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Health Technology Evaluation

Glofitamab with gemcitabine and oxaliplatin for treating relapsed or refractory diffuse large B-cell lymphoma

Final scope

Remit/evaluation objective

To appraise the clinical and cost effectiveness of glofitamab with gemcitabine and oxaliplatin within its marketing authorisation for treating relapsed or refractory diffuse large B-cell lymphoma after 1 systemic therapy when autologous stem cell transplant is not suitable or after 2 or more systemic therapies.

Background

Lymphomas are cancers of the lymphatic system, which is a part of the immune system. Lymphomas are divided into Hodgkin lymphoma and non-Hodgkin lymphoma. Non-Hodgkin lymphomas (NHL) are a diverse group of conditions which are categorised according to the cell type affected (B-cell or T-cell), as well as the clinical features and rate of progression of the disease. The most common B-cell lymphomas are follicular lymphoma which is a slow growing, low grade form of NHL and diffuse large B-cell lymphomas (DLBCL), a fast-growing, high-grade form of NHL. Some follicular lymphomas transform into high grade DLBCL (transformed high grade follicular lymphoma). The symptoms differ depending on which organ or tissues are affected by the lymphoma. NHL often presents as painless lumps (enlarged lymph nodes) in the neck, armpit or groin but sometimes may start in other parts of the body such as the stomach or bowel (extranodal disease). People may also have a loss of appetite, unexplained weight loss, high temperatures, tiredness or night sweats.

There were around 11,474 people diagnosed with NHL in England in 2021.¹ It is estimated that about 40% of people with NHL have DLBCL². In 2021, 4171 people had DLBCL¹. Most people diagnosed with DLBCL are 65 or over.³ Although most people are cured with first-line chemotherapy, about 10-15% have primary refractory disease and a further 20-30% relapse.⁴ Survival rates at 5 years for DLBCL are around 60%.⁵

The most widely used first-line treatment for DLBCL is R-CHOP (rituximab, cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin, vincristine and prednisolone). Sometimes etoposide is added to this regimen. [NICE TA874](#) recommends polatuzumab vedotin with rituximab, cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin and prednisolone for untreated DLBCL adults with international prognostic index 2-5. [NICE guideline NG52](#) recommends chemotherapy in combination with rituximab for relapsed or refractory disease followed by stem cell transplantation. Chemotherapy regimens commonly used in clinical practice include DHAP (dexamethasone, cytarabine, cisplatin), GDP (gemcitabine, dexamethasone, cisplatin), ICE (ifosfamide, carboplatin, etoposide) and IVE (ifosfamide, etoposide, epirubicin). A granulocyte colony-stimulating factor should be given concomitantly with chemotherapy. If stem cell transplantation is not suitable, further chemotherapy or immunotherapy may be used alone or in combination.

For those with relapsed or refractory DLBCL, the following treatments are recommended by NICE:

- [Technology appraisal 306](#) recommends pixantrone monotherapy for multiply relapsed or refractory aggressive non-Hodgkin's B-cell lymphoma, on third- or fourth-line treatment, after treatment with rituximab, in adults
- [Technology appraisal 649](#) recommends polatuzumab vedotin with rituximab and bendamustine for relapsed or refractory DLBCL in adults who cannot have a haematopoietic stem cell transplant
- [Technology appraisal 872](#) recommends axicabtagene ciloleucel for relapsed or refractory DLBCL or primary mediastinal large B-cell lymphoma after 2 or more systemic treatments, in adults
- [Technology appraisal 927](#) recommends glofitamab for treating relapsed or refractory DLBCL after 2 or more systemic treatments, in adults
- [Technology appraisal 947](#) loncastuximab tesirine recommends for treating relapsed or refractory DLBCL and high-grade B-cell lymphoma (HGBL) after 2 or more systemic treatments in adults if they have previously had polatuzumab vedotin, or if polatuzumab vedotin is contraindicated or not tolerated
- [Technology appraisal 954](#) recommends epcoritamab as an option for treating relapsed or DLBCL in adults after 2 or more systemic treatments, only if they have had polatuzumab vedotin, or if polatuzumab vedotin is contraindicated or not tolerated.

The technology

Glofitamab (Columvi, Roche) with gemcitabine and oxaliplatin does not currently have a marketing authorisation in the UK for treating relapsed or refractory DLBCL. It is currently being studied in clinical trials in combination with gemcitabine plus oxaliplatin compared with rituximab in combination with gemcitabine and oxaliplatin, in people with relapsed or refractory DLBCL.

It has a marketing authorisation as monotherapy for the treatment of relapsed or refractory DLBCL in adults after two or more lines of systemic therapy.

