5$ , plts  $\leq 90$
- Tbili  $< 2.5 \times$  ULN
- LFTs  $\leq 5 \times$  ULN in patients with known liver involvement
- CrCl  $\geq 60$  ml/min

## Exclusion Criteria:

- Double-hit or triple-hit
- Previous treatment with anti-CD19 therapy or immunomodulatory drugs
- Primary refractory DLBCL, defined as no response to, or progression during or within 6 months of frontline therapy; history of malignancies other than diffuse large B-cell lymphoma, unless disease-free for at least 5\* years; seropositivity for hepatitis B or C virus, and seropositivity for or history of HIV
- CNS lymphoma involvement



## Primary Endpoints

- Proportion of patients with objective response
- ORR

## Secondary Endpoints

- Proportion of patients with disease control
- Time to next treatment
- DOR
- OS
- TTP

**Cycle 1:** Days 1, 4, 8, 15 and 22

**Cycle 2/3:** Days 1, 8, 15 and 22

**Cycles 4 +:** Days 1 and 15

# Tafasitamab: Efficacy in Clinical Trials

Tafasitamab in combination with lenalidomide was well tolerated and resulted in a high proportion of patients with relapsed or refractory diffuse large B-cell lymphoma ineligible for autologous stem-cell transplantation and might represent a new therapeutic option in this setting.

**Median time to response = 1.7 months**

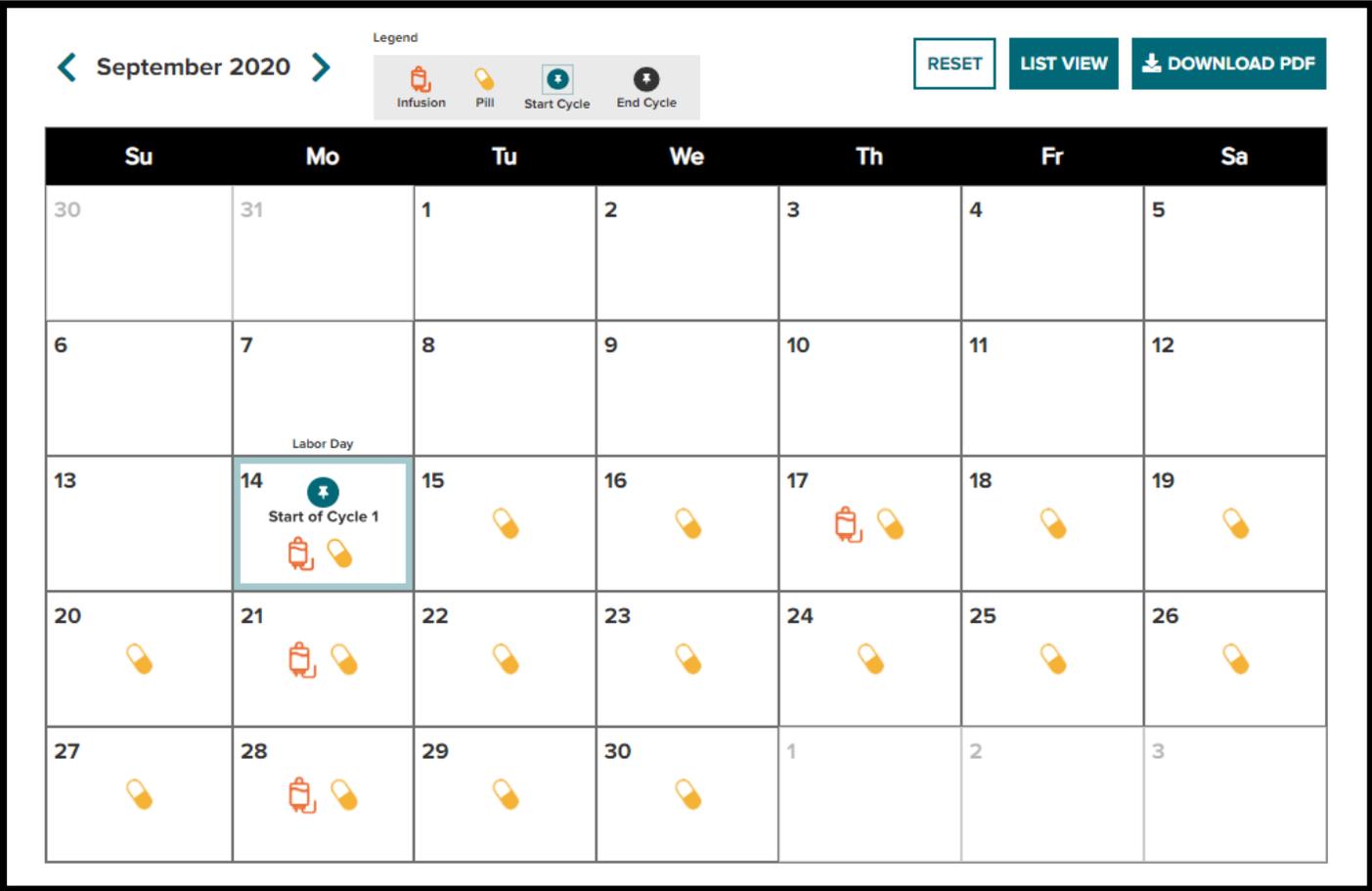
Endpoint	N=71
CR, n (%)	34 (43%)
PR, n (%)	14 (18%)
Stable disease	11 (14%)
Progressive disease	13 (16%)
Objective response	8 (10%)
Median DOR, months (95% CI)	21.7 (21.7 to NR)

