

CADTH REIMBURSEMENT REVIEW

Stakeholder Feedback on Draft Recommendation

DURVALUMAB AND TREMELIMUMAB (IMJUDO AND IMFINZI)
(AstraZeneca Canada Inc.)

Indication: Imjudo (tremelimumab for injection) in combination with durvalumab is indicated for the first-line treatment of adult patients with unresectable hepatocellular carcinoma (uHCC) who require systemic therapy.

October 20, 2023

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CADTH Reimbursement Review Feedback on Draft Recommendation

Stakeholder information	
CADTH project number	PC0308
Brand name (generic)	Imfinzi (durvalumab) and Injudo (Tremelimumab)
Indication(s)	Imjudo (tremelimumab for injection) in combination with durvalumab is indicated for the first-line treatment of adult patients with unresectable hepatocellular carcinoma (uHCC) who require systemic therapy.
Organization	Ontario Health (Cancer Care Ontario) Gastrointestinal Cancer Drug Advisory Committee (GI DAC)
Contact information ^a	Name: Dr. Erin Kennedy
Stakeholder agreement with the draft recommendation	
1. Does the stakeholder agree with the committee's recommendation.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Please explain why the stakeholder agrees or disagrees with the draft recommendation. Whenever possible, please identify the specific text from the recommendation and rationale.	
Expert committee consideration of the stakeholder input	
2. Does the recommendation demonstrate that the committee has considered the stakeholder input that your organization provided to CADTH?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	No <input type="checkbox"/>
If not, what aspects are missing from the draft recommendation?	
Clarity of the draft recommendation	
3. Are the reasons for the recommendation clearly stated?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	No <input type="checkbox"/>
If not, please provide details regarding the information that requires clarification.	
4. Have the implementation issues been clearly articulated and adequately addressed in the recommendation?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	No <input type="checkbox"/>
If not, please provide details regarding the information that requires clarification.	
5. If applicable, are the reimbursement conditions clearly stated and the rationale for the conditions provided in the recommendation?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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 - Please add more tables as needed (copy and paste).
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A. Assistance with Providing the Feedback		
1. Did you receive help from outside your clinician group to complete this submission?	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If yes, please detail the help and who provided it. OH-CCO provided a secretariat function to the group.		
2. Did you receive help from outside your clinician group to collect or analyze any information used in this submission?	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, please detail the help and who provided it.		
B. Previously Disclosed Conflict of Interest		
3. Were conflict of interest declarations provided in clinician group input that was submitted at the outset of the CADTH review and have those declarations remained unchanged? If no, please complete section C below.	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, please list the clinicians who contributed input and whose declarations have not changed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Erin Kennedy Dr. Suneil Khanna 		

C. New or Updated Conflict of Interest Declarations

New or Updated Declaration for Clinician 1	
Name	<i>Dr. Rachel Goodwin</i>
Position	<i>Member, OH-CCO GI DAC</i>
Date	<i>15-10-2023</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I hereby certify that I have the authority to disclose all relevant information with respect to any matter involving this clinician or clinician group with a company, organization, or entity that may place this clinician or clinician group in a real, potential, or perceived conflict of interest situation.
Conflict of Interest Declaration	

List any companies or organizations that have provided your group with financial payment over the past two years AND who may have direct or indirect interest in the drug under review.

Company	Check Appropriate Dollar Range			
	\$0 to 5,000	\$5,001 to 10,000	\$10,001 to 50,000	In Excess of \$50,000
<i>AstraZeneca</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Add company name</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Add or remove rows as required</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

CADTH Reimbursement Review Feedback on Draft Recommendation

Stakeholder information	
CADTH project number	PC0308-000
Brand name (generic)	IMFINZI (durvalumab) and Imjudo (tremelimumab)
Indication(s)	unresectable hepatocellular carcinoma
Organization	c
Contact information ^a	Name: Dr. Howard Lim, Medical Oncologist, BC Cancer Agency
Stakeholder agreement with the draft recommendation	
1. Does the stakeholder agree with the committee's recommendation.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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<p>In April 2021 CADTH conducted a provisional funding algorithm project that appears to have been triggered by the CADTH recommendation with respect to atezolizumab plus bevacizumab for first-line HCC.</p> <p>We note that the draft recommendation addresses this issue (in Drug Program Implementation Questions p. 10): <i>“Tremelimumab in combination with durvalumab may change place in therapy of comparator drugs. PAG considered unresectable HCC to be a complex therapeutic space with multiple lines of therapy, subpopulations, or competing products.”</i></p> <p>CGOEN agrees that HCC is a complex therapeutic space. There has been evolving new data so the algorithm should be reviewed in totality to address the place of STRIDE as well as other options within the HCC landscape. For reference, here is the proposed evidence-based algorithm that should be adopted:</p>	

For intermediate or advanced HCC patients ineligible for LRT with ECOG PS ≤1 and Child-Pugh A

