

# BC Cancer Protocol Summary for the Treatment of Multicentric Castleman's Disease (MCD) Negative for Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and Human Herpes Virus – 8 (HHV-8) Using Siltuximab

**Protocol Code**

LYSILTUX

**Tumour Group**

Lymphoma

**Contact Physician**

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## ELIGIBILITY:

- Biopsy proven symptomatic HIV negative, HHV-8 negative, multicentric Castleman's disease

## TESTS:

- Baseline (required before first treatment): CBC & Diff, hemoglobin, creatinine, total bilirubin, ALT, LDH, CRP
- Baseline (required, but results do not have to be available to proceed with first treatment; results must be checked before proceeding with further treatment): HBsAg, HBsAb, HBcoreAb, hepatitis C antibody
- **Cycle 1 to 4:** Prior to treatment: CBC & Diff
- **Cycle 5 and subsequent cycles:** Prior to alternate cycles i.e., even numbered cycles
- **If clinically indicated:** HBV viral load, ALT (see protocol [SCHBV](#))

## PREMEDICATIONS:

(Note: patients should bring their own supply)

- diphenhydramine 50 mg PO q 4 h during the IV infusion
- acetaminophen 650 to 975 mg PO q 4 h during the IV infusion

## SUPPORTIVE MEDICATIONS:

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

## TREATMENT:

Drug	Dose	BC Cancer Administration Standard
siltuximab	11 mg/kg	IV in 250 mL D5W over 1 hour Administer using a 0.2 micron in-line filter

Repeat every 3 weeks until disease progression. Reversal of all symptoms is achieved in most patients; shrinkage of lymphadenopathy is induced in a substantial minority. Continued control of the symptoms requires indefinite administration of the siltuximab although it is often possible to lengthen the intervals between doses. After greater than 6 months of continued control the

interval between doses can be lengthened to the maximum that maintains complete symptomatic control.

#### DOSE MODIFICATIONS:

ANC (x10 <sup>9</sup> /L)		Platelets (x10 <sup>9</sup> /L)	siltuximab
greater than or equal to 1	and	greater than or equal to 50	100%
less than 1	or	less than 50	delay until recovery

Hemoglobin* (g/L)	siltuximab
less than 170	100%
greater than or equal to 170	delay until recovery

\*siltuximab may increase hemoglobin levels in MCD patients

#### PRECAUTIONS:

- Hypersensitivity:** Infusion related reactions most commonly involve pruritus, erythema, chest pain and nausea. Anaphylaxis may rarely occur (1.2%). Once resolved, siltuximab may be reinitiated at a lower infusion rate. See BC Cancer Hypersensitivity Guidelines.
- Infection:** Siltuximab may mask signs and symptoms of infection. Do not administer in patients with a severe infection, until the infection has resolved. Fever or other evidence of infection must be assessed promptly and treated aggressively.
- Hepatitis B Reactivation:** See [SCHBV protocol](#) for more details.
- Gastrointestinal Obstruction or Perforation:** There have been rare reports of gastrointestinal obstruction or perforation. Use with caution in patients at risk for perforation. Symptoms possibly indicative of such complications should be carefully investigated and appropriately treated.

**Call Dr. Alina Gerrie or tumour group delegate at (604) 877-6000 or 1-800-663-3333 with any problems or questions regarding this treatment program.**

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