# Tafasitamab: Safety in Clinical Trials

Adverse Reaction	Tafasitamab (N=81)	
	All Grades (%)	Grade 3 or 4 (%)
<b>Blood and lymphatic system disorders</b>		
Neutropenia	51	49
Anemia	36	7
Thrombocytopenia	31	17
Febrile neutropenia	12	12
<b>General disorders and administration site conditions</b>		
Fatigue*	38	3.7
Pyrexia	24	1.2
Peripheral edema	24	0
<b>Gastrointestinal disorders</b>		
Diarrhea	36	1.2
Constipation	17	0
Nausea	15	0
Vomiting	15	0
<b>Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders</b>		
Cough	26	1.2
Dyspnea	12	1.2
<b>Infections</b>		
Respiratory tract infection <sup>+</sup>	24	4.9
Urinary tract infection <sup>†</sup>	17	4.9
Bronchitis	16	1.2
<b>Metabolism and nutrition disorders</b>		
Decreased appetite	22	0
Hypokalemia	19	6
<b>Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders</b>		
Back pain	19	2.5
Muscle spasms	15	0

# Tafasitamab: Clinical Pearls

Complicated dosing schedule – manufacturer website has interactive calendar



Selinexor

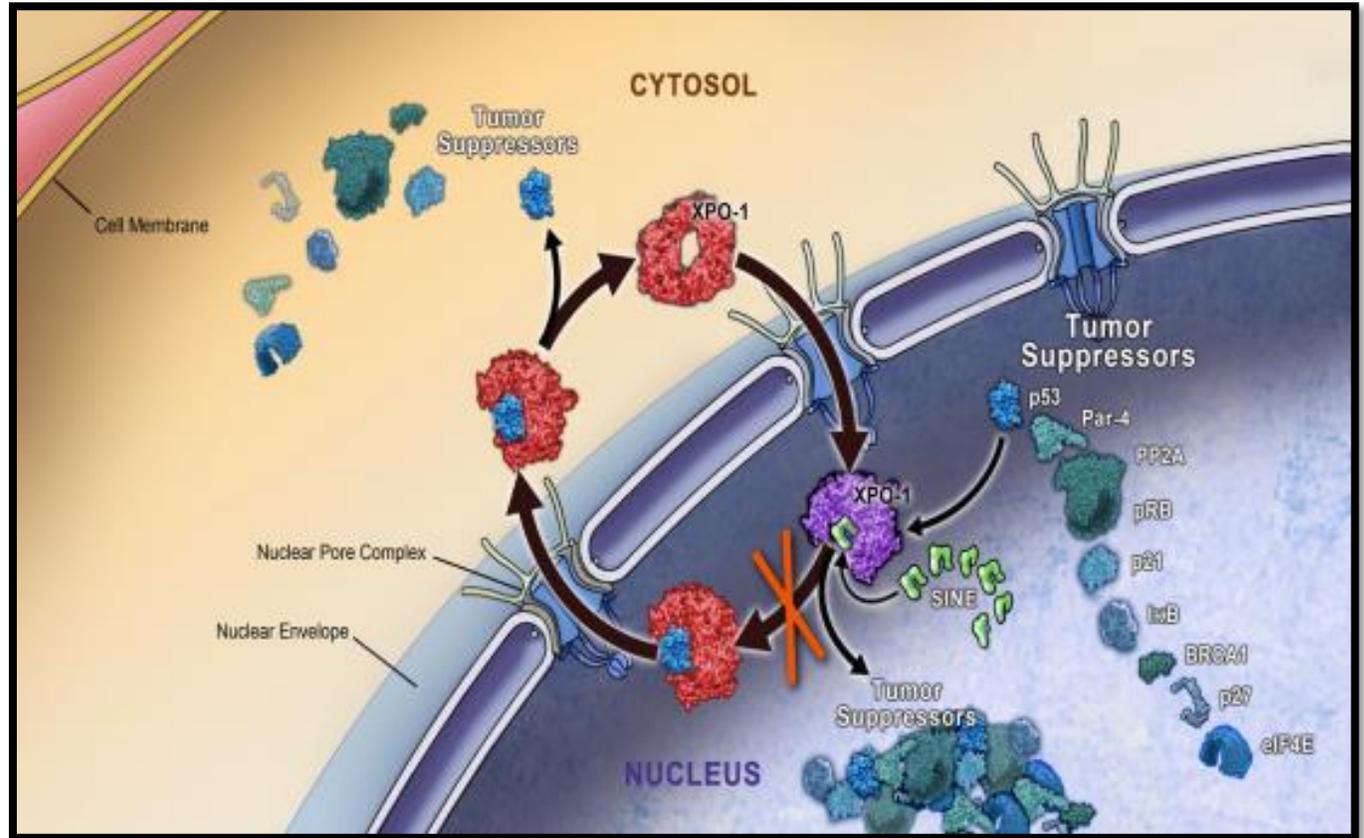
# Selinexor

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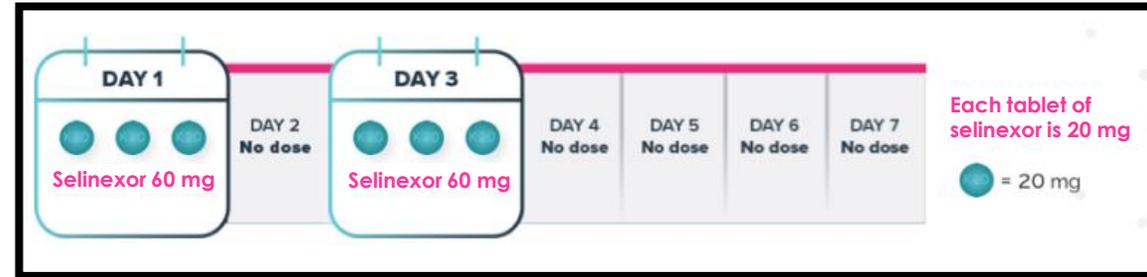
- **Pharmacologic Category**
  - Selective Inhibitor of Nuclear Export (SINE)
- **FDA approval – June 2020**
  - Adult patients with R/R DLBCL NOS after at least 2 lines of therapy

# Selinexor: Mechanism of Action

- ❑ Selective inhibitor of the transporter XPO1
- ❑ XPO1 is responsible for shuttling cargo proteins and messenger RNA between the nucleus and the cytoplasm
- ❑ Induces tumor cell apoptosis



