

Romidepsin Injection

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HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

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ROMIDEPSIN injection, for intravenous use

Initial U.S. Approval: 2009

-----INDICATIONS AND USAGE-----
Romidepsin Injection is a histone deacetylase (HDAC) inhibitor indicated for:

- Treatment of cutaneous T-cell lymphoma (CTCL) in adult patients who have received at least one prior systemic therapy (1.1).

- Treatment of peripheral T-cell lymphoma (PTCL) in adult patients who have received at least one prior therapy (1.2). This indication is approved under accelerated approval based on response rate. Continued approval for this indication may be contingent upon verification and description of clinical benefit in confirmatory trials (14.2).

-----DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION-----
• 14 mg/m² administered intravenously over a 4-hour period on days 1, 8, and 15 of a 28-day cycle. Repeat cycles every 28 days provided that the patient continues to benefit from and tolerates the drug (2.1).

- Discontinue or interrupt treatment (with or without dose reduction to 10 mg/m²) to manage drug toxicity (2.2).

- Reduce starting dose in patients with moderate and severe hepatic impairment (2.3).

-----DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS-----
Injection: 10 mg/2 mL (5 mg/mL) and 27.5 mg/5.5 mL (5 mg/mL) in single-dose vials (3).

-----CONTRAINDICATIONS-----
None (4).

-----WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS-----

- Myelosuppression:** Romidepsin can cause thrombocytopenia, leukopenia (neutropenia and lymphopenia), and anemia; monitor blood counts during treatment with Romidepsin Injection; interrupt and/or modify the dose as necessary (5.1).

- Infections:** Fatal and serious infections. Reactivation of DNA viruses (Epstein Barr and hepatitis B). Consider monitoring and prophylaxis in patients with evidence of prior hepatitis B (5.2).

- Electrocardiographic (ECG) changes:** Consider cardiovascular monitoring in patients with congenital long QT syndrome, a history of significant cardiovascular disease, and patients taking medicinal products that lead to significant QT prolongation. Ensure that potassium and magnesium are within the normal range before administration of Romidepsin Injection (5.3).

- Tumor lysis syndrome:** Patients with advanced stage disease and/or high tumor burden are at greater risk and should be closely monitored and appropriate precautions taken (5.4).

- Embryo-fetal toxicity:** Fetal harm can occur when administered to a pregnant woman. Women should be advised to avoid becoming pregnant when receiving romidepsin (5.5, 8.1, 8.3).

-----ADVERSE REACTIONS-----
The most common adverse reactions were neutropenia, lymphopenia, thrombocytopenia, infections, nausea, fatigue, vomiting, anorexia, anemia, and ECG T-wave changes (6).

To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc. at 1-888-838-2872 or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or www.fda.gov/medwatch.

-----DRUG INTERACTIONS-----
• **Warfarin:** Carefully monitor prothrombin time (PT) and International Normalized Ratio (INR) in patients receiving concurrent warfarin or coumarin derivatives (7.1).

- CYP3A4 inhibitors:** Monitor for toxicities related due to increased romidepsin exposure when coadministering romidepsin with strong CYP3A4 inhibitors (7.2).

- CYP3A4 inducers:** Avoid use with rifampin and strong CYP3A4 inducers (7.3).

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FULL PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

1 INDICATIONS AND USAGE

1.1 Cutaneous T-Cell Lymphoma

Romidepsin Injection is indicated for the treatment of cutaneous T-cell lymphoma (CTCL) in adult patients who have received at least one prior systemic therapy.

1.2 Peripheral T-Cell Lymphoma

Romidepsin Injection is indicated for the treatment of peripheral T-cell lymphoma (PTCL) in adult patients who have received at least one prior therapy.

This indication is approved under accelerated approval based on response rate [see *Clinical Studies (14.2)*]. Continued approval for this indication may be contingent upon verification and description of clinical benefit in confirmatory trials.

2 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

2.1 Dosing Information

The recommended dosage of Romidepsin Injection is 14 mg/m² administered intravenously over a 4-hour period on days 1, 8, and 15 of a 28-day cycle. Cycles should be repeated every 28 days provided that the patient continues to benefit from and tolerates the drug.

2.2 Dose Modification

Nonhematologic toxicities, except alopecia

- Grade 2 or 3 toxicity: Treatment with Romidepsin Injection should be delayed until toxicity returns to Grade 0-1 or baseline, then therapy may be restarted at 14 mg/m². If Grade 3 toxicity recurs, treatment with Romidepsin Injection should be delayed until toxicity returns to Grade 0-1 or baseline and the dose should be permanently reduced to 10 mg/m².

- Grade 4 toxicity: Treatment with Romidepsin Injection should be delayed until toxicity returns to Grade 0-1 or baseline, then the dose should be permanently reduced to 10 mg/m².

- Romidepsin Injection should be discontinued if Grade 3 or 4 toxicities recur after dose reduction.

Hematologic toxicities

- Grade 3 or 4 neutropenia or thrombocytopenia: Treatment with Romidepsin Injection should be delayed until the specific cytopenia returns to ANC greater than or equal to 1.5×10⁹/L and platelet count greater than or equal to 75×10⁹/L or baseline, then therapy may be restarted at 14 mg/m².

- Grade 4 febrile (greater than or equal to 38.5°C) neutropenia or thrombocytopenia that requires platelet transfusion: Treatment with Romidepsin Injection should be delayed until the specific cytopenia returns to less than or equal to Grade 1 or baseline, and then the dose should be permanently reduced to 10 mg/m².

