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## HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

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

**YESCARTA® (axicabtagene ciloleucel) suspension for intravenous infusion**  
Initial U.S. Approval: 2017

### WARNING: CYTOKINE RELEASE SYNDROME, NEUROLOGIC TOXICITIES and SECONDARY HEMATOLOGICAL MALIGNANCIES

*See full prescribing information for complete boxed warning.*

- **Cytokine Release Syndrome (CRS), including fatal or life-threatening reactions, occurred in patients receiving YESCARTA. Do not administer YESCARTA to patients with active infection or inflammatory disorders. Treat severe or life-threatening CRS with tocilizumab or tocilizumab and corticosteroids (2.2, 2.3, 5.1).**
- **Neurologic toxicities, including fatal or life-threatening reactions, occurred in patients receiving YESCARTA, including concurrently with CRS or after CRS resolution. Monitor for neurologic toxicities after treatment with YESCARTA. Provide supportive care and/or corticosteroids, as needed (2.2, 2.3, 5.2).**
- **T cell malignancies have occurred following treatment of hematologic malignancies with BCMA- and CD19-directed genetically modified autologous T cell immunotherapies, including YESCARTA (5.7).**

### RECENT MAJOR CHANGES

Indications and Usage (1.1)	02/2026
Dosage and Administration (2.2, 2.3)	06/2025
Warnings and Precautions (5.1)	06/2025
Warnings and Precautions (5.2)	02/2026
Warnings and Precautions, REMS (5.3)	Removed 06/2025

### INDICATIONS AND USAGE

YESCARTA is a CD19-directed genetically modified autologous T cell immunotherapy indicated for the treatment of:

- Adult patients with large B-cell lymphoma that is refractory to first-line chemoimmunotherapy or that relapses within 12 months of first-line chemoimmunotherapy. (1.1)
- Adult patients with relapsed or refractory large B-cell lymphoma after two or more lines of systemic therapy, including diffuse large B-cell lymphoma (DLBCL) not otherwise specified, primary mediastinal large B-cell lymphoma, high grade B-cell lymphoma, and DLBCL arising from follicular lymphoma. (1.1)
- Adult patients with relapsed or refractory follicular lymphoma (FL) after two or more lines of systemic therapy. This indication is approved under accelerated approval based on response rate. Continued approval for this indication may be contingent upon verification and description of clinical benefit in confirmatory trial(s). (1.2)

### DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

#### For autologous use only. For intravenous use only.

- Do NOT use a leukodepleting filter. (2.2)
- Administer a lymphodepleting regimen of cyclophosphamide and fludarabine before infusion of YESCARTA. (2.2)
- Verify the patient's identity prior to infusion. (2.2)
- Premedicate with acetaminophen and an H1-antihistamine. (2.2)
- Confirm availability of tocilizumab prior to infusion. (2.2, 5.1)
- Dosing of YESCARTA is based on the number of chimeric antigen receptor (CAR)-positive viable T cells. (2.1)
- The target YESCARTA dose is  $2 \times 10^6$  CAR-positive viable T cells per kg body weight, with a maximum of  $2 \times 10^8$  CAR-positive viable T cells. (2.1)

### DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

- YESCARTA is available as a cell suspension for infusion. (3)
- YESCARTA comprises a suspension of  $2 \times 10^6$  CAR-positive viable T cells per kg of body weight, with a maximum of  $2 \times 10^8$  CAR-positive viable T cells in approximately 68 mL. (3)

### CONTRAINDICATIONS

- None. (4)

### WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

- **Hypersensitivity Reactions:** Monitor for hypersensitivity reactions during infusion. (5.3)
- **Serious Infections:** Monitor patients for signs and symptoms of infection; treat appropriately. (5.4)
- **Prolonged Cytopenias:** Patients may exhibit Grade 3 or higher cytopenias for several weeks following YESCARTA infusion. Monitor complete blood counts. (5.5)
- **Hypogammaglobulinemia:** Monitor and provide replacement therapy. (5.6)
- **Secondary Malignancies:** T cell malignancies have occurred following treatment of hematologic malignancies with BCMA- and CD19-directed genetically modified autologous T cell immunotherapies, including YESCARTA (5.7). In the event that a secondary malignancy occurs after treatment with YESCARTA, contact Kite at 1-844-454-KITE (5483). (5.7)

### ADVERSE REACTIONS

The most common adverse reactions (incidence  $\geq 30\%$ ), excluding laboratory abnormalities, in patients with non-Hodgkin lymphoma are CRS, fever, hypotension, encephalopathy, fatigue, tachycardia, headache, nausea, febrile neutropenia, diarrhea, musculoskeletal pain, infections with pathogen unspecified, chills and decreased appetite. (6.1)

The most common Grade 3-4 laboratory abnormalities ( $\geq 30\%$ ) are leukopenia, lymphopenia, neutropenia, anemia, thrombocytopenia, and hypophosphatemia. (6.1)

To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact Kite at 1-844-454-KITE (5483) or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or [www.fda.gov/medwatch](http://www.fda.gov/medwatch).

See 17 for PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION and Medication Guide.

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## FULL PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

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- **Neurologic toxicities, including fatal or life-threatening reactions, occurred in patients receiving YESCARTA, including concurrently with CRS or after CRS resolution. Monitor for neurologic toxicities after treatment with YESCARTA. Provide supportive care and/or corticosteroids as needed [see Dosage and Administration (2.2, 2.3), Warnings and Precautions (5.2)].**
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## **1 INDICATIONS AND USAGE**

### **1.1 Large B-cell Lymphoma**

YESCARTA is indicated for the treatment of:

- Adult patients with large B-cell lymphoma that is refractory to first-line chemoimmunotherapy or that relapses within 12 months of first-line chemoimmunotherapy.
- Adult patients with relapsed or refractory large B-cell lymphoma after two or more lines of systemic therapy, including diffuse large B-cell lymphoma (DLBCL) not otherwise specified, primary mediastinal large B-cell lymphoma, high grade B-cell lymphoma, and DLBCL arising from follicular lymphoma.

### **1.2 Follicular Lymphoma**

YESCARTA is indicated for the treatment of adult patients with relapsed or refractory follicular lymphoma (FL) after two or more lines of systemic therapy.

This indication is approved under accelerated approval based on response rate [see Clinical Studies (14.2)]. Continued approval for this indication may be contingent upon verification and description of clinical benefit in confirmatory trial(s).

## **2 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION**

### **2.1 Dose**

**For autologous use only. For intravenous use only.**

Each single infusion bag of YESCARTA contains a suspension of chimeric antigen receptor (CAR)-positive T cells in approximately 68 mL. The target dose is  $2 \times 10^6$  CAR-positive viable T cells per kg body weight, with a maximum of  $2 \times 10^8$  CAR-positive viable T cells.

### **2.2 Administration**

YESCARTA is for autologous use only. The patient's identity must match the patient identifiers on the YESCARTA cassette and infusion bag. Do not infuse YESCARTA if the information on the patient-specific label does not match the intended patient.

## Preparing Patient for YESCARTA Infusion

Confirm availability of YESCARTA prior to starting the lymphodepleting regimen.

### *Pre-treatment*

- Administer a lymphodepleting chemotherapy regimen of cyclophosphamide 500 mg/m<sup>2</sup> intravenously and fludarabine 30 mg/m<sup>2</sup> intravenously on the fifth, fourth, and third day before infusion of YESCARTA.

### *Premedication*

- Administer acetaminophen 650 mg PO and diphenhydramine 12.5 mg intravenously or PO approximately 1 hour before YESCARTA infusion.
- Consider the use of prophylactic corticosteroid in patients after weighing the potential benefits and risks [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.1 and 5.2)*].

### Preparation of YESCARTA for Infusion

Coordinate the timing of YESCARTA thaw and infusion. Confirm the infusion time in advance, and adjust the start time of YESCARTA thaw such that it will be available for infusion when the patient is ready.

- Confirm patient identity: Prior to YESCARTA preparation, match the patient's identity with the patient identifiers on the YESCARTA cassette.
- Do not remove the YESCARTA product bag from the cassette if the information on the patient-specific label does not match the intended patient.
- Once patient identification is confirmed, remove the YESCARTA product bag from the cassette and check that the patient information on the cassette label matches the bag label.
- Inspect the product bag for any breaches of container integrity such as breaks or cracks before thawing. If the bag is compromised, follow the local guidelines (or call Kite at 1-844-454-KITE).
- Place the infusion bag inside a second sterile bag per local guidelines.
- Thaw YESCARTA at approximately 37°C using either a water bath or dry thaw method until there is no visible ice in the infusion bag. Gently mix the contents of the bag to disperse clumps of cellular material. If visible cell clumps remain continue to gently mix the contents of the bag. Small clumps of cellular material should disperse with gentle manual mixing. Do not wash, spin down, and/or re-suspend YESCARTA in new medium prior to infusion.
- Once thawed, YESCARTA may be stored at room temperature (20°C to 25°C) for up to 3 hours.

### Administration

- For autologous use only.
- Confirm that tocilizumab and emergency equipment are available prior to infusion and during the recovery period.
- Do NOT use a leukodepleting filter.
- Central venous access is recommended for the infusion of YESCARTA.
- Confirm the patient's identity matches the patient identifiers on the YESCARTA product bag.
- Prime the tubing with normal saline prior to infusion.
- Infuse the entire contents of the YESCARTA bag within 30 minutes by either gravity or a peristaltic pump. YESCARTA is stable at room temperature for up to 3 hours after thaw.
- Gently agitate the product bag during YESCARTA infusion to prevent cell clumping.
- After the entire content of the product bag is infused, rinse the tubing with normal saline at the same infusion rate to ensure all product is delivered.

YESCARTA contains human blood cells that are genetically modified with replication incompetent retroviral vector. Follow universal precautions and local biosafety guidelines for handling and disposal to avoid potential transmission of infectious diseases.

## Monitoring

- Monitor patients at least daily for 7 days following infusion for signs and symptoms of CRS and neurologic toxicities.
- Instruct patients to remain within proximity of a healthcare facility for at least 2 weeks following infusion.
- Advise patients to avoid driving for at least 2 weeks following infusion.

## **2.3 Management of Severe Adverse Reactions**

### Cytokine Release Syndrome (CRS)

Identify CRS based on clinical presentation [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.1)*]. Evaluate for and treat other causes of fever, hypoxia, and hypotension. If CRS is suspected, manage according to the recommendations in Table 1. Patients who experience Grade 2 or higher CRS (e.g., hypotension not responsive to fluids, or hypoxia requiring supplemental oxygenation) should be monitored with continuous cardiac telemetry and pulse oximetry. For patients experiencing severe CRS, consider performing an echocardiogram to assess cardiac function. For severe or life-threatening CRS, consider intensive-care supportive therapy. Physicians may also consider management per current practice guidelines.