# Selinexor: Dosing and Administration



- **Schedule**
  - Until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity
- **Premedication**
  - 5-HT3 receptor antagonist and/or other anti-nausea agents prior to and during treatment
- **Prophylactic medication**
  - Maintain adequate fluid and caloric intake throughout treatment
  - Consider IV hydration for patients at risk of dehydration
- **Storage considerations**
  - None

# Selinexor

- **Dose reduction steps for adverse reactions**

- Hematologic
  - Thrombocytopenia
  - Neutropenia
  - Anemia
- Non-hematologic
  - Hyponatremia
  - Fatigue
  - Nausea & vomiting
  - Diarrhea
  - Weight loss & anorexia

Recommended Starting Dose	1 <sup>st</sup> Reduction	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reduction	4 <sup>th</sup> Reduction	Discontinue
60 mg days 1,3 of each week	40 mg days 1,3	60 mg weekly	40 mg weekly	

# Selinexor

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- **Warnings and precautions**
  - Thrombocytopenia
  - Neutropenia
  - Gastrointestinal Toxicity
  - Hyponatremia
  - Infections
  - Neurological Toxicity
- **Common side effects (>20%)**
  - Thrombocytopenia
  - Fatigue
  - Nausea/vomiting/diarrhea/constipation
  - Decreased appetite
  - Weight loss
  - Dyspnea
  - Upper respiratory tract infections

# Selinexor: SADAL Study

Phase 2b, multi-center, single arm, open-label trial

## Inclusion criteria

- Age  $\geq$  18 years of age
- De novo DLBCL or DLBCL transformed lymphoma
- Received 2-5 previous lines of therapy
- ECOG 0-2