Preferred sequence

Alternate sequence

Sequencing principles

Targeted therapy selections in intermediate or advanced HCC should:

- 1) Optimize survival or HRQoL
- 2) Consider clinical trial eligibility
- 3) Allow for exposure to all 3 active classes of agents, TKI, ICI, and V-MoAb

Legend

ICI + V-MoAb

TKI

↓ Based on phase III data

⋯ Not based on phase III data

* Patients who are unsuitable for first-line ATEZO + BEV or those who started a TKI prior to ATEZO + BEV availability
 † Patients with demonstrated ability to tolerate sorafenib
 Abbreviations: ATEZO, atezolizumab; BEV, bevacizumab; CABO, cabozantinib; PS, performance status; HBV, hepatitis B virus; ICI, immune checkpoint inhibitor; LEN, lenvatinib; LRT, locoregional therapy; HRQoL, health-related quality of life; RAM, ramucirumab; REG, regorafenib; SOR, sorafenib; TKI, tyrosine kinase inhibitor; V-MoAb, VEGF(R) monoclonal antibody.

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Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>

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There is evolving data about the use of immunotherapy in some patients with B7 disease and this should be a consideration. There are some borderline cases of A6/B7 that should be considered based on clinician discretion. In the case of immunotherapy since it is less toxic there is less risk of liver decompensation in these patients.

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	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If yes, please list the clinicians who contributed input and whose declarations have not changed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinician 1 • Clinician 2 • <i>Add additional (as required)</i> 		



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Stakeholder information	
CADTH project number	PC0308
Name of the drug and Indication(s)	Tremelimumab with durvalumab for first-line unresectable HCC
Organization Providing Feedback	PAG
1. Recommendation revisions	
Please indicate if the stakeholder requires the expert review committee to reconsider or clarify its recommendation.	
Request for Reconsideration	Major revisions: A change in recommendation category or patient population is requested <input type="checkbox"/>
	Minor revisions: A change in reimbursement conditions is requested <input type="checkbox"/>
No Request for Reconsideration	Editorial revisions: Clarifications in recommendation text are requested <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	No requested revisions <input type="checkbox"/>
2. Change in recommendation category or conditions	
Complete this section if major or minor revisions are requested	
Please identify the specific text from the recommendation and provide a rationale for requesting a change in recommendation.	
3. Clarity of the recommendation	
Complete this section if editorial revisions are requested for the following elements	
a) Recommendation rationale	
Please provide details regarding the information that requires clarification.	
b) Reimbursement conditions and related reasons	
Please provide details regarding the information that requires clarification.	



c) Implementation guidance

Please provide high-level details regarding the information that requires clarification. You can provide specific comments in the draft recommendation found in the next section. Additional implementation questions can be raised here.

Outstanding Implementation Issues

In the event of a positive draft recommendation, drug programs can request further implementation support from CADTH on topics that cannot be addressed in the reimbursement review (e.g., concerning other drugs, without sufficient evidence to support a recommendation, etc.). Note that outstanding implementation questions can also be posed to the expert committee in Feedback section 4c.

Algorithm and implementation questions

1. Please specify sequencing questions or issues that should be addressed by CADTH (oncology only)

1. A rapid algorithm is needed.

2. Please specify other implementation questions or issues that should be addressed by CADTH

1. Under Considerations for initiation of therapy (p. 9), PAG is asking for clarification: is there a need to specify a disease-free interval if this is for metastatic disease? Does the retreatment apply to the combination (tremelimumab-durvalumab) or the single agents? CADTH to clarify if the 6-month break is for re-treatment or continuation of treatment after a treatment break (“If patients have treatment stoppage for greater than 6 months (other than toxicity) it is the opinion of the clinical experts that retreatment would be reasonable?”)

Support strategy

3. Do you have any preferences or suggestions on how CADTH should address these issues?

May include implementation advice panel, evidence review, provisional algorithm (oncology), etc.



