

Indication	Epcoritamab monotherapy for previously treated adult patients with relapsed/refractory follicular lymphoma who have received 2 or more lines of systemic therapy. No previous treatment with a bispecific antibody targeting both CD20 and CD3 is permitted unless epcoritamab monotherapy needs to be continued following an Abbvie compassionate access scheme.
Treatment Intent	Disease Modification
Frequency and number of cycles	Repeat every 28 days Continue until disease progression, unacceptable toxicity or patient's choice to stop treatment or a maximum of 3 years whichever is sooner. NB Once epcoritamab is electively stopped (i.e. not for reasons of toxicity), it cannot be restarted.
Monitoring Parameters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virology screening: All new patients referred for systemic anti-cancer treatment should be screened for hepatitis B and C and the result reviewed prior to the start of treatment. Patients not previously tested who are starting a new line of treatment, should also be screened for hepatitis B and C. Further virology screening will be performed following individual risk assessment and clinician discretion. • Immunoglobulin (Ig) levels at baseline and throughout treatment. • Monitor FBC, U&Es and LFTs on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Day 1, 8, 15 and 22 of cycles 1 to 3. ○ Day 1 and 15 of cycles 4 to 9 ○ Day 1 from cycle 10 onwards. • Haematological parameters: • If $PLT < 50 \times 10^9/L$ withhold until $PLT \geq 50 \times 10^9/L$ • Febrile neutropenia: $ANC < 0.5 \times 10^9/L$ withhold until $\geq 0.5 \times 10^9/L$ • Hepatic impairment: The safety and efficacy of epcoritamab in patients with impaired hepatic function has not been established. Based on population pharmacokinetic (PK) analyses, no dosage adjustment is necessary for patients with mild hepatic impairment. Limited data are available in patients with moderate impairment and no data in severe impairment. • Renal impairment: The safety and efficacy of epcoritamab in patients with impaired renal function has not been established. Based on population pharmacokinetic (PK) analyses, no dosage adjustment is necessary for patients with mild or moderate impairment. No data are available in patients with severe renal impairment. • Hydration: All patients should be adequately hydrated during treatment. • During cycle 1 the recommended guidelines below should be followed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2-3 L of fluid intake during the 24 hours prior to each epcoritamab administration. ○ Hold antihypertensive medications for 24 hours prior to each epcoritamab administration. ○ Administer 500 ml isotonic intravenous (IV) fluids on the day of epcoritamab prior to dose administration; AND ○ 2-3 L of fluid intake during the 24 hours following each epcoritamab administration. • Management of adverse reactions and dose adjustments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Healthcare professionals prescribing and administering epcoritamab must be familiar with the grading of cytokine release syndrome and immune effector cell-associated neurotoxicity syndrome, the required monitoring and management and the indications for use of tocilizumab and have all undergone training in these clinical issues. • Cytokine release syndrome (CRS). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ CRS, which may be life-threatening or fatal, occurred in patients receiving epcoritamab. The most common signs and symptoms of CRS include pyrexia, hypotension and hypoxia. Other signs and symptoms of CRS include chills, tachycardia, headache and dyspnoea.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ At least 1 dose of tocilizumab, at a dose of 8mg/kg IV (dose not to exceed 800 mg), for use in the event of CRS must be available prior to epcoritamab administration, access to an additional dose of tocilizumab within 8 hours of use of the previous tocilizumab dose must be ensured. ○ See table 1 for CRS dose modification and management guidance. ○ All patients must be counselled on the risk, signs and symptoms of CRS and advised to contact their healthcare team immediately if they experience signs and symptoms of CRS. ● Immune effector cell-associated neurotoxicity syndrome (ICANS): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ICANS, including fatal events, have occurred in patients receiving epcoritamab. ICANS may manifest as aphasia, altered level of consciousness, impairment of cognitive skills, motor weakness, seizures, and cerebral oedema. ○ Patients should be monitored for signs and symptoms of ICANS following epcoritamab administration. See table 2 for ICANS dose modification and management guidance. ○ All patients must be counselled on the risk, signs and symptoms of ICANS and advised to contact their healthcare team immediately if they experience signs and symptoms of ICANS. ● Tumour lysis syndrome (TLS) has been reported in patients receiving epcoritamab. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Patients with a high tumour burden and/or a high circulating lymphocyte count (>25 x 10⁹/L) and/or renal impairment (CrCl <70 mL/min) are considered at risk of TLS and should receive prophylaxis prior to treatment. Prophylaxis should consist of adequate hydration and administration of uricostatics (e.g. allopurinol), starting 12-24hours prior to subcutaneous administration. ● Haemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis (HLH): HLH has been reported in patients receiving epcoritamab, patients should be monitored for clinical signs and symptoms of HLH. HLH should be considered when the presentation of CRS is atypical or prolonged. For suspected HLH, epcoritamab must be interrupted and treatment for HLH initiated. If HLH is confirmed, permanently discontinue epcoritamab. ● Tumour flare has been reported in patients, monitoring and evaluation for tumour flare is recommended. ● Serious Infections: Epcoritamab should be withheld for grade 1-4 infections. Use with caution in patients with a history of reoccurring or chronic infection, patients with underlying conditions that may pre-dispose them to infection or who have received significant prior immunosuppressive treatment. ● For all other grade 3 or higher adverse reactions (excluding ICANS/CRS/infection) treatment should be withheld until toxicity resolves to Grade 1 or baseline. ● Common drug interactions (for comprehensive list refer to BNF/SPC): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No formal drug interaction studies have been performed for epcoritamab. Due to the cytokine release at the start of treatment concomitant use with CYP450 substrates may lead to fluctuations in concentration, patient receiving substrates with a narrow therapeutic range (e.g. warfarin, cyclosporin) should be monitored closely. ○ Patients should not receive live vaccines during treatment. ● Missed dose: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A re-priming cycle (identical to Cycle 1 with standard CRS prophylaxis) is required: ○ If there are more than 8 days between the priming dose (0.16mg) and intermediate dose (0.8mg), or ○ If there are more than 8 days between the first intermediate dose (0.8mg) and second intermediate dose (3mg), or ○ If there are more than 14 days between the second intermediate dose (3 mg) and first full dose (48 mg), or ○ If there are more than 6 weeks between full doses (48mg) ○ After the re-priming cycle, the patient should resume treatment with Day 1 of the next planned treatment cycle (subsequent to the cycle during which the dose was delayed).
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Driving and machinery: Patients should be aware treatment may affect their ability to drive or operate machinery due to the possibility of neurological effects / ICANS. • Pregnancy and contraception: Women of childbearing potential should be advised to use effective contraception during treatment and for at least 4 months after the last dose. • Epcoritamab contains 0.42 mg of polysorbate 80 per vial, equivalent to 0.4 mg/ml. Polysorbate 80 may cause allergic reactions. • Patients should carry the Tepkinly[®] (epcoritamab) patient alert card at all times.
References	SPC accessed online 16.03.2026 CDF list accessed online V1.388