## Exclusion

- CNS lymphoma
- Meningeal involvement
- CrCl <30 ml/min



**Selinexor 60 mg PO Days 1,3 of each week**  
(n=127)

\*all patient received 5-HT3 antagonists before the first dose and continued 2-3 times daily, as needed



## Primary endpoint

- ORR

## Key secondary endpoints

- DOR
- Disease control rate

## Exploratory endpoints

- PFS
- OS
- TTP

# Selinexor: Efficacy in Clinical Trials

Overall response rate of 28%

Endpoint	N=127
DOR, median	9.3 months <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 23 months for patient with CR</li><li>• 4.4 months for patients with PR</li></ul>
Disease control rate	37%
PFS, median	2.6 months
OS, median	9.1 months

Kalakonda N, et al. Selinexor in patients with relapsed or refractory diffuse large B-cell lymphoma (SADAL): a single-arm, multinational, multicenter, open label, phase 2 trial. *The Lancet* 2020; 7(7): E511-E522.

# Selinexor: Safety in Clinical Trials

	Grade 1-2	Grade 3	Grade 4
Thrombocytopenia	20 (16%)	39 (31%)	19 (15%)
Nausea	66 (52%)	8 (6%)	0
Fatigue	46 (36%)	14 (11%)	0
Anaemia	26 (21%)	27 (21%)	1 (1%)
Decreased appetite	42 (33%)	5 (4%)	0
Diarrhoea	41 (32%)	4 (3%)	0
Constipation	39 (31%)	0	0
Neutropenia	7 (6%)	20 (16%)	11 (9%)
Weight loss	38 (30%)	0	0
Vomiting	35 (28%)	2 (2%)	0
Pyrexia	23 (18%)	5 (4%)	0
Asthenia	21 (17%)	6 (5%)	0
Cough	23 (18%)	0	0
Upper respiratory tract infection	18 (14%)	1 (1%)	0
Dizziness	18 (14%)	0	0
Hypotension	13 (10%)	4 (3%)	0
Oedema peripheral	14 (11%)	1 (1%)	0
Dyspnoea	12 (10%)	1 (1%)	1 (1%)
Hyponatraemia	4 (3%)	10 (8%)	0

- 17% patients discontinued treatment due to adverse events
- 70% patients had dose modification (interruption or dose reduction)