Intervention(s)	Glofitamab with gemcitabine and oxaliplatin
Population(s)	Adults with relapsed or refractory diffuse large B-cell lymphoma: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • after 1 systemic therapy when autologous stem cell transplant is not suitable or • after 2 or more systemic therapies

Comparators	<p>After 1 systemic therapy and when autologous stem cell transplant is not suitable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rituximab in combination with one or more chemotherapy agents such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ R-GemOx (rituximab, gemcitabine, oxaliplatin) ○ R-Gem (rituximab, gemcitabine) ○ R-P-MitCEBO (rituximab, prednisolone, mitoxantrone cyclophosphamide, etoposide bleomycin, vincristine) ○ (R-)DECC (rituximab, dexamethasone, etoposide, chlorambucil, lomustine) ○ BR (bendamustine, rituximab) • Polatuzumab vedotin with rituximab and bendamustine <p>After 2 or more systemic therapies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rituximab in combination with one or more chemotherapy agents such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ R-GemOx (rituximab, gemcitabine, oxaliplatin) ○ R-Gem (rituximab, gemcitabine) ○ R-P-MitCEBO (rituximab, prednisolone, mitoxantrone cyclophosphamide, etoposide bleomycin, vincristine) ○ (R-)DECC (rituximab, dexamethasone, etoposide, chlorambucil, lomustine) ○ BR (bendamustine, rituximab) • Polatuzumab vedotin with rituximab and bendamustine (only when stem cell transplantation is not suitable) • Axicabtagene ciloleucel • Glofitamab • Loncastuximab tesirine (only if previously treated with polatuzumab vedotin or if polatuzumab vedotin is contraindicated or not tolerated) • Epcoritamab (only if they have had polatuzumab vedotin, or if polatuzumab vedotin is contraindicated or not tolerated)
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<p>Outcomes</p>	<p>The outcome measures to be considered include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • overall survival • progression-free survival • response rates • adverse effects of treatment • health-related quality of life.
<p>Economic analysis</p>	<p>The reference case stipulates that the cost effectiveness of treatments should be expressed in terms of incremental cost per quality-adjusted life year.</p> <p>The reference case stipulates that the time horizon for estimating clinical and cost effectiveness should be sufficiently long to reflect any differences in costs or outcomes between the technologies being compared.</p> <p>Costs will be considered from an NHS and Personal Social Services perspective.</p> <p>The availability and cost of biosimilar and generic products should be taken into account.</p>
<p>Other considerations</p>	<p>Guidance will only be issued in accordance with the marketing authorisation. Where the wording of the therapeutic indication does not include specific treatment combinations, guidance will be issued only in the context of the evidence that has underpinned the marketing authorisation granted by the regulator.</p>
<p>Related NICE recommendations</p>	<p>Related technology appraisals:</p> <p>Epcoritamab for treating relapsed or refractory diffuse large B-cell lymphoma after 2 or more systemic treatments. NICE technology appraisal guidance 954.</p> <p>Loncastuximab tesirine for treating relapsed or refractory diffuse large B-cell lymphoma and high-grade B-cell lymphoma after 2 or more systemic therapies (2024). NICE technology appraisal guidance 947.</p> <p>Glofitamab for treating relapsed or refractory diffuse large B-cell lymphoma after 2 or more systemic treatments (2023). NICE technology appraisal guidance 927.</p> <p>Axicabtagene ciloleucel for treating relapsed or refractory diffuse large B-cell lymphoma after first-line chemoimmunotherapy 2023. NICE technology appraisal guidance 895.</p> <p>Axicabtagene ciloleucel for treating diffuse large B-cell lymphoma and primary mediastinal large B-cell lymphoma after 2 or more systemic (2023). NICE technology appraisal guidance 872.</p>

	<p>Polatuzumab vedotin with rituximab and bendamustine for treating relapsed or refractory diffuse large B-cell lymphoma (2020) NICE technology appraisal guidance 649.</p> <p>Pixantrone monotherapy for treating multiply relapsed or refractory aggressive non-Hodgkin's B-cell lymphoma (2014) NICE technology appraisal guidance 306.</p> <p>Related technology appraisals in development:</p> <p>Related NICE guidelines:</p> <p>Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma: diagnosis and management (2020) NICE guideline NG52.</p> <p>Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma: rituximab subcutaneous injection (2014) NICE evidence summary 46.</p> <p>Related quality standards:</p> <p>Haematological cancers (2017) NICE quality standard 150.</p>
<p>Related National Policy</p>	<p>The NHS Long Term Plan (2019) NHS Long Term Plan.</p> <p>NHS England (2018) NHS manual for prescribed specialist services (2018/2019), chapter 29: Blood and marrow transplantation services (adults and children); chapter 105: specialist cancer services (adults)</p> <p>NHS England (2013) 2013/14 NHS Standard Contract For Cancer: Brain/Central Nervous System (Adult) - Section B Part 1 - Service Specifications</p>

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