



Canada's Drug and  
Health Technology Agency

## CADTH REIMBURSEMENT REVIEW

# Stakeholder Feedback on Draft Recommendation

TISAGENLECLEUCEL (KYMRIAH)  
(Novartis Pharmaceuticals Canada Inc.)

**Indication:** Indicated for the treatment of adult patients with relapsed or refractory grade 1, 2, or 3a follicular lymphoma (FL) after two or more lines of systemic therapy.

**August 18, 2023**

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## CADTH Reimbursement Review Feedback on Draft Recommendation

Stakeholder information	
CADTH project number	PG0306-000
Brand name (generic)	Tisagenlecleucel (Kymriah)
Indication(s)	For the treatment of adult patients with relapsed or refractory grade 1, 2, or 3a follicular lymphoma (FL) after two or more lines of systemic therapy
Organization	Ontario Health (Cancer Care Ontario) Hematology Cancer Drug Advisory Committee/ Ontario Health (Cancer Care Ontario) Complex Malignant Hematology Group
Contact information <sup>a</sup>	Name: Dr. Tom Kouroukis
Stakeholder agreement with the draft recommendation	
<b>1. Does the stakeholder agree with the committee's recommendation.</b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
	No <input checked="" 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.	
The Heme DAC notes that eligibility to receive tisa-cel should be extended to the following patients:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Those with marginal zone lymphoma</li> <li>- Those with ECOG PS of 2</li> <li>- Those who have had prior allogeneic SCT</li> </ul>	
Expert committee consideration of the stakeholder input	
<b>2. Does the recommendation demonstrate that the committee has considered the stakeholder input that your organization provided to CADTH?</b>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	No <input type="checkbox"/>
If not, what aspects are missing from the draft recommendation?	
Clarity of the draft recommendation	
<b>3. Are the reasons for the recommendation clearly stated?</b>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	No <input type="checkbox"/>
If not, please provide details regarding the information that requires clarification.	
<b>4. Have the implementation issues been clearly articulated and adequately addressed in the recommendation?</b>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	No <input type="checkbox"/>
If not, please provide details regarding the information that requires clarification.	
<b>5. If applicable, are the reimbursement conditions clearly stated and the rationale for the conditions provided in the recommendation?</b>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	No <input type="checkbox"/>
If not, please provide details regarding the information that requires clarification.	

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## Appendix 2. Conflict of Interest Declarations for Clinician Groups

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  - Please add more tables as needed (copy and paste).
  - All new and updated declarations must be included in a single document.

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 groups.		
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"> <li>Dr. Tom Kouroukis</li> </ul>		

### C. New or Updated Conflict of Interest Declarations

New or Updated Declaration for Clinician 1	
Name	Dr. Chris Bredeson
Position	Lead, OH (CCO) Complex Malignant Hematology Group
Date	13-08-2023
<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
Add company name	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Add company name	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Add or remove rows as required	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

#### New or Updated Declaration for Clinician 2

<b>Name</b>	<i>Dr. Selay Lam</i>
<b>Position</b>	<i>Member, OH (CCO) Hematology Cancer Drug Advisory Committee</i>
<b>Date</b>	<i>14-08-2023</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>I hereby certify</b> 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.

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<i>Novartis</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Add company name	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



