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Outpatient Treatment of **COVID-19** With **Neutralizing Monoclonal Antibodies**

CLINICAL STUDIES OF NEUTRALIZING ANTIBODIES (NABs) IN THE OUTPATIENT COVID-19 SETTING

Until November 2020, the only FDA-authorized therapies for COVID-19 were for hospitalized patients. Since then, two therapies, bamlanivimab and casirivimab/imdevimab (all nAbs), received emergency use authorization for the treatment of high-risk patients in the outpatient setting. The authorizations were based on trials that demonstrated reduced viral load and hospitalization/emergency department (ED) use in patients receiving the therapies. A third nAb for use in the outpatient setting, VIR-7831, is in late-stage clinical trials. This table provides highlights of the trials of the three therapies; in all trials, therapy was administered through IV infusion.

BAMLANIVIMAB ^{1,2}			
STUDY DESIGN	PRIMARY ENDPOINT	RESULTS	ADVERSE EVENTS
 Phase 2 (BLAZE-1) Randomized 452 patients with mild-to-moderate COVID-19 symptoms and positive test to 700 mg, 2800 mg, or 8000 mg dose of study drug or to placebo 	Change in viral load from baseline to day 11 vs placebo	 2800 mg dose met primary endpoint vs placebo (-0.53, 95% Cl; -0.98 to -0.08; <i>P</i>=0.02) Viral load lower by a factor of 3.4 Improvement occurred by day 3 postinfusion 1.6% of patients on BAM were hospitalized or visited ED vs 6.3% on placebo 	 Infusion reactions (2.3% BAM vs 1.4% placebo) No SAEs
CASIRIVIMAB/IMDEVIMAB ³ —			
STUDY DESIGN	PRIMARY ENDPOINT	RESULTS	ADVERSE EVENTS
 Phase 1/2 Randomized 799 nonhospitalized adults with mild-to-moderate COVID-19 symptoms to single IV infusion of 2400 mg CAS/IMD (1200 mg of each); 8000 mg CAS/IMD (4000 mg each), or placebo 	Viral load at day 7 vs placebo	 Significantly* lower viral load in intervention group vs placebo at day 7 Average of 3% of intervention group hospitalized or visited ED vs 9% in placebo No difference in outcomes based on dose 	 Moderate-to-severe infusion and hypersensitivity reactions No SAEs
VIR-7831 ^{4,5}	1	1	1
 STUDY DESIGN Phase 2/3 Phase 2: All patients receive VIR-7831 Phase 3: Patients randomized to study drug or placebo Estimated enrollment: 1360 COVID-19-positive outpatients 	PRIMARY ENDPOINT Proportion of participants who progress (hospitalization >24 hours or death at day 8, day 15, or day 22) through day 29	 RESULTS Estimated primary completion date: January 2021 Estimated study completion date: July 2021 	ADVERSE EVENTS N/A

*No specific number, *P*-value, or CI provided.

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BAM=bamlanivimab. CAS/IMD=casirivimab/imdevimab. CI=confidence interval. IV=intravenous. SAE=severe adverse event. Last updated on January 5, 2021.



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