2.3 Dosage in Patients with Hepatic Impairment

For patients with moderate or severe hepatic impairment, reduce the starting dose of Romidepsin Injection as shown in Table 1 and monitor for toxicities more frequently. Dose adjustment is not required for patients with mild hepatic impairment.

Hepatic Impairment	Bilirubin Levels	Romidepsin Injection Dose
Moderate	> 1.5 x ULN to ≤ 3 x ULN	7 mg/m ²
Severe	> 3 x ULN	5 mg/m ²

ULN=Upper limit of normal.

2.4 Instructions for Preparation and Intravenous Administration

Romidepsin Injection is a cytotoxic drug. Follow applicable special handling and disposal procedures.¹ Romidepsin Injection must be diluted with 0.9% Sodium Chloride Injection, USP before intravenous infusion.

- Extract the appropriate amount of Romidepsin Injection from the vial to deliver the desired dose, using proper aseptic technique. Before intravenous infusion, dilute Romidepsin Injection in 500 mL 0.9% Sodium Chloride Injection, USP.

- Infuse over 4 hours.

The diluted solution is compatible with polyvinyl chloride (PVC), ethylene vinyl acetate (EVA), polyethylene (PE) infusion bags as well as glass bottles, and is chemically stable for up to 24 hours when stored at room temperature. However, it should be administered as soon after dilution as possible.

Parenteral drug products should be inspected visually for particulate matter and discoloration before administration, whenever solution and container permit.

3 DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

Injection: 10 mg/2 mL (5 mg/mL) and 27.5 mg/5.5 mL (5 mg/mL) in single-dose vials.

4 CONTRAINDICATIONS

None.

5 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

5.1 Myelosuppression

Treatment with romidepsin can cause thrombocytopenia, leukopenia (neutropenia and lymphopenia), and anemia. Monitor blood counts regularly during treatment with Romidepsin Injection and modify the dose as necessary [see *Dosage and Administration (2.2)* and *Adverse Reactions (6.1)*].

5.2 Infections

Fatal and serious infections, including pneumonia, sepsis, and viral reactivation, including Epstein Barr and hepatitis B viruses, have been reported in clinical trials with romidepsin. These can occur during treatment and within 30 days after treatment. The risk of life threatening infections may be greater in patients with a history of prior treatment with monoclonal antibodies directed against lymphocyte antigens and in patients with disease involvement of the bone marrow [see *Adverse Reactions (6.1)*].

Reactivation of hepatitis B virus infection has occurred in 1% of PTCL patients in clinical trials in Western populations [see *Adverse Reactions (6.1)*]. In patients with evidence of prior hepatitis B infection, consider monitoring for reactivation, and consider antiviral prophylaxis.

Reactivation of Epstein Barr viral infection leading to liver failure has occurred in a trial of patients with relapsed or refractory extranodal NK/T-cell lymphoma. In one case, ganciclovir prophylaxis failed to prevent Epstein Barr viral reactivation.

5.3 Electrocardiographic Changes

Several treatment-emergent morphological changes in ECGs (including T-wave and ST-segment changes) have been reported in clinical studies. The clinical significance of these changes is unknown [see *Adverse Reactions (6.1)*].

In patients with congenital long QT syndrome, patients with a history of significant cardiovascular disease, and patients taking anti-arrhythmic medicines or medicinal products that lead to significant QT prolongation, consider cardiovascular monitoring of ECGs at baseline and periodically during treatment.

Confirm that potassium and magnesium levels are within normal range before administration of Romidepsin Injection [see *Adverse Reactions (6.1)*].

5.4 Tumor Lysis Syndrome

Tumor lysis syndrome (TLS) has been reported to occur in 1% of patients with tumor stage CTCL and 2% of patients with Stage III/IV PTCL. Patients with advanced stage disease and/or high tumor burden are at greater risk, should be closely monitored, and managed as appropriate.

5.5 Embryo-Fetal Toxicity

Based on its mechanism of action and findings from animal studies, Romidepsin Injection can cause fetal harm when administered to a pregnant woman. In an animal reproductive study, romidepsin was embryocidal and caused adverse developmental outcomes at exposures below those in patients at the recommended dose of 14 mg/m². Advise females of reproductive potential to use effective contraception during treatment and for at least 1 month after the last dose. Advise males with female sexual partners of reproductive potential to use effective contraception during treatment and for at least 1 month after the last dose [see *Use in Specific Populations (8.1, 8.3)* and *Clinical Pharmacology (12.1)*].

6 ADVERSE REACTIONS

The following clinically significant adverse reactions are described in more detail in other sections of the prescribing information.

- Myelosuppression [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.1)*]

- Infections [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.2)*]

- Electrocardiographic Changes [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.3)*]

- Tumor Lysis Syndrome [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.4)*]

6.1 Clinical Trials Experience

Because clinical trials are conducted under widely varying conditions, adverse reaction rates observed in the clinical trials of a drug cannot be directly compared to rates in the clinical trials of another drug and may not reflect the rates observed in practice.

Cutaneous T-Cell Lymphoma

The safety of romidepsin was evaluated in 185 patients with CTCL in 2 single arm clinical studies in which patients received a starting dose of 14 mg/m². The mean duration of treatment in these studies was 5.6 months (range: <1 to 83.4 months).