**Table 1. CRS Grading and Management Guidance**

CRS Grade <sup>a</sup>	Tocilizumab	Corticosteroids
<b>Grade 1</b>  Symptoms require symptomatic treatment only (e.g., fever, nausea, fatigue, headache, myalgia, malaise).	If symptoms (e.g., fever) not improving after 24 hours, consider managing as Grade 2.	If not improving after 3 days, administer one dose of dexamethasone 10 mg intravenously.
<b>Grade 2</b>  Symptoms require and respond to moderate intervention.  Oxygen requirement less than 40% FiO <sub>2</sub> or hypotension responsive to fluids or low-dose of one vasopressor or  Grade 2 organ toxicity. <sup>b</sup>	Administer tocilizumab <sup>c</sup> 8 mg/kg intravenously over 1 hour (not to exceed 800 mg).  If no clinical improvement in the signs and symptoms of CRS after the first dose, repeat tocilizumab every 8 hours as needed.  Limit to a maximum of 3 doses in a 24-hour period; maximum total of 4 doses.  If improving, discontinue tocilizumab.	Administer dexamethasone 10 mg intravenously once daily.  If improving, manage as Grade 1 above and continue corticosteroids until the severity is Grade 1 or less, then quickly taper as clinically appropriate.  If not improving, manage as appropriate grade below.
<b>Grade 3</b>  Symptoms require and respond to aggressive intervention.  Oxygen requirement greater than or equal to 40% FiO <sub>2</sub> or hypotension requiring high-dose or multiple vasopressors or  Grade 3 organ toxicity or Grade 4 transaminitis.	Per Grade 2.  If improving, manage as appropriate grade above.	Dexamethasone 10 mg intravenously three times a day.  If improving, manage as appropriate grade above and continue corticosteroids until the severity is Grade 1 or less, then quickly taper as clinically appropriate.  If not improving, manage as Grade 4.
<b>Grade 4</b>  Life-threatening symptoms.  Requirements for ventilator support, continuous veno-venous hemodialysis (CVVHD) or	Per Grade 2.  If improving, manage as appropriate grade above.	Administer methylprednisolone 1000 mg intravenously once per day for 3 days.  If improving, manage as appropriate grade above and continue corticosteroids until the severity is Grade 1 or less, then taper as clinically appropriate.

CRS Grade <sup>a</sup>	Tocilizumab	Corticosteroids
Grade 4 organ toxicity (excluding transaminitis).		If not improving, consider methylprednisolone 1000 mg 2-3 times a day or alternate therapy. <sup>d</sup>

a. Lee et al. 2014.

b. Refer to Table 2 for management of neurologic toxicity.

c. Refer to tocilizumab Prescribing Information for details.

d. Alternate therapy includes (but is not limited to): anakinra, siltuximab, ruxolitinib, cyclophosphamide, IVIG and ATG.

### Neurologic Toxicity

Monitor patients for signs and symptoms of neurologic toxicity/immune effector cell-associated neurotoxicity syndrome (ICANS) (Table 2). Rule out other causes of neurologic symptoms. Patients who experience Grade 2 or higher neurologic toxicities/ICANS should be monitored with continuous cardiac telemetry and pulse oximetry. Provide intensive-care supportive therapy for severe or life-threatening neurologic toxicities. Consider levetiracetam for seizure prophylaxis for any grade of neurologic toxicities. Physicians may also consider management per current practice guidelines.

**Table 2. Neurologic Toxicity/ICANS Grading and Management Guidance**

Grading Assessment <sup>a</sup>	Concurrent CRS	No Concurrent CRS
<b>Grade 1</b>	<p>Administer tocilizumab per Table 1 for management of Grade 1 CRS.</p> <p>In addition, administer one dose of dexamethasone 10 mg intravenously.</p> <p>If not improving after 2 days, repeat dexamethasone 10 mg intravenously.</p>	<p>Administer one dose of dexamethasone 10 mg intravenously.</p> <p>If not improving after 2 days, repeat dexamethasone 10 mg intravenously.</p>
	Consider levetiracetam for seizure prophylaxis.	
<b>Grade 2</b>	<p>Administer tocilizumab per Table 1 for management of Grade 2 CRS.</p> <p>In addition, administer dexamethasone 10 mg intravenously four times a day.</p> <p>If improving, continue corticosteroids until the severity is Grade 1 or less, then quickly taper as clinically appropriate.</p> <p>If not improving, manage as appropriate grade below.</p>	<p>Administer dexamethasone 10 mg intravenously four times a day.</p> <p>If improving, continue corticosteroids until the severity is Grade 1 or less, then quickly taper as clinically appropriate.</p> <p>If not improving, manage as appropriate grade below.</p>
	Consider levetiracetam for seizure prophylaxis.	
<b>Grade 3</b>	<p>Administer tocilizumab per Table 1 for management of Grade 2 CRS.</p> <p>In addition, administer methylprednisolone 1000 mg intravenously once daily.</p> <p>If improving, manage as appropriate grade above and continue corticosteroids until the severity is Grade 1 or less, then taper as clinically appropriate.</p> <p>If not improving, manage as Grade 4.</p>	<p>Administer methylprednisolone 1000 mg intravenously once daily.</p> <p>If improving, manage as appropriate grade above and continue corticosteroids until the severity is Grade 1 or less, then taper as clinically appropriate.</p> <p>If not improving, manage as Grade 4.</p>

Grading Assessment <sup>a</sup>	Concurrent CRS	No Concurrent CRS
	Consider levetiracetam for seizure prophylaxis.	
<b>Grade 4</b>	<p>Administer tocilizumab per Table 1 for management of Grade 2 CRS.</p> <p>In addition, administer methylprednisolone 1000 mg intravenously twice per day.</p> <p>If improving, manage as appropriate grade above and continue corticosteroids until the severity is Grade 1 or less, then taper as clinically appropriate.</p> <p>If not improving, consider 1000 mg of methylprednisolone intravenously 3 times a day or alternate therapy.<sup>b</sup></p>	<p>Administer methylprednisolone 1000 mg intravenously twice per day.</p> <p>If improving, manage as appropriate grade above and continue corticosteroids until the severity is Grade 1 or less, then taper as clinically appropriate.</p> <p>If not improving, consider 1000 mg of methylprednisolone intravenously 3 times a day or alternate therapy.<sup>b</sup></p>
	Consider levetiracetam for seizure prophylaxis.	

a. Severity based on Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events.

b. Alternate therapy includes (but is not limited to): anakinra, siltuximab, ruxolitinib, cyclophosphamide, IVIG and ATG.

### 3 DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

YESCARTA is available as a cell suspension for infusion.

A single dose of YESCARTA contains  $2 \times 10^6$  CAR-positive viable T cells per kg of body weight (or maximum of  $2 \times 10^8$  CAR-positive viable T cells for patients 100 kg and above) in approximately 68 mL suspension in an infusion bag [see *How Supplied/Storage and Handling (16)*].

### 4 CONTRAINDICATIONS

None.

### 5 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

#### 5.1 Cytokine Release Syndrome

Cytokine release syndrome (CRS), including fatal or life-threatening reactions, occurred following treatment with YESCARTA. CRS occurred in 90% (379/422) of patients with non-Hodgkin lymphoma (NHL) receiving YESCARTA, including  $\geq$  Grade 3 (Lee grading system<sup>1</sup>) CRS in 9%. CRS occurred in 93% (256/276) of patients with large B-cell lymphoma (LBCL), including  $\geq$  Grade 3 CRS in 9% [see *Adverse Reactions (6)*]. Among patients with LBCL who died after receiving YESCARTA, four had ongoing CRS events at the time of death. For patients with LBCL in Study 2, the median time to onset of CRS was 2 days following infusion (range: 1 to 12 days) and the median duration of CRS was 7 days (range: 2 to 58 days). For patients with LBCL in Study 1, the median time to onset of CRS was 3 days following infusion (range: 1 to 10 days) and the median duration was 7 days (range: 2 to 43 days).

CRS occurred in 84% (123/146) of patients with indolent non-Hodgkin lymphoma (iNHL) in Study 3, including  $\geq$  Grade 3 CRS in 8% [see *Adverse Reactions (6)*]. Among patients with iNHL who died after receiving YESCARTA, one patient had an ongoing CRS event at the time of death. The median time to onset of CRS was 4 days (range: 1 to 20 days) and the median duration was 6 days (range: 1 to 27 days) for patients with iNHL.

Key manifestations of CRS ( $\geq$  10%) in all patients combined included fever (85%), hypotension (40%), tachycardia (32%), chills (22%), hypoxia (20%), headache (15%), and fatigue (12%). Serious events that may be associated with CRS include cardiac arrhythmias (including atrial fibrillation and ventricular tachycardia), renal insufficiency, cardiac

failure, respiratory failure, cardiac arrest, capillary leak syndrome, multi-organ failure, and hemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis/macrophage activation syndrome (HLH/MAS) [see *Adverse Reactions* (6)].

The impact of tocilizumab and/or corticosteroids on the incidence and severity of CRS was assessed in two subsequent cohorts of LBCL patients in Study 2. Among patients who received tocilizumab and/or corticosteroids for ongoing Grade 1 events (see Table 1) [see *Clinical Trials Experience* (6.1)], CRS occurred in 93% (38/41), including 2% (1/41) with Grade 3 CRS; no patients experienced a Grade 4 or 5 event. The median time to onset of CRS was 2 days (range: 1 to 8 days) and the median duration of CRS was 7 days (range: 2 to 16 days).

Prophylactic treatment with corticosteroids was administered to a cohort of 39 patients for 3 days beginning on the day of infusion of YESCARTA [see *Clinical Trials Experience* (6.1)]. Thirty-one of the 39 patients (79%) developed CRS at which point the patients were managed with tocilizumab and/or therapeutic doses of corticosteroids with no patients developing Grade 3 or higher CRS. The median time to onset of CRS was 5 days (range: 1 to 15 days) and the median duration of CRS was 4 days (range: 1 to 10 days). Although there is no known mechanistic explanation, consider the risk and benefits of prophylactic corticosteroids in the context of pre-existing comorbidities for the individual patient and the potential for the risk of Grade 4 and prolonged neurologic toxicities [See *Neurologic Toxicities* (5.2)].

Confirm that 2 doses of tocilizumab are available prior to infusion of YESCARTA. Monitor patients at least daily for 7 days following infusion for signs and symptoms of CRS. Monitor patients for signs or symptoms of CRS for 2 weeks after infusion. Counsel patients to seek immediate medical attention should signs or symptoms of CRS occur at any time [see *Patient Counseling Information* (17)]. At the first sign of CRS, institute treatment with supportive care, tocilizumab, or tocilizumab and corticosteroids as indicated [see *Dosage and Administration* (2.3)].

## 5.2 Neurologic Toxicities

Neurologic toxicities (including ICANS) that were fatal or life-threatening occurred following treatment with YESCARTA. Neurologic toxicities occurred in 78% (330/422) of patients with NHL (excluding central nervous system lymphoma) receiving YESCARTA, including  $\geq$  Grade 3 cases in 25% in Study 1, Study 2, and Study 3.

Neurologic toxicities occurred in 87% (94/108) of patients with LBCL in Study 2, including  $\geq$  Grade 3 cases in 31% and in 74% (124/168) of patients in Study 1 including  $\geq$  Grade 3 cases in 25%. The median time to onset was 4 days (range: 1 to 43 days) and the median duration was 17 days in patients with LBCL in Study 2. The median time to onset for neurologic toxicity was 5 days (range: 1 to 133 days) and median duration was 15 days in patients with LBCL in Study 1. Neurologic toxicities occurred in 77% (112/146) of patients with iNHL, including  $\geq$  Grade 3 in 21%. The median time to onset was 6 days (range: 1 to 79 days) and the median duration was 16 days. Ninety-eight percent of all neurologic toxicities in patients with LBCL and 99% of all neurologic toxicities in patients with iNHL occurred within the first 8 weeks of YESCARTA infusion. Neurologic toxicities occurred within the first 7 days of YESCARTA infusion in 87% of affected patients with LBCL and 74% of affected patients with iNHL.

The most common neurologic toxicities ( $\geq$  10%) in all patients combined included encephalopathy (50%), headache (43%), tremor (29%), dizziness (21%), aphasia (17%), delirium (15%), and insomnia (10%). Prolonged encephalopathy lasting up to 173 days was noted. Serious events including aphasia, leukoencephalopathy, dysarthria, lethargy, and seizures occurred with YESCARTA. Fatal and serious cases of cerebral edema and encephalopathy, including late-onset encephalopathy, have occurred in patients treated with YESCARTA.