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Stakeholder information	
CADTH project number	PC0308-000
Brand name (generic)	Tremelimumab (Imjudo) in combination with durvalumab (Imfinzi)
Indication(s)	First-line treatment of adult patients with unresectable hepatocellular carcinoma who require systemic therapy.
Organization	Colorectal Cancer Resource & Action Network (CCRAN)
Contact information ^a	
Stakeholder agreement with the draft recommendation	
1. Does the stakeholder agree with the committee's recommendation.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Please explain why the stakeholder agrees or disagrees with the draft recommendation. Whenever possible, please identify the specific text from the recommendation and rationale.	
<p>There are unmet needs in the management of unresectable hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) patients, who require systemic therapy, that were identified throughout the patient evidence submission. The expert review committee kindly acknowledged these unmet needs: effective, durable, and less-toxic therapies are required for the advanced HCC patient population who currently have limited treatment options available to them and suffer a poor prognosis. The current standard of care options are limited. The need for effective treatments that prolong life, improve quality of life and have manageable side effects speak to the patients' needs to have an additional effective treatment option.</p> <p>THANK YOU!</p>	
Expert committee consideration of the stakeholder input	
2. Does the recommendation demonstrate that the committee has considered the stakeholder input that your organization provided to CADTH?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	No <input type="checkbox"/>
If not, what aspects are missing from the draft recommendation?	
Yes, both the quantitative and qualitative data was nicely considered in pERC's deliberations as reflected in the conditional recommendation. This was much appreciated.	
Clarity of the draft recommendation	
3. Are the reasons for the recommendation clearly stated?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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A. Patient Group Information				
Name	<i>Filomena Servidio-Italiano</i>			
Position	<i>President & CEO, Colorectal Cancer Resource & Action Network (CCRAN)</i>			
Date	<i>(14-10-2023)</i>			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I hereby certify that I have the authority to disclose all relevant information with respect to any matter involving this patient group with a company, organization, or entity that may place this patient group in a real, potential, or perceived conflict of interest situation.			
B. Assistance with Providing Feedback				
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	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>		
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Organization	AstraZeneca Canada Inc.
Contact information ^a	Name: Bianca Li, Market Access & Health Economics, Sr. Mgr [REDACTED]
Stakeholder agreement with the draft recommendation	
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Please explain why the stakeholder agrees or disagrees with the draft recommendation. Whenever possible, please identify the specific text from the recommendation and rationale.	
<p>AstraZeneca (AZ) agrees with pERC's Draft Recommendation to reimburse IMJUDO (tremelimumab) in combination with IMFINZI (durvalumab) for the first-line treatment of adult patients with unresectable hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) who require systemic therapy based on statistically significant and clinically meaningful improvement in overall survival and a sustained survival benefit at 3 years as demonstrated in the HIMALAYA trial.</p>	
Expert committee consideration of the stakeholder input	
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If not, what aspects are missing from the draft recommendation?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AZ wishes to provide further clarification regarding the publications and associated data used to inform the MAICs as described in the Critical Appraisal section of the Draft Recommendation (pg 17). The updated data on PFS, ORR and DoR from the IMbrave150 trial (Cheng et al. 2022 publication)¹ were not selected for the MAIC analysis because the endpoints were assessed by independent review only. The same endpoints were assessed by both independent, and investigator review for the IMbrave150 primary analysis. To ensure consistency with the HIMALAYA trial where the same endpoints were assessed by investigator review only, the data used from the IMbrave150 trial reflected the investigator reviewed outputs. Of note, the exclusion of the longer follow-up data from the IMbrave150 trial would have only influenced results in favour of atezolizumab/bevacizumab. Regarding PRO data from the REFLECT trial, the analyses were not selected for the MAIC given the lack of validity of the proportional hazards assumption and therefore was excluded from the MAIC analysis. AZ acknowledges CADTH's re-analyses to the CEM, specifically the scenario analyses that were conducted (Table 4. Summary of Economic Evaluation, CADTH reanalysis results, pg 	

20). In the last bullet of the CADTH reanalysis results section, the results of “a scenario analysis” is presented in the absence of CADTH’s base case scenario analysis. In line with CADTH’s Guidelines for the Economic Evaluation of Health Technologies, results of the base case scenario should always be presented first with any accompanying sub-scenarios to provide full context of the analysis and conclusions. For greater clarity, AZ suggests the inclusion of the following bolded text:

*A scenario analysis assuming that the clinical efficacy of STRIDE and atezolizumab plus bevacizumab was equivalent found that STRIDE was more costly and equally effective. **This scenario analysis was derived from CADTH’s base case Scenario A re-analysis.** A comparison of costs found that the total treatment costs for both comparators are equal at approximately 60 weeks of continuous treatment.*

Clarity of the draft recommendation

3. Are the reasons for the recommendation clearly stated?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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- The current Implementation guidance in Table 1. Reimbursement Conditions and Reasons (pg 3) specifies Child-Pugh score class A as a criteria to be eligible for tremelimumab in combination with durvalumab. The Draft Recommendation also notes that “clinical experts noted that, while only including patients with a Child-Pugh score of A is reasonable in clinical trials, it may also be reasonable to include other patients (e.g., Child-Pugh score of B7) in clinical practice.” (pg 10, 16). It is also stated in Table 2 (pg 10) that pERC acknowledged the input from clinical experts regarding patients with Child-Pugh score of B7. To ensure clarity in the Implementation guidance of Table 1. Reimbursement Conditions and Reasons, AstraZeneca proposes to add the following:

pERC acknowledged that clinical experts noted that while only including patients with a Child-Pugh score of A is reasonable in clinical trials, it may also be reasonable to include patients with Child-Pugh score of B7 in clinical practice.

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Sponsor's References

1. Cheng AL, Qin S, Ikeda M et al. (2022) Updated efficacy and safety data from IMbrave150: Atezolizumab plus bevacizumab vs. sorafenib for unresectable hepatocellular carcinoma. *Journal of Hepatology*. 2022;76 862-73.