Common Adverse Reactions

Table 2 summarizes the most frequent adverse reactions (>20%) regardless of causality using the National Cancer Institute-Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events (NCI-CTCAE, Version 3.0). Due to methodological differences between the studies, the AE data are presented separately for Study 1 and Study 2. Adverse reactions are ranked by their incidence in Study 1. Laboratory abnormalities commonly reported (>20%) as adverse reactions are included in Table 2.

Table 2. Adverse Reactions Occurring in >20% of Patients in Either CTCL Study (N=185)

Adverse Reactions n (%)	Study 1 (n=102)		Study 2 (n=83)	
	All grades	Grade 3 or 4	All grades	Grade 3 or 4
<i>Any adverse reactions</i>	99 (97)	36 (35)	83 (100)	68 (82)
Nausea	57 (56)	3 (3)	71 (86)	5 (6)
Asthenia/Fatigue	54 (53)	8 (8)	64 (77)	12 (14)
Infections	47 (46)	11 (11)	45 (54)	27 (33)
Vomiting	35 (34)	1 (<1)	43 (52)	8 (10)
Anorexia	23 (23)	1 (<1)	45 (54)	3 (4)
Hypomagnesemia	22 (22)	1 (<1)	23 (28)	0
Diarrhea	20 (20)	1 (<1)	22 (27)	1 (1)
Pyrexia	20 (20)	4 (4)	19 (23)	1 (1)
Anemia	19 (19)	3 (3)	60 (72)	13 (16)
Thrombocytopenia	17 (17)	0	54 (65)	12 (14)
Dysgeusia	15 (15)	0	33 (40)	0
Constipation	12 (12)	2 (2)	32 (39)	1 (1)
Neutropenia	11 (11)	4 (4)	47 (57)	22 (27)
Hypotension	7 (7)	3 (3)	19 (23)	3 (4)
Pruritus	7 (7)	0	26 (31)	5 (6)
Hypokalemia	6 (6)	0	17 (20)	2 (2)
Dermatitis/Exfoliative dermatitis	4 (4)	1 (<1)	22 (27)	7 (8)
Hypocalcemia	4 (4)	0	43 (52)	5 (6)
Leukopenia	4 (4)	0	38 (46)	18 (22)
Lymphopenia	4 (4)	0	47 (57)	31 (37)
Alanine aminotransferase increased	3 (3)	0	18 (22)	2 (2)
Aspartate aminotransferase increased	3 (3)	0	23 (28)	3 (4)
Hypoalbuminemia	3 (3)	1 (<1)	40 (48)	3 (4)
Electrocardiogram ST-T wave changes	2 (2)	0	52 (63)	0
Hyperglycemia	2 (2)	2 (2)	42 (51)	1 (1)
Hyponatremia	1 (<1)	1 (<1)	17 (20)	2 (2)
Hypermagnesemia	0	0	22 (27)	7 (8)
Hypophosphatemia	0	0	22 (27)	8 (10)
Hyperuricemia	0	0	27 (33)	7 (8)

Serious Adverse Reactions

Infections were the most common type of SAE reported in both studies with 8 patients (8%) in Study 1 and 26 patients (31%) in Study 2 experiencing a serious infection. Serious adverse reactions reported in >2% of patients in Study 1 were sepsis and pyrexia (3%). In Study 2, serious adverse reactions in >2% of patients were fatigue (7%), supraventricular arrhythmia, central line infection, neutropenia (6%), hypotension, hyperuricemia, edema (5%), ventricular arrhythmia, thrombocytopenia, nausea, leukopenia, dehydration, pyrexia, aspartate aminotransferase increased, sepsis, catheter related infection, hypophosphatemia and dyspnea (4%).

There were eight deaths not due to disease progression. In Study 1, there were two deaths: one due to cardiopulmonary failure and one due to acute renal failure. There were six deaths in Study 2: four due to infection and one each due to myocardial ischemia and acute respiratory distress syndrome.

Discontinuations

Discontinuation due to an adverse event occurred in 21% of patients in Study 1 and 11% in Study 2. Discontinuations occurring in at least 2% of patients in either study included infection, fatigue, dyspnea, QT prolongation, and hypomagnesemia.

Peripheral T-Cell Lymphoma

The safety of romidepsin was evaluated in 178 patients with PTCL in a sponsor-conducted pivotal study (Study 3) and a secondary NCI-sponsored study (Study 4) in which patients received a starting dose of 14 mg/m². The mean duration of treatment and number of cycles were 5.6 months and 6 cycles in Study 3 and 9.6 months and 8 cycles in Study 4.

Common Adverse Reactions

Table 3 summarizes the most frequent adverse reactions (≥10%) regardless of causality, using the NCI-CTCAE, Version 3.0. The AE data are presented separately for Study 3 and Study 4. Laboratory abnormalities commonly reported (≥10%) as adverse reactions are included in Table 3.