The impact of tocilizumab and/or corticosteroids on the incidence and severity of neurologic toxicities was assessed in two subsequent cohorts of LBCL patients in Study 2. Among patients who received corticosteroids at the onset of Grade 1 toxicities (see Table 2), neurologic toxicities occurred in 78% (32/41) and 20% (8/41) had Grade 3 neurologic toxicities; no patients experienced a Grade 4 or 5 event. The median time to onset of neurologic toxicities was 6 days (range: 1 to 93 days) with a median duration of 8 days (range: 1 to 144 days). Prophylactic treatment with corticosteroids was administered to a cohort of 39 patients for 3 days beginning on the day of infusion of YESCARTA [see *Clinical Trials Experience* (6.1)]. Of these 39 patients, 85% (33/39) developed neurologic toxicities; 8% (3/39) developed Grade 3 and 5% (2/39) developed Grade 4 neurologic toxicities. The median time to onset of neurological toxicities was 6 days (range: 1 to 274 days) with a median duration of 12 days (range: 1 to 107 days). Prophylactic corticosteroids for management of CRS and neurologic toxicities may result in higher grade of neurologic toxicities or

prolongation of neurologic toxicities, delay the onset and decrease the duration of CRS [See *Cytokine Release Syndrome (5.1)*].

Neurologic toxicities occurred in 85% (11/13) of patients with relapsed or refractory primary central nervous system lymphoma (PCNSL) in Study 4. Thirty-one percent (4/13) of patients had Grade 3 neurologic toxicities. The median time to onset of first neurologic toxicity was 3 days (range: 1 to 9 days) and the median time to onset of first Grade  $\geq 3$  neurologic toxicity was 9.5 days (range: 5 to 158 days). The median duration of neurologic toxicities was 59 days (range: 52 to 87 days) while 45% (5/11) of patients had ongoing neurological toxicities at the time of study withdrawal, death, or data cut off. The most common neurologic toxicities ( $\geq 10\%$ ) in patients with PCNSL included confusional state (38%), headache (31%), somnolence (31%), disturbance in attention (23%), lethargy (23%), tremor (23%), gait disturbance (15%), hypersomnia (15%), insomnia (15%), and seizures (15%).

Monitor patients at least daily for 7 days following infusion for signs and symptoms of neurologic toxicities. Monitor patients for signs or symptoms of neurologic toxicities for 2 weeks after infusion and treat promptly [see *Dosage and Administration (2.3)*]. Advise patients to avoid driving for at least 2 weeks following infusion.

### **5.3 Hypersensitivity Reactions**

Allergic reactions may occur with the infusion of YESCARTA. Serious hypersensitivity reactions, including anaphylaxis, may be due to dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) or residual gentamicin in YESCARTA.

### **5.4 Serious Infections**

Severe or life-threatening infections occurred in patients after YESCARTA infusion. Infections (all grades) occurred in 45% of patients with NHL. Grade 3 or higher infections occurred in 17% of patients, including Grade 3 or higher infections with an unspecified pathogen in 12%, bacterial infections in 5%, viral infections in 3%, and fungal infections in 1%. YESCARTA should not be administered to patients with clinically significant active systemic infections. Monitor patients for signs and symptoms of infection before and after YESCARTA infusion and treat appropriately. Administer prophylactic antimicrobials according to local guidelines.

Febrile neutropenia was observed in 36% of patients with NHL after YESCARTA infusion and may be concurrent with CRS. In the event of febrile neutropenia, evaluate for infection and manage with broad-spectrum antibiotics, fluids, and other supportive care as medically indicated.

In immunosuppressed patients, including those who have received YESCARTA, life-threatening and fatal opportunistic infections including disseminated fungal infections (e.g., candida sepsis and aspergillus infections) and viral reactivation (e.g., human herpes virus-6 [HHV-6] encephalitis and JC virus progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy [PML]) have been reported. The possibility of HHV-6 encephalitis and PML should be considered in immunosuppressed patients with neurologic events and appropriate diagnostic evaluations should be performed.

#### *Hepatitis B Virus Reactivation*

Hepatitis B virus (HBV) reactivation, in some cases resulting in fulminant hepatitis, hepatic failure, and death, has occurred in patients treated with drugs directed against B cells, including YESCARTA. Perform screening for HBV, HCV, and HIV and management in accordance with clinical guidelines before collection of cells for manufacturing.

### **5.5 Prolonged Cytopenias**

Patients may exhibit cytopenias for several weeks following lymphodepleting chemotherapy and YESCARTA infusion. Grade 3 or higher cytopenias not resolved by Day 30 following YESCARTA infusion occurred in 39% of all patients with NHL and included neutropenia (33%), thrombocytopenia (13%), and anemia (8%). Monitor blood counts after YESCARTA infusion.

## 5.6 Hypogammaglobulinemia

B-cell aplasia and hypogammaglobulinemia can occur in patients receiving treatment with YESCARTA. Hypogammaglobulinemia was reported as an adverse reaction in 14% of all patients with NHL. Monitor immunoglobulin levels after treatment with YESCARTA and manage using infection precautions, antibiotic prophylaxis, and immunoglobulin replacement.

The safety of immunization with live viral vaccines during or following YESCARTA treatment has not been studied. Vaccination with live virus vaccines is not recommended for at least 6 weeks prior to the start of lymphodepleting chemotherapy, during YESCARTA treatment, and until immune recovery following treatment with YESCARTA.

## 5.7 Secondary Malignancies

Patients treated with YESCARTA may develop secondary malignancies. T cell malignancies have occurred following treatment of hematologic malignancies with BCMA- and CD19-directed genetically modified autologous T cell immunotherapies, including YESCARTA. Mature T cell malignancies, including CAR-positive tumors, may present as soon as weeks following infusion, and may include fatal outcomes [see *Boxed Warning, Adverse Reactions (6.3), Patient Counseling Information (17)*].

Monitor life-long for secondary malignancies. In the event that a secondary malignancy occurs, contact Kite at 1-844-454-KITE (5483) to obtain instructions on patient samples to collect for testing.

## 6 ADVERSE REACTIONS

### 6.1 Clinical Trials Experience

Because clinical trials are conducted under widely varying conditions, adverse reaction rates observed in the clinical trials of a drug cannot be directly compared to rates in the clinical trials of another drug and may not reflect the rates observed in practice.

The safety data described in the WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS and in the ADVERSE REACTIONS sections reflect exposure to a single dose of YESCARTA in four clinical studies, including 168 patients with relapsed or refractory LBCL (Study 1), 108 patients with relapsed or refractory LBCL (Study 2), 146 patients with relapsed or refractory iNHL (including 124 with FL; Study 3), and 13 patients with relapsed or refractory primary CNS lymphoma (PCNSL) (Study 4).

#### Relapsed or Refractory Large B-cell Lymphoma

##### Study 1

The safety of YESCARTA was evaluated in Study 1, a randomized, open-label, multicenter study in which patients with primary refractory LBCL or first relapse of LBCL received YESCARTA (N = 168) or standard therapy (N = 168) [see *Clinical Studies (14)*]. Patients had not yet received treatment for relapsed or refractory lymphoma and were potential candidates for autologous HSCT. The trial excluded patients who were not deemed candidates for transplant or who had a history of central nervous system (CNS) disorders (such as seizures or cerebrovascular ischemia), serious or uncontrolled infection, or autoimmune disease requiring systemic immunosuppression. The study required ANC  $\geq$  1000/mm<sup>3</sup>, platelet count  $\geq$  75,000/mm<sup>3</sup>, creatinine clearance  $\geq$  60 ml/min, AST/ALT  $\leq$  2.5 x ULN, and total bilirubin  $\leq$  1.5 mg/dL.

The median age of the YESCARTA-treated safety population was 59 years (range: 21 to 80 years); 62% were male. The baseline Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group (ECOG) performance status was 0 in 54% of patients and 1 in 46%.

Serious adverse reactions occurred in 50% of patients. The most common serious adverse reactions (> 5%) included CRS, fever, encephalopathy, hypotension, infection with unspecified pathogen, and pneumonia. Fatal adverse reactions occurred in 2% of patients.

Sixty-seven percent (112/168) of patients received tocilizumab after infusion of YESCARTA.

Table 3 summarizes selected non-laboratory adverse reactions in patients treated with YESCARTA, and Table 4 summarizes selected new or worsening Grade 3 or 4 laboratory abnormalities.

**Table 3. Adverse Reactions in ≥ 10% of Patients with Relapsed or Refractory LBCL in Study 1**

Adverse Reaction	YESCARTA N = 168	
	Any Grade (%)	Grade 3 or Higher (%)
<i>Blood and Lymphatic System Disorder</i>		
Febrile neutropenia	31	31
<i>Cardiac Disorders</i>		
Tachycardia *	43	2
Arrhythmia *	14	3
<i>Gastrointestinal Disorders</i>		
Diarrhea <sup>a</sup>	42	3
Nausea	40	2
Abdominal pain *	20	4
Constipation	20	0
Vomiting	20	0
Dry Mouth	10	0
<i>General Disorders and Administration Site Conditions</i>		
Fever *	93	9
Fatigue *	52	7
Chills	28	1
Edema *	23	1
<i>Immune System Disorders</i>		
Cytokine release syndrome <sup>b</sup>	92	7
Hypogammaglobulinemia	11	0
<i>Infections and Infestations</i>		
Infections with pathogen unspecified	25	8
Viral infections	15	4
Bacterial infections	10	5
Fungal infections	10	1
<i>Metabolism and Nutrition Disorders</i>		
Decreased appetite	24	4
<i>Musculoskeletal and Connective Tissue Disorders</i>		
Musculoskeletal pain *	40	1
Motor dysfunction <sup>c</sup>	15	4
<i>Nervous System Disorders</i>		
Encephalopathy <sup>d</sup>	46	18
Headache *	41	3
Tremor	25	1
Dizziness *	25	4
Aphasia	20	7
Neuropathy peripheral *	11	2
<i>Psychiatric Disorders</i>		
Insomnia *	13	0
Delirium <sup>e</sup>	12	4
<i>Renal and Urinary Disorders</i>		
Renal insufficiency *	11	2
<i>Respiratory, Thoracic and Mediastinal Disorders</i>		
Cough *	27	1
Hypoxia	21	9

Adverse Reaction	YESCARTA N = 168	
	Any Grade (%)	Grade 3 or Higher (%)
<i>Skin and Subcutaneous Tissue Disorders</i>		
Rash *	17	1
<i>Vascular Disorders</i>		
Hypotension *	47	11

\*Represents a composite of multiple, related preferred terms.

- Diarrhea includes diarrhea, colitis.
- CRS includes coagulopathy, tachycardia, arrhythmia, cardiac failure, diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, fever, fatigue, chills, edema, decreased appetite, musculoskeletal pain, headache, tremor, dizziness, renal insufficiency, cough, hypoxia, dyspnea, pleural effusion, respiratory failure, rash, hypotension, and hypertension.
- Motor dysfunction includes muscle contractions involuntary, muscle spasms, muscle twitching, muscular weakness.
- Encephalopathy includes encephalopathy, altered state of consciousness, amnesia, apraxia, bradyphrenia, cognitive disorder, confusional state, depressed level of consciousness, disturbance in attention, dysarthria, dysgraphia, dyspraxia, lethargy, loss of consciousness, memory impairment, mental impairment, mental status changes, metabolic encephalopathy, slow speech, somnolence, toxic encephalopathy.
- Delirium includes delirium, agitation, delusion, disorientation, hallucination, irritability, restlessness.