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TABLE 1 Cytokine release syndrome grading and management guidance		
Grade	Recommended Therapy	Dose modification
Grade 1 Fever $\geq 38^{\circ}$ without hypotension or hypoxia	Provide supportive care such as antipyretics and intravenous hydration. Anti-cytokine therapy: Consider anti cytokine therapy in certain cases, e.g., advanced age, high tumour burden, circulating tumour cells, fever refractory to antipyretics. Tocilizumab 8 mg/kg IV over 1 hour (not to exceed 800 mg per dose). Repeat tocilizumab after at least 8 hours as needed. Maximum of 2 doses in a 24-hour period. In case of concurrent ICANS choose alternative to tocilizumab. See Table 2. Corticosteroids In case of concurrent ICANS, initiation of corticosteroids is highly recommended. Consider dexamethasone 10-20 mg per day (or equivalent).	Hold epcoritamab until resolution of CRS event
Grade 2^a Fever $\geq 38^{\circ}$ AND/OR Hypotension not requiring Vasopressors AND/OR Hypoxia requiring low flow (≤ 6 l/minute) nasal cannula or blow by	Provide supportive care such as antipyretics and intravenous hydration Anti-cytokine therapy: Tocilizumab 8 mg/kg IV over 1 hour (not to exceed 800 mg per dose). Repeat tocilizumab after at least 8 hours as needed. Maximum of 2 doses in a 24-hour period. If CRS is refractory to initial anti cytokine therapy, initiate/increase dose of corticosteroid therapy and consider alternative anti cytokine therapy. In case of concurrent ICANS choose alternative to tocilizumab. See Table 2. Corticosteroids: In case of concurrent ICANS, initiation of corticosteroids is highly recommended. Consider dexamethasone 10-20 mg per day (or equivalent).	Hold epcoritamab until resolution of CRS event.