Table 3. Adverse Reactions Occurring in ≥10% of Patients with PTCL in Study 3 and Corresponding Incidence in Study 4 (N=178)

Adverse Reactions n (%)	Study 3 (N=131)		Study 4 (N=47)	
	All grades	Grade 3 or 4	All grades	Grade 3 or 4
<i>Any adverse reactions</i>	128 (97)	88 (67)	47 (100)	40 (85)
Gastrointestinal disorders				
Nausea	77 (59)	3 (2)	35 (75)	3 (6)
Vomiting	51 (39)	6 (5)	19 (40)	4 (9)
Diarrhea	47 (36)	3 (2)	17 (36)	1 (2)
Constipation	39 (30)	1 (<1)	19 (40)	1 (2)
Abdominal pain	18 (14)	3 (2)	6 (13)	1 (2)
Stomatitis	14 (11)	0	3 (6)	0
General disorders and administration site conditions				
Asthenia/Fatigue	72 (55)	11 (8)	36 (77)	9 (19)
Pyrexia	46 (35)	8 (6)	22 (47)	8 (17)
Chills	14 (11)	1 (<1)	8 (17)	0
Edema peripheral	13 (10)	1 (<1)	3 (6)	0
Blood and lymphatic system disorders				
Thrombocytopenia	53 (41)	32 (24)	34 (72)	17 (36)
Neutropenia	39 (30)	26 (20)	31 (66)	22 (47)
Anemia	33 (25)	14 (11)	29 (62)	13 (28)
Leukopenia	16 (12)	8 (6)	26 (55)	21 (45)
Metabolism and nutrition disorders				
Anorexia	37 (28)	2 (2)	21 (45)	1 (2)
Hypokalemia	14 (11)	3 (2)	8 (17)	1 (2)
Nervous system disorders				
Dysgeusia	27 (21)	0	13 (28)	0
Headache	19 (15)	0	16 (34)	1 (2)
Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders				
Cough	23 (18)	0	10 (21)	0
Dyspnea	17 (13)	3 (2)	10 (21)	2 (4)
Investigations				
Weight decreased	14 (11)	0	7 (15)	0
Cardiac disorders				
Tachycardia	13 (10)	0	0	0

Serious Adverse Reactions

Infections were the most common type of SAE reported. In Study 3, twenty-six patients (20%) experienced a serious infection, including 6 patients (5%) with serious treatment-related infections. In Study 4, eleven patients (23%) experienced a serious infection, including 8 patients (17%) with serious treatment-related infections. Serious adverse reactions reported in ≥2% of patients in Study 3 were pyrexia (8%), pneumonia, sepsis, vomiting (5%), cellulitis, deep vein thrombosis, (4%), febrile neutropenia, abdominal pain (3%), chest pain, neutropenia, pulmonary embolism, dyspnea, and dehydration (2%). In Study 4, serious adverse reactions in ≥2 patients were pyrexia (17%), aspartate aminotransferase increased, hypotension (13%), anemia, thrombocytopenia, alanine aminotransferase increased (11%), infection, dehydration, dyspnea (9%), lymphopenia, neutropenia, hyperbilirubinemia, hypocalcemia, hypoxia (6%), febrile neutropenia, leukopenia, ventricular arrhythmia, vomiting, hypersensitivity, catheter related infection, hyperuricemia, hypoalbuminemia, syncope, pneumonitis, packed red blood cell transfusion, and platelet transfusion (4%).

• **Changes in your heartbeat.** Your healthcare provider may check your heart by doing an ECG (electrocardiogram) and blood tests to check your potassium and magnesium levels, before you start Romidepsin Injection treatment. Tell your healthcare provider if you feel an abnormal heartbeat, feel dizzy or faint, have chest pain or shortness of breath.

• **Tumor Lysis Syndrome (TLS).** TLS is a problem of the rapid breakdown of cancer cells that can happen during your treatment with Romidepsin Injection. You should drink plenty of fluids in the 3 days after you receive treatment with Romidepsin Injection. Your healthcare provider may do blood tests to check for TLS and may give you medicine to prevent or treat TLS.

The most common side effects of Romidepsin Injection include:

- nausea, tiredness, vomiting, diarrhea, and loss of appetite

These are not all the possible side effects of Romidepsin Injection. Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

General information about the safe and effective use of Romidepsin Injection

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes other than those listed in a Patient Information leaflet.

This Patient Information leaflet summarizes the most important information about Romidepsin Injection. If you would like more information, talk with your healthcare provider. You can ask your pharmacist or healthcare provider for information about Romidepsin Injection that is written for health professionals.

What are the ingredients in Romidepsin Injection?

Active ingredient: romidepsin

Inactive ingredients: povidone, DL-alpha-tocopherol, dehydrated alcohol, and propylene glycol.

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8.2 Lactation

Risk Summary

There are no data on the presence of romidepsin or its metabolites in human milk, the effects on the breastfed child, or the effects on milk production. Because many drugs are excreted in human milk and because of the potential for serious adverse reactions in the breastfed child, advise lactating women not to breastfeed during treatment with Romidepsin Injection and for at least 1 week after the last dose.

8.3 Females and Males of Reproductive Potential

Romidepsin Injection can cause fetal harm when administered to a pregnant woman [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.5) and Use in Specific Populations (8.1)*].

Pregnancy Testing

Perform pregnancy testing in females of reproductive potential within 7 days prior to initiating therapy with Romidepsin Injection.

Contraception

Females

Advise females of reproductive potential to use effective contraception during treatment with Romidepsin Injection and for at least 1 month after the last dose. Romidepsin may reduce the effectiveness of estrogen-containing contraceptives. Therefore, alternative methods of non-estrogen containing contraception (e.g., condoms, intrauterine devices) should be used in patients receiving Romidepsin Injection.

Males

Advise males with female partners of reproductive potential to use effective contraception and to avoid fathering a child during treatment with Romidepsin Injection and for at least 1 month after the last dose.