Other clinically important adverse reactions that occurred in less than 10% of patients treated with YESCARTA include the following:

- Blood and lymphatic system disorders:* Coagulopathy (9%)
- Cardiac disorders:* Cardiac failure (1%)
- Eye Disorders:* Visual impairment (7%)
- Infections and infestations:* Pneumonia (8%), Sepsis (4%)
- Nervous system disorders:* Ataxia (6%), seizure (3%), myoclonus (2%), facial paralysis (2%), paresis (2%)
- Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders:* Dyspnea (8%), pleural effusion (6%), respiratory failure (2%)
- Vascular disorders:* Hypertension (9%), thrombosis (7%)

Laboratory abnormalities:

**Table 4. Grade 3 or 4 Laboratory Abnormalities Occurring in  $\geq 10\%$  of Patients with Relapsed or Refractory LBCL in Study 1<sup>1</sup> (N = 168)**

Laboratory Abnormality	YESCARTA
	Grades 3 or 4 (%)
Leukocyte decrease	95
Neutrophil decrease	94
Lymphocyte decrease	94
Hemoglobin decrease	40
Platelet decrease	26
Sodium decrease	12
Glucose increase	11

<sup>1</sup>Baseline lab values were assessed prior to lymphodepleting chemotherapy.

## Study 2

The safety of YESCARTA was evaluated in Study 2, a study in which 108 patients with relapsed or refractory LBCL received CD19-positive CAR T cells based on a recommended dose which was weight-based [see *Clinical Studies (14)*]. Patients with a history of CNS disorders (such as seizures or cerebrovascular ischemia) or autoimmune disease requiring systemic immunosuppression were ineligible. The median age of the study population was 58 years (range: 23 to 76 years); 68% were male. The baseline Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group (ECOG) performance status was 0 in 43% of patients and 1 in 57% of patients.

The most common adverse reactions (incidence  $\geq 20\%$ ) included CRS, fever, hypotension, encephalopathy, tachycardia, fatigue, headache, decreased appetite, chills, diarrhea, febrile neutropenia, infections with pathogen unspecified, nausea, hypoxia, tremor, cough, vomiting, dizziness, constipation, and cardiac arrhythmias. Serious adverse reactions occurred in 52% of patients. The most common serious adverse reactions ( $> 2\%$ ) included encephalopathy, fever, lung infection, febrile neutropenia, cardiac arrhythmia, cardiac failure, urinary tract infection, renal insufficiency, aphasia, cardiac arrest, *Clostridium difficile* infection, delirium, hypotension, and hypoxia.

The most common ( $\geq 10\%$ ) Grade 3 or higher reactions included febrile neutropenia, fever, CRS, encephalopathy, infections with pathogen unspecified, hypotension, hypoxia, and lung infections.

Forty-five percent (49/108) of patients received tocilizumab after infusion of YESCARTA.

Table 5 summarizes non-laboratory adverse reactions that occurred in  $\geq 10\%$  of patients treated with YESCARTA, and Table 6 describes the laboratory abnormalities of Grade 3 or 4 that occurred in  $\geq 10\%$  of patients.

**Table 5. Adverse Reactions Observed in  $\geq 10\%$  of Patients with Relapsed or Refractory LBCL in Study 2 (N = 108)**

Adverse Reaction	Any Grade (%)	Grade 3 or Higher (%)
<i>Blood and Lymphatic System Disorders</i>		
Febrile neutropenia	34	31
<i>Cardiac Disorders</i>		
Tachycardia *	57	2
Arrhythmia *	23	7
<i>Gastrointestinal Disorders</i>		
Diarrhea	38	4
Nausea	34	0
Vomiting	26	1
Constipation	23	0
Abdominal pain *	14	1
Dry mouth	11	0
<i>General Disorders and Administration Site Conditions</i>		
Fever <sup>a</sup>	86	16
Fatigue *	46	3
Chills	40	0
Edema *	19	1
<i>Immune System Disorders</i>		
Cytokine release syndrome <sup>b</sup>	94	13
Hypogammaglobulinemia *	15	0
<i>Infections and Infestations</i>		
Infections with pathogen unspecified	26	16
Viral infections	16	4
Bacterial infections	13	9
<i>Investigations</i>		
Decreased appetite	44	2
Weight decreased	16	0

<b>Adverse Reaction</b>	<b>Any Grade (%)</b>	<b>Grade 3 or Higher (%)</b>
Dehydration	11	3
<i>Musculoskeletal and Connective Tissue Disorders</i>		
Motor dysfunction <sup>c</sup>	19	1
Pain in extremity <sup>*</sup>	17	2
Back pain	15	1
Muscle pain	14	1
Arthralgia	10	0
<i>Nervous System Disorders</i>		
Encephalopathy <sup>d</sup>	57	29
Headache <sup>*</sup>	45	1
Tremor	31	2
Dizziness <sup>*</sup>	21	1
Aphasia <sup>*</sup>	18	6
<i>Psychiatric Disorders</i>		
Delirium <sup>e</sup>	17	6
<i>Respiratory, Thoracic and Mediastinal Disorders</i>		
Hypoxia <sup>*</sup>	32	11
Cough <sup>*</sup>	30	0
Dyspnea <sup>f</sup>	19	3
Pleural effusion	13	2
<i>Renal and Urinary Disorders</i>		
Renal insufficiency	12	5
<i>Vascular Disorders</i>		
Hypotension <sup>*</sup>	57	15
Hypertension	15	6
Thrombosis <sup>g</sup>	10	1

\*Represents a composite of multiple, related preferred terms.

- a. Fever includes fever, febrile neutropenia.
- b. CRS includes tachycardia, arrhythmia, fever, chills, hypoxia, renal insufficiency, and hypotension.
- c. Motor dysfunction includes muscle spasms, muscular weakness.
- d. Encephalopathy includes cognitive disorder, confusional state, depressed level of consciousness, disturbance in attention, encephalopathy, hypersomnia, leukoencephalopathy, memory impairment, mental status changes, paranoia, somnolence, stupor.
- e. Delirium includes agitation, delirium, delusion, disorientation, hallucination, hyperactivity, irritability, restlessness.
- f. Dyspnea includes acute respiratory failure, dyspnea, orthopnea, respiratory distress.
- g. Thrombosis includes deep vein thrombosis, embolism, embolism venous, pulmonary embolism, splenic infarction, splenic vein thrombosis, subclavian vein thrombosis, thrombosis, thrombosis in device.

Other clinically important adverse reactions that occurred in less than 10% of patients treated with YESCARTA include the following:

- *Blood and lymphatic system disorders:* Coagulopathy (2%)
- *Cardiac disorders:* Cardiac failure (6%), cardiac arrest (4%)
- *Immune system disorders:* Hemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis/macrophage activation syndrome (HLH/MAS) (1%), hypersensitivity (1%)
- *Infections and infestations disorders:* Fungal infections (5%)
- *Nervous system disorders:* Ataxia (6%), seizure (4%), dyscalculia (2%), myoclonus (2%)
- *Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders:* Pulmonary edema (9%)
- *Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders:* Rash (9%)
- *Vascular disorders:* Capillary leak syndrome (3%)

Laboratory abnormalities:

**Table 6. Grade 3 or 4 Laboratory Abnormalities Occurring in  $\geq 10\%$  of Patients with Relapsed or Refractory LBCL in Study 2<sup>1</sup> (N = 108)**

Laboratory Abnormality	Grades 3 or 4 (%)
Lymphocyte decrease	96
Leukocyte decrease	96
Neutrophil decrease	92
Hemoglobin decrease	60
Platelet decrease	56
Phosphate decrease	52
Sodium decrease	19
Albumin decrease	19
Direct bilirubin increased	14
Uric acid increased	13
Potassium decrease	11

<sup>1</sup>Baseline lab values were assessed prior to lymphodepleting chemotherapy.

The safety and efficacy of YESCARTA was evaluated in two subsequent cohorts of LBCL patients. The first subsequent, open label, safety management cohort in Study 2 evaluated the safety and efficacy of YESCARTA with the use of tocilizumab and/or corticosteroid and prophylactic levetiracetam (750 mg PO or IV twice daily) for Grade 1 CRS or neurologic events (see Tables 1 and 2). A total of 46 patients with relapsed or refractory LBCL were enrolled and 41 patients were treated with YESCARTA. Of the remaining 5 patients who were not treated, 2 patients died prior to receiving YESCARTA and 3 patients were ineligible due to disease progression. Twenty-eight patients (68%) treated with YESCARTA received bridging therapy between leukapheresis and lymphodepleting chemotherapy. Thirty-two patients (78%) treated with YESCARTA received tocilizumab and/or corticosteroid for CRS and/or neurologic events. Fifteen of 36 with Grade 1 CRS and 21 of 24 patients with Grade 2 CRS received tocilizumab and/or corticosteroids. Among patients who received treatment for Grade 1 or Grade 2 CRS, most patients (13 of 15 and 19 of 21 patients, respectively) received both tocilizumab and corticosteroids. Most patients received 1 or 2 doses of each drug. Ten of 27 patients with Grade 1 and 7 of 15 patients with Grade 2 neurologic events received corticosteroids alone or in combination with tocilizumab.

The second subsequent, open label, safety management cohort in Study 2 evaluated the safety and efficacy of YESCARTA with the use of prophylactic corticosteroids (oral dexamethasone 10 mg once daily for 3 days, starting prior to YESCARTA infusion on Day 0) and prophylactic levetiracetam (750 mg PO or IV) [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.1 and 5.2)*].

### Primary Central Nervous System Lymphoma

#### Study 4

The safety of YESCARTA was evaluated in a single-arm, single-center, open-label study which included 13 patients with relapsed or refractory PCNSL. Patients with a history or presence of non-malignant CNS disorders or autoimmune disease requiring systemic immunosuppression were ineligible. All patients received lymphodepleting chemotherapy prior to YESCARTA infusion. Four of 13 (31%) patients were receiving corticosteroids at the time of YESCARTA infusion and 12/13 (92%) received a corticosteroid after YESCARTA infusion. Twelve patients (92%) received prophylactic anticonvulsants. The median age was 64 years (range 56 to 68 years), 46% were female, 77% were white, and 15% were Asian.

Table 7 summarizes non-laboratory adverse reactions that occurred in  $\geq 10\%$  of patients treated with YESCARTA.