## CADTH Reimbursement Review Feedback on Draft Recommendation

Stakeholder information		
CADTH project number	PG0306-000	
Brand name (generic)	Kymriah (tisagenlecleucel)	
Indication(s)	Relapsed or refractory follicular lymphoma	
Organization	Cell Therapy Transplant Canada (CTTC)	
Contact information <sup>a</sup>	Kirk R. Schultz – CTTC President	
Stakeholder agreement with the draft recommendation		
<b>1. Does the stakeholder agree with the committee's recommendation?</b>	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Yes, we agree with the recommendation. Tisagenlecleucel is a much needed and valuable treatment for adult patients with relapsed or refractory grade 1, 2, or 3a follicular lymphoma (FL) after two or more lines of systemic therapy. Based on the ELARA trial, such patients treated with tisagenlecleucel achieve clinical benefit in response rates, overall survival and progression-free survival over outcomes currently achievable with standard therapies.		
Expert committee consideration of the stakeholder input		
<b>2. Does the recommendation demonstrate that the committee has considered the stakeholder input that your organization provided to CADTH?</b>	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clarity of the draft recommendation		
<b>3. Are the reasons for the recommendation clearly stated?</b>	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>4. Have the implementation issues been clearly articulated and adequately addressed in the recommendation?</b>	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>5. If applicable, are the reimbursement conditions clearly stated and the rationale for the conditions provided in the recommendation?</b>	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reimbursement consideration should take into account that unlike other standard therapies for this heavily pretreated population, tisagenlecleucel is a one-time infusion without ongoing dose administration.		

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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
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"/>
All HSCT program directors have had an opportunity to provide input on this response and it has been reviewed by the CTTC Board of Directors.		
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If yes, please list the clinicians who contributed input and whose declarations have not changed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mona Shafey</li> <li>Gizelle Popradi</li> <li>Terrance Comeau</li> <li>Kelly Davidson</li> </ul>		

### C. New or Updated Conflict of Interest Declarations

New or Updated Declaration for Clinician 1	
Name	Ronan Foley
Position	Professor of Oncology, McMaster University, Hamilton
Date	14-08-2023
<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	

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Novartis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Janssen	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
KITE/Gilead	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### New or Updated Declaration for Clinician 2

<b>Name</b>	<i>Please state full name</i>
<b>Position</b>	<i>Please state currently held position</i>
<b>Date</b>	<i>Please add the date form was completed (DD-MM-YYYY)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>I hereby certify</b> 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

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<i>Add company name</i>	<input 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"/>

### New or Updated Declaration for Clinician 3

<b>Name</b>	<i>Please state full name</i>
<b>Position</b>	<i>Please state currently held position</i>
<b>Date</b>	<i>Please add the date form was completed (DD-MM-YYYY)</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>I hereby certify</b> 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

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<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	PC0306
Name of the drug and Indication(s)	Tisagenlecleucel for relapsed or refractory grade 1, 2, or 3a follicular lymphoma
Organization Providing Feedback	PAG
<b>1. Recommendation revisions</b>	
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"/>
<b>2. Change in recommendation category or conditions</b>	
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.	
<b>3. Clarity of the recommendation</b>	
Complete this section if editorial revisions are requested for the following elements	
<b>a) Recommendation rationale</b>	
Please provide details regarding the information that requires clarification.	
<b>b) Reimbursement conditions and related reasons</b>	
Please provide details regarding the information that requires clarification.	
Under Table 1 (Reimbursement condition 3.4 Active CNS involvement) (p.4): For Table 1 related to the active CNS disease, can the wording from brexa-cel be adopted as part of the implementation guidance: "patients with CNS disease that is under treatment or controlled should not be excluded from consideration for tisagenlecleucel"	





### **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.

Under Table 2 (Considerations for initiation of therapy) (p.9): same suggestion as above re: active CNS disease