Infertility

Based on findings in animals, romidepsin has the potential to affect male and female fertility [see *Nonclinical Toxicology (13.1)*].

8.4 Pediatric Use

The safety and effectiveness of Romidepsin Injection in pediatric patients has not been established.

8.5 Geriatric Use

Of the approximately 300 patients with CTCL or PTCL in trials, about 25% were >65 years old. No overall differences in safety or effectiveness were observed between these subjects and younger subjects; however, greater sensitivity of some older individuals cannot be ruled out.

8.6 Hepatic Impairment

In a hepatic impairment study, romidepsin was evaluated in 19 patients with advanced cancer and mild (8), moderate (5), or severe (6) hepatic impairment. There were 4 deaths during the first cycle of treatment: 1 patient with mild hepatic impairment, 1 patient with moderate hepatic impairment, and 2 patients with severe hepatic impairment. No dose adjustments are recommended for patients with mild hepatic impairment. Reduce the Romidepsin Injection starting dose for patients with moderate and severe hepatic impairment [see *Dosage and Administration (2.3) and Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)*]. Monitor patients with hepatic impairment more frequently for toxicity, especially during the first cycle of therapy.

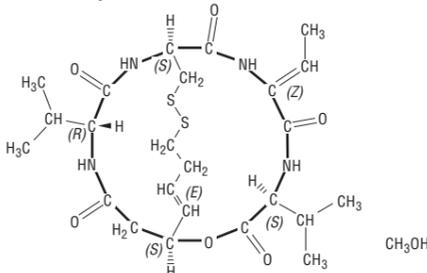
10 OVERDOSAGE

No specific information is available on the treatment of overdosage of romidepsin. Toxicities in a single-dose study in rats or dogs, at intravenous romidepsin doses up to 2.2-fold the recommended human dose based on the body surface area, included irregular respiration, irregular heartbeat, staggering gait, tremor, and tonic convulsions. In the event of an overdose, it is reasonable to employ the usual supportive measures, e.g., clinical monitoring and supportive therapy, if required. There is no known antidote for romidepsin and it is not known if romidepsin is dialyzable.

11 DESCRIPTION

Romidepsin, a histone deacetylase (HDAC) inhibitor, is a bicyclic depsipeptide. At room temperature, romidepsin is a white to off-white solid and is described chemically as (1S,4S,7Z,10S,16E,21R)-7-ethylidene-4,21-bis(1-methylethyl)-2-oxa-12,13-dithia-5,8,20,23-tetraazabicyclo[8.7.6]tricos-16-ene-3,6,9,19,22-pentone. The molecular formula is C₂₄H₃₆N₄O₆S₂CH₃O.

The molecular weight is 572.74 and the structural formula is:



Romidepsin Injection is intended for intravenous infusion only after dilution with 0.9% Sodium Chloride, USP.

Romidepsin Injection is a sterile, clear, colorless to pale yellow solution and is supplied in single-dose vials. Each mL contains romidepsin 5 mg, povidone 10 mg, DL-alpha-tocopherol 0.05 mg, dehydrated alcohol 157.8 mg (20.1% v/v), and propylene glycol 828.8 mg.

12 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

12.1 Mechanism of Action

Romidepsin is a histone deacetylase (HDAC) inhibitor. HDACs catalyze the removal of acetyl groups from acetylated lysine residues in histones, resulting in the modulation of gene expression. HDACs also deacetylate non-histone proteins, such as transcription factors. *In vitro*, romidepsin causes the accumulation of acetylated histones, and induces cell cycle arrest and apoptosis of some cancer cell lines with IC₅₀ values in the nanomolar range. The mechanism of the antineoplastic effect of romidepsin observed in nonclinical and clinical studies has not been fully characterized.

12.2 Pharmacodynamics

Cardiac Electrophysiology

At doses of 14 mg/m² as a 4-hour intravenous infusion and at doses of 8 (0.57 times the recommended dose), 10 (0.71 times the recommended dose) or 12 (0.86 times the recommended dose) mg/m² as a 1-hour infusion, no large changes in the mean QTc interval (>20 milliseconds) from baseline based on Fridericia correction method were detected. Small increase in mean QT interval (< 10 milliseconds) and mean QT interval increase between 10 to 20 milliseconds cannot be excluded.

Romidepsin was associated with a delayed concentration-dependent increase in heart rate in patients with advanced cancer with a maximum mean increase in heart rate of 20 beats per minute occurring at the 6-hour time point after start of romidepsin infusion for patients receiving 14 mg/m² as a 4-hour infusion.

12.3 Pharmacokinetics

In patients with T-cell lymphomas who received 14 mg/m² of romidepsin intravenously over a 4-hour period on days 1, 8, and 15 of a 28-day cycle, geometric mean values of the maximum plasma concentration (C_{max}) and the area under the plasma concentration versus time curve (AUC_{0-∞}) were 377 ng/mL and 1549 ng*hr/mL, respectively. Romidepsin exhibited linear pharmacokinetics across doses ranging from 1.0 (0.07 times the recommended dose) to 24.9 (1.76 times the recommended dose) mg/m² when administered intravenously over 4 hours in patients with advanced cancers.

Distribution

Romidepsin is highly protein bound in plasma (92% to 94%) over the concentration range of 50 ng/mL to 1000 ng/mL with α1-acid-glycoprotein (AAG) being the principal binding protein. Romidepsin is a substrate of the efflux transporter P-glycoprotein (P-gp, ABCB1).