**Table 7 Adverse Reactions Observed in  $\geq 10\%$  Patients with Relapsed or Refractory PCNSL in Study 4 (N = 13)**

Adverse Reactions	All Grades n (%)	Grade 3 or 4 n (%)
<b>Cardiac Disorders</b>		
Sinus tachycardia	12 (92)	0 (0)
Arrhythmia *	2 (15)	0 (0)
<b>Eye Disorders</b>		
Visual impairment	2 (15)	0 (0)
<b>Gastrointestinal Disorders</b>		
Diarrhea	7 (54)	0 (0)
Vomiting	7 (54)	0 (0)
Nausea	5 (38)	1 (8)
Constipation	5 (38)	0 (0)
Dry mouth	3 (23)	0 (0)
<b>General Disorders and Administration Site Conditions</b>		
Pyrexia	11 (85)	1 (8)
Chills	7 (54)	0 (0)
Fatigue	7 (54)	0 (0)
Gait disturbance	4 (31)	1 (8)
Edema *	3 (23)	0 (0)
<b>Immune System Disorders</b>		
Cytokine Release Syndrome	11 (85)	0 (0)
<b>Investigations</b>		
Weight decreased	4 (31)	0 (0)
<b>Musculoskeletal and Connective Tissue Disorders</b>		
Musculoskeletal pain <sup>a</sup>	7 (54)	0 (0)
Muscular weakness	5 (38)	1 (8)
<b>Nervous System Disorders</b>		
Headache	11 (85)	1 (8)
Encephalopathy <sup>b</sup>	9 (69)	2 (15)
Dizziness	5 (38)	0 (0)
Tremor	4 (31)	1 (8)
Hemiparesis	3 (23)	0 (0)
Seizure	2 (15)	2 (15)
Hypersomnia	2 (15)	0 (0)
<b>Psychiatric Disorders</b>		
Insomnia	4 (31)	0 (0)
Delirium <sup>c</sup>	3 (23)	0 (0)
Affective disorder <sup>d</sup>	2 (15)	0 (0)

<b>Renal and Urinary Disorders</b>		
Acute kidney injury	2 (15)	0 (0)
<b>Respiratory, Thoracic and Mediastinal Disorders</b>		
Hypoxia	7 (54)	1 (8)
Cough	6 (46)	0 (0)
Dyspnea	4 (31)	0 (0)
Nasal congestion	3 (23)	0 (0)
<b>Skin and Subcutaneous Tissue Disorders</b>		
Rash maculo-papular	7 (54)	0 (0)
<b>Vascular Disorders</b>		
Hypotension <sup>a</sup>	8 (62)	3 (23)
Thrombosis <sup>c</sup>	5 (38)	1 (8)

\* Represents a composite of multiple, related preferred terms.

- a. Musculoskeletal pain also includes Arthralgia.
- b. Encephalopathy includes Amnesia, Confusional state, Disturbance in attention, Dysarthria, Lethargy, Somnolence.
- c. Delirium includes Agitation, Irritability.
- d. Affective disorder includes Anxiety, Depression.
- e. Thrombosis includes Deep vein thrombosis, Embolism.

Other clinically important adverse reactions occurred in one patient who had Grade 4 meningitis and ICANS.

#### Relapsed or Refractory Follicular Lymphoma

##### Study 3

The safety of YESCARTA was evaluated in Study 3, a study that included 146 patients with relapsed or refractory iNHL (124 patients with FL and 22 with marginal zone lymphoma) who received CD19-positive CAR T cells [see *Clinical Studies (14)*]. Patients with a history of CNS disorders or autoimmune disease requiring systemic immunosuppression were ineligible. The median age was 61 years (range: 34 to 79 years), 43% were female, 93% were white, 3% were black, and 1% were Asian.

The most common non-laboratory adverse reactions (incidence  $\geq 20\%$ ) included fever, CRS, hypotension, encephalopathy, fatigue, headache, infections with pathogen unspecified, tachycardia, febrile neutropenia, musculoskeletal pain, nausea, tremor, chills, diarrhea, constipation, decreased appetite, cough, vomiting, hypoxia, arrhythmia, and dizziness. Serious adverse reactions occurred in 48% of patients. Serious adverse reactions in  $> 2\%$  of patients included febrile neutropenia, encephalopathy, fever, CRS, infections with pathogen unspecified, pneumonia, hypoxia, and hypotension.

The most common ( $\geq 10\%$ ) Grade 3 or higher reactions included febrile neutropenia, encephalopathy, and infections with pathogen unspecified. Fatal adverse reactions occurred in 1% of patients and included CRS and fungal infection.

Fifty-one percent (75/146) of patients received tocilizumab after infusion of YESCARTA.

Table 8 summarizes the adverse reactions, excluding laboratory terms, that occurred in at least 10% of patients treated with YESCARTA and Table 9 describes Grade 3 or 4 laboratory abnormalities that developed or worsened in at least 10% of patients.

**Table 8. Adverse Reactions in ≥ 10% of Patients with Relapsed or Refractory FL in Study 3 (N = 146)**

Adverse Reaction	Any Grade (%)	Grade 3 or Higher (%)
<i>Blood and lymphatic system disorders</i>		
Febrile neutropenia *	41	41
<i>Cardiac Disorders</i>		
Tachycardia *	44	1
Arrhythmia *	21	2
<i>Gastrointestinal Disorders</i>		
Nausea	40	0
Diarrhea <sup>a</sup>	29	1
Constipation	28	0
Vomiting	24	1
Abdominal pain *	16	0
<i>General Disorders and Administration Site Conditions</i>		
Fever	85	8
Fatigue *	49	1
Chills	29	0
Edema *	13	1
<i>Immune System Disorders</i>		
Cytokine release syndrome	84	8
Immunoglobulins decreased *	18	1
<i>Infections and Infestations</i>		
Infections with pathogen unspecified	45	14
Pneumonia *	13	8
Fungal infections	12	2
Viral Infections	13	2
<i>Metabolism and Nutrition Disorders</i>		
Decreased appetite *	26	1
<i>Musculoskeletal and Connective Tissue Disorders</i>		
Musculoskeletal pain <sup>b</sup>	40	1
Motor dysfunction <sup>c</sup>	18	2
<i>Nervous System Disorders</i>		
Encephalopathy <sup>d</sup>	49	16
Headache	45	1
Tremor	31	1
Dizziness *	20	0
Aphasia	14	4
Neuropathy peripheral *	12	0
Ataxia <sup>e</sup>	10	0
<i>Psychiatric Disorders</i>		
Delirium <sup>f</sup>	16	5
Insomnia	16	0
Affective disorder <sup>g</sup>	10	1
<i>Respiratory, Thoracic and Mediastinal Disorders</i>		
Cough *	25	0
Hypoxia	23	8
Dyspnea *	12	1
Nasal congestion	10	0
<i>Skin and Subcutaneous Tissue Disorders</i>		
Rash *	19	3

Adverse Reaction	Any Grade (%)	Grade 3 or Higher (%)
<i>Vascular Disorders</i>		
Hypotension <sup>*</sup>	51	4
Hypertension	13	6
Thrombosis <sup>h</sup>	12	4

\*Represents a composite of multiple, related preferred terms.

- Diarrhea includes diarrhea, colitis, enteritis.
- Musculoskeletal pain includes musculoskeletal pain, arthralgia, back pain, bone pain, flank pain, groin pain, musculoskeletal chest pain, myalgia, neck pain, osteoarthritis, pain in extremity.
- Motor dysfunction includes motor dysfunction, muscle rigidity, muscle spasms, muscle strain, muscular weakness.
- Encephalopathy includes agraphia, amnesia, aphonia, apraxia, CAR T-cell-related encephalopathy syndrome, cognitive disorder, disturbance in attention, dysarthria, dysgraphia, dyskinesia, encephalopathy, lethargy, loss of consciousness, memory impairment, somnolence, speech disorder, confusional state, mental status changes, immune effector cell-associated neurotoxicity, neurotoxicity, toxic encephalopathy.
- Ataxia includes ataxia, balance disorder, gait disturbance, vestibular disorder.
- Delirium includes agitation, delirium, hallucination, restlessness.
- Affective disorder includes anxiety, depression, impulsive behavior, mania, panic attack.
- Thrombosis includes deep vein thrombosis, embolism, peripheral ischemia, pulmonary embolism, thrombosis in device, vascular occlusion, jugular vein thrombosis.

Other clinically important adverse reactions that occurred in less than 10% of patients treated with YESCARTA include the following:

- Blood and lymphatic system disorders:* Coagulopathy (6%)
- Cardiac disorders:* Cardiac failure (2%)
- Eye disorders:* Visual impairment (5%), blindness (1%)
- Gastrointestinal disorders:* Dysphagia (6%)
- General disorders and administration site conditions:* Multiple organ dysfunction syndrome (1%)
- Infections and infestations:* Bacterial infections (8%), sepsis (2%), herpesvirus infection (4%)
- Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders:* Muscle injury (1%)
- Nervous system disorders:* Seizure (2%), hemiparesis (2%), ischemic stroke (1%)
- Renal and urinary disorders:* Renal insufficiency (8%)
- Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders:* Respiratory failure (1%)
- Vascular disorders:* Hemorrhage (8%)

Laboratory abnormalities:

**Table 9. Grade 3 or 4 Laboratory Abnormalities Occurring in  $\geq 10\%$  of Patients with Relapsed or Refractory FL in Study 3<sup>1</sup> (N = 146)**

Laboratory Abnormality	Grades 3 or 4 (%)
Lymphocyte decrease	96
Leukocyte decrease	94
Neutrophil decrease	92
Platelet decrease	35
Hemoglobin decrease	32
Phosphate decrease	25
Sodium decrease	10
Glucose increase	10
Calcium decrease	10

<sup>1</sup>Baseline lab values were assessed prior to lymphodepleting chemotherapy.

## 6.2 Postmarketing Experience

Because adverse events to marketed products are reported voluntarily from a population of uncertain size, it is not always possible to reliably estimate their frequency or establish a causal relationship to product exposure.

The following adverse event has been identified during postmarketing use of YESCARTA.

*Nervous System Disorders:* Spinal cord edema, myelitis, quadriplegia, dysphagia, and status epilepticus.

*Immune System Disorders:* Infusion related reactions

*Neoplasms:* T cell malignancies

## 8 USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

### 8.1 Pregnancy

#### Risk Summary

There are no available data with YESCARTA use in pregnant women. No animal reproductive and developmental toxicity studies have been conducted with YESCARTA to assess whether it can cause fetal harm when administered to a pregnant woman. It is not known if YESCARTA has the potential to be transferred to the fetus. Based on the mechanism of action, if the transduced cells cross the placenta, they may cause fetal toxicity, including B-cell lymphocytopenia. Therefore, YESCARTA is not recommended for women who are pregnant, and pregnancy after YESCARTA infusion should be discussed with the treating physician.

In the U.S. general population, the estimated background risk of major birth defects and miscarriage in clinically recognized pregnancies is 2% - 4% and 15% - 20%, respectively.

### 8.2 Lactation

#### Risk Summary

There is no information regarding the presence of YESCARTA in human milk, the effect on the breastfed infant, and the effects on milk production. The developmental and health benefits of breastfeeding should be considered along with the mother's clinical need for YESCARTA and any potential adverse effects on the breastfed infant from YESCARTA or from the underlying maternal condition.

### 8.3 Females and Males of Reproductive Potential

#### Pregnancy Testing

Pregnancy status of females with reproductive potential should be verified. Sexually active females of reproductive potential should have a pregnancy test prior to starting treatment with YESCARTA.

#### Contraception

See the prescribing information for fludarabine and cyclophosphamide for information on the need for effective contraception in patients who receive the lymphodepleting chemotherapy.

There are insufficient exposure data to provide a recommendation concerning duration of contraception following treatment with YESCARTA.

#### Infertility

There are no data on the effect of YESCARTA on fertility.

### 8.4 Pediatric Use

The safety and efficacy of YESCARTA have not been established in pediatric patients.

## 8.5 Geriatric Use

Of the 422 patients with NHL who received YESCARTA in clinical trials, 127 patients (30%) were 65 years of age and older. No clinically important differences in safety or effectiveness were observed between patients aged 65 years and older and younger patients.

## 11 DESCRIPTION

YESCARTA (axicabtagene ciloleucel) is a CD19-directed genetically modified autologous T cell immunotherapy. To prepare YESCARTA, a patient's own T cells are harvested and genetically modified ex vivo by retroviral transduction to express a chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) comprising a murine anti-CD19 single chain variable fragment (scFv) linked to CD28 and CD3-zeta co-stimulatory domains. The anti-CD19 CAR T cells are expanded and infused back into the patient, where they can recognize and eliminate CD19-expressing target cells.