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TABLE 1 continued Cytokine release syndrome grading and management guidance		
Grade	Recommended Therapy	Dose modification
<p>Grade 3^a Fever \geq 38°C</p> <p>AND/OR Hypotension requiring 1 vasopressor with or without vasopressin</p> <p>AND/OR Hypoxia requiring high-flow (>6 l/minute) nasal cannula, facemask, non-rebreather mask, or venturi mask</p>	<p>Provide supportive care such as antipyretics and intravenous hydration</p> <p>Anti-cytokine therapy Tocilizumab 8 mg/kg IV over 1 hour (not to exceed 800 mg per dose). Repeat tocilizumab after at least 8 hours as needed. Maximum of 2 doses in a 24-hour period.</p> <p>If CRS is refractory to initial anti-cytokine therapy, initiate/increase dose of corticosteroid therapy and consider alternative anti-cytokine therapy.</p> <p>In case of concurrent ICANS choose alternative to tocilizumab. See Table 2.</p> <p>Corticosteroids: Dexamethasone (e.g. 10-20 mg IV every 6 hours). If no response, initiate methylprednisolone 1000 mg/day.</p>	<p>Hold epcoritamab until resolution of CRS event.</p> <p>In the event of Grade 3 CRS lasting longer than 72 hours, epcoritamab should be discontinued.</p> <p>If more than 2 separate events of Grade 3 CRS, even if each event resolved to Grade 2 within 72 hours, epcoritamab should be discontinued.</p>
<p>Grade 4 Fever \geq38°C</p> <p>AND/OR Hypotension requiring \geq 2 vasopressors (excluding vasopressin)</p> <p>AND/OR Hypoxia requiring positive pressure ventilation (e.g., CPAP, BiPAP, intubation and mechanical ventilation)</p>	<p>Provide supportive care such as antipyretics and intravenous hydration</p> <p>Anti-cytokine therapy Tocilizumab 8 mg/kg IV over 1 hour (not to exceed 800 mg per dose). Repeat tocilizumab after at least 8 hours as needed. Maximum of 2 doses in a 24-hour period.</p> <p>If CRS is refractory to initial anti-cytokine therapy, initiate/increase dose of corticosteroid therapy and consider alternative anti-cytokine therapy.</p> <p>In case of concurrent ICANS choose alternative to tocilizumab See Table 2.</p> <p>Corticosteroids Dexamethasone (e.g.10-20 mg IV every 6 hours). If no response, initiate methylprednisolone 1000 mg/day.</p>	<p>Permanently discontinue epcoritamab</p>
<p>1 CRS graded according to ASTCT (American Society for Transplant and Cellular Therapy) consensus criteria (Lee et al., 2019) a If Grade 2 or 3 CRS occurs with the second full dose or beyond, administer CRS prophylaxis with each subsequent dose until epcoritamab dose is given without subsequent CRS (of any grade).</p>		

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Table 2 ICANS grading and management guidance		
Grade	Recommended therapy	Dose modification
<p>Grade 1^b ICE score^c 7-9^b Or, depressed level of consciousness^b: awakens spontaneously.</p>	<p>Dexamethasone, 10 mg IV every 12 hours</p> <p>Consider non-sedating anti-seizure medication (e.g. levetiracetam) until resolution of ICANS.</p> <p>No concurrent CRS: • Anti-cytokine therapy not recommended</p> <p>For ICANS with concurrent CRS: • Treatment with dexamethasone^d • Choose immunosuppressant alternatives^e to tocilizumab, if possible</p>	<p>Hold epcoritamab until resolution of event</p>
<p>Grade 2^b ICE score^c 3-6 Or, depressed level of consciousness^b: awakens to voice.</p>	<p>Dexamethasone at 10-20 mg IV every 12 hours</p> <p>Consider non-sedating anti-seizure medication (e.g. levetiracetam) until resolution of ICANS.</p> <p>No concurrent CRS: • Anti-cytokine therapy not recommended</p> <p>For ICANS with concurrent CRS: • Treatment with dexamethasone^d • Choose immunosuppressant alternatives^e to tocilizumab, if possible</p>	<p>Hold epcoritamab until resolution of event</p>
<p>Grade 3^b ICE score^c 0-2 Or, depressed level of consciousness^b: awakens only to tactile stimulus, Or seizures^b, either: • any clinical seizure, focal or generalized that resolves rapidly, or • non-convulsive seizures on electroencephalogram (EEG) that resolve with intervention, Or raised intracranial pressure: focal/local oedema^b on neuroimaging^c</p>	<p>Dexamethasone 10-20 mg IV every 6 hours. • If no response, initiate methylprednisolone 1000 mg/day.</p> <p>Consider non-sedating anti-seizure medication (e.g. levetiracetam) until resolution of ICANS.</p> <p>No concurrent CRS: • Anti-cytokine therapy not recommended</p> <p>For ICANS with concurrent CRS: • Treatment with dexamethasone ◦ If no response, initiate methylprednisolone 1000 mg/day • Choose immunosuppressant alternatives^e to tocilizumab, if possible</p>	<p>First episode: delay epcoritamab until full resolution of event.</p> <p>Second episode: permanently discontinue epcoritamab</p>