In vitro, romidepsin accumulates into human hepatocytes via an unknown active uptake process. Romidepsin is not a substrate of the following uptake transporters: BCRP, BSEP, MRP2, OAT1, OAT3, OATP1B1, OATP1B3, or OCT2. In addition, romidepsin is not an inhibitor of BCRP, MRP2, MDR1 or OAT3. Although romidepsin did not inhibit OAT1, OCT2, and OATP1B3 at concentrations seen clinically (1 μmol/L), modest inhibition was observed at 10 μmol/L. Romidepsin was found to be an inhibitor of BSEP and OATP1B1.

Metabolism

Romidepsin undergoes extensive metabolism *in vitro* primarily by CYP3A4 with minor contribution from CYP3A5, CYP1A1, CYP2B6, and CYP2C19. At therapeutic concentrations, romidepsin did not competitively inhibit CYP1A2, CYP2C9, CYP2C19, CYP2D6, CYP2E1, or CYP3A4 *in vitro*.

At therapeutic concentrations, romidepsin did not cause notable induction of CYP1A2, CYP2B6 and CYP3A4 *in vitro*. Therefore, pharmacokinetic drug-drug interactions are unlikely to occur due to CYP450 induction or inhibition by romidepsin when coadministered with CYP450 substrates.

Excretion

Following 4-hour intravenous administration of romidepsin at 14 mg/m² on days 1, 8, and 15 of a 28-day cycle in patients with T-cell lymphomas, the terminal half-life (t_{1/2}) was approximately 3 hours. No accumulation of plasma concentration of romidepsin was observed after repeated dosing.

Drug Interactions

Ketoconazole

Following coadministration of 8 mg/m² romidepsin (4-hour infusion) with ketoconazole, the overall romidepsin exposure was increased by approximately 25% and 10% for AUC_{0-∞} and C_{max}, respectively, compared to romidepsin alone, and the difference in AUC_{0-∞} between the 2 treatments was statistically significant.

Rifampin

Following coadministration of 14 mg/m² romidepsin (4-hour infusion) with rifampin, the overall romidepsin exposure was increased by approximately 80% and 60% for AUC_{0-∞} and C_{max}, respectively, compared to romidepsin alone, and the difference between the 2 treatments was statistically significant. Coadministration of rifampin decreased the romidepsin clearance and volume of distribution by 44% and 52%, respectively. The increase in exposure seen after coadministration with rifampin is likely due to rifampin's inhibition of an undetermined hepatic uptake process that is predominant for the disposition of romidepsin.

Drugs that inhibit P-glycoprotein

Drugs that inhibit P-glycoprotein may increase the concentration of romidepsin.

Specific Populations

Effect of Age, Gender, Race or Renal Impairment

The pharmacokinetics of romidepsin was not influenced by age (27 to 83 yrs), gender, race (white vs. black) or mild (estimated creatinine clearance 50 to 80 mL/min), moderate (estimated creatinine clearance 30 to 50 mL/min), or severe (estimated creatinine clearance <30 mL/min) renal impairment. The effect of end-stage renal disease (estimated creatine clearance less than 15 mL/min) on romidepsin pharmacokinetics has not been studied.

Hepatic Impairment

Romidepsin clearance decreased with increased severity of hepatic impairment. In patients with cancer, the geometric mean C_{max} values after administration of 14, 7, and 5 mg/m² romidepsin in patients with mild (B1: bilirubin ≤ULN and AST >ULN; B2: bilirubin >ULN but ≤1.5 x ULN and any AST), moderate (bilirubin >1.5 x ULN to ≤3 x ULN and any AST), and severe (bilirubin >3 x ULN and any AST) hepatic impairment were approximately 111%, 96%, and 86% of the corresponding value after administration of 14 mg/m² romidepsin in patients with normal (bilirubin upper limit of normal (ULN) and aspartate aminotransferase (AST) ≤ULN) hepatic function, respectively. The geometric mean AUC_{0-∞} values in patients with mild, moderate, and severe hepatic impairment were approximately 144%, 114%, and 116% of the corresponding value in patients with normal hepatic function, respectively. Among these 4 cohorts, moderate interpatient variability was noted for the exposure parameters C_{max} and AUC_{inf}, as the coefficient of variation (CV) ranged from 30% to 54%.

13 NONCLINICAL TOXICOLOGY

13.1 Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility

Carcinogenicity studies have not been performed with romidepsin. Romidepsin was not mutagenic *in vitro* in the bacterial reverse mutation assay (Ames test) or the mouse lymphoma assay. Romidepsin was not clastogenic in an *in vivo* rat bone marrow micronucleus assay when tested to the maximum tolerated dose (MTD) of 1 mg/kg in males and 3 mg/kg in females (6 and 18 mg/m² in males and females, respectively). These doses were up to 1.3-fold the recommended human dose, based on body surface area.