YESCARTA is prepared from the patient's peripheral blood mononuclear cells, which are obtained via a standard leukapheresis procedure. The mononuclear cells are enriched for T cells and activated with anti-CD3 antibody in the presence of IL-2, then transduced with the replication incompetent retroviral vector containing the anti-CD19 CAR transgene. The transduced T cells are expanded in cell culture, washed, formulated into a suspension, and cryopreserved. The product must pass a sterility test before release for shipping as a frozen suspension in a patient-specific infusion bag. The product is thawed prior to infusion [see *Dosage and Administration (2.2), How Supplied/Storage and Handling (16)*].

In addition to T cells, YESCARTA may contain NK and NK-T cells. The formulation contains 5% dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) and 2.5% albumin (human).

## 12 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

### 12.1 Mechanism of Action

YESCARTA, a CD19-directed genetically modified autologous T cell immunotherapy, binds to CD19-expressing cancer cells and normal B cells. Studies demonstrated that following anti-CD19 CAR T cell engagement with CD19-expressing target cells, the CD28 and CD3-zeta co-stimulatory domains activate downstream signaling cascades that lead to T cell activation, proliferation, acquisition of effector functions and secretion of inflammatory cytokines and chemokines. This sequence of events leads to killing of CD19-expressing cells.

### 12.2 Pharmacodynamics

After YESCARTA infusion, pharmacodynamic responses were evaluated over a 4-week interval by measuring transient elevation of cytokines, chemokines and other molecules in blood. Levels of cytokines and chemokines such as IL-6, IL-8, IL-10, IL-15, TNF- $\alpha$ , IFN- $\gamma$ , and sIL2R $\alpha$  were analyzed. Peak elevation was observed within the first 14 days after infusion, and levels generally returned to baseline within 28 days.

Due to the on-target effect of YESCARTA, a period of B-cell aplasia is expected.

#### *Large B-cell lymphoma*

Among patients with LBCL with an ongoing response at 24 months in the Study 1 study, 21 of 61 evaluable patients (34%) had no detectable B cells at baseline, and the majority of patients at Month 3 (43 of 69 evaluable patients [62%]) and Month 6 (8 of 13 evaluable patients [62%]) had no detectable B cells. At Month 24, 20 of 24 evaluable patients (83%) had detectable B cells.

Among patients with LBCL with an ongoing response at 24 months in the Study 2 study, 13 of 29 evaluable patients (45%) had no detectable B cells at baseline, and the majority of patients at Month 3 (28 of 35 evaluable patients [80%]) and Month 6 (25 of 32 evaluable patients [78%]) had no detectable B cells. At Month 24, 24 of 32 evaluable patients (75%) had detectable B cells.

## 12.3 Pharmacokinetics

Following infusion of YESCARTA, anti-CD19 CAR T cells exhibited an initial rapid expansion followed by a decline to near baseline levels by 3 months. Peak levels of anti-CD19 CAR T cells occurred within the first 7 - 14 days after YESCARTA infusion.

Age (range: 21 to 80 years) and gender had no significant impact on AUC Day 0 - 28 and  $C_{max}$  of YESCARTA.

### *Large B-cell Lymphoma*

Among patients with LBCL in the Study 2 study (n=96 evaluable), the number of anti-CD19 CAR T cells in blood was positively associated with objective response (CR or PR). The median anti-CD19 CAR T cell  $C_{max}$  levels in responders (n=73) were 205% higher compared to the corresponding level in nonresponders (n=23) (43.6 cells/ $\mu$ L vs 21.2 cells/ $\mu$ L). Median AUC Day 0 - 28 in responding patients (n=73) was 251% of the corresponding level in nonresponders (n=23) (557.1 days  $\times$  cells/ $\mu$ L vs. 222.0 days  $\times$  cells/ $\mu$ L).

Among patients with LBCL in the Study 1 study (n=162 evaluable), the number of anti-CD19 CAR T cells in blood was positively associated with objective response [complete remission (CR) or partial remission (PR)]. The median anti-CD19 CAR T cell  $C_{max}$  levels in responders (n=142) were 275% higher compared to the corresponding level in nonresponders (n=20) (28.9 cells/ $\mu$ L vs 10.5 cells/ $\mu$ L). Median AUC Day 0 - 28 in responding patients (n=142) was 418% of the corresponding level in nonresponders (n=20) (292.9 days  $\times$  cells/ $\mu$ L vs. 70.1 days  $\times$  cells/ $\mu$ L). No association between peak anti-CD19 CAR T-cell levels and OS was observed among 163 subjects with an evaluable pharmacokinetic sample when anti-CD19 CAR T-cell peaks were categorized as  $>$  median relative to  $\leq$  median.

### *Follicular Lymphoma*

Among patients with FL in the Study 3 study (n=81 evaluable), the median anti-CD19 CAR T cell  $C_{max}$  levels in responders (n=74) were 40.1 cells/ $\mu$ L and 46.0 cells/ $\mu$ L in nonresponders (n=7). The median AUC Day 0 - 28 in responding FL patients (n=74) were 465.8 days  $\times$  cells/ $\mu$ L and 404.5 days  $\times$  cells/ $\mu$ L in nonresponders (n=7).

Some patients required tocilizumab and corticosteroids for management of CRS and neurologic toxicities. Patients treated with tocilizumab (n=44) had 262% and 232% higher anti-CD19 CAR T cells as measured by AUC Day 0 - 28 and  $C_{max}$  respectively, as compared to patients who did not receive tocilizumab (n=57). Similarly, patients that received corticosteroids (n=26) had 217% and 155% higher AUC Day 0 - 28 and  $C_{max}$  compared to patients who did not receive corticosteroids (n=75).

### *Primary Central Nervous System Lymphoma*

In Study 4 (n=13), anti-CD19 CAR T cells were measurable in all 13 participants, with a median peak of 75.15 cells/ $\mu$ L (range: 1.97-181.61) at Day 8 and median  $AUC_{0-28}$  of 519.98 cells/ $\mu$ L\*days (range: 32.36-1549.28).

Hepatic and renal impairment studies of YESCARTA were not conducted.

## 12.6 Immunogenicity

The observed incidence of anti-drug antibodies is highly dependent on the sensitivity and specificity of the assay. Differences in assay methods preclude meaningful comparisons of the incidence of anti-product antibodies in the studies described below with the incidence of anti-product antibodies in other studies, including those of YESCARTA or of other similar products.

YESCARTA has the potential to induce anti-product antibodies. The immunogenicity of YESCARTA has been evaluated using an enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) for the detection of binding antibodies against FMC63, the originating antibody of the anti-CD19 CAR. Eleven patients (4%) tested positive for pre-dose anti-FMC63 antibodies at baseline in Study 1 and Study 2, and one patient (1%) who had a negative test result at baseline had a positive test result post administration of YESCARTA in the screening ELISA in Study 1. In Study 3, 19 patients (13%) were antibody-positive at baseline, and 3 patients (2%) who had negative test results at baseline had positive test results post administration of YESCARTA in the screening ELISA. Results of a confirmatory cell-based assay, leveraging a properly folded and expressed extracellular portion of the CAR (ScFv, hinge and linker) demonstrated that all patients treated with YESCARTA that had a positive result in the screening ELISA were antibody negative at

all time points tested. There is no evidence that the kinetics of initial expansion and persistence of YESCARTA, or the safety or effectiveness of YESCARTA, was altered in these patients.

## **13 NONCLINICAL TOXICOLOGY**

### **13.1 Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility**

No carcinogenicity or genotoxicity studies have been conducted with YESCARTA. No studies have been conducted to evaluate the effects of YESCARTA on fertility.

## **14 CLINICAL STUDIES**

### **14.1 Relapsed or Refractory Large B-Cell Lymphoma**

#### Study 1

A randomized, open-label, multicenter trial evaluated the efficacy of YESCARTA in adult patients with relapsed or refractory LBCL after first-line chemoimmunotherapy that included rituximab and anthracycline (Study 1; NCT03391466). Patients had not yet received treatment for relapsed or refractory lymphoma and were potential candidates for autologous HSCT. Patients were required to have primary refractory disease or relapse within 12 months following completion of first-line therapy. The study excluded patients with primary mediastinal B-cell lymphoma, any history of central nervous system lymphoma, need for urgent therapy due to tumor mass effect, active or serious infections, and ECOG performance status of 2 or greater.

In total, 359 patients were randomized in a 1:1 ratio to receive a single infusion of YESCARTA or to receive second-line standard therapy, consisting of 2 or 3 cycles of chemoimmunotherapy followed by high-dose therapy and autologous HSCT in patients who attained CR or PR. Randomization was stratified by response to first-line therapy and second-line age-adjusted International Prognostic Index.

Following lymphodepleting chemotherapy, YESCARTA was administered as a single intravenous infusion at a target dose of  $2 \times 10^6$  CAR-positive viable T cells/kg (maximum permitted dose:  $2 \times 10^8$  cells). The lymphodepleting regimen consisted of cyclophosphamide 500 mg/m<sup>2</sup> intravenously and fludarabine 30 mg/m<sup>2</sup> intravenously, both given on the fifth, fourth, and third day before YESCARTA. All patients who received YESCARTA were monitored at a healthcare facility for a minimum of 7 days. Bridging therapy, administered between leukapheresis and lymphodepleting chemotherapy, was limited to corticosteroids and was permitted for patients with high disease burden.

In the overall study population, the median age was 59 years (range: 21 to 81 years), 66% were male, 83% were white, 6% were Asian, and 5% were Black. The diagnoses included de novo DLBCL NOS (63%), HGBL with or without *MYC* and *BCL-2* and/or *BCL-6* rearrangements (19%), and large cell transformation of follicular lymphoma (13%). In total, 74% of patients had primary refractory LBCL, and 26% had relapsed disease within 12 months of first-line therapy.

Of the 180 patients randomized to receive YESCARTA, 178 underwent leukapheresis and 170 were treated with YESCARTA, of whom 60 (33%) received bridging corticosteroid therapy. Eight patients (4%) were not treated following leukapheresis, primarily due to progressive disease, serious adverse events, or death. The median time from leukapheresis to product delivery was 18 days (range: 13 to 49 days), and from leukapheresis to YESCARTA infusion was 26 days (range: 16 to 52 days). The median dose was  $2.0 \times 10^6$  CAR-positive viable T cells/kg (range: 1.0 to  $2.1 \times 10^6$  cells/kg).

Of the 179 patients randomized to receive standard therapy, 168 patients received any study treatment, and 62 (35%) received high-dose therapy and on-protocol HSCT. The most common reason for not receiving HSCT was lack of response to salvage chemotherapy.

The primary efficacy measure was event-free survival (EFS) as determined by an independent review committee. Efficacy is summarized in Table 9 and Figure 1. With an estimated median follow-up of 22.1 months overall, the estimated EFS rate at 18 months was 41.5% [95% CI: 34.2, 48.6] in the YESCARTA arm and 17.0% [95% CI: 11.8, 23.0] in the standard therapy arm.

In the YESCARTA arm, the estimated median DOR was 28.4 months (95% CI: 26.9, NE) in patients who achieved CR and 1.6 months (95% CI: 1.4, 1.9) in patients who achieved a best response of PR.

At the time of the primary EFS analysis, the interim analysis of overall survival (OS) did not meet criteria for statistical significance.

With an estimated median follow-up of 46.7 months overall, the primary analysis of OS showed a statistically significant improvement in the YESCARTA arm compared to the standard therapy arm. Fifty-seven percent of patients received cellular immunotherapy after no response to or relapse after randomization to standard therapy arm.

The efficacy results are summarized in Table 10 and Figure 1 and Figure 2.

