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Sutimlimab

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Overview

This policy supports medical necessity review for sutimlimab-jome (Enjaymo™) intravenous infusion.

Receipt of sample product does not satisfy any criteria requirements for coverage.

Medical Necessity Criteria

Sutimlimab-jome (Enjaymo) is considered medically necessary when the following are met:

Cold Agglutinin Disease. Individual meets ALL of the following criteria:

- A. Age 18 years or older
B. Weighs 39 kg or more
C. Documentation of evidence of chronic hemolysis
D. At baseline, BOTH of the following:
i. Hemoglobin is less than or equal to 10 g/dL

- ii. Total bilirubin above the upper limit of normal based on the reference range for the reporting laboratory
- E. **BOTH** of the following:
 - i. Direct antibody test strongly positive for C3d and negative or only weakly positive for immunoglobulin G
 - ii. Cold agglutinin antibody titer is greater than 64 at 4°C (approximately 40°F)
- F. History of at least **ONE** symptom associated with cold agglutinin disease
- G. Secondary causes of cold agglutinin syndrome have been excluded
- H. Medication is prescribed by, or in consultation with, a hematologist

Dosing. **ONE** of the following dosing regimens:¹

1. Weighing 75 kg or more: 7,500 mg intravenously not more frequently than once weekly
2. Weighing 39 kg to less than 75 kg: 6,500 mg intravenously not more frequently than once weekly

When coverage is available and medically necessary, the dosage, frequency, duration of therapy, and site of care should be reasonable, clinically appropriate, and supported by evidence-based literature and adjusted based upon severity, alternative available treatments, and previous response to therapy.

Reauthorization Criteria

Continuation of sutimlimab-jome (Enjaymo) is considered medically necessary for cold agglutinin disease when the above medical necessity criteria are met AND there is documentation of beneficial response.

Authorization Duration

Initial approval duration: up to 12 months
 Reauthorization approval duration: up to 12 months

Conditions Not Covered

Any other use is considered experimental, investigational or unproven, including the following (this list may not be all inclusive):

Paroxysmal Cold Hemoglobinuria: Insufficient information exists from controlled trials and evidence based professional organizations on sutimlimab-jome (Enjaymo) for paroxysmal cold hemoglobinuria.

Coding Information

- 1) This list of codes may not be all-inclusive.
- 2) Deleted codes and codes which are not effective at the time the service is rendered may not be eligible for reimbursement.

Considered Medically Necessary when criteria in the applicable policy statements listed above are met:

HCPCS Codes	Description
J1302	Injection, sutimlimab-jome, 10 mg

Background

OVERVIEW

*Enjaymo, a classical complement inhibitor, is indicated for the treatment of hemolysis in adults with **cold agglutinin disease**.*¹

Disease Overview

Cold agglutinin disease is a rare autoimmune hemolytic anemia.^{2,4} Primary cold agglutinin disease is a B-cell lymphoproliferative disorder in which autoantibodies are produced against erythrocyte surface antigens. Primary cold agglutinin disease is distinct from secondary disease, termed cold agglutinin syndrome, which can occur with underlying conditions such as malignancy, infection, and autoimmune diseases.^{2,3} Diagnosis of cold agglutinin disease is defined by chronic hemolysis, a cold agglutinin titer ≥ 64 at 4°C, and typical findings on direct antibody test (DAT), which include strong positivity for complement protein C3d and negativity (or only weak positivity) for immunoglobulin G.^{2,4} Secondary causes of cold agglutinin syndrome should be excluded. Importantly, patients without chronic hemolysis or circulatory symptoms do not have cold agglutinin disease, even in the presence of positive DAT.² Symptoms include cold-induced circulatory symptoms, which can range from slight acrocyanosis to severe Raynaud phenomena. Anemia is generally considered mild to moderate with a median hemoglobin (Hb) of 8.9 g/dL; however, the lower tertile Hb was 8.0 g/dL and ranged to as low as 4.5 g/dL.^{2,4}

Clinical Efficacy

In the pivotal CARDINAL trial (published) [n = 24], patients were required to have a confirmed diagnosis of cold agglutinin disease based on chronic hemolysis, typical DAT findings, and a recent blood transfusion within the prior 6 months.^{1,5} Patients were also required to have a baseline hemoglobin level < 10 g/dL and total bilirubin above normal. Approximately two-thirds of patients had failed other therapies (e.g., rituximab). The Phase III CADENZA trial (published) [n = 42] also required chronic hemolysis, as well as the DAT and cold agglutinin titer findings described above; however, recent history of blood transfusion was not required.⁶

Dosing Information

Dosing is weight-based and is provided for patients weighing ≥ 39 kg.¹ For a patient weighing 39 to < 75 kg, the recommended dose is 6,500 mg. For a patient weighing ≥ 75 kg, the dose is 7,500 mg. For all patients, the initial dosing frequency is once weekly for 2 weeks, with administration once every 2 weeks (Q2W) thereafter. However, if the interval between doses exceeds 17 days, Enjaymo should be administered once weekly for 2 weeks, returning to Q2W administration thereafter.

Guidelines

An international consensus guideline for autoimmune hemolytic anemias was published in 2020.⁷ The guideline was published prior to the approval of Enjaymo and no formal recommendation is made regarding its place in therapy, although positive Phase I data are acknowledged. It is noted that clinical and histological assessment, as well as radiologic examinations as needed, are necessary to rule out cold agglutinin syndrome secondary to malignant disease. Treatment of cold agglutinin syndrome involves supportive care and management of the underlying disease. For treatment of cold agglutinin disease, asymptomatic patients should be managed with watchful waiting. For symptomatic patients (i.e., those with anemia, transfusion, or circulatory symptoms), rituximab is the best-documented first-line treatment and may be given alone or in combination with bendamustine. For second-line treatment, the combination of rituximab plus bendamustine is recommended (if not given in the first-line setting). Alternatively, rituximab monotherapy may be repeated for patients who previously responded for at least 1 year. Rituximab plus fludarabine is an option for fit, elderly patients. There are no evidence-based therapies for the third-line setting.

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