# Selinexor: Clinical Pearls

- GI symptoms are significant
- Product available in many various blister packs



**60 mg – Twice Weekly dose**

**CARTON CONTENTS:**  
4 medicine packages (24 tablets total in each carton)

**TABLETS PER PACKAGE:**  
Each package contains six 20-mg tablets  
**This package includes 2 doses of XPOVIO**

**WEEKLY DOSE:**  
60 mg twice weekly (3 tablets are taken on Day 1 and the remaining 3 are taken on Day 3 of each week)



**60 mg – Once Weekly dose**

**CARTON CONTENTS:**  
4 medicine packages (12 tablets total in each carton)

**TABLETS PER PACKAGE:**  
Each package contains three 20-mg tablets  
**This package includes 1 dose of XPOVIO**

**WEEKLY DOSE:**  
60 mg once weekly (3 tablets are taken on Day 1 of each week)



**40 mg – Twice Weekly dose**

**CARTON CONTENTS:**  
4 medicine packages (16 tablets total in each carton)

**TABLETS PER PACKAGE:**  
Each package contains four 20-mg tablets  
**This package includes 2 doses of XPOVIO**

**WEEKLY DOSE:**  
40 mg twice weekly (2 tablets are taken on Day 1 and the remaining 2 are taken on Day 3 of each week)



**40 mg – Once Weekly dose**

**CARTON CONTENTS:**  
4 medicine packages (8 tablets total in each carton)

**TABLETS PER PACKAGE:**  
Each package contains two 20-mg tablets  
**This package includes 1 dose of XPOVIO**

**WEEKLY DOSE:**  
40 mg once weekly (2 tablets are taken on Day 1 of each week)

Polatuzumab Vedotin

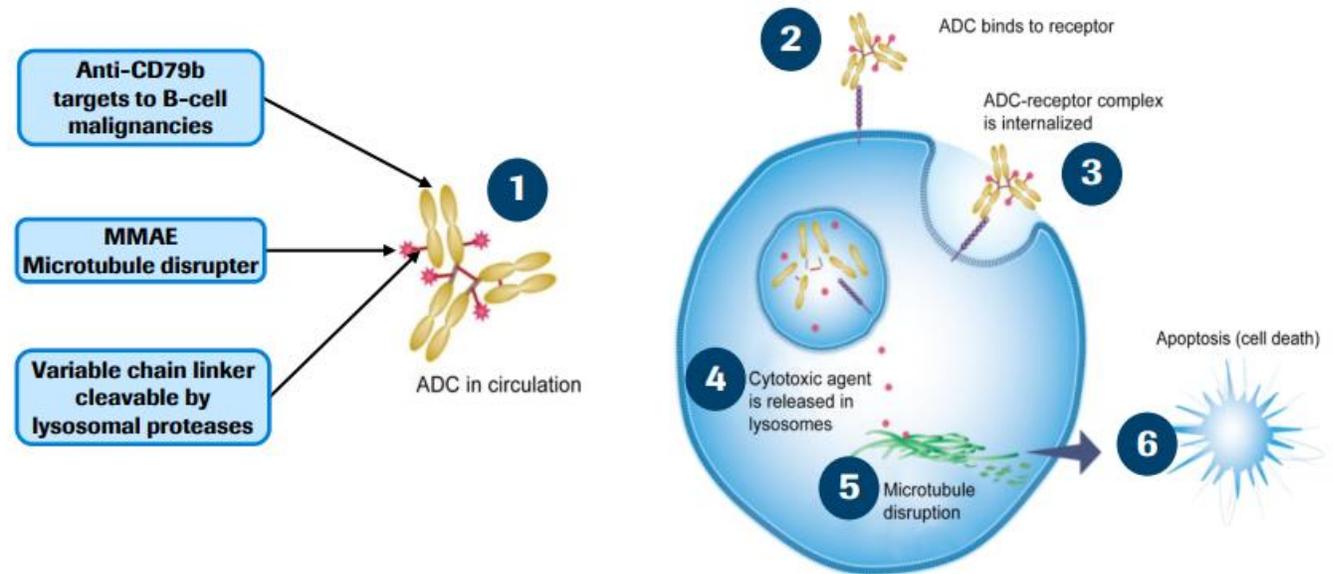
# Polatuzumab

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- **Pharmacologic Category**
  - CD79b-directed antibody drug conjugate
- **FDA approval – November 2019**
  - Granted accelerated approval based on complete response rate (CRR)
  - In combination with bendamustine and rituximab for the treatment of patients with relapsed or refractory DLBCL who have received  $\geq 2$  prior therapies

# Polatuzumab: Mechanism of Action

- ❑ Selectively binds to CD79b, a protein expressed on the surface of B-cells
- ❑ Binding triggers internalization. The stable VC linker is cleaved, releasing MMAE which binds to binds to microtubules
- ❑ MMAE inhibits microtubule polymerization, disrupts cell division and triggers apoptosis



# Polatuzumab: Dosing and Administration

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- **Dose**
  - First infusion: 1.8 mg/kg IV over 90 minutes
  - Subsequent infusions: 1.8 mg/kg IV over 30 minutes
- **Schedule**
  - Every 21 days x 6 cycles in combination with bendamustine and rituximab (any order)
    - Bendamustine 90 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/day on Day 1 and 2
    - Rituximab 375 mg/m<sup>2</sup> on Day 1
- **Premedication**
  - Antihistamine and antipyretic
- **Prophylaxis**
  - *Pneumocystis jiroveci* pneumonia and HSV throughout treatment
  - TLS prophylaxis if high risk – high tumor burden and rapidly proliferating tumors
- **Storage considerations**
  - None

# Polatuzumab

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- **Warnings and precautions**
  - Peripheral neuropathy
  - Infusion-related reactions
  - Myelosuppression
  - Opportunistic infections
  - Progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy
  - Tumor lysis syndrome
  - Hepatotoxicity
- **Common side effects (>20%)**
  - Neutropenia/thrombocytopenia/anemia
  - Fatigue
  - Diarrhea
  - Decrease appetite

# Polatuzumab: Management of Adverse Reactions

Event	Dose Modification
Grade 2-3 Peripheral Neuropathy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hold polatuzumab until improvement to Grade 1 or lower</li><li>• If recovered to Grade 1 or lower on or before Day 14, restart polatuzumab with the next cycle at a permanently reduced dose of 1.4mg/kg</li><li>• If a prior dose reduction to 1.4 mg/kg has occurred, discontinue polatuzumab</li><li>• If not recovered to Grade 1 or lower on or before Day 14, discontinue polatuzumab</li></ul>
Grade 4 Peripheral Neuropathy	Discontinue polatuzumab