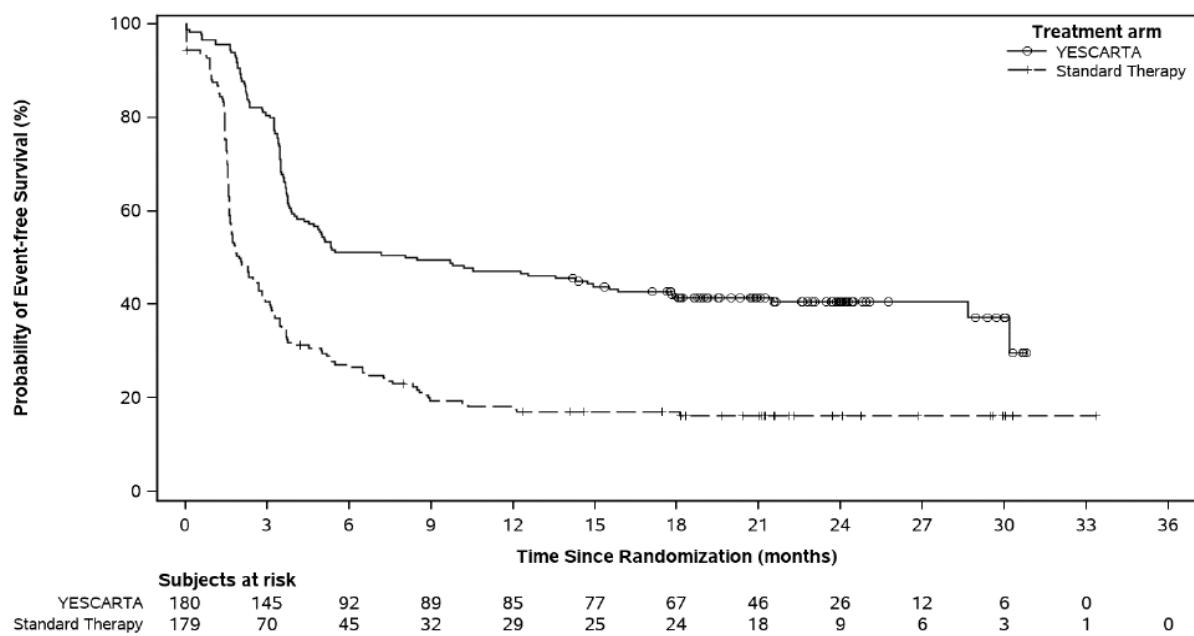
**Table 10. Efficacy Results for Study 1**

Outcome <sup>a</sup>	YESCARTA (N = 180) <sup>g</sup>	Standard Therapy (N = 179)
<b>Event-Free Survival<sup>b</sup></b>		
Number of events, n (%)	108 (60)	144 (80)
Median, months [95% CI] <sup>c</sup>	8.3 [4.5, 15.8]	2.0 [1.6, 2.8]
Stratified hazard ratio [95% CI]		0.40 [0.31, 0.51]
Stratified log-rank p-value		<0.0001
<b>Overall Survival<sup>d</sup></b>		
Number of events, n (%)	82 (46)	95 (53)
Median OS, months [95% CI] <sup>c</sup>	NE (28.6, NE)	31.1 (17.1, NE)
Stratified hazard ratio [95% CI]		0.73 (0.54, 0.98)
Stratified log-rank p-value <sup>e</sup>		0.0168
<b>Best Objective Response Rate, % [95% CI]</b>	83 [77, 88]	50 [43, 58]
Difference in ORR, % [95% CI]		33 [23, 42]
Stratified p-value <sup>f</sup>		<0.0001
Complete remission rate, % [95% CI]	65 [58, 72]	32 [26, 40]
Partial remission rate, % [95% CI]	18 [13, 25]	18 [13, 24]
<b>Progression-Free Survival</b>		
Number of events, n (%)	93 (52)	81 (45)
Median, months [95% CI] <sup>c</sup>	14.9 [7.2, NE]	5.0 [3.4, 8.5]
Stratified hazard ratio [95% CI]		0.56 [0.41, 0.76]

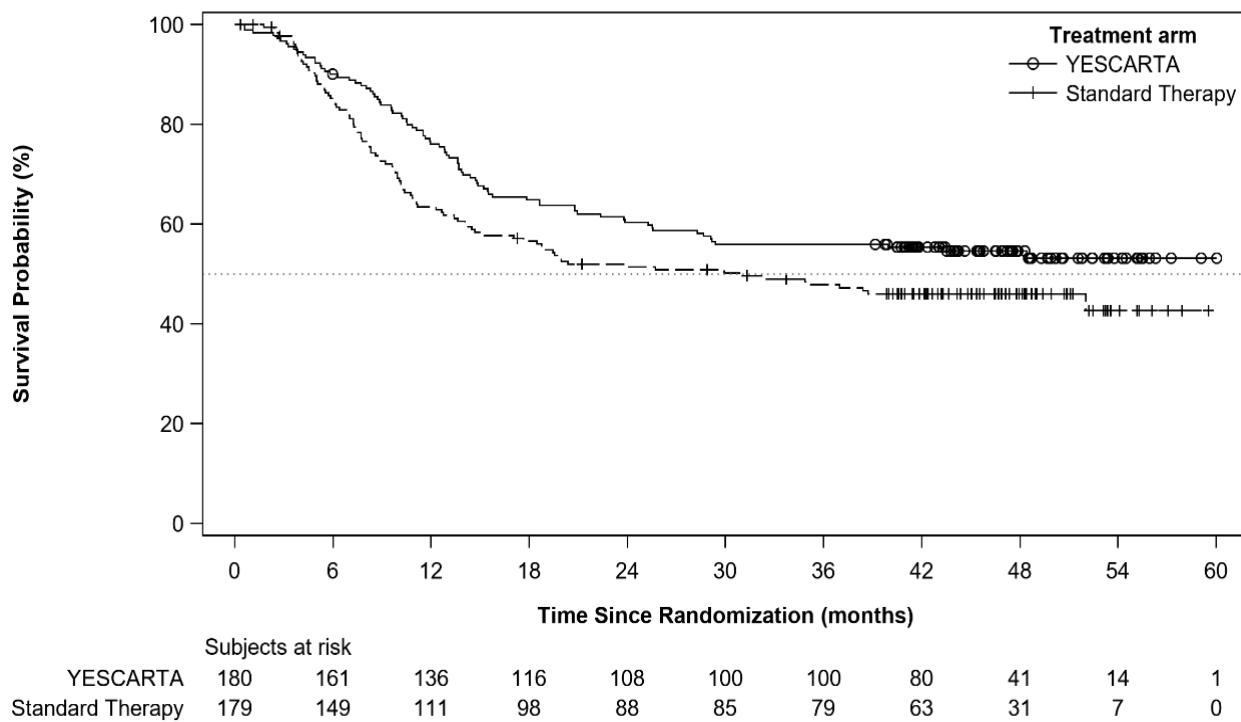
CI, confidence interval; NE, not estimable.

- a. Per the International Working Group Lugano Classification (Cheson 2014), as assessed by the independent review committee.
- b. EFS is defined as time from randomization to the earliest date of disease progression or relapse, best response of stable disease up to and including the Day 150 assessment, commencement of new lymphoma therapy, or death from any cause.
- c. Kaplan-Meier estimate.
- d. Overall survival was conducted at the time of the primary OS analysis.
- e. p-value is compared with 0.0249, the one-sided efficacy boundary (significance level) for the primary OS analysis.
- f. Per Cochran-Mantel-Haenszel method. For all stratified analyses, stratification was based on response to first-line therapy (primary refractory, vs relapse within 6 months of first-line therapy vs relapse within > 6 but ≤ 12 months) and second-line age-adjusted International Prognostic Index.
- g. Two recipients of non-conformal product are included in the efficacy analysis.

**Figure 1. Kaplan-Meier Curve of Event-Free Survival in Study 1 (Primary EFS Analysis)**



**Figure 2. Kaplan-Meier Curve of Overall Survival in Study 1 (Primary OS Analysis)**



### Study 2

A single-arm, open-label, multicenter trial evaluated the efficacy of a single infusion of YESCARTA in adult patients with relapsed or refractory aggressive B-cell non-Hodgkin lymphoma (Study 2; NCT02348216). Eligible patients had refractory disease to the most recent therapy or relapse within 1 year after autologous hematopoietic stem cell transplantation (HSCT). The study excluded patients with prior allogeneic HSCT, any history of central nervous

system lymphoma, ECOG performance status of 2 or greater, absolute lymphocyte count less than 100/ $\mu$ L, creatinine clearance less than 60 mL/min, hepatic transaminases more than 2.5 times the upper limit of normal, cardiac ejection fraction less than 50%, or active serious infection.

Following lymphodepleting chemotherapy, YESCARTA was administered as a single intravenous infusion at a target dose of  $2 \times 10^6$  CAR-positive viable T cells/kg (maximum permitted dose:  $2 \times 10^8$  cells). The lymphodepleting regimen consisted of cyclophosphamide 500 mg/m<sup>2</sup> intravenously and fludarabine 30 mg/m<sup>2</sup> intravenously, both given on the fifth, fourth, and third day before YESCARTA. Bridging chemotherapy between leukapheresis and lymphodepleting chemotherapy was not permitted. All patients were hospitalized for YESCARTA infusion and for a minimum of 7 days afterward.

Of 111 patients who underwent leukapheresis, 101 received YESCARTA. Of the patients treated, the median age was 58 years (range: 23 to 76 years), 67% were male, and 89% were white. Most (76%) had DLBCL, 16% had transformed follicular lymphoma, and 8% had primary mediastinal large B-cell lymphoma. The median number of prior therapies was 3 (range: 1 to 10), 77% of the patients had refractory disease to a second or greater line of therapy, and 21% had relapsed within 1 year of autologous HSCT.

One out of 111 patients did not receive the product due to manufacturing failure. Nine other patients were not treated, primarily due to progressive disease or serious adverse reactions following leukapheresis. The median time from leukapheresis to product delivery was 17 days (range: 14 to 51 days), and the median time from leukapheresis to infusion was 24 days (range: 16 to 73 days). The median dose was  $2.0 \times 10^6$  CAR-positive viable T cells/kg (range: 1.1 to  $2.2 \times 10^6$  cells/kg).

Efficacy was established on the basis of complete remission (CR) rate and duration of response (DOR), as determined by an independent review committee (Table 11 and Table 12). The median time to response was 0.9 months (range: 0.8 to 6.2 months). Response durations were longer in patients who achieved CR, as compared to patients with a best response of partial remission (PR) (Table 11). Of the 52 patients who achieved CR, 14 initially had stable disease (7 patients) or PR (7 patients), with a median time to improvement of 2.1 months (range: 1.6 to 5.3 months).

**Table 11. Response Rate in Patients with Relapsed or Refractory LBCL in Study 2**

	Recipients of YESCARTA (N = 101)
<b>Objective Response Rate<sup>a</sup></b> (95% CI)	73 (72%) (62, 81)
Complete Remission Rate (95% CI)	52 (51%) (41, 62)
Partial Remission Rate (95% CI)	21 (21%) (13, 30)

CI, confidence interval.

a. Per 2007 revised International Working Group criteria, as assessed by the independent review committee.

**Table 12. Duration of Response in Patients with Relapsed or Refractory LBCL in Study 2**

	From N of 101
<b>Number of Responders</b>	73
<b>DOR (Months)<sup>a</sup></b>	
Median <sup>b</sup>	9.2
(95% CI)	(5.4, NE)
Range <sup>c</sup>	0.03+, 14.4+
<b>DOR if Best Response is CR (Months)</b>	
Median <sup>b</sup>	NE
(95% CI)	(8.1, NE)
Range <sup>c</sup>	0.4, 14.4+
<b>DOR if Best Response is PR (Months)</b>	
Median <sup>b</sup>	2.1
(95% CI)	(1.3, 5.3)
Range <sup>c</sup>	0.03+, 8.4+
<b>Median Follow-up for DOR (Months)<sup>a, b</sup></b>	7.9

CR, complete remission; DOR, duration of response; NE, not estimable; PR, partial remission.

a. Among all responders. DOR is measured from the date of first objective response to the date of progression or death from relapse or toxicity.

b. Kaplan-Meier estimate.

c. A “+” sign indicates a censored value.