Based on nonclinical findings, male and female fertility may be compromised by treatment with romidepsin. In a 26-week toxicology study, romidepsin administration resulted in testicular degeneration in rats at 0.33 mg/kg/dose (2 mg/m²/dose) following the clinical dosing schedule. This dose resulted in AUC_{0-∞} values that were approximately 2% the exposure level in patients receiving the recommended dose of 14 mg/m²/dose. A similar effect was seen in mice after 4 weeks of drug administration at higher doses. Seminal vesicle and prostate organ weights were decreased in a separate study in rats after 4 weeks of daily drug administration at 0.1 mg/kg/day (0.6 mg/m²/day), approximately 30% the estimated human daily dose based on body surface area. Romidepsin showed high affinity for binding to estrogen receptors in pharmacology studies. In a 26-week toxicology study in rats, atrophy was seen in the ovary, uterus, vagina and mammary gland of females administered doses as low as 0.1 mg/kg/dose (0.6 mg/m²/dose) following the clinical dosing schedule. This dose resulted in AUC_{0-∞} values that were 0.3% of those in patients receiving the recommended dose of 14 mg/m²/dose. Maturation arrest of ovarian follicles and decreased weight of ovaries were observed in a separate study in rats after 4 weeks of daily drug administration at 0.1 mg/kg/day (0.6 mg/m²/day). This dose is approximately 30% the estimated human daily dose based on body surface area.

14 CLINICAL STUDIES

14.1 Cutaneous T-Cell Lymphoma

Romidepsin was evaluated in 2 multicenter, single-arm clinical studies in patients with CTCL. Overall, 167 patients with CTCL were treated in the US, Europe, and Australia. Study 1 included 96 patients with confirmed CTCL after failure of at least 1 prior systemic therapy. Study 2 included 71 patients with a primary diagnosis of CTCL who received at least 2 prior skin directed therapies or one or more systemic therapies. Patients were treated with romidepsin at a starting dose of 14 mg/m² infused over 4 hours on days 1, 8, and 15 every 28 days.

In both studies, patients could be treated until disease progression at the discretion of the investigator and local regulators. Objective disease response was evaluated according to a composite endpoint that included assessments of skin involvement, lymph node and visceral involvement, and abnormal circulating T-cells ("Sézary cells").

The primary efficacy endpoint for both studies was overall objective disease response rate (ORR) based on the investigator assessments, and defined as the proportion of patients with confirmed complete response (CR) or partial response (PR). CR was defined as no evidence of disease and PR as ≥ 50% improvement in disease. Secondary endpoints in both studies included duration of response and time to response.

Baseline Patient Characteristics

Demographic and disease characteristics of the patients in Study 1 and Study 2 are provided in Table 4.

Table 4. Baseline Patient Characteristics (CTCL Population)

Characteristic	Study 1 (N=96)	Study 2 (N=71)
Age		
N	96	71
Mean (SD)	57 (12)	56 (13)
Median (Range)	57 (21, 89)	57 (28, 84)
Sex, n (%)		
Men	59 (61)	48 (68)
Women	37 (39)	23 (32)
Race, n (%)		
White	90 (94)	55 (77)
Black	5 (5)	15 (21)
Other/Not Reported	1 (1)	1 (1)
Stage of Disease at Study Entry, n (%)		
IA	0 (0)	1 (1)
IB	15 (16)	6 (9)
IIA	13 (14)	2 (3)
IIB	21 (22)	14 (20)
III	23 (24)	9 (13)
IVA	24 (25)	27 (38)
IVB	0 (0)	12 (17)
Number of Prior Skin-Directed Therapies		
Median (Range)	2 (0, 6)	1 (0, 3)
Number of Prior Systemic Therapies		
Median (Range)	2 (1, 8)	2 (0, 7)

Clinical Results

Efficacy outcomes for CTCL patients are provided in Table 5. Median time to first response was 2 months (range 1 to 6) in both studies. Median time to CR was 4 months in Study 1 and 6 months in Study 2 (range 2 to 9).

Table 5. Clinical Results for CTCL Patients

Response Rate	Study 1 (N=96)	Study 2 (N=71)
ORR (CR + PR), n (%)	33 (34)	25 (35)
[95% Confidence Interval]	[25, 45]	[25, 49]
CR, n (%)	6 (6) [2, 13]	4 (6)
[95% Confidence Interval]		[2, 14]
PR, n (%)	27 (28)	21 (30)
[95% Confidence Interval]	[19, 38]	[20, 43]
Duration of Response (months)		
N	33	25
Median (range)	15 (1, 20*)	11 (1, 66*)

*Denotes censored value.

14.2 Peripheral T-Cell Lymphoma

Romidepsin was evaluated in a multicenter, single-arm, international clinical study in patients with PTCL who had failed at least 1 prior systemic therapy (Study 3). Patients in US, Europe, and Australia were treated with romidepsin at a dose of 14 mg/m² infused over 4 hours on days 1, 8, and 15 every 28 days. Of the 131 patients treated, 130 patients had histological confirmation by independent central review and were evaluable for efficacy (HC Population). Six cycles of treatment were planned; patients who developed progressive disease (PD), significant toxicity, or who met another criterion for study termination were to discontinue treatment. Responding patients had the option of continuing treatment beyond 6 cycles at the discretion of the patient and Investigator until study withdrawal criteria were met.

Primary assessment of efficacy was based on rate of complete response (CR + CRu) as determined by an Independent Review Committee (IRC) using the International Workshop Response Criteria (IWC). Secondary measures of efficacy included IRC assessment of duration of response and objective disease response (ORR, CR + CRu + PR).

Baseline Patient Characteristics

Demographic and disease characteristics of the PTCL patients are provided in Table 6.