# Polatuzumab: Management of Adverse Reactions

Event	Dose Modification
<b>Grade 1-3 Infusion-Related Reaction</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Interrupt polatuzumab infusion and give supportive treatment.</li><li>• For the first instance of Grade 3 wheezing, bronchospasm, or generalized urticaria, permanently discontinue polatuzumab.</li><li>• For recurrent Grade 2 wheezing or urticaria, or for recurrence of any Grade 3 symptoms, permanently discontinue polatuzumab.</li><li>• Otherwise, upon complete resolution of symptoms, infusion may be resumed at 50% of the rate achieved prior to interruption. In the absence of infusion-related symptoms, the rate of infusion may be escalated in increments of 50 mg/hr every 30 minutes.</li><li>• For the next cycle, infuse polatuzumab over 90 minutes. If no infusion-related reaction occurs, subsequent infusions may be administered over 30 minutes. Administer pre-medication for all cycles</li></ul>
<b>Grade 4 Infusion-Related Reaction</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stop polatuzumab infusion immediately.</li><li>• Give supportive treatment.</li><li>• Permanently discontinue polatuzumab.</li></ul>

# Polatuzumab: Management of Adverse Reactions

Event	Dose Modification
<b>Grade 3-4 Neutropenia</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hold all treatment until ANC recovers to greater than 1000/microliter</li><li>• IF ANC recovers to greater than 1000/microliter on or before Day 7, resume all treatment without any additional dose reductions. Consider granulocyte colony stimulating factor prophylaxis for subsequent cycles, if not previously given.</li><li>• If ANC recovers to greater than 1000/microliter after Day 7:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Restart all treatment. Consider granulocyte colony stimulating factor prophylaxis for subsequent cycles, if not previously given. If prophylaxis was given, consider dose reduction of bendamustine.</li><li>– If dose reduction of bendamustine has already occurred, consider dose reduction of polatuzumab to 1.4 mg/kg</li></ul></li></ul>
<b>Grade 3-4 Thrombocytopenia</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hold all treatment until platelets recover to greater than 75,000/microliter</li><li>• If platelets recover to greater than 75,000/microliter on or before Day 7, resume all treatment without any additional dose reductions</li><li>• If platelets recover to greater than 75,000/microliter after Day 7:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Restart all treatment, with dose reduction of bendamustine</li><li>– If dose reduction of bendamustine has already occurred, consider dose reduction of polatuzumab to 1.4 mg/kg</li></ul></li></ul>

# Polatuzumab: G029365 Study

## **Inclusion Criteria**

- Patients with DLBCL who have received at least 1 prior regimen and were not candidates for autologous HSCT

## **Exclusion Criteria**

- Patients with Grade 2 or higher peripheral neuropathy, prior allogeneic HSCT, active central nervous system lymphoma, or transformed lymphoma

Randomized 1:1



**Polatuzumab 1.8 mg/kg + BR**  
Every 21 days x 6 cycles  
(n=40)

**BR**  
Every 21 days x 6 cycles  
(n=40)



## **Primary endpoint**

- Complete response (CR)

## **Additional endpoints**

- Objective response rate (ORR)
- Best overall response of CR or partial remission (PR)
- Duration of response (DoR)

# Polatuzumab: Efficacy in Clinical Trials

Higher CR rates vs BR at end of treatment (EOT)\*  
63% of patients in the polatuzumab + BR arm achieved a best overall response

Response per IRC, n(%)	Polatuzumab + BR n=40	BR n=40
<b>Objective response at EOT</b>	18 (45%)	7 (18%)
CR rate	16 (40%)	7 (18%)
Difference in CR rates	22%	
Best overall response of CR or PR	25 (63%)	10 (25%)
Best response of CR	20 (50%)	9 (23%)

\*EOT defined as 6 to 8 weeks after Day 1 of cycle 6 of last study treatment

# Polatuzumab: Safety in Clinical Trials

Select Grade 3 or higher adverse reactions in both study arms  
Events were graded using the NCI CTCAE version 4

Adverse Reaction by Body System		Polatuzumab + BR (n=45) Grade $\geq 3$ (%)	BR (n=39) Grade $\geq 3$ (%)
Blood and lymphatic system disorders	Neutropenia	42	36
	Thrombocytopenia	40	26
	Anemia	24	18
	Lymphopenia	13	8
Nervous system disorders	Peripheral neuropathy	0	0
Gastrointestinal disorders	Diarrhea	4.4	5
	Vomiting	2.2	0
General disorders	Infusion-related reaction	2.2	0
		2.2	0
	Pyrexia	2.2	0
	Decreased appetite		
Infections	Pneumonia	16*	2.6 <sup>^</sup>

NCI CTCAE = National Cancer Institute Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events

\*Includes 2 events with fatal outcome ; <sup>^</sup> Includes 1 event with fatal outcome

