

HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

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

LEMTRADA™ (alemtuzumab) injection, for intravenous use
Initial U.S. Approval: 2001

WARNING: AUTOIMMUNITY, INFUSION REACTIONS, AND MALIGNANCIES

See full prescribing information for complete boxed warning.

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

INDICATIONS AND USAGE

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

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

- Administer LEMTRADA by intravenous infusion over 4 hours for 2 treatment courses:
 - First course: 12 mg/day on 5 consecutive days. (2.1)
 - Second course: 12 mg/day on 3 consecutive days 12 months after first treatment course. (2.1)

- Premedicate with corticosteroids prior to LEMTRADA infusion for the first 3 days of each treatment course. (2.3)
- Administer antiviral agents for herpetic prophylaxis starting on the first day of LEMTRADA dosing and continuing for a minimum of two months after completion of LEMTRADA dosing or until CD4+ lymphocyte count is more than 200 cells per microliter, whichever occurs later. (2.3)
- Must be diluted prior to administration. (2.4)

DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

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

CONTRAINDICATIONS

Infection with Human Immunodeficiency Virus. (4)

WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

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

ADVERSE REACTIONS

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

To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact Genzyme Corporation at 1-
h. (option 2) or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or

h.

USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

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

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1 **FULL PRESCRIBING INFORMATION**

WARNING: AUTOIMMUNITY, INFUSION REACTIONS, AND MALIGNANCIES

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

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4 **1 INDICATIONS AND USAGE**

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

9 **2 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION**

10 **2.1 Dosage Information**

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

- 13
- **First Treatment Course: 12 mg/day on 5 consecutive days (60 mg total dose)**

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

16 **2.2 Vaccinations**

17 Patients should complete any necessary immunizations at least 6 weeks prior to treatment
18 with LEMTRADA [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.9)*].

Prior to LEMTRADA treatment determine whether patients have a history of varicella or have been vaccinated for varicella zoster virus (VZV). If not, test the patient for antibodies to VZV and consider vaccination for those who are antibody-negative. Postpone treatment with LEMTRADA until 6 weeks after VZV vaccination.

19 **3 Recommended Premedication and Concomitant Medication**

24 Corticosteroids

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

28 Herpes Prophylaxis

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

33 **2.4 Preparation Instructions**

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

- 36 • Inspect LEMTRADA visually for particulate matter and discoloration prior to
37 administration. Do not use if particulate matter is present or the solution is
38 discolored. Do not freeze or shake vials prior to use.
- 39 • Withdraw 1.2 mL of LEMTRADA from the vial into a syringe using aseptic
40 technique and inject into a 100 mL bag of sterile 0.9% Sodium Chloride, USP or
41 5% Dextrose in Water, USP.

- 42 • Gently invert the bag to mix the solution. Ensure the sterility of the prepared
43 solution, because it contains no antimicrobial preservatives. Each vial is for
44 single use only.

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

48 **2.5 Infusion Instructions**

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

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

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

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

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

64 **2.6 Laboratory Testing and Monitoring to Assess Safety**

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

- 68 • Complete blood count (CBC) with differential (prior to treatment initiation and at
69 monthly intervals thereafter)
- 70 • Serum creatinine levels (prior to treatment initiation and at monthly intervals
71 thereafter)

- 72 • Urinalysis with urine cell counts (prior to treatment initiation and at monthly
73 intervals thereafter)
- 74 • A test of thyroid function, such as thyroid stimulating hormone (TSH) level (prior
75 to treatment initiation and every 3 months thereafter)

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

78 **3 DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS**

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

81 **4 CONTRAINDICATIONS**

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

85 **5 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS**

86 **5.1 Autoimmunity**

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

95 During postmarketing use, additional autoimmune events including Guillain-Barré
96 syndrome and chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyradiculoneuropathy have been
97 reported in the treatment of patients with B-cell chronic lymphocytic leukemia (B-CLL),
98 as well as other disorders, generally at higher and more frequent doses than
99 recommended in MS. An oncology patient treated with alemtuzumab had fatal
100 transfusion-associated graft-versus-host disease.