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Stakeholder information		
CADTH project number	PG0306-000-000	
Brand name (generic)	Kymriah (tisagenlecleucel)	
Indication(s)	Relapsed or refractory follicular lymphoma	
Organization	Lymphoma Canada	
Contact information <sup>a</sup>	Name: Antonella Rizza, CEO, [REDACTED]	
Stakeholder agreement with the draft recommendation		
<b>1. Does the stakeholder agree with the committee's recommendation.</b>	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.		
We agree with the draft recommendation on a whole that tisagenlecleucel be reimbursed for the treatment of relapsed or refractory follicular lymphoma. However, we do stress that a patient's postal code should not be a barrier to equitable access to CAR T-cell therapy in Canada.		
Expert committee consideration of the stakeholder input		
<b>2. Does the recommendation demonstrate that the committee has considered the stakeholder input that your organization provided to CADTH?</b>	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
If not, what aspects are missing from the draft recommendation?		
Yes, as it relates to the patient feedback we have provided, the committee has demonstrated that it has recognized the importance of the preferences of the surveyed patient population, namely that patients would like access to more options in the relapsed/refractory setting that allow them to live longer, with less symptoms and an improved quality of life. As noted by one of our surveyed patients "I would be willing to go through side effects, knowing there would be an improved outcome."		
Clarity of the draft recommendation		
<b>3. Are the reasons for the recommendation clearly stated?</b>	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
If not, please provide details regarding the information that requires clarification.		
<b>4. Have the implementation issues been clearly articulated and adequately addressed in the recommendation?</b>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

If not, please provide details regarding the information that requires clarification.

As noted by one of our survey respondents “new therapies should be available to all Canadians, not just those in certain provinces. You should not have to travel out of province to get treatment.”

pERCs implementation guidance has clearly articulated that the availability of specialized centres with adequate infrastructure and resources to administer CAR T-cell therapy in Canada is a barrier that needs to be addressed but has not addressed or provided guidance as to how this can be achieved.

**5. If applicable, are the reimbursement conditions clearly stated and the rationale for the conditions provided in the recommendation?**

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

If not, please provide details regarding the information that requires clarification.

To an extent most conditions are clearly stated, however condition 7 seems to suggest that despite the improvement in quality of life, less toxic side effects, durable responses and prolonged survival in patients that have received tisagenlecleucel, the feasibility of adoption is solely dependent on the submitted price. Rather shouldn't the condition be reworded to reflect that budget impacts need to be addressed?

We feel the feasibility of adoption should not be tied strictly to budgetary impacts.

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A. Patient Group Information				
<b>Name</b>	Antonella Rizza			
<b>Position</b>	CEO			
<b>Date</b>	August 17, 2023			
<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				
1. Did you receive help from outside your patient group to complete your feedback?			No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
			Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, please detail the help and who provided it.				
2. Did you receive help from outside your patient group to collect or analyze any information used in your feedback?			No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
			Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, please detail the help and who provided it.				
C. Previously Disclosed Conflict of Interest				
1. Were conflict of interest declarations provided in patient group input that was submitted at the outset of the CADTH review and have those declarations remained unchanged? If no, please complete section D below.			No	<input type="checkbox"/>
			Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
D. New or Updated Conflict of Interest Declaration				
3. 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.				
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	\$0 to 5,000	\$5,001 to 10,000	\$10,001 to 50,000	In Excess of \$50,000
Gilead	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Bristol Myers Squibb	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Novartis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



## CADTH Reimbursement Review Feedback on Draft Recommendation

Stakeholder information	
CADTH project number	PG0306
Brand name (generic)	KYMRIAH (TISAGENLECLEUCEL)
Indication(s)	Treatment of adult patients with relapsed or refractory grade 1, 2, or 3a follicular lymphoma after two or more lines of systemic therapy
Organization	Novartis Pharmaceuticals Canada Inc.
Contact information <sup>a</sup>	[REDACTED]
Stakeholder agreement with the draft recommendation	
<b>1. Does the stakeholder agree with the committee's recommendation.</b>	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.	
<i>No additional comments.</i>	
Expert committee consideration of the stakeholder input	
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	No <input type="checkbox"/>
If not, what aspects are missing from the draft recommendation?	
<i>No additional comments.</i>	
Clarity of the draft recommendation	
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	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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<i>No additional comments.</i>	
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	No <input type="checkbox"/>
If not, please provide details regarding the information that requires clarification.	
<i>No additional comments.</i>	
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	No <input type="checkbox"/>
If not, please provide details regarding the information that requires clarification.	
<i>No additional comments.</i>	

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