# MULTIPLE MYELOMA

Belantamab mafodotin-blmf

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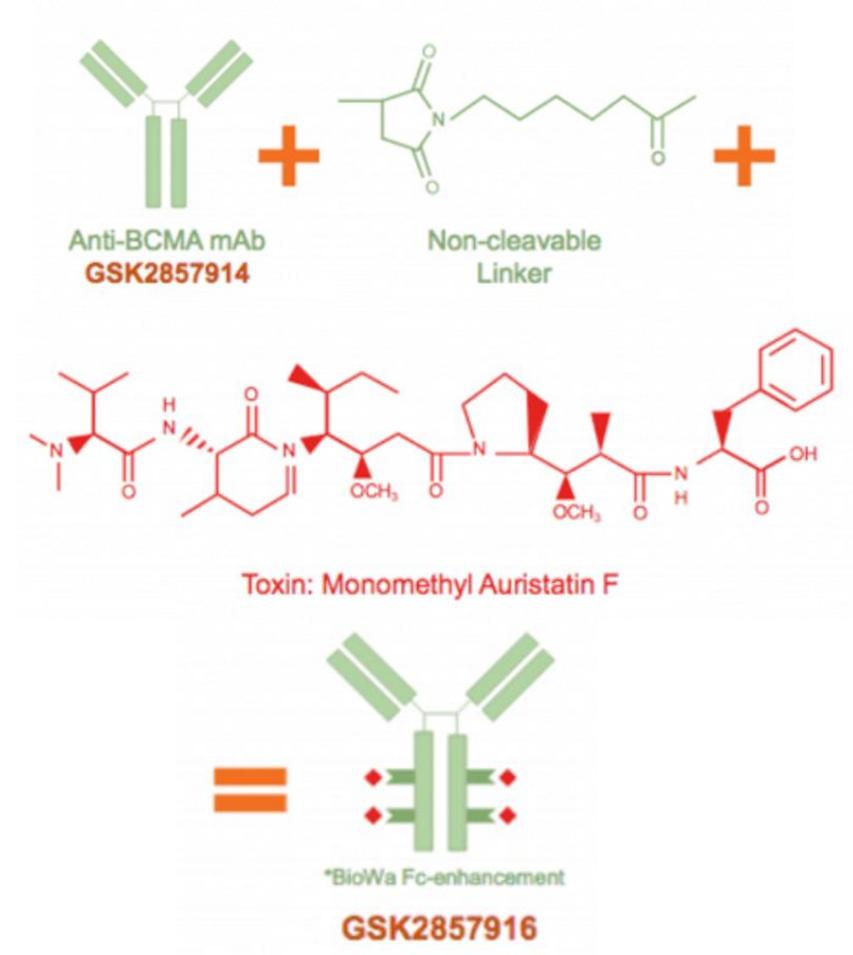
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- **FDA approval – August 2020**
  - Adult patients with R/R MM who have received at least 4 prior therapies, including an anti-CD38 monoclonal antibody, a proteasome inhibitor, and an immunomodulatory agent

# Belantamab: Mechanism of Action

- ❑ Antibody-drug conjugate
  - ❑ The antibody component is an afucosylated IgG1 directed against BCMA, a protein expressed on normal B lymphocytes and multiple myeloma cells
  - ❑ The small molecule component is MMAF, a microtubule inhibitor
- ❑ MMAF-induced apoptosis
- ❑ Tumor cell lysis through ADCC and ADCP



# Belantamab: Dosing and Administration

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- **Dose**
  - 2.5 mg/kg IV over 30 minutes
- **Schedule**
  - Once every 3 weeks until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity
- **Premedication**
  - Only for subsequent cycles if reaction on 1<sup>st</sup> infusion
- **Prophylactic medication**
  - Preservative-free lubricant eye drops at least 4 times a day starting with the first infusion and continuing until end of treatment
- **Storage considerations**
  - None

# Belantamab: REMS Program

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- **REMS Requirements for Risk of Ocular Toxicity**

- Prescribers must be certified with the program by enrolling and completing training in the BLENREP REMS
- Prescribers must counsel patients about the risk of ocular toxicity and the need for ophthalmic examinations prior to each dose
- Patients must be enrolled in the REMS program and comply with monitoring
- Healthcare facilities must be certified with the program and verify that patients are authorized to receive belantamab mafodotin

- **Monitoring and Patient Instruction**

- Conduct ophthalmic examinations at baseline, prior to each dose, and promptly for worsening symptoms
- Perform baseline examinations within 3 weeks prior to the first dose
- Perform each follow-up examination at least 1 week after the previous dose and within 2 weeks prior to the next dose
- Avoid use of contact lenses unless directed by an ophthalmologist