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

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

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

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

114 **5.2 Infusion Reactions**

115 LEMTRADA causes cytokine release syndrome resulting in infusion reactions, some of
116 which may be serious and life threatening. In clinical studies, 92% of LEMTRADA-
117 treated patients experienced infusion reactions. In some patients, infusion reactions were
118 reported more than 24 hours after LEMTRADA infusion. Serious reactions occurred in
119 3% of patients and included anaphylaxis in 2 patients (including anaphylactic shock),
120 angioedema, bronchospasm, hypotension, chest pain, bradycardia, tachycardia (including
121 atrial fibrillation), transient neurologic symptoms, hypertension, headache, pyrexia, and
122 rash. Other infusion reactions included nausea, urticaria, pruritus, insomnia, chills,
123 flushing, fatigue, dyspnea, pulmonary infiltrates, dysgeusia, dyspepsia, dizziness, and
124 pain. In clinical studies, 0.6% of patients with infusion reactions received epinephrine or
125 atropine.

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

131 Premedicate patients with corticosteroids immediately prior to LEMTRADA infusion for
132 the first 3 days of each treatment course. In clinical trials, patients received 1,000 mg of

133 methylprednisolone for the first 3 days of each LEMTRADA treatment course. Consider
134 pretreatment with antihistamines and/or antipyretics prior to LEMTRADA
135 administration. Infusion reactions may occur despite pretreatment.

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

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

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

143 **5.3 Malignancies**

144 Thyroid cancer

145 LEMTRADA may increase the risk of thyroid cancer. In controlled clinical studies, 3
146 of 919 (0.3%) LEMTRADA-treated patients developed thyroid cancer, compared to
147 none in the interferon beta-1a-treated group. However, screening for thyroid cancer
148 was performed more frequently in the LEMTRADA-treated group, because of the
149 higher incidence of autoimmune thyroid disorders in those patients. Two additional
150 cases of thyroid cancer in LEMTRADA-treated patients occurred in uncontrolled
151 studies.

152 Patients and healthcare providers should monitor for symptoms of thyroid cancer
153 including a new lump or swelling in the neck, pain in the front of the neck, persistent
154 hoarseness or other voice changes, trouble swallowing or breathing, or a constant
155 cough not due to an upper respiratory tract infection.

156 Melanoma

157 LEMTRADA may increase the risk of melanoma. In uncontrolled studies, 4 of 1486
158 (0.3%) LEMTRADA-treated patients developed melanoma or melanoma *in situ*. One
159 of those patients had evidence of locally advanced disease.

160 Perform baseline and yearly skin examinations to monitor for melanoma in patients
161 receiving LEMTRADA.

162 Lymphoproliferative disorders and lymphoma

163 Cases of lymphoproliferative disorders and lymphoma have occurred in
164 LEMTRADA-treated patients with MS, including a MALT lymphoma, Castleman's
165 Disease, and a fatality following treatment of non-Epstein Barr Virus-associated
166 Burkitt's lymphoma. There are postmarketing reports of Epstein Barr Virus-
167 associated lymphoproliferative disorders in non-MS patients.

168 Because LEMTRADA is an immunomodulatory therapy, caution should also be
169 exercised in initiating LEMTRADA in patients with pre-existing or ongoing
170 malignancies.

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

173 **5.4 LEMTRADA REMS Program**

174 LEMTRADA is available only through a restricted program under a REMS called the
175 LEMTRADA REMS Program, because of the risks of autoimmunity, infusion reactions,
176 and malignancies [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.1, 5.2, 5.3)*].

177 Notable requirements of the LEMTRADA REMS Program include the following:

- 178 • Prescribers must be certified with the program by enrolling and completing
179 training.
- 180 • Patients must enroll in the program and comply with ongoing monitoring
181 requirements [*see Dosage and Administration (2.6)*].
- 182 • Pharmacies must be certified with the program and must only dispense to certified
183 healthcare facilities that are authorized to receive LEMTRADA.
- 184 • Healthcare facilities must enroll in the program and verify that patients are
185 authorized before infusing LEMTRADA. Healthcare facilities must have on-site
186 access to equipment and personnel trained to manage infusion reactions.

187 Further information, including a list of qualified healthcare facilities, is available at 1-

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189 **5.5 Immune Thrombocytopenia**

190 Immune thrombocytopenia (ITP) occurred in 2% of LEMTRADA-treated patients in
191 clinical studies in MS.

192 In a controlled clinical trial in patients with MS, one LEMTRADA-treated patient
193 developed ITP that went unrecognized prior to the implementation of monthly blood
194 monitoring requirements, and died from intracerebral hemorrhage. Nadir platelet counts
195 $\leq 20,000$ cells per microliter as a result of ITP occurred in 2% of all LEMTRADA-treated
196 patients in clinical studies in MS. Anti-platelet antibodies did not precede ITP onset. ITP
197 has been diagnosed more than 3 years after the last LEMTRADA dose.