Table 6. Baseline Patient Characteristics (PTCL Population)

Characteristic	Study 3 (N=130)	Study 4 (N=47)
Age (years), n	130	47
Mean (SD)	59 (13)	59 (13)
Median	61	59
Sex, n (%)		
Male	88 (68)	25 (53)
Female	42 (32)	22 (47)
Race, n (%)		
White	116 (89)	40 (85)
Black	7 (5)	4 (9)
Asian	3 (2)	3 (6)
Other	4 (3)	0
PTCL Subtype Based on Central Diagnosis, n (%)		
PTCL Unspecified (NOS)	69 (53)	28 (60)
Angioimmunoblastic T-cell lymphoma (AITL)	27 (21)	7 (15)
ALK-1 negative anaplastic large cell lymphoma (ALCL)	21 (16)	5 (11)
Other	13 (10)	7 (16)
Stage of Disease, n (%)*		
I/II	39 (30)	2 (4)
III/IV	91 (70)	45 (96)
ECOG Performance Status, n (%)		
0	46 (35)	20 (43)
1	67 (51)	22 (47)
2	17 (13)	4 (9)
Number of Prior Systemic Therapies		
Median (Range)	2 (1, 8)	3 (1, 6)

*Stage of disease was reported at time of diagnosis for Study 3 and at time of study entry for Study 4.

All patients in both studies had received prior systemic therapy for PTCL. In Study 4, a greater percentage of patients had extensive prior radiation and chemotherapy. Twenty-one patients (16%) in Study 3 and 18 patients (38%) in Study 4 had received prior autologous stem cell transplant and 31 (24%) and 19 (40%) patients, respectively, had received prior radiation therapy.

Clinical Results

Efficacy outcomes for PTCL patients as determined by the IRC are provided in Table 7 for Study 3. The complete response rate was 15% and overall response rate was 26%. Similar complete response rates were observed by the IRC across the 3 major PTCL subtypes (NOS, AITL, and ALK-1 negative ALCL). Median time to objective response was 1.8 months (~2 cycles) for the 34 patients who achieved CR, CRu, or PR and median time to CR was 3.5 months (~4 cycles) for the 20 patients with complete response. The responses in 12 of the 20 patients achieving CR and CRu were known to exceed 11.6 months; the follow-up on the remaining 8 patients was discontinued prior to 8.5 months.

Table 7. Clinical Results for PTCL Patients

Response Rate	Study 3 (N=130)
CR+CRu, n (%) ¹	20 (15.4) [9.7, 22.8] ³
PR, n (%) ²	14 (10.8) [6.0, 17.4] ³
ORR (CR+CRu+PR), n (%) ²	34 (26.2) [18.8, 34.6] ³

¹ Primary Endpoint.

² Secondary Endpoint.

³ Two-sided 95% Confidence Interval.

In a second single-arm clinical study in patients with PTCL who had failed prior therapy (Study 4), patients were treated with romidepsin at a starting dose of 14 mg/m² infused over 4 hours on days 1, 8, and 15 every 28 days. Patients could be treated until disease progression at the discretion of the patient and the Investigator. The percentage of patients achieving CR + CRu in Study 4 was similar to that in Study 3.

15 REFERENCES

1. OSHA Hazardous Drugs. OSHA. <http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/hazardousdrugs/index.html>

16 HOW SUPPLIED/STORAGE AND HANDLING

16.1 How Supplied

Romidepsin Injection is supplied as a sterile, clear, colorless to pale yellow solution available in single-dose vials in the following carton packaged strengths.

Romidepsin Injection, 10 mg/2 mL (5 mg/mL) NDC 0703-3071-01

Romidepsin Injection, 27.5 mg/5.5 mL (5 mg/mL) NDC 0703-4004-01

16.2 Storage and Handling

Store at 20°C to 25°C (68°F to 77°F); excursions permitted between 15°C to 30°C (59°F to 86°F) in the carton [see USP Controlled Room Temperature]. Protect from light.

Romidepsin Injection is a cytotoxic drug. Follow applicable special handling and disposal procedures.¹

17 PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION

Advise the patient to read the FDA-approved patient labeling (Patient Information).

• Low Blood Counts

Advise patients that treatment with Romidepsin Injection can cause low blood counts and that frequent monitoring of hematologic parameters is required. Patients should be instructed to report fever or other signs of infection, significant fatigue, shortness of breath, or bleeding [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.1)*].

• Infections

Advise patients that infections may occur during treatment with Romidepsin Injection. Advise patients to report fever, cough, shortness of breath with or without chest pain, burning on urination, flu-like symptoms, muscle aches, or worsening skin problems. Advise patients to report any previous history of hepatitis B before starting Romidepsin Injection [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.2)*].

• Tumor Lysis Syndrome

Advise patients of the risk of tumor lysis syndrome (especially those with advanced stage disease and/or high tumor burden) to maintain high fluid intake for at least 72 hours after each dose [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.4)*].

• Nausea and Vomiting

Advise patients that nausea and vomiting are common following treatment with Romidepsin Injection. Prophylactic antiemetics are recommended for all patients. Advise patients to report these symptoms so that appropriate treatment can be instituted [see *Adverse Reactions (6.1)*].

• Embryo-Fetal Toxicity

Advise patients that Romidepsin Injection can cause fetal harm when administered during pregnancy [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.5) and Use in Specific Populations (8.1)*].

• Contraception

Advise females of reproductive potential to use effective contraception during treatment with Romidepsin Injection and for at least 1 month after the last dose. Advise males with female partners of reproductive potential to use effective contraception and to avoid fathering a child during treatment with Romidepsin Injection and for at least 1 month after the last dose [see *Use in Specific Populations (8.3)*