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Table 2 continued ICANS grading and management guidance		
Grade	Recommended therapy	Dose Modification
Grade 4b ICE score ^{c, b} 0 Or Depressed level of consciousness ^b either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • patient is unarousable or requires vigorous or repetitive tactile stimuli to arouse, or • stupor or coma, Or Seizures ^b , either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • life-threatening prolonged seizure (>5 minutes), or • repetitive clinical or electrical seizures without return to baseline in between, Or Motor findings ^b : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • deep focal motor weakness such as hemiparesis or paraparesis, Or Raised intracranial pressure / cerebral oedema ^b , with signs/symptoms such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • diffuse cerebral oedema on neuroimaging, or • decerebrate or decorticate posturing, or • cranial nerve VI palsy, or • papilloedema, or • cushing's triad 	Dexamethasone 10-20 mg IV every 6 hours. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If no response, initiate methylprednisolone 1000 mg/day. Consider non-sedating anti-seizure medication (e.g., levetiracetam) until resolution of ICANS. No concurrent CRS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anti-cytokine therapy not recommended For ICANS with concurrent CRS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treatment with dexamethasone ◦ If no response, initiate methylprednisolone 1000 mg/day • Choose immunosuppressant alternatives^e to tocilizumab, if possible 	Permanently discontinue epcoritamab
<p>^a ICANS graded according to ASTCT ICANS Consensus Grading (Lee et al., 2019)</p> <p>^b ICANS grade is determined by the most severe event (ICE score, level of consciousness, seizures, motor findings, raised ICP/cerebral edema) not attributable to any other cause</p> <p>^c If patient is arousable and able to perform Immune Effector Cell-Associated Encephalopathy (ICE) Assessment, assess: Orientation (oriented to year, month, city, hospital = 4 points); Naming (name 3 objects, e.g., point to clock, pen, button = 3 points); Following Commands (e.g., "show me 2 fingers" or "close your eyes and stick out your tongue" = 1 point); Writing (ability to write a standard sentence = 1 point; and Attention (count backwards from 100 by ten = 1 point). If patient is unarousable and unable to perform ICE Assessment (Grade 4 ICANS) = 0 points.</p> <p>^d Dexamethasone should be administered at 10 mg intravenously every 12 hours</p> <p>^e Riegler L et al. (2019)</p>		

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Cycle 1 only: 28 day cycle

Day	Drug	Dose	Route	Infusion Duration	Administration
1	Dexamethasone	16mg	PO	stat	Given at least 30-120minutes prior to the epcoritamab injection.
	Paracetamol	1g	PO	stat	
	Chlorphenamine	4mg	PO	stat	
	EPCORITAMAB	0.16mg Priming dose	SC		Alternate injection site between the right and left thigh or lower abdomen.
8	Dexamethasone	16mg	PO	stat	Given at least 30-120minutes prior to the epcoritamab injection.
	Paracetamol	1g	PO	stat	
	Chlorphenamine	4mg	PO	stat	
	EPCORITAMAB	0.8mg 1st Intermediate dose	SC		Alternate injection site between the right and left thigh or lower abdomen.
15	Dexamethasone	16mg	PO	stat	Given at least 30-120minutes prior to the epcoritamab injection.
	Paracetamol	1g	PO	stat	
	Chlorphenamine	4mg	PO	stat	
	EPCORITAMAB	3mg 2nd Intermediate dose	SC		Alternate injection site between the right and left thigh or lower abdomen.
22	Dexamethasone	16mg	PO	stat	Given at least 30-120minutes prior to the epcoritamab injection.
	Paracetamol	1g	PO	stat	
	Chlorphenamine	4mg	PO	stat	
	EPCORITAMAB	48mg Full dose	SC		Alternate injection site between the right and left thigh or lower abdomen.