198 Symptoms of ITP include easy bruising, petechiae, spontaneous mucocutaneous bleeding
199 (e.g., epistaxis, hemoptysis), and heavier than normal or irregular menstrual bleeding.
200 Hemoptysis may also be indicative of anti-glomerular basement membrane (GBM)
201 disease [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.6)*], and an appropriate differential diagnosis
202 has to be undertaken. Remind the patient to remain vigilant for symptoms they may
203 experience and to seek immediate medical help if they have any concerns.

204 Obtain complete blood counts (CBCs) with differential prior to initiation of treatment and
205 at monthly intervals thereafter until 48 months after the last infusion [see *Dosage and*
206 *Administration (2.6)*]. After this period of time, testing should be performed based on
207 clinical findings suggestive of ITP. If ITP is suspected, a complete blood count should be
208 obtained immediately. If ITP onset is confirmed, promptly initiate appropriate medical
209 intervention.

210 **5.6 Glomerular Nephropathies**

211 Glomerular nephropathies occurred in 0.3% of LEMTRADA-treated patients in MS
212 clinical trials. There were 3 cases of membranous glomerulonephritis and 2 cases of anti-
213 glomerular basement membrane (anti-GBM) disease. There are published and post-
214 marketing cases of MS patients treated with alemtuzumab who developed anti-GBM
215 disease and subsequently developed end stage renal disease requiring renal
216 transplantation. Cases of anti-GBM disease have been diagnosed up to 40 months after
217 the last dose of LEMTRADA. Urgent evaluation and treatment is required because anti-
218 GBM disease can lead to renal failure requiring dialysis or transplantation and can be
219 life-threatening if left untreated.

220 Clinical manifestations of nephropathy may include elevated serum creatinine levels,
221 hematuria, or proteinuria. Alveolar hemorrhage manifested as hemoptysis is a common
222 component of anti-GBM disease but did not occur in clinical trials.

223 Obtain serum creatinine levels and urinalysis with cell counts prior to initiation of
224 treatment and at monthly intervals thereafter until 48 months after the last infusion. After
225 this period of time, testing should be performed based on clinical findings suggestive of
226 nephropathies.

227 If clinically significant changes from baseline in serum creatinine, unexplained
228 hematuria, or proteinuria are observed, perform further evaluation for nephropathies.
229 Early detection and treatment of nephropathies may decrease the risk of poor outcomes.

230 **5.7 Thyroid Disorders**

231 Autoimmune thyroid disorders occurred in 34% of LEMTRADA-treated patients in
232 clinical studies. Newly diagnosed thyroid disorders occurred throughout the uncontrolled
233 clinical study follow-up period, more than 7 years after the first LEMTRADA dose.

234 Autoimmune thyroid disorders included Graves' disease, hyperthyroidism and
235 hypothyroidism. Graves' ophthalmopathy with decreased vision, eye pain, and
236 exophthalmos occurred in 1% of LEMTRADA-treated patients. Two patients required
237 surgical orbital decompression. Serious thyroid events occurred in about 2% of
238 LEMTRADA-treated patients in clinical studies and included cardiac and psychiatric
239 events associated with thyroid disease. Of all LEMTRADA-treated patients, 3%
240 underwent thyroidectomy.

241 Thyroid disease poses special risks in women who are pregnant [*see Use in Specific*
242 *Populations (8.1)*].

243 Obtain thyroid function tests, such as TSH levels, prior to initiation of treatment and
244 every 3 months thereafter until 48 months after the last infusion. Continue to test thyroid
245 function after 48 months if clinically indicated.

246 In patients with ongoing thyroid disorder, LEMTRADA should be administered only if
247 the potential benefit justifies the potential risks.

248 **5.8 Other Autoimmune Cytopenias**

249 Autoimmune cytopenias such as neutropenia (0.1%), hemolytic anemia (0.2%), and
250 pancytopenia (0.2%) occurred in LEMTRADA-treated patients in clinical studies in MS.

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