# Belantamab: Dosage Modifications

## Dosage Modifications for Corneal Adverse Reactions per the KVA scale

	Corneal Adverse Reaction	Recommended Dosage Modifications
<b>Grade 1</b>	Mild superficial keratopathy  Change in BCVA: Decline from baseline of 1 line on Snellon Visual Acuity	Continue treatment at current dose
<b>Grade 2</b>	Moderate superficial keratopathy  Change in BCVA: Decline from baseline of 2 or 3 lines on Snellon Visual Acuity and not worse than 20/200	Withhold dose until improvement in both corneal examination findings and change in BCVA to Grade 1 or better and resume at same dose
<b>Grade 3</b>	Severe superficial keratopathy  Change in BCVA: Decline from baseline by more than 3 lines on Snellon Visual Acuity and not worse than 20/200	Withhold dose until improvement in both corneal examination findings and change in BCVA to Grade 1 or better and resume at reduced dose
<b>Grade 4</b>	Corneal epithelial defect  Change in BCVA: Snellen Visual Acuity worse than 20/200	Consider permanent discontinuation. If continuing treatment, withhold dose until improvement in both corneal examination findings and change in BCVA to Grade 1 or better and resume at reduced dose

# Belantamab: Dosage Modifications

Dosage Modifications for Other Adverse Reactions		
	Severity	Recommended Dosage Modifications
<b>Thrombocytopenia</b>	Platelet count 25,000 – 50,000/mcL	Consider withholding and/or reducing dose
	Platelet count <25,000/mcL	Withhold until platelet count improves to Grade 3 or better. Consider resuming at reduced dose.
<b>Infusion-related reactions</b>	Grade 2 (moderate) or Grade 3 (severe)	Interrupt infusion and provide supportive care. Once symptoms resolve, resume at lower infusion rate; reduce the infusion rate by at least 50%
	Grade 4 (life-threatening)	Permanently discontinue and provide emergency care

# Belantamab

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- **Warnings and precautions**
  - Thrombocytopenia
  - Infusion-related reactions
  - Embryo-fetal Toxicity
- **Common side effects (>20%)**
  - Keratopathy (corneal epithelium change on eye exam)
  - Decreased visual acuity
  - Nausea
  - Blurred vision
  - Pyrexia
  - Infusion-related reactions
  - Fatigue

# Belantamab: DREAMM-2 Study

## Inclusion criteria

- Age  $\geq$  18 years of age
- R/R MM with disease progression after 3+ lines of therapy and who were refractory/intolerant to CD-38 monoclonal antibody, immunomodulatory agent and proteasome inhibitor
- ECOG 0-2



**Belantamab mafodotin 2.5 mg/kg  
(n=97)**

**OR**

**3.4 mg/kg every 3 weeks  
(n=99)**



## Primary endpoint

- ORR

## Key secondary endpoints

- DOR

# Belantamab: Efficacy in Clinical Trials

Median time to first response = 1.4 months  
73% of responders had a duration of response of  $\geq 6$  months

	<b>Belantamab mafodotin (n=97)</b>
Overall response rate (ORR), n (%) (97% CI)	30 (31%) (21%, 43%)
Median duration of response in months (range)	NR (NR to NR)

# Belantamab: Safety in Clinical Trials

Table 3. Adverse Reactions (≥10%) in Patients Who Received belantamab in DREAMM-2

Adverse Reactions	Belantamab N = 95	
	All Grades (%)	Grade 3-4 (%)
<b>Eye disorders</b>		
Keratopathy <sup>a</sup>	71	44
Decreased visual acuity <sup>b</sup>	53	28
Blurred vision <sup>c</sup>	22	4
Dry eyes <sup>d</sup>	14	1
<b>Gastrointestinal disorders</b>		
Nausea	24	0
Constipation	13	0
Diarrhea	13	1
<b>General disorders and administration site conditions</b>		
Pyrexia	22	3
Fatigue <sup>e</sup>	20	2
<b>Procedural complications</b>		
Infusion-related reactions <sup>f</sup>	21	3
<b>Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders</b>		
Arthralgia	12	0
Back pain	11	2

- 8% patients discontinued for adverse event (2.1% for keratopathy)
- 54% patients had dosage interruptions due to adverse reaction
  - 47% keratopathy
  - 5% blurry vision
  - 3.2% dry eye
  - 3.2% pneumonia
- 29% patients had dosage modifications due to adverse reaction
  - 23% keratopathy
  - 5% thrombocytopenia

# Targeted Agents in B-cell Malignancies

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