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TTOs Cycle 1

TTO	Drug	Dose	Route	Directions
Day 1	Dexamethasone	16mg	PO	OD for 3 consecutive days following each weekly administration of epcoritamab. Take with or after food.
	Metoclopramide	10mg	PO	Take 10mg up to TDS when required. Do not take for more than 5 days continuously.
	Loperamide	2-4mg	PO	Take 4mg (2 capsules) initially, then 2mg (1 capsule) after each loose stool when required. Maximum 16mg (8 capsules) a day. Dispense 30 capsules on cycle 1 then only if required.
	Aciclovir	400mg	PO	BD continuously (plus 3 more months after completion of last epcoritamab treatment dose).
	Co-trimoxazole	480mg	PO	TWICE daily on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays (plus 3 more months after completion of last epcoritamab treatment dose).
	Allopurinol	300mg	PO	OD, starting 24hrs before first cycle and reviewed after 4 weeks. Prescribe continuing supply if required from cycle 2 onwards.
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Cycle 2 and 3 only: repeat every 28 days

Day	Drug	Dose	Route	Infusion Duration	Administration
1, 8, 15 and 22	Dexamethasone	16mg	PO	stat	Given at least 30-120minutes prior to the epcoritamab injection. Pre-Med dexamethasone can be omitted in patients who did not experience Grade 2 or 3 CRS with previous dose.
	EPCORITAMAB	48mg Full dose	SC		Alternate injection site between the right and left thigh or lower abdomen.
TTO	Drug	Dose	Route	Directions	
Day 1	Dexamethasone	16mg	PO	OD for 3 consecutive days following each weekly administration of epcoritamab. Take with or after food. Can be omitted if patients have not experienced Grade 2 or 3 CRS with previous epcoritamab dose. If CRS reaction grade 2 or 3 occurs dexamethasone TTO should be prescribed following the next administration of epcoritamab until epcoritamab is given without subsequent CRS of any grade.	
	Metoclopramide	10mg	PO	Take 10mg up to TDS when required. Do not take for more than 5 days continuously.	
	Loperamide	2-4mg	PO	Take 4mg (2 capsules) initially, then 2mg (1 capsule) after each loose stool when required. Maximum 16mg (8 capsules) a day. Dispense 30 capsules on cycle 1 then only if required.	
	Aciclovir	400mg	PO	BD continuously (plus 3 more months after completion of last epcoritamab treatment dose).	
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Cycle 4-9 repeat every 28 days

Day	Drug	Dose	Route	Infusion Duration	Administration
1 and 15	Dexamethasone	16mg	PO	stat	Given at least 30-120minutes prior to the epcoritamab injection. Pre-Med dexamethasone can be omitted in patients who did not experience Grade 2 or 3 CRS with previous dose.
	EPCORITAMAB	48mg Full dose	SC		Alternate injection site between the right and left thigh or lower abdomen.
TTO	Drug	Dose	Route	Directions	
Day 1	Dexamethasone	16mg	PO	OD for 3 consecutive days following each weekly administration of epcoritamab. Take with or after food. Can be omitted if patients have not experienced Grade 2 or 3 CRS with previous epcoritamab dose. If CRS reaction grade 2 or 3 occurs dexamethasone TTO should be prescribed following the next administration of epcoritamab until epcoritamab is given without subsequent CRS of any grade.	
	Metoclopramide	10mg	PO	Take 10mg up to TDS when required. Do not take for more than 5 days continuously.	
	Loperamide	2-4mg	PO	Take 4mg (2 capsules) initially, then 2mg (1 capsule) after each loose stool when required. Maximum 16mg (8 capsules) a day. Dispense 30 capsules on cycle 1 then only if required.	
	Aciclovir	400mg	PO	BD continuously (plus 3 more months after completion of last epcoritamab treatment dose).	
	Co-trimoxazole	480mg	PO	TWICE daily on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays (plus 3 more months after completion of last epcoritamab treatment dose).	
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Cycle 10 onwards repeat every 28 days

Day	Drug	Dose	Route	Infusion Duration	Administration
1	Dexamethasone	16mg	PO	stat	Given at least 30-120minutes prior to the epcoritamab infusion. Pre-Med dexamethasone can be omitted in patients who did not experience Grade 2 or 3 CRS with previous dose.
	EPCORITAMAB	48mg Full dose	SC		Alternate injection site between the right and left thigh or lower abdomen.
TTO	Drug	Dose	Route	Directions	
Day 1	Dexamethasone	16mg	PO	OD for 3 consecutive days following each weekly administration of epcoritamab. Take with or after food. Can be omitted if patients have not experienced Grade 2 or 3 CRS with previous epcoritamab dose. If CRS reaction grade 2 or 3 occurs dexamethasone TTO should be prescribed following the next administration of epcoritamab until epcoritamab is given without subsequent CRS of any grade.	
	Metoclopramide	10mg	PO	Take 10mg up to TDS when required. Do not take for more than 5 days continuously.	
	Loperamide	2-4mg	PO	Take 4mg (2 capsules) initially, then 2mg (1 capsule) after each loose stool when required. Maximum 16mg (8 capsules) a day. Dispense 30 capsules on cycle 1 then only if required.	
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