

BC Cancer Protocol Summary for Treatment of Relapsed or Refractory Hodgkin Lymphoma with Gemcitabine, Vinorelbine and DOXOrubicin Pegylated Liposomal

Protocol Code

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Lymphoma

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ELIGIBILITY:

Patients must have:

- Relapsed or refractory Hodgkin lymphoma, and
- Eligible for stem cell transplant

Patients should have:

- ECOG performance status 0-3,
- Adequate renal, hepatic, and bone marrow function, and
- LVEF $\geq 45\%$ in patients with lifetime cumulative dose of doxorubicin $>400 \text{ mg/m}^2$

TESTS:

- Baseline: CBC & Diff, creatinine, total bilirubin, ALT, alkaline phosphatase, LDH, GGT.
 - If clinically indicated: MUGA or echocardiogram
- Baseline (required, but results do not have to be available to proceed with first treatment; results must be checked before proceeding with cycle 2): HBsAg, HBsAb, HBcoreAb
- Before each treatment (on day 1 and 8): CBC & Diff
- If clinically indicated: total bilirubin, ALT, alkaline phosphatase, GGT, LDH, creatinine, MUGA or echocardiogram
- If clinically indicated: HBV viral load (see protocol [SCHBV](#))

PREMEDICATIONS:

- Antiemetic protocol for low emetogenic chemotherapy (see [SCNAUSEA](#))
- If prior infusion reaction to DOXOrubicin pegylated liposomal:
 - 45 minutes prior to treatment: dexamethasone 20 mg IV in NS 50 mL over 15 minutes
 - 30 minutes prior to treatment: diphenhydramine 50 mg IV in NS 50 mL over 15 minutes and famotidine 20 mg IV in NS 100 mL over 15 minutes (Y-site compatible)

SUPPORTIVE MEDICATIONS

High risk of hepatitis B reactivation. If HBsAg or HBcoreAb positive, follow hepatitis B prophylaxis as per [SCHBV](#).

TREATMENT:

Drug	Dose [†]	BC Cancer Administration Guideline
vinorelbine	20 mg/m ² on day 1 and 8	IV in 50 mL NS over 6 minutes Flush line with 75 to 125 mL NS following infusion
gemcitabine	1000 mg/m ² on day 1 and 8	IV in 250 mL NS over 30 minutes
DOXOrubicin pegylated liposomal	15 mg/m ² on day 1 and 8	IV in 250 mL D5W over 1 hour <i>Initial dose:</i> at rate of 1 mg/min <i>Subsequent doses, if no prior infusion reaction:</i> infuse over 1 hour

[†] Doses for transplant-naïve patients.

For post-transplant patients, use doses below:

Drug	Dose
vinorelbine	15 mg/m ² on day 1 and 8
gemcitabine	800 mg/m ² on day 1 and 8
DOXOrubicin pegylated liposomal	10 mg/m ² on day 1 and 8

Repeat every 21 days for a maximum of 6 cycles.

DOSE MODIFICATIONS:

1. Hematological on Day 1

ANC (x10 ⁹ /L)		Platelets (x10 ⁹ /L)	Dose (all drugs)
greater than or equal to 1.0	and	greater than or equal to 75	100%
Less than 1.0	or	Less than 75	Delay until recovery

Hematological on Day 8:

ANC (x10 ⁹ /L)		Platelets (x10 ⁹ /L)	Dose (all drugs)
greater than or equal to 1.0	and	greater than or equal to 75	100%
0.5 to less than 1.0	and	50 to less than 75	Reduce gemcitabine and vinorelbine dose to 75% of current cycle's day 1 dose; give 100% dose of DOXOrubicin pegylated liposomal
less than 0.5	or	less than 50	Omit

2. Hepatic

For vinorelbine:

Total bilirubin (micromol/L)	Vinorelbine dose
Less than 35	100%
36 to 50	50%
Greater than 50	25%

For DOXOrubicin pegylated liposomal:

Total bilirubin (micromol/L)	DOXOrubicin pegylated liposomal dose
Less than 21	100%
21 to 51	75%
Greater than 51	50%

3. Stomatitis: (for DOXOrubicin pegylated liposomal)

For Grades 2 to 3 toxicity, delay until recovery to Grade 1, then consider dose reduction.
For Grade 4 toxicity, discontinue DOXOrubicin pegylated liposomal.

PRECAUTIONS:

1. **Neutropenia:** Fever or other evidence of infection must be assessed promptly and treated aggressively.
2. **Cardiac toxicity:** DOXOrubicin is cardiotoxic and must be used with caution, if at all, in patients with severe hypertension or cardiac dysfunction.
3. **Extravasation:** **Vinorelbine** causes pain and tissue necrosis if extravasated. It is recommended to flush thoroughly with 75 to 125 mL NS after infusing vinorelbine. **DOXOrubicin pegylated liposomal** is considered an irritant. Refer to BC Cancer Extravasation Guidelines.

4. **Acute infusion reaction:** may occur with first infusion of **DOXOrubicin pegylated liposomal**, usually within minute of starting. Refer to BC Cancer Hypersensitivity Guidelines. Note: the first step is to stop the infusion. In subsequent cycles, reactions are rare, but prophylaxis with dexamethasone, diphenhydrAMINE, and famotidine may be used.
5. **Palmar-Plantar Erythrodysesthesia (PPE) (Hand-Foot Skin Reaction):** **DOXOrubicin pegylated liposomal** dose delay and reduction should be considered. See BC Cancer Drug Manual **DOXOrubicin pegylated liposomal** monograph for suggested strategies for preventing or minimizing PPE.
6. **Renal Toxicity:** Irreversible renal failure associated with hemolytic uremic syndrome may occur (rare) with **gemcitabine**. Use caution with pre-existing renal dysfunction.
7. **Pulmonary Toxicity:** Acute shortness of breath may occur. Discontinue **gemcitabine** treatment if drug-induced pneumonitis is suspected.
8. **Hepatitis B Reactivation:** See [SCHBV protocol](#) for more details.

Call Dr. Kerry Savage or tumor group delegate at (604) 877-6000 or 1-800-663-3333 with any problems or questions regarding this treatment program.

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