## 14.2 Relapsed or Refractory Follicular Lymphoma

### Study 3

Efficacy in FL is based on a single-arm, open-label, multicenter trial (Study 3; NCT03105336) that evaluated a single infusion of YESCARTA in adult patients with relapsed or refractory FL after two or more lines of systemic therapy, including the combination of an anti-CD20 monoclonal antibody and an alkylating agent. The study excluded patients with active or serious infections, transformed lymphoma or other aggressive lymphomas, prior allogeneic HSCT, or any history of CNS lymphoma or CNS disorders. Following lymphodepleting chemotherapy, YESCARTA was administered as a single intravenous infusion with a target dose of  $2 \times 10^6$  anti-CD19 CAR T cells/kg (maximum permitted dose:  $2 \times 10^8$  cells). The lymphodepleting regimen consisted of cyclophosphamide 500 mg/m<sup>2</sup> intravenously and fludarabine 30 mg/m<sup>2</sup> intravenously, both given on the fifth, fourth, and third day before YESCARTA.

Of 123 patients with FL who underwent leukapheresis, 120 received YESCARTA. Of the remaining three patients (2%) who were not treated, one was ineligible due to thrombocytopenia, one went into remission prior to initiating lymphodepletion, and one died of cardiac arrest. There were no manufacturing failures. Of the 120 patients with FL infused with YESCARTA, the 81 consecutive patients included in the primary efficacy analysis had at least 9 months of potential follow-up from date of first response.

Among the 81 patients with FL included in the primary efficacy analysis, the median age was 62 years (range: 34 to 79 years), 46% were female, 93% were white, 4% were black, and 3% were Asian. The median number of prior systemic therapies was 3 (range: 2 to 9), with 32% having 2 prior lines, 22% having 3 prior lines, and 46% having  $\geq 4$  prior lines. Thirty-one percent had received a PI3K inhibitor, 72% had progression within 6 months of the most recent regimen, and 56% had progression within 24 months of initiating their first anti-CD20 combination therapy. Between leukapheresis and administration of YESCARTA, one patient (1%) in the primary efficacy analysis received bridging therapy.

Among the 81 patients included in the primary efficacy analysis, the median time from leukapheresis to product delivery was 17 days (range: 13 to 33 days) and leukapheresis to product infusion was 27 days (range: 19 to 250 days). The median dose of YESCARTA was  $2.0 \times 10^6$  CAR T cells/kg (range 1.3 to  $2.1 \times 10^6$  CAR T cells/kg). All treated patients received YESCARTA infusion on day 0 and were hospitalized until at least day 7.

Efficacy was established on the basis of objective response rate and DOR as determined by an independent review committee (Table 13 and Table 14). The median time to response in the primary efficacy population was 1.0 month (range: 0.8 to 3.1 months).

**Table 13. Response Rate in Patients with Relapsed or Refractory FL in Study 3**

	Primary Efficacy Analysis (N = 81)	All Leukapheresed Patients (N = 123)
<b>Objective Response Rate<sup>a</sup>, n (95% CI)</b>	74 (91%) (83, 96)	110 (89%) (83, 94)
Complete Remission <sup>b</sup> , n (95% CI)	49 (60%) (49, 71)	76 (62%) (53, 70)
Partial Remission, n (95% CI)	25 (31%) (21, 42)	34 (28%) (20, 36)

CI, confidence interval.

a. Per the International Working Group Lugano Classification (Cheson 2014), as assessed by the independent review committee.  
 b. Complete remission required documentation of a negative bone marrow biopsy after treatment, in patients who did not have a negative bone marrow biopsy between their most recent disease progression prior to Study 3 and initiation of lymphodepleting chemotherapy.

**Table 14. Duration of Response in Patients with Relapsed or Refractory FL in Study 3**

	From N of 81
<b>Number of Responders</b>	74
<b>DOR (Months)<sup>a</sup></b>	
Median <sup>b</sup> (95% CI)	NE (20.8, NE)
Range <sup>c</sup>	0.0, 25.0+
<b>Rate of Continued Remission<sup>a, b, d</sup></b>	
At 12 months (95% CI), %	76.2 (63.9, 84.7)
At 18 months (95% CI), %	74.2 (61.5, 83.2)
<b>Median Follow-up for DOR (Months)<sup>a, b</sup></b>	14.5

CR, complete remission; DOR, duration of response; NE, not estimable; PR, partial remission.

a. Among all responders in the primary efficacy population. DOR is measured from the date of first objective response to the date of progression or death from any cause.  
 b. Kaplan-Meier estimate.  
 c. A “+” sign indicates a censored value.  
 d. Measured from the date of first objective response to the date of progression or death.

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## 16 HOW SUPPLIED/STORAGE AND HANDLING

YESCARTA is supplied in an infusion bag (NDC 71287-119-01) containing approximately 68 mL of frozen suspension of genetically modified autologous T cells in 5% DMSO and 2.5% albumin (human).

Each YESCARTA infusion bag is individually packed in a metal cassette (NDC 71287-119-02). YESCARTA is supplied in a liquid nitrogen dry shipper.

- Match the identity of the patient with the patient identifiers on the cassette and infusion bag upon receipt.
- Store YESCARTA frozen in the vapor phase of liquid nitrogen (less than or equal to -150 °C). YESCARTA may be stored for a single time at -80°C (+/- 10°C), for up to 90 days, and not exceeding the labeled expiration date. Do not return YESCARTA to storage in the vapor phase of liquid nitrogen after storage at -80°C.
- Thaw before using [see *Dosage and Administration (2)*].

## 17 PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION

Advise the patient to read the FDA-approved patient labeling (Medication Guide).

Ensure that patients understand the risk of manufacturing failure (< 1% in clinical trials). In case of a manufacturing failure, a second manufacturing of YESCARTA may be attempted. In addition, while the patient awaits the product, additional chemotherapy (not the lymphodepletion) may be necessary and may increase the risk of adverse events during the pre-infusion period.

Advise patients to seek immediate attention for any of the following:

- Cytokine Release Syndrome (CRS) - Signs or symptoms associated with CRS, including fever, chills, fatigue, tachycardia, nausea, hypoxia, and hypotension [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.1) and Adverse Reactions (6)*].
- Neurologic Toxicities - Signs or symptoms associated with neurologic events, including encephalopathy, seizures, changes in level of consciousness, speech disorders, tremors, and confusion [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.2) and Adverse Reactions (6)*].
- Serious Infections - Signs or symptoms associated with infection [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.4) and Adverse Reactions (6)*].
- Prolonged Cytopenia - Signs or symptoms associated with bone marrow suppression, including neutropenia, anemia, thrombocytopenia, or febrile neutropenia [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.5) and Adverse Reactions (6)*].
- Secondary Malignancies - Secondary malignancies, including T cell malignancies, have occurred [*see Boxed Warning, Warnings and Precautions (5.7), and Adverse Reactions (6.3)*].

Advise patients of the need to:

- Avoid driving for at least 2 weeks.
- Have periodic monitoring of blood counts.
- Contact Kite at 1-844-454-KITE (5483) if they are diagnosed with a secondary malignancy [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.7)*].

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## MEDICATION GUIDE

### YESCARTA (pronounced yes-kar-ta) (axicabtagene ciloleucel)

Read this Medication Guide before you start your YESCARTA treatment. The more you know about your treatment, the more active you can be in your care. Talk with your healthcare provider if you have questions about your health condition or treatment. Reading this Medication Guide does not take the place of talking with your healthcare provider about your treatment.

#### **What is the most important information I should know about YESCARTA?**

YESCARTA may cause side effects that are life-threatening and can lead to death. Call or see your healthcare provider or get emergency help right away if you get any of the following:

- Fever (100.4°F/38°C or higher)
- Difficulty breathing
- Chills or shaking chills
- Confusion
- Dizziness or lightheadedness
- Severe nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea
- Fast or irregular heartbeat
- Severe fatigue or weakness

It is important to tell your healthcare provider that you received YESCARTA. Your healthcare provider may give you other medicines to treat your side effects.

#### **What is YESCARTA?**

YESCARTA is a prescription medicine used to treat two types of non-Hodgkin lymphoma:

- large B-cell lymphoma when your first treatment did not work or your cancer returned within a year of first treatment, OR when at least two kinds of treatment have failed to control your cancer.
- follicular lymphoma when at least two kinds of treatment have failed to control your cancer.

YESCARTA is different than other cancer medicines because it is made from your own white blood cells, which have been modified to recognize and attack your lymphoma cells.

#### **Before getting YESCARTA, tell your healthcare provider about all your medical problems, including if you have or have had:**

- Neurologic problems (such as seizures, stroke, or memory loss)
- Lung or breathing problems
- Heart problems
- Liver problems
- Kidney problems
- A recent or active infection

**Tell your healthcare provider about all the medications you take,** including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements.

## **How will I receive YESCARTA?**

- Since YESCARTA is made from your own white blood cells, your blood will be collected by a process called “leukapheresis” (loo-kah-fur-ee-sis), which will concentrate your white blood cells.
- Your blood cells will be sent to a manufacturing center to make your YESCARTA.
- Before you get YESCARTA, you will get 3 days of chemotherapy to prepare your body.
- When your YESCARTA is ready, your healthcare provider will give it to you through a catheter placed into your vein (intravenous infusion). The infusion usually takes less than 30 minutes.
- You will be monitored daily for at least 7 days after the infusion.
- You should plan to stay close to a healthcare facility for at least 2 weeks after getting YESCARTA. Your healthcare provider will help you with any side effects that may occur.
- You may be hospitalized for side effects and your healthcare provider will discharge you if your side effects are under control, and it is safe for you to leave the hospital.
- Your healthcare provider will want to do blood tests to follow your progress. It is important that you do have your blood tested. If you miss an appointment, call your healthcare provider as soon as possible to reschedule.

## **What should I avoid after receiving YESCARTA?**

- Avoid driving for at least 2 weeks after you get YESCARTA.
- Do not donate blood, organs, tissues, or cells for transplantation.

## **What are the possible or reasonably likely side effects of YESCARTA?**

The most common side effects of YESCARTA include:

- Fever (100.4°F/38°C or higher)
- Low white blood cells (can occur with a fever)
- Low red blood cells
- Low blood pressure (dizziness or lightheadedness, headache, feeling tired, short of breath)
- Fast heartbeat
- Confusion
- Difficulty speaking or slurred speech
- Nausea
- Diarrhea

YESCARTA may increase your risk of getting cancers including certain types of blood cancers. Your healthcare provider should monitor you for this.

These are not all the possible side effects of YESCARTA. Call your healthcare provider about any side effects that concern you. You may report side effects to the FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

## **General information about the safe and effective use of YESCARTA**

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes other than those listed in a Medication Guide. If you would like more information about YESCARTA, talk with your healthcare provider. You can ask your healthcare provider for information about YESCARTA that is written for health professionals. You can get additional information by contacting Kite at 1-844-454-KITE (5483) or at [www.Yescarta.com](http://www.Yescarta.com).

**What are the ingredients in YESCARTA?**

**Active ingredients:** axicabtagene ciloleucel.

**Inactive ingredients:** albumin (